

# *BIOAVAILABILITY OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS IN SOILS AND SEDIMENTS: POTENTIAL REGULATORY ASPECTS*

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## OUTLINE

- LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOAVAILABILITY SCIENCE
  - MICROBIAL MECHANISMS
  - PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS
- REGULATORY SCANNING IN CHEMICAL POLLUTION
  - RETROSPECTIVE VS. PROSPECTIVE RA
  - NATL. & INTERNATIONAL POLICIES



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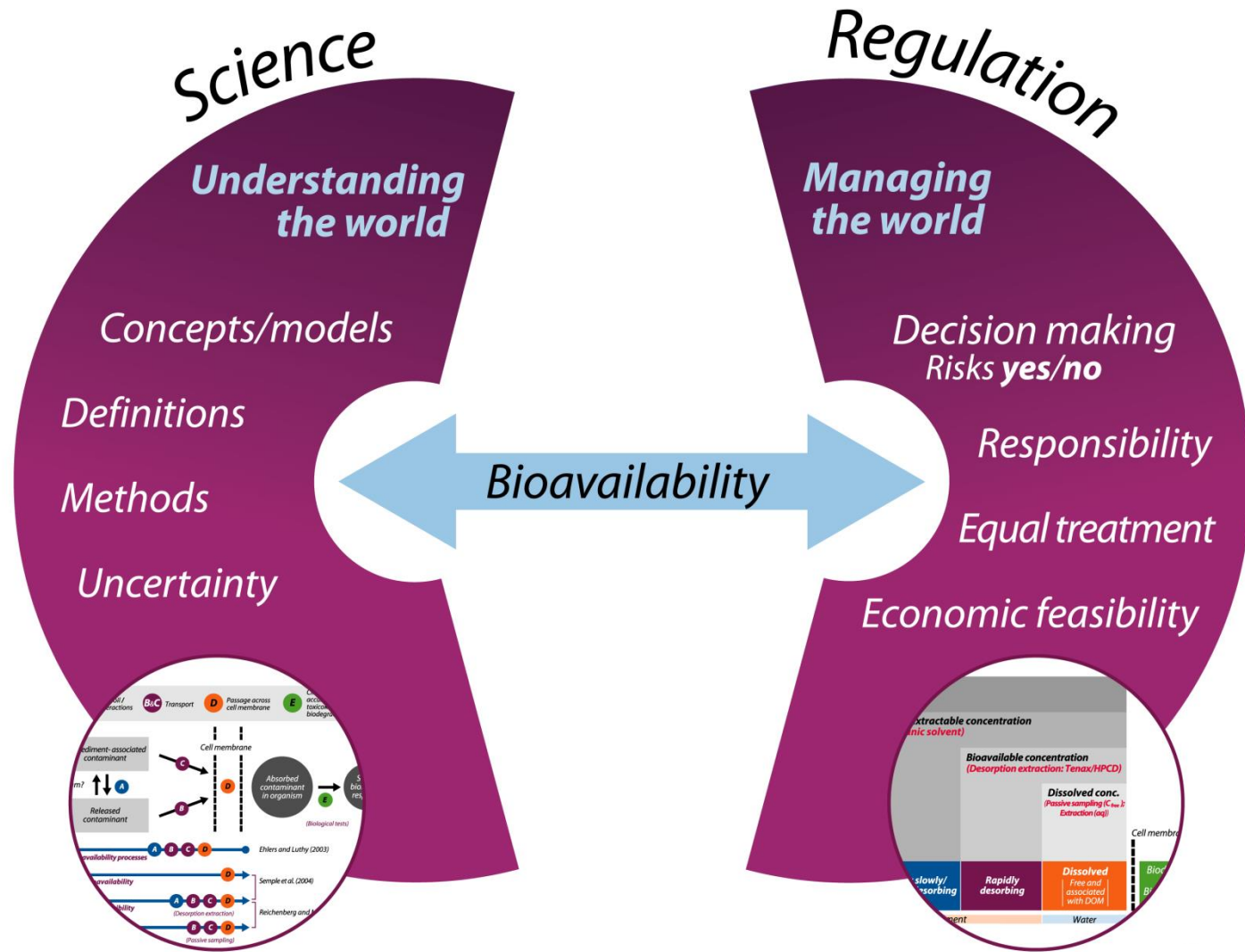


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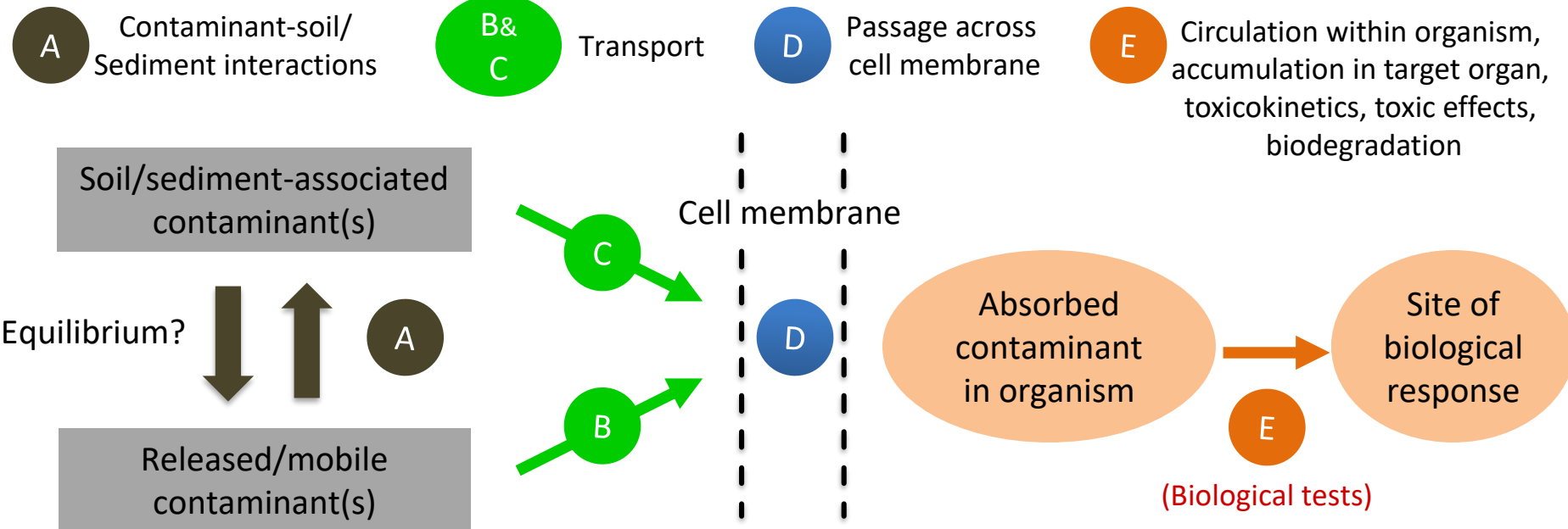
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# BIOAVAILABILITY SCIENCE



*Bioavailability processes*

*Ehlers and Luthy (2003)*



*Bioavailability*

*Semple et al. (2004; 2007)*



*Bioaccessibility*

*Desorption extraction*

*Reichenberg and Mayer (2006)*



*Chemical activity*

*Passive sampling*

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**BIODEGRADABLE**

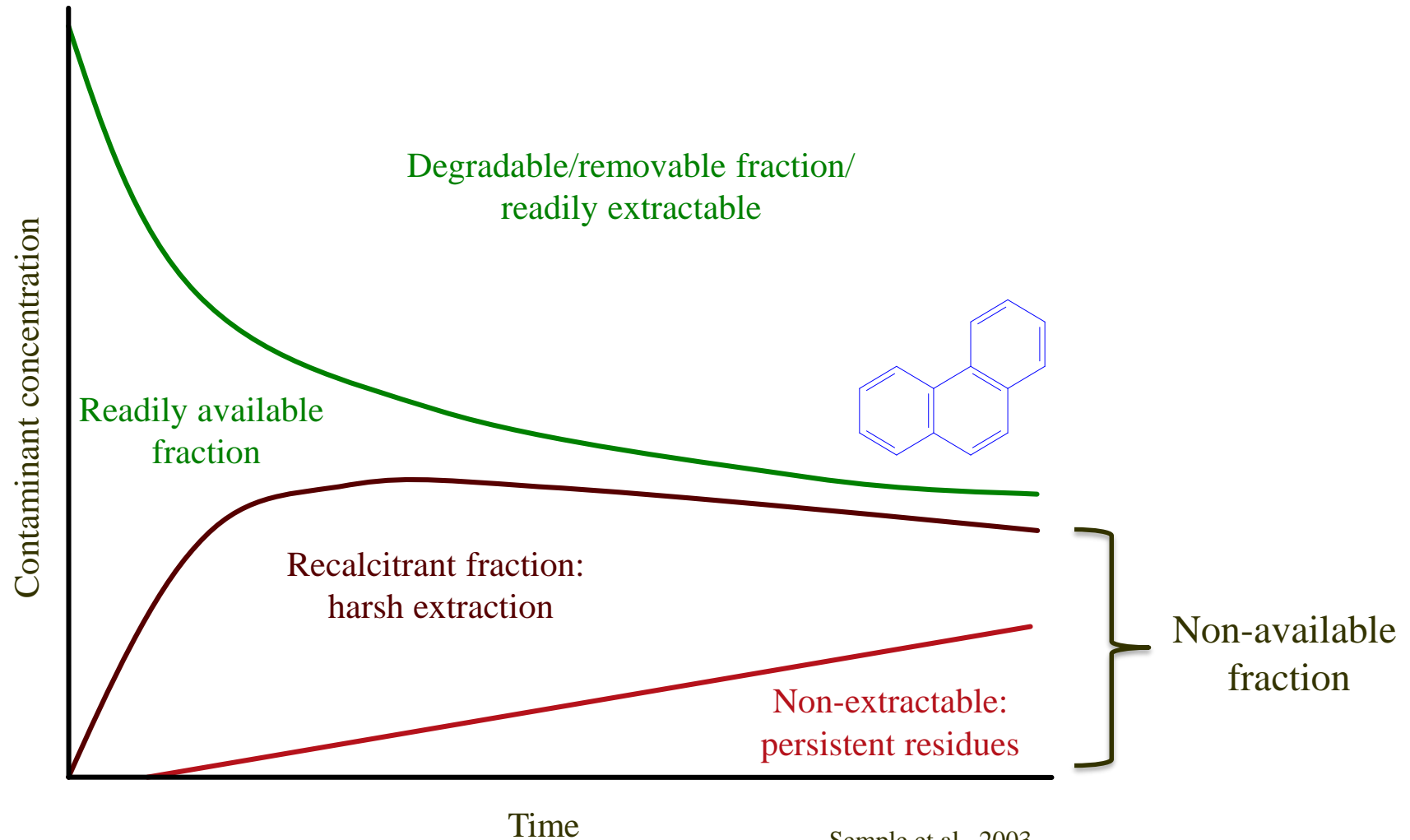
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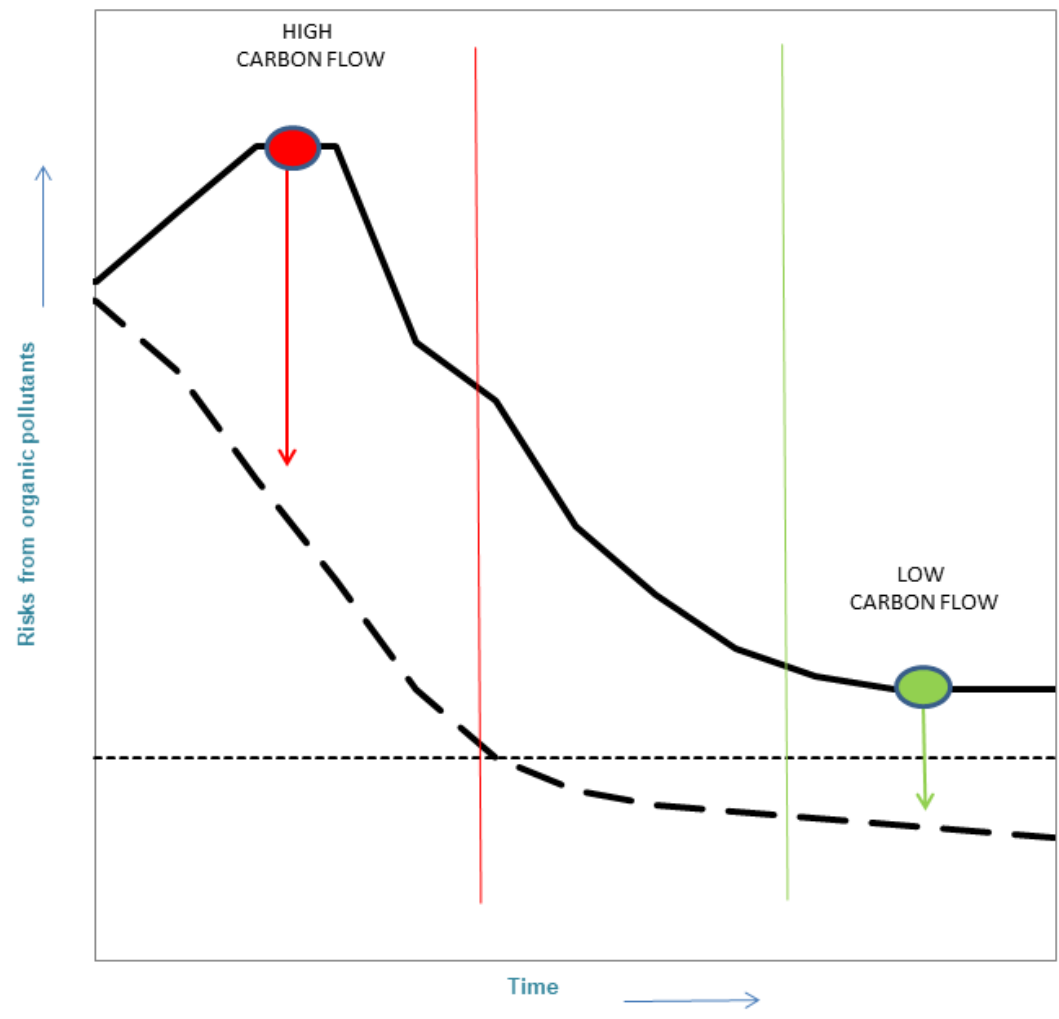
**BIODEGRADED**

- TOXICITY AT POLLUTED SITE**
- LOW LEVELS OF NUTRIENT  
& e- ACCEPTORS**
- LOW TOTAL CONCENTRATION  
OF SUBSTRATE**
- LOW BIOAVAILABILITY:  
SORPTION, NAPLs**



