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# From passive sampling of sediment to lipid based concentrations

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# Objectives

- To calculate *equilibrium partitioning concentration* in lipids ( $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$ ) based on equilibrium passive sampling
- Comparison to actual measured lipid normalized concentrations in biota ( $C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$ )

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# Hypotheses

$$C_{\text{free}} \leftrightarrow C_{\text{passive sampler}} \leftrightarrow C_{\text{biota lipids}}$$

$$C_{\text{lipid partitioning}} \approx C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$$

$$C_{\text{lipid partitioning}} < C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$$

$$C_{\text{lipid partitioning}} > C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$$

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# Coated glass method

- Several coating thicknesses (from 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 16  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Equilibration in laboratory

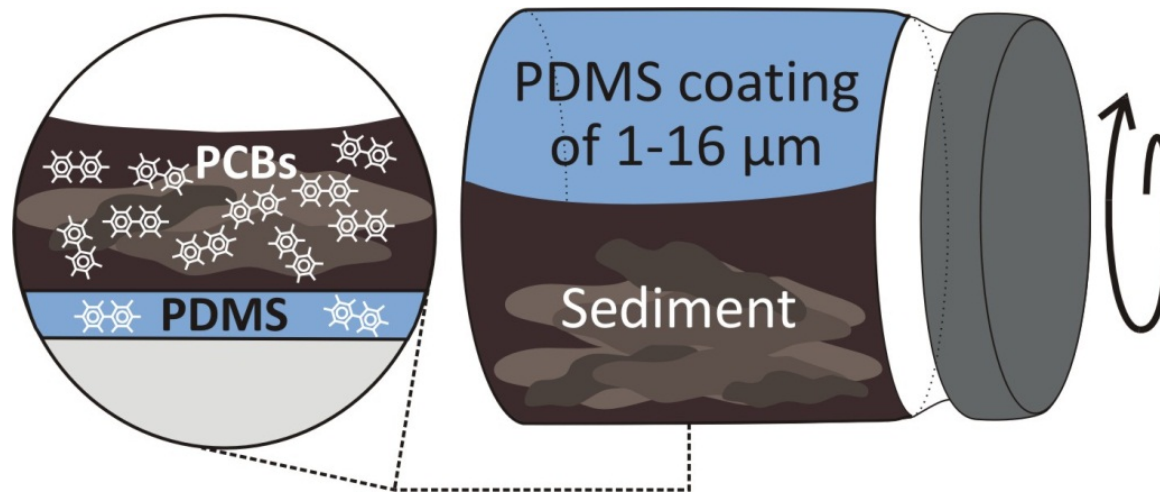
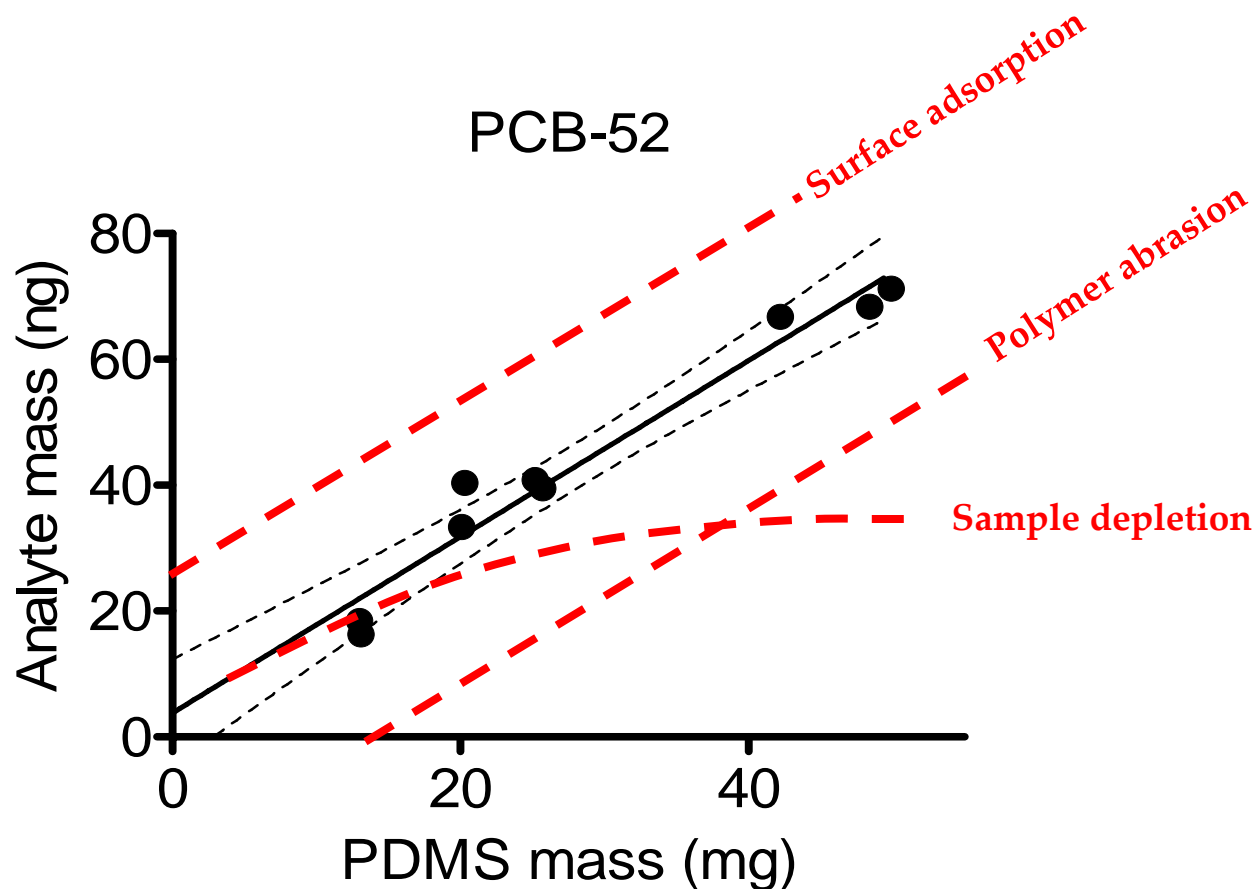


