



Analysis of Semi-Volatiles in Wastewater Using Stir Bar Sorptive Extraction

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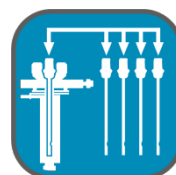
Techniques – Sample Prep and Intro for LC and GC



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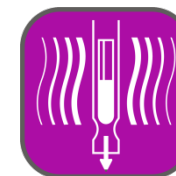
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Thermal
Desorption
System **TDS**



Thermal
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Unit **TDU**



Automated TDU
Liner Exchange
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Twister



Dynamic
Headspace
DHS



TDU **PYRO**



μFlowManager



Selectable
1D/2D
GC/MS



Olfactory
Detection
Port **OPD**



Preparative
Fraction
Collector **PFC**



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LC/MS
Effluent
Optimizer **LEO**



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Extraction **SPE**



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Extraction **DPX**



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Station **mVAP**



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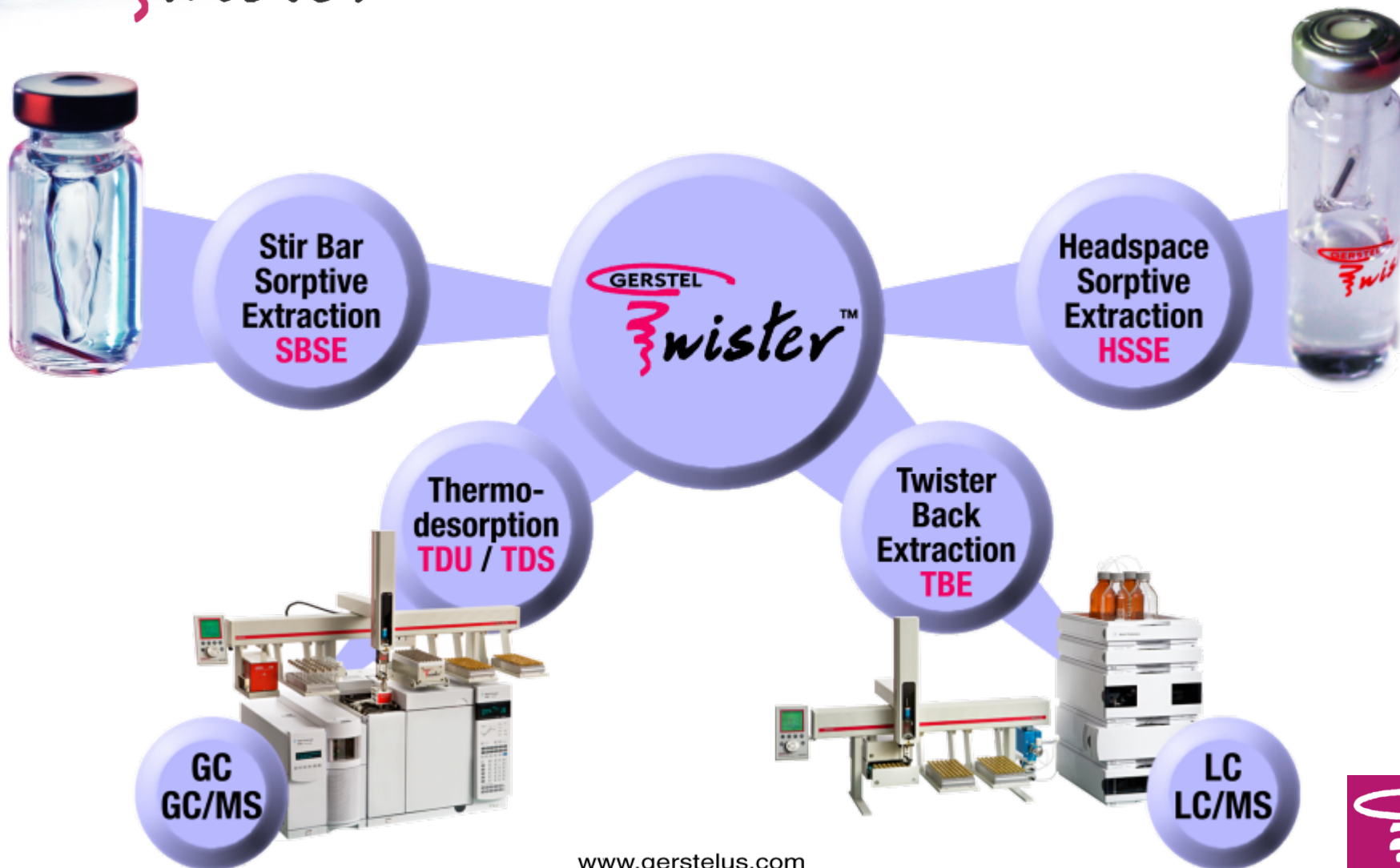
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Twister™

- 1.5cm long magnetic stir bar sealed in glass
- High capacity PDMS phase on glass
- Extremely rugged
- Preconditioned for low background
- Stirs and extracts in one step
- Splitless desorption of stir bar gives low detection limits







