

# Comparison of Catalytic Behaviors between Two 1,4-Dioxane Degrading Monooxygenases

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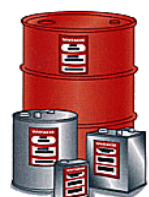
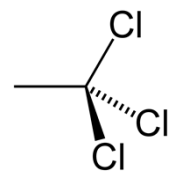
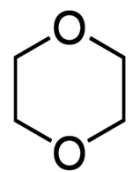
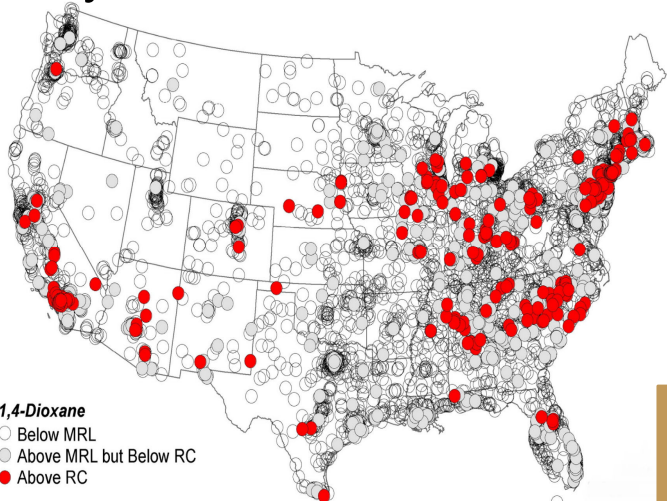
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# Monitored natural attenuation is an cost-efficient method for low level dioxane removal

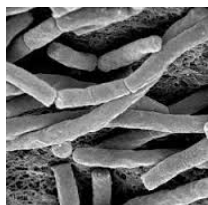
MNA is the combination of natural **biological**, chemical and physical processes that act without human intervention to reduce the mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentration of the contaminants



1,4-Dioxane  
○ Below MRL  
● Above MRL but Below RC  
● Above RC

Adamson et al. 2017 Sci Total Environ

# THM-mediated dioxane biodegradation has been widely exploited for MNA

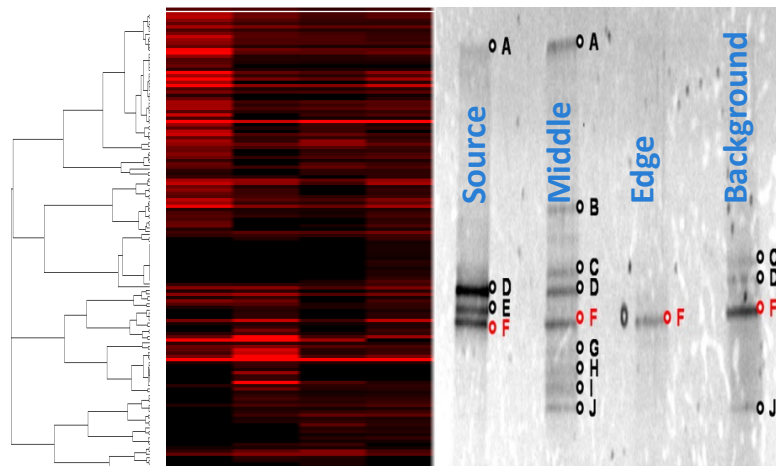


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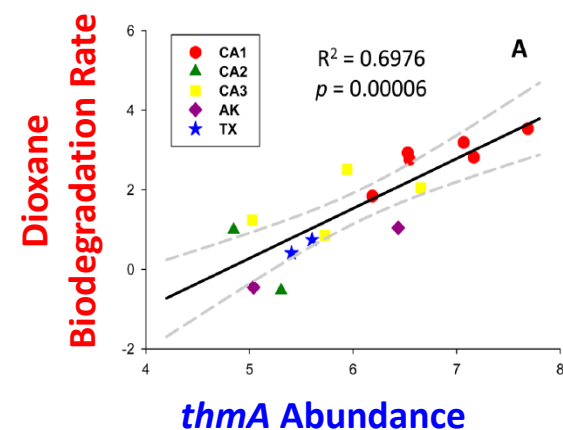
THF Monooxygenase  
(THM)  
*thmADBC*



