



Research centre
for toxic compounds
in the environment

Plant uptake and human health risks from dietary exposure

Organic non-ionised chemicals

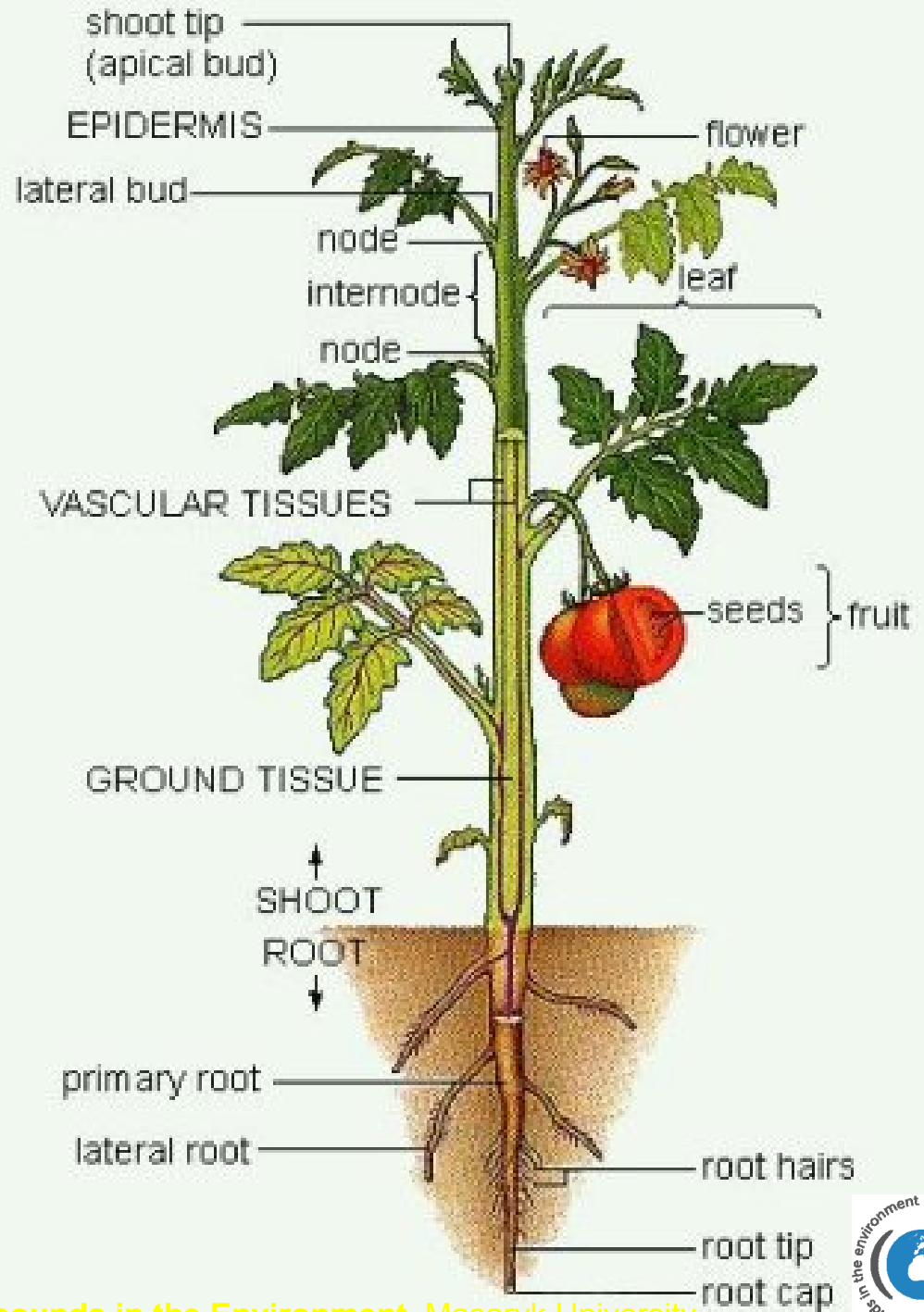
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- **Roots = take up water and solutes**
- **Stems = transport water and solutes**
- **Xylem = dead water pipe**
- **Phloem = living sugar pipe**
- **Leaves = transpire water and take up gas**
- **Fruits = sink for phloem and xylem**



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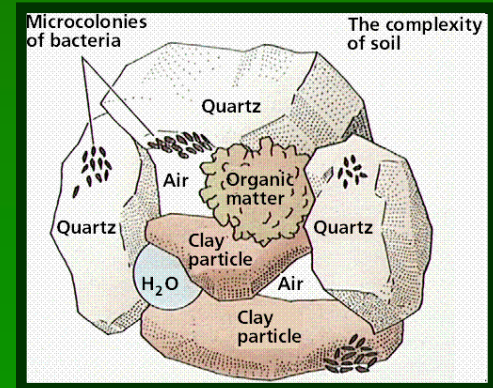
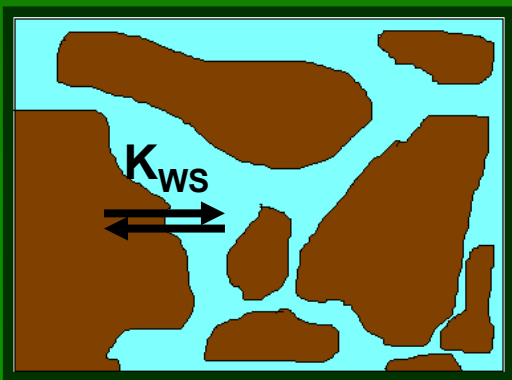


Soil pore water

$\text{Log}K_{\text{OC}} = 0.81 \text{ log}K_{\text{OW}} + 0.1$ (EU, 1996)
 (...Abdul, Piwoni, Karickhoff,
 Molecular connectivity...)

$K_d = K_{\text{OC}} \times \text{OC}$ – sorption to soil
 (organic matter)

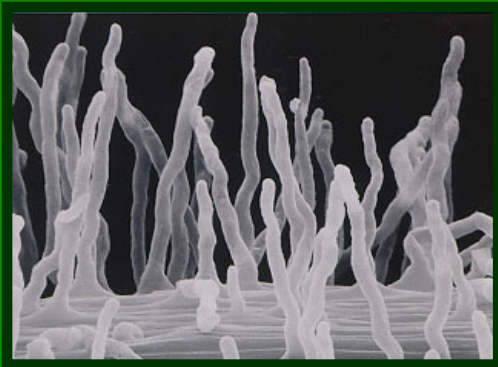
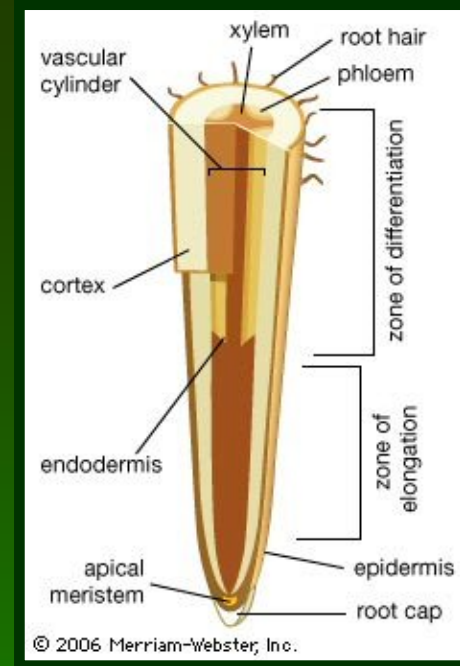
$C_W / C_{\text{Soil}} = K_{\text{WS}} = \rho_{\text{wet}} / (K_d \times \rho_{\text{dry}} + P_w)$ – what is in the solution



