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Introduction of the Department of Environmnetal chemistry

4 Different research groups:

- Accredited laboratory ČSN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018
- Environmental Catalysis Group

green synthesis of heterogeneous catalysts

photocatalysis and catalytic hydrogenation for the removal of micropollutants

• Femto-Nano Group

development of complex nanomaterials using laser-mediated strategies

laser synthesis of colloids, photoreduction, and superficial modification for biological labeling, suppression of bacterial growth, development of intelligent fluids, and reclamation of water from oily polluted sources

• Chromatographic Group

Equipment

- 1) Liquid chromatography laboratory
 - HPLC-DAD
 - HPLC-ELSD
 - HPLC-MS/MS (QTRAP 3200)
 - HPLC-MS/MS (QTOF X500R)

- 2) Gas chromatography laboratory
 - GC-FID
 - GC-ECD
 - GC-TCD
 - 2 x GC-MS/MS (QQQ Thermo)

Focus of the Chromatographic Group

- 1) Research activities
- 2) Analytical service

Main research activities

Phytoscreening

= phytoindications of groundwater pollution



Principle: intake of contaminated groundwater by the root system of vegetation and its transport by the transpiration stream to the above-ground parts as compensation for plant transpiration

Innovative technology based on constructed wetlands for treatment of pesticide contaminated waters – LIFE18 ENV/CZ/000374

- Hexachlorocyclohexanes (HCHs)
- Alnus glutinosa
- Species-, genetic-, age-, season-, height-dependence
- SPME x LLE







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1) Species:

root system shape and permeability of root membrane deal with one ubiquitously growing species

preferably of a broadleaf tree

2) Genetic predisposition:



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Influence of delta-hexachlorocyclohexane (δ -HCH) to *Phytophthora* $\times alni$ resistant Alnus glutinosa genotypes - Evaluation of physiological parameters and remediation potential

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6 Alnus glutinosa genotypes, that were bred for the resistance against the parasitic fungus

Monitoring of HCH removal, uptake and stress adaptation (plant hormones)

CONCENTRATIONS UG,

3) Age:

higher age = higher evapotranspiration

heartwood – not suitable for phytoscreening



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4) Season and height dependence:

seasonality was found to influence ΣHCH concentrations

one sampling height must be observed



HCH tree phytoscreening

- useful tool to indicate groundwater HCH contamination
- only indicative
- should be further confirmed by robust hydrogeological survey



Analytical procedure for HCH determination

- GC/MS/MS
- Sample pretratment: -



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concentration LLE (ng/g dw)

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Multiscreening for a determination of micropollutants in black poplar samples using liquid chromatography to tandem mass spectrometry

- pesticides (16 parent compounds and their relevant metabolites)
- material plant biomass (roots, trunks, leaves)
- sample pretreatment HLB SPE/ Dspe (QuEChERS) with Chlorofilter (recovery and matrix effects)
- LC/MS/MS Sciex QTOF X500
- Target and non-target analysis





Analytical service

for internal research groups, external scientists and industrial customers

Determination of micropolutants in environmental matrices – routine monitoring GPC of polymers and nanofibers

Nanostructure sorbents for sample pretreatment

and analytical services to address synthetic, biotechnology and microbiology topics

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