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### Modernizing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Analysis

The world leader in serving science

#### Agenda

- Introduction to POPs
- Dioxin analysis with the DFS
- Recent regulatory changes:
  - Dioxin analysis in food with the Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> TSQ<sup>™</sup> 9000 triple quadrupole GC-MS/MS system
- Analysis of PBDEs with the Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> TSQ<sup>™</sup> 9000 triple quadrupole GC-MS/MS system
- Analysis of PBDEs with the Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Q Exactive<sup>™</sup> GC Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> GC-MS/MS
- Analysis of SCCPs wit the Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Q Exactive<sup>™</sup> GC Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> GC-MS/MS
- Conclusions





#### What are Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

- POPs are toxic chemicals that adversely affect humans
- Bioaccumulate and transferred via the environment and the food chain
- Long half lives and difficult to break down
- POPs are regulated by the Stockholm convention
- 2,3,7,8-TCCD is know the most toxic compound in the world





Viktor Yushchenko exposure to dioxins causing chloracne

		Агрпа пе
Aldrin	Α	Beta hex
Chlordane	A	Chlordec
DDT	В	Hexabro
Dieldrin	A	Hexabro
Endrin	A	Hexabro
Heptachlor	A	heptabro (commer
Hexachlorobenzene	A	Hexachlo
	C	Lindane
Mirex	A	Pentachl
Toxaphane	A	Pentachl
Polychlorinated biphenyls	Α	esters
(PCB)	and	salts and
	С	fluoride
Polychlorinated dibenzo-p- dioxins (PCDD)	C	Polychlo
Polychlorinated	С	Technica
dibenzofurans (PCDF)		isomers

Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane	А
Beta hexachlorocyclohexane	А
Chlordecone	А
Hexabromobiphenyl	А
Hexabromocyclododecane	А
Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether (commercial "Octa")	A
Hexachlorobutadiene	А
Lindane	А
Pentachlorobenzene	A and C
Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters	A
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride	А
Polychlorinated naphthalenes	A and C
Technical Endosulfan and related	A
Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether (commercial "Penta")	A



- Emerging POPs of interest:
  - Mixed halogenated dioxins and furans
  - Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)
- Challenges with the analysis of POPs:
  - Low regulatory limits
  - Varied matrices
  - Covering expanding lists of target analytes
  - Producing consistent results
- Need instrumentation suitable for the analysis and the regulation







4000+ congeners of mixed halogenated dioxins and furans Short chained chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)



#### Thermo Scientific DFS Magnetic Sector GC-HRMS – worldwide compliance

- **Global compliance** with any official Dioxin, PCB, or PBDE method (e.g. EPA 1613, 1668..)



- Proven leadership with robust sensitivity for routine applications thanks to large-volume ion source
- Exceptional productivity and flexibility with New DualData XL option, for up to doubled sample throughput



• Future committed for Dioxins and POPs regulations compliance today and tomorrow

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#### Worldwide Compliance - Official Methods Recognizing Magnetic Sector Technology

Application	Regulation/Norm	DFS Magnetic Sector GC-HRMS
Food safety	EU Regulatory Feed Control (at ML)	Approved
Food safety	EN 16215	Approved
Food safety	Background food studies (<1/5th EU ML)	Recommended by EURL
Clinical research	Human studies at trace levels	Recommended by EURL
Environmental	EN 1948	Approved
Environmental: Dioxins and Furans	US EPA 1613 B for strict EPA compliance	Approved
Environmental: PBDEs	US EPA 1614	Approved
Environmental	US EPA Method 23	Approved
Environmental	US EPA Method 8290	Approved
Environmental: PCBs	US EPA Method 1668	Approved
Environmental: Pesticides	US EPA Method 1699	Approved
Environmental: Hormones and steroids	US EPA 1698	Approved
Environmental	JIS K0311	Approved
Environmental	JIS K0312	Approved

Do you have international customers?

Are you working globally? Already now or in the future...



