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Emerging Contaminants: 1,4 – Dioxane Considerations

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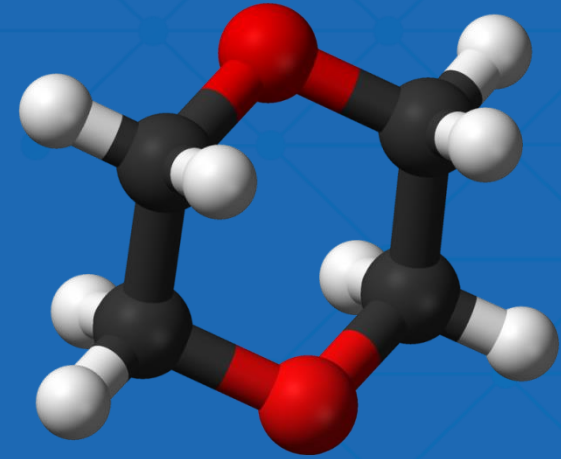


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What is 1,4-DIOXANE

- 1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic industrial chemical
- It is completely miscible in water
- Unstable at high temperature (fire/explosion)
- A very likely contaminant at chlorinated sites
- A probable human carcinogen (animal studies)
- Detected in drinking water across the country



Where has 1,4-Dioxane Been Used

- As a stabilizer in chlorinated solvents
- As a cryoscopic laboratory solvent
- In consumer products: Varnish, Dyes, Paint Stripper
- In a number of industrial processes

