

Pollution Control in Wetland Soil and Water around the Globe

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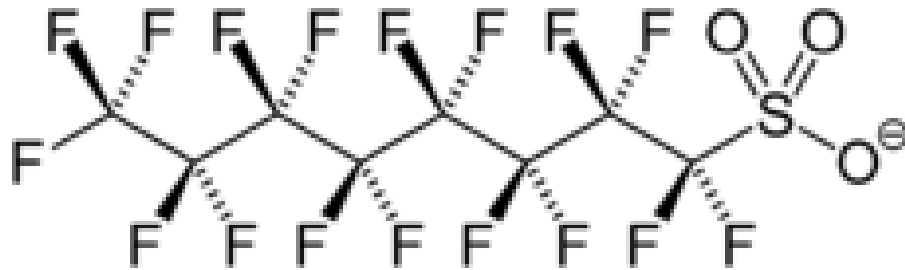
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**Environmental Pollution is one
of the most pressing issues of
human mankind**

Poly- and per-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Perfluoroktansulfonat (PFOS)

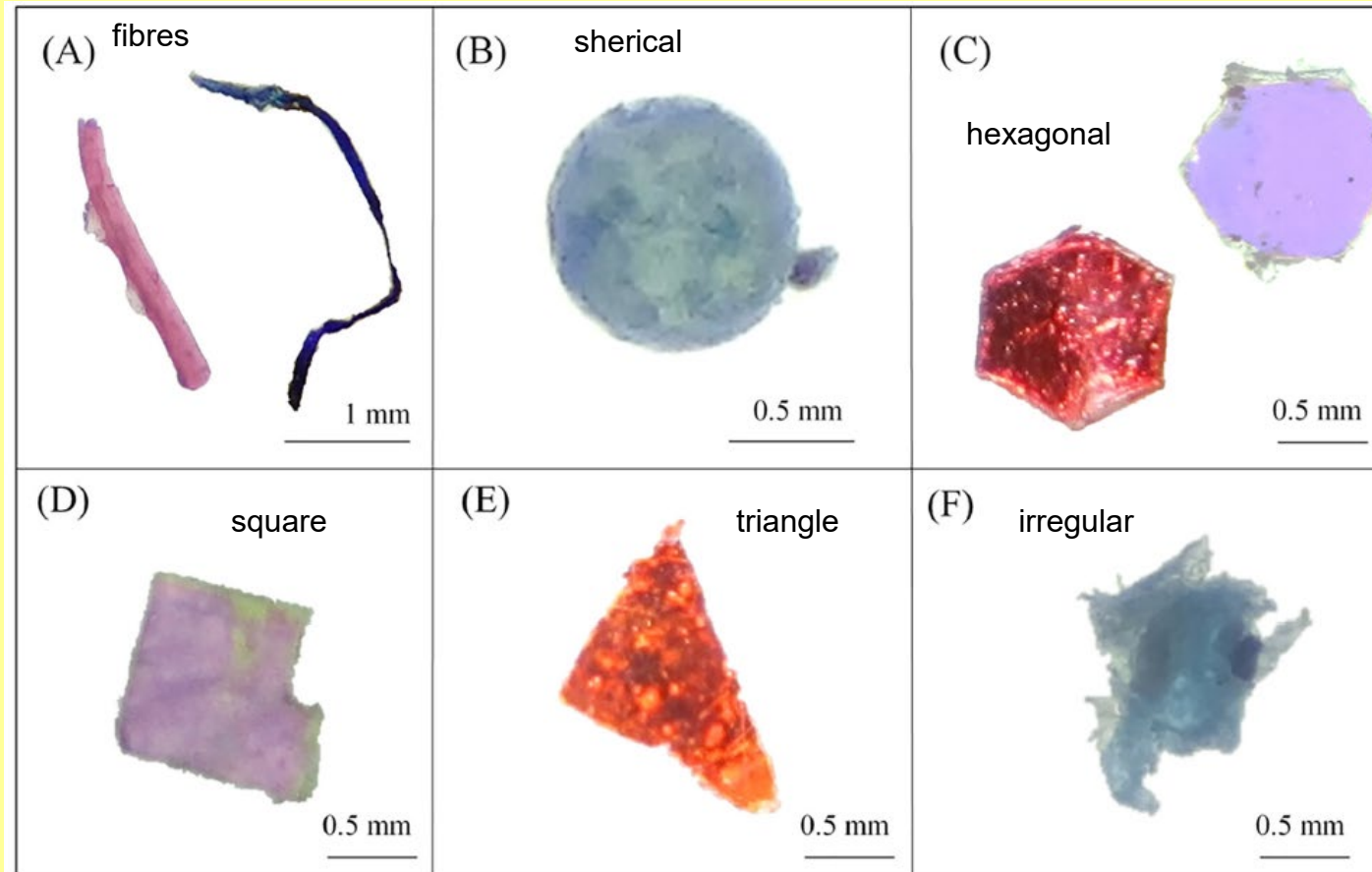


Möhnequelle bei Brilon

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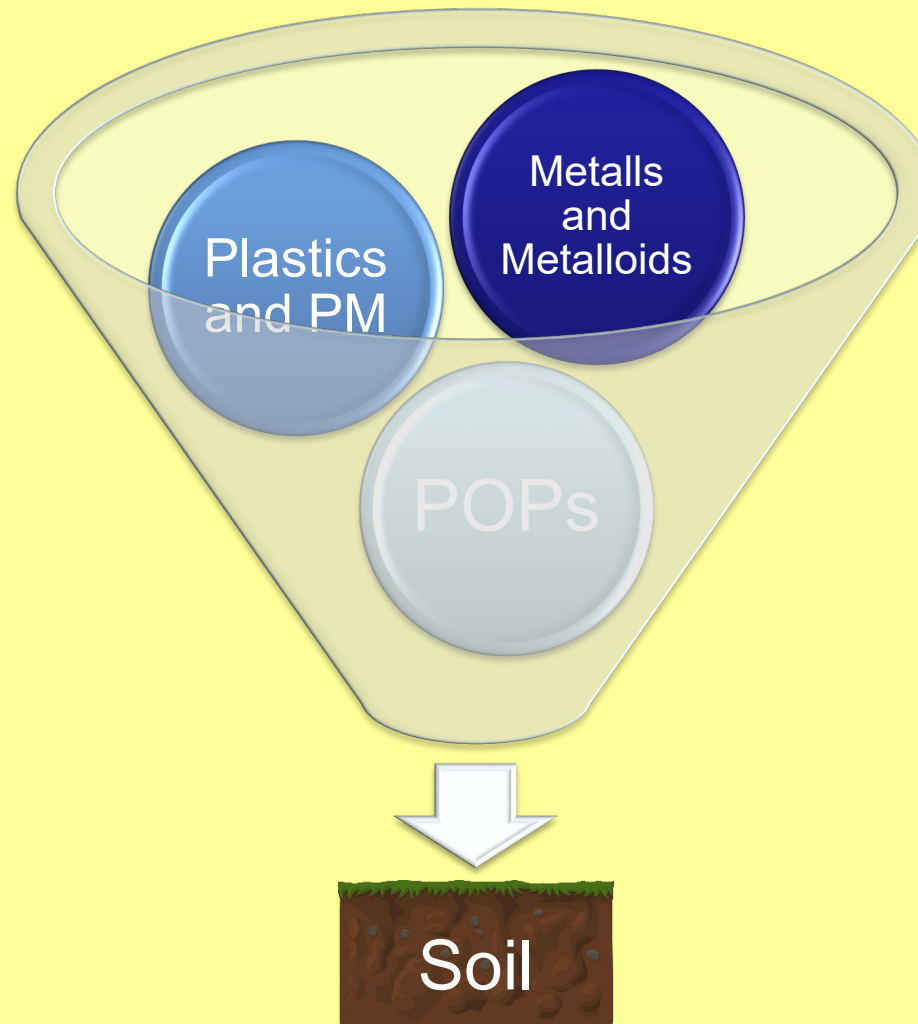
Particulate plastics in the environment



