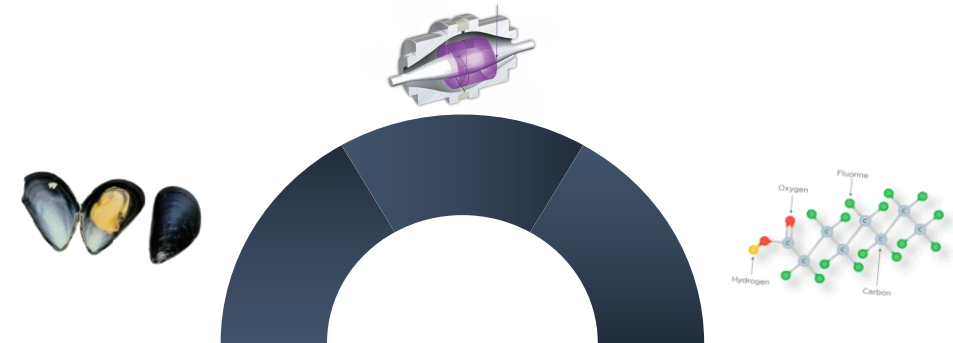


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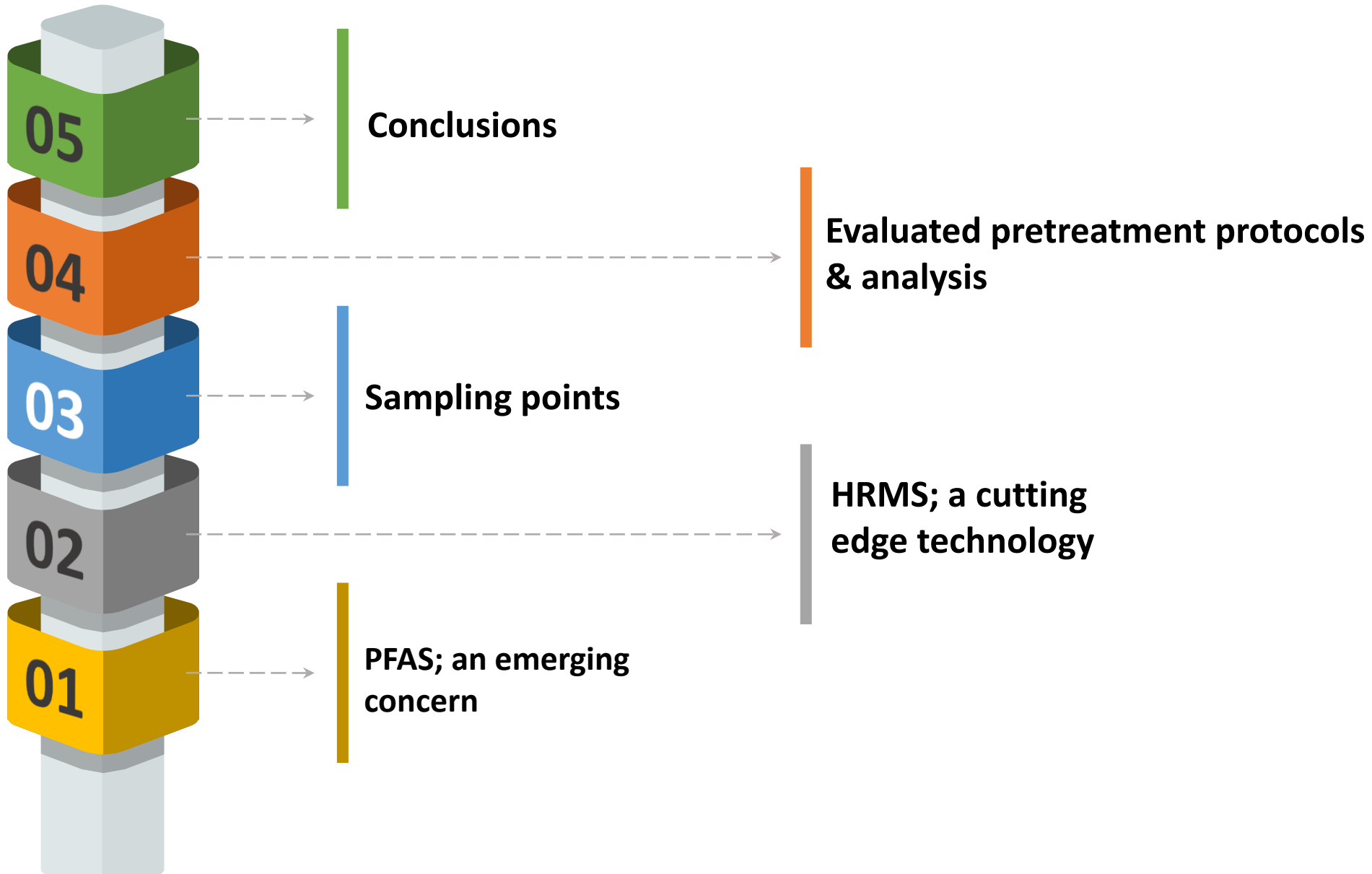
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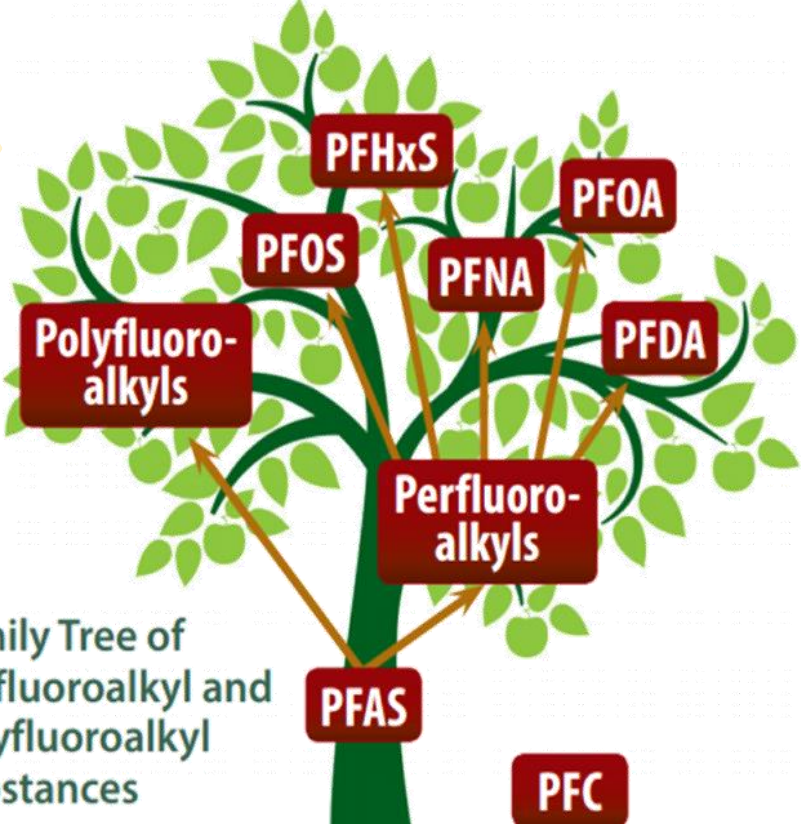
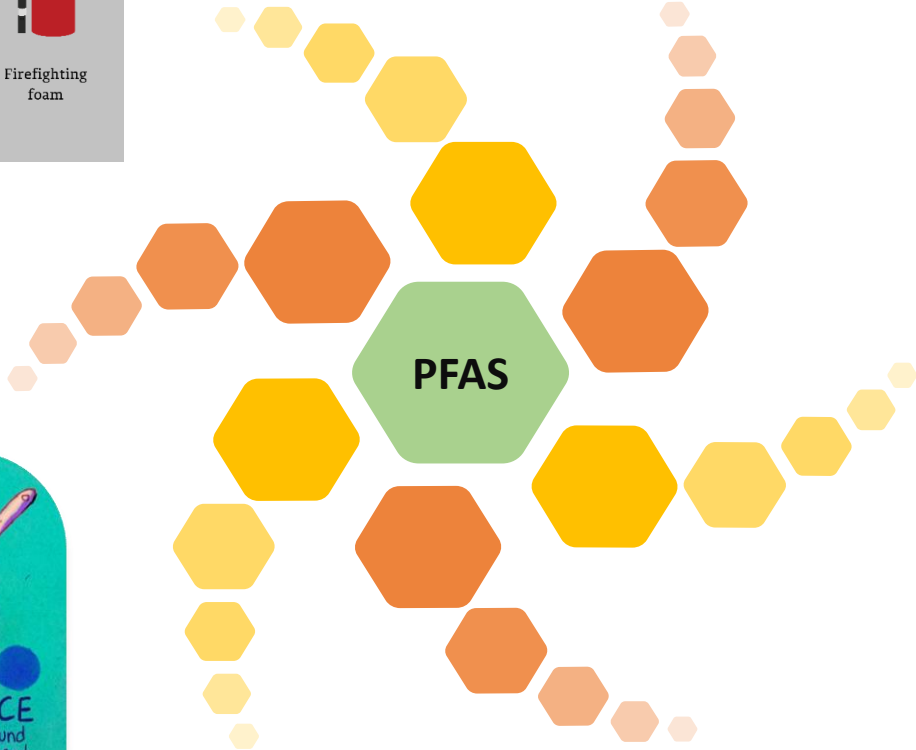
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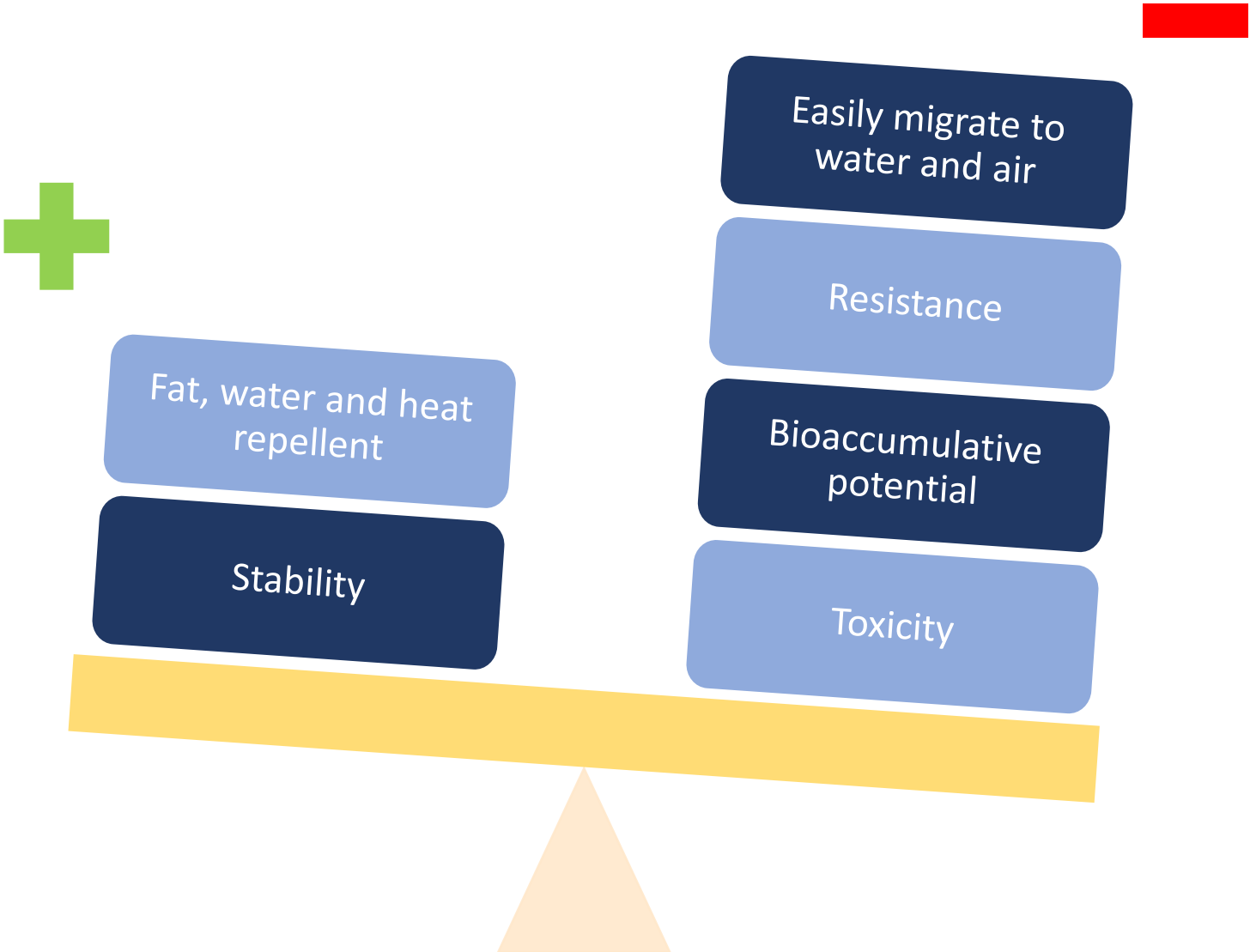


