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***Towards the standardization of
protocol for the characterization of
intrinsic performances of air cleaners***



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Limited Liability Company with a capital of 20 000 €
created in June 2001 (spin-off of a research laboratory
of the Grenoble University: the GRECA)

Turnover 2010: 2,2 M€ **Net 2010:** 171 k€

2.5 employees in the creation - 25 employees in June 2011

2 Locations in the SE of France : **Crolles** (38, near Grenoble)
et **Fuveau** (13, near Aix-en-Provence)



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The job: 3 activities

- analysis (the heart of the business of TERA environment)
- development (R&D)
- design and manufacture of equipment related to air sampling



The facilities:

- 325 m² of clean rooms (ISO 5 -7)
- 150 m² of laboratories
- Analytical equipments (GC-MS, ICP, HPLC, IC...)

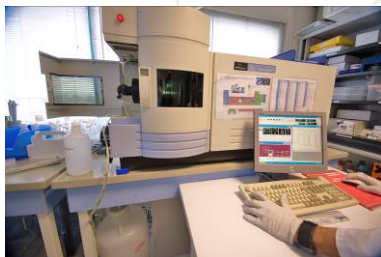


Strong involvement in research and innovation projects and standardization work:

- 6 running project (PASS, AXELERA, SCS)
- 5 Theses (2 are still running)

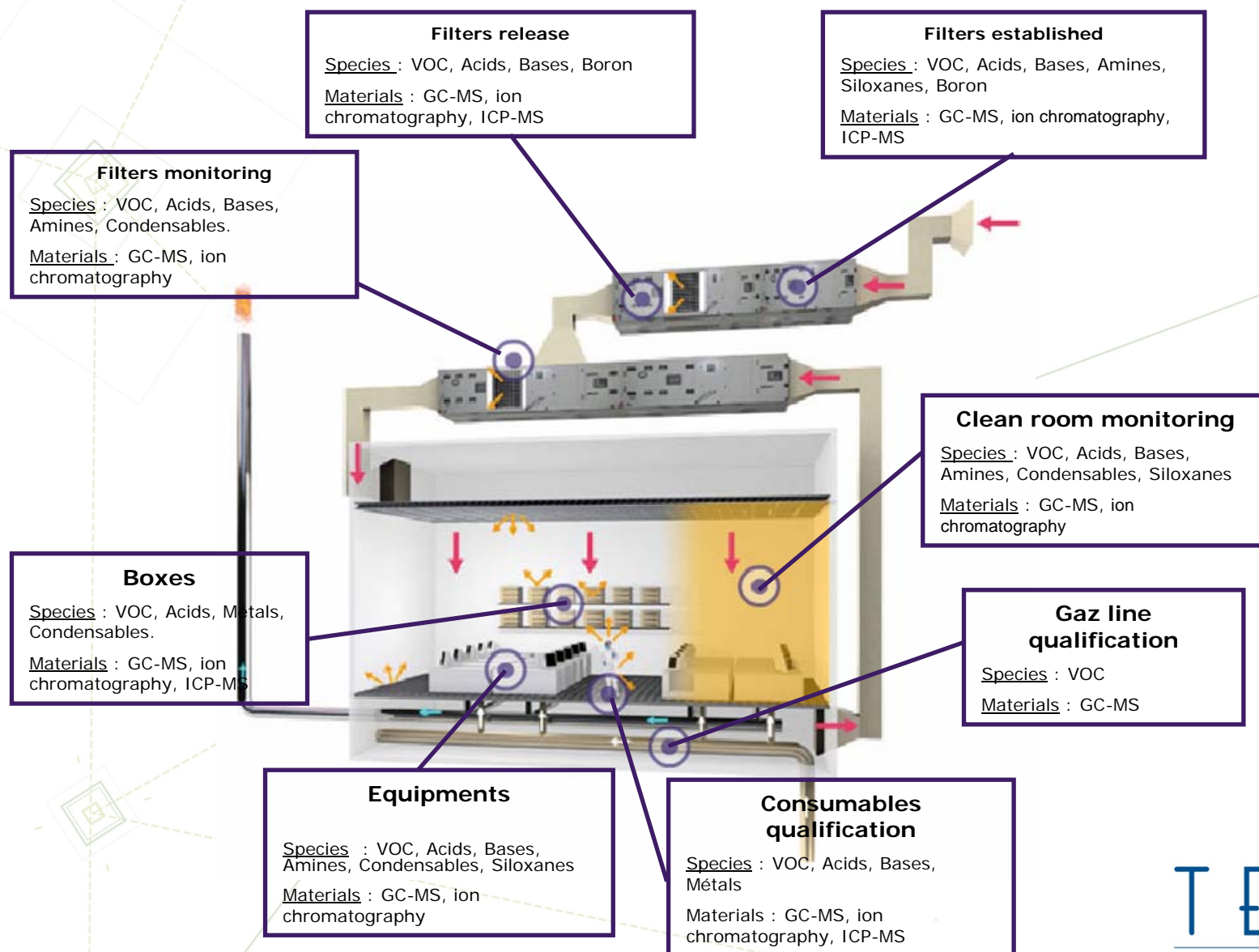
- AFNOR X44B - Cleanroom Technology - since 2005
- AFNOR B44A - Photocatalysis - since 2007
- CEN TC 386 – Photocatalysis – since 2008

