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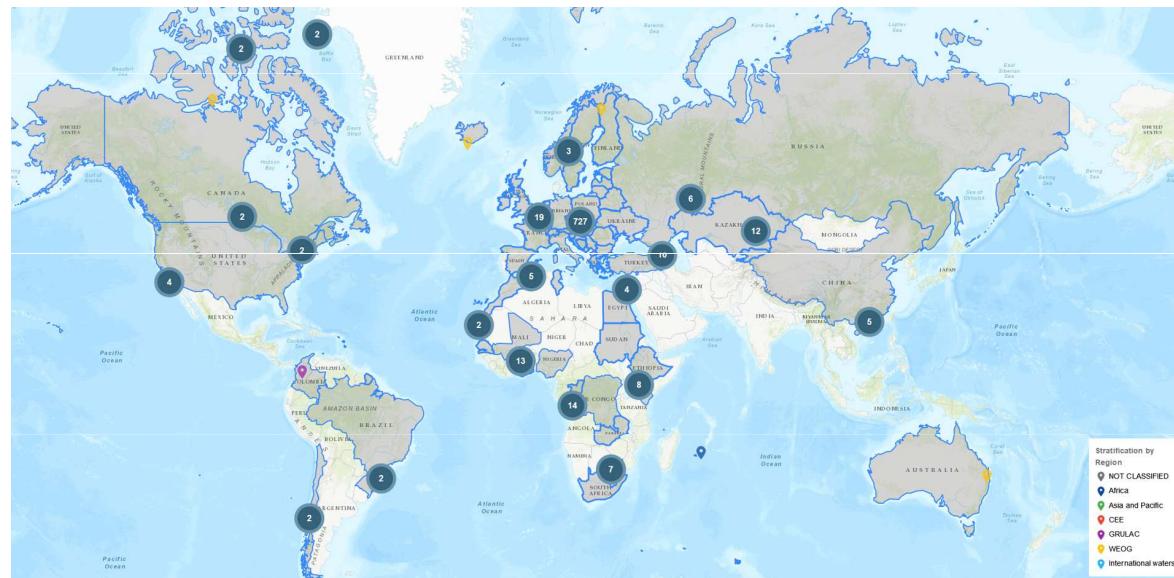


D29, 2NP, akreditace, omezený vstup

Petr Kukučka – laboratoř stopové analýzy

Overview of the POPs monitoring activities

POPs (persistent organic pollutants) are among the **most stable organic compounds** and have been **detected in all components of the environment**. The main reason for their monitoring is the proven **wide spectrum of toxic and genotoxic effects** of these substances. Concentrations of POPs have started to rise since the industrial revolution, mainly due to the **increasing use of combustion and thermal industrial processes** using fossil fuels and the **increased use of pesticides across a range of industries**. Their concentration depends on the proximity of point sources, but they are also **found in remote areas**, where they reach by **long-distance transport**. In general, POPs are dangerous in the environment because they are **strongly resistant to degradation** (both chemical and biological) and **strongly accumulate** in fatty tissues, thus causing **strong bioenrichment at increasing trophic levels**.



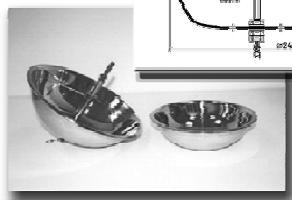
**RECETOX –
experience **since 1988****

LSA major activities

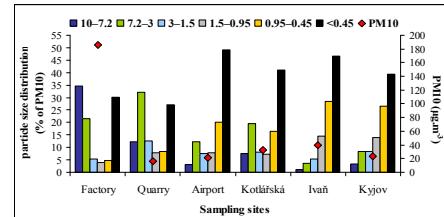
- Development of samplers for non-polar and polar compounds contamination and development of analytical methods for selected chemicals, pollutants and their metabolites in the human exposure studies
- Laboratory and field studies, programs of integrated monitoring

natural disasters

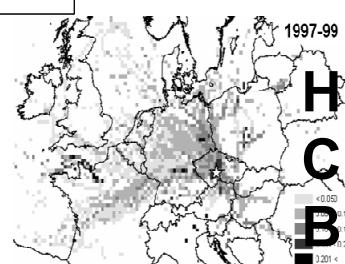
passive samplers



atmospheric particles



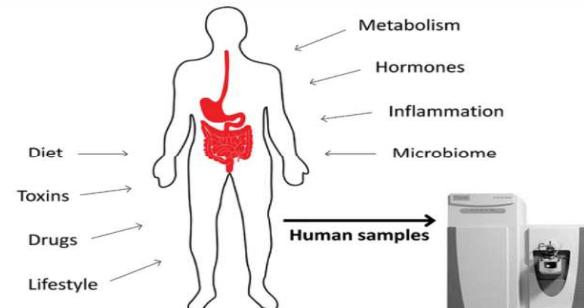
primary and secondary sources



long-range transport



Human exposition



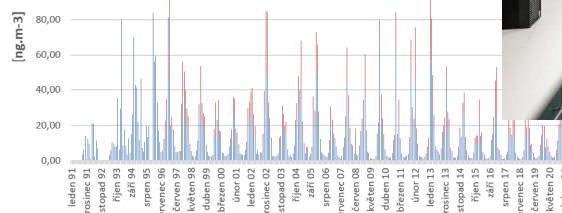
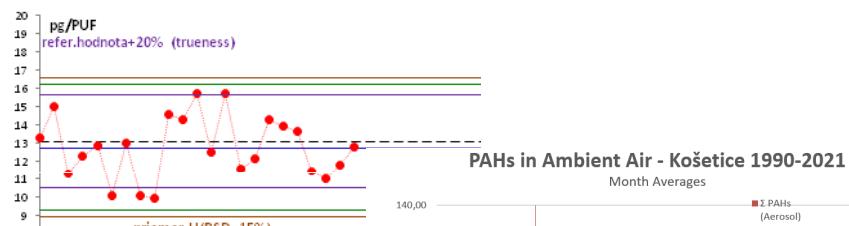
• RECETOX Laboratory services

- Sampling



- Samples preparation

- Analysis and data evaluation



- QA/QC system

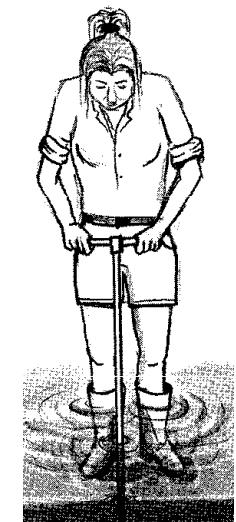
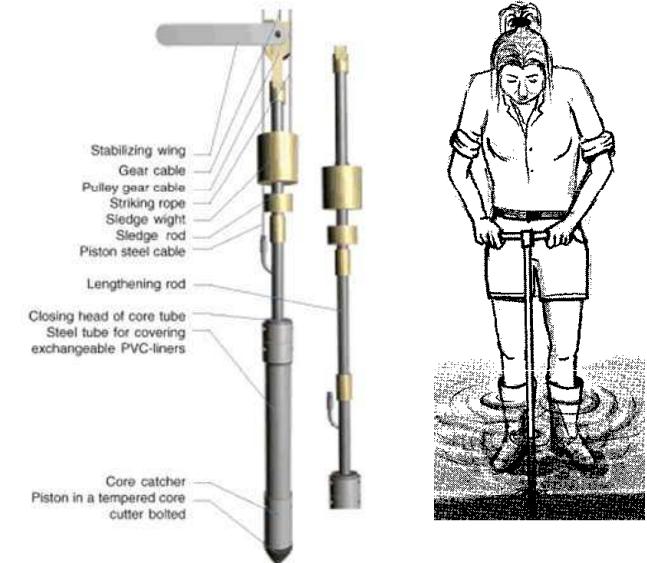
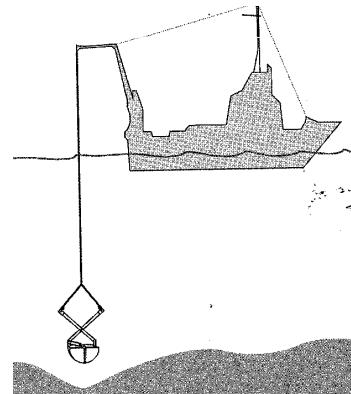


- Monitoring studies

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Sampling - services

- Water active and passive
- Sediment sampling
- Soil sampling
- Biota sampling
- Atmospheric deposition



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AIR MONITORING

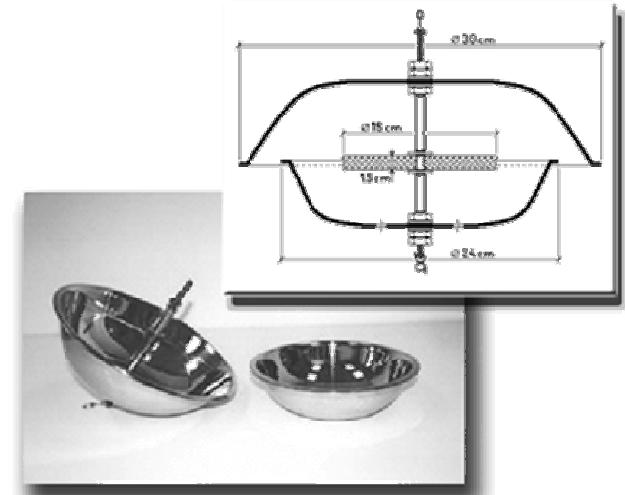
Passive air sampling

Advantages:

- low equipment price and low operating costs
- low requirements for installation and technical maintenance without the need to connect to a power source
- they provide information on the long-term level of contamination

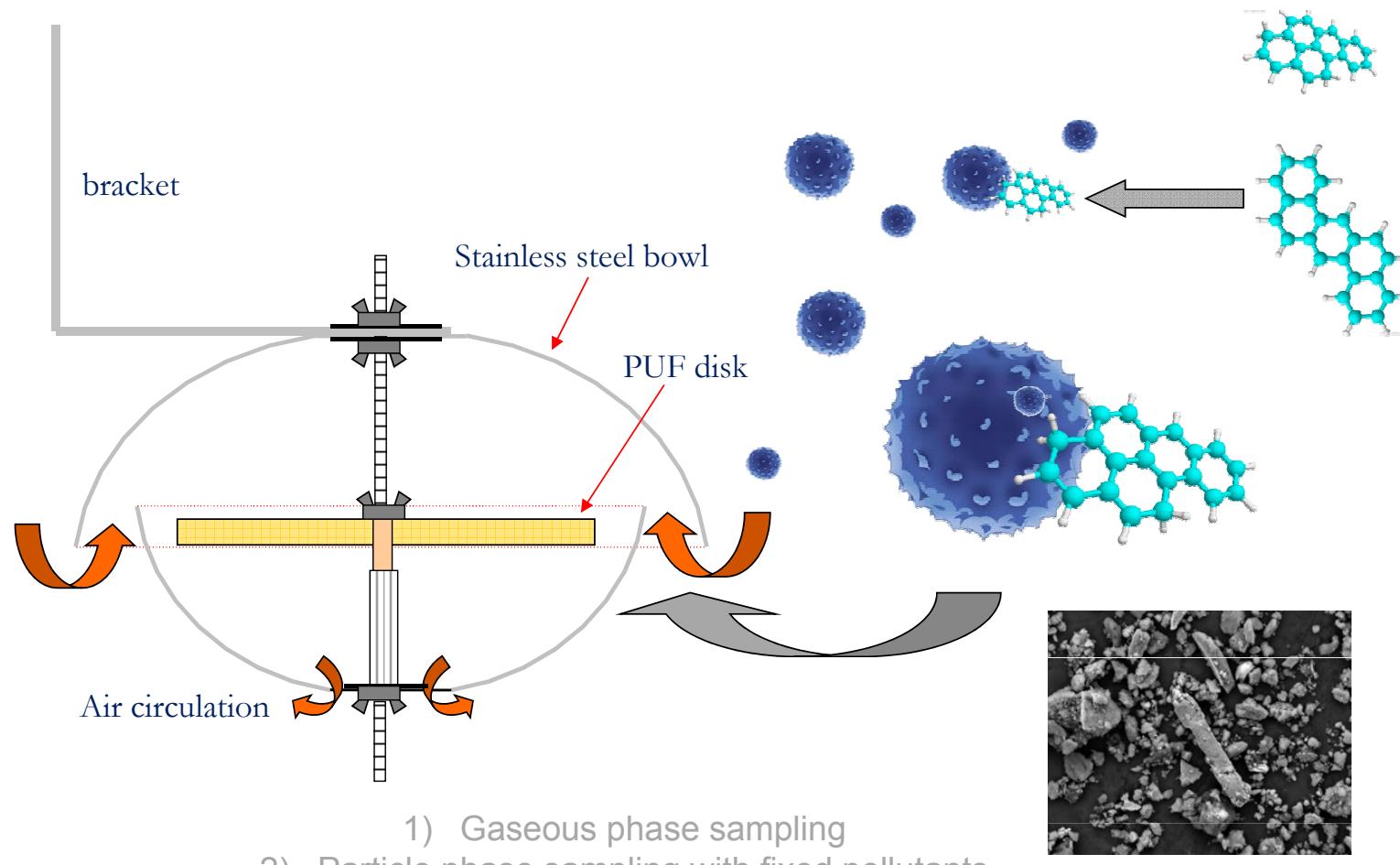
Disadvantages:

- lower sensitivity and higher detection limit
- impossibility of exact determination of the air volume passed
(calculations depending on the duration of exposure, sorption rate and other parameters or empirically obtained coefficients are used)