Textile Manufacturing

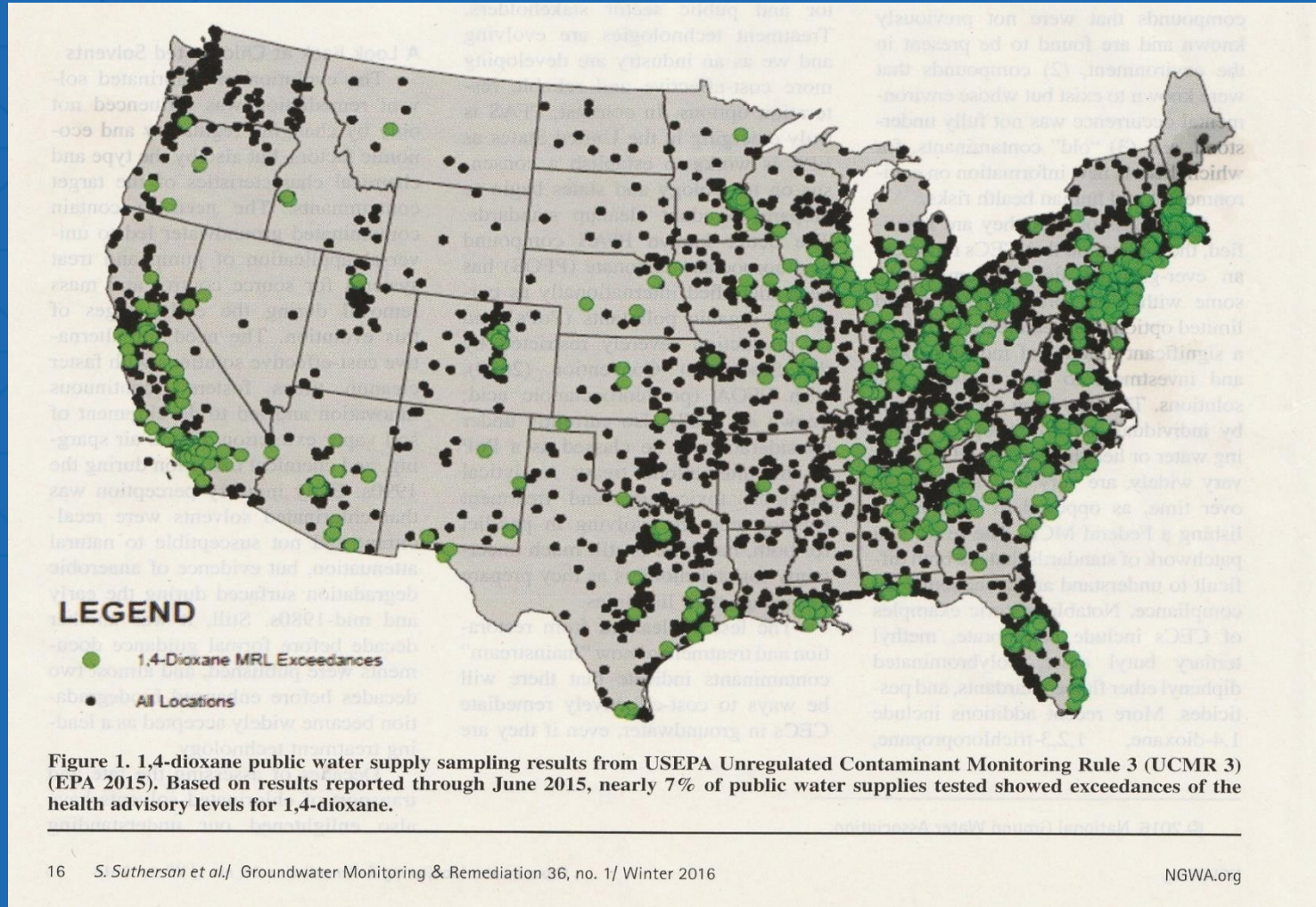
Purification of Drugs

De-Icing

- Feed stock in shampoos and cosmetics



1,4-Dioxane in Drinking Water



Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

- UCMR program established to monitor WW influent/ effluent
- 1,4-Dioxane fell in UCMR 3 (2012-2016)
 - 1,1 –DCA
 - Hex Chrome
 - PFOS/PFOA
 - 1,2,3 – TCP
- Currently in UCMR 4 (2017-2021)
 - Manganese, TOC, selected pesticides

Environmental Impacts of 1,4-Dioxane

- Released to the environment from multiple users
 - To consumers in products, DW and reservoirs*
- Mildly retarded by sorption to soil
- Moves rapidly in subsurface soil
- Migrates rapidly in groundwater
- Relatively resistant to degradation

Plume Characteristics

1,4-Dioxane plumes generally dilute (365ug/L median)

Typically lack an easily targeted source zone

Back diffusion

Often co-located with chlorinated solvents

- 1,1,1-TCA most often (70%)

- 1,1-DCE nearly as often (69%)

- With TCE at (52%)

Plume may be much longer than chlorinated, but can be shorter, possibly due to later introduction

Characterization Methodology

Concentration 8260 SIM @ .5ug/L

8270 SIM @ .1ug/L

522 @ .07ug/L

Mobile Lab SPME 8270 SIM @ .2ug/L

qPCR to determine microbial type and quantity

1 D CSIA evaluate biodegradation - Carbon

2 D CSIA evaluation of sources – Carbon/Hydrogen

TO-17 in air to evaluate vapor intrusion

Treatment Options For 1,4-Dioxane

Dissolved oxygen correlates with 1,4-D attenuation

But 1,4-D attenuation inhibited by presence of CVOCs

Strategy - Treatment Train

- Removal of inhibiting compounds, CVOCs

- Followed by bioaugmentation with 1,4-D degraders

Use biomarkers to assess aerobic degradation - CB1190

MNA may be more effective than previously thought

Treatment Options For 1,4-Dioxane, cont'd

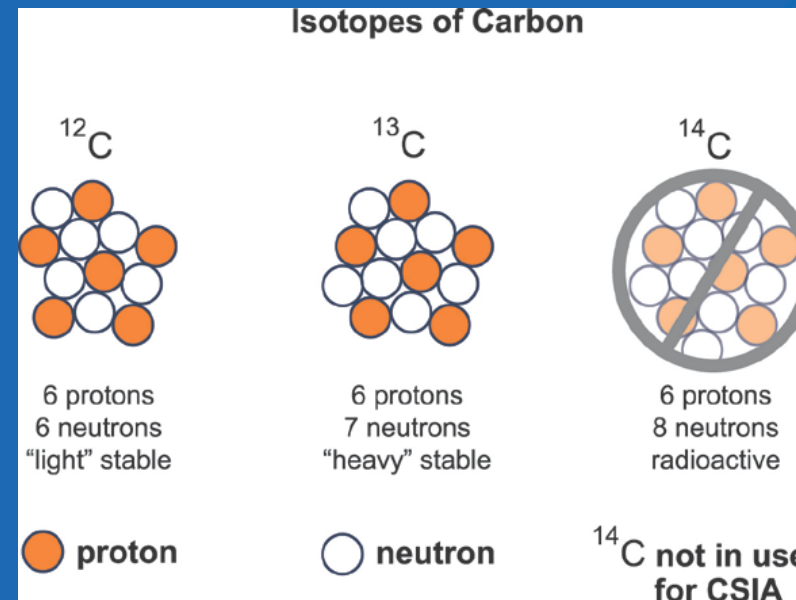
Where have we seen the most progress

- Oxidation
 - UV/H₂O₂
- ISCO
 - Sodium/ Potassium persulfate
 - O₃
- Phytoremediation
- Thermal
 - ERH, SEE, TCH
- MNA
 - CSIA

