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Bioavailability – Metals, Organics, and Use at Hazardous Waste Sites

May 28, 2008 Session 1: "Metals"

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Environmental Control of Metal Bioavailability

Dr. Nicholas Basta, Ohio State University
Assessing Oral Contaminant Human (Bio)availability in Soil with *In Vitro* Gastrointestinal Methods:
Uncertainties, Data Gaps, and Research Needs

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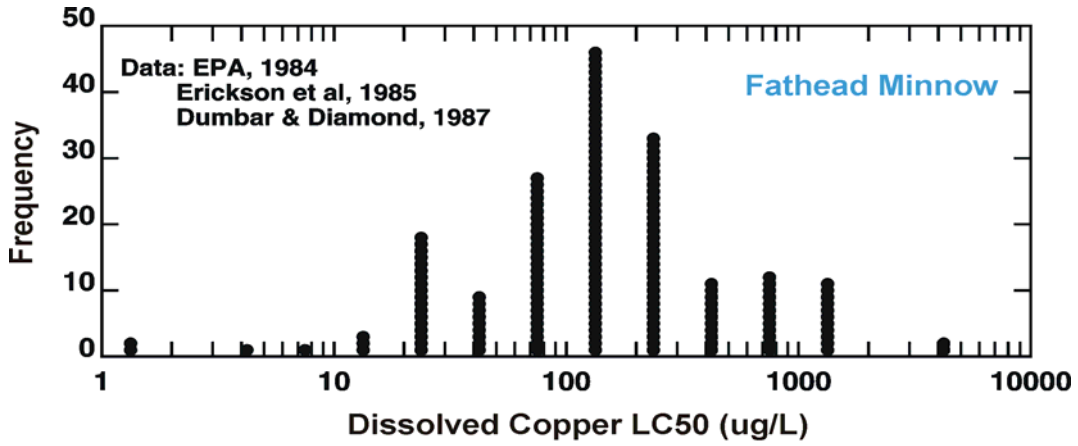
Bioavailability
No correlation between Total Cu and Biological Effects



LC50 = Concentration causing 50% mortality in 96 hrs

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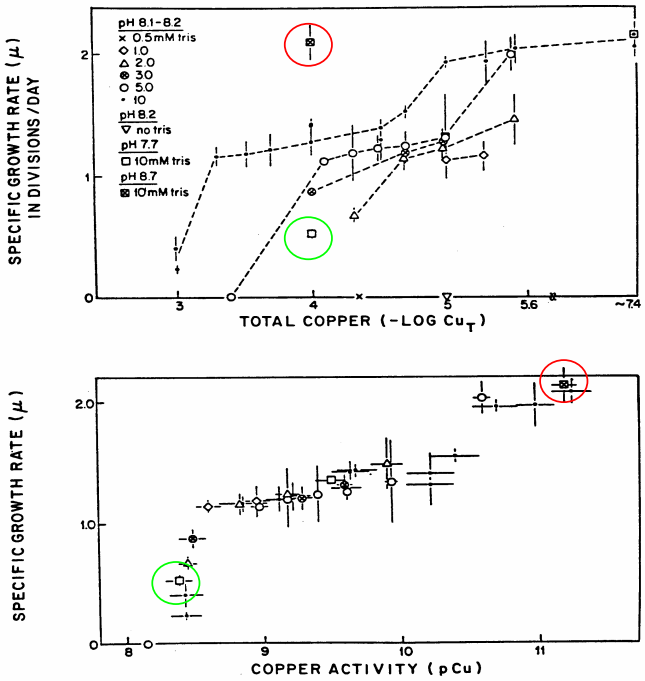
Free Ion Activity Model

FIAM



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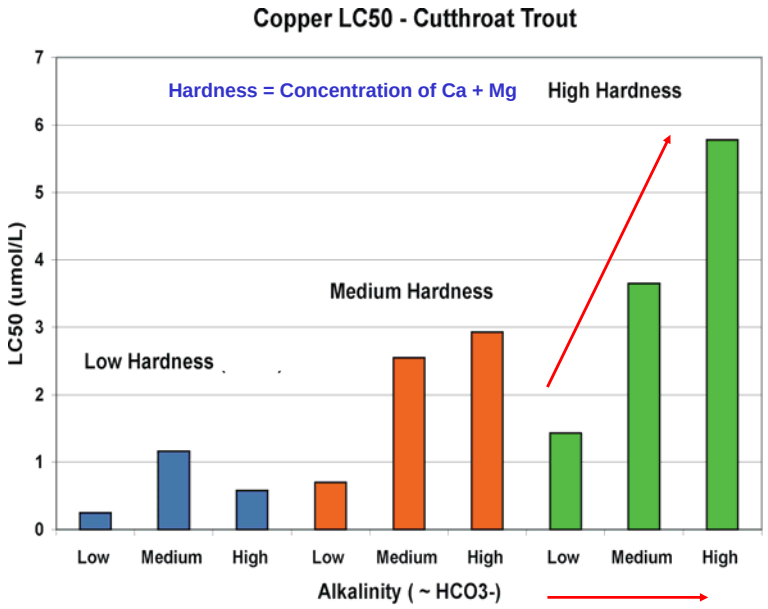
Speciation

Effect of Alkalinity and Hardness



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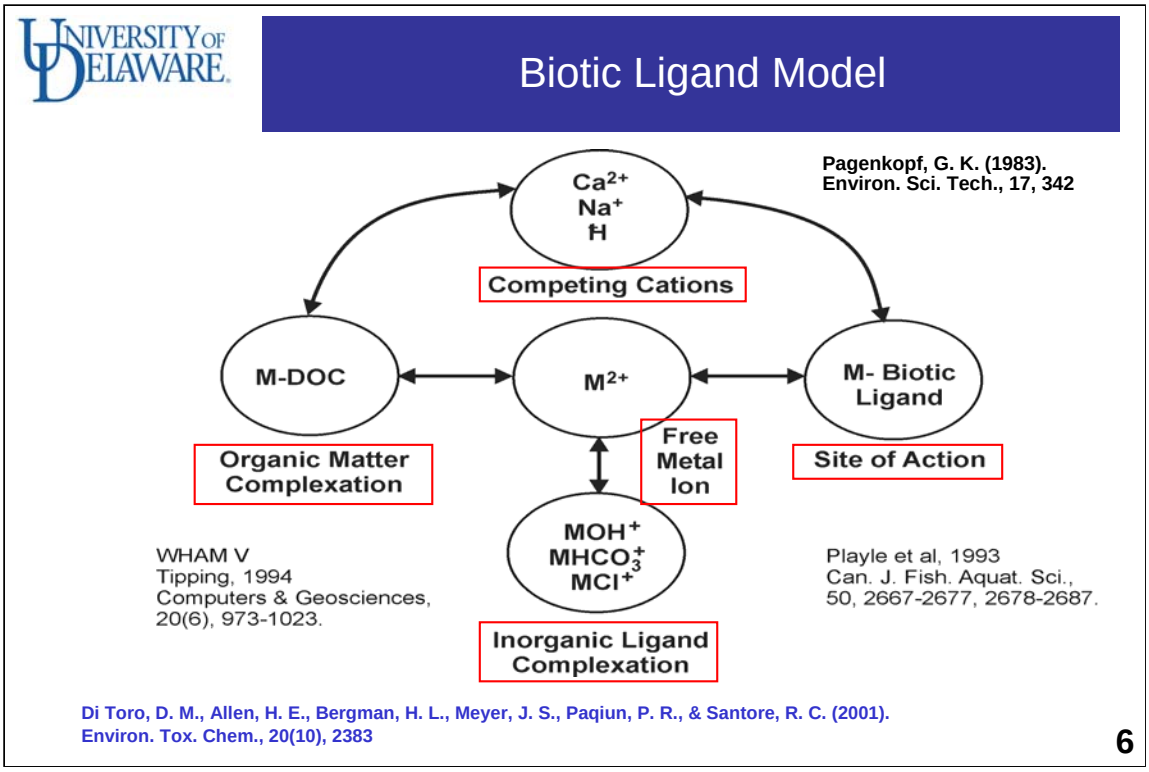


