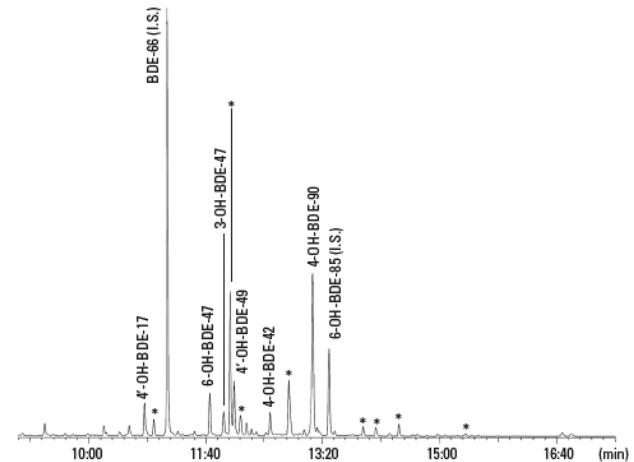


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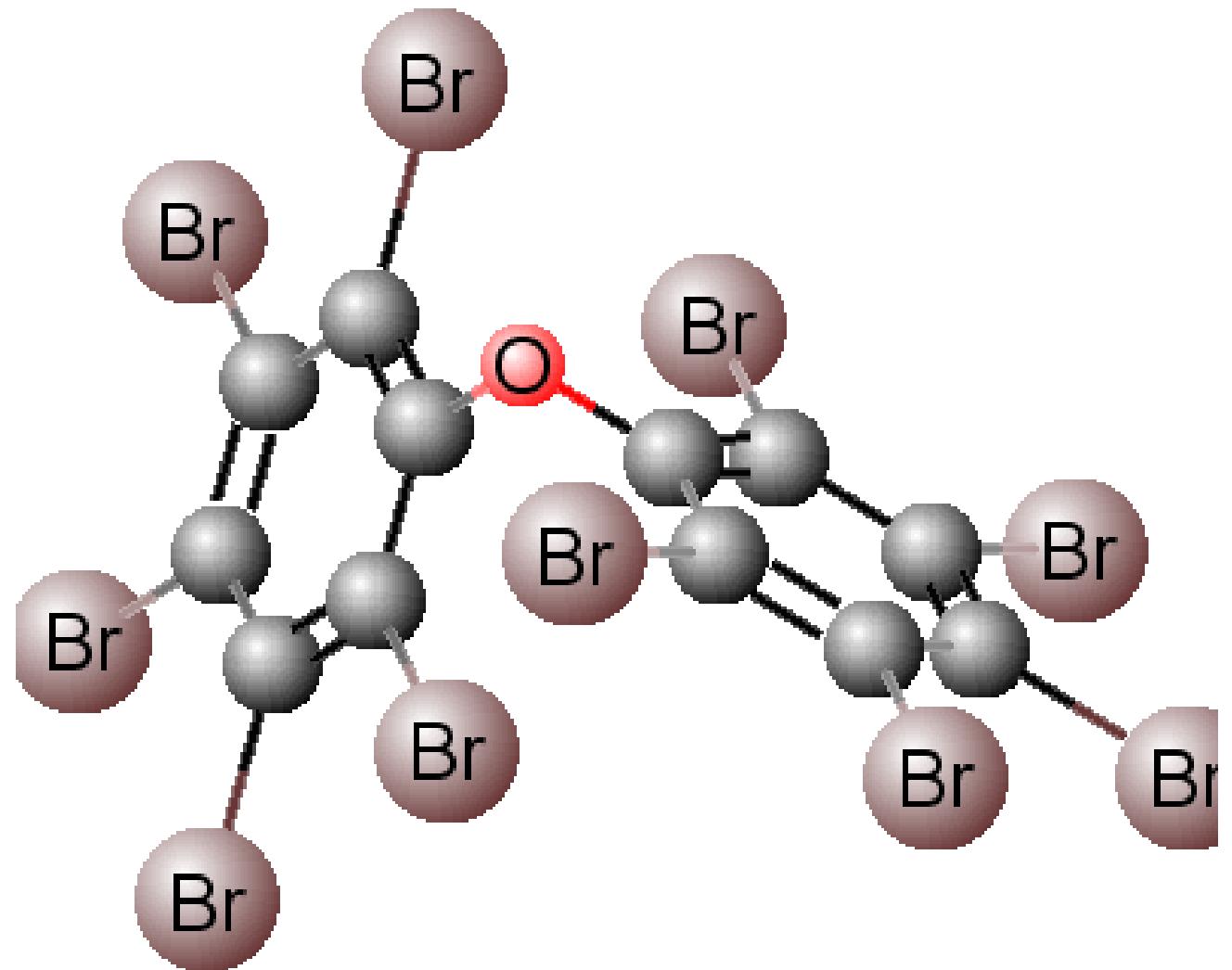


**Figure 3.** GC/MS (ECNI) chromatogram of phenolic polybrominated diphenyl ethers (OH-PBDEs) in serum from children working and living on a waste disposal site in Managua, Nicaragua. I.S., internal standard. The identified and the unidentified OH-PBDEs are shown by compound abbreviations and asterisks, respectively. The instrument was set to trace bromide ions ( $m/z$  79/81).