COMPOUND SPECIFIC ISOTOPE ANALYSIS (CSIA)

CSIA methodology measures the ratio of stable isotopes of an element of a particular compound

- For 1,4 -Dioxane, evaluation of carbon and hydrogen isotopes is protocol
- For chlorinated compounds, evaluation of carbon and chlorine isotopes is protocol



CASE STUDY

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Large confidential site, industrial area near LAX

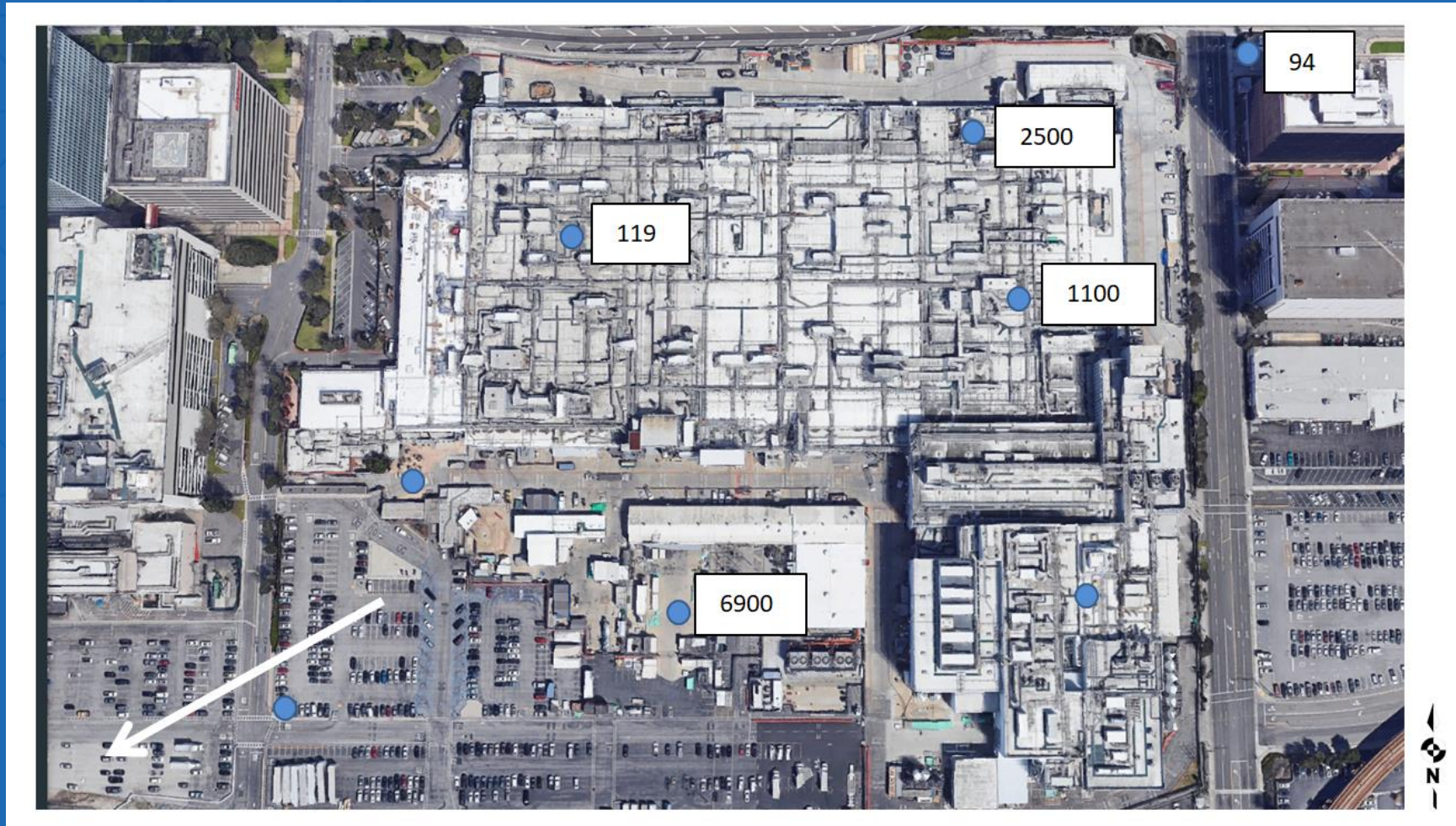
Multiple CVOC plumes including TCA and 1,4-D