Overview of Biotic Ligand Model Framework:

The essence of the overall BLM framework (above) was first proposed by Pagenkopf (1983) as the Gill Site Interaction Model (GSIM).

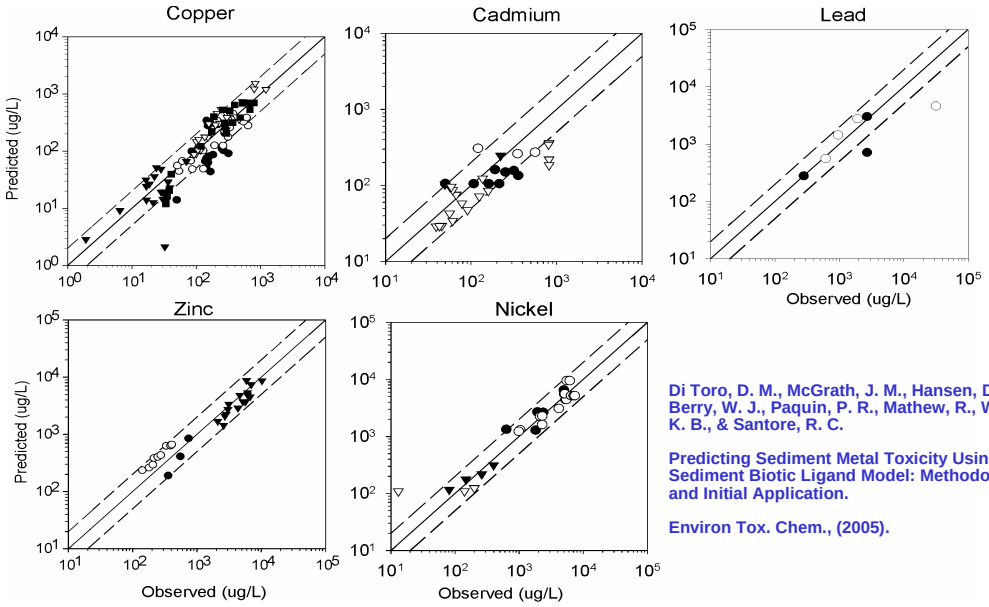
- Chemical equilibrium basics will not be discussed here. However, such models are not new and are generally well accepted by the scientific community.

The BLM consists of 3 main types of interactions:

- Metal-Inorganic Ligand Interactions-
  - Chemical Equilibrium in Soils and Solutions (CHESS) (Santore and Driscoll, 1995) serves as the basis of the speciation computations and was adapted to include the metal-OM and metal-biotic ligand interactions described below.
- Metal-Organic Mater (OM) Interactions-
  - Based on the Windermere Humic Aqueous Model (WHAM), Version 5 (Tipping, 1994)
- Biotic Ligand Interactions-
  - Adapted from Playle et al., 1993a,b.

Each of these will be discussed in turn.

Daphnia Magna BLM LC50 Concentrations



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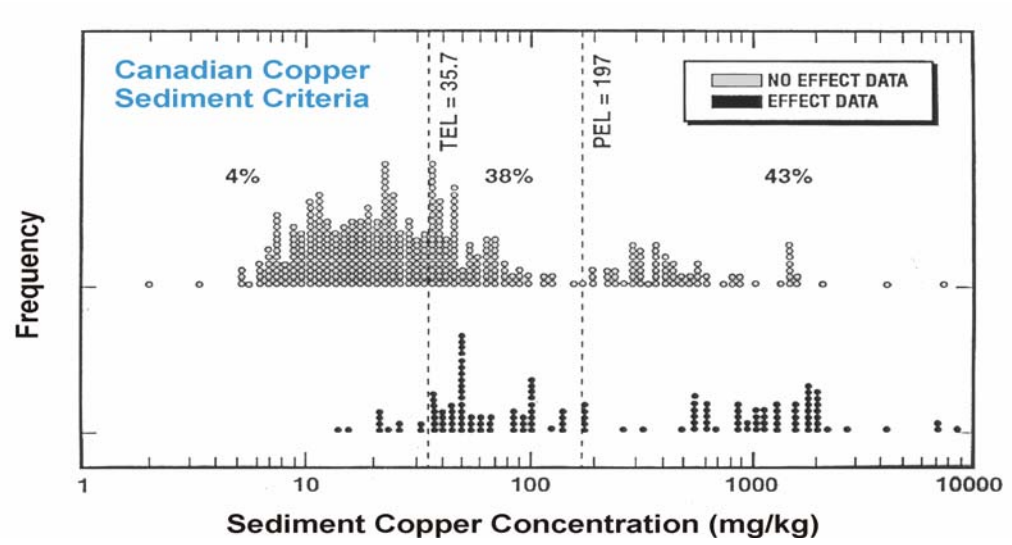

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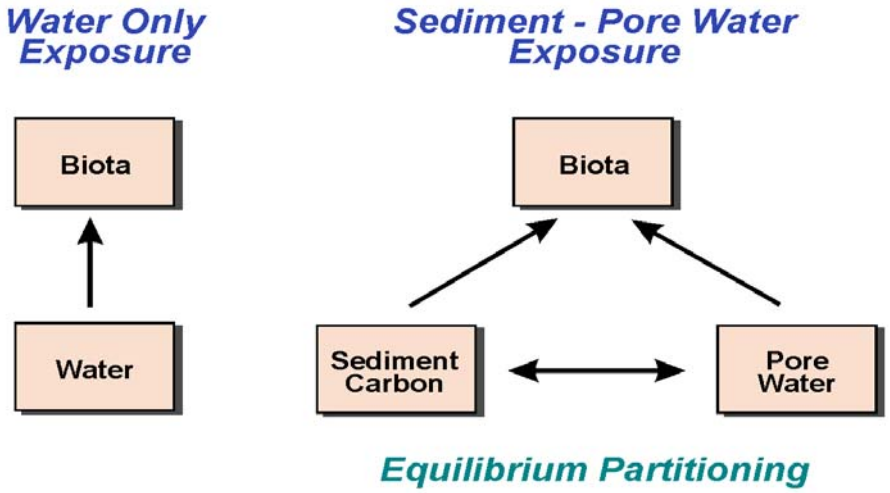
Equilibrium Partitioning Model of Sediment Toxicity



