



# Environmental sampling and analysis of organic contaminants in the environmental samples

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# 1. Environmental analytical chemistry

Specific features, general scheme

## 2. Sampling

Sampling plan, strategy, sampling protocol, sample size and quality, transport, storage

## 3. Sample preparation

Extraction of solid (Soxhlet, automatic extraction, MAE, ASE, SFE) and liquid (L-L, SPE, SPME, head-space) samples, fractionation and clean-up (column chromatography, gel permeation)

## 4. Analytical techniques

Chromatographic techniques, principals, instrumentation, HPLC, GC, GC-MS

## 5. Target pollutants

Priority pollutants (PCBs, PCDDs/Fs, PAHs, pesticides), emerging pollutants (SCCPs/MCCPs, antibiotics, degradation products)

## 6. QA/QC

Calibration, limit of detection and quantification, internal and recovery standards, blanks, certified reference materials, interlaboratory calibration tests, method validation and verification, GLP

## 7. Environmental monitoring

Monitoring programs, Global monitoring plan under Stockholm Convention



Environmental science brings together scientists from many fields to perform complex studies of environmental processes and interactions.

They may include:

- water and food **quality monitoring**
- **level** of contamination of environmental compartments
- ozone depletion as a result of the presence of certain chemicals in the atmosphere
- **regional** contamination studies
- evaluation of the **impact** of local **sources** of pollution
- **toxicity** of chemical compounds as a function of their chemical structure
- impact of chemical substances on **living organisms**
- **bioavailability**
- **bioaccumulation**
- biotic and abiotic **transformations**
- **transport** of pollutants in the environment
- global **fate** of pollutants
- international **directives** and their impact on the global contamination
- **remediation** actions and their quality control
- **sustainable development**

Most of them involve the chemical analysis as one of necessary steps.



# Environmental analytical chemistry challenges:

- international conventions focus attention on the **new groups of pollutants**
- old contamination brings the problem of **residue analyses**
- lowering limits as well as environmental levels require **low detection limits**
- **large-scale monitoring** is crucial for the studies of the long-range transport
- development of **new sampling techniques** is encouraged
- increasing number of samples stresses the **need for automatization**
- fate studies require **understanding of distribution processes and equilibria**
- **photochemical reactions** complicate the sampling and data interpretation
- consideration of both, **analytical and toxicological data** is important for successful **risk assessment**
- methods of **biochemistry and molecular-biology** are often implemented in toxicological studies
- international studies require **standardization of all procedures**

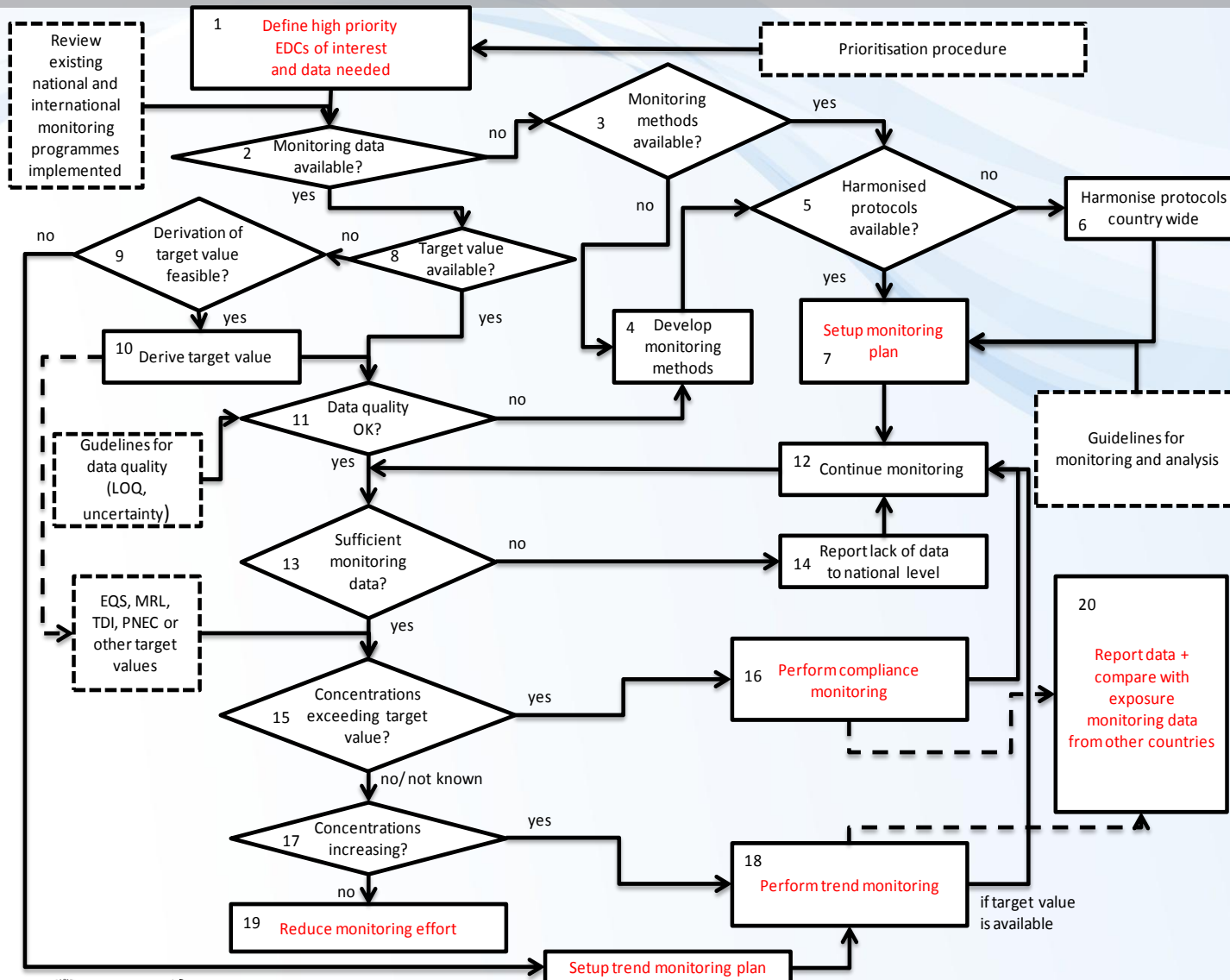
# Specific problems of environmental analysis

- low **homogeneity** of samples (soil)
- low **stability** of samples (biota)
- various matrices (**methods for extraction** of analytes from matrices)
- wide **range of analytes** (method development)
- wide **range of concentration** (robust methods)
- monitoring on the levels close to the **detection limits** (high deviations)
- risk of **secondary contamination**
- price of **ultra-trace analysis** (instrumentation, chemicals, standards)

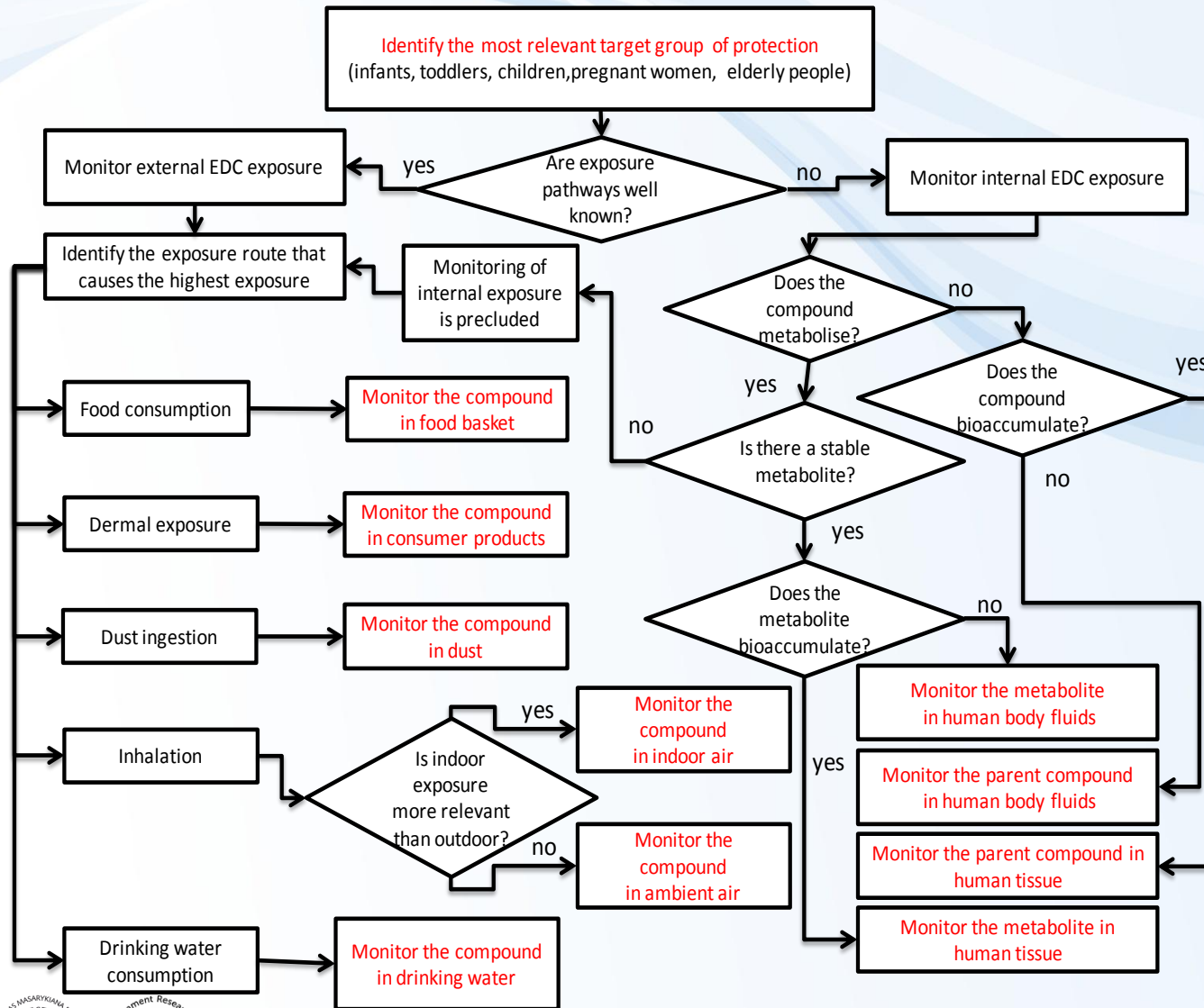
# Priority pollutants ?

- polychlorinated biphenyls
- polychlorinated naphthalenes
- organochlorinated pesticides and their metabolites
- polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins and furans
- polyaromatic hydrocarbons
- chlorinated benzenes
- fenol and chlorinated fenols
- short and medium chain chlorinated paraffins
- brominated flame retardants
- organophosphorus flame retardants
- perfluorinated compounds
- alkylphenols
- musks
- estrogens
- sunscreens
- siloxanes, parabens and other additives to cosmetic products

# Decision tree - compounds



# Decision tree - matrices





# Sampling

- **initial stage**
  - selection of analytes
  - selection of sampling sites
  - number of samples, sampling frequency
  - sampling methods and strategy
- **quality assurance**
  - representative samples
  - sufficient size
  - stability
- **optimal data value : cost ratio**

# Sampling - documentation required

- **sampling plan** (a goal, selection of sampling sites, analytes, sampling method, number of samples, sampling period and frequency, safety procedures), seeks the balance between the value of data and its price
- **standard operational procedure** for sampling various matrices (sampling devices, steps involved in collecting of representative sample - homogenous, of reasonable size and stability, quality of transport and storage)
- **sampling protocols** (name and number of the sample, sampling site, matrix, date of sampling, local conditions and measurements, methods, sample size, responsible person)

# Air sampling

Air is a key medium - **responds quickly** to sources

Air concentrations **fluctuate widely** in the space and time

Various concentrations in the **gas/particulate phases** - compromise over the sample time/volume/technique

**Short-term sampling/bulking**

# Air sampling

- **ambient air**
  - permanent gases
  - volatile/semivolatile compounds
  - particules
- **indoor air**
- **working environment**
- **emissions**
- **imissions**

# Fixed volume containers

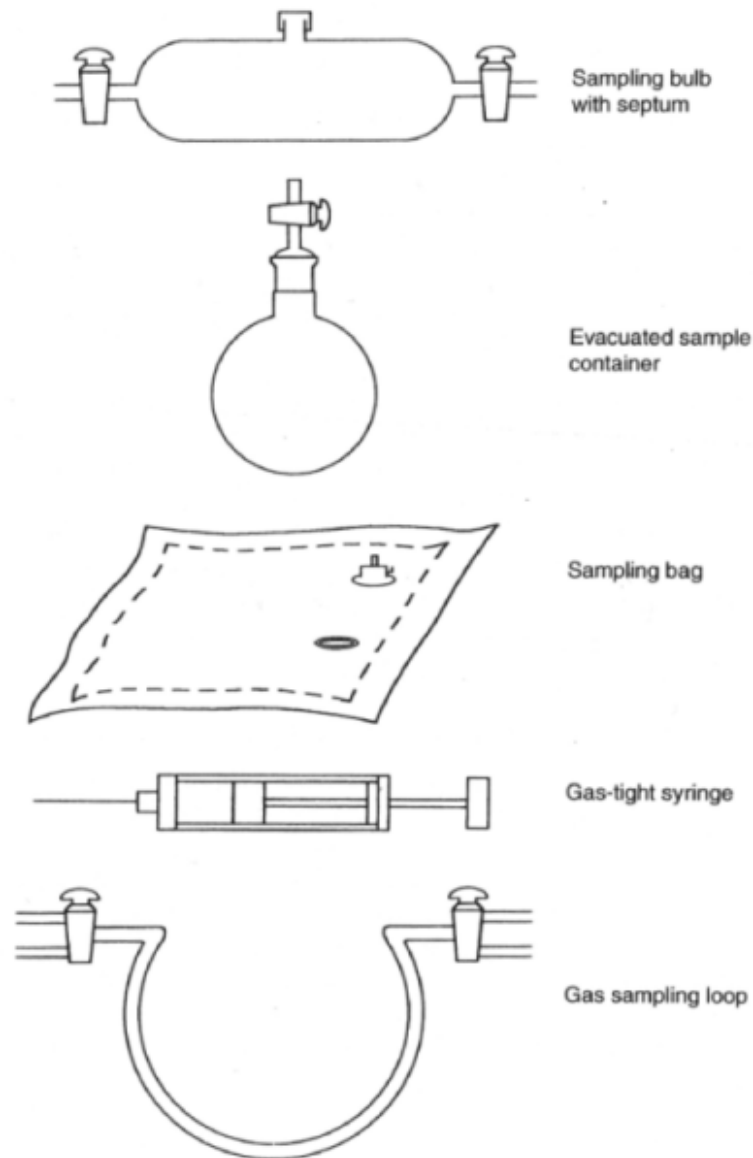


Figure 6.16 Some examples of the equipment used for gas sampling.

# Denuders

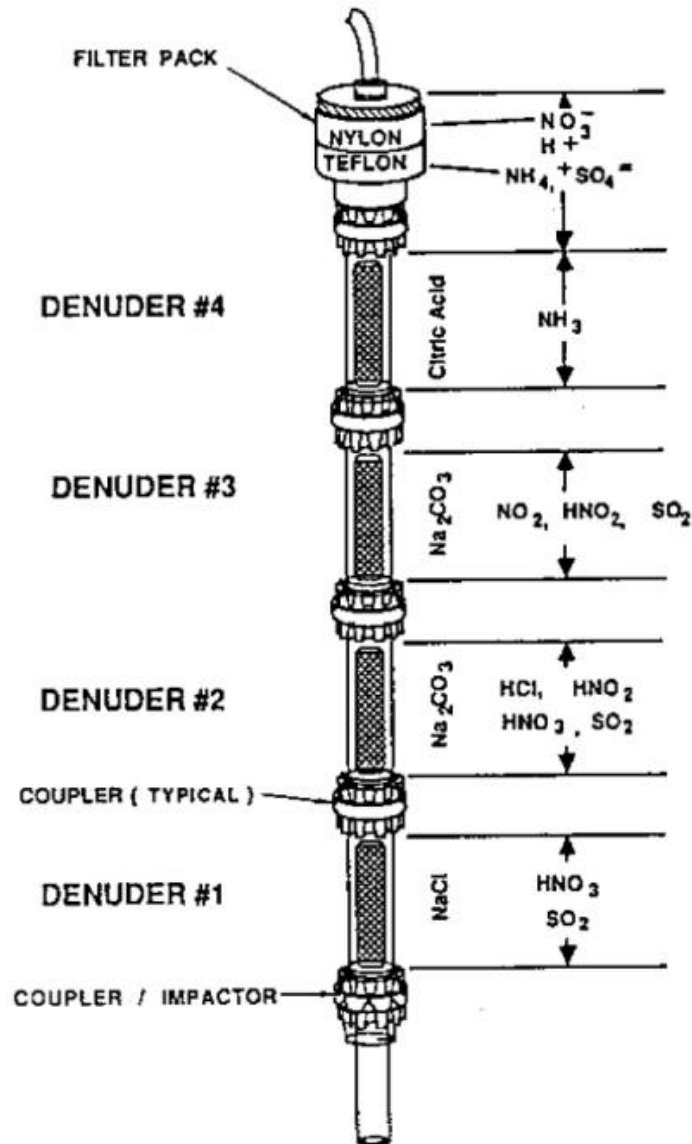


Figure 1. Schematic View of Annular Denuder Showing Species Collected

# High volume active samplers



# Samplers of the particulate matter





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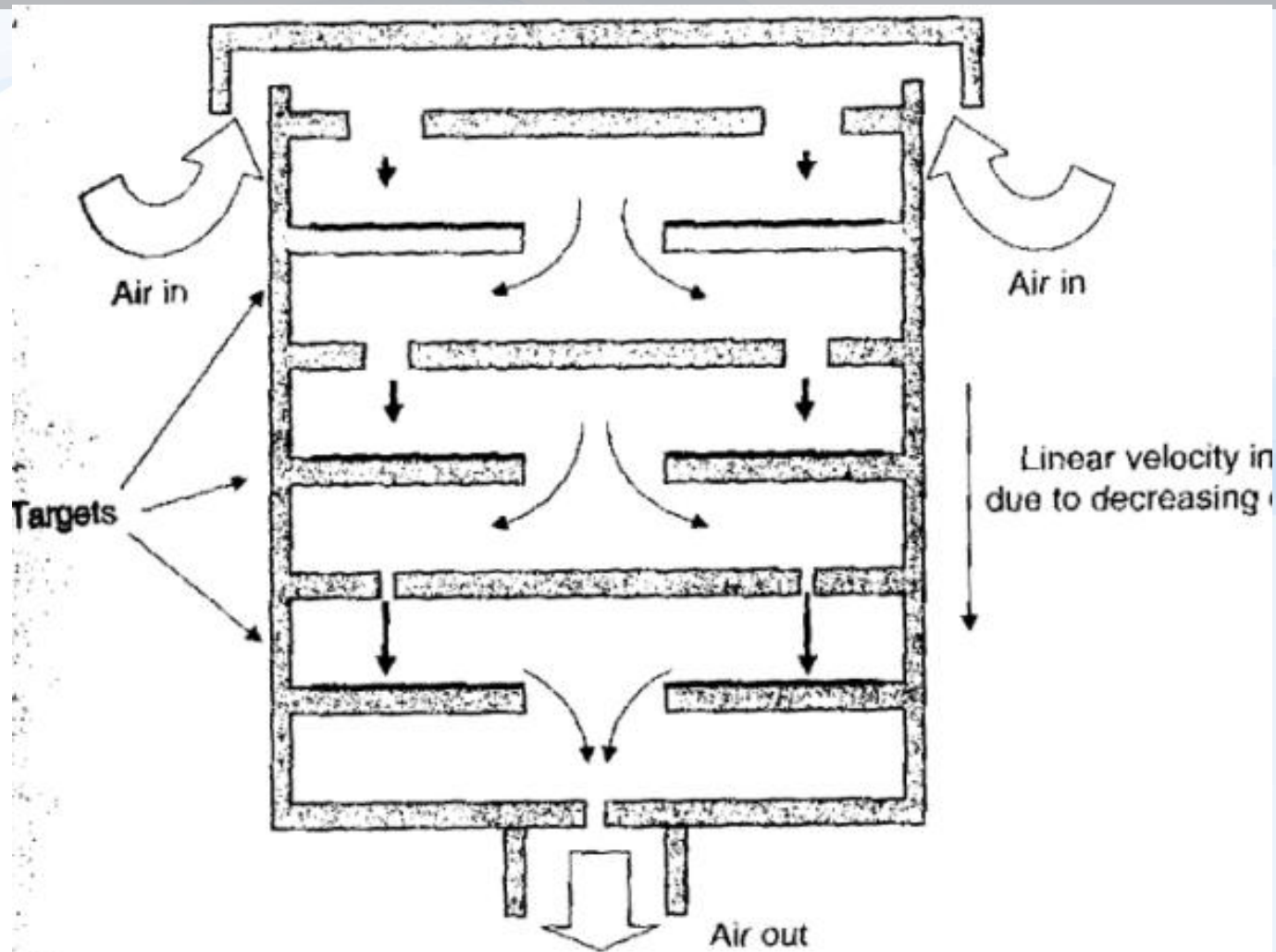
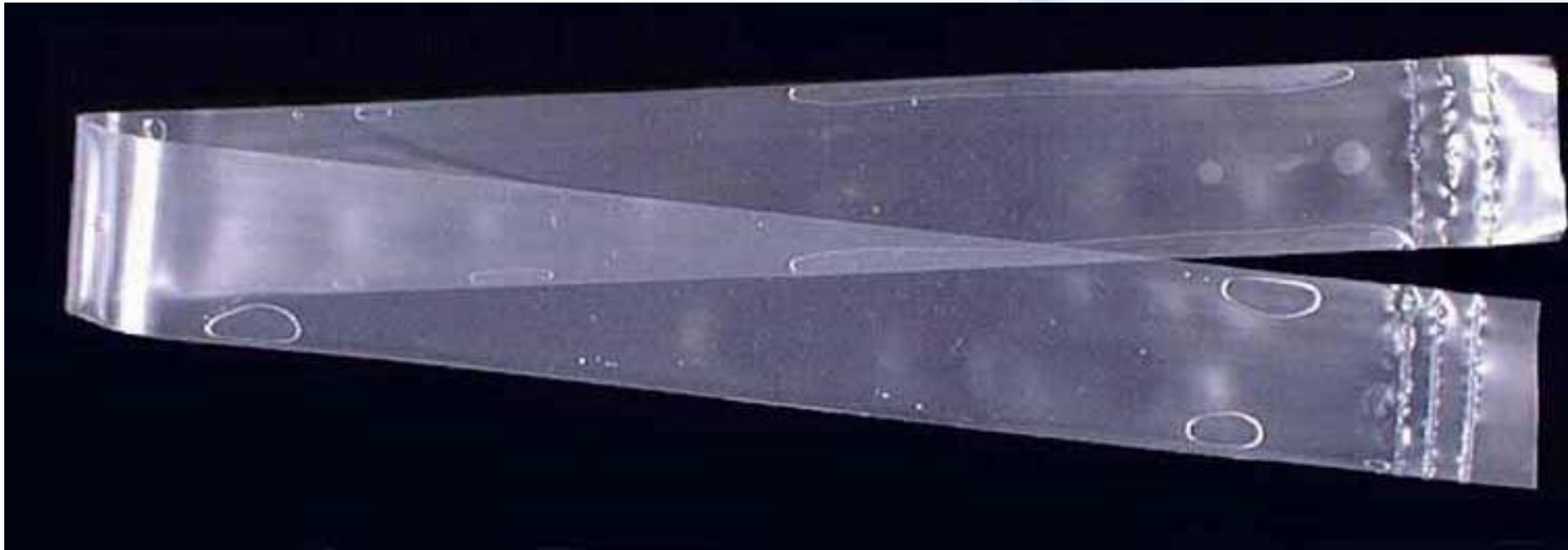


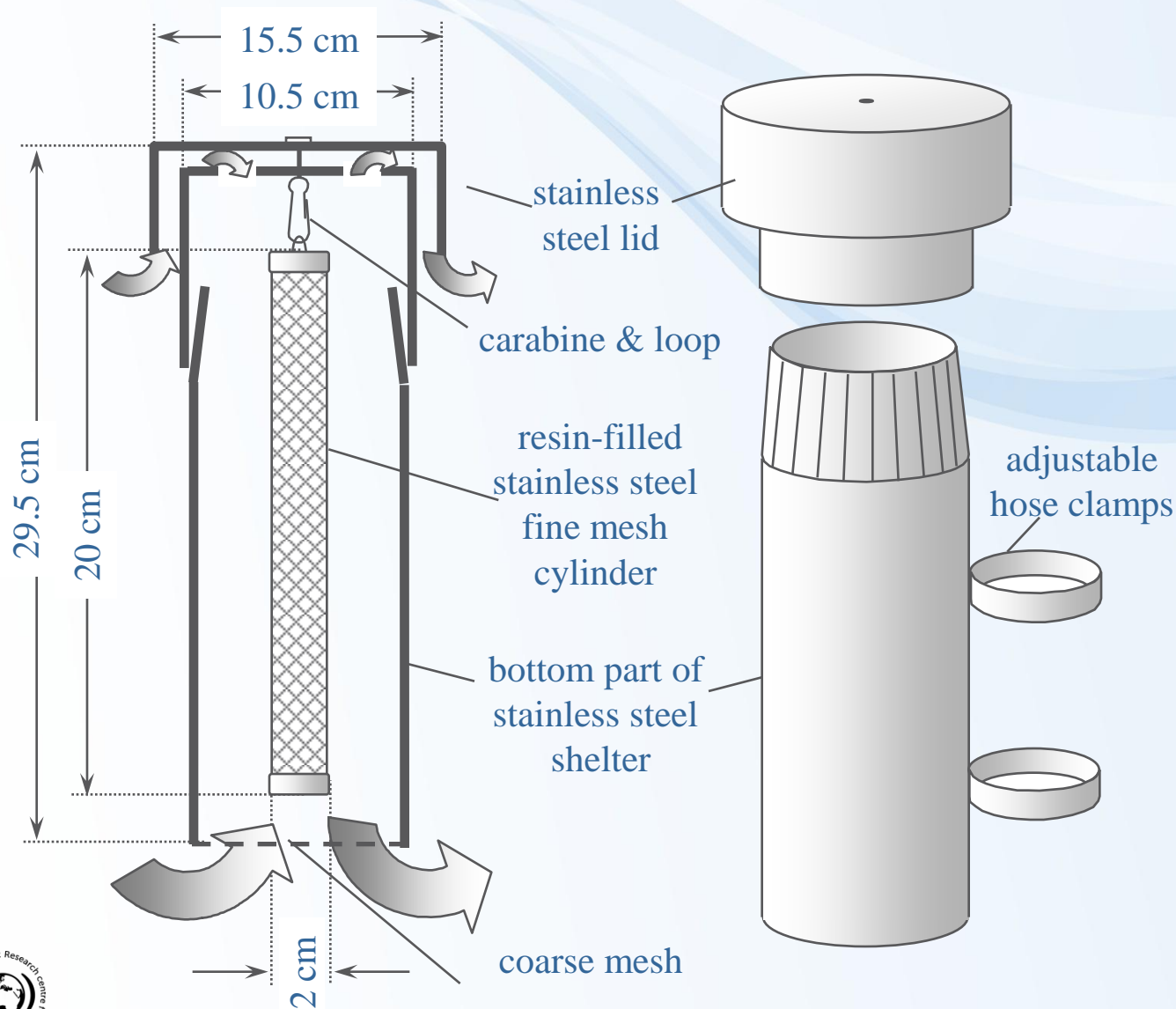
Figure 7.3 Schematic showing the operation of a cascade impactor.

# Semipermeable membrane device

Polyethylene, low density, thickness 75 - 90  $\mu$ m, sleeve of 91 cm \* 2,5 cm with 1 ml of trioleine



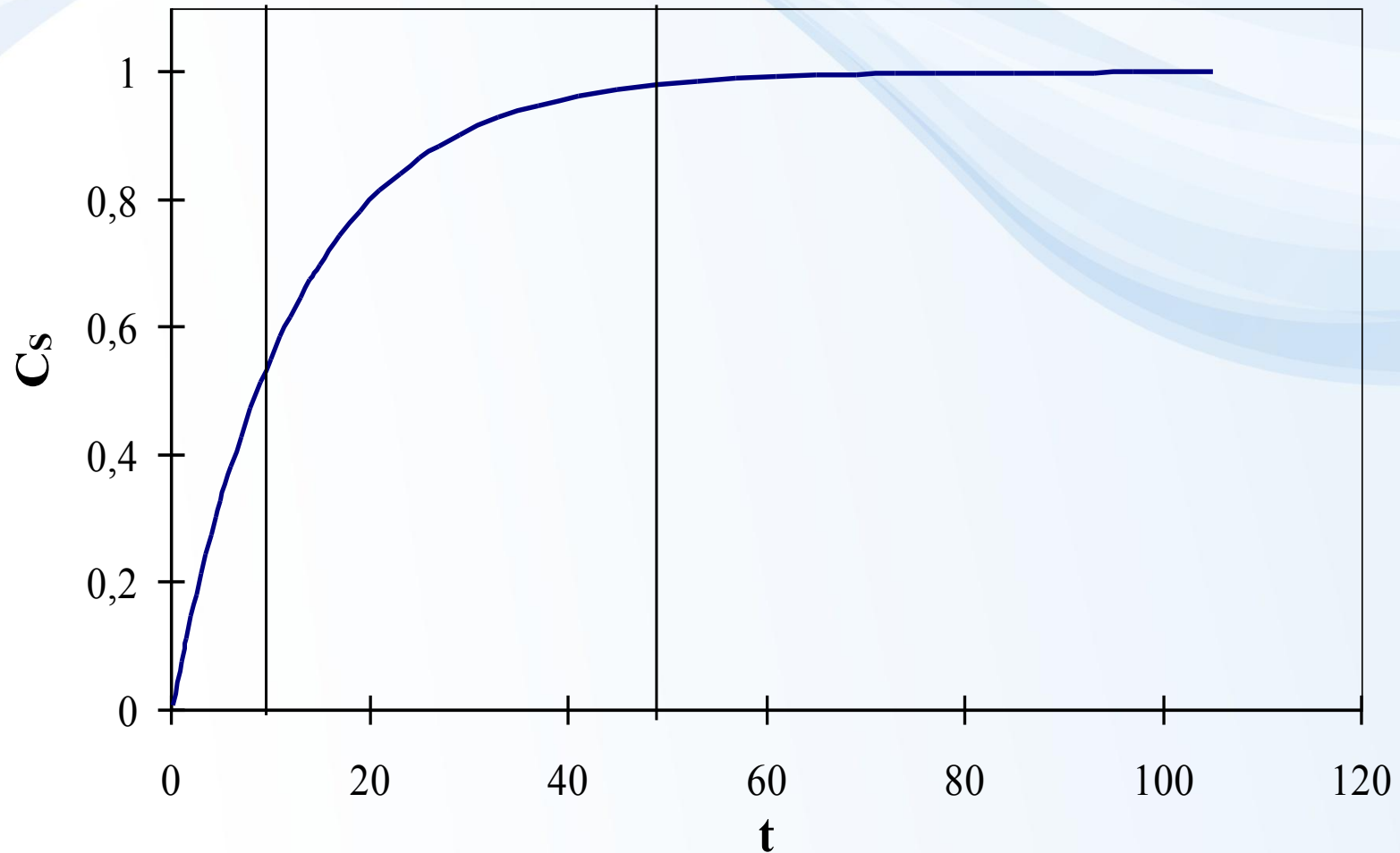
# XAD-Resin Based Passive Air Sampling System for POPs



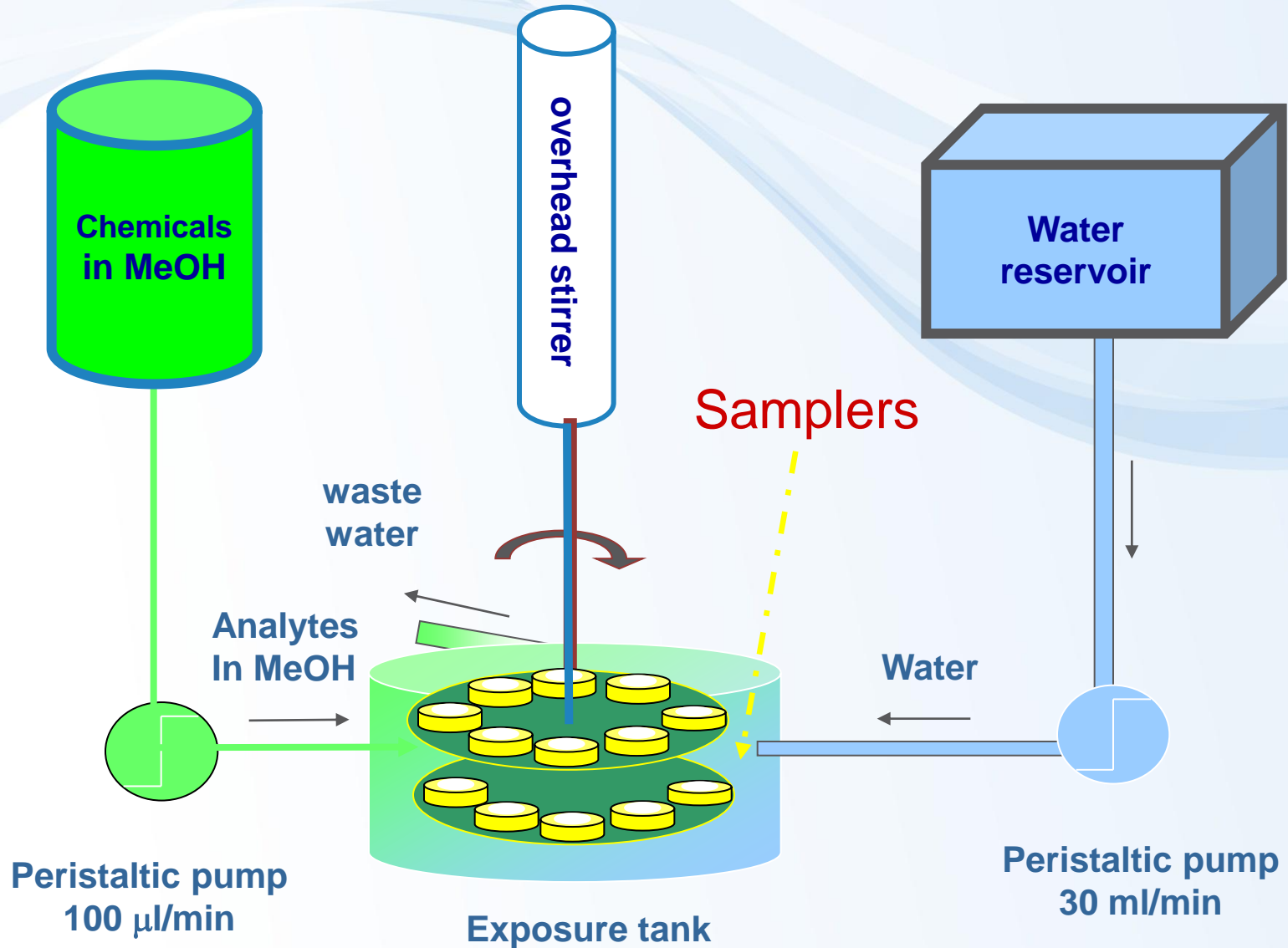
# PUF based passive samplers



# Time dependence of the analyte concentration in media



# Calibration of a passive sampler in a flow-through system



# Atmospheric deposition

- wet (delivered by rain and snow, major in the clean and background sites)
- dry (sedimentation of atmospheric dust particles, prevailing in urban sites)

