

Detection Identification Quantification of Chlorinated Paraffins

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Review

Methods for trace analysis of short-, medium-, and long-chain chlorinated paraffins: Critical review and recommendations



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Erratum

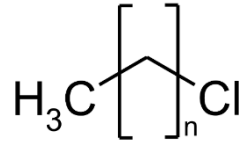
Page 26, eq. (4) should be:

Concentration (SCCPs)

= RF (m/z 327) × Signal (m/z 327) + RF (m/z 423) × Signal (m/z 423) + additional term

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“CPs”



"CPs"

$n = 1$

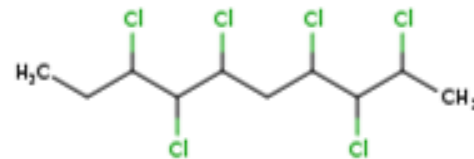
vSCCPs SCCPs MCCPs LCCPs

$n = 4$

Homologue $\text{C}_x\text{H}_{2x+2-z}\text{Cl}_z$

$n = \sim 700$

Positional isomer

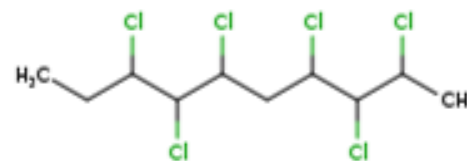


$n = \sim 10,000 -$

Composition of CPs

Category		Chain length, x=	$C_xH_{2x+2-z}Cl_z$, z =	Total number of positional isomers*
"CPs"	vSCCPs	6	1-6	35
		7	1-7	71
		8	1-8	135
		9	1-9	271
	SCCPs	10	1-10	527
		11	1-11	1 055
		12	1-12	2 079
		13	1-13	4 159
	MCCPs	14	1-14	8 255
		15	1-15	16 511
		16	1-16	32 895
		17	1-17	65 791
	LCCPs	18	1-18	131 327
		19	1-19	262 655
		20	1-20	524 799
		21	1-21	1 049 599
		22	1-22	2 098 175
		23	1-23	4 196 351
		24	1-24	8 390 655
		25	1-25	16 781 311
		26	1-26	33 558 527
		27	1-27	67 117 055
		28	1-28	134 225 919
		29	1-29	268 451 839
		30	1-30	536 887 295

*assuming no more than one chlorine atom bound to any carbon atom

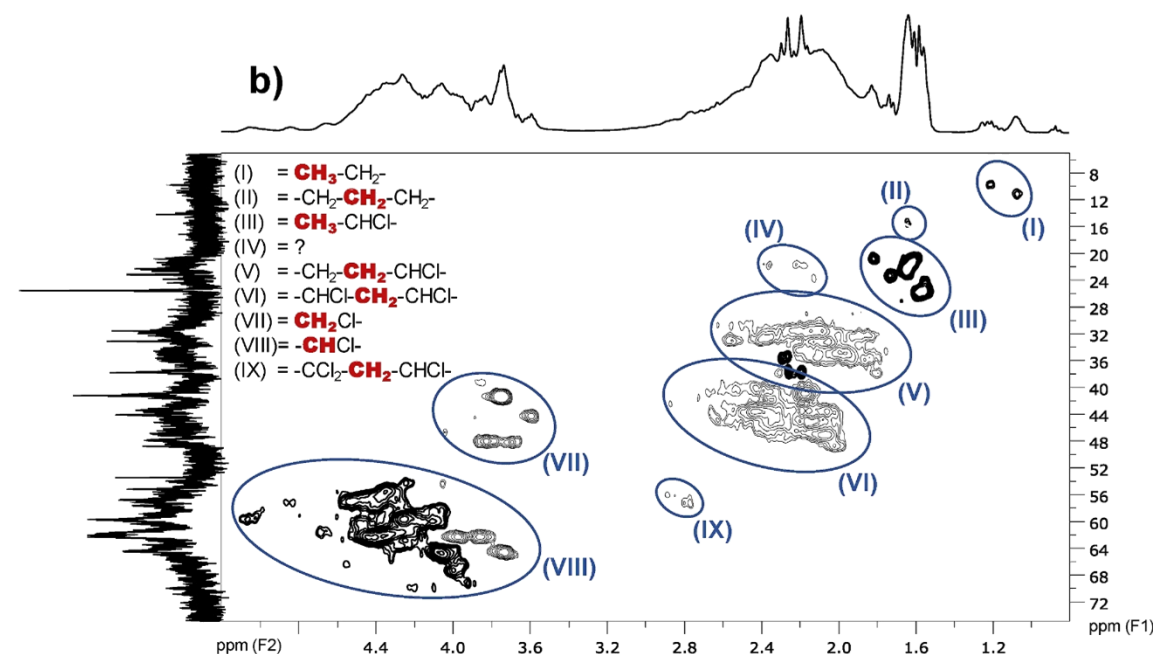


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HSQC-NMR spectrum of C_{11} -CPs 62.6% Cl



MS: C_xCl_z , $z > x$

NMR: $-CCl_2-$ and $CHCl_2-$

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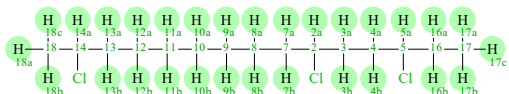
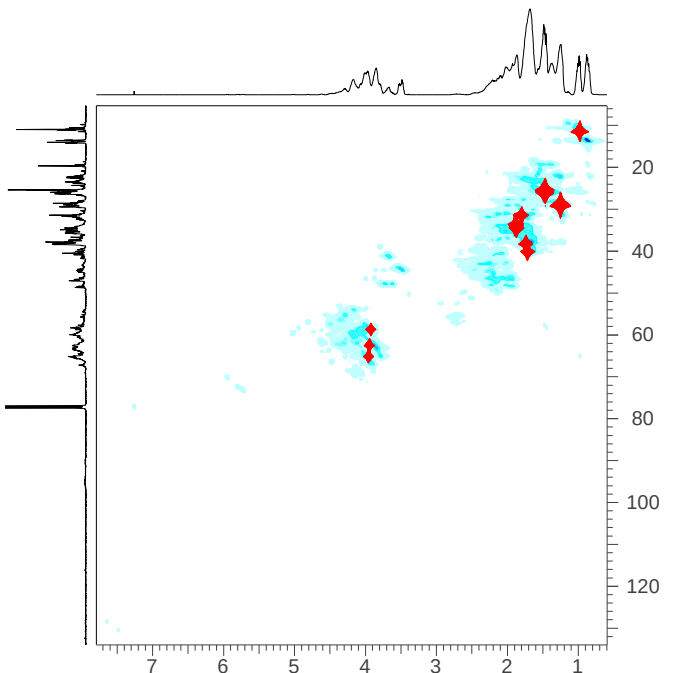
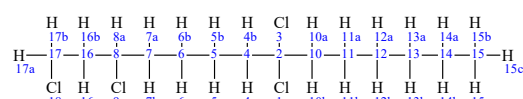
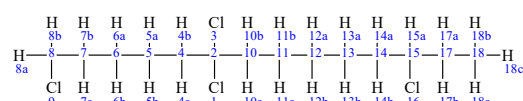
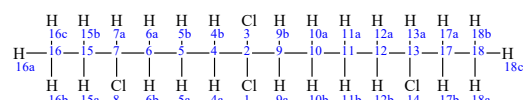
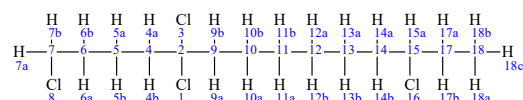
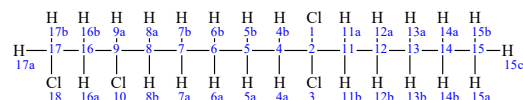
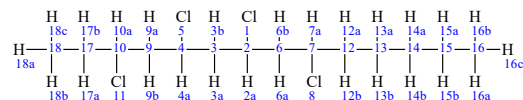
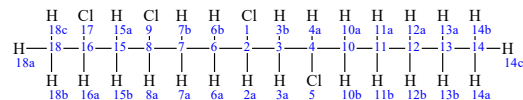
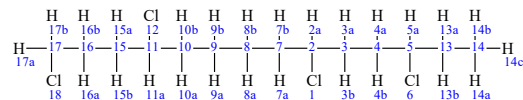
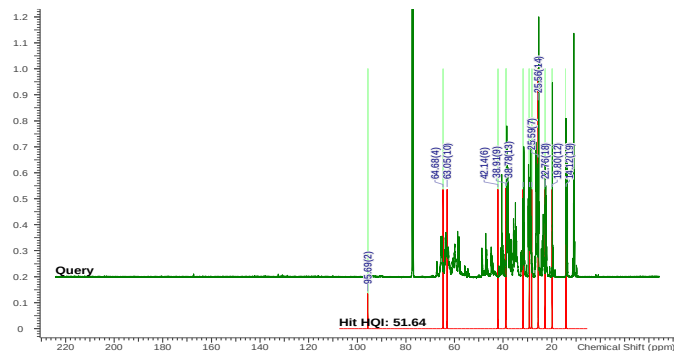
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14	1-12	~800 000

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**taking $-CCl_2-$ into account

