

Sorption made simple

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Sorption and contamination

Sorption?



HIGH EXPOSURE AND TOXICITY!

Freely-dissolved



**Sorption
(partitioning)**



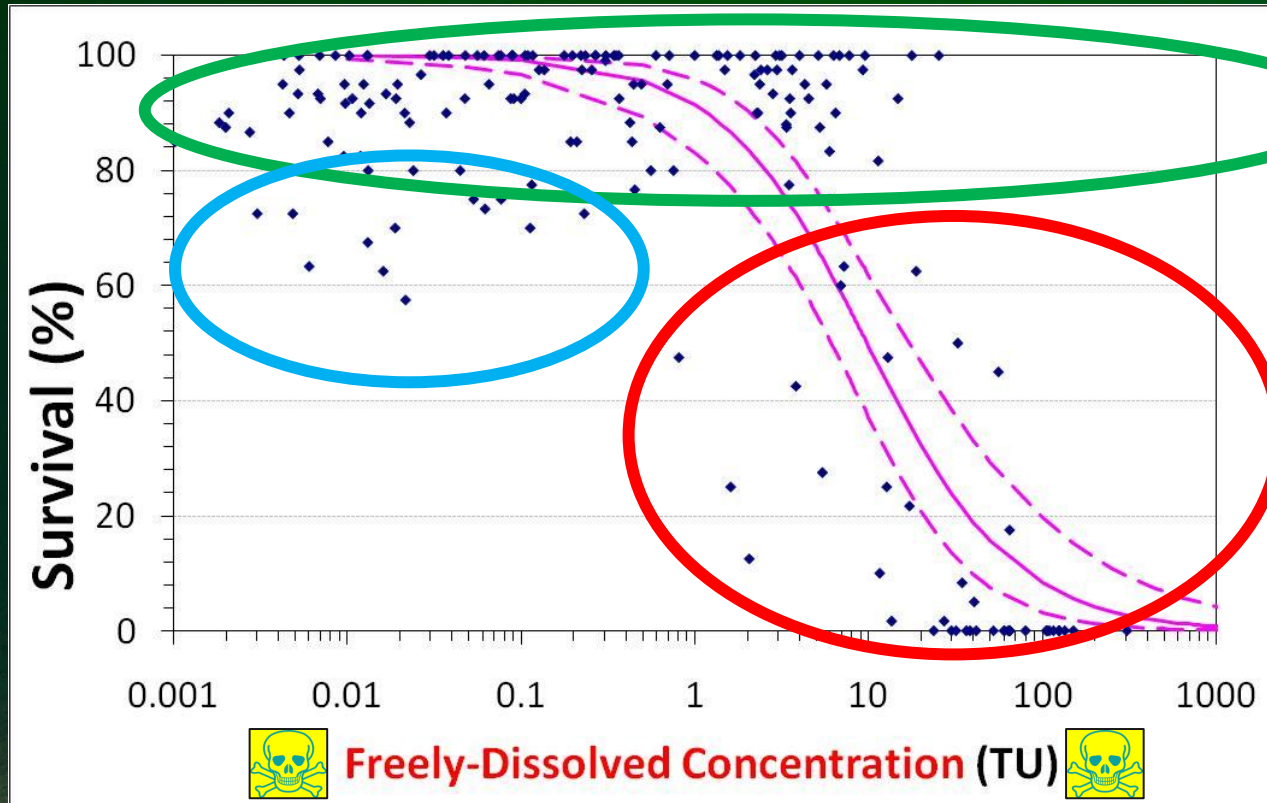
LOW EXPOSURE AND TOXICITY



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Particle-sorbed (sediments, suspended sediments, colloids)

Why is sorption important?



Healthy!



Stress (not due to contamination)

Severe Stress (Contamination)

Sorption?



Freely-dissolved



Sorption
(partitioning)



Particle-sorbed

$$K_D = C_{\text{sed}} / C_{\text{water}}$$

at equilibrium

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History of sorption theory

IN THE BEGINNING...

In the 1960s – 1970s, laboratory experiments found sorption of pesticides was

a) related to the total organic carbon (TOC) content of soil

$$K_D = f_{\text{TOC}} K_{\text{TOC}}$$

b) dependant on the chemical.

In 1979:

SORPTION OF HYDROPHOBIC POLLUTANTS ON NATURAL SEDIMENTS

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Environmental Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
College Station Road, Athens, GA 30605, U.S.A.

(Received 4 September 1978)

A Physical Concept of Soil-Water Equilibria for Nonionic Organic Compounds

SCIENCE, VOL. 206, 16 NOVEMBER 1979

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$$\log K_{\text{TOC}} = \log K_{\text{OW}} - 0.21$$

$$\log K_{oc} = 1.00 \log K_{ow} - 0.21 (R^2 = 1.00) \quad (6)$$

$$\log K_{\text{TOC}} = 4 - 0.56 \log S_L$$

$$\log G = 4.040 (\pm 0.038) - \\ 0.557 (\pm 0.012) \log S \quad (2)$$

with $r^2 = 0.988$ and $n = 15$ (where G is

TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (TOC)?

$$K_D = f_{\text{TOC}} K_{\text{TOC}}$$

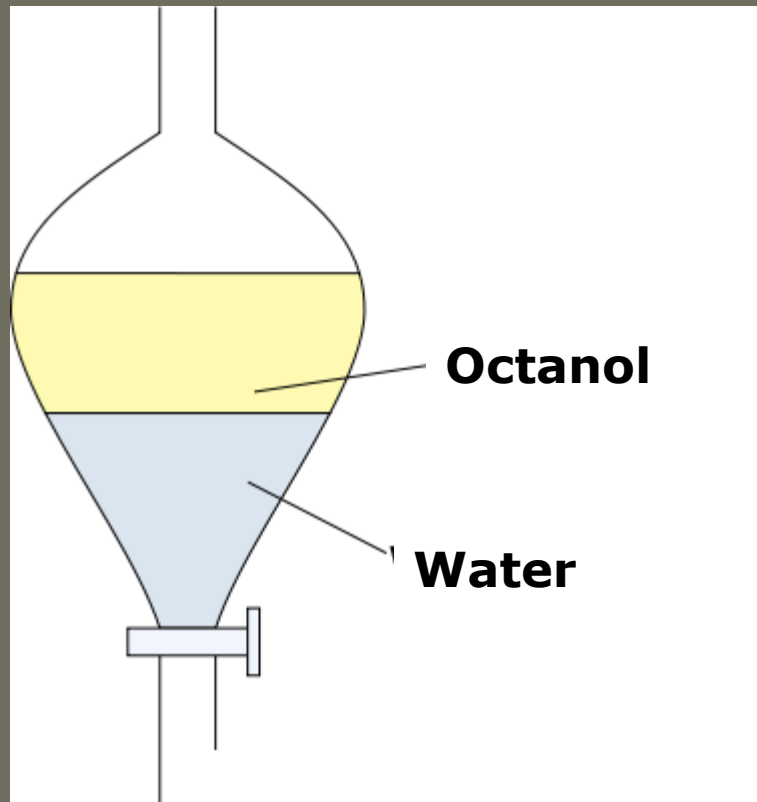


Total Organic Carbon =

Mass Fraction of all carbon in a soil or sediment that is not CO₂ or Carbonate (CO₃²⁻) - removed in the lab with 1 M HCl

$$f_{\text{TOC}} = \text{mass TOC} / \text{mass sediment}$$

Octanol-water partitioning (K_{ow})?



$$\log K_{TOC} = \log K_{OW} - 0.21$$

Used in pharmaceutical industry to mimic sorption to fat (lipids).

Used also for low food chain organisms ($K_{lipid} = K_{ow}$)

The hypothesis for soil/sed:

Octanol is a proxy for TOC
(as it is for lipids)

Subcooled-liquid solubility (S_L)

$$\log K_{\text{TOC}} = 4 - 0.56 \log S_L$$



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Solubility =

Maximum amount that can be dissolved per volume of water.

Subcooled-liquid =

Solubility of melted solids (at room temperature), to account for the fact in the environment solid crystals of contaminants do not form.

The hypothesis:

TOC partitioning follows Raoult's Law for ideal mixtures

$$K_{\text{TOC}} = (\text{MW}_{\text{TOC}} S_L)^{-1}$$

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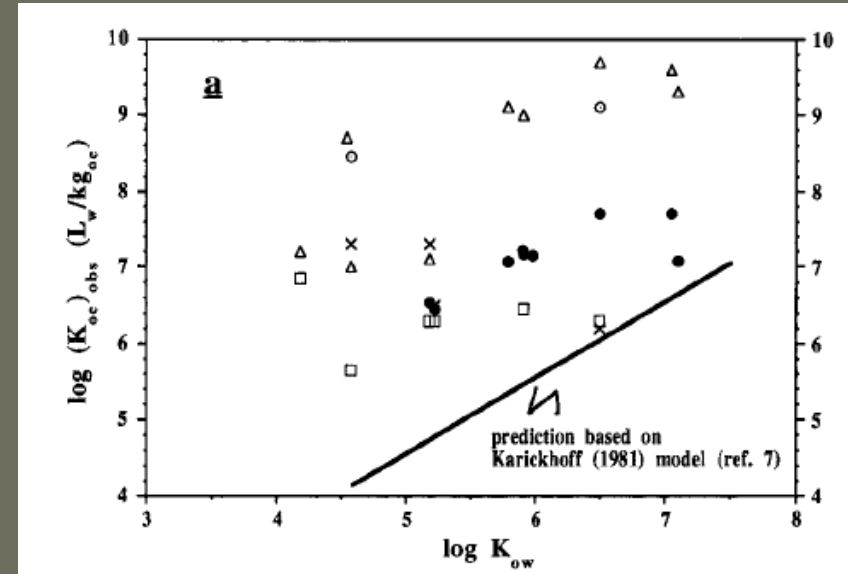
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The end of simplicity?

Problems with the simple models # 1.

Sorption from contaminated field sites was much stronger than artificial lab experiments when:

- 1) No lab spike was used to add the contaminants (i.e. real world contaminated samples used)
- 2) Techniques got better for removing *colloids* (very small, suspended particles) and *DOC* (dissolved organic carbon, like humic material, organic molecules and micelles)
- 3) Pore water detection improved



Gustaffson ES&T 2000

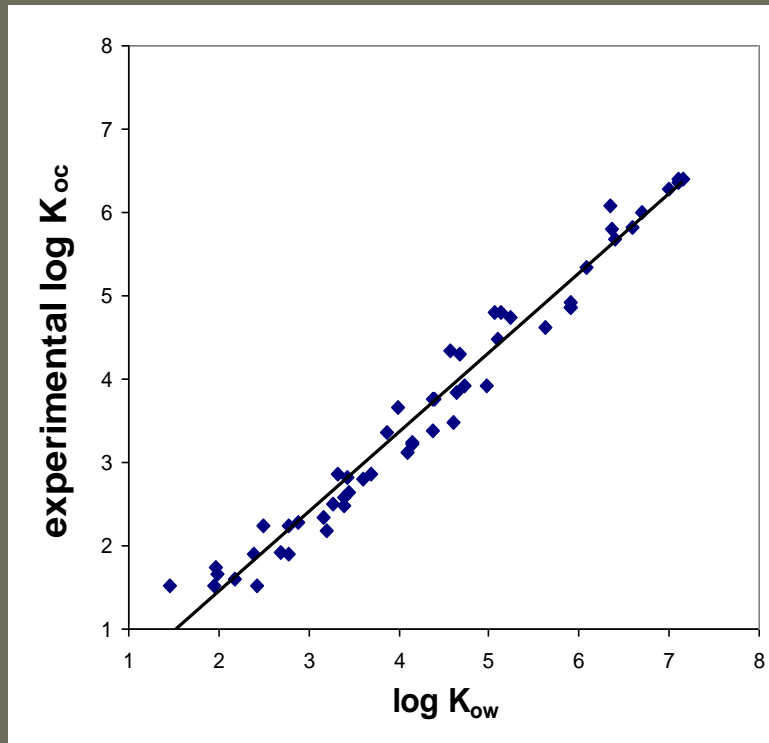
Common to find K_{toc} of PAHs, PCBs and dioxins > 10 to 10000 times larger than K_{ow} !!!!

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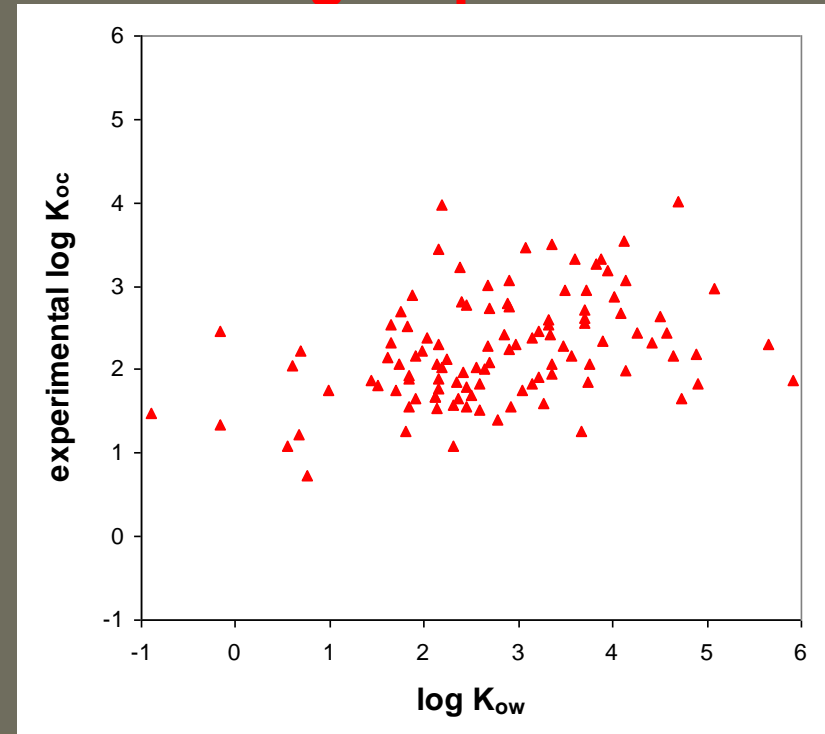
Problems with simple models # 2.

Traditional models **ONLY** worked with HOCs

hydrophobic organic
chemicals



polar chemicals
including 50 pesticides



Research in environmental sorption since 1980

Sorption made...complex!

SORBENT

Is TOC too simple to account for soil and sediment variability?

SORBATE

Is K_{OW} and S_L too simple to account for contaminant variability?

