

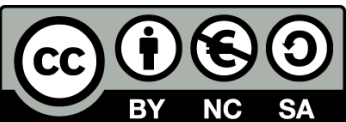


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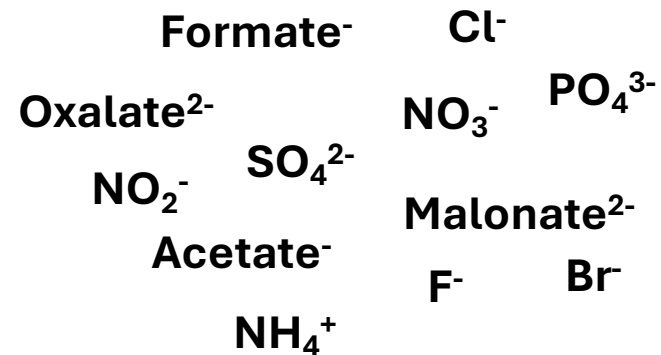
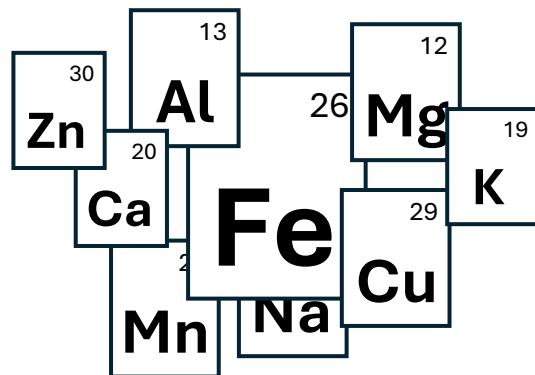


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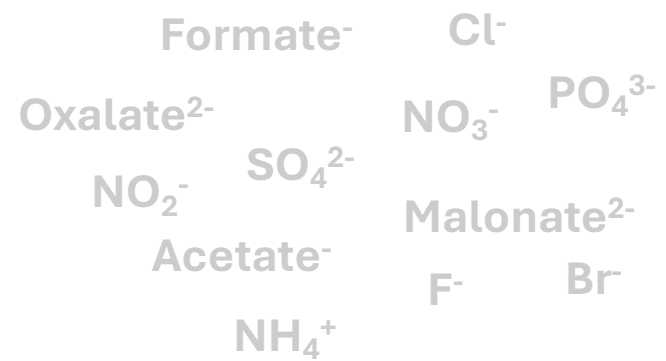
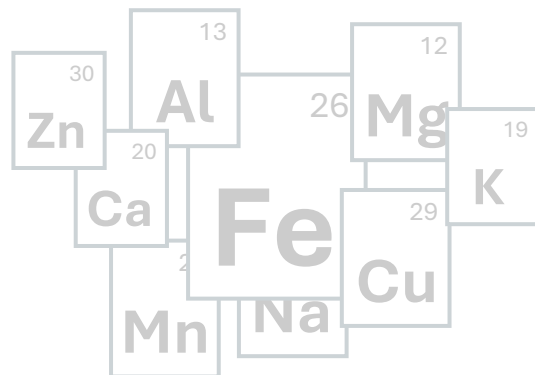
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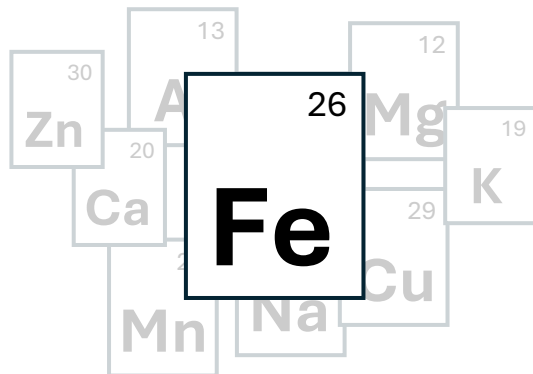
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Formate<sup>-</sup>

Cl<sup>-</sup>

Oxalate<sup>2-</sup>

NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>

NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>

SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>

Malonate<sup>2-</sup>

Acetate<sup>-</sup>

F<sup>-</sup>

Br<sup>-</sup>

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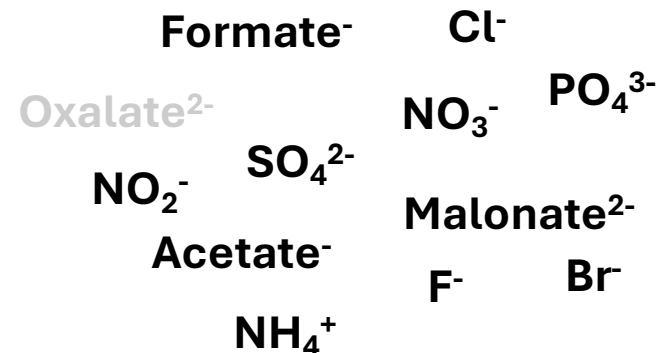
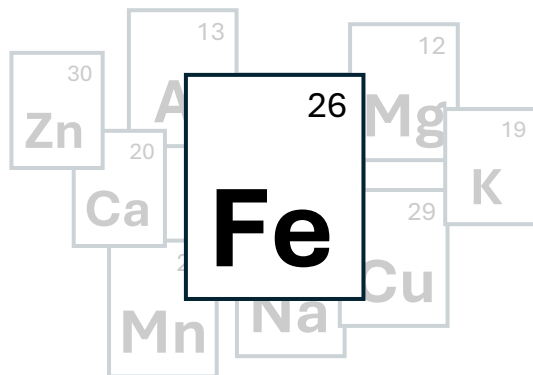
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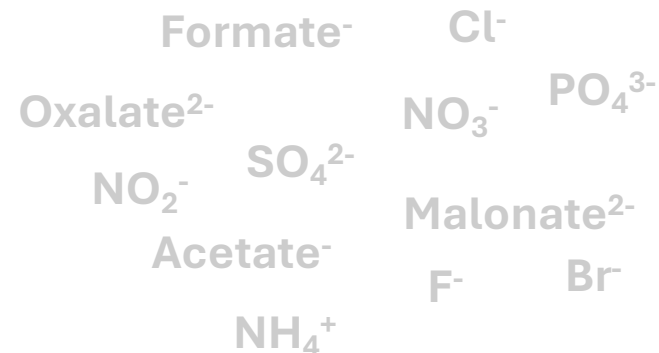
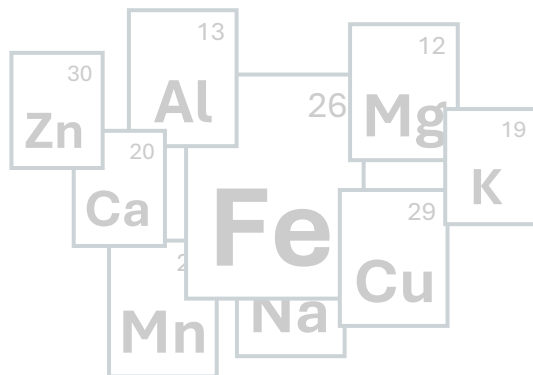
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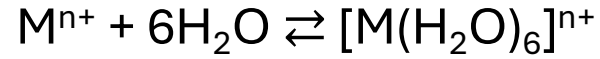
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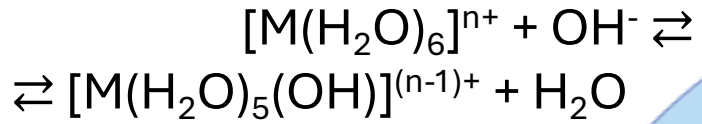
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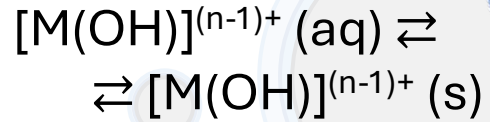
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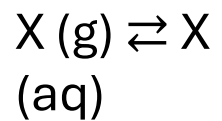
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## 3. Precipitation



## 4. Air-Liquid exchange



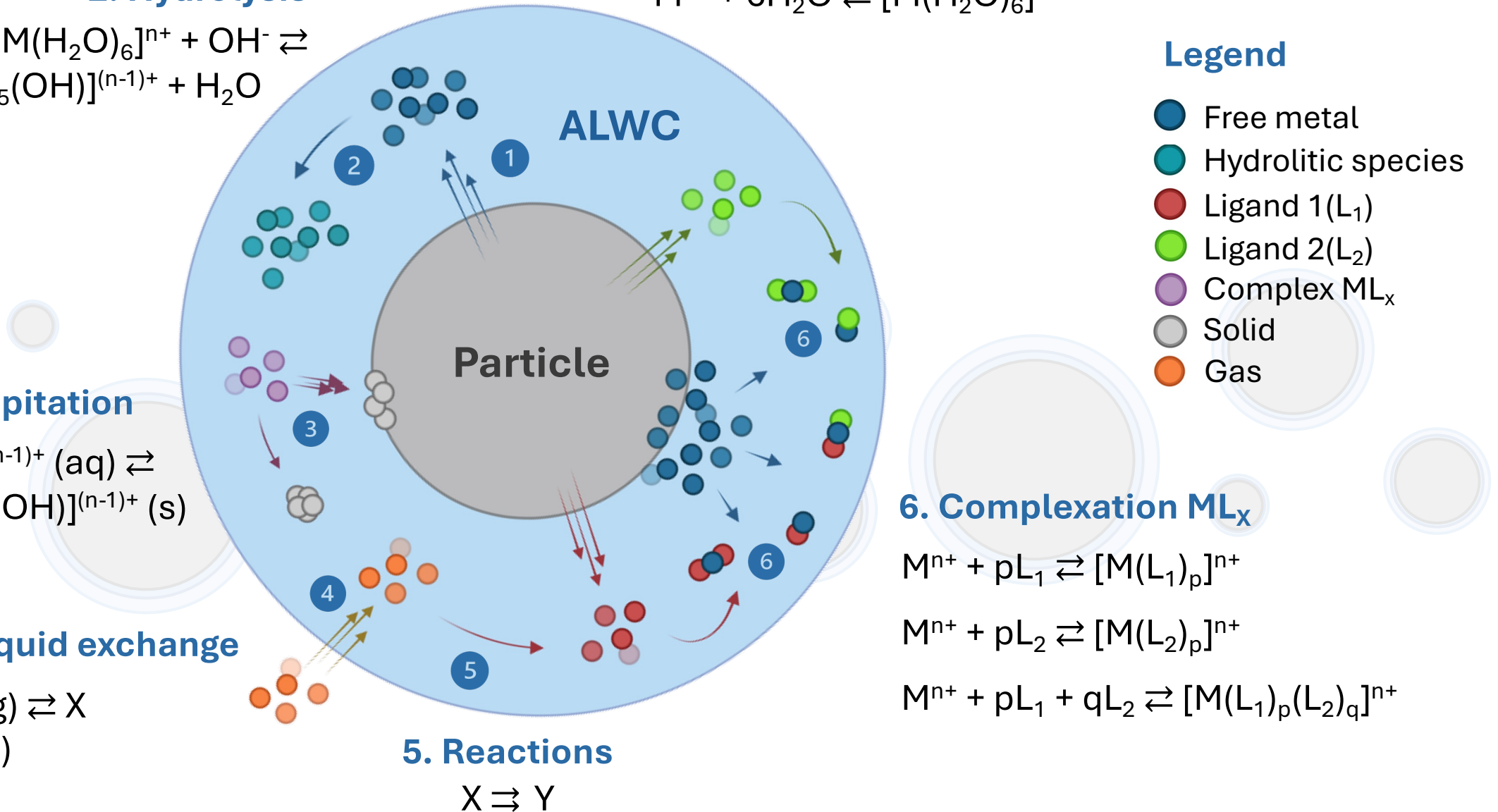
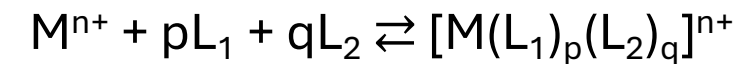
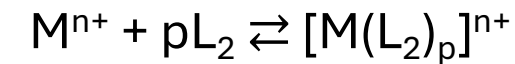
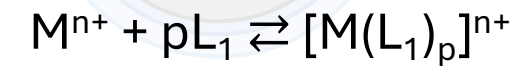
## 5. Reactions



