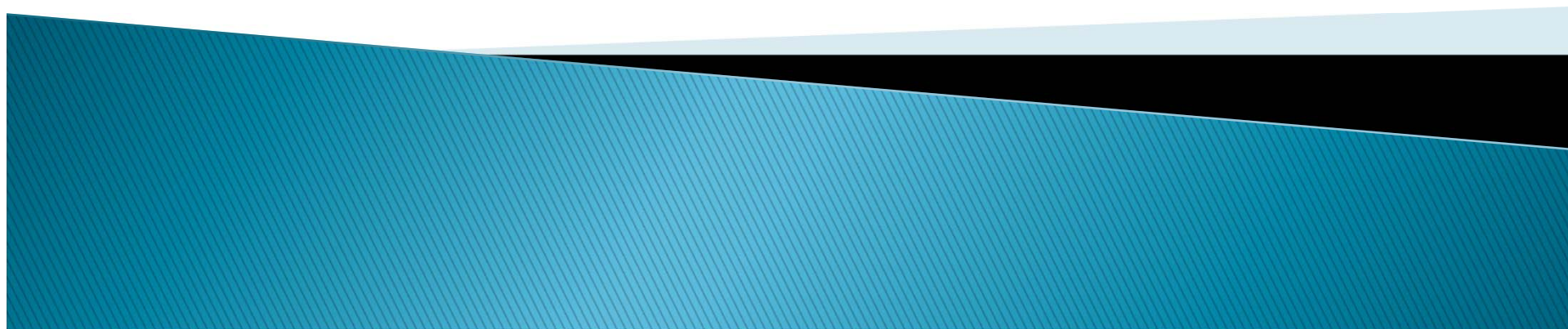


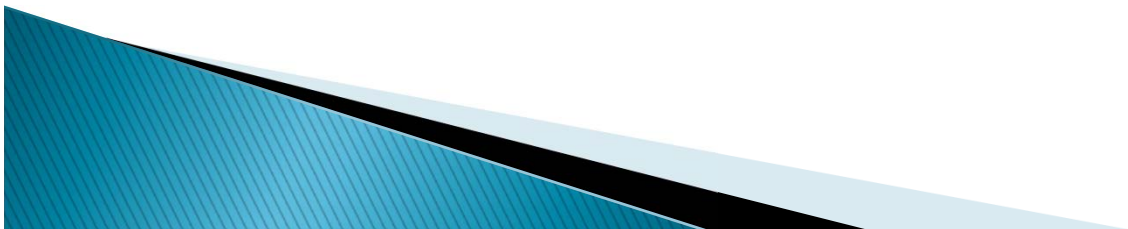
# **An Automated Technique for Fast, Ambient Temperature Extraction and Analysis of Multi-Residue Pesticides in Various Matrices**

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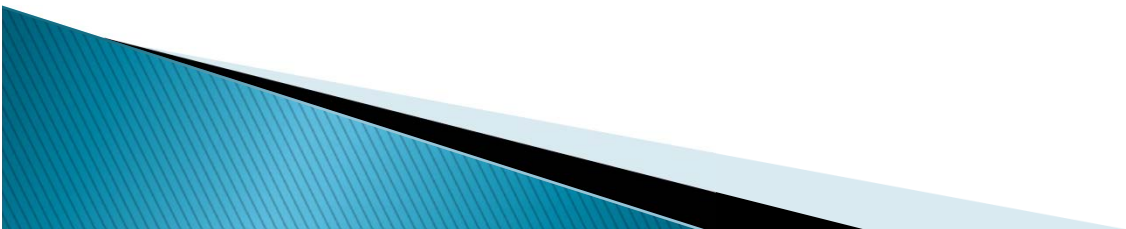
# Introduction

- ▶ Food Safety
  - Pesticides cause harm to humans and pets
  - Identify potential risks in supply chain and products
  
- ▶ Analytical
  - Pesticide Analysis
  - Fast
  - Reproducible Results



## Pressurized Liquid Extraction

- ▶ An Extraction technique used in the Food Market
- ▶ The Technique Incorporates:
  - Solvent
  - Pressure
  - Heat
  - Time



# Effectiveness of PLE

- ▶ Performed near the solvent's supercritical region
- ▶ Under Programmable Pressure
- ▶ Creates a high degree of analyte solubility releasing them from the solid matrix



# Extraction (1)

- ▶ A solid or semi-solid sample is placed in the Pressurized Liquid Extraction Cell: 5 mL to 200 mL
- ▶ The Extraction cell is capped and placed into the extraction device which can be pressurized to up 2500 psi



## Extraction (2)

- ▶ For pesticides, the system is pressurized for 5 min at 1000–1500 psi.
- ▶ No heat is applied – studies showed little effect of temperature on extraction efficiency.
- ▶ After depressurizing the cells are flushed with nitrogen to transfer all analytes to collection vessels.



