

# Microplastics in the Terrestrial Environment

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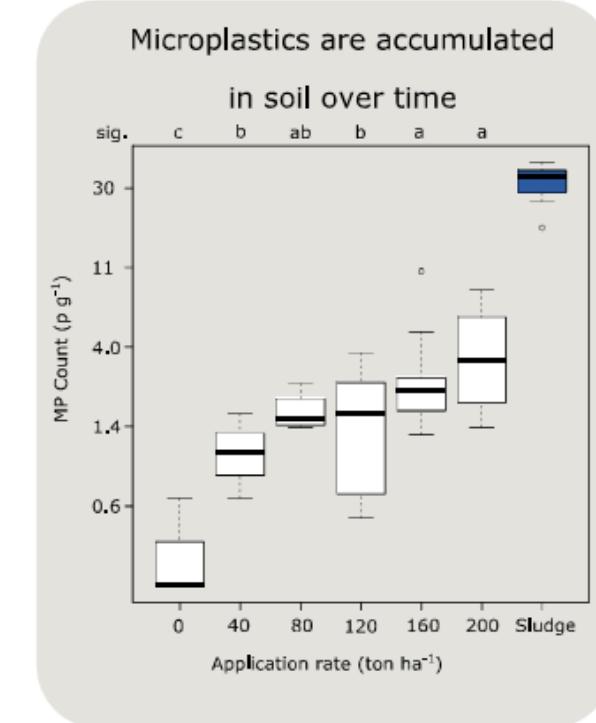
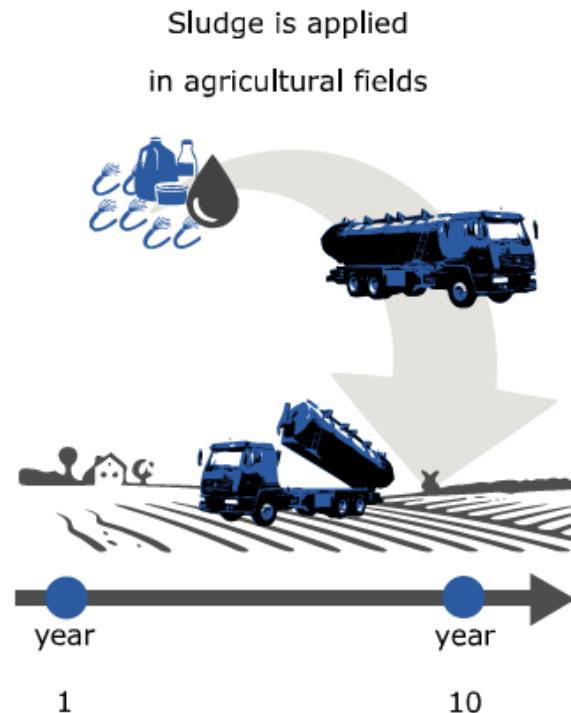
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