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Positional selectivity



4%

18%

26%

72%

14%

24%

45%

35%

4%

10%

4%

0%

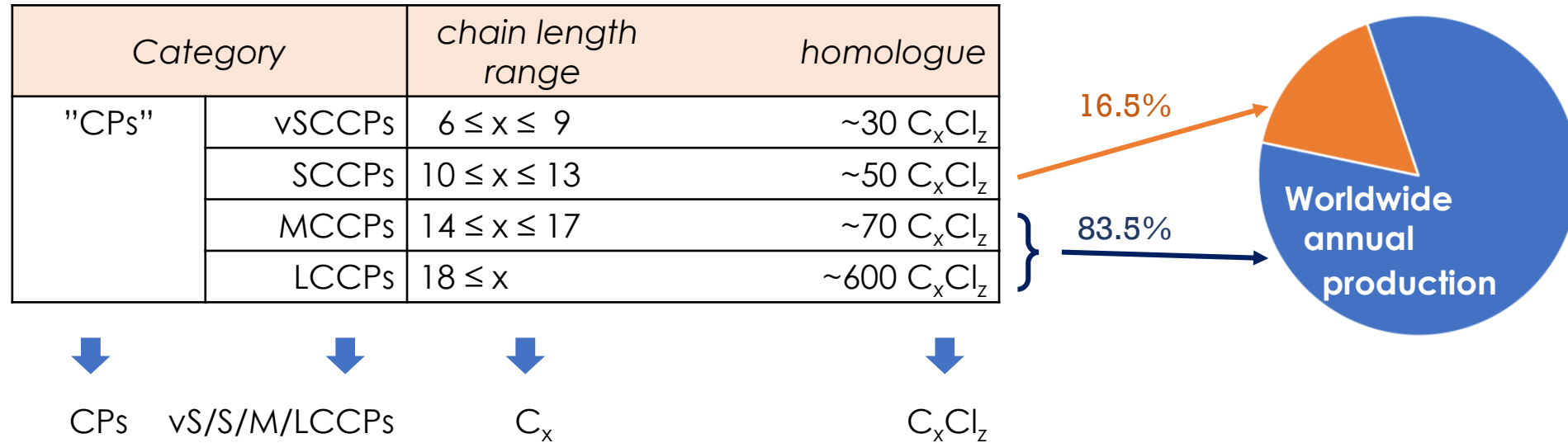
1%

4%

2%

Experimental log K _{OW} (C ₁₅ 50 %Cl)	6.65
Predicted log K_{OW}	6.77
Predicted log K _{OW} based on assumed isomer composition	7.78

Trace measurements

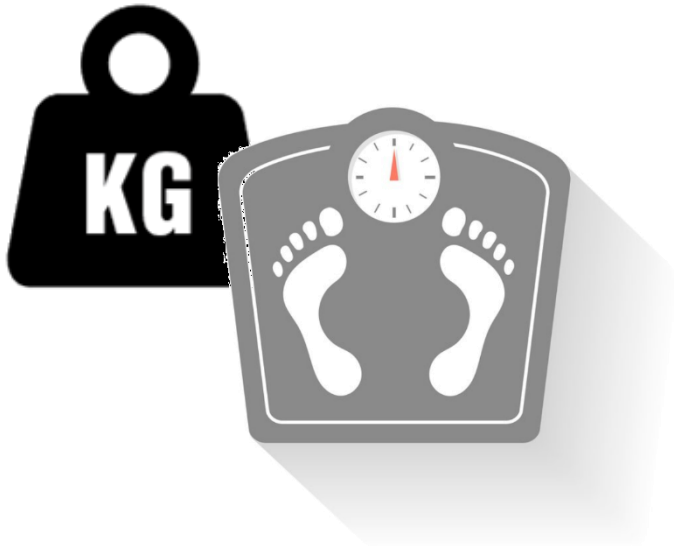


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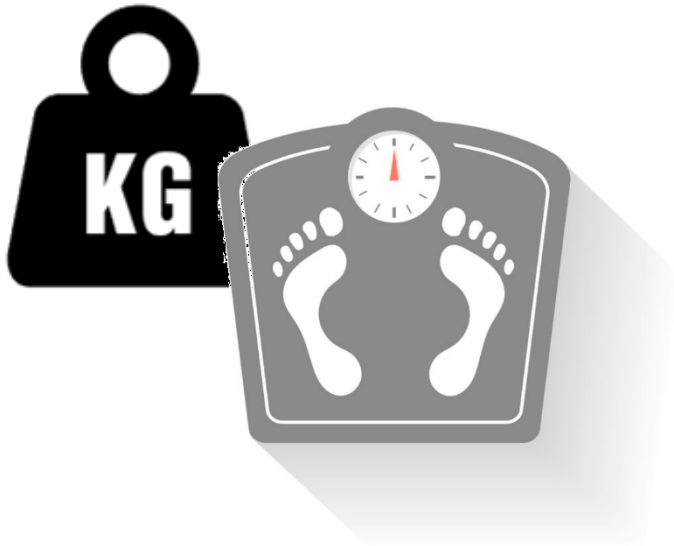
Detection

Identification

Quantification

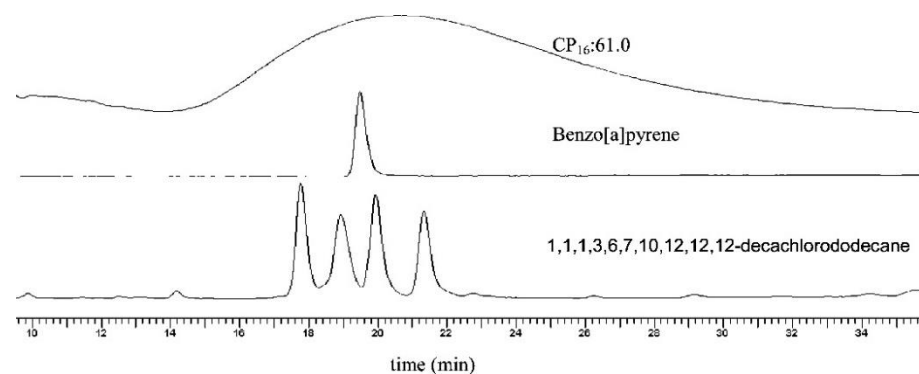


Detection: instrumentation

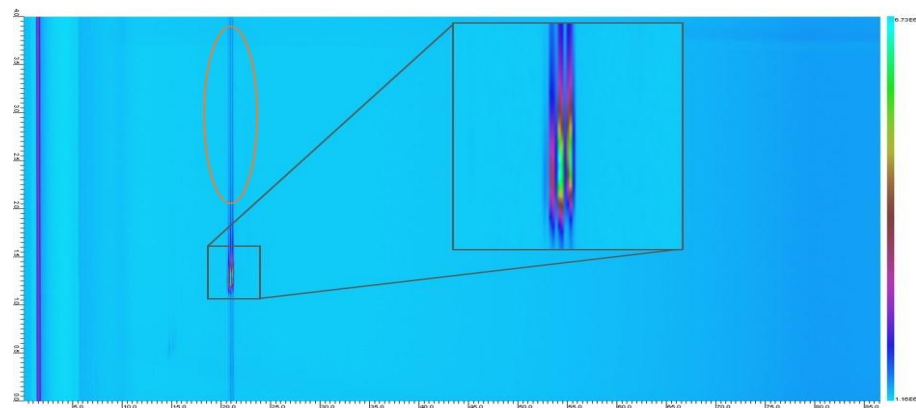


- GC-MS
- LC-MS

Chromatographic separation



HPLC chromatogram of 1,1,1,3,6,7,10,12,12,12-decachlorododecane, with four diastereomers.



GCxGC-μECD chromatogram of 2,5,6,9-Tetrachlorododecane, with three isomers.

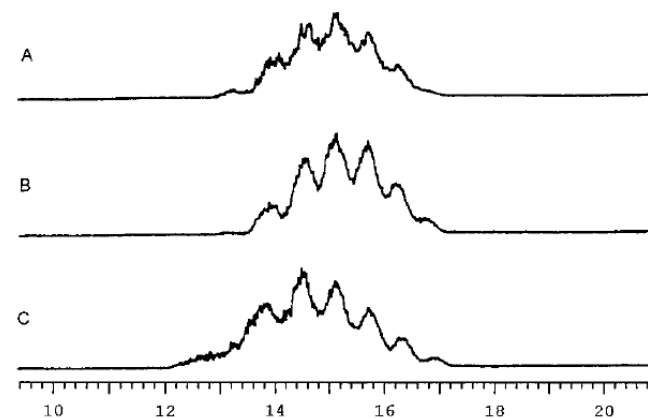
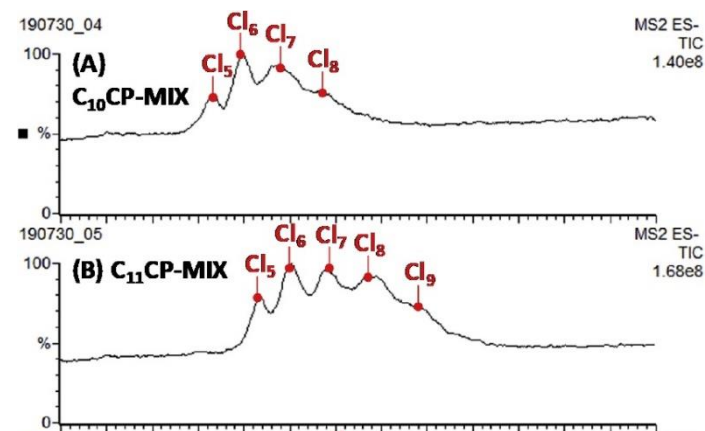


Figure 2. GC/ECNI-MS total ion chromatograms of CP11:66.5 (A), CP12:62 (B), and CP13:47 (C).