**PFAS**  
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 Mobile  
 Hazardous

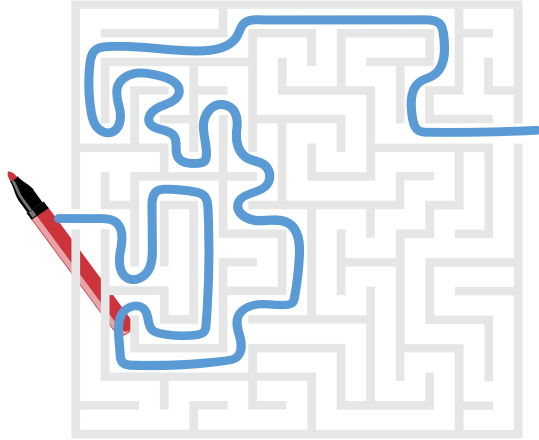
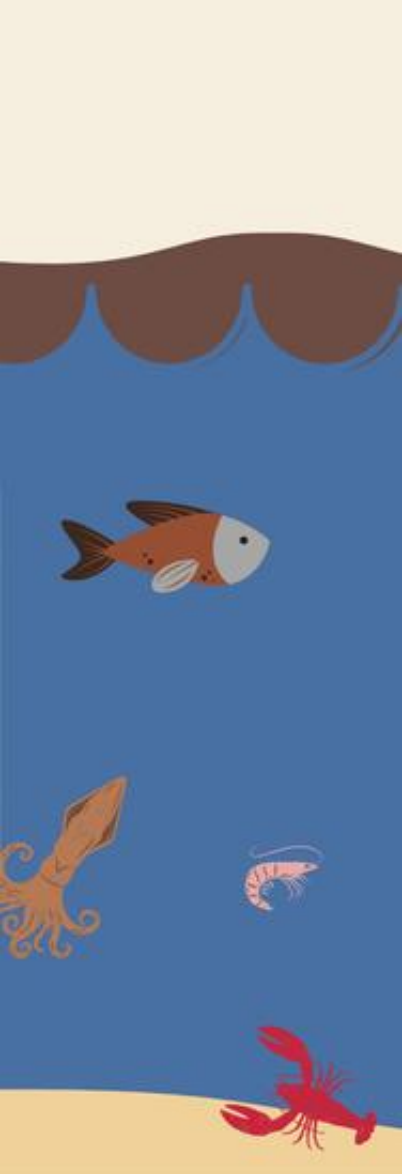
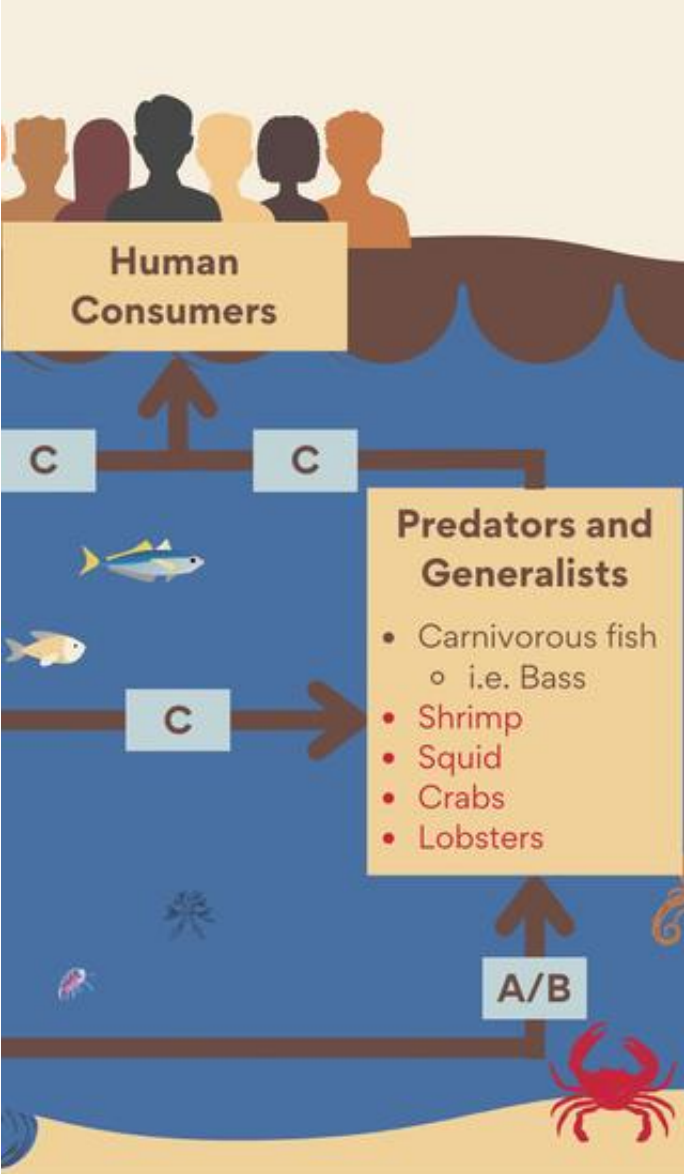
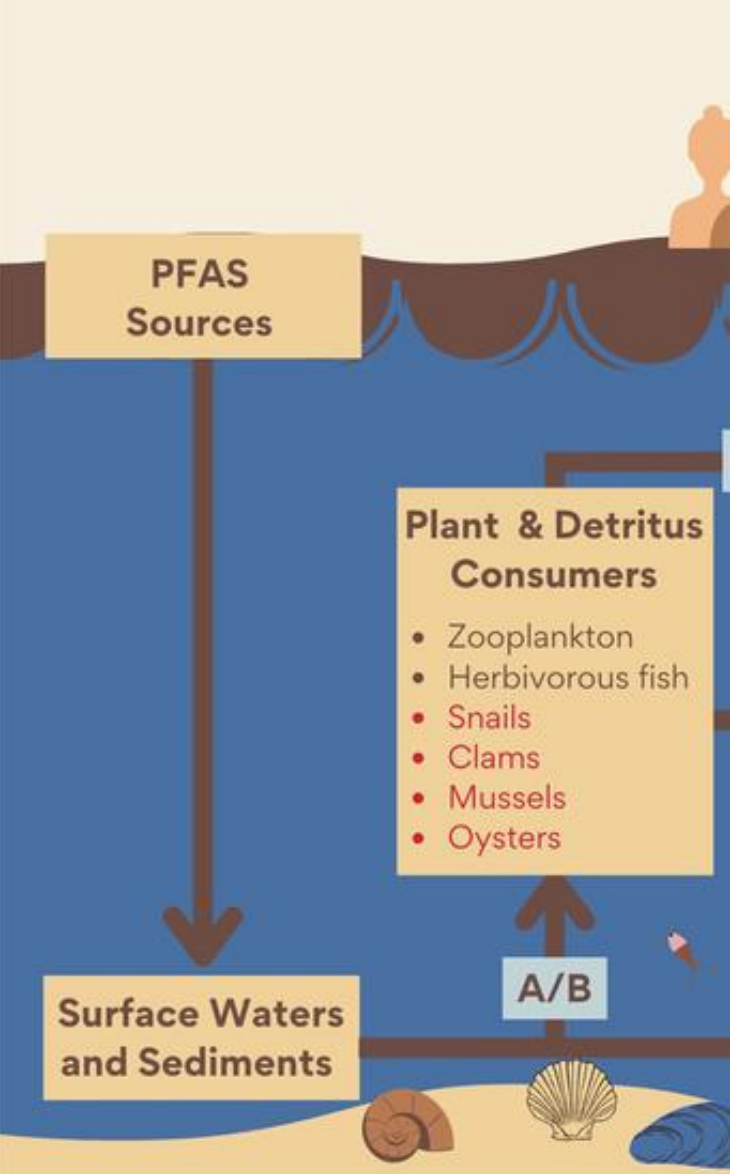


- AVOID** PFAS in food and food wrapping
- AVOID** PFAS in cosmetics, lotions and dental floss
- REDUCE** PFAS around the house and in clothing
- CHECK** your drinking water for PFAS
- AVOID** stain-resistant or waterproof products
- READ** labels with PFAS in mind

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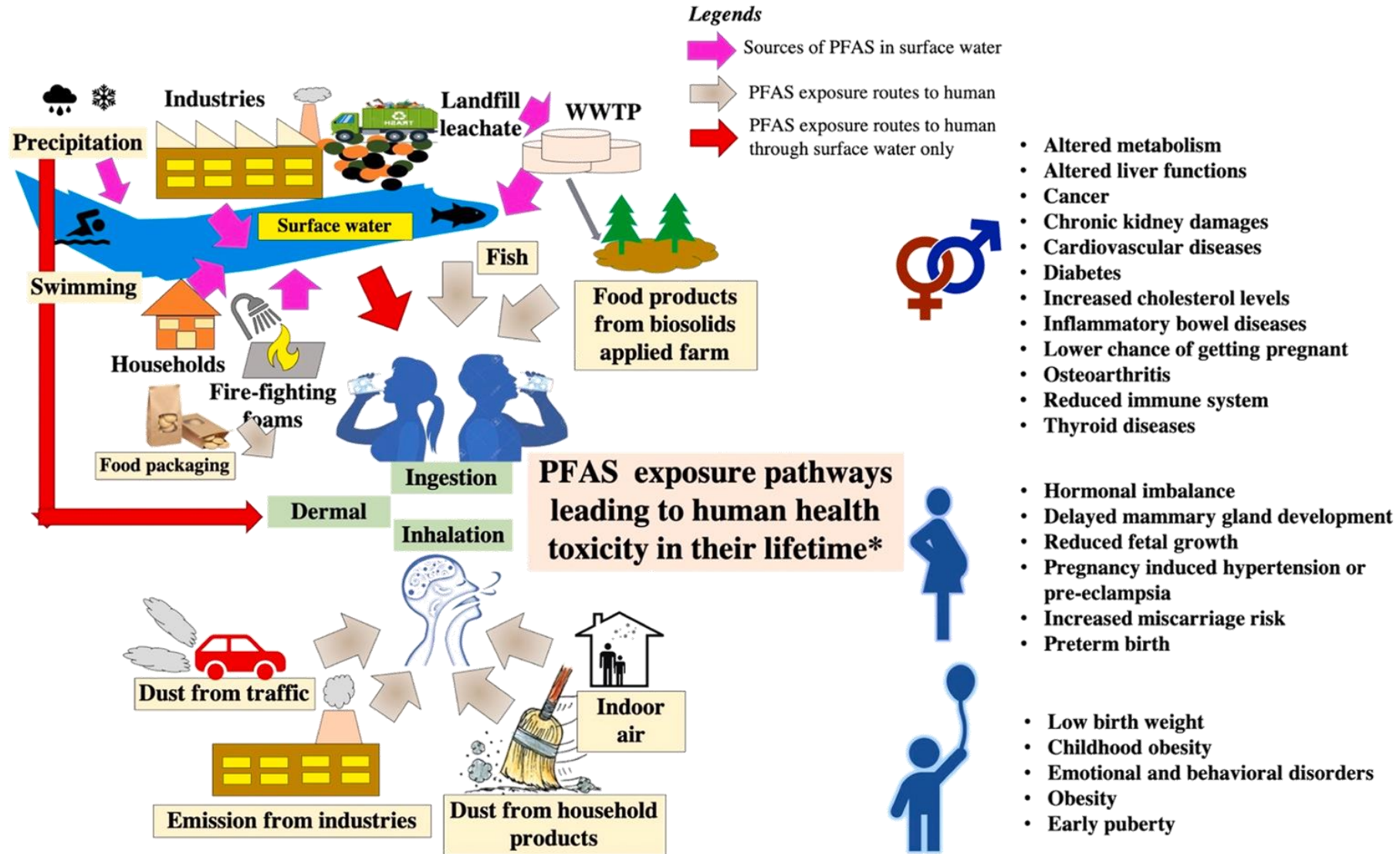


