

AQUATOXICOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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Chemical contaminants

Pesticides & Herbicides



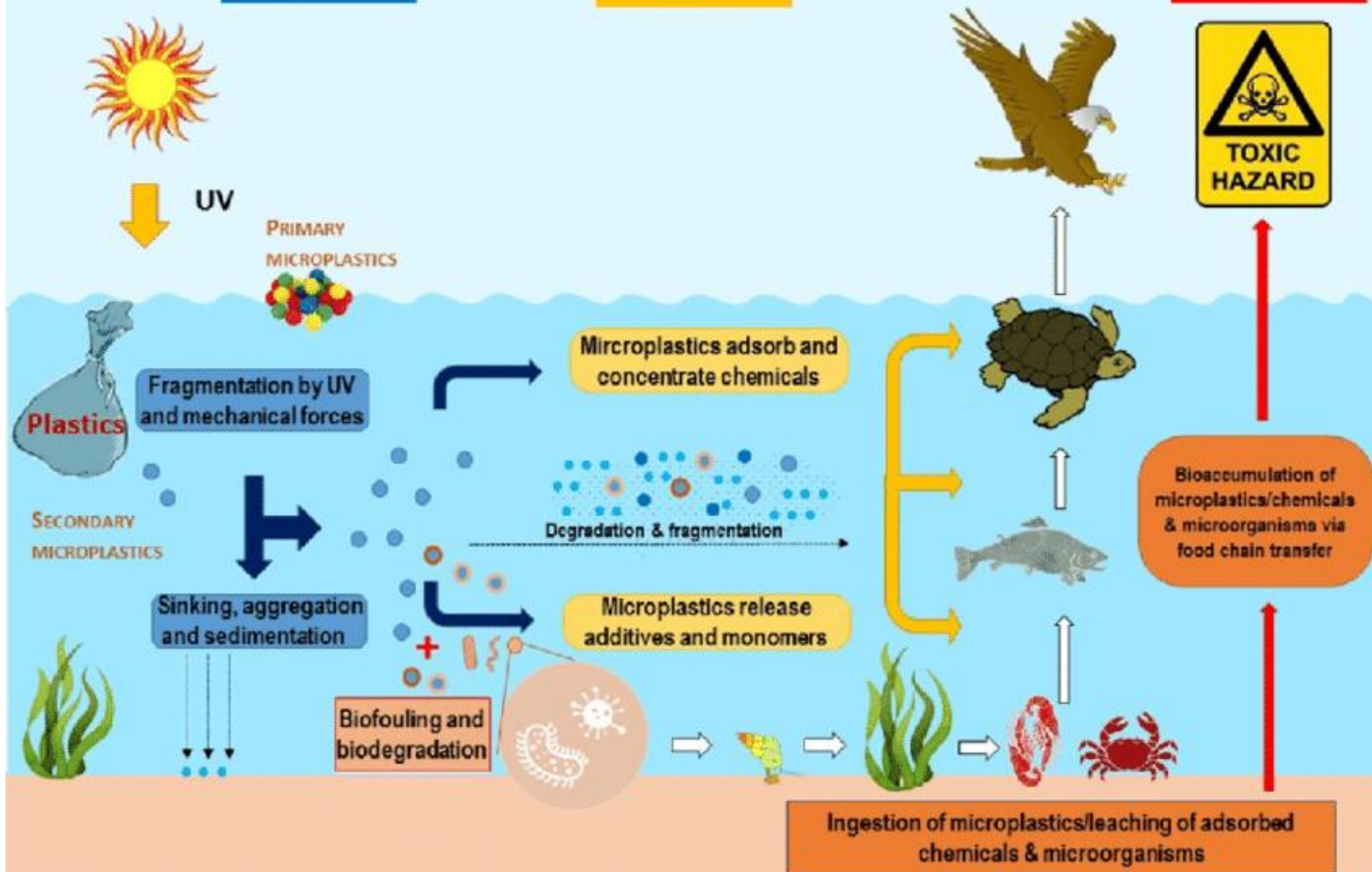
Pesticides & Herbicides



PHYSICAL

CHEMICAL

BIOLOGICAL



The water quality

Chemical Properties

gases (oxygen, etc.),
metals (iron, etc.),
nutrients (nitrogen,
etc.), pesticides and
other organic
compounds

Biological Properties

bacteria, viruses,
protozoans,
phytoplankton,
zooplankton, insect,
plant and fish etc.

Physical Properties

color, smell,
temperature, taste
and turbidity(TSS)
etc.



Domestic Sewage



Mining Source



Agriculture Source



Natural Source

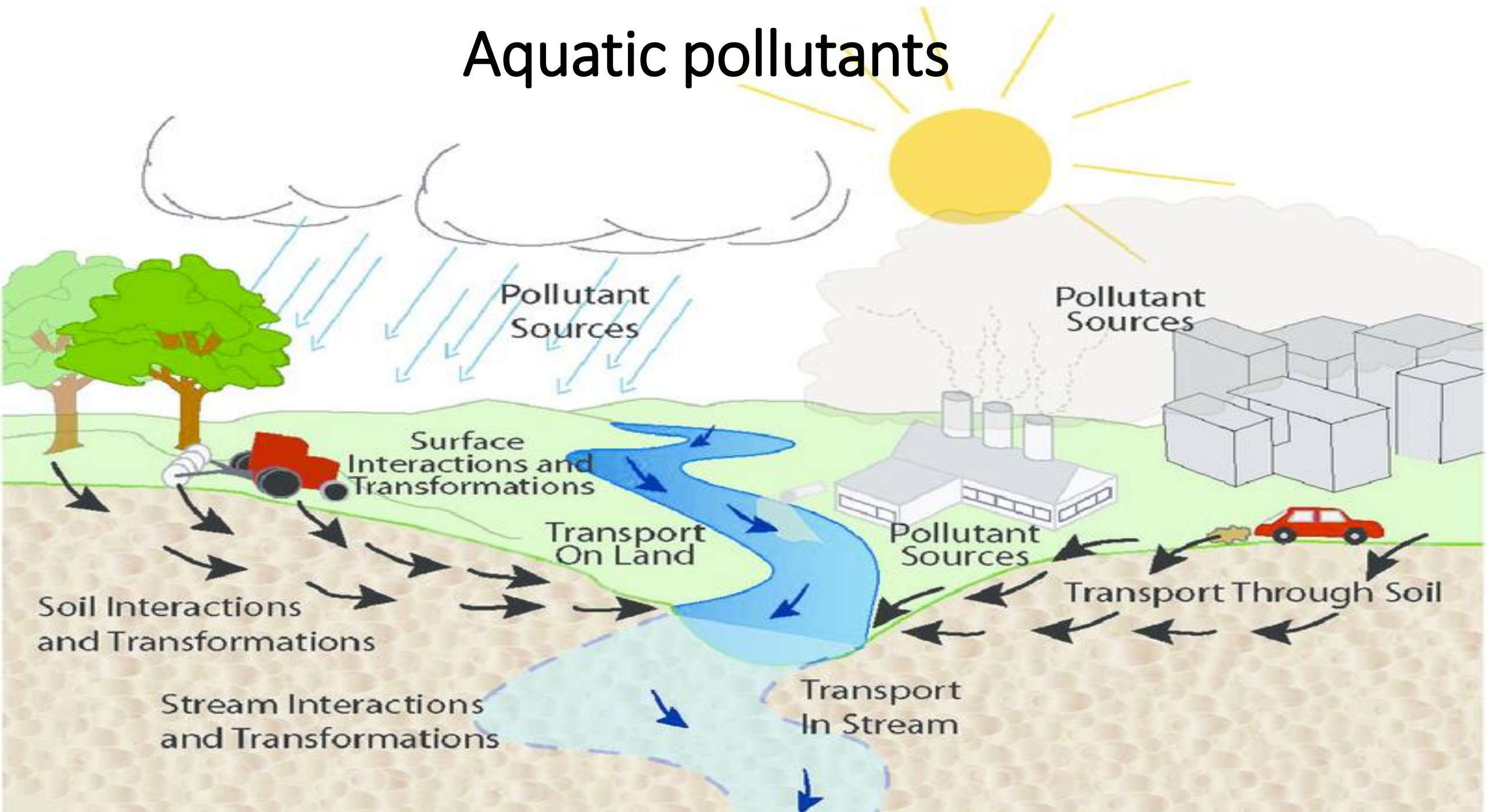


Industrial Source



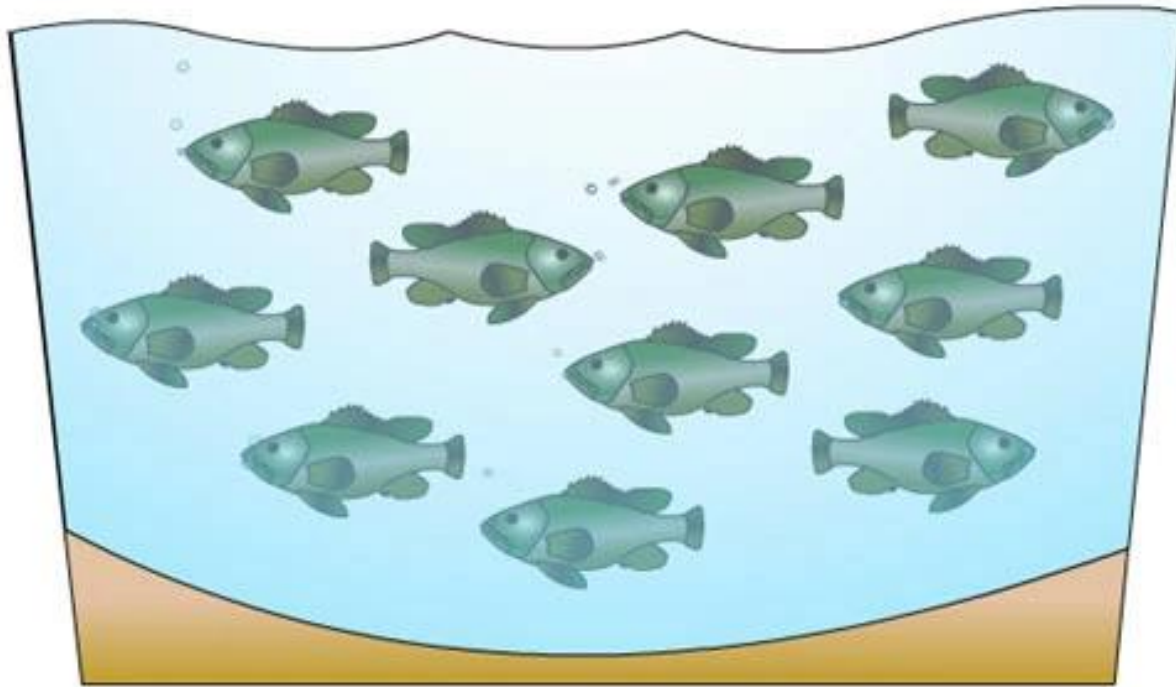
Urbanization

Aquatic pollutants





Acute Aquatic toxicity



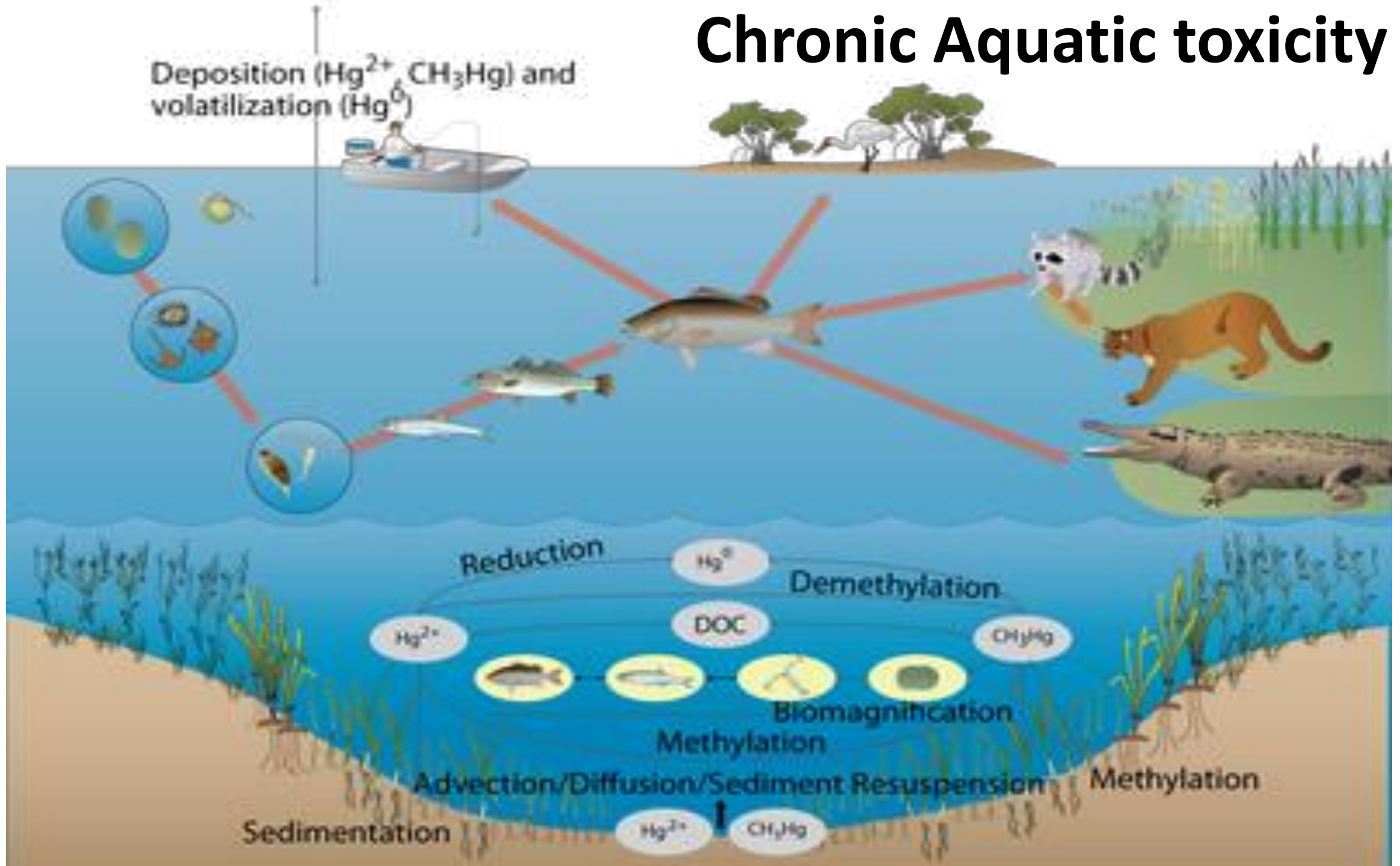
$LC_{50} < 500 \text{ mg/l}$

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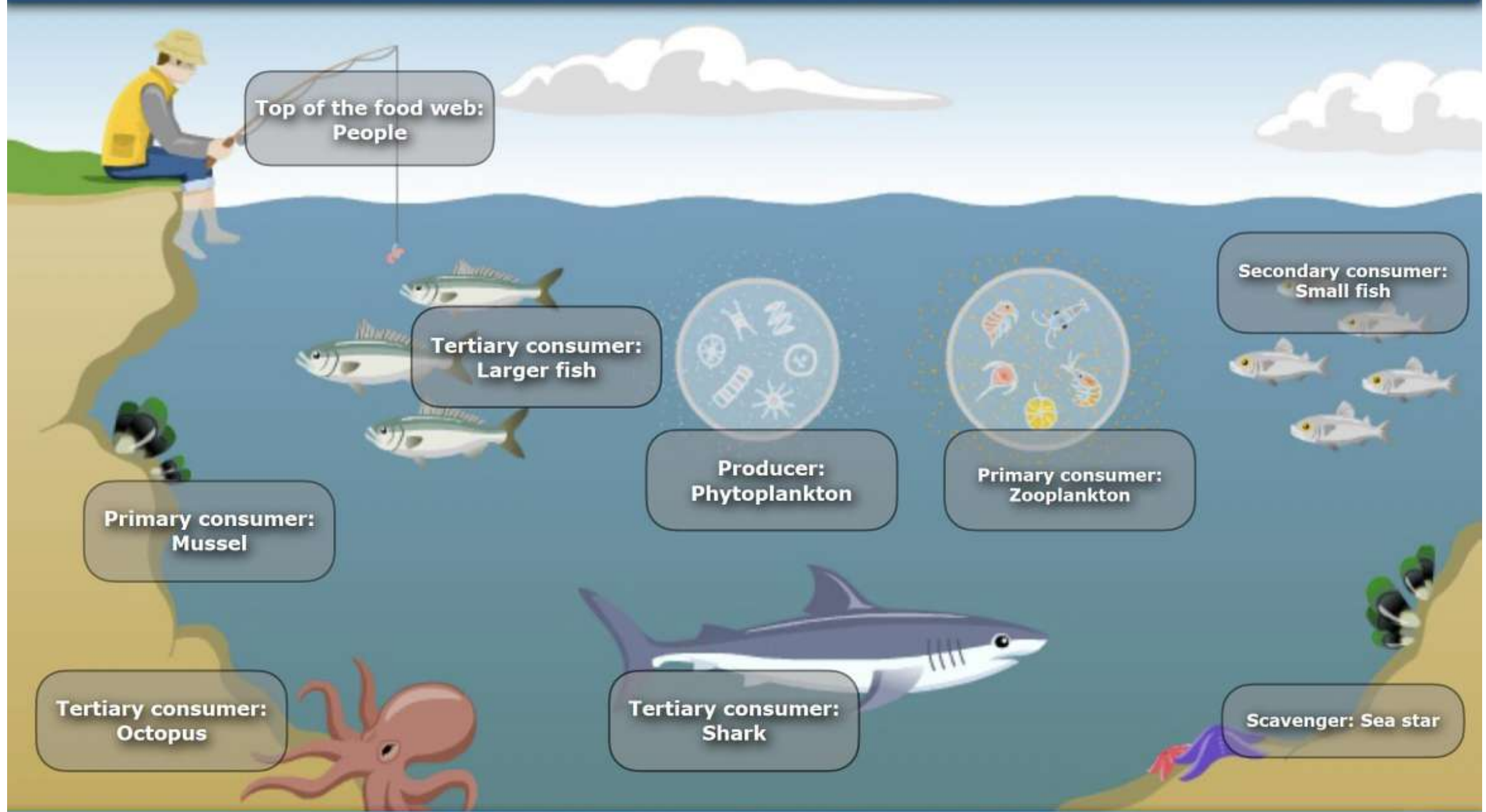