# PLE® (1)

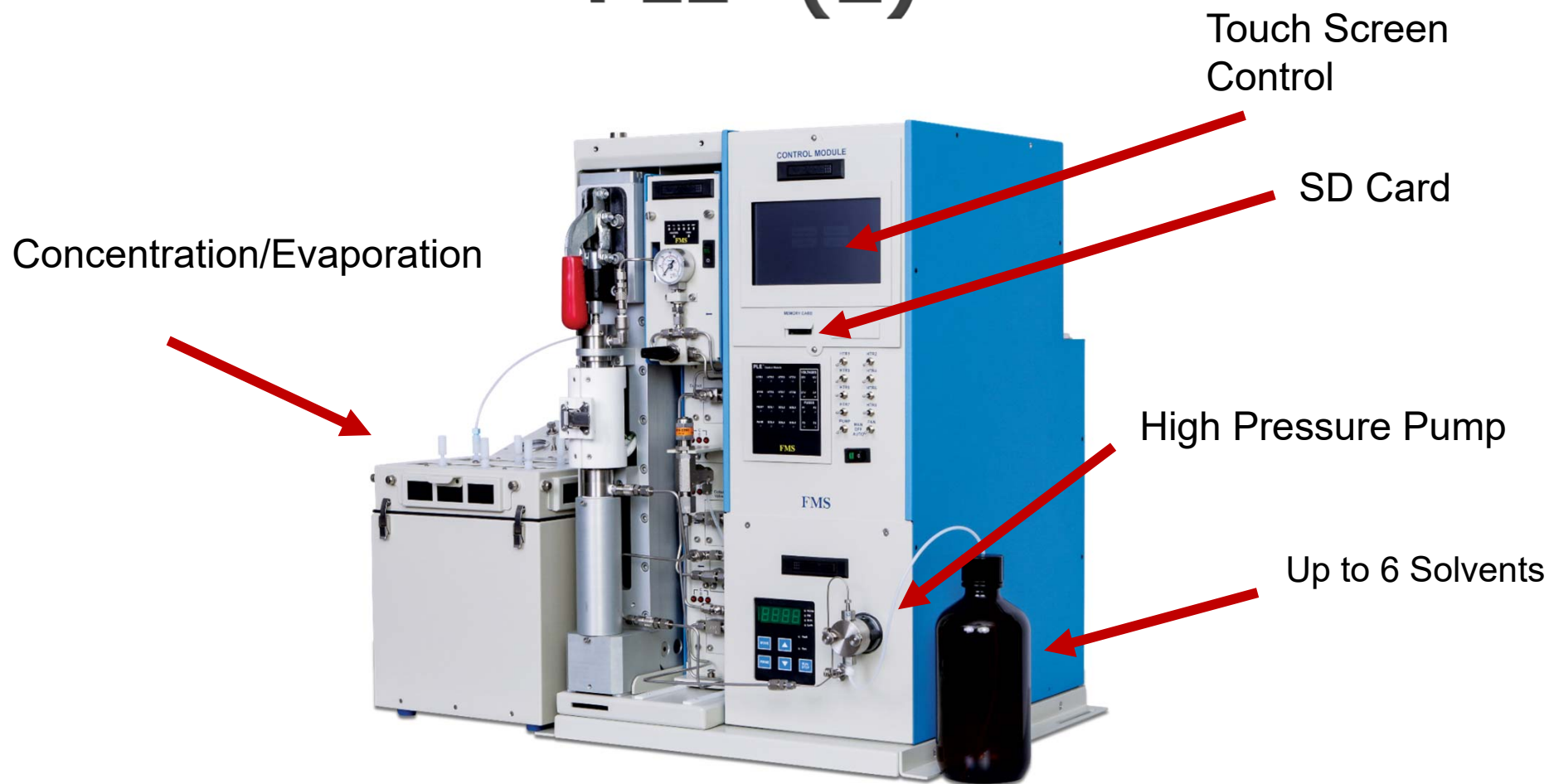
## PLE – Pressurized Liquid Extraction

- High Speed
- Modular and expandable from 1 to 8
- Process 1 to 8 samples in 10 to 15 min
- Extraction cell size 5 to 200 ml
- Real time plot of temperature and pressure
- Reduced Solvent Consumption
- Lower Energy Consumption
- In Cell Sample Cleanup





# PLE® (2)



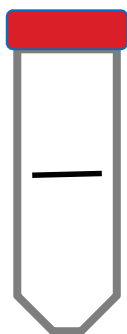


# Standard Quechers Pesticide Workflow



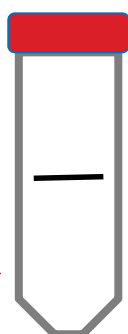
**2 minutes**

Weigh the Sample



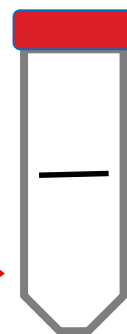
**5 minutes**

Load the Sample  
into the Vessel add H<sub>2</sub>O  
and Acidified ACN



**30 minutes**

Shake Vessel



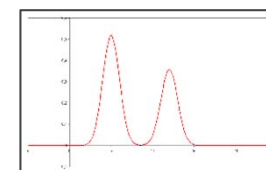
**10 minutes**

Add Quechers salt,  
shake and centrifuge



**10 minutes**

Extract  
Filtration



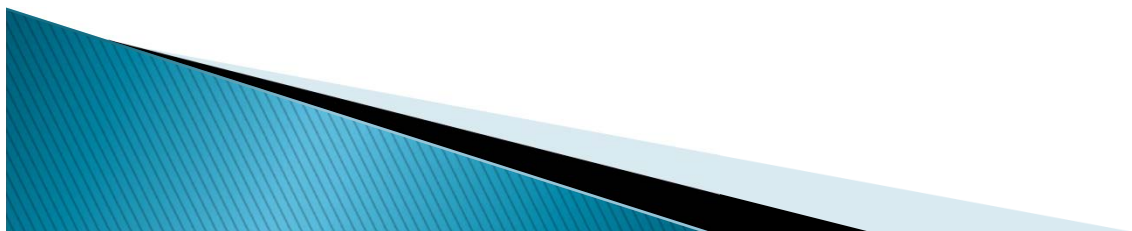
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**57 minutes**

**Sample Prep  
Total Time  
Ready for  
Injection**

## **Standard Quechers Pesticide Workflow**

- ▶ Lots of Manual Steps and Human Interaction
  - More Error Prone due to interaction
- ▶ Labor and Solvent Intensive
  - Costs money
- ▶ Time Consuming Process
- ▶ Users Complain of Inconsistent Results