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Sorbent Variability

Sorbent Variability: AD vs AB



ADSORPTION

On the surface:

Surface area
(Porosity)

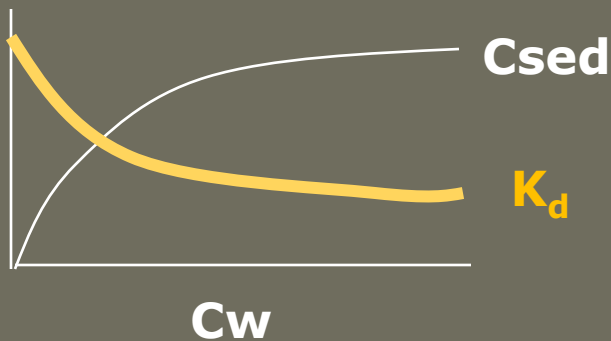
ABSORPTION

Inside the material:

Volume
(Crystallinity)

Sorbent Variability: Concentration Effect

Concentration effect



-Typical effect from factor 2- 10 (soils, sediments) to >100 (activated carbon)

- More commonly attributed to **Adsorption processes** (surface coverage, surface attenuation, pore blockage, etc.) though also for Absorption (e.g. crystallinity)

-Many models (Freundlich, Langmuir, BET...)

Example model (Freundlich):

$$K_D = C_{sed} / (C_w^{n-1})$$

Sorbent Variability: Particle Heterogeneity

Sequestration of Hydrophobic Organic Contaminants by Geosorbents

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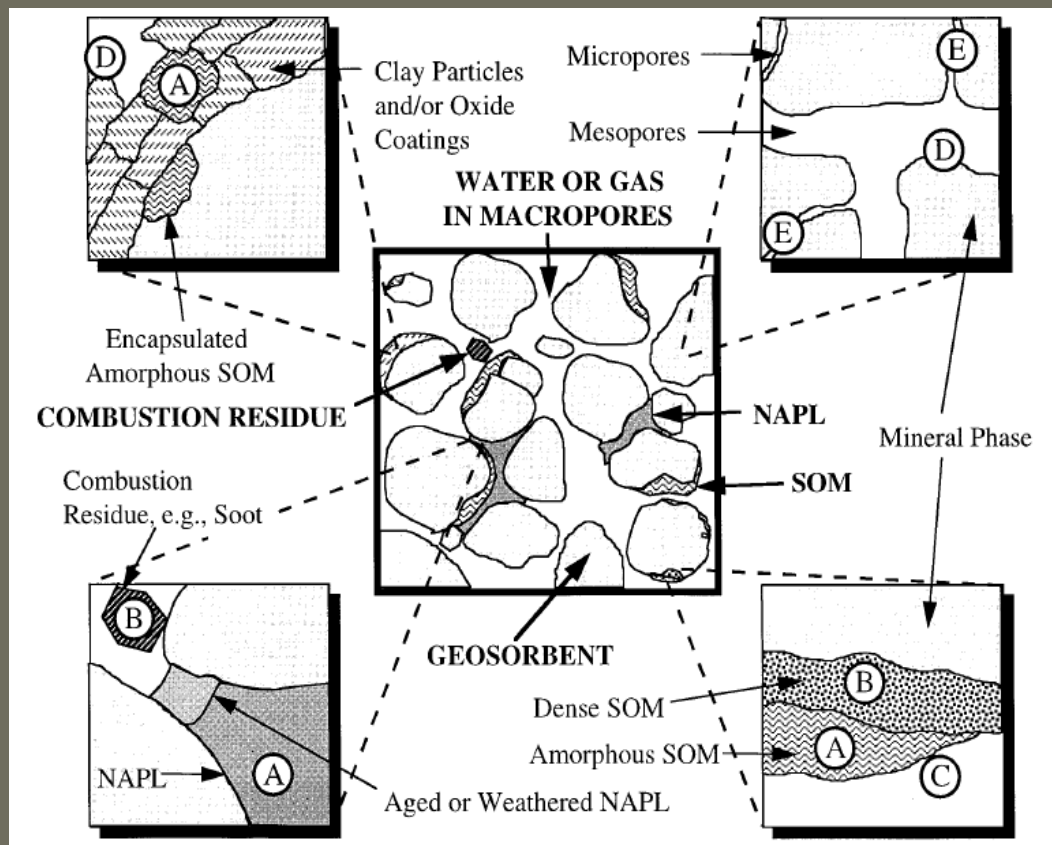
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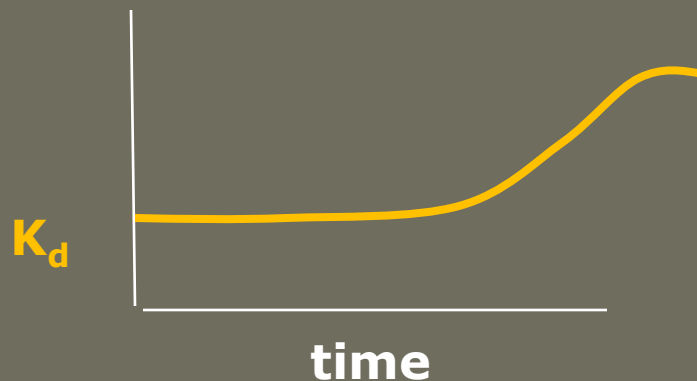
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$$(q_e)_{\text{total SOM}} = (q_e)_{\text{natural SOM linear}} + (q_e)_{\text{natural SOM nonlinear}} + (q_e)_{\text{anthropogenic SOM linear}} + (q_e)_{\text{anthropogenic SOM nonlinear}} \quad (2)$$

$$K_D = f_A K_A + f_B K_B + f_C K_C + f_D K_D + f_E K_E + \dots$$

Sorbent Variability: Weathering Phenomena

Kinetic / "Weathering" phenomena



-Increase by a factor 2 to 100

-Observation from old field sites of extremely strong sorption for small contaminants (e.g. benzene)

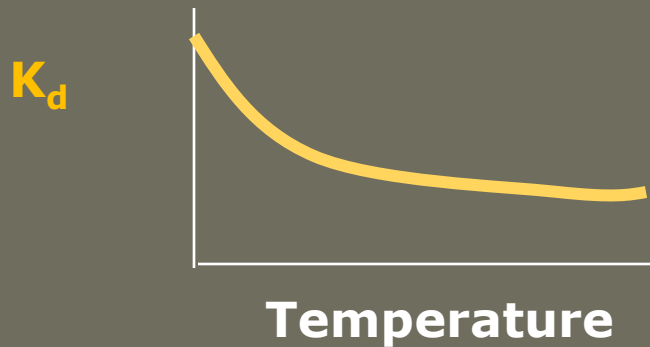
- **Kinetics?** Takes time for contaminants to find strong sorbing areas?

- **Weathering?** Caused by changes in the soil/sed with time.

-Likely diverse processes

Sorbent Variability: Temperature Effect

Temperature effect



- Increase temperature, decrease K_d .

- Described by the van't Hoff equation

$$\ln\left(\frac{K_2}{K_1}\right) = \frac{-\Delta H^\ominus}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)$$

- Generally minor for water-soil and water-sediment systems.

- Generally major for air-soil, air-sediment systems (also air-water)

Sorption made complex!

**Many complex influences
on sorption!**

**How to account for these
in the real world?**

**Example attempt:
The Black Carbon hypothesis.**

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Sorbent Variability: The Black Carbon Hypothesis

Quantification of the Dilute Sedimentary Soot Phase: Implications for PAH Speciation and Bioavailability

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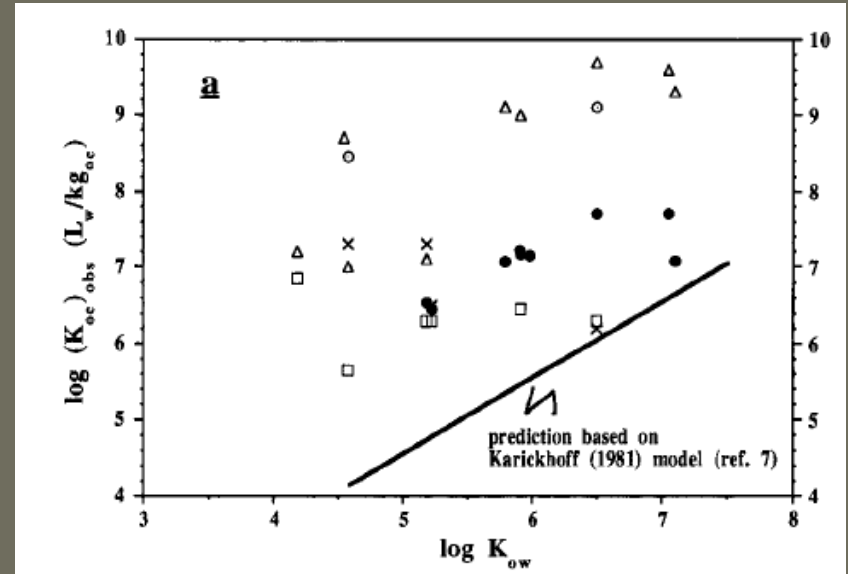
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Where was the extra sorption coming from?

$$K_d = f_{oc}K_{oc} + f_{sc}K_{sc}$$

Soot – they were after all looking at PAHs



The BC sorption hypothesis is born!

~~$$K_D = f_{\text{TOC}} K_{\text{TOC}}$$~~

$$K_D = f_{\text{AOC}} K_{\text{AOC}} + f_{\text{BC}} K_{\text{BC}} C_w^{nF-1}$$

Where:

f_{BC} = fraction of BC determined usually by the chemical-thermal oxidation method (375°C) (i.e. **CTO-375 BC**)

f_{AOC} = fraction of "amorphous organic carbon", i.e. TOC – BC

nF = "Freundlich coefficient" to account for sorption non-linearity (i.e. concentration effect)

AMORPHOUS ORGANIC CARBON (AOC)?

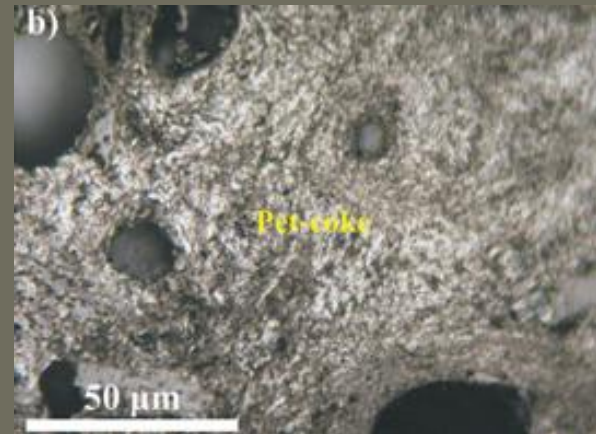


Amorphous Organic Carbon
= Mass Fraction of all Carbon that is not CO₂,
Carbonate (CO₃²⁻) or Black Carbon

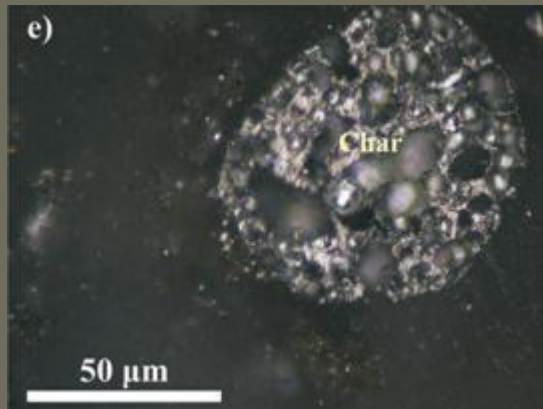
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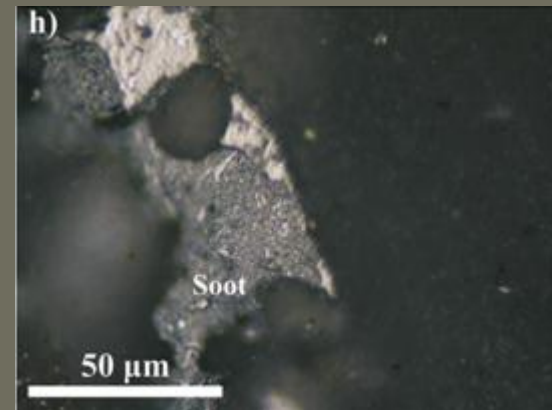
Coal



Coke



Char



Soot

The BC sorption hypothesis takes off!



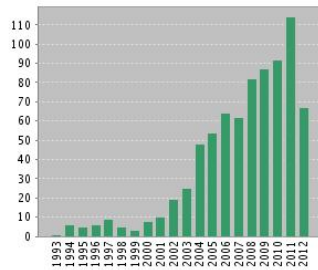
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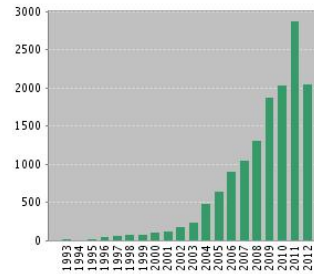
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"CRITICISM 1": What is BC?

Critical Review

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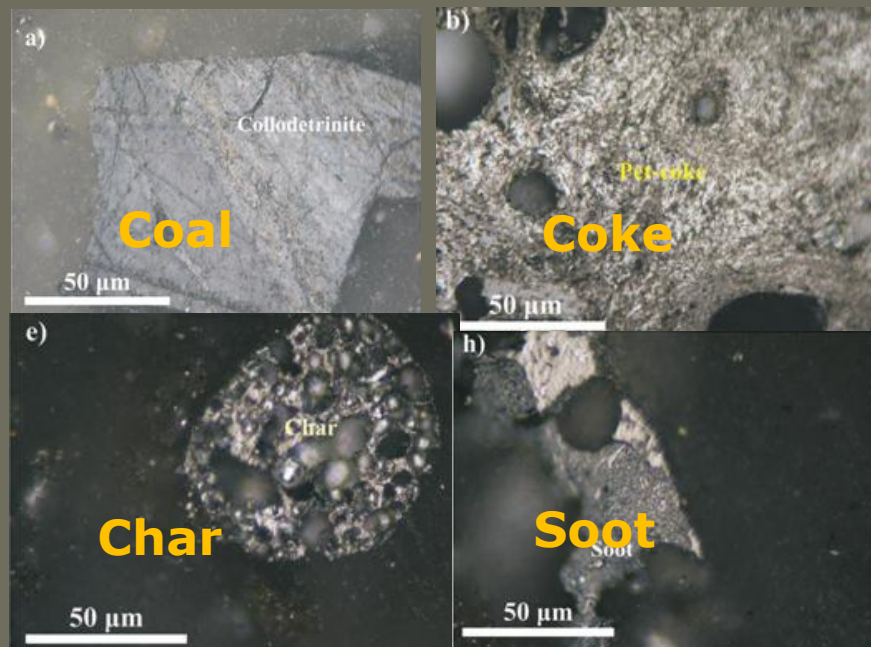
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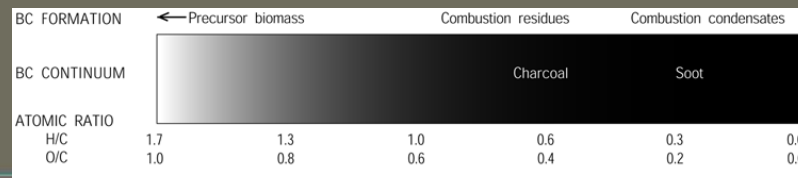
Strong Sorption of Native PAHs to Pyrogenic and Unburned Carbonaceous Geosorbents in Sediments

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Chars, coals and coke not stable under CTO-375.

