

# Bench-Scale evaluation of FeS/CVOCs + Klozur® One

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## Field-Proven Portfolio of Remediation Technologies Based on Sound Science

### ***In Situ Chemical Oxidation***

- Klozur<sup>®</sup> SP
- Klozur<sup>®</sup> One
- Klozur<sup>®</sup> KP
- Klozur<sup>®</sup> CR

### ***In Situ Chemical Reduction***

- EHC<sup>®</sup> Reagent
- EHC<sup>®</sup> Liquid
- Daramend<sup>®</sup> Reagent

### ***Aerobic Bioremediation***

- Terramend<sup>®</sup> Reagent
- PermeOx<sup>®</sup> Ultra & PermeOx<sup>®</sup> Ultra Granular

### ***Metals Remediation***

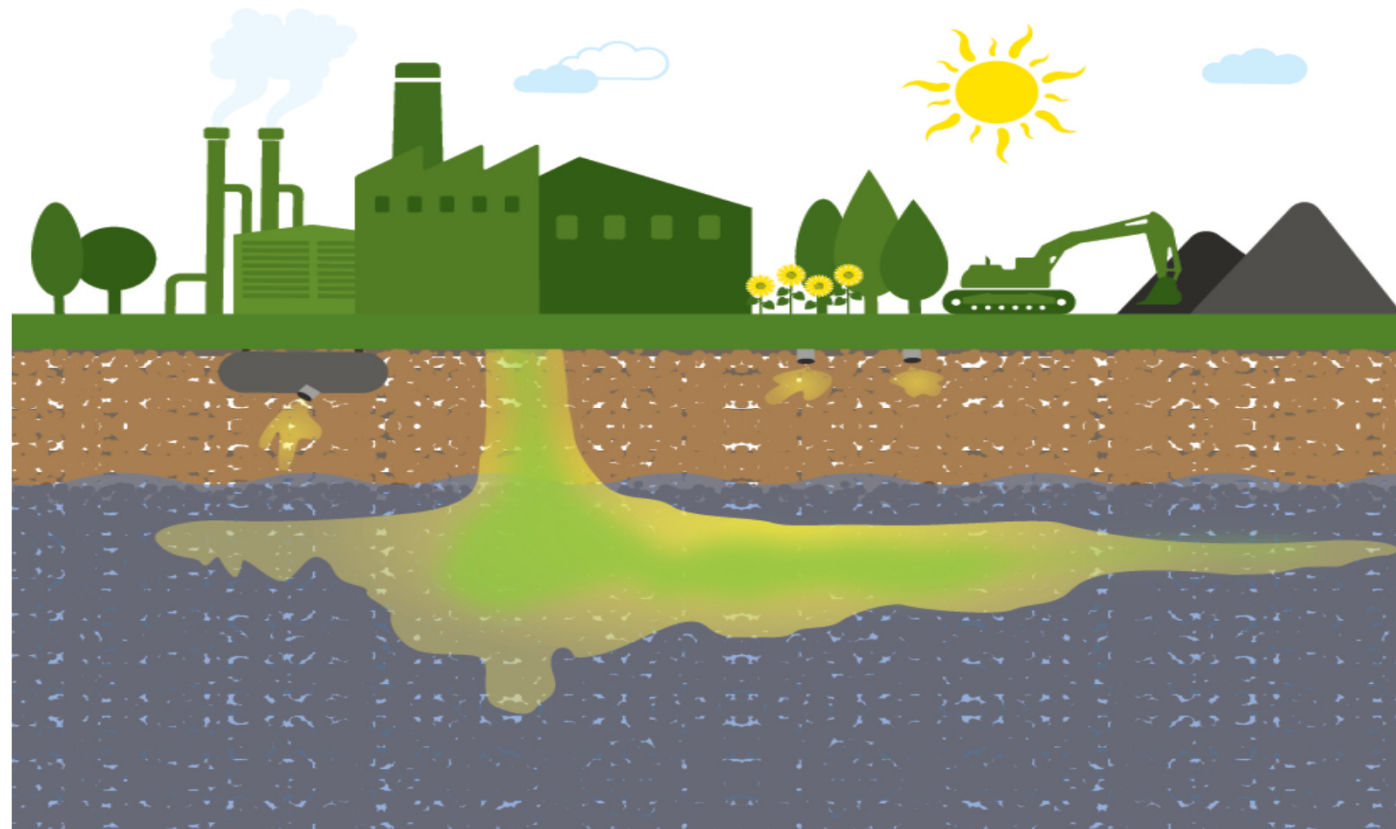
- MetaFix<sup>®</sup> Reagent

### ***Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination***

- ELS<sup>®</sup> Microemulsion & ELS<sup>®</sup> Concentrate

### ***NAPL Stabilization/Mass Flux Reduction***

- ISGS<sup>®</sup> Technology



# Bench-Scale Evaluation of the Formation and Reactivity of Iron Sulfide Minerals for Treatment of CVOCs

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# Background



- Reactive iron sulfide minerals may be formed *in situ* under sulfate reducing conditions in the presence of iron and a source of sulfur.
- This effect has been observed during the application of traditional ISCR at sites with naturally high sulfate concentrations in groundwater, but may also be engineered by directly applying the needed building blocks.
- High degradation rates and long lasting results have been observed at ISCR sites with background sulfate, but no controls to quantitatively measure the impact of sulfate.
- The objective of these bench tests was to evaluate the effectiveness of biogeochemical systems relative to traditional ISCR and anaerobic bioremediation for the removal of CVOCs.



# ISCR and BioGeoChem Mechanisms

Mechanism	Component	Description
<b>Direct Chemical Reduction</b>	ZVI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Redox reaction at iron surface where solvent gains electrons and iron donates electrons</li><li>• Abiotic reaction via beta-elimination</li></ul>
<b>Biological Reduction</b>	Organic Carbon Substrate / H <sub>2</sub>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anaerobic reductive dechlorination involving bacteria</li><li>• Strongly influenced by the nutrient profile and the pH of the aquifer</li></ul>
<b>Geochemical Reduction</b>	SO <sub>4</sub> + Fe(II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surface dechlorination by reactive iron sulfide minerals</li><li>• Abiotic reaction via beta-elimination</li></ul>

# Building Blocks for Engineering Iron Sulfide Minerals In Situ

**Source of sulfate / sulfide**  
(gypsum, iron sulfate salts, Epsom salts etc)



**Source of Fe(II)**  
(ZVI, soluble Fe(II) salts, Fe lactate etc)

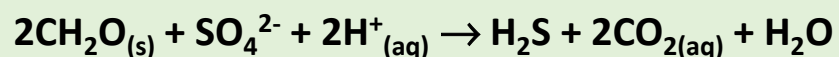


**H donor / reductants**  
(various organic carbon substrates available – ELS, fibrous organic carbon etc)

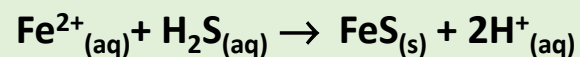


## SULFATE REDUCING CONDITIONS

Sulfate reduction by SRBs:



Precipitation of Ferrous Iron with Sulfide:



where:  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  represents organic carbon

