

Sense and Nonsense in Sample Preparation

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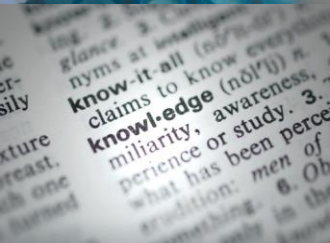
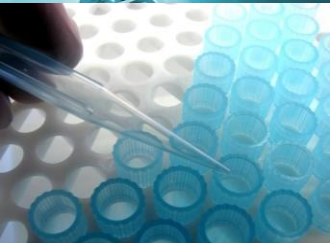
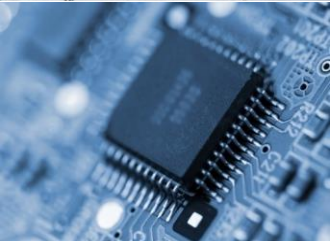
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This is NOT the way !



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Advances in Sample Preparation

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A silver pickup truck is parked on a dirt road, heavily loaded with a massive pile of scrap metal and bicycles. The pile is so high that it obscures the truck's bed and extends far beyond the back. In the background, there is a building with a blue sign that reads "JP" and "The best for CAR, TRUCK". The scene is set in a tropical area with palm trees and lush greenery.Research Institute
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21st Century



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Scopus Search 2014 – Sample preparation

The facts

- Title, keywords, abstract **7,292**
(ca. 80.000 pages $\approx$
320,000 A4 pages – 1,15)
- QuEChERS **284 (> 50% slightly modified!)**
- SBSE **68 (12 Adsorption)**



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Application of stir bar sorptive extraction in combination with column liquid chromatography for the determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in water samples

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Application of stir bar sorptive extraction to the determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in aqueous samples

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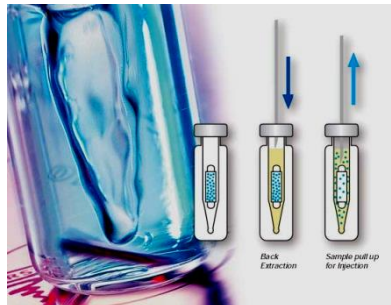
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Calibration data obtained for SBSE of 30 mL spiked water

Prof. Dr. P. Popp et al. (ISC, London, 2000)

Anal. Chem. Acta 436, 2001, 1.



	R	LOD (ng/L)	Linear Range (ng/L)
Naphthalene	0.992	0.5	0.5 – 200
Acenaphthene	0.995	0.5	0.5 – 200
Fluorene	0.999	0.5	0.5 – 200
Phenanthrene	0.998	0.4	0.4 – 200
Anthracene	0.999	0.3	0.3 – 200
Fluoranthene	0.999	0.3	0.3 – 200
Pyrene	1.000	0.6	0.6 – 200
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.999	0.6	0.6 – 200
Chrysene	1.000	0.2	0.2 – 200
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.998	0.5	0.5 – 200
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.999	0.2	0.2 – 200
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.997	0.5	0.5 – 200
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	0.997	0.8	0.8 – 200
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	0.995	2.0	2.0 – 200
Indeno(1,2,3)pyrene	0.992	0.5	5.0 – 200



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- **Sampling**
- **Sample preparation**
- **Chromatographic analysis**
 - Capillary Gas Chromatography**
 - Liquid Chromatography**
- **Detection**
 - Selective detectors
 - Mass Spectrometers**
- **Data handling & Reporting**



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LC and GC - Mass Spectrometry

General

- Single quad MS:
for identification of unknowns
and quantitation of targets
- QQQ :
for sensitive, precise and accurate
target quantification
- QTOF:
for sensitive identifications of unknowns
untargeted analysis



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Generic Pesticides LC/MS-MS method

1200 LC parameters

Column
Column temperature
Injection volume
Autosampler temp
Needle wash
Mobile phase

Eclipse Plus-C18, 2.1 x 100mm, 1.8 μ m

35 °C

5.0 μ L

6 °C

flushport (MeOH:H₂O 75:25), 5 secs

A = 0.01% formic acid in water

B = 5 mM ammonium formate 0.01% formic acid in 95:5 acetonitrile:water

Flow rate

0.3 mL/min

Gradient

0 min 6% B

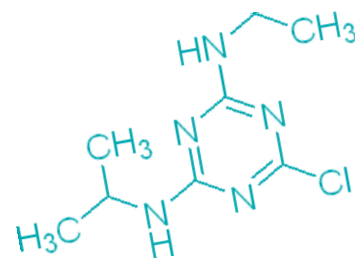
15 min 95% B

20 min 6% B

Stop time

1 min

Post time



Jet stream conditions

Drying gas temperature
Drying gas flow (nitrogen)
Nebulizer gas pressure (nitrogen)
Capillary voltage
Sheath gas temperature
Sheath gas flow
Nozzle voltage

275 °C

6 L/min

35 psig

4000 V

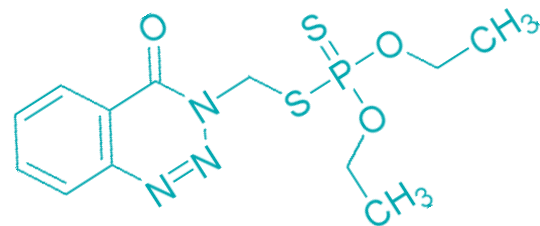
325 °C

12 L/min

Off

6460A QQQ settings

Unit
peak width = 0.03 min
up to 4000
373 ms
400 V



MS1 and MS2 resolution
Time Filtering
Dynamic MRM transitions
Constant cycle time
Delta EMV

