

# Media Briefings 2020

## #2 Environmental Research: Igniting Innovation

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# Media Briefing Series

**‘Igniting Innovation’** a catalyst for the advancement of science and technology.




Showcasing the drivers of **Innovation** in today’s world:

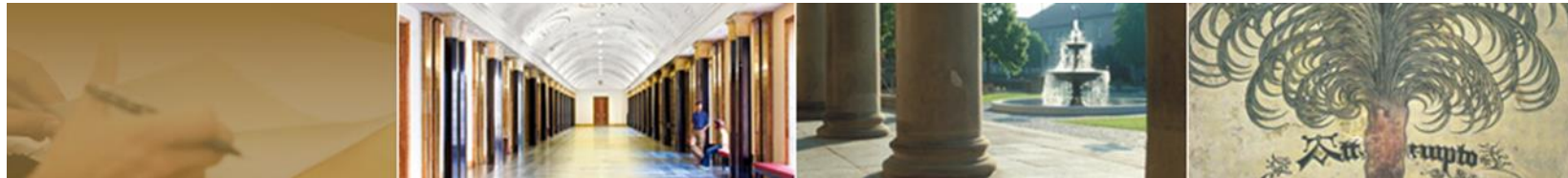
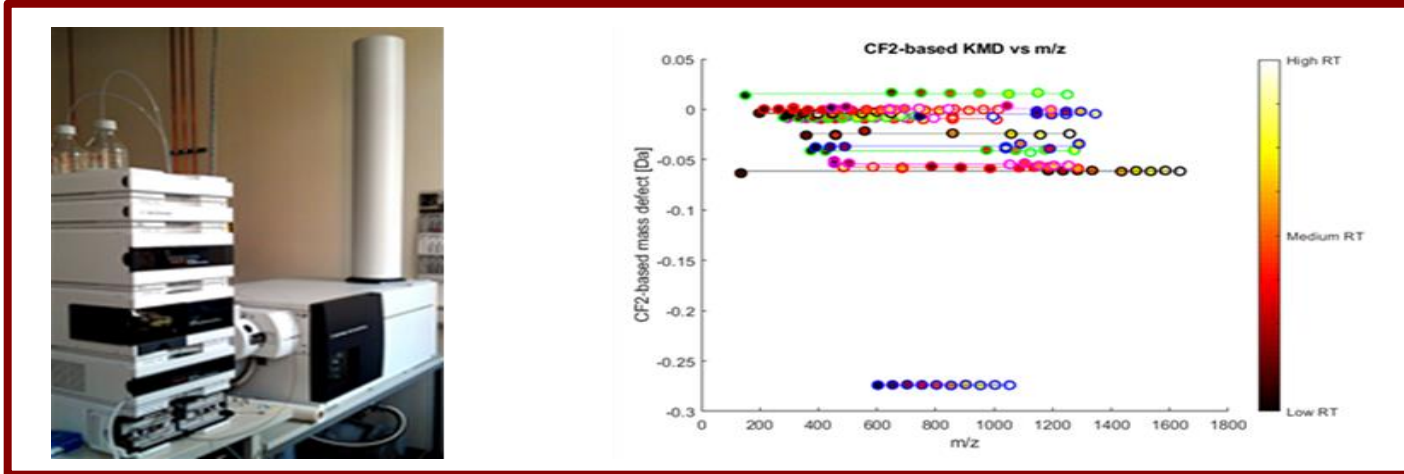
- **Product innovation** advances in technology offering new approaches that work smarter and faster for the lab of the future
- **Sustainability** of the lab and operations
- **Collaborations and partnerships** that advance science



# #2 Environmental Research: Igniting Innovation

## Today's Agenda

Speaker	Presentation
 <p><b>Professor Dr. Christian Zwiener</b> University of Tübingen, Germany</p>	<p><b>Emerging pollutants (focus on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS))</b> Identifying and characterizing emerging contaminants in water treatment systems and their removal to promote safe drinking water</p>
 <p><b>Professor Jes Vollertsen</b> Aalborg University, Denmark</p>	<p><b>Microplastics here, there and everywhere</b> Development and improvement of analytical methods to quantify microplastics in environmental matrices, with a focus on airborne microplastics</p>
 <p><b>Professor Fiona Regan</b> Dublin City University, Ireland</p>	<p><b>Optimising techniques to enhance the detection of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</b> Emerging concerns for contaminants at low concentrations giving rise to new analytical and preparation technologies for different types of water such as ground level, surface level, and wastewater effluents</p>
<p><b>Closing remarks session</b></p>	<p><b>Audience Q&amp;A and briefing recap</b></p>



## Emerging pollutants - PFAS

Environmental Analytical Chemistry  
Center for Applied Geoscience



# Emerging Pollutants

- > 120,000 chemicals registered (EU)
- > 30,000 REACH chemicals in daily use
- More than 700 pollutants found in EU waters (Norman network)

## → Challenge for

- monitoring programs
- assessment of fate and risks

- **Multianalyte methods**, harmonized
- Low **LOQs** for highly hazardous compounds
- **Prioritization** approaches
- PC data on **metabolites** and pollutants
- Approaches to assess **cumulative risks**

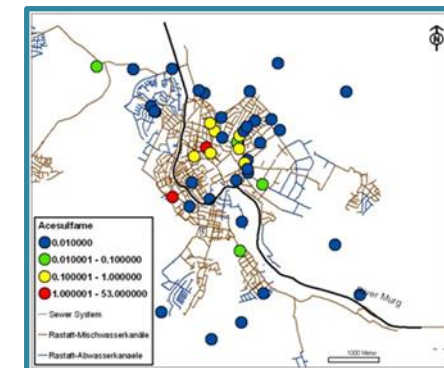
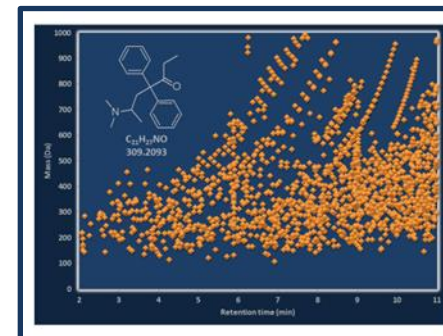
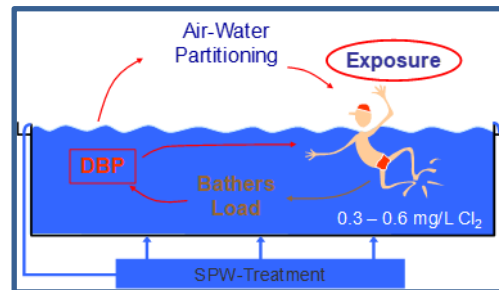
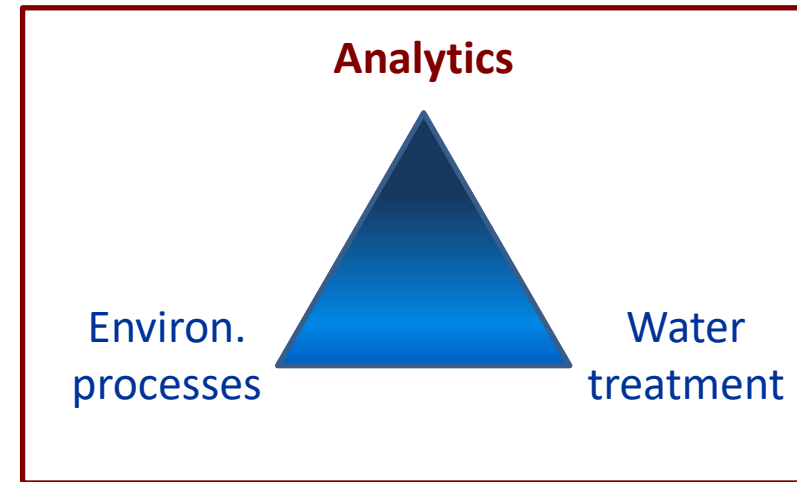


„Chemicals challenge“

# Our research

## Occurrence and fate of polar organic pollutants in the environment and in water treatment

- Non-target screening (HRMS)
- Identification of TPs
- Electrochemistry
- Reactive membranes
- Disinfection byproducts



# Our instrumentation

- **Sample preparation**  
automated and manual SPE  
(Gilson GX-271 ASPEC)



- **Target methods for multiple analytes, low LOQ**  
LC-TQ-MS (Agilent 6490, 6470)  
GC-Membrane-inlet-MS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, DSQ II MS)



- **Nontarget methods, suspect screening, high resolution and mass accuracy**  
LC-QTOF-MS (Agilent 6550 iFunnel)



# Emerging pollutants and their effects



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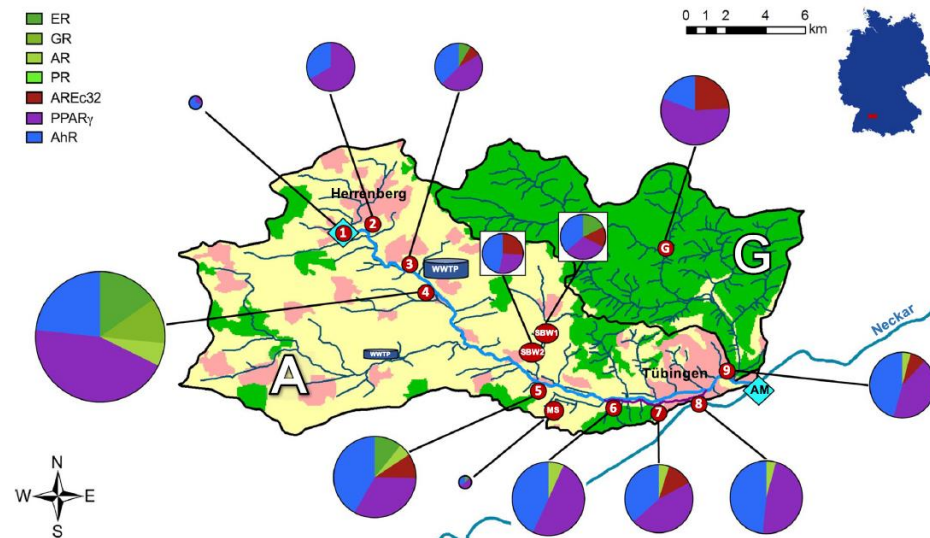
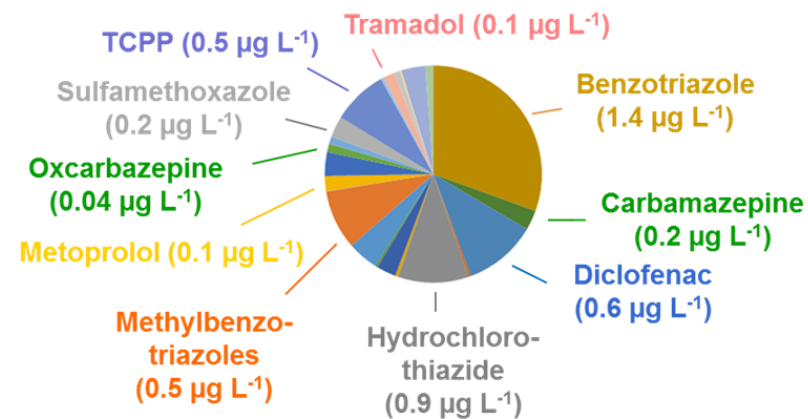
RESEARCH

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Combining in vitro reporter gene bioassays with chemical analysis to assess changes in the water quality along the Ammer River, Southwestern Germany

Maximilian E. Müller<sup>1</sup>, Beate I. Escher<sup>1,2</sup>, Marc Schwientek<sup>1</sup>, Martina Werneburg<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Zarfl<sup>1</sup> and Christian Zwiener<sup>1\*</sup>



→ Target methods

→ Cell-based bioassays

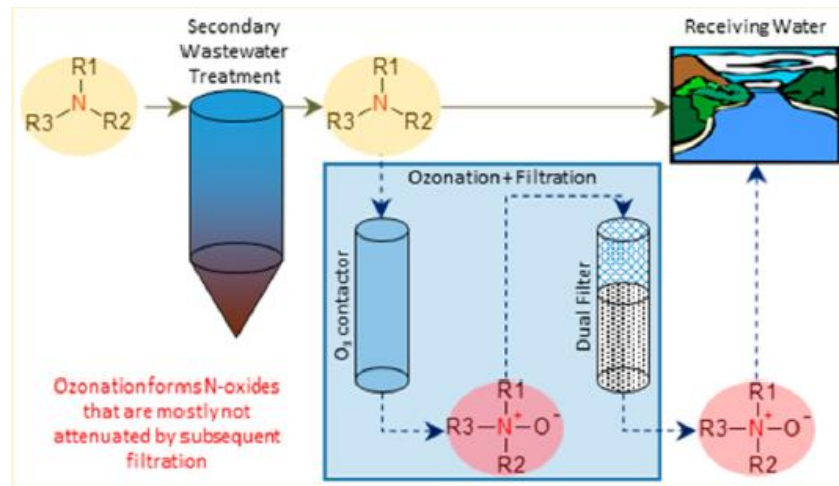


# Nontarget screening

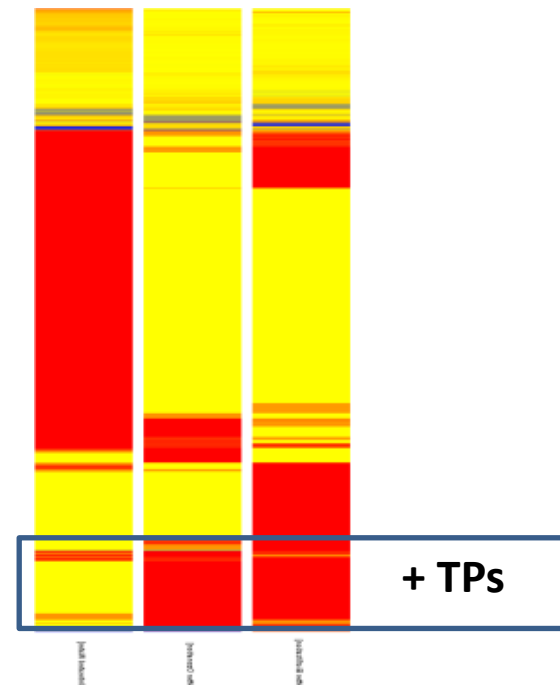
## Assessment of N-Oxide Formation during Wastewater Ozonation

Sylvain Merel, Sascha Lege, Jorge E. Yanez Heras, and Christian Zwiener\*<sup>ID</sup>

Environmental Analytical Chemistry, Center for Applied Geosciences, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Hölderlinstraße 12, 72074 Tübingen, Germany



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→ HRMS

→ Workflows for data evaluation

# TP identification

## Transformation Products of Fluoxetine Formed by Photodegradation in Water and Biodegradation in Zebrafish Embryos (*Danio rerio*)

