

# Monitoring beacon for early or hidden fungal development detection dedicated to heritage conservation

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# Fungi in indoor environments Dwellings and cultural heritage



**North Europe, 23-80 % of contaminated dwellings**  
(Pirhonen, 1996. Koskinen, 1999)

**France, 10-37 % of contaminated dwellings**  
National Campaign on dwellings' Indoor Air quality (Moularat et al., 2008)

**Canada and USA, 14-38 % of contaminated dwellings**  
(Dales et al., 1991; Tsongas, 1994; Escamilla-Garcia, 1997)

**In France, a quarter of historical monuments and about half of national collections are infested**

(Survey by Ecole du Louvre, 2015)



# Fungi in Indoor Environments Effects

## Health effects



- Nosocomial Invasive Aspergillosis
- Toxi-Infections
- Allergies



## Damages



- Buildings
- Works
- Books

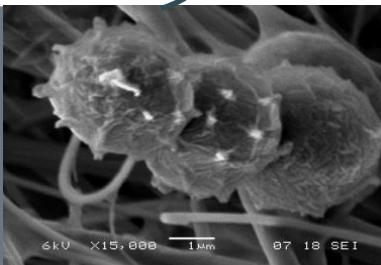


# Fungal Detection through Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Construction  
Material



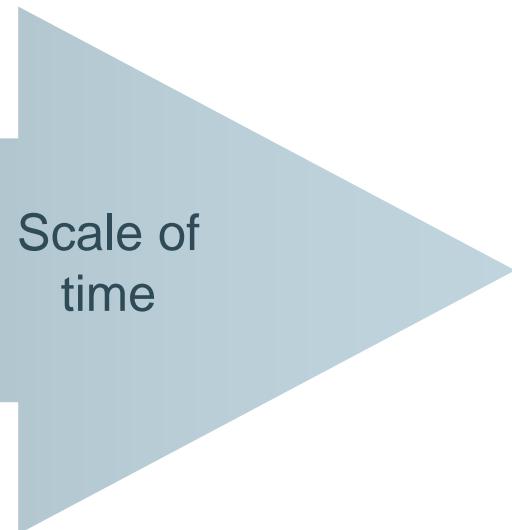
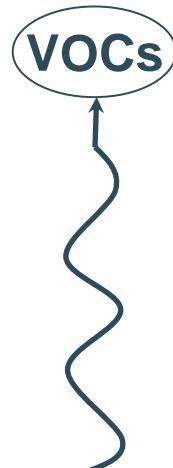
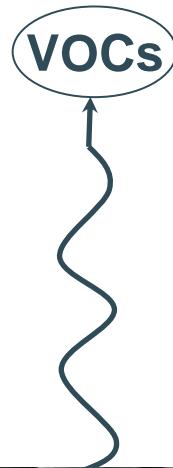
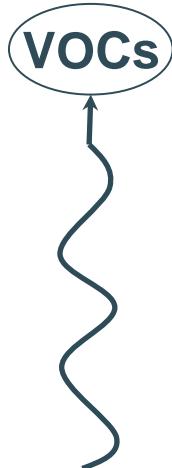
**Bioadhesion**  
(Few seconds)      **Germination**  
                        (~24 hours)



**Growth**  
(~48 hours)

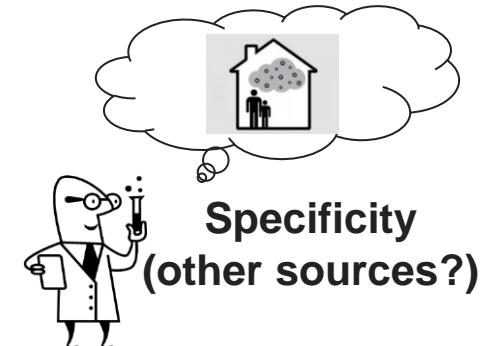
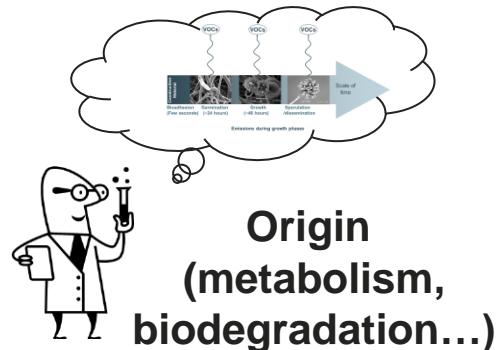
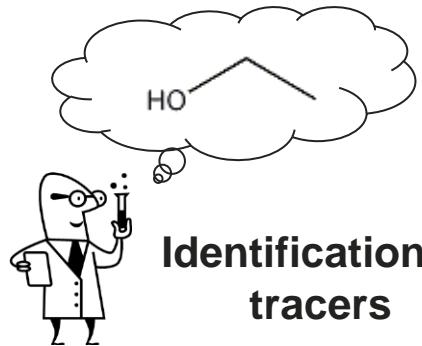