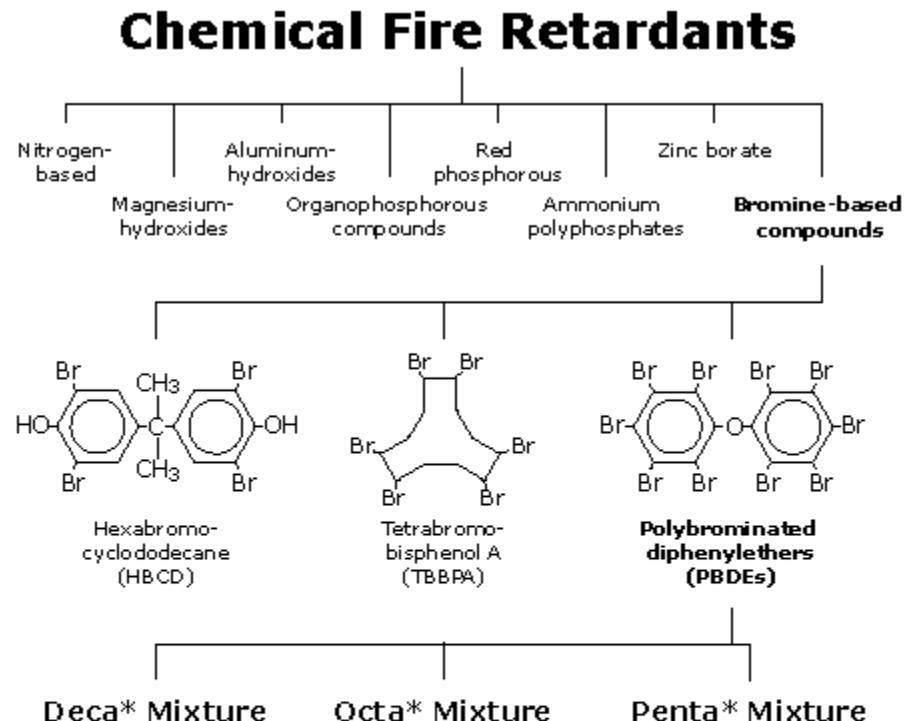


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- decabromobiphenylether (“deca”)

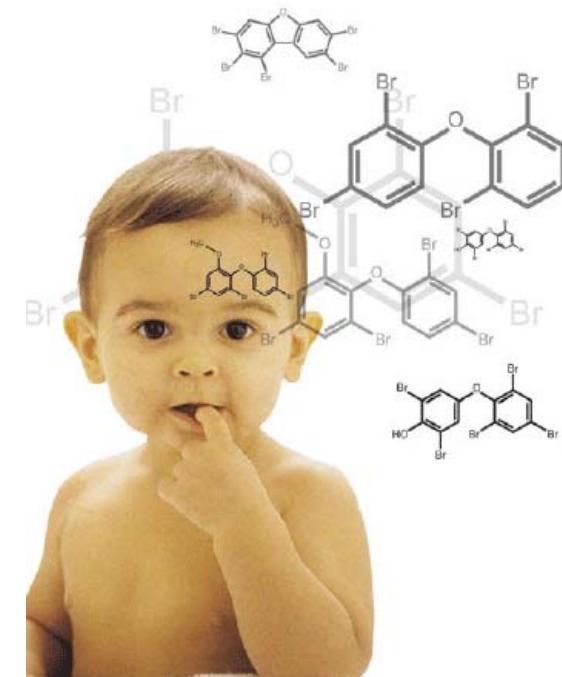


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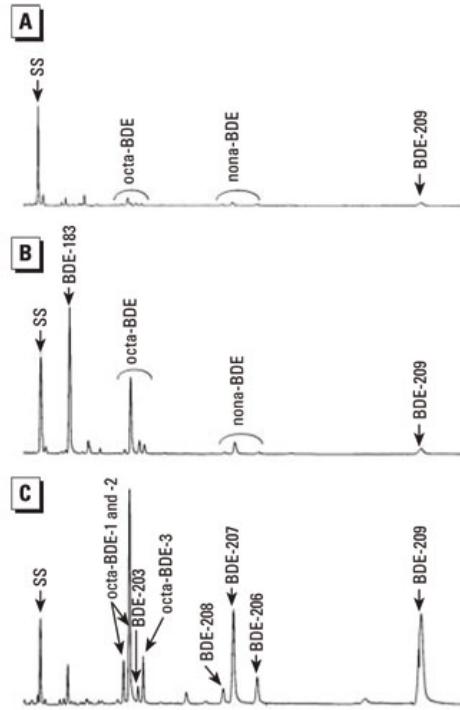