## Legend

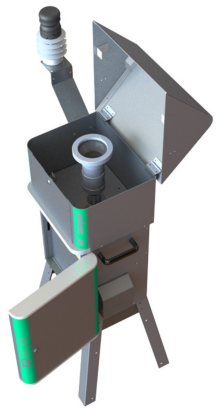
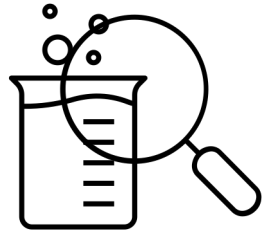
- Free metal
- Hydrolytic species
- Ligand 1(L<sub>1</sub>)
- Ligand 2(L<sub>2</sub>)
- Complex ML<sub>x</sub>
- Solid
- Gas

## 6. Complexation ML<sub>x</sub>



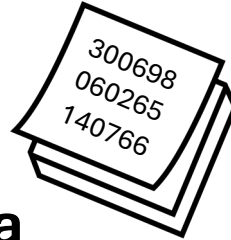
# Workflow

**Sample treatment  
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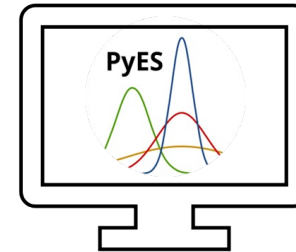
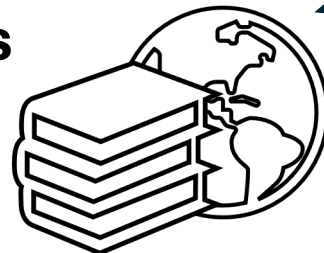


**Sampling**

**Data  
treatment**

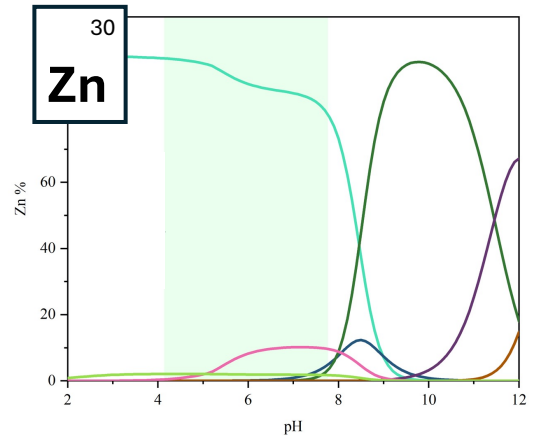


**Constants  
Database**



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**Speciation**



**Distribution  
Diagram**



# Sampling campaign

29 PM<sub>10</sub> samples were collected during 2012 on 90 mm PTFE filters

21/04/2012 → 8/09/2012

Tecora ECHO PM

High volume aerosol sampler

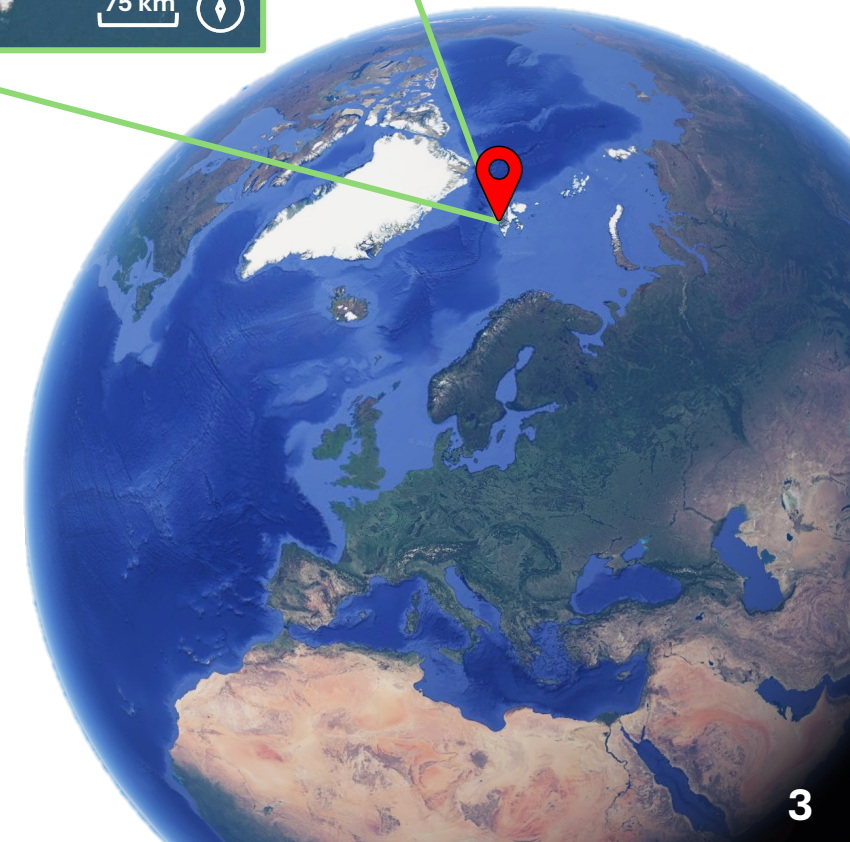
Sampling time ~ 4 days

Sampling flux ~ 200 l min<sup>-1</sup>

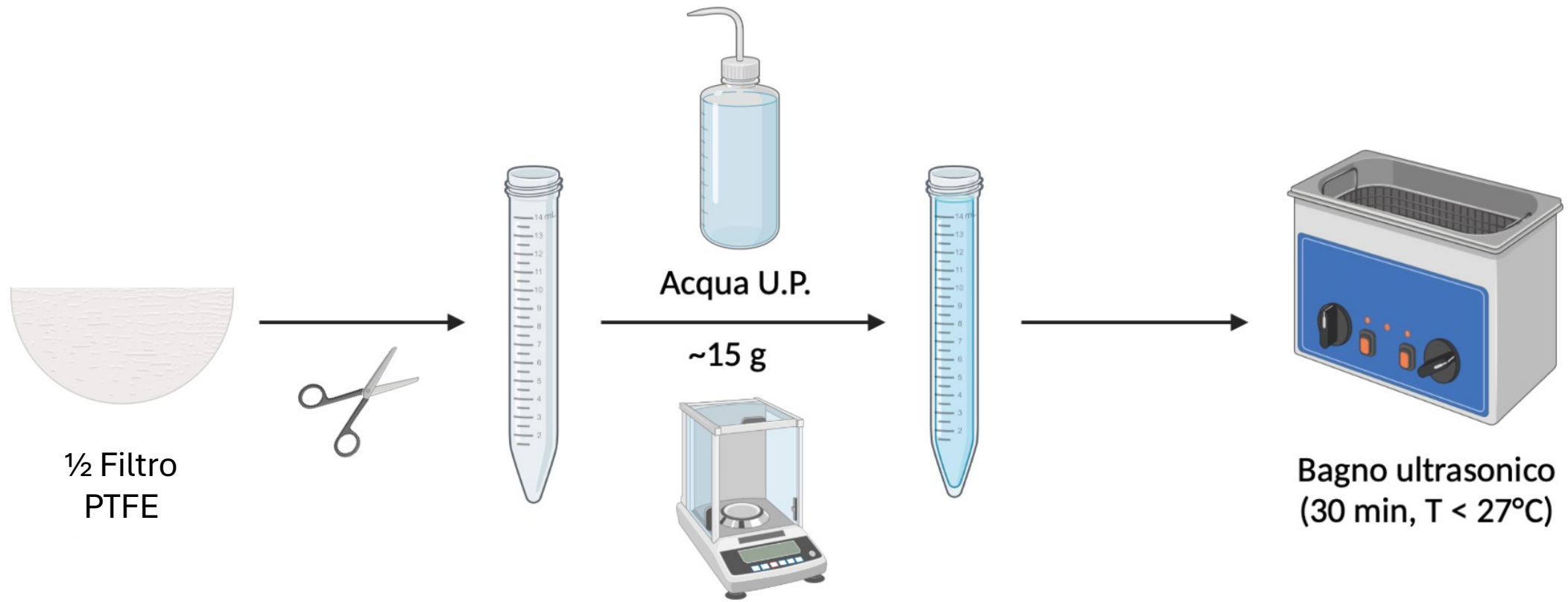
Average sampling volume = 1050 m<sup>3</sup>