C_W -in mg/L, C_{Soil} -bulk mg/kg, OC-kg/kg, ρ -kg/L, P_w -pore water fraction
 in bulk soil

Roots

- Can't see them
- Livers of the Earth
- Monocotyledon –all cereals
- Dicotyledon- all root vegetables
- Root hairs
- Bioavailability



Root uptake - diffusion and advection

- High surface – equilibrium assumption

$$K_{RW} = W_R + L_R a K_{OW}^b$$

Change of concentration in roots =

+ uptake with water

– transport to shoots

– dilution by growth or metabolism (rate k)

$$dC_R/dt = + C_W Q / M_R - C_{Xy} Q / M_R - k C_R$$

where

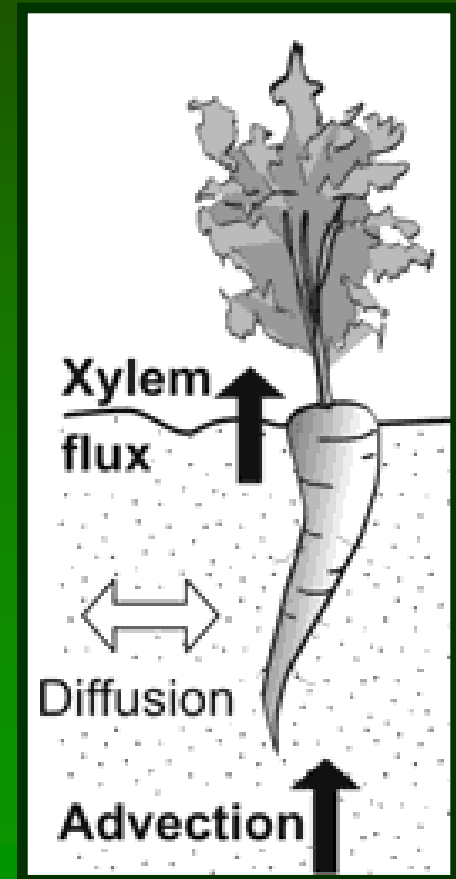
k - growth + metabolism rate [d^{-1}]

C_{Xy} - concentration in xylem = C_R / K_{RW}

C_W - concentration in soil pore water

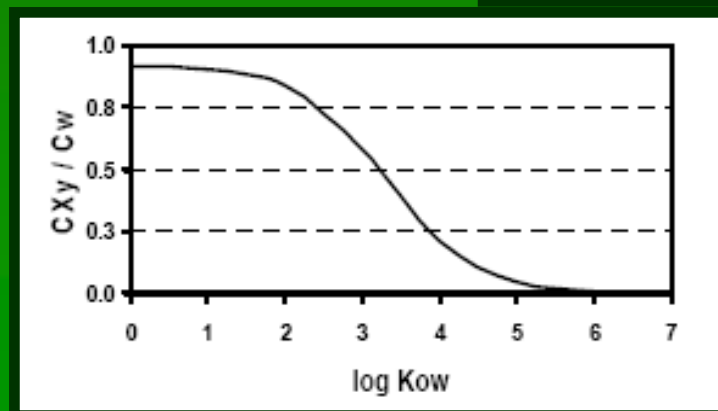
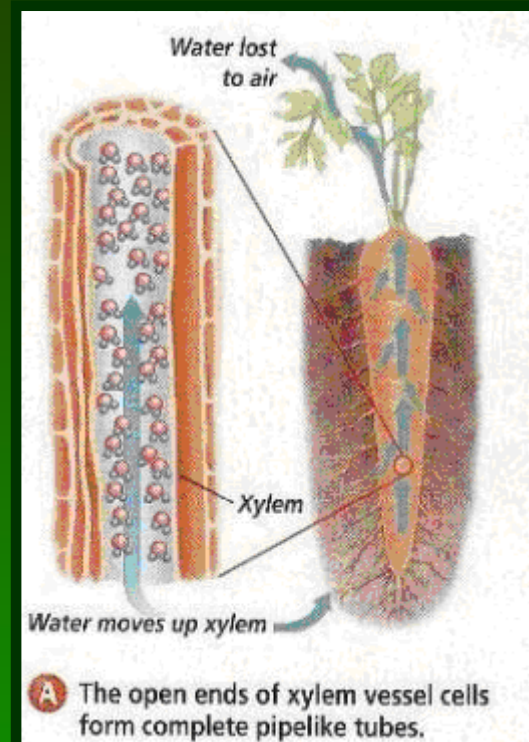
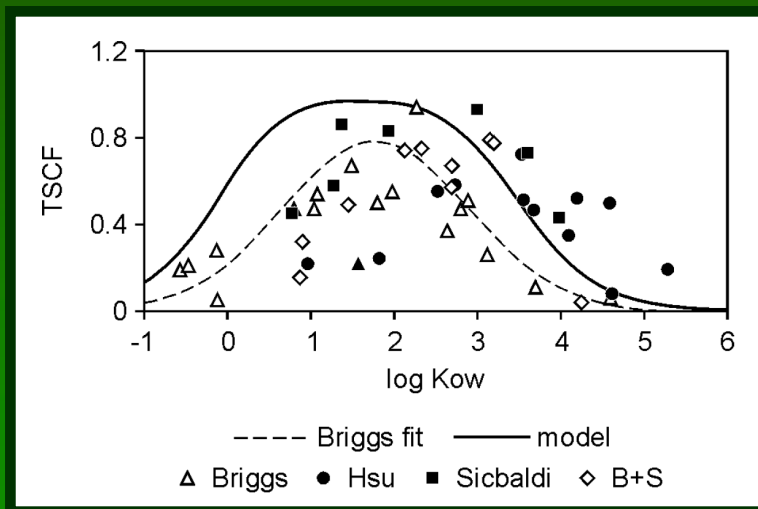
Q - transpiration stream (L/d)

M - Mass of the roots (kg)



Translocation upwards

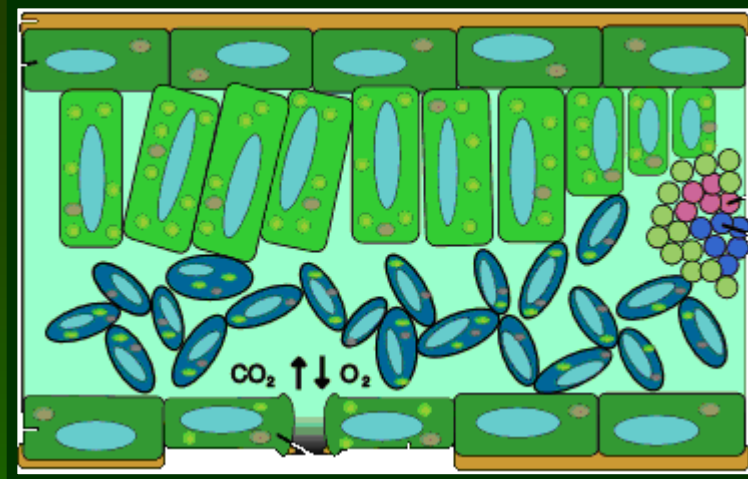
- TSCF = "Transpiration stream concentration factor"
- C_{xy}/C_w , $TSCF \leq 1$
- C_{xy} - outflux from roots = influx to stem or leaves



Leaves

Leaves are plant material, like roots. But they do not hang in soil nor in water. Leaves hang in air.

