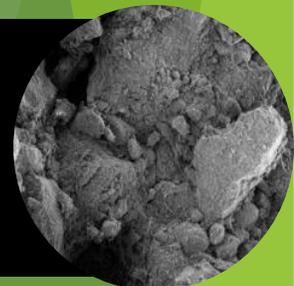


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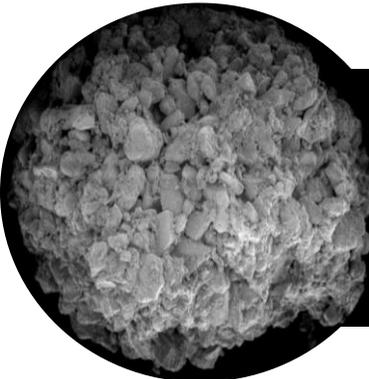
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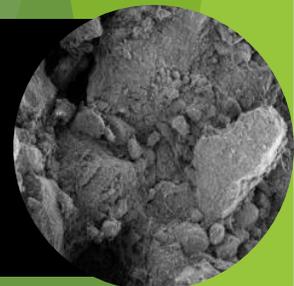
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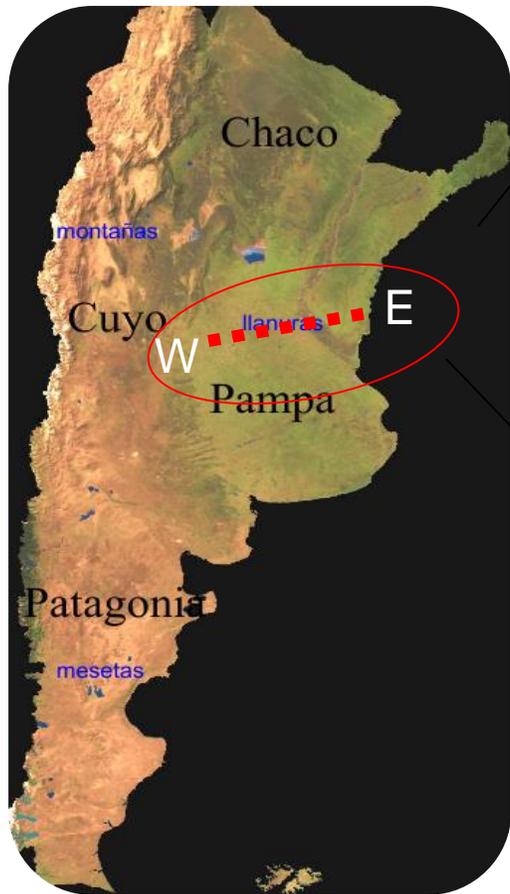
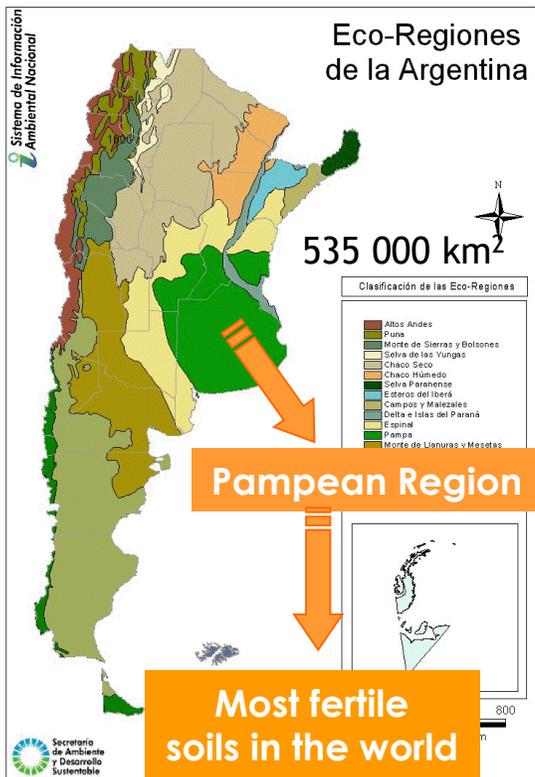
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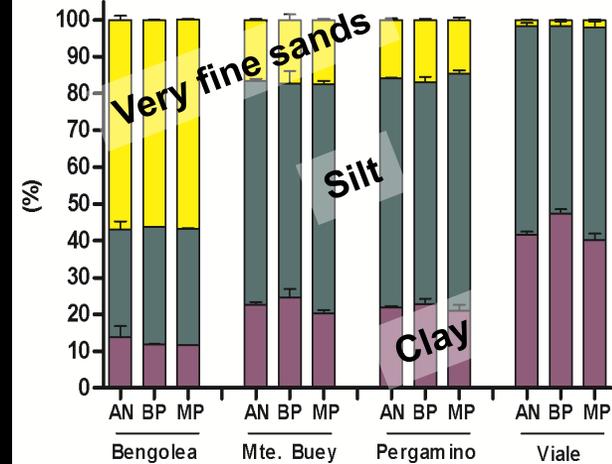
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- ▶ High silt and very fine sands contents
- ▶ Bioliths and volcanic glasses

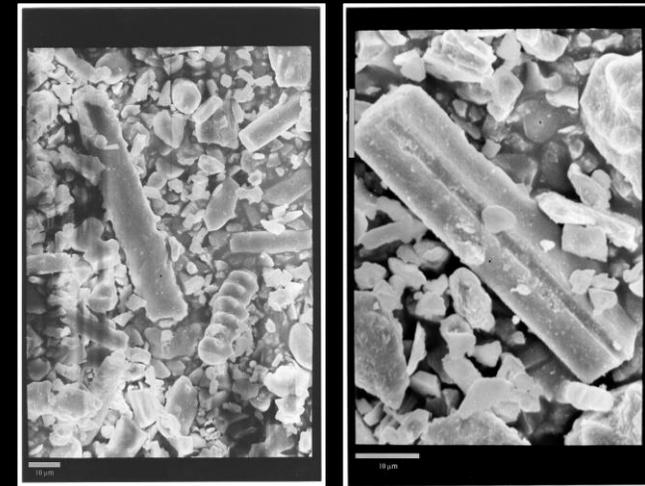


Soil characteristics

Granulometry



Volcanic glasses and bioliths

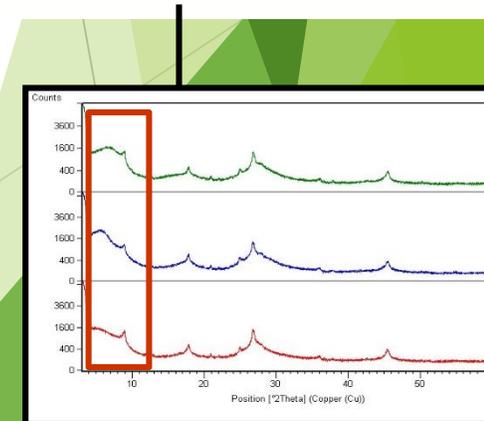
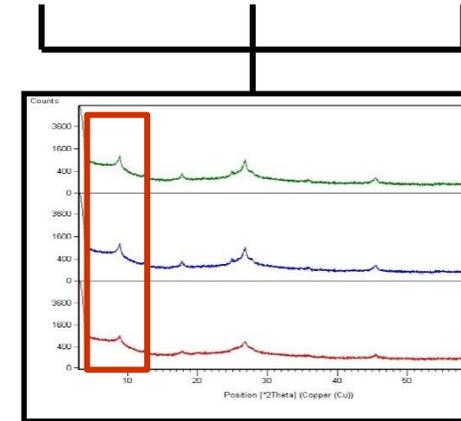
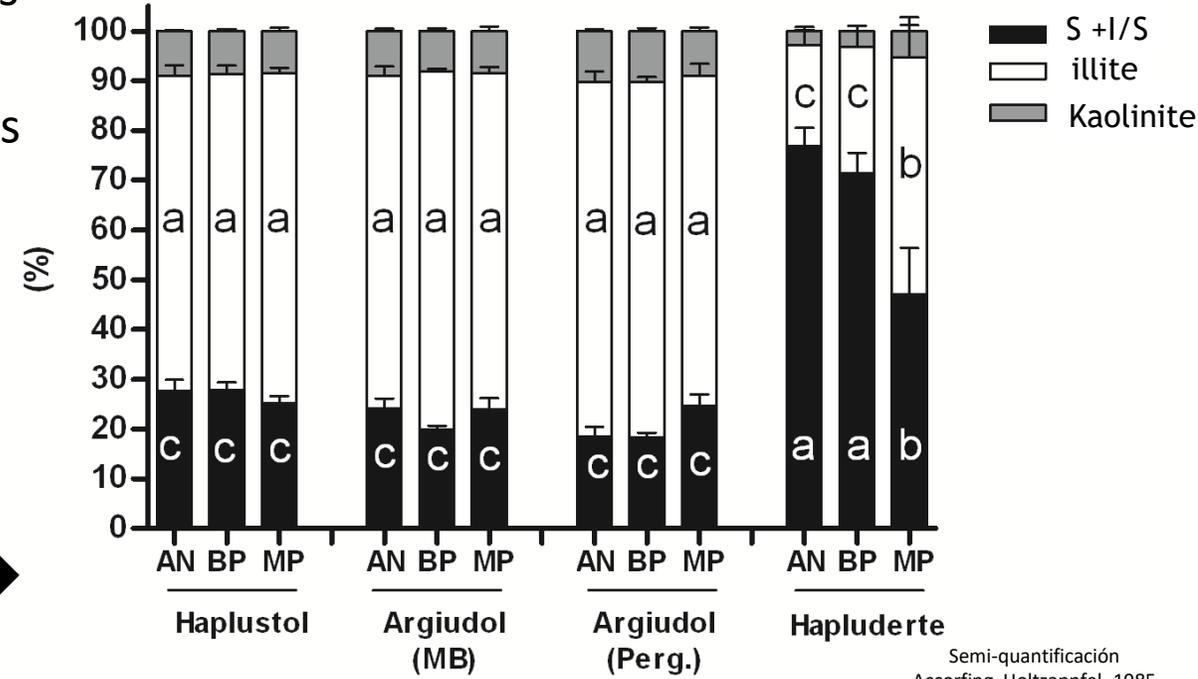
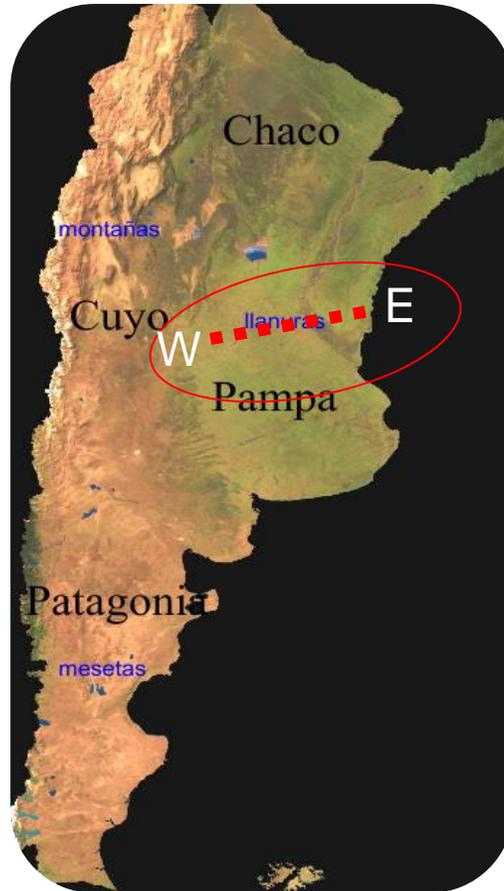
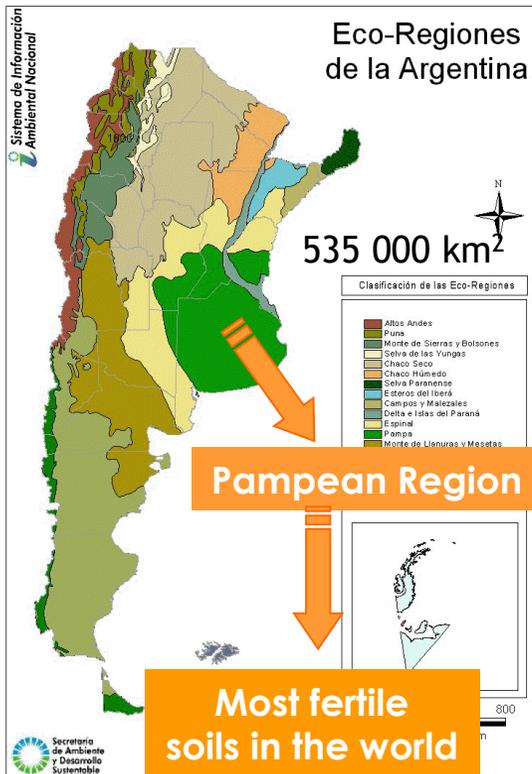


- Easily fractured
- Weak aggregates

Land degradation in the Argentinian Pampas

Fragility to soil physical degradation

- ▶ High silt and very fine sands contents
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- ▶ Semi-rigid mineralogy



Land degradation in the Argentinian Pampas

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Inadequate land management

Low crop diversification

Tendency to soybean monoculture

Insufficient soil cover

Low winter crops participation

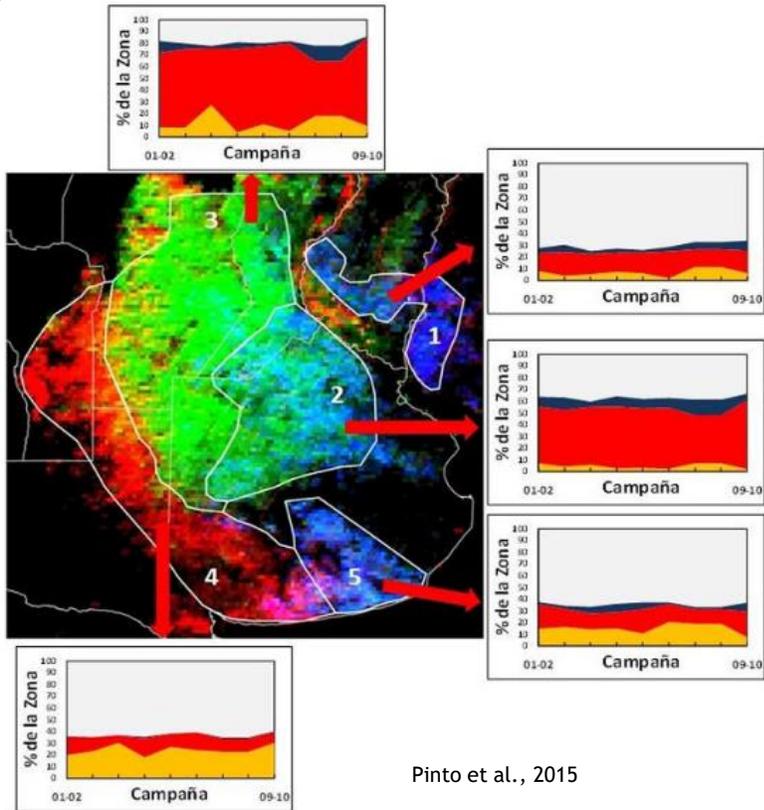


RECURRENCIA DE SUPERFICIE CULTIVADA CON SOJA EN DISTINTOS PERÍODOS EN EL ESTABLECIMIENTO LOS PATRICIOS

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Perímetro Los Patricios - UBA
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 Imagen Base - Google
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Pinto et al., 2015



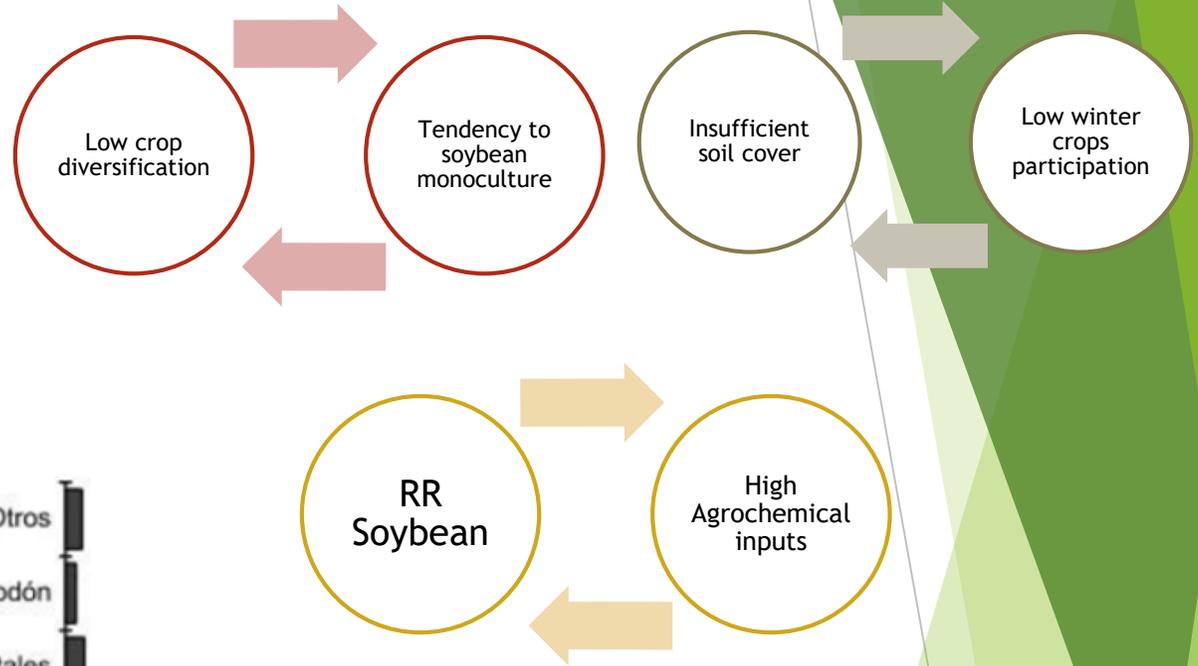
90% No tillage

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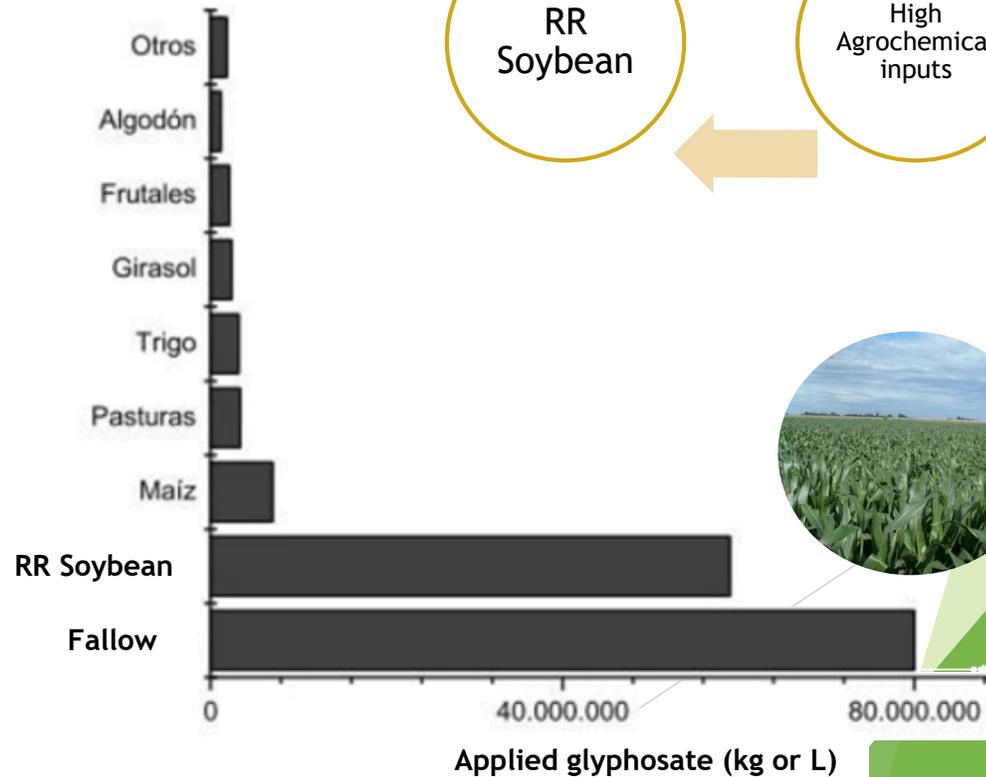
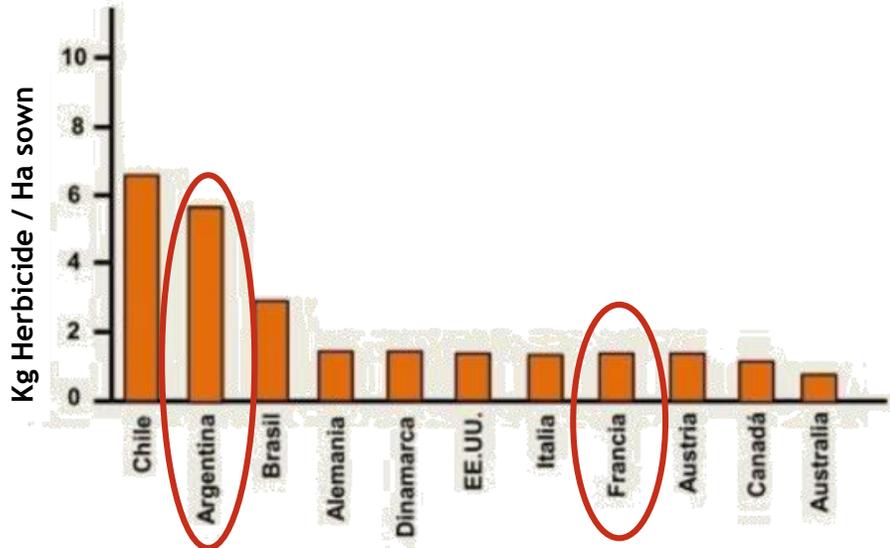
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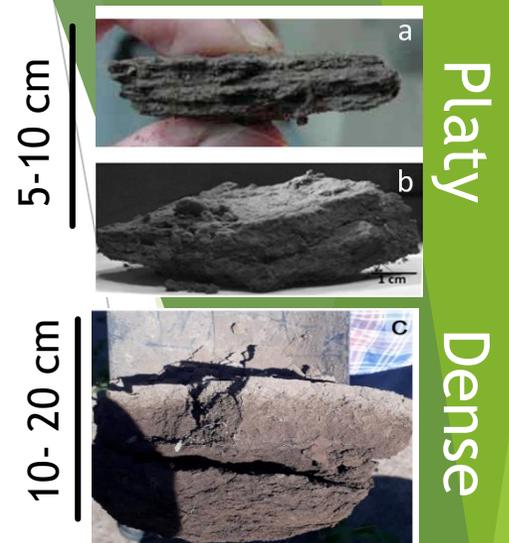


