

# Searching Normal NIST Search with Chromatogram Results

## Video/Handout

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Mass Spec Interpretation Services

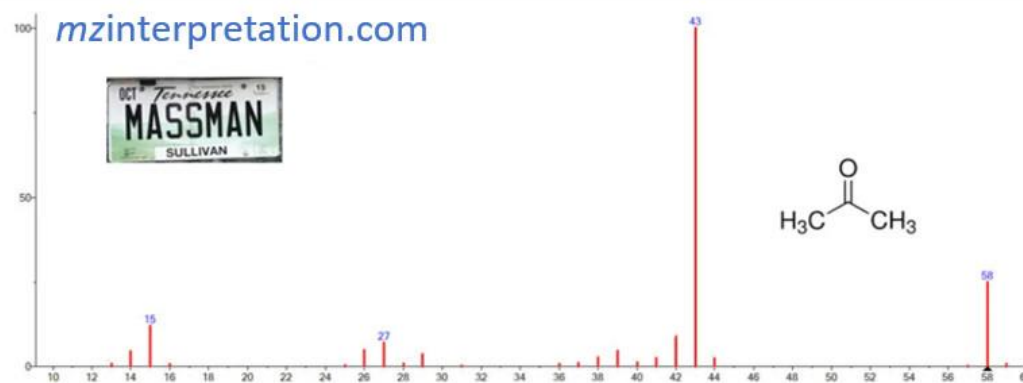
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Deconvolution/Library Searching for **EI GC-MS** and **LC-MS/MS**!

### Mass Spec ( $m/z$ ) Interpretation Services

Organic Mass Spectrometry





## Open Settings

#	Src.	MW	Formula	Name
1	A	0		Checkout_TestMix_AMSMS.834.83
2	A	0		Checkout_TestMix_AMSMS.834.83
3	L	0		Checkout_TestMix_AMSMS.2306.2
4	L	0		MS Level 2 Raw Spectrum 1 at 2.31
5	L	0		NA_170405_MAS006_10..480.480...

- Identity Radio Button selected
- MS/MS is the same search done in Chromatogram
- In spectrum checked, will use the precursor sent from chromatogram, can uncheck and add your own
- HiRes No Precursor just compares the spectra but does not limit by precursor specified or imported

Library Search Options

**Search**

MS/MS

Libraries

Automation

Limits

Constraints

RI (GC)

Spectrum Search Type  
 Identity  Similarity

MS/MS  
EI Normal  
MS/MS  
HiRes No Precursor

Precursor Ion m/z  
 In spectrum

Method: Full Spectrum Search (Score)

Compound Ubiquity Correction

Presearch  
 Default  Fast  Off  Mass(Da) 1

InChIKey  
blank = match search spectrum InChIKey

Other Options  
 Automation  Auto Report  
 Apply Limits  Use Constraints

Structure Similarity Search Options  
 Match Number of Rings  Show Homologues

OK Cancel Help

- Similarity Radio Button selected
- Hybrid Search
- Discussed in separate video/handout
- In spectrum checked, will use the precursor sent from chromatogram, can uncheck and add your own

