## Quantitative equilibrium calculations

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## Chlorobenzene

**a)** A small amount of sorbent (volume 0.66  $\mu$ L) is equilibrated with a water sample of 5 ml. In the subsequent analysis one 0.2  $\mu$ g monochlorobenzene in the sorbent. The partition constant at room temperature is: log K = 2.89 (with K = C<sub>chlorobenzene</sub> in sorbent (g/m<sup>3</sup>) / C<sub>chlorobenzene</sub> in water (g/m<sup>3</sup>)). What has been the concentration monochlorobenzene in the original water sample? How much (in %) of the total amount of monochlorobenzene was eventually sorbed in the sorbent?

**b)** With the same water sample and the same sorbent as in a): What would have been the influence if there had been an air phase of 7 ml present during the equilibration of sorbent with the water. Which amount of monochlorobenzene would you expect to find in the sorbent in this case? The air-water partition constant is: KH = 0.15 (with  $K = C_{chlorobenzene}$  in air (g/m<sup>3</sup>) /  $C_{chlorobenzene}$  in water (g/m<sup>3</sup>) at room temperature.

## Answer:

**a)** 9.3 % must have been in the sorbent. The total amount of chlorobenzene must have been 2.15  $\mu$ g. Hence, the original concentration in water must have been 0.43 mg/L.

b) In this case 16 % of the monochlorobenzene would have been in air and only 7.8 % in the sorbent.



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