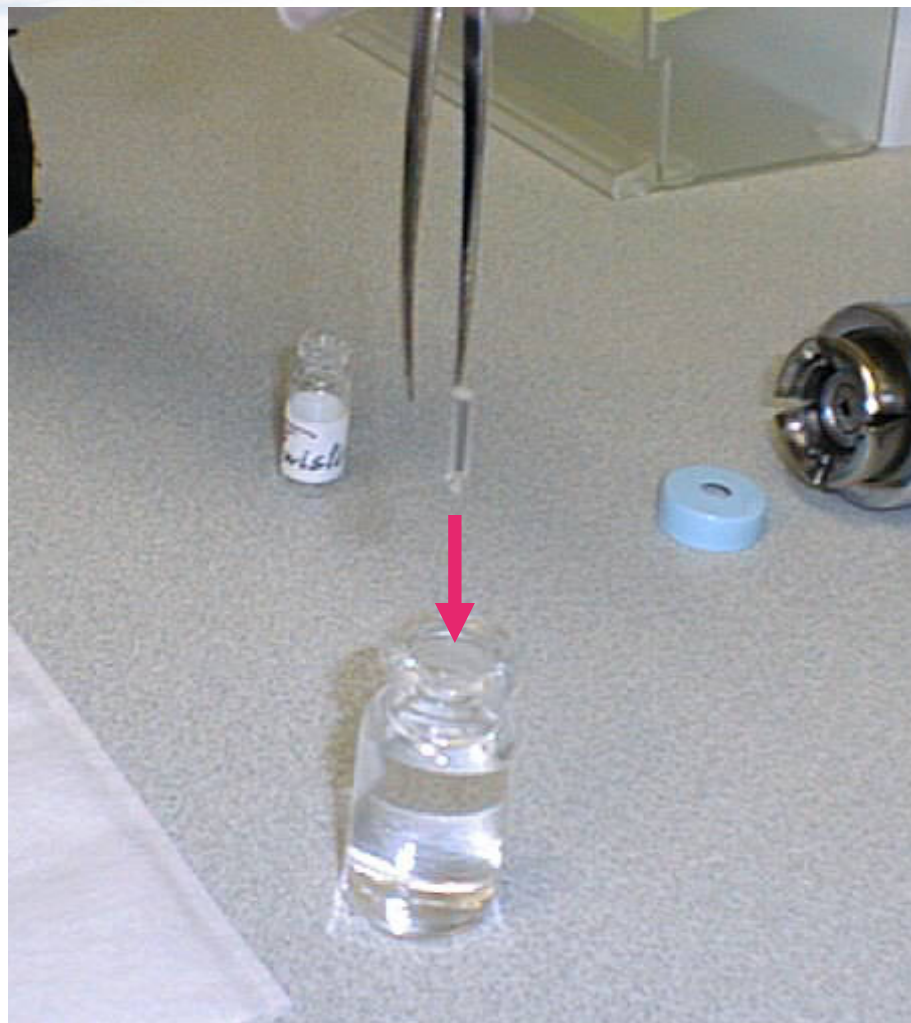
Stir Bar Sorptive Extraction (SBSE)

- Same principle as liquid/liquid extraction
 - But with a low amount of immobilized “solvent” (PDMS)
- Extraction is based on sorption
 - Predictable recovery due to proportionality with $\log K_{o/w}$
 - No displacement effects
- PDMS
 - Very inert
 - Retains no water
 - Selectivity eliminates polar matrix interferences
- Desorption with TDS or TDU
 - Fast and mild
 - Extremely low detection limits (ppt to ppq)