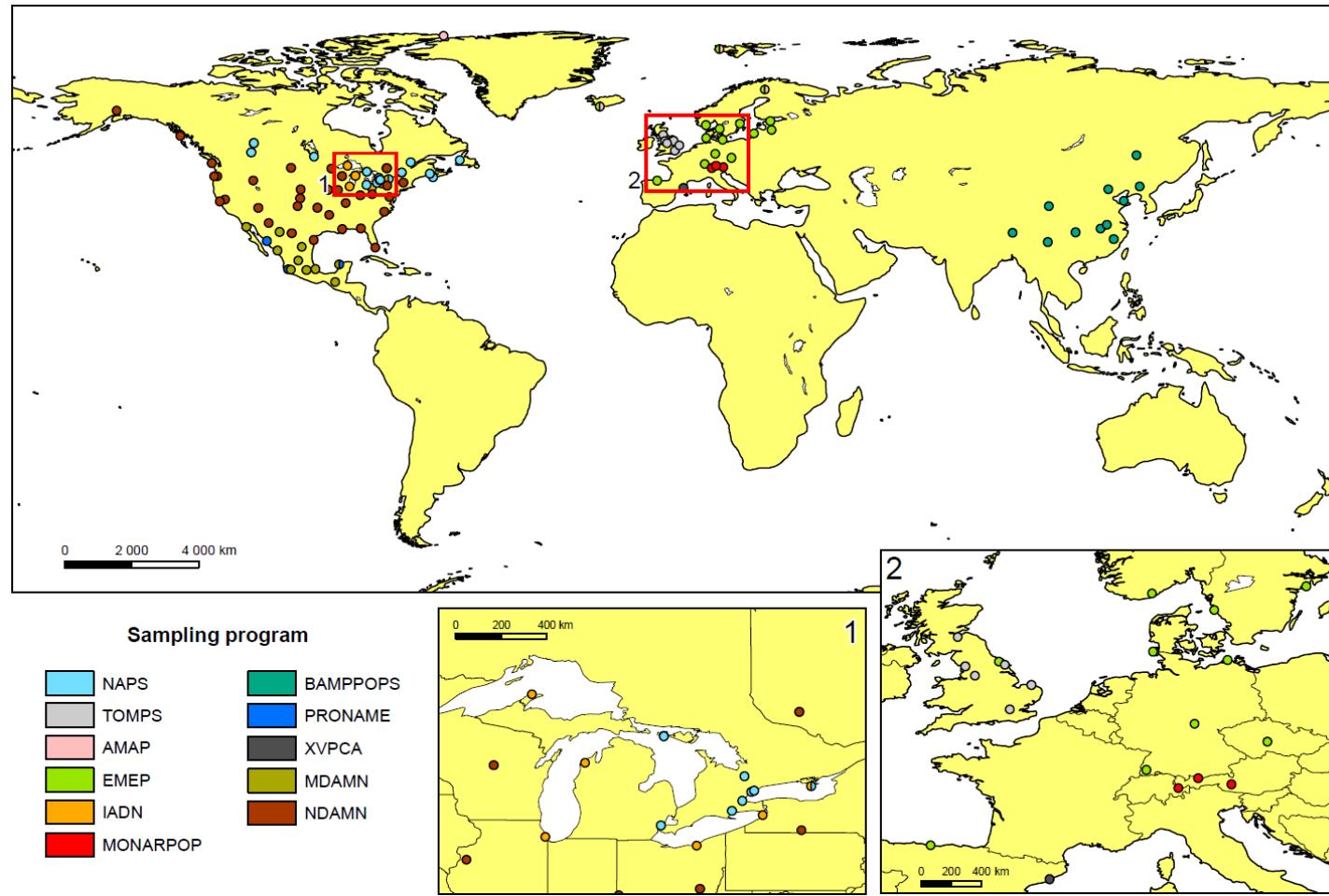


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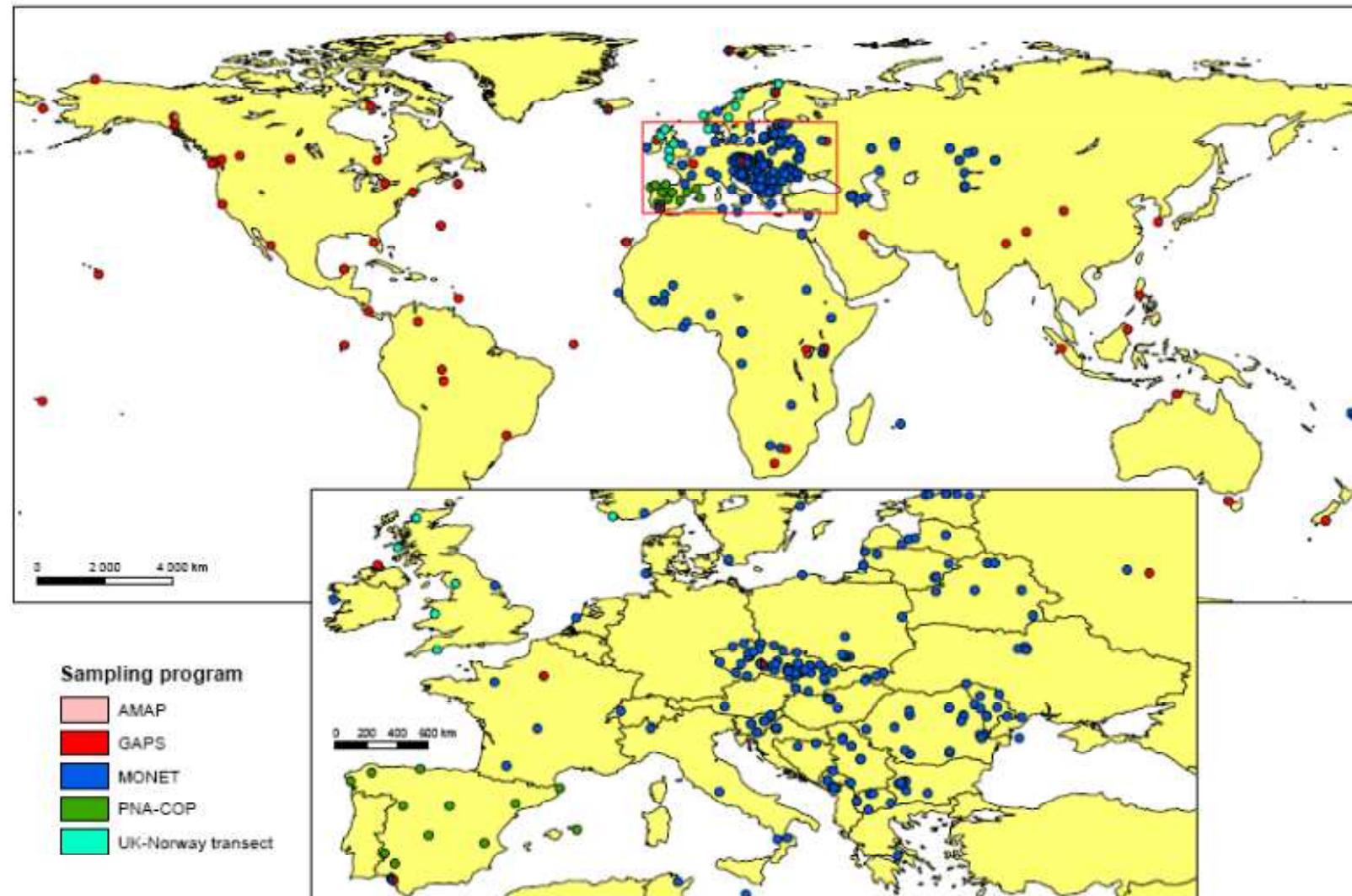
Passive air sampler



Air monitoring using active air samplers (2008)

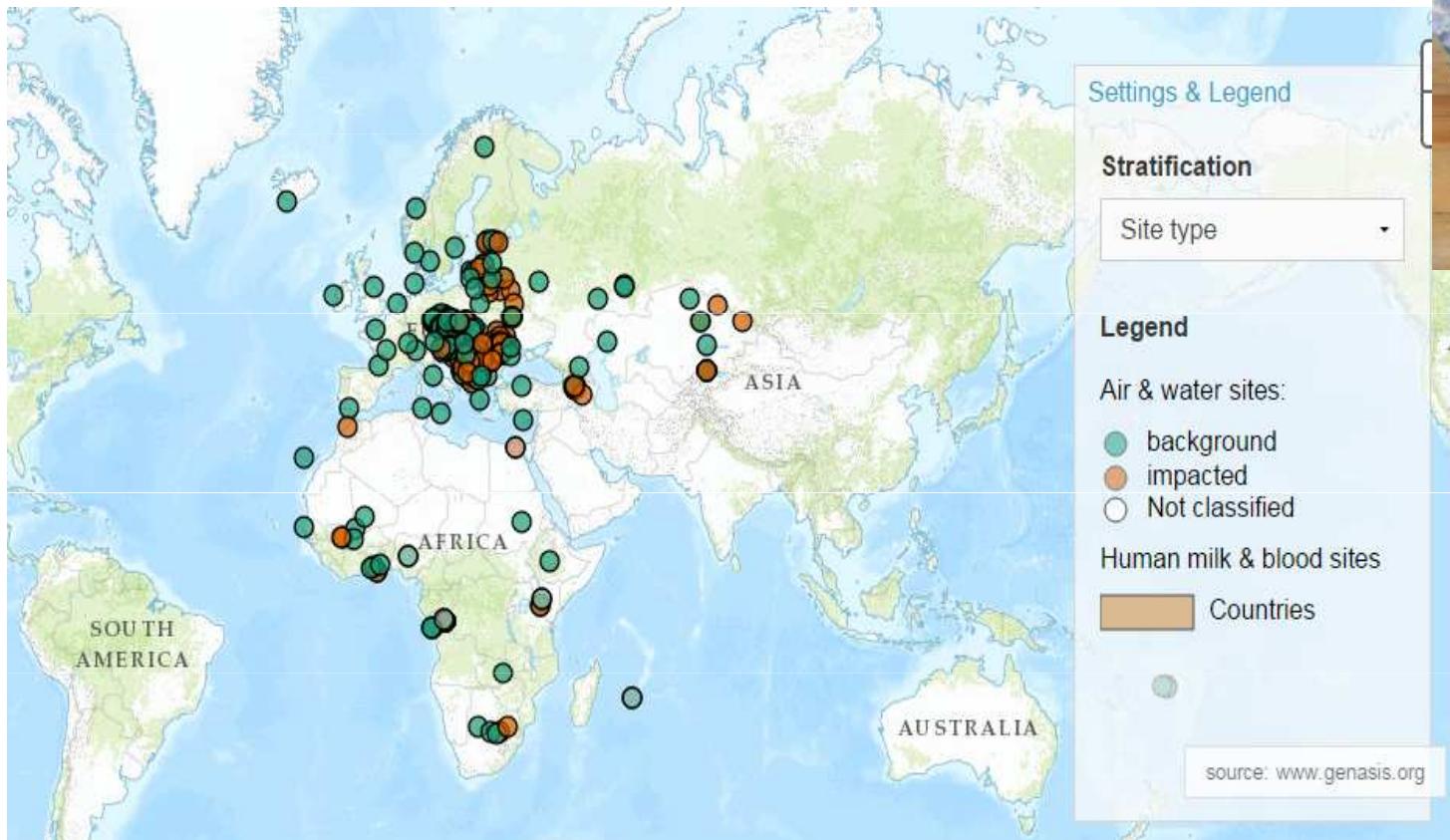


Passive air monitoring (2020)



MONET (MOnitoring NETwork) projects

- MONET CZ – since 2003 (7000 samples)
- MONET EU – since 2006 (2000 samples)
- MONET Africa – since 2008 (650 samples)



Analysis (PAHs, subst.
PAHs, PCBs (ind.+dl-PCBs,
OCPs, cyclodiene pesticides,
BFRs, PCDDs/Fs

Passive air sampling in the Czech Republic (MONET CZ)

Passive air samplers on the base of PUF – since 2003

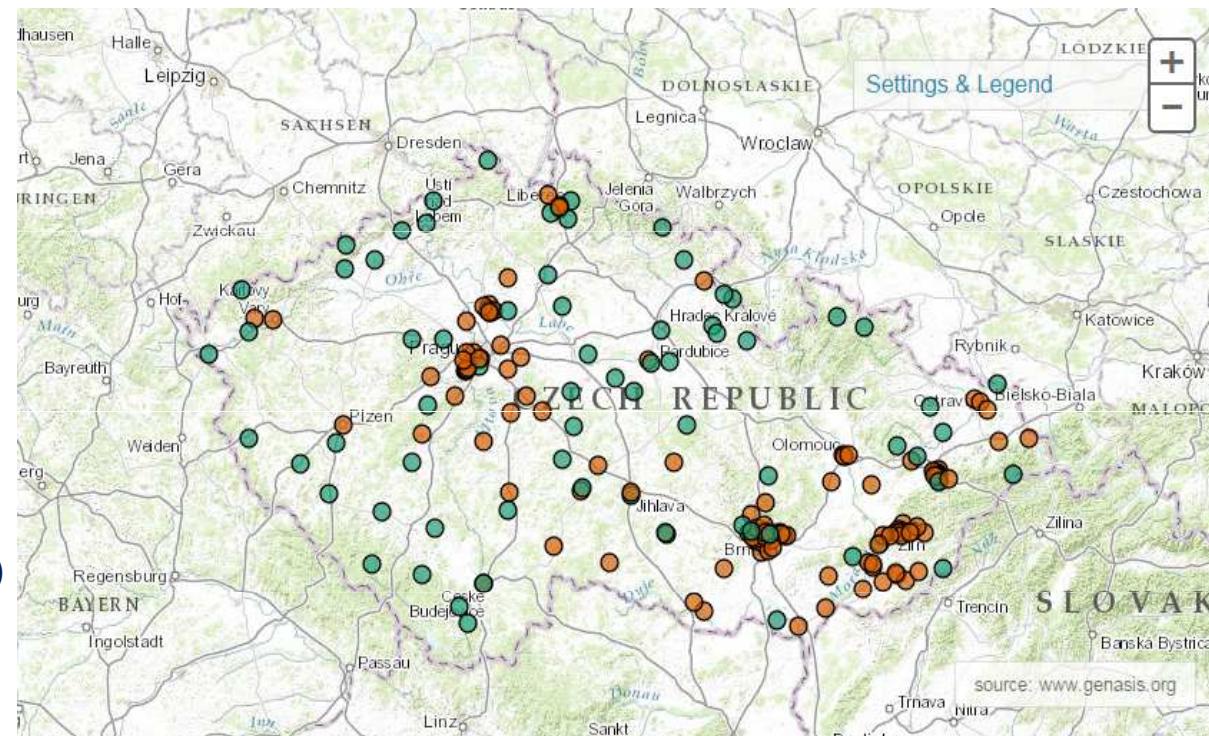
In 2003 – 2013 – continuously monitoring on 46 sampling sites (sampling period 28 days)

Optimization of the monitoring network in 2014 – nb of sampling sites were reduced to 30

Sites belongs to
MONET_CZ
MONET_EU:

Košetice
Libuš
Svatouch
Churáňov

(sampling period 84 days)