**Gruvebadet**



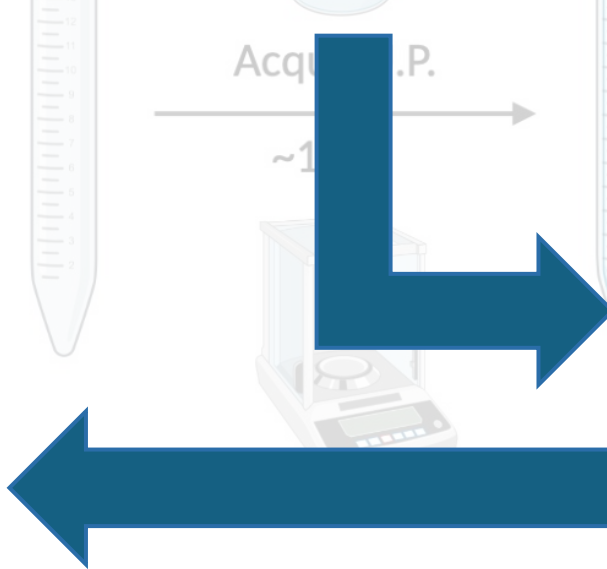
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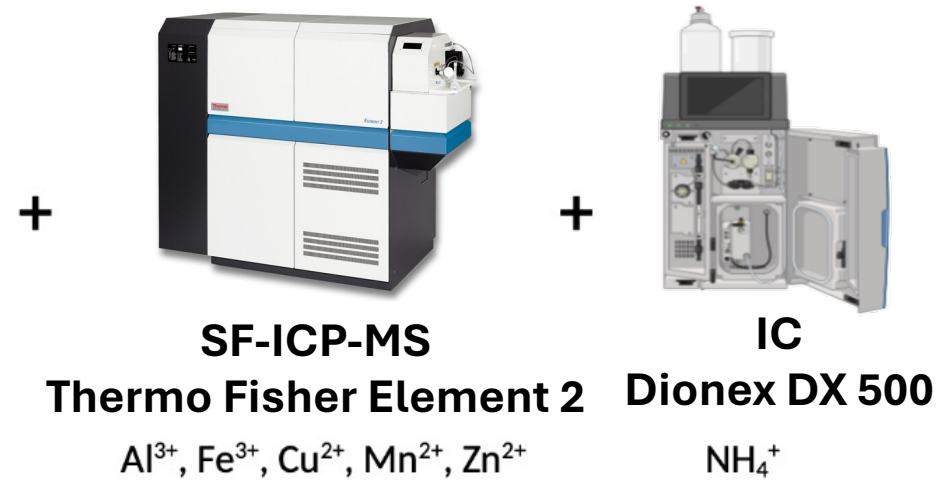
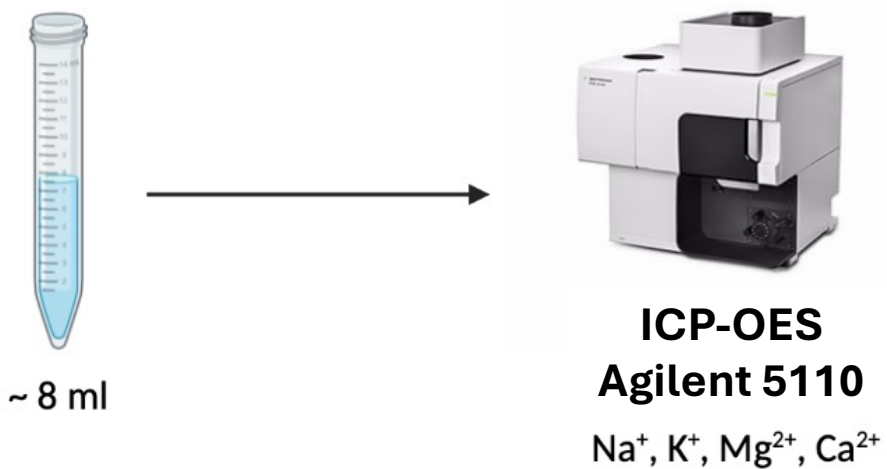
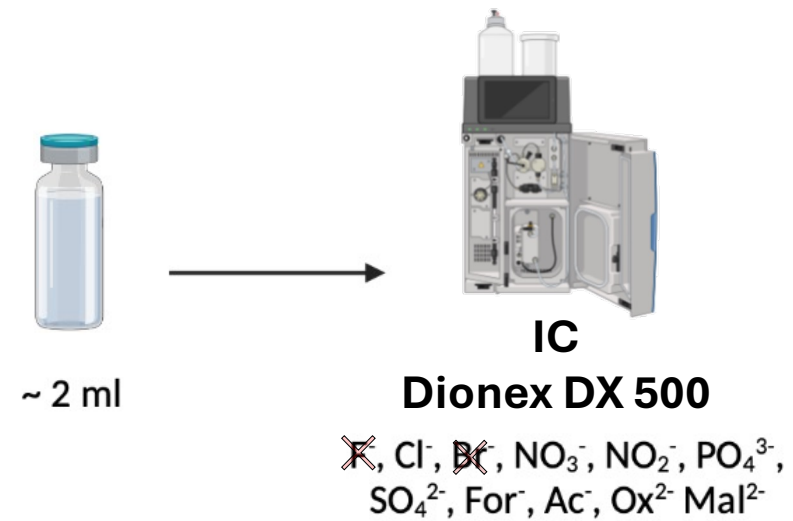
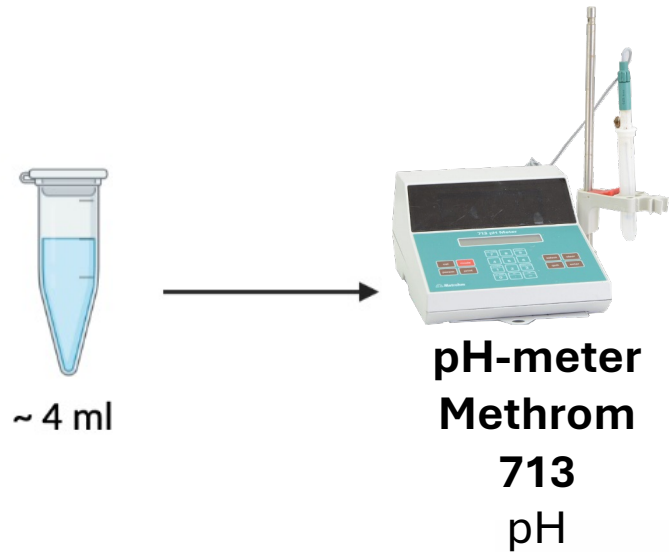


Polypropylene Tools

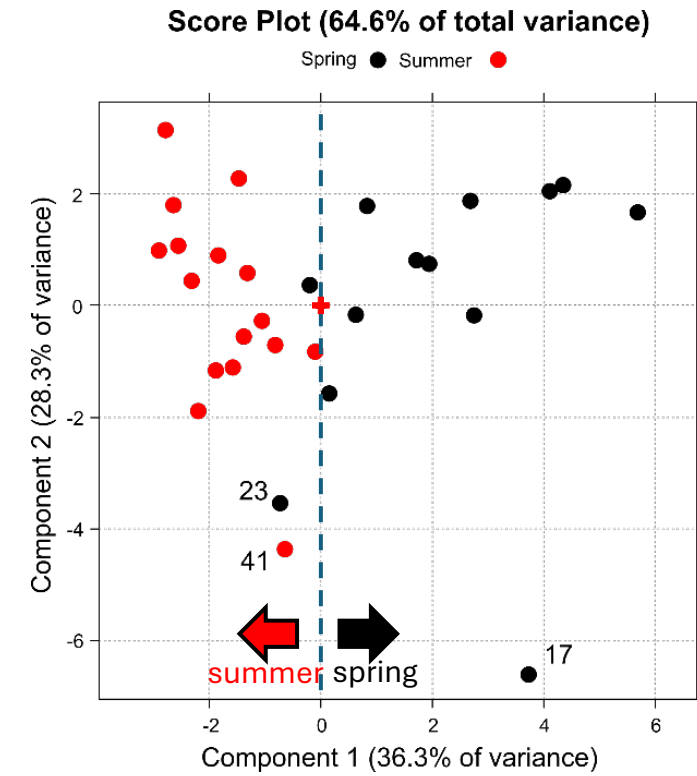
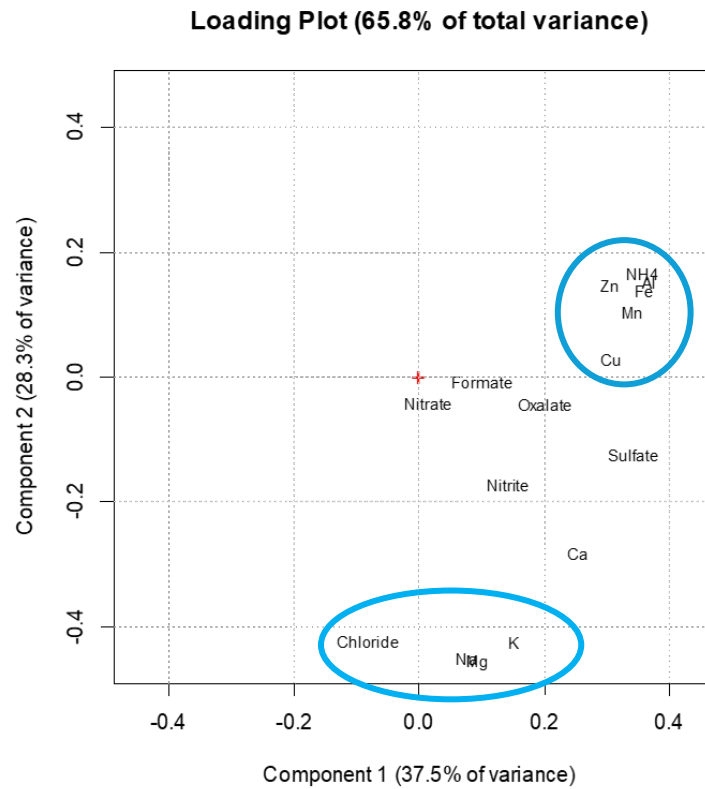
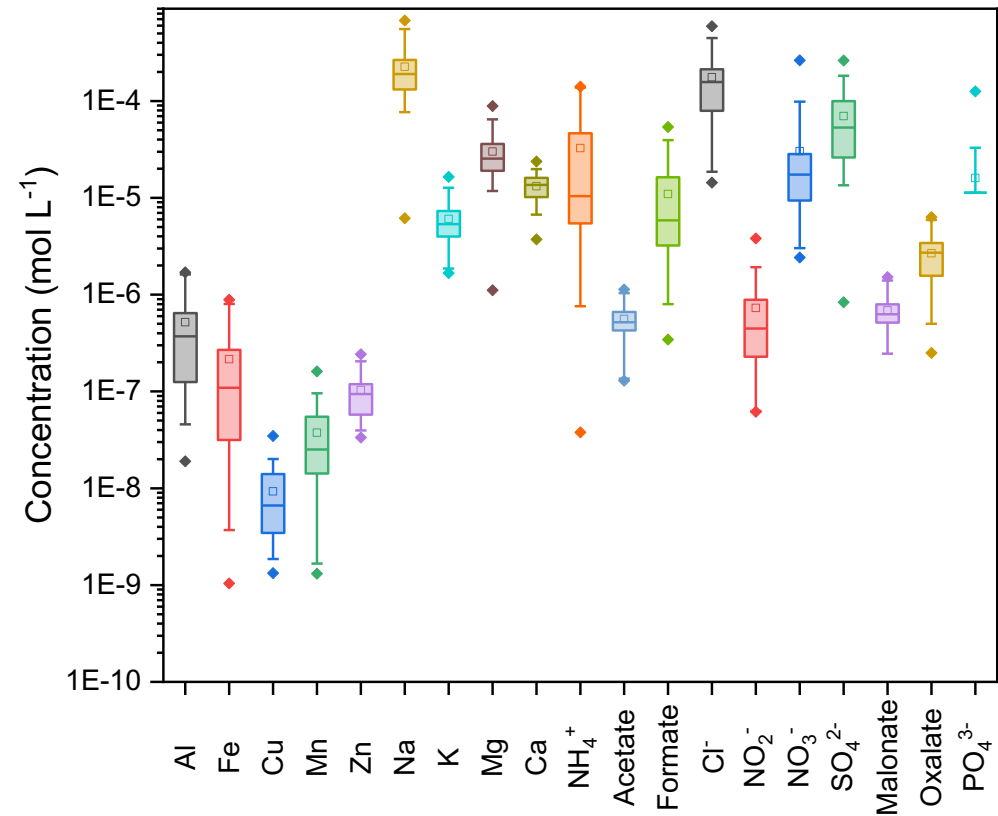