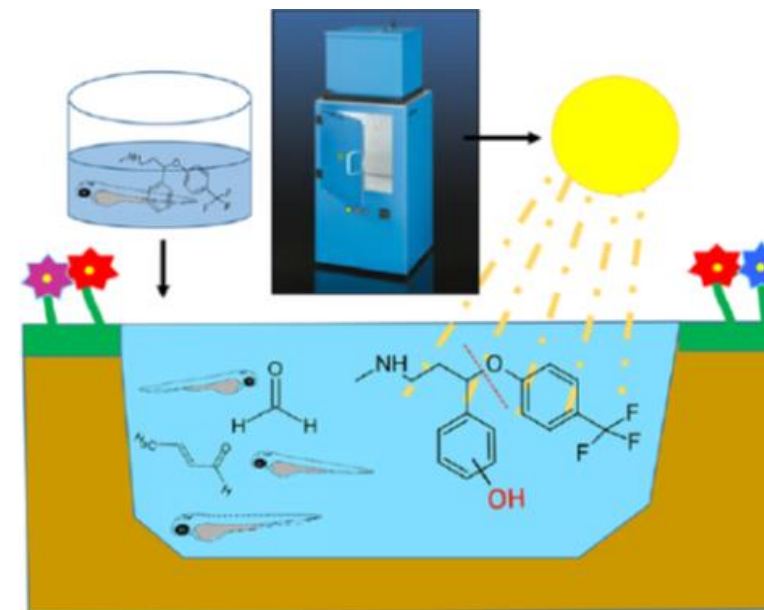
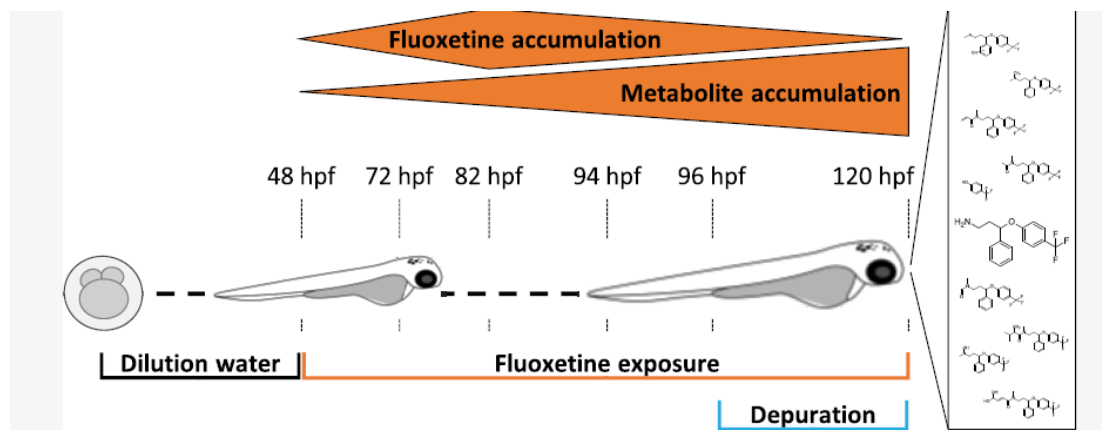
Selina Tisler,<sup>†</sup> Florian Zindler,<sup>‡</sup> Finnian Freeling,<sup>§</sup> Karsten Nödler,<sup>§</sup> László Toelgyesi,<sup>||</sup> Thomas Braunbeck,<sup>‡</sup> and Christian Zwiener<sup>\*,†,||</sup>

## Norfluoxetine Is the Only Metabolite of Fluoxetine in Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) Embryos That Accumulates at Environmentally Relevant Exposure Scenarios

Florian Zindler,<sup>\*</sup> Selina Tisler, Ann-Kathrin Loerracher, Christian Zwiener, and Thomas Braunbeck

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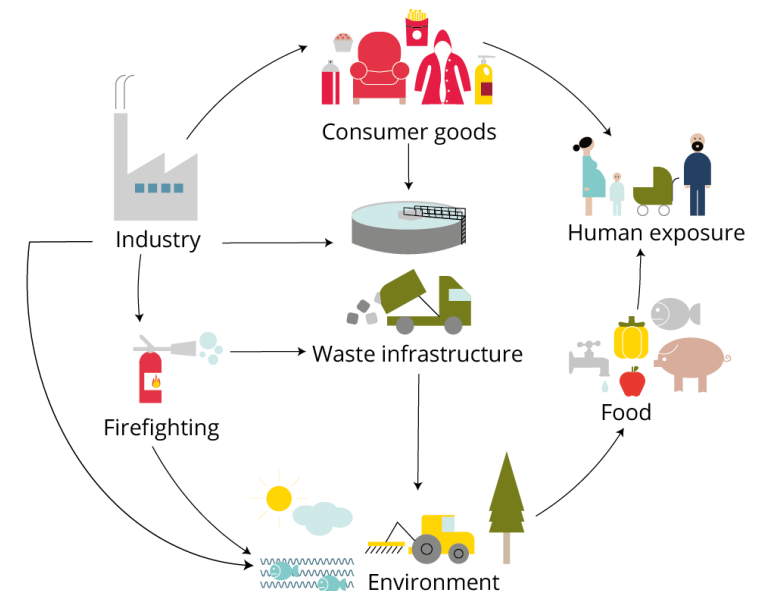
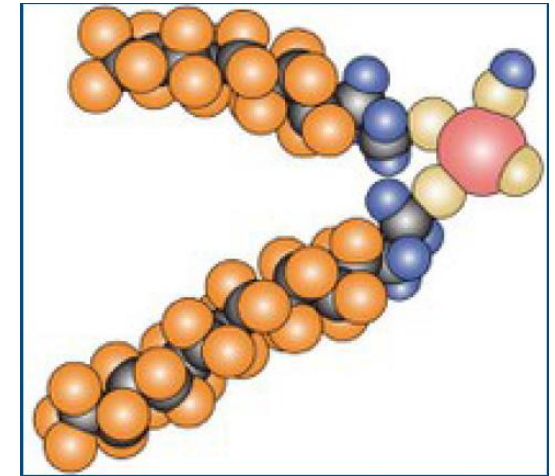


→ Metabolite ID

→ Effects

# PFAS

- > 4700 **Poly- and perfluorinated substances** (PFAS; OECD portal)
- PFAS are **persistent and mobile**, accumulate in humans and in the environment
- **PFOS and PFOA** in Annex A (Stockholm Convention)
- PFOA and PFOS are **priority hazardous substances** (WFD 2000/60/EC)
- → Proposal of regulating **PFAS as class**, 0.5 µg/L group limit, 0.1 µg/L for 16 individual PFAS (European Environment Agency 2019)

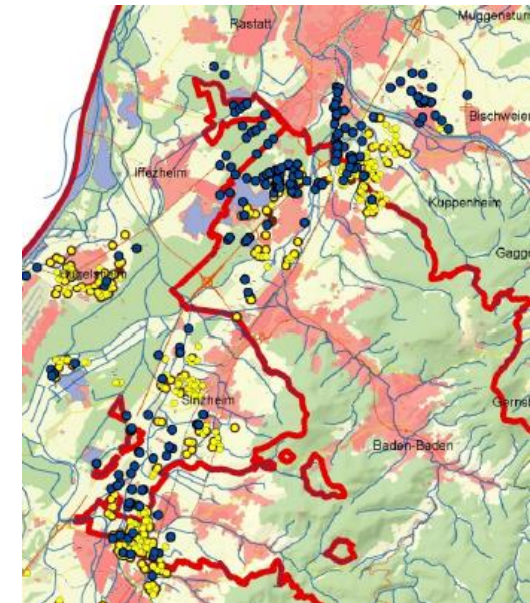


# PFAS contamination

## „Rastatt Case“ – Large-scale PFAS contamination

- **2013 PFC** found by chance in GW & DW in Rauental
- Monitoring showed **large-scale contamination** of wells
- **PFAS input** on agricultural land
- **Compost and paper fibers** as input sources
- → 7.8 Mio m<sup>2</sup> agricultural soils contaminated
- → 2 Drinking water works closed, other with enhanced treatment

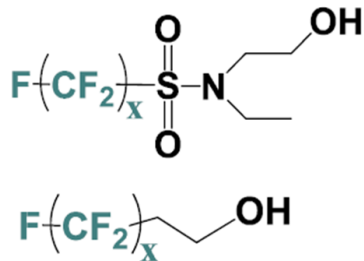
 **Input & fate of PFAS contamination**



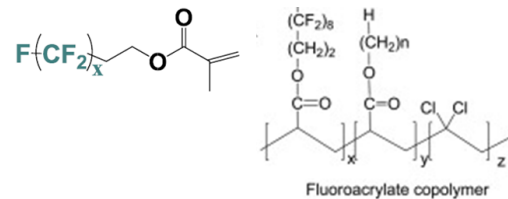
# PFAS in paper and card board

- PFAS are **oil and water repellent**
- Use in **food contact materials**, textiles, leather, cleaning agents...
- Commercial **PFAS products** contain homologue series

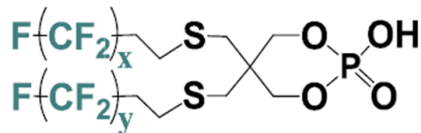
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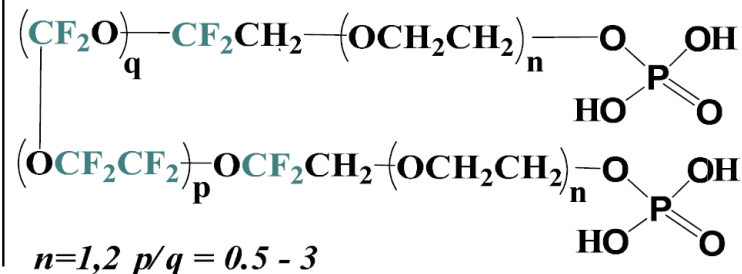
Fluoroacrylates



PAPs

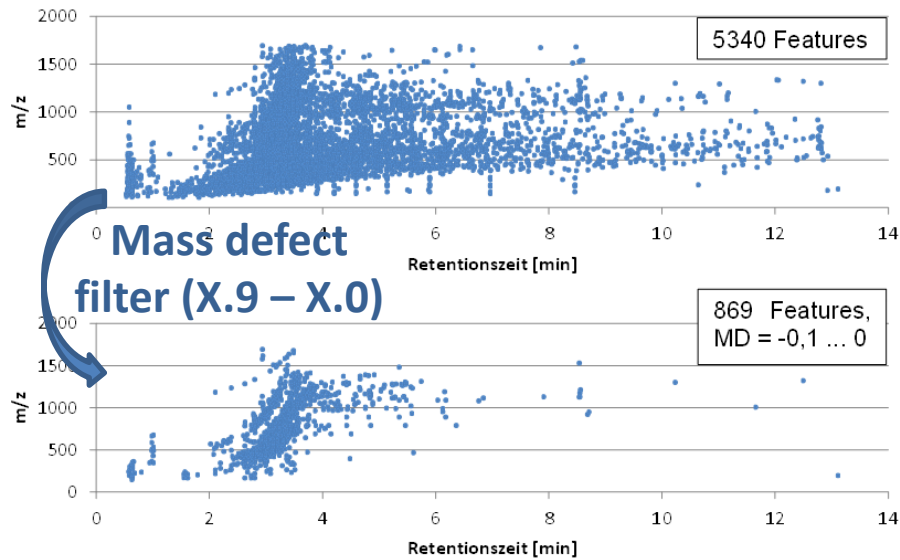


Polyfluorinated Polyethers

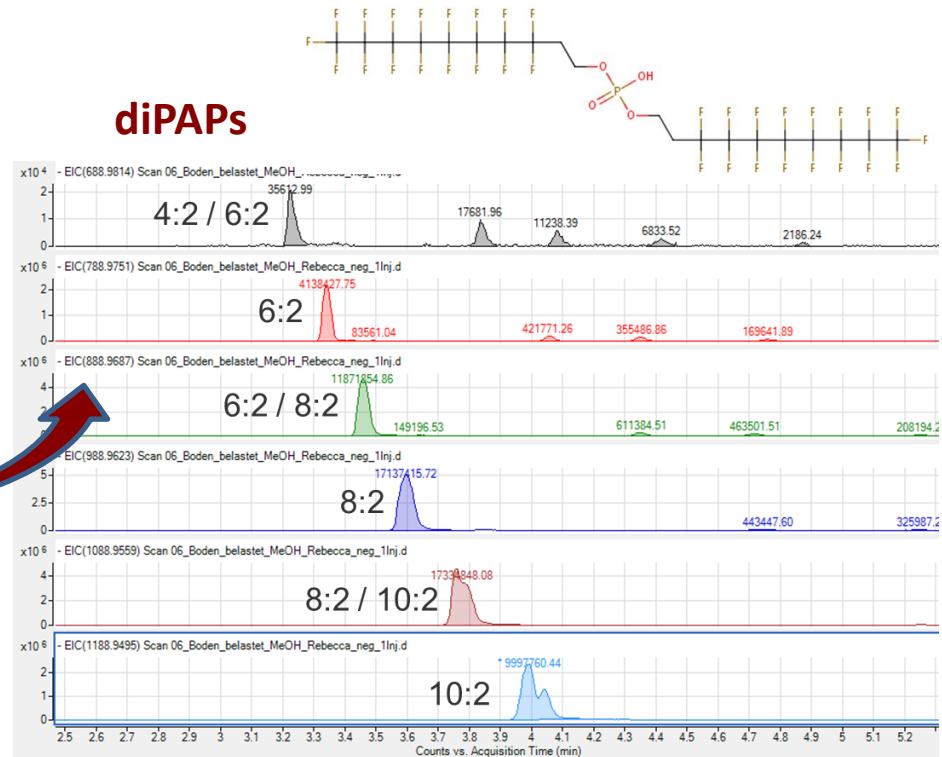


# HRMS screening

- LC-ESI-QTOF-MS screening of soil extract
- Data evaluation:
  - Peak finding (MFE)
  - mass defect filter,
  - Kendrick mass analysis



**Kendrick mass analysis**  
 (-C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>- homologue series)




# HRMS screening

Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry

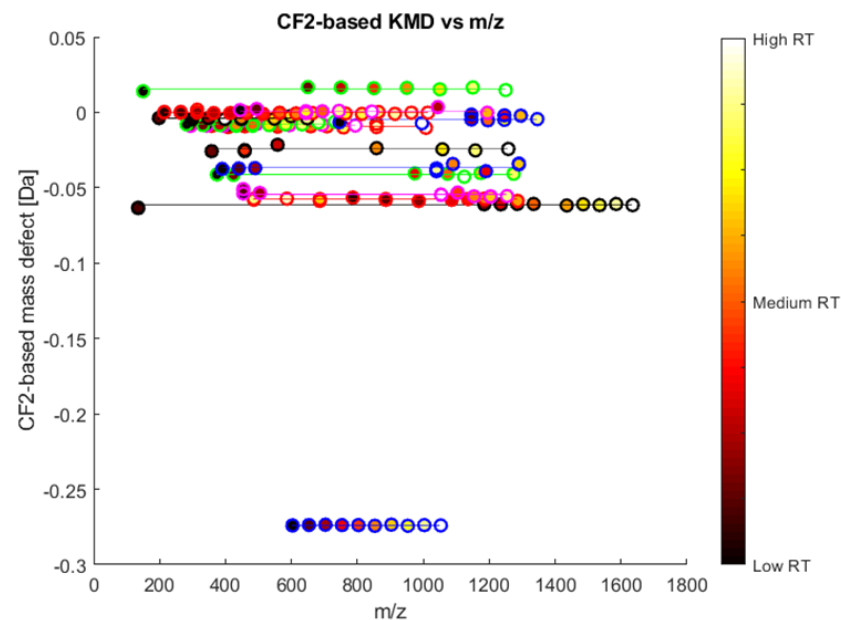
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PAPER IN FOREFRONT

