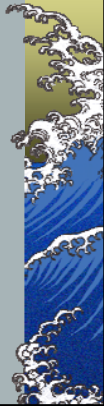


# Sedimentit ja vierasaineiden kohtalo: varasto vai uhka eliöstölle?

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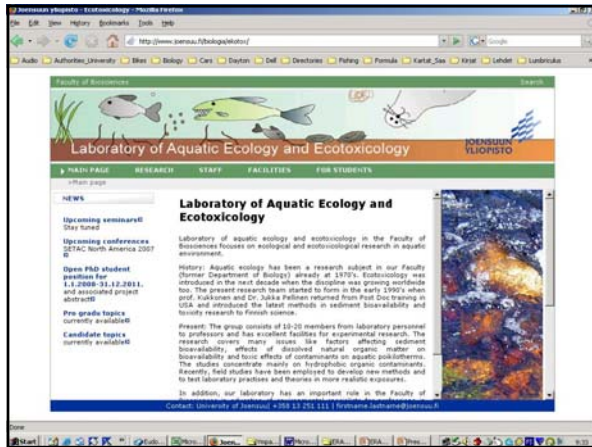
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## Wikipedia:

*Sediment* is any particulate matter that can be transported by fluid flow and which eventually is deposited as a layer of solid particles on the bed or bottom of a body of water or other liquid.



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## Freshwater sediments in Finland (GTK)

- ▲ *In large lakes 30-40% of bottom area*
- ▲ *Sediment depth  $\approx 0 - \geq 10$  m*
- ▲ *Mean depth/area*
  - ▲  $> 100 \text{ km}^2$      $0,82 \text{ m}$
  - ▲  $< 0,1 \text{ km}^2$      $1,1 \text{ m}$
- ▲ *Volume*
  - ▲  $> 100 \text{ km}^2$      $12\,000 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$
  - ▲  $< 0,1 \text{ km}^2$      $1800 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$
  - ▲ *Total*             $39\,000 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$




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## Properties of sediment

- ▲ *Particle size distribution*
  - ▲ *surface area*
- ▲ *Inorganic matter quality*
  - ▲ *clay*
- ▲ *Organic matter quality*
  - ▲ *organic carbon*
    - ▲ *soft - amorphous – rubbery, young*
    - ▲ *hard - condensed – glassy, old*
      - ▲ *soot, black carbon*




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## Xenobiotic persistence in sediments

<p><i>Sediment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ <i>Lack of light (no photodegradation)</i></li> <li>▲ <i>Low temperature</i></li> <li>▲ <i>Only surface oxygenated</i></li> <li>▲ <i>Sorption sites (OM)</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Chemicals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ <i>Hydrophobic</i></li> <li>▲ <i>Resistant to degradation</i></li> <li>▲ <i>Sorption to particles</i></li> </ul>
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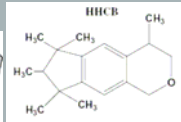
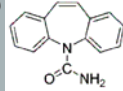
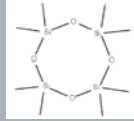
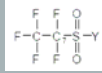
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## Xenobiotics – Environmental contaminants

- ▲ *Traditional*
  - ▲ DDT/DDE, HCB
  - ▲ PCBs, Dioxins
  - ▲ PAHs
- ▲ *New*
  - ▲ PBDEs
  - ▲ PFCAs, PFSA's
  - ▲ Fragrances (Musks)
  - ▲ Siloxanes
  - ▲ Pharmaceuticals ?
  - ▲ TBT




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## Sediment contamination

- ▲ *Defalco 1967: The estuary – Septic tank of megalopolis*
- ▲ *Concern of dredging disposal in USA*
  - ▲ *management at 1970s*
- ▲ *London convention for Ocean disposal*
- ▲ *General programs for sediment contamination at 1980s*




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## Sediment quality assessment (1) USEPA

- ▲ *Reference area comparisons*
- ▲ *Equilibrium partitioning*
  - ▲ *Sediment concentration that relates  $C_{\text{porewater}}$  to WQC*
- ▲ *Tissue residues*
  - ▲ *Sediment concentration that results acceptable tissue concentration*




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## Sediment quality assessment (2)

