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Emerging Pollutants: Protecting Water Quality for the Health of People and the Environment

Fate, Risks and Remediation of Emerging Contaminants, Antibiotic Resistance Genes and Microplastics in Surface Waters and Groundwaters at Global Scale: Challenges and Solutions

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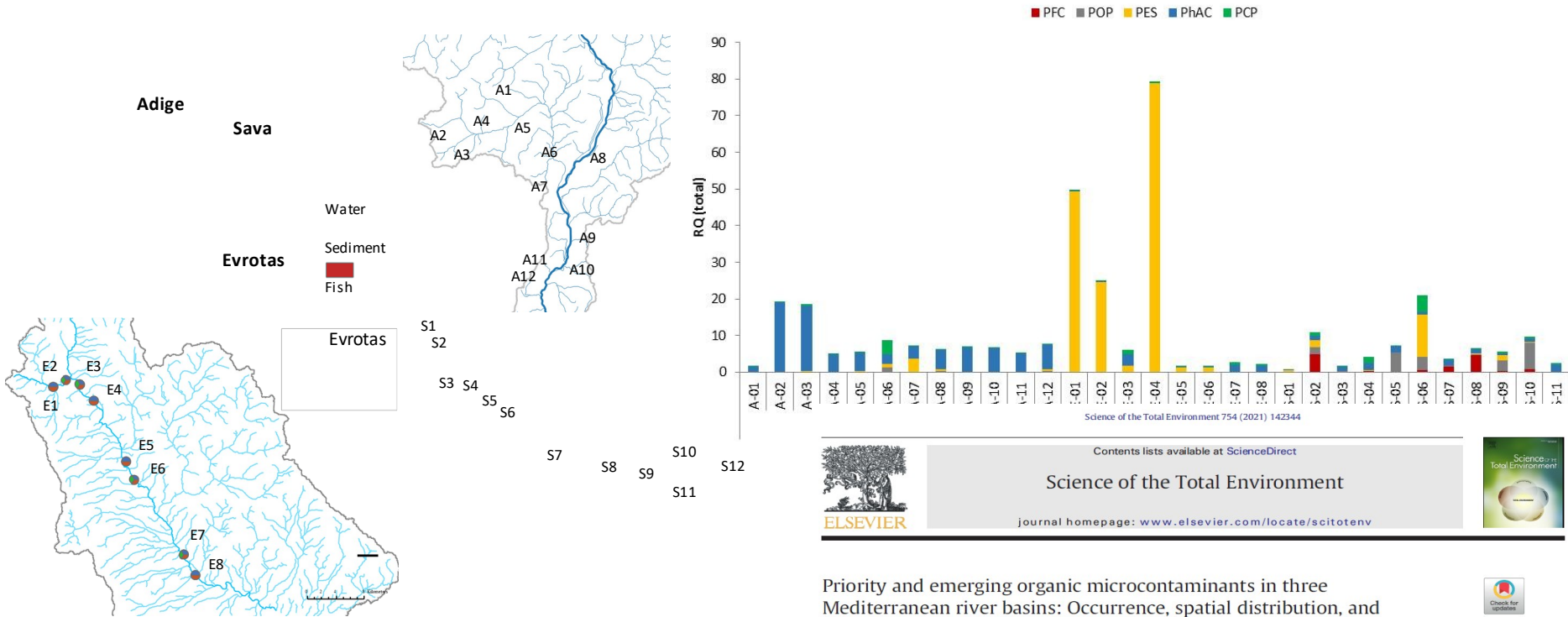
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OUTLINE

- **Emerging Contaminants at Global scale , Surface and Groundwaters and New Threats :**
 - Chemicals: Pharmaceutical, Pesticides, Personal Care Products.PFAs, DBPs ,.....
 - Antibiotic Resistance Genes (+ virus , Covid-19?)
 - Microplastics (MPs)-before and after Covid-19
- **Remediation: Water treatment options (+covid-19 related)**
- **Challenges and solutions**

- EVROTAS, AGIGE, SAVA) and sampling sites.
- Emerging Contaminants (PESTICIDES, POPs, PPCPs..)



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Priority and emerging organic microcontaminants in three Mediterranean river basins: Occurrence, spatial distribution, and identification of river basin specific pollutants

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Global study of Pharmaceuticals in rivers, PNAS 2022

