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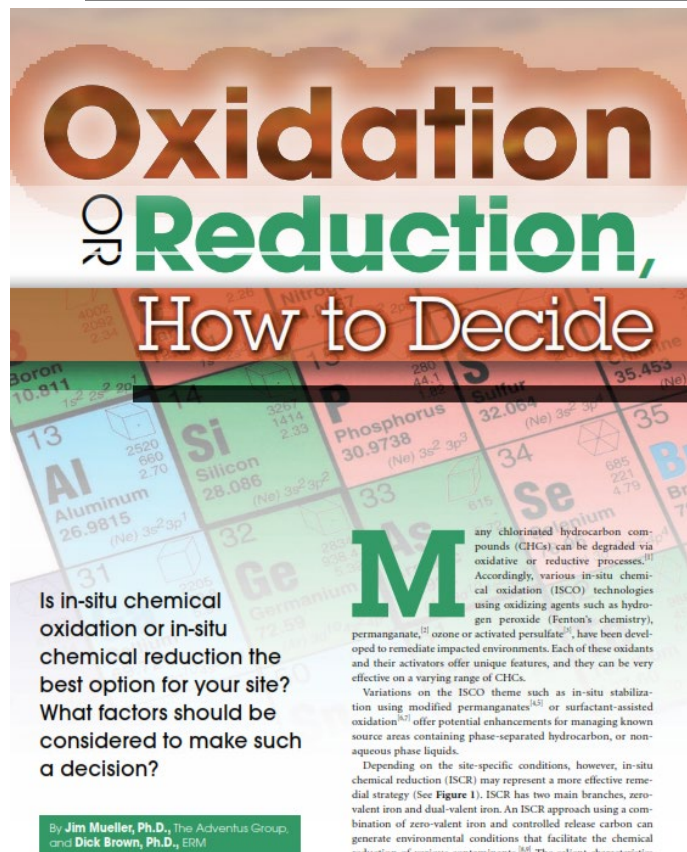
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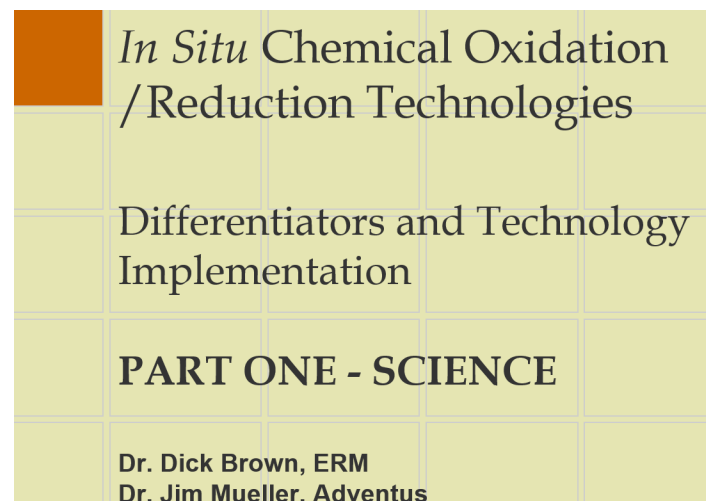
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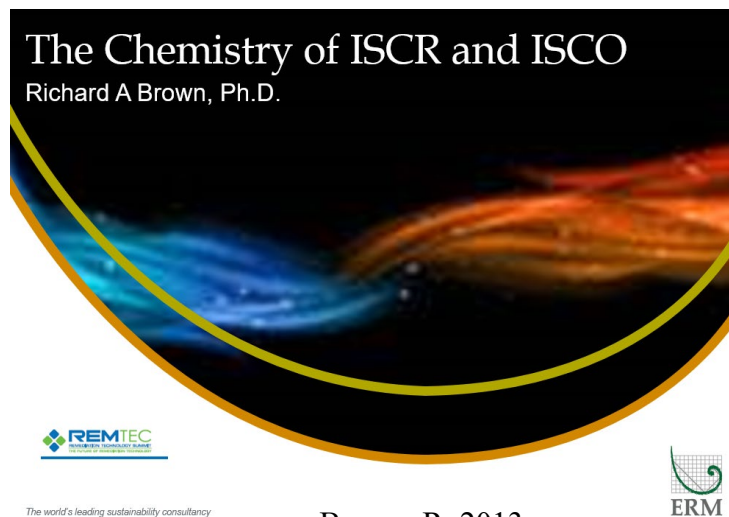
- Presentation is an update of past publications
- Not a complete analysis: a summary of factors that have been observed to affect technology selection, design and field performance



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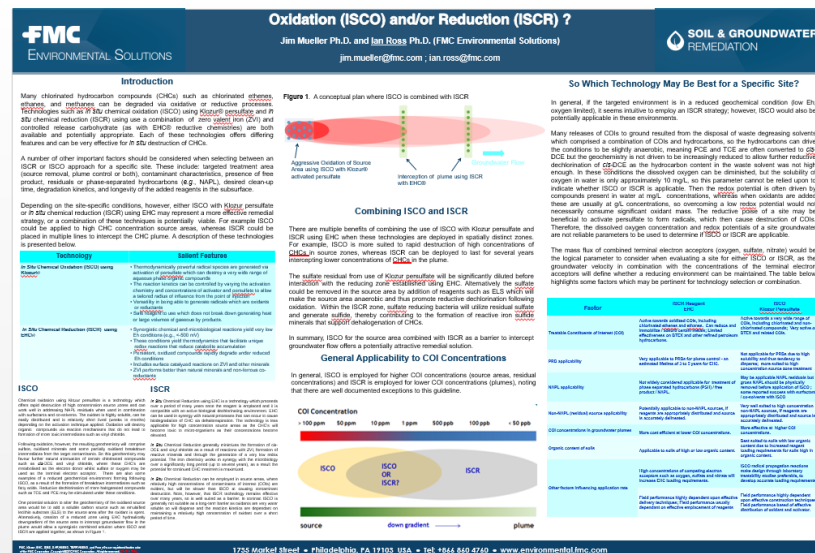
Oxidation or Reduction: Some Thoughts on the Big Picture

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Presentation Outline

- 💧 Introduction to Provectus Environmental Products, Inc.
- 💧 Problem Statement
 - We Need ISCO & ISCR Technologies
- 💧 What is ISCO?
 - Mode of Action
 - Technologies Available
 - 2017 Recognized Limitations (partial oxidation, rebound, longevity, metals)
- 💧 What is ERD/ISCR?
 - Mode of Action
 - Technologies Available
 - 2017 Recognized Limitations (excessive CH₄, heavy metals, ketones)
- 💧 Design and Selection Criteria – Lessons Learned
- 💧 Summary and Conclusions

Technical Background (Brown)

- 💧 B.S. Harvard - 1971
- 💧 M.Sc. Cornell - 1976
- 💧 Ph.D. Cornell - 1978
- 💧 FMC Corporation - 1978 to 1986
- 💧 Cambridge Analytical -1987 to 1988
- 💧 Groundwater Technologies → Fluor Daniel (1988 to 1998)
- 💧 ERM - 1988 to 2016 (retired)

- 💧 21 Patents
- 💧 >1,000 publications
- 💧 Origins of ISCO and ISCR



Technical Background (Mueller)

- ◆ B.S., M.S. SIU Carbondale – 1983/1985
- ◆ Ph.D. Clemson University -1988
- ◆ Post Doctoral Studies US EPA GBERL (1988 – 1991)
- ◆ SBP Technologies, Inc. → RF Weston (1991 to 1997)
- ◆ Dames & Moore → URS (1997 to 2002)
- ◆ Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (2002 to 2003)
- ◆ WR Grace → Adventus Americas, Inc. → FMC Corporation → Peroxychem/JPM (2003 to April, 2014)
- ◆ Provectus Environmental Products – May, 2014
(acquired patents on CH₄ inhibitors, ISCR and ISCO)

Overview of Provectus' Patent Estate (IET)

Application / Patent Number	Title	Filing Date	Issue Date
7,129,388 and 7,531,709	Method for Accelerated Dechlorination of Matter; Parts 1 and 2.		10/31/2006 and 05/12/2009
7,828,974	Method for the Treatment of Ground Water and Soils Using Dried Algae and Other Dried Mixtures		10/09/2010
8,147,694	Method for the Treatment of Ground Water and Soils Using Mixtures of Seaweed and Kelp		04/03/2012
8,766,030	Utilization of Ferric Ammonium Citrate for In-Situ Remediation of chlorinated Solvents		01/30/2014
9,221,699 B2	Method for Inhibition of methane production during anaerobic reductive dechlorination		12/29/2015
9,126,244	Use of encapsulated substrates to control the release rates of organic hydrogen donors		09/08/2015
9,126,245 B2	Chemical Oxidation and Biological Attenuation Process for the Treatment of Contaminated Media		09/08/2015
62/024,640	Method and Composition for Inhibiting Methanogenesis During <i>In Situ</i> Sediment Treatment	07/15/2014	
Filed	Inhibition of methane and hydrogen sulfide production in anaerobic digester animal farms, landfills, sediments and sewer systems	08/01/2014	
Filed	Method and Composition for Inhibiting Heavy Metal Methylation During <i>In Situ</i> Remedial Actions	10/15/2014	
62/220,389	Inhibition of Methanogenesis to Control Wood-Boring Insects and Pestilence	09/18/2015	
62/227,519	Inhibition of Methanogenesis during Environmental Applications (essential oils for controlling methanogens)	01/15/2016	

Provectus Environmental Products, Inc

OUR TECHNOLOGIES

Provect-IR® Solid, Antimethanogenic ISCR Reagent

As the prime developer of the original EHC® ISCR reagent, staff now at Provectus know that Provect-IR is a genuine improvement on the ISCR process and its older product formulations. Provect-IR uses carbon substrate more efficiently and therefore is more cost effective. Remedial designs can use less amendment and get expected results without excessive methane generation.

Provect-IRM® Solid Antimethanogenic ISCR / Metal Stabilization Reagent

More effective means of metal immobilization/ISCR that minimizes production of methyl(metal)(oids) for safer, more effective, long-term immobilization.

Provect-OX™ Self-Activating ISCO/ Enhanced Bioremediation Reagent

Persulfate-based ISCO reagent that is unique in terms of its safety (no extreme activators; no heat generated) and effectiveness, as it actively integrates ferrate chemistry and enhanced bioremediation as part of the overall treatment process – only ISCO reagent designed to manage rebound.

Provect-CH4® Methanogen Inhibitor and ERD/ISCR Supplement

Water-soluble amendment to effectively control methane production when combined with various ERD amendments (e.g., [emulsified] oils, lecithin, lactates, molasses, sugars, etc.) or conventional ISCR reagents.

AquaGate+CH4™ Antimethanogenic Reactive Capping Technology

Developed in collaboration with AquaBlok, LTD subaqueous caps can be constructed more effectively by minimizing gas ebullition and contaminant methylation.

EZVI-CH4™ Antimethanogenic DNAPL Treatment

Unique reagent can be used for safe and effective treatment of chlorinated solvent DNAPL sources.

Provect-GS™ NAPL Immobilization Technology

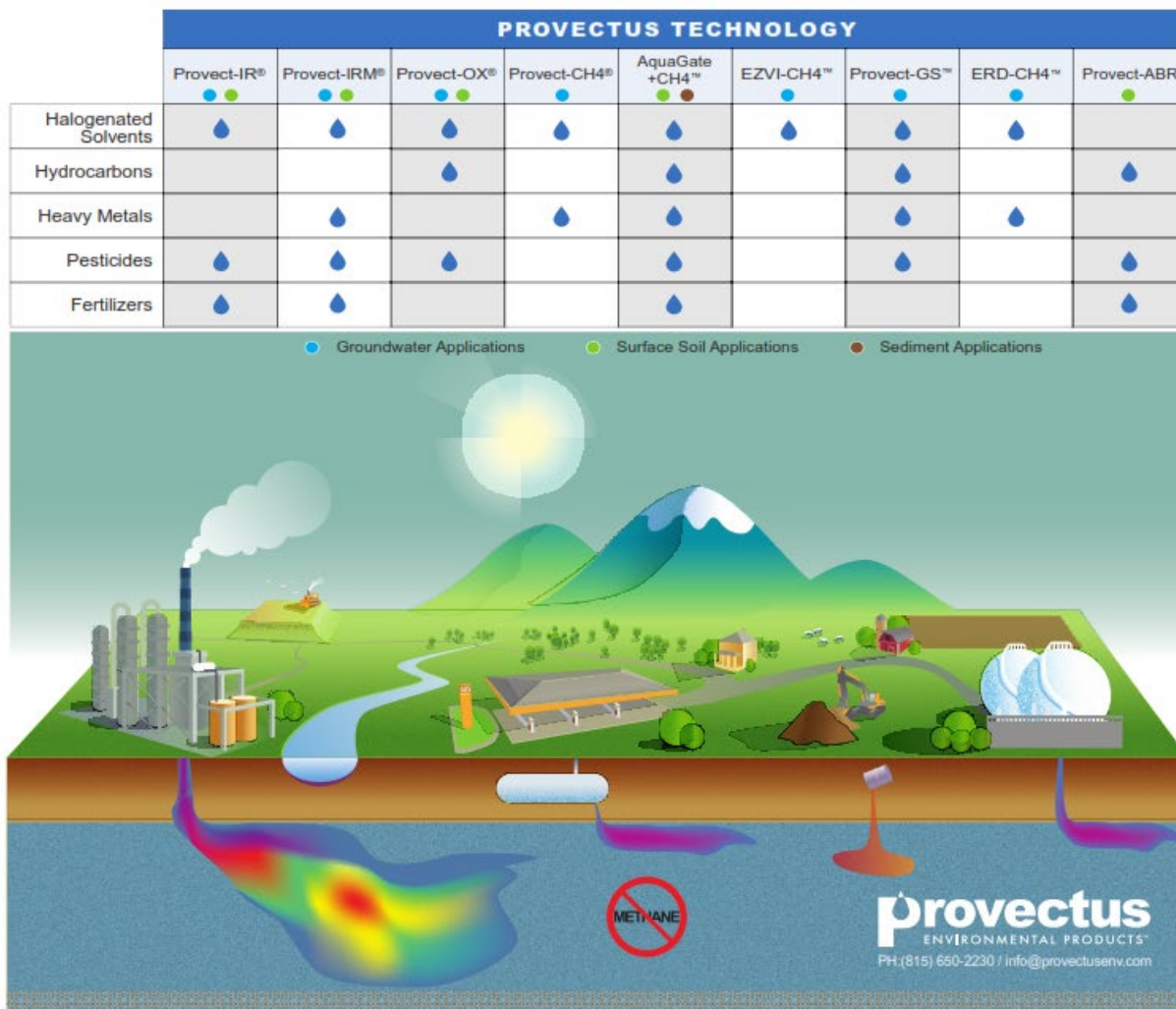
A liquid reagent developed in collaboration with Beazer East, Inc. for *in situ* geophysicochemical immobilization (ISGI) of DNAPL sources.

ERD-CH4™ Liquid Antimethanogenic ISCR Reagent

Liquid, antimethanogenic ERD amendment that can be applied via screened systems. By inhibiting methanogenesis, this is a more efficient, longer-lived and safer ERD approach.