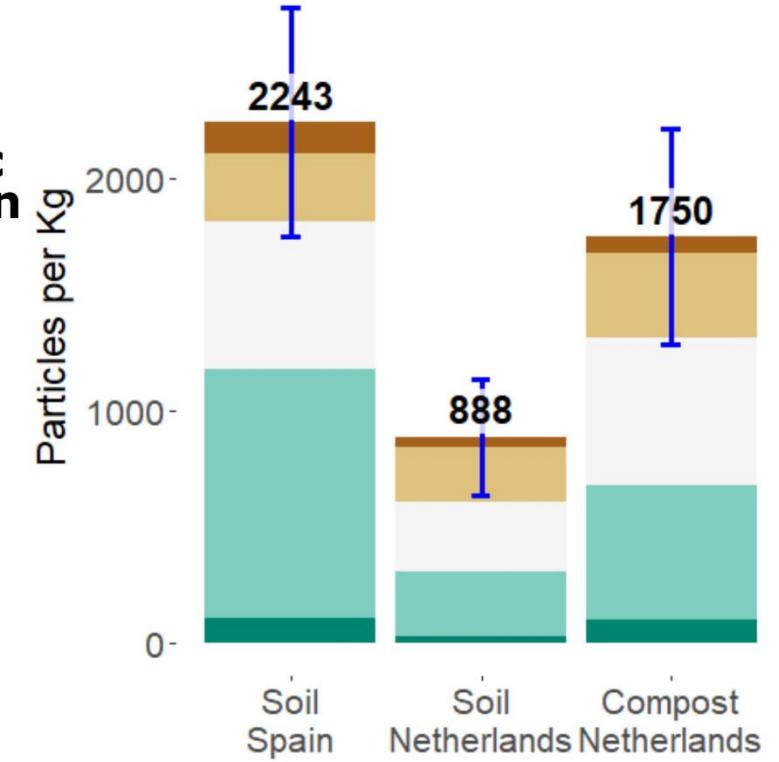
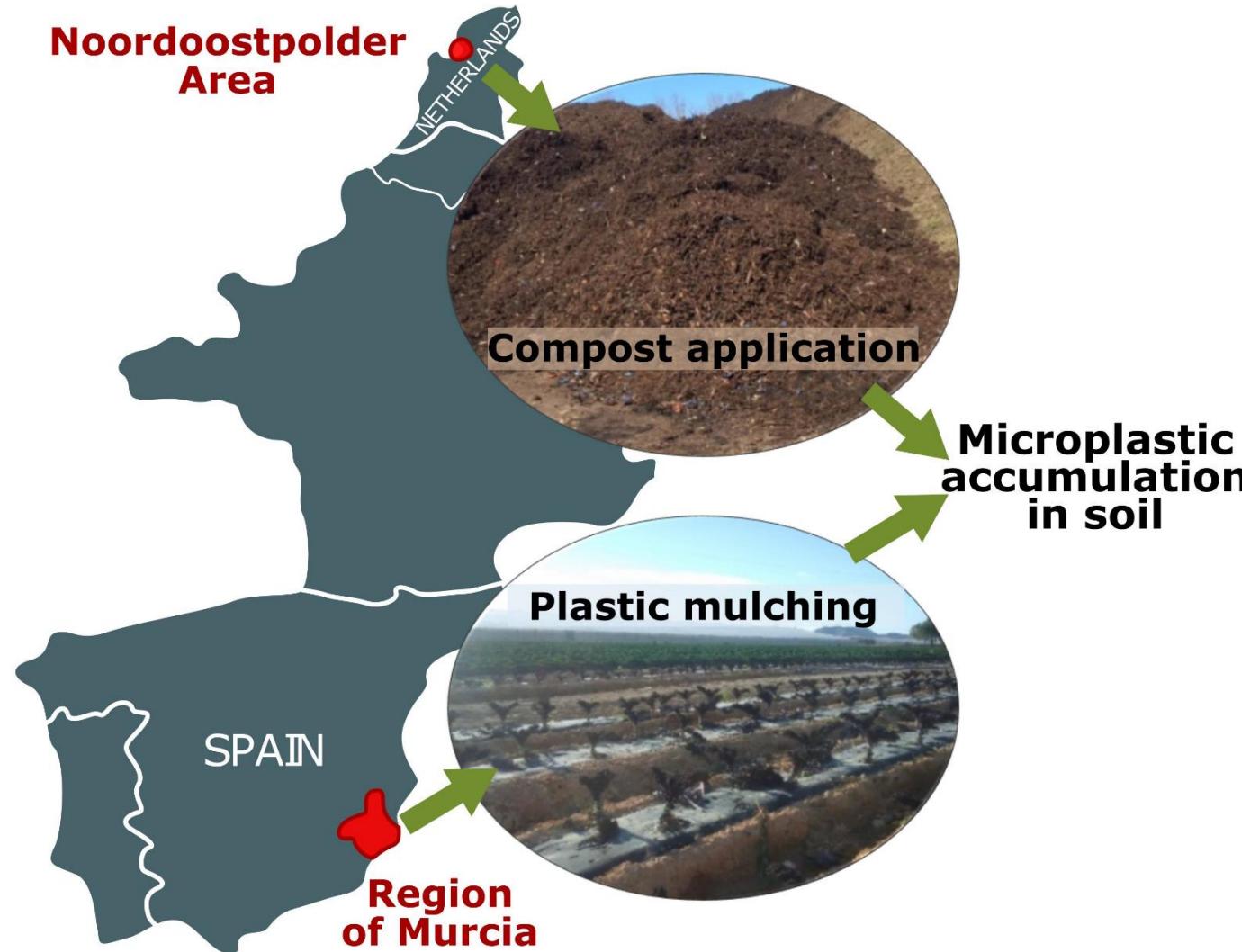
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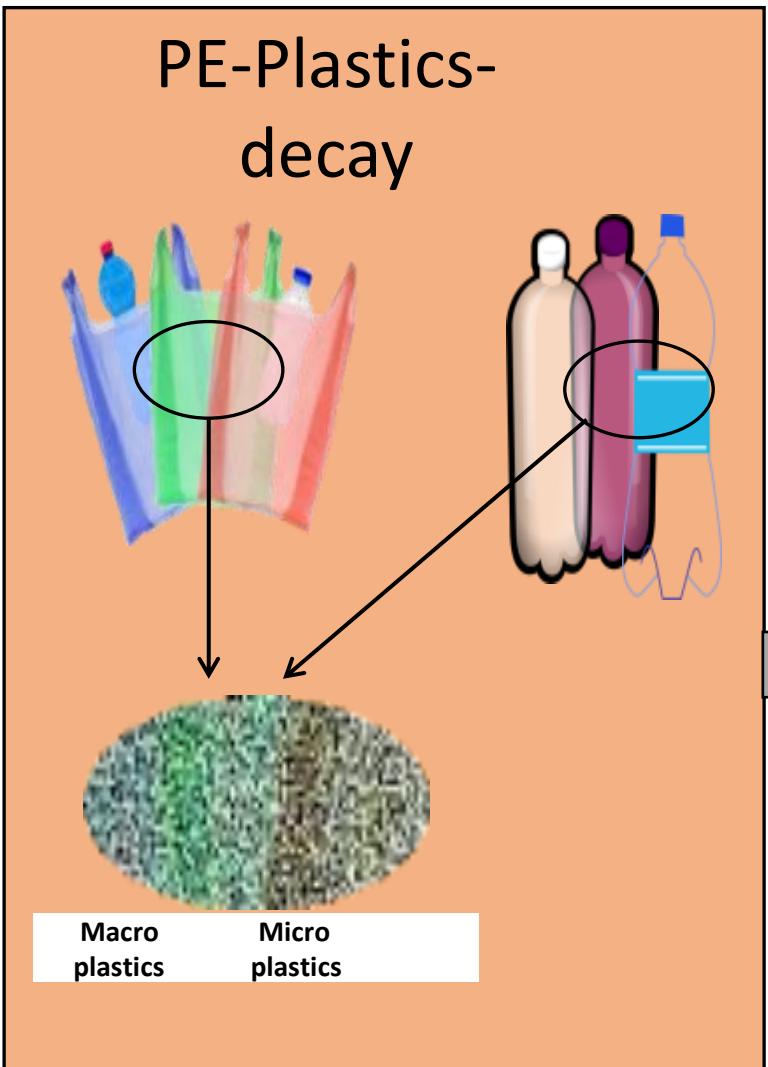
*Corradini et al. 2019*