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Cocktail of Contaminants





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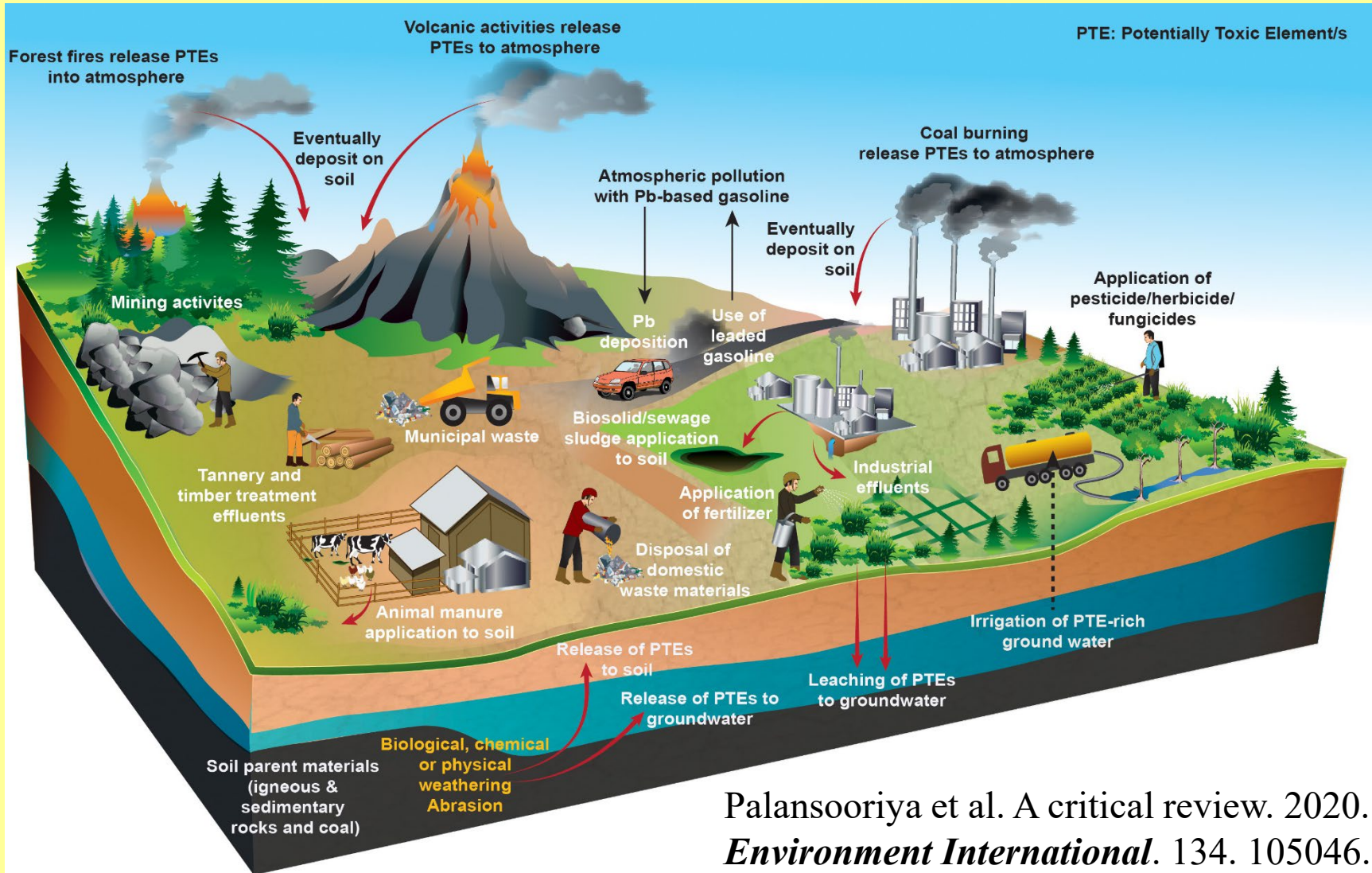
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Soil Pollution and Sustainable Development Goals



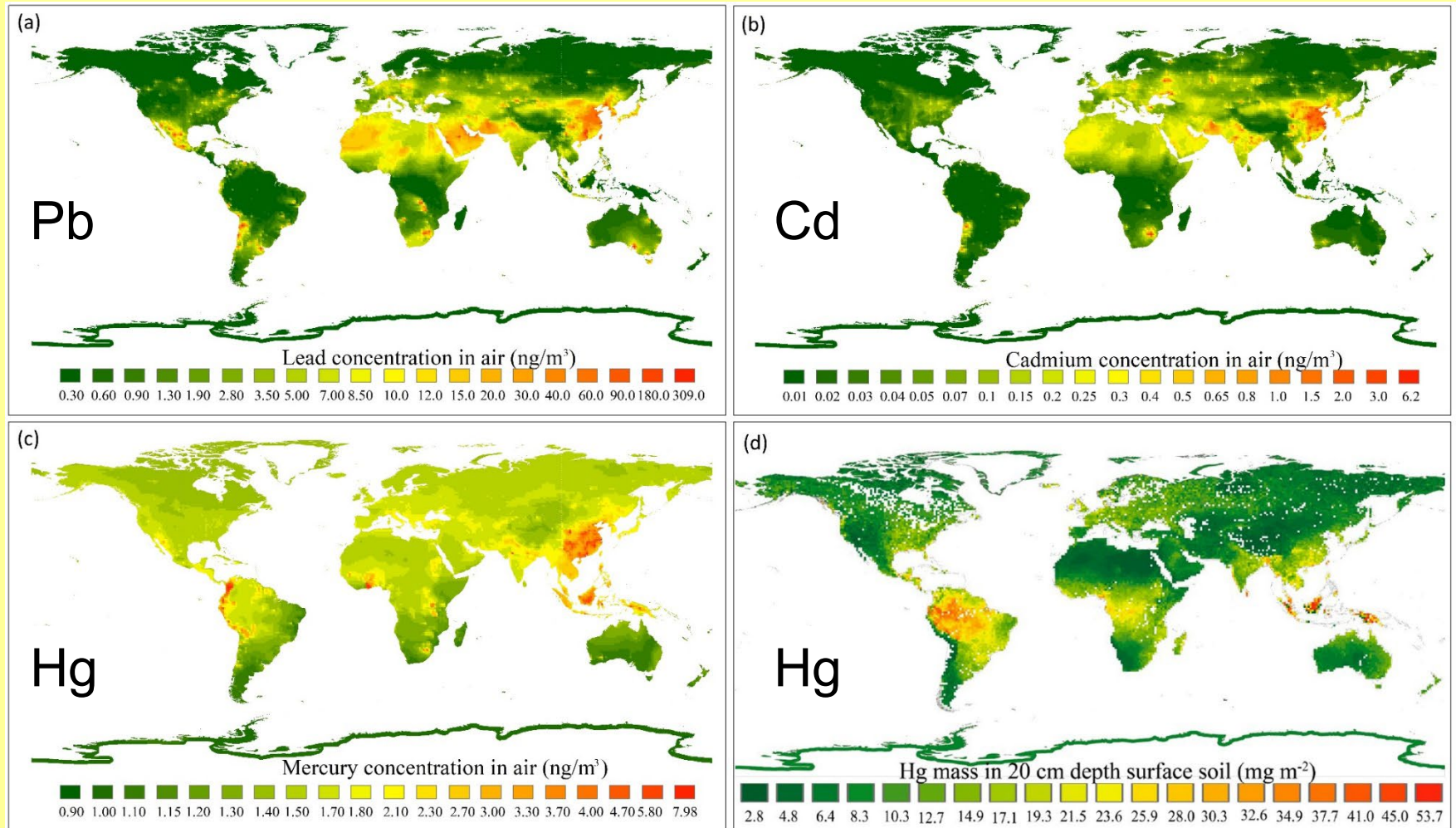
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Sources and Cycle of Toxic Elements in Ecosystems



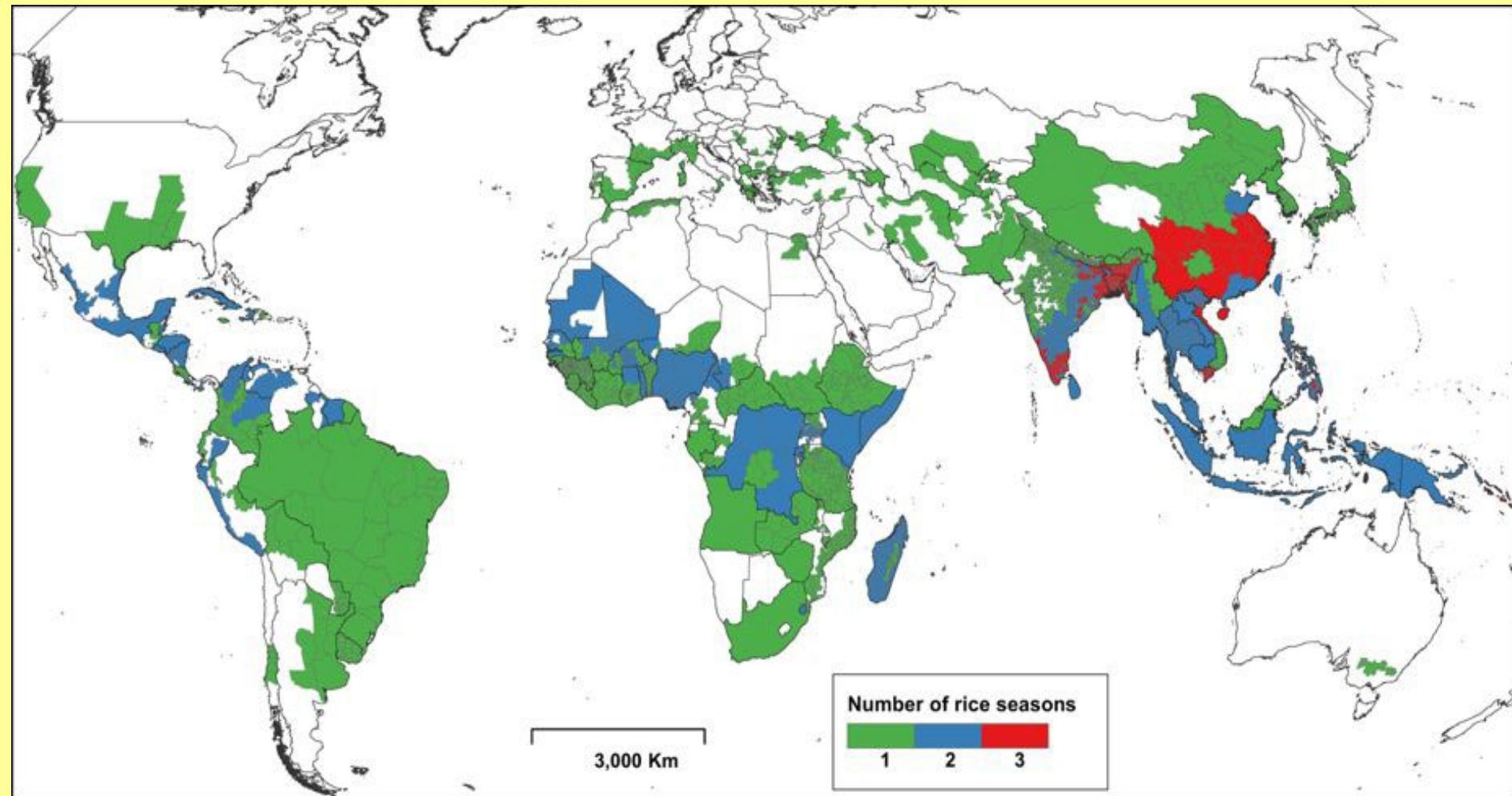
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Spatial distribution of heavy metals



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Main rice production regions, and the number of rice-growing seasons



Natural dynamic redox conditions: Paddy and floodplain soils





Wetlands

Wetlands can serve as sinks, sources, and transformers of pollutions and nutrients, and as such they can have a significant impact on water quality and ecosystem productivity in riverine and coastal zones.



