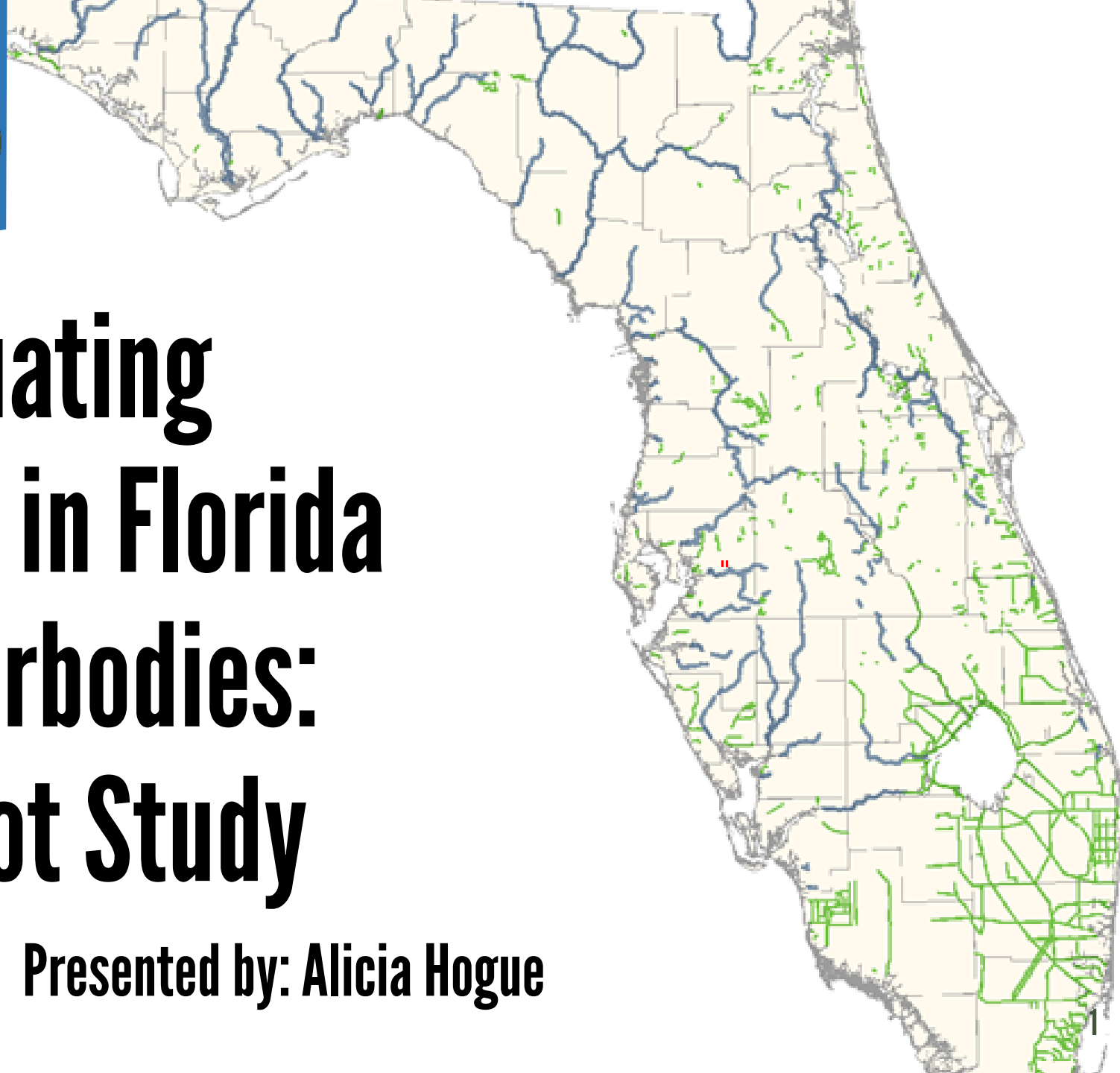




Evaluating ESOC in Florida Waterbodies: A Pilot Study

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Overview

- **4 river sites chosen:**
 - **Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee, Apalachicola & Alafia**
- **3 types of sample collection:**
 - **Semi-Permeable Membrane Device (SPMD)**
 - **Polar Organic Compound Integrative Sampler (POCIS)**
 - **Whole water samples (Grab)**
- **6 Categories of compounds:**
 - **Pesticides, PPCPs, Hormones, PFCs, PBDEs, and Alkylphenols**
- **QA is discussed in each category.**
- **SGS Analytical data is presented, then DEP, UF, and lastly USGS.**