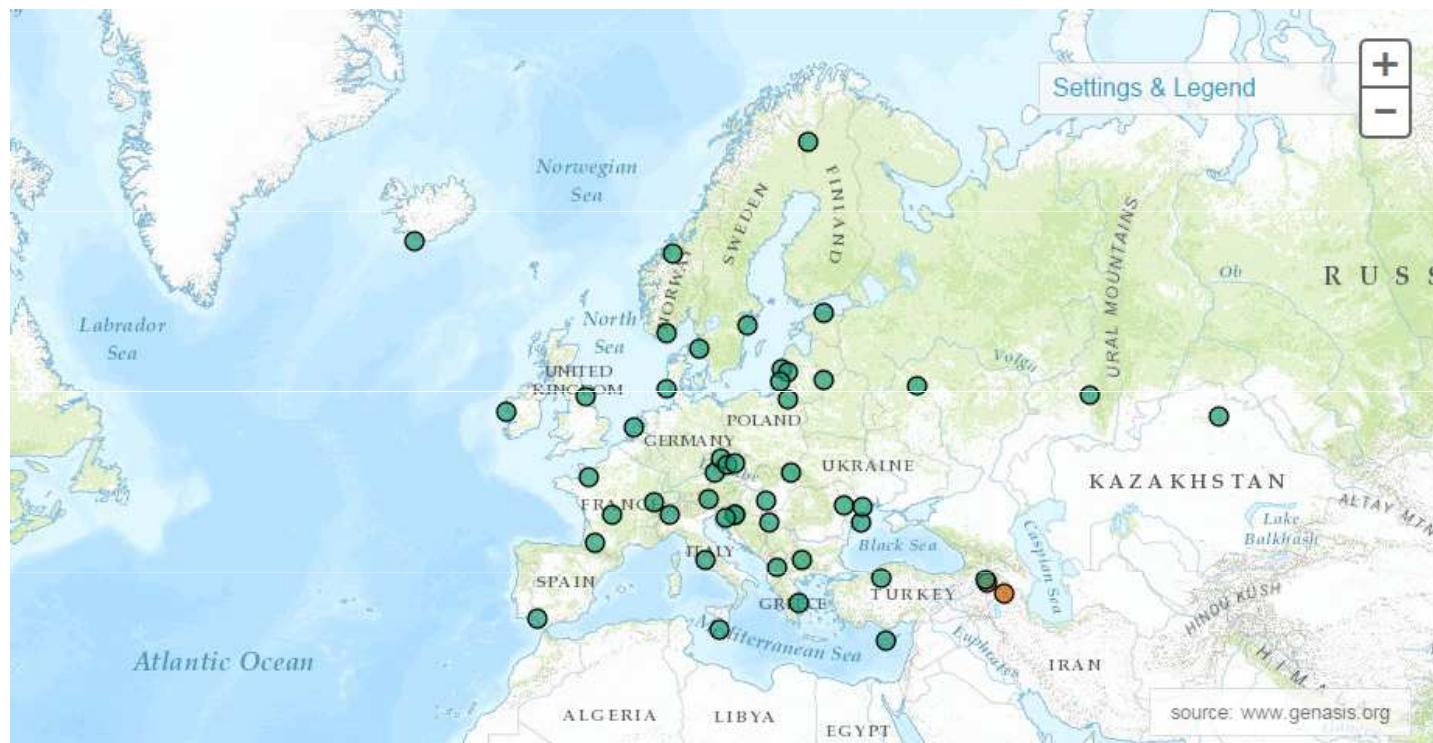
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Passive air sampling in European Network (MONET EU)

After optimization of monitoring network – 30 background sampling sites

Wide range of analytes (PCDDs/Fs, BFRs, cyklodiene, organochlorine and polar pesticides and perfluorinated compounds) are monitoring in 9 sampling sites

Calibration study (active x passive samplers) in Spitzbergen sampling site (NILU)

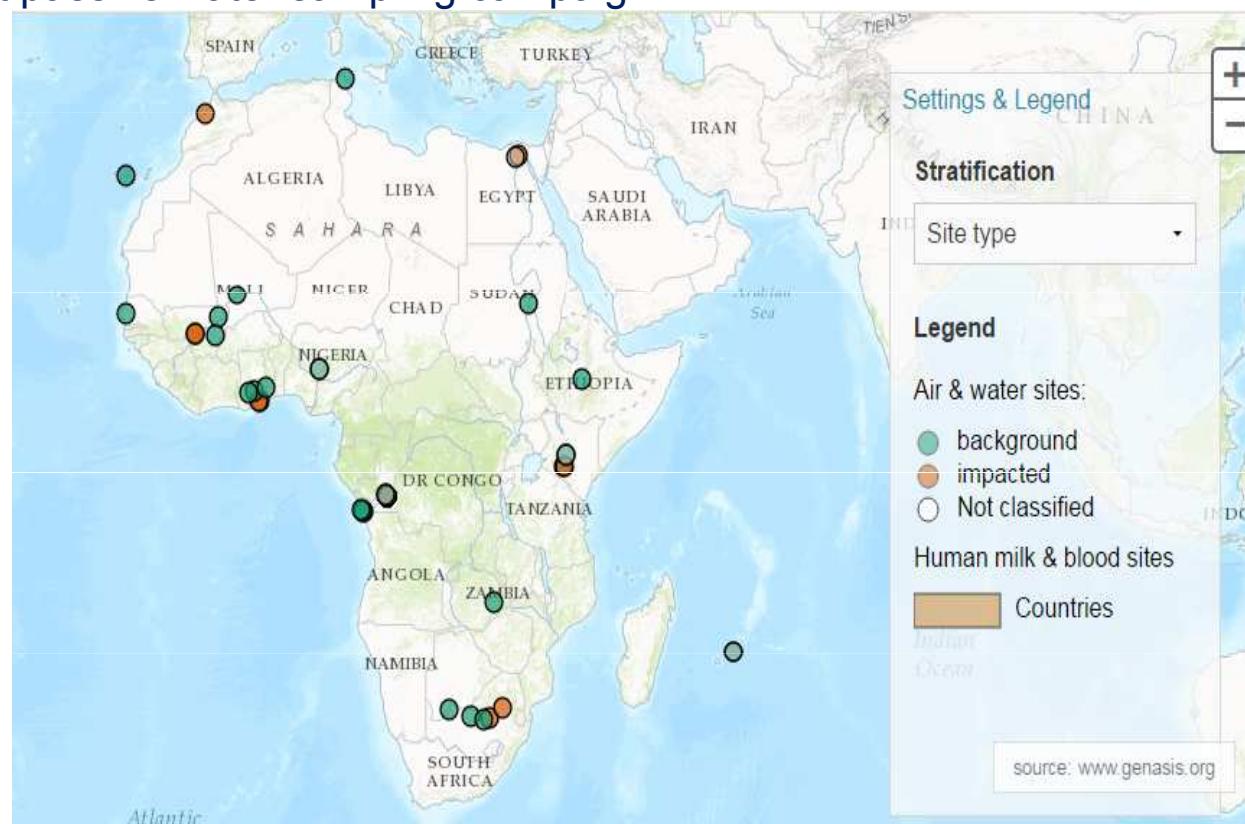


Passive air sampling in African Network (MONET Africa)

Wide range of analytes (PCDDs/Fs, BFRs, cyklodien, organochlorine and polar pesticides and perfluorinated compounds) are monitoring since 2008

2014 – 15 Two calibration studies (active x passive samplers) in Kenya and Ghana

2015 – 16 The first passive water sampling campaign



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Calibration studies – active vs. passive sampling

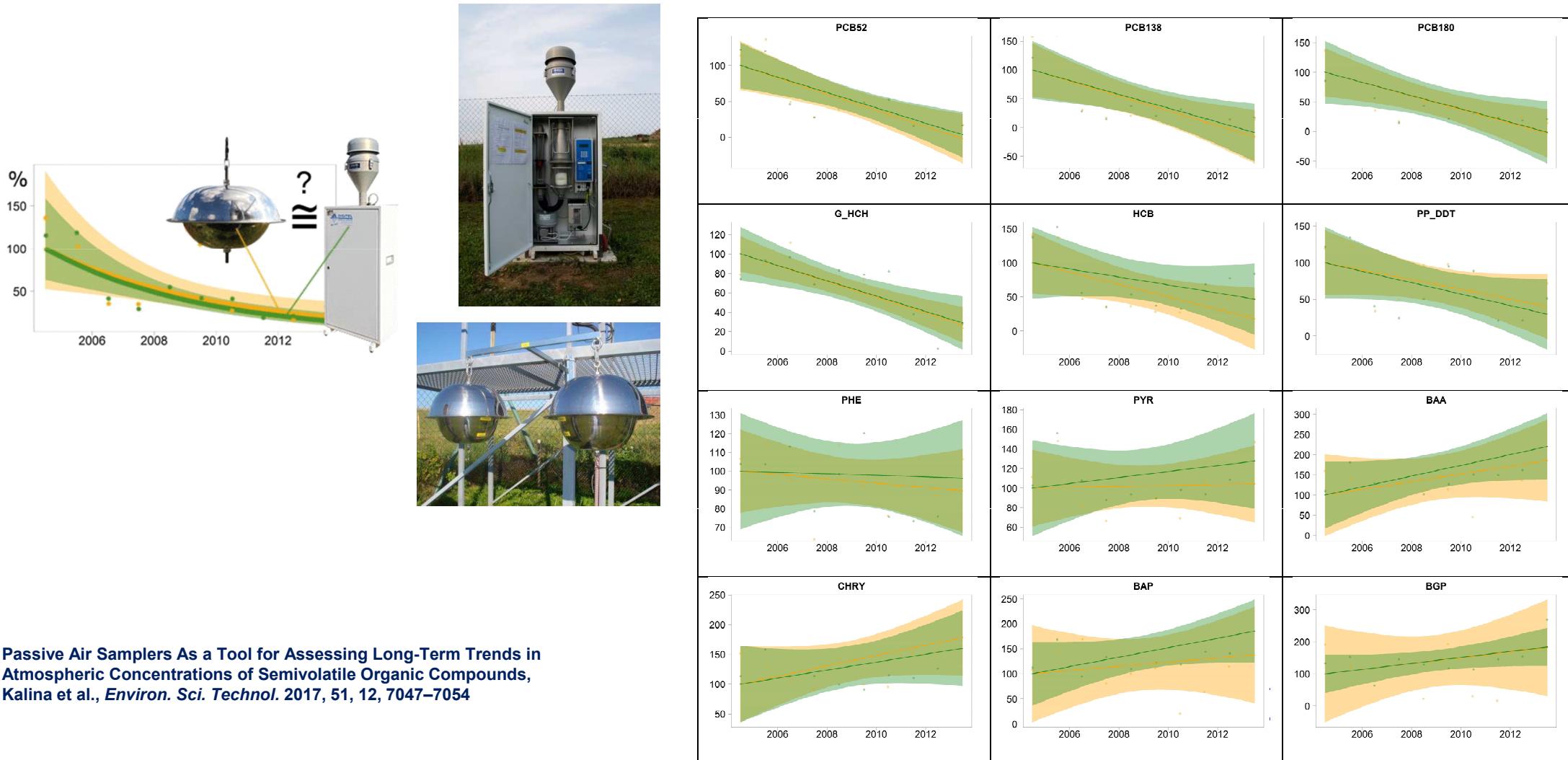
MONET CZ – Košetice, EMEP station, Czech Republic

MONET EU – Svalbard, Zeppelin, EMEP station, Spitzbergen, Norway

MONET Africa – University in Nairobi, Keňa; Ghana

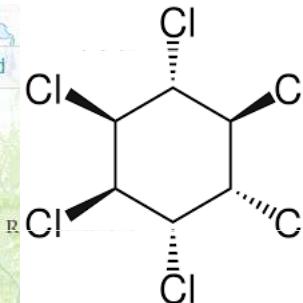
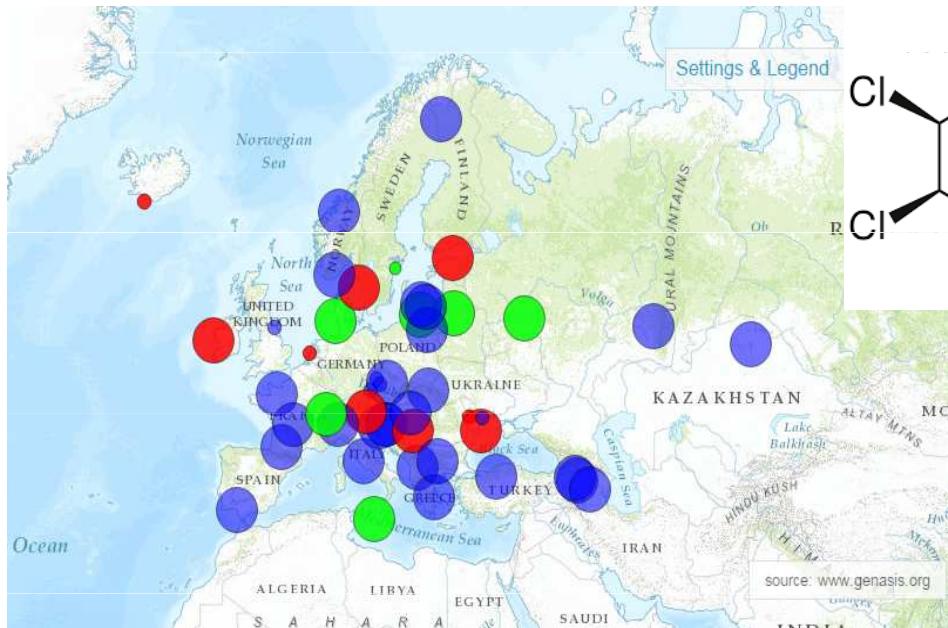


Calibration studies – active vs. passive sampling



Passive Air Samplers As a Tool for Assessing Long-Term Trends in Atmospheric Concentrations of Semivolatile Organic Compounds,
Kalina et al., *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2017, 51, 12, 7047–7054

Concentration trend of Σ HCHs and Σ PCBs in the Europe (since 2006)



Size of symbol – Concentration:

- 0.9 ng sample⁻¹
- 88.252 ng sample⁻¹

Color – Trend type:

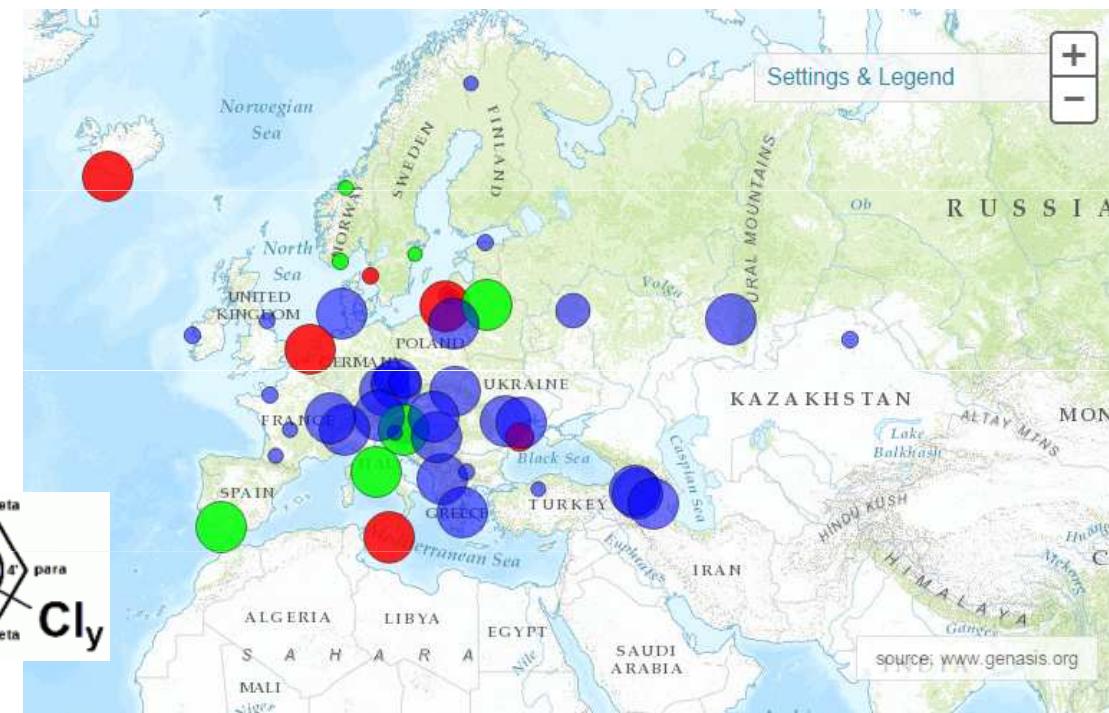
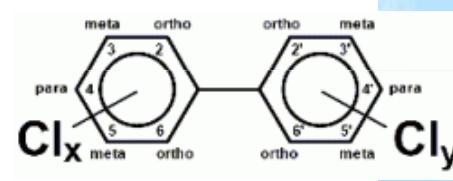
- Increasing
- Decreasing
- Statistically non-significant
- Not available

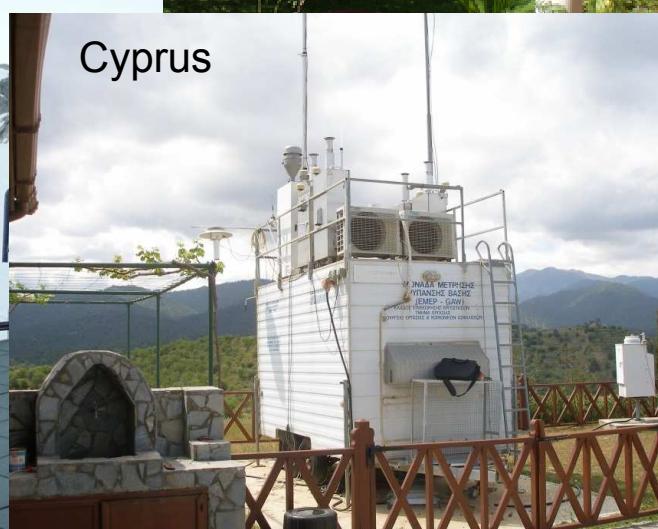
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- 0.8 ng sample⁻¹
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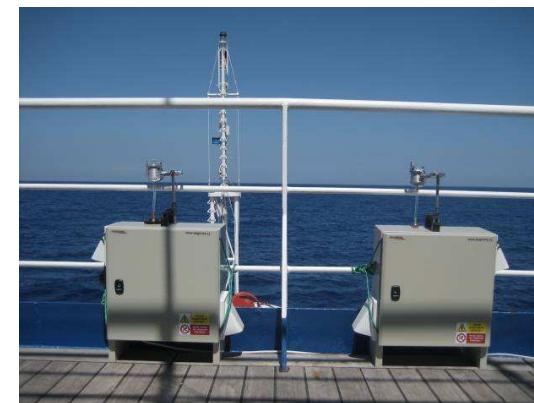
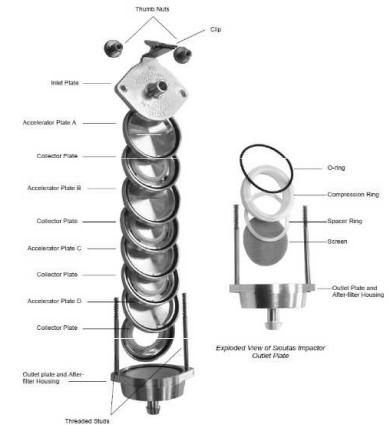


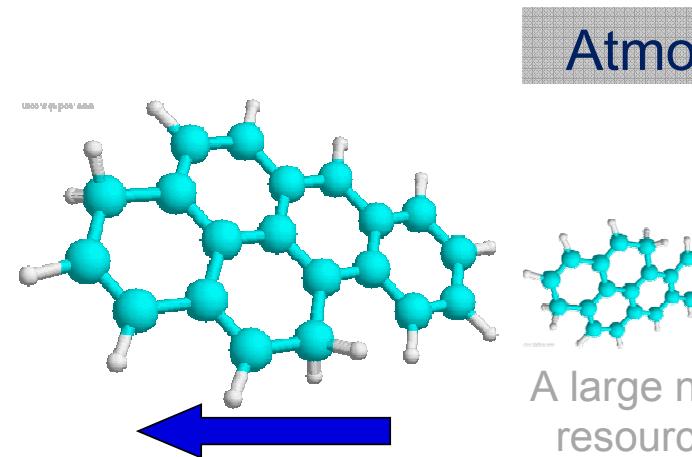
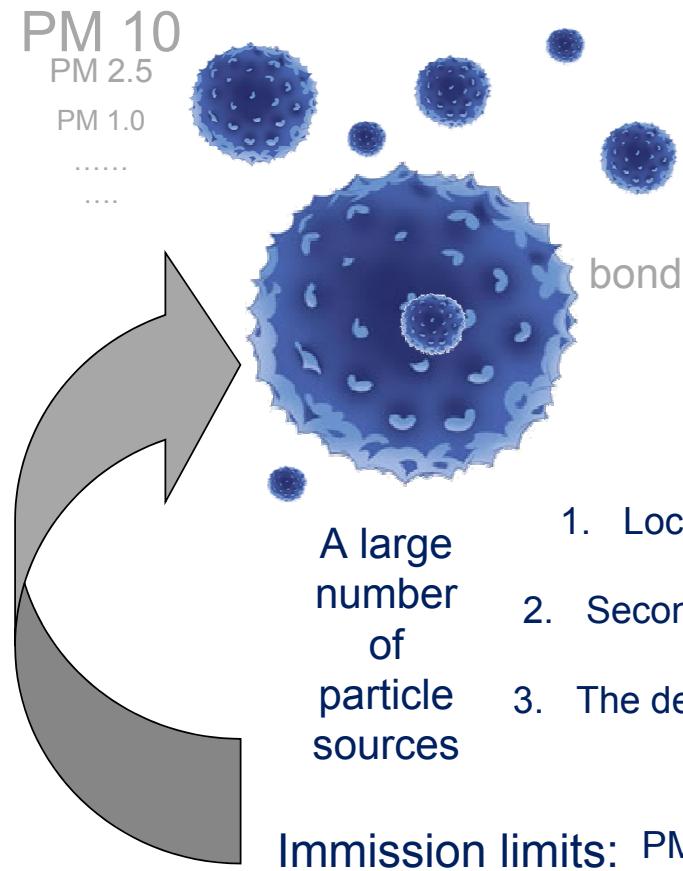
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AIR MONITORING

Air sampling

- **Active air samplers** Low/High volumes including particles
(PM distribution since 0,5 µm – 10 µm)
- **Multi-directional active air samplers**
- Sampling media – compounds dependent: PUF, XAD, or sandwich (PUF/XAD/PUF), QFF

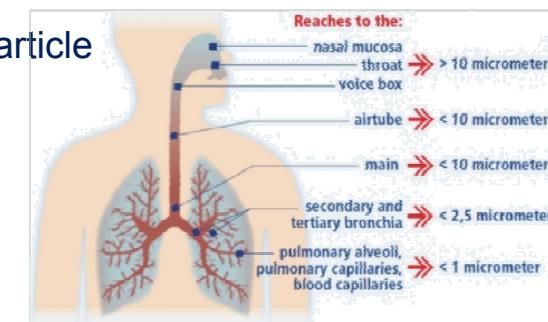




Atmospheric particles

A large number of resources toxic substances

1. Local heatings (source of particles and bound chemicals)
2. Secondary sources (contaminated soils, landfills – volatilization)
3. The decisive parameters are the size of the particle surface, material, quantity,....



It is therefore important to monitor both the particles and the chemical substances bound to them.

Active air samplers

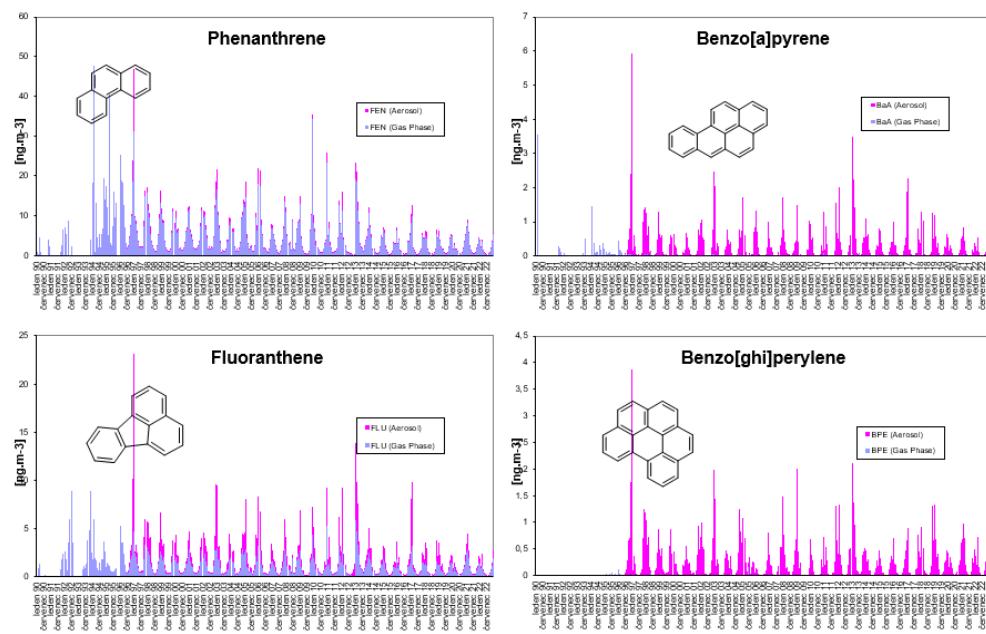
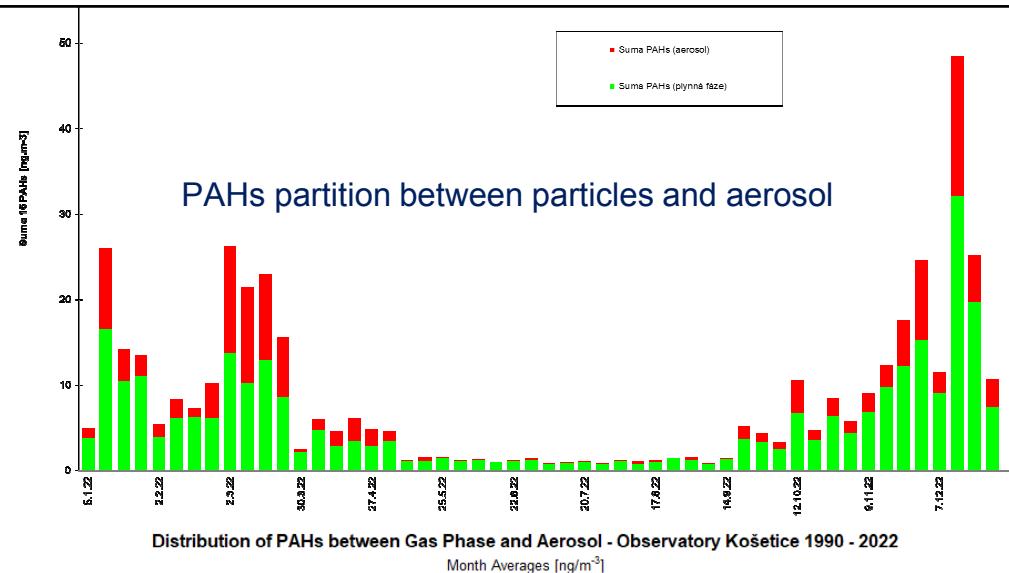
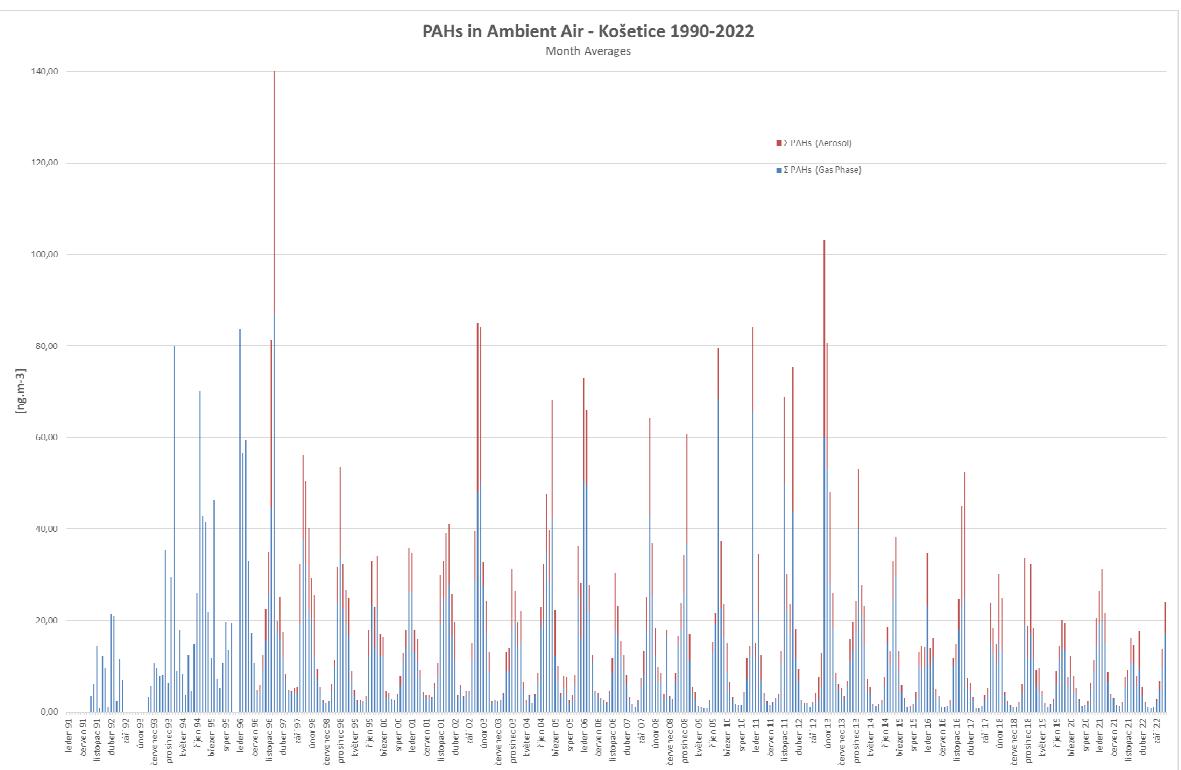
- RECETOX has experiences with long term air monitoring since 1988 in NAO Košetice
- Sampling media – compounds dependent: PUF + QFF (PM10) for POPs and PAHs; since 2015 sandwich (PUF/XAD/PUF) QFF for the polar compounds PFAS, CUPs