- Uptake from roots with transpiration water
- Uptake from air (conductance – m/s)
- Particle deposition (velocity- m/s)
- Loss to air
- Degradation, Dilution
- Soil attached
- Phloem transport



$$K_{LW} = W_L + L_L \text{ a } K_{OW}^b - \text{leaf/water}$$

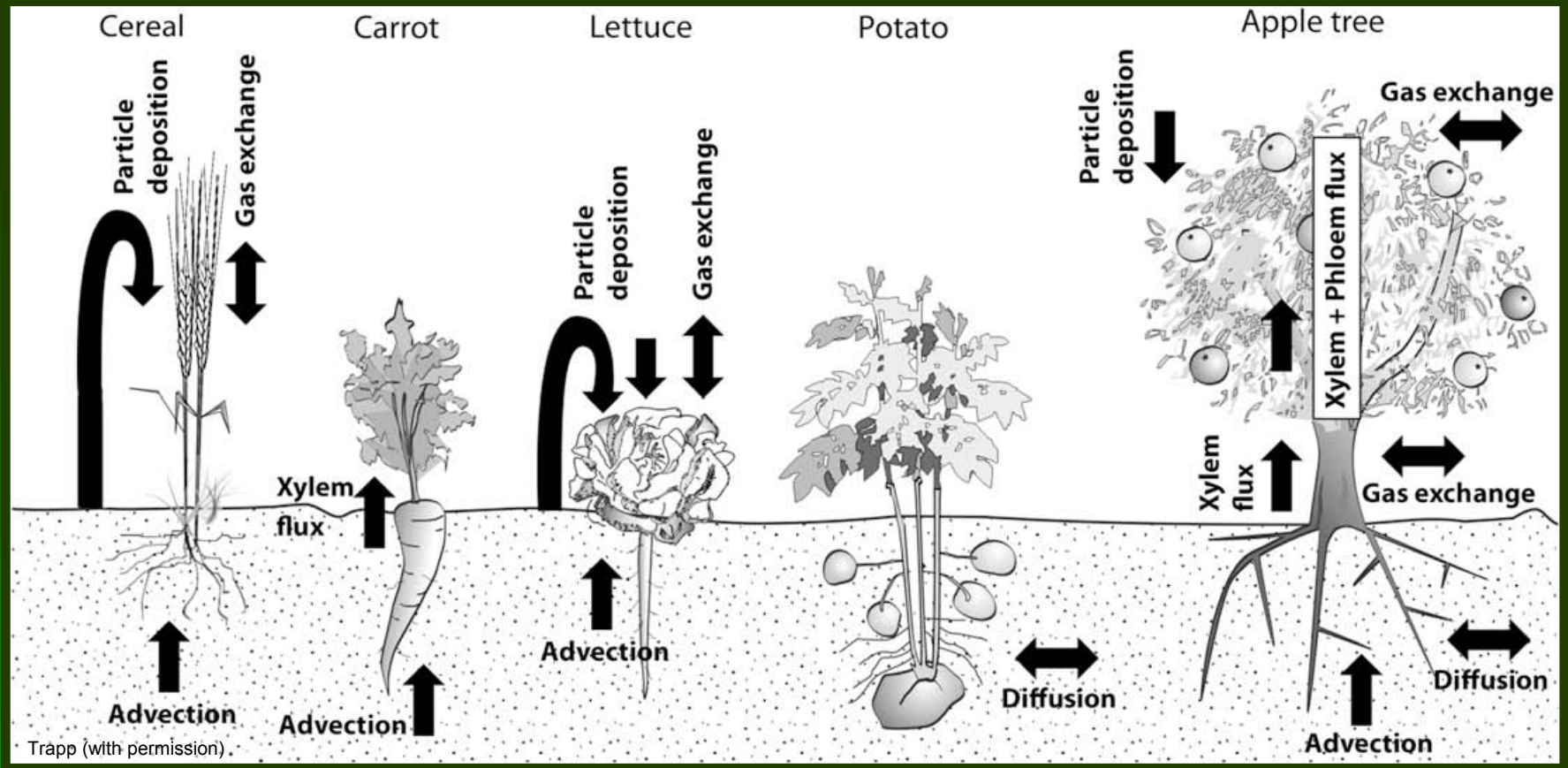
$$K_{LA} = K_{LW} / K_{AW} - \text{leaf hang in the air}$$



$$\begin{aligned} dC_L/dt = & + C_R(Q/M_L \times K_{RW}) \\ & + C_A \times (1-fp) \times (A_L \times g/M_L) \\ & + C_A \times (fp) \times (A_L \times v_{dep}/2 \times M_L) \\ & - C_L(A_L \times g \times 1000 \text{ L m}^{-3} / K_{LA} \times M_L) \\ & - C_L(k_L) \end{aligned}$$

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**Different crops – phloem, influx to fruits, particles, tortuosity
BUT similar model structure**

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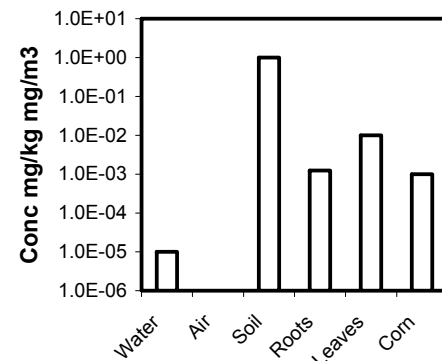


