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# Sorption of PPCPs

Organic compounds in water and wastewater

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## Outline

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- ◆ Studies; sorption of PPCPs

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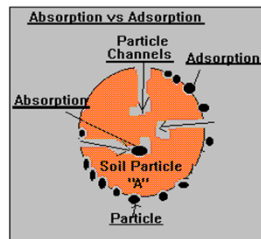
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## Sorption?

Sorption is a physical and chemical process by which one substance becomes attached to another

### Adsorption

Accumulation of the molecular species at the surface rather than in the bulk of the solid or liquid

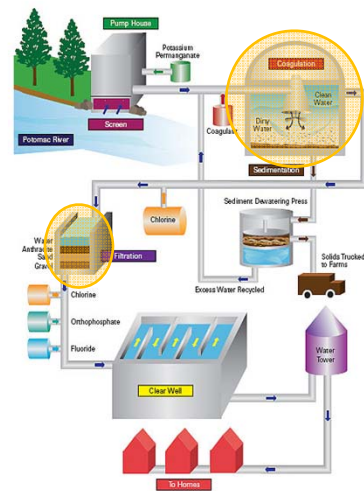
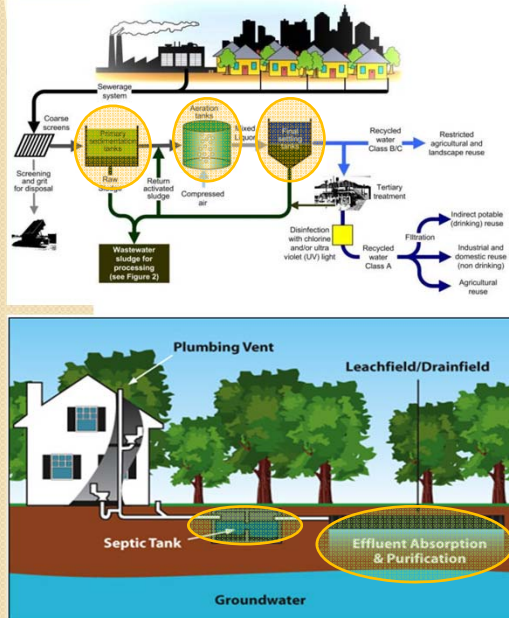


### Absorption

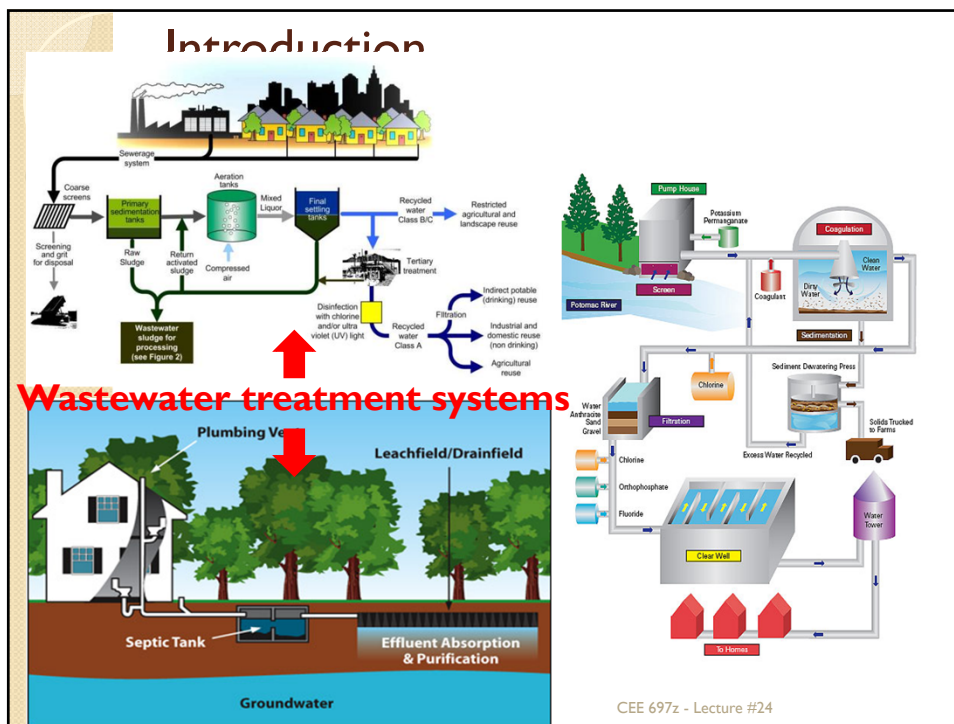
Assimilation of molecular species throughout the bulk of the solid or liquid