## PLE Extraction and Cleanup for Pesticides Workflow



2 minutes

**Weigh the Sample**



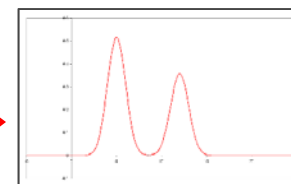
2 minutes

**Load the XtractClean™ and  
Sample into the Extraction Cell**



8 minutes

**Pesticide  
Extraction and  
In Cell Cleanup**



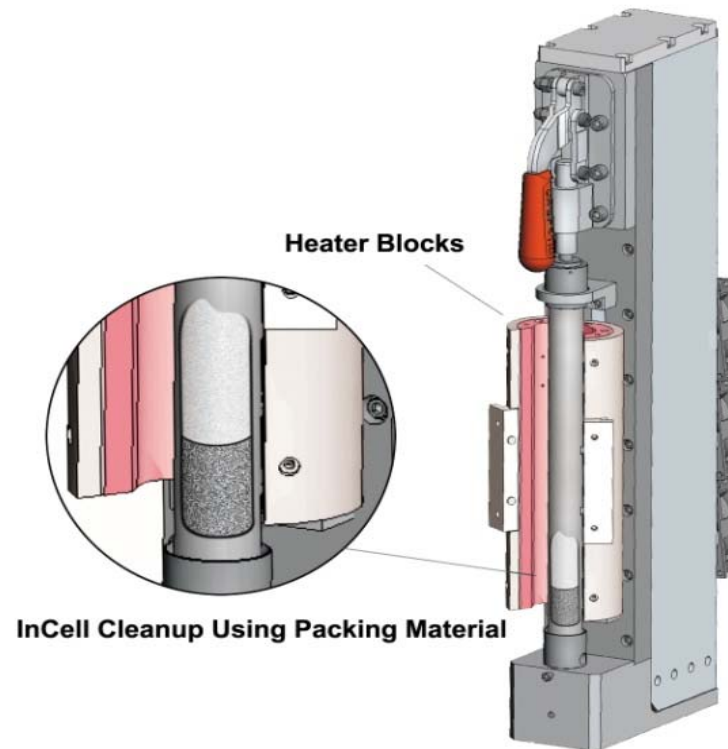
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**Sample Prep  
Total Time  
Ready for Injection**