Acute Aquatic Toxicity

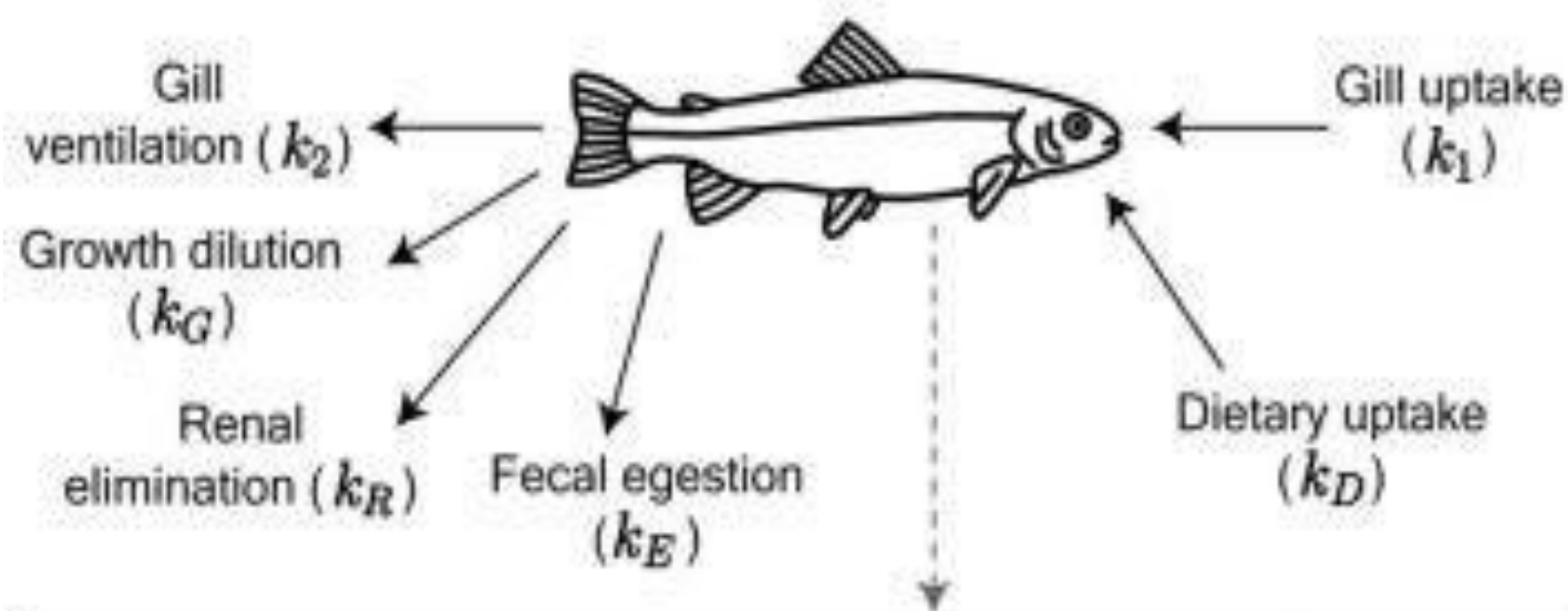
Chronic Aquatic toxicity



BIOACCUMULATION IN THE SEA

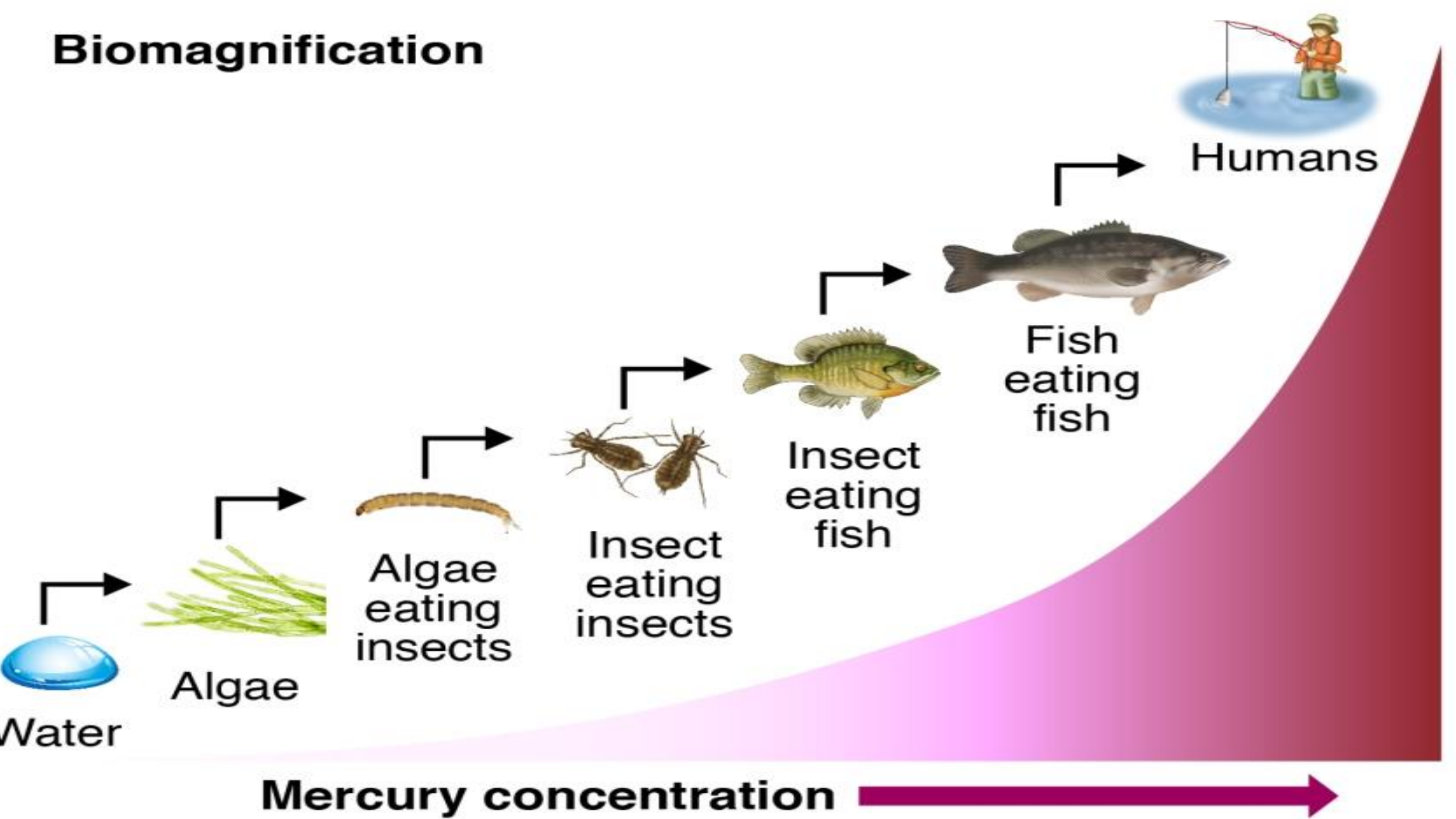


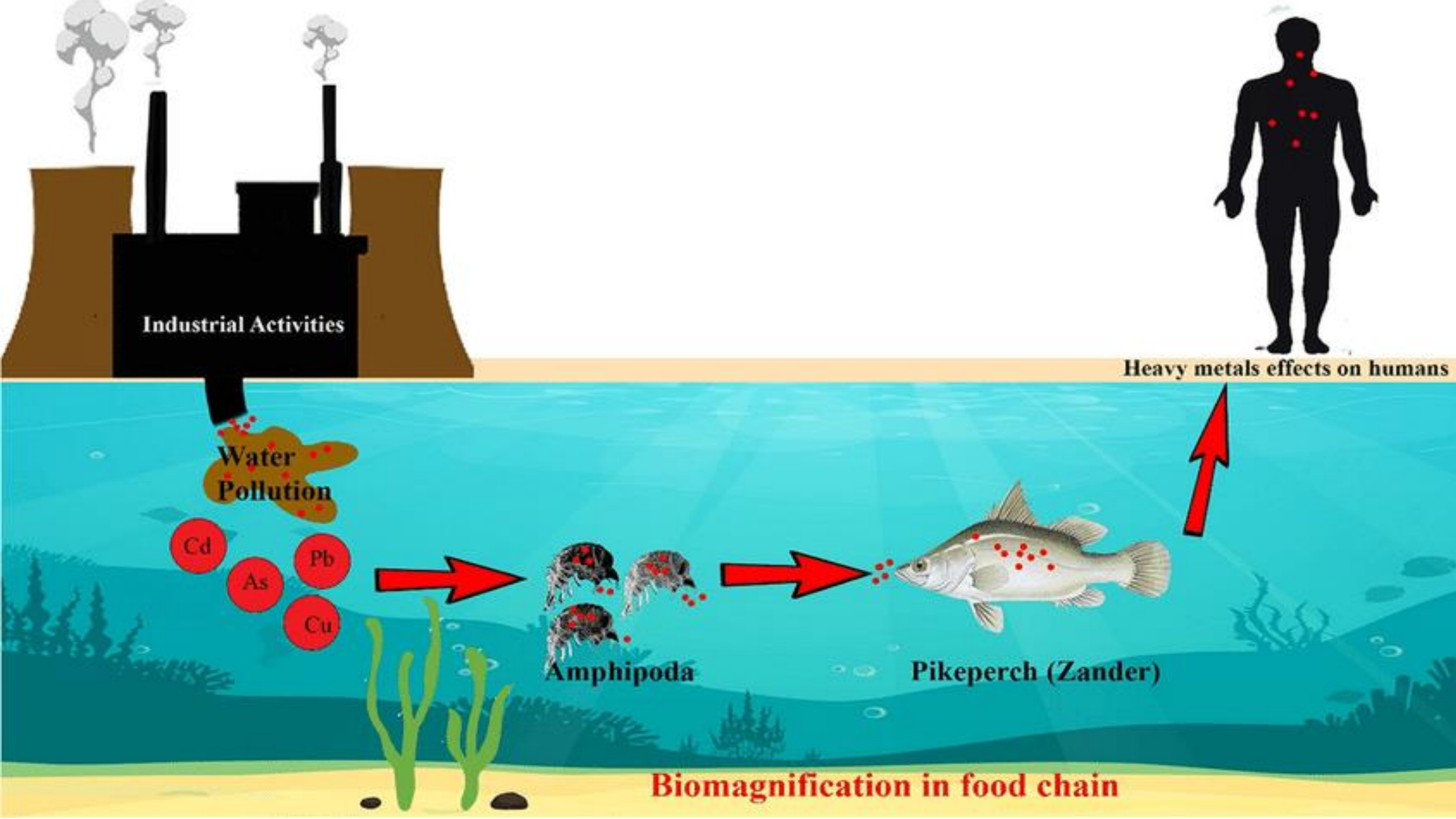
$$C_{fish} = \frac{k_1 C_{water} + k_D C_{diet}}{k_2 + k_E + k_G + k_R}$$



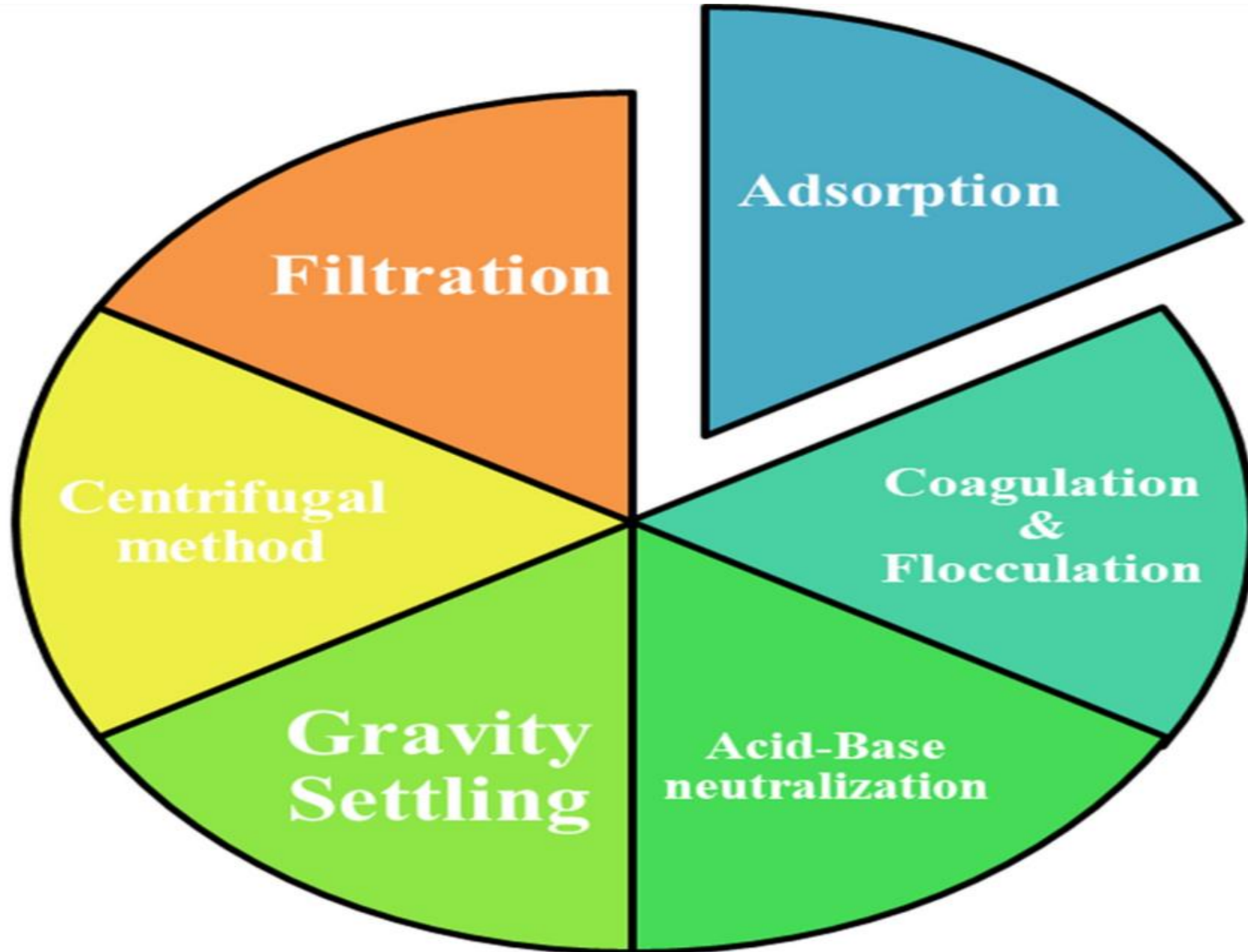
Tissue partitioning = phospho-lipid + blood plasma protein + neutral lipid + other organic matter + water