## LC-MS screening of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in contaminated soil by Kendrick mass analysis

Boris Bugsel<sup>1</sup> · Christian Zwiener<sup>1</sup> 

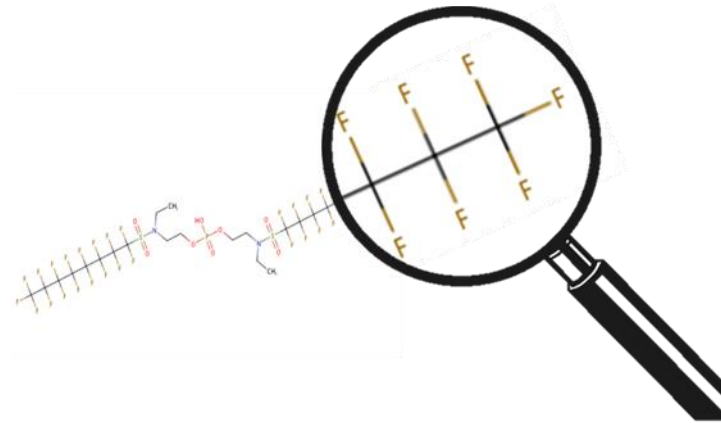
Compound	Number of compounds	Mass range	Identification
PFCA	17	263 - 1013	Standard (PFOA)
PFSA	5	399 - 599	Standard (PFOS)
FTUCA	10	357 - 857	Standard (8:2 FTUCA)
FASA	4	398 - 648	Standard (FOSA)
diPAP	9	689 - 1489	Standard (6:2/8:2)
PFPIA	4	751 - 901	Homologue series
n:2 FTCA	3	427 - 527	Standard (8:2 FTCA)
n:3 Acid	6	391 - 641	Standard (7:3 Säure)
PFAL	6	297 - 547	Homologue series
MeFASA	1	512	No homologue series
EtFASA	1	526	No homologue series
diSAmPAP	8	953 - 1303	Standard (C8)
monoPAP	11	343 - 843	Standard (8:2)
EtFASAA	4	534 - 684	Standard (C8)
2H-PFCA	15	345 - 1045	Homologue series
triPAP	>4	n.a.	Homologue series
PF-polyether	4	1071 - 1221	Homologue series



- Most important precursors are diPAPs and diSAmPAP
- Degradation products: PFCAs, PFOS, N-Ethyl FASAA

# Future needs and developments

- Sample prep and **separation methods** for polar pollutants
- **HRMS**: Enhanced resolution and accuracy → assignment of chemical formula
- **Data evaluation**: Automated workflows for NTS data
- Cheap and **easy to use (field) analysis approaches** to monitor and control PFAS in remediation and water treatment





# Thanks

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### Baden-Württemberg Programs (KIT)

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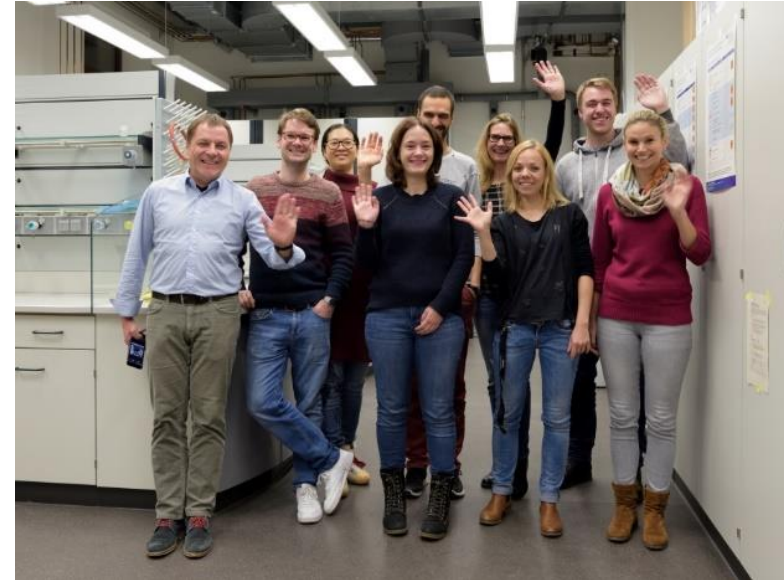
### DFG CRC 1253 Campos

### Ministry for Research and Education BW

## Project partners:

- Technology Center Karlsruhe TZW
- Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging IVV, Freising
- Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research, Leipzig
- Agricultural Technology Center Augustenberg LTZ, Karlsruhe

**Students:** Boris Bugsel, Selina Tisler, Jonathan Zweigle, Rebecca Bauer, Yudha Haeqal





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# Microplastics here, there and everywhere

Development and improvement of analytical methods to quantify microplastics in environmental matrices, with a focus on airborne microplastics

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Jes Vollertsen, Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark

Environmental Engineer with focus wastewater and stormwater

Came into microplastics research in 2016



An estimated

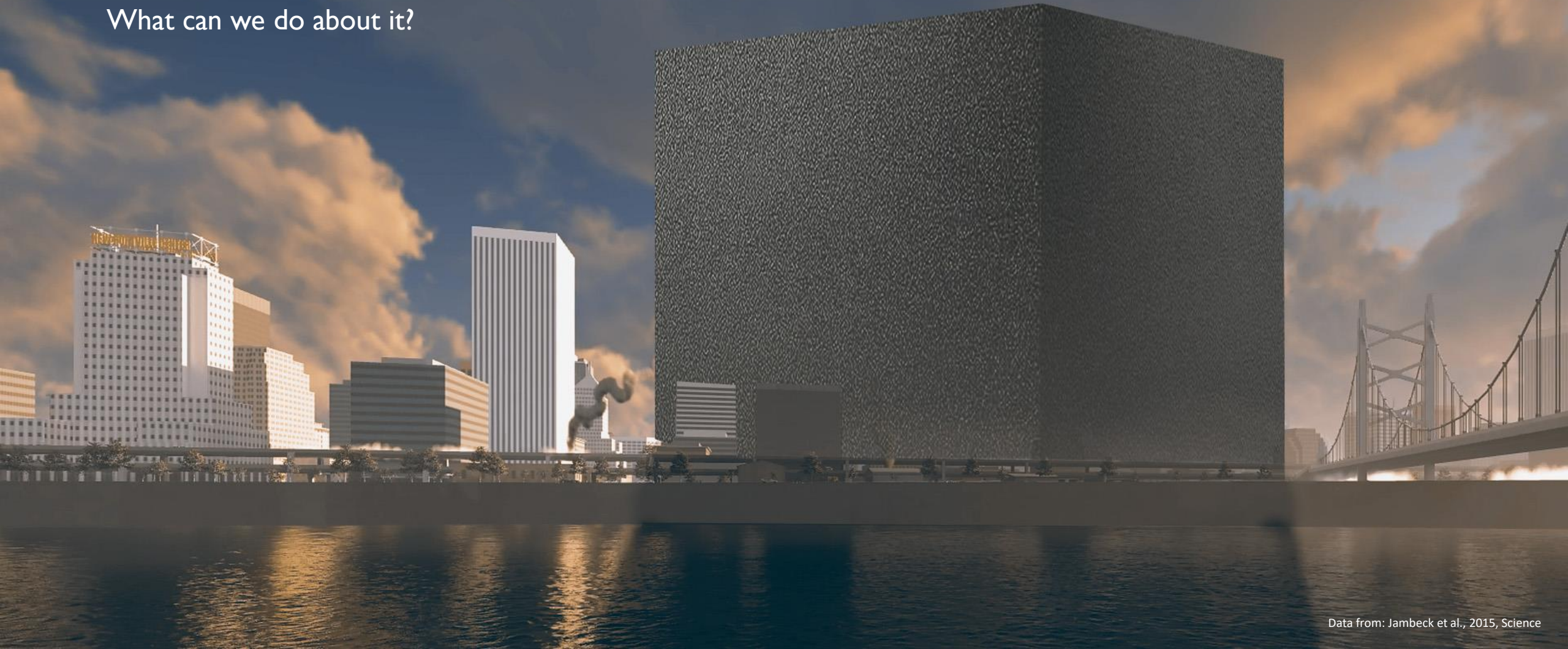
**4.8 and 12.7 million tonnes**

of plastic is emitted into the  
marine environment every year

How much is elsewhere? in the air you breath, the food you eat and the water you drink?

What harm does it cause?

What can we do about it?



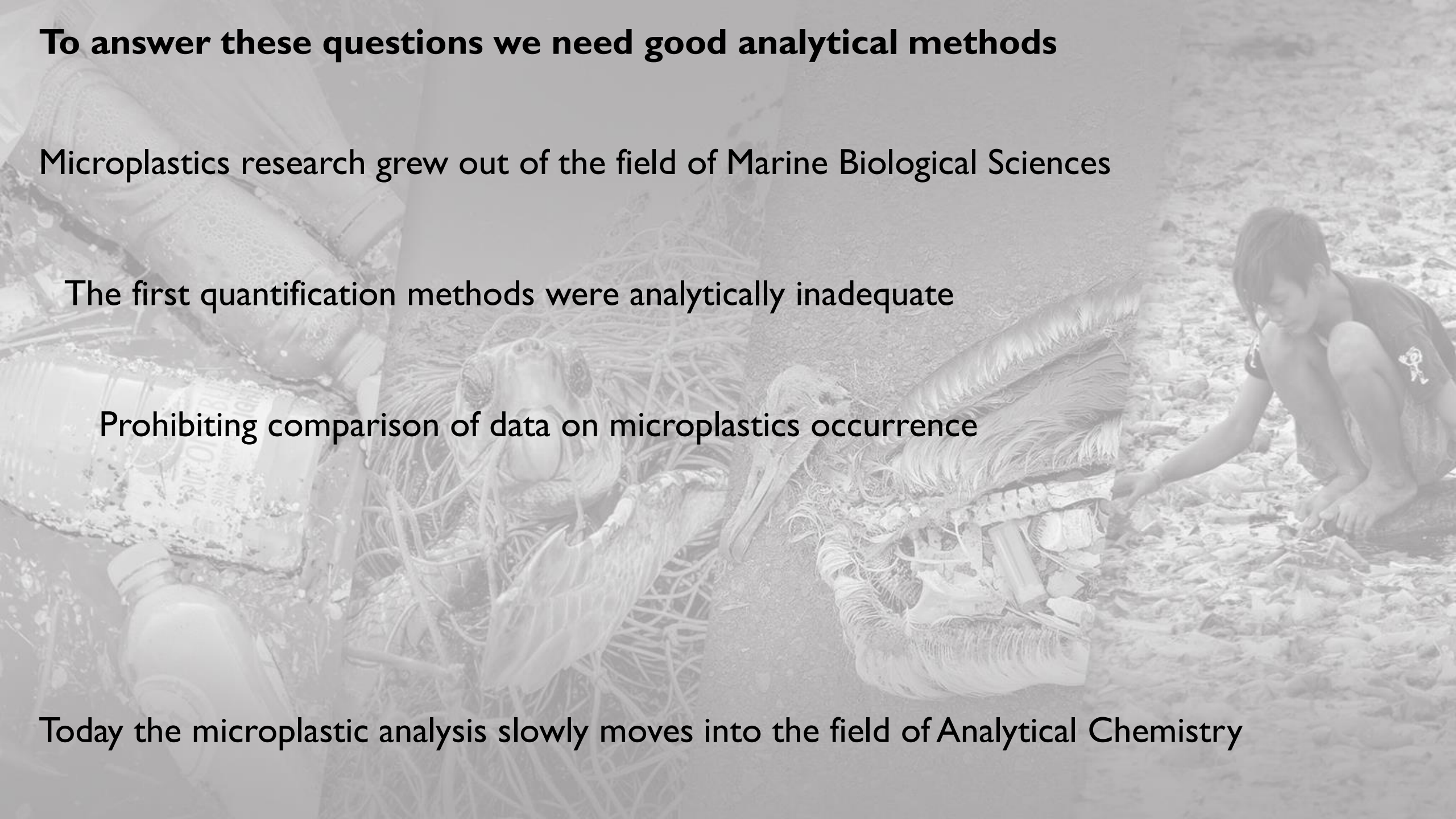
**To answer these questions we need good analytical methods**

Microplastics research grew out of the field of Marine Biological Sciences

The first quantification methods were analytically inadequate

Prohibiting comparison of data on microplastics occurrence

Today the microplastic analysis slowly moves into the field of Analytical Chemistry



# The microplastic team at Aalborg University

## Key lab infrastructure

- μFTIR imaging
- ATR-FTIR
- Pyrolysis GC-MS
- μRaman
- Single-cell ICP-MS
- FlowCam
- Clean-lab facilities
- Field monitoring equipment



## Professors

- Jes Vollertsen
- Asbjørn H Nielsen
- Diana A Stephansen

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- Inga Kirstein
- Claudia Lorenz
- Fan Liu

## PhD students

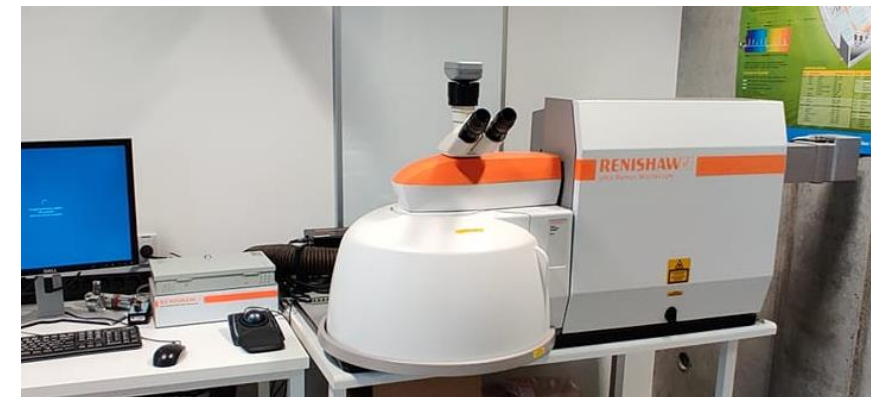
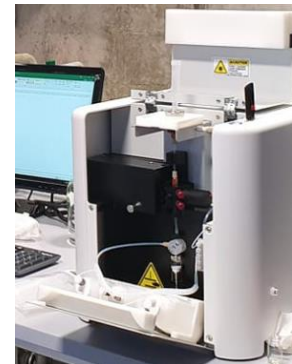
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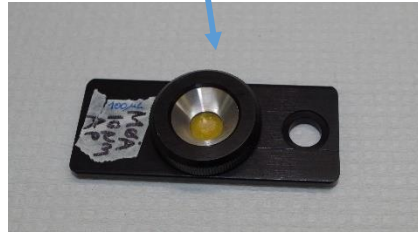