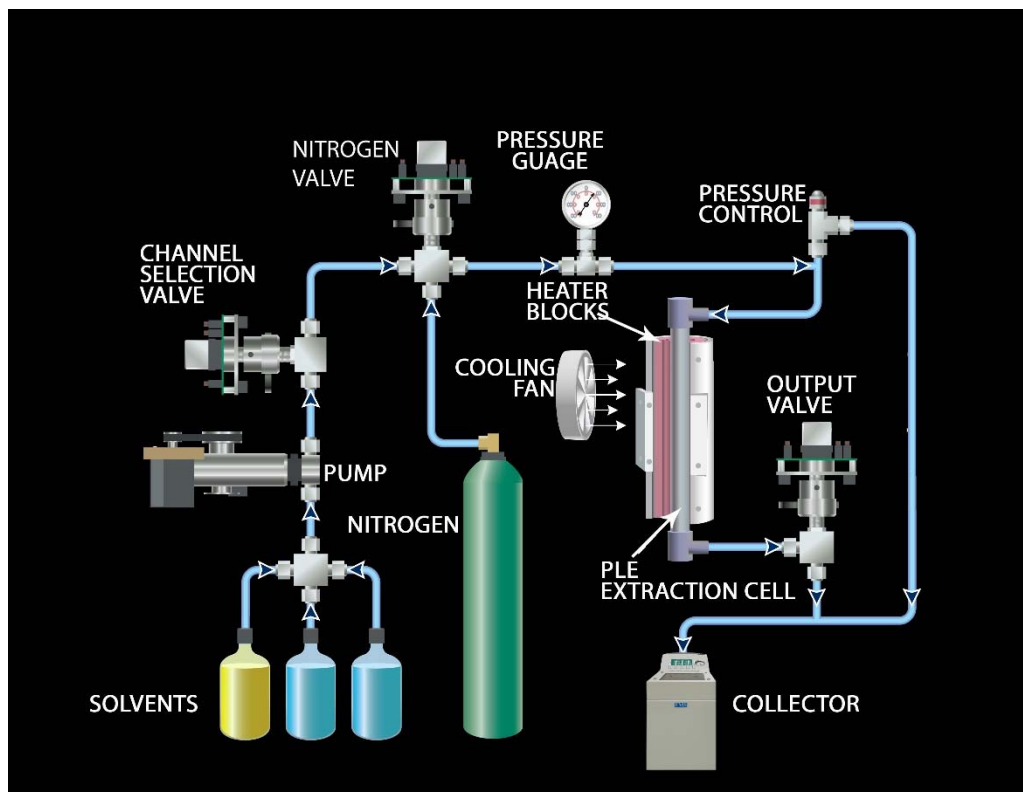
# In Cell Cleanup for Pesticides

Eliminates Manual cleanup

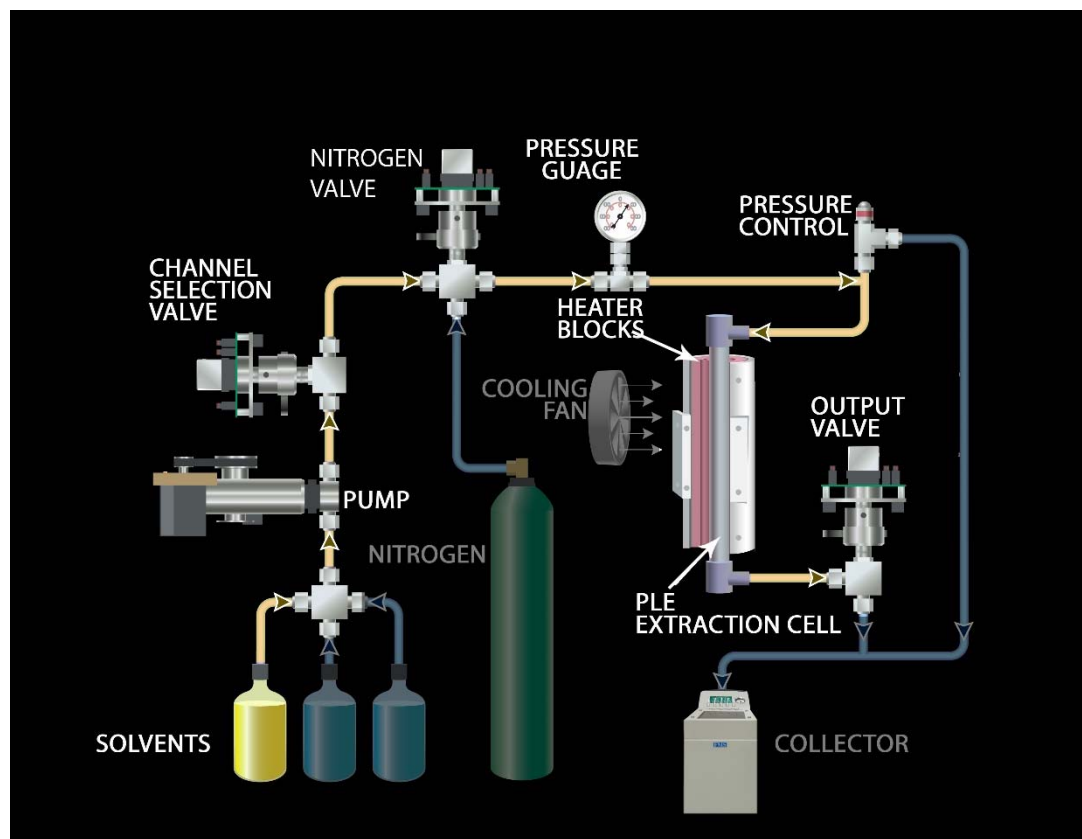
Uses In Cell Cleanup



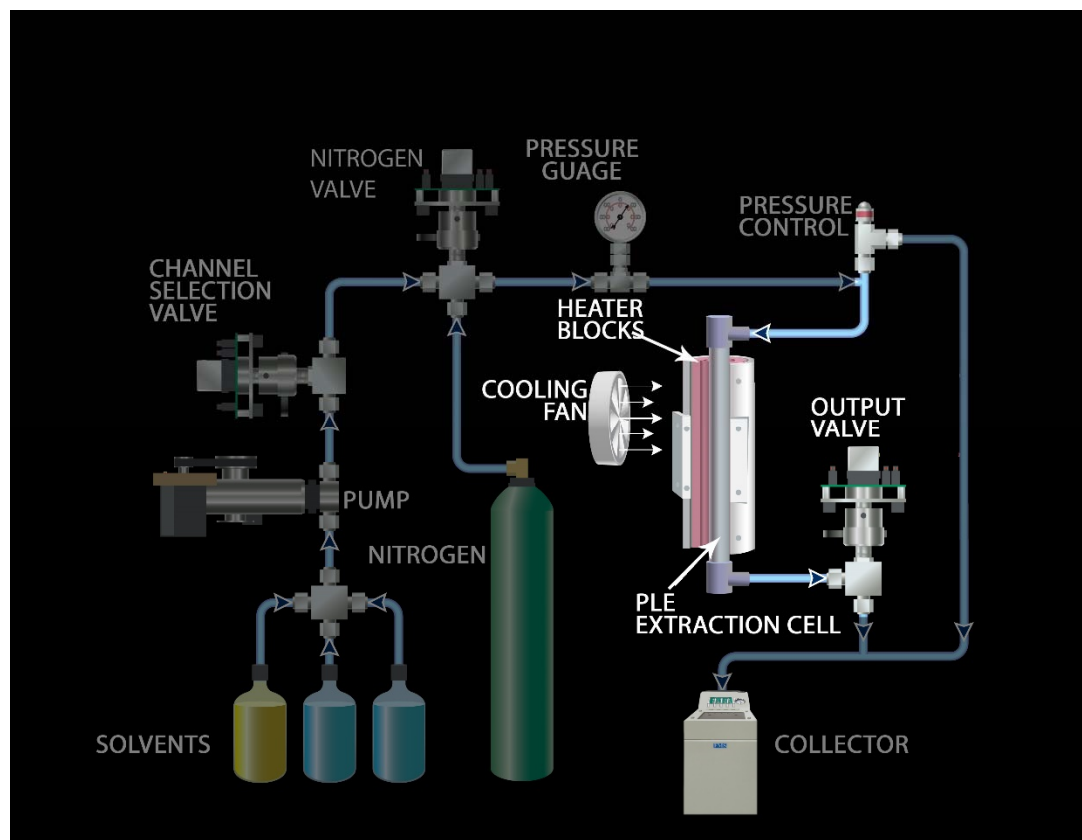
# Filling Cell with Acetonitrile



# Pressurize the Cell

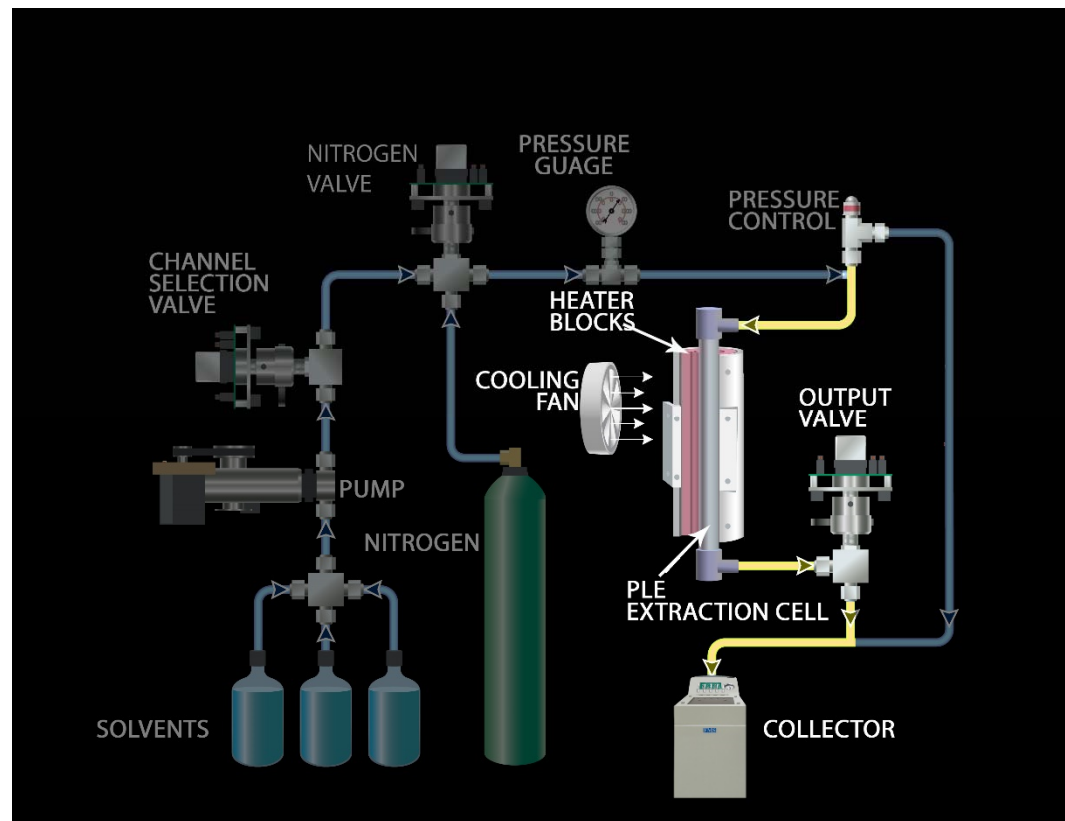


# Maintain Pressure

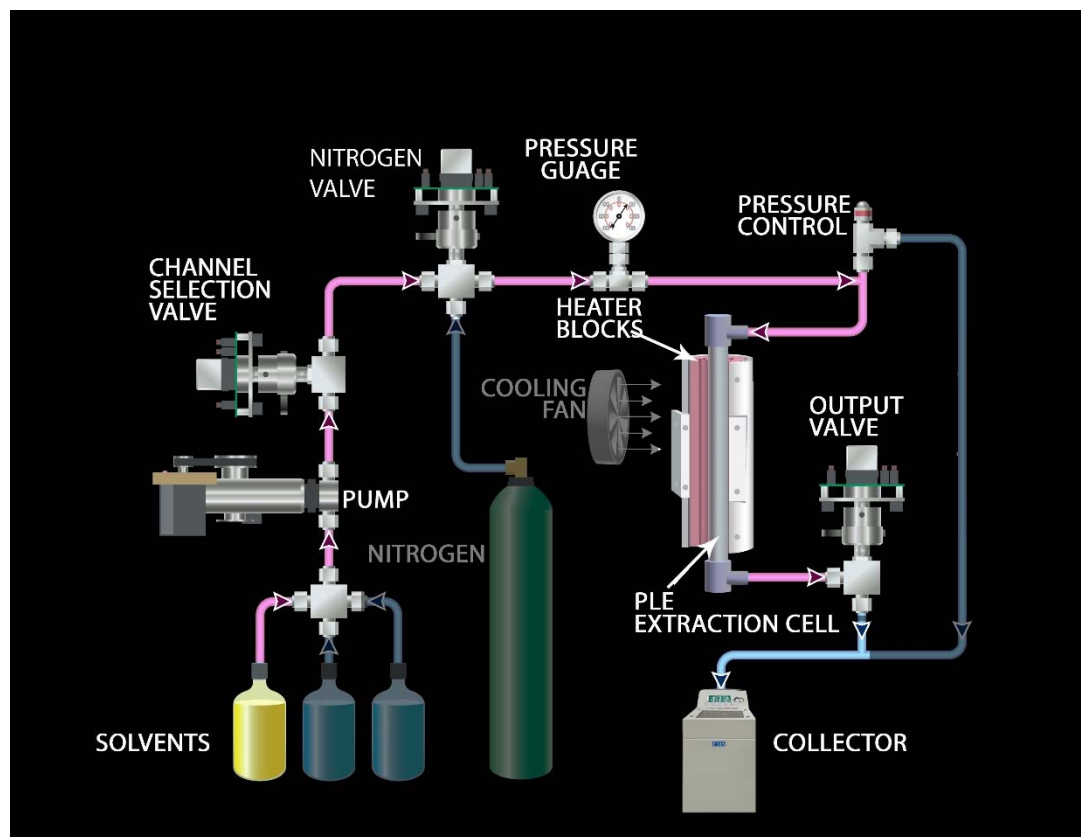




# Depressurize the Cell



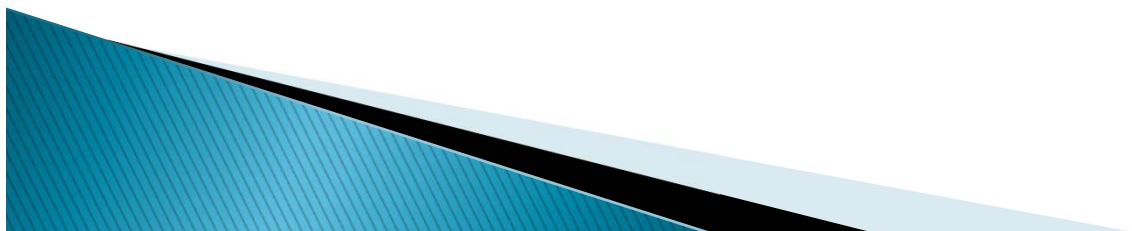