Chairman:
P.KALUZYNY

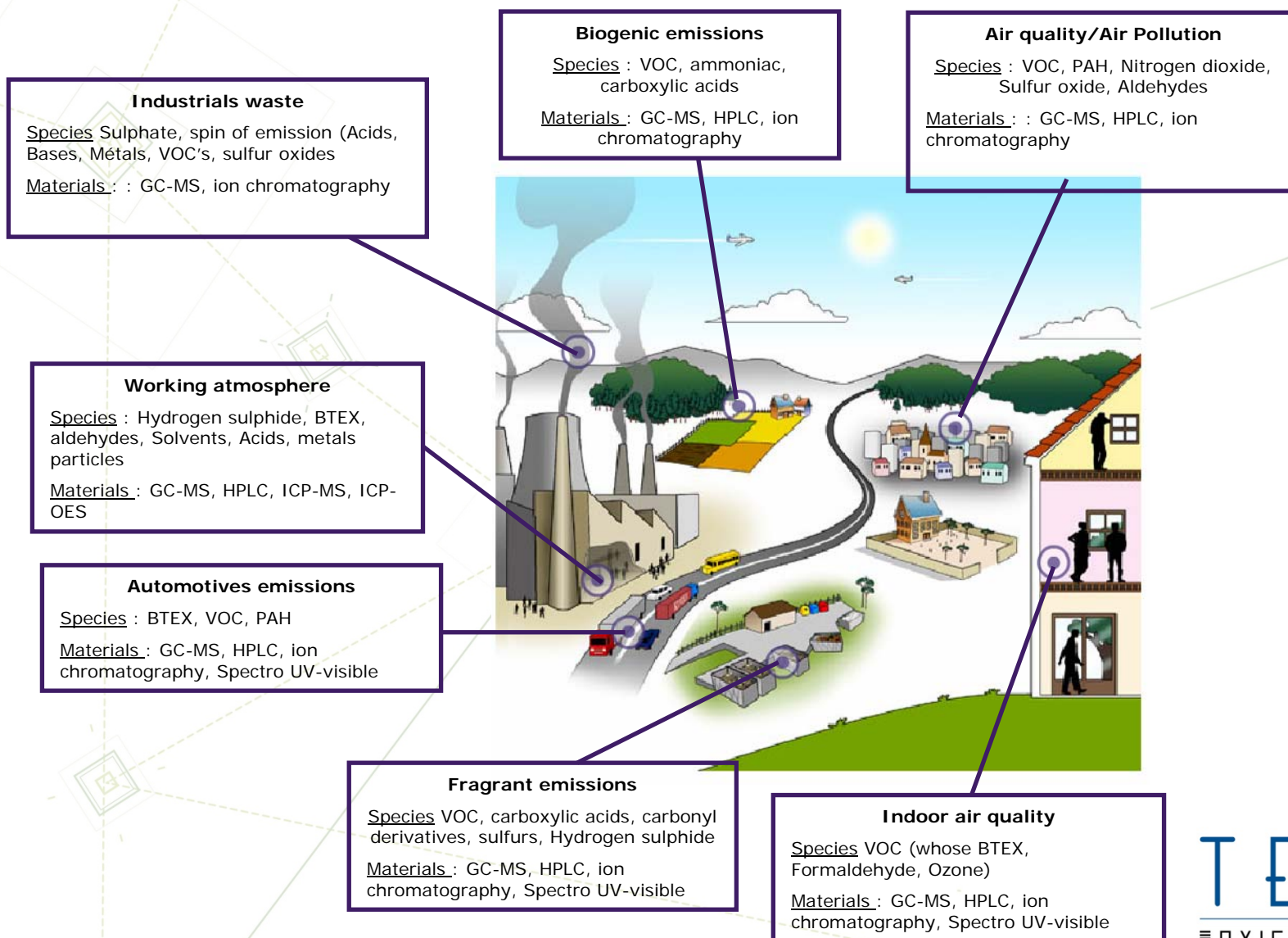


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The business sectors: Monitoring of « controlled environments »



The business sectors: Analyses in the Environment



Towards the standardization of Air Cleaner Performances

The issue of IAQ (Indoor Air Quality)

→ The context

We spend nearly 90% of the time in indoor environments
The concentrations are of 2 to 10 times higher inside than outside

→ How to approach the problem?