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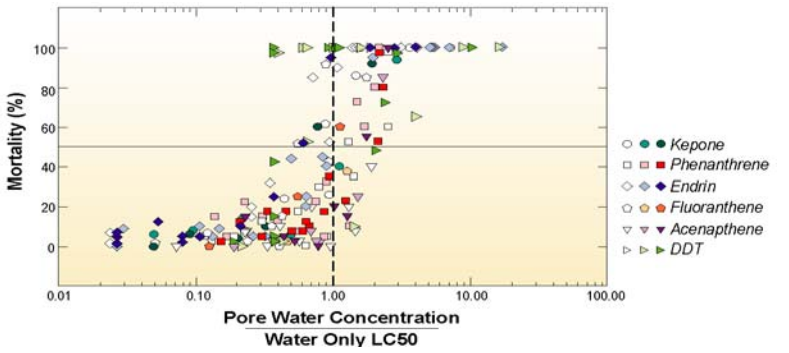
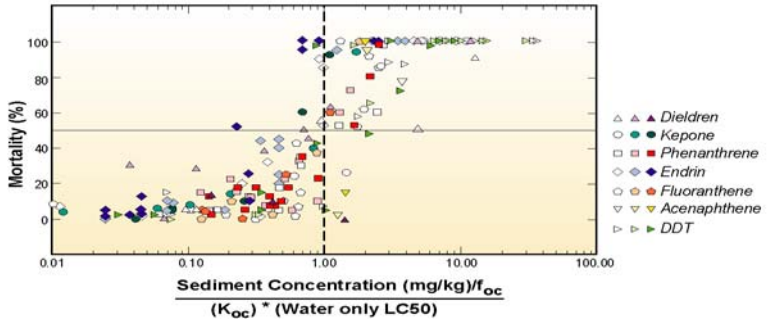
Sediment Toxicity Prediction

Pore Water

Organic Carbon Normalized





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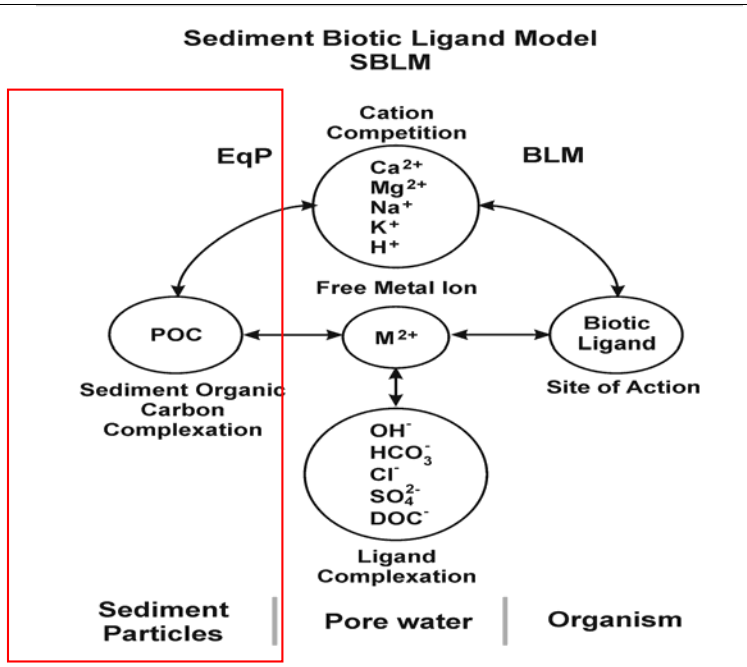
Application to Sediments

Sediment POC Modeled as Humic Acid



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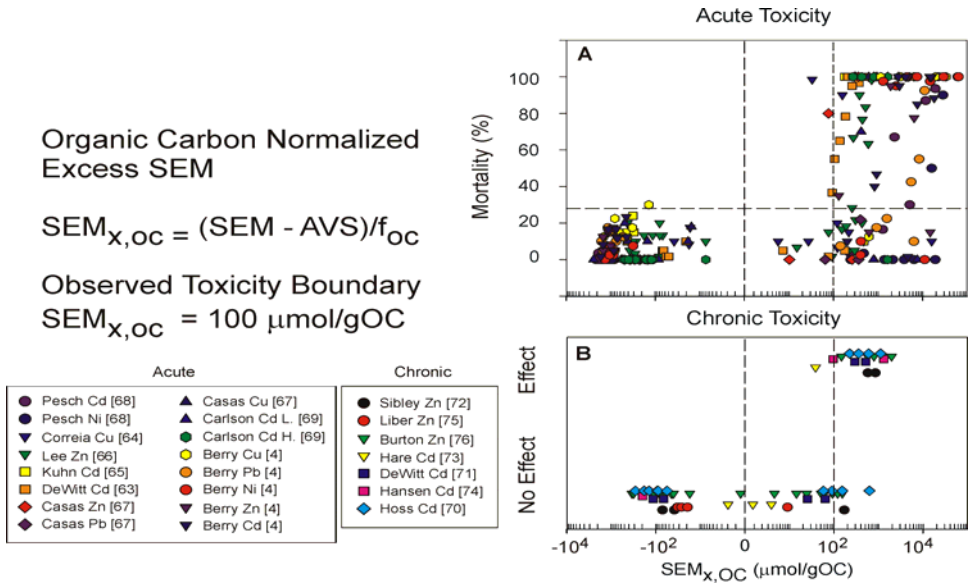
Predicting Sediment Metal Toxicity

Organic Carbon Normalized Excess SEM

$SEM_{x,oc} = (SEM - AVS)/f_{oc}$

Observed Toxicity Boundary

$SEM_{x,oc} = 100\ \mu mol/gOC$



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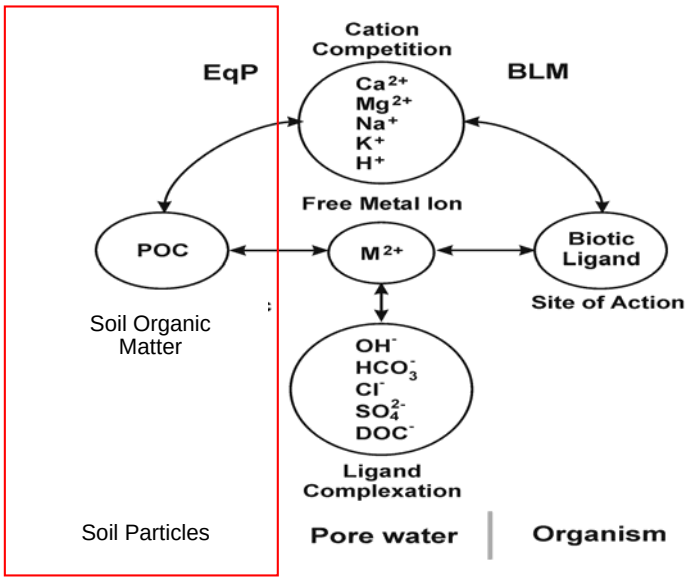
Application to Soils

