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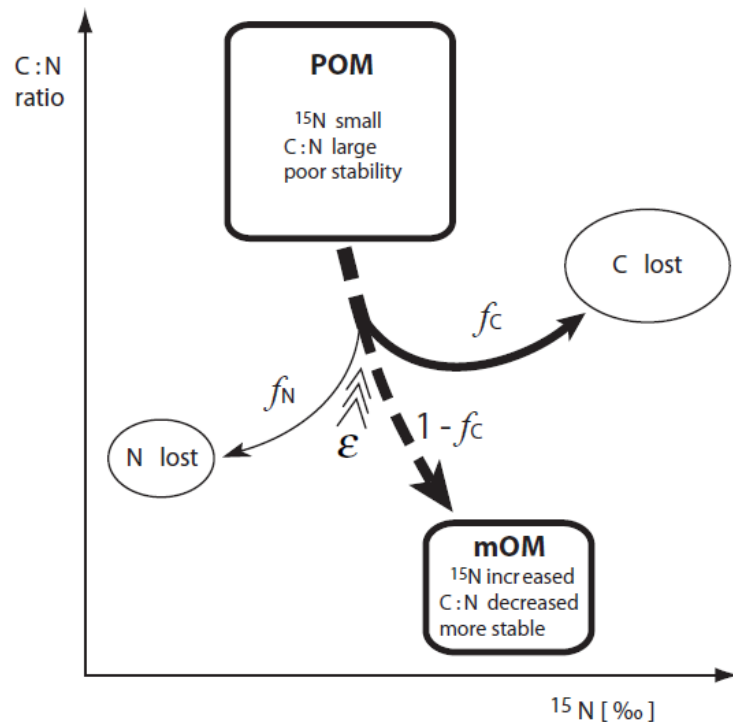
## *The fate of C and P in long-term compost or FYM amended soils: a comparison between French and Belgian experiments*

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# Part 1: carbon

## VFG Compost amended soils as a topic to search for new SOC Stability assays using Stable Isotope Techniques

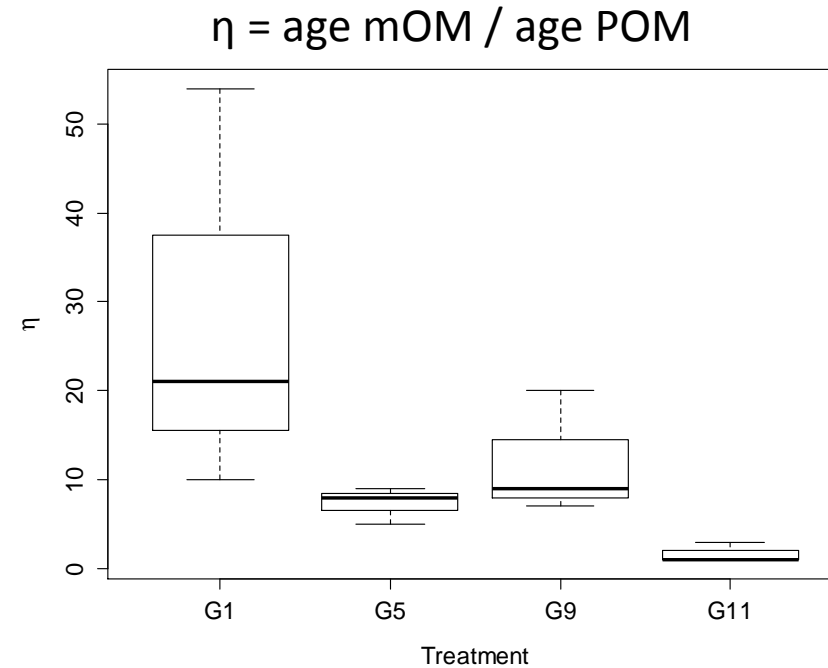


$$f_N = 1 - e^{\left(\frac{\delta_m - \delta_p}{\epsilon}\right)}$$

$$f_C = f_N + (1 - f_N) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{r_m}{r_p}\right)\right)$$

$$n = \frac{C_m}{C_p \cdot (1 - f_C)}$$

Conen *et al.* 2008

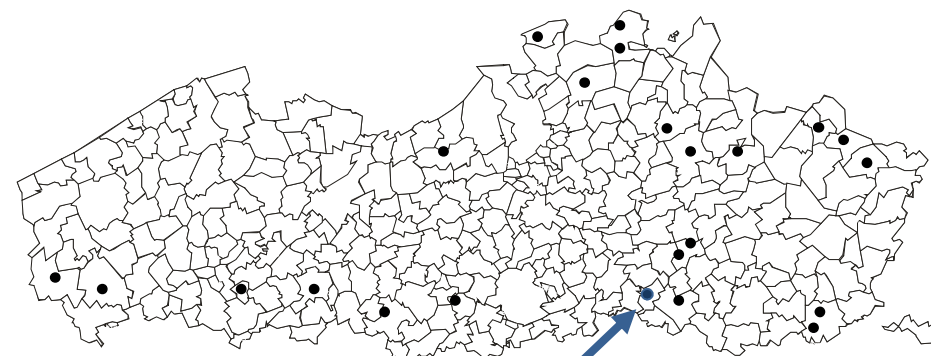


### Current work:

- Adapting model for use on agricultural soils
- Improving model accuracy by incorporating additional parameters e.g.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$

## VFG Compost Experiment

- Set up in 1997
- Crop rotation: beet, wheat and potatoes
- Start conditions:
  - %C = 0,9
  - pH-KCl = 6,9
  - Loamy soil