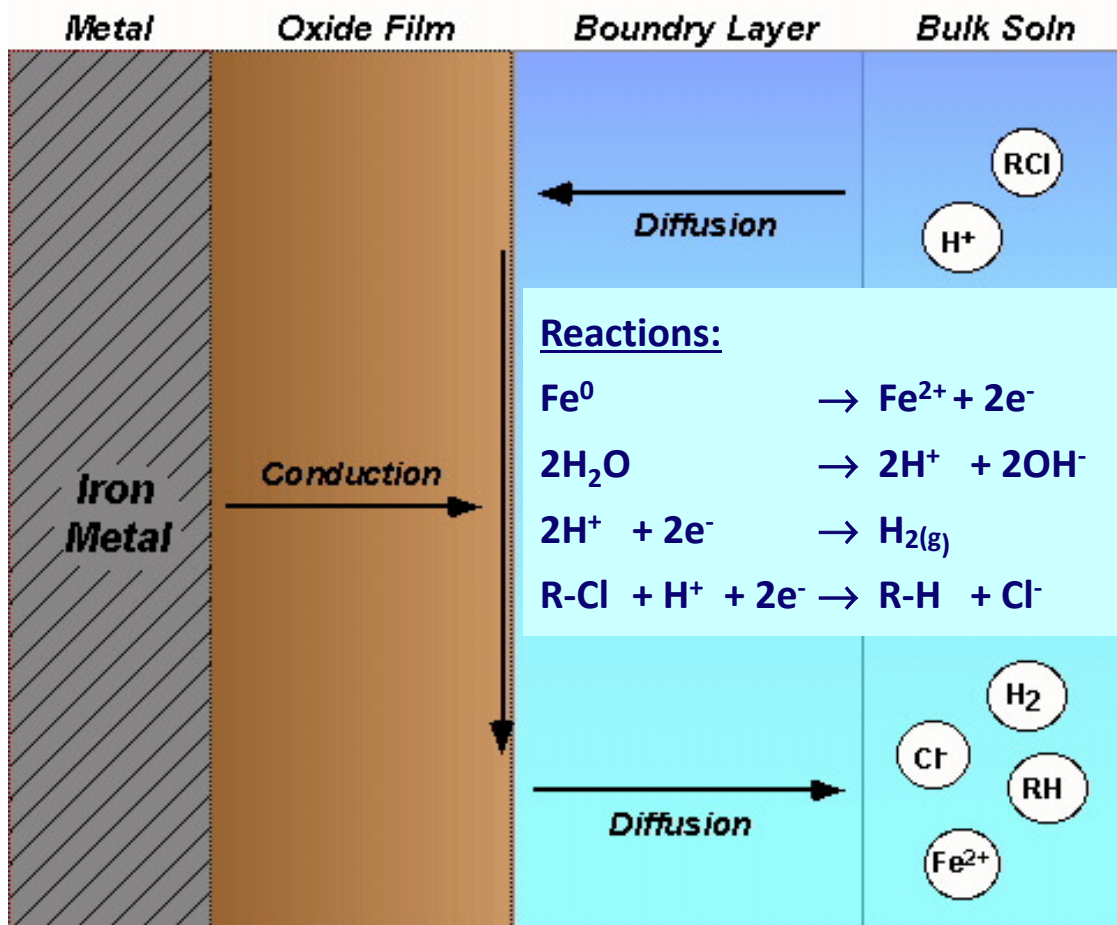


Pyrite  $\text{FeS}_2$



Mackinawite  $\text{FeS}$

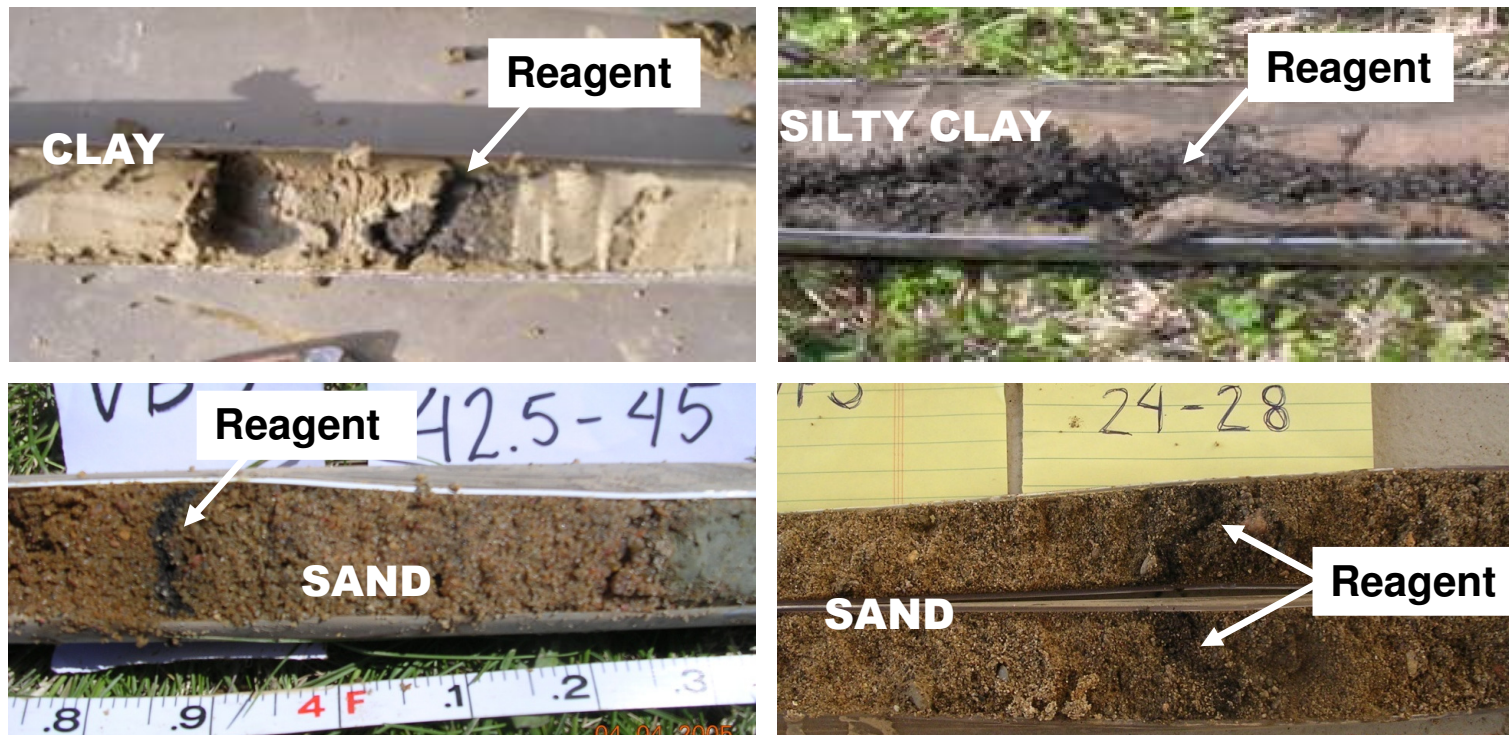
# Direct Dechlorination Reactions on ZVI Surfaces



- Abiotic dechlorination reactions occur in **direct contact** at the groundwater and ZVI particle / reactive mineral surface interface.
- Distribution critical to establish contact.
- Potential advantages of generating reactive minerals *in situ* compared to directly applying reductive minerals or ZVI as solid particles include:
  - Greater reactive surface area.
  - Improved subsurface distribution.



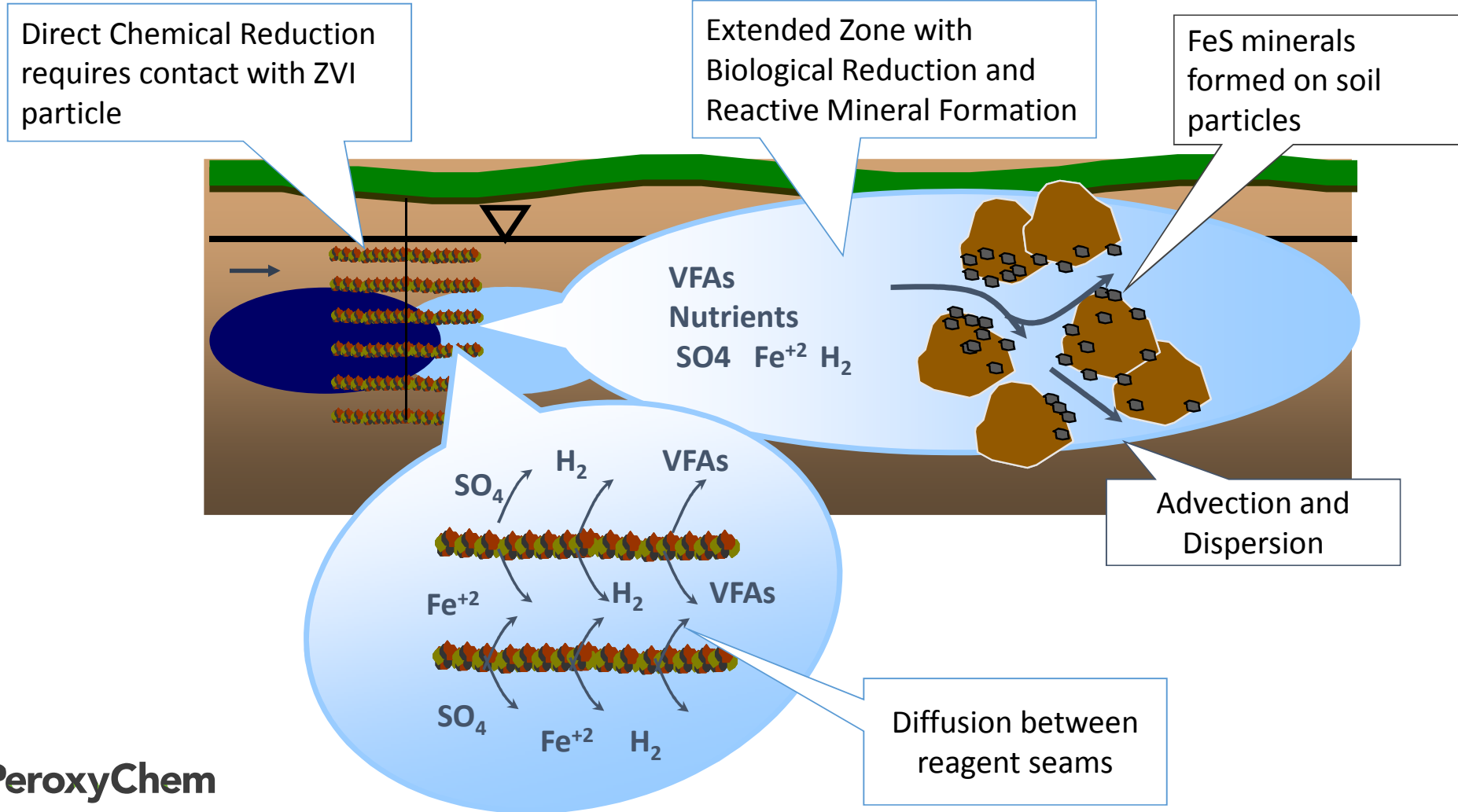
# Typical Granular Reagent Distribution: Soil Cores with EHC Reagent Seams