# How we analyze for small microplastics

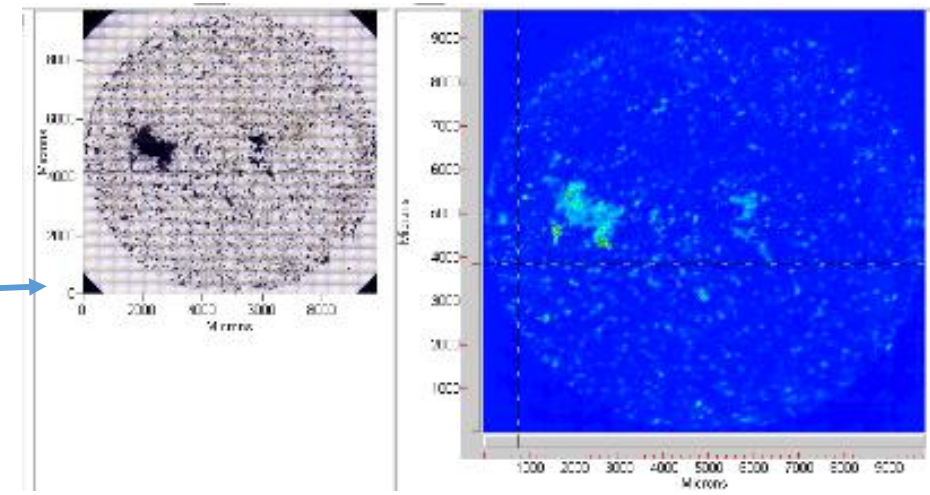
Sample pre-treatment  
Collect samples in vial



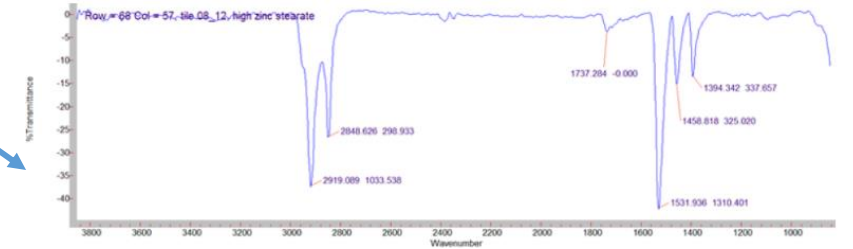
Deposit sample on  
slide, window or filter



Scan it



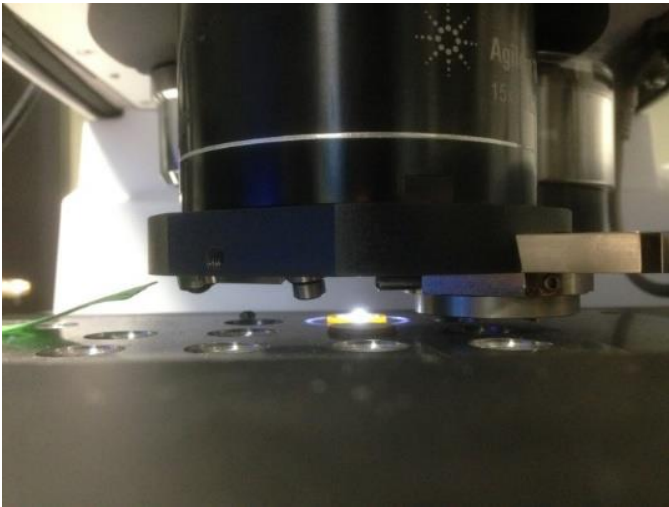
Interpret



A good IR spectrum of what looks like zinc stearate



A medium quality spectrum of what likely is polypropylene



# And out comes the data monster



We typically scan an area of 10x10 mm at 5.5  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel resolution to create a map of 3,211,264 individual spectra

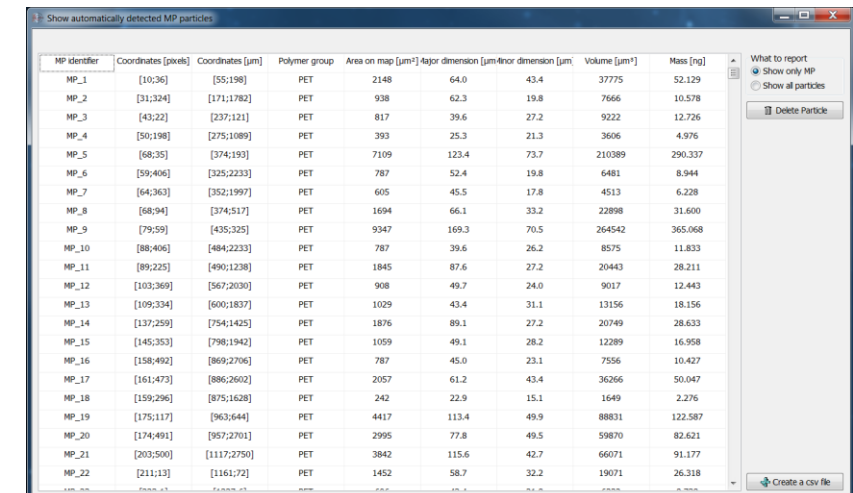
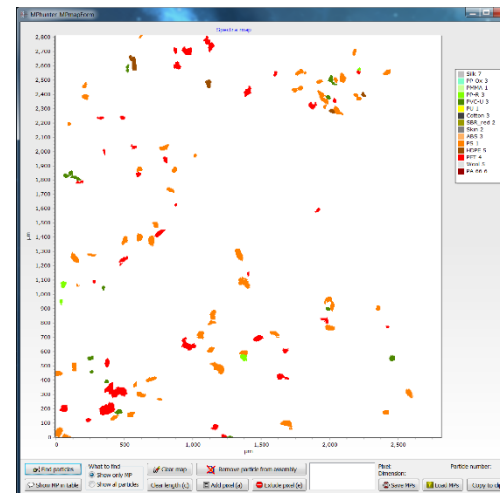
We then compare each spectrum with several hundreds reference spectra

We build our own software together with a German research group:

**siMPLe**

(MP analysis for non-nerds)

Data crunching





# MP in indoor air

Clothes

Kitchen

Home appliances

Textiles



# A study of microplastics in indoor air



www.nature.com/scientificreports

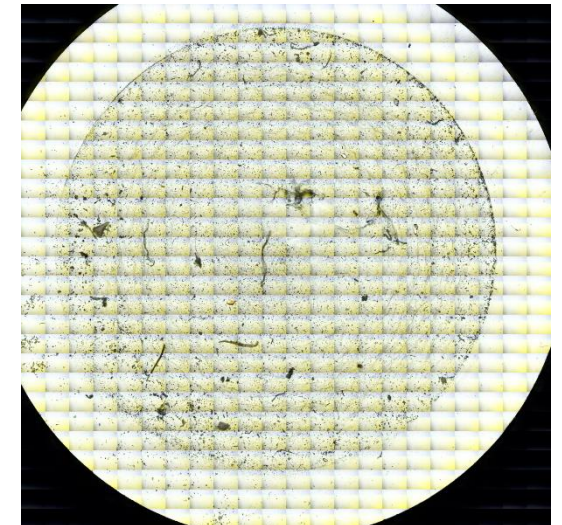
## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

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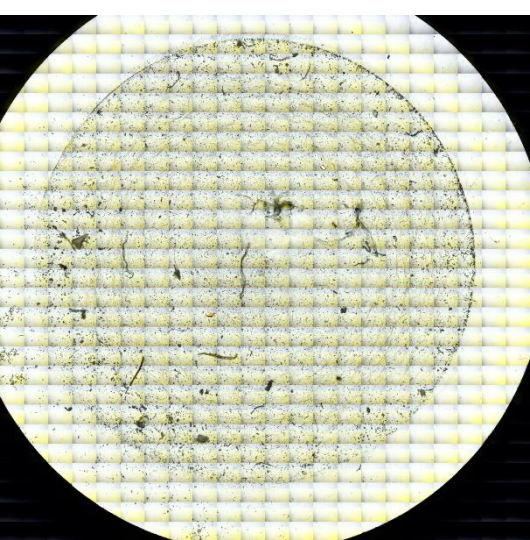
Alvise Vianello<sup>1</sup>, Rasmus Lund Jensen<sup>1</sup>, Li Liu<sup>2</sup> & Jes Vollertsen<sup>1</sup>

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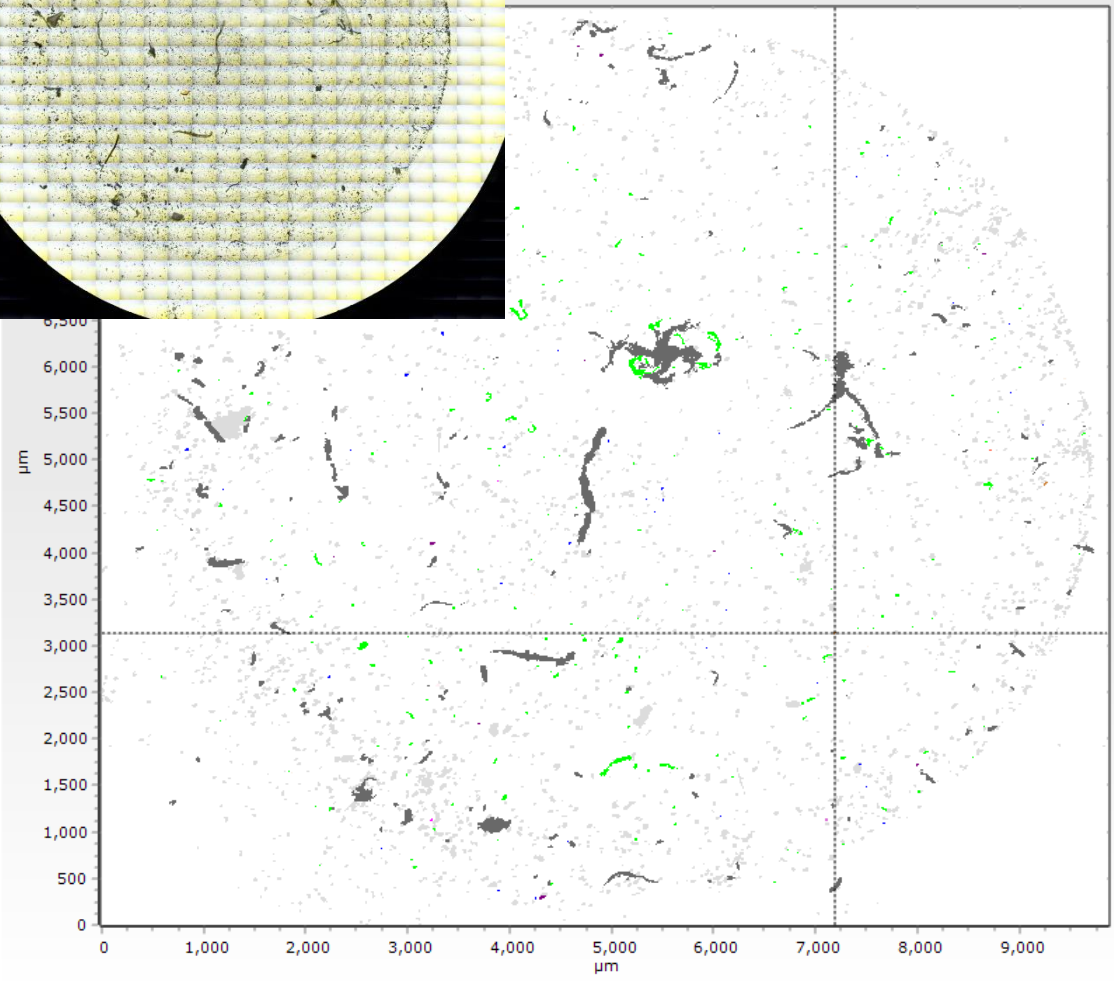
Humans are potentially exposed to microplastics through food, drink, and air. The first two pathways have received quite some scientific attention, while little is known about the latter. We address the exposure of humans to indoor airborne microplastics using a Breathing Thermal Manikin. Three



# Microplastics in Air



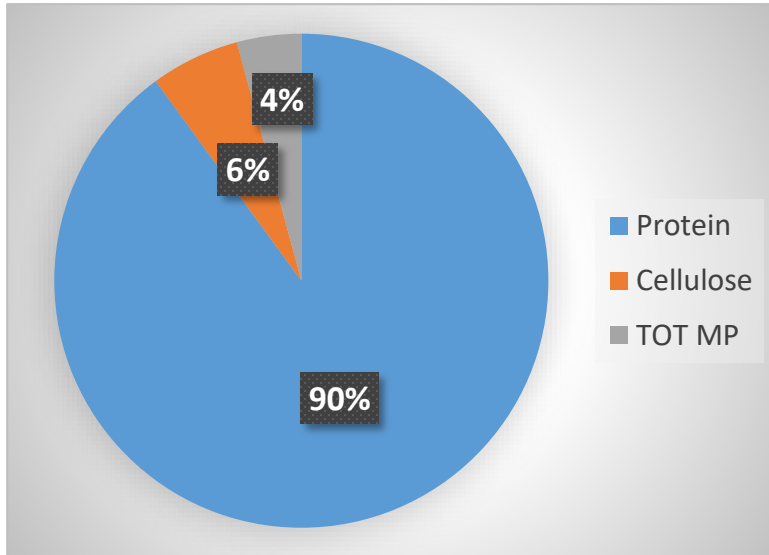
Spectra map



Fouling release	36
Alkyd	35
PU paints	34
Acrylic paints	33
Cellulose	32
Protein	31
Cellulose acetate	30
PEBAX	29
Polyimide	28
Aramid	27
PLA	26
EPDM	25
PTFE	24
PEG	23
POM	22
Diene elastomer	21
Phenoxy resin	20
Epoxy	19
PAN_Acrylic fibre	18
Polycarbonate	17
ABS	16
SBR	15
PS	14
PU	13
PVDC	12
PVAC	11
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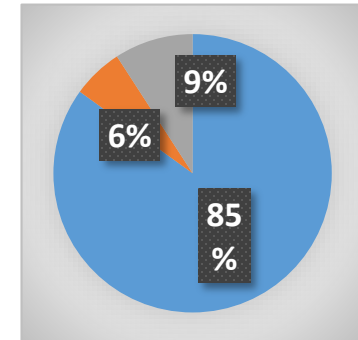
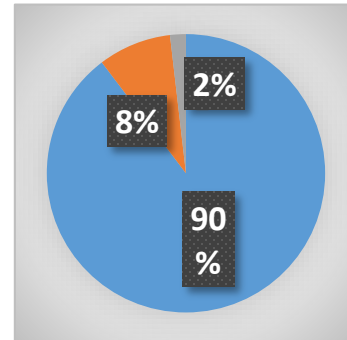
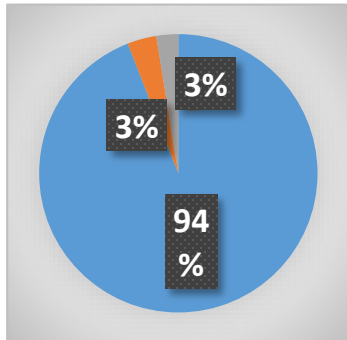
Gray: Natural materials  
Colored: Plastics

## Composition of the organic material in the dust



- Proteins, for example skin and hair
- Cellulose, for example cotton
- TOT MP: all sorts of microplastics