USEPA

- ▲ *Pore water toxicity*
  - ▲ *pore water exposure toxicity quantified*
  - ▲ *chemicals responsible for tox identified*
- ▲ *Benthic community structure*
  - ▲ *alterations in community structure*
- ▲ *Whole sediment toxicity and sediment spiking*
  - ▲ *whole-sed exposures to measure toxicity*
  - ▲ *dose-response relationships when spiked used*



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## Sediment quality assessment (3)

USEPA

- ▲ *Sediment quality triad*
    - ▲ *chemical concentrations*
    - ▲ *toxicity tests*
    - ▲ *benthic community structure*
- ⇒ *search of conc. and effects relationships*



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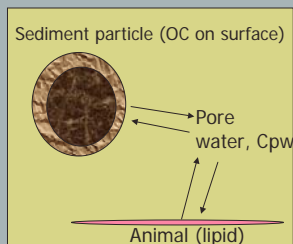
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## Equilibrium partitioning

EqP

- ▲ *Organic chemicals in steady state between OC and  $C_{pw}$*
- ▲ *Pore water conc. dictates toxicity/bioavailability*



(Shea 1988, Di Toro et al. 1991)



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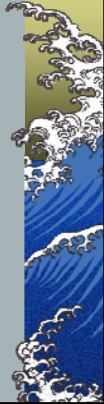
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## Equilibrium partitioning EqP

- ▲ Sediment quality criteria =  $C_{pw} \times K_{oc}$ 
  - ▲  $K_{oc} = K_{ow}$  or  $K_{oc} = 0.989 \times K_{ow}^{-0.346}$
- ▲ Sediment quality criteria =  $C_{effect-conc} \times K_{oc}$
- ▲ Tissue concentration (lipid) =  $C_{pore\ water} \times BCF$
- ▲ Mixtures; additivity for narcotics




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## Equilibrium partitioning Bioavailability

- ▲ Equal activity between animal lipids and sediment OC at steady state
- ▲ Biota Sediment Accumulation Factor:

$$BSAF = (C_a / f_l) / (C_s / f_{oc})$$




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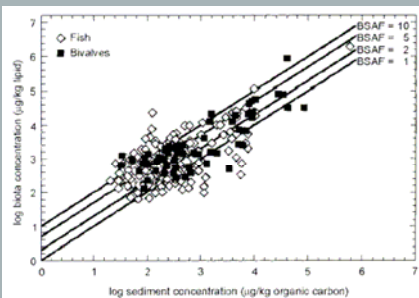


FIGURE 1. Organic carbon-normalized sediment concentrations versus lipid-normalized biota concentrations of individual organochlorine chemicals for paired sediment and biota measurements in which both values were above the reporting limit. Lines have a slope of unity; points along a 1:1 line have the same BSAF value.

Wong et al. 2001: ES&T 35:1709




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## Sorption and fate of xenobiotics

- ▲ Sorption will determine available fraction
- ▲ Bi- (tri) phasic (de)sorption
- ▲ Unexplained phenomenon:
  - ▲ slow sorption and concentration dependence
  - ▲ kinetic hysteresis

Pignatello & Xing 1996: ES&T 30:1

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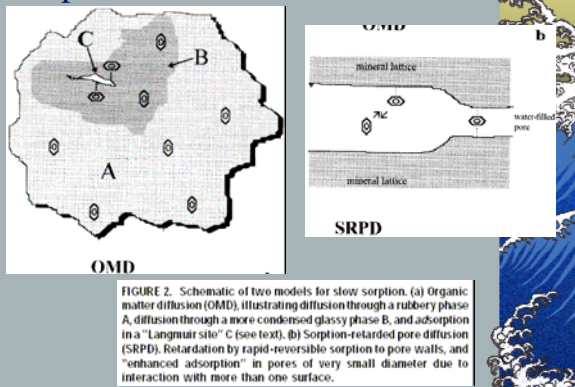
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## Sorption and fate of xenobiotics




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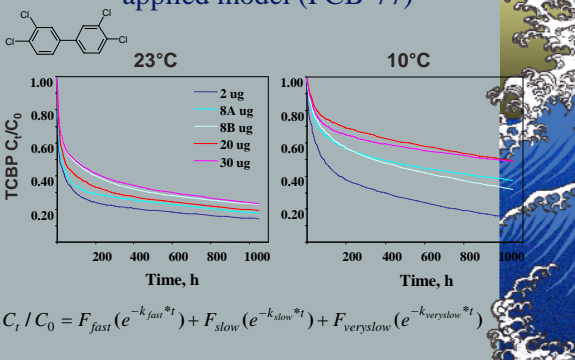
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## Desorption curves and applied model (PCB-77)