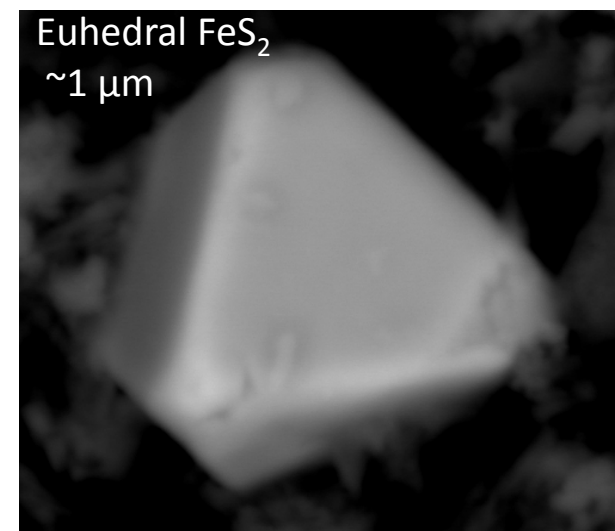
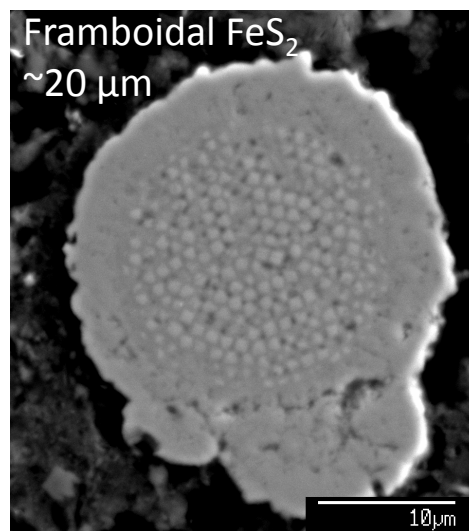
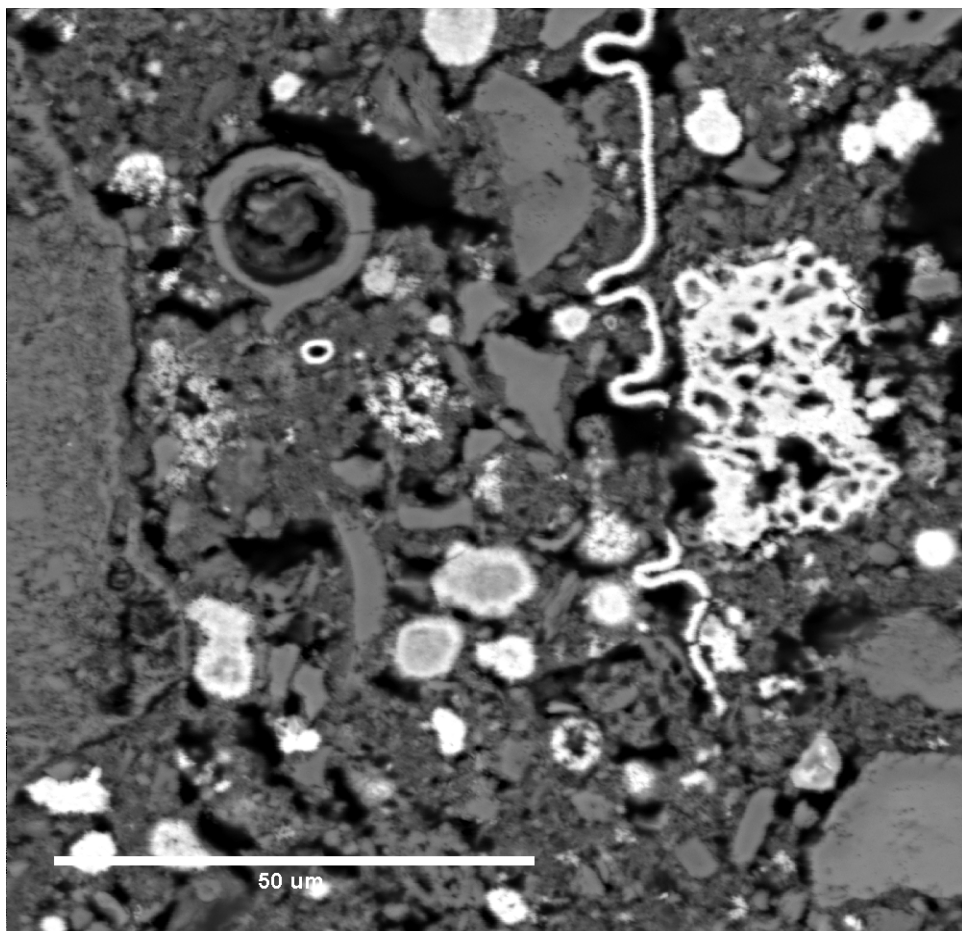
- Granular reagents with ZVI has been observed to displace into discrete bands during injection.
- Direct chemical reduction with ZVI is limited to reagent distribution upon implementation.



# Reductive Mechanisms Zone of Influence



# Electron Microprobe Analyses of FeS Precipitates



- Electron microprobe analyses of the precipitates 1 year after application of organic substrate (lactate) and ferrous iron to high sulfate aquifer (3,000 mg/L SO<sub>4</sub>)
- Estimate: each 1.0 L of groundwater with sulfate at 3,000 mg/L reduced to 3.0 μm thick FeS precipitates will yield about 4.7 ft<sup>2</sup> of very reactive surface

Reference: Leigh et al, 2012

# Smaller Grain Size = Larger Surface Area

Euhedral Pyrite  
~1  $\mu\text{M}$



~200  $\text{m}^2/\text{Kg}$

FeS Coatings  
~3  $\mu\text{M}$



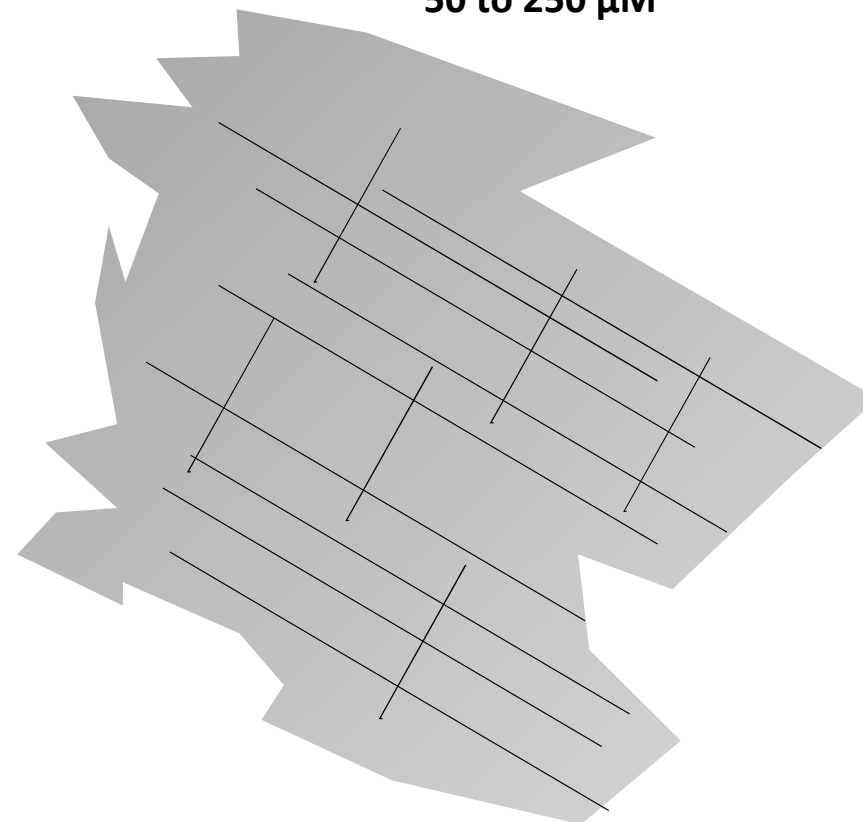
~80  $\text{m}^2/\text{Kg}$

Framboidal Pyrite  
~20  $\mu\text{M}$



~20 to 50  $\text{m}^2/\text{Kg}$

Microscale ZVI  
~50 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$



~5 to 20  $\text{m}^2/\text{Kg}$

Reference: Leigh et al, 2012

# Engineering BioGeoChemical Remediation Systems at the Bench Scale

- Objective:
  - Evaluate the effectiveness of biogeochemical systems relative to traditional ISCR and bioremediation for the removal of CVOCs.
- Bench studies:
  - Microcosm Study #1: EHC vs. EHC Liquid for treatment of PCE in high sulfate aquifer
  - Microcosm Study #2: ISCR vs. Bio vs. BioGeoChem for treatment of CVOCs in high sulfate aquifer
  - Microcosm Study #3: ISCR vs. BioGeoChem for treatment of CVOCs in low pH aquifer
  - Microcosm Study #4: BioGeoChem vs. Bio for treatment of CVOCs and Heavy Metals in low pH aquifer



# Microcosm Study #1

(Data courtesy of SCS Engineers)

## Site Conditions:

- Elevated PCE >2000 µg/L
- Sulfate up to 3,000 mg/L
- Aerobic Aquifer (DO ~5.0 mg/L)
- Previous bio only pilot tests unsuccessful - Potential sulfide inhibition

