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## INTRODUCTION

Little reliable information on transfer of PCBs to humans *via* involuntary soil ingestion is available although young children (1-30 months) with their hand-to-mouth activity may be exposed to contaminated soils. The relative bioavailability (RBA) approach appears to be an **adequate method** to compare the **bioavailability of organic pollutants from different soils** (USEPA 2006).

Because of coats induced by such methods, we've tried to compare *in vivo* results to a new *in vitro* physiologically based methodology. This study presents preliminary *in vivo* results and the *in vitro* methodology which is employed in our laboratory.

The current study addresses both the impact of soil organic matter (OM) on bioavailability of sequestered ND-L-PCBs and an emerging *in vitro* method to assess it.

## MATERIAL & METHODS



Site name and location	Contamination historic
Korsec (Basse-Ham, 57 970)	Buried industrial waste from a former mechanical workshop. Dielectrical fluid leak from transformer.
Réverdy (Cognière, 70 230)	Dielectrical fluid leak from transformer. Former agri-food facility.
Lyon	NC
Saint-Cyprien (Loire, 42 160)	Historical dielectrical fluid leak from transformer followed by a recent fire of pallets
Ploufragan (Côtes-d'Armor)	Heavy oil processing facility

### 8 different soil-samples :

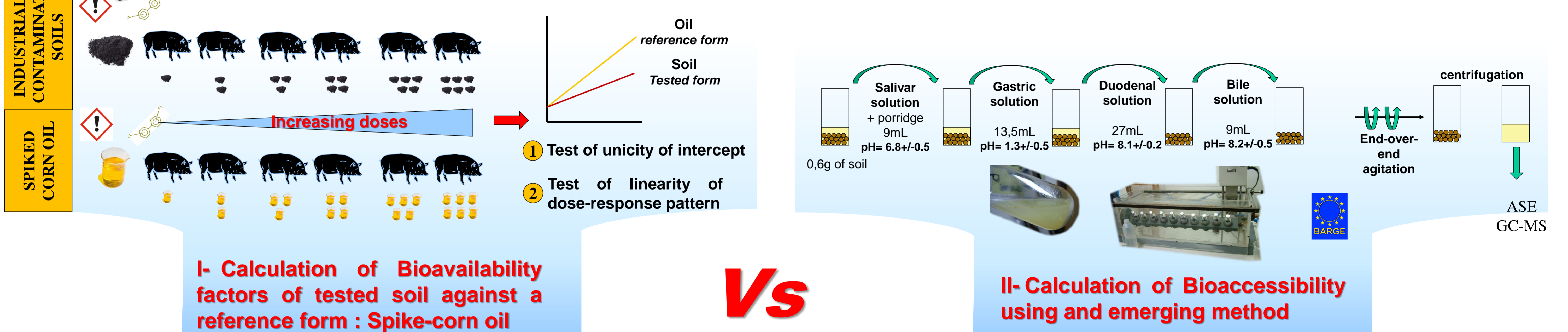
- freeze-dried.
- sieved to 500µm
- homogenised using karter

Determination of ND-L-PCBs concentrations in soil using Accelerated Solvent Extraction (ASE) and GC-MS