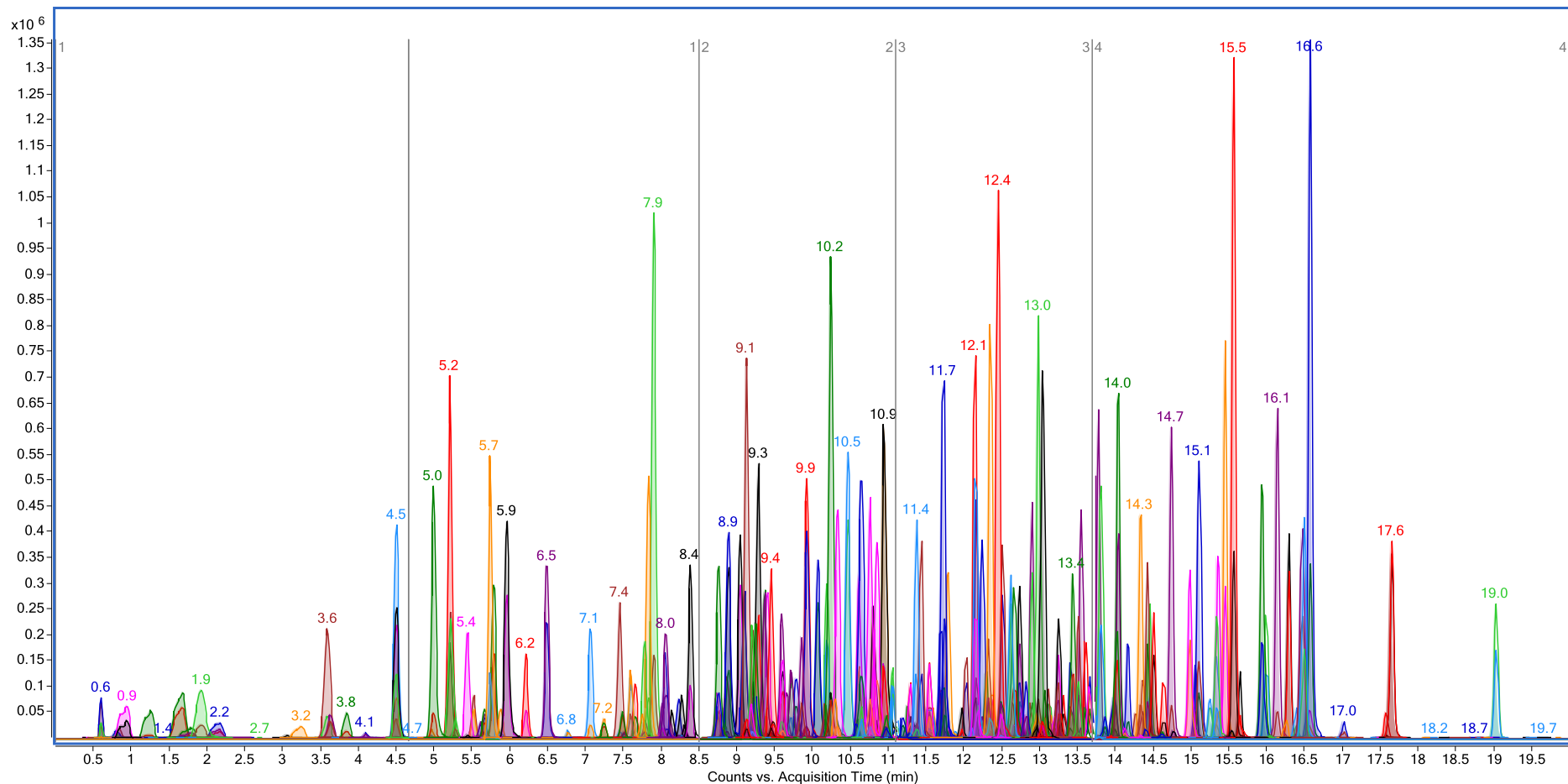


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Dynamic MRM of 300 Pesticides

2 Transitions Each

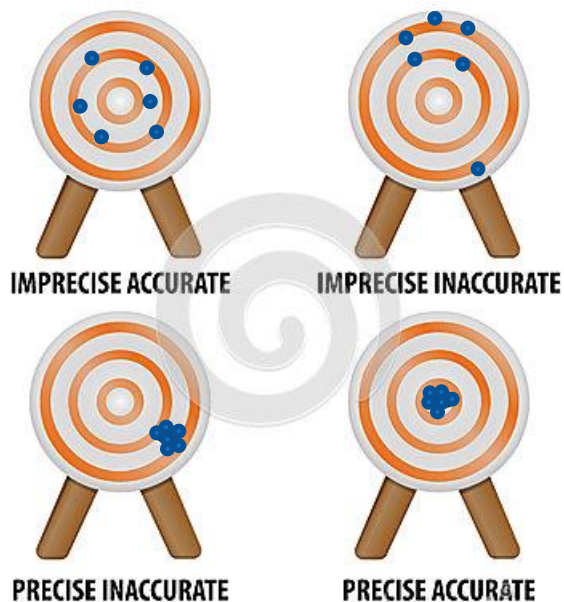


Run with 1200-SL LC 2.1 x 100 C18 Eclipse PLUS 1.8 μ



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Sampling and Sample Preparation:

“ the Keys “

to Meaningful Analytical Data



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Sense-Nonsense in Sample Preparation

- Miniturization versus representative sample
for a MRL of 10 µg/kg and considering the sensitivity of contemporary MS (10 pg) – 1 mg sample is required – TD?
- EU SANCO directives (96/23/EC)
Performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results
- Robustness (repeatability and reproducibility)
- Conflicting interests of academia – suppliers – industry
- ✓ Is commercialization of the procedure – device realistic?



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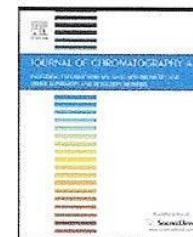
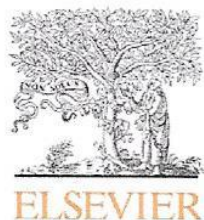
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A new validated analytical method for the determination of tributyltin in water samples at the quantification level set by the European Union

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ABSTRACT

According to recent directives of the European Union (EU), limits of quantification (LOQ) for the determination of tributyltin (TBT) in surface waters should be ca. 60 pg/L (ppq). This put very stringent requirements on analytical methodologies; definitely when they have to be applied in a routine environment. Stir bar sorptive extraction (SBSE), followed by thermal desorption (TD) and capillary gas chromatography–triple quadrupole mass spectrometry (GC–MS/MS) can provide accurate and precise data at the 2 ng/L level (ppt). For lower concentrations, matrix and reagent interferences together with contamination may provide too high TBT values. A two-dimensional heart-cut GC method was developed to fractionate TBT from interferences. The GC–GC–MS/MS method shows excellent linearity in the range 50 pg/L–4 ng/L, good repeatability (RSD < 20% at 200 pg/L), and a limit of detection of 11 pg/L. The method performance is demonstrated with representative samples i.e. harbor water and waste water samples.