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# Introduction




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## Factors affecting Sorption

- 1) Sorbent properties 
- 2) Sorbate properties 

CN1C=NC2=C1C(=O)N(C)C2=O  
**Caffeine**

CC(C)NCC(O)COc1ccc2ccccc12  
**Propranolol**
- 3) Solution properties 

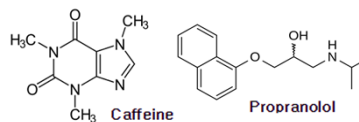
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## Sorbents

### 1. Types of sorbent

#### 1) Biosolids (Sludge)

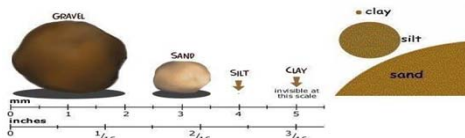
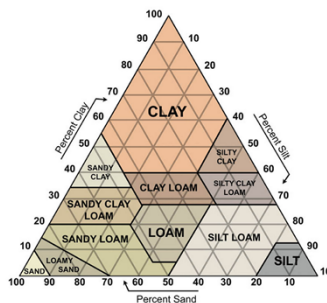
- Primary sludge
- Secondary sludge

#### 2) Soils

- Sand
- Silt
- Clay

#### 3) Coagulants

- Al, Fe, or Mn complex



### 2. Surface area of sorbents

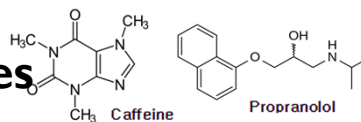
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## Sorbate properties

### Molecular Weight (MW)

- in general, as increase MW, solubility decreases, adsorption increases
- as increase MW, diffusivity decreases, so rate of transport decreases
- at very high MW, may exclude some compounds from small pores

### Polarity

- in general, if more polar, more hydrophilic, less absorption (stronger interaction with polar H<sub>2</sub>O)
- as more non-polar, more hydrophobic, more absorption (i.e. increase in aliphatic carbon chain length for carboxylic acids results in increased absorption)
- number and type of substituent atoms or groups on organic carbon structure affects extent of absorption

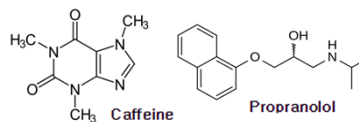
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## Solution properties (cont.)

pH

- affects ionization of sorbate and surface of sorbent
- in general, as pH decreases, sorption increases
- uncharged sorbates adsorb more than charged (ionized) sorbates

Ionic Strength

- in general, more sorption as ionic strength increases
- better adsorption of DOC as increase  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Na}^{+}$

Temperature

- extent of sorption increases as temperature decreases
- rate of sorption decreases as temperature decreases

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## Solution properties

### Competing sorbates

- sorbate with stronger affinity (binding) for surface can displace sorbate with weaker affinity
- most real waters involve mixtures of sorbates
- changes in mixture can affect sorption
- for a heterogeneous sorbate measured by a composite parameter such as TOC (or COD), extent of sorption can depend on initial concentration used in batch experiment

### Presence/absence of dissolved oxygen

- sorption capacity increased in presence of  $O_2(aq)$

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## Possible interactions

Table 1. Characteristic interactions associated with categories of adsorption

Category and Characteristic Interaction	Representation of Interaction	Interaction Range
<b>CHEMICAL</b>		
Covalent		Short Range
Hydrogen Bond		Short Range
<b>ELECTROSTATIC</b>		
Ion-Ion		$1/r$
Ion-Dipole		$1/r^2$
<b>PHYSICAL</b>		
Dipole-Dipole (Coulombic)		$1/r^3$
(Keesom energy)		$1/r^6$
Dipole-Induced Dipole (Debye energy)		$1/r^6$
Instantaneous Dipole-Induced Dipole (London dispersion energy)		$1/r^6$

\*Adapted from Israelachvili, 1985.

