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Rapid methods for Organic pollutants

ORGANIC POLLUTANTS cluster (WP1a-c)

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WP1a - POPs

Persistent Organic Pollutants

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Tasks

T.1a.1 Sourcing and preparing of test matrices (fish, feeds and cereal-based food) with known content of target POPs (dioxin-like PCBs, BFRs, PAHs) (Nutreco, VSCHT)

T.1a.2 Development of a GC×GC/TOFMS comprehensive screening tool (VSCHT)

T.1a.3 Development of a simplified sample preparation strategy and delivery of extracts of test materials to the comprehensive profiling and flow cytometry based multiplex screening platforms (VSCHT, RIKILT)

T.1a.4 Development of flow cytometry TP-based inhibition assay in buffer for hydroxylated PBDEs, -dioxin-like PCBs and PAHs (RIKILT)

T.1a.5 Development of inhibition assay in buffer for parent PAHs (BaP and other selected PAHs) (RIKILT)

T.1a.6 Development of magnetic beads-based pre-concentration assay (RIKILT)



Organic pollutants cluster: WP1a-POPs

Analytes

- **Dioxin-like PCBs**
- **Brominated flame retardants (BFRs)**

Matrices

- Fish, fish feed

Justification

- Matrices representing the most important dietary source of these contaminants

Analytes

- **Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)**

Matrices

- Cereal-based food

Justification

- Matrix representing a key commodity for production for vulnerable groups (infants, young children)



Target performance characteristics

➔ LODs

- **BFRs:** ≤ 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ (wet fish tissue)
- **Dioxin-like PCBs:** 1 ng WHO-PCB-TEQ/kg (fish tissue)
1 ng WHO-PCB-TEQ/kg (feed)
- **B[a]P:** ≤ 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ (cereal based food)
1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ (fish)

➔ Maximum false positive rate

50%

➔ Maximum false negative rate

5%

➔ Desired repeatability

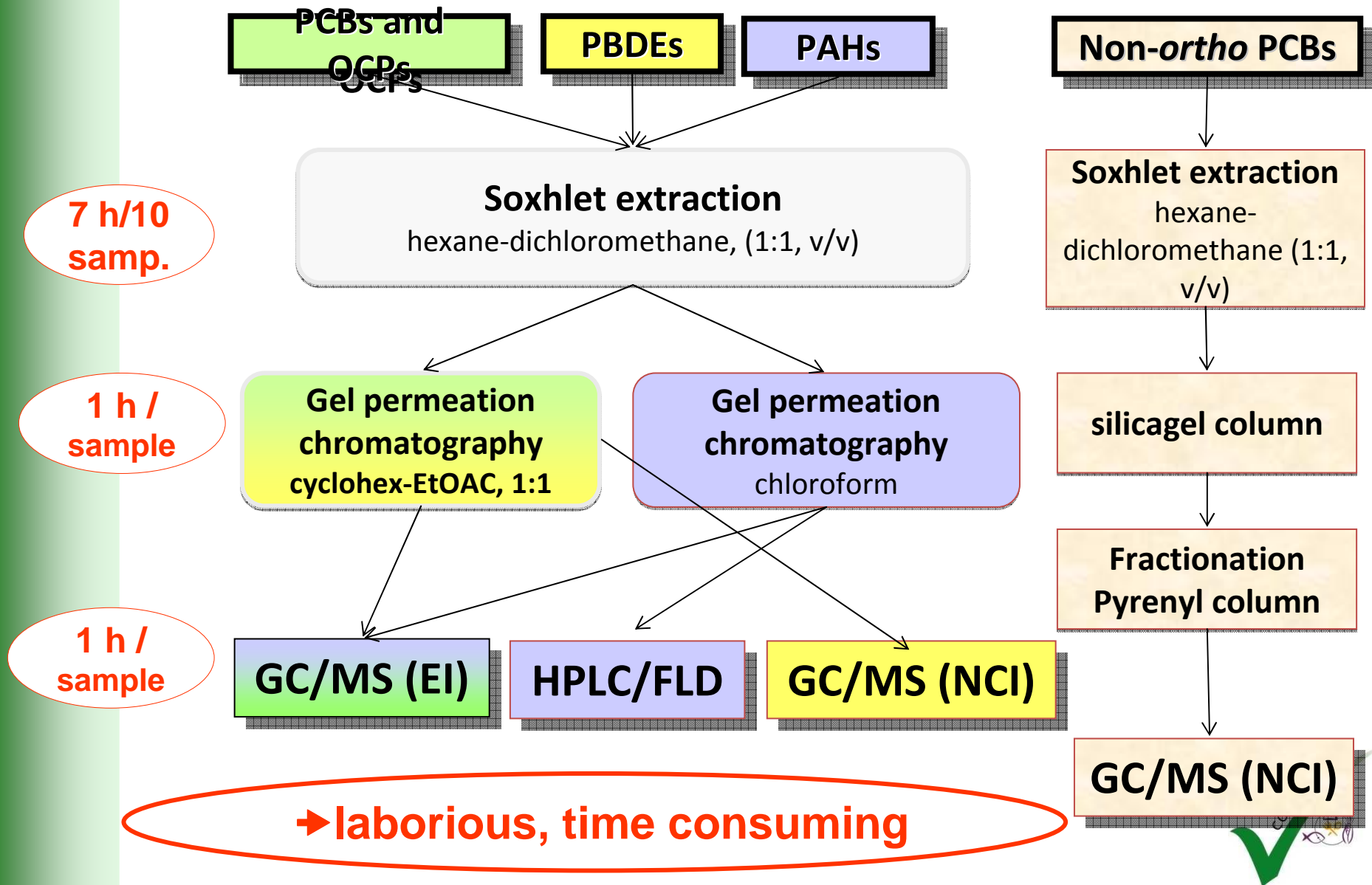
$\pm 15\%$



**Several POP groups
in a single run?**



FISH: „conventional“ sample preparation methods for POPs groups



FISH: New, rapid sample prep method for halogenated POPs using PLE

PCBs & OCPs

PBDEs

Non-ortho
PCBs

25
min

**Pressurized liquid
extraction**

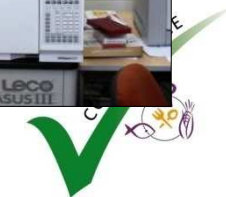
hexan-dichloromethan
(Na₂SO₄, silicagel - fat
retainer)



35
min



**HRGC-TOFMS (EI) or
GC×GC-TOFMS (EI)**



PLE extraction

➤ Dioxin-like PCBs

- non-*ortho* congeners #77, 81, 126, 169
- mono-*ortho* congeners #105, 114, 118, 123, 156, 157, 167, 189
- **86 – 110%, RSD max. 12%**

➤ Brominated flame retardants

- Polybrominated diphenylethers: congeners #28, 47, 99, 100, 153, 154, 183
- Hexabromocyclododecane
- Polybrominated biphenyl: congener # 153
- **80 – 90%, RSD max 12%**

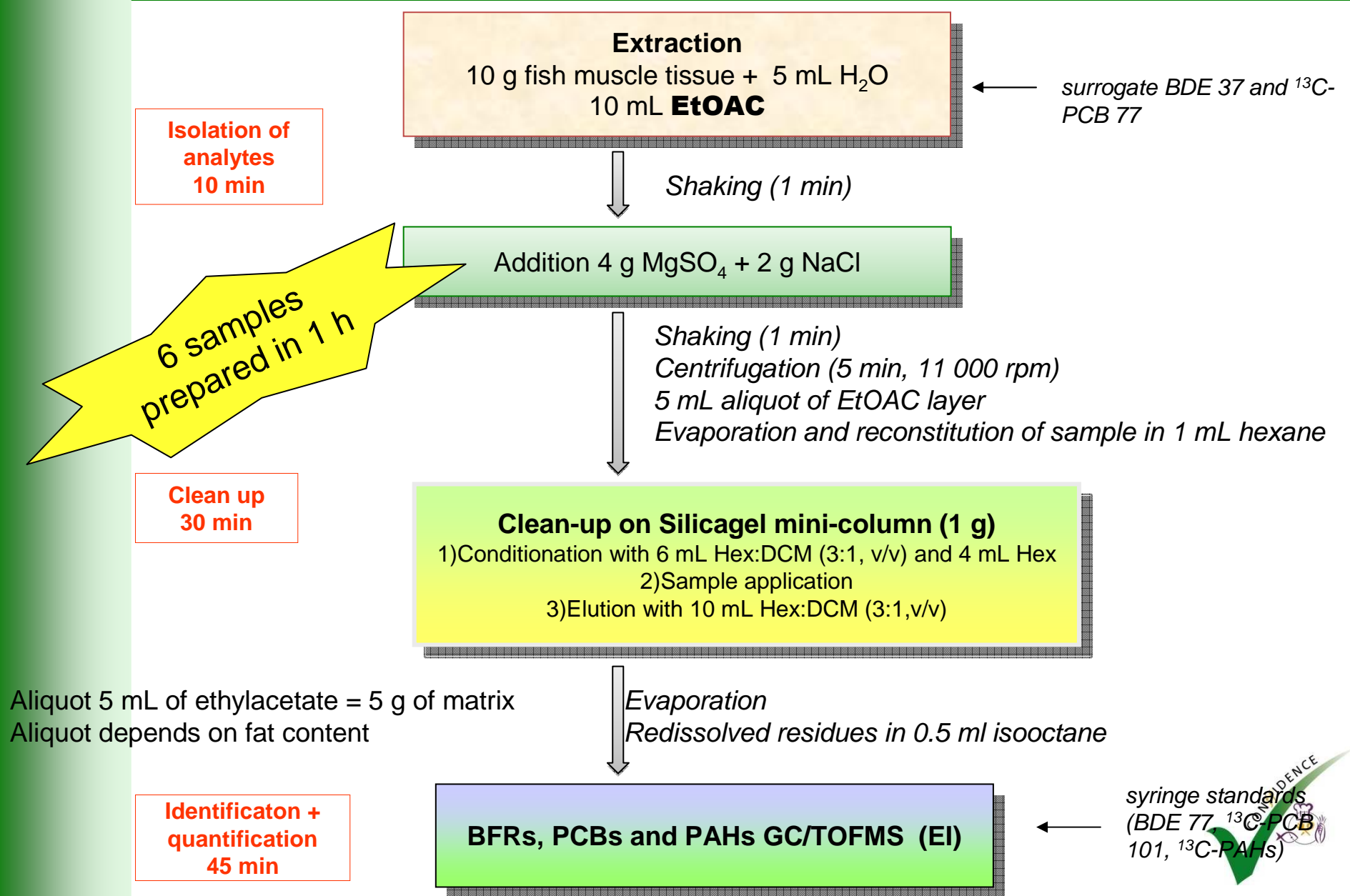
➤ Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