# Fate and behaviour of organic contaminants in soil

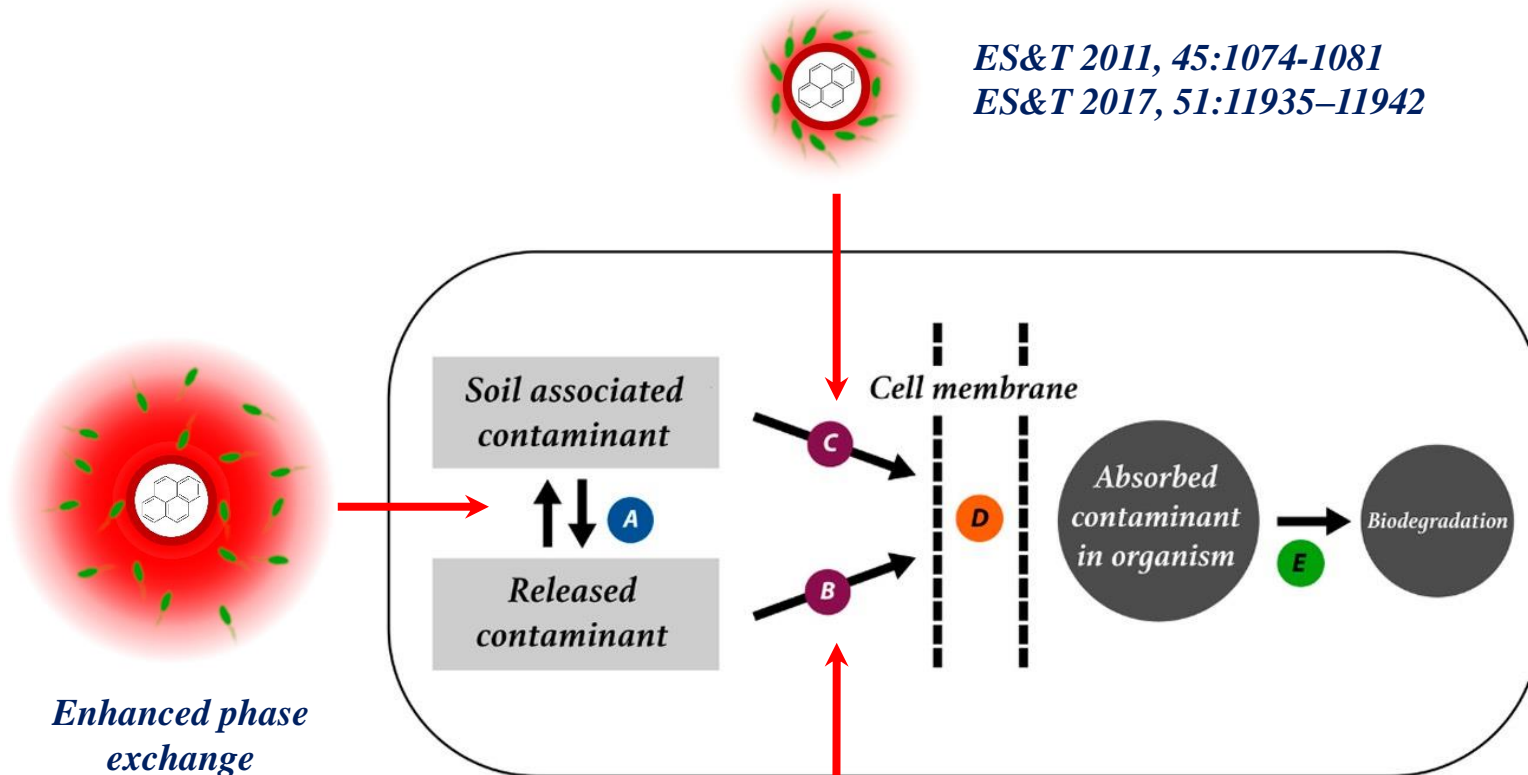






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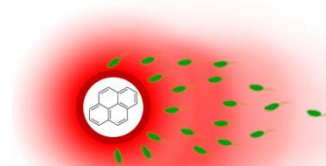
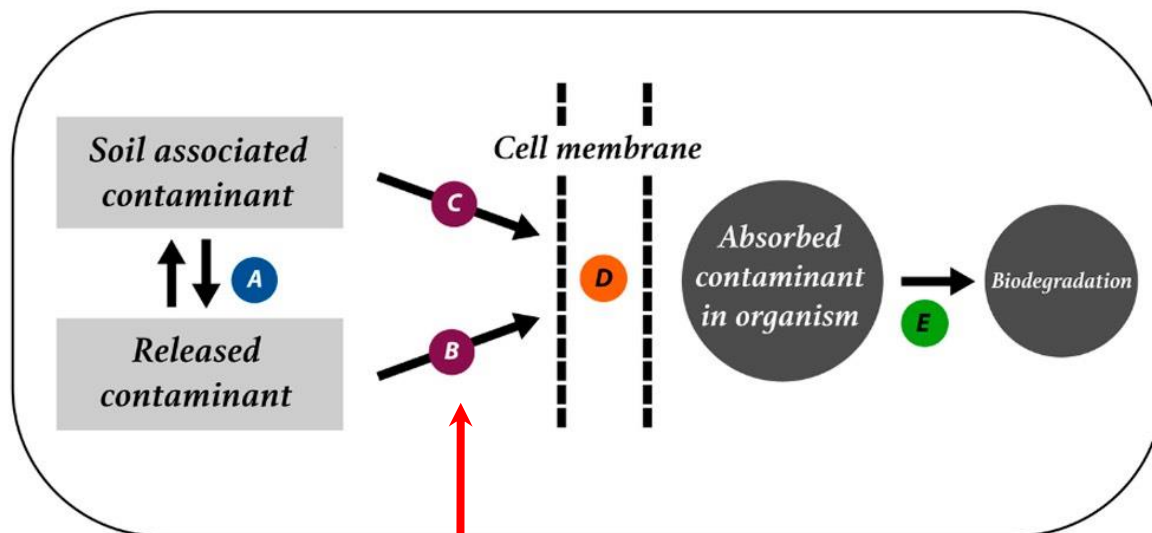


*Enhanced phase exchange*

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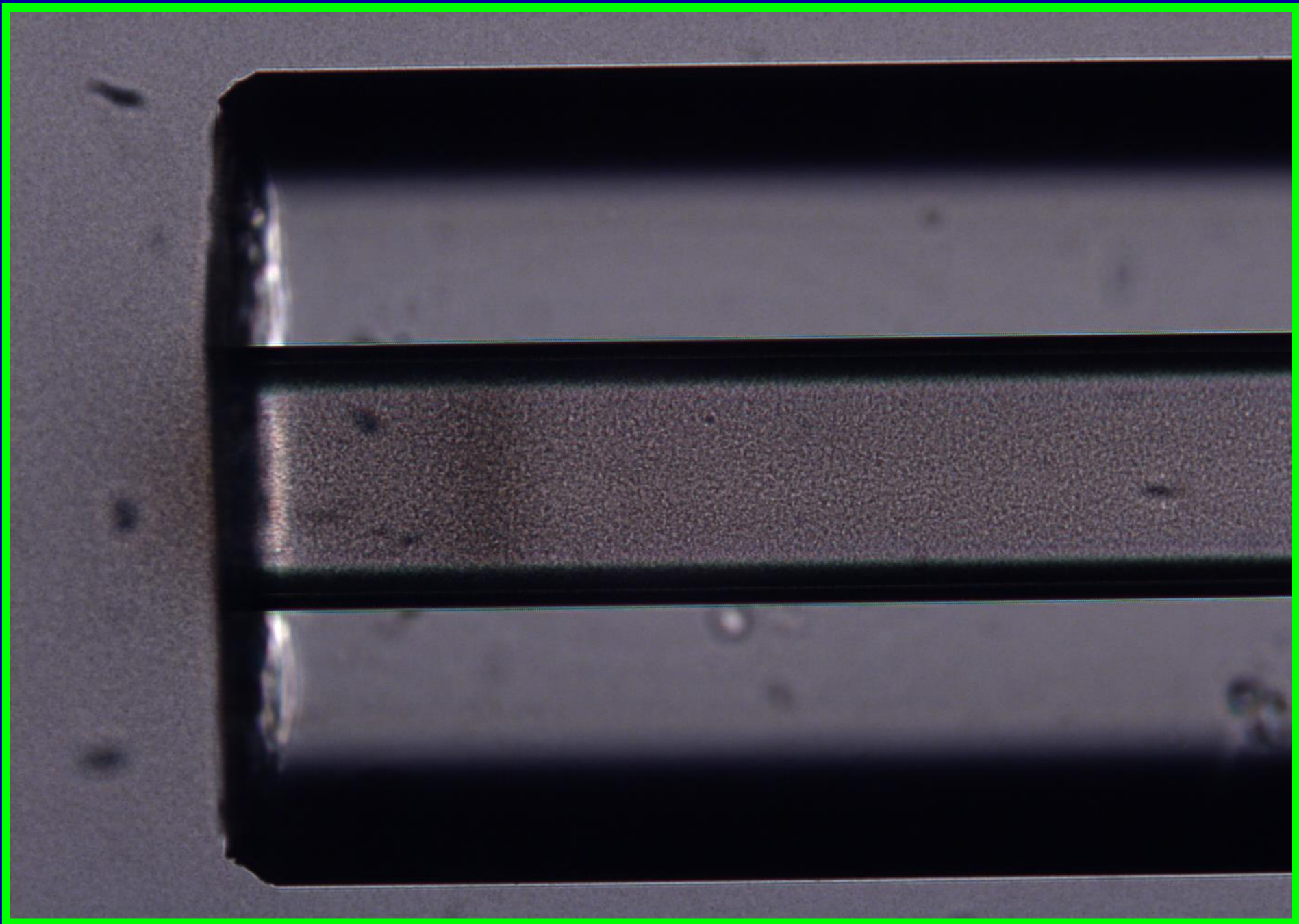
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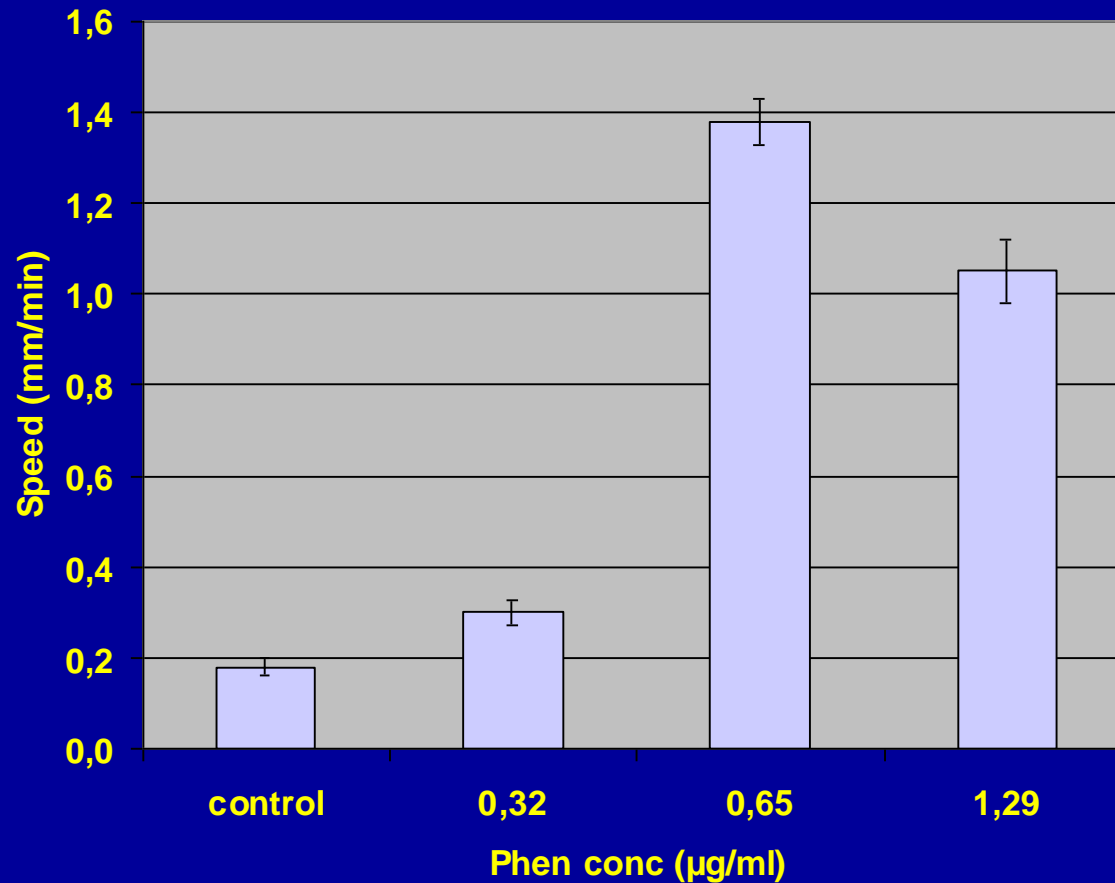
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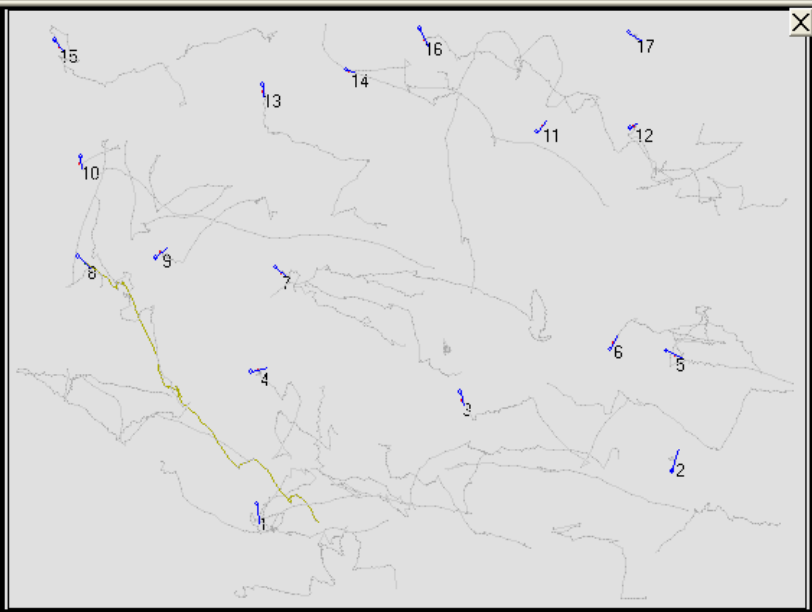
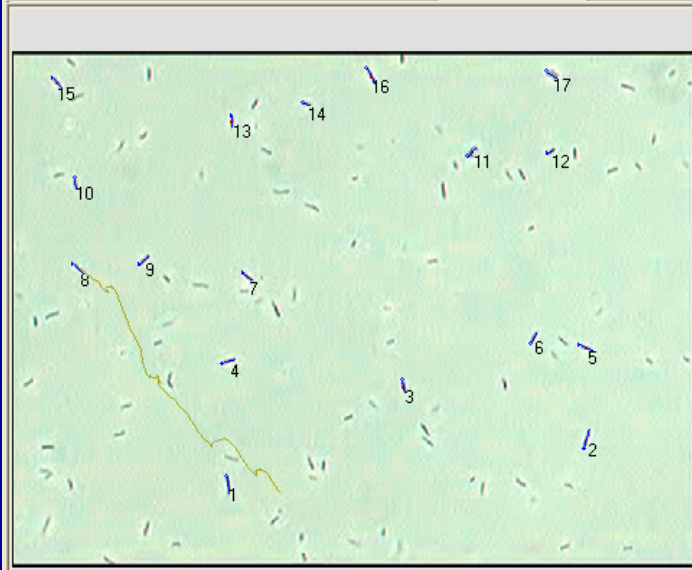