## Bench Set-Up:

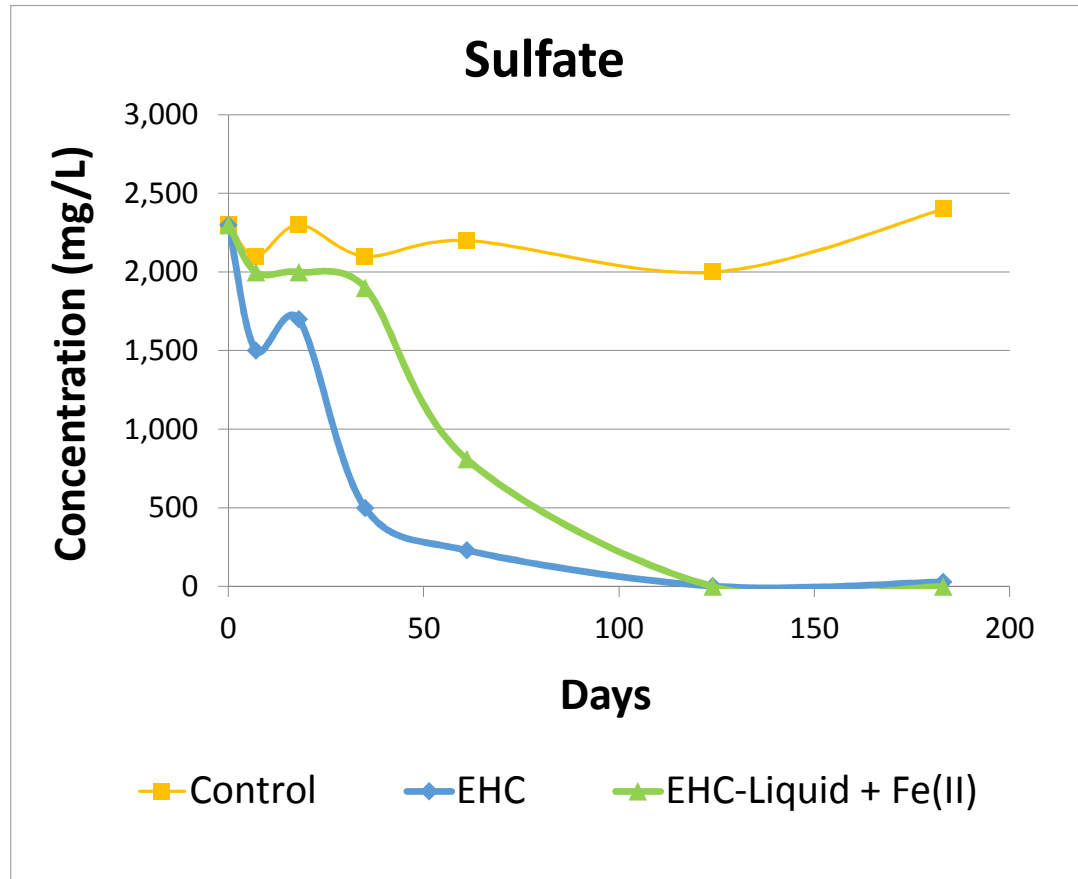
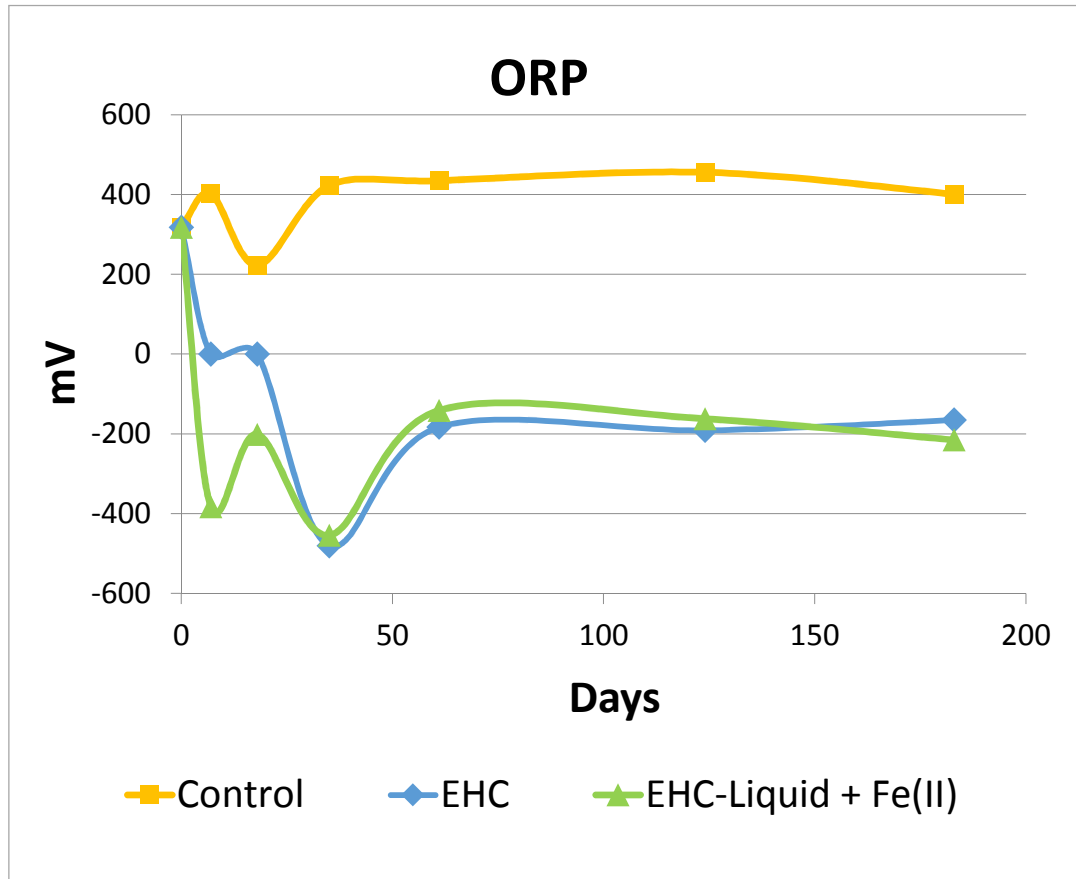
Microcosms set up with GW and sediment from the site:

- Control
- EHC: 10 g/L (60% organic carbon + 40% ZVI)
- EHC Liquid: 10 g/L ELS + 14 g/L ferrous gluconate

Treatment systems inoculated with DHC ~  $1 \times 10^8$  Cells/L

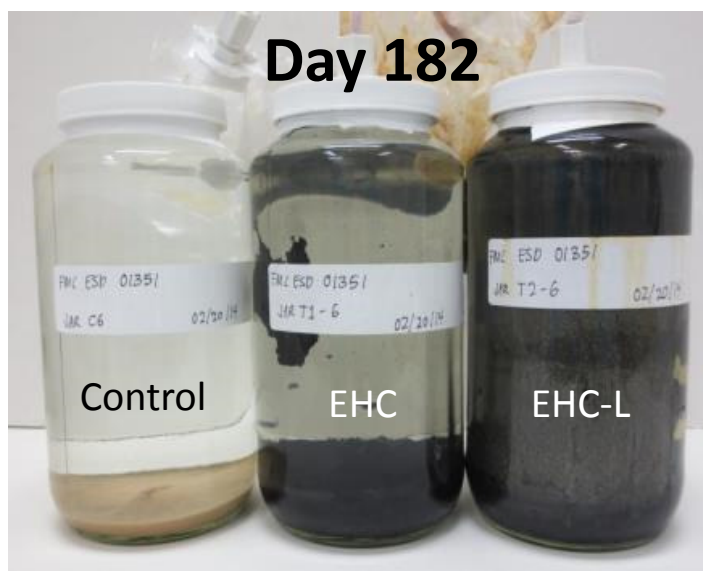
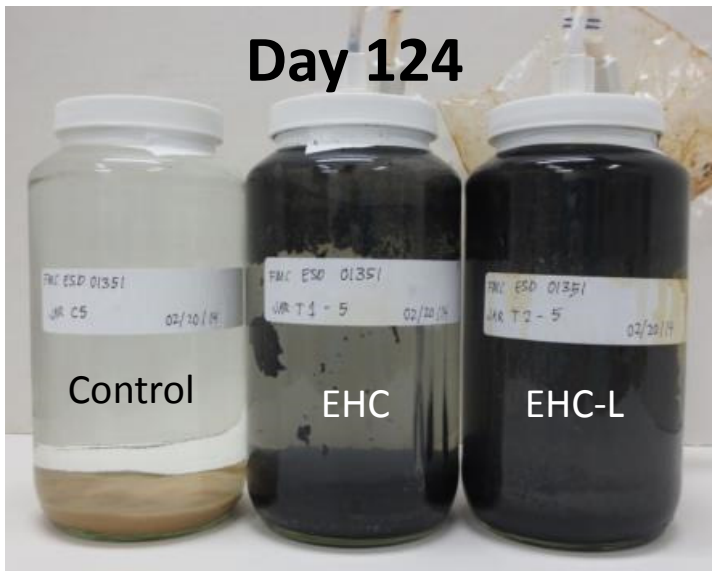
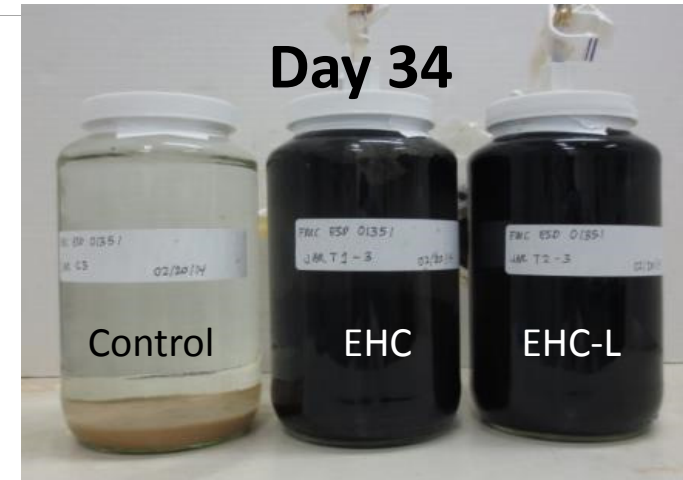
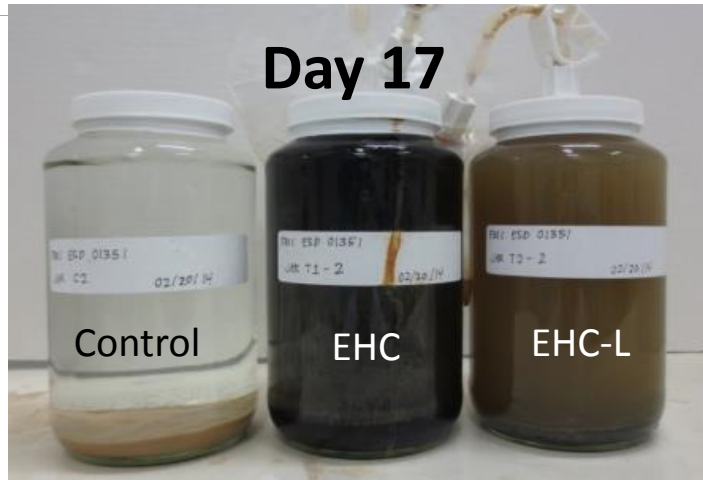
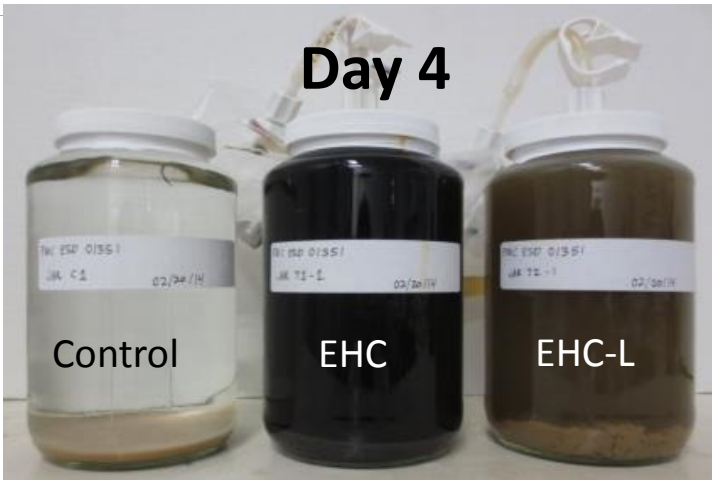


