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22 **Abstract**

23 This article reviews recent literature on the analysis of several contaminants related to
24 the industrial development in indoor air in the framework of the REACH project. In this
25 second part, the attention is focused on emergent contaminants and biocides. Among
26 these chemicals, phthalates, polybrominated and phosphate flame retardants, fragrances,
27 pesticides, as well as other emerging pollutants, are increasing their environmental and
28 health concern and are extensively found in indoor air. Some of them are suspected to
29 behave as priority organic pollutants (POPs) and/or endocrine disrupting compounds
30 (EDC), and can be found both in air and associated to the suspended particulate matter
31 (PM) and settled dust. Main literature considered for this review is from the last ten
32 years, reporting analytical developments and applications regarding the considered
33 contaminants in the indoor environment. Sample collection and pretreatment, analyte
34 extraction or desorption, clean-up procedures, determination techniques, and
35 performance results are summarized and discussed.

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2 **Keywords**

3 Indoor air; dust; emergent contaminants; phthalates; flame retardants; synthetic musks;

4 pesticides; review

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1 **1. Introduction**

2 People in developed countries spend up to 90% of their time indoors [1, 2]. Many
3 indoor environments can act as concentrators of emissions from plastics, paints, and
4 other building materials. Inadequate ventilation coupled with the slow indoor
5 degradation processes may increase indoor pollution levels. High temperature and
6 humidity levels can also increase concentrations of some pollutants. Besides, the high
7 comfort achieved in developed countries, increased the demand and the widespread
8 consumption of biocides and fragranced household products. Hence, inhalation of
9 indoor air is potentially the most important exposure pathway to many pollutants [2].
10 The Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of CHemicals (REACH) system was
11 created in the European Union (EU) in response to the ever-increasing concern about
12 the production and use of many chemical substances lacking information on their
13 environmental and health effects. REACH applies to all chemicals, not only those used
14 in industrial processes but also those used in the day-to-day life, for example in cleaning
15 products, paints, as well as in articles such as furnitures, clothes or electrical appliances
16 [3]. The chemicals that are extensively found in indoor environments include
17 compounds that are suspected to behave as POPs and endocrine disrupting compounds
18 (EDC) such as phthalate esters, polybrominated and phosphate flame retardants,
19 fragrances, pesticides, biocides, and other compounds (organotin and perfluorinated
20 alkyl compounds) that are of increasing concern as indoor pollutants. An overview of
21 the relative importance of all these compounds as environmental pollutants is presented
22 in the corresponding sections of this review as well as the recent developments and
23 applications of methodology for their analysis in indoor air including the concentration
24 levels found indoors. Sample collection and pretreatment, analyte extraction or
25 desorption, clean-up, determination techniques, and performance results are
26 summarized and discussed.

27 Research literature from the latest ten years has generally been considered. The review
28 focuses on indoor air analysis and hence, methodology developed or applied to
29 atmospheric or ambient air analysis has been excluded. At this point, a recent and useful
30 review by Xie and Ebinghaus [4] considers the determination of emergent pollutants
31 focused on the atmosphere. However, in the present review only procedures that have
32 been developed for indoor analysis, or those that can indistinctly be applied for both
33 indoor and outdoor analysis, have been taken into consideration. Main attention has
34 been paid to the analysis of the gas phase indoors. In addition, the importance of
35 domestic dust and suspended PM as vehicles of these indoor pollutants is highlighted
36 and thus, their occurrence and analysis in these solid matrices has been considered.

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2 **2. Phthalate esters**

3 Phthalate esters are extensively used as softeners in the production of polymeric
4 materials such as polyvinylchloride (PVC). Since phthalate esters are not chemically
5 bound to the polymer, they can be easily released into the environment. PVC and other
6 polymers are widely produced for building materials and thus, the surrounding
7 environment can be polluted by phthalates. Due to their high volume production and
8 their widespread use, phthalates, as well as some other chemicals present in the
9 domestic environment, are potentially important indoor contaminants. In addition,
10 people working in industrial plants producing plasticizers or living near such plants may
11 be exposed, via indoor air inhalation, to levels of these pollutants that could constitute a
12 significant contribution to the total daily intake [5].

13 Due to their ubiquity, phthalates can be found everywhere, including common
14 laboratory equipment and reagents. In consequence, the main problem in phthalate
15 analysis is external contamination coming from the sampling and sample preparation
16 procedure and even the chromatographic analysis. This problem has been extensively
17 studied by Frankhauser and Grob [6]. The analysis of blanks is of great importance, as
18 are all the precautions in the treatment of the material and reagents used in any step of
19 the analytical process. To minimize contamination [7,8], the use of plastic materials
20 should be avoided, the sample preparation procedure should be as simple as possible
21 with minimal extraction steps, and minimal glassware used. Glassware should be
22 properly cleaned by solvent rinsing and thermal treatment at 400°C. Prior to use, the it
23 should be rinsed with blank tested organic solvent (cyclohexane or isooctane) to
24 deactivate the surface. Organic solvents and laboratory grade water usually contain
25 traces of phthalates, even the ones commonly available for trace analysis, and these
26 must be checked to establish background levels. Also, reagents need to be checked.
27 Additional contamination of material, water solvents, and reagents can occur due to the
28 laboratory air. The material should be stored in a closed container or wrapped in
29 aluminium foil to avoid adsorption of phthalates from the air. As previously commented,
30 phthalates can be present in the chromatographic system and the most important
31 contamination source is located in the inlet and gas supply system, inlet septa, liners and
32 o-rings. Since the caps for autosampler vials also contain phthalates, as general
33 precaution, only one injection should be made from each vial [9].

34

1 2.1. Sampling

2 In Table 1, details on the analysis of phthalate esters in indoor air samples are illustrated
3 [5,10,11,17]. Sample volumes of 1 to 10 m³ of air are usually enough [5,10], although
4 procedures working with only 15 L of indoor air samples have also been reported
5 achieving detection limits in the low ng m⁻³ [15]. The analysis of atmospheric levels of
6 phthalates would however require higher sample volumes of up to 1000 m³ [18]. The
7 devices currently employed to retain the target compounds are cartridges filled with the
8 sorbent material retained by glass wool. Such material can be polyurethane foam (PUF),
9 Tenax GR, polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) on Chromosorb, octadecylsilica, charcoal, or
10 combinations of various sorbents like PUF and XAD resin. To prevent possible
11 contamination, sorbent materials are usually preextracted by Soxhlet using different
12 solvents or solvent mixtures [10] Breakthrough air volumes for each analyte need to be
13 previously determined to select the maximum sample volume that can be concentrated
14 [6]. In some studies, phthalates in PM are also the object of analysis. Collection of
15 suspended solid particles can be accomplished by placing a particle quartz fiber filter
16 (QFF) in front of the sorbent [10,11, 14].

17

18 2.2. Sample treatment

19 Desorption of phthalate esters from cartridges can be performed by extraction with
20 organic solvents or by thermal desorption (TD). Solvent extraction (SE) methods using
21 direct elution [16], Soxhlet extraction [10,11,18,19], pressurized solvent extraction
22 (PSE) [12] or extraction assisted by ultrasounds (US) [5,20] have been reported.
23 In their pioneer study on the presence of phthalate esters in the Swedish atmosphere,
24 Thuren and Larsson used polyurethane filters connected in series [20]. Compounds
25 adsorbed to the PUF filters were extracted with acetone-hexane in an ultrasonic bath.
26 More recently, Otake *et al* [5] extracted the charcoal tubes with the adsorbed phthalates
27 by sonication with 1 ml of toluene for 10 min. These authors proved that longer
28 sonication times did not improve the efficiency of the extraction (97.5 to 115%).
29 Fromme *et al* [12] determined phthalate esters and musk compounds in indoor air using
30 a procedure implying PSE (5% DCM in hexane) of PUF sampling cartridges (2 m³ air
31 collected) and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC/MS) of the concentrated
32 extracts with determination limits of 10 ng m⁻³. Rudel *et al* [10,11] performed an
33 extraction of QFF-PUF-XAD sampling cartridges in a Soxhlet apparatus using 200 mL
34 of 6% ether in hexane for 16 h. Prior to the extraction, p-terpenyl-d₁₄ was added as a
35 surrogate standard. With this procedure recovery of the target phthalates ranged from 40

1 to 220% (%RSD= 15-25) and detection limits (LODs) of 2-75 ng m⁻³ have been
2 achieved [11].
3 Extracts are usually concentrated to achieve sufficient overall method sensitivity or for
4 solvent exchanging for further analysis. Before concentration, the addition of anhydrous
5 sodium sulphate avoids the presence of residual water traces in the organic extracts.
6 Either a gentle stream of nitrogen or Kuderna–Danish (K-D) can be used for the
7 concentration of the extracts [17]. Cleanup procedures including the use of fuming
8 concentrated sulphuric acid [20] or silica gel columns [17,18] have been reported.
9 Thermal desorption of the sampling cartridges presents some advantages over the
10 solvent-based extraction methods, much of them derived of the absence of solvent
11 manipulation. In addition, since all the retained compounds are thermally desorbed into
12 the GC, high sensitivity can be achieved. Nevertheless, some limitations deal with the
13 high temperatures needed for quantitative desorption of the less volatile phthalates from
14 typical sorbents, such as Tenax or carbon materials. An alternative to these sorbents
15 could be the use of silicones as sorptive material. A procedure based on the use of this
16 adsorbent for enrichment, thermal desorption-GC-MS was described by David *et al* [8].
17 An estimation of the LODs achieved sampling 15 L air ranged between 1 and 10 ng m⁻³.
18

19 2.3. Determination

20 Phthalate diesters are sufficiently volatile and thermally stable to be analyzed by GC
21 [21]. Although several detector types have been applied to phthalate GC analysis in
22 environmental samples, most of the recently proposed methods involve the use of MSD
23 working in the electron ionization (EI) mode [9]. Most phthalates fragmentize with
24 characteristic ions, such as m/z 149. This is the case of diethyl phthalate (DEP), dibutyl
25 phthalate (DBP), butylbenzyl phthalate (BBP), bis-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP),
26 and diisobutyl phthalate DIBP). Dimethyl phthalate (DMP) fragmentize with m/z 163,
27 and diisononyl and diisodecyl phthalates (DINP, DIDP) with m/z 307. These
28 fragmentation patterns allow a very sensitive and selective detection, particularly when
29 operating in the selected ion monitoring (SIM) mode [5,10,11,12,16]. Separation
30 columns are usually 25 to 30 m x 0.25 to 0.32 mm I.D. coated with phenyl
31 methylpolysiloxane or dimethylpolysiloxane stationary phases, which allow
32 programming separations in a wide range of temperatures (typically, from about 50 to
33 300°C at 10 °C min⁻¹) with low bleeding. As commented above, the ubiquity of
34 phthalate esters constitutes a very real problem through the analysis process, requiring a

1 careful check for blank concentrations for which values of $>100 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ have been
2 reported [5,16].

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4 2.4. Concentration in indoor air

5 Phthalate indoors concentrations highly depend on the building materials and the type
6 of furniture at each sampling emplacement. Hence, a broad range of values have been
7 reported for the analyzed compounds (see Table 2). Sheldon *et al* [22], reported the
8 results on 24 h phthalate monitorization in 125 homes in California (USA) showing a
9 clear predominance of DBP and DEP in indoor air, with mean values of 410 and 350 ng m^{-3}
10 m^{-3} , respectively. They also found DEHP (110 ng m^{-3}) and BBP (35 ng m^{-3}). Higher
11 concentrations of total phthalates ($>1000 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) have been quantified in apartments
12 and homes, as reported in other studies [5,12,16], which demonstrate that DBP
13 predominates in the gas phase of domestic indoor environments. Fromme *et al* [12]
14 extended the study of indoor occurrence of phthalates and musk compounds to
15 kindergartens, finding mainly DMP and DBP at similar mean concentrations (1100-
16 1200 ng m^{-3}). DBP and DEHP have also been quantified in office rooms by Toda *et al*
17 [16], at concentrations in the broad range found in homes. In a very interesting study on
18 the indoor exposure to EDCs, Rudel *et al* [11] found that phthalates were the most
19 abundant among 89 organic chemicals considered in the 120 homes surveyed. Total
20 concentrations of DEP, DBP; DEHP and BBP ranged from <90 to 7000 ng m^{-3} ,
21 indicating that the sources of these chemicals must be located indoors and highlighting
22 the importance of indoor environments in the total exposure to chemicals.

23

24 3. Brominated flame retardants

25 Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD),
26 tetrabromobisphenol-A (TBBPA) and polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs), are among the
27 most used brominated flame retardants (BFRs) and have attracted enormous attention
28 over the past decade [23]. Other less known BFRs like bis(2,4,6-
29 tribromophenoxy)ethane (BTBPE) and decabromodiphenyl ethane (DeBDethane) have
30 an increasing interest due to their emerging use as substitutes of octaBDE and decaBDE
31 commercial mixtures, respectively [24]. Similarly to other persistent organic pollutants
32 (POPs), all these BFRs, with the exception of TBBPA, appear to be lipophilic and
33 bioaccumulate in biota and humans [25]. Their widespread production and use, together
34 with the increasing contamination of the environment, wildlife and people, highlights

1 the importance of identifying emerging issues associated with the use of BFRs,
2 especially in indoor environments.

3 PBDEs are used in building materials, electronic equipment, lighting, electric wiring,
4 textiles, furniture, industrial paints, and in many other common products. Due to their
5 persistent and bioaccumulative nature, penta- and octabrominated commercial mixtures
6 have been banned within the European Union and their use in North America has
7 recently begun to be phased out [26]. However, vast reservoirs of PBDEs remain in
8 existing consumer products, potentially contributing to environmental and human
9 burdens of PBDEs for decades [27]. PBDEs are incorporated into materials as additives
10 and thus may be released into air through volatilization during the product lifetime, and
11 as a consequence levels are expected to be elevated in indoor air.

12 Sources of human exposure to PBDEs remain poorly characterised and, although intake
13 through food consumption is undoubtedly important, the potential for exposure to
14 PBDEs in the indoor environments is also real. In this way, inhalation and inadvertent
15 ingestion of contaminated dust have been recently reported to be the largest contributors
16 of PBDEs exposure of toddlers through to adults [28]. In addition, and because of
17 higher concentrations, indoor air likely represents a significant source to outdoor air
18 [29].

19 The analysis of some BFRs, such as TBBPA, HBCDs and the higher brominated
20 PBDEs, is a relatively new challenge for most analytical laboratories. Special emphasis
21 must be given to the need of an adequate QA/QC protocol, which is necessary for the
22 reliable analysis of these environmental contaminants at trace levels [30].

23 Covaci et al [31] reviewed recent literature on the analysis of BFRs in different matrices,
24 paying special attention to new analytical developments and quality assurance
25 requirements.

26 PBDEs can be expected in any laboratory environment equipped with computers and
27 other electronic devices. Significant concentrations of BDE47 and BDE99 have been
28 identified in laboratory air by Thomsem et al [32]. Thus, in order to avoid a high
29 content of BFRs in the procedural blanks it is important that all materials involved in
30 the sample preparation are properly cleaned, and that direct exposure of the sample to
31 the laboratory air is minimized. A proper glassware cleaning implies a thermal
32 treatment at 450 °C and solvent rinsing before used. PUF sorbents are usually
33 precleaned by Soxhlet extraction with different solvents prior to sampling step.

34 Moreover, the use of plastics should be reduced as possible in the determination of
35 BFRs, since they can contain a wide range of these compounds. For the same reason,

1 unnecessary electric appliances and upholstered furniture should be avoided as well as
2 unpackaging of goods in the laboratory where extraction and clean-up take place.
3 Of special interest and concern is BDE209, the primary component in the decaBDE
4 commercial mixture—actually the most important PBDE mix in production. This
5 compound as well as other highly brominated congeners are photosensitive, so direct
6 exposure to UV light should be avoided. Thus, incoming sunlight into the laboratory as
7 well as possible UV light from fluorescent tubes should be blocked by means of UV
8 filters. Herrmann *et al* [33] reported up to 70% decomposition of BDE209 when stored
9 for 24 h under light conditions. Wrapping glassware with aluminum foil during sample
10 treatment and using amber glassware are simpler preventive measures to minimize UV-
11 degradation of the analytes. Additional recommendations regarding this issue can be
12 found in de Boer and Wells [34].

13

14 3.1. Sampling

15 Sampling of BFRs in indoor air and PM usually implies an active procedure, (see Table
16 3). In general, sample volumes ranging from a few hundreds of litres to less than 30 m³
17 are enough to reach indoor LODs in the low ng m⁻³ level for most compounds. However,
18 lower limits have been reported for sample volumes between 100 and 385 m³ [38,45,48].
19 Active sampling devices commonly consist of a glass fiber filter (GFF) or a QFF to
20 retain the airborne PM followed by a suitable sorbent to collect the compounds in the
21 gaseous phase. PUF is the most used sorbent for sampling BFRs in indoor air
22 [35,38,43,45,46,48,49,51], although XAD-2 resin has also been employed [24,36,44].
23 Rudel *et al.* [11] used this resin sandwiched between two PUF plugs for sampling
24 volumes from 10 to 14 m³ at flow rates between 8-9 L min⁻¹.

25 Other active systems for indoor sampling are based on the use of solid-phase extraction
26 (SPE) disk or cartridges [32,42]. Thomsen *et al* [32] used styrene-divinylbenzene SPE
27 cartridges with the aim of studying the influence of laboratory air on procedural blanks
28 in the analysis of BFRs.

