

Supplementary Material

Adsorption of the hydrophobic organic pollutant hexachlorobenzene to phyllosilicate minerals

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Summary: 4 pages including experimental and analytical details (4 tables and 1 figure)

Table S1 Physico-chemical properties of the test substance and its adsorption to organic matter

Analyte	Structure	CAS RN	Molar mass [g mol ⁻¹]	Water solubility at 25 °C [μg L ⁻¹] ^a	Vapor pressure at 25 °C [μm Hg] ^a	Henry's Law Constant at 25 °C [atm m ³ mol ⁻¹] ^a	log K _{ow} ^a	log K _d ^b log K _{TOC} ^b
HCB	C ₆ Cl ₆	118-74-1	284.78	6.2	0.018	0.0017	5.73	4.5–4.7 ^c 4.9–5.1

^a SRC FatePointers Search Module, PHYSPROP database; ^b Böhm et al. (2016); ^c for organic matter with a carbon content of 29–50 %

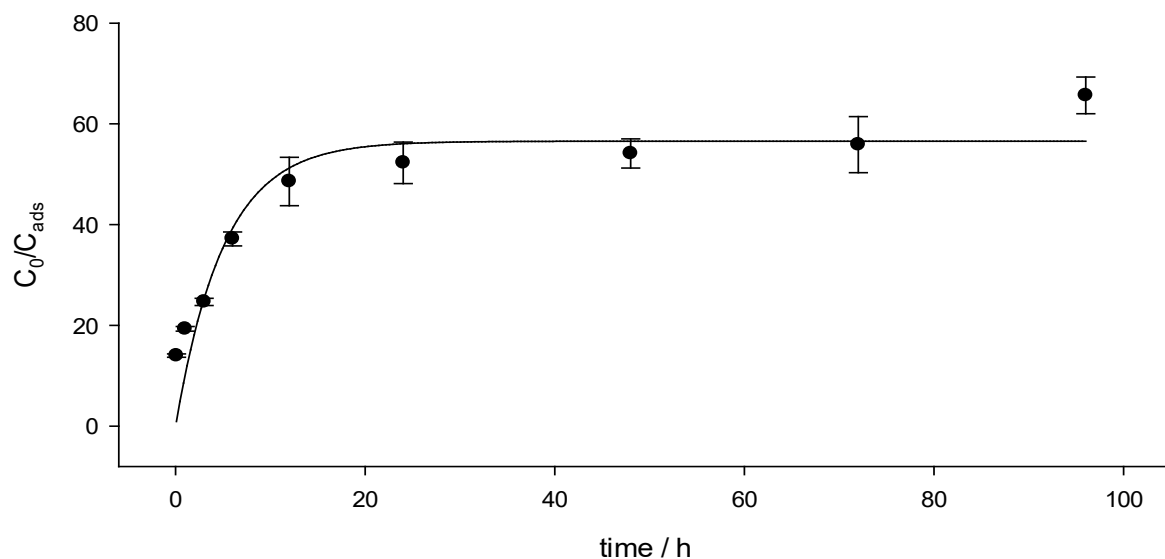


Figure S1 Estimation of the adsorption kinetic (time to equilibrium) for HCB–clay mineral systems based on an experiment with chlorite, with calculated time to equilibrium ($t_{95\%}$) = 15.2 h. Points show adsorption by quotients of C_0 (freely dissolved HCB concentration in a system without sorbent) divided by C_{ads} (freely dissolved HCB concentration in a system including sorbent)

GC-MS analysis – Text and Table S2

Measurement of HCB generally follows the methodology given in Böhm et al. (2016), Böhm et al. (2017), and Wiltshcka et al. (2020). Samples were measured by gas chromatography coupled to ion trap mass spectrometry (GC-MS). The GC (Thermo Trace GC Ultra) was equipped with (a): a 30 m × 0.25 mm fused silica capillary column of the DB5 type with 0.25 μm coating (Thermo, TG-5HT) or rather (b): with a 60 m

× 0.25 mm fused silica capillary column with 0.25 µm coating (TraceGOLD TG-XLBMS, Thermo Fisher Scientific), depending on further laboratory needs. Helium 5.0 was used as carrier gas with a flow rate of 1.0 mL min⁻¹. The split/splitless injector was heated at 280 °C with a splitless time of 3 min. The transfer line to the MS was heated at (a): 290 °C or rather (b): 260 °C. The MS source was heated at 200 °C. The MS was used in selected ion storage (SIS) mode (designated as “selected ion monitoring”, SIM, in Thermo Xcalibur software). Ionization of molecules was performed by electron impact ionization (70 eV). The mass used for quantification of HCB was 284 [m/z].

Table S2 Temperature program of the GC oven (retention time of HCB: (a) 11.20 min and (b) 28.13 min; total times: (a) 30.96 min and (b) 30.75 min; flow rate: 1.0 mL helium min⁻¹ each)

(a)	Rate	Temperature	Hold time	(b)	Rate	Temperature	Hold time
	[°C min ⁻¹]	[°C]	[min]		[°C min ⁻¹]	[°C]	[min]
	-	60	3.00		-	40	3.00
	20	200	0.00		8	150	0.00
	3	240	0.00		4	180	0.00
	40	290	5.00		40	280	4.00
	40	305	1.00				

^a TG-5HT, 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm (Thermo); ^b TG-XLBMS, 60 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm (Thermo)

Table S3 Specific surface area (SSA) of native minerals analyzed by BET (N₂) method

Mineral	Origin ^a	SSA [m ² g ⁻¹]
Kaolinite (low-defect)	CMS, KGa-1b	12
Kaolinite (high-defect)	CMS, KGa-2	21
Smectite (Ca-montmorillonite)	CMS, STx-1b	96
Smectite (montmorillonite “Cheto”)	CMS, SAz-2	83
Smectite (Na-rich montmorillonite)	CMS, SWy-3	35
Smectite („calcigel”)	Bavaria, Germany	n.d.
Smectite (Al-enriched nontronite)	CMS, NAu-1	77
Smectite (Al-poor nontronite)	CMS, NAu-2	47
Hectorite	CMS, SHCa-1	56
Illite	CMS, IMt-2	22
Vermiculite	Transvaal (ZA)	46
Chlorite (ripidolite)	CMS, CCa-2	14

^a US Clay Mineral Society

Table S4 Specific surface area (SSA) of the cation modified mineral STx-1b analyzed by BET (N₂) method

M ^{+/2+}	SSA [m ² g ⁻¹]
Li-Mnt	80
Na-Mnt	78
K-Mnt	70
Rb-Mnt	58
Cs-Mnt	61
Mg-Mnt	73
Ca-Mnt	58
Sr-Mnt	54
Ba-Mnt	61

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