Deca* Mixture			Octa* Mixture			Penta* Mixture		
Component Congeners	Number of Bromines	Percent of Total	Component Congeners	Number of Bromines	Percent of Total	Component Congeners	Number of Bromines	Percent of Total
PBDE-209	10	97%	PBDE-153	6	85%	PBDE-47	4	31%
			PBDE-154	6	14%	PBDE-99	5	48%
						PBDE-100	5	8.8%
						PBDE-153	6	6.6%
						PBDE-154	6	4.4%

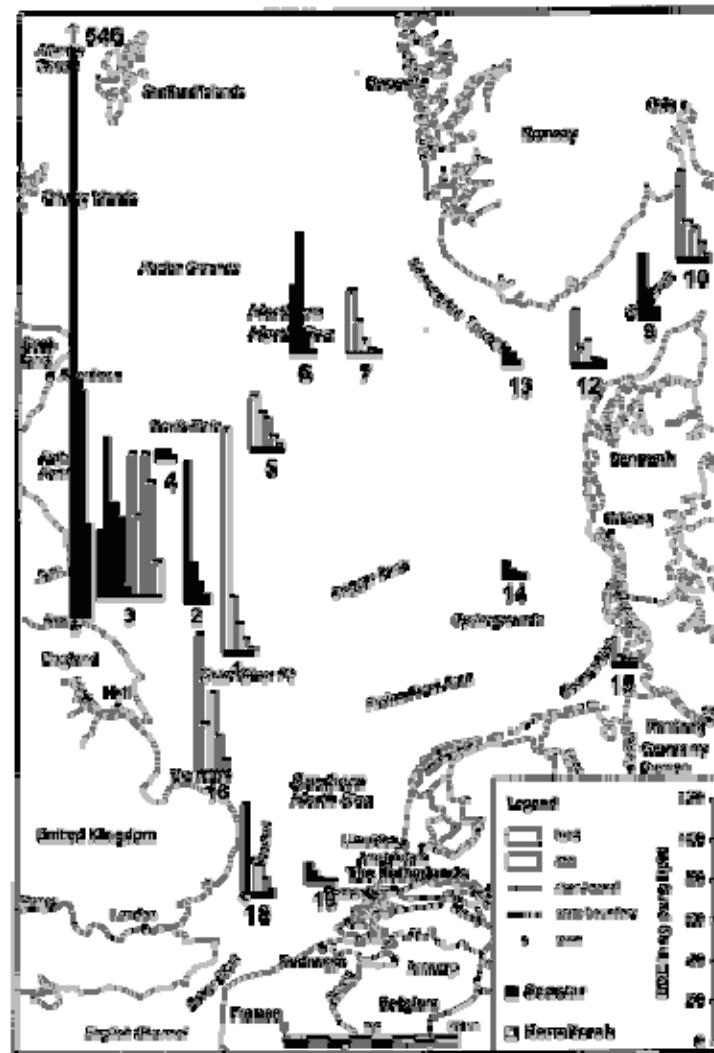
\*The names of the commercial PBDE mixtures (Deca, Octa, Penta) often do not reflect their actual congener make-up. For example, the "Penta" product actually contains a mixture of tetra-, penta-, and hexa-BDEs with four, five and six bromines, respectively.



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**Figure 1.** Representative ECNI mass chromatograms with SIM of the  $m/z = 79$  and 81 ions presented for a referent (A; an abattoir worker without known occupational PBDE exposure), an electronics dismantler (B), and a rubber mixer (C). BDE-183 is the dominating peak in the dismantler (B), and octa-BDE congeners to BDE-209 dominate in the rubber mixer (C). The peak heights of the surrogate standard (SS; BDE-138) are approximately the same in A–C.

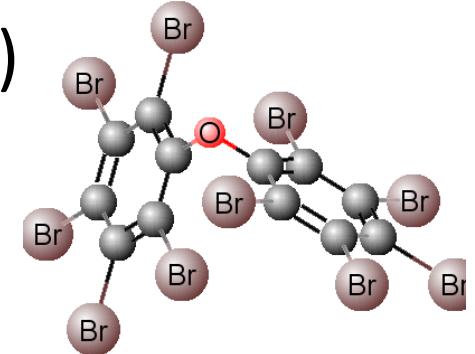


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- decabromobiphenylether (mw = 959.2 Da)
  - $T_m = 295 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_b = 530 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
  - $C_w^{\text{sat}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$
  - $K_H = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ bar L mol}^{-1}$ ,  $K_{\text{ow}} = 10^{12.11}$  (!)
- flame retardant additive
  - plastics (e.g., polystyrene in appliances, computers)
  - foams, carpets, upholstery (furniture, vehicles)
  - production: 55,000 tons per year
  - photodegrades to more toxic by-products
- “Everyday Items, Complex Chemistry”  
([NY Times, Dec 22, 2007](#))
  - being phased out by Dell Computer