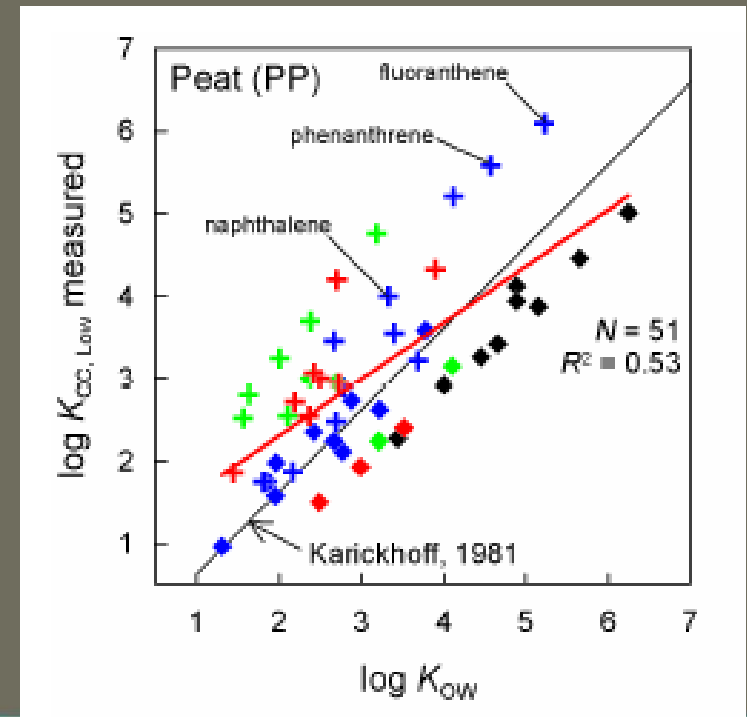
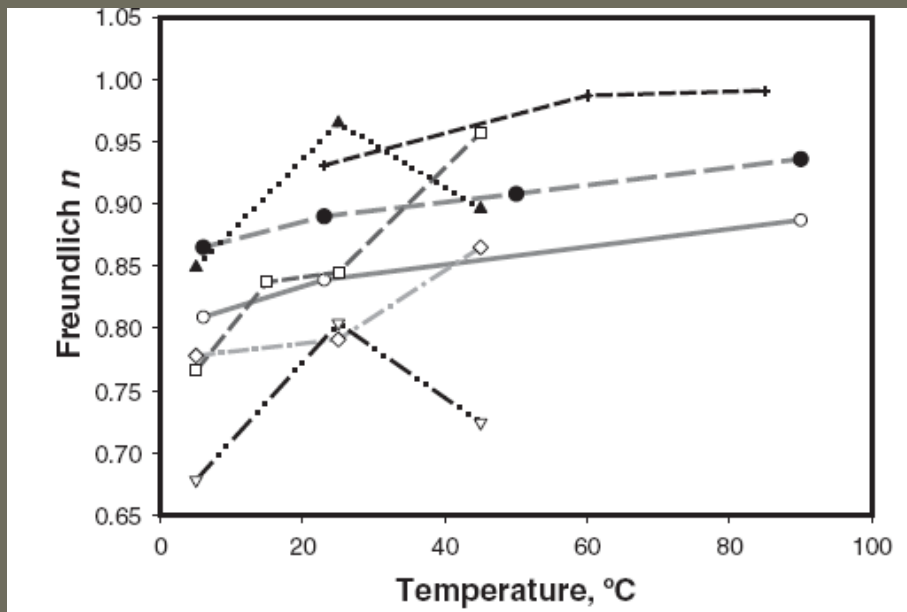


CRITICISM 2: Concentration effect in AOC.

$$K_D \leftarrow f = \frac{f_{AOC} K_{OC} C_{OC}^{nF^*-1} + f_{BC} K_{BC} C_{BC}^{nF^*-1}}{f_{AOC} K_{OC} C_{OC}^{nF^*-1} + f_{BC} K_{BC} C_{BC}^{nF^*-1} + f_W C_W^{nF^*-1}}$$

nF values in AOC < 1

at low concentration strong sorption in Pahokee Peat

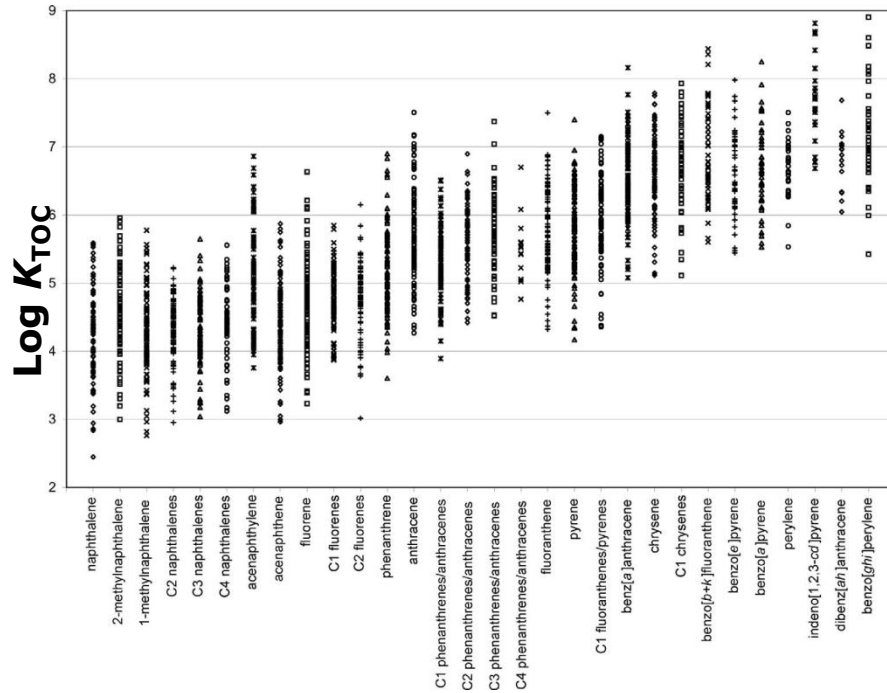


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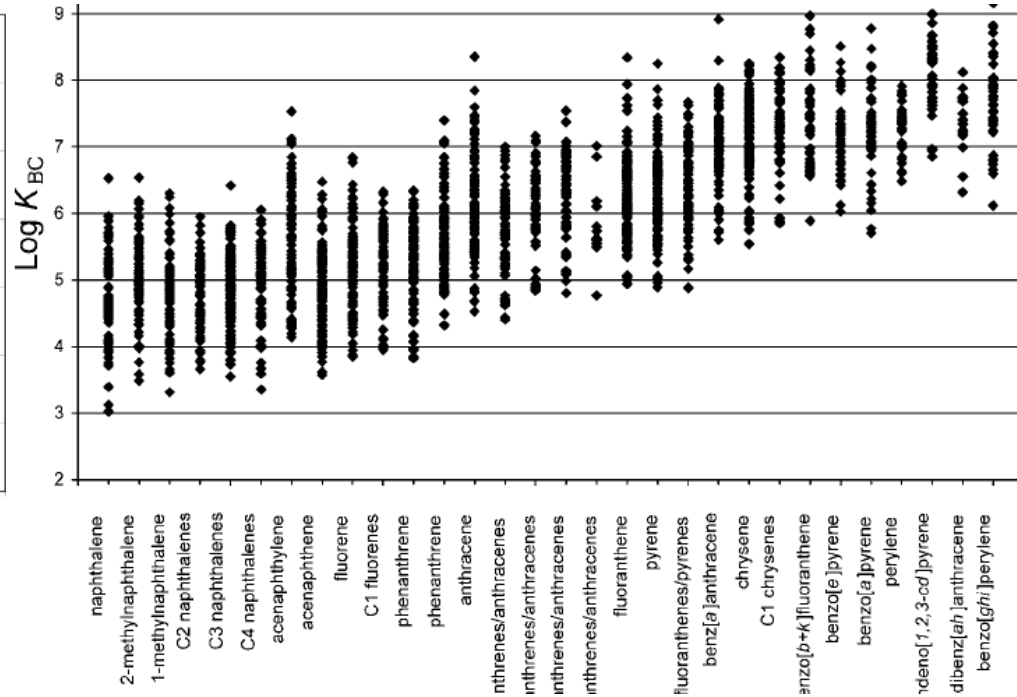
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CRITICISM 3: No Gain from Extra Parameters

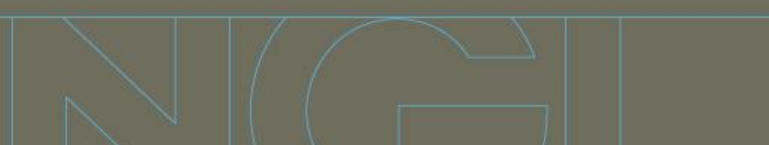
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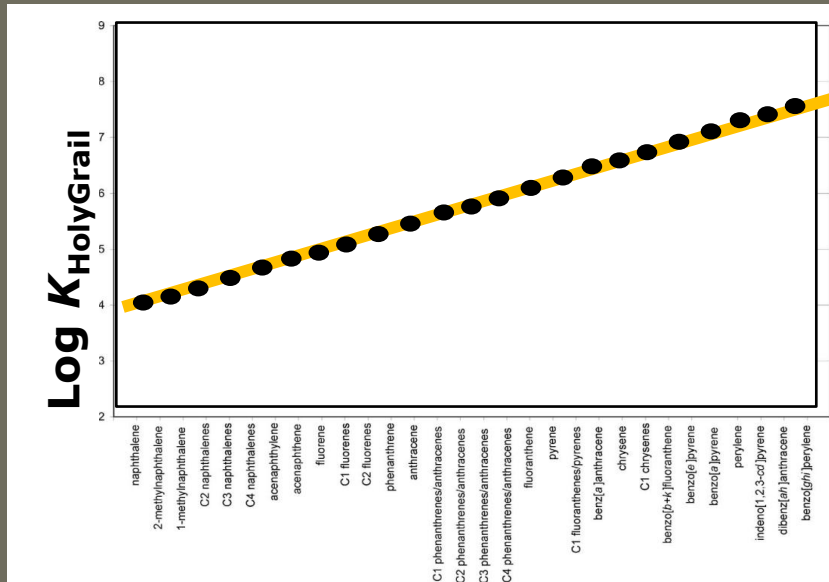
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For PAHs, both K_{TOC} and K_{BC} in field sediments scatter by over three orders of magnitude ($n = 114$)

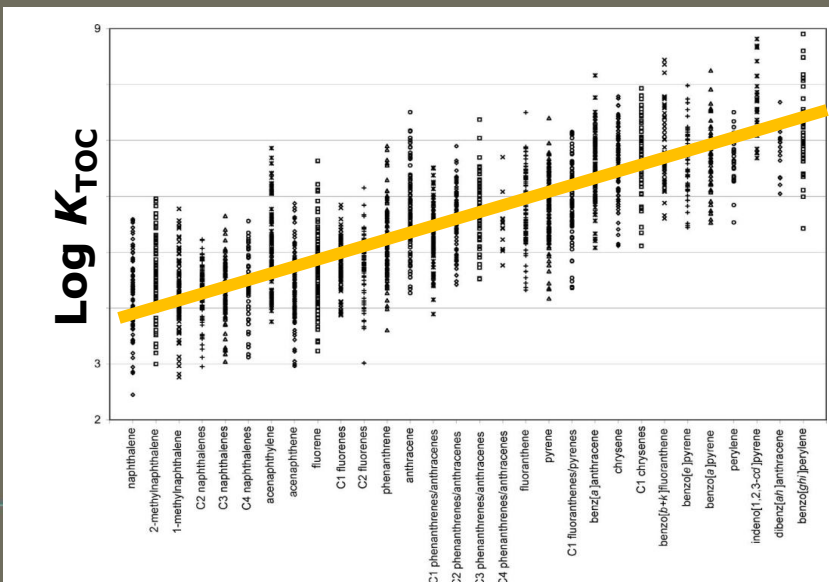


How to make sorption simple again?



Strategy 1: "The Holy Grail"

- find the critical parameter(s) that condense the data to the uncertainty of particle physics



Strategy 2: "Live with it"

Live with the variability of TOC. Find a good proxy, better than K_{ow} , to represent the median of field values.

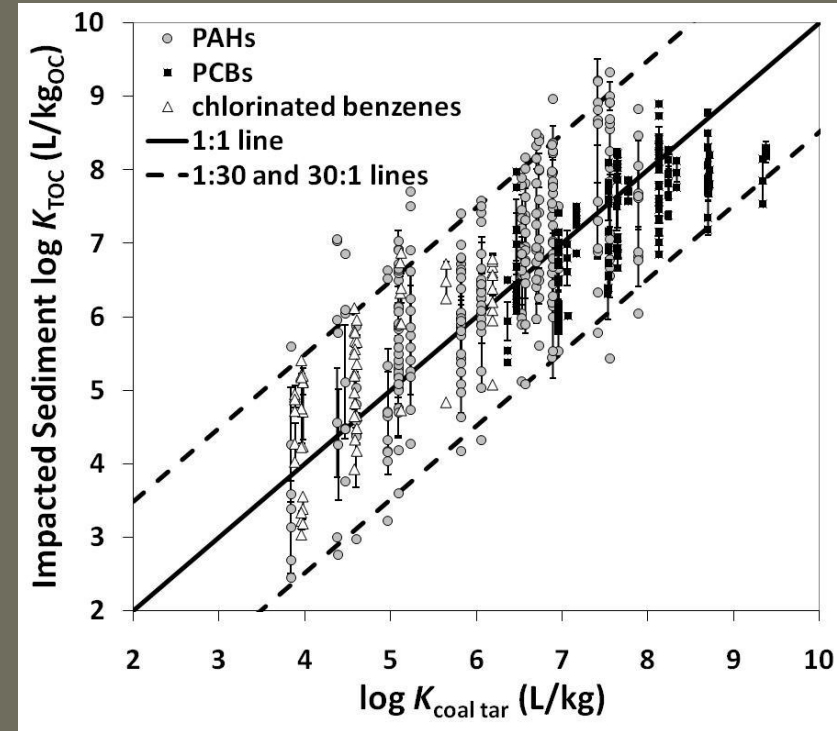


What makes a good TOC sorption proxy

What proxy gives $K_{\text{TOC-proxy}}(\text{lab}) = K_{\text{TOC-field}}?$

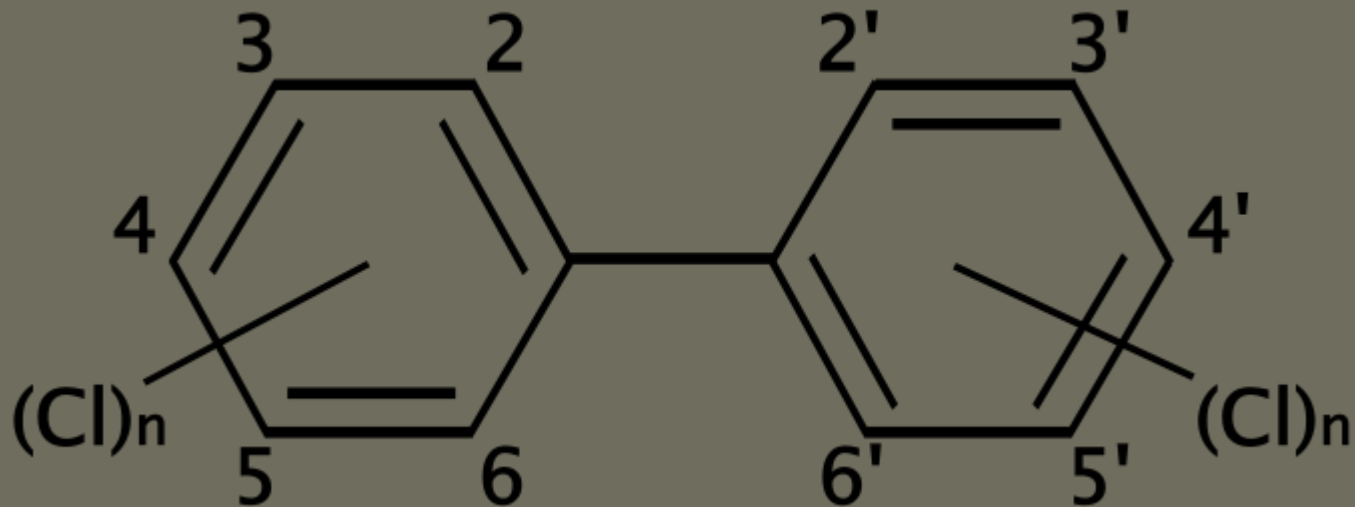
Proxy =

- coal tar
- peat (low concentration)
- peat (high concentration)
- sedimentary NOM
- leonardite humic acid
- hexadecane
- diesel
- n-octanol
- granular activated carbon (low concentration)
- granular activated carbon (high concentration)



