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# ISCO AND S-ISCO EVALUATION IN THE REMEDIATION OF SARDAS ALLUVIUM

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#### **Obsolete pesticide: Lindane**



- Lindane ( $\gamma$ -isomer of HexachloroCycloHexane) is an obsolete pesticide heavily used as a wide-spectrum insecticide in public health programs and as a wood preservative.
- Banned by Stockholm Convenia (POP).
- Hughe amounts of toxic wastes were generated and dumped in the nearby production sites without environmental concern.







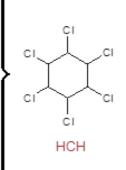
#### Lindane wastes in Sabiñánigo (Spain)



- ✓ The Company INQUINOSA operated from 1975 to 1988 in Sabiñánigo, Spain.
- ✓ HCH production generated approximately 150000 tonnes of waste, mainly dumped in two unlined landfills: Sardas and Bailin, close to the river Gallego and the Sabiñanigo Reservoir.

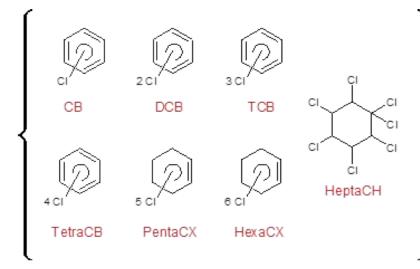


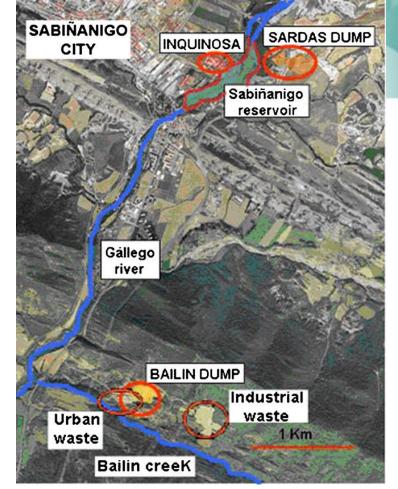








