



IL SISTEMA SUOLO-PIANTA IN AMBIENTI TERRESTRI ED EXTRATERRESTRI E LE INTERAZIONI CON L'UOMO

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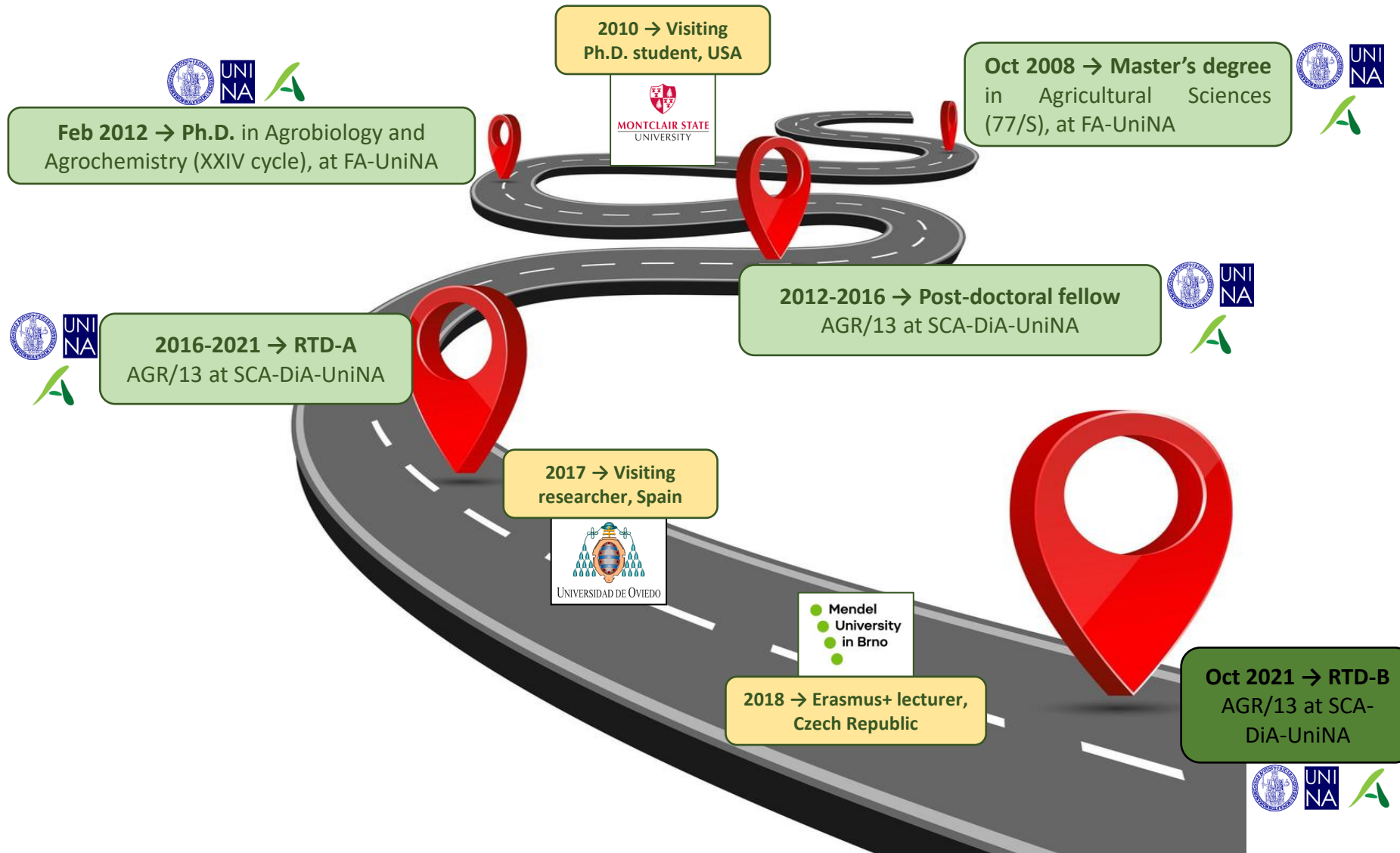
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My education path



Soil-plant systems

Lab scale



Greenhouse scale



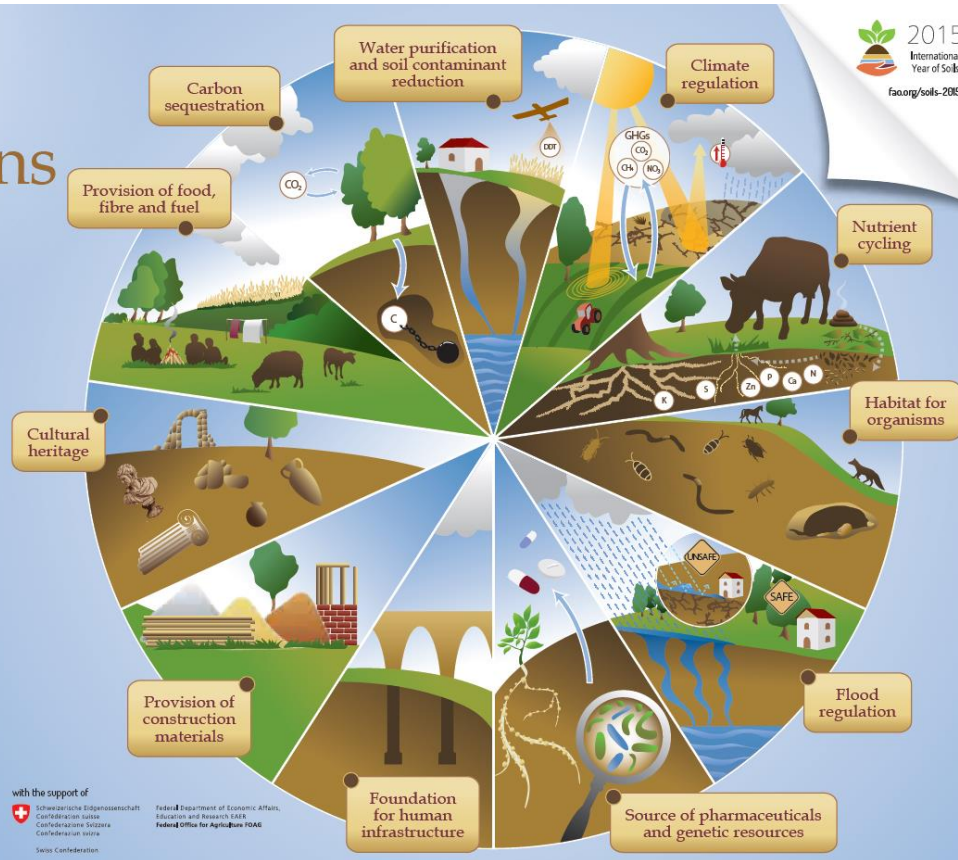
Field scale



The soil: a key and non-renewable resource for humankind

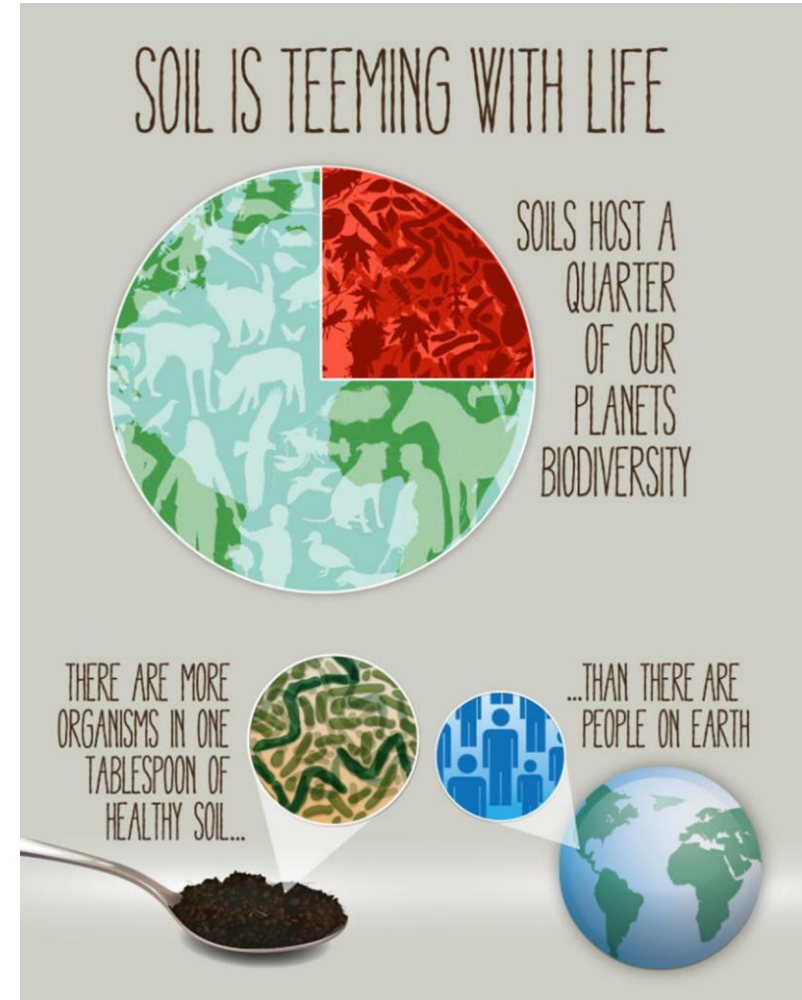
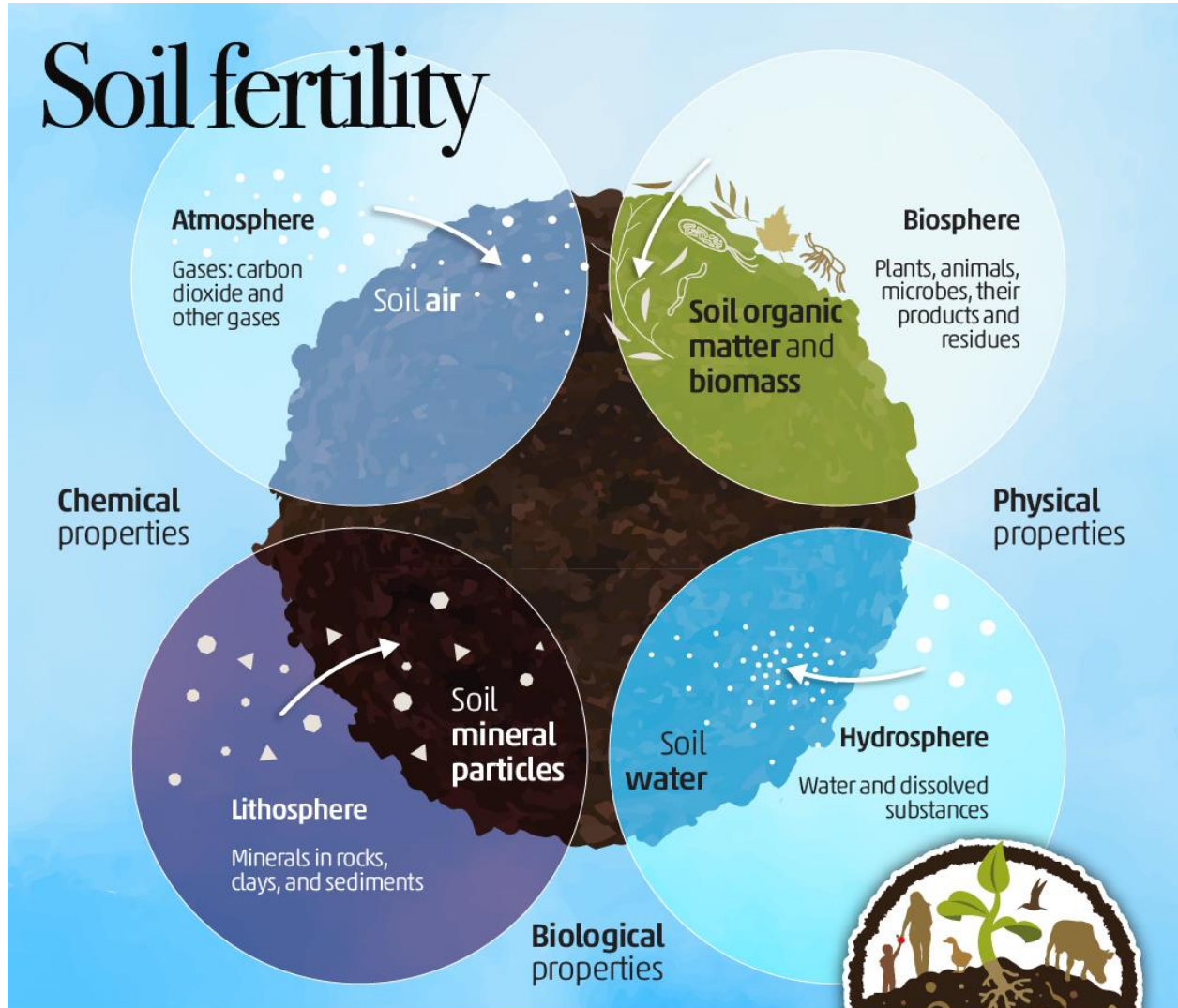
Soil functions

Soils deliver ecosystem services that enable life on Earth



World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December (from 2002, promoted by IUSS: International Union of Soil Sciences) to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources

The soil: a true cradle of life enables to feed humanity



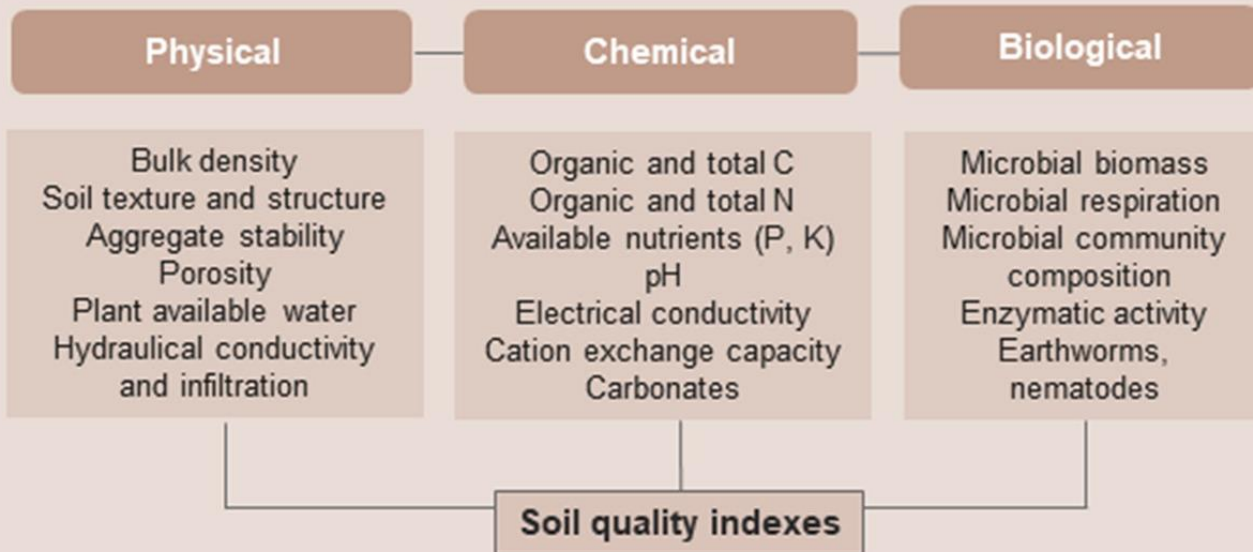
Soil produces 95% of our food, be it the crops we eat, or forages and other plants to feed animals for meat (FAO, International Year of Soils 2015)

INDICATORS



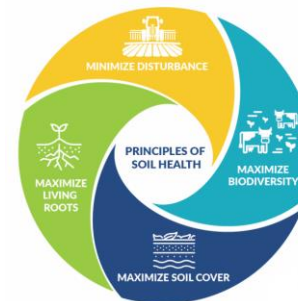
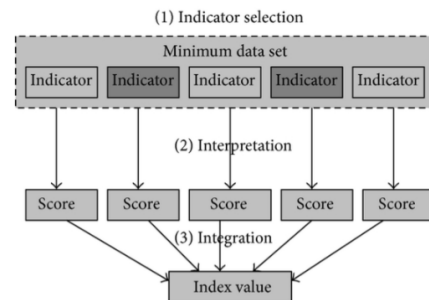
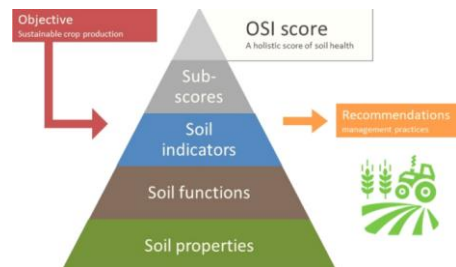
DESCRIPTORS

Soil quality indicators



The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. The main content area displays 'Procedure 2023/0232/COD' for 'COM (2023) 416: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on Soil Monitoring and Resilience (Soil Monitoring Law)'. The procedure is ongoing and follows the Ordinary legislative procedure (COD). The process flow is shown as follows:

- FIRST READING:** European Parliament and Council of the European Union.
- OPINIONS:** Economic and Social Committee.
- PROPOSAL:** European Commission.