▶ High agrochemicals inputs (N°2 in the world) → 65% Glyphosate



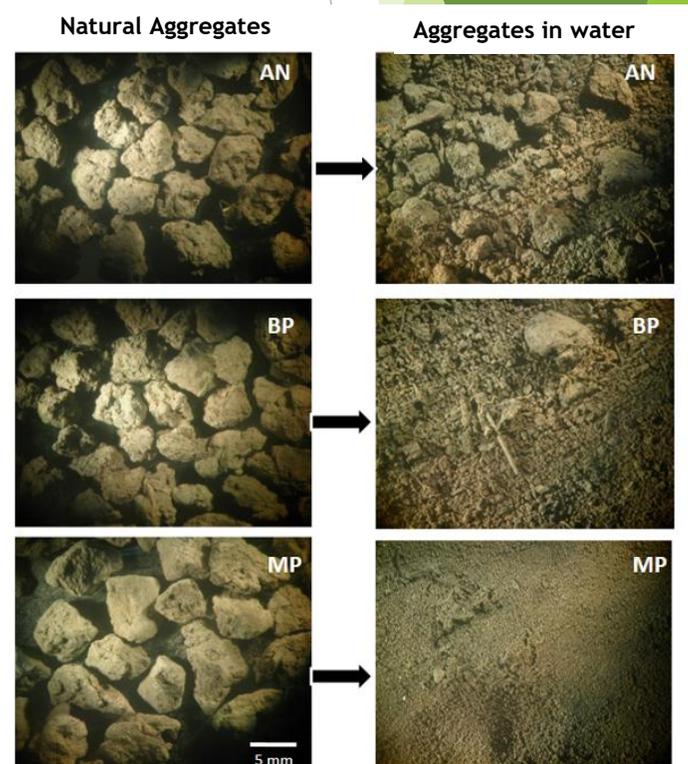
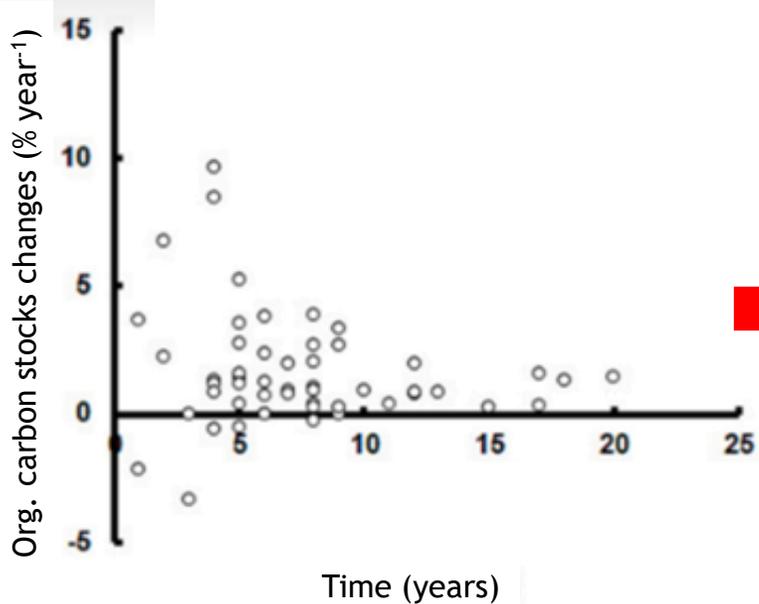
(FAO, 2015)

Land degradation in the Argentinian Pampas



Organic carbon Loss

Compaction -
Runoff & Soil Erosion



Soybean Monoculture /
Agriculture expansion
Heavy transit

High Silt content -Low density
Low Swelling-Shrinkage process

physical quality compromised
soil structure formation and stability

Synthesis

Degradation processes
↳ Soil structure

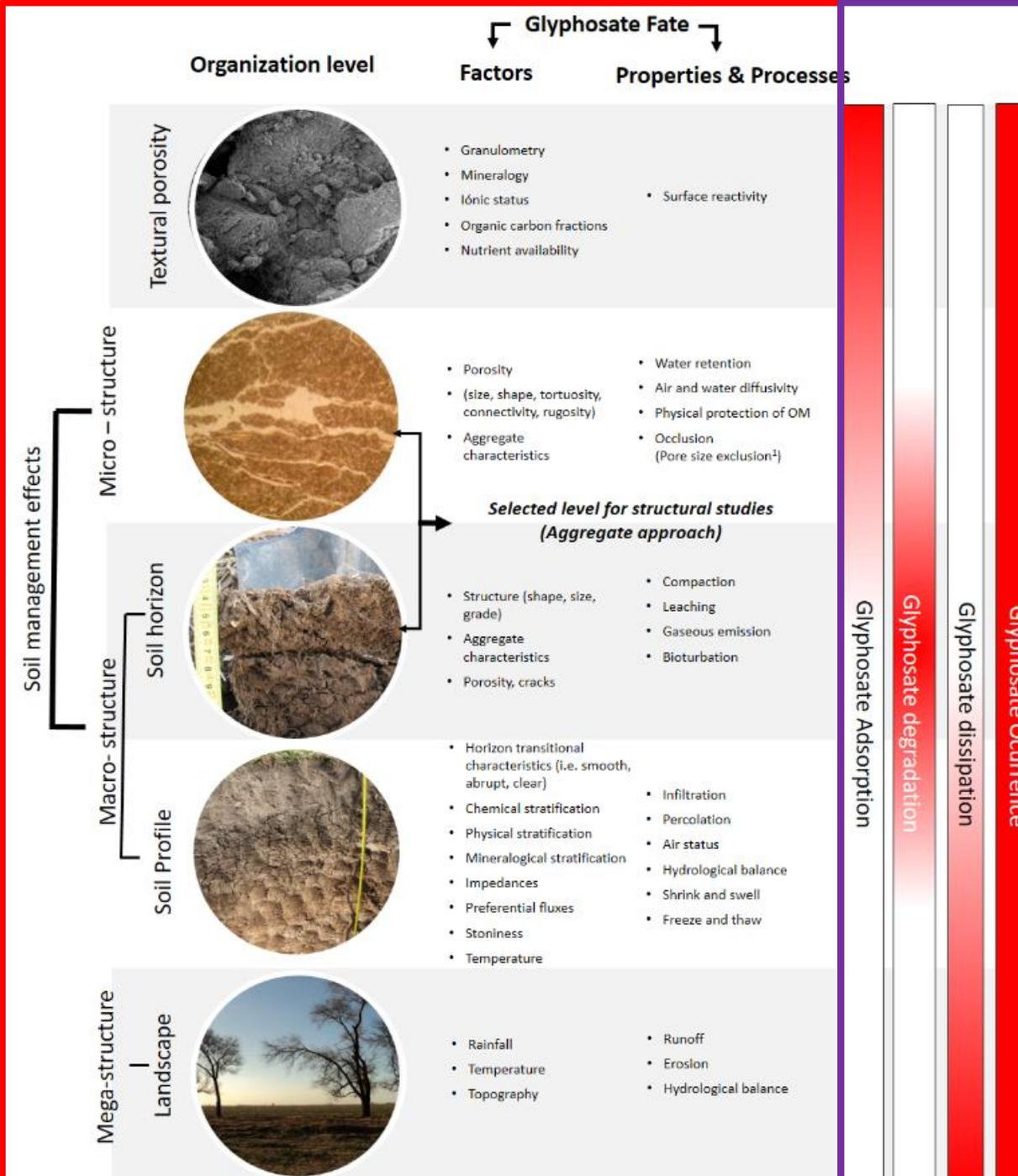
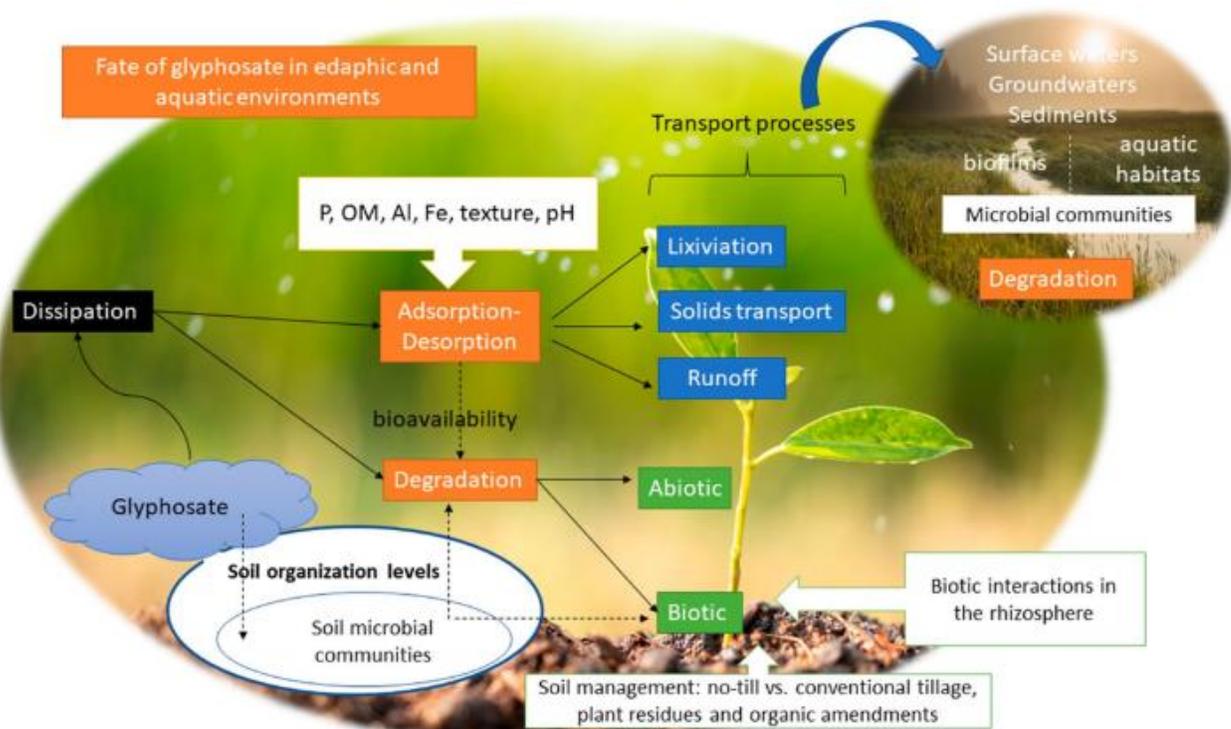
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- Contamination hazards
- Productive failures

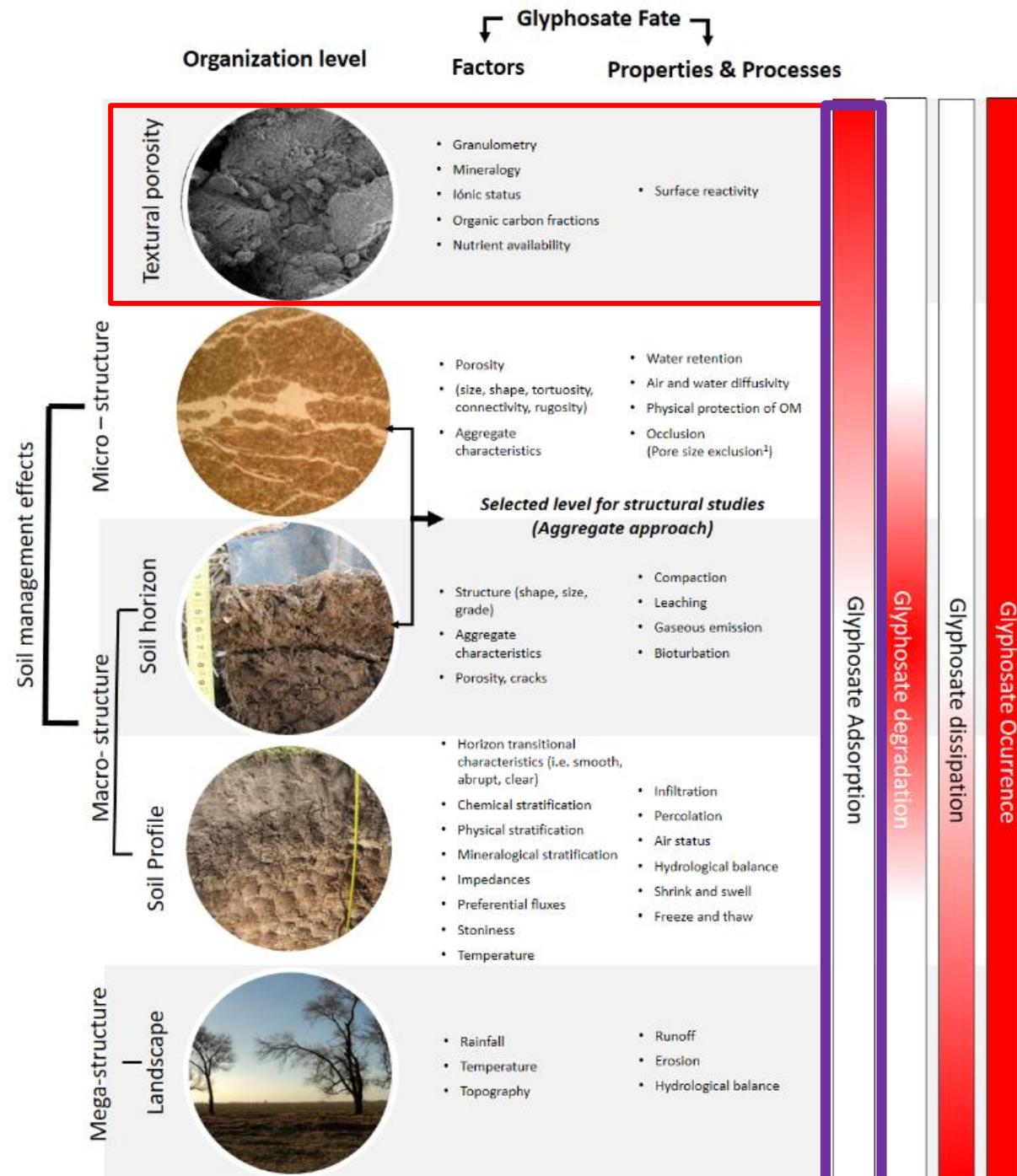
- Sustainable agriculture intensification
 - Cover crops
 - Agroecology



Microbiomes and glyphosate biodegradation in edaphic and aquatic environments: recent issues and trends

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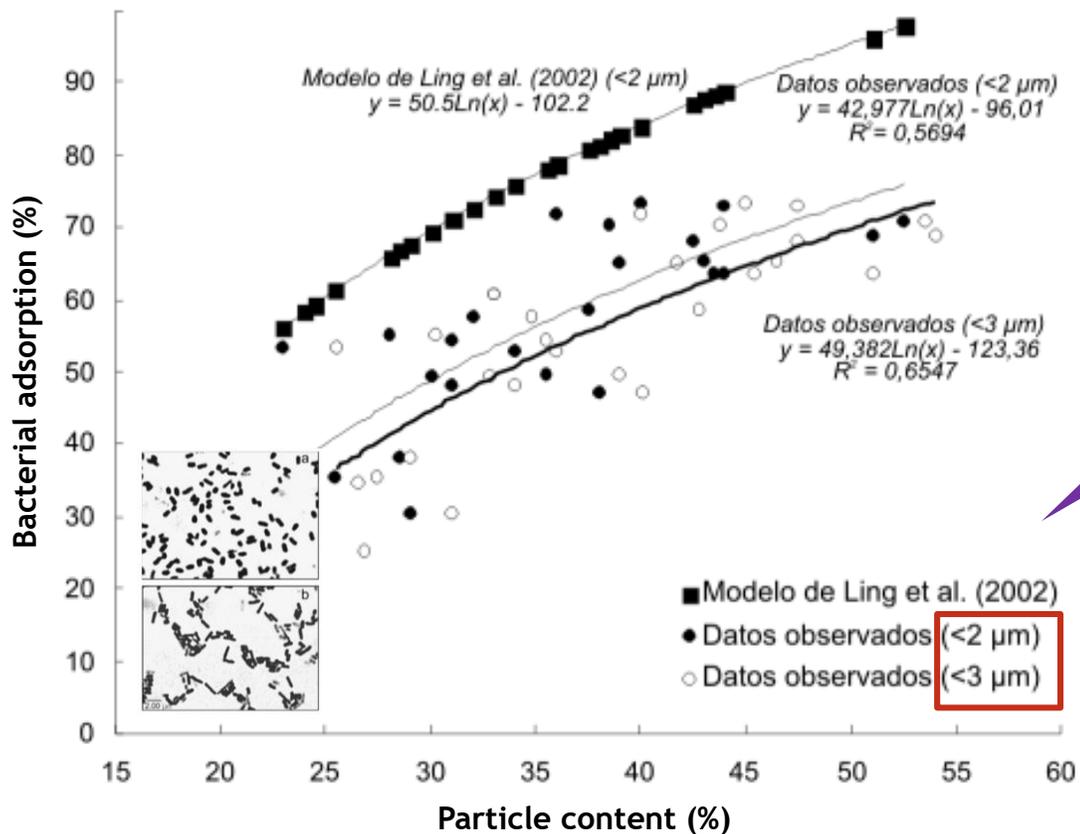