## Variations between the 3 flats

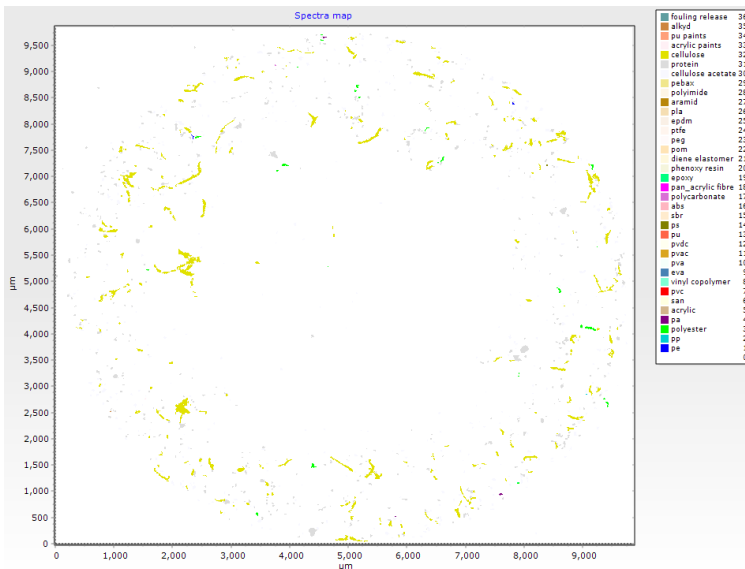


# Another study of microplastics in indoor air

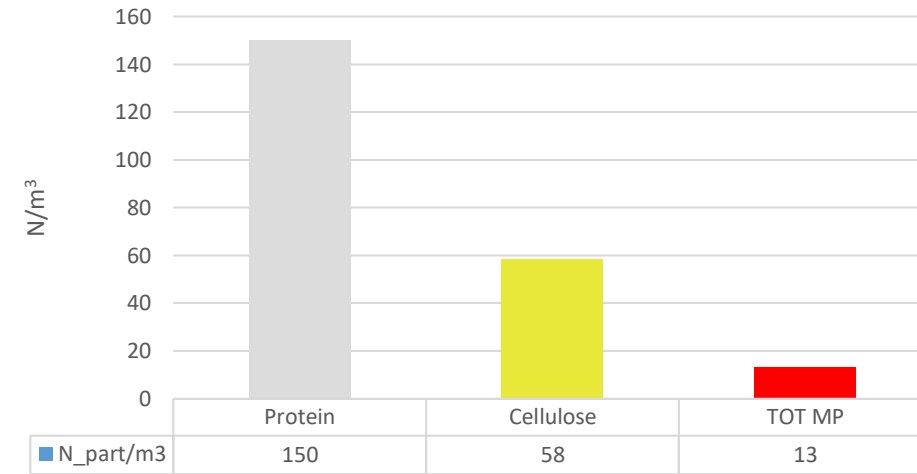
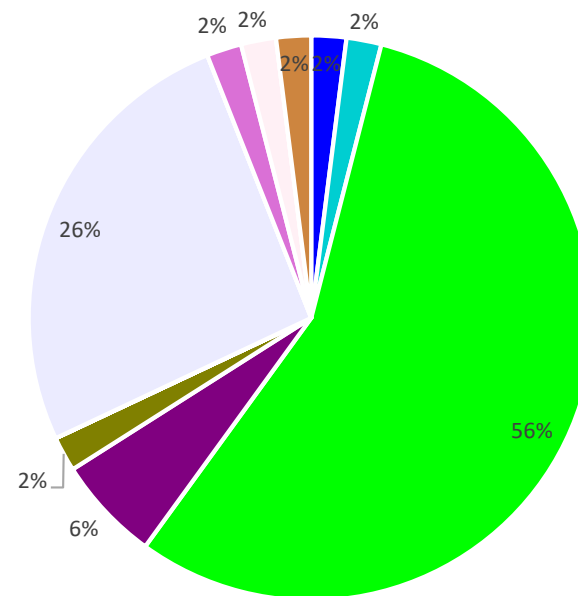
Microplastics in a flat in Copenhagen – a part of a Danish TV production

We measured the microplastics in the air

Air was filtered for 8 hours, analyzed on the Cary 620/670

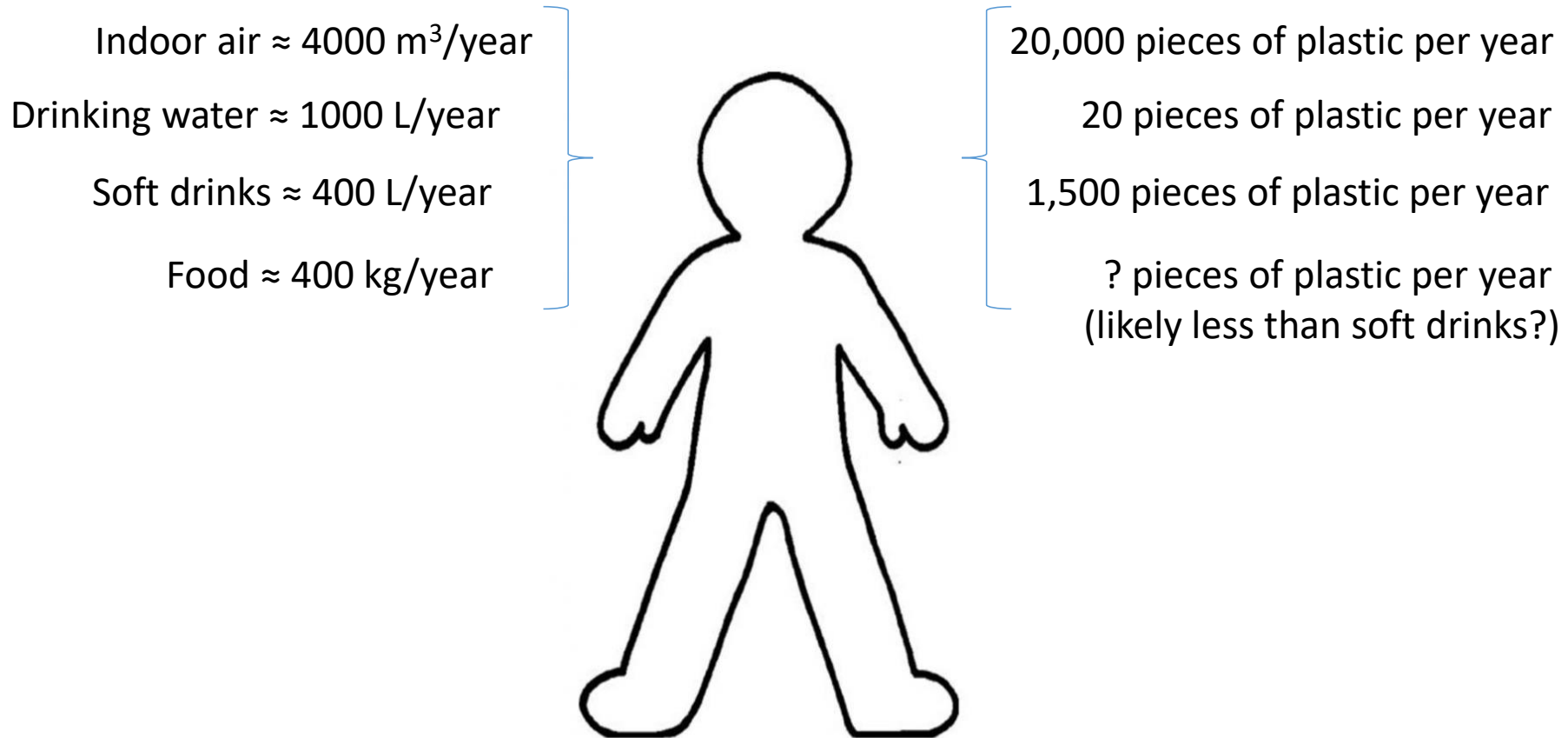


- PE
- Polyester
- Polystyrene
- PC
- Alkyd varnish
- PP
- Nylon
- cellulose acetate
- Acrylic paints



# How much microplastics does a human take in?

The comparison is done on data from Aalborg University only, so we are sure it is comparable  
(part is still unpublished)



# Outlook and challenges

Routine monitoring  
Commercial laboratories

Standardized methods  
High reproducibility  
Low cost  
Fast analysis

Microplastics research  
Universities, research institutions, ...

High flexibility  
Challenge method boundaries  
Price and time less important

*not* **The End**  
*Lets together work for that goal*



# Optimising techniques to enhance detection of persistent organic pollutants

Professor Fiona Regan  
School of Chemical Sciences

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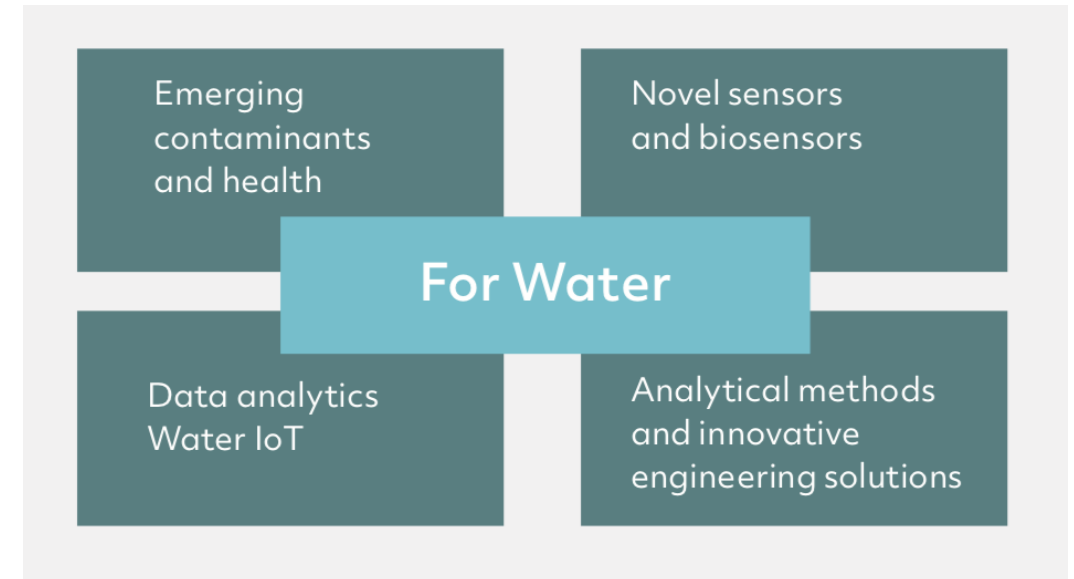
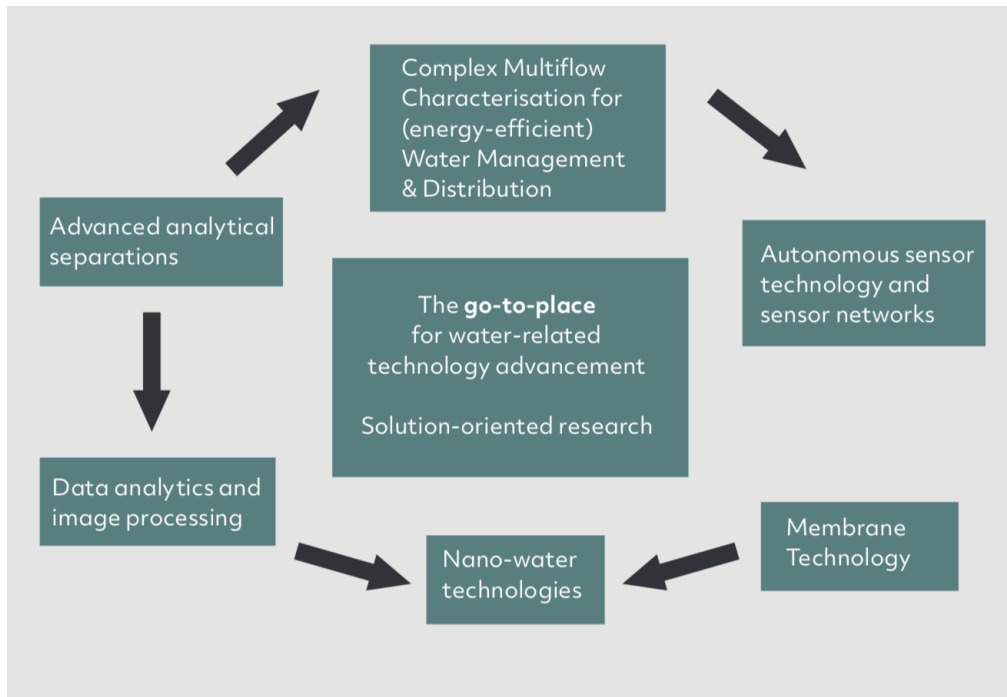


# Introduction

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# DCU Water Institute

Our mission is to support society by carrying out research and development that generates innovative solutions that help to address major water challenges.



# Phthalates and human health

## Research Questions

- To what degree are humans exposed to phthalates?
- What do we know about how phthalates affect human health?
- Is wastewater-based epidemiology an effective tool for risk assessment of these chemicals?
- With this information what recommendations can be made for future phthalate legislation?

## 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

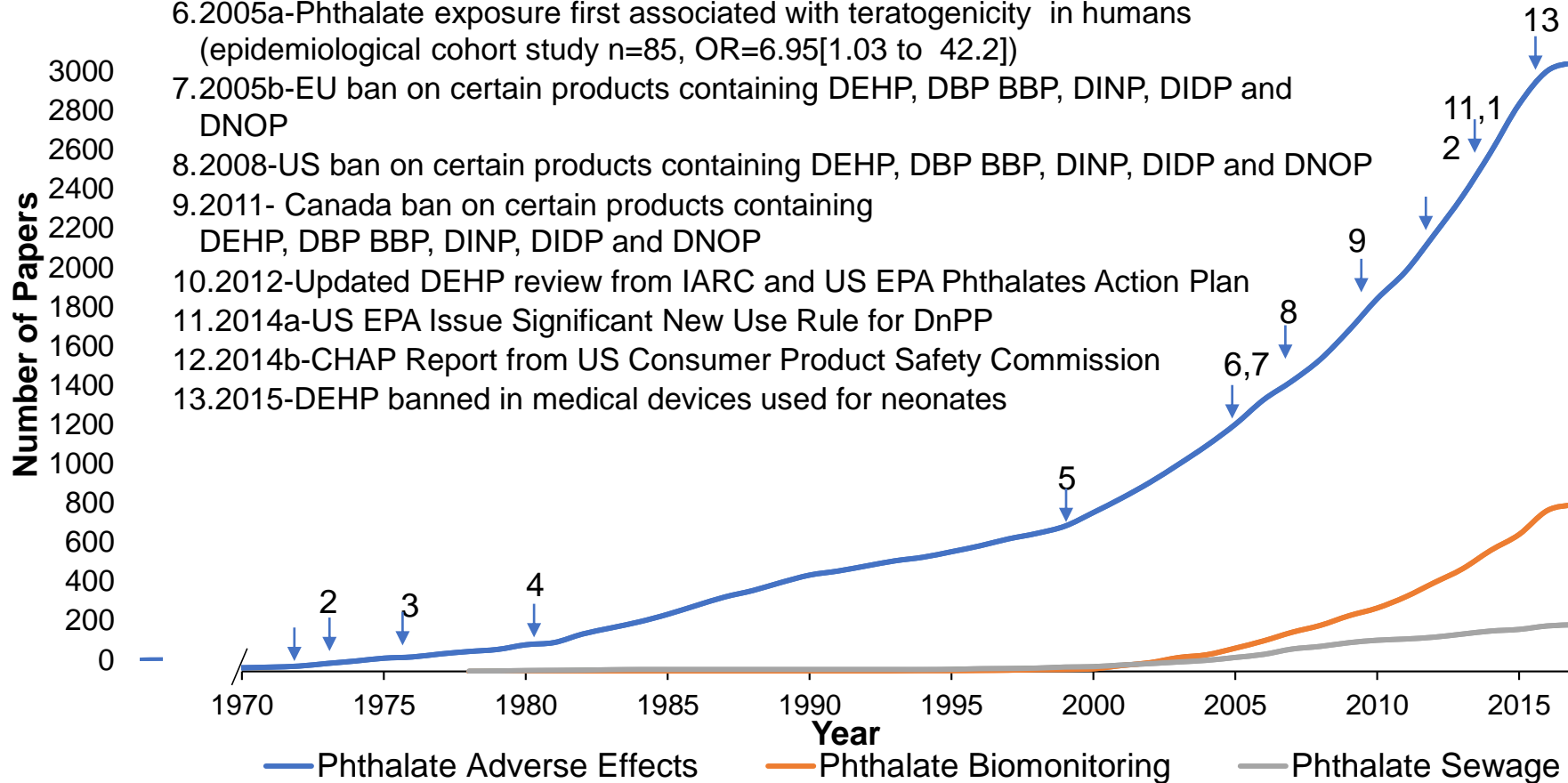




What is driving research efforts

# Phthalate research and legislation

1. 1972-Teratogenicity of phthalates first studied (rat model)
2. 1973-Monesters as phthalate metabolites first (rat model)
3. 1978-Monoesters as phthalate metabolites first studied (humans)
4. 1982-First review on carcinogenicity of DEHP, BBP published by IARC
5. 1999-First use of monoesters for human biomonitoring
6. 2005a-Phthalate exposure first associated with teratogenicity in humans (epidemiological cohort study n=85, OR=6.95[1.03 to 42.2])
7. 2005b-EU ban on certain products containing DEHP, DBP BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP
8. 2008-US ban on certain products containing DEHP, DBP BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP
9. 2011- Canada ban on certain products containing DEHP, DBP BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP
10. 2012-Updated DEHP review from IARC and US EPA Phthalates Action Plan
11. 2014a-US EPA Issue Significant New Use Rule for DnPP
12. 2014b-CHAP Report from US Consumer Product Safety Commission
13. 2015-DEHP banned in medical devices used for neonates