Soil POC Modeled as Humic Acid



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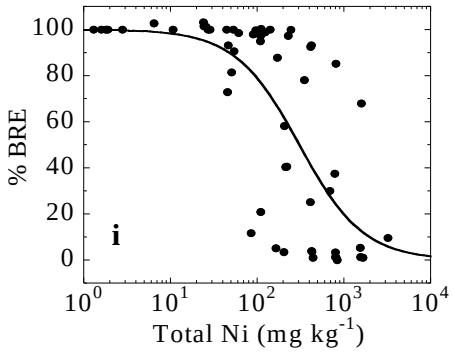
Ni Toxicity – Barley Root Elongation

Total Ni



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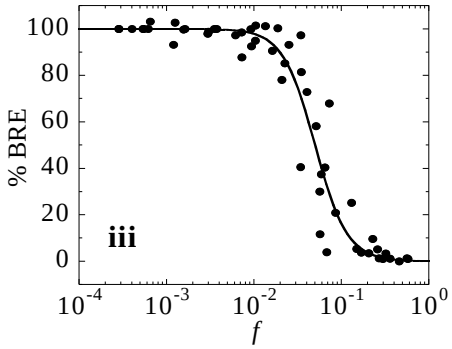

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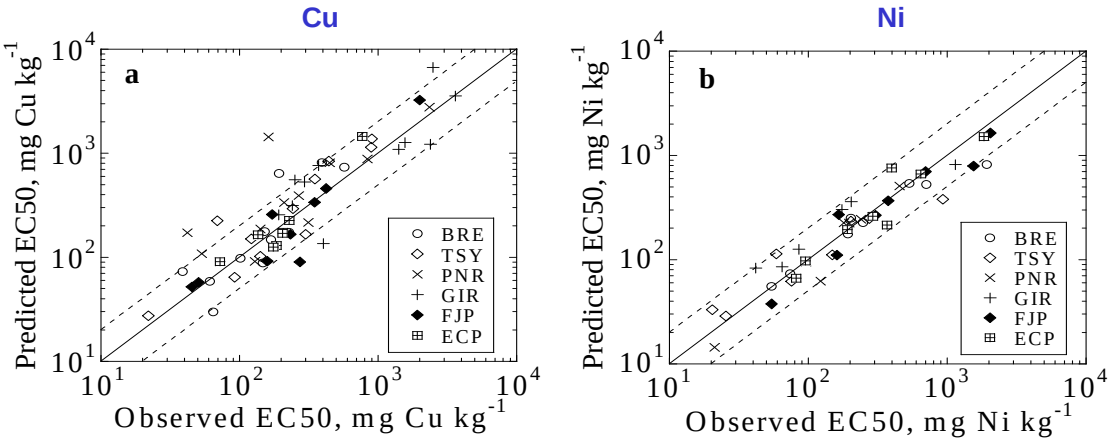
Terrestrial BLM
Predicted vs. Observed EC50
Various Endpoints



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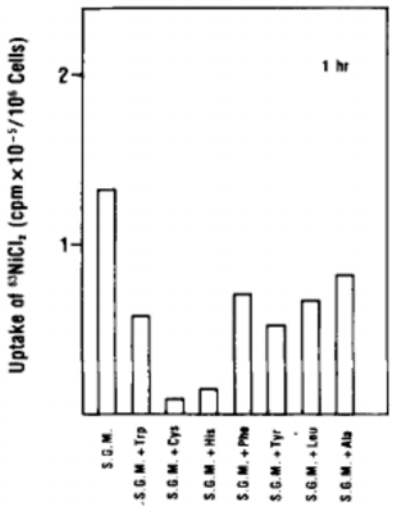
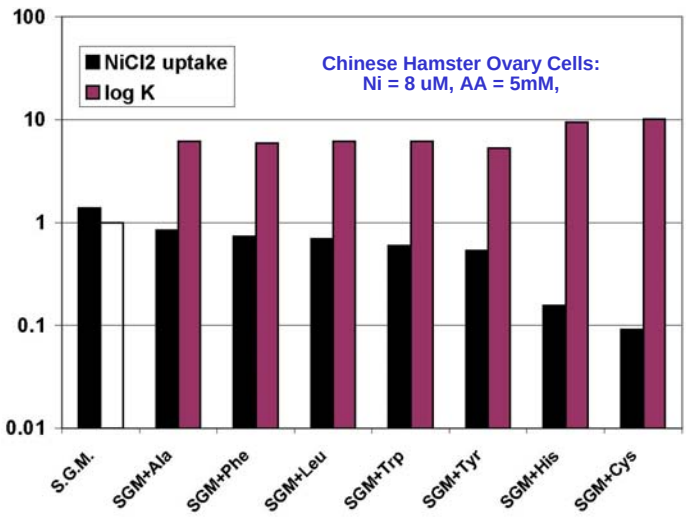
$NiCl_2$ Uptake and Ni^{2+} Binding Constants
Ni + Amino Acids





The Regulation of Ionic Nickel Uptake and Cytotoxicity by Specific Amino Acids and Serum Components
MARIA P. ABBRACCHIO, R. MARK EVANS, J. DANIEL HECK, ORAZIO CANTONI, AND MAX COSTA
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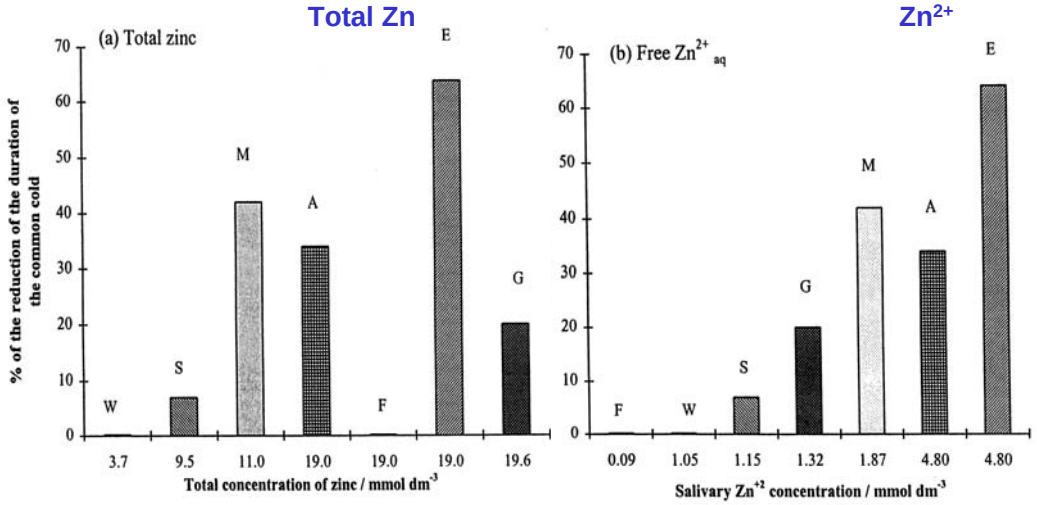
Free Ion Activity Model (FIAM)