Ochlockonee River





Ochlockonee River

- 190 miles long.
- The drainage basin is 1,002 square miles.
- River discharge averages 1,870 cubic feet/second.
- Drainage basin receives sediments from the Coastal Plain province.
- The river receives effluent from the Georgia cities of Cairo, Thomasville and Moultrie.
- Sucralose maximum value detected was 2.6 $\mu\text{g/L}$.





Withlacoochee River

- 112 miles long.
- The drainage basin is 2,120 square miles.
- Discharge average 1,870 cubic feet/second.
- Drainage basin receives sediments from only the Coastal Plain province.
- The river receives effluent from the city of Valdosta about 20 miles upstream of site.
- The Withlacoochee River joins with the Suwannee River downstream from the site.
- Sucralose maximum value detected was 2.9 $\mu\text{g/L}$

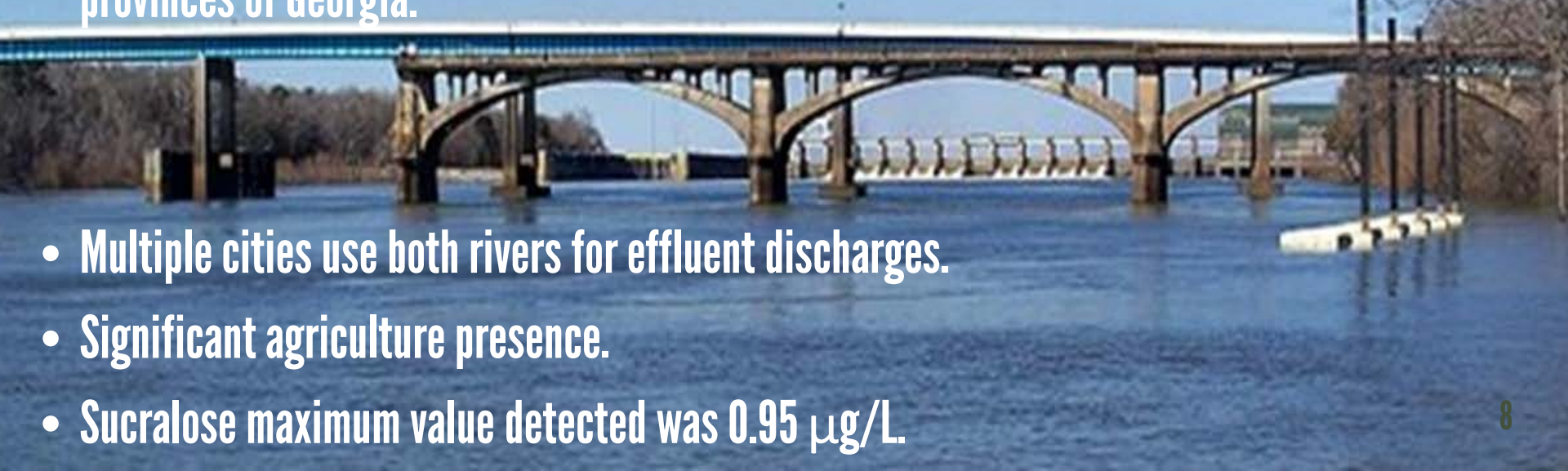


Apalachicola River





Apalachicola River

- Site located downstream from Woodruff Dam.
 - Largest river in Florida, based on discharge.
 - The ACF drainage basin is 17,230 square miles.
 - Discharge averages 16,500 cubic feet/second.
 - Drainage basin receives sediments from the Blue Ridge, Piedmont and Coastal Plain provinces of Georgia.
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- A large, multi-arched concrete bridge spans a wide river. The bridge has several tall piers supporting the arches. In the background, a dam is visible. The river is blue, and there are some white structures in the water on the right side. The sky is clear and blue.
- Multiple cities use both rivers for effluent discharges.
 - Significant agriculture presence.
 - Sucralose maximum value detected was 0.95 $\mu\text{g/L}$.



