

Supporting Information

## **Importance of Adsorption (Hole-Filling) Mechanism for Hydrophobic Organic Contaminants on an Aquifer Kerogen Isolate**

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**Supplementary Table S1.** Selective Physicochemical Properties of the Sorbates.

Compound	MW <sup>a</sup> (g/mol)	S <sub>w</sub> <sup>a</sup> (mg/L)	T <sub>m</sub> <sup>a</sup> (°C)	H <sup>a</sup> (Pa m <sup>3</sup> /mol)	S <sub>scl</sub> <sup>b</sup> (mg/L)	log K <sub>ow</sub> <sup>a</sup>	V <sub>s</sub> <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	ρ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	K <sub>oc</sub> (L/g-oc)		
									c	d	e
Phenanthrene	178.2	1.12	101	3.98	5.18	4.57	152	1.170	22.9	17.4	6.03
Naphthalene	128.2	31.7	80	43.0	107.1	3.3	111	1.160	1.23	1.75	0.73
TCB	181.5	5.36	99.5	192	26.1	4.02	131	1.386	6.46	5.93	2.42
DCB	147.2	92.8	-17	245		3.38	113	1.305	1.48	0.84	0.84

<sup>a</sup> Cited from Mackay et al. (1992). <sup>b</sup> cited from Ran et al. (12). <sup>c</sup> log K<sub>OC</sub> = log K<sub>OW</sub> – 0.21 from Karickhoff et al., <sup>d</sup> log K<sub>OC</sub> = –0.686 log S<sub>w</sub> + 4.273 from Means et al. (41), <sup>e</sup> log K<sub>OC</sub> = 0.72 log K<sub>OW</sub> + 0.49 from Schwarzenbach and Westall.

<sup>a</sup> From Mackay, D.; Shiu, W. Y.; Ma, K. C. *Illustrated Handbook of Physical–Chemical Properties and Environmental Fate for Organic Chemicals*; Lewis Publishers: Chelsea, MI, Vols.1 and 2., 1992.

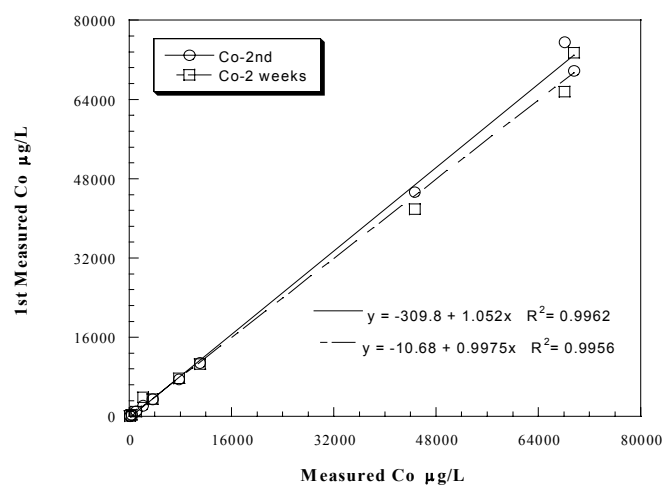
<sup>c</sup> Schwarzenbach, R. P.; Westall, J. C. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **1981**, *15*, 1360-1367.

<sup>e</sup> Karickhoff, S. W.; Brown, D. S.; Scott, T. A. *Water Res.* **1979**, *13*, 241-248.

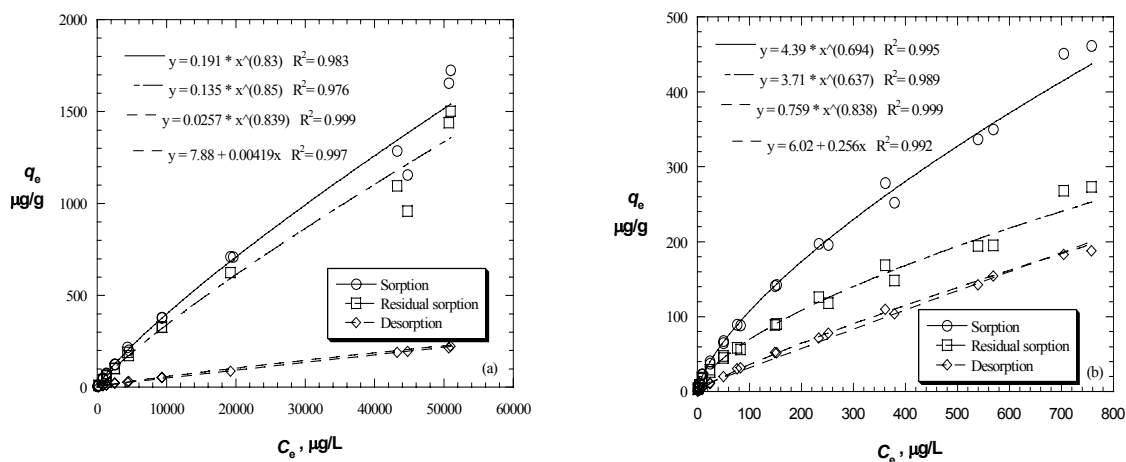
**Supplementary Table S2.** Dual-Mode Model Parameters for the Sorption Isotherms on the Isolated Kerogen.

Chemicals	$Q^0$ ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	Dual Mode Model		$R^2$	$N^a$
		$b$ ( $\text{L}/\mu\text{g}$ )	$K_d$ ( $\text{L/g}$ )		
Phen	$84.5 \pm 28.8^b$	$0.0207 \pm 0.0158^c$	$0.504 \pm 0.042^c$	0.997	24
Naph	$135 \pm 83.0$	$0.00024 \pm 0.00019$	$0.0268 \pm 0.0034$	0.999	24
TCB	$116 \pm 135$	$0.002 \pm 0.002$	$0.100 \pm 0.038$	0.992	20
DCB	$134 \pm 56.1$	$0.00025 \pm 0.0002$	$0.030 \pm 0.001$	1.000	20

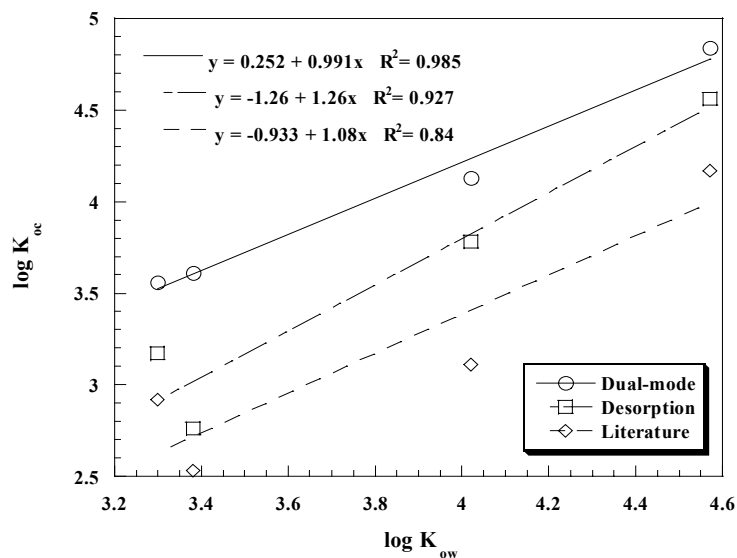
<sup>a</sup> Number of observations. <sup>b</sup> 95% confidence interval of  $Q^0$ . <sup>c</sup> 95% confidence interval on  $b$ . <sup>d</sup> 95% confidence interval on  $K_d$



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