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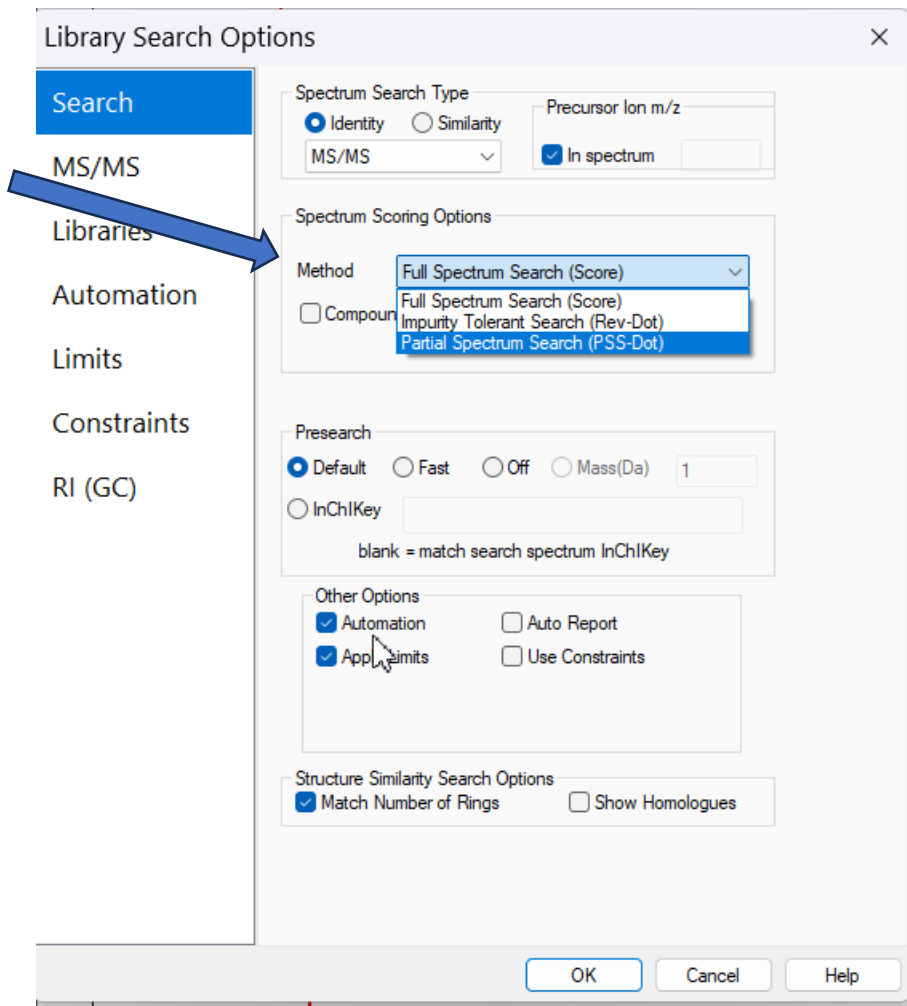
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## Method Selected:

- Full spectrum matching compares entire spectra and works best for clean data. Reverse matching focuses on whether key library peaks are present, making it robust to chemical noise. Partial search matching is designed for incomplete spectra, such as MS/MS or filtered data, where only a subset of fragment ions is observed
- Reverse-Dot search does not penalize for extra peaks in spectrum that are not present in library spectrum
- Partial spectrum does not penalize for peaks absent in spectrum that are found in library spectrum
- Can see all these values in results for full spectrum search, but entries that are filtered out in Presearch **will not be found** in results
- Thus, might need to **specify the method before** Presearch
- **Presearch** employed to **greatly increases speed** of search to get candidate spectra that are more processed in more detail

# Select Libraries and Tolerances

Library Search Options

Search

MS/MS

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RI (GC)

Available 5044625 Spectra in 21 Libraries

- mainlib
- replib
- apci\_msms\_nist
- epa\_starter
- hr\_msms\_nist
- lc-ms-ms\_agilent\_qtof
- lc-ms-ms\_negative\_mode
- lc-ms-ms\_orbitrap
- lc-ms-ms\_positive\_mode
- lc-ms-ms\_qtof
- lc-ms-ms\_spectra
- lc-ms\_spectra
- lr\_massbank\_mona

>> Add >>

Included Libs: ✕ ↑ ↓

- hr\_msms\_nist

2639049 Spectra in 1 Library

Spectrum or Structure Search Spectrum search

OK Cancel Help

Library Search Options

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RI (GC)

High Resolution Library Search Tolerances  
(Low resolution libraries searched with 0.5 m/z tolerance)

Search m/z Tolerance

Precursor  $\pm$   ppm

Product ions  $\pm$   ppm

'Ignore precursor ion region': 0=default

Precursor  $\pm$   m/z

Match Ion Polarity

OK Cancel Help

## Similar to Our Discussion of the Chromatogram Window:

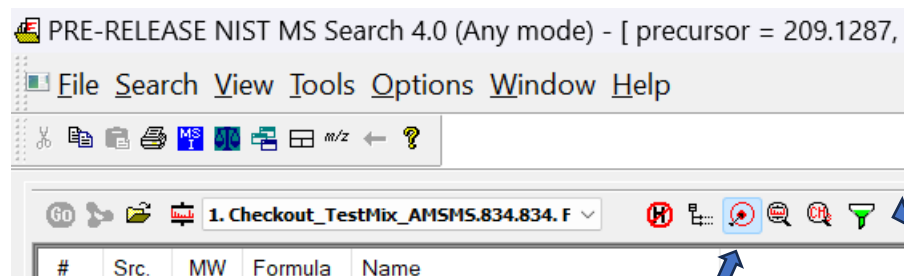
- Windows can be resized by left clicking on bar and dragging
- **Hovering** over item on menu bar shows information
- Properties can be added by right clicking and selecting properties
- Order of Properties can be left clicked and dragged to change order and resized
- Left click to sort by the property, normally initially sorted by score
- Use keyboard up and down arrows to step through results