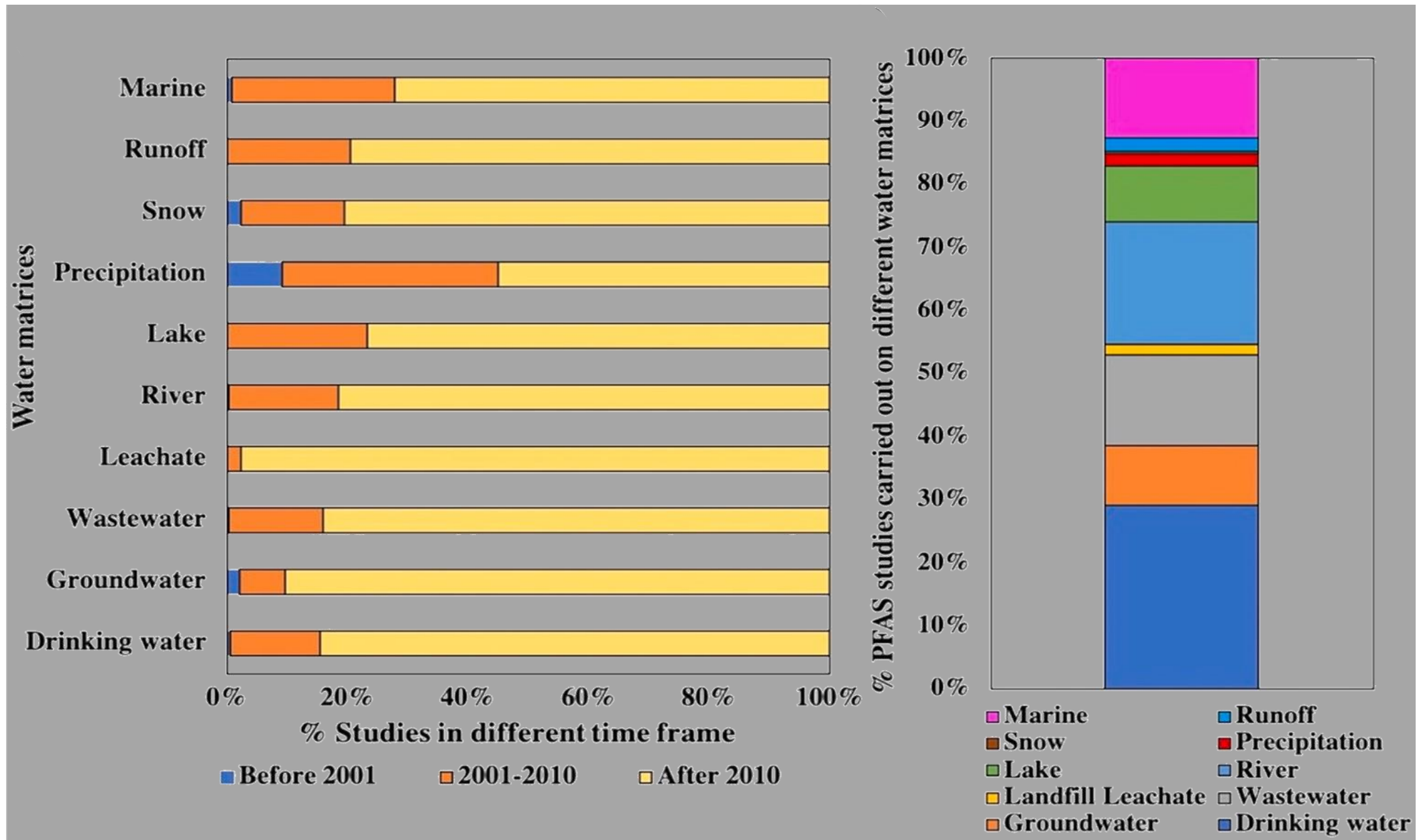
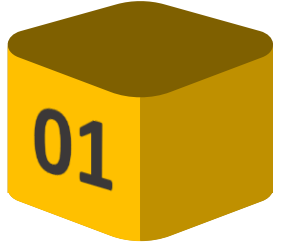
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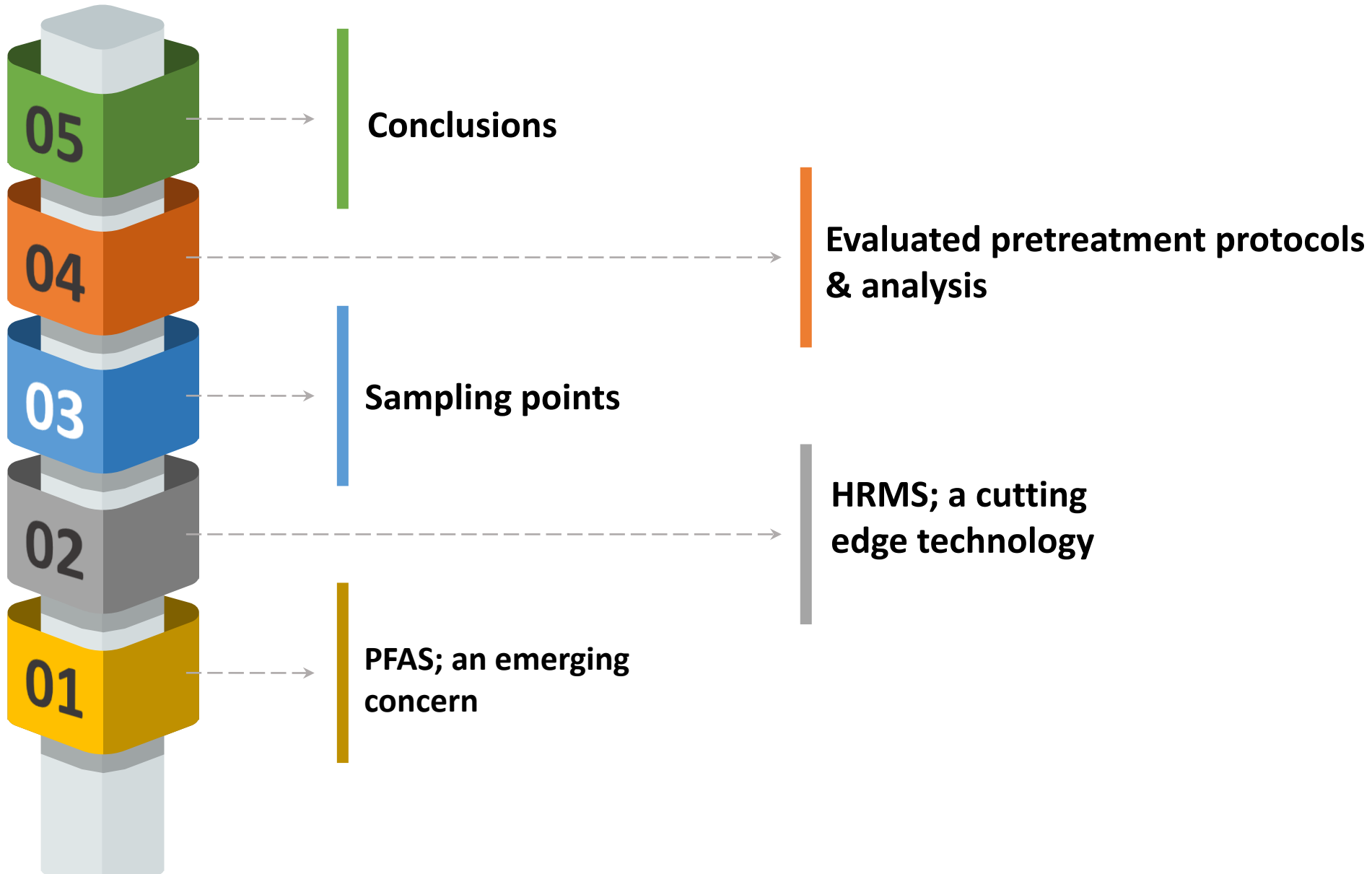


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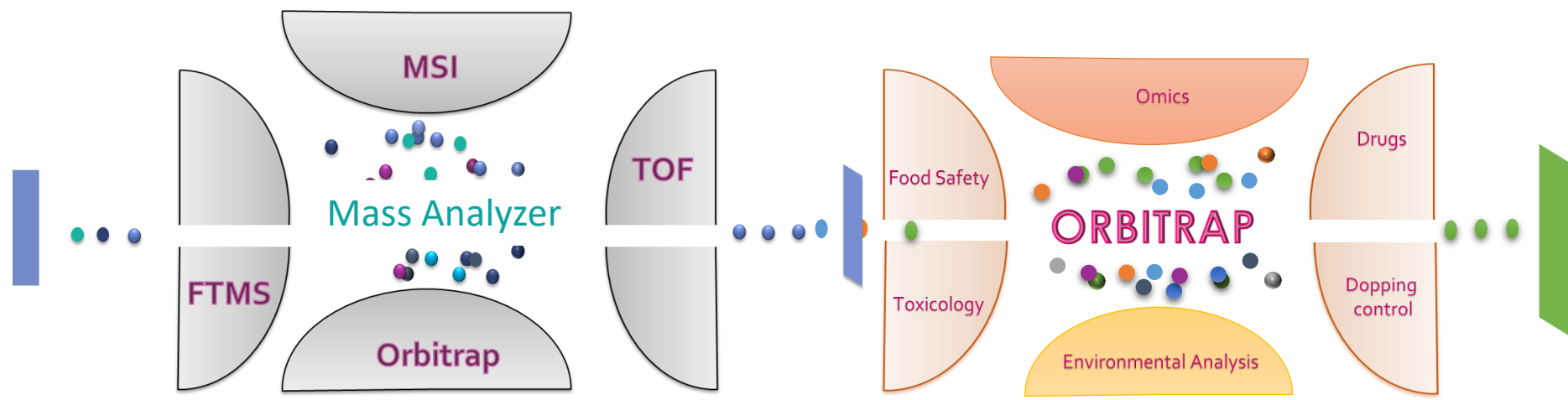


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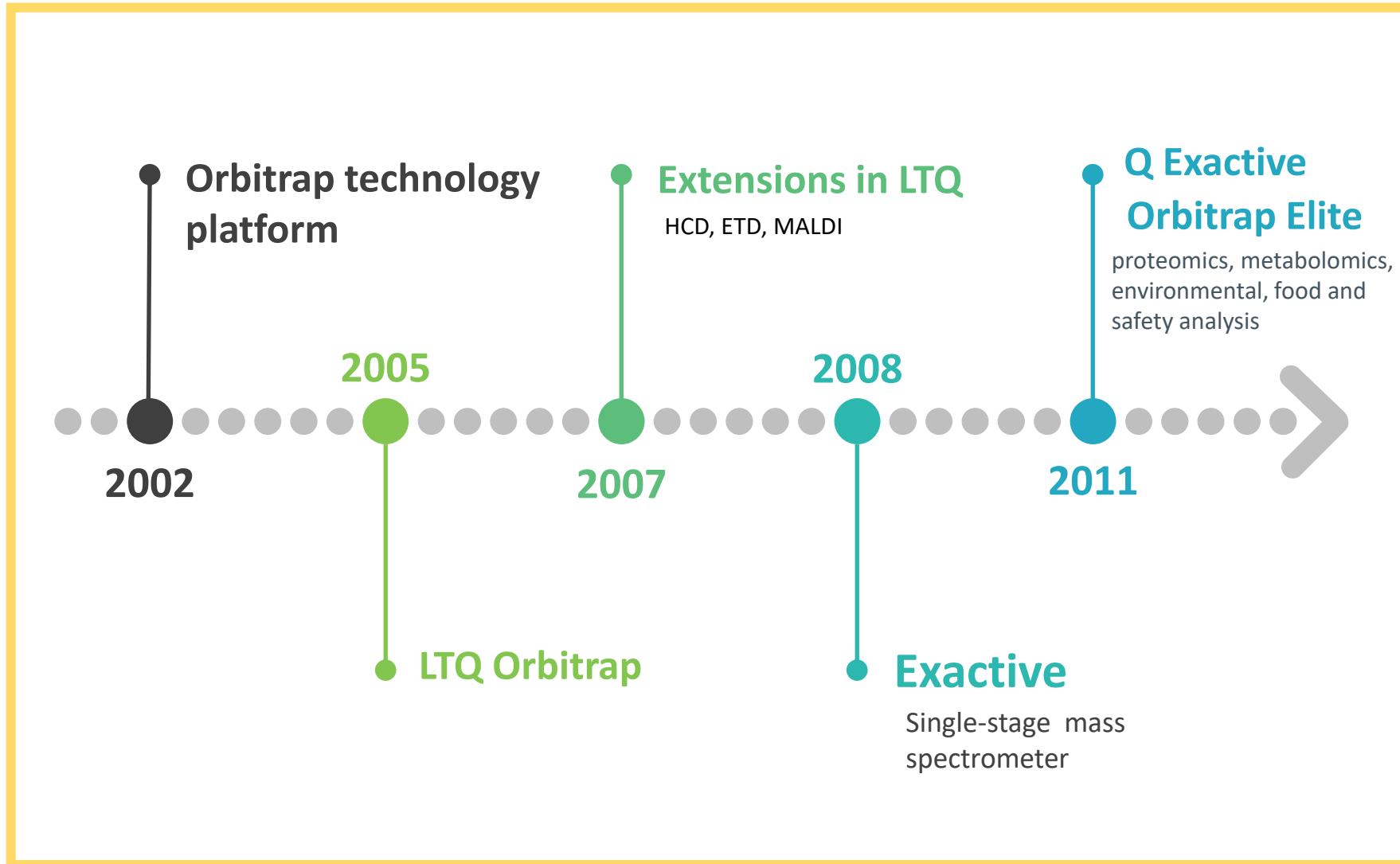




