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Sorption kinetics of metallic and organic contaminants on micro- and nanoplastics: remarkable dependence of the intraparticulate contaminant diffusion coefficient on particle size and potential role of polymer crystallinity

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Glossary of symbols

Latin

a Radius of plastic particle

$c_{x,w}(a < r \leq r_c, t)$ Concentration profile of contaminant X at time t in the extraparticulate aqueous medium

$c_{x,p}(0 \leq r \leq a, t)$ Intraparticulate concentration profile of contaminant X at time t

$\bar{c}_{x,p}$ Dimensionless intraparticulate concentration of contaminant X defined by $c_{x,p} / c_{x,p}^{\text{norm};i=H,L,LF}$

$c_{x,w}^*(t)$ Bulk medium concentration of contaminant X at time t

$\bar{c}_{x,w}^*$ Dimensionless bulk medium concentration of contaminant X defined by $c_{x,w}^* / c_{x,w}^*(t=0)$

$c_{x,w}^{*,0} = c_{x,w}^*(t=0)$ Initial bulk medium concentration of contaminant X

$c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s}$ Maximum surface sorption capacity of contaminant X (relevant for Langmuir and Langmuir-Freundlich isotherms)

$c_{x,w}^{*,\text{eq}} = c_{x,w}^*(t \rightarrow \infty)$ Bulk medium concentration of contaminant X at equilibrium

$c_{x,p}^{\text{norm};i=H,L,LF}$ Concentrations defined by $c_{x,p}^{\text{norm};i=H} = K_{p,w}^H c_{x,w}^{*,0}$ and $c_{x,p}^{\text{norm};i=L,LF} = c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s}$

$\bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t} = \bar{t}_k) = \bar{c}_{x,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})$ (Discretized) Dimensionless intraparticulate concentration taken at the reduced space and time variables $\bar{r} = r/a$ ($0 \leq \bar{r} \leq 1$) and $\bar{t} = t/(\beta\tau)$ ($0 \leq \bar{t} \leq 1$), respectively

$\bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t} = \bar{t}_k) = \bar{c}_{x,w}^{(k)}$ (Discretized) Dimensionless extraparticulate bulk concentration taken at the reduced time variable $\bar{t} = t/(\beta\tau)$ ($0 \leq \bar{t} \leq 1$)

$C_{x,p}(t)$ Intraparticulate concentration of contaminant X at time t

$C_{x,p}^{\text{eq}} = C_{x,p}(t \rightarrow \infty)$ Intraparticulate concentration of contaminant X at equilibrium

$D_{x,p}$ Intraparticulate diffusion coefficient of contaminant X

$D_{x,w}$ Diffusion coefficient of contaminant X in the extraparticulate aqueous medium

$f_{i=H,L,LF}(c_{x,w}^*(t))$ Isotherm defined by eqns (1-2a) ($i=H$), (1-2b) ($i=L$) and (1-2c) ($i=LF$)

$K_{p,w}^H$ Henry partition coefficient of contaminant X at the particle/water interface

$K_{p,w}^L$ Langmuir partition coefficient of contaminant X at the particle/water interface

$K_{p,w}^{LF}$ Langmuir-Freundlich partition coefficient of contaminant X at the particle/water interface

$1/\rho_{LF}$ Heterogeneity parameter involved in the Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm

r Radial coordinate (Fig. 1)

$\bar{r} = r/a$ Dimensionless (or reduced) radial coordinate

r_c Radius of the Kuwabara cell (Fig. 1)

t Time

$\bar{t} = t/(\beta\tau)$ Dimensionless (or reduced) time variable

$\bar{t}_k = (k-1)\Delta\bar{t}$ Discretized time with k an integer running from 1 to $N \gg 1$

V_p Particle volume

Greek

β Dimensionless scalar chosen to cover a prescribed range of time values t

φ Particle volume fraction

$\tau = a^2 / D_{x,p}$ Characteristic intraparticulate diffusion timescale of contaminant X

$\Delta\bar{t} = 1/(N-1)$ Time step in the discretization procedure adopted to solve eqns (1-8).

Supplementary details on numerical analysis

Following the approach specified in the main text, the dimensionless forms of eqns (1-2) for Henry, Langmuir and Langmuir-Freundlich isotherms are given by

$$\bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}=1, \bar{t}) = \bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t}) \quad (\text{S1a})$$

$$\bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}=1, \bar{t}) = \frac{K_{p,w}^L c_{x,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t})}{1 + K_{p,w}^L c_{x,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t})} \quad (\text{S1b})$$

$$\bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}=1, \bar{t}) = \frac{(K_{p,w}^{LF} c_{x,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t}))^{1/\beta_{LF}}}{1 + (K_{p,w}^{LF} c_{x,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t}))^{1/\beta_{LF}}} \quad (\text{S1c})$$

, respectively, where $\bar{r} = r/a$ ($0 \leq \bar{r} \leq 1$), $\bar{t} = t/(\beta\tau)$ ($0 \leq \bar{t} \leq 1$) with $\tau = a^2 / D_{x,p}$ (s) and β a factor (dimensionless) chosen for t to cover a range of desired values, $\bar{c}_{x,w}^*(\bar{t}) = c_{x,w}^*(t) / c_{x,w}^{*,0}$ and

$\bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t}) = c_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t}) / c_{x,p}^{\text{norm}; i=H, L, LF}$, with $c_{x,p}^{\text{norm}; i=H, L, LF}$ defined by $c_{x,p}^{\text{norm}; i=H} = K_{p,w}^H c_{x,w}^{*,0}$ and $c_{x,p}^{\text{norm}; i=L, LF} = c_{x,p}^{\text{max}, s}$. The

dimensionless form of the transient Fick diffusion eqn (3) is further simply written

$$\frac{\partial \bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t})}{\partial \bar{t}} = \beta \left[\frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t})}{\partial \bar{r}^2} + \frac{2\gamma}{\bar{r}} \frac{\partial \bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t})}{\partial \bar{r}} \right] \quad (\text{S2})$$

and the dimensionless boundaries derived from eqns (4-5) are

$$\bar{c}_{x,p}(0 \leq \bar{r} \leq 1, \bar{t} = 0) = 0 \quad (\text{S3})$$

and

$$\left. \frac{\partial \bar{c}_{x,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t})}{\partial \bar{r}} \right|_{\bar{r}=0} = 0 \quad (\text{S4})$$

, respectively. Finally, the dimensionless form of the mass balance condition (eqn (7)) is given by

$$\frac{d\bar{c}_{X,w}^*(\bar{t})}{d\bar{t}} = -\frac{3\varphi}{1-\varphi} \beta \frac{c_{X,p}^{\text{norm};i=H,L,LF}}{c_{X,w}^{*,0}} \frac{\partial \bar{c}_{X,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t})}{\partial \bar{r}} \bigg|_{\bar{r}=1} \quad (S5)$$

Introducing the discretized and dimensionless concentrations $\bar{c}_{X,p}(\bar{r}, \bar{t} = \bar{t}_k) = \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})$ and $\bar{c}_{X,w}^*(\bar{t} = \bar{t}_k) = \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}$ where the integer k runs from 1 to $N \gg 1$ and $\bar{t}_k = (k-1)\Delta\bar{t}$ pertains to the discretized time with $\Delta\bar{t} = 1/(N-1)$, eqns (S1-S5) becomes after implicit Euler discretization procedure

$$\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r}=1) = \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)} \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S6a)$$

$$\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r}=1) = \frac{K_{p,w}^L c_{X,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}}{1 + K_{p,w}^L c_{X,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}} \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S6b)$$

$$\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r}=1) = \frac{\left(K_{p,w}^{LF} c_{X,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}\right)^{1/\rho_{LF}}}{1 + \left(K_{p,w}^{LF} c_{X,w}^{*,0} \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}\right)^{1/\rho_{LF}}} \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S6c)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})}{\partial \bar{r}^2} = \frac{1}{\beta \Delta\bar{t}} \left(\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r}) - \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k-1)}(\bar{r}) \right) - \frac{2\gamma}{\bar{r}} \frac{\partial \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})}{\partial \bar{r}} \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S7)$$

$$\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k-1)}(0 \leq \bar{r} \leq 1) = 0 \quad (S8)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})}{\partial \bar{r}} \bigg|_{\bar{r}=0} = 0 \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S9)$$

$$\bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)} = \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k-1)} - \frac{3\varphi}{1-\varphi} \beta \Delta\bar{t} \frac{c_{X,p}^{\text{norm};i=H,L,LF}}{c_{X,w}^{*,0}} \frac{\partial \bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r})}{\partial \bar{r}} \bigg|_{\bar{r}=1} \quad \text{for } k=2, \dots, N \quad (S10)$$

, respectively. We further recall the initial condition verified by the extraparticulate concentration

$$\bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k-1)} = 1 \quad (S11)$$

After solving $\{\bar{c}_{X,p}^{(k)}(\bar{r}), \bar{c}_{X,w}^{(k)}\}$ for $k=2, \dots, N$ along the lines indicated in the main text, the kinetics of X sorption, $C_{X,p}(t = t_{k=1, \dots, N})$, was evaluated by eqn (8) in the main text with the spatial integral therein estimated by the rectangle method.

Supplementary details on the strategy for fitting X isotherm and X sorption kinetic data (Fig. S1)

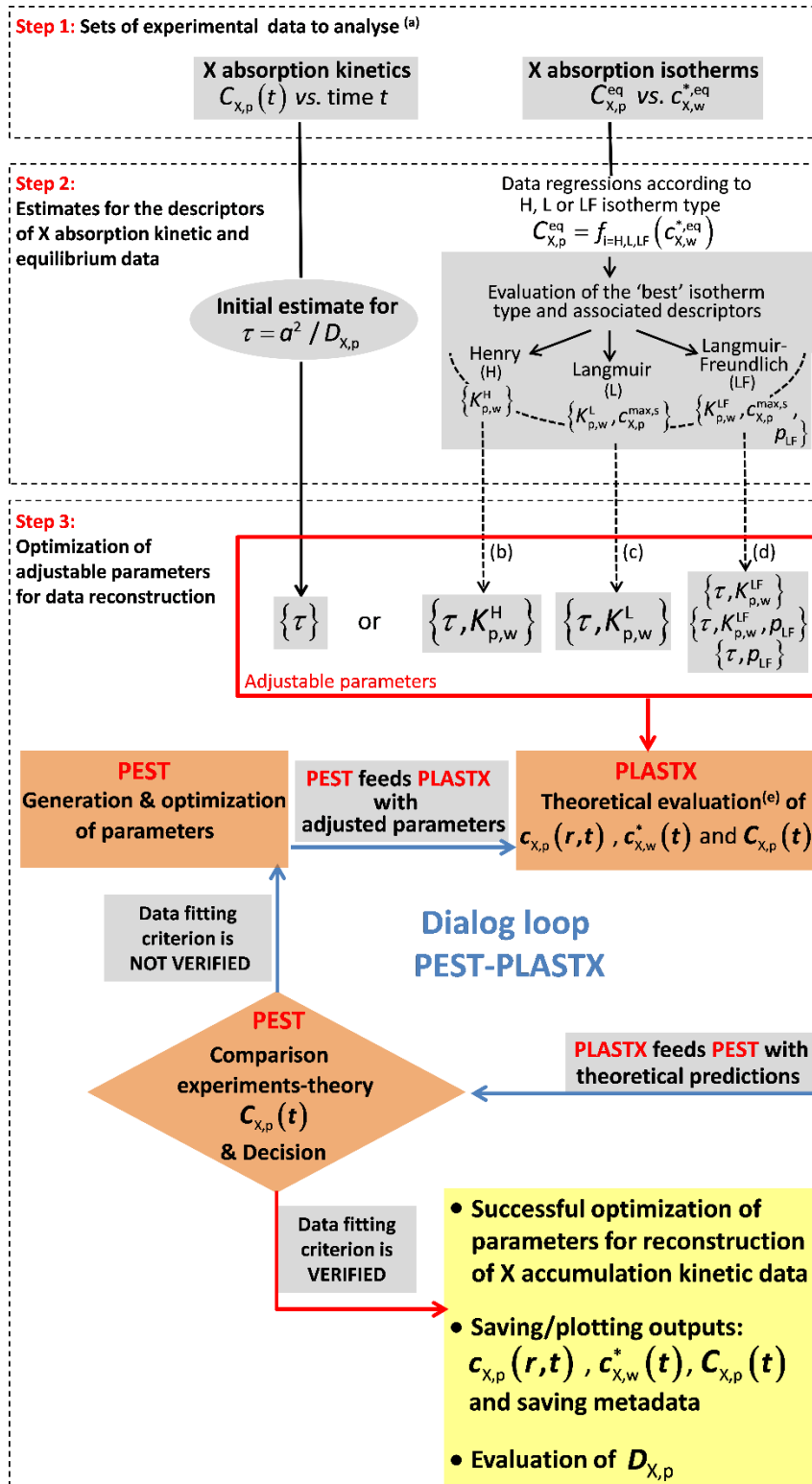


Fig. S1. Flowchart showing the steps involved in implementing the algorithm for the data fitting. Step 1 (a) Sufficiently documented literature data were selected for which both equilibrium isotherm and sorption kinetics were reported for pristine plastic particles of spherical or approximately spherical geometry. Studies were excluded from consideration if (i) the particle size was not reported or only poorly documented, (ii) only kinetic data were given, i.e. no corresponding equilibrium isotherms, (iii) very few time points were reported, and (iv) there were gross inconsistencies between the kinetic and equilibrium data. Once a good description of the equilibrium isotherm data was obtained (Step 2), PEST and PLASTX were run (Step 3) to fit the kinetic

sorption data with τ as the only adjustable parameter (and the values of the isotherm descriptors fixed at those determined from the independent equilibrium data and $\gamma = 1$ (spherical diffusion)); if the fit to the kinetic data was unsatisfactory, the PEST fitting was repeated with the equilibrium isotherm descriptors also adjustable according to the options specified in **(b)**, **(c)** and **(d)** for the pertaining isotherms, and if the fit remained unsatisfactory the PEST fitting was repeated with $\gamma = 0$ (linear diffusion). **Table S1** documents the parameters that were adjusted for each data set. **(e)** Theoretical evaluation of eqns (1-8) (or, equivalently, eqns (S1-S5) or eqns (S6-S11)) along the lines indicated in the main text.