Standard Plant uptake model

Simple standard Plant Uptake Model stt 7 Apr 09

Chemical properties			Soil data		Calculations soil		Fraction in Air at Particles	
log Kow	7	(m3:m3)	Water cont.	0.35	L/kg	wet density	1.95	kg/L
Kaw	1.00E+01	(m3:m3)	orgC	0.02	g/g	Koc	5.89E+05	L/kg
Metab rate	0.00E+00	1/d	dry density	1.6	kg/L	KWS	1.03E-04	L/kg
Concentrations in air and soil					C W soil		1.03E-04	mg/L
Air	1.00E-30	mg/m3	Root data	for 1 m2		Calculations root		
Soil (wet wt.)	1	mg/kg	W Water content	0.89	L/kg	KRW	7.49E+03	L/kg
Water	1.00E-05	mg/L	L Lipid content	0.025	kg/kg	KRS	7.75E-01	
Equilibrium calculations			M mass	1	kg	BCF root - water	1.20E+01	L/kg
K AS	1.03E-03	air-soil L/kg	Q Transpiration	1.2	L/d	BCF root - soil	1.24E-03	kg/kg
KAS	1.03E+00	air-soil m3/kg	k rate root	0.1	1/d	TSCF calc	1.60E-03	L/L
K WS	1.03E-04	water - soil			C root	1.24E-03	mg/kg	
fP	1.00E-04	fraction particle	Leaves data	for 1 m2		Calculations leaf		
C air calc	1.03E-03	from soil	Shoot mass	1	kg	K* LW	54495.79824	m3:m3
C W calc	1.03E-04	from soil	shoot density	500	kg/m3	KLA	5.45E+03	(-)
Results			Leaf Area	5	m2	Uptake from soil	1.66E-07	mg/(kg d)
Concentrations			conductance g	1.00E-03	from Fruit tree mode	Uptake from air	4.32E-28	mg/(kg d)
Water	1.00E-05	mg/L	Lipid content	0.02	g/g	Total uptake b	1.66E-07	mg/kg d)
Air	1.00E-30	mg/m3	Water content	0.8	g/g	Loss to air	3.96E+01	1/d
Soil	1.00E+00	mg/kg	Transpiration	1	L/d	Total Loss	3.97E+01	1/d
Roots	1.24E-03	mg/kg	Time to harvest	60	days	C steady-state	4.17E-09	mg/kg
Leaves	1.00E-02	mg/kg	Growth rate	0.035	1/d	C (t)	4.17E-09	mg/kg
Corn	1.00E-03	mg/kg	Attached soil	0.01	g/g wet wt.	C(t) plus soil	1.00E-02	mg/kg
			Corn data	for 1 m2		Calculations corn		units
			mass	1	kg	K* LW	108990.9465	m3:m3
			density	1000	kg/m3	KLA	1.09E+04	(-)
			Area	1	m2	Uptake from soil	3.31E-08	mg/(kg d)
			conductance g	1.00E-03	from Fruit tree mode	Uptake from air	8.64E-29	mg/(kg d)
			Lipid content	0.02	g/g	Total uptake b	3.31E-08	mg/(kg d)
			Water content	0.15	g/g	Loss to air	7.93E+00	1/d
			Transpiration	0.2	L/d	Total Loss	7.96E+00	1/d
			Time to harvest	60	days	C steady-state	4.16E-09	mg/kg
			Growth rate	0.035	1/d	C (t)	4.16E-09	mg/kg
			Attached soil	0.001	kg/kg fw	C(t) plus soil	1.00E-03	mg/kg

Component	Concentration
Water	1.0E-05
Air	1.0E-30
Soil	1.0E+00
Roots	1.24E-03
Leaves	1.00E-02
Corn	1.00E-03



Yellow-chemicals entry, blue-concentration, light brown-soil entry, light blue- root entry, dark green-leaves, orange- fruits, grey- calculation (don't touch), white-data entry and results

Exercise 1



Create 2 graphs for C_{root}, leaf, corn(steady-state) when:

C_{air}=1.10⁻⁶ mg/m³ ,C_{soil}=1 mg/kg,OC=0,02

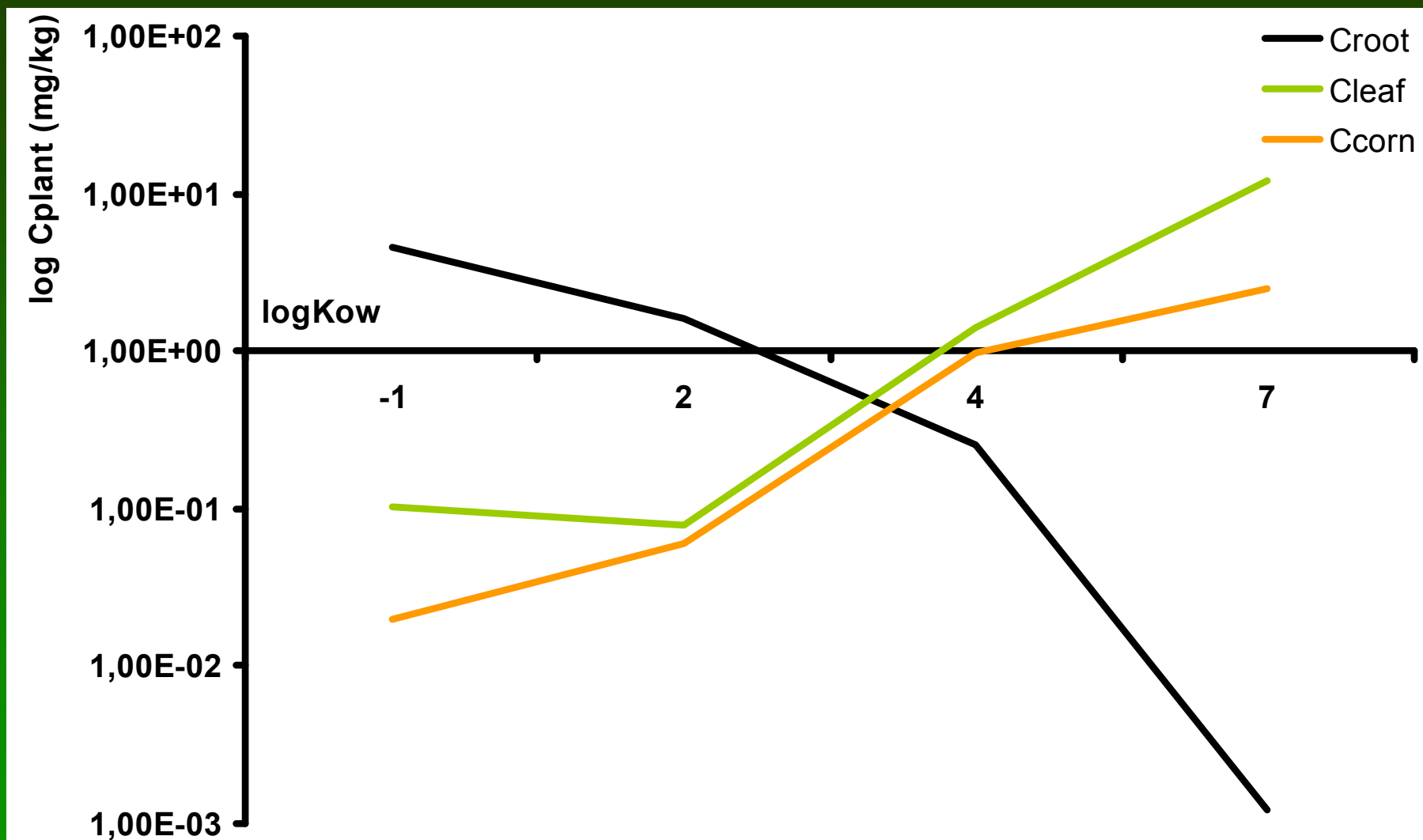
1st – K_{aw}=1.10⁻⁴, log K_{ow}=-1,2,4,7