Procedure 2023/0232/COD

COM (2023) 416: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on **Soil Monitoring and Resilience (Soil Monitoring Law)**

DECRETO LEGISLATIVO 3 aprile 2006, n. 152.

Norme in materia ambientale.

Decreto legislativo 03.04.2006, n. 152		
Allegato 4/14 - Allegato 5 al Titolo V della Parte quarta - Valori di concentrazione limite accettabili nel suolo e nel sottosuolo riferiti alla specifica destinazione d'uso dei siti da bonificare	A	B
Concentrazione soglia di contaminazione nel suolo, nel sottosuolo e nelle acque sotterranee in relazione alla specifica destinazione d'uso dei siti	Siti ad uso Verde pubblico, privato e residenziale	Siti ad uso Commercial e e industriale
Tabella 1: Concentrazione soglia di contaminazione nel suolo e nel sottosuolo riferiti alla specifica destinazione d'uso dei siti da bonificare	(mg kg ⁻¹ espressi come ss)	(mg kg ⁻¹ espressi come ss)
Composti inorganici		
1 Antimonio	10	30
2 Arsenico	20	50
3 Berillio	2	10
4 Cadmio	2	15
5 Cobalto	20	250
6 Cromo totale	150	800
7 Cromo VI	2	15
8 Mercurio	1	5
9 Nichel	120	500
10 Piombo	100	1000
11 Rame	120	600
12 Selenio	3	15
13 Stagno	1	350
14 Talio	1	10
15 Vanadio	90	250
16 Zinco	150	1500
17 Cianuri (liberi)	1	100
18 Fluoruri	100	2000
Aromatici		
19 Benzene	0.01	2
20 Etilbenzene	0.05	50
21 Stirene	0.05	50
22 Toluene	0.05	50
23 Xilene	0.05	50
24 Sommatoria organici aromatici (da 20 a 23)	1	100

MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE

DECRETO 1° marzo 2019, n. 46.

Regolamento relativo agli interventi di bonifica, di ripristino ambientale e di messa in sicurezza, d'emergenza, operativa e permanente, delle aree destinate alla produzione agricola e all'allevamento, ai sensi dell'articolo 241 del decreto legislativo 3 aprile 2006, n. 152.

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ce in studio, il codice assegnato all'area è ripetuto e seguito da un numero sequenziale (A1, A2...An) che indica il punto di campionamento; ciò premesso, si procede come segue:

nell'area individuata per il campionamento di suolo relativo ai prodotti vegetali, a meno dei frutteti, in base all'estensione della zona da investigare, si prelevano, lungo i percorsi definiti, da 5 a 15 punti fino a profondità di 30-50 cm (profondità di rimescolamento o involtamento), mediante uso della vanga; il suolo campionato deve essere setacciato in campo mediante vaglio a maglia di 2 cm;

la quantità di suolo campionato per ciascun punto deve essere, indicativamente, pari a 3-5 kg; una parte della quale è utilizzata per formare il campione globale, mentre la restante è conservata e sarà eventualmente utilizzata in seguito per effettuare analisi di controllo sul campione elementare; tale campione elementare potrebbe essere codificato mediante la Sigla Campione costituita come segue: lettera A (maiuscola), numero sequenziale, suolo (cioè il nome della matrice stessa) =

A1_suolo, A2_suolo...An_suolo
da singoli punti di campionamento verrà costituito, previa miscelazione e quartatura delle singole aliquote, il campione globale individuato dalla sigla:
Atot_suolo.

Nel campo NOTE della relativa scheda di campionamento dovranno essere specificate tutte le SIGLE CAMPIONE dei campioni elementari, per esempio:

Atot_suolo
A1_suolo (con eventuale georeferenziazione)
A2_suolo
...
An_suolo

N.B. All'interno di terreni con presenza di colture varie (alberi da frutta, foraggio, ortaggi, ecc.) si individuano i punti di campionamento nelle vicinanze delle colture stesse.

5. Procedura di campionamento di soil-gas.
Per il campionamento del soil-gas si può fare riferimento alle procedure stabilite dagli enti di controllo. In assenza di procedure specifiche è possibile fare riferimento ai protocolli approvati per aree SIN.

ALLEGATO 2

Art. 3.

Concentrazioni soglia di contaminazione (CSC) per i suoli delle aree agricole

	CSC (mg kg ⁻¹ espressi come ss)
Composti inorganici	
1 Antimonio	10*
2 Arsenico	30*
3 Berillio	7*

4 Cadmio	5*
5 Cobalto	30*
6 Cromo totale	150*
7 Cromo VI	2*
8 Mercurio	1*
9 Nichel	120*
10 Piombo	100*
11 Rame	200*
12 Selenio	3*
13 Talio	1*
14 Vanadio	90*
15 Zinco	300*
16 Cianuri (liberi)	1
Aromatici policiclici	
17 Benzo(a)antracene	1
18 Benzo(a)pirene	0,1
19 Benzo(b)fluorantene	1
20 Benzo(k)fluorantene	1
21 Benzo(g,h,i)perilene	5
22 Crisene	1
23 Dibenzo(a,h)antracene	0,1
24 Indenopirene	1
Fitofarmaci	
25 Alaclor	0,01
26 Aldrin	0,01
27 Atrazina	0,01
28 alfa-esacloroesano	0,01
29 beta-esacloroesano	0,01
30 gamma-esacloroesano (lindano)	0,01
31 Clordano	0,01
32 DDD	0,01
33 DDT	0,01
34 DDE	0,01
35 Dieldrin	0,01
36 Endrin	0,01
Diossine e furani	
37 Sommatoria PCDD, PCDF + PCB Dioxin-Like (PCB-DL) ** (conversione I.E.)	6 ng/kg SS WHO-TEQ
38 PCB non DL ***	0,02
Idrocarburi	
39 Idrocarburi C10-C40 (1)	50

Italian legal benchmark

	L.D. 152/2006	M.D. 46/2019
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mg kg⁻¹

As	20	30
Cd	2	5
Cu	120	200
Zn	150	300

1. Approfondimento della caratterizzazione dell'area.

Qualora, nella fase di caratterizzazione dell'area, non si riscontrino, nel terreno, superamenti delle Concentrazioni soglia di contaminazione (CSC), non si rende necessario alcun tipo di intervento, ne' alcun approfondimento di caratterizzazione delle matrici ambientali.

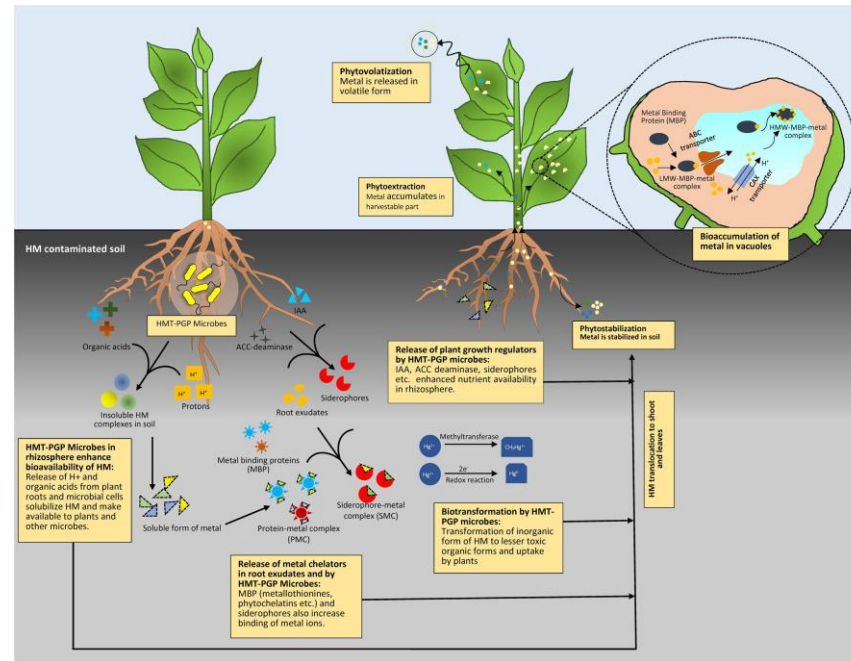
Di contro, qualora venga accertato il superamento delle CSC, anche per un solo parametro, devono essere attuate delle misure di prevenzione e di salvaguardia dell'area interessata, secondo quanto segue:

deve essere evitato l'incremento del livello di contaminazione del suolo, verificato mediante opportuni controlli analitici;

si effettuano ulteriori accertamenti analitici sul suolo (es. test di bioaccessibilità e/o biodisponibilità, test di estrazione con chelanti ecc);

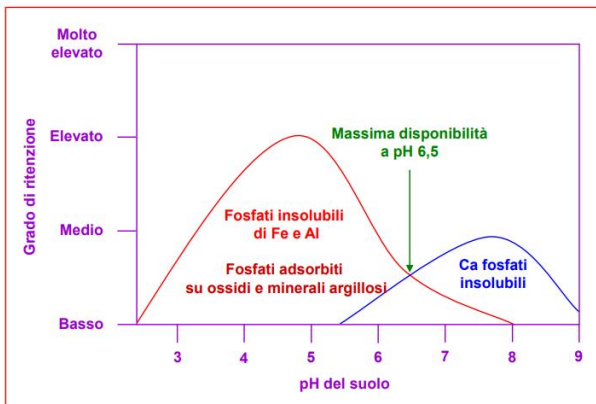
Bioavailability of potentially toxic elements (PTEs)

Bioavailable pool of a PTE can be defined as the fraction of its total content in the soil that can interact with a biological target (Geebelen et al., 2003)

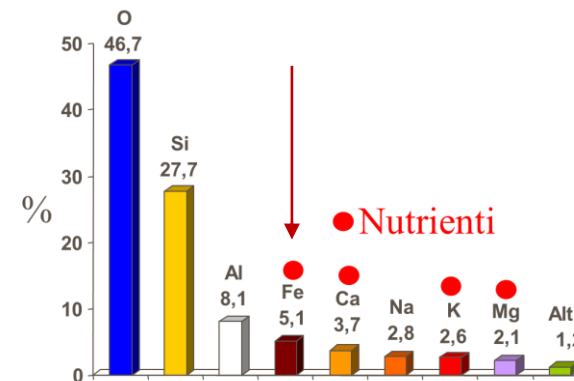


Source: Mishra et al., 2017. Front Microbiol 8, 1706

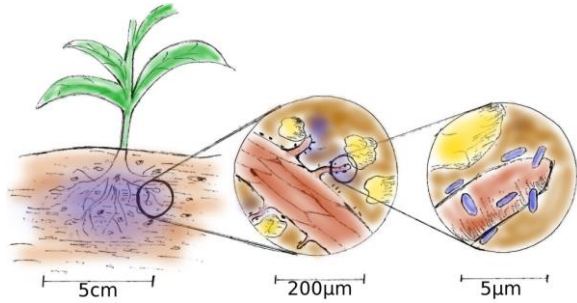
Bioavailability to plants is governed by the dynamic equilibrium between aqueous and solid soil phases, rather than by the total metal content



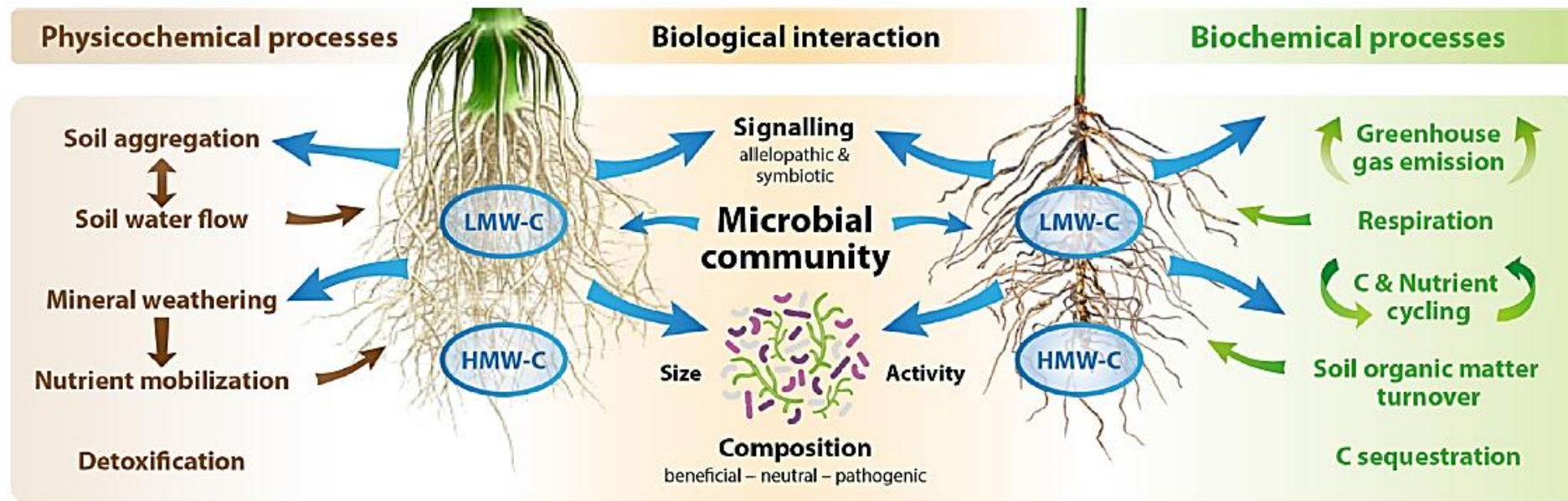
	Total content	Bioavailable pool
	mg kg ⁻¹	
Fe	30000-50000	30-500
P	1000-4000	10-150



The influence of rhizosphere activity



In the rhizosphere, many physical, chemical and biochemical processes occur as a consequence of root growth, water and nutrient uptake, respiration, rhizodeposition and enhanced microbial activities



The different bioavailable pools are in a dynamic equilibrium → if the most easily bioavailable fraction is taken up from the soil, the less available fraction can rapidly reintegrate the easily available pool