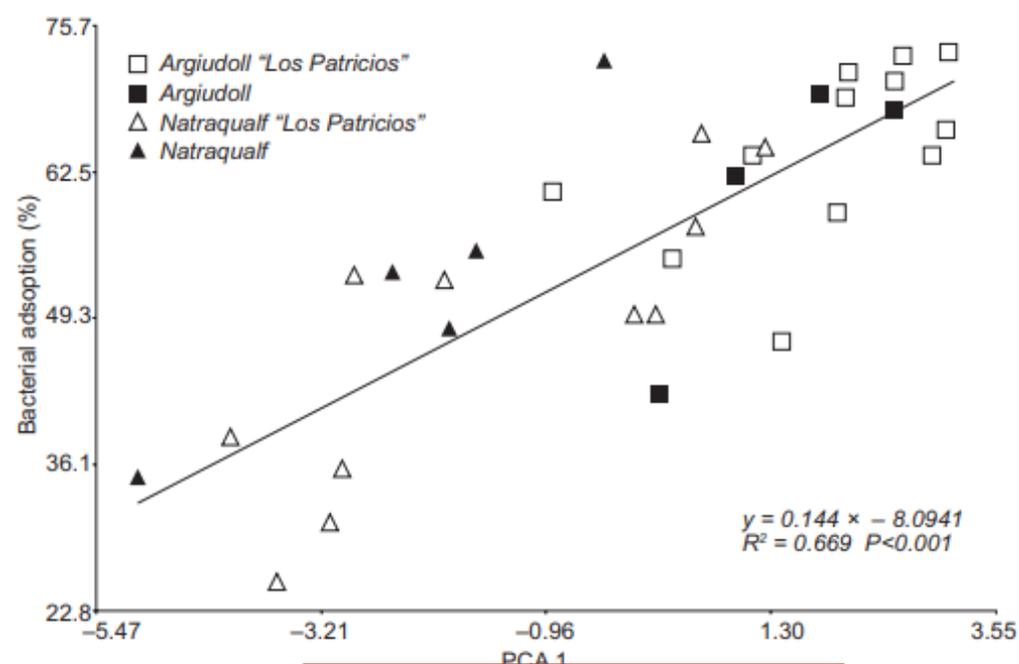
Textural porosity



- Granulometry
- Mineralogy
- Iónico status
- Organic carbon fractions
- Nutrient availability
- Surface reactivity



Behrends Kraemer et al., 2011a



(Clay: 0.35, ESP: -0.35, Sand: -0.33, pH: -0.33)

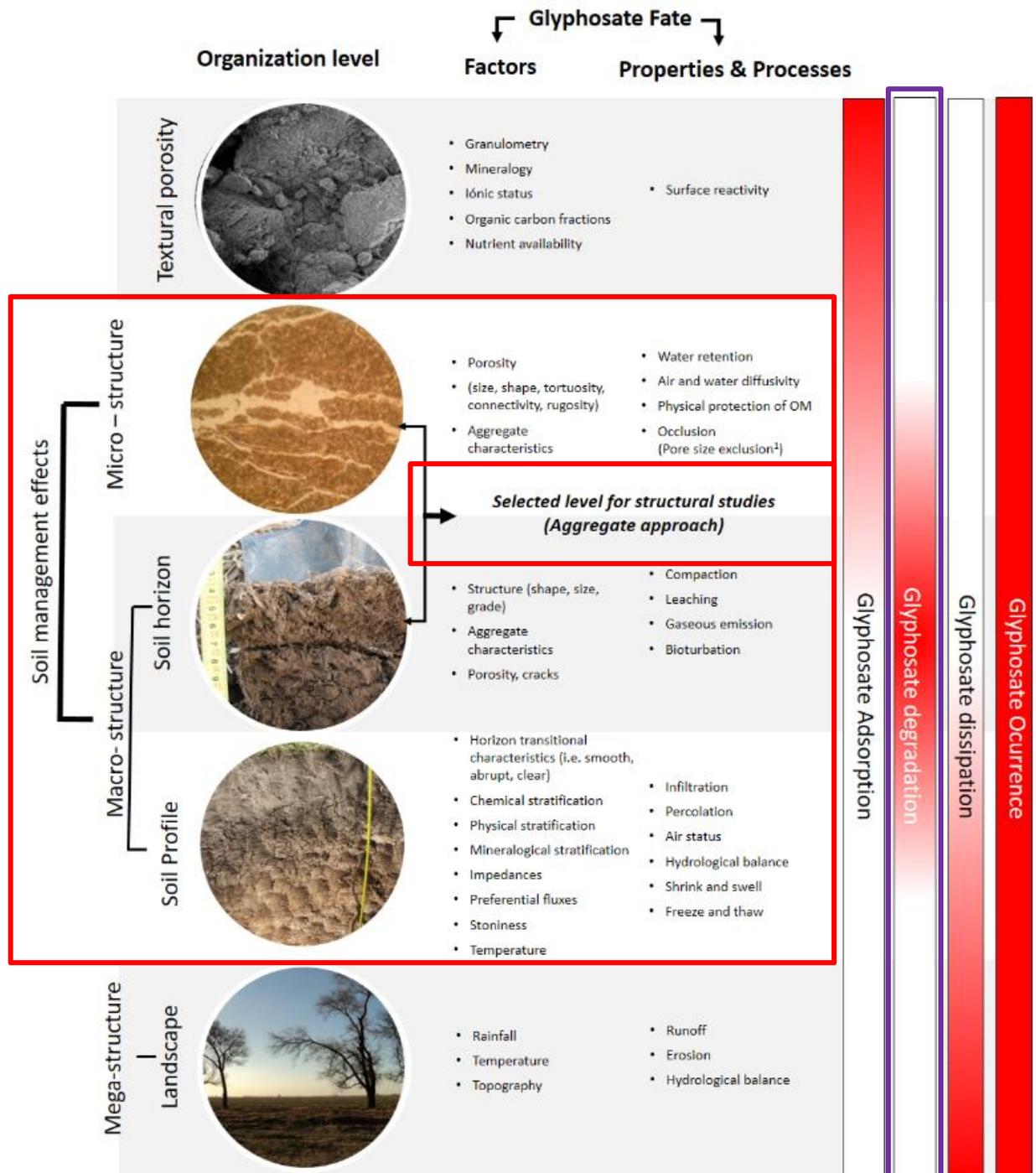
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Ground water contamination potential - GWCP - (Glyphosate and AMPA)

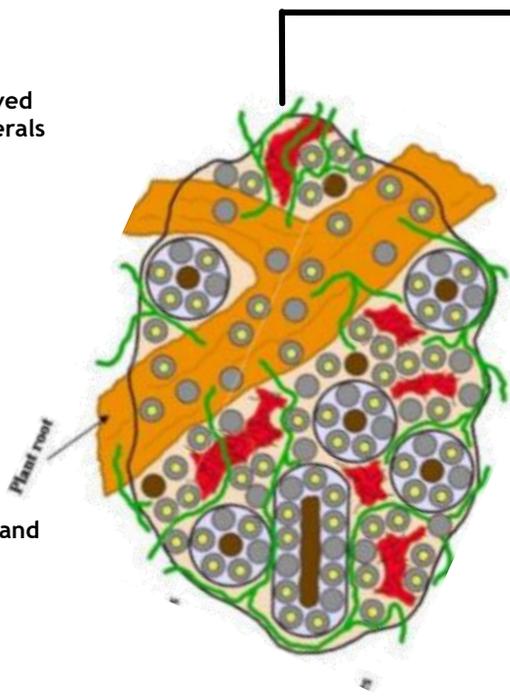
(Dalpiaz & Andriulo, 2017)

- Soil vulnerability (SLPI)
 - Soil texture, pH, OC content and preferential flux (layers texture ratio)
- Agrochemical lixiviation potential (PLPI)
 - Product half-life, Σ applications, Koc.

$GWCP = \text{SLPI} - \text{PLPI} * 100$



-  Planta and fungus residues
-  Silt size microaggregates derived from microbial and organominerals association
-  Clay microstructure
-  Organic matter colonized by hyphae
-  Micoriza
-  Pore space; polyschacharides and other amorphous agents
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-  Microaggregates
90-250 y 20-90 μm



Aggregates

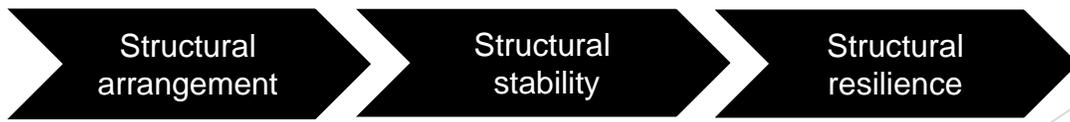


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Fragments



Study approach →



Kay, et al. 1990



Morpho-structural evaluation of various soils subjected to different use intensity under no-tillage



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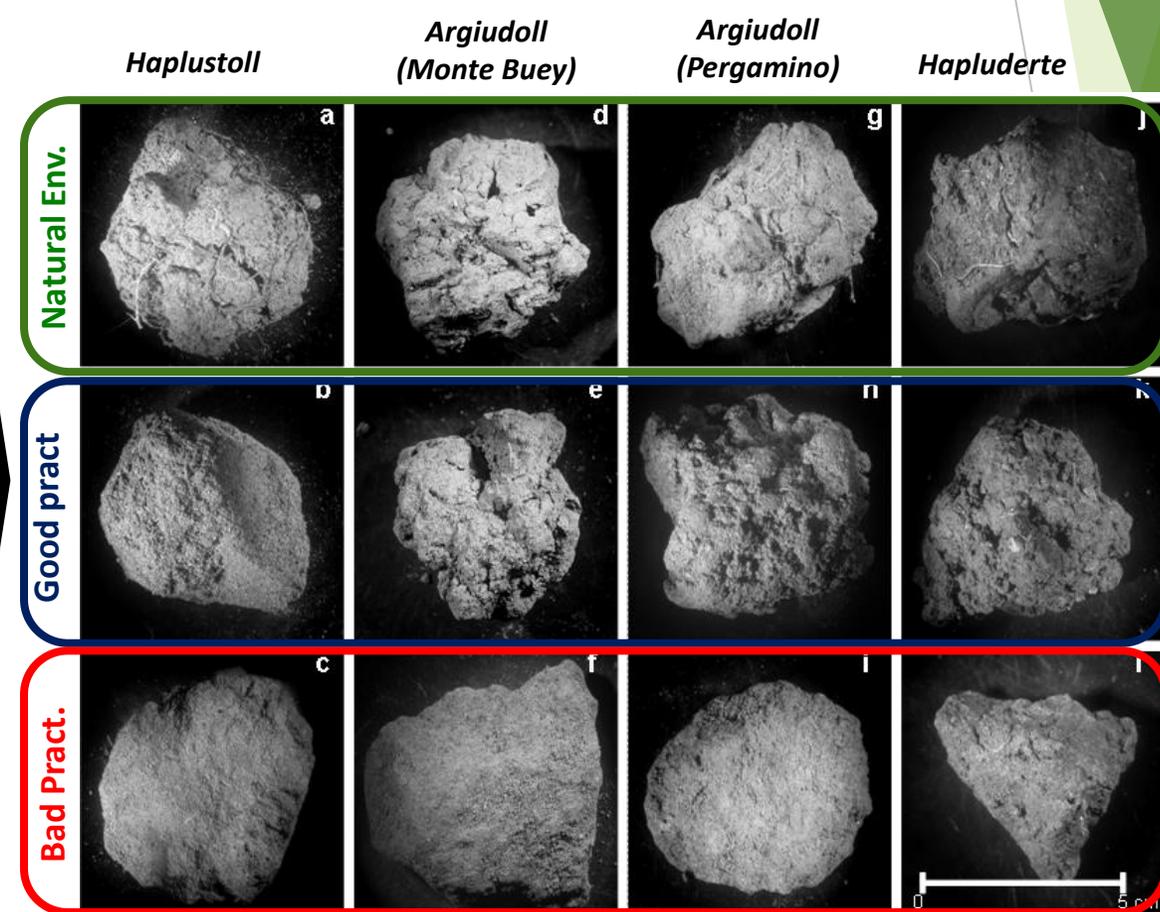
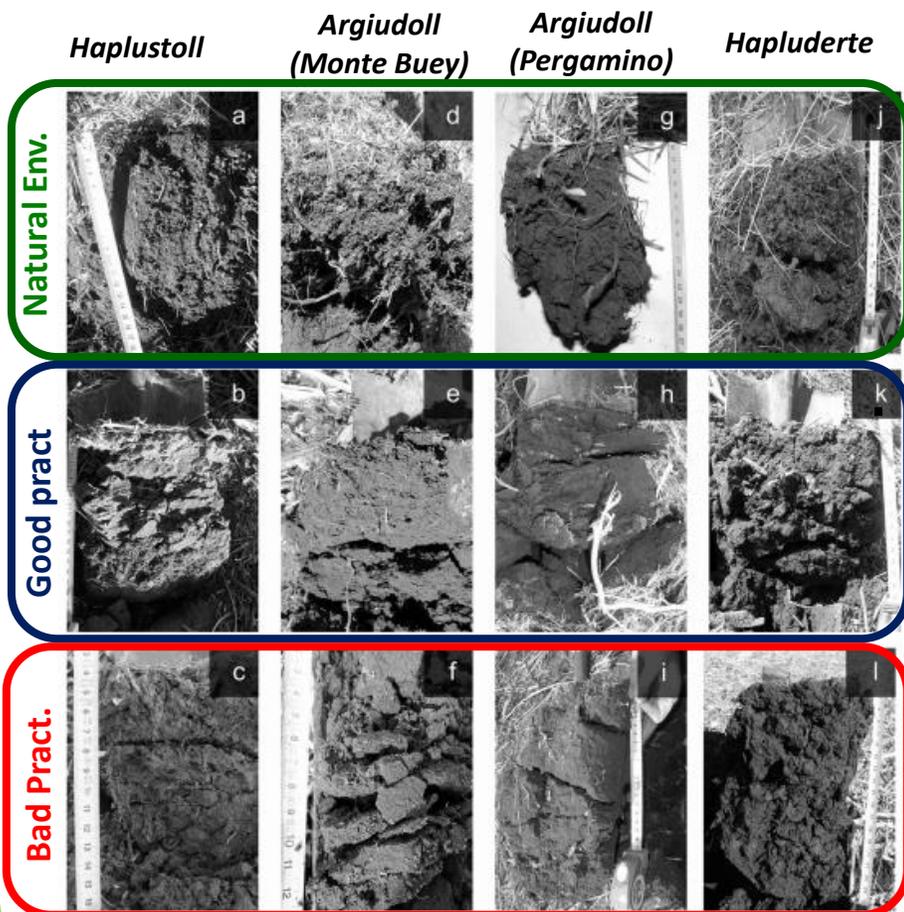
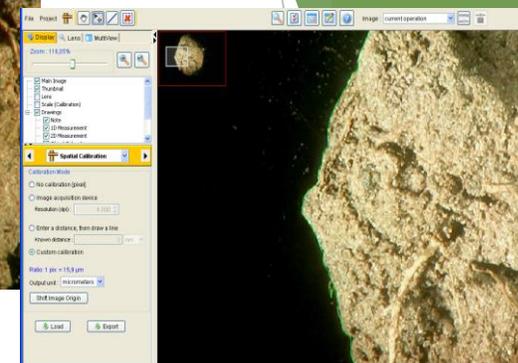
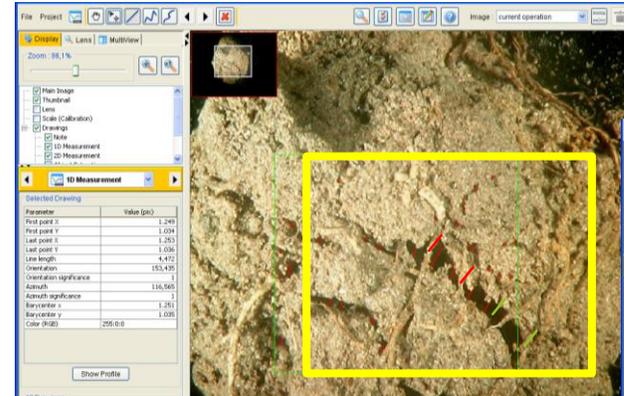
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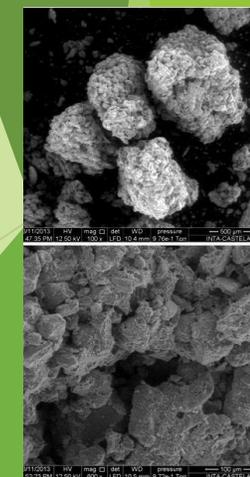
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Microvision

Structural arrangement



n= 108
Imagen compuesta por 7-10 tomas



Electro scanning Microscope (gold waxes)

Soil structure and glyphosate fate under no-till management in the Pampa region. I. Soil structural anisotropy and hydro-physical behavior

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- ▶ High structural heterogeneity in the first cm of the topsoil
- ▶ Occurrence of dense and platy structures
- ▶ Different conformation of these structures (i.e. Biological vs. Mechanical)