# European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

## - Recommendation to the European Commission

- **ECHA has submitted a recommendation to the European Commission to amend Authorisation List (Annex XIV of REACH) entries by adding the endocrine disrupting properties of four phthalates.**
- **Helsinki, 10 July 2019** - ECHA has prepared a recommendation to amend the Authorisation List to include endocrine disrupting properties into the respective entries of:
  - **bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)** (EC 204-211-0, CAS 117-81-7)
  - **benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)** (EC 201-622-7, CAS 85-68-7)
  - **dibutyl phthalate (DBP)** (EC 201-557-4, CAS 84-74-2)
  - **diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)** (EC 201-553-2, CAS 84-69-5).

# Legislation

- They were identified as substances of very high concern (SVHCs) due to endocrine disrupting properties with effects on human health.
- DEHP was also identified for its effects on the environment.
- The Candidate List entries for these substances were updated accordingly in 2014 and 2017.
- These four phthalates had earlier been identified as SVHCs (in 2008 and 2009) and subsequently added to the Authorisation List in 2011 and 2012 due to their classification as toxic for reproduction.



# Cycle of Phthalates and their Metabolites in the WWTP

**Phthalates are ubiquitous synthetic organic compounds**

- Plasticizers
- Endocrine disruptors
- Banned/limited in manufacturing

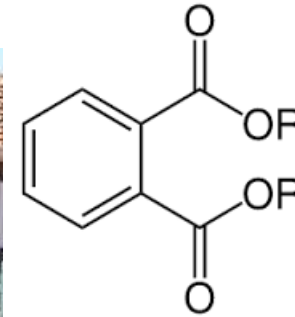
**Exposure routes:**

- Ingestion
- Inhalation
- Absorption

**Health Impacts:**

- Male Birth Defects
- Impaired neurological development in children
- Obesity

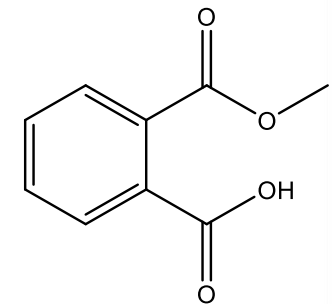
**Diesters**  
Household and Industry



Diester:Monoester ratio



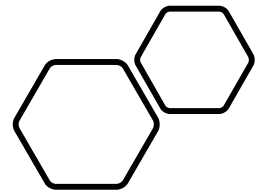
**Monoesters**  
Human metabolism







# Identifying and characterizing POPs



# Environmental Analytical Approach

Rationale	Proposed
Small scale WWTP	Influent (diester and monoester), Effluent, Sludge
Medium scale WWTP	Influent (diester and monoester), Effluent, Sludge
Large scale WWTP	Influent (diester and monoester), Effluent, Sludge
Surface water catchment	12 months grab
Soil catchment (2 x farms, Tolka Park, industrial estate)	1 x winter 1 x summer Starting July 2018
Landfill + groundwater	4 quarterly samples starting Aug 2018
Recycling plant Green, brown, black	1 of each Dec. 2017
Passive samples	2 deployments winter and summer

# Contamination Control in Phthalate Analysis

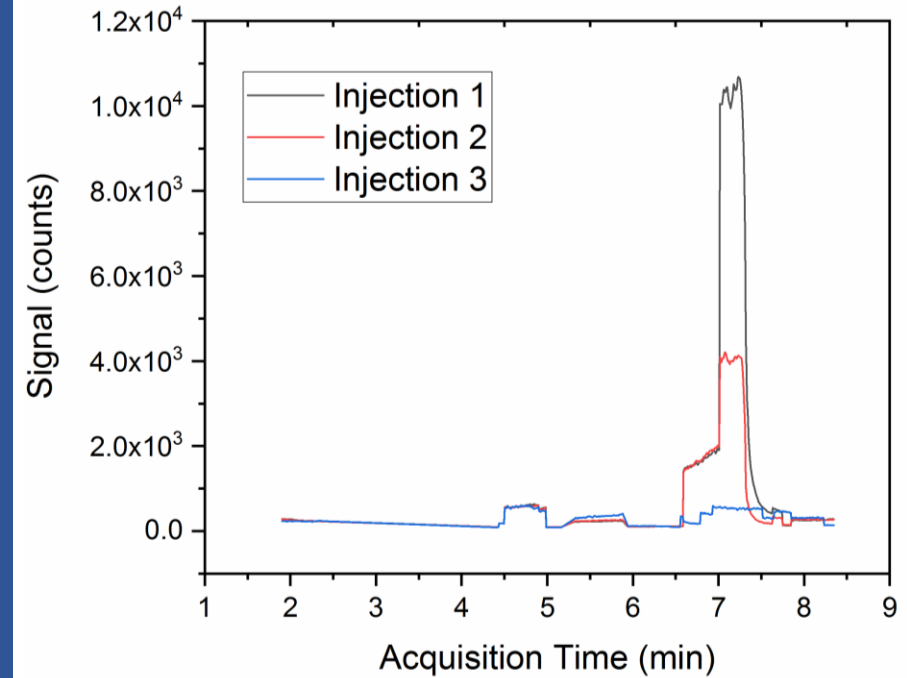
## Reduce Contamination:

- Extensive glassware preparation with quality controlled solvents
- Minimal handling/analysis steps
- Quality checks on each batch of solvent

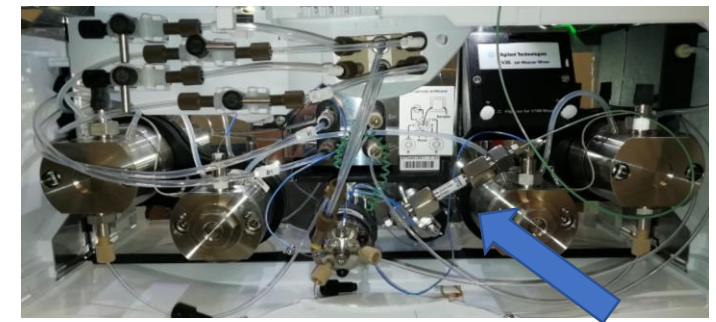
## Engineering Controls:

- Stainless steel fittings,
- Delay column fitted
- Multi-wash system and 3 analytical blanks are run between each sample

**Eliminate Residual Background:**  
Subtract Procedural Blank



Analytical Blanks Multi-wash



Delay Column

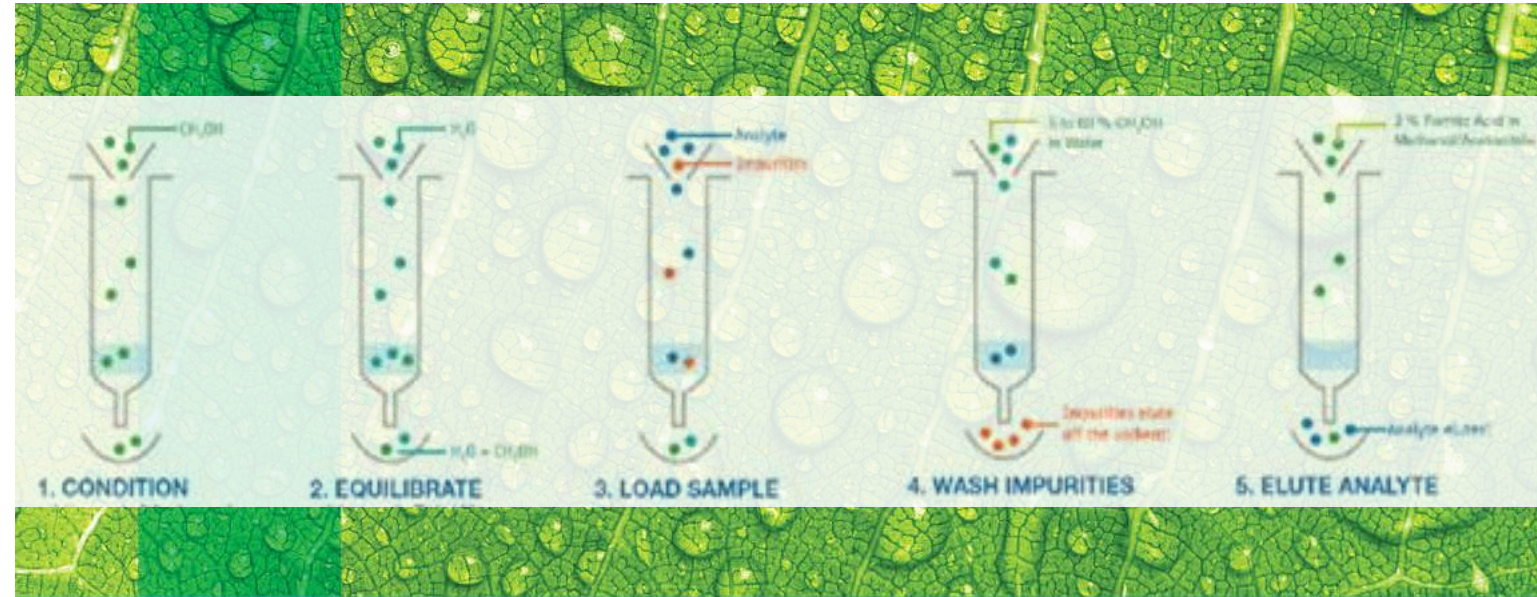
# Method Development - Extraction

## Solid Phase Extraction (SPE):

water, leachate, sludge (after pre-prep)

### Strata-X Teflon cartridges

- Condition: 20 mL of ACN
- Equilibrate: 20 mL of water
- Load: Sample (*500 mL – 1 L of sample and matrix very slowly*)
- Wash: 20 mL of (40:60) Methanol:Water
- Dry: 10 min under full vacuum
- Elute: 20 mL of ACN



# Sample Extraction



## Soxhlet Extraction (SE): solids, plastics

- 1 g of material
- Place in round bottom flask and add 100 mL dichloromethane
- Assemble SE apparatus
- Bring to 40°C and maintain for 16 h



# Phthalate target ions

# Log Kow 1.6 - 10

Peak No.	Compound	Precursor Ion	Product Ion
1	Dimethylphthalate (DMP)	195.1	162.9
		195.1	77
2	Benzylbutylphthalate (BBP)	313.2	91
		313.2	148.9
3	Diisobutylphthalate (DIBP)	279.2	205.1
		279.2	149
4	Dibutylphthalate (DBP)	279.2	205
		279.2	148.9
5	Diisopentylphthalate (DIPP)	307.18	149
		307.18	77.1
6	Dipentylphthalate (DNPP)	307.2	219
		307.2	148.9

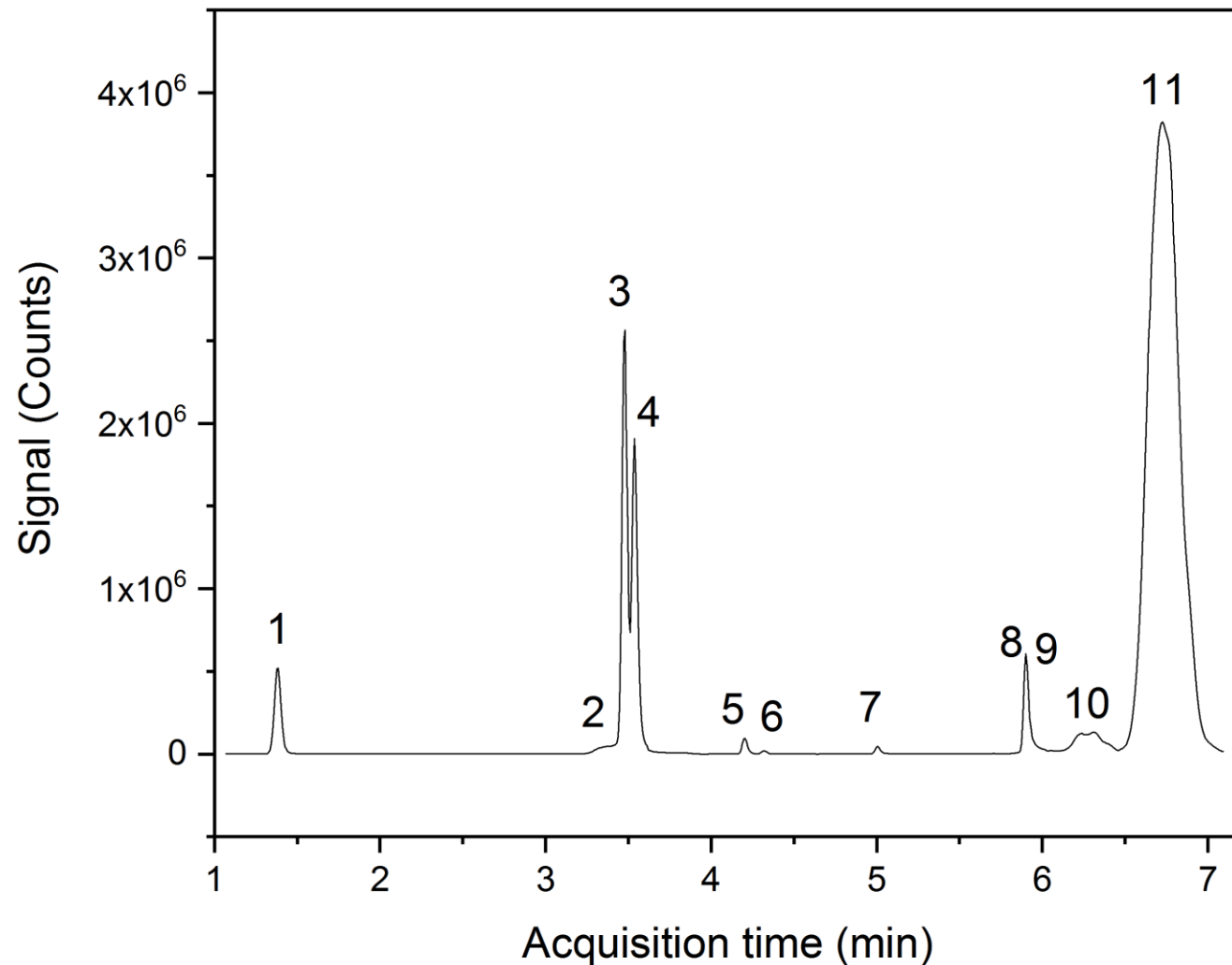
Peak No.	Compound	Precursor Ion	Product Ion
7	Dihexylphthalate (DHP)	335.2	233
		335.2	148.9
8	Diethylhexylphthalate (DEHP)	391.3	279
		391.3	148.9
9	Di-n-octylphthalate (DNOP)	391.3	166.9
		391.3	148.9
10	Diisononylphthalate (DINP)	419.31	148.9
		419.31	71.1
11	Diisodecylphthalate (DIDP)	447.3	141.1
		447.3	85.1