W.J. Weber et al. Sorption phenomena in subsurface system (1991)

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## Sorption coefficient ( $K_d$ )

- The ratio of the concentrations of a compound in the sorbent phase and in the solution phase at equilibrium; Linear isotherm

$$K_d = C_{\text{sorbed}} / C_{\text{dissolved}}$$

$C_{\text{sorbed}}$  : concentration of solbate in sorbent ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )

$C_{\text{dissolved}}$  : concentration of solbate in solution ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ )

$$q = k_{\text{lin}} c$$

$q$  = Mass adsorbed / Mass of adsorbent

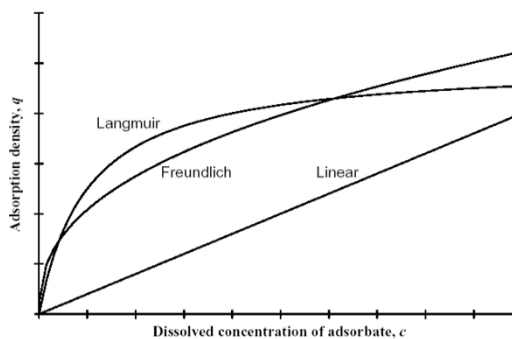
## Other isotherms

Freundlich

$$q = k_f c^n$$

Langmuir

$$q = q_{\text{max}} \frac{K_L c}{1 + K_L c}$$



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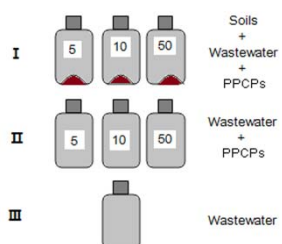


## Standard methods for $K_d$ and $K_F$ determination

### 1) Column displacement studies



### 2) Batch sorption experiments



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## Factors affecting determination of sorption coefficient

### I. Phases associated sorption

- Solid phase
- PPCPs in aqueous phase
- DOM (Dissolved organic Matter) in aqueous phase

### 2. PPCPs properties

- Hydrophobic PPCPs
- Non-hydrophobic ionisable PPCPs

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## $K_d$ in soils

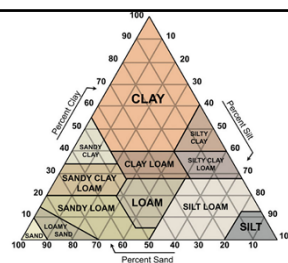


Table 4. Sorption coefficients for gemfibrozil to sand, a sandy loam, and a silt loam soil

Sorbent	Freundlich equation			Linear equation		
	$K_f$	$1/n$	$r^2$	$K_d$	$r^2$	Log $K_{oc}$
Sand	0.24	0.68	0.96	0.12	0.94	2.08
Sandy loam	1.31	0.83	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.91
Silt loam	12.38	1.37	0.97	9.2	0.99	2.57

Yu Fang (2011)

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Table 1 A summary table of PPCP sorption on soils or sediments