Hypothesis: Coal tar is the new octanol

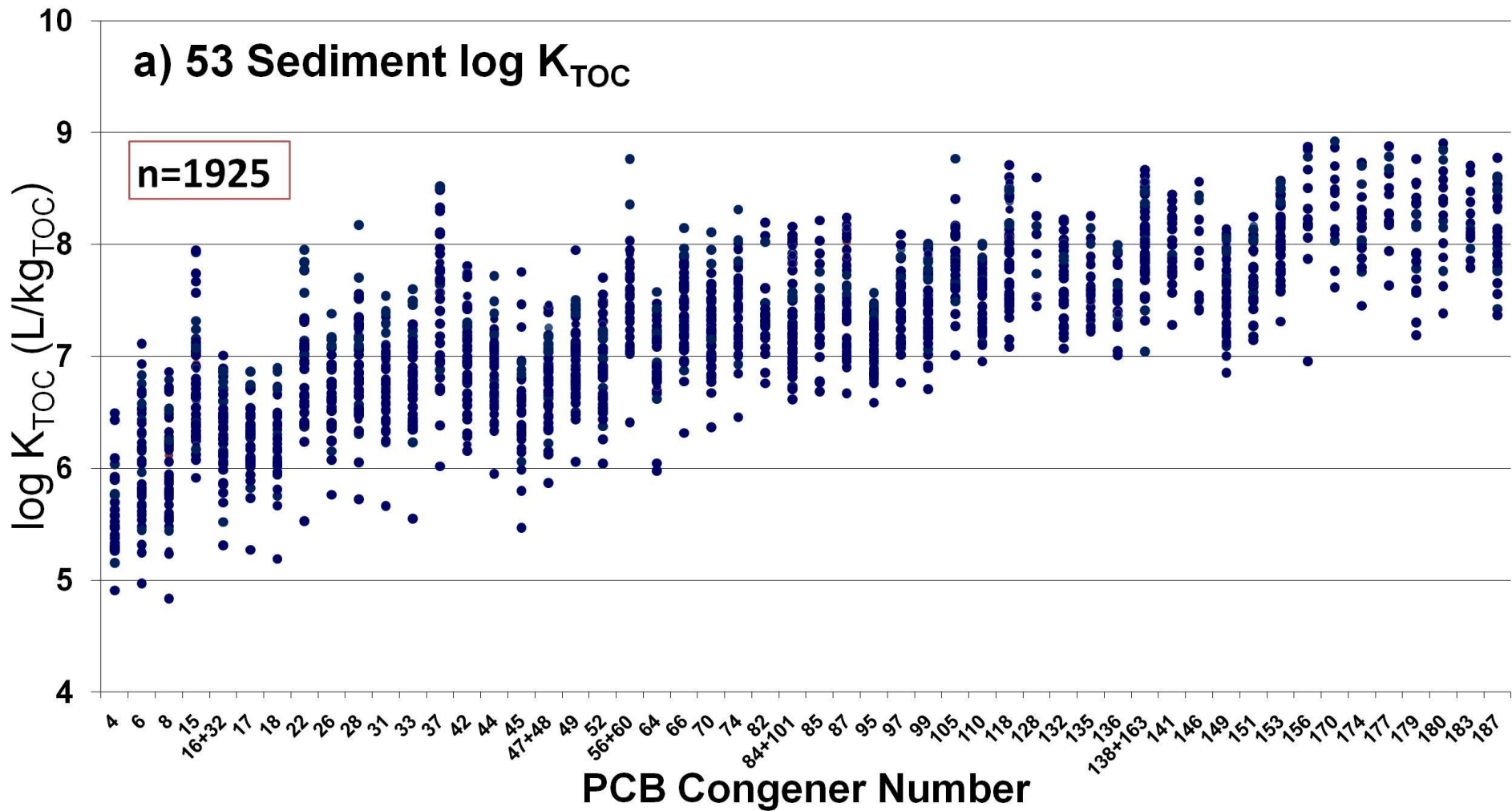
Test: Real World K_{TOC} data for PCBs



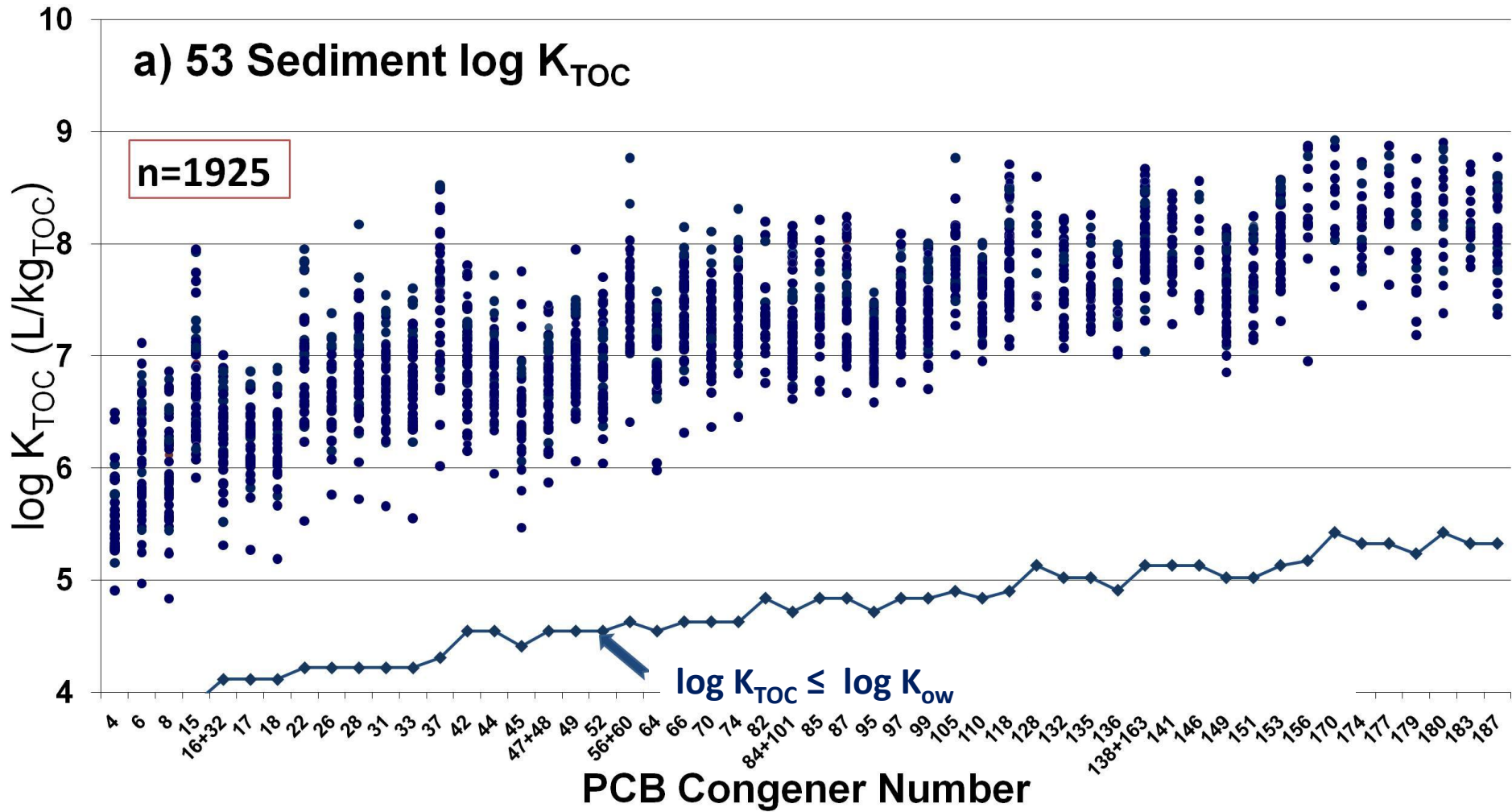
53 contaminated sediment samples from 10 urban and rural water ways in the United States and Canada

Hawthorne, Arp et al. *ES&T* 2011

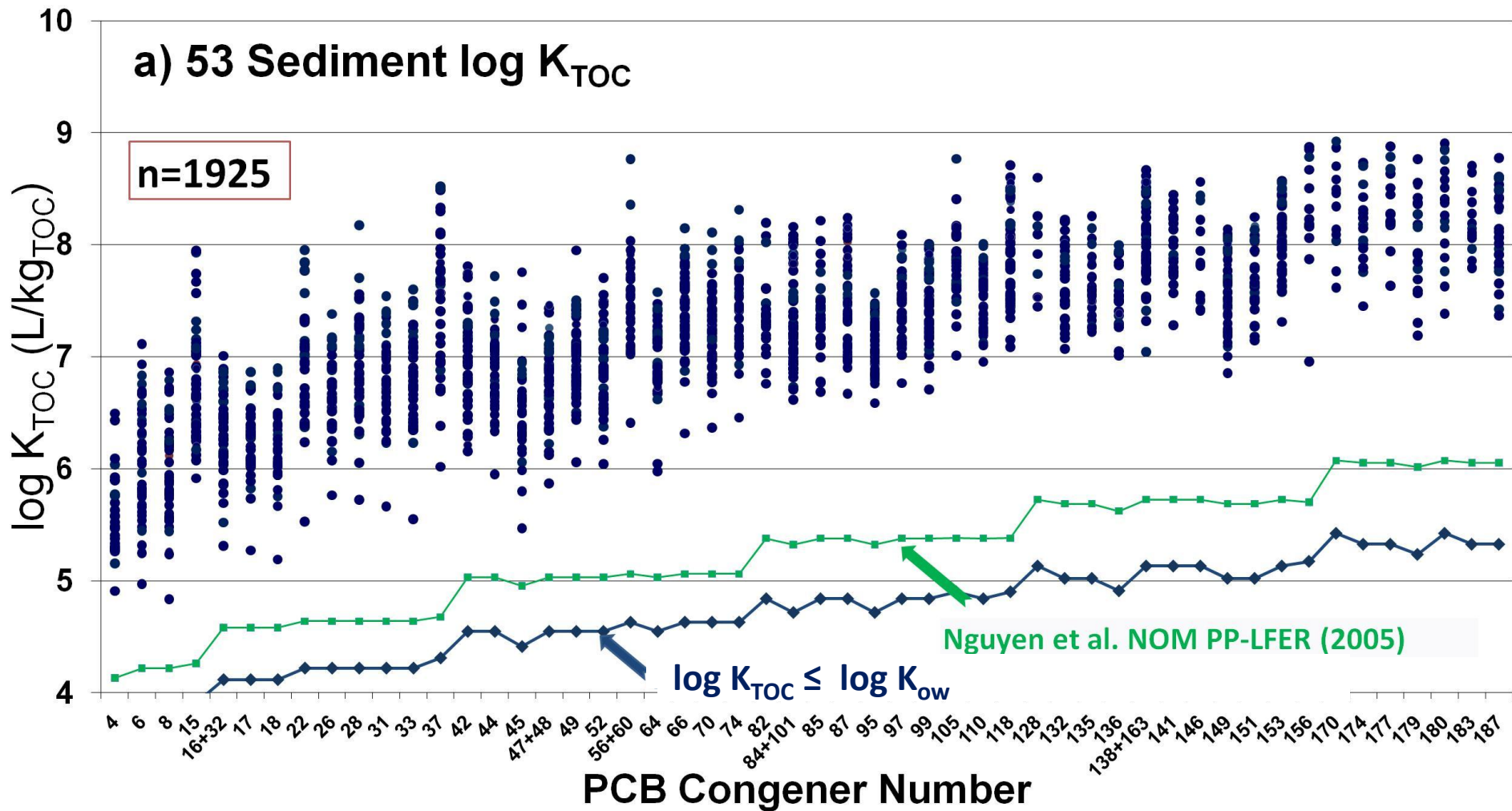
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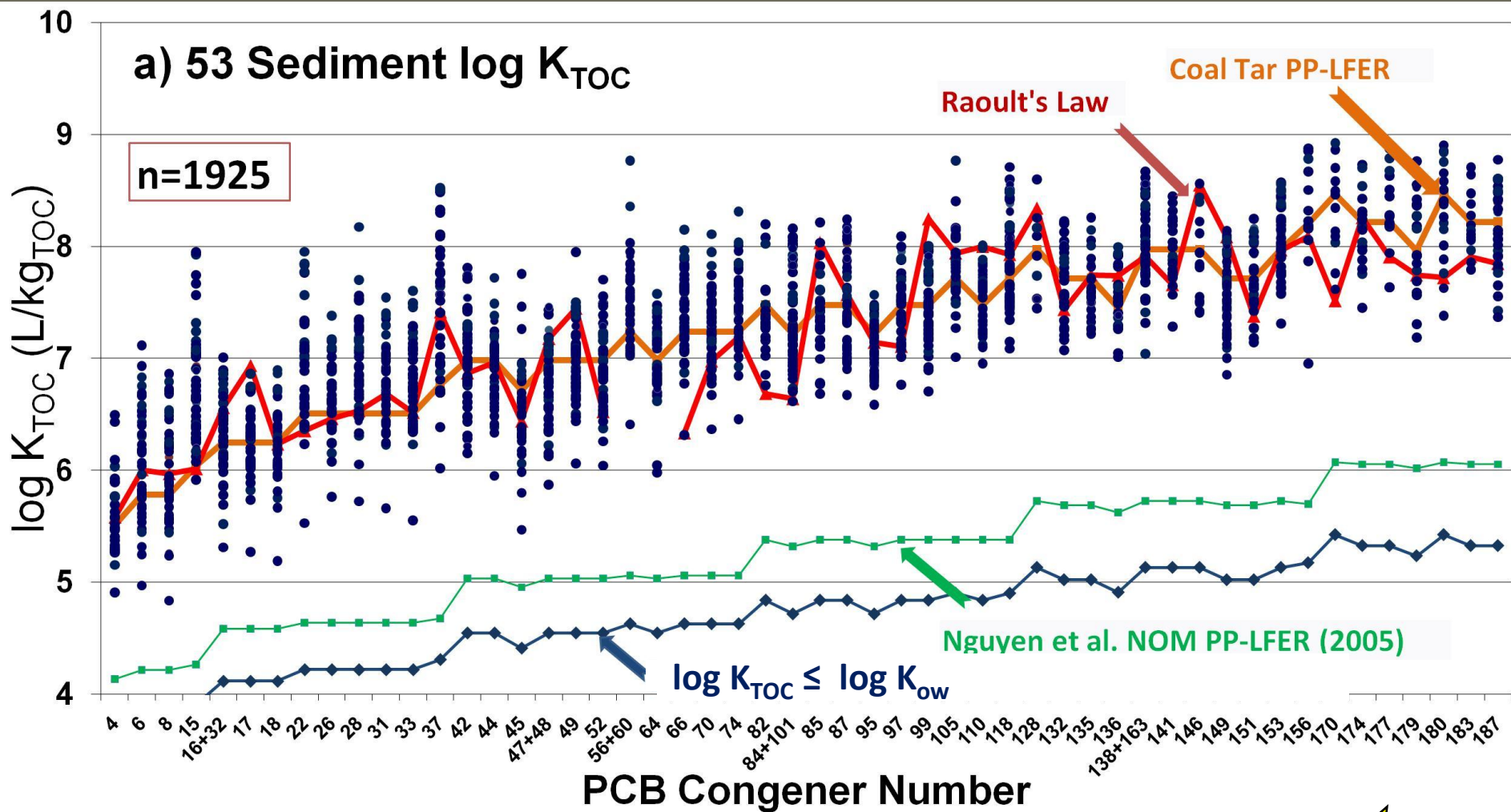