# Octanol-Water Partition

- Match these compounds with their  $K_{ow}$

compound		$K_{ow}$
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tetrachloroethene	C.	$10^{4.65}$
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# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Structural contributions
  - Leo, Hansch (1975)
    - based on LFERs
    - fragments  $f_i$ 
      - compounds' atomic building blocks
    - factors  $F_i$ 
      - atomic arrangement
      - intramolecular interactions

$$\log K_{ow} = \sum_i f_i + \sum_j F_j$$

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# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Fragments  $f_i$ 
  - an atom
  - a string of atoms (multi-atom fragment)
    - exterior bonds to “isolating carbon atom”
      - isolating carbon atom has 4 single bonds,  
at least 2 to non-heteroatoms
      - multiple bonds to other carbon atoms
- multi-atom fragments can be derived
  - $f(-\text{CH}_3) = 0.89$
  - $f(-\text{C}) + 3 f(-\text{H}) = 0.20 + 3(0.23) = 0.89$

TABLE 1-5

Fragment Constants<sup>a</sup>

Fragment <sup>b</sup>	f	$f\phi$	$f\phi\phi$	Special Types
<b>Without C or H</b>				
-F	-0.38	0.37		$f\phi/2 = 0.00$
-Cl	0.06	0.94		$f\phi/2 = 0.50$
-Br	0.20	1.09		$f^{1R} = 0.48, f\phi/2 = 0.64$
-I	0.59	1.35		$f\phi/2 = 0.97$
-N<	-2.18	-0.93	-0.50 <sup>c</sup>	$f^{1R} = -1.76$
-O-	-1.82 <sup>d</sup>	-0.61	0.53	$f^{X1} = -0.22, f^{X2} = +0.17, f\phi/2 = -1.21$
-S-	-0.79	-0.03	0.77	
-NO			0.11	
-NO <sub>2</sub>	-1.16	-0.03		$f^{X2} = 0.09$
-ONO <sub>2</sub>	-0.36			
-IO <sub>2</sub>			-3.23	
-OP(O)O <sub>2</sub> <	-2.29	-1.71		$f^{X1} = -1.50$
-P(O)<				Triple aromatic = -2.45
-P(O)O <sub>2</sub> <			-2.33	
-OP(S)O <sub>2</sub> <			-0.30 <sup>c</sup>	
>NP(S)(N<) <sub>2</sub>	-3.37			
-SP(S)O <sub>2</sub> <	-2.89			
-SO <sub>2</sub> F			0.30	
-SO <sub>2</sub> N<			-2.09	
-S(O)-	-3.01	-2.12	-1.62	
-SO <sub>2</sub> -	-2.67	-2.17	-1.28	
-SO <sub>2</sub> O-	-2.11	-2.06	-0.62	$f^{1/\phi} = -1.42$
-SF <sub>5</sub>			1.45	
-SO <sub>2</sub> O <sup>-e</sup>	-5.87	-4.53		
-OSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-e</sup>	-5.23			
-N=N-			0.14	
-NNN-			0.69	
-N=NN<			-0.85	$f^{X1} = -0.67$
>NNO	-2.40	-0.84		
-O <sup>-e</sup>			-3.64	
-Si<	-0.09 <sup>c</sup>	0.65 <sup>c</sup>		$f^{1R} = -0.38^c$

TABLE 1-5 (Continued)

Fragment <sup>b</sup>	f	$f\phi$	$f\phi\phi$	Special Types
<b>Without C,with H</b>				
-H		0.23	0.23	
-NH-		-2.15	-1.03	$f^{X1} = -0.37$
-NH <sub>2</sub>		-1.54	-1.00	$f^{X1} = -0.23, f^{1R} = -1.35$
-OH		-1.64	-0.44	$f^{X1} = 0.32, f^{1R} = -1.34$
-SH		-0.23	0.62	
-SO <sub>2</sub> NH-			-1.75 <sup>c</sup>	$f^{1/\phi} = -1.72$
-SO <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>2</sub> )			-1.59	$f^{X1} = -1.04$
-SO <sub>2</sub> NH(NH <sub>2</sub> )			-2.04	
-NHSO <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>2</sub> )				-1.50
-NH(OH)				-1.11
-HNH-				-0.74 $f^{1R} = -2.84$
-NH(NH <sub>2</sub> )				-0.65
-SP(O)(O-)NH-			-2.18 <sup>c</sup>	
-SP(O)(NH <sub>2</sub> )O-			-2.50	
-As(OH) <sub>2</sub> O-				-1.84
-As(O)(OH) <sub>2</sub>				-1.90
-B(OH) <sub>2</sub>				-0.32
<b>With C,without H</b>				
-C-		0.20	0.20	
-CF <sub>3</sub>			1.11	
-CN			-1.27	$f^{1R} = -0.88$
-C(O)N<			-3.04	$f^{1/\phi} = -2.20$
-SCN			-0.48	$f^{1R} = -0.45$
-C(O)-			-1.90	$f^{X1} = -0.83, f^{1R} = -1.77$
-C(O)O-			-1.49	$f^{X1} = -0.36, f^{1R} = -1.38, f^{1/\phi} = -1.18$
-C(O)O <sup>-e</sup>			-5.19	-4.13
-N=CCl <sub>2</sub>				0.64
-OC(O)N<			-2.54?	-1.84
-C(O)N-N=N-				$f^{1/\phi} = -0.87$
-C(=S)O-				-1.11