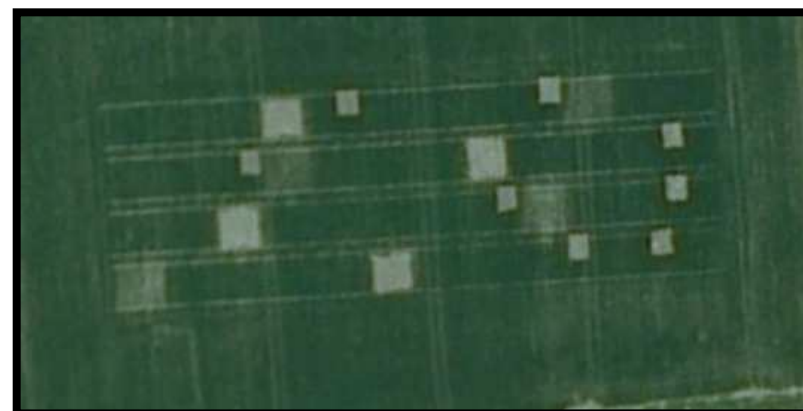
**Boutersem, Belgium**



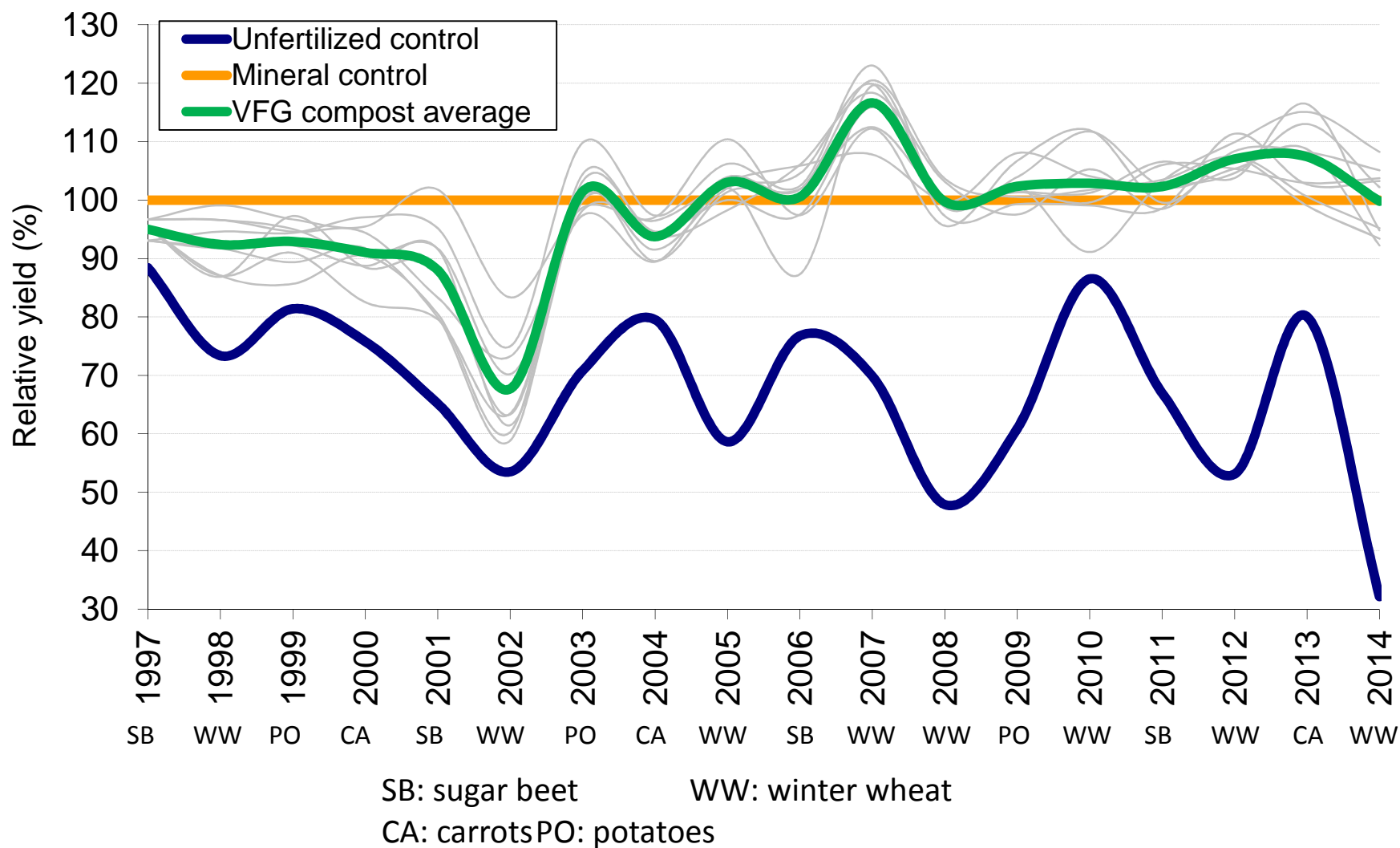
## Experimental Layout

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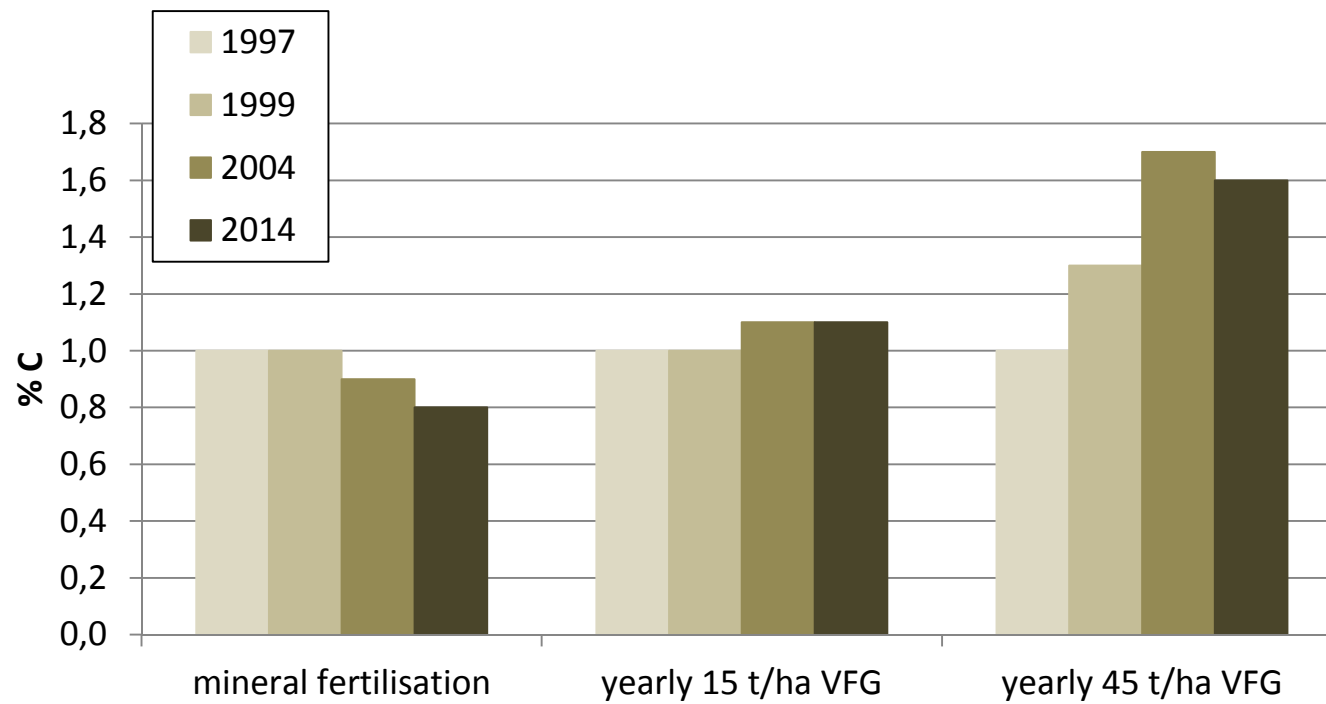
- 14 treatments
  - 3 levels of VFG compost (15, 30 and 45 t/ha)
  - 3 application frequencies (every 1, 2 or 3 years)
  - Mineral fertilized control
  - Unfertilized control
  - Bare control



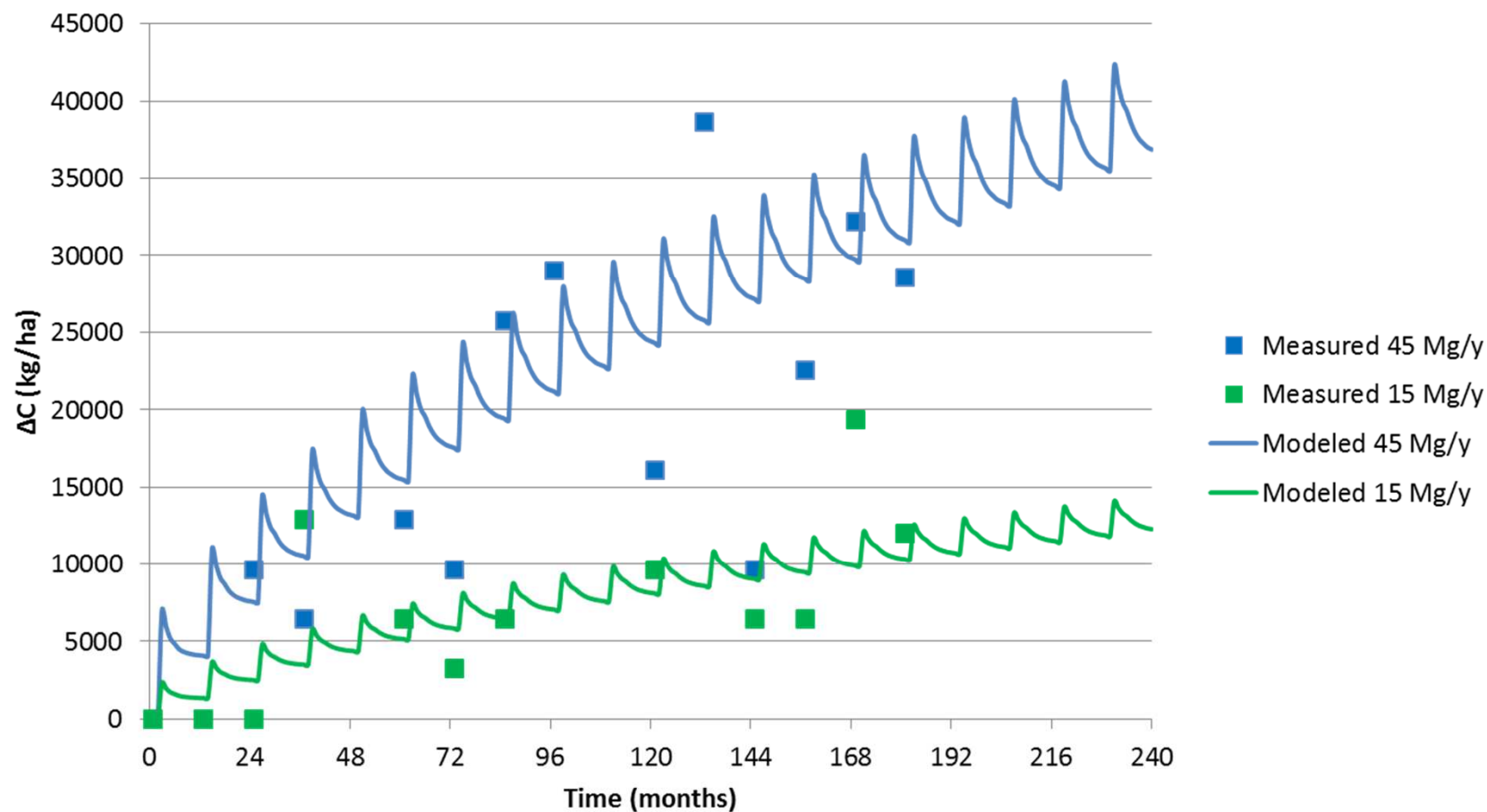
## Relative Yield after 18 Years



# Soil Organic Carbon after 18 years



## Roth-C Modeling of SOC Increase with Compost Amendment



Fitting of difference in SOC stock ( $\Delta C$ ) 45Mg compost ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> and 15Mg compost ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> compared to mineral fertilized control.

## Comparison of Partitioning Coefficients with French field trials

Experiment	f DPM	f RPM	f HUM	CV(RM SE)	Temperate climate soil C increase (Mg C ha <sup>-1</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> ) at 2 ton C input/ha/2 v
<b>VFG compost Boutersem</b>	0.40	0.50	0.10	52.4 %	0.36
<b>Municipal solid waste compost, Qualiagro</b>	0.62	0.38	0	13.9 %	0.23
<b>Biowaste compost Qualiagro</b>	0	0.80	0.20	17.0 %	0.50
<b>Green waste and sludge compost Qualiagro</b>	0.15	0.65	0.20	13.3 %	0.46
<b>Enriched coffee cake compost SERAIL</b>	0.40	0.60	0	61.5 %	0.29
<b>Enriched bark compost SERAIL</b>	0.09	0.82	0.09	41.2 %	0.42