1/ Chemical characterization of the atmosphere

- Sampling, passive or dynamic
- Automated Air Sampling
- Analyses performed in laboratory

Network of sensors

EcoLogicSense



Diagnostic Kit



2/ Characterization of the materials

- Outgassing determination in the laboratory
- "in situ" outgassing determination
- Measurement of the adsorption of materials



PhD thesis: in situ
formaldehyde color sensor

3/ Characterization of the performance of air cleaners

- The on-site measurements
- Current projects
- Standardization

Projects: EPURATEURS 1 and 2, NORMA-CAT

Standards: XP B44A-13 and -200



EPURATEUR 1 and 2

→ EPURTEUR 1:

- Study of the air cleaner market
- Analysis of the different technologies
- definition of a protocol to test the performance of air cleaner

→ EPURATEUR 2:

- To design and to built a test rig
- To validate the test rig and the measurement apparatus
- To test 2 different air cleaners with pollutants representative of :
 - Particles : latex (PSL)
 - Gases : toluene
 - Microorganisms : *Bacillus subtilis* (bacteria) and *Aspergillus niger* (fungi)
 - Allergens : cat allergens
- To propose this test method for a standardization work



The funders

ADEME



The partners

NORMA-CAT project



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NORMA-CAT PROJECT

Development of new materials and systems for “photocatalytic” air treatment :
standardization of methods for characterization and performance tests.

Project leader : Pascal KALUZNY, Chairman of CEN TC 386 Photocatalysis (TERA Environnement)

Term : 3 years

Budget : 2 million Euros funded by the FUI

Keywords : photocatalysis materials, standard, air treatment, VOC, odours

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- To **develop** new photocatalytic materials
- To **develop** test to assess :
 - ✱ intrinsic efficiencies of the active phase of materials
 - ✱ efficiencies of photocatalytic systems under conditions close to the application
- To **validate** the protocols developed with AFNOR on various photocatalytic media and systems
- To **publish** AFNOR standards at the national level
- To **submit** AFNOR standards as New Work Items (NWI) at the European level and facilitate future technical committee

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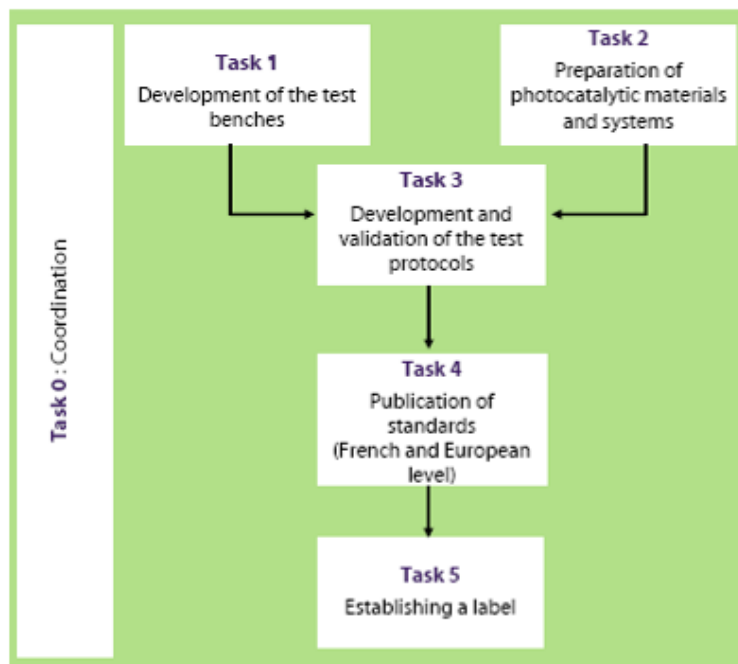


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NORMA-CAT Project

SUMMARY OF THE TASKS



CHALLENGES

SCIENTIFIC

- ✦ New products
- ✦ Intrinsic activity of the material
- ✦ Control of the performance in the visible
- ✦ Analytical methods (detection of CO and CO₂ at trace level)