Theoretical sequence of PTE mobility in the soil

Comments

Metal sequence

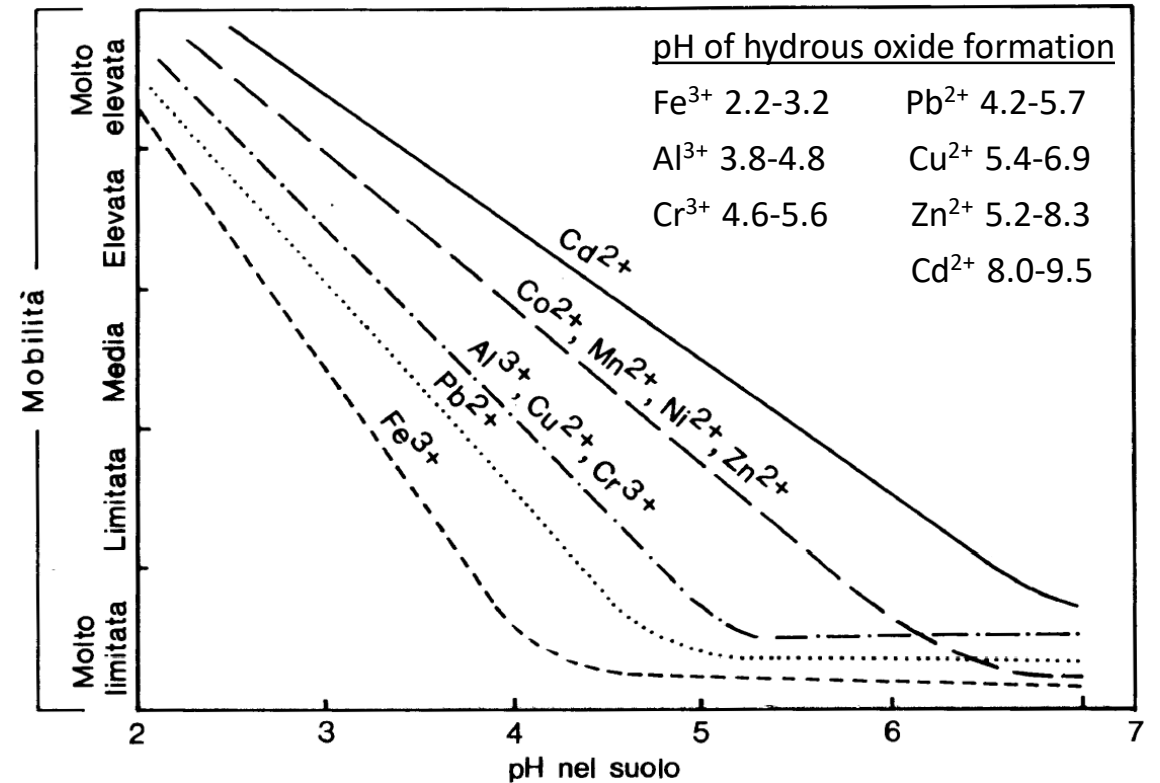
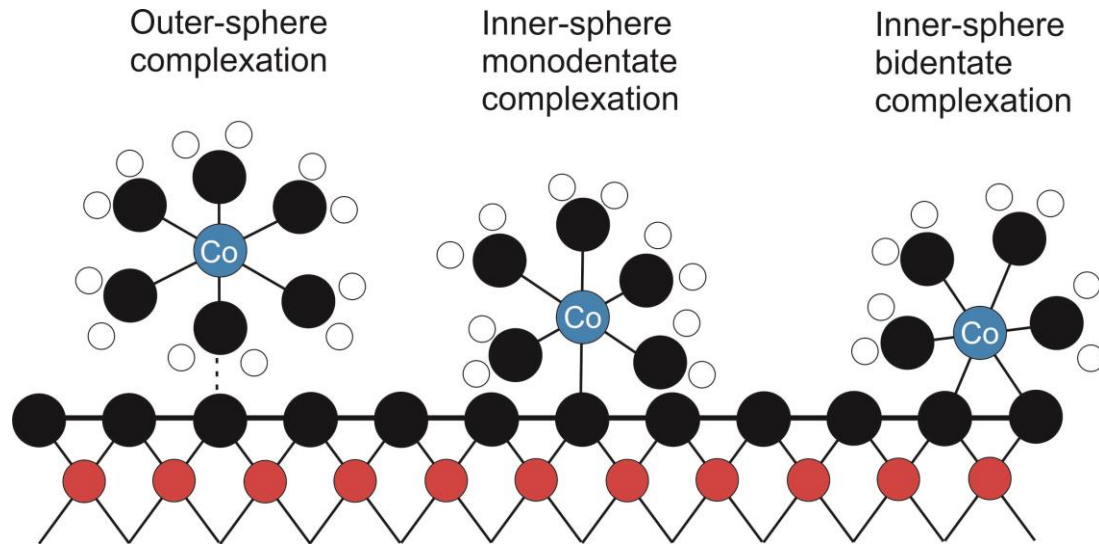
Reference

Theoretical sequence according to...
 ...Electronegativity
 ...Hydroxyl formation constants

Hg > Pb > Cd > Co > Ni > Zn > Cu > Cr
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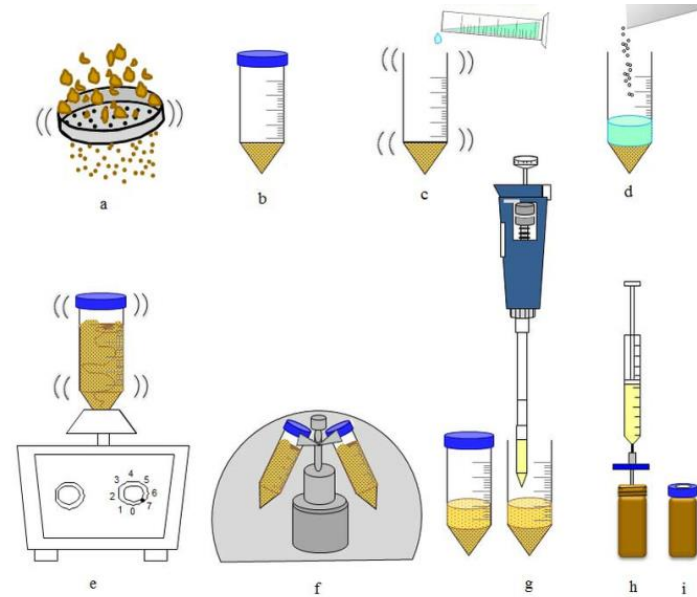
Antoniadis et al., 2017. *Earth Sci Rev*
 171, 621-645

INCREASING MOBILITY AND AVAILABILITY



Assessment of bioavailability

In vitro tests must enable quantification of the metal dissolution under realistic conditions, by extractions with one or more reagents simulating soil solution



In vivo tests are generally considered the best bioavailability tests, as the plant uptake measured in these tests is believed to resemble the natural conditions. However, these assays are time- and resource-consuming



Assessment of PTE bioavailable fractions

Rhizon-sampler → to monitor metal dissolved in pore water over time



Single-step extractions

1M NH_4NO_3 (ISO 19730, 2008) or 0.01M CaCl_2 (Houba *et al.*, 2000), to address the soluble and non-specifically adsorbed fractions

0.05M EDTA at pH 7 (Rauret *et al.*, 2001) or DTPA (Lindsay and Norvell, 1978), to quantify the potentially bioavailable fraction of metals organically-bound or specifically adsorbed by oxides and secondary clay minerals

Sequential extractions → 4-step EU-BRC (Rauret *et al.*, 1999) or Wenzel procedure (Wenzel *et al.*, 2001), to estimate the distribution of metals in presumed geochemical fractions

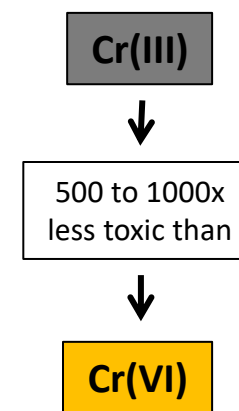
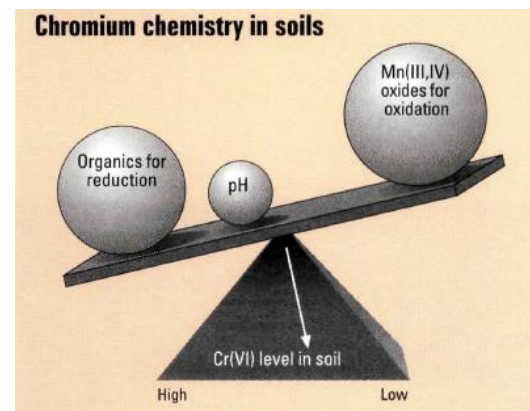
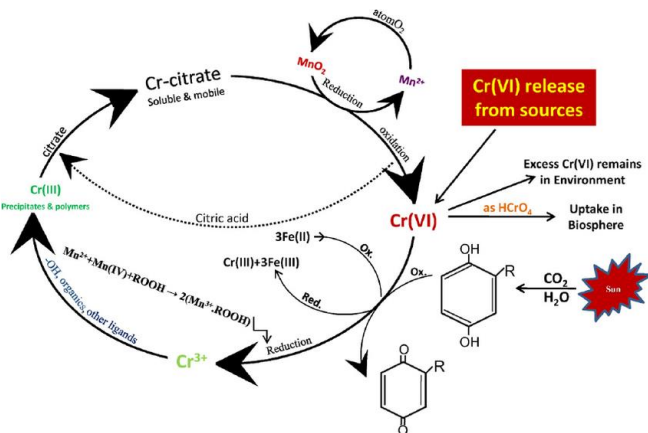
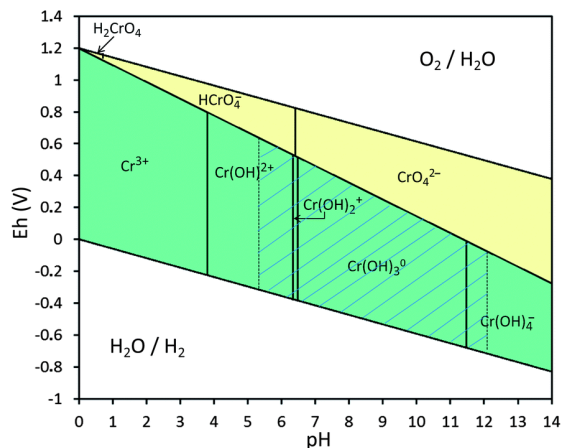
Fraction	Extracting agent	Extracting conditions	
		Shaking time	Temperature
Fr I- Exchangeable, water and acid soluble	0.11 mol·L ⁻¹ CH_3COOH (pH= 7)	16 h	20 - 25°C
Fr II- Reducible e.g. bound to iron and manganese oxyhydroxides	0.5 mol·L ⁻¹ $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (pH = 1.5)	16 h	20-25°C
Fr III- Oxidisable e.g. bound to organic matter and sulfides	30% H_2O_2 (pH=2.0) and then 1.0 mol·L ⁻¹ $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$ (pH=2.0)	1, 2, 16 h	20-25, 85, 20-25°C
Fr IV- Residual, non-silicate bound metals	<i>Aqua regia</i>	2.5 h	60-70°C

Passive sampler → diffusive gradients in thin films (DGT) or semipermeable membrane, to measure the freely dissolved concentration of organic pollutants in equilibrium with the rapidly desorbing fraction

Non-exhaustive techniques → mild solvent extraction, solid sorbents (e.g. Tenax) and hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin (HPCD), to extract the rapidly desorbing fraction of organic pollutants from soil

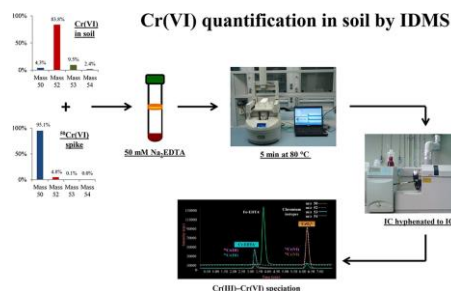
The assessment of PTE chemical species

The bioavailability of the PTEs is closely interlinked with their chemical speciation, i.e. the distribution of elements among their various chemical forms

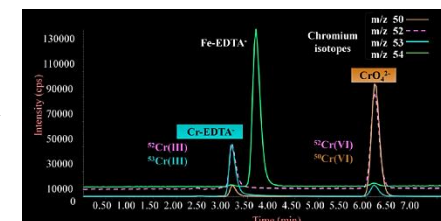


Isotope dilution mass spectrometry (IDMS)

- ✓ correction of Cr redox interconversions
- ✓ low detection limits
- ✓ *Cr extraction phase at high temperature*



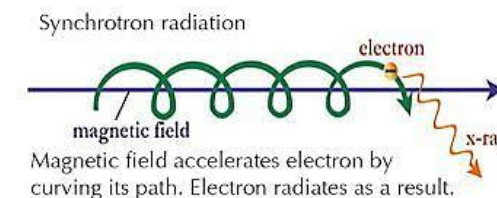
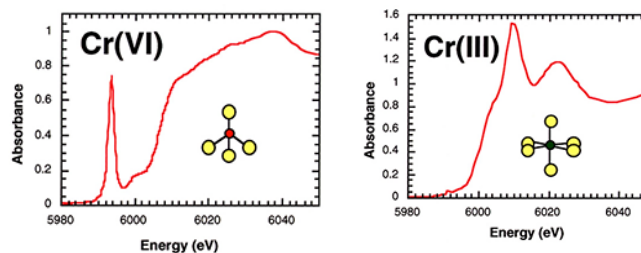
IC coupled to ICP-MS



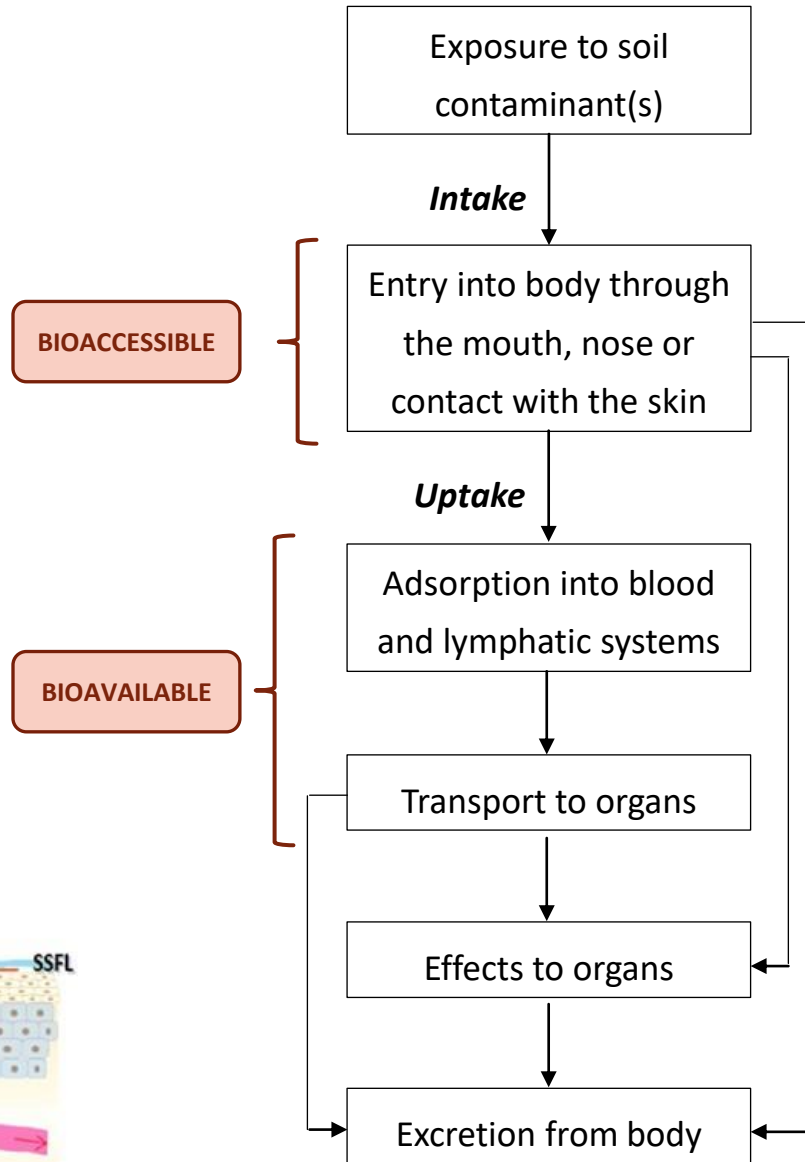
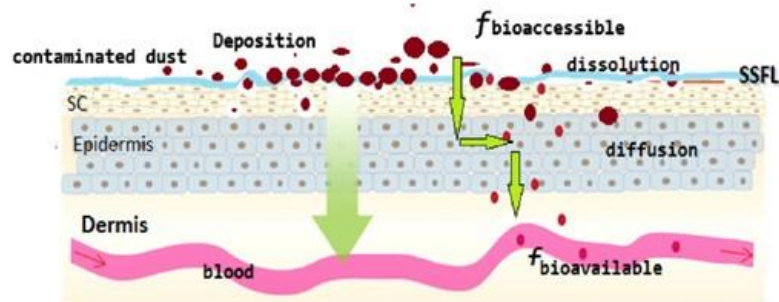
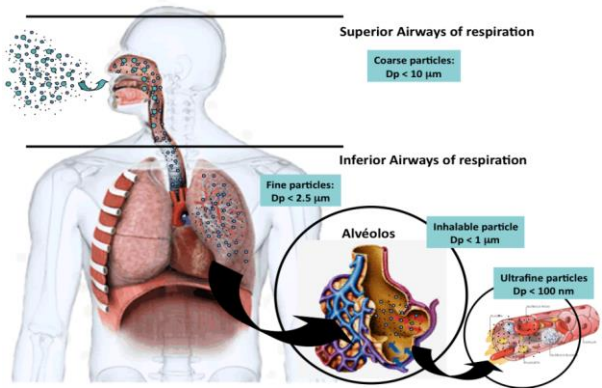
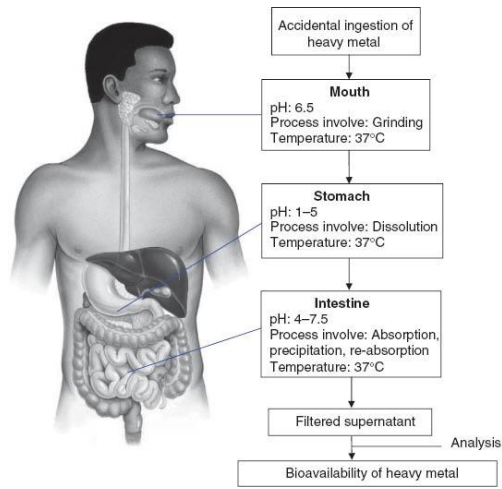
Cr(III) - Cr(VI) speciation