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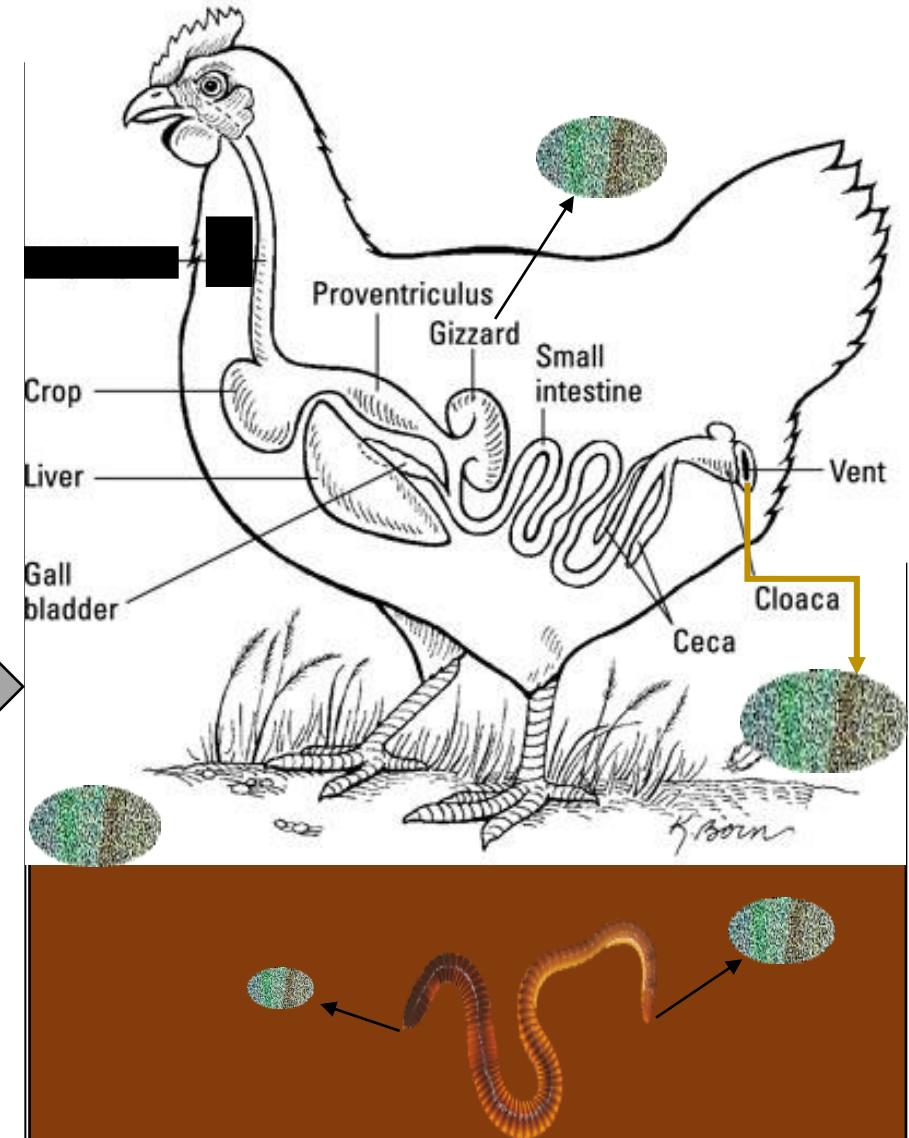