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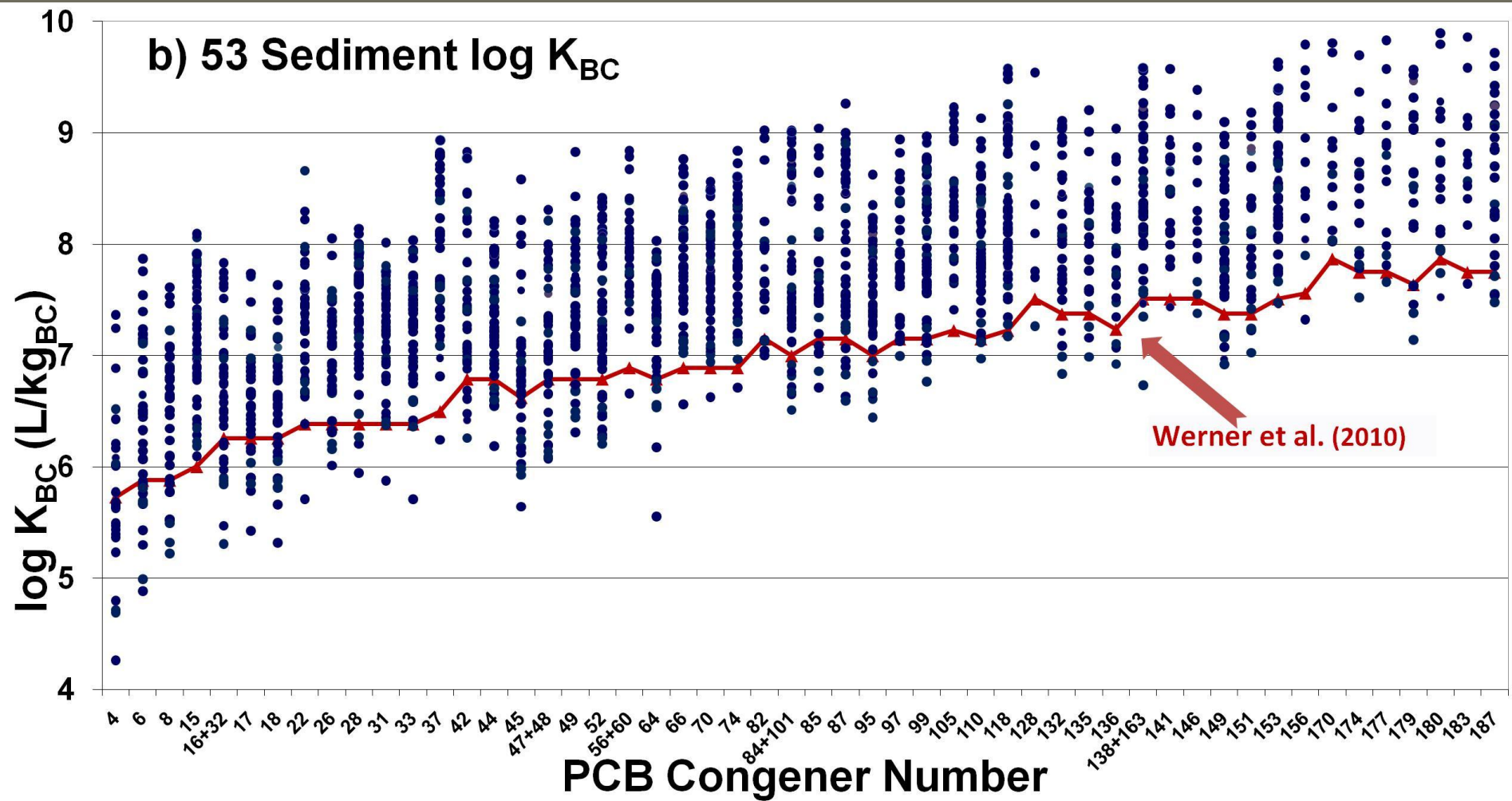


The Raoult's Law Coal Tar model:

$$\log K_{\text{TOC, coal tar}} = -\log(0.22 S_L)$$

simple

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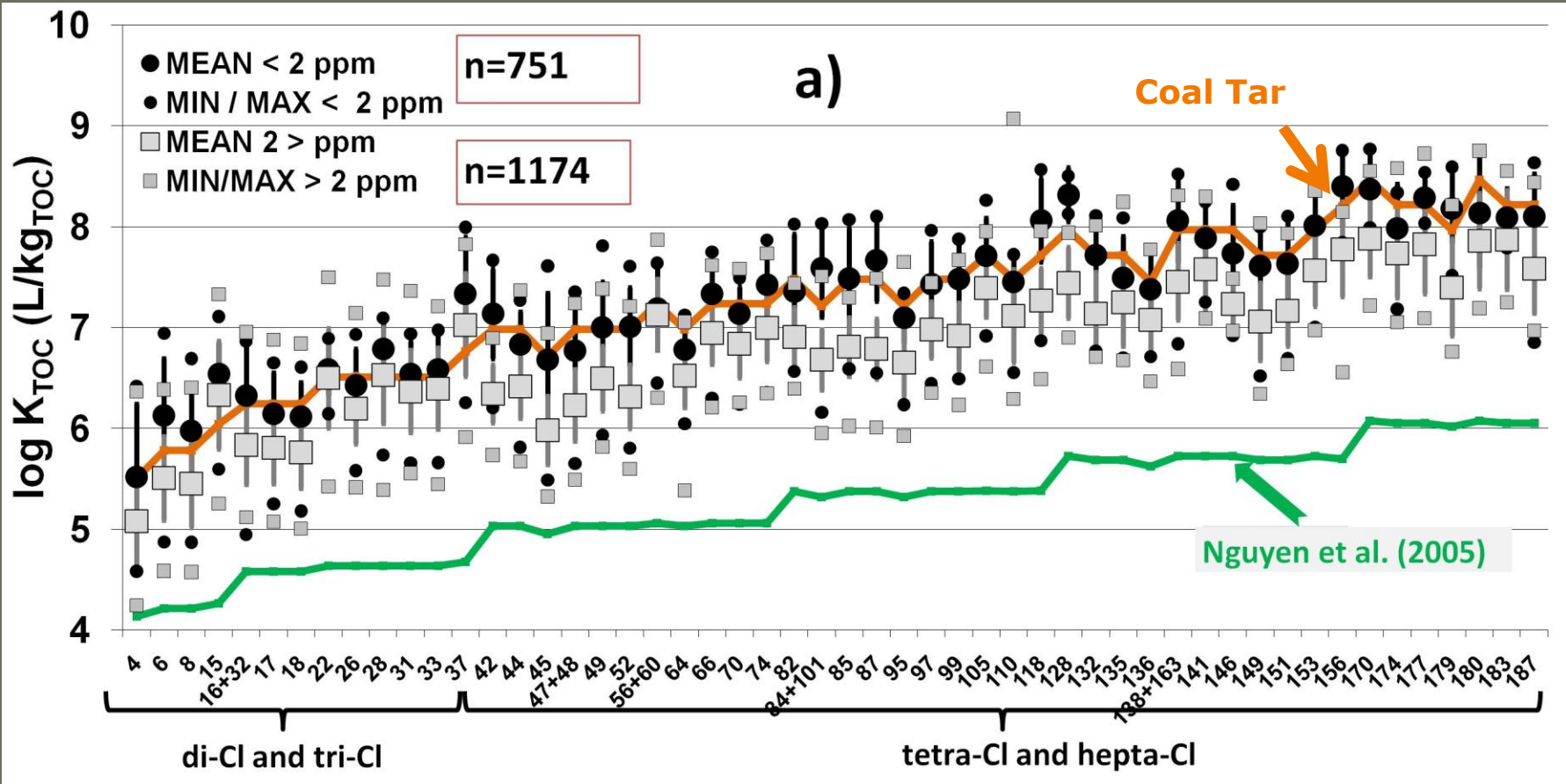


$$K_D = K_{AOC}f_{AOC} + K_{BC}f_{BC}$$

BC as defined by the CTO-375

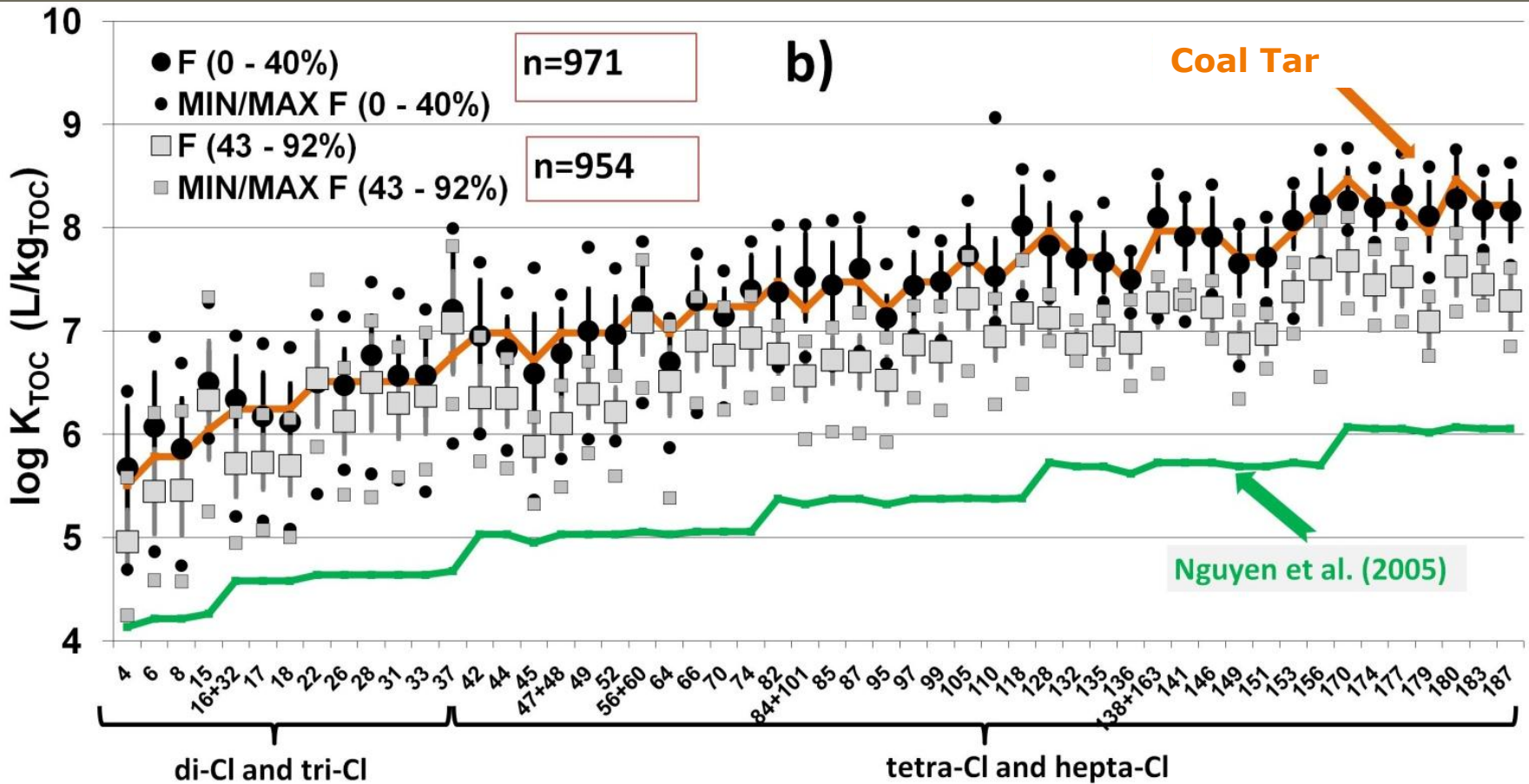
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ROLE OF CONCENTRATION?



- Low concentration follows coal-tar closely
- High concentration samples sorb less, but not significantly

ROLE OF WEATHERING?