Synchrotron X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)

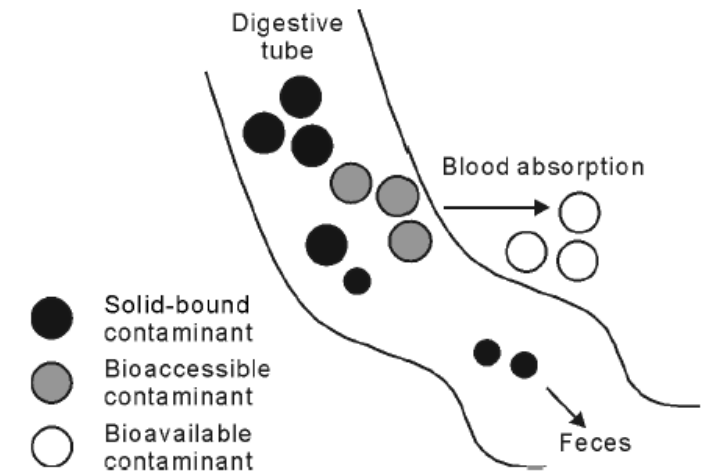
- ✓ high element specificity
- ✓ limited sample preparation
- ✓ *high level of expertise*
- ✓ *high detection limits*



Bioaccessibility vs bioavailability of soil contaminants



The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) defines as bioaccessible a substance 'able to come in contact with a living organism and interact with it' and bioavailable a substance 'able to be absorbed by living organisms'

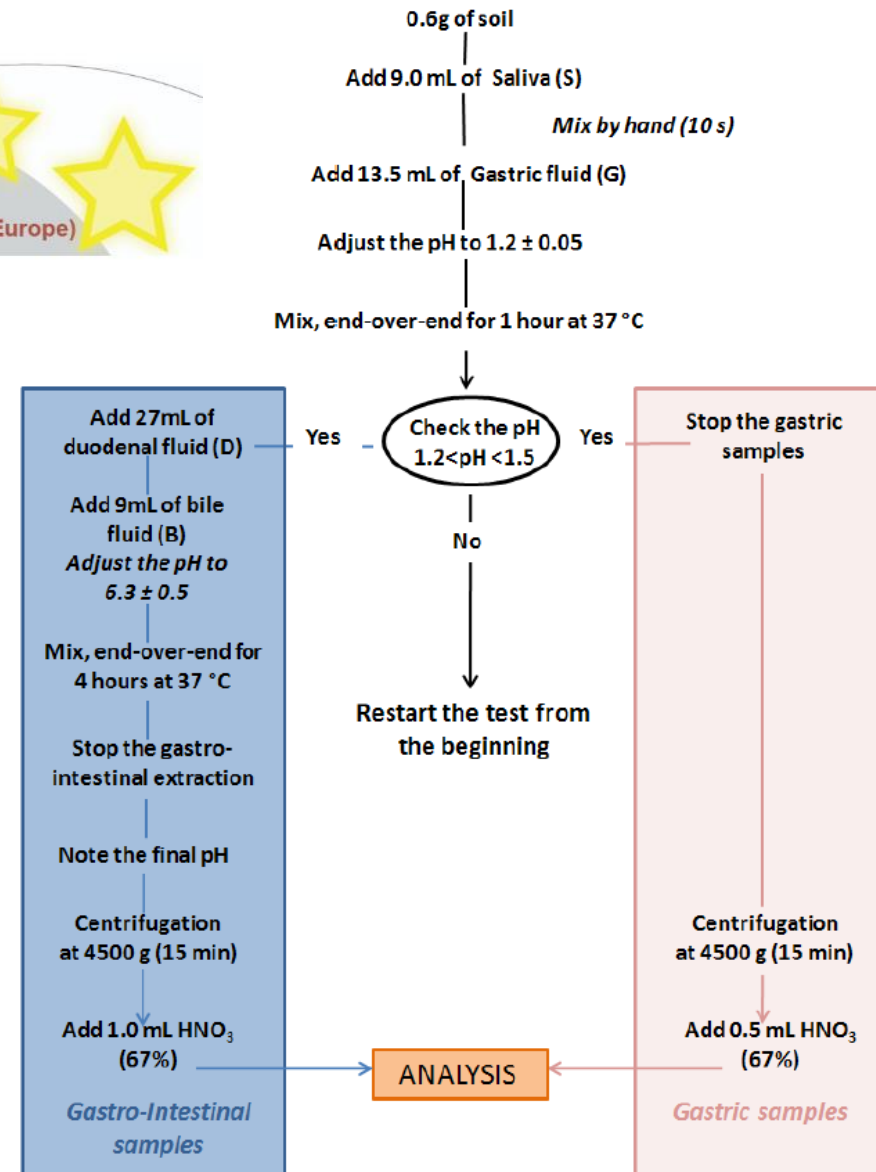


Source: Kumpiene et al., 2017. *Pedosphere* 27(3): 389-406

Methodological complexity of in-vitro assays



	REAGENTS	Saliva (S)	Gastric (G)	Duodenal (D)	Bile (B)	Volume (mL)
Inorganic (I)	KCl	448	412	282	188	
	NaH ₂ PO ₄	444	133	-	-	
	KSCN	100	-	-	-	
	Na ₂ SO ₄	285	-	-	-	
	NaCl	149	1376	3506	2630	
	CaCl ₂	-	200	-	-	250
	NH ₄ Cl	-	153	-	-	
	NaHCO ₃	-	-	2803.5	2893	
	KH ₂ PO ₄	-	-	40	-	
	MgCl ₂	-	-	25	-	
	NaOH (1M)	0.9 mL	-	-	-	
	HCl (37%)	-	4.15 mL	90 uL	90 uL	
Organic (O)	Urea	100 mg	42.5	50	125	
	Glucose	-	325	-	-	250
	Glucuronic acid	-	10	-	-	
	Glucosamine hydrochloride	-	165	-	-	
Enzymes	Alpha amylase	72.5 mg	-	-	-	
	Mucin	25 mg	1500	-	-	
	Uric acid	7.5 mg	-	-	-	
	Bovine Serum Albumin	-	500	500	900	
	Pepsin	-	500	-	-	250+250=500
	CaCl ₂	-	-	100	111	
	Pancreatin	-	-	1500	-	
	Lipase	-	-	250	-	
	Bile	-	-	-	3000	
pH	I+O	6,5 +/- 0,5	1,1 +/- 0,1	7,4 +/- 0,2	8 +/- 0,2	



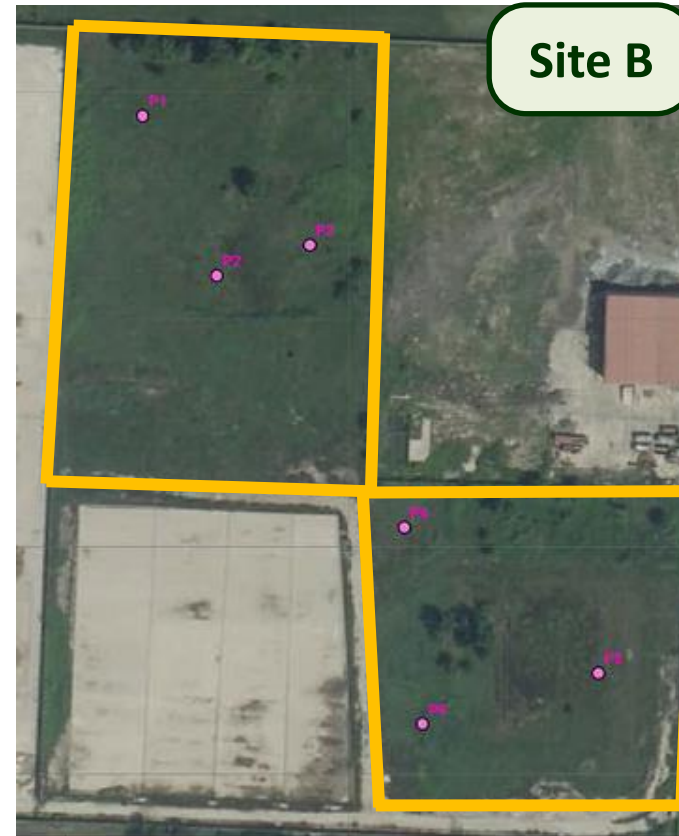
Highly-contaminated case studies

6 ha of farmland currently confiscated by the Italian Judiciary due to past illegal burial of industrial wastes



Main pollutants: Cr (max 4500 ppm) and Zn (1850) and hydrocarbons C>12 (1800)

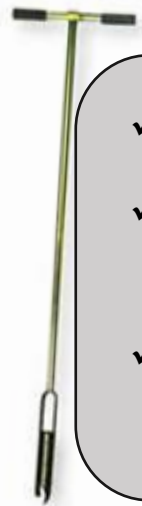
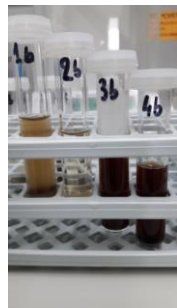
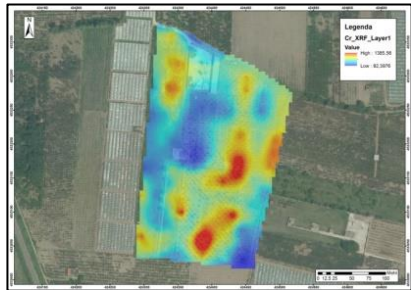
3.5 ha of industrial soil inside an automobile-battery recycling plant in operation since 1970



Main pollutants: Pb (max 80000 ppm), Sb (1475), As (312) and Cd (235)



Soil characterization and phytoremediation plants



- ✓ Sampling grid: **20 x 20 m**
- ✓ Depths at site A: **0-20, 30-60, 70-90 cm**
- ✓ Depths at site B: **0-10, 10-40 cm**

IMPLEMENTATION OF ECO-COMPATIBLE PROTOCOLS FOR AGRICULTURAL SOIL REMEDIATION IN LITORALE DOMIZIO-AGRO AVERSANO NIPS (LIFE11/ENV/IT/275 – ECOREMED)



Phytoremediation plants consisting of poplar trees (*Populus nigra* L.) and permanent grass cover, assisted by compost amendment and irrigation system, were then implemented on both sites years ago



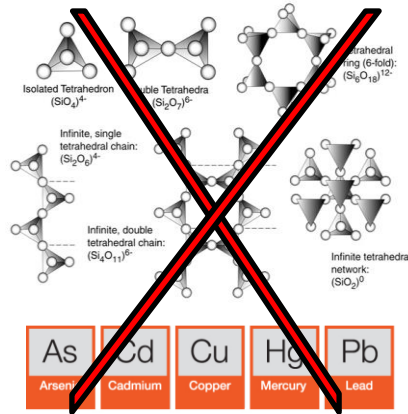
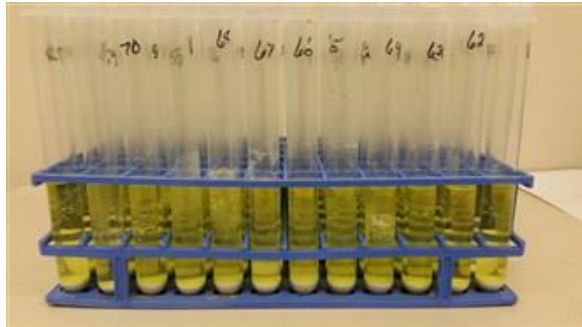
Site A



Site B

Benchmark lab-based technique

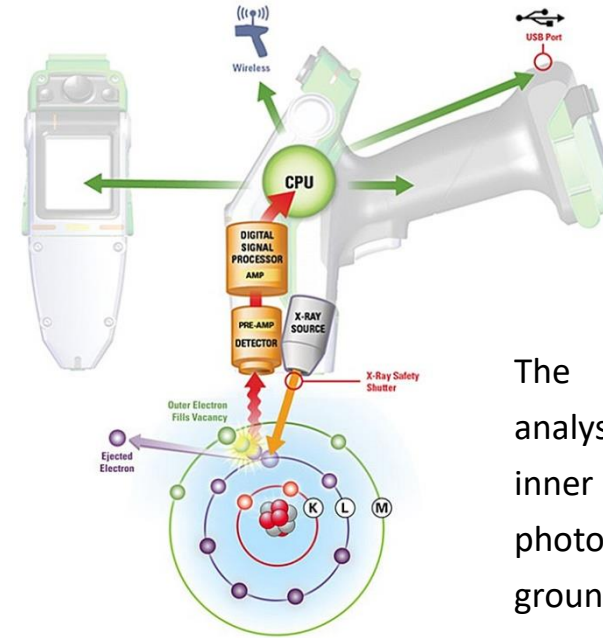
Microwave-assisted soil digestion by *aqua regia* (3:1 v/v, HCl to HNO₃), followed by analysis of metal-containing extracts by AAS or ICP-OES/MS (ISO standard 54321, USEPA method 3051A), determines the **pseudo total content** of the analysed elements



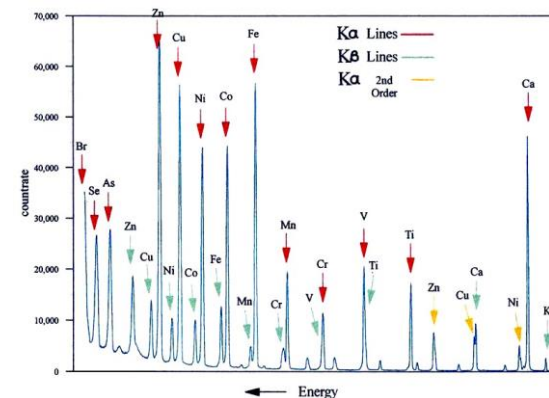
Aqua regia does not produce a complete soil digestion because the least acid-soluble components as **metal-bearing silicates are not completely dissolved** and are thus not included within the analytical measure



Portable-XRF technique

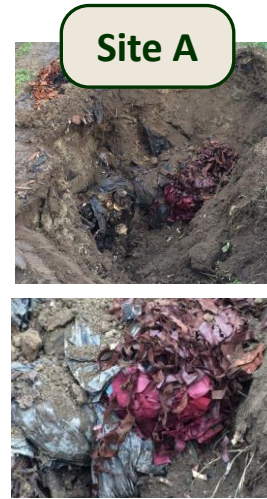
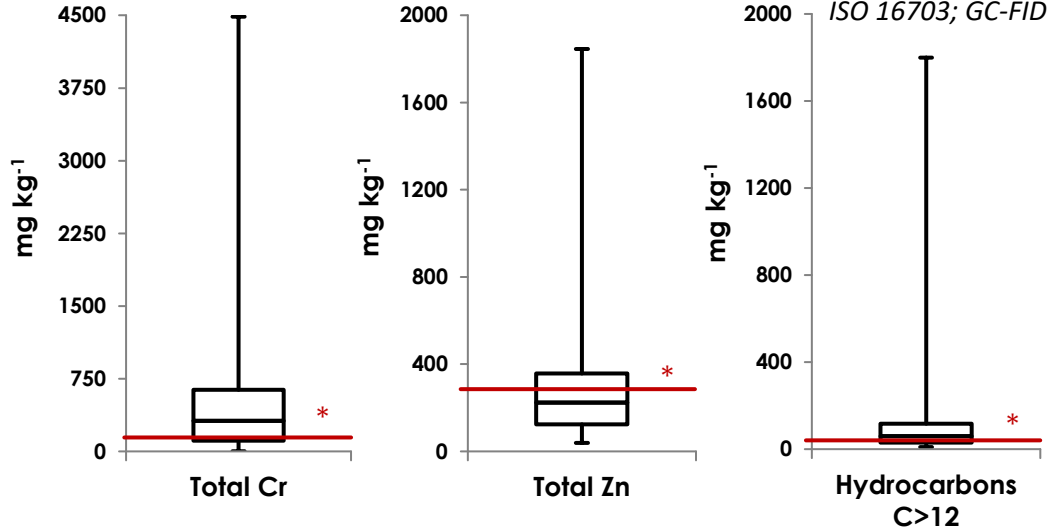