# Sulfate Reduction



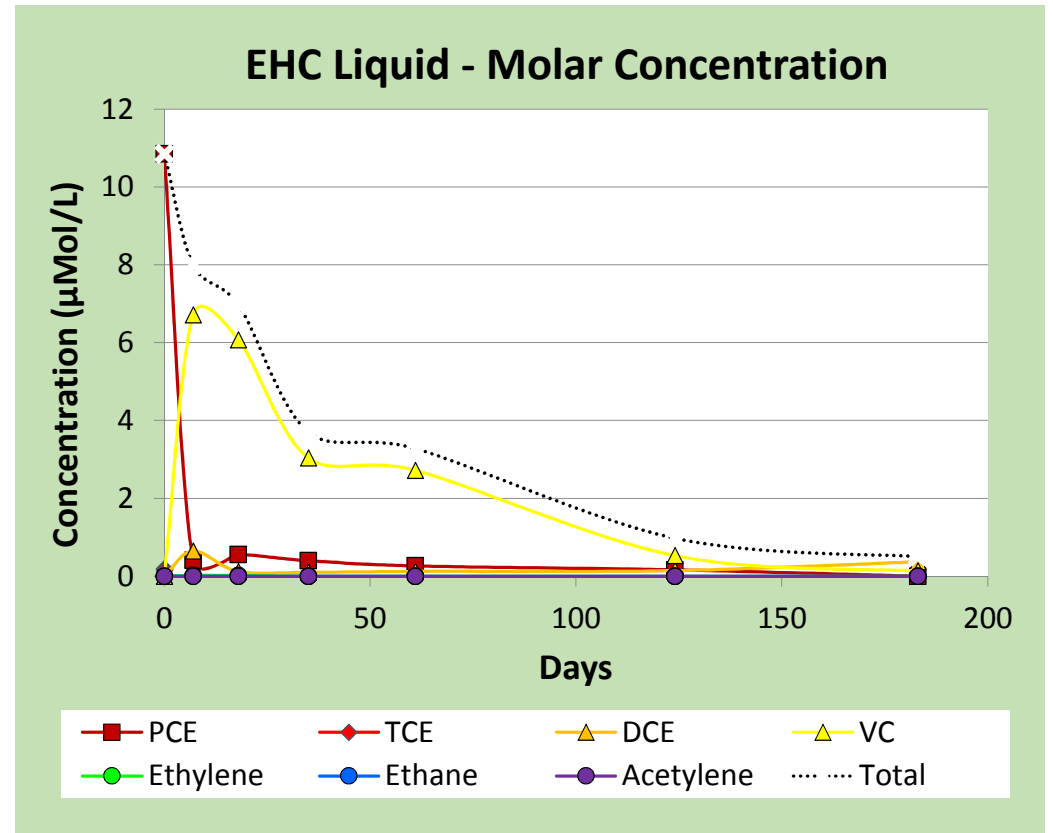
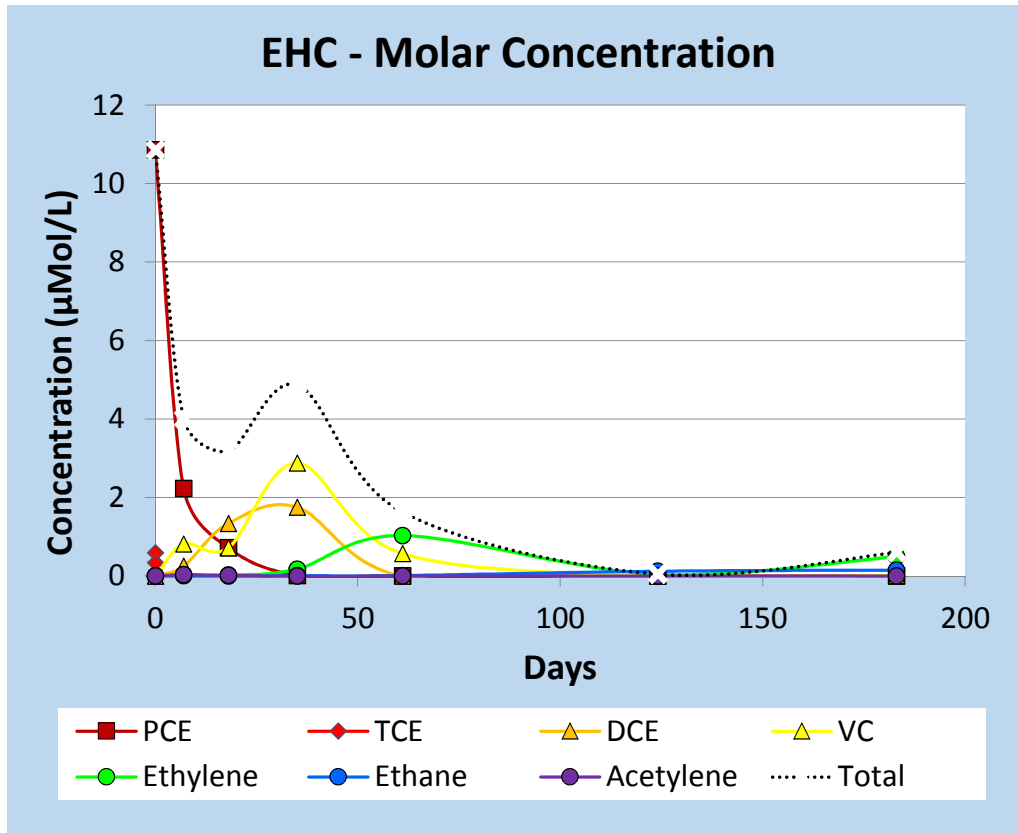


# Visual Evidence of FeS Generation



EHC Precipitate		
g/kg	Sulfide	31
	Total Fe	210
mMol/kg	Sulfide	967
	Total Fe	3,760
EHC Liquid Precipitate		
g/kg	Sulfide	42
	Total Fe	130
mMol/kg	Sulfide	1,310
	Total Fe	2,328