29 PUF disk passive air samplers are increasingly being employed for sampling of
30 brominated compounds in indoor air [39-41,47,50]. They are considered particularly
31 attractive because of their facility to obtain time-integrated samples in indoor locations,
32 where active samplers would not be practical over such time periods due to the
33 excessive noise, cost and equipment size. Conversion of contaminant masses per sample
34 into concentrations in air requires knowledge of the air uptake rate of the PUF disk
35 samplers and their deployment time. Wilford *et al* [39] estimated an average uptake rate

1 of 2.5 m³ per day for tri- to hexaBDES. Sampling time usually ranges between 20 and
2 50 days, which approximately yields air volumes from 50 to 100 m³.

3 Butt *et al* [37] used organic films from window surfaces as a time-integrated passive
4 sampler for determining air concentrations of PBDEs. These organic films are formed
5 by condensation of gas phase species and organic aerosols as well as by deposition of
6 particulate-associated compounds. With knowledge of the uptake rate and film-air
7 partition coefficient (K_{FA}), it is possible to estimate gas-phase air concentrations
8 assuming that compounds in film and the gas-phase in air are at equilibrium.

10 3.2. Sample treatment

11 BFRs are commonly extracted from sorbents by Soxhlet extraction (Table 3). Despite
12 its drawbacks, i.e. long extraction times and large solvent consumption, it is still widely
13 used due to its general robustness and high extraction efficiency. Typical solvents
14 include n-hexane, DCM, acetone, toluene and mixtures of them. Shoeib *et al* [45]
15 reported recoveries higher than 98 % for tetra- to heptaBDEs after Soxhlet extraction
16 with DCM and petroleum ether (PE)-acetone (1:1) for 18-24 h.

17 US-assisted extraction has also been used for the extraction of PBDEs and other
18 brominated compounds [35,42,46,49,51]. This extraction technique allows a higher
19 throughput of the analysis because of shorter extraction times, although lower extraction
20 recoveries than with the Soxhlet extraction are, in general, obtained. Saito *et al* [42]
21 extracted a number of BFRs by ultrasonication with 10 mL acetone achieving recoveries
22 between 81 and 91 %. US-assisted extraction was also carried out by Tollback *et al* [49]
23 to extract TBBPA with 5 mL acetonitrile (ACN) for 20 min (twice). Recoveries ranging
24 from 75 to 107 % and RSD values lower than 7 % were reported.

25 Very recently, a PSE-based procedure was applied by Allen *et al* [43] for the analysis of
26 tri- to decaBDE in residential indoor air. GFFs and PUF plugs were extracted separately
27 with DCM and petroleum ether respectively. Extractions were performed at 100 °C and
28 1500 psi for 5 min, and were completed after three cycles. Although higher costs are
29 involved compared with Soxhlet extraction, this technique has the advantages of
30 reduced extraction time and lower solvent consumption, which decreases the long-term
31 cost and makes the procedures more environmentally friendly.

32 Most of the available methodologies imply one or several concentration steps and
33 solvent exchanges aiming to improve the sensitivity for further analysis. Treatment with
34 concentrated sulphuric acid [38,40,47] and a variety of clean-up procedures on silica gel,
35 alumina, florisil or combinations of these sorbents are commonly used. Karlsson *et al*

1 [24] pre-cleaned Soxhlet extracts on a KOH/H₂SO₄-treated silica column followed by a
2 clean-up on a gel permeation chromatography (GPC) system before analysis with
3 GC/MS. Recoveries, evaluated by addition of ¹³C-labeled surrogate standards, were in
4 the range from 12 to 97% for tri- to decaBDE with LODs lower than 0.2 ng m⁻³.

6 3.3. Determination

7 Separation of BFRs is generally performed by means of GC/MS. Nevertheless, thermal
8 degradation during the chromatographic separation has been reported for highly
9 substituted PBDEs, mainly BDE-209, which leads to a low repeatability in their
10 analysis [52]. Therefore, special attention should be paid to these compounds to ensure
11 a proper analysis. Residence time in the column has been shown to be a critical factor in
12 the GC analysis of this kind of compounds. If the residence time is too long, thermal
13 degradation of highly substituted congeners, especially BDE-209, is substantial. Shorter
14 standard columns were initially used for analysis of decaBDE, so use of two columns of
15 different length was required for determination of low and high-brominated PBDEs.

16 The development of narrow bore columns has allowed a proper determination of all
17 congeners with only one column [53]. Narrow bore columns, with maximum length 8–
18 10 m, small internal diameter (0.10 mm), and coated with a thin film (0.10 μm), can
19 achieve the same resolution as standard columns in shorter analysis times [53, 54].
20 Bjorklund *et al* [55] reported a comprehensive study on the influence of main GC
21 parameters on the determination of decaBDE. According to these authors, the on-
22 column injector is the most suitable injector for clean samples analysis, whereas
23 programmable temperature vaporizing (PTV) injector provides a good compromise
24 between robustness and yield for more complex samples.

25 Regueiro *et al* [56] have recently described a further optimization of GC analysis of the
26 highly substituted PBDEs including not only decaBDE but also the octa- and nona-
27 brominated ethers. Satisfactory results in terms of yield, accuracy and precision were
28 achieved using a narrow bore column and a split/splitless injector operated at a
29 temperature of 320 °C.

30 MS operating in negative chemical ionization (NCI) is the most widely used
31 determination system for analyzing BFRs in indoor air samples
32 [24,32,35,36,39,41,43,44,46,48,50,51]. This technique provides a very high sensitivity
33 and selectivity for brominated compounds, especially with selected ion monitoring of
34 the most abundant fragment, Br⁻ (m/z= 79/81). However, there may be problems with
35 identification and coelution of other brominated compounds and it is not possible the

1 use of ^{13}C -labeled compounds as internal surrogate standards (SSs) [49]. Using
2 GC/NCI-MS, Gevao *et al* [41] determined tri- to heptaBDEs in indoor air reaching
3 LODs from 0.2 to 0.5 pg m^{-3} .
4 MS in the EI (SIM) mode has also been employed for quantification of this kind of
5 compounds in indoor air [11,37,38,40,45,47], reporting LODs in the range 0.3-20 pg m^{-3}
6 for the analysis of tetra- to hexaBDEs [45]. Determination of BFRs in indoor air has
7 recently been performed by means of GC with an atomic emission detector (AED) [42].
8 A wavelength of 827 nm was selected for Br detection and LOD in the low ng m^{-3} were
9 obtained for most of compounds.
10 Analysis of TBBPA and 2,4,6-tribromophenol (2,4,6-TBPh, another BFR and also the
11 major breakdown product of TBBPA) by GC requires a previous derivatization step, to
12 usually obtain the acetylated derivatives. In this way, acetylation was carried out with
13 diazomethane [32,35]. The use of LC/MS in the determination of TBBPA is another
14 possibility that provides several different detection modes and eliminates the need of
15 derivatization. For the determination of TBBPA in air, Tollback *et al.* [49] developed a
16 LC/MS method using electrospray ionization (ESI) in the negative ionisation mode with
17 SIM. This kind of ionization was compared to atmospheric pressure ionization (APCI),
18 achieving LODs between 30-fold and 40-fold lower.

19 20 3.4. Concentration in indoor air

21 Several studies have reported concentration levels of BFRs in air from electronics
22 recycling facilities [11,35]. Sjodin *et al.* [35] investigated the presence of several BFRs
23 in an electronics recycling plant and other indoor work environments in Sweden. The
24 highest concentrations of all the identified BFRs were found in the recycling facility.
25 For the rest of sampling sites, the corresponding concentrations in air were, in general,
26 several orders of magnitude lower. Most abundant BFRs in the recycling plant were
27 BDE183, BDE209, BTBPE, and TBBPA with mean values in the range 19-36 ng m^{-3} .
28 On the other hand, BDE-47 was the most abundant PBDE congener in a computer
29 teaching hall and a circuit board assembly plant with a mean concentration of 0.76 and
30 0.35 ng m^{-3} , respectively (see Table 2).
31 Harrad *et al* [38] reported levels of tetra- to hexaBDEs in outdoor and indoor air from
32 different microenvironments (offices and homes). Concentrations of the tetra- and
33 pentaBDEs in indoor air were always higher than those detected in outdoor air. Values
34 for all studied compounds ranged from $<1 \text{ pg m}^{-3}$ to 1330 pg m^{-3} .

1 Wilford *et al* [39] measured indoor air concentrations of tri- to hexaBDEs from homes
2 in Canada, detecting up to 1600 pg m^{-3} . These values were higher than those reported by
3 Gevao *et al* [41] in indoor air in Kuwait with an average concentration in homes of 15
4 pg m^{-3} . Shoeib *et al* [45] determined concentrations in homes ranging between 76 pg m^{-3}
5 and 2088 pg m^{-3} for tri- to heptaBDEs, whereas those reported by Chen *et al* [48] were
6 in the range 0.3-1710 pg m^{-3} .

7 Indoor air concentrations of BFRs were generally higher in offices than in homes [38,
8 40-42]. A correlation between the concentration of several PBDEs and the number of
9 electrical appliances and PUF-containing chairs in sampled rooms was observed [38].
10 Several studies have also conducted the analysis of air from a laboratory [32,45],
11 showing the presence of PBDEs in the pg m^{-3} level. All these studies point out the
12 ubiquity of these types of contaminants.

13

14 **4. Organophosphate esters**

15 Organophosphate esters (OPs) are manufactured on a large scale to be used as flame
16 retarding agents and/or plasticizers in a variety of products such as electronic equipment,
17 lubricants, plastics, glues, varnishes and furnishing fabrics. Several studies
18 demonstrated the potential of these materials to emit phosphate flame retardants as well
19 as their degradation products [42,57]. As additives, they may diffuse out at rates
20 depending on their vapour pressures and the ambient temperature, and are thus emitted
21 to the surrounding air [58]. Consequently, there are abundant sources of OPs in both
22 public and domestic buildings, including diverse building materials and consumer
23 products. Indoor environment represents the main source of human exposure to these
24 pollutants through inhalation of air and inadvertent ingestion of dust. The most volatile
25 OPs are found in the gas phase, whereas the OPs with higher molecular mass are mainly
26 associated to the suspended PM and dust [35,58]. Several toxicological effects of
27 organophosphate triesters have been reported, although very little is known about their
28 health impact on humans. However, some reviews indicate that a number of these
29 compounds, for instance tri-n-butyl phosphate (TBP), tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate
30 (TCEP) and tris(2-chloropropyl) phosphate (TCPP), may negatively affect human
31 health [59,60].

32

33 *4.1. Sampling*

34 Organophosphate flame retardants have been mainly collected from indoor air and PM
35 by active sampling (see Table 4). Sample volumes between 1 and 14 m^3 are usually

1 employed at flow rates ranging from 1 to 10 L min⁻¹. Most of sampling devices consist
2 on a GFF or QFF for collecting the PM and one or several PUF plugs for the gas phase
3 [35, 57,61]. Saito *et al.* [42] and Yoshida *et al* [68] described active sampling methods
4 for organophosphate compounds in air using a QFF disk followed by a C18 SPE disk.
5 The main advantage of this disk-type configuration is the lower restriction of the flow
6 rate. The use of aminopropyl silica SPE cartridges has also been proposed as a simple
7 alternative for collecting both the gas phase and the PM [65,69].
8 Air sampling using solid-phase microextraction (SPME) has mostly been applied to
9 more volatile compounds than organophosphate flame retardants. As known, semi-
10 volatile compounds diffuse more slowly than VOCs, and thus require longer sampling
11 periods to reach their air/fibre partition equilibrium. However, a dynamic air sampling
12 method based on SPME was developed by Isetun *et al* [63,64,66], in which a controlled
13 linear air flow is generated over the fibre in order to increase agitation and thus
14 minimize the static layer surrounding the fibre. As a result, an increase in the extraction
15 rate is produced and consequently the equilibration time is shortened. Extracted
16 compounds are almost entirely from the gaseous phase, so no information about
17 contribution of airborne PM is obtained.
18 The organophosphates are present primarily in the particle-associated phase rather than
19 in the gaseous phase. Carlsson *et al* [61] observed that OP esters were mainly recovered
20 from the GFF while the part passing into the PUF plugs was less than 1%.

21

22 4.2. Sample treatment

23 Ultrasound-assisted extraction (USAE) is the most widely used technique for recovering
24 OP compounds from filters and sorbents. Sjodin *et al.* [35] carried out the extraction
25 with 5 mL DCM for 20 min in an ultrasonic bath (power 50 W, frequency 48 KHz). The
26 extraction procedure was repeated once using fresh solvent and recoveries higher than
27 95 % were obtained after concentration to 0.1 mL. Soxhlet extraction has also been
28 applied by Ingerowski *et al* [62] with n-hexane/Acetone (4:1) for 8 h. In the case of
29 sampling with SPE cartridges [65,69], extraction can be performed by elution or
30 fractionation with a suitable solvent. Staaf *et al* [69] extracted organophosphate triesters
31 from aminopropyl silica cartridges by using 5 mL methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)
32 reaching quantitative recoveries.

33 The use of very selective and sensitive detectors such as nitrogen phosphorus detector
34 (NPD), allows a simple extract preparation, which usually consists on a filtration step
35 followed by concentration to a small extract volume prior to the analysis by GC

1 [57,61,65]. In spite of it, LODs in the level of low ng m^{-3} are achieved for most of
2 reported methods.

3

4 4.3. Determination

5 Organophosphate flame retardants in indoor air and PM have been mainly determined
6 by GC. In most of cases, NPD is the selected technique for their quantification due to its
7 high selectivity and sensitivity for this kind of compounds. Carlsson *et al* [57,61]
8 achieved LODs lower than 0.1 ng m^{-3} with no further extract preparation than filtration
9 through glass wool followed by volume concentration. However, NPD does not offer
10 the possibility for positive identification, so MS is sometimes required for confirmation
11 [35,57,61,65]. Furthermore, MS in the EI mode with SIM has also been employed
12 [58,62,68] for quantification. Hartmann *et al* [58] determined OP flame retardants and
13 plasticizers in indoor air obtaining LODs from 0.073 to 0.41 ng m^{-3} .

14 Positive chemical ionization (PCI)-tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) in the selected-
15 reaction monitoring (SRM) mode has been applied by Bjorklund *et al* [67] in indoor air
16 samples. A comparative study was performed between EI-MS and PCI-MS/MS under
17 identical sampling and extraction conditions. LODs utilizing GC/PCI-MS/MS were
18 found to be in the range 0.1 - 1.4 ng m^{-3} , which is about 50-fold lower than those
19 obtained with GC/EI-SIM.

20 Recently, Saito *et al* [42] have used a flame photometric detector (FPD) for
21 determination of organophosphate flame retardants indoors. This detector presents some
22 of the advantages of the NPD such as high selectivity for phosphorous compounds.
23 LODs between 0.24 and 3.5 ng m^{-3} were achieved with this detection technique.

24 The selection of suitable surrogate and internal standards (ISs) is conditioned by the
25 extensive use of NPD and the impossibility of using isotopically labeled compounds
26 with this detector. Several compounds such as tripropyl phosphate (TPP) and tripropyl
27 phosphate (TPeP) are among the most frequently used ISs.

28

29 4.4. Concentration in indoor air

30 Organophosphate flame retardants have been found in indoor air in a number of homes
31 [42,64,65,67] with concentrations ranging from less than 1 ng m^{-3} up to several $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
32 (see Table 2). Marklund *et al* [65] reported the presence of these compounds in
33 different indoor environments such as homes, offices, public buildings and domestic
34 establishments. The chlorinated OPs, TCEP and TCPP, were the most abundant and

1 were present in all the sampled environments at concentrations up to 730 ng m⁻³ and
2 570 ng m⁻³, respectively.
3 Levels of OPs were measured in schools and an office building by Carlsson *et al* [61].
4 TCEP was detected in the range 11-250 ng m⁻³, whereas TBP was present at
5 concentrations from 17 ng m⁻³ to 35 ng m⁻³. Concentrations of triphenyl phosphate
6 (TPhP) were lower with values up to 0.7 ng m⁻³, which may be attributed to a lower
7 migration rate because of its lower volatility.
8 Hartman *et al* [58] determined OPs in several workplaces, e.g. public buildings and cars
9 at concentrations and up to 56 ng m⁻³ (for TCEP) and 29 ng m⁻³ (for TBP), TPhP levels
10 were generally lower than 1 ng m⁻³, which was consistent with the results reported by
11 Carlsson *et al* [61].
12

13 **5. Synthetic musk fragrances**

14 Synthetic musk fragrances are added in large amounts to toiletries, cosmetics,
15 household products, and a wide variety of other consumer products. In addition,
16 synthetic fragrances such as air fresheners are used in products to scent the environment.
17 They have been measured in workplaces and other crowded indoor environments,
18 although there is an important lack of information about their concentration levels in
19 domestic indoor air (Table 2). Owing to their chemical structures, synthetic musks can
20 roughly be classified in two main categories: nitromusks and polycyclic musks. Among
21 them, the polycyclic musks Galaxolide (1,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydro-4,6,6,7,8,8-
22 hexamethylcyclopenta-(g) 2- benzopyrane, HHCB) and Tonalide (7-acetyl-1,1,3,4,4,6-
23 hexamethyl-tetraline, AHTN) are used in the highest quantities, being the latter included
24 in the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) high production
25 volume (HPV) chemical list [73]. In 1997, the nitromusks musk xylene (1-tert-butyl-
26 3,5-dimethyl-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene, MX) and musk ketone (4-tert-butyl-3,5-dinitro-2,6-
27 dimethylacetophenone, MK) were added to the list of chemicals for priority action of
28 the EU and in 1998 MX was added to the corresponding list of the Oslo and Paris
29 Commission (OSPARCOM) [74].
30 Although created to replace the more expensive and rare natural musks, polycyclic and
31 nitromusks are not structurally or chemically similar to their natural counterparts. Their
32 physical-chemical properties have more in common with hydrophobic and semivolatile
33 organic pollutants that are known to biomagnify through the food chain [75].
34 Considering the tremendous use and exposure, there is limited information available
35 related to health effects of synthetic musks. Nevertheless, fragrances can impact indoor

1 air quality and there is suggestive evidence that may play an important role in
2 respiratory diseases and long-term impact [77]. In addition, there are environmental
3 concerns, as synthetic musks contribute to both air and water pollution [74]. Hence,
4 synthetic musks present enough properties which make them worth considering as a
5 group of indoor air pollutants.