ACTRIS - Vertical gradients of POPs and PACs in near-ground central European background air – also open – access Research Infrastructure



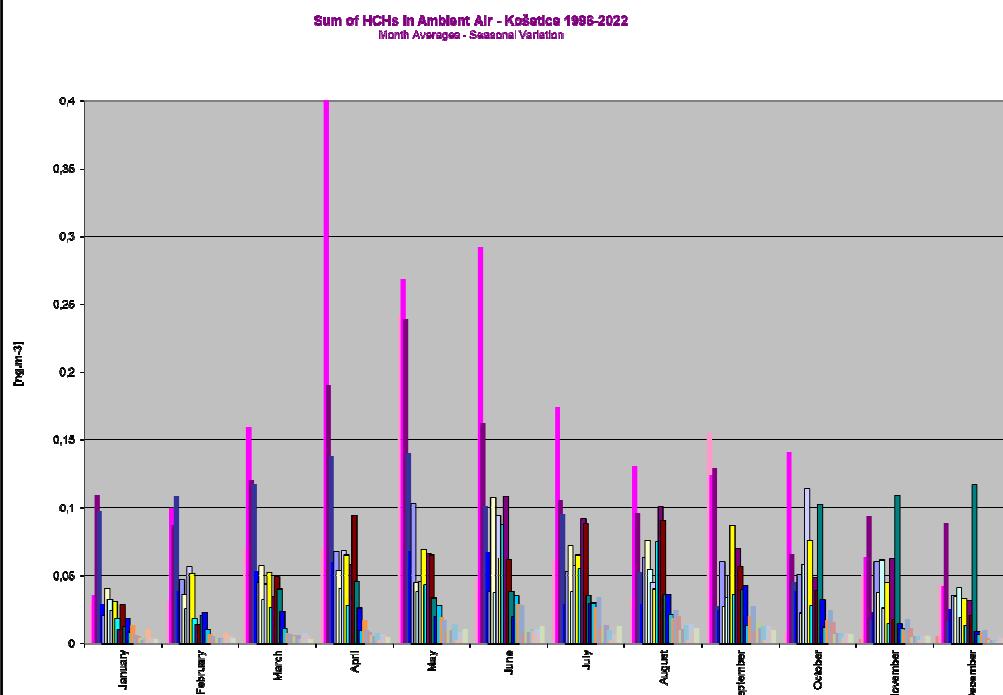
Active air samplers

Trends in PAHs concentrations

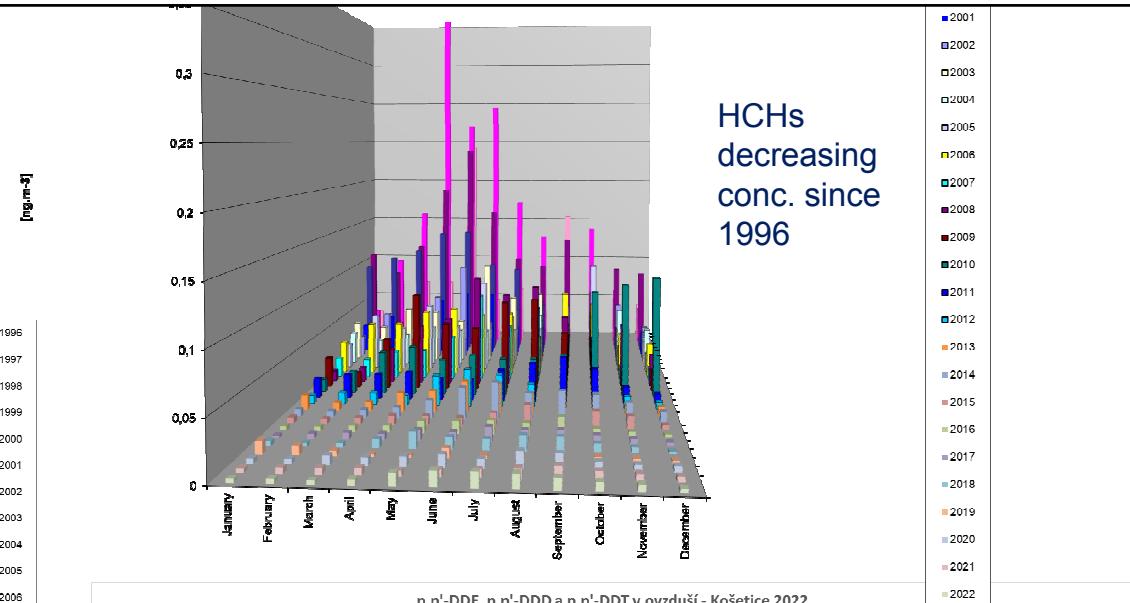


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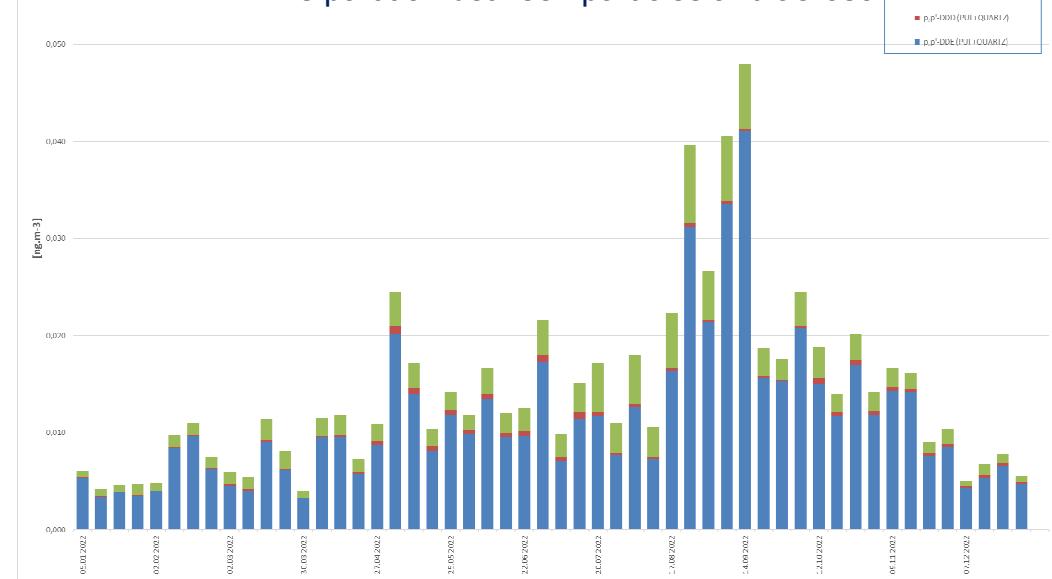
Trends in Pesticides concentrations



HCHs decreasing conc. since 1996 and seasonal variation typical for organochlorine pollutants mainly from the secondary sources



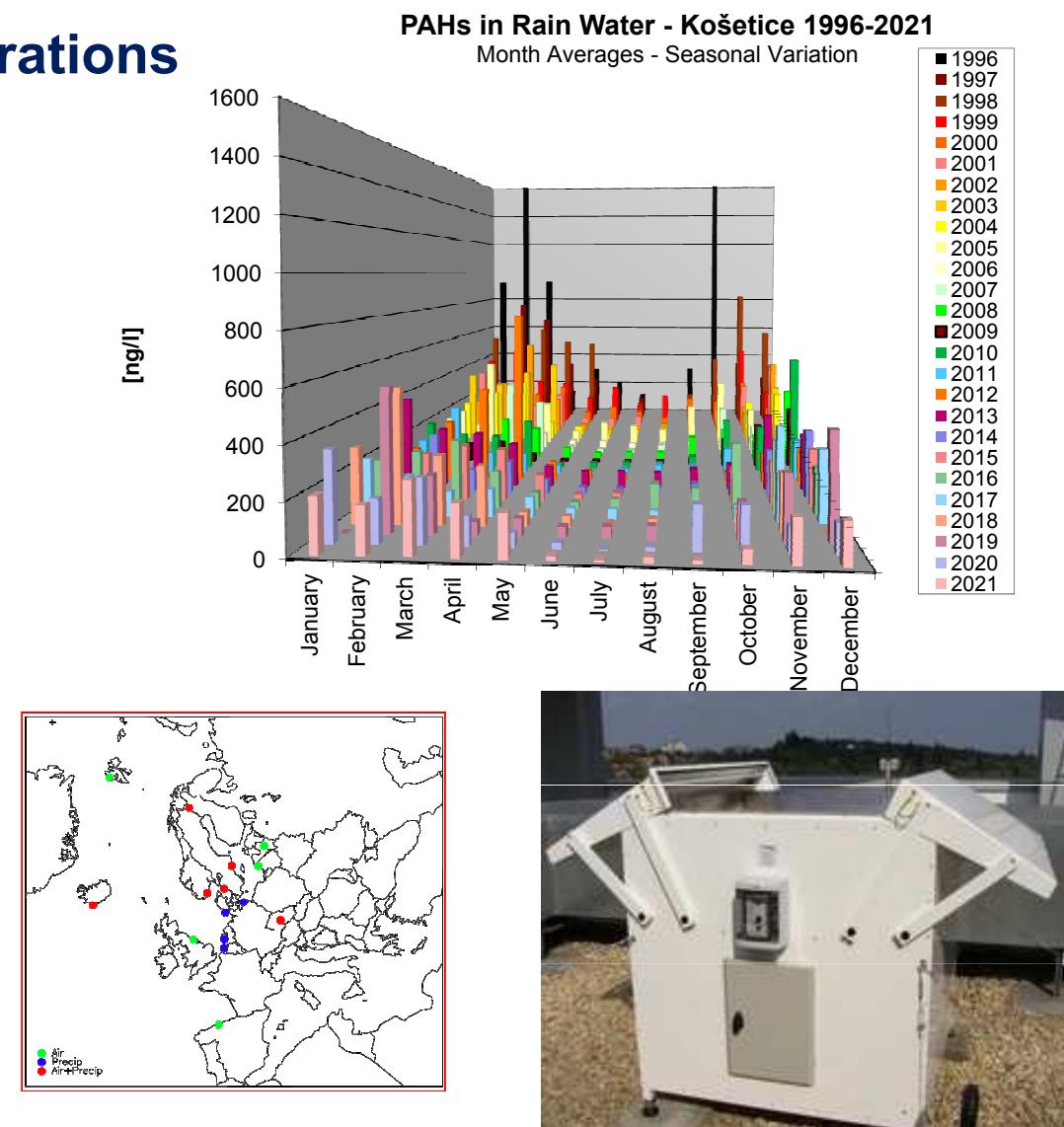
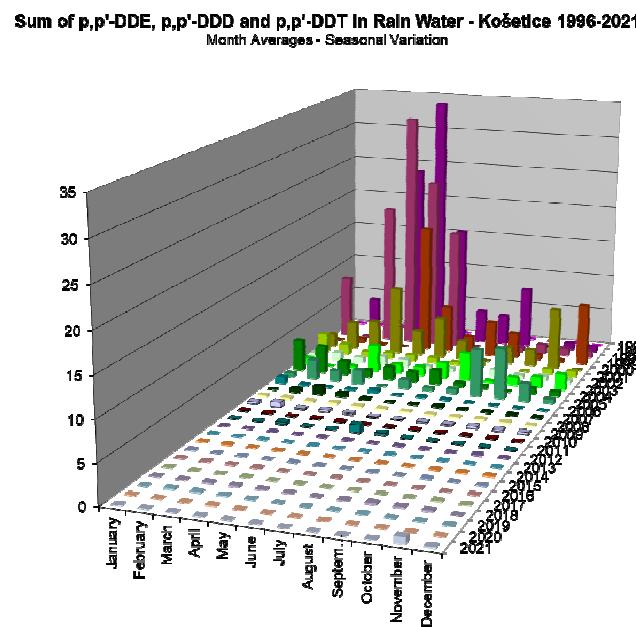
PAHs partition between particles and aerosol



