

## **Detection of Antibiotic Metabolites**

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## **Challenges:** many chemicals various sources several environmental compartments inputs air inputs suspended sediment • $\Rightarrow$ antibiotic $\Rightarrow$ **Biota** soil sediment



## Inputs: Wastewater



<u>tal Fluoroquinolines (ng/L)</u>		
1:	744	
2:	831	
3:	755	
4:	615	
5:	80	
8:	0	

# **Sediment cores** can be used to determine historical trends of antibiotics in a water body







# Sulfapyridine (old) Duluth Lake Harbor Winona Lake Pepin









# Appears to have input of agricultural antibiotics 30% of watershed is agriculture



### Correlated the presence of antibiotics to ARGs...

*sulfapyridine vs sulfonamide resistance (sul1)*  ciprofloxacin vs mercury resistance (merA)



some antibiotic resistance genes may have been discharged with **treated wastewater** 

# What did we learn?

- Wastewater treatment removal varies
- Sediments capture antibiotics
- Anthropogenic impact matters
  - Wastewater
  - Land use
  - ARGs
- Implications for
  - Engineering interventions
  - Policy decisions