# Deliver the Extract to the Collection Vessel



# Preparing Sample

- ▶ **Sample/Reagent Prep**

- ▶ Sample aliquots are to be weighed out, thoroughly homogenized.
- ▶ Extraction cells are filled from bottom to top.
- ▶ Cover bottom frit with sufficient Ottawa Sand.
- ▶ Add sample aliquot on top of Sand.
- ▶ Add relevant standard mixes and internal standards.
- ▶ Add FMS CleanXtract™ mix in the cell on top of Sample.
- ▶ Add Ottawa Sand if needed to top off cell and place the cell in extraction system.



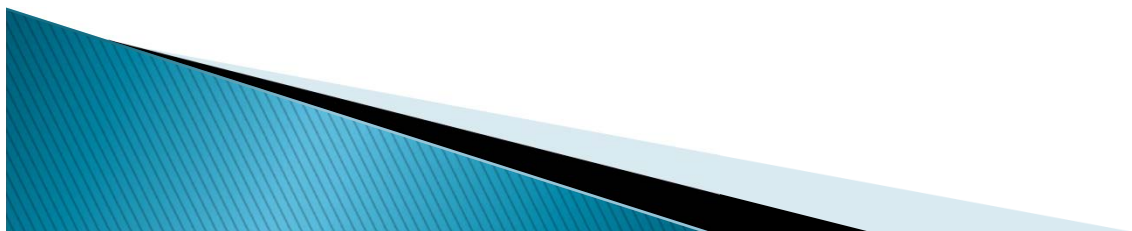
## **Extraction Procedure**

- ▶ **PLE Procedure Pesticides**
- ▶ Cells are filled with Acetonitrile.
- ▶ Cells are pressurized for 5 min. Cells are not heated, ambient temperature process.
- ▶ Cells are flushed with Acetonitrile and with nitrogen to remove remaining solvent.
- ▶ Final extract is collected and a sample aliquot (1 mL) is transferred to a vial for GC/MS analysis. No volume reduction is needed.