DPM: mean residence time 1.2 month

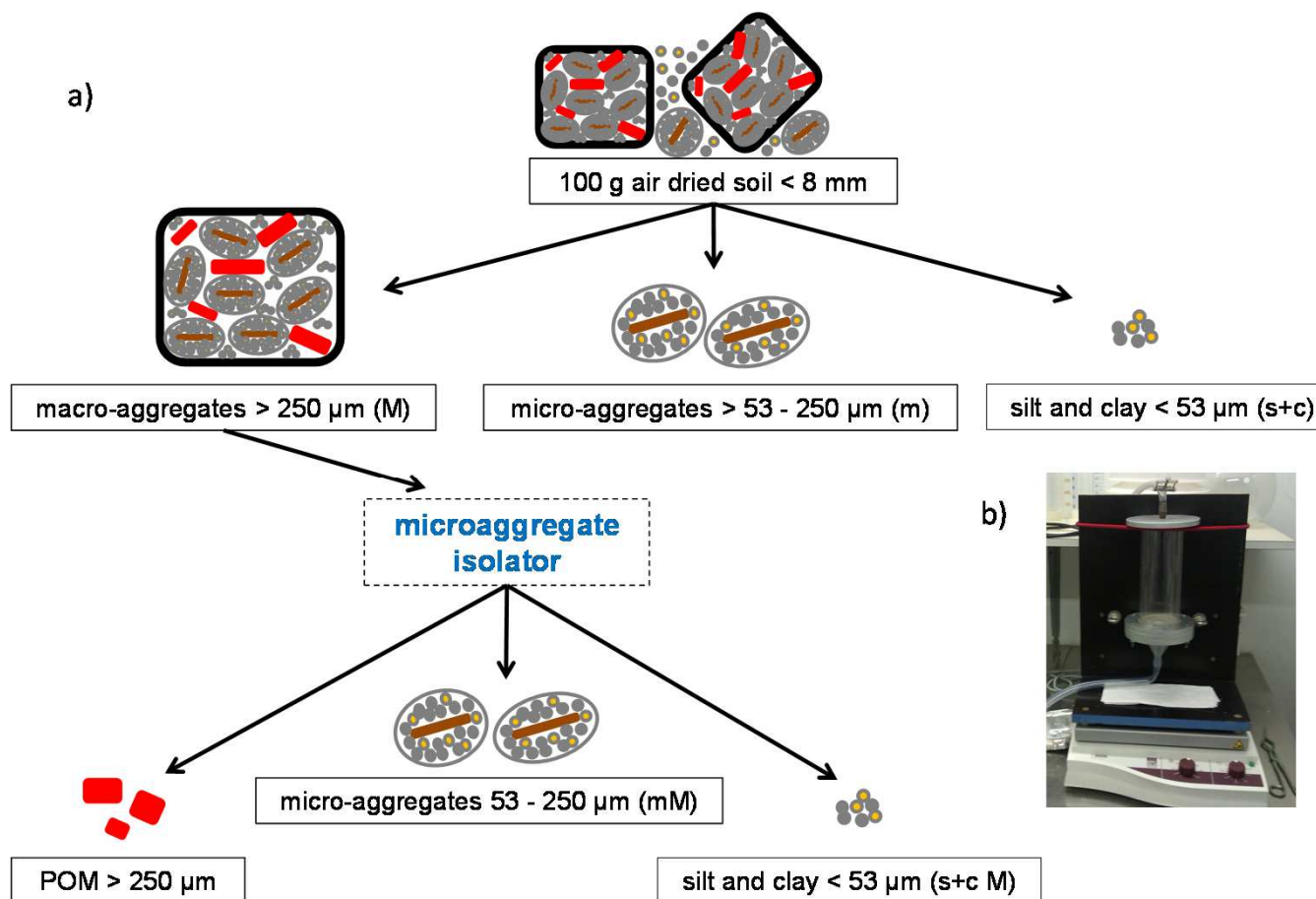
RPM: mean residence time 3.3 y

HUM: mean residence time 50 y

*Data Peltre et al.  
2012*

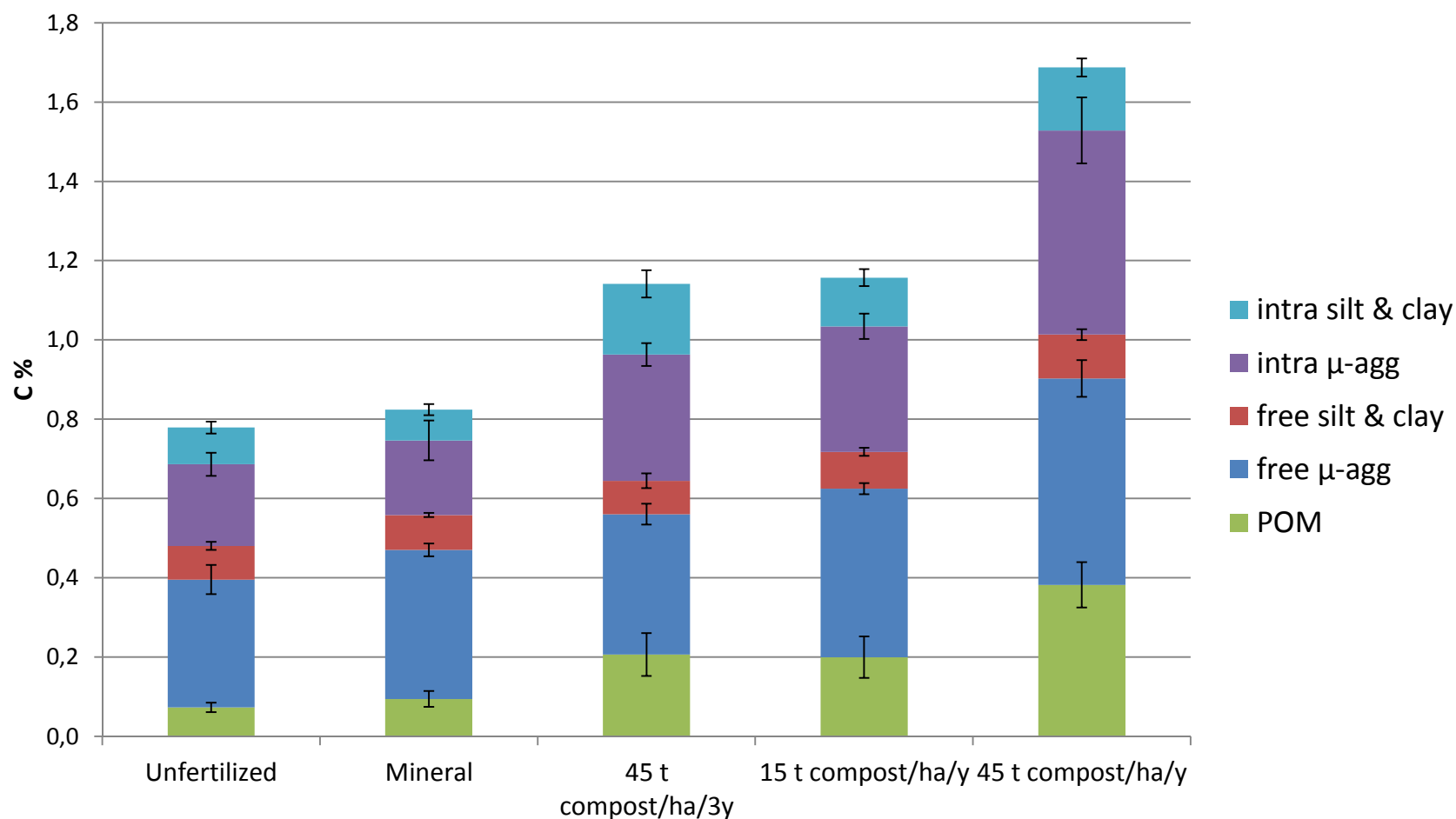


# Isolation of Main SOC Fractions

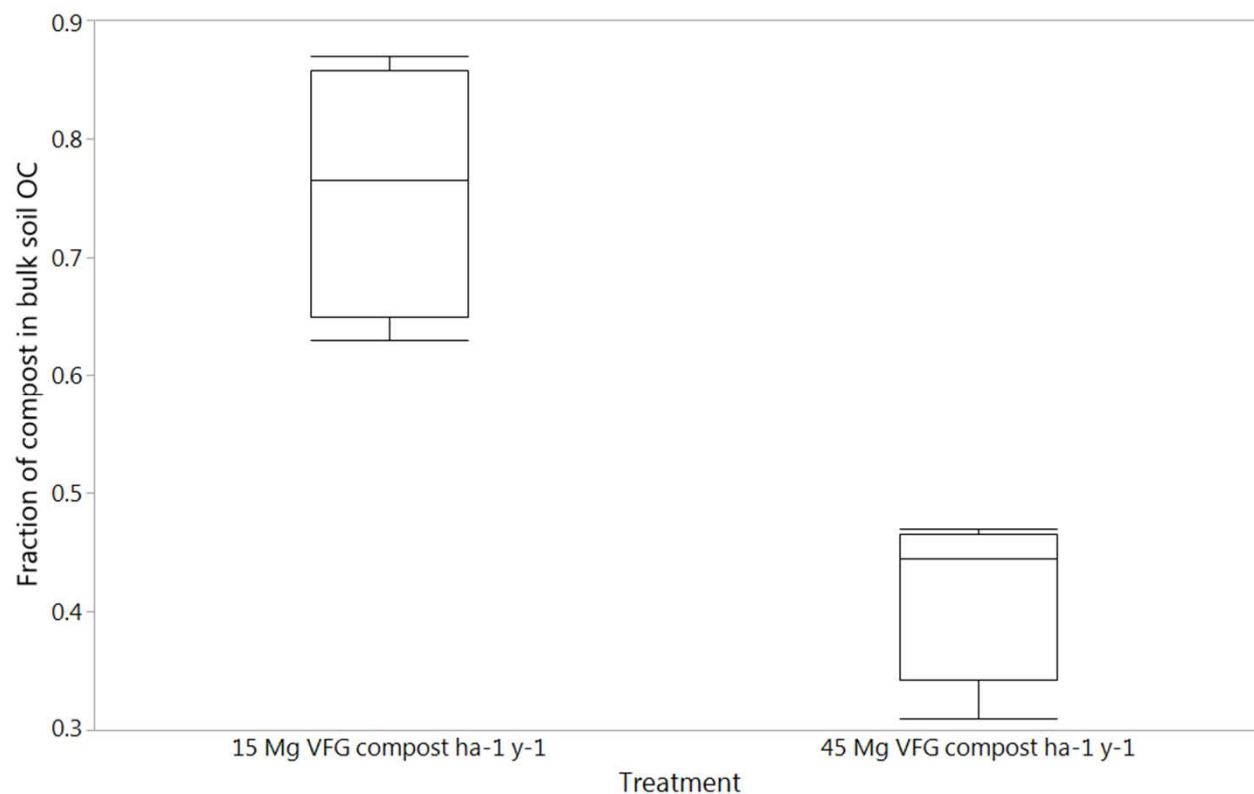


Based on Six *et al.* 2002

## SOC Distribution among Fractions



## Compost Derived SOC fraction decreases with increasing compost application rate after 18 years



- $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  mineral control: -26.5 ‰
- $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  VFG compost: -28.6 ‰