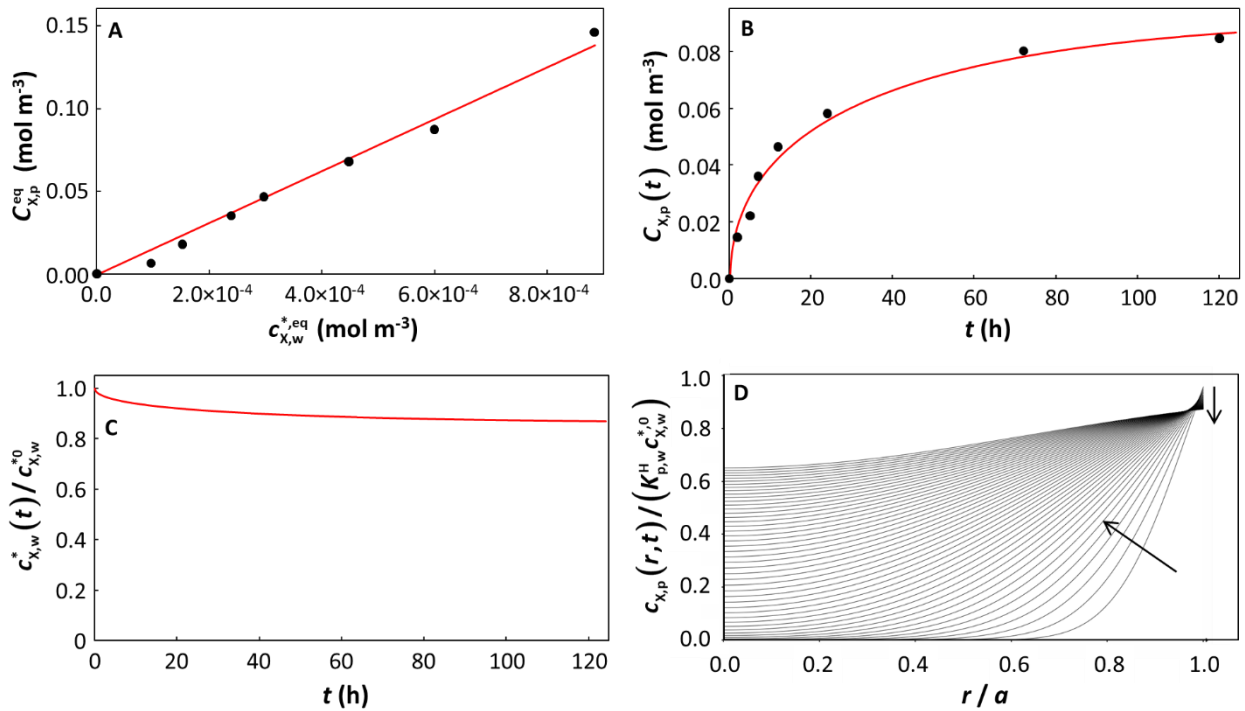


Fig. S2. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with low depletion of X in the bulk solution, linear (Henry) isotherm, $K_{p,w}^H$ fixed during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of triadimefon on polyvinylchloride particles ($a = 3.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 8334 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 8334 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $C_{x,w}^*(t = 0) = C_{x,w}^{*,0}$. The Henry isotherm best described the equilibrium data and τ was the only parameter that was optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)¹ and the best fit obtained according to the Henry sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2a), red curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^H$); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)¹ and the numerically computed values, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7-8) (red curve); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 13% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 578.6 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{x,p} = 6.75 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

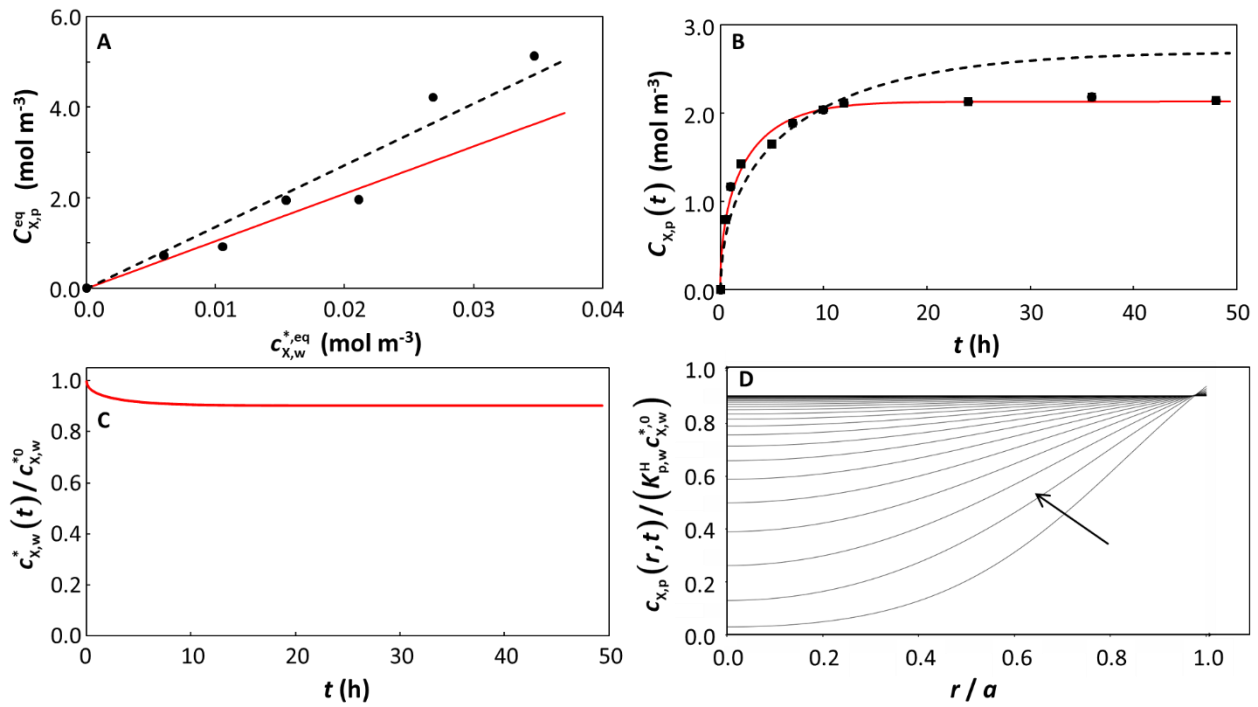


Fig. S3. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with low depletion of X in the bulk solution, linear (Henry) isotherm, $K_{p,w}^H$ varied during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of tetracycline on polyvinylchloride particles ($a = 4.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 3468 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 3468 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{X,w}^*(t = 0) = c_{X,w}^{*0}$. The Henry isotherm best described the equilibrium data and $K_{p,w}^H$ and τ were both optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)² and the best fit obtained according to the Henry sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2a), black dashed curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^H$), and the curve computed using the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ optimized during the kinetic fitting (red curve); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)² and the numerically computed values using (i) the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ optimized during the kinetic fitting, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7-8) (red curve; $K_{p,w}^H = 104.8$), and (ii) the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ fixed at the value determined from the equilibrium isotherm data (black dashed curve; $K_{p,w}^H = 136.4$); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 9.5% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 39.4 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{X,p} = 1.13 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

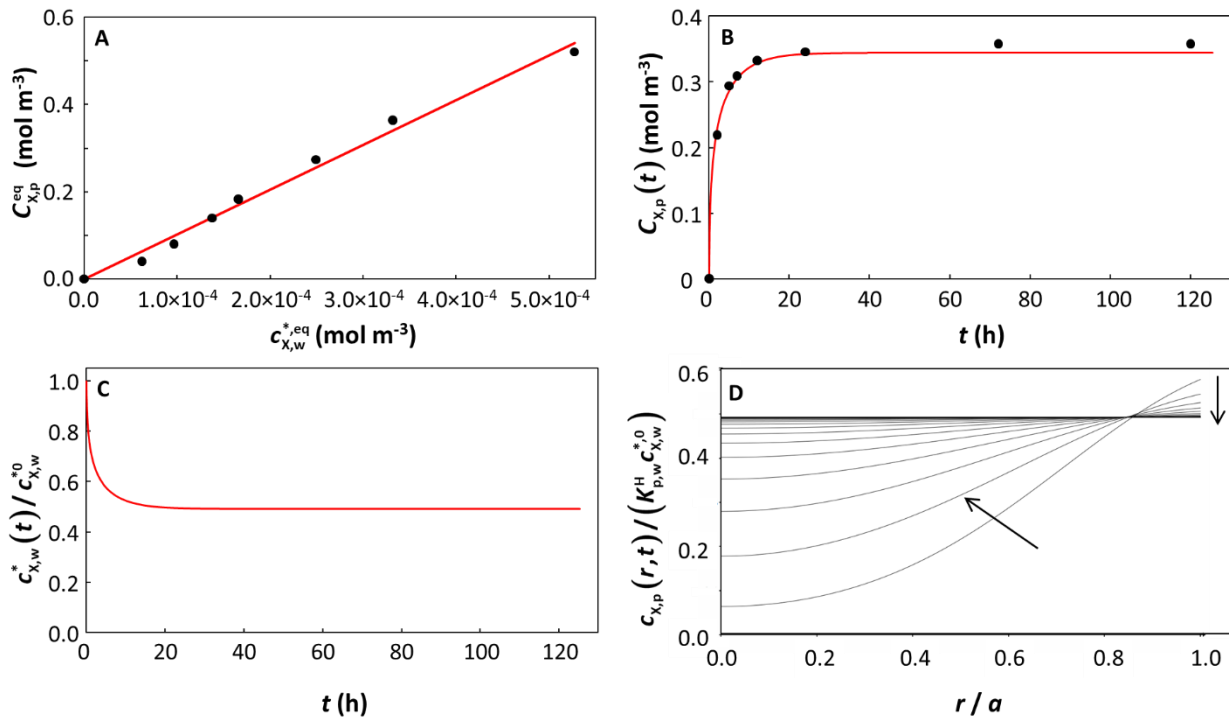


Fig. S4. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with significant depletion of X in the bulk solution, linear (Henry) isotherm, $K_{p,w}^H$ fixed during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of triadimefon on PBS particles ($a = 3.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 9025 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 9025 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{X,w}^*(t = 0) = c_{X,w}^{*,0}$. The Henry isotherm best described the equilibrium data and τ was the only parameter that was optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)¹ and the best fit obtained according to the Henry sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2a), red curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^H$); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)¹ and the numerically computed values, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7-8) (red curve); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 51% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 79.0 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{X,p} = 4.94 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

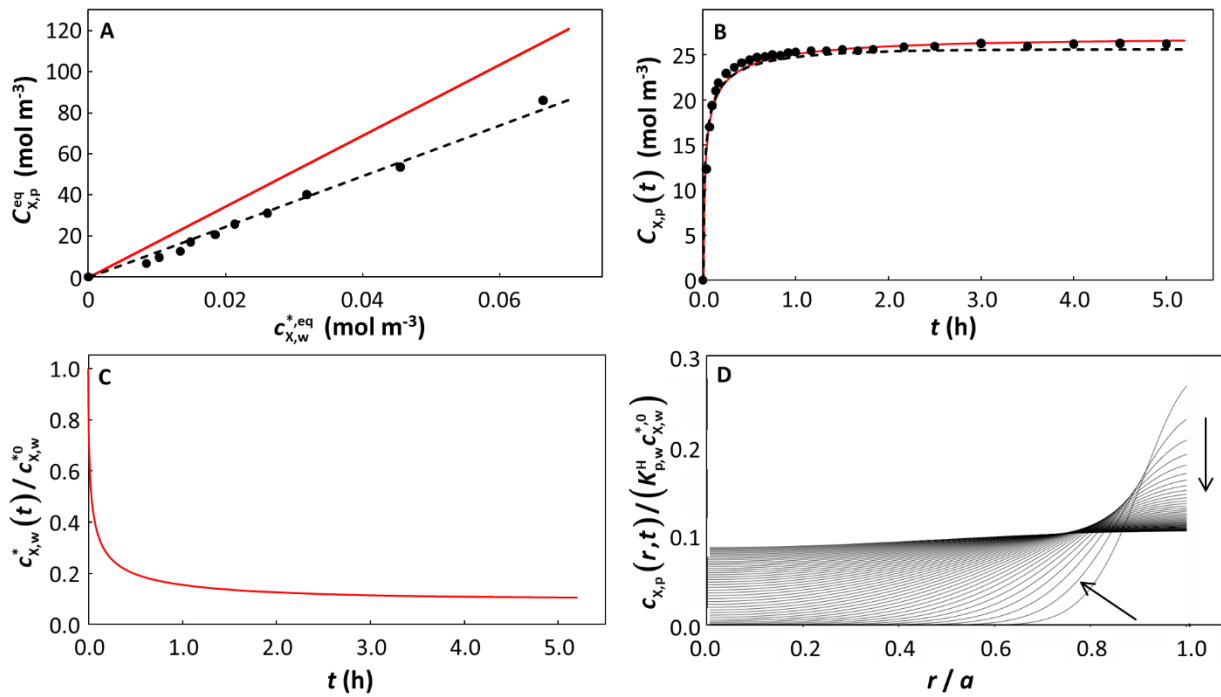


Fig. S5. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with significant depletion of X in the bulk solution, linear (Henry) isotherm, $K_{p,w}^H$ varied during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of 1-methyl-naphthalene on polyethylene particles ($a = 9.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 394 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 394 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{X,w}^*(t = 0) = c_{X,w}^{*,0}$. The Henry isotherm best described the equilibrium data and $K_{p,w}^H$ and τ were both optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)³ and the best fit obtained according to the Henry sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2a), black dashed curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^H$), and the curve computed using the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ optimized during the kinetic fitting (red curve); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)³ and the numerically computed values using (i) the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ optimized during the kinetic fitting, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7-8) (red curve; $K_{p,w}^H = 1726.8$), and (ii) the value of $K_{p,w}^H$ fixed at the value determined from the equilibrium isotherm data (black dashed curve; $K_{p,w}^H = 1230.9$); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2a,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 89% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 34.0 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{X,p} = 6.62 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