- benzo(a)pyrene, benz(a)anthracene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(j)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(g,h,i)perylene, chrysene, cyclopenta(c,d)pyrene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene, dibenzo(a,e)pyrene, dibenzo(a,h)-pyrene, dibenzo(a,i)pyrene, dibenzo(a,l)pyrene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene and 5-methylchrysene, Benzo(c)fluorene

■ **55 – 75 %, RSD up to 28 % -** ☹️



FISH: new, rapid sample prep for all analytes





FISH: Performance characteristics

Analytes		Level 1		Level 2	
		Rec [%]	RSD [%]	Rec [%]	RSD [%]
Mono-ortho PCBs	PCB 105	113	9	108	11
	PCB 114	99	18	100	6
	PCB 118	95	9	87	13
	PCB 123	85	14	79	7
	PCB 156	96	9	77	11
	PCB 157	91	8	95	9
	PCB 167	75	10	76	10
	PCB 189	106	16	93	15
	Major PCBs	PCB 138	82	8	78
PCB 153		96	5	74	10
PCB 180		84	11	77	8
Non-ortho PCBs	PCB 77	88	7	87	6
	PCB 81	91	4	84	5
	PCB 126	77	5	74	11
	PCB 169	105	10	101	11
PBDEs	PBDE 28	82	8	87	7
	PBDE47	86	9	93	7
	PBDE 99	97	7	95	5
	PBDE 100	98	8	107	6
	PBDE 153	95	7	95	6
	PBDE 154	95	8	94	5
PBDE 183	93	6	94	7	
HBCD	all isomers	89	12	85	10
PBB	PBB 153	85	9	82	14

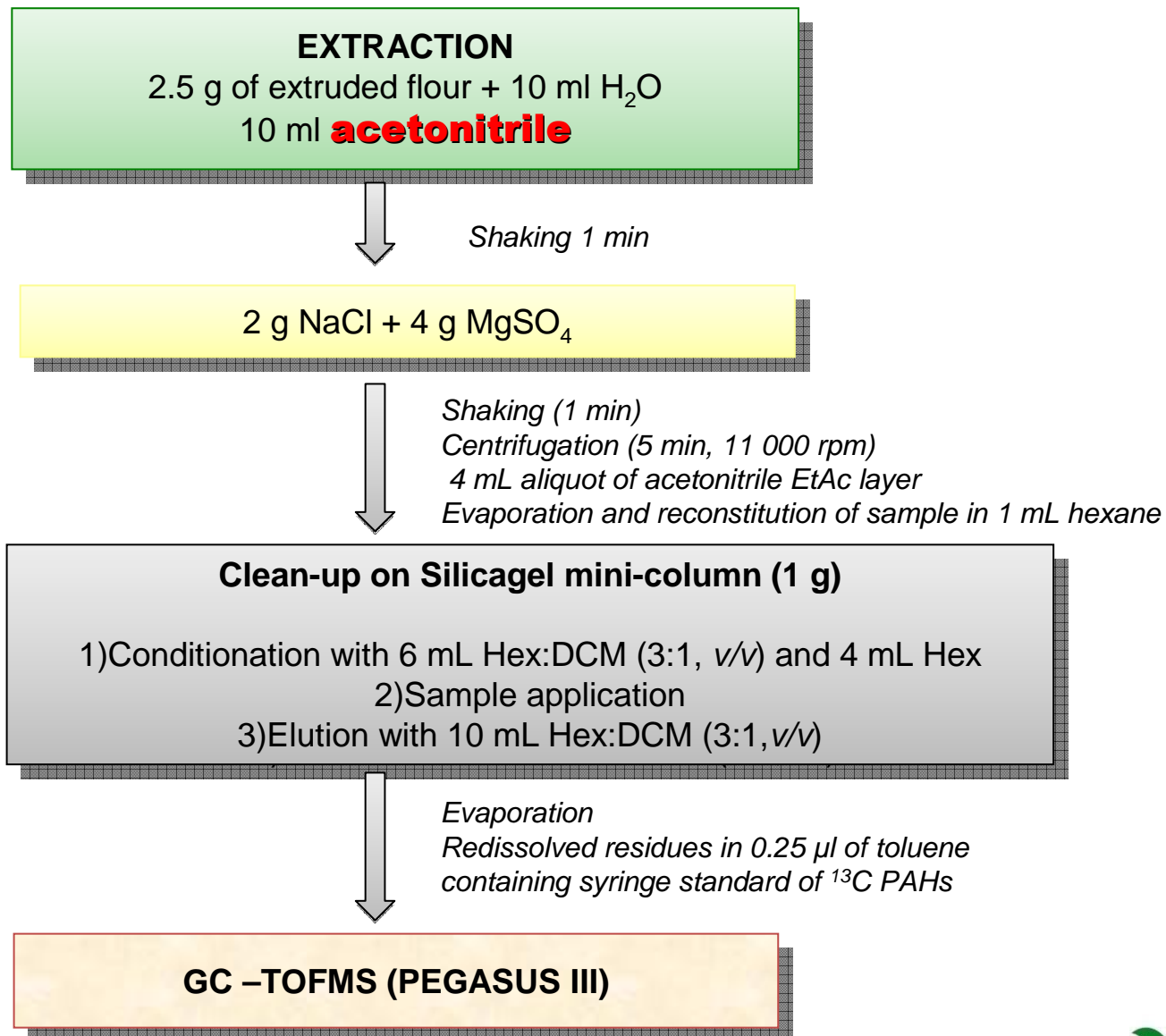
Analytes		Level 1		Level 2	
		Rec [%]	RSD [%]	Rec [%]	RSD [%]
EU PAHs	B[a]A	82	2	86	6
	B[a]P	97	6	96	4
	B[b]F	84	4	86	7
	B[c]Fln	76	6	85	2
	B[j]Fln	85	4	82	4
	B[k]Fln	85	5	90	4
	B[ghi]P	96	6	94	4
	Chr	89	6	91	6
	CP[cd]P	83	7	89	5
	DB[ah]A	94	6	95	5
	DB[ae]P	85	3	86	2
	DB[ah]P	83	3	86	3
	DB[ai]P	83	4	85	6
	DB[al]P	90	9	92	6
	I[cd]P	95	4	91	6
	5MeChr	79	6	78	6