van Schothorst et al. 2021

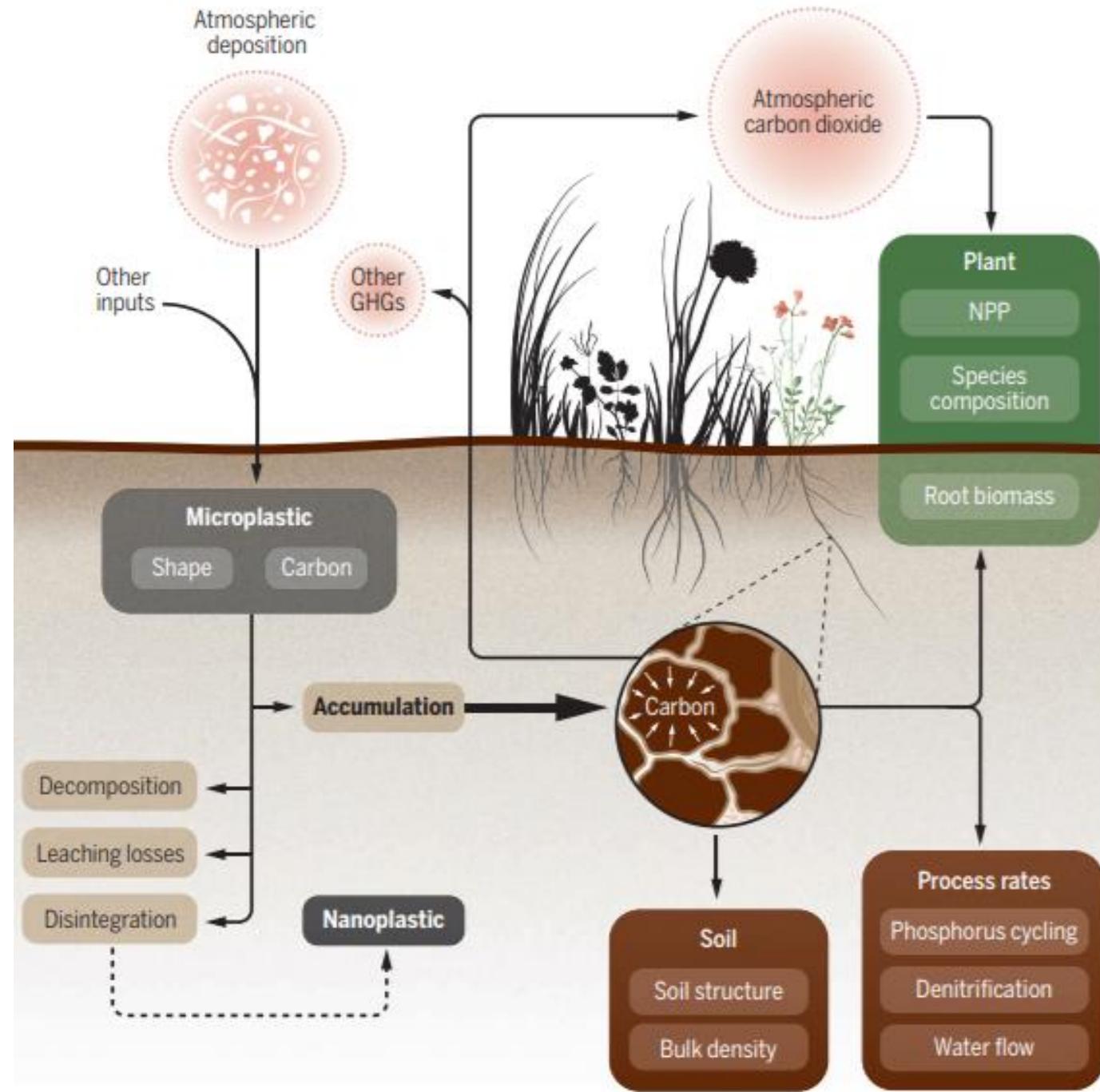
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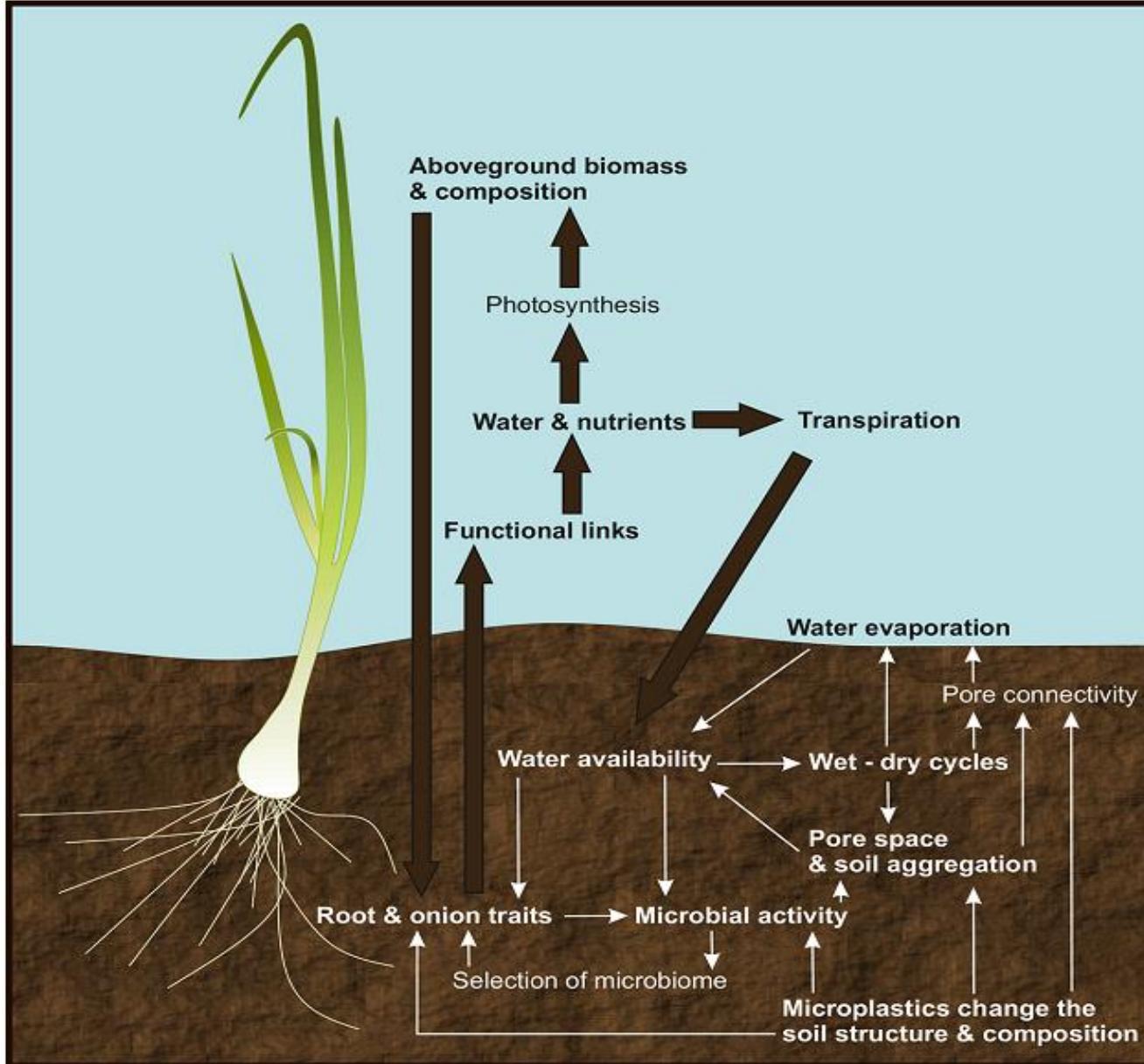
Burn  
plastics