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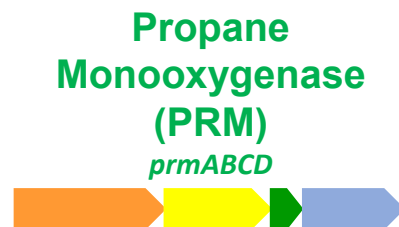
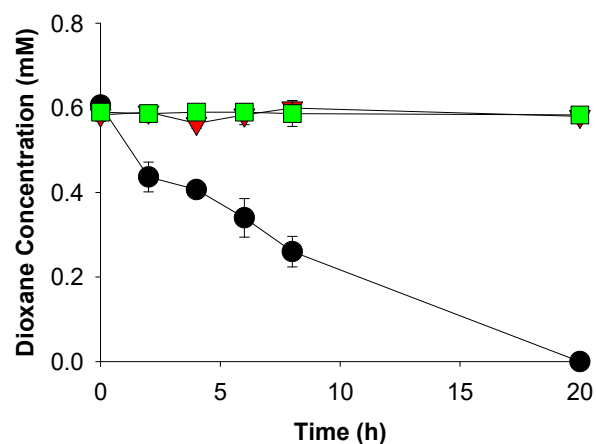
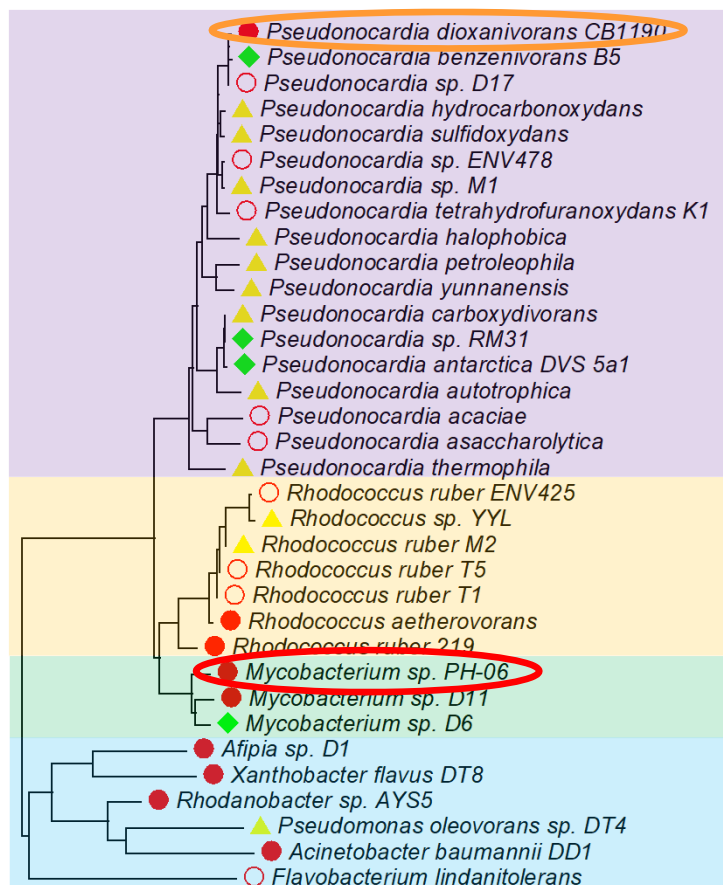


Biomarker



Parales *et al.*, AEM, 1994; Sales *et al.*, AEM, 2013; Li *et al.* ES&T 2013; Li *et al.*, ES&T Letters, 2014.

# PRM is a new enzyme that can initiate the dioxane metabolism



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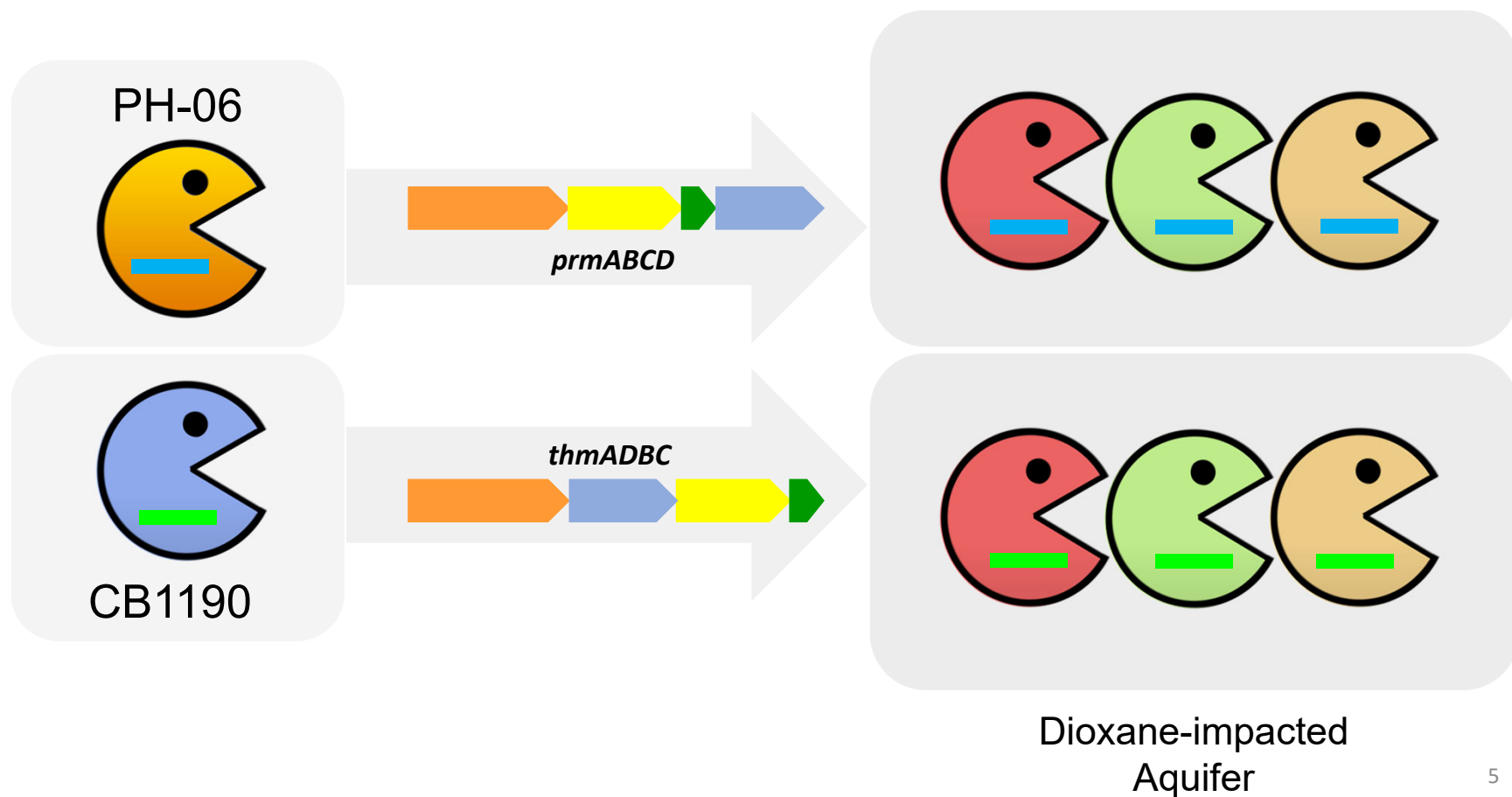
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Kim et al., Biodegradation., 2009; Li et al., AM&B, 2018; Deng et al., ES&T Letters, 2017.