ECONOMIC

- ✦ Emerging market, generating employment
- ✦ Promotion of the methods and results at the European level through standardization (CEN/TC 386)

ENVIRONMENTAL

- ✦ Destruction of pollutants without a transfer of the pollution
- ✦ Possible air pollution impact
- ✦ To improve security
- ✦ Reduction of discharges of pollutants

HEALTH

- ✦ To decrease in concentrations of pollutants in indoor environments
- ✦ To measure possible by-products

PARTNERS



Fundamental
Research

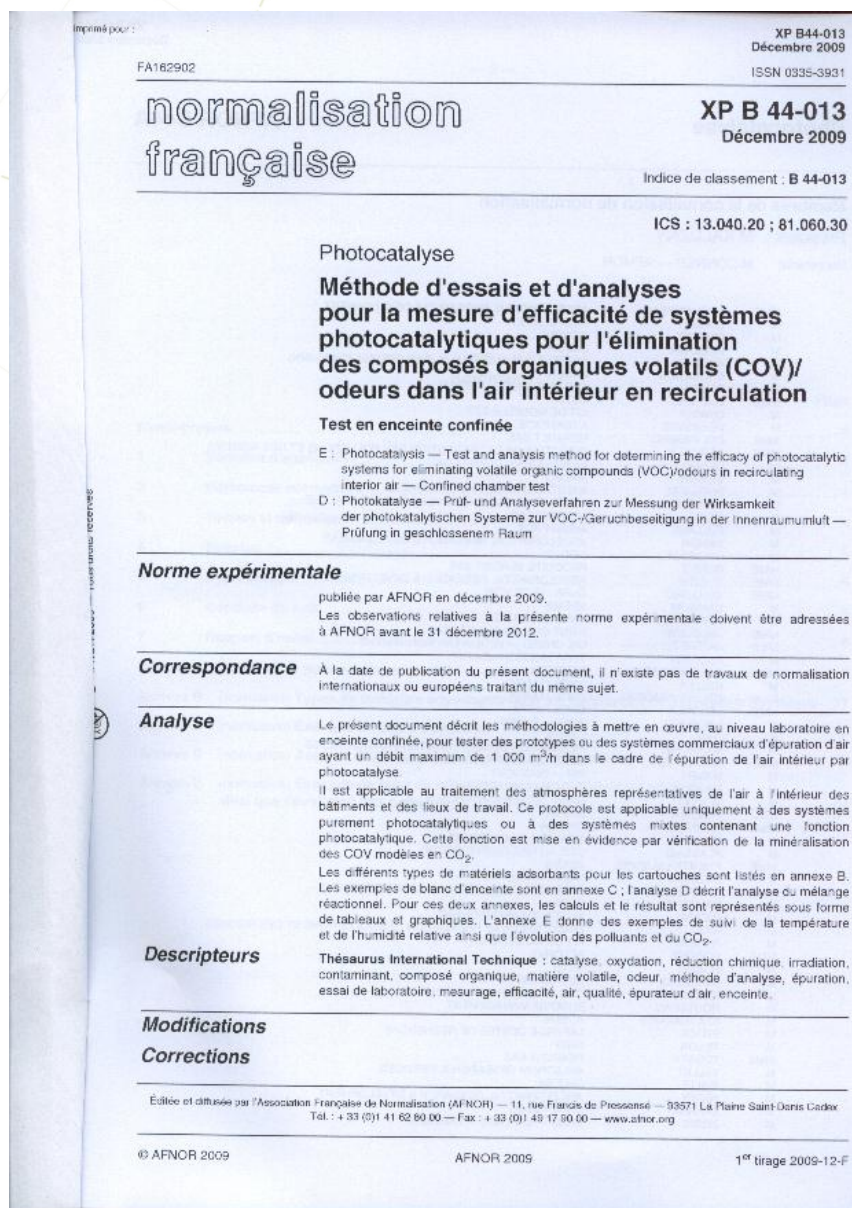
Industrial
Applications

New Problem

Standards

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The XP B44-13 standard



→ Title:

Photocatalysis – Test method for determining the efficacy of photocatalytic systems for eliminating volatile organic compounds (VOC) / odours in recirculating interior air – Confined chamber test

→ a French standard



→ XP status

→ Publication in December 2009

→ XP B44 - 13

→ Proposed at the European level:

Photocatalysis – Batch mode test methods – Part 1 Measurement of efficiency of photocatalytic devices used for the elimination of VOC and odour in indoor air, in active mode



The XP B 44 -13 standard

→ The scope

- to test prototype or commercial air cleaner systems with a maximum flow rate of 1,000 m³/h used for the indoor air remediation.
- It applies to the treatment of atmospheres that are representative of the air inside buildings and workplaces.
- for photocatalytic systems alone or combined systems that include a photocatalytic function.
- Demonstration of the photocatalytic function by verifying the mineralisation (CO₂)

→ The principle

The system is placed inside an air tight chamber and exposed to a model VOC mixture. Changes in pollutant concentrations due to operation of the system, as well as the production of CO₂ and the appearance of by-products, are measured against time.