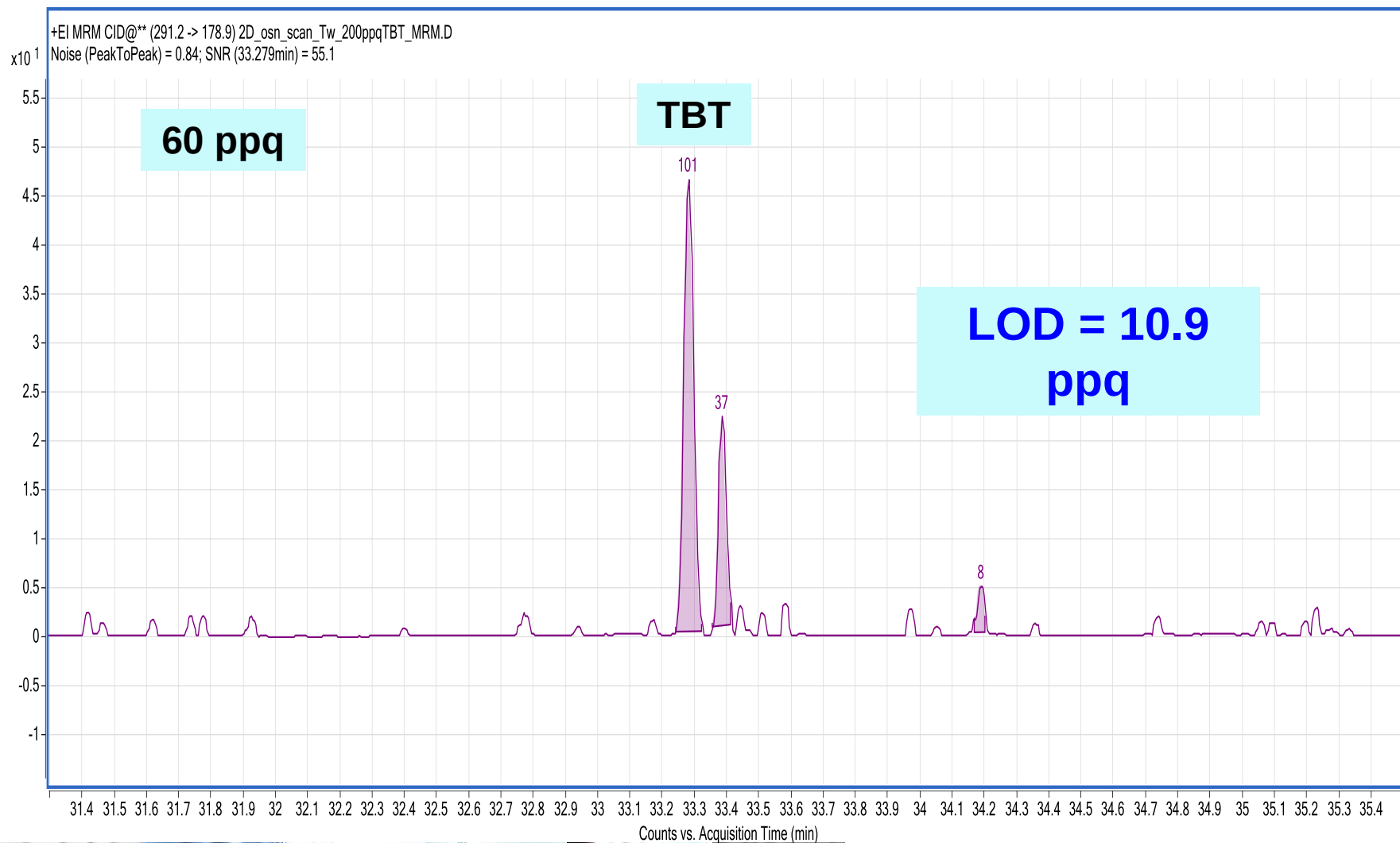
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TBT with SBSE - TDU – GC-GC – QQQ (MRM)



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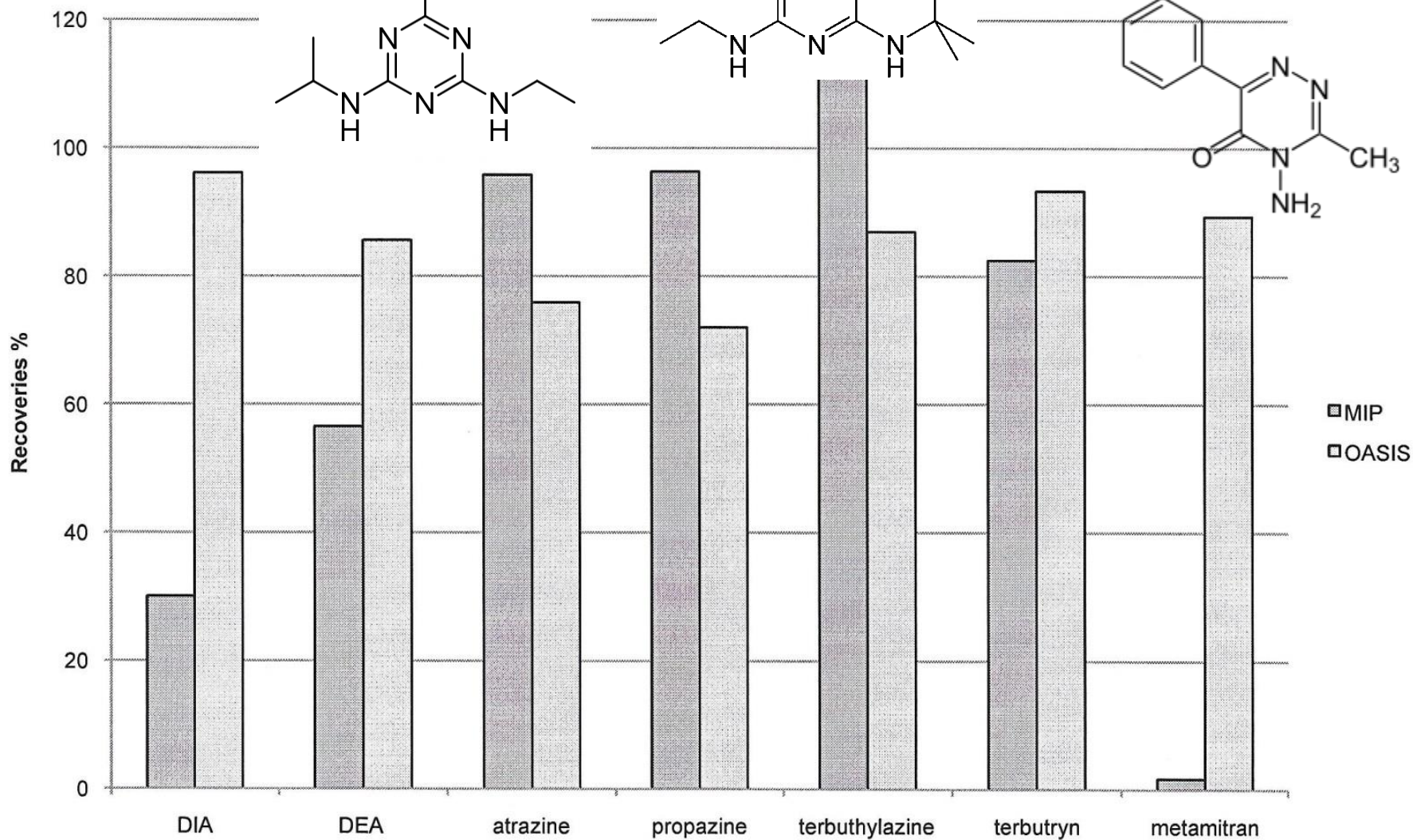