UHPLC chromatogram (ZORBAX SB-CN RRHD) of Cx mixture

GC-ECNI-MS

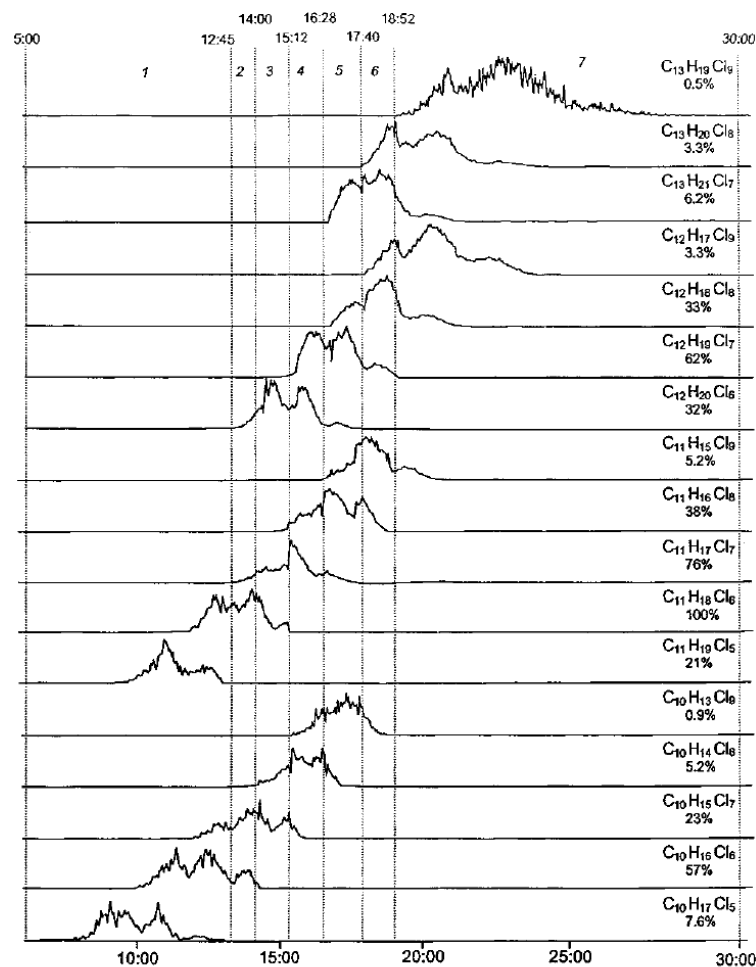


Figure 3. HRGC/ECNI-HRMS elution profiles of monitored ions in PCA-60 aligned to show the seven time windows used.

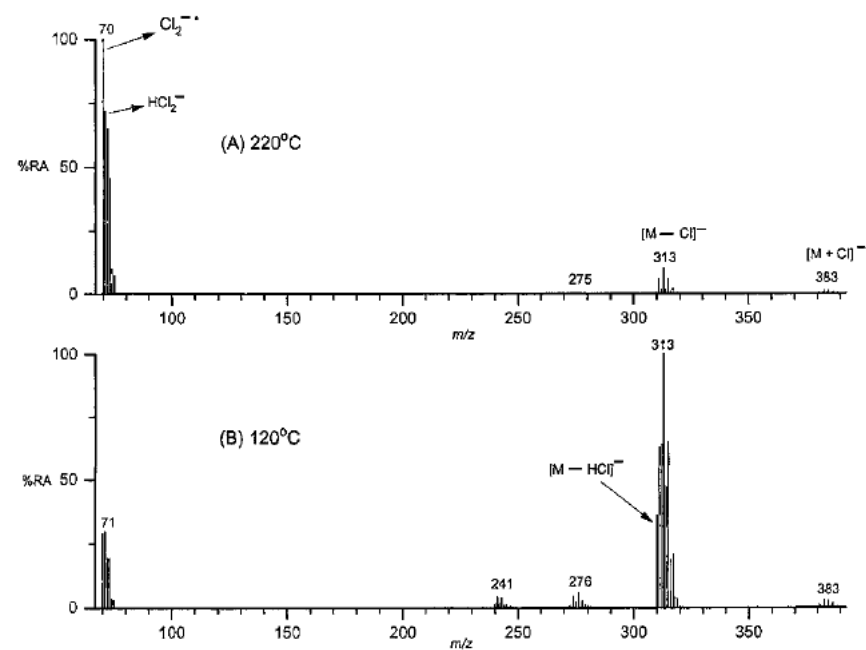


Figure 2. ECNI mass spectra of 1,2,5,6,9,10-hexachloro-*n*-decane at ion source temperatures of (a) 220 and (b) 120 °C.

$[M - Cl]^-$
 $[M - HCl]^-$
 $[M + Cl]^-$
 $[M - HCl - Cl]^-$
 $[M - 2Cl]^- \dots$

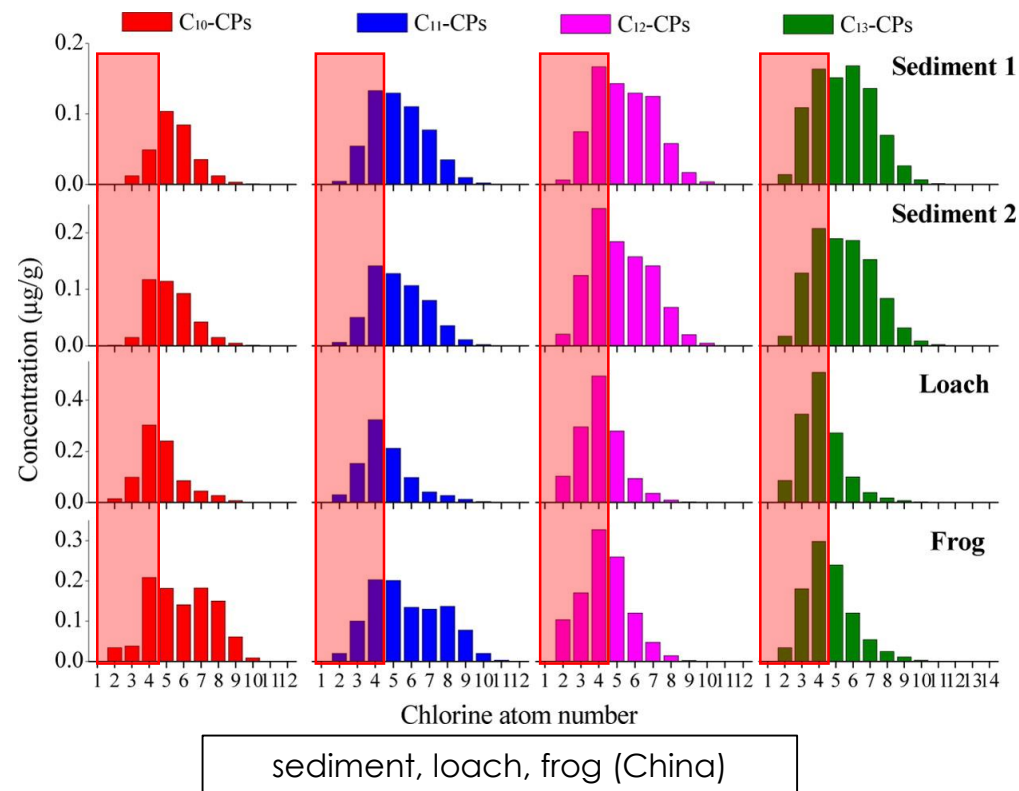
- not suitable for the analysis of longer-chain CPs because of their low volatility
- poor ionization efficiency for homologues with $Cl_{<5}$