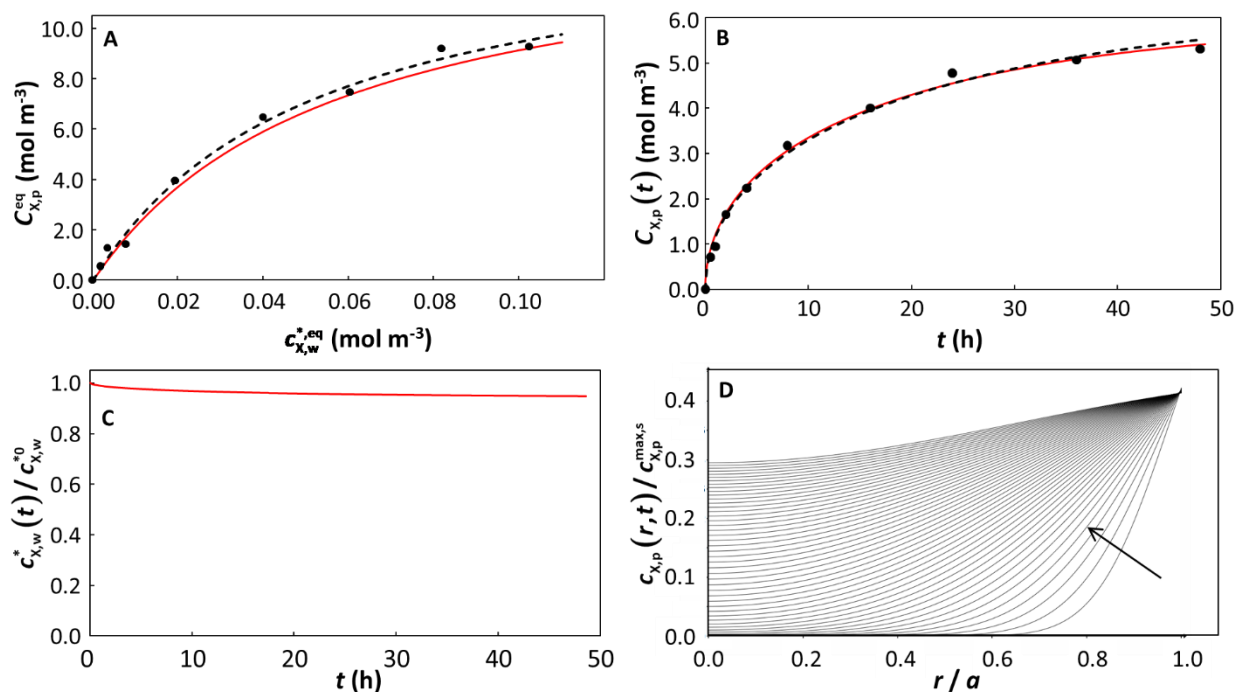


Fig. S6. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with low depletion of X in the bulk solution, Langmuir isotherm, $K_{p,w}^L$ varied during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of carbamazepine on polystyrene particles ($a = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$ m). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 3493$ s, starting at $t = 3493$ s. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{x,w}^*(t=0) = c_{x,w}^{*0}$. The Langmuir isotherm best described the equilibrium data and $K_{p,w}^L$ and τ were both optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁴ and the best fit obtained according to the Langmuir sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2b), black dashed curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^L$), and the curve computed using the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ optimized during the kinetic fitting (red curve); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁴ and the numerically computed values using (i) the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ optimized during the kinetic fitting, eqns (1-2b,3-5,7-8) (red curve; $K_{p,w}^L = 17.6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$), and (ii) the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ fixed at the value determined from the equilibrium isotherm data (black dashed curve; $K_{p,w}^L = 19.5 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2b,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 5% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 248.9 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{x,p} = 2.36 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

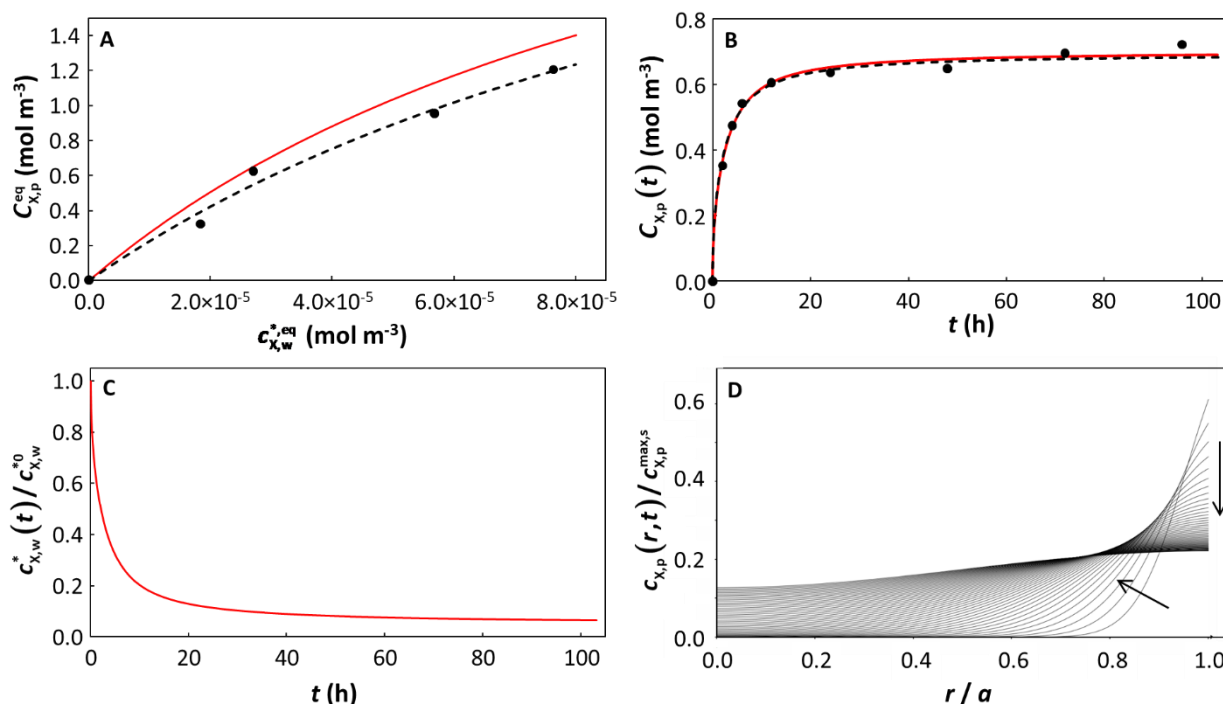


Fig. S7. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with significant depletion of X in the bulk solution, Langmuir isotherm, $K_{p,w}^L$ varied during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of fluoranthene on polyethylene terephthalate particles ($a = 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticulate concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 7424 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 7424 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{X,w}^*(t = 0) = c_{X,w}^{*0}$. The Langmuir isotherm best described the equilibrium data and $K_{p,w}^L$ and τ were both optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁵ and the best fit obtained according to the Langmuir sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2b), black dashed curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^L$), and the curve computed using the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ optimized during the kinetic fitting (red curve); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁵ and the numerically computed values using (i) the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ optimized during the kinetic fitting, eqns (1-2b,3-5,7-8) (red curve; $K_{p,w}^L = 8730.4 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$), and (ii) the value of $K_{p,w}^L$ fixed at the value determined from the equilibrium isotherm data (black dashed curve; $K_{p,w}^L = 7075.3 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2b,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 93% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 937.4 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{X,p} = 6.67 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

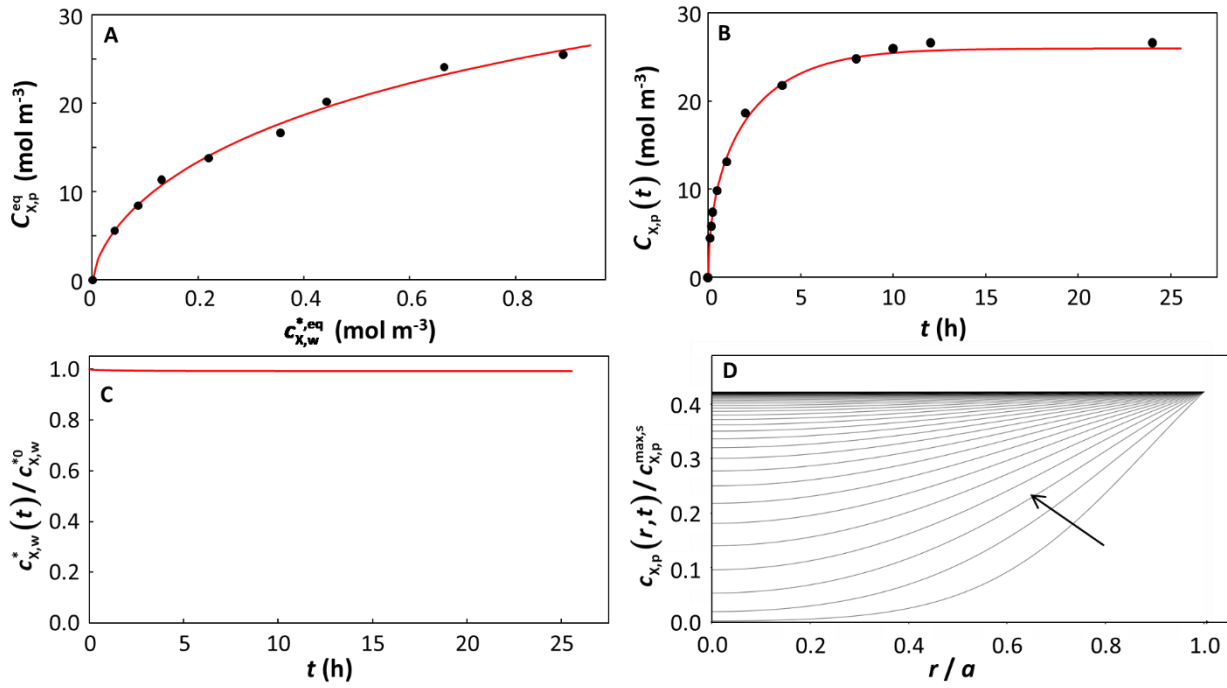


Fig. S8. Equilibrium and kinetic features of a system with low depletion of X in the bulk solution, Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm, $K_{p,w}^{LF}$ fixed during fitting of the kinetic data: sorption of Cd on polylactic acid particles ($a = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$). The panels correspond to: **(A)** equilibrium sorption isotherm; **(B)** kinetic sorption curves; **(C)** corresponding solution depletion profile; and **(D)** temporal evolution of the normalized intraparticle concentration profiles, with the direction of increasing time indicated by the arrow. In (D), the timescale between two plotted concentration profiles is $\Delta t = 1838 \text{ s}$, starting at $t = 1838 \text{ s}$. The situation at $t = 0$ (not shown) corresponds to plastic particles free of contaminants and to the initial bulk medium condition $c_{X,w}^*(t=0) = c_{X,w}^{*,0}$. The Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm best described the equilibrium data and τ was the only parameter that was optimized to fit the sorption curves (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The isotherm curve (A) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁶ and the best fit obtained according to the Langmuir-Freundlich sorption isotherm (eqns (1-2c), red curve, adjusted parameter: $K_{p,w}^{LF}$); the kinetic sorption curve (B) shows the experimental data (black circles)⁶ and the numerically computed values, eqns (1-2c,3-5,7-8) (red curve); the depletion profile (C) shows the values obtained from numerical computation, eqns (1-2c,3-5,7) (red curve). The maximal extent of bulk depletion is 1% in the kinetic sorption data, and from the fitted τ of 28.5 h the derived diffusion coefficient is $D_{X,p} = 2.19 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

