

Modeling the transport behavior of 16 emerging organic contaminants (EOCs) during soil aquifer treatment

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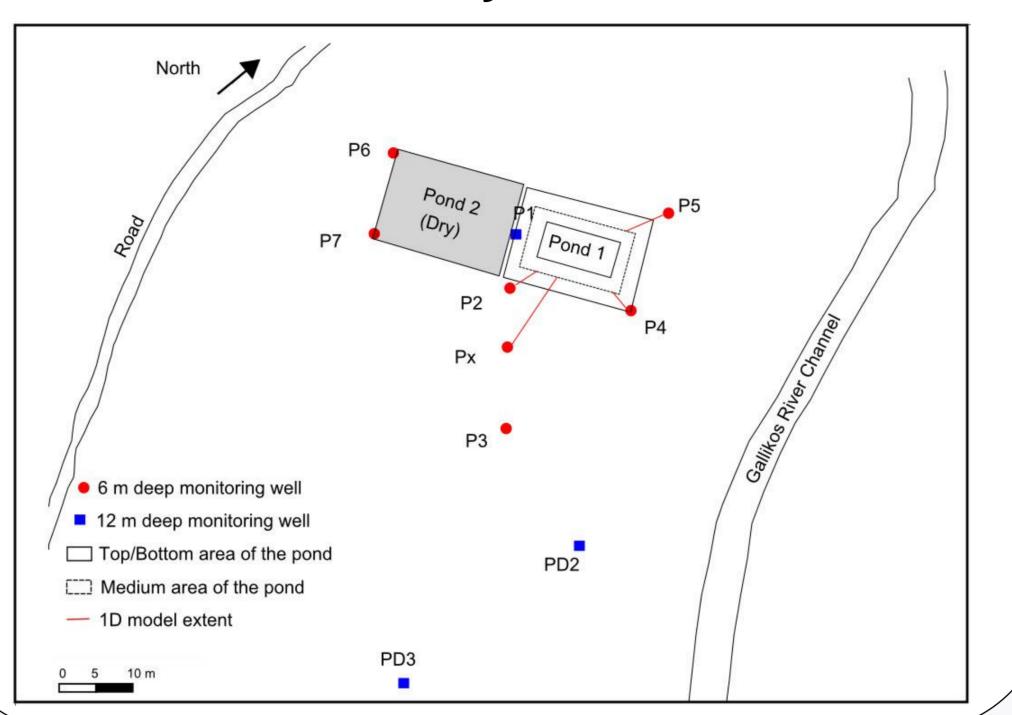
Introduction

Soil-Aquifer Treatment (SAT) is a technique utilizing the natural filter and removal capacity of the soil and aquifer to improve the quality of surface or treated waste water for later water supply.

Simple 1st order degradation rate constants and linear adsorption coefficients provide useful information to quantify the removal of compounds for a first-step assessment.

The objective of current study was to investigate the transport behavior of 16 EOCs during ponded aquifer recharge by numerical modeling based on field scale experiments at a pilot site in Greece.