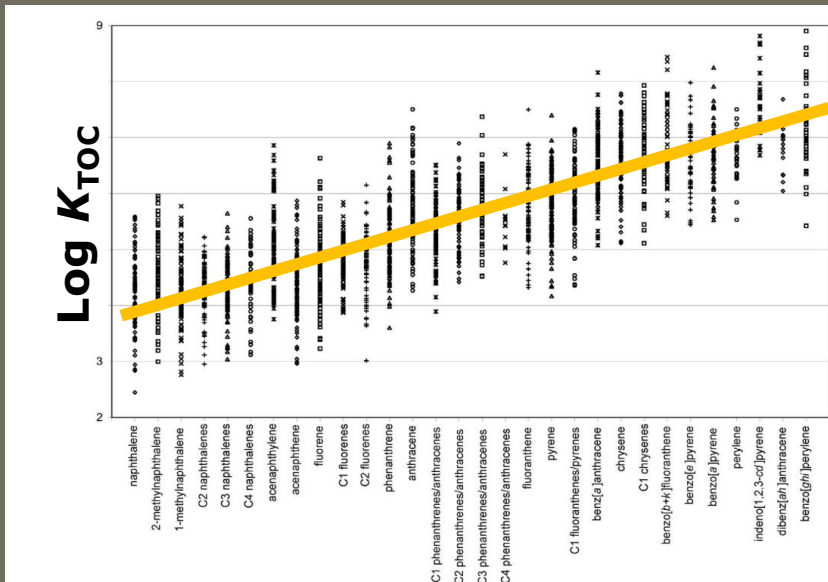


NON-CALIBRATED OR FITTED MODEL!
Accuracy factor 3 – 72%, factor 10 – 97%

-Weathered sediments follow coal-tar sorption closely

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Sorbent Variability - made simple



Strategy 2: "Live with it"

- Estimate the median of field K_{TOC}
- Understand the macro (not micro) trends (e.g. concentration, weathering)

But is live with it strategy good enough to estimate toxicity?

Find out after the break....



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Is simple good enough regarding toxicity?

Toxicity of PAHs in Pyrogenic Residues



Manufactured Gas Plant



Toxic Sediment Layer

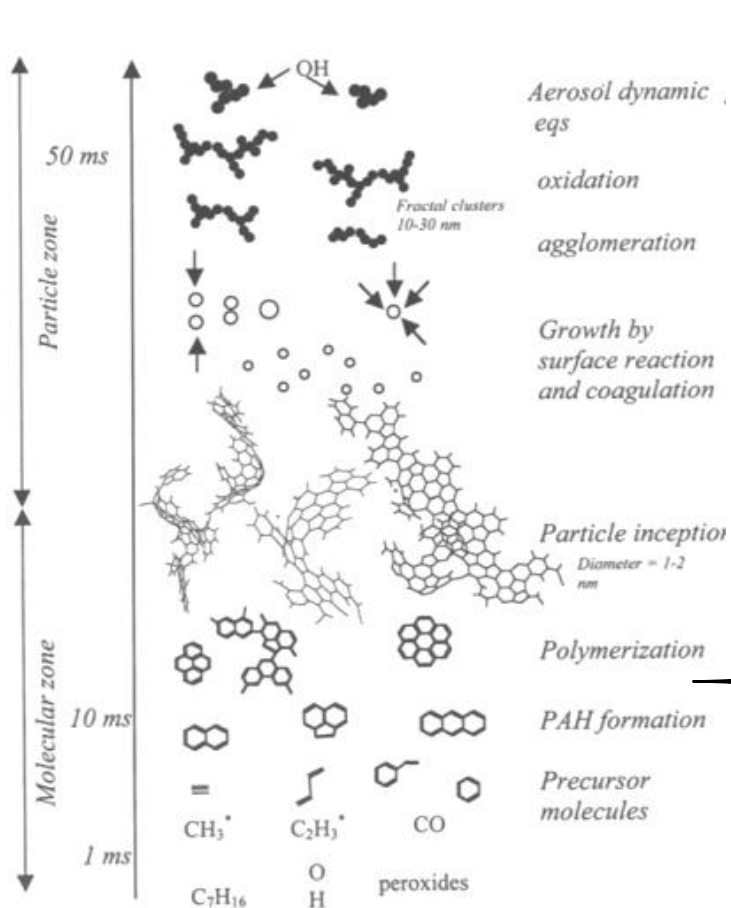
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Formed by incomplete combustion processes

Tars

**Black Carbon
(i.e. soot)**

**PAH,
alkyl-PAH**



New list:

EPA - 34

**18 parent PAHs
16 clusters of alkyl PAHs**

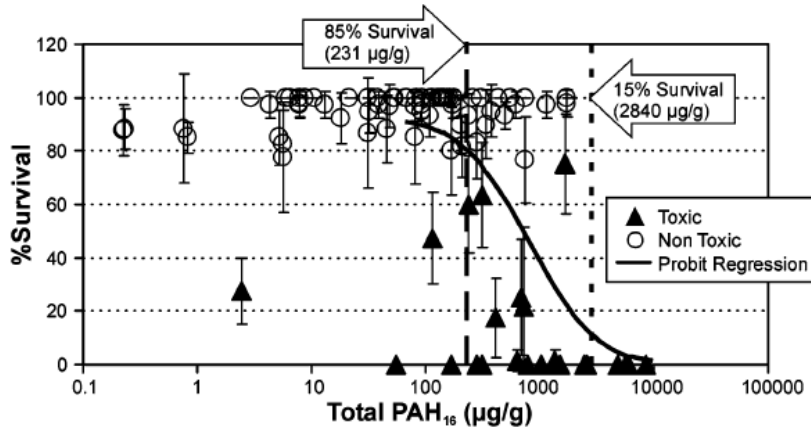
**(several hundred
compounds)**



**EPA-16 (parents)
subset of > 10,000
parent and alkyl PAHs**

Toxicity: EPA-16 sediments vs EPA-34 porewater

The "**commonly**" measured EPA-16 in sediments

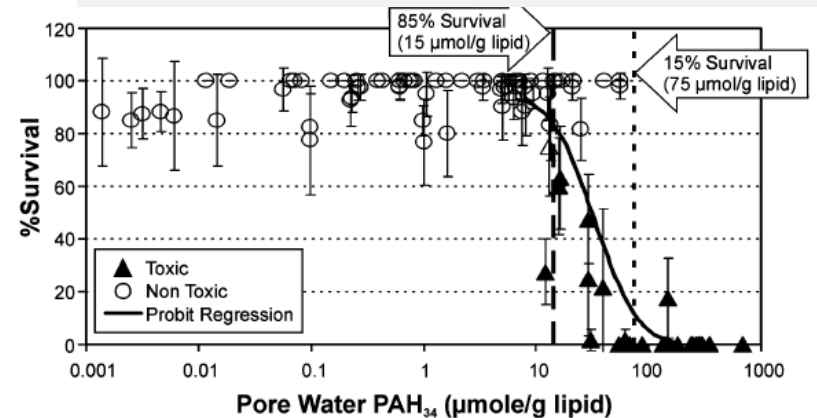


How to get there from here without measuring?

- 1) Test lab-based K_D models
- 2) Extrapolate EPA-16 to EPA-34



The "**very rarely**" measured EPA-34 in porewater



Toxicity to *Hyalella azteca*



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Hawthorne et al. *ES&T* 2007

Summary of Sediment Data

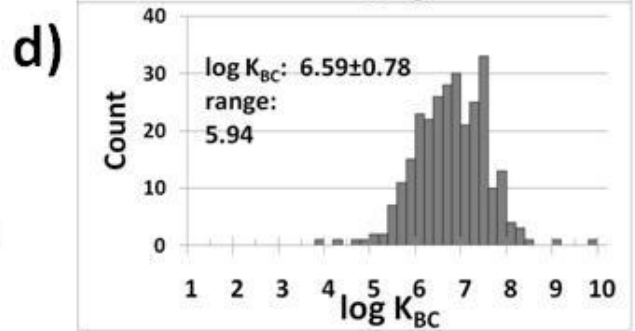
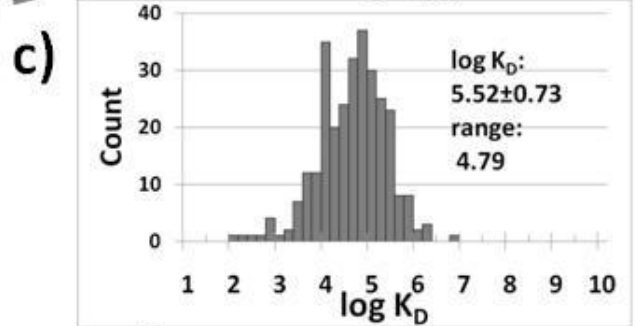
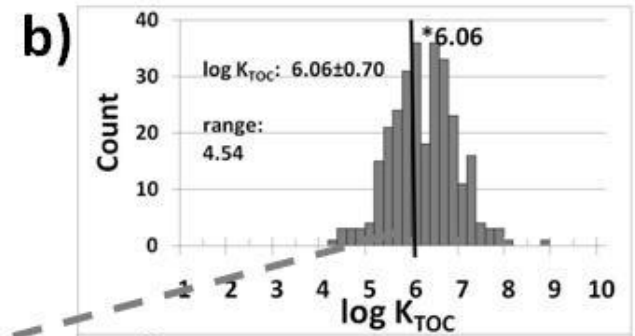
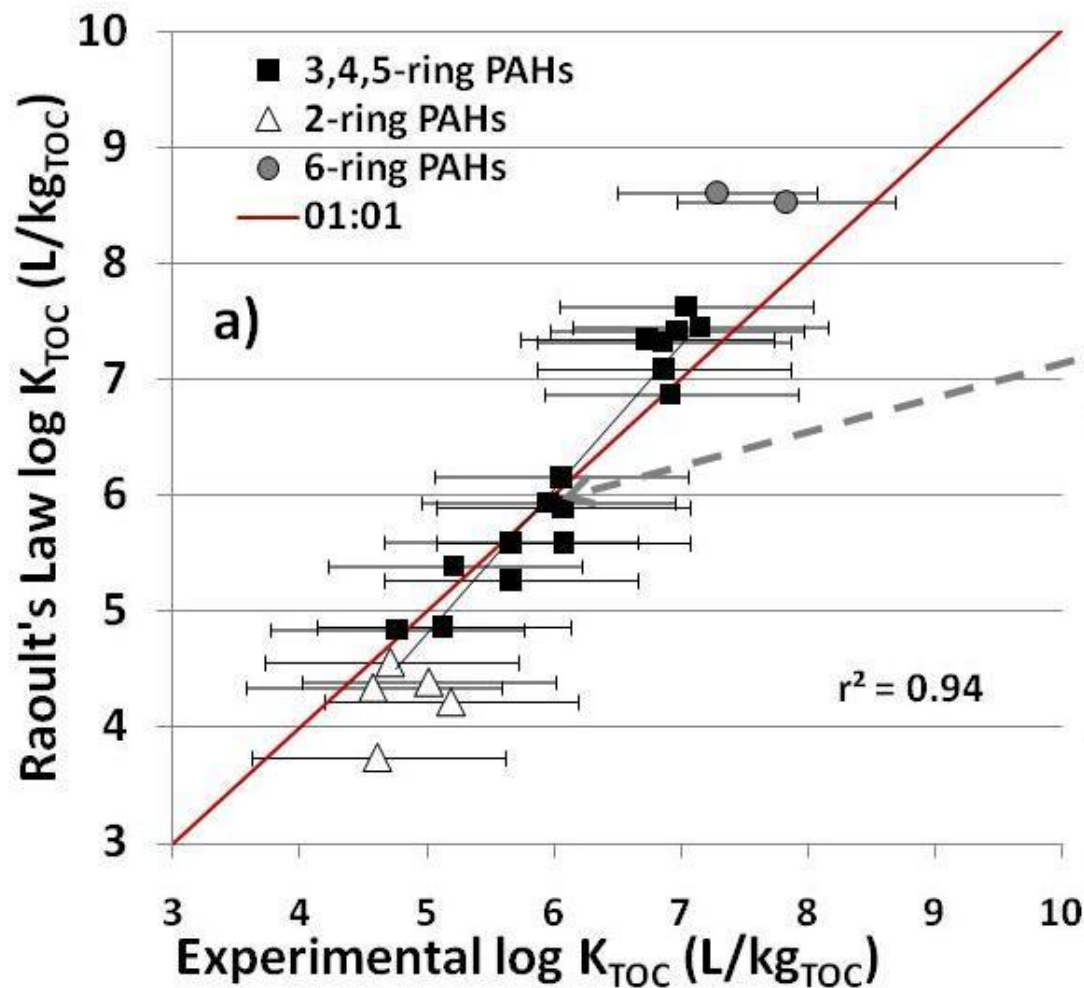
Combustion residue source	No. Of Sites	No. of unique location	Conc. Range Σ EPA-34 (mg / kg)
Manufactured Gas Plant	14	256	0.3 – 30,784
Aluminum Smelters	3	59	0.2 – 3,588
Urban Harbour	2	20	39 – 2,000



For all 355 sediments have C_{sed} and C_{pw} fore EPA-34

For 211 sediments have mortality data to *H. azteca*

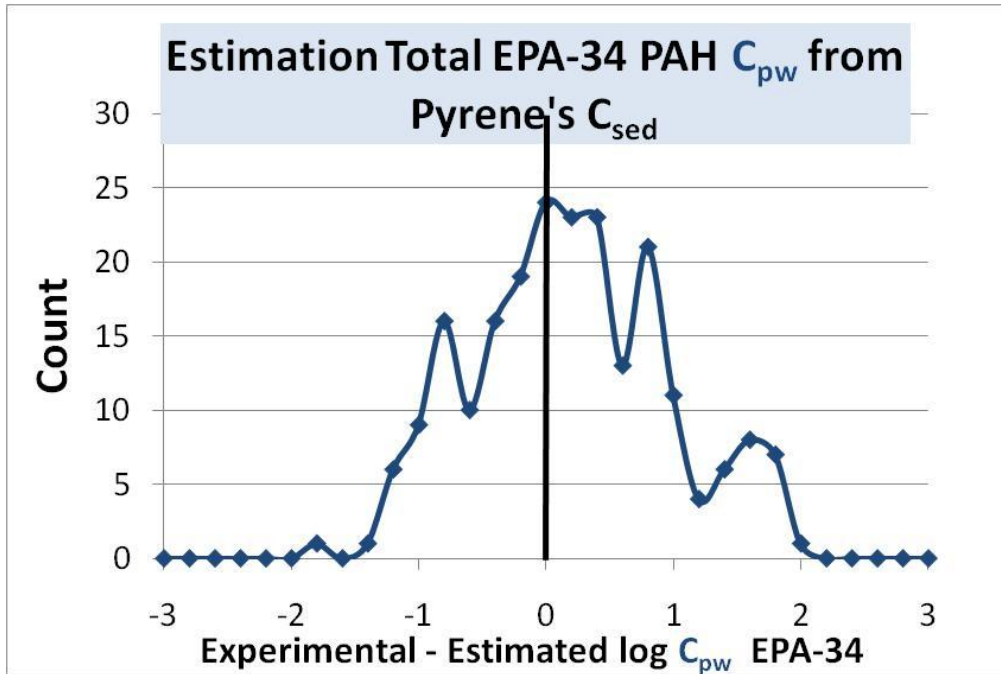
Arp et al. *ES&T* 2011



$\log K_{TOC, \text{ coal tar}} = -\log(0.22 S_L)$

Predicting C_{pw} EPA-34 from C_{sed} Pyrene

$$\log C_{pw} (\text{EPA-34}) = m (\log C_{sed} / \log K_{TOC} (\text{Pyrene})) + b$$