% Reduction of the duration of the common cold
vs

Total Zn **Zn^{2+}**



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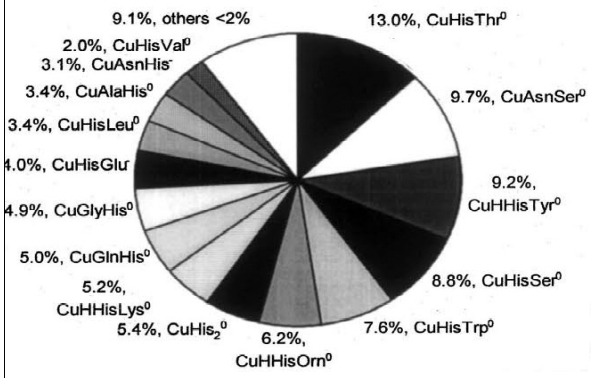
Speciation in Wound Fluid

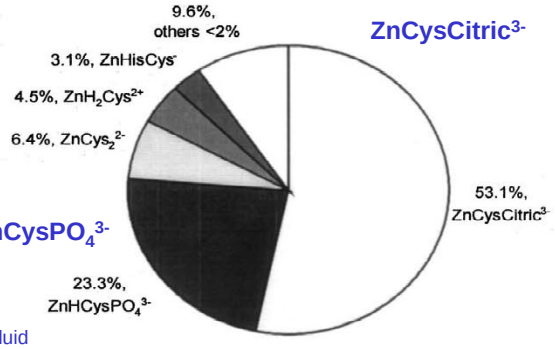


Cu

Mostly Neutral

Zn

Mostly Anonic



Zinc

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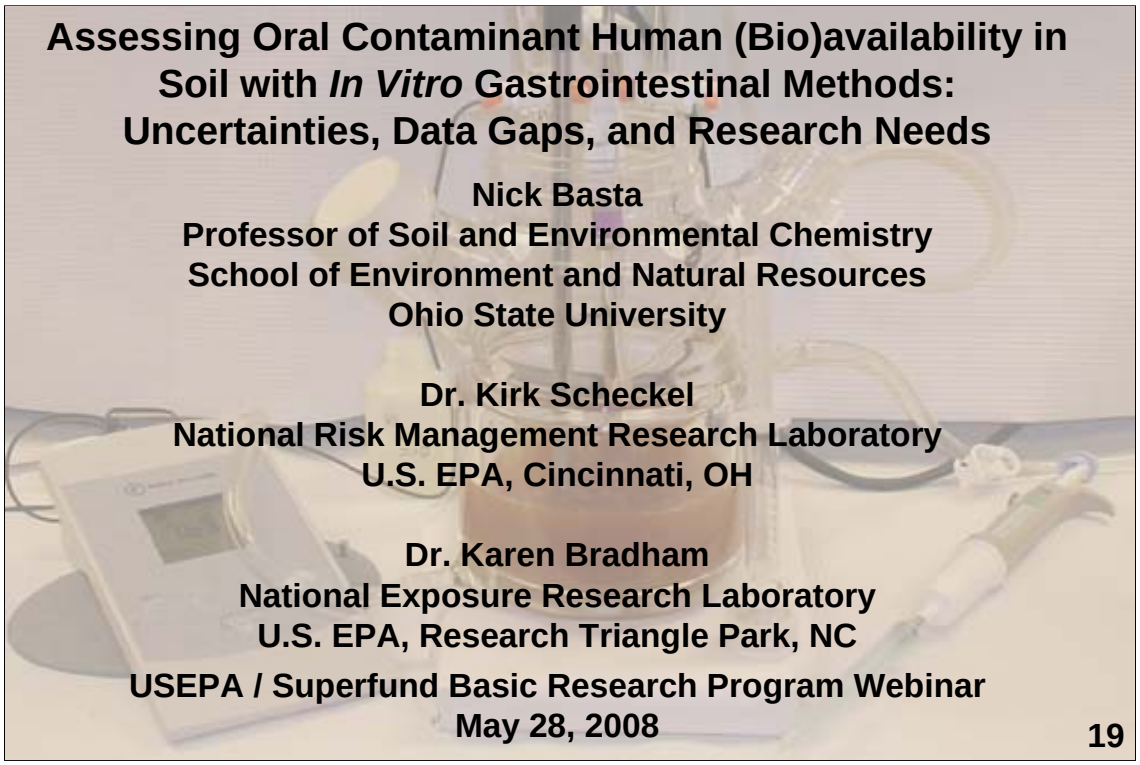
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Using Bioavailability to Adjust Risk in the Soil Ingestion Pathway

"Soil Contaminant Oral Bioavailability"

$$\text{Risk} = [\text{Soil}] \frac{(EF)\,(ED)\,(IR)\,(BIO)}{(BW)\,(AT)}$$

How do we measure BIO for children?

Animal model dosing trials
- **costly, lengthy, not easily obtained data**

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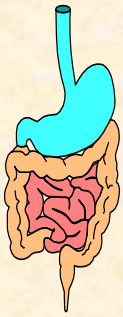
In Vitro Gastrointestinal Methods
An Inexpensive, Fast, Accessible Alternative



Sequential extraction, 37°C

all have a stomach phase
some have an intestinal phase

may have several intestinal simulations for duodenum, jejunum, colon, etc.