Alafia River





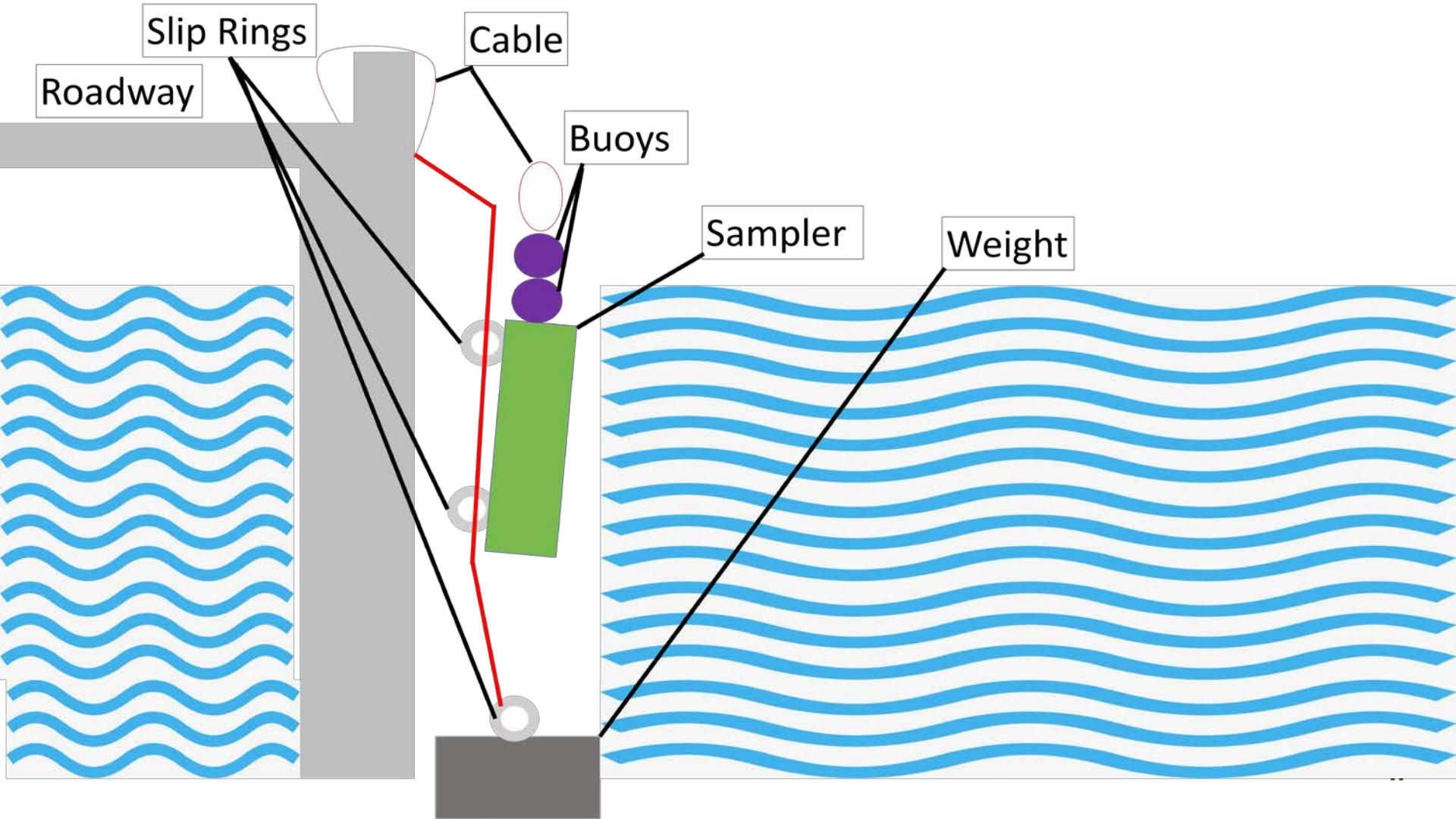
Alafia River

- Site is downstream of the confluence of the North & South Prongs of the river at Tampa Bay Water Authority (TBWA) withdrawal point.
- 25 miles long.
- Watershed is 335 square miles.
- Discharges an average of 200 cubic feet/second.
- Numerous land uses influence quality of the river, including the City of Lakeland WWTP, phosphate mine sites and phosphate ore processing sites, and agriculture.
- Salt water tidal influence occurs upstream from Tampa Bay.
- Sucralose maximum value detected was 7.3 $\mu\text{g/L}$.