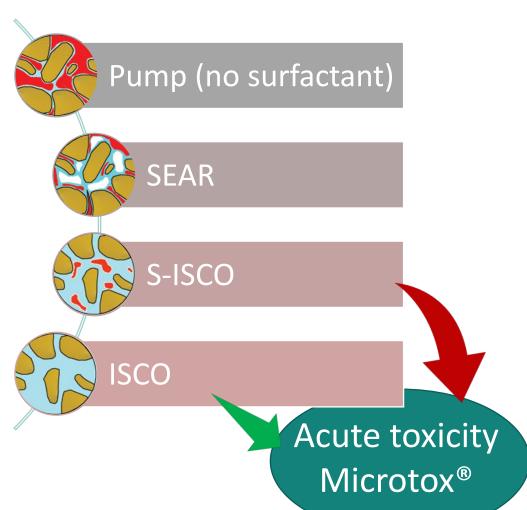


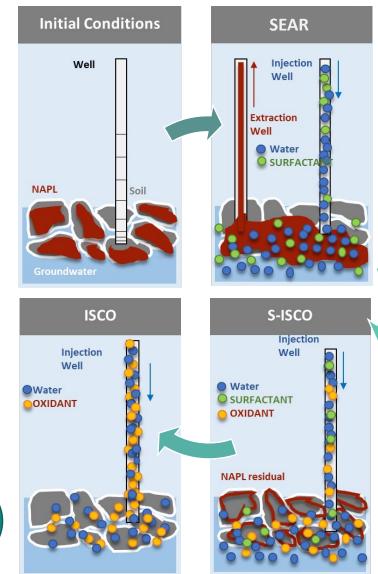




#### **Treatment train for NAPL removal**







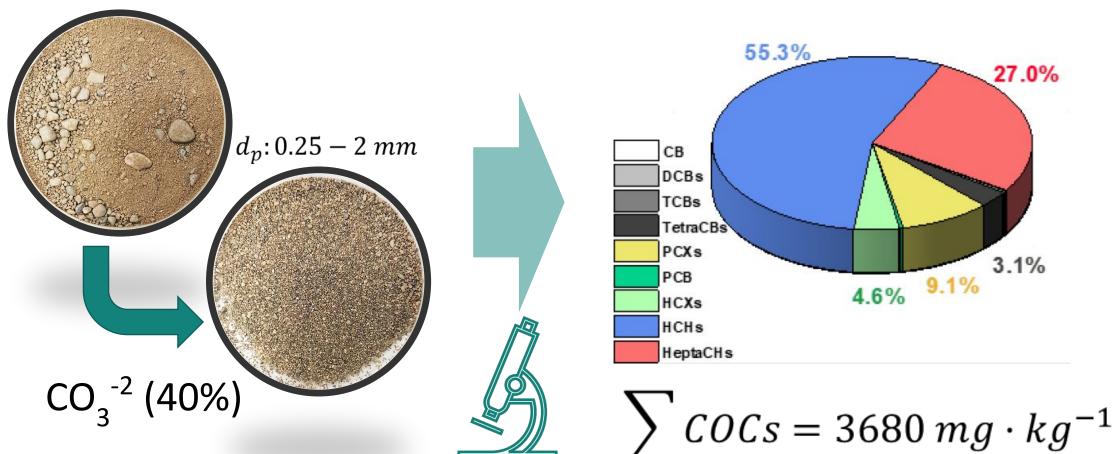


#### **Soil samples**



Soil B1 : Unpolluted

Soil B2: 3680 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup> of COCs

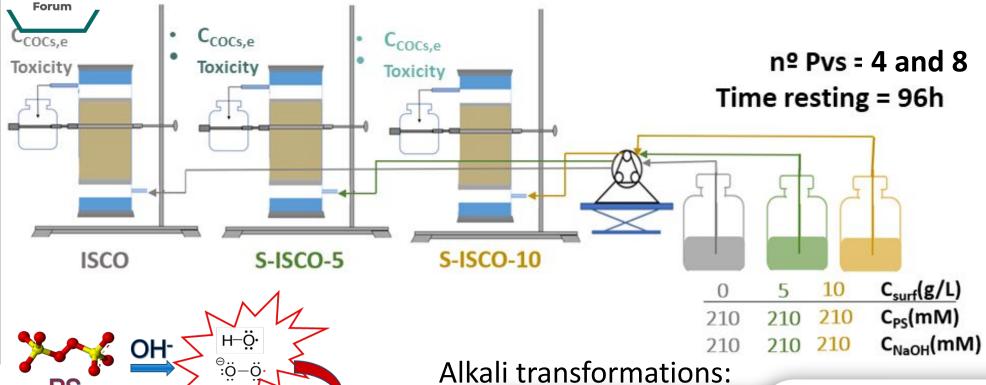




**HCH** 

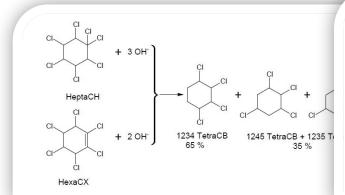
#### **ISCO** and S-ISCO experiments





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 $CO_2$ 

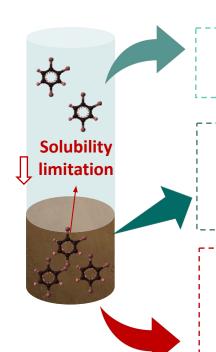




#### **Toxicity analysis (Microtox®)**



## Comparing and adapting different methods



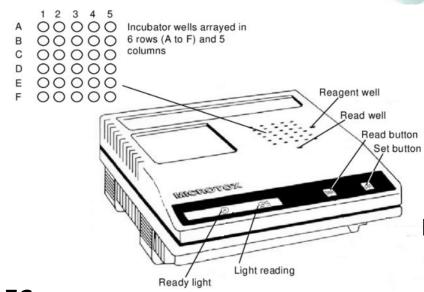
2. Aqueous extract:
Basic Test

1. Soil phase:

Basic Solid-Phase Test

3. Organic extract:

Organic Solvent Sample Solubilization Test Solvent: Methanol



**EC**<sub>50</sub>:
Concentration of the sample resulting in a 50% reduction of the initial luminescence of the bacteria.