Extremely Easy to Use

- Add stir bar to vial





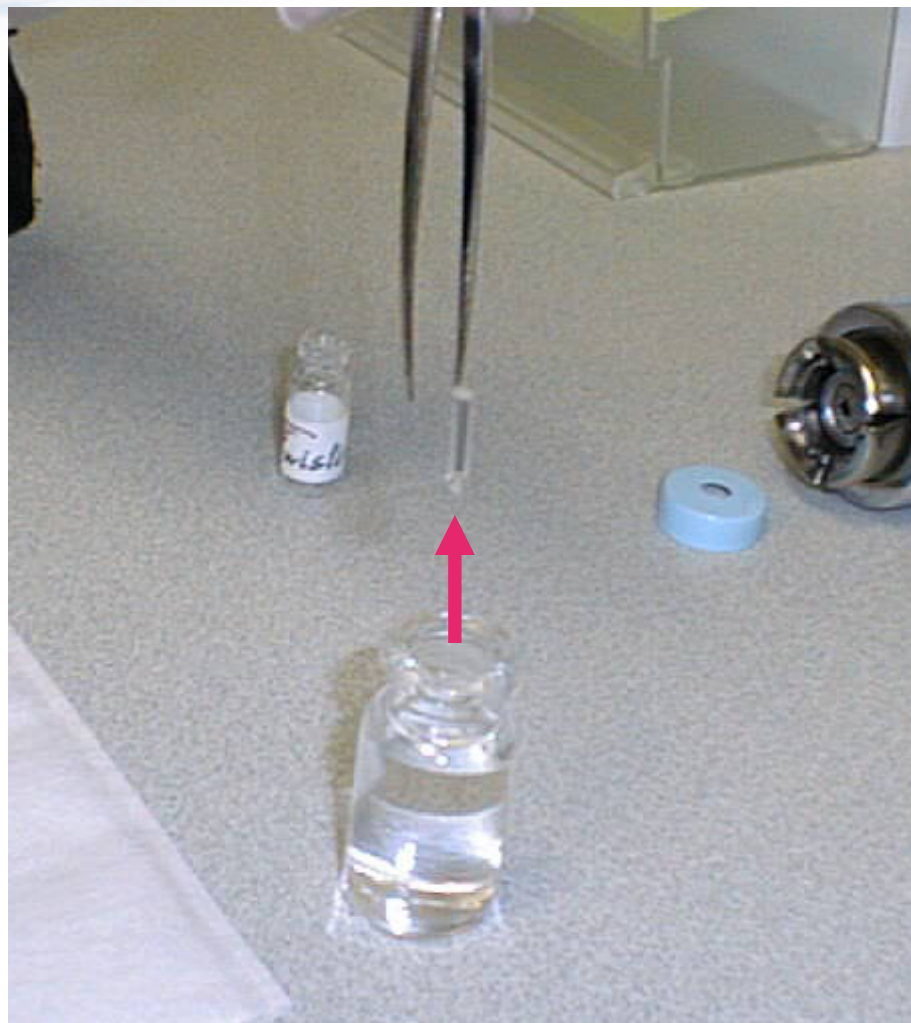
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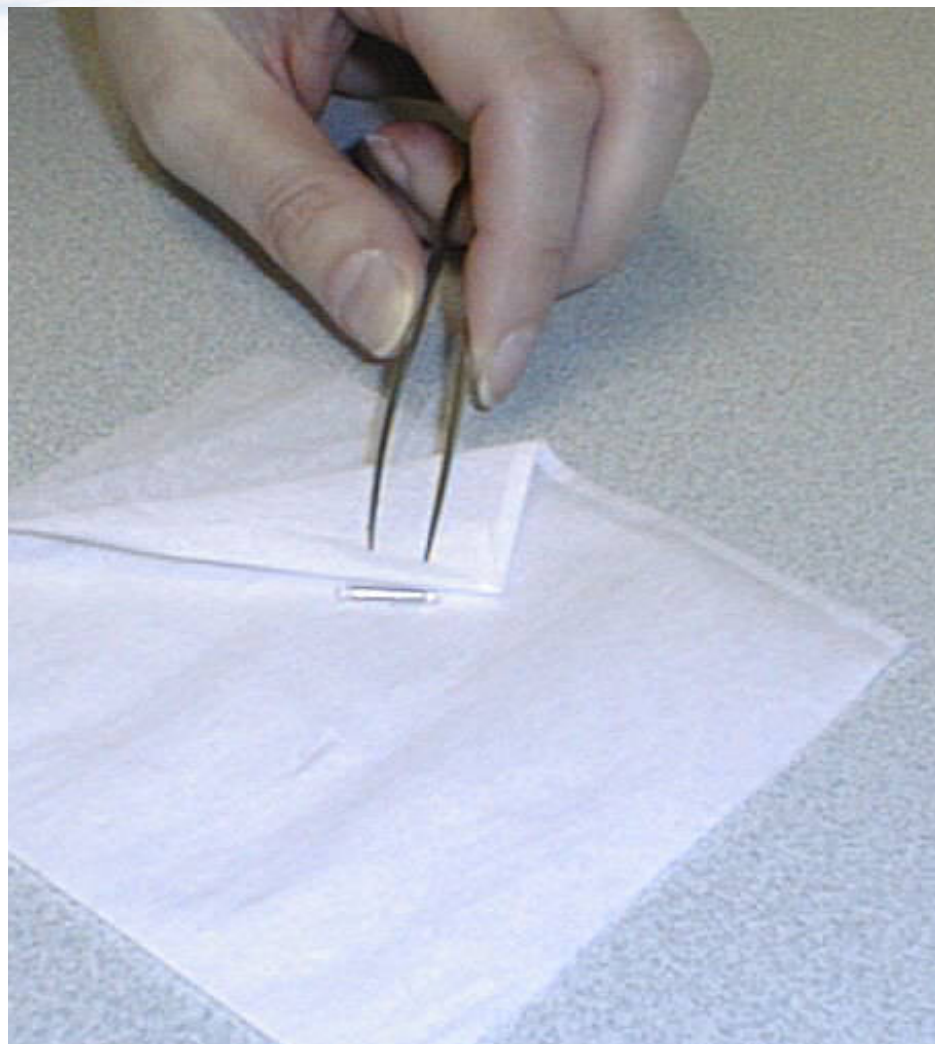
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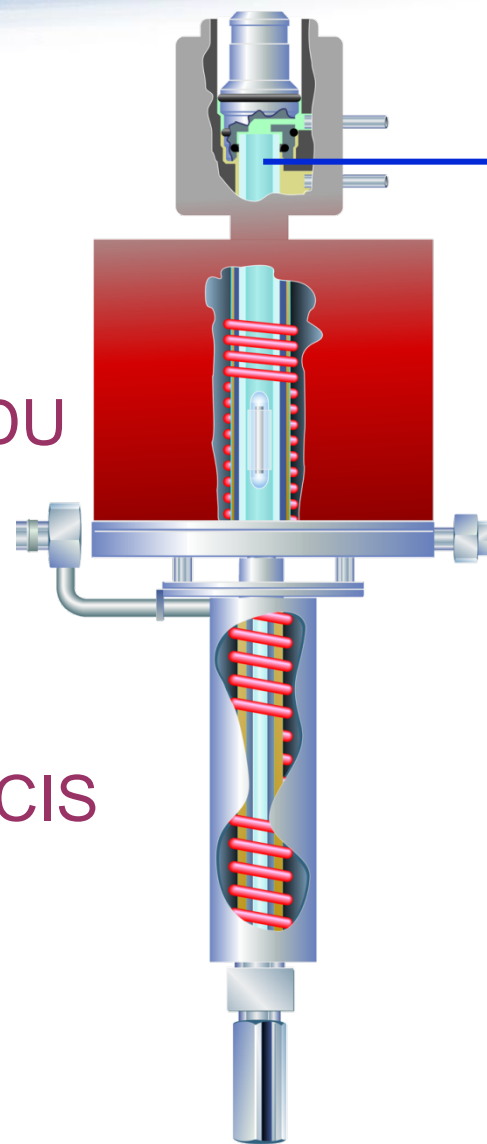
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- Place in a thermal desorption tube



TDU

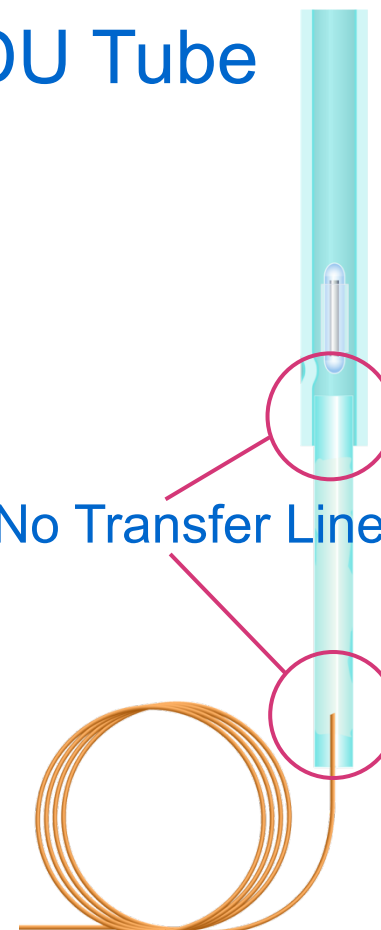
Thermal Desorption Unit - TDU

Cooled Injection System - CIS



TDU Tube

No Transfer Line !