***in vitro* "(bio)availability" = dissolved contaminant**
= bioaccessible contaminant

bioaccessibility > bioavailability, so *in vitro* assumes worst case

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Types of IVG Methods

Based on contaminant

Inorganic Contaminants (Pb, As, Ni, Cd)

Organic contaminants (dioxin/furans, PAH, pesticides)

Based on Type / Complexity

batch (simple) vs. dynamic (complex)

OSU IVG batch

SBRC RBALP batch

SHIME dynamic

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Select Types of IVG Methods

Method	Type	Main application(s)
PBET / RBALP (Ruby, Drexler)	Batch, fasting	Pb
OSU IVG (Basta, Rodriguez)	Batch, fasting	Pb, As, Cd
RIVM, (Oomen, Sips)	Batch, fed	PAH / Pb, As
SERDP (Lowney)	Batch, fasting	Pb, As
SHIME (Van de Wiele)	Dynamic, fed	PAH, As
TIM, tiny TIM	Dynamic, fed	PAH

fasting vs. non-fasting
Inorganic / fasting: pH very important
organic / fed: bile, food used most important

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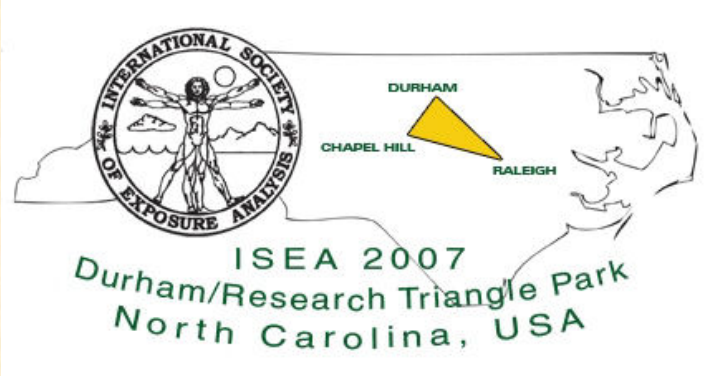
ISEA 2007 Conference

Use of In Vitro Bioaccessibility / Relative Bioavailability Estimates in Regulatory Settings: What is Needed?

Symposium chairs: K. Bradham, U.S.EPA, P. Rasmussen, Health Canada
R. Schoof, Integral Consulting, Inc., M. Cave, British Geological Survey

State of Science of IVG Methods
List of Data Gaps and Research Needs



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U.S. EPA
Guidance for Evaluating the Oral Bioavailability of Metals in Soils for Use in Human Health Risk Assessment
OSWER 9285.7-80, May 2007

Recommended Criteria for Validation of Test Methods adapted from ICCVAM

"Data generated adequately measure or predict the toxic endpoint of interest and demonstrate a linkage between either the new test and effects in the target species."

***In vitro* gastrointestinal (IVG) method must be correlated with an acceptable *in vivo* model**
IVG must be *predictive*

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Acceptable *In Vivo* Models

accurate bioavailability

unlikely model

acceptable model for Pb, As, other bioavailability

USEPA
Pb OK; As?

acceptable model for bioavailability

expensive
ethical issues

acceptable bioavailability?

inexpensive
recent developments
Dave Thomas
USEPA RTP (ISEA 2007)

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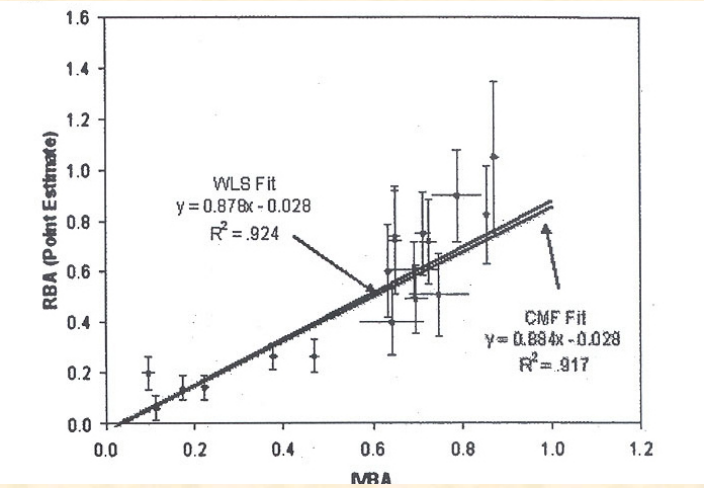
RBALP *in vitro* gastrointestinal method correlated with immature swine bioavailable Pb



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Estimation of RBA of Pb in soil and soil-like materials using *In Vivo* and *In Vitro* Methods. OSWER 9285.7-77, May 2007

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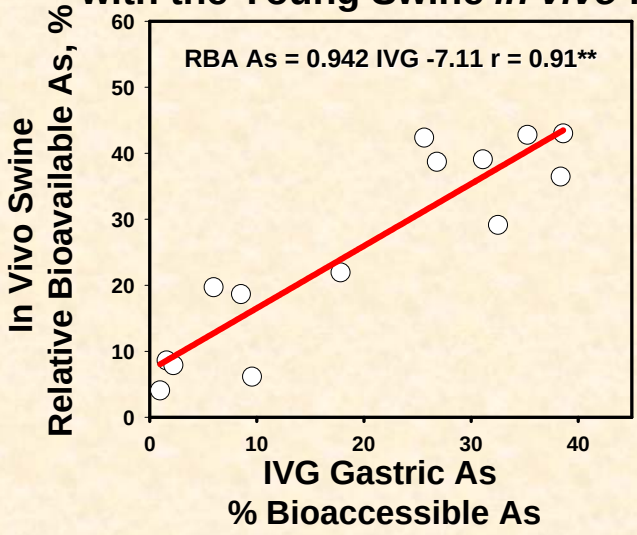
Correlation of OSU IVG method with the Young Swine *in vivo* model



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OSU *In Vitro* Gastrointestinal Method

Simulated GI extraction at 37°C

Gastric bioaccessibility and Intestinal bioaccessibility

Development of Chemical Methods to Assess the Availability of Arsenic in Contaminated Media, R825410

U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development
National Center for Environmental Research

N.T. Basta, R.R. Rodriguez, and S.W. Casteel
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Rodriguez et al. 1999. ES&T 33:642-649.

Basta et al., 2007. J. Environ. Health Sci. Part A 42:1275-1181

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Research on OSU IVG still continuing after 10 yr

the soil isn't contaminated

1997 **2007**

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Correlation of "SERDP" method with Relative Bioavailable Arsenic

Lowney, presented at ISEA 2007
Primate (cynomolgus monkey) RBA As vs. "SERDP" As

"SEDRP" As: gastric bioaccessibility
0.4 M glycine/HCl pH 1.5 OR 0.4 M K_2HPO_4, pH 2.5

use larger bioaccessible As value of two methods

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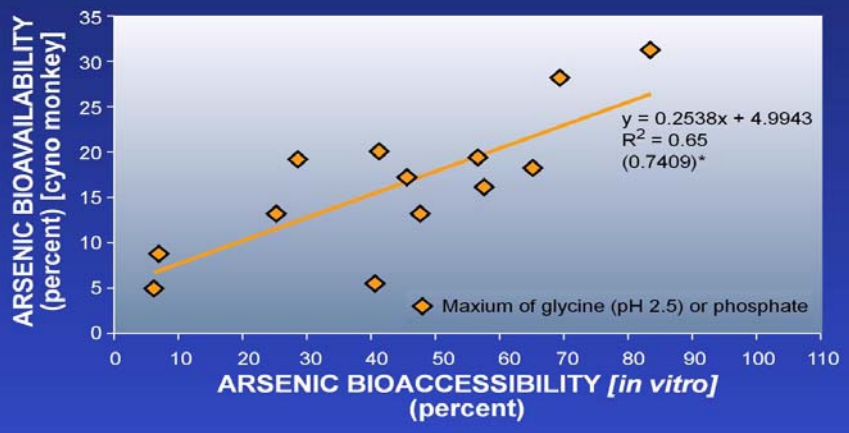
IV:IVC
Arsenic RBA in cynomolgus monkey Dual Extraction ("SERDP Method"): Maximum of Glycine or Phosphate