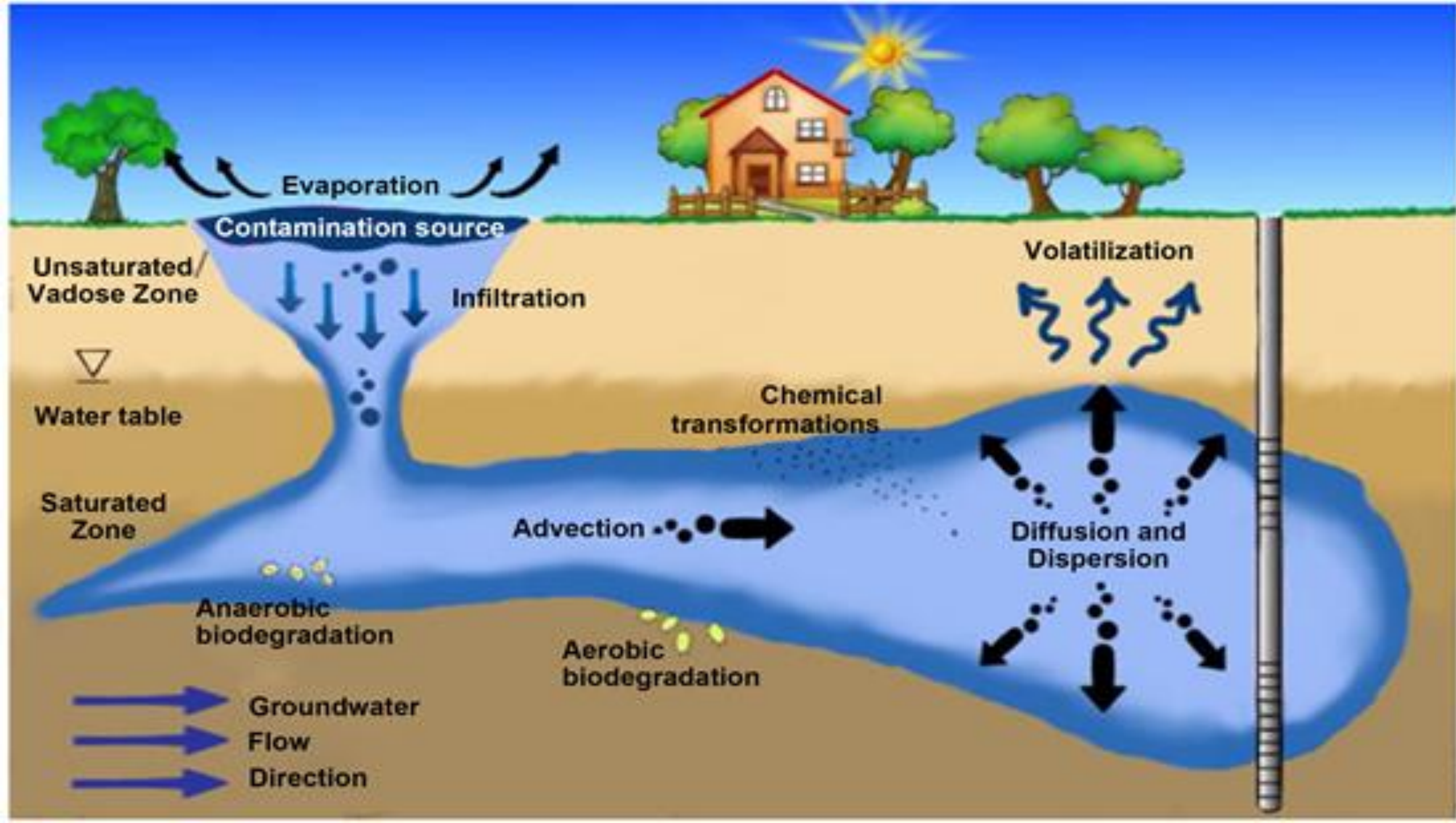
Biomagnification





Aquatic Remediation

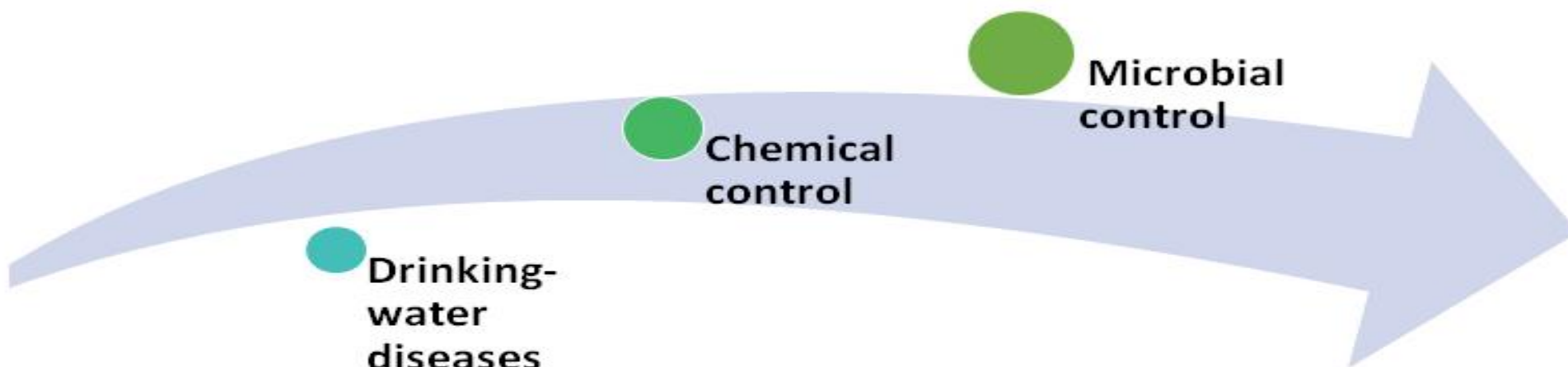




Water and Health

- 80% of sickness in the world is caused by inadequate water supply or sanitation
- 40% of the world population does not have access to safe drinking water
- It is estimated that water-borne diseases kill 25,000 people per day
- In many populated areas of the world, water-borne diseases represent the leading cause of death

Drinking Water Quality Control and Human Health



Public health

Drinking-water diseases

Chemical control

Microbial control

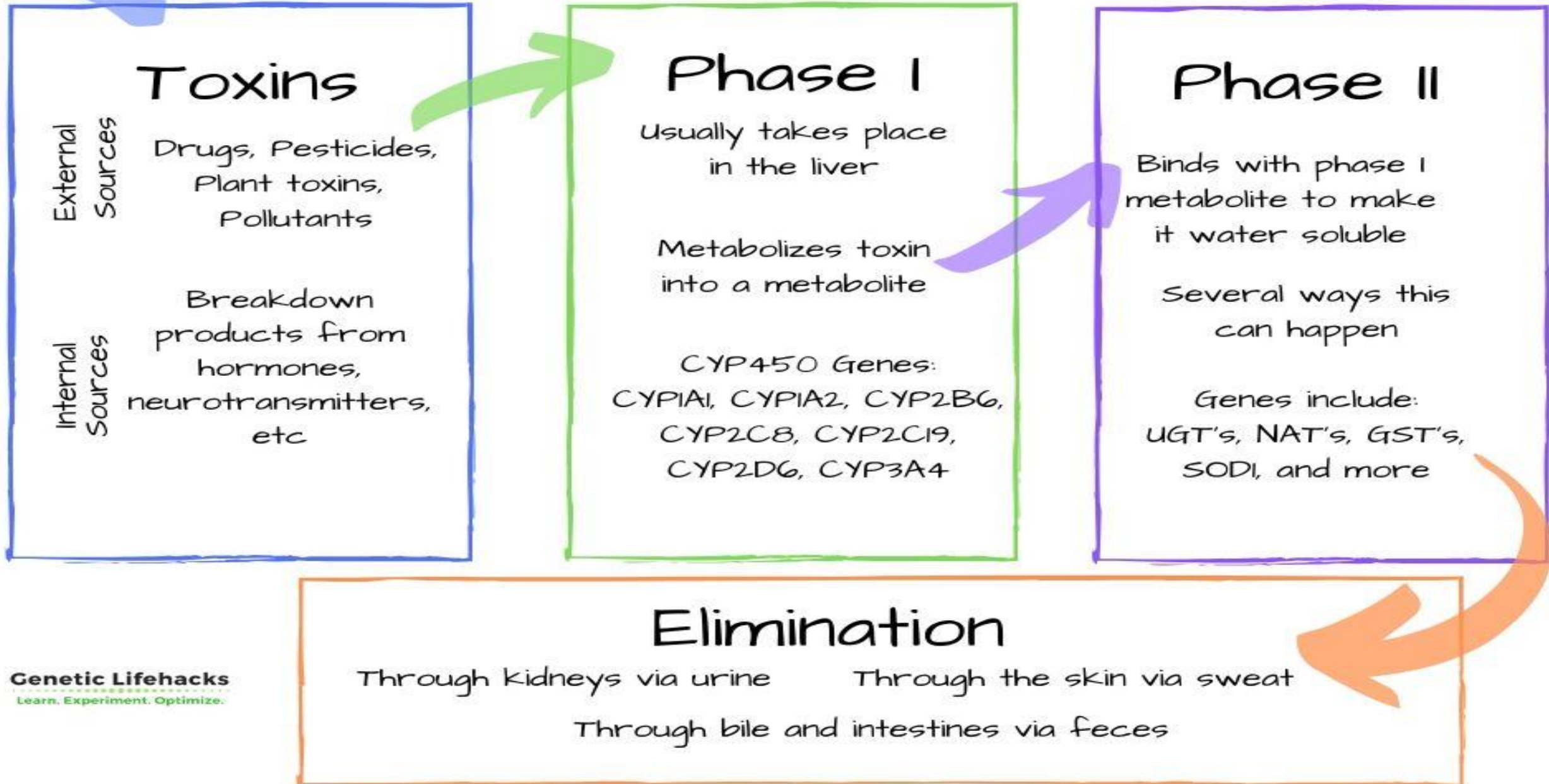


Contamination of water reservoirs:

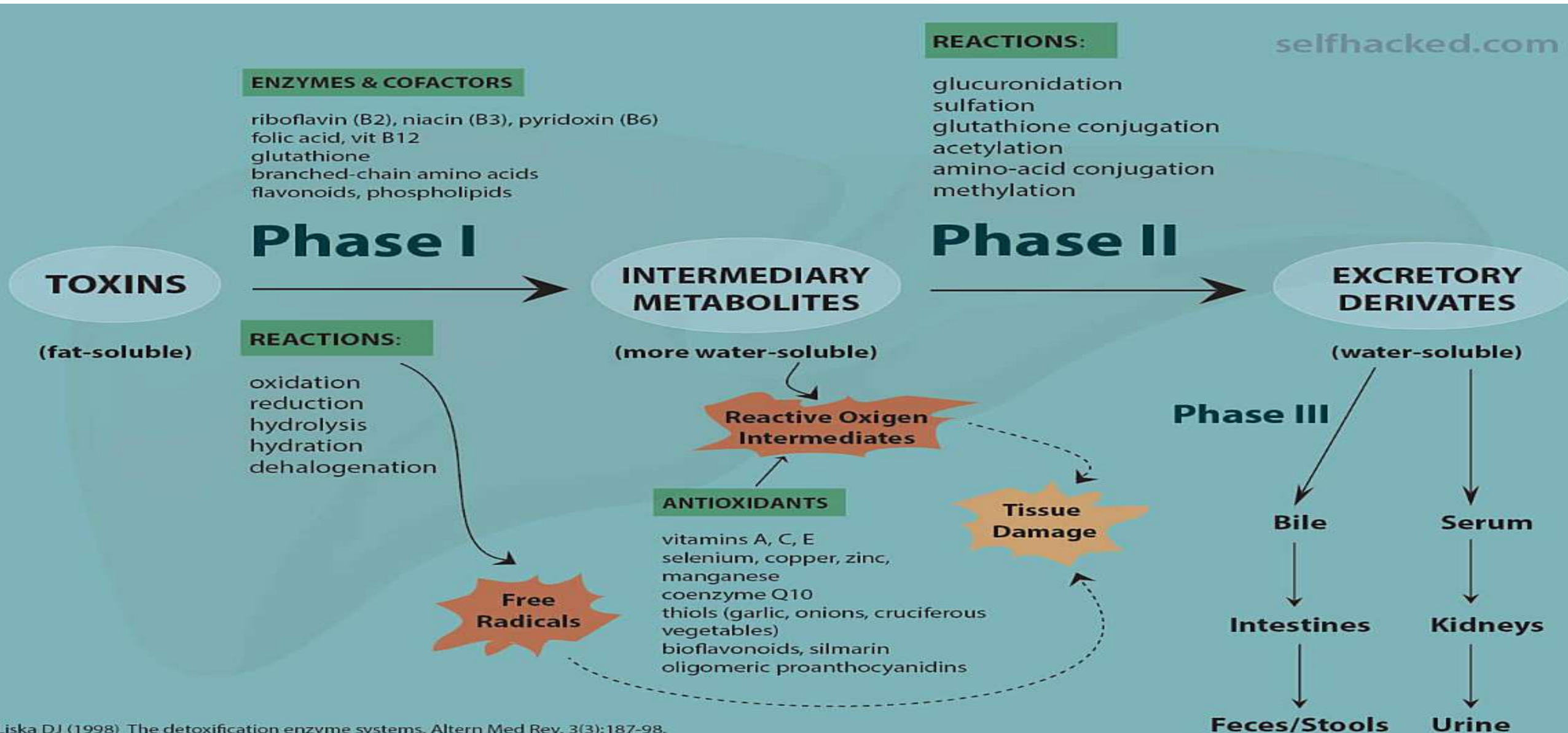
- natural conditions
- human activities
- rainfall variability



Detoxification Pathways



Detoxification phase 1 & 2



FAT-SOLUBLE TOXINS

Phase 1 (Cytochrome P450 Enzymes)

Oxidation
Reduction
Hydrolysis
Hydration
Dehalogenation

Nutrients Needed

- Vitamins B2, B3, B6, B12
- Folic Acid
- Glutathione
- Flavonoids

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Phase 2 (Conjugation Pathways)

Sulfation
Glucoronidation
Glutathione Conjugation
Acetylation
Amino Acid Conjugation
Methylation

Nutrients Needed

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| • Methionine | • Vitamin B5, B12 | • Glutamine |
| • Cysteine | • Vitamin C | • Folic Acid |
| • Magnesium | • Glycine | • Choline |
| • Glutathione | • Taurine | |

WATER-SOLUBLE WASTE

Eliminated via:

Urine
Bile
Stool

Forensic Science
Environmental Forensics
CSI --- eg CYANIDE



Landslide
detection

Water quality
monitoring

Noise and light
pollution
monitoring

Radiation level
monitoring

Flood
monitoring

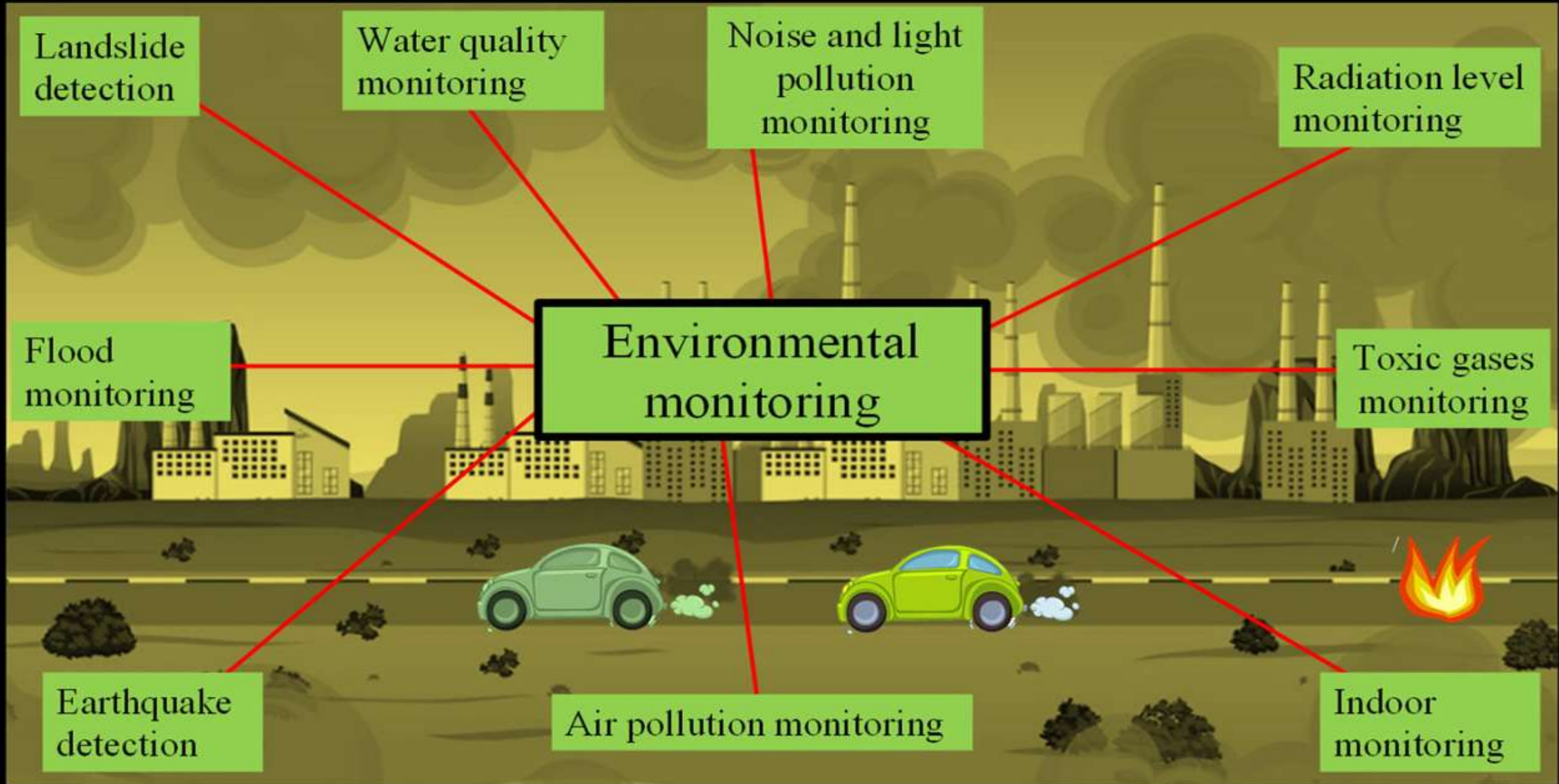
Environmental
monitoring

Toxic gases
monitoring

Earthquake
detection

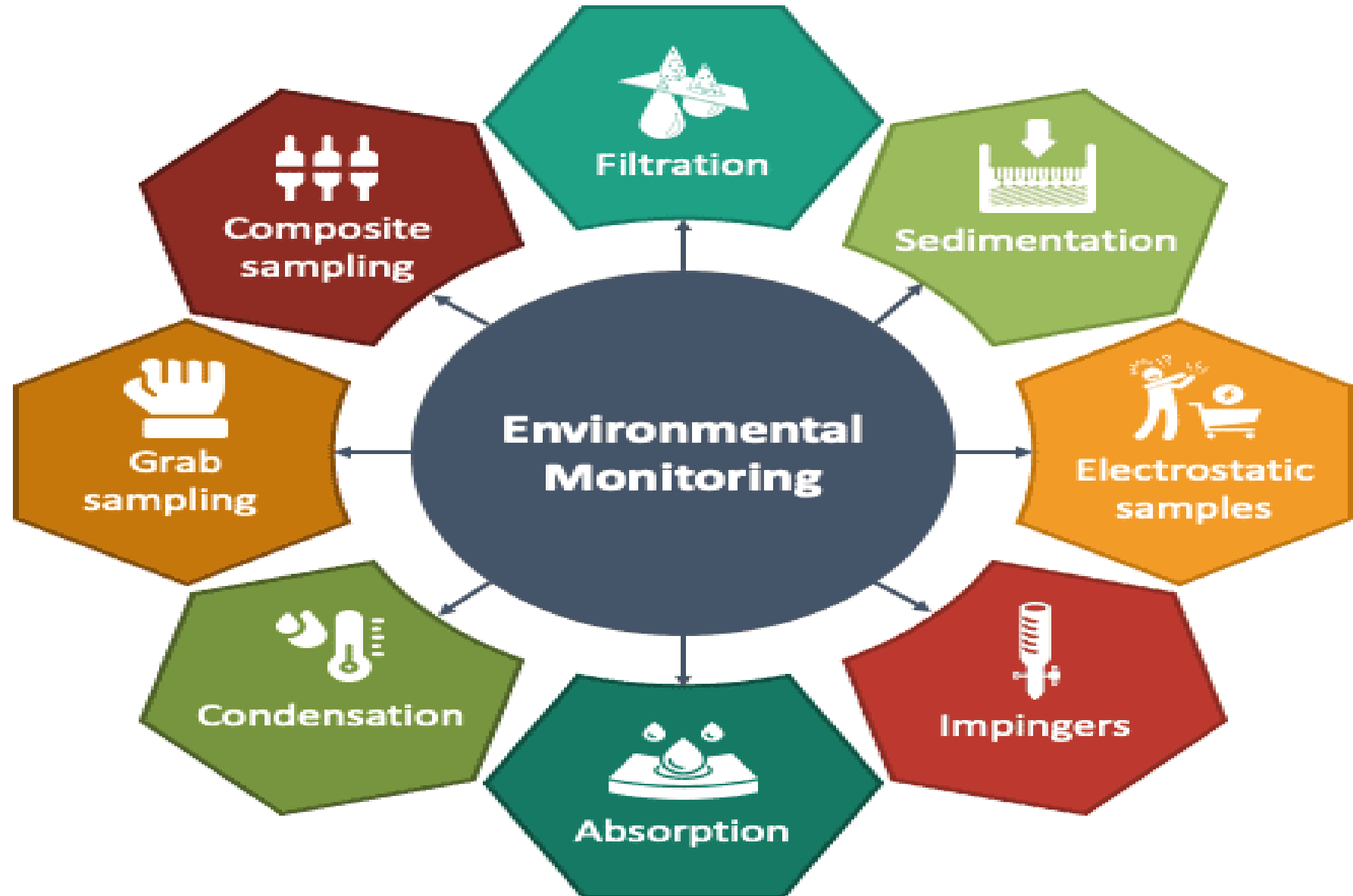
Air pollution monitoring

Indoor
monitoring

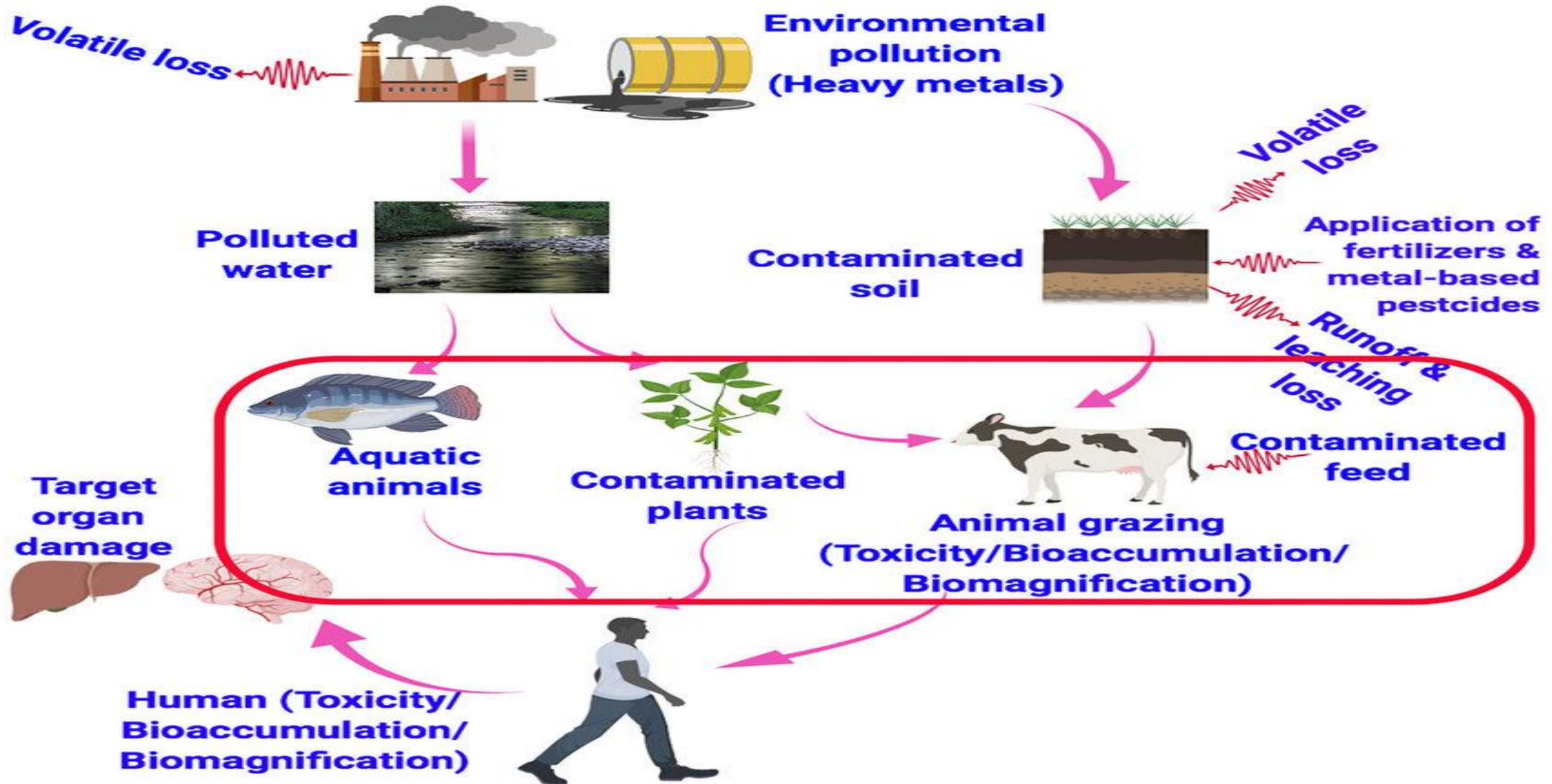


ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Some Techniques of Environmental Scanning & Monitoring



Sentinel organisms





Species group	Sentinel Species	Contaminants
Mammals [#]	Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>) Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>) American Marten (<i>Martes americana</i>) Mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>) River Otter (<i>Lontra canadensis</i>) Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	Heavy metals, PACs, trace metals
Colonial Waterbirds	Caspian Tern (<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>) Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>) Ring-billed Gull (<i>Larus delawarensis</i>) California Gull (<i>Larus californicus</i>) Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>)	As, Hg, PACs
Amphibians	Wood Frog (<i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i>)	Hg, PACs
Plant health and community composition	Wetland/Upland Vegetation Communities	Trace metals, PACs
Migratory birds	Tree Swallow (<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>)	PACs

[#]See Section S5.5.2 in the supplemental material

Environmental aquatic parameters

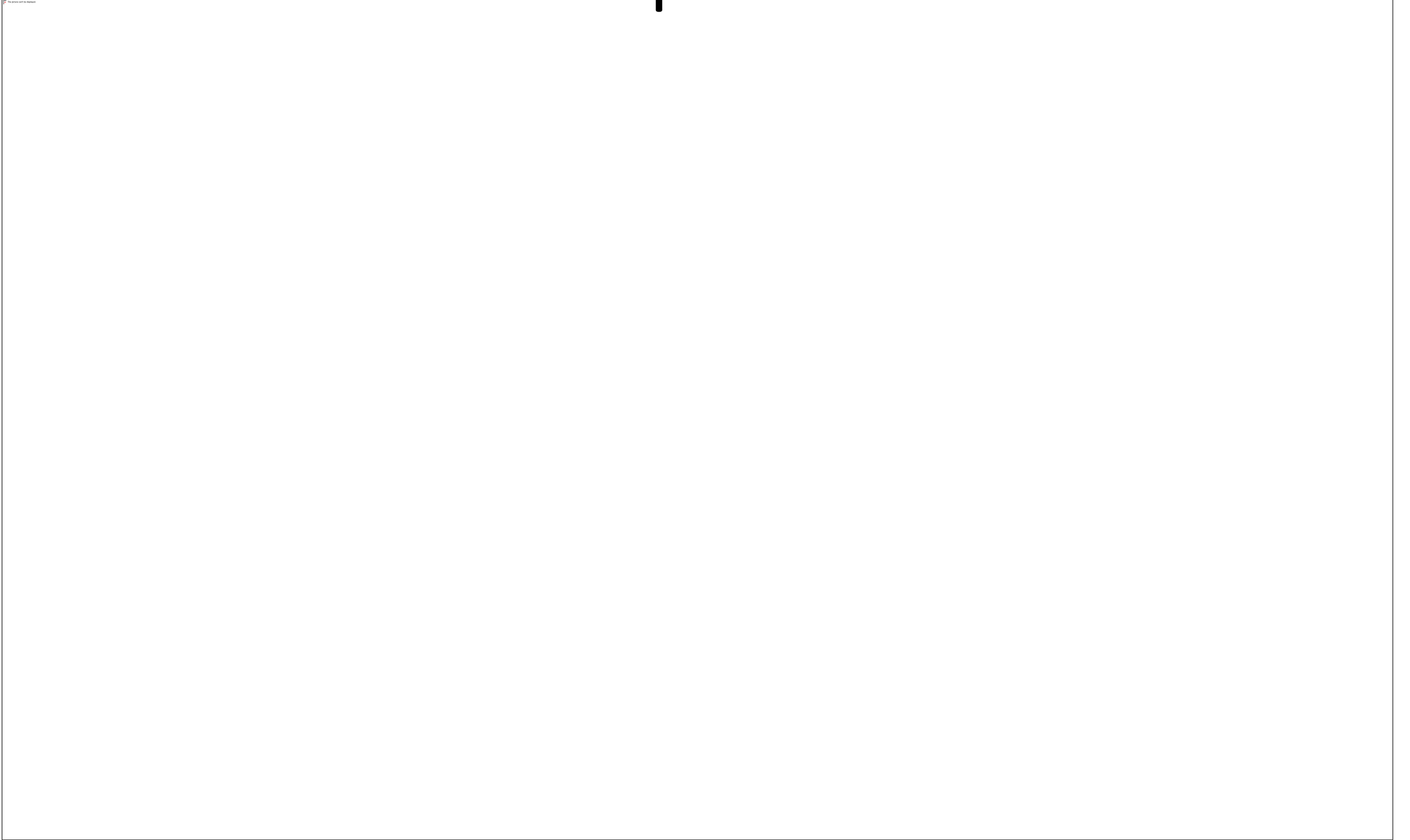
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Aquatic water quality equipment

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Dose Response Curve



Aquatic means of exposure

Chemical Quality of water



EPA Parameters

Physical Parameters

Mercury Sources and Toxicity in Suriname



Peak mercury vapor concentrations inside firms and emissions into the atmosphere exceed acceptable limits



Assessment of mercury sources in Suriname and the level of contamination they cause to the three main environmental compartments: air, water and soil.
M. Huisden, T. van Ravenswaay, R. Kasantirto, E. Naipal and S. Algoe.

Mercury contamination forms a global threat to human health and the environment. In artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), mercury is used to form gold amalgams. The bulk of the gold amalgam is marketed to Paramaribo to be purified and sold at gold buyout firms. Mercury vapors are released during the purification process. . Mercury, once in the atmosphere, undergoes several chemical transformations making it water soluble, and allowing deposits to soil and water through precipitation.

The **OBJECTIVE** of this study was to assess the magnitude of Suriname's exposure to this toxic metal in the environmental compartments: air, water and soil.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

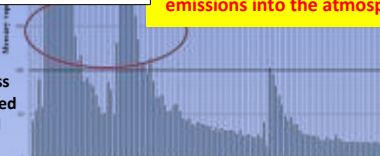
The UNEP Toolkit for Identification and Quantification was used to develop a national inventory. A mercury detector (MVI) allowed for mercury measurements; at 4 out of 29 gold buyout firms in Paramaribo North, quadruplicate readings per minute during 30 minute intervals at the exhaust pipe, operators seat and workroom were carried out randomly according to EN 15259 guidelines. In order to assess to what extend drink-water sources around Paramaribo are affected, 8 water sources used by the local water company (SWM), both treated and untreated, were sampled and Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry was used to measure mercury levels.

Source Category	TOTAL kg Hg/yr	Air	Water	Land
Gold extraction	39,247.3	15,740.9	12,496.8	11,009.7
Other mining activities	134,828.6	5,492.1	2,768.6	120,535.7
Sectors	Emission Estimate Maximum (kg Hg/yr)			
Cement				
Crematoria				
large waste incinerators				
Waste at landfill				
Largescale gold production				
ASGM				8,437.500

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Peak mercury vapor concentrations inside firms and emissions into the atmosphere exceed acceptable limits



RESULTS, DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

In the work and seating space the mean mercury vapor concentrations were just below OSHA and NIOSH-limits of 100 µg/m3. However, during intermitted amalgam combustion, clients and employees of the gold buyout firms were exposed to peak mercury vapor concentrations exceeding the internationally accepted exposure limits. The average mercury vapor concentrations, emitted from the exhaust pipe, exceeded limits by far. Readings were as high as 1,775 µg/m3, while at times they exceeded the measuring range of the MVI (>2,000 µg/m3). This form of emission, gold extraction with mercury amalgamation, was found to be the largest contributor to mercury air pollution in Suriname, at approximately 15,700 kg Hg/yr.