Oncorhynchus mykiss



CEREAL BASED BABY FOOD: New rapid sample prep procedure for PAHs



Aliquote 4 ml of acetonitrile = 1 g of matrice



CEREAL BASED BABY FOOD: PAHs

Spiked non contaminated extruded flour

Spiked level: 0.5 µg/kg and 2 µg/kg

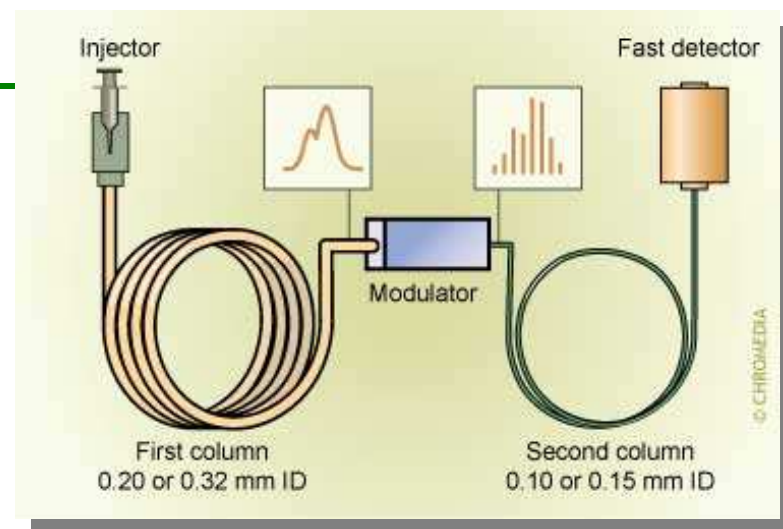
	Spiking level 1		Spiking level 2	
	Recovery %	RSD %	Recovery %	RSD %
benzo[<i>c</i>]fluorene	89	8	88	6
benzo[<i>a</i>]anthracene	84	4	92	3
chrysene	88	8	94	3
cyclopenta[<i>c,d</i>]pyrene	77	6	81	4
5-methylchrysene	76	9	79	5
benzo[<i>b</i>]fluoranthene	80	3	84	4
benzo[<i>k</i>]fluoranthene	78	3	79	3
benzo[<i>j</i>]fluoranthene	76	5	80	5
benzo[<i>a</i>]pyrene	82	8	86	4
dibenz[<i>a,h</i>]anthracene	79	8	82	7
indeno[1,2,3- <i>cd</i>]pyrene	84	7	86	6
benzo[<i>g,h,i</i>]perylene	79	9	82	5
dibenzo[<i>a,l</i>]pyrene	76	9	82	8
dibenzo[<i>a,e</i>]pyrene	78	8	83	7
dibenzo[<i>a,l</i>]pyrene	79	8	88	4
dibenzo[<i>a,h</i>]pyrene	81	6	83	5

Aliquote 4 ml of acetonitrile = 1 g of matrix



GCxGC-TOF MS

- ➡ High chromatographic resolution needed for complex matrix / analytes mixture (separation of isomers)
- ➡ Focusing of peaks in 2nd dimension – decrease of LODs (DL-PCBs, BFRs)



Column systems tested:

- A. 1st column dimension: BPX 5 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm)**
2nd column dimension: BPX 50 (1 m × 0.1 mm × 0.1 μm)
- B. 1st column dimension: BPX-5 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm)**
2nd column dimension: Rt-LC35 (1 m × 0.15 mm × 0.1 μm)
- C. 1st column dimension: BPX 5 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm)**
2nd column dimension: HT 8 (1 m × 0.1 mm × 0.1 μm)
- D. 1st column dimension: BPX 50 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm)**
2nd column dimension: BPX 5 (1 m × 0.1 mm × 0.1 μm)
- E. 1st column dimension: BPX 50 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm)**
2nd column dimension: HT 8 (1 m × 0.1 mm × 0.1 μm)



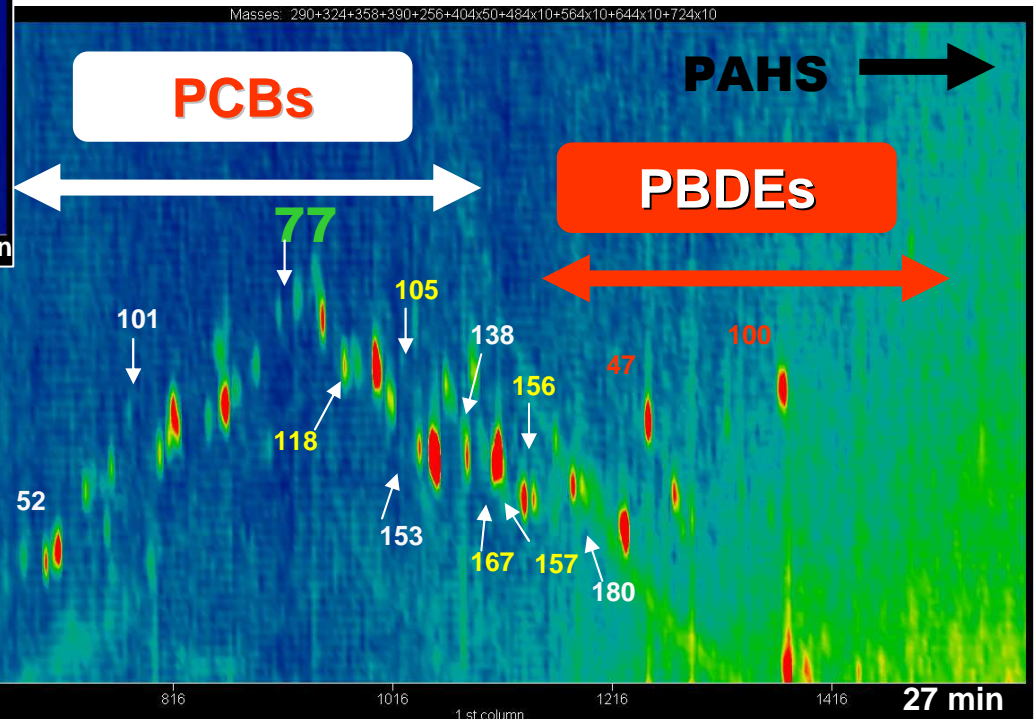
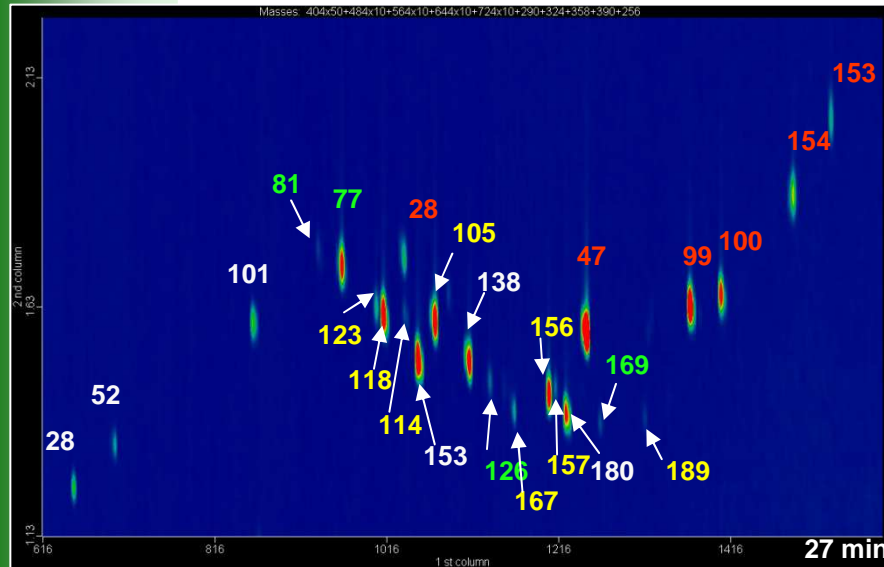
GC×GC–TOF MS (EI): PCBs (m/z 256, 290, 324, 358, 390) PBDEs (m/z 404, 484, 564, 644, 724)

System A

standards ▼

PCBs + PBDEs mixture in isooctane

- **Level 1** (PCB 77, 105, 118, 138, 156, 180)
(PBDE 47) **1000 pg injected**
- **Level 2** (PCB 28, 52, 101, 123, 167)
(PBDE 100, 154) **100 pg injected**
- **Level 3** (PCB 81, 114, 126, 157, 169, 189)
(PBDEs 28, 99, 153, 183) **50 pg injected**



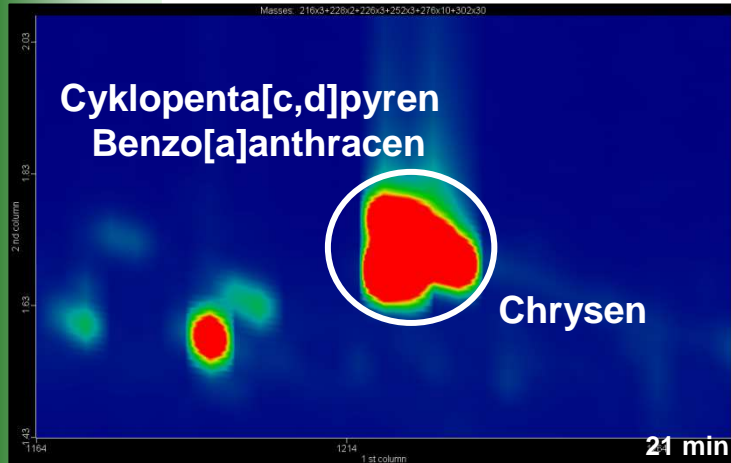
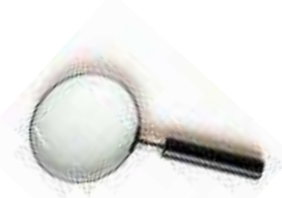
yellow – mono-ortho PCBs
green – non-ortho PCBs
white – indicator PCBs
red - PBDEs