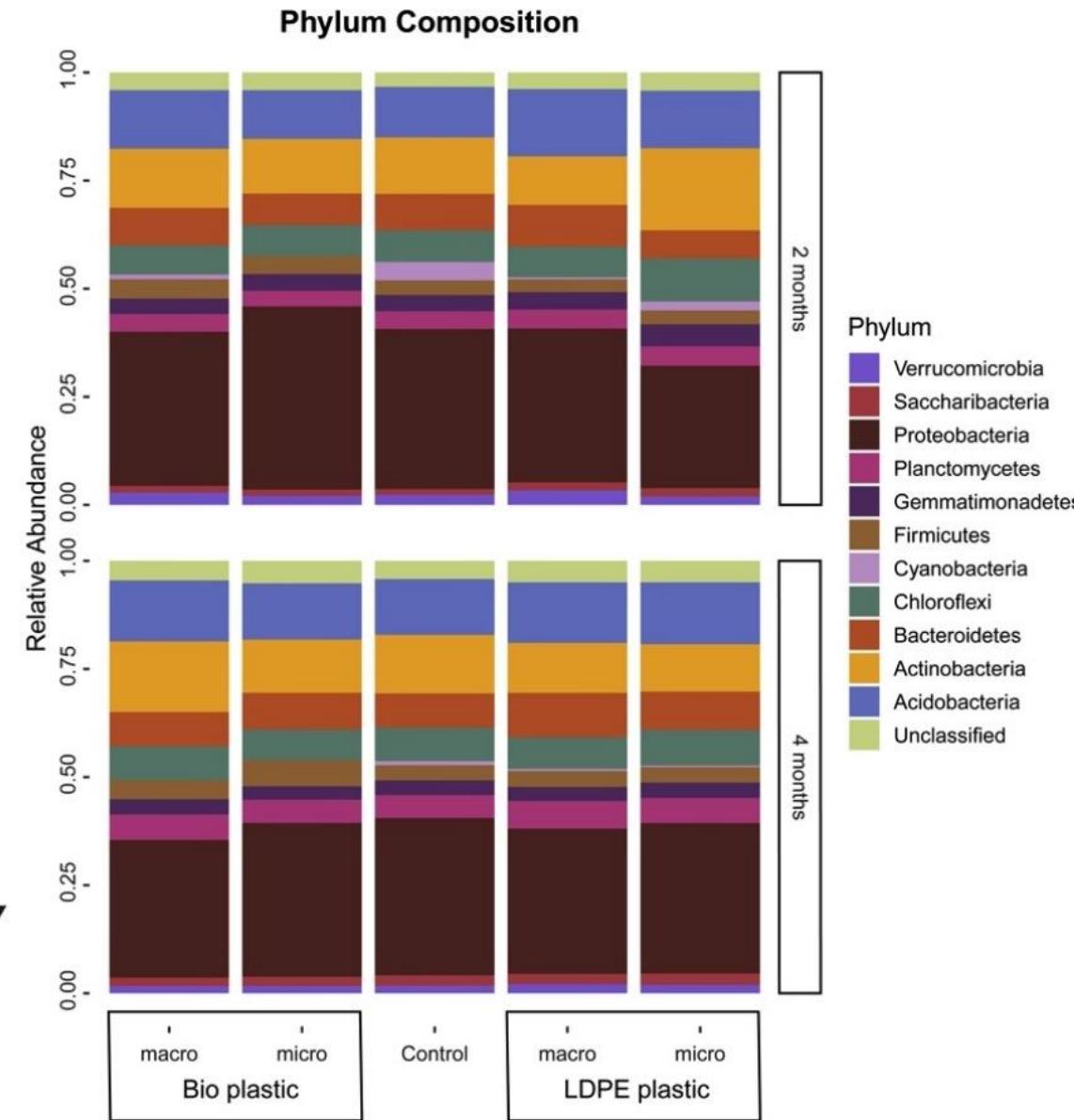
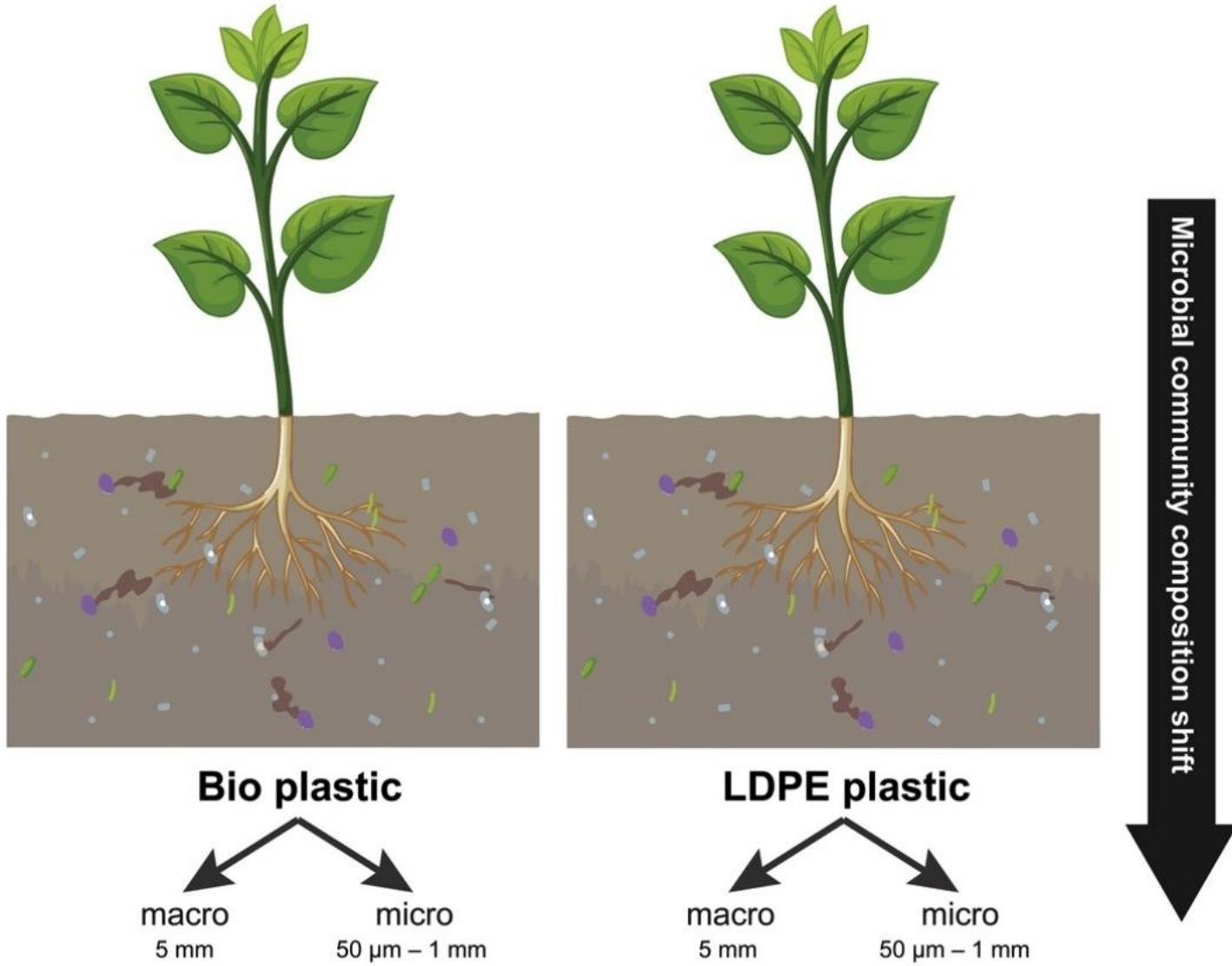
Huerta Lwanga et al. 2017