Atmospheric wet deposition

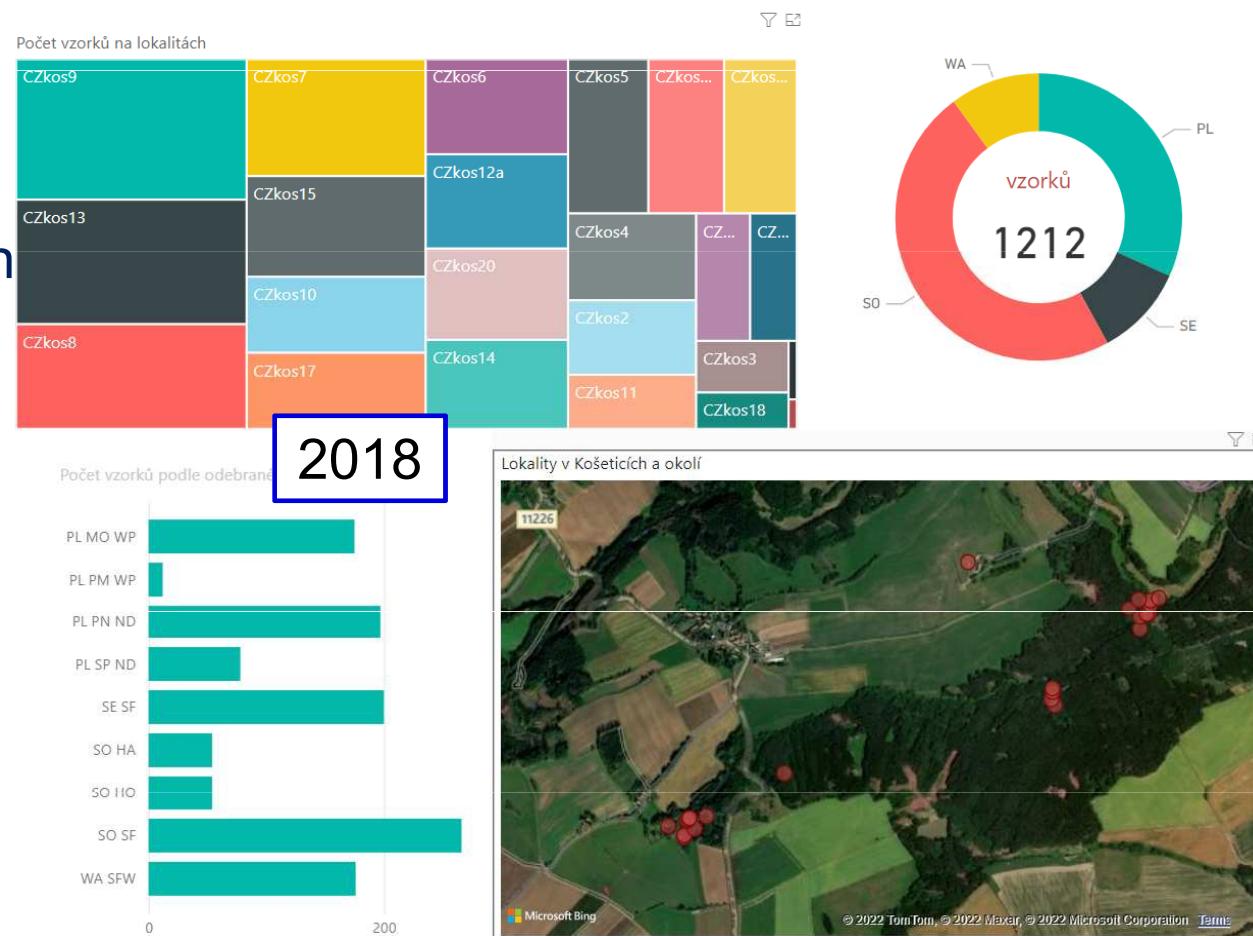
Trends in Pesticides and PAHs concentrations

- Continuously sampling
- Analysis (PAHs, PCBs, OCPs)
- Data used for EMEP



Biota monitoring like Bio-Passive air samplers

- Pine, spruce needles, moss
- Analysis (PAHs, PCBs, OCPs)
- Problem with the variability of vegetation and data interpretation



Data usage

- **Air Data** are used in monitoring programs:

EMEP (European Monitoring Environmental programme,

UNEP (UN Environmental program with GMP like Global Monitoring Plan),

UNECE (UN Economic Commission for Europe with LRTAP),

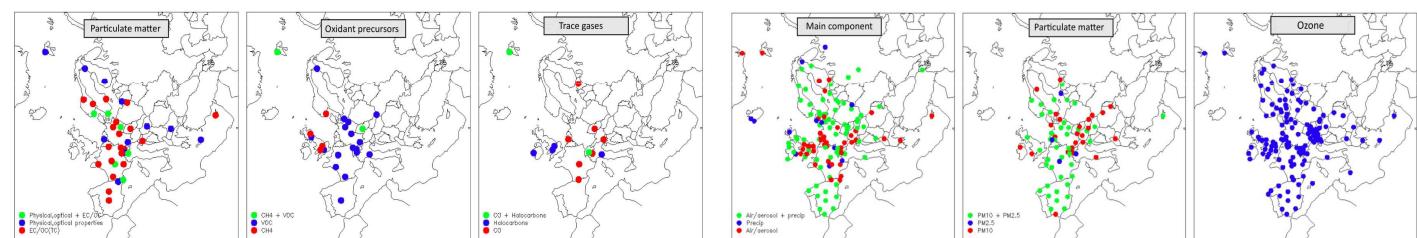
MONET_CZ, MONET_EU, MONET_Africa (Monitoring Networks established by RECETOX)

ACTRIS (The Aerosol, Clouds and Trace Gases Research Infrastructure)



- **Water Data** are used in monitoring programs:

Norman water quality monitoring



Stockholm and Basel Conventions Regional Centres - UNEP



- Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for Capacity Building and the Transfer of Technology
- Nominated Stockholm Convention Centre



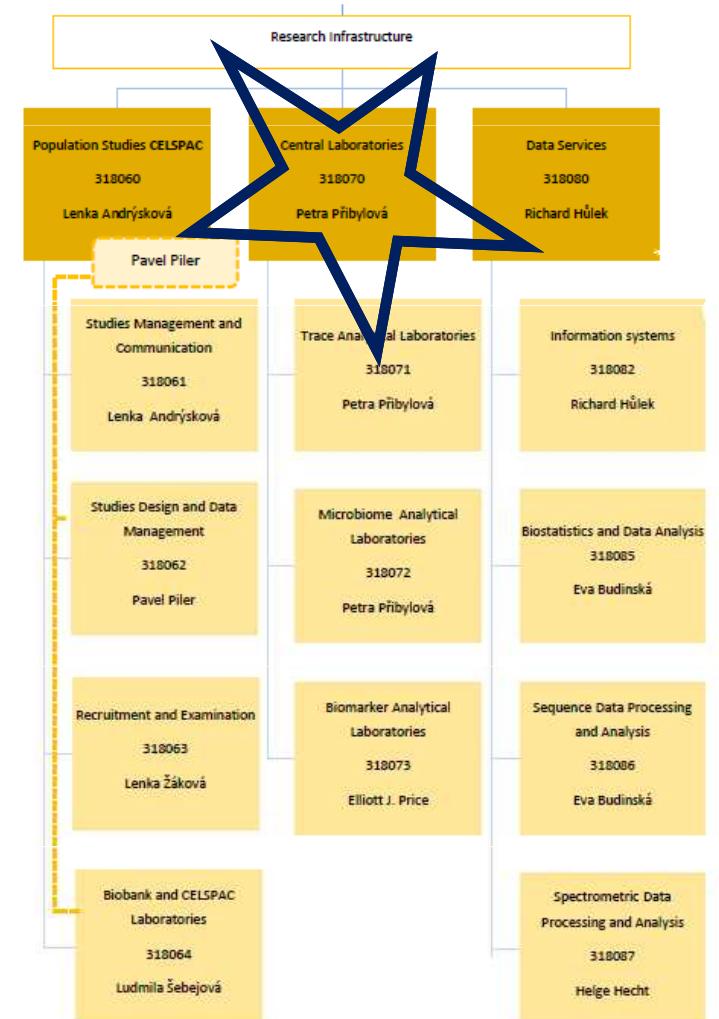
Technology transfer + capacity building;

RECETOX: SC Regional centre in the Central and Eastern European (CEE) region with
the activities far beyond the region

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Sample analysis – Central Laboratories

Trace Analytical Laboratories team



RECETOX Central Laboratories

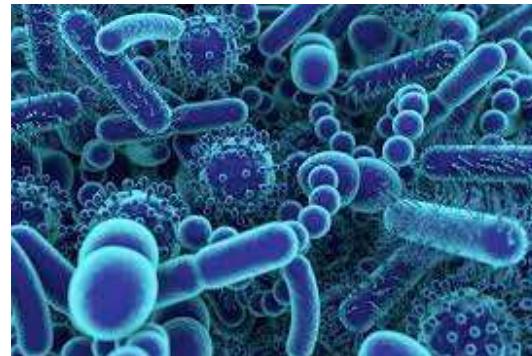
- currently **the busiest part** of the RECETOX Research infrastructure
- accredited according to European standards for environmental sampling and a wide range of chemical analysis
- consist of three units

- **Trace Analytical Laboratories**

- Microbiome analysis
- Biomarker Analytical Laboratories



Accredited laboratories provide the analytical background for the research programmes of the RECETOX centre and provide the advanced analytical services to our research teams, as well as to external clients. The laboratories also realize long-term monitoring programs of various matrices (MONET EU, MONET Africa).



Microbiome laboratory provides the bacterial and mycobial profiles in various samples using the 16S rRNA gene and ITS gene sequencing. It also performs whole metagenome sequencing, in which all DNA in the sample is sequenced.



The biomarker analysis laboratory focuses on methods of targeted and non-targeted analyses of biologically important molecules (metabolites, proteins, lipids) as potential biomarkers of effects associated with chemical exposure.

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Trace Analytical Laboratories - accredited

Equipped by: GC-MS/MS, GC-HRMS, LC-MS/MS, (LC)-ICP-MS/MS,

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Accredited matrices:

- Outdoor / indoor air
- Surface water
- Sediments, soils
- Food, foodstuffs
- Cell tissues
- Human samples

Analytes:

- PCDDs/Fs, dl-PCBs, ind. PCBs
- PBDEs
- PAHs, OCPs
- PFCs
- metals

GC/MS, LC/MS, ICP-MS



Compounds analysed

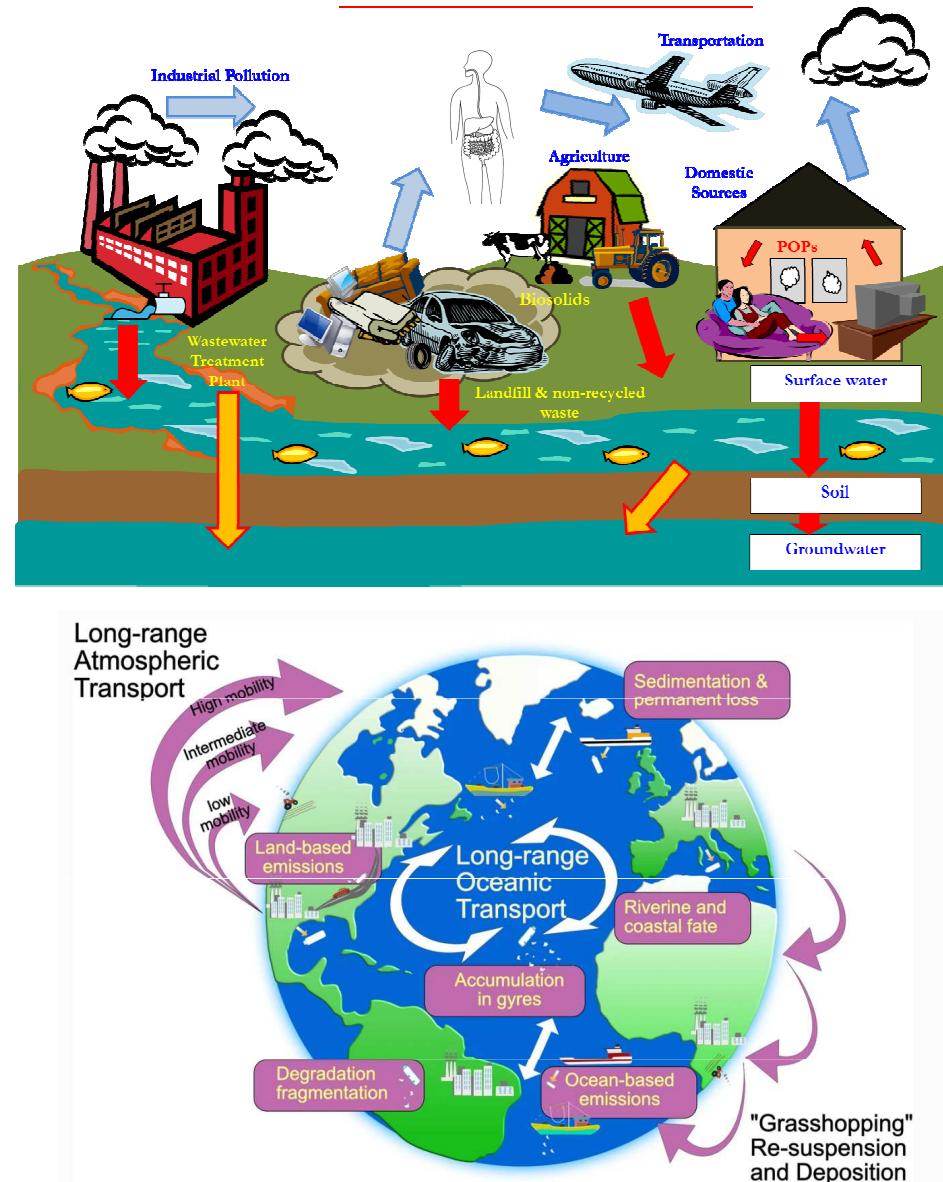
Organic pollutants:

- Polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins/furans (PCDDs/Fs)
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) – indicator and dioxin-like
- Brominated and organophosphorus flame retardants
- Organochlorine, cyclodiene, and polar pesticides
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), NOx-, and oxy-PAHs
- Perfluorinated compounds (PFAS)
- Bisphenols
- Thyroid hormones
- UV filters – benzophenone
- Mycotoxins

Metabolites:

- OH-PAHs
- Phthalates metabolites + DINCH
- Pesticides metabolites

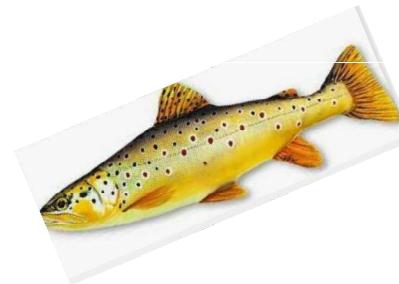
Trace elements, heavy metals, and species