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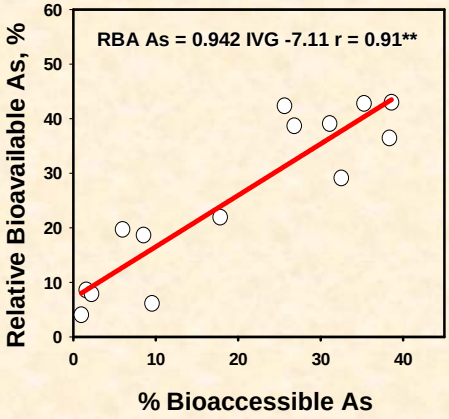
Can we use the same method for different contaminants?



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OSU IVG correlation with in vivo

As with dosing vehicle
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As without dosing vehicle
Basta et al., 2007. J. Environ.
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Pb with/out dosing vehicle
Schroder et al., 2004
J. Environ. Qual., 33:513-521.

Cd with/out dosing vehicle
Schroder et al., 2003.
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IVG Method Correlation Studies

Will the method work for other contaminated soils?

Most correlation studies conducted on highly contaminated wastes

often > 2,000 mg/kg contaminant of concern

Estimating RBA of Pb in Soil and Soil-like materials
(OSWER 9285.7-77, May 2007)
Most of 19 solid waste materials from smelter origin
Pb content: 1,590 to 14,200 mg/kg, median 7,225 mg/kg

Estimating RBA of Arsenic in Contaminated Soils and Solid Media
(Rodriguez et al., 1999)
As content: 233 to 17,500 mg/kg, median 1,460 mg/kg

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In Vitro Models

Method Validation Issues

Will the *in vitro* test work for all types contaminants/media?

Do we have to conduct validation studies for all contaminant sources?

mining waste, battery waste, paint, coal ash, etc.?

Better approach – contaminant speciation
SEM/EDX (J. Drexler); EXAFS (K. Scheckel)

Which species are bioavailable?
Does the *in vitro* test measure them?

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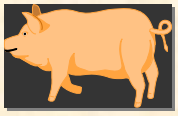
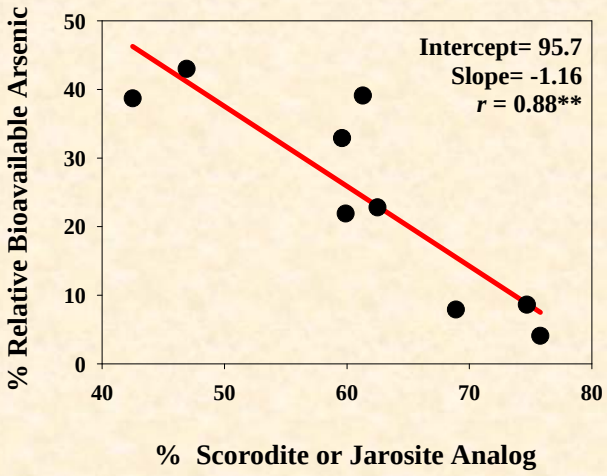
Bioavailable Arsenic and Solid Phase Speciation





Arsenic identified as Scorodite or Jarosite Analog inversely related to Relative Bioavailable Arsenic

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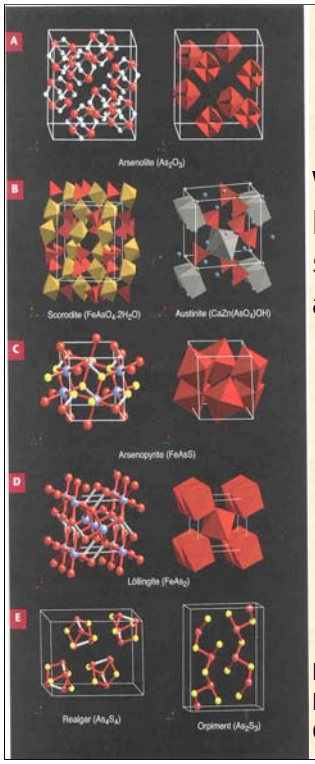

Arsenic Speciation, Mineralogy, Bioaccessibility, and Bioavailability

We could extrapolate the OSU IVG methods for highly contaminated smelter waste soils to soils/solid waste where scorodite / jarosite As-analog was the arsenic source term

More studies need to document relationship between Arsenic Speciation Bioaccessibility, and Bioavailability

Photo from Peggy A. O'Day. April 2006.
Elements 2:77-83.
Chemistry and Mineralogy of Arsenic

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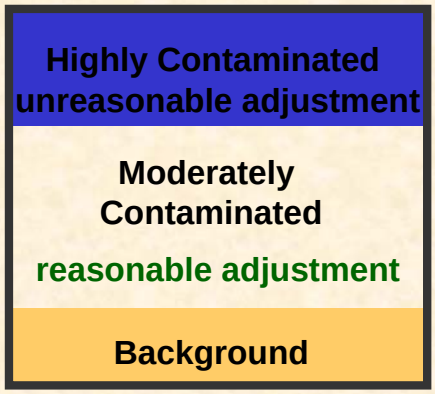
Contaminant Concentration in Soil / Solid Waste

when will bioavailability adjustments be made?



High level: 7,000 mg/kg total As or Pb
Bioavailability has to be very very low
unreasonable adjustment

Moderate level: 300 mg/kg As
moderate bioavailability so
reasonable adjustment

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Assessing Bioavailability of Moderately Contaminated Soil

The greatest utility of IVG or *in vivo* methods may be to assess risk for soils with mod. level contamination

Pb paint, pesticides, coal ash, CCA, cattle dips, etc.

Moderately contaminated urban and/or old industrial sites

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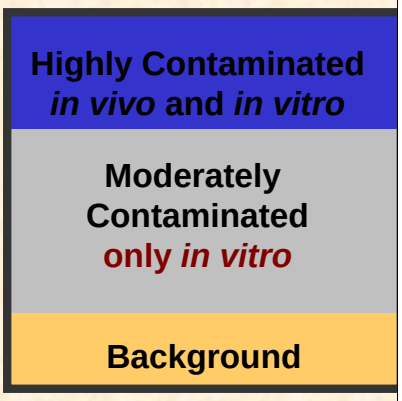
Bioavailable (*in vivo*) vs. Bioaccessible (*in vitro*)
Method Detection Limits and Contaminant Levels

most *in vivo* dosing studies require highly contaminated soil
> 500 to 5,000 mg/kg contaminant

Moderately contaminated soil levels
could be < 1000 mg/kg Pb; < 100 mg/kg As
Below *in vivo* detection limits

Below *in vivo* working range but
easily measured by IVG methods

A Strong Advantage of IVG methods
is the ability to estimate
(bio)availability at moderate levels



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Are we confident to use IVG methods to Estimate Contaminant Bioavailability in Soil for Moderately Contaminated Soils?