Artisanal gold mining exerts vast impacts at 12,500 kg Hg/yr on fresh water, river and creek ecosystems. Over 5,000 km of water ways are directly impacted and over 8,000 km of waterways have been indirectly impacted by gold mining activities practiced in Suriname. Aquatic micro-organisms convert mercury into methyl-Hg, allowing for bio-accumulation up the food chain. In this study, none of the measurements to drinking water sources exceeded the standard of 0.05 µg/L. However, soil contamination with Mercury takes place at approximately 11,000 kg Hg/yr.

Mercury is mostly released from mining activities and due to its neurotoxic, nephrotoxic and teratogenic properties it affects the environment in Suriname and human health in a negative way. An urgent call for responsible mining.



<https://morel.princeton.edu/research/mercury-cycling-and-methylation>



Mercury Exposure Assessment of Fish Consumers in Paramaribo and Surroundings.

M. Huisden, G. Landburg, A. Niram, S. Algoe, N. Dakriet and R. Halfhuid.


In Suriname, mercury is mostly used in the small scale gold mining. This activity has several negative consequences for the environment and for human and animal health. The **OBJECTIVES** of this study were fourfold. First of all, to assess which types of fish are most commonly commercially processed and sold frozen in the supermarkets of Paramaribo, secondly which types are sold fresh at the markets of Paramaribo. Thirdly, to analyze to what extent these types of fish are contaminated with mercury and lastly, to study the levels of human exposure to mercury, based on fish consumption patterns.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

An overview of 18 commercial fish processing companies producing packaged frozen fish products using 14 different fish species, was made. Based on the “frozen fish inventory” of 50 randomly chosen supermarkets in Paramaribo, the six most consumed species for “frozen fish” were identified and marked for mercury analyses. On the other hand, fish sellers at 4 markets spread across Paramaribo City were surveyed; this provided information regarding the 5 to 7 most consumed species of “fresh fish” for each market. Although the exact origins of the fish species were not known, many fishing grounds are likely impacted by small-scale gold mining. In order to obtain fish consumption habits, only these 5 to 7 “best-selling fish species” were included in a fish consumer survey, studying detailed family eating patterns. After interviewing the fish consumers at each market regarding the eating habits of their households, the three most consumed fish species were identified per market and data was processed for each individual market. Mercury analyses was based on muscle tissue processed according to the Cold-Vapor Atomic Absorption Method.

RESULTS, DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

From the top 6 identified species of frozen fish, mainly Anjoemara (*Hoplias aimara*) exceeded the acceptability standard for freshwater aquatic life ($0.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). The results regarding the fresh fish from the markets showed that not only Anjoemara, but also the fish species Koebi (*Plagioscion surinamensis*) and Piranha (*Serrasalmus rhombeus*) have mercury concentrations higher than $0.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. A review of the consumer habits showed the average methylmercury intake per kilogram body weight per day for Anjoemara, Koebi and Piranha, to be higher than the reference dose (RfD) of $0.1 \mu\text{g methylmercury kg bw}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$ (U.S. EPA, 1997); it was concluded that each fish consumer who consumes either one of these fish species is exposed to alarming methylmercury levels. Depending on cultural tradition and eating habits, daily consumption varies. The meal frequency was extrapolated in this study, only to consider eating habits that consist of multiple servings of fish per day; e.g. by the Indigenous. The methylmercury intake through the consumption of multiple fish meals consisting of these three fish species exceeds the RfD even more; this raises serious health concerns.

	Average amount of fish ingested per day (g/day)	Average mercury concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Body-weight (kg)	Average mercury intake ($\mu\text{g mercury/kg body weight/day}$)	RfD ($\mu\text{g mercury /kg body weight/day}$)
Anjoemara	25.28	0.89	71.8	0.31	0.10
Koebi	61.61	1.18	71.8	1.01	0.10
Piranha	23.80	1.91	71.8	0.63	0.10

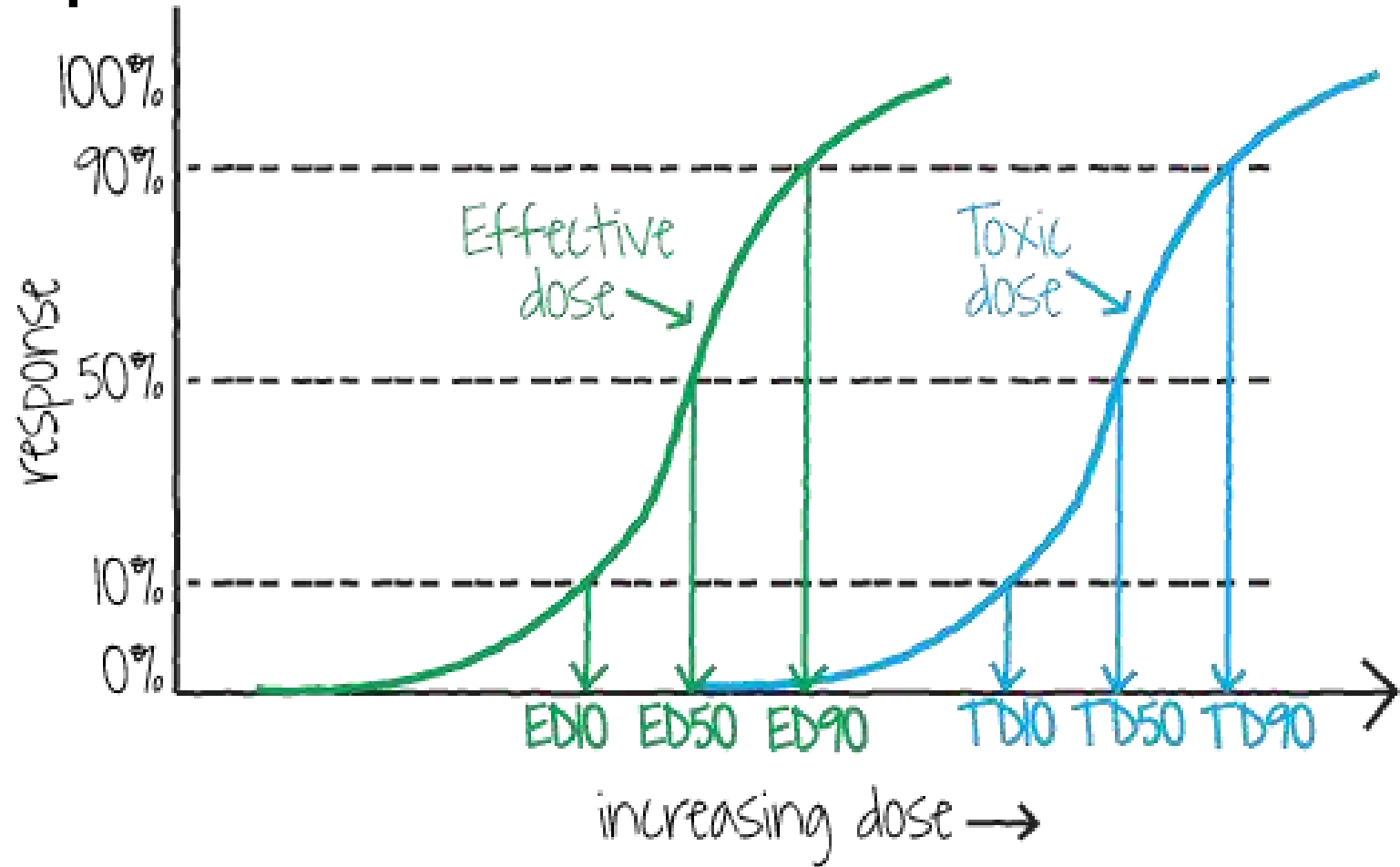
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A vibrant tropical scene featuring lush green foliage, palm trees, and a body of water in the foreground. The sun is shining brightly from the upper right, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The entire image is framed with a white border and rounded corners.

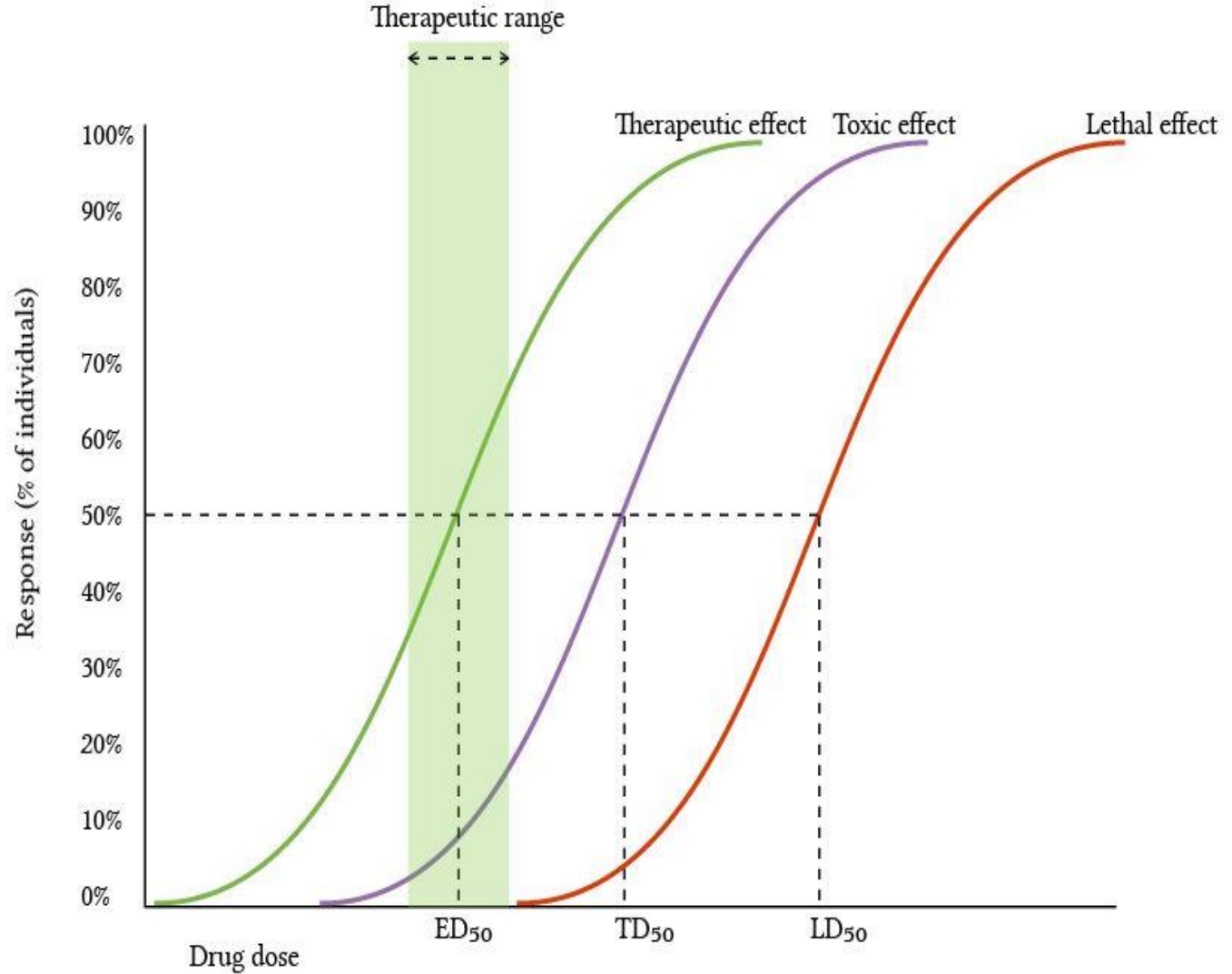
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Dose response curve



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TD₅₀
LD₅₀



In Vitro & In Vivo Research

In Silico

Performed in a **virtual setting**, a computer or virtual simulation.



In Vitro

"**In glass**", meaning the study takes place in a test tube.



In Vivo

"**In life**", meaning the study takes place in a living organism.



In vitro study

Healthy Wistar rat



Isolation of Schwann cells (SCs)



PLA/MWCNTs/GNFs/
rhEpo-CNPs

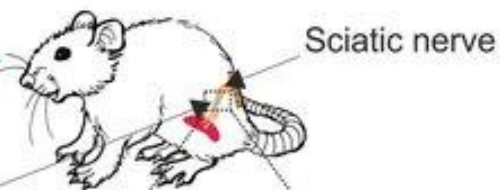


PLA/MWCNTs/GNFs/
rhEpo-CNPs/SCs

Enhanced
viability and proliferation
of SCs

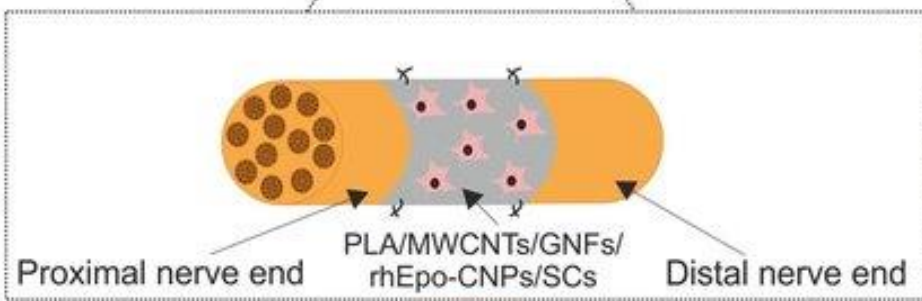
In vivo study

Wistar rat with 10 mm sciatic nerve defect

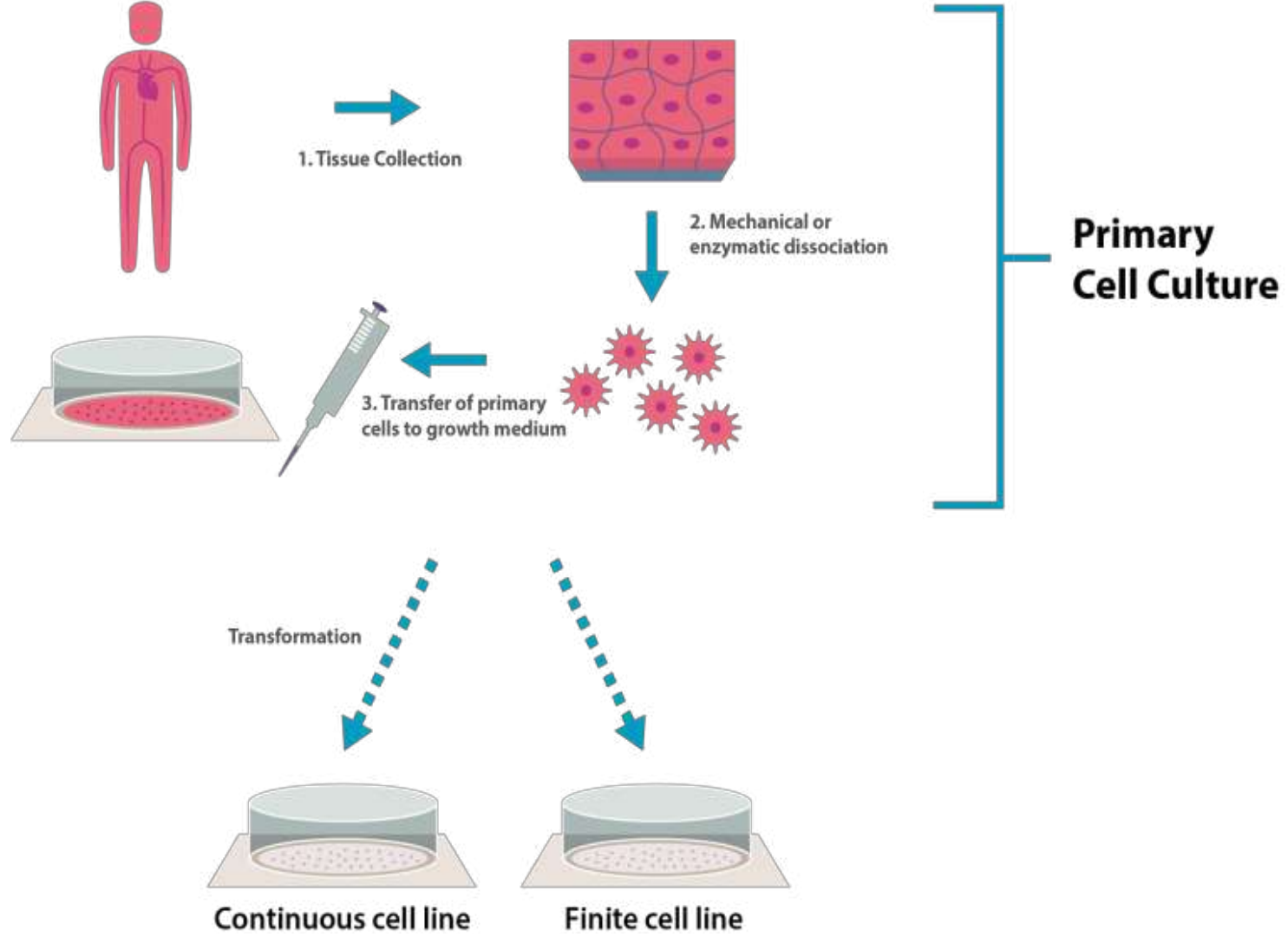


Implantation

PLA/MWCNTs/GNFs/
rhEpo-CNPs/SCs

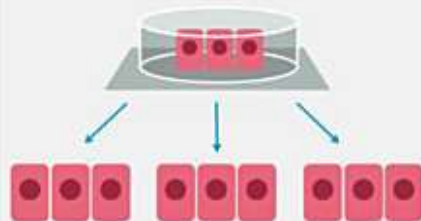


Comparable
nerve regeneration
to the autograft



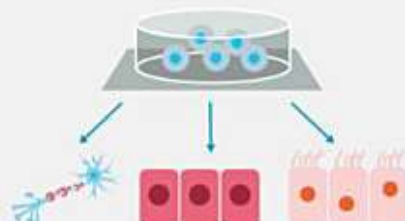
Primary cell culture: By cell differentiation