A.Boxall et al, University of York, UK

Pharmaceutical pollution of the world's rivers

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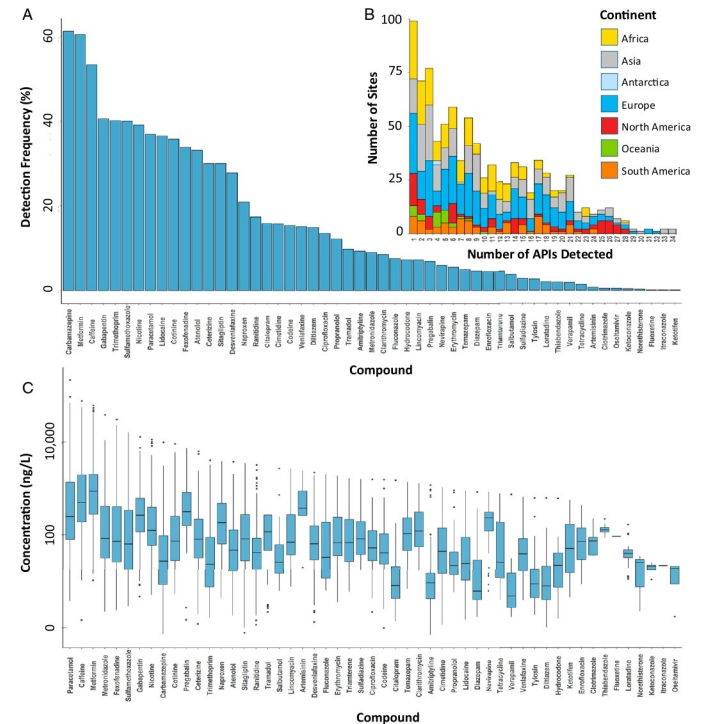
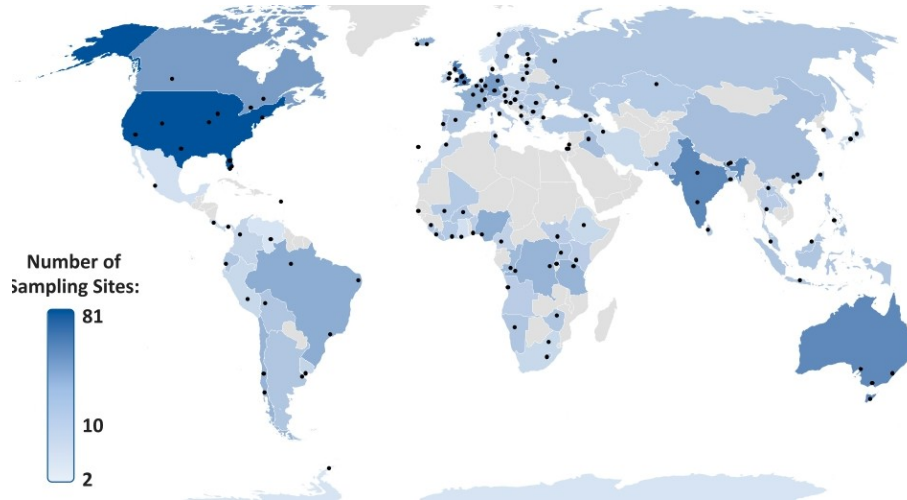


Fig. 3. (A) Detection frequencies (Dataset S5) and (B) number of APIs detected at sampling sites in the global monitoring study (Dataset S4), excluding sites without the detection of any API, and (C) box-and-whisker plots of concentrations (ng/L) of individual APIs (Dataset S4), indicating the mean, minimum, maximum, and upper and lower quartile concentrations for each API globally.

Prioritization of Micropollutants at global scale

Pedro Alvarez et al, ES&T ,2022

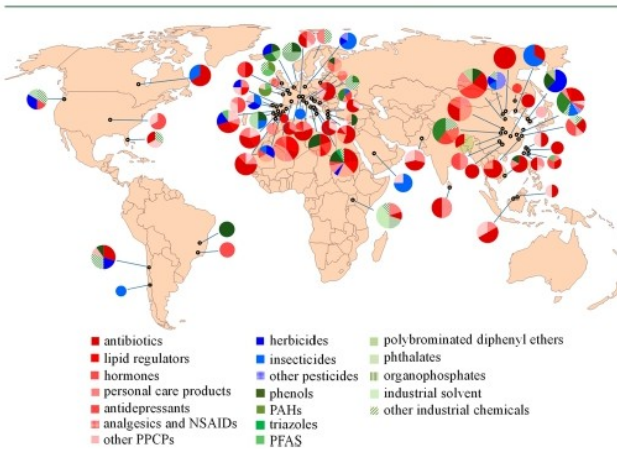


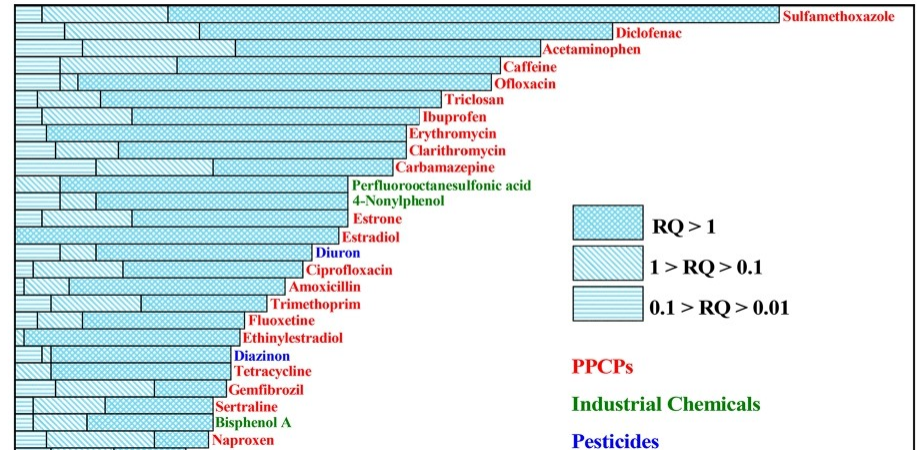
Figure 2. Micropollutant subgroups with highest priority levels ($RQ > 1$) in different areas identified in the case studies using the RQ method in the past decade. PPCPs, pesticides, and industrial chemicals were distinguished using red, blue, and green colors, respectively. Every black

Which Micropollutants in Water Environments Deserve More Attention Globally?