Clean Room

# Quantitative Analysis



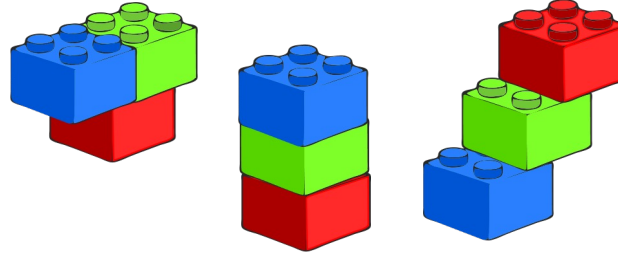
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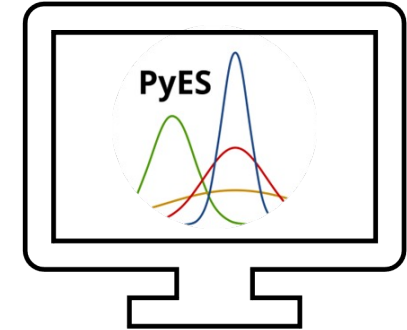
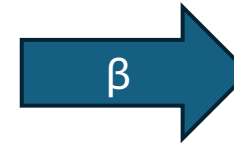
# Speciation

Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>,  
Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>,  
formate, acetate, nitrate, oxalate

19 components



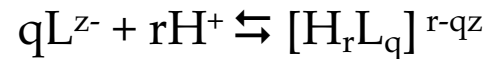
187 species



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● Different type of **thermodynamic equilibrium** have been considered

● protonation equilibria



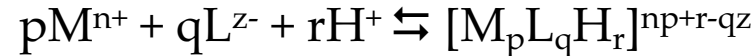
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● hydrolytic species formation



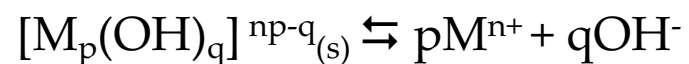
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● complexes formation



$$\beta_{MLH} = \frac{[M_pL_qH_r]^{np+r-qz}}{[M^{n+}]^p [L^{z-}]^q [H^+]^r}$$

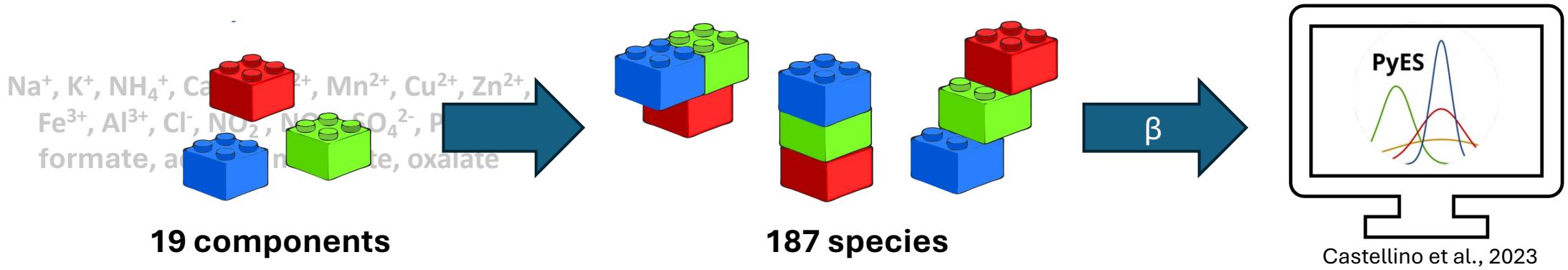
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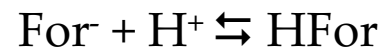


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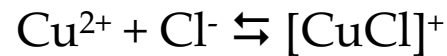
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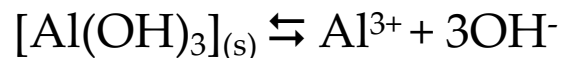
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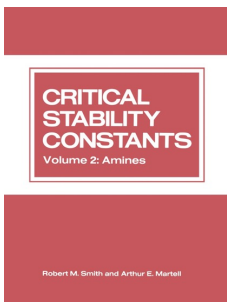


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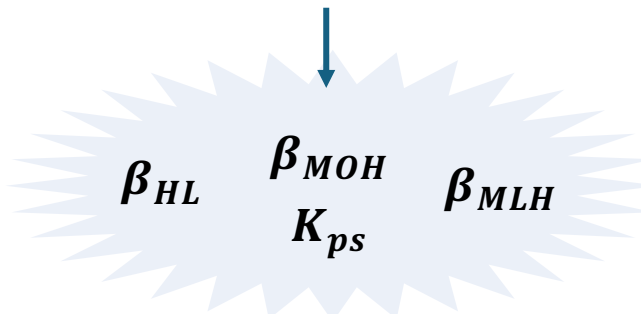
## Critically Selected Stability Constants of Metal Complexes Database



SC-Database



Critically Stability Constants



$\beta_n$  → Overall formation constant

Average Ionic strength of sample < 1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>

T = 25 °C; I = 0 mol L<sup>-1</sup>

### Extended Debye Huckel Equation

$$\log K_{eq}(I') \rightarrow \log K_{eq}(I)$$

$$\log K_{eq}(I) = \log K_{eq}(I') - z^* A \left( \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + B\sqrt{I}} - \frac{\sqrt{I'}}{1 + B\sqrt{I'}} \right) + C(I - I') + D \left( (I)^{3/2} - ((I')^{3/2}) \right)$$



Species Settings Calculate

Options

N° Components 20

N° Species 188

N° Solid Species 7

Uncertainty Estimation

Ionic Strength Var.

Ref. Ionic Strength 0.00000

A 0.0000

B 0.0000

c0 0.0000

c1 0.0000

d0 0.0000

d1 0.0000

e0 0.0000

e1 0.0000

Components

Name	Charge
Na	1
K	1
Mg	2
Ca	2
Mn	2
Cu	2
Zn	2
Fe	3
Al	3
Cl	-1
NO2	-1
NO3	-1
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NH3	1

