

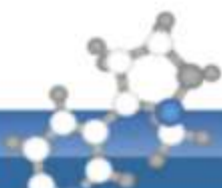
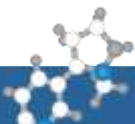
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# Highly Polar Pesticides



# Quick Method for the Analysis of numerous Highly Polar Pesticides in Foods of Plant Origin via LC-MS/MS involving Simultaneous Extraction with Methanol (QuPPE-Method)

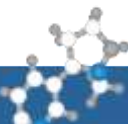
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**Version 10 coming-up soon**

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# Interlaboratory QuPpe Validation

• **Study Round 1: Finished;**  
**Method 4.1 (“Quats & Co Obelisc R”)**

• **Study Round 2: Finished**  
**Method 1.4 (PerChlorPhos)**

• **Study Round 3: In preparation**  
**Method 1.3 “Glyphosate & Co.”**

*Currently planned ...*

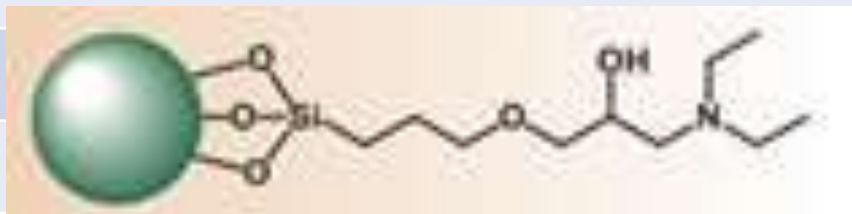
Carbon-based  
**Hypercarb**  
(Porous Graphitic Carbon)  
*by Thermo Scientific*

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**Torus DEA**  
(Diethylamine)  
*by Waters*

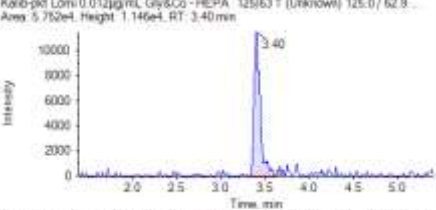
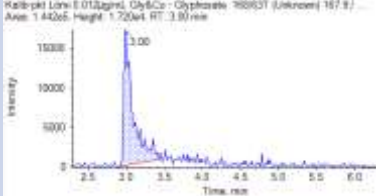
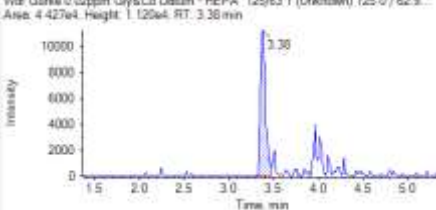
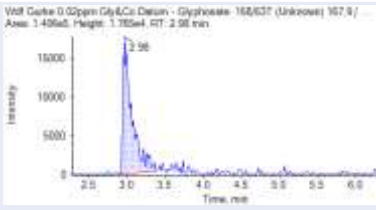
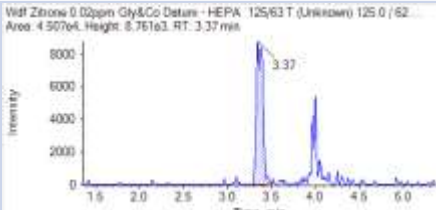
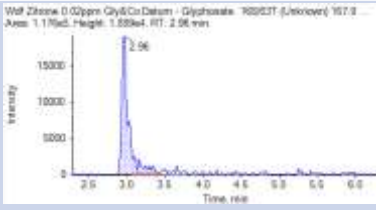
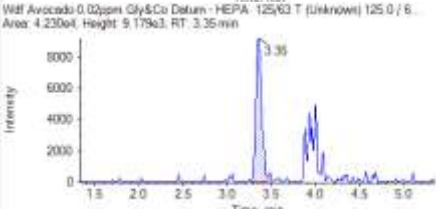
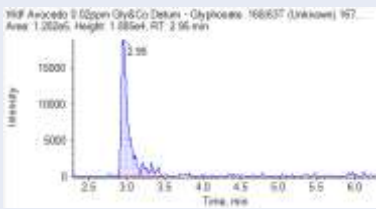
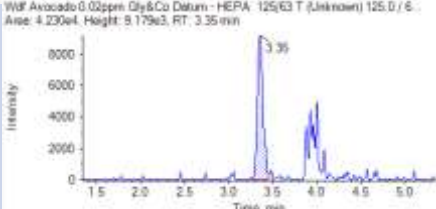
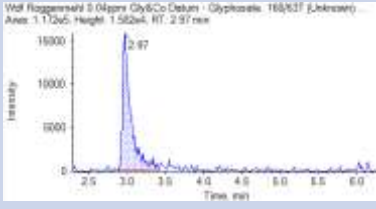
HILIC  
**Acclaim Trinity Q1**  
(Mixed-mode silica based)  
*by Thermo Scientific*

# Torus™DEA – Method

Instrument parameters	Current Conditions	
<b>Column</b>	Torus™DEA 2.1 mm x 100 mm; 1.7 μm (Waters)	
<b>Pre-column</b>	Torus™DEA VanGuard™ 2.1 mm x 5 mm; 1.7 μm (Waters)	
<b>Eluent A</b>	1.2% FA in water	<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Current Conditions</b>            (keep acidity low during equilibr. &amp; after sequence)         </div>
<b>Eluent B</b>	0.5 % FA in ACN	
<b>Gradient</b>	<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>%A</b>
	0	10
	1.5	90
	17	90
	22	10
<b>Flow rate</b>	0.5 mL/min	
<b>Column temp.</b>	50 °C	
<b>Inj. volume</b>	10 μL	



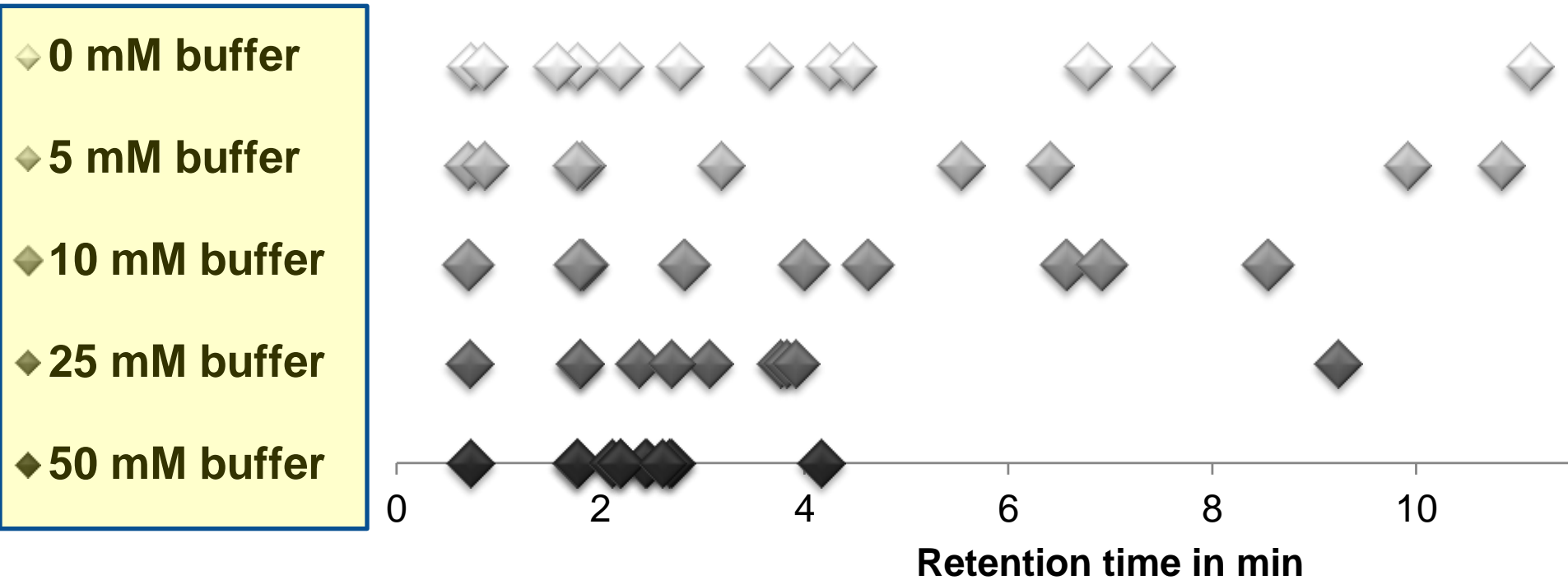
# Torus DEA (Waters): Exemplary Peak Shapes

	HEPA 125/63 T	Glyphosate 168/63 T
<b>Solvent</b> 0.012 µg/mL	<p>Kali-pkt Lom 0.012µg/mL Gly&amp;Co - HEPA 125/63 T (Unknown) 125.0 / 62.8 Area: 5.752e4, Height: 1.146e4, RT: 3.40 min</p> 	<p>Kali-pkt Lom 0.012µg/mL Gly&amp;Co - Glyphosate 168/63 T (Unknown) 167.9 / 144.2e5 Area: 1.442e5, Height: 1.720e4, RT: 3.39 min</p> 
<b>Cucumber</b> 0.02 ppm	<p>Wlf Gurke 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - HEPA 125/63 T (Unknown) 125.0 / 62.8 Area: 4.427e4, Height: 1.120e4, RT: 3.38 min</p> 	<p>Wlf Gurke 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - Glyphosate 168/63 T (Unknown) 167.9 / 144.2e5 Area: 1.456e5, Height: 1.785e4, RT: 2.98 min</p> 
<b>Lemon</b> 0.02 ppm	<p>Wlf Zitrone 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - HEPA 125/63 T (Unknown) 125.0 / 62.8 Area: 4.567e4, Height: 8.761e3, RT: 3.37 min</p> 	<p>Wlf Zitrone 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - Glyphosate 168/63 T (Unknown) 167.9 / 144.2e5 Area: 1.176e5, Height: 1.889e4, RT: 2.96 min</p> 
<b>Avocado</b> 0.02 ppm	<p>Wlf Avocado 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - HEPA 125/63 T (Unknown) 125.0 / 62.8 Area: 4.230e4, Height: 9.179e3, RT: 3.35 min</p> 	<p>Wlf Avocado 0.02ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - Glyphosate 168/63 T (Unknown) 167.9 / 144.2e5 Area: 1.203e5, Height: 1.885e4, RT: 2.96 min</p> 
<b>Rye flour</b> 0.04 ppm	<p>Wlf Roggenmehl 0.04ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - HEPA 125/63 T (Unknown) 125.0 / 62.8 Area: 4.230e4, Height: 9.179e3, RT: 3.35 min</p> 	<p>Wlf Roggenmehl 0.04ppm Gly&amp;Co Datum - Glyphosate 168/63 T (Unknown) 167.9 / 144.2e5 Area: 1.172e5, Height: 1.582e4, RT: 2.97 min</p> 

# First Tests

## Impact of Buffer Concentration on Retention Times

Elution order remained the same

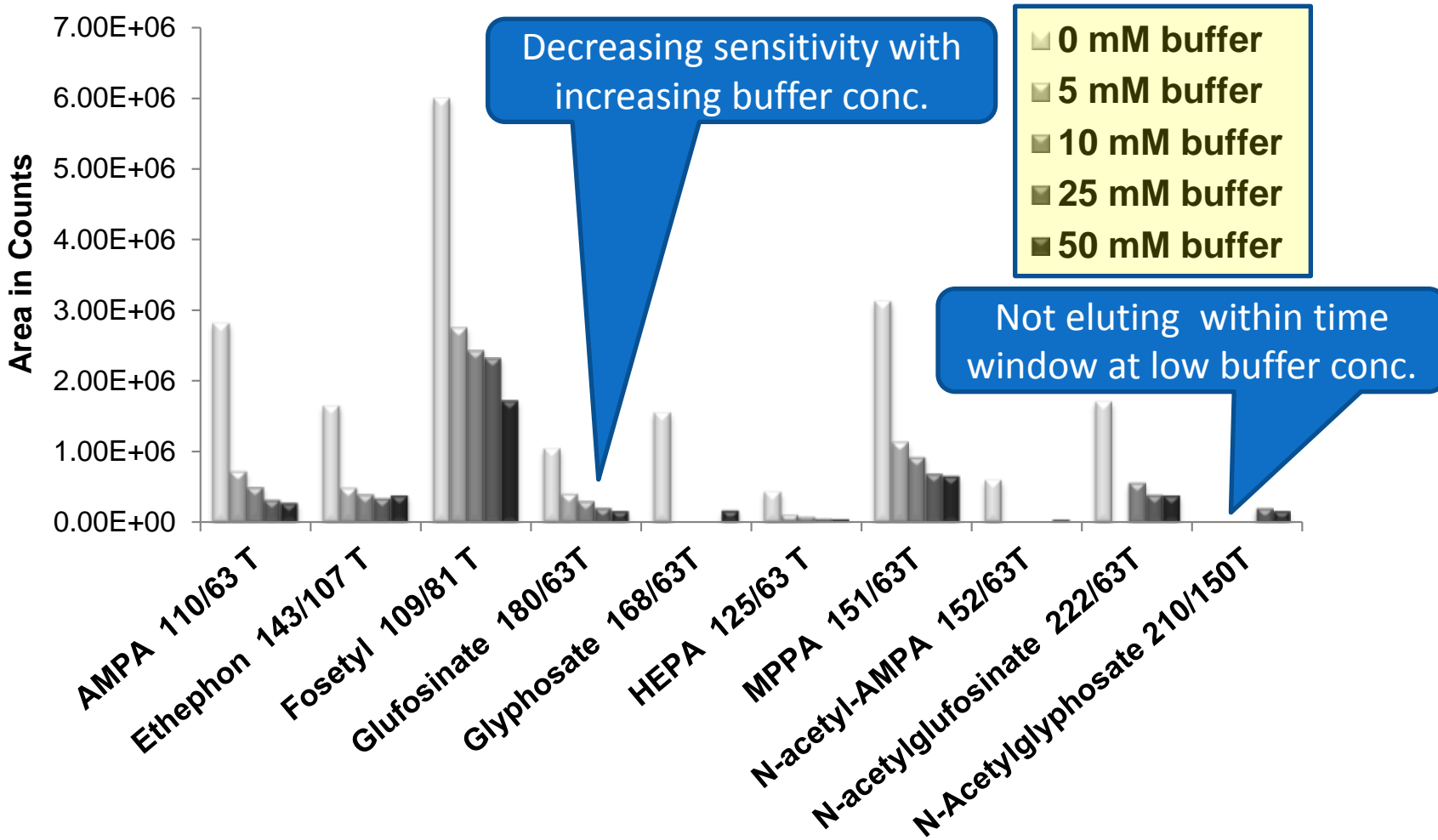


**Eluent A** 0.9% formic acid in water + Ammonium Formate Buffer X mM

**Eluent B** 0.9% formic acid in ACN

# First tests ...

## Impact of Buffer Concentration on Peak Intensity



**Eluent A** 0.9% formic acid in water + **Ammonium Formate Buffer X mM**  
**Eluent B** 0.9% formic acid in ACN



# First tests ...

## Impact of Acid Content on Retention Times & Peak Shapes

	N-Acetyl-Glyphosat 210/150 T	Glyphosat 168/63 T
1,0 % FA; pH 1,96	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.0% FA 4 - N-Acetylgliphosate 210/150T (Unknown) ... Area: 1.761e6, Height: 2.231e4, RT: 15.38 min</p>	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.0% FA 4 - Glyphosate: 168/63T (Unknown) 167.9 ... Area: 1.457e6, Height: 7.889e4, RT: 3.21 min</p>
1,1 % FA; pH 1,93	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.1% FA 2 - N-Acetylgliphosate 210/150T (Unknown) ... Area: 2.311e6, Height: 3.672e4, RT: 13.76 min</p>	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.1% FA 2 - Glyphosate: 168/63T (Unknown) 167.9 ... Area: 1.869e6, Height: 1.329e5, RT: 3.04 min</p>
1,2 % FA; pH 1,91	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.2% FA 4 - N-Acetylgliphosate 210/150T (Unknown) ... Area: 2.271e6, Height: 4.271e4, RT: 12.89 min</p>	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.2% FA 4 - Glyphosate: 168/63T (Unknown) 167.9 ... Area: 1.871e6, Height: 1.408e5, RT: 2.93 min</p>
1,5 % FA; pH 1,86	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.5% FA 2 - N-Acetylgliphosate 210/150T (Unknown) ... Area: 3.027e6, Height: 3.027e4, RT: 10.20 min</p>	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.5% FA 2 - Glyphosate: 168/63T (Unknown) 167.9 ... Area: 1.030e6, Height: 9.592e4, RT: 2.69 min</p>
1,8 % FA; pH 1,82	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.8% FA 2 - N-Acetylgliphosate 210/150T (Unknown) ... Area: 1.521e6, Height: 5.015e4, RT: 8.48 min</p>	<p>Gly&amp;Co 0.1 µg/mL Loemi 1.8% FA 2 - Glyphosate: 168/63T (Unknown) 167.9 ... Area: 1.523e6, Height: 1.622e5, RT: 2.49 min</p>

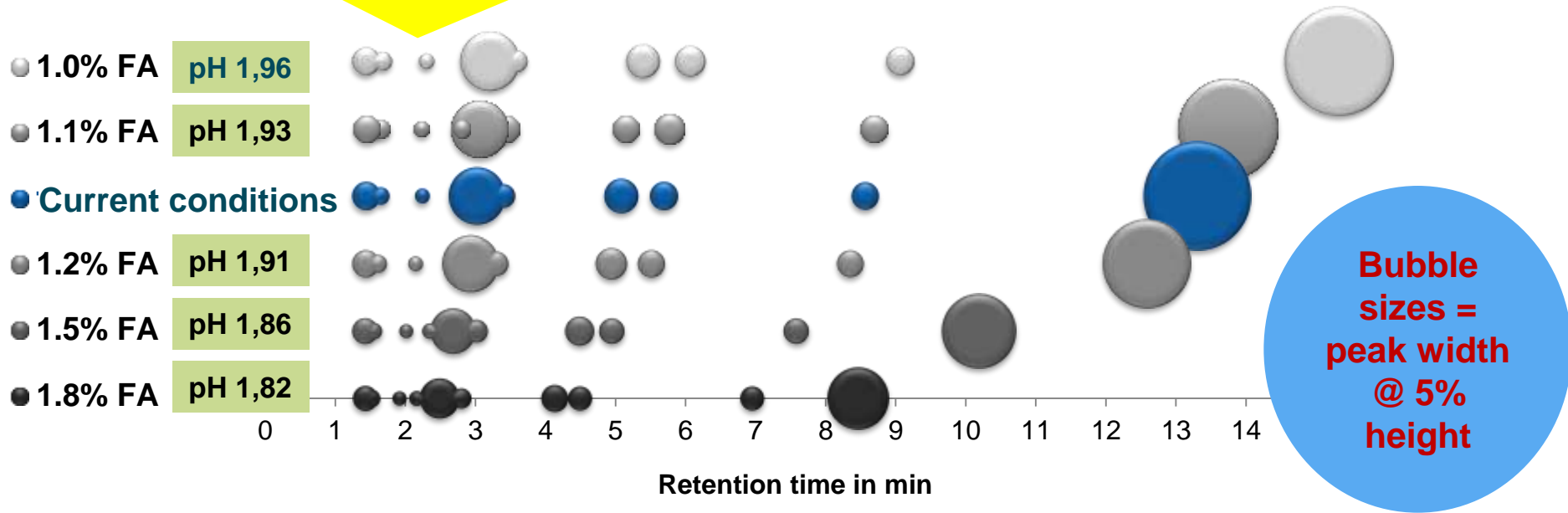
**Same Gradient profile but w/o buffer (only with FA)**