Differentiated cell culture



Differentiated cells that have lost capacity to further differentiate

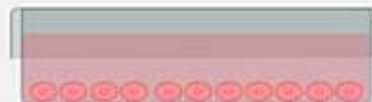
Stem cell culture



Undifferentiated cells that are able to differentiate into other cell types

Primary cell culture: By adhesion

Monolayer cultures



Anchorage-dependent, usually one cell thick, with continuous cell layer on culture vessel

Suspension



Cells grow free-floating in the medium

Primary cell culture: By cell type/morphological structure

Epithelial



Polygonal-shape, appear flattened, attach to a substrate and form a continuous thin layer

Endothelial



Round outline, do not form sheets, or attach to substrates

Fibroblast-like



Angular-shape, elongated and form open network of cells that attach to substrate

Lymphoblast-like



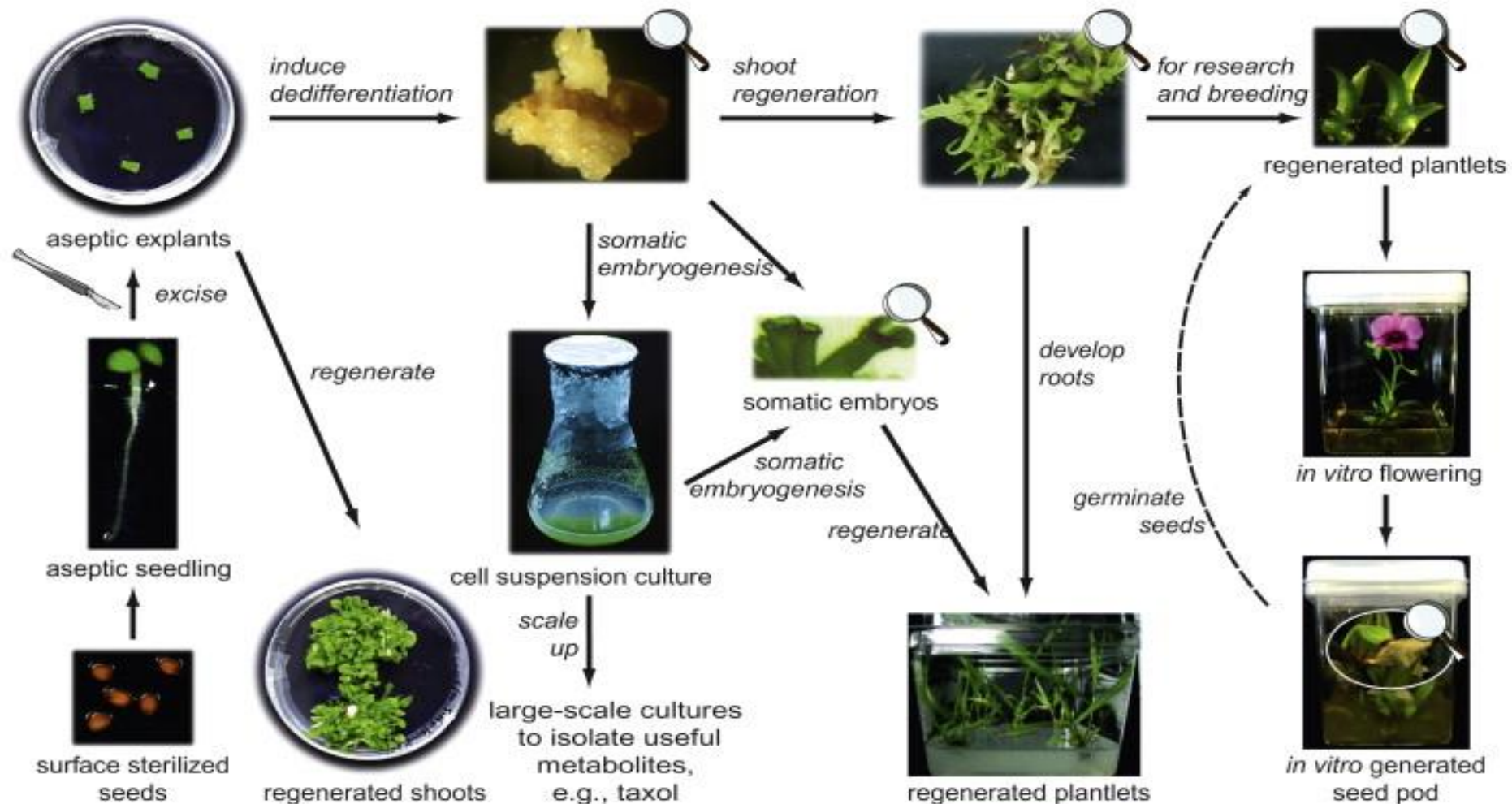
Spherical-shape, ranging from large cells with fine nuclear chromatin to smaller cells with condensed chromatin

Neuronal



Round, pyramidal or spindle-shaped cell body, with branching dendrites

Tissue culture



Animal research



The 3 R's of Animal Research

Reduce



Reduce the number of
animals used

Refine



Refine tests to cause
animals less stress

Replace



Replace animal studies
with other methods

Risk assessment



Risk Assessment

1

IDENTIFY
Identify the Hazards

2

DETERMINE
Determine Who Might Be at Risk (and How)

3

ASSESS
Assess the Likelihood and Severity of the Risks

4

ACTIONS
Identify Actions to Eliminate or Control the Risks

5

EVALUATE
Conduct an Evaluation



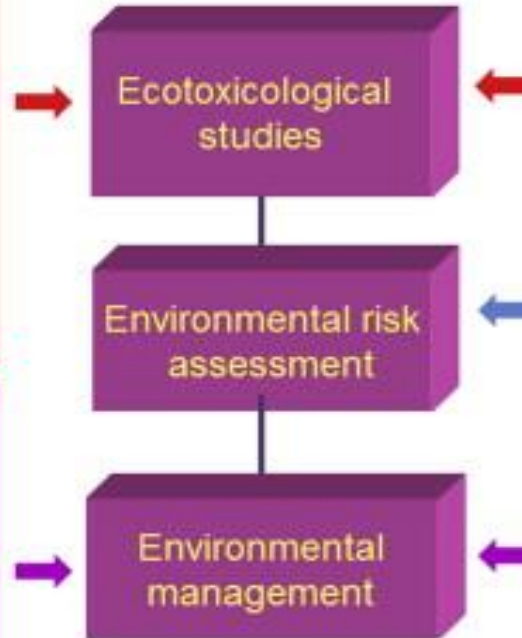
Aquatic toxicology

The problems that must be addressed

The appearance and conversion of chemicals in the environment and organisms
Effects on organisms
Ecological consequences of effects

Cost calculations for environmental problem management
Acceptance of environmental changes
Public pressure for managing environmental issues

The sequence of events from research to environmental management



Major fields that are associated with each stage

Retrospective ecotoxicology
Predictive ecotoxicology (model building)

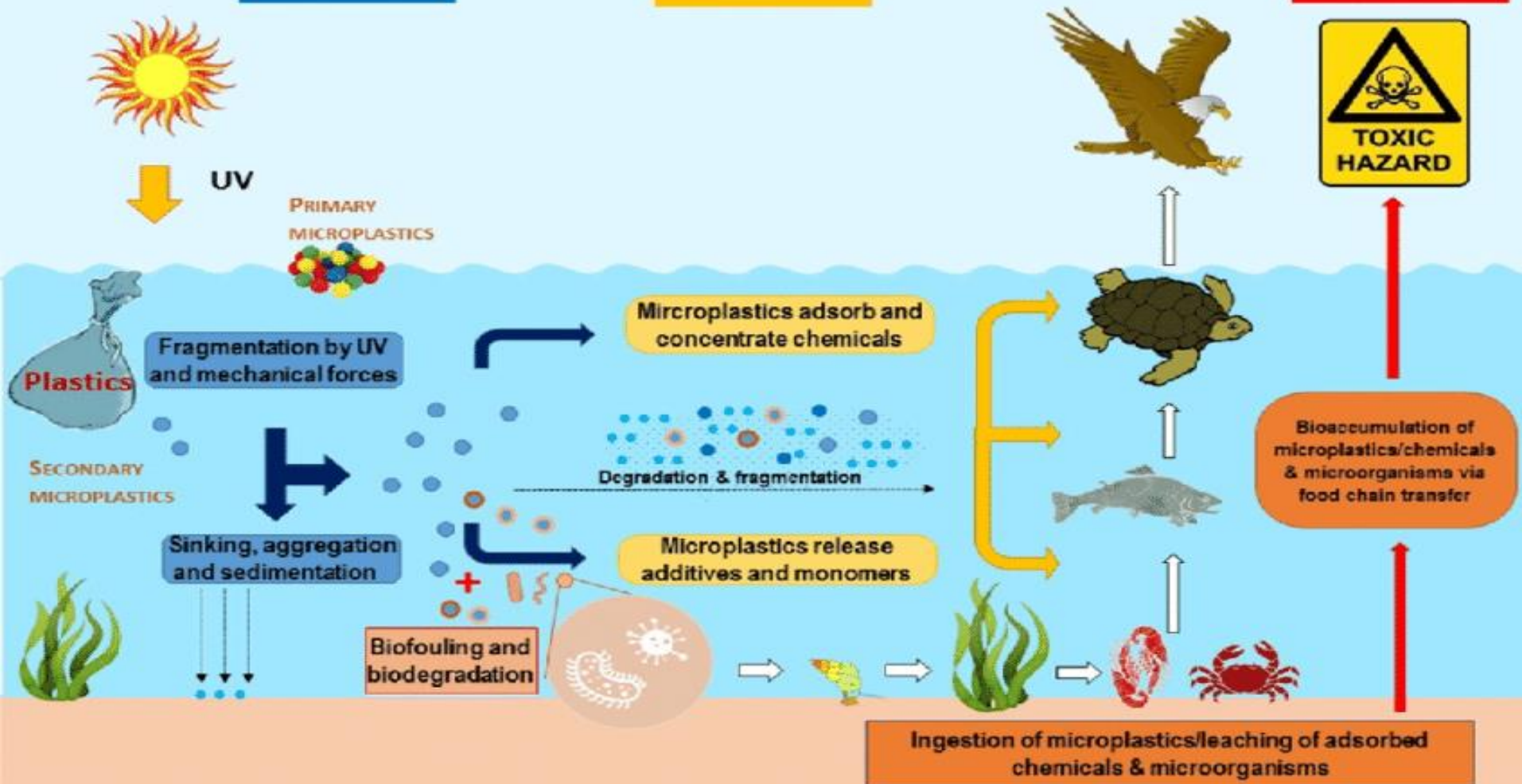
Toxicity testing
Risk assessment

Environmental ethics
Environmental economy
Environmental politics

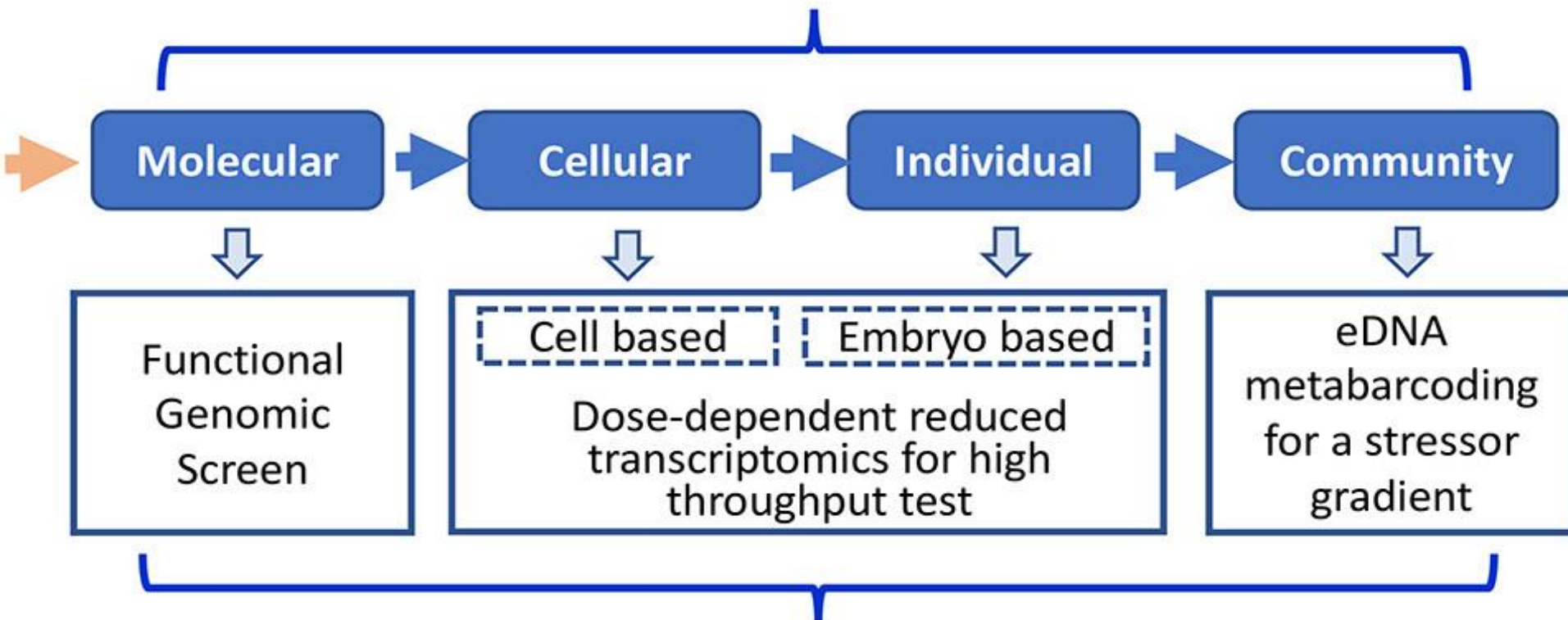
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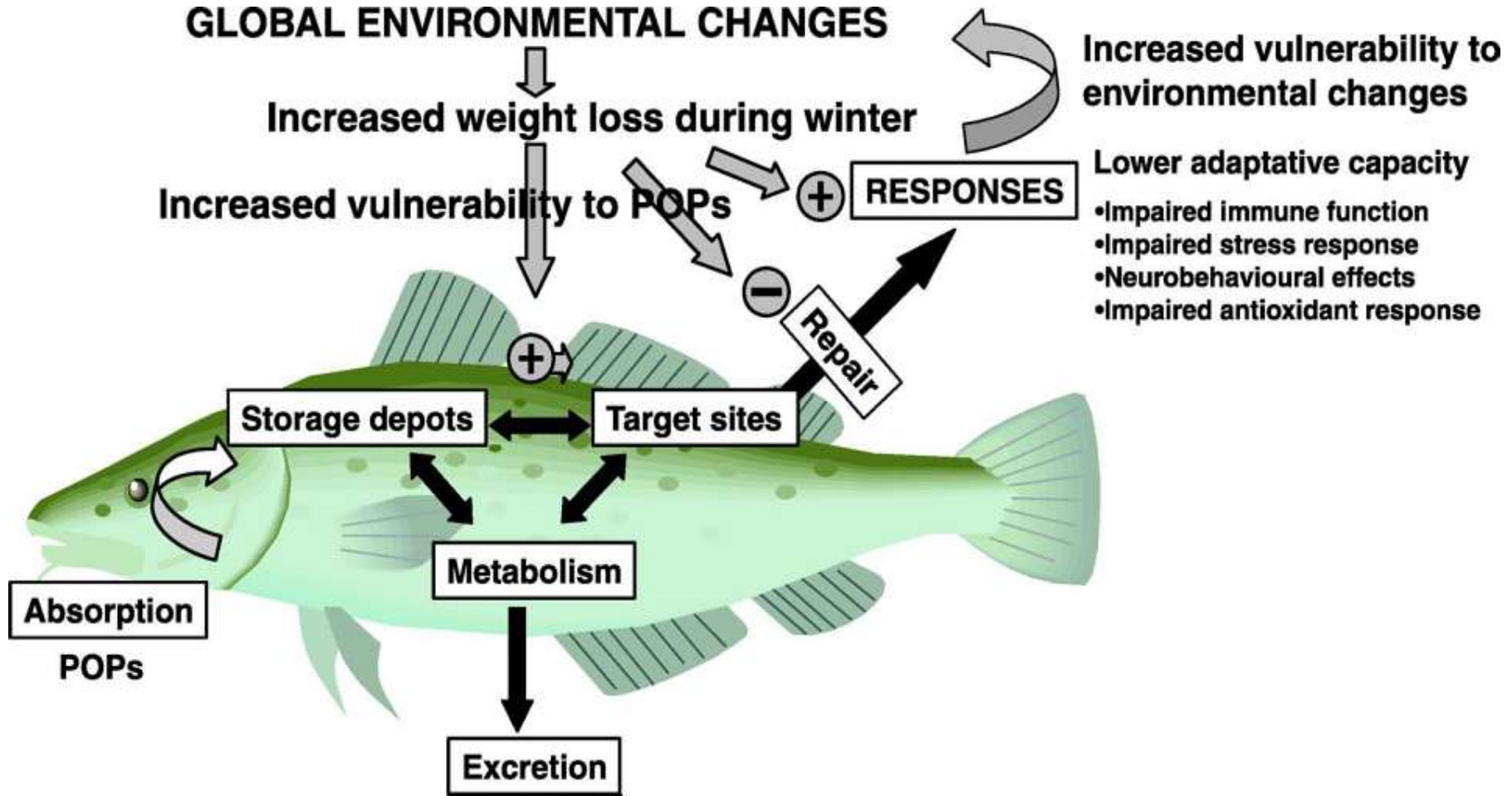