## Atmospheric deposition sampling

- wet (sampling of rain only, automatic devices)
- dry (deposition in the sampling containers is a function of the air concentration of particles and the sedimentation rate)
- sum of the wet and dry deposition (open containers)

# Sampling of wet atmospheric deposition

- **Vertical deposition** - rain, snow, particles
- **Horizontal deposition** - aerosol, fog

Horizontal sampling of aerosols is the analogy to the gas phase sampling

- membrane filters (Sympor)
- flow measurement (rotameter)
- volume measurement (gas meter)
- air pump



# Samplers for vertical deposition

## manual samplers



# Samplers for vertical deposition

Collective area

Lid

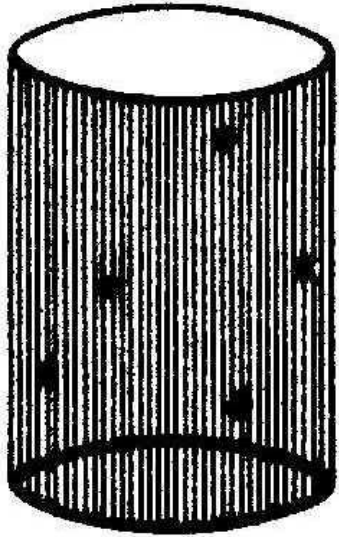


Reservoir

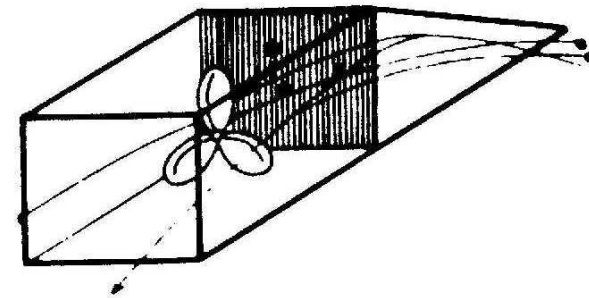
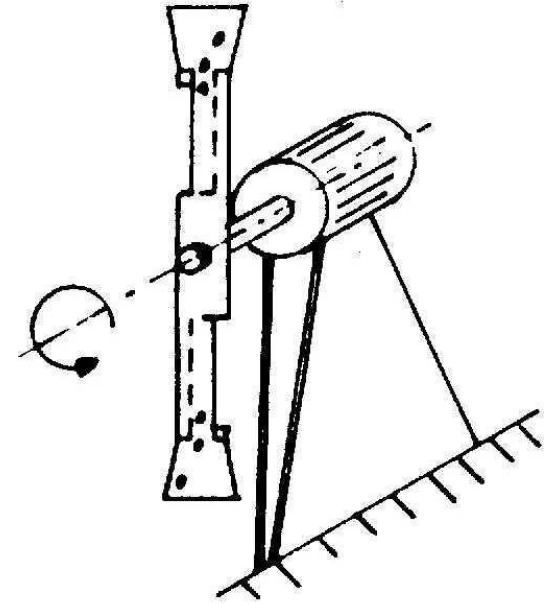
automatic samplers



# Horizontal sampling of fog and icing



passive



active

# Surface water pollution

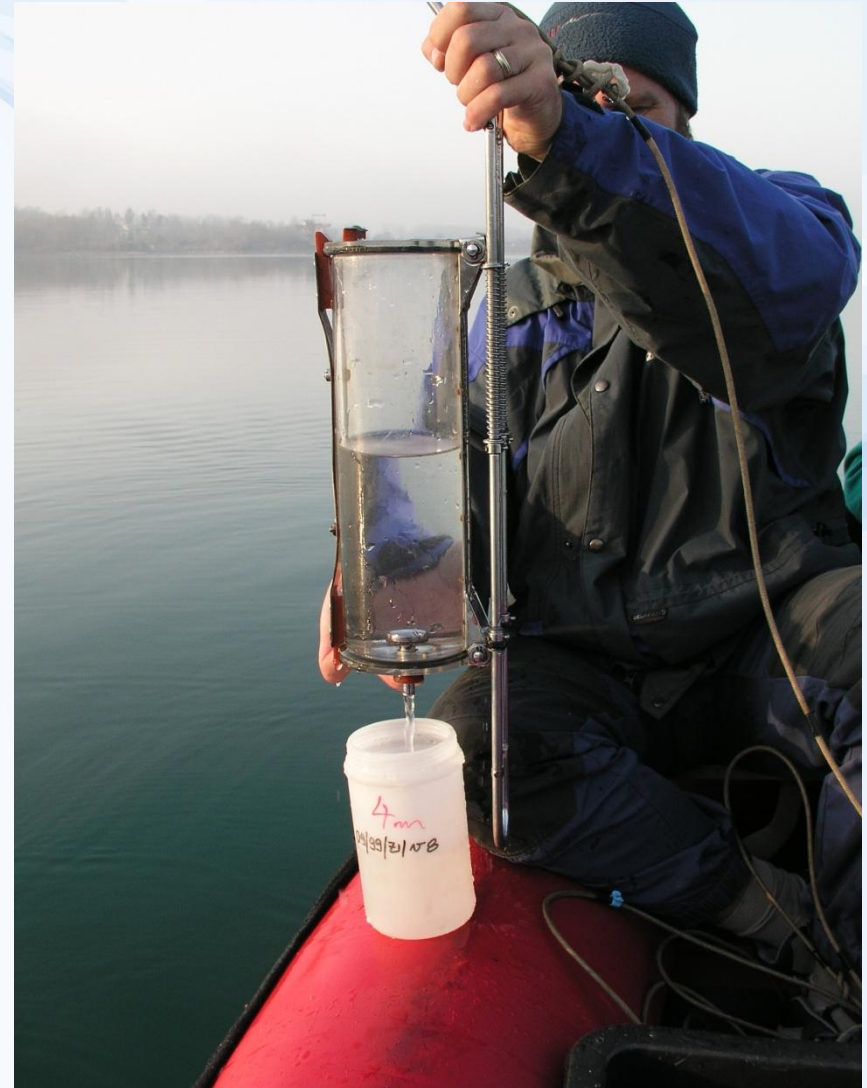
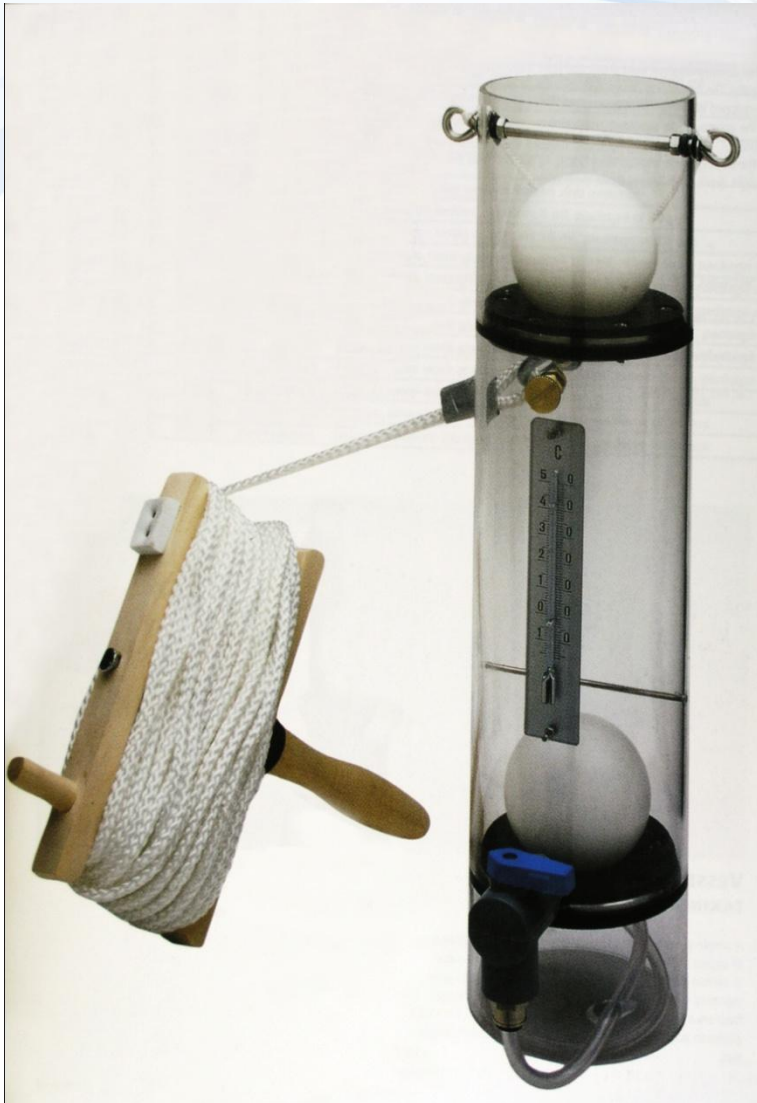


**Primary** - waste water, deposition, leaching

**Natural** - humic substances, phenols

**Anthropogenic** - oil pollution, pesticides, detergents, PCBs

# Equipments and apparatus for depth sampling



# Water monitoring using SPMDs



# Mussel cage



# Sampling of sediments and soils

- most difficult matrix for sampling
- **heterogenous** materials, limited migration
- influenced by **biological activity**, fertilization, rain
- pilot sampling to gain the first information about the variability
- several samples are mixed to produce the **composite sample**
- common sampling depth 15-20 cm  
(unless interested in the soil or sediment profile)



# Soils and sediments

High environmental **burdens** - important for global balances

**Slow response times**

Background soils and sediments reflect spatial differences in cumulative atmospheric deposition/net air-surface exchange

Very heterogeneous - important questions of depth, ecosystem type etc.

Can show **spatial trends**, but **poor for time trends**

# Sediment sampling

## Historical data

collection of samples from the bottom depth horizons with the limited sediment mobility

## Actual state

sampling of the upper horizon (max. 15 cm) of the bottom sediment

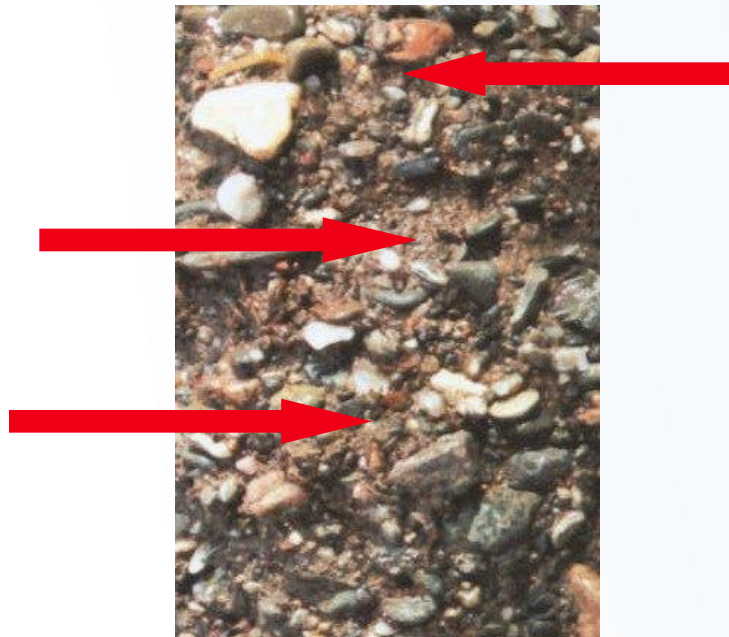
sampling using the sedimentation traps in the profile of the river

The choice of the sampling method is derived from the granularity of sediments.

# Most important

Sediment fraction with granularity **finer than 1 mm** is responsible for majority of sorption processes

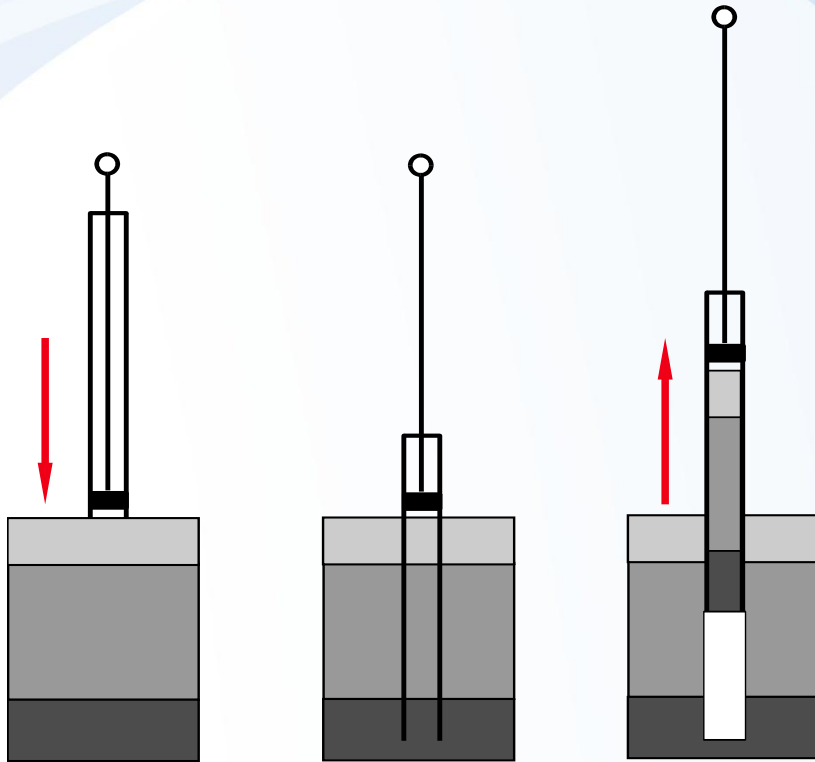
Colloid and rough dispersions of endogenous and autigenous components.



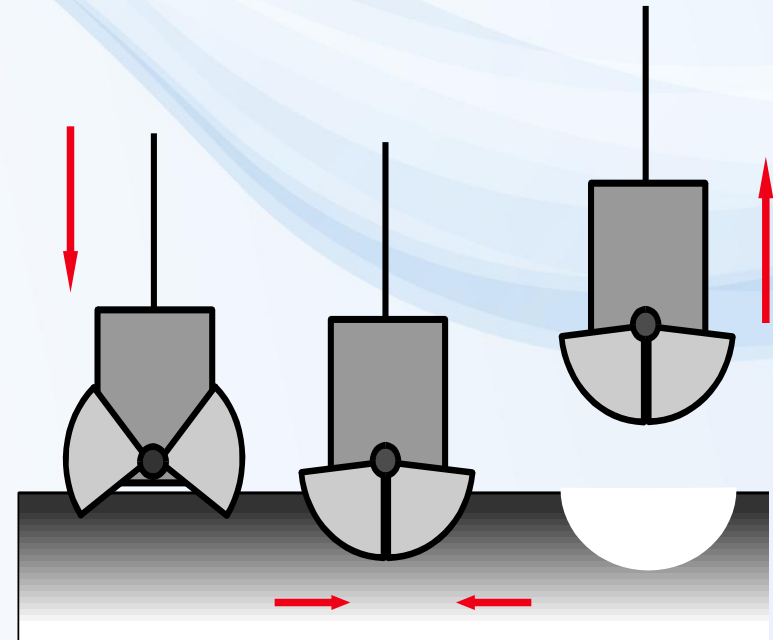
# Probe for sampling of fine compact sediment



# Sediment sampling

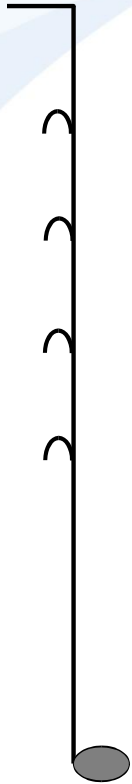


Piston probe

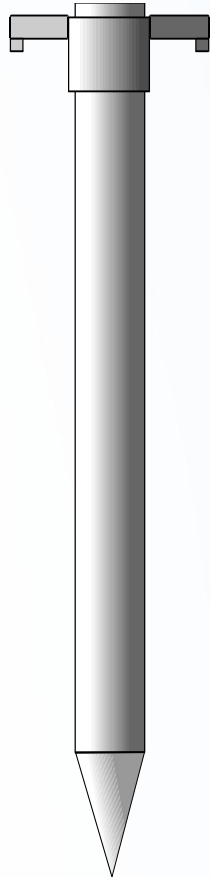


Grab probe

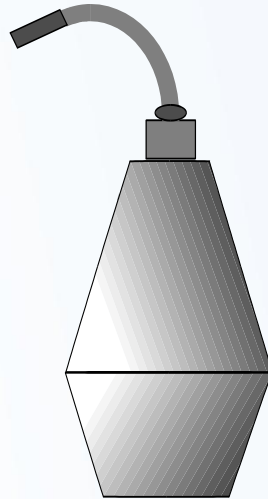
# Freezing sampling



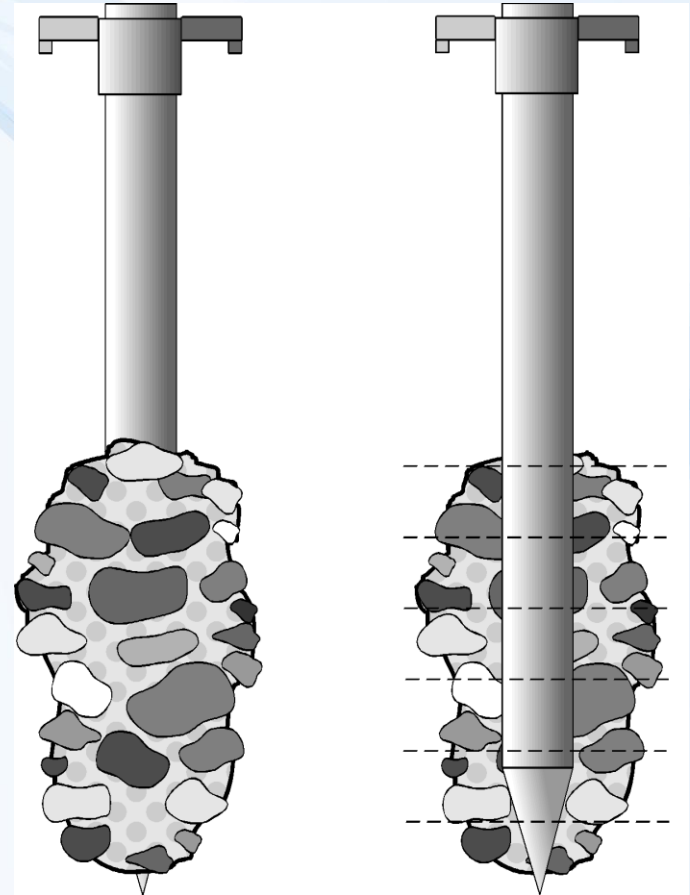
Disperser of media flow



Tube probe



Freezing medium



Frostbitten sediment

# Wildlife

- POPs bioaccumulate in animals because of their high lipid content and their long lifetimes
- Some POPs bioconcentrate up food chains
- Choice of species/matrix?
- Species range and ecosystem differences
- High variability in biological systems
- Birds eggs; marine mammals

# Human foodstuff

Link between 'environment' and 'exposure'

Many countries already have food sampling programmes

Agricultural animals - wide distribution & 'control' - milk, eggs

- high concentrations
- clear AIR - GRASS - COW - FOOD link
- easily homogenised, pooled to represent a large area  
BUT, also affected by husbandry practices

EU milk monitoring, for source and exposure reduction



# Human tissues

Humans - truly global distribution, which allows complete spatial mapping of POPs in the global environment.

Direct, integrated measurements of exposure - is the source and exposure reduction working ?

Blood - variable but easy to sample; existing programmes ?

Milk - babies are a key sub-group; better integrator?

# Preparation of the sample before extraction

## Soil samples

- lyofilization or air-drying
- sieving (< 2mm) and homogenization
- appropriate storage (protected from light, heat, humidity)

## Sediment samples

- stone and water removal, lyofilization or air-drying
- grating and sieving (<63um), homogenization
- powder copper treatment for sulphur removal

## Plant samples

- lyofilization or air-drying
- grating, homogenization

## Animal samples

- lyofilization or
- homogenization of a wet sample with sodium sulphate

# Extraction and clean-up

**The goal:** transfer of analytes to the chemical phase suitable for analysis, removal of interferences and pre-concentration of the sample.

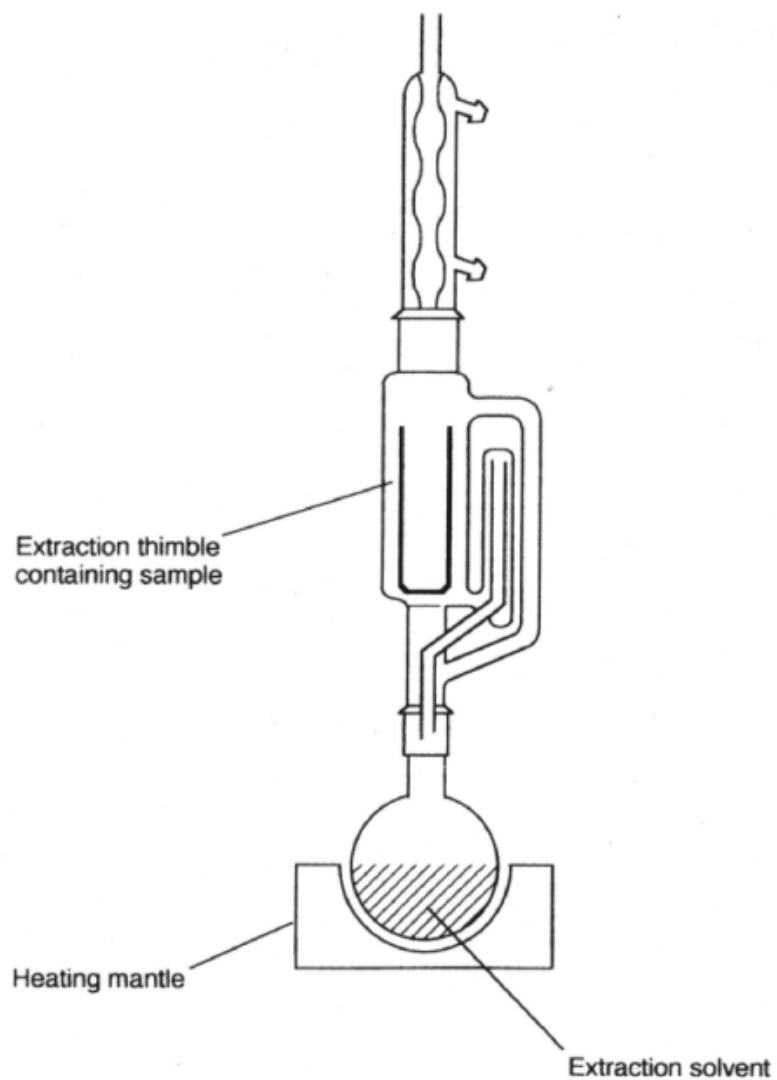
## Extraction techniques:

- solvent extraction (Soxhlet, automatic Soxtec, MAE, ASE, SFE)
- liquid-liquid extraction
- solid phase extraction and microextraction (SPE, SPME)
- semipermeable membrane separation
- head space analysis

## Clean-up techniques

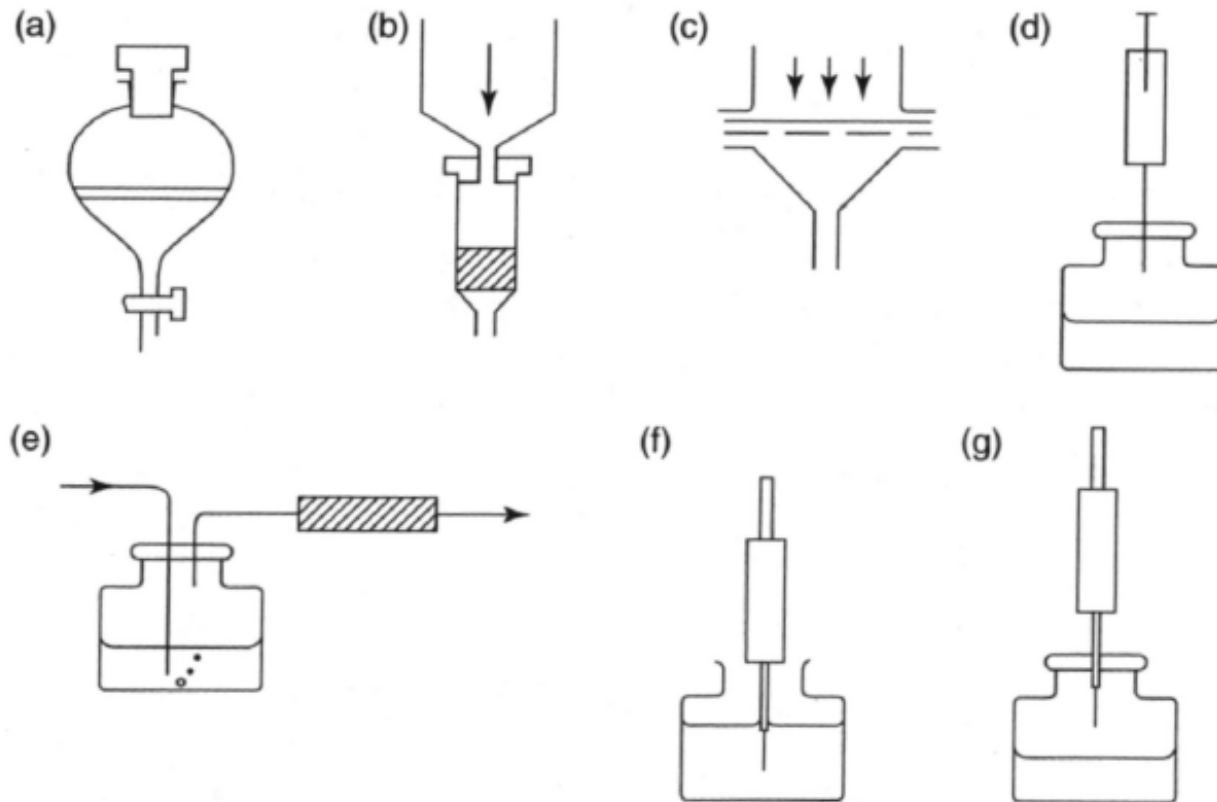
- sulphuric acid treatment
- column liquid chromatography (silica gel, alumina, florisil)
- gel permeation chromatography

# Solid sample extraction



**Figure 5.1** Schematic of a Soxhlet extraction system.

# Liquid sample extraction



**Figure 4.1** Summary of extraction methods: (a) solvent extraction; (b) solid-phase extraction – cartridge; (c) solid-phase extraction – disc; (d) head-space analysis; (e) purge and trap; (f) solid-phase microextraction – direct; (g) solid-phase microextraction – head-space.

# What are we interested in?

**Presence**

**Availability**

**Activity**

Total mass

Fraction of total mass

Measure that drives Diffusion and partitioning

How much is there?

How much is available for?

How high is the diffusive pressure into other media?

Exhaustive Extraction

Depletive Extraction/  
Sampling

Equilibrium Sampling Devices

# Supercritical fluid extraction

**High pressure  $CO_2$**  (100 to 400 bar, 40 to 150 °C) is pumped through a sample, and extracted analytes are collected in a suitable solvent for GC analysis.

Why to use supercritical carbon dioxide?

- $CO_2$  is a lipophilic solvent much like biological lipids in polarity
- PAH solubilities in  $CO_2$  are proportional to those in water, but ca.  $10^4$  higher
- pressure and temperature gradients enable the extraction of both, non-polar and polar compounds
- mild SFE can be used to predict bioavailability of compounds

# Earthworm Mortality Depends on Available PAHs (measured by SFE), not on Total PAH Concentrations

Soil	Total PAH (ug/g soil)	Available Fraction (SFE)	Available Total PAH (ug/g C)	Mortality %
1	1020	0.25	1040	0
2	168	0.46	2720	0
3	15600	0.06	3280	0
4	3790	0.16	7880	0
5	17200	0.27	9720	0
6	1870	0.41	11100	0
7	<b>42100</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>16300</b>	<b>0</b>
8	4100	0.83	45700	100
9	<b>17300</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>50100</b>	<b>100</b>



# Sample analysis

**Chromatographic separation (GC, HPLC)** is the most common technique for the analysis of environmental samples.

It is a physical method based on the **distribution of compounds between two phases** (stationary and mobile). Process of continuous sorption and desorption of compounds in contact with the stationary phase is responsible for different migration times and for separation of analytes.