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Municipal Solid Waste Landfills: An Underestimated Source of Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products in the Water Environment

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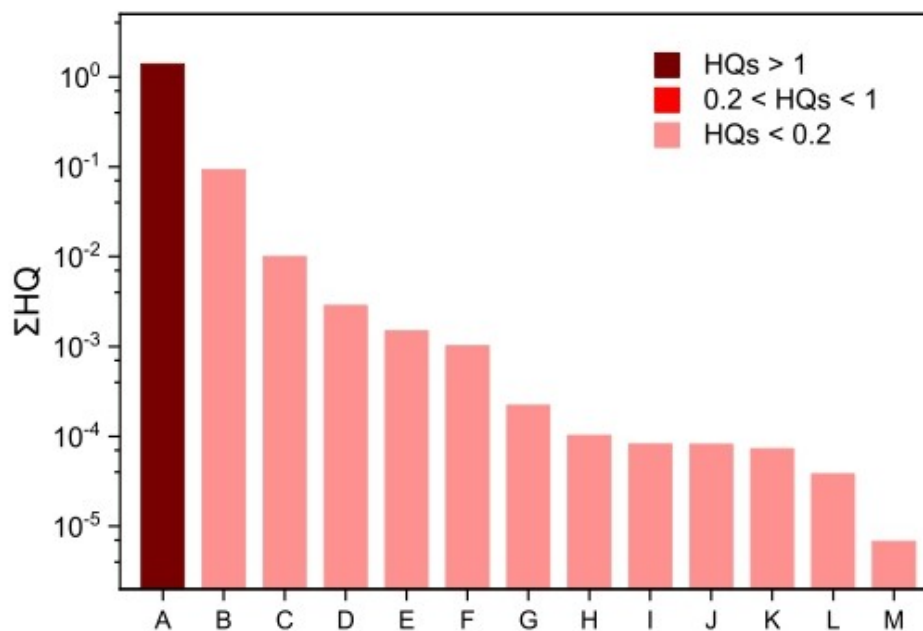
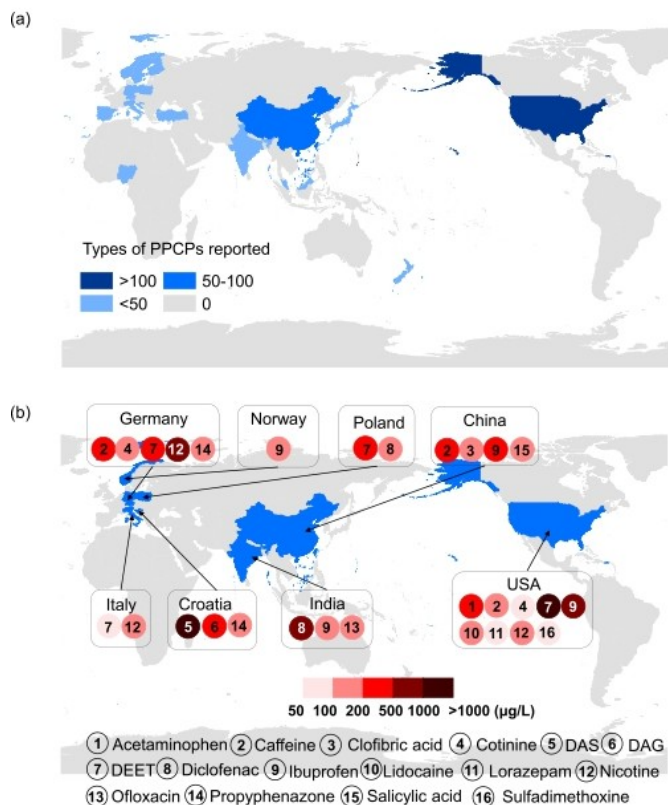


Figure 7. Human risk assessment of PPCPs detected in groundwater adjacent to the landfills (A to M represent different study areas, as shown in Table S7; A: in India;²⁷ B: in Denmark;²⁹ C: in Germany;¹⁰⁵ D: in Poland;¹⁰⁶ E: in Germany;⁹⁴ F: in China;⁶⁸ G: in the U.S.A.;²⁸ H: in Spain;¹⁰⁷ I: in China;⁴⁹ J: in Poland;¹⁰⁸ K: in the U.S.A.;²⁶ L: in the U.S.A.;⁸⁹ M: in China⁹³).

Figure 2. Types of PPCPs reported (a) and maximum concentration of highly contaminating PPCPs (>50 µg/L) (b) in landfill leachates



WWTP as a pathway for aquatic contamination

Genomic tools + HRMS+ Chemometrics

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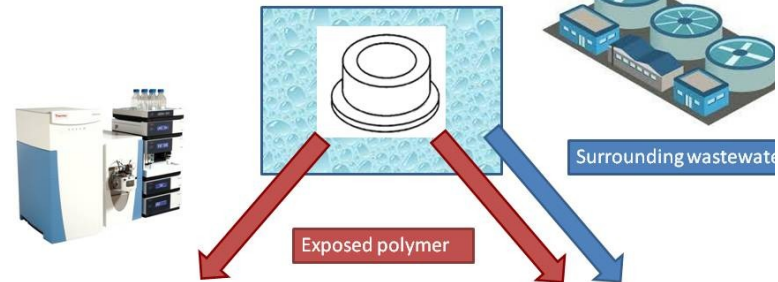
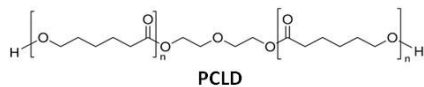
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Advanced analytical, chemometric, and genomic tools to identify polymer degradation products and potential microbial consumers in wastewater environments