(Eco)toxicological Pathway of Toxic Substance

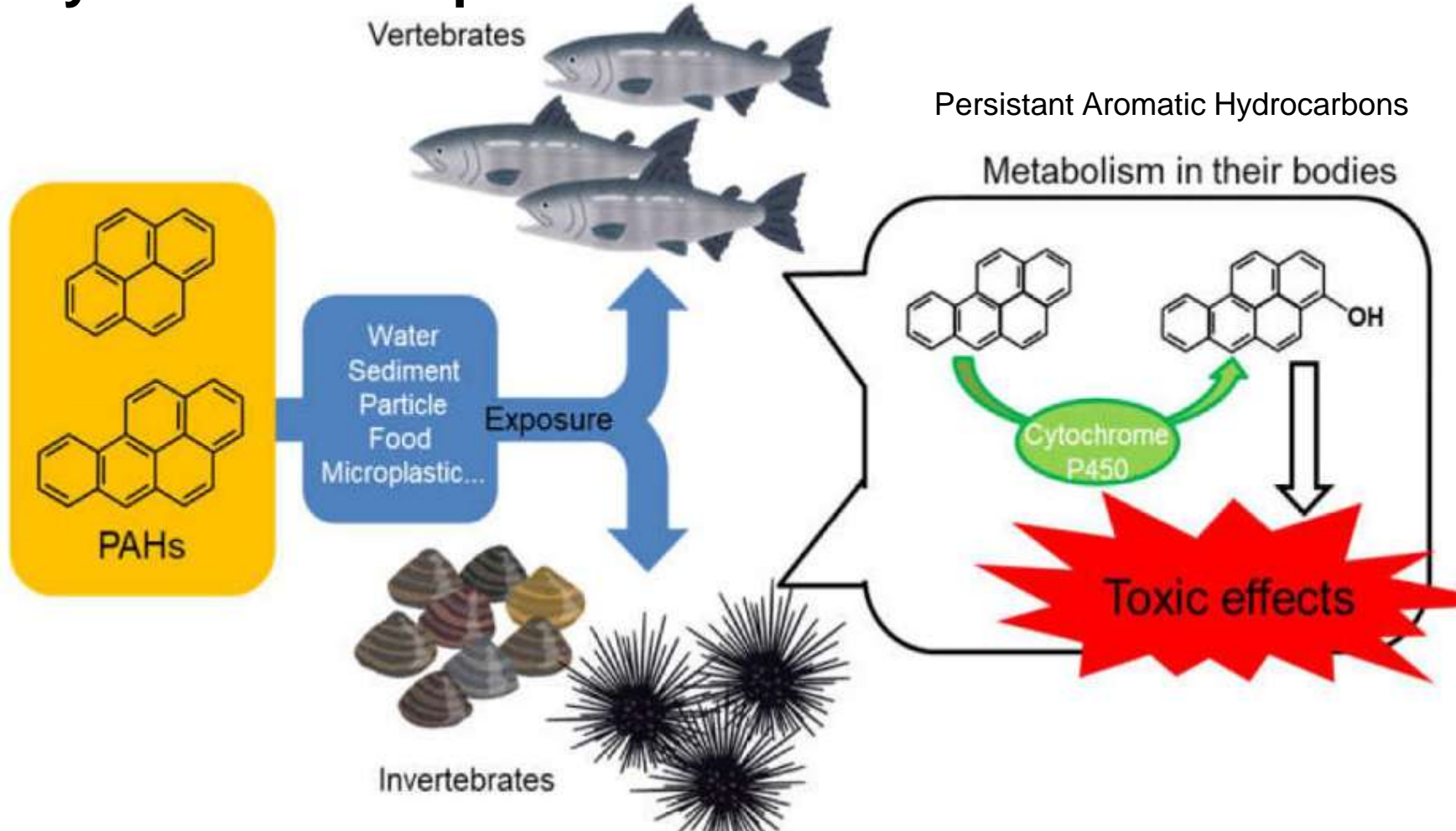


**A multiscale -Omics solution for mechanistic
research on effects of toxic substances**

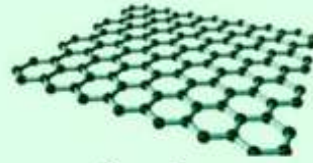
Research Toxicity in aquatic life



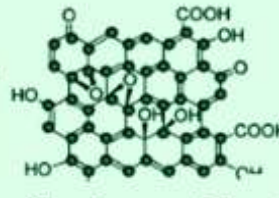
Toxicity of PAH for aquatic animals



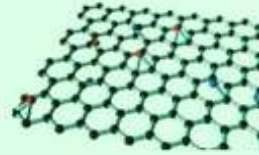
Nanomaterials in Aquatic organisms



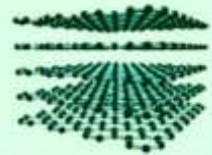
Graphene



Graphene oxide



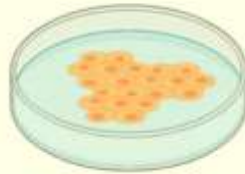
Reduced graphene oxid



Few layer graphene



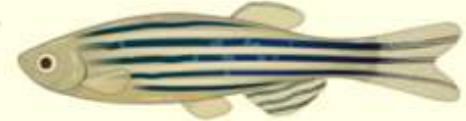
Release into environment



Cell lines



Invertebrate models



Aquatic vertebrate models



Trigger biological responses



Graphene
agglomeration



Nutrient /
oxygen
depletion



Lipid
peroxidation



Cell
penetration



Inflammation



Clearance

ONDERZOEKS METHODEN

Molecular biology

Chemical Diversity



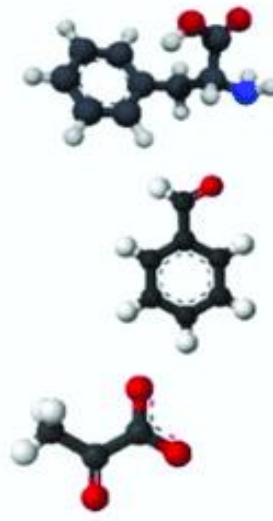
DNA
Genomics



RNA
Transcriptomics



Proteins
Proteomics



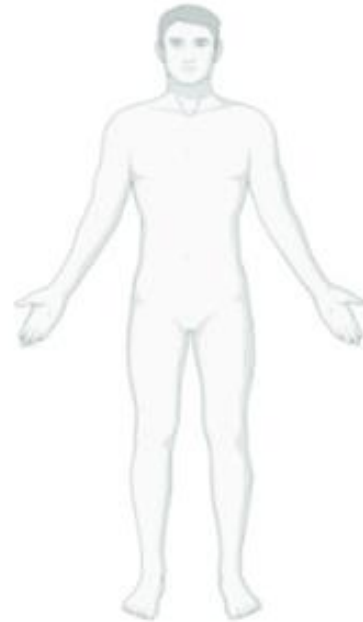
Metabolites
Metabolomics

What can
happen?

What appears to
be happening?

What makes it
happen?

What has
happened and is
happening?



PHENOTYPE

Q-PCR



QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS
OF GENE EXPRESSION



VALIDATING DNA
MICROARRAY RESULTS

qPCR



QUANTIFYING:



FUNGUS



BACTERIA



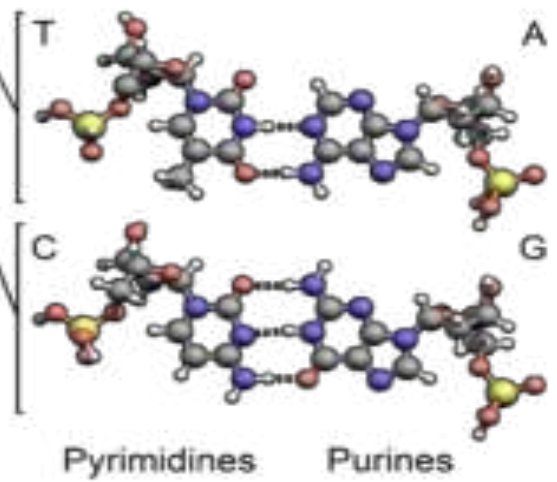
VIRUS

PCR + QUANTITATIVE PCR

Minor groove

Major groove

- Hydrogen
- Oxygen
- Nitrogen
- Carbon
- Phosphorus





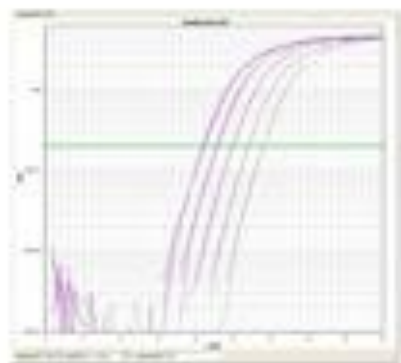
Assay design



Experimental set-up



**RNA, DNA—
isolate, purify, quantify**



Analysis of data



qPCR reaction set up



RNA

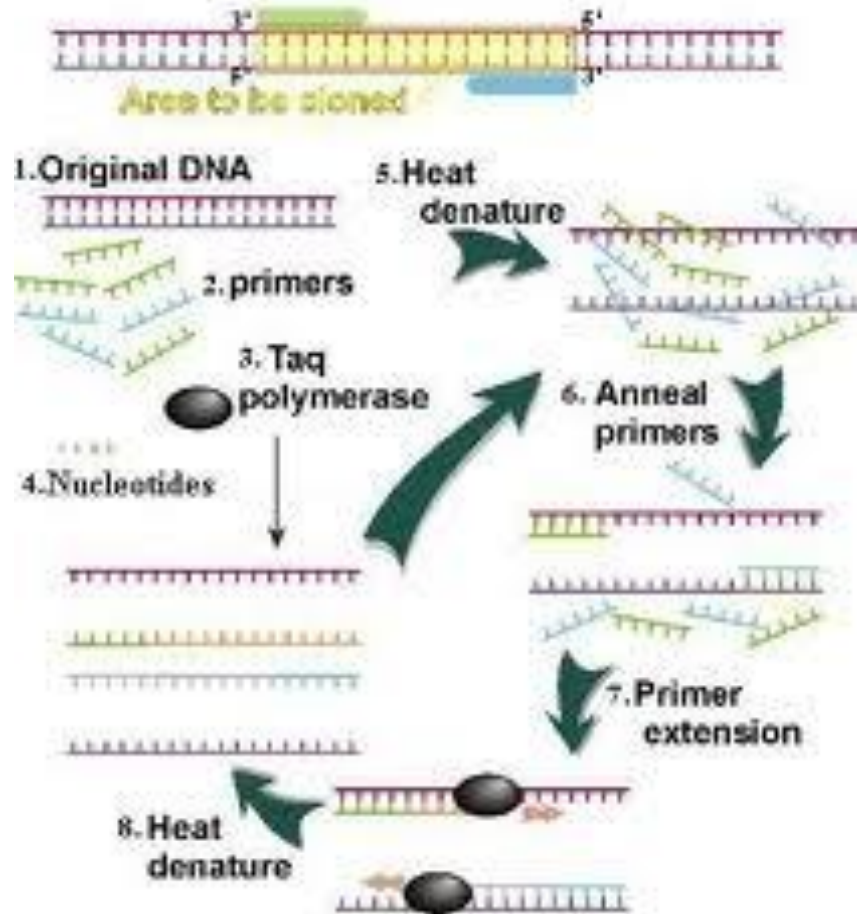
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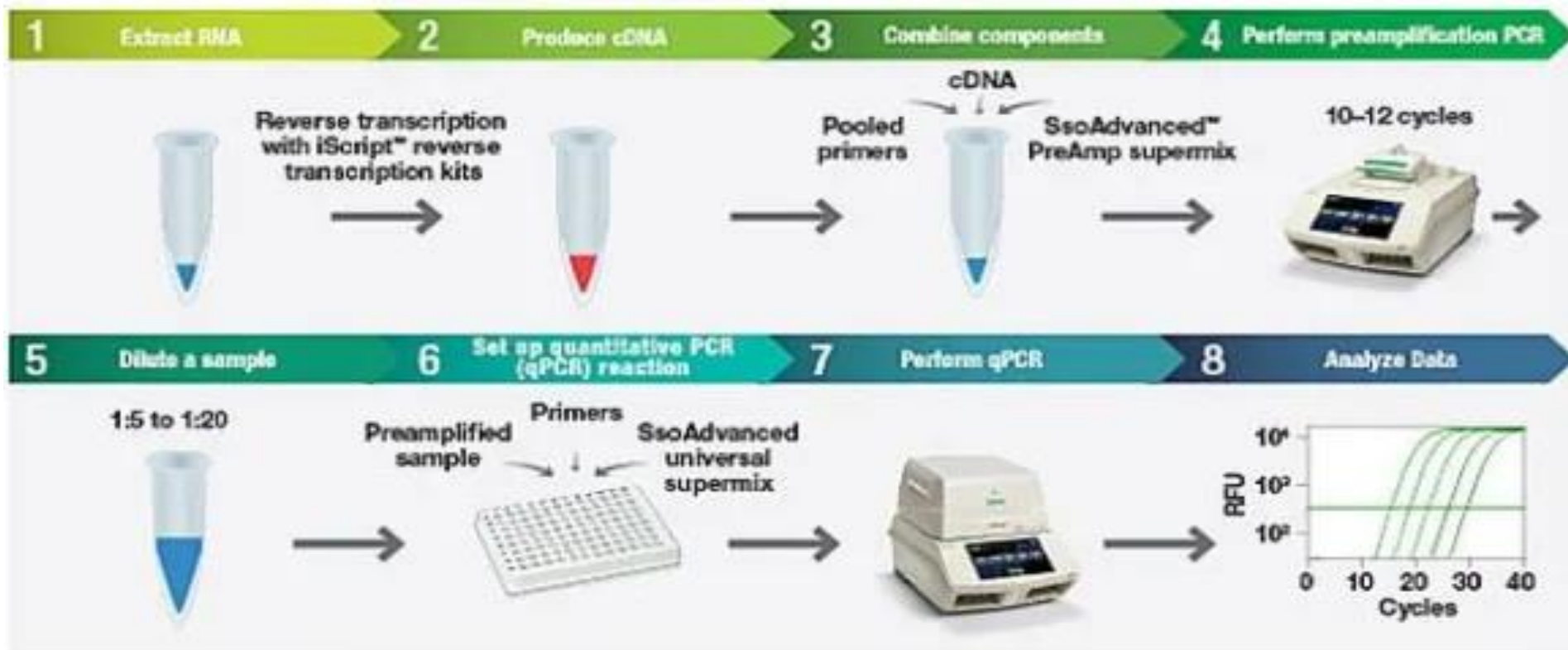