Problem

- **Wetland soils are often highly polluted with toxic elements**
- **Mobilization and Transfer in**
 - **groundwater**
 - **plants**
 - **food chain**
- **Potential risk**

Evaluation of metal mobility & risk assessment

- **Quantifying the concentrations of trace metals**
- **Determine forms of bounding**
- **Field monitoring of trace metals**
- **Laboratory experiments**

A Range of Scales



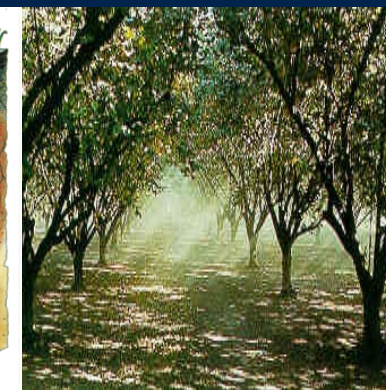
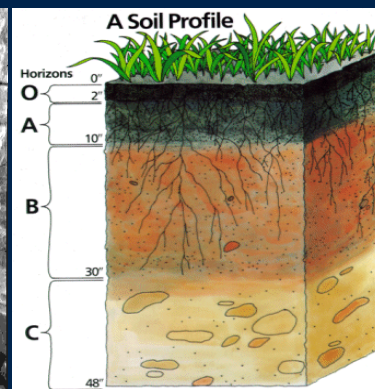
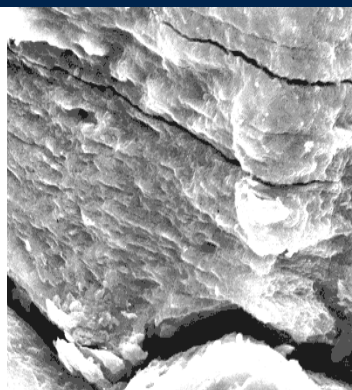
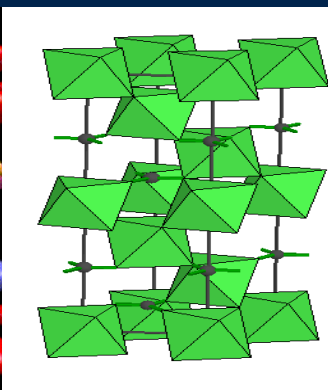
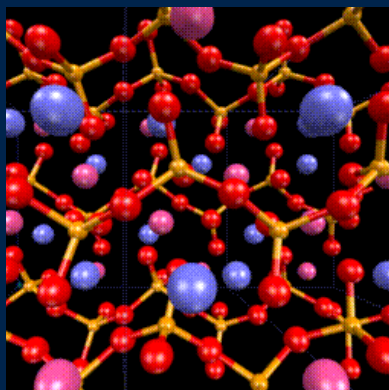
Atomic