Knowledge of chemical speciation is essential!

contaminant species in old orchard soil same as contaminant species in smelter soil (*in vivo* correlation study)?

Yes: then we are more confident to use the IVG (*in vitro*) method for the orchard soil


Smelter contaminated soil


Pesticides in old orchards

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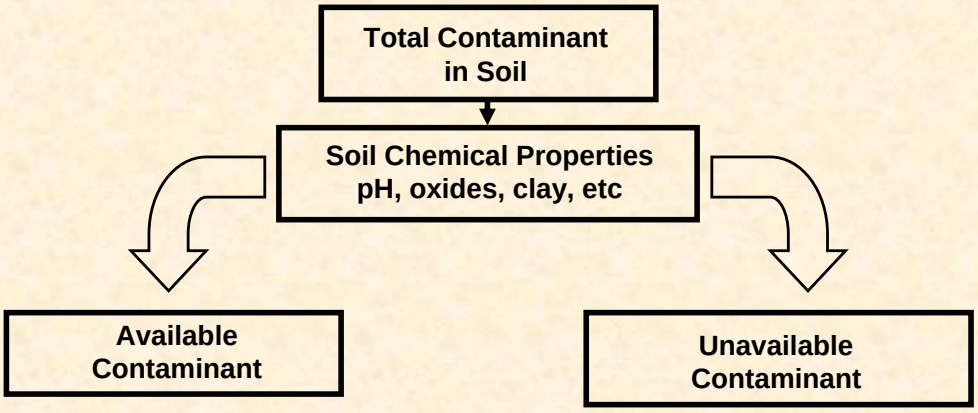
Does the Soil Type Affect Bioavailability?

Soil Chemistry Can Greatly Affect Contaminant Sequestration and Contaminant Bioavailability / Bioaccessibility



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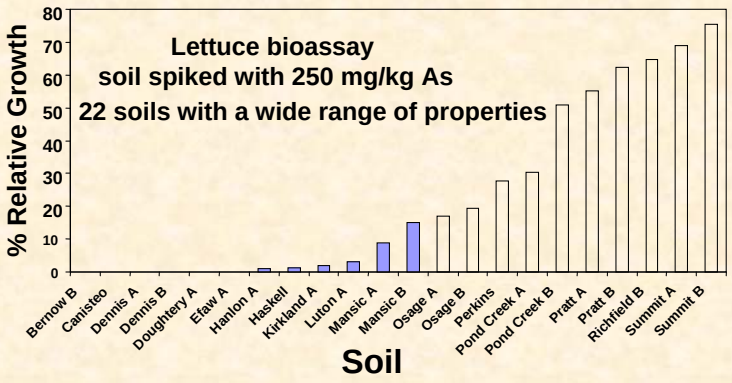
Soil Chemical Components and Properties greatly affect availability and toxicity



Soil properties greatly affect bioavailability / toxicity

Bradham et al. 2006. Environ. Tox. Chem. 25(3):769-775. earthworms Pb

Dayton et al. 2006. Environ. Tox. Chem. 25(3):719-725. lettuce Pb

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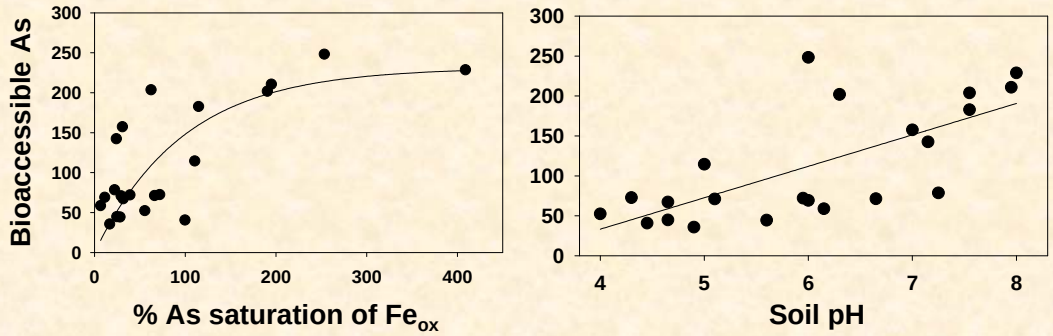
Soil Chemical Components and Properties greatly affect IVG Method As bioaccessibility



Bioaccessible As = 87 log (%As$_{sat}$) + 31 (soil pH) - 223 R^2 = 0.7868

Similar results as
Yang, Barnett, Jardine, Basta, and Casteel. 2002. Environ. Sci. Technol. 36:4562-4569

Determine the ability of IVG methods to measure bioaccessibility in contaminated soils with a wide range of soil chemical properties

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U.S. EPA
Guidance for Evaluating the Oral Bioavailability of Metals in Soils for Use in Human Health Risk Assessment
OSWER 9285.7-80, May 2007

"A detailed protocol for the test method....., and a description of the known limitations of the test including a description of the classes of materials that the test can and cannot accurately assess."

- **Specify the contaminant chemical speciation and**
- **whether the IVG method has been correlated with *in vivo* for the contaminant species in the test material**
- **Measure soil chemical parameters that affect bioavailability**

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Summary
Uncertainties, data gaps, research needs

- **Research leading to acceptance of existing / new *in vivo* models**
- **Document the relationship between arsenic speciation, bioaccessibility, and bioavailability**
- **Test the use of soil chemical / speciation methods to support IVG data when IVG is the only option**
- **Determine the ability of IVG methods to measure bioaccessibility in contaminated soils with a wide range of soil chemical properties**

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Thank you for your attention

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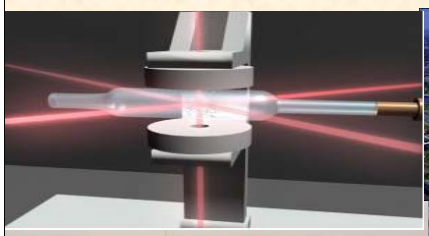

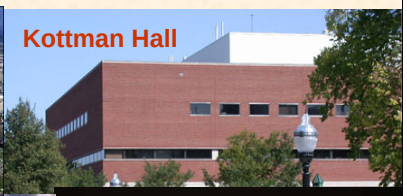

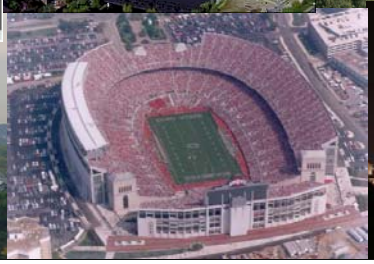

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