**Manufacturer Recommendation: lowest operating pH of column: 2 !**

# First tests ...

## Impact of Acid Content on Retention Times & Peak Width

**Early eluters less impacted**  
⇒ Reduce acid in B and start with low FA and increase during run



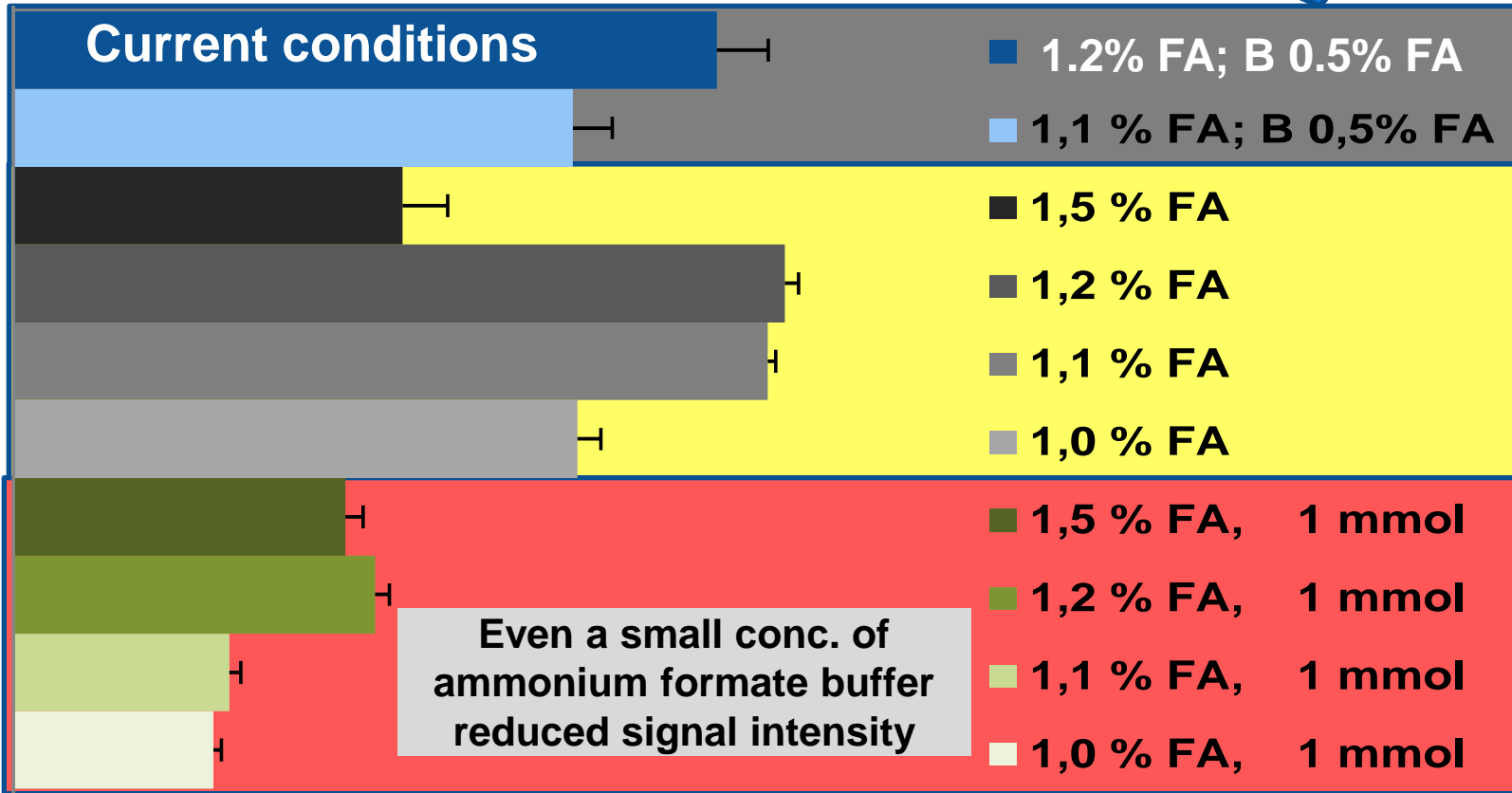
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**Manufacturer Recommendation: lowest operating pH of column: 2 !**

# Impact of Buffer on Peak Intensity

Exemplary for **Glyphosate**

Reduced acid in B

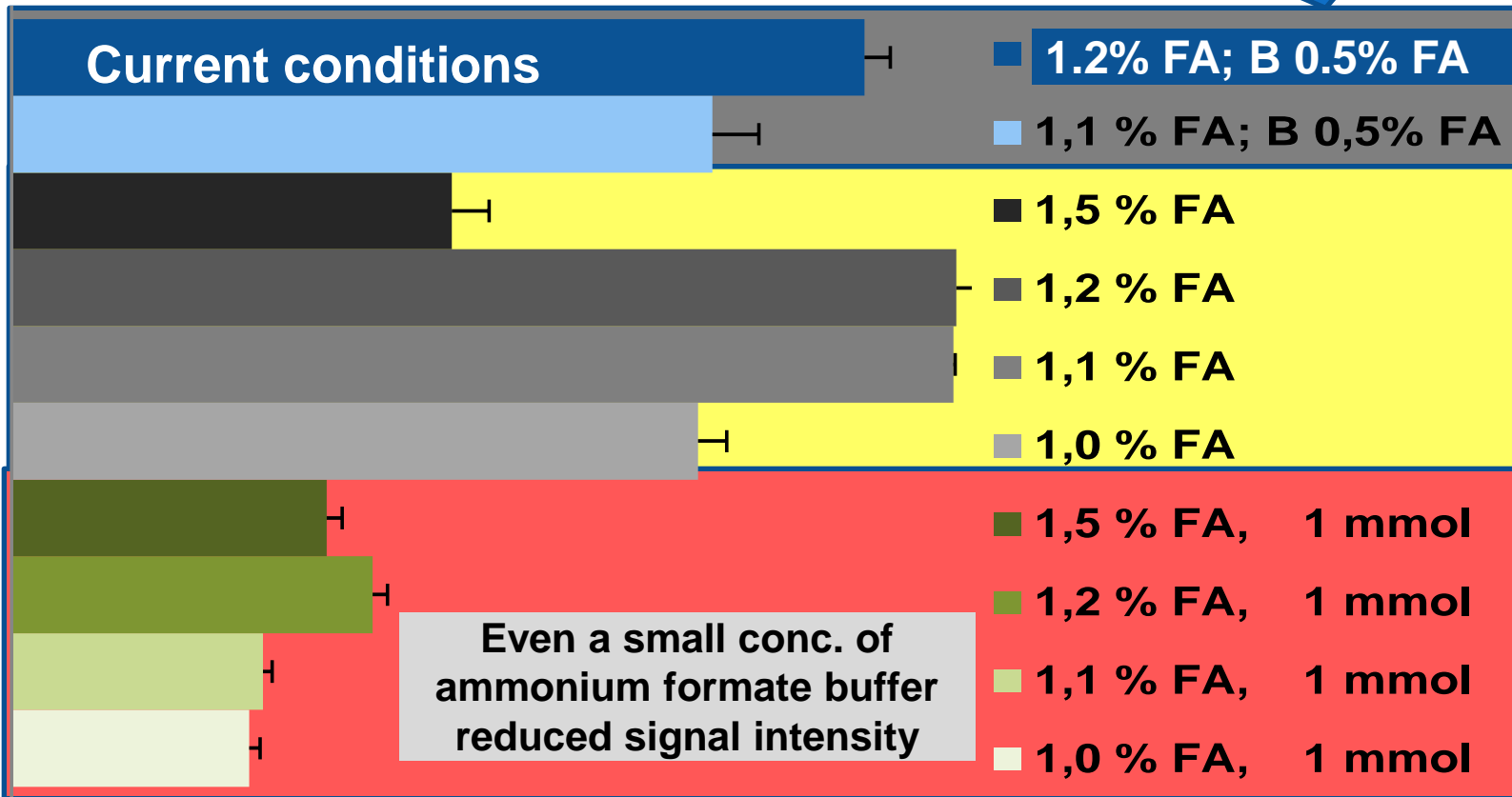


Peak Areas

# Impact of Buffer on Peak Intensity

Exemplary for N-Acetyl-Glyphosate

Reduced acid in B



Even a small conc. of ammonium formate buffer reduced signal intensity

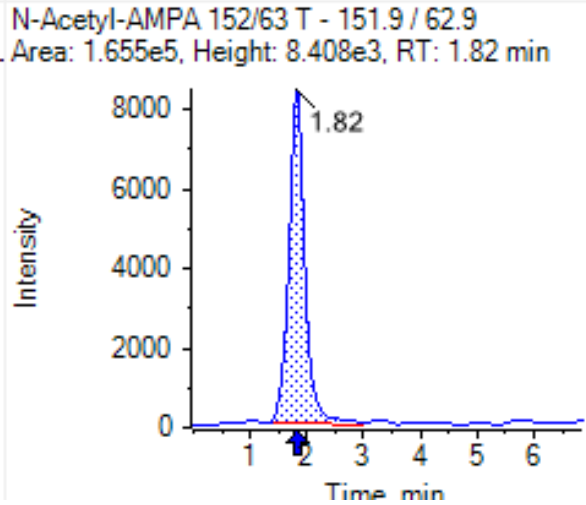
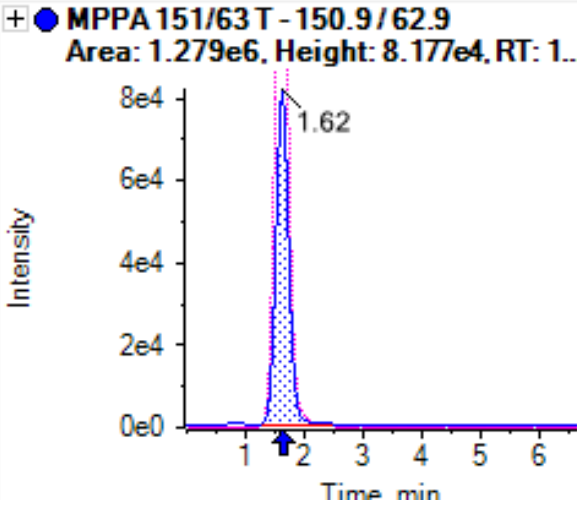
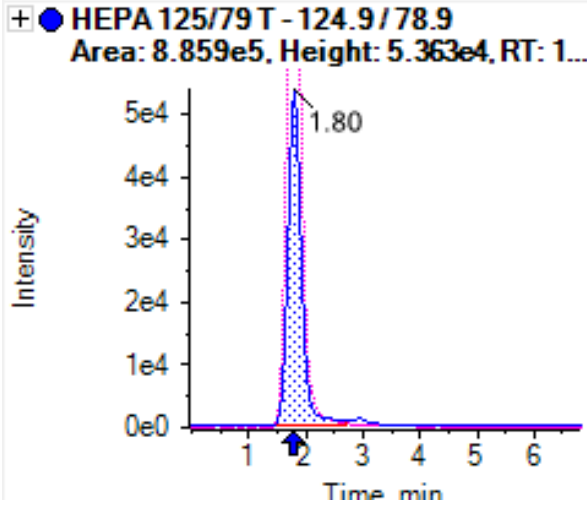
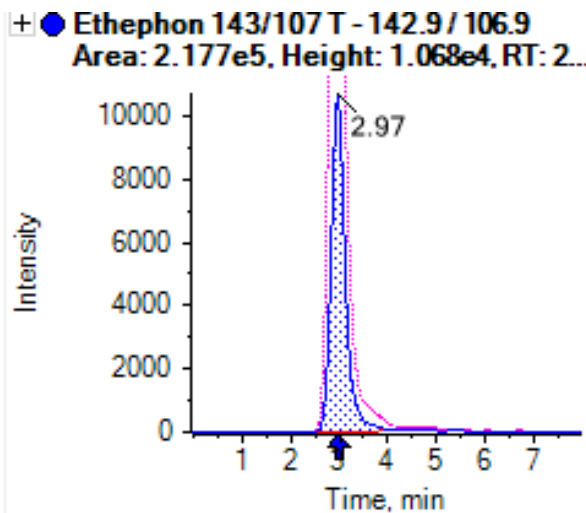
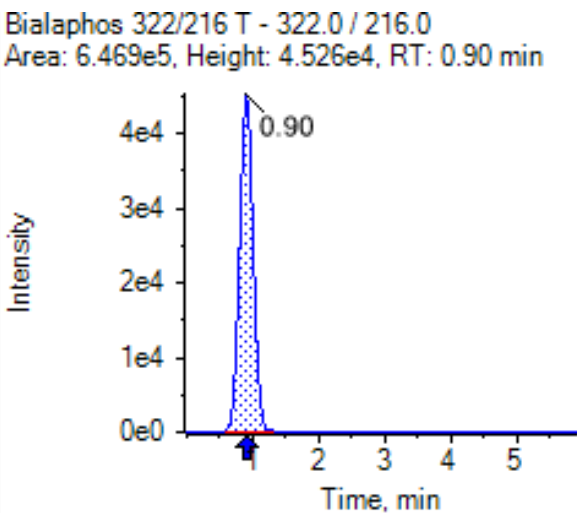
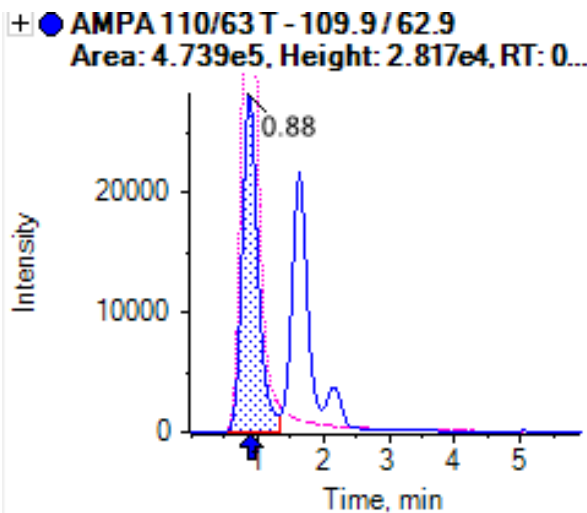
Peak Areas

# Trinity Q1 – Method

Instrument parameters	Conditions	
<b>Column</b>	Acclaim Trinity Q1 2.1 mm x 100 mm, 3 um (ThermoFisher Scientific)	
<b>Pre-column</b>	Acclaim Trinity Q1 Guard Cartridge 2.1 mm x 10 mm, 5 um	
<b>Eluent A</b>	50 mmol/L NH4-formiate (pH 2.9) in water+acetonitrile 6+4	
<b>Eluent B</b>	Acetonitrile	
<b>Gradient</b>	Time (min)	% A
	0	100
	10	100
	10.1	18.2 ( $\pm$ 90 % ACN)
	13	18.2 ( $\pm$ 90 % ACN)
	13.1	100
	18	100
<b>Flow rate</b>	0.5 mL/min	
<b>Column Temp.</b>	30 °C	
<b>Injection Vol.</b>	10 $\mu$ L	

# “Glyphosate&Co. Trinity Q1”

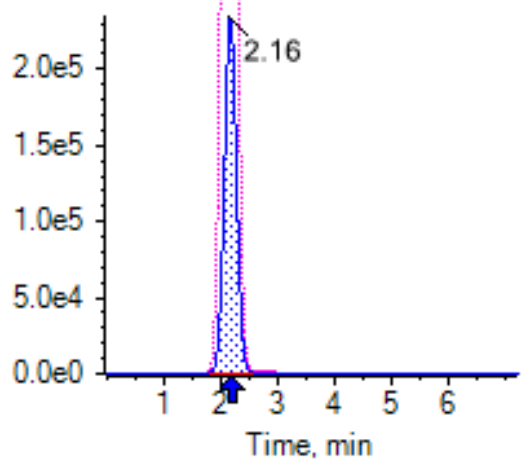
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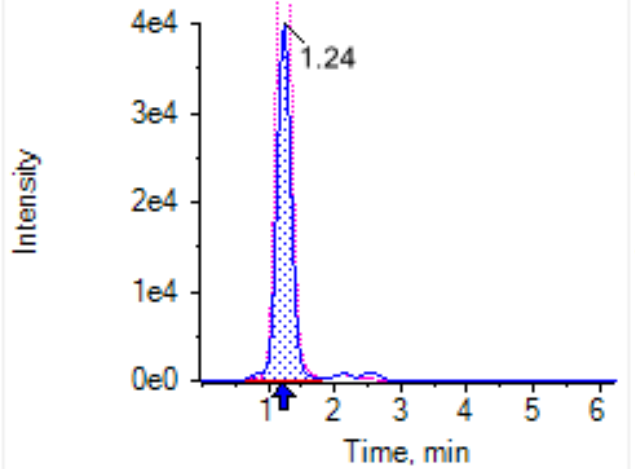
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0.1 µg/mL

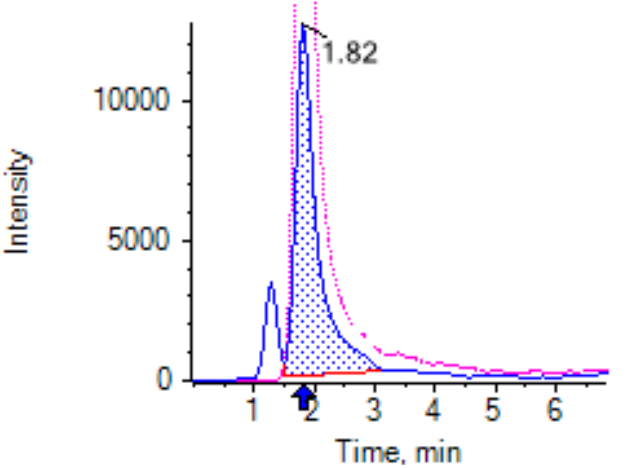
Fosetyl 109/63 T - 108.9 / 62.9  
Area: 3.520e6, Height: 2.344e5, RT: 2...