Solute chemical names	$pK_a$	$S_w$ (mg/L)	$\log K_{ow}$	MW	Sorbent description	pH	TOC (%)	$K_d$ (mL/g)	Reference
Bisphenol A (BPA)	9.59-10.2	120-300	3.4	228.3	Sediment	7.15-7.71	2.06-6.29	3.7-11.5*	Zeng et al. 2006
					Soil	8.9	1.9	2.75*	Ying et al. 2003
					Soil	6.9-8.13	0.92-2.11	4.94-8.62*	Fent et al. 2003
					Minerals	4-10		12.3-212.8*	Shareef et al. 2006
					Zeolite			11.2*	Tsai et al. 2006a
17 $\beta$ -Estradiol (E2)	N/A	3.6	3.1 to 4.0	272.3	Soil	7.2-7.6	0.8-1.4	16.0-29.6*	Stumpe and Manschner 2007
					Soil	3.3-9.2	80.2-455.5*	Casey et al. 2003	
					Soil	7.9	9.2	84.41	Casey et al. 2005
					Soil			3.6-83.2	Lee et al. 2003
					Minerals			4.9-177.2	Van Emmerik et al. 2003
					Minerals		0	11.3-40*	Casey et al. 2003
17 $\alpha$ -Ethinyl Estradiol (EE2)	10.4	11-44	4.15	296.4	Skudge	7.1	27.7	584	Andersen et al. 2005
					Soil		0.95-1.88	53.7-97.7*	Yu and Huang 2005
					Soil	8.9	1.9	6.98*	Ying et al. 2003
					Soil	6.4-7.3	0.22-2.91	2.33-23.4	Lee et al. 2003
Carbadox (CBX)	N/A	N/A	-1.40 to 0.15	262	Minerals	4-10	41.4-744.9*	Shareef et al. 2006	
					Soil	4.4-7.3	0.22-2.39	1.4-154	Strock et al. 2005
Desoxy carbadox (DCBX)	N/A	N/A	1.9 to 2.1	230	Soil	4.3-6.9	0.36-2.39	7.07-62.4*	Strock et al. 2005
					Clay	4.67	0	7.6	Strock et al. 2005
Tetracycline (TC)	3.3; 7.7; 9.7	231-52000	-1.97 to -0.47	444.4	Soil	3.8-7.5	0.48-2.91	3102-312447	Sassman and Lee 2005
					HS	7	1.0-5.7E4	Pils and Laird 2007	
					Al or Fe oxide	5.3	41.8-133*	Gu and Karthikeyan 2005a	
					MMLT	5.5	865*	Figuerola et al. 2004	
					Clay	7	2.2-6.5E4	Pils and Laird 2007	
					Soil	3.8-7.5	0.48-2.91	1229-269097	Sassman and Lee 2005
Oxytetracycline (OTC)	3.27; 7.32; 9.11	300	-1.97 to -0.45	460	Soil	3.8-7.5	0.48-2.91	1229-269097	Sassman and Lee 2005
					MMLT	1.5-11	950-7200	ter Laak et al. 2006a	
							2691-33884*	Kulshreshtha et al. 2004	
Sulfathiazole (STZ)	2.4; 7.1	590	1	255.3	MMLT	4-7.5	0.5-1.5	Kahle and Stamm 2007	
					Ferrihydrite	5.3-7.2	3-20	Kahle and Stamm 2007	
Sulfapyridine (SPY)	8.4	270	0.35	249.3	Whole soil	7	1.61	1.75*	Thiele-Bruhn et al. 2004
					Mineral			4	Gu and Karthikeyan 2005b
Sulfamethazine (SMZ)	2.3; 7.4	1500	0.8	278.33	Soil	7.2-7.5	0.94-1.8	2.4-4.2*	Accinelli et al. 2007
					Mineral			7.8-14.2*	Gao and Pedersen 2005
p-Aminobenzoic acid (pABA)	4.9	6100	0.83	137.1	Soil	7	1.61	0.47*	Thiele-Bruhn et al. 2004
					Coarse silt	6.4	0.1	1.82*	Thiele-Bruhn et al. 2004

$S_w$  solubility in water, MW molecular weight, N/A not available, MMLT montmorillonite

\* $K_d$  was calculated at 10  $\mu$ g/L if the data was provided as binding results using the Freundlich or Langmuir model

Bo Pan (2009)

## Sorption between PPCPs (VPs) and DOM

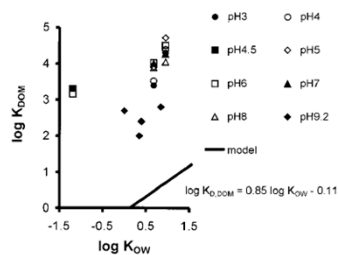


FIGURE 3. Plot of the  $\log K_{d,DOM}$  data against hydrophobicity expressed as  $\log K_{ow}$ . The solid line is a regression line obtained for a wide range of neutral organic chemicals (32).