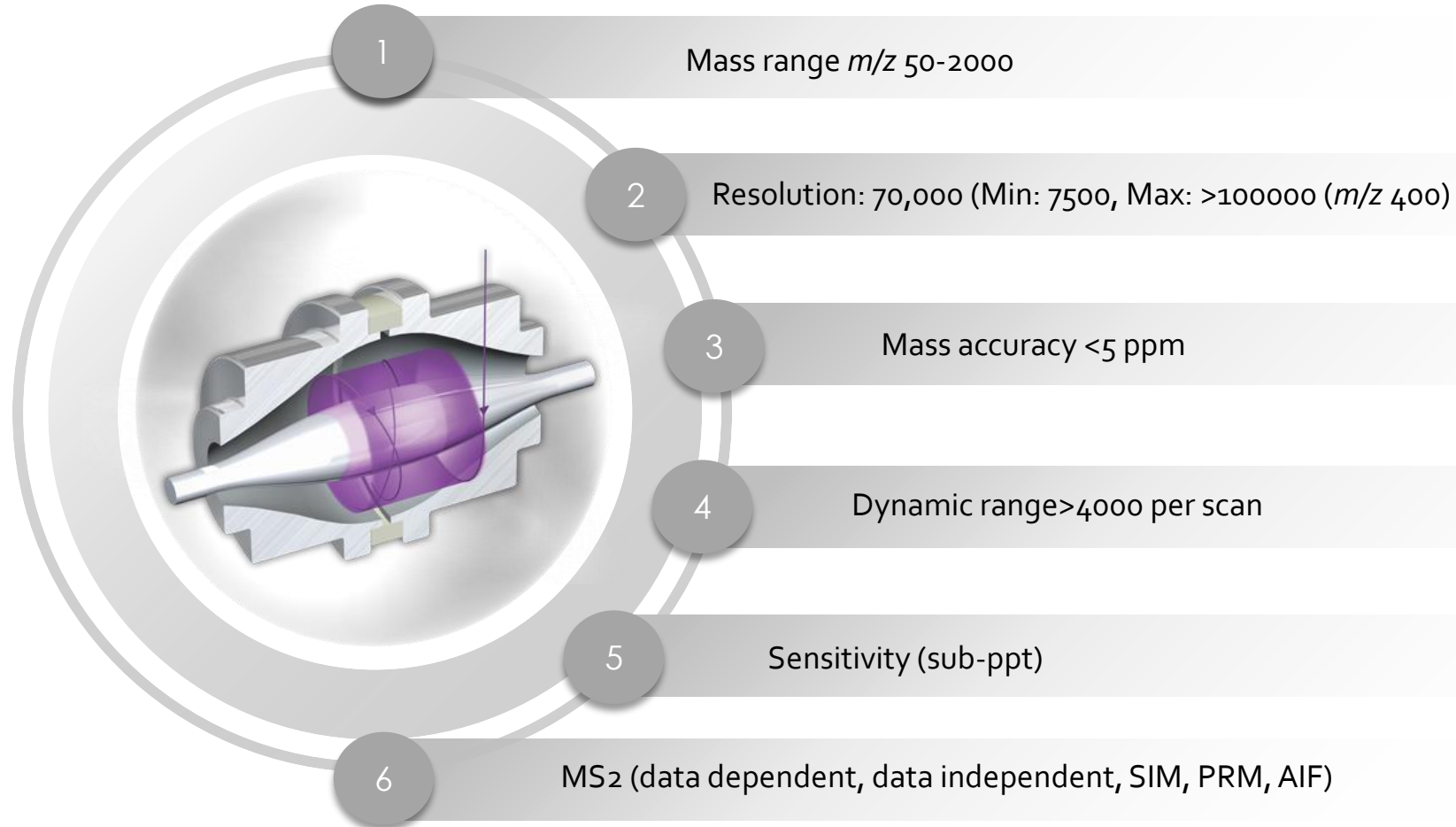
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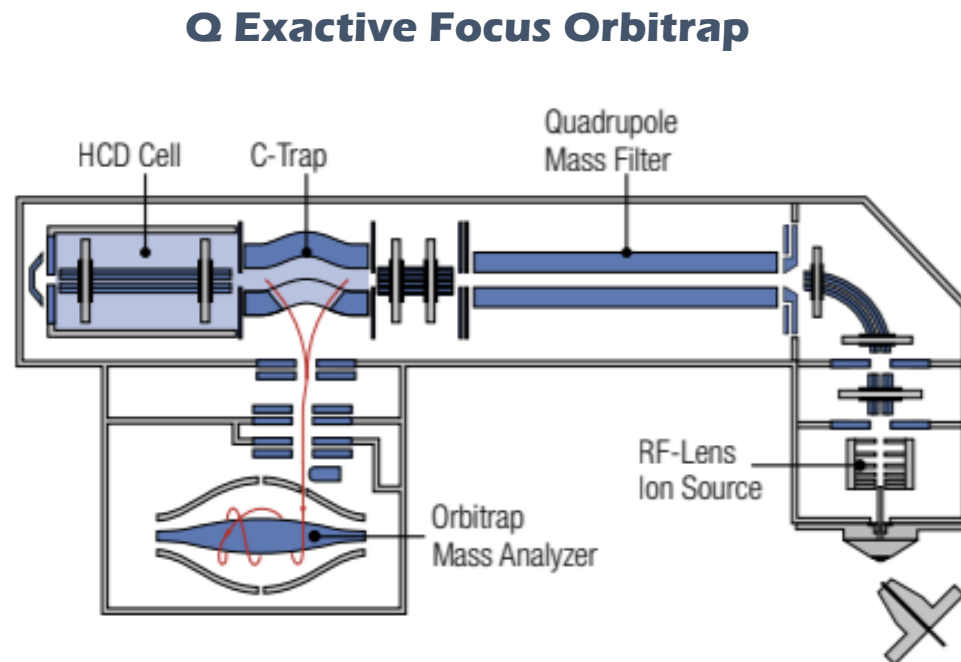
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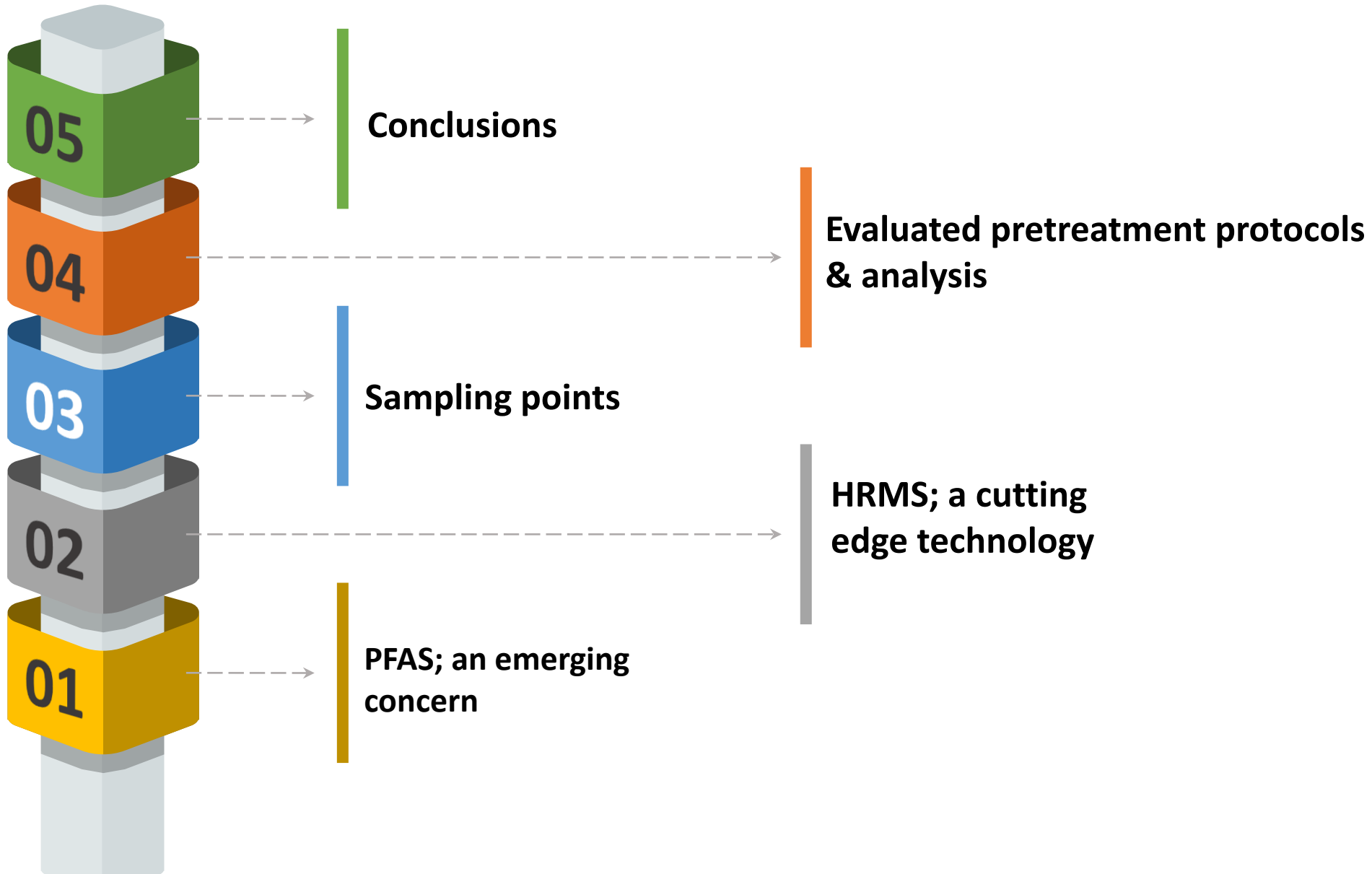
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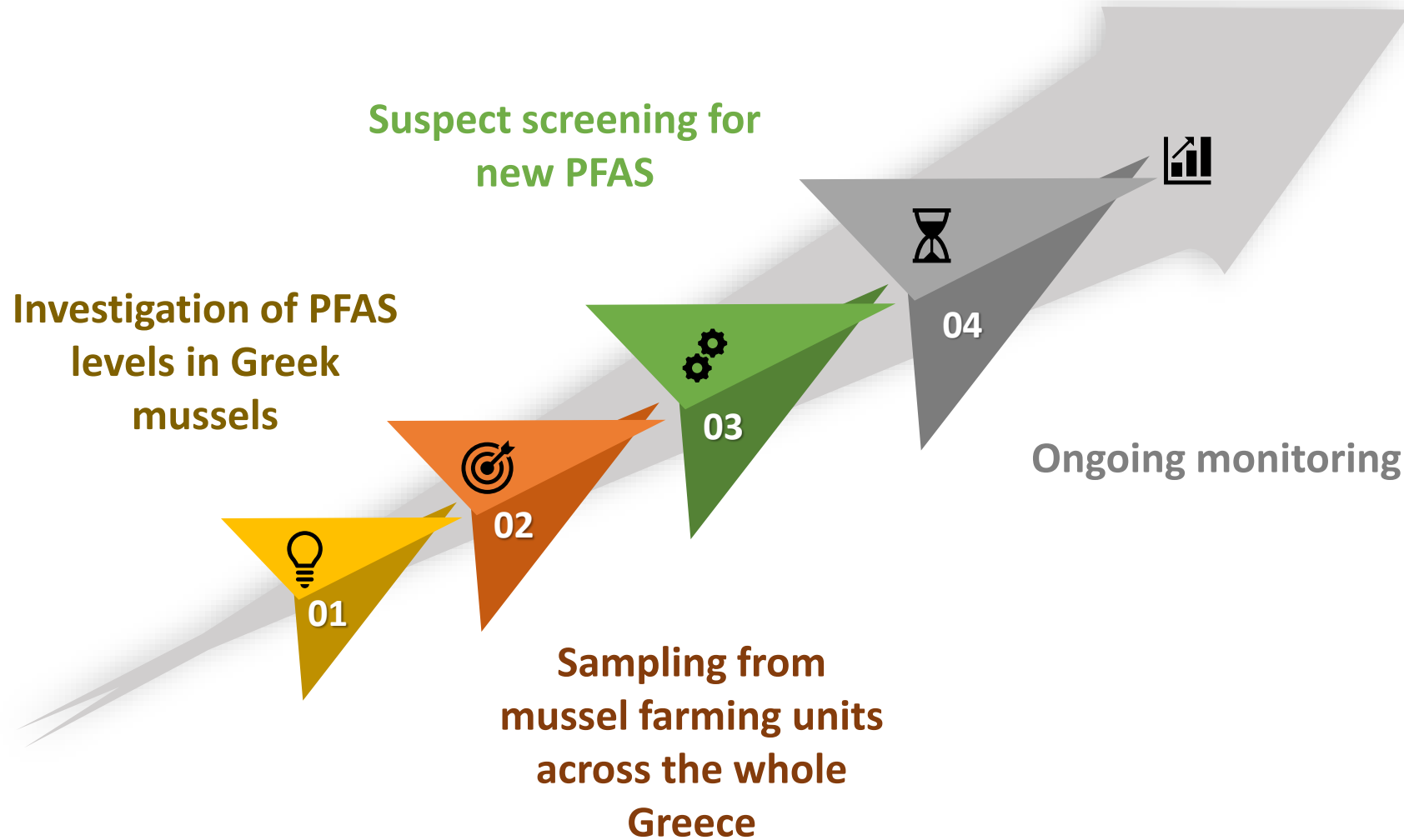
Q Exactive Focus schematics diagram

- Scan speed up to 12 Hz
- Resolving power up to 70,000 (FWHM) at  $m/z$  200
- Routine sub ppm mass accuracy
- Linear Dynamic Range up to 6 orders of magnitude
- Multiple approaches for data acquisition (SIM, PRM, FS-ddMS or DIA)
- Polarity switching for maximum compound coverage
- HCD

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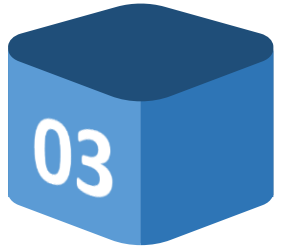