**Two dimensional (GC-GC)** and **two modal (HPLC-GC)** chromatography provide even more sophisticated tools for environmental analysis

**GC-MS, HPLC-MS and HRMS** enable the trace and ultra-trace analysis



# Gas chromatography

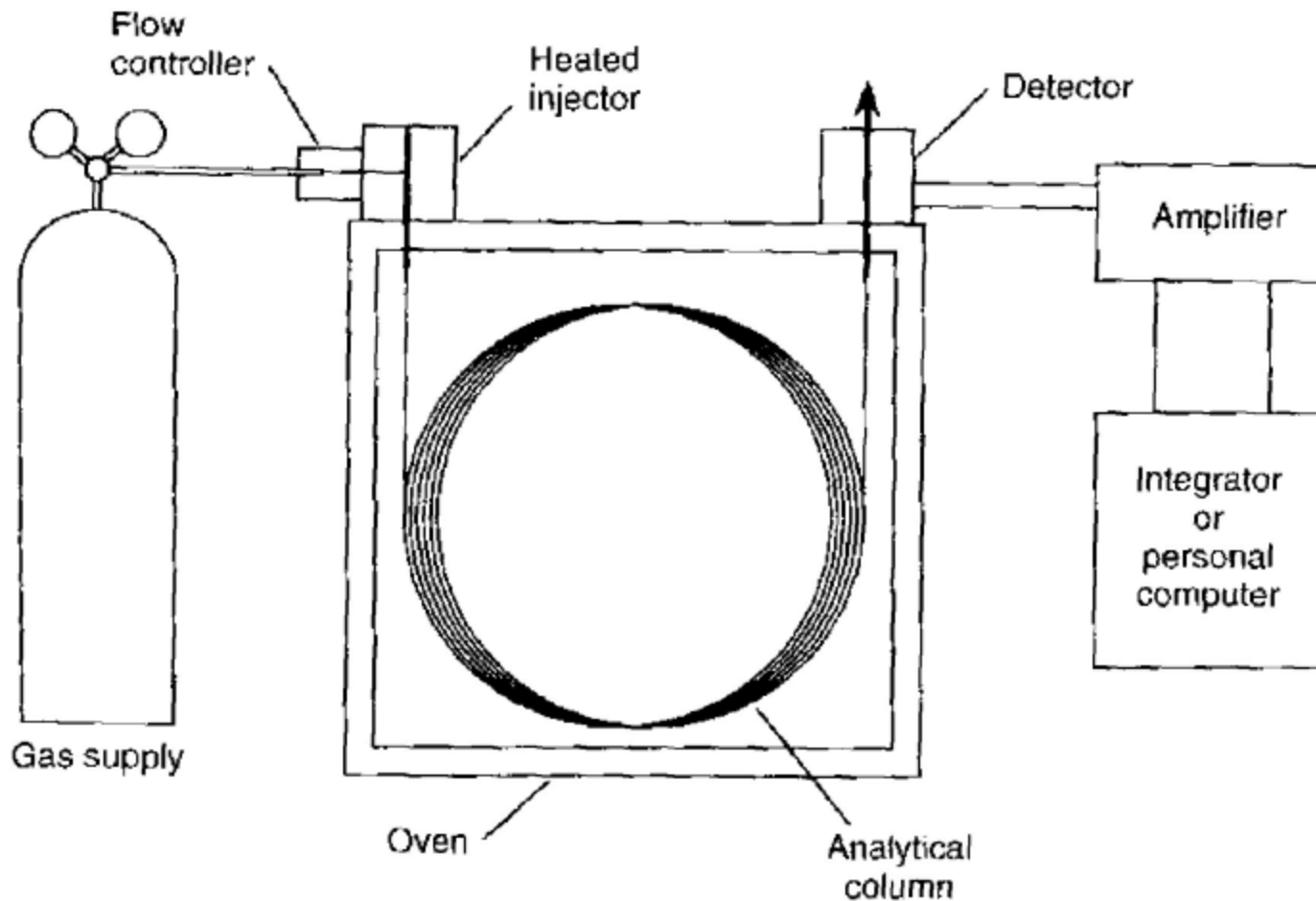
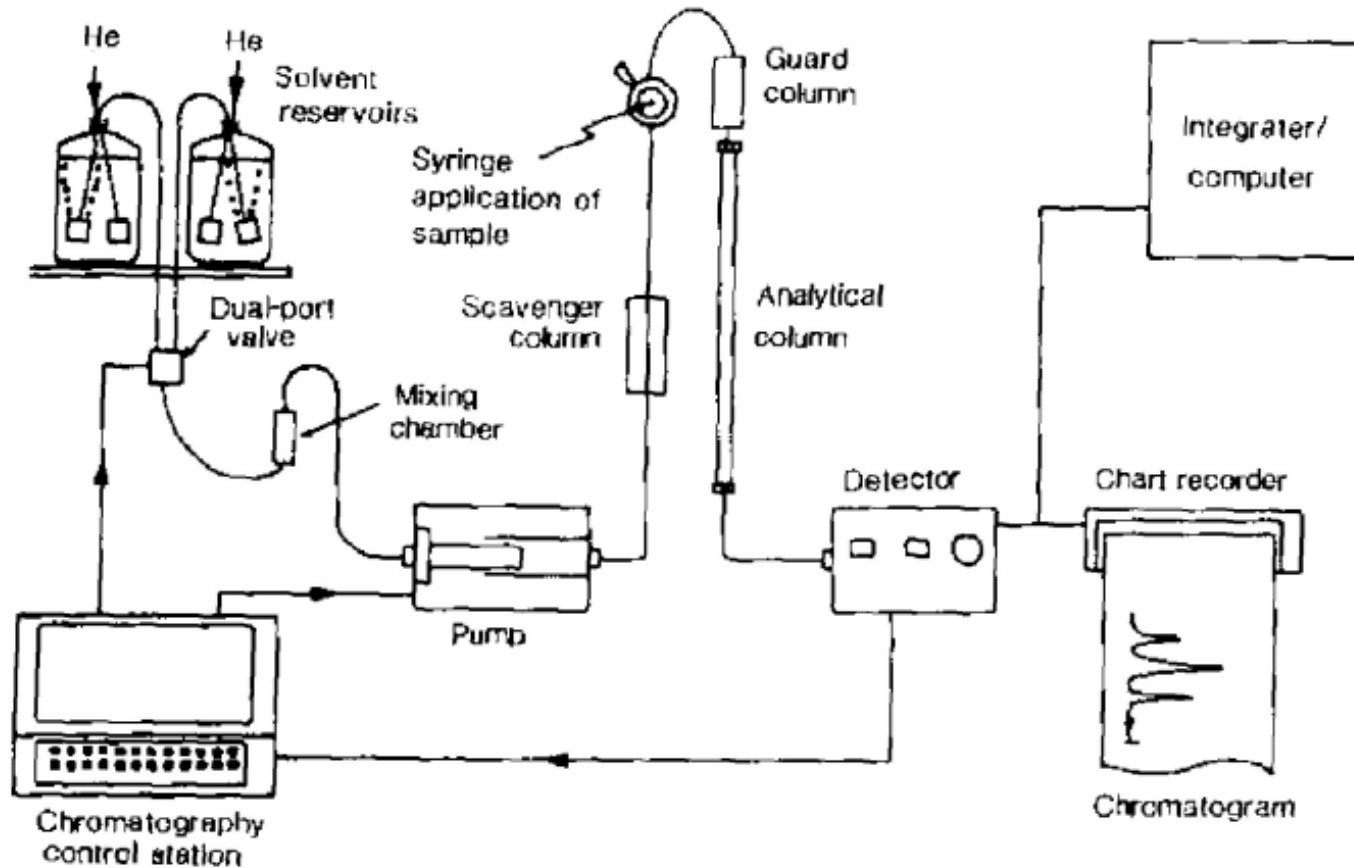


Figure 4.4 Major components of a gas chromatograph.

# Liquid chromatography



5.7 Schematic diagram of a binary (two-solvent) HPLC system. Source: Fifield, F.W. Sealey, D. (1995) *Principles and Practice of Analytical Chemistry*, 4th edition, Blackie Academic & Professional, Glasgow.

# Chromatogram

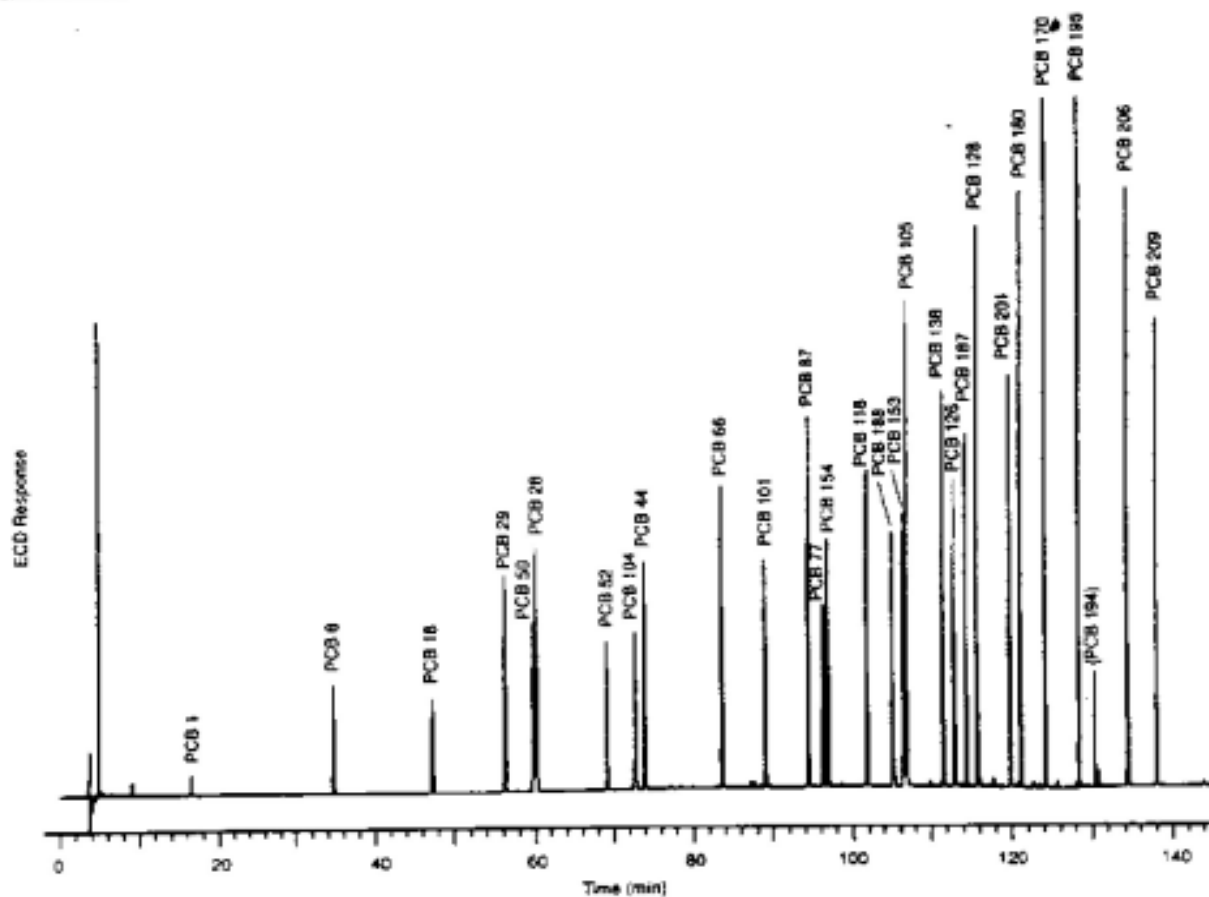
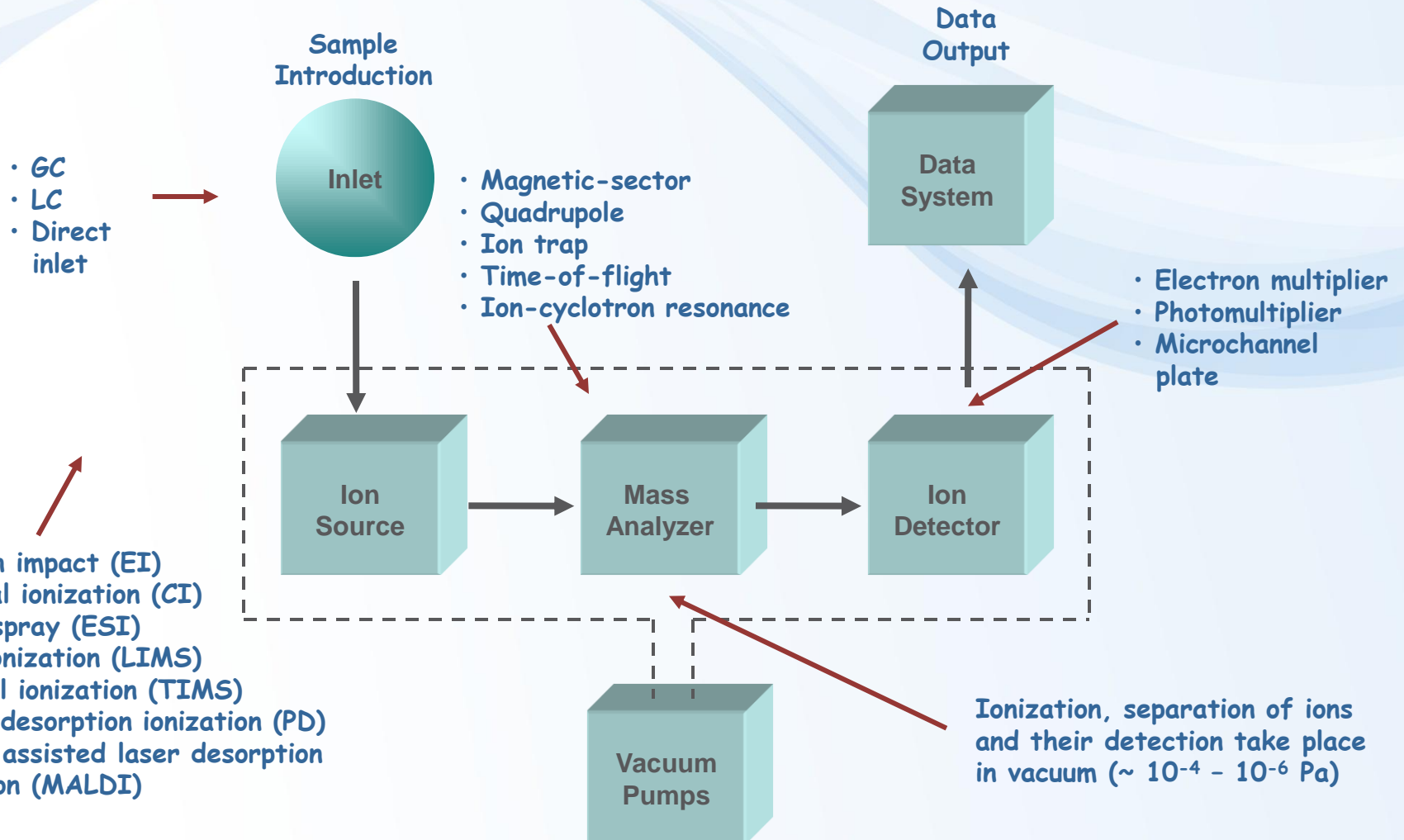
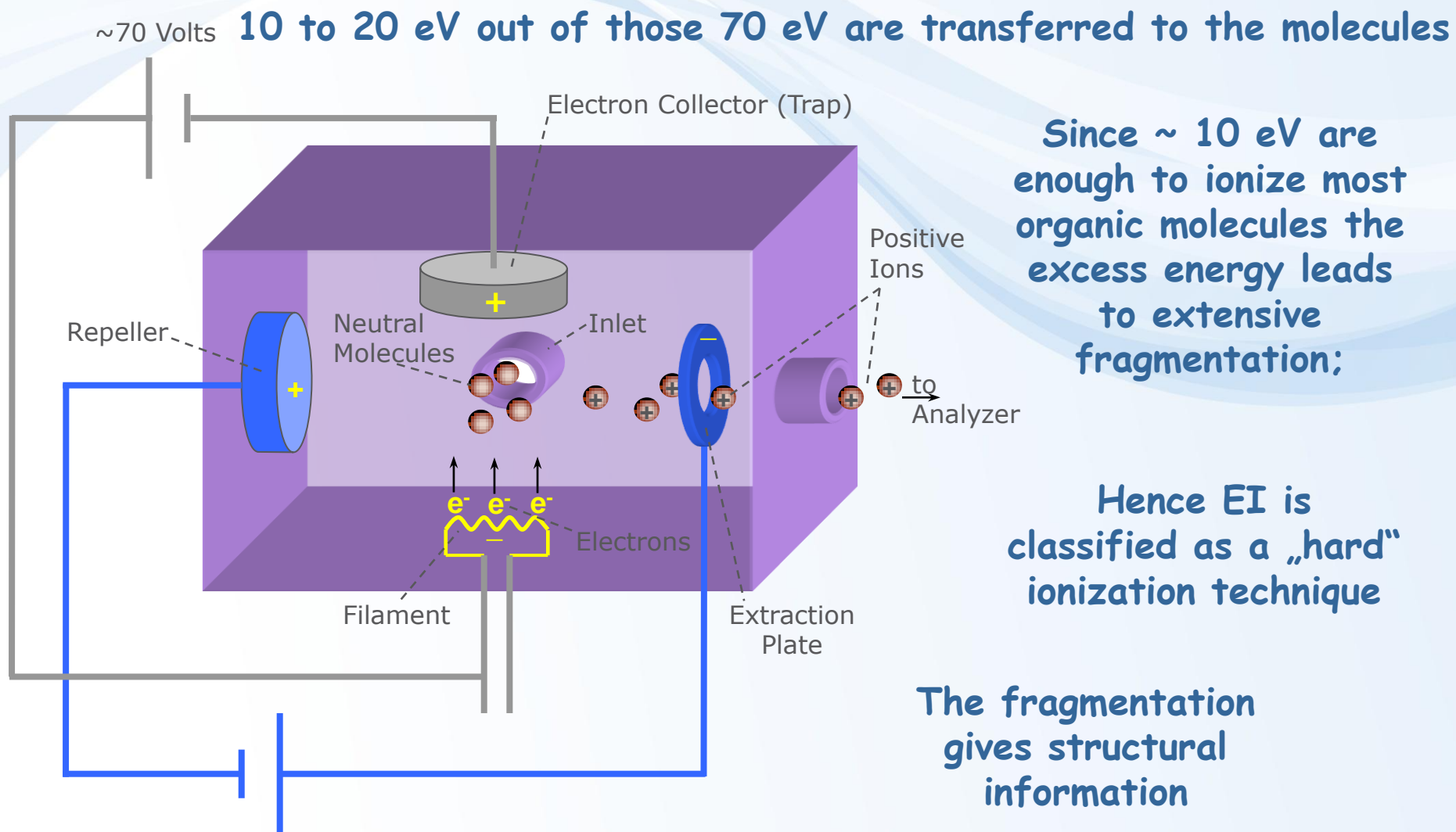


Figure A-1. Chromatogram of NIST SRM 2262 by GC-ECD using a 0.25-mm i.d. x 60-m fused silica capillary column with a 5% phenyl-substituted methylpolysiloxane phase (0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  film thickness) (DB-5, J&W Scientific, Folsom, CA) Temperature Program: 150  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (40 min) to 220  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (0 min) at 1  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  to 280  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (25 min) at 3  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ .

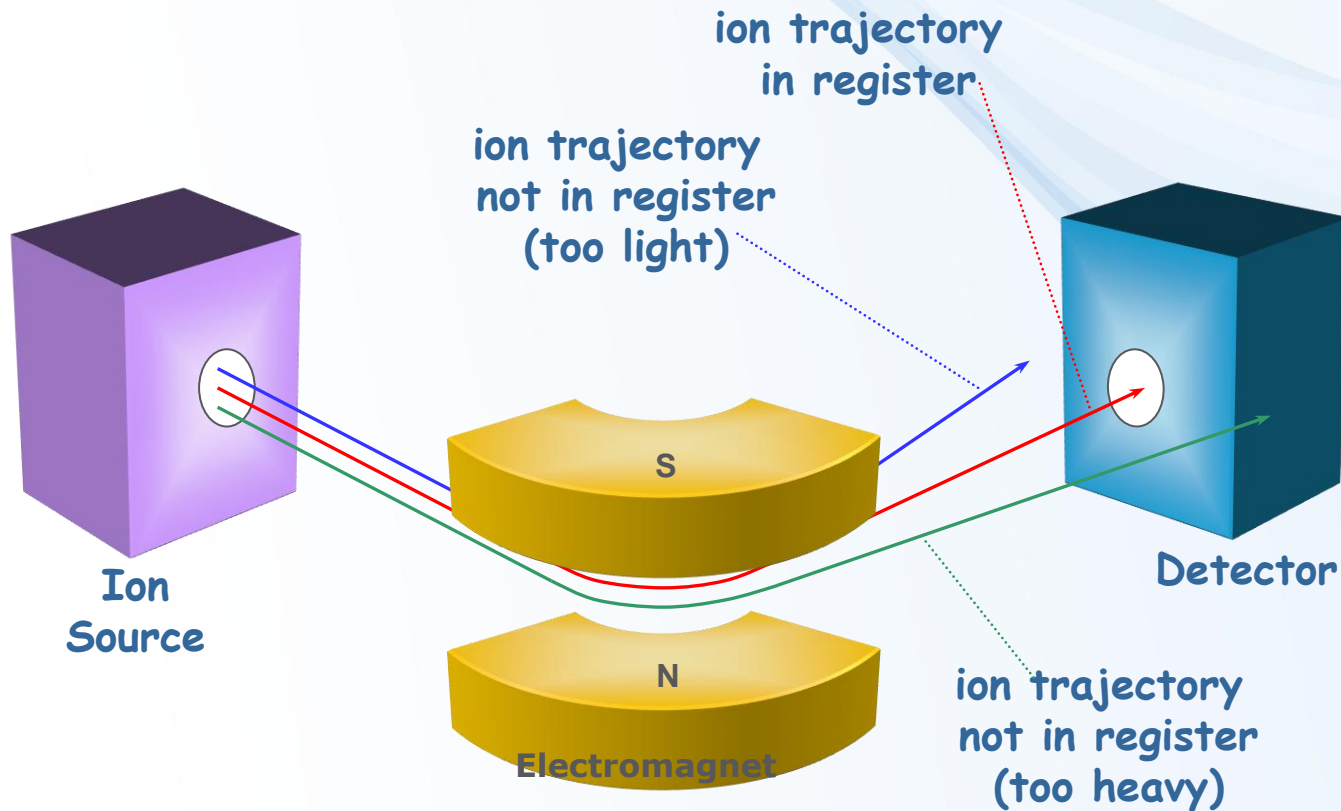
# Mass spectrometer



# Electron impact ionization source

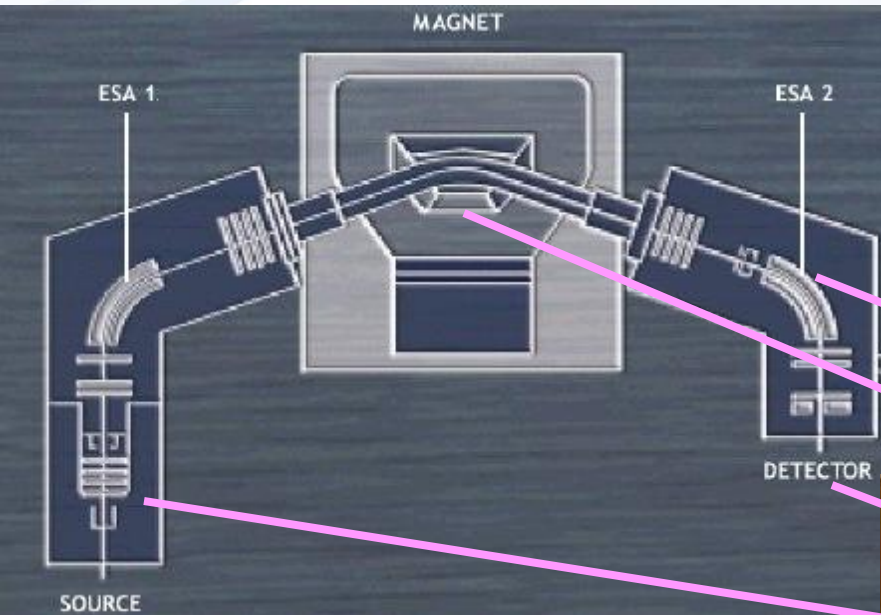


# Magnetic sector mass analyzer



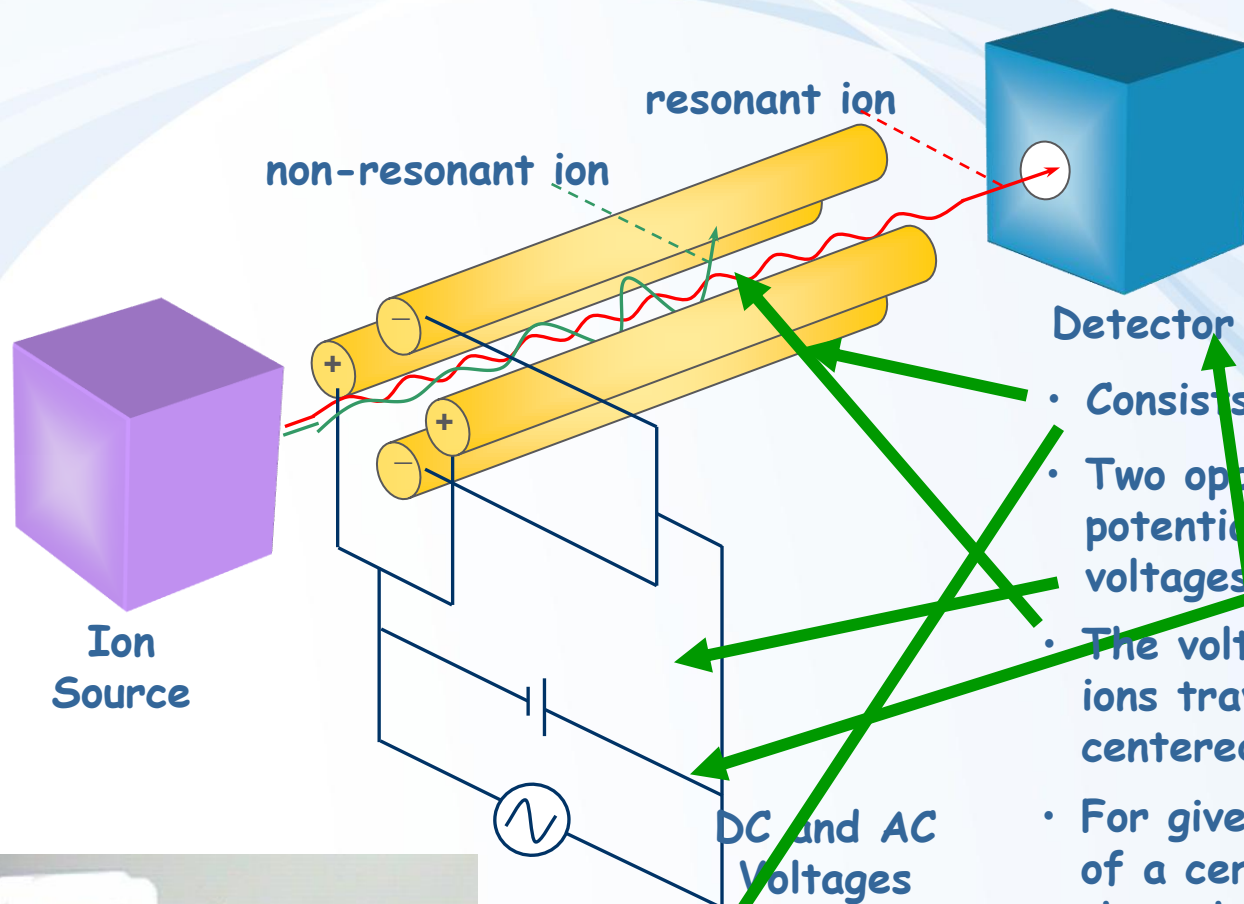
# High resolution mass spectrometer

- 3-sector instrument (2 electrostatic sectors, 1 magnetic sector)





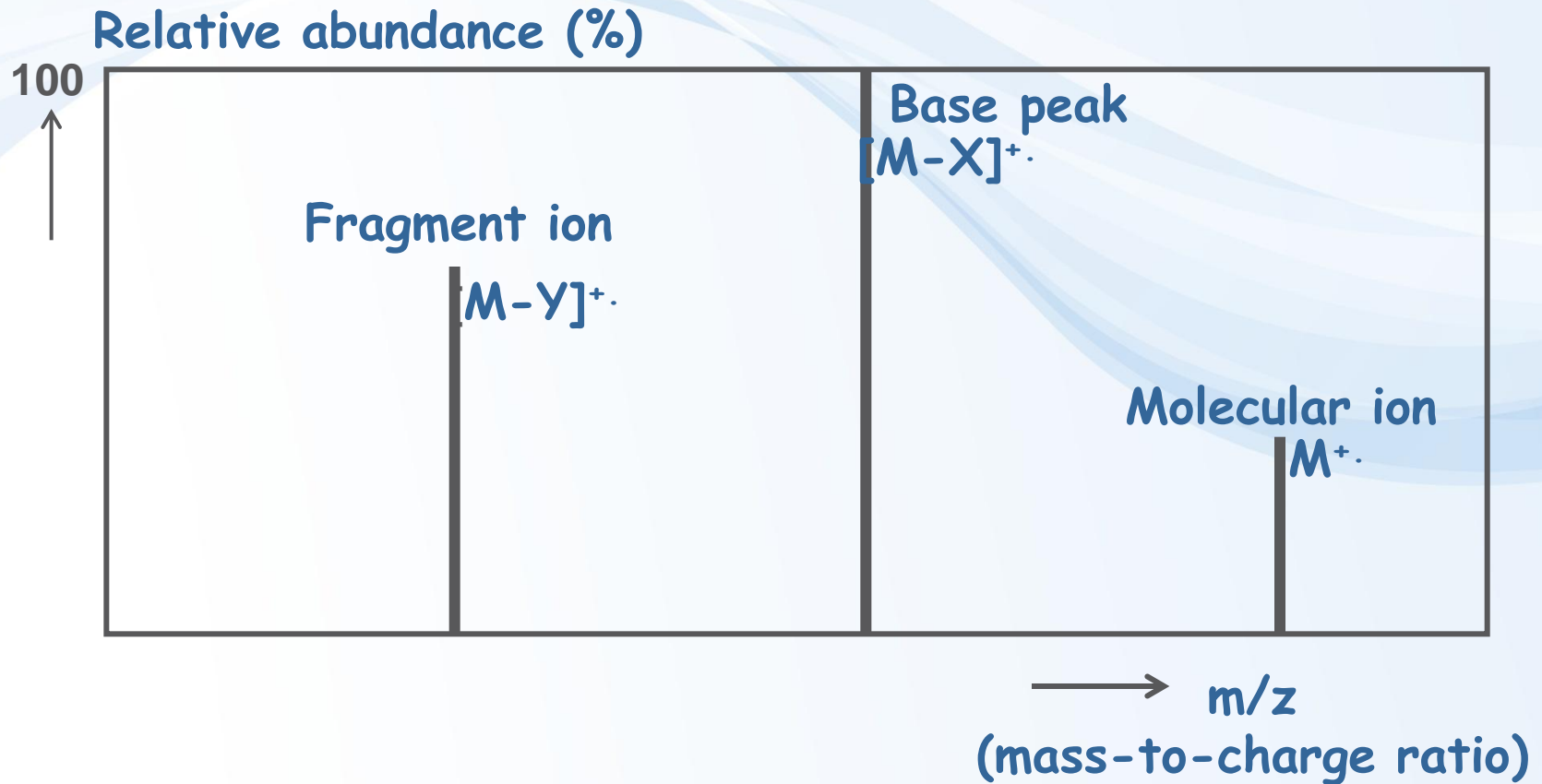
# Quadrupole mass filter



- Consists of 4 parallel metal rods.
- Two opposite rods have an applied potential combined from DC and AC voltages.
- The voltages affect the trajectory of ions traveling down the flight path centered between the rods.
- For given dc and ac voltages, only ions of a certain mass-to-charge ratio pass through the filter and all other ions are thrown out of their original path.
- A mass spectrum is obtained by monitoring the ions passing through the quadrupole filter as the voltages or frequency on the rods are varied.