$$+ n \times \frac{C_{sed} (4+5+6 \text{ ring})}{C_{sed} (2+3 \text{ ring})}$$



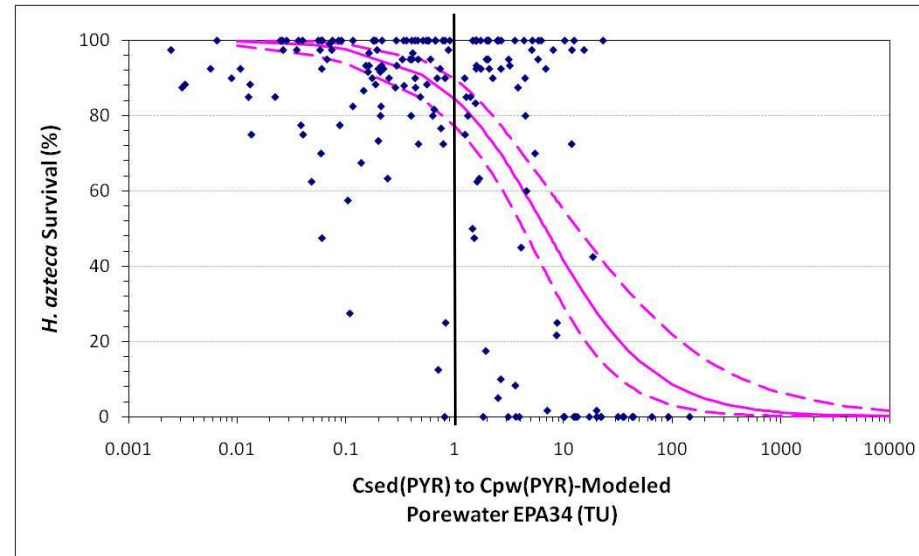
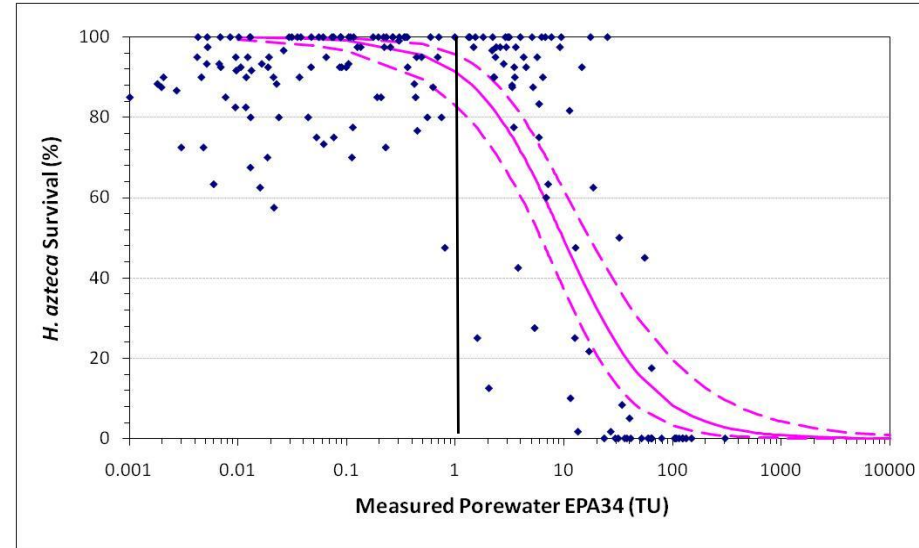
Weathering Factor

Total Data Points	219
Deviation factor 30	89%
Deviation factor 100	100%

Total Data Points	219
Deviation factor 30	95%
Deviation factor 100	100%

%Survival vs EPA-34 PW

EPA-34 PAHs	Sensitivity number of < 80% survival predicted as toxic	Overall Efficiency (correctly predicted toxic and non-toxic)	n
Measured C_{sed} 1TU = 22.8 mg/kg	94%	41%	211
Measured C_{pw} of 1 TU	91%	76%	209
Estimation 1 TU from C_{pw} pyrene	94%	77%	184
Estimation 1 TU from C_{sed} pyrene	89%	78%	210



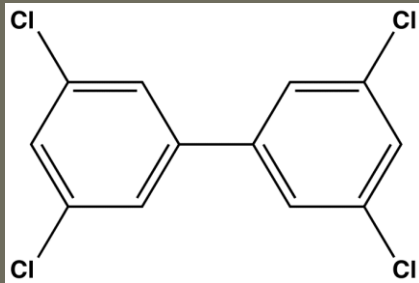
C_{sed} pyrene as good as C_{pw} of all 34 PAHs

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Sorbate Variability

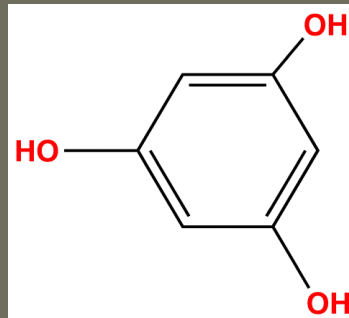
Sorbate Variability

Non-specific
(non-polar)
interactions



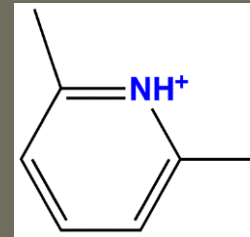
Apolar

+ specific
(polar)
interactions



Polar

+ pH dependant
ionic interactions



Ionizable

+ Complex
chemistry
dependant on
salts and O₂



Ionizable
and
Oxidizable

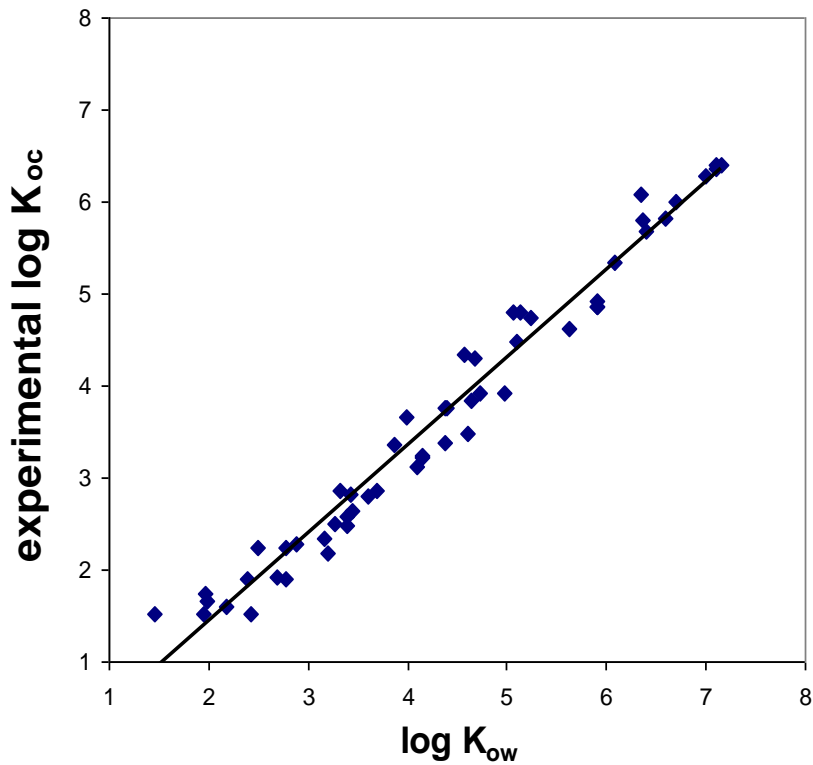
Simple

Complicated

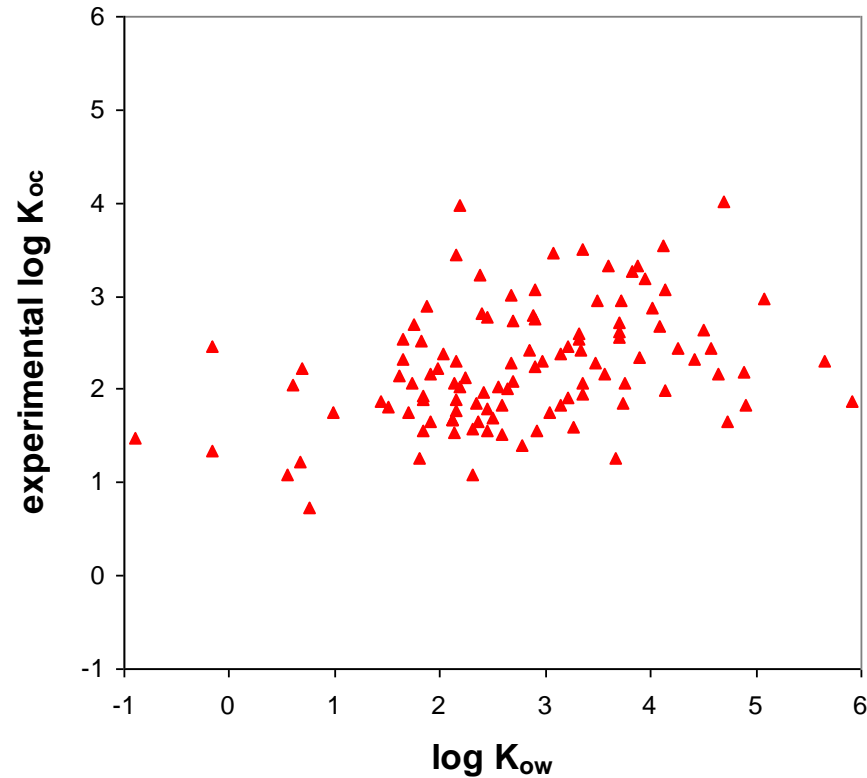
Problems with simple models # 2.

Traditional models **ONLY** worked with HOCs

hydrophobic organic
chemicals



polar chemicals
including 50 pesticides



Approach 1 – QSAR (EPIwin)

- QSAR = Qualitative structure activity relationship (e.g. EPIsuite™)

$$K_D = a_C nC + a_H nH + a_O nO + a_{OH} nOH_C + \dots$$

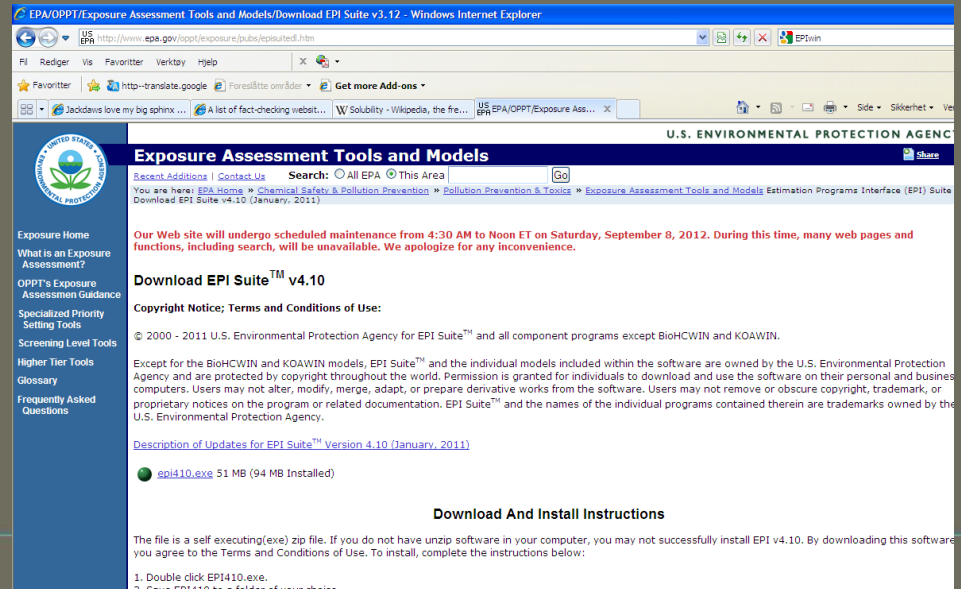
<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/episuitedi.htm>

Advantages

- Free
- simple to use
- designed specifically for environmental applications
- also has QSAR for toxicity.

Disadvantages

- No ions
- Varying accuracy (only as good as the data its calibrated with).



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the EPA website page for downloading EPI Suite v4.10. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/episuitedi.htm>. The page header includes the EPA logo and the text "U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY". The main content area features a navigation menu on the left, a search bar, and a central message: "Our Web site will undergo scheduled maintenance from 4:30 AM to Noon ET on Saturday, September 8, 2012. During this time, many web pages and functions, including search, will be unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience." Below this, there is a section titled "Download EPI Suite™ v4.10" with a "Copyright Notice; Terms and Conditions of Use:" link. A download button for "epi410.exe" (51 MB, 94 MB Installed) is visible. At the bottom, there are "Download And Install Instructions" which include a list of steps: 1. Double click EPI410.exe. 2. Save EPI410 to a folder of your choice.

Approach 2 – Expanded QSAR (SPARC Online calculator)

Expanded QSAR – expanded QSAR that accounts for many phase changes (e.g. melting and boiling) and sorption simultaneously. Advantage - Larger calibration data set, more robust.

www.ibm1c2.chem.uga.edu/sparc/

Advantages

- Free
- Can select any sorbing phase of sorbing phase and contaminant by molecular structure
- ions (pKa)
- generally more accurate than EPIwin

Disadvantages

- harder to use,
- accuracy changes with version.

The screenshot shows the SPARC On-Line Calculator web interface. The browser title is "Sparc On-Line Calculator - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: <http://sparc.chem.uga.edu/sparc/smiles/smiles.cfm?CFID=239310&CFTOKEN=21895311>. The page features a navigation menu on the left with buttons for Reference, Home, SMILES, Calculate, Search DB, Search CAS, Options, and Help. The main content area includes the SPARC logo (SPARC PERFORMS AUTOMATED REASONING IN CHEMISTRY v4.5) and a section titled "SET WORKING SMILES". Below this, there is a text input field for the SMILES string, a "Set SMILES" button, and a checkbox labeled "Use the Java Molecular Editor to generate the SMILES".

Approach 3 – PP-LFER

PP-LFER– polyparameter linear free energy relationships.

$$\log K_{TOC} = aA + bB + sS + lL + vV + c$$

Free energy of polar interactions

Free energy of non-polar interactions

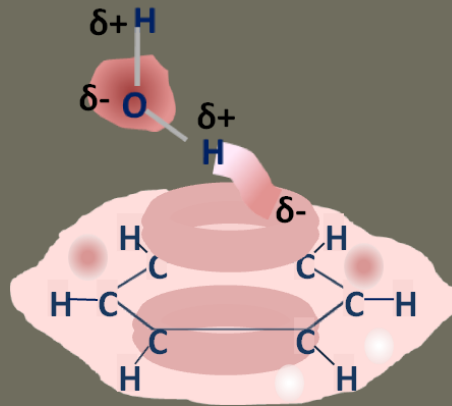
Advantages

- the most accurate
- easily done with excel.

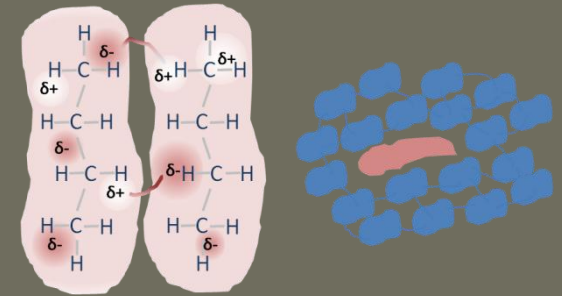
Disadvantages

- compound parameters Needed (A, B, S, L, V)

- sorberent (soil, sed) parameters (a, b, s, l, v, c) needed – but are available!