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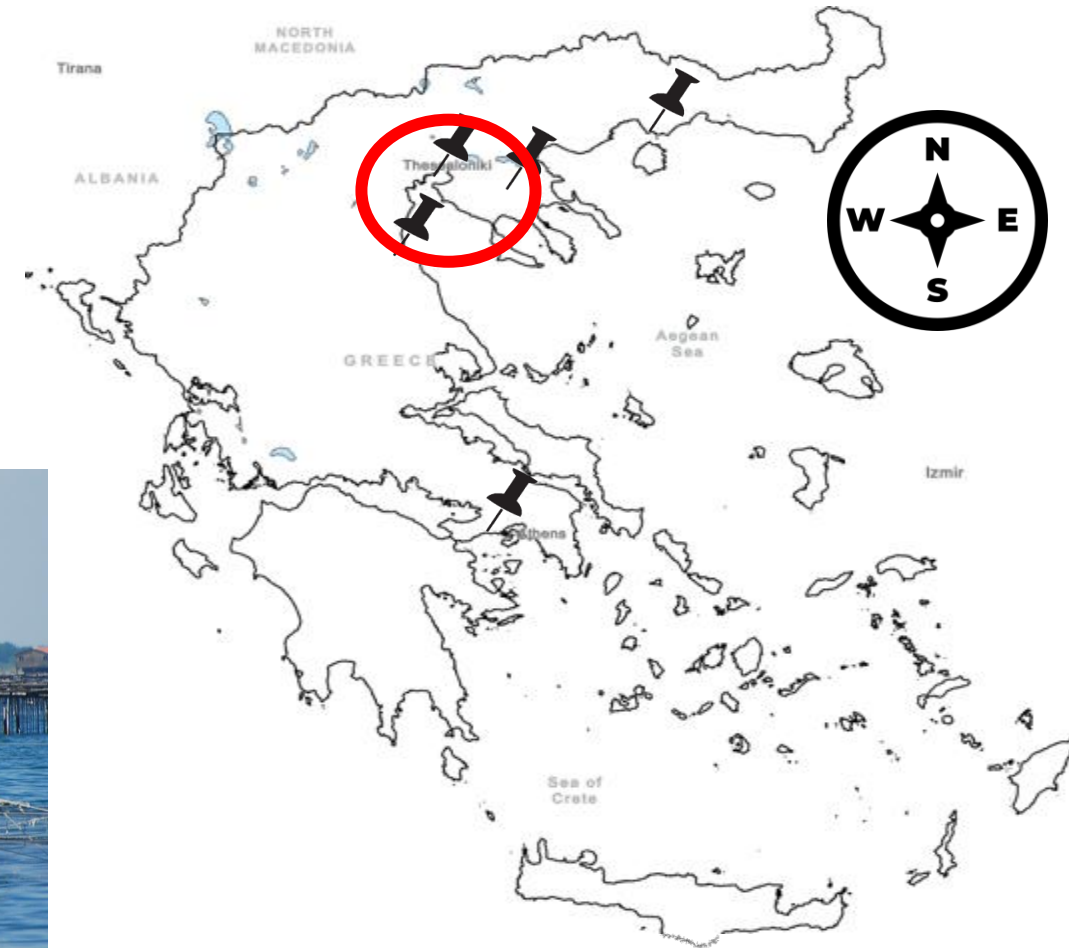




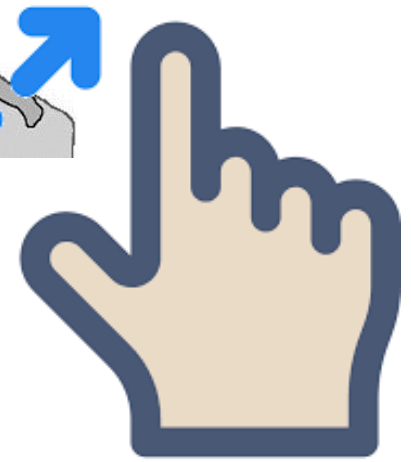
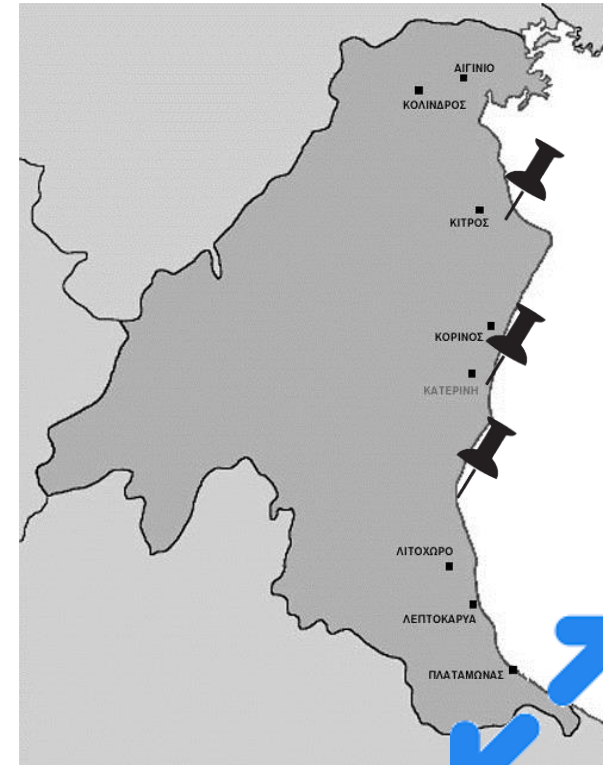
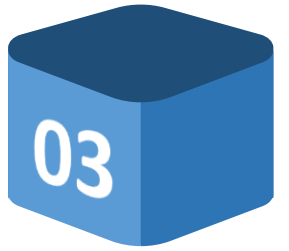
# Mussel farming in Greece



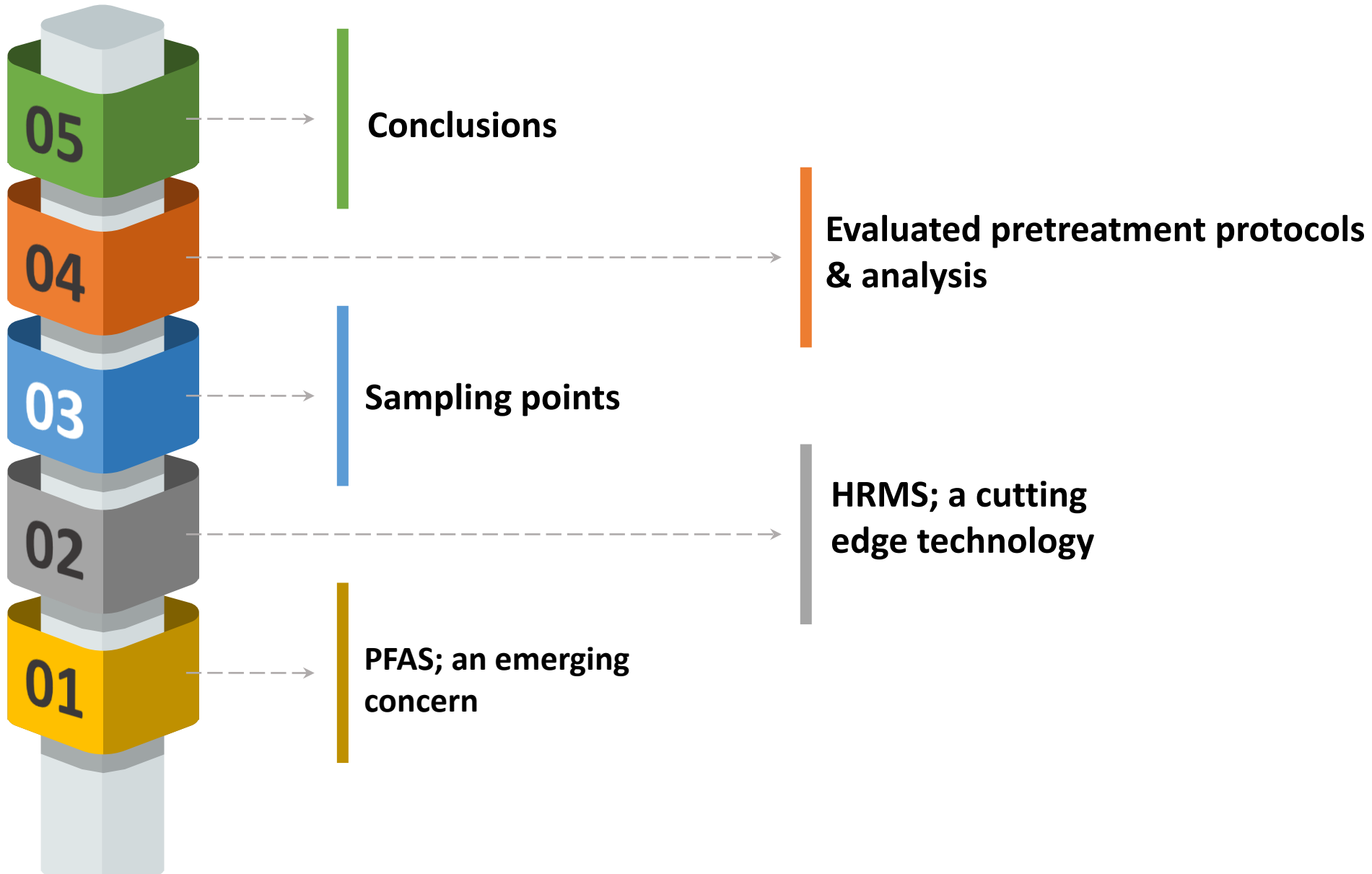
- ⌚ Located in the North and South of Greece
- ⌚ Main greek mussel farming units are located in the protected region of Axios-Loudias-Aliakmonas river Delta
- ⌚ **Thermaikos gulf:** cultivated mussels reaching 80% of the national production