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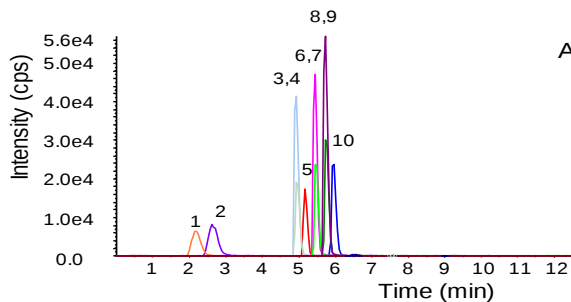
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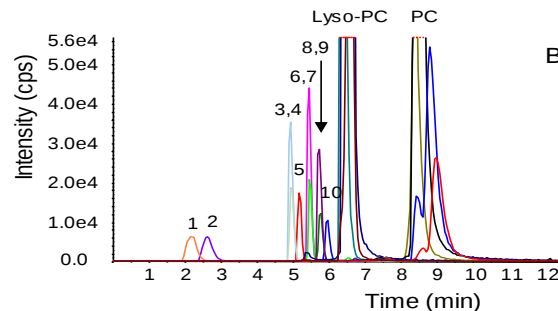
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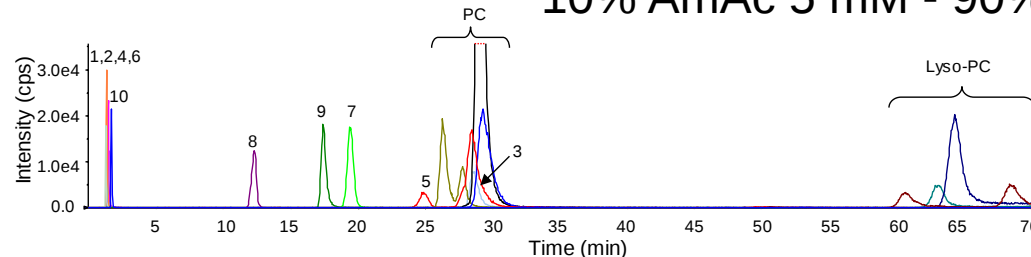
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Developing SPE for biological fluids

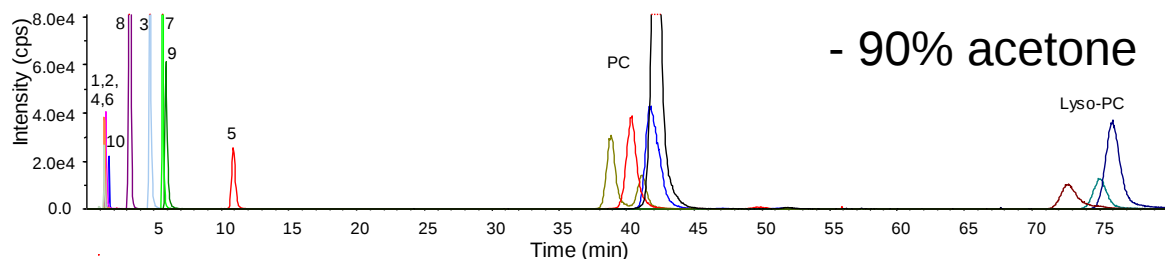
10% AmAc 5 mM - 90% ACN



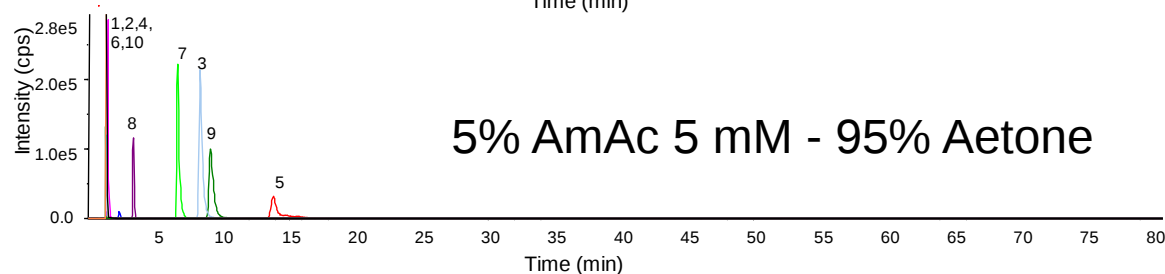
B



A



B



C

5% AmAc 5 mM - 95% Aetone

SPE based on HILIC with acetone as eluent for eliminating matrix effects in the analysis of biological fluids by LC-MS

T. Van Damme, M. Lachová, F. Lynen, R. Szucs, P. Sandra

Anal Bioanal Chem 2014, 406, 401-407 - DOI 10.1007/s00216-013-7281-7



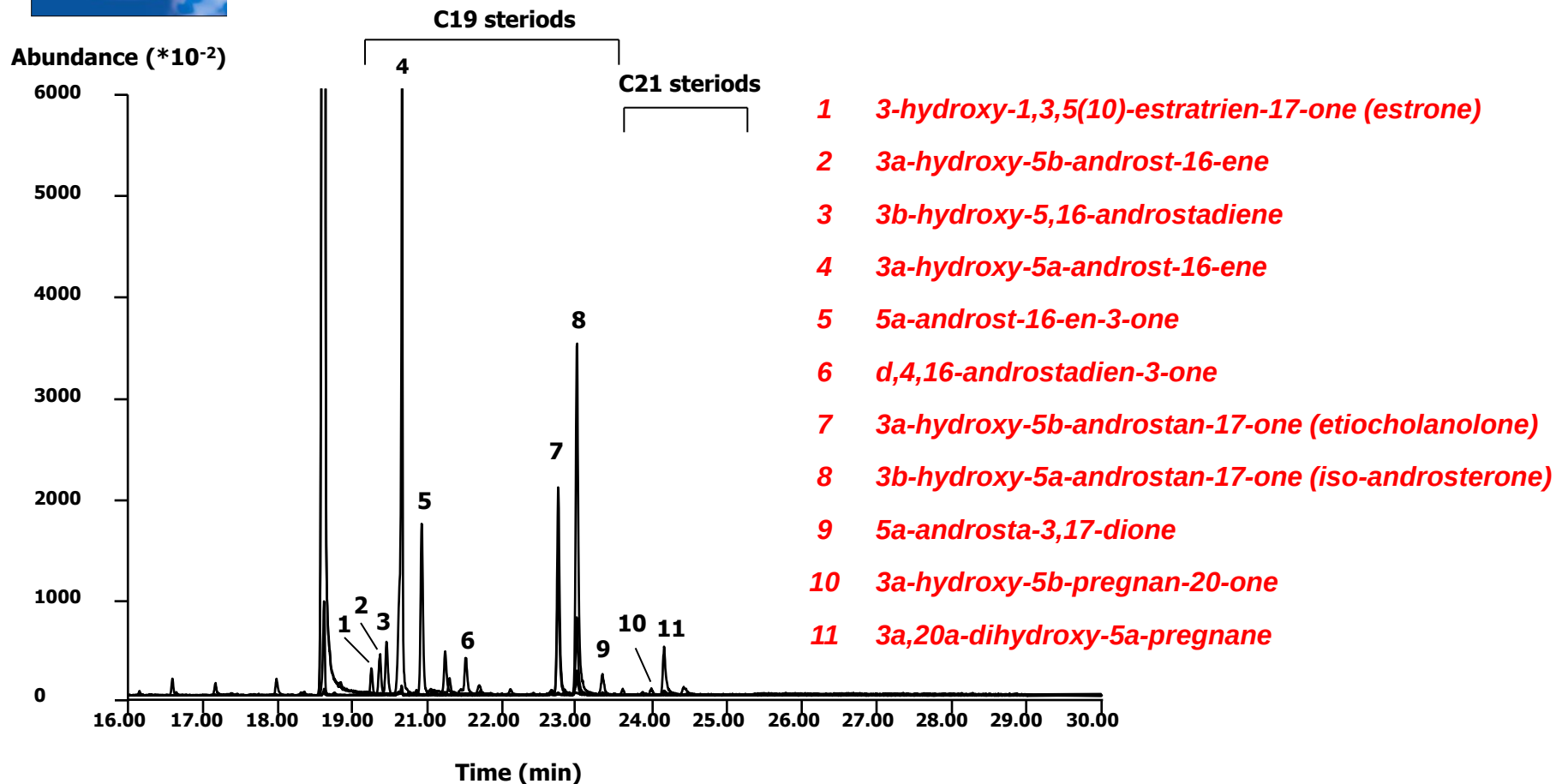
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Free steroids in urine of a male adult