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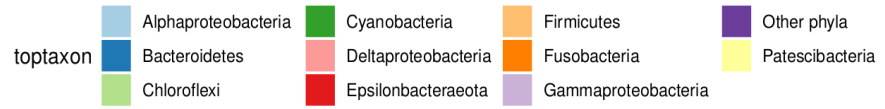
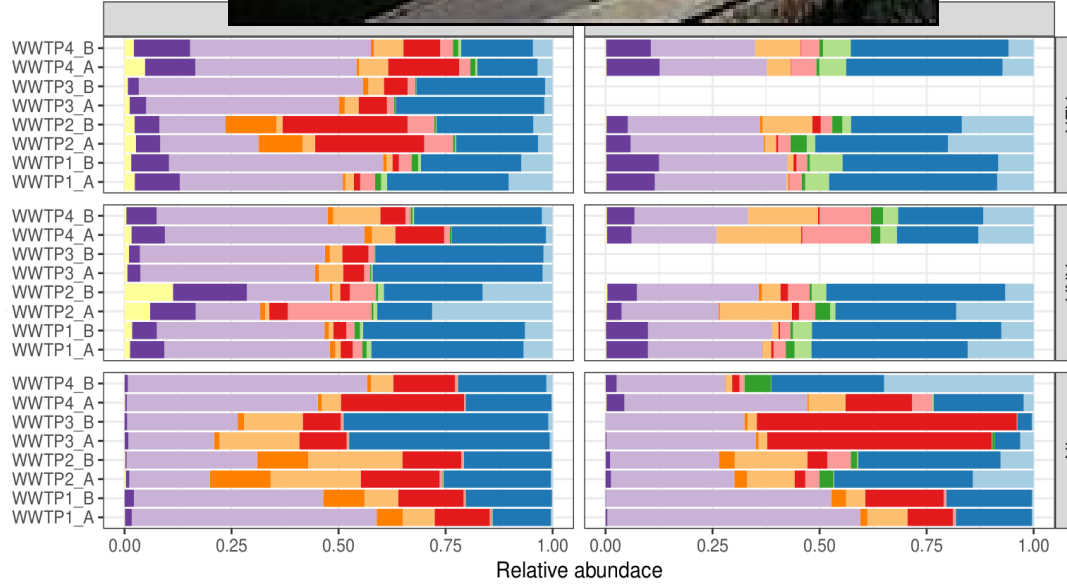


Chemical analysis
 UHPLC-HRMS
Chemometrics
 non target ROIMCR

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Degradation products

Taxonomic analysis
 16S rDNA amplicon sequencing

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Microbial community composition



METAGENOMIC TOOLS APPLIED TO WWTPs (+ LC/HRMS + CHEMOMETRICS)

- PCLD-(Polymer-passive sampler) microbial communities responsible of the degradation
- Microbial communities identified in each step of (WWTPs), different conditions, inlet, secondary treatment, denitrification (INput, AERobic, and ANAerobic tanks).



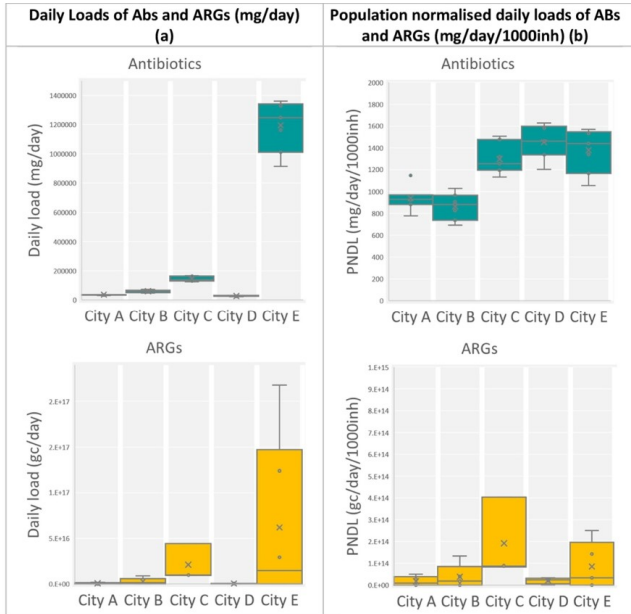


Fig. 7. Abs and ARGs: (a) daily loads and (b) population normalised daily loads (chloramphenicol was excluded in total AB calculation)



Research Paper

Human population as a key driver of biochemical burden in an inter-city system: Implications for One Health concept

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Abs, ARGs Bath/Bristol, JHM 2022 Population size drives BCI burden

