

# Design and synthesis of a tetrapeptide for removal of lead from water



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## Drinking water contamination via lead pipe corrosion



Comparison of new (left), untreated (middle), and orthophosphate treated (right) lead pipes.

Scales from corroded pipes peel off when agitated, causing contamination. While the most notable instance of this is Flint, MI, this is impacting communities across the country.

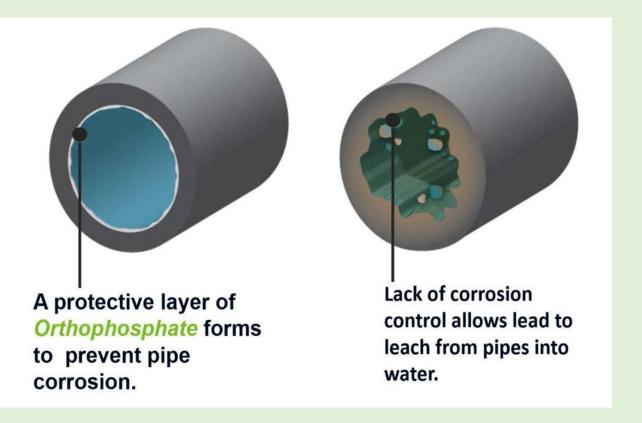
### Current lead removal methods and tradeoffs