2nd– log K_{ow}=2, K_{aw}= 1.10⁻⁹,10⁻⁷,10⁻⁵,10⁻²,10¹

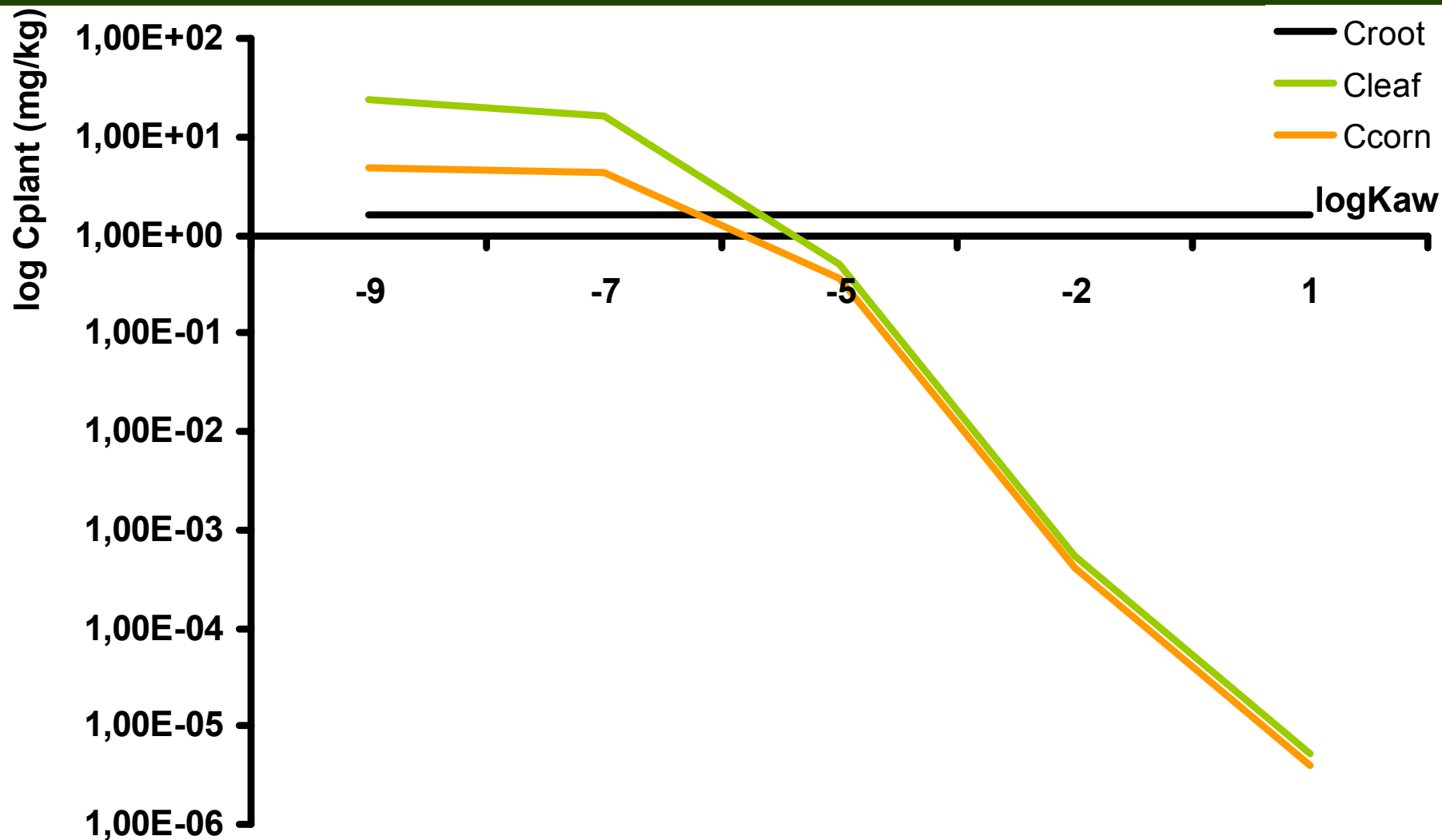
logKow	-1	2	4	7
C _{root}				
C _{leaf}				
C _{corn}				

K _{aw}	1,00E-09	1,00E-07	1,00E-05	1,00E-02	1,00E+00
C _{root}					
C _{leaf}					
C _{corn}					

Results



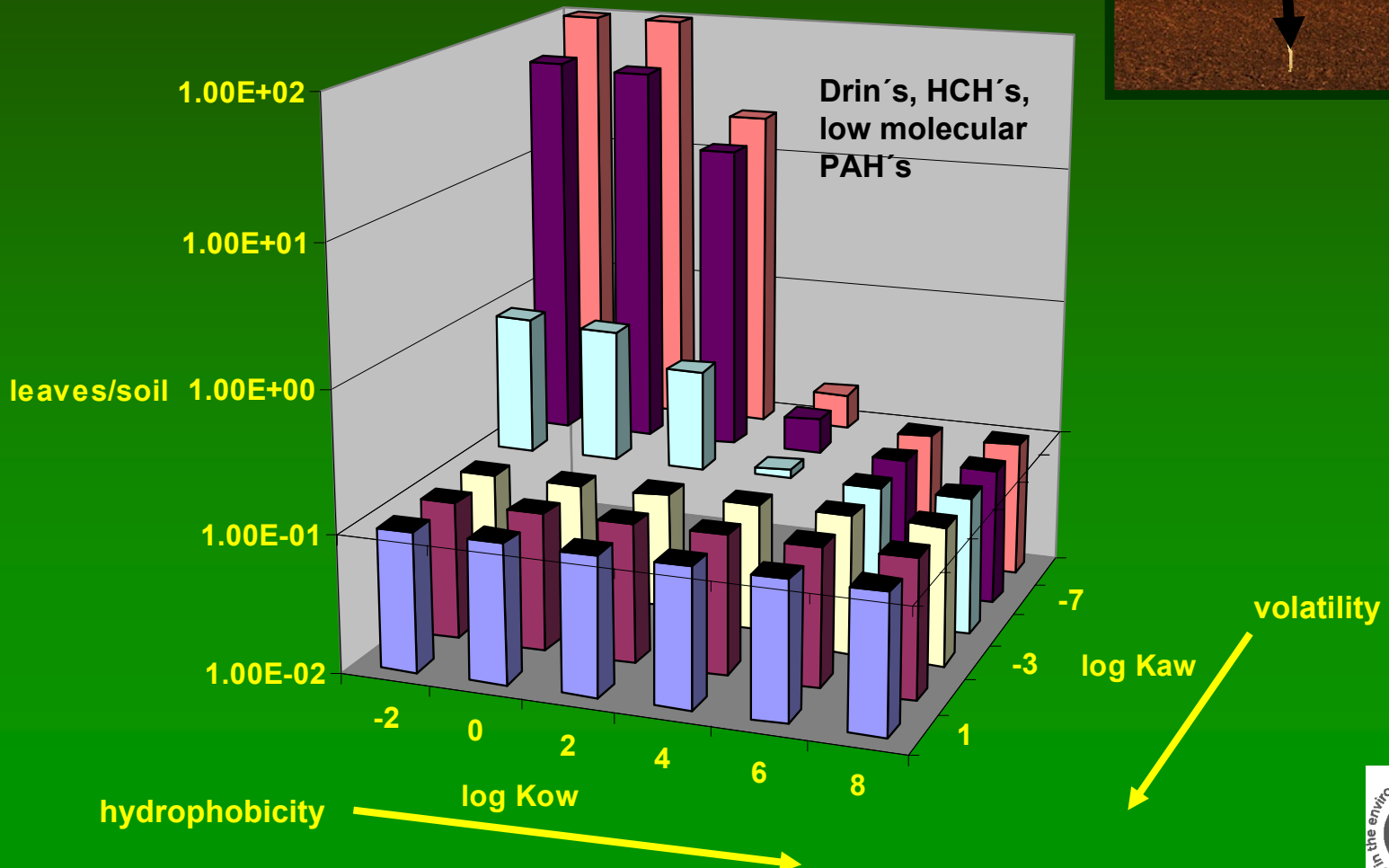
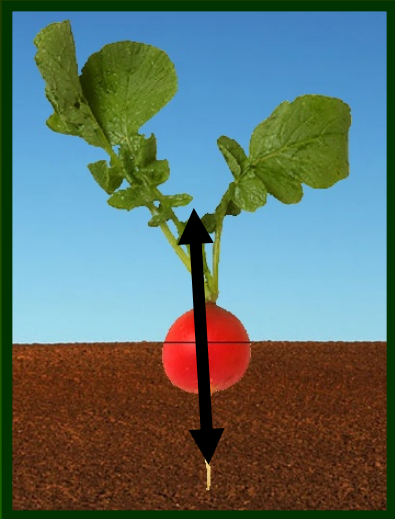
Results