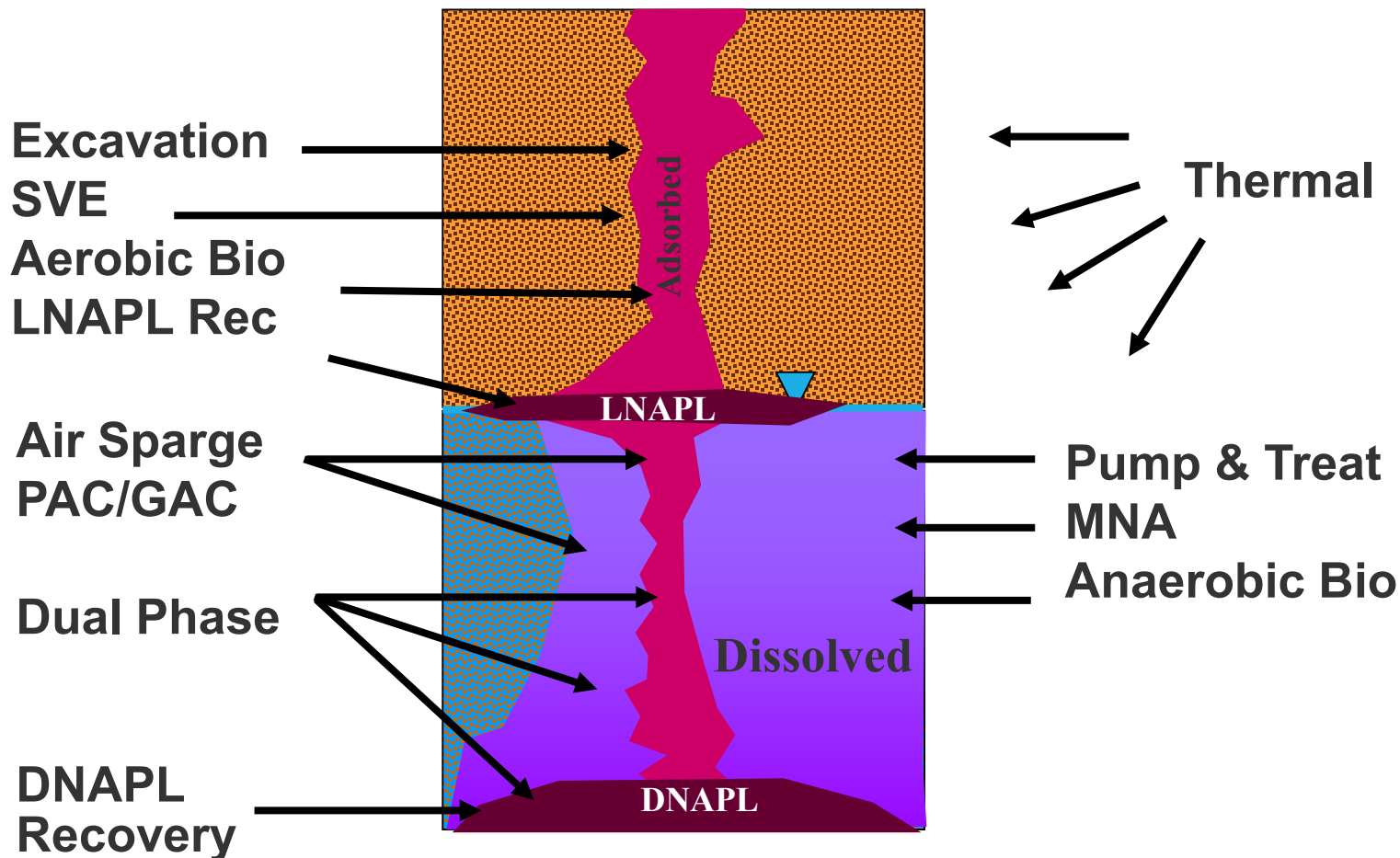
Provect-ABR Aerobic Bioremediation Reagent

Soil amendment for accelerated aerobic biodegradation of organic compounds.



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Conventional Remediation Technologies



Why Do We Need ISCO/ISCR?



💧 Speed

- Many conventional technologies can take years to complete
- Long term O&M

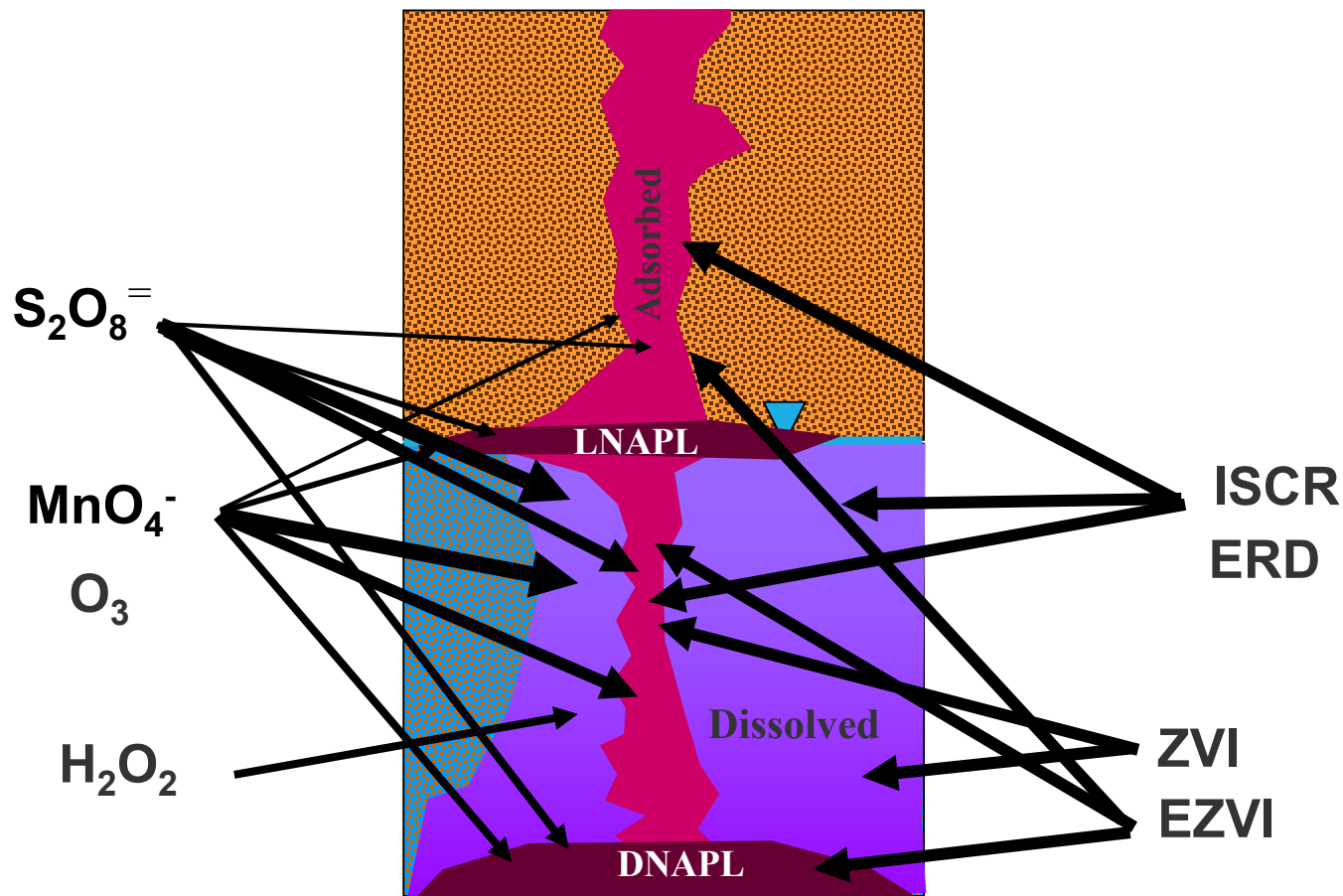
💧 Efficacy

- Many cannot reach RAO / MCLs
- Many require treatment / disposal of impacted media
- Most are ineffective with DNAPLs
- Ultimately, complete destruction of COI not always achieved

💧 Cost

- Many have high O&M&M
- Sustainability can be questionable

Applicability of ISCO/ISCR Technologies



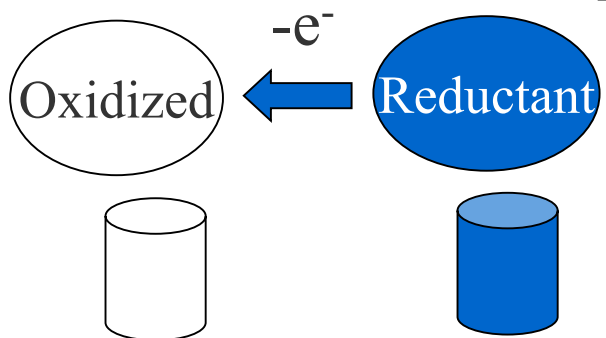
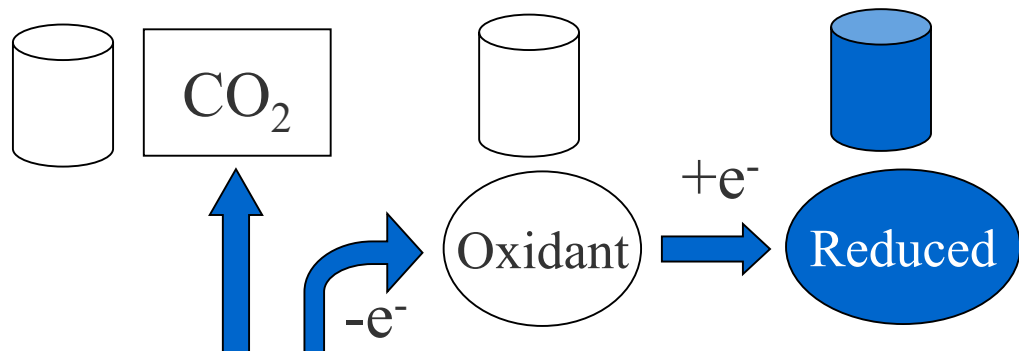
Fast, Effective (terminal destruction),
Cost Efficient and *In Situ*

Understanding ISCO/ISCR Reactions



ISCO

**Oxidation removes
Electrons from COI**



ISCR

**Reduction adds
Electrons to COI**

ISCO = Breaking Chemical Bonds



- 💧 Oxidant must be able to accept electrons

- Capacity = Equivalent weight (MW / No. electrons)

- 💧 Ultimate end point is mineralization

- Partial oxidation is common

Bond Type	Volts (eV)
Carbon-Carbon (single) Long chain hydrocarbons PAHs, DRO, GRO	2.5
Carbon-Carbon (one and a half) Aromatic Type - BTEX and PCP	2.0
Carbon-Carbon (double) HVOCs, PCE, TCE, DCE, VC	1.5
Carbon-Hydrogen (Alkanes)	1.0

Oxidation Potentials of Common ISCO

stronger oxidizer ↑

Oxidation Potentials	Volts
Fluorine (F ₂)	2.87
Hydroxyl radical (OH●)	2.80
Persulfate radical (SO ₄ ●)	2.60
Ferrate (Fe ⁺⁶)	2.20
Ozone (O ₃)	2.08
Persulfate (S ₂ O ₈ ⁻²)	2.01
Hydrogen peroxide (H ₂ O ₂)	1.78
Permanganate (MnO ₄ ⁻)	1.68
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<https://sites.google.com/site/ecpreparation/ferrate-vi>

Fenton's

- Treats wide range of contaminants
- Short subsurface lifetime
- Difficult to apply in reactive soils

Persulfate

- Treats wide range of contaminants
- Sulfate radical forms slower than the hydroxyl radical, allowing a larger radius of influence

Provect-OX

- Generates Ferrate (Fe IV, V, VI possible)
- Treats wide range of contaminants
- Extended *in situ* lifetime w/ continual production
- Avoids Rebound

Ozone

- Treats wide range of contaminants
- Short subsurface lifetime
- Limited use in saturated zone

Permanganate –

- Treats limited range of contaminants
- Partial oxidation of TPHs, etc
- Long subsurface lifetime
- Potential effects on hydrogeology

Higher oxidation potential = stronger the oxidizer

Reactivity of Various ISCO Reagents



Oxidant	Amenable VOC's	Reluctant VOCs	Recalcitrant VOCs	Limitations
Peroxide, Old Fenton's	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, CB, BTEX, PAHs, MTBE, TBA	DCA, CH ₂ Cl ₂	TCA, CT, CHCl ₃	Stability (25-95% decomp/hr), low pH
Peroxide, New Fenton's	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, CB, BTEX, PAHs, MTBE, TBA	DCA, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , TCA, CT, CHCl ₃		Stability (10-50% decomp/hr)
Potassium Permanganate	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, TEX, PAH	MTBE, TBA	TCA, CT, B, CHCl ₃ , DCA, CB, CH ₂ Cl ₂	Soil oxidant demand
Sodium Permanganate	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, TEX, PAH	MTBE, TBA	TCA, CT, B, CHCl ₃ , DCA, CB, CH ₂ Cl ₂	Soil oxidant demand
Sodium Persulfate, Fe	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, CB, BTEX, PAHs, MTBE, TBA	DCA, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , CHCl ₃	TCA, CT	Stability (10-25% decomp/wk), low pH
Sodium Persulfate, Base	All VOCs			Stability (10-25% decomp/wk), NaOH costs
Sodium Persulfate, Heat	All VOCs			Stability (10-50% decomp/day), low pH, heating costs
Ozone	PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, CB, BTEX, PAHs, MTBE, TBA		DCA, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , CHCl ₃ , TCA, CT	Mass Delivery, Volatilization

ISCO Issue 1: Non-Beneficial Consumption



$$[\text{Oxidant}]_{\text{Required}} = [\text{Stoichiometric Demand}]_{\text{Contaminant}} +$$

[Soil Matrix Demand] +


[Metals]_{Red}

[Organic Carbon]_{Oxidizable}

[Decomposition]_{Oxidant}

}

Non-Beneficial
Consumption

	Peroxide	Persulfate	Permanganate	Ozone
Decomposition	XXXXX	XX	--	XX
SOD - Metals	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XX
SOD - Organics	---	 ----	XXXXX	---
Advection	X	X	X	XX

pSOD from non-impacted aquifer = less than accurate

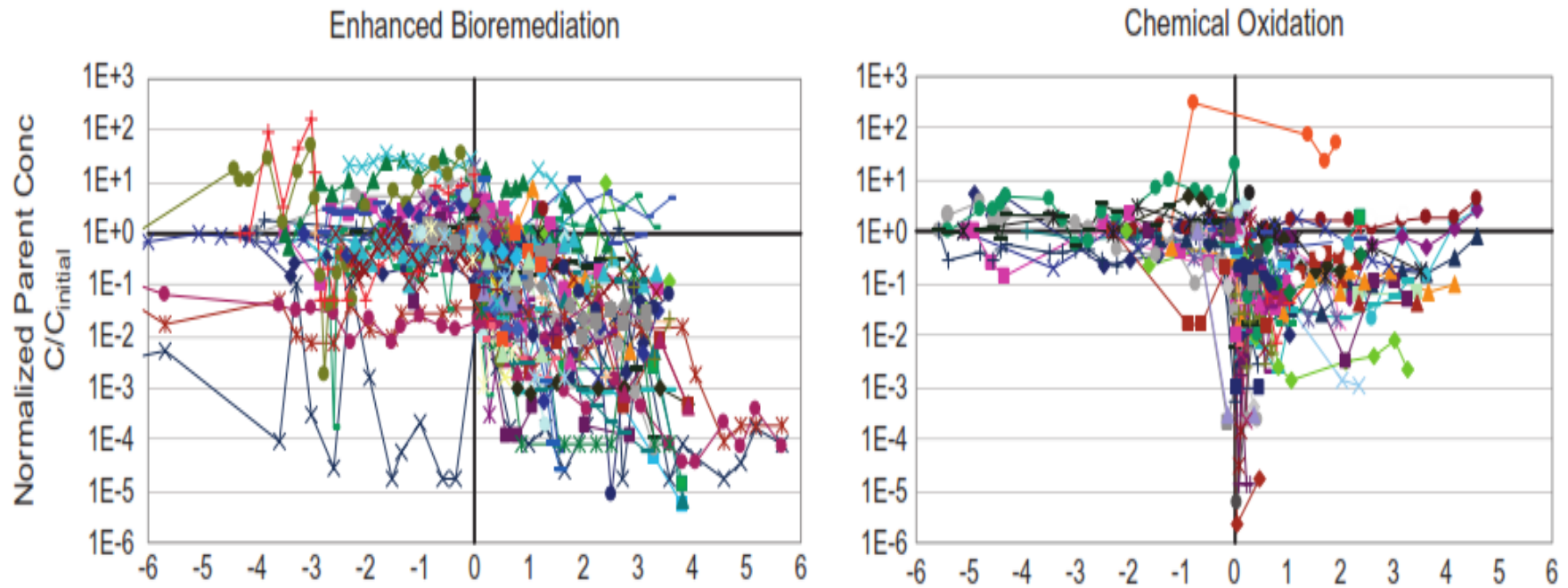


= slow to react

ISCO Issue 2: Contaminant Rebound

Figure 1. Temporal concentration records for wells at source depletion sites. Concentration is normalized by the initial measured concentration. Sampling time is normalized by the time of the initial source depletion treatment.