# Chemotaxis towards phenanthrene in *Pseudomonas putida* 10D









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Movement Functions

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- Net-to-Gross Displacement Ratio
- Direction of Travel
- Angular Velocity
- Rate of Change of Direction
- Orientation
- Rate of Change of Orientation
- Average Gray Scale Value
- X Value
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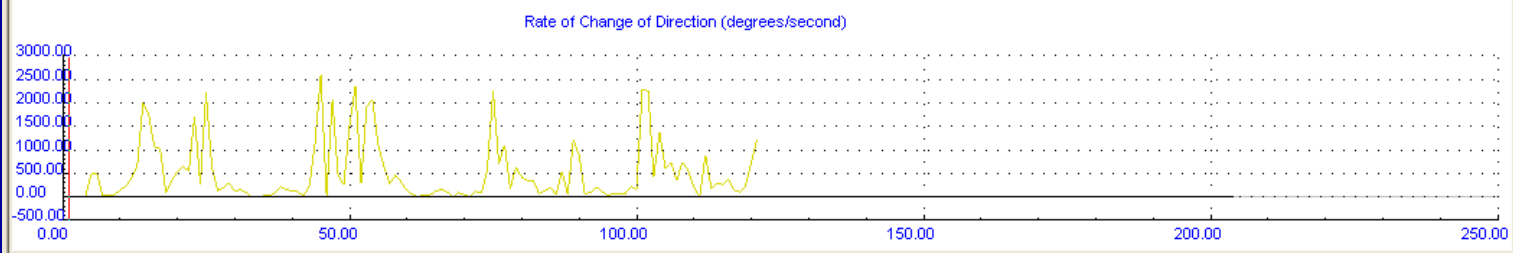
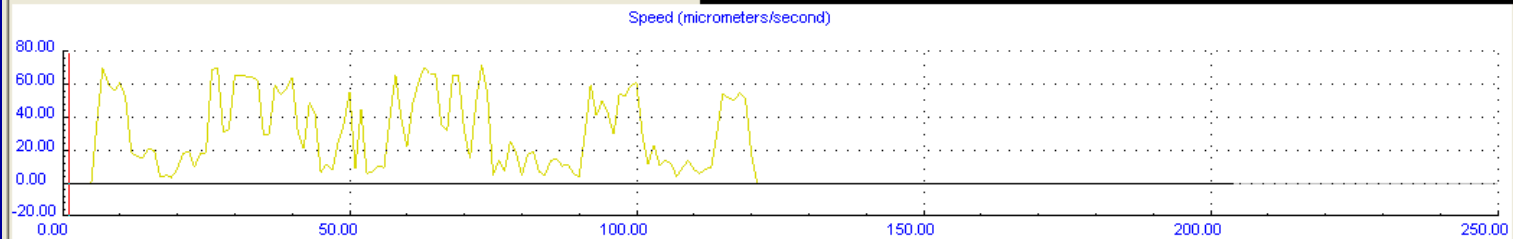
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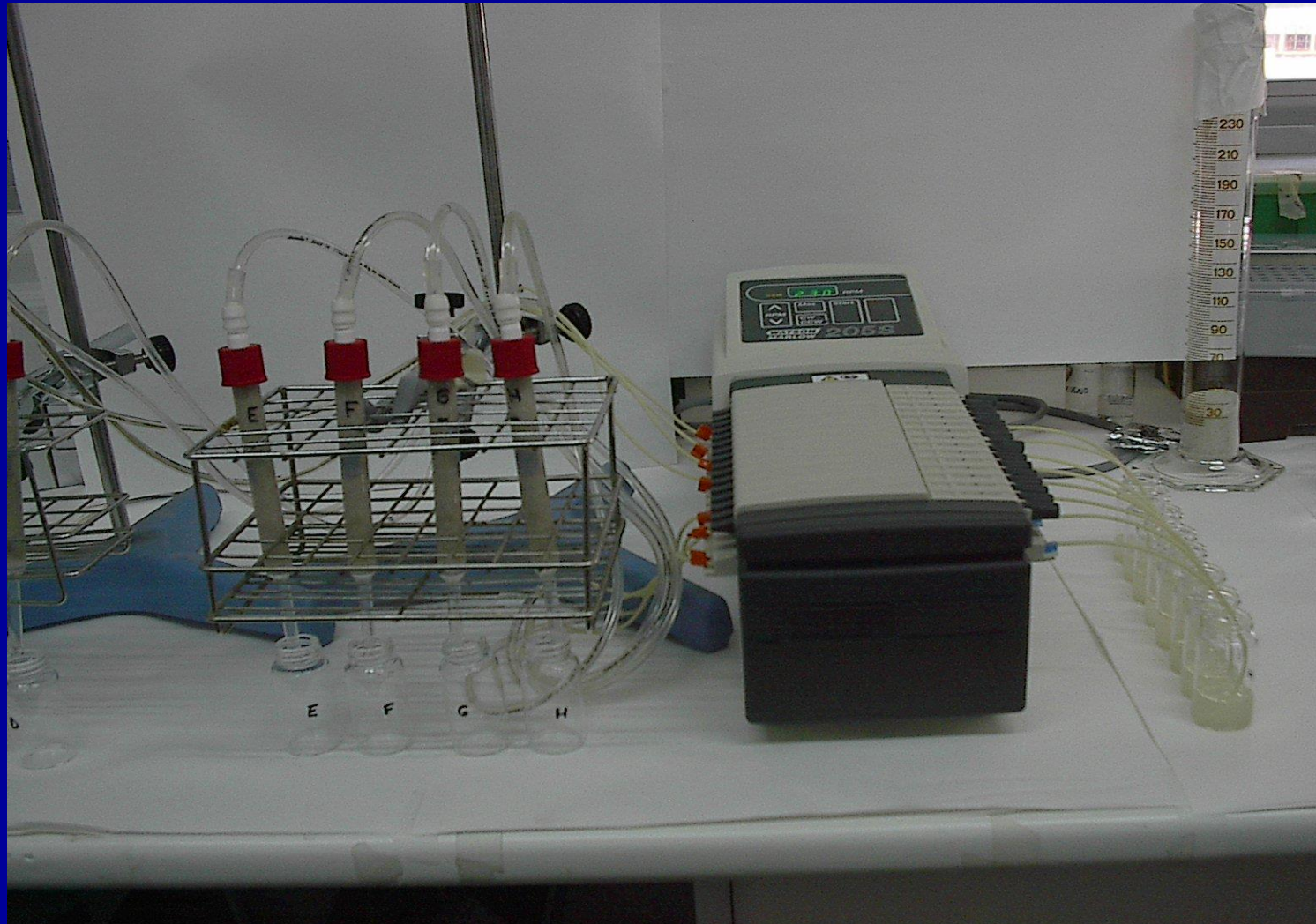
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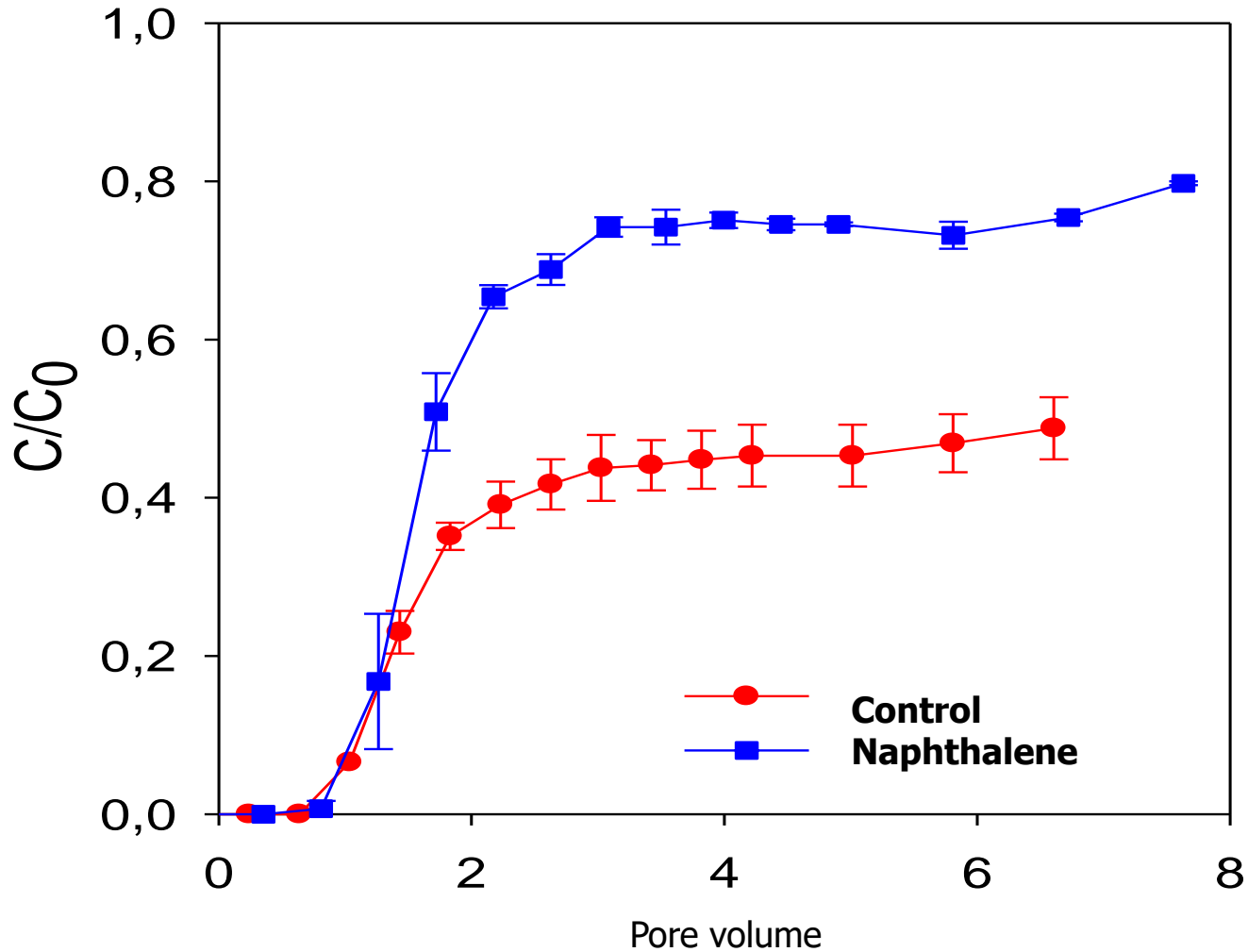
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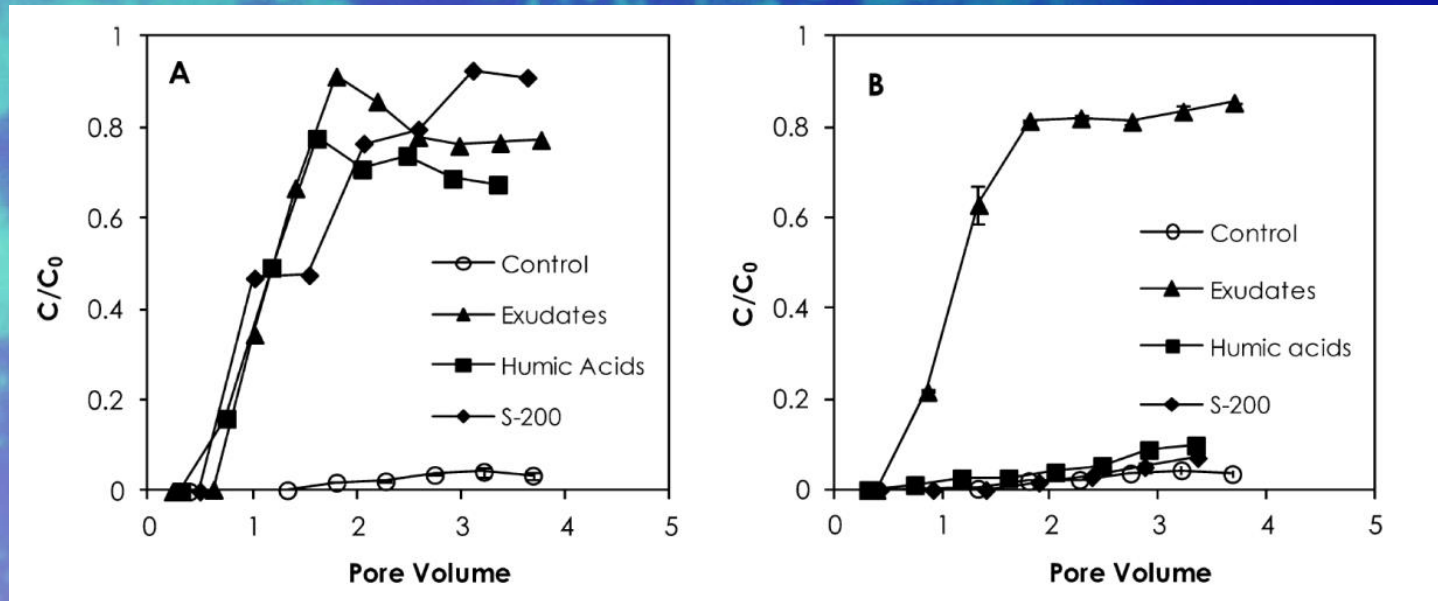
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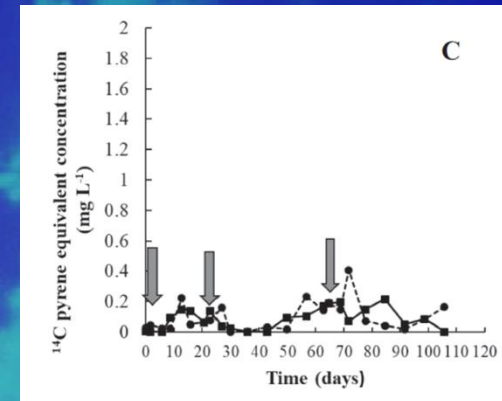
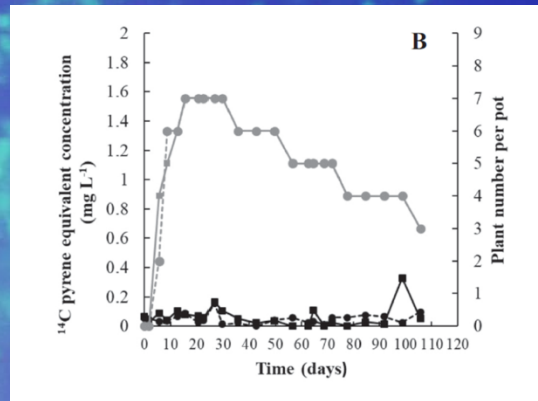
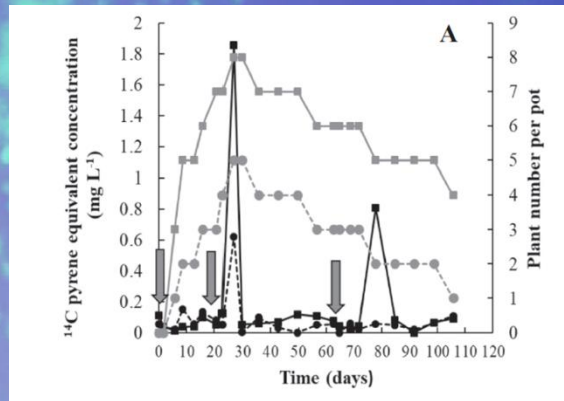
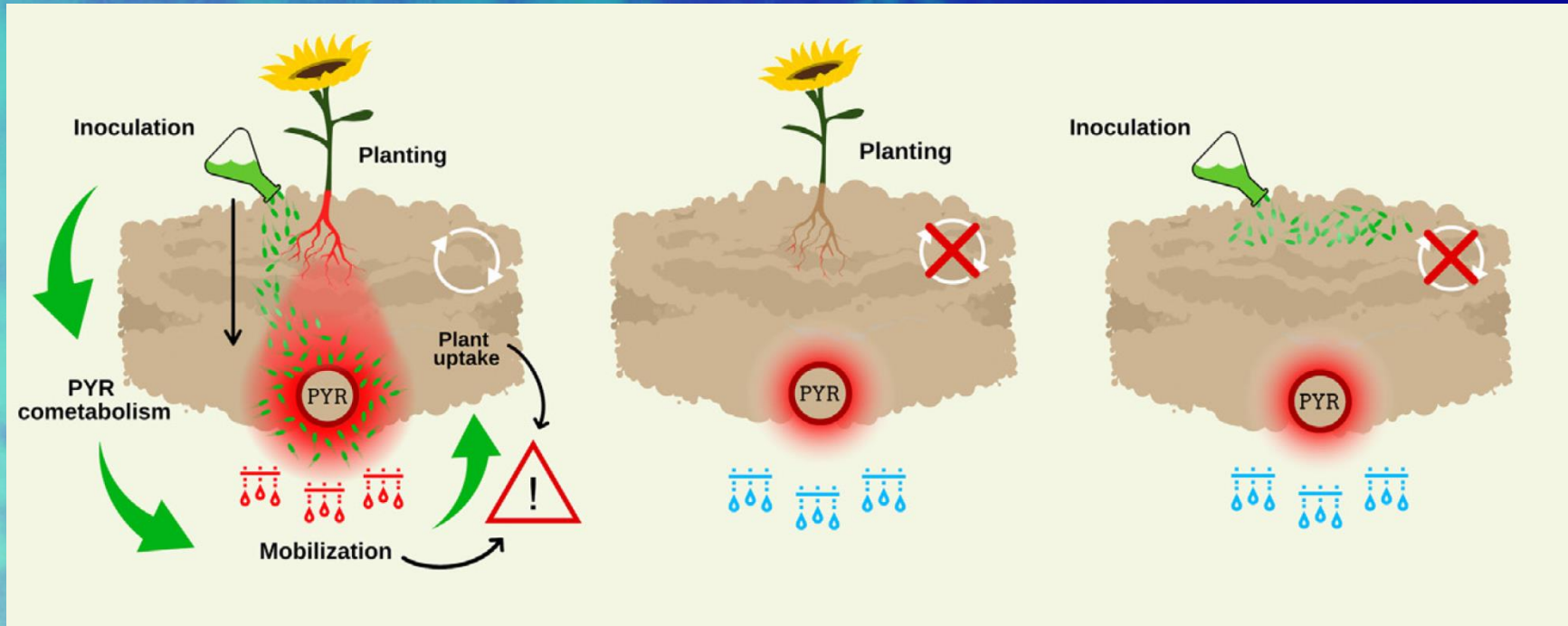
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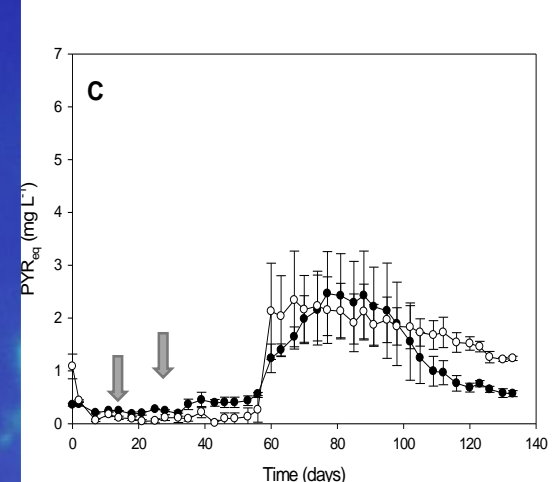
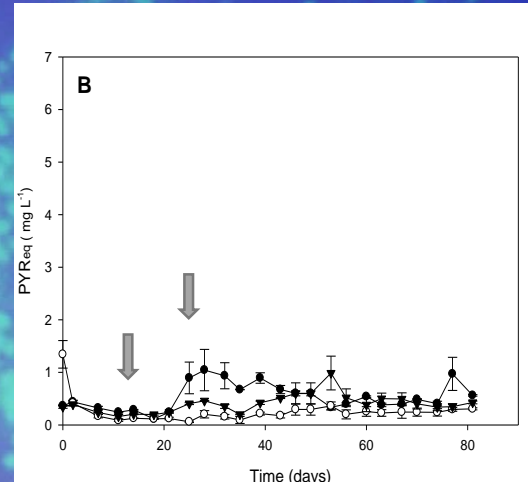
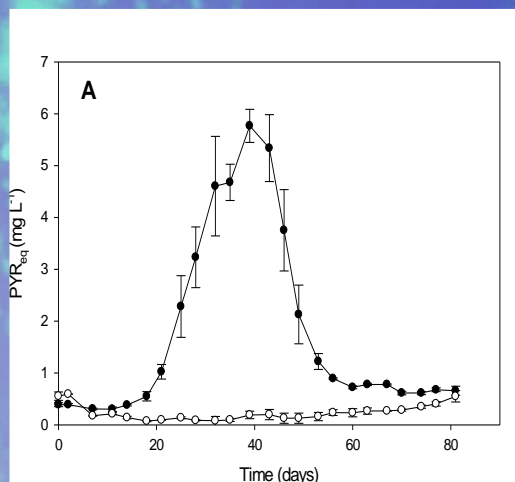
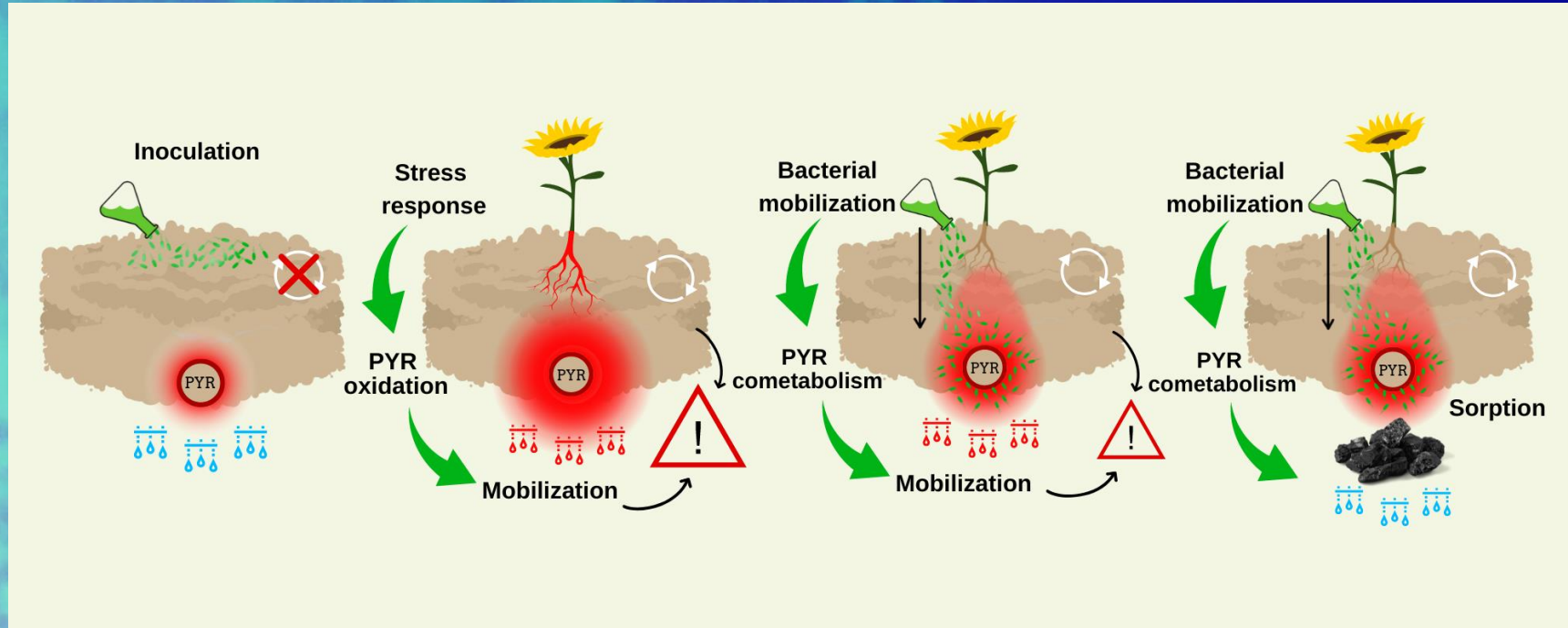
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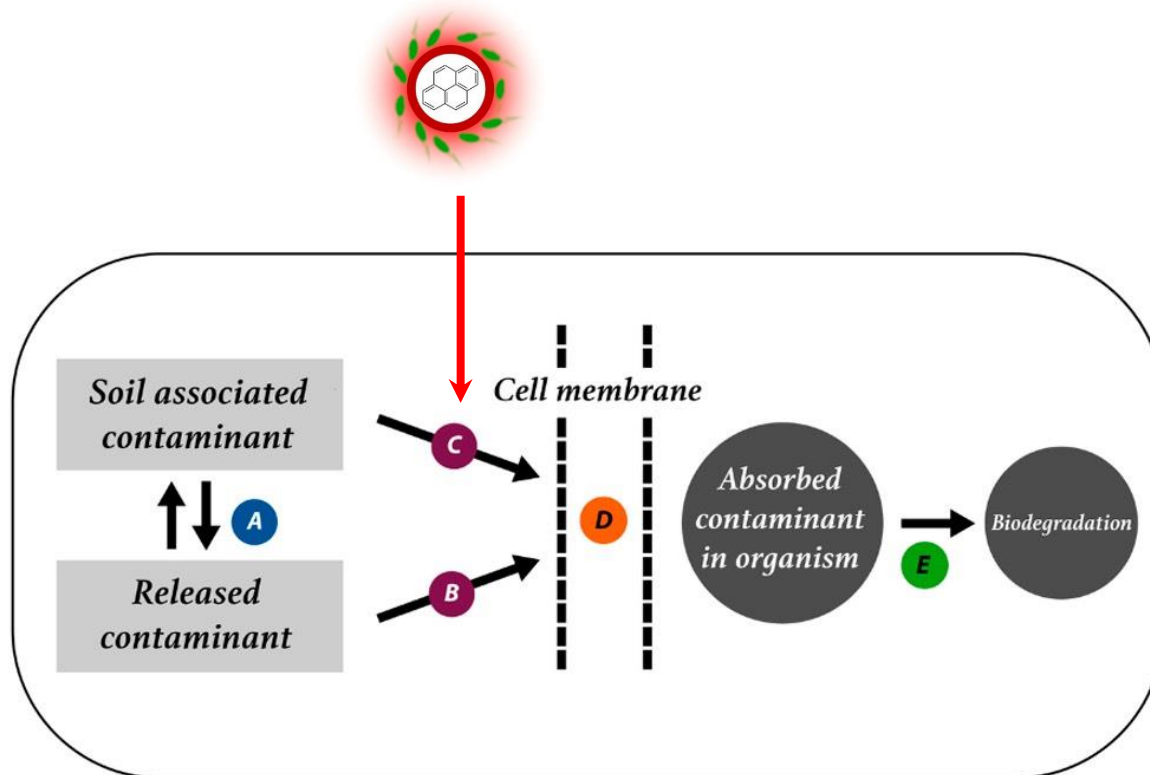