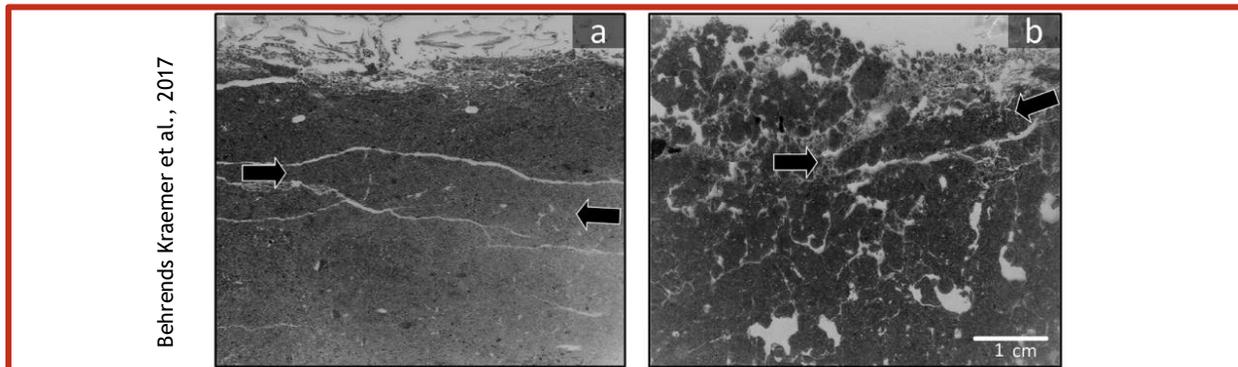
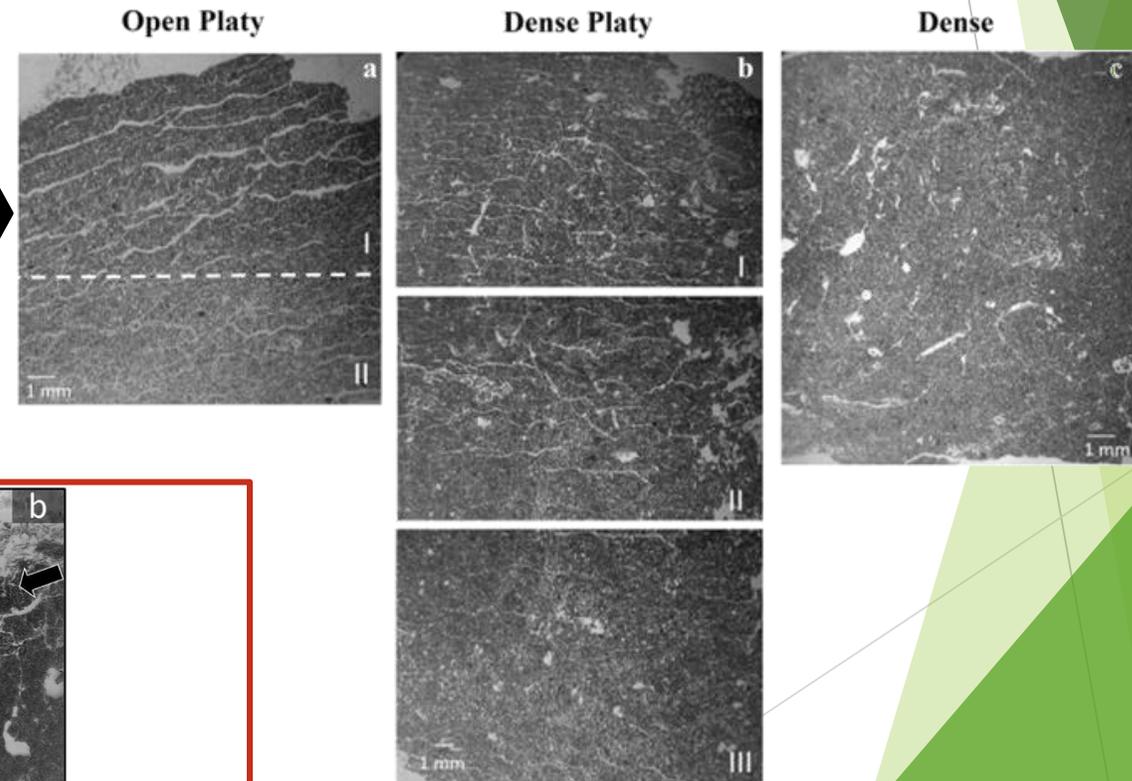
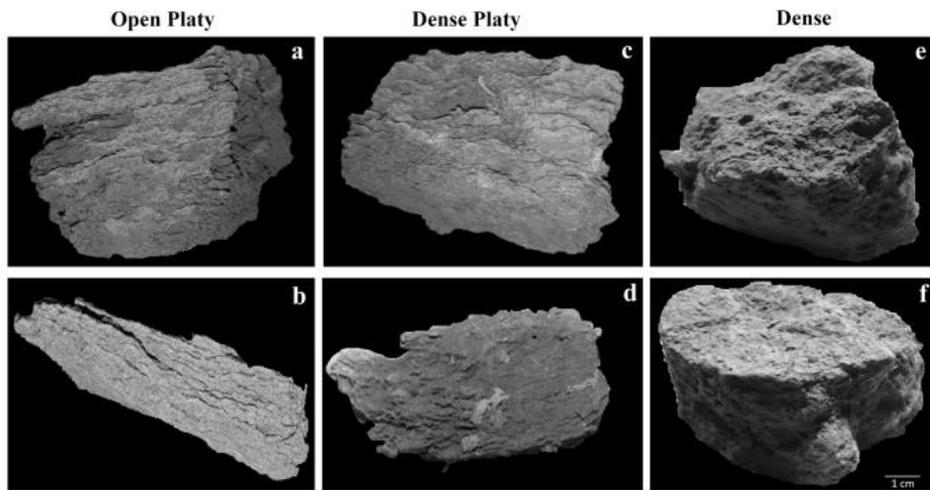
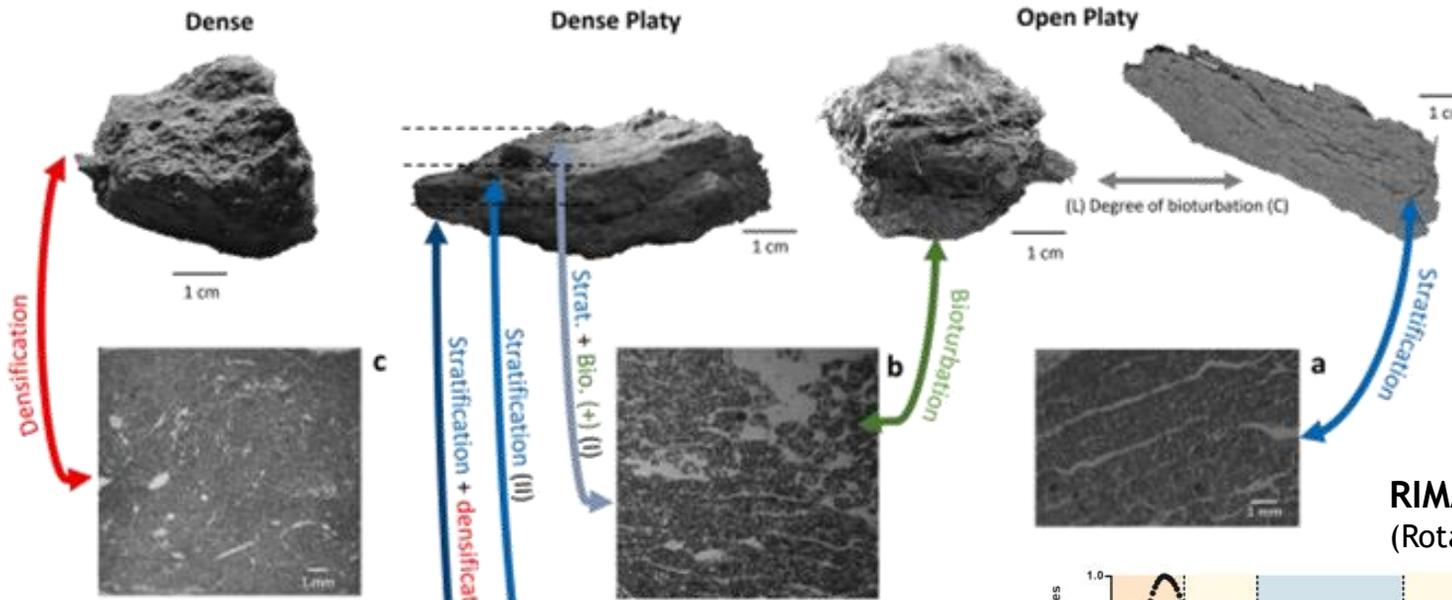
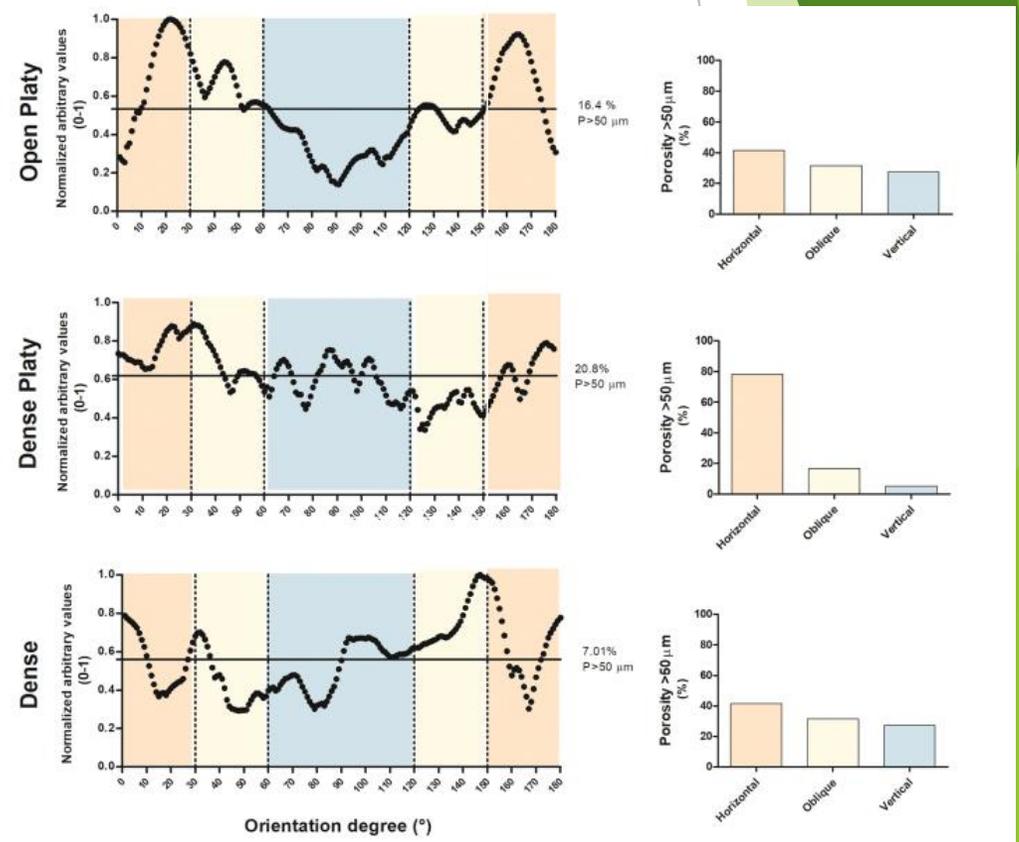


Fig. 7. Thin sections of topsoil (0–6 cm depth) exemplifying different types of platy structures. Area between arrows indicates: a) platy structures from a coarse textured soil matrix (GAP, Haplustoll); b) platy structures from densified and oriented biological aggregates with high internal porosity (GAP, Argiudoll – Monte Buey).



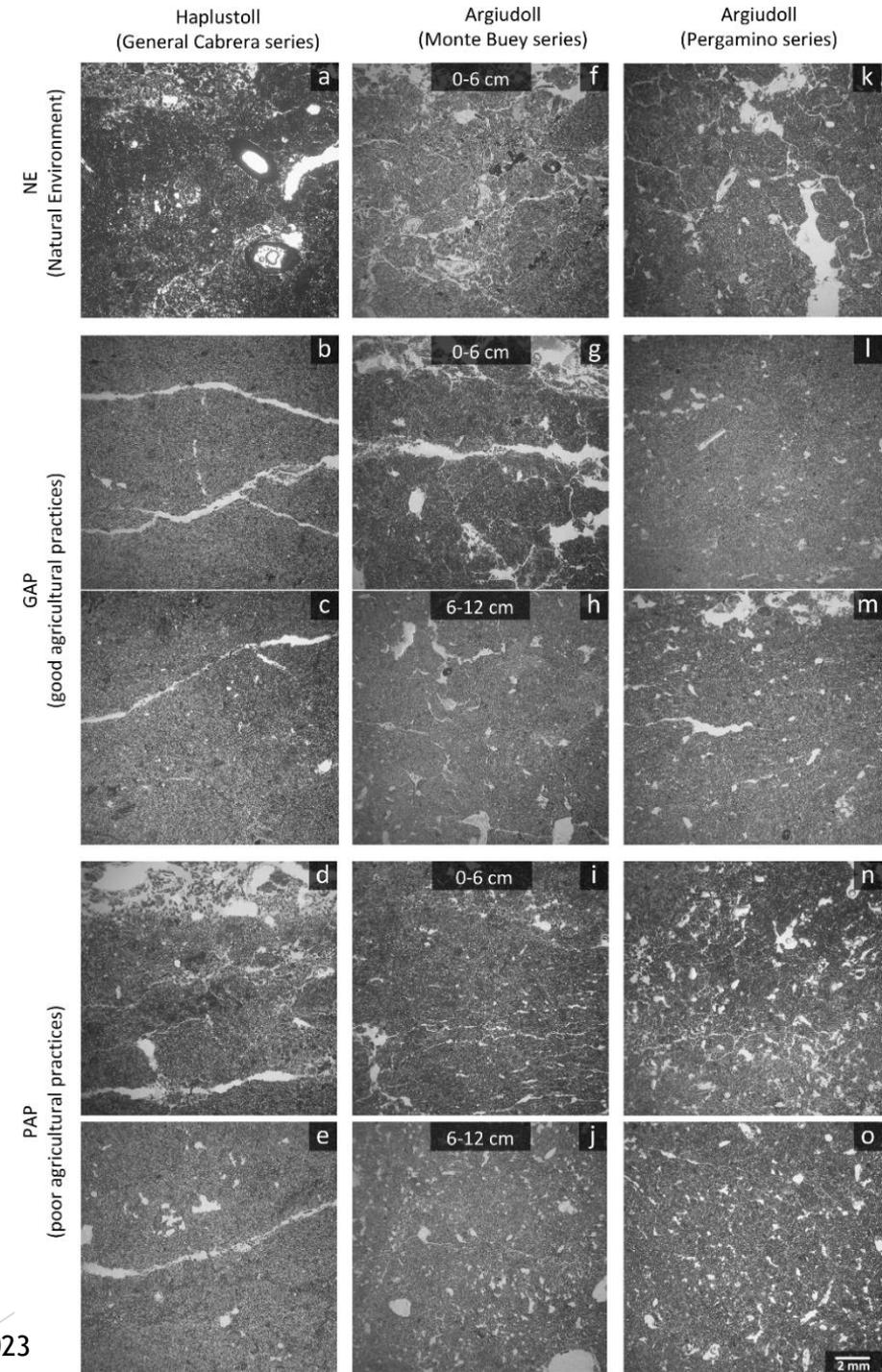
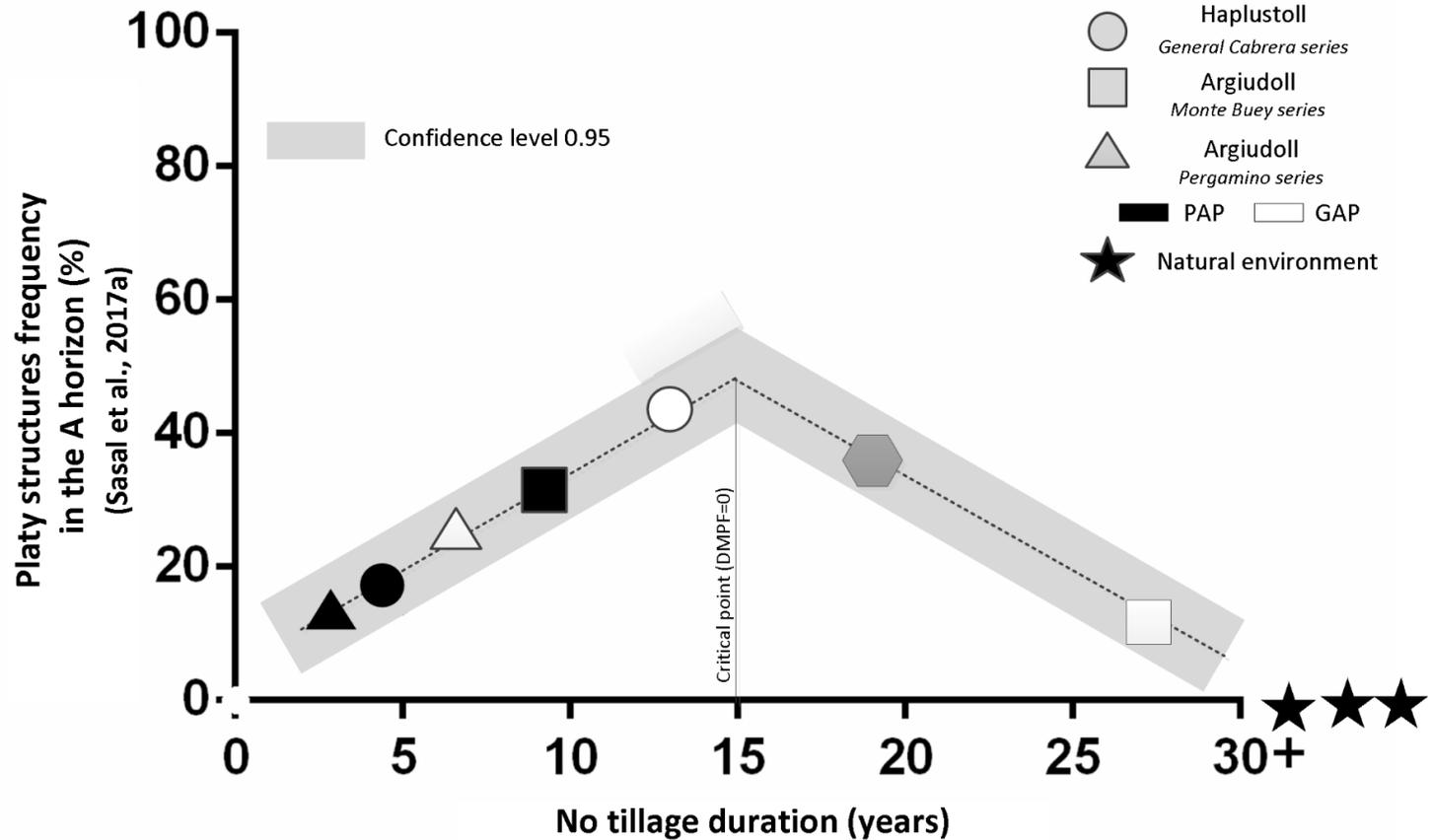
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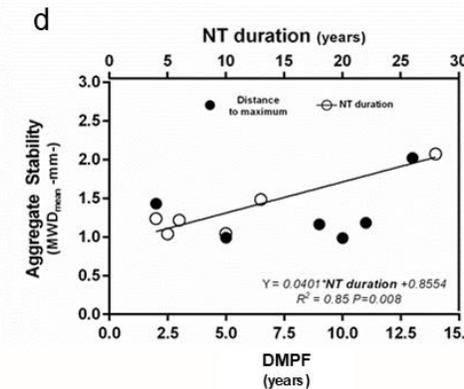
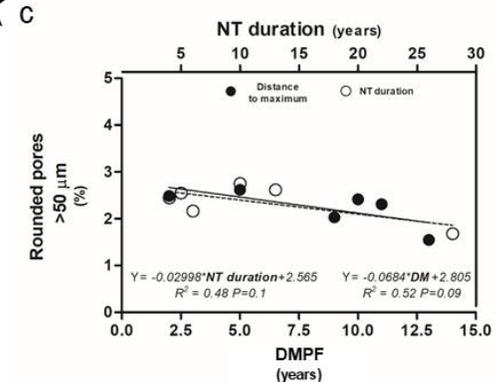
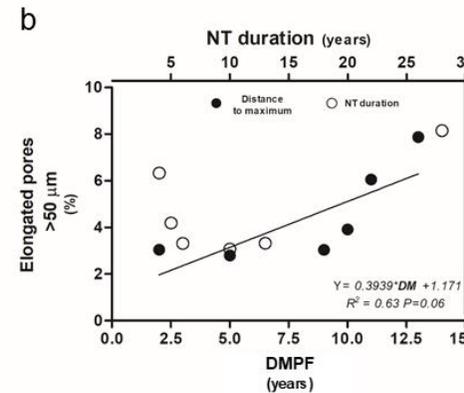
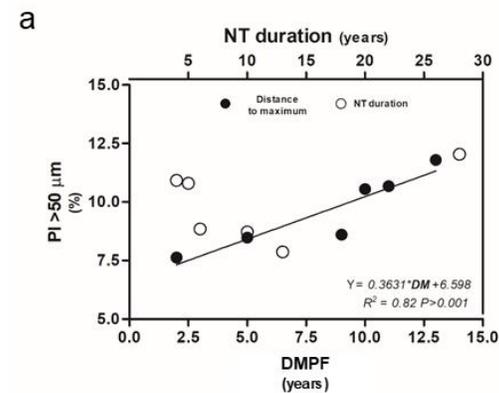
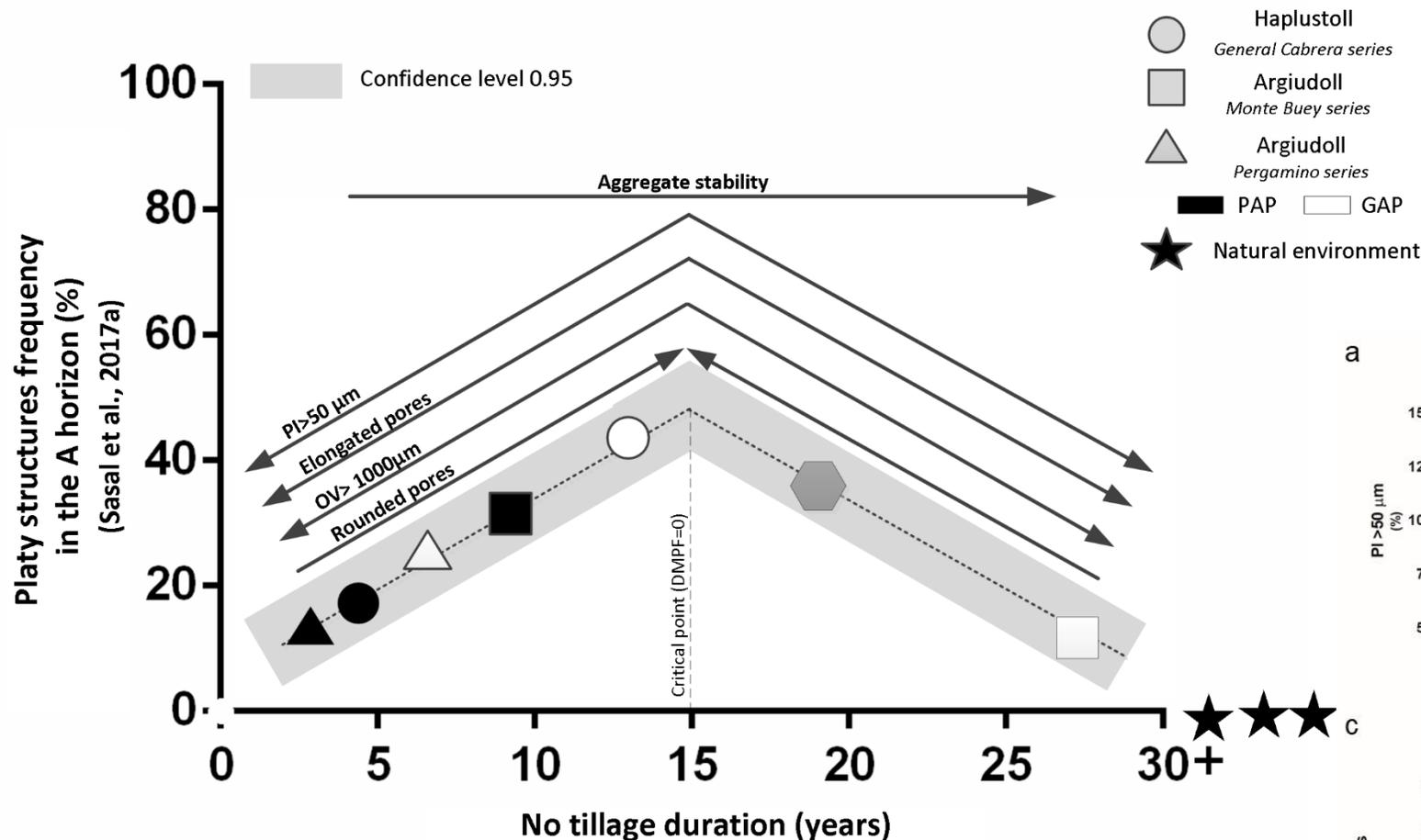
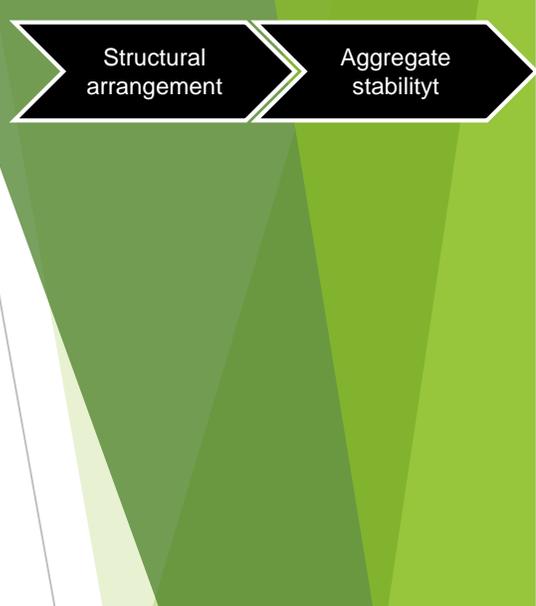
- ▶ Propose different pathways
- ▶ for **structural differentiation**
- ▶ Biology vs **Machines**
- ▶ Deep alteration on *porosity traits* (i.e. volume, continuity and orientation)