Johannes Tolls(2001)

TABLE 3. Data on Sorption of VPs to DOM<sup>a</sup>

compound	corollary information	$K_d$ (L/kg)	$K_{oc}$ (L/kg)	ref
tetracycline	AHA, pH adjusted to 4.55, ED	2 060	6 059	24
	pH adjusted to 6.14, ED	1 430	4 206	24
oxolinic acid	AHA, pH range from 3 to 8, SPME	935–8 350	7 400–31 600	25
flumequine	AHA, pH range from 3 to 8, SPME	2 516–10 750	2 750–24 500	25
sarafloxacin	AHA, pH range from 3 to 8, SPME	18 700–52 700	55 000–155 000	25
enrofloxacin	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	110		26
ciprofloxacin	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	250		26
norfloxacin	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	500		26
danofloxacin	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	630		26
ofloxacin	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	100		26
enro-CO <sub>2</sub>	HAS, pH 9.2, EM <sup>b</sup>	250		26

<sup>a</sup> AHA and HAS stand for Aldrich humic acid and for humic acid from a soil, respectively. The experimental techniques employed were equilibrium dialysis (ED), solid-phase microextraction (SPME), and electrophoretic mobility.  $K_d$  and  $K_{oc}$  are the sorption and organic carbon-normalized sorption coefficients, respectively. <sup>b</sup> Organic carbon content of humic acid is not reported. CEE 697z - Lecture #24

## Hydrophobicity (Cont.)

- Karickhoff (1979) reported that  $K_d$  of environmental chemicals are strongly correlated to the organic carbon content ( $f_{oc}$ (%))
- During(2002), Bowman(2002), Holthaus(2002), Loffredo(2006), Maskaoui(2007), and Uslu(2008) reported that both Freundlich sorption parameter  $K_F$  and Linear sorption parameter  $K_d$  of PPCPs are found to be positively related to organic carbon content
- Most of PPCPs are moderately hydrophobic compounds (Bo Pan;2009)

$$So, \quad K_{OC} = \frac{K_d}{f_{oc}}$$

$K_{oc}$  : organic carbon partition coefficient (L/kg)  
 $K_d$  : linear sorption coefficient (L/kg)  
 $f_{oc}$  : fraction of organic carbon (%)

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## Hydrophobicity (Cont.)

- Franco(2008) and Karickhoff (1979) reported the  $K_{oc}$  is correlated to the  $K_{ow}$  (Octanol-water distribution coefficient)
  - $\log K_{ow} = \text{positive}$  : Hydrophobic
  - $\log K_{ow} = \text{negative}$  : Non-hydrophobic
- Sabljic (1995) found that the  $K_{oc}$  for non-hydrophobic and ionisable compounds is pH-dependent
- And, Sabljic (1995) determined the correlation between the  $K_{oc}$  and the  $K_{ow}$  depending on physical and chemical properties of organic compounds

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**Table 5.** List of all derived QSAR models for soil sorption with their chemical domains.

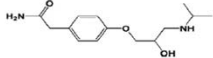
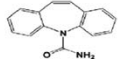
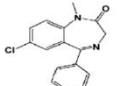
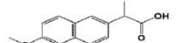
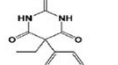
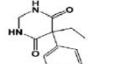
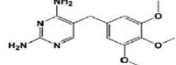
Model #	Regression Equation	Chemical Domain
1	$\log K_{oc} = 0.70 + 0.52 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Predominantly hydrophobics
2	$\log K_{oc} = 0.10 + 0.81 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Predominantly hydrophobics
3	$\log K_{oc} = 1.02 + 0.52 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Nonhydrophobics <small>Phenols, amides</small>
4	$\log K_{oc} = 0.90 + 0.63 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	benzonitriles, & nitrobenzenes
5	$\log K_{oc} = 1.09 + 0.47 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Acetanilides, carbamates, esters, phenylureas, phosphates, triazines, triazoles, & uracils
6	$\log K_{oc} = 0.50 + 0.47 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Alcohols & organic acids
7	$\log K_{oc} = 1.12 + 0.40 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Acetanilides
8	$\log K_{oc} = 0.50 + 0.39 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Alcohols
9	$\log K_{oc} = 1.25 + 0.33 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Amides
10	$\log K_{oc} = 0.85 + 0.62 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Anilines
11	$\log K_{oc} = 1.14 + 0.365 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Carbamates
12	$\log K_{oc} = 1.92 + 0.38 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Dinitroanilines
13	$\log K_{oc} = 1.05 + 0.49 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Esters
14	$\log K_{oc} = 0.55 + 0.77 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Nitrobenzenes
15	$\log K_{oc} = 0.32 + 0.60 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Organic acids
16	$\log K_{oc} = 1.08 + 0.57 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Phenols & benzonitriles
17	$\log K_{oc} = 1.05 + 0.49 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Phenylureas
18	$\log K_{oc} = 1.17 + 0.49 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Phosphates
19	$\log K_{oc} = 1.50 + 0.30 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Triazines
20	$\log K_{oc} = 1.405 + 0.47 \cdot \log K_{ow}$	Triazoles