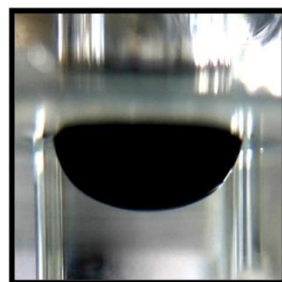


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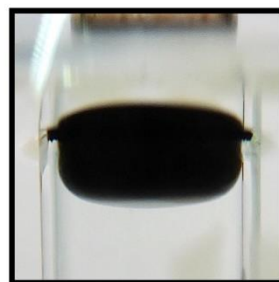


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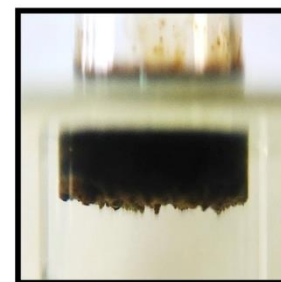
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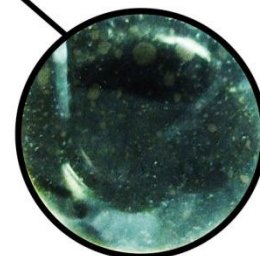
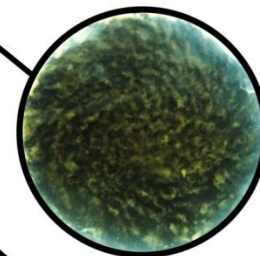
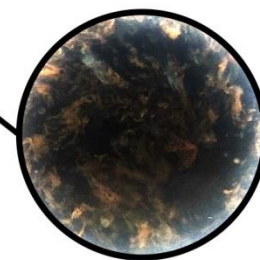
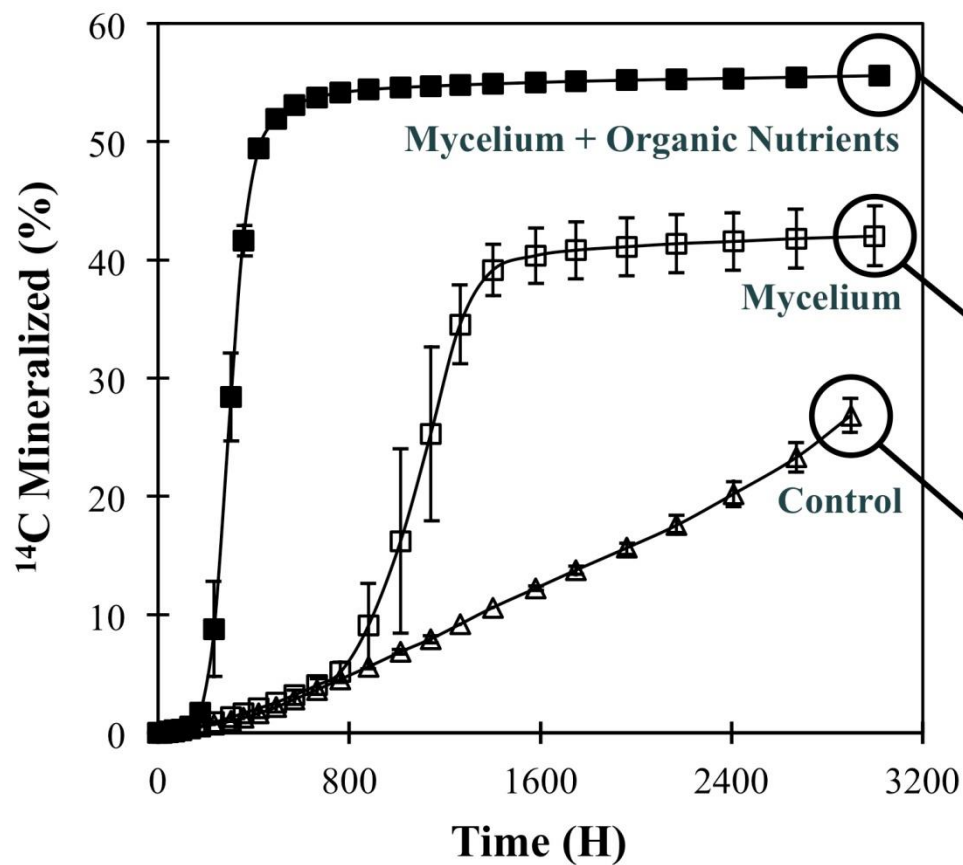
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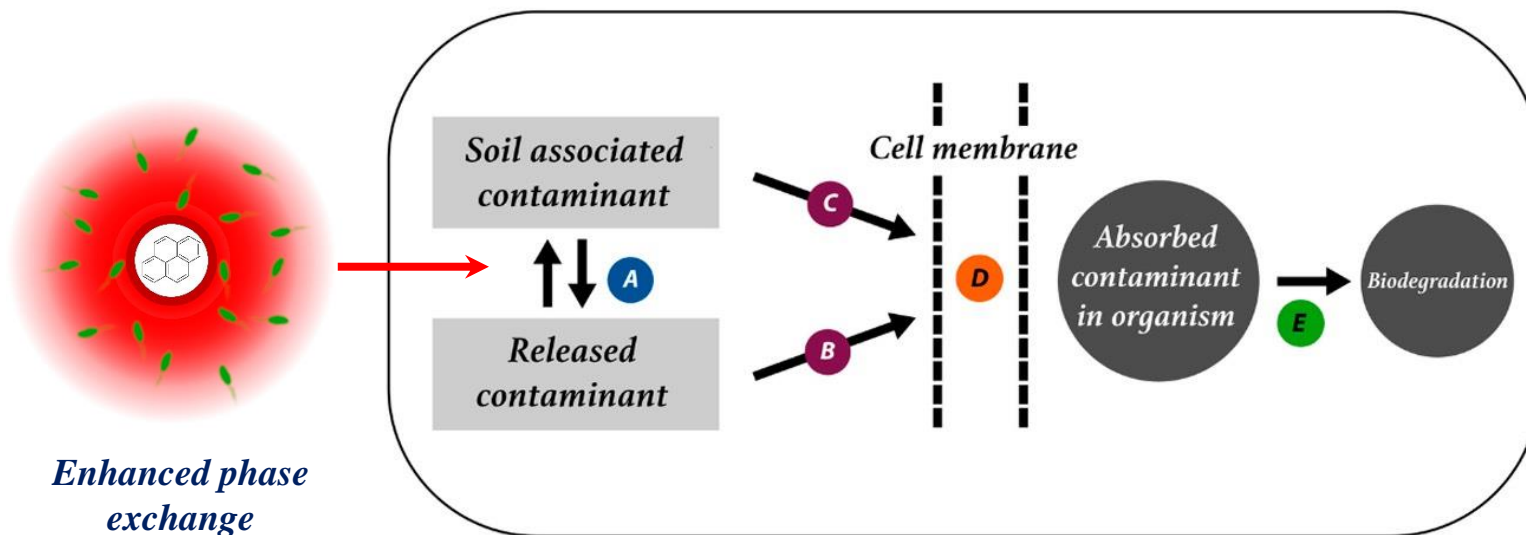


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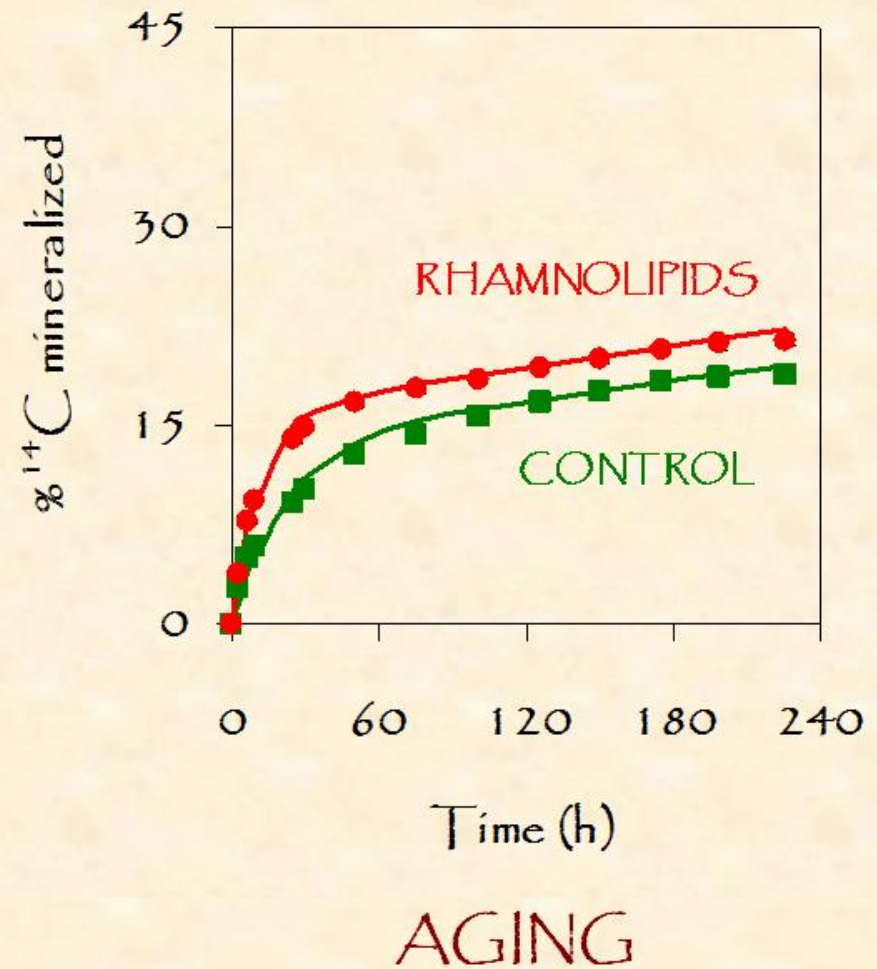
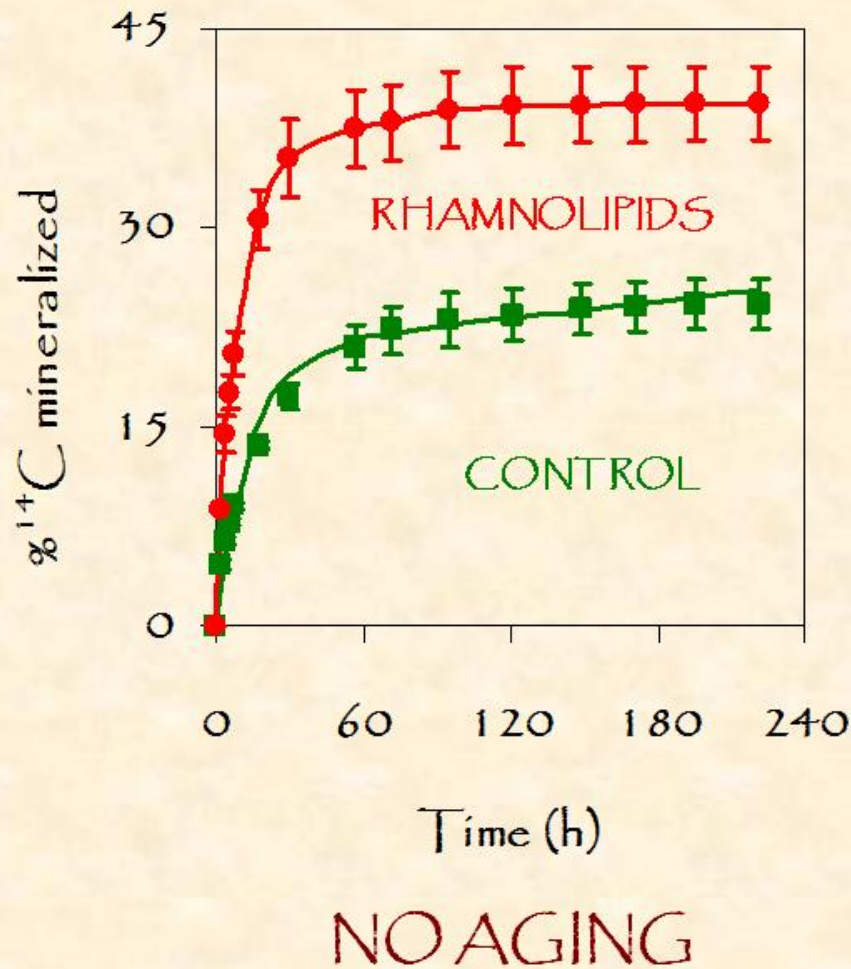