# Mass spectrum

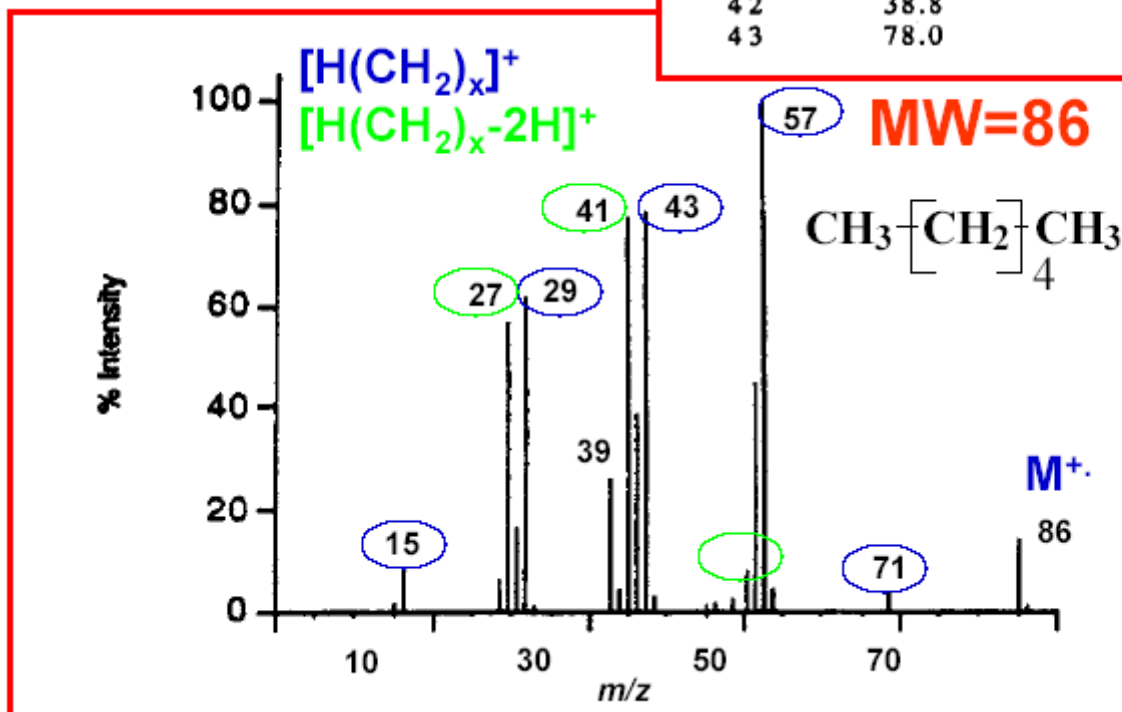


There are Internet-accessible databases containing mass spectra of thousands of compounds (<http://www.aist.go.jp/RIODB/SDBS/menu-e.html>, <http://webbook.nist.gov>)

# Mass spectra interpretation

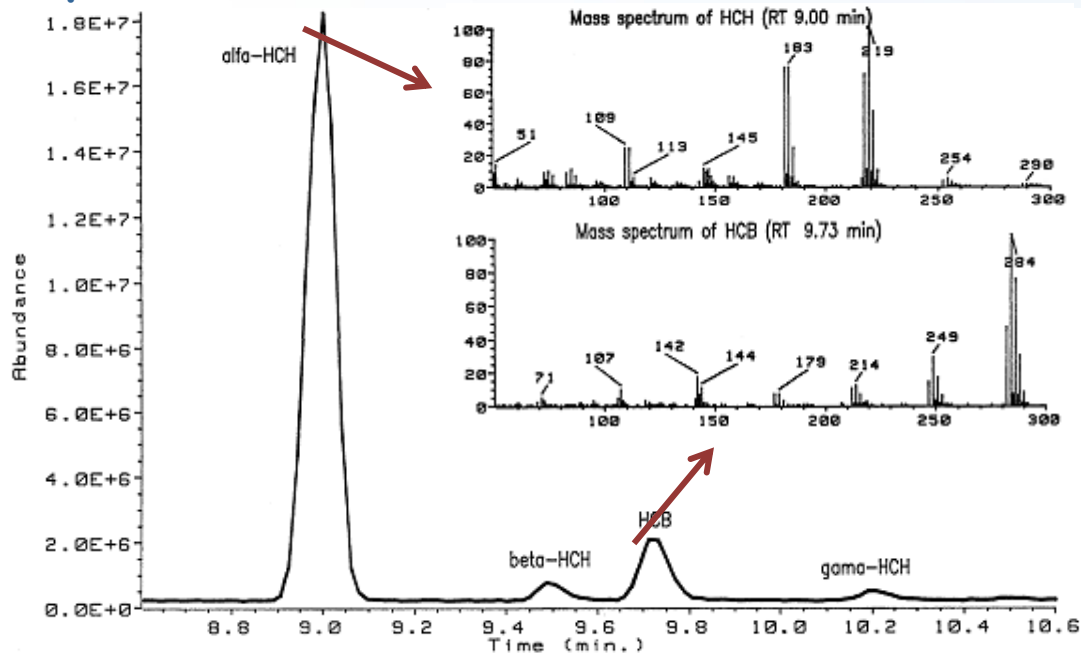
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$m/z$	%	$m/z$	%
14	1.4	44	2.6
15	10.2	50	1.3
26	6.4	51	1.8
27	56.9	53	2.5
28	16.1	55	8.0
29	61.2	56	44.8
30	1.3	57	100.0
39	27.3	58	4.5
40	4.2	71	5.2
42	38.8	86	14.0
43	78.0	87	0.9



# What is the SCAN Mode in Mass Spectrometry ?

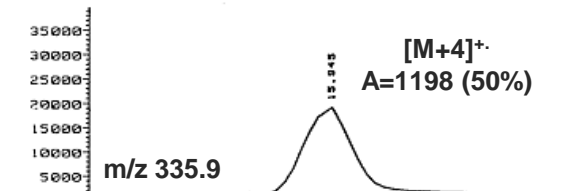
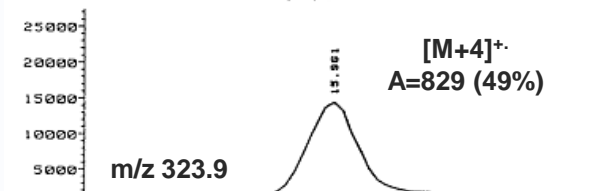
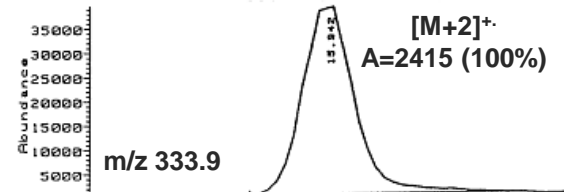
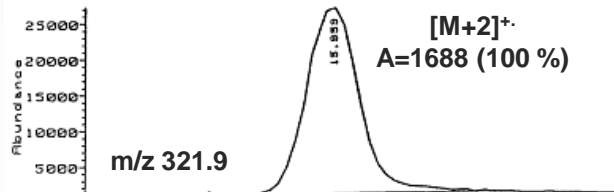
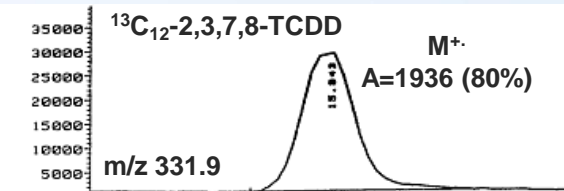
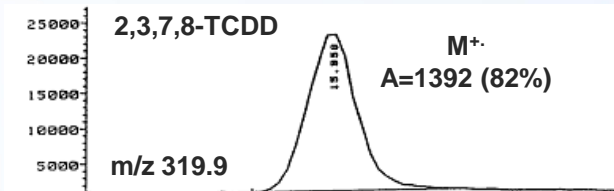
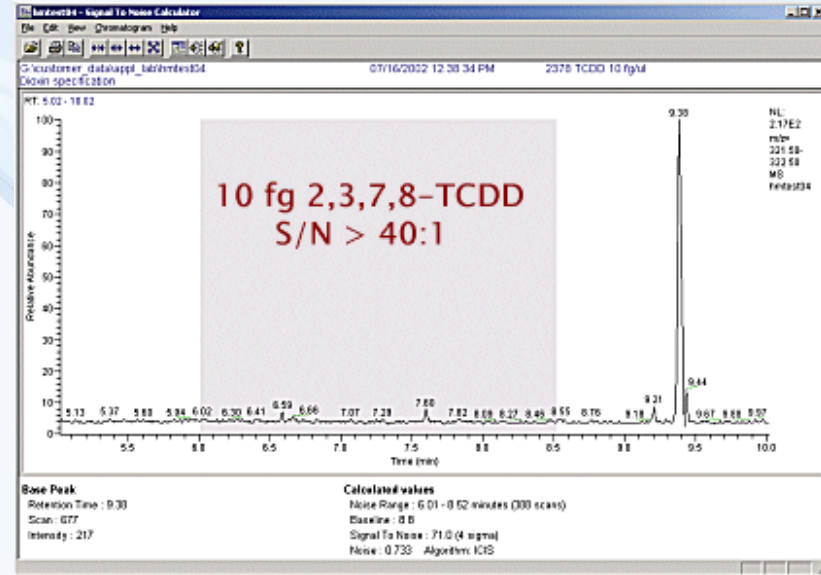
- The scanning mode provides mass spectra. They are recorded (scanned) at regular intervals (typically 0.5 - 1 /s; much faster if TOFMS is used) during the GC separation and stored in the instrument data system for subsequent qualitative or quantitative evaluation.
- From mass spectra, it is often possible to deduce structural features (mass spectral interpretation) but this requires experience and can be very time-consuming, particularly as a complex mixture might contain hundreds of components.



- The spectra can also be compared with those stored in mass spectral libraries. Although library searching is a very useful and timesaving technique, it is important to remember that such searches do not identify compounds - analysts do!

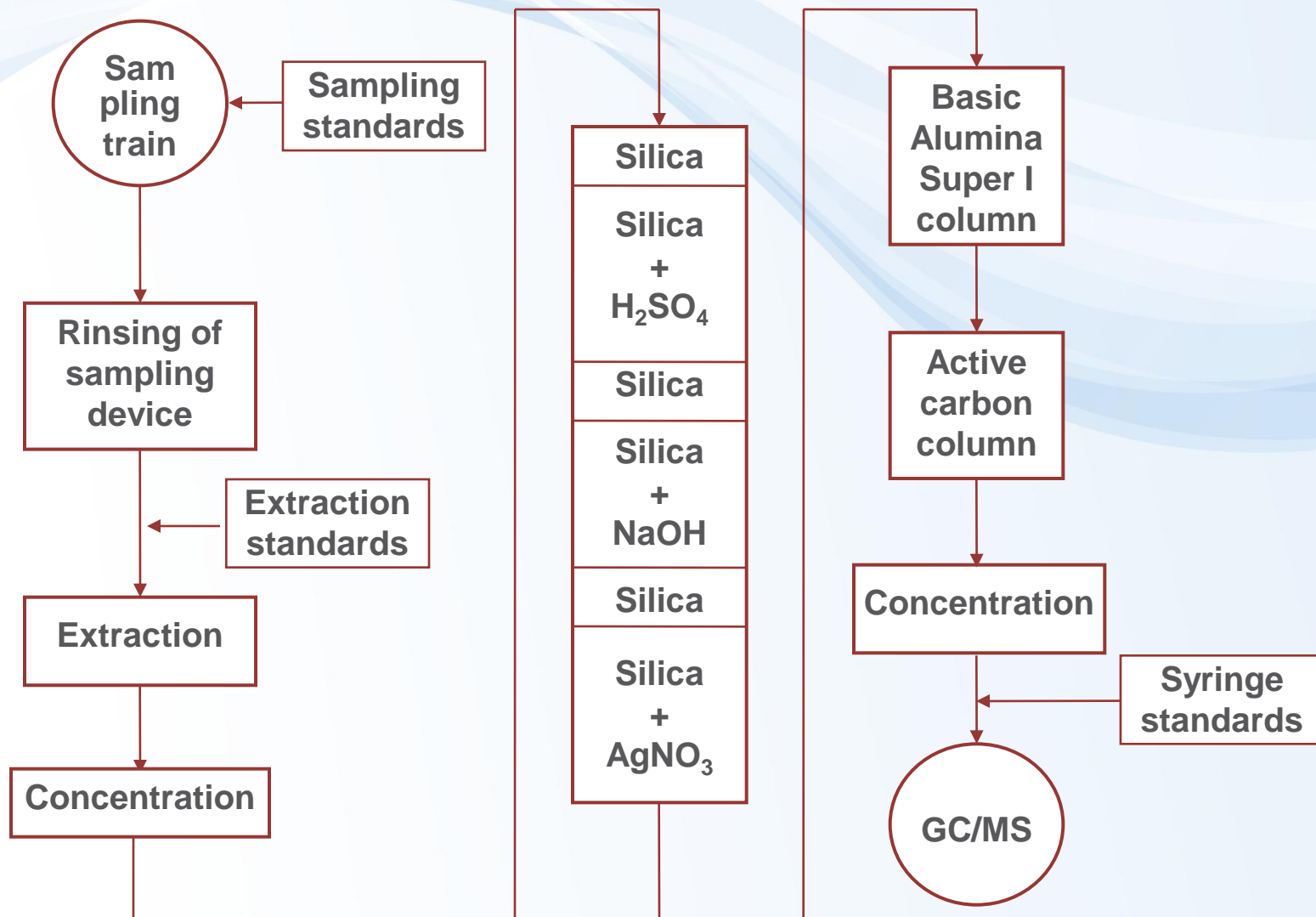
# What is the SIM (or MID) Mode in Mass Spectrometry ?

- SIM (Selected Ion Monitoring) is much more sensitive technique suitable for trace analysis. Here, instead of scanning a whole spectrum, only a few ions (the most abundant but characteristic) selected from the mass spectrum are detected.
- This can result in as much as a 500-fold increase in sensitivity, at the expense of selectivity. Depending on the analyte, low picogram to even low femtogram amounts can be measured.
- Stable isotope-labeled internal standards can be employed.



HRMS/LRMS-SIM  
chromatogram from the  
analysis of 2378-TCDD

# Flow chart of a clean-up procedure for stack emission samples



# Quality assurance/quality control

## Quality assurance

Preventive measures (quality of facilities, personnel and education, equipment and service, calibration, internal and recovery standards)

## Quality control

Control measures (internal - blank and reference material analyses, external - interlaboratory comparison, audit)

## Reasons

- repeatability of measurements
- comparison of results between laboratories
- political and economical importance of results

# Terminology

Calibration

Limit of detection and quantification

Sensitivity and specificity

Accuracy, trueness, precision

Method validation and verification

Internal standards

Recovery and surrogate recovery standards

Certified reference materials

interlaboratory calibration tests,

GLP



# Examples

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Koncentrace ng/g																
Číslo vzorku	toluen	02-753	02-752	02-740	02-741	02-742	02-743	02-744	02-745	02-746	02-747	02-748	02-749	02-750	02-751	
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Číslo zadav				303S	304S	305S	306S	307S	308S	309S	310S	311S	312S	313S	314S	
Datum odbě				14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	14.11.02	KALIB30
Navážka (g)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Ředění	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Naftalen	0.10	1.86	26.74	12.5	6.6	7.5	5.2	5.5	11.8	13.5	7.1	6.6	8.6	5.9	8.5	0.10
Acenaftyle	-	0.02	0.58	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	2.2	1.8	0.6	0.5	1.2	2.4	0.8	0.10
Acenaften	-	0.04	1.22	1.4	0.3	1.4	1.6	0.6	5.3	3.4	2.5	0.8	2.0	5.4	1.2	0.10
Fluoren	-	0.04	2.26	1.7	0.6	1.4	1.3	0.7	4.9	3.8	2.0	1.0	2.2	4.7	1.5	0.10
Fenantren	-	0.12	23.96	24.9	6.4	20.5	18.8	8.4	69.1	59.4	14.2	13.6	29.5	109.3	16.8	0.10
Antracen	-	-	1.12	2.0	0.4	1.9	3.4	1.1	6.1	5.2	2.1	1.4	2.9	16.9	1.8	0.10
Fluoranten	-	-	27.78	68.2	13.7	58.0	42.0	24.2	213.0	162.5	40.7	37.6	82.5	450.2	42.9	0.10
Pyren	-	-	19.38	50.5	9.7	45.6	35.4	20.2	159.3	123.6	32.0	28.6	63.8	377.2	33.0	0.10
Benz(a)ant	-	-	4.60	17.9	2.9	14.4	14.7	9.1	61.5	49.3	18.3	13.1	26.3	206.3	13.6	0.10
Chrysen	-	-	11.50	32.4	7.3	25.6	18.4	12.2	102.6	75.9	22.3	16.8	41.2	204.2	20.0	0.10
Benzo(b)flu	-	-	18.30	61.0	11.7	32.2	23.6	20.4	169.5	128.2	28.0	29.4	67.7	261.1	31.2	0.10
Benzo(k)flu	-	-	6.04	18.1	3.8	14.4	11.0	7.9	56.4	41.9	13.0	11.2	22.4	134.8	11.6	0.10
Benzo(a)py	-	-	8.34	27.6	3.5	23.6	20.3	13.3	92.8	71.6	24.2	18.4	38.4	285.9	21.3	0.10
Indeno(123	-	-	8.22	33.1	6.4	21.4	14.8	11.1	98.7	72.0	22.6	19.6	41.0	216.1	20.7	0.10
Dibenz(ah)	-	-	0.82	2.7	0.6	2.4	1.6	0.9	7.1	8.3	1.8	2.3	4.1	25.8	1.8	0.10
Benzo(ghi)	-	-	11.26	29.7	5.3	20.6	14.8	11.4	83.9	61.4	19.4	16.3	36.0	181.8	18.5	0.10
<b>Suma PAH</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>172.12</b>	<b>384.5</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>291.6</b>	<b>227.3</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>1144.2</b>	<b>881.8</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>2488.0</b>	<b>245.2</b>	<b>1.60</b>
<b>100% D-PAH</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>
<b>ředění</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
D8-naftalen	0%	0%	88%	72%	79%	66%	65%	80%	62%	66%	21%	61%	75%	81%	81%	
D10-fenant	0%	0%	90%	77%	91%	68%	72%	86%	77%	79%	88%	79%	85%	94%	92%	
D12-peryle	0%	0%	86%	74%	34%	67%	73%	86%	83%	83%	89%	82%	93%	101%	96%	

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Lab. blank ..... laboratorní slepý vzorek - analyzovaný celým analytickým postupem s čistými rozpouštědly a všemi použitými materiály

GPC blank ..... slepý vzorek GPC chromatografu

blank, GF blank ..... terénní slepé vzorky - pasivní odběr na polyuretanovou pěnu a skleněné vlnko

CRM ..... analýza certifikovaného referenčního materiálu

RM ..... analýza laboratorního referenčního materiálu

NQ ..... nekvantifikováno - analyt byl překryt interferentem

LOQ ..... meze stanovitelnosti



# Monitoring

- is a long-term consistent observation or measurement of precisely defined indicators well described in the space and time
- is performed in the monitoring network representative for the region
- consists of the observations and measurements, evaluation of the current status, changes as well as future perspectives.

**Environmental monitoring** is at the very beginning of the environmental information chain:

- it is the basis of environmental data collection,
- environmental reporting and environmental research,
- the basis of understanding of environmental problems and trends.



# Measurement of substances in the environment

**Screening** - is it possible to detect the substance in environmental samples?

**Survey** - how big is the problem?

**Monitoring** - long-term measurements of the temporal trends  
and/or  
- large scale measurements of the spatial distribution

**Modeling** - where is the substance ?

# Need for regional monitoring programs

**UN ECE Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution - POPs Protocol** - includes the measurements of several PTSs in the air

## **EMEP Activities**

**AMAP** collects data on PTS levels in the Arctic region

**Marine conventions** in Europe (OSPAR, Helsinki, Barcelona and Bucharest Conventions) collect data from the marine environment

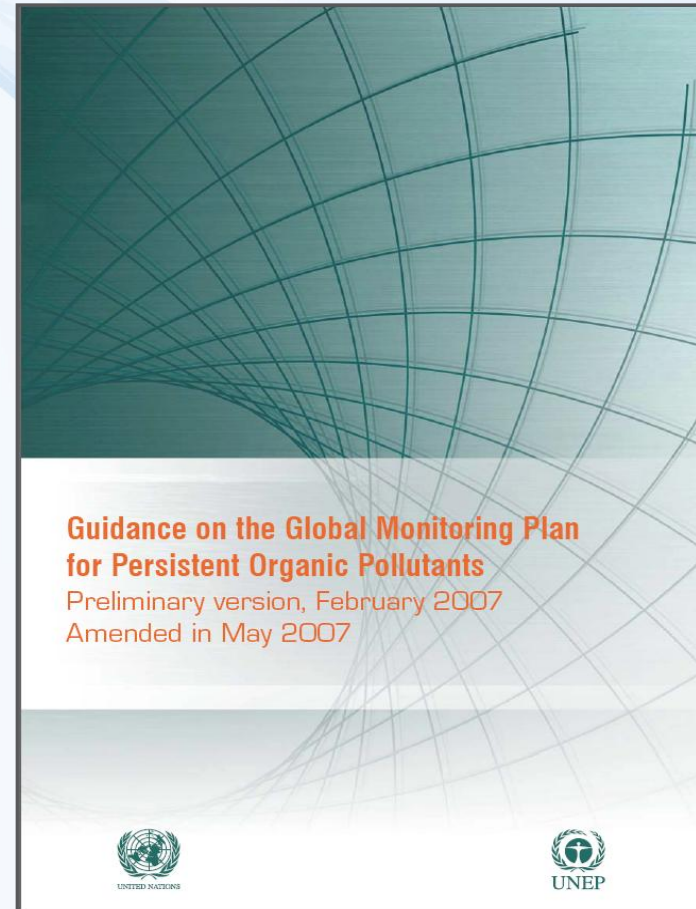
The **Water Framework Directive** demands a large amount of new data to be produced in EU

DG Environments initiative "**Health and Environment**"

# Guidance to the Global Monitoring Plan

## Core matrices

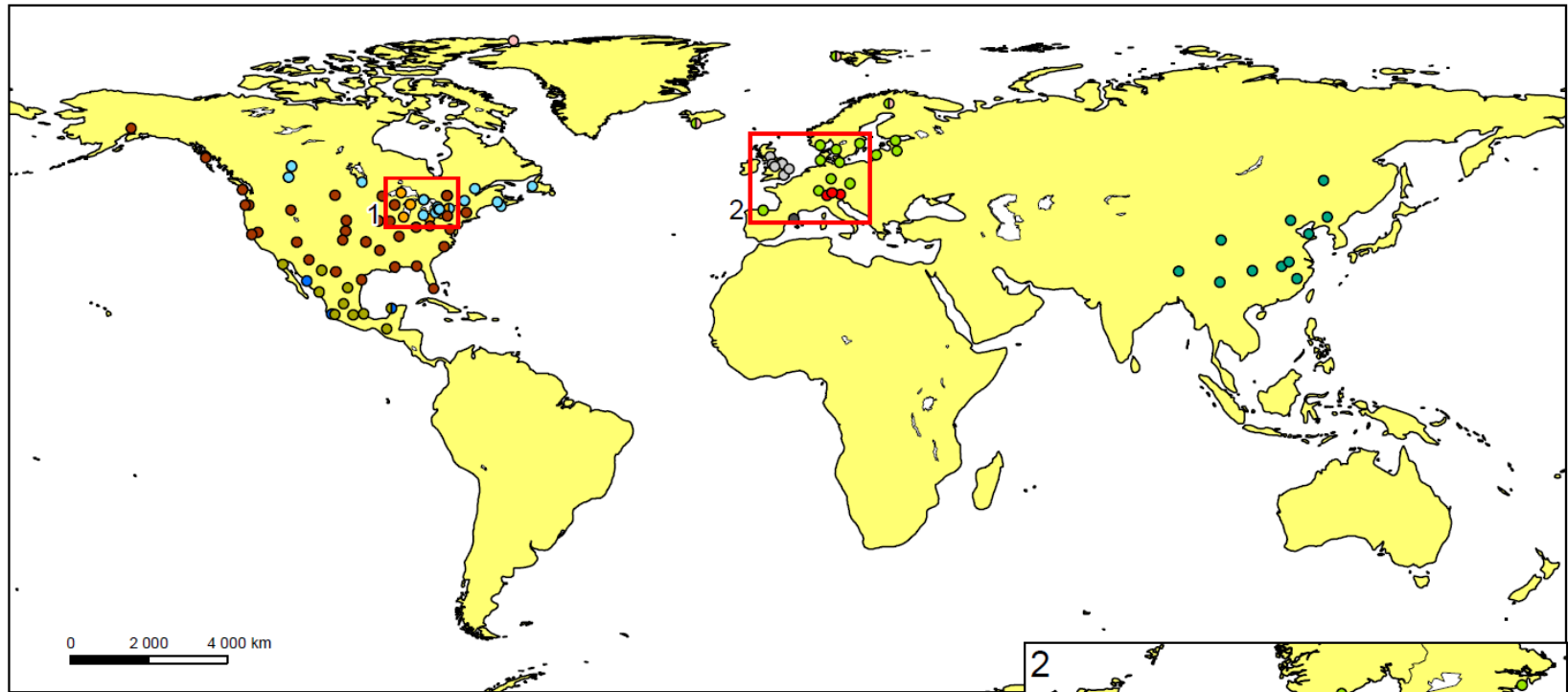
- Air
- Human Milk and blood














**1st GMP report presented at COP4 in May 2009  
and every 6 years thereafter**

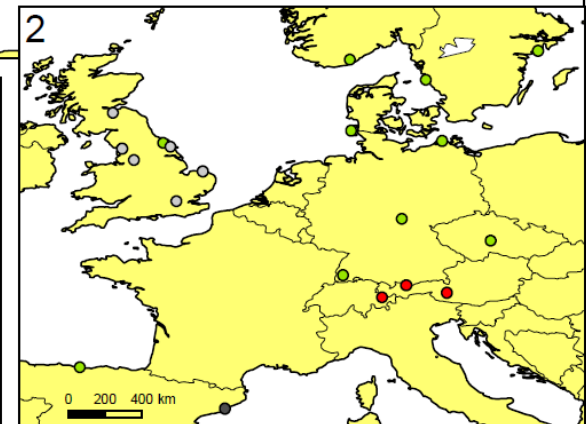
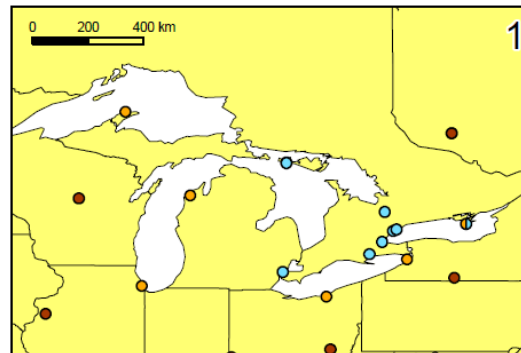


# Long-term active air sampling networks

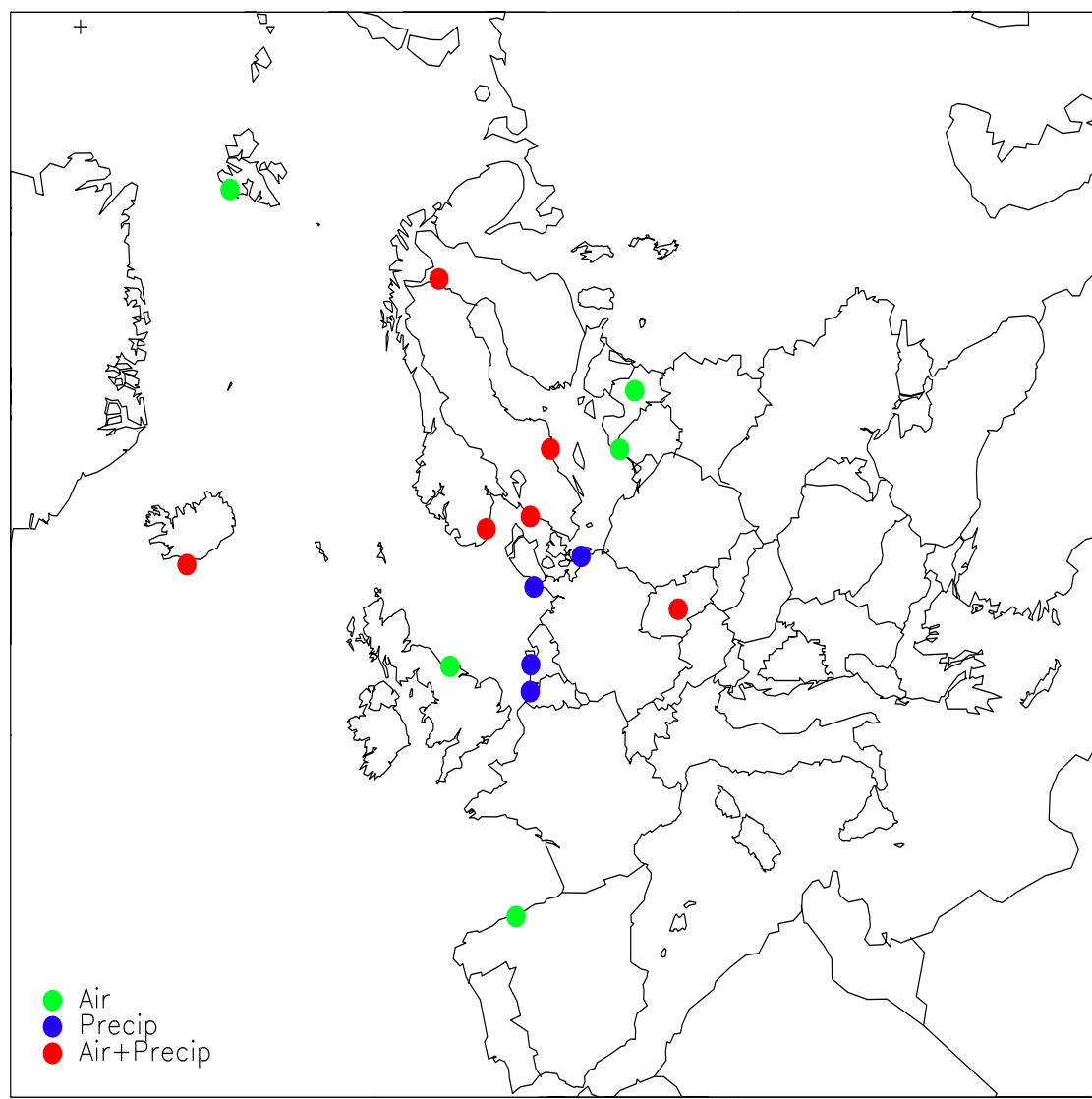


## Sampling program

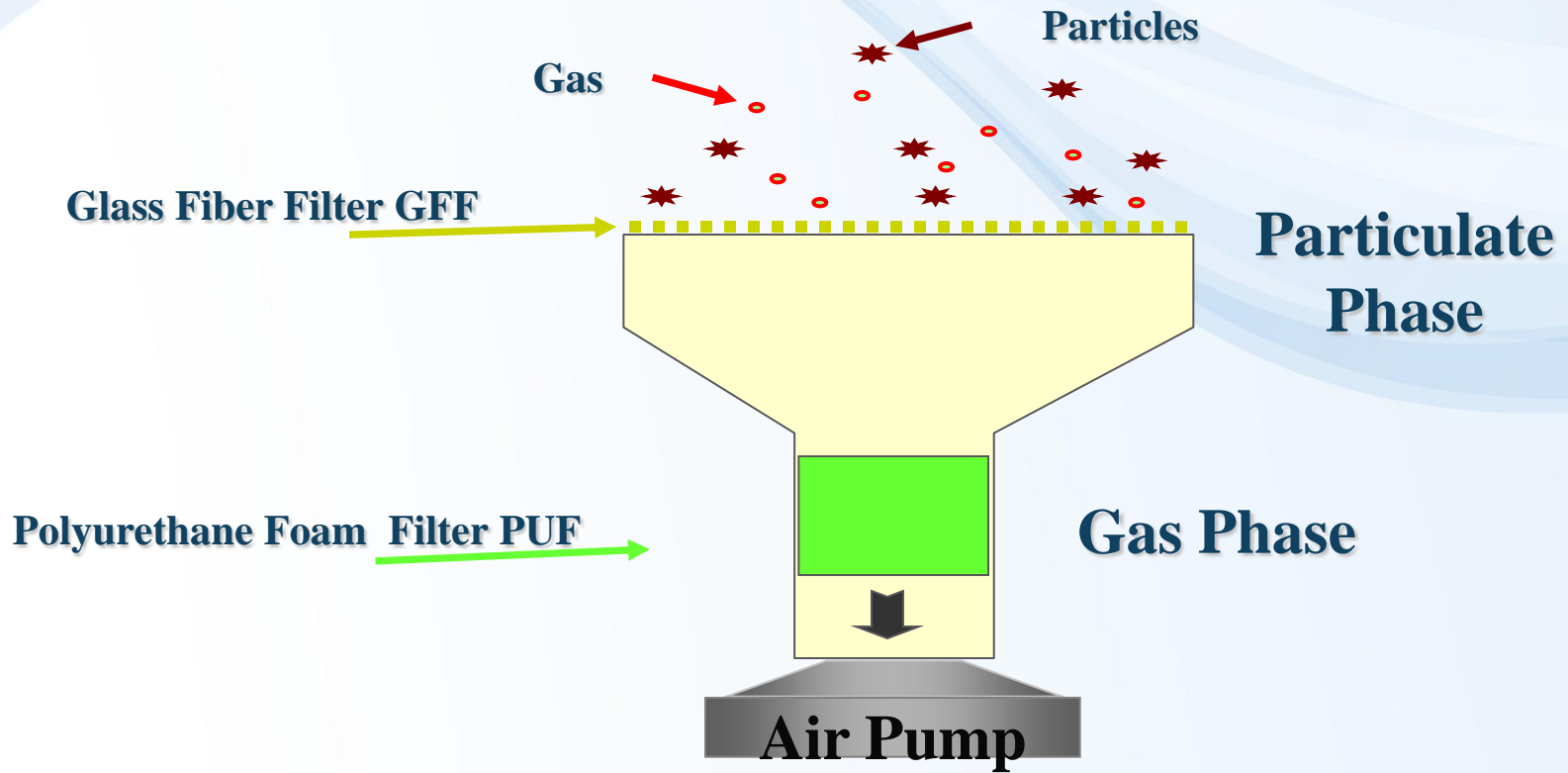
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 MONARPOP	