# Dioxane degradation genes can be disseminated among indigenous bacteria in dioxane-impacted aquifer

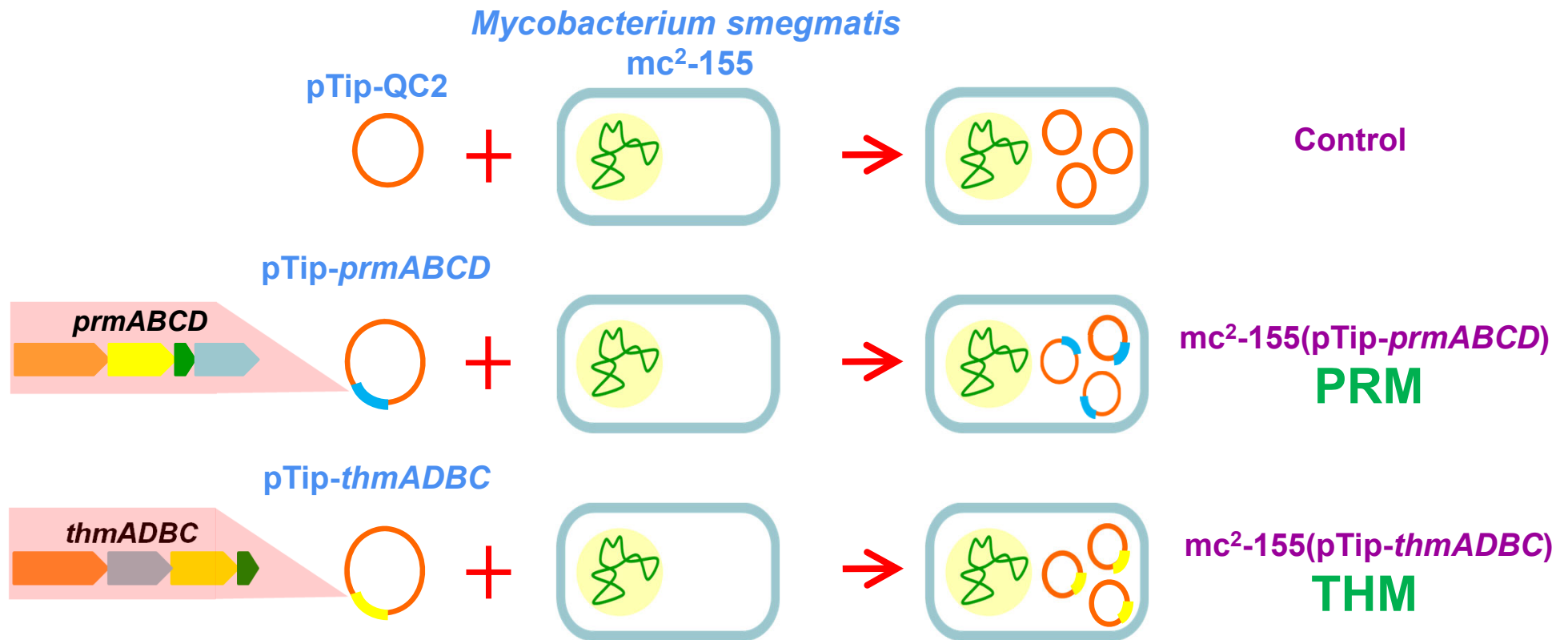


# Objective

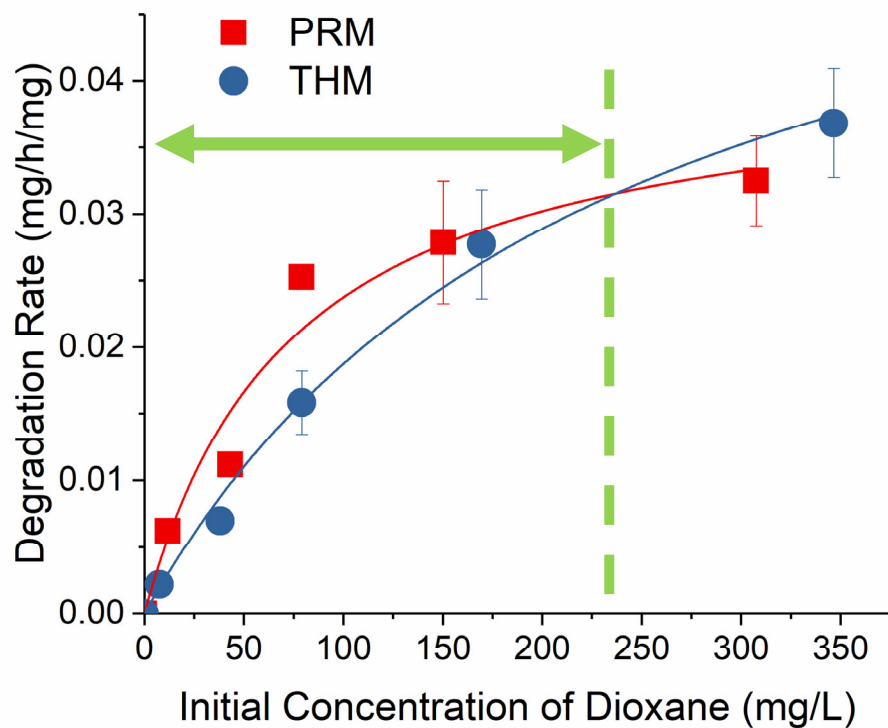
To compare the catalytic behaviors between two archetypic 1,4-dioxane degrading enzymes (THM and PRM) and exploit their potentials in monitored natural attention at field-relevant conditions.