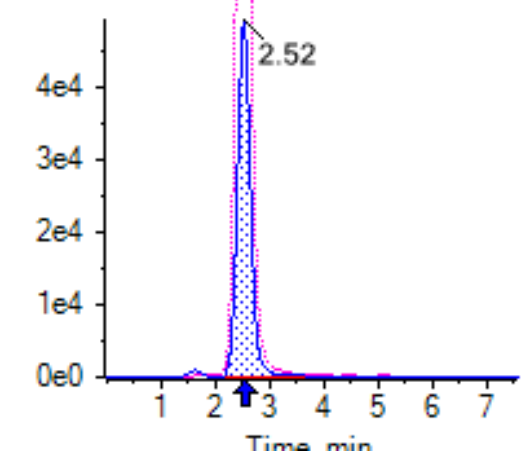
Glufosinate 180/63 T - 179.9 / 62.9  
Area: 6.124e5, Height: 4.000e4, RT: 1...



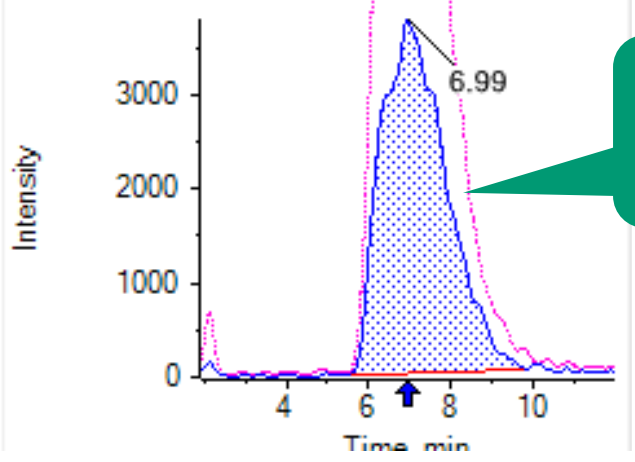
Glyphosate 168/63 T - 167.9 / 62.9  
Area: 3.167e5, Height: 1.255e4, RT: 1...



N-Acetylglufosinate 222/136 T - 221.9 ...  
Area: 8.521e5, Height: 4.937e4, RT: 2...



N-Acetylglyphosate 210/63 - 209.9 / 6...  
Area: 4.200e5, Height: 3.749e3, RT: 6...



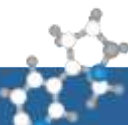
**N Acetyl-Glyphosate  
broader peak**

## **“Glyphosate&Co. Trinity Q1”**

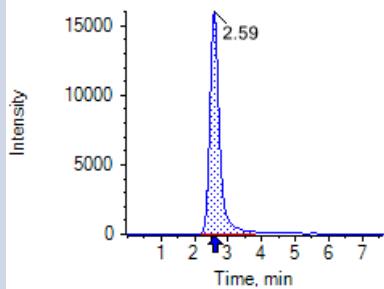
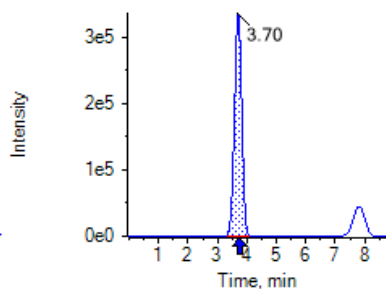
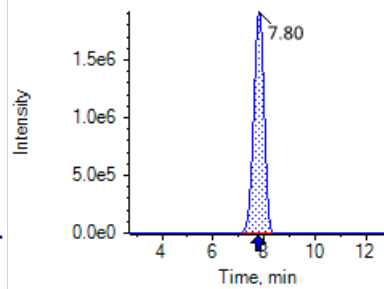
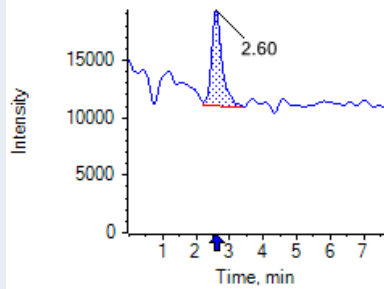
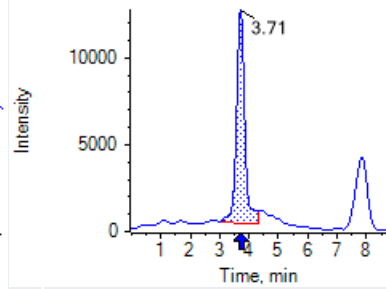
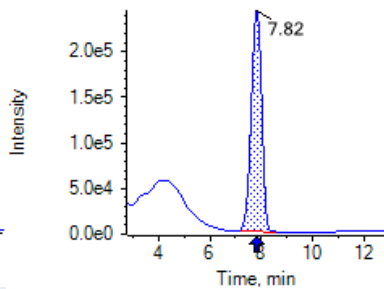
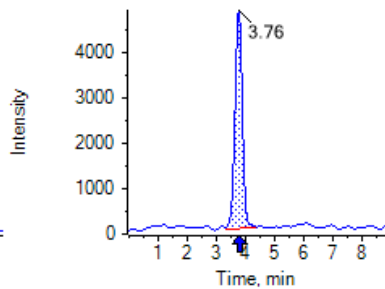
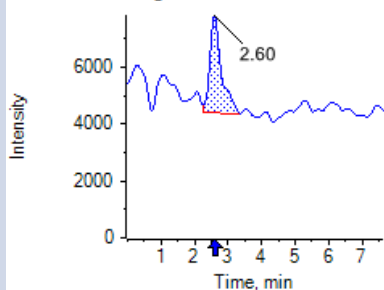
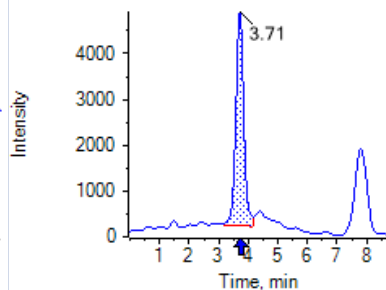
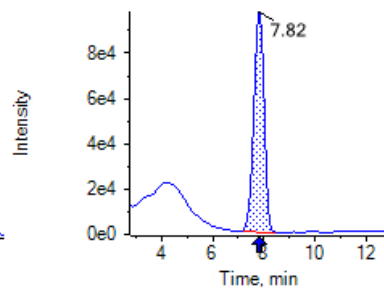
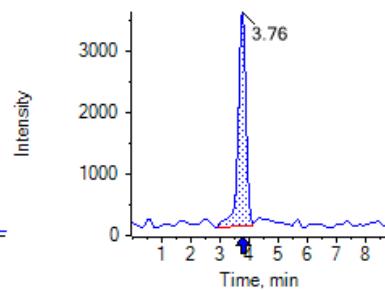
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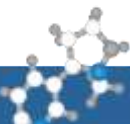
- **Overall good peak shapes**
- **More stable RTs than Hypercarb approach**
- **Less pampering needed compared to Hypercarb**
- **A bit less sensitive detection than by Hypercarb approach**
- **Some initial problems with badge-to-badge differences (hopefully now solved)**
- **Also covers very well “PerChloPhos” analytes**





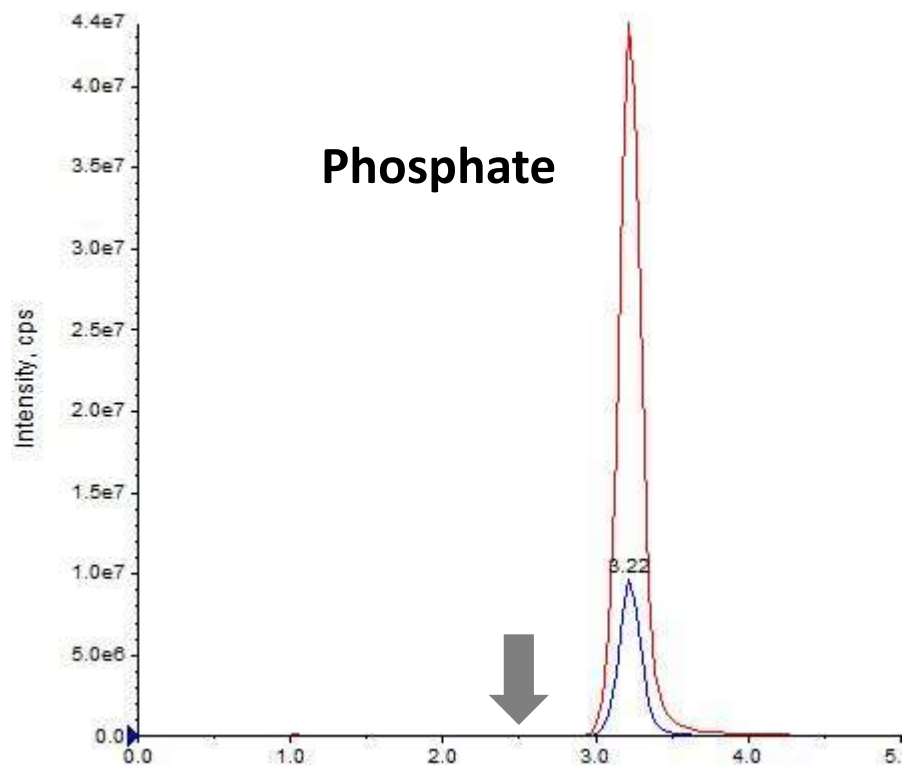
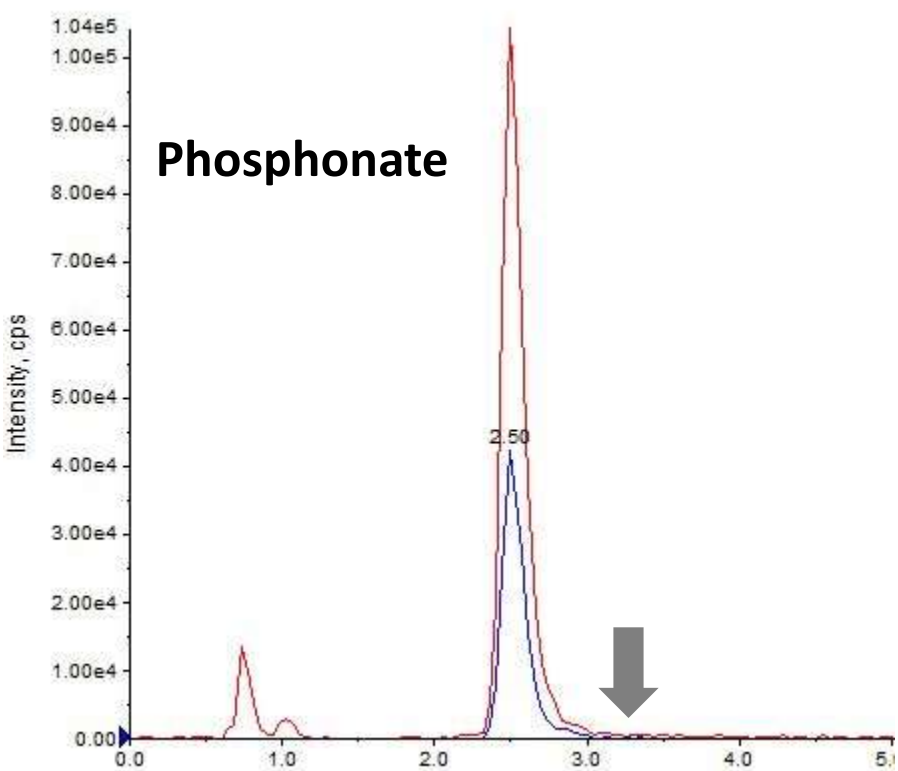
„PerChloPhos“ compounds

	Phosphonic acid 0.025 µg/mL	Chlorate 0.0025 µg/mL	Perchlorate 0.0025 µg/mL	Bromide 0.01 µg/mL	
<b>ILIS</b>	<p>Phosphonic acid 1803 IS 87/67 - 87.0 / 67.0 Area: 3.184e5, Height: 1.600e4, RT: 2.59 min</p> 	<p>Chlorate 1803 IS 89/71 - 88.9 / 70.9 Area: 5.830e6, Height: 3.357e5, RT: 3.70 min</p> 	<p>Perchlorate 1804 IS 107/89 - 106.8 / 89.0 Area: 5.415e7, Height: 1.916e6, RT: 7.80 min</p> 	<p><b>No ILIS for bromide</b></p>	
<b>Native comp. Quant. MRM</b>	<p>Phosphonsaeure 81/79 - 80.9 / 78.9 Area: 1.813e5, Height: 8.327e3, RT: 2.60 min</p> 	<p>Chlorat 83/67 - 82.8 / 67.0 Area: 2.412e5, Height: 1.225e4, RT: 3.71 min</p> 	<p>Perchlorate 99/83 - 98.8 / 82.9 Area: 6.864e6, Height: 2.422e5, RT: 7.82 min</p> 		<p>Bromid DP -35 CE -60 81/81 - 80.7 / 80.7 Area: 8.427e4, Height: 4.797e3, RT: 3.76 min</p> 
<b>Native comp. Qual. MRM</b>	<p>Phosphonsaeure 81/63 - 80.9 / 62.9 Area: 8.151e4, Height: 3.418e3, RT: 2.60 min</p> 	<p>Chlorat 85/69 - 84.8 / 69.0 Area: 8.711e4, Height: 4.663e3, RT: 3.71 min</p> 	<p>Perchlorate 101/85 - 100.8 / 84.9 Area: 2.735e6, Height: 9.708e4, RT: 7.82 min</p> 		<p>Bromid DP -35 CE -70 79/79 - 78.8 / 78.8 Area: 6.580e4, Height: 3.479e3, RT: 3.76 min</p> 



# „PerChloPhos“ compounds

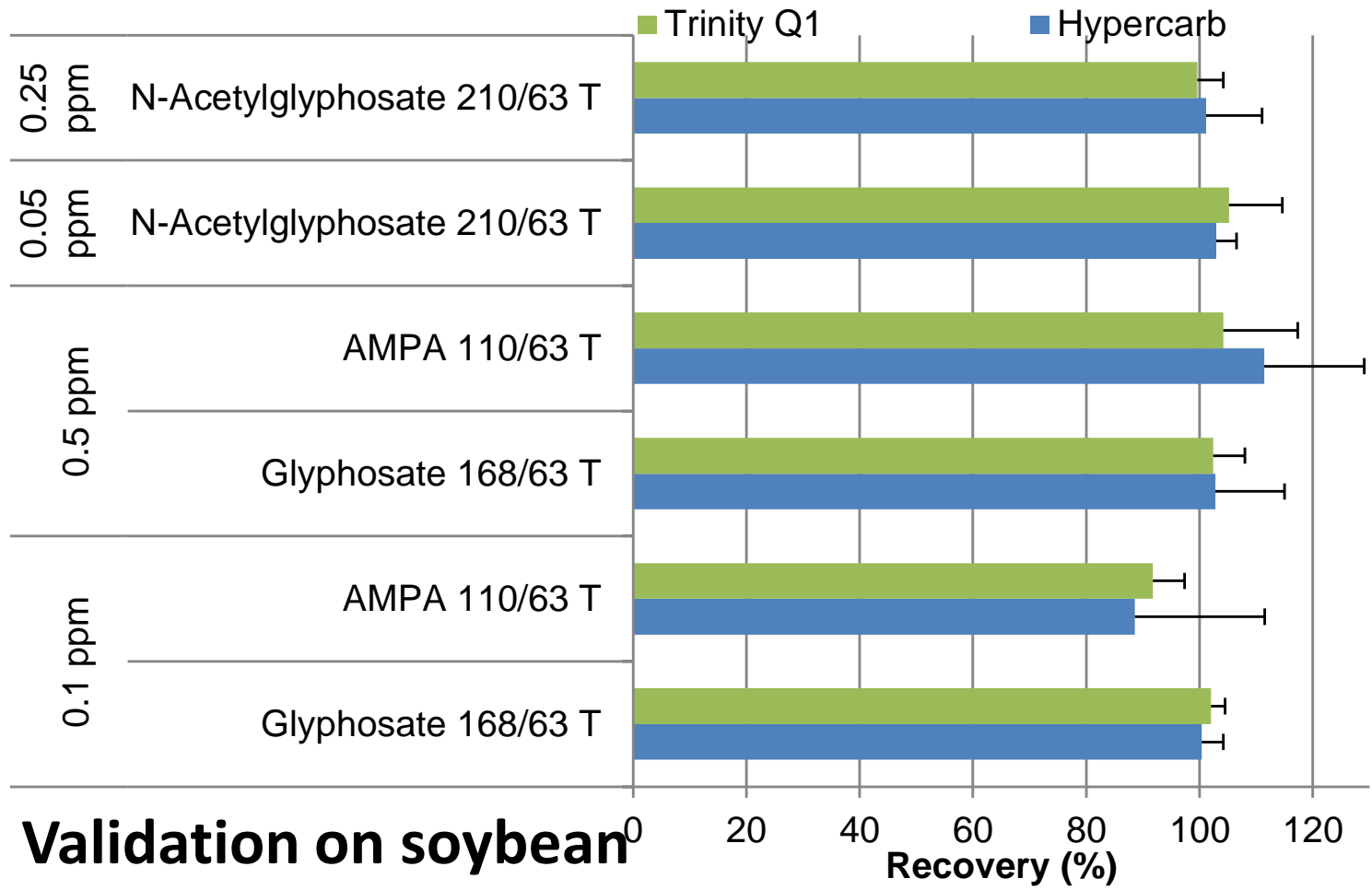
## Better separation between Phosphate and Phosphonate