Fig. Annika Jahnke

## Different coating thicknesses → Built-in QA/QC

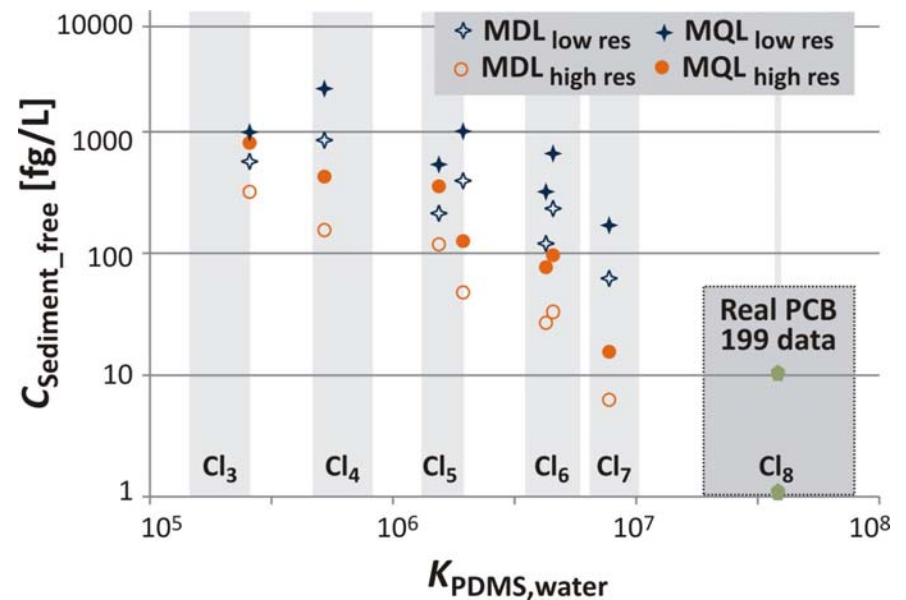


Reichenberg et al. 2008 *Chem. Central J.*, 2, 8.

# Method sensitivity test

- Method quantification limits (**MQLS**): average blank + 10 times the standard deviation
- For **7 indicator PCBs**:

|         | fg/L     |
|---------|----------|
| GC/HRMS | 16-800   |
| GC/LRMS | 168-2250 |



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# Calibration of coated glass analysis to $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$