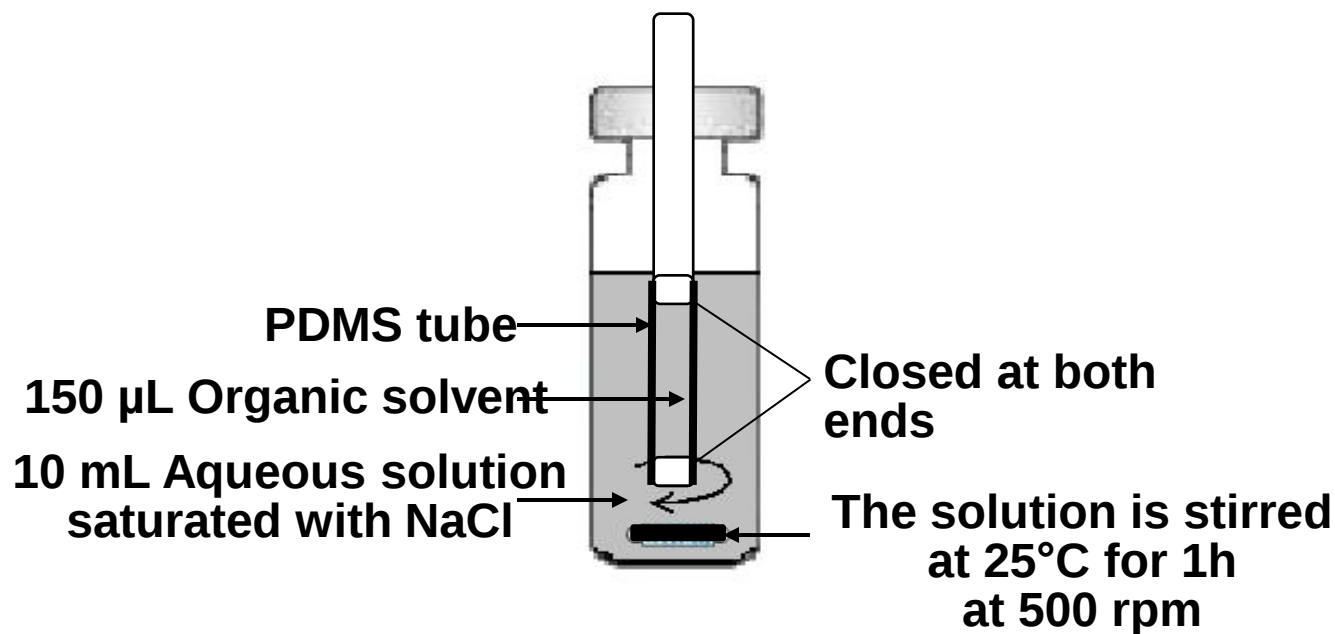
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Silicone membrane sorptive extraction (SMSE)



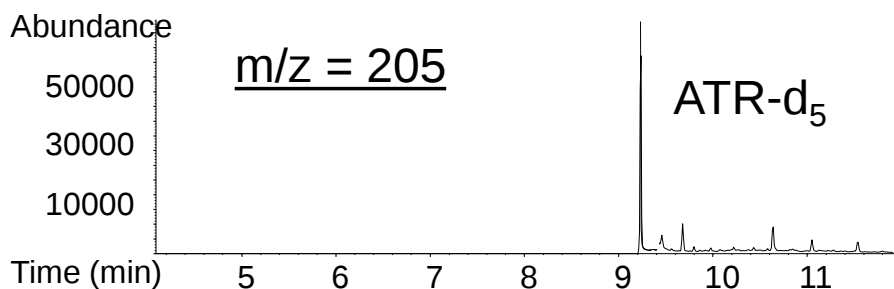
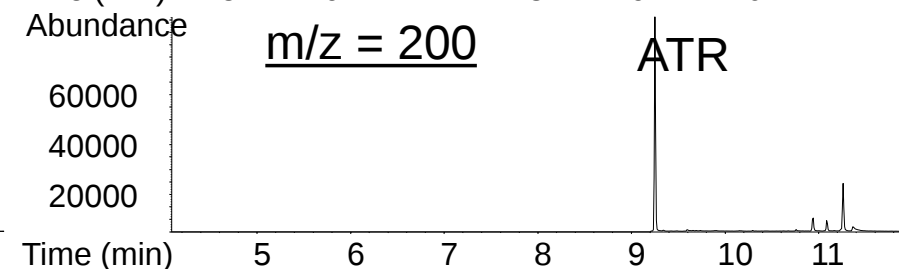
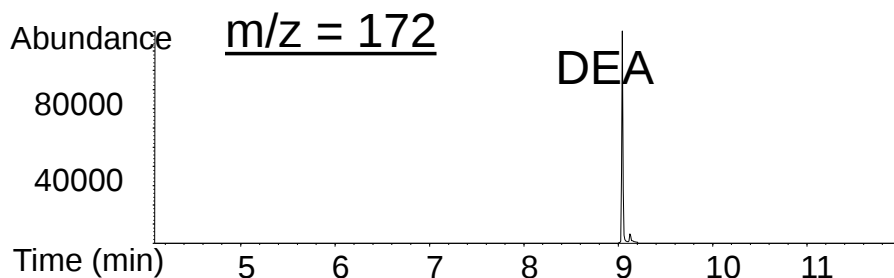
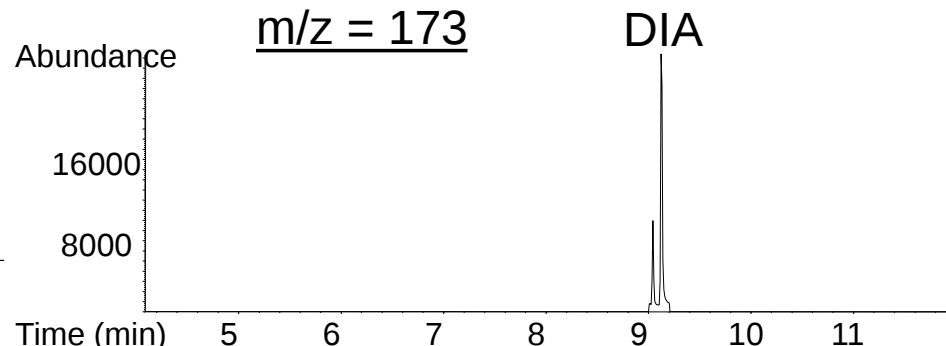
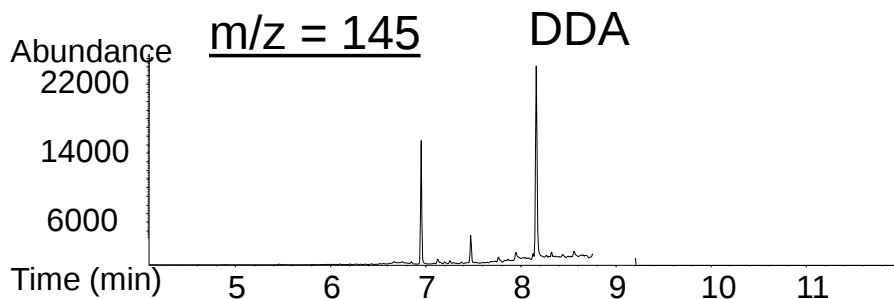
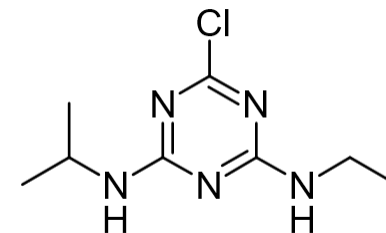
- First, the compounds are absorbed in the PDMS layer
- Very polar analytes move to the organic solvent
- Organic solvent is reduced in volume (time controlled)
- After extraction: Analysis of organic solvent by GC-MS or LC-MS