# EMEP active air monitoring network



# Sampling Techniques



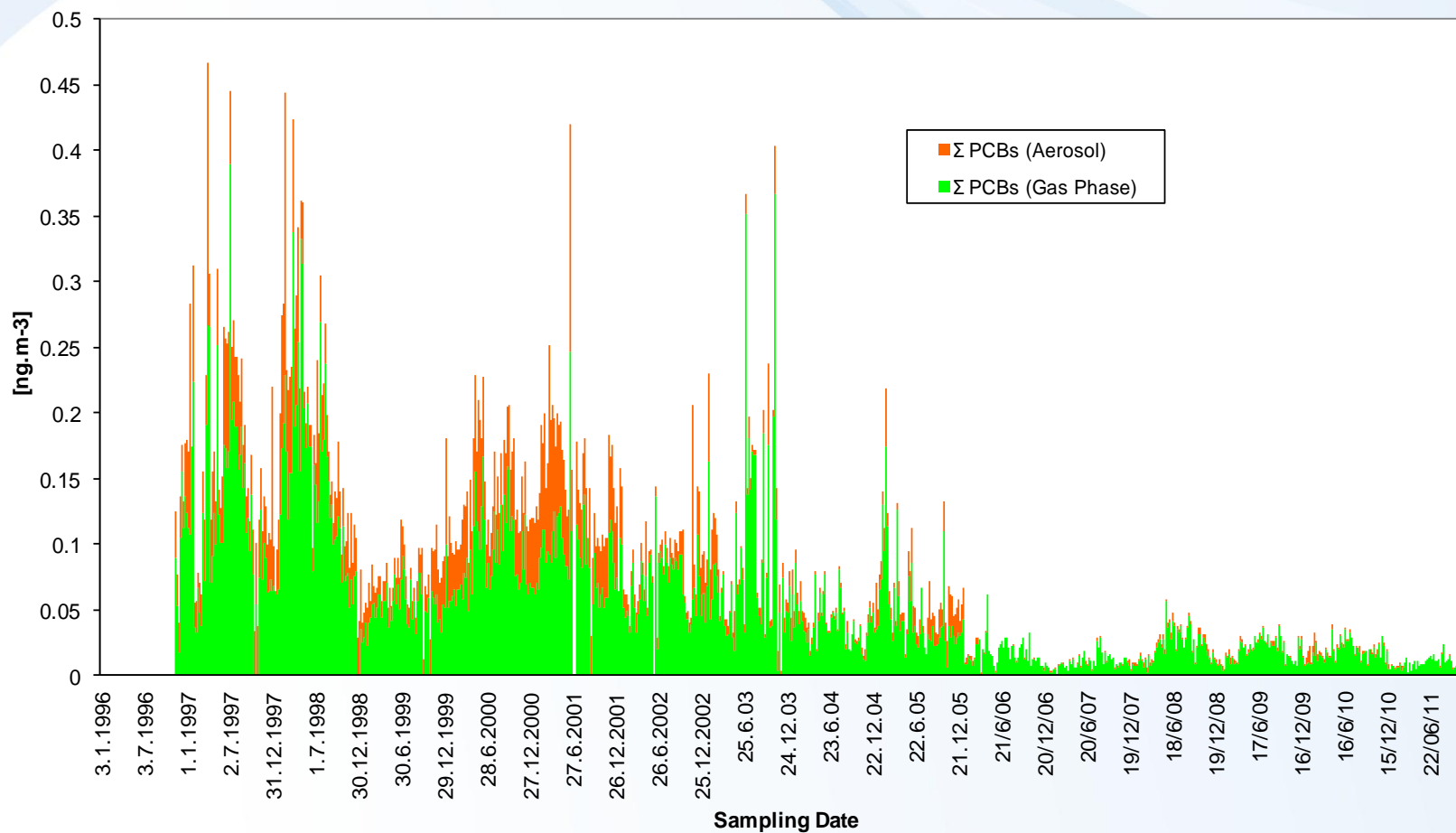
**High-Volume sampler**



# PCBs in the ambient air, Košetice observatory, 1996-2009

## PCBs in Ambient Air - Košetice 1996-2011

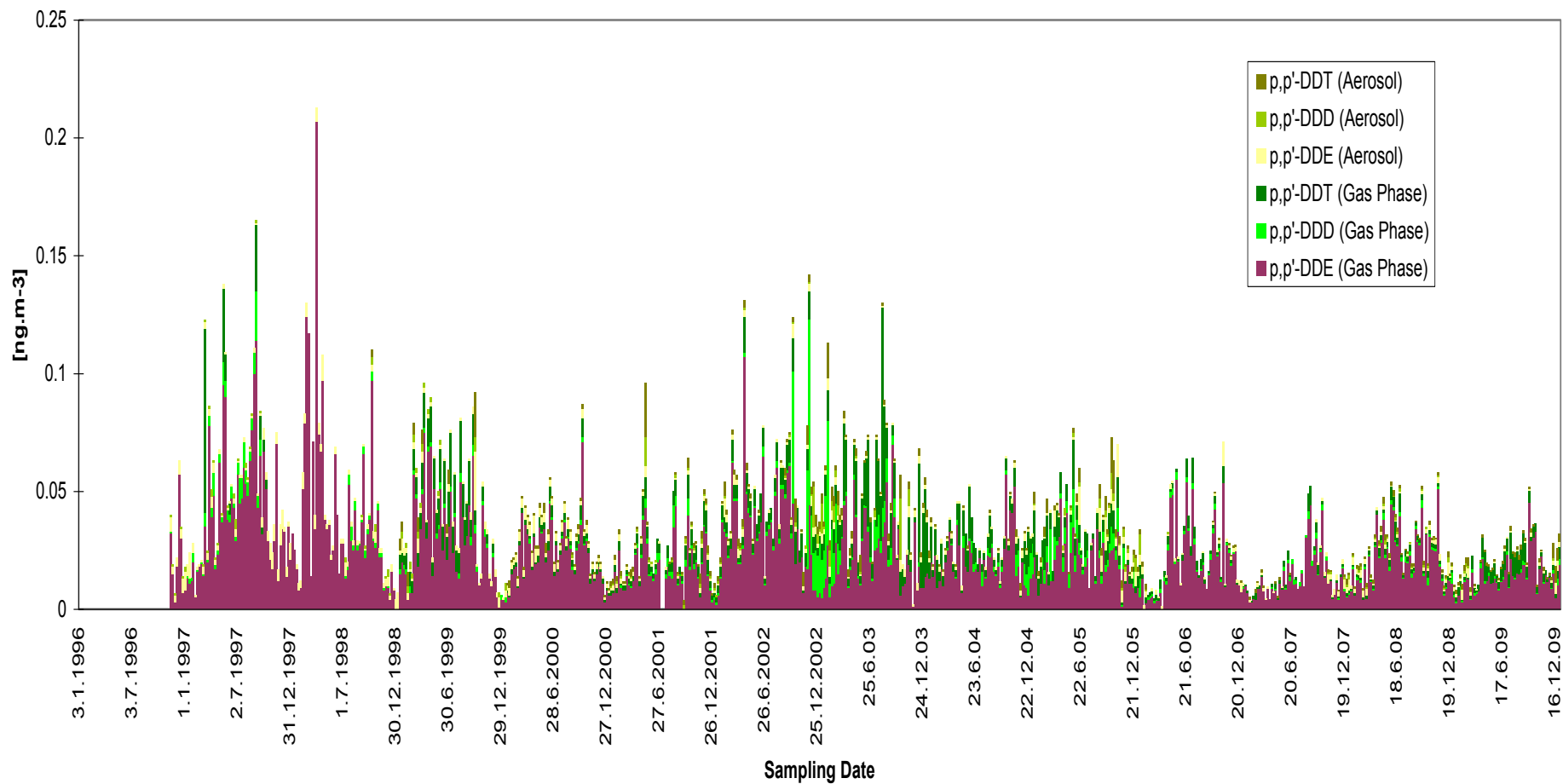
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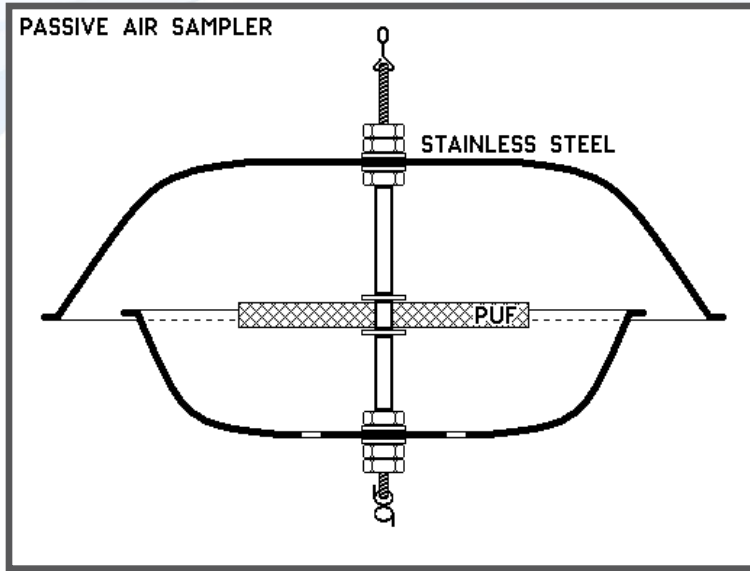
# DDTs in the ambient air, Košetice observatory, 1996-2009

p,p'-DDE, p,p'-DDD and p,p'-DDT in Ambient Air - Košetice 1996-2009

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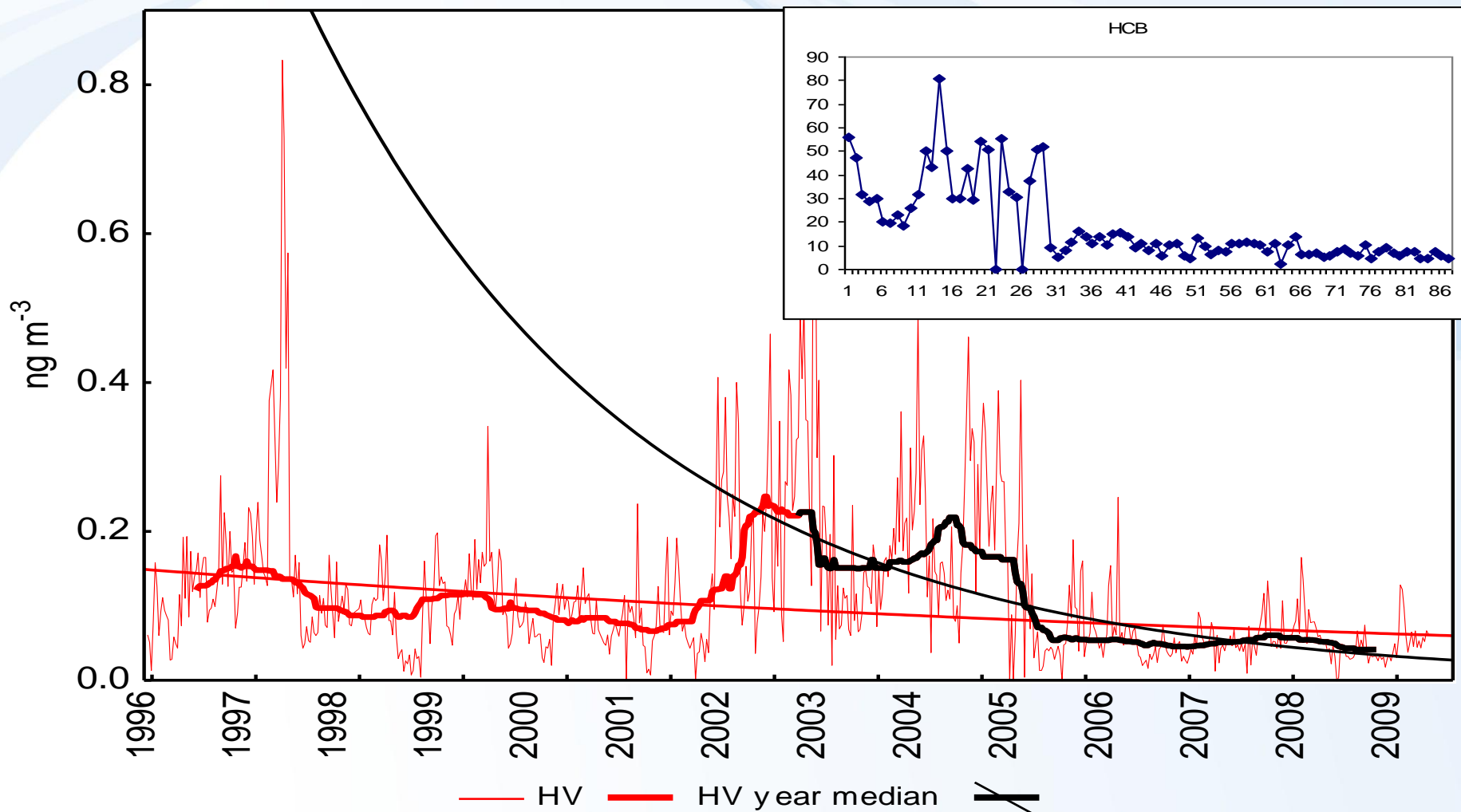
# Passive air sampling technique



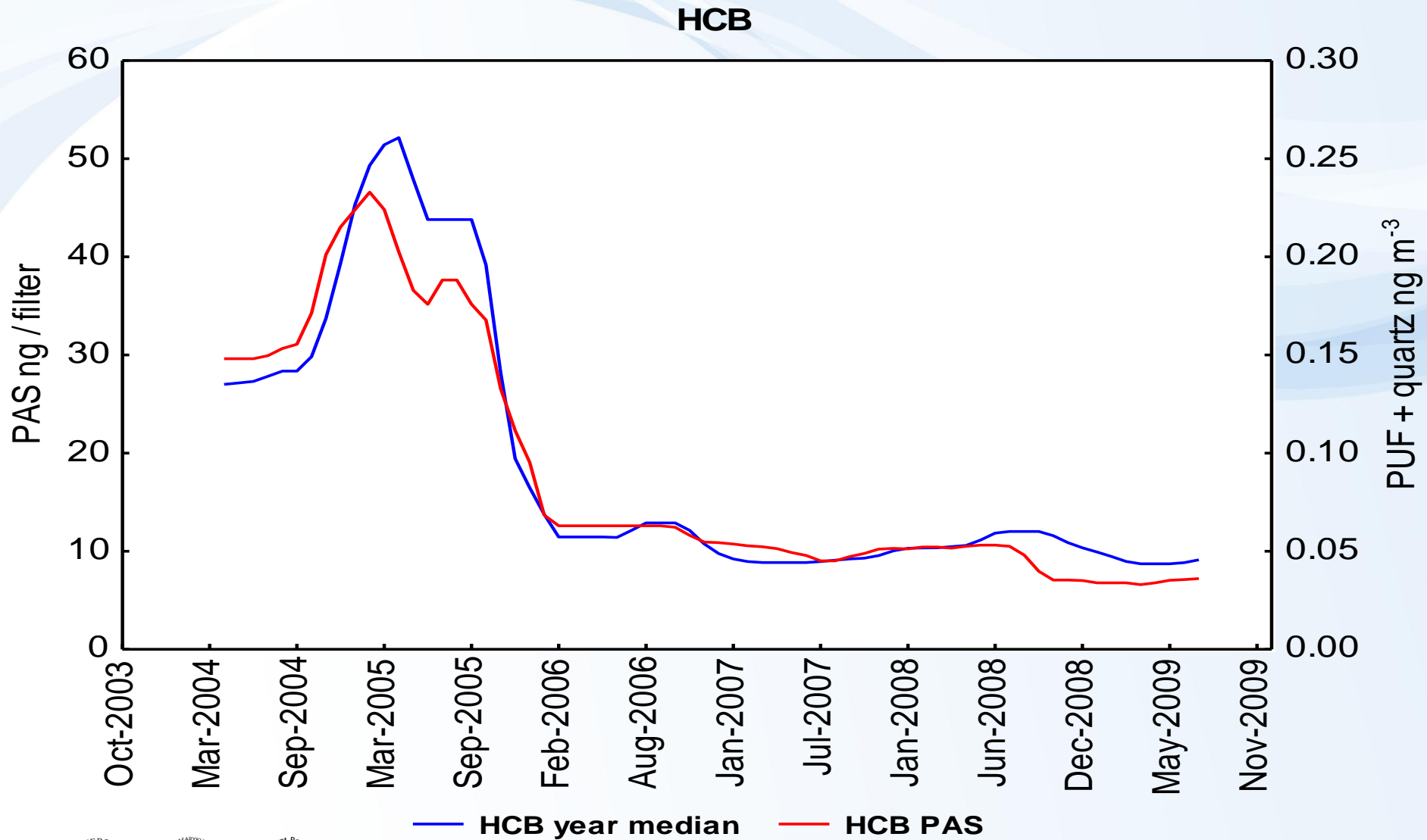
- **filter (polyurethane foam)** – captures pollutants from the surrounding air
- **sampler body** – filter protecting chamber (wind, rainwater, solar radiation)

# HCB and PeCB in the air, Kosetice, 1996-2009

## HCB

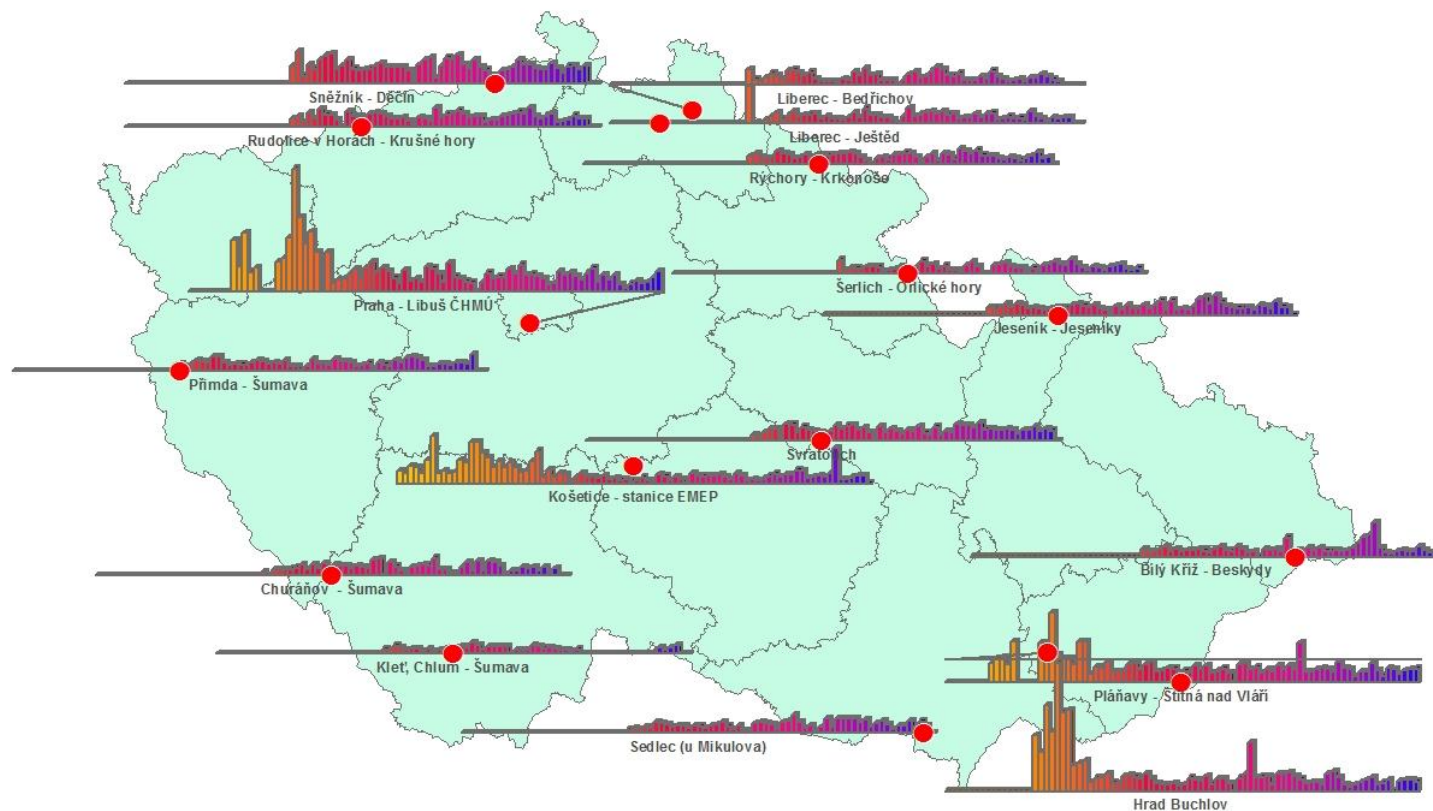


# Corelation of passive and active air sampling data, HCHs

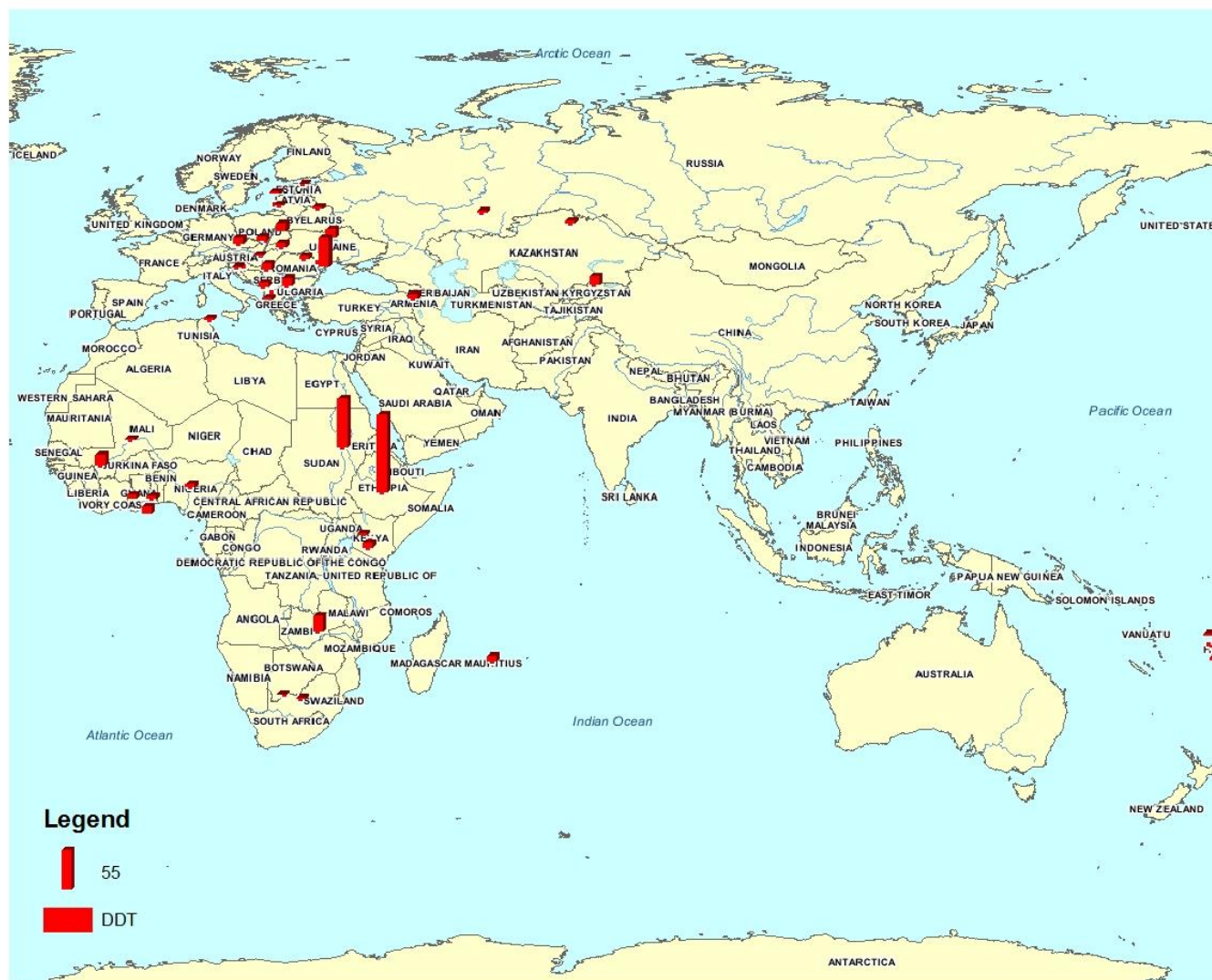


# PCBs in the ambient air, Czech Republic, 2003-2010

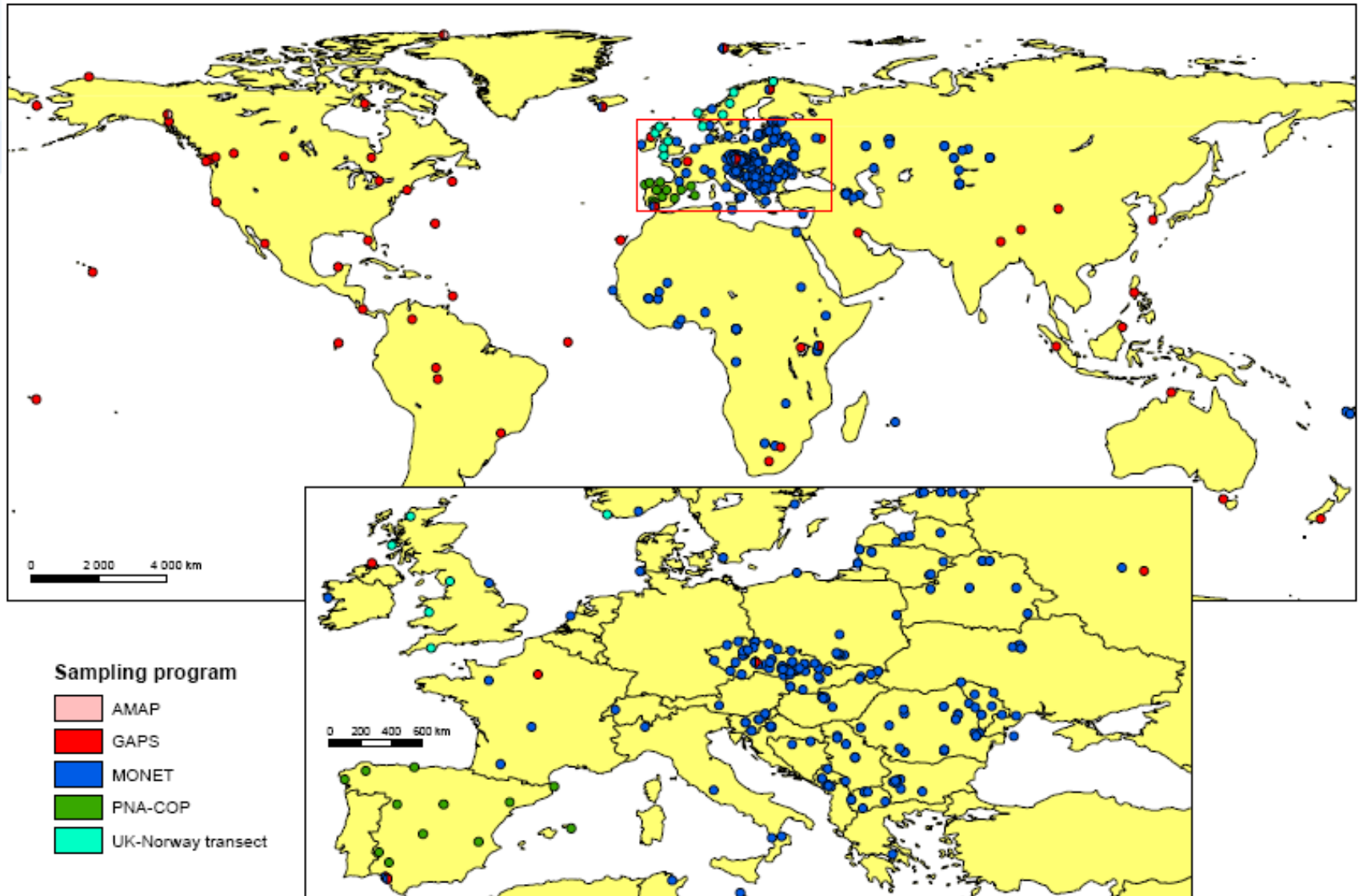
PCB



# MONET monitoring networks



# Passive air sampling networks globally





# Questionnaire for mothers donating breast milk

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POTENTIAL HUMAN MILK DONORS		
Fourth WHO-Coordinated Survey of Human Milk for Persistent Organic Pollutants		
<b>CONFIDENTIAL!</b>		
Section 1: Personal Information		
Name	Phone number	Today's Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
	e-mail	
Address		

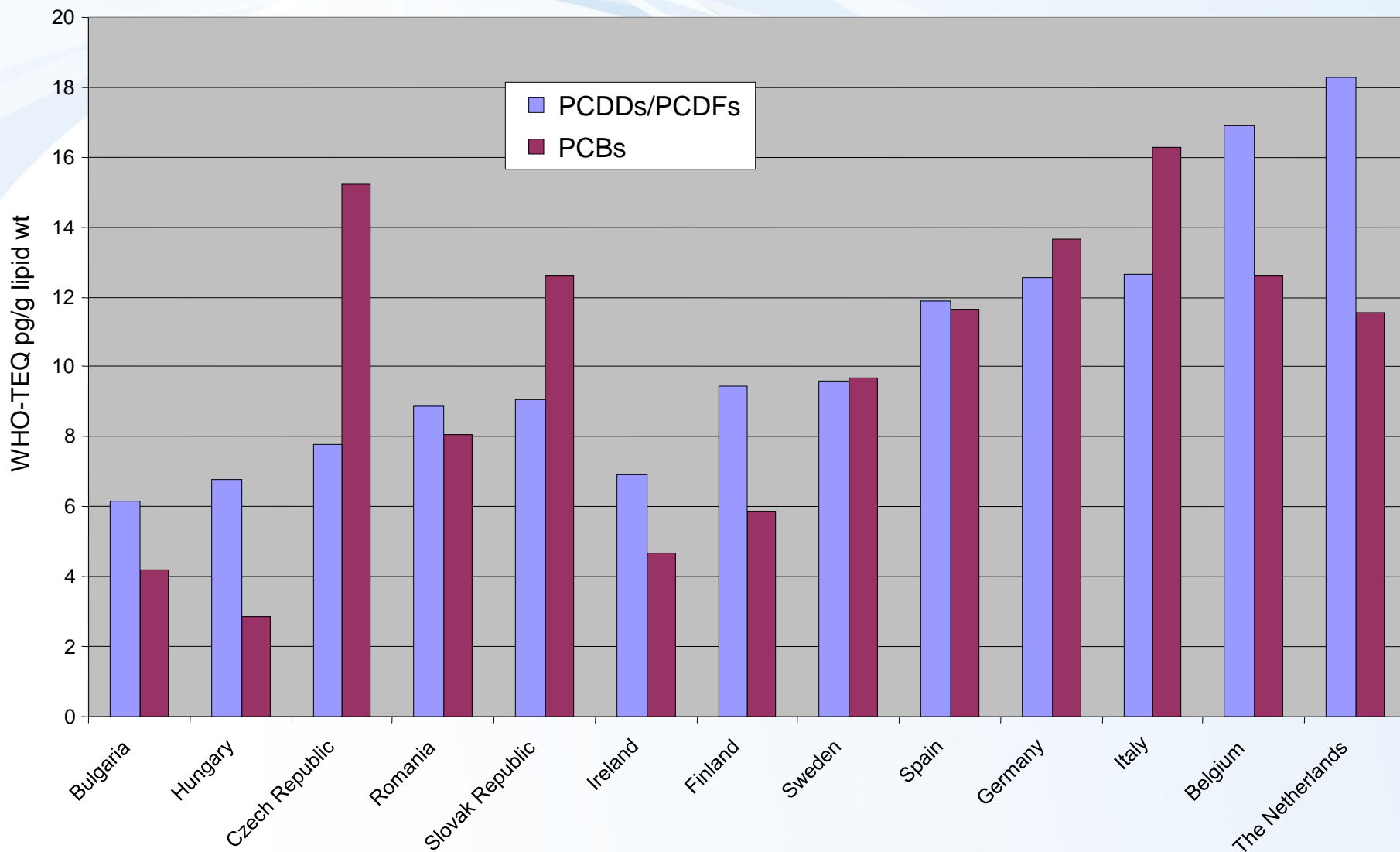
Section for National Coordinator			
Individual Identification Code		Pool Identification Code	
Is the participant eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
What is the status of donor in regard to the survey? Selected <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Not Selected <input type="checkbox"/>			
If this mother has been pre-selected to donate a sample (or is designated as an alternate), the top of Section 4 should be completed and detached from this questionnaire. Section 4 should be sent to the clinic to be completed at the time of sample collection.			