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## BIOSURFACTANTS INFLUENCE ON BIOAVAILABILITY OF SORBED PYRENE: ROLE OF DESORPTION KINETICS



# RHIZOSPHERE-ENHANCEMENT OF BIOSURFACTANT ACTION



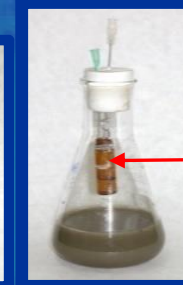
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- 1.A** EVOLUTION OF TOTAL PAHs CONCENTRATION (SOXHLET EXTRACTION & HPLC), EFFECT OF PLANTING ( SUNFLOWERS) AND BIOSURFACTANTS ADDITION ( RHAMNOLIPIDS AT 7 mg/g) AFTER PLANT ONTOGENETIC CYCLE
- 1.B** SEPARATE SLURRY EXPERIMENTS (EXCESS OF NUTRIENTS, SHAKING, RADIORESPIROMETRY AND ANALYSIS OF RESIDUAL CONCENTRATIONS)

## 2. BIOAVAILABILITY

DESORPTION EXTRACTION (ISO 16751)  
KINETICS AND SINGLE-POINT EXTRACTION AT 20 H

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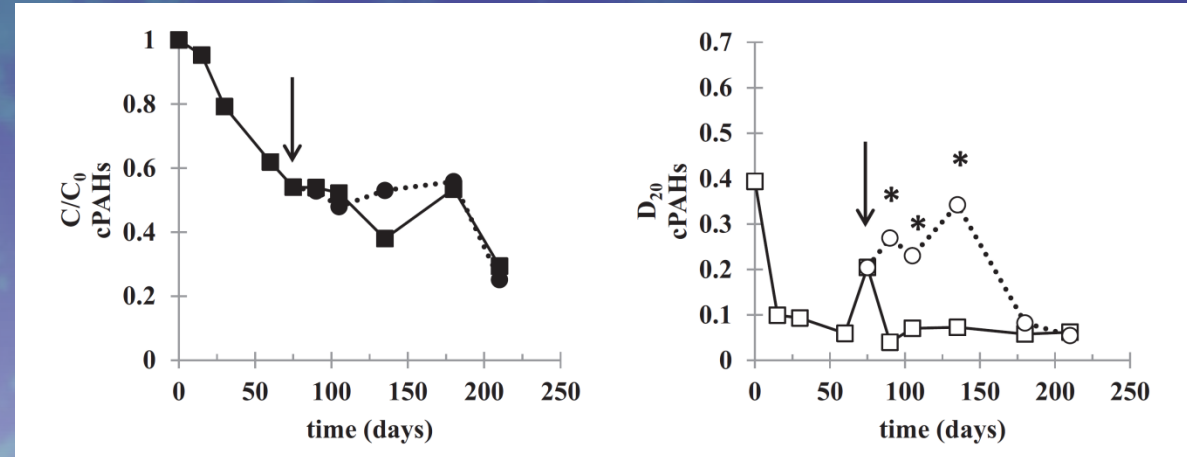


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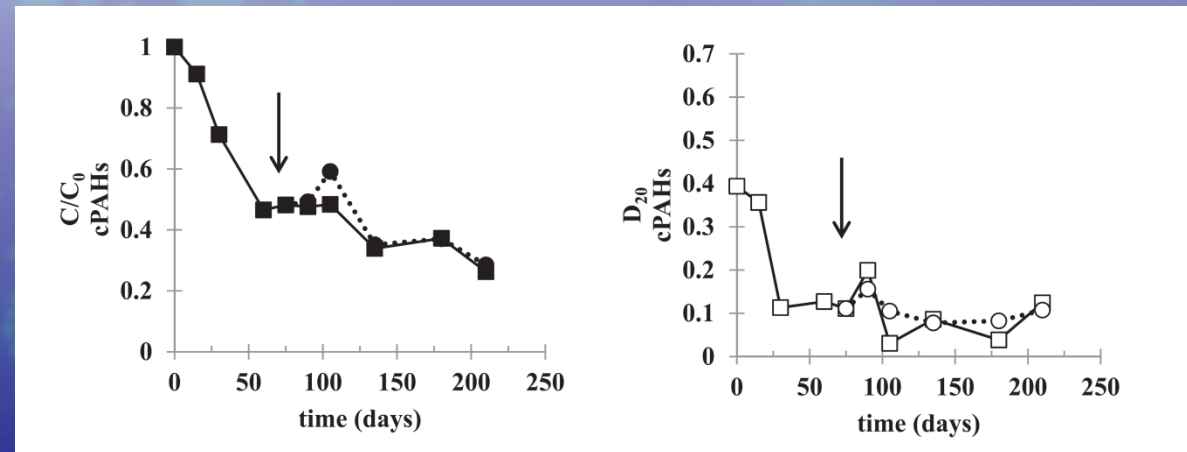


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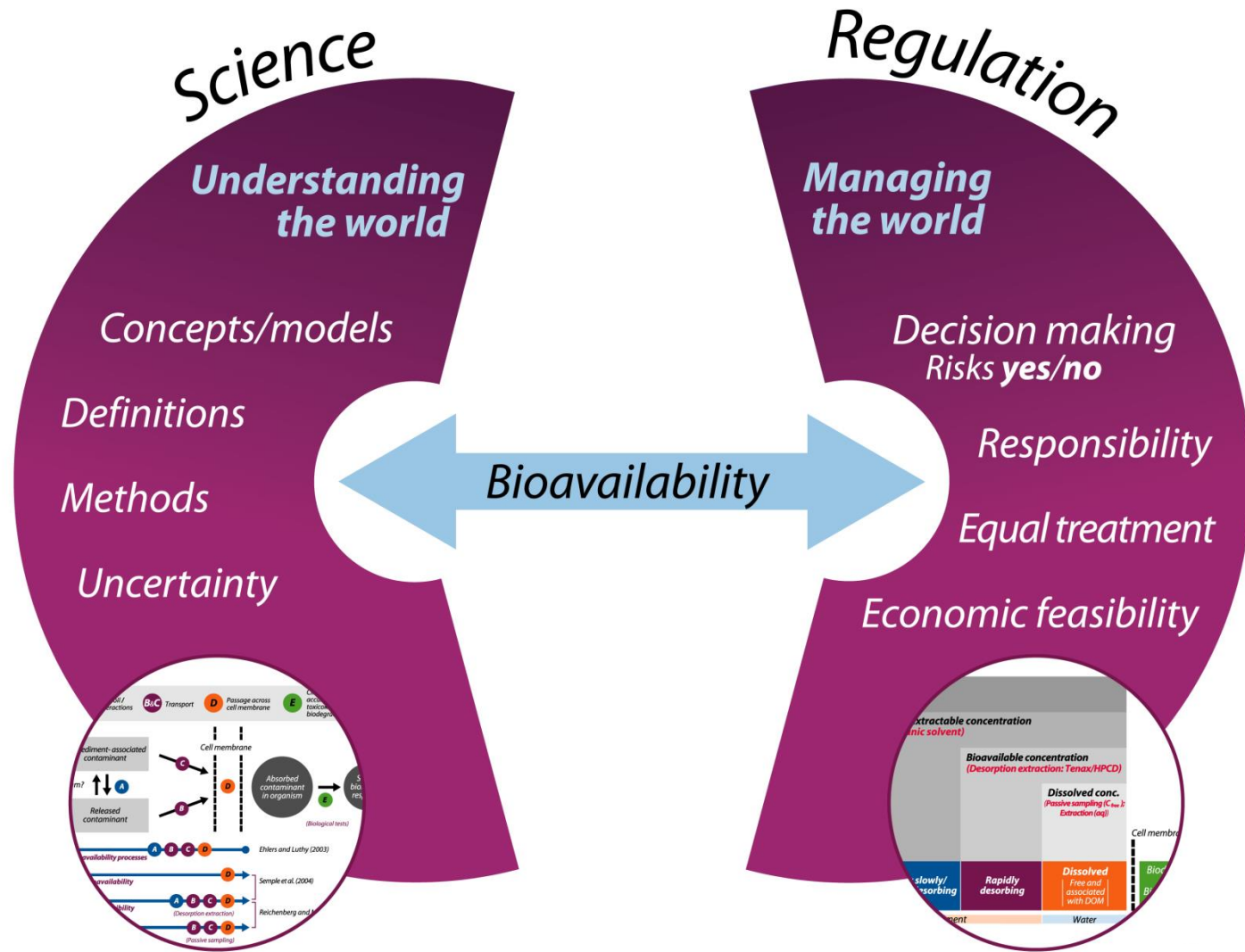


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# BIOAVAILABILITY: REGULATION

**Soil quality — Environmental availability of non-polar organic compounds — Determination of the potentially bioavailable fraction and the non-bioavailable fraction using a strong adsorbent or complexing agent**

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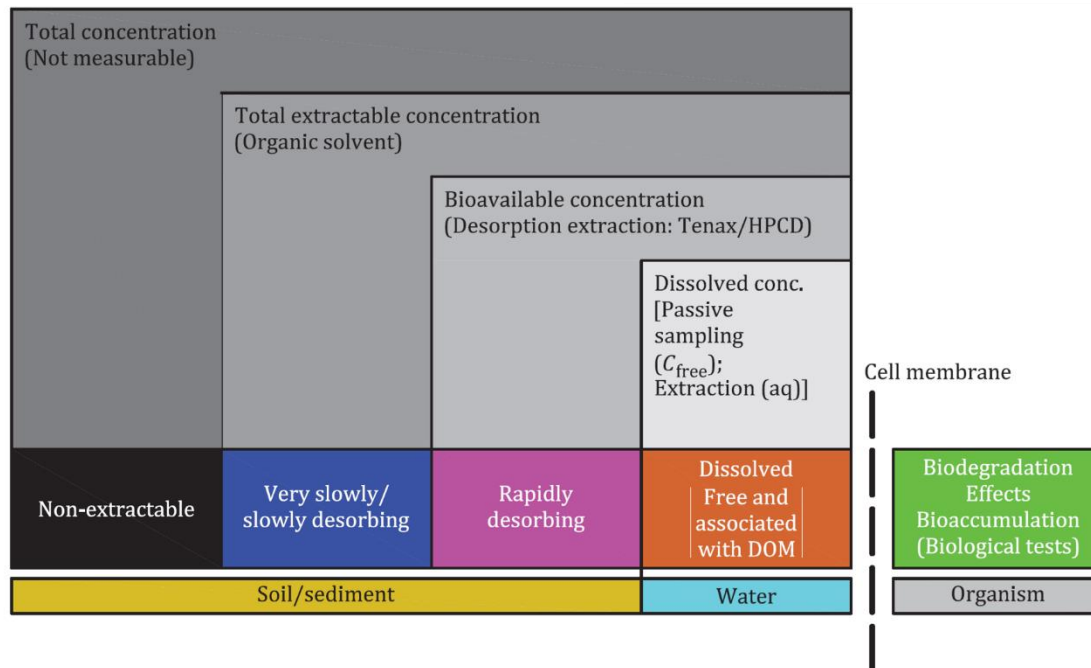


Figure 2 — Measurement of bioavailability of organic chemicals: a simplified scheme for use in regulation [Source: Ortega-Calvo et al. (2015)]

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## Critical Review

### Scientific concepts and methods for moving persistence assessments into the 21st century

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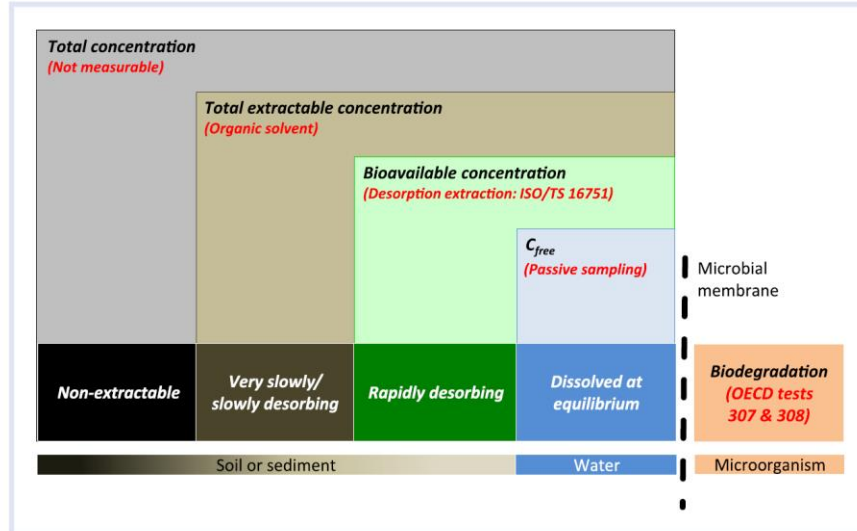
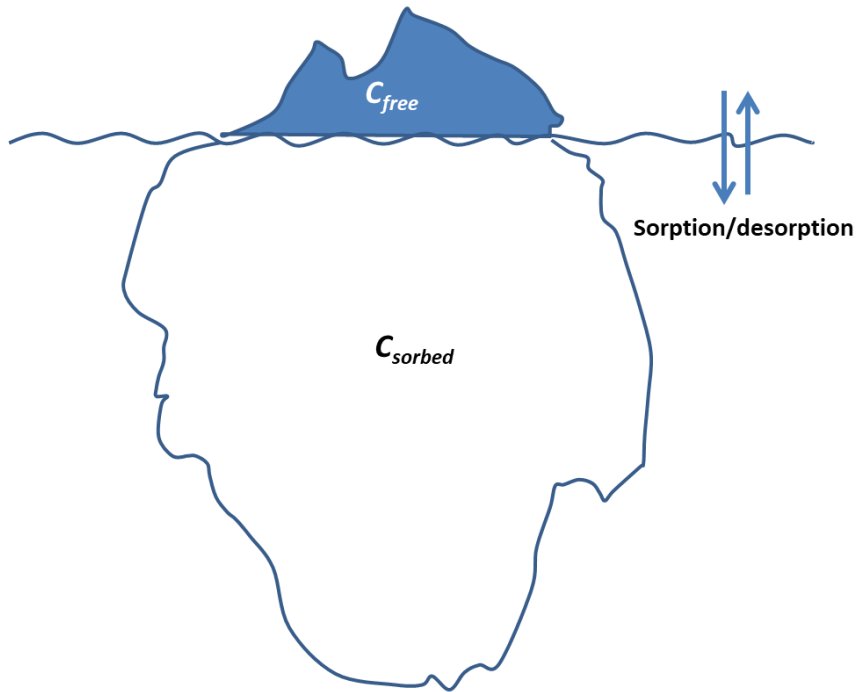