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Metabolites of atrazine



	LOD (ng/L)
ATR	0.47
DEA	1.98
DIA	1.25
DDA	6.07



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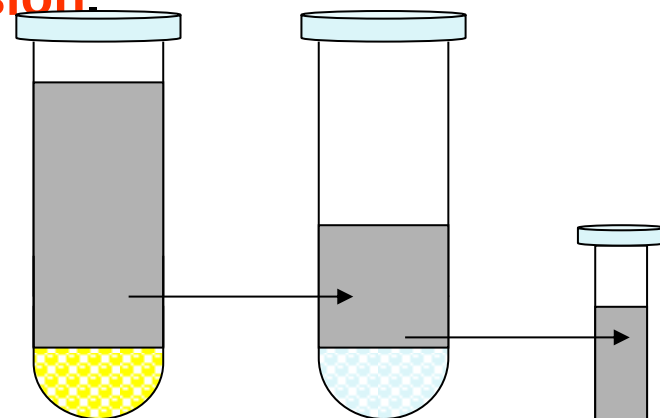
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RIC Method - QuEChERS avant al lettre

Dioxine crisis 1999 - published 2000

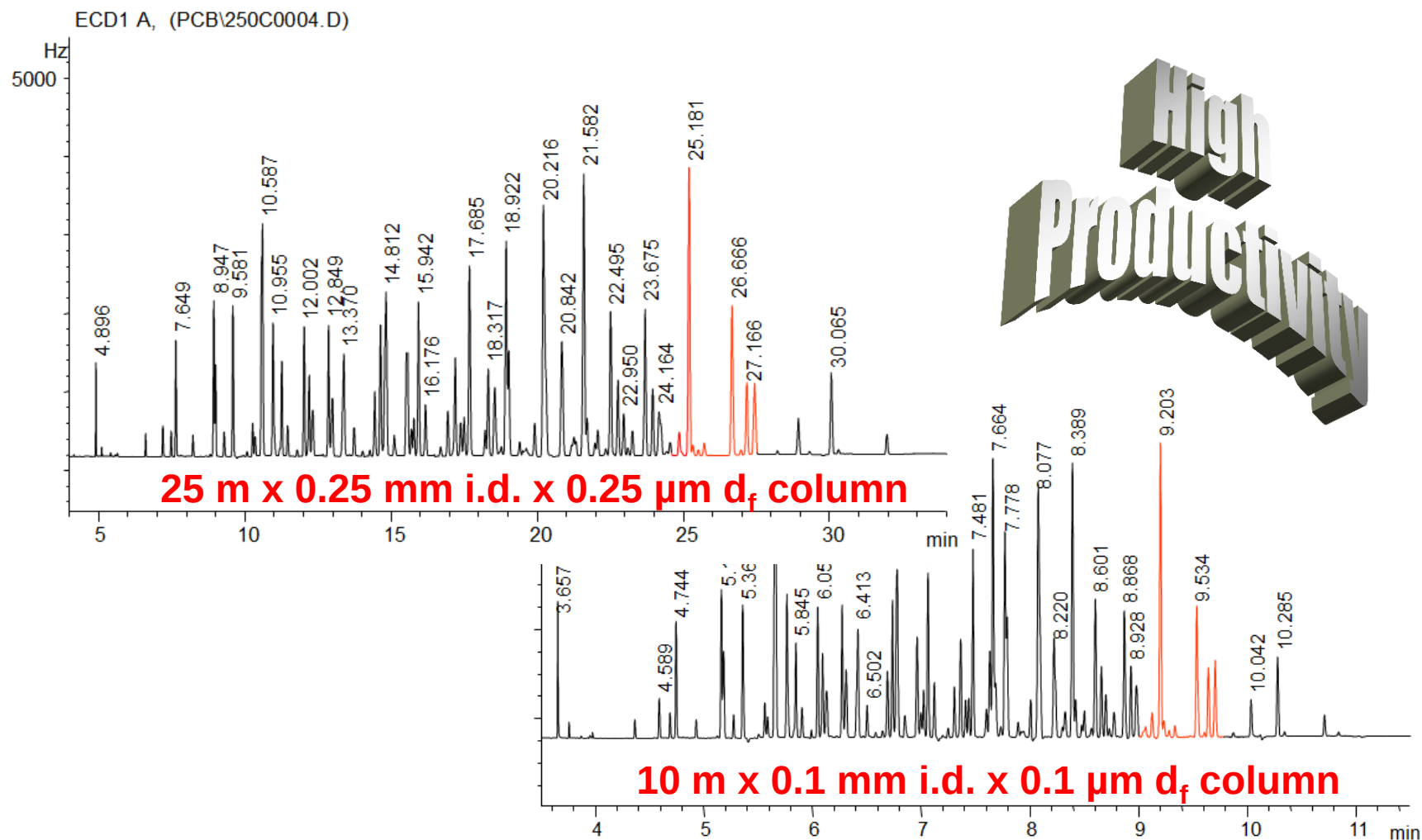
- 1-3 g sample size = 200-400 mg fat.
- Add 10 mL cyclohexane (+ IS).
- **Ultrasonic extraction** (30 min).
- Transfer aliquot to test tube
- Clean-up by **Matrix Solid Phase Dispersion**.
Add 2 g modified silica.
(44 g H₂SO₄ on 56 g activated silica)
- Vortex and centrifuge.
- Analyse clear supernatant.