### Determination :

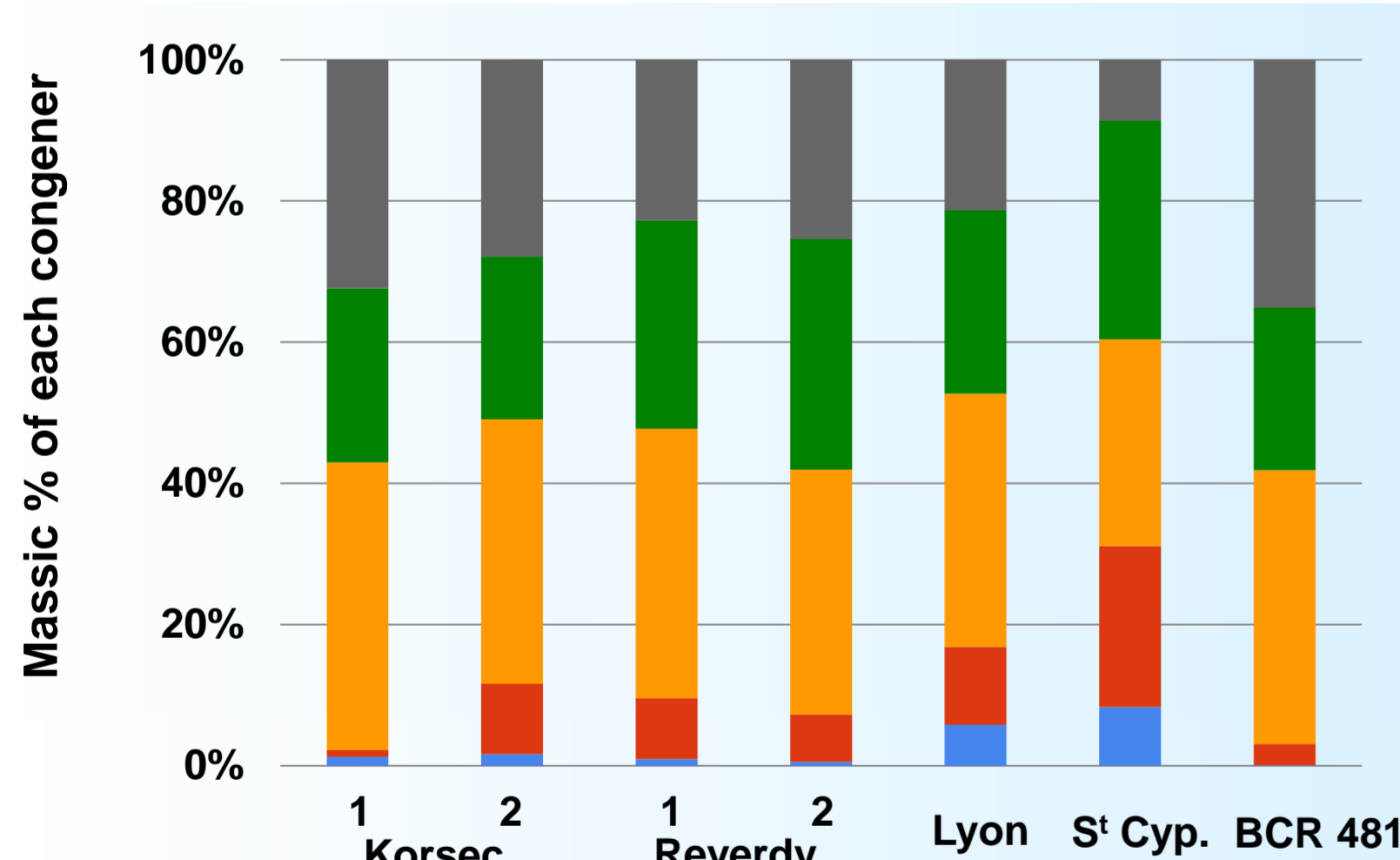
- C<sub>org</sub> content
- Black Carbon (BC) content

5 different sites were sampled – 8 soils took part of experiments 1 of them was an analytical standard.