The X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis is based on the excitation of inner electrons and the emission of photons after they relax to their ground state (fluorescence)

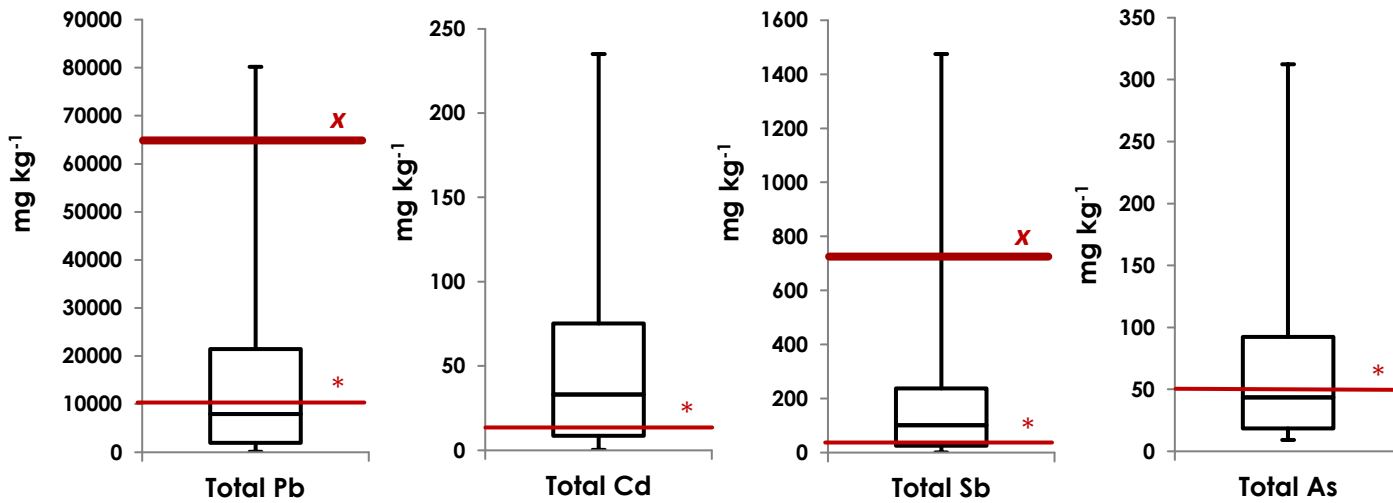


In short time, pXRF provides accurate total elemental contents in soil samples (USEPA method 6200), although it does not have very sensitive detection limits

Main soil pollutants



* Italian screening values for agricultural (site A) and industrial (site B) soils (M.D. 46/2019 and L.D. 152/2006, respectively)



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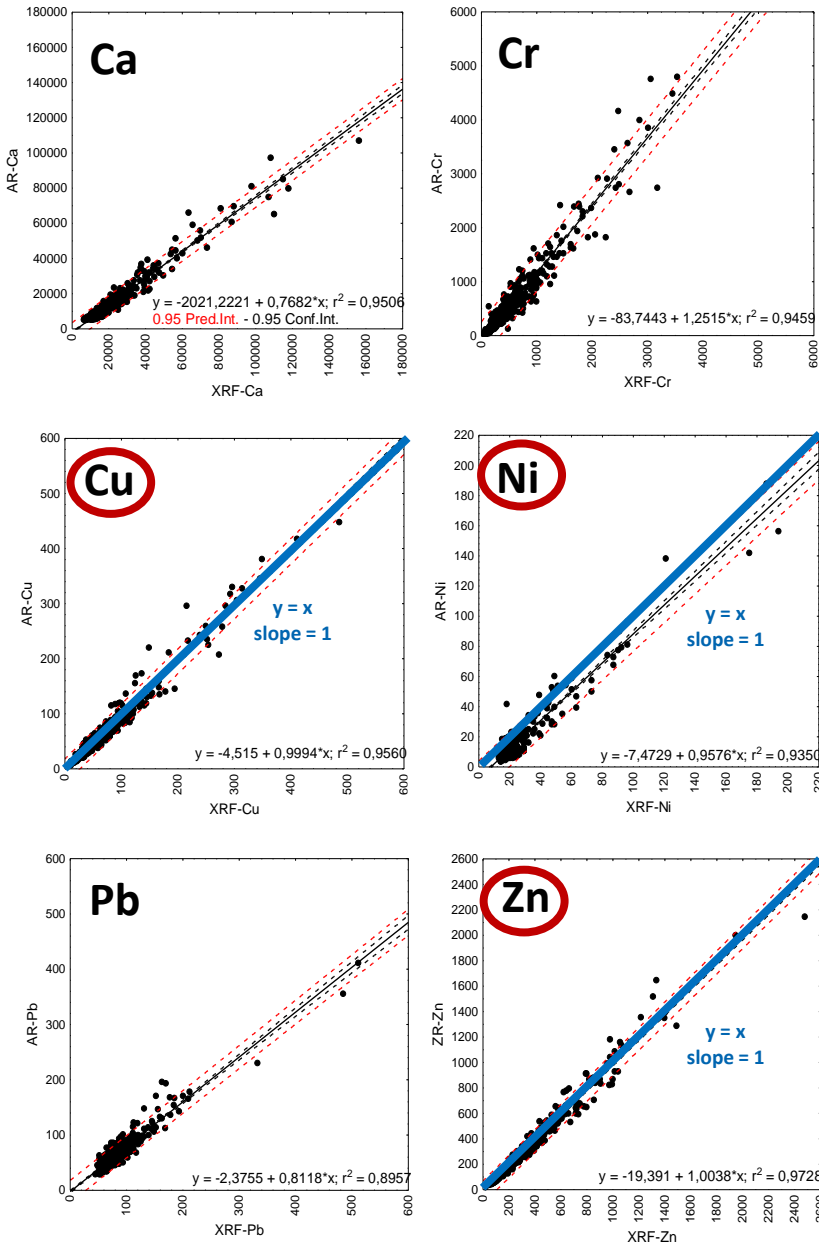
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* Risk trigger values obtained by site-specific risk assessment

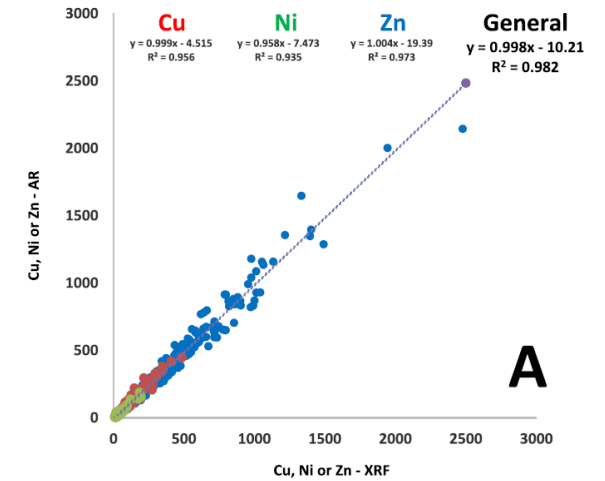
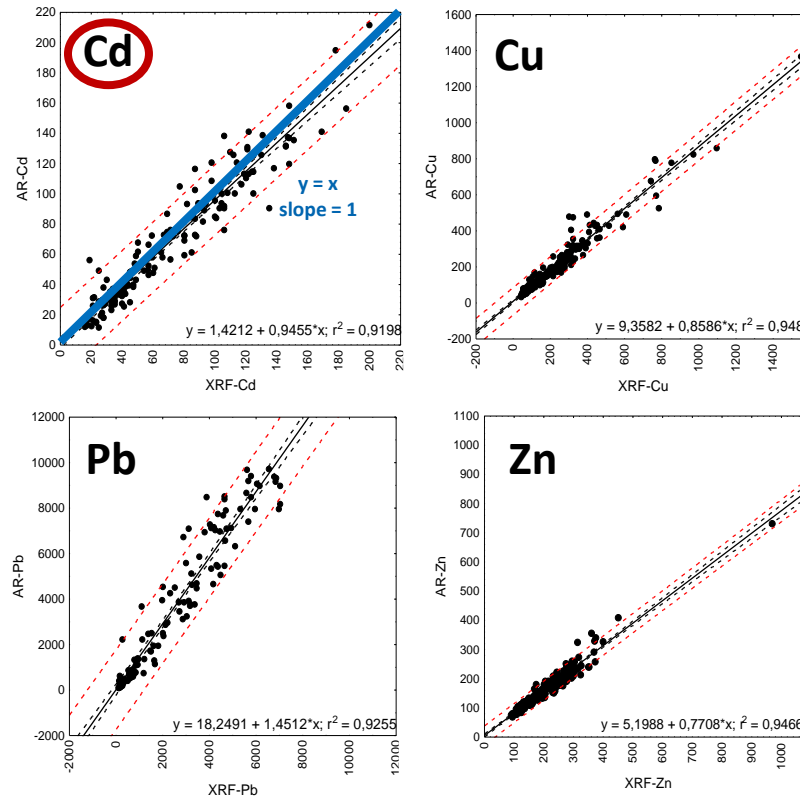
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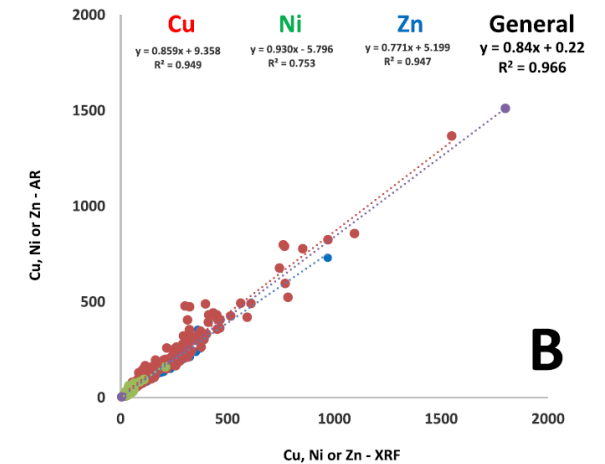
Best linear regression fits

Very satisfying correlations ($R^2 > 0.90$) were observed between AR and pXRF contents of ...

Site B



Multielement linear regressions

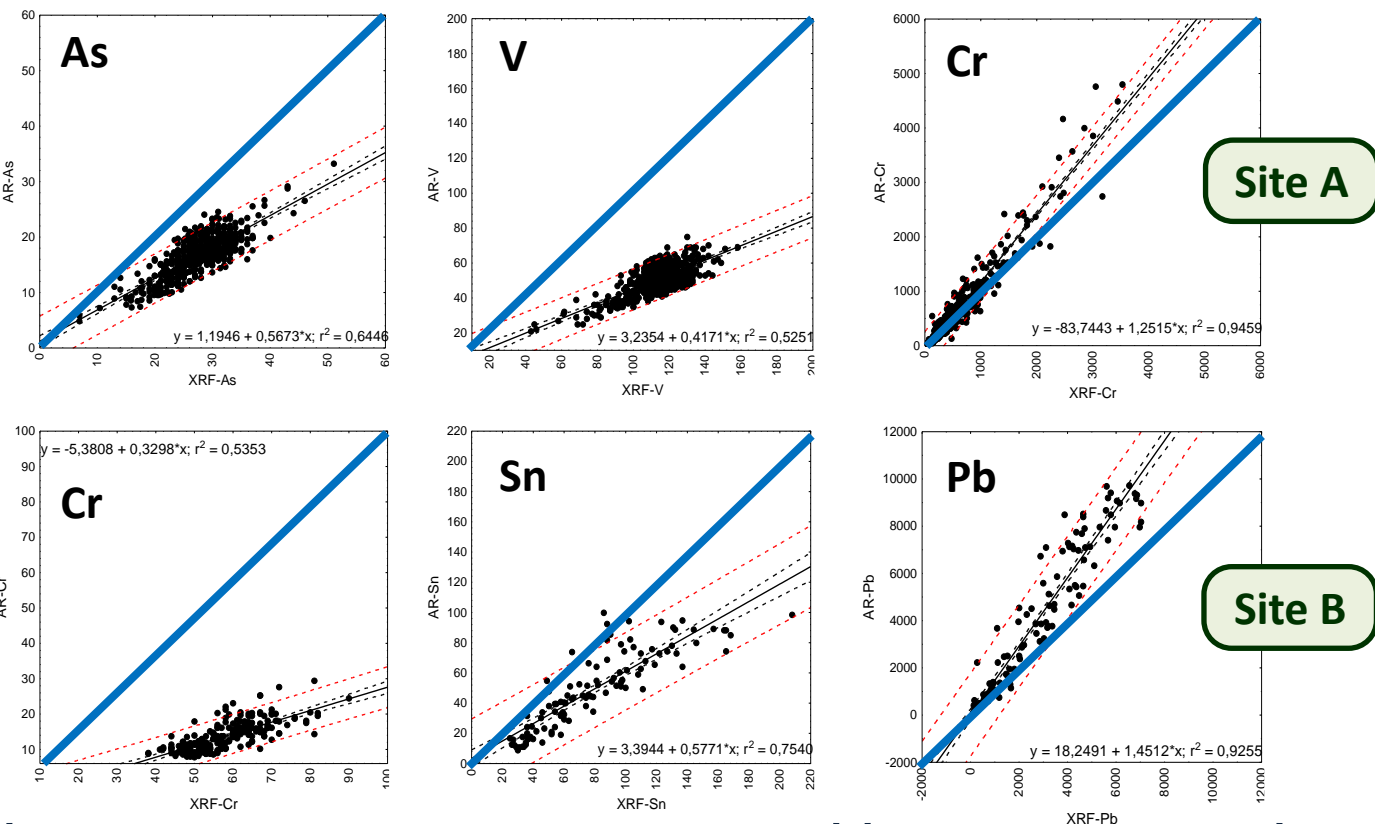


Metal-dependent and site-specific models

The comparison among different regression parameters revealed that regression models were strongly site-specific and metal-dependent

slopes < 1

slopes ≥ 1



Lithogenic origin

Anthropogenic origin

	Slope		Intercept		R ²	
	Site A	Site B	Site A	Site B	Site A	Site B
As	0.567	0.391	1	19	0.64	0.69
Ca	0.768	1.409	-2021	-12383	0.95	0.73
Cr	1.252	0.330	-84	-5	0.95	0.54
Cu	0.999	0.859	-5	9	0.96	0.95
Fe	0.623	0.420	3901	10248	0.47	0.62
K	0.103	0.235	3913	3808	0.37	0.59
Mn	0.615	0.538	53	244	0.66	0.73
Nb	-0.126	-0.033	13	7	0.17	0.01
Ni	0.958	0.855	-7	-3	0.94	0.83
Pb	0.812	1.451	-2	18	0.90	0.93
Rb	0.316	0.538	15	-18	0.75	0.53
Sn	1.310	0.577	-22	3	0.96	0.75
Sr	0.093	0.288	109	57	0.06	0.39
Th	0.308	0.154	3	6	0.25	0.31
Ti	0.615	0.276	-480	511	0.56	0.57
V	0.417	0.351	3	16	0.53	0.47
Zn	1.004	0.771	-19	5	0.97	0.95
Zr	0.151	0.012	-13	19	0.16	0.02

I_{geo} and EF

The magnitude of the anthropogenic fraction in soil metal contents was estimated by the geoaccumulation index (I_{geo}) and metal enrichment factor (EF)