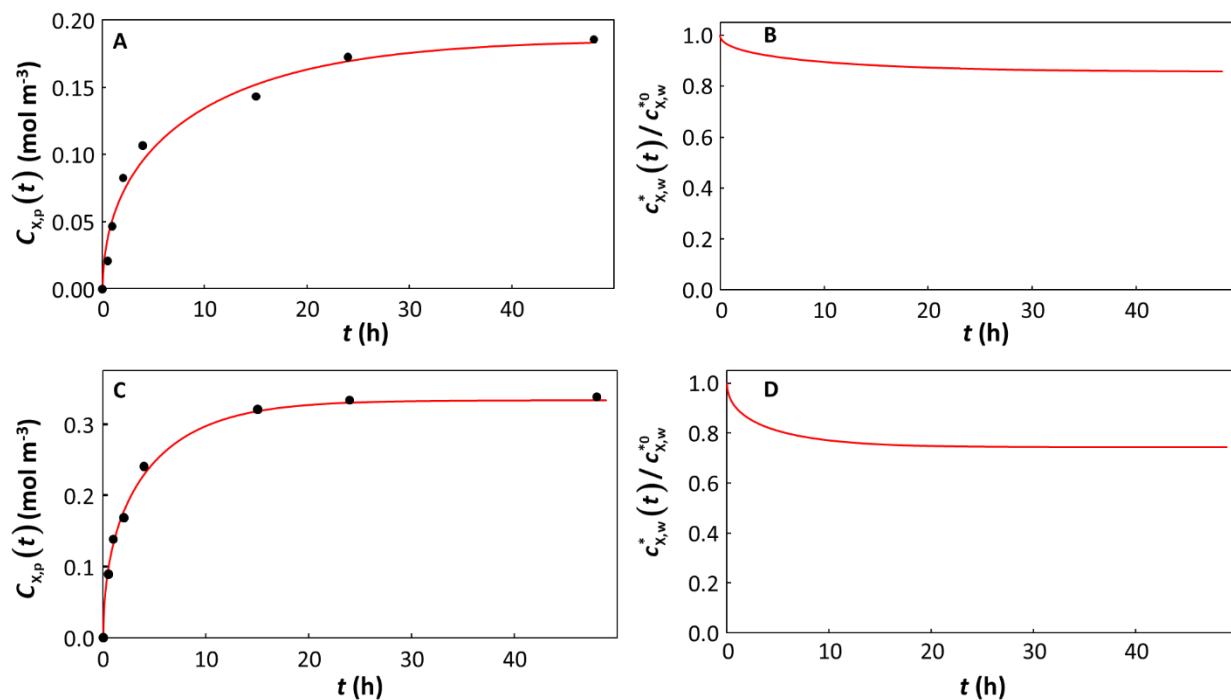


Fig. S9. Comparison of experimental and numerically computed sorption curves (**A,C**) and corresponding solution depletion profiles (**B,D**) for the sorption of benzophenone-3 on PS particles with $a = 1.25 \times 10^{-4}$ m (A,B, 14% bulk depletion) and 2.5×10^{-7} m (C,D, 25% bulk depletion) at the same particle volume fraction (6.7×10^{-4}). In both cases τ was the only parameter that was optimized to fit the sorption curves, and the Langmuir isotherm (eqns (1-2b)) best described the equilibrium data (see **Table S1** for the pertaining parameters). The sorption curves (A,C) show the experimental data (black circles)⁷ and numerically computed values (eqns (1-2b,3-5,7-8), red curve); the depletion profiles (B,D) show the values obtained from numerical computation (eqns (1-2b,3-5,7), red curve). The difference in the extent of bulk depletion reflects the difference in Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s}$ values (0.27 mol m^{-3} for $a = 1.25 \times 10^{-4}$ m; 0.42 mol m^{-3} for $a = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ m).

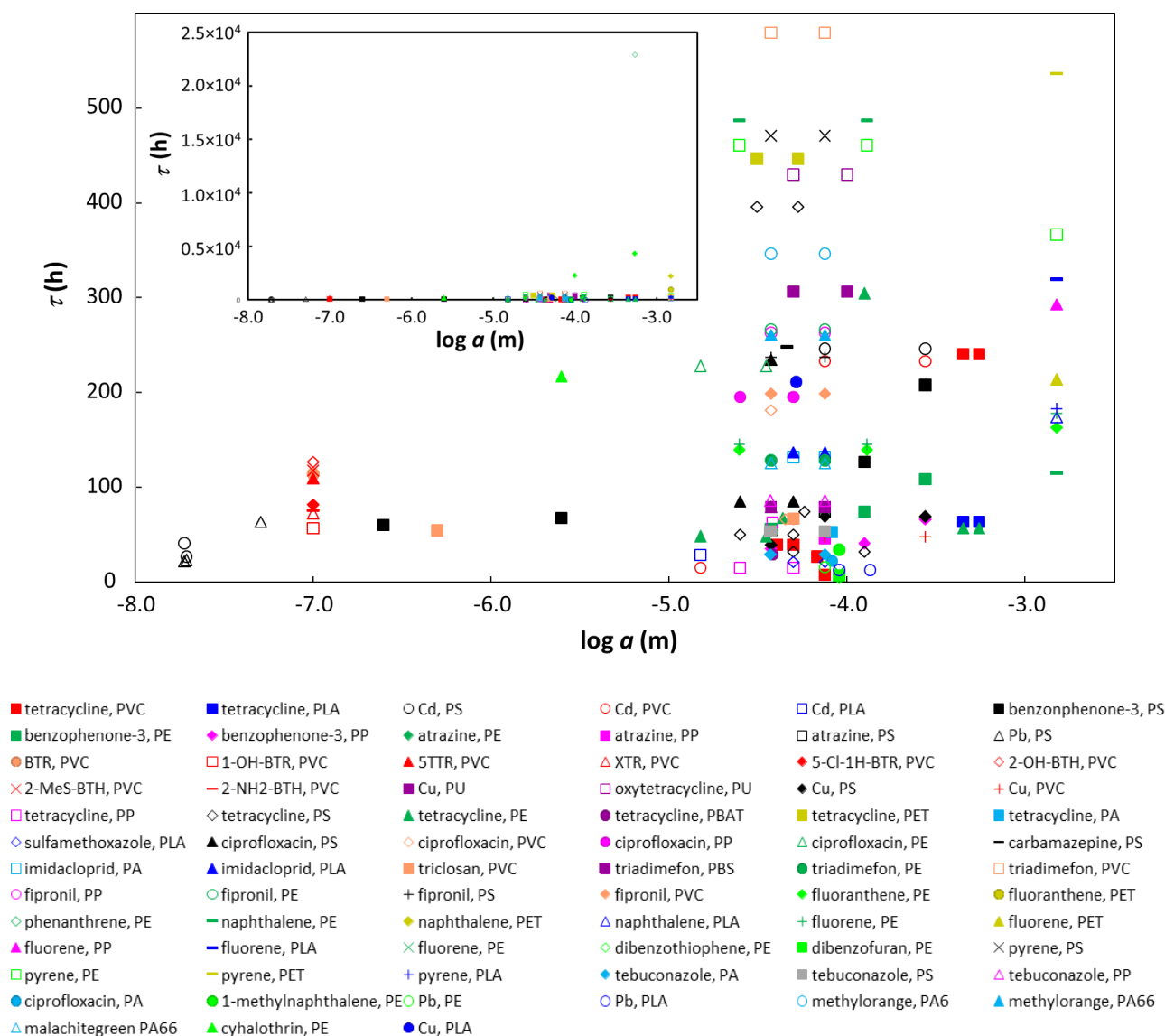


Fig. S10. The characteristic diffusion time, τ , as a function of the particle radius in logarithmic scale, $\log a$. The inset at lower τ resolution shows the few data points with very high τ values. Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as specified in the legend. Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid; PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate; BTR = 1H-benzotriazole; 1-OH-BTR = 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole; 5TTR = 5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole; XTR = 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole; 5-Cl-1H-BTR = 5-chloro-1H-benzotriazole; 2-OH-BTH = 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole; 2-MeS-BTH = 2-methylthio-benzothiazole; 2-NH2-BTH = 2-amino-benzothiazole.

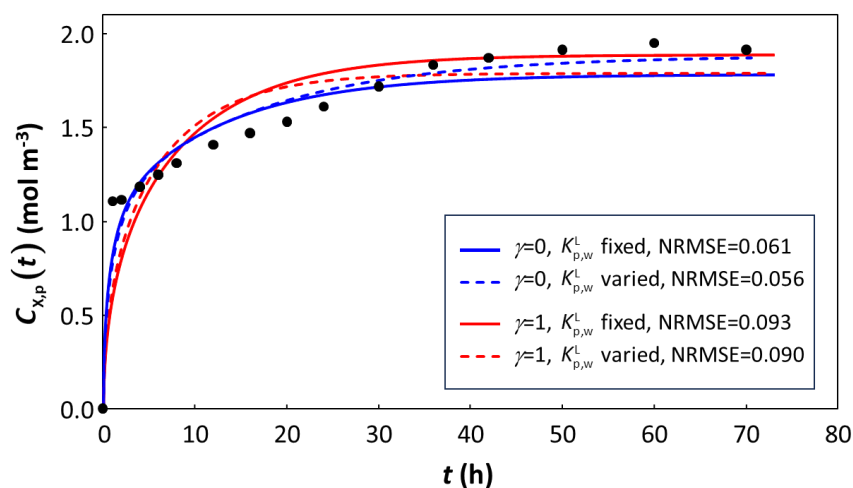


Fig. S11. Comparison of experimental and numerically computed sorption curves for the sorption of Cd(II) on PS particles with $a = 2.15\text{--}3.7 \times 10^{-5}$ m, with an experimental volume fraction $\phi = 0.01$. The Langmuir isotherm (eqns (1-2b)) best described the equilibrium data ($K_{p,w}^L = 0.47 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$; $c_{X,p}^{\text{max},s} = 9.69 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$). The various curves show the experimental data (black circles)⁸ and numerically computed values (eqns (1-2b,3-5,7-8)) corresponding to optimization of only τ or both τ and $K_{p,w}^L$ to fit the sorption curve for both $\gamma = 0$ and $\gamma = 1$, as indicated in the legend. The value of $K_{p,w}^L$ optimized by the kinetic fitting was $0.51 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for $\gamma = 0$, and $0.44 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for $\gamma = 1$. All computations were performed using $\phi = 0.01$; use of artificially lower ϕ values, with $K_{p,w}^L$ fixed or optimized during the kinetic fitting, did not further improve the fit to the data.

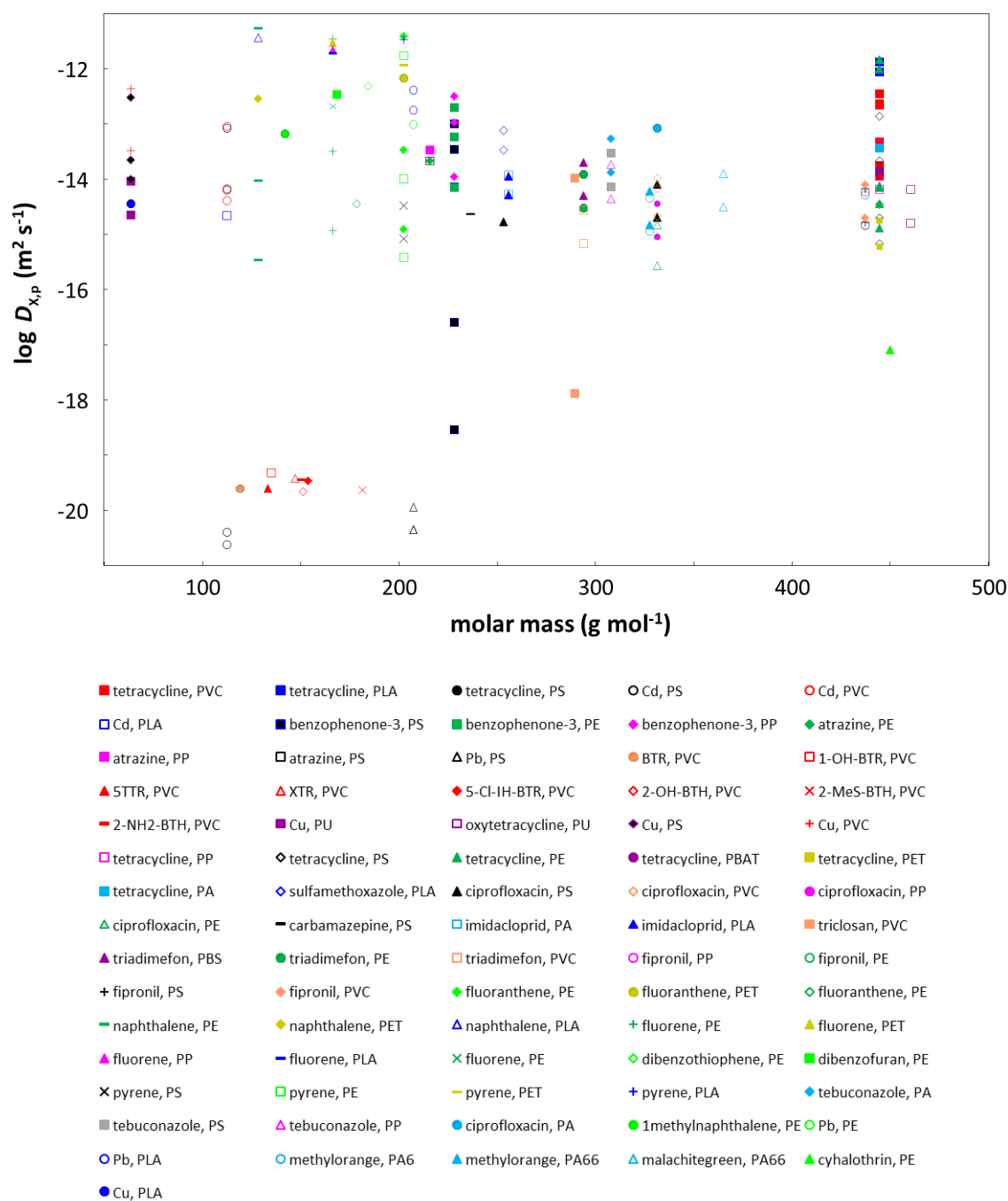


Fig. S12. Diffusion coefficient (in logarithmic scale) of the target molecule X in the polymer phase, $\log D_{x,p}$, as a function of the molar mass of X. Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as specified in the legend. Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate; BTR = 1H-benzotriazole; 1-OH-BTR = 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole; 5TTR = 5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole; XTR = 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole; 5-chloro-1H-BTR = 5-chloro-1H-benzotriazole; 2-OH-BTH = 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole; 2-MeS-BTH = 2-methylthio-benzothiazole; 2-NH₂-BTH = 2-amino-benzothiazole.