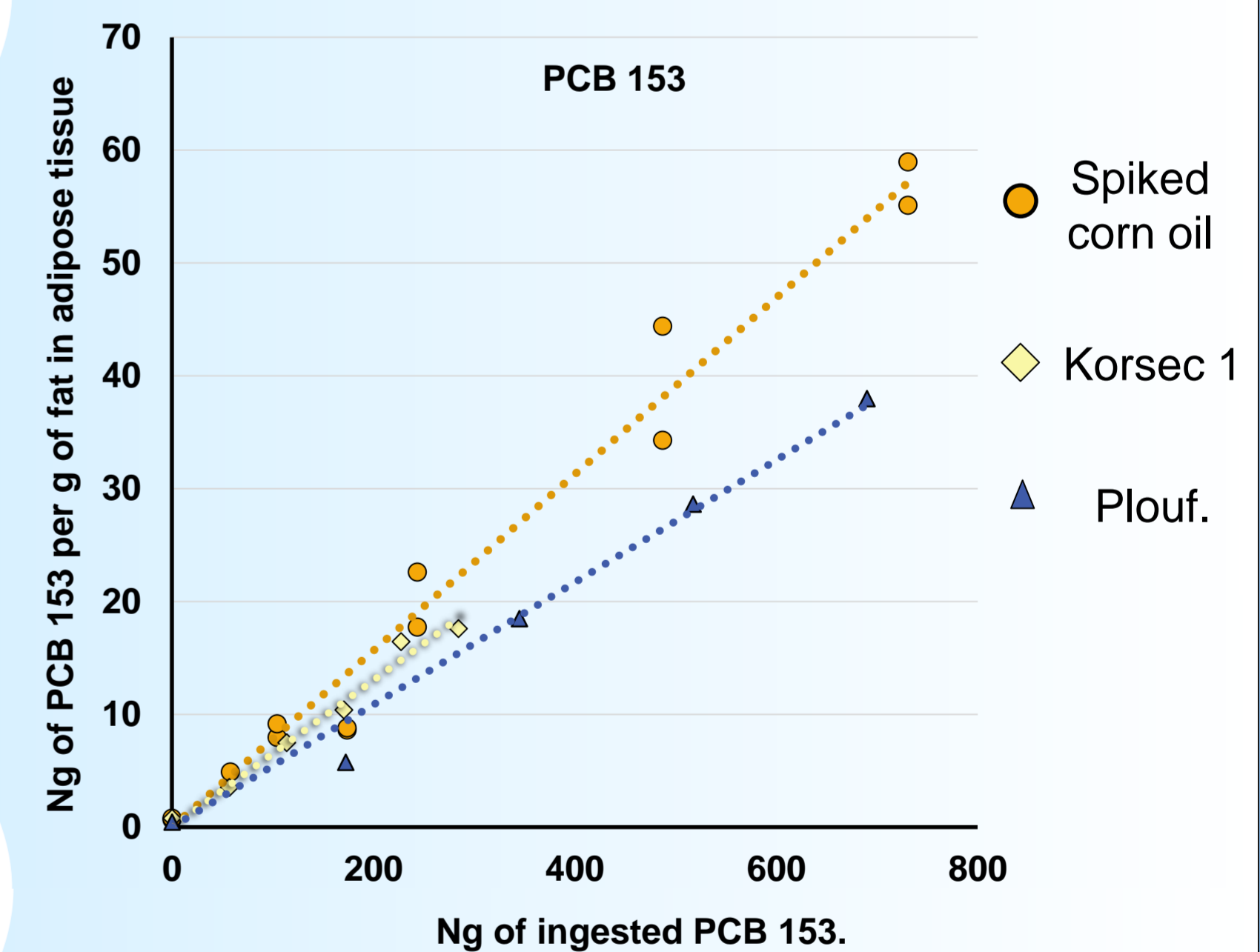
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characterization of soil samples



Contamination profile appears to be similar between soil samples despite their different location