# Part 2: phosphorus



## Effects of organic amendments on P leaching



# Field experiment set-up



## M05.01, BE

- Silt loam
- °2005
- Red cabbage, fodder beet, maize, potato, winter wheat...
- ~3 ton C/ha.year
- Selected NPK addition for optimal supply



## Treatments

- CMC-compost (2)
- VFG compost
- Farmyard manure
- Cattle slurry
- Mineral fertilizers
- No fertilizers
- Fallow

## QUALIAGRO, FR

- Silt loam
- °1998
- Winter wheat-maize
- 4 ton C/ha.2year
- No PK correction

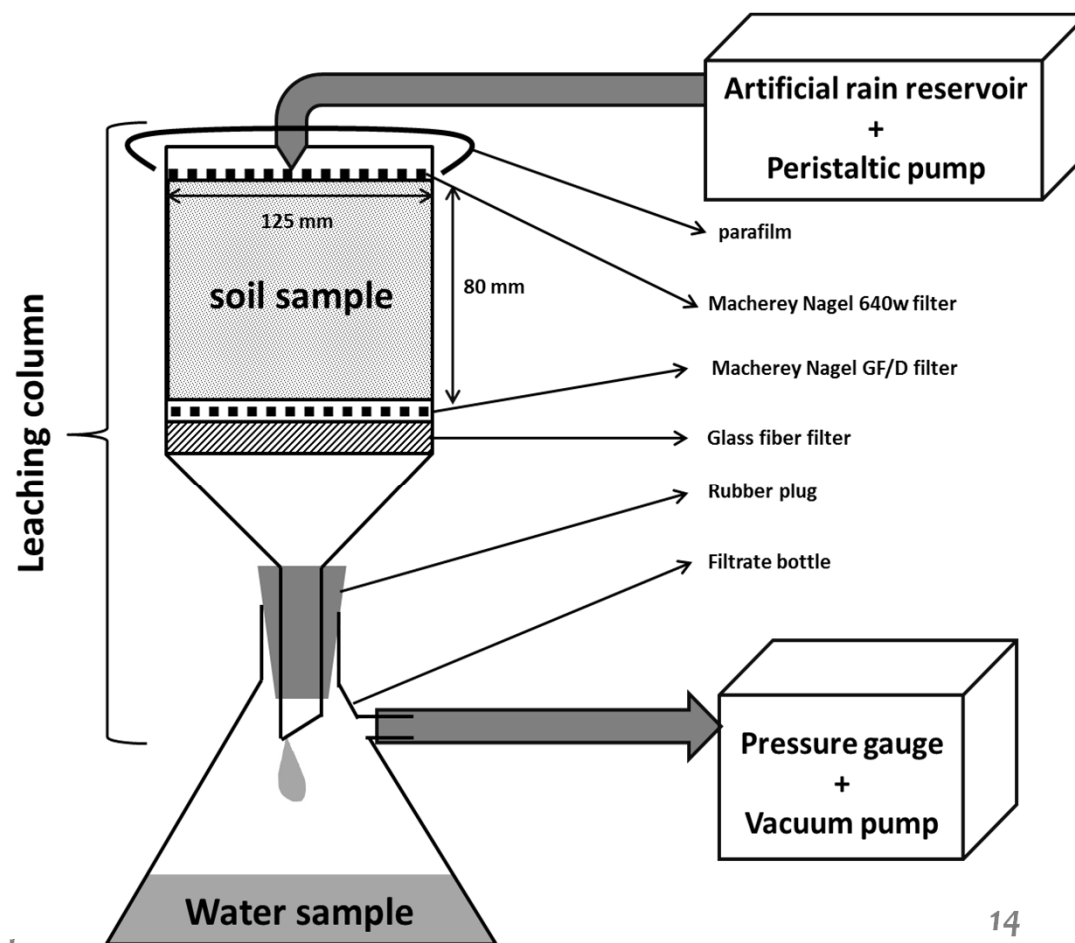


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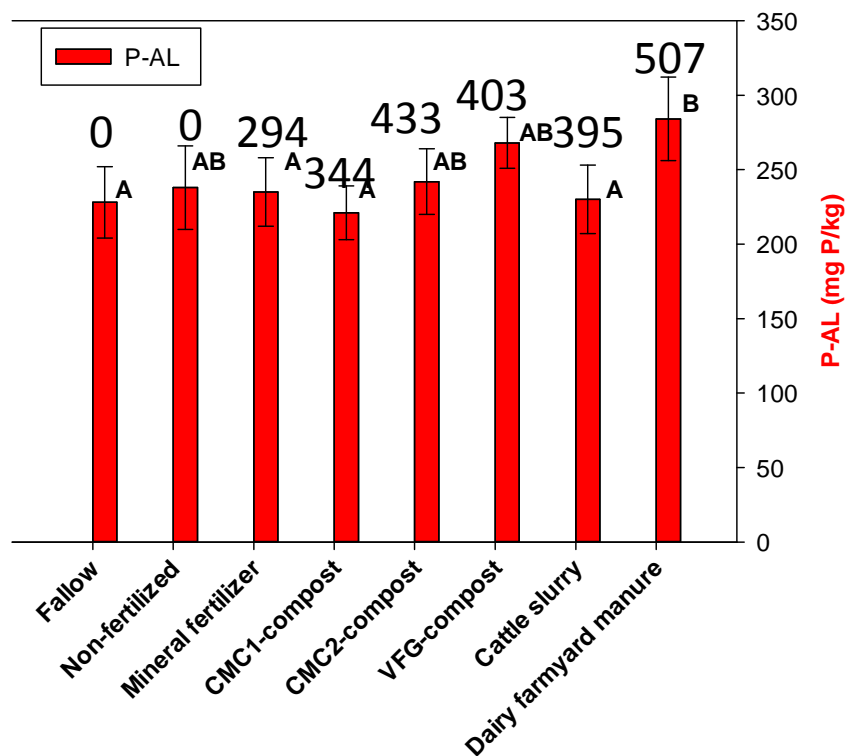
- composts (2)
- GWS-compost
- Farmyard manure
- N fertilizer