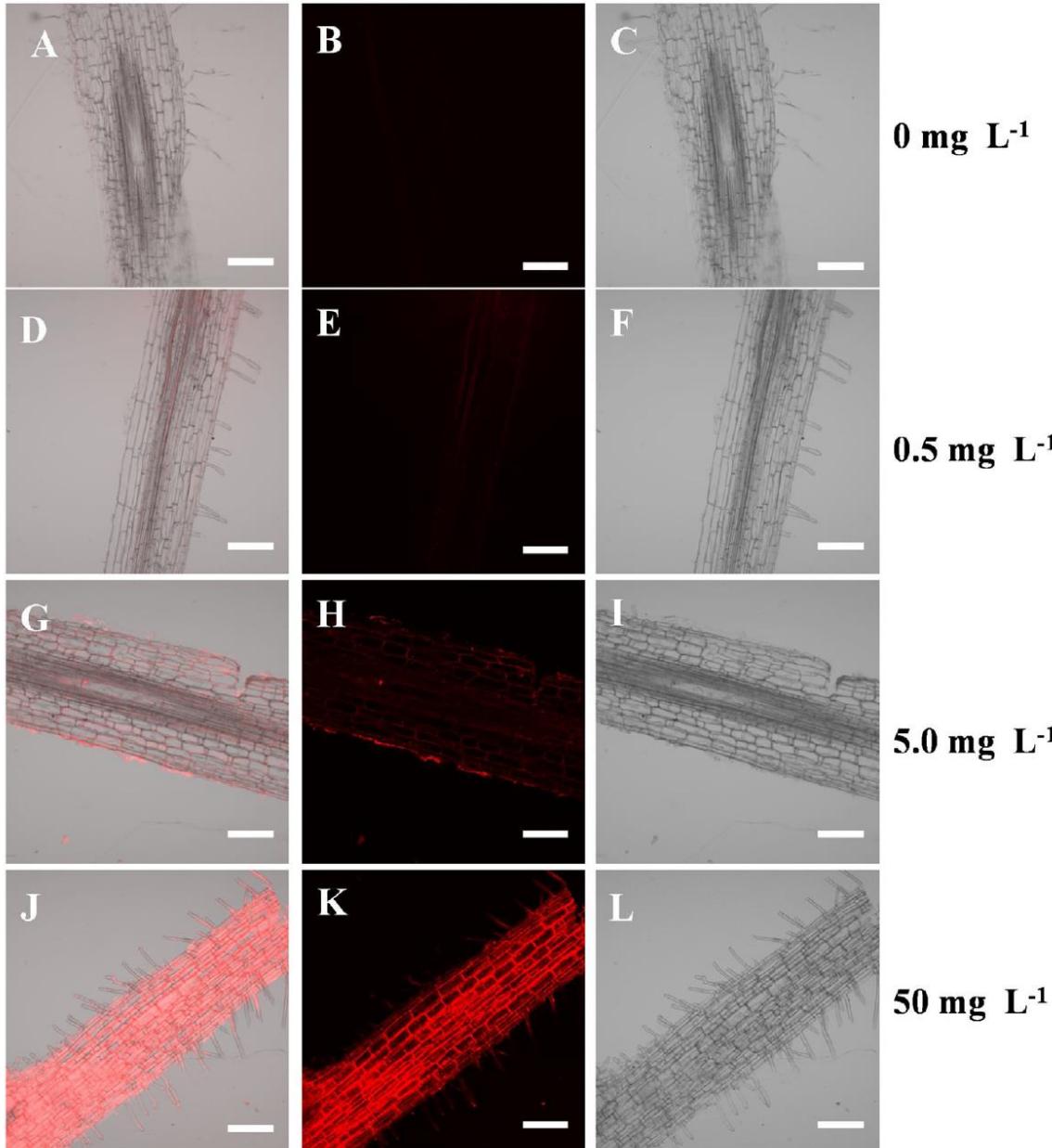
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# Microplastics Impact on plant roots

