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#### Principle of the Method

The extracted samples, i.e. food, are handled automatically by the FREESTYLE GPC. They are processed via the on-line evaporation in the EVAporation module and filled into an HPLC vial ready for injection.

#### **Procedure**

The extracted, dried and filtered raw extract is adjusted to 10.0 mL and placed on the FREESTYLE system in a 16 mL vial that is closed with a cap/septum.

The sample is processed on the system using the method shown in the report on page 4.

The description of the process in brief:

5.0 mL are applied by the calibrated sample loop on the GPC column. The matrix gets separated and the main run with the PAH is already concentrated on-line in the EVAporation module, that means while the process in the GPC is still running. After the evaporation an automated solvent exchange to Acetonitrile/1% 1-Butanol takes place. Finally the EVAporation chamber is rinsed, the concentrate is precisely adjusted to 1.0 mL and filled into an HPLC vial.

The measurement of the analytes happens on Thermo 3000 Ultimate with a fluorescence detector.





#### **Devices and Materials**

FREESTYLE BASIC
 P/N 12663
 FREESTYLE EVAporation
 FREESTYLE GPC
 GPC-Column
 P/N 12664
 GPC-10011

Frame for rack 11933
 Rack for 16 mL vials
 Frame for rack 11920
 Rack for GC vials

9. 16 mL- vials
 10. Screw cap for 16 mL vials
 11. Seals
 P/N V016 (100 pcs/pck)
 P/N V0016-SL (100 pcs/pck)
 P/N V0016-D (100 pcs/pck)

12. GC vials P/N V0001 (100 pcs/pck)

13. Crimp cap for GC-vials P/N V0001-B (100 pcs/pck)

with seal

14. Chiller P/N 12060, 230 VAC, 50 Hz

15. Ethyl acetate/Cyclohexane for the analysis of organic trace compounds

16. Aceton p.a.

17. Acetonitrile p.a. with 1 % 1-Butanol

18. Standard laboratory glassware and -apparatus



On-line connection from GPC directly into the EVAporation chamber – possibility of precise concentration up to 0.2 mL.



# Parameterization of the Method on the FREESTYLE-System

Name	ch FreeStyle - Report on Me : PAH_Flex.fmt			
	GPC - Method: PAH_Flex_GPC.gpc	Online =====>	EVA - Method: PAH_Flex_EVA.evp	
GPC:	Type:	Loop Overfill		
	Source / Input of Sample:	from vial / vials Transfer Speed: 10 ml / min.		
	Volume of Sample Loop:	5 ml		
	Flow:	5 ml/min		
	Min. Pressure:	0.3 bar		
	Max.Pressure:	12 bar		
	Forerun:	30 min.		
	Collection Time:	20 min.		
	Tailing Time:	0.2 min.		
	UV Recording:	OFF		
	Column:	D25_1.clm		
	Method of Fractioning:	GPC Pump OFF		
	Source vial list:			
		Nr.: 1 1 x 5.5 ml> Type1@16 Sediment	position: 0 mm	
	Collection vial list:			
		Nr.:1 1 x 240 ml> Type1@240 Dump: no	Online: yes	

EVA:	Temperature water heating 40 °C		Temperature bottom cone 50 °C		
	Sample input: Online from GPC or SPE process				
l	Batch volume = limit from where concentration starts: 5 ml (fix) + Waiting time: 10 min.				
ı	Vacuum during GPC online sample input: 200 mbar				
	Phase 1: Concentrate to level: 1 ml				
l	Vacuum absolute: 180 mbar				
	Rinsing volume after phase 1: 5 ml	Rinsing steps: 1 x	Solvent from Port: 8 (Acetonitrile-1-Butanol)		
	Skip phase 2				
	Time control for vacuum process: no				
	to dryness: no				
	Nitrogen blow-down: no				
	Remove Aliquot: no				
	Solvent exchange: yes				
	At reach of level: 2 ml				
l	Solvent addition per exchange: 5 ml Solvent from Port: 8 (Acetonitrile-1-Butanol)				
ı	Number of solvent exchanges: 1 End volume after exchange: 0.5 ml				
	Vacuum starts at level: 180 mbar abs.	Gradient of vacuum : -20 mbar/min	Vacuum end at level: 100 mbar abs.		
	Rinsing, filling up, mixing and transfer into vials:				
ı	Rinsing volume at the end: 0.5 ml	Rinsing steps: 1 x	Solvent from Port: 7 (Acetonitrile)		
	Fill up to volume:	1 ml	Way of mixing: suck up and release		
l	Concentrate: into vials				
	Nr.: 1 1 [each]	Type: Type1@1 ml	Volume per vial 1 ml		
	Fill Quantitativ: no				
	1. Cleaning cycle				
	Rinsing volume: 5 ml	Rinsing steps: 1 x	Solvent from Port: 9 (Acetone)		
	Cleaning cycle     Rinsing volume: 5 ml	Rinsing steps: 1 x	Solvent from Port: 1 (EA/CY 1/1)		

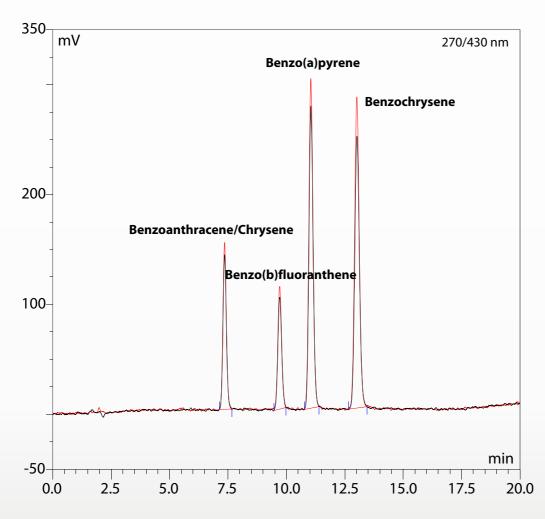
#### Results

The process time of a sample including solvent exchange and transfer into a GC vial is just 1 h 35 min.

Remark: The process time takes at least 10 minutes less, if the sample is measured in a GC and a solvent exchange isn't necessary

Recovery rates of an exemplary experiment (n=3)

Description	Recovery Rate
Benzoanthracene/Chrysene	91 ± 4 %
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	90 ± 4 %
Benzo(a)pyrene	85 ± 5 %
Benzochrysene	83 ± 8 %



The figure shows the overlapping of two fluorescence chromatograms: external PAH standard (red) and a finished sample (black).



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