Review of Deployment

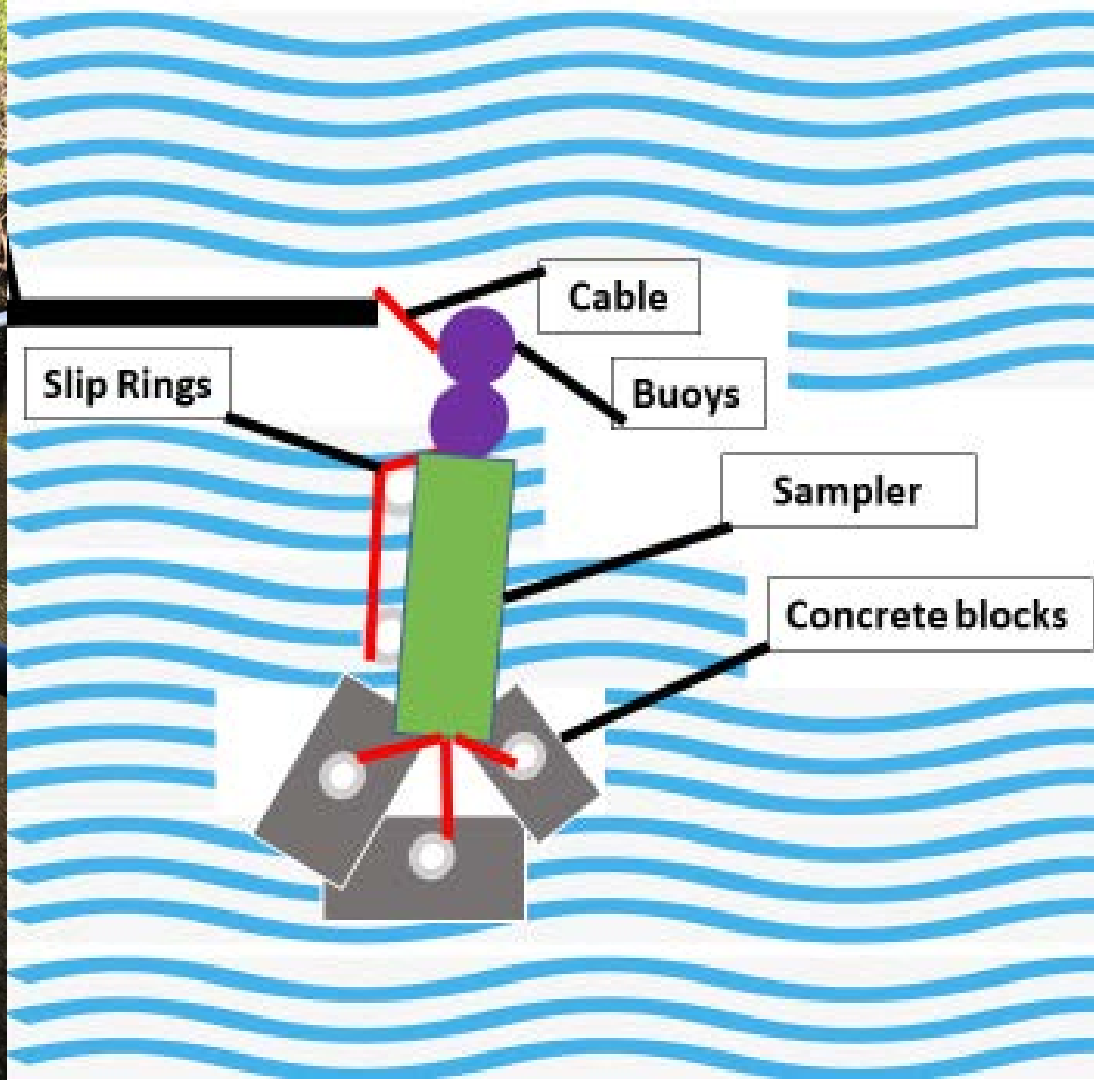
Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee & Apalachicola





Review of Deployment

Alafia





Semi-Permeable Membrane Device (SPMD)

- Mimics natural system to collect bioavailable pollutants in water.
- Passive transport similar to chemical transport through fish gills.
- Doesn't metabolize sequestered compounds; isn't affected by poor water quality conditions.
- Selective diffusion of **hydrophobic** organic chemicals through pores & stored in the lipid phase.