### Situation with Hypercarb

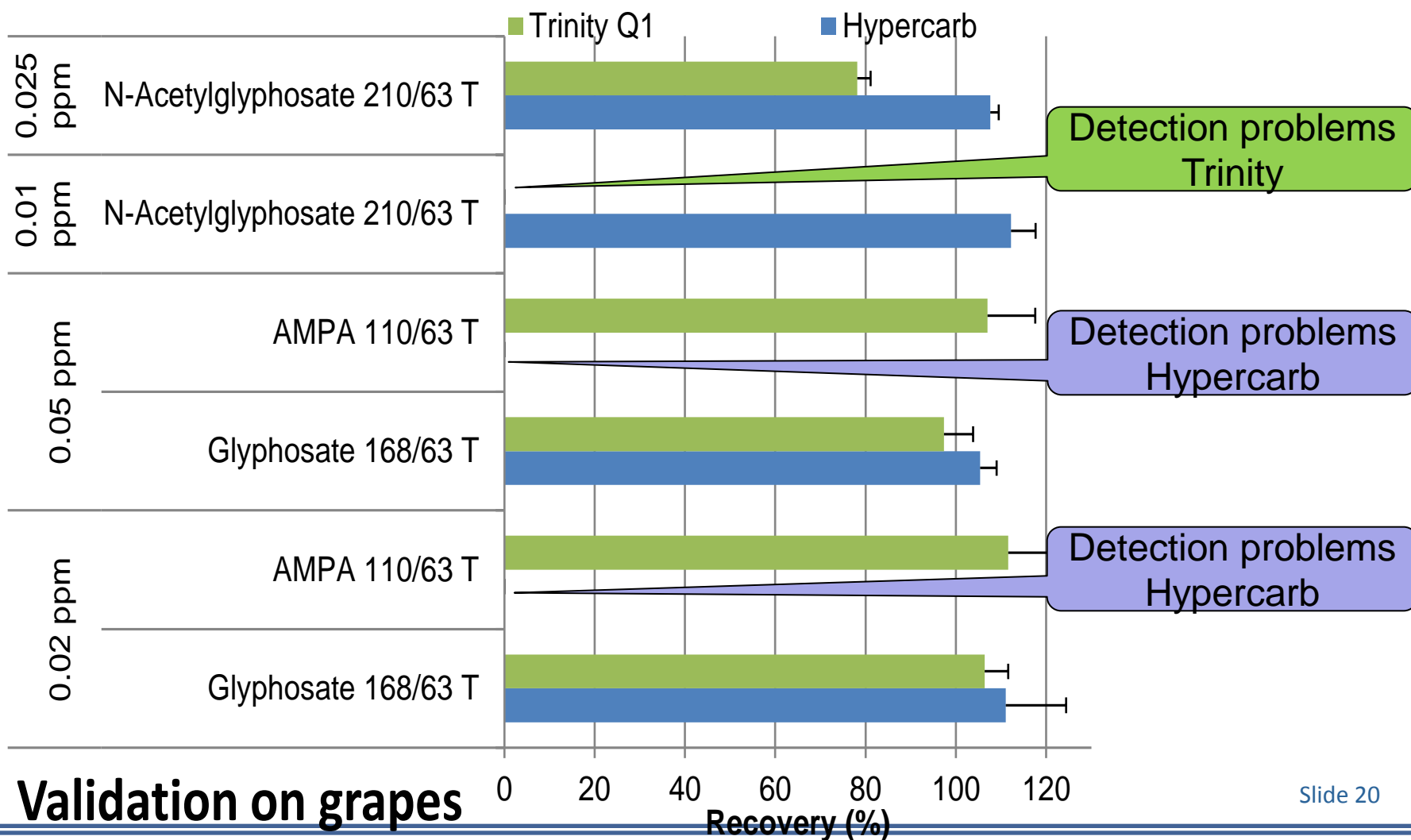
Phosphate elutes just prior to phosphonate and has a strong tailing  
Separation between phosphate and phosphonate sometimes compromised.

# Exemplary validation data using Trinity Q1 column

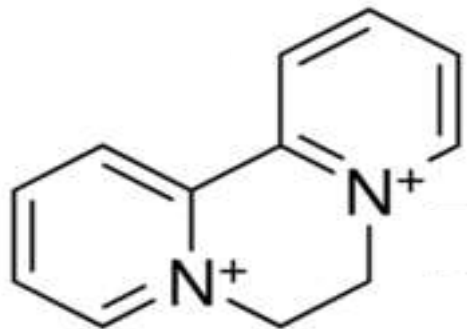


**Validation on soybean**

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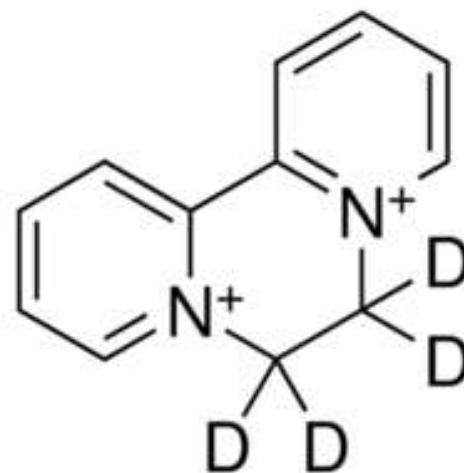


# Diquat Analysis



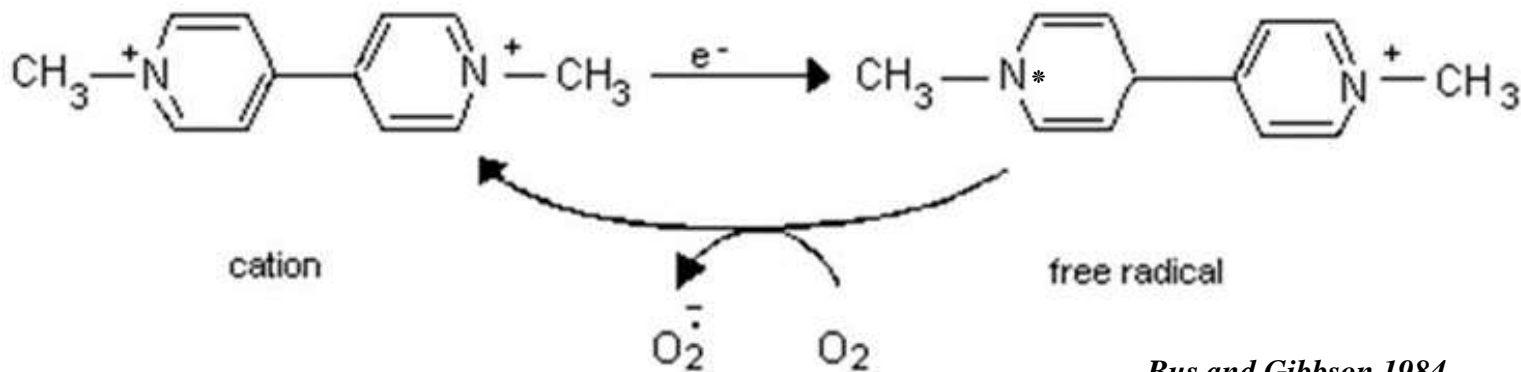
Diquat

Commercially available



Diquat D4

Redox reactions involving radical formation



*Bus and Gibbson 1984*

# Observations when analyzing Diquat


- Diquat /Diquat D4 unstable when exposed to light
- **Diquat D4 less stable** than native Diquat solutions
- Calculating via Diquat D4 recovery rates often more biased than w/o ILIS
- When storing diquat (or diquat D4) 2<sup>nd</sup> peak appears (solvent dependent)
- **Formation of native diquat** in diquat D4 solutions

Storage 42d

MeOH w.1% FA

H2O/ACN 90/10

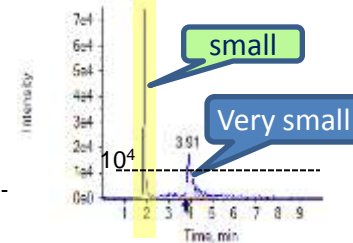
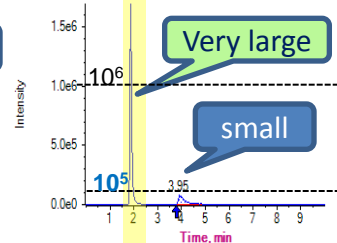
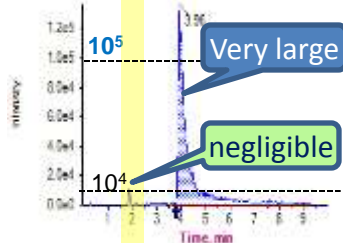
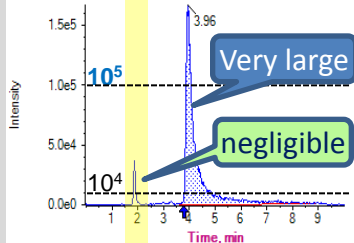
MeOH

MeOH+Light 

**Diquat**

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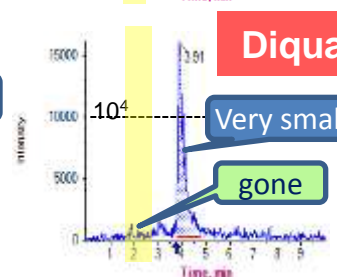
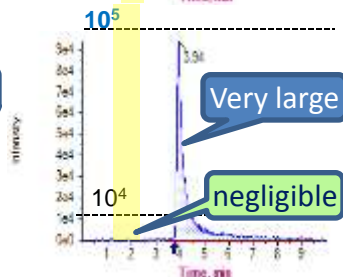
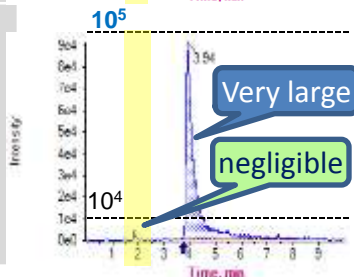
$[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$



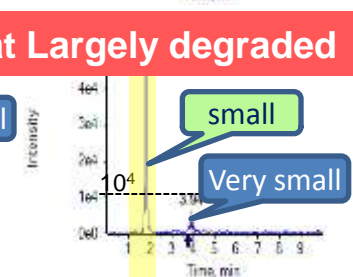
**Diquat D4**

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$[M^{2+}-D^+]^+$



**Diquat Largely degraded**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Peak possibly deprotonated diquat in solution ( $[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$ )**

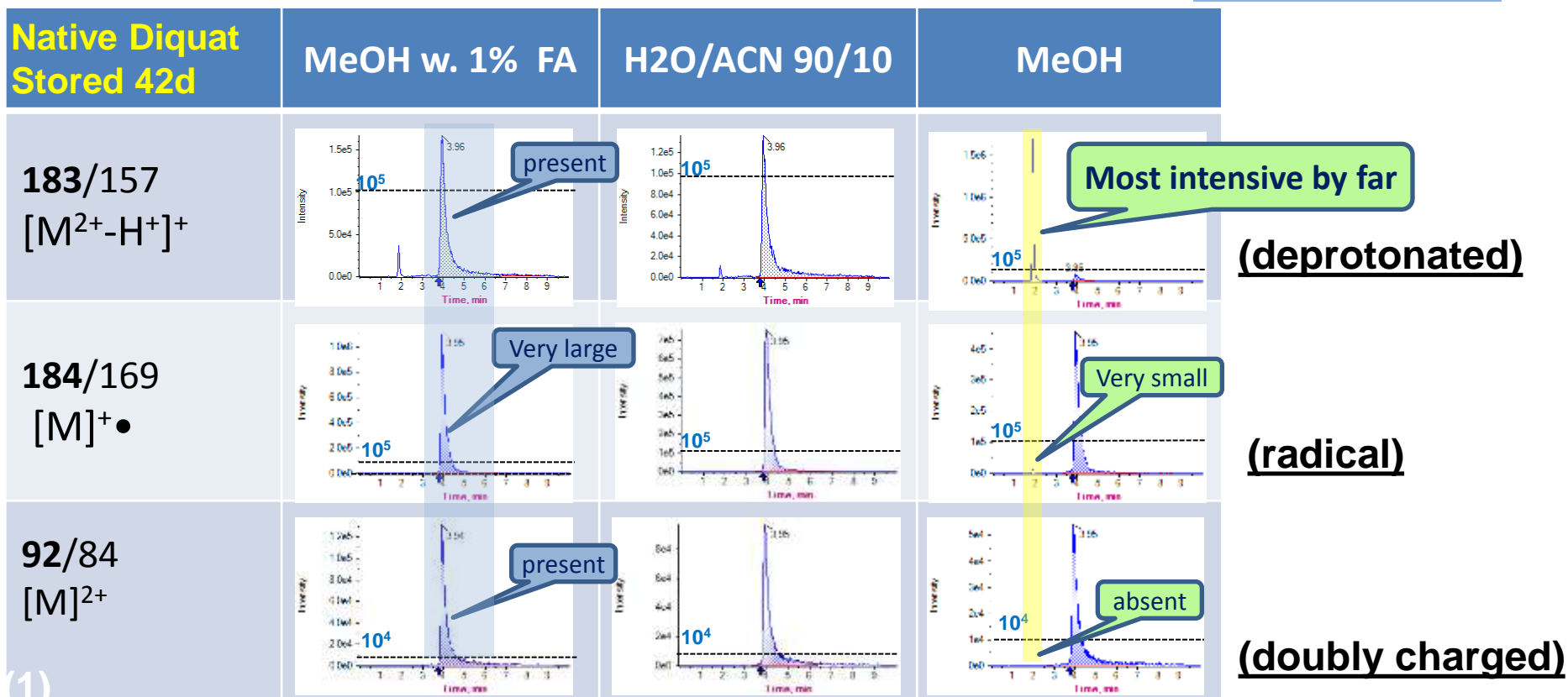
# Observations when analyzing Diquat

2<sup>nd</sup> Peak possibly deprotonated diquat in solution ( $[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$ )

Indications supporting ( $[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$ ) theory:

(1) ESI-Pos ion profile:

Measured on ObeliscR



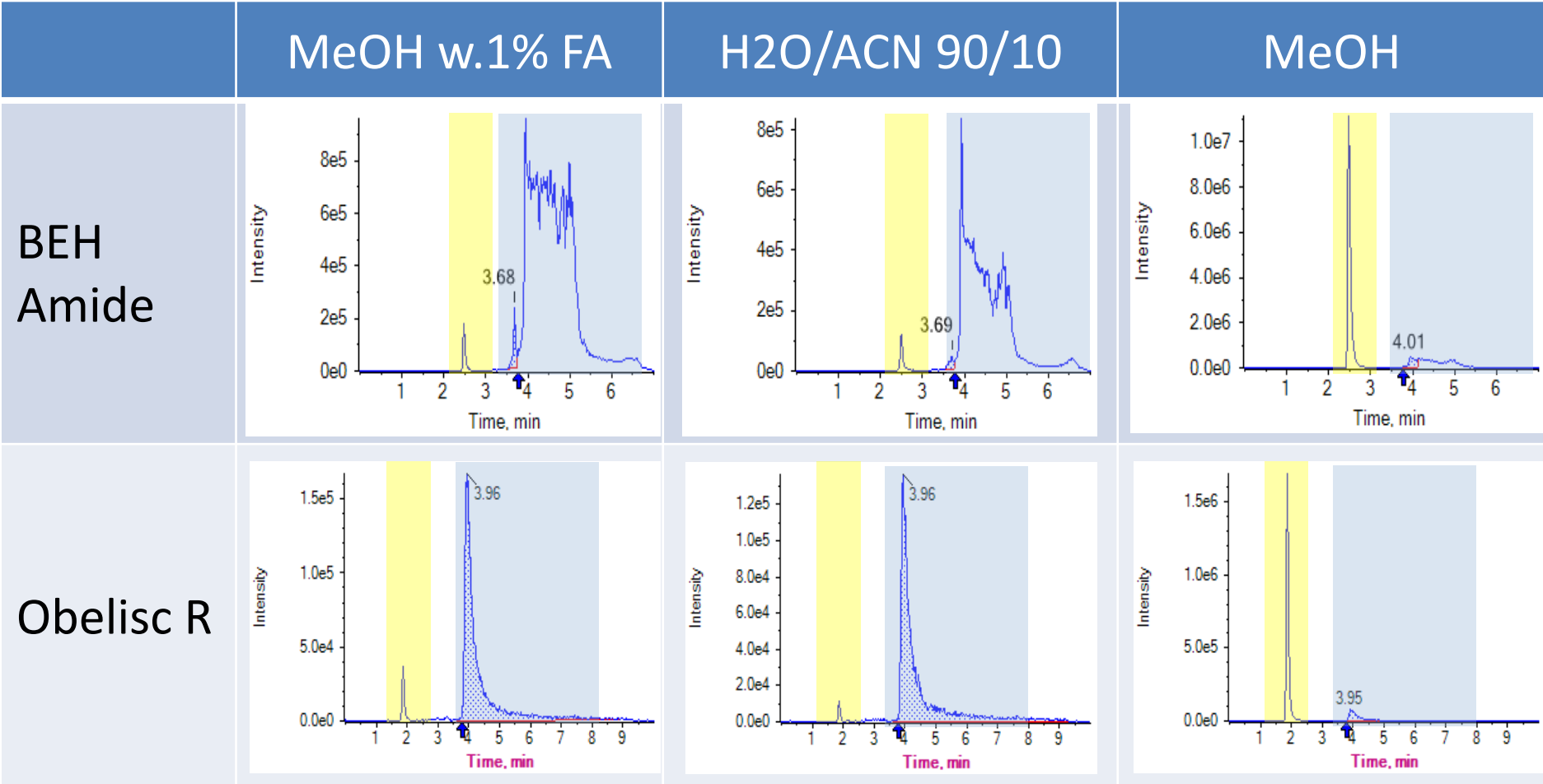
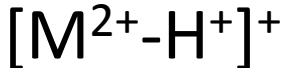
(1)

(2) Reversibility: adding acid 2<sup>nd</sup> peak shrinks ↓; actual later eluting peak increases ↑

(3) Sharper Peak form: Indication of reduced chelating ability,

# Observations when analyzing Diquat

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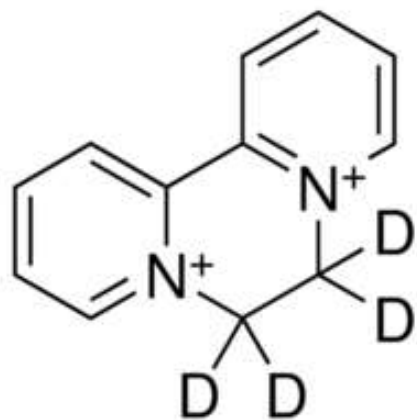


Avoid quantifying via 2<sup>nd</sup> peak, even use for screening critical

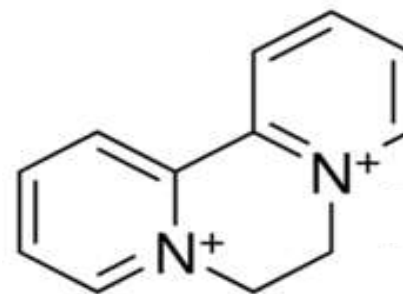


# Observations when analyzing Diquat


## D/H Exchange and Formation of native Diquat from Diquat D4



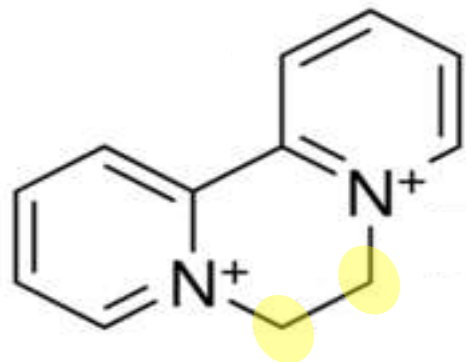
Diquat D4



Diquat

Storage 42d	MeOH w.1% FA	H2O/ACN 90/10	MeOH	MeOH+light 
Stored Sln	<u>Native Diquat</u> formation during storage of 42 days			
Diquat D4 (0.1 µg/mL)	0	0	<b>0.059 µg/mL!</b>	0.0080

# Synthesis of Diquat $^{13}\text{C}_2$



Diquat  $^{13}\text{C}_2$

No formation of native Diquat during storage 😊

	MeOH w.1% FA	H2O/ACN 90/10	MeOH	MeOH+light ☀
<b>Stored Sln</b>	<b><u>Native Diquat</u> formation during storage of 42 days</b>			
Diquat D4 (0.1 µg/mL)	0	0	<b>0.059 µg/mL!</b>	0.0080
Diquat $^{13}\text{C}_2$ (0.1 µg/mL)	0	0	0	0

Still care needed ...