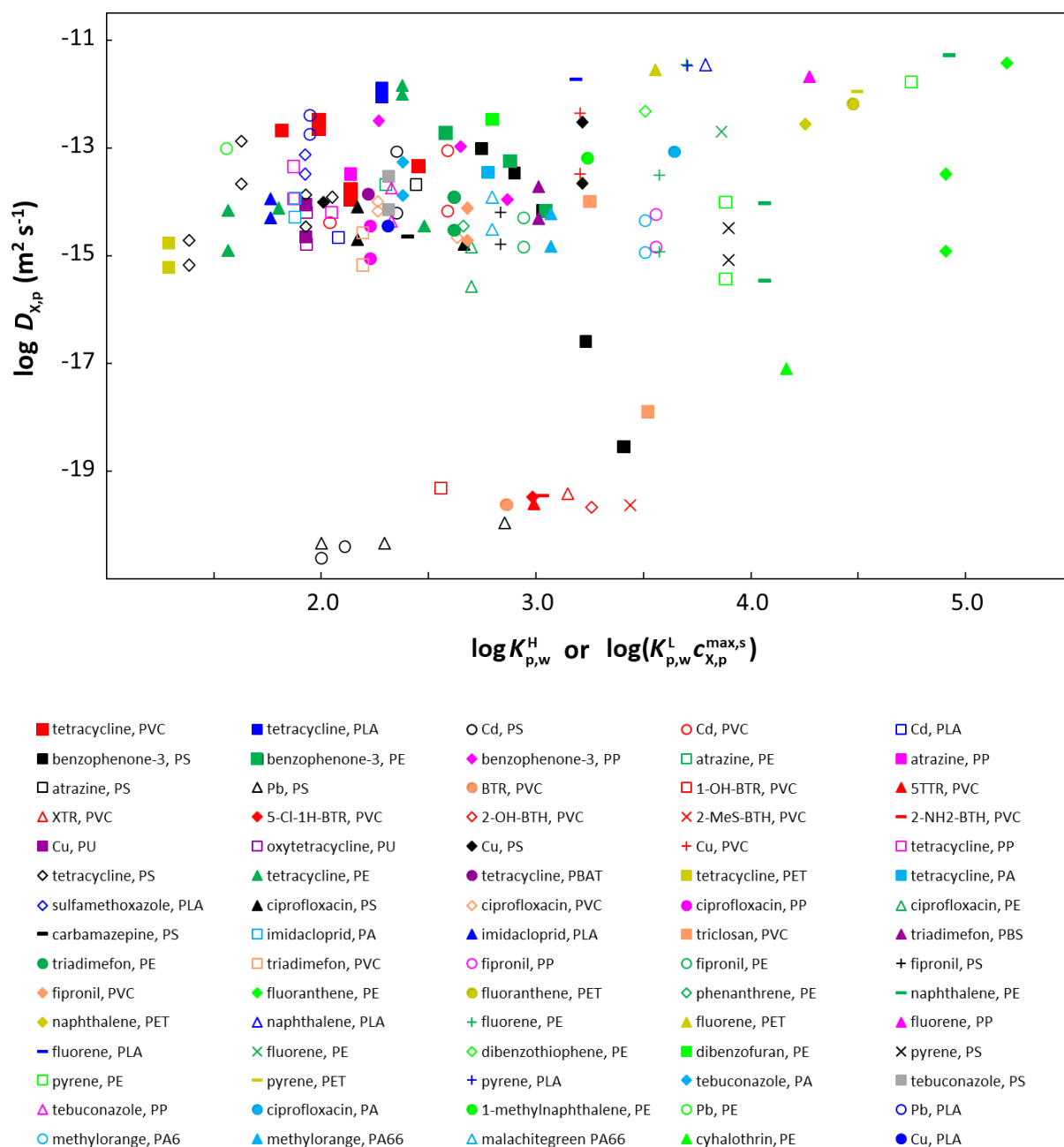


Fig. S13. Diffusion coefficient (in logarithmic scale) of the target molecule X in the polymer phase, $\log D_{X,p}$, as a function of the linearized (dimensionless) partition coefficient given in logarithmic scale, i.e. $\log K_{p,w}^H$ or $\log(K_{p,w}^L c_{X,p}^{max,s})$. Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as specified in the legend. Since it is not straightforward to linearize the Langmuir-Freundlich partition coefficient, for purposes of this plot, the few equilibrium data that are best described by the Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm were recalculated with a Langmuir isotherm, which typically also provided an adequate fit to the equilibrium data. Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate; BTR = 1H-benzotriazole; 1-OH-BTR = 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole; 5TTR = 5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole; XTR = 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole; 5-chloro-1H-BTR = 5-chloro-1H-benzotriazole; 2-OH-BTH = 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole; 2-MeS-BTH = 2-methylthio-benzothiazole; 2-NH2-BTH = 2-amino-benzothiazole.

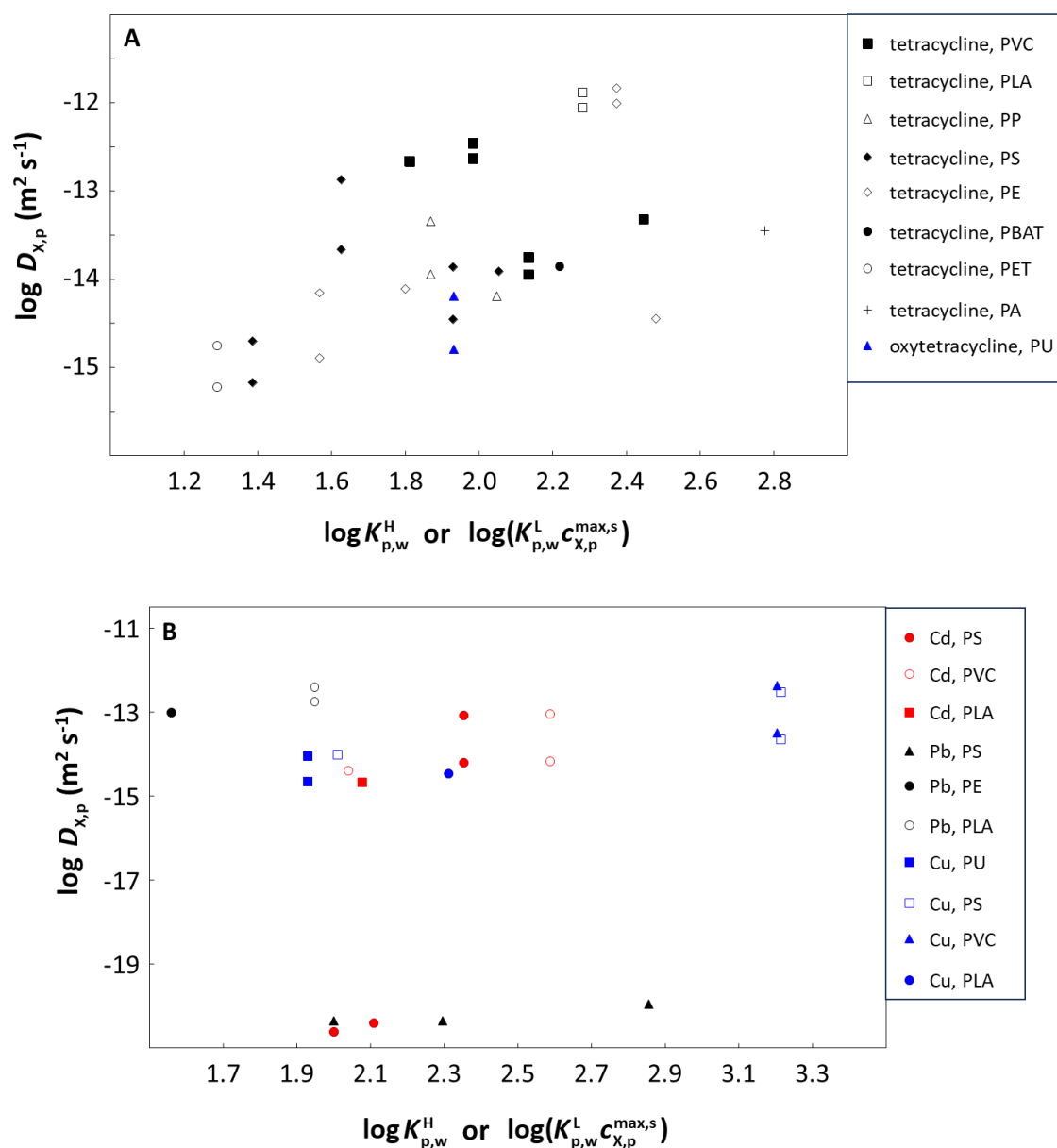
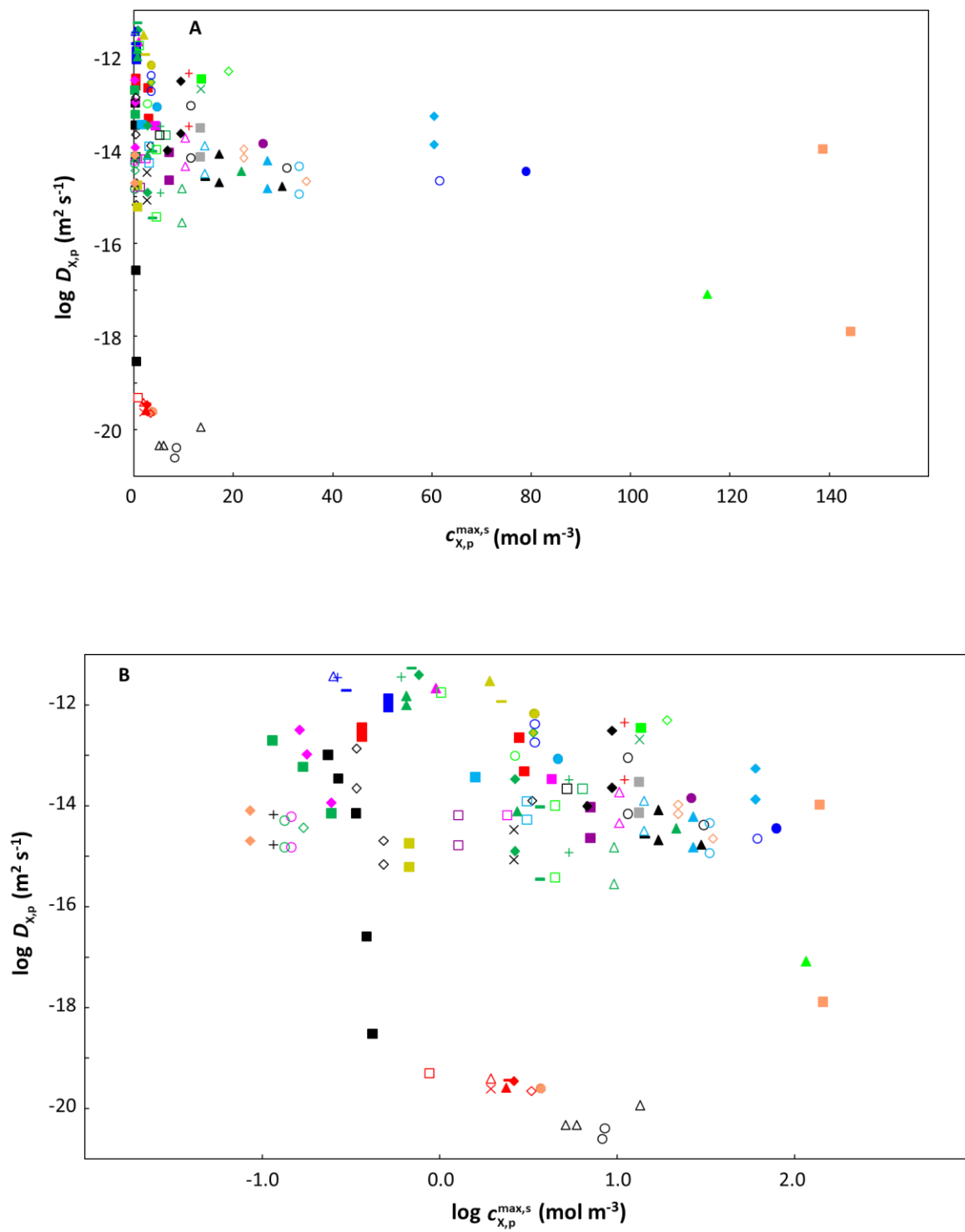


Fig. S14. Diffusion coefficient (in logarithmic scale) of the target contaminant **(A)** (oxy)tetracycline and **(B)** metal ions in the polymer phase, $\log D_{x,p}$, as a function of the linearized (dimensionless) partition coefficient given in logarithmic scale, i.e. $\log K_{p,w}^H$ or $\log(K_{p,w}^L c_{x,p}^{\max,s})$. Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as specified in the legend. Since it is not straightforward to linearize the Langmuir-Freundlich partition coefficient, for purposes of this plot, the few equilibrium data that are best described by the Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm were recalculated with a Langmuir isotherm, which typically also provided an adequate fit to the equilibrium data. Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide.