Effects of NT conversion on porosity traits and aggregate stability



Effects of NT conversion on porosity traits and aggregate stability





Soil structure and glyphosate fate under no-till management in the Pampa region. II. Glyphosate and AMPA persistence and spatial distribution in the long-term. A conceptual model

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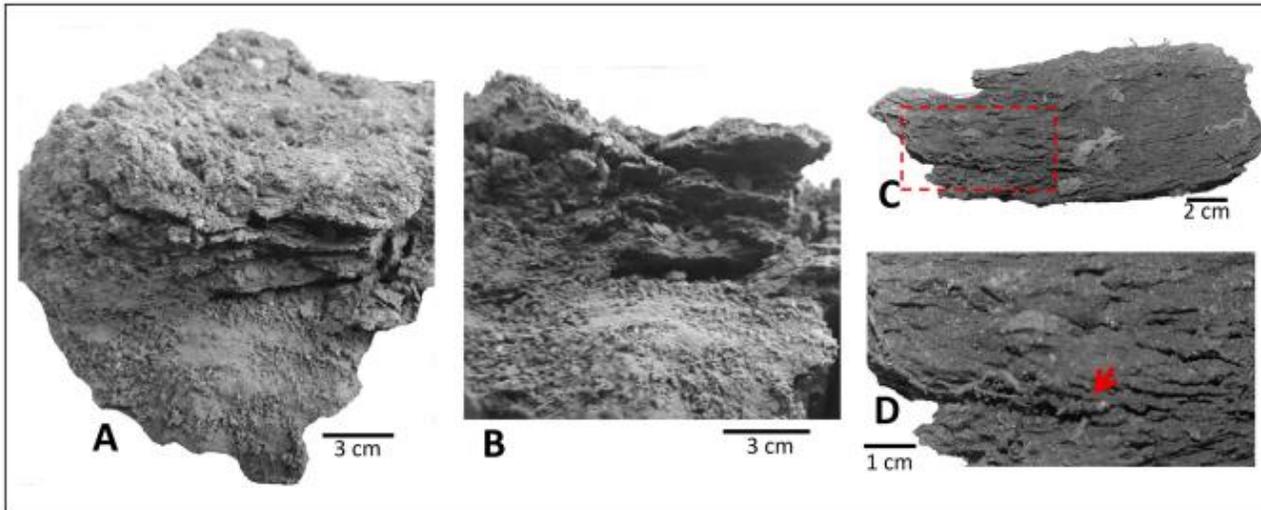


Fig. 1. A and B: monolith extracted from the surface soil horizon. Note the platy structure on top and the compact layer below. C: representative platy aggregate with large horizontal fissures. D: detail of the platy aggregate; note the root developing horizontally along the fissure (arrow).

Table 1

Glyphosate and AMPA in runoff (rain simulation test) and in the soil (bulk samples). nd: non detected. Runoff rate (volume of water) and crop residues (weight) on the soil surface of each sub-plot. CV: coefficient of variation for each variable.

Sub-plots	Runoff		Soil		Runoff water L h ⁻¹	Crop Residue T ha ⁻¹
	Glyphosate (μg L ⁻¹)	AMPA (μg L ⁻¹)	Glyphosate (μg Kg ⁻¹)	AMPA (μg Kg ⁻¹)		
1	2.14	nd	nd	110.42	2.42	3.23
2	1.97	nd	nd	47.89	1.89	3.08
3	1.62	nd	nd	29.6	1.41	3.88
4	nd	nd	nd	11.31	1.85	4.06
CV (%)	68.4			86.5	21.8	13.5

- ▶ High structural anisotropy
- ▶ Different results for Glyphosate and AMPA Occurrence → Runoff or Soil
- Results interpretation were complex.

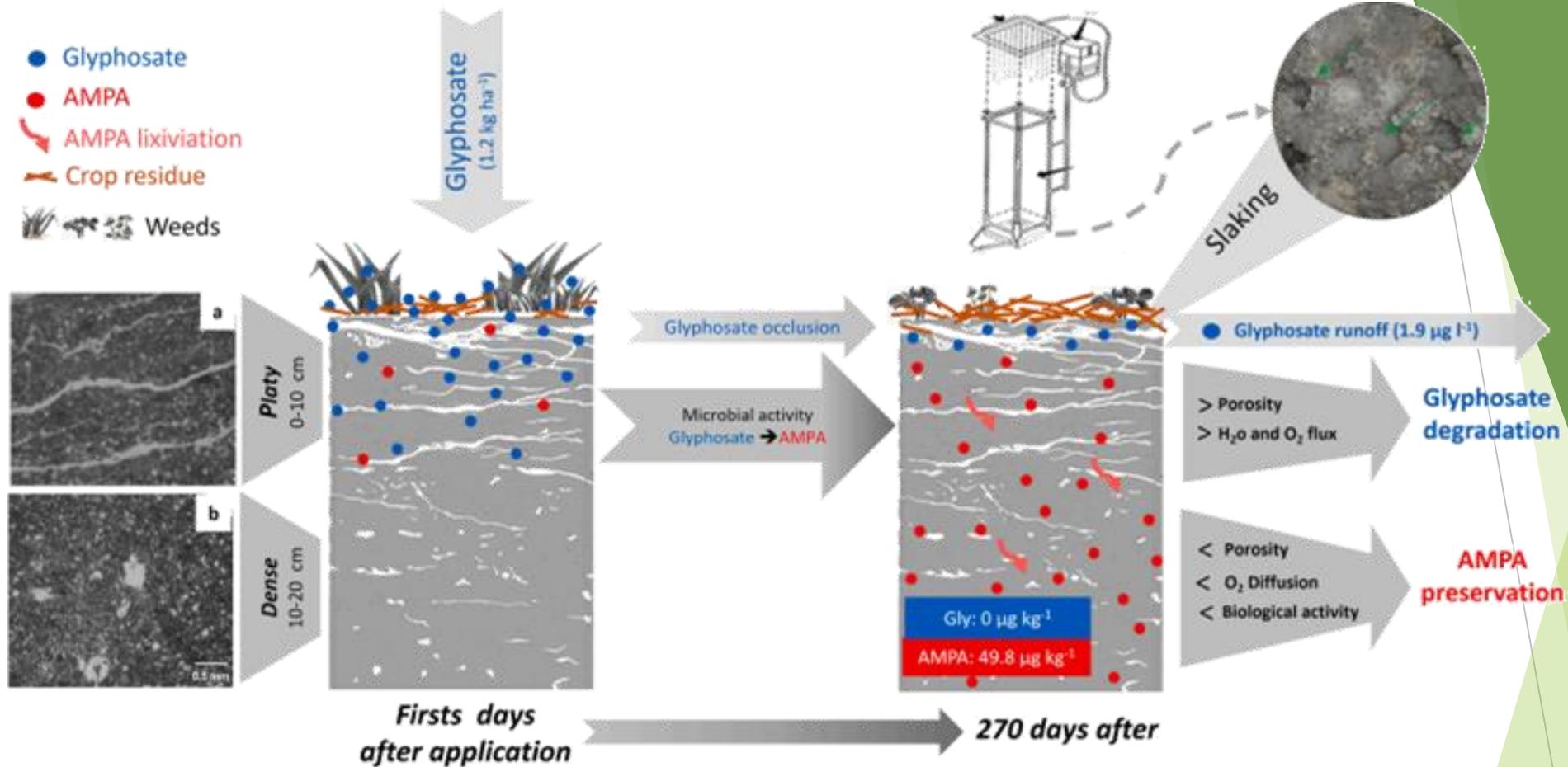
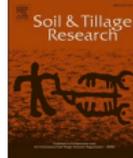


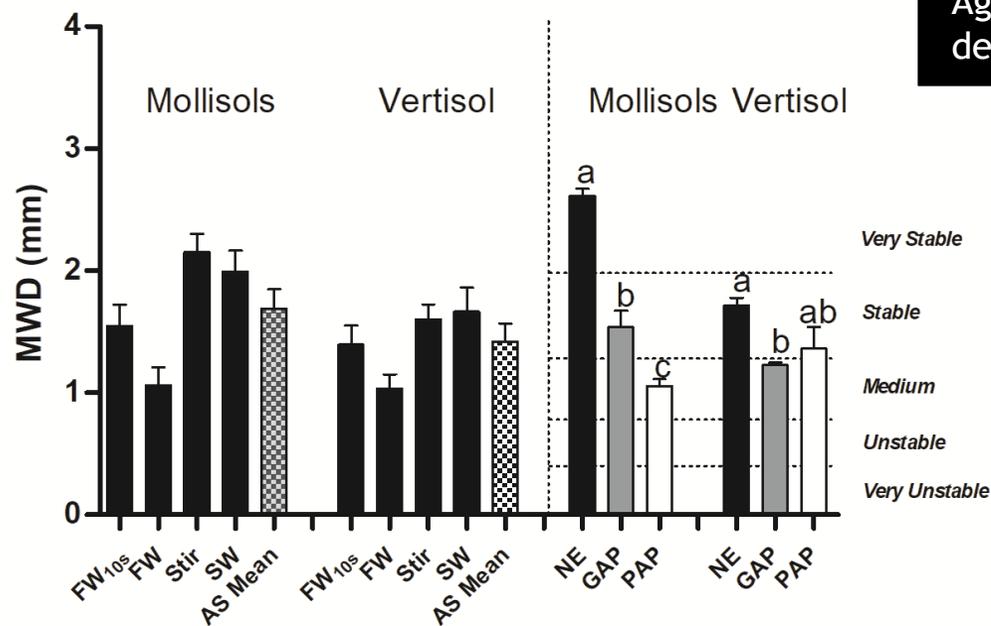
Fig. 2. Graphic representation of the conceptual model on the fate of Glyphosate and AMPA in the surface horizon of the soil under no-tillage. a) Microphotograph of the platy structure (open platy morphotype) in the upper soil layer. b) Microphotograph of the dense structure in the middle and lower part of the A horizon. The photo in the upper right corner shows the effect of raindrops from the simulator on the bare soil surface. In the present work, the tests were carried out with a scarce cover of soybean stubble and weed seedlings, with which the aggregate destruction was less intense than in the image.

- ▶ Knowledge of **structural anisotropy** let us understand GLY and AMPA dynamics
- ▶ Contrasting molecular sizes (GLY and AMPA), occlusion and differential ksat (volumen and orientation), biological activity, etc.



Influence of edaphic and management factors on soils aggregates stability under no-tillage in Mollisols and Vertisols of the Pampa Region, Argentina

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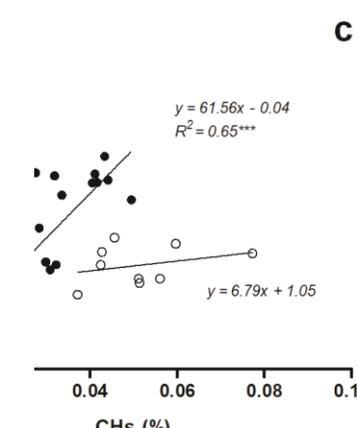
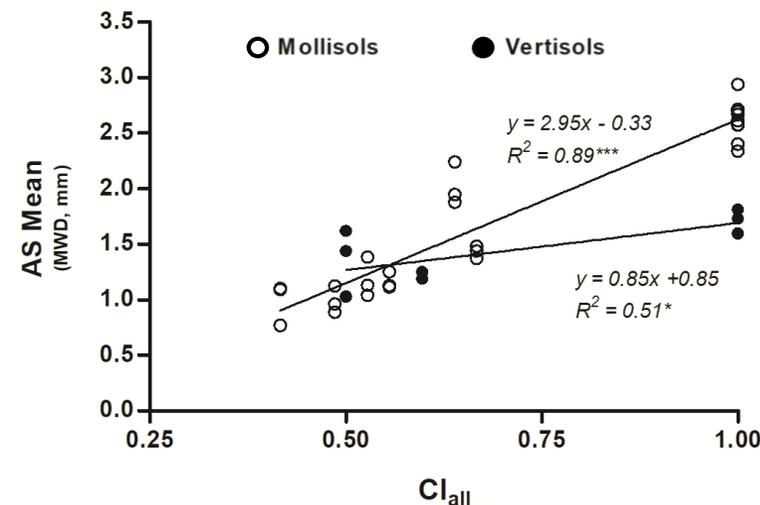
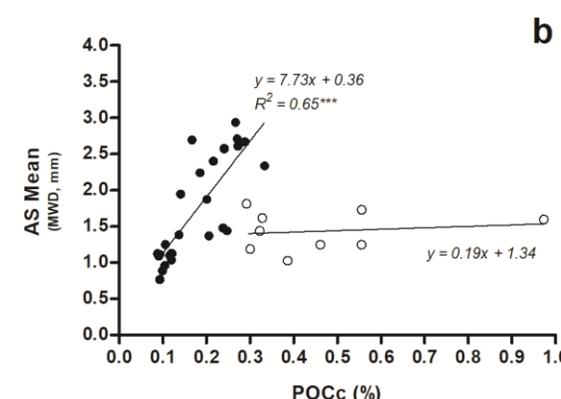
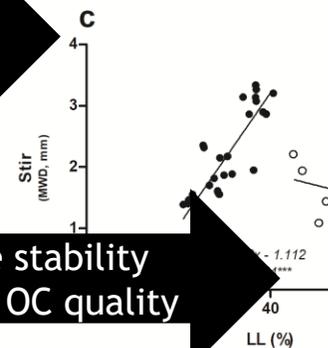
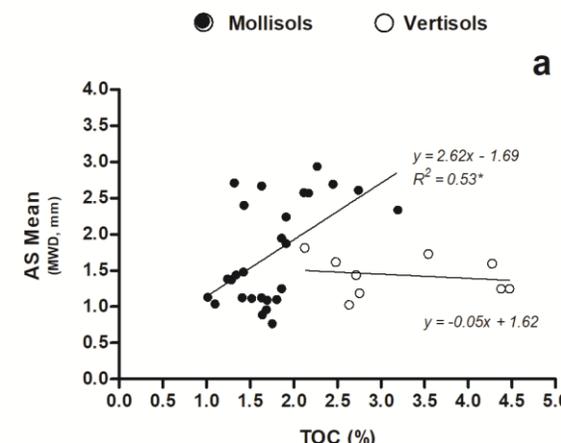
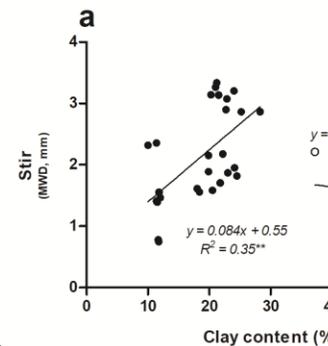