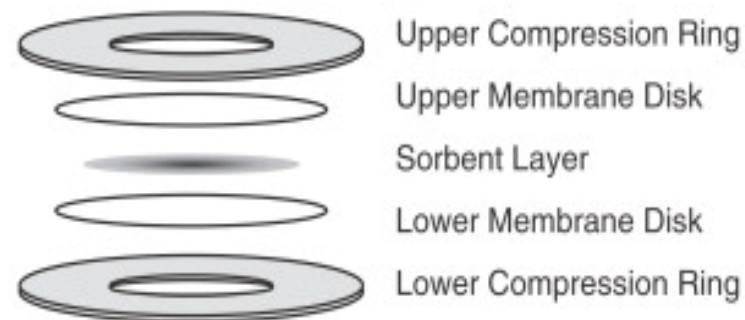
<http://www.est-lab.com/spmd.php>





Polar Organic Chemical Integrative Sampler (POCIS)

- High water solubility of POCs makes extraction & detection difficult.
- Monitors **hydrophilic** contaminants that could be potential EDs, or acutely toxic.
- Provides reproducible method for determining concentration of POCs in the ppt range.



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0166526X06480089>





Blank Collection

2 field blanks were collected at Apalachicola

1. Passive sampling equipment

- The blank sample containers (cans) were opened twice; once when passive sampler was deployed, and again when recovered from site.
- Blank cans stayed open while passive sampling devices (POCIS & SPMD) were exposed to air.
- Sealed blank cans were stored at -20°C during deployment period.

2. Grab sample

- Blank collected using DI water supplied from SGS.





Category Selection

This study separated analytes into 6 main categories

Category	Human exposure route	Aquatic life effects	Water Solubility	Sample device
Pesticides	Surface & ground water, sediment, food web	Toxic, potential endocrine disruptor (ED)	High	POCIS, SPMD & Grab
Pharmaceuticals & personal care products (PPCP)	Surface & ground water	Potential ED	High	POCIS & Grab
Synthetic hormones	Surface & ground water	Potential ED	High	POCIS & Grab
Perfluorinated compounds (PFC)	Food web, breast milk	Bioaccumulative, potential ED	Low	POCIS & Grab
Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE)	House dust, sediment, food web, breast milk, surface & ground water.	Bioaccumulative, potential ED, carcinogenic, toxic, persistent	Low	SPMD & Grab
Alkylphenols	Surface & ground water	Potential ED	High	SPMD & Grab



SGS Data



Pesticides

- Analyzed samples for 76 compounds.
- 42 compounds detected at one or more sites, in at least one sample type (POCIS, SPMD, or Grab).
- Samples qualified due to lab/field blank detections :
- 33% of detections from POCIS.
- 40% of detections from SPMD.
- 38% of detections from Grab.
- 18 of the 42 compounds detected were qualified.



Pesticides Detected at Every Site (n = 4) by Sample Type

Legend	
•	Data not qualified due to blank detections.
V	Lab blank result >10% of sample result(s).
VG	Lab & Field blank results >10% of sample result(s).
G	Field blank result >10% of sample result(s).
	Compound not detected at all sites.

Compound	SPMD	POCIS	Grab
alpha-Endosulphan	VG	VG	VG
Dieldrin	•	•	•
Hexachlorobenzene	G	VG	VG
Metolachlor	G	•	V
Chlordane, gamma (trans)	G	G	
Endosulphan Sulphate	•	•	
Heptachlor	G	G	
Heptachlor Epoxide	V	G	
Nonachlor, trans-	•	•	
beta-Endosulphan	VG		VG
Atrazine		•	•
Desethylatrazine		•	•
Simazine		•	•
Tebuconazol		•	•
2,4'-DDD	•		
4,4'-DDD	•		
4,4'-DDE	•		
4,4'-DDT	•		
Aldrin	V		
Chlordane, alpha (cis)	•		
Chlordane, oxy-	VG		
Chlorpyrifos	•		
Endrin	VG		
HCH, alpha	•		
HCH, beta	•		
HCH, gamma	G		
Mirex	VG		
Nonachlor, cis-	G		
Pendimethalin	•		
Trifluralin	•		
Total	26	13	9