- ❖ Which enzyme exhibits a higher affinity to dioxane?
- ❖ Which enzyme is less vulnerable to co-occurring CVOCs?
- ❖ Which enzyme creates more profound isotopic fractionation for a sensitive detection by CSIA?

# Flow chart: comparison of PRM with THM



# PRM has higher affinity to dioxane than THM



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↓  $K_m$  → Affinity ↑

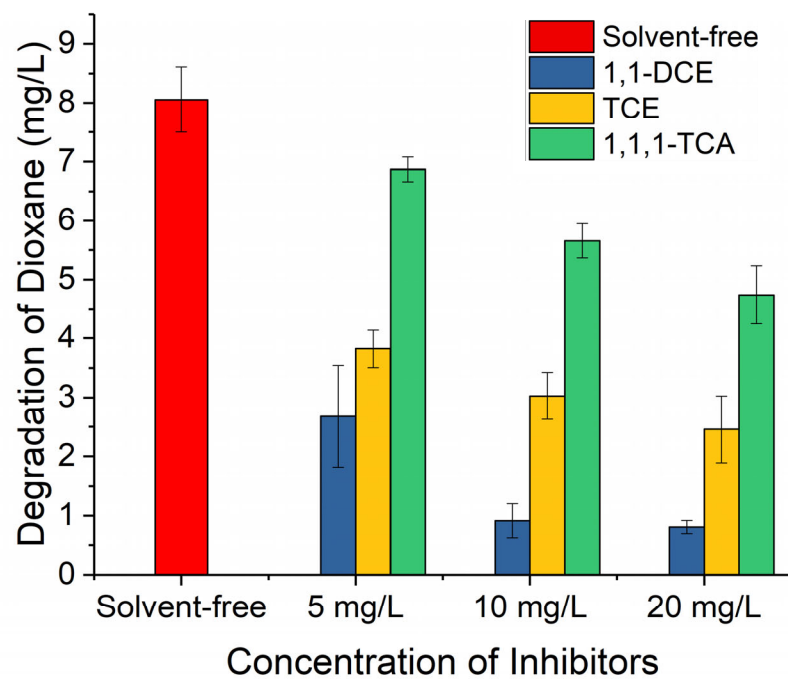
	PRM		THM
Rate	0-230mg/L	>	0-230mg/L
$K_m$	$74.73 \pm 27.35$	<	$236.02 \pm 42.00$
$R^2$	0.952		0.994



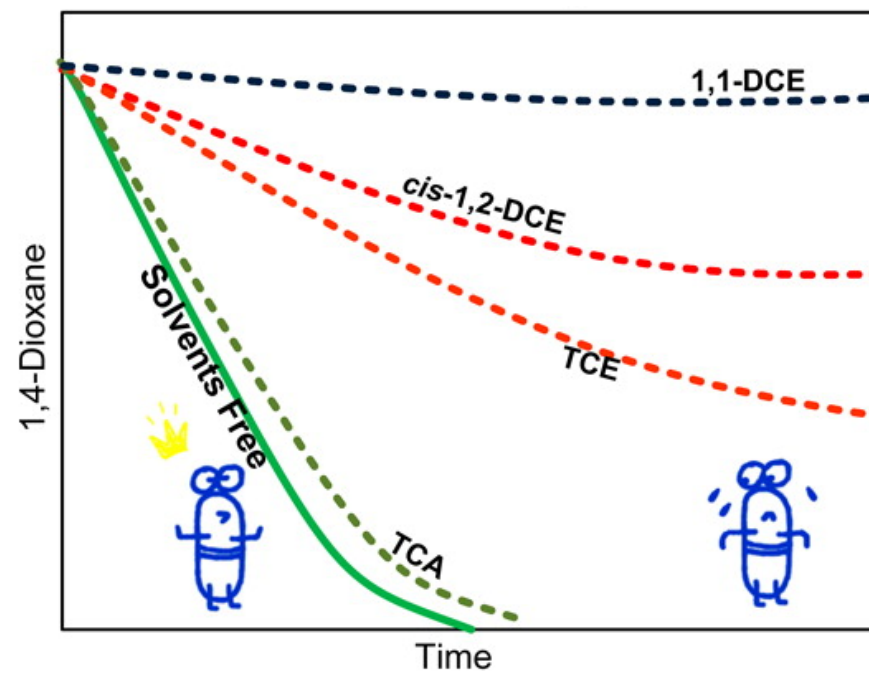
# Inhibitory effects: 1,1-DCE > TCE > 1,1,1-TCA