(continued)

TABLE 1-5 (Continued)

Fragment <sup>b</sup>	f	$f^\phi$	$f^{\phi\phi}$	Special Types
<b>With C and H</b>				
-CH <sub>3</sub>	-0.89	0.89		
-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> (benzene)	1.90			
-C(O)H	-1.10	-0.42		
-C(O)OH	-1.11	-0.03	$f^{1R} = -1.03$	
-C(O)NH-	-2.71	-1.81	-1.06	$f^{1/\phi} = -1.51$
-C(O)NH <sub>2</sub>	-2.18	-1.26		$f^{X1} = -0.82, f^{1R} = -1.99$
-OC(O)NH-	-1.79	-1.46		$f^{1/\phi} = -0.91$
-OC(O)NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.58	-0.82		$f^{1R} = -1.24$
-CH=N-	-1.03	+0.08 <sup>c</sup>		
-CH=NOH	-1.02	-0.15		
-CH=NNH-	-2.75			
-NHC(O)NH-	-2.18	-1.57	-0.82	
-NHC(O)NH <sub>2</sub>	-2.18	-1.07		
>NC(O)NH <sub>2</sub>		-2.25	-2.15	
>C=NH			-1.29	
>NC(O)H	-2.67	-1.59		
-OC(O)NH-	-1.79	-1.45		$f^{1/\phi} = -0.91$
-C(=S)NH-	-2.00			$f^{1/\phi} = -0.96$
-NHCN	-0.03			
-CH=NN<	-1.71			
-NHC(O)N<		-2.29		$f^{1/\phi} = -2.42$
-NNO(C(O)NH)-	-1.50			$f^{1/\phi} = -0.76$
-OC(O)H	-1.14	-0.64		
-NHC(O)H	-0.64			
-C=NOH(OH)	-1.64			
-C(=S)NH <sub>2</sub>	-0.41			
-N(C(O)NH <sub>2</sub> )-		-2.25	-2.07	
-SO <sub>2</sub> NHN=CH-				$f^{1/\phi} = -1.47$
-NHC(=S)NH-	-1.79			
-NNO(C(O)NH <sub>2</sub> )	-0.95			
-C(O)NHHN <sub>2</sub>		-1.69		
-NHC(=S)NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.29	-1.17		
-CNH <sub>2</sub> (=NH·HCl)		-3.49		
-NHC=NH(NH <sub>2</sub> )	-5.65			
-C(O)C(O)-	-3.00	-0.30		

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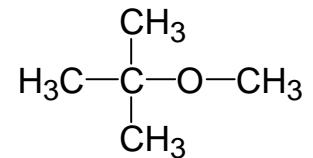
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Fragment <sup>b</sup>	f	$f^\phi$	$f^{\phi\phi}$	Special Types
<b>Fused In Aromatic Ring<sup>f</sup></b>				
Fragment <sup>b</sup> Without C	$\frac{f}{f^\phi}$			Fragment <sup>b</sup> With C
-N=	-1.12			C
-N'	-1.10 <sup>c</sup>			C (ring fusion carbon)
-N< <sup>d</sup>	-0.58			C (ring fusion hetero) <sup>d</sup>
-N-N-	-2.14			CH
-N=O	-3.46			-C(O)-
-O-	-0.08			-OC(O)-
-S-	0.36			-CH=NNH-
-S=O	-2.08			-N-CHNH-
-Se-	0.45			-NHC(O)-
-NH-	-0.65			-N-CH-O-
-NHN-N-	-0.86			-N-CH-S-
				-CH=N-O-
				-N-CHN-
				-NHC(O)NH-
				-C(O)NHC(O)-
				-C(O)NHC(O)NH-
				-C(O)NHC(O)NHN-

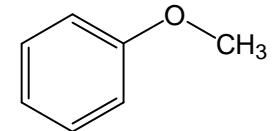
# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- $f$  – aliphatic
- $f^\phi$  – bonded to aromatic carbon
- $f^{\phi\phi}$  – bonded to aromatic carbon on both sides
- $f^{1/\phi}$  – attached to aromatic ring from right
  - e.g.,  $f^\phi(-CO_2-)$  for Ar-CO<sub>2</sub>-;  $f^{1/\phi}(-CO_2-)$  for -CO<sub>2</sub>-Ar
- $f^{Xn}$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) – aromatic attachment for which value is enhanced by second electron-withdrawing substituent
- $f^{1R}$  – benzyl attachment (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-)
- $f^{\phi/2}$  – attachment to vinyl carbon (>C=C<)