Reverse osmosis filters



Pipe removal



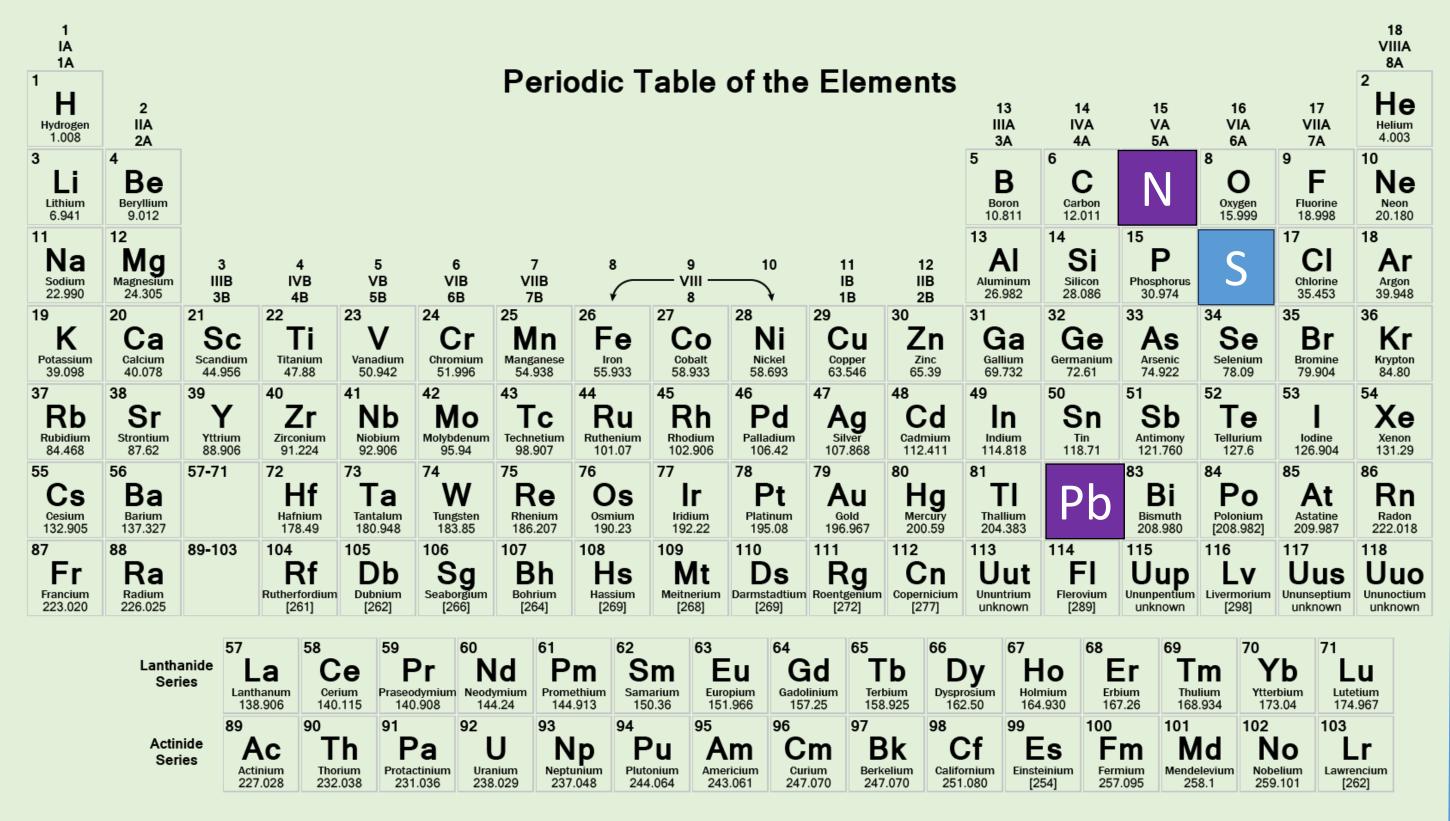
Orthophosphate coating



Pipe flushing

## Lead targeting peptide synthesis and studies

# Borderline acid Lead requires borderline and soft bases

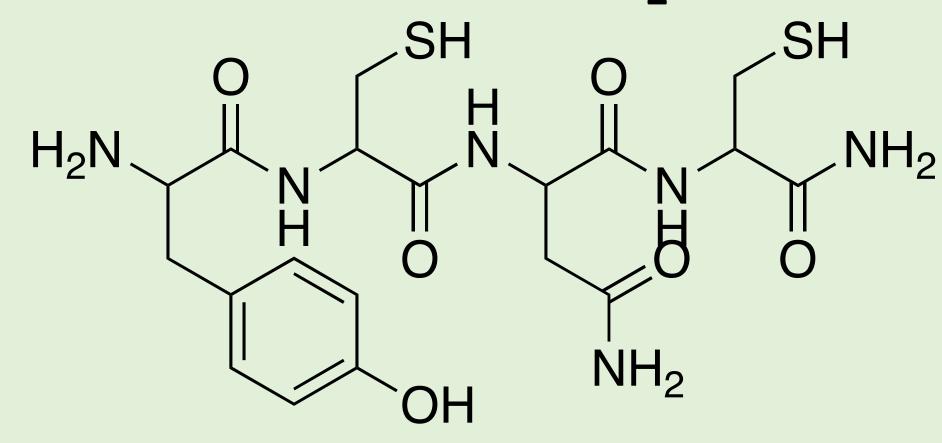


# Changing hardness of ligands affects metal selectivity

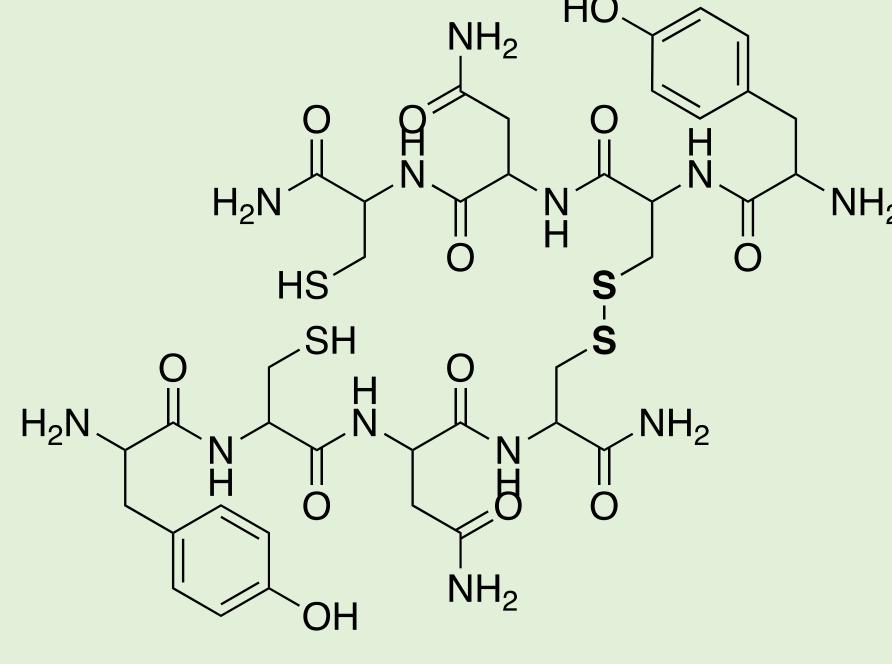
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# Enhancing soft-soft interactions with sequence YCNC-NH<sub>2</sub>