Section 2: Screening Questionnaire	
Name of Interviewer:	Date of interview (dd/mm/yyyy):
Place of interview:	
1. Are you planning to breastfeed your child? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Is this your first child? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Are you expecting a single child? (not twins) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Are you having a normal healthy pregnancy? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Have you lived in your current area for 10 years? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Actual _____	
6. Are you under 30 years of age? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, date of birth _____	
7. Do you live near incinerators, pulp and paper industries, metal industries or where chemicals are produced Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

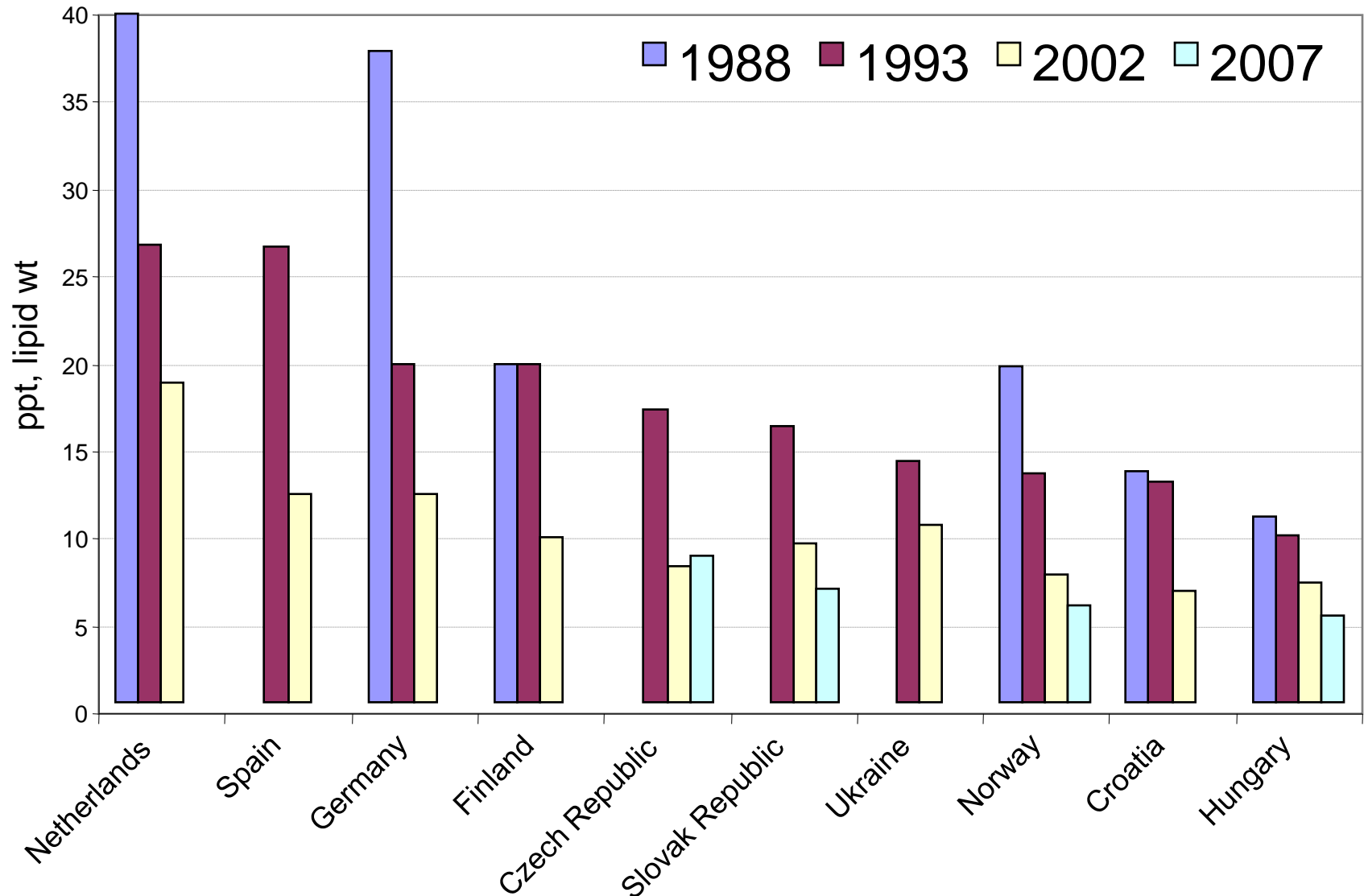


# European PCDD/F and PCB levels in human milk

## (WHO Exposure Study 2001/2002)



# Time trends in PCDD/F levels in human milk (WHO Exposure Studies)



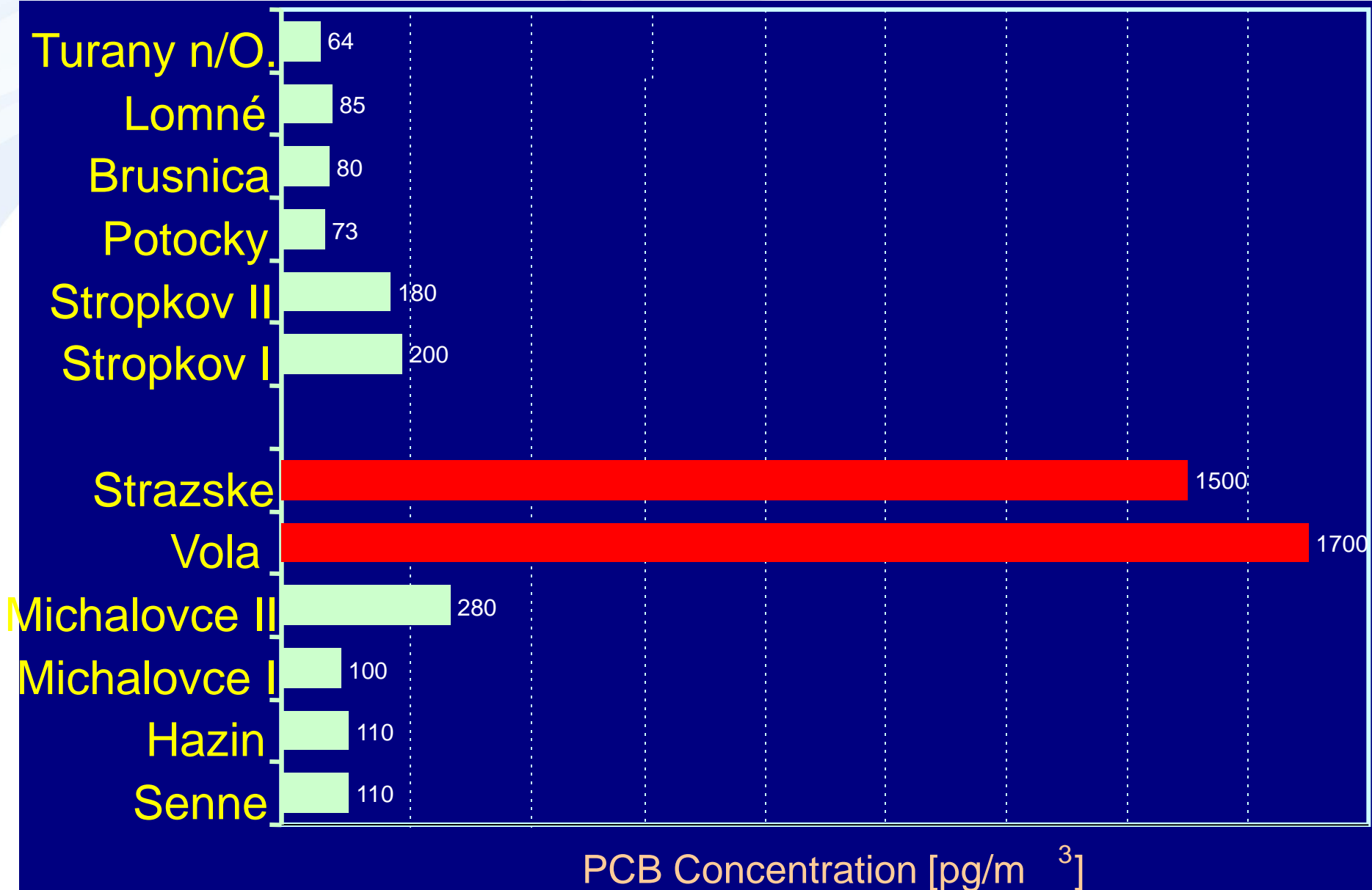
# Slovakia's districts chosen for exposure studies





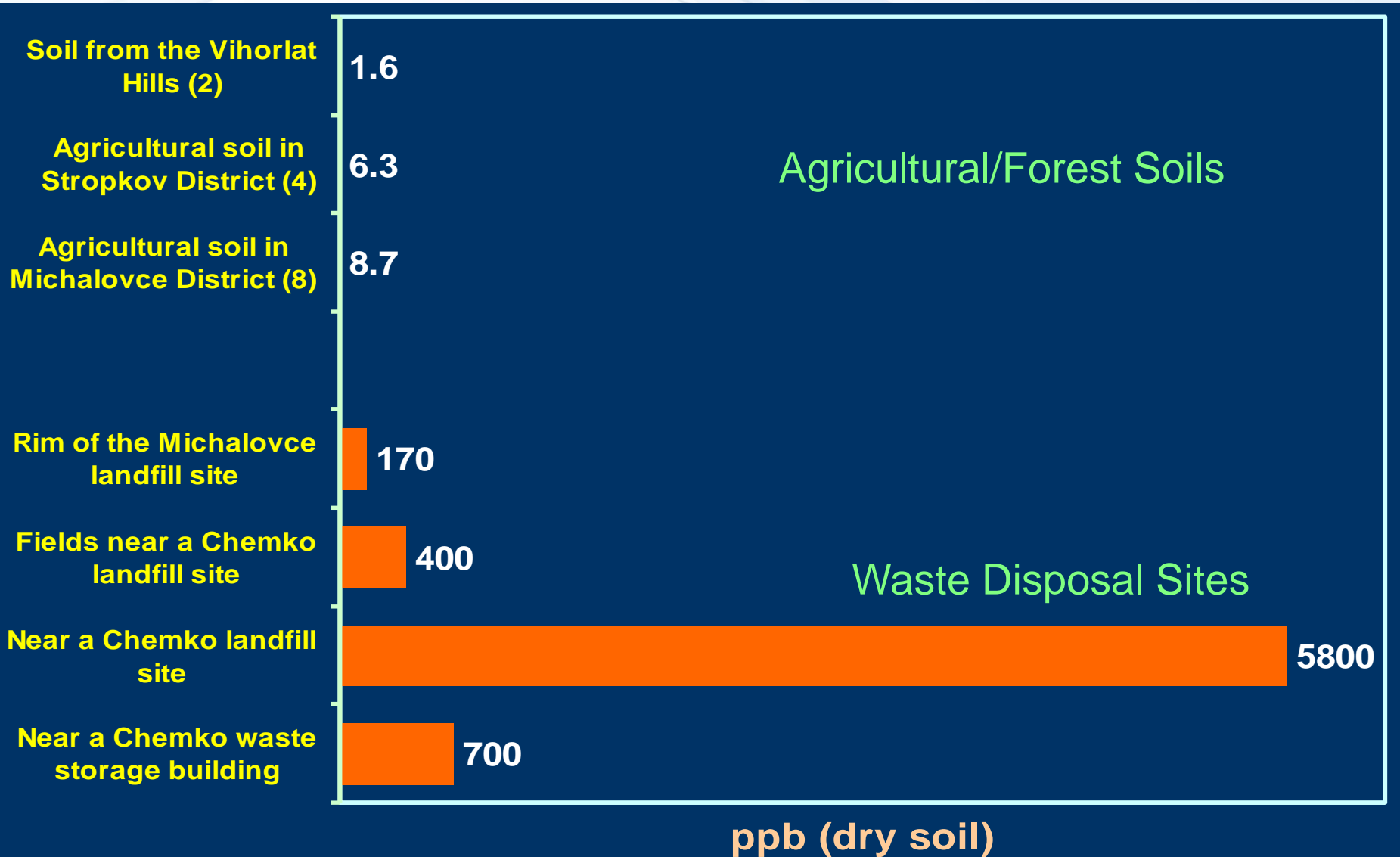
# PCB Concentrations in Ambient Air

Michalovce (polluted district) vs Stropkov (control district)



# PCB Concentrations in Soil

Vicinity of Chemko disposal sites and agricultural fields



# PCB Levels in Sediment Samples

Michalovce (polluted district) vs Stropkov (control district)





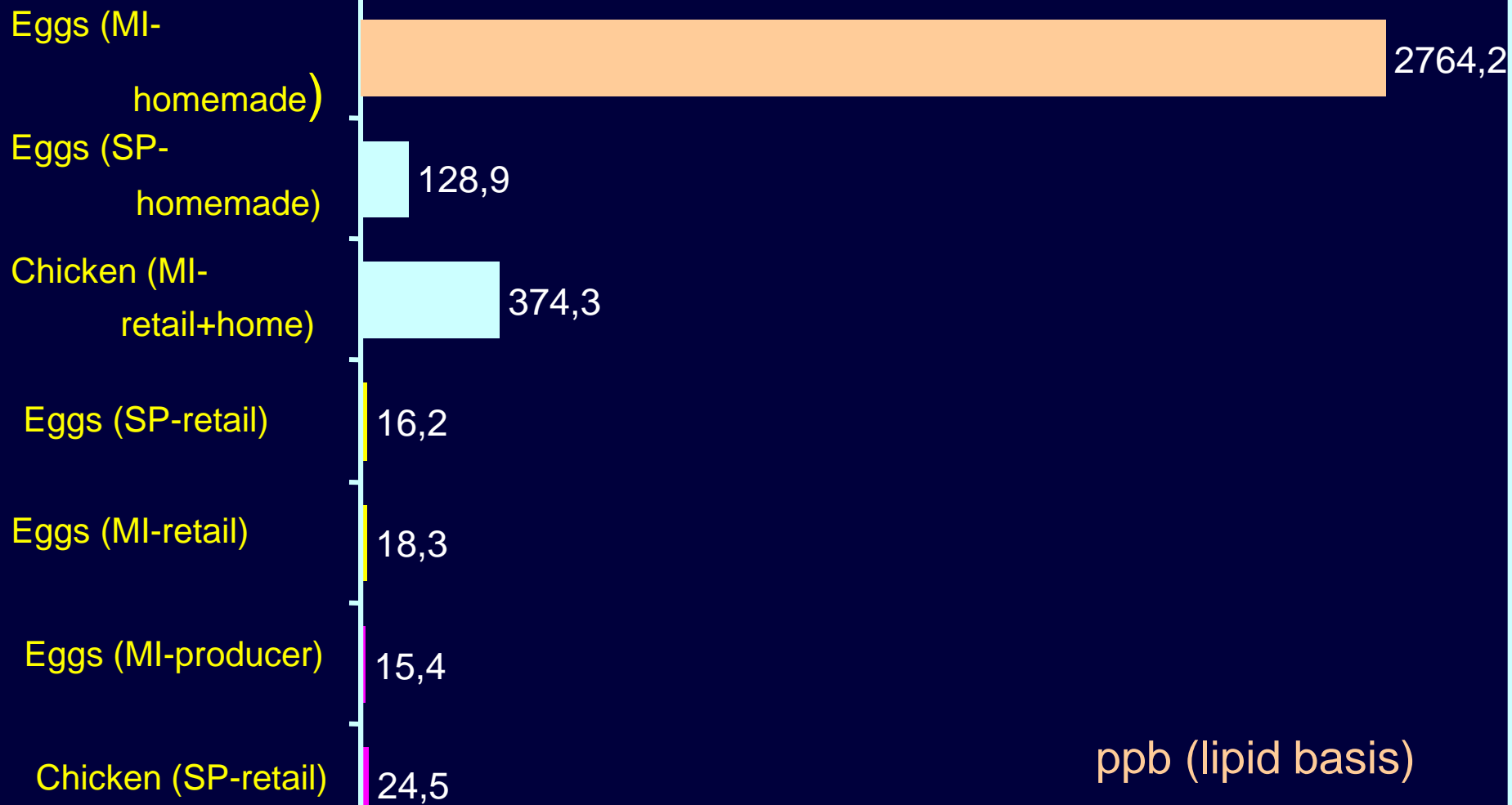
# PCB Levels in Fish

Michalovce (polluted district) vs Stropkov (control district)

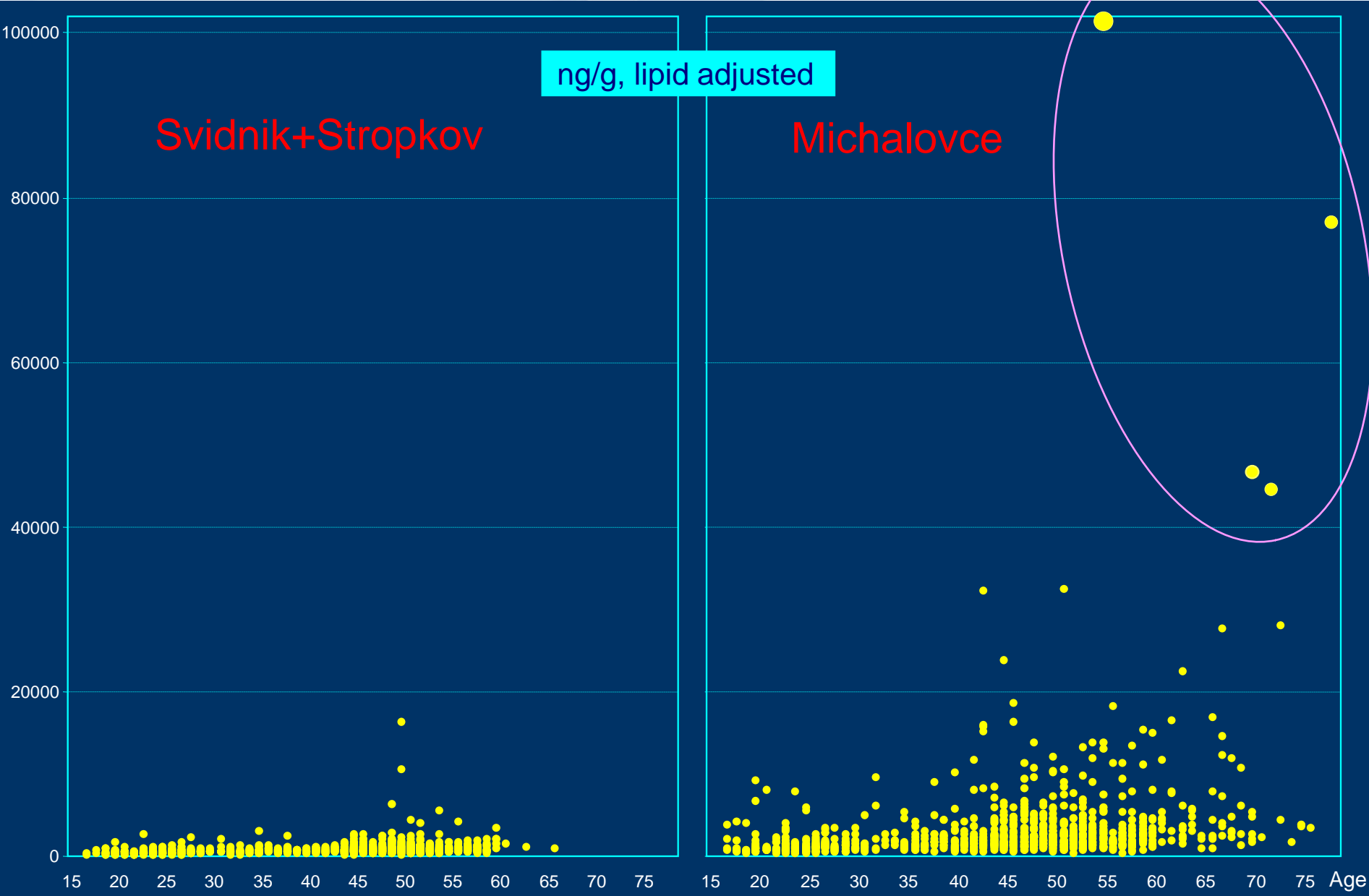


# Average PCB Levels in Eggs and Chicken Collected in Michalovce and Stropkov Districts

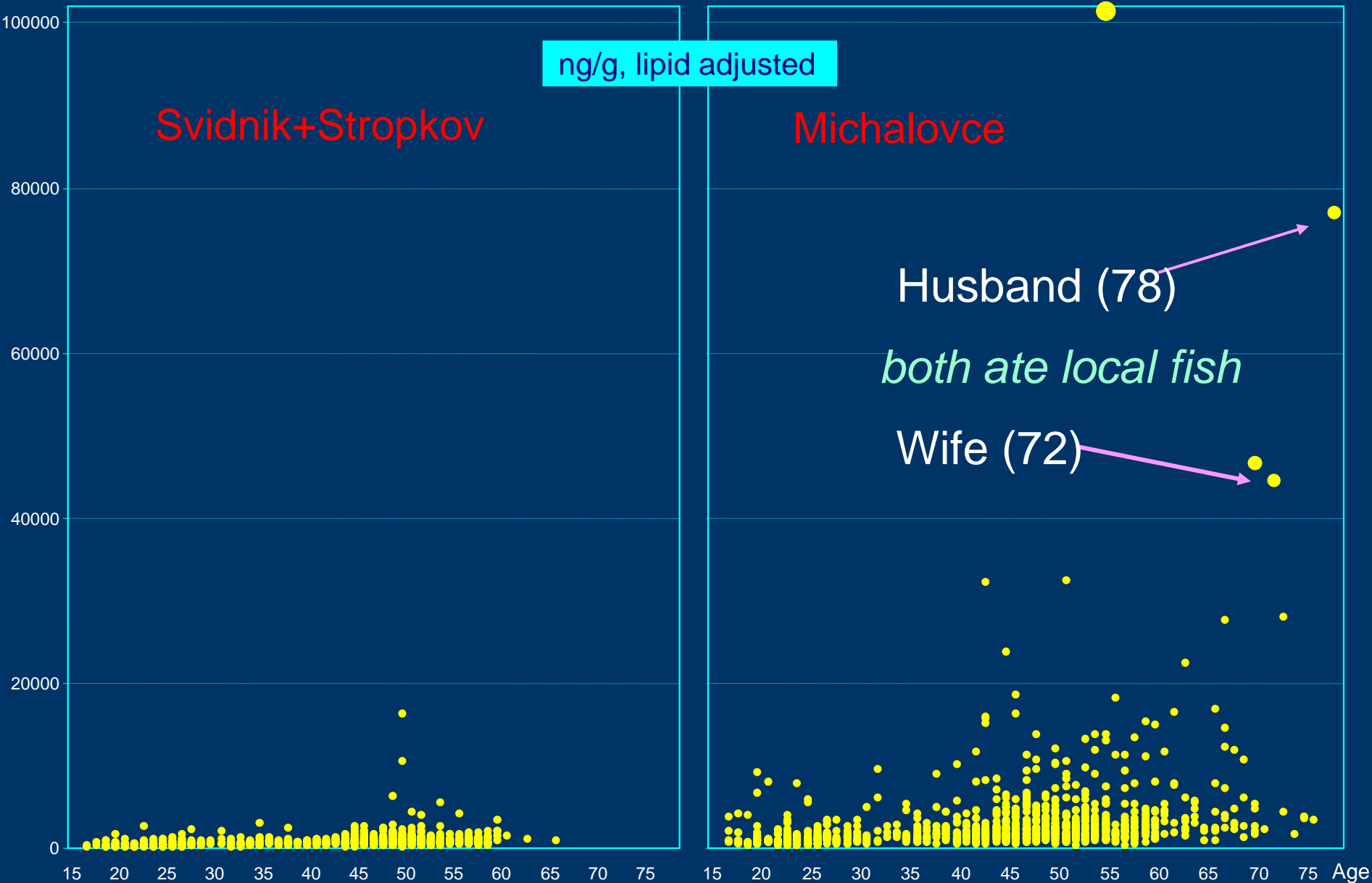
Sum of 28, 52, 101, 118, 138, 153, 156, 170 and 180 congeners



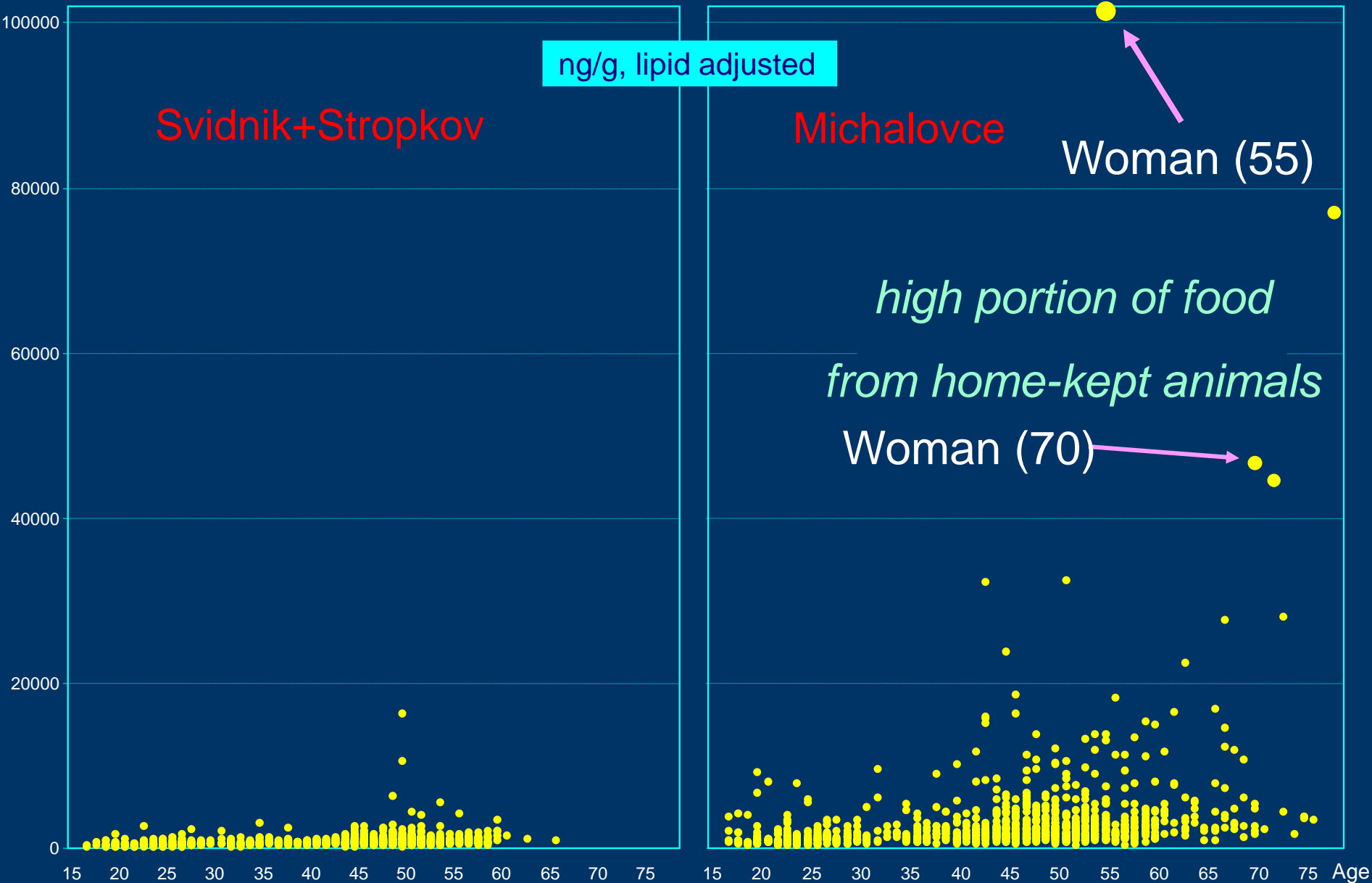
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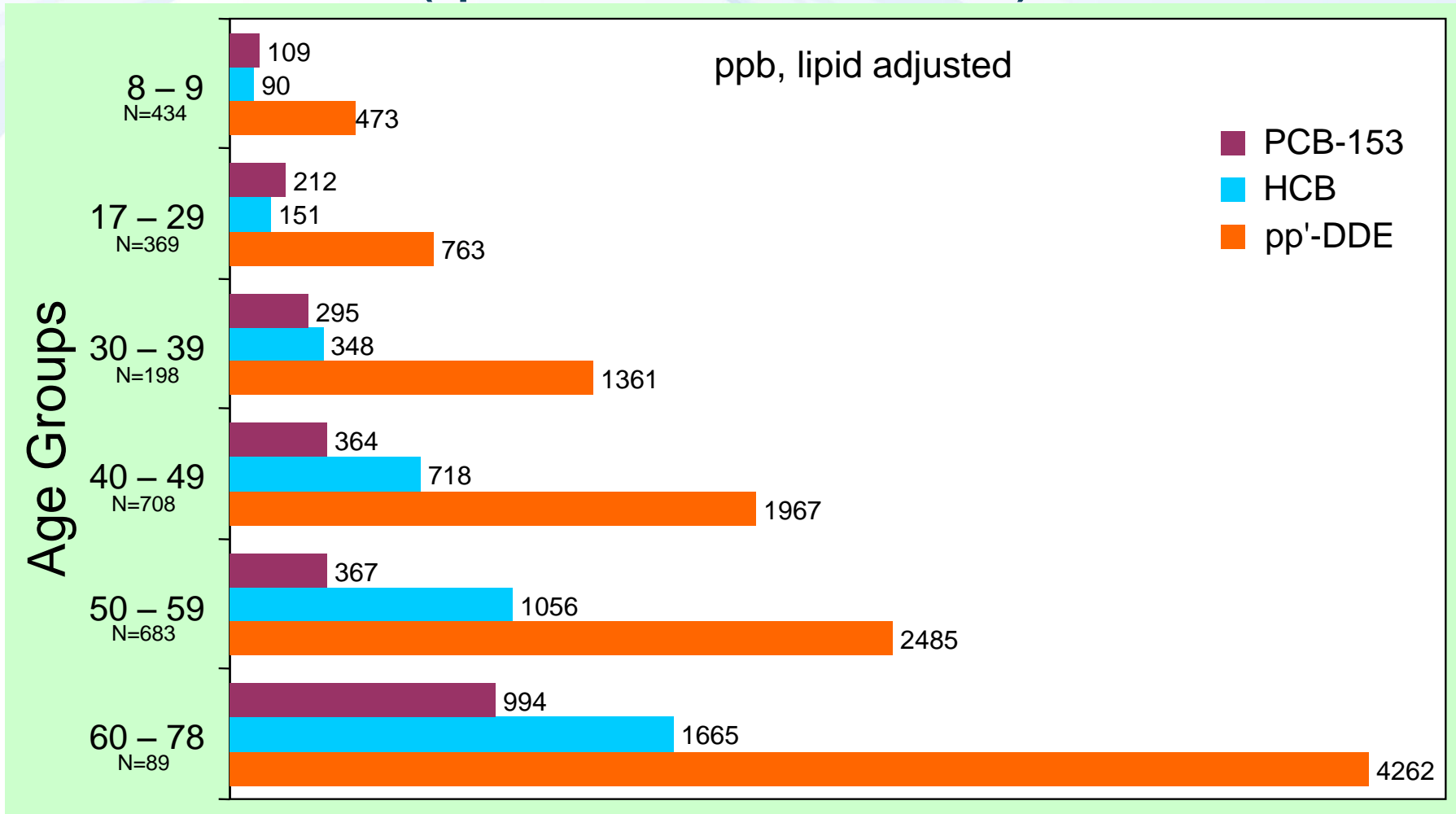
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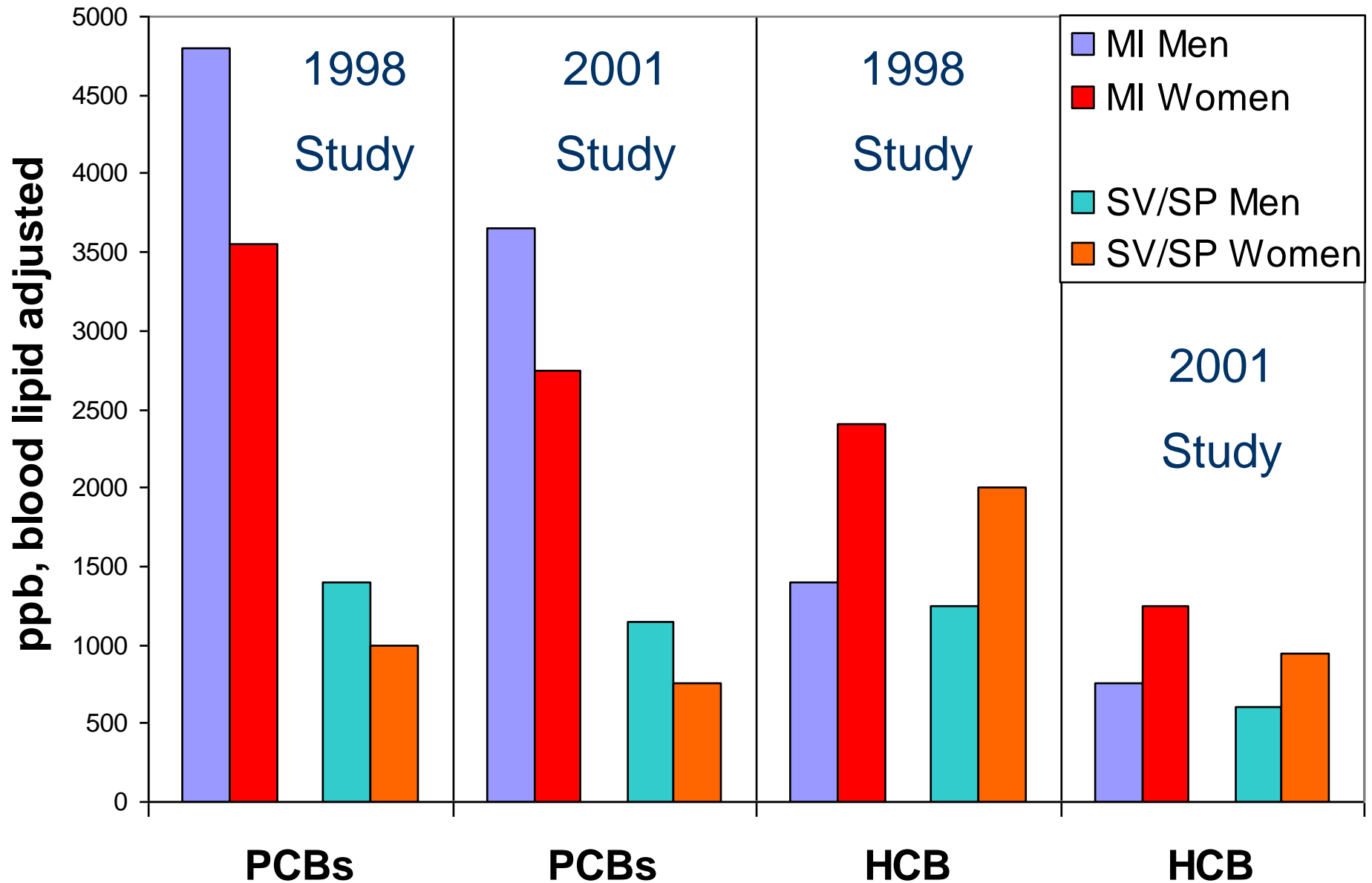
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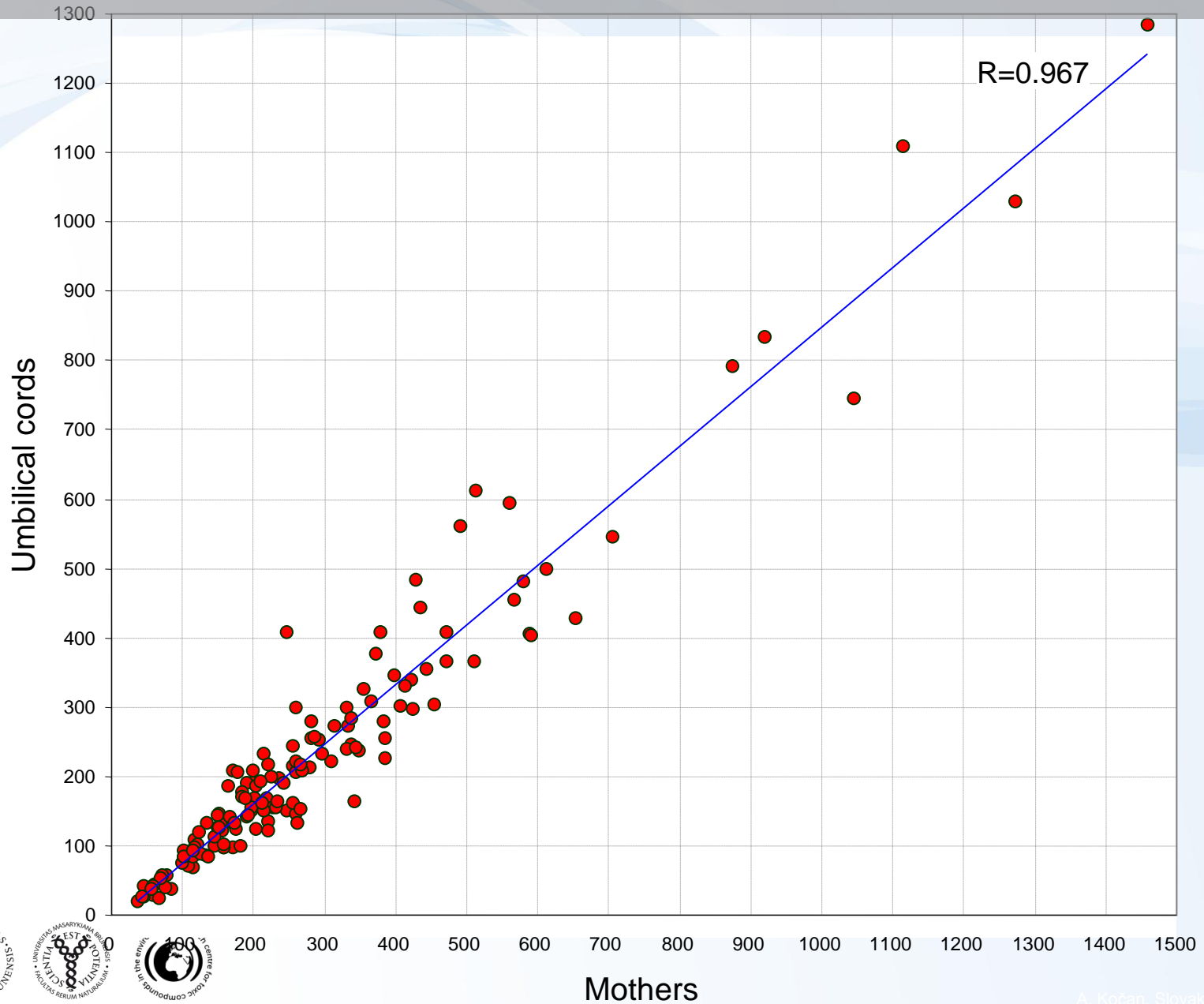
# Median PCB-153, HCB, and p,p'-DDE levels in blood serum vs age groups (specimens collected in 2001)