Study Site



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400

200

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100

40

400

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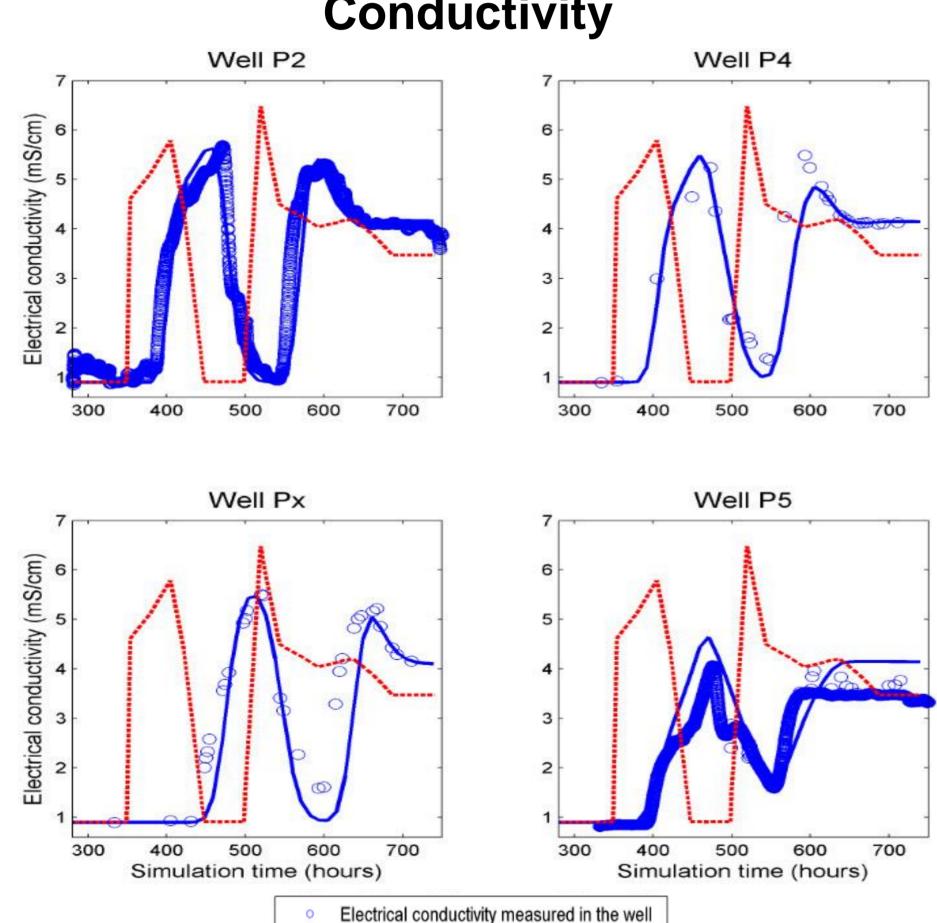
Infiltration Experiments

- Experiment duration: from 28.08.2008 to 28.09.2008.
- Alternating infiltration of tap and wastewater at pond 1.

Model Setup

- PMWIN: MODFLOW /MT3DMS
- Individual 1D models for wells P2, P4, P5 & Px
- Transient flow model
- Non-reactive transport model
- Reactive transport model