#### Official Method Compliance – EPA 1613

#### Here: EPA 1613 compliance



**15.2** MS Resolution - A static resolving power of at least **10,000** (10% valley definition) must be demonstrated at the appropriate m/z before any analysis is performed. Static resolving power checks must be performed at the beginning and at the end of each 12 hour shift according to procedures in Section 10.1.2. Corrective actions must be implemented whenever the resolving power does not meet the requirement.

**10.2.1.2** The mass spectrometer shall be operated in a mass-drift correction mode, using **perfluorokerosene (PFK)** to provide lock m/z's. The lock-mass for each group of m/z's is shown in Table 8. Each lock mass shall be monitored and shall not vary by more than ±20% throughout its respective retention time window. Variations of the lock mass by more than 20% indicate the presence of coeluting interferences that may significantly reduce the sensitivity of the mass spectrometer.

# $\rightarrow$ DFS

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#### Ultimate Sensitivity Combined with Robustness



Proof spec demonstrated to customers during DFS GC-HRMS installation

#### Real sample: serum extract (col.: 60m x 0.25 (0.25))





#### Ultimate Sensitivity for Confidence

 $\rightarrow$  6 different native tcdd isomers at **different** concentrations (2 – 100 fg/ul) RT: 10.57 - 11.67 100-80-Relative Abundance 2378-TCDD Qualifier (ratio) mass trace 60-1234-TCDD 40-1478-TCDD 1379-TCDD 20-1378-TCDD 1368-TCDD 100-CDD-MXB LOT TF-10 TCD0 13C0 0.2 m s: 2-100 fg/µl 2378-TCDD : 500 : in nonane 80-Quantification mass trace 100 fg 60-50 fg 40-25 fg 20-10 fg 2 fg 5 fg 0-11.0 11.2 11.4 11.6 10.6 10.8 Time (min)





#### 2 – 100 fg TCDD on 60 m Column











#### Dioxins & POPs Productivity – Thermo Scientific DFS DualData XL Option

Technology based on Magnetic Sector MS provides a solution for maximum productivity in terms of number of samples analyzed per time.

With DualData XL Option you can **double your throughput**, even with mixed Applications such as Dioxins, PCBs, PBDEs, OCPs and other.

- same hardware
- same software
- same lab space
- = same cost of ownership
   as standard magnetic sector MS
   ...but with up to double productivity



16 samples in 12 hour shift



32 samples in 12 hour shift



**DualDataXL** 



Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> TSQ<sup>™</sup> 9000 triple quadrupole GC-MS/MS system



#### Feature

Highly efficient ionization

A more tightly focused ion beam

#### Benefit

- A greater ion flux reaching the detector
- Less ion burn and a higher degree of robustness

## Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Advanced Electron Ionization (AEI) source





## Why Triple Quadrupole GC-MS/MS?

Single Quadrupole GC-MS MS

#### Triple Quadrupole GC-MS/MS





### GC-MS/MS – What's So Special?

- Low detection limits
- Optimized sample preparation
- Consolidated analytical methods
- Faster, automated data processing

...it's a high selectivity technique...



#### EU Compliance – Thermo Scientific TSQ 9000 triple quadrupole GC-MS/MS system

EU regulations amended in 2014 (589/2014 & 709/2014) Allowing the use of GC-MS/MS for confirmatory methods providing the following criteria are met:

Ion ratio ± 15% Resolution ≤1 Chromatographic 2 specific SRM max deviation separation of (separation of two transitions from theoretical Heptafurans peaks one mass for all labelled and value for product better than 25% unit apart) for each native congeners. ions of the two peak to peak. quadrupole transitions



Regulatory compliant sensitivity

10fg on-column TCDD with ion ratios (2 specific SRM transitions) within ±15% tolerance.
<u>Routine method</u> (all 17 toxic PCDDFs + 4 non-ortho dl-PCBs).



Chromatographic and mass spectral resolution

Peak to peak separation of HxCDF isomers <25% (5.9%)</li>
Q1 and Q3 both set to 0.7Da @FWHM – giving EU compliant separation between masses

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#### LOQ compliance

•For GC-MS/MS European guidance is to demonstrate LOQ throughout sequence (as opposed to using S:N ratios.

•±15% ion ratios.

•≤30% deviation from average RF.