RP suspected other sources of 1,4-Dioxane

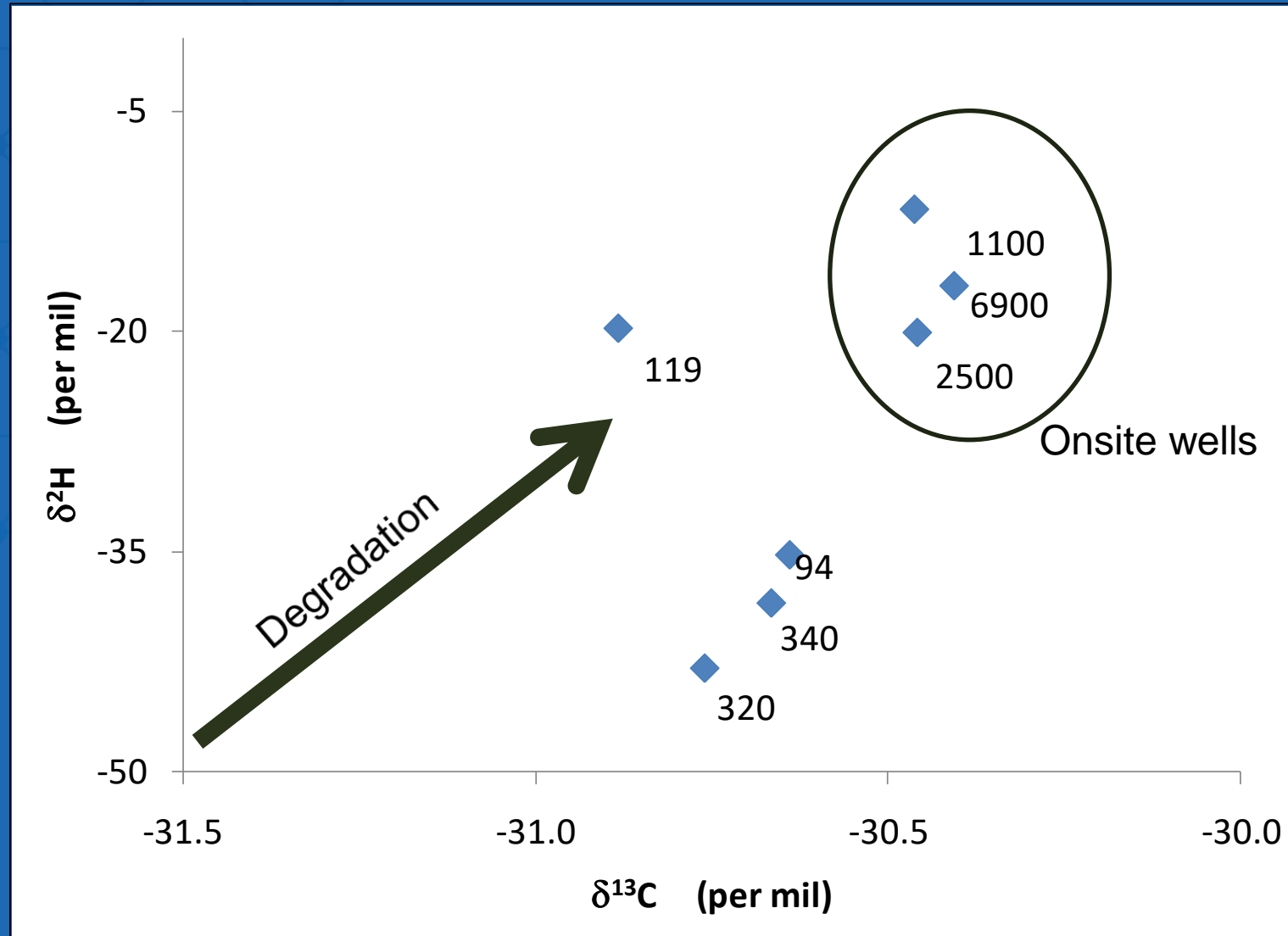
7 samples at strategic wells, 2 D CSIA Carbon/Hydrogen