- Diquat  $^{13}\text{C}_2$  degrades in MeOH w. sunlight exposure (radical quenchers to be tested)
- Some MRMs of  $^{13}\text{C}_2$  Diquat are interfered by native Diquat ⇒ use specific MRMs


# Behaviour of Diquat and its ILISs in different solvents

Storage 42d

MeOH w.1% FA

H2O/ACN 90/10

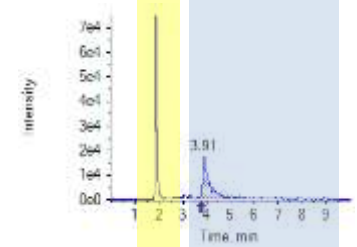
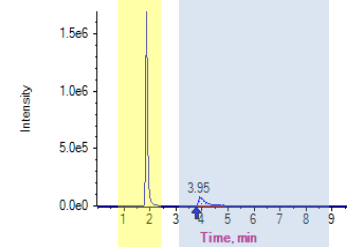
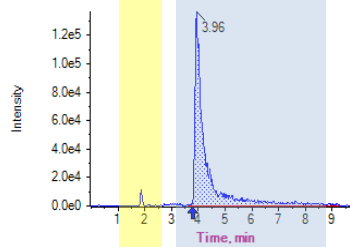
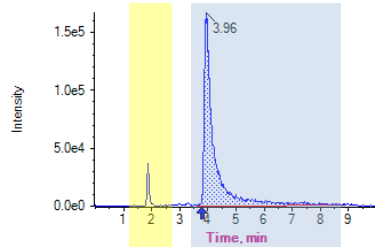
MeOH

MeOH+Light 

**Diquat**

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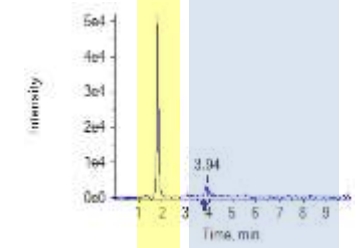
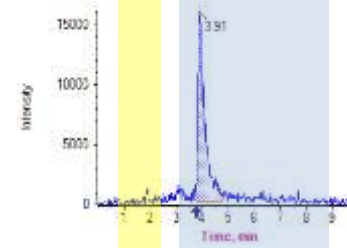
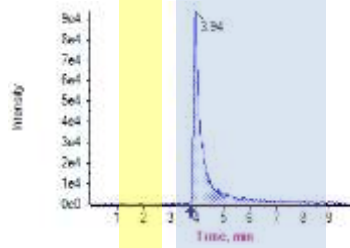
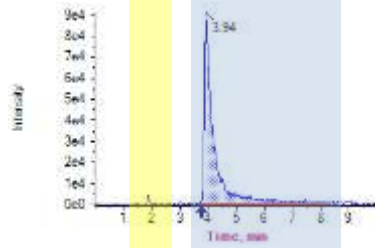
$[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$



**Diquat D4**

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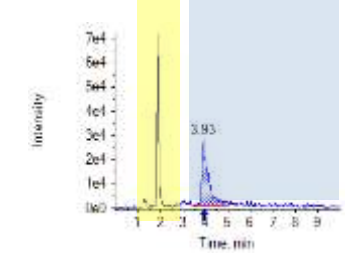
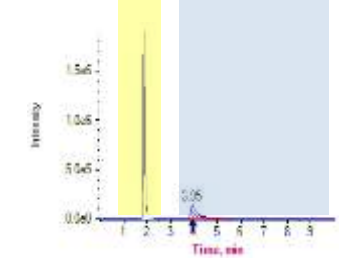
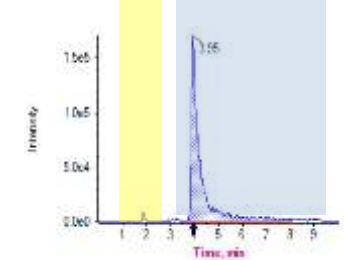
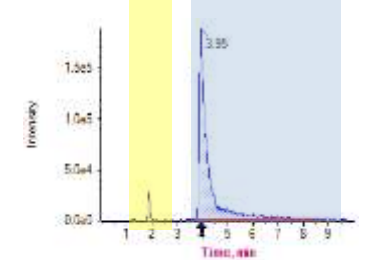
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**Diquat <sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub>**

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$[M^{2+}-H^+]^+$



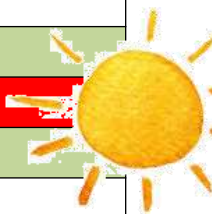
Diquat and Diquat <sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub> behave similarly

Diquat D4 deviates in its behaviour

➔ Diquat <sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub> better suitable as ILIS

# Stability of Diquat and its ILISs in different solvents

Solutions (1 µg/ml) in various solvents stored for 42 days  
(measured via later eluting peak)



<b>Storage 42d</b>	<b>Diquat</b> original stock sln in H2O	<b>Diquat D4</b> original stock sln in D2O	<b>Diquat <sup>13</sup>C2</b> original stock sln in H2O
MeOH w. 1% FA ( <u>fresh</u> )	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Storage in <u>Fridge</u></b>			
MeOH w. 1% FA	105	114	114
Methanol	73	7	77
H2O/ACN 90/10	78	86	96
H2O	84	86	80
<b>Storage on <u>Bench</u></b>			
MeOH w. 1% FA	46	16	83
Methanol	13	0	15
H2O/ACN 90/10	84	83	104
H2O	77	93	94

⇒ H2O/ACN 9:1 is a good solvent for working standards

# Highly Volatile Pesticides

# Phosphine

Cost-effective + rapidly acting **fumigant**

→ protect food stock (**e.g. cereals, spices**) from **insects + rodents**

Use increased following phasing-out of MeBr (Montreal Protocol)

## APPLICATION FORMS:

- **PH<sub>3</sub> gas** (from gas cylinders or generated from phosphide plates)

Applied in silos against Insects and Rodents

- **Phosphides in Pellet/Tablet Form** (e.g. Al, Mg, Zn phosphides)

a) In **silos/containers**;

b) In **field** (against Rodents)

Phosphides **react with ...**

- **Water** (incl. atmospheric vapor)



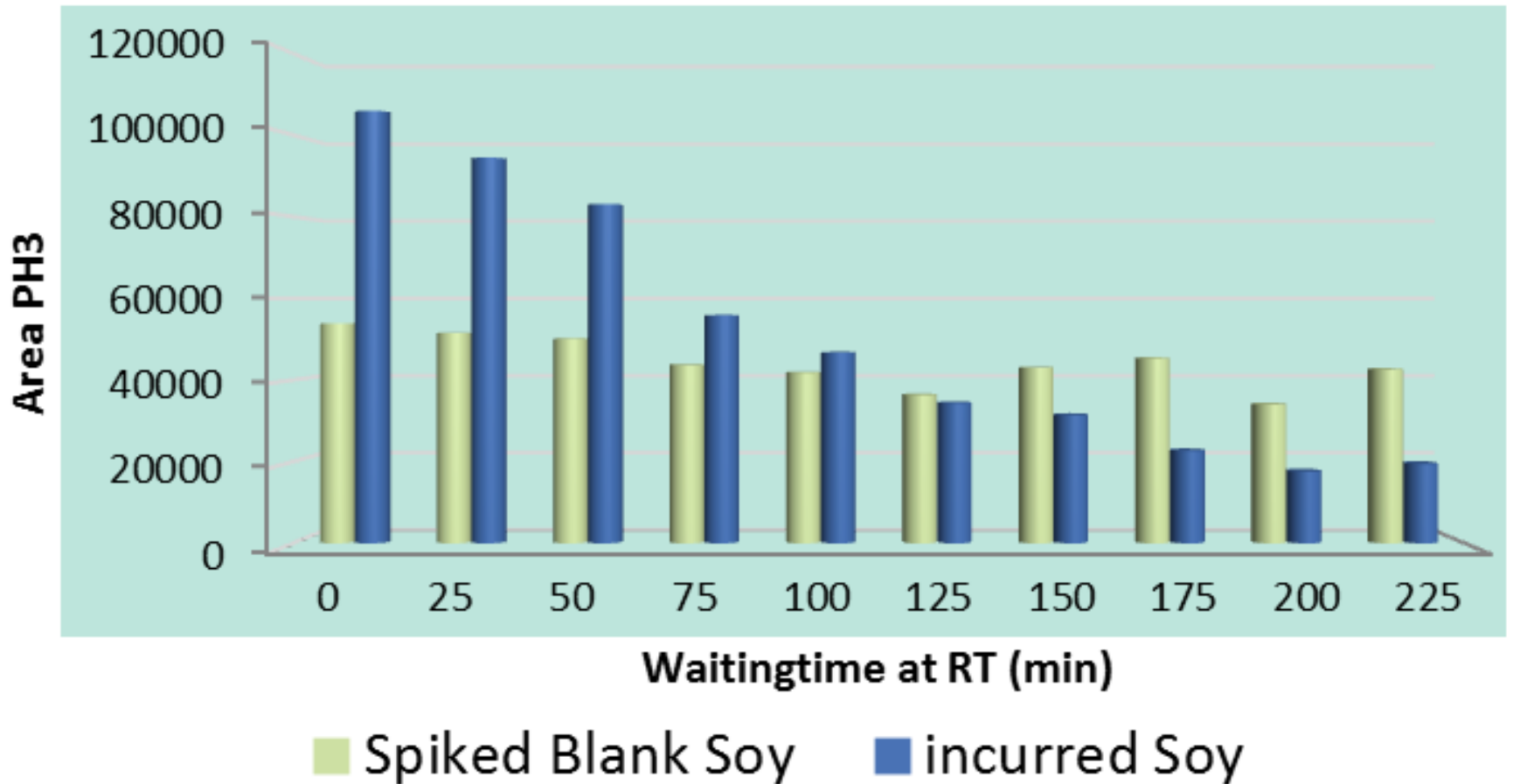
- **Acids** (e.g. in rodents' stomach) accelerate PH<sub>3</sub> formation



# Phosphine = Phosphane (IUPAC)



### Influence waiting time in auto sampler at RT incurred vs. spiked PH3

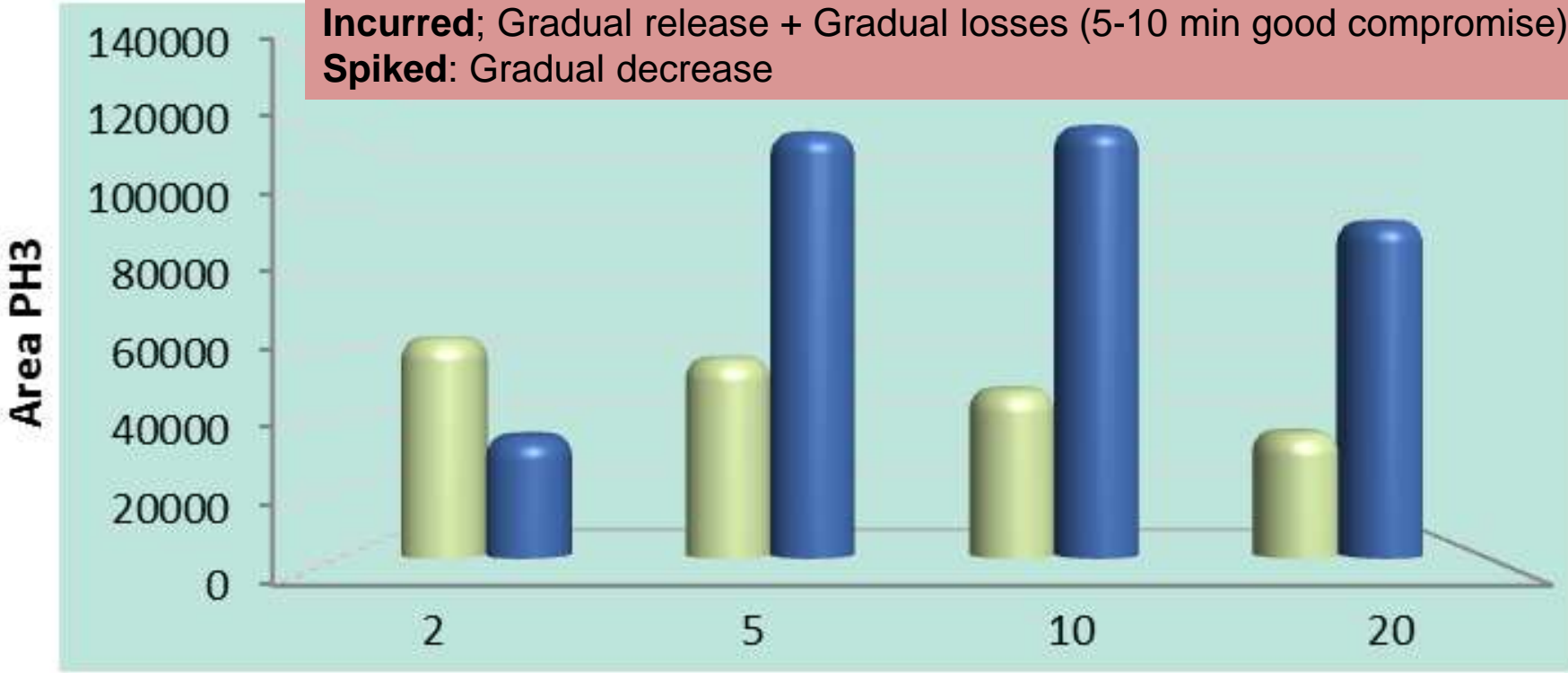


# Phosphine = Phosphane (IUPAC)



### Influence incubation time at 80°C incurred vs. spiked PH3

**Incurred:** Gradual release + Gradual losses (5-10 min good compromise)  
**Spiked:** Gradual decrease



■ Spiked blank Soy    ■ Incurred Soy



# Sulfurylfluorid



## **Fumigant insecticide**

Replacement for methyl bromide

Odorless and neurotoxic

Usage (not necessarily in EU)

1. dried fruit,
2. nuts, oily seeds
3. cereals,
4. dried eggs, meat

Also used in buildings (e.g. against termites)

## **MRLs**

**SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>**: e.g. Tree nuts: 10 mg/kg, Herbal infusions; 0.05 mg/kg,  
MRL\*s = 0.01\* mg/kg for most commodities and 0.02\* for teas, coffee etc.

**Fluoride ion**: e.g. Teas: 350 mg/kg, Tree nuts 25 mg/kg, Herbal infusions and Hops 10 mg/kg;  
Coffee beans and spices: 5 mg/kg.

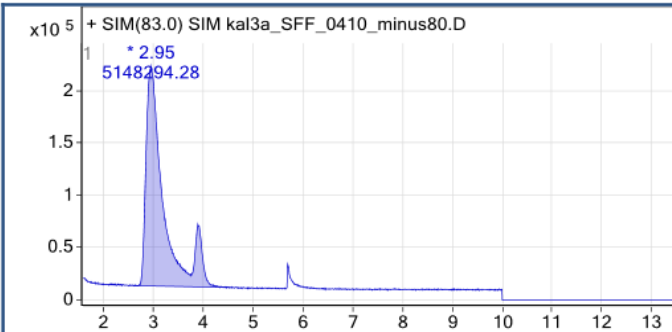
MRL\* = 2 mg/kg for all commodities of plant origin



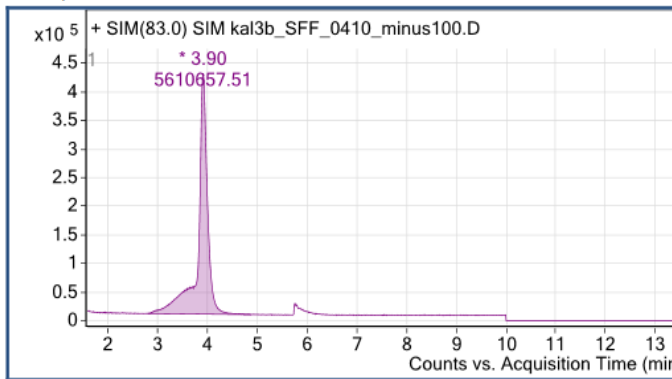
# Sulfuryl Fluorid SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>

## Method Optimization

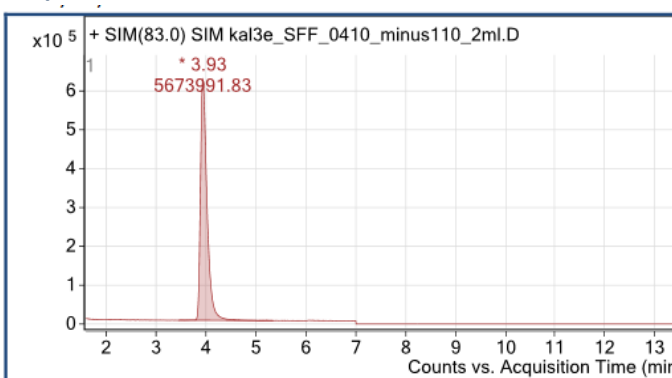
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b) -100°C