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1999 Belgian dioxin crisis – EPC/MTS



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Dynamic
Headspace
DHS



TDU Thermal desorption
and PYROlysis



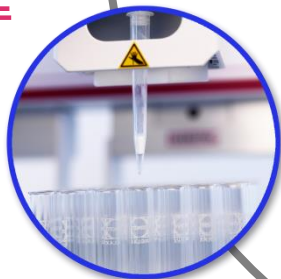
Solid Phase
Extraction
SPE



ATEX Thermal
Extraction in
 μ Vials



Disposable Pipette
Extraction
DPX



SPME & Multi-
Fiber EXchange
MFEX



Static Headspace (HS)



ALEX Automated
Liner EXchange



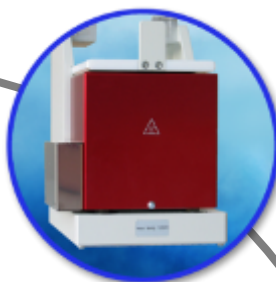
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Evaporative
Concentration
mVAP



Extraction (LD-Twisters)
Derivatization
Addition of Standards



Solid Phase
Extraction SPE
& Filtration



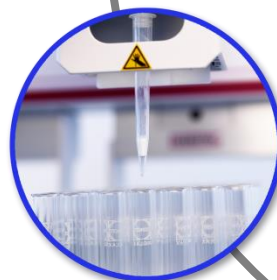
Centrifuge



Cold storage
of samples



Disposable Pipette
Extraction DPX



Weighing
Option



mVORX
Vortex

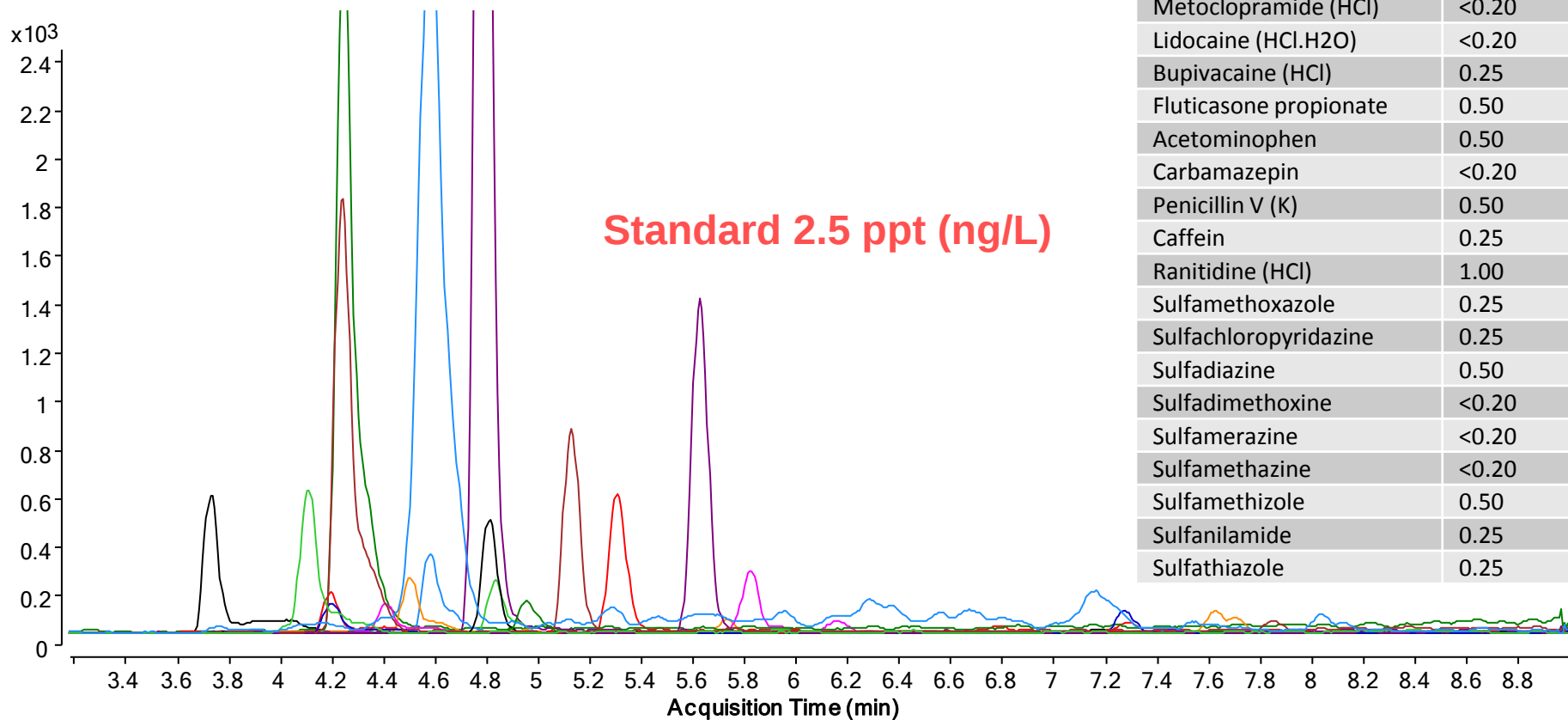