# Sampling points

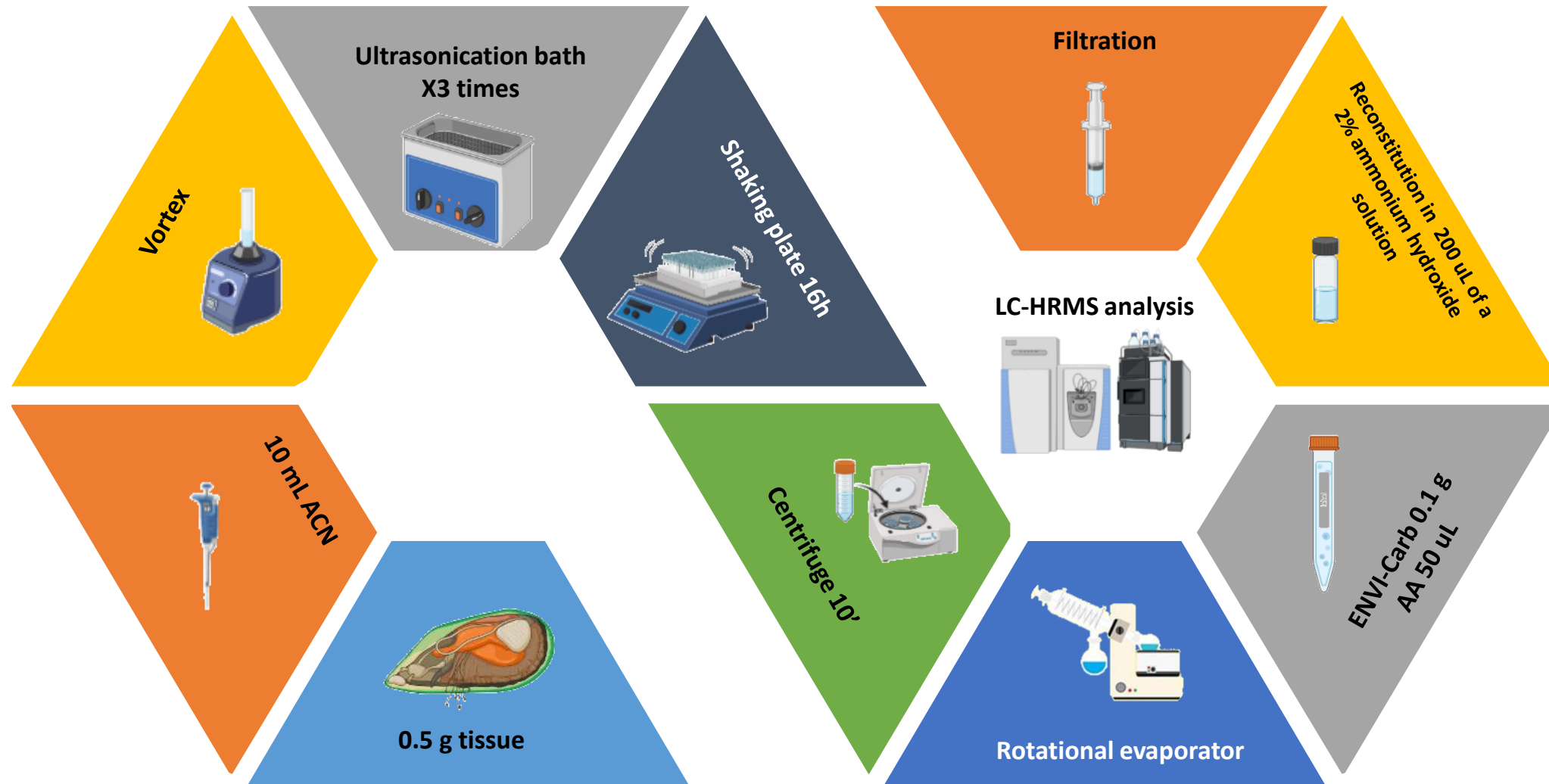


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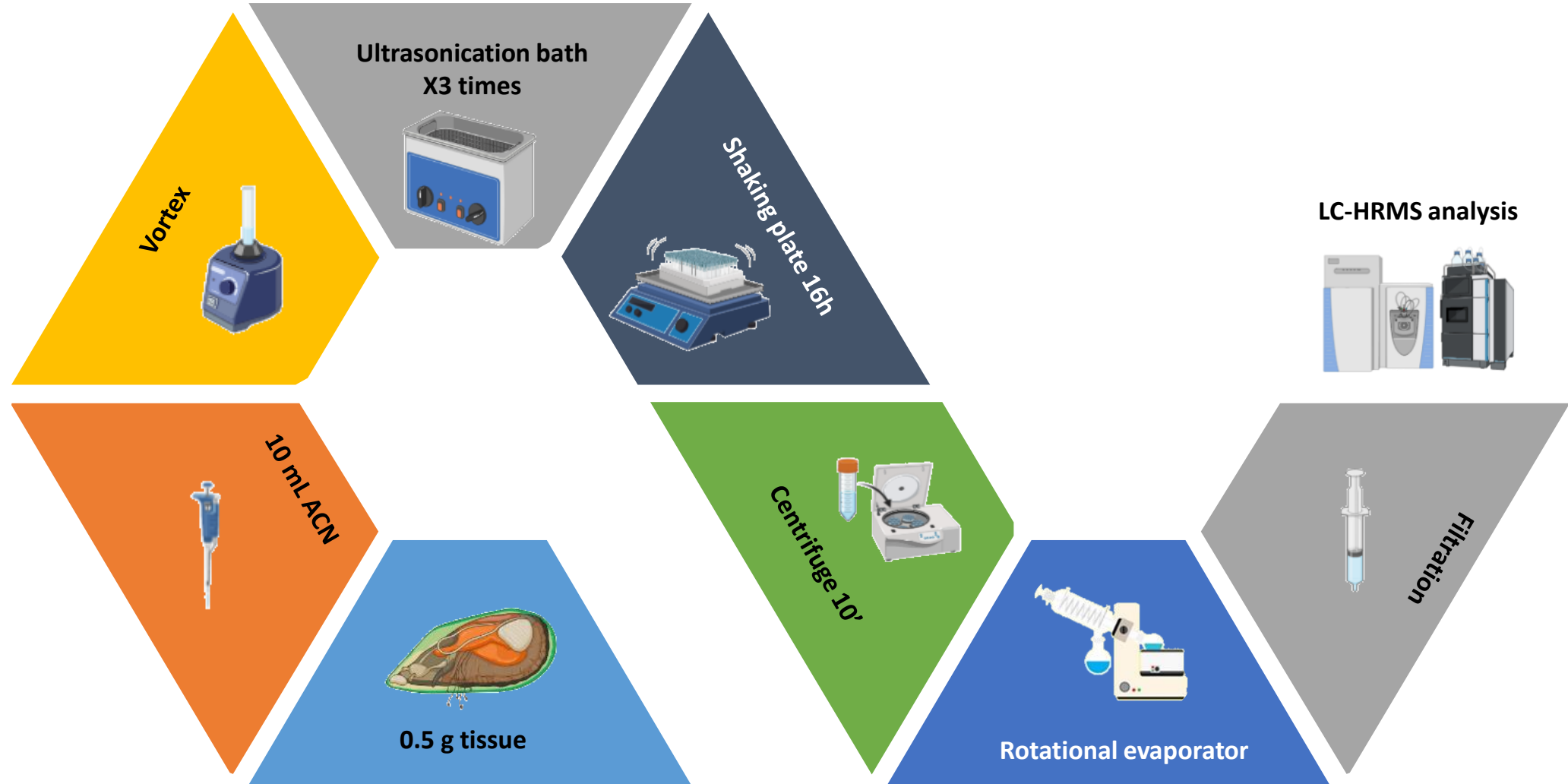
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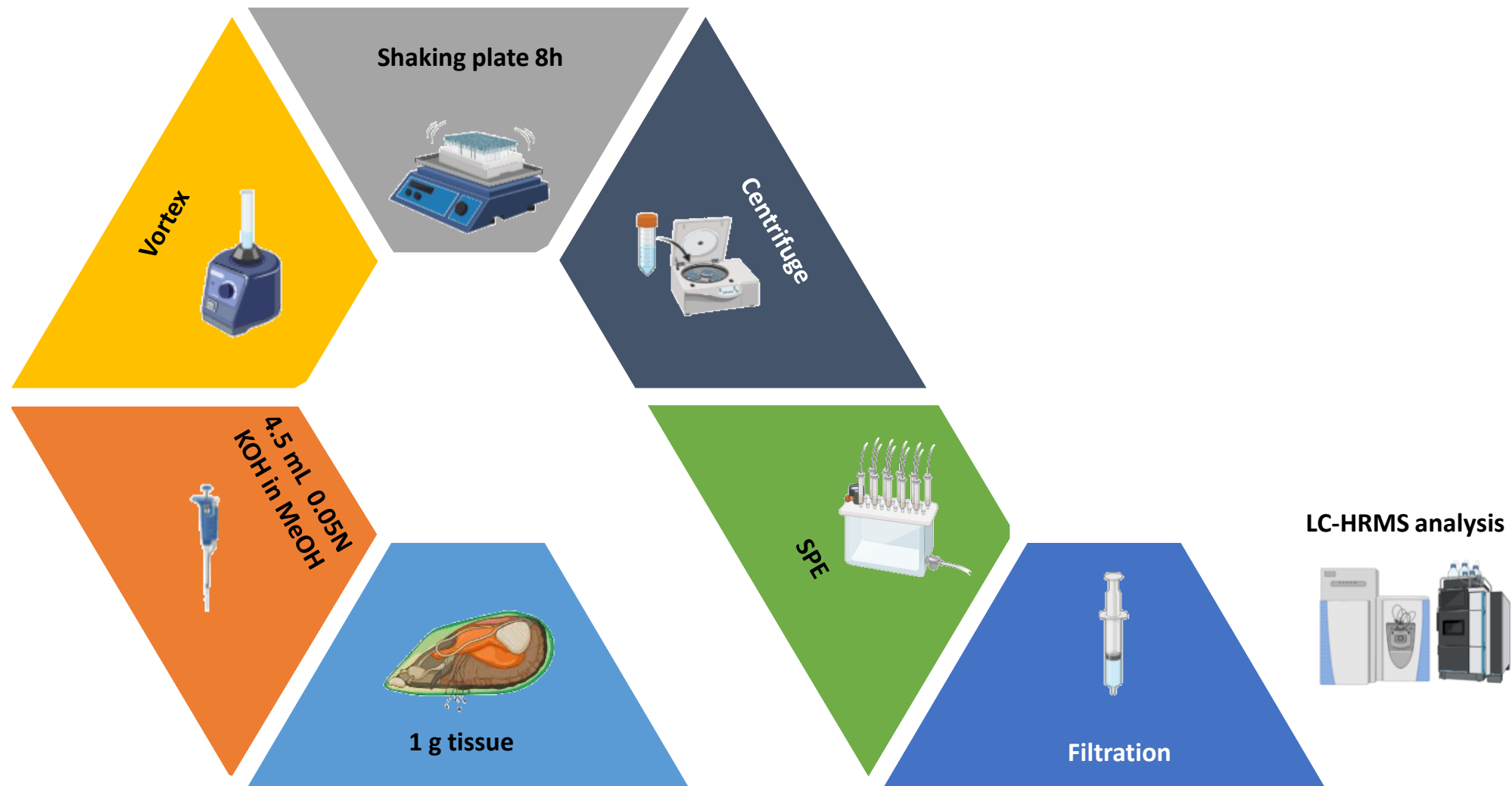
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## Protocol 2