•Demonstrated over multi-site validation study on three separate systems and ~2 weeks continuous runtime.



#### 21 CFR, part 11 compliance

Chromeleon software has the tools to be fully compliant with FDA requirements, including audit trails.
Real time results updates including SUM WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ values during data review.
All data can be digitally reviewed and signed.



#### Method Development Resource: The AppsLab Library of Analytical Applications



- ... An online search engine for Thermo Fisher Scientific applications
- ... Provides comprehensive application information and ready-to-run analytical methods
- ... A central repository for Thermo Scientific chromatography and MS application information

## Visit: www.thermofisher.com/appslab



#### LOQ Consistency for Dioxin Analysis in Matrix

- Consistent results at the LOQ
- Reproducibility within the regulatory requirements

n = 8 injections 2,3,7,8-TCDD

5fg on-column





Injection #	88333	71//6	94,59
# 22	93,48 101.79	67 <u>μ</u> 8 62 <u>β</u> 4	96,42 92,28
	104.45	69,42	97,60
	97,07	ου <u>κ</u> η 73.03	100.00
23	90,36	67125	89,31

10 fg on-column

40 fg on-column

53

66

79

92

101

160 fg on-column

#### Reporting to Regulations Made Easy with Chromeleon

Peak Name	lon Ratio	ISTD Rec	<loq?< th=""><th>UB WHO TEQ</th><th>MB WHO TEQ</th><th>LB WHO TEQ</th></loq?<>	UB WHO TEQ	MB WHO TEQ	LB WHO TEQ
	%	%		pg/g	pg/g	pg/g
2378-TCDF	96.37	79.2		0.0493	0.0493	0.0493
2378-TCDD	105.26	89.2		0.0683	0.0683	0.0683
12378-PeCDF	88.79	94.2		0.0041	0.0041	0.0041
23478-PeCDF	78.57	94.8		0.0686	0.0686	0.0686
12378-PeCDD	75.45	99.7		0.3410	0.3410	0.3410
123478-HxCDF	55.86	81.2		0.0113	0.0113	0.0113
123678-HxCDF	59.95	87.3		0.0113	0.0113	0.0113
234678-HxCDF	68.85	76.8		0.0112	0.0112	0.0112
123478-HxCDD	65.58	88.4		0.0477	0.0477	0.0477
123678-HxCDD	65.59	96.0		0.1020	0.1020	0.1020
123789-HxCDD	65.90	96.0		0.0557	0.0557	0.0557
123789-HxCDF	IR High	71.2	<loq< td=""><td>0.0071</td><td>0.0035</td><td>0.0000</td></loq<>	0.0071	0.0035	0.0000
1234678-HpCDF	85.91	60.7	<loq< td=""><td>0.0017</td><td>0.0008</td><td>0.0000</td></loq<>	0.0017	0.0008	0.0000
1234678-HpCDD	80.13	94.2		0.0688	0.0688	0.0688
1234789-HpCDF	78.94	81.8	<loq< td=""><td>0.0012</td><td>0.0006</td><td>0.0000</td></loq<>	0.0012	0.0006	0.0000
OCDD	94.97	91.3		0.0023	0.0023	0.0023
OCDF	102.53	88.0	<loq< td=""><td>0.0001</td><td>0.0001</td><td>0.0000</td></loq<>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000
		SUM	PCDD/Fs	0.852	0.847	0.842





G RT:20.88

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RT:20.86

RT:20.86

IST



2,3,7,8-TCDD 12





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#### Agreement of Total TEQ with Reference Animal Fat Sample





#### Long Term Robustness for Dioxin Analysis

Peak area repeatability 10000 Α Peak area 100 20 40 60 80 100 120 0 140 160 Injection number • 2378-TCDD - 6.4% RSD 0.17 pg • 12378-PeCDF - 6.3% RSD 0.36 pg 23478-PeCDF - 4.2% RSD 0.92 pg • 12378-PeCDD - 6.0% RSD 0.21 pg • 234678-HxCDF - 4.4% RSD 0.31 pg • 123789-HxCDD - 5.3% RSD 0.2 pg • 1234678-HpCDD - 3.5% RSD 0.71 pg • OCDD - 2.8% RSD 6.12 pg