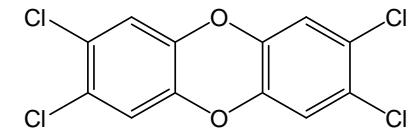
$f(-O-)$



$f^\phi(-O-)$



$f^{\phi\phi}(-O-)$



# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Factors  $F_j$  – corrections accounting for:
  - bonds
    - unsaturation – double and triple bonds
    - geometry – chains, rings, branching
  - multiple halogenation
    - on geminal carbon, on vicinal carbon
  - H-polar proximity
    - along chains, rings (aromatic and aliphatic)
  - intramolecular H-bond
    - for nitrogen and oxygen

TABLE 1-6

## Summary of Rules for Calculating Factors

## • Involving BONDS

Unsaturation

Double

$$\text{Normal } F_{(=)} = -0.55$$

$$\text{Conjugate to } \phi: F_{(=)}^\phi = -0.42$$

$$\text{Conjugate to } 2\phi: F_{(=)}^{\phi\phi} = -0.00$$

$$\text{Conjugate to second } \in \text{ in chain: } F_{(=)} = -0.38$$

Triple

$$F_{(\equiv)} = -1.42$$

$$F_{(\equiv)}^{\phi\phi} = 0.00$$

double and triple bonds lower  $K_{OW}$

Geometric

Proportional to length:  $x(n - 1)$ 

$$\text{Chain: } F_b = -0.12$$

$$\text{Ring: } ^a F_b = -0.09$$

$$\text{Branching: } F_{bYN} = -0.20 \text{ (-amine)}$$

$$F_{bYP} = -0.31 \text{ (phosphorus esters)}$$

Branching in short chains: one-time

$$\text{Alkane chain: } F_{cBr} = -0.13$$

$$\text{H-polar fragment: } F_{gBr} = -0.22$$

$$\text{Ring cluster: } F_{rCl} = -0.45$$

chains, rings,  
branching all lower  
 $K_{OW}$

## • Involving MULTIPLE HALOGENATION

$$\text{On same carbon (geminal)} F_{mhGn}: \begin{cases} (n = 2) = 0.30^b \\ (n = 3) = 0.53^b \\ (n = 4) = 0.72^b \end{cases}$$

$$\text{On adjacent carbon (vicinal)} F_{mhVn} = 0.28(n - 1)$$

multiple halogens  
increase  $K_{OW}$

## • Involving H-POLAR PROXIMITY

$$\text{Chain: } F_{P1} = -0.42(f_1 + f_2)$$

$$F_{P2} = -0.26(f_1 + f_2)$$

$$F_{P3} = -0.10(f_1 + f_2)$$

$$\text{Aliphatic ring: } F_{P1} = -0.32(f_1 + f_2)$$

$$F_{P2}^c = -0.20(f_1 + f_2)$$

-OH, -O-, -NH<sub>2</sub>  
near each other  
lowers  $K_{OW}$

## • Involving INTRAMOLECULAR H-BOND

$$F_{HBN} = 0.60 \text{ for nitrogen}$$

$$F_{HBO} = 1.0 \text{ for oxygen}$$

H-bond in molecule  
increases  $K_{OW}$

a. Aromatic rings excluded.

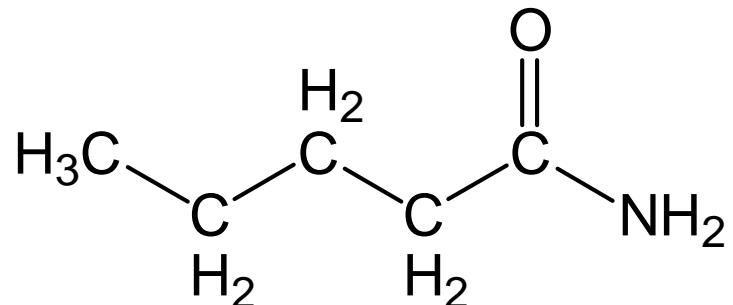
b. Values per halogen atom, if  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  to H-polar fragment, additional factor required: see Table 1-7.