T.M. McGuire et al./ Ground Water Monitoring & Remediation 26, no. 1: 73–84 77

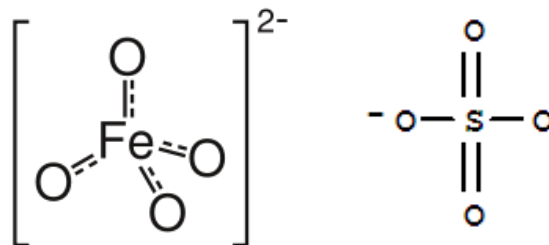


X-axis showing sampling time (years) relative to initial treatment (Time 0)

What is Provect-OX®?



- 💧 **Sodium Persulfate + Ferric Oxide ISCO Reagent**
 - **Chemical Oxidation via Sulfate (SO_4^\bullet) Radical**
 - **Chemical Oxidation via Ferrate (Fe^{6+}) Radical**
- 💧 **Enhances Biological Attenuation via Sulfate and Iron Reduction Processes**
- 💧 **Terminating Reaction Results in Pyrite: An Abiotic Reactive Particle with similar Kinetics to ZVI (BiRD / Pseudo-ISCR)**
- 💧 **Easily Transitions from Oxidation to Biological Attenuation to Abiotic Mineralization**
- 💧 **Safely Handled Catalyzed Process without the Hazards of Extreme Activators Caustics**



Provect-OX Oxidation Potentials

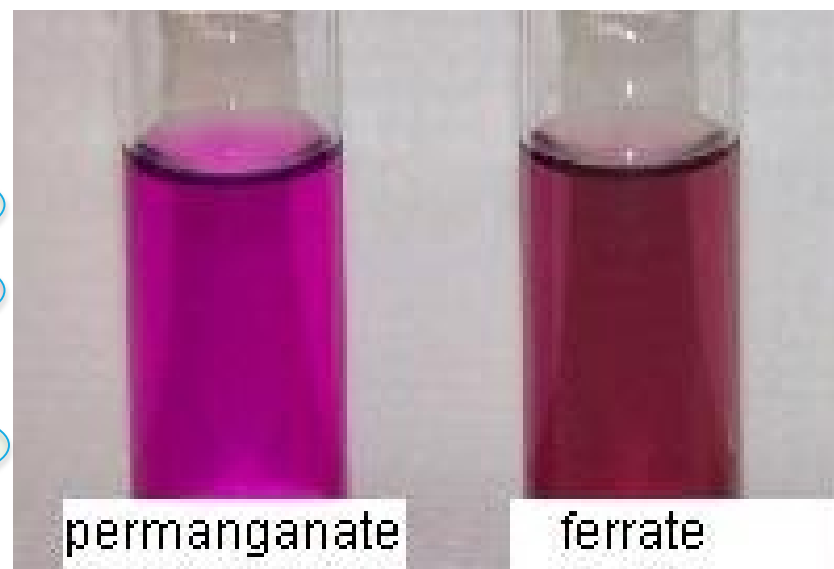


Ferrate salts can easily be prepared from iron salts, hypochlorite and a base:



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Ferrate Chemistry is Complex...

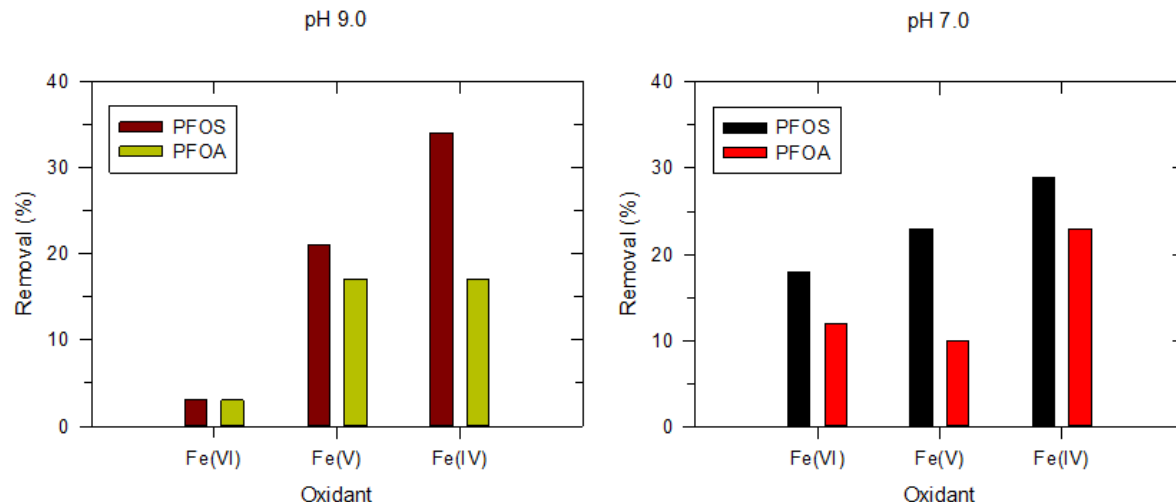
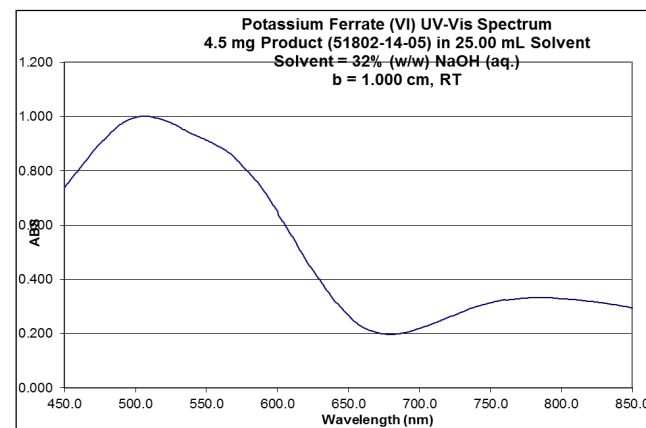


Figure 3. Oxidation of perfluorooctylsulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid by one application of ferrates at pH 9.0 and 7.0 after five days.



Provect-OX® Coupled Oxidation w/ Sustained Bioremediation



- 💧 List \$1.95 / lb includes activator
- 💧 US Patent 9,126,245



- 💧 Safely Handled
- 💧 All in one bag
- 💧 Uses Fe^{+3} as activator
- 💧 Conserves Oxidant
- 💧 Formation of Reactive Ferrate Species
- 💧 Enhances Bioattenuation $\text{Fe} + \text{SO}_4$
- 💧 Encourages the Formation of Pyrite
- 💧 Prevents H_2S Formation
- 💧 Minimizes Heavy metal mobilization
- 💧 No Heat generated = safer



- 💧 >\$1.35 / lb persulfate only

- 💧 When Chelated Fe^{+2} used as activator EDTA Consumes the Oxidant
- 💧 When Caustic is used as activator
 - Short Lived Reaction
 - H_2S Formed
 - Secondary plumes / metals (Cr)
 - Can generate extreme heat
 - Handling and Safety issues

pH 10+ Does Not Promote Bio
Does Not Manage Rebound

Base-Activated Persulfate and Rebound



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Hydrogen Peroxide Klozur® Klozur CR® PermeOx® Plus Resource Center

Peroxygen Talk

March 2010 - The Use of Lime to Activate Klozur Persulfate and Its Impact on Contaminant Soil Concentrations

Hydrated lime, $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, and in some instances quicklime, CaO , have been used successfully as an activator for Klozur® Persulfate for the treatment of petroleum and chlorinated solvent contaminated soils. Due to its relatively low solubility, the most common method of use with Klozur persulfate is soil blending, either *in situ* or *ex situ*. Lime provides several benefits as an activator, including:

- Relative low cost



Philip Block, Ph.D.

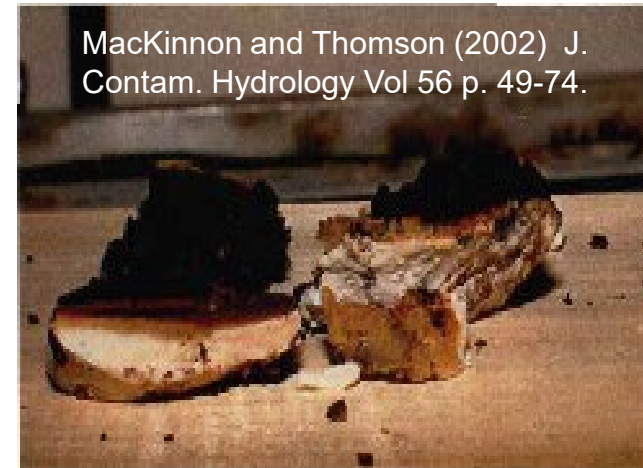


“In conclusion, it is evident that the standard EPA test method 3545 does not adequately account for reversible, lime encapsulation due to a lack of pH adjustment prior to extraction. This may lead to erroneous conclusions that lime application is adequate in remediating contaminated soils, and that it provides equivalent benefit to lime activated persulfate treatment. Adjusting the pH to circum-neutral levels prior to extraction will provide a more accurate estimation of the contaminant destruction that is capable with lime and lime activated persulfate”. FMC (now PeroxyChem) March, 2010.

MnO₂ Potential Rebound



In the presence of an organic compound (R), MnO₄ reactions yield an oxidized intermediate (Rox) or CO₂, ... plus MnO₂



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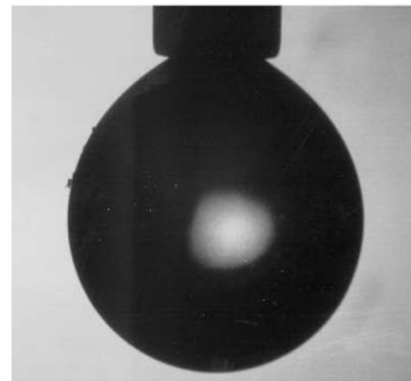
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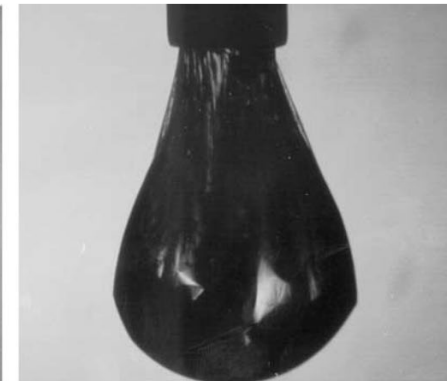
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Interphase mass transfer during chemical oxidation of TCE DNAPL in an aqueous system

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(a)



(b)

Fig. 7. (a) Photograph of a TCE droplet suspended in phosphate buffered de-ionized water from the tip of a syringe needle prior to chemical oxidation with MnO₄⁻. (b) Photograph of a TCE droplet following chemical oxidation with MnO₄⁻. Needle diameter=0.8 mm.

ISCO Issue 3: Longevity of Reagents



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A five-year performance review of field-scale, slow-release permanganate candles with recommendations for second-generation improvements

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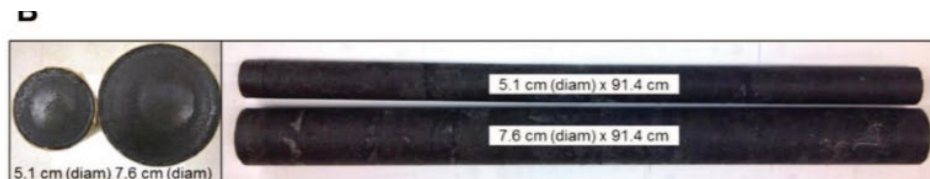


Figure 2. (A) Field plot of the permeable reactive barrier of SRPCs and monitoring wells; each SRPC location received five candles stack on top of each other; and (B) photograph of permanganate candles.

Longevity of ISCO Reagents – KP?



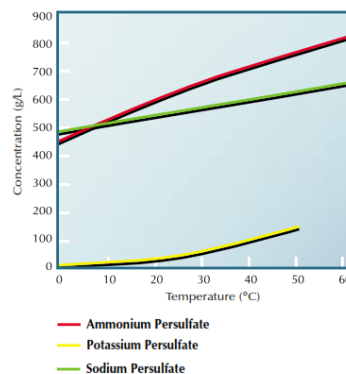
Klozur KP

- Klozur KP based upon environmental grade potassium persulfate (KP)
- Primary differences to sodium persulfate
 - Solubility
 - K⁺ vs. Na⁺

Temperature (°C)	Klozur SP		Klozur KP	
	wt%	g/L	wt%	g/L
0	36.5	480	1.6	17
10	40.1	540	2.6	29
20	41.8	570	4.5	47
25	42.3	580	5.7	59

Characteristic	SP	KP
Formula	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈
Molecular Weight	238.1	270.3
Crystal density (g/cc)	2.59	2.48
Color	White	White
Odor	None	None
Loose bulk density (g/cc)	1.12	1.30

Solubilities of Persulfate Salts



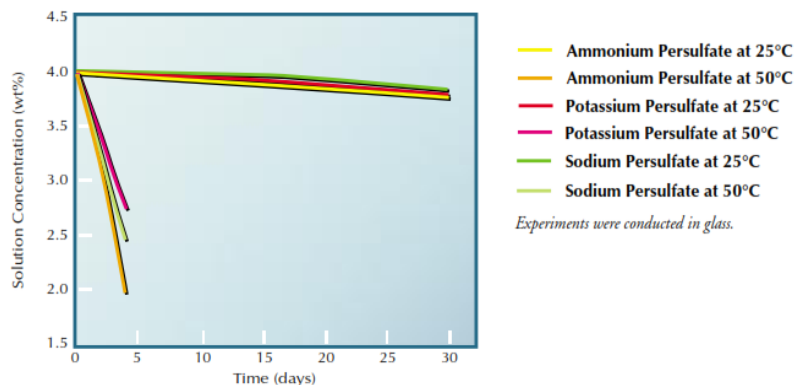
Maximum solubility of persulfate salts in water

Solubility (g/100g of H ₂ O)	Ammonium Persulfate	Potassium Persulfate	Sodium Persulfate
25°C	85	6	73
50°C	116	17	86

Using Klozur® Potassium Persulfate as a Slow Release Oxidant and Permeable Reactive Barrier

Patrick Hicks, Brant Smith, Brianna Desjardins & Sandy Owen
PeroxyChem
IPEC Conference New Orleans, LA
November 9, 2016

Decomposition Rates of 4% Solutions



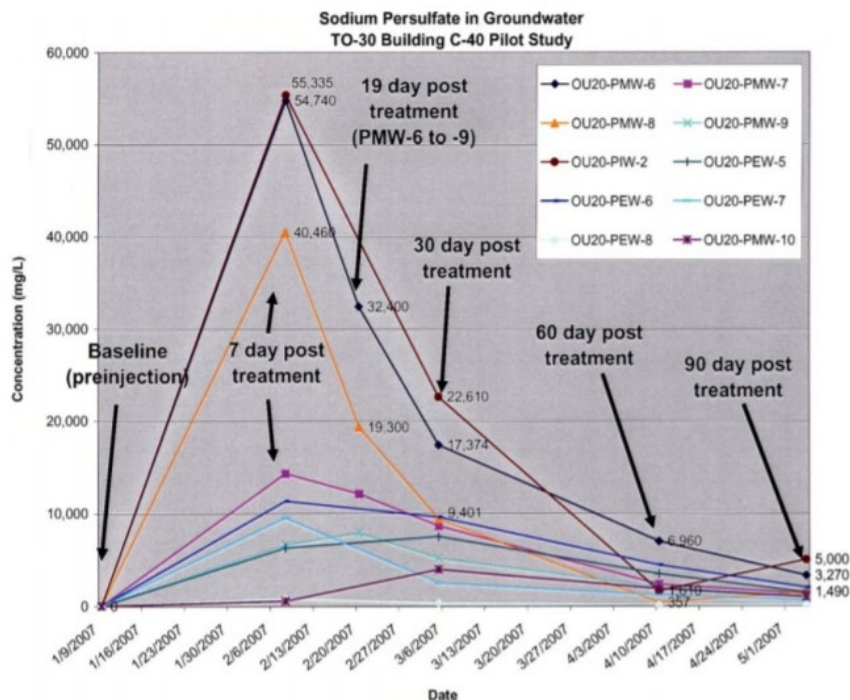
Potassium persulfate (Hoag, 1998) espoused for slow release ISCO

- Solubility < 30,000 mg/L at average GW temp 11 C
- Kinetics historically questioned

Kinetics of KP...