# Diester Separation

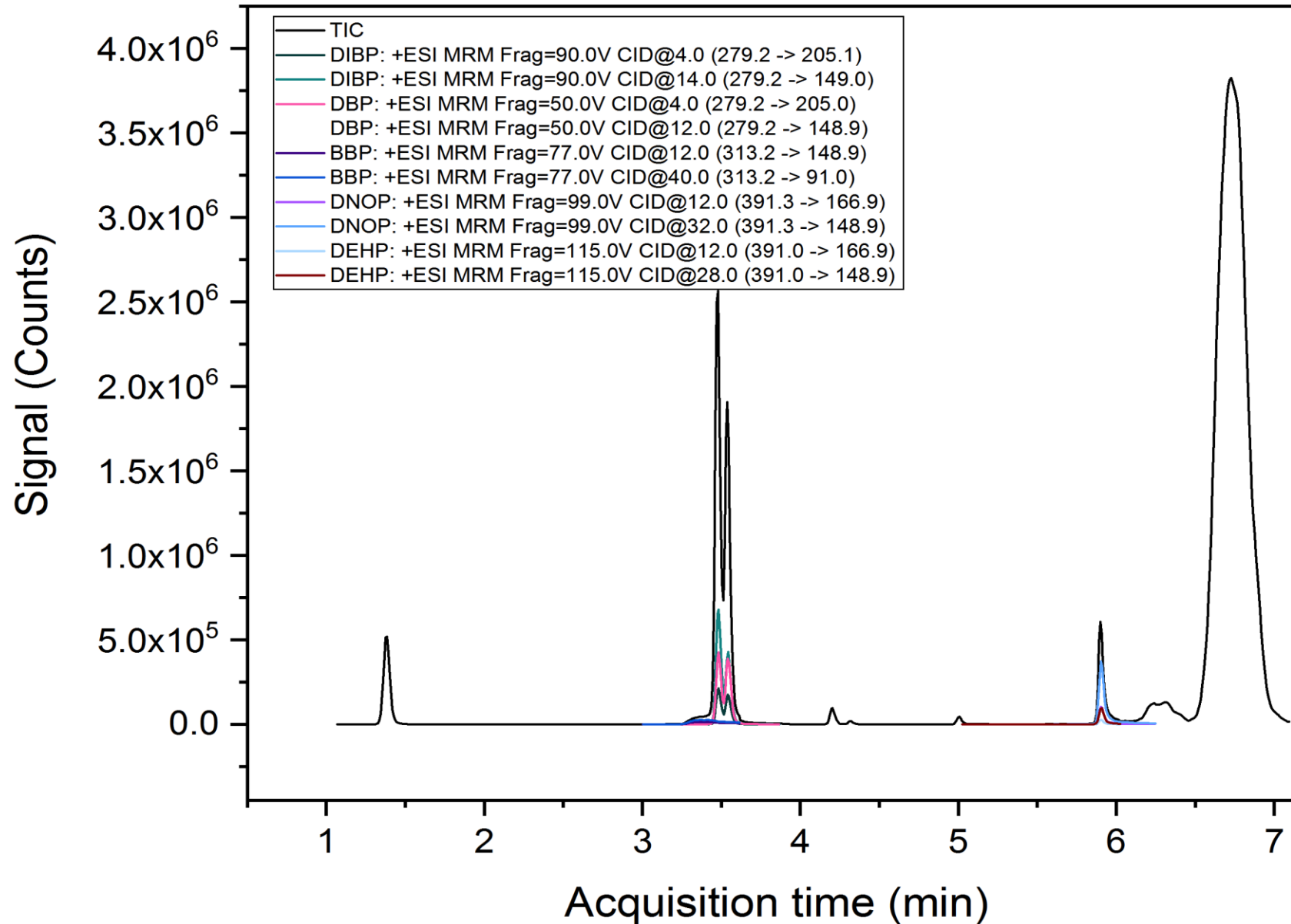
Column: 2.1 x150 mm,  
2.7  $\mu\text{m}$  internal  
diameter Poroshell,  
temperature 60 $^{\circ}$  C

Mobile Phase: Water  
50:50 MeOH:ACN  
Gradient: 0 min 60%B,  
2.0 min 80% B, 5.0  
min 100%B, 9.1 min  
60% B

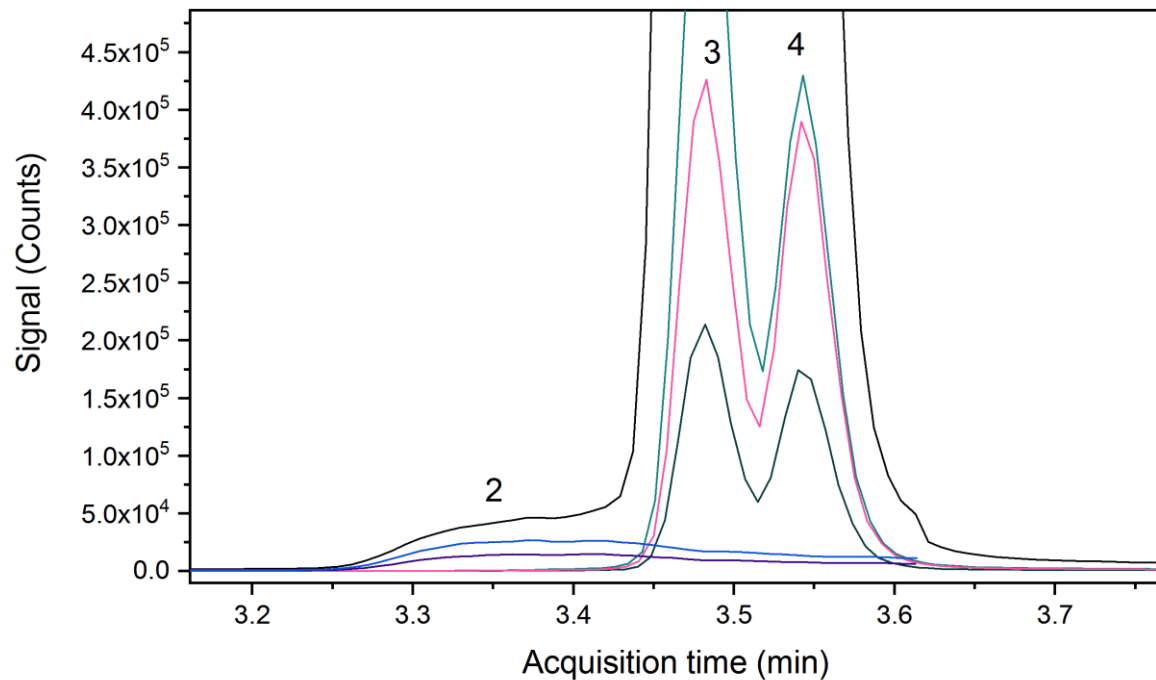
Flow Rate: 0.4 mL/min  
Injection Volume: 2  $\mu\text{L}$



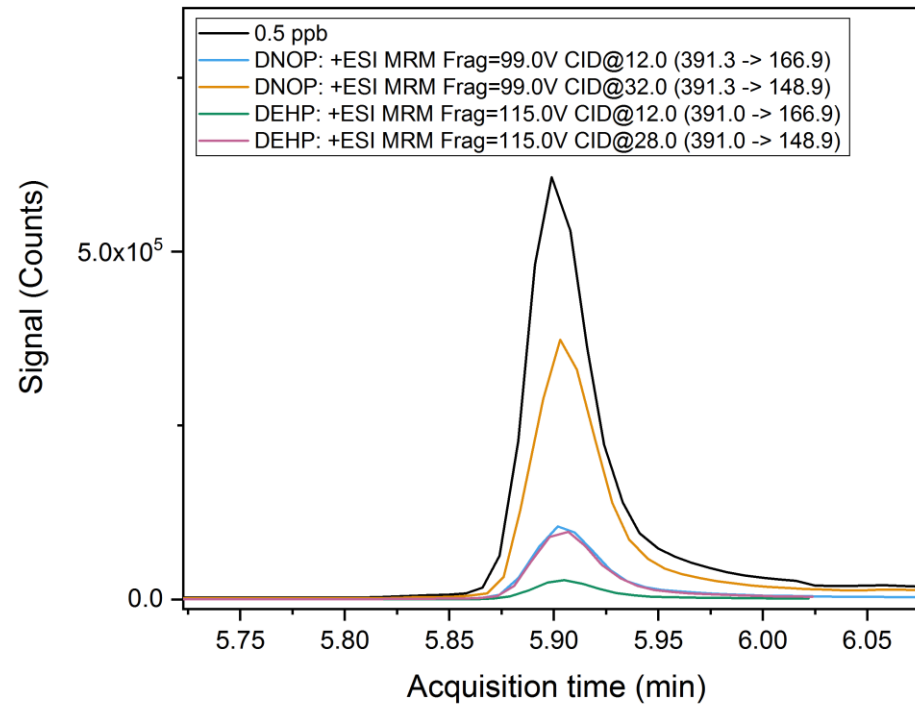
# Suite of 11 phthalates and overlapping MRMs







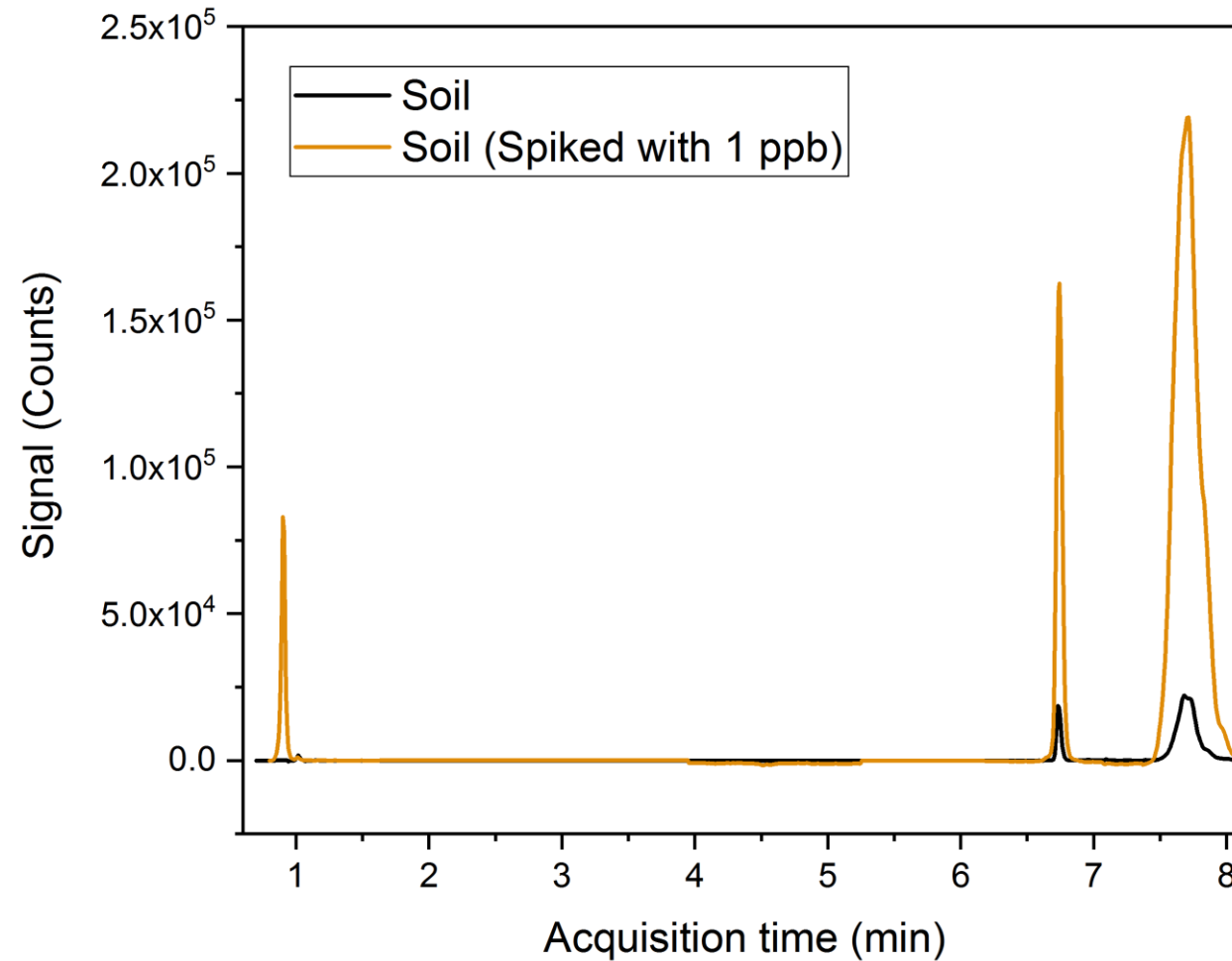
- 0.5 ppb
- DIBP: +ESI MRM Frag=90.0V CID@4.0 (279.2 -> 205.1)
- DIBP: +ESI MRM Frag=90.0V CID@14.0 (279.2 -> 149.0)
- DBP: +ESI MRM Frag=50.0V CID@4.0 (279.2 -> 205.0)
- DBP: +ESI MRM Frag=50.0V CID@12.0 (279.2 -> 148.9)
- BBP: +ESI MRM Frag=77.0V CID@12.0 (313.2 -> 148.9)
- BBP: +ESI MRM Frag=77.0V CID@40.0 (313.2 -> 91.0)