6 7 *5.1. Sampling*

8 Few studies have reported the analysis of musk compounds in indoor air and PM, as can
9 be seen in Table 5. In all of them, synthetic musk have been collected by active
10 sampling, using sample volumes ranging from 2 to 100 m³ and, in general, reduced flow
11 rates [12,70,71]. In a similar way to phthalates, special care should be taken to reduce
12 the risk of contamination during the analysis due to the extensive presence of musk
13 fragrances in soaps, perfumes and cosmetics [71]. Polyurethane foam is the most typical
14 sorbent for sampling this kind of compounds in the gas phase, whereas a glass fibre
15 filter is usually used to collect the airborne PM [70-72]. Chen *et al* [72] studied the
16 distribution of musk fragrances between gas phase and PM for an indoor air sample
17 from a cosmetic plant. Since the percentage of musks in the gas phase to the total was
18 higher than 97 %, the authors point out the low affinity of these compounds towards the
19 PM.

20 21 *5.2. Sample treatment*

22 Extraction of musk compounds from sorbents is typically carried out by Soxhlet using
23 different solvent mixtures. Kallenborn *et al* [70,71] used this extraction technique with
24 300 mL n-hexane/diethyl ether (9:1) for 8 h followed by volume concentration under a
25 gentle stream of nitrogen. Chen *et al* [72] extracted musks from PUF plugs with DCM
26 for 72 h, showing recoveries ranging from 57 to 107 %. PSE has also been used for
27 extraction of musk fragrances from sorbents with satisfactory yields. In this way,
28 Fromme *et al* [12] extracted PUF with n-hexane/diethyl ether (19:1), which gave
29 recovery rates between 91 and 100 %. Very recently, Regueiro *et al*. [76] have applied
30 for the first time the SPME as an alternative to solvent extraction in the analysis of
31 synthetic musks in air including polycyclic and nitro musks. By active sampling, musk
32 compounds are adsorbed onto an amount of only 25 mg Tenax located in a glass SPE
33 device. After addition of 100 μ L acetone to the sorbent to favour the desorption,
34 analytes are transferred to a DVB/CAR/PDMS fiber in the headspace (HS) mode.

1 Detection limits in the pg m^{-3} level were achieved for a sample volume of 5 m^3 using a
2 GC/MS system operated in the full scan mode.
3 Regarding the clean-up procedure, most of authors have employed column
4 chromatography on silica gel [70,71] or a combination of silica gel and alumina [72].
5 Kallenborn *et al.* [70,71] developed an extract fractionation on a silica column for
6 selective elution of musk fragrances with 50 mL n-hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) and further
7 concentration under a stream of nitrogen. On the other side, no purification steps of the
8 PSE extracts were performed by Fromme *et al* [12], but higher LODs, in the level of ng
9 m^{-3} , were obtained.

10

11 5.3. Determination

12 Determination of synthetic musk fragrances is usually performed by GC using
13 conventional capillary columns (30 m x 0.25 mm I.D., 0.25 μm film thickness) with
14 common stationary phases, including 5 % phenyl substituted methylpolysiloxane and
15 dimethylpolysiloxane. MS is the most extended detection technique for musk
16 compounds and it is commonly operated in the EI mode with SIM [12,70,71], which
17 leads to LODs in the pg m^{-3} level. However, nitromusk compounds have also been
18 analyzed in the NCI mode [70,71] achieving LODs between 100-fold and 60-fold lower
19 with regards to EI mode.

20 Deuterated musk xylene and AHTN standards are commercially available for use as
21 surrogate and ISs. Nevertheless, deuterated AHTN has been reported to undergo partial
22 deuterium to hydrogen exchange during analysis which may result in an inaccurate
23 surrogate recovery [78]. A variety of other surrogate and ISs have also been used in
24 different environmental matrices such as deuterated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons,
25 pentachloronitrobenzene, hexamethylbenzene and various labeled and unlabeled
26 polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). LODs, repeatabilities and recoveries reported in the
27 analysis of musk compounds in air and PM are summarized in Table 5.

28

29 5.4. Concentration in indoor air

30 Kallenborn *et al.* [71] reported atmospheric concentrations of nitromusk and polycyclic
31 musk in Norwegian air samples, not only in urban areas but also in remote areas. In one
32 indoor laboratory air sample analyzed during the same sampling campaign,
33 concentrations up to 2.5 ng m^{-3} of HHCB were measured, i.e. 10-fold higher than
34 detected in outdoor air, which raise the suspicion that air as a transport and transfer
35 medium for synthetic musk is still underestimated.

1 Musk compounds were further studied in several indoor workplace environments [70].
2 Highest values were found in a hairdresser facility with 44 ng m^{-3} HHCB, although a
3 coffee bar contained also high synthetic musk burden with 35 ng m^{-3} HHCB and 12 ng
4 m^{-3} AHTN, respectively. The presence of synthetic musk fragrances was also evaluated
5 in indoor air samples from kindergartens in Berlin [12]. HHCB gave the highest levels
6 ranging from 15 to 299 ng m^{-3} , whereas AHTN and Phantolide (6-acetyl-1,1,2,3,3,5-
7 hexamethyl-indane, AHMI) were found at average concentrations of 47 and 22 ng m^{-3} ,
8 respectively. Chen *et al.* [72] measured polycyclic musk fragrances in a typical cosmetic
9 plant and surroundings. Concentrations in the gaseous phase of the workshop were
10 found to range from 32 to 4505 ng m^{-3} . Synthetic musks have been recently
11 determined by Regueiro *et al* [76] in indoor air samples from homes of North-western
12 Spain. Measured concentrations of HHCB and AHTN were in the range from 143 to
13 1129 ng m^{-3} and from 21 to 77 ng m^{-3} , respectively. Celestolide (4-acetyl-1,1-dimethyl-
14 6-tert. -butylindane, ADBI) and AHMI were also found in one sample at concentrations
15 of 2.6 and 8.5 ng m^{-3} , respectively, while Cashmeran (6,7-dihydro-1,1,2,3,3-
16 pentamethyl-4(5H)indanone, DPMI), Traseolide (5-acetyl-1,1,2,6-tetramethyl-3-iso-
17 propylidihydroindane, ATII), and musk moskene (4,6-dinitro-1,1,3,3,5-
18 pentamethylindane, MM), were not found in any of the samples. These concentrations
19 were higher than those measured by Kallenborn *et al* [71], but in the order of those
20 reported by Fromme *et al* [12] in air of German kindergartens.

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22 **6. Pesticides**

23 The extensive use of pesticides to improve agricultural productivity played an important
24 role during the last century [79]. Although some of them have been banned and classified
25 by the United Nations (UN) as POPs, they or their metabolites are still present in the
26 environment because of their persistence and lipophilic properties. Inhalation is an
27 important route of exposure for humans, especially just after spraying application in
28 domestic indoors or agricultural close areas. Table 6 summarizes recent publications
29 where pesticides have been determined in indoor or workplace air.

30

31 *6.1. Sampling*

32 US EPA Methods TO-4A and TO-10A determined pesticides in air [104]. These
33 methodologies have already been commented within the chapter dedicated to PCBs.
34 Pesticide sampling usually consists of collecting known volumes of contaminated air
35 using sampling cartridges filled with one or more adsorbents where the compounds are

1 retained. PUF [87, 89-92,95, 98,105], XAD-2 resin [80,82, 90,106], mixtures of both
2 adsorbents [11,90,107], Tenax [85, 96, 99-101,108], Florisil [86,109-111], Supelpak
3 [84], Empore disks [68], octadecyl silica bonded (C₁₈) [84], or silica gel [102] are
4 adsorbents used to retain certain pesticides in indoor or workplace air. NIOSH methods
5 5600 and 5601 collect organophosphorus and organotitrogen pesticides, respectively in
6 OVS-2 tubes [112]. These tubes contain a QFF and XAD-2 resin (270 mg /140 mg).
7 Dobson *et al.* compared the efficiencies of PUF, XAD-2, XAD-4, and two different
8 sandwich combinations; PUF/XAD-2/PUF and PUF/XAD-4/PUF at trapping currently
9 used pesticides in the gaseous phase using high volume (hi-vol) samplers [113]. The
10 sandwiches were only slightly more efficient than XAD-2 and XAD-4 resins, followed
11 by PUFs. Therefore, and taking into account that losses of pumping efficiency were
12 found using the sandwich designs, XAD-2 is the adsorbent recommended. Tsiropoulos
13 *et al.* investigated the trapping efficiency of XAD-2, XAD-4, Supelpak-2, Florisil and
14 C₁₈ for five pesticides [84]. No breakthrough was observed at least when 480 L air was
15 pumped. Supelpak-2 or C₁₈ were selected as the best adsorbents, based on their
16 performance characteristics, such as sufficient trapping efficiency, no dependence on
17 the relative humidity, extended range of concentration levels, good recoveries and
18 storage stability. Yoshida *et al.* tried to determine 92 SVOCs, including insecticides,
19 synergists and fungicides, using QFFs and Empore disks [68]. Nevertheless, 20
20 pesticides, i.g. fenthion, piperonyl butoxide, allethrin or tetramethrin, could not be
21 sufficiently collected by the disks, obtaining low retention efficiencies. A possible
22 explanation is that some compounds may be decomposed by daylight during air
23 sampling. Therefore, other adsorbents may be necessary for their collection. Other 13
24 pesticides, such as fenitrothion, pentachlorophenol or deltamethrin could not be
25 quantified accurately as their calibration curves were not linear. Elflein *et al.* also
26 underlined recovery problems when sampling 17 household insecticides by means of a
27 GFFs and two PUFs [91]. They assumed a decomposition mechanism for four
28 pyrethroids on the filter during the spiking experiment. In addition, they sentenced that
29 PUF contributes to the “matrix-induced chromatographic response enhancement”.
30 When adsorbents are used, calibration is usually performed by direct spiking of
31 adsorbents with solutions of target analytes at known concentrations. Nevertheless,
32 Cessna and Kerr introduced another procedure to calibrate trifluralin and triallate [114].
33 A polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) U-tube was fortified with a solution of pesticides in
34 hexane and immersed in a water bath at 50 °C. Then, air was continuously drawn
35 through a U-tube (0.1 L min⁻¹) and subsequently through two mini-tubes packed with

1 Tenax TA arranged in series. In this way, an easy and realistic calibration was feasible,
2 simulating different concentrations of air samples.

3 Regarding outdoor air, some papers should be emphasized due to their possible
4 workplace implications. Cartridges with Florisil were used to estimate the leaf-air
5 transfer of pesticides in vegetables [109,110] or to measure atrazine and alachlor
6 concentrations in agricultural areas [111]. Egea Gonzalez and co-workers developed a
7 screening method to analyze more than 70 pesticides in air of urban locations
8 surrounded by greenhouses [115]. Three different adsorbents (Tenax TA, Chromosorb
9 106 and Supelpak) were tested obtaining the poorest recoveries with Supelpak.

10 Several authors have reviewed the ambient air passive sampling of pesticides, among
11 other organic pollutants [116-118]. Nevertheless, passive sampling studies for collecting
12 pesticides in indoor air are scarce. Esteve-Turrillas and co-workers sampled pyrethroid
13 insecticides with SPMDs [83]. The membranes were suspended about 2 m height for a
14 total time of 48 h in a dark and closed room treated with different insecticide sprays.

15 Dai *et al.* sampled chlorpyrifos (a termiticide) for one month in indoor air in houses
16 using a passive sampler consisting of a porous PTFE tube filled with 0.75 g of Supelpak
17 adsorbent resins [93]. Ramesh and Vijayalakshmi collected three pyrethroids in air of
18 rooms treated with insecticides using an airtight syringe and then dissolved them in
19 acetone [94].

20 An alternative for sampling pesticides in indoor air is by exposing a SPME fiber to the
21 contaminated atmosphere. Ferrari *et al.* published a multiresidue method using SPME
22 for the determination of 11 pesticides selected from different chemical families with a
23 large range of saturated vapour pressures in confined atmospheres [88]. A PDMS fiber
24 was immersed for 40 min in a 250-mL flask through which air samples were
25 dynamically pumped from the analysed atmosphere. As a field application, the proposed
26 method was applied for the determination of procymidone concentrations as a function
27 of time in a greenhouse. This method completely avoids the use of solvents and can be
28 applied to determine pesticide concentrations in workplace environments, like in the
29 breathing zone of workers in greenhouses. Besides, Paschke *et al.* compared the
30 applicability of SPME and SPMDs for semi-volatile chlorinated organic compounds in
31 a landfill, where large amounts of lindane by-products were deposited in the past,
32 together with other hazardous chemical residues [119]. Both samplers yielded
33 comparable time-weighted average (TWA) air concentrations of lindane and its isomers
34 and of dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) with its metabolites. Cisper and
35 Hemberger developed another method for the on-line detection of SVOCs, including
36 pesticides, using membrane introduction mass spectrometry (MIMS) [120], clearly

1 expanding the practical limits of MIMS analysis. The method used a composite
2 membrane made by plasma deposition of a thin PDMS layer on a microporous
3 polypropylene support fiber. Sample air flowed over the outside of the fibres
4 countercurrent to the helium flow. Concentrations were found in the pptv range.

5

6 6.2. Sample treatment

7 Once the analytes are retained on the adsorbent, an appropriate solvent is required,
8 usually at high volumes, to quantitatively elute them. This, in turns, leads to time-
9 consuming steps for concentration and clean up of the organic extracts, with the risk of
10 analyte losses. An additional problem could arise from the possible photodecomposition
11 of some of the pesticides, which has been reported in some multi-pesticide studies
12 [68,91,102], showing that determination of some pesticides in air might require
13 performing a rapid and careful trapping-extraction process. Classical extraction
14 processes include Soxhlet with large volumes of solvents [11,80,81,90,92,95,98,107] or
15 solvent extraction with acetone [84,99,100], methanol [111,121], acetonitrile [106],
16 ethyl acetate [84,103], hexane and dichloromethane (DCM) [87], toluene [93], or
17 mixtures of solvents [89], normally accompanied by shaking for several minutes.
18 Deriving of the large volumes of solvents used for the extraction, a further concentration
19 step is required. In addition, long and tedious drying with anhydrous sodium sulphate
20 [109], filtration through silanized glass wool [97,100], HPLC fractionation [103], or
21 cleaning procedures are generally needed, such as liquid-liquid extraction, SPE with
22 Florisil [80,107], silica gel [87,98,109], alumina [83] , or C₁₈ [83].

23 Besides the conventional solvent extraction procedures, other techniques have been
24 proposed for the extraction of pesticides from the trapping sorbents. In a large number
25 of papers, extraction of analytes is helped by sonication over a period of 2-15 minutes
26 [68,82,85,91,97,105,110,115]. Using only 25 mg Tenax as trapping sorbent allowed
27 Barro *et al* developing a method to determine several pesticides in indoor air based on
28 US-assisted solvent extraction with a volume of ethyl acetate as low as 1 mL [85].
29 Detection limits for this simple and fast method ranged from 0.03 to 4.1 ng m⁻³ (1 m³),
30 with no need of concentration or further treatment of the extracts. Esteve-Turrillas *et al.*
31 extracted insecticides from SPMDs by solvent re-extractions with 30 mL of a mixture of
32 hexane-acetone and microwave extraction for 20 min [83]. Concentration, reconstitution
33 of the extracts, as well as different clean up stages derived from the matrix effect of
34 SPMDs were required to achieve good recoveries. A great reduction of solvent
35 consumption (from 400 to 60 mL) and analysis time (from 48 to 1 h) was achieved

1 using the proposed method compared to the dialysis reference method. Detection limits
2 ranged from 0.3 to 0.9 ng per membrane.

3 When a thermally desorbable adsorbent such as Tenax is used, thermal desorption is
4 another alternative. Some authors extracted chlordanes [101], two herbicides (trifluralin
5 and triallate) [114], or 10 pesticides including triazines, carbamates and organochlorides
6 from Tenax by thermal desorption [122]. Baroja *et al.* determined fenothrion and its
7 main metabolites in forestry air by sampling on Tenax and extracting using a thermal
8 desorption cold trap (TCT) [123]. The use of HS-SPME has been proposed as an
9 alternative to solvent and thermal desorption, enhancing the selectivity and the
10 sensitivity of the analysis. In this way, Barro *et al.* collected 10 pesticides in indoor air
11 using 25 mg of Florisil [86], and after addition of 100 μL acetone to the adsorbent, the
12 SPME was carried out by exposing a polyacrilate fiber to the HS of the vial. Thus, the
13 fiber was thermally desorbed in the injection port of a gas chromatograph. Method
14 detection limits as low as 0.001 ng m^{-3} (1 m^3 air) were achieved for several insecticides
15 when μECD detection was utilised.

16

17 6.3. Determination

18 GC/ECD [81,85,86,90,94,97,99,103,107,109,110,114] and GC/MS [80,89-92,
19 98,100,101,105,107,111,123] are the techniques of choice for the determination of
20 pesticides in air. Although less common, other detectors such as thermoionic specific
21 detector (TSD) [81], or NPD [84,99] may be used with GC. When higher sensitivity is
22 required, GC/MS/MS [95] can also be used. Egea Gonzalez *et al.* determined 70
23 pesticides in a multiresidue method by GC/MS/MS using a large volume injection
24 technique [115]. Injecting a higher volume of sample extract (10 μL) increases the
25 sensitivity, achieving limits of quantification ranging from 0.2 for chlorothalonil to 27
26 ng m^{-3} for cypermethrin, based on a 1.44 m^3 air sampled.