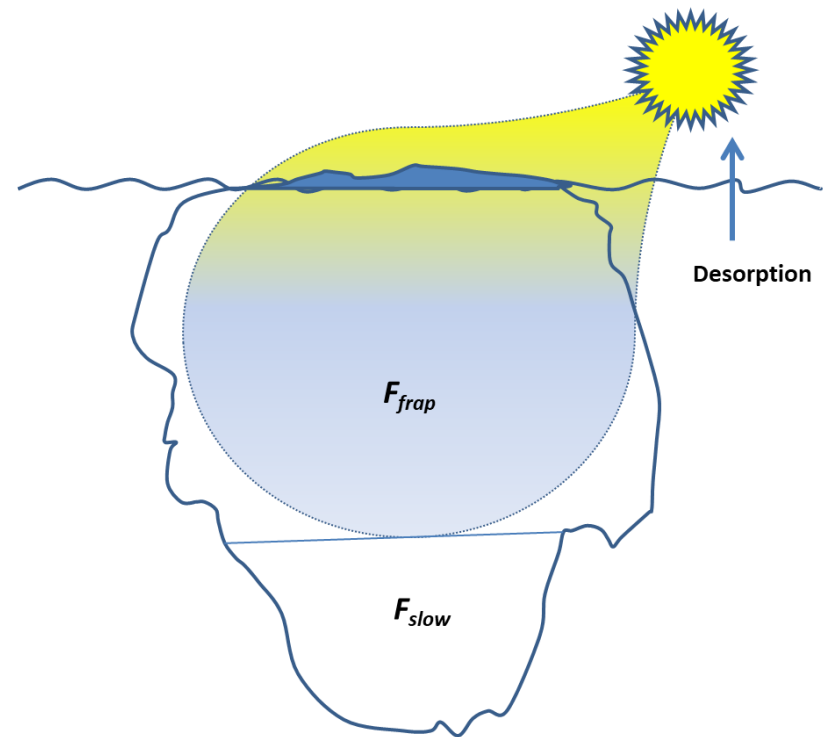
FIGURE 2 Proposal for integrating bioavailability science into OECD simulation tests, by incorporating desorption ISO methods and passive sampling determinations into the standard simulation tests for soils (OECD TG 307) and sediments (OECD TG 308).  $C_{free}$ , freely dissolved concentration at equilibrium. Figure reproduced with permission from Ortega-Calvo et al. (2020)



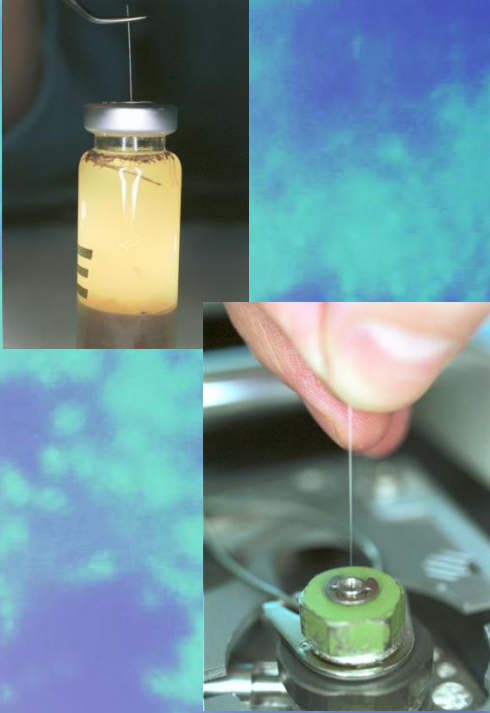
$C_{free}$



$F_{rap}$



# PASSIVE SAMPLING UPDATE



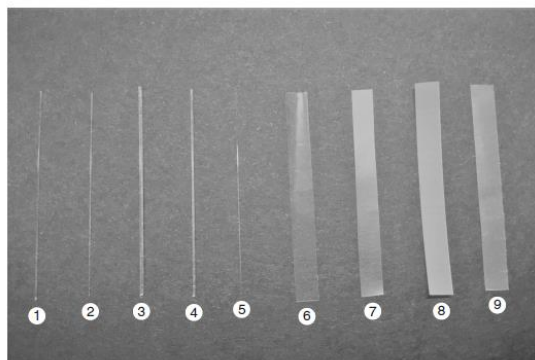
- Non-depletive, equilibrium based
- Solid polymers: polydimethylsiloxane, polyethylene, polyoxymethylene, polyacrylate, silicone rubber, as fibers or membranes
- In situ or ex situ
- Bioavailability defined as  $C_{free}$ , obtained at equilibrium (weeks), calculated from polymer-to-water partitioning coefficient
- Basis for bioaccumulation predictions based on EqP, for sediment toxicity/test exposures, and for sediment remediation goals (through  $K_{oc}$ )
- No standard method available





## Ex situ determination of freely dissolved concentrations of hydrophobic organic chemicals in sediments and soils: basis for interpreting toxicity and assessing bioavailability, risks and remediation necessity

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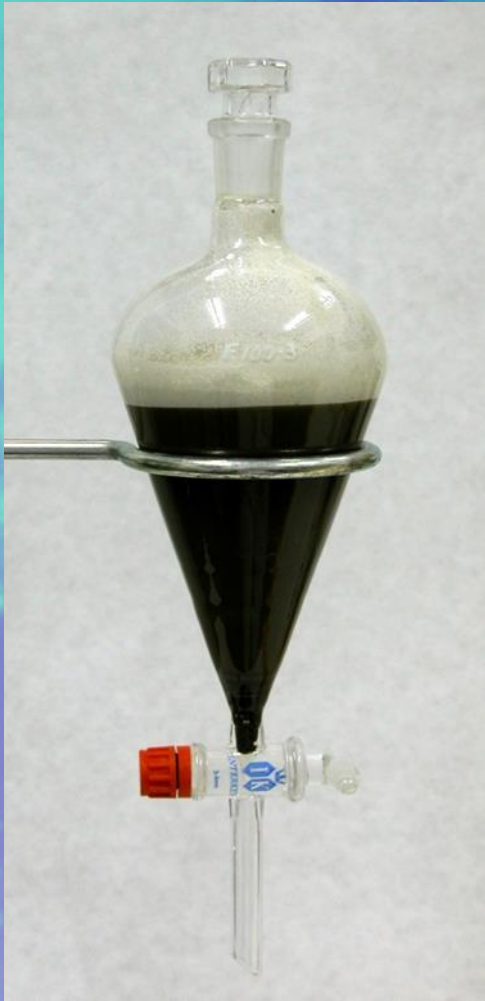
**Fig. 1 | Photograph of different passive samplers.** From left to right: (1) 10- $\mu\text{m}$  PDMS-coated SPME fiber (core thickness, 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (2) 30- $\mu\text{m}$  PDMS-coated SPME fiber (core thickness, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (3) 30- $\mu\text{m}$  PDMS-coated SPME fiber (core thickness, 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (4) 100- $\mu\text{m}$  PDMS-coated SPME fiber (core thickness, 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (5) 30- $\mu\text{m}$  polyacrylate-coated SPME fiber (core thickness, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (6) 25- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick PE, (7) 50- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick PE, (8) 77- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick POM, (9) 100- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick PDMS. All samplers are 4 cm long. The four sheet samplers are approximately 5 mm wide; their weights are approximately 5 mg (6), 8 mg (7), 20 mg (8), and 20 mg (9).

## PASSIVE SAMPLING UPDATE

- Consensus protocol, ring-tested by leading scientists in the field
- Key protocol considerations:
  - Polymer selection & preconditioning
  - Incubation conditions (e.g., equilibration)
  - Extraction & analytical procedures
  - $C_{free}$  calculations
- Applications & limitations:
  - rRA (sediments) and pRA (REACH)
  - Hydrophobic chemicals  $K_{ow} > 3$ 
    - Petroleum chemicals (PAHs, aliphatic chemicals)
    - Organochlorine pesticides (DDT, dieldrin, lindane)
    - PCBs, chlorobenzenes, chloroanilines
    - Other PBT compounds
  - Long equilibr. / biocide/ rapid decisions
  - Translation of  $C_{free}$  into risk



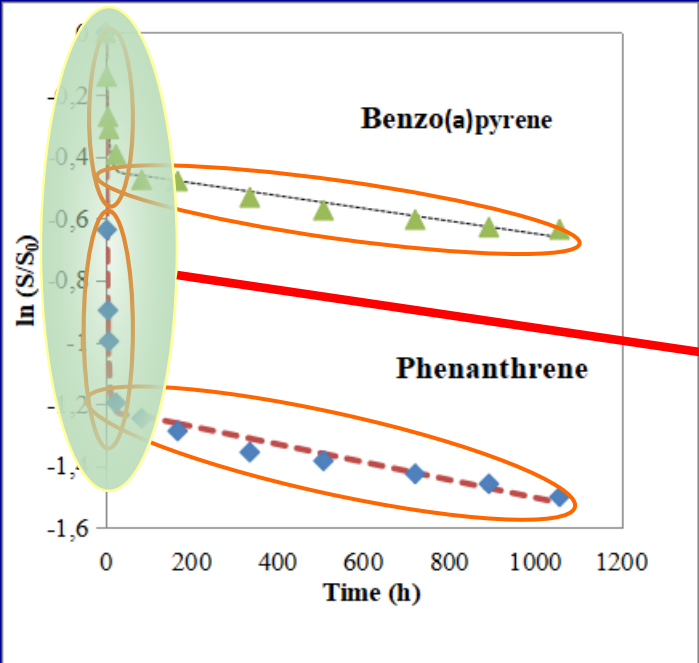
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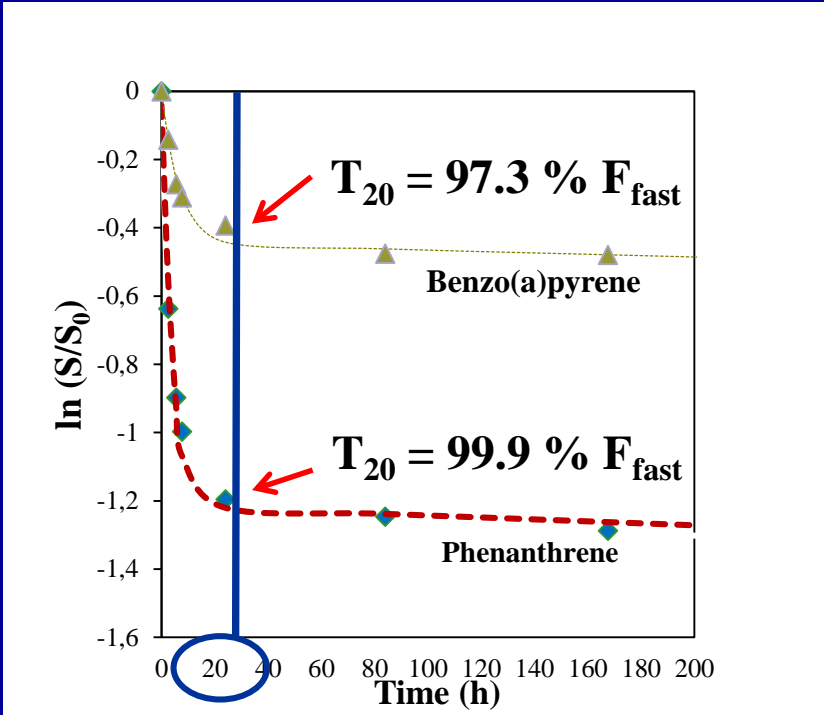
- ISO method (ISO 16751) with Tenax and cyclodextrin available for non-polar OCs since 2020, as a full standard
- Bioavailable fraction as  $F_{fast}$  obtained in a single step (20 h)
- Expressed in mass units: mg/kg d.m.
- Applicable to compounds with aqueous solubility  $<100$  mg/L ( $K_{ow} > 3$ ), theoretically applicable up to 1 000 mg/L
- Validated with PAHs and polychlorinated aromatics (PCBs, HCB, etc.)
- Better support from two-site model and perfect-sink assumption for Tenax, than for cyclodextrin

# Desorption of PAHs from polluted soil- Tenax extraction

## DESORPTION KINETICS



## SINGLE-POINT EXTRACTION: EXTRACTING $F_{fast}$ as $T_{20}$ (ISO 16751)



Quick bioavailability assessment through  $F_{fast}$

$$S_t / S_0 = F_{fast} * \exp(-K_{fast} * t) + F_{slow} * \exp(-K_{slow} * t)$$



Important in characterizing the different desorbing fractions present in the soil

# DESORPTION EXTRACTION UPDATE

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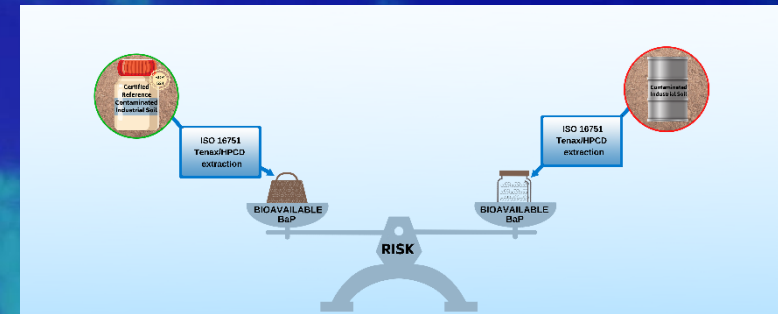
## Determining the bioavailability of benzo(a)pyrene through standardized desorption extraction in a certified reference contaminated soil

Rosa Posada-Baquero <sup>a</sup>, Kirk T. Semple <sup>b</sup>, Miguel Ternero <sup>c</sup>, José-Julio Ortega-Calvo <sup>a,\*</sup>

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**Table 3**

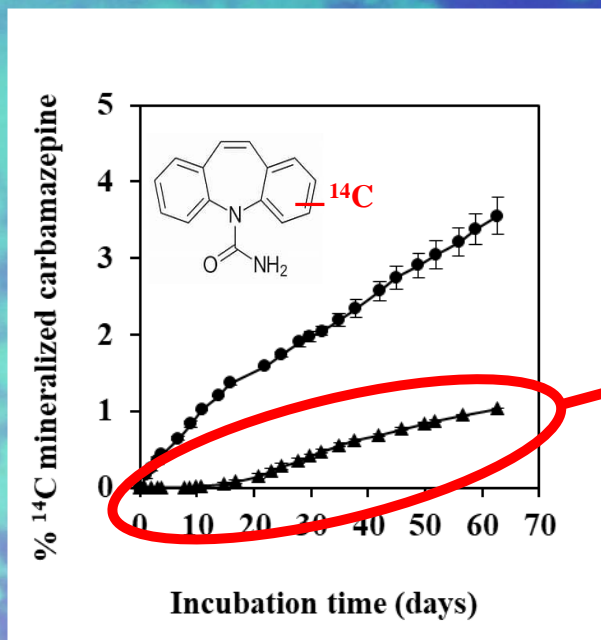
Comparison of total and bioavailable concentrations of benzo(a)pyrene (BaP) in a certified reference material (BCR-524) and in field-contaminated soil and sediment.