Contaminated fish fillets
(Ide – *Leuciscus Abramis*) ▶

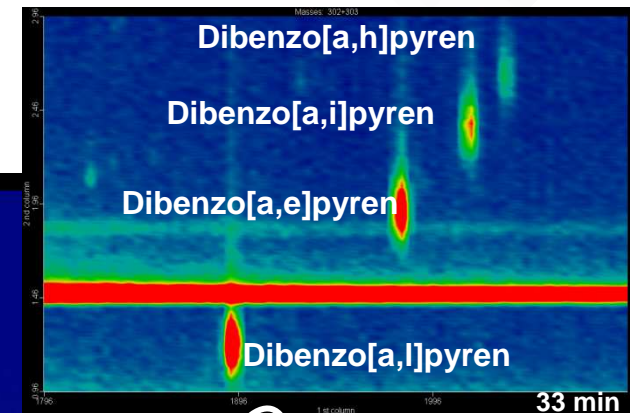
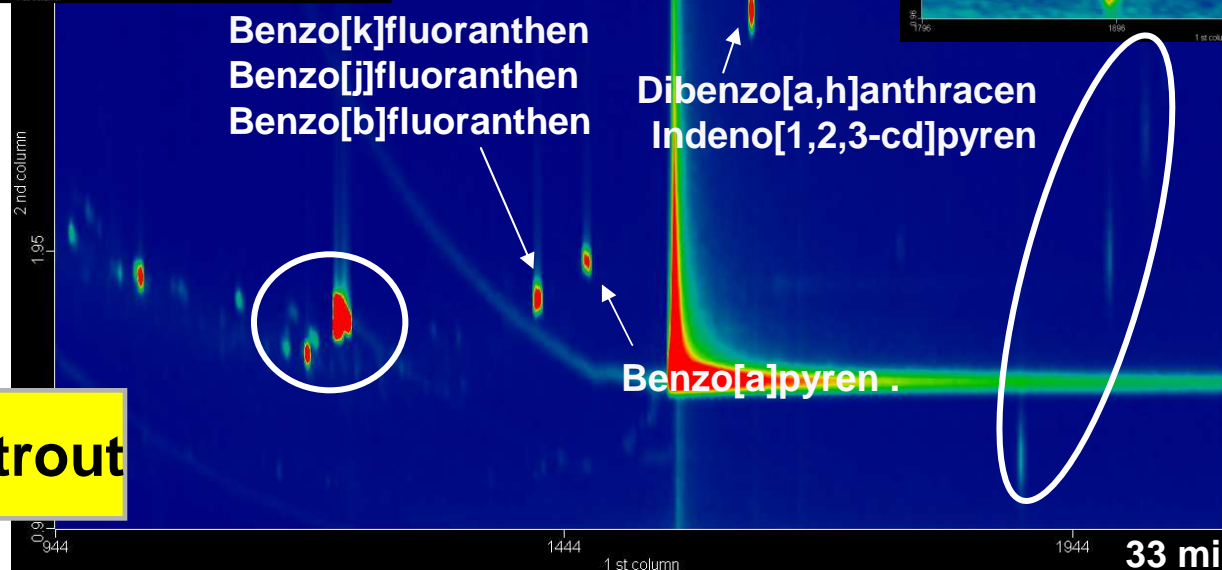
GC×GC–TOF MS (EI): PAHs **System A**

(m/z 302, 276, 252, 242, 228, 178, 202, 216)

Estimated LOD for PAHs
5 – 50 pg injected



Smoked trout



WP1b Perfluorinated compounds

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WP deputy: Jan Poustka (ICT Prague)

PFC analyses: Petra Hradkova (ICT Prague)



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Tasks

T.1b.1. Development of innovative and simplified protocols for analysis of PFCs in food and feed samples based on different extraction procedures followed by LC-MS and LC-MS/MS (WQU-CSIC, VSCHT).

T.1b.2. Evaluation of the developed simplified mass spectrometric methods using spiked test materials and samples from daily practice (WQU-CSIC, VSCHT, Nutreco).

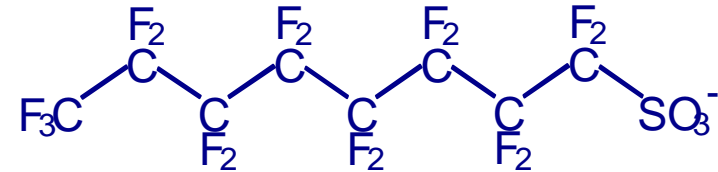
T.1c.3 Toxicity assessment of individual perfluorinated compounds, including PFOS, PFOA and FOSA (WQU-CSIC).

T.1b.4. Organization and evaluation of a first interlaboratory study on PFCs analysis in food and feed samples (WQU-CSIC, in collaboration with WP1b beneficiaries).

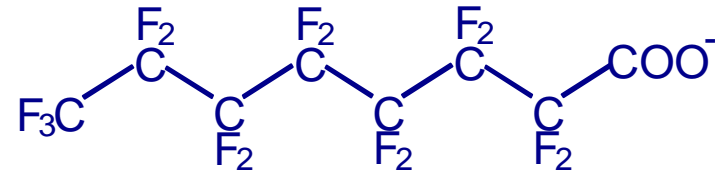


Target analytes and matrices

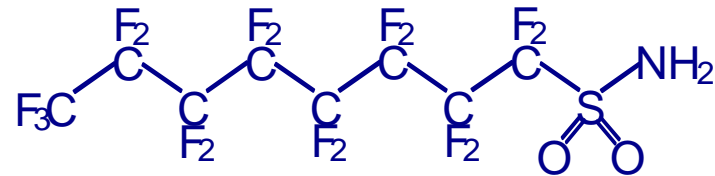
Perfluorooctanesulphonate – PFOS



Perfluorooctanoic acid – PFOA



Perfluorooctanesulphonamide – FOSA

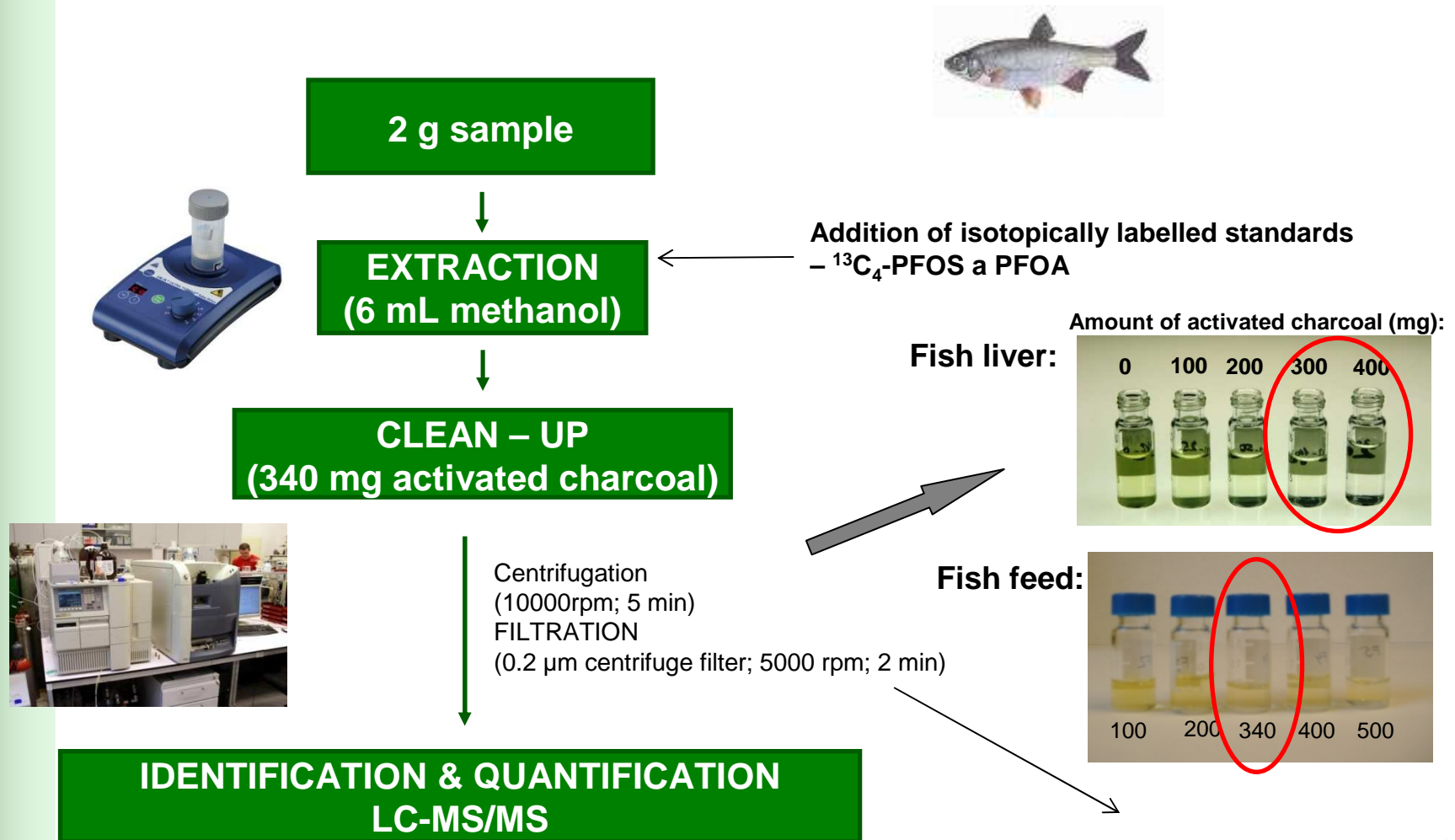


Tested matrices

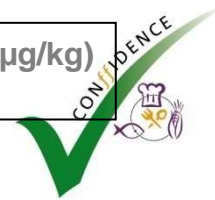
- **Animal tissues**
(fish liver and muscles)
- **Dairy products**
(milk; 1.5% fat content)
- **Fish feed**