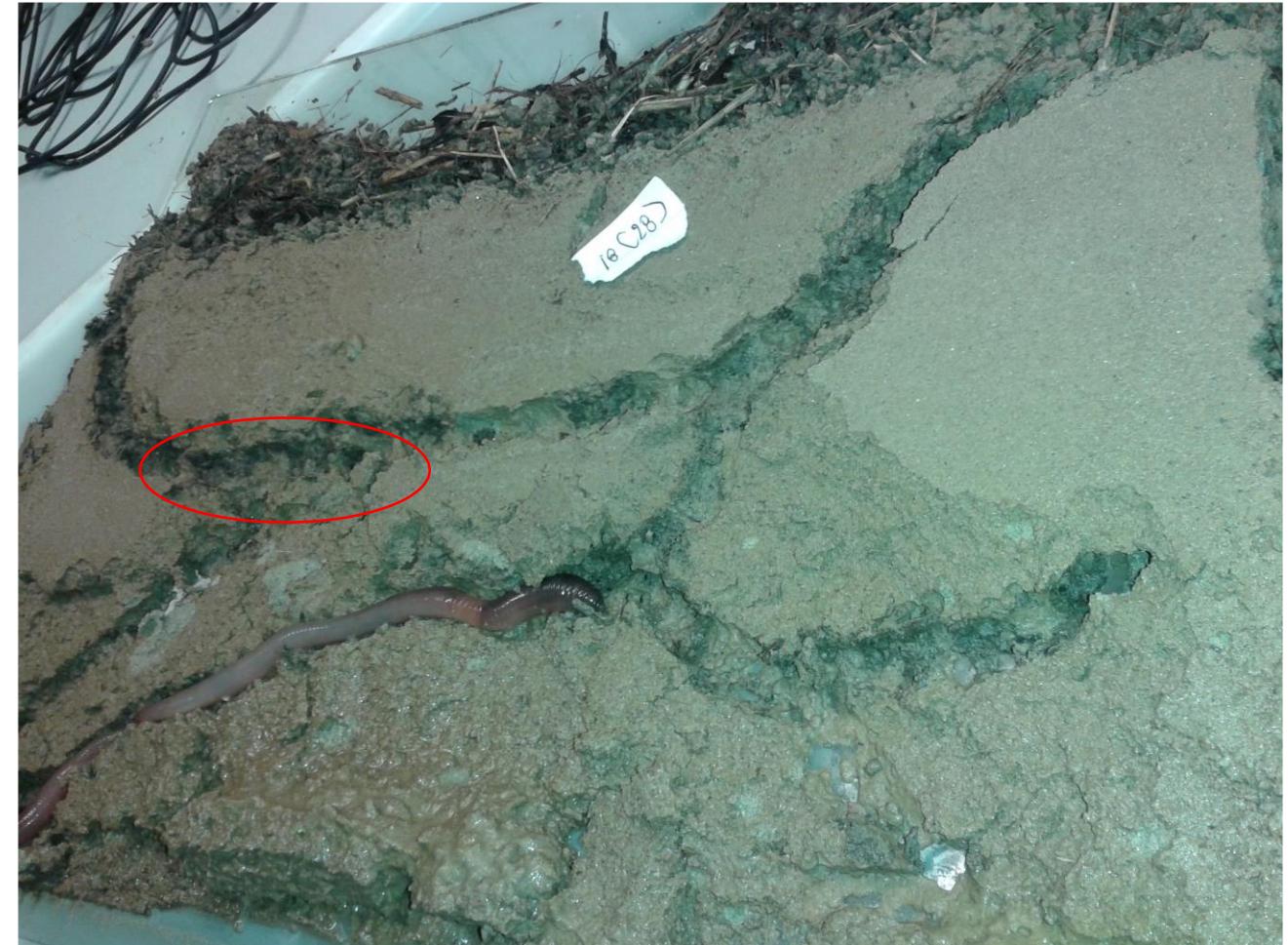


Accumulation of plastic  
beads in wheat roots,  
*Li et al. 2020*

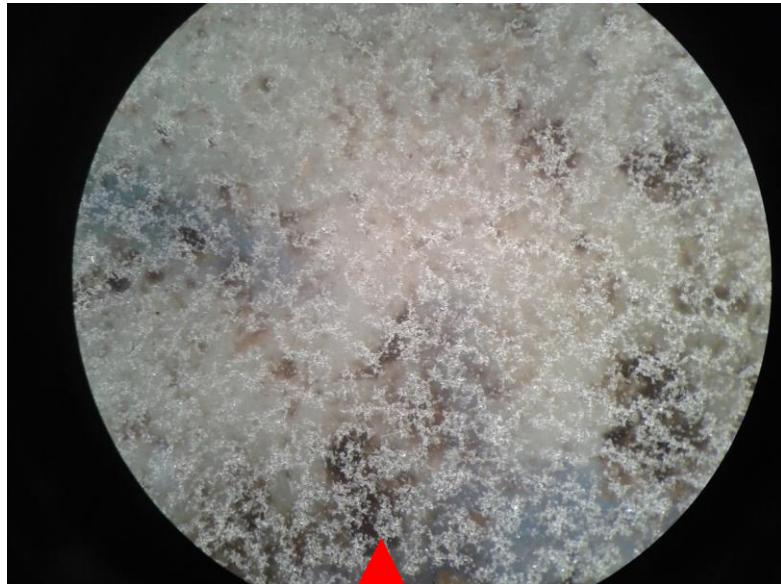
# Impact on soil invertebrates



*Huerta Lwanga et al. 2016  
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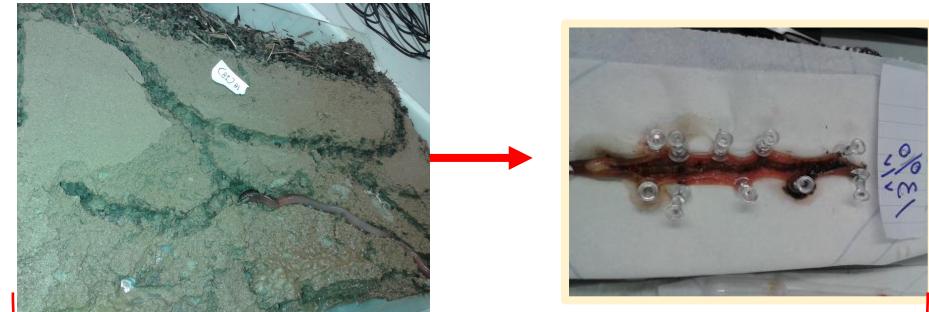


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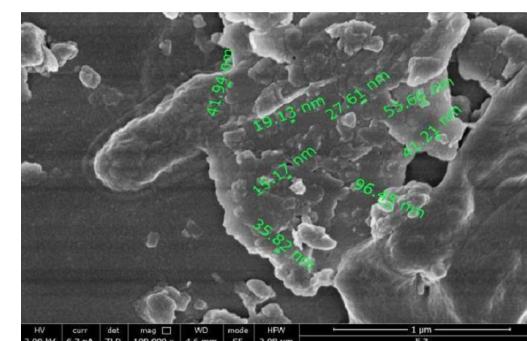
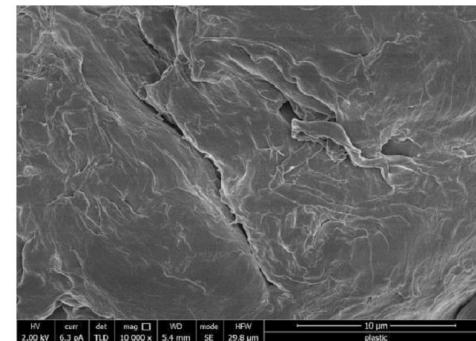