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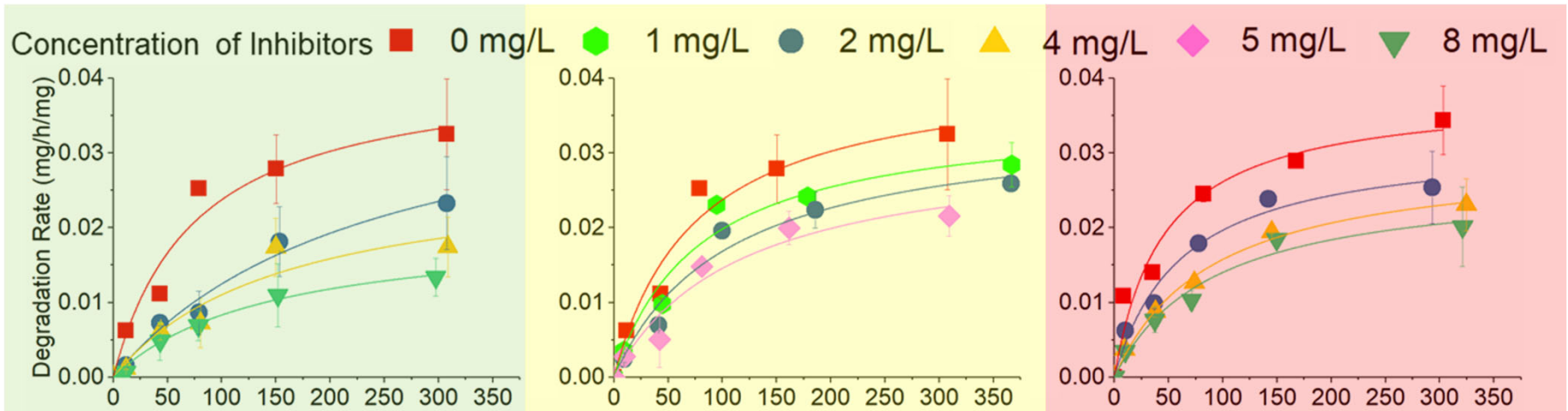
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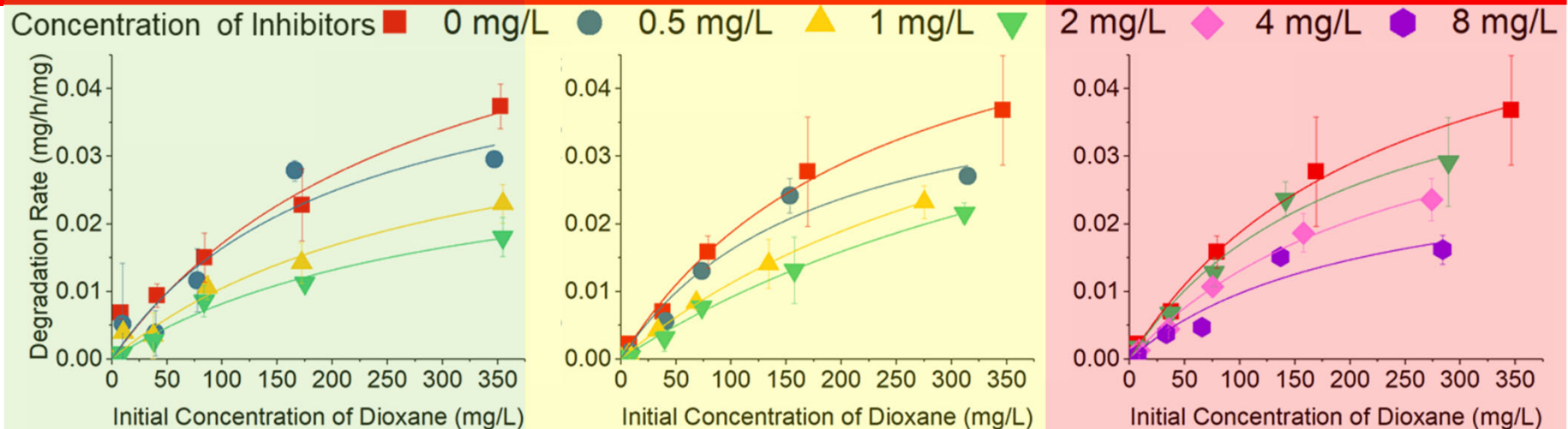
Zhang *et al.* ES&T 2016

# Inhibition kinetics

PRM



THM



1,1-DCE

TCE

1,1,1-TCA

# Chlorinated solvents resistance: PRM > THM

Inhibitor	Enzyme	Competitive		Noncompetitive		Uncompetitive	
		K <sub>IC</sub> (mg/L)	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>IN</sub> (mg/L)	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>IU</sub> (mg/L)	R <sup>2</sup>
1,1-DCE	PRM	5.27	0.745	6.75	0.937*	-19.20	0.216
	THM	1.41	0.901	2.14	0.987*	-10.00	0.172
TCE	PRM	5.23	0.919*	18.43	0.857	-13.00	0.800
	THM	1.13	0.921*	-22.48	0.053	-3.06	0.599
1,1,1-TCA	PRM	5.17	0.888	20.66	0.940*	-15.15	0.747
	THM	8.23	0.951	6.89	0.957*	110.00	0.054

\* The model with highest R<sup>2</sup> as the best model are selected.

DCE/TCA      V<sub>max</sub> ↓

TCE            K<sub>m</sub> ↑

K<sub>I</sub>(PRM) > K<sub>I</sub>(THM)