Test matrices - fish tissues, fish feed



Matrix matched standards (150; 30; 15; 3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$)
 $^{13}\text{C}_4$ std - 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ sample



MILK



2 mL sample +
2 mL 0.1 M formic acid



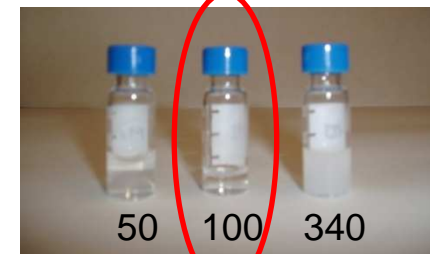
vortex

EXTRACTION
(6 mL methanol)

Addition of isotopically labelled standards
– $^{13}\text{C}_4$ -PFOS a PFOA

CLEAN – UP
(100 mg activated charcoal)

Amount of activated charcoal (mg):



Centrifugation
(10000rpm; 5 min)
FILTRATION
(0.2 μm centrifuge filter; 5000 rpm; 2 min)

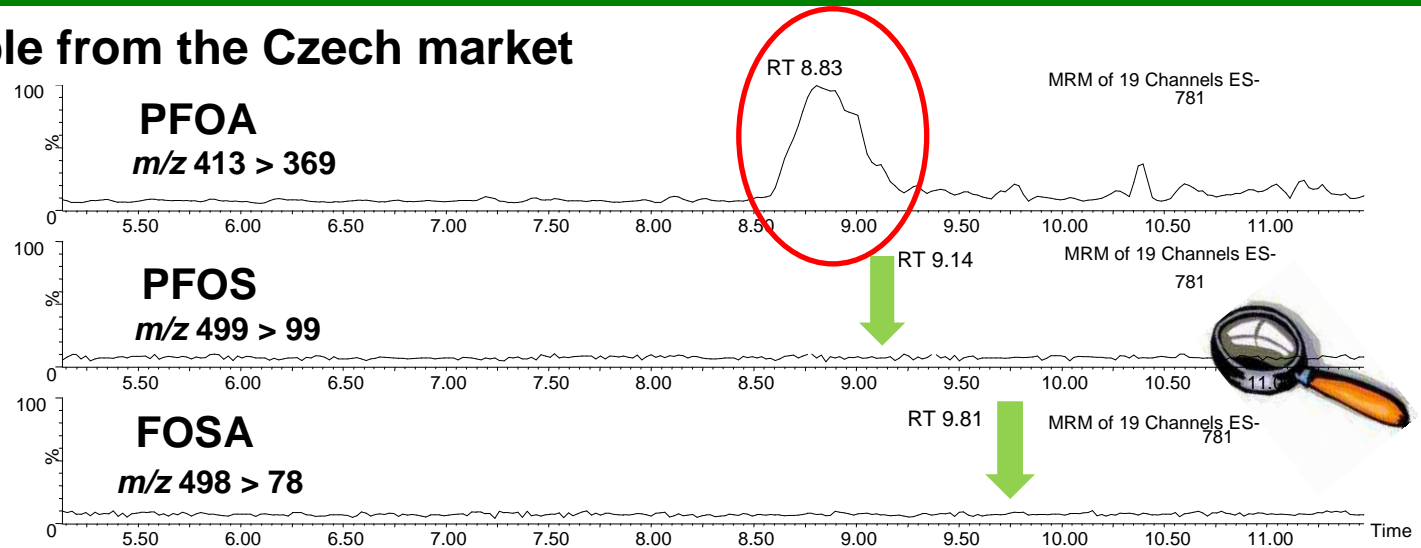
IDENTIFICATION & QUANTIFICATION
LC-MS/MS

Matrix matched standards (150; 30; 15; 3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$)
 $^{13}\text{C}_4$ std – 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ sample

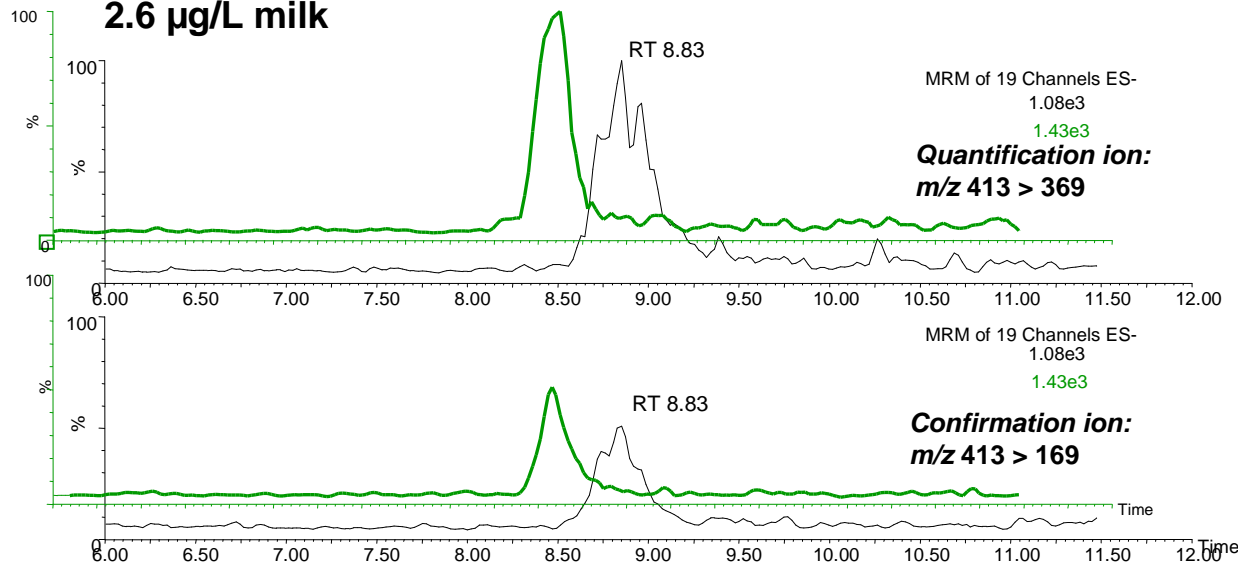


MILK

Milk sample from the Czech market



PFOA – incurred residues: 2.6 µg/L milk



Matrix matched standard – 3 µg/L milk; real sample



Performance characteristics



	MILK*			FISH TISSUE ^a			FISH FEED		
	PFOS	PFOA	FOSA	PFOS	PFOA	FOSA	PFOS	PFOA	FOSA
Recovery (n=5; %)	92	91	114	80	89	104	90	95	98
RSD (n=5; %)	9	6	4	24	32	4	4	3	4
LOD (µg/kg)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3
LOQ (µg/kg)	2	2	1.5	2	2	1.5	2	2	1.5

*µg/L; ^a – level 3 µg/kg)