#### Results:

Polluted samples: EC<sub>50</sub> (%)

EC<sub>50</sub> (%) toxicity

Compare: UT<sub>50</sub>

Direct relation between the toxic effect and the numerical toxicity value:

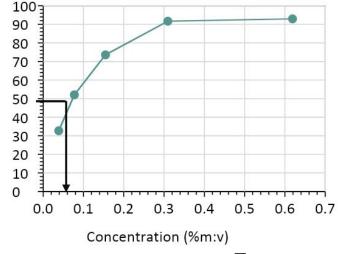
$$UT_{50} = \frac{1}{EC_{50}}$$

Measuring natural luminescence from marine bacteria: Vibrio fischeri



% inibition

pH setting = 6 - 8





#### **ISCO** and S-ISCO treatments



Surfactant **improve** the COCs desorption

Radicals **oxidize** the pollutant

(TCBs, TetraCBs)

#### Also E-Mulse 3



The higher the concentration of COCs in the aqueous phase, the higher the elimination rate

#### **However**

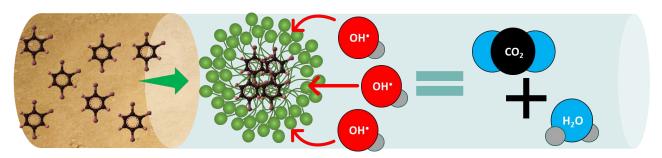
Oxidation in soil phase 

Significant conversions with ISCO

## 100 S-ISCO 5 S-ISCO 10 COCs removed (%) 60 4PVs 8 PVs

#### Soil phase

#### **Aqueous phase**





#### **Toxicity evaluation**



#### Clasification

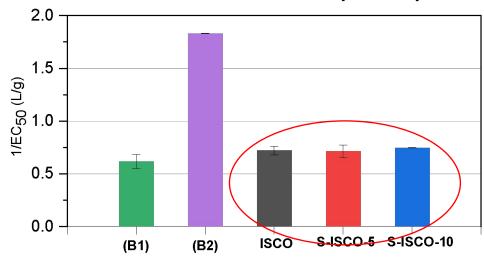
EC<sub>50</sub> > 10%: non-toxic

 $EC_{50} = 1\% - 10\%$ : moderate toxicity

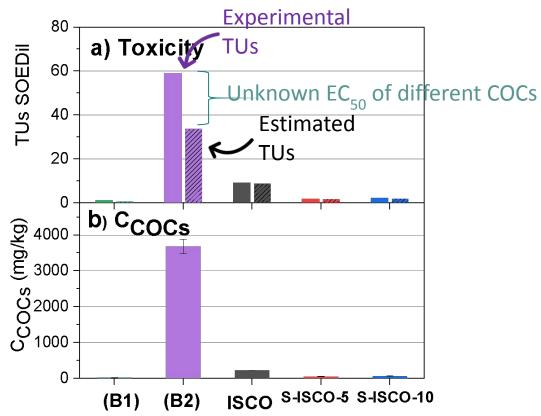
 $EC_{50} < 1\%$ : high toxicity

Kwan, K. K. et al. 1990. Toxicity Assessment. 5, 4, 395-404

#### **Basic Solid-Phase Test (mBSPT)**



#### Organic Solvent Sample Solubilization Test (aOSSST)





#### **Conclusions**



The initial polluted soil showed high acute toxicity, and the toxicity of the soils treated by ISCO and S-ISCO decreased significantly. Comparable to the high COC elimination achieved with these treatments.

The application of E3 as a surfactant did not show an increase in soil toxicity after the oxidation treatments.

ISCO and S-ISCO, with alkaline activation of PS can be proposed for real aplication, as they lead to a high COCs reduction and restore the soil to its original toxicity value.





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