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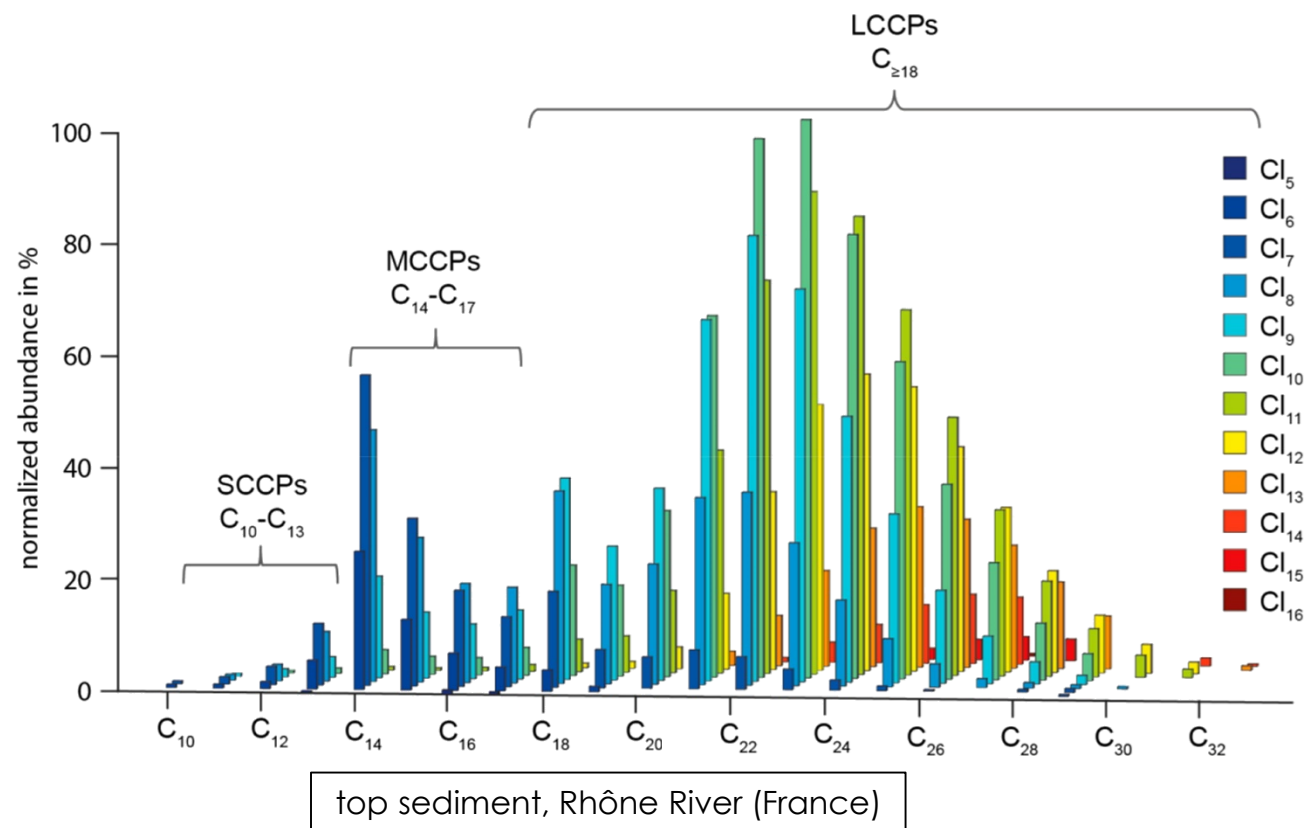
- poor ionization efficiency for homologues with $Cl_{<5}$



- about **30% – 60%** of SCCPs in environmental samples are invisible with this method



- not suitable for the analysis of longer-chain CPs because of their low volatility



LC-ESI/APCI-MS

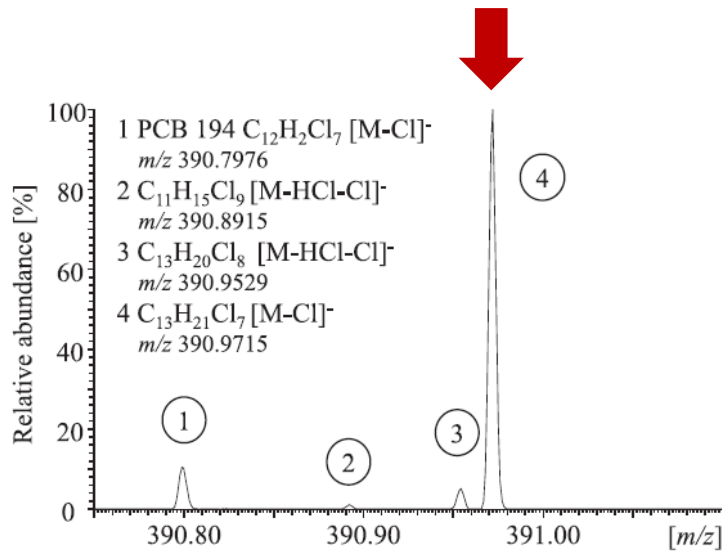
Instrument	Reagent	Target ions	Reference
LC-APCI-MS	chloroform	$[M+Cl]^-$	Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom. 2004 , 18
LC-APCI-MS	dichloromethane	$[M+Cl]^-$	Anal. Chem. 2015 , 87, 2852-2860
LC-APCI-MS	bromoform	$[M+Br]^-$	Environ. Sci. Technol. Lett. 2018 , 5, 6, 348–353
LC-APCI-MS	dibromomethane	$[M+Br]^-$	Environ. Sci. Technol. 2019 , 53, 18, 10835–10844
LC-ESI-MS	–	$[M-H]^-$	J. Chromatogr. A. 2019 , 1593, 102–109
LC-ESI-MS	dichloromethane	$[M+Cl]^-$	Environ. Sci. Technol. 2017 , 51, 3346-3354
LC-ESI-MS	ammonium chloride	$[M+Cl]^-$	Environ. Pollut. 2019 , 255, 1133032
LC-ESI-MS	ammonium bromide	$[M+Br]^-$	Environ. Pollut. 2019 , 255, 1133032
LC-ESI-MS	ammonium formate	$[M+HCOO]^-$	Environ. Pollut. 2019 , 255, 1133032
LC-ESI-MS	ammonium acetate	$[M+CH_3COO]^-$	Anal. Chim. Acta. 2016 , 936, 130-138
LC-ESI-MSMS	ammonium acetate	$[M+CH_3COO]^-$ $\rightarrow [M-H]^-/[CH_3COO]^-$	Chemosphere. 2020 , 244, 125531

Identification: are the instrumental signal only from target CPs?

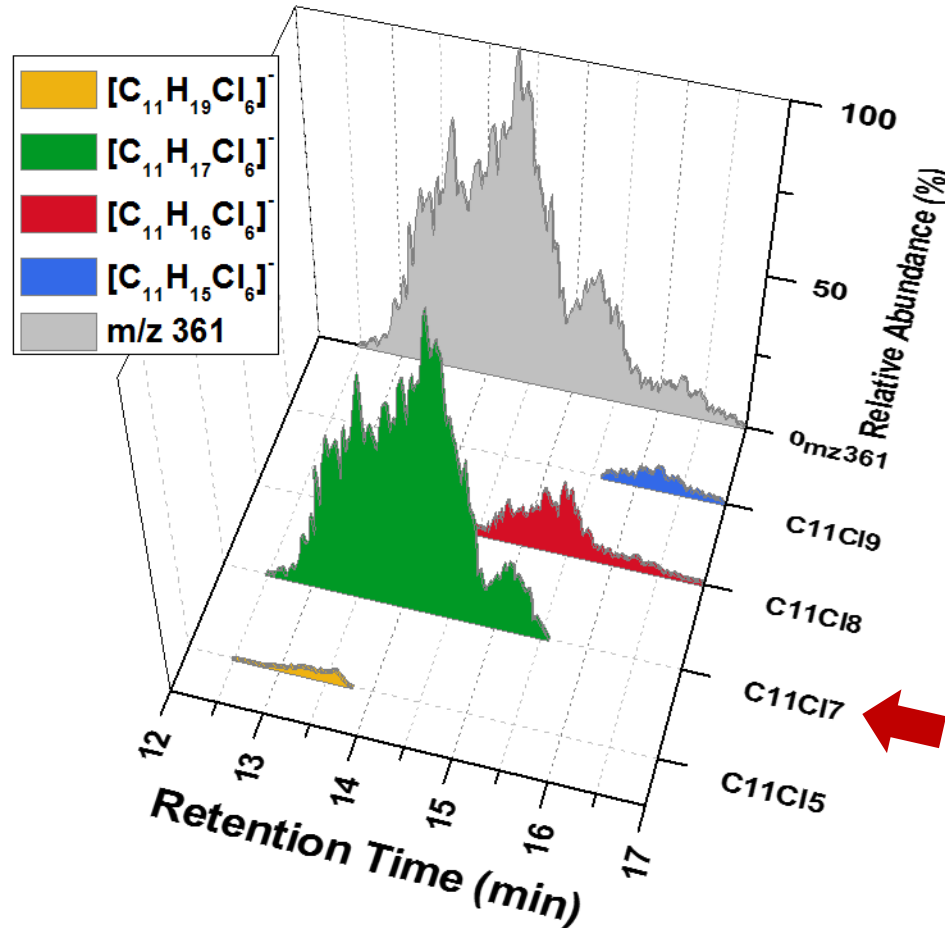


Are the instrumental signal only from target CPs?