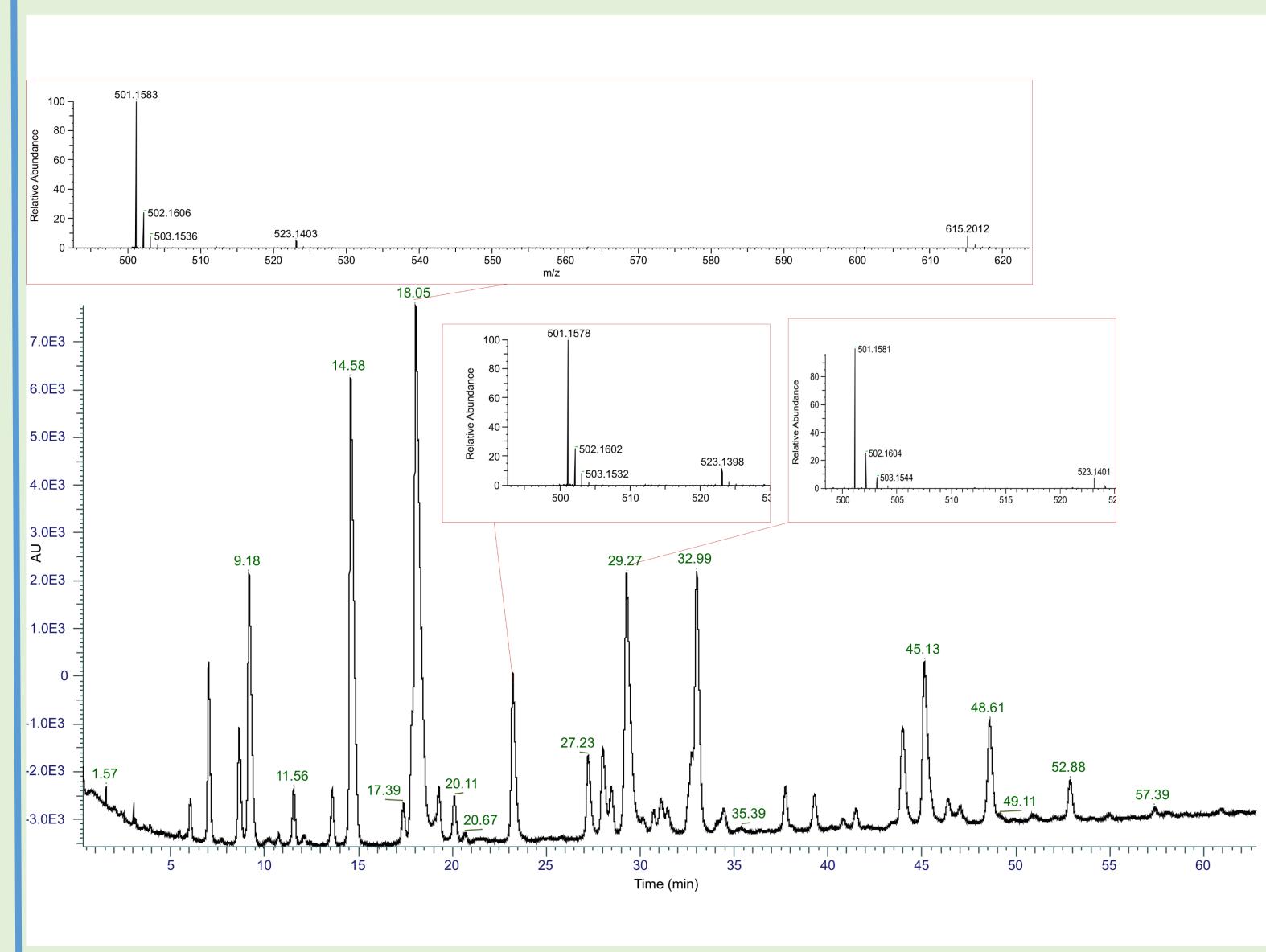


# Evidence of disulfide bonds between monomers discovered when prepared with TBTU



Reduction possible with TCEP, DTT or pretreatment with Reagent K

## Stereoisomers or acyl shift?



Multiple peaks of target m/z suggest multiple charge states, stereoisomers or salts

This issue is prevalent specifically when Cys containing peptides are treated with TFA or heat

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