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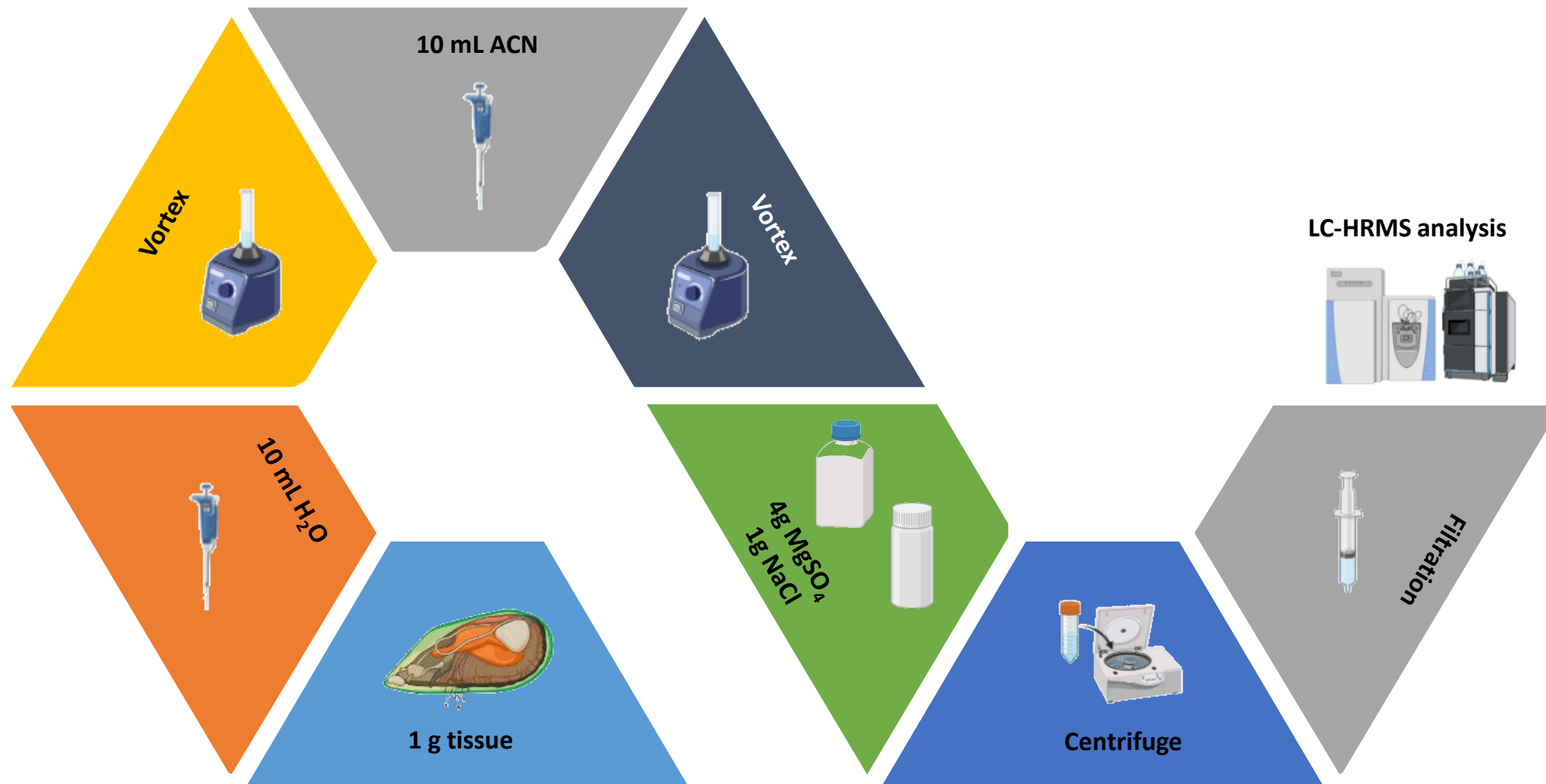
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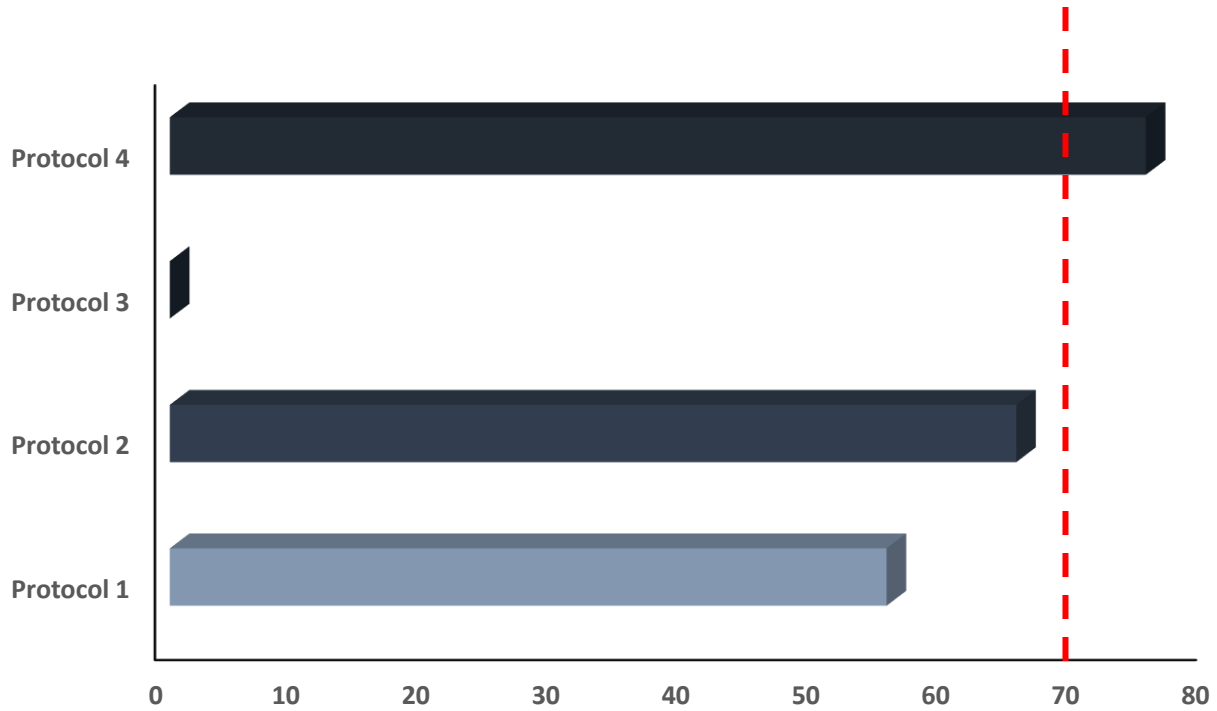
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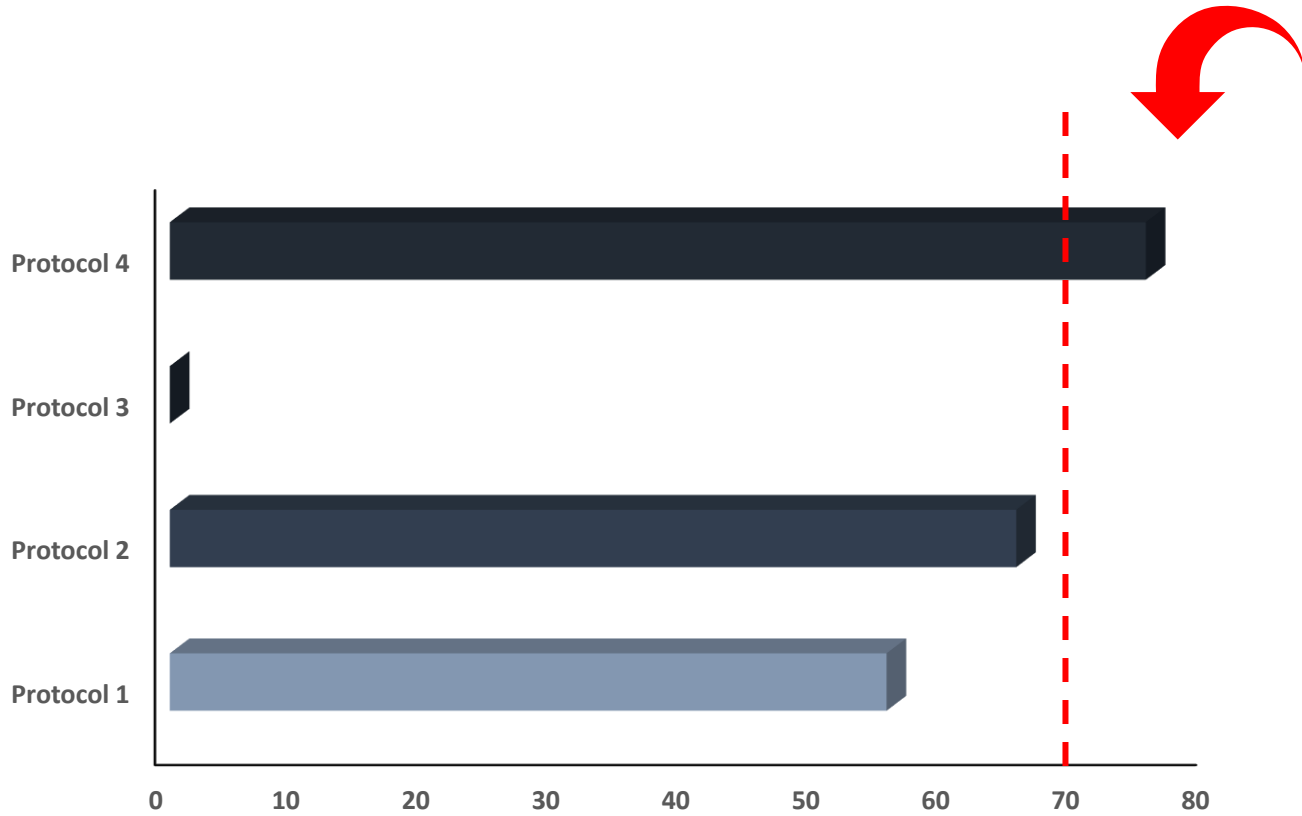
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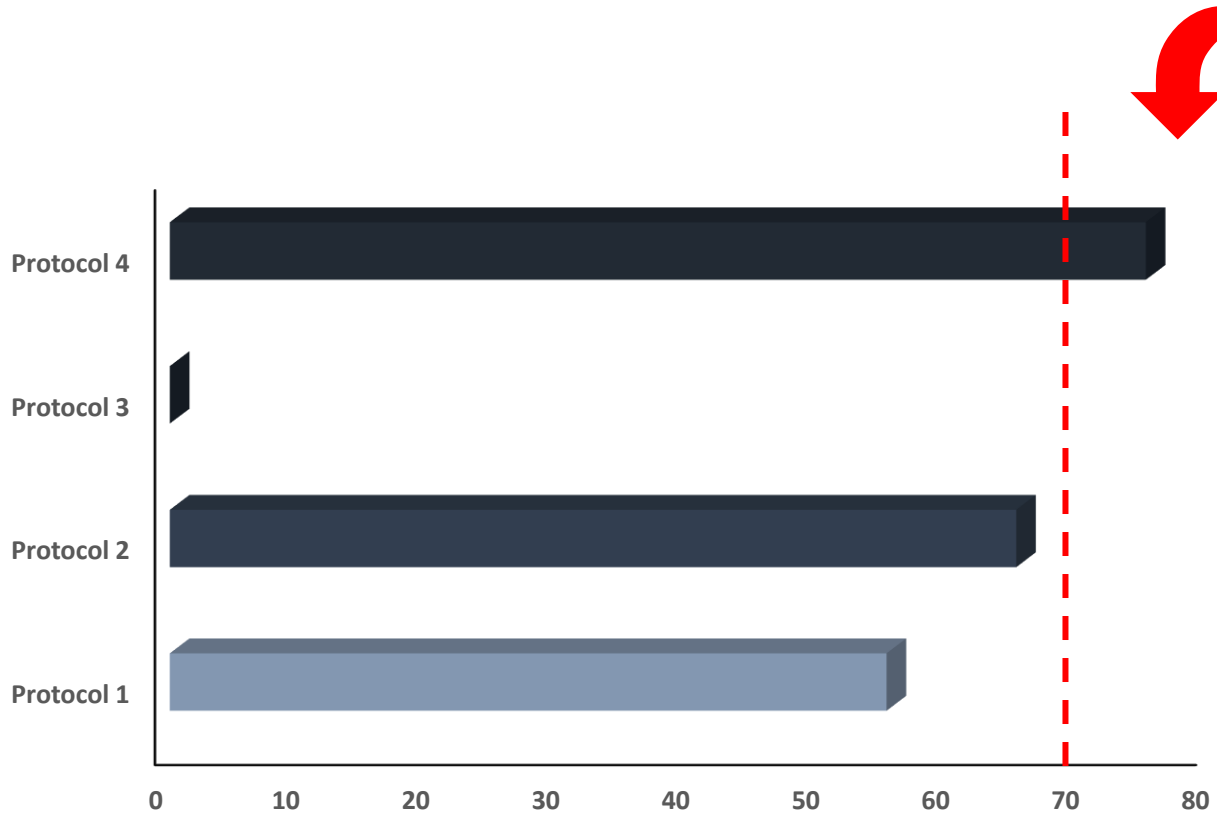
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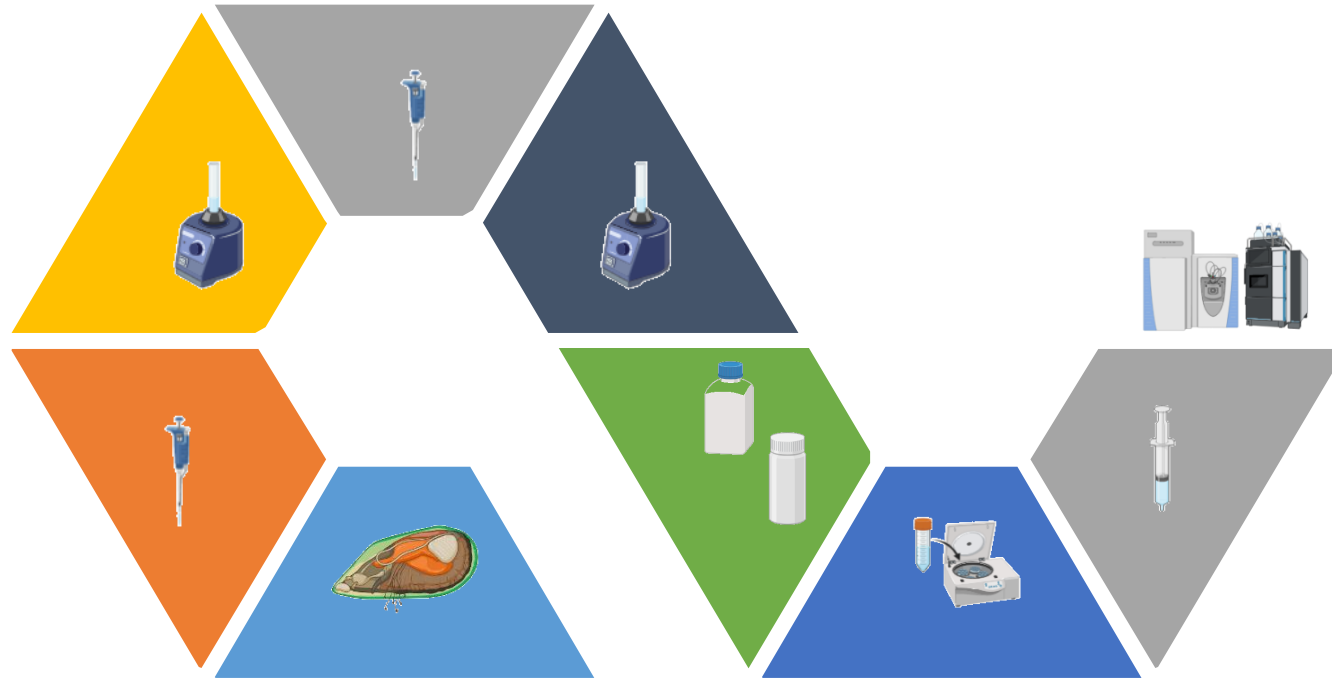
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- \*LOD
- \*LOQ
- \*RSD<sub>R</sub>
- \*RSD<sub>r</sub>

# Evaluated Protocols



🎯 18 samples

🎯 Mussels, cockles

🎯 October 2022, February 2023, March 2023

# Instrumental analysis



- 🎯 Thermo Scientific™ Vanquish™ Flex UHPLC
- 🎯 Column Thermo Hypersil Gold AQ C18 (50 x 2.1, 1.9 μm)

Time (min)	% A (H <sub>2</sub> O+0,1% FA)	% B (MeOH+0,1% FA)
0.00	90.00	10.00
1.50	90.00	10.00
4.00	40.00	60.00
8.00	30.00	70.00
11.00	0.00	100.00
12.00	0.00	100.00
13.00	90.00	10.00
15.00	90.00	10.00

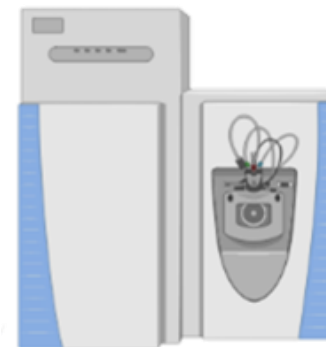


**15 min**



- 🎯 Flow rate: 200 uL min<sup>-1</sup>
- 🎯 Injection volume: 5 uL

- 🎯 HESI probe
- 🎯 Negative ionization mode
- 🎯 FS mode: 100-1000 *m/z*
- 🎯 Resolution: 70.000



Parameters	Values
Sheath gas	45 au
Auxiliary gas	10 au
Sweep gas	2 au
Tube lens	110 V
Spray voltage	2.5 kV
Capillary Temp.	320°C
Acquisition	FS-ddMS





Target PFAS

Compound
4:2FtS
6:2FtS
8:2FtS
L-PFBS
L-PFDoS
L-PFDS
L-PFHpS
L-PFNS
L-PFPeS
L-PFTrDS
L-PFUdS
N-EtFOSAA
N-MeFOSAA
PFBA
PFDA
PFDoA
PFHpA
PFHxA
PFHxS
PFNA
PFOA
PFOS
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## Suspect workflow



Extended lists  
of compounds



False positives



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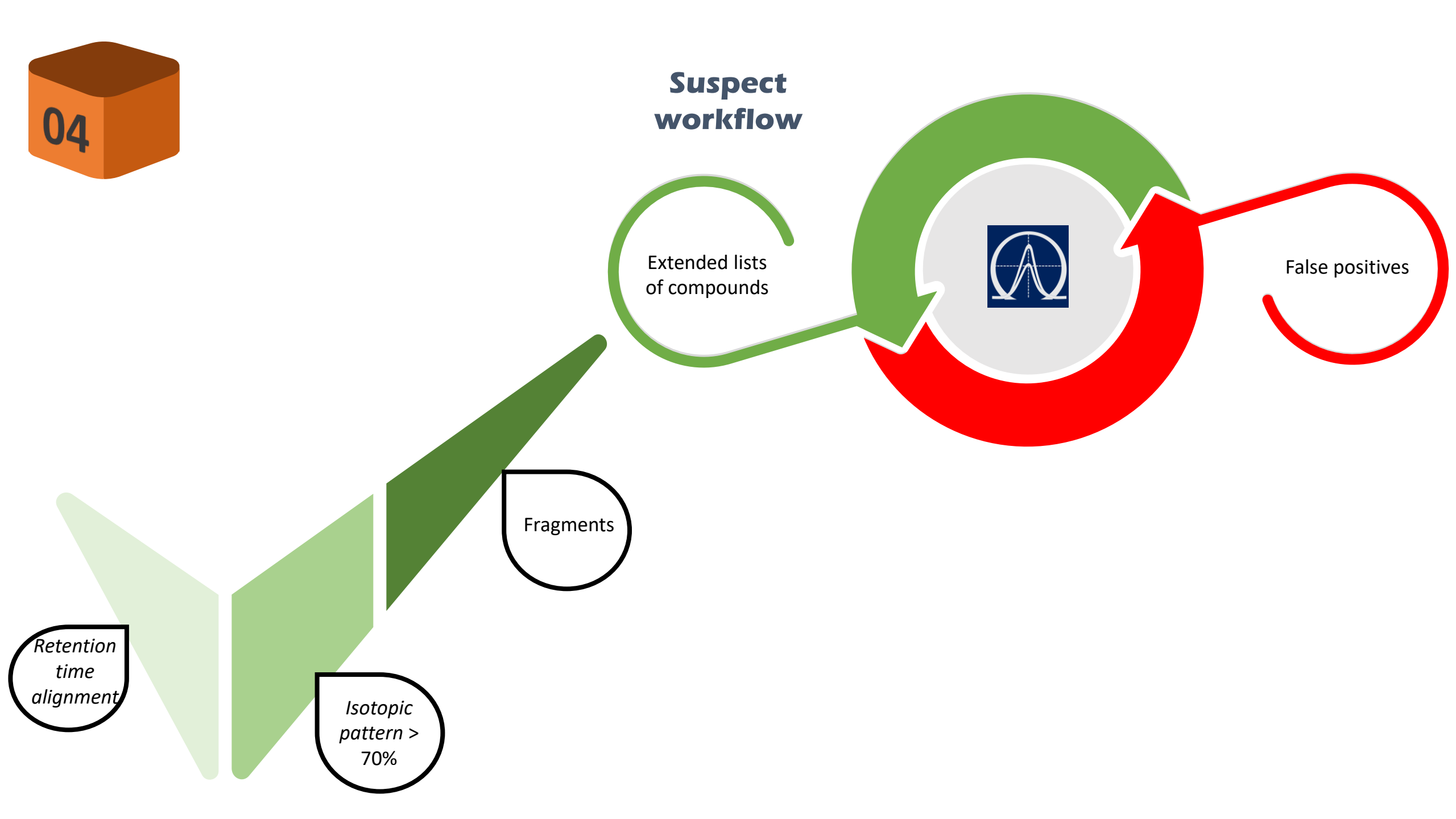