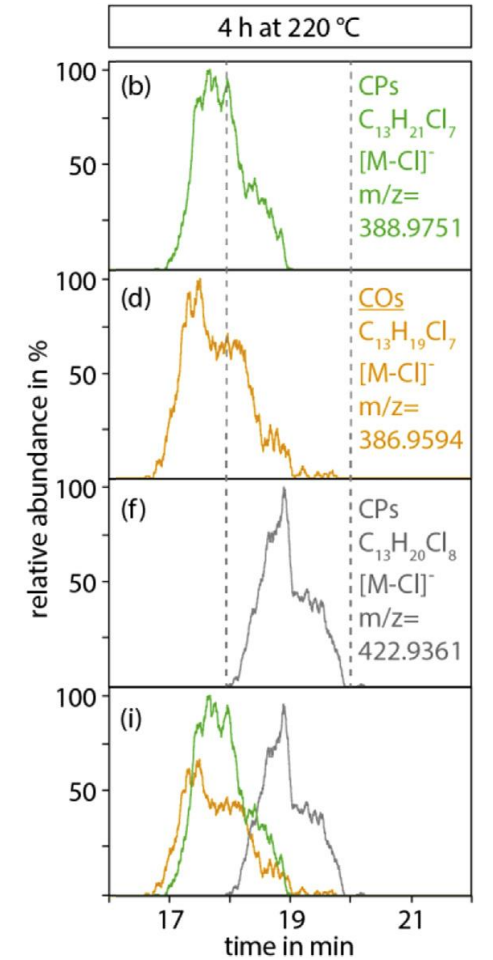
➔ Target CP homologue signal



Mass spectrum, GC-Orbitrap-MS



GC chromatogram, GC-sector-MS



chlorinated (di)olefins

- To resolve SCCPs, MCCPs, and LCCPs from each other requires a HRMS with a mass resolution of >7000
- To resolve individual C_xCl_z requires a mass resolution > 20 000
- HRMS + MS spectrum deconvolution
- PCBs, chlordane, phthalates, etc.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG
1	[M + Cl] ⁻ diagnostic ion							[M + Cl] ⁻ ; [M + C ₂ H ₃ O ₂] ⁻ ; or [M - H] ⁻ interfering ion							difference																		
2	compound	C	Cl	ion	m/z	Abundance	compound2	ion2	adduct2	m/z2	Abundance2	deviation (ppm)	Resolution	Orbitrap	Interf	Interf LR	m/z 300-1500 C ₉ to C ₁₆ and Cl ₁ to Cl ₁₀																
3	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C8H12Cl6	C8H11Cl6	M-H	320.89384	79.989	58.0	17252.2	110522	no	interf																
4	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C8H12Cl6	C8H11Cl6	M-H	320.90350	0.328	27.9	35893.7	110522	no	no																
5	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C8H12Cl6	C8H11Cl6	M-H	320.90642	0.011	18.8	53320.2	110522	no	no																
6	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C10H17Cl5	C10H16Cl5	M-H	320.95526	0.210	-133.4	7495.1	110522	no	no																
7	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C10H17Cl5	C10H16Cl5	M-H	320.96492	0.017	-163.5	6115.7	110522	no	no																
8	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C13H24Cl4	C13H23Cl4	M-H	321.05299	100.000	-437.8	2284.3	110522	no	no																
9	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C13H24Cl4	C13H23Cl4	M-H	321.06264	0.713	-467.8	2137.5	110522	no	no																
10	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C13H24Cl4	C13H23Cl4	M-H	321.06557	0.029	-476.9	2096.7	110522	no	no																
11	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C15H29Cl3	C15H28Cl3	M-H	321.12407	0.040	-659.0	1517.4	110522	no	no																
12	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C15H29Cl3	C15H28Cl3	M-H	321.12699	0.002	-668.1	1496.8	110522	no	no																
13	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C18H36Cl2	C18H35Cl2	M-H	321.21213	100.000	-933.0	1071.8	110522	no	no																
14	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C20H41Cl1	C20H40Cl1	M-H	321.29287	0.002	-1184.1	844.5	110522	no	no																
15	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C11H21Cl3	C13H24Cl3O2	M+Hac-H	321.07884	30.712	-518.2	1929.6	110522	no	no																
16	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C11H21Cl3	C13H24Cl3O2	M+Hac-H	321.08850	0.876	-548.3	1823.8	110522	no	no																
17	C8H13Cl5	8	5	C8H13Cl6	M+Cl	320.91244	100.000	C11H21Cl3	C13H24Cl3O2	M+Hac-H	321.08603	0.395	-540.6	1849.7	110522	no	no																
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Quantification: signal response factor

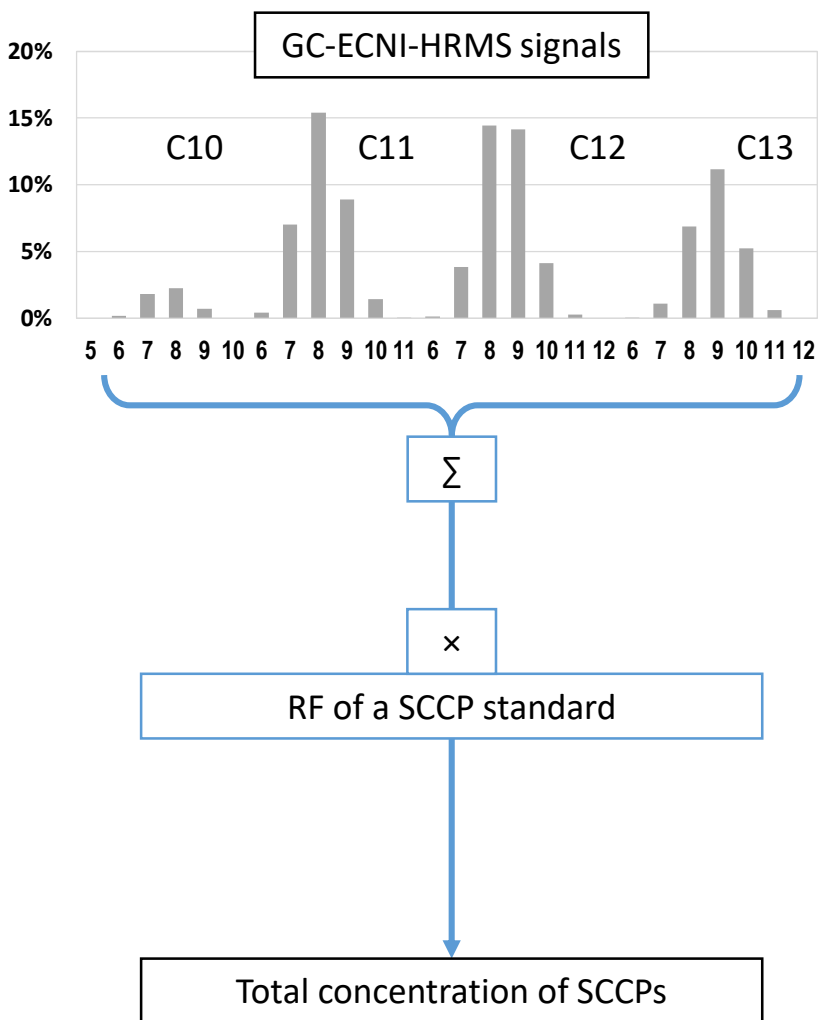
Concentration = Instrumental signal $\times$ Response Factor (RF)



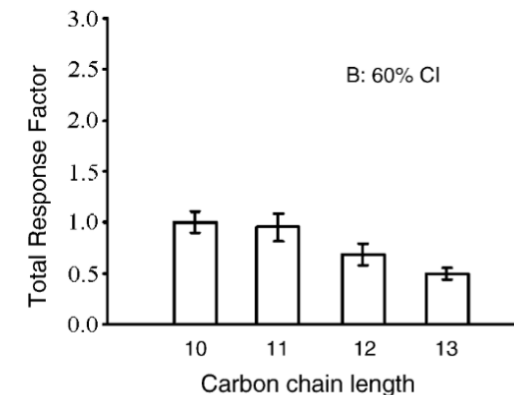
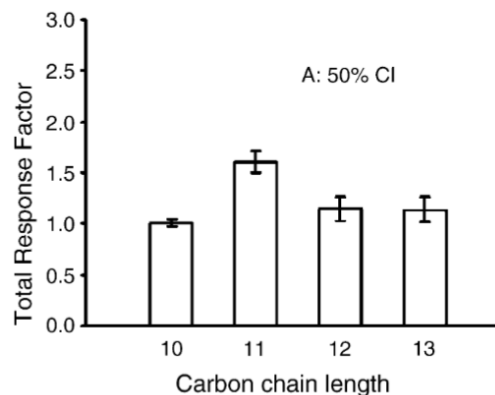
Quantifying total SCCPs

Concentration (SCCPs)

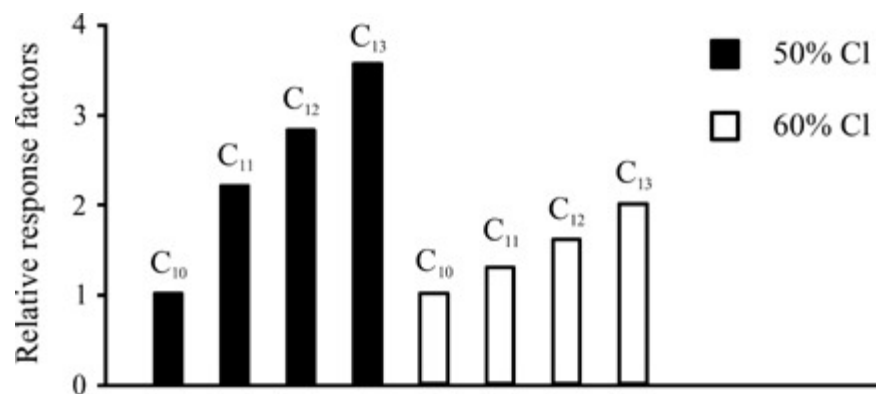
$$= \frac{\sum[\text{instrumental signal (C}_x\text{Cl}_z \text{ of SCCPs)}]}{\text{RF (the most similar SCCP std)}}$$



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GC-ECNI-MS



LC-APCI-MS

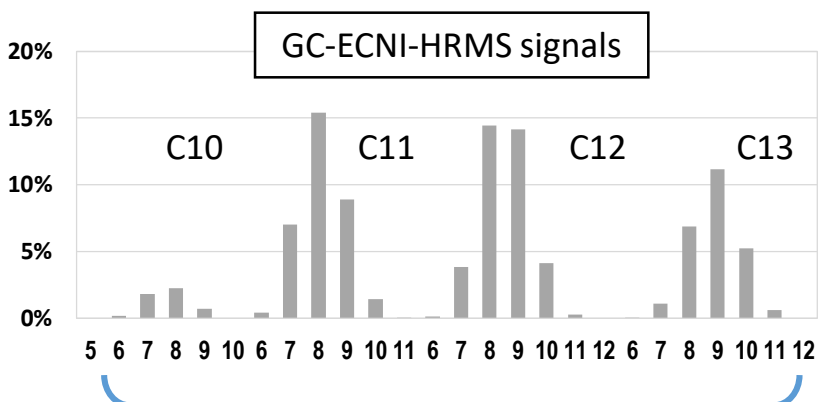
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Σ