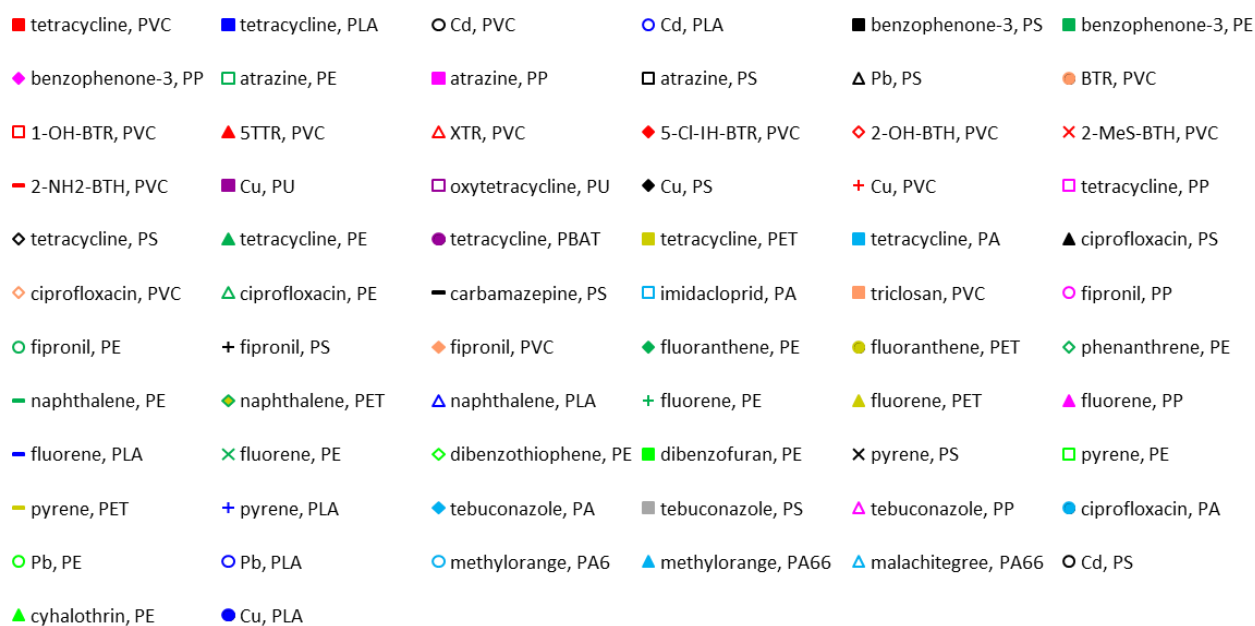


Fig. S15. Diffusion coefficient (in logarithmic scale) of the target molecule X in the polymer phase, $\log D_{x,p}$, as a function of the maximum sorbed concentration at equilibrium, $C_{x,p}^{\max,s}$ plotted in (A) log-linear and (B) log-log format. Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as detailed in the legend; the data correspond to those best described by a Langmuir or a Langmuir-Freundlich isotherm. Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate; BTR = 1H-benzotriazole; 1-OH-BTR = 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole; 5TTR = 5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole; XTR = 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole; 5-Cl-IH-BTR = 5-chloro-1H-benzotriazole; 2-OH-BTH = 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole; 2-MeS-BTH = 2-methylthio-benzothiazole; 2-NH2-BTH = 2-amino-benzothiazole.

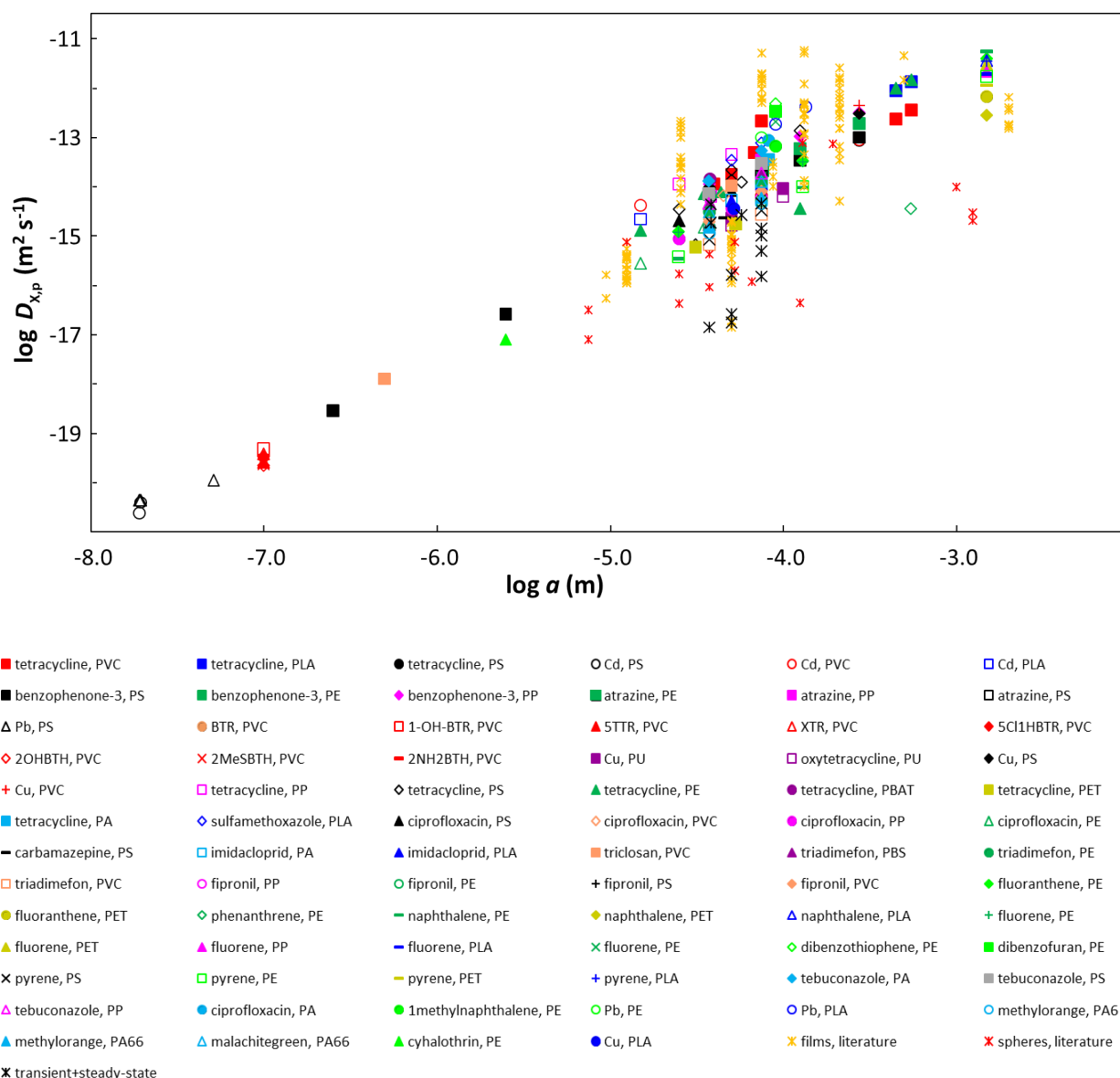


Fig. S16. Log-log plot of the intraparticle diffusion coefficient, $D_{x,p}$, as a function of particle radius, a . Symbols correspond to the analyzed data sets as detailed in the legend. Included are literature reports of $D_{x,p}$ values (determined by various means) for thin films (yellow asterisks),⁹⁻¹⁶ spheres (red asterisks),¹⁶⁻¹⁹ and our previous coupled transient plus steady-state approach for spherical particles (black asterisks).²⁰ Abbreviations: PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate; BTR = 1H-benzotriazole; 1-OH-BTR = 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole; 5TTR = 5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole; XTR = 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole; 5-chloro-1H-BTR = 5-chloro-1H-benzotriazole; 2-OH-BTH = 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole; 2-MeS-BTH = 2-methylthio-benzothiazole; 2-NH2-BTH = 2-amino-benzothiazole.

Table S1. Polymers and compounds for which kinetic and equilibrium data are available. $\gamma=1$ in all cases, with one exception highlighted in yellow

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PS	Cd	7.5×10^{-5} - 2.75×10^{-4}	1×10^{-3}	17.5	246.3 (196.4 – 296.2)	6.34×10^{-15} (75 μ m) 8.50×10^{-14} (275 μ m)	0.066	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 225.9$ NRMSE=0.054	21
PS-NH ₂	Cd	1.9×10^{-8}	1×10^{-4}	0.1	41.1 (30.8 – 51.4)	2.44×10^{-21}	0.063	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 8.22$ $K_{p,w}^L = 12.2$ NRMSE=0.033	22
PS-SO ₃ H	Cd	1.95×10^{-8}	1×10^{-4}	0.2	26.6 (17.7 – 35.4)	3.98×10^{-21}	0.074	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 8.53$ $K_{p,w}^L = 15.1$ NRMSE = 0.030	22
PVC	Cd	7.5×10^{-5} - 2.75×10^{-4}	1×10^{-3}	35.4	232.5 (162.7 – 302.3) $\gamma=0$	6.72×10^{-15} (75 μ m) 9.03×10^{-14} (275 μ m)	0.079	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 11.5$ $K_{p,w}^L = 33.8$ NRMSE=0.060	21
PLA	Cd	1.5×10^{-5}	2×10^{-4}	0.6	28.5 (26.0 – 31.1)	2.19×10^{-15}	0.018	LF, $p_{LF} = 1.55$ $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 61.53$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 0.7$ NRMSE=0.022	6
PVC	Cd	1.5×10^{-5}	2×10^{-4}	0.4	15.2 (11.5 – 18.9-	4.11×10^{-15}	0.049	LF, $p_{LF} = 1.637$ $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 30.74$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 1.4$ NRMSE=0.025	6
PU	Cu	5×10^{-5} - 1×10^{-4}	3.33×10^{-3}	9.0	306.6 (190.4 – 422.9)	2.27×10^{-15} (50 μ m) 9.06×10^{-15} (100 μ m)	0.061	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 7.09$ $K_{p,w}^L = 12.0$ NRMSE=0.036	23

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PS	Cu	7.5×10^{-5} - 2.75×10^{-4}	1×10^{-3}	36.7	69.2 (57.1 – 81.2)	2.26×10^{-14} (75 μ m) 3.04×10^{-13} (275 μ m)	0.044	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 9.37$; $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 175.1$ NRMSE=0.062	21
PS	Cu	3.726×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	3.3	39.1 (30.1 – 48.1)	9.86×10^{-15}	0.031 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 20.1 (16.7 – 23.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 6.79$ $K_{p,w}^L = 15.1$ NRMSE=0.056	24
PLA	Cu	5.1815×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	12.4	211.5 (173.5 – 249.4)	3.53×10^{-15}	0.043	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 78.90$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2.6$ NRMSE=0.031	24
PVC	Cu	7.5×10^{-5} - 2.75×10^{-4}	1×10^{-3}	32.5	47.8 (33.1 – 62.5)	3.27×10^{-14} (75 μ m) 4.40×10^{-13} (275 μ m)	0.051 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 81.6 (70.7 -92.4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 11.03$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 145.6$ NRMSE=0.076	21
PS	Pb	5.105×10^{-8}	1.25×10^{-3}	32.4	63.8 (28.7 – 99.0)	1.13×10^{-20}	0.096	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 13.46$ $K_{p,w}^L = 53.2$ NRMSE=0.051	25
PS-NH ₂	Pb	1.9×10^{-8}	1×10^{-4}	0.2	22.1 (17.4 – 26.9)	4.53×10^{-21}	0.045	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 5.12$ $K_{p,w}^L = 19.6$ NRMSE=0.030	22
PS-SO ₃ H	Pb	1.95×10^{-8}	1×10^{-4}	0.2	23.3 (16.4 – 30.1)	4.54×10^{-21}	0.063	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 5.91$ $K_{p,w}^L = 33.5$ NRMSE=0.027	22