Figure 2-3 shows the residual persulfate concentrations in the wells at different times. The persulfate data are congruent with the TCE data. The wells with the highest persulfate residuals (PIW-2, PMW-6, and PMW-8) also show the greatest TCE declines and are closest to the injection well. More distant wells, such as PMW-7 and PMW-9, as well as eventually PMW-10, indicate arrival of the residual persulfate front. At the end of 90 days, residual persulfate remained in all treatment-area wells. The fact that residual persulfate co-exists with stable or increasing TCE levels in several wells, such as PEW-5, may indicate that a certain threshold level of persulfate may be required to initiate oxidation reactions responsible for TCE destruction. PEW-5 was the only well that did not show any substantial TCE post-treatment decline, indicating that persulfate distribution in this region may have been limited. On the other hand, TCE levels declined initially in PMW-8, but rebounded sharply during later monitoring events, despite high levels of residual persulfate reaching this well.



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COST AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERSULFATE TREATABILITY STUDIES

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Ion Chromatography may be more accurate than the field test kits used

Issue 4: ISCO and Heavy Metals



Page iv – Executive Summary

- ISCO appears to elevate the concentration of some metals in groundwater. Concentration of these metals may remain elevated, even after the geochemical properties of the groundwater return to baseline conditions. Some of these metals, such as arsenic or chromium (VI), can have both human health and environmental impacts; others, such as iron and manganese, have secondary drinking-water standards associated with them. Hence, longer-term monitoring is necessary to evaluate the potential for migration of these metals.



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COST AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR
PERSULFATE TREATABILITY STUDIES

Ship Date: 11-May-2015

Certificate Date: 19-Sep-2016

Product: Klozur® SP, 55.1 lb bag

PROPERTY INSPECTION METHOD	SPECIFICATION	BATCH/Mfg.Dt 0002016558 31-Dec-2014	BATCH/Mfg.Dt 0002018366 28-Jan-2015
Lead, ppb, TYP		<200 PPB PB	<200 PPB PB
Chromium, ppb, TYP		<150 PPB CR	<150 PPB CR
Arsenic, ppb, TYP		<100 PPB AS	<100 PPB AS
Cadmium, ppb, TYP		<100 PPB CD	<100 PPB CD
Barium, ppb, TYP		<500 PPB BA	<500 PPB BA
Mercury, ppb, TYP		<100 PPB HG	<100 PPB HG
Selenium, ppb, TYP		<5000 PPB SE	<5000 PPB SE
Silver, ppb, TYP		<250 PPB AG	<250 PPB AG
Copper, ppb, TYP		<4000 PPB CU	<4000 PPB CU

A Certificate of Analysis for sodium persulfate obtained from PeroxyChem noted that there could be as much as 150 µg/kg of chromium in their product.

Drinking Water MCL = 100 µg/L Total Cr

CA Drinking Water = 10 µg/L Cr⁶⁺

IN risk-based groundwater remediation = 0.3 µg/L Cr⁶⁺

Adding 10,000 kg of NPS to an aquifer can add up to 1,500,000 µg Cr that will most likely be oxidized to Cr VI >> State Guidelines if not immobilized.

What is *In Situ* Chemical Reduction?



- 💧 In 2004, ISCR was defined as “a synergistic process that combines biotic + abiotic reactions and creates highly reducing, electron-rich conditions” (Mueller and Brown, 2004)
 - ISCR is **not** enhanced anaerobic bioremediation/ERD
 - ISCR is **not** ZVI only or BiRD or *et cetera*

Process	Amendments
Enhanced Anaerobic Degradation / ERD	Molasses, (emulsified) vegetable oils / lecithins, sodium lactate, polylactic acid, whey, simple H release compounds
<i>In Situ</i> Chemical Reduction / ISCR	Provect-IR™, ABC®+, EHC®, DARAMEND®
Antimethanogenic ISCR Reagents	Provect-IR®, Provect-IRM®, Aquablok®-CH4, and to some degree ABC-CH4™

ISCR Builds on Decades of Knowledge



1. Biotic processes biodegrade COIs
2. Abiotic processes are based on reduced metals
3. Abiotic processes are surface catalyzed
4. Abiotic pathways are different than biological pathways
5. Abiotic processes can be enhanced chemically or biologically

Makinawite FeS,

Pyrite FeS₂

Green Rust [Fe²⁺₆Fe³⁺₂(OH)₁₈·4(H₂O)]

Magnetite Fe³⁺₂Fe²⁺O₄

Glaucanite K_{0.6}Na_{0.05}Fe³⁺_{1.3}Mg_{0.4}Fe²⁺_{0.2}Al_{0.3}Si_{3.8}O₁₀(OH)₂

Biotite KMg_{2.5}Fe²⁺_{0.5}AlSi₃O₁₀(OH)_{1.75}F_{0.25}

Siderite FeCO₃

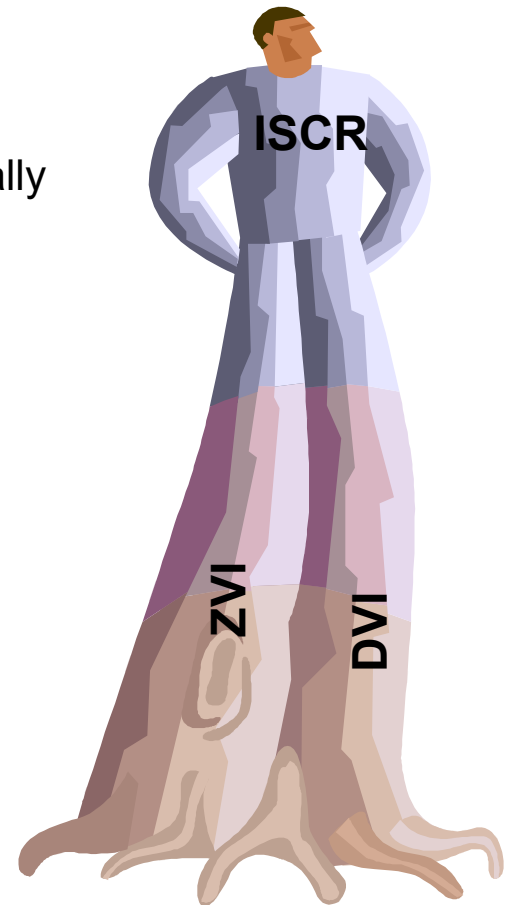
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Steel Slag amended with Fe⁺²

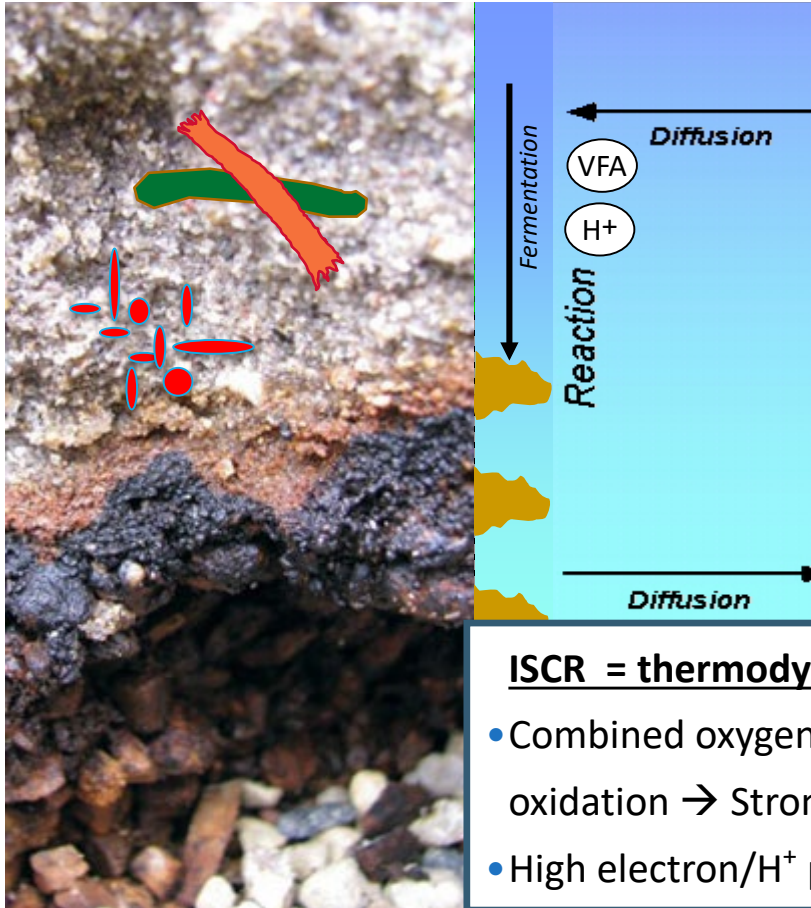
Cement amended with Fe⁺²

Minerals treated with Fe⁺²_(aq)

Minerals treated with reductants



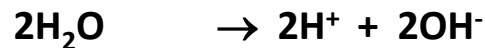
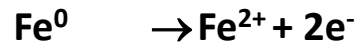
Carbon Fermentation + ZVI Corrosion = ISCR Multiple Reaction Mechanisms



Production of organic acids (VFAs): electron donors for reduction of COIs, O₂, NO₃, SO₄

- By preventing basification, reduces precipitate formation on ZVI surfaces to increase rate of iron corrosion /H₂ generation / reactivity

ZVI Reactions: H₂ and Fe⁺² and generation



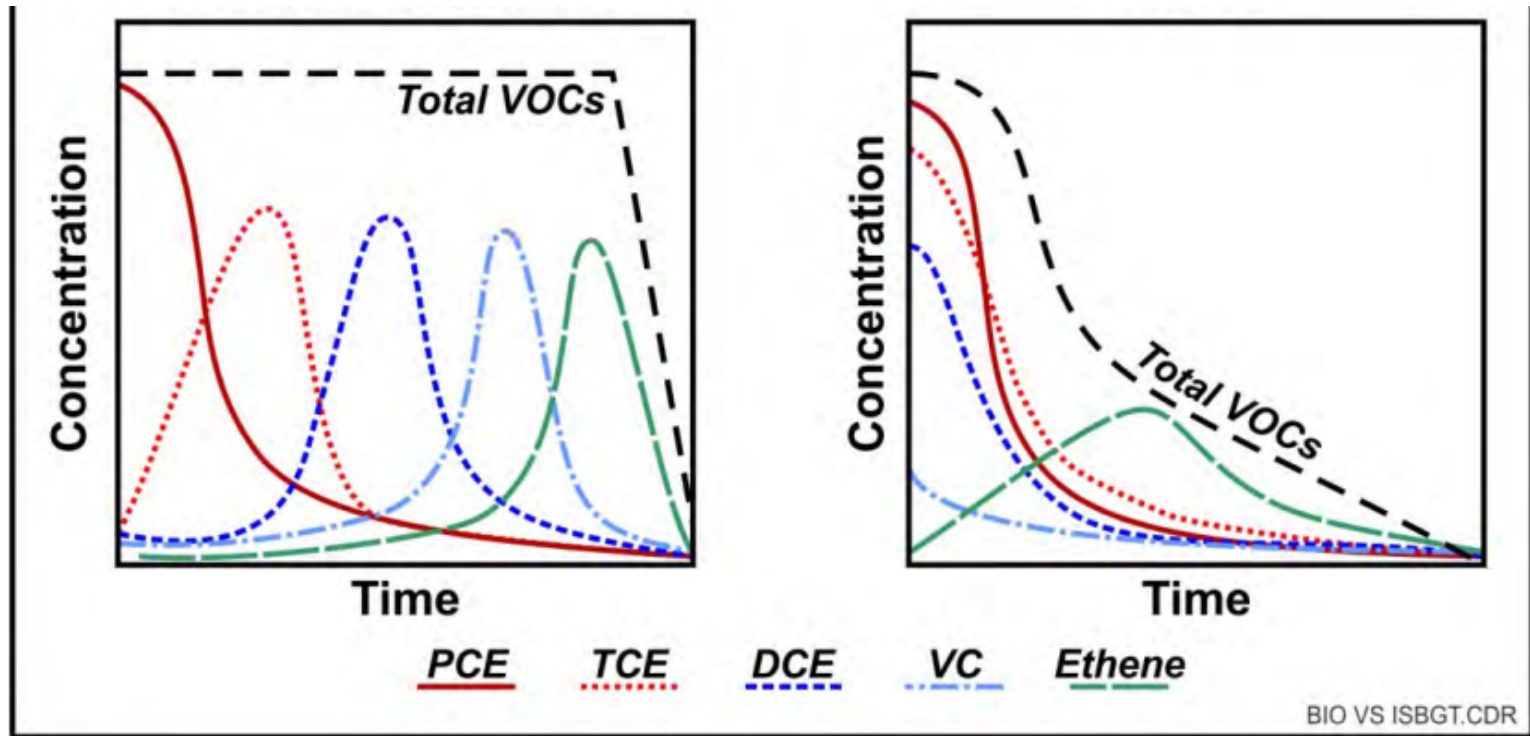
ISCR = thermodynamic conditions for dechlorination:

- Combined oxygen consumption from carbon fermentation and iron oxidation → Strongly reduced environment (-250 to -500 mV)
- High electron/H⁺ pressure

ERD

v.

ISCR



(Modified from Brown, 2009)

Figure 2. Abiotic versus Biological Degradation Pattern for Chlorinated Solvents



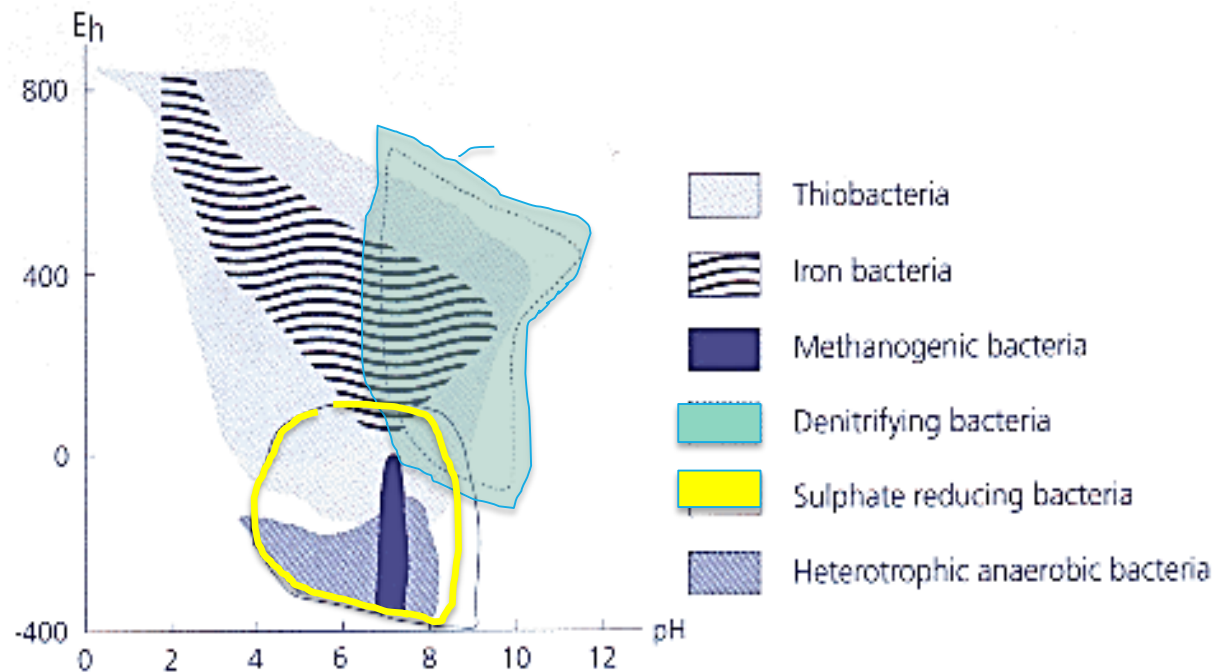
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BIOGEOCHEMICAL TRANSFORMATION HANDBOOK

Idealized Eh pH Ranges for Microbial Growth



Microbe	Doubling Times
Dehalococcoides spp.	24 to 48 hours
Methanogens with cytochromes	10 hours
Methanogens without cytochromes	1 hour



Why Add Carbon/ZVI to Reduce ORP?