$\times$

RF of a SCCP standard

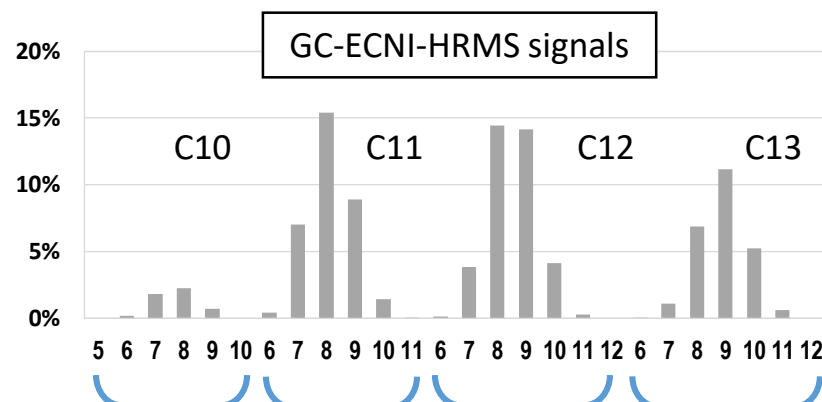
Total concentration of SCCPs

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Quantifying total C_x

Concentration (C_x)

$$= \frac{\sum[\text{instrumental signal } (C_x Cl_z \text{ of } C_x)]}{\text{RF (the most similar } C_x \text{ std)}}$$



Σ

$\times$

RF of C_{10} std

Σ

$\times$

C_{11} std

Σ

$\times$

C_{12} std

Σ

$\times$

C_{13} std

Total concentrations of individual C_x

Environ. Pollut., **2013**, 175, 16-21

homologue-dependent ionization efficiency

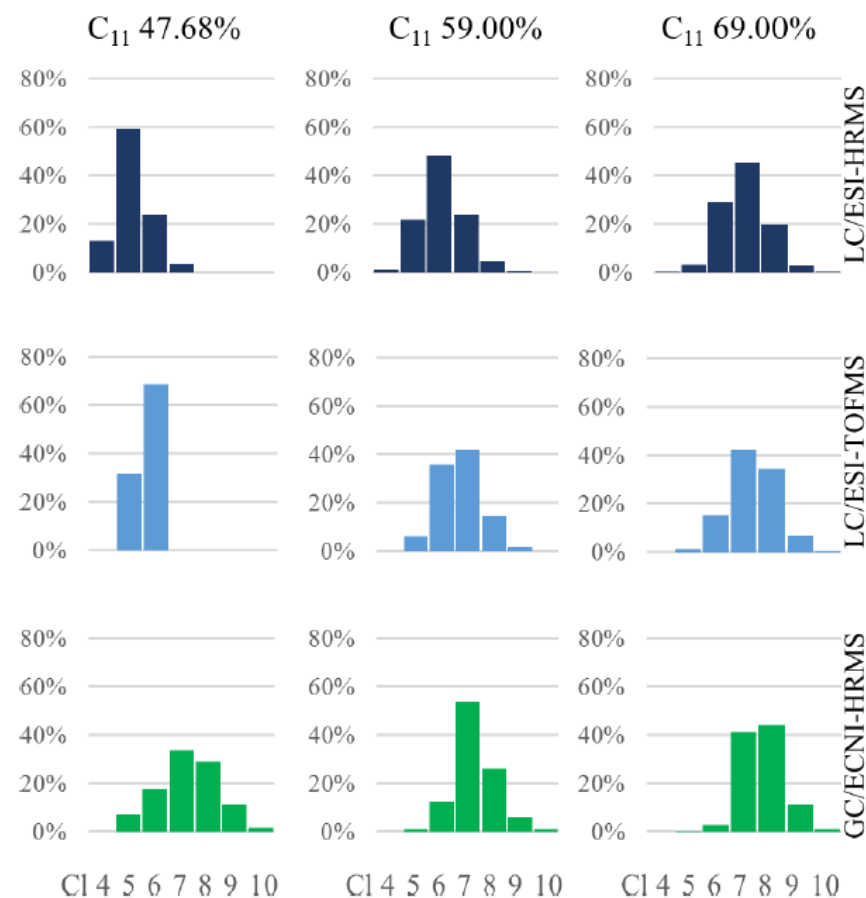
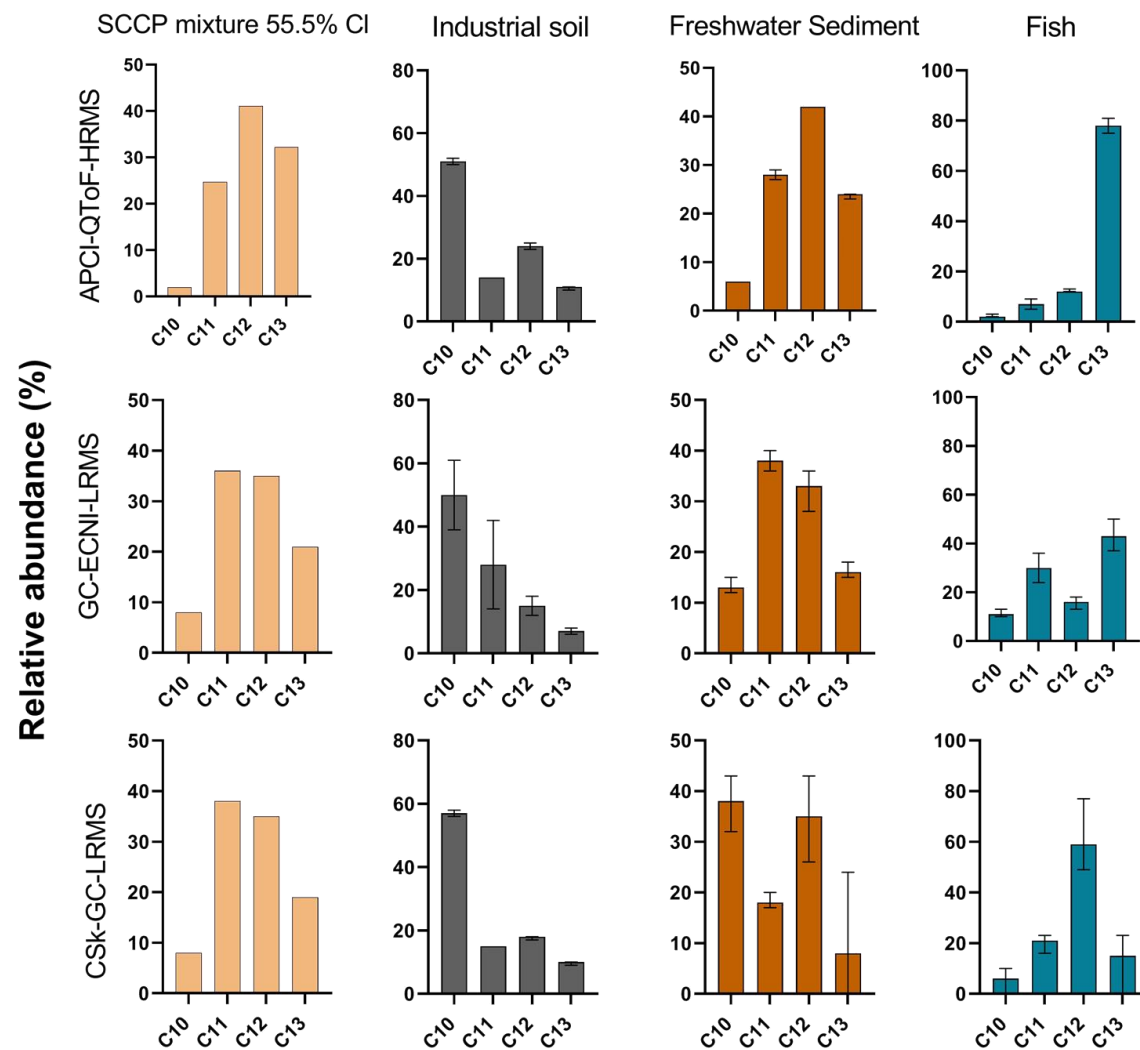