Output from the model SOIL to LEAVES

Csoil=1 mg/kg
Cair = 0 mg/m³
OC= 2%

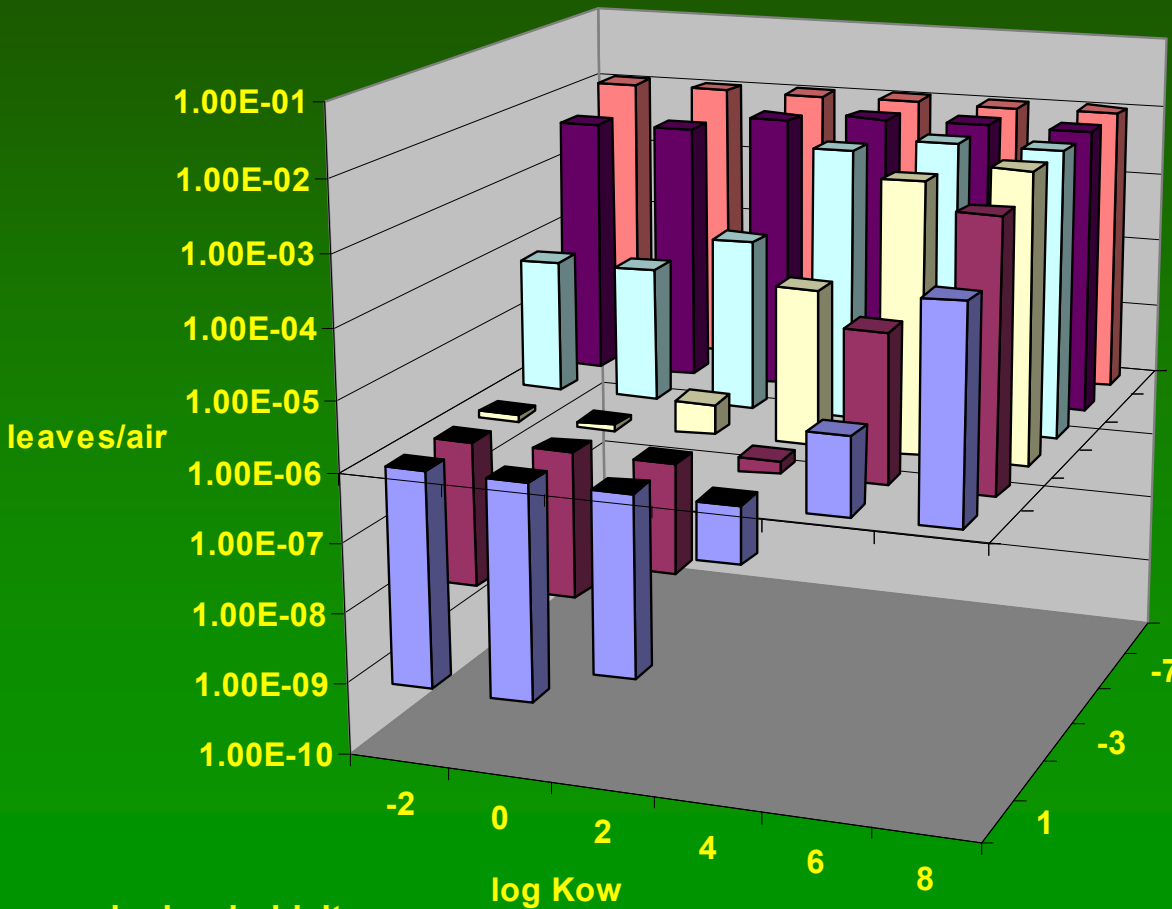
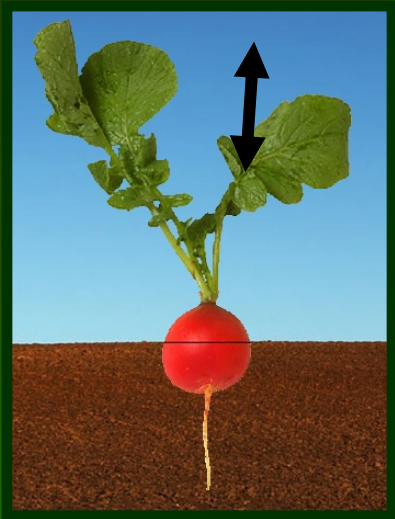
Low to moderate Kow
Low to moderate Kaw



Output from the model AIR to LEAVES

Csoil=0 mg/kg
Cair = 1E-6 mg/m³
OC= 2%

High to moderate Kow
Low to moderate Kaw



High molecular PAH's
Toxaphene, Chlordane,
BDE-99, DDX, Mirex,
Highly chlorinated
PCB's

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Health risk

“Dosis facit venenum”

$$\text{Effect (Risk)} = \text{Exposure} \times \text{toxicity}$$

Exposure – measured or modelled

Toxicity – usually measured NOEL/UF

Dermal exposure

Inhalation exposure

Oral exposure

usually US-EPA guidelines

measured air/soil/water

Dietary exposure

measured food concentration needed



Data collection

Needed (min.): $\log K_{OW}$, K_{AW} , metabolism const.,
 C_{SOIL} , C_{AIR} , C_{WATER} , OC, consumption