27 However, the use of HPLC-UV [81,84,97,106] has also been reported. Vincent *et al.*
28 determined quaternary ammonium compounds by cationic preconcentration column by
29 ion chromatography (IC) or LC/MS/MS [82]. In this particular case, IC appears to be a
30 good alternative because it is not expensive and its use is very simple compared to
31 LC/MS/MS. Moreover, the limit of detection could be reduced by a factor of 100 with
32 an injection volume of 50 μL .

33 6.4. Concentration in indoor air

34 Pesticide control indoors is getting increasing attention. Concentrations found in several
35 indoor environments are summarized in Table 2. Concentrations of common household

1 pesticides are generally higher indoors than outdoors [124]. Class and Kintrup
2 determined household insecticides in commercial formulations, residues, surfaces, and
3 in air during and after indoor application [102]. The concentrations of insecticides in air
4 and their deposits on surfaces (up to $1000 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) revealed possible exposure of humans
5 by inhalation or by skin adsorption. Electrically heated evaporators cause allethrin
6 concentrations in air of $2\text{-}5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ during application; much higher concentrations (up
7 to $300 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and more) were observed when pyrethroids and other insecticides were
8 sprayed as aerosols into a room. The insecticides laid on surfaces and some readily
9 formed transformation products persisted for 60 h or longer. Berger-Preiss *et al.*
10 monitored the concentrations of two pyrethroids, pyrethrum and the synergist piperonyl
11 butoxide in a model house over a period of two years after simulated pest control
12 against cockroaches [97]. Only the pyrethrins decreased rapidly, mainly by
13 photodecomposition. Deltamethrin and permethrin levels in the gas phase were 1.5 and
14 8 ng m^{-3} respectively, when a normal dose was applied. Roinestad *et al.* identified 34
15 pesticides in household air ranging from 5.7 to 254.7 ng m^{-3} [100]. Comparison of
16 dichlorvos, o-phenylphenol and propoxur levels in a home were also carried out
17 immediately after spraying (354.7 , 63.0 and 434.3 ng m^{-3} respectively) and 8 weeks
18 after application (not detected, 35.8 and 5.8 ng m^{-3}). In other study, concentrations of
19 aldrin, dieldrin, four chlordanes, pentachloroanisole and hexachlorocyclohexanes were
20 measured in the living area of a home and outdoors [98]. All compounds except the
21 hexachlorocyclohexanes had higher indoor than outdoor air concentrations, implying
22 that their sources were in the home. Ramesh and Vijayalakshmi deployed two different
23 mosquito coils, an aerosol sample, and two different mosquito mats containing
24 pyrethroids in a close room [94]. Air samples were collected at different intervals
25 ranging from 15 min to 8 h from three different positions in the room (top, middle and
26 bottom). The concentrations of pyrethroids were initially high at the top of the room,
27 followed by a steady decline on moving towards the floor. At the end of a 6 h period,
28 most of the residues were below 0.1 ppb. Rudel and co-workers determined pesticides,
29 among other EDCs in 120 homes [11]. The 90th percentile concentrations for pesticides
30 ranged from 10 to 19 ng m^{-3} in air. The indoor prevalence of pesticides that have been
31 banned or restricted for many years, such as DDT, chlordane, heptachlor, methoxychlor,
32 dieldrin and pentachlorophenol, suggested that indoor degradation is negligible. Whyatt
33 *et al.* measured 8 pesticides in 48-h breathed out air samples collected from more than
34 200 mothers during pregnancy [92]. A significant correlation was seen between the
35 levels of chlorpyrifos, diazinon and propoxur in the breathed out air and the levels of
36 these insecticides or their metabolites in plasma samples (maternal and/or cord). The

1 fungicide o-phenylphenol was also detected in all the air samples, but it was not
2 measured in plasma. Other studies measured pesticides in indoor air of homes, i.g.
3 chlordanes [87], chlorpyrifos [90,93], phenols [80], or organophosphorus pesticides
4 [89]. Moreover, biocides as DDT, lindane, methoxychlor, among others were identified
5 in different locations of museums [108].

6 Gil and Sinfort reviewed the measurement techniques and simulation studies for
7 pesticide emission to the air while spraying on crops [125]. The inhalational exposure to
8 pesticides in greenhouses is considered as more critical than outdoors, because
9 greenhouse walls restrict their rapid distribution and dilution via airflow [99]. Cruz
10 Márquez and co-workers developed a method for assessing both likelihood and
11 exposure of farmers to spray applications of malathion in greenhouses [95]. The
12 malathion concentration in the breathing area during the application was found between
13 69.4-85.9 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. Insecticides and fungicides were monitored in greenhouses for 3-4
14 days after application of plant protection products by manual sprayers on different types
15 of crops (flowers and vegetables) [99]. The maximum concentration found was 28 μg
16 m^{-3} for parathion, and after a dissipation period of several hours, the levels were greatly
17 influenced by ventilation and temperature. The objective of Bouvier *et al* [81] was to
18 assess the residential pesticide exposure of non-occupationally exposed adults, and to
19 compare it with occupational exposure of subjects working indoors. The study involved
20 20 exposed persons, 38 insecticides, and the sampling of 19 residences, two
21 greenhouses, three florist shops and three veterinary departments. Indoor air
22 concentrations were often low, but could reach in residences 200-300 ng m^{-3} for atrazine
23 and propoxur. As expected, gardeners were exposed to pesticides sprayed in
24 greenhouses, although florists and veterinary workers were also indirectly exposed due
25 to the former pest control operations. Pesticide measurements were up to 220 ng m^{-3} for
26 methidathion in greenhouses, 28.6 ng m^{-3} for lindane in florist shops, and 52.9 ng m^{-3}
27 for diazinon in veterinary departments. Other authors monitored the concentrations of
28 widely used plant protecting agents during and after application, as well as their spatial
29 and temporal distribution in agricultural areas [96,107,122,126,127].

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31 **7. Other organic contaminants**

32 Perfluorinated alkyl compounds (PFAs) are a group of organic chemicals used in a
33 variety of consumer products for water and oil resistance including surface treatments
34 for fabric, upholstery, carpet, paper, and leather, in fire-fighting foams, and as
35 insecticides [128]. Many of them combine bioaccumulative potential, toxic effects and

1 extreme persistence; thus, they are considered as candidates for the Stockholm
2 Convention list of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and are regarded as a new and
3 emerging class of environmental contaminants. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS),
4 perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) and related compounds such as perfluoroalkyl sulfonamides
5 (PFASs) and fluorotelomer alcohols (FTOHs) figure among the most widespread PFAs
6 [129,130].

7 Organotin compounds are widely employed as stabilizers of polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
8 polymers and as industrial catalysts for polyurethane and silicone elastomers. Hence,
9 they are present in water pipes, food packing materials, polyurethane foams and many
10 other consumer products [131]. The prominent toxicological feature of the organotins is
11 their immunotoxicity, an effect produced by di- and trialkyltins as well as triphenyltins.
12 Furthermore, the importance of organotins as environmental endocrine disrupters and
13 their potential to adversely affect human health, has prompted the European
14 Commission to identify tributyl tin (TBT) as a priority hazardous substance [132].
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16 *7.1. Sampling, sample treatment and determination*

17 Perfluoroalkyl sulfonamides have been collected in indoor air by both active and
18 passive procedures (see Table 7). Active sampling has been carried out using SPE
19 cartridges [130] or a GFF followed by PUF plugs [133], and air volumes between 20 and
20 200 m³. These compounds have also been collected by means of PUF disk passive air
21 samplers [129]. Very recently, Shoeib *et al* [134] have developed a novel type of PUF
22 disk impregnated with XAD-4 powder, which provides a higher sorptive capacity for
23 organic and polar chemicals, such as the FTOHs and PFASs. Uptake rates for this
24 sorbent-impregnated PUF (SIP) disks from 1.4 to 4.6 m³ day⁻¹ were estimated for the
25 studied compounds.

26 Extraction of fluorinated compounds has been mainly performed by Soxhlet
27 [129,133,134] with no further clean-up after volume concentration. Analysis is usually
28 carried out by GC/MS operated in the EI mode with SIM [129,133] or in the PCI mode
29 [130,134]. Separation of PFASs can be performed with common stationary phases 5 %
30 phenyl substituted methylpolysiloxane [129,133], although more polar capillary
31 columns are required for FTOHs [130,134]. Shoeib *et al* [129] determined PFAS in
32 indoor air with recoveries ranging from 64 to 89 %, RSD values lower than 8 % and
33 LODs between 0.01 and 7.1 pg m⁻³.

34 Organotin compounds have been collected from indoor air by active sampling through
35 QFFs and an activated carbon-fibre filter [131]. A flow rate of 5 L min⁻¹ was employed

1 for 24 h periods, which yields air volumes of approximately 7 m^3 . Extraction was
2 performed by ultrasonication twice with 10 mL 1M HCl in MeOH for 10 min and then
3 twice with 2.5 mL benzene for 10 min. After derivatization with propyl magnesium and
4 several clean-up steps, organotin compounds were analyzed by GC with FPD.
5 Recoveries higher than 95 % and LOD in the range $0.2\text{-}0.4 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ were obtained.

6 7.2. Concentration in indoor air

7 Shoeib *et al* [133] determined concentrations of PFAS in indoor air from homes and
8 laboratories. N-methyl perfluorooctane sulfonamidoethanol (MeFOSE), widely used as
9 a stain repellent on carpets, was the most abundant in both indoor and outdoor air,
10 followed by N-ethyl perfluorooctane sulfonamidoethanol (EtFOSE) (see Table 2). Mean
11 indoor concentrations of MeFOSE and EtFOSE were 2589 and 772 pg m^{-3} , respectively.
12 These concentrations were approximately 100 times higher than outdoor values,
13 establishing indoor air as an important source to the outside environment. Levels of
14 PFAs in indoor air from office were evaluated by Jahnke *et al.* [130], obtaining values
15 for MeFOSE and EtFOSE of 727 and 305 pg m^{-3} , respectively.
16 Regarding the organotin compounds, Kawata *et al* [131] measured concentrations of
17 several organotin chlorides in indoor air. Among studied compounds, only triphenyltin
18 chloride (TPTC) was detected at concentrations ranging between 0.4 ng m^{-3} and 0.6 ng
19 m^{-3} .

21 8. Analysis of contaminants in indoor dust and suspended particulate matter 22 (PM)

23 According to the US EPA [135] house dust is a complex mixture of biologically-derived
24 material, PM deposited from the indoor aerosol, and soil particles brought in by foot
25 traffic. Many contaminants adsorb to PM suspended in indoor air that later settles out as
26 house dust. Furthermore, these compounds have the potential to persist and accumulate
27 in indoor dust, as they are not subjected to the same degradation processes that occur
28 outdoors [136].

29 Equilibrium concentrations on dust particles generally far exceed those in the gaseous
30 portion of indoor air; hence, dust and its associated fine PM tends to become a sink for
31 semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) [137].

32 Inhalation, dermal adsorption and inadvertent ingestion of indoor dust have been
33 recognized as important exposure pathways for organic contaminants [137], especially
34 in the case of crawling children exhibiting hand-to-mouth behaviour [138]. Hence,

1 analysis of organic contaminants in house dust should be performed in an effort to
2 characterize human exposure in the indoor environment.
3 In most of the reported methods for the analysis of organic contaminants in indoor dust,
4 samples are collected from conventional vacuum cleaners equipped with paper dust
5 bags. The content of bags is passed through a suitable sieve to remove large pieces and
6 obtain a high degree of homogeneity. Dust samples are then weighed and solvent
7 extracted using the extraction techniques summarized in Table 8 and the target
8 compounds determined usually by GC/MS. Recently, a standard reference material has
9 been developed for the determination of organic compounds in house dust. The SRM
10 2585 is intended for use in validation of methods for the analysis of PAHs, PCBs,
11 chlorinated pesticides, and PBDEs [162]. Concentrations of pollutants found in indoor
12 dust and air suspended PM are summarized in Table 9.

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14 8.1. Phthalates

15 Phthalates have been extracted from dust using the Soxhlet extractor [9,10], simple
16 agitation with hexane [140] or DCM [139] and PSE with a mixture of hexane and
17 diethyl ether (95:5) [12]. Determination is usually performed by GC/MS. A typical
18 procedure has been described by Rudel *et al* [11], consisting in the collection of dust
19 samples using a mite vacuum cleaner modified to collect dust in a cellulose extraction
20 thimble. Since phthalates are closely associated to the plastic materials, a custom
21 crevice tool with a holder for the extraction thimble was constructed in PTFE to avoid
22 dust contact with any plastic part of the cleaner. Prior to extraction, dust was weighed
23 and sieved to <150 μm . Aliquots for the analysis (0.047 to 1.6 g) were spiked with the
24 surrogate solution (*p*-terpenyl- d_{14}), let to equilibrate at room temperature, and then
25 Soxhlet extracted (table 8). After concentration and clean-up of the extract, the GC/MS
26 determination of the phthalates was performed. Recoveries of the method ranged from
27 40 to 220% with RSD < 20% and LOD values of 0.1 to 24 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

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29 8.2. Brominated flame retardants

30 Extraction of BFRs from dust has been mainly carried out by Soxhlet [11,
31 24,141,143,145,147] using solvents like toluene, DCM or different organic mixtures.
32 Wilford *et al.* [147] reported mean recoveries of 99 %, RSD of 19 % and LODs in the
33 range of 0.1-14 ng g^{-1} for tri- to decaBDE after Soxhlet extraction of 0.25 g dust with
34 DCM for 15 h and treatment with concentrated sulphuric acid.

1 PSE has also been employed for extraction of this kind of brominated compounds from
2 house dust [40,142,143,148]. A PSE-based method was developed for Stapleton *et al*
3 [142] for the analysis of PBDEs in house dust and clothes dryer lint. The extraction was
4 carried out with DCM at 100 °C and 2000 psi for 5 min during 3 cycles. LODs ranged
5 from 1 to 6 ng g⁻¹ after a simple clean-up procedure on silica SPE cartridges and volume
6 concentration. Harrad *et al* [40] reported recoveries from 45 to 67 % for the PSE
7 extraction from dust of tri- to hexaBDEs using n-hexane at 150 °C and 1500 psi for 5
8 min. An in-cell clean-up with Florisil during the extraction and further purification with
9 concentrated sulphuric acid and a Florisil column were used.

10 Recently, the use of microwave-assisted extraction (MAE) has been demonstrated as a
11 valuable alternative, providing satisfactory results for the extraction of PBDEs from
12 indoor dust [56,144,146]. Regueiro *et al* [56,144] performed the extraction of tetra- to
13 decaBDE by MAE using 8 mL n-hexane in the presence of 4 mL 10 % NaOH_(aq) at 80
14 °C for 15 min. Recoveries higher than 90 %, RSD lower than 16 % and LODs from
15 0.0439 to 1.44 ng g⁻¹ were reported after a simple on-batch clean-up by addition and
16 shaking of a small amount of Florisil.

17 Determination of BFRs in dust is commonly carried out by GC/MS operating in the
18 negative ionization with SIM [24,142,143,145-147], which allows to obtain LODs in
19 the low ng g⁻¹ level. Nevertheless, MS in the EI mode with SIM [11,40,141,143],
20 tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) [144] or even micro-electron capture detection
21 (μ ECD) [56] have also been used. HBCD has been recently determined in house dust
22 using LC coupled to ESI negative mode MS/MS [148]. In contrast to GC, this technique
23 is a versatile tool for the isomer-specific determination, enabling the separation and
24 quantification of α -, β - and γ -HBCD.

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26 8.3. Organophosphate esters

27 Organophosphate flame retardants have been extracted from house dust by Soxhlet [62],
28 ultrasound-assisted extraction (USAE) [151], MAE [150] and matrix solid-phase
29 dispersion (MSPD) [149].

30 Marklund *et al.* [151] carried out the US extraction of 12 organophosphate flame
31 retardants with 25 mL DCM for 20 min followed by a simple filtration and a volume
32 concentration. An average recovery of 97 % and LODs ranging between 7 and 60 ng g⁻¹
33 were obtained for the different compounds.

34 MSPD has been recently applied for the extraction of these compounds from house dust
35 [149]. An amount of 0.5 g dust was mixed with 0.5 g anhydrous sodium sulphate and

1 dispersed with 0.5 g Florisil in a glass mortar. After loading the blend in a cartridge
2 containing alumina on the bottom, compounds were eluted with acetone and finally
3 volume reduced. Recoveries higher than 80 % and RSD lower than 13 % were achieved.
4 Separation and quantification is typically performed by GC with NPD [149-151],
5 although GC coupled to MS in the EI mode with SIM has also been used [62].
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7 8.4. Synthetic musk fragrances

8 Synthetic musk fragrances have been mainly extracted from house dust by PSE [11,145].
9 Fromme *et al.* [12] carried out the PSE extraction of both polycyclic and nitromusk in
10 indoor dust with n-hexane/DE (19:1) and further determination by GC/MS operating in
11 the EI mode with SIM. Recently, Peck *et al* [153] reported the extraction of musk
12 compounds from the indoor dust standard reference material SRM 2585 with DCM at
13 100 °C and 2000 psi. After clean-up on an alumina SPE cartridge, a GPC column and
14 volume concentration, recoveries in the range 73-90 % were obtained.
15 MAE has also been applied for the extraction of nitromusk compounds from house dust
16 samples [152]. Dust (0.8 g) was extracted at 80 °C for 10 min using a mixture of 8 mL
17 n-hexane and 4 mL H₂SO₄(aq) 1M containing ascorbic acid 0.10 %. Clean-up was
18 performed by addition and shaking of partially deactivated Florisil. Extracts were
19 further analyzed by GC/μECD. Under these conditions, recoveries between 88 and 97 %
20 and LODs from 1.03 to 3.26 ng g⁻¹ were reported.
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22 8.5 . Pesticides

23 Common household pesticide levels are generally higher indoors, and are also present in
24 dust and PM. Analytical procedures for the determination of pesticides in dust and PM
25 are reported in Tables 8 and 10 Mukerjee *et al* [124] measured 24 pesticide, including
26 18 insecticides, two herbicides, and a fungicide concentrations and their overall
27 occurrence in house dust by season. Rudel *et al* identified EDC, including phthalates,
28 alkylphenols, pesticides, PBDEs, among other compounds, in dust from 120 homes [11].
29 In this study, 27 pesticides were detected in dust, the most abundant being permethrins
30 and the synergist piperonyl butoxide. The 90th percentile concentrations for these
31 pesticides ranged from 1.7 to 17 μg g⁻¹ in dust. The prevalence indoors of pesticides that
32 have been banned or restricted for many years, such as DDT, chlordane, heptachlor,
33 methoxychlor, dieldrin and pentachlorophenol, suggests that degradation is negligible
34 indoors. This observation is further supported by the abundance of DDT in dust relative
35 to its degradation product 1,1-dichloro-2,2-bis(p-dichlorodiphenyl)ethylene (DDE).