c. For morpholine and piperazine derivatives, use coef. = -0.10

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# Estimating $K_{ow}$

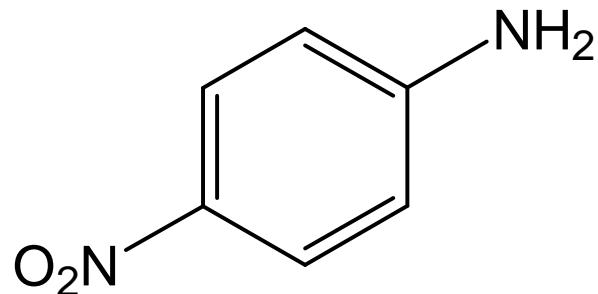
- Example: valeramide



$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
$f(\text{C})$	4	0.20	0.80
$f(\text{H})$	9	0.23	2.07
$f(\text{CONH}_2)$	1	-2.18	-2.18
$F_b$	(4-1) bonds	-0.12	-0.36
		$\log K_{ow}$	0.33
		$\log K_{ow}$ (meas.)	0.31

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Example: *p*-nitroaniline



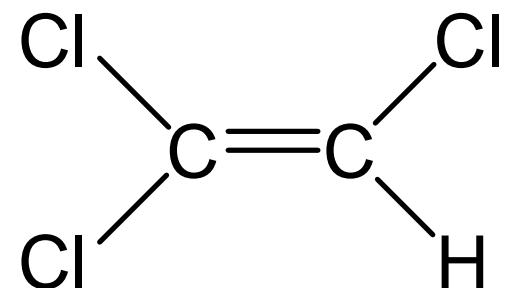
\*  $f^{X^2}$  for aromatic attachment, value enhanced by the presence of second substituent of electron-withdrawing character with  $\sigma_I > 0.75$  (e.g.,  $-\text{NO}_2$ )

$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
$f(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$	1	1.90	1.90
$f^\phi(\text{H})$	-1	0.23	-0.23
$f^{X^2}(\text{NH}_2)^*$	1	-0.23	-0.23
$f^\phi(\text{NO}_2)$	1	-0.03	-0.03

$$\log K_{ow} \quad 1.41$$
$$\log K_{ow} \text{ (meas.)} \quad 1.39$$

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Example: trichloroethene

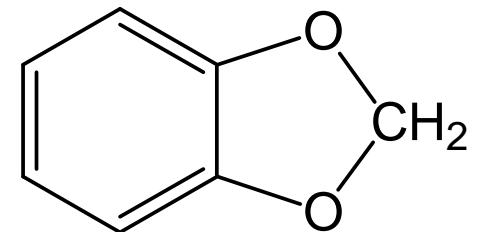


$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
$f(C)$	2	0.20	0.40
$f(H)$	3*	0.23	0.69
$f^{\phi/2}(\text{Cl})$	3	0.50	1.50
$F_=\$	1	-0.55	-0.55
$F_b$	(4-1) bonds H bonds not counted	-0.12	-0.36
$F_{\text{mhG2}}$	2	0.30	0.60
		$\log K_{ow}$	2.28
		$\log K_{ow}$ (meas.)	2.29

\* site of unsaturation should be considered saturated for the purpose of fragment constants and bond factors ( $F_b$ ) (i.e.,  $>\text{C}=\text{C}<$  is  $>\text{CH}-\text{CH}<$ )

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Example: 1,2-methyldioxybenzene



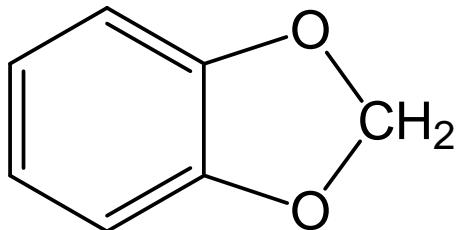
$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
$f(\underline{\text{CH}})$	4	0.355	1.42
$f^\phi(\underline{\text{C}\bullet})$	2	0.44	0.88
$f^\phi(-\text{O}-)$	2	-0.61	-1.22
$f(\text{H})$	2	0.23	0.46
$f(\text{C})$	1	0.20	0.20
$F_b$	(4-1) ring	-0.09	-0.27
$F_{P1}^*$	1	-0.32[(-0.61)+(-0.61)]	0.39
$F_{P2}^\phi{}^*$	1	-0.08[(-0.61)+(-0.61)]	0.10
		$\log K_{ow}$	1.96
		$\log K_{ow}$ (meas.)	2.08

\*  $F_{P1}$  for two polar fragments separated by one C in aliphatic ring

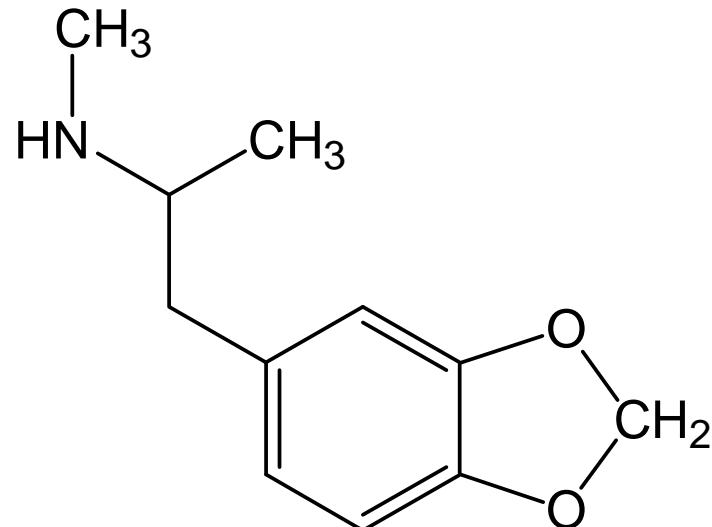
\*  $F_{P2}^\phi$  for two polar fragments separated by two C's in aromatic ring

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Which compound has a higher  $K_{ow}$ ?