Anthropogenic pollution categories:

(I_{geo} ≤ 0) practically uncontaminated

(0 < I_{geo} ≤ 1) uncontaminated to moderately contaminated

(1 < I_{geo} ≤ 2) moderately contaminated

(2 < I_{geo} ≤ 3) moderately to heavily contaminated

(3 < I_{geo} ≤ 4) heavily contaminated

(4 < I_{geo} < 5) heavily to very heavily contaminated

(I_{geo} ≥ 5) very heavily contaminated

$$I_{geo} = \log_2 \left[\frac{C_n}{1.5B_n} \right]$$

I _{geo}											
	As	Ca	Cr	Cu	K	Ni	Pb	Sn	Zn		
I _{geo} site A	-0.10 (0)	1.09 (2)	3.03 (4)	2.13 (3)	0.34 (1)	ND	0.30 (1)	ND	1.84 (2)		
I _{geo} site B	1.66 (2)	0.44 (1)	-0.25 (0)	2.83 (3)	-0.17 (0)	0.24 (1)	4.80 (5)	1.04 (2)	0.94 (1)		
	Fe	Mn	Nb	Rb	Sr	Th	Ti	U	V	Y	Zr
I _{geo} site A	-0.72 (0)	-0.19 (0)	-0.50 (0)	-0.11 (0)	-0.46 (0)	-0.46 (0)	-0.79 (0)	-0.21 (0)	-0.76 (0)	-0.50 (0)	-0.48 (0)
I _{geo} site B	-0.62 (0)	-0.77 (0)	-0.73 (0)	-0.03 (0)	-0.28 (0)	-0.74 (0)	-0.97 (0)	ND	-0.88 (0)	ND	-0.80 (0)

EF											
	As	Ca	Cr	Cu	K	Ni	Pb	Sn	Zn		
EF site A	1.40 (<2)	3.19 (2-5)	12.22 (5-20)	6.56 (5-20)	1.91 (<2)	ND	1.84 (<2)	ND	5.37 (5-20)		
EF site B	4.84 (2-5)	2.09 (2-5)	1.29 (<2)	10.95 (5-20)	1.36 (<2)	1.81 (<2)	42.61 (>40)	3.15 (2-5)	2.94 (2-5)		
	Fe	Mn	Nb	Rb	Sr	Th	Ti	U	V	Y	Zr
EF site A	0.91 (<2)	1.32 (<2)	1.06 (<2)	1.39 (<2)	1.09 (<2)	1.09 (<2)	0.87 (<2)	1.30 (<2)	0.89 (<2)	1.06 (<2)	1.07 (<2)
EF site B	1.00 (<2)	0.90 (<2)	0.93 (<2)	1.51 (<2)	1.27 (<2)	0.92 (<2)	0.79 (<2)	ND	0.83 (<2)	ND	0.88 (<2)

Metal enrichment categories:

(EF ≤ 2) deficiency to minimal

(2 < EF ≤ 5) moderate

(5 < EF ≤ 20) significant

(20 < EF ≤ 40) very high

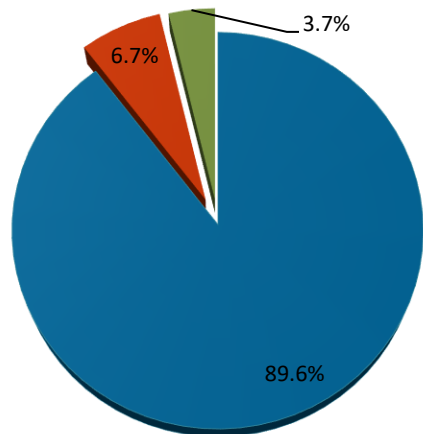
(EF > 40) extremely high

$$EFs = \frac{C/Fe_{(sample)}}{C/Fe_{(earth's crust)}}$$

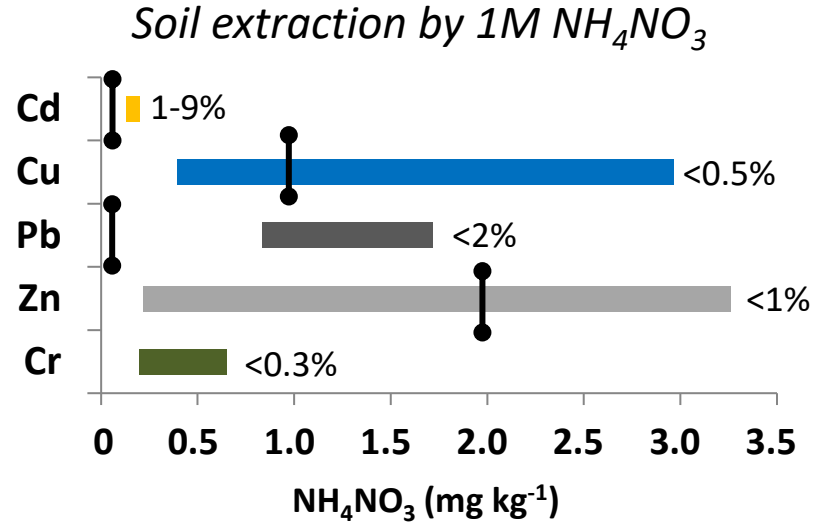
Site A: soil properties, and bioavailability to plants of main contaminants

SOIL PROPERTIES	RANGE
Texture	Sandy-loam
pH in H ₂ O (R=1:2.5)	7.4 – 8.0
O.M. (g kg ⁻¹)	8 – 50
Carbonates (g kg ⁻¹)	1 – 79
C.E.C. (cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)	18 – 29

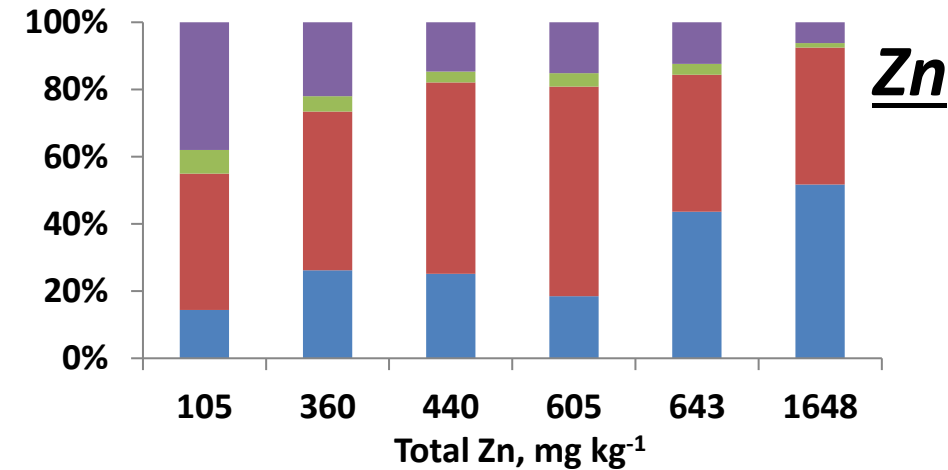
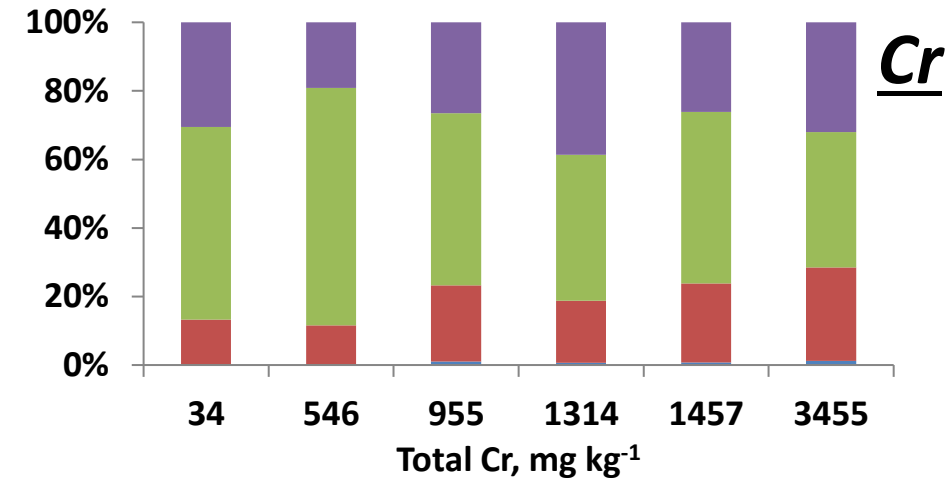
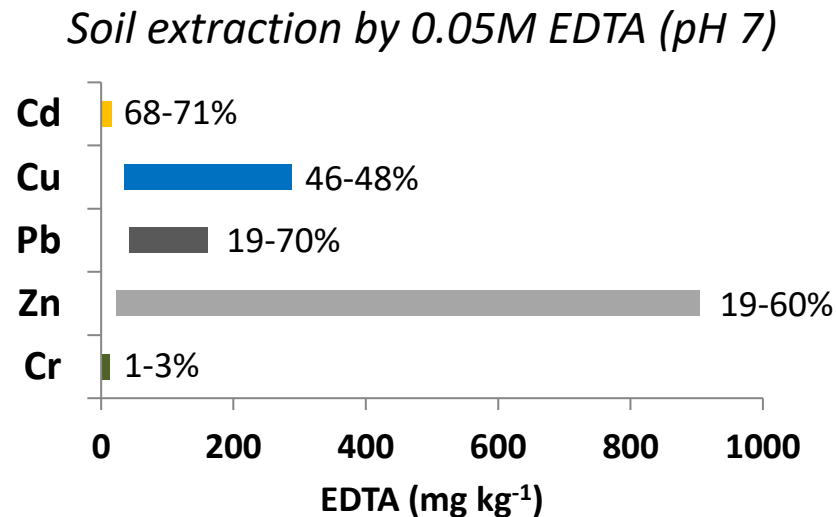
- ✓ Aliphatic hydrocarbons C₁₉-C₃₆
- ✓ Aliphatic hydrocarbons C₉-C₁₈
- ✓ Other hydrocarbons (PAHs < 0.2%)



Reference → Agrelli, Caporale, Adamo, 2020. Agronomy 10, 1440



German trigger values (Carlson, 2007)



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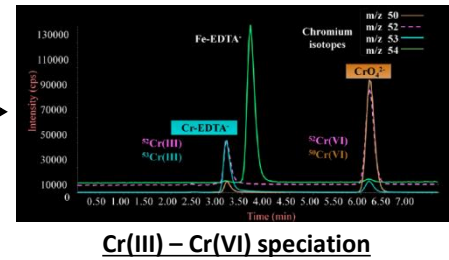
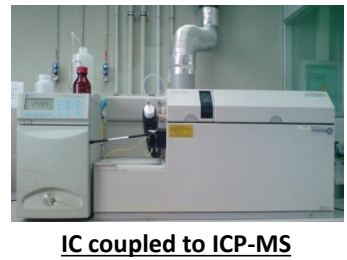
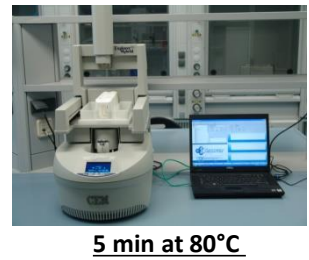
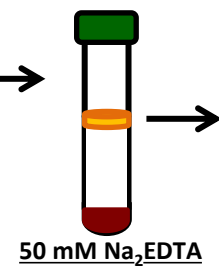
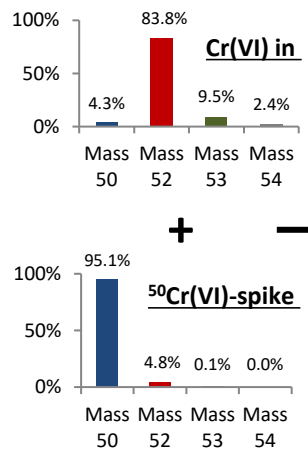
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Step 2: reducible fraction (associated to Fe and Mn oxides)

Step 3: oxidisable fraction (associated to organic matter)

Step 4: residual fraction (occluded in non-siliceous minerals)