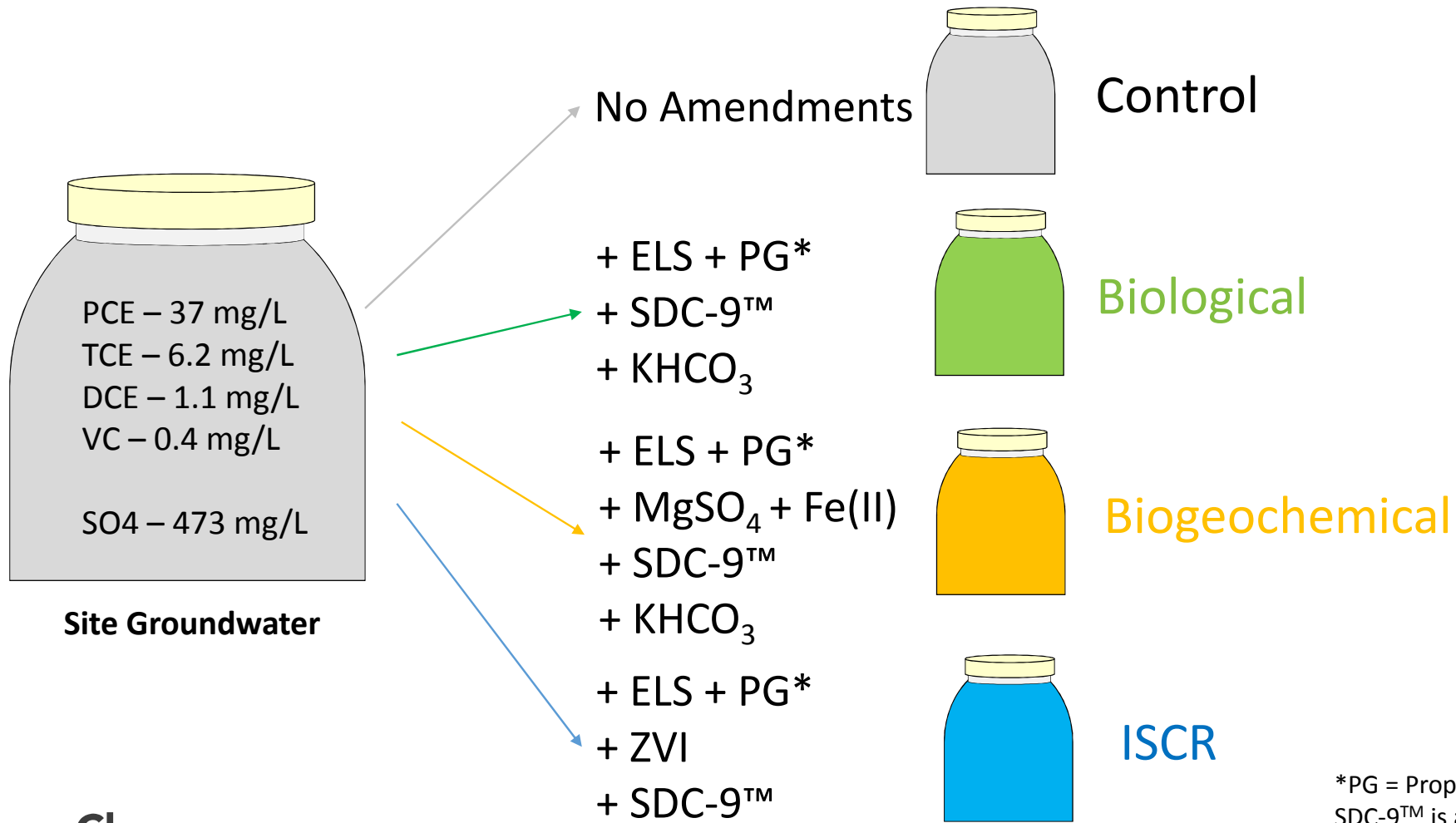
# VOC Analytical Results



Less than Stoichiometric conversion to daughter products → Abiotic degradation pathway promoted in both systems

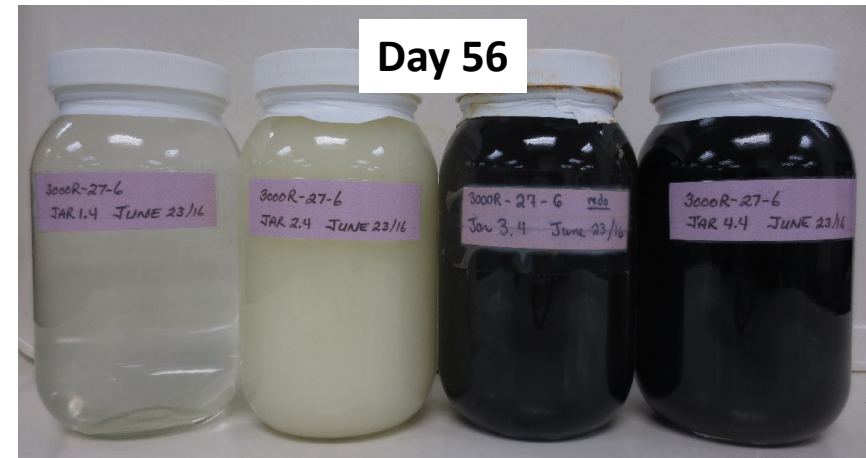
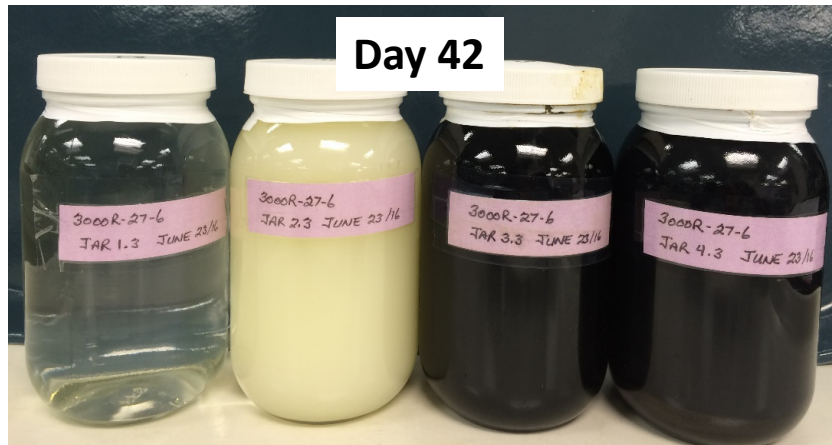
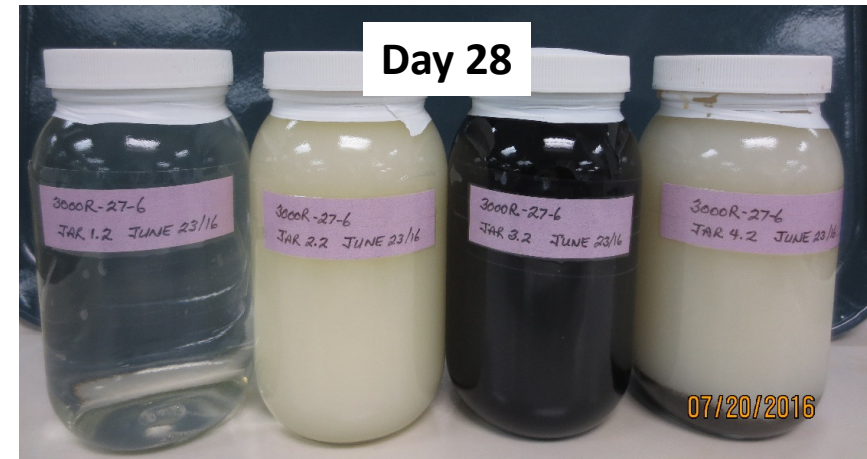
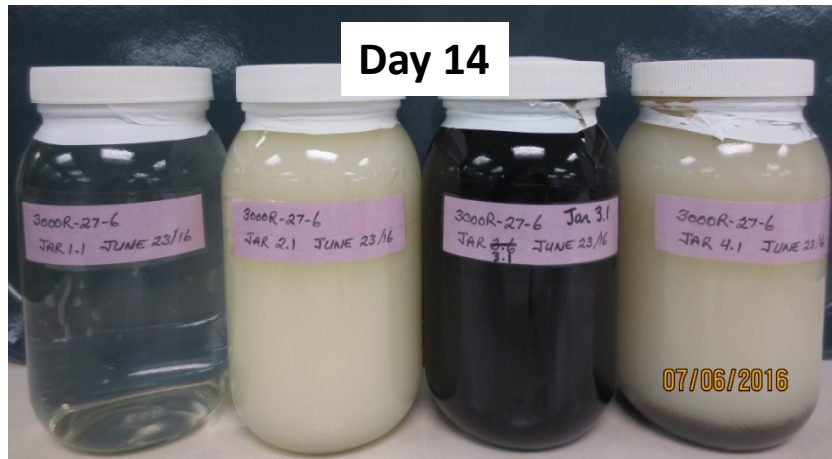
# Microcosm Study #2

(Data courtesy of TEA Consultants)