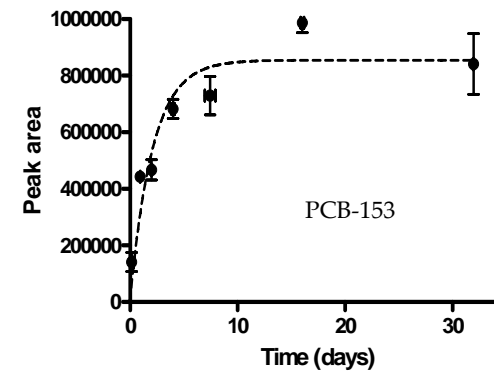
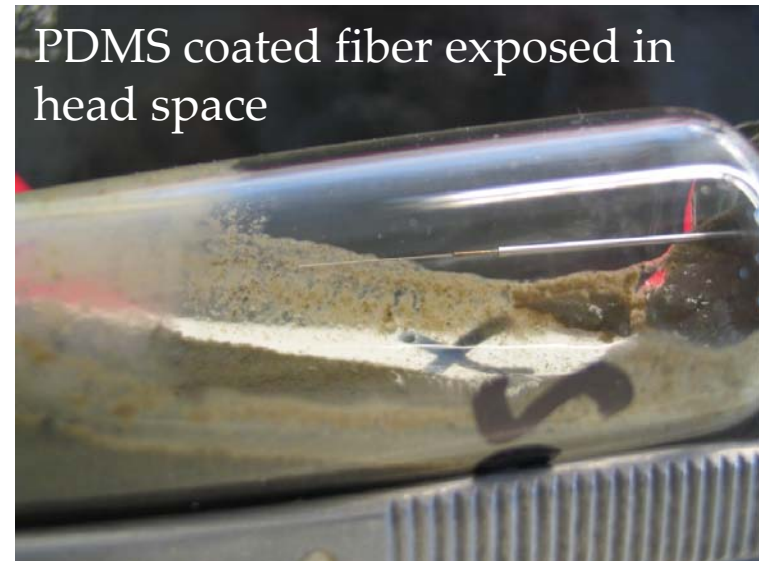
$$C_{\text{lipid partitioning}} = C_{\text{passive sampler}} * K_{\text{lipid,passive sampler}}$$

$K_{\text{lipid,PDMS}}$  have been published for PCBs:

*Jahnke et al. 2008. Chemosphere, 73, 1575–1581*

# Head space sampling HS-SPME

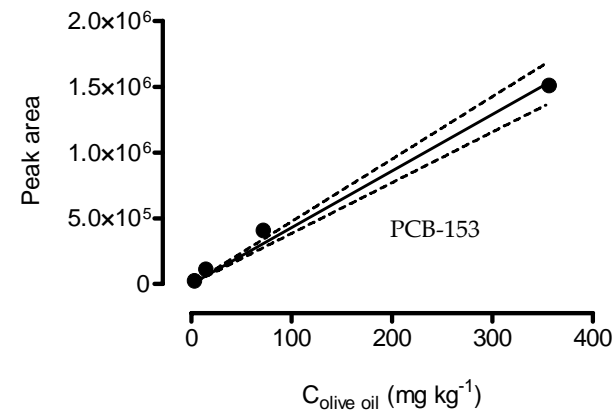
- SPME fiber is equilibrated with the sediment
- Time series analysis to determine  $C_{\text{fiber}}$  at equilibrium





# Calibration of HS-SPME

- External calibration standard in lipid (olive oil)
- Direct calculation of  $C_{\text{lipid,partitioning}}$
- Benefits
  - Solvent free approach
  - Extraction and analysis can be manual or fully automated