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## Desorption and bioavailability

➤ *Equilibrium partitioning theory revised:*

- equal activity between animal lipids and sediment OC at steady state
- not all of the sediment-associated chemical is available
- uptake is kinetically limited due to desorption

Time (h)	SFPO
0	1.0
100	0.6
200	0.45
400	0.35
600	0.3
800	0.28
1000	0.25

$$BSAF = (C_a / f_l) / ((C_s / f_{OC}) \times F_{rapid})$$

EqP Revised: Kraaij et al. 2003: ES&T 37: 268-274

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## Pore water and bioavailability

▲ *Equilibrium partitioning theory revised:*

- ▲ Steady state body burden is a result of bioconcentration:

$$C_b = BCF \cdot C_p$$

$$BSAF_{porewater} = \frac{BCF \cdot (C_{s,DC} / K_{OC})}{C_{s,DC}}$$

EqP Revised: Kraaij et al. 2003: ES&T 37: 268-274

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## A case study

### PCBs in Kernaalanjärvi sediments

- ▲ *Tervajoki Oy Papermill (Janakkala)*
- ▲ PCB oils (Clophen, Aroclor...) 1956- 1984
- ▲ *Study*
- ▲ PCB (29 congeners) concentrations; 3 sites
- ▲ Lab exposed oligochaetes & field collected Chironomidae
- ▲ Trad. BSAFs vs. desorption corr. BSAFs

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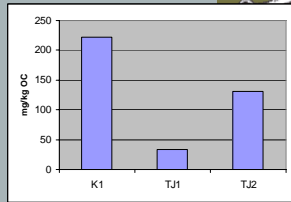
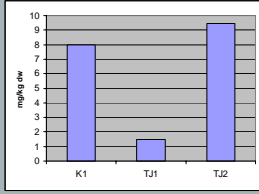
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## PCB concentrations



K1 = Kernaalanjärvi  
TJ1 = Tervajoki 1  
TJ2 = Tervajoki 2

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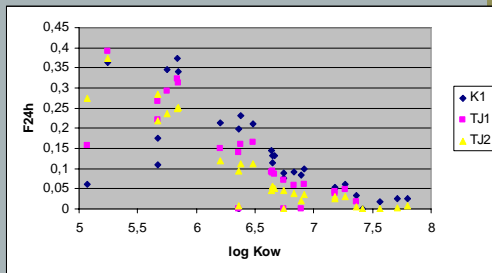
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## Desorption, fast fraction




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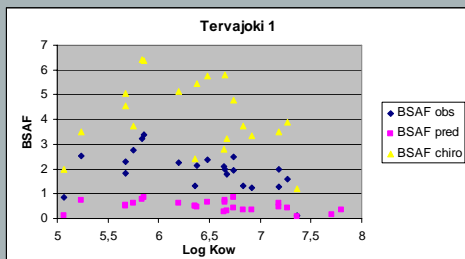
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## Bioavailability BSAFs




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## Conclusions Chemist's view

- ▲ *Environmental fate (incl. bioavailability) of organic xenobiotics is based on partitioning phenomenon determined by sorbent and sorbate properties*



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## Conclusions Biologist's view

- ▲ *Environmental fate (incl. bioavailability) of organic xenobiotics is modified with biological processes*
  - ▲ *feeding behavior & digestive fluids*
  - ▲ *life habit*
  - ▲ *life cycle*



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## Good science

- ▲ *Input from chemistry:*
  - ▲ *Sorption/desorption major factors affecting bioaccumulation and accessible fraction*
  - ▲ *Pore water concentration is a good parameter for estimating bioconcentration/bioaccumulation*
- ▲ *Input from biology:*
  - ▲ *Bioavailable (accessible) fraction varies from case to case*
  - ▲ *Is needed for estimating variance and determining safety factors in risk assessment*



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## POPs & sediment

- ▲ *Sediments are a storage but also a source for biota*
- ▲ *Risk assessment/management*
  - ▲ *Fast desorbing fraction is a key*
  - ▲ *Remediation*
    - ▲ *capping vs. dredging*



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