PPCPs

- **Analyzed samples for 127 compounds.**
- **39 were detected at one or more sites, in at least one sample type (POCIS or Grab).**
- **Samples qualified due to lab/field blank detections :**
 - **6% of detections from POCIS**
 - **17% of detections from grab samples**
- **3 of the 39 compounds detected were qualified.**



PPCPs Detected at Every Site (n = 4) by Sample Type

Compound	POCIS	Grab
Amphetamine	VG	VG
DEET	●	VG
Sulfamethoxazole	●	●
Alprazolam	●	
Carbamazepine	●	
Erythromycin-H2O	●	
Amitriptyline		●
Total	6	4



Hormones

- Analyzed samples for 17 compounds.
- 5 were detected at one or more sites, in at least one sampling method (POCIS or Grab).
- Samples qualified due to lab/field blank detections :
 - 6% of detections from POCIS.
 - 17% of detections from Grab.
- 2 of the 5 hormone compounds detected were qualified due to blank detections.
- Mestranol was only hormone detected at all sites.



Perfluorinated Compounds PFCs

- Analyzed samples for 13 compounds.**
- 10 were detected at one or more sites, in at least one sampling method (POCIS or Grab).**
- 0% of detections from POCIS & Grab samples were qualified due to blank detections.**



PFCs Detected at Every Site (n = 4) by Sample Type

Compound	POCIS	Grab
PFOS	●	
PFHpA	●	
PFOA	●	



Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers PBDEs

- **Analyzed samples for 8 compounds.**
- **All were detected at one or more sites, in at least one sampling method (SPMD or Grab).**
- **All of the PBDE compounds detected were qualified.**



PBDEs Detected at Every Site (n=4) by Sample Type

Compound	SPMD	Grab
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-DeBDE	VG	G
2,2',4,4',5-PeBDE	G	VG
2,2',4,4',6-PeBDE	G	VG
2,2',4,4'-TeBDE	G	VG
2,2',3,4,4',5',6-HpBDE	G	
2,2',4,4',5,5'-HxBDE	G	
2,2',4,4',5,6'-HxBDE	G	
2,4,4'-TriBDE	G	
Total	8	4



Alkylphenols

- Analyzed samples for 4 compounds.
- 2 were detected at one or more sites, in at least one sampling method (SPMD or Grab).
- All detections from SPMD & grab samples were qualified due to blank detections.



Alkylphenols Detected at Every Site (n = 4) by Sample Type

Compound	SPMD	Grab
4-Nonylphenols	VG	VG
4-Nonylphenol diethoxylates	G	



DEP Data



DEP Data

- **Analyzed samples for 92 compounds.**
- **32 compounds detected at one or more sites, in at least one sampling method (POCIS, SPMD, or Grab).**
- **0% of detections from POCIS, SPMD & Grab samples were qualified due to blank detections.**



Compounds Detected at Every Site (n = 4) by Sample Type

Compound	SPMD	POCIS	Grab
Chlorpyrifos Ethyl	●		
Atrazine		●	●
Bromacil		●	●
Carbamazepine		●	●
Diuron		●	●
Imidacloprid		●	●
Metalaxyl		●	●
Metolachlor		●	●
Simazine		●	●
Sucralose		●	●
Atrazine Desethyl			●
Bentazon			●
Fipronil Sulfone			●
Hexazinone			●
Total	1	9	13



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ER and AR Transactivation Assay

Tests for the ability of the activated receptor to turn on gene transcription

Estrogen Receptor Results

- **Grab**

- Estrogenic activity found only at Ochlockonee.
- Interference at Apalachicola.

- **POCIS & SPMD**

- Variable results indicated interference with the assay.
- POCIS sample from Apalachicola was only one that conclusively showed no estrogenic activity.