1 Schieweck *et al* [108] analyzed biocides in dust samples in different rooms of a
2 museum. A distinction between old and fresh dust was made. While the age of old dust
3 is unknown, fresh dust was defined as dust whose age is determined by the
4 measurement planning and is known exactly, usually 1-2 weeks. The concentrations of
5 pentachlorophenol and lindane in a sample of old dust taken directly from a sculpture
6 were exceptionally high with 117 and 14 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively. In the fresh dust samples
7 taken from the floor, considerably increased concentration up to 30 (for
8 pentachlorophenol, PCP) and 5 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (for lindane) were also found, which probably
9 resulted from the intensive treatment of the wooden sculpture for purposes of
10 conservation. This result gave evidence for a possible exposure of museum staff and
11 visitors. Berger-Preiss *et al* measured indoor pyrethroid exposure in 80 homes with
12 woollen textile floor coverings [160]. While permethrin concentrations in house dust
13 were high (mean: 53.7 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$), the permethrin concentrations in suspended particles
14 were very low (mean: 2.8 ng m^{-3}). Leng *et al.* found positive correlations between
15 pyrethroids in house dust and in airborne particles, especially one day after pest control
16 operation [158]. Concentrations of pyrethroids in indoor suspended PM and household
17 dust were also measured over a period of 25 months in an experiment simulating indoor
18 pest control [97]. House dust was collected using a modified vacuum cleaner, where the
19 usual dust bag was replaced by Soxhlet filter tubes, which were preferred as they
20 allowed a quantitative transfer of the particles into de Soxhlet extractor. Moreover, it
21 was found that the Soxhlet filter tubes retained (90%) smaller particles better than the
22 usual dust bags (30%). Initial concentrations of deltamethrin and permethrin were 150-
23 800 and 50 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, depending on the commercial formulation applied. The concentration
24 levels of both compounds decreased by a factor of about 10 within the first 12 months,
25 but remained practically constant the following year. Roinestad *et al* identified 30
26 pesticides in household dust ranging from 80 (diazinon) to 15000 (chlorpyrifos) ng g^{-1}
27 [100]. Permethrin levels decreased from 2550-3850 (just after application) to 550-675
28 ng g^{-1} 8 weeks after pesticide application. However, dichlorvos and o-phenylphenol
29 levels remained relatively constant suggesting that dust sampling may be a more
30 appropriate method for determining chronic risk assessment of indoor pesticides than air.
31 Children of agricultural families are likely to be exposed to agricultural chemicals, even
32 if they are not involved in farm activities. Household dust samples were collected in 59
33 residences [161]. Household dust concentrations for all four organophosphorous
34 pesticides were significantly lower in reference homes (up to 820 ng g^{-1}) when
35 compared to farmer homes (up to 17100 ng g^{-1}). A statistical comparison indicated that
36 agricultural families had significantly higher concentrations of azinphosmethyl,

1 chlorpyrifos, and parathion. These results demonstrate that children of agricultural
2 families have higher potential for exposure to these chemicals than children of non-farm
3 families. In this way, Lu *et al* [89] estimated organophosphorus exposures of preschool
4 children in agricultural and non-agricultural areas. Detectable levels of diazinon and
5 azinphosmethyl in house dust were found in most of the agricultural homes, whereas
6 only diazinon was found in the metropolitan homes in the summer.

8 8.6 . *Organotin and perfluoroalkyl compounds*

9 Extraction of perfluoroalkyl compounds has been carried out by both Soxhlet [129] and
10 USAE [154,155]. Moriwaki *et al* [154] developed a US-based method for the
11 determination of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
12 in indoor dust. Compounds were US extracted with methanol for 60 min and
13 determined using LC coupled to ESI MS/MS. Recoveries higher than 73 % and LODs
14 in the range 10-50 ng g⁻¹ were reached. Soxhlet extraction with DCM during 24 h was
15 applied by Shoeib *et al* [129] for the extraction of perfluoroalkyl sulfonamides (PFASs)
16 in indoor dust. No further extract preparation than volume concentration was performed
17 before analysis by GC/EI-MS in the SIM mode.

18 Organotin compounds have also been determined in house dust [156]. USAE was
19 conducted with ethanol, followed by derivatization with sodium tetraethylborate
20 (STEB) and liquid-liquid extraction with n-hexane. Recoveries higher than 70 % and
21 average LODs of 10 ng g⁻¹ were reported.

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Table 1. Analytical procedures for the analysis of phthalate esters in indoor air

Ref	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract treatment	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
5	DEP, DBP, BBP, DEHP	Cartridge filled with charcoal granules in 2 layers, one for sampling and other for breakthrough (1L min ⁻¹ , 3 days, 4.3 m ³)	US with 1 mL toluene	Centrifugation	GC/EI-MS (SIM), GC/FPD	97.5-115	~10	25.6-118.6 ng m ⁻³
10	DEP, BBP, DBP, DEHP, DHP, DAMP, DPP, DCHP, DIBP	Cartridge filled with QFF, XAD-2 and PUF (3.8 L min ⁻¹ , 0.29-5.9 m ³)	Soxhlet with 200 mL of 6% DE-hexane, 16 h	Addition of sodium sulphate and concentration to 1 mL 10% DE-hexane. Silylation.	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	95-129 (DEP)	0-8	0.0045-1.64 µg per extract (BBP, present in the blanks)
11	DEP, DBP, BBP, DEHP, DCHP, DPP, DIBP	URG personal pesticide sampling cartridges (impactor inlet followed by a cartridge fitted with QFF, XAD-2 and PUF plugs) (8-9 L min ⁻¹ , 10-14 m ³)	Soxhlet with 150 mL of 6% DE-hexane, 16 h	Addition of sodium sulphate and concentration to 2 mL 10% DE-hexane.	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	40-220	15-25	2-75 ng m ⁻³
12	DMP, DEP, DPP, DBP, DIBP, DCHP, BBP, DEHP, DOP	Active with PUF (5 L min ⁻¹ , 2 m ³)	PSE with hexane-DE 95:5.	Concentration	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	91-100	NR	Determination limits: 10 ng m ⁻³
13	DEP, DBP	Active using Tenax GR sorbent tubes (200 ml min ⁻¹ , 0.1 m ³).	TD (290°C, 10 min) to a cold trap (-30°C) followed by TD (325°C, 15 min)	None	GC/EI-MS	94-96	NR	5 ng m ⁻³
14	Phthalates	Medium volume sampler on a QFF and two PUF plugs during 24 h.	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
15	DBP, DEHP	Active on sorption tubes packed with 5% PDMS on Chromosorb, (500 mL min ⁻¹ , 15-30 min, 15 L).	TD (300 °C, 10 min)	None	GC/MS	NR	NR	1 ng m ⁻³
16	DBP, DEHP	Active using SepPak PS (2 L min ⁻¹ , 20-24 h).	5 mL acetone.	Concentration to 5 mL	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	100-102	1.5-2.3	100 ng m ⁻³ (2.88 m ³ air sample)

NR: Not reported data

Table 2. Concentration of organic contaminants in indoor air

	Home	Office	Schools, kindergartens and daycare centers	Stores, markets and shops
Phthalates (ng m ⁻³)	DBP: 110-600, DEHP: 40-230, BBP: <1-100, DEP: 50-190 [5] DBP: 52-1100, DEHP: <59-1000, BBP: <31-480, DEP: 130-4300 [11] DBP: 1083, DEHP: 191, BBP: 37, DEP: 807, DMP: 1182 [12] DBP: 410, DEHP: 110, BBP: 35, DEP: 350 [22]	DBP: <50-780, DEHP: <100-200 [16]	DBP: 2395, DEHP: 599, DEP: 396, DMP: 1034 [12]	NR
BFR (pg m ⁻³)	Tri-hexaBDEs: <2.3-171, BDE209: <173-257 [24] Tri-hexaBDEs: 0.04-25.2, BDE183: 0.40 [37] Tetra-hexaBDEs: <1-1330 [38] Tri-hexaBDEs: <LOD-1600 [39] ΣPBDEs (tri-hexaBDEs): 4-245 [40] ΣPBDEs (tri-heptaBDEs): 2.5-139 [41] Di-pentaBDEs: <LOD-3200, HBCD: <LOD-24000 [42] Tri-hexaBDEs: <2.8-2371, BDE209: <47.8-1636 [43] ΣPBDEs (tri-heptaBDEs): 76.3-2088 [45] Tri-hexaBDEs: 0.3-1710, BDE183: 1.8-375.7, BDE209: 39-11468 [48] HCDBCO: <LOD-3000 [50]	Tetra-hexaBDEs: <2-<100, BDE183: 4.6-12, BDE209: <40-87, BTBPE: <3-5.8, TBBPA: 10-70 [35] Tetra-hexaBDEs: <1-7140 [38] ΣPBDEs (tri-hexaBDEs): 10-1416 [40] ΣPBDEs (tri-heptaBDEs): 2-385 [41] Di-pentaBDEs: <LOD-21500, HBCD: <LOD-29500 [42] Tri-pentaBDEs: 18-468 [47] Tri-hexaBDEs: 0.7-4925, BDE183: 1.4-259, BDE209: 80.1-13732 [48]	NR	NR

OFR (ng m ⁻³)	TBP: 36.6, TEP:214, TCEP: 1.2, TCPP:5.5 [42] TiBP: 7, TBP: 11, TCEP: 31, TCPP: 1130 [64] TBP:14-120, TCEP:0.4-3.0, TCPP: 38-210 [65] TBP: 4-7, TCEP: 5-15, TCPP: 700-730 [67]	TiBP:17, TCEP: 7.4, TCPP: 0.2-7.0 [57] TiBP: 25, TCEP: 11, TCPP:1.4-31 [61] TBP: 8.2, TCEP: 730, TCPP: 160 [65] TBP: 18, TCEP: 37, TCPP: 432 [66] TBP: 5, TCEP:5, TCPP: 120 [67] TBP: <LOD-8.1, TCEP: 6.1-56, TPhP: 0.93-3.1 [120]	TiBP: 7.6-35, TCEP: 18-250, TCPP:14-41 [61] TBP: 3.7, TCEP: 2.5, TCPP: 28 [65]	NR
Musks (ng m ⁻³)	HHCB: 143-1129, AHTN: 21-77, ADBI: 2.6 AHMI: 8.5 [76]	HHCB: 57, AHTN: 21[76]	AHTN: 47, HHCB: 119, AHMI: 22 [12]	MX: 1.0, MK: 0.3, AHTN: 13.4, HHCB: 44.3, ATII: 5.2 [70]
Pesticides (ng m ⁻³)	3.0-970 [11] 0.3-256 [81] 0.012-7.3 ^d [83] 3.0-1651 [85] 10-1117 [86] 0.001-68 [87] 1-50 [89] 20-1000 [90] 1-4500 [91] 1.5-12 [97] 0.2-20 [98] 5.7-255 [100] 0.46-130 [101] 10000-300000 [102] 0.3-27.8 [124]	NR	73.3-193 [80]	0.2-28.6 [81]
Organotin and perfluorinated compounds (ng m ⁻³)	MeFOSE: 0.366-8.19, EtFOSE: 0.227-7.74, MeFOSEA: 0.012-0.109 [129] TPTC: 0.40-0.60 [131] MeFOSE: 1.546-8.315, EtFOSE: 0.289-1.799, MeFOSEA: <LOD-0.283 [133]	MeFOSE: 0.727, EtFOSE: 0.305, EtFOSEA:0.188 [130]	NR	NR

Table 2. Concentration of organic contaminants in indoor air (continued)

	Laboratory, hospital	Restaurant, bar, pub, cinema, theatre, museum	Car, truck, garage, petrol stations, mechanic shop, public transport, station, airport, tollbooth	Greenhouse	Other workplaces and indoor environments
Phthalates (ng m ⁻³)	NR	NR	NR	DBP: 1910, DEHP: 550, DEP: 32, DMP: 56 [17]	DBP: <100, DEHP: <100 [16] DBP: 120, DEP: <50 [13]
BFR (pg m ⁻³)	Tetra-pentaBDEs: 7-59 [32] ΣPBDEs (tri-heptaBDEs): 358-410 [45]	NR	ΣPBDEs (tri-hexaBDEs): 11-8184 [40]	NR	Tetra-hexaBDEs: <2-11000, BDE183: 4.8-44000, BDE209: <40-70000, BTBPE: <3-67000, TBBPA: 3.1-61000 [35] Tri-hexaBDEs: 10-25000, BDE183: 140-32000, BDE209: 1300-61000, BTBPE: 600-39000 [36] Tetra-hexaBDEs: <LOD-7800, BDE183: 5900-33000, BDE209: 10-60000 [44] Mono-hexaBDEs: <LOD-320, BDE183: 1290, BDE209: 590 [46] TBBPA: 13800 [49] DeBDethane: 700 [51]
OFR (ng m ⁻³)	TEP: 0.60, TBP: 1.3, TCEP: 0.65, TCPP: 0.95, TBEP: 4.9 [42] TBP: 5.4, TCEP: 320, TCPP: 69 [65]	NR	TBP:2.5-14, TCEP: <LOD-9.4, TPhP: 0.36-0.90 [58]	NR	TPhP: 12-40, TBP: 9-18, TCEP: 15-36, TCPP: 10-19, TBEP: 20-36 [35]

Musks (ng m ⁻³)	MX: 0.3, MK: 0.1, AHTN: 1.9, HHCB: 5.6, ATII: 0.3 [70] MX: 0.5, MK: 0.1, AHTN: 0.6, HHCB: 2.5, ATII: 0.4 [71]	AHTN: 11.6, HHCB: 35.3, ATII: 4.8 [70]	NR	NR	MX: 0.4-1.0, MK: 0.1-0.3, AHTN: 5.8-13.4, HHCB: 18.9-44.3, ATII: 0.8-5.2 [70] AHTN: 724, HHCB: 4505, AHMI:32, DPMI: 119 [72]
Pesticides (ng m ⁻³)	NR	1600 [108]	NR	0.1-220 [81] 500-85900 [84] 200000-500000 [88] 69400-85900 [95] 2900-3500 [96] <200-28000 [99]	0.3-52.9 [81] 2150-187420 [82]
Perfluorinated compounds (ng m ⁻³)	MeFOSE: 0.011-1.698, EtFOSE: 0.00475-1.92 [133]	NR	NR	NR	NR

Table 3. Analytical procedures for the determination of BFR in indoor air

Ref.	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract preparation	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
11	Tetra-PentaBDEs	Active (10-14 m ³ , 8-9 L min ⁻¹) with 3 URG cartridges in parallel containing a QFF and XAD-2 resin between 2 PUF plugs	Soxhlet with 150 mL hexane-DE (6%) containing a deuterated SS (p-terphenyl-d ₁₄), 16 h	Concentration to 2 mL and addition of deuterated IS (PAHs)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	40-220	NR	NR
24	Tri-DecaBDE, BTBPE, DeBDethane	Hi-vol sampler (25 m ³ , flow 50 L min ⁻¹) using n GFF, cellulose pad and XAD-2	Soxhlet with toluene, 16 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Clean-up on treated (KOH+ H ₂ SO ₄) silica column, elution with hexane, clean-up on a GPC-system, elution with hexane-DCM 1:1, concentration to a small volume and addition of tetradecane and ¹³ C-labeled IS	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	12-97	NR	2.30-173 pg m ⁻³
36	Tri-HeptaBDEs, TBBPA, 2,4,6-TBPh	1) Passive: adsorption on glass funnel surface. 2) Lo-vol sampler (0.18 m ³ , flow 4 L min ⁻¹) collection on SPE cartridge (Isolute ENV+, 200 mg, 6mL)	Elution with 6 mL DCM-MeOH 7:3	Concentration to 30 µL, derivatization with 50µL diazomethane and addition of IS (TBB)	GC/NCI-MS	NR	NR	NR
39	Tetra-DecaBDE, BTBPE, BB-209, TBBPA	1) Lo-vol sampler (1.5 m ³ , flow 3 L min ⁻¹): collection on GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series. 2) Hi-vol sampler (3.6 m ³ , flow 9 L min ⁻¹): collection on GFF, cellulose pad and 2 PUF plugs in series	US (bath 50 W, 48 kHz) extraction with 5 mL DCM 20 min (x2), addition of SS (BDE-128, TrBCBPA)	Solvent exchange to hexane, concentration to 0.1 mL and LLE with 2 mL methanolic KOH (≥ 50 %) twice: 1) Neutral fraction (hexane): clean-up on a silica/ H ₂ SO ₄ (2:1) column and elution with 8 mL hexane 2) Aqueous fraction: acidification with HCl and LLE with hexane/MTBE 1:1. Separation of organic phase, concentration to 1 mL and derivatization of phenolic compounds with 0.2 mL diazomethane, 1h, in a refrigerator. Clean-up on a silica/ H ₂ SO ₄ (2:1) column and elution with 8 mL DCM	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	~97 (23-60 for BTBPE, TBBPA)	3-10	LOQ: 3-100 pg m ⁻³
40	Tri-DecaBDE, BTBPE, DeBDethane	Personal sampler (1 m ³ , flow 2 L min ⁻¹) with GFF, cellulose pad and XAD-2	Soxhlet with 250 mL toluene, 16 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, clean-up on treated (KOH+ H ₂ SO ₄) silica column and GPC, solvent exchange to nonane and concentration to 40 µL	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	0.3-9.5	0.01-1.3 ng m ⁻³