→ Test conditions

- A mixture: Acetone, acetaldehyde, heptane and toluene.
- 2 concentrations:

test with search for reaction by-products

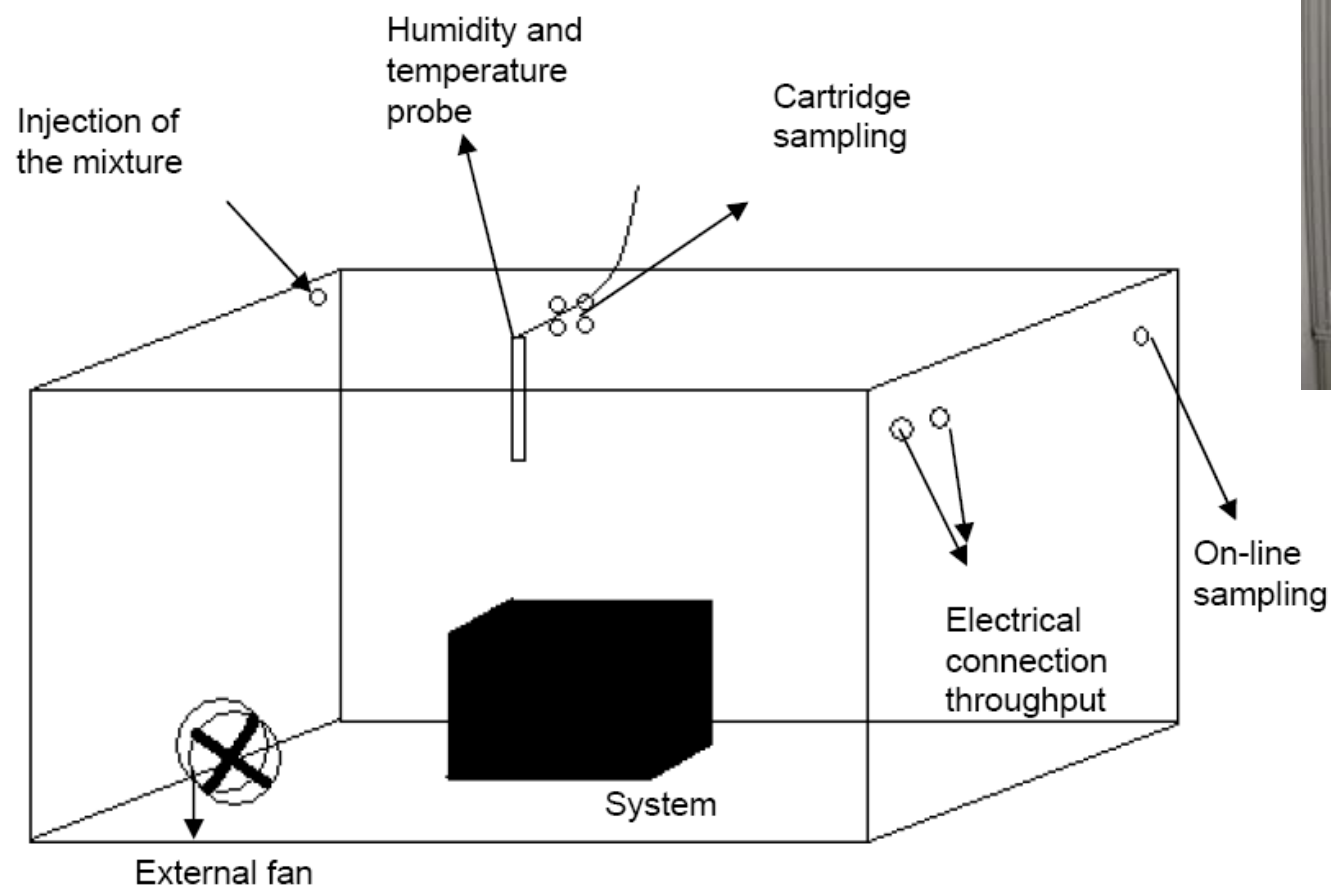
250 ppbv ± 10% per compound at 22 °C 1Patm

test used to demonstrate the photocatalytic activity (monitoring of CO₂)

1000 ppbv ± 10% per compound at 22 °C 1Patm.