Alternative analytes determination

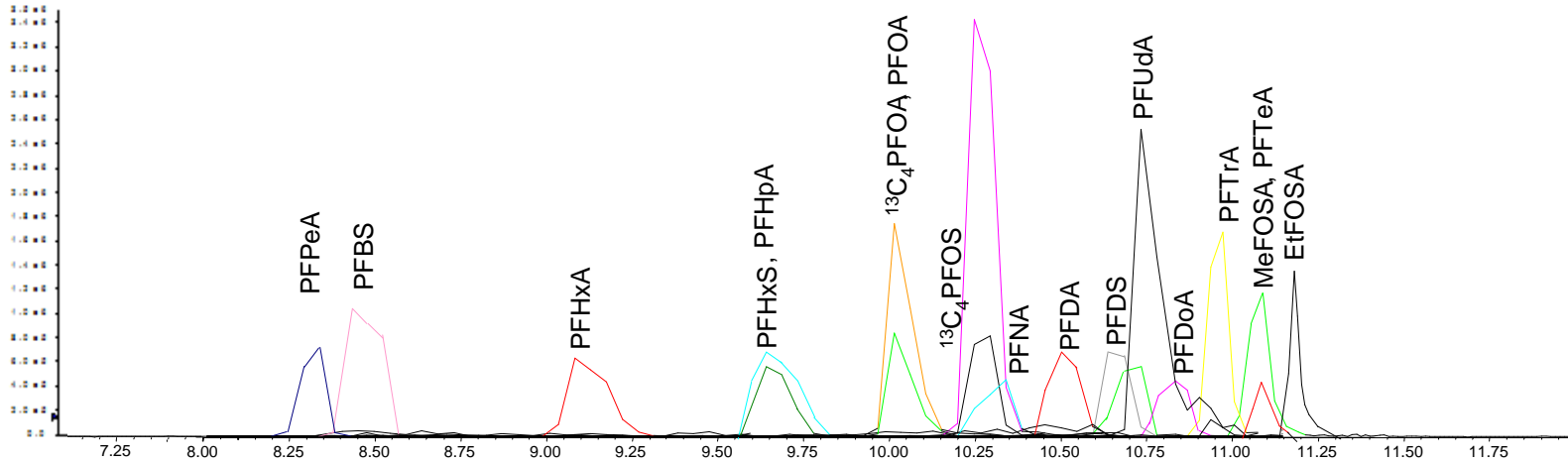
- Fish tissues (liver, muscles)
- Performance characteristics measured on HP 1200 coupled with Applied biosystem/MDS SCIEX 5500 QTRAP®

	PFOS	PFOA	FOSA
LOD (µg/kg)	0.2	0.2	0.1
LOQ (µg/kg)	0.6	0.6	0.3

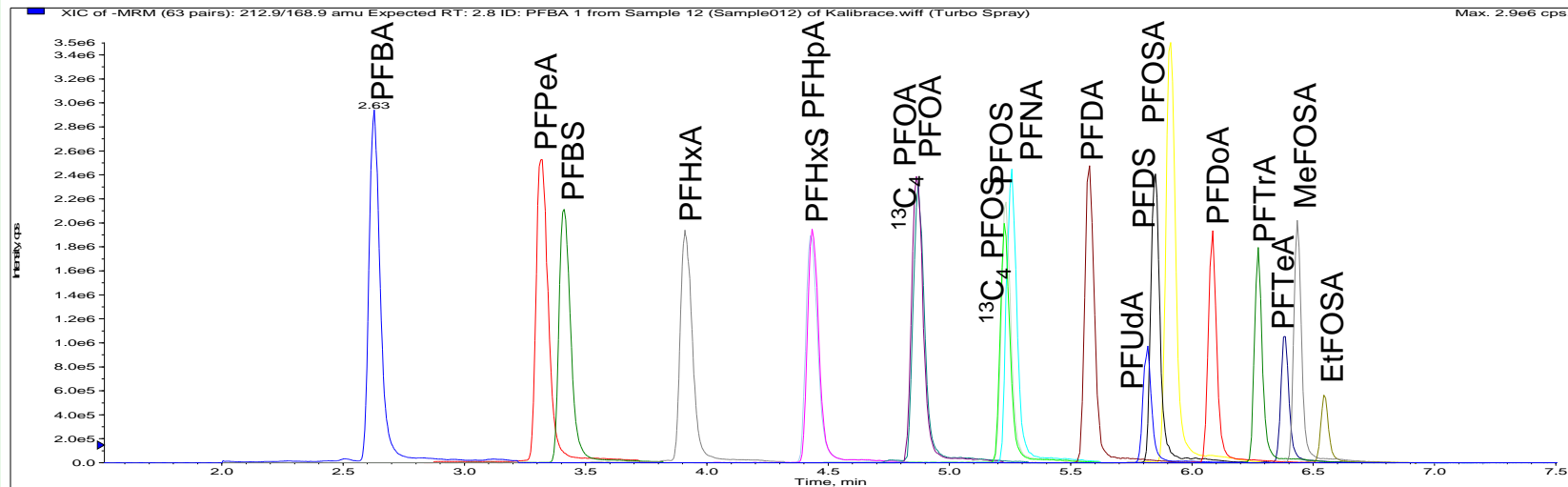


LC-MS/MS chromatograms of PFCs

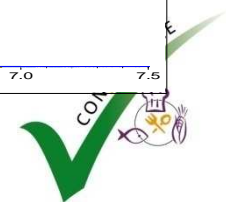
Alliance 2695, Quattro Premier XE (Waters)



HP 1200 and Applied biosystem/MDS SCIEX 5500 QTRAP®



Matrix matched standard – 30 µg/kg



WP1c Pesticides

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Tasks

- T.1c.1. Development of immunoreagents (haptens, conjugates and antibodies) (CSIC)
- T.1c.2. Production of test materials spiked and incurred with paraquat/diquat (CSL)
- T.1c.3. Development of simplified sample preparation methods for paraquat/diquat in potato and cereal (CVUA, CSL)
- T.1c.4. Development of electrochemical immunosensor assays and in-house validation (CSIC)
- T.1c.5. Critical comparison of the new assay with the mass spectrometric reference method (CSL, CVUA, CSIC)



WP objectives and tasks

A

Simplified MS screening tool
Dithiocarbamates
Intact veg/fruits

DART-MS



DESI-MS



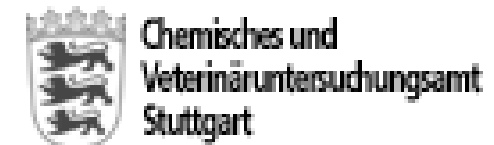
B

Immunosensor
Paraquat/diquat
Potato/Barley

Test material



Extraction protocol



Immunoreagents
Immunosensor



DART-TOF-MS

➤ Principle / set up

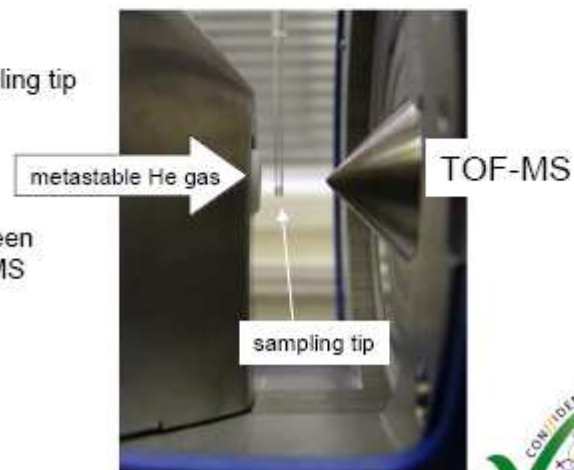


1. tubes with sample solution

2. Immerse sampling tip into solution

3. Position between DART gun and MS

4. Detect



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amending certain Annexes to Council Directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards maximum residue levels for dithiocarbamates

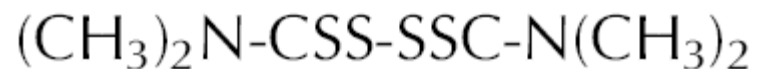
(Text with EEA relevance)

Groups and examples of individual products to which the MRLs apply	Dithiocarbamates, expressed as CS ₂ , including maneb, mancozeb, metiram, propineb, thiram and ziram ⁽¹⁾ , ⁽²⁾	Propineb (expressed as propilendiammine) ⁽³⁾	Thiram (expressed as thiram) ⁽²⁾	Ziram (expressed as ziram) ⁽²⁾
Others	0,05 (*)			
(iii) POME FRUIT	5 (ma, mz, me, pr, t, z)	0,3		
Apples			5	0,1 (*)
Pears			5	1
Quinces			mg/kg	
Others			0,1 (*)	0,1 (*)

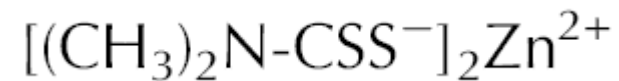
Sample preparation

- **First considerations for the determination of thiram and ziram in fruits (pears) using DART-TOFMS**
 - Both compounds soluble in acetonitrile (this information not available in literature!)
 - Possibility to use acetonitrile for sample extraction (QuEChERS approach)
 - Internal standard needed for reliable quantification