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PE	Pb	7.5×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	9.6	15.9	9.85×10^{-14}	0.036 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 16.4 (14.6 – 18.1)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.67$ $K_{p,w}^L = 13.6$ NRMSE=0.039	26
PLA	Pb	9×10^{-5} – 1.35×10^{-4}	5×10^{-3}	15.6	12.5	1.80×10^{-13} (90 μ m) 4.05×10^{-13} (135 μ m)	0.032 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 31.2 (27.0 – 35.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.42$ $K_{p,w}^L = 26.0$ NRMSE=0.014	26
PU	oxytetracycline	5×10^{-5} - 1×10^{-4}	3.333×10^{-3}	10.0	429.5 (375.0 – 484.1)	1.62×10^{-15} (50 μ m) 6.47×10^{-15} (100 μ m)	0.028	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 1.27$ $K_{p,w}^L = 67.2$ NRMSE=0.049	23
PP	tetracycline	3.83×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	5.0	63.0 (22.2 – 103.9)	6.47×10^{-15}	0.059 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 46.8 (29.5 – 64.0)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.40$ $K_{p,w}^L = 35.6$ NRMSE=0.022	27
PS	tetracycline	5×10^{-5} – 1.25×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-3}	4.3	32.1 (17.1 – 47.1)	2.16×10^{-14} (50 μ m) 1.35×10^{-13} (125 μ m)	0.087	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.34$ $K_{p,w}^L = 124.3$ NRMSE=0.059	28
PS	tetracycline	3.1×10^{-5} – 5.3×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	3.4	395.8 (285.3 – 506.3)	6.75×10^{-16} (31 μ m) 1.97×10^{-15} (53 μ m)	0.072	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.48$ $K_{p,w}^L = 50.6$ NRMSE=0.080	28
PS	tetracycline	5.73×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	7.7	74.6 (34.0 – 115.3)	1.22×10^{-14}	0.043 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 63.7 (39.1 – 88.2)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.33$ $K_{p,w}^L = 34.0$ NRMSE=0.025	27

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PE	tetracycline	4.34×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	4.1	67.4 (50.9 – 83.9)	7.76×10^{-15}	0.072	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.74$ $K_{p,w}^L = 23.1$ NRMSE=0.020	27
PE	tetracycline	1.25×10^{-4}	5×10^{-4}	11.7	304.7 (150.4 – 459.0)	3.56×10^{-15}	0.058 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 14.0 (12.5 – 15.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 21.57$ $K_{p,w}^L = 4.6$ NRMSE=0.028	29
PBAT	tetracycline	3.82×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	7.9	29.1 (25.2 – 32.9)	1.40×10^{-14}	0.030	LF, $p_{LF} = 2.60$ $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 26.0$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 0.054$ NRMSE=0.009	27
PET	tetracycline	$3.1 \times 10^{-5} - 5.3 \times 10^{-5}$	5×10^{-3}	3.7	446.1 (341.2 – 551.0)	5.98×10^{-16} (31 μ m) 1.75×10^{-15} (53 μ m)	0.065	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.67$ $K_{p,w}^L = 29.1$ NRMSE=0.055	30
PA	tetracycline	8.235×10^{-5}	2×10^{-3}	23.5	52.4 (41.3 – 63.6)	3.59×10^{-14}	0.038	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 1.58$ $K_{p,w}^L = 377.0$ NRMSE=0.060	31
PVC	tetracycline	6.795×10^{-5}	2×10^{-3}	24.8	27.0 (16.9-37.1)	4.75×10^{-14}	0.044 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 93.3 (81.2-105.4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.01$ $K_{p,w}^L = 277.7$ NRMSE=0.067	31
PVC	tetracycline	7.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	4.2	7.2 (4.1 – 10.3)	2.17×10^{-13}	0.065 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 23.1 (20.6-25.7)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.81$ $K_{p,w}^L = 32.7$ NRMSE=0.032	32

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PVC	tetracycline	4.5×10^{-4} – 5.5×10^{-4}	5×10^{-3}	11.6	240.4 (146.1 – 334.8)	2.34×10^{-13} (450 μ m) 3.50×10^{-13} (550 μ m)	0.045 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 265.7 (166.0-365.4)]	Langmuir $C_{x,p}^{max,s} = 0.36$ $K_{p,w}^L = 82.9$ NRMSE=0.037	33
PLA	tetracycline	4.5×10^{-4} – 5.5×10^{-4}	5×10^{-3}	17.7	63.5 (45.7 – 81.3)	8.86×10^{-13} (450 μ m) 1.32×10^{-12} (550 μ m)	0.040 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 375.0 (285.4-464.6)]	Langmuir $C_{x,p}^{max,s} = 0.51$ $K_{p,w}^L = 126.5$ NRMSE=0.022	33
PE	tetracycline	4.5×10^{-4} – 5.5×10^{-4}	5×10^{-3}	22.1	57.2 (35.7 – 78.8)	9.83×10^{-13} (450 μ m) 1.47×10^{-12} (550 μ m)	0.054 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 365.0 (255.4-474.5)]	Langmuir $C_{x,p}^{max,s} = 0.65$ $K_{p,w}^L = 154.9$ NRMSE=0.011	33
PVC	tetracycline	4×10^{-5} - 5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	9.5	39.4 (30.1 – 48.6)	1.13×10^{-14} (40 μ m) 1.76×10^{-14} (50 μ m)	0.031 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 104.8 (100.3-109.4)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 136.4$ NRMSE=0.093	2
PP	tetracycline	2.5×10^{-5} – 5 $\times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	6.9	15.4 (12.1 – 18.7)	1.13×10^{-14} (25 μ m) 4.52×10^{-14} (50 μ m)	0.030 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 74.2 (71.9-76.6)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 98.5$ NRMSE=0.125	2
PS	tetracycline	2.5×10^{-5} – 5 $\times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	7.9	49.9 (30.7 – 69.2)	3.48×10^{-15} (25 μ m) 1.39×10^{-14} (50 μ m)	0.057 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 85.2 (78.2-92.2)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 108.2$ NRMSE=0.081	2
PE	tetracycline	1.5×10^{-5} – 3.5 $\times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	3.5	48.5 (20.8 – 76.2)	1.29×10^{-15} (15 μ m) 7.01×10^{-15} (35 μ m)	0.079 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 36.7 (32.3-41.2)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 99.1$ NRMSE=0.127	2
PLA	sulfamethoxazole	5×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	2×10^{-3}	14.4	20.7 (15.6 – 25.7)	3.36×10^{-14} (50 μ m) 7.56×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.025 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 84.0 (79.9 – 88.2)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 66.5$ NRMSE=0.030	34
PS	ciprofloxacin	3.75×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	10.9	234.3 (152.6 – 315.9)	1.67×10^{-15}	0.096	Langmuir $C_{x,p}^{max,s} = 29.81$ $K_{p,w}^L = 15.5$ NRMSE=0.089	35

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PVC	ciprofloxacin	3.75×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	11.1	181.1 (118.8 – 243.4)	2.16×10^{-15}	0.087	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 34.75$ $K_{p,w}^L = 12.3$ NRMSE=0.062	35
PA	ciprofloxacin	8.235×10^{-5}	2×10^{-3}	69.1	22.2 (14.8 – 29.5)	8.50×10^{-14}	0.040 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 952.2 (628.8 – 1275.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 4.62$ $K_{p,w}^L = 165.6$ NRMSE=0.073	31
PVC	ciprofloxacin	4×10^{-5} - 5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	13.1	66.3 (40.8 – 91.8)	6.70×10^{-15} (40 μ m) 1.05×10^{-14} (50 μ m)	0.052 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 8.3 (7.5 – 9.2)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 22.04$ $K_{p,w}^L = 11.1$ NRMSE=0.078	2
PP	ciprofloxacin	2.5×10^{-5} – 5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	15.6	195.6 (124.8 – 266.3)	8.88×10^{-16} (25 μ m) 3.55×10^{-15} (50 μ m)	0.079	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 169.5$ NRMSE=0.074	2
PS	ciprofloxacin	2.5×10^{-5} – 5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	10.7	85.1 (68.1 – 102.1)	2.04×10^{-15} (25 μ m) 8.16×10^{-15} (50 μ m)	0.026 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 8.6 (8.1 – 9.1)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 17.06$ $K_{p,w}^L = 16.2$ NRMSE=0.041	2
PE	ciprofloxacin	1.5×10^{-5} – 3.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	18.8	228.2 (138.7 – 317.7)	2.74×10^{-16} (15 μ m) 1.49×10^{-15} (35 μ m)	0.089	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 9.57$ $K_{p,w}^L = 52.4$ NRMSE=0.021	2
PE	atrazine	7.5×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	4.4	73.8 (48.2 – 99.3)	2.12×10^{-14}	0.029 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 31.6 (26.4 – 36.7)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 6.3$ $K_{p,w}^L = 25.3$ NRMSE=0.027	36

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PP	atrazine	7.5×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	3.4	46.3 (35.4 – 57.2)	3.37×10^{-14}	0.043	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 4.28$ $K_{p,w}^L = 31.9$ NRMSE=0.020	36
PS	atrazine	7.5×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	4.8	73.7 (33.0 – 114.4)	2.12×10^{-14}	0.046 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 52.7 (35.2 – 70.3)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 5.22$ $K_{p,w}^L = 36.9$ NRMSE=0.034	36
PS	carbamazepine	4.6×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	5.1	248.9 (169.1 – 328.8)	2.36×10^{-15}	0.026 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 17.6 (14.7 – 20.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 14.32$ $K_{p,w}^L = 19.5$ NRMSE=0.029	4
PA	imidacloprid	5×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	3×10^{-3}	16.1	131.7 (108.2 – 155.2)	5.27×10^{-15} (50 μ m) 1.19×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.049	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 3.10$ $K_{p,w}^L = 24.4$ NRMSE=0.020	37
PLA	imidacloprid	5×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	3×10^{-3}	14.5	136.6 (69.2 – 204.1)	5.08×10^{-15} (50 μ m) 1.14×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.057 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 57.8 (50.6 – 64.9)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 50.3$ NRMSE=0.040	37
PVC	triclosan	5×10^{-7}	4×10^{-4}	48.6	54.3 (41.5 – 67.0)	1.28×10^{-18}	0.024 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 23.2 (21.3 – 25.0)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 144.34$ $K_{p,w}^L = 18.1$ NRMSE=0.083	38
PVC	triclosan	5×10^{-5}	4×10^{-4}	35.5	66.6 (52.6 – 80.6)	1.04×10^{-14}	0.044	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s} = 138.70$ $K_{p,w}^L = 12.8$ NRMSE=0.087	38
PBS	triadimefon	3.75×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	50.7	79.0 (64.8 – 93.2)	4.94×10^{-15} (37.5 μ m) 1.98×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.022	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 1026.6$ NRMSE=0.034	1

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PE	triadimefon	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	29.4	128.9 (81.6 – 176.2)	3.03×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 1.21×10^{-14} (75 μm)	0.035 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 416.2 (377.3 – 455.1)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 222.0$ NRMSE=0.028	1
PVC	triadimefon	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	12.8	578.6 (448.4 – 708.7)	6.75×10^{-16} (37.5 μm) 2.70×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.043	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 156.4$ NRMSE=0.035	1
PP	fipronil	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	28.1	262.8 (210.0 – 315.5)	1.49×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 5.95×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.025 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 2.49×10^4 (1.25×10^4 – 3.73×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s} = 0.15$ $K_{p,w}^L = 1.102 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.017	39
PE	fipronil	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	20.4	266.2 (204.2 – 328.2)	1.47×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 5.09×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.021 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied and 8 th data point omitted: 6553.8 (5100.4 – 8005.2)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s} = 0.13$ $K_{p,w}^L = 4921.9$ NRMSE=0.011	39
PS	fipronil	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	17.4	236.6 (206.2 – 267.0)	1.65×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 6.60×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.028	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s} = 0.12$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5865.5$ NRMSE=0.016	39
PVC	fipronil	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	12.8	198.7 (164.4 – 233.0)	1.97×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 7.86×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.036	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s} = 0.085$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5634.4$ NRMSE=0.010	39
PBS	fipronil	$3.75 \times 10^{-5} - 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1×10^{-3}	39.3	101.4 (87.3 – 115.4)	3.85×10^{-15} (37.5 μm) 1.54×10^{-14} (75 μm)	0.016 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 504.8 (481.6 – 528.1)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\text{max},s} = 1.46$ $K_{p,w}^L = 3251.4$ NRMSE=0.009	39

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PE	fluoranthene	1×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-3}	79.9	2276.3 (1529.4 – 3023.3)	1.22×10^{-15}	0.044 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 1.781×10^4 (1.331×10^4 – 2.231×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.28$ $K_{p,w}^L = 8.755 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.101	40
PE	fluoranthene	5.45×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-3}	70.9	4354.9 (2908.8 – 5801.1)	1.90×10^{-14}	0.080	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.24$ $K_{p,w}^L = 1.456 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.113	40
PE	fluoranthene	2.485×10^{-5} – 1.295×10^{-4}	3.333×10^{-4}	92.8	139.6 (66.9 – 212.2)	1.23×10^{-15} (24.85 μ m) 3.34×10^{-14} (129.5 μ m)	0.048 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 3.021×10^4 (2.72×10^3 – 5.771×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.66$ $K_{p,w}^L = 9325.9$ NRMSE=0.052	5
PE	fluoranthene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	91.9	162.9 (134.8 – 190.9)	3.84×10^{-12}	0.027 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 2.042×10^5 (2.096×10^4 – 3.793×10^5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.77$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5.875 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.045	5
PET	fluoranthene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	93.4	937.4 (499.4 – 1375.4)	6.67×10^{-13}	0.024 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 8730.4 (4132.7 – 13328.0)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.41$ $K_{p,w}^L = 7075.3$ NRMSE=0.039	5
PE	phenanthrene	5.45×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-3}	62.8	2.294×10^4 (1.844×10^4 – 2.744×10^4)	3.60×10^{-15}	0.062 (5 th data point omitted)	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.17$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2680.3$ NRMSE=0.039	40
PE	naphthalene	2.485×10^{-5} – 1.295×10^{-4}	3.333×10^{-4}	67.4	486.9 (203.7 – 770.2)	3.52×10^{-16} (24.85 μ m) 9.57×10^{-15} (129.5 μ m)	0.048 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 3161.0 (1768.5 – 4553.5)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.68$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2312.7$ NRMSE=0.046	5