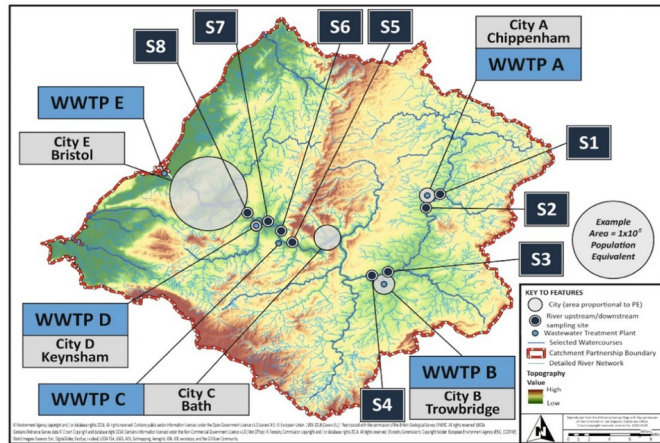
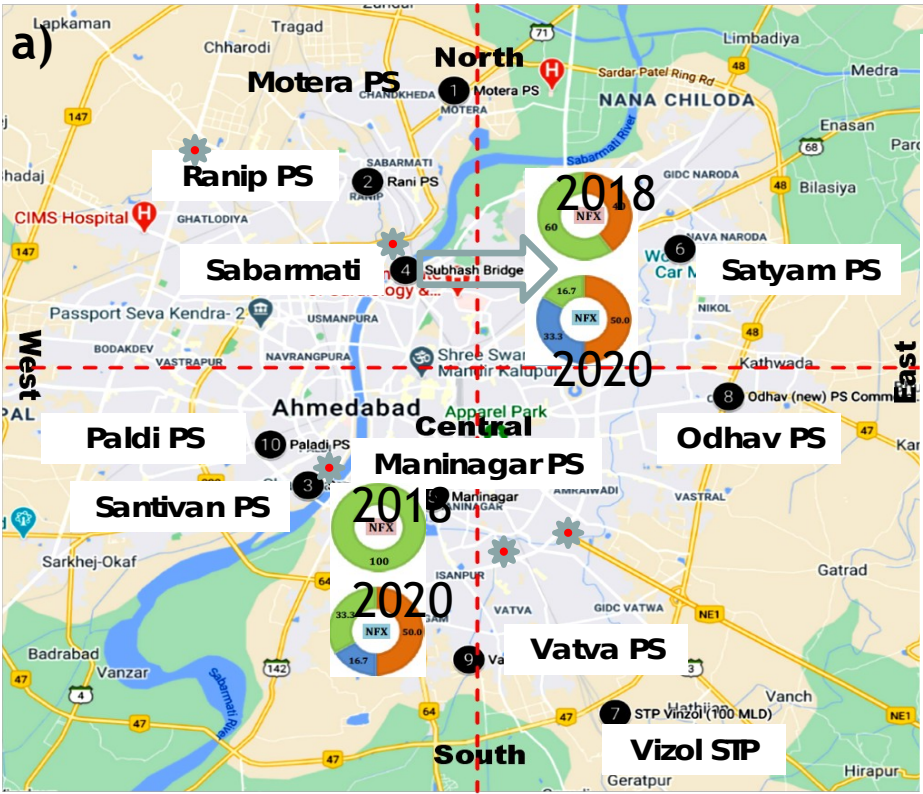
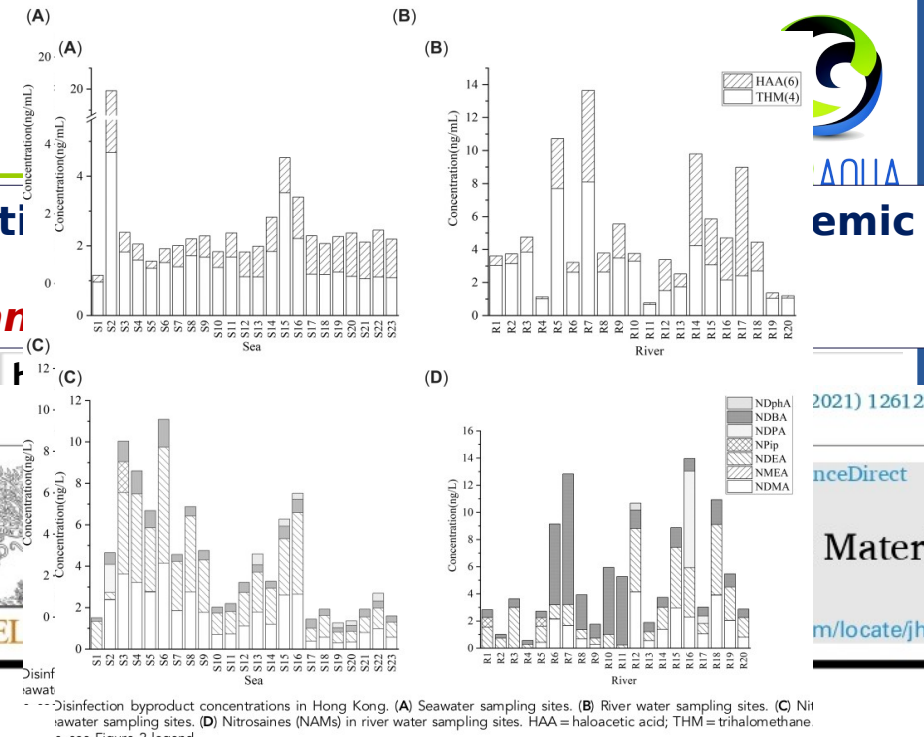


Fig. 1. Water Fingerprinting and One Health.

WBE can definitely help in city zonation preparedness powered by early warning !!
What about effects of population density and



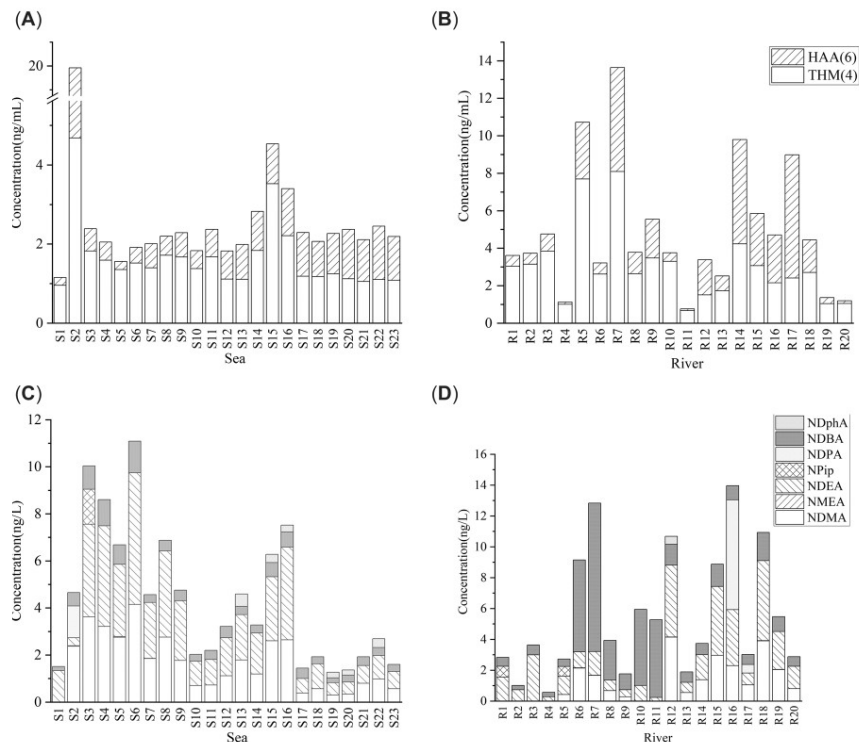
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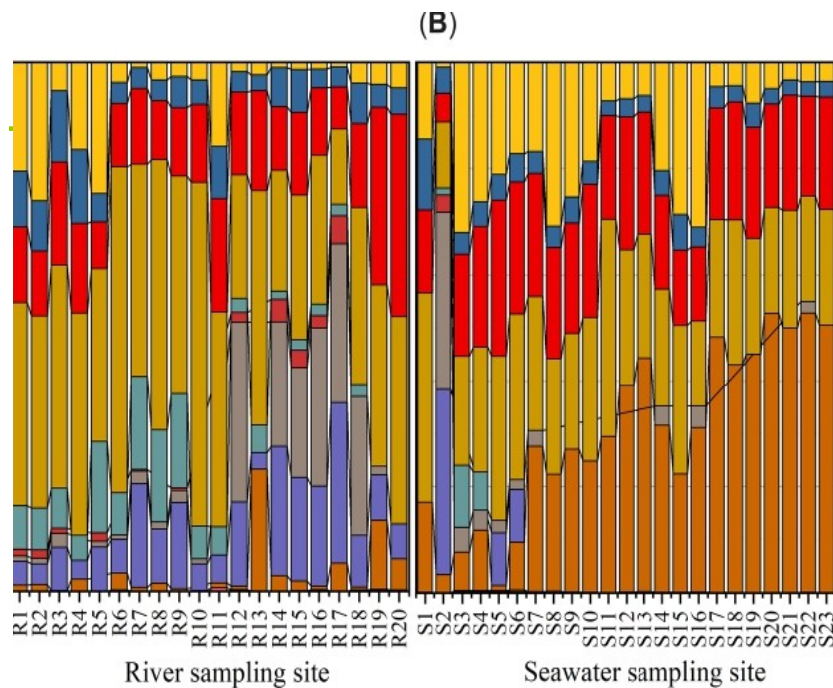
Antidrug resistance in the Indian ambient waters of Ahmedabad during COVID-19 pandemic