# Comparison of POP levels in men and women and time trends



# PCB-153 in blood serum from mothers and umbilical cords





# POPs content in breast milk (Czech Republic)

- long term trends – background results for Central Europe

Monitoring sites map NIPH - National Institute of Public Health

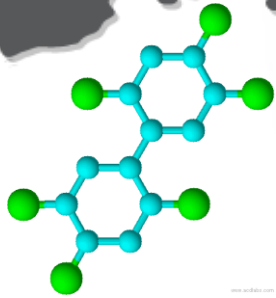
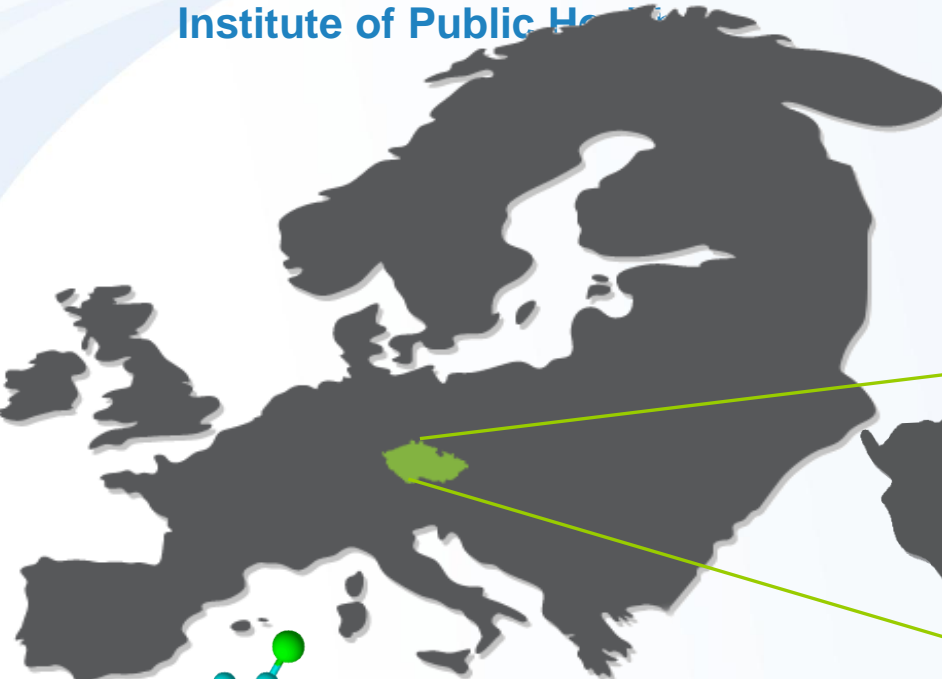
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-long term monitoring

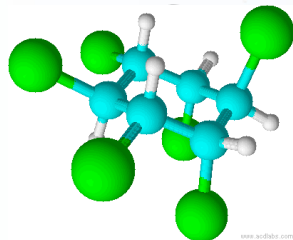
-9 regions

Czech Republic

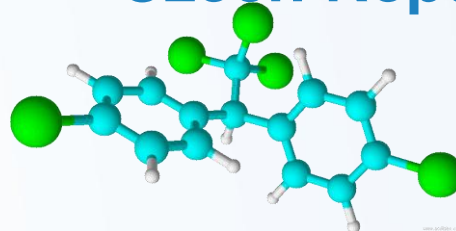
Breast Milk
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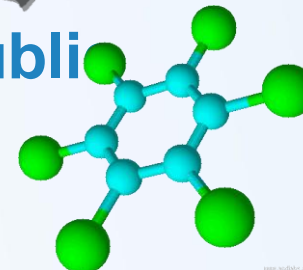
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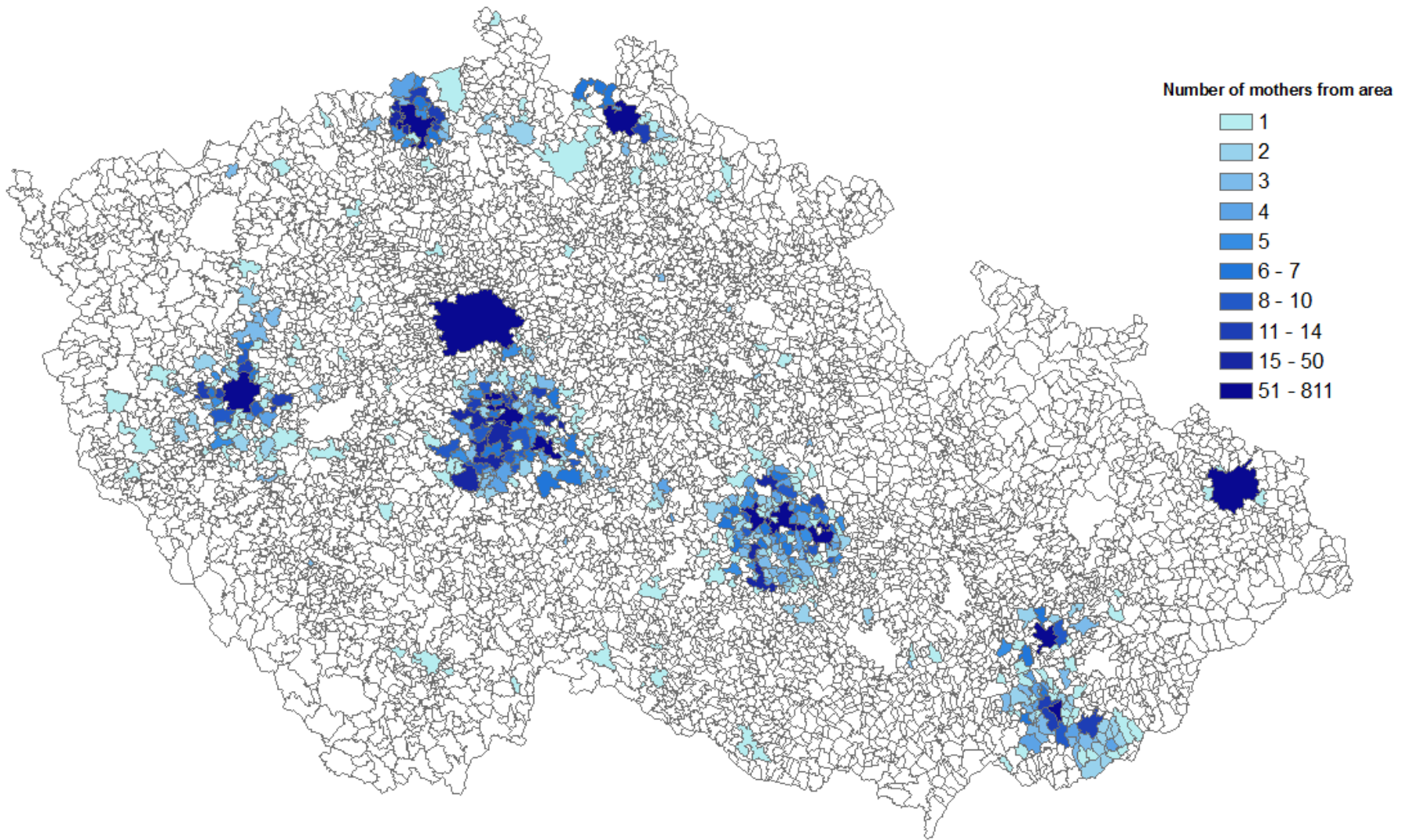
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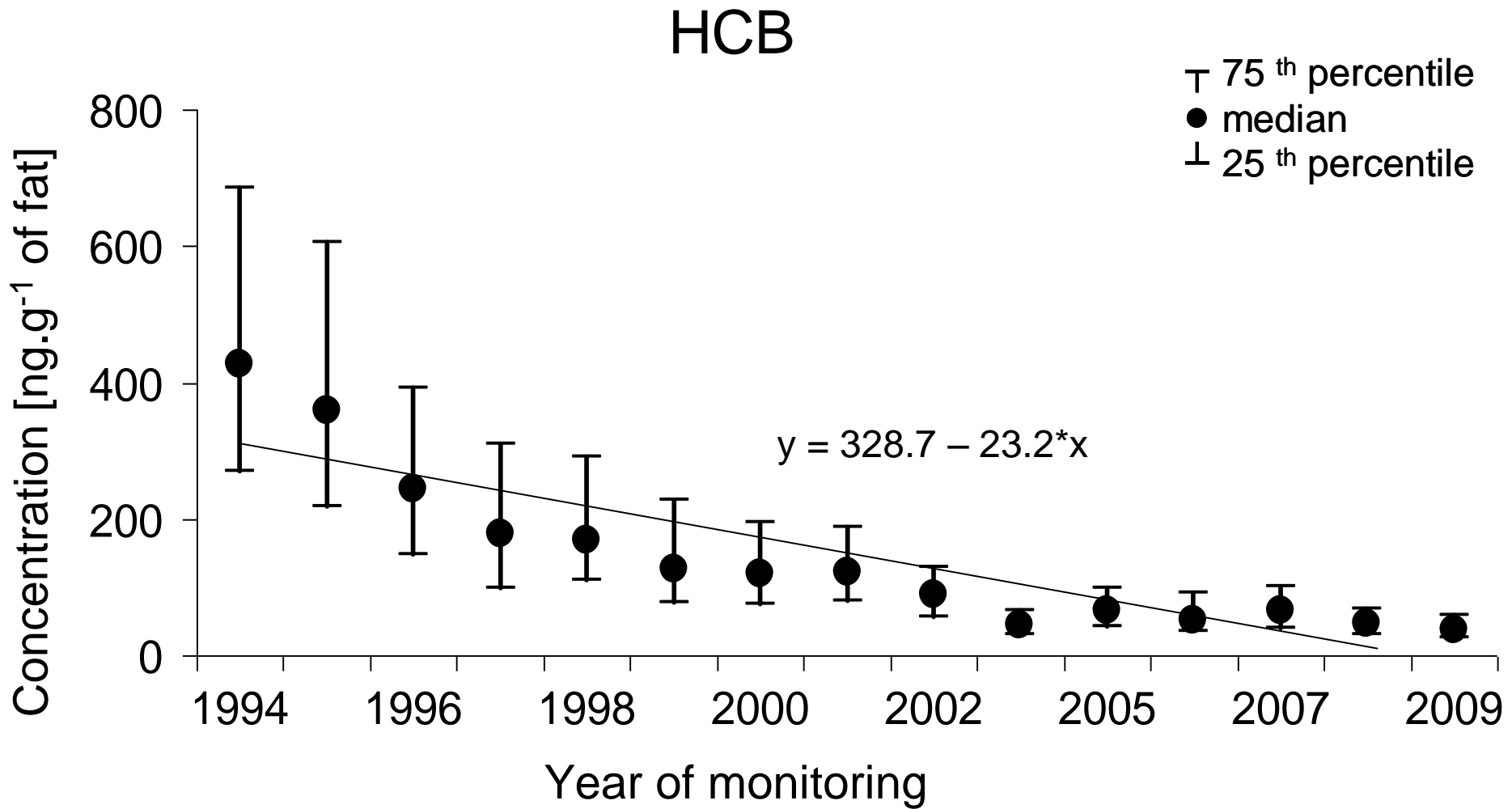
selected chlorinated pesticides



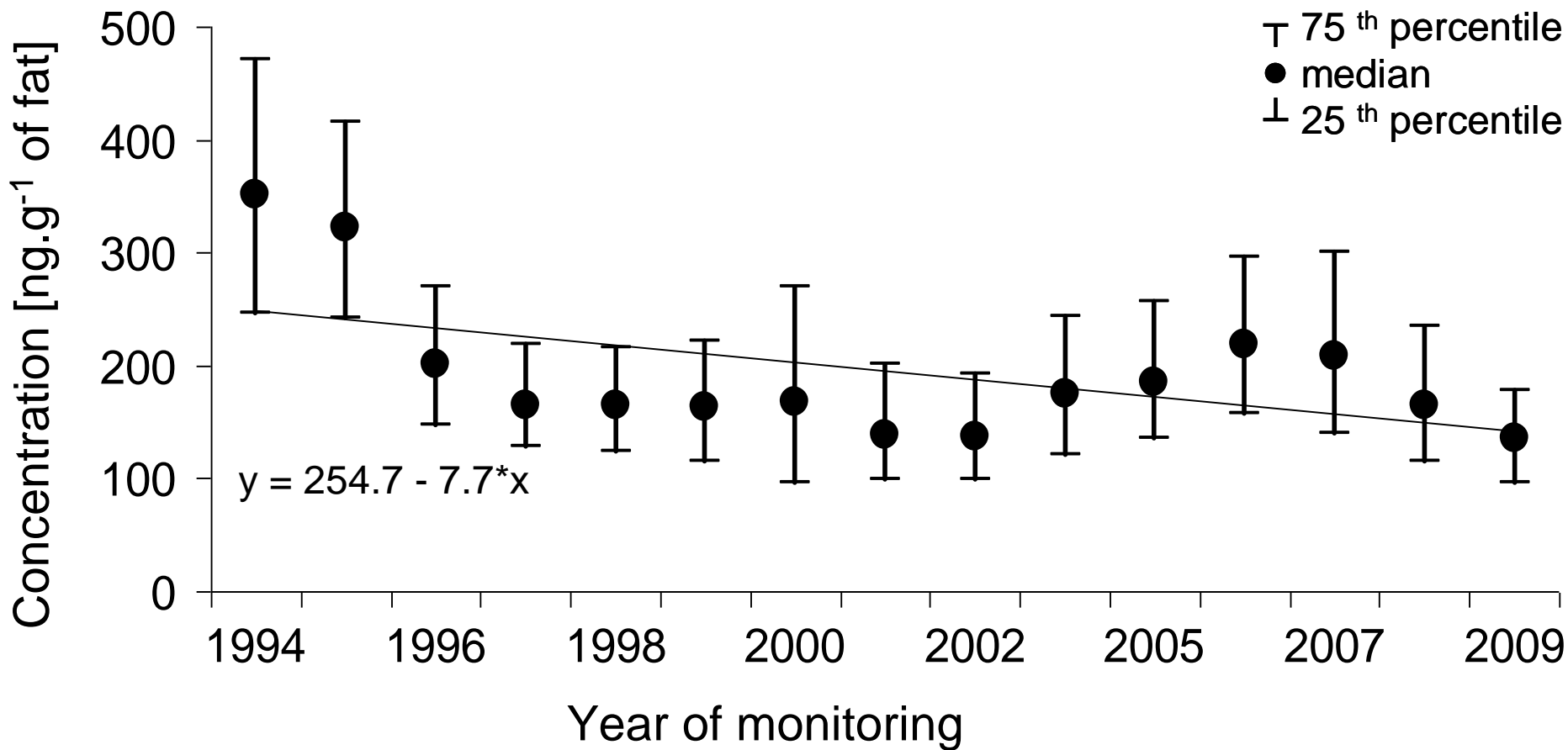


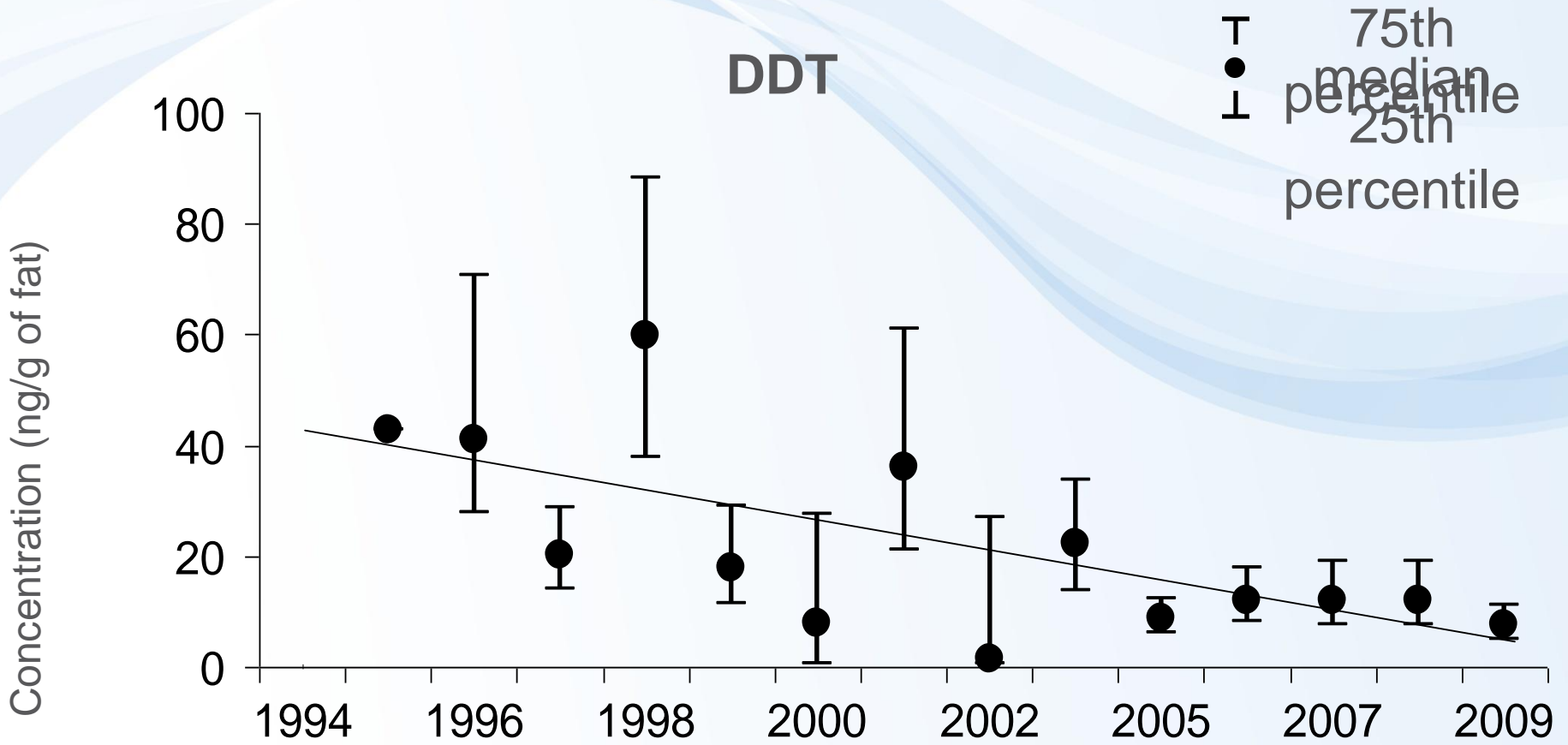
# HCB long-term trends

## - POPs content in breast milk (Czech Republic)

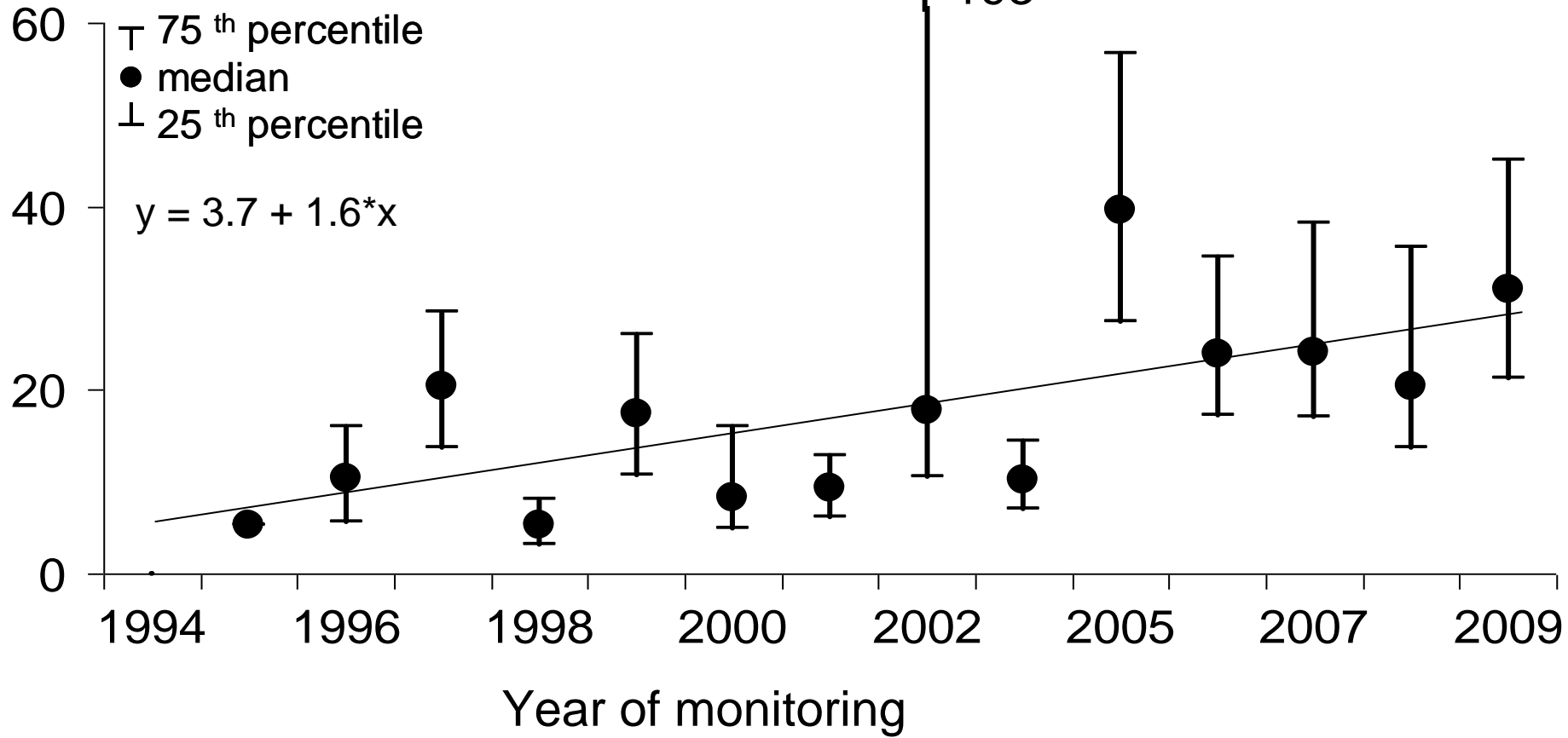


# PCB 153





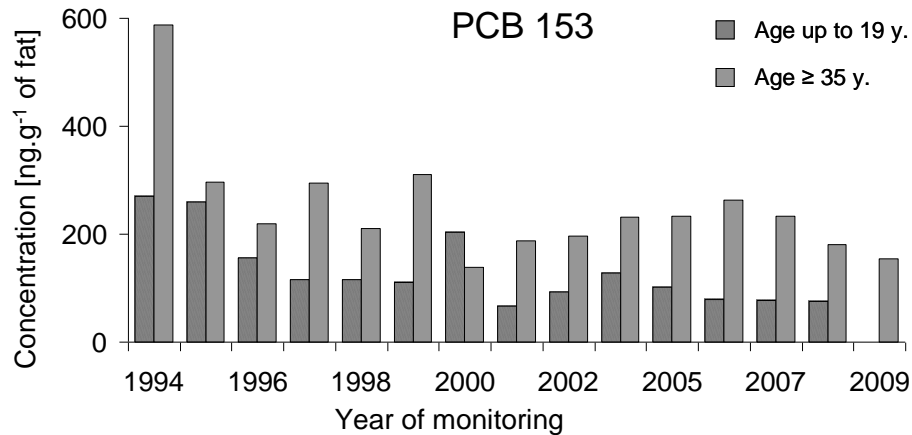
# DDE / DDT ratio



### Age specific comparison for the oldest and youngest mothers

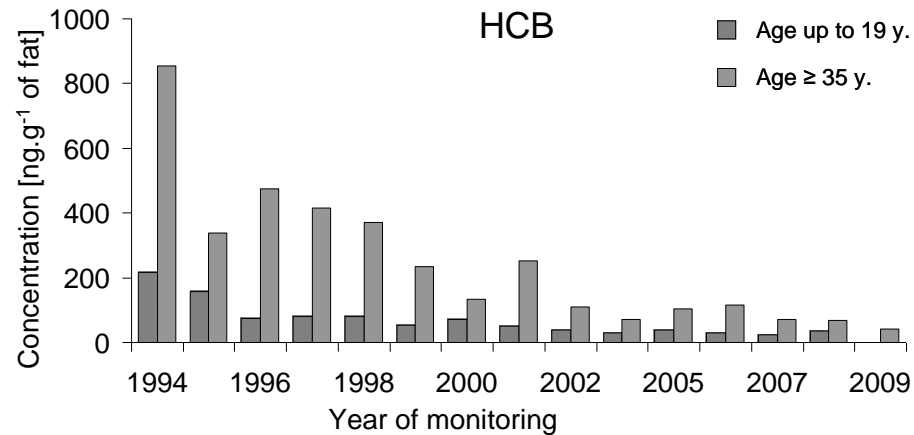
PCB 153

■ Age up to 19 y.  
■ Age ≥ 35 y.

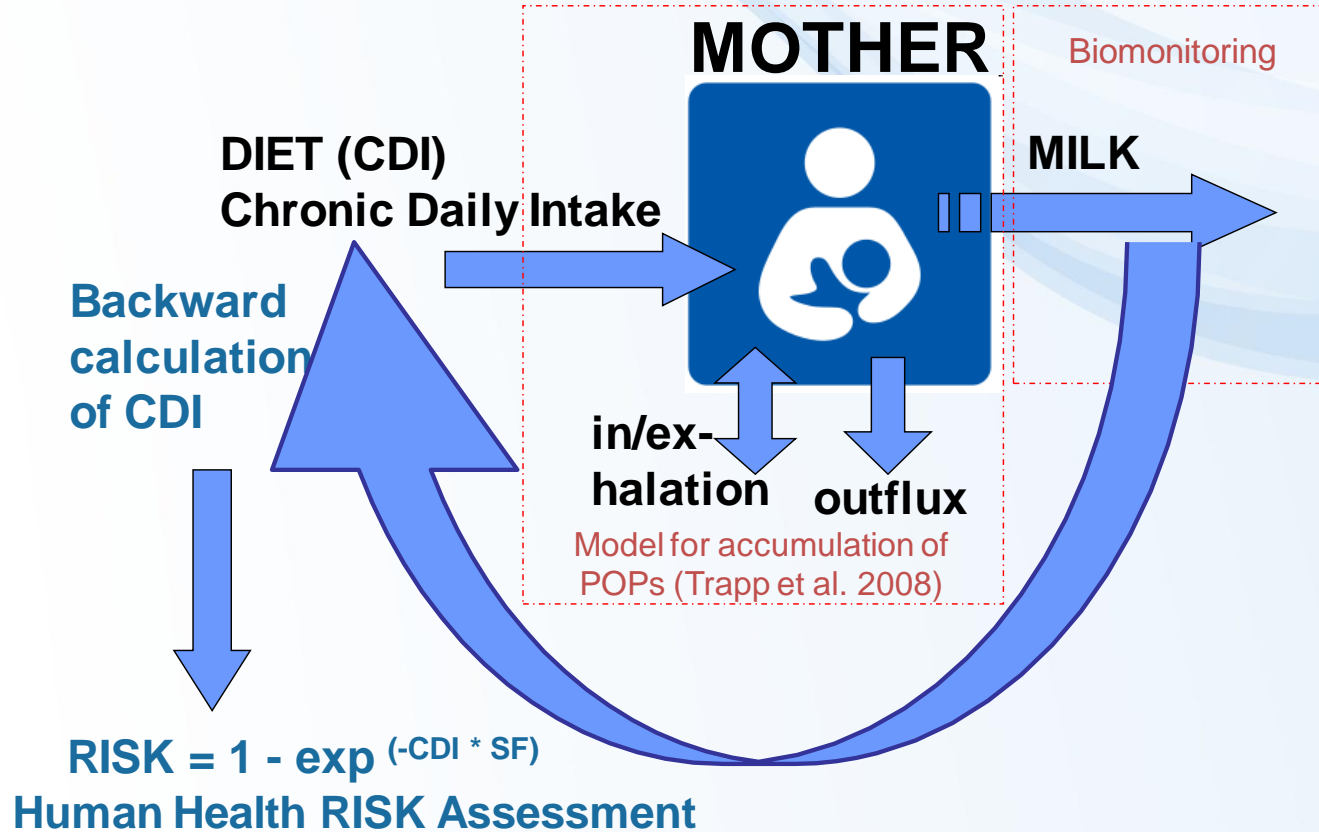


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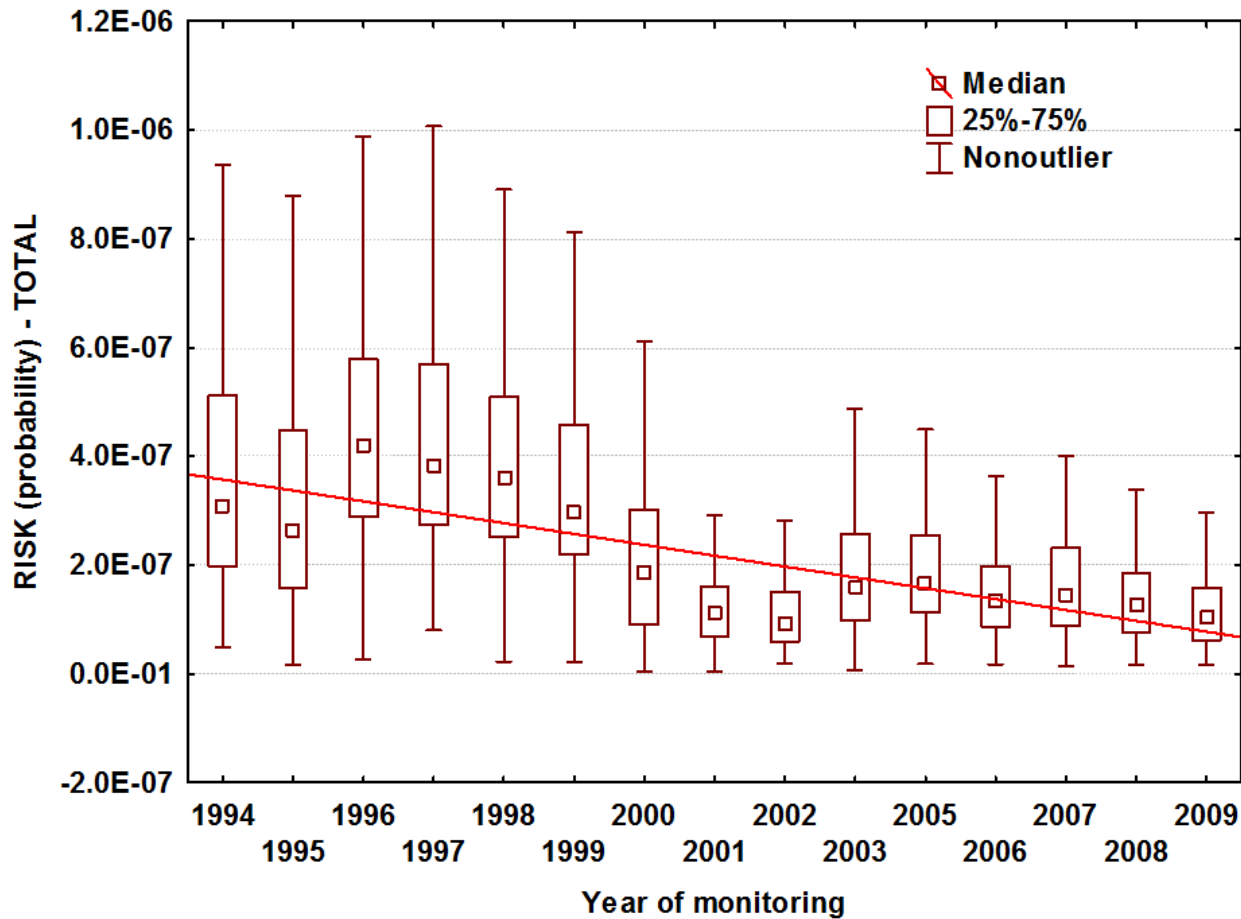
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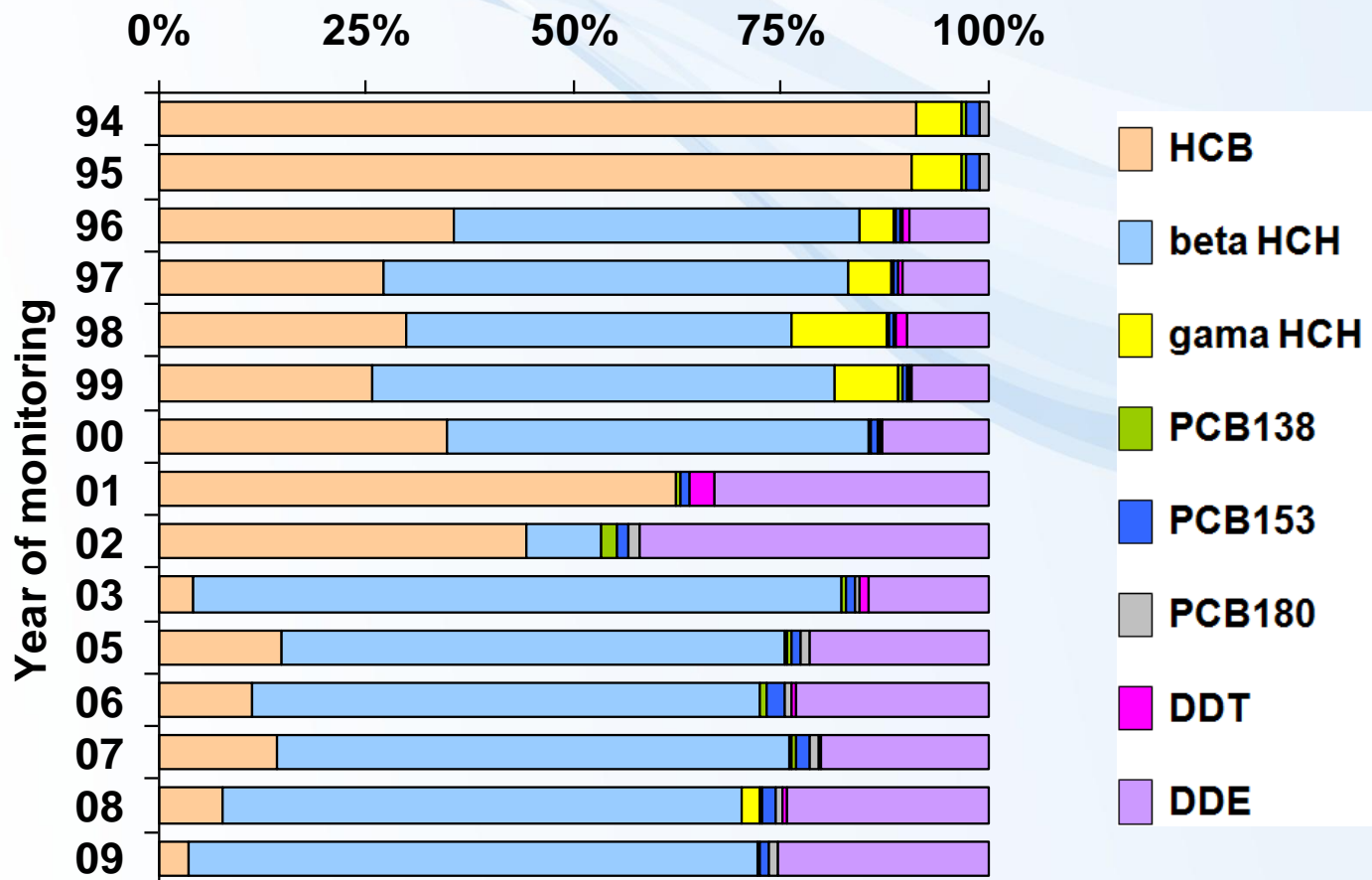
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Total RISK sum for all chlorinated chemicals (probability).