Aleksandar Sabljic (1995)

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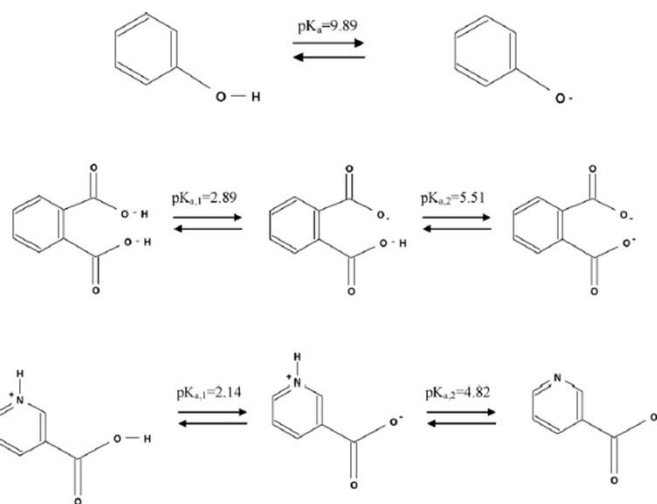
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Carbamazepine ( $\lambda = 232$ nm)		$-0.49 \pm 0.2^*$ (B)	$2.67 \pm 0.38$	0	0	0
Diazepam ( $\lambda = 232$ nm)		$3.4 \pm 0.1^*$ (B)	$2.96 \pm 0.55$	+ , 0	0	0
Naproxen ( $\lambda = 215$ nm)		$4.8 \pm 0.3$ (A)	$3.0 \pm 0.24$	0, -	-	-
Phenobarbital ( $\lambda = 243$ nm)		$7.6 \pm 0.1$ (A)	$0.53 \pm 0.26$	0	0	-
Primidone ( $\lambda = 215$ nm)		$12.3 \pm 0.4$ (A)	$0.4 \pm 0.52$	0	0	0
Trimethoprim ( $\lambda = 225$ nm)		$7.2 \pm 0.1^*$ (B)	$0.79 \pm 0.38$	+	+	+ , 0

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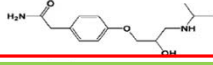
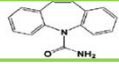
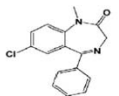
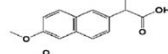
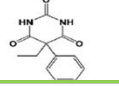
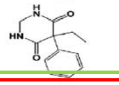
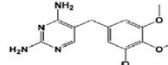
**Fig. 1.** Chemical structures and conjugated species of phenol, o-phthalic acid, and nicotinic acid used in this study. The  $pK_a$  values indicated are those in pure water ( $pK_a^0$ ).

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Diazepam ( $\lambda = 232$ nm)		$3.4 \pm 0.1^*$ (B)	$2.96 \pm 0.55$	+ , 0	0	0
Naproxen ( $\lambda = 215$ nm)		$4.8 \pm 0.3$ (A)	$3.0 \pm 0.24$	0, -	-	-
Phenobarbital ( $\lambda = 243$ nm)		$7.6 \pm 0.1$ (A)	$0.53 \pm 0.26$	0	0	-
Primidone ( $\lambda = 215$ nm)		$12.3 \pm 0.4$ (A)	$0.4 \pm 0.52$	0	0	0
Trimethoprim ( $\lambda = 225$ nm)		$7.2 \pm 0.1^*$ (B)	$0.79 \pm 0.38$	+	+	+ , 0

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## Sorption of pH-dependent non-hydrophobic PPCPs at pH = 8.23

Table 3

Sorption model variables and model fitting adjustments.