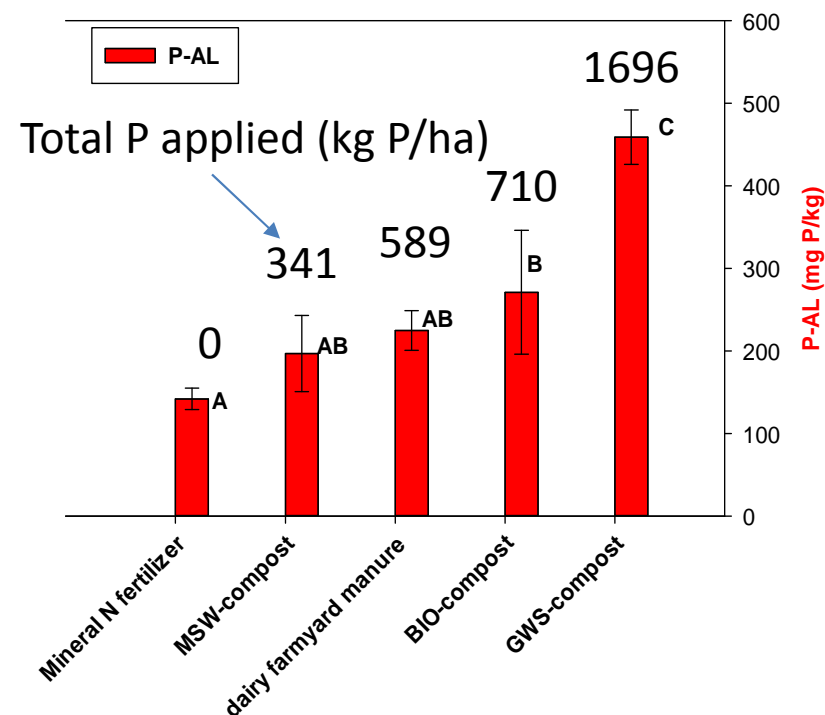
## P leaching equipment



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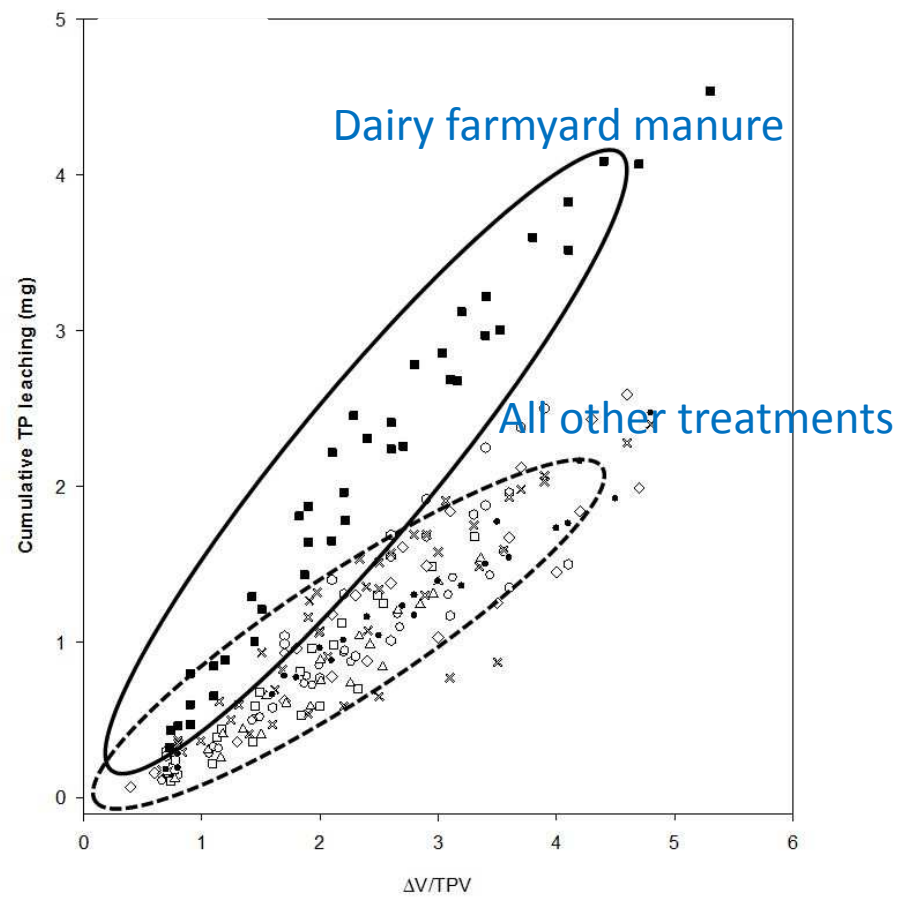
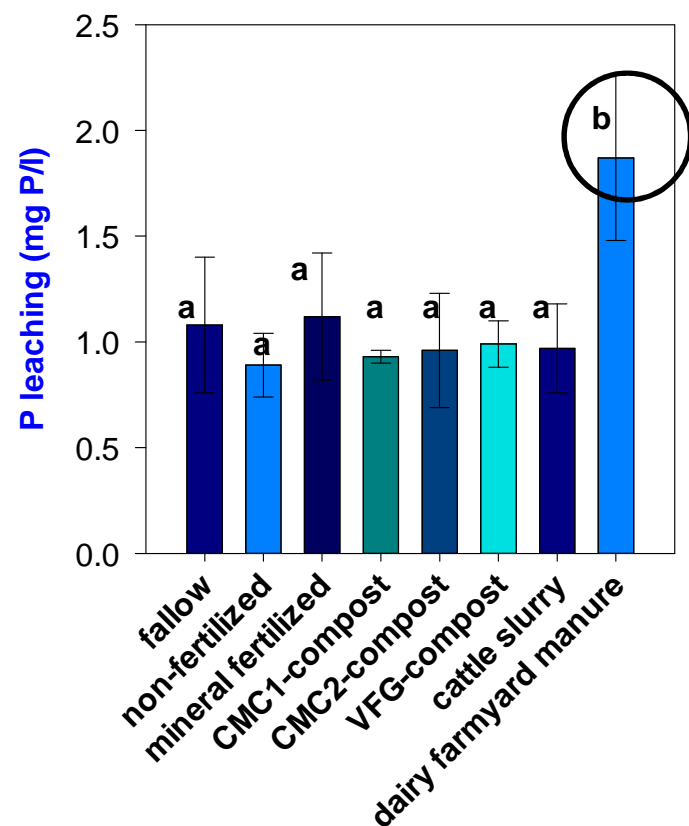


Qualiagro, FR



Soil P input and ammonium lactate extractable soil P (P-AL) for the amended soils

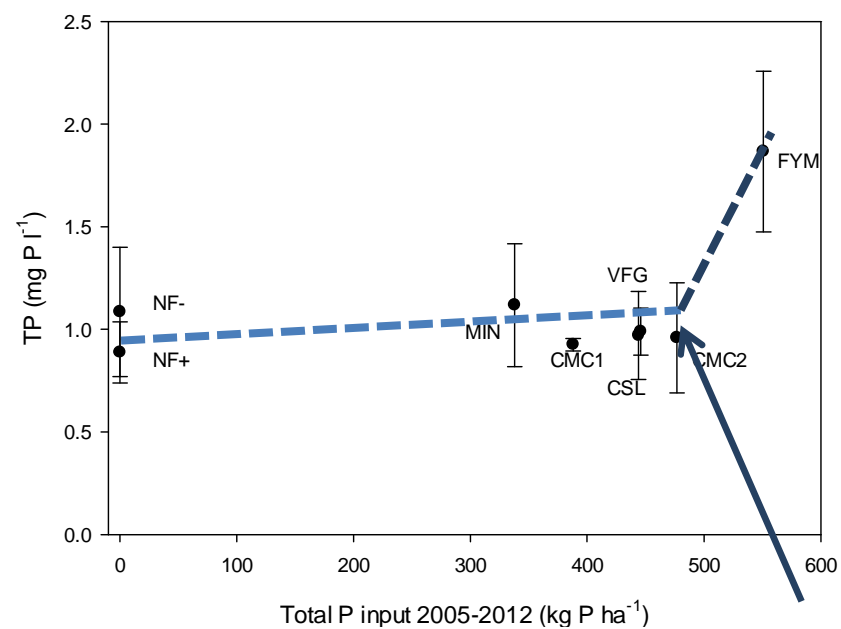
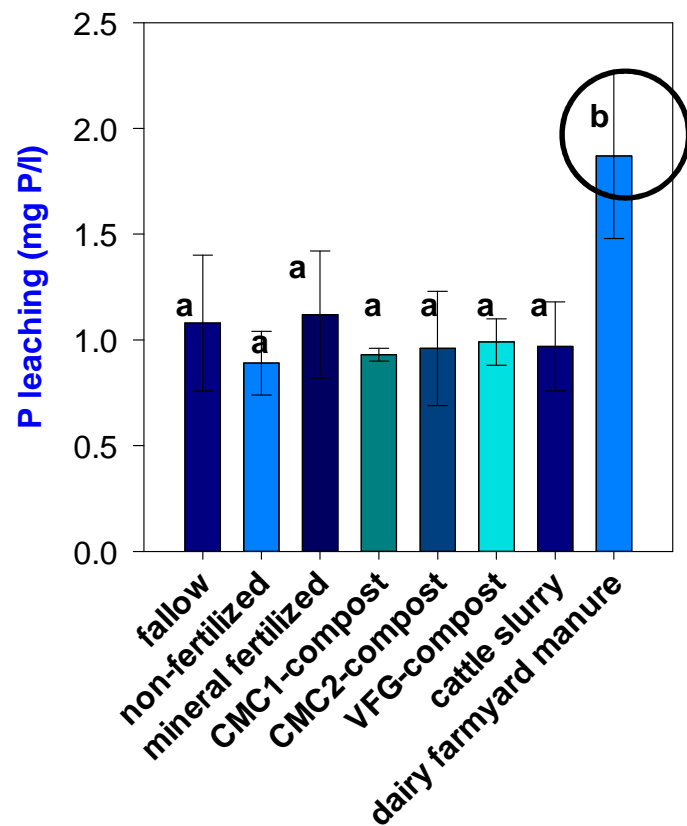
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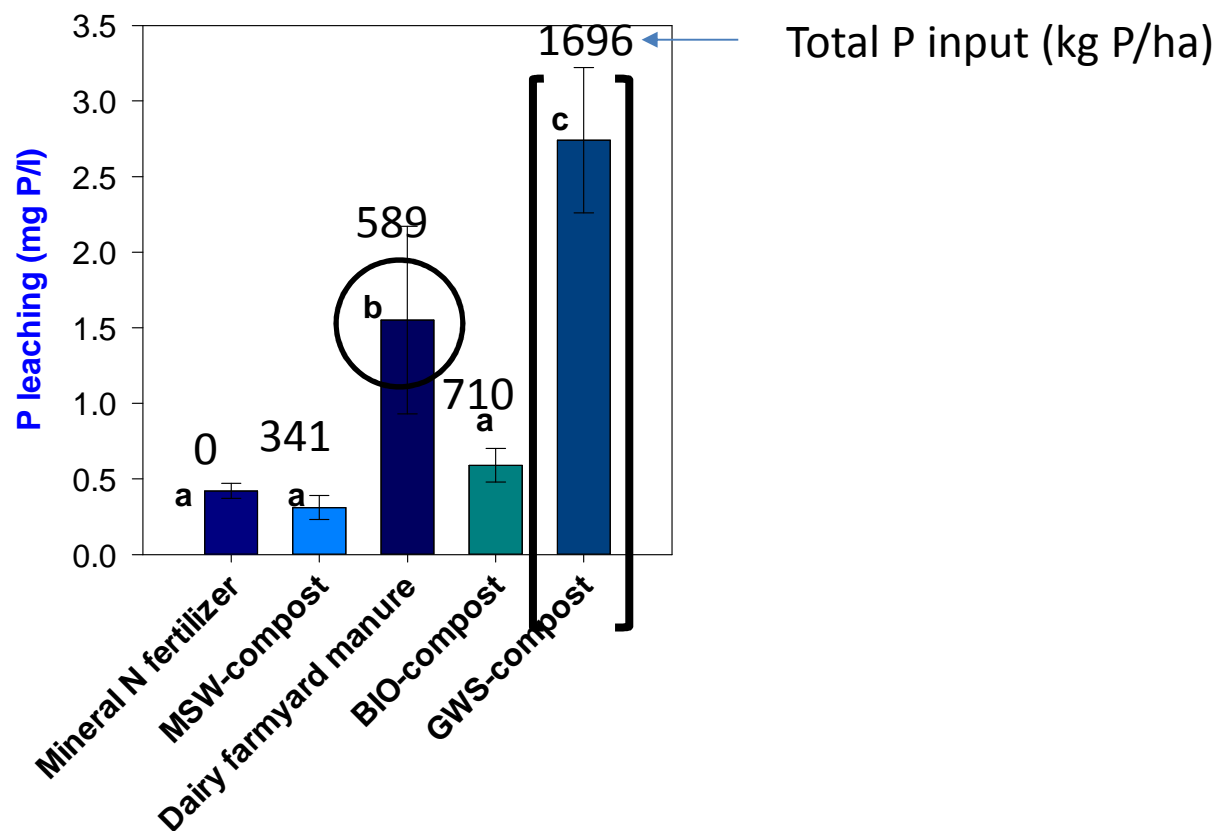
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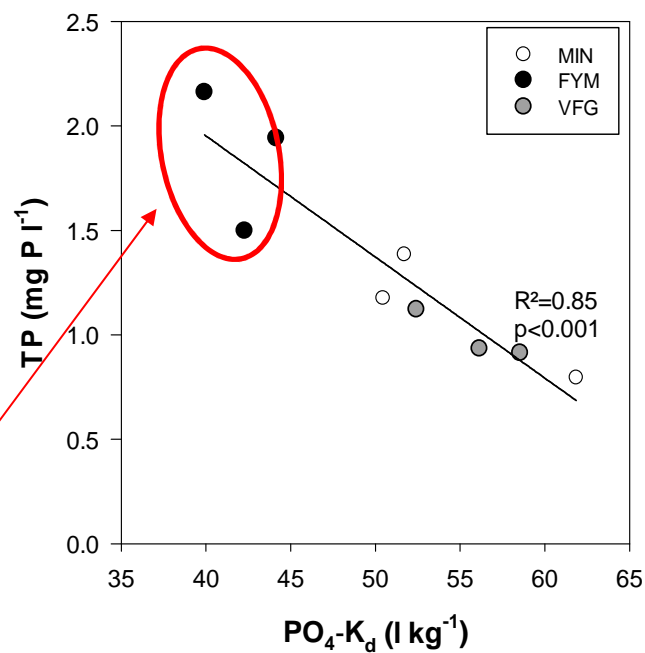
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Highest concentration of P per unit P input in leachates of FYM amended soils in French trial