Aggregate stability depend on soil mineralogy

Aggregate stability depends on OC quality

Management effect > intensif, > AS

Aggregate stability



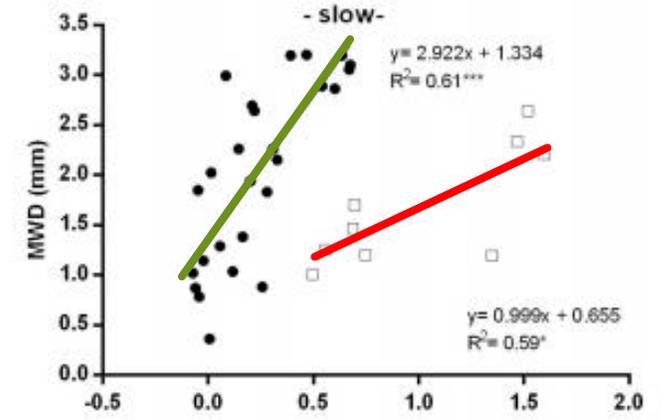
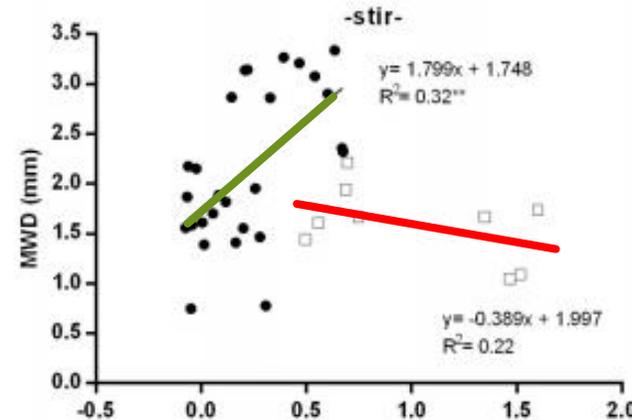
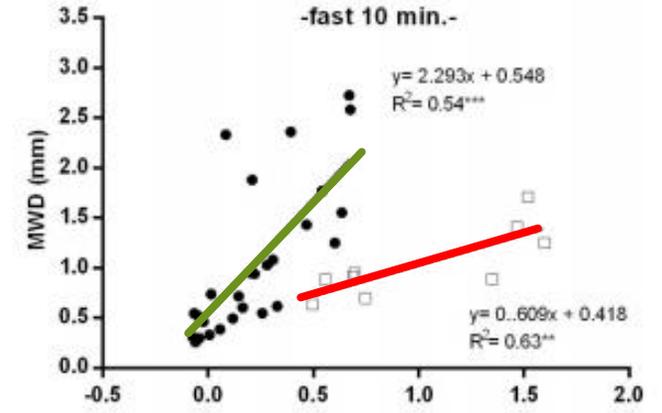
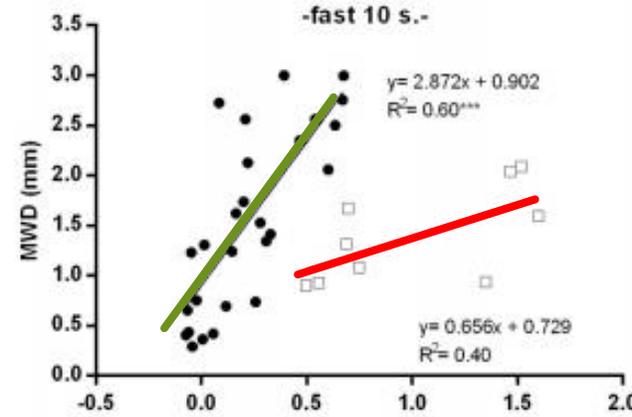
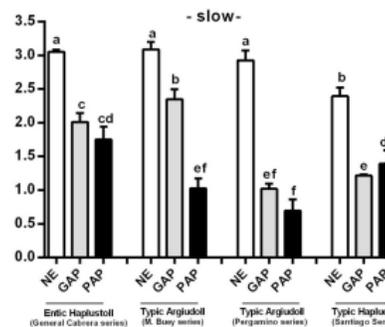
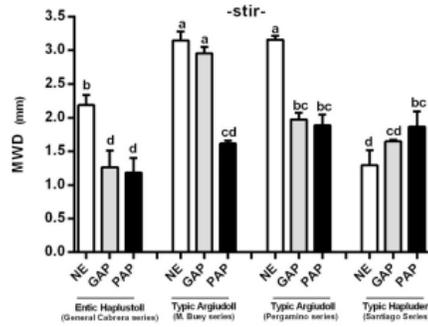
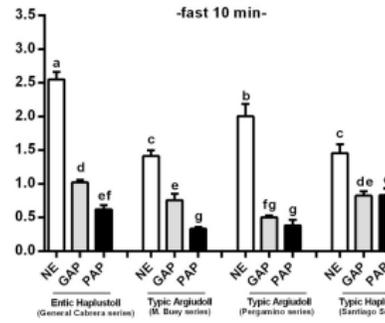
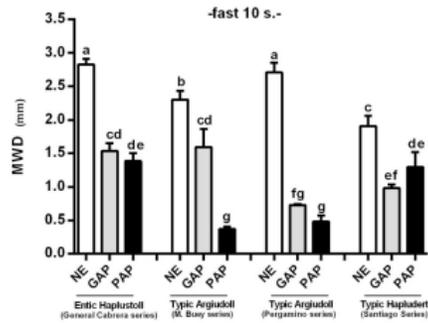
Soil stabilisation by water repellency under no-till management for soils with contrasting mineralogy and carbon quality

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Mollisols ●

Vertisols □



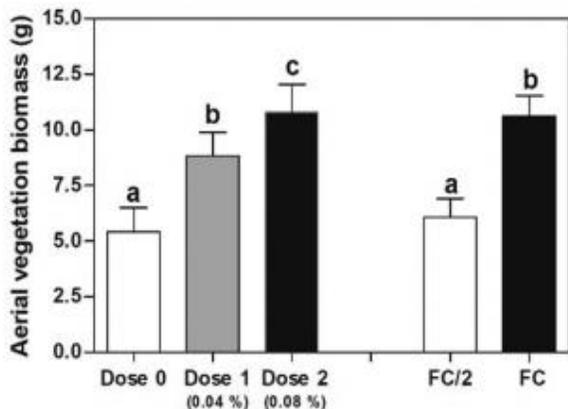
Soil Hydrophobicity (WDPT -Log10 s)



Superabsorbent Polyacrylamide Effects on Hydrophysical Soil Properties and Plant Biomass in a Sandy Loam soil

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Vegetation



Soil shrinkage

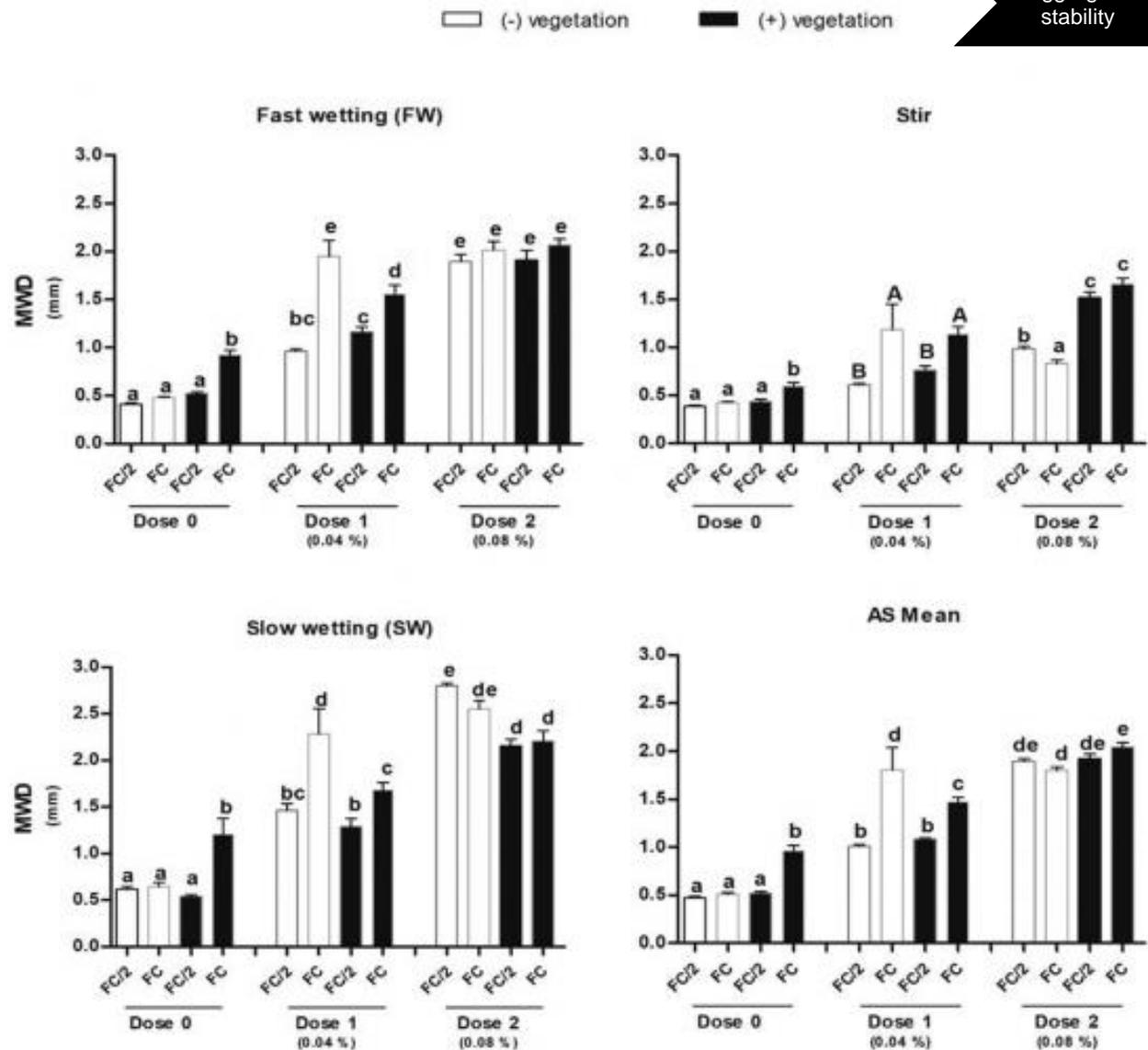
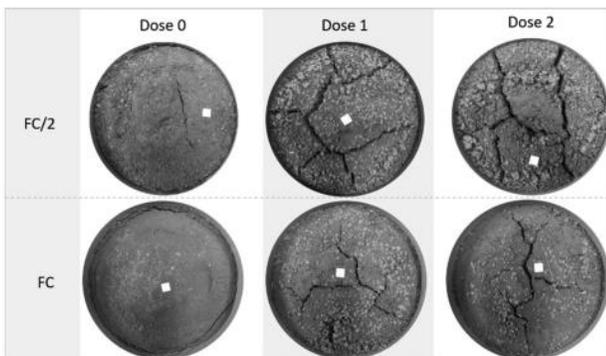


Figure 5. Aggregate stability (mean weight diameter: MWD) according to water regime (FC: Field capacity, FC/2: Half of field capacity), dose (D0: 0%, D1: 0.04%, D2: 0.08%), and vegetation for the different tests: fast wetting (FW), stirring aggregates after ethanol submersion (Stir), slow wetting (SW), and tests average (ASmean). Different small letters indicate significant differences for the triple interaction ($P < .05$). Capital letters indicate significant differences between water regime for Stir tests.

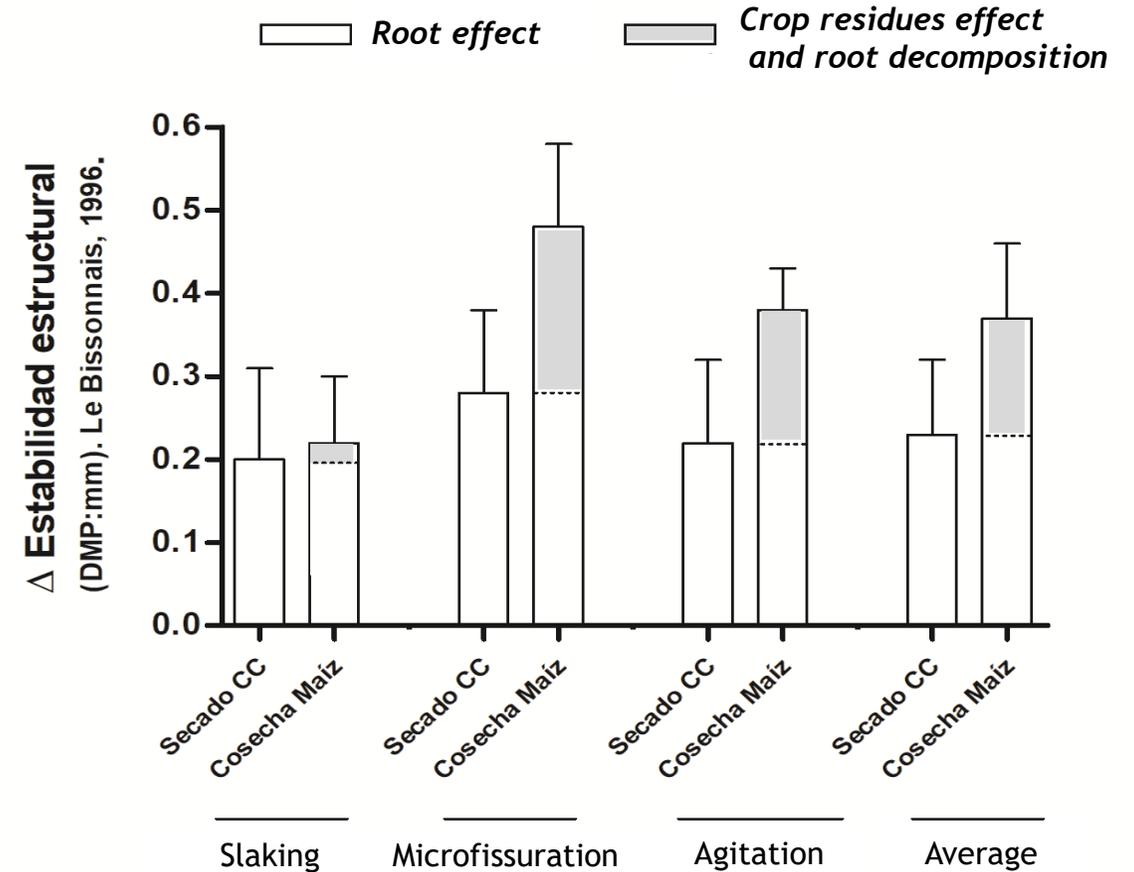
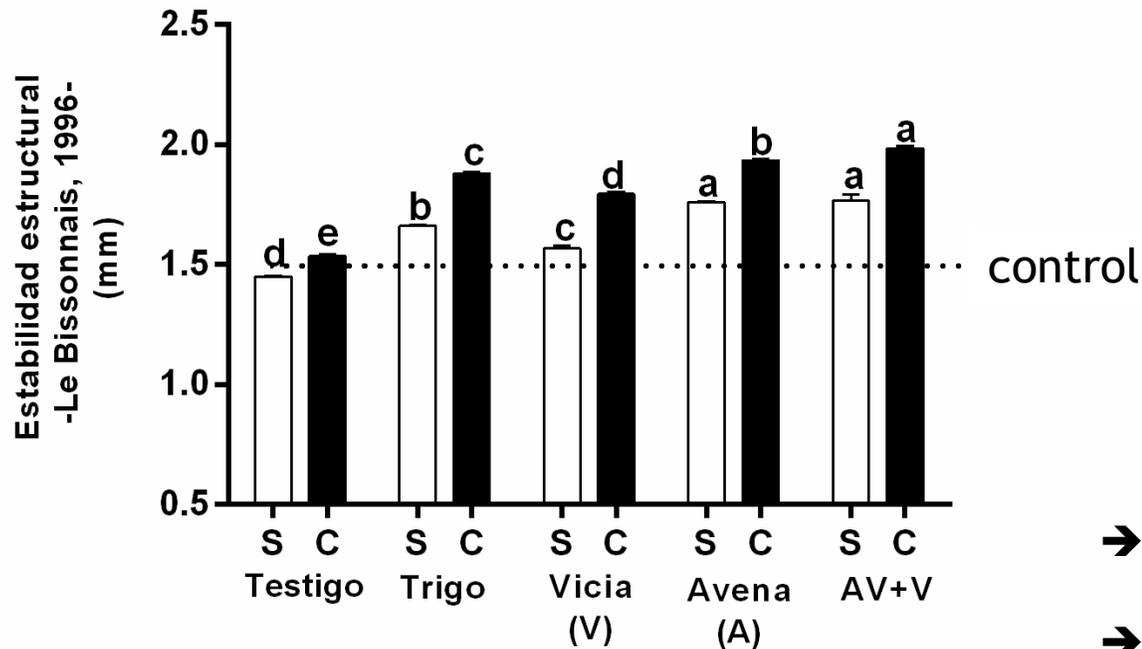
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SHORT-TERM EFFECT OF COVER CROPS ON AGGREGATE STABILITY ASSESSED BY TWO TECHNIQUES

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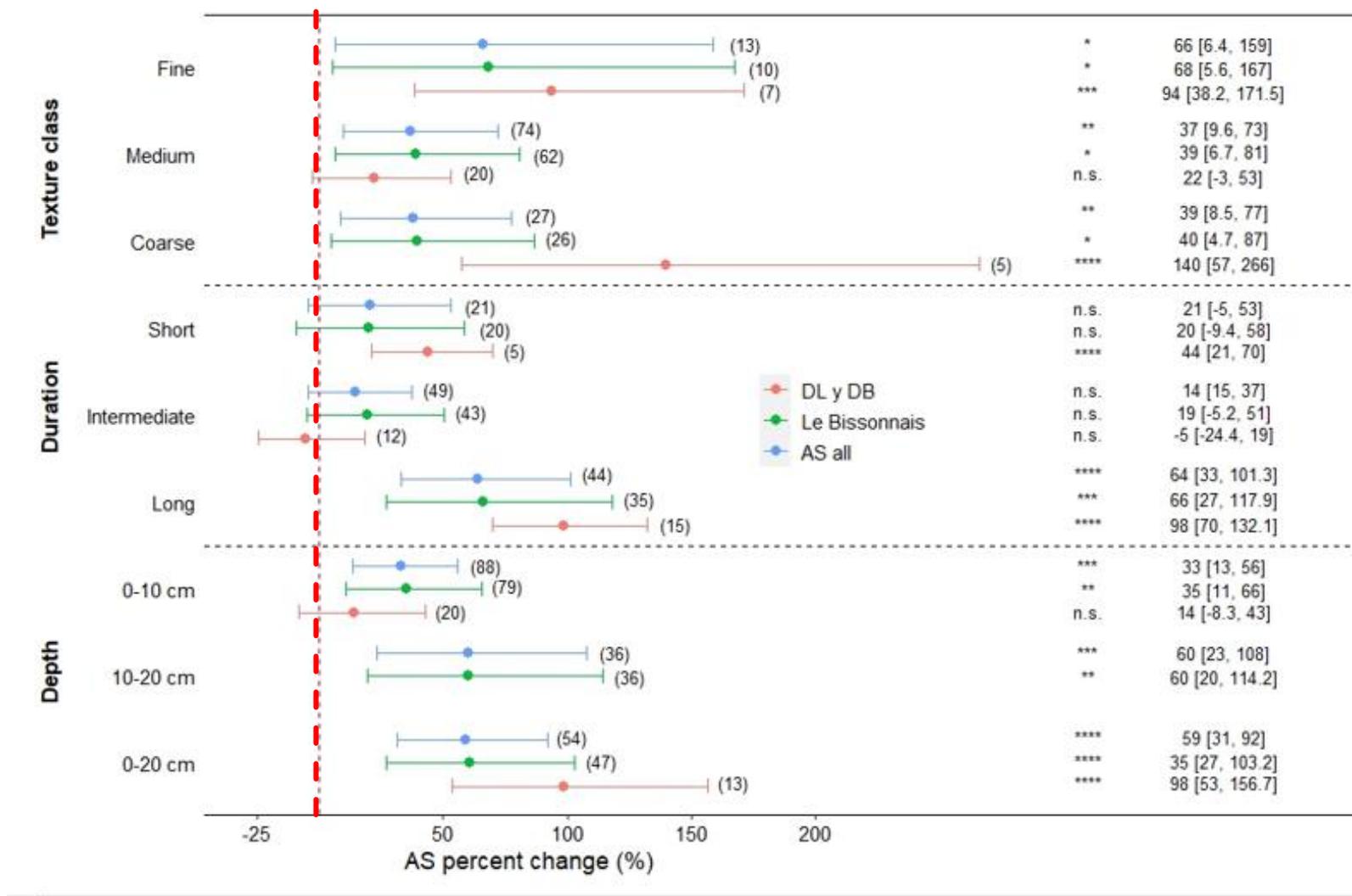
- Non-tillage and Cover crops-
- After CC and after chash crop harvest

- Capitán Sarmiento Series
- San Antonio de Areco, Buenos Aires



- ➔ Le Bissonnais method ➔ diffents pre-treatments have diferent magnitude and dynamics through time
- ➔ Mechanistics information
- ➔ Differential contribution of roots and crop residue + root decomposition

Intensification of the crop sequence improves **soil carbon stock** and **aggregate stability**: A meta-analysis of the central-eastern of Argentina



► >Crop intensification and >aggregate stability

Another approach: (inspired by Chenu and Horn research)



Undisturbed soil structure (UnD)



~~∫ Adsorption and nutrients (OC, pH, IF, granulometry) and Soil Structure~~

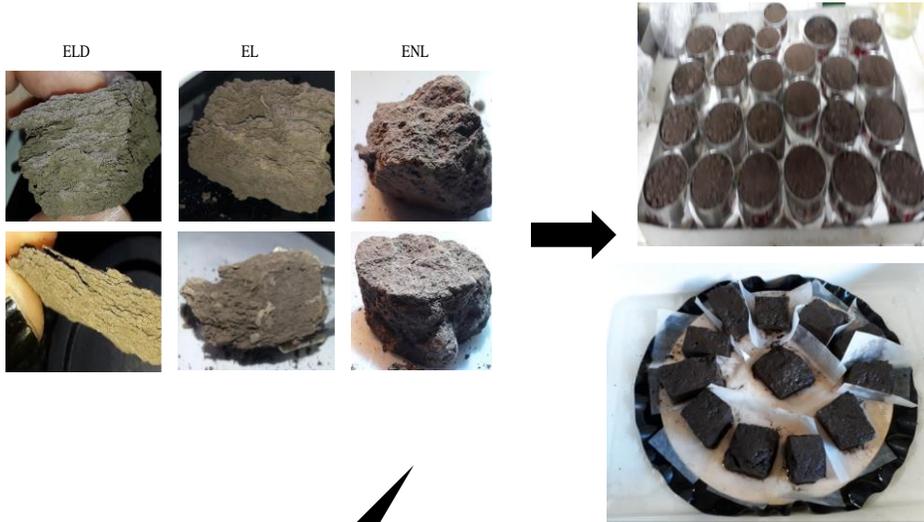
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△ Soil Structure