# Analysis

- ▶ **GC/MS-MS Conditions**
  - **Thermo Trace GC w/PTV**
  - **TSQ Quantum Ultra**
  - **30 meter, .25mm, .25µm Column w/5 meter Guard column**
  - **203 Pesticides scanned (414 transitions)**



## Results

- ▶ Sample Preparation for Extractions
  - Samples weighed and prepared.
  - Analyzed un-spiked and spiked to ensure no native pesticides of interest present
  - Samples spiked at .1 ug/g
  - Samples directly loaded onto GC with no evaporation



# Results: Organophosphorus and Pyrethroid Pesticides

| Analyte            | LCS   |     | Green Tea |      | Black Tea |      | Fennel Seed |      | Astragalus Root |      | Harthorn |      | Gota Kola Berry |      | Green Coffee |      |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|
|                    | Conc. | REC | Conc.     | REC  | Conc.     | REC  | Conc.       | REC  | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.    | REC  | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.        | REC  |
| Diazinon           | 0.063 | 63% | 0.11      | 110% | 0.105     | 105% | 0.08        | 80%  | 0.119           | 119% | 0.113    | 113% | 0.112           | 112% | 0.113        | 113% |
| Pirimiphos methyl  | 0.099 | 99% | 0.106     | 106% | 0.096     | 96%  | 0.108       | 108% | 0.081           | 81%  | 0.122    | 122% | 0.12            | 120% | 0.132        | 132% |
| Chlorpyrifos       | 0.075 | 75% | 0.07      | 70%  | 0.079     | 79%  | 0.083       | 83%  | 0.073           | 73%  | 0.066    | 66%  | 0.079           | 79%  | 0.085        | 85%  |
| Phosmet            | 0.08  | 80% | 0.072     | 72%  | 0.076     | 76%  | 0.061       | 61%  | 0.072           | 72%  | 0.061    | 61%  | 0.101           | 101% | 0.075        | 75%  |
| Malathion          | 0.08  | 80% | 0.098     | 98%  | 0.084     | 84%  | 0.107       | 107% | 0.106           | 106% | 0.112    | 112% | 0.119           | 119% | 0.111        | 111% |
| Piperonyl butoxide | 0.068 | 68% | 0.071     | 71%  | 0.076     | 76%  | 0.063       | 63%  | 0.074           | 74%  | 0.07     | 70%  | 0.095           | 95%  | 0.069        | 69%  |

| Analyte          | LCS   |     | Green Tea |     | Black Tea |     | Fennel Seed |     | Astragalus Root |     | Harthorn |     | Gota Kola Berry |      | Green Coffee |     |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------|-----|-----------------|------|--------------|-----|
|                  | Conc. | REC | Conc.     | REC | Conc.     | REC | Conc.       | REC | Conc.           | REC | Conc.    | REC | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.        | REC |
| cis-Permethrin   | 0.085 | 85% | 0.081     | 81% | 0.087     | 87% | 0.059       | 59% | 0.077           | 77% | 0.067    | 67% | 0.104           | 104% | 0.082        | 82% |
| trans-Permethrin | 0.095 | 95% | 0.093     | 93% | 0.089     | 89% | 0.061       | 61% | 0.081           | 81% | 0.085    | 85% | 0.127           | 127% | 0.094        | 94% |
| Cyfluthrin*      | 0.086 | 86% | 0.082     | 82% | 0.085     | 85% | 0.051       | 51% | 0.071           | 71% | 0.073    | 73% | 0.108           | 108% | 0.085        | 85% |
| Cypermethrin*    | 0.070 | 70% | 0.076     | 76% | 0.085     | 85% | 0.063       | 63% | 0.076           | 76% | 0.068    | 68% | 0.115           | 115% | 0.089        | 89% |





# Results: Organonitrogen Pesticides

| Analyte                    | LCS    |      | Green Tea |      | Black Tea |      | Fennel Seed |      | Astragalus Root |      | Harthorn |      | Gota Kola Berry |      | Green Coffee |      |
|----------------------------|--------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|
|                            | Conc.  | REC  | Conc.     | REC  | Conc.     | REC  | Conc.       | REC  | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.    | REC  | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.        | REC  |
| Diphenylamine              | 0.072  | 72%  | 0.078     | 78%  | 0.075     | 75%  | 0.071       | 71%  | 0.076           | 76%  | 0.073    | 73%  | 0.091           | 91%  | 0.078        | 78%  |
| 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloroaniline | 0.084  | 84%  | 0.091     | 91%  | 0.086     | 86%  | 0.083       | 83%  | 0.085           | 85%  | 0.09     | 90%  | 0.101           | 101% | 0.088        | 88%  |
| Propachlor                 | 0.096  | 96%  | 0.107     | 107% | 0.132     | 132% | 0.1         | 100% | 0.108           | 108% | 0.103    | 103% | 0.115           | 115% | 0.106        | 106% |
| Dimethachlor               | 0.09   | 90%  | 0.097     | 97%  | 0.097     | 97%  | 0.089       | 89%  | 0.086           | 86%  | 0.11     | 110% | 0.106           | 106% | 0.101        | 101% |
| Linuron                    | 0.082  | 82%  | 0.103     | 103% | 0.101     | 101% | 0.104       | 104% | 0.079           | 79%  | 0.102    | 102% | 0.124           | 124% | 0.113        | 113% |
| Flutolanil                 | 0.089  | 89%  | 0.089     | 89%  | 0.085     | 85%  | 0.228       | 228% | 0.111           | 111% | 0.156    | 156% | 0.1             | 100% | 0.109        | 109% |
| Methoxychlor               | 0.096  | 96%  | 0.097     | 97%  | 0.096     | 96%  | 0.07        | 70%  | 0.095           | 95%  | 0.087    | 87%  | 0.132           | 132% | 0.111        | 111% |
| Pyridaben                  | 0.073  | 73%  | 0.048     | 48%  | 0.08      | 80%  | 0.055       | 55%  | 0.06            | 60%  | 0.063    | 63%  | 0.062           | 62%  | 0.104        | 104% |
| Attrazine                  | 0.103  | 103% | 0.093     | 93%  | 0.095     | 95%  | 0.095       | 95%  | 0.066           | 66%  | 0.094    | 94%  | 0.082           | 82%  | 0.084        | 84%  |
| MGK-264 I                  | 0.064  | 64%  | 0.064     | 64%  | 0.063     | 63%  | 0.073       | 73%  | 0.057           | 57%  | 0.053    | 53%  | 0.065           | 65%  | 0.067        | 67%  |
| MGK-264 II                 | 0.059  | 59%  | 0.057     | 57%  | 0.047     | 47%  | 0.068       | 68%  | 0.039           | 39%  | 0.059    | 59%  | 0.031           | 31%  | 0.055        | 55%  |
| MGK-264*                   | 0.0615 | 62%  | 0.0605    | 61%  | 0.055     | 55%  | 0.0705      | 71%  | 0.048           | 48%  | 0.056    | 56%  | 0.048           | 48%  | 0.061        | 61%  |
| Captan                     | 0.061  | 61%  | 0.107     | 107% | 0.035     | 35%  | 0.084       | 84%  | 0.08            | 80%  | 0.139    | 139% | 0.044           | 44%  | 0.041        | 41%  |
| Fludioxonil                | 0.071  | 71%  | 0.108     | 108% | 0.072     | 72%  | 0.183       | 183% | 0.088           | 88%  | 0.148    | 148% | 0.1             | 100% | 0.1          | 100% |
| Tebuconazole               | 0.051  | 51%  | 0.092     | 92%  | 0.084     | 84%  | 0.073       | 73%  | 0.079           | 79%  | 0.119    | 119% | 0.103           | 103% | 0.082        | 82%  |
| Etofenprox                 | 0.073  | 73%  | 0.078     | 78%  | 0.081     | 81%  | 0.051       | 51%  | 0.067           | 67%  | 0.066    | 66%  | 0.099           | 99%  | 0.08         | 80%  |