Androgen Receptor Results

- **Grab**

- Low level of androgenic activity found in the field blank.
 - May be due to androsterone contamination in the sample (analyzed by SGS).
- Low level of androgenic activity found in the grab sample for Ochlockonee.
- Interferences were found in the Apalachicola sample.

- **POCIS & SPMD**

- No activity.



ER and AR Binding Assay

Tests the ability of estrogen or an estrogen mimic to bind directly to the estrogen receptor, or an androgen mimic to bind directly to the androgen receptor

- **Grab**

- All sites had presence of estrogenic/androgenic activity
- Highest concentration at Withlacoochee
- Background fluorescence detected
 - High color water an issue

- **SPMD**

- All sites had presence of estrogenic/androgenic activity

- **POCIS**

- Results variable due to background fluorescence
- No androgenic activity at Apalachicola



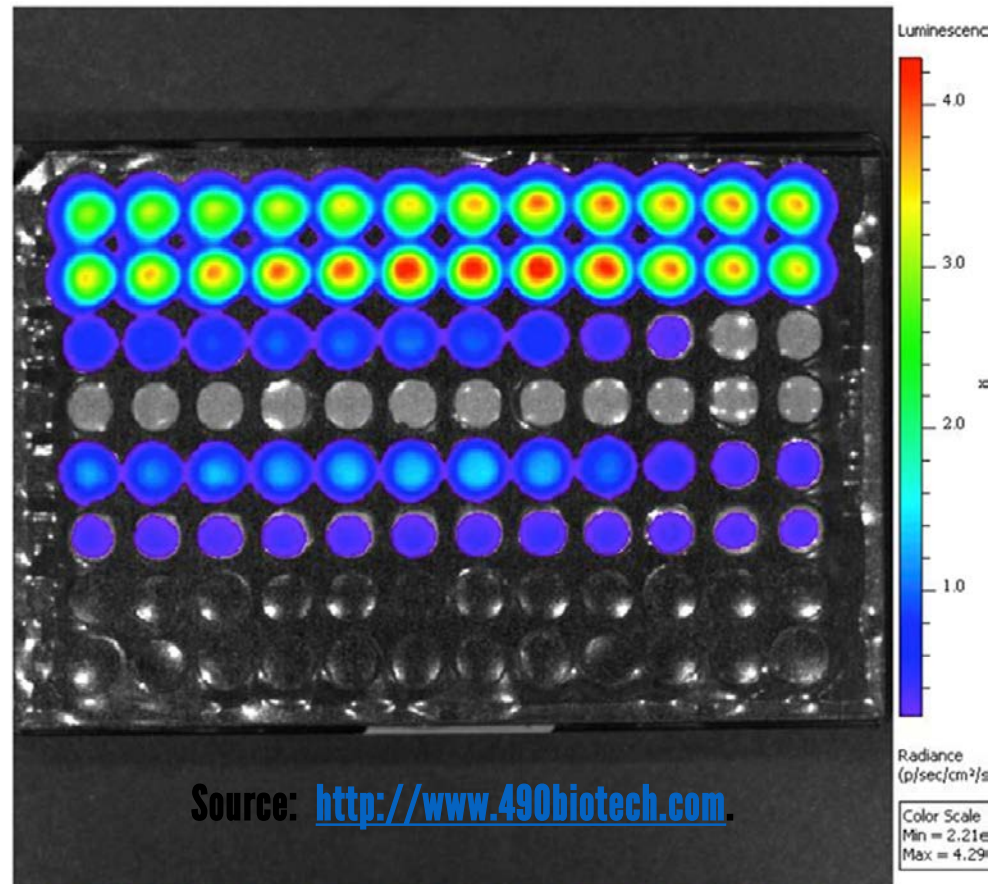
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Bioluminescent Yeast Estrogen & Androgen Screen

Used to detect water's estrogenic and androgenic activity by promoting a light-generating or bioluminescent response in the yeast strain





Bioluminescent Yeast Estrogen & Androgen Screen Results

BLYES Results

- **Grab**
 - **Alafia, Apalachicola, Withlacoochee Rivers had estrogenic samples**
- **POCIS**
 - **All sites had estrogenic samples**