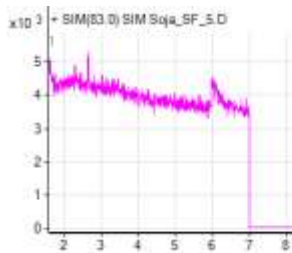
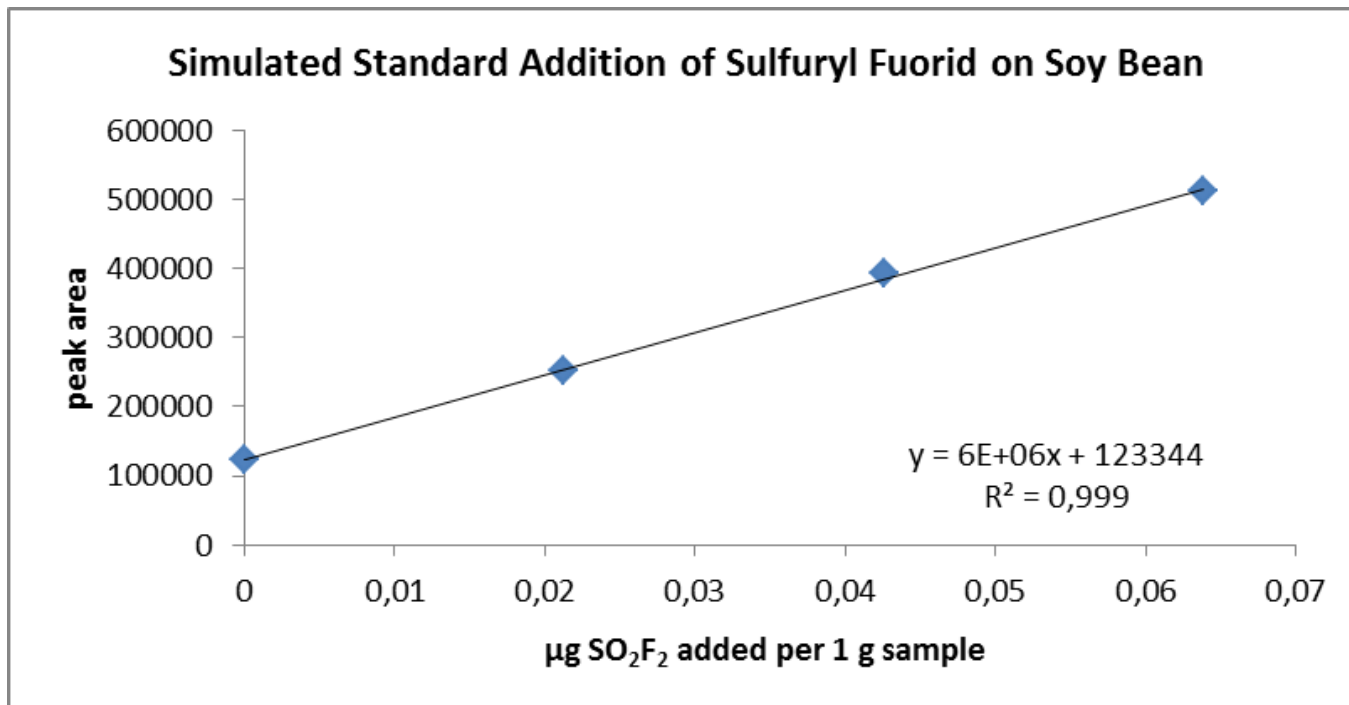
c) -110 °C



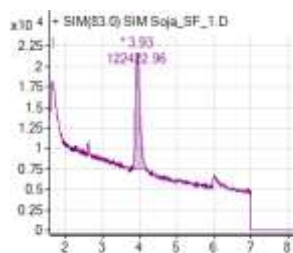
## Headspace GC-MS analysis:

<i>Headspace conditions</i>	
Agitator temperature	80°C
Incubation time	10 min
Shaking speed	500 rotations per min
Shaking interval	5 s followed by a 2 s break
Syringe temperature	85°C
Injection volume	2000 µL
Draw speed	200 µL/s
Injection speed	500 µL/s
<i>PTV conditions</i>	
Initial temperature	-110°C with 0.1. min initial time
Heating ramp	150°C with a rate of 12°C/min
Hold time	2 min
<i>Oven</i>	
Carrier gas flow (Hydrogen)	2.2 mL/min (constant flow mode)
Split ratio	5:1
Oven temperature	35°C for 3 min
Heating ramps	10°C/min to 100°C, then 35°C/min to 200°C
Final time	4 min
Total run time	16.4 min
<i>MSD</i>	
Transfer line temperature	240°C
Solvent delay	4 min
SIM mode recording	m/z 83
Dwell time	100 ms for each ion
Tune mode	Manual tune for very low masses

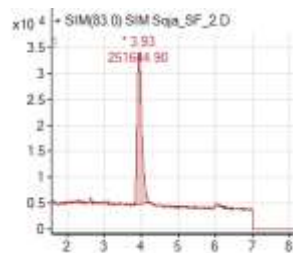
# Method verification through simulated standard addition



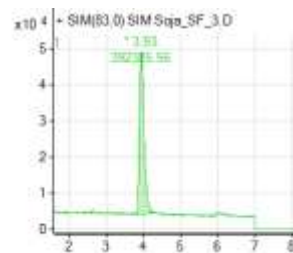
Blank Soy Bean



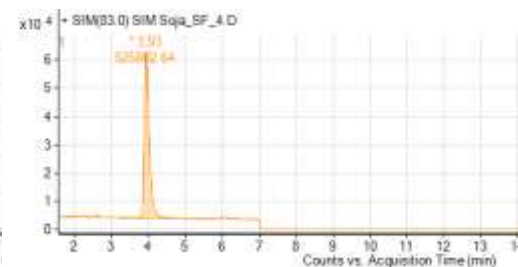
Soy Bean with xy ppm Sulfuryl Fluorid



Soy Bean + Addition of 0,021  $\mu\text{g}$  Sulfuryl Fluorid



Soy Bean + Addition of 0,042  $\mu\text{g}$  Sulfuryl Fluorid

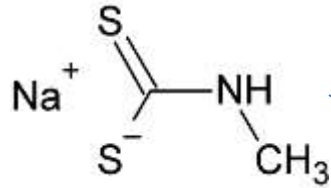


Soy Bean + Addition of 0,063  $\mu\text{g}$  Sulfuryl Fluorid

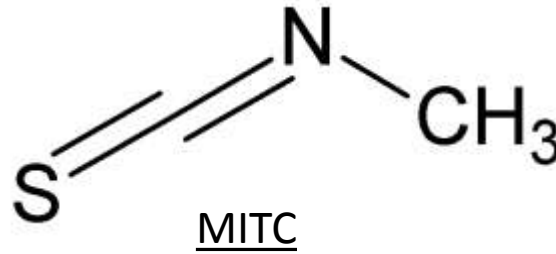
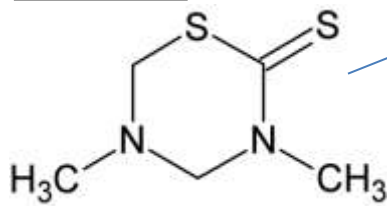
**Simulated Standard Addition: Soy Bean spiked with 0,020 ppm**  
**Calculated result via extrapolation 0.0188 ( $\cong$  94 %)**

# MITC - Methylisothiocyanate

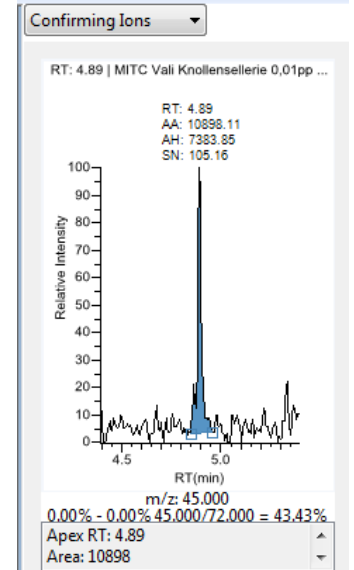
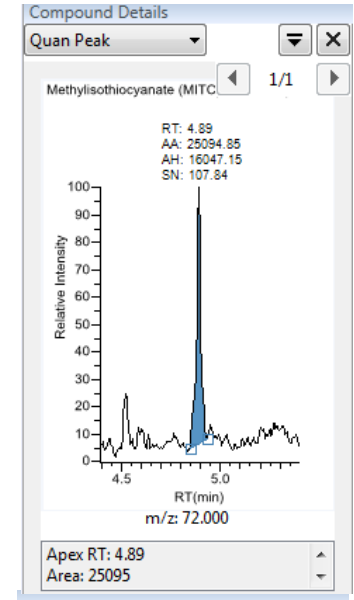
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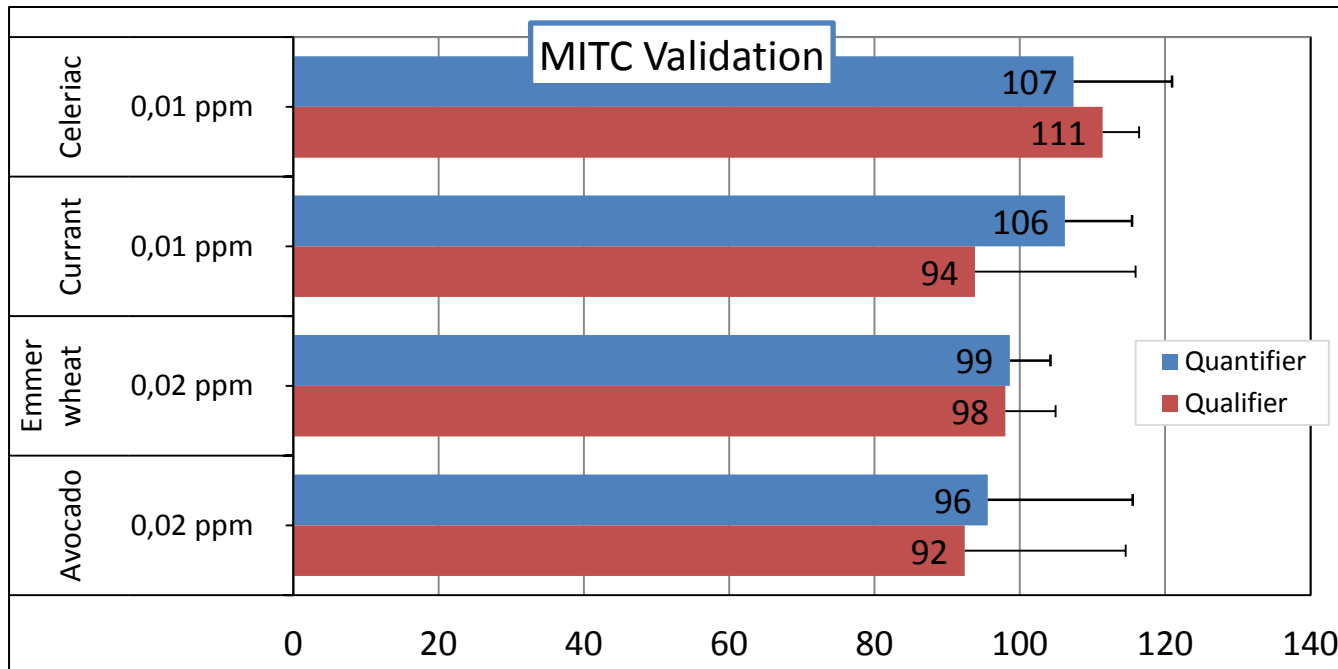
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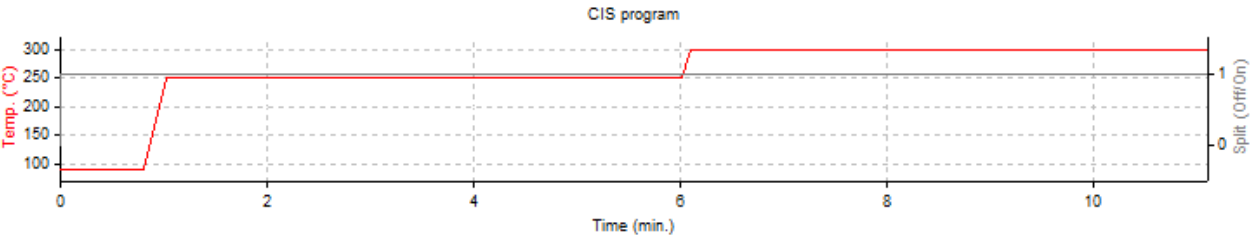
QuEChERS Extraction



MITC Validation



# MICP - GC-Conditions



CIS Parameters   Pneumatics

Solvent Venting

Pressure (kPa)

Total Flow (mL/min)

Vent until (min)

Sample to Column Transfer

Column Head Pressure (kPa)   
(for Flow = 1.0 mL/min)

Total Split Ratio  : 1

Split Inj.  
instead of PTV

Injection Settings

Transfer Mode

Split Ratio  : 1

Split Flow (mL/min)

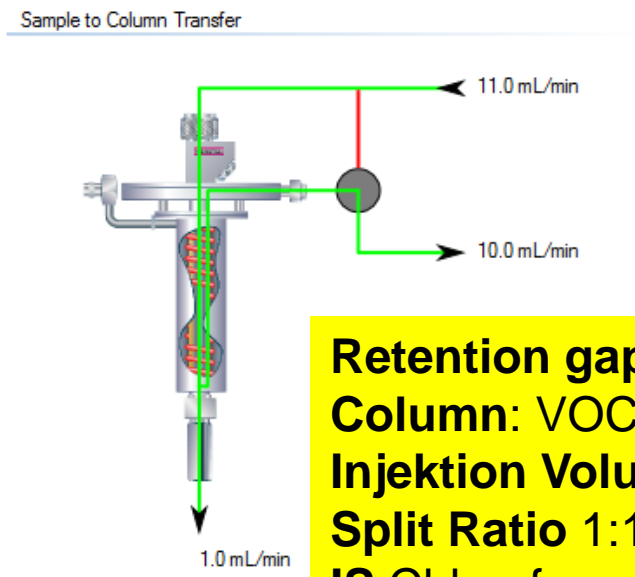
Start Post Purge at (min)

Split Purge Flow (mL/min)

Gas Saver

Start Gas Saver at (min)

Split Flow (mL/min)



Retention gap: 2 m x 0.25 mm  
Column: VOC 30 m x 0.2 mm (1.12 µm film)  
Injektion Volume: 2 µl,  
Split Ratio 1:10  
IS Chloroform

**Some other  
Compounds of  
Interest and  
actuality**

# ANILINE

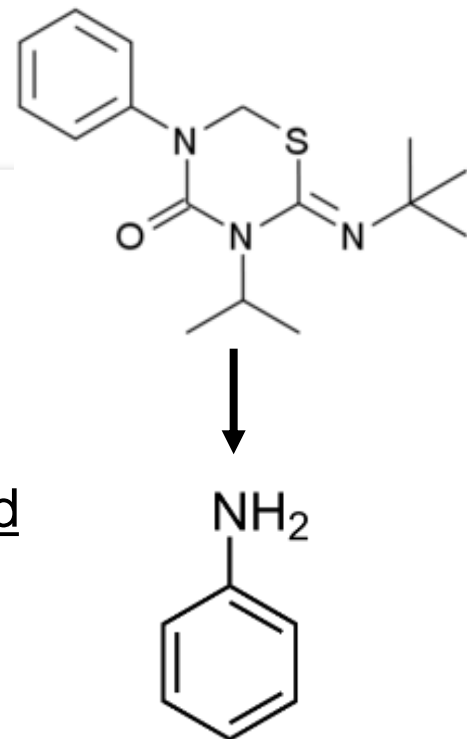
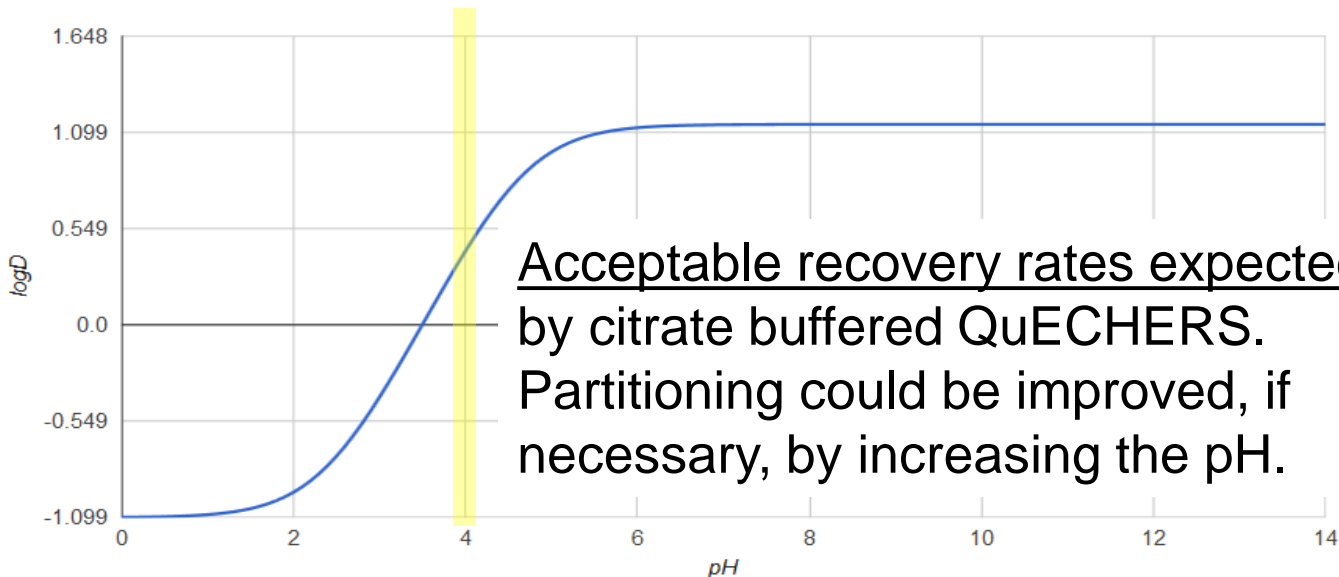
Aniline-forming pesticides and other compounds are in discussion