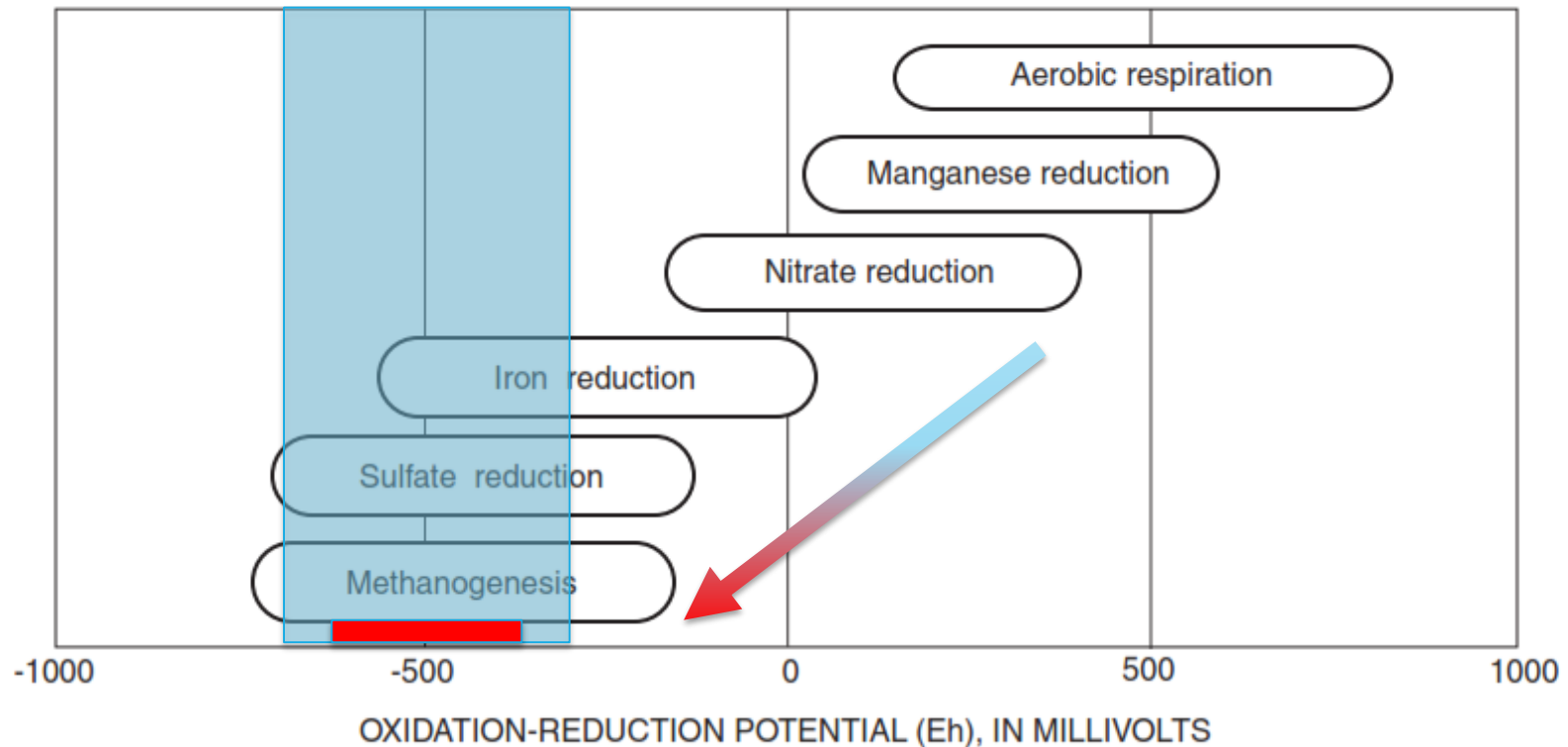
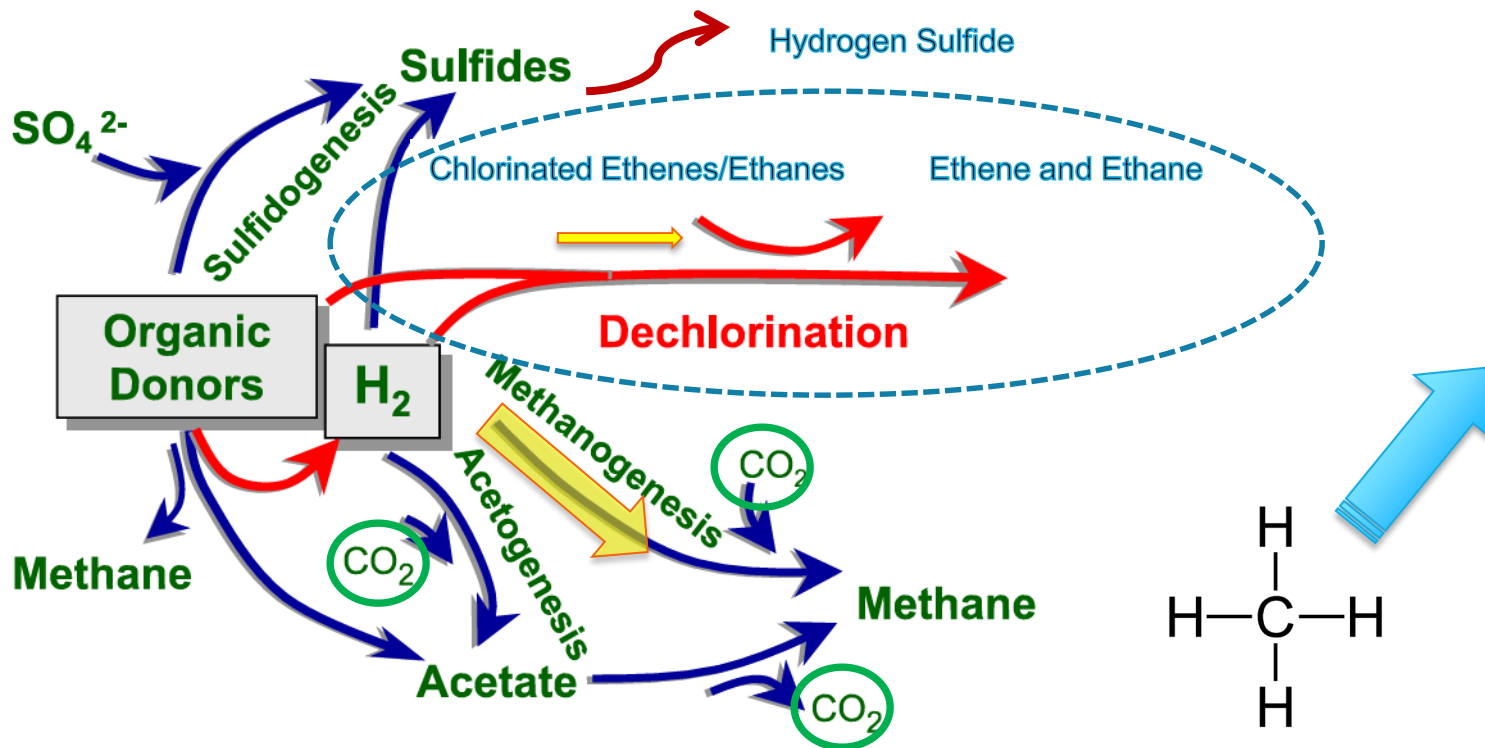


Figure 2. Oxidation-reduction potentials for selected microbial processes.
(Modified from Stumm and Morgan, 1981.)

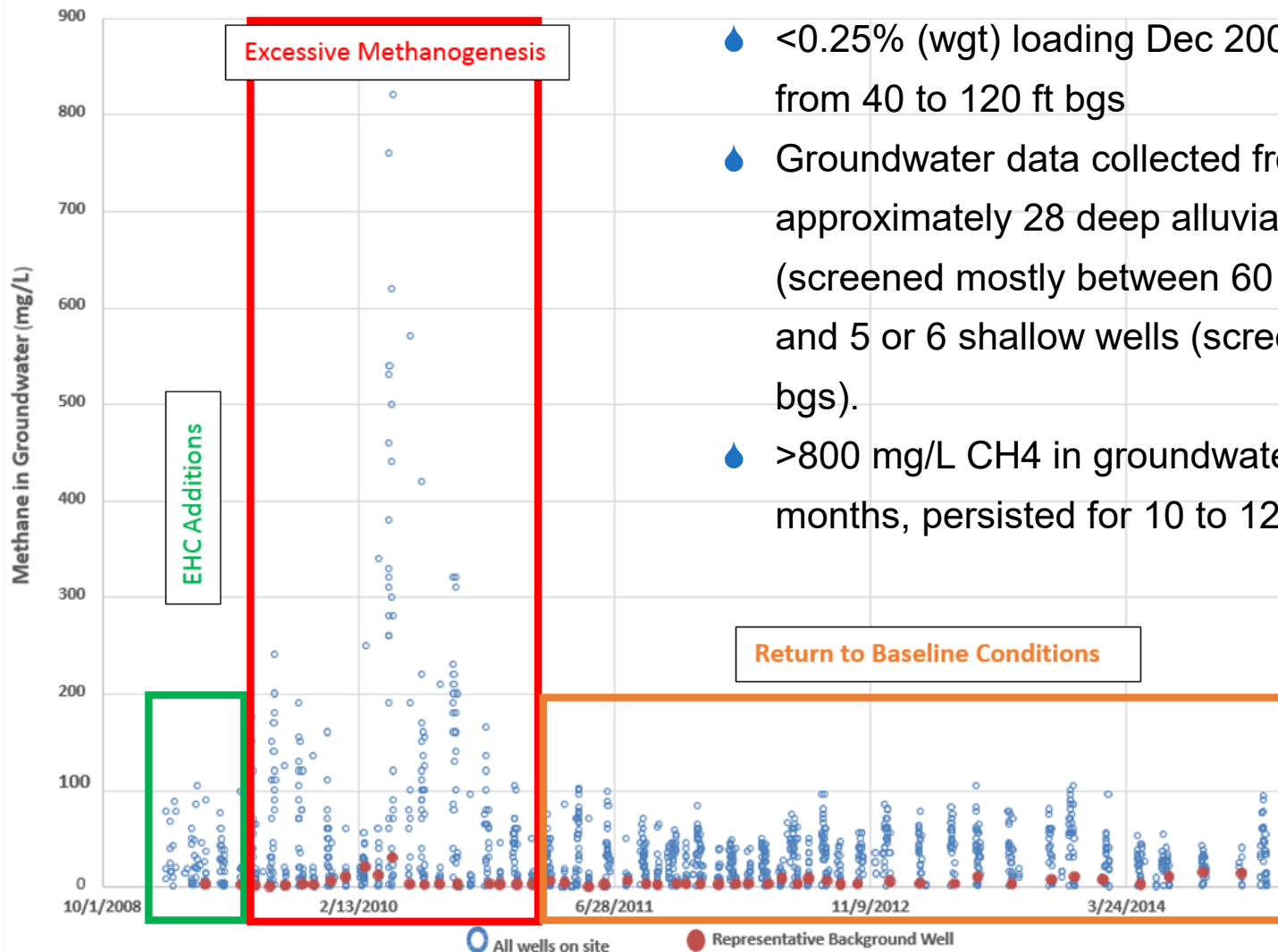
Hydrogen is the Currency



- ◆ Where Does it Go? = Cost and Efficiency Issues: Methanogens dominate anaerobic ecosystems and they can hinder dechlorination by competing for H_2 with dechlorinating bacteria (Yang and McCarty, 1998; yellow arrows modified by Provectus).



ISCR Issue 1: Excessive Methane



- <0.25% (wgt) loading Dec 2008-May, 2009 from 40 to 120 ft bgs
- Groundwater data collected from approximately 28 deep alluvial wells (screened mostly between 60 and 160 ft bgs) and 5 or 6 shallow wells (screened 25-35 ft bgs).
- >800 mg/L CH₄ in groundwater after 6 months, persisted for 10 to 12 months

Cost and Efficiency



- Production of methane is a direct indication that hydrogen generated from the electron donor amendments was used by methanogens instead of the target microbes (*e.g.*, *Dehalococcoides spp.*), substantially reducing application efficiency.

Constituent	Groundwater Concentration (mg/L)	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	Moles of H ₂ to Reduce Mole Analyte	Moles of H ₂ Acceptor In Treatment Area
Contaminant Electron Acceptors (To End Product Ethene)				
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	10.0	165.8	4	1,393
Trichloroethene (TCE)	7.0	131.4	3	364
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (cDCE)	0.0	96.9	2	0
Vinyl Chloride (VC)	0.0	62.5	1	0
Complete Dechlorination (Soil+Groundwater) Subtotal				1,757
Native Electron Acceptors				
Dissolved Oxygen	9.0	32	2	199
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	9.0	62	3	682
Sulfate	50.0	96.1	4	736
Fe ⁺² Formation from Fe ⁺³	20.0	55.8	0.5	63
Mn ⁺² Formation from Mn ⁺⁴	10.0	54.9	1	64
Baseline Geochemistry Subtotal				1,745
Hydrogen Waste for Methane Formation				
Methane Formed	20.0	16	4	1,769
Initial Treatment Area Hydrogen Usage				5,271

Even in a highly oxidized setting with relatively high total concentrations of PCE and TCE, generating just 20 mg/L of methane constitutes **greater than 33%** of the total amendment consumption based on moles of H₂.