Molecular

Microscopic

Macroscopic

Field



- XRF
 - XPS
 - XAS
- Requires synchrotron radiation.*

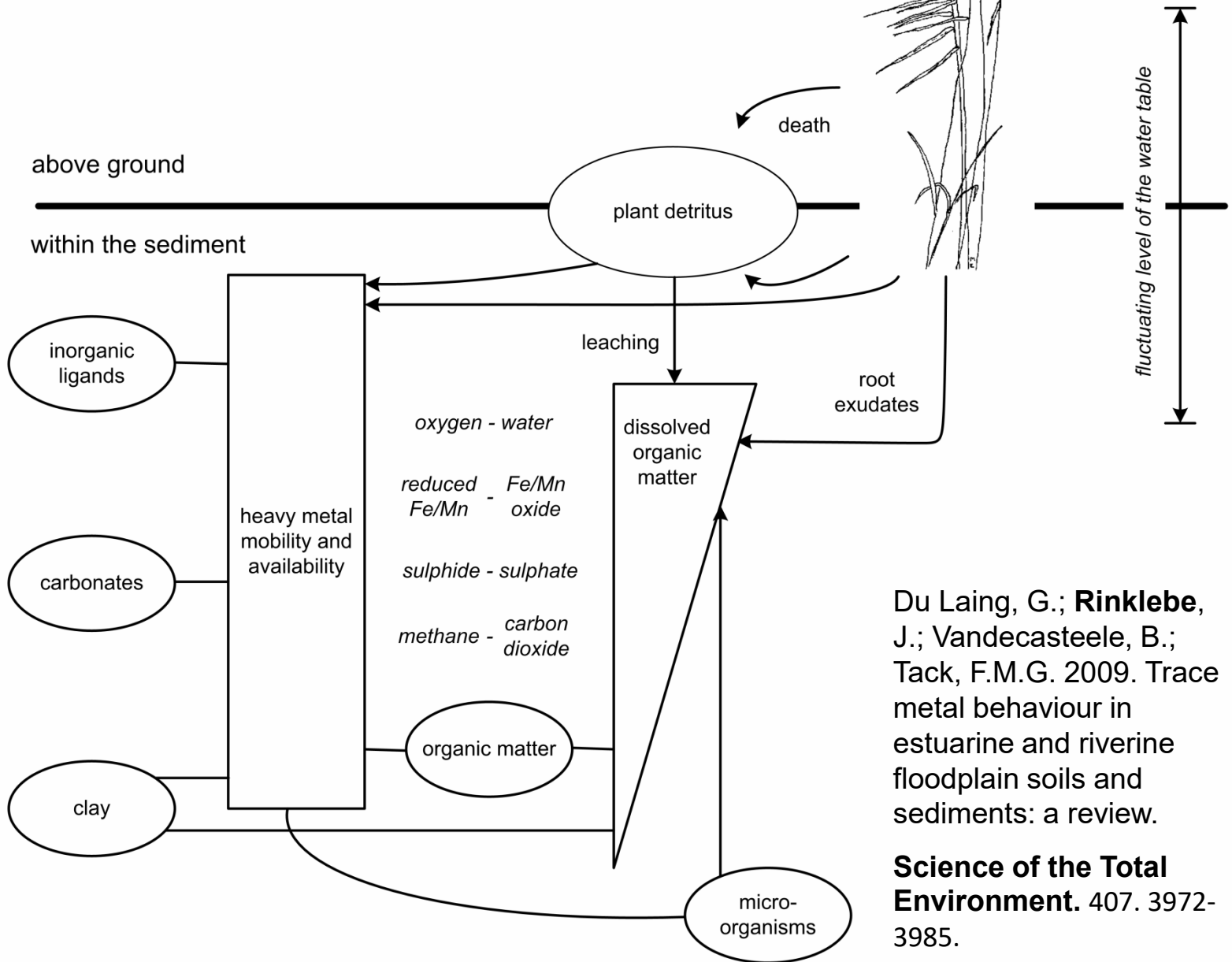
- XRD
- TGA
- FTIR
- DRS

- Enhanced Visual Analysis:
1. SEM
 2. TEM
 3. AFM

- Field Plots
- Equilibrium Studies
- Kinetic Studies
- Extractions

- Visual/Intuitive Insight
- Field Plots

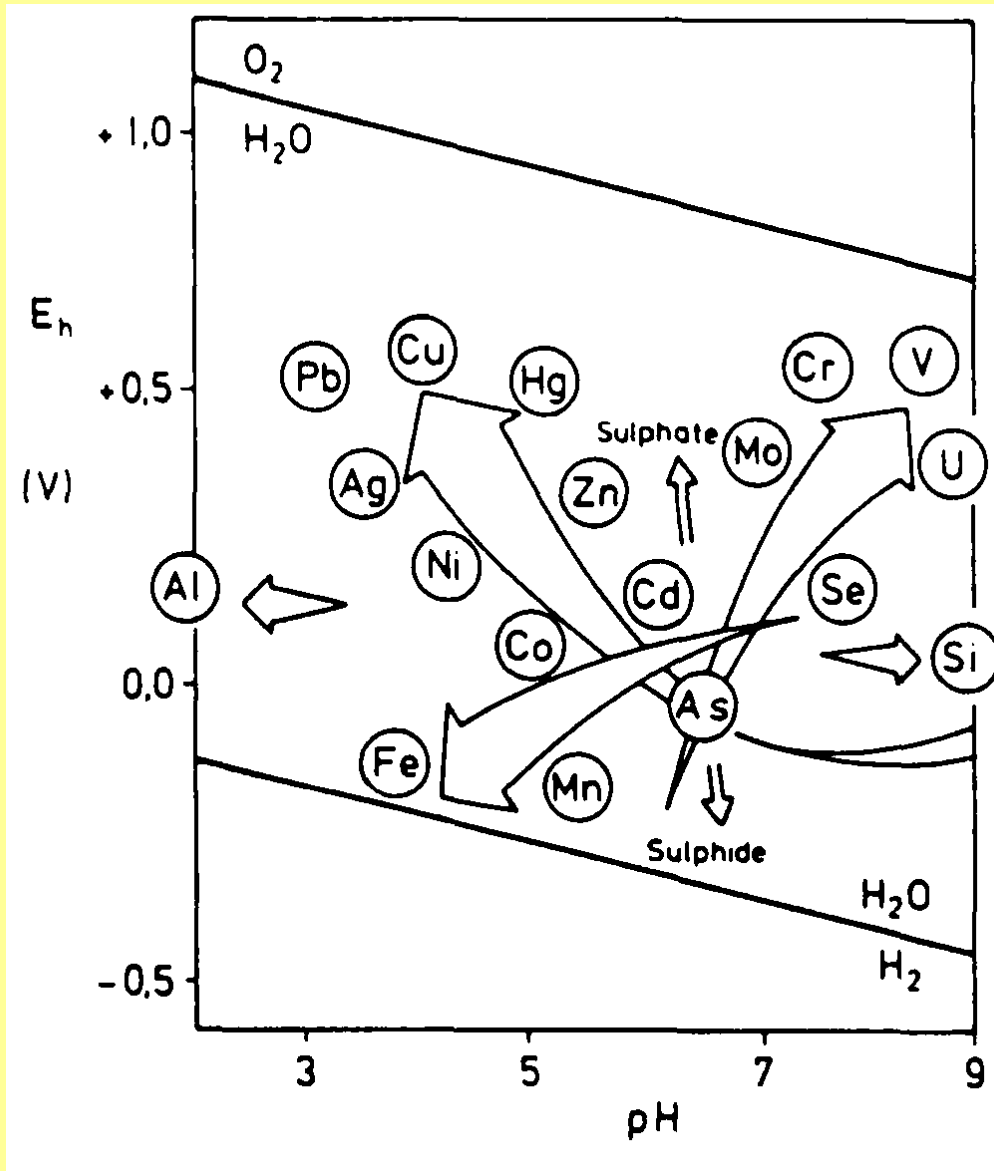
Fate of metals



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Metals vs. pH / E_h



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Challenge

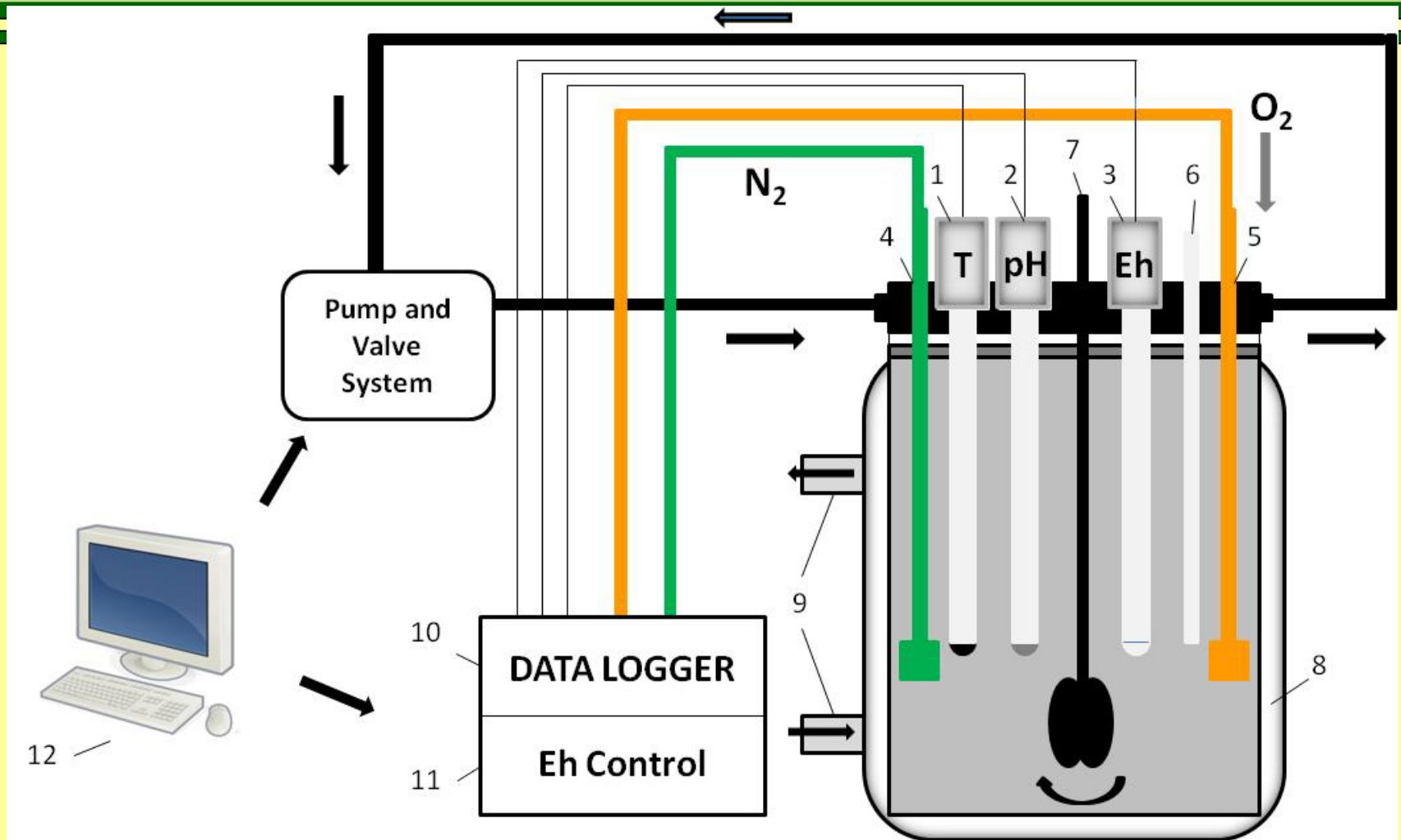
- **Environmental conditions are changing continuously**
- **Forecast of mobilization of toxic compounds into the environment**
- **Mimic changing environmental conditions**



Dynamic redox conditions

Using an automatic biogeochemical microcosm system which enables to control redoxpotential (E_H) (or pH) systematically and to set pre-definite redox windows over a wide range.