Chromium speciation by IC-IDMS



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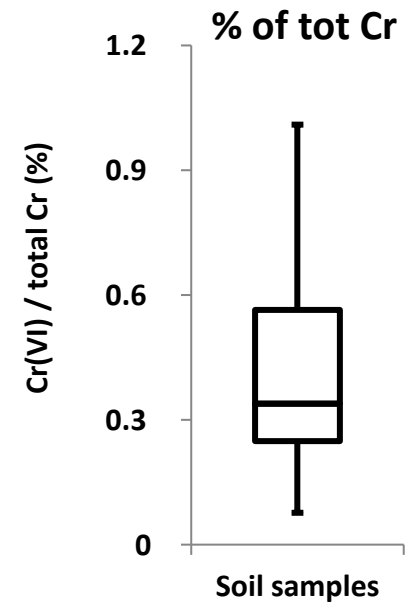
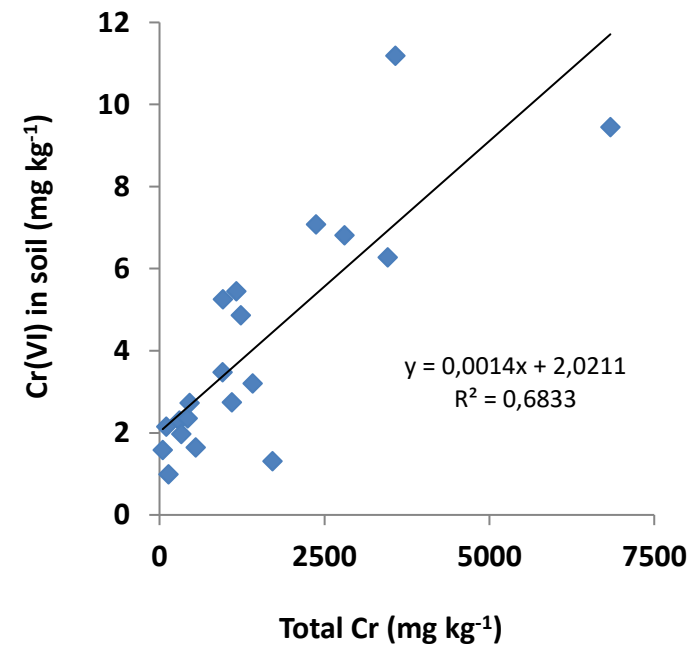
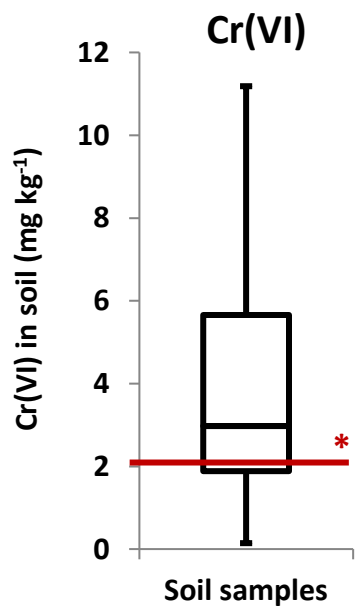
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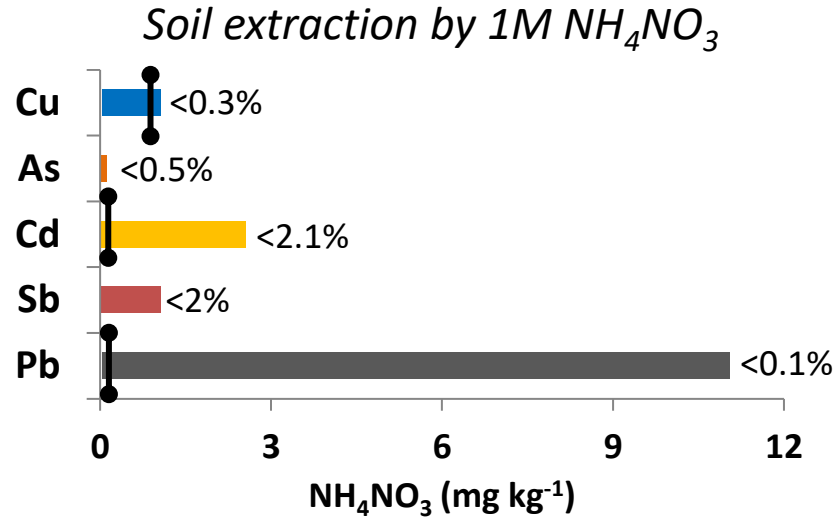
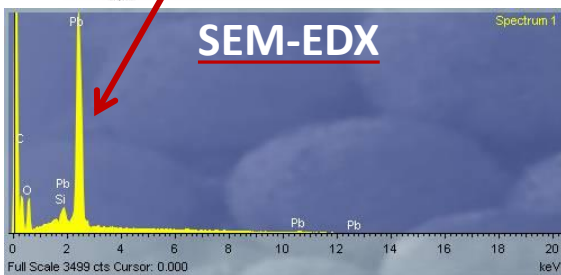
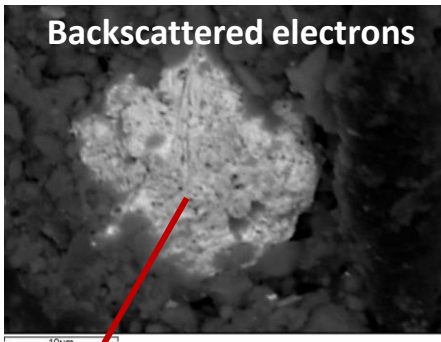
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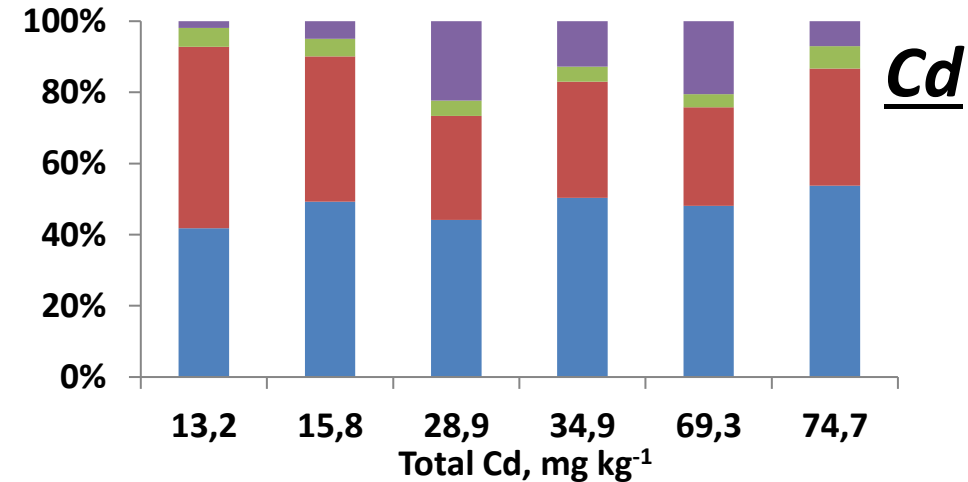
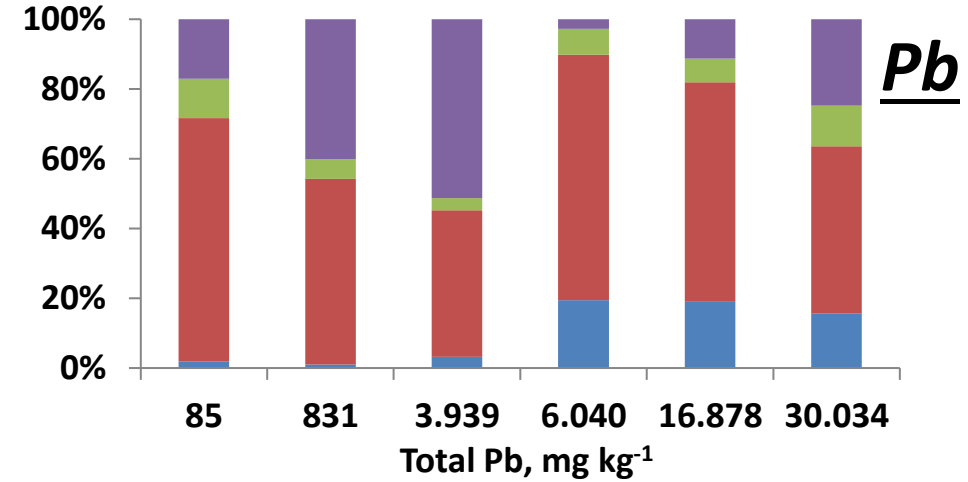
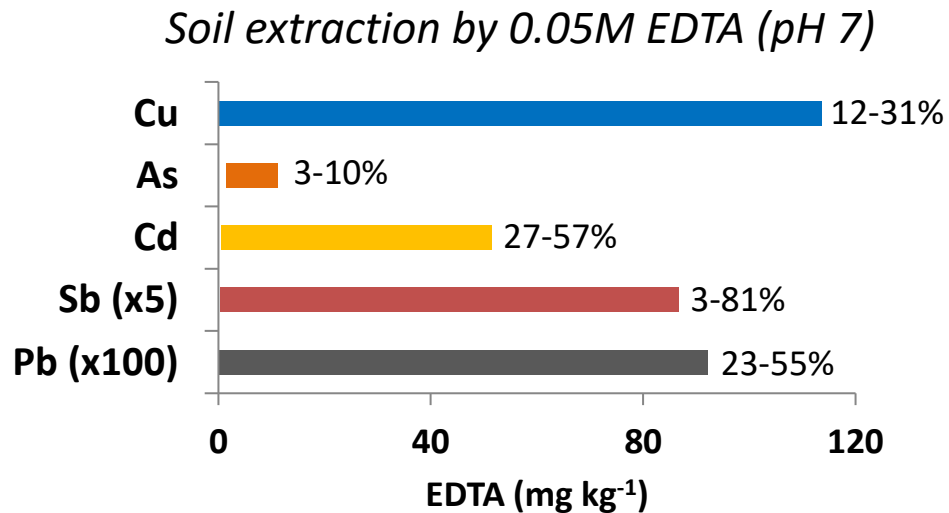
* Italian screening value for agricultural soils (M.D. 46/2019)

Site B: soil properties, and PTE bioavailability to plants

SOIL PROPERTIES	RANGE
Texture	Sandy-loam
pH in H ₂ O (R=1:2.5)	7.4 – 8.5
O.M. (g kg ⁻¹)	13 – 31
Carbonates (g kg ⁻¹)	2 – 151
C.E.C. (cmol ₍₊₎ kg ⁻¹)	9 – 27



German trigger values (Carlson, 2007)



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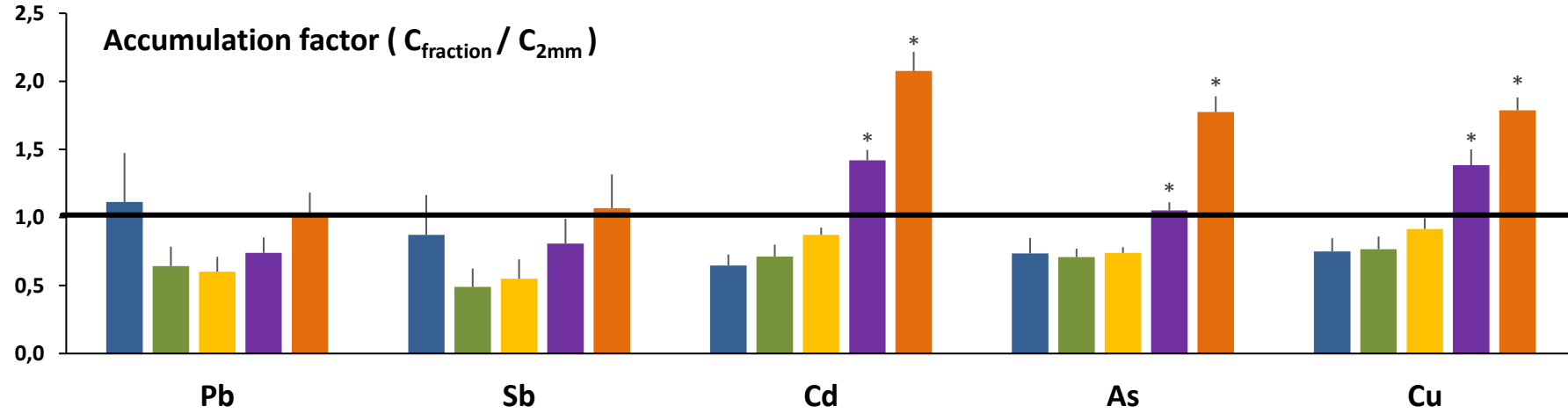
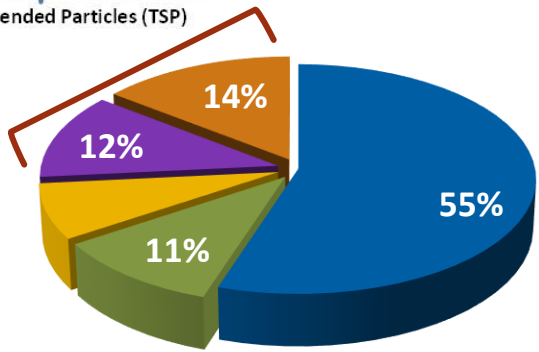
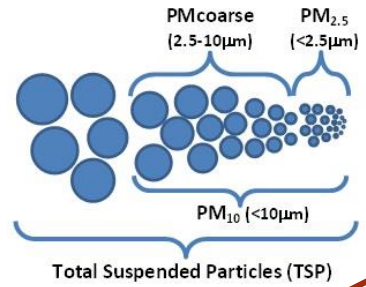
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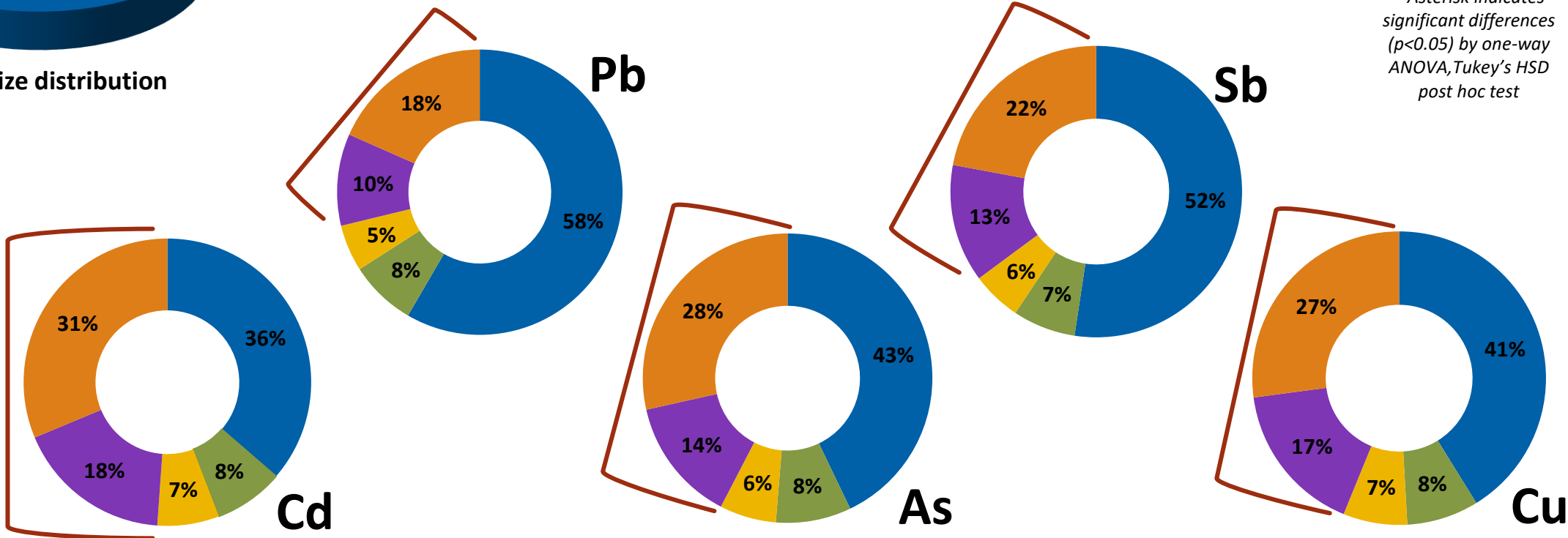
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Site B: PTE-distribution in soil particle-size fractions

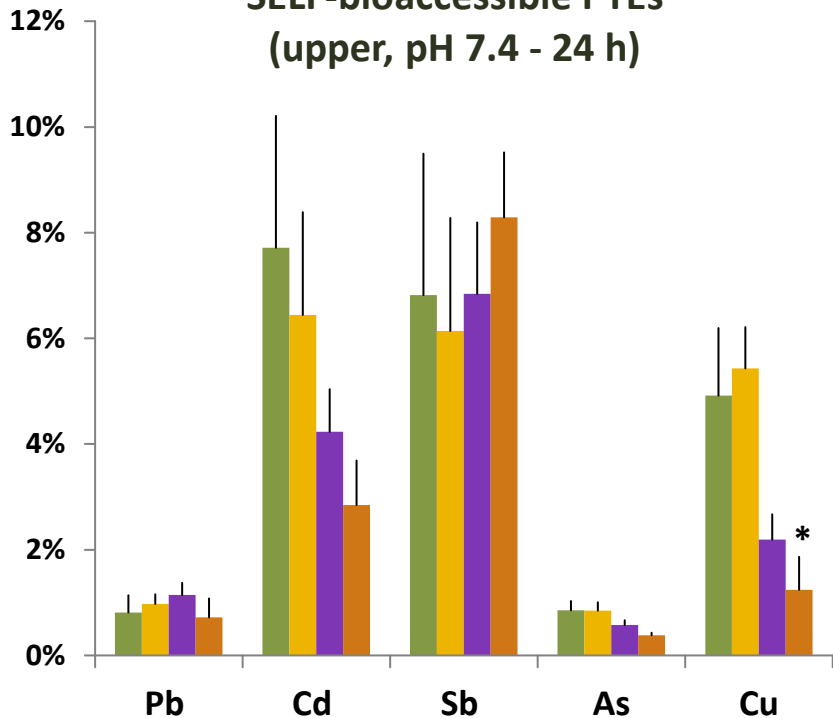


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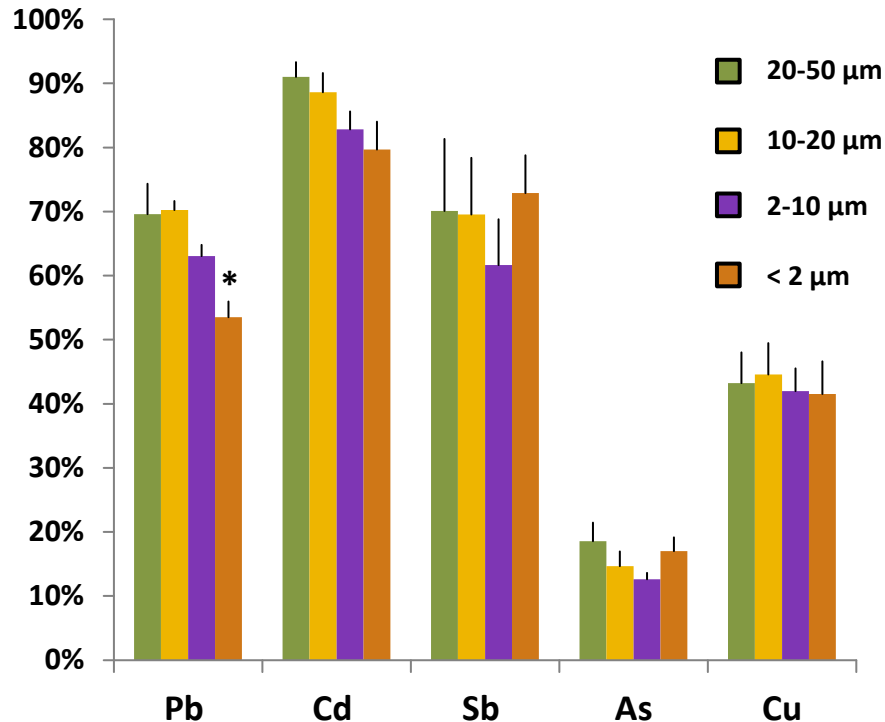
Lung bioaccessibility test