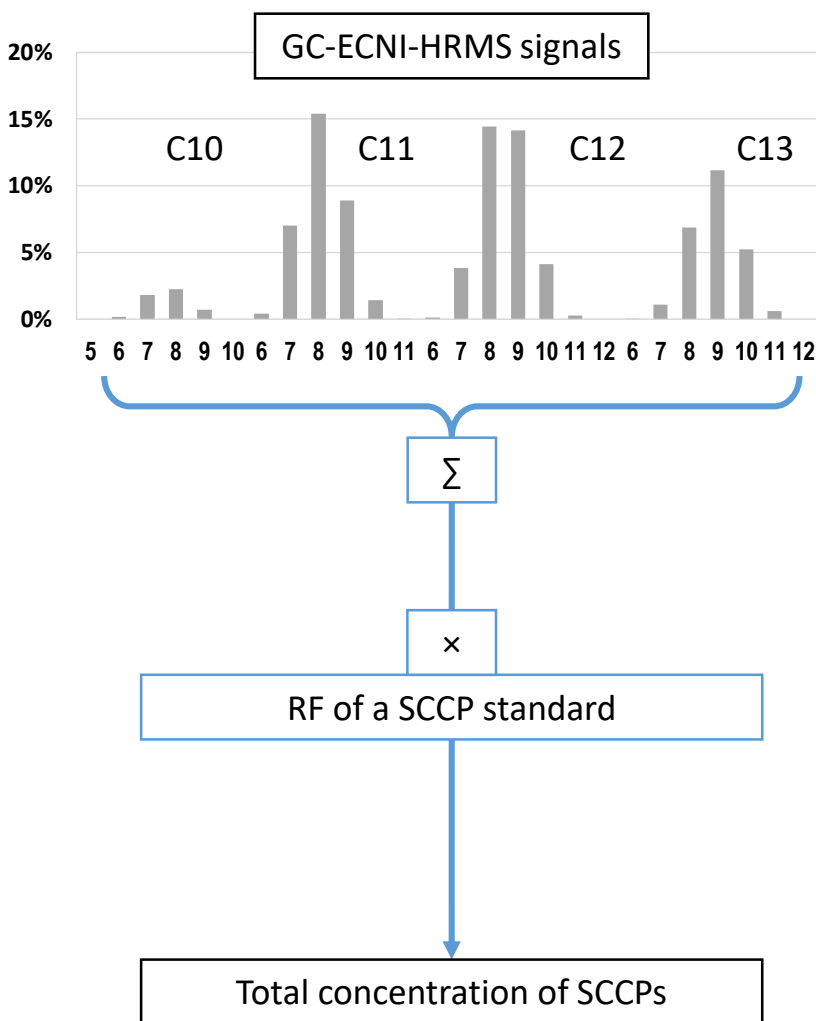
Figure 2. Comparison of Hohenheim single-chain CP-standard instrumental responses between the three instrument set-ups.



Quantifying total SCCPs

Concentration (SCCPs)

$$= \frac{\sum[\text{instrumental signal } (C_xCl_z \text{ of SCCPs})]}{\text{RF (the most similar SCCP std)}}$$

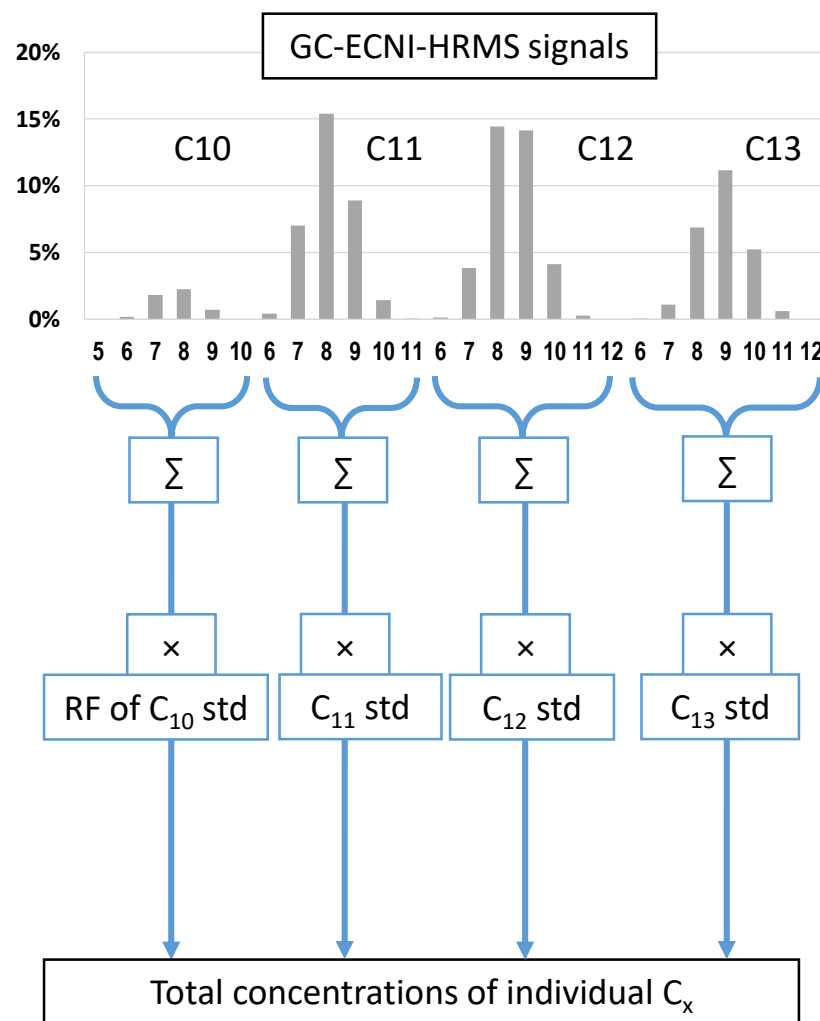


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Quantifying total C_x

Concentration (C_x)

$$= \frac{\sum[\text{instrumental signal } (C_xCl_z \text{ of } C_x)]}{\text{RF (the most similar } C_x \text{ std)}}$$

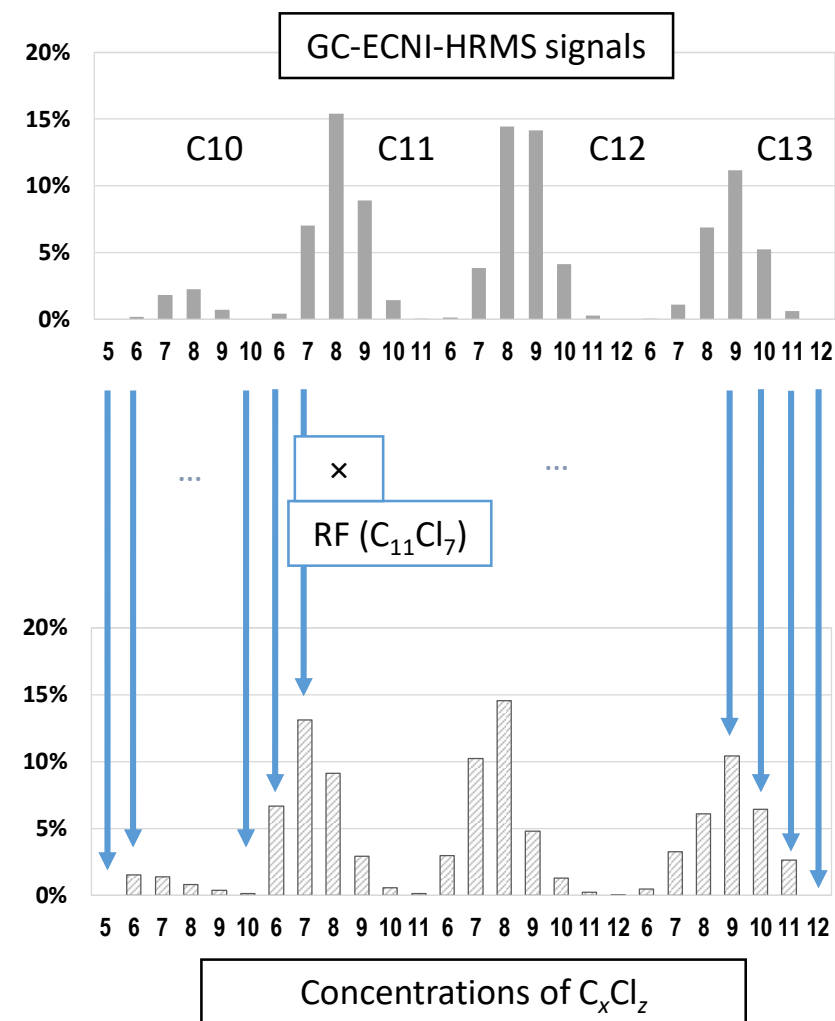


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Quantifying homologue C_xCl_z