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Disinfection byproduct concentrations in Hong Kong. (A) Seawater sampling sites. (B) River water sampling sites. (C) Nitrosamines (NAMs) in seawater sampling sites. (D) Nitrosamines (NAMs) in river water sampling sites. HAA = haloacetic acid; THM = trihalomethane.



Contributions to total concentrations of disinfection byproducts in Hong Kong. (A) River water sampling sites. (B) Seawater sampling sites. DBCM = chlorodibromomethane; DCBM = bromodichloromethane; BF = bromoform; CAA = dichloroacetic acid; BCAA = monobromomonochloroacetic acid; DBAA = dibromoacetic acid; NDMA = *N*-nitrosodimethylamine; NDPA = di-*n*-propylnitrosamine; NDBA = *N*-nitrosodibutylamine; NMEA = nitroso-methyl ethylamine; NPip = nitroso-piperazine.

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Hazard/Risk Assessment

Pilot Study of Pollution Characteristics and Ecological Risk of Disinfection Byproducts in Natural Waters in Hong Kong

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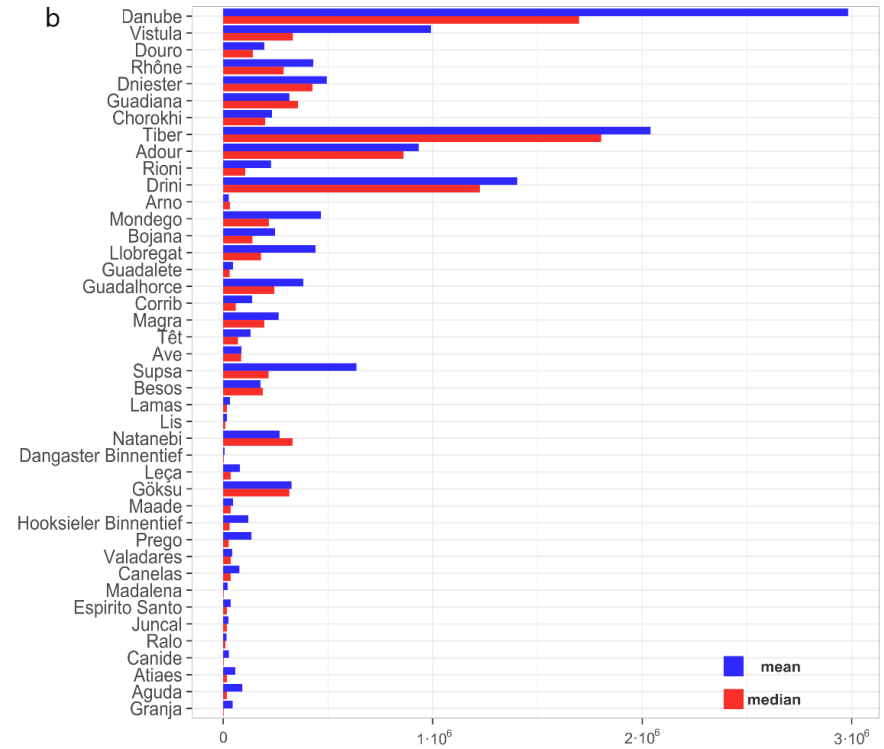
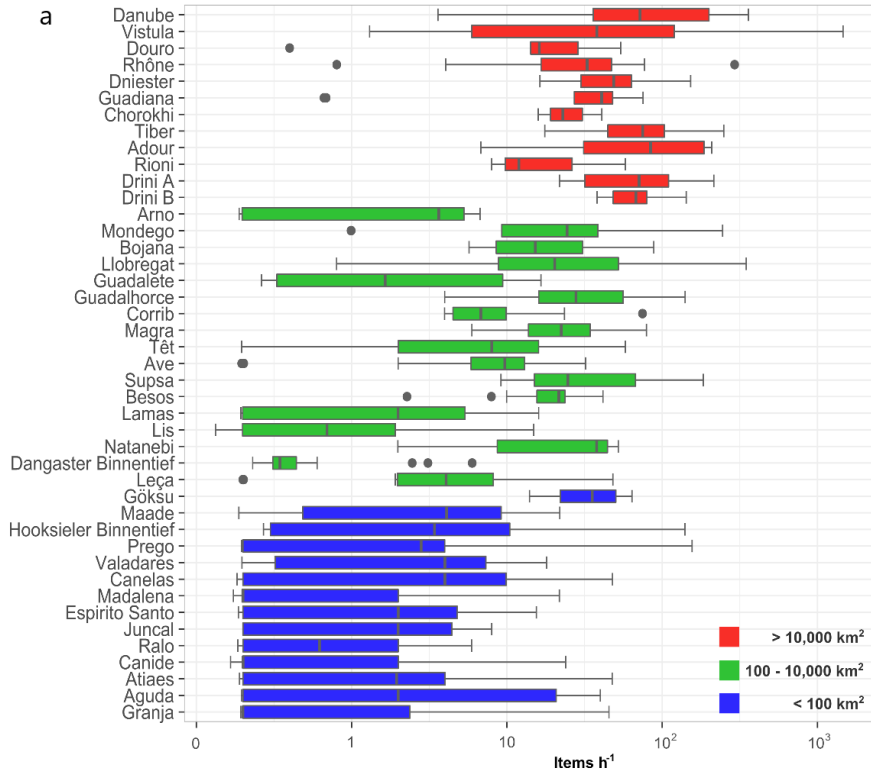
MPs-general