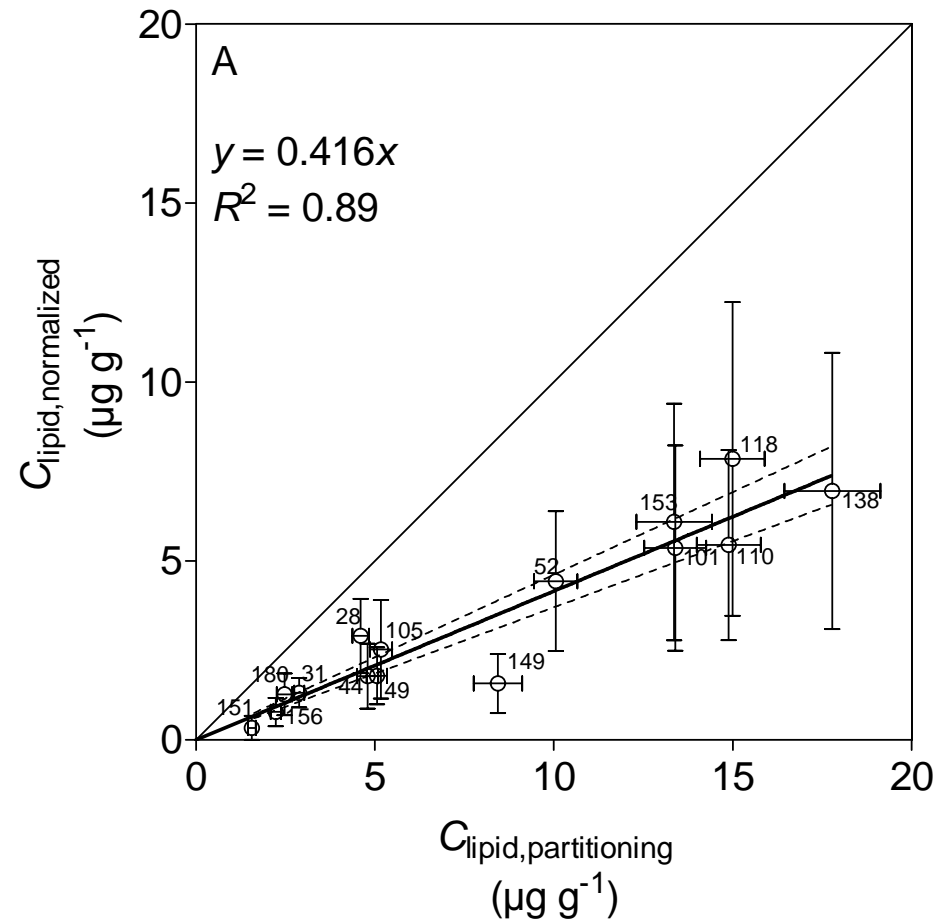
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|  | Headspace-SPME                                     | Coated glass  |
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| <b>Working principle</b>   | Equilibration in head space and thermal desorption | PDMS coatings are equilibrated, extract injected on instrument            |
| <b>Calibration to <math>C_{\text{lipid,partitioning}}</math></b> | External calibration above spiked olive oil        | $C_{\text{lipid,partitioning}} = C_{\text{PDMS}} * K_{\text{lipid,PDMS}}$ |
| <b>Special features</b>  | Applicable to dry samples                          | Combines thin coatings with high polymer mass                             |
| <b>Confirmation of equilibrium</b>                               | Time series measurements                           | Proportionality between mass of analyte and polymer (QA/QC)               |
| <b>Surface fouling</b>   | No physical contact with sample                    | Absence of artifacts indicated by the same proportionality                |

*Mäenpää et al. 2011 Environ Sci Technol 45*

# $C_{\text{lipid,normalized}}$ vs. $C_{\text{lipid,partitioning}}$ Chironomidae larvae

- $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$  av. 2.4 times higher than  $C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$



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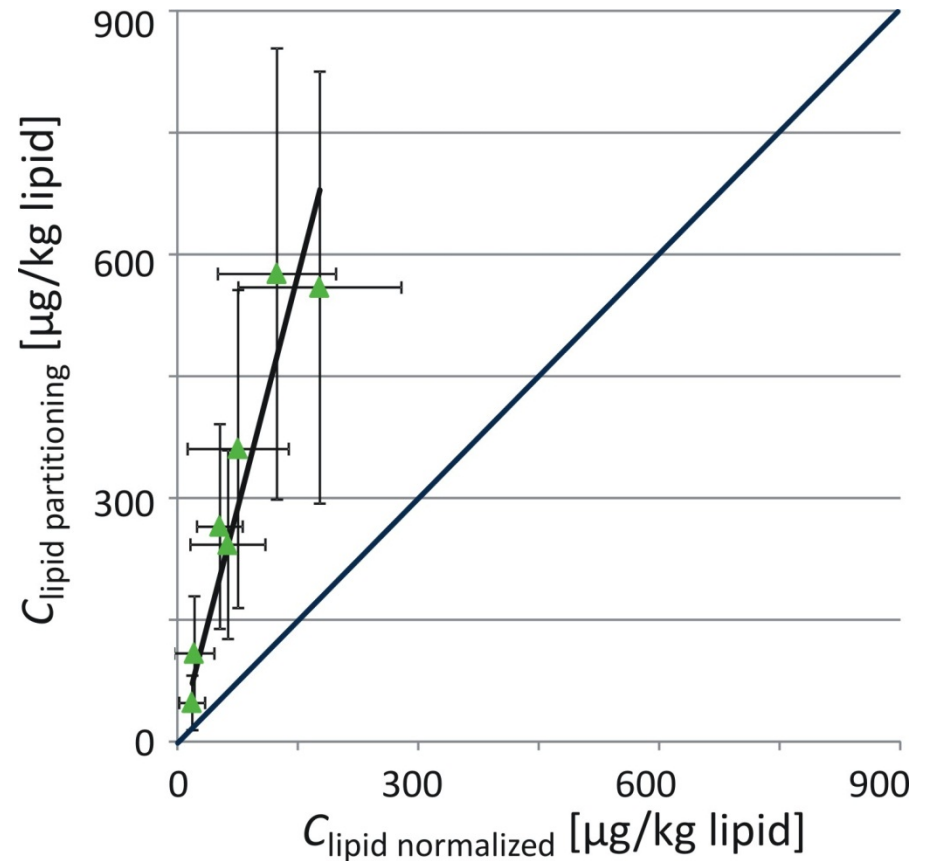
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Seems as if Chironomidae are mosquito larvae, not worms?