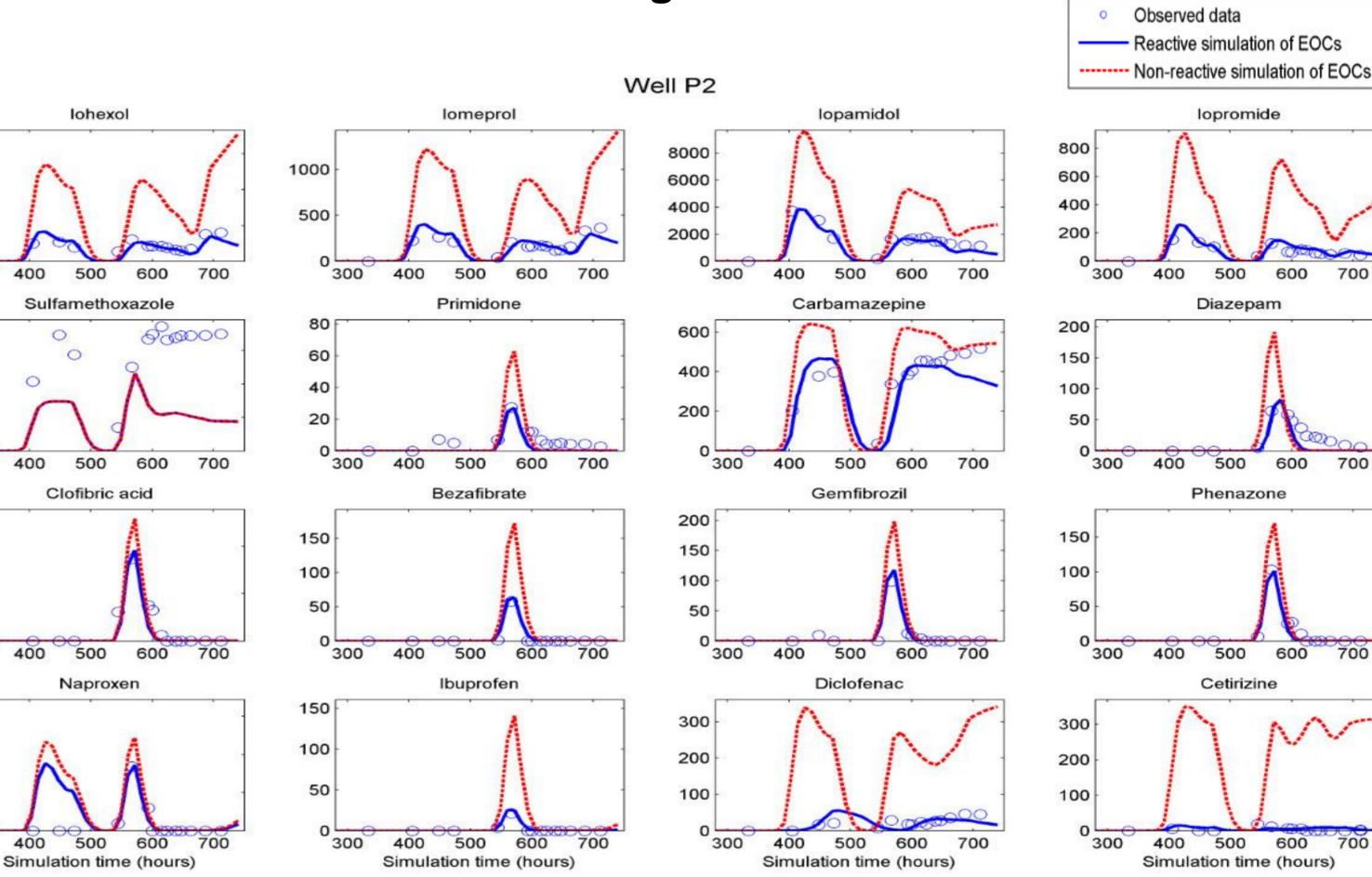
Fitted Breakthrough Curves of Electrical Conductivity