Predicting Twister Extraction Results

- Extraction is assumed to be an equilibrium process
- Predictions are based on the assumption that the PDMS:water partition coefficient (unknown) is similar to the octanol:water partition coefficient (extensive published tables)



Distribution of Analytes Between Water and PDMS

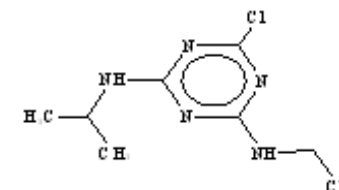
$$\frac{m_s}{m_o} = \frac{\left\{ \frac{k_{o/w}}{\beta} \right\}}{1 + \left\{ \frac{k_{o/w}}{\beta} \right\}}$$

m_s :	Amount of Analyte in PDMS
m_o :	Amount of Analyte in Water
$K_{O/W}$:	Octanol/Water Distribution Coefficient
$\beta = V_W / V_S$:	Phase Ratio
V_W, V_S :	Sample-, PDMS-Volume



Example: Atrazine in Water

$\log K_{o/w}$ Atrazine = 2.61 ($K_{o/w}$ = 407.4)
Sample Volume: 10 ml



SBSE:

Twister: 24 μ l PDMS

Phase Ratio: 0.0024

$$\frac{0.0024 \times 407.4 \times 100}{0.0024 \times 407.4 + 1}$$

49.4 %

SPME:

Fiber: 0.5 μ l PDMS

Phase Ratio: 0.00005

$$\frac{0.00005 \times 407.4 \times 100}{0.00005 \times 407.4 + 1}$$


2.0 %



Twister Recovery Calculator

File Tools Help

*Twister
Recovery
Calculator*



Sample Information

Sample Size (ml):

CAS Number:

log K_{o/w}:

Results

log K_{o/w}: 2.61

Name: Atrazine

Formula: C₈H₁₄CL₁N₅

Phase Volume (µL)	Twister	Recovery
24	10mm x 0.5mm	49.4%
47	10mm x 1.0mm	72.0%
63	20mm x 0.5mm	65.7%
126	20mm x 1.0mm	83.7%



EPI Suite

EPI Suite

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Input CAS #: 1912-24-9

Input Smiles: n(c(nc(n1)NC(C)C)NCC)c1Cl

Input Chem Name: 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4-diamine, 6-chloro-N-ethyl-N'-(1-methylethyl)-

Name Lookup

Henry LC: atm-m³/mole Water Solubility: mg/L

Melting Point: Celsius Vapor Pressure: mm Hg

Boiling Point: Celsius Log Kow:

Water Depth: River Lake meters

Wind Velocity: 5 0.5 meters/sec

Current Velocity: 1 0.05 meters/sec

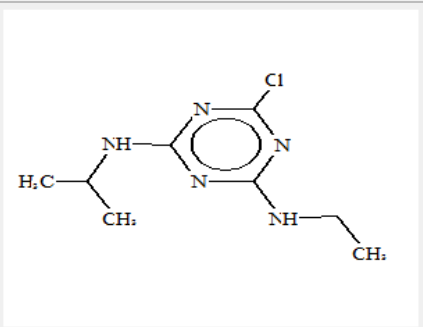
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 Summary

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Results

All Results | KOWWIN | MPBPVP | Water Solubility | ECOSAR | HENRYWIN | KOAWIN | BIOWIN | BioHCwin | AEROWIN | AOPWIN | KOCWIN | HYDROWIN | BCFBAF | Volatilization | STP

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Physical Property Inputs:
  Log Kow (octanol-water): -----
  Boiling Point (deg C)  : -----
  Melting Point (deg C)  : -----
  Vapor Pressure (mm Hg) : -----
  Water Solubility (mg/L): -----
  Henry LC (atm-m3/mole) : -----

Log Octanol-Water Partition Coef (SRC):
  Log Kow (KOWWIN v1.68 estimate) = 2.82
  Log Kow (Exper. database match) = 2.61
  Exper. Ref: HANSCH,C ET AL. (1995)

Boiling Pt, Melting Pt, Vapor Pressure Estimations (MPBPVP v1.43):
  Boiling Pt (deg C): 313.03 (Adapted Stein & Brown method)
  Melting Pt (deg C): 113.91 (Mean or Weighted MP)
    
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Sample Volume

Liquid Sampling

- Standard 1 cm Twister typically used for 10-40 mL liquid samples
- Standard Headspace or VOA vials
- Larger 2 cm Twister used for larger volumes (50-200 mL)
- Extraction vessel must have flat bottom surface for smooth stirring



Extraction Time

Liquid Extraction

- Extraction kinetics are slow and depend strongly on sample volume
- Use high stirring speeds (1000 rpm)
- 10 mL samples stir 60-90 min
- 40 mL samples stir 3-4 hrs
- 200 mL samples stir 16 hrs



Extraction Temperature

- Most Twister extractions are performed at room temperature
- Practical temperature range (0-60 °C) has minimal effect (+/- 20%) on most compounds
- Effect can be positive or negative depending on compound