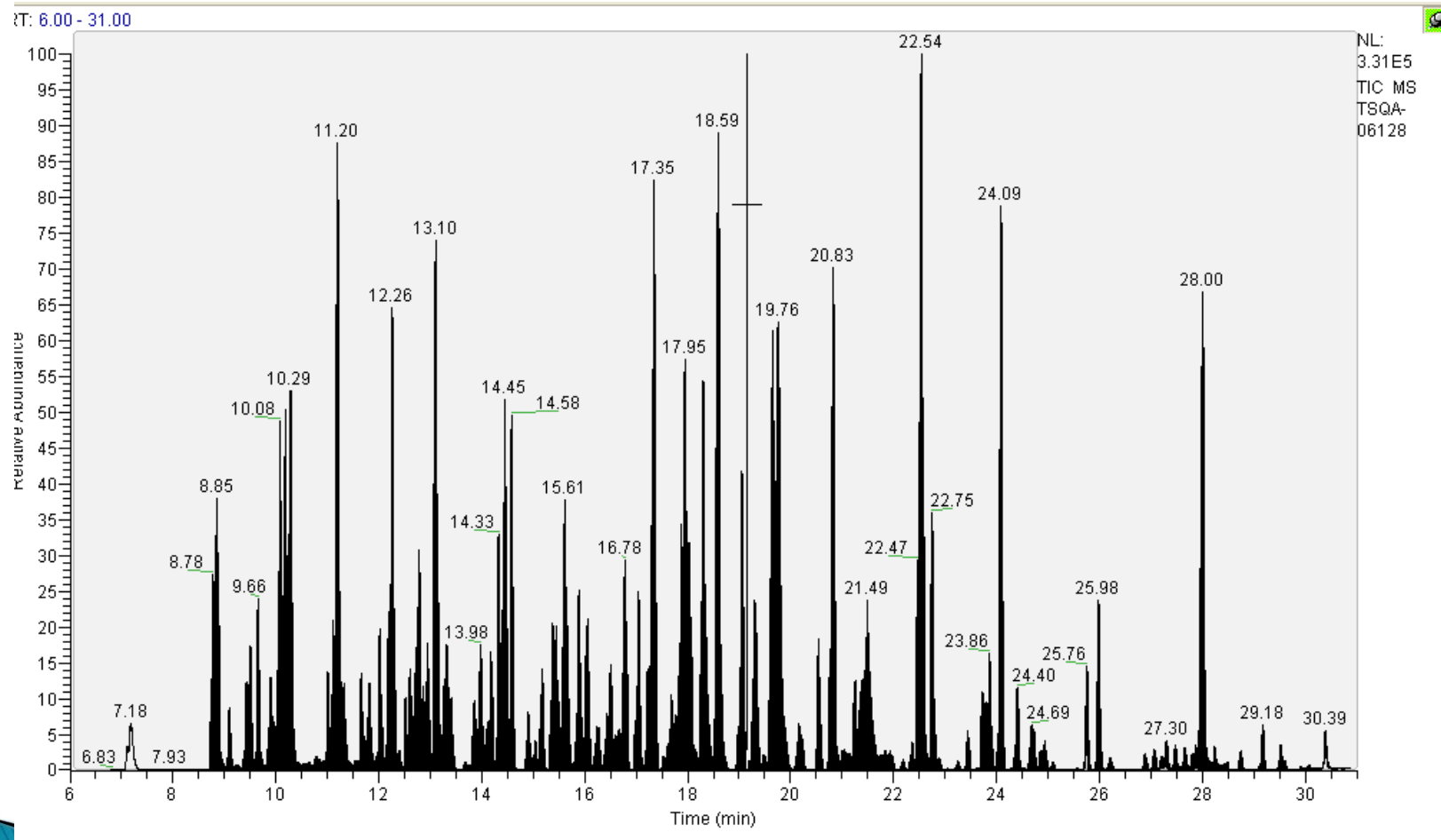


# Results: Organochlorine Pesticides & Methylated Herbicides

| Analyte                   | LCS   |     | Green Tea |     | Black Tea |      | Fennel Seed |      | Astragalus Root |     | Harthorn |     | Gota Kola Berry |      | Green Coffee |     |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|-----|----------|-----|-----------------|------|--------------|-----|
|                           | Conc. | REC | Conc.     | REC | Conc.     | REC  | Conc.       | REC  | Conc.           | REC | Conc.    | REC | Conc.           | REC  | Conc.        | REC |
| HCH-alpha                 | 0.085 | 85% | 0.083     | 83% | 0.079     | 79%  | 0.072       | 72%  | 0.075           | 75% | 0.076    | 76% | 0.088           | 88%  | 0.085        | 85% |
| Pentachlorothioanisole    | 0.071 | 71% | 0.075     | 75% | 0.08      | 80%  | 0.069       | 69%  | 0.064           | 64% | 0.072    | 72% | 0.078           | 78%  | 0.071        | 71% |
| 4,4'-Dichlorobenzophenone | 0.074 | 74% | 0.075     | 75% | 0.079     | 79%  | 0.075       | 75%  | 0.063           | 63% | 0.076    | 76% | 0.078           | 78%  | 0.079        | 79% |
| Chlorfenson (Ovex)        | 0.063 | 63% | 0.073     | 73% | 0.077     | 77%  | 0.1         | 100% | 0.065           | 65% | 0.078    | 78% | 0.072           | 72%  | 0.074        | 74% |
| 2,4'-DDT                  | 0.085 | 85% | 0.083     | 83% | 0.085     | 85%  | 0.072       | 72%  | 0.075           | 75% | 0.063    | 63% | 0.11            | 110% | 0.078        | 78% |
| Mirex                     | 0.081 | 81% | 0.079     | 79% | 0.087     | 87%  | 0.079       | 79%  | 0.066           | 66% | 0.06     | 60% | 0.102           | 102% | 0.073        | 73% |
| 2-Phenylphenol            | 0.08  | 80% | 0.086     | 86% | 0.101     | 101% | 0.083       | 83%  | 0.087           | 87% | 0.084    | 84% | 0.093           | 93%  | 0.088        | 88% |



# Results : TIC of Spiked Green Tea Extract from the PLE w/In-Cell Clean-up

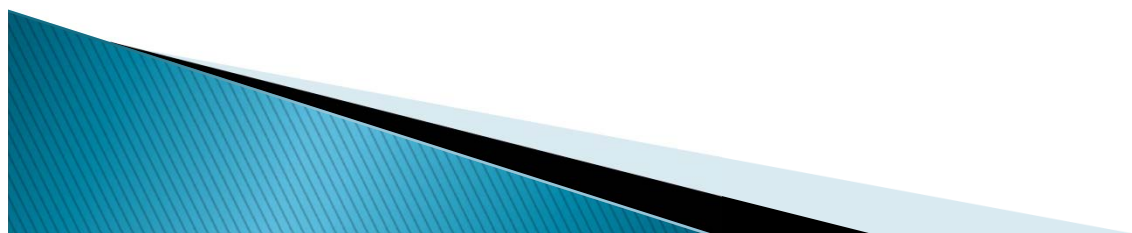


# Results: pesticides in cannabis

| Analyte                             | Mean | Analyte             | Mean |
|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Diazinon                            | 92%  | Linuron             | 77%  |
| Chlorpyrifos methyl                 | 78%  | Metolachlor         | 79%  |
| Fenitrothion                        | 108% | Diphenamid          | 80%  |
| Pirimiphos methyl                   | 76%  | Metazachlor         | 105% |
| Chlorpyrifos                        | 80%  | Flutolanil          | 97%  |
| Pirimiphos ethyl                    | 75%  | Oxadiazon           | 76%  |
| Quinalphos                          | 74%  | Attrazine           | 84%  |
| Phosalone                           | 94%  | Terbutylazine       | 90%  |
| Chlomeb                             | 90%  | Vinclozolin         | 98%  |
| HCH-alpha                           | 74%  | Triadimefon         | 76%  |
| Pentachloroanisole                  | 70%  | MGK-264*            | 98%  |
| HCH-delta                           | 86%  | Fipronil            | 116% |
| Heptachlor                          | 90%  | Fludioxonil         | 64%  |
| Heptachlor epoxide (isomer B)       | 84%  | Myclobutanil        | 110% |
| Chlorfenson (Ovex)                  | 92%  | Flusilazole         | 70%  |
| Endosulfan II                       | 102% | Chlorfenapyr        | 63%  |
| Tetrachloronitrobenzene (Tecnazene) | 92%  | Hexazinone (Velpar) | 96%  |
| THPI (Tetrahydrophthalimide)        | 96%  | Tetramethrin I      | 98%  |
| Diphenylamine                       | 88%  | Tetramethrin II     | 133% |
| 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloroaniline          | 76%  | Bifenthrin          | 82%  |
| Pentachlorobenzene (Quintozene)     | 108% | cis-Phenothrin      | 61%  |
| Pentachlorobenzonitrile             | 98%  | trans-Phenothrin    | 64%  |
| Prodiamine                          | 111% | Cypermethrin*       | 144% |
| Isopropalin                         | 98%  | Flucythrinate I     | 107% |
| Pendamethalin                       | 63%  | Flucythrinate II    | 138% |
| Oxyfluorfen                         | 90%  | Fenvalerate S       | 94%  |
| Nitralin                            | 87%  | Fenvalerate R       | 87%  |
| Pebulate                            | 84%  | Chlorpropham        | 102% |
| N-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)formamide     | 86%  | Methacrifos         | 79%  |
| cis-Diallate                        | 85%  | Sulfotepp           | 96%  |
| trans-Diallate                      | 111% | Tolclofos-methyl    | 76%  |
| Clomazone (Command)                 | 78%  | Bromophos methyl    | 94%  |
| Propyzamide                         | 79%  | Ethion              | 82%  |
| Dimethachlor                        | 108% | Phorate             | 72%  |
| Propanil                            | 110% | Fonofos             | 88%  |
| Acetochlor                          | 108% | Methyl parathion    | 108% |
| Alachlor                            | 105% | Triazophos          | 84%  |
| Propisochlor                        | 81%  | Piperonyl butoxide  | 61%  |

## **Conclusions: PLE for the Analysis of Pesticides**

- ▶ High Throughput Pesticide Analysis
  - 20 minutes per run up to 24 samples per hour
  - 192 samples per 8 hour Shift
- ▶ One Extraction Method for all Matrices
- ▶ One/Same Extraction for GC/MS and LC/MS analysis
- ▶ Eliminate Manual Steps and Human Error
  - Automated Extraction and Cleanup



# Fast, Reproducible Extractions

- Using the PLE®
  - Sample Prep processes are combined into one step
    - Extraction
    - Cleanup
  - Put the sample in get it out and directly inject it
  - Consistent, Reproducible, Results
  - Increased productivity



## **Fast, Reproducible Extractions**

- Faster and easier operator training
- Automatic documentation of extraction and cleanup and concentration conditions
- Reduced errors due to mistakes eliminating manual steps and conditions.
- Reduced solvent usage and disposal costs.

