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### Context

- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Dioxins, Furans (PCDD/Fs), and Chlordecone (CLD) → Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) contaminating soils
- Laying hens → exposed species as they may ingest up to 30 g of soil per day in nonoptimal rearing conditions <sup>(1)</sup>
- Aim of this study → assess the reduction capacity of 6 different carbonaceous matrices to limit the transfer of POPs to laying hens**

### Material and methods

1) Artificial Soil preparation: sand + kaolin + sphagnum peat (OECD, 1984)<sup>(2)</sup>

2) Maturation

2 months

3) Treatment (2% by weight)

- Control SS (without any matrix)
- 3 Biochars (BCs)
- 3 Activated Carbons (ACs)

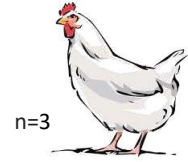
- Uncontaminated soil
- Contaminated 6 NDL-PCBs (50,6 µg/Kg MS) + PCB 77 (2,5 µg/Kg MS) + 11 PCDD/Fs (1399 ng/kg MS)
- Contaminated CLD (1000 µg/Kg MS)

4) Maturation

3 months

5) Exposure

20 days

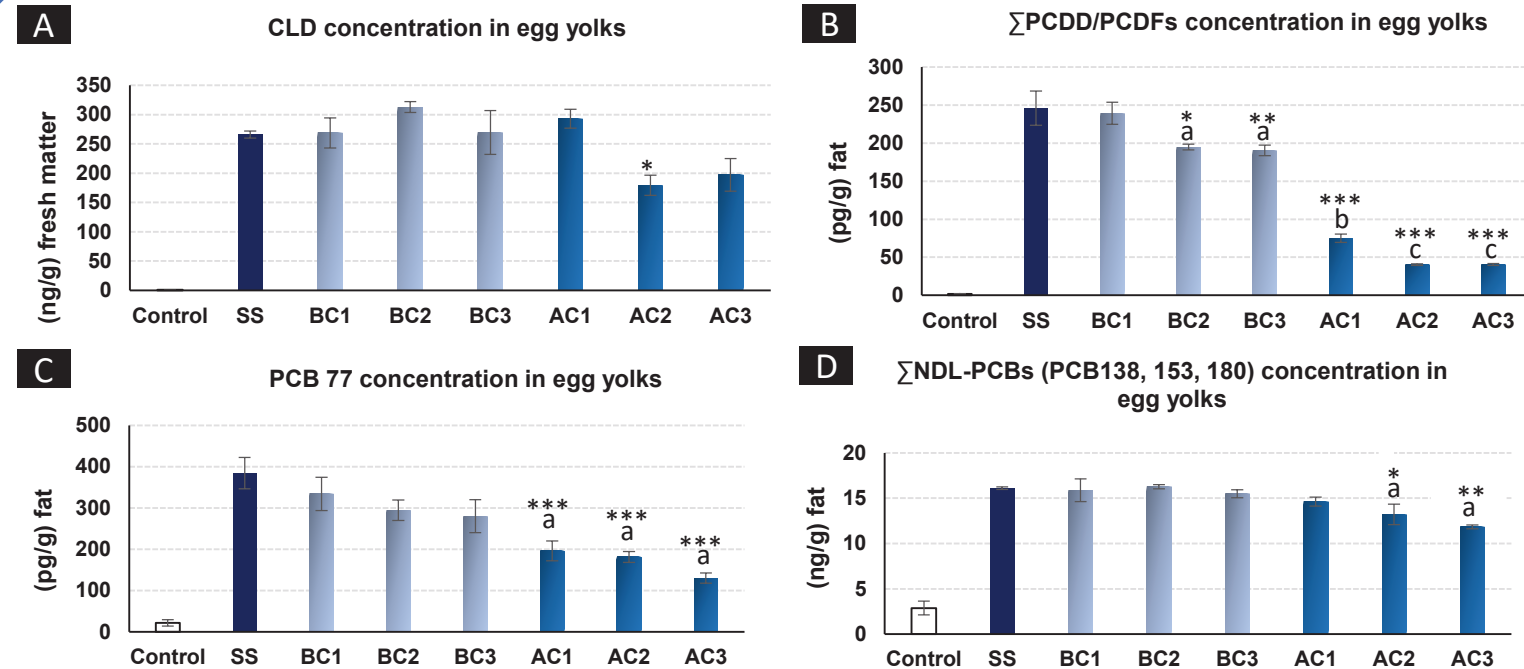


n=3  
Oral administration via pellets (80 g of pellets containing 10% of soil/ 2kg of BW/ day)

6) Analysis

- Sampling of egg yolks from D18 to D20
- Quantification by chromatography and mass spectrometry: LC-MS/MS (CLD) and CPG-HRMS (PCBs and PCDD/Fs)
- Determination of pollutants concentrations

### Results



Concentrations of CLD, ΣPCDD/Fs, PCB 77 and ΣNDL-PCBs (138, 153, 180) in egg yolks.

Values correspond to the mean ± SE (n=3) concentrations of POPs in egg yolks. Group mean values with superscript asterisks are statistically different from non-amended soil (SS) (\*: 0.05>P>0.01; \*\*: 0.01>P>0.001; \*\*\*: P< 0.001) using a variance analysis and a Dunnett post-hoc test. Groups mean concentrations with different superscript letter (a, b, c) are statistically different (P<0.05) from each other using a complementary variance analysis followed by a Tukey post-hoc test on previously found significant groups.

| Matrix | Origin   | Form     | BET specific surface area (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Relative surface between [0-30] Å | Relative surface between n [30-44] Å | Relative surface between n [44-200] Å | Relative surface between n [200-3000] Å |
|--------|----------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| BC 1   | Oak      | Powder   | 31 ± 2   | 0 %                               | 0 %                                  | 0 %                                   | 100 %                                   |
| BC 2   | Oak      | Powder   | 290 ± 11   | 12,3 %                            | 85,7 %                               | 0,1 %                                 | 1,9 %                                   |
| BC 3   | Knotweed | Powder   | 196 ± 6  | 14,9 %                            | 68,2 %                               | 13,8 %                                | 3,1 %                                   |
| AC 1   | Peat     | Granular | 566 ± 5  | 13,2 %                            | 47,1 %                               | 35,4 %                                | 4,3 %                                   |
| AC 2   | Peat     | Powder   | 1142 ± 31  | 17,7 %                            | 32,3 %                               | 48 %                                  | 2 %                                     |
| AC 3   | Pine     | Powder   | 776 ± 21   | 22,8 %                            | 32,6 %                               | 42,5 %                                | 2,2 %                                   |

Physico-chemical characterization of ACs and BCs

- No reduction in transfer was obtained with BC 1 due to the absence of micropores and mesopores and the low specific surface area in comparison with the other matrices
- A slight reduction was obtained with BC 2 and BC 3 because of their limited microporous and mesoporous surfaces
- AC 2 and AC 3 were the most efficient in reducing the transfer given their highest specific surface area and highest mesoporous surface, whereas AC 1 was less efficient because of its granular form
- Reductions in transfer were congener-dependent as follows: PCDD/Fs > PCB77 > ND L-PCBs = CLD

### Conclusion and perspectives

- This study leads to the following conclusions:
  - Activated carbon soil amendments can highly reduce the bioavailability of soil organic contaminants to laying hens especially for PCDD/Fs and PCB77
  - The contaminant reduction depends on both, the nature of pollutant and the characteristics of the matrix

- Amendment of contaminated zones by activated carbons could be subsequently applied on small areas

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