Phys-chem

- Databases: Mackay, Rippen, Verschueren...
- QSAR models : EPISuite, ACD/iLab,

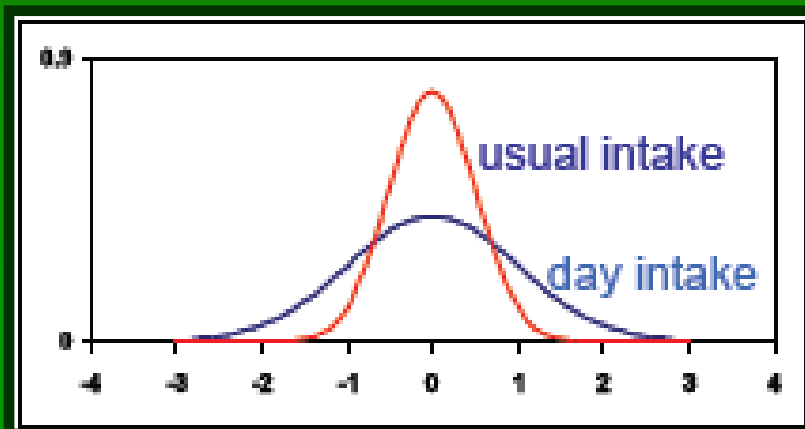


<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/episuitedl.htm>

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Data on food consumption

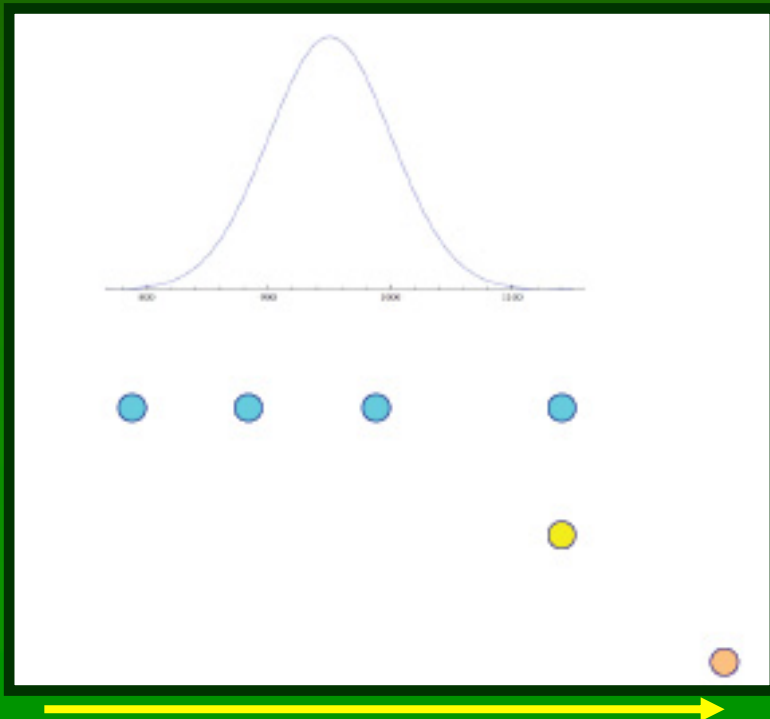
- Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ)
 - Typically long-term period (e.g. 1 year)
 - Problems: bias and low precision
- Food Consumption Survey (FCS)
 - Typically per day
 - 24-hour recall (CZ, EFCOSUM)
- Dietary record
 - More precise (calibration of FFQ)
 - modelling needed to assess usual intake



$$y_{ij} = \mu + person_i + day_{ij}$$

Probabilistic modelling-acute exp.

- Worst-case assumptions from available data (point-estimates, deterministic)
- Using all data and known facts for more realistic exposure estimates (distributions, probabilistic)



Probabilistic

Deterministic – individual

Deterministic – aggregated

Screening

Accuracy refinement resources

Estimated exposure

MCRA 7.0: Monte Carlo Risk Assessment

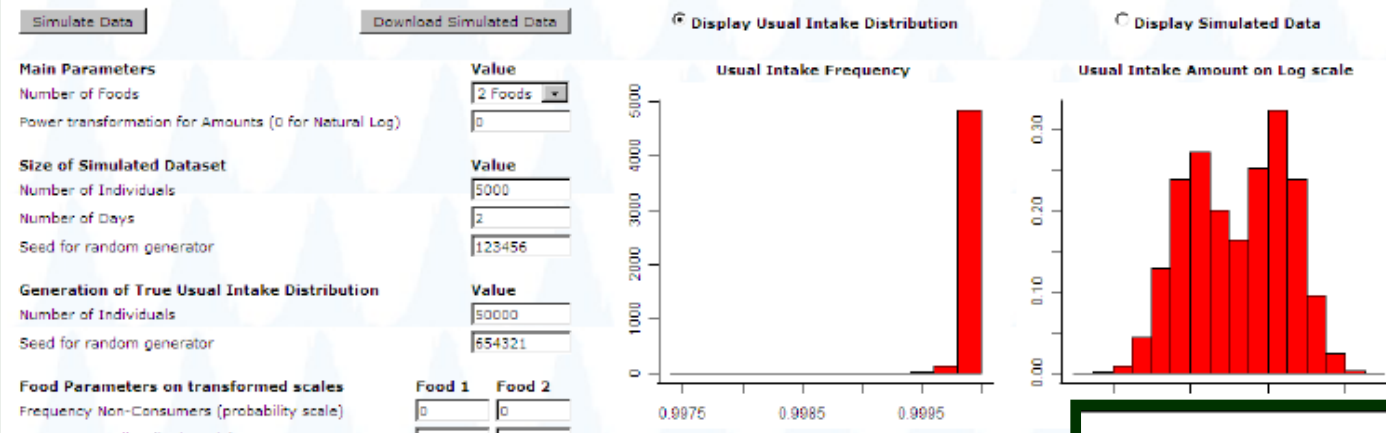
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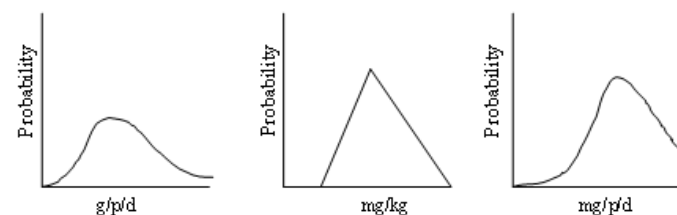
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Simulate a dataset according to the Logistic Normal Model and Display Intake Distribution



Monte Carlo Simulation

$$\text{Food Intake} \times \text{Contaminant Level} = \text{Exposure}$$



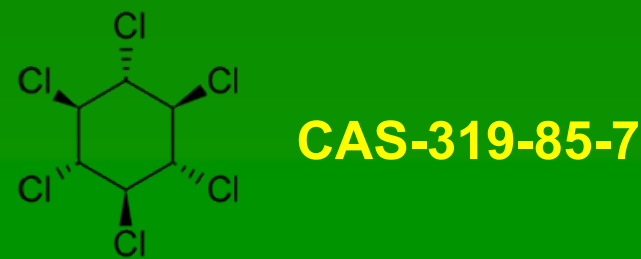
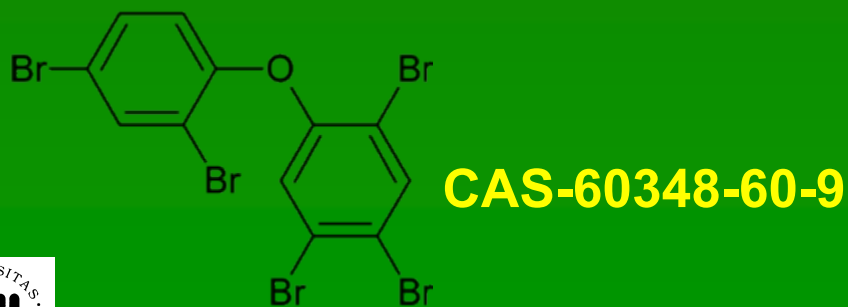
<https://mcra.rivm.nl/>

Exercise 2



Dietary risk for beta-HCH and BDE-99 :

- 1st- phys-chem from EPI-Suite programme
- 2nd- environmental concentrations (lit.-given)
- 3rd- toxicology profiles US-EPA databases
- 4th- consumption data (national Czech survey)
- 5th- plant and risk calculation



Input Data

	log K _{OW}	K _{AW}	Ref.	C _{SOIL} (WW) (mg/kg)	C _{AIR} (mg/m ³)	SF (mg/kg-day) ⁻¹	RfD (mg/kg-day) ⁻¹	Ref.
BDE-99								
β-HCH								



Women-adult (95%-percentile)	units
INroot	g/kg bw/day
INleaf	g/kg bw/day
INcorn	g/kg bw/day
Weight	kg