The XP B44A-13 standards: the air tight chamber

Schematic diagram of an air tight chamber



The XP B 44-13 standard: test report

- ➔ Purpose of the investigation
- ➔ Methodology: reference to the standard, volume of the chamber, analysis techniques used, pollutant generation, etc.
- ➔ Results:
 - pollutants and CO₂ against time (ppbv and/or µg/m³);
 - T °C and % RH against time;
 - identified by-products (5 ppbv after subtracting the blank).
 - percentage of mineralisation against time
 - ozone against time;
 - all test observations,
 - apparatus quantification and detection limits

- CADR.

$$CADR = R_{AC} \times V$$

With V the volume of the chamber

And R_{AC} coming from

$$R_{Totale} = R_{Nat}$$

test with air cleaner

$$R_{Totale} = R_{Nat} + R_{AC}$$

test without air cleaner

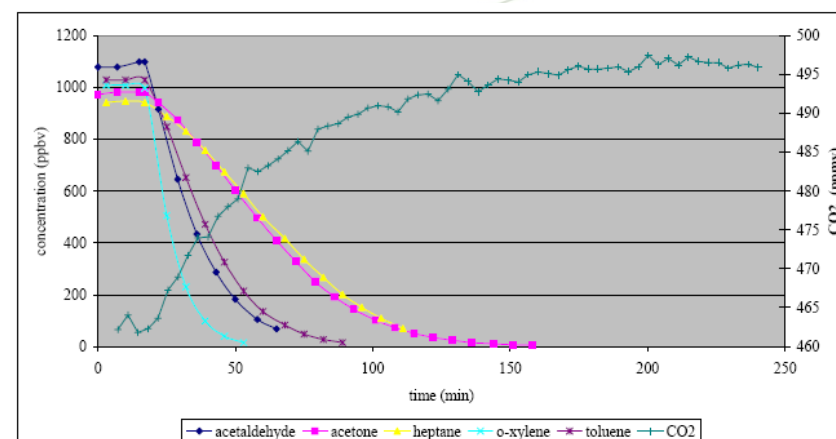
And

$$C(t) = C_0 e^{-(R_{Nat} + R_{AC}) \times t}$$

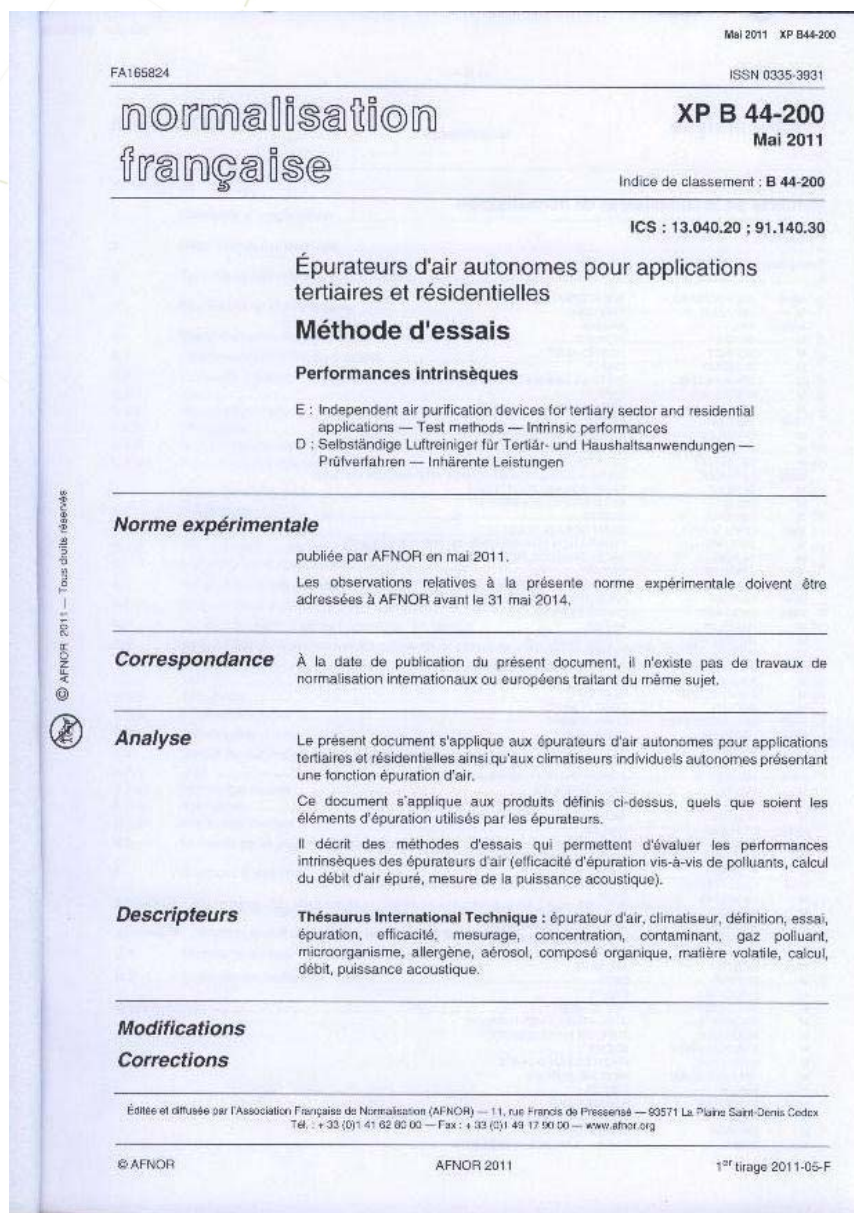
With C₀ : the initial pollutant concentration