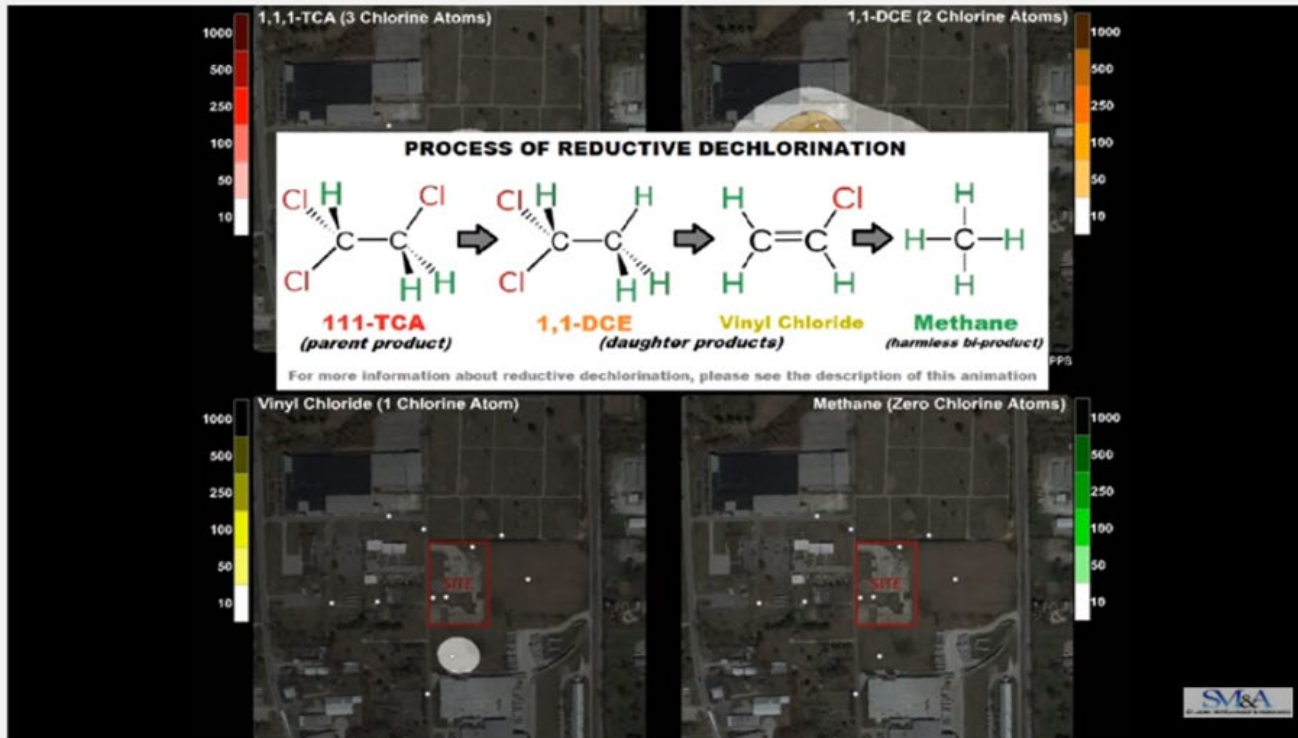
Vapor Intrusion / H&S



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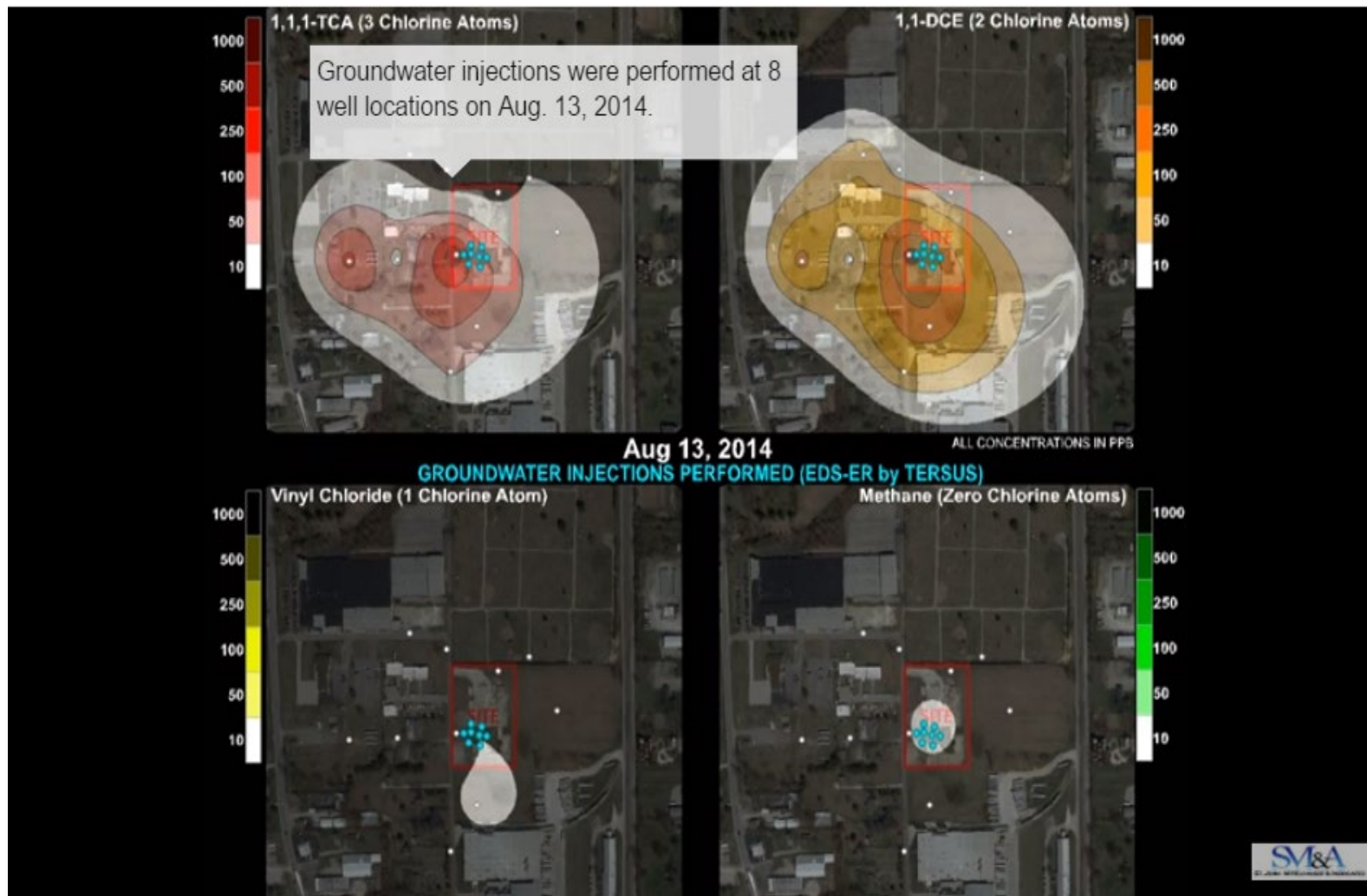


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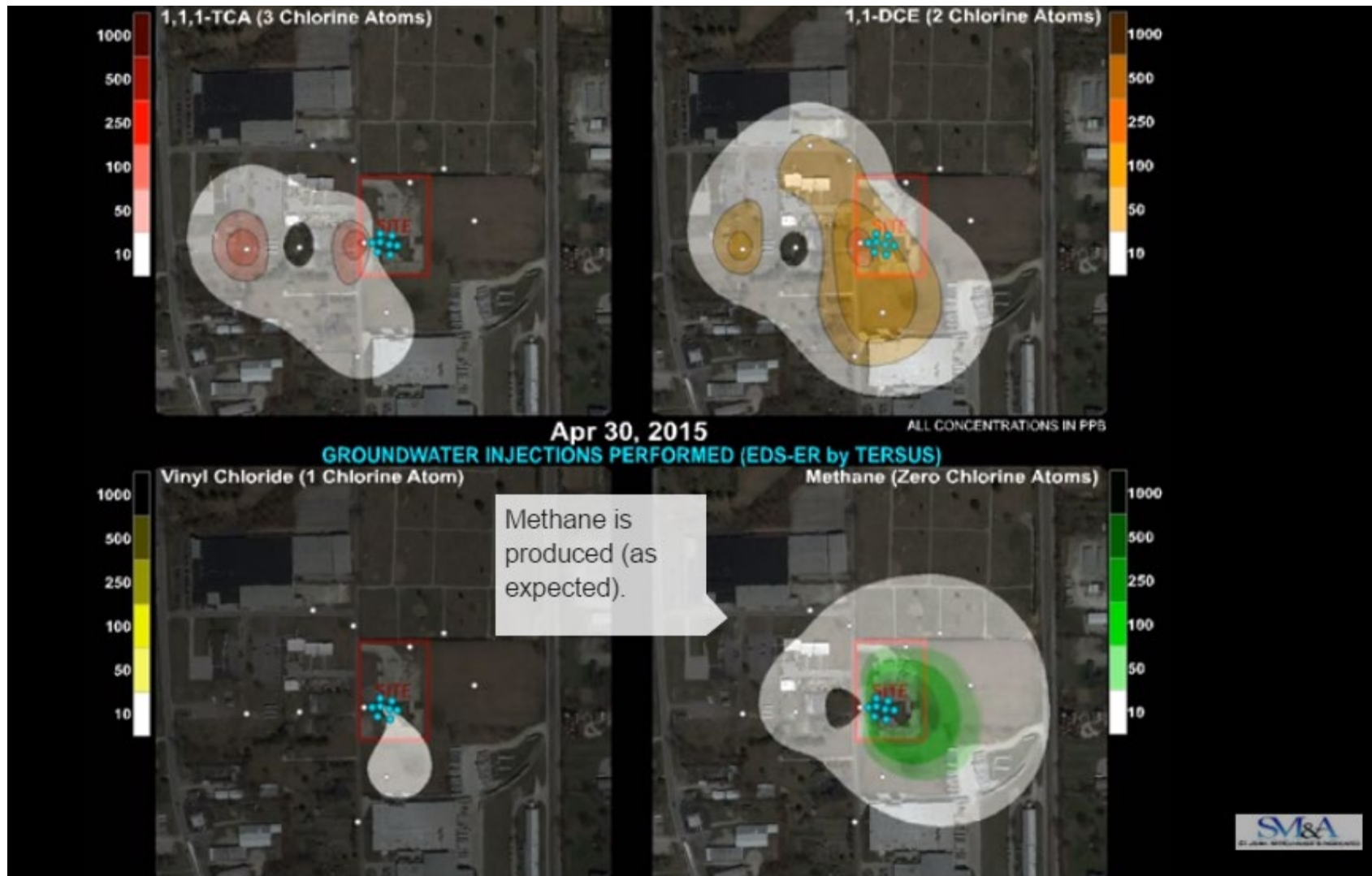
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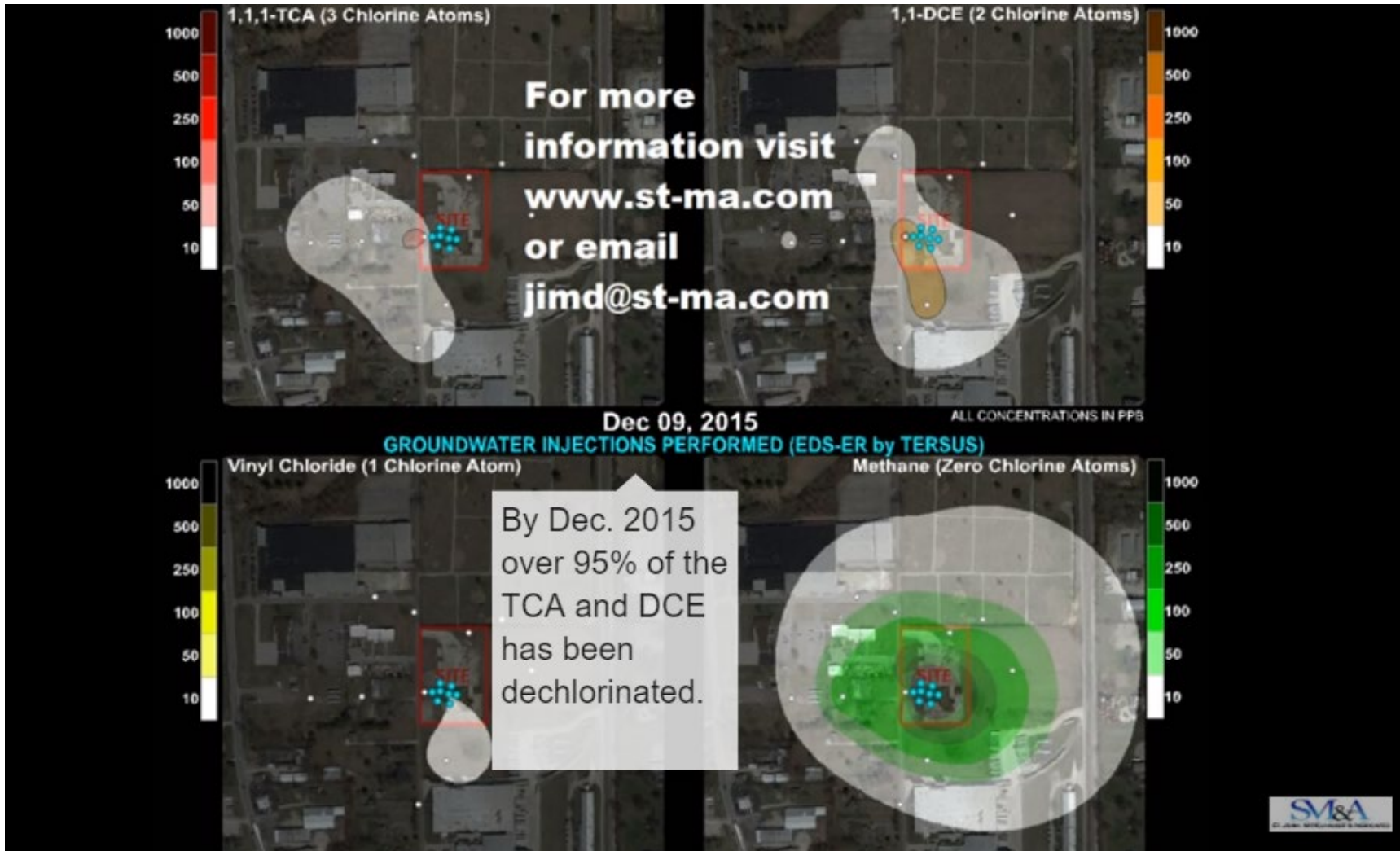
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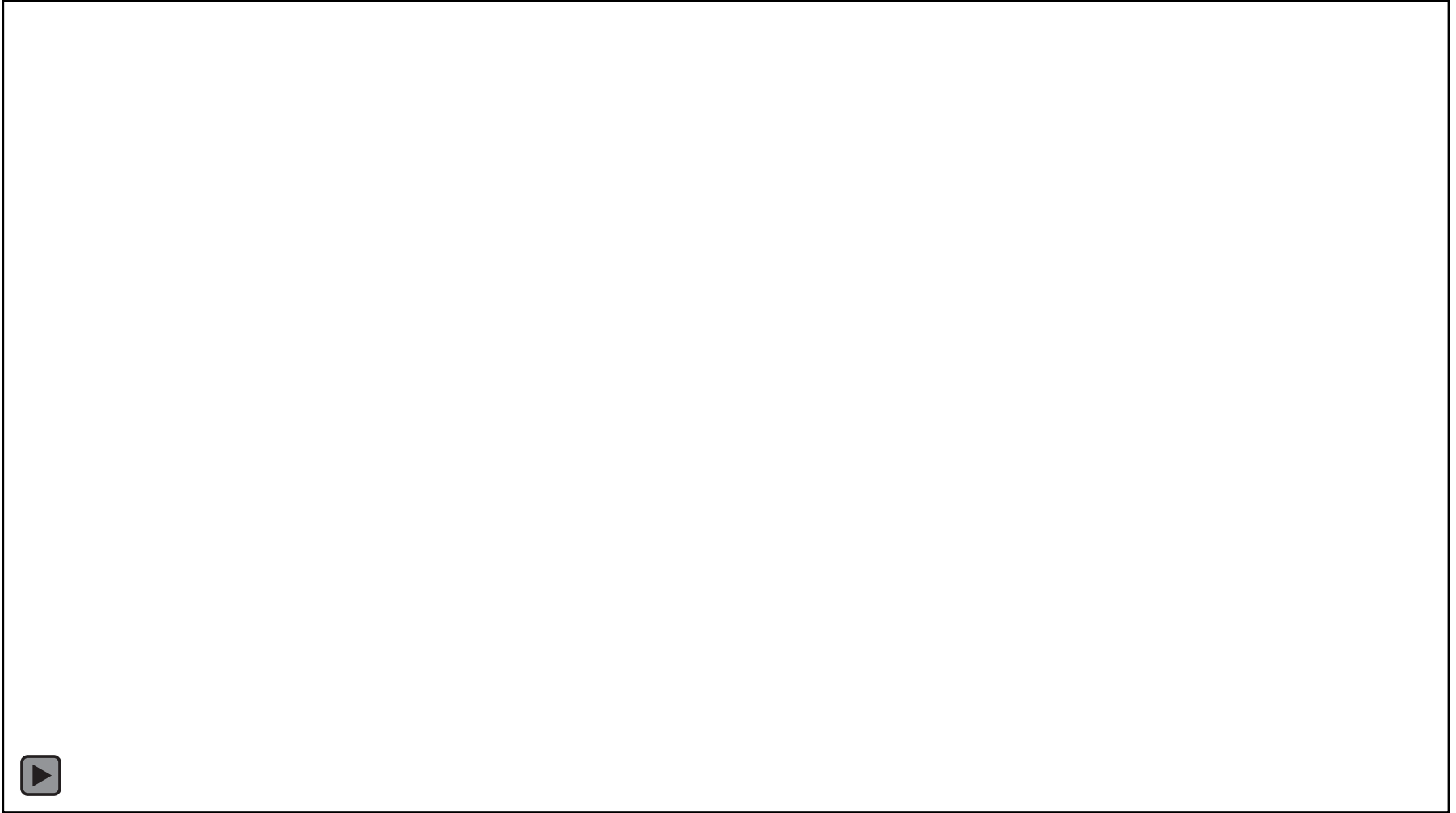
EVO Case Study - 8 months