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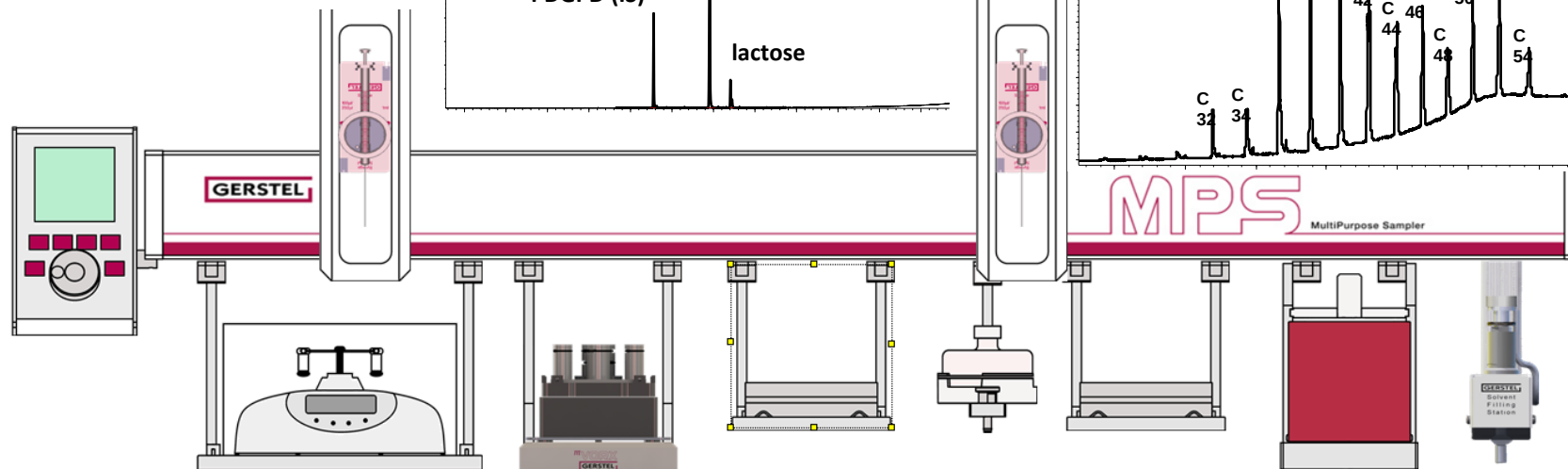
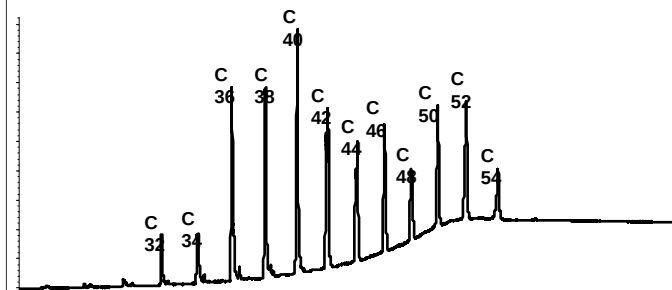
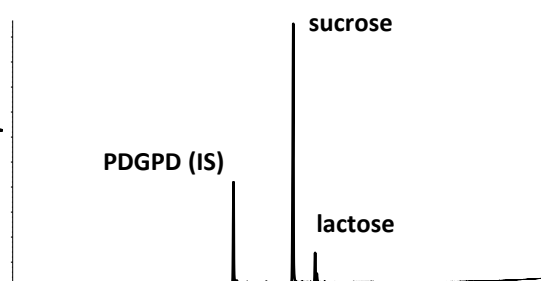
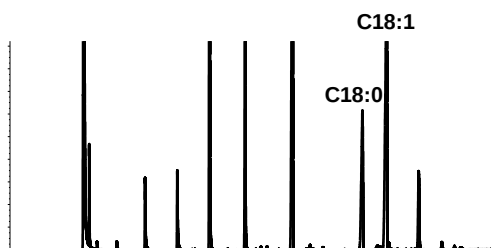
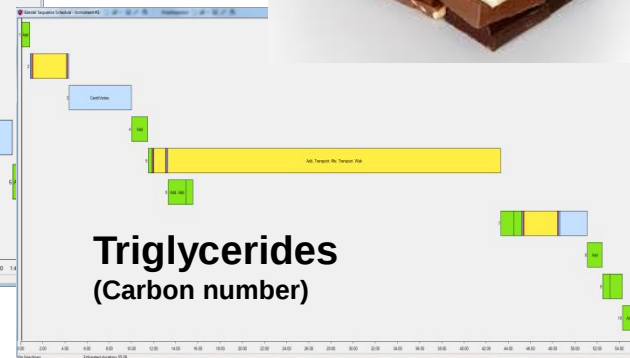
On-line PPCPs - Sensitivity

- 23 compounds, 46 transitions (Only Q is shown)
- 1.5 mL SPE

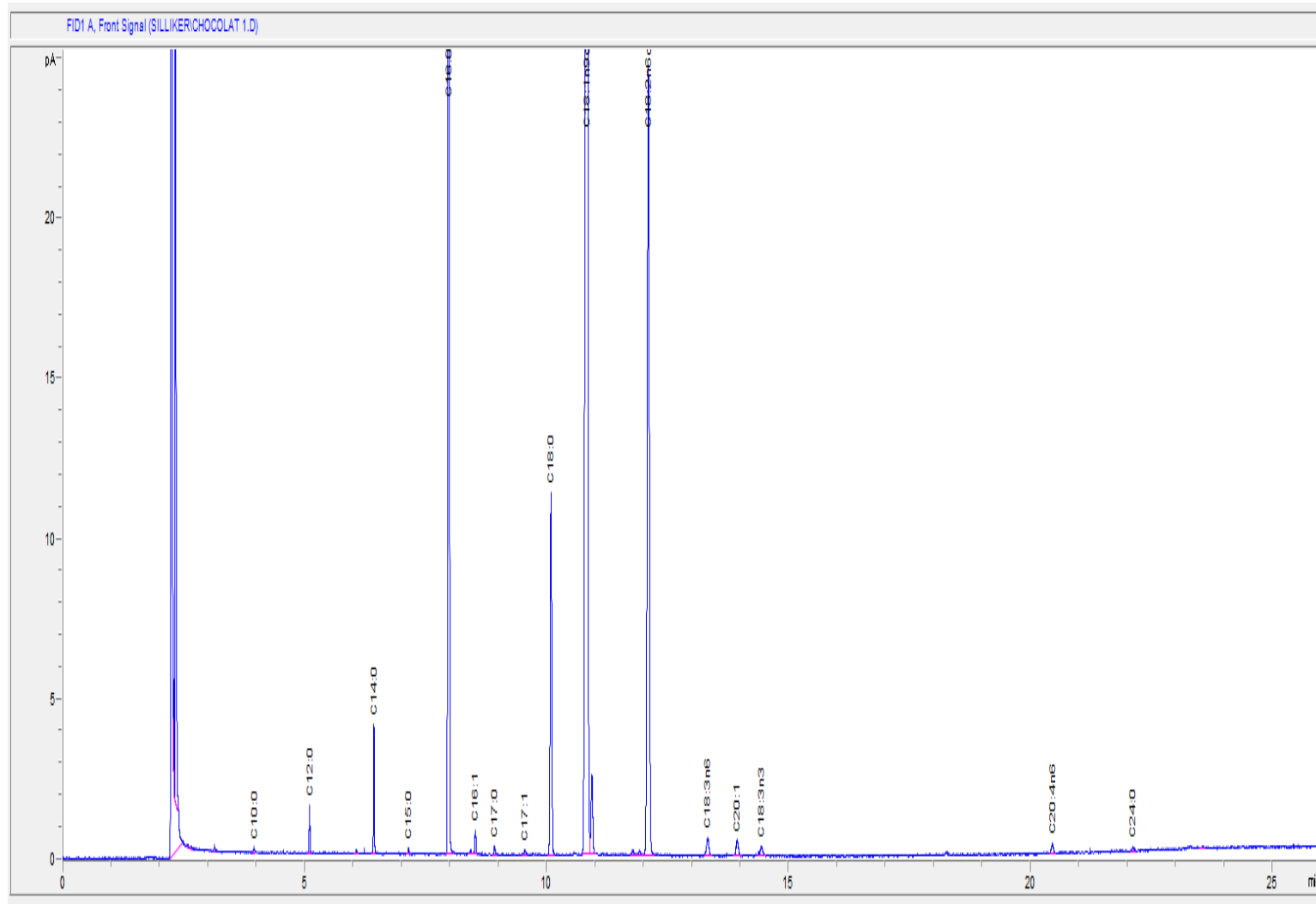


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Fully automated method: Chocolate



Name	Area %
C10:0	0.03%
C12:0	0.29%
C14:0	0.80%
C15:0	0.04%
C16:0	28.00%
C16:1	0.22%
C17:0	0.08%
C17:1	0.05%
C18:0	4.18%
C18:1n9c	53.19%
C18:2n6c	12.15%
C18:3n6	0.31%
C20:1	0.26%
C18:3n3	0.18%
C20:4n6	0.15%
C24:0	0.06%



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Thank you for your attention and ...



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