H-bonding



Van der Waals, cavity formation

Approach 4 – Quantum Chemistry / Solvation Thermodynamics

COSMOtherm – 1) Use Quantum Chemical calculations to find optimum structure of contaminant and soil; 2) Use solvation thermodynamics to find the log K.

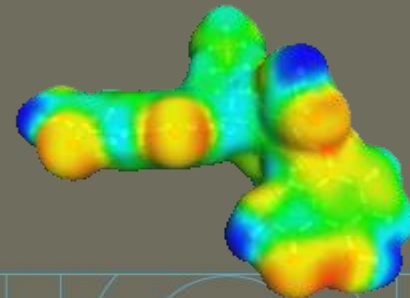
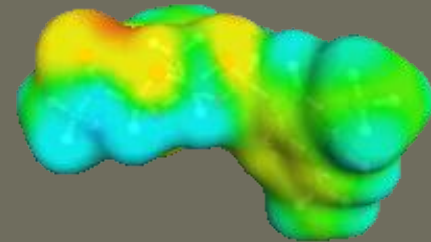
<http://www.cosmologic.de/index.php>

Advantages

Very accurate, needs no calibration. Ions OK
Easily done with excel.

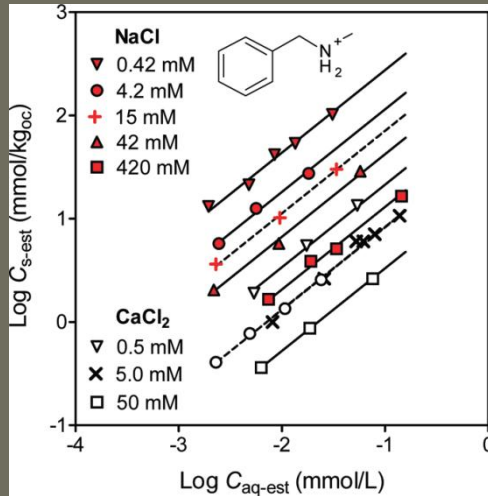
Disadvantages

Extremely complex,
Requires licenses and linux server access.

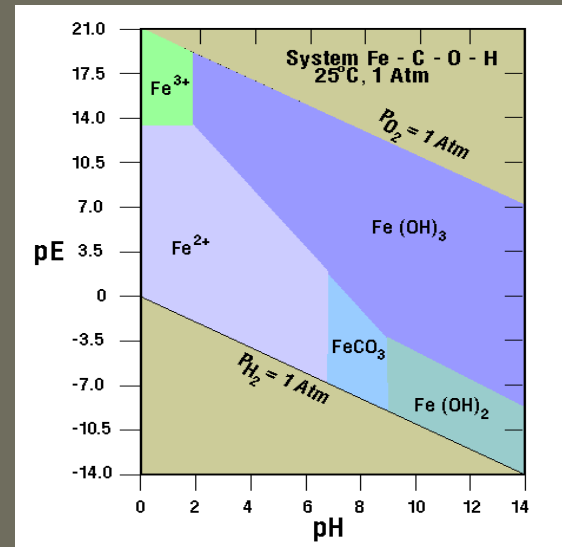


K_D ionic organic compounds and metals

Organic Ions



Metals



http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~doetqp-p/courses/env440/env440_2/lectures/lec14/lec14.html

K_D depends on:

- pH
- concentration effect
- Dissolved salts
- DOM / micelle concentration

K_D depends on:

- Same as organic ions
- pE (Ev) i.e. redox

Not simple

Note for ionic compounds! K_D vs D

K –contaminant has same molecular structure in both phases

$$K_D = \frac{C_{\text{sed}}(\text{neutral})}{C_{\text{water}}(\text{neutral})}$$

$$K_D = \frac{C_{\text{sed}}(\text{PFOS})}{C_{\text{water}}(\text{PFOS})}$$

D – contaminant has multiple molecular structures in one or both phases

$$D = \frac{C_{\text{sed}}(\text{neutral} + \text{ionic})}{C_{\text{water}}(\text{neutral} + \text{ionic})}$$

$$D = \frac{C_{\text{TOC}}(\text{PFOS} + \text{PFOS}^-)}{C_{\text{water}}(\text{PFOS} + \text{PFOS}^-)}$$

$$D = \frac{C_{\text{TOC}}(\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2)}{C_{\text{water}}(\text{Pb}^{2+} + \text{Pb}(\text{OH})^-)}$$

Linking sorbent and sorbate variability

Impacted sediments, non-polar compounds

- PP-LFER for coal tar
($\log K_{TOC} = -1.2A - 4.5B - 0.35S + 0.5E + 3.9V + 0.16$)
- SPARC / COSMOtherm– find S_L ($\log K_{TOC} = -\log(0.22S_L)$)

Other sites, polar, ionic and metal compounds

- Site specific K_D value
- Average K_D from similar sites / literature (e.g. Sauve ES&T 2000 for metals)
- If none of the above, try combination of EPIwin, SPARC, PP-LFER for coal tar, soils, etc.

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Equilibrium Passive Sampling



$$C_{\text{water}} = C_{\text{PS}} / K_{\text{PS}}$$

K_{PS} values in literature

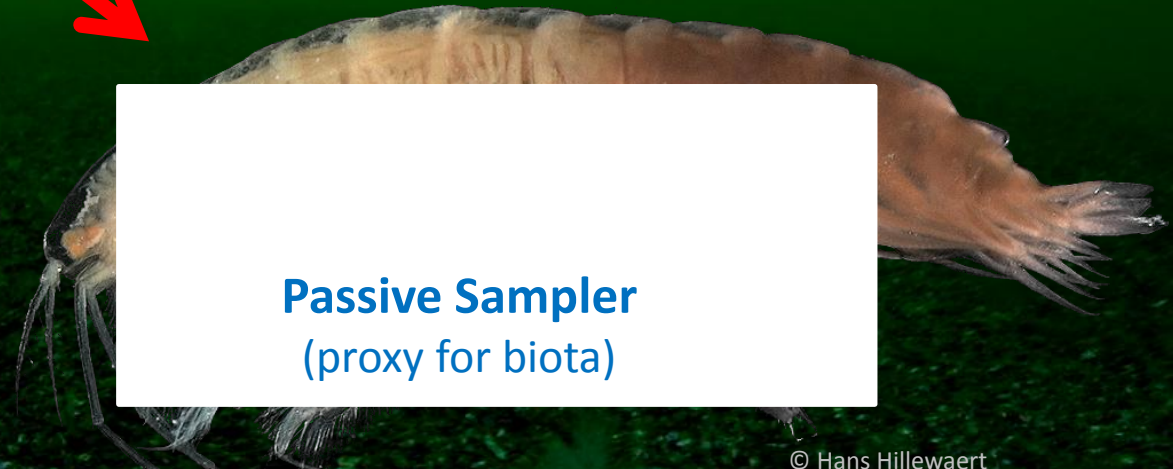
Freely-dissolved



PARTITIONING



Particle-sorbed



Passive Sampler
(proxy for biota)

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Simple Extraction with POM passive sampler for PAH and PCB



Measuring Picogram per Liter Concentrations of Freely Dissolved Parent and Alkyl PAHs (PAH-34), Using Passive Sampling with Polyoxymethylene

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Anal. Chem. 2011;83(17):6754-61

$$C_{\text{water}} = C_{\text{PS}} / K_{\text{PS}}$$

K_{PS} values in literature

Simple method!

2 g soil + 0.2 g POM
+ 20 ml H₂O

shake for 1 month, extract
POM

$C_{\text{pw}} = K_{\text{pom}} * C_{\text{pom}}$

Passive Samplers for polar compounds


Equilibrium Partition Coefficients of Diverse Polar and Nonpolar Organic Compounds to Polyoxymethylene (POM) Passive Sampling Devices

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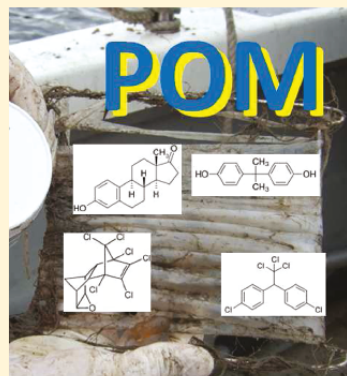
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 Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Equilibrium passive samplers (EPS) based on polyoxymethylene (POM) are increasingly used for determining freely dissolved water and pore water concentrations of hydrophobic organic compounds in the environment. Unlike other polymeric materials commonly used as EPS, namely poly(dimethylsiloxane) (PDMS) and low-density polyethylene (PE), POM is a polar polymer, containing repeating H-bond accepting ether units. Thus, POM is expected to be a more sensitive EPS than PDMS and PE for polar, H-bond donating compounds, such as many hormones, pharmaceuticals, and biocides. To better characterize the sorption capacity of POM for diverse polar and apolar compounds, equilibrium POM–water partition coefficients, $K_{\text{POM}/\text{w}}$, were measured for 56 compounds, including several classes of polar compounds and organochlorine pesticides. Using this data set and literature data, various POM-partitioning models were calibrated and validated for their ability to predict $K_{\text{POM}/\text{w}}$. The best performing models tested were an Abraham descriptor based polyparameter linear free energy relationship (PP-LFER) (SD = 0.24 log units) and COSMOthermX (SD = 0.37 log units). The performance of SPARC (SD = 0.61 log units) and log–log correlations with K_{ow} (SD = 0.49 log units) were lower. A comparison with PDMS and PE confirmed expectations that POM exhibits a higher sensitivity for H-bond donating polar compounds than PDMS and PE do for these compounds. These findings expand the domain of chemicals for which POM can be used as an EPS sampler, and demonstrate that POM is as suitable a passive sampler for many polar organic compounds as it is for hydrophobic organic compounds.



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Conclusions

Sorption made simple

- **Option 1** – for HOCs and sediment, use the coal tar estimation method (or cite specific values)
- **Option 2** – Other contaminants or sites, use cite specific K_D values. Measure them with passive samplers!
- **Option 3** – Use average of literature values, but favour field measurements over lab measurements.
- **Option 4** – Best available model (SPARC, PP-LFER, etc.)

To end on a simple note:

**Thank
You!**

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Appendix

More information on equations presented

Single-Parameter Linear Free Energy Relationship (SP-LFER) with K_{ow}

Schwarzenbach et al. Environmental Organic Chemistry 2'nd ed. (2003)

$$\log K_{TOC} = 0.73 \log K_{ow} + 0.15$$

- K_{ow} = octanol-water partitioning coefficient
- K_{TOC} measured by spike tests (32 data for diverse PCBs from the literature)
- always predicts sorption to TOC is < sorption to octanol

Poly-Parameter Linear Free Energy Relationship (PP-LFER) for Natural Organic Matter

Nguyen et al. ES&T 2005

$$\log K_{\text{TOC}} = 0.15 A - 1.98 B - 0.72 S + 1.10 E + 2.28 V + 0.14$$

- calibrated with 75 apolar and polar compounds from many literature sources
- K_{TOC} measured mostly by spike tests
- A, B, S refer to polar (specific) interaction properties of the molecule
- E, V refer to apolar (non specific) interaction properties of the molecule

Two Carbon Model

Werner et al. ES&T 2010

$$K_D = f_{AOC} K_{AOC} + f_{BC} K_{BC} C_{pw}^{nF-1}$$

f_{BC} = fraction of thermoresistent "black carbon" (at 375 C)

K_{BC} = Freundlich partition coefficient to BC

nF = Freundlich parameter (= 1)

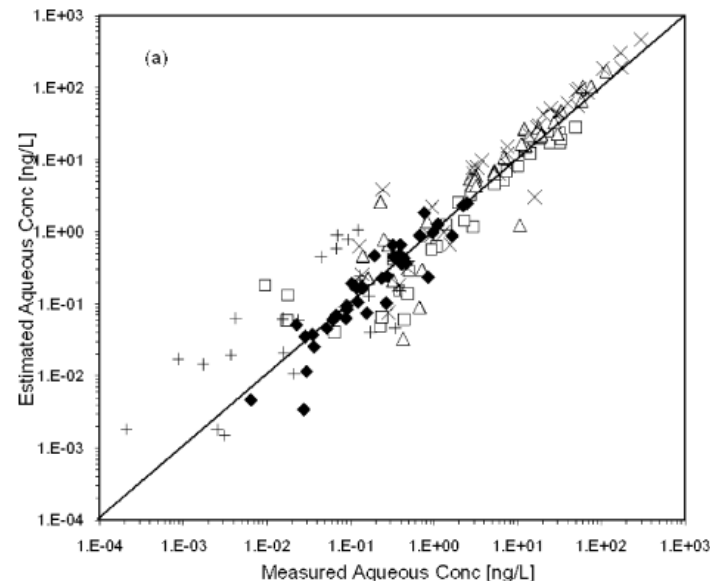
f_{AOC} = "amorphous" organic carbon (TOC – BC)

K_{AOC} = K_{oc} from the Schwarzenbach 2003 PP-LFER

- Calibrated with 7 historically contaminated

To get:

$$\text{Log } K_{BC} = 0.74 \text{ log } K_{ow} + 0.15$$



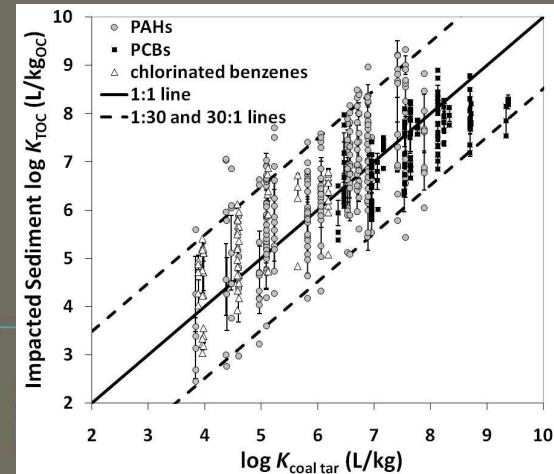
PP-LFER - Coal Tar as TOC Proxy

Arp et al. ES&T 2009

$$\log K_{\text{TOC}} = -1.2A - 4.5B - 0.35S + 0.50E + 3.9V + 0.16$$

- **Validated** (not calibrated!) with historically contaminated sediments for 19 references covering PAHs, PCBs, chlorinated benzenes, dioxins

- Best performing model (accuracy within factor 30)



Raoult's Law type model

Arp et al. ES&T 2009

$$K_{\text{TOC}} = (C_L^{\text{sat}} \text{MW}_{\text{coaltar}})^{-1}$$

- C_L^{sat} = subcooled solubility
- $\text{MW}_{\text{coaltar}} = 0.223 \text{ kg/mol}$
- **-Validated (not calibrated!) with historically contaminated sediments** for 19 references covering PAHs, PCBs, chlorinated benzenes, dioxins
- Second best performing model (accuracy within factor 30)