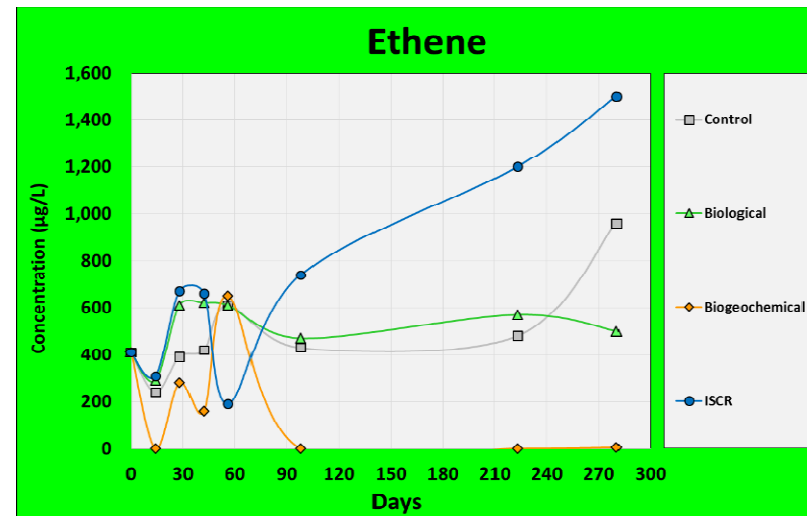
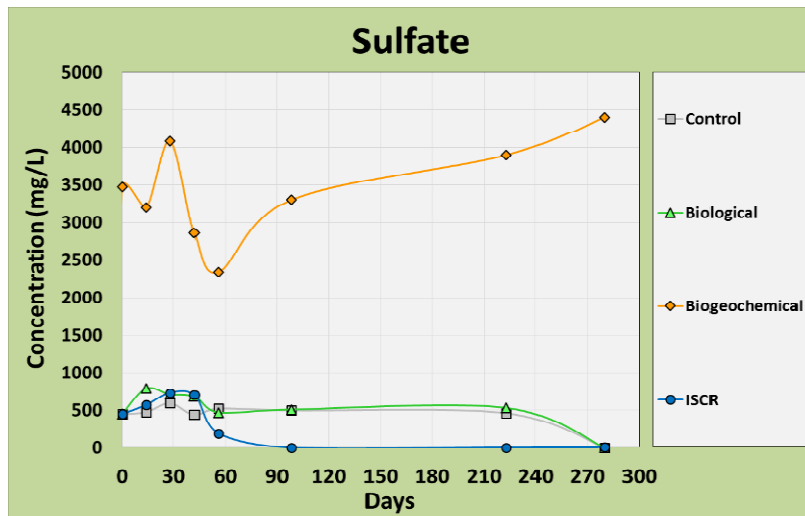
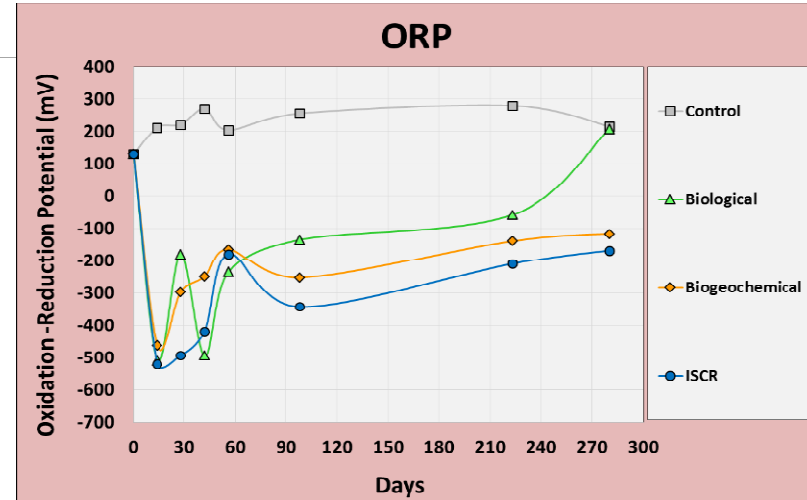
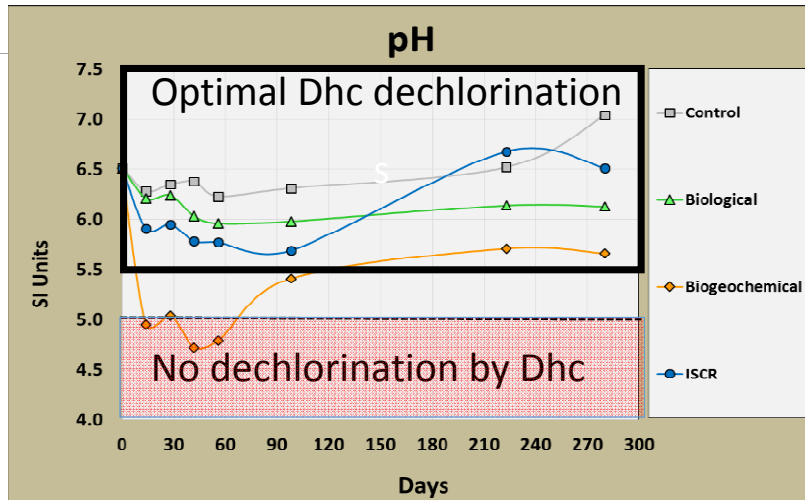


\*PG = Propylene Glycol  
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# Visual Bench Test Results



# Geochemical Data





# Microcosm Study #3

(Data courtesy of Golder)

## Site Conditions:

- CVOCs ~4,200 µg/L (mainly 1,1-DCE); Cr(VI) ~11 µg/L
- pH = 4.7; ORP = 342 mV; Sulfate = 2 mg/L
- Little evidence of ongoing natural attenuation

## Bench Set-Up:

Microcosms set up with groundwater and sediment from the site (1:3 ratio):

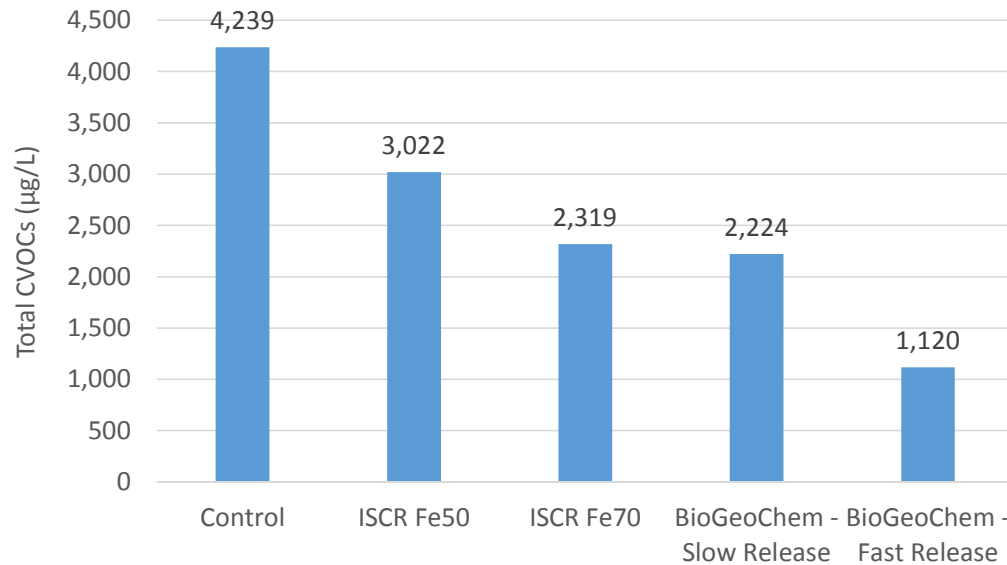
- Control
  - ISCR Fe50 (50% ZVI, 50% organic carbon)
  - ISCR Fe70 (70% ZVI, 30% organic carbon)
  - BioGeoChem – slow release (FOM + ZVI + slow release SO<sub>4</sub>)
  - BioGeoChem – fast release (ELS + ZVI + Fe(II) + SO<sub>4</sub>)
- Dose rate: All systems amended with 1.7 g/L total reagents + pH buffer on Day 0  
Reamended with an additional 3.3 g/L for a total of 5 g/L on Day 80



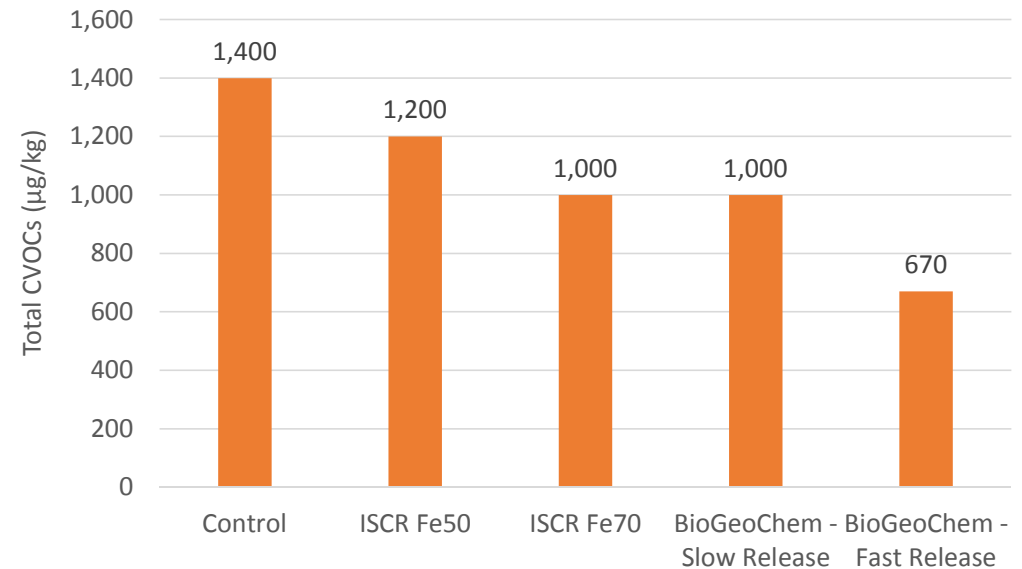


# Treatment Results after 96 Days

## Groundwater



## Soil



- Higher removal rates in biogeochemical systems with sulfate relative to traditional ISCR
- Minimal generation of daughter products in all systems (<15 µg/L)
- Chromium non-detect in all amended systems
- Elevated levels of sulfide and iron measured in soil from both biogeochem systems relative to control

# Conclusions

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- ❖ The combination of sulfate, iron and organic carbon was found to support higher CVOC degradation rates compared to organic carbon substrate or ISCR alone.
- ❖ A potential key benefit of forming reactive minerals in situ is increased distribution and surface area relative to directly adding solid reductants.
- ❖ The generation of daughter products was in less than Stoichiometric amounts for the BioGeoChemical systems indicating an abiotic degradation pathway.
- ❖ Iron (ZVI / Fe(II)) can help prevent sulfide inhibition during ERD at high sulfate sites.
- ❖ BioGeoChemical systems can also serve to immobilize many heavy metals.