- Macro-Plastics(>2.5 cm), Meso-P (2.5cm-5mm), Micro-P (micro-5mm)
Nano-P (1-100 nm)
- Plastikos(Greek)- shaped in various systems
- WWTPs, 1.4×10^{15} MPs/year, untreated 3.8×10^{16} MPs/year to water
- 1 cloth=1.900 fibers(washing) 700.000 fibers each complete washing
- 2.4-4.0 million Tonnes/year of land-based plastic waste hit the oceans,
- River litter plastic input into the ocean,
 - 1000 rivers account 80% GLOBAL plastic into ocean
 - GLOBAL input .0.8-2.7 millions Tonnes/year
 - EUROPEAN input, 1.656 -4.997 Tonnes/year (RIMMEL)
- 2050 Macro- and Micro-Plastics will exceed the amount of fish-oceans are connected
- 5.25 trillion plastic particles(0.3-4.7 mm)floating in the ocean
- First paper published plastic in ocean, Carpenter/Smith, *Science*, 1972





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Floating macrolitter leaked from Europe into the ocean

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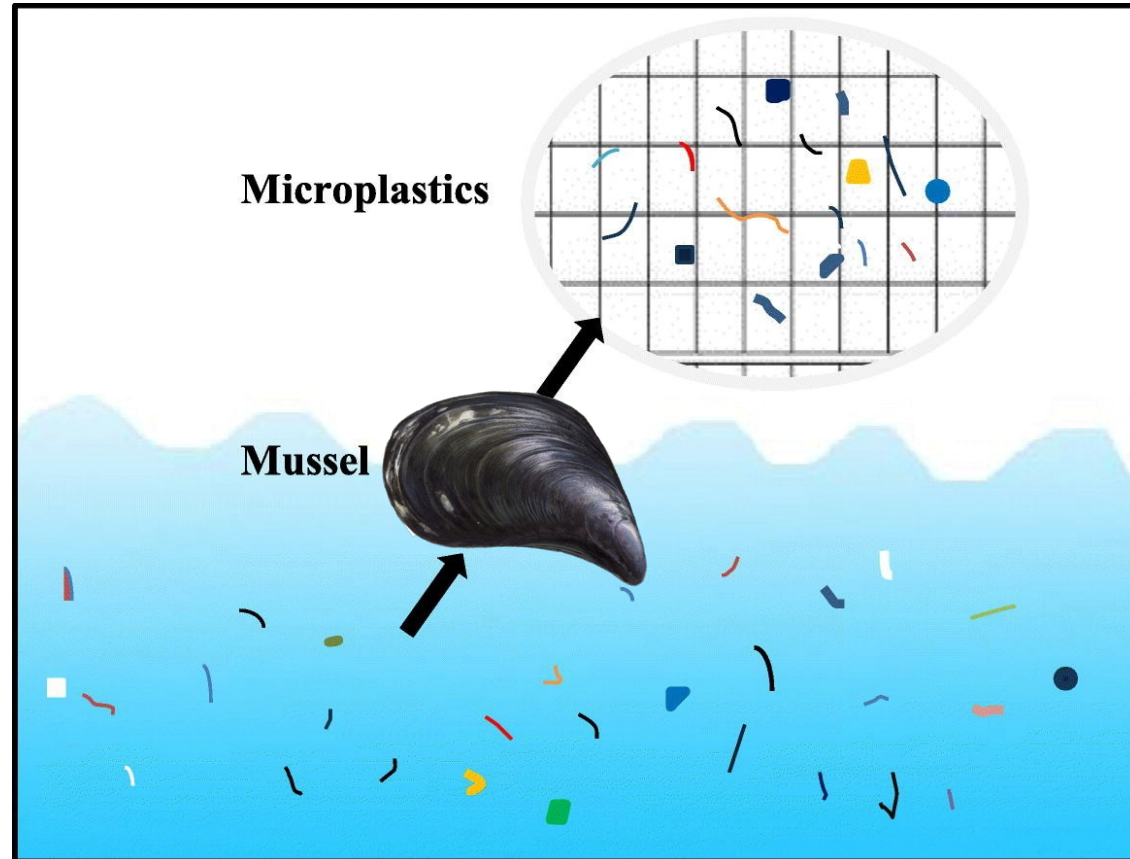


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MYTILUS GALLOPROVINCIALIS AS BIOINDICATORS OF MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION

For marine environments, bivalves as *Mytilus galloprovincialis* have been found to be the most suitable organisms for biomonitoring, becoming good bioindicators for their natural habitat (Li et al., 2019).