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Contribution of individual POPs to total risk.

This presented new method for Human Health Risk Assessment of breast-feeding mother is useful tool for results interpretation of long-term biomonitoring

Food pesticide levels

Soil/dust levels

Water pollutant levels

Air pollutant levels



Nutritional health



Overall health



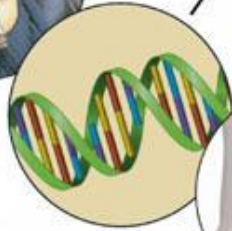
Lifestyle



Personal habits



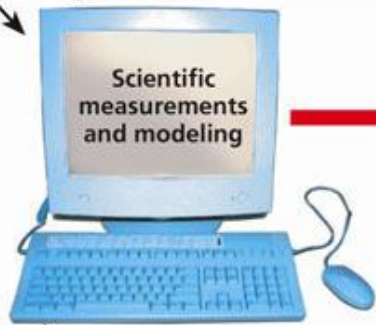
Genetic predisposition



Lung, intestine, and skin absorption rates



Metabolism  
Accumulation  
Excretion



Predicted level of toxicant in people



# GENASIS portal

*Menu options*

*Description of project aims and importance*

*Survey of data sources*

*Selection of the analytical tool*

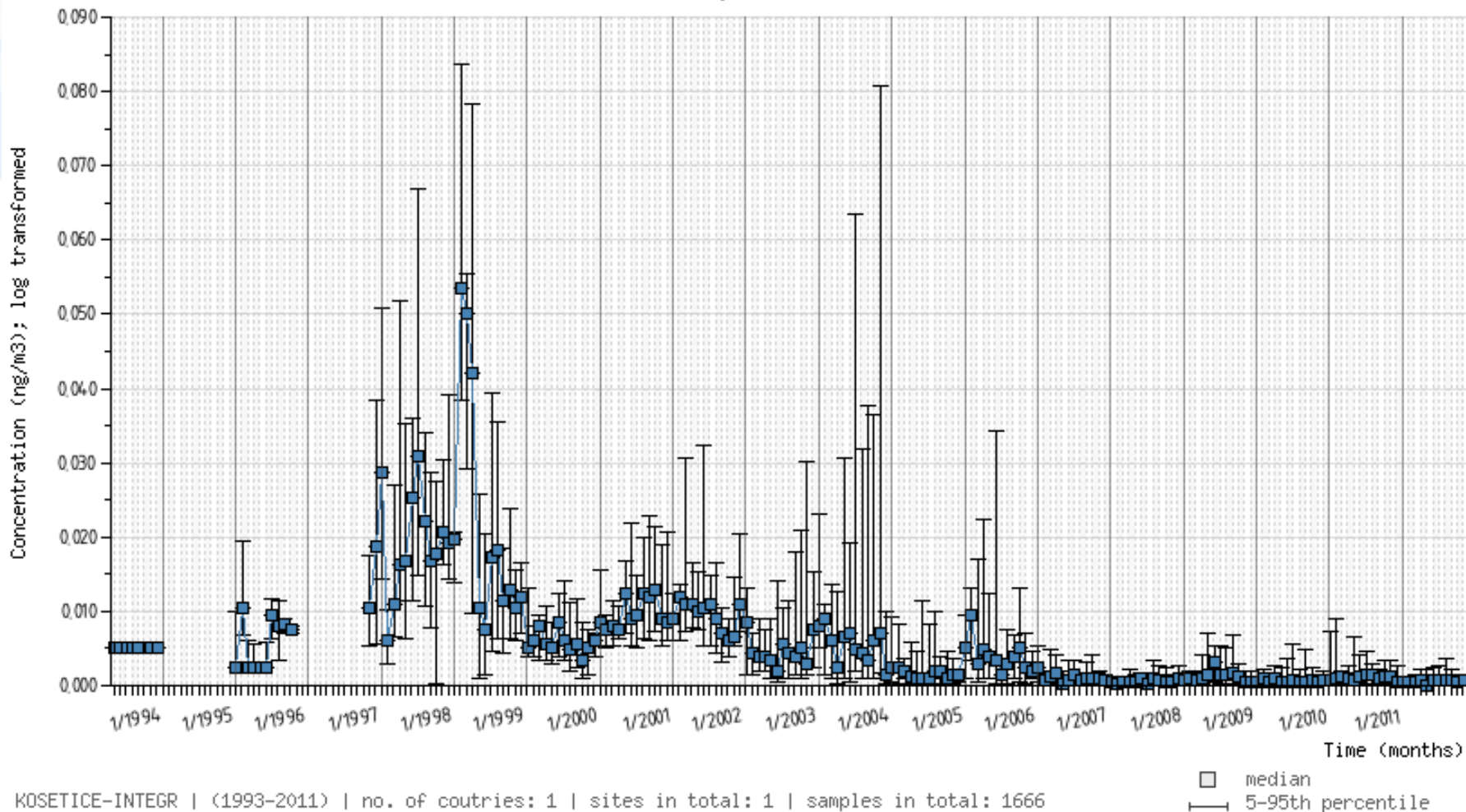
- User-friendly access to main system functions
  - Main functions are directly accessible from the title page:
    - Analytical tools
      - ✦ With selection of the tool, the user runs software window and selects data for the appropriate analysis.
      - ✦ There are exceptions: 1) tool of Box models, where the Czech Republic box model window is opened directly and 2) module comparing substances.
    - Survey of data sources – opens table and map survey of all data sources.
    - Menu – access to all system functions.
    - Project aims – access to the detailed description of the project
      - Other options
        - CZ/ENG language switch
        - RSS channel with news

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# Time series, summary

## PCB 153 (atmosphere) time series



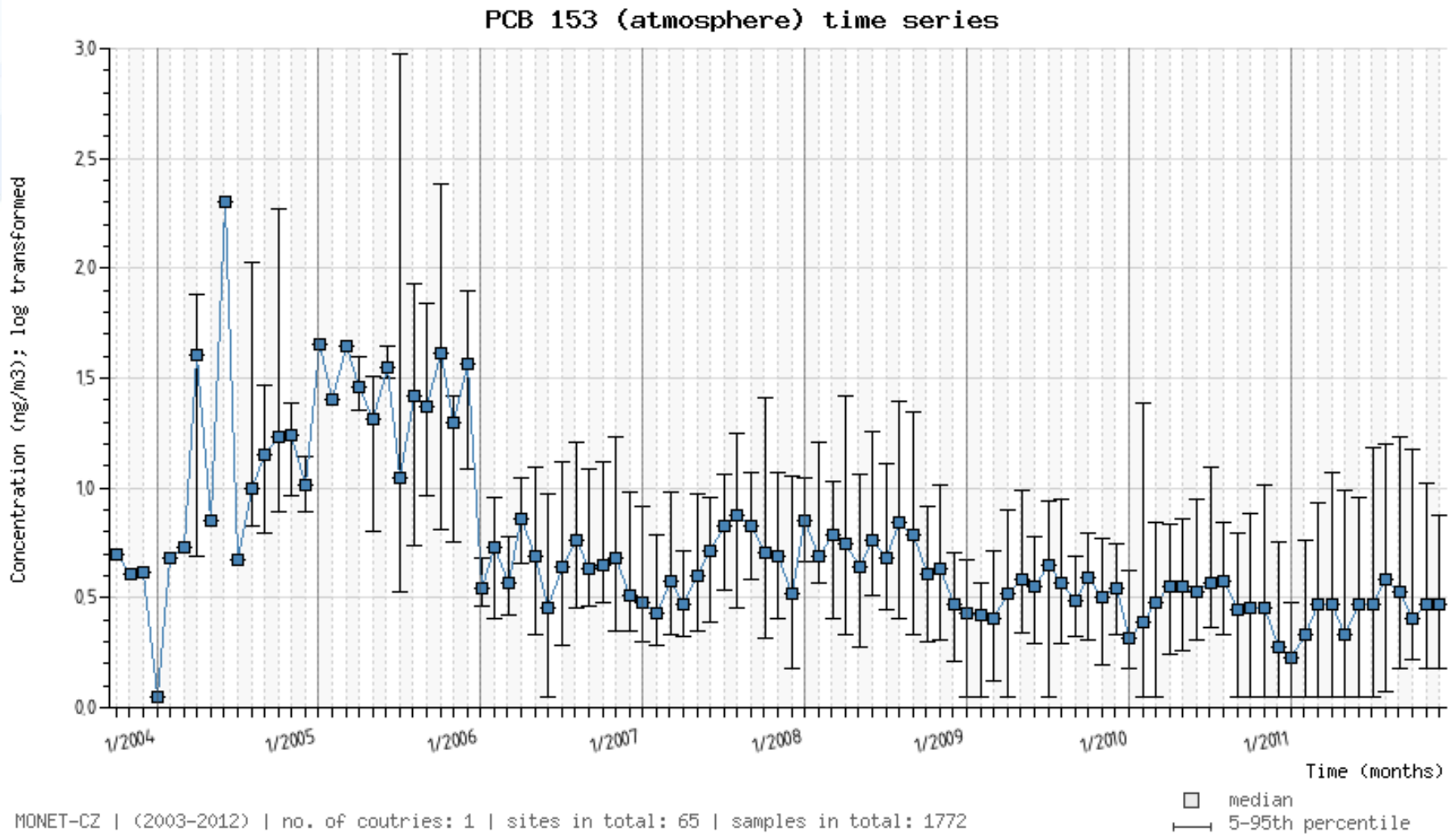
KOSETICE-INTEGR | (1993-2011) | no. of countries: 1 | sites in total: 1 | samples in total: 1666

Base: samples

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# MONET CZ time series, summary



MONET-CZ | (2003-2012) | no. of countries: 1 | sites in total: 65 | samples in total: 1772

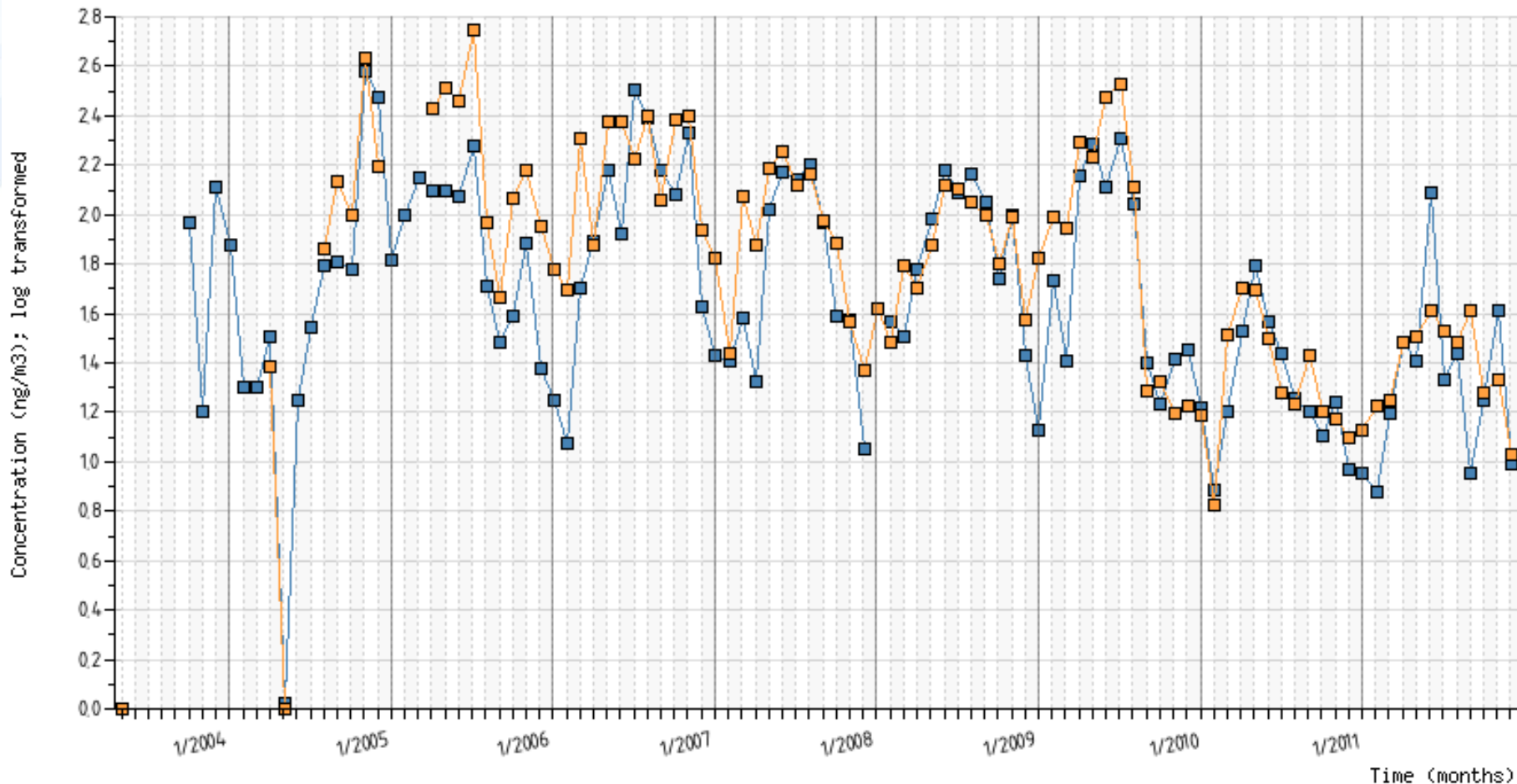
Base: samples | Stratified by: StationType

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# MONET EUROPE (APOPSBAL, CZ, CEE, EU)

Gama-HCH (atmosphere) time series



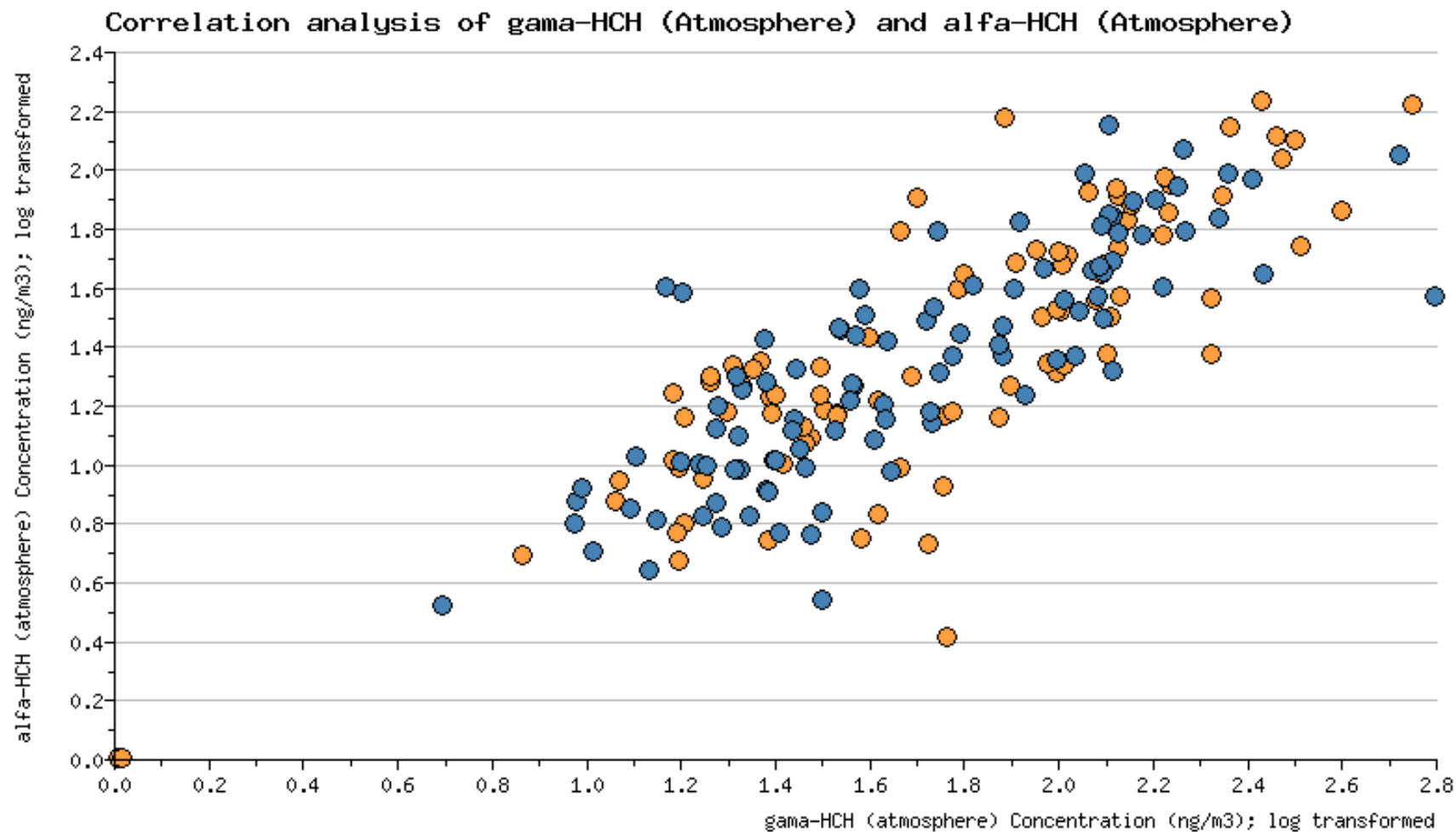
□ median

APOPSBAL, MONET-CEEC, MONET-CZ, MONET-EU | (2003-2012) | no. of countries: 30 | sites in total: 130 | samples in total: 3139  
 Base: samples | Stratified by: SettlementType

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# MONET EUROPE (APOPSBAL, CZ, CEE, EU)



APOPSBAL, MONET-CEEC, MONET-CZ, MONET-EU | (2003-2012) | no. of countries: 30 | sites in total: 130 | samples in total: 3132

Base: samples | Stratified by: SettlementType

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WORLD MAP -  
MONITORING  
OVERVIEW

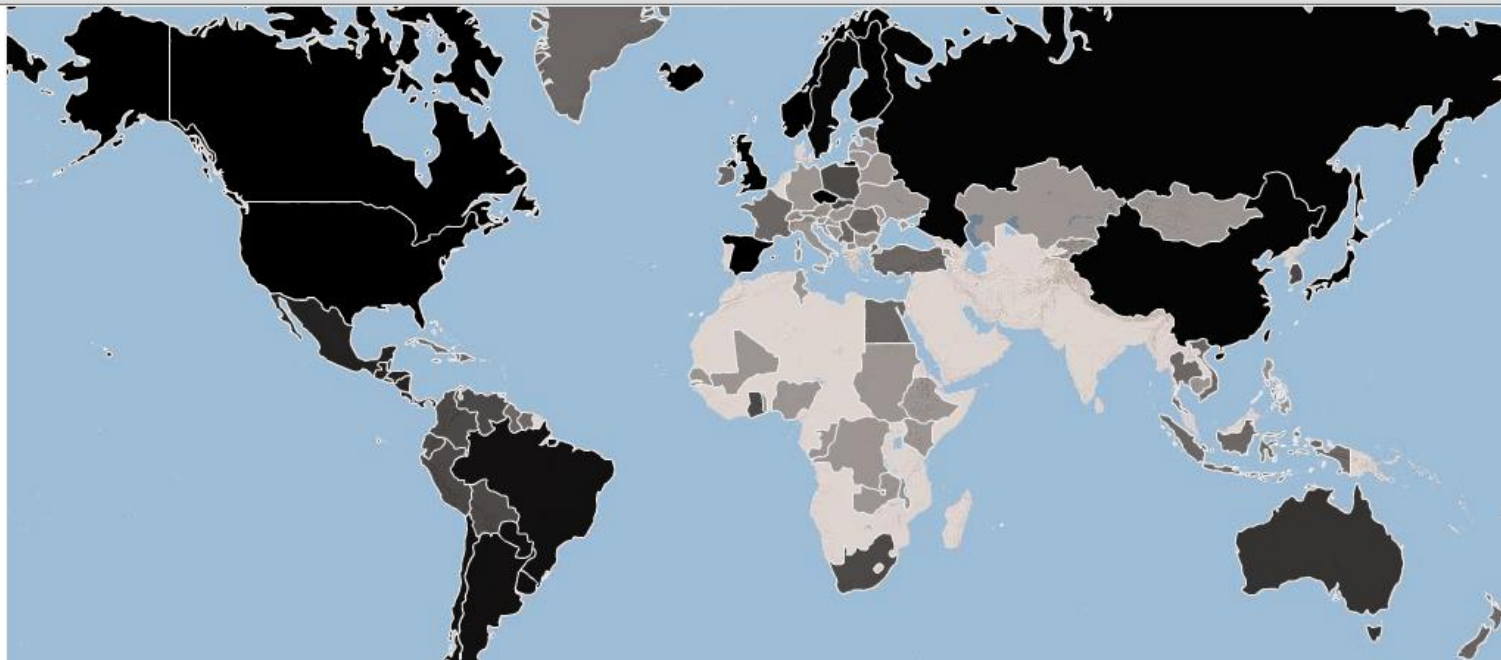
SAMPLING  
FREQUENCY -  
PARAMETERS

SAMPLING  
FREQUENCY -  
YEARS

REPORTED  
VALUES

WORLD MAP – MONITORING OVERVIEW

Matrix: Air



5000 km

Current YEAR: 2009



Time slider mode:

Time interval

Basemap:

Shaded relief

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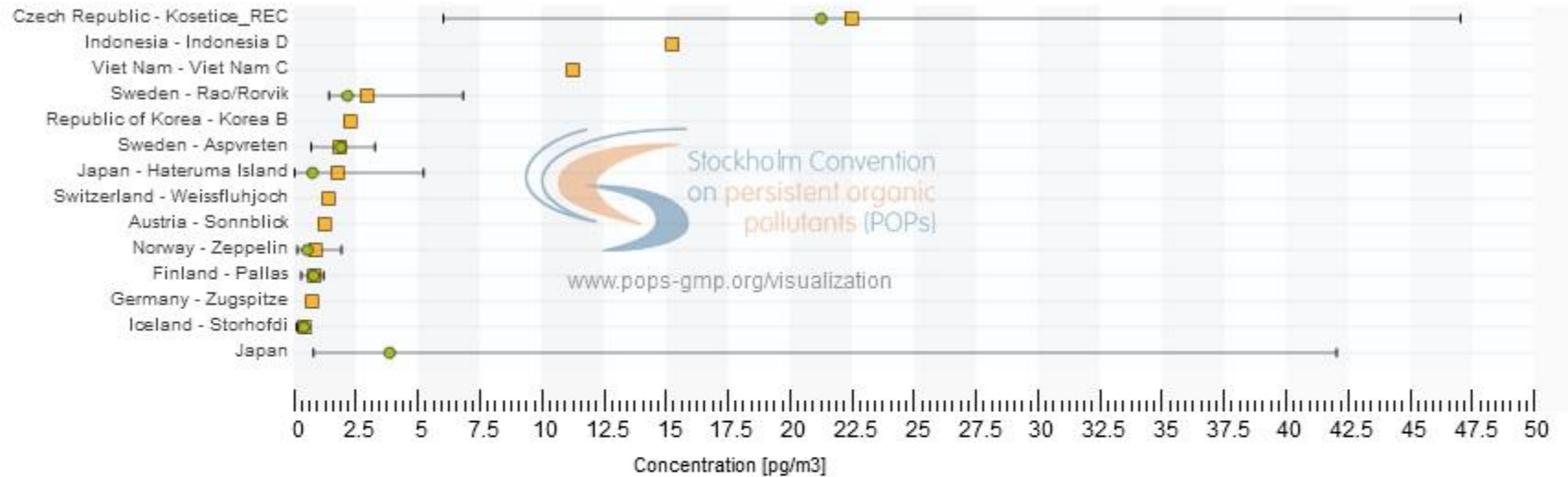




# GMP Reports On-line Data Visualization

## REPORTED VALUES - background sites only

Matrix: Air | Sampling method: active | Compound: Alpha-HCH | Parameter: Alpha-HCH | Unit: pg/m<sup>3</sup> | Year: 2005



**Legend**

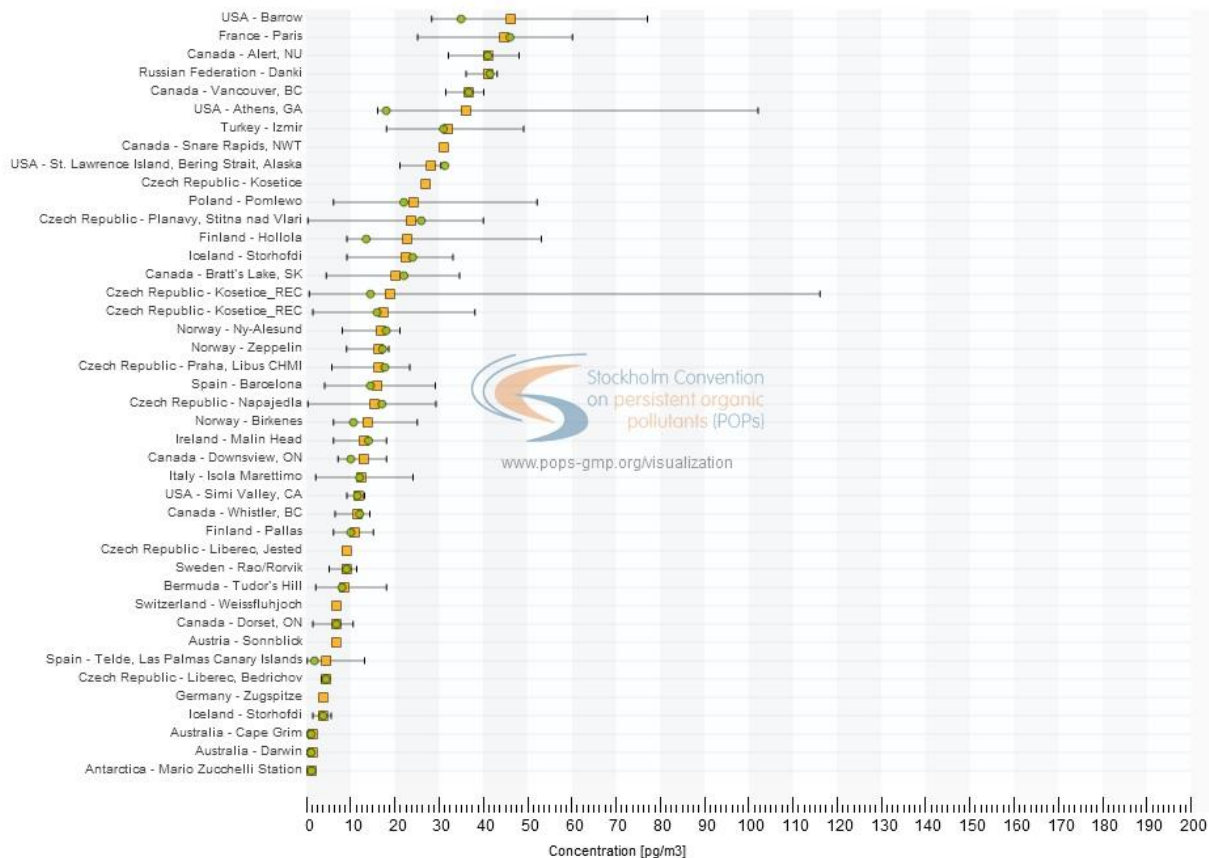
Min    Mean    Median    Max

\* - Records marked with the asterisk are taken from multiple-year aggregation.  
 (LoQ/N) - Values in paranthesis indicate proportion of records under limit of quantification (LoQ) and total number (N) of records.

# GMP Reports On-line Data Visualization

## REPORTED VALUES - backgroud sites only

Matrix: Air | Sampling method: active & passive | Compound: Alpha-HCH | Parameter: Alpha-HCH | Unit: pg/m3 | Year: 2005



### Legend

Min Mean Median Max

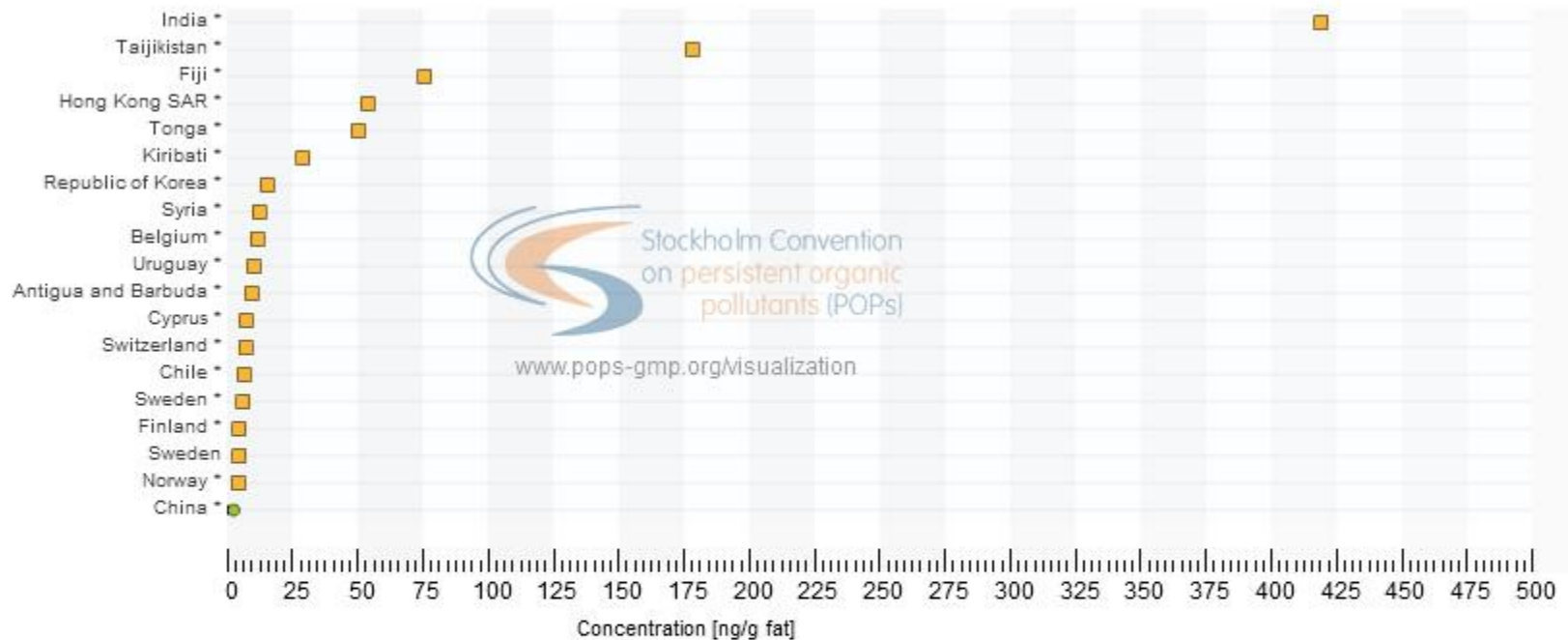
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# GMP Reports On-line Data Visualization

## REPORTED VALUES - background sites only

Matrix: **Breast milk** | Sampling method: null | Compound: DDT | Parameter: p,p-DDT | Unit: ng/g fat | Year: 2007



### Legend



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**Thank you for your kind attention**