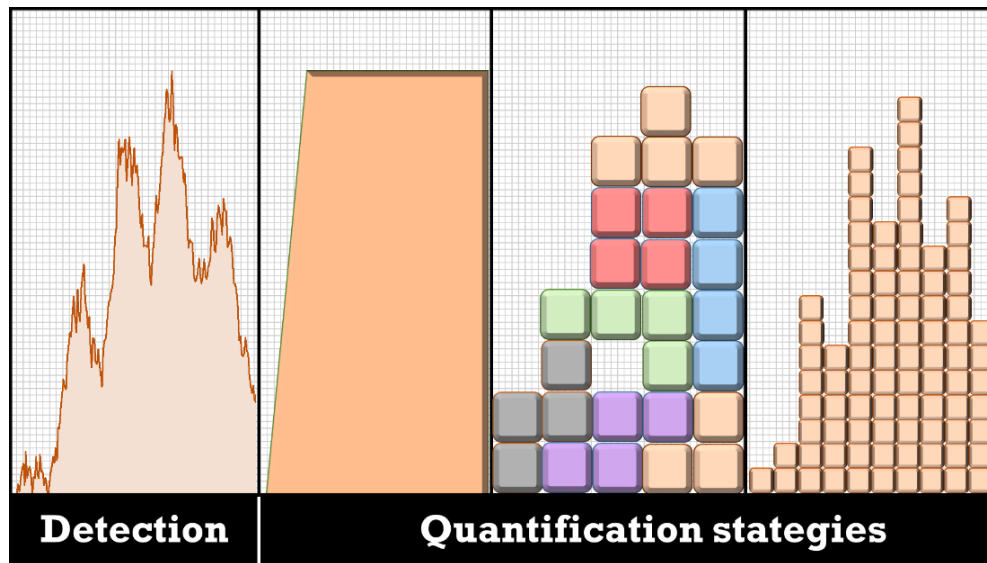
Concentration (C_xCl_z)

$$= \frac{\text{instrumental signal } (C_xCl_z)}{\text{RF } (C_xCl_z)}$$

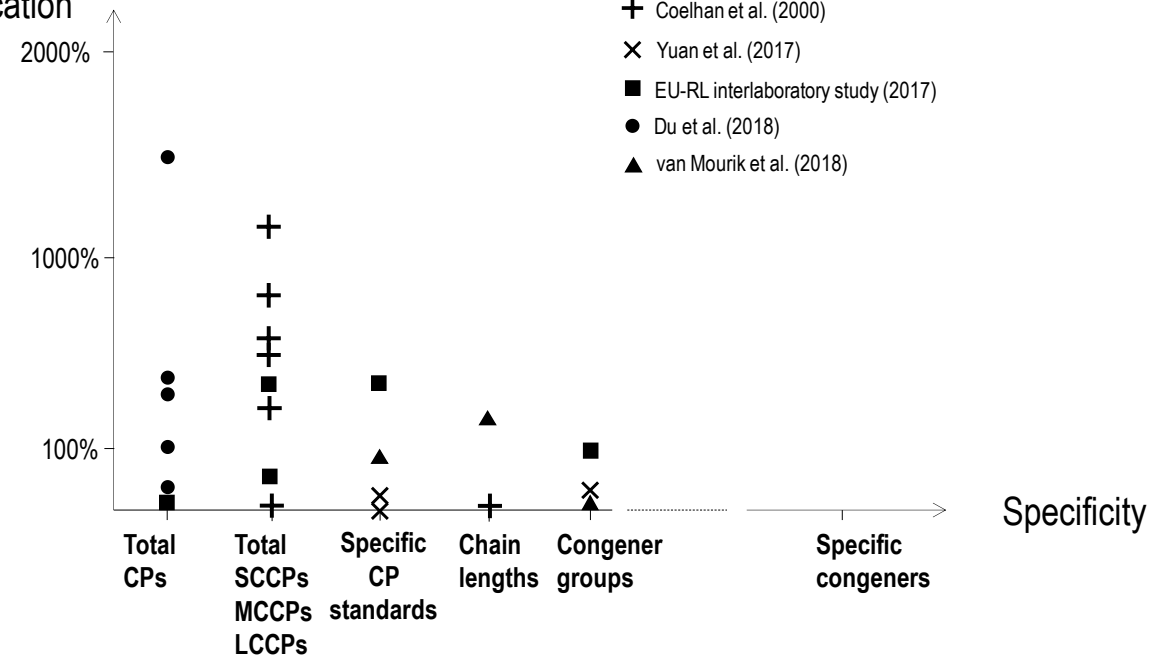


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Quantification uncertainties



Uncertainties in quantification



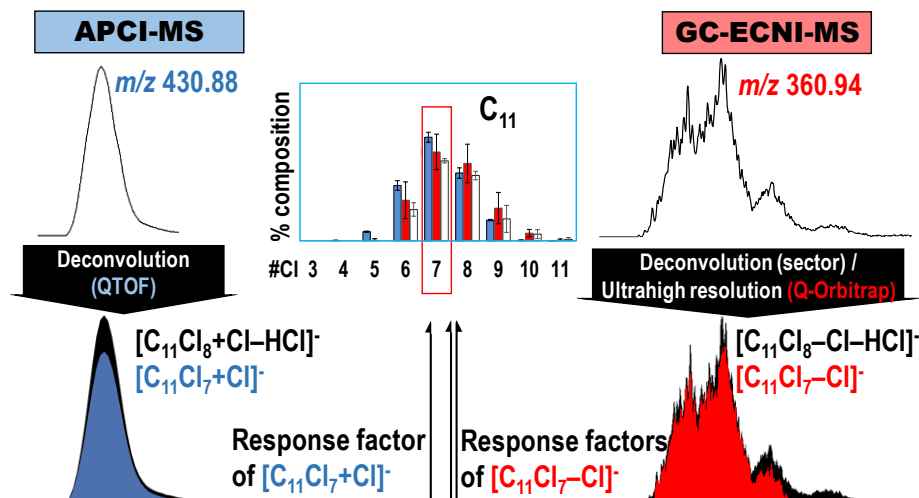
Total concentration of SCCPs

Total concentrations of individual C_x

Concentrations of C_xCl_z

Future directions

Quantification at the C_xCl_z level



GC-Orbitrap-MS



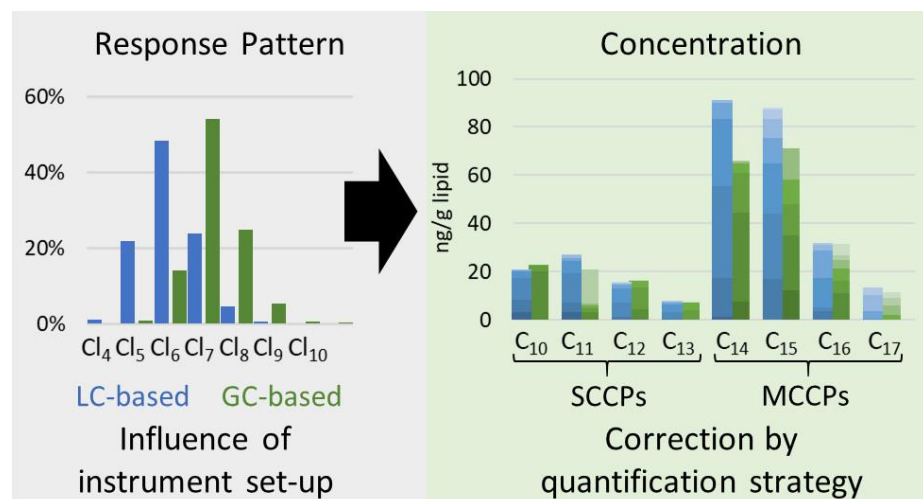
Table 1

Homologue percentage compositions (%) in SCCP mixtures with nominal 51.5%, 55.5%, and 63% Cl content and in SCCP-CS, as calculated using data acquired by GC-ECNI-Orbitrap-HRMS analysis.

Homologue	SCCP mixture with 51.5% Cl content	SCCP mixture with 55.5% Cl content	SCCP mixture with 63% Cl content	SCCP-CS (1:1 mixture of the SCCP mixtures with 55.5% and 63% Cl content)
$C_{10}Cl_3$	0	0	0	0
$C_{10}Cl_4$	2.11	1.81	0.06	0.93
$C_{10}Cl_5$	2.57	3.66	0.82	2.24
$C_{10}Cl_6$	0.67	1.93	3.08	2.51
$C_{10}Cl_7$	0.09	0.49	2.93	1.71
$C_{10}Cl_8$	0	0.07	1.05	0.56
$C_{10}Cl_9$	0	0	0.17	0.09
$C_{10}Cl_{10}$	0	0	0	0
$C_{11}Cl_3$	0	0.00	0	0



LC-ESI-MSMS



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Review

Analysis of Medium-Chain and Long-Chain Chlorinated Paraffins: The Urgent Need for More Specific Analytical Standards

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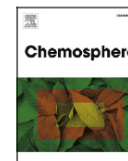
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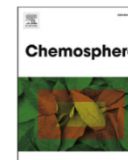
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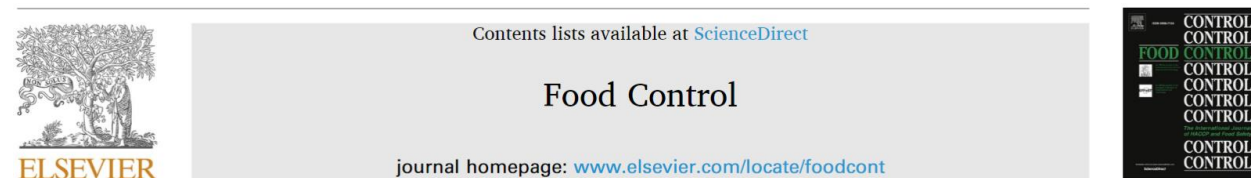
Interlaboratory studies and certified reference materials



Interlaboratory studies on chlorinated paraffins: Evaluation of different methods for food matrices

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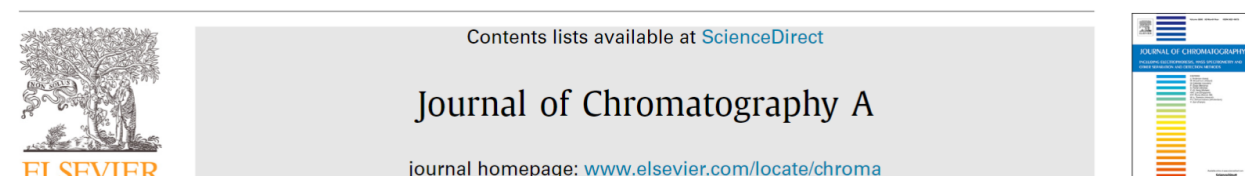


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