**Anilines suspected to be cancerogenic + genotoxic.**

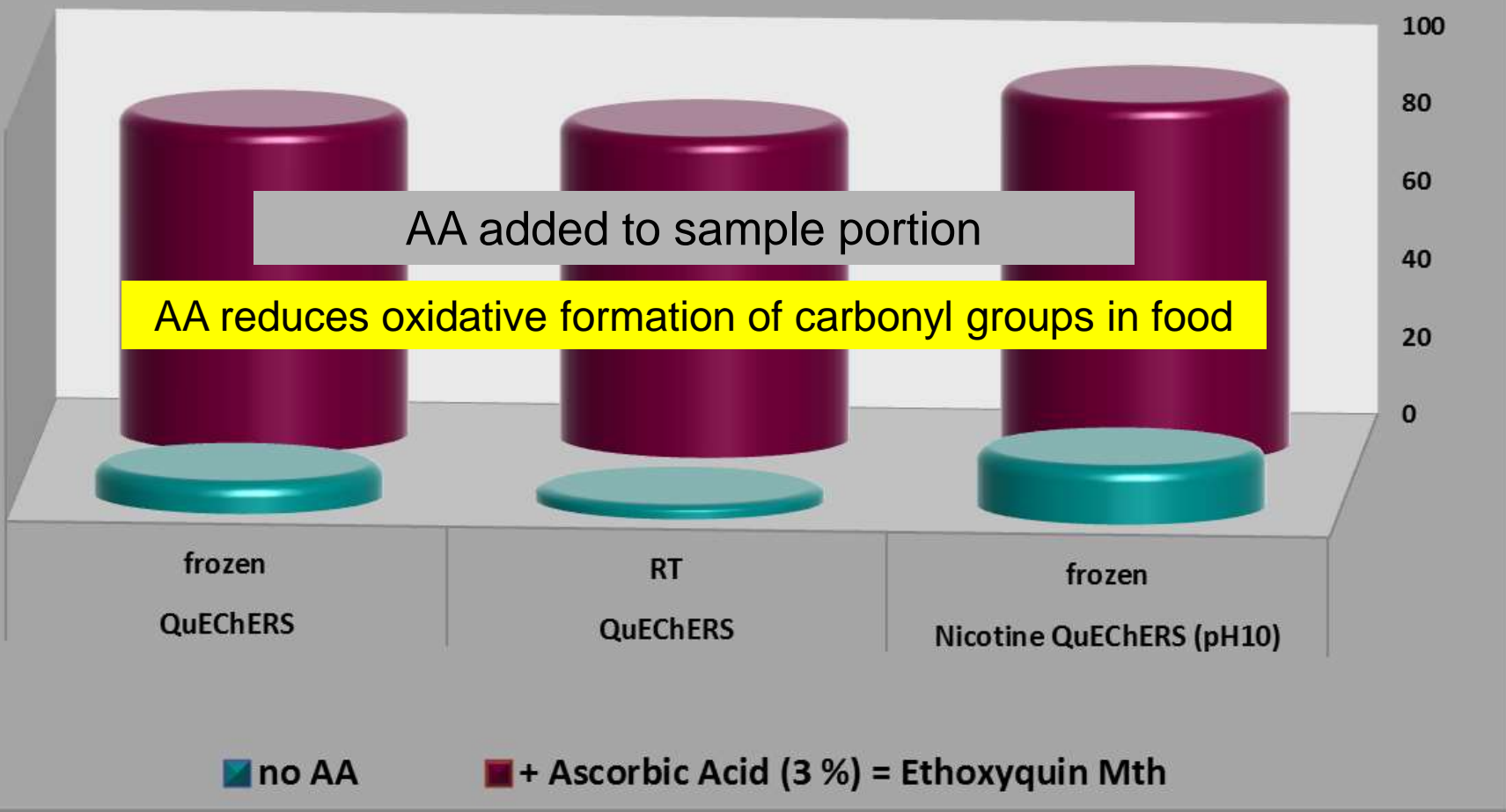
Aniline is formed during **thermal processing of Buprofezine**

Aniline known to form **conjugates (especially with compounds entailing carbonyl groups)**

**LogD-profile of Aniline**

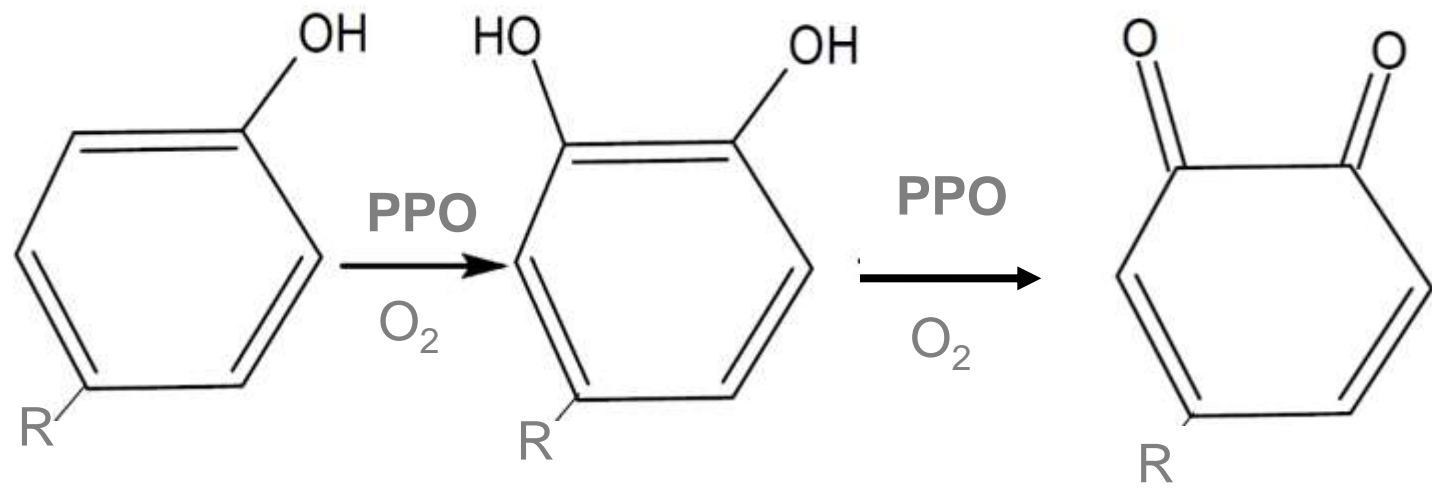


### Influence of Ascorbic Acid on Aniline Recoveries





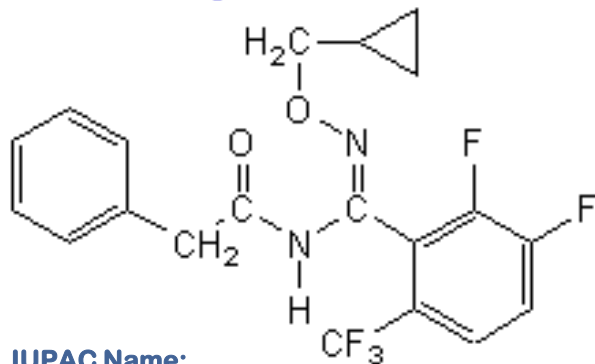
## Formation of carbonyl groups through enzymatic browning



PPO = Polyphenoloxidase enzymes



# Cyflufenamid



**IUPAC Name:**

*(Z)*-N-[ $\alpha$ -(cyclopropylmethoxyimino)-2,3-difluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-2-phenylacetamide

**Cyflufenamid = z-isomer (by definition):**

Technical material contains low conc. of E-isomer  
(no FAO specification on isomeric ratio)

## Current Residue definition:

*„Cyflufenamid: sum of Cyflufenamid (Z-isomer) and its E-isomer”*

### **Peer Review:**

*E-isomer was included in RD based on assumption that analytical methods used cannot separate the two isomers  
E-isomer up to 4% of TRR (up to 10% of the level of the z-isomer) suggesting some shift of isomer ratio*

## Availability of analytical Standards:

- **Cyflufenamid (z-isomer) = available**
- **E-isomer of cyflufenamid: NOT available** (provided to EURL-SRM by applicant)

**Q: Is the available standard (z-isomer) suitable for quantitative analysis of sum?**

## Observations analyzing Cyflufanamid by LC-MS:

### 1) Differing ESI-Ionization/fragmentation profiles of E- and Z-isomers

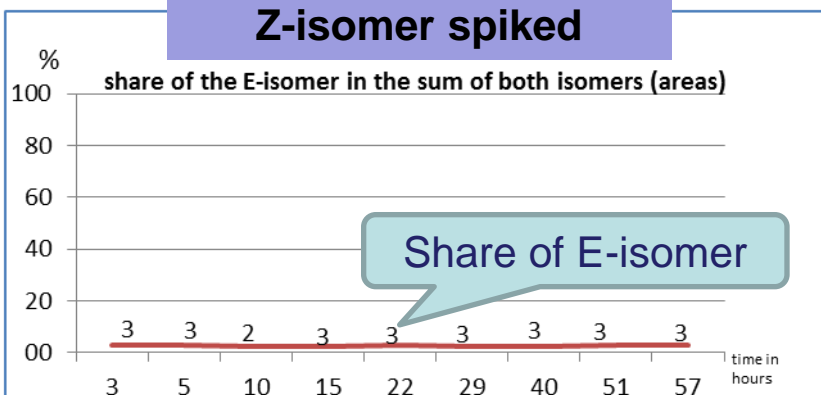
### 2) Isomerization from E to Z and vice-versa in solutions

- Irrespective of the initial E/Z-composition isomerization leads to the **establishment of an E/Z equilibrium** (in QuEChERS extracts ~96:4 ratio) (Z-form obviously thermodynamically favored)
- **E→Z isomerization during QuEChERS** (using frozen samples) is limited when measuring immediately (*E/Z still 95:5 tested with currant, cucumber*)
- **E→Z isomerization in auto-sampler** in QuEChERS extract + in matrix-based cal. solutions (*E/Z ca 50:50 after 48h, same in currant = cucumber*)
- **E→Z isomerization in stock and working solutions** (ACN/fridge). In diluted working solutions faster than in stock solutions,
- **Isomerization accelerates at higher temperatures** (activation energy). Heating for 2h@60°C was enough to shift E/Z from 97:3 to 4:96 ( equilibrium)

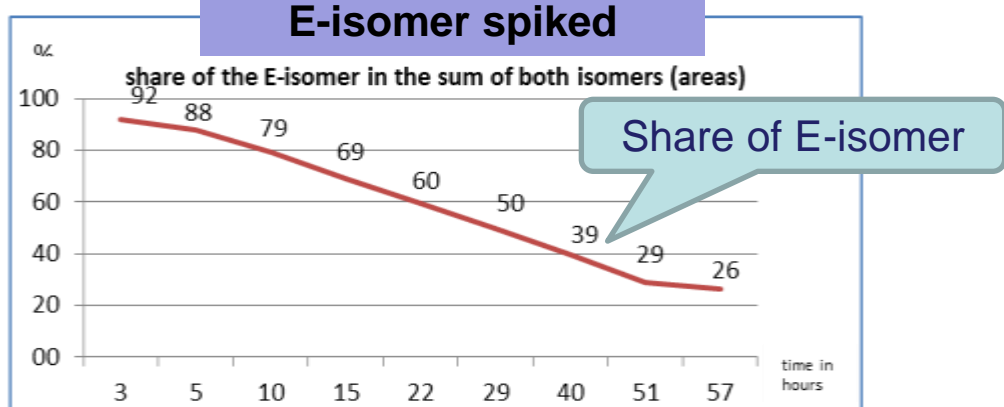
# Cyflufenamid Isomerization

## In Solvent

### Z-isomer spiked

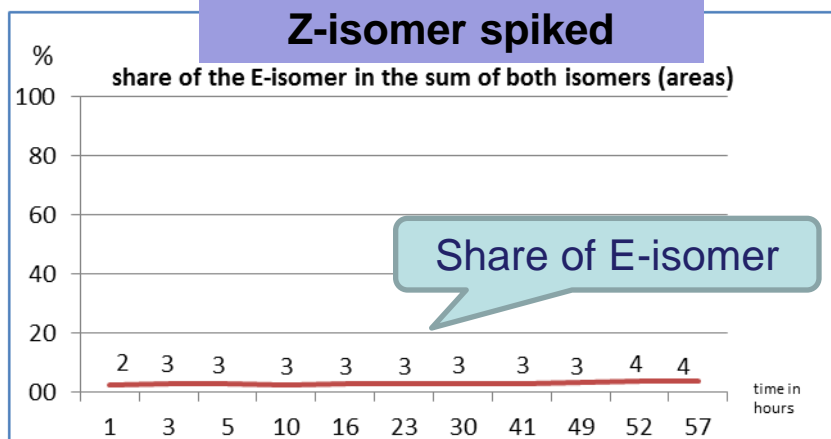


### E-isomer spiked

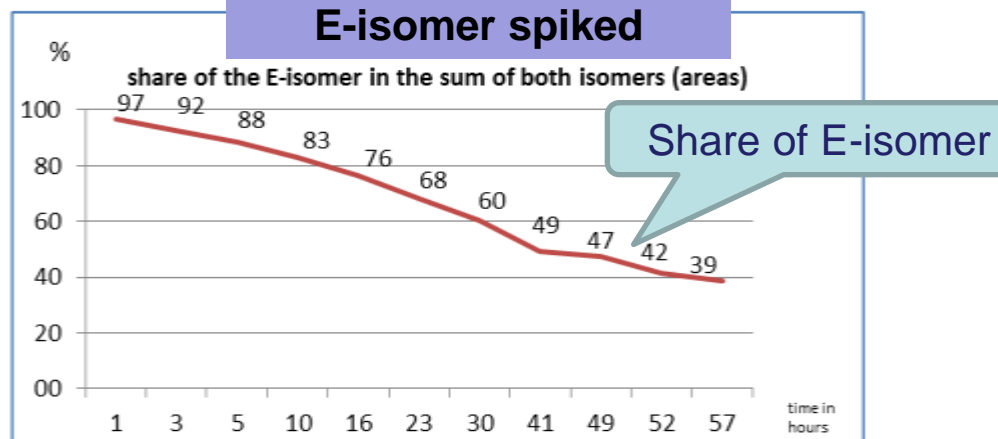


## In Cucumber Extract (currant almost identical)

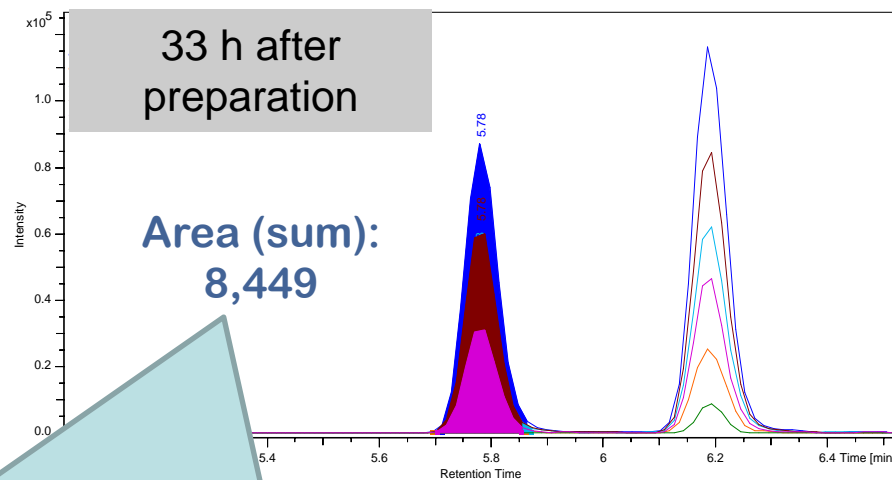
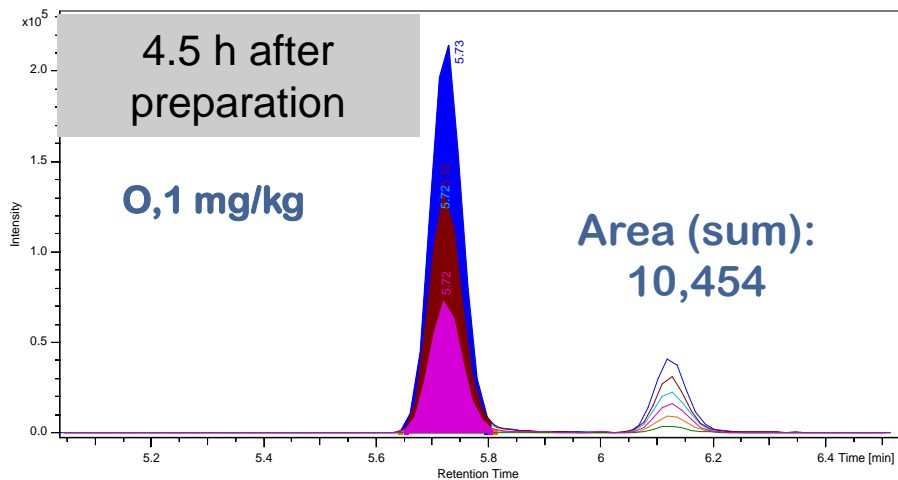
### Z-isomer spiked



### E-isomer spiked

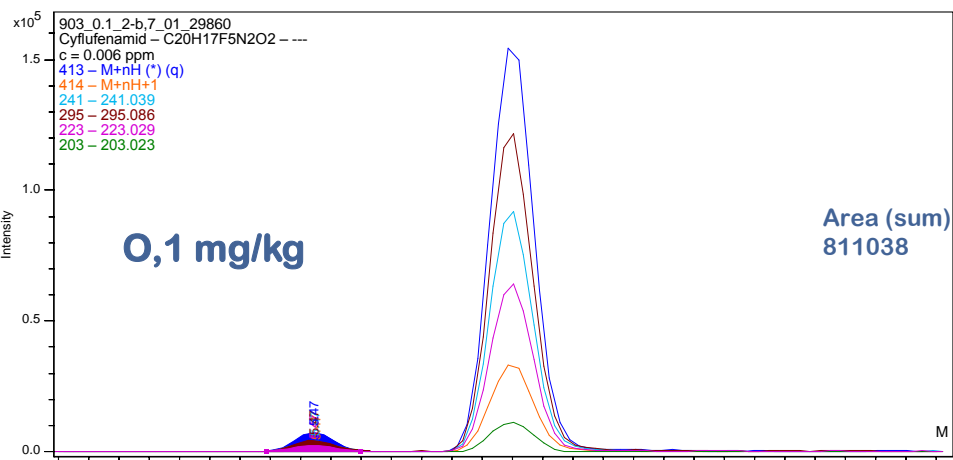


# E-Isomer



Summed area decreased because Z-isomer showed weaker response on used mass trace

# E-Isomer



# Reflections on Quantification and utility of standards

## Q1: How is quantification of cyflufenamid (sum) influenced by differences in signal response and share of E and Z-isomers?

### Scenario (realistic):

- Z/E ratio in calibration standard solution: 96:4
- Z/E detection response ratio : 1:1.25 (depends on masses chosen)

Z/E RATIO in sample extract	THEORETICAL BIAS of ,Cyflufenamid (sum)‘
Quantification via Z-ISOMER AREA (disregarding E-isomer)	
90:10	-6.3%
95:5	-1%
Quantification via SUMMED AREA (disregarding different response of E and Z)	
90:10	+1.5%
95:5	+0.25%

} preferred

## Q2: Would an E-isomer calibration standard be useful or superfluous?

Due to rapid E → Z conversion in cal. stds

- Risk of overestimating E-isomer results
- Risk of underestimating Z-isomer results if E and Z-isomers are within same cal. std mix

## CONCLUSIONS:

- E-isomer std has limited use for routine analysis of cyflufenamid (sum).
- Cyflufenamid (sum) can be quantified w. sufficient accuracy using available Z-standard.