#	Library	Score	DotProd	Prob. (%)	Prec. Type	Instr. Type	Energy	DBs	▼ PSS...	Rev-Dot	dPPM	Name
1	hr_msms_nist#2	600	709	99.9	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	HCD	20%	17	642	816	1.0	Aminocarb
2	hr_msms_nist#2	48	226	0.00	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	HCD	35%	1	332	275	1.0	4-Acetyl-3-ethyl-N,5-dimethyl-1H-py...
3	hr_msms_nist#3	6	83	0.00	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	HCD	90%	2	245	210	1.0	2-Methoxy-4-(morpholin-4-yl)aniline
4	hr_msms_nist	2	64	0.00	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	HCD	50%	8	232	86	1.0	N <sup>1</sup> -(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-N,N-dimethylur...
5	hr_msms_nist	0	22	0.00	[M+2H] <sup>2+</sup>	QTOF	10V	1	160	68	-16.3	Asn-Lys-Arg
6	hr_msms_nist	1	35	0.00	[M+H-H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>-</sup>	HCD	130%	2	143	101	-4.3	Pro-Leu
7	hr_msms_nist	0	32	0.00	[M+H-C <sub>10</sub> ...]	HCD	115%	1	142	190	1.0	(S)-N-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-t...

- The dot product measures the raw similarity between two spectra based on shared peaks and intensities. The NIST score builds on this by applying weighting and scaling so that meaningful matches can still be found even when spectra are incomplete, such as in MS/MS or filtered data
- Normally the **score is the best way** to sort before reviewing the results
- Can sort by **Rev-Dot and Partial Spectrum (PSS)**, but remember some important **results can be loss** during the standard Presearch when standard Full Spectrum (Score) method employed

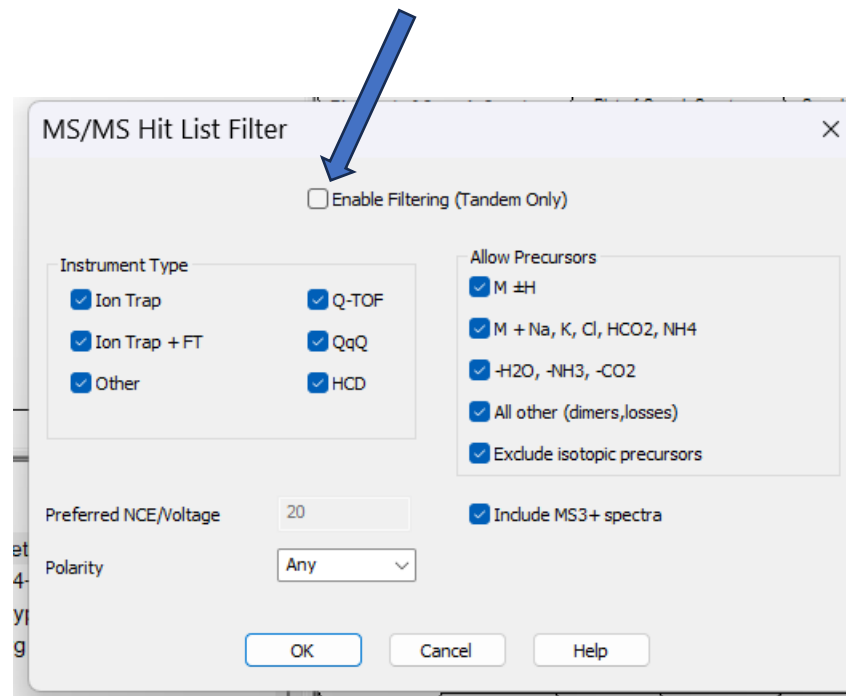
## Other Useful Filters:

- Best matching Only (1)
- MS/MS Hit Filter List Options (2)
- These filters applied *after* Presearch, and can be *easily reversed*



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- When Best Matching Only Selected, it removes most duplicates
- Makes reviewing data more efficient
- Toggle on and off by depressing button



I usually keep these off initially  
Select as needed by Enable Filtering (*tandem only*)