BLYAS results

- **No androgenic activity**

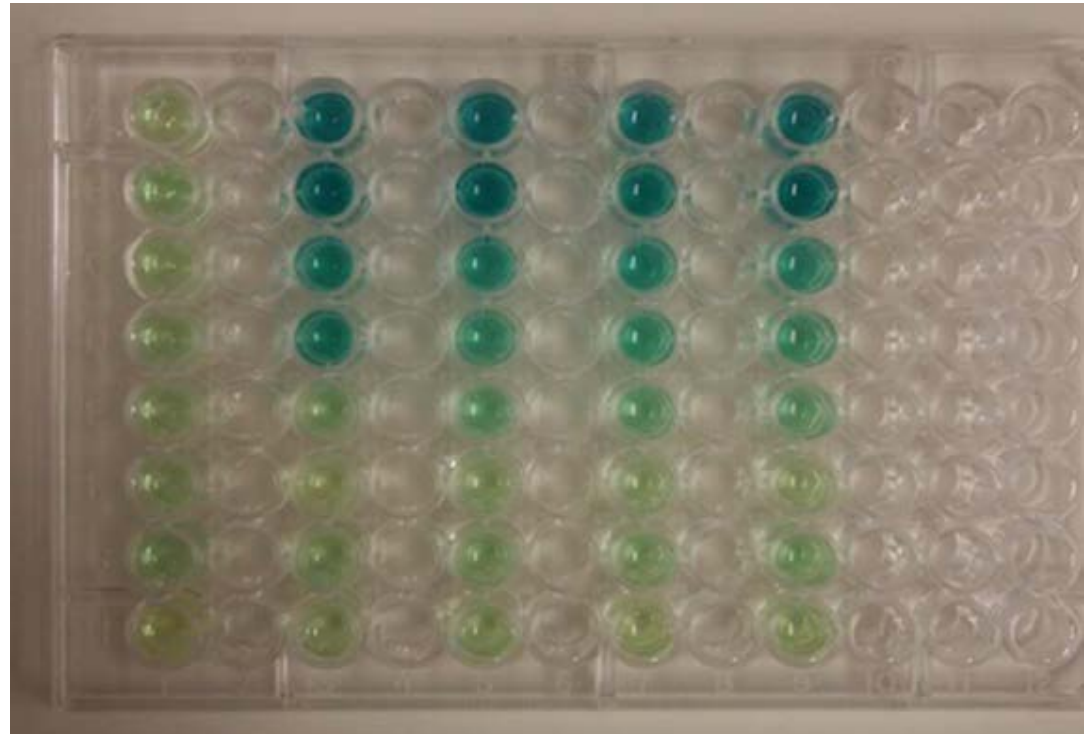


SOS Chromotest

*The SOS Chromotest is a colorimetric test that measures the reaction of *E. coli* bacteria to DNA damaging compounds in water samples.*

Results

- POCIS & SPMD
 - Presence of DNA damaging compounds at the Alafia River site.





Review SGS Data

Pesticides

- **42 compounds detected of 76 analyzed; most found in the SPMD.**

PPCPs

- **39 compounds detected of 127 analyzed; most found in POCIS.**

Hormones

- **5 compounds detected of 17 analyzed.**
- **Blank detections caused all grab sample data to be qualified, but did not affect POCIS sample data.**



Review SGS Data

PFCs

- **10 compounds detected of 13 analyzed; most found in POCIS.**

PBDEs

- **All compounds analyzed were detected in SPMD & Grab samples at one or more sites, but blank detections caused all SPMD data & > 90% of Grab sample data to be qualified.**

Alkylphenols

- **2 compounds detected of 4 analyzed, but blank detections caused all SPMD and Grab sample data to be qualified.**



Review DEP Data

Pesticides

- **29 compounds detected of 88 analyzed; most found in Grab.**

PPCPs

- **3 compounds detected of 4 analyzed; most found in Grab & SPMD.**
- **Acetaminophen was detected in Grab samples analyzed by DEP, but not in those analyzed by SGS.**



Further Discussion

- **Analytes that should be added or removed if the project was expanded? Are there analyte groups that are of higher priority?**
- **Intensity of sample collection and analysis vs. the results.**
- **Discussion about data and QA/QC.**
- **Take home messages that can be extracted from this project, and how they construct our path forward.**
- **Determining which sampling method is most advantageous depending on objective.**



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