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PE	naphthalene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	59.2	114.8 (75.2 – 154.4)	5.45×10^{-12}	0.060	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.69$ $K_{p,w}^L = 1.210 \times 10^5$ NRMSE=0.107	5
PET	naphthalene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	87.2	2225.2 (1833.3 – 2617.1)	2.81×10^{-13}	0.038	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.39$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5268.2$ NRMSE=0.067	5
PLA	naphthalene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	21.4	173.3 (101.7 – 244.9)	3.61×10^{-12}	0.070	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.25$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2.453 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.034	5
PE	1-methyl- naphthalene	9×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	89.3	34.0 (14.0 – 54.0)	6.62×10^{-14}	0.025 [$K_{p,w}^H$ varied: 1726.8 (1296.9 – 2156.7)]	Henry $K_{p,w}^H = 1230.9$ NRMSE=0.031	41
PE	fluorene	2.485×10^{-5} – 1.295×10^{-4}	3.333×10^{-4}	50.9	145.5 (111.7 – 179.3)	1.18×10^{-15} (24.85 μ m) 3.20×10^{-14} (129.5 μ m)	0.018 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 703.9 (645.5 – 762.4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 5.34$ $K_{p,w}^L = 975.4$ NRMSE=0.038	5
PE	fluorene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	48.4	177.9 (115.8 – 239.9)	3.51×10^{-12}	0.043 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 8275.6 (5514.8 – 11036.4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.61$ $K_{p,w}^L = 4.199 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.103	5
PET	fluorene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	62.7	213.7 (121.8 – 305.5)	2.93×10^{-12}	0.040 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 1875.1 (1492.5 – 2257.8)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 1.91$ $K_{p,w}^L = 1.218 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.042	5

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PP	fluorene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	76.6	292.7 (138.7 – 446.8)	2.14×10^{-12}	0.066 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 1.959×10^4 (2.898×10^3 – 3.628×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.95$ $K_{p,w}^L = 1.111 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.031	5
PLA	fluorene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	22.7	319.2 (154.9 – 483.6)	1.96×10^{-12}	0.049 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 5154.8 (2674.8 – 7634.7)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.30$ $K_{p,w}^L = 6718.5$ NRMSE=0.067	5
PE	fluorene	9×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	55.5	11.0 (9.1 – 13.0)	2.04×10^{-13}	0.082	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 13.42$ $K_{p,w}^L = 541.9$ NRMSE=0.041	42
PE	dibenzothiophene	9×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	76.5	4.6 (3.6 – 5.7)	4.85×10^{-13}	0.063 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 168.8 (119.6 – 217.9)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 19.05$ $K_{p,w}^L = 114.4$ NRMSE=0.028	42
PE	dibenzofuran	9×10^{-5}	5×10^{-3}	48.1	6.6 (5.1 – 8.1)	3.42×10^{-13}	0.057 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 45.9 (37.7 – 54.0)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 13.59$ $K_{p,w}^L = 121.7$ NRMSE=0.035	42
PS	pyrene	3.75×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	3.333×10^{-4}	68.5	470.9 (347.0 – 594.8)	8.30×10^{-16} (37.5 μm) 3.32×10^{-15} (75 μm)	0.037	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.60$ $K_{p,w}^L = 3038.3$ NRMSE=0.003	43
PE	pyrene	2.485×10^{-5} – 1.295×10^{-4}	3.333×10^{-4}	65.6	460.9 (213.9 – 707.9)	3.72×10^{-16} (24.85 μm) 1.01×10^{-14} (129.5 μm)	0.024 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied; omitted 2 nd and 3 rd data points: 1702.1 (1291.4 – 2112.8)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 4.47$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2.505 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.047	5

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PE	pyrene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	92.3	366.0 (296.0 – 436.0)	1.71×10^{-12}	0.038	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 1.02$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5.442 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.043	5
PET	pyrene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	93.3	536.7 (272.1 – 801.3)	1.17×10^{-12}	0.035 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 1.406×10^4 (4.365×10^3 – 2.376×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.22$ $K_{p,w}^L = 5.982 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.048	5
PLA	pyrene	1.5×10^{-3}	6.667×10^{-4}	31.0	183.0 (83.1 – 282.9)	3.42×10^{-12}	0.069 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 1.906×10^4 (350.5 – 3.777×10^4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.27$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2.626 \times 10^4$ NRMSE=0.034	5
PS	benzophenone-3	2.5×10^{-7}	6.667×10^{-4}	25.4	60.1 (52.9 – 67.2)	2.89×10^{-19}	0.019	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.42$ $K_{p,w}^L = 6147.2$ NRMSE=0.013	7
PS	benzophenone-3	2.5×10^{-6}	6.667×10^{-4}	22.1	67.8 (46.9 – 88.8)	2.56×10^{-17}	0.050	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.39$ $K_{p,w}^L = 4416.8$ NRMSE=0.018	7
PS	benzophenone-3	3.75×10^{-5}	6.667×10^{-4}	17.8	55.0 (37.5 – 72.6)	7.10×10^{-15}	0.051	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.34$ $K_{p,w}^L = 3183.7$ NRMSE=0.023	7
PS	benzophenone-3	1.25×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	13.9	126.8 (90.6 – 163.0)	3.42×10^{-14}	0.048	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.27$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2958.1$ NRMSE=0.025	7

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PS	benzophenone-3	2.75×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	10.9	207.4 (103.3 – 311.4)	1.01×10^{-13}	0.070	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.23$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2383.5$ NRMSE=0.024	7
PE	benzophenone-3	3.75×10^{-5}	6.667×10^{-4}	11.7	56.1 (44.2 – 68.0)	6.96×10^{-15}	0.029 (omitted 6 th data point)	LF, $p_{LF}=1.37$; $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.244$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 2660.0$ NRMSE=0.016	7
PE	benzophenone-3	1.25×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	10.2	74.3 (64.1 – 84.5)	5.84×10^{-14}	0.022	LF, $p_{LF}=1.24$; $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.21$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 2422.7$ NRMSE=0.020	7
PE	benzophenone-3	2.75×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	6.3	108.5 (69.1 – 147.8)	1.94×10^{-13}	0.059	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.11$ $K_L = 3296.5$ NRMSE=0.021	7
PP	benzophenone-3	3.75×10^{-5}	6.667×10^{-4}	13.0	34.8 (21.8 – 47.9)	1.12×10^{-14}	0.061	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.24$ $K_{p,w}^L = 3015.4$ NRMSE=0.031	7
PP	benzophenone-3	1.25×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	9.0	41.3 (24.3 – 58.3)	1.05×10^{-13}	0.067	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.18$ $K_{p,w}^L = 2515.5$ NRMSE=0.030	7
PP	benzophenone-3	2.75×10^{-4}	6.667×10^{-4}	4.4	66.3 (38.0 – 94.6)	3.17×10^{-13}	0.070	LF, $p=1.329$ $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.16$ $K_{p,w}^{LF} = 541.9$ NRMSE=0.023	7

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PA	tebuconazole	3.7×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	18.5	29.1 (24.1 – 34.2)	1.31×10^{-14} (37 μ m) 5.36×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.018 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 4.0 (3.8 – 4.1)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 60.34$ $K_{p,w}^L = 9.8$ NRMSE=0.017	44
PS	tebuconazole	3.7×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	14.5	53.2 (41.3 – 65.0)	7.15×10^{-15} (37 μ m) 2.94×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.025 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 15.6 (14.7 – 16.4)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 13.26$ $K_{p,w}^L = 36.3$ NRMSE=0.026	44
PP	tebuconazole	3.7×10^{-5} – 7.5×10^{-5}	1×10^{-3}	14.1	85.9 (51.5 – 120.2)	4.43×10^{-15} (37 μ m) 1.82×10^{-14} (75 μ m)	0.043 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 20.5 (18.2 – 22.8)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 10.28$ $K_{p,w}^L = 39.4$ NRMSE=0.010	44
PVC	1H-benzotriazole (BTR)	1×10^{-7}	1.5×10^{-3}	47.7	114.2 (101.5 – 127.0)	2.43×10^{-20}	0.024	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 3.70$ $K_{p,w}^L = 196.2$ NRMSE=0.034	45
PVC	1-hydroxy- benzotriazole (1- OH-BTR)	1×10^{-7}	1.5×10^{-3}	27.3	57.0 (45.9 – 68.1)	4.87×10^{-20}	0.023 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 412.4 (387.8 – 436.9)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 0.88$ $K_{p,w}^L = 518.2$ NRMSE=0.042	45
PVC	5-methyl-1H- benzotriazole (5TTR)	1×10^{-7}	1.5×10^{-3}	52.8	109.4 (100.0 – 118.8)	2.54×10^{-20}	0.018	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 2.36$ $K_{p,w}^L = 411.9$ NRMSE=0.039	45
PVC	5,6-dimethyl-1H- benzotriazole (XTR)	1×10^{-7}	1.5×10^{-3}	60.1	72.4 (67.4 – 77.5)	3.83×10^{-20}	0.013	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{\max,s} = 1.94$ $K_{p,w}^L = 719.2$ NRMSE=0.032	45

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PVC	5-chloro-1H- benzotriazole (5Cl1HBTR)	1×10 ⁻⁷	1.5×10 ⁻³	54.1	81.8 (73.1 – 90.5)	3.40×10 ⁻²⁰	0.020	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=2.60$ $K_{p,w}^L=369.4$ NRMSE=0.032	45
PVC	2-hydroxy- benzothiazole (2OHBTH)	1×10 ⁻⁷	1.5×10 ⁻³	68.6	127.0 (115.4 – 138.7)	2.19×10 ⁻²⁰	0.017	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=3.29$ $K_{p,w}^L=551.2$ NRMSE=0.040	45
PVC	2-methylthio- benzothiazole (2MeSBTH)	1×10 ⁻⁷	1.5×10 ⁻³	74.5	117.8 (112.6 – 122.9)	2.36×10 ⁻²⁰	0.008	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=1.94$ $K_{p,w}^L=1416.1$ NRMSE=0.044	45
PVC	2-amine- benzothiazole (2NH2BTH)	1×10 ⁻⁷	1.5×10 ⁻³	56.2	76.0 (70.9 – 81.1)	3.65×10 ⁻²⁰	0.013	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=2.45$ $K_{p,w}^L=438.7$ NRMSE=0.042	45
PA6	methyl orange	3.75×10 ⁻⁵ – 7.5×10 ⁻⁵	1×10 ⁻³	67.8	346.4 (197.8 – 495.1)3.1	1.13×10 ⁻¹⁵ (37.5 μm) 4.51×10 ⁻¹⁵ (75 μm)	0.045 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 190.5 (88.3 – 292.8)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=33.25$ $K_{p,w}^L=96.8$ NRMSE=0.035	46
PA66	methyl orange	3.75×10 ⁻⁵ – 7.5×10 ⁻⁵	1×10 ⁻³	43.8	260.3 (166.4 – 354.1)	1.50×10 ⁻¹⁵ (37.5 μm) 6.00×10 ⁻¹⁵ (75 μm)	0.035 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 60.9 (46.5 – 75.2)]	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=26.85$ $K_{p,w}^L=43.6$ NRMSE=0.026	46
PA66	malachite green	3.75×10 ⁻⁵ – 7.5×10 ⁻⁵	1×10 ⁻³	24.7	125.1 (108.4 – 141.8)	3.12×10 ⁻¹⁵ (37.5 μm) 1.25×10 ⁻¹⁴ (75 μm)	0.026	Langmuir $c_{x,p}^{max,s}=14.20$ $K_{p,w}^L=44.1$ NRMSE=0.013	46

polymer ^a	compound, X	particle radius, <i>a</i> (m)	particle volume fraction	% bulk depletion ^b	τ (h) ^c	$D_{x,p}$ (m ² s ⁻¹) ^d	NRMSE, kinetic fitting ^{c,e}	equilibrium isotherm ^f	Ref
PE	cyhalothrin	2.5×10 ⁻⁶	1×10 ⁻⁴	35.9	217.2 (112.5 – 322.0)	7.99×10 ⁻¹⁸	0.055 [$K_{p,w}^L$ varied: 165.3 (85.2 – 245.5)]	Langmuir $C_{x,p}^{max,s}=115.40$ $K_{p,w}^L=126.5$ NRMSE=0.025	47

^a PS = polystyrene; PVC = polyvinyl chloride; PLA = polylactic acid, PU = polyurethane; PP = polypropylene; PE = polyethylene; PBAT = polybutylene adipate terephthalate; PET = polyethylene terephthalate; PA = polyamide; PBS = polybutylene succinate.

^b extent to which the concentration of X in the bulk aqueous medium is depleted at the final time point in the kinetic sorption curve

^c in parentheses, lower and upper 95% confidence limits, see main text for details

^d when a range of particle radii is reported, $D_{x,p}$ was computed for the lowest and highest values (pertaining *a* given in brackets)

^e unless otherwise stated, the equilibrium constant is fixed at the value determined independently from the equilibrium isotherm

^f $K_{p,w}^H$, dimensionless; $K_{p,w}^L$ and $K_{p,w}^{LF}$, m³ mol⁻¹; $C_{x,p}^{max,s}$, mol m⁻³; p_{LF} , dimensionless. LF = Langmuir-Freundlich

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