41	Tri-heptaBDEs	Passive using organic films from window surfaces (exposition < 4 months) collected using kimwipes wetted with isopropyl alcohol	Soxhlet with toluene-acetone (4:1), 18 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Acid-base washing (H ₂ SO ₄ and KOH), concentration to dryness, reconstitution in DCM-hexane 1:1. Clean-up on a multilayer acidic/basic silica column, elution with DCM-hexane 1:1 and solvent exchange to hexane. Clean-up on a copper column, elution with hexane, clean-up on an alumina column, elution with DCM-hexane 1:1, concentration to dryness and reconstitution in toluene	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	35-119	NR	NR
42	Tetra-HexaBDEs	Hi-vol sampler (300 m ³ flow 0.6-0.8 m ³ min ⁻¹) using a GFF and a PUF plug	Soxhlet with DCM-hexane 1:1, 16-24 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Treatment with H ₂ SO _{4(c)} , clean-up on acidic silica, elution with hexane, clean-up on florisil, concentration to a small volume and solvent exchange to nonane	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	54-104	4-22	1 pg m ⁻³
43	Tri-HexaBDEs	Passive with a PUF disk (21 days, uptake rate 2.5 m ³ day ⁻¹ : 50 m ³) previous addition of SS (BDE-3, d6-γ-HCH, PCB-107, PCB-198)	Soxhlet with PE, 21 h, previous addition of SS (BDE-2, BDE-35)	Concentration to 0.5 mL, solvent exchange to isooctane and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	110-116	16-25	1.2-18 pg m ⁻³
44	Tri-HexaPBDEs	Passive with a PUF disk (28 days, uptake rate 1.1-1.9 m ³ day ⁻¹ : 31-53 m ³), previous addition of SS (PCB19, PCB147)	Soxhlet with hexane, 8 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 2 mL, treatment with 2 mL H ₂ SO _{4(c)} , LLE with DMSO, clean-up on florisil, elution with 20 mL hexane. Concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to 20 μL nonane and addition of IS (PCB-29, PCB-129)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	45-67	0.9-6	0.1 pg m ⁻³
45	Tri-heptaBDEs	Passive with a PUF disk (42 days, uptake rate 2.5 m ³ day ⁻¹ : 105 m ³)	Soxhlet with DCM-hexane 1:1, previous addition of SS (BDE-35, BDE-181)	Concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to hexane, clean-up on a silica/alumina (2:1) column, elution with 100 mL hexane-DCM 1:1, concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to dodecane and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	80-90	NR	0.2-0.5 pg m ⁻³
46	Di-decaBDE, 2,4,6-TBPh, PBPh, HBB, HBCD	Active (14.4 m ³ , flow 10 L min ⁻¹) using QFF and SPE disk (Empore C18)	US extraction with 10 mL acetone	Concentration of 5 mL of extract to 0.5 mL and addition of deuterated IS	GC/AED	81 -91	2-9	0.47-9.9 ng m ⁻³

47	Tri-DecaBDE	Lo-vol sampler (9 m ³ , 2 L min ⁻¹) using GFF and a PUF plug	PSE extraction (100 °C, 1500 psi, 5 min, 3 cycles): GFF with DCM and PUF with PE, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 0.2 mL and filtration through glass wool	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	~6	NR
48	Tri-DecaBDE	Lo-vol sampler (6-26 m ³ , flow 13-18 L min ⁻¹) using QFF and XAD-2	Soxhlet with DCM, 24 h	Concentration to a small volume, clean-up on silica, elution with 50 mL DCM, concentration to 0.3-0.5 mL, solvent exchange to isoctane and addition of IS	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	64-90	NR	NR
49	Tetra-HeptaBDEs	Hi-vol sampler (100-200 m ³ , flow 0.4 m ³ min ⁻¹) using 2 GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	Soxhlet 18-24h: GFF with DCM and PUF with PE-acetone 1:1	Concentration to 1 mL, solvent exchange to isoctane, addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS, clean-up on a multilayer (basic, neutral, acidic, neutral) silica column and elution with 60 mL DCM-hexane 1:1. Clean-up on alumina, elution with 60 mL DCM-hexane 1:1, concentration to < 10 mL and addition of ¹³ C-labeled IS	GC/EI-MS	> 98	NR	0.3-20 pg m ⁻³
50	Mono-DecaBDE	Lo-vol sampler (2 m ³ , flow 3 L min ⁻¹) with a GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	US extraction with 5 mL DCM, 20 min (x2), previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 1 mL, solvent exchange to hexane, concentration to 1 mL, clean-up on a SPE cartridge (Isolute NH ₂)	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR
51	Tri-pentaBDEs	Passive with a PUF disk (50 days, uptake rate 1.12-1.95 m ³ day ⁻¹ : 56-98 m ³), previous addition of SS (PCB-19, PCB-147)	Soxhlet with 200 mL hexane, 8 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 2 mL, treatment with 2 mL H ₂ SO _{4(c)} , LLE with DMSO, clean-up on florisil, elution with 20 mL hexane. Concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to 20 µL nonane and addition of IS (PCB-29, PCB-129)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	42-80	~18	NR
52	Tri-DecaBDE	Hi-vol sampler (0.4-0.7 m ³ min ⁻¹ , indoor: 175-385 m ³) using a GFF and a PUF plug	Soxhlet with acetone-hexane 1:1, 72 h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Addition of activated copper, concentration to a small volume and clean-up on an acid/basic multilayer silica column, concentration to 0.2 mL and addition of ¹³ C-labeled IS	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	74-87	< 15	0.28-28.6 pg m ⁻³
55	TBBPA	Lo-vol sampler (3 m ³ , 3 L min ⁻¹) with a GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	US extraction with 5 mL ACN, 20 min (x2), previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, filtration through a syringe filter, elution with 5 mL MeOH, concentration to 0.1 mL and addition of 0.075 mL water	LC/ESI-MS (SIM)	75-107	4.9-6.4	NR

56	HCDBCO	Passive using a PUF disk (21 days, uptake rate $2.5 \text{ m}^3 \text{ day}^{-1}$: 52.5 m^3)	Soxhlet with PE, 21 h	Concentration to 0.5 mL, solvent exchange to isoctane	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	1.3 pg m^{-3}
57	DeBDethane	Lo-vol sampler (1 m^3 , 3 L min^{-1}) with a GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	US extraction with 10 mL DCM, 20 min (x2), previous addition of SS (Dechlorane)	Solvent exchange to hexane, concentration to 1 mL, clean-up on SPE cartridge (Isolute NH_2) and elution with 10 mL hexane	GC/NCI-MS	NR	NR	NR

Table 4. Analytical procedures for the determination of OP esters in indoor air

Ref.	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract treatment	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
35	TPhP, IPPDPP, PPDPP, TBPDP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TBEP	1) Lo-vol sampler (1.5 m ³ , 3 L min ⁻¹) with GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series 2) High-vol sampler (3.6 m ³ , 9 L min ⁻¹) with GFF, cellulose pad and 2 PUF plugs in series	US (bath 50 W, 48 kHz) extraction with 5 mL DCM 20 min (x2), previous addition of SS (MDPP)	Concentration to 0.1 mL	GC/NPD	> 95	NR	NR
42	TMP, TEP, TPP, TBP, TCEP, TEHP, TDCPP, TPhP, TCrP	Active (14.4 m ³ , flow 10 L min ⁻¹) Collected on QFF and SPE disk (Empore C18)	US extraction with 10 mL acetone	Concentration of 5 mL of extract to 0.5 mL and addition of IS (tris(1H,1H,5H-octafluoropentyl)phosphate)	GC/FPD	90-100	1.2-7	0.24-3.5 ng m ⁻³
57,61	TiBP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TPhP, TBEP, TEHP	Personal sampler (2.1 m ³ , flow 3.0 L min ⁻¹) with a GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	US (bath 50 W, 48 kHz) extraction with 5 mL DCM 20 min (x2), previous addition of SS (TPP)	Filtration through glass wool, concentration to a small volume and addition of IS (ABP)	GC/NPD	>95	8-22	0.1 ng m ⁻³
58	TBP, TCEP, TPhP, TBEP, TEHP, TCrP, TCPP, TDCPP	Lo-vol sampler (1.4-3.4 m ³ , flow 4 L min ⁻¹) with a PUF plug	US (bath 50 W, 48 kHz) extraction with 37 mL DCM, 20 min (x2), previous addition of SS (TPP)	Solvent exchange to hexane, concentration to 0.1 mL and addition of IS (Phenanthrene-d ₁₀)	GC/EI-MS	62-100	NR	0.073-0.41 ng m ⁻³
62	TCEP, TCPP	Lo-vol sampler (1 m ³ , 5 L min ⁻¹) with a PUF cartridge (Orbo 1000, Supelco)	Soxhlet with hexane-acetone 4:1, 8 h	Concentration to small volume	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	1 ng m ⁻³ (LOQ)
63	TEP, TPP, TiPP, TiBP, TCEP, TCPP	Dynamic sampling with controlled linear airflow (7cm s ⁻¹) using non-equilibrium SPME (100 µm PDMS, 60 min)	Thermal desorption (2 min, 250 °C)	-	GC/NPD	NR	8-10	~2 ng m ⁻³
64	TEP, TPP, TiBP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP	Dynamic sampling with controlled linear airflow (10 cm s ⁻¹) using equilibrium SPME (7 µm PDMS 12 h or 100 µm PDMS 24 h)	Thermal desorption (2 min, 250 °C)	-	GC/NPD	NR	5-17	7 µm PDMS 0.1 ng m ⁻³ 100 µm PDMS 0.01 ng m ⁻³

65	TMP, TPP, TBP, TCPP, TCEP, TDCPP, TPhP, TBEP, TEHP, DOPP, TEEdP, CLP1	Lo-vol sampler (1.0-2.7 m ³ , flow 2.5 L min ⁻¹) with a SPE cartridge (Isolute NH ₂ , 25 mg, 1 mL)	Elution with 10 mL DCM, previous addition of SS (TPeP)	Concentration to dryness, dissolution in DCE and concentration to 0.1 mL	GC/NPD	82-110 (34-58 TEEdP, TMP, TPhP)	4-18	0.1-3.9 ng m ⁻³
66	TEP, TPP, TiBP, TCEP, TCPP	Dynamic sampling with controlled linear airflow (10-35 cm s ⁻¹ ; flow 1.1-3.8 L min ⁻¹) using non-equilibrium SPME (100 μm PDMS, 40-90 min) or equilibrium SPME (30 μm PDMS, >18 h)	TD (2 min, 250 °C)	-	GC/NPD	NR	13-18	NR
67	TMP, TEP, TPP, TiPP, TiBP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TPhP, TTP	Lo-vol sampler (1.4 m ³ , flow 3 L min ⁻¹) with a GFF and a cellulose filter, previous addition of SS (MDPhP)	US extraction with DCM, 20 min (x2)	Concentration to a small volume	GC/PCI-MS/MS	NR	4-22	0.1-1.4 ng m ⁻³
68	TCrP, TEP, TPhP, TPP, TBEP, TCEP, TDCPP, TEHP	Active with a QFF disk and an SPE disk (Empore C18) (7.2 m ³ , flow 5 L min ⁻¹)	US extraction with 8 mL acetone, 15 min, and shaking, 10 min	Centrifugation (2000 rpm, 10 min), decantation of 5 mL supernatant, addition of IS (fluoranthene-d ₁₀) and concentration to 0.3 mL	GC/EI MS (SIM)	94-112	1.3-12	0.1-0.6 ng m ⁻³
69	TEP, TiPP, TPP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TDCPP, TBEP, TPhP, DPEHP, TEHP, TTP	Active (1.5 m ³ , flow 2.5-3.3 L min ⁻¹) with SPE cartridge (Isolute NH ₂ , 25 mg, 1 mL)	Elution with 5 mL MTBE, previous addition of SS (THP)	Addition of IS (TPeP)	GC/NPD	~ 100 %	1-9	0.1-0.3 ng m ⁻³

Table 5. Analytical procedures for the determination of synthetic musks in indoor air

Ref.	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract preparation	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
12	HHCb, AHTN, ATII, ADBI, AHMI, DPMI, MX, MK	Lo-vol sampler (2 m ³ , 5 L min ⁻¹) using a PUF plug	PSE with hexane-DE 19:1, previous addition of deuterated SS	Concentration to a small volume	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	91-100	NR	10 ng m ⁻³
70,71	HHCb, AHTN, ATII, MX, MK	Lo-vol sampler (36-108 m ³ , 25-38 L min ⁻¹) using GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	Soxhlet with 300 mL hexane-DE 9:1, 8h, previous addition of deuterated SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, clean-up on silica, elution with 50 mL of hexane EtAcO 9:1, concentration to 0.2 mL and addition of IS (TCN)	GC/EI-MS (SIM), GC/NCI-MS (SIM) for nitromusks	69-126	1-9	EI: Polycyclic (5-45 pg m ⁻³) NCI: Nitromusk (4-12 pg m ⁻³)
72	HHCb, AHTN, ATII, ADBI, AHMI, DPMI	Hi-vol sampler (72 m ³ , 0.3-0.4 m ³ min ⁻¹) with a GFF and a PUF plug	Soxhlet with DCM, 72 h	Concentration, clean-up on a silica-alumina (2:1) column, elution with DCM, solvent exchange to hexane, concentration to 0.2-0.5 mL and addition of IS (HMB)	GC/EI-MS	57-107	3-12	60-120 pg m ⁻³
76	HHCb, AHTN, ATII, ADBI, AHMI, DPMI, MX, MK, MM	Lo-vol sampler (1-10 m ³ , 100 L min ⁻¹) using a SPE device filled with 25 mg Tenax	Addition of 100 µL acetone followed by HS-SPME (DVB/CAR/PDMS fiber, 30 min, 100°C)	None	GC/EI-MS (ITD)	85-103	3-15	29-380 pg m ⁻³

Table 6. Analytical procedures for the determination of pesticides in indoor air

Ref	Analyte	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract treatment	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Limits of detection
11	39 pesticides	Active with cartridges containing an impactor, QFFs and XAD-2 resin sandwiched between 2 PUF plugs (4-9 L min ⁻¹ , 24 h, 4-14 m ³)	Soxhlet with 150 mL DE in hexane (6%), 16 h	Addition of a deuterated surrogate, drying with sodium sulphate, concentration and adjusting to a final volume of 2 mL using 10% DE in hexane	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	60-150	< 20%	1-6 ng m ⁻³
68	19 insecticides, 1 synergist, 1 fungicide	Active with a QFF and an Empore disk (5 L min ⁻¹ , 24 h, 7.2 m ³)	US with 8 mL acetone (15 min) followed by shaking (10 min)	Centrifugation 2000 rpm (10 min). Addition of IS and concentration (N ₂) to 0.3 mL	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	>85	<14	0.1-2.0 ng m ⁻³ (7.2 m ³)
80	Pentachlorophenol, bisphenol- A and nonylphenol	Active using glass cartridge containing a QFF followed by XAD-2 resin (48 h, 4 L min ⁻¹)	Soxhlet with DCM	Concentration (K-D), SPE with florisol and concentration. Addition of SS	GC/MS	55-120	NR	0.09 ng m ⁻³
81	38 pesticides: herbicides, pyrethroids, organophosphate and organochlorine insecticides, fungicides	Active using a glass cartridge containing PUF and a QFF (24 h, 5 L min ⁻¹ , 7.1 m ³)	Soxhlet with 150 mL DCM, 16 h	Concentration in a rotary evaporator to 100 µL followed by dilution in 2 mL acetone	GC/ECD, GC/TSD, HPLC/UV (DAD)	73.1-120.2	<8	LOQs = 0.1-562 ng m ⁻³
82	Disinfectants: Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs)	Active with a tube containing XAD-2 resin (1 L min ⁻¹ , 100 L)	US with 5 mL ACN, 10 min	None	IC (Cationic preconcentration column), LC-MS/MS	99.83-101.00	NR	28 µg m ⁻³ (100 L, IC), 5 ng m ⁻³ (100 L, LC-MS-MS)
83	Insecticides (pyrethroids)	Passive with SPMDs suspended about 2 m height (48 h)	MAE (2x20 min) with 30 mL hexane-acetone (1:1).	Concentration (rotary evaporator), reconstitution in 5 mL hexane, and extraction with ACN (3x5 mL). Clean-up with alumina-C ₁₈ and elution with 10 mL ACN. Evaporation almost to dryness in a rotary evaporator and finally to dryness with N ₂ . Addition of IS in isoctane	GC/EI-MS/MS	61-103 (after 2 nd extraction)	2.9-9.4	0.3-0.9 ng per SPMD
84	4 fungicides, 1 insecticide and 1 acaricide	Active using stainless steel tubes filled with Supelpak or C18 distributed in 2 beds (front one 250 mg and back one 150 mg)	SE with acetone or EtOAc by shaking (20 min)	Centrifugation at 3500 rpm (10 min)	GC/NPD, HPLC/UV	79-102 (Supelpak), 84-106 (C ₁₈)	0.23-6.3	LOQ=0.2-20 µg m ⁻³ (60 L)