Microplastics in casts in *L. terrestris*

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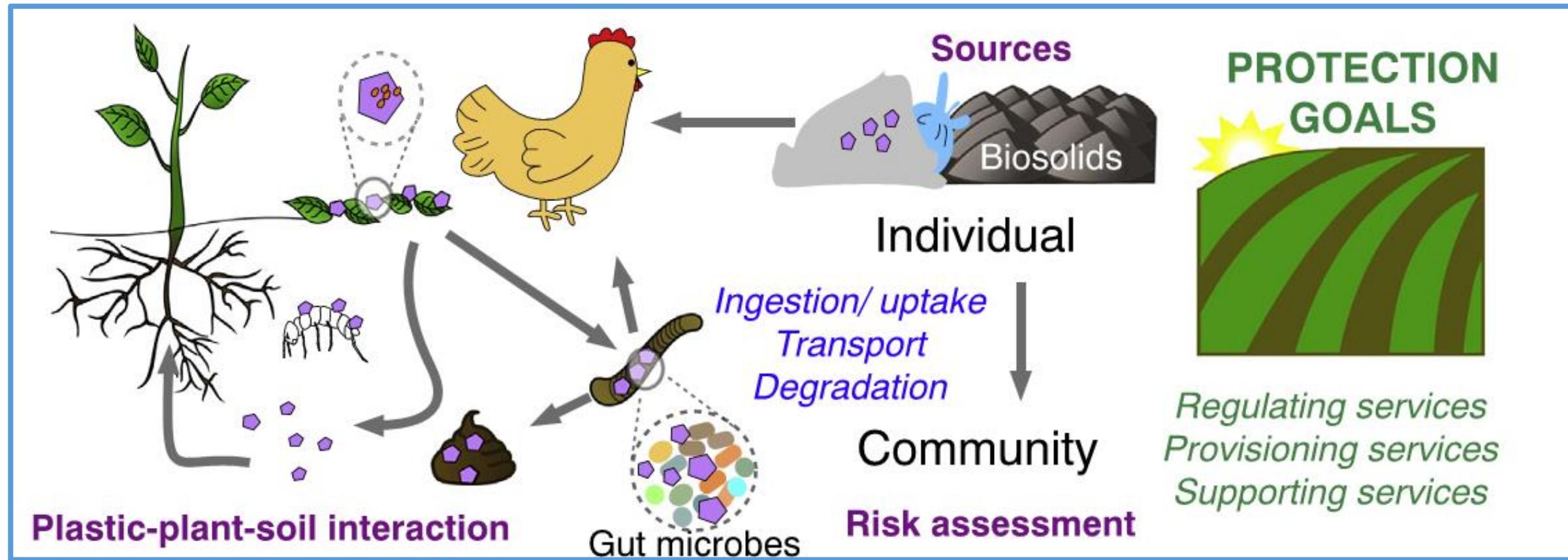
Use of the consortium: 60% LDPE degradation



Huerta Lwanga et al 2018

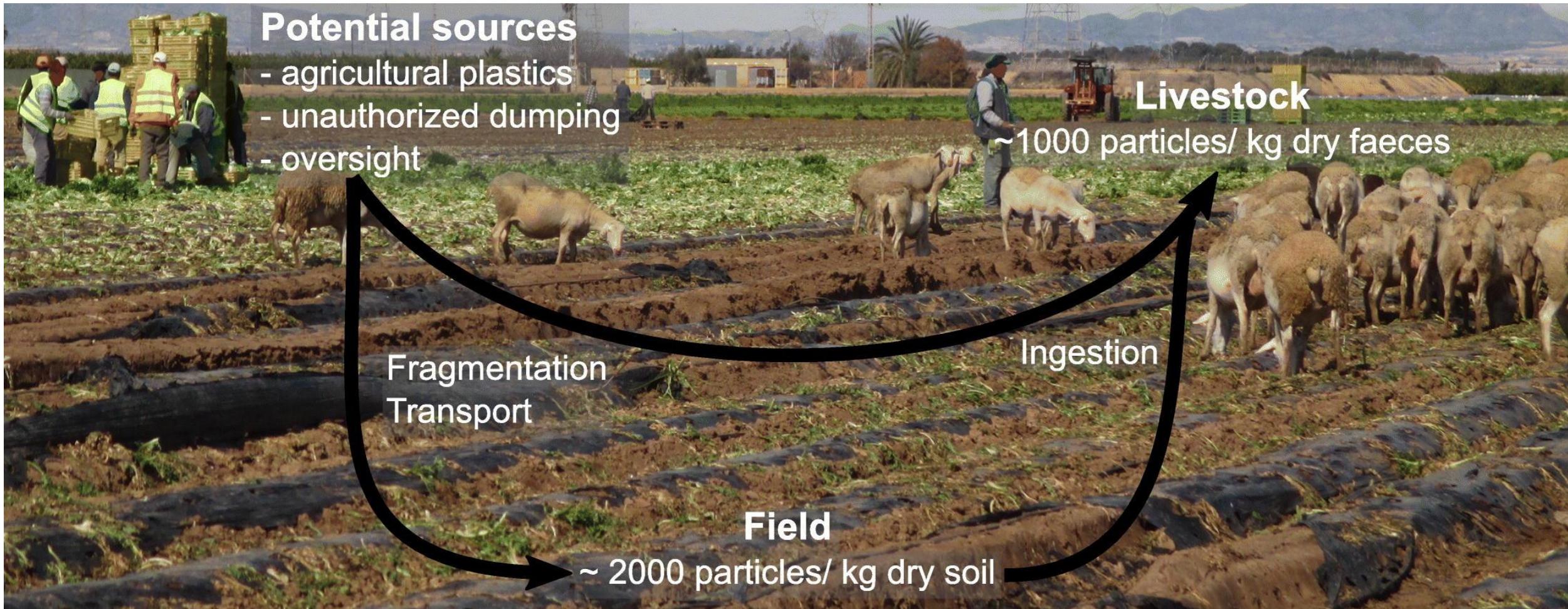
Presence of nanoplastics

# Microplastics flow along the terrestrial food chain



Ee Ling et al. 2018

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Beriot et al. 2021



The MINAGRIS project will assess the impact of plastic debris in agricultural soils on biodiversity, plant productivity and ecosystem services and their transport and degradation in the environment. We will provide tools and recommendations for sustainable use of plastic in agriculture at the farm and field levels for ensuring safe and economically viable food systems in Europe.

Working together

<http://minagris.eu/>



Team work!

Thank you!!