# **Pesticide Related Compounds from sources other than direct pesticide use**

# Nicotine Background Levels:

## Plants naturally containing Nicotine

- Pepper, Aubergines, Tomatoes (ppb levels according to lit.)
- Goji-Berries (Under suspicion but contam. During picking likely) ...
- Mushrooms,
- Tea,
- Moringa.

} *Solanaceae*

} *Suspected*



## Study on Moringa:

- Moringa Plants grown in Egypt,
- Sent to our lab by grower immediately after harvest
- Grower claimed no contamination w. nicotine during growing or harvest!
- Grower referred to Univ. Prof. statement that nicotine is formed from nicotinic acid during processing

## RESULTS

- 1) Fresh homogenate : **0.0160 mg/kg**
- 2) ➔ 8 h @ RT +16h in fridge: **0.0164 mg/kg**
- 3) + 200 mg/kg Nicotinic acid ➔ 8 h @ RT +16h in fridge : **0.0164 mg/kg**
- 4) + 200 mg/kg Nicotinic acid ➔ 8 h @ RT +16h in fridge ➔ dried @ 35°C : **0.0169 mg/kg** (back-calculated to fresh product, F=4.75)
- 5) ➔ dried @ 35°C : **0.0175 mg/kg** (back-calculated to fresh product)

Assuming no contamination prior to analysis **Moringa seems to contain significant natural levels of nicotine.** Formation during drying, if at all, very limited





# Nicotine Residues - Overview

Product Group	No. Samples	No. Positive	Percentage	Mean mg/kg	Max mg/kg	Min mg/kg
Cereals and cereal products	24	1	4	0,030	0,030	0,03
Fruit	125	16	13	0,011	0,044	0,005
Fruit products	22	3	14	0,277	0,440	0,12
Dry fruits and seeds	39	2	5	0,031	0,033	0,028
Vegetables	184	46	25	0,028	0,610	0,005
Vegetable products	27	16	59	0,157	0,710	0,009
Potatoes and starchy vegetables	10	2	20	0,013	0,013	0,013
Mushrooms	36	9	25	0,021	0,057	0,005
Mushroom products	61	40	66	0,862	3,400	0,012
Tea	28	20	71	0,077	0,230	0,015
Medical tea	12	7	58	0,081	0,190	0,021
Spices, seasonings	23	14	61	0,043	0,088	0,015
Food contact material	8	6	75	0,573	1,300	0,076
Food supplement	3	3	100	5,472	16,000	0,085
Other	10		0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0,336</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>0,005</b>

Source: CVUA Stuttgart

# Nicotine Residues - Highest Levels Found

Wild mushroom, dried	Nicotin mg/kg	Country of Origin
	3,4	unknown
	3	unknown
	2,8	unknown
	2,7	unknown
	2,6	unknown
	2,4	unknown
	2,2	Serbia
	1,8	Pakistan
	1,7	unknown
	1,7	India
	1,2	unknown
	1,2	Serbia
	1,1	unknown
	1,1	Serbia
	0,86	Turkey
	0,63	Serbia

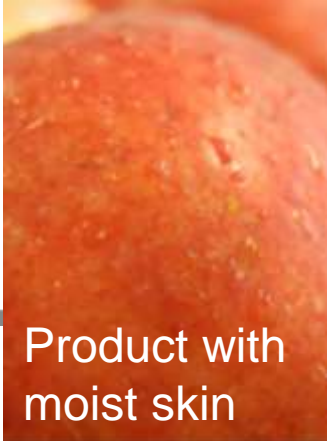
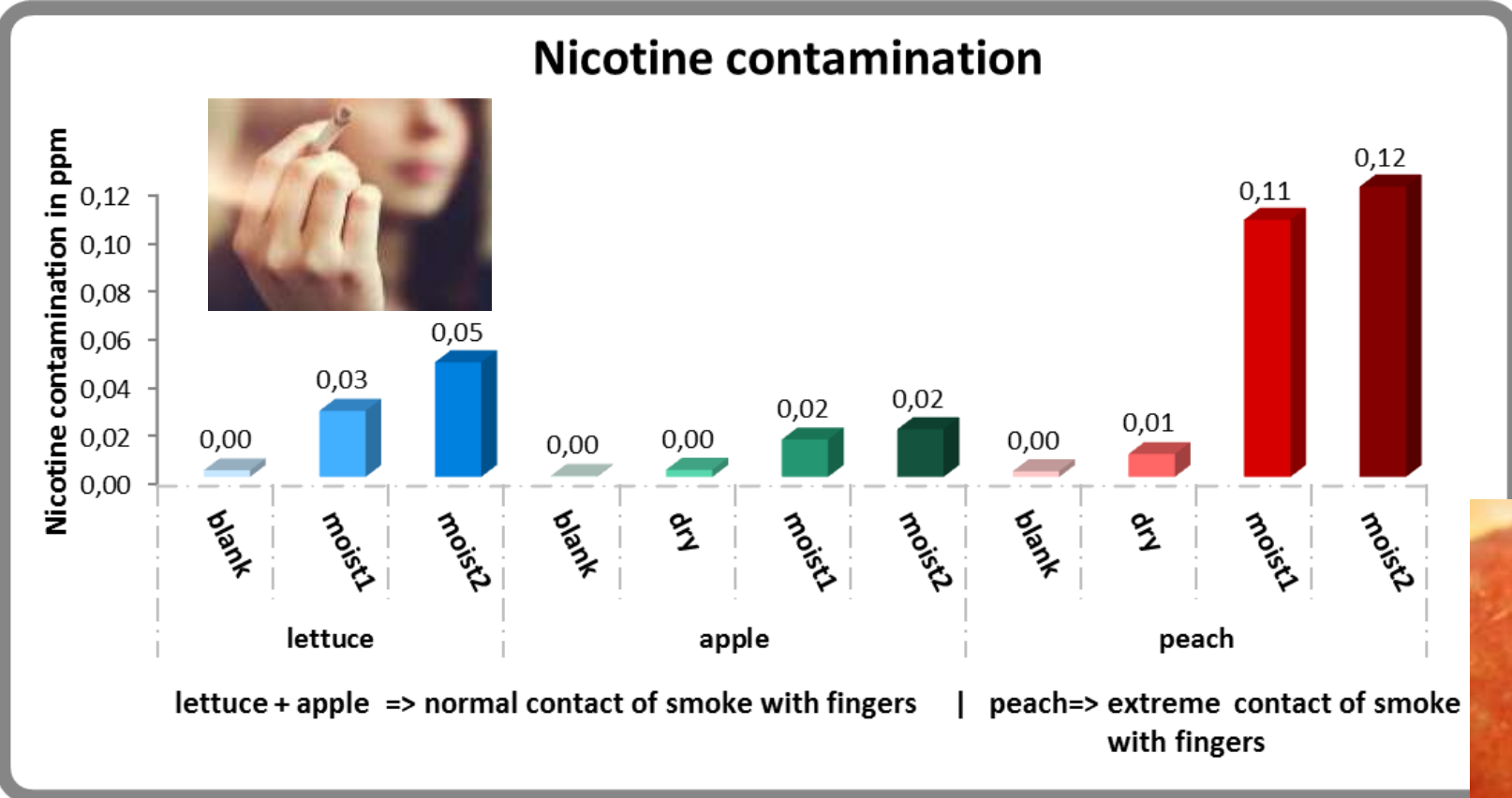
Product	Nicotin mg/kg	Country of Origin
Chives	0,61	Kenia
Food contact material	0,39	unknown
	0,46	unknown
	1,1	unknown
	1,3	unknown
Goji berry, dried	0,44	China



Moringa	Nicotin mg/kg	Country of Origin
	0,33	unknown
	0,38	unknown
	0,71	Philippines
	16	Dom. Republic

**Still suitable as a food???**

# Contamination of samples with Nicotine



Product with moist skin

4 units touched in each case → homogenized and analyzed

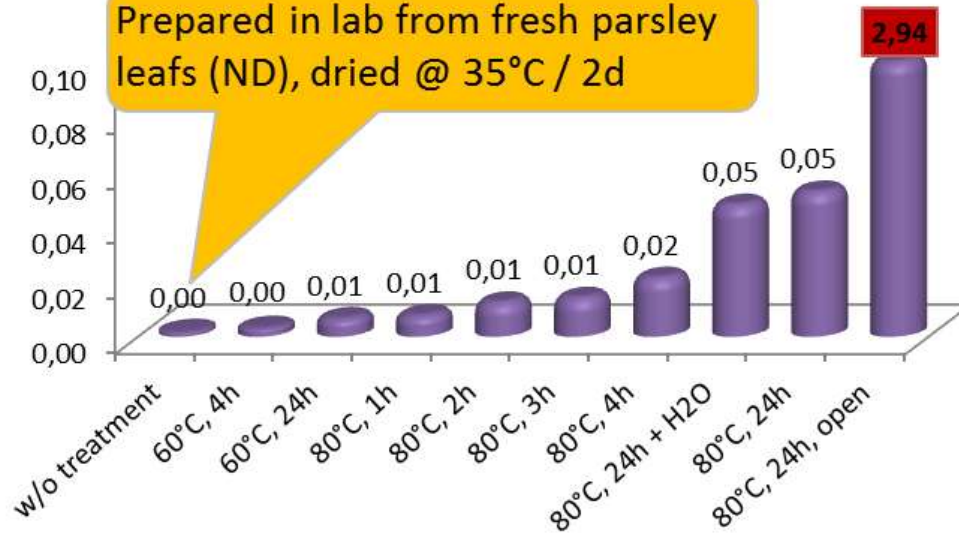
- dry => product with **dry skin** was **touched** after smoking a cigarette
- moist1 => product with **moist skin** was **touched** after smoking a cigarette (e.g. at the weekly market)
- moist2 => product with **moist skin** was **touched and sectioned** after smoking a cigarette (e.g. in the lab)



# Trimesium formation during processing

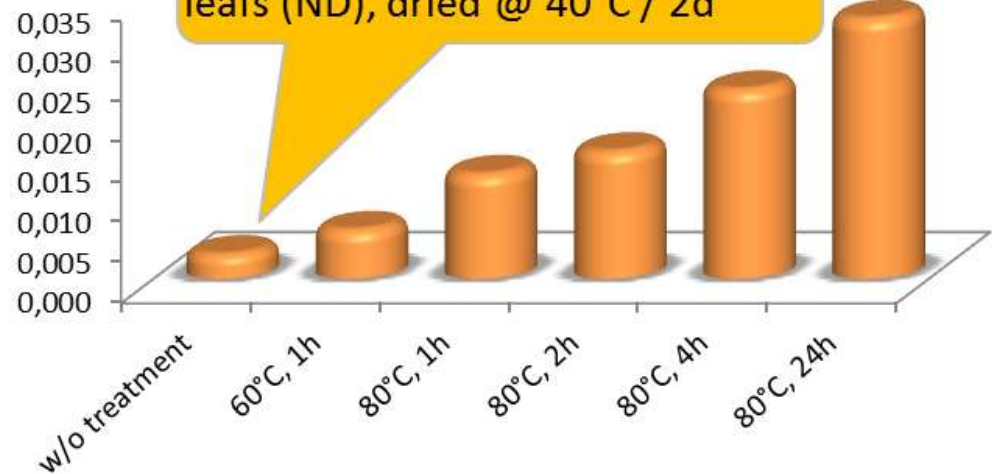
## Trimesium in Parsley

Prepared in lab from fresh parsley leaves (ND), dried @ 35°C / 2d



## Trimesium in Thyme

Prepared in lab from fresh thyme leaves (ND), dried @ 40°C / 2d





# Trimesium Levels

Product Group	No. Samples	No. Positive	Percentage	Mean mg/kg	Max mg/kg	Min mg/kg
Samples analyzed since 2010	11414	319	2,8	0,044	0,650	0,001
		thereof with findings				
Baby and infant foods	94	1	1,1	0,016	0,016	0,016
Beer and ingredients	6	2	33,3	0,031	0,047	0,014
Beverages	2	1	50,0	0,044	0,044	0,044
Beverages alcoholfree	126	12	9,5	0,019	0,160	0,005
Cereals and cereal products	257	2	0,8	0,005	0,006	0,003
Dry fruits and seeds	270	12	4,4	0,041	0,340	0,004
Food supplement	16	12	75,0	0,085	0,300	0,002
Fruit	4199	67	1,6	0,016	0,210	0,001
Fruit products	302	10	3,3	0,044	0,170	0,002
Mushroom products	79	20	25,3	0,018	0,077	0,002
Mushrooms	284	60	21,1	0,021	0,120	0,001
Potatoes	253	1	0,4	0,001	0,001	0,001
Spices, seasonings	41	8	19,5	0,052	0,190	0,005
Spread	11	2	18,2	0,015	0,019	0,010
Tea	53	36	67,9	0,132	0,650	0,007
Vegetable products	351	35	10,0	0,079	0,470	0,004
Vegetables	4870	33	0,7	0,031	0,220	0,005
Medical Tea	16	5	31,3	0,044	0,089	0,008

Source:  
CVUA Stuttgart



# Trimesium levels in Tea

Product	Country of Origin	No of samples	Min (mg/kg)	Max (mg/kg)
Green tea	China	4	0,009	0,2
	Japan	1	0,047	
	Nepal	1	0,34	
	unknown	4	0,042	0,24
Black tea	India	1	0,11	
Peppermint tea	unknown	3	0,027	0,077
Melissa tea	unknown	1	0,036	
Herbal tea	Turkey	1	0,035	
other infusions	unknown	2	0,007	
	India	1	0,28	
Fennel tea	unknown	5		
Mate tea	unknown	1		
Rooibos tea	South Africa	1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>0,007</b>	<b>0,34</b>

Source:  
CVUA Stuttgart

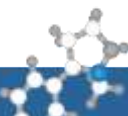
# Fosetyl formation in Wine

	Conc. mg/kg (Mean n=2)	
Datum	Fosetyl	Phosphonate
12.05.16 prior to addition of yeast	-	<b>13.1</b> (13,2+12,9)
18.05.2016	<b>0.0015</b> (0,0014+0,0015)	<b>12.4</b> (12,3+12,4)
26.06.2016	<b>0.0027</b> (0,0028+0,0026)	<b>12.3</b> (11,97+12,7)
24.01.2017	<b>0,0087</b> (0,0088+0,0086)	<b>13,7</b> (13,6+13,8)
02.05.2018	<b>0,0185</b> (0,0184+0,0186)	<b>13,2</b> (13,2+13,2)



# Overview of Residue Levels of SRM-Compounds

Dry Products	Freq. >0.01 mg/kg (%)	>MRL (%)	≥5 cases >MRL
Triazole-alanine ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	80,6		
Triazole-acetic acid ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	65,7		
Cyanuric acid ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	48,2		
Trifluoroacetic acid ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	32,5	-	
Phosphonic acid	25,1	1,76	≥5 cases
Diethanolamine	22,0		
Triazole-lactic acid ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	16,0		
Chlormequat	11,1	-	
Triethanolamine	9,0	-	
Chlorate	8,3	1,95	≥5 cases
Bromide	9,7	-	
Glyphosate	6,5	3,27	≥5 cases
Morpholine	4,1	-	
Perchlorate	2,8	-	
HEPA ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	2,6	-	
Mepiquat	1,9	-	
Diquat	1,6	0,41	
Trimethylsulfonium cation	1,1	0,22	
Melamine ( <i>Not Regul. Metab.</i> )	1,3	-	
Other: Ethephon (0.1%), MPPA (0.2%), Maleic hydrazide (0.2%), Mepiquat- 4-hydroxy, N-Acetyl-AMPA (0.2%), 1,3,5-Triazole (0.2%)			



# Fruits + Vegetables

**Freq. >0.01 mg/kg (%)**
**>MRL (%)**
**≥5 cases >MRL**
**Triazole alanine** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

44,1

**Phosphonic acid**

36,7

0,77

≥5 cases

**Triazole lactic acid** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

22,3

**Trifluoroacetic acid** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

19,1

-

**Perchlorate** *(contaminant)*

15,4

0,05

**Cyanuric acid** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

12,9

**Melamine** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

12,1

-

**Chlorate**

10,5

7,52

≥5 cases

**Bromide**

11,1

0,02

**Triethanolamine**

8,7

-

**Triazole acetic acid** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

7,6

**Diethanolamine**

5,1

-

**Propamocarb**

4,2

0,06

**Propamocarb-N-oxide** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

2,7

-

**Ethephon**

2,9

0,45

≥5 cases

**Propamocarb-N-desmethyl** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

1,2

-

**HEPA** *(Not Regul. Metab.)*

1,7

-

**Cyromazine**

0,8

0,01

**Chlormequat**

0,5

0,08

≥5 cases

**Glyphosate**

0,1

0,03

Other: Bromate (0.4%), Chloridazon-desphenyl (0.5%), Daminozide (0.04%), ETU (0.4%), Fosetyl (0.7%), MPPA (0.5%), Maleic hydrazide (0.6%), Morpholine (0.6%), Nereistoxin (0.1%), PTU (0.1%), Streptomycin (0.9% all &lt; 0.01 mg/kg), 1,2,4-Triazole (0.4%), Trimethylsulfonium cation (0.4%)

# Examples of commodities with high detection frequency

<b>Dry Products (Top Commodities with residues)</b>	<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Frequency (%)</b>	<b>&gt;MRL (%)</b>
Phosphonic acid	Rice	46,2	8,11
Glyphosate	Buckwheat	19,3	16,7
Glyphosate	Lentil	22,1	15,6

\*\* (of commodity analyzed)

<b>Fruits + Vegetables (Top Commodities with Residues)</b>	<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Frequency (%)</b>	<b>&gt;MRL (%)</b>
Phosphonic acid	Pomegranate	51,0	7,7
Phosphonic acid	Asparagus	31,0	3,5
Chlorate	Coriander	72,2	61,1
Chlorate	Dill leaves	40,0	37,5
Chlorate	Celery	36,4	36,4
Chlorate	Rucola	37,1	32,9
Chlorate	Basil	40,0	29,3
Chlorate	Aubergine	28,2	25,9
Ethephon	Kumquat	20,0	16,0
Ethephon	Figs	18,0	12,7

\*\* (of commodity analyzed)

# Thank you for your Attendance



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