- *M. galloprovincialis* has a high ecological and commercial relevance in the Mediterranean Sea, where MPs contamination is also of particular concern (Lusher, 2015).
- *M. galloprovincialis* has been proposed by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to monitor MP pollution in the marine environment (Bråte et al., 2018).



Advanced treatments for Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC), ARG , Microplastics and SARS-CoV-2



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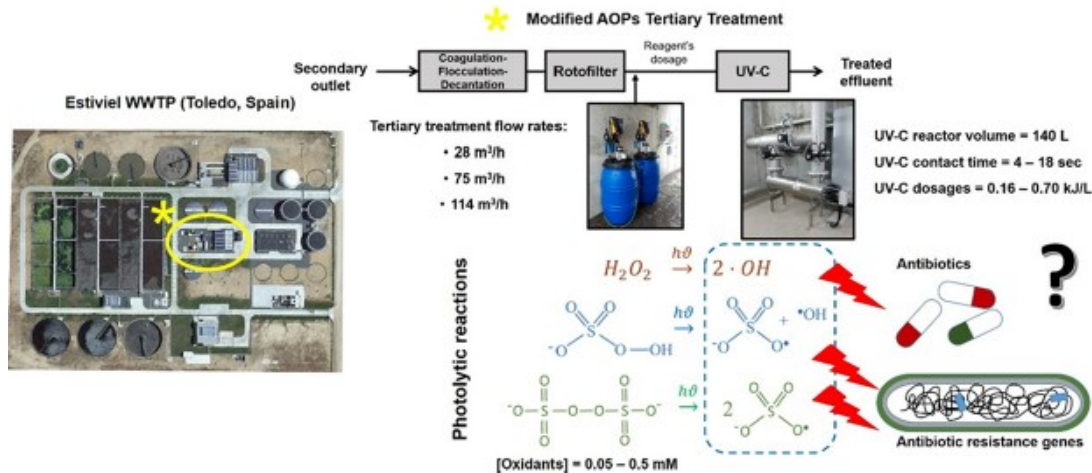
- **Membrane technologies** :Membrane bioreactors (MBR),Micro Filtration Nanofiltration/ultrafiltration, Reverse osmosis, RO
- **Eco-friendly- technologies: Algal-based (*Arthrospira maxima*,*Chorella vulgaris*)-Reduction of GHG by Phytocapture**
- **Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOP) Peroxymonosulfate(PMS)/Fe/UV-C)**
- **Clay mineral photocatalysis and Nanobiocatalysis**
- **ARG removal** :Full scale tertiary WWT by UV-C AOP,Constructed Wetlands
- **MOF-Metal Organic Frameworks- a new approach NERC funding?**
- **Microplastics removal: Membrane, Photocatalytic and Microbial Technologies. Applications to Landfill Leachate**
- **SARS-CoV-2 removal: CAS, Root Zone Treatment, MBR, Disinfection,AOP**



Assessment of full-scale tertiary wastewater treatment by UV-C based-AOPs: Removal or persistence of antibiotics and antibiotic resistance genes?



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- Wastewater treatment by Advanced Oxidation Processes studied at full-scale
- Removal of antibiotic residues and antibiotic resistance genes assessed
- Oxidants photolysis proved more efficient than UV-C alone for antibiotics removal
- Sulfate radical based processes did not improve the ARGs removal reached by UV-C
- Competition between DNA and oxidants for absorption of UV photons is hypothesized

Challenges and Solutions

COVID-19 effects into the environment: Increased amounts of Plastic waste, Antibiotic and other Pharmaceuticals, ARGs and Disinfection Byproducts- THMs

SUP is the largest proportion of plastics, around 40% of 380 Million Tonnes in 2018 (in 2040 close to 700 million Tons, 340 Millions Tons of SUP).

COVID-19 worse days: 129 billion Disposable Masks/Month (Global) = 4 Billions/Day

HYGINE THEATRE: SU Plastic Face Masks, gloves, tiny bottles of sanitizer/ antiseptic, meter high plastic dividers restaurants, Looks Like fight against Pandemic

10-37 g of plastic each PCR diagnostic test, until August 2020, 15,000 Tons of Plastic Waste

Microplastics can be removed by Membrane Technologies as well as by Photocatalytic and Microbial Technologies ,i.e, bacterial-directed-strains and fungal-mediated

Rethinking and re-designing new plastic materials-Biodegradable and Sustainably produced from Non Petrochemical Sources-requires URGENT RESEARCH INPUT

New polymers based on polyactic acid (PLA) and polycaprolone (PCL). Polymer blends maybe more compostable. Today ONLY 2% of the total plastic manufactured is biodegradable TODAY

Constructed Wetlands (CW) with Vertical Subsurface Flow removed ARG varying from 9-11% up to 47-97% depending on the ARG

Microalgae biorreactor combined with biodigester technology can be used ofr treatment of swine wastewater, emnerging contaminants removal, bioplastics, phytocapture CO2

Pollution prevention: dimmish the use of chemicals, low-dose pharmaceuticals, increasing use of Bio-Plastics, more legislation with monitoring and reconnaissance studies

Chemical cocktails ,nanomaterials (MPs), ARG and pathogens in surface and groundwater and wastewaters, need more treatment