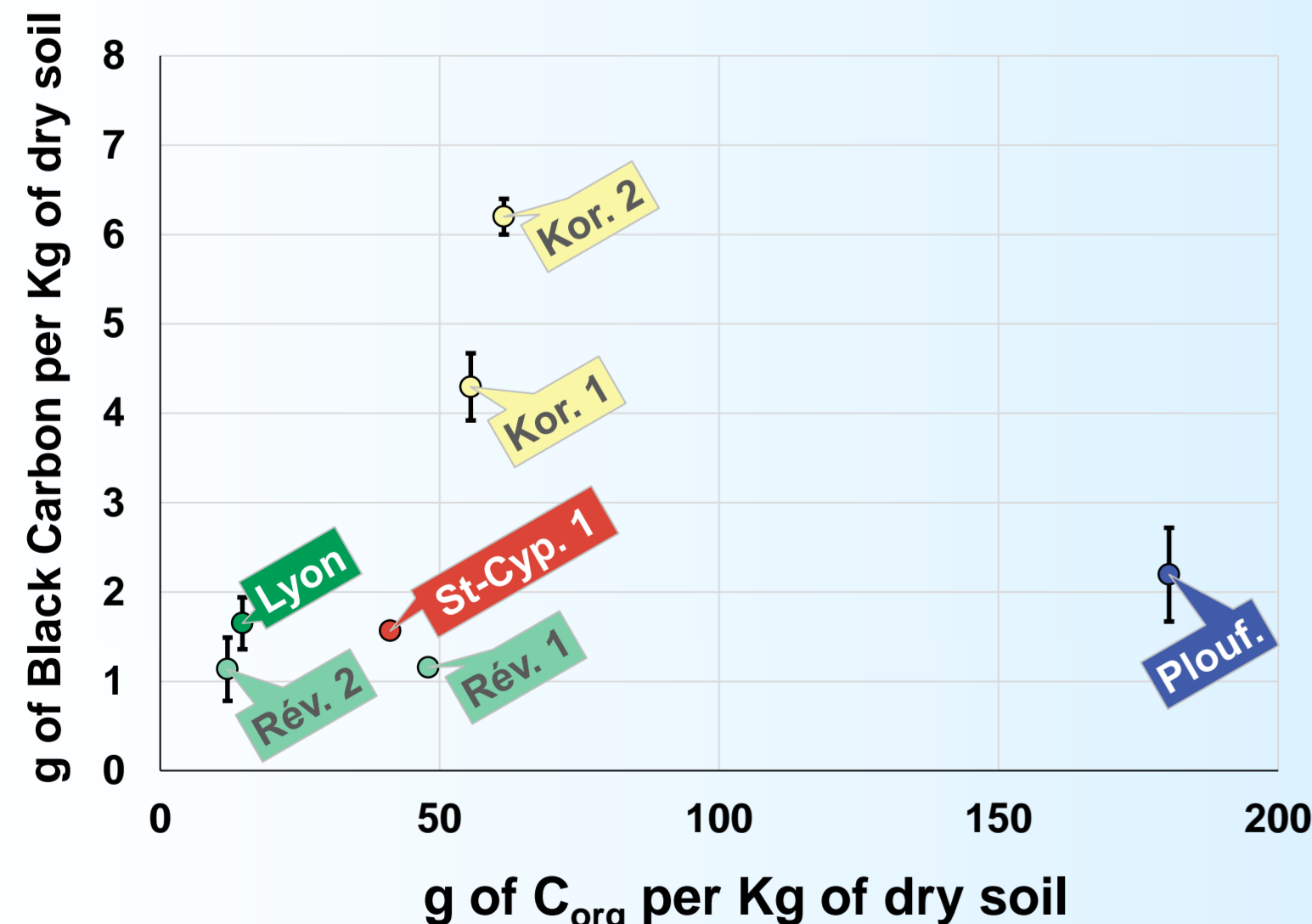
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	Slope	Significance vs Corn oil	Relative Bioavailability Factor +/- 2xSE
Corn Oil	0,057	-	100% +/- 14%
Kors. 1	0,032	<0,001	57% +/- 18%
Kors.2	0,057	NS	100% +/- 25%
Rev. 1	0,053	NS	93% +/- 22%
Rev. 2	0,057	NS	100% +/- 16%
Lyon	0,058	NS	103% +/- 19%
St Cyp	0,043	0,0052	75% +/- 17%
Plouf.	0,036	<0,001	64% +/- 14%
BCR481	0,065	0,0798	114% +/- 15%

Calculation of Relative Bioavailability factors. Slope are expressed as the figure above. Relative bioavailability factors were calculated as ratio of the tested soil slope and the spiked corn oil one.

## CONCLUSION

- Only three soils exhibited a weaker bioavailability of sequestered ND-L-PCB.
- Implication in risk assessment to contaminated field-management needs to be further investigated.
- However some samples exhibited significant reduction in bioavailability compared to the oil group.
- Quality of organic matter of these soils has to be further investigated