Thiram




Ziram




Sample preparation

- **QuEChERS (Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged, Safe)**

(1)  10 g sample (pears)
10 mL acetonitrile
Shaking – 1 min

(4)  Centrifugation – 5 min, 11,000 rpm

(2)  4 g MgSO_4 + 1 g NaCl

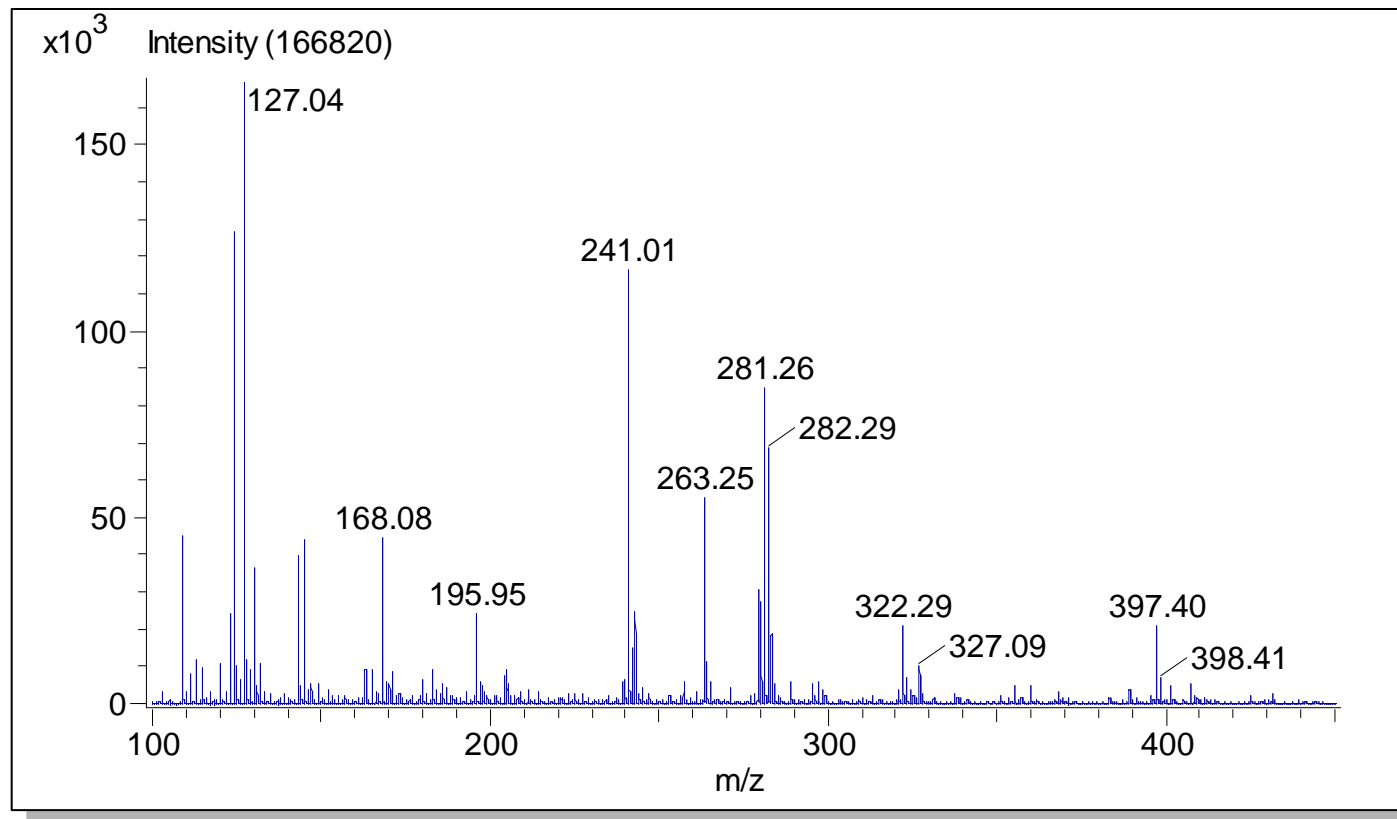
(5)  DART-TOFMS analysis

(3)  Shaking – 1 min

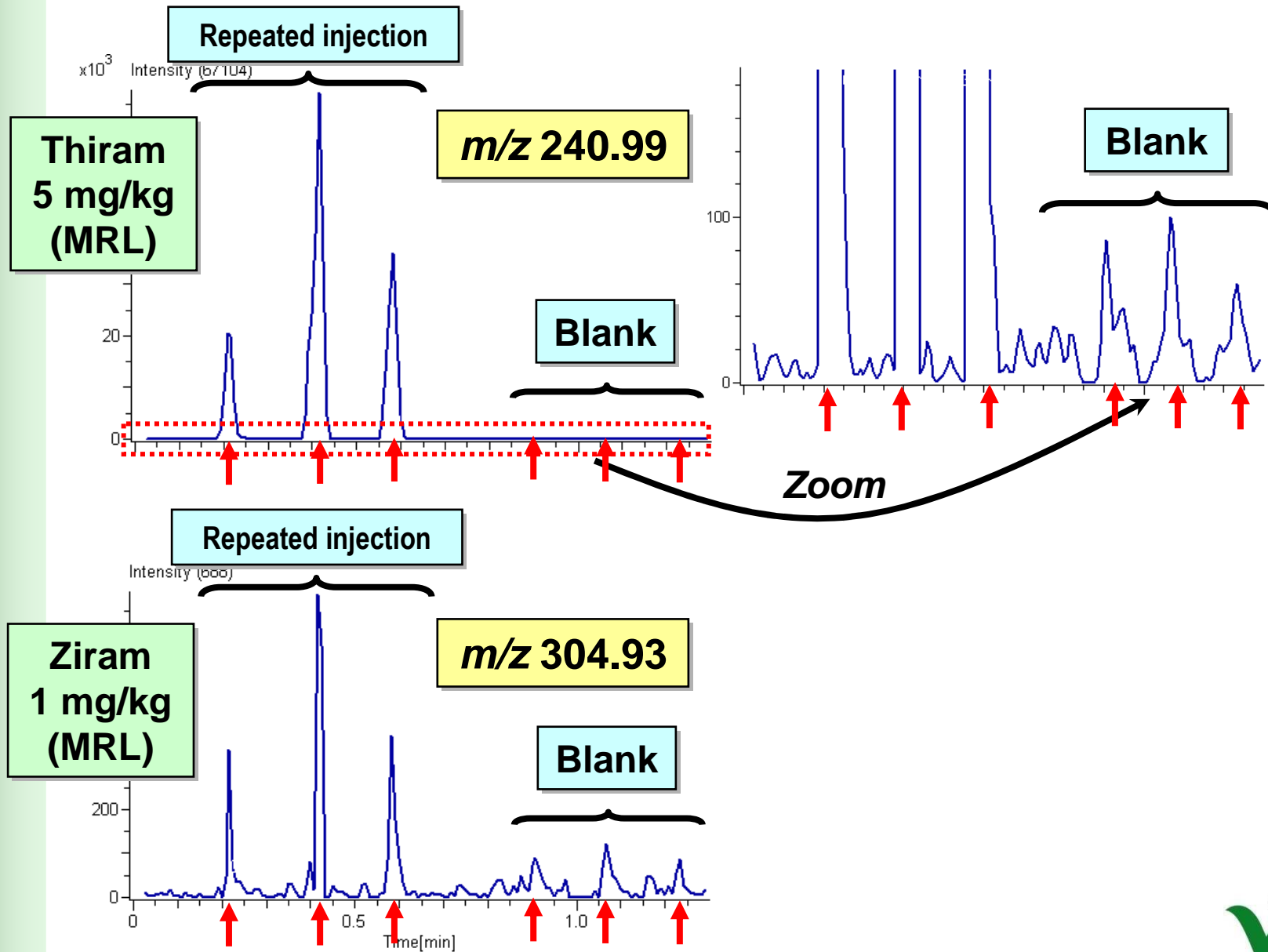


Activities and achievements

- **DART–TOFMS spectrum of matrix-matched standard (pear extract)**



Activities and achievements



Activities and achievements

- Validation study
- Matrix: pears

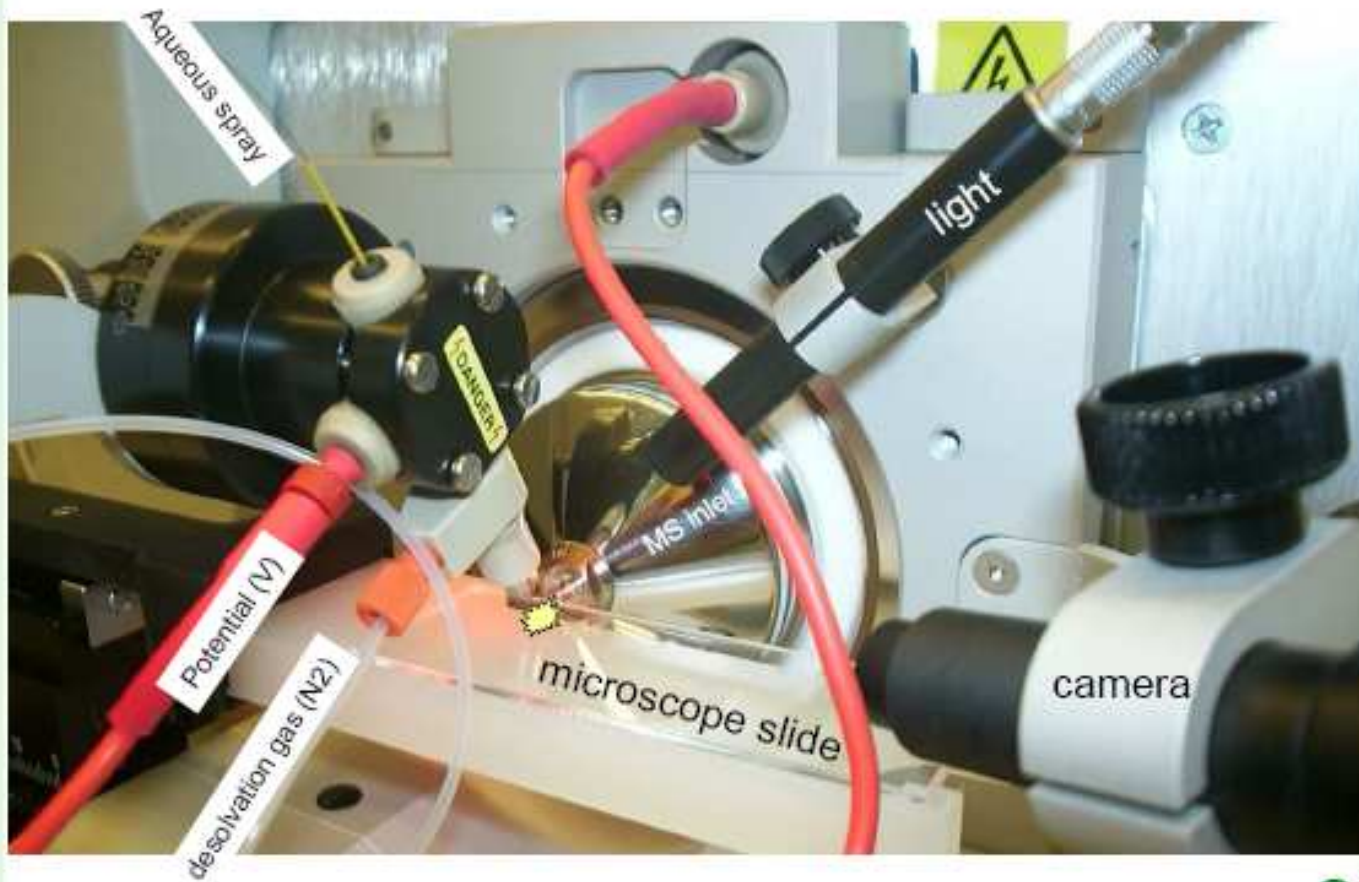
Analyte	MRL (mg/kg)	Spike level (mg/kg)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Thiram	5	5	85.2	6.7
Ziram	1	1	82.7	8.9

**) Note: Quantification performed using matrix-matched standards with internal standard (TPP) correction*



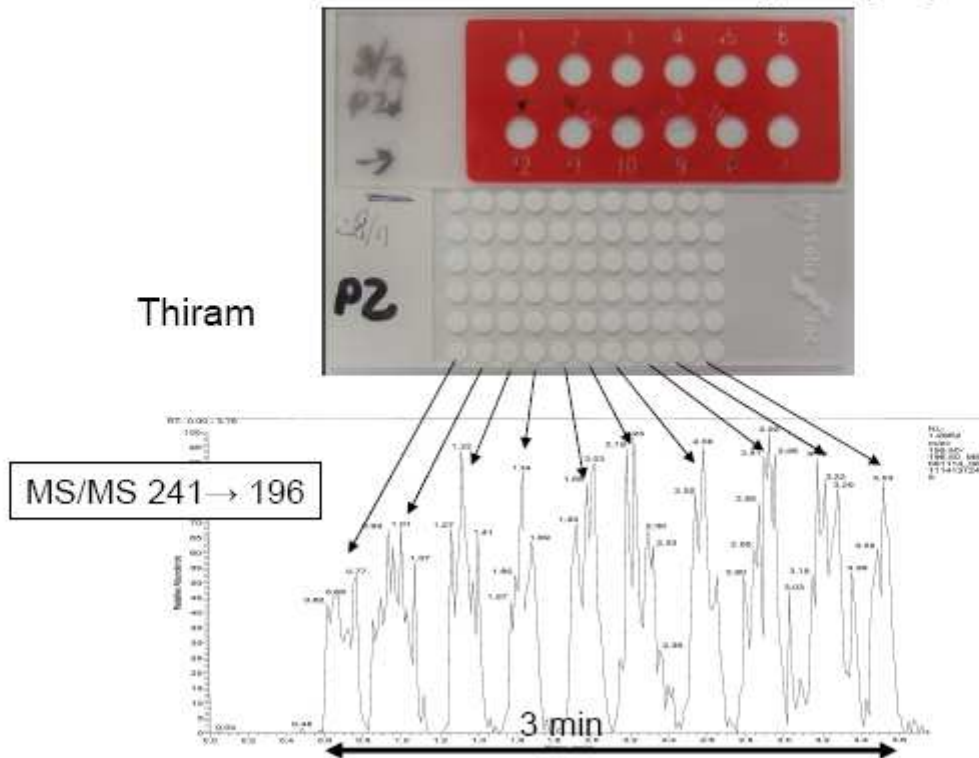
DESI

- DESI-MS/MS (LXQ; linear ion trap)



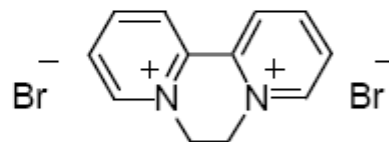
DESI feasibility

- DESI-MS/MS (LTQ; linear ion trap)
 - direct detection from surface without any sample preparation

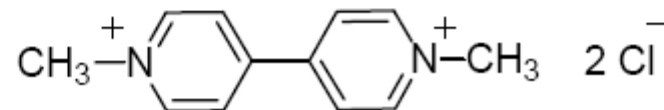


Paraquat and Diquat

- Extraction/chromatographic behavior deviates from typical MRM conditions
- World-wide extensively used as herbicides/desiccants