Compound	Character (charge)	Linear		Freundlich			Langmuir			HI
		$K_d$	STD	$K_F$	$K_L$	$C_{max}$	$R^2$	n	$R^2$	
CBZ	Base (N)	0.40	0.55	0.97	0.34	5.62	0.88	0.37	0.97	-
ACP	Acid (N)	0.50	0.16	0.68	0.02	32.93	0.98	0.87	0.97	-
ATN	Base (+)	7.93	4.01	11.00	0.08	189.01	0.99	0.76	0.99	-0.66
CAF	Base (+)	17.86	6.10	20.00	0.09	221.17	0.98	0.87	0.99	-0.30
NPX	Acid (-)	1.86	1.27	3.38	0.07	68.68	0.97	0.70	0.99	4.46
SXZ	Acid (-)	4.25	1.61	6.20	0.03	218.78	1.00	0.79	0.99	13.81

$K_d$  expressed in  $L \cdot kg^{-1}$ ;  $K_F$  expressed in  $\mu g^{1-n} L^n kg^{-1}$ ;  $K_L$  expressed in  $L \cdot \mu g^{-1}$ ;  $C_{max}$  expressed in  $\mu g \cdot kg^{-1}$ ; STD: Standard deviation; HI: Hysteresis Index.

N: Neutral (+): Positively charged (-): Negatively charged.

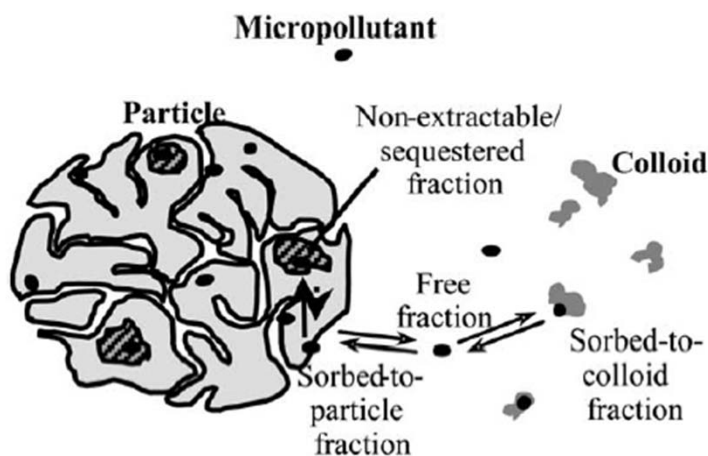
Martinez-Hernandez (2014)

- Basic compounds : Highest  $K_d$  by strong interactions with negatively-charged surface
- Acidic compounds : Moderate  $K_d$  by ion exchange with cations on surface or physical interaction among polar molecules
- Neutral compounds : Lowest  $K_d$  by negligible sorption affinity

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## $K_d$ in sludges



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## $K_d$ in sludges

German WWTP consists of a biological treatment unit with two denitrifying tanks, a nitrifying tank and a secondary clarifier with the sludge recycle going to the inlet of the first denitrification tank.

	Location	TOC/TSS	COD/TSS	P/TSS	Fe(III)/TSS	N/TSS	VSS/TSS
Primary	After Grit	35%	146%	3%	<1%		
Secondary	Nitrification tank	34%	112%	3%	4%	5.8%	60%

Table 1.3: Sorption coefficients for sludge of municipal wastewater treatment, measured in batch experiments and octanol-water partitioning coefficients (according to Ternes *et al.* 2004).

	Primary sludge $K_d$ [L kg <sub>SS</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	Secondary sludge $K_d$ [L kg <sub>SS</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\log K_{OW}$
<b>Acidic pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>I.</b>	<b>II.</b>	<b>III.</b>
Diclofenac	459±32	16.0±3.1	4.6
Ibuprofen	-- (< 20)	7.1±2.0	3.5
Clofibric acid	-- (< 30)	4.8±2.5	2.57
<b>Neutral pharmaceuticals</b>			
Ifosfamide	21.8±13.8	1.4±0.4	0.86
Cyclophosphamide	55.4±19.6	2.4±0.5	0.63
Carbamazepine	-- (< 20)	1.2±0.5	2.45
Diazepam	43.9±26.1	21.1±7.6	2.82
<b>Musk fragrances</b>			
Galaxolide (HHCB)	4919±2073	1807±534	5.9
Tonalide (AHTN)	5299±1905	2372±958	5.7
<b>Iodinated contrast media</b>			
Iopromide	-- (<5)	11±1	-2.33
<b>Estrogens</b>			
17α-Ethinylestradiol	278±3	349±37	3.9

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