**Sporulation**  
/dissemination



**Emissions during growth phases**

# Fungal Detection through Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)



**Construction of an index**  
**Incrementation as a function of the presence or absence of each target**

- Detection of hidden contaminations (diffusion of VOC)
- Detection of recent contaminations (emission from the beginning of development)

# Microdetection: Application to fungal developments

## VOCs Analysis : 3 main steps

### 1. Sampling



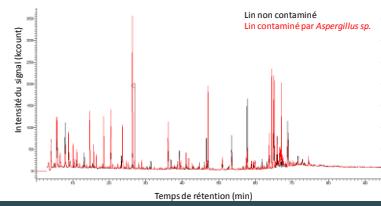
Travelling to  
site

Sample  
transport

### 2. Analysis

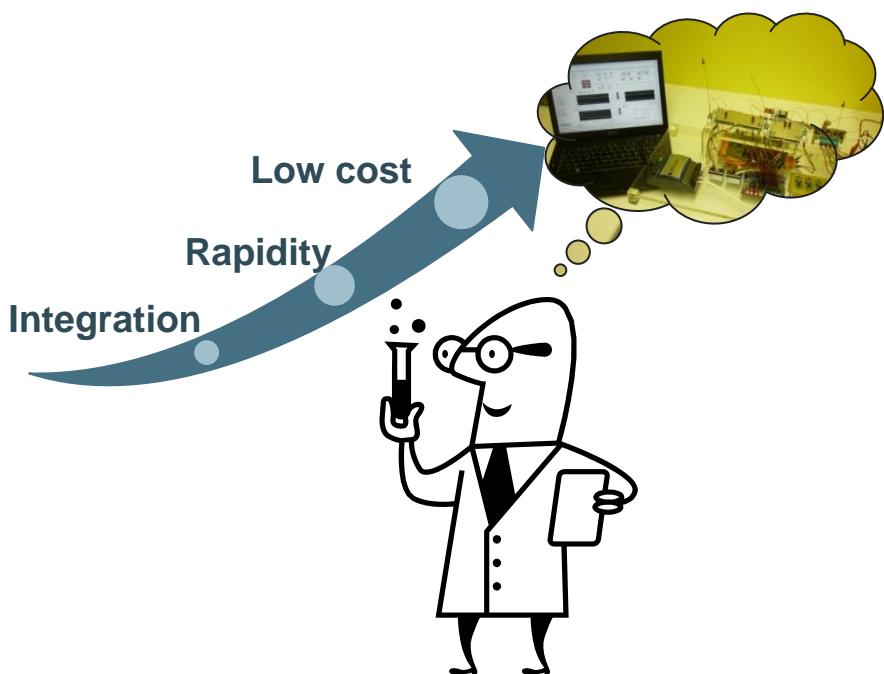


### 3. Interpretation



Analysis  
by a  
specialist

**Aim : Development of a microsystem for  
fungal contamination detection**



- ✓ Integration of the 3 steps
- ✓ Analysis on site
- ✓ Automated interpretation
- ✓ Cost reduction



Building monitored with the beacon

Contamination management

Early warning if contamination

**Center of  
Expertise**

Remote  
Information  
Networking  
Remote control

# 8 publications, more than 25 communications



A new approach to detect early or hidden fungal development in indoor environments

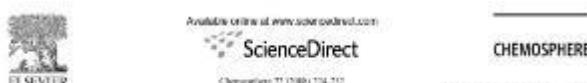
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Positive associations between respiratory outcomes and fungal index in rural inhabitants of a representative sample of French dwellings

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Detection of fungal development in closed spaces through the determination of specific chemical targets

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Airborne fungal volatile organic compounds in rural and urban dwellings: Detection of mould contamination in 94 homes determined by visual inspection and airborne fungal volatile organic compounds method

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Detection of moulds by volatile organic compounds: Application to heritage conservation

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## Moisissures dans les environnements intérieurs : état des connaissances et détermination de la contamination fongique des logements français par un indice chimique

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# Conclusion

## Technology Readiness Level of the microsystem