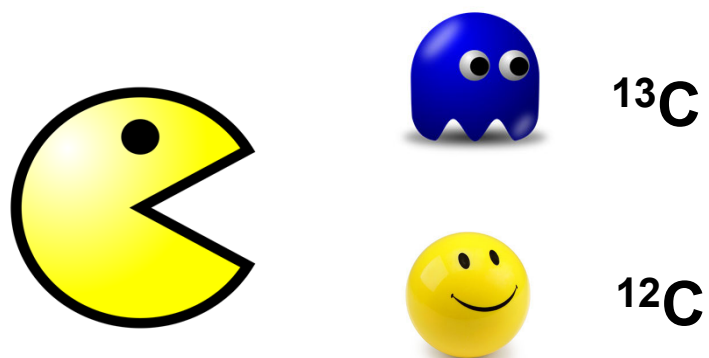
Capacity ↓

Affinity ↓

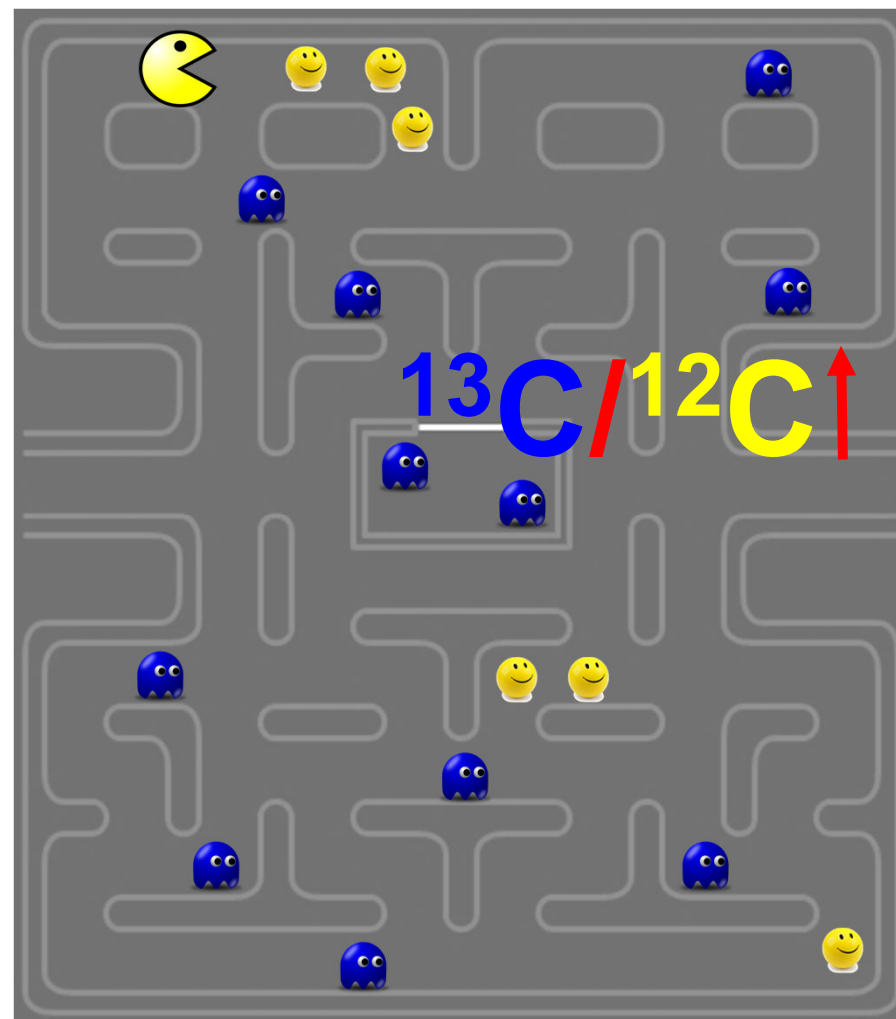
Resistance: PRM > THM

$$v_0 = \frac{V_{max}[S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

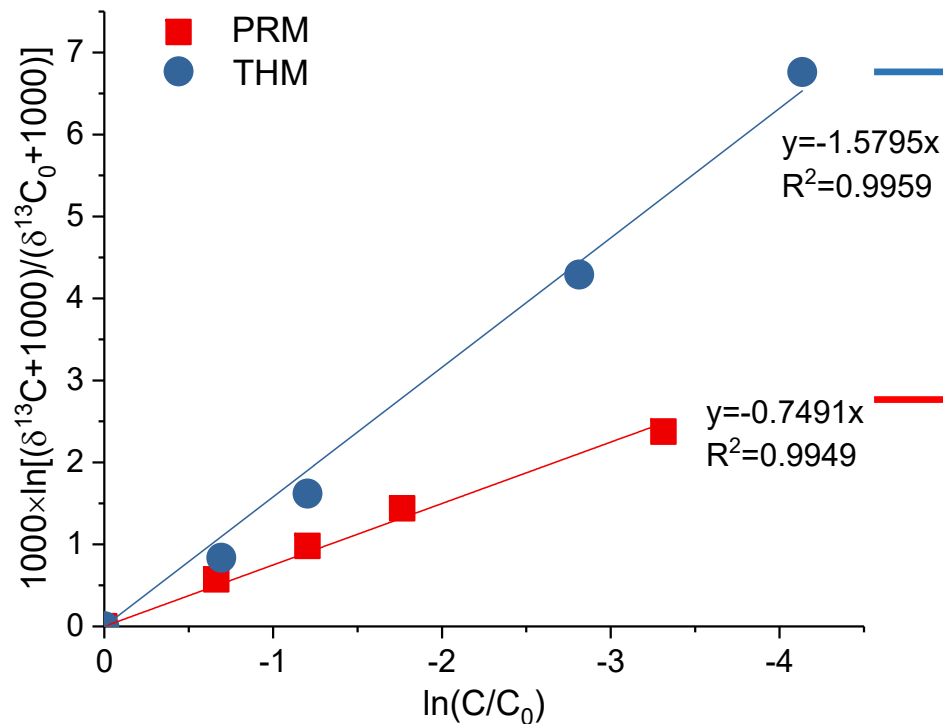
# Compounds-specific isotope analysis (CSIA)



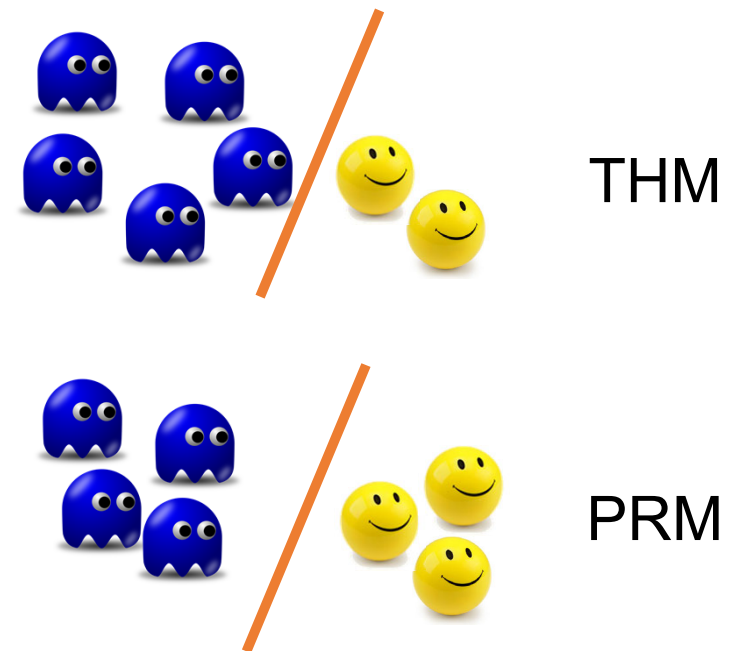
CSIA can distinguish enzyme-mediated attenuation of target pollutants.