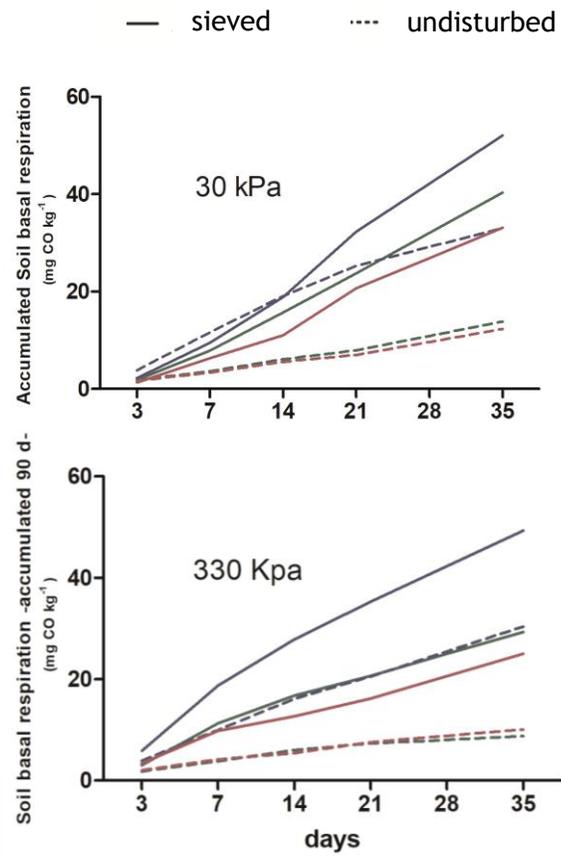


Sieved soil (D)

Effects of different structural arrangement and water regime on biological activity and glyphosate degradation in mesopores

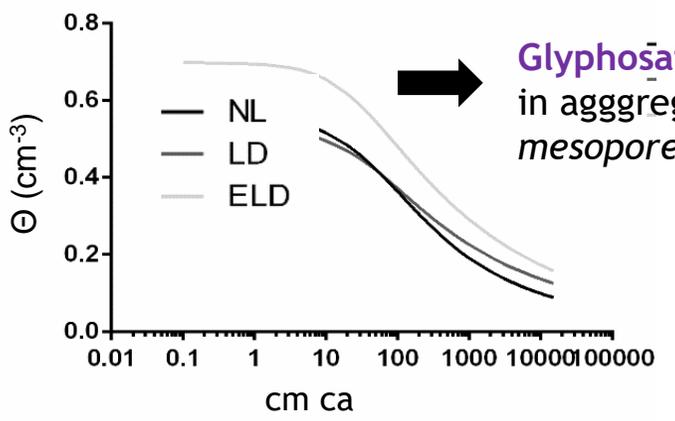


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Undisturbed

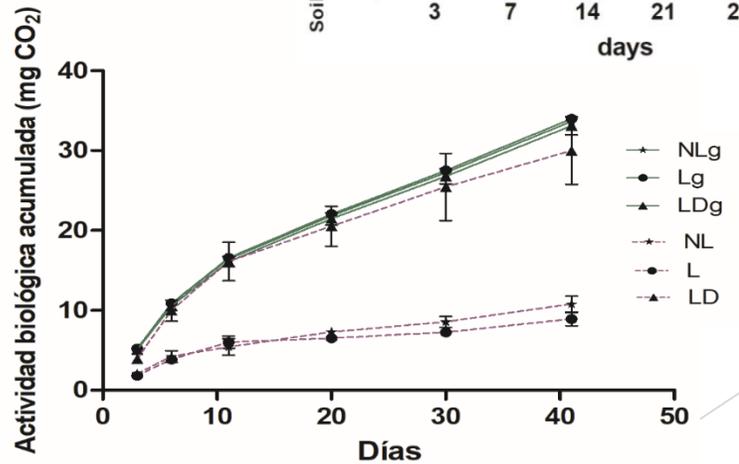


Soil respiration ratio between sieved/undisturbed

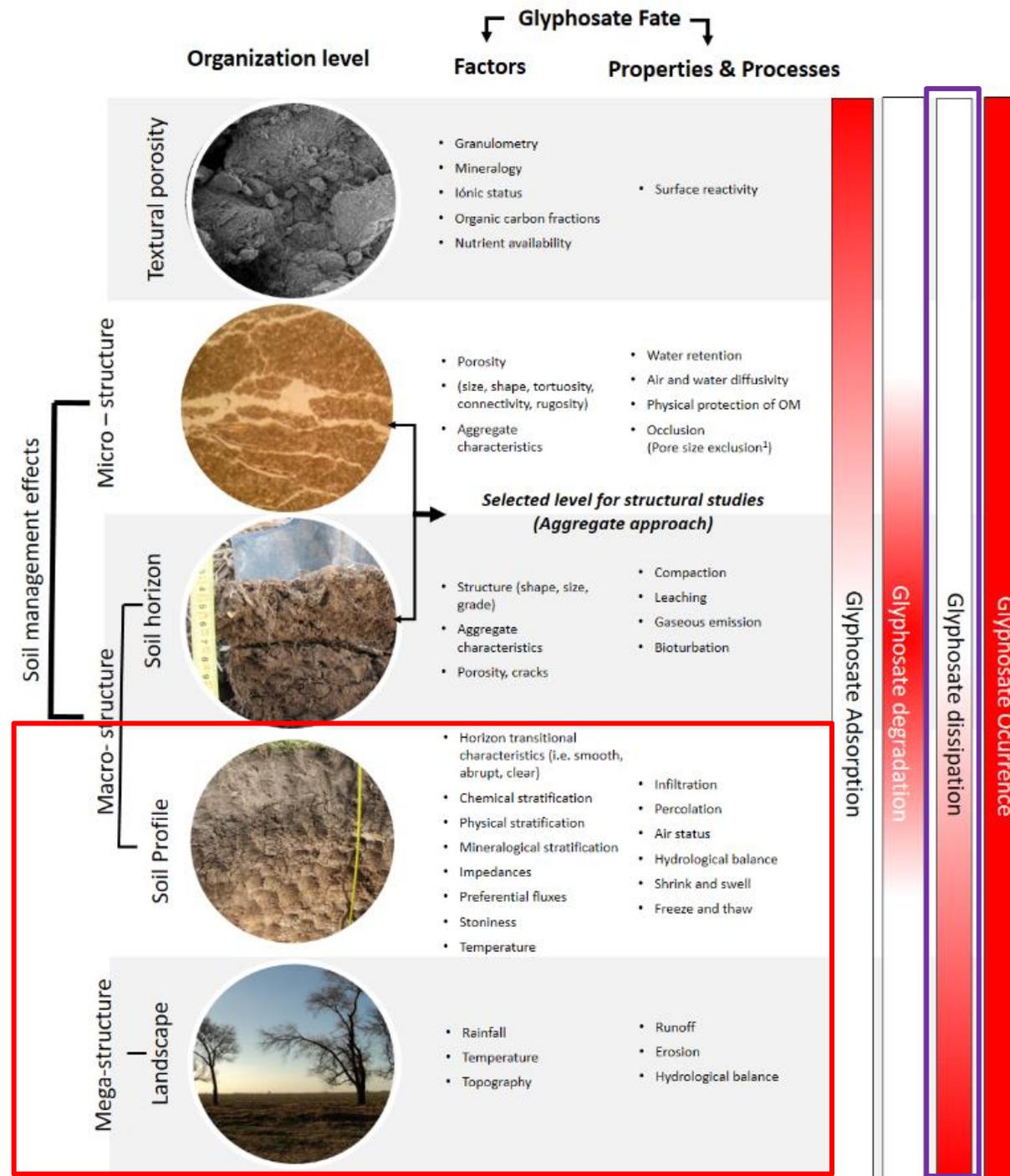
	-30 kpa	-300 kpa
Open platy	1,15	1,85
Platy	2,10	1,90
Dense	1,60	1,60



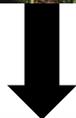
Glyphosate in aggregates mesopores



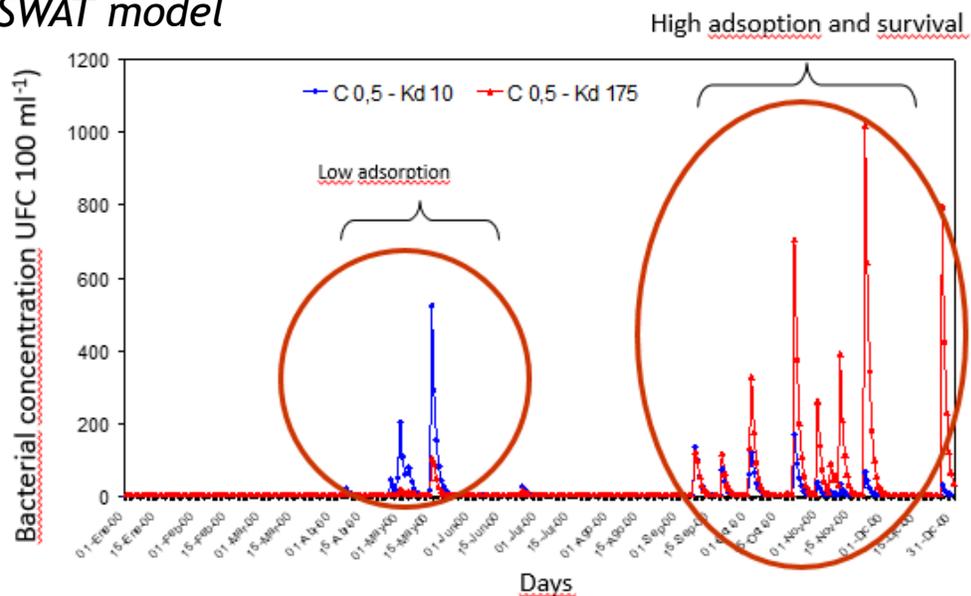
Platy and Dense W/GLY < soil respiration
Glyphosate → equalizes differences
Open Platy → Gly or no Gly =



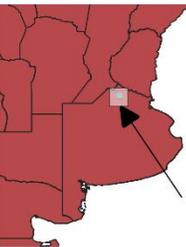
Complexity



SWAT model

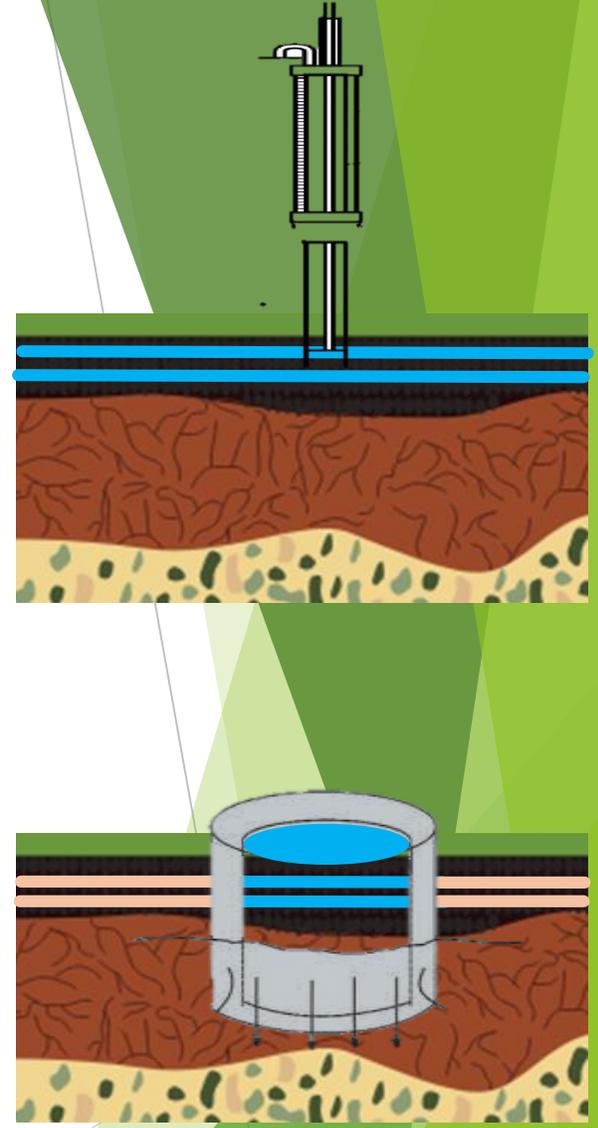
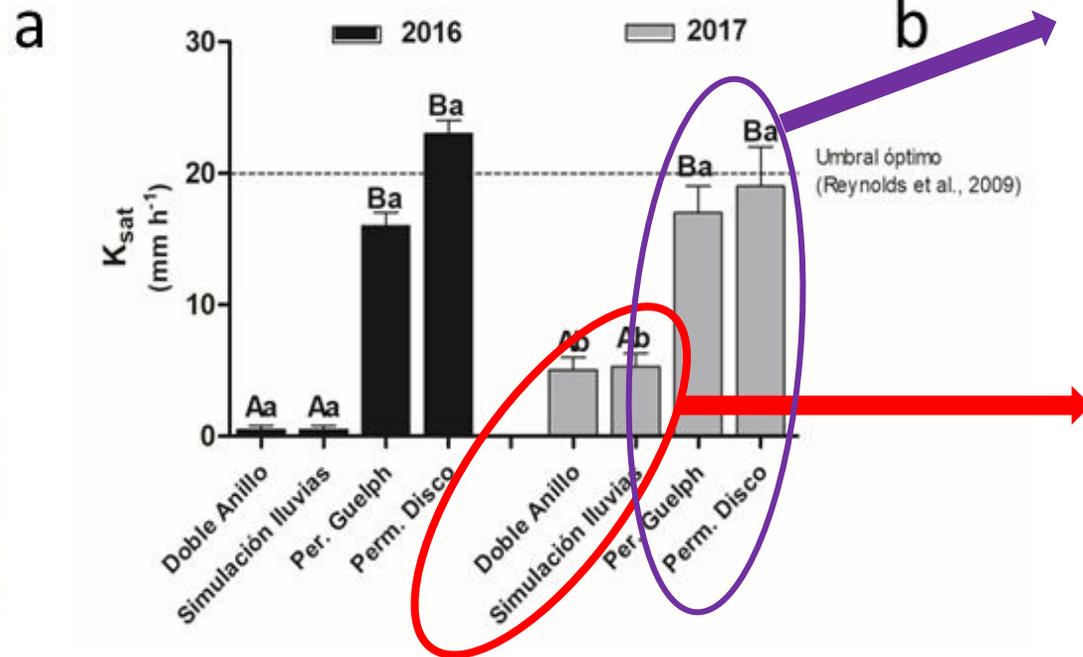


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CONDUCTIVIDAD HIDRÁULICA SATURADA DETERMINADA POR DISTINTOS PROCEDIMIENTOS EN SUELOS CON ALTA HUMEDAD INICIAL

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- Strong effects of platy structures on Ksat
- Runoff - Subsoil lateral water movement

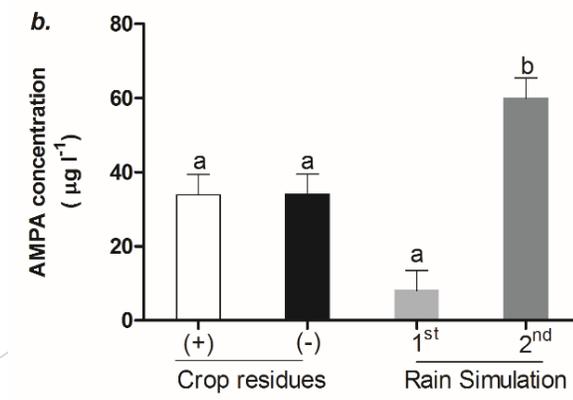
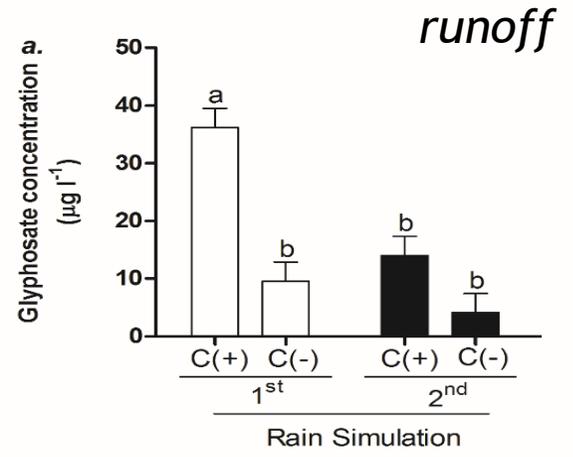
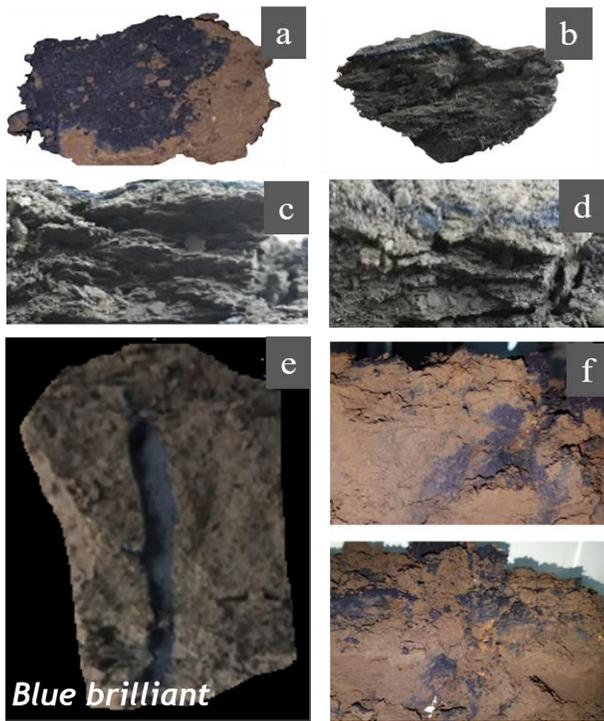
Soil hydro-physical variables and crop residues determinates runoff, soil loss, Glyphosate and AMPA concentration in the aqueous phase under simulated rainfall events



10 samples with different *platy structure* ≠ depth and conformation



Cover & Bare





Pesticide dynamics in agroecosystems: Assessing climatic and hydro-physical effects in a soybean cycle under no-tillage

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Fig. 3. Cultural profiles of the evaluated soils with images analyses of soil structural types (% of the A horizon). Γ: Granular/Subangular; Δ: Compacted with no visible porosity; Φ: near compacted with visible porosity, and P: Platy structures (a=between Block 1 and 2; b= between Block 2 and 3).