EVO Case Study - 16 months

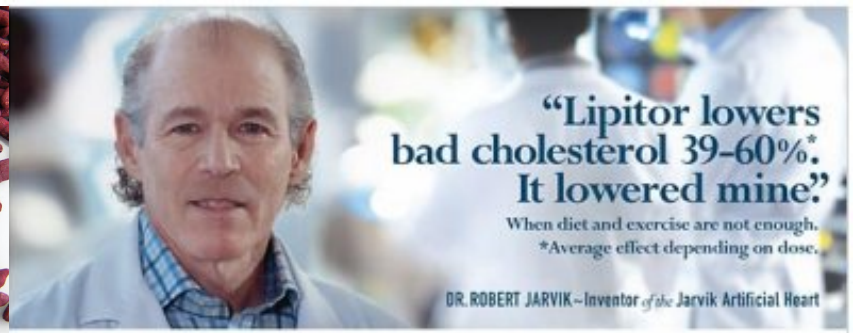


Excessive CH4 16 months post EVO

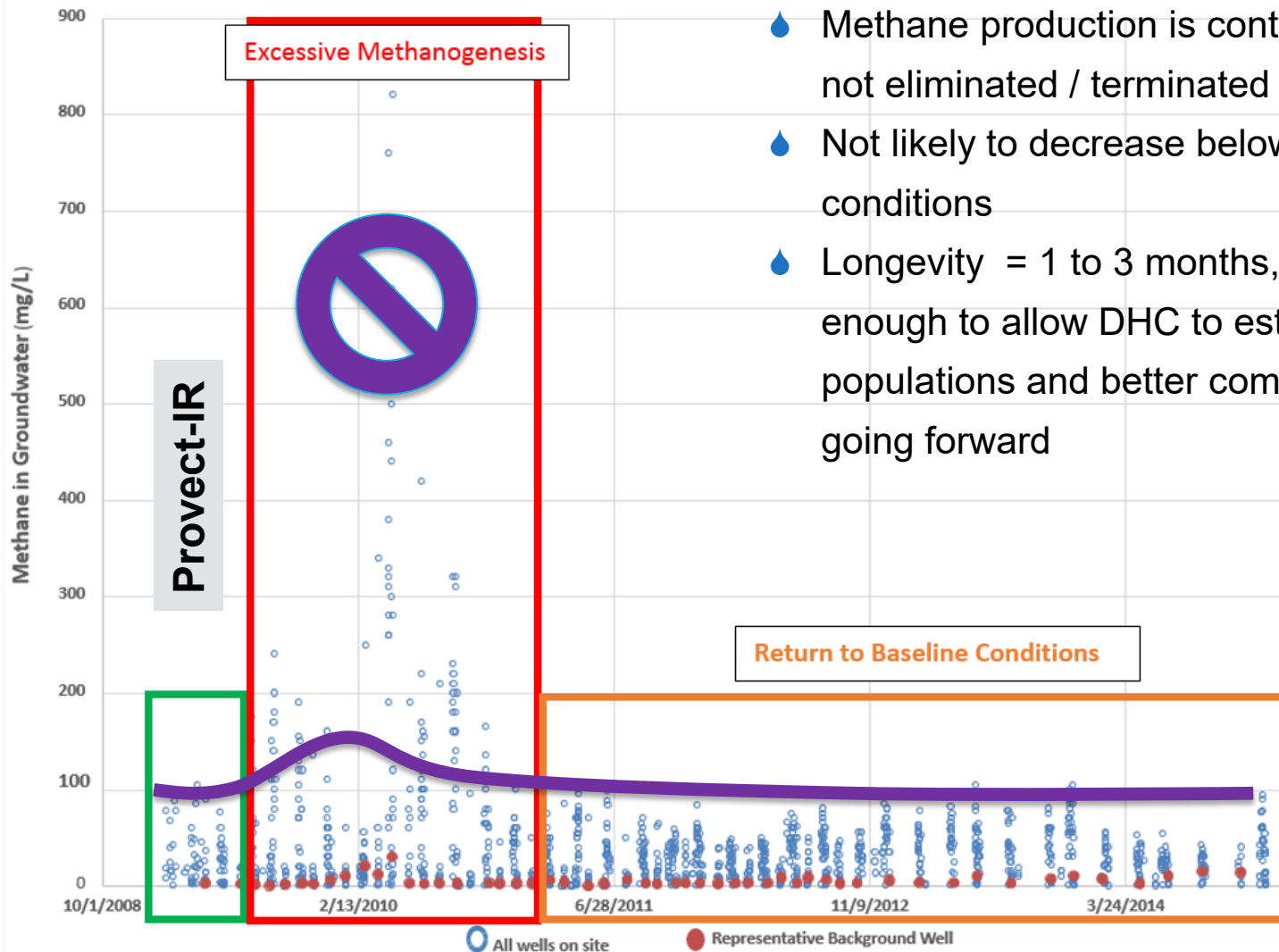


What is Red Yeast Rice (RYR) Extract?

- ◆ RYR extract is a substance extracted from rice that has been fermented with a yeast called *Monascus purpureus*.
- ◆ RYR extract contains a number of natural statins - most importantly, Monacolin K - otherwise known as Lovastatin® / Lipitor® /etc.
- ◆ In addition to Monacolin K, RYR also contains 9 other statins, mono-unsaturated fatty acids, vitamins and other nutrients that will effectively stimulate anaerobic bacteria.
- ◆ RYR is used as a food coloring, food additive and preservative, and is **widely consumed directly by humans**.



Controlled Methanogenesis

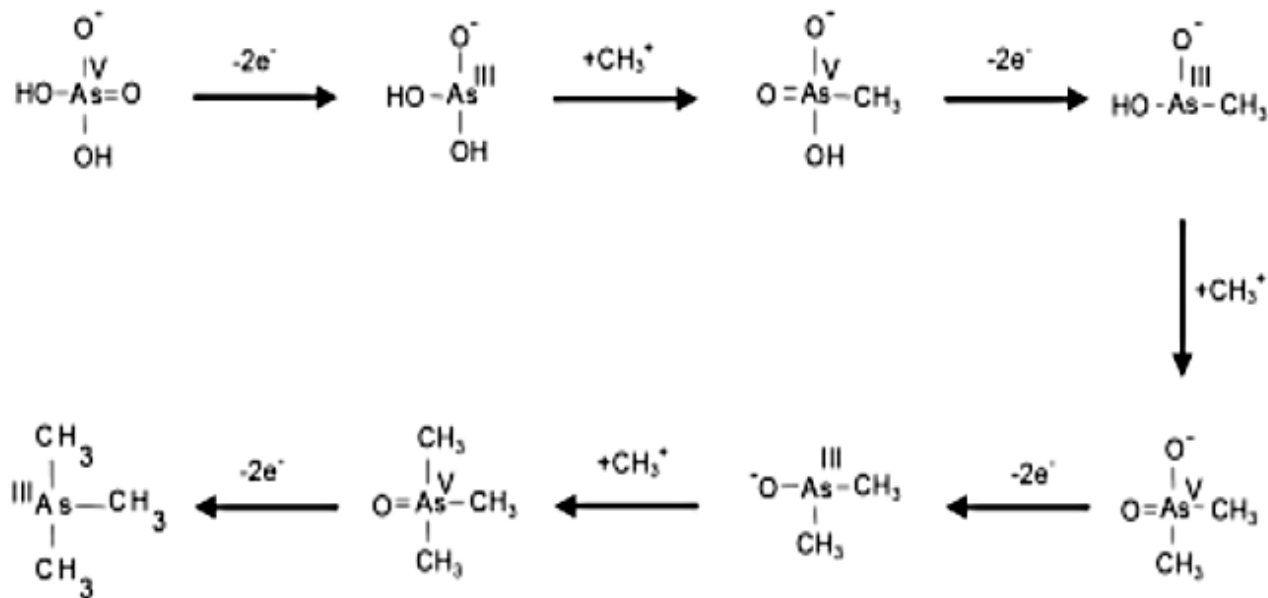


- Methane production is controlled, not eliminated / terminated
- Not likely to decrease below current conditions
- Longevity = 1 to 3 months, long enough to allow DHC to establish populations and better compete going forward

ISCR Issue 2: Arsenic Mobilization



- ♦ Methanogens (and other organisms) methylate metals and they are not able to participate in precipitation reactions.
- ♦ Moreover, the overall toxicity of the site is not increased via the generation of methylmetal(loids) as a consequence of the treatment process (example – biomethylation of arsenate).



Challenger mechanisms for biosynthesis of Arsenate (Challenger, 1945)

ISCR Issue 3: Ketone Production



- The occasional, transient production of acetone and/or MEK seems to mostly occur when alkanes are present along with high-organic carbon levels, in sub-oxic, especially methanogenic environments (Navylabs, 2005).
- The formation of these fermentation products is a recognized potential limitation of substrate addition for enhanced bioremediation (ESTCP, 2010).
- The accumulation seems to correlates with High TOC and low ORP but MEK/acetone production may occur before the system goes fully anaerobic, or soon after injection of a carbon source.
- * They do not migrate far (hydrogeologically dependent)
- * They are transient (persist between 10 and 180 days)

Acetone and 2-Butanone Creation
Associated with Biological and Chemical
Remediation of Environmental
Contamination

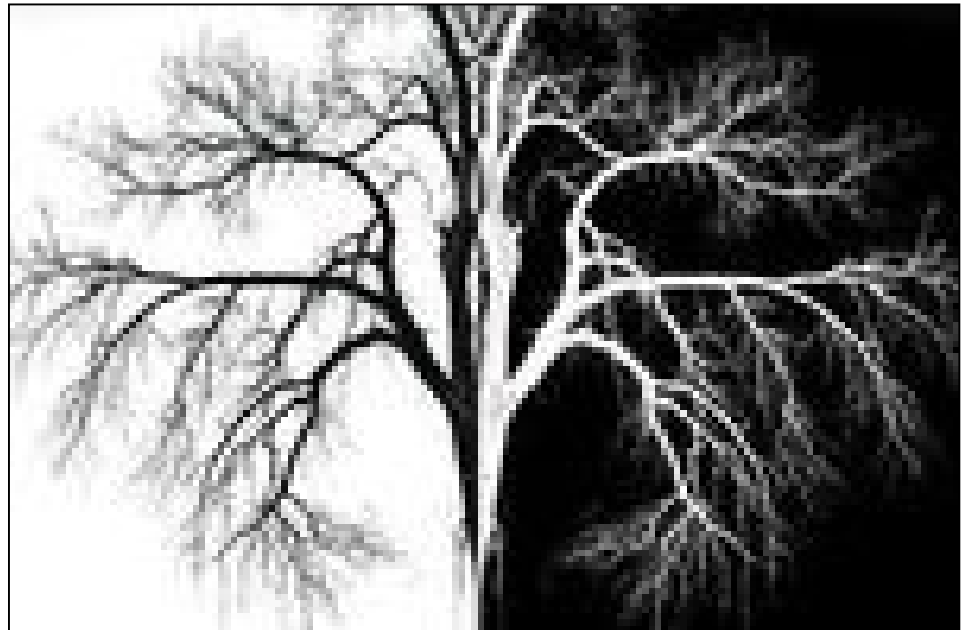
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ISCO / ISCR – How to Decide in 2017?



ISCO and ISCR are electron transfer reactions. They are mirrors of each other. They can both be used for treating a number of contaminants, especially chlorinated solvents. However, for a given site, they may not be equally effective. Neither technology is universally applicable.

So - How does one determine which technology to apply?



ISCO or ISCR – Five Selection Criteria



Dosage
Loading



Reagent
Choice



Strategy and
Distribution



Success is enough reagent in contact
with the contaminant for a long enough
period of time to react effectively



Persistence



Contaminant
Destruction

Reagent Selection and Dosage

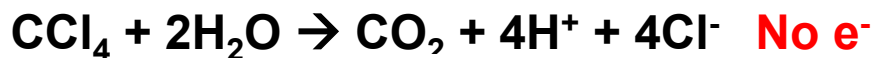
- 💧 Contaminant Type and Concentration
- 💧 Contaminant Distribution
- 💧 Aquifer Lithology / Hydrogeology / Biogeochemistry
 - DO/ORP
 - pH
 - TOC / SOD / COD
 - Nitrate / Sulfate
 - Reduced metals
- 💧 Performance Criteria
- 💧 Site Logistics
 - Health & Safety requirements
 - Constructability

What is ISCO?

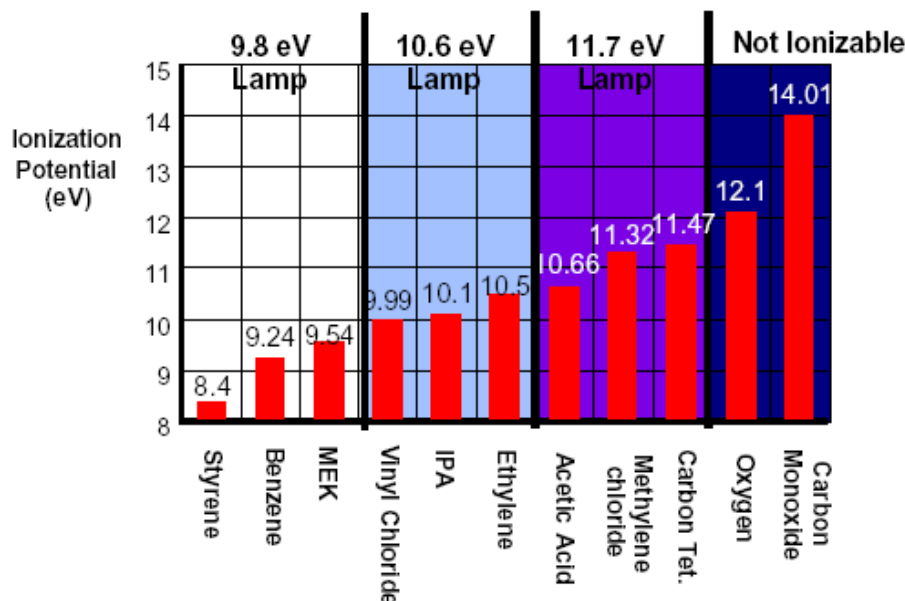


- 💧 ISCO is the release of electrons from the contaminant
- 💧 COI to be oxidized must have transferable electrons

- Aromatics
- Double bonds
- Few Chlorines!



Some Ionization Potentials (IPs) for Common Chemicals



The more electrons available, the easier they are released

What is ISCR?



💧 Reducible COI must be able to accept electrons

- Oxidized substrates (chloro- and nitro-organics; metals)
- Electron rich (hydrocarbons) COIs do not reduce



“Reducible”



“Non-Reducible”

TABLE 2. Rate Constants (k_s) for the First-Order Disappearance of Halogenated Aliphatic Target Compounds at a Porous Nickel Electrode^a

compd	first-order rate constant ($\text{L m}^{-2} \text{min}^{-1}$) ^b	
	$E_c = -1.0 \text{ V}$	$E_c = -1.2 \text{ V}$
PCA	1.35 ± 0.14	1.53 ± 0.13
1,1,1,2-TeCA	1.45 ± 0.10	1.52 ± 0.12
1,1,2,2-TeCA	$(7.6 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-1}$	1.21 ± 0.12
1,1,1-TCA	$(4.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-1}$	$(9.0 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-1}$
1,1,2-TCA	$(2.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-1}$	$(5.4 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-1}$
1,1-DCA	$(1.5 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-1}$
1,2-DCA	$(3.8 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$(2.8 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-2}$
CT	1.40 ± 0.16	1.52 ± 0.10
CF	$(2.1 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-1}$	0.91 ± 0.10
DCM	$(4.6 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-3}$	$(3.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-2}$

^a Experiments were conducted at $E_c = -1.0$ and -1.2 V (vs SHE). Estimated mean values and standard deviations were obtained by analyzing the results of multiple identical experiments ($n = 3-5$). ^b Mean $\pm 1 \text{ SD}$.