R_{Nat} : the rate of disappearance due to naturel phenomena

R_{AC} : the rate of disappearance due to the air cleaner



The XP B44A-200 standards



→ Title:

Independent air purification devices for tertiary sector and residential applications – Test methods – Intrinsic performances.

→ a French standard

→ XP status

→ Publication in May 2011

→ XP B 44-200

The XP B 44-200 standard

→ The scope

- to test stand-alone air cleaners for residential and commercial applications
- to evaluate the intrinsic performance of the air cleaner
- to determine the effective treatment towards: gas, allergens, inert particles and microorganisms (in informative annex)
- to measure some by products
- to calculate the CADR

→ The principle

- The system is tightly placed inside a test chamber.
- The pollutants are continuously upstream injected
- Downstream measurement of pollutants are performed.

→ Test conditions

For **gas** test

- A mixture: Acetone, acetaldehyde, heptane and toluene.
- concentrations: 250 ppbv \pm 10% per compound at 22 °C 1Patm

For **allergens**

- Felis domesticus 1
- concentration: between 10 and 20 ng/m³

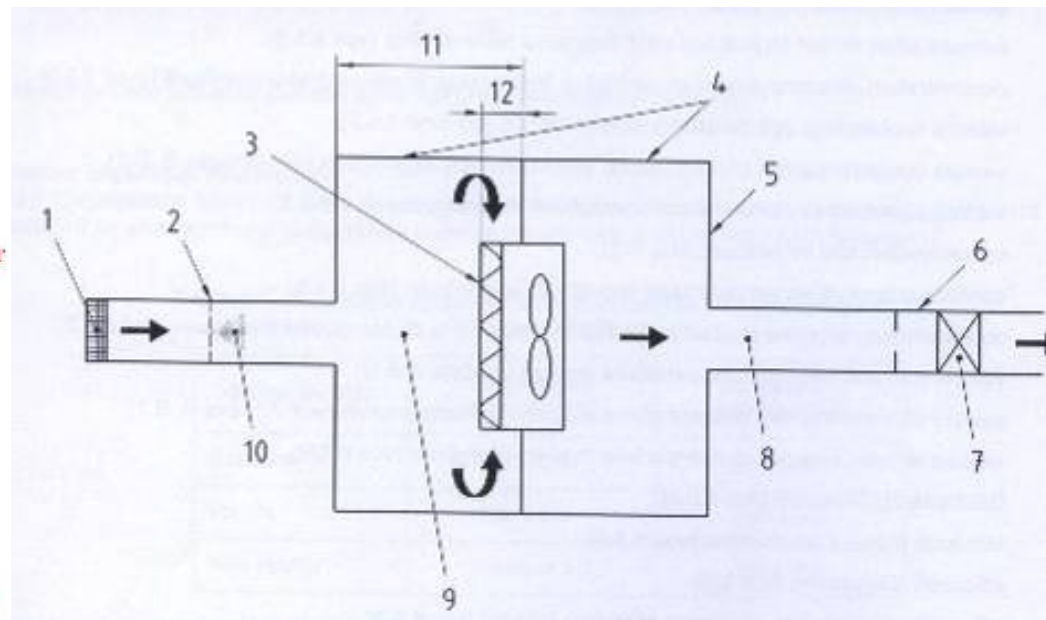
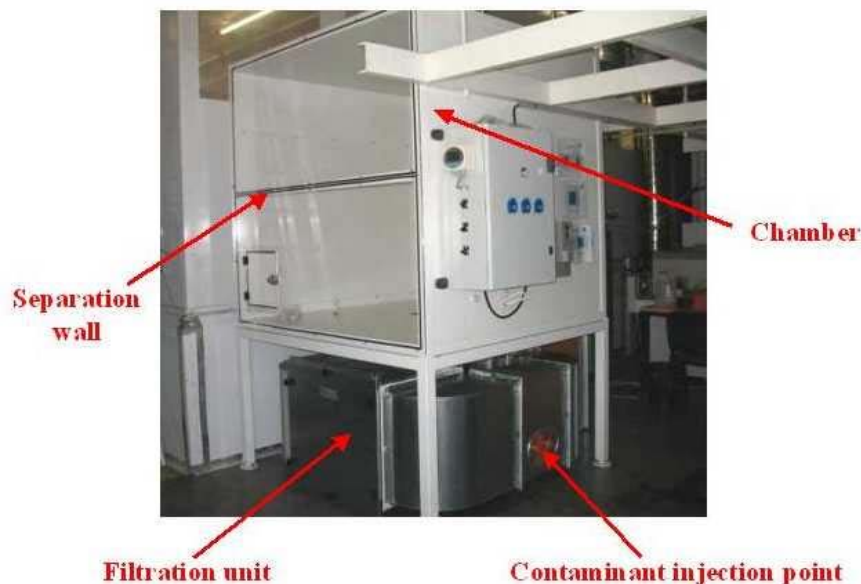
For **inert particles**