Pesticide dynamics:

- Rainfall erosivity
- Cultural Profile
- Ksat and rainfall sim. Ksat
- OC-pH-SWR

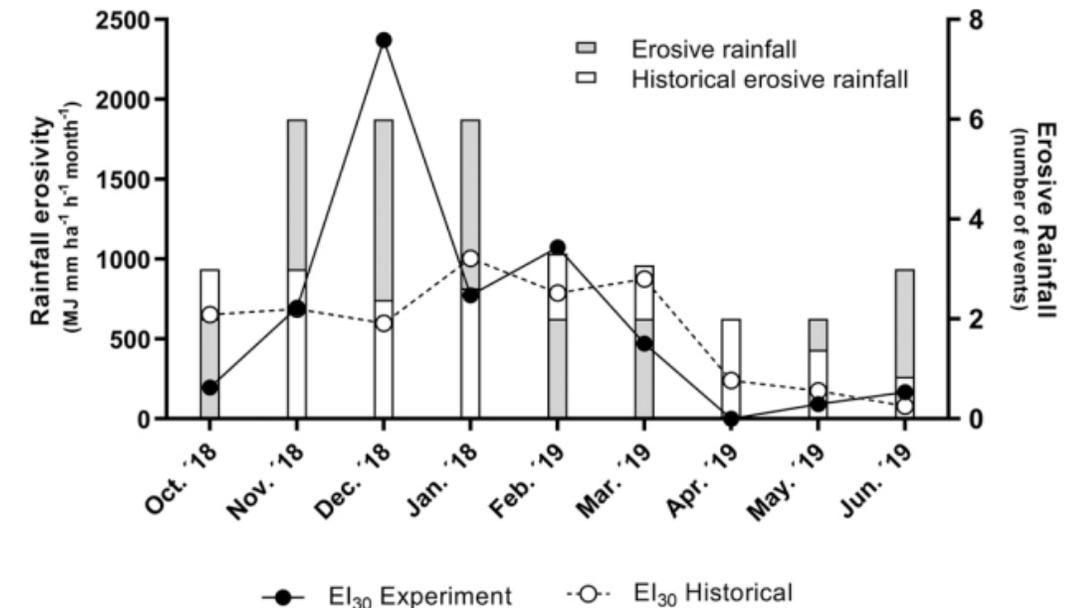
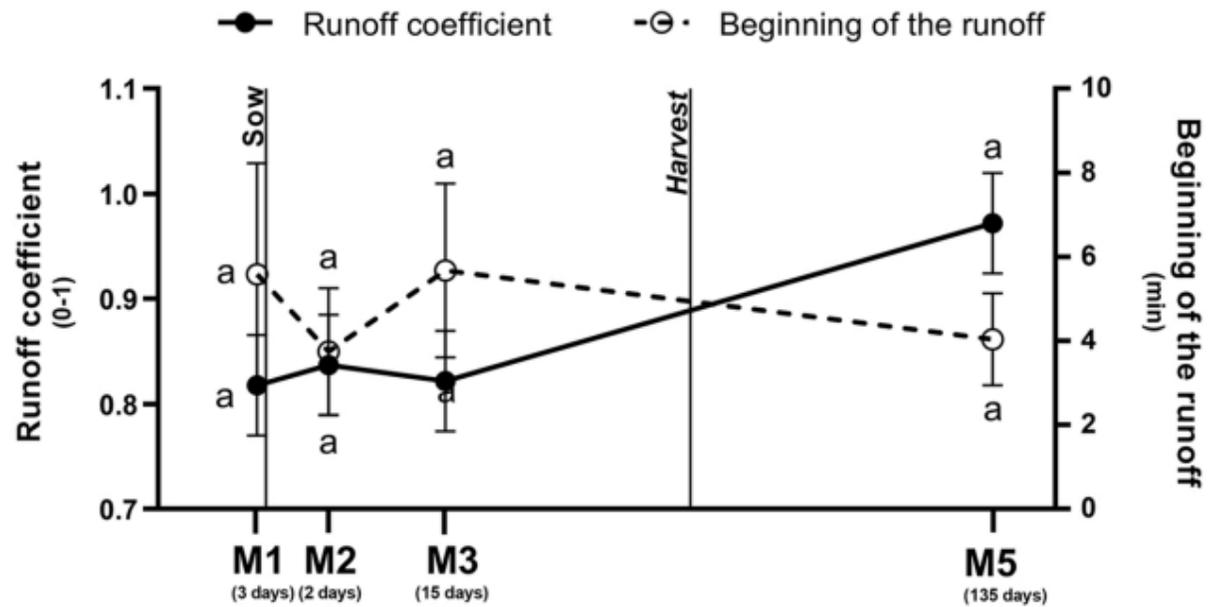
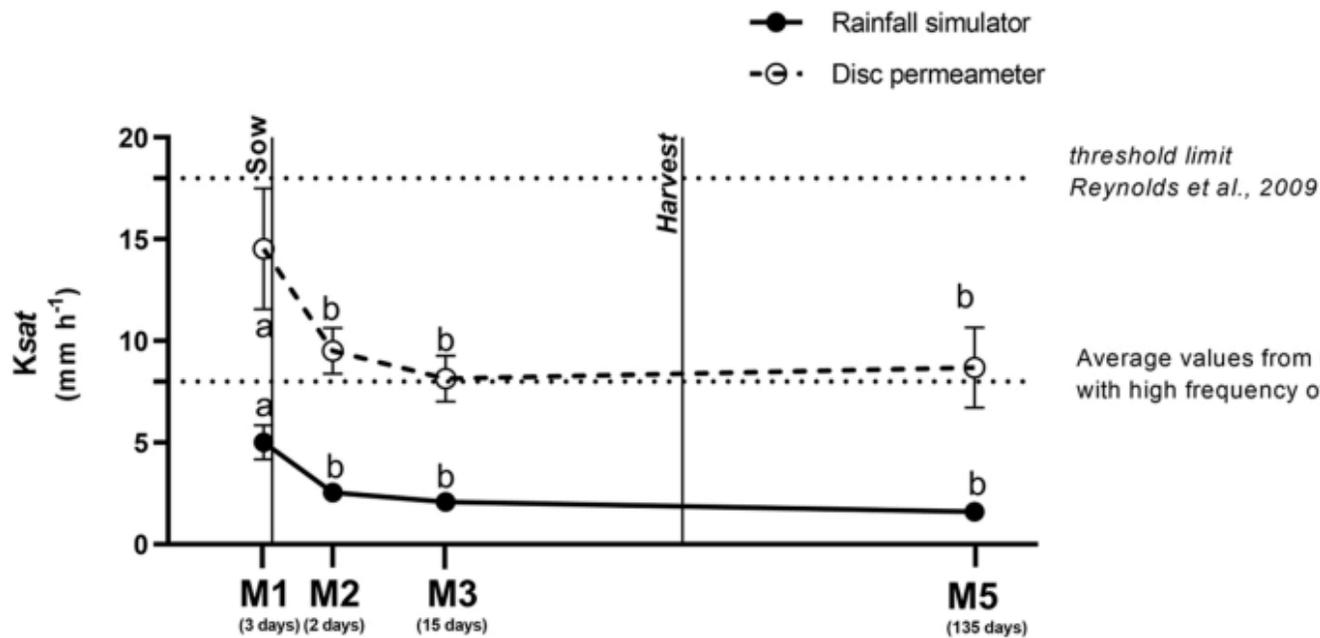


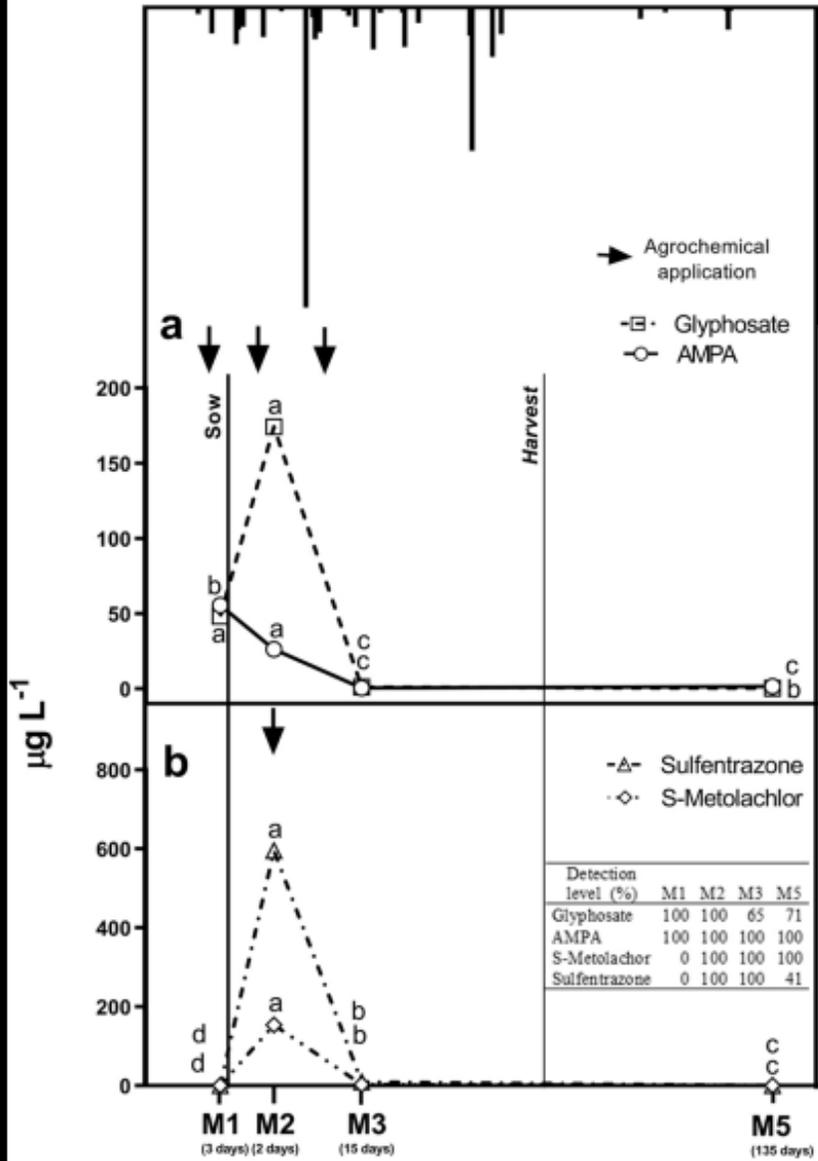
Fig. 2. Monthly rainfall erosivity and number of erosive rainfall events (>13 mm day⁻¹) for historical averages (1999–2017) and for the study period.



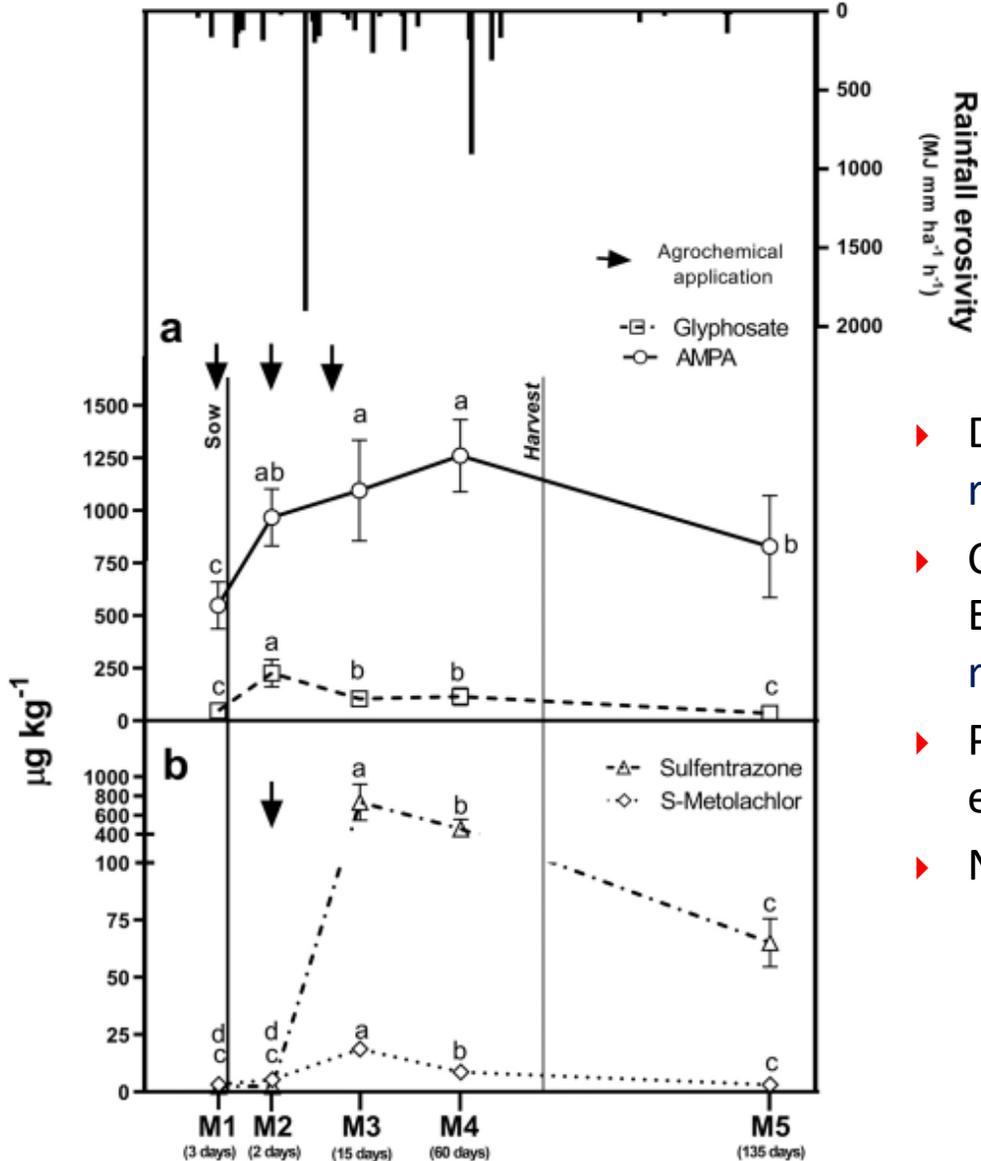
- ▶ High runoff coefficient
- ▶ Low ks_{at} (lower in rainfall sim)
- ➔ **Platy structure** and poor AS



Runoff



Soil

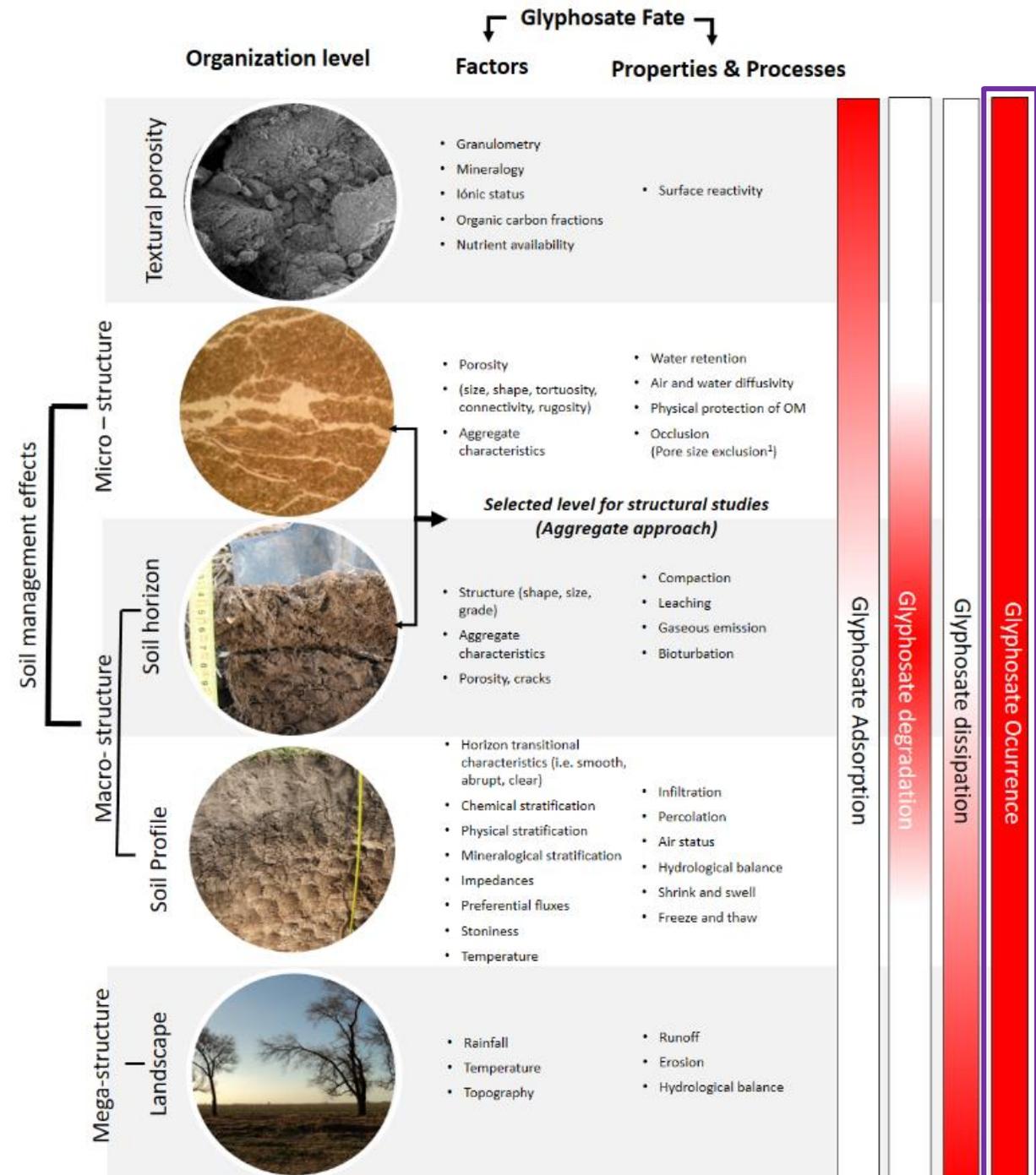
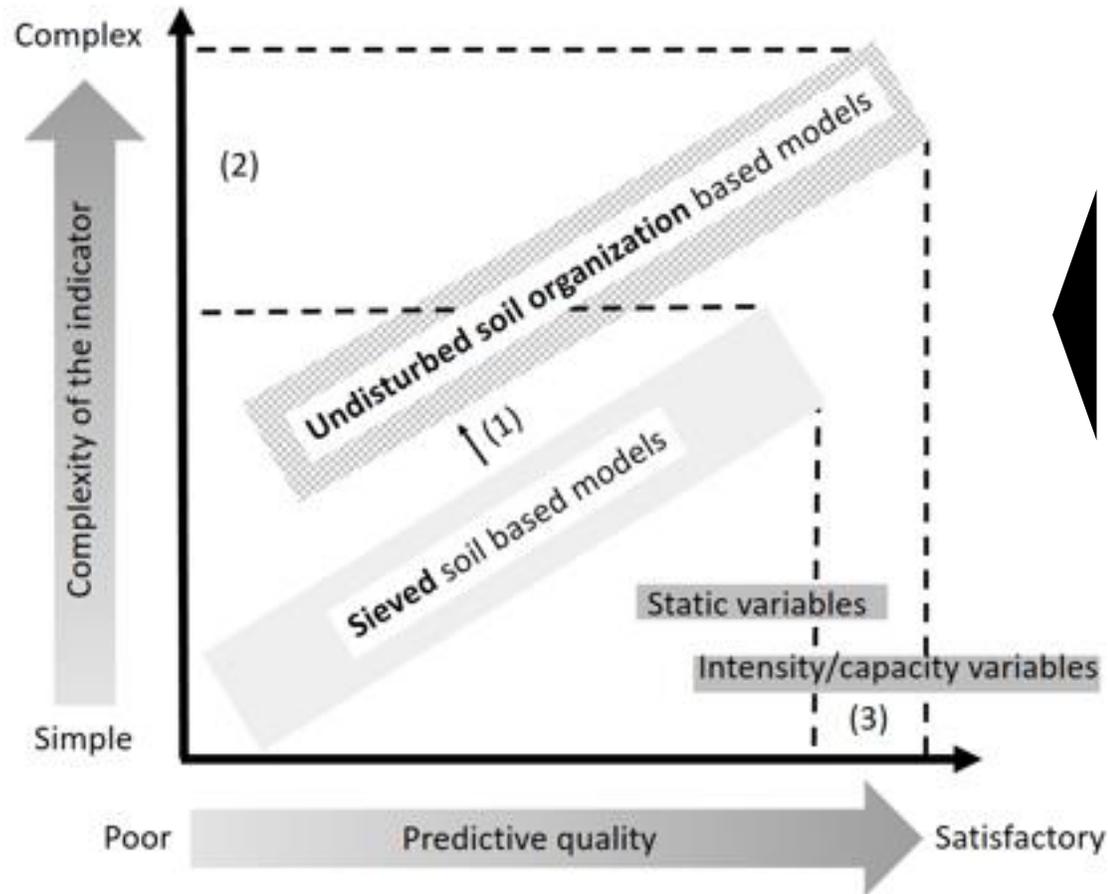


- ▶ Different pesticides dynamics in runoff and soil
- ▶ Close relationship between Erosivity and K_{sat} → pesticides in runoff
- ▶ Physical and chemical constraints explain pesticide dynamics
- ▶ No pesticide accumulation



Ex-situ contamination

Final Remarks



► Filipović, V., Coquet, Y., Pot, V., Houot, S., Benoit, P. (2014).



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