cDNA

Monitoring Environmental Drugs and Health

The PCR Process

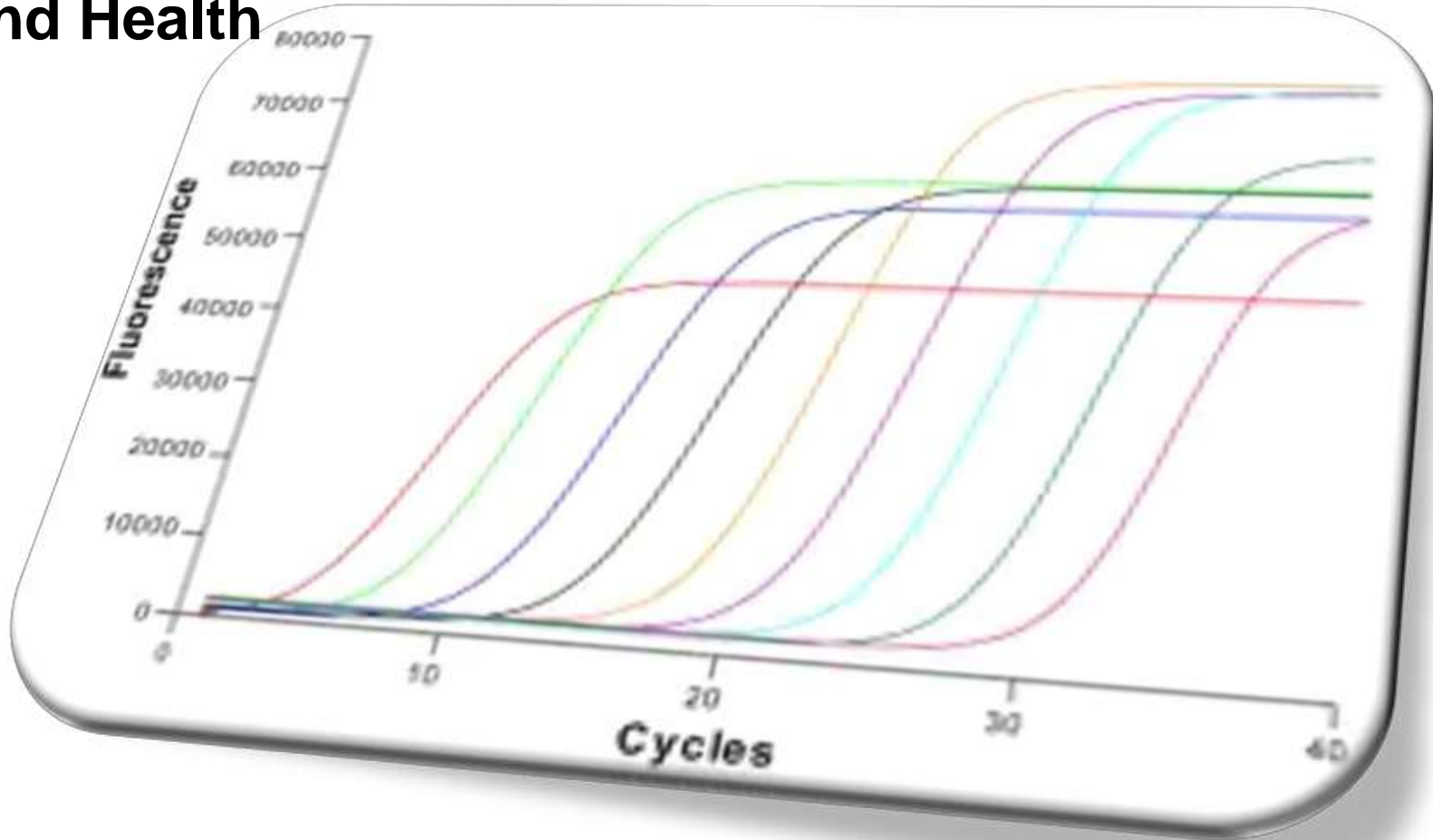




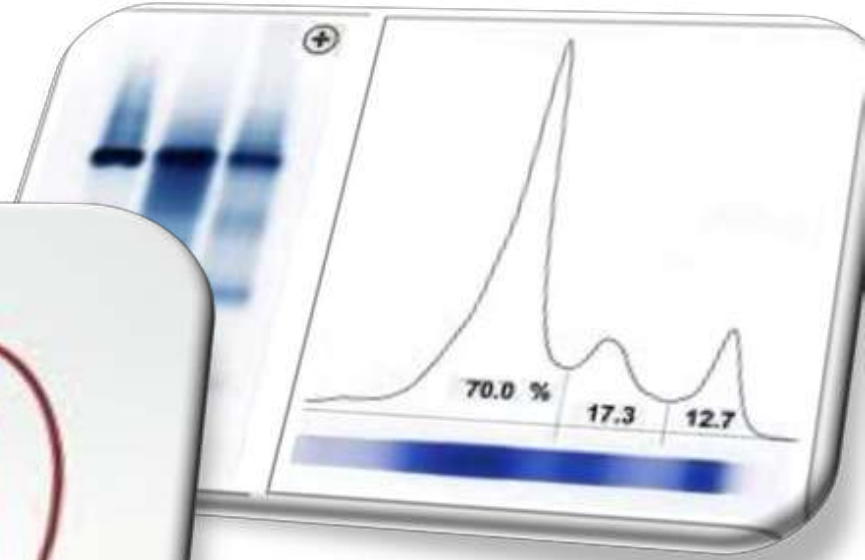
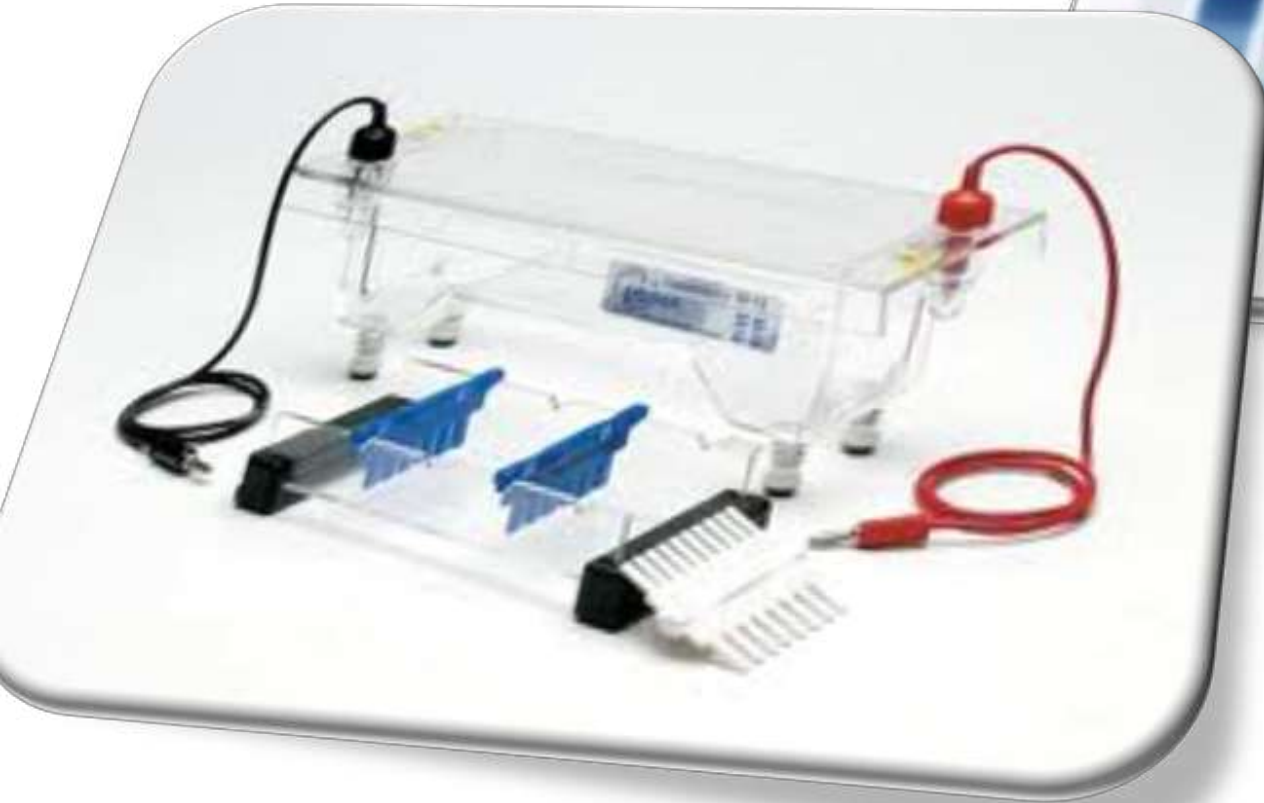
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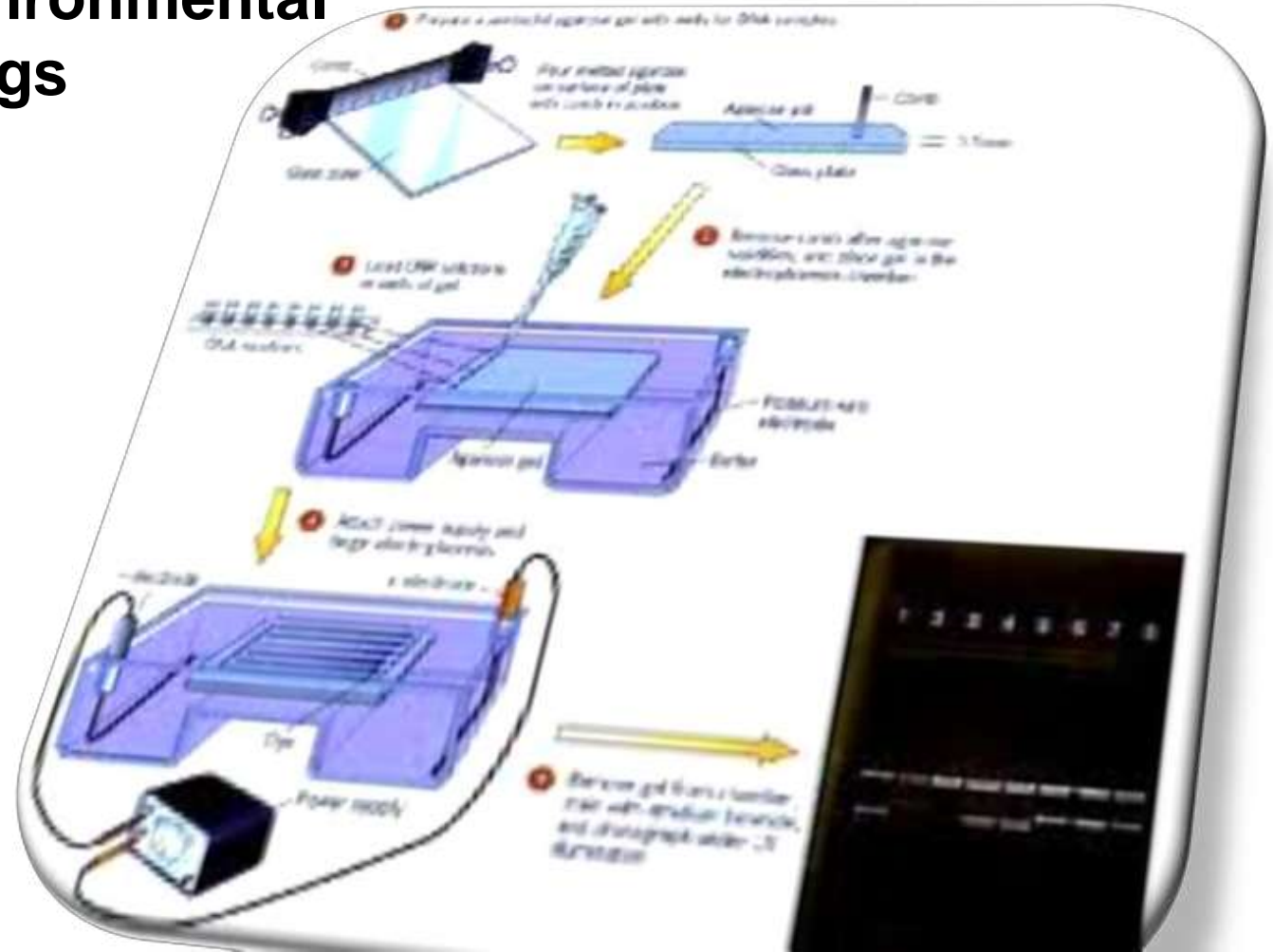
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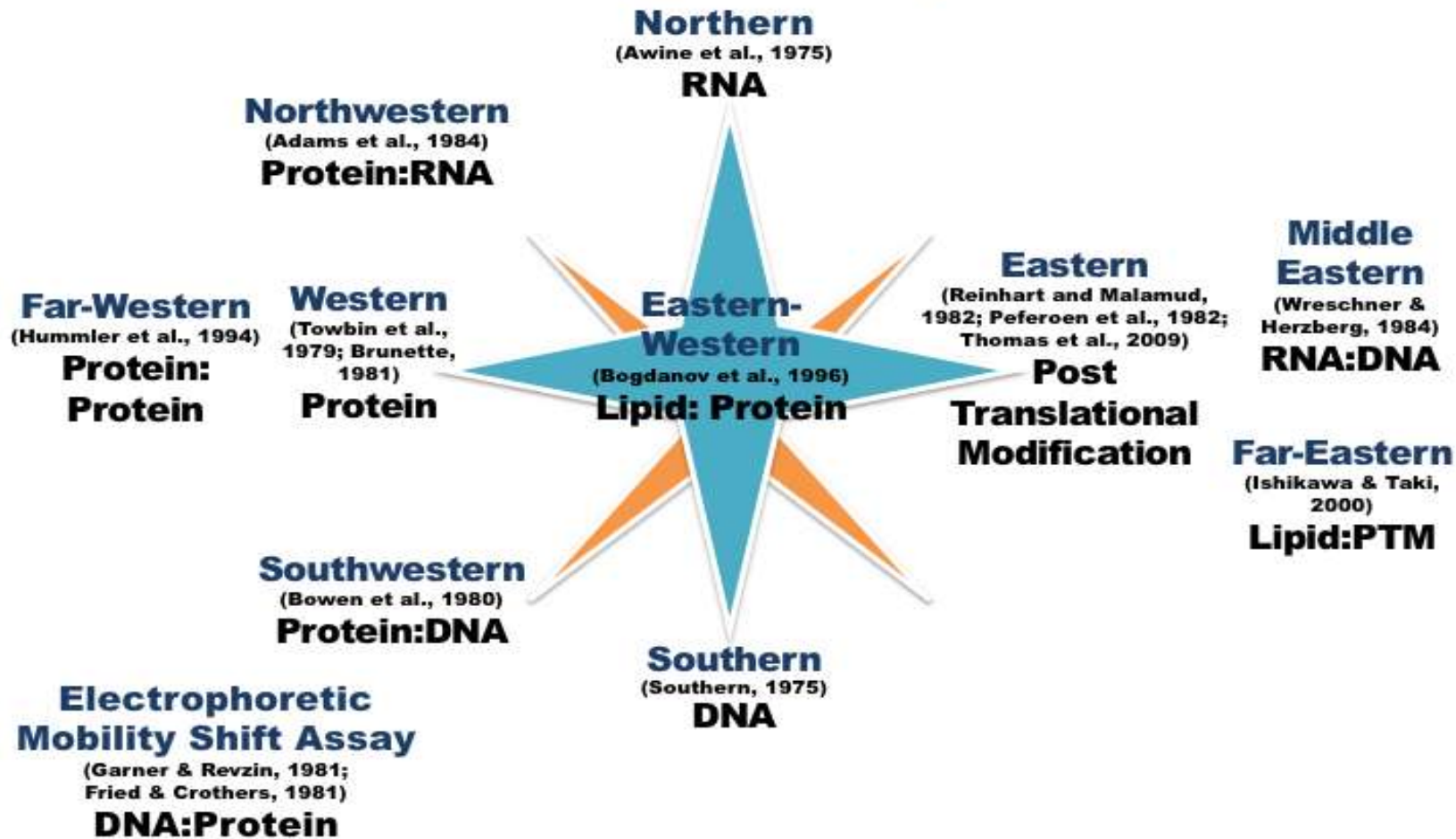
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