# $^{13}\text{C}$ Enrichment efficiency: THM > PRM



CSIA is more sensitive to THM-derived dioxane biodegradation.



Enzyme	$\epsilon$ (‰)
PRM	-0.75
THM	-1.58

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ROUND 1

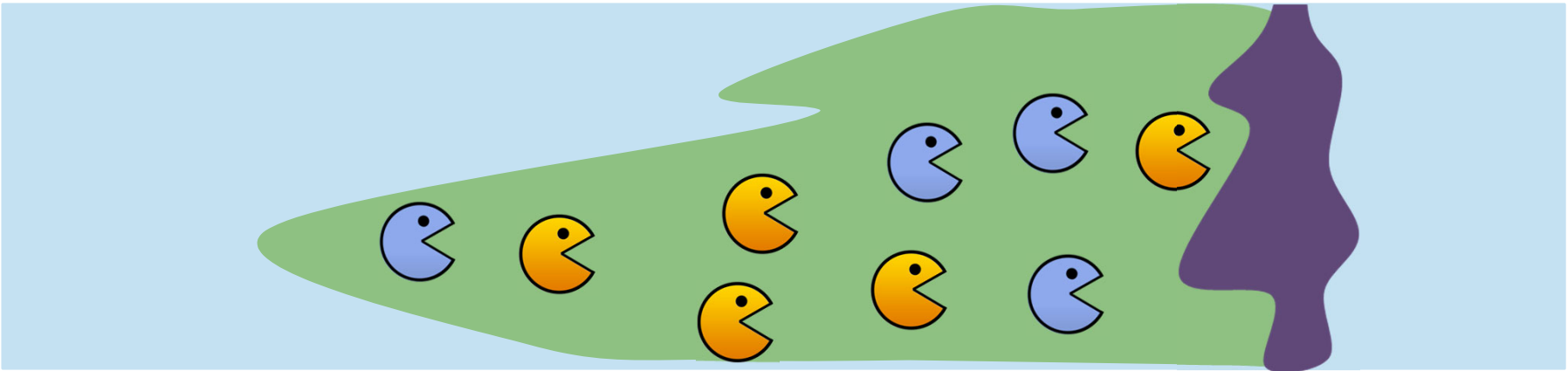
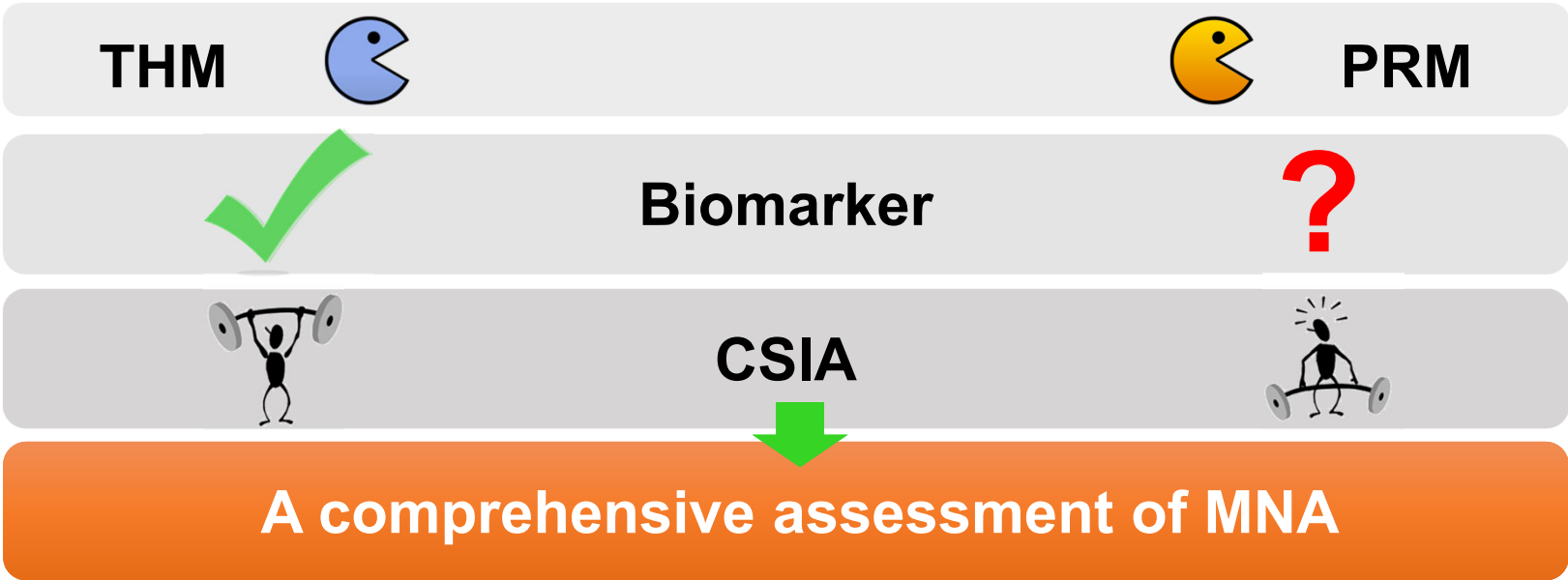
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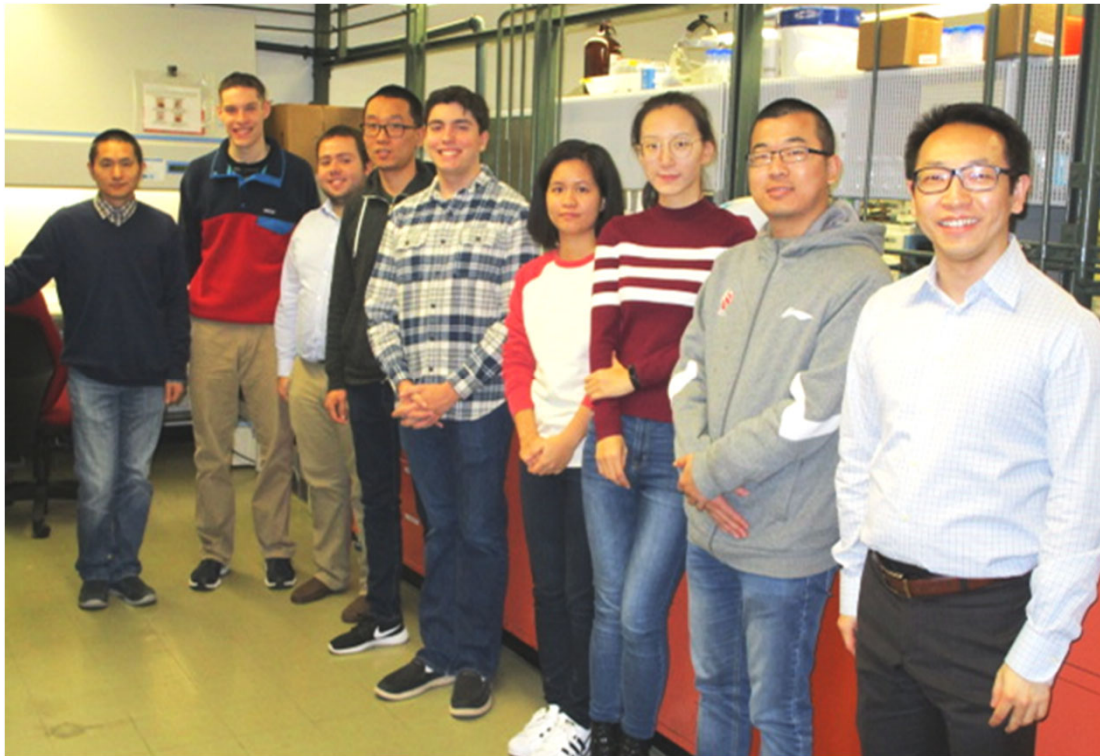
ROUND 4