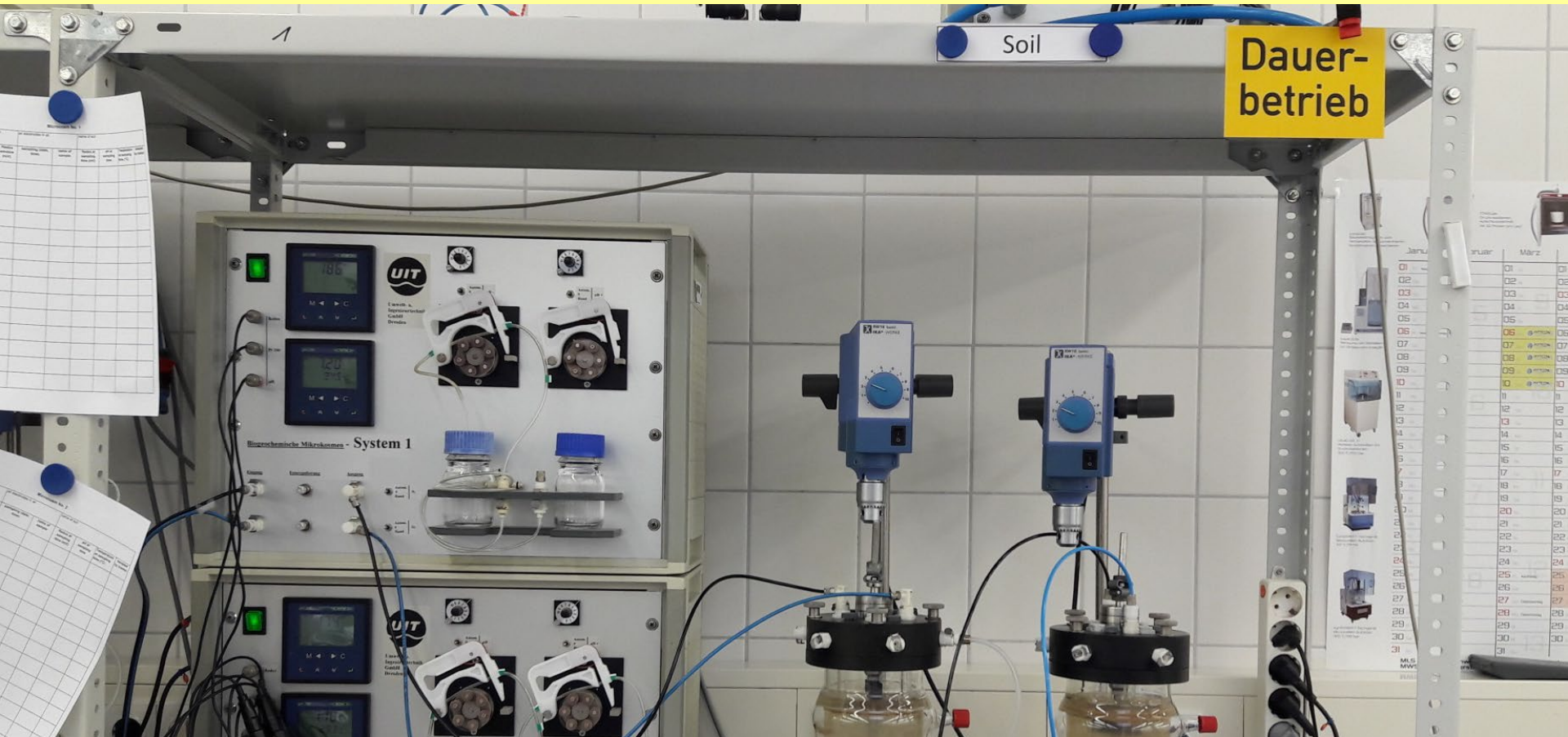
Biogeochemical microcosms



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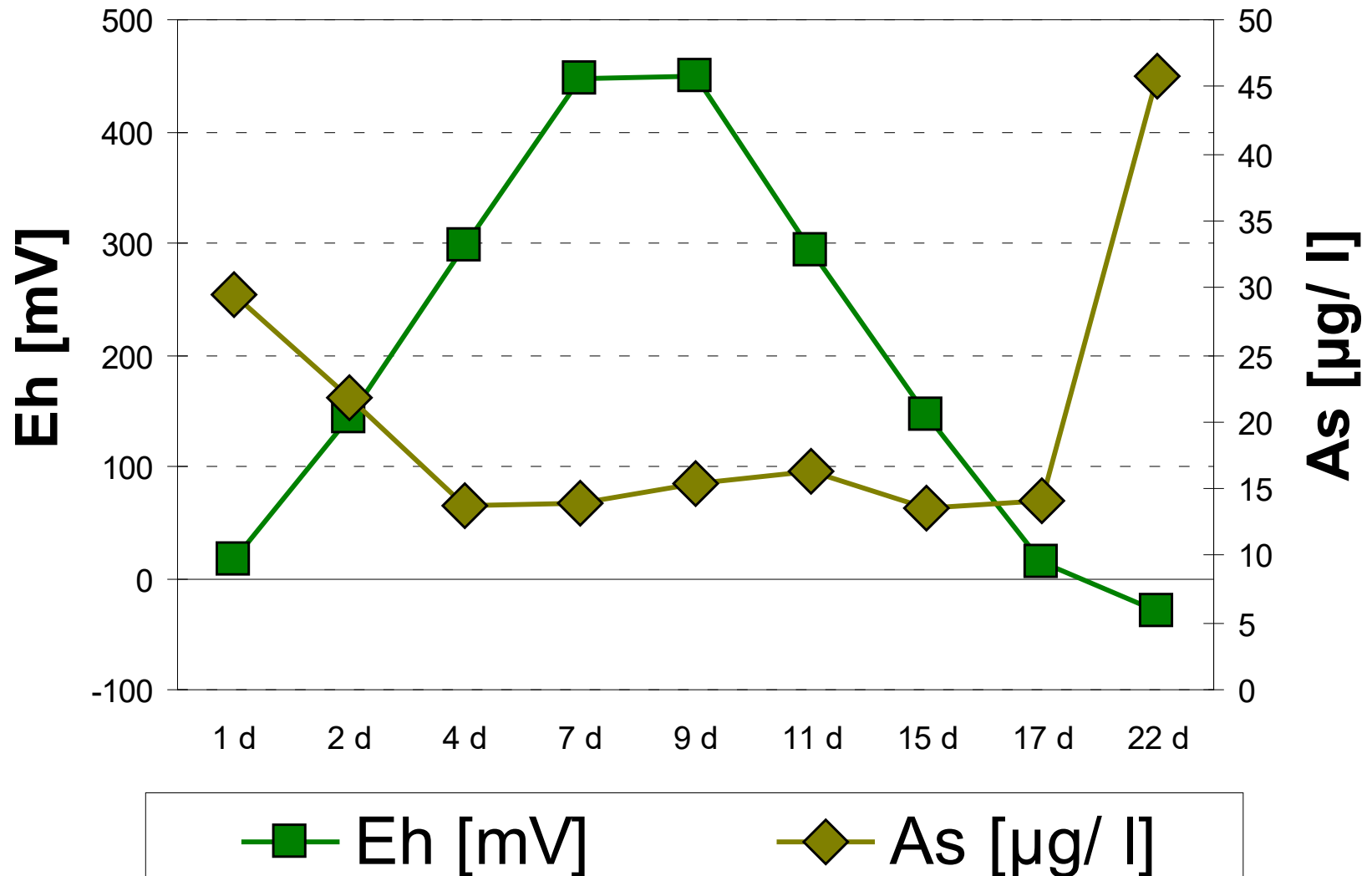
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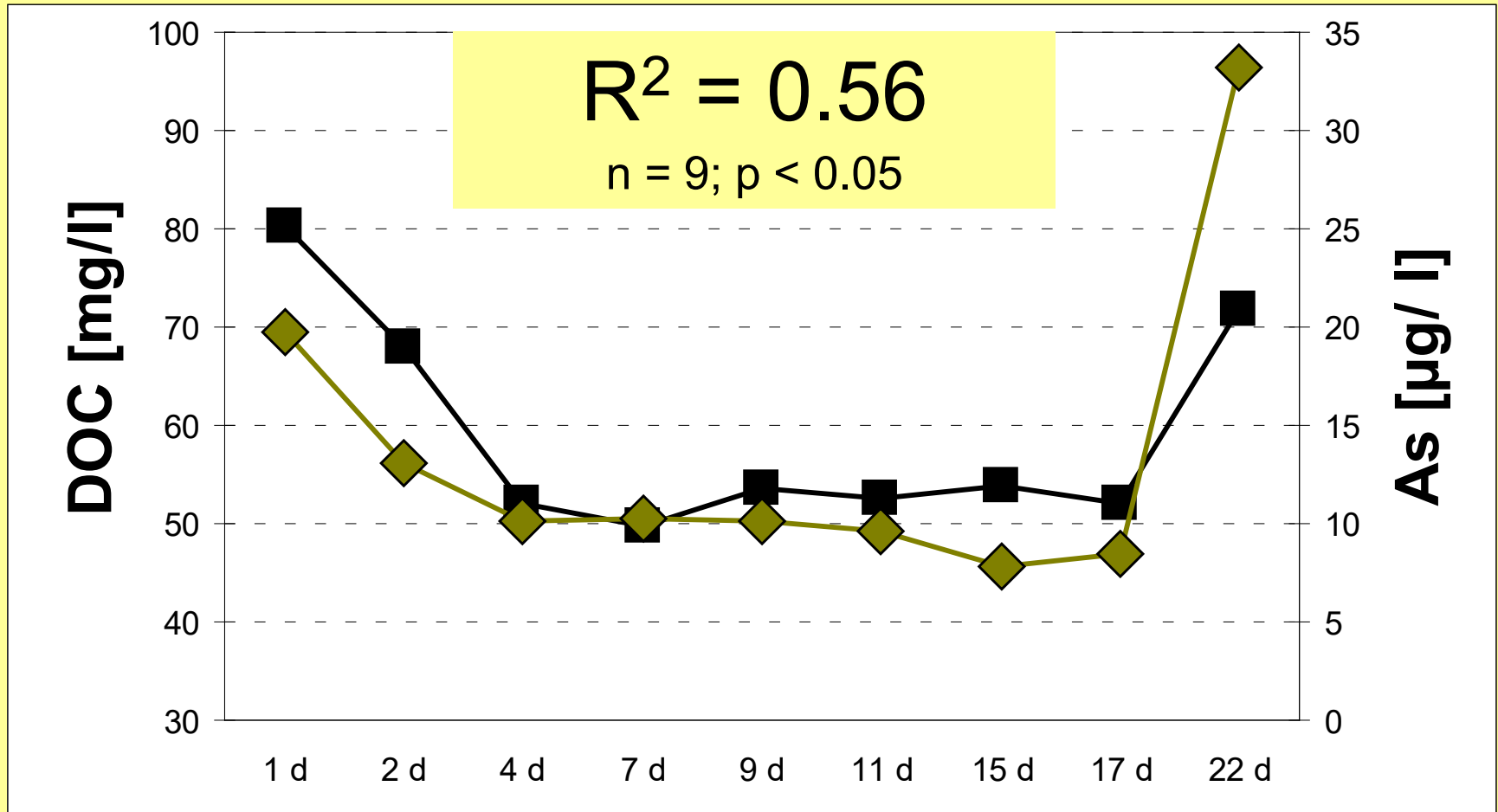
E_H vs. As