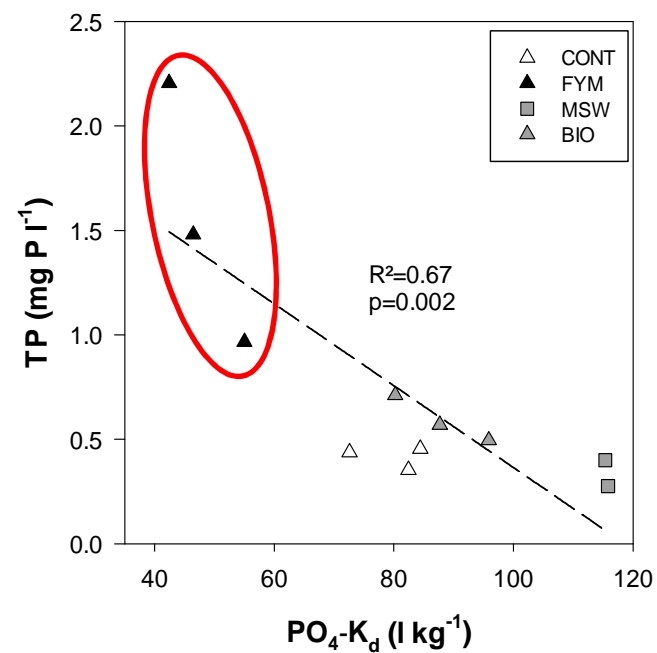
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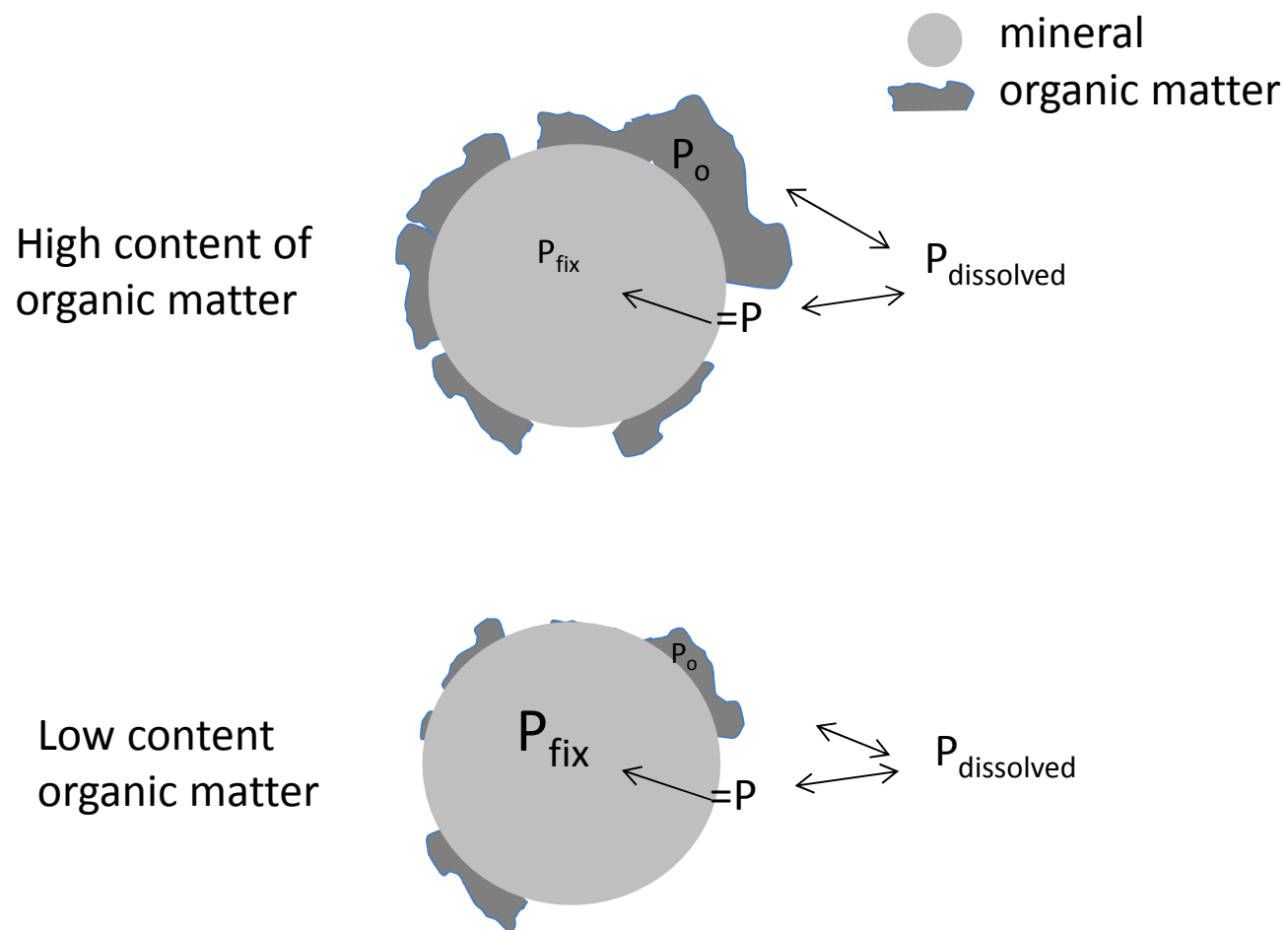
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FYM

Qualiagro, FR





## Lower available P required at higher % SOM

**Table 5.4** Effect of soil organic matter on the critical level of Olsen P for three arable crops grown on a silty clay loam soil, Rothamsted

Crop	Soil organic matter (%)	Yield at 95% of the asymptote (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Olsen P associated with the 95% yield (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Variance accounted for (%)
<b>Field experiments</b>				
Spring barley grain (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4	5.00	16	83
	1.5	4.45	45	46
Potato tubers (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4	44.7	17	89
	1.5	44.1	61	72
Sugar from sugar beet (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4	6.58	18	87
	1.5	6.56	32	61

*Johnston et al. 2014, Adv. Agron.*

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## The long term use of farmyard manure and compost: Effects on P availability, orthophosphate sorption strength and P leaching