- DEHS

For **microorganisms**

- bacterium: *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- fungus: *Aspergillus niger*

The XP B44A-200 standards: the air tight chamber



1. HEPA filter

2. Grid

3. Air cleaner in test

4. The difference in pressure between the upstream and downstream of the air cleaner is zero

5. Chamber

6. Measuring air flow

7. Fan

8. Downstream sampling

9. Upstream sampling

10. Injection of pollutants

11. Size of the upstream portion of chamber

12. Size of the air cleaner in excess in the upstream part of the chamber

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The XP B 44-200 standard: test report

- Information about used technical materials
- Information about the air cleaner
- T, RH and P
- Fan speeds of the air cleaner during the test
- Air flow of the air cleaner during the test
- By products: identification and concentration

→ CADR

$$\text{CADR} = Q \times E$$

where Q is the air flow of the cleaner during the test and E is given by:

$$E = \frac{C_{am} - C_{av}}{C_{am}}$$

where C_{am} et C_{av} are the downstream and upstream measured concentrations

- Average electric power
- Sound power of the air cleaner during the test

Comparison of XP B44-13 and XP B44-200 standards

	Flow through reactor	Batch reactor
Standards	XP B44-200	XP B44-013
Contaminant injection	Continuous	Punctual
Primary chemical contaminants	Acetaldehyde, acetone, n-heptane, toluene	Acetaldehyde, acetone, n-heptane, toluene
Concentrations	250-500 ppbV*	250 ppbV* 1000 ppbV* for mineralization
Required level for the blank of the chambers	50 ppbV*	50 ppbV*
RH	50% \pm 5%	50% \pm 5% at the beginning of the test
Temperature	22°C \pm 2°C	22°C \pm 2°C
Sealing	N.A.	Loss < 10% in 8h
Type of samplings	Simultaneous upstream end downstream	1 point during the test
Detection Limits	\leq 25 ppbV*	\leq 20 ppbV*
Possible secondary pollutants	O ₃ , CO, NO _x , formaldehyde	CO, CO ₂ , O ₃ , aldehydes

Conclusion

Two philosophies to test air cleaners

- XP B44-200: **Flow through reactor**: the totality of the effluent is forced to pass through the purifier. It can be used to determine the intrinsic performances of the air cleaner towards particles, allergens and chemicals.
- XP B44-013: **Batch reactor**: contaminants (a mixture of chemicals) are punctually injected. The decay of their concentrations is followed

Each of these protocols presents advantages and drawbacks regarding the representativeness of the air cleaner efficiency measurement, as well as for the search for secondary contaminants possibly produced by the purifier itself.

In each case, the **CADR** can be determined.

The background is a solid green color. On the left side, there is an abstract geometric design consisting of several concentric squares and rectangles, some of which are tilted. These shapes are interconnected by a network of thin white lines, including both solid and dashed lines. The lines create a sense of depth and connectivity, resembling a technical or architectural drawing. The overall composition is clean and modern.

Thank you

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