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- A graphic of the letters 'KO' in a bold, red, brush-stroke font, with a black shadow and a white outline, set against a black background with white splatters.
- Microbes harboring PRM may be more prevalent than THM in the field given their enhanced affinity and resistance to co-occurring inhibitors.
  - PRM-mediated MNA has been long underestimated due to the lack of biomarkers and limited isotopic fractionation.

# Ongoing research

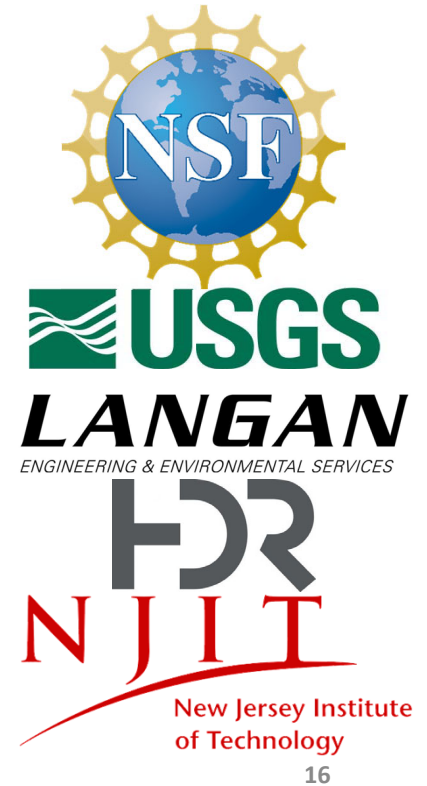


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Concurrent Biodegradation of 1,4-Dioxane and 1,1-Dichloroethylene by a Gram-Negative Propanotroph <i>Azoarcus</i> sp. DD4.	Mengyan Li NJIT	Holiday Ballroom 5 Wednesday 1:50 pm.
Effective Removal of Contaminants of Emerging Concern by Biologically-Active Filters.	Mengyan Li NJIT	Holiday Ballroom 3 Thursday 1:00 pm.
Comparison of Catalytic Behaviors between Two 1,4-DioxaneDegrading Monooxygenases.	Fei Li NJIT	Holiday Ballroom 5 Wednesday 10:30 am.
1,4-Dioxane Bioaugmentation during and after Anaerobic Degradation.	Lingke Zeng LANGAN	Holiday Ballroom 5 Wednesday 2:50 pm.
1,4-Dioxane Contamination Survey at River Estuaries and Wastewater Treatment Plants in Northern NJ.	Fei Li NJIT	Exhibit Hall No.70 Monday/Tuesday
Substrate-Mediated Biotransformation and Biodefluorination of 6:2 FTOH by <i>Mycobacterium</i> and <i>Rhodococcus</i> Species.	Chen Wu NJIT	Exhibit Hall No.8 Monday/Tuesday

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