SELF-bioaccessible PTEs
(upper, pH 7.4 - 24 h)



Bars indicate mean PTE relative bioaccessibility ± SE

ALF-bioaccessible PTEs (lower, pH 4.5 - 24 h)



* Asterisks indicates significant differences ($p < 0.05$) by one-way ANOVA

Health Risk Assessment

$$ADD_{inhalation} = C \times \frac{IR \times EF \times ED}{PEF \times BW \times AT}$$

$$ADD_{dermal} = C \times \frac{SL \times SA \times ABS \times EF \times ED}{BW \times AT} \times 10^{-6}$$

$$ADD_{ingestion} = C \times \frac{IR \times EF \times ED}{BW \times AT} \times 10^{-6}$$

NON-CARCINOGENIC RISKS

$$HQ_{inh} = \frac{ADD_{inh}}{RfD_{inh}}$$

$$HQ_{der} = \frac{ADD_{der}}{RfD_{der}} \quad NCR = HI = \sum HQ_s$$

$$HQ_{ing} = \frac{ADD_{ing}}{RfD_{ing}}$$

CARCINOGENIC RISKS

$$CR = ADD \times CSF$$

$$CR_{total} = CR_{ing} + CR_{inh} + CR_{der}$$

	Pb	Cd	Sb	As	Cu
	mg kg ⁻¹				
B1 20-50 μm	4773 (52 d)*	31.1 (88 a)	84.5 (43 d)	4.9 (9 c)	117 (54 b)
B1 10-20 μm	5087 (71 a)	35.1 (84 b)	96.3 (53 b)	4.7 (9 c)	141 (58 a)
B1 2-10 μm	5393 (60 b)	50.0 (72 c)	131 (48 c)	9.7 (13 b)	200 (53 b)
B1 < 2 μm	6563 (55 c)	63.3 (65 d)	216 (61 a)	29.4 (24 a)	238 (50 c)

* Values in parenthesis refer to relative bioaccessibility (%). Different letters indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$) by one-way ANOVA



Urban soil environment

Soil is a crucial compartment of the urban ecosystem, threatened by anthropic activities, infrastructure sprawl and sealing



Sustainable management strategies of urban soil are strongly encouraged by policy-makers, to preserve urban soil from anthropic degradation/contamination, to enhance its ecosystem functions and services, to produce safe and quality food, and promote social aggregation



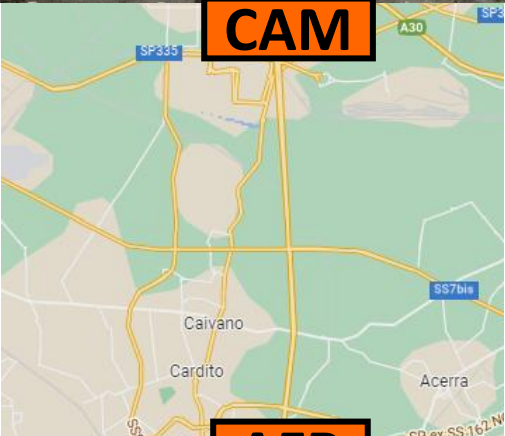
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Study sites: urban vegetable gardens



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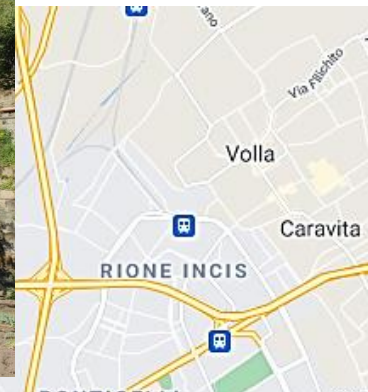
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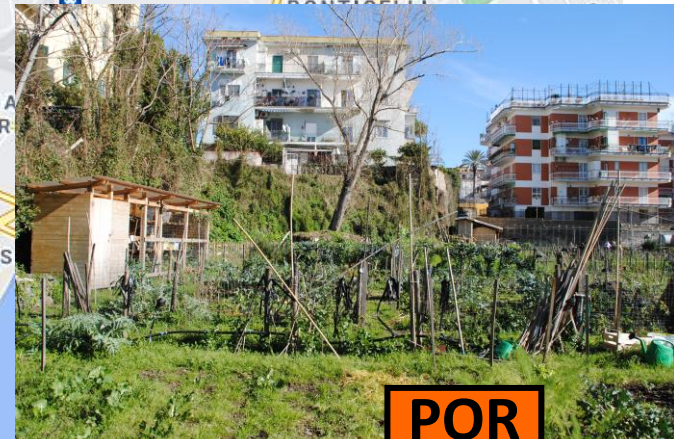
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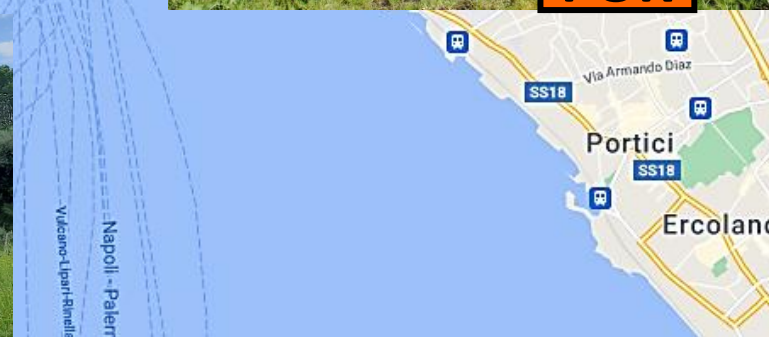
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Urban soil quality

PHYSICO-CHEMICAL INDICATORS	MIN	MEDIAN	MAX	Sign. (among study areas)	PTE or PAH	MIN	MEDIAN	MAX	Sign. (among study areas)	M.D. 46/2019
Sand (g kg ⁻¹)	623	728	744	ns	Zn (mg kg ⁻¹)	80	97	276	***	300
Silt (g kg ⁻¹)	160	171	349	***	Cu (mg kg ⁻¹)	28	93	139	***	200
Clay (g kg ⁻¹)	70	97	185	**	Pb (mg kg ⁻¹)	38	57	267	**	100
pH (in H ₂ O; SSR: 1.2.5)	6.81	7.69	8.03	***	V (mg kg ⁻¹)	55	67	110	***	90
EC (in H ₂ O; dS m ⁻¹ ; SSR: 1.5)	0.08	0.11	0.13	*	Cr (mg kg ⁻¹)	5	14	45	***	150
Carbonates (g kg ⁻¹)	0.5	7.4	11.2	***	As (mg kg ⁻¹)	11	15	16	***	30
Organic C (g kg ⁻¹)	15.5	17.7	28.3	**	Ni (mg kg ⁻¹)	5	10	20	***	120
Total N (g kg ⁻¹)	1.2	1.7	2.2	*	Cd (mg kg ⁻¹)	0.2	0.3	0.4	***	5
C/N	9.6	11.0	14.2	***	∑ total PAHs (mg kg ⁻¹)	<0.1	0.3	4.1	***	10
Total S (g kg ⁻¹)	0.57	0.64	0.88	***	Benzo (a) pirenene (mg kg ⁻¹)	<0.01	0.05	0.48	***	0.1
CEC (cmol+ kg ⁻¹)	12.8	18.1	23.1	***	∑ heavy/total PAHs (%)	90	96	100	***	-
Available P (Olsen; mg kg ⁻¹)	21.1	46.0	50.2	***	∑ cancerog/total PAHs (%)	0	48	57	***	-

One-way ANOVA, Tukey's HSD post hoc test (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; ns: not significant)

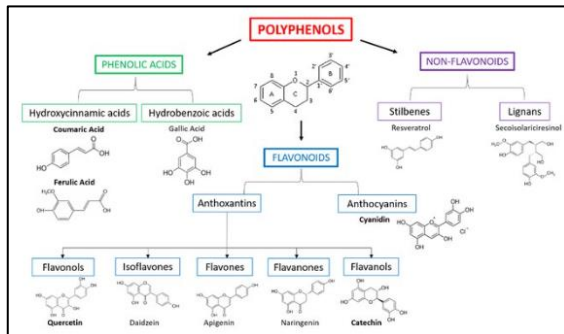
- ✓ Sandy-loam textured soils, with neutral or sub-alkaline pH, low EC, medium-high content of organic matter, bioavailable macro and micronutrients
- ✓ Enhanced soil fertility in organic/synergistic vs. conventional horticultural systems
- ✓ Low-to-moderate soil contamination and bioavailability of PTEs

Horticultural food quality and safety



ELEMENTAL PROFILE	N	K	Ca	S	P	Mg	Na	Fe	Zn	Mn	Cu	Pb	V	Cr	Ni	As	Cd
	g kg ⁻¹ DW							mg kg ⁻¹ DW									
Mean	25.5	24.5	10.7	5.0	3.1	1.9	0.7	219	23.1	21.4	7.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.15	0.11	0.05
Area	ns	**	ns	ns	ns	**	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Species	***	***	***	**	***	***	***	*	***	**	**	ns	*	*	**	**	***
Area x Species	ns	ns	*	ns	ns	**	**	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns

Two-way ANOVA, Duncan's multiple-range test (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; ns: not significant)

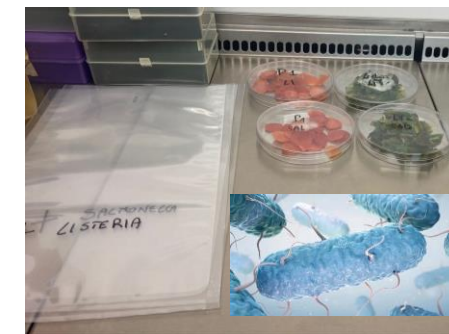
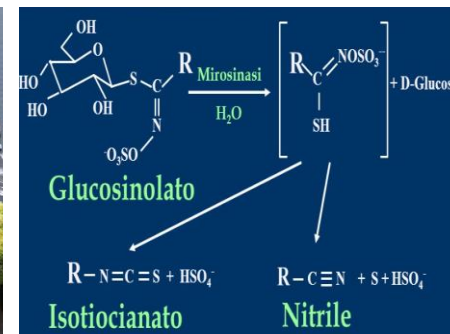
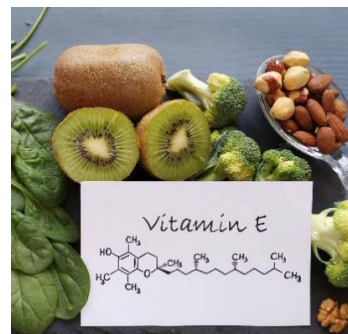


TYPES OF CAROTENOIDS

Beta-Carotene (β-carotene) and A-Carotene (α-Carotene)
 Closely related, as both are synthesized to form active A.
 Both found in fruits like papaya, spinach, sweet potatoes and carrots.
 Have anti-inflammatory, cancer-genotoxic effects.

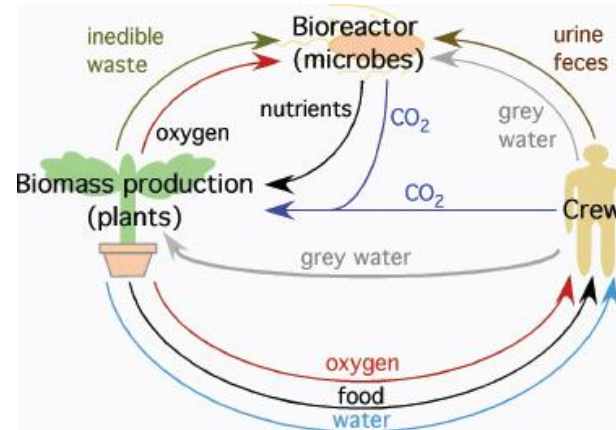
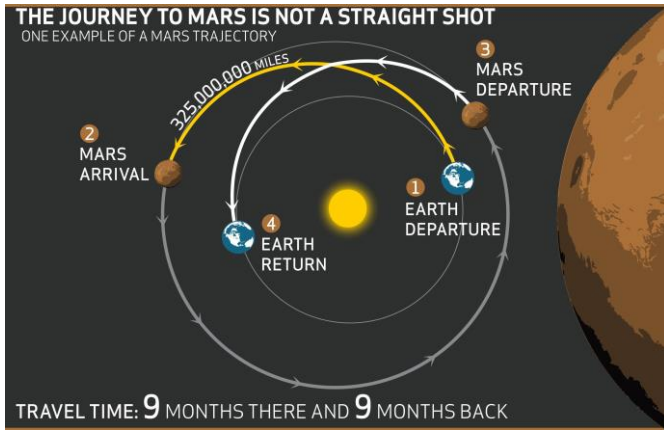
Lutein and Zeaxanthin
 The only two found in the retina and lens of the human eye.
 Improve eye health and protect vision.
 Best sources: leafy dark leafy greens, vegetables and cod liver oil.
 Lower age-related eye problems including macular degeneration and cataracts.

Lycopene
 Best source in tomatoes, especially cooked tomatoes.
 Reduce risk for developing prostate cancer.



Listeria monocytogenes
&
Salmonella spp.

Extraterrestrial environments



Bioregenerative life support systems (BLSS)

In situ resource utilization (ISRU)

→ use of native materials and waste as primary resources



Martian/Lunar simulants

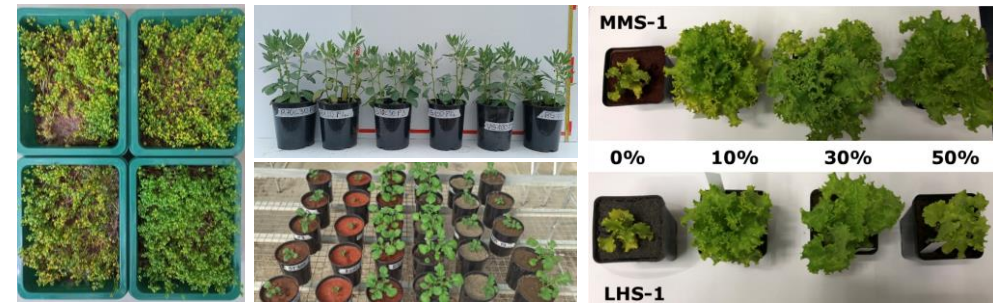


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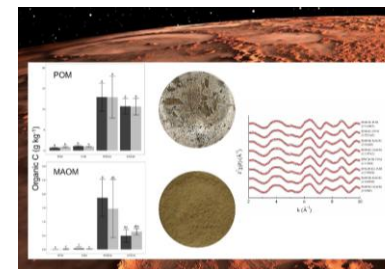
Compost/Manure/SOW



Plants (e.g., microgreens, lettuce, potato and favabean) growth media



- ✓ Simulants/amendments and their mixtures: *physico-hydraulic, mineralogical and chemical properties, nutrient bioavailability assessment*
- ✓ Plant biomasses: *biometric and physiological data, productivity, and nutritional/nutraceutical quality*



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Stabilisation of exogenous OM by minerals (e.g., Fe oxides) over time is of paramount importance

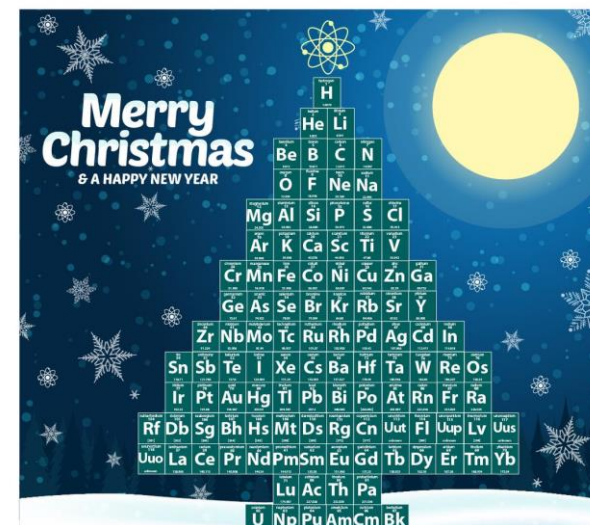
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Take-home messages

- ✓ The mitigation of soil threats and the sustainable soil management are paramount to keep soils in a good health for both agriculture and environmental needs
- ✓ The cultivation systems would be resilient to climate change and oriented toward site-specific models, leading to a better use of resources and the enhancement of soil fertility, biodiversity and food quality/safety
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