#### LOQ Calculation Reproducibility



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### PBDE Analysis - Highest Calibration Standard



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### PBDE Analysis - Lowest Calibration Standard



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## Sensitivity



**BDE-209**, 500 fg OC, n=15 injections % RSD peak area = 7.7 % Calculated IDL = 100 fg OC (0.1 ng/Kg in sample)

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Solvent standard 0.25 pg/uL t-score = 2.624 n=15 injections n=14 degrees of freedom 99% confidence level Peak area % RSD < 15%

RT (minutes)

**Excellent sensitivity for PBDEs using the AEI source** 



## Peak Area Repeatability (IDL concentration)



 Solvent standards 0.02-0.25 pg/uL, t-score = 2.624, n=15 injections, n=14 degrees of freedom, 99% confidence level and peak area % RSD < 15%.</li>



#### Instrument Detection Limit (IDL)



![](_page_26_Picture_2.jpeg)

### **Example Linearity of Response**

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Solvent standards 1.0-2000 pg/uL

Internal standard adjusted with <sup>13</sup>C BDE stds

No weighting applied as RRF was used

Triplicate injection per level

Excellent linearity, R<sup>2</sup> > 0.98 and RRF % RSD < 10%

![](_page_27_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

Excellent low end precision and accuracy for triplicate standard injections

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#### Robustness

Peak area repeatability: n=105 unspiked extracted fish matrix injections

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Peak area stable (no inlet, column, MS maintenance or tuning)

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#### Orbitrap GC-MS Family

![](_page_30_Picture_1.jpeg)

**Redefining Routine GC-MS** 

RP 60,000 (FWHM @ *m*/z 200)

EI (VeV) / CI; Full-scan; Timed-SIM

NACRW 2016:Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Exactive<sup>™</sup> GC Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> GC-MS system

![](_page_30_Picture_6.jpeg)

Instrument.com 2015 China Outstanding New Instrument

ASMS 2015:Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Q Exactive<sup>™</sup> GC Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> GC-MS/MS system

**Unprecedented Depth in Analysis** 

RP 120,000 (FWHM @ *m*/z 200)

EI (VeV) / CI; Full-scan, Timed-SIM

**MS/MS** capability

![](_page_30_Picture_13.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Picture_14.jpeg)

#### Well Established and Proven Technologies

![](_page_31_Picture_1.jpeg)

Orbitrap mass analyzer

Incredible HR/AM performance

Highly regarded Q Exactive platform

![](_page_31_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Picture_6.jpeg)

TRACE 1310 GC Unique modular injector and detector design

Rapid heat cycling

NeverVent<sup>™</sup> technology

ExtractaBrite<sup>™</sup> ion source

V-Lock source plug

![](_page_31_Picture_12.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Picture_13.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Orbitrap GC System Highlights

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Achieve Maximum Resolution and Maintain Sensitivity

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

- TIC signal intensity vs. scan number
- Increase the resolving power during acquisition
- Negligible drop in sensitivity

**Dioxins and PCBs** 

![](_page_34_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### Advantages for POPs analysis

![](_page_35_Picture_1.jpeg)

## **Key Benefits**

- Fast instrument and method set-up
- Method consolidation
- High efficiency data processing
- Quantitative and qualitative
- information in a single injection
- Adjustable scope of analysis
- Retrospective data analysis

![](_page_35_Picture_10.jpeg)

#### **Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers**

C S B Consorci Sanitari de Barcelona

![](_page_36_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Picture_3.jpeg)

"GC-Orbitrap is a useful tool for control labs, outstanding sensitivity...high selectivity when analyzing complex matrices...high robustness ...helps to fulfill new regulations with extremely low limits (e.g. PCBs, PBDEs)"

Practical Experiences of Implementing POPs Methods using Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> GC-MS. Nuria Cortés-Francisco, BFR 2017

![](_page_36_Picture_6.jpeg)

#### PBDE Analysis of Environmental Samples

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Chromatography – Extracted Ion Chromatogram

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![](_page_38_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Sensitivity