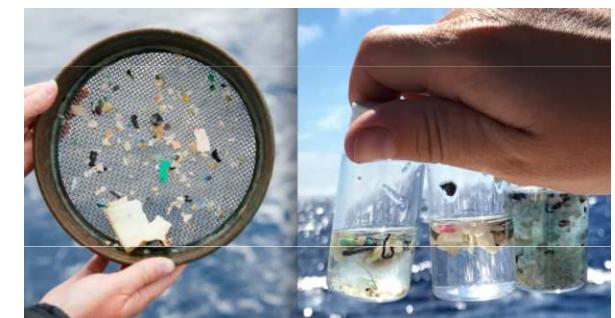
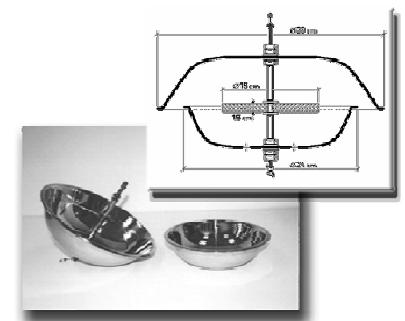
Gouin T., Microplastics and Nanoplastics, 2021 (14)

Matrices

- **Environmental matrices** – water, sediments, soils, air (indoor/outdoor, passive/active) – on XAD resin
- **Biotic matrices** - pine needles, moss, small animals
- **Materials** – micro/macro plastic, firefighter foam
- **Human matrices** – urine, serum, breast milk, hair



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Sample preparation

- Extraction of the samples (Automated hot solvent extractors – Büchi B-811, Soxhlet extraction, ultrasonic extraction, SPE, ASE, QuEChers)
- Analytical clean-up (adsorption column chromatography on the different sorbents, GPC)



Analysis

- GC-MS/MS, GC-HRMS techniques
- LC-MS/MS techniques
- (LC)-ICP-MS/MS techniques
- AAS

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Zatížení populací chemickými látkami

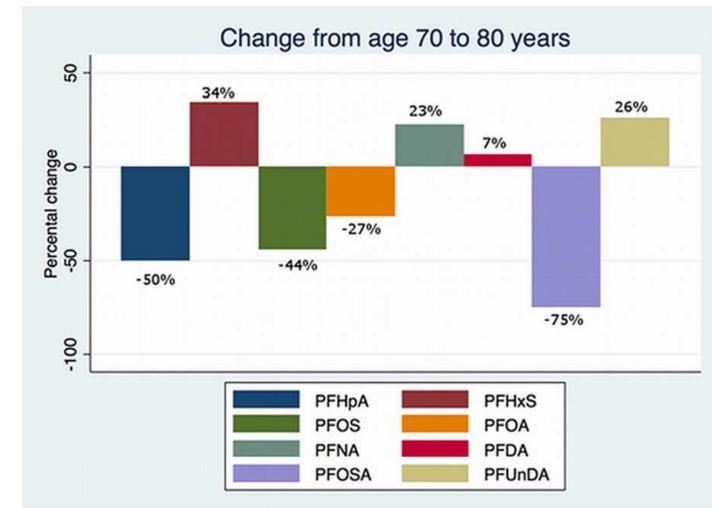
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Chemické látky v lidských matricích

- Často residiální koncentrace různých organických, anorganických sloučenin (at' už z historické zátěže nebo pokračující expozice), lipofilní látky jsou vázány na tuk.
- Hlavní expoziční cesta je často příjem potravním řetězcem (jídlo, nápoje).
- Koncentrace látek v lidské krvi, při metabolitech v moči.

Persistentní organické polutanty

- (Poly)halogenované sloučeniny (aromáty, alifáty)
- Perzistence
- „Grasshopper effect“
- Lipofilita
- Schopnost bioakumulace



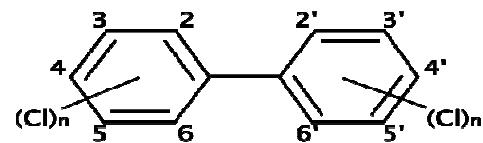
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Changes in serum levels of perfluoroalkyl substances during a 10-year follow-up period in a large population-based cohort
Environ. Int., 95 (2016), pp. 86-92, [10.1016/j.envint.2016.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envint.2016.08.002)

Persistentní organické polutanty

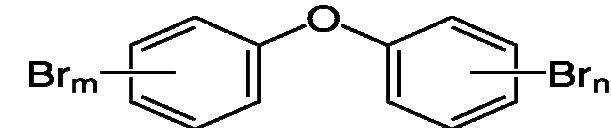
- Expoziční cesty – GI trakt, respirační systém, dermální kontakt
- Endokrinní disruptory
- Karcinogeny
- Kongenery – obtížné omezení použití
- Stockholm convention 2001 omezení POPs (celkem 12)

Persistentní organické polutanty

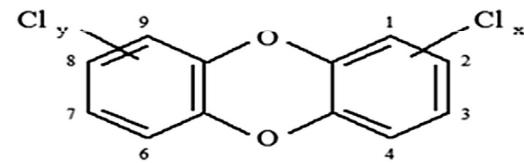
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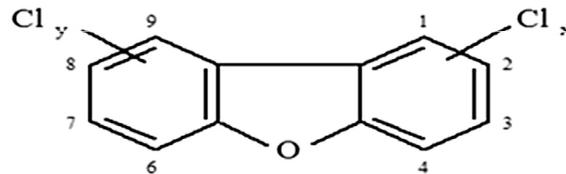
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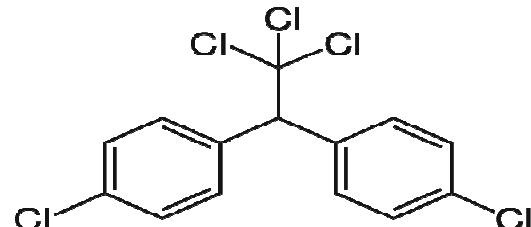
PCDD



PCDF



DDT



PCBs

- 1929 - 1979 (byly zakázány)
- SOUČÁSTÍ elektrických či topných zařízení – kapacitátorů a transformátorů
- Hydraulických tekutin
- Změkčovadel = aditiva do barev či laků
- Plastů
- Bezuhlíkového kopírovacího papíru
- Vypínačů, izolace kabelů

PCBs

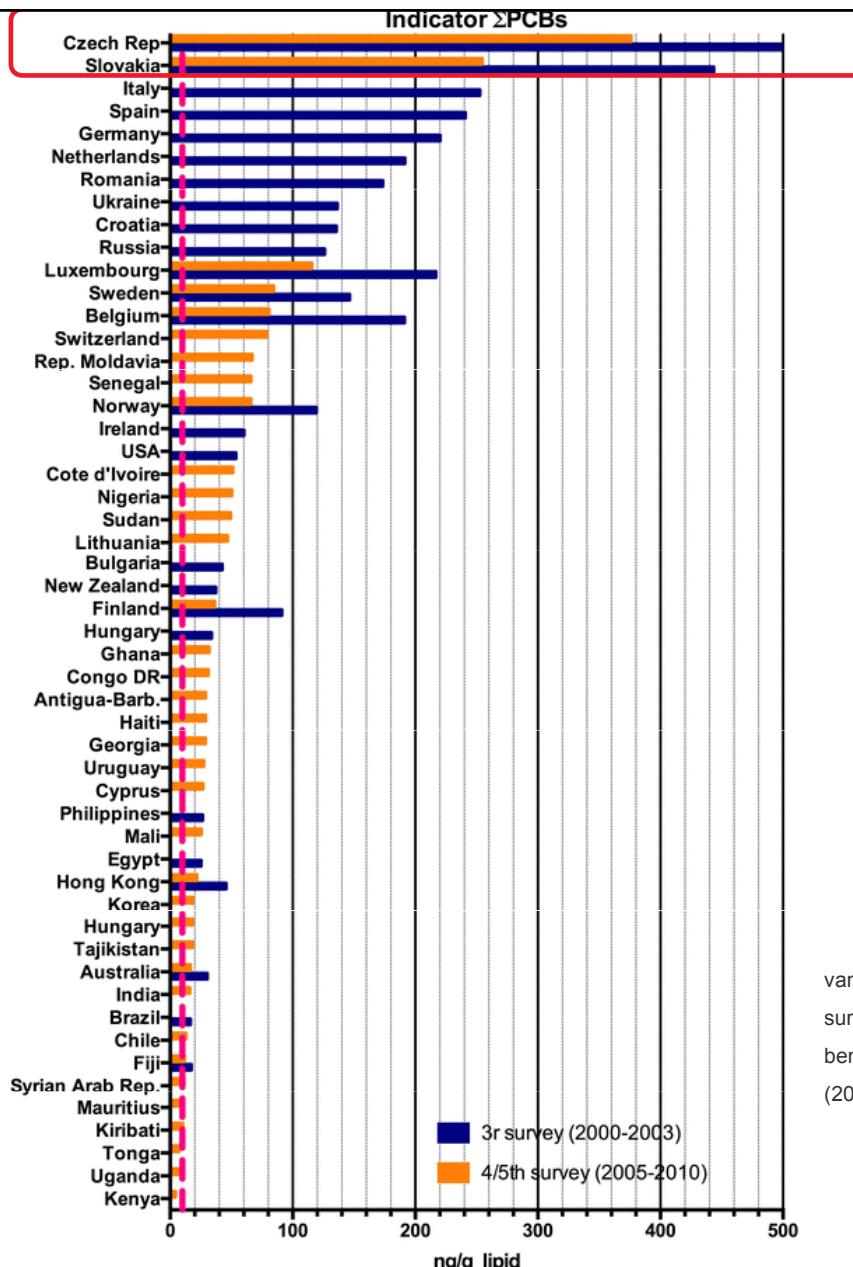
- V 2. polovině 20. stol. – detekovány PCBs u zvířat
- Únik do atmosféry:
- Špatné zacházení s odpadem obsahujícím PCBs
- Z transformátorů
- Při pálení materiálů obsahujících PCBs

PCBs

- Detekovány v tkáních – vrcholných predátorů, v rybách, také v mléce, mase, másle či vejcích
- Studie na zvířatech prokázaly vliv na imunitní, hormonální či rozmnožovací sst.
- Prokázaná karcinogenita u zvířat
- Přenos mateřským mlékem – zpomalený mentální vývoj dítěte

PCBs

- WHO šetření
- mateřské mléko



van den Berg, M., Kypke, K., Kotz, A. et al. WHO/UNEP global surveys of PCDDs, PCDFs, PCBs and DDTs in human milk and benefit-risk evaluation of breastfeeding. *Arch Toxicol* **91**, 83–96 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00204-016-1802-z>

BFRs

- Polybromované difenylethery(PDBEs)
- Perzistentní, lipofilní a bioakumulativní látky
- Zabraňují hoření materiálů a zpomalují progresi požáru
- Vznikají přímou bromací difenyl etheru – 209 možných kongenerů – komerčně technické směsi
- Ve mnoha zemích již byly zakázány

PBDEs

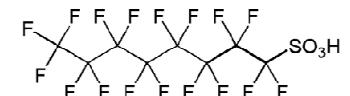
- U zvířat je prokázáno, že tyto látky mají vliv na:
- Vývoj nervové soustavy – neurotoxikanty – u myší došlo ke zhoršenému vývoji motorických schopností (McDonald, 2001)
- Hormonální systém - endokrinní disruptory – struktura PDBEs je podobná thyroidním hormonům
- Rozvoj rakoviny – u myší a krys, které byly exponovány směsi PDBEs, došlo ke zvýšení oxidativního stresu a změnám v hormonální homeostáze

DDT a metabolismy

- 1,1,1-trichlor-2,2-bis(4-chlorfenyl)ethan
- Poprvé vyrobeno na konci 19. stol.
- Ochrana před malárií a tyfem – používáno během 2. sv. války
- V Africe proti malárii používáno dodnes
- Patří mezi endokrinní disruptory, má několik metabolitů – DDE a DDD
- Toxicke efekty: ovlivněna plodnost: malformace pohl. orgánů., tenké skořápky u ptáků atd.

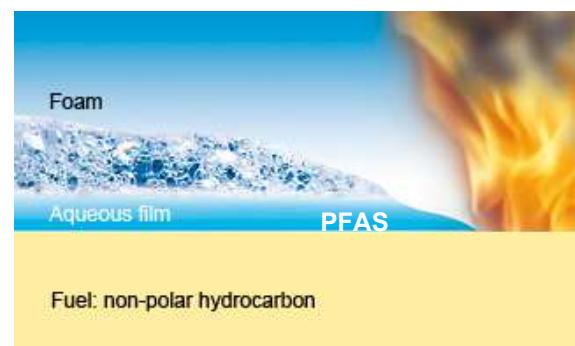
PFAS

- široká skupina poly- a perfluorovaných láték
 - vazba C-F velmi silná, těžko rozložitelná, velmi perzistentní
 - hydrofobní a oleofobní vlastnosti
 - dobrovolné ukončení použití po roce 2000, v roce 2009 zákaz různými úmluvami, náhradní produkty
 - imunotoxicita



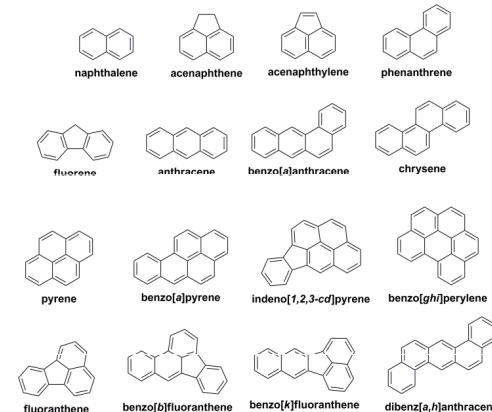
PFAS v hasicích pěnách

- Aqueous film forming foams (AFFFs), PFAS snižují povrchové napětí vody (lepší rozptyl pěny na povrchu hořící kapaliny), tepelně odolný – stabilní film
- většinou pro hašení kapalin (hořavin, např. paliv)
- značná expozice ŽP, kontaminované lokality – cvičiště hasičů, letiště, vojenské letecké základny
- pracovní expozice hasičů AFFFs (vdechnutí aerosolu, dermální kontakt)
- v některých zemích již zakázané (PFOS), nicméně stále existují fluorované alternativy