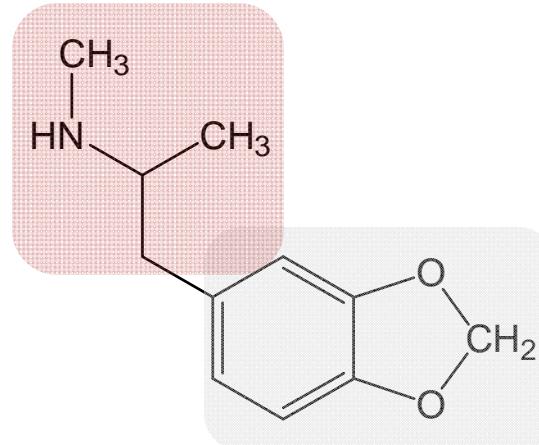
A. 1,2-methylenedioxylbenzene  
(MDB)



B. *N*-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine  
(MDMA)

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

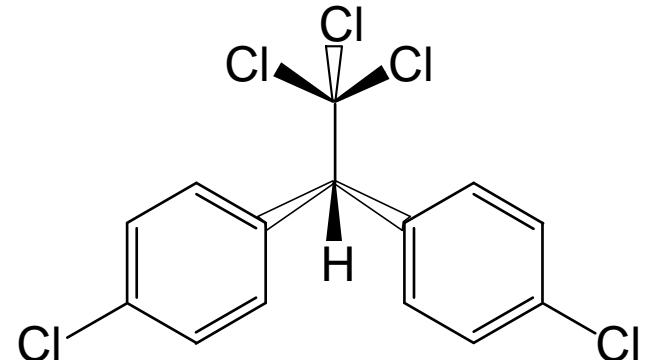
- Example



$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
1,2-methylenedioxybenzene			2.08
$f^\phi(\text{H})$	-1	0.23	-0.23
$f^\phi(\text{C})$	1	0.20	0.20
$f(\text{C})$	1	0.20	0.20
$f(\text{H})$	3	0.23	0.69
$f(-\text{NH}-)$	1	-1.54	-1.54
$f(-\text{CH}_3)$	2	0.89	1.78
$F_{\text{bYN}}$	5-1 bonds	-0.20	-1.00
		$\log K_{ow}$	2.18
		$\log K_{ow}$ (est.)	2.25 ( $\pm 0.54$ )

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- Example: DDT



$f$ or $F$	number	contrib	total
$f(\text{Cl})$	3	0.06	0.18
$f(\text{C})$	2	0.20	0.40
$f(\text{H})$	1	0.23	0.23
$f(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$	2	1.90	3.80
$f^\phi(\text{H})$	-2	-0.23	-0.46
$f^\phi(\text{Cl})$	2	0.94	1.88
$F_b$	(6-1)	-0.12	-0.60
$F_{mhG}$	3	0.53	1.59
		$\log K_{ow}$	7.02
		$\log K_{ow}$ (meas.)	4.89 (6.19) 6.91

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- General Advice
  - draw the structure!
  - start from a structurally related compound with known  $K_{ow}$
  - assume overall error of  $\pm 0.12 \log K_{ow}$ 
    - errors from individual fragments, factors can be summed also
  - consult your colleagues and strive for consensus
  - and...

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- ...give up and use a computer program!

“Hand calculations are not for the *faint-hearted* or for those who are poorly versed in chemistry. Even the designers of the methods use the computer version in order to uniformly and correctly apply the rules...

An indication of the difficulty in applying Leo’s method uniformly by hand is that some published estimates of  $\log K_{ow}$  can’t be duplicated...”

Baum, E.J., 1998. *Chemical Property Estimation: Theory and Practice*. Lewis Publishers, Boca Raton, Florida.

# Estimating $K_{ow}$

- DDT
  - $\log K_{ow}$  measurements range from 4.89 to 6.91 (6.19 best)
  - SMILES: C(C(C1=CC=C(C(Cl)C=C1)C2=CC=C(C(Cl)C=C2)(Cl)(Cl)Cl
  - CAS: [50-29-3](#)
- Estimate  $K_{ow}$  with web-based programs
  - VCC Labs  [ALOGPS Program](#)
  - Interactive Analysis [logP](#)
  - Biobyte  [ClogP](#)
  - Syracuse Research [logkow](#)
  - XLOGP (not interactive except through VCC)