# KLOZUR<sup>®</sup> ONE

- Responding to Market Demand for simpler site use
- Activator and Klozur<sup>®</sup> SP in a single product
  - 95% Klozur SP
  - 5% Activator Blend
- Convenience and easier use version of Klozur SP

# What is Klozur One?

- 5% Activator Blend
  - Includes trace potassium permanganate (less than 1%) that gives Klozur One its distinctive colour once dissolved
    - Colour is intended to change as permanganate changes its oxidation states
  - Dry phase is off-white colour with purple/black and brown specks



# What Activates Klozur One?

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- Activation mechanisms:
  - Iron-chelate
  - Manganese
- Built in redundancy to account for natural site variability

# Compounds Treated

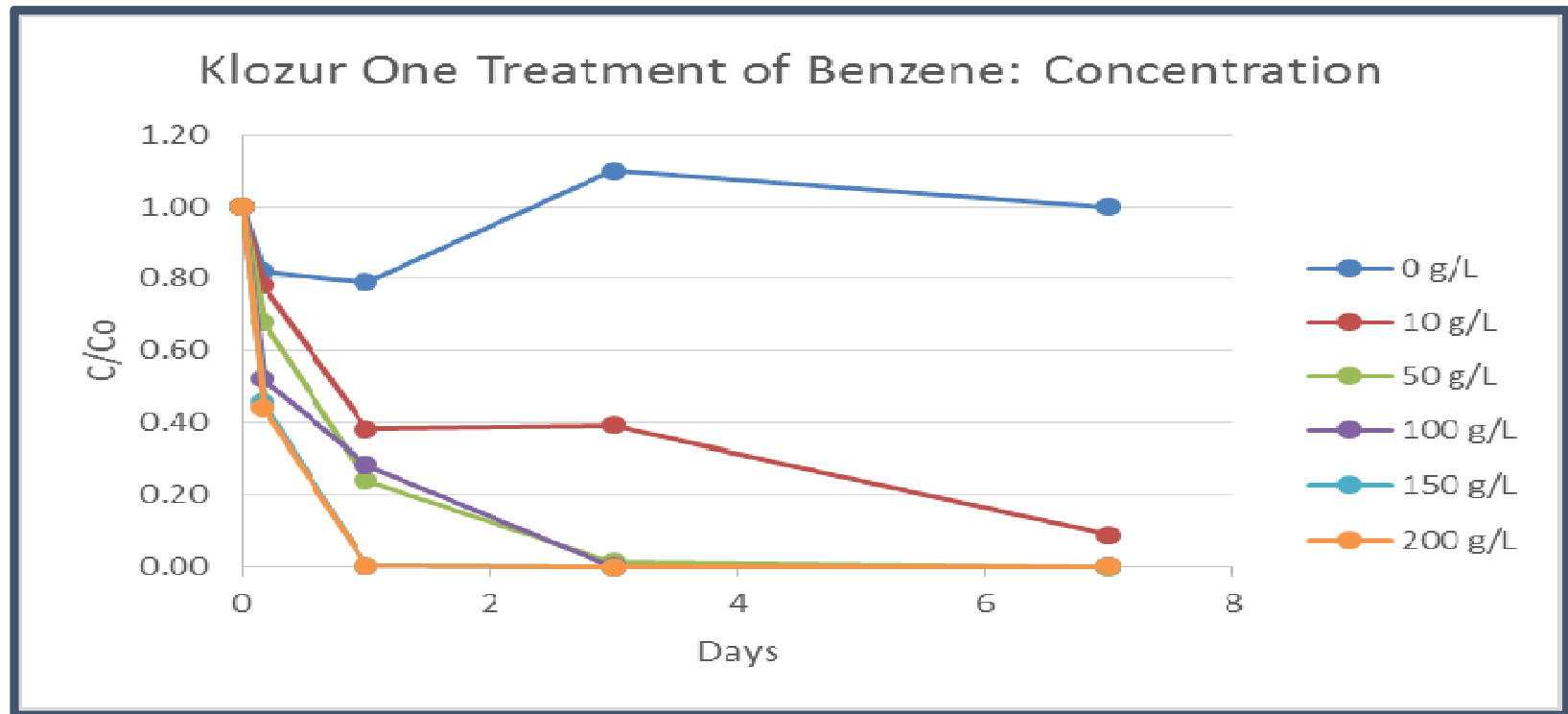
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- Klozur One primarily benefits from the **oxidative pathway**
  - Total petroleum hydrocarbons (BTEX, PAHs, GRO and DRO)
  - Chlorinated ethenes (PCE, TCE, DCE, and VC)
  - Chlorobenzenes
  - 1,4-Dioxane



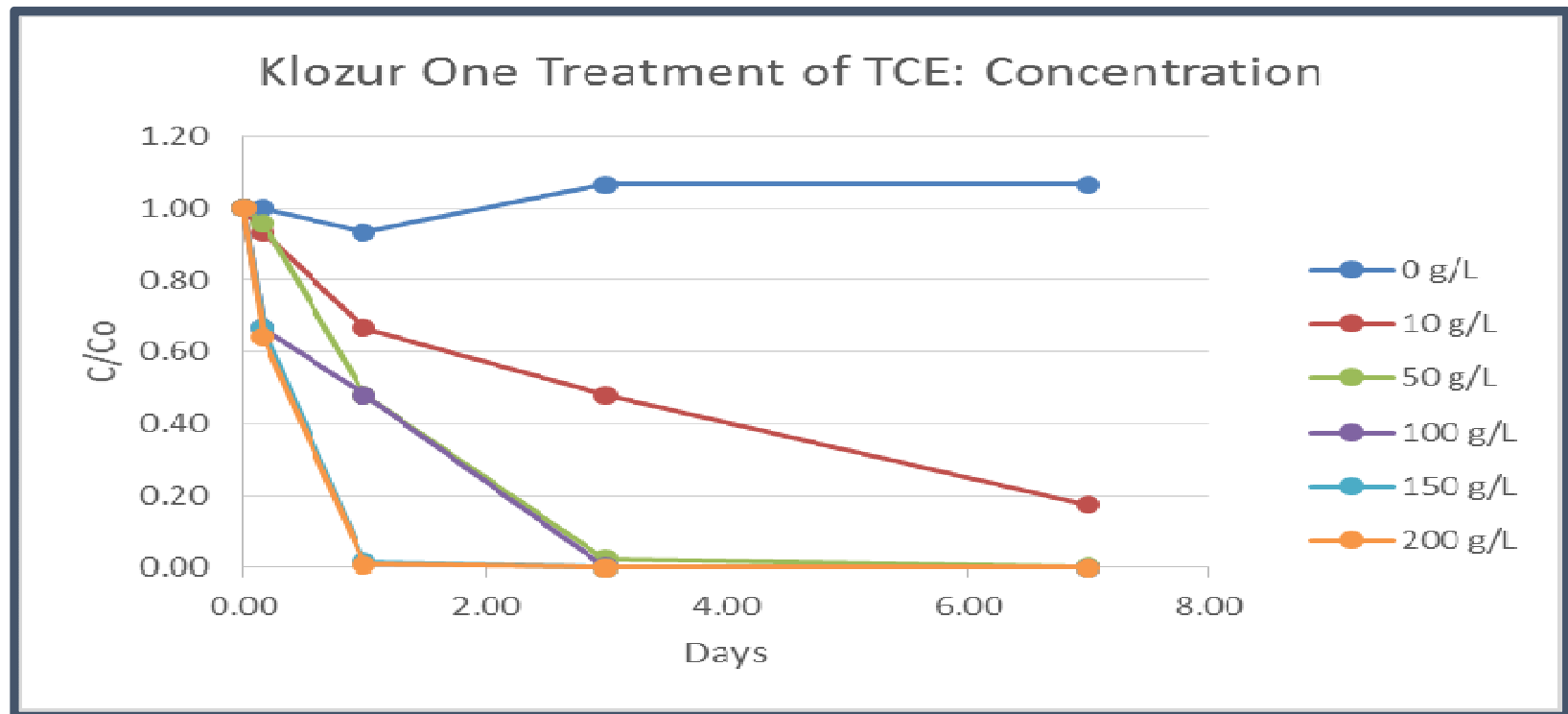
# Concentration Based Kinetics

- Varied conc of Klozur One
- 20°C
- 10 mg/L Benzene



# Concentration Based Kinetics

- Varied conc of Klozur One
- 20°C
- 15 mg/L TCE



# Transportation

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- Availability
  - 55.1 lb bags (25 Kg)
  - 2,204 lb supersacks (1,000 Kg)
- UN 1505 - shipping name (hazard basis)
- Same oxidizer classification as Klozur SP and Klozur KP (UN Class 5.1 Packing Group III)

# Recommendations: Injection

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- Injection concentrations of between 50 g/L and 200 g/L
- Inject through constructed wells
  - Stainless steel or PVC
  - Corrosive nature will require precautions with carbon steel
- Contaminants:
  - Chlorinated ethenes
  - BTEX
  - PAHs
  - DRO/GRO
  - Chlorobenzenes
  - 1,4-Dioxane

# Klozur One Summary

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- Activation methods coupled with Klozur SP:  
STILL WORK!!!
- Klozur One is a new All-in-One product
  - Combining activator in the same product as Klozur SP
  - Ease of use and convenience
- Reacts with most common oxidizable contaminants of concern

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Product

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Tank

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Injection System

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Design

KLOZUR<sup>®</sup> ONE

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