One line of evidence for multiple source argument

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CASE STUDY – 1,4 – Dioxane Treatability



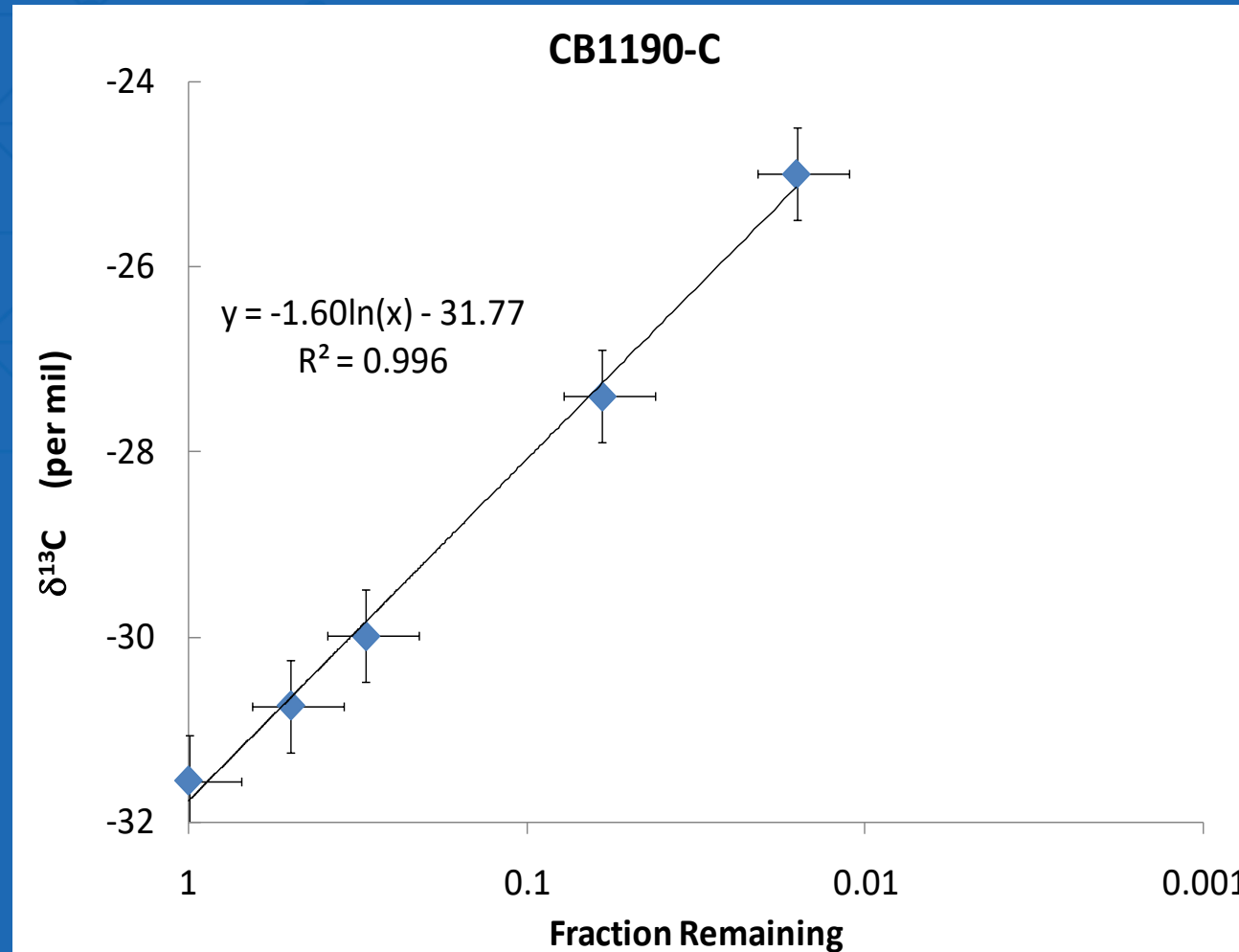
Treatability studies mimics subsurface environment in a closed system.