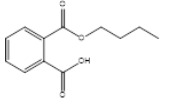
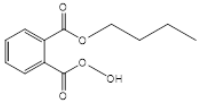
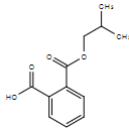
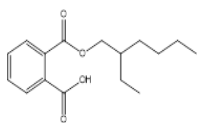
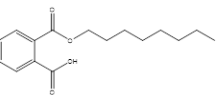
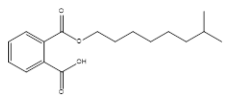
# Application to soil

Peak ID

- 1. DMP
- 8. DEHP
- 11 DIDP

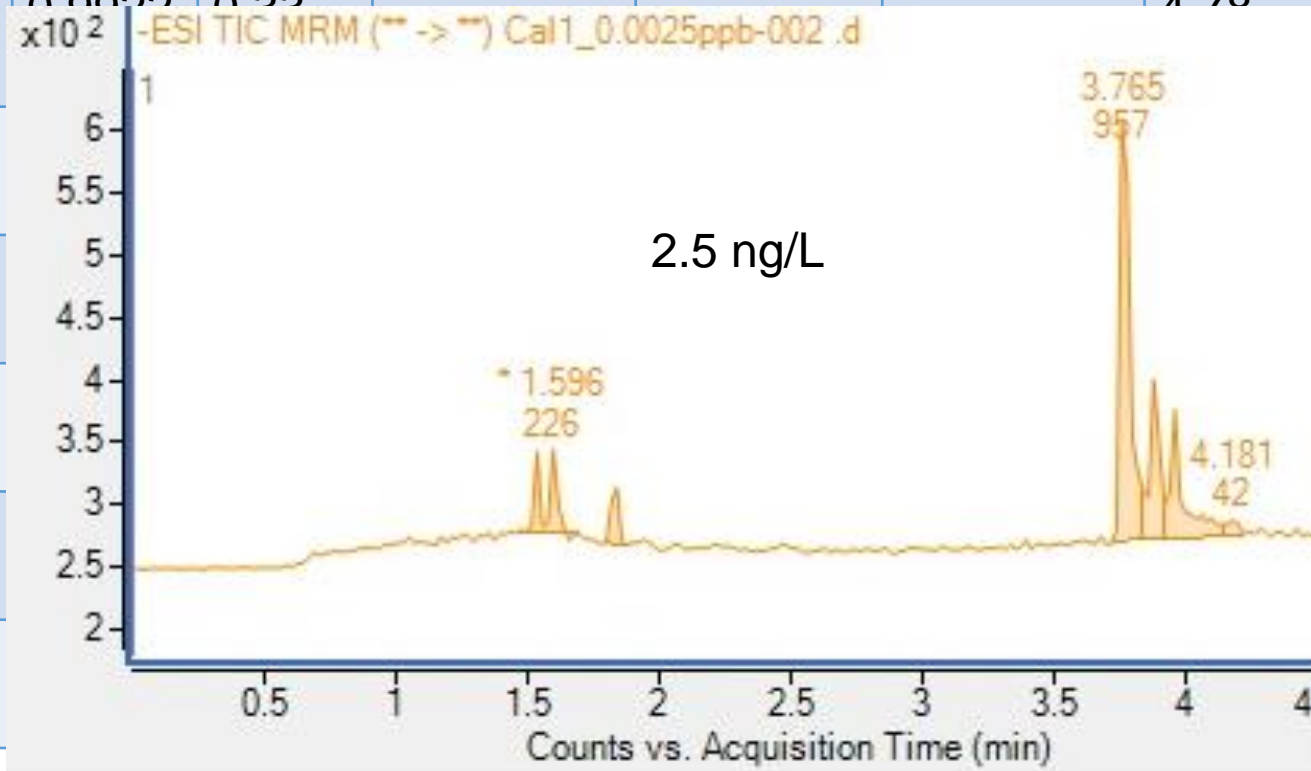


# Phthalate Biomarkers

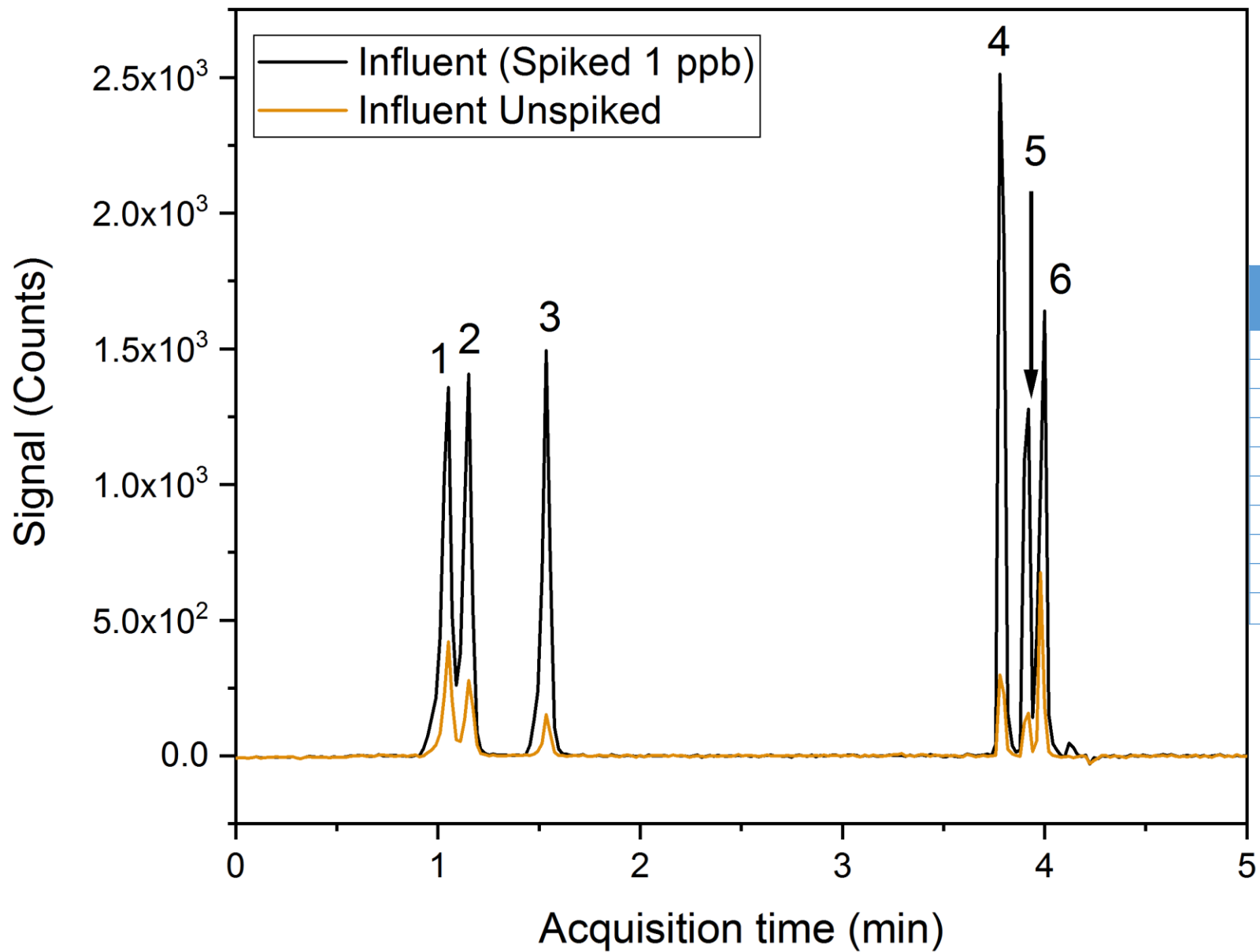
Parent Phthalate	Phthalate Biomarker	Cas No.	Structure	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Log Kow	PKa	Peak No
Benzylbutyl phthalate (BBP)	Mono-benzyl phthalate (MBzP)	2528-16-7		256.26	3.14	3.22	3
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	Monobutyl phthalate (MBP)	34-74-2		222.09	2.65	3.292	2
Diisobutyl phthalate (DiBP)	Monoisobutyl phthalate (MiBP)	30833-53-5		222.09	2.5	3.08	1
Diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP)	Monoethylhexyl phthalate (MEHP)	4376-20-9		278.35	4.3	3.266	4
Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)	Mono-n-octyl phthalate (MNOP)	5393-19-1		278.35	4.32	3.29	5
Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)	Monoisononyl phthalate (MINP)	68515-53-7		292.38	4.65	3.289	6

# Monoester Calibration

Peak	Compound	Range of linearity (ng/L)	R <sup>2</sup> (n=3)	CCV RSD (%)	LOD Calculated from Slope (ppb)	LOQ (ppb) Calculated from Slope	Projected LOD	S/N (at 250 ng/L)
1	MiBP	2.5-10,000	0.9999	0.22				1.79
2	MBP	250-10,000						
3	MBzP	250-10,000						
4	MEHP	250-10,000						
5	MnOP	250-10,000						
6	MiNP	250-10,000						



Samples are pre-concentrated by a factor of 100



Peak No	Compound	Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Fragmentor Voltage	Collision Energy	Abundance
1	MiBP	221.1	77.1	82	20	45219
2	MBP	221.1	77.1	82	20	45219
3	MBzP	255.1	77.1	88	20	62690
4	MEHP	277.1	163.5	103	8	52
5	MNOP	277.1	77.1	103	24	15470
5	MNOP	277.1	127.1	103	16	21532
5	MNOP	277.1	134	103	16	8878
6	MINP	291.2	77.1	109	24	32811
6	MINP	291.2	141.1	109	20	47480
6	MINP	291.2	139	109	16	23037



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# Future challenges of POPs monitoring

- Real need for easy to use sample handling systems
  - large volume samples needed for environmental assessment
- Innovate in effect-based tools that can link chemistry with toxic effect or risk

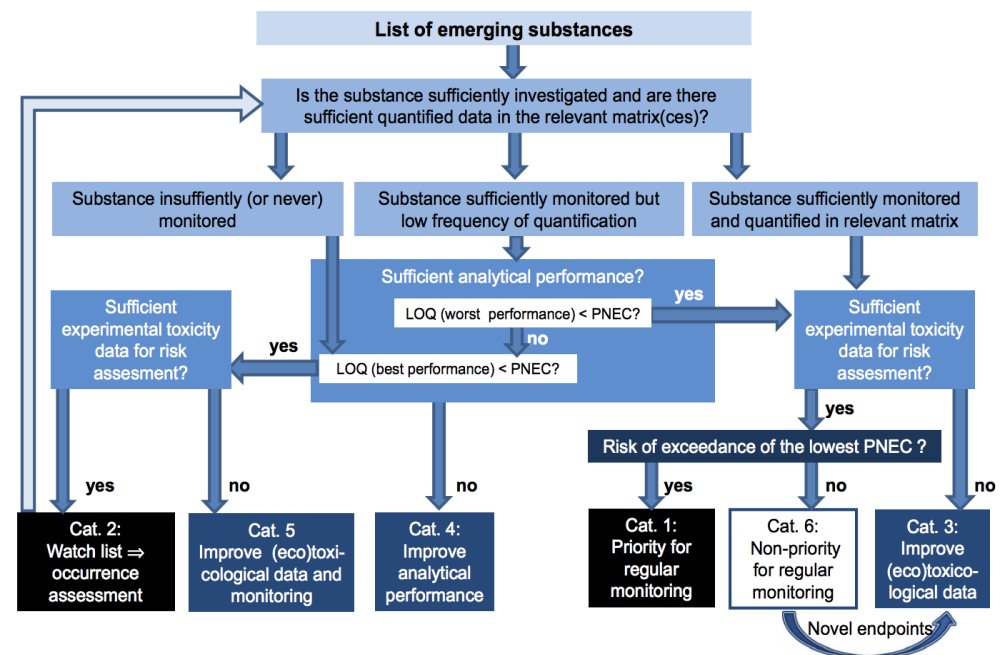


Fig. 2 Prioritization scheme of the NORMAN network

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# How do we monitor into the future?

## ANNEX

### Watch list of substances for Union-wide monitoring as set out in Article 8b of Directive 2008/105/EC

Name of substance/group of substances	CAS number <sup>(1)</sup>	EU number <sup>(2)</sup>	Indicative analytical method <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Maximum acceptable method detection limit (ng/l)
17-Alpha-ethinylestradiol (EE2)	57-63-6	200-342-2	Large-volume SPE - LC-MS-MS	0,035
17-Beta-estradiol (E2), Estrone (E1)	50-28-2, 53-16-7	200-023-8	SPE - LC-MS-MS	0,4
Macrolide antibiotics <sup>(5)</sup>			SPE - LC-MS-MS	19
Methiocarb	2032-65-7	217-991-2	SPE - LC-MS-MS or GC-MS	2
Neonicotinoids <sup>(6)</sup>			SPE - LC-MS-MS	8,3
Metaflumizone	139968-49-3	604-167-6	LLE - LC-MS-MS or SPE - LC-MS-MS	65
Amoxicillin	26787-78-0	248-003-8	SPE - LC-MS-MS	78
Ciprofloxacin	85721-33-1	617-751-0	SPE - LC-MS-MS	89

<sup>(1)</sup> Chemical Abstracts Service

<sup>(2)</sup> European Union number – not available for all substances

<sup>(3)</sup> To ensure comparability of results from different Member States, all substances shall be monitored in whole water samples.

<sup>(4)</sup> Extraction methods:

LLE — liquid liquid extraction

SPE — solid-phase extraction

Analytical methods:

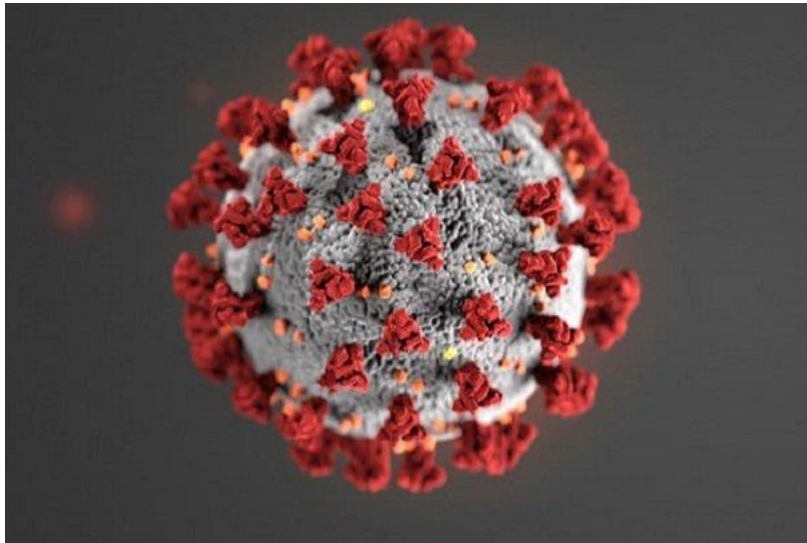
GC-MS — Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry

LC-MS-MS — Liquid chromatography (tandem) triple quadrupole mass spectrometry

<sup>(5)</sup> Erythromycin (CAS number 114-07-8, EU number 204-040-1), Clarithromycin (CAS number 81103-11-9), Azithromycin (CAS number 83905-01-5, EU number 617-500-5)







# Wastewater process streams a biomarker for human health

Aim: To study the value of phthalates as a biomarker of human health in human toxicology.



## Deliverables:

Analysis of phthalate levels in wastewater process streams as indicated by phthalate metabolites

Assessment of phthalates in wastewater process streams informing on human exposure, body burden and health



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