Experiment in the lab



DOC vs. As

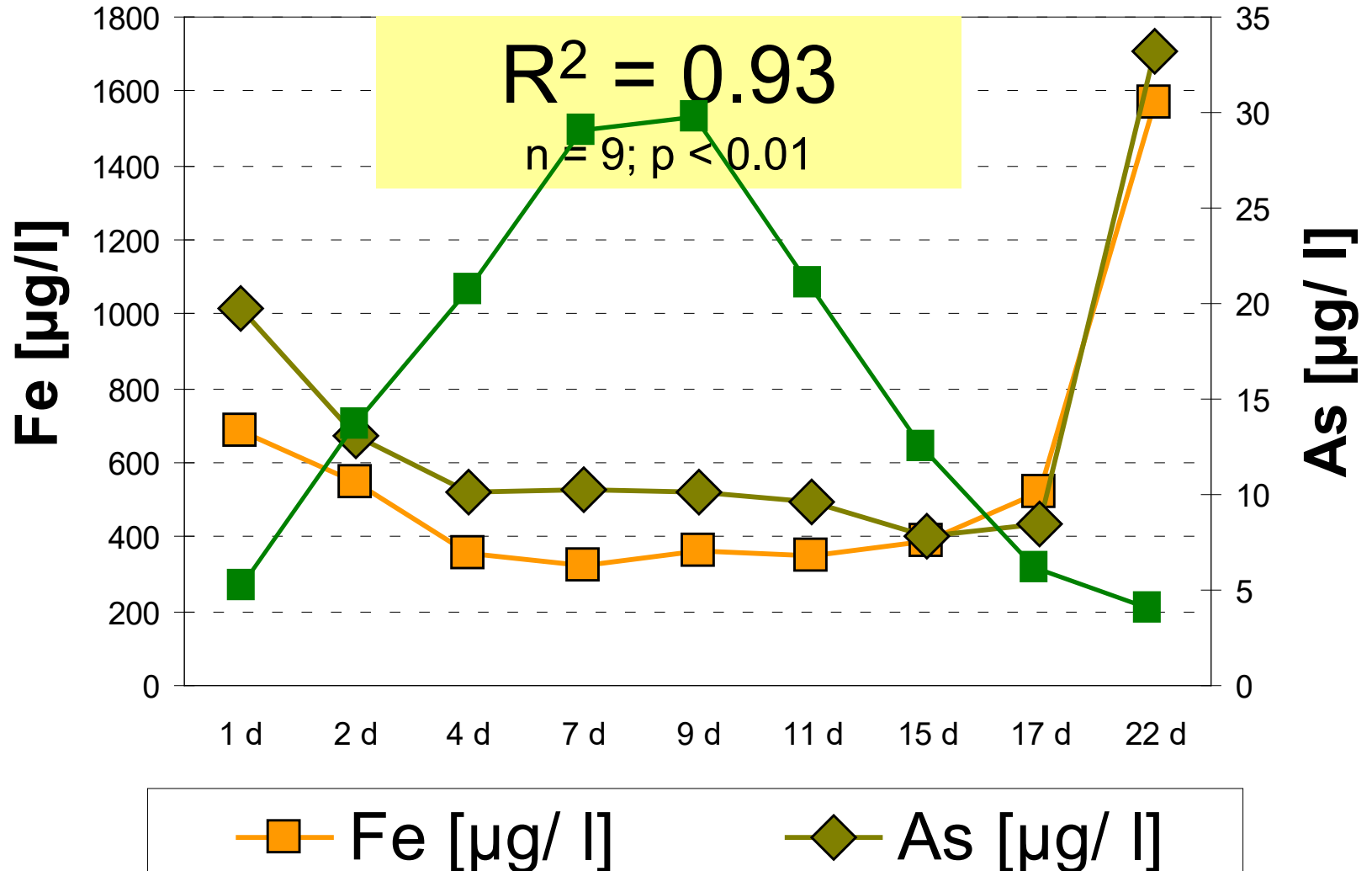
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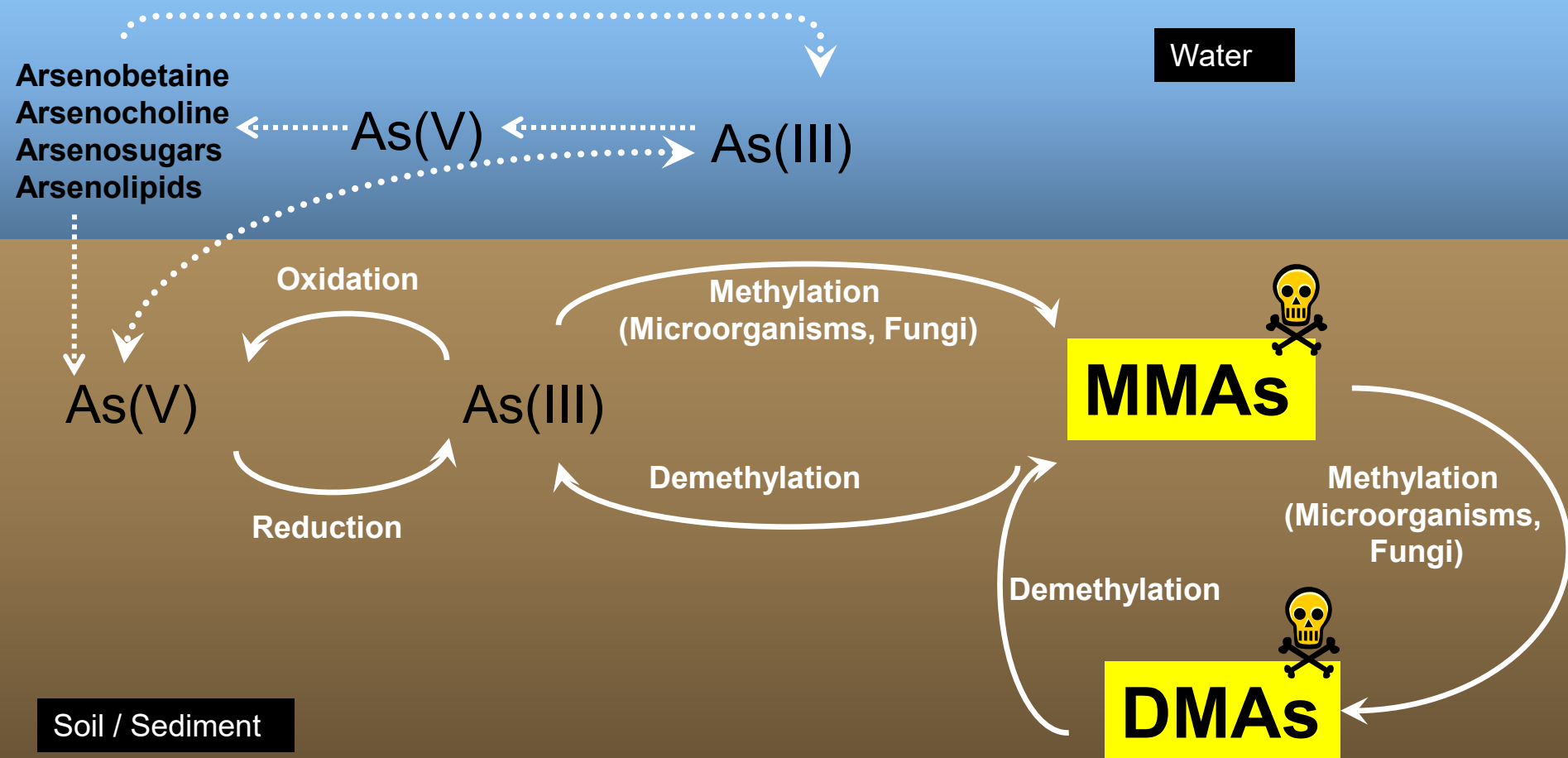
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Fe vs. As

Experiment in the lab

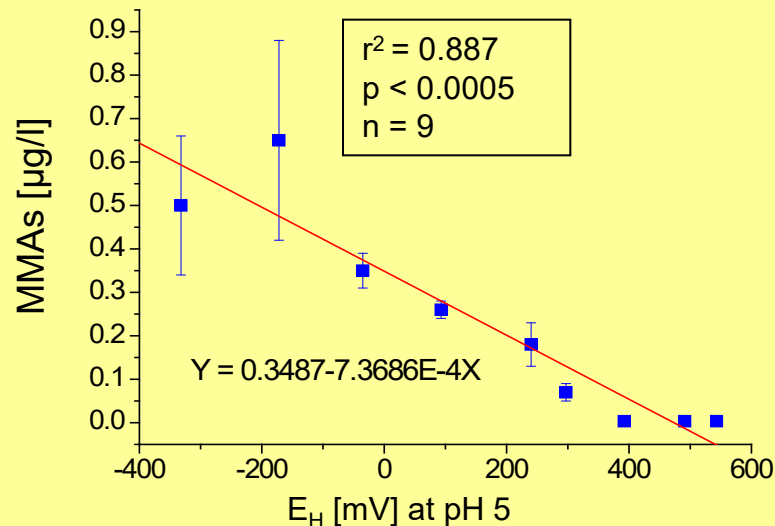


Arsenic in the environment

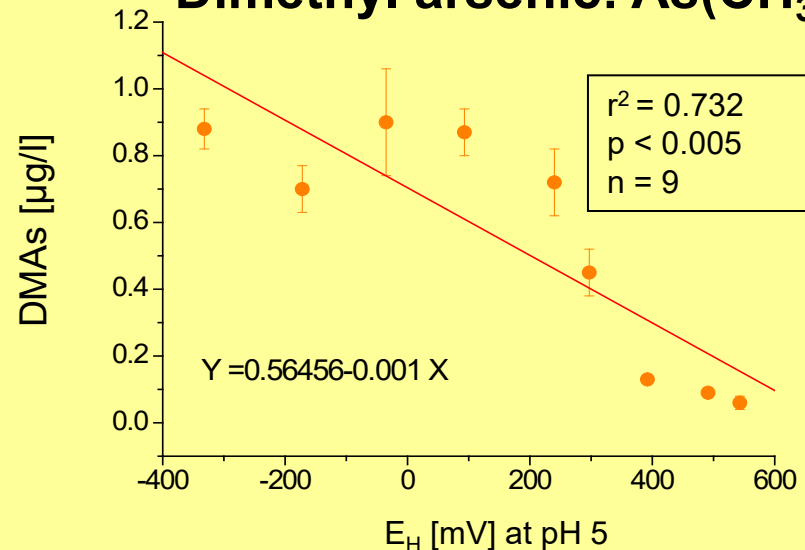


E_H vs. As

Monomethyl arsenic: AsCH_3

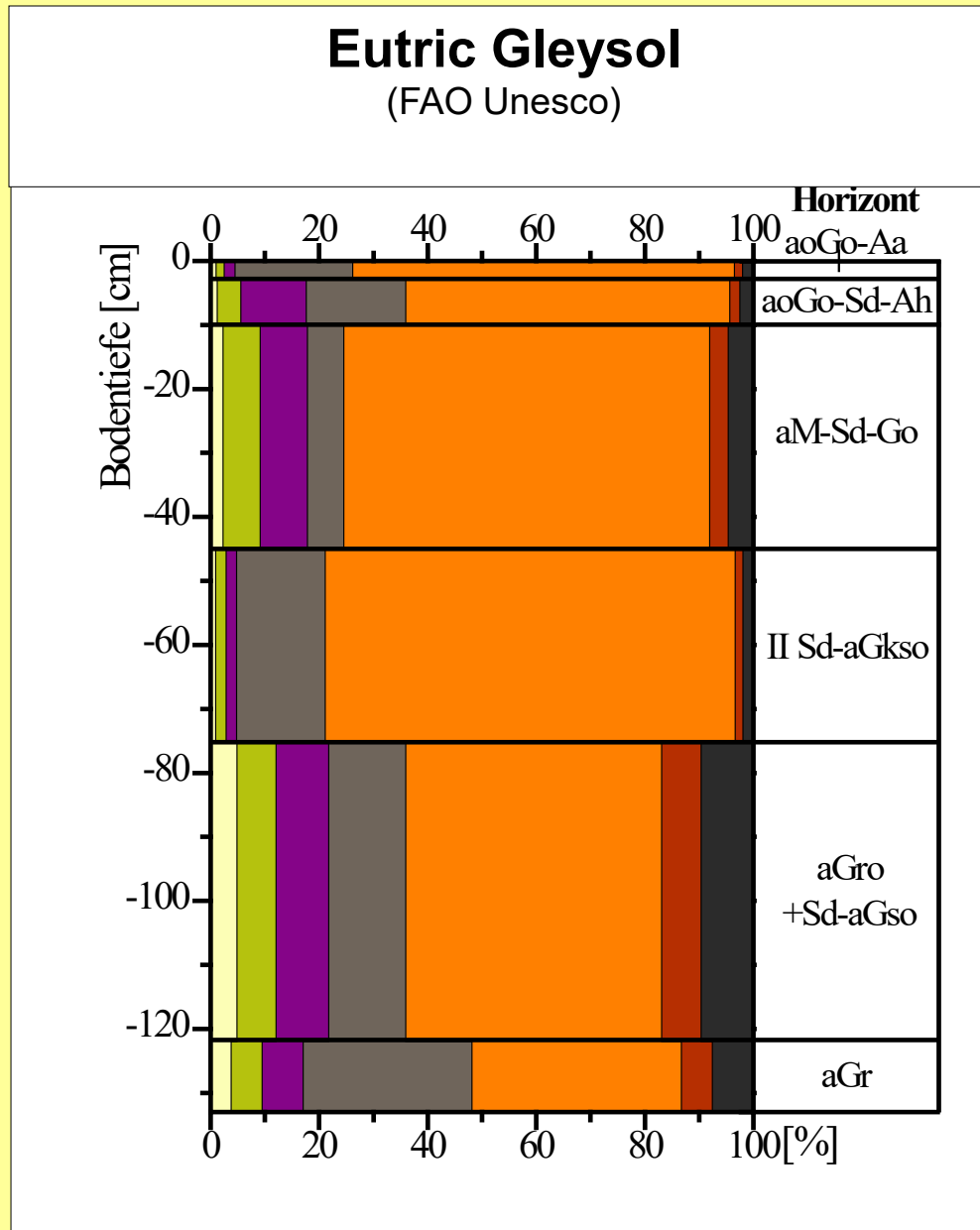


Dimethyl arsenic: $\text{As}(\text{CH}_3)_2$



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Arsenic forms of Bounding



- I. mobil
- II. available fraction
- III. in Mn-Oxiden okkludiert
- IV. organisch gebunden
- V. in amorphous iron oxides
- VI. in crystalline iron oxides
- VII. Residualfraktion