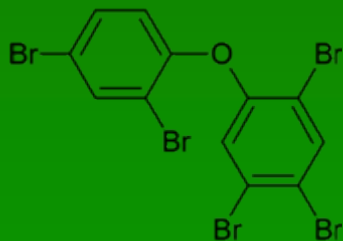
C_{org}=0,014 (average Czech soil)
(1,4%)

http://www.epa.gov/reg3hscd/risk/human/rb-concentration_table/Generic_Tables/index.htm

Risk calculation

	BDE-99 (mg/kg)	beta-HCH (mg/kg)	Food (kg/kg bw day)	BDE-99 consumption (mg/kg bw day)	β-HCH consumption (mg/kg bw day)
Croot	6,27E-09	9,97E-06	0,0014	8,78441E-12	1,39624E-08
Cleaf	2,37E-04	1,76E-03	0,00194	4,59799E-07	3,40977E-06
Ccorn	4,76E-05	1,35E-03	0,005	2,38041E-07	6,74114E-06
SUMA				6,97849E-07	1,01649E-05

BDE-99 (non-carcinogenic):



$$HI = CDI / RfD$$

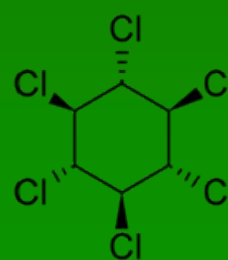
$$CDI = \underline{7E-7}$$

$$RfD = 1E-4$$

$$HI = \underline{7E-3}$$

No risk, but ?!

β-HCH (carcinogenic):



$$\text{Risk} = CDI * SF$$

$$CDI = \underline{1E-5}$$

$$SF = 1,8$$

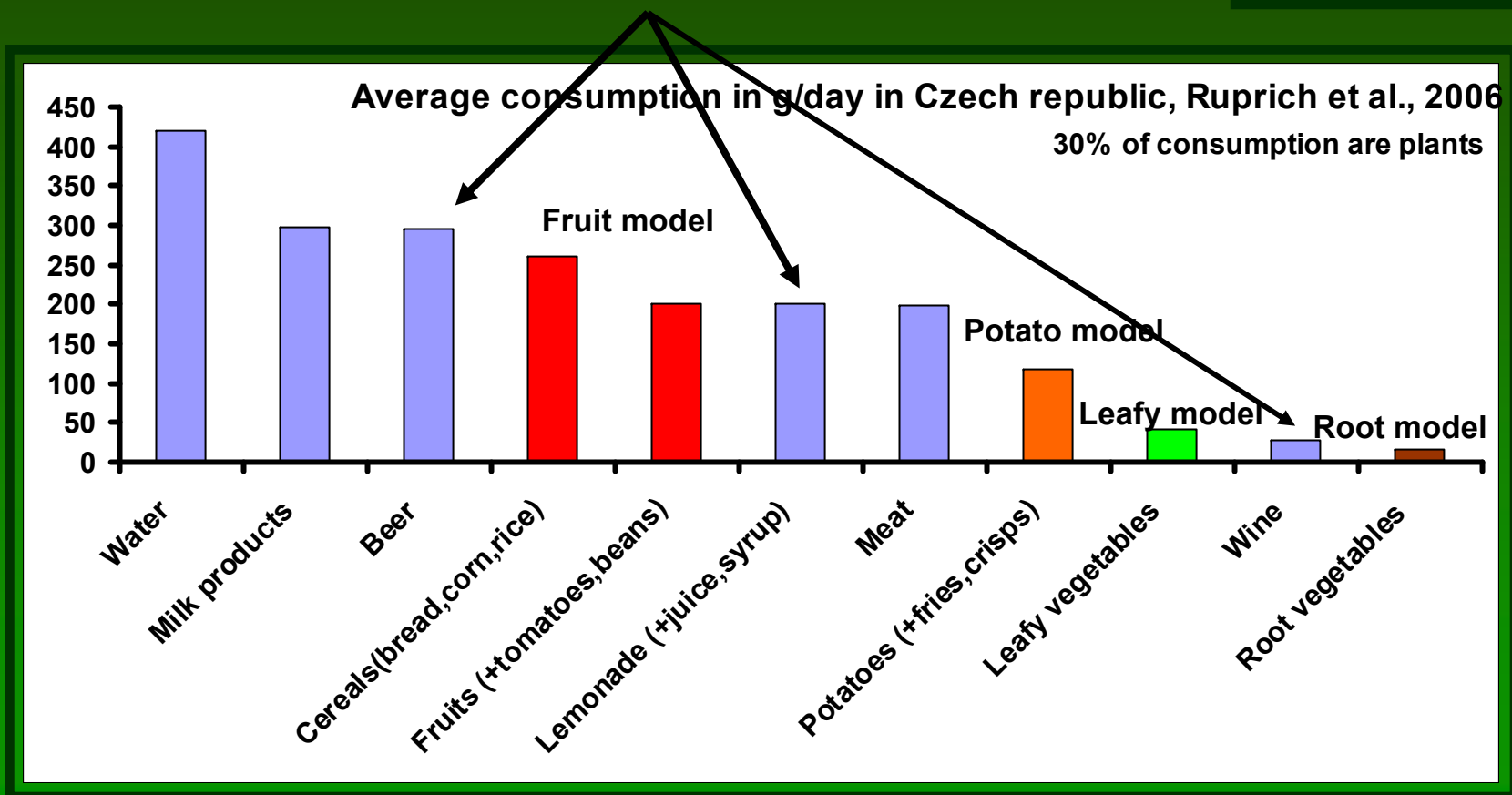
$$\text{Risk} = \underline{1,8E-5}$$

Risky, but ?!

Czech dietary uptake



Potential fruit model + water concentration



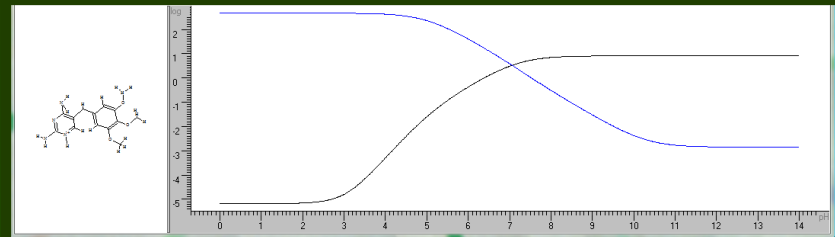
Some limitations

1. Non-ionic – ionic diffusion follows Nernst-Planck equation
2. Metabolism (Michaelis-Menten kinetics usually more soluble compounds)
3. Growth is considered exponential
4. TSCF calculations
5. Easier approach? Travis and Arms (1988)
 $\log BV (\text{dry wt}) = 1.588 - 0.578 \log KOW$
6. On-spot measuring, exposure studies, worst case scenario (conservative)
7. Always be careful with interpretation risk analysis results



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Other dietary/crop models?



- **Ionic chemicals**
(Satchivi 2000, Trapp 2009...)
- **Heavy metals**
(Hough 2001, RIVM 2007, CLEA 2002...)
- **Breast milk**
(US-EPA 2008, Trapp 2009...)



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Knowledge to go



- Semi-volatile chemicals
- Low Kow (root uptake) High Kow (shoot uptake)
- Model is not predicting exact concentration – guide to insight and design experiments
- Modelling is easy
- Data collection is crucial



Question time