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### ABSTRACT

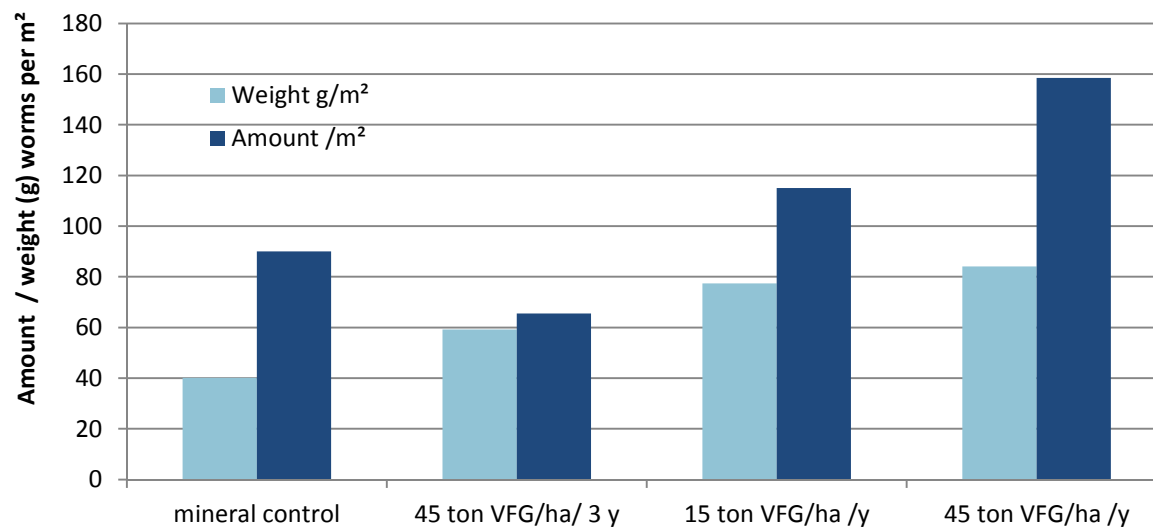
This study was set up to identify the role of dairy farmyard manure and green waste or farm compost used as a source of stable organic matter on soil P availability and P leaching. We sampled two long term field trials (8 and 16 years) on silt loam soil, with continuous amendment of dairy farmyard manure (FYM) and 6 types of organic waste (VFG, BIO), municipal solid waste (MSW), sludge (GWS) or organic farm waste (CMC1, CMC2) composts. Soil P availability was measured as 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable P (P-CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and hot water extractable P (HWP) and fresh subsamples were used to conduct a leaching experiment in

# Conclusions

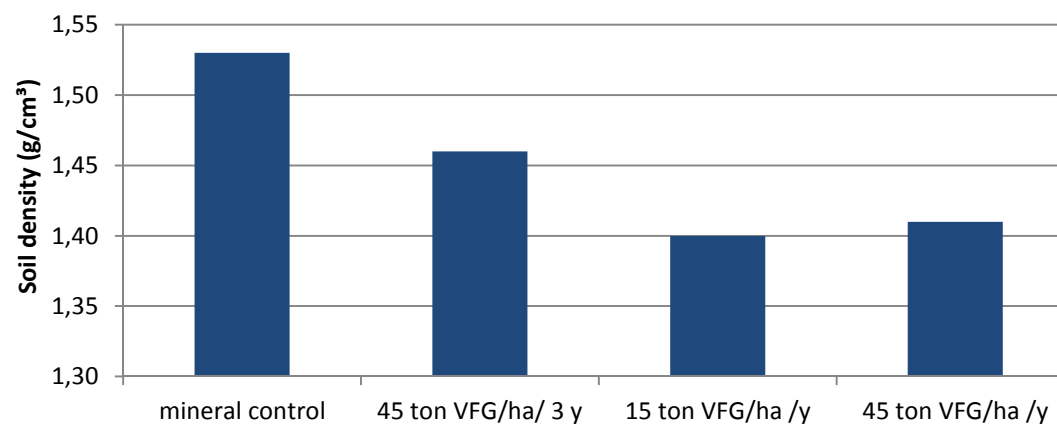


- Dose dependent retention of carbon in organic amended soils needs further attention
- Higher P availability (chemical/bioavailability) at equivalent P input of organic versus mineral P is yet unexplained and may have consequences for efficient mining of soil P

# Soil Physical and Biological Effects

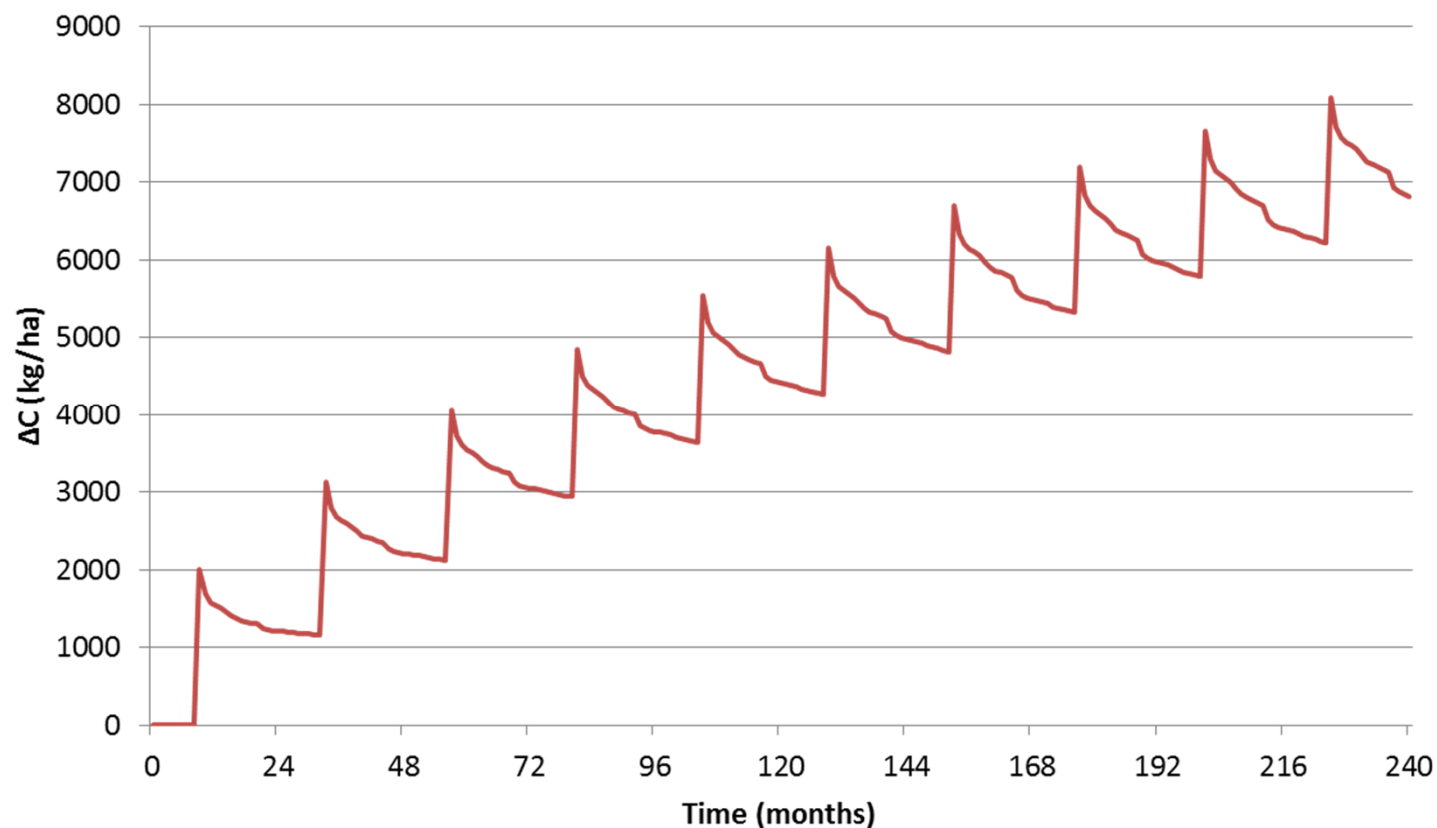


(Jülich, Institute of bio- and geosciences)





## Roth-C Simulation under Standardized Temperate Climate

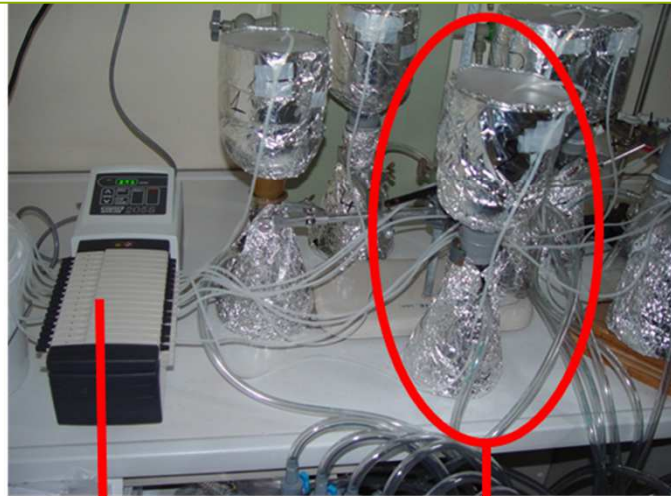


Carbon increase over 20y under standardized temperate climate and 2 Mg compost amendment every 2 years: 0.36 Mg/y