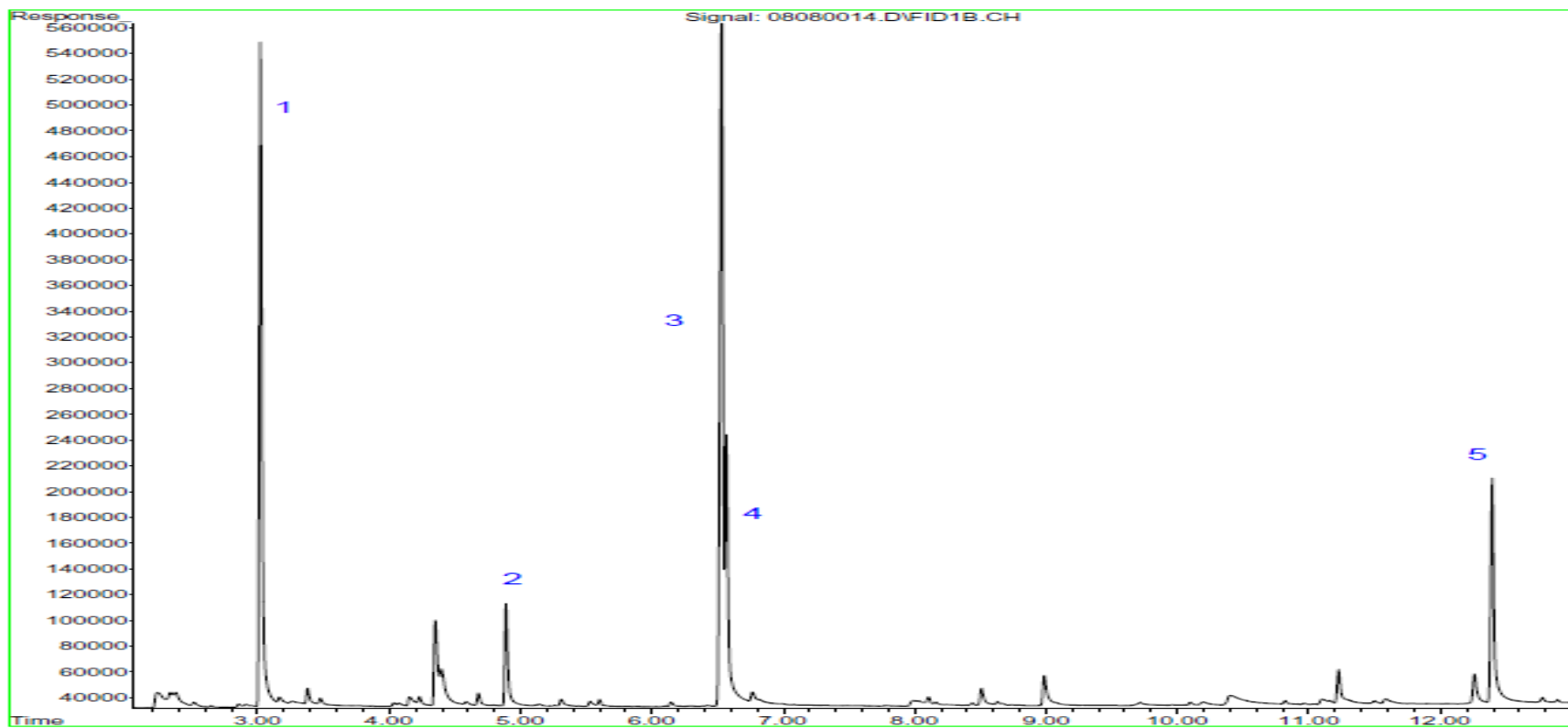
Matrix Effects

- Samples in water behave most ideally
- Presence of competing organics (nonpolar solvents, fats) or significant levels (>20%) of polar solvents (ie ethanol, acetonitrile) can reduce extraction efficiency, particularly of polar analytes
- Sample pH can strongly influence extraction of ionizable species
- Salting out can be used to enhance extraction efficiency



Twister Precision and Storage

2 mL Balsamic Vinegar + 8 mL of H₂O: SBSE for 1 Hour





Results

Peak No.	Compound	Mean Peak Area (n=10)	%RSD (n=10)	Mean Peak Area after Storage (n=2)
1	Ethyl acetate	92.8	4.01	77.5
2	Isobutyl acetate	14.5	3.68	13.5
3	Isoamyl acetate	115.0	2.06	112.4
4	2-methyl-1-butyl acetate	39.5	1.87	38.6
5	Phenethyl acetate	34.4	4.02	34.0
		Avg	3.1	

- No Interference from acetic acid
- Ester Peaks show good precision, Average RSD = 3.1%
- Two samples stored at room temperature for 4 days show minimal loss of apolar compounds. Ethyl acetate ($\log K_{o/w} = 0.86$) shows a 16% loss.



Twister Reconditioning

Thermally condition for 2 hours at 300 °C

Dry Nitrogen 50-100 mL/min

For simultaneous conditioning of 10 tubes up to 40 Twisters

GERSTEL TC-2: Tube Conditioner





Round Robin Study

Host Organization: Independent Laboratories Institute
Title: Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) Protocol Validation Study
Purpose: Update to EPA Method 625

Participants: SPE Manufacturer's, Commercial Environmental Labs, and Government Laboratories, 24 Laboratories

GERSTEL Twister accepted as an "SPE Material"

GERSTEL Applications Lab
Government Lab
Academic Lab



SBSE Protocol



- Add 10.0 mL of sample to 10 mL vial
- Add 8.0 mL of sample + 2.0 mL of acetonitrile to a 10 mL vial
- Add internal standard to each vial
- Add a conditioned stir bar to each vial
- Extract at 1000 rpm for 60 minutes
- Remove stir bars with forceps, rinse in water, dry on tissue
- Place the stir bar from the acetonitrile extract in the TDU tube first
- Analyze the Twisters by thermal desorption GC/MS
- N = 3 Replicates
- Sample Spike Range 0-200 ppb

Only 18 mL of Sample Used !!