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![](_page_39_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Tuna Sample Spiked 0.01 ng/g PBDEs

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Mass Accuracy and Isotope Pattern

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![](_page_41_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### POPs in Salmon: A New Approach using High Resolution Full Scan

SCCPs MCCPs PCBs, Pesticides Toxaphenes

![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### HRAM Selectivity 63% C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>13</sub> Technical Mix, NCI, 60k Resolution

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### **SCCP** Linearity

Linearity was assessed using the following dilution series for each SCCP chlorination degree (63% and 55.5%): RT: 0.00 - 17.00 SM: 11B NL: 4.00E6 RT: 8.44 100m/z= MA: 423071997 102.02277-102.02339 • 25 MS 80-10ppm55ei 70-• 50 10,000 ppb Relative Abundan • 100 30-• 250 20-• 500 4.00E6 m/z= 102.02277-• 1,000 90-102.02339 MS 80-5ppm55ei • 5,000 5000 ppb ndan 60-• 10,000 RT: 7.89 50å MA: 193359109 40-Reg 30-

20-

10

Time (min)

12

14

- Concentrations as pg/µL.
- In each standard, ~400 pg/µL p-Terphenyl-d14 was added and used as an IS

![](_page_44_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### Negative Chemical Ionization: Linearity for SCCP 63% C10

Excellent compound linearity (25-5,000 ppb) was obtained for these C10 chlorinated homologues present in the SCCP 63% technical mixture.

![](_page_45_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Picture_3.jpeg)

 Peak area repeatability using full-scan NCI across n=10 repeat injections of 25 ppb solvent standard (63% C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>13</sub>).

inj. no	<i>m/z</i> 492.8546 (C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> )	<i>m/z</i> 458.8936 (C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Cl <sub>8</sub> )
1	765881	1308232
2	822551	1428540
3	795041	1361253
4	781911	1363928
5	776597	1321808
6	731874	1250508
7	761201	1305483
8	749797	1284342
9	737987	1257718
10	757772	1286412
mean	768061	1316822
StDev	27217.2	54540.3
%RSD	3.5	4.1

![](_page_46_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_46_Picture_4.jpeg)

#### Chlorinated Paraffins, PCBs, toxaphenes, pesticides

![](_page_47_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_47_Picture_2.jpeg)

"using high resolution, accurate mass Orbitrap-MS enables much deeper insights into the pattern and content of CPs without having to fear mass interferences from other CPs or halogenated compounds such as PCBs. Preliminary results suggest that determination of both CPs and PCBs in the same sample in one run is possible, representing a potential for shorter sample preparation and quicker analyses of these types of POPs in food"

HIGH RESOLUTION ACCURATE MASS SCREENING FOR CHLORINATED PARAFFINS IN FOOD SAMPLES USING GC-ORBITRAP MASS SPECTROMETRY (Kerstin Krätschmer et al. Dioxin 2017)

![](_page_47_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### Summary - POPs Portfolio

- Analysis of POPs is a challenging and varied application
- Legislation changes are allowing methods to be run on different instrumentation
- Thermo offers instrumentation to meet all the requirements for current and future analysis

Magnetic Sector GC-HRMS

![](_page_48_Picture_5.jpeg)

Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> DFS<sup>™</sup> Magnetic Sector GC-HRMS

- Target compound analysis in routine
- World-Wide compliance (e.g. EPA 1613)
- Sensitivity combined with robustness for routine analysis
- Robust-by-size with large volume ion source

![](_page_48_Figure_11.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Picture_12.jpeg)

Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> TSQ<sup>™</sup> 9000 GC-MS/MS

- Target compound analysis in routine
- Ease-of-use
- Compliant with EU regulations for Dioxin food & feed analysis
- Great price/performance ratio

![](_page_48_Figure_18.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Picture_19.jpeg)

Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ GC Orbitrap™ GC-MS/MS

- Untargeted compound analysis
- Method consolidation
- Highest resolution and mass accuracy
- Unique unknown identification capabilities

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#### Thank You!

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Please return our survey to receive a drink ticket for our daily networking event where you can continue discussions with our experts!

![](_page_50_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Picture_3.jpeg)