Goethit

α -FeOOH

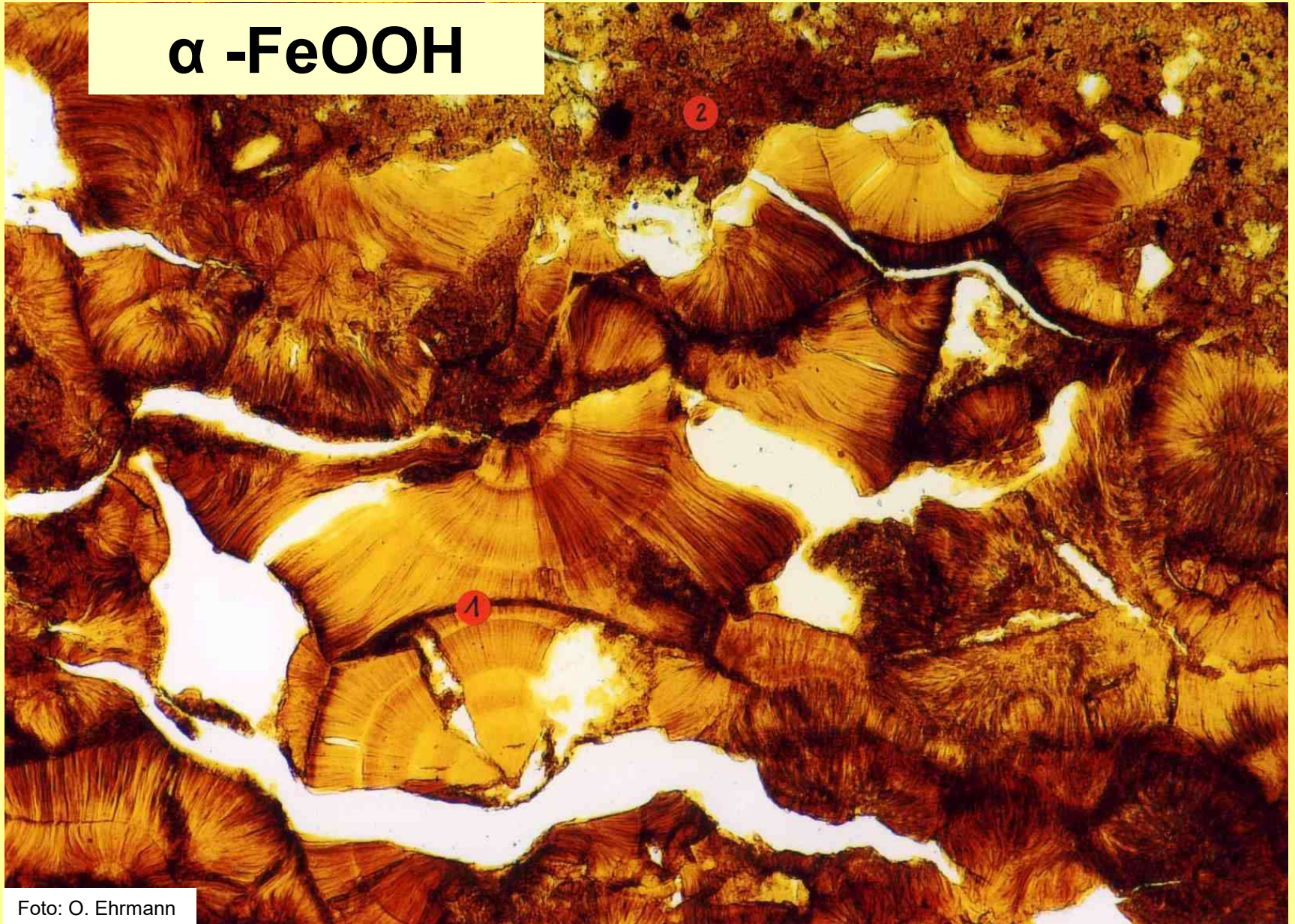
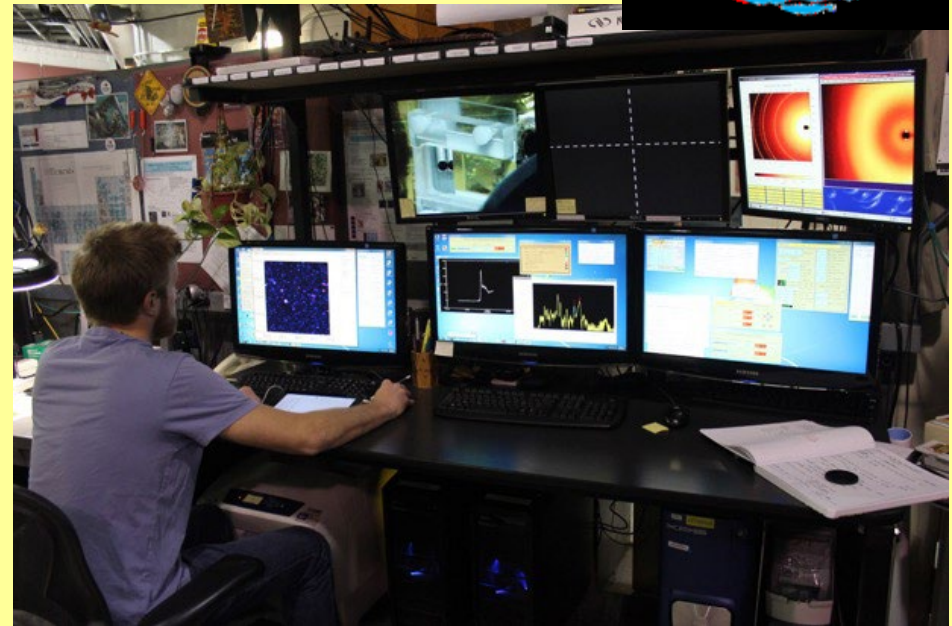
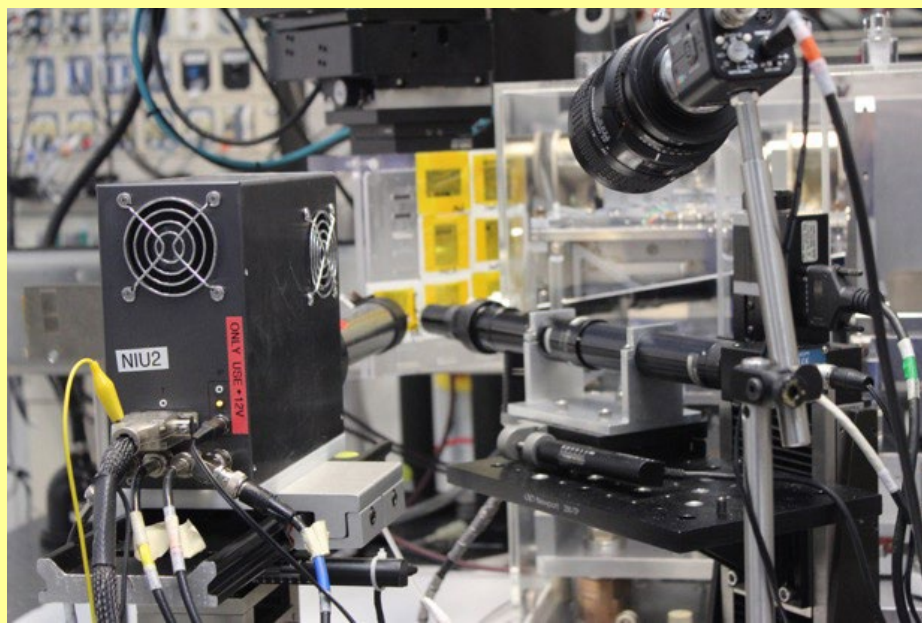