False positives

Fragments

*Retention time alignment*

*Isotopic pattern > 70%*



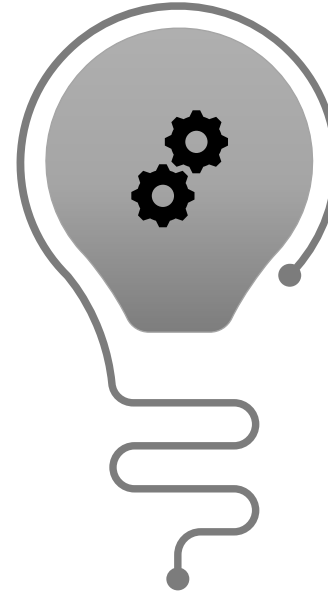
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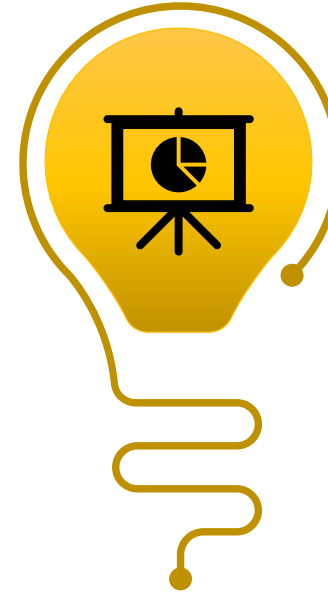
Combination  
of Norman  
databases



TraceFinder  
Database



TraceFinder  
method



Applied  
criteria

## Suspect workflow

TraceFinder Compound Database Mass List Export							
Schema Version	Peak Header Line Number	Peak Last Row Line Number	Compound Header Line Number				
1	6	2669	2672				
Compound Name	Workflow	Associated Target Peak	MS Order	Precursor m/z	Product m/z	m/z	Height Th /
compound 1	TargetPeak		ms1	0	531.0986	531.0986	5000
compound 10	TargetPeak		ms1	1	455.9581	455.9581	5000
compound 100	TargetPeak		ms1	2	557.0016	557.0016	5000
compound 1000	TargetPeak		ms1	3	608.8451	608.8451	5000
compound 1001	TargetPeak		ms1	4	493.0603	493.0603	5000
compound 1002	TargetPeak		ms1	5	323.9264	323.9264	5000
compound 1008	TargetPeak		ms1	6	864.9697	864.9697	5000
compound 1009	TargetPeak		ms1	7	452.9529	452.9529	5000
compound 101	TargetPeak		ms1	8	454.9924	454.9924	5000
compound 1010	TargetPeak		ms1	9	475.0360	475.0360	5000
compound 1011	TargetPeak		ms1	10	503.0673	503.0673	5000
compound 1012	TargetPeak		ms1	11	517.0830	517.0830	5000
compound 1013	TargetPeak		ms1	12	198.0159	198.0159	5000
compound 1014	TargetPeak		ms1	13	860.8431	860.8431	5000
compound 1015	TargetPeak		ms1	14	1058.1023	1058.1023	5000

>2500  
compounds



## Suspect workflow



Perfluorooctanoic acid

1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-Nonafluoro-6-[(prop-2-en-1-yl)oxy]hexane

3-methyl-4-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,5-nonafluoropentyl)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylic Acid

3H,3H-Perfluoroheptane-2,4-dione

2-{[4-(Heptafluoropropyl)phenyl]methyl}oxirane

4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Nonafluoroheptyl 2-methylprop-2-enoate

1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10-Henicosafluorooctacosane

(Perfluorohexyl)ethylene

2-(Perfluoropropoxy)-1H,1H-perfluoropropanol

Ethyl 6-(nonafluorobutyl)-4-phenyl-2-sulfanylidene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate



Perfluorododecanoic acid

2H-Perfluoro(5,8-dimethyl-3,6,9-trioxadodecane)

Pentadecafluorooctyl chloride

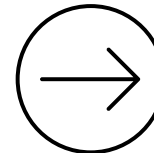
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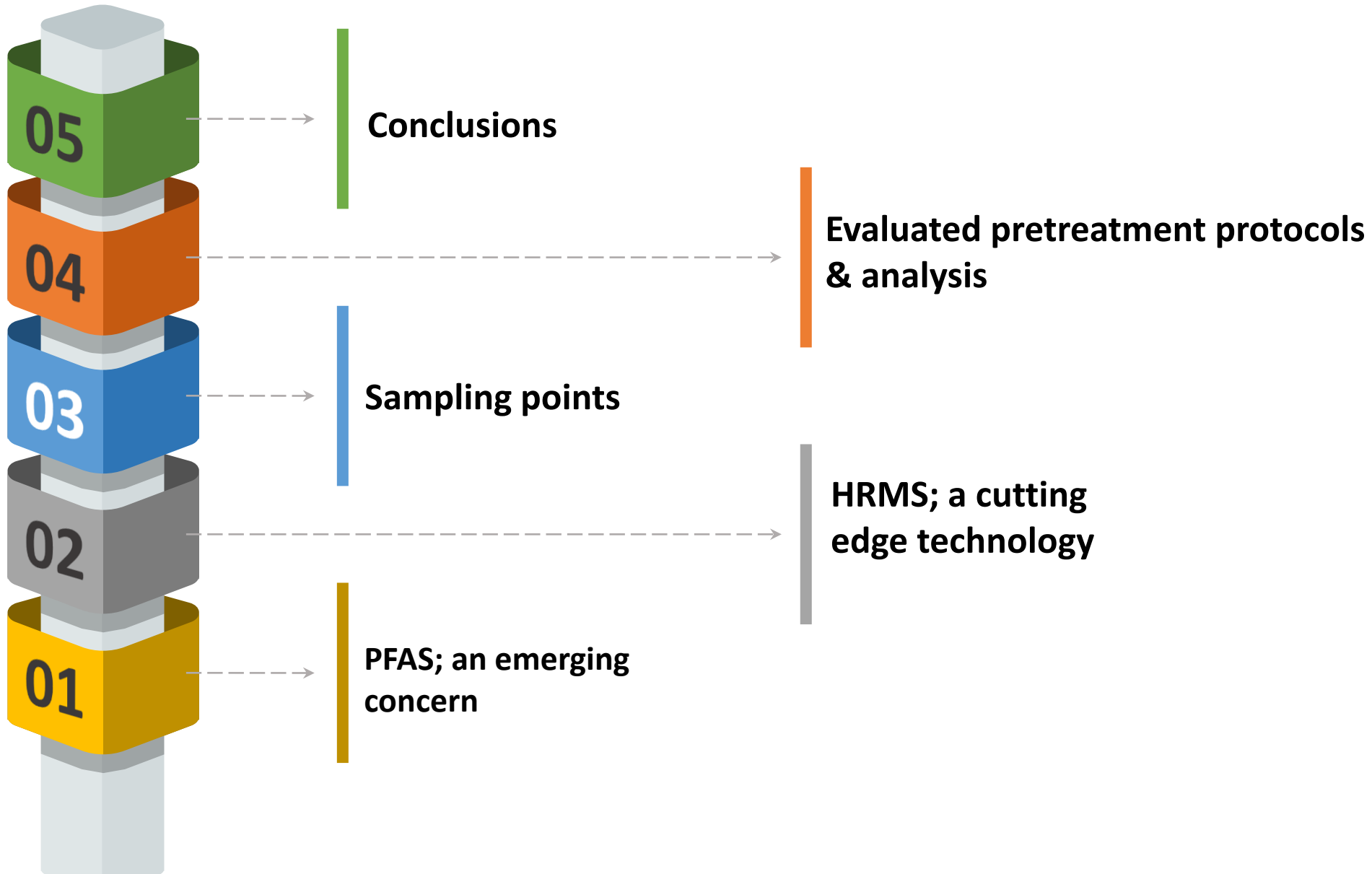
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4 different pretreatment protocols were evaluated in terms of recoveries

Only PFOA & PFDoA were quantified in low ng/g concentrations



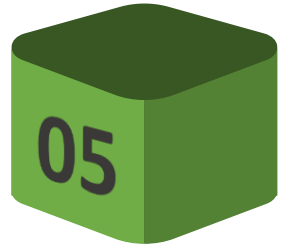
Development and implementation of a workflow for suspect PFAS

>10 short-chain PFAS were revealed





## Take home messages...



LOADING...

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Ongoing monitoring during the next years

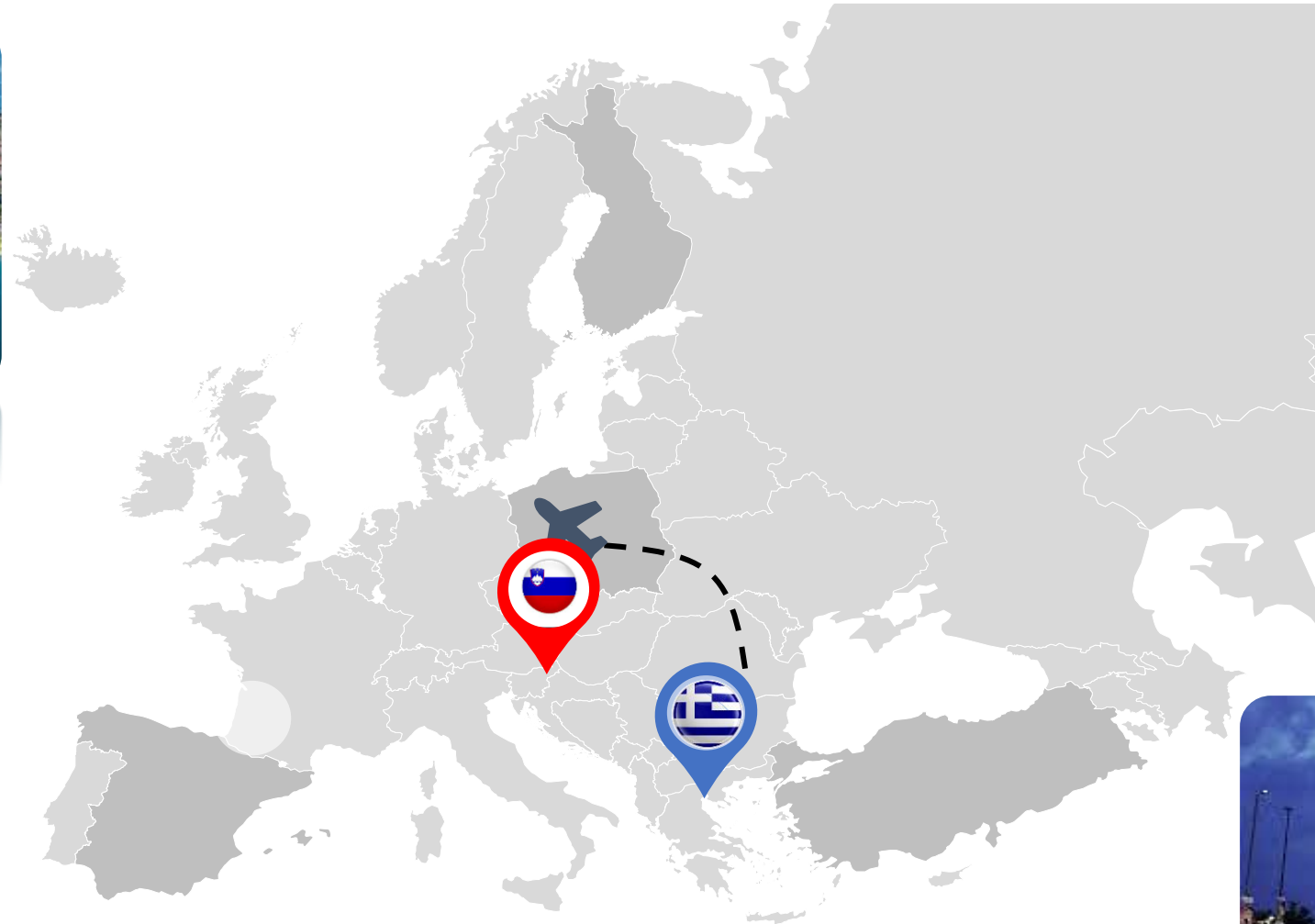
Further investigation of “suspects” and other non-target compounds to avert the possibility of “false positives”

An icon of a target board with an arrow hitting the bullseye.



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