Sample/study description	TOC (%) <sup>c</sup>	BaP concentration (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )		Method	T <sub>bio</sub> (h) <sup>a</sup>	No. samples	Reference
		Total	Bioavailable				
Certified reference soil, BCR-524	12.3	8.82	1.84, 1.53	Tenax & HPCD, single point	20	1	This study
Industrial soils from the Netherlands; validation of ISO 16751	1.8–3.8	0.67–4.63	0.02–0.17	Tenax, single point	20	4	ISO Technical Committee (2020)
Industrial soils from Spain, Italy and France; biological treatments	0.9–7.1	0.57–56.50	0.017–5.69	Tenax, single point	20	11	Posada-Baquero et al. (2019b)
Soil and sediment from The Netherlands; landfarming for 25 years	2.3–6.9	0.7–17.0	0.011–6.39	Tenax, single point	20	8	Harmsen and Rietra (2018)
Estuary sediments from New York, USA; basic research on desorption	4.4–5.7	1.03–3.06	0.37–0.30	Tenax, single point	24	2	Shor et al. (2003)
Canal sediment from Indiana, USA; basic research on desorption	10.2	26.7	1.76	XAD, desorption curve <sup>b</sup>	20	1	Birdwell and Thibodeaux (2009)



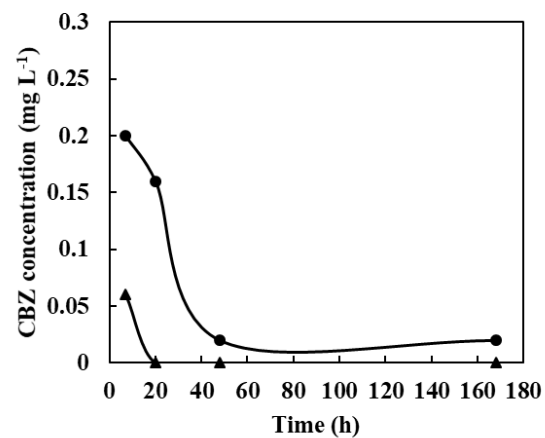
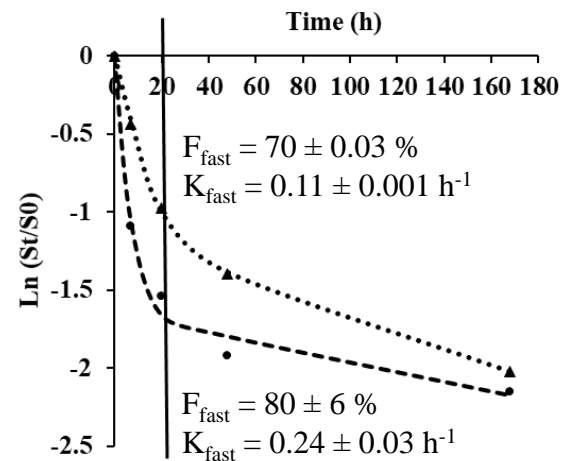
# DESORPTION EXTRACTION

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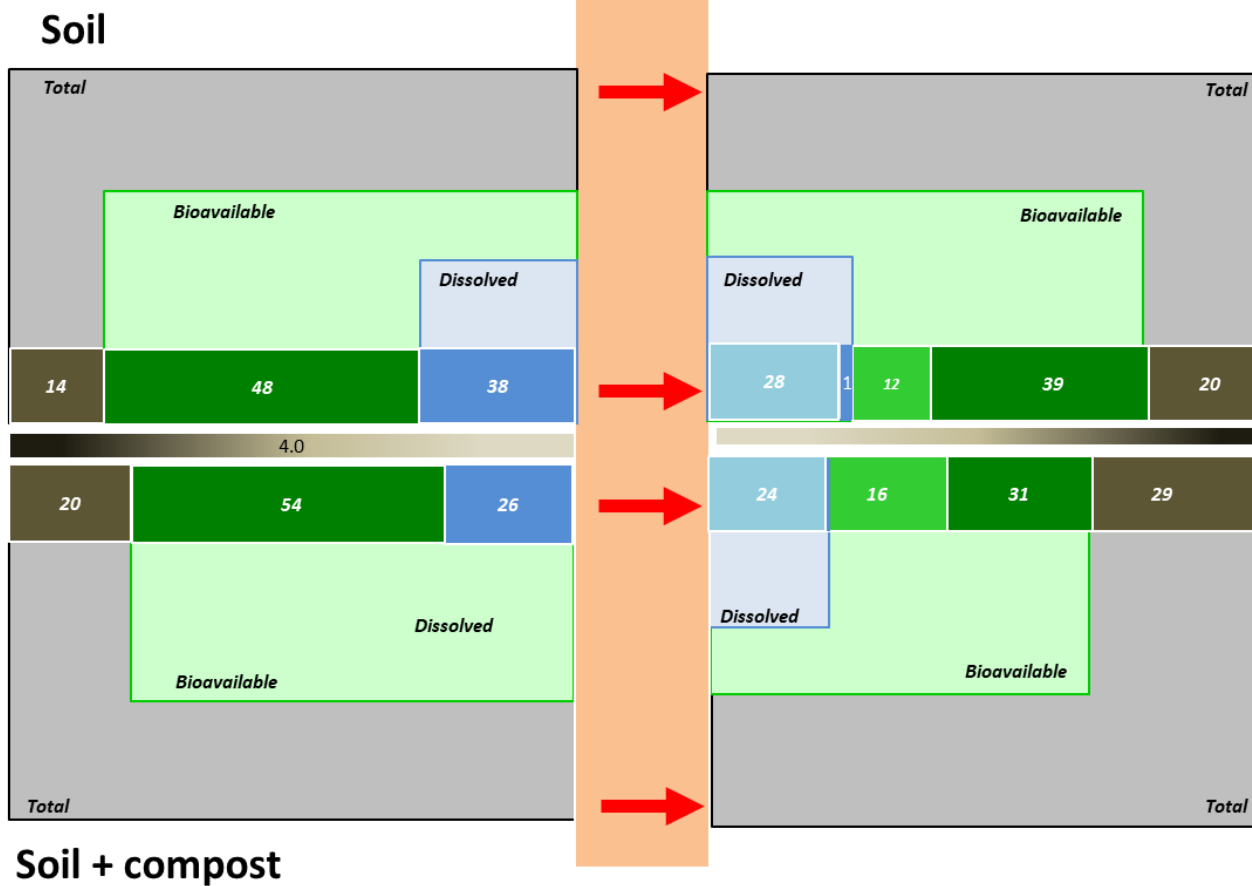
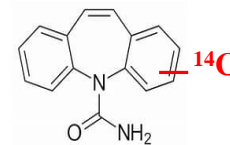
CARBAMAZEPINE LOG  $K_{ow} = 2,7$

- 1 g spiked soil
- 35 mL. of Mili-Q water
- Biocide (sodium azide)
- 1,5 gr. of Tenax® (60-80 mesh) by Buchem BV



# DESORPTION EXTRACTION UPDATE

Biodegradation  
(OECD 307)

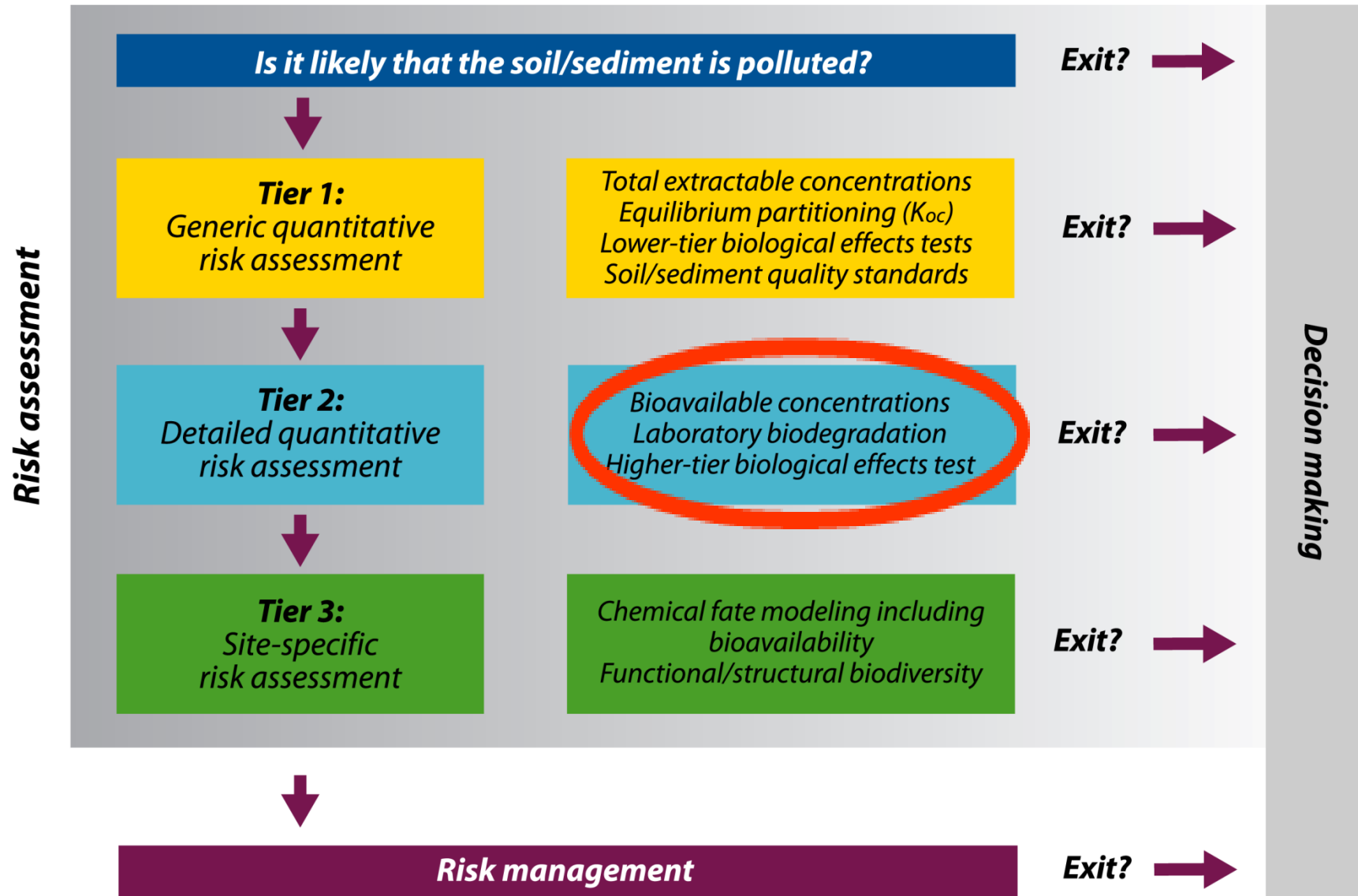


## ARE $C_{free}$ AND $F_{fast}$ METHODS COMPLEMENTARY?

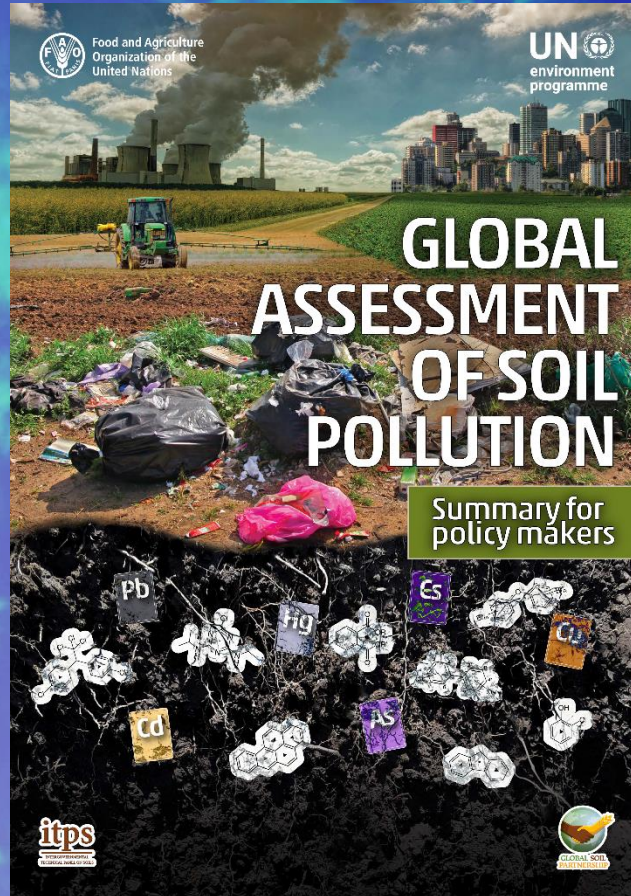
	$C_{free}$	$F_{fast}$
Time for performance	weeks	hours
Preferable scenario	sediment	soil (?)
Theoretical support	+++	++
Applicability	in/ex-situ	ex-situ
Output	ng/L	mg/kg
Standard method	No	Yes
Included in regulation	Yes	No



# Tiered Risk Assessment-Management Framework



# FAO GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP



## Glossary

**Bioavailability.** The portion of the total quantity of a chemical/substance that is 'freely available' to cross an organism's cellular membrane from the medium the organism inhabits at a given time (Semple *et al.*, 2004), and which can be metabolically active in a living organism (Klaassen, Casarett and Doull, 2013). 'Freely available' is defined operationally by different methods. Bioassays on plants or animals (Ng *et al.*, 2015) are often time and resource-consuming and may comprise ethical issues. Indirect single-step or sequential chemical extractions using reagent(s) simulating the interaction of plant or human fluids/exudates with the contaminant(s) of interest are also employed (Cipullo *et al.*, 2018). Some of these extractions have been standardized and taken into consideration in the legislation of some countries. Other extractions are undergoing standardization, a process necessary to make bioavailability a concept that can be included in legislation and policies for soil protection, and as a tool for risk assessment (Harmsen, 2007; Kim *et al.*, 2015). In soil, contaminant bioavailability can be affected by soil properties (e.g., pH, redox potential, clay content, organic matter content, etc.) (Gupta *et al.*, 2019; Sinche *et al.*, 2018), contaminant chemical properties (e.g., polarity, oxidation states, acidity, etc.), and/or environmental factors (e.g., moisture content, temperature, etc.). These properties are not static in time or place, thus it is important to understand the limitations of operationally-defined determinations of bioavailability when evaluating actual bioavailability at a given site temporally and spatially.



# TARGETS RELEVANT TO SOIL POLLUTION





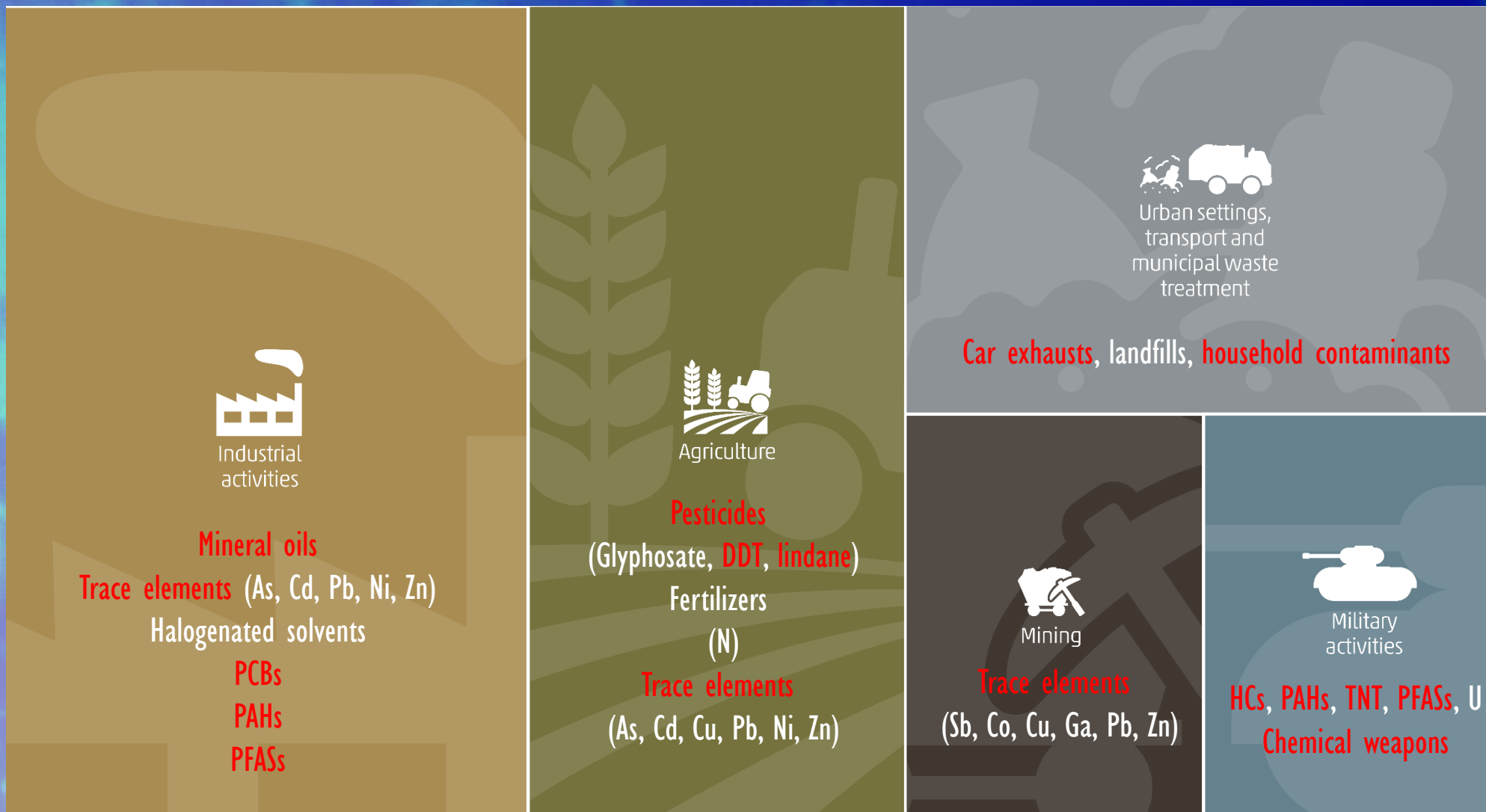
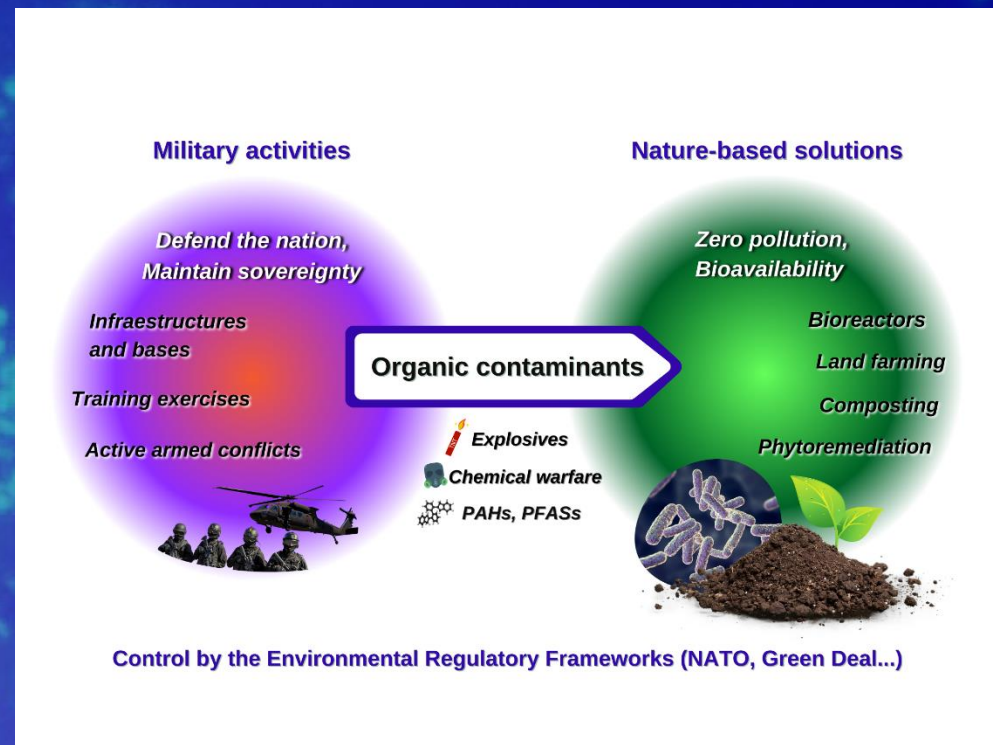