85	11 pyrethroids, 1 synergist, 1 fungicide, 1 carbamate	Active with a glass tube containing 25 mg Tenax (100 L min ⁻¹ , 1 m ³)	US with 1 mL EtOAc, 10 min	None	GC/MS (ITD), GC/μECD	81-114	<10	0.03-4.1 ng m ⁻³ (μECD), 1.4-9.1 ng m ⁻³ (MS)
86	10 pyrethroids, 1 synergist, 1 fungicide, 1 carbamate	Active with a glass tube containing 25 mg Florisil (100 L min ⁻¹ , 1 m ³)	Addition of 100 μL acetone followed by HS-SPME (PA fiber, 30 min, 100°C)	None	GC/MS (ITD), GC/μECD	76-119	<20	0.001-2.1 ng m ⁻³ (μECD), 0.046-7.1 ng m ⁻³ (MS)
87	3 chlordanes and 2 nonachlors	Active with a MSP sampler modified by addition of a stainless steel cylinder with a PUF plug and QFFs (10 L min ⁻¹ , 29 m ³)	SE with 40 mL of hot (50°C) hexane-DCM 4:1 (1h, for PUF)	Rinsed (x2) with 20 mL of hot hexane:DCB (4:1). Concentration by rotary evaporation followed by concentration with N ₂ . Clean-up on microcolumns of silicic acid. Elution with 2 mL hexane:DCM 9:1. Reduction (N ₂) to ~0.1 mL, addition of deuterated PAHs as IS and final reduction to ~0.05 mL	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	82-91	≤17	0.018-0.140 ng (gas phase)
88	11 pesticides: pyrethroids, carbamates, organophosphorous, etc	The output knob of a 250-mL glass flask is connected to a pump and the input knob is just open to the air. The SPME fiber (PDMS) is inserted into the sampling flask through a septum and exposed to the air stream (dynamic mode, 40 min)	TD	-	GC/EI-MS (ITD, SIM)	NR	1.9-7.6	0.03-76.7 μg m ⁻³
89	8 pesticides : malathion, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, etc	Active using PUF cartridges (30-40 L min ⁻¹ , 24 h)	SE with 2 mL toluene-acetone 9:1 (NIOSH 5600)	None	GC/MS (SIM)	NR	NR	0.001-0.002 μg m ⁻³
90	Chlorpyrifos	Active using OVS samplers (QFF with two beds of XAD-2 sandwiched between PUF partitions, 1.0 L min ⁻¹ , 24 h) and PUF tubes (3.8 L min ⁻¹ , 24 h)	Soxhlet with 5% DE in hexane (PUF) SE with 5% DE in hexane followed by shaking (2500 rpm, 1 h)	Addition of decachlorobiphenyl as surrogate and 2,4,5-tribromobiphenyl as IS	GC/ECD, GC/MS (confirmation)	98-120	30	NR
91	17 insecticides and acaricides: pyrethroids, organophosphates, carbamates, etc	Active with PUF plugs and GFFs (50 L min ⁻¹)	SE soaking in 50 mL EtOAc, and squeezed periodically in an US bath for 2 min (PUF plugs). US with 10 mL EtOAc for 5 min (x3) (GFFs)	Concentration (N ₂) to 0.5 mL, filtration through a pipette with silanized glass wool, washing with 0.4 mL ethyl acetate and adjusting to 1 mL.	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	85-109 (matrix-matched calibration)	2.8-11.4	0.1-5 ng m ⁻³ (10 m ³)

92	29 pesticides: 9 organophosphates, 6 carbamates, 2 pyrethroids, 6 herbicides, 5 fungicides, 1 repellent	Active with a filter and a PUF plug (4 L min ⁻¹ , 48 h, 11.5 m ³). Spiked with terphenyls-d ₁₄ as a recovery surrogate	Soxhlet with 6% DE in hexane, 16 h	Concentration to 1 mL	GC/MS	NR	NR	0.2-0.7 ng m ⁻³ (air)
93	Chlorpyrifos	Passive with a porous PTFE tube filled with 0.75 g Supelpak	SE with 3 mL toluene by shaking (1 h)	Concentration to almost dryness (N ₂) in a K-D evaporator with a cooling pump	GC/MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR
94	5 insecticides pyrethroids	100 mL air dissolved in 25 mL acetone using a syringe	The syringe is washed with 10 mL acetone (x4)	The washings are combined and concentrated	GC/ECD	NR	9.6-11.4	NR
95	Insecticide and acaricide (malathion and some of its metabolites)	Active with a PUF plug (2 L min ⁻¹)	Soxhlet with 100 mL acetone (8 h)	Evaporation until almost dryness. Addition of IS and dilution to 4 mL	GC/MS-MS	93.2-94.1	≤6	0.01-0.07 ng L ⁻¹
96	11 pesticides: 2 fungicides, 1 carbamate, 2 pyrethroids, 1 dinitroaniline, etc	Active with sampling tubes containing 100 mg (front layer) and 50 mg (backup layer) Tenax and intermediate glass wool plugs (2.1 L min ⁻¹ , 8 h)	Incubation with 5 mL methanol (5 min) with occasional shaking and US (3 min)	After sedimentation, 1 mL of the supernatant is filtered through a 0.45 μm GFF. Addition of IS and adjusting to the final volume with water	HPLC/UV (DAD)	70-100	≤4	1.0-9.1 μg m ⁻³ (1 m ³)
97	Insecticides: pyrethrins, pyrethroids and a synergist	Active with GFF and 2 PUF plugs (3 m ³ h ⁻¹ , 10 m ³)	US with 10 mL EtOAc (x3) (GFFs) US with 150 mL EtOAc (x3) (PUF)	The extracts were combined, filtered through silanized glass wool and reduced (rotary evaporator) to a final volume of 1 mL	GC/ECD, GC/FID, HPLC/UV	75.5-113.9	4.9-13.2	NR
98	aldrin, dieldrin, 4 chlordanes, pentachloroanisole and HCHs	Active using 2 hi-vol samplers with PUF plugs (30 m ³ h ⁻¹ , 50-100 m ³)	Spiking with isotopically labelled IS. Soxhlet with hexane in acetone (50%) 24 h	Reduction to 0.1 mL, purification using SPE cartridges containing 1 g silica and final elution using 10 mL hexane, 10 mL 50% hexane in DCM and 10 mL DCM	GC/MS	NR	NR	NR
99	7 pesticides: 1 carbamate, 3 pyrethroids, 1 phenylsulfamide, etc	Active with tubes containing Tenax and glass wool plugs (0.528-1.261 L min ⁻¹ , 60 min)	SE with 2 mL acetone followed by shaking (5 min)	Filtration through a paper filter, rinsing with 2 mL acetone, evaporation (N ₂) and redissolution with n-hexane or acetone	GC/ECD, GC/NPD	75-89	NR	LOQs=0.1-0.2 μg m ⁻³
100	23 pesticides	Active with tubes packed with 25 mg Tenax and plugged with 2 portions of silanized glass wool (4h, 1m ³)	SE with 5 mL acetone followed by shaking (30 min)	Filtration through glass wool. Addition of filtered acetone, concentration (N ₂) to 200 μL, addition of IS and final concentration (N ₂) to 40 μL	GC/CI-MS	50.7-110.9	<15	0.5-30 ng m ⁻³ (1 m ³ air)
101	Insecticides (chlordanes)	Active with a glass-lined stainless-steel tube packed with 0.4 g Tenax and sealed with 2 silica-wool plugs (1-2 L min ⁻¹ , 50-100 L)	TD	-	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	1.1-5.1	0.25 ng m ⁻³ (20 L)

102	6 pyrethrins and 7 pyrethroids	Active using glass tubes filled with 4 g silica gel (0.5 m ³ h)	SE with 50 mL hexane	Transferred into glass columns and elution with 50 mL hexane:ethyl acetate (1.1). Final concentration	HRGC/ECD	NR	NR	NR
103	3 pesticides: chlorpyrifos, malathion and methomyl	Active using a hi-vol sampler loaded with XAD-4 resin (1 m ³ min ⁻¹ , 3 h, 180 m ³)	SE with 250 mL EtOAc, followed by shaking (1.5 h) and filtration. Addition of 100 mL EtOAc, shaking (1 h) and filtration. Combination of extracts.	HPLC fractionation. Concentration by rotary evaporator to 5 mL. Centrifugation with 5 mL ethyl acetate and final concentration (N ₂) to 1 mL	GC/FID, GC/ECD	72-81	8-12	0.3-1 ng m ⁻³

Table 7. Analytical procedures for the determination of organotin and perfluorinated alkyl compounds in indoor air

Ref.	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract preparation	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
129	MeFOSE, EtFOSE, EtFOSEA, MeFOSEA	Passive using a PUF disk (21 days, uptake rate 2.5 m ³ day ⁻¹ : 52.5 m ³)	Soxhlet with PE, 21 h	Concentration to 0.5 mL, and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	64-89	5-6	0.01-7.1 pg m ⁻³
130	FTOHs, MeFOSEA, EtFOSEA, MeFOSE, EtFOSE	Lo-vol sampler (20-100 m ³ , 1.1 m ³ h ⁻¹) using a SPE cartridge (Isolute ENV+), previous addition of SS (7:1 FA)	Elution with 34 mL EtAcO	Concentration to a small volume, addition of isooctane, concentration to 0.2 mL, and addition of IS (TCN)	GC/PCI-MS (SIM)	17-400	NR	3-300 pg m ⁻³
131	DBTC, TBTC, DPTC, TPTC	Active (7.2 m ³ , 5 L min ⁻¹) using 2 QFFs and an activated carbon-fibre filter	US with 10 mL HCl/MeOH (1 M), 10 min (x2), and with 2.5 mL benzene, 10 min (x2)	Centrifugation (1700 g), 10 min, washing with 15 mL NaCl (10%), drying over Na ₂ SO ₄ and concentration to 1 mL. Derivatization by addition 1 mL propylmagnesium (2 M), 40 °C, 30 min. Addition of 10 mL H ₂ SO ₄ (0.5 M), addition of 10 mL MeOH, LLE with 2.5 mL hexane (x2), and concentration to 0.5 mL	GC/FPD	95-99	4-6	0.2-0.4 ng m ⁻³
133	MeFOSE, EtFOSE, MeFOSEA	Active using a hi-vol sampler (100-200 m ³ , 400 L min ⁻¹) with collection on a GFF and 2 PUF plugs in series	Soxhlet, 18-24 h, with DCM for GFF, and with PE/acetone 1:1 for PUF	Concentration to 1 mL, solvent exchange to EtAcO, and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	47-60	5.8-7.2	0.3-20 pg m ⁻³
134	FTOHs, MeFOSE, MeFOSEA, EtFOSE, EtFOSEA, MeFOSEA	Passive using a PUF disk impregnated with XAD-4 powder (83 days, uptake rate 1.4-4.6 m ³ day ⁻¹ , 116-382 m ³)	Soxhlet with PE/acetone 1:1, 24h, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled and deuterated SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, centrifugation (4000 rpm), 10 min, and addition of IS (N,N-Me ₂ FOSA)	GC/PCI-MS (SIM)	86-126	15-50	NR

Table 8. Analytical procedures for the determination of pesticides in air suspended particulate matter

Ref	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract treatment	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
87	Chlordanes	QFF (10 L min ⁻¹ , 29 m ³)	Addition of a SS. US with 25 mL DCM (35 min, x2)	Concentration with rotary evaporation and N ₂ . Clean-up on microcolumns of silicic acid followed by rinsing with 2 mL hexane-DCM (9:1), concentration (N ₂), addition of IS and concentration to 0.01 mL	GC/MS (SIM)	62-90	NR	0.032-0.146 ng
97	Insecticides: pyrethrins, pyrethroids and a synergist	GFF (10 m ³ , 3 m ³ h ⁻¹). Also, an impactor was used.	US with 10 mL EtAcO (x3)	Filtration through silanized glass wool and concentration to 1 mL by rotary evaporation	GC/ECD, GC/FID, HPLC/UV	88-100	≤15	0.5-250 ng m ⁻³ (10 m ³)
121	Permethrin	GFF (2 L min ⁻¹ , 6 h)	SE with 3 mL MeOH	Dilution with phosphate buffer (1:20) for ELISA-optical detection	LC, ELISA-optical detection	92-129 (LC), 118-240 (ELISA)	3-12 (LC), 25-34 (ELISA)	2 ng mL ⁻¹ (ELISA), 300 ng mL ⁻¹ (LC)
158,160	Pyrethroids	Pallflex filter (10 m ³ , 2.6-3 m ³)	US with 10 mL EtAcO (x3)	Filtration through sylanized glass wool and concentration to 1 mL by rotary evaporation	GC/EI-MS	108-110	<12	1.0-3.0 ng m ⁻³
164	Permethrin and fenvalerate	Millipore filter (1-2 L min ⁻¹ , 60 min)	SE with acetone	Partition between hexane and water	GC/ECD	90-100	NR	1 µg m ⁻³ (1-2 L min ⁻¹ , 60 min)

Table 9. Concentrations of organic contaminants in indoor suspended particulate matter and dust

	Home	Office
PM ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)		
Pesticides	≤ 0.002 [87] 0.005-40 [97]	NR
Dust ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$)		NR
Phthalates	DBP: <24-352, DEHP: 16.7-7700, BBP: 3.87-1310, DEP: <4-111 [10,11] DBP: 56, DEHP: 776, BBP: 86, DEP: 45, DMP: 11 [12] DBP: 226 (0-5446), DEHP: 1310 (0-40459), BBP: 319 (0-45549), DEP: 31 (0-2425) [139,163]	DEHP: 980-3000 [140]
BFR	Tetra-pentaBDEs: <LOD-22.5 [11] Tri-hexaBDEs: 0.0022-0.079, BDE183: 0.0048, BDE209: 0.470, BTBPE: 0.0048, BeBDethane: 0.047 [24] Σ PBDEs (tri-hexaBDEs): 0.0162-0.6254 [40] Tetra-hexaBDEs: 0.000286-0.060, BDE183: 0.00455-0.142, BDE209: 0.0584-1.615 [56] Tetra-hexaBDEs: <LOD-2.85, BDE183: 0.0009-0.464, BDE209: 0.137-19.1 [141] Tri-hexaBDEs: <LOD-13.8, BDE183: 0.0013-0.162, BDE209: 0.137-8.75 [142] Tetra-hexaBDEs: <LOQ-0.0642 [144] Tri-hexaBDEs: <LOD-0.06515, BDE183: <LOD-0.02461, BDE209: 0.0008-0.3381 [145] Tri-hexaBDEs: <LOD-6.3, BDE183: 0.0015-0.180, BDE209: 0.068-13.0 [146] Tri-hexaBDEs: <LOD-60.0, BDE183: <LOD-0.650, BDE209: 0.074-10.0 [147] HBCD: 0.064-110.0 [148]	Σ PBDEs (tri-hexaBDEs): 0.0162-0.6254 [40] HBCD: 0.09-3.6 [148]

OFR	TCEP: 3.75, TCPP: 2.35 [62] TBP: 0.040-0.90, TCEP: 0.090-40, TCPP: 1.2-39.6, TPhP: 0.36-4.9 [149] TBP: 0.070-0.226, TCEP: 0.25-9.8, TCPP: 0.35-10.3, TPhP: 0.29-9.5 [150] TBP: 0.21-0.61, TCEP: 0.19-0.27, TCPP: 0.47-0.93, TPhP: 0.85-0.99, TBEP: 18-25 [151]	TBP: 0.18-0.35, TCEP: 1.0-48, TCPP: 5.3-73, TPhP: 2.2-6.8, TBEP: 120-270 [151]
Musks	HHCB: 1.3, AHTN: 1.0, MK: 0.3 [12] HHCB: 1.46, AHTN: 1.65, AHMI: 0.202, MX: 0.895, MK: 0.477 [62] MX: <LOD-0.6916, MM: <LOD-0.01494, MK: 0.01436-2.303 [152]	NR
Pesticides	0.221-228 [11] 0.707-4.220 [80] 0.13-4.5 [89] <0.2-130 [97] 0.080-15 [100] <0.019.0-3.125 [124] 0.0007-0.067 [157]	NR
Other organic pollutants	MeFOSE: 0.0033-8.86, EtFOSE: 0.0014-75.44, MeFOSEA: 0.0007-0.044 [129] PFOS: 0.011-2.5, PFOA: 0.069-3.7 [154] PFOS: 0.00228-5.065, PFOA: 0.00115-1.234 [155] MBT: 0.16, DBT: 0.51, TBT: 0.02 [156]	NR

Table 10. Analytical procedures for the determination of organic contaminants in indoor dust

Ref	Analytes	Sampling	Desorption/Extraction	Extract treatment	Determination	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	LOD
11	DEP, DBP, BBP, DEHP, DCHP, DnHP, DiBP	Collection in cellulose extraction thimble placed in a PTFE holder inside a vacuum cleaner.	Addition of the SS (p-terphenyl-d ₁₄), equilibration at room T (30 min) and Soxhlet with 6% DE in hexane, 16 h	Concentration to 10 mL and 1-mL aliquot cleaned on a florisil column, elution with 20 mL 10% acetone in hexane, concentration to 2 mL with 10% DE in hexane	GC/MS	40-220	<20	0.1-24 µg g ⁻¹
12	DMP, DEP, DPP, DBP, DiBP, DCHP, BBP, DEHP, DOP, Musks	Collection in bags of vacuum cleaners (1 g dust).	Addition of deuterated SS, PSE with hexane-DE 95:5.	None	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	91-100	NR	Determination limit= 0.5 µg g ⁻¹
139	DEP, DIBP, DBP, BBP, DEHP, DINP.	Cellulose membrane filters in holders of styrene-acrylonitrile polymer mounted on a sampler of polypropylene connected to a vacuum cleaner (>25 mg dust).	Agitation 30 min with 2 mL DCM (x2).	NR	GC/MS, GC/FID	NR	NR	NR
14	Phthalates, PCBs, PCDDs, PCDFs, PBDEs, PFCs	Collection in special filter bags by slowly vacuum-cleaning the floor of the room during 10 min.	NR	NR	GC/FID, GC/ECD	NR	NR	NR
140	Phthalates	Dust from a vacuum cleaner with an inserted particle filter was sieved through 2 mm pore size.	10 mL hexane	Clean-up by SPE with silica gel.	GC/ECD/FID	NR	NR	NR