Basically, a laboratory “pilot study”

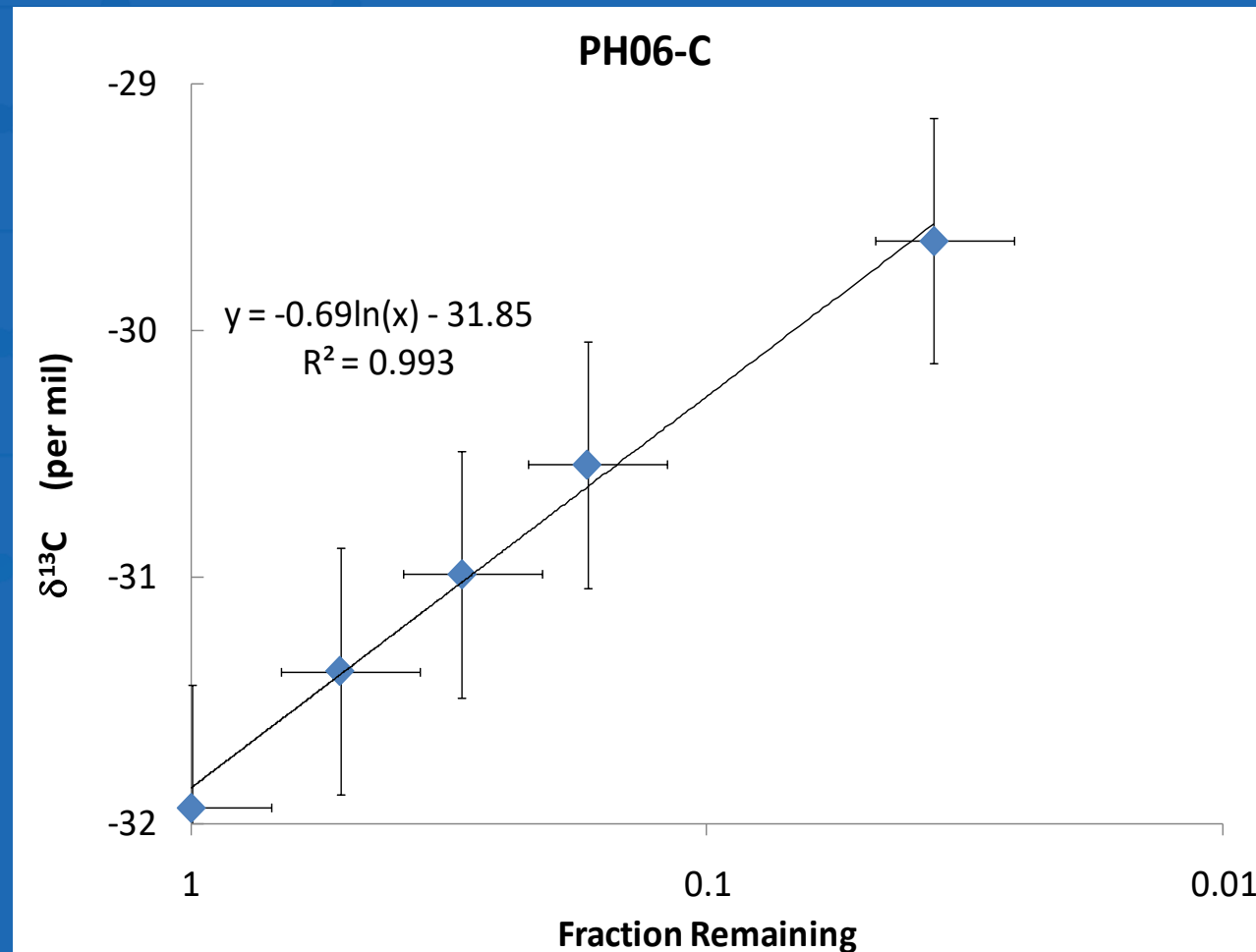
Can measure degradation of controlled contaminant

<https://www.siremlab.com/treatability-testing/>

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Summary

1,4-Dioxane has been widely used in the US

- Has been found in our Drinking Water
- Probably at many CVOC sites not yet evaluated

1,4-D is a probable human carcinogen

State and Federal clean up levels are developed

Methods available to evaluate & monitor activity

Effective treatments are becoming available



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