Figure 12. Hierarchical chart showing the main sources of soil pollution in Europe

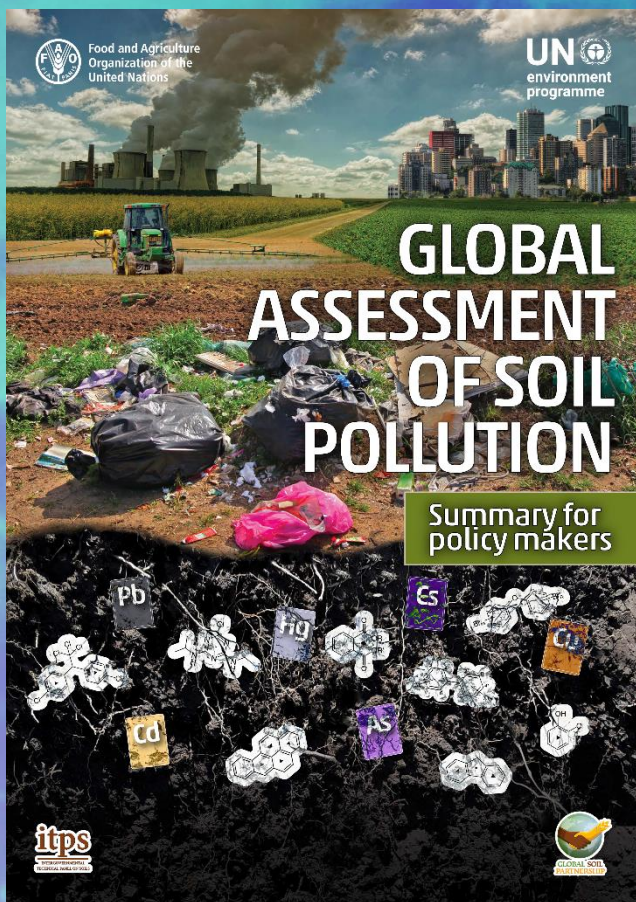
The boxes represent an estimate of the relative importance of each source as perceived by regional experts, and their size is related to their relative importance. The larger the size, the greater the relative importance



**Table 2**  
Examples of nature-based technologies for military activity contamination.

Nature-based technology	Description	Organic contamination site	Example
Natural attenuation	Spontaneous pollutant removal, continuous monitoring	Hydrocarbon-contaminated soils	Siles and Margesin, 2018
Land farming	In situ periodical fertilization with inorganic nitrogen phosphorous and potassium (NPK)	Hydrocarbon-contaminated and explosive-contaminated soils	Siles and Margesin, 2018; Clark and Boopathy, 2007; Raschman and Vanek, 2008
Composting	Amendment with biodegradable organic materials, fertilization, and pile maintenance under controlled humidity and aeration	Explosive-contaminated soils	Kalderis et al., 2011; Payne et al., 2013
Composting + bioaugmentation	In situ amendment with biodegradable organic materials following bioaugmentation	Explosives-contaminated soils, sediments, and groundwater	Michalsen et al., 2016; Jugnia et al., 2017; Jugnia et al., 2018
Prepared-bed bioreactor	Ex situ treatment with recirculation of irrigated water and nutrients	Hydrocarbon-contaminated soils	Kołwzan et al., 2008
Soil slurry reactor	Mechanical mixing with liquid phase, controlled aeration	Explosives-contaminated soils	Clark and Boopathy, 2007
Phytoremediation	Use of plants to mobilize the contaminant into plant biomass	Explosives and PFAS-contaminated soils and groundwater	Lee et al., 2007; Rylott et al., 2011; Hannink et al., 2001; Hannink et al., 2002
Phytoremediation and bioremediation	Use of plants and soil bacterial diversity	Explosive and vomiting agents-contaminated soils and waters	Cary et al., 2021; Lamichhane et al., 2012; Thijs et al., 2018; Teng et al., 2017





## **PRIORITY ACTIONS**

***to prevent and halt soil pollution and to remediate polluted soils***

- **Knowledge gaps**
  - Harmonise SOP analysis, standardization thresholds
  - Soil surveys, data & info soil pollution
  - Emerging contaminants (pharma,  $\mu$ plastics, NMs)
  - Nature-based management & (bio)remediation
- **Global awareness-raising and communication**
  - Citizen based, early warning systems for soil pollution
  - Public & 4R (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover)
- **Regional cooperation**
  - Transfer scientific & technology knowledge
  - Open access pubs.



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Reaping the benefits of healthy soils for people, food, nature and climate

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## ***RESTORING DEGRADED SOILS and remediating contaminated sites - Actions***

- **Legal provisions**
  - Identify contaminates sites
  - Inventory and register of sites
  - Remediate sites by 2050
- **Soil health certificate –land transaction (EU/Member States)**
- **Knowledge exchange on RA**
- **EU priority list of contaminants 2024**
- **Definition of land damage, financial security**



# Farm to Fork Strategy

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## ***REINFORCEMENT OF PESTICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT***

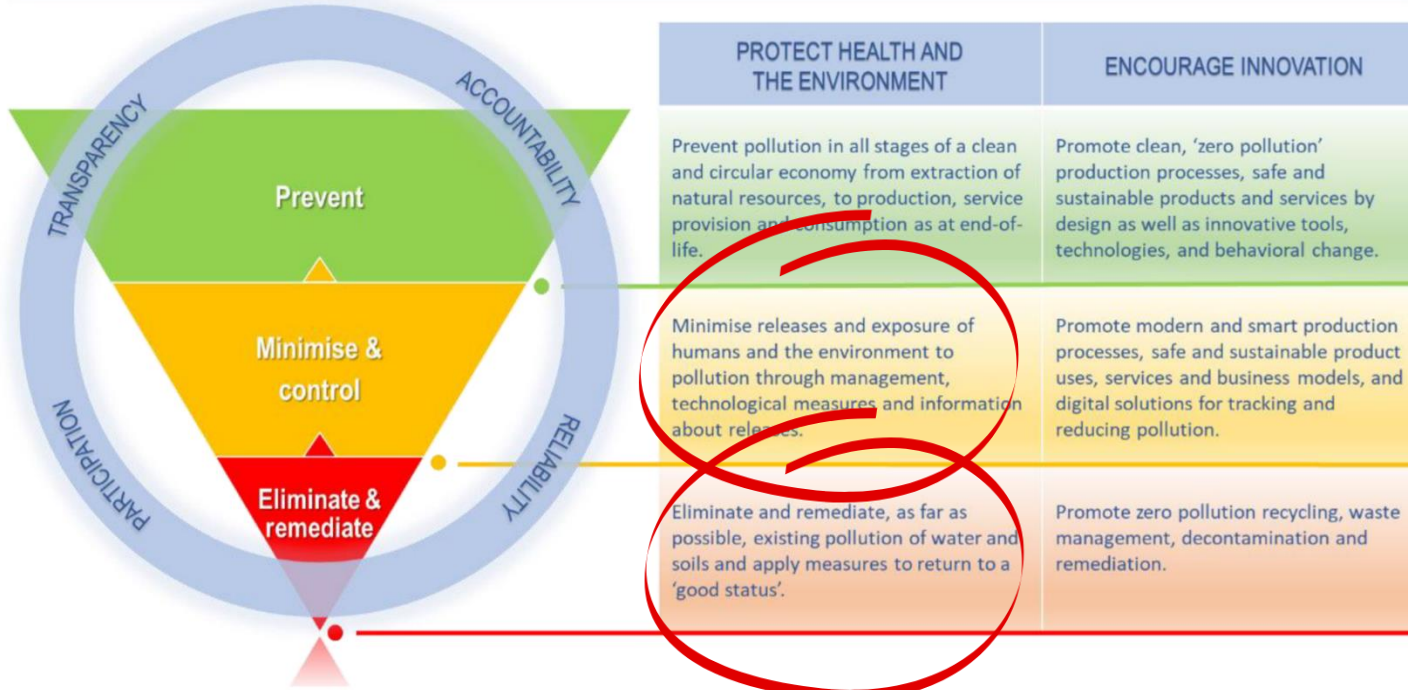
- Sustainable food production through realistic RA
- Ensuring food security by increasing competitiveness of farmers



# ZERO-POLLUTION ACTION PLAN



Union policy on the environment shall be based on the **precautionary principle** and on the principles that **preventive action** should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be **rectified at source** and on the **polluter pays principle**.





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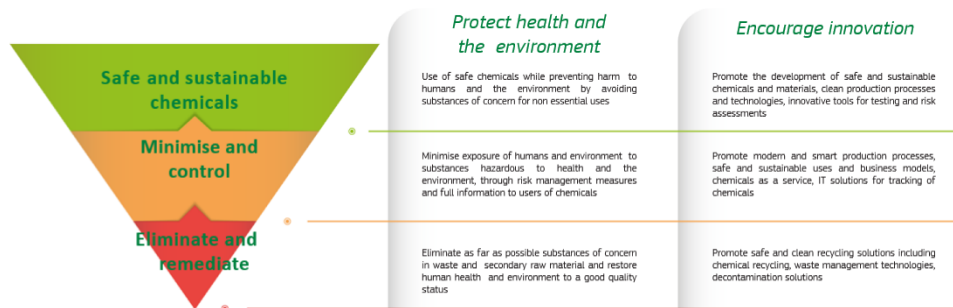


Figure: The toxic-free hierarchy – a new hierarchy in chemicals management

## ***CHEMICAL POLLUTION in natural environment***

- **New hazard classes to address**
  - Environmental toxicity
  - Persistency
  - Mobility
  - bioaccumulation
- **PMT / vP & vM as very high concern**
- **Comprehensive ERA**
- **Decontamination solutions in terrestrial & aquatic environments**
- **Pharma, food, PFASs**

Real Decreto 9/2005, de 14 de enero, por el que se establece la relación de actividades potencialmente contaminantes del suelo y los criterios y estándares para la declaración de suelos contaminados.

Ministerio de la Presidencia  
«BOE» núm. 15, de 18 de enero de 2005  
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## ANEXO VI

Listado de contaminantes y niveles genéricos de referencia para protección de los ecosistemas

Protección de los ecosistemas

Sustancia	Número CAS	Organismos del suelo	Organismos acuáticos	Vertebrados terrestres
		(mg/kg peso seco)		
1,1-Dicloroetano	75-34-3		0,06	4,18
1,2-Dicloroetano	107-06-2		0,16	0,24
1,1,2-Tricloroetano	79-00-5		0,16	0,3
1,1,2,2-Tetracloroetano	79-34-5		0,02	0,04
Tricloroetileno	79-01-6		0,21	0,45
Tetracloroetileno	127-18-4	0,01 *	0,06	0,15
1,2-Dicloropropano	78-87-5	4,24	0,07	0,43
1,3-Dicloropropano	42-75-6		0,01 *	0,58
Acenafteno	83-32-9		0,02	4,85
Acetona			0,54	6,71
Aldrin	83-80-0	0,0	0,01	0,01*
Antraceno	120-12-7		0,01*	22
Benz(a) antraceno	56-55-3	3,8	0,01	0,01*
Benceno			0,0	0,0
Clorobenceno			0,0	0,0
1,2-Diclorobenceno	95-50-1		0,11	3,15
1,4-Diclorobenceno	106-48-9	0,1	0,0	0,0
1,2,4-Triclorobenceno	106-48-9	0,0	0,0	0,0
p-Clorocarbol	75-28-5	0,0	0,0	0,0
Clordano	57-74-9	0,04	0,01*	0,01*
Cloroformo	67-58-0		0,0	0,01
p,p'-DDE	77-47-3	0,0	0,0	0,01*
p,p'-DDT	50-29-5	0,0	0,0	0,01*
Dieldrin	60-57-1	0,13	0,01*	0,01*
1,4-Dioxano	123-91-1	1,45	13,9	
Endosulfan	115-29-7	0,01	0,01*	0,04
Endrin	72-20-8		0,01*	0,01*
Estireno	100-42-5	0,68	0,25	100**
Etilbenceno	100-41-4		0,08	4,6
Decabromofenil éter	1163-19-5		2,66	59,7
Pentabromo difenil éter	32534-81-9	0,32	5,18	0,01*
Octabromo difenil éter	32536-52-0		0,51	0,24
Fenol	108-95-2	0,27	0,03	23,7
2-Clorofenol	95-57-8	0,04	0,01*	0,12
2,4-Diclorofenol	120-83-2	0,2	0,06	0,02
2,4,5-Triclorofenol	95-95-4	0,05	0,09	3,3
2,4,6-Triclorofenol	88-06-2	0,4	0,012	0,03
Pentaclorofenol	87-86-5	0,02	0,01*	0,01*
Fluoranteno	206-44-0	1	0,03	1,96
Fluoreno	86-73-7	0,22	0,02	2,84

Annex VI: 70 %  
contaminants (36/54)  
in RD2005 with  $K_{ow} > 3$   
(PAHs, DDT, etc.)

## NATIONAL REGULATORY ASPECTS

potentially related with bioavailability

- Annex IV – conditions for risk assessment (environmental):  
> reference values or toxicity in bioassays
- Annex III- Contaminated soil: toxicity bioassays or “those others considered as equivalents”

# BIOAVAILABILITY UPDATE

Jose Julio Ortega-Calvo and John Robert Parsons (eds.), *Bioavailability of Organic Chemicals in Soil and Sediment*, Hdb Env Chem, DOI 10.1007/698\_2020\_573, © Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2020

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## Concluding Remarks and Research Needs

J. J. Ortega-Calvo and John R. Parsons

- **Is Bioavailability Science Ready for Use in Regulation of Organic Chemicals?**
- **How Should Bioavailability of Organic Chemicals Be Measured?**
- **How Should Bioavailability Be Implemented into Regulation of Organic Chemicals?**
- **Research Needs in Bioavailability**
  - Methodologies for measuring bioavailability
  - Environmental risks of non-bioavailable compounds
  - Bioavailability in the remediation of waters, sediments, and soils



## **CONCLUSIONS**

- **TOTAL POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS LEAD TO OVERESTIMATION OF RISK, BUT MORE REALISTIC ASSESSMENTS CAN BE DONE BY INCORPORATING BIOAVAILABILITY**
- **BIOAVAILABILITY SCIENCE & BIOTRANSFORMATION CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATED INTO LOW-RISK APPROACHES FULLY IN LINE WITH UN SDG AND EU GREEN DEAL.**
- **SLOW POLLUTANT PHASE EXCHANGES HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON BIOAVAILABILITY & BIODEGRADATION, BUT THIS CAN BE MODIFIED MICROBIALLY (BIO-SURFACTANTS, CHEMOTAXIS, ATTACHMENT, ETC.)**
- **THESE MECHANISMS CAN BE PROSPECTED IN FUTURE INNOVATION PATHWAYS FOR BIOREMEDIATION**





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