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Appendix A Supplementary nomenclature

Symbols

- *m* : Total mass of the contaminant in the vapor–solid system
- *t* : Desorption reaction time of the contaminant
- Δt : Time interval between t and t 1
- m_0 : Initial mass of the contaminant in the paper
- m_t : Mass of the contaminant in the paper at t
- M_t : Total amount of desorption of the contaminant at t
- k : Total desorption reaction rate of the contaminant at the vapor–solid equilibrium
- B_0 : Theoretical initial GC peak area of the contaminant in the headspace at t = 0
- B_t : Theoretical GC peak area of the contaminant in the headspace at t
- ΔB_t : Increase in the net GC peak area (related to contaminant desorption) from the time $(t \Delta t)$ to t
- C_G : Concentration of the contaminant in the vapor phase
- C_S : Concentration of the contaminant in the solid phase (paper)
- H_c : Henry's Law constant
- V_G : Volume of the headspace
- V_S : Volume of the paper sample
- φ : Volumetric flow fraction for each extraction
- ρ : Ratio of the headspace pressures before and after venting
- x : Ratio constant
- $C_{G_{r}}$: Concentration of the contaminant in the vapor phase at the *n*th headspace sampling

 C_{G_0} : Intercept of Eq. 10 (concentration of the contaminant in the vapor phase at the t = 0 headspace sampling)

- *n* : Headspace extraction number
- q : Slope of Eq. 10

 $\Delta C_{G_{a}}$: Amount of the contaminant desorbed between the (n - 1)th and *n*th headspace samplings

 A_0 : GC peak area for the ambient above a blank sample

- A_n : Detected GC peak area at the *n*th headspace measurement
- f : Response factor in the headspace GC measurement

 ΔA_n : Net change in the GC signal (related to contaminant desorption) between the (n - 1)th and *n*th headspace measurements

 Δm_n : Change in mass of the contaminant between the (n-1)th and *n*th headspace samplings

- *j* : Headspace extraction cycle time
- k_1 : Positive reaction rate constant
- k_{-1} : Reverse reaction rate constant
- t_e : Time for the system to reach the vapor–solid equilibrium
- C_0 : Saturated initial concentration of the contaminant in the paper
- C_t : Total concentration of desorption of the contaminant at t
- $C_{t_{i}}$: Concentration of the contaminant in the vapor phase at equilibrium