10	PAHs, phthalates, PCBs, pesticides	Dust (1.4-12.1 g) collected in a cellulose thimble	Soxhlet with 200 mL hexane-DE 94:6, 16 h, after addition of a deuterated surrogate	Treatment with anhydrous sodium sulphate, concentration to 2.5 mL cleanup with florisil, concentration to 2 mL in 10% DE in hexane and silylation	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	110-378	12-175	NR
141	Tetra-DecaBDE	Dust (10 g) from vacuum cleaners	Soxhlet with 300 mL toluene, 24 h	Addition of ¹³ C-labelled SS, clean-up on a multilayer (acidic, neutral, basic, neutral) silica column and elution with 150 mL hexane. Clean-up on alumina, elution with 100 mL hexane/DCM 1:1, clean-up on a GPC column, elution with cyclohexane/EtAcO 1:1, clean-up on alumina, elution with 10 mL hexane/DCM 1:1, addition of ¹³ C-labeled IS and concentration to 0.1mL.	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR
11	Tetra-pentaBDEs	Dust (0.047-1.6 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 150µm mesh sieve	Soxhlet with hexane/DE 6%, 16 h, previous addition of deuterated SS	Concentration to 10 mL, clean-up on florisil of an 1 mL aliquot, elution with 20 mL acetone/hexane (10 %), solvent exchange to DE/hexane (10 %) and concentration to 2 mL	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	40-220	< 20	0.2-0.4 µg g ⁻¹
142	Tri-DecaBDE	Dust (0.1-0.5 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 1mm mesh sieve	PSE (100 °C, 2000 psi, 5 min, 3 cycles) with DCM, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, solvent exchange to hexane, clean-up on SPE cartridge (Silica Sep-Pak), elution with 20 mL hexane, and concentration to 0.5 mL	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	< 25	1-6 ng g ⁻¹
40	Tri-HexaBDEs	Dust (1 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 500 µm mesh sieve	PSE (150 °C, 1500 psi, 5 min, 1 cycle) with hexane and florisil on the bottom of extraction cell, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Concentration to 2 mL, treatment with 2 mL H ₂ SO _{4(c)} , LLE with DMSO, clean-up on florisil, elution with 20 mL hexane, concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to 20 µL nonane, and addition of IS (PCB-29, PCB-129)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	45-67	0.9-6	0.03 ng g ⁻¹

143	Tri-DecaBDE	Dust (0.5-1 g) from vacuum cleaners (SRM 2585) passed through a 100 µm mesh sieve	1) PSE (100 °C, 2000 psi, 5 min, 3 cycles) with DCM, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS. 2) Soxhlet with DCM, previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	1A) Concentration to a small volume, clean-up on SPE cartridge (Silica Sep Pak), elution with 20 mL hexane, concentration to 0.5 mL. 1B) Concentration to a small volume, clean-up on a SPE cartridge (alumina), elution with 10 mL DCM/hexane (35%), clean-up on a GPC column, concentration and solvent exchange to 0.5 mL isooctane. 2) Concentration to a small volume, clean-up on alumina, elution with 20 mL PE, concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to isooctane	GC/EI-MS (SIM), GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR
144	Tetra-HexaBDEs	Dust (0.8 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 60 µm mesh sieve	MAE (80 °C, 15 min) with a mixture of 8 mL hexane and 4 mL NaOH 10 % (w/w), previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Centrifugation, separation of organic phase, on-batch clean-up by addition of 100 mg florisil per mL extract, shaking 2 min, and filtration. An aliquot of 2 mL concentrated to 0.2 mL	GC/EI-MS (MS/MS)	92-114	11-16	0.29-0.55 ng g ⁻¹
145	Tri-DecaBDE	Dust (3.4 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 2 mm mesh sieve	Soxhlet with DCM/hexane (1:1), previous addition of SS (BDE-35, BDE-181)	Concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange, clean-up on a silica-alumina column 2:1, elution with 100 mL hexane/DCM (1:1), addition of 50 µL dodecane, concentration to < 0.1 mL, and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	70-84	5-10	0.032-0.305 ng g ⁻¹
56	Tetra-DecaBDE	Dust (0.8 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 60 µm mesh sieve	MAE (80 °C, 15 min) with a mixture of 8 mL hexane and 4 mL NaOH 10 % (w/w), previous addition of SS (PCB-30)	Centrifugation, separation of organic phase, on-batch clean-up by addition of 100 mg florisil per mL extract, shaking 2 min and filtration.	GC/µECD	90-108	4-13	0.0439-1.44 ng g ⁻¹
146	Tri-DecaBDE	Dust (0.2 g) from air conditioning units	MAE (115°C, 15 min) with 25 mL hexane/DCM (1:1) in the presence of Na ₂ SO ₄ , previous addition of ¹³ C-labeled SS	Clean-up on acidic silica (H ₂ SO ₄) column, elution with 100 mL hexane and 50 mL hexane/DCM 2:3, clean-up on a GPC, elution with 30 mL hexane/DCM 1:1, addition of dodecane, concentration to 25 µL, and addition of ¹³ C-labeled IS	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	71-130	0.4-32	0.02-40 ng g ⁻¹

147	Tri-DecaBDE	Dust (0.25 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 150 μm mesh sieve	Soxhlet with DCM, 15 h, previous addition of SS (BDE-35)	Concentration to 4 mL, solvent exchange to PE/isooctane up to 10 mL, a 5 mL aliquot concentrated to 3 mL, and treatment with 1-2 mL H_2SO_4 (x2). Concentration to 1 mL in isooctane and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	≈ 99	≈ 19	0.1-14 ng g^{-1}
41	Tri-DecaBDE, BTBPE, DeBDethane	Dust from vacuum cleaners	Soxhlet with toluene, 16 h, previous addition of ^{13}C -labeled SS	Clean-up on treated ($\text{KOH} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$) silica column, elution with hexane, clean-up on GPC, elution with hexane/DCM 65:35, concentration to a small volume, and addition of tetradecane and ^{13}C -labeled IS	GC/NCI-MS (SIM)	45-184	NR	0.169-10.1 ng g^{-1}
148	HBCD (α, β, γ)	Dust (1 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 500 μm mesh sieve	PSE (90 $^\circ\text{C}$, 1500 psi, 5 min, 3 cycles) with hexane/DCM (1:1) and florasil on the bottom of extraction cell, previous addition of ^{13}C -labeled SS	Concentration to 0.5 mL, treatment with H_2SO_4 , clean-up on florasil, elution with 30 mL hexane/DCM 1:1, concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to MeOH and addition of deuterated IS	LC/ESNCI-MS (MS/MS)	82-88	5-8	0.1 ng g^{-1}
62	TCEP, TCPP	Dust from vacuum cleaners	Soxhlet with hexane/acetone (4:1) 8 h, previous addition of SS	Concentration to a small volume	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	100 ng g^{-1}
149	TiBP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TDCPP, TPhP, TBEP	Dust from vacuum cleaners passed through a 60 μm mesh sieve	MSPD: 0.5 g dust mixed with Na_2SO_4 (0.5 g) and dispersed with florasil (0.5 g) in a glass mortar	Loading the blend in a cartridge containing alumina on the bottom, rinsing with 2 mL hexane, and elution with 3 mL acetone. Addition of 1 mL EtAcO, concentration to 0.5 mL and addition of IS (TPP)	GC/NPD	80-116	4-13	LOQ: 40-50 ng g^{-1}
150	TiBP, TBP, TCEP, TCPP, TDCPP, TPhP, TBEP, TEHP, TPPO	Dust (0.5 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 60 μm mesh sieve	MAE with 10 mL acetone (130 $^\circ\text{C}$, 30 min)	Centrifugation (3000 rpm, 5 min), decantation, addition to 500 mL ultrapure water, SPE (Oasis HLB), elution with 2 mL EtAcO, clean-up on a silica cartridge, elution with 5 mL EtAcO and concentration to 1 mL	GC/NPD	85-104	3-13	LOQ: 40-50 ng g^{-1}
151	TBEP, TCEP, TCPP, TDCPP, TPhP, TEEedP, TEHP, TBP, DOPP, CLP1, TPhP, TMP	Dust (1-2 g) from vacuum cleaners	US with 25 mL DCM 20 min	Filtration through paper filters, concentration to a small volume and addition of IS (TEP)	GC/NPD	97	6-18	7-60 ng g^{-1}

12	HHCB, AHTN, ATII, ADBI, AHMI, DPMI, MX, MK	Fine dust fraction from vacuum cleaners (1 g)	PSE with hexane/DE (19:1), previous addition of deuterated SS	-	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	LOQ: 500 ng g ⁻¹
152	MX, MK, MM	Dust (0.8 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 60µm mesh sieve	MAE with a mixture of 8 mL hexane and 4 mL H ₂ SO ₄ (aq) 1M containing ascorbic acid 0.10 % (w/w) (80 °C, 10 min), previous addition of SS (PCB-166, PCB-195)	Centrifugation, separation of organic phase, on-batch clean-up by addition of 100 mg florisol per mL extract, shaking 2 min and filtration	GC/µECD	88-97	6-8	1.03-3.26 ng g ⁻¹
153	HHCB, AHTN, ATII, ADBI, AHMI, MX, MK	SRM 2585 Organics in House Dust	PSE: Dust mixed with H ₂ SO ₄ and extracted (100 °C, 2000 psi) with DCM, previous addition of deuterated IS (Fluoroanthene-d ₁₀)	Concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to 0.5 mL isooctane, clean-up on SPE cartridge (5 % deactivated alumina), elution with 9 mL DCM/hexane (35 %), concentration to a small volume, solvent exchange to 1 mL DCM, clean-up on GPC, elution with 5.5 mL DCM, concentration to 1mL	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	73-90	4-13	NR
154	PFOS, PFOA	Dust (0.5 g) from vacuum cleaners	US with 10 mL MeOH 60 min	Centrifugation (1500 rpm) 10 min, filtration, and addition of deuterated IS	LC/ESI-MS (MS/MS)	73-89	11	10-50 ng g ⁻¹
155	PFOS, PFOA, PFBS, PFOSA, PFHS	Dust (0.5 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 150 µm mesh sieve	US with 5 mL ACN 5 min (x2)	Clean-up of a 2 mL aliquot on a SPE cartridge (C18 Waters), elution with 7 mL ACN, concentration to dryness, reconstitution in 0.2 mL ACN, and addition of ¹³ C-labeled IS	LC/ESI-MS (MS/MS)	46-101	1.7-6.3	0.99-4.56 ng g ⁻¹
129	MeFOSE, EtFOSE, EtFOSEA, MeFOSEA	Dust (0.25 g) from vacuum cleaners passed through a 150 µm mesh sieve	Soxhlet with DCM, 24 h	Concentration to 0.5 mL and addition of IS (Mirex)	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR
156	MBT, DBT, TBT, MOT, DOT, TPT	Dust (0.5-1.0 g) from vacuum cleaners	US with ethanol	Buffering with sodium acetate (pH 4.5), derivatization with sodium tetraethylborate (STEB) and LLE with hexane	GC/EI-MS (SIM)	> 70	NR	10 ng g ⁻¹

157	41 PCBs and 7 pesticides	Dust collection from the filters of air conditioning units or the blades of ceiling fan using a small pair of steel tweezers rinsed with n-hexane	Addition of IS (0.2 g dust), MAE with 25 mL n-hexane-DCM (1:1) in the presence of sodium sulfate (2 g)	Acid silica gel column, elution with 100 mL n-hexane and subsequently with 50 mL n-hexane-DCM (2:3). GPC packed with Biobeads (6 g) per column using n-hexane-DCM (1:1) as a mobile phase. Concentration to 0.5 mL (N ₂). Further concentration to 25 µL after addition of IS.	GC-MS/EI (SIM)	70-126	<19	0.2-1.0 ng mL ⁻¹ (on column)
80	Pentachlorophenol, bisphenol-A, nonylphenol	HVS3 vacuum sampler	ASE with acetone	Concentration, addition of IS (dicamba-d ₃), followed by methylation or silylation. Clean-up by SPE with Florisil and final concentration	GC/MS	NR	NR	2.0 ng g ⁻¹
108	Biocides	Manual wiping with Soxhlet-extracted paper towels (20 h toluene and 20 h acetone). Also, collection in a cleaned glass vial using metallic spoons.	Soxhlet or US with acetone-hexane 50:50	NR	GC/ECD, GC/MS	NR	NR	LOQ < 1 µg g ⁻¹
158	4 pyrethroids	Dust collected using a modified vacuum cleaner where the usual dust bag was replaced by a Soxhlet filter tube	Soxhlet with EtAcO, 15 h	Concentration, solvent exchange into hexane, clean-up with silica gel and elution with DCM-hexane 30:70. Solvent exchange to EtAcO	GC/EI-MS	NR	NR	0.5 µg g ⁻¹
159	6 PCDDs, 9 PCDFs, 12 PCBs	NR	ASE (150°C, 12 min, 2000 psi)	Concentration (N ₂) using a Turbovap. Clean-up with multi-layered silica chromatography column and microcolumns packed with Florisil. Elution with DCM-hexane (1:49) for PCBs and with DCM for PCDD/Fs. Solvent exchanged with nonane and addition of IS. For PCB fractions collected after Florisil clean-up, concentration to 0.5 mL, additional clean-up on alumina (16 h, 200°C), elution with 25 mL DCM-hexane (3:7), solvent exchanged with nonane and addition of IS	GC/LRMS (SIM), HRGC/HRMS/positive ion mode (SIM)	58-112	≤41	1.0-12 pg g ⁻¹

89	8 Organophosphorous pesticides	Hi-vol Surface Sampler HVS3 with a Teflon catch bottle, sieving through a 150- μ m stainless steel mesh	US with 50 mL acetone, 1 min	Concentration, solvent exchange into cyclohexane, filtration through PTFE membrane filters, GPC, and elution with cyclohexane. Final concentration to 2 mL	GC/MS (SIM)	NR	NR	0.18-0.56 μ g g ⁻¹
11	15 pesticides	Vacuum cleaner modified to collect dust into a cellulose extraction thimble (45-90 min, 4g/sample)	Addition of a SS (p-terphenyl-d ₁₄) and/or matrix spike solutions in hexane. Equilibration for 30 min, and Soxhlet with 6% DE in hexane, 16 h	Concentration to 10 mL, clean-up in a Florisil column, elution with 20 mL acetone-hexane (10%), concentration and elution with 2 mL DE-hexane (10%)	GC/MS (SIM)	NR	NR	0.2-1 μ g g ⁻¹
160	2 insecticides: permethrin and cyfluthrin	Dust collected with a vacuum cleaner (10-770 g) and sieved into two fractions; a fine fraction (<2 mm) and a coarse fraction (> 2 mm)	Soxhlet with EtAcO, 15 h	Concentration, solvent exchange into hexane, clean-up with silica gel and elution with DCM-hexane 30:70. Solvent exchange to EtAcO	GC/EI-MS	93.9-109.1	3.0-5.8	0.5 μ g g ⁻¹
97	Insecticides: pyrethrins, pyrethroids and a synergist	Dust collected using a modified vacuum cleaner where the usual dust bag was replaced by a Soxhlet filter tube	Soxhlet with 250 mL EtAcO, 15 h	Concentration, clean-up on a silica gel mini-column. Elution with 12 mL DCM-hexane 20:80 for 2 pyrethroids, elution with 13 mL EtAcO-hexane 15:85, solvent exchange to ACN (HPLC) or EtAcO (GC)	GC/ECD, GC/FID, HPLC/UV	95.3-116.8	1.6-6.3	LOQ = 0.05-0.5 μ g g ⁻¹
124	24 pesticides: 18 insecticides, 2 herbicides, 1 fungicide	HVS3 vacuum cleaner (high volume small surface sampler, 4-180 g), sieving to a size fraction < 53 μ m, and resuspension using a fluidized bed generator (FBG).	Addition of a SS (p-terphenyl-d ₁₄). Soxhlet with DE in hexane (6%, 16-18 h)	Concentration to 20 mL by rotary evaporation (40°C, N ₂)	GC/MS (SIM)	NR	NR	NR

161	4 organophosphorous pesticides	HSV3 sampler (cyclone-equipped vacuum sampler, which collects small particles in a Teflon catch bottle, 5 g). Particles sieved through a 150- μ m stainless steel mesh	US with 50 mL acetone, 1 min	Concentration (N_2), solvent exchange into cyclohexane, filtration through PTFE membrane filters, GPC, and elution with cyclohexane. Concentration with K.D. and final concentration to 2 mL (N_2)	GC/MS	72-106	≤ 20	LOQ = 11-40 $ng\ g^{-1}$
100	23 pesticides	Dust collected using a vacuum cleaner and homogenized in a food processor	SE with 5 mL acetone by shaking, 45 min	Filtration through a funnel containing glass wool and concentration to 1 mL (N_2). Addition of IS	GC/CI (with isobutene)-MS	60.7-135	1.4-18.3	25-100 $ng\ g^{-1}$