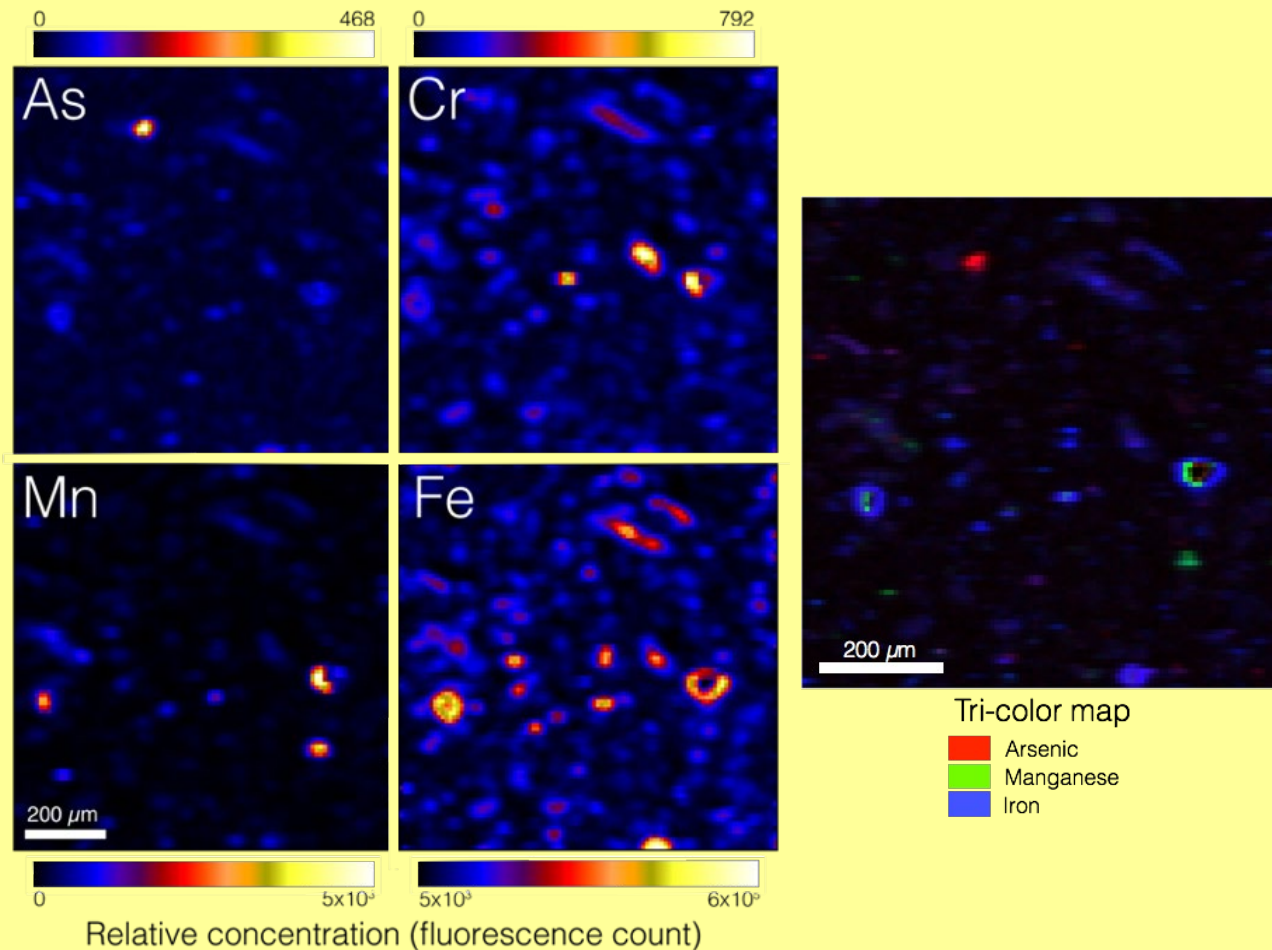
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Eutric Gleysol (55-59 cm)

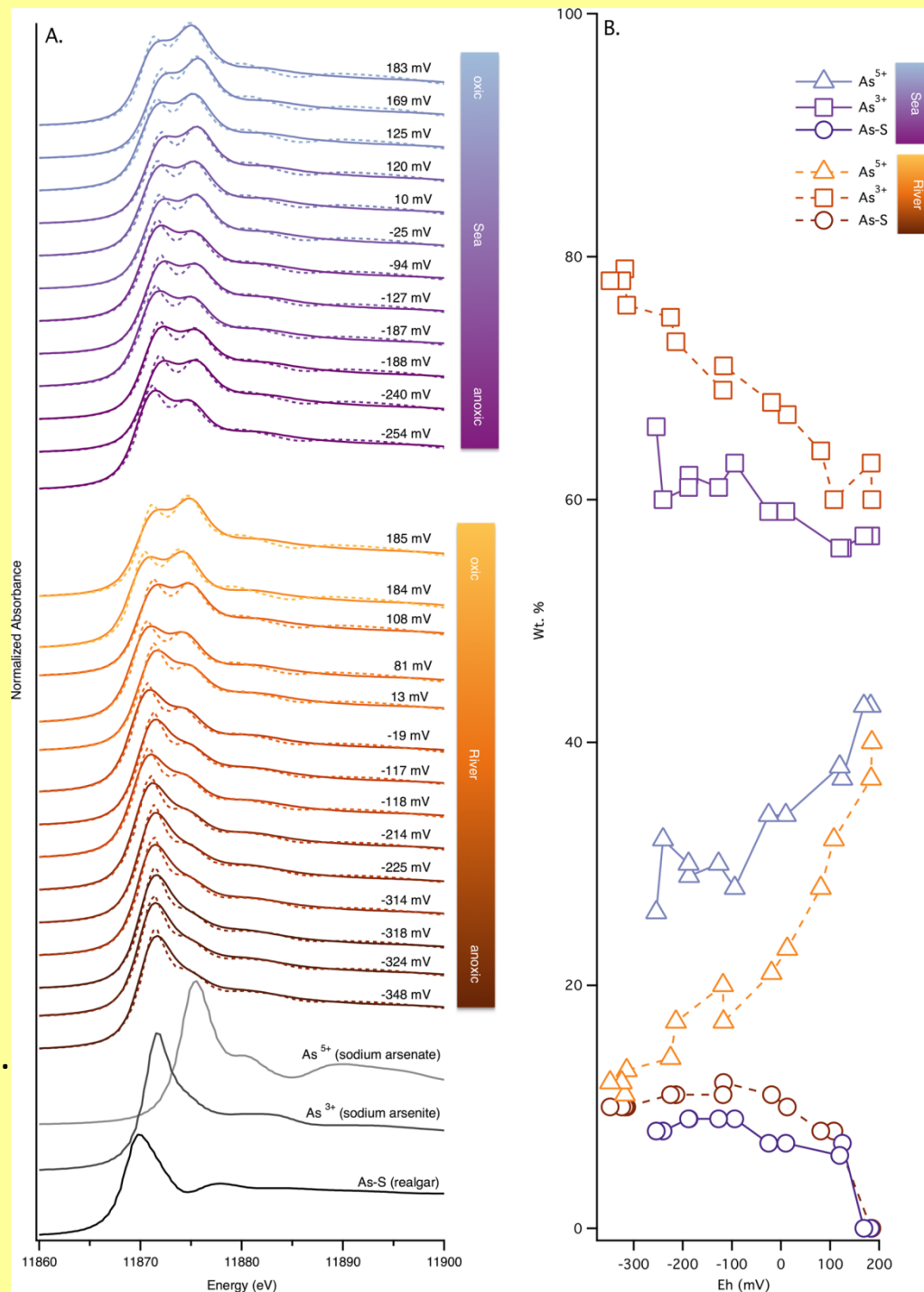
X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure (XANES) Spectroscopy “fingerprinting”



μ -SXRF Map of As-contaminated wetland soil and tri-color map showing elemental colocation of As, Cr, Fe, and Mn.



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Arsenic XANES for sea water and river water inundations scenarios across designated Eh windows following 72 h equilibration time at that Eh. Data are represented by the solid lines and fits obtained by linear combination fitting are dotted lines.

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The biogeochemical microcosm system

allows mechanistically studies of pollution control processes in soils, sediments, and waters

- **kinetics and dynamics of trace elements and other harmful substances**
- **amendments of various substances (e.g. biochar, organoclay, carbonates) to decrease the mobilization of pollutions**



The biogeochemical microcosm system

- **is capable to assess the mobilization of hazardous materials released into the environment and**
- **provides a wide range of applications in environmental science and technologies**



Key papers

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Challenges for future research

- **Dynamics and kinetics of trace elements and their speciation under changing E_H conditions**
- **Spatial and temporal resolution**
- **Linking microbial and chemical processes in flooded soils & sediments**



Guidelines for authorities

- **No belittlement**
- **No panicmongering**
- **Objective & transparent politics of information's**
- **Continuous monitoring**
- **Substantial research**



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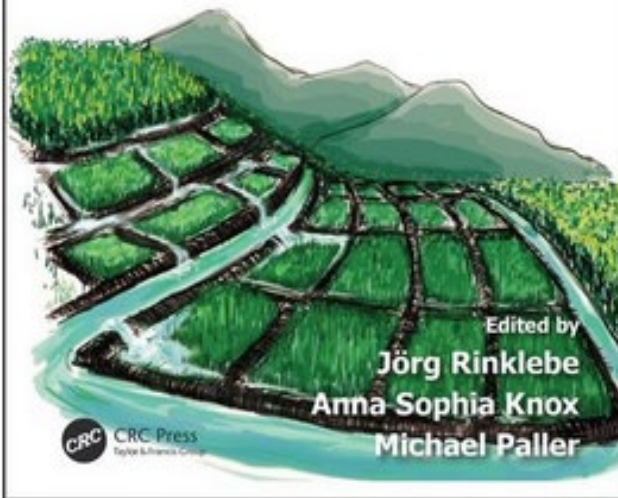
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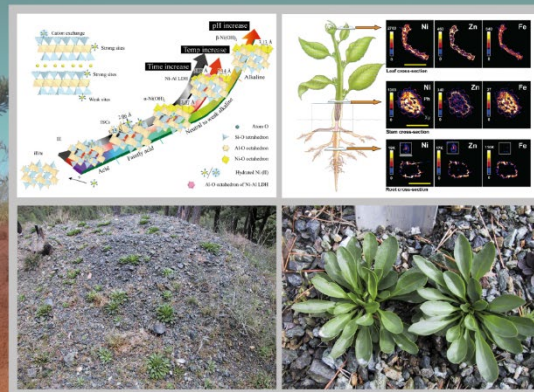
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Books

Trace Elements in Waterlogged Soils and Sediments



Nickel in Soils and Plants



Soil and Groundwater Remediation Technologies

A Practical Guide

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