- Diquat: default/LOD MRL = 0.05 mg/kg most crops
tolerance for: maize (1), millet (1), oats (2), barley (10 mg/kg)

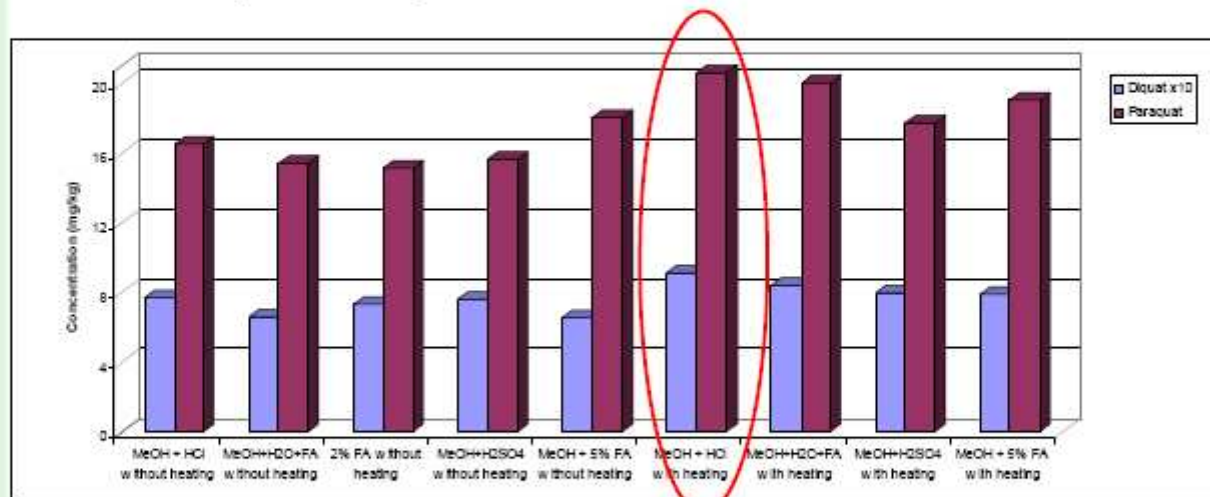


- Paraquat: highly toxic (ARfD 0.005 mg/kg bw);
default/LOD MRL = 0.02 mg/kg most crops
Banned in EU since 2008



Extraction protocol*

- Simplified and compatible with immunosensor
- Developed using incurred materials



methanol/water/HCl (80°C) 15 min + dilution
to replace 6h H₂SO₄ reflux method from industry

*Poster Diana Ströher Kolberg



Thank you for your attention.

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Test material for PAHs – smoked trout

	Mean	R.S.D.%
Benzo[c]fluorene	16.25	7
Benz[a]anthracene	60.6	4
Chrysene	45.86	5
cyclopenta[c,d]pyrene	42.63	4
5-Methylchrysene	2.67	6
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	13.81	4
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	7.84	4
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	6.58	6
Benzo[a]pyrene	18.21	4
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	0.55	7
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	6.83	8
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	6.69	5
Dibenzo[a,l]pyren	0.39	7
Dibenzo[a,e]pyren	0.48	9
Dibenzo[a,i]pyren	0.32	6
Dibenzo[a,h]pyren	< 0.3	-