Electrical conductivity modeled in the well

Electrical conductivity measured in the pond

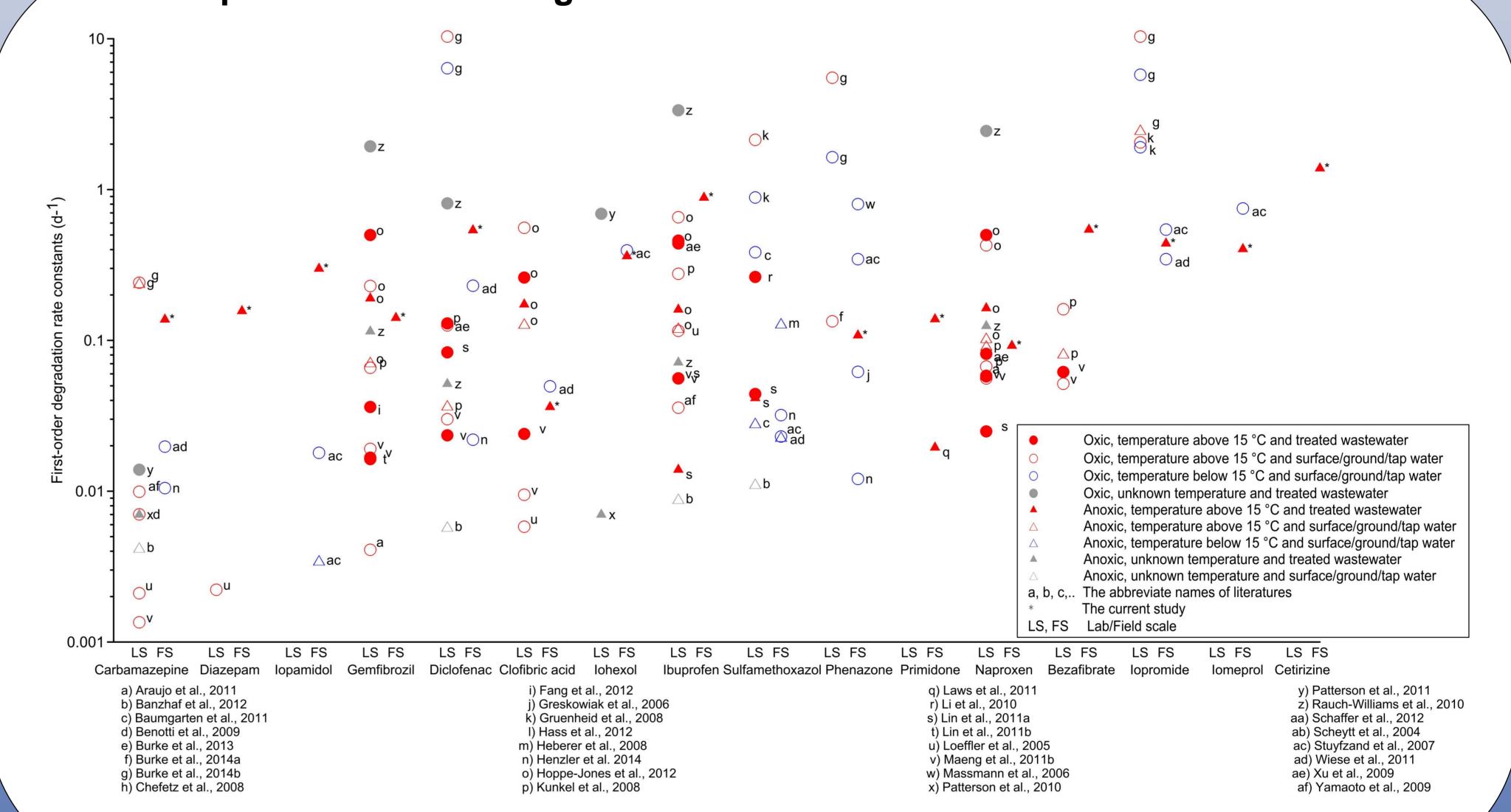
Fitted Breakthrough Curves of EOCs



Summary of Fitted Parameters

Application	Substance	Retardation R	Degradation	
			λ (1/d)	t _{1/2} (day)
Contrast media	Iohexol		0.28 - 0.50	1.4 - 2.5
	Iomeprol		0.35 - 0.46	1.5 - 2
	Iopamidol		0.20 - 0.39	1.8 - 3.5
	Iopromide		0.35 - 0.53	1.3 - 2
Antibiotics	Sulfamethoxazol		0	∞
Anticonvulsants, sedatives	Primidone		0.14 - 0.28	2.5 - 5
	Carbamazepine	1.04 - 1.16	0.10 - 0.20	3.5 - 7
	Diazepam	1.16 - 1.81	0.20 - 0.23	3 - 3.5
Lipid regulators	Clofibric acid		0.00 - 0.10	7 - ∞
	Bezafibrate		0.33 - 0.69	1 - 2.1
	Gemfibrozil		0.05 - 0.17	4 - 15
Anti-inflammatory drugs	Phenazone		0.09 - 0.17	4 - ∞
	Naproxen		0.12 - 0.14	5 - ∞
	Ibuprofen		0.58 - 0.99	0.7 - 1.2
	Diclofenac	1.04 - 1.81	0.39 - 0.69	1.0 - 1.8
Antihistamines	Cetirizine		1.38	0.5

Comparison of Fitted Degradation Rate Constants with Literature Values



Conclusions

- Sorption was mostly insignificant.
- Degradation rate constants show strong variations, but are generally high compared to those reported in the literature.
- Caution must be taken when transferring rate constants from one site to another and/or from one study to another.

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