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Twister™

The heated zone of the TDU is 20 mm,
so 2 Twisters can be desorbed in a
single tube.





Analysis Conditions

Thermal Desorption

Pneumatics mode: splitless
Sample mode: sample remove
Temperature: 30°C; 720°C/min; 300°C (5.0 min)
Transfer Heater temp.: 300°C

CIS

Liner type: quartz wool
Carrier gas: helium
Pneumatics mode: solvent venting
Vent flow: 100 ml/min
Vent pressure: 7.07 psi until 0.00 min
Split flow: **100 ml/min @ 0.01 min**
Temperature: -70°C (0.0 min); 12°C/sec; 300°C (3 min)



Analysis Conditions

Gas Chromatograph

Agilent 7890

Column: Rxi-5 MS (Restek); 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 μ m (Catalog #13423)

Mode: Constant Flow: 1 mL/min

Temp.: 40°C (2 min), 8°C/min; 284°C (0 min); 15°C/min; 310°C (7 min)

Mass Selective Detector

Agilent 5977

EI, Scan mode 35-450 amu

Transferline temp. 280°C

Source temperature 230°C

Quad temperature 150°C



Internal Standards

SV Internal Standard Mix (Restek #31006)

1,4-dichlorobenzene-d4

Naphthalene-d8

Acenaphthalene-d10

Phenanthrene-d10

Chrysene-d12

Perylene-d12



Surrogates

OLC 03.2 SVOA Deuterated Monitoring Compounds (DMC) (Restek #31810)

16 Compounds:

Acenaphthylene-d8

Benzo(a)pyrene-d12

4-Chloroaniline-d4

2,4-Dichlorophenol-d3

4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol-d2

4-Methylphenol-d8

2-Nitrophenol-d4

Phenol-d5

Anthracene-d10

Bis-(2-chloroethyl)ether-d8

2-Chlorophenol-d4

Dimethylphthalate-d6

Fluorene-d10

Nitrobenzene-d5

4-Nitrophenol-d4

Pyrene-d10



Calibration

Semivolatiles Megamix, EPA method 625 (Restek #31829) (54 Compounds)
Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #3 (Restek #32415) (20 Compounds)

Calibration Standards at 0, 2.5, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0 and 100.0 ng/mL
Calibration Standards in Water (Aquafina)
One CCV and 2 LCS spiked at 10 ng/mL run with Samples
Surrogates at 50 ng/mL



Matrices

➤ Phase 1

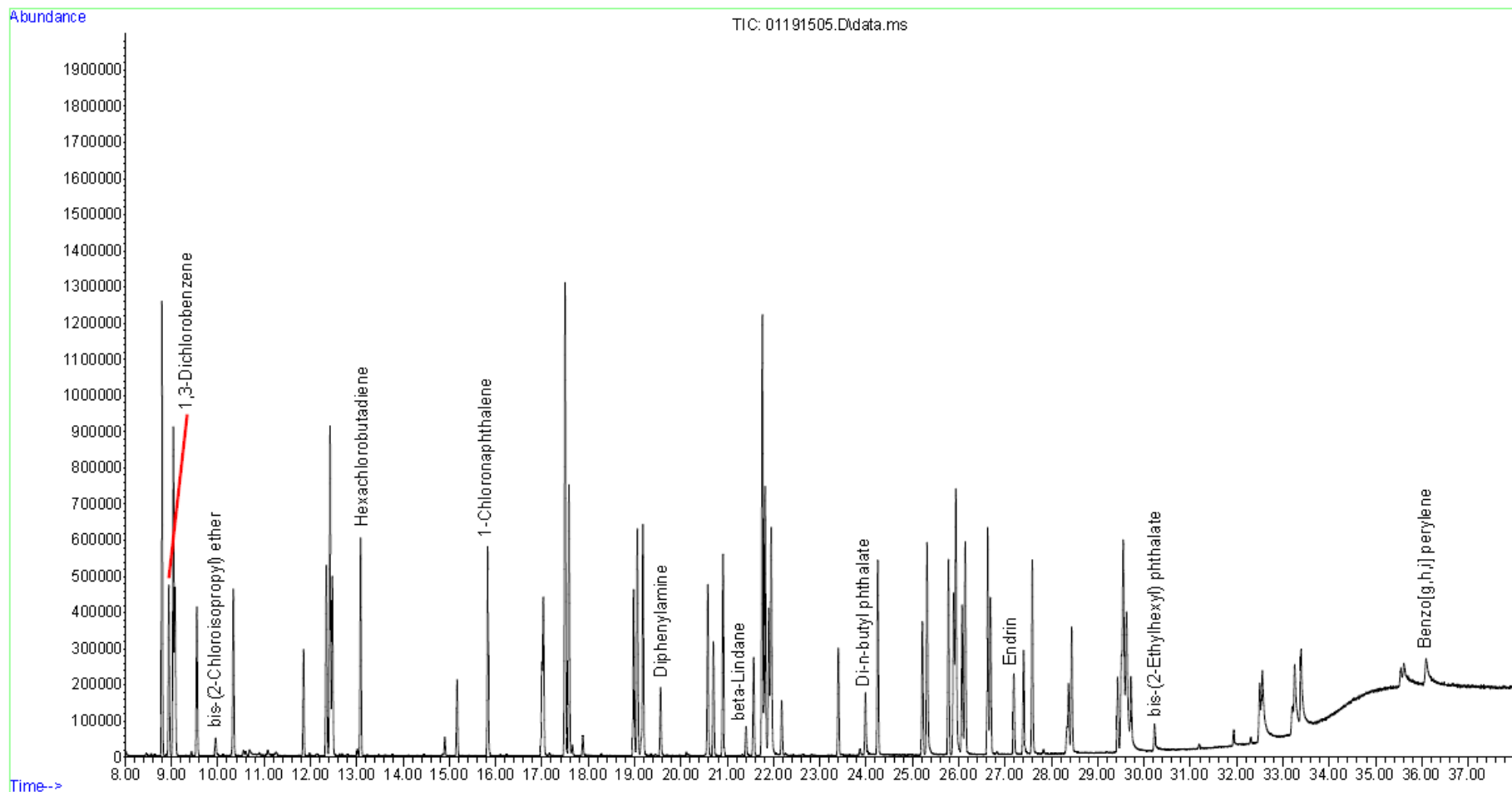
- Water
- ASTM D5905-98 Wastewater – Mix of Water, Kaolin, Beer, Flour, Ocean Salts (Instant Ocean), and Surfactant (Triton X-100)