AnnikaJahnke, 11/05/2011

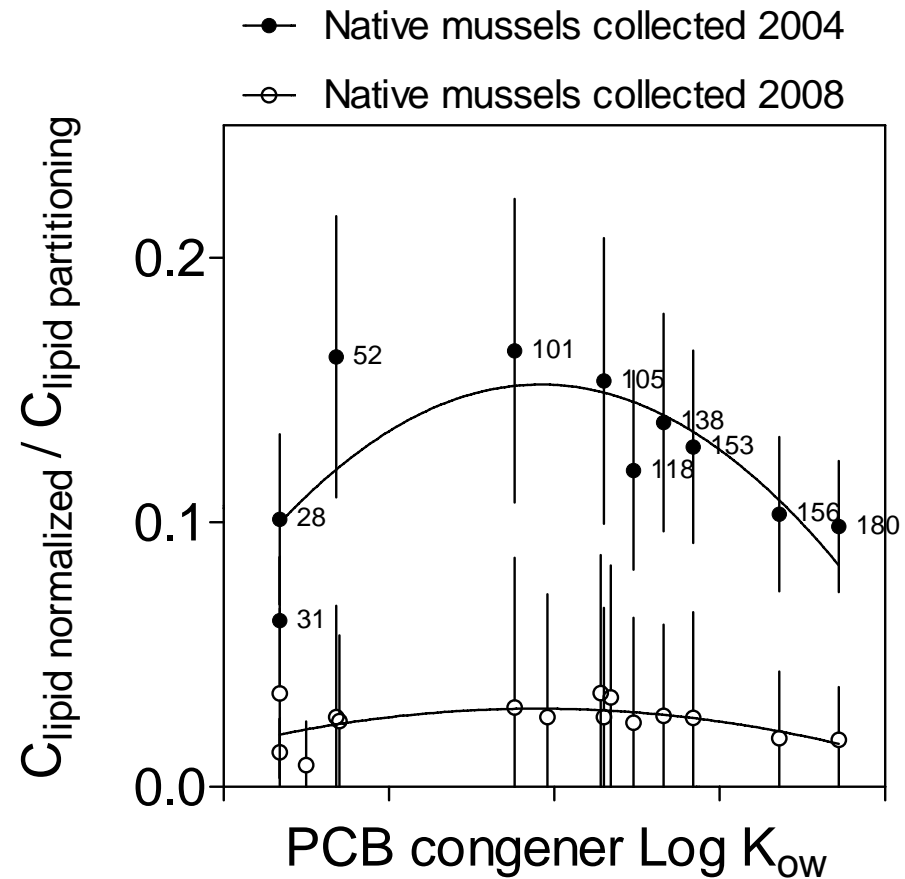
# $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$ vs. $C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$ Native fish

- $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$  av. 5.2 higher than  $C_{\text{lipid normalized}}$



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# $C_{\text{lipid,normalized}}$ vs. $C_{\text{lipid,partitioning}}$ Native mussels



*Mäenpää et al. Manuscript in preparation*

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# Conclusions

- Calibration with  $K_{\text{lipid, passive sampler}}$ 
  - post measurement calibration
  - requires analyte and media specific K values
- Direct calibration using partition standards in lipids
  - complete calibration within one step
  - easier to apply for new chemicals and media
- $C_{\text{passive sampler}}$  can be converted to useful information to be used in environmental risk assessment
- $C_{\text{lipid partitioning}}$ 
  - predicts equilibrium level