# Research methods



Pressure gauge

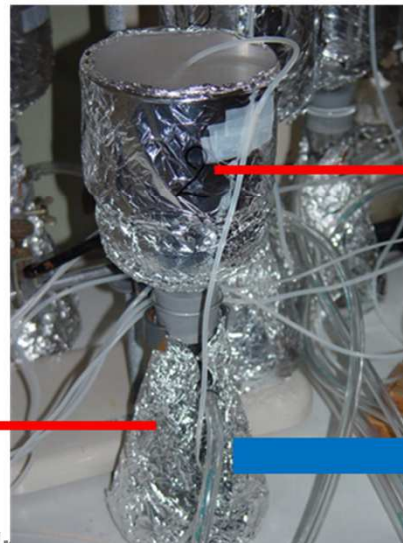


Peristaltic pump



Pressure vessel

Vacuum pump

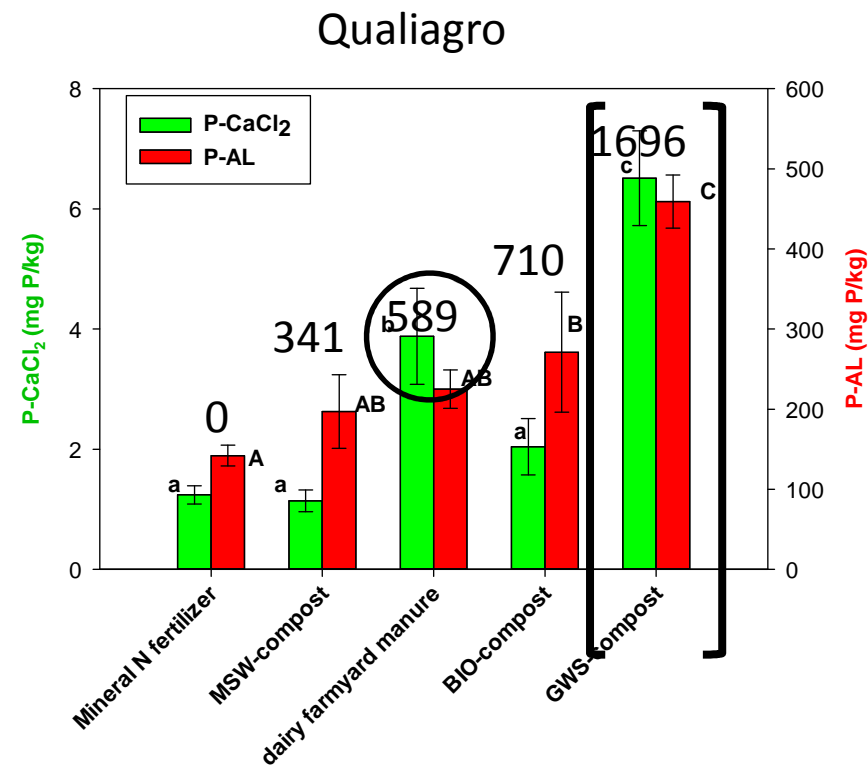
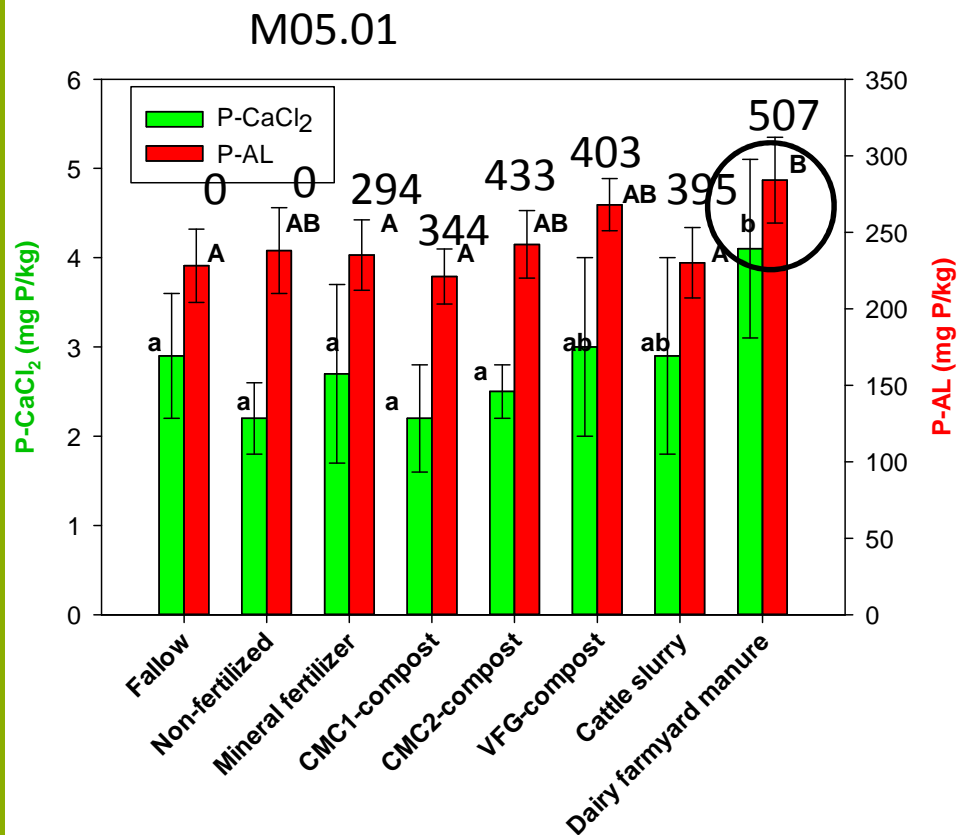


Soil column

Suction bottle

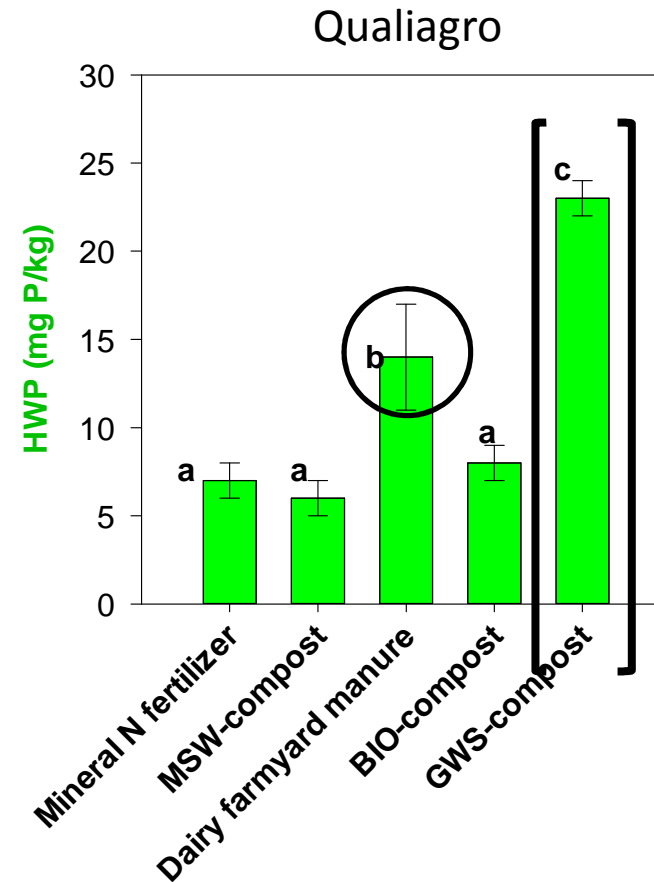
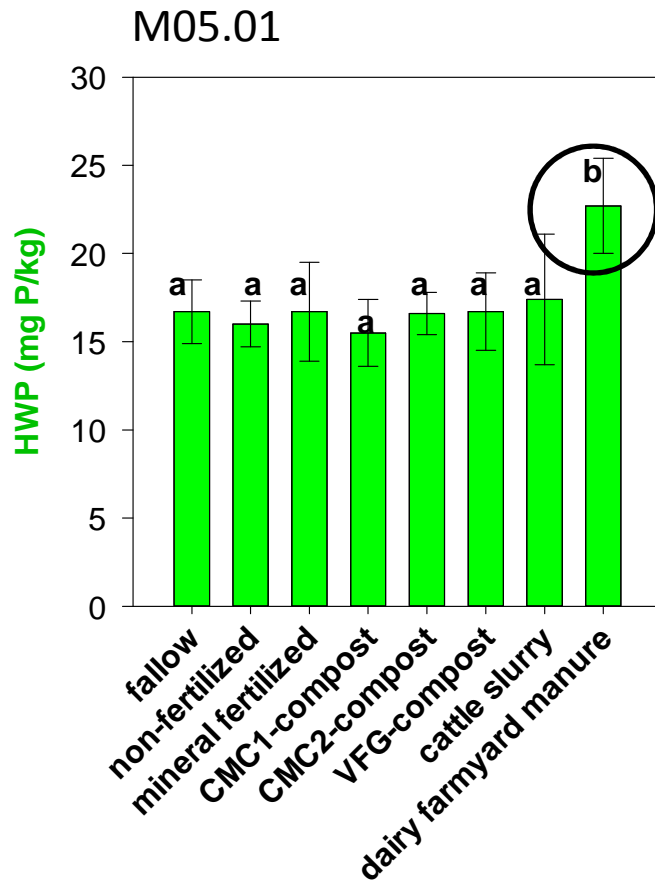
Water sample

# Results



P-CaCl<sub>2</sub> is different for composts and farmyard manure

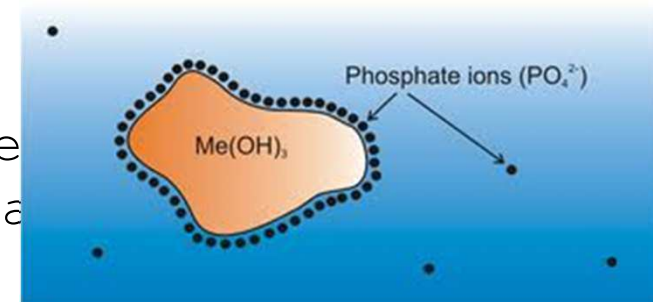
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HWP determines even more than  $P\text{-CaCl}_2$  the increased soil P availability in farmyard manure than in compost amended soils

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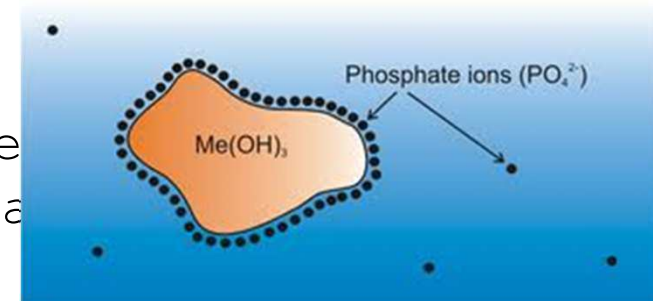


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