Environ. Sci. Technol. **2000**, *34*, 804–811

Type of Contaminant



COIs	ISCO	ISCR
Chlorinated Ethenes	Yes	Yes
Chlorinated Ethanes and Chlorinated Methanes	Yes	Yes Except CA, DCM, CM
PCBs, OCPs	Potential	Potential
Organic Explosives	Yes	Yes
TPH GRO and DRO	Yes	No
Mixed CVOCs and TPH	Yes	No
Metals Cr, Pb, Cu, As, Zn, Ni	No Except As	Yes
Mixed CVOCs and Metals	Potential	Yes
Perchlorate	No	Yes
MTBE, TBA, Dioxane	Yes	No
Mixed TPH and Metals	Sequential Treatment	

Changes from 2008

Contaminant Concentration



Media	COI Concentrations	ISCO	ISCR
Soil	Low Level Impacts Up to 10 mg/kg	Yes	Yes
	Mid Level Impacts > 10 mg/kg	Yes	Yes
	High Level Impacts NAPL	Yes	EZVI
Groundwater	Low Level Impact <1 ppm	No	Yes
	Mid Level Impacts 1 ppm to 100 ppm	Yes	Yes
	High Level Impacts >100 ppm	Yes	EZVI

Changes from 2008

Contaminant Distribution



Contaminant Concentration

> 100 ppm 50 ppm 10 ppm 1 ppm 500 ppb 100 ppb < 50 ppb



source

down gradient →

plume

Contaminant Source

Changes from 2008

Mueller *et al.*, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Contaminant Distribution



	ISCR	ZVI	ISCO
PRB Applicability	Yes (3 to >5 yrs)	Yes (>12 yrs)	Typically not applicable (short longevity)
Widespread Plume Treatment	More cost efficient at lower COI concentrations	Multiple PRBs possible	May not be cost effective at low concentrations
Hot Spot Treatment	Can apply to hot-spots	EZVI applicable to NAPL	Yes
Source with NAPL		Iron or iron/ clay can be mixed into NAPL zones	Typically not applicable due to cost

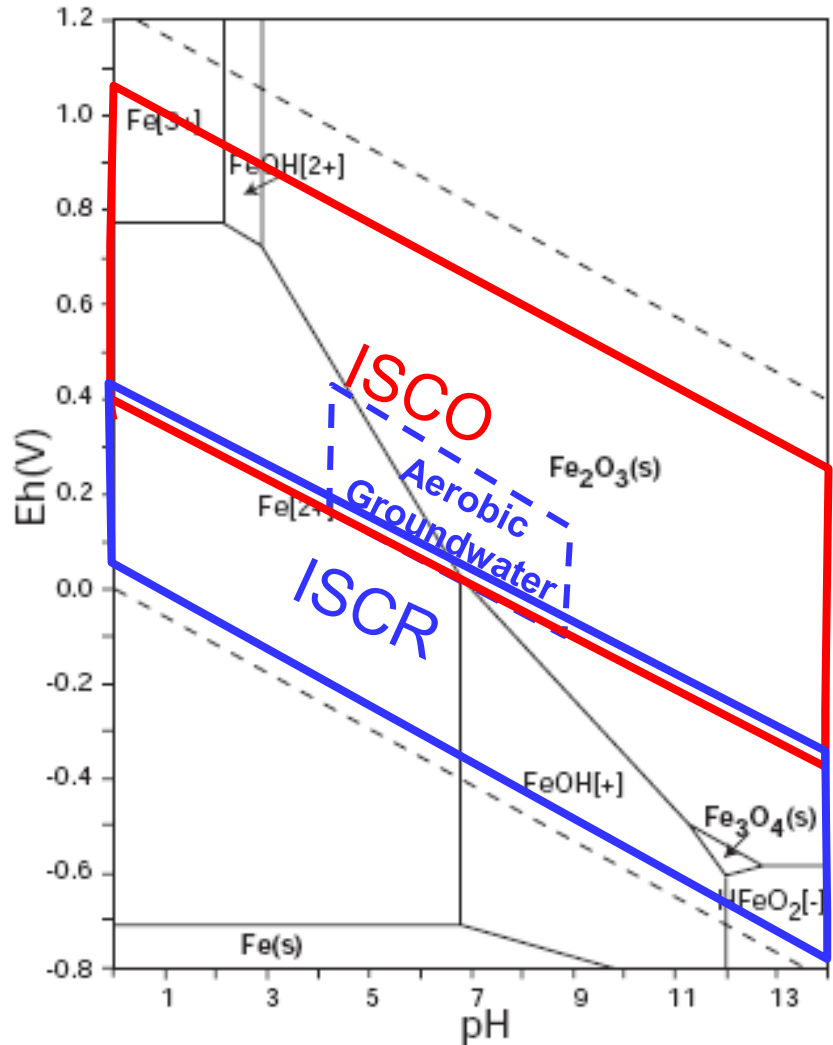
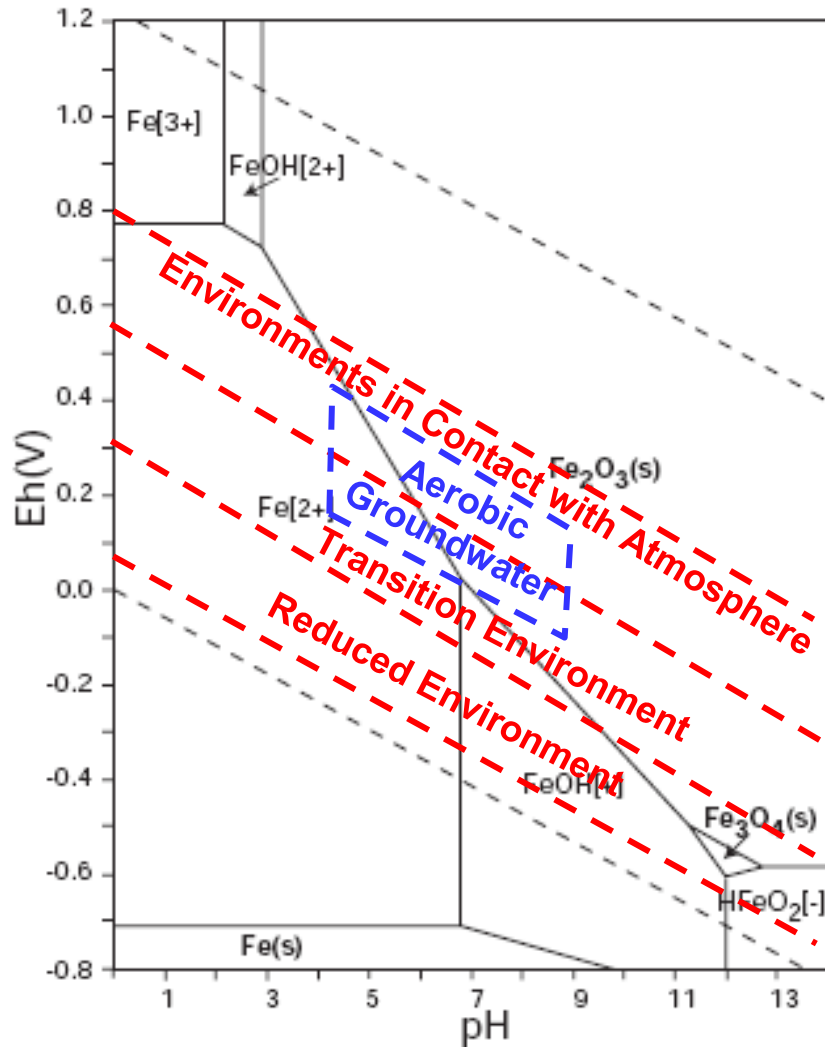
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Aquifer Lithology



- ◆ **Distribution Is Important** = Both ISCR and ISCO can be less effective in low permeability environments
- ◆ **Contact is Key** = low permeability, fractured rock, and low porosity environments are generally less favorable for ISCO since oxidant half-lives are much shorter than ISCR
- ◆ **Soil Blending of Reagents** = mitigates the contact challenges
- ◆ **Skilled Injection Contractors** = can emplaced reagents into any lithology and help manage the contact challenges *in situ*
- ◆ **High Velocity Aquifers** = tend to favor ISCR since these (solid) reagents persist compared to water soluble oxidants
- ◆ **Carbonate Rich Aquifers** = generally not suitable for persulfate ISCO due to carbonate scavenging of free radicals (PersulfOx® seems to counter this position)

Aquifer pH and Redox Conditions



DO <1 mg/L and ORP <150 mV favors ISCR

Aquifer Biogeochemistry



- 💧 Geochemistry
 - high organic carbon favors ISCR
- 💧 Soil oxidant demand (SOD)
 - >10 mg/kg favors ISCR
- 💧 Competing electron acceptors (CEAs)
 - $O_2 > Mn(IV) > NO_3^- > Fe(III) > SO_4^{2-} > CO_2$
 - Sulfate > 100 mg/L favors ISCO
- 💧 Is there a concern from secondary plumes
 - sodium, sulfate, iron, purple color etc.
- 💧 Toxic intermediates and daughter products
 - Less likely with ISCO; more likely with ISCR
- 💧 Methane VI and other issues
 - Less likely with ISCO;
more likely with Conventional ISCR

Factors that can
be managed, but
will increase cost

Regulatory
Drivers

Implementation and Performance



Condition	Favors ISCO	Favors ISCR
Proximity to sensitive receptors	Varies	Varies
Sensitivity to Methane issue	X	Varies
Limited access for injections		X
Compatibility with sub-surface utilities		★
Health and Safety concerns (PPE, handling, storage, mixing and injecting)		★
Need for Speed	★	
Injection depths greater than 75 ft bgs	★	

Changes from 2008

Implementation and Performance



💧 Ease of Use

- Injectability ISCO > ISCR (ferric iron solids)
- Handling ISCR > ISCO (ferric iron self activated)

💧 Speed

- ISCO faster than ISCR
- Need to consider rebound potentials with ISCO

💧 Reagent Longevity

- ISCR lasts longer than ISCO
- Combined ISCO + multiple biological processes

Summary

ISCO

Multiple Oxidants Available

- ✓ Different reaction pathways
 - Non-Contaminant Specific
 - Oxidant Specific
 - Geochemical effects
- ✓ None naturally occurring

Limited Reagent Lifetime

- Non-Beneficial Consumption
- Rebound issue improved
- Slow release reagents

Non-selective reactions

- Partial oxidation
- End products are CO₂, Water +
- Sulfuric acid possible

ISCR

ZVI DVI (added, created or natural)

- ✓ Reaction pathways
 - β elimination primary reaction
 - Combination of electron reactions

Longer Reagent Lifetime

- Minimal Non-Beneficial Consumption
- DO and Nitrate

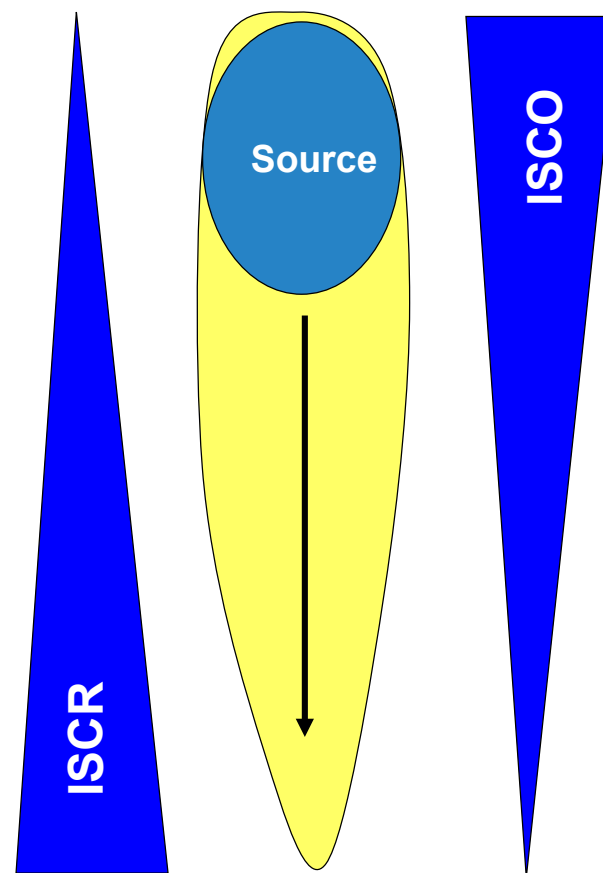
More selective reactions

- Known catabolites
- End products are dechlorinated organics +
- CO, CO₂, CH₄

Summary



	ISCO	ISCR
LNAPL	Applicable; Direct injection and soil mixing.	Not Applicable to Hydrocarbons LNAPL
DNAPL - CVOC	Applicable; Direct injection and soil mixing.	EZVI - ZVI-Clay
DNAPL - PAHs	Applicable; Direct injection and soil mixing, Ozone injection	Not Applicable
Adsorbed	Applicable; Direct injection and soil mixing.	EZVI Direct injection and soil mixing; ZVI-Clay
Small GW Plume	Applicable Direct injection	Applicable Direct injection and soil mixing; ZVI-Clay
Large GW Plume with moderate to high Conc.	Generally not applicable except for ozone sparge barrier	Applicable PRB
Large dilute GW Plume	Not Applicable	Applicable Abiotic MNA, PRBs
Matrix Diffusion	Not Applicable - limited life time of oxidants; Repeated injections can work	Applicable - Injection of Iron, PRBs, Abiotic MNA



Conclusions



💧 Weight of Evidence Approach

- Selecting ISCO or ISCR requires site-specific evaluation
- Best choice usually has the fewest undesirable factors that can be overcome or managed most easily /cost effectively

💧 2017 updates

- ISCO integrated with multiple biological processes = rebound
- Slow release ISCO reagents = longevity
- Antimethanogenic ERD ISCR technologies
- Sequestration technologies

Reminder:

- Presentation is an update of multiple past reports/publications
- Not a complete analysis, but a summary of factors that have been observed to affect technology selection, design and field performance

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Hydrocarbons			●		●		●		●
Heavy Metals		●		●	●		●	●	
Pesticides	●	●	●		●		●		●
Fertilizers	●	●			●				●

● Groundwater Applications

● Surface Soil Applications

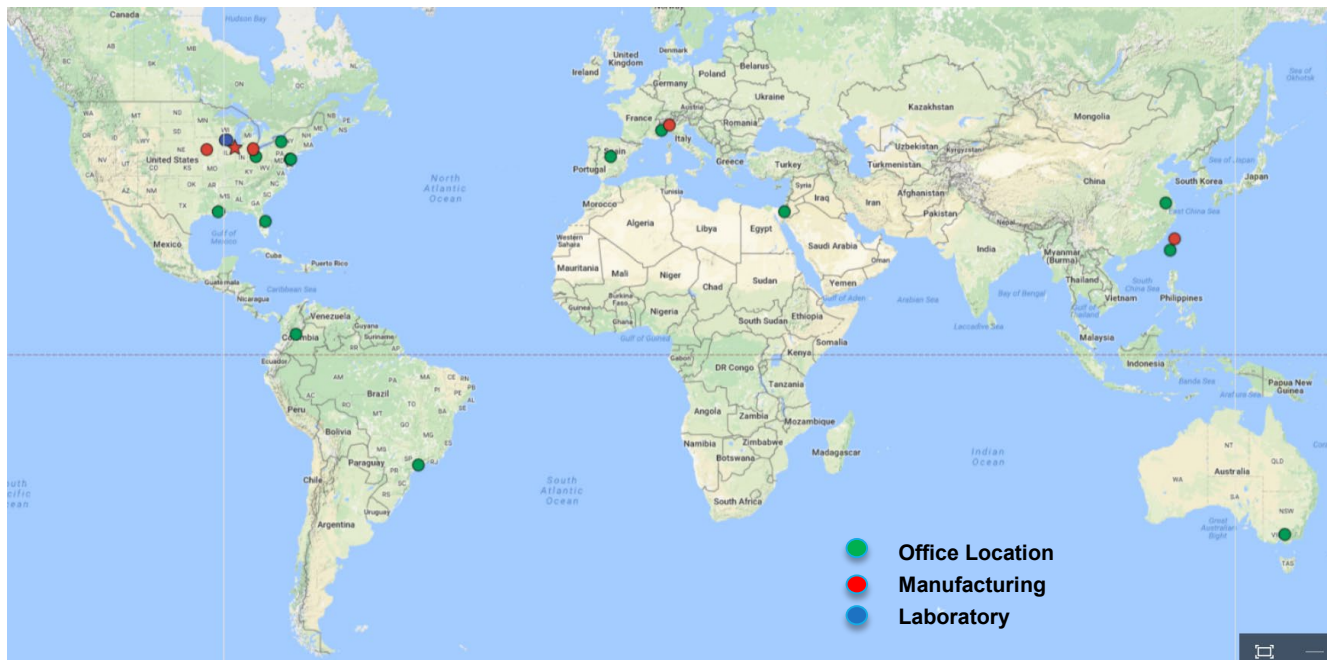
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