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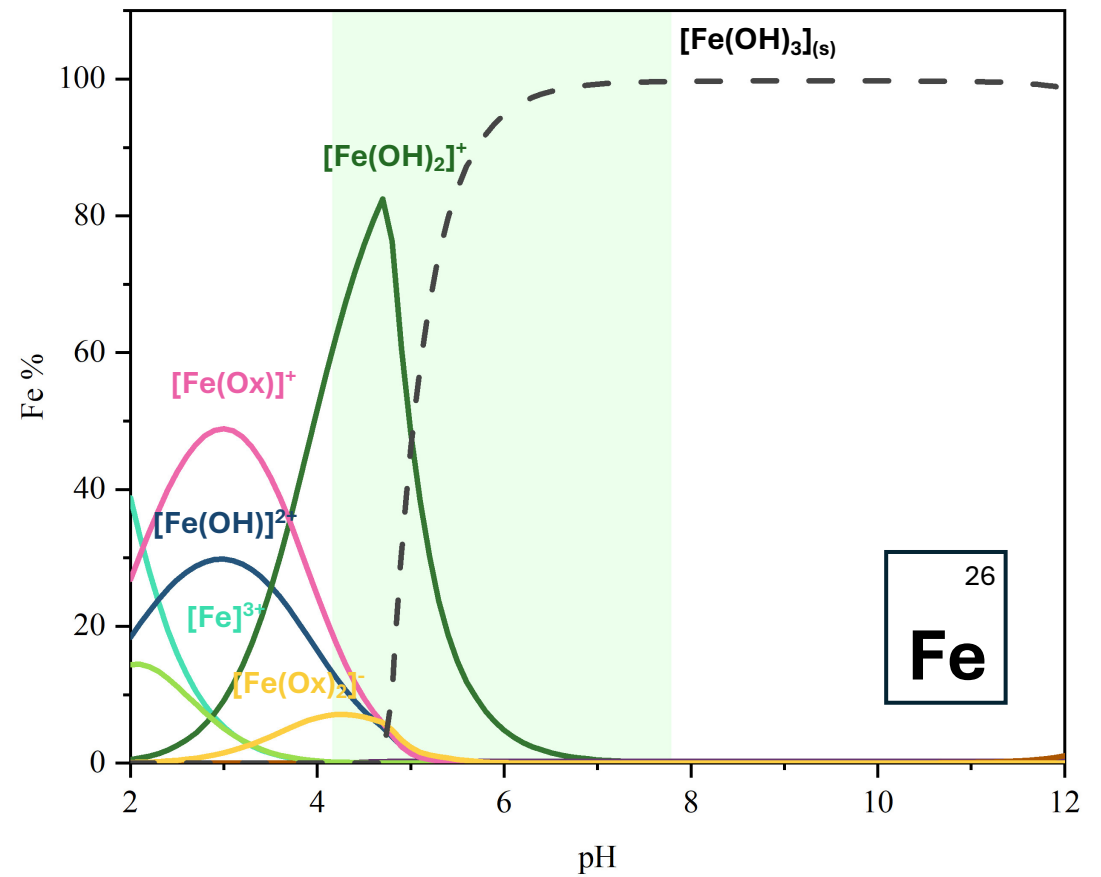
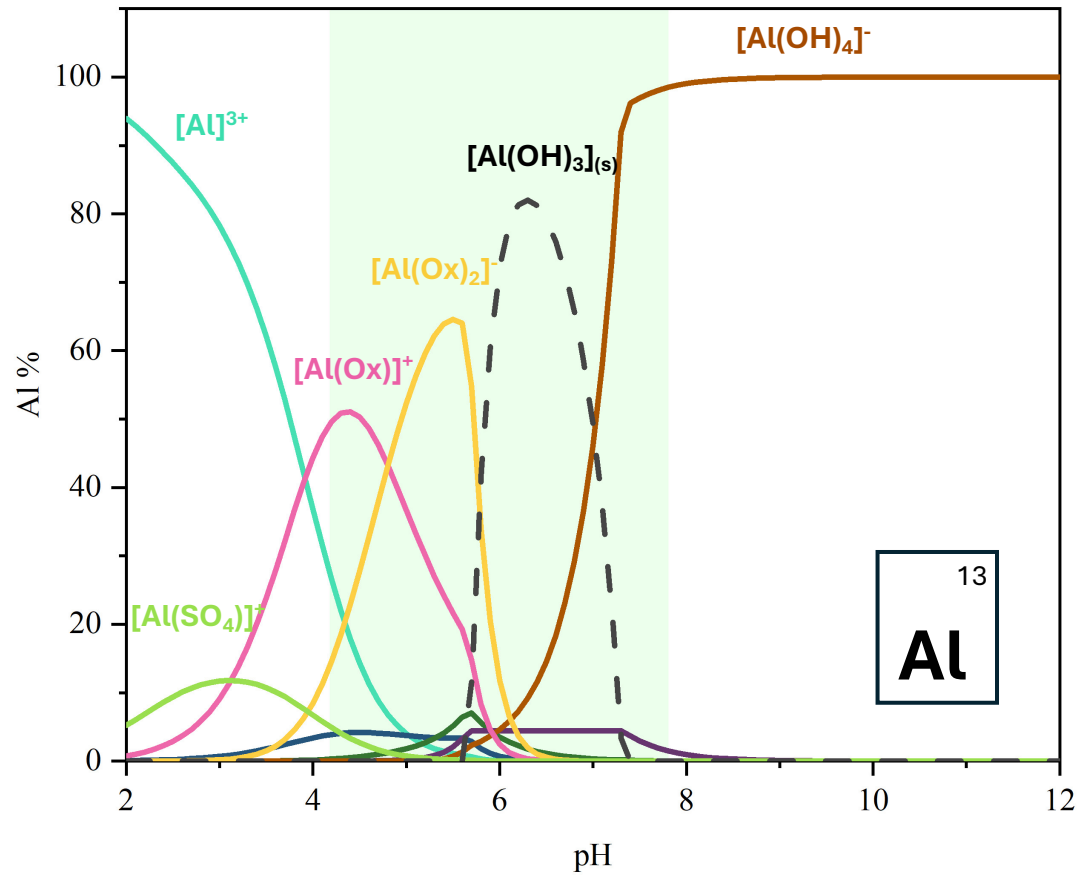
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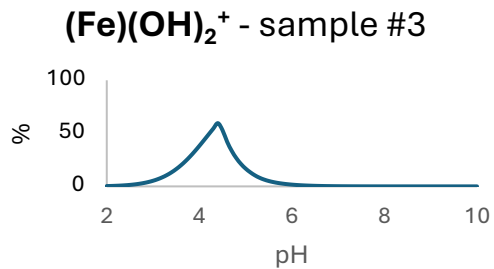
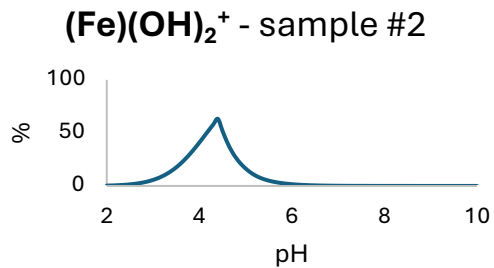
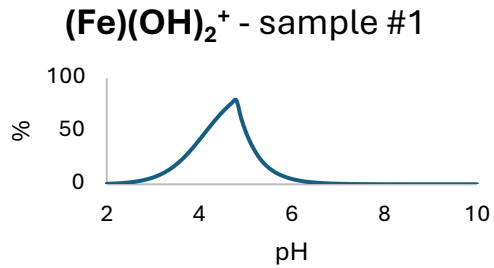
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## Sample 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> April



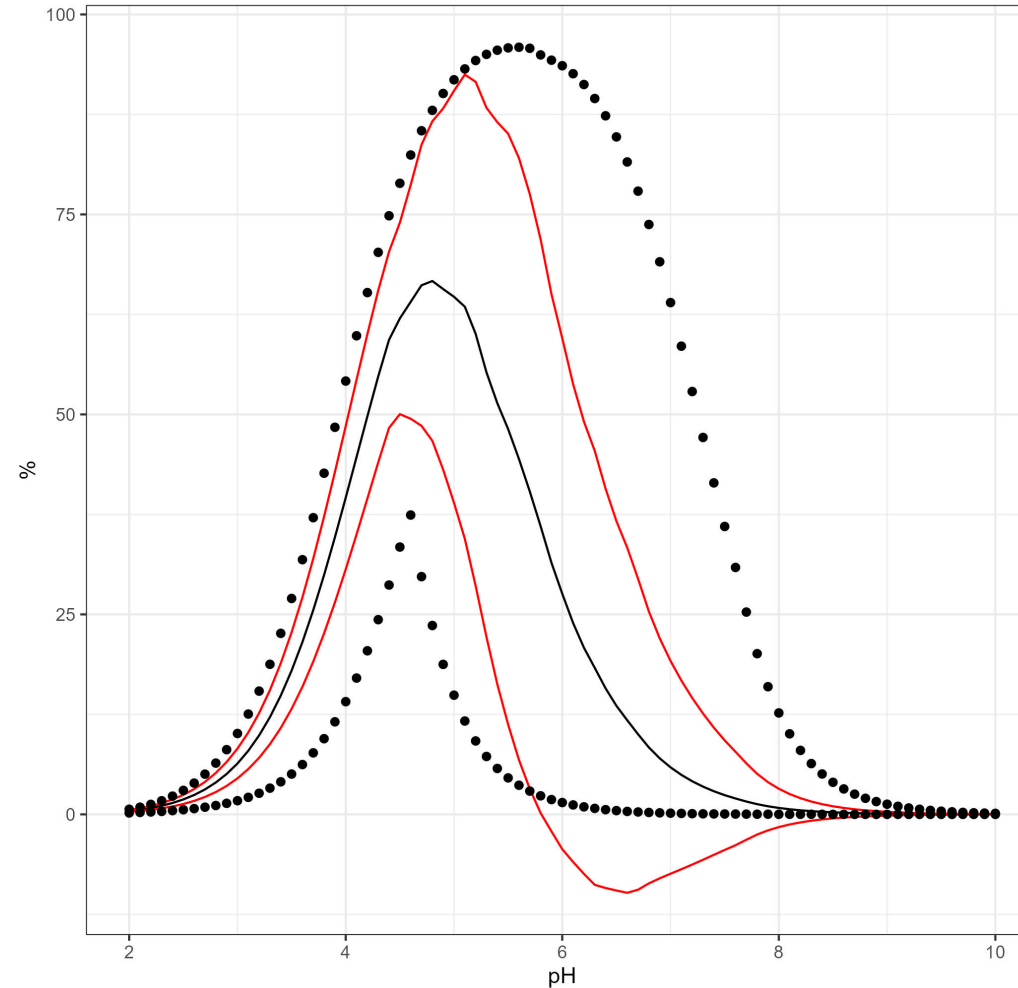
# Overall



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$(\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2^+$  - sample #29