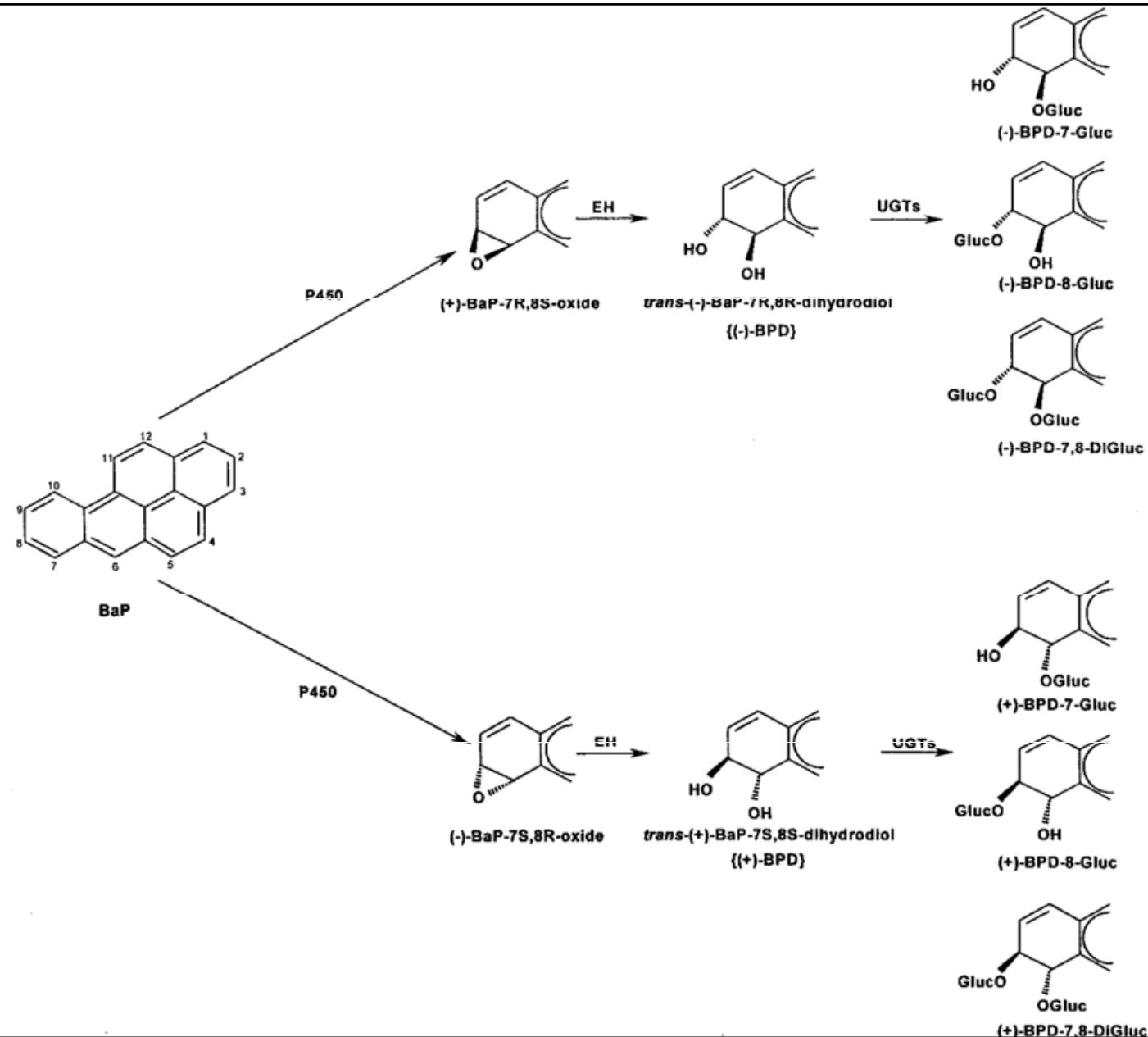


PAHs

- polykondenzované aromáty
- všudypřítomné, v prostředí relativně stabilní
- produkty nedokonalého hoření, nebo petrogenní původ
- uzené maso, kouřem sušené ovoce, pracovní expozice
(asfaltování, stavební práce)
- podezřelé nebo prokázané karcinogeny – po metabolické aktivaci



Metabolizace BaP



Analýza POPs v krvi

- obvykle nativní sloučeniny (nemetabolizované)
- Náročnost matrice (naše analyty jsou malé molekuly): proteiny, lipidy, sacharidy atd.
- Extrakční metody musí pokrývat široký rozsah analytů
- Předčišťovací postupy pro odstranění hlavních interferentů při instrumentální analýze: proteiny, lipidy, sacharidy atd.
- Často omezené množství dostupného vzorku vs. stanovení širokého rozsahu analytů, často v nízkých koncentracích

Analýza POPs v krvi

LLE: jednoduchá, levná, pracná
pro širší sady vzorků, nutnost
dodatečných přečištění, snadná
modifikace



Determination of selected perfluorinated alkyl acids and persistent organic pollutants from a small volume human serum sample relevant for epidemiological studies

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SPE: potřeba speciálního zařízení, vyšší
náklady, pracná pro širší sady vzorků,
nutnost dodatečných přečištění, omezený
výběr sorbentů pro SPE



A rapid method for screening of the Stockholm Convention POPs in small amounts of human plasma using SPE and HRGC/HRMS

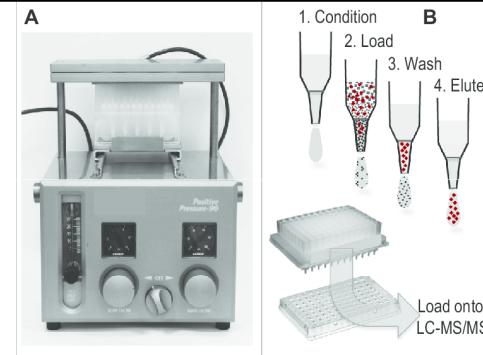
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Deskové SPE



- 96 jamkové SPE desky: rychlé a jednoduché, vyšší náklady,
nutnost zvláštního vybavení, nízké objemy vzorků ($<250 \mu\text{L}$)
- lze zpracovat cca 88 vzorků najednou (+ QC)



A method for analysis of marker persistent organic pollutants in low-volume plasma and serum samples using 96-well plate solid phase extraction

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A rapid method for the determination of perfluoroalkyl substances including structural isomers of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid in human serum using 96-well plates and column-switching ultra-high performance liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry

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Příprava vzorků

- kondicionace SPE desk (Waters Oasis HLB 60 mg/well, 60 µm)
- předčišťovací deska (Phenomenex Phree phospholipid removal plate, 30 mg/well, *genericky označena jako C18*)
- analyty: PCBs, OCPs, BFRs, PAHs, PFRs
- krevní sérum, NIST SRM 1957, 1958(nativní a obohacené krevní sérum)

Přenos vzorků na HLB desku



Vysrážení proteinů krevní plasmy
Pomocí acetonitrilu

Vialky
se vzorky krevní plasmy/séra

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Pracovní postup

150 až 250 µL objem vzorku, obohacení směsí vnitřních standardů
(roztoky v IPA)

vysrážení krevních proteinů: 3x objem vzorku ACN

HLB deska kondicionovaná

SPE podtlakový manifold



Příprava vzorků

Klíčové je pro analýzu PCBs a pod odstranění vlhkosti z desky HLB

... 15 min centrifuga (4300 rpm), profuk 30 min N2



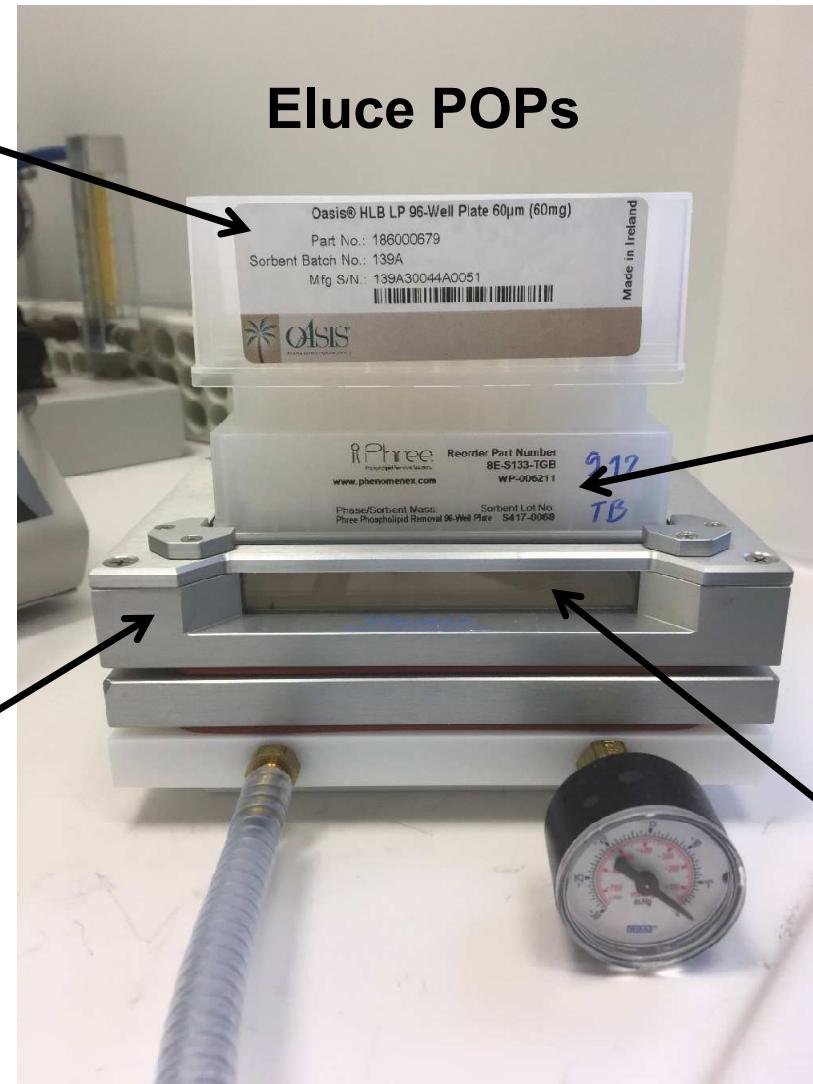
Vysušená
HLB deska
se vzorky

Eluce POPs

Vakuový
manifold

Phree
deska

Eluce do
skleněných
inzertů



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Příprava vzorku

Eluce a přečištění, Na₂SO₄ do Phree desky, HLB deska polona na Phree, 1.2 mL *n*-hexane/DCM, převod do GC vialk, přídavek recovery standardů, N₂ odpaření, GC-MS analýza



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Stanovení PFAS

- vysrážení proteinů (Phenomenex Phree), matricová kalibrace,
¹³C vnitřní standardy(Wellington labs)
- UPLC-ESI-MS/MS analýza
- ANlayty:
 - PFBA, PFPeA, PFHxA, PFHpA, PFOA, PFNA, PFDA, PFUnDA,
PFDoDA, PFTrDA, PFTDA
 - PFBuS, PFHxS, PFOS (incl. branched isomers), PFDS, PFOSA



Průtočnost laboratoří, obecně

příprava vzorků (SPE) 1-2 dny pro 88 vzorků

instrumentální analýza 88 vzorků na 2 skupiny analytů 5 dnů



Stanovení prvků a specií

Stanovení toxicických a esenciálních prvků v plasmě nebo moči metodou ICP-MS

Toxicke a esenciální prvky – vztah k plodnosti

V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Sr, Mo, Cd, Sn, Sb, Hg a Pb

Příprava: pouze 10x ředění do Triton X-100 (0,04%), amoniak (1%), butanol (2%),

EDTA (0,04%) + vnitřní standardy (Sc, Ge, In, Lu, Bi)

Detekce: Agilent 8900 ICP-MS/MS, pouze He SQ mód

QA/QC CRM Seronorm Serum Level 1 + Level 2

Výhody oproti mineralizaci:

Malá spotřeba vzorku (0,2 ml)

Nízké riziko kontaminace

Produktivita – 100 vzorků/8 h

Stanovení prvků a specií

ICP-MS

- 7500ce ICP-MS (2004 – 2020)
- 7700x ICP-MS (2012 – dosud)
- 8900 ICP-MS/MS (2020 – dosud)



Separační techniky

- Bio-inert 1260 Infinity II HPLC
(2020 – dosud)
- 1100 HPLC (2004 – dosud)
- 6890N GC (2004 – dosud)

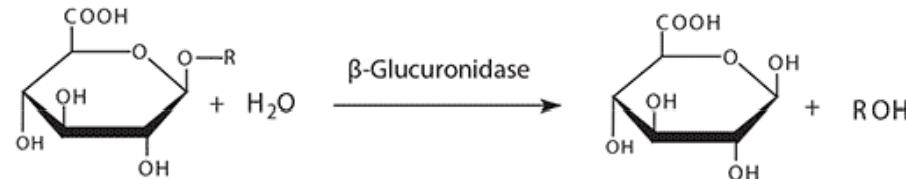


Analýza polutantů v moči

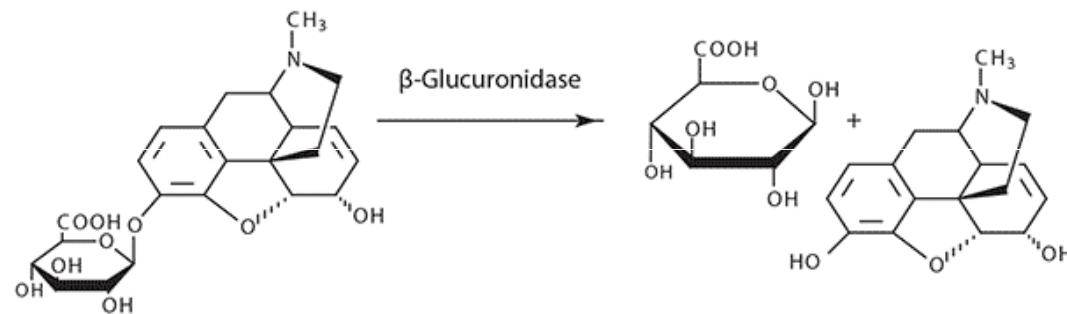
- dekoyjugace glukuronidů (promíchání vzorků s roztokem enzymu, inkubace za vhodné teploty, třepání po vhodnou dobu)
- úprava pH, použití vhodného SPE sorbentu (ionexy), dle povahy analytu (cationty, anionty, neutrální)
- obohacení značenými vnitřními standardy a extrakce na SPE, poté eluce a analýza UPLC-MS/MS

Dekonjugace

General β -Glucuronidase Hydrolysis Reaction



β -Glucuronidase Hydrolysis Reaction for Morphine 3- β -glucuronide



Příprava vzorků



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Shrnutí

- pracovní postupy s velkou průtočností vzorků (časová náročnost především instrumentální analýza)
- malé použité objemy vzorků, QAQC
- metody pro dlouhodobý biomonitoring – časové sledování expozice populací

Díky za pozornost!

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