➤ Phase 2

- Acetate Buffer pH = 6
- Water (Optional)



Full Scan TIC for 5 ng/mL Standard

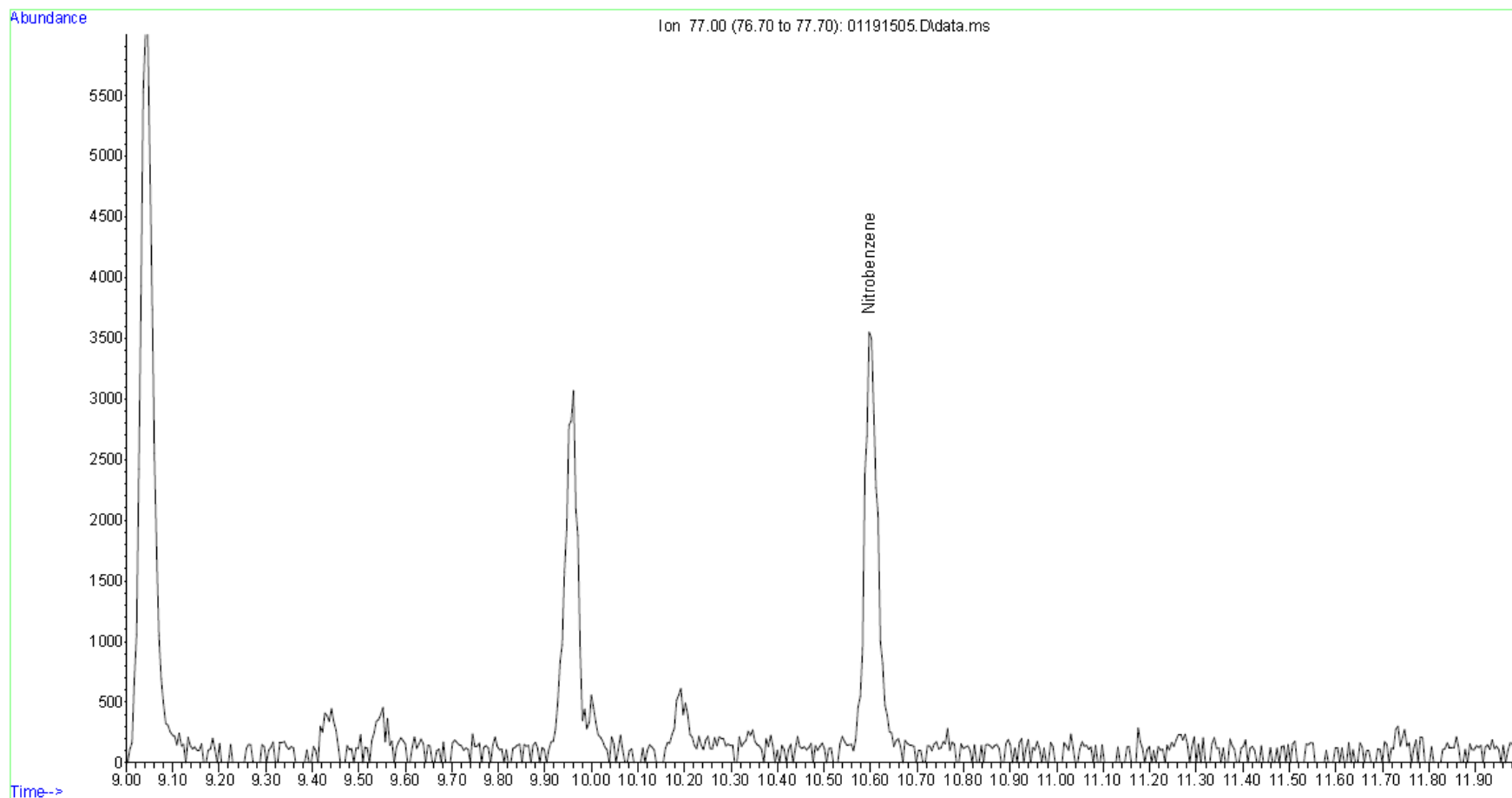




EIC (m/z= 77) for 5 ng/mL Standard

Log Ko/w = 1.85 (15%)

100:1 Split Introduction





Phase 1 Results

Matrix →	Twister		All SPE		EPA 625	Actual
	Water	Waste Water	Water	Waste Water	Criteria	Value
Analyte					Table 6	ng/mL
Aldrin	116	90.4	82.0	74.3	D-166	3.66
Alpha-BHC	103	96.7	89.9	88.8		3.48
Beta-BHC	118	93.5	93.6	84.8	24-149	5.74
Delta-BHC	104	92.2	90.0	92.6	D-110	2.70
Gamma-BHC	116	105	85.8	90.0		4.78
Alpha-Chlordane	122	117	69.9	62.9		8.23
Beta-Chlordane	123	108	87.8	71.7		6.57
4,4'-DDD	115	129	76.5	62.7	17-168	8.80
4,4'-DDE	111	94.3	76.6	65.5	D-145	2.61
4,4'-DDT	104	117	88.1	67.0	D-203	6.48
Dieldrin	130	136	89.5	79.4	29-136	8.78
Endosulfan I	67.9	72.3	43.3	38.6		15.9
Endosulfan II	75.4	84.0	54.4	51.7		12.8
Endosulfan sulfate	153	165	91.4	67.2	D-107	17.4
Endrin	97.1	124	98.0	145		4.53
Endrin Aldehyde	103	129	58.1	23.2	D-209	16.4
Endrin Ketone	116	126	82.9	70.3		9.16
Heptachlor	113	93.2	73.0	70.9	D-192	8.43
Heptachlor epoxide	113	108	85.9	79.8	26-155	1.63
Methoxychlor	97.1	100	93.2	117		6.49
Average Recovery	110	109	80.5	75.2		



Phase 1 Results Continued

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Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	126	103	60.4	59.4	12-158	93.1
2-Chlorophenol	169	103	63.0	68.3	23-134	61.6
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	113	104	46.9	46.4	D-172	104
Nitrobenzene	146	117	56.0	64.6	35-180	158
Naphthalene	106	91.9	57.4	58.5	21-133	176
4-Chloro-3-methylphenol	127	119	68.7	83.1	22-147	113
Dimethylphthalate	112	91.9	72.4	77.6	D-120	124
Fluorene	116	104	53.5	73.2	59-121	142
4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether	115	105	61.3	66.3	25-158	95.9
Hexachlorobenzene	138	101	62.9	67.0	D-152	63.9
Anthracene	119	98.3	63.0	67.1	27-133	173
Dibutyl phthalate	150	140	71.2	73.4	1-120	101
Fluoranthene	134	116	69.9	67.7	26-137	79
Benzyl butyl phthalate	167	162	69.3	71.4	D-152	69.3
Benz[a]anthracene	111	109	63.7	58.0	33-143	29.5
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	99.9	103	66.4	58.2	8-158	42.8
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	92.6	69.2	56.6	52.7	11-162	45.9
Benzo[a]pyrene	120	90.5	59.7	54.0	17-163	144
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	107	95.4	56.8	48.6	D-227	46.1
Benzo[ghi]perylene	115	112	62.0	54.8	D-219	42.9
Average Recovery	124	107	62.1	63.5		



Phase 2 Surrogate/LCS Results

Surrogate	Percent Recovery	Acceptance Criteria
		Table 8
d8-Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	66.0	25-222
d4-2-Chlorophenol	67.2	33-180
d8-4-Methylphenol	43.6	25-111
d5-Nitrobenzene	67.0	15-314
d4-2-Nitrophenol	90.6	37-163
d3-2,4-dichlorophenol	82.8	34-182
d6-Dimethyl phthalate	54.2	1-500
d8-Acenaphthylene	99.8	33-168
d10-Fluorene	94.0	38-172
d10-Anthracene	105	23-142
d10-Pyrene	101	28-196
d12-Benzo[a]pyrene	80.4	32-194

LCS Data (10 ppb):

Average Recovery = 106%

RSD = 15%

Range = 5.9-15.3

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Phase 2 Results

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1,4-dichlorobenzene	122	99.5	29.4	31.7		82.2
1,2-dichlorobenzene	90.6	87.7	33.3	35.8		171
Nitrobenzene	99.5	83.6	77.5	66.4	35-180	83.0
2-Nitrophenol	121	112	80.0	85.1	29-182	135
2,4-Dimethylphenol	109	84.8	90.1	84.0	32-120	131
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	127	102	28.7	34.3	44-142	150
Naphthalene	101	85.7	50.1	57.8	21-133	170
<u>Hexachloro-1,3-Butadiene</u>	169	126	17.6	17.2	24-120	118
2,4,6-trichlorophenol	79.0	220	119	140	37-144	56.1
<u>Acenaphthylene</u>	86.6	84.4	63.4	74.1	33-145	108
<u>Acenaphthene</u>	99.5	97.1	65.3	73.0	47-145	36.6
<u>Fluorene</u>	94.1	96.7	80.9	75.8	59-121	104
Diethyl Phthalate	153	108	84.9	87.2	D-120	152
4-chlorophenylphenylether	119	105	72.6	67.5	25-158	157
4-bromophenylphenylether	116	109	87.6	75.4	53-127	129



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<u>Fluoranthene</u>	110	87.0	93.3	73.3	26-137	165
<u>Pyrene</u>	79.8	107	101	85.2	52-120	48.6
<u>Benzyl butyl phthalate</u>	74.1	110	108	94.7	D-152	132
<u>Chrysene</u>	83.5	98.7	97.6	79.4	17-168	53.8
<u>Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate</u>	60.7	108	121	109	8-158	159
<u>Di-n-octyl phthalate</u>	68.1	118	121	103	4-146	115
<u>Benzo[k]fluoranthene</u>	48.7	91.9	97.4	75.3	11-162	114
<u>Benzo[a]pyrene</u>	55.7	83.4	104	80.3	17-163	178
<u>Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene</u>	85.6	163	214	165	D-171	86.9
<u>Dibenz[a,h]anthracene</u>	136	159	100	70.0	D-227	40.6
Average Recovery	99.7	106	100	77.4		



Conclusion

- Solid Phase Extraction is a suitable substitute for LLE
- Twister is an excellent choice for a subset of the 625 List
- Further optimization is required for phenols
- Phthalates can be problematic

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- Eliminates solvent extraction steps
 - Eliminates most non-volatile and polar matrix interference
 - Allows parallel sample preparation minimizing instrument run time
 - Stir bars are reusable
 - Analytes are stable for days on stir bar allowing field sampling
 - Extremely low detection limits possible (low ppt)
 - Excellent bar-to-bar reproducibility
 - Analyte recovery is predictable



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“Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit“

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