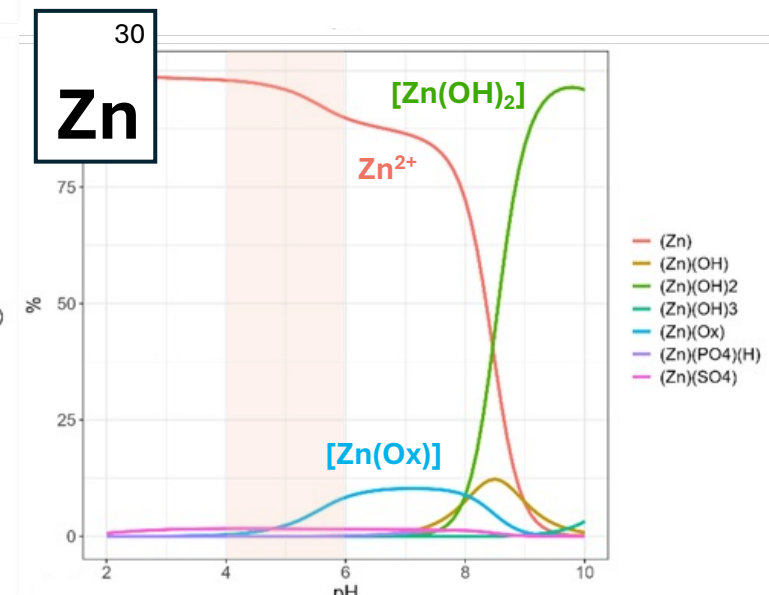
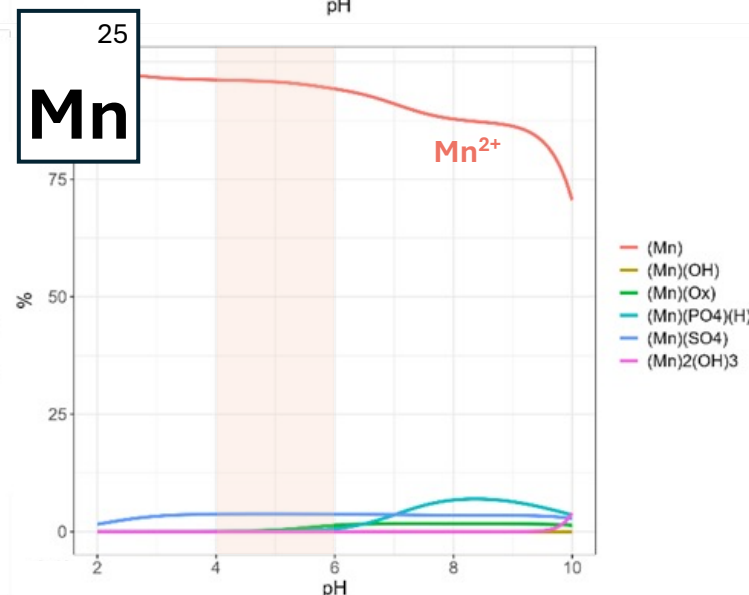
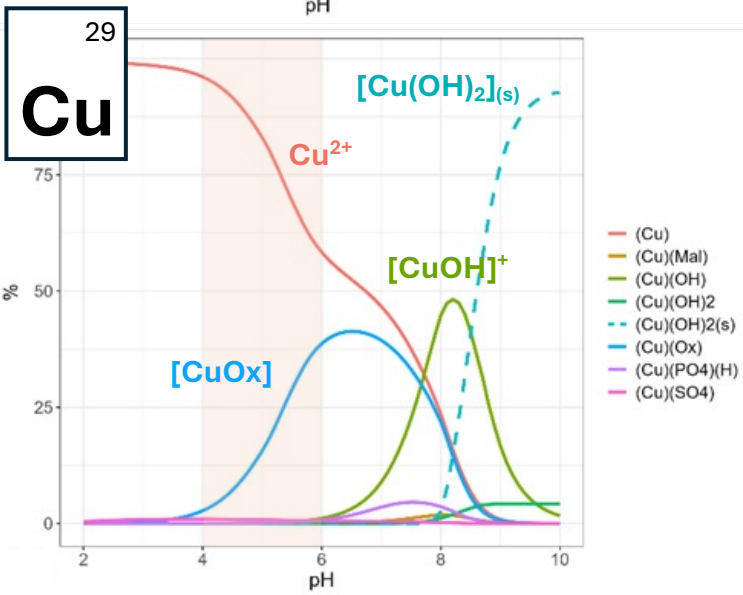
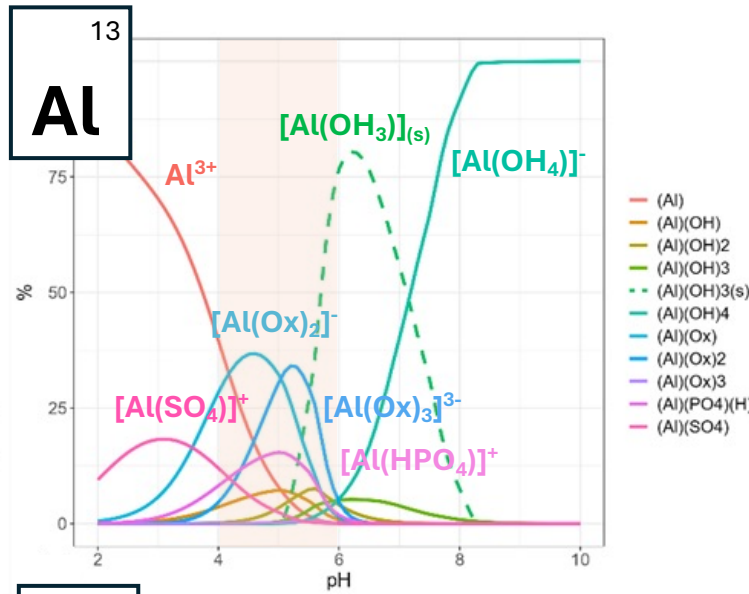
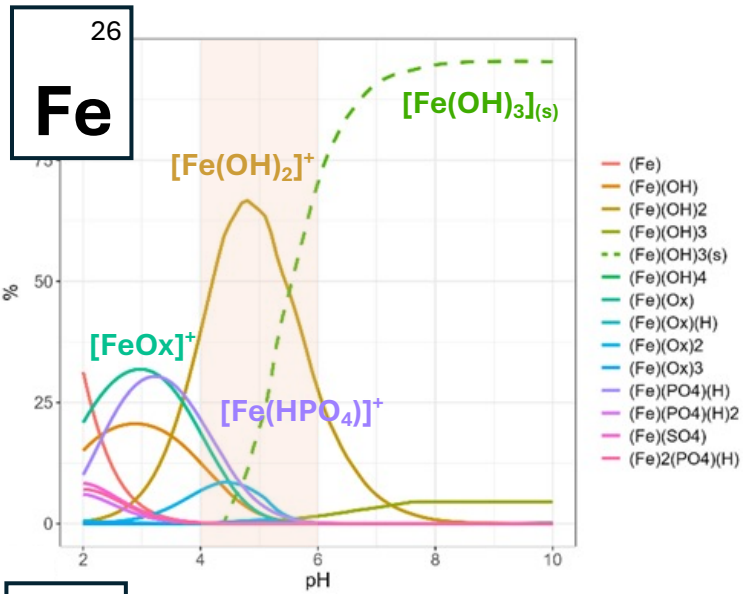
## $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2^+$



- mean
- mean  $\pm$  std dev
- ..... min/max

... for 75 species

The species that have formation  $< 1\%$  were not considered



## Major species (pH 4 - 6)

**free metal (acquoions):**  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

**hydrolytic:**  $[\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2]^+$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3(s)$ ,  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3(s)$

**oxalate:**  $[\text{FeOx}]^+$ ,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Ox})_2]^-$ ,  $[\text{AlOx}]^+$ ,  $[\text{Al}(\text{Ox})_2]^-$ ,  $[\text{CuOx}]$

**phosphate:**  $[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)]^+$ ,  $[\text{Al}(\text{HPO}_4)]^+$



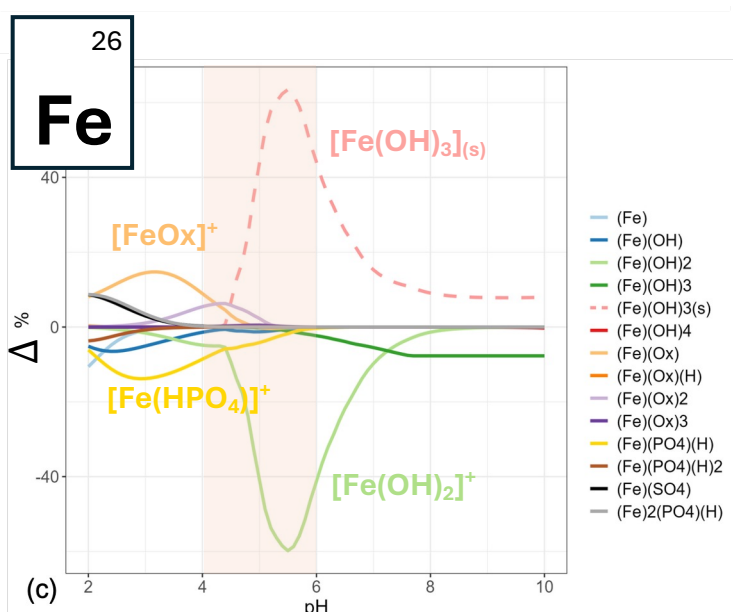
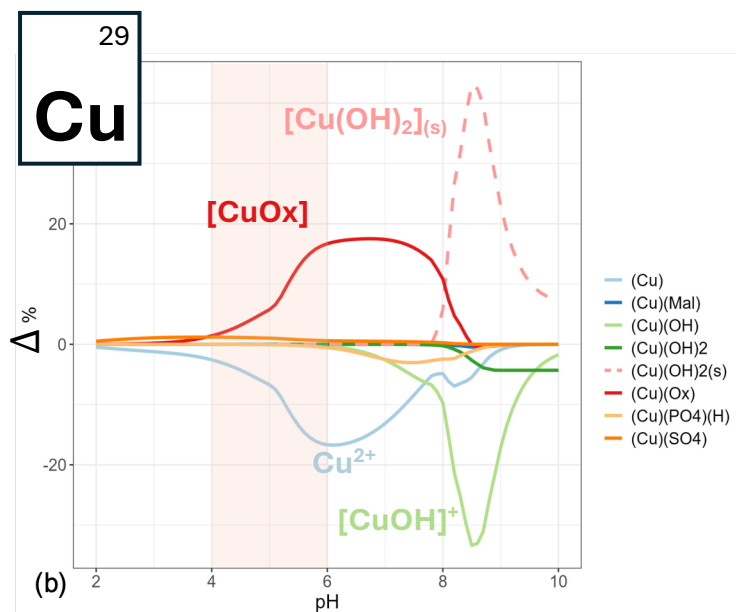
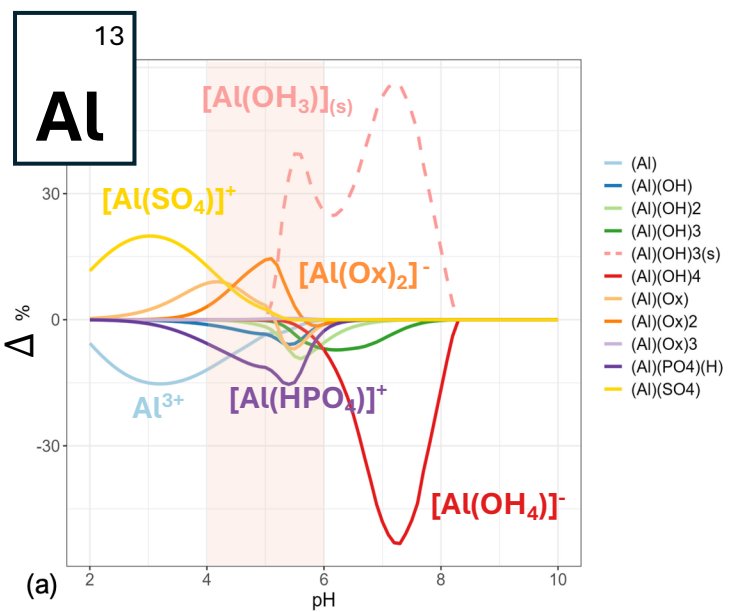
# Seasonality

The atmospheric composition over the Arctic region changes significantly over the year, due to strong variability in the environmental conditions (atmospheric stability, temperature, sunlight irradiation) among the seasons. Moreover, some sources shown activity only during some period (e.g., biotic emission) or change drastically with season (e.g., anthropic emission).



# Seasonality

$\Delta$  = Spring samples Speciation – Summer sample Speciation



Greater in  
**Spring**

Greater in  
**Summer**



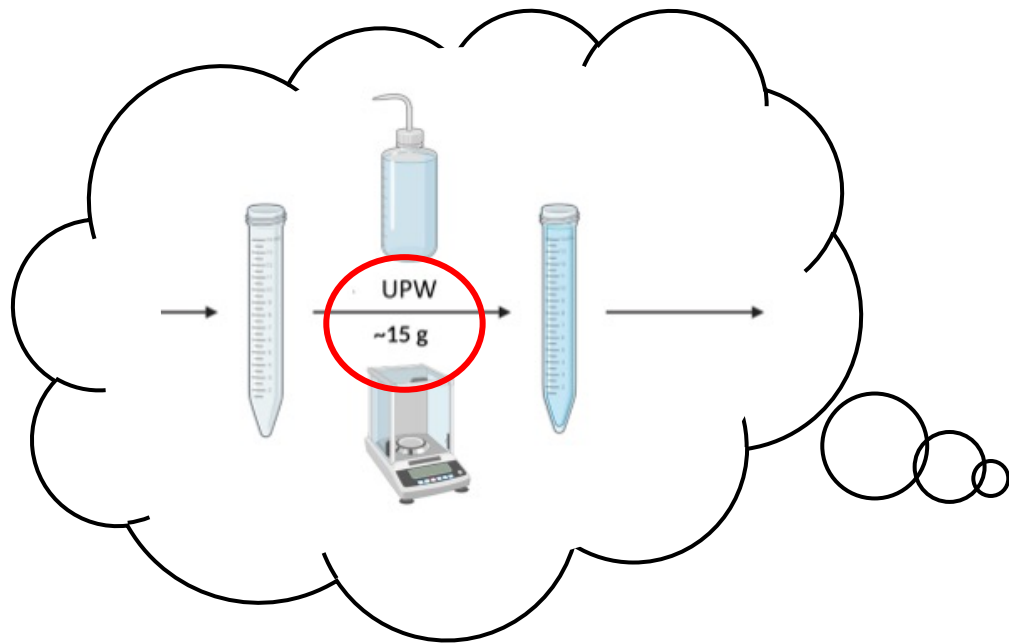
↑ Spring

Sulfate, oxalate  
precipitation of  $Al(OH)_3$ ,  
 $Cu(OH)_2$ , and  $Fe(OH)_3$



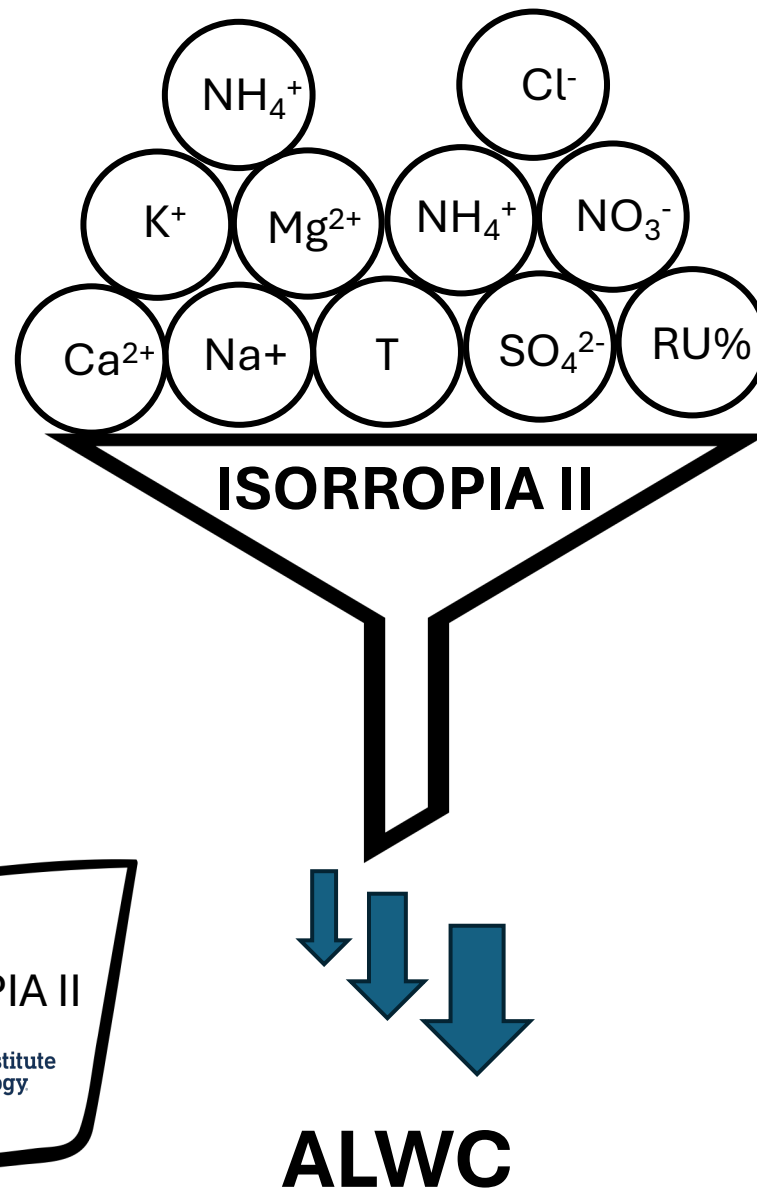
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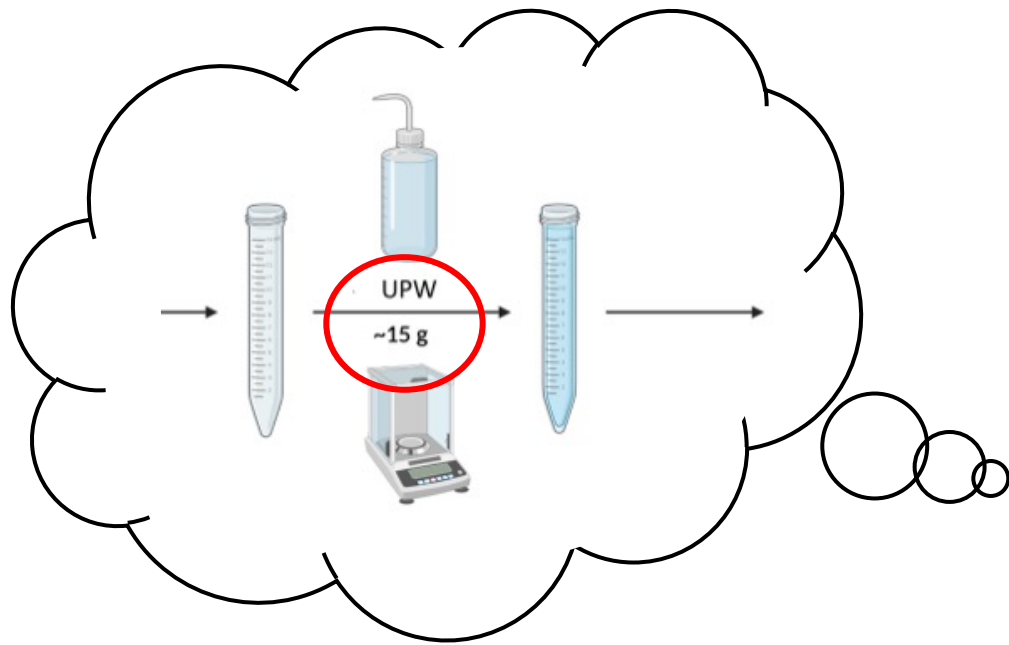
hydrolytic forms,  
free metals,  $HPO_4^{2-}$



Are the 15 mL of water used for the solubilization a «realistic» volume??

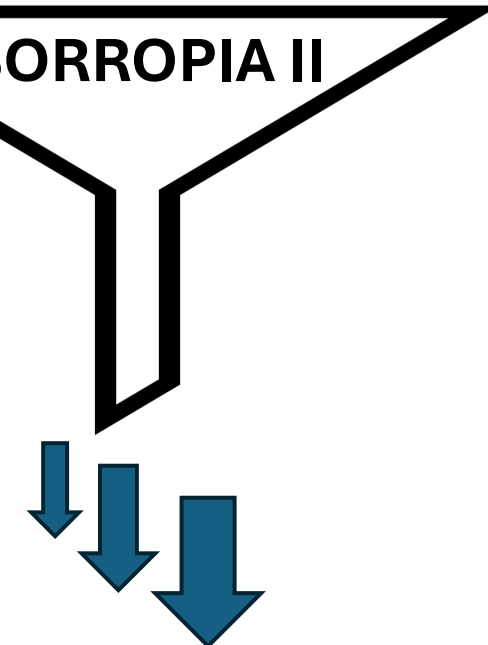
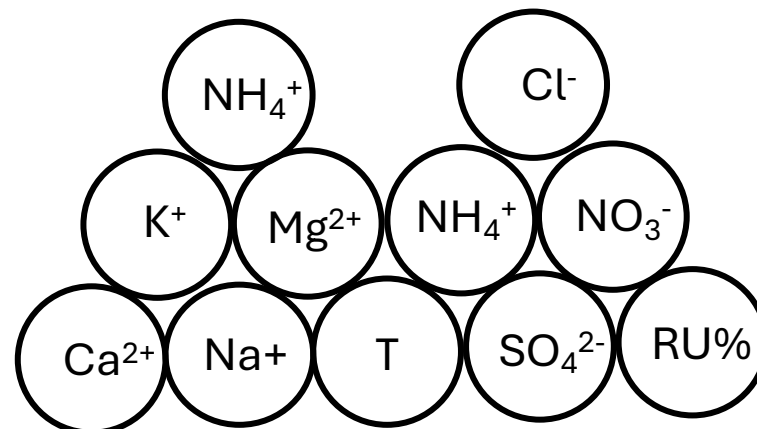
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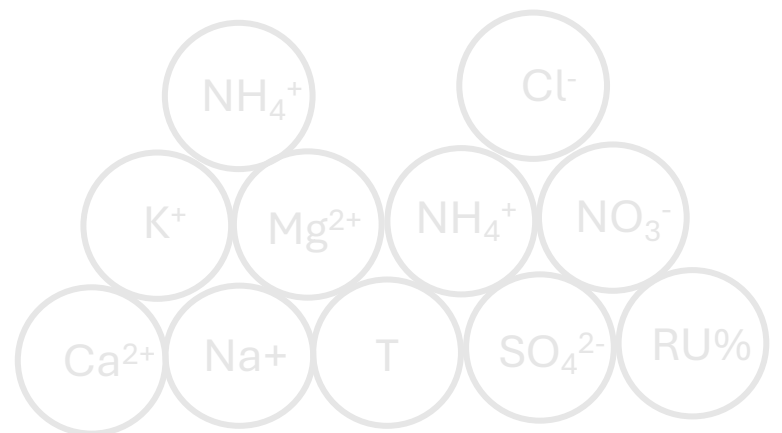


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**25000 dm<sup>3</sup>**

**Experimental extraction volume**

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**0.5 dm<sup>3</sup>**

**Simulated ALWC**

0.3 μg·m<sup>-3</sup>





25000 dm<sup>3</sup>



0.5 dm<sup>3</sup>  
of AWLC

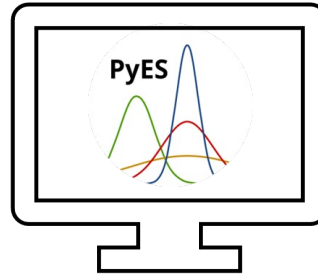


# Dilution correction

Components concentrations

$\times 10^4$

pH < 4



Average I = 1.9 mol·L<sup>-1</sup>

**Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>**

increment of the interaction with Cl<sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>

**Ca<sup>2+</sup>**

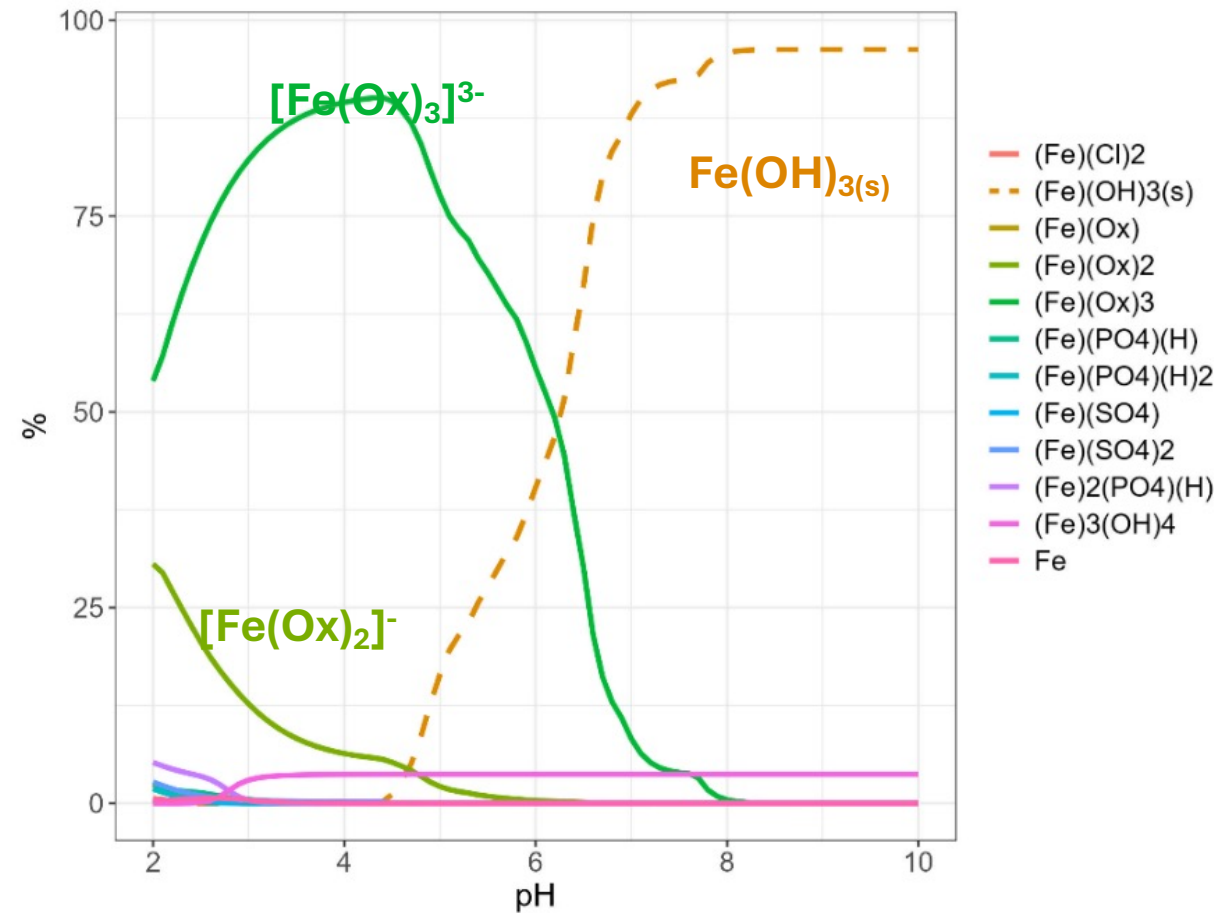
occurs as the solid CaSO<sub>4</sub> over the entire pH range;

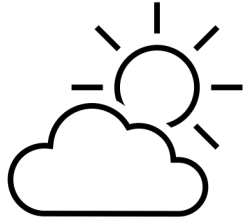
**Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, and Fe<sup>3+</sup>**

increment in the interaction with the oxalate;

**Fe-oxalate**

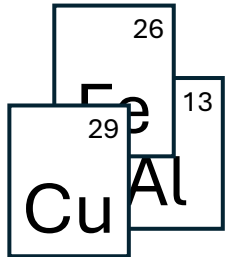
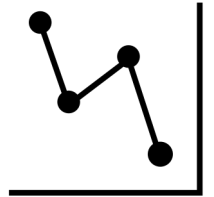
complexes compete with Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>(s) at pH 5-6





The concentration of the investigated metals reflects their **origin**: those associated with the marine source (Na, K, Mg, and Ca) reach higher concentrations. The other components, associated with crustal and anthropogenic sources, often have lower concentrations but show seasonal variability

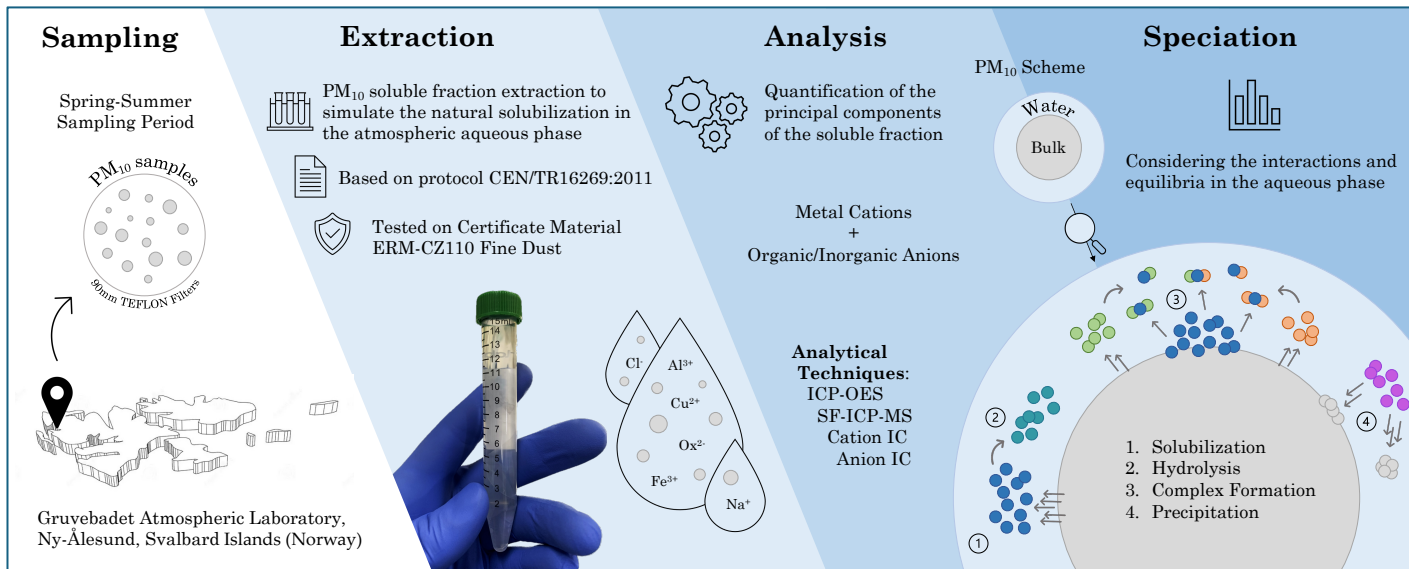
The higher metals' concentration in the spring samples promotes the formation of species with sulfate and oxalate and the precipitation of hydrolytic species, while soluble hydrolytic species are enhanced in summer



The speciation models suggest an important role of **oxalate** as ligand for stabilizing  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  in solution, especially in high concentrate solutions

**preliminary results** that are useful to define the main species that could be formed in solution





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## Chemical characterization and speciation of the soluble fraction of Arctic PM<sub>10</sub>

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### Abstract

The chemical composition of the soluble fraction of atmospheric particulate matter (PM) and how these components can combine with each other to form different species affect the chemistry of the aqueous phase dispersed in the atmosphere: raindrops, clouds, fog, and ice particles. The study was focused on the analysis of the soluble fraction of Arctic PM<sub>10</sub> samples collected at Ny-Ålesund (Svalbard Islands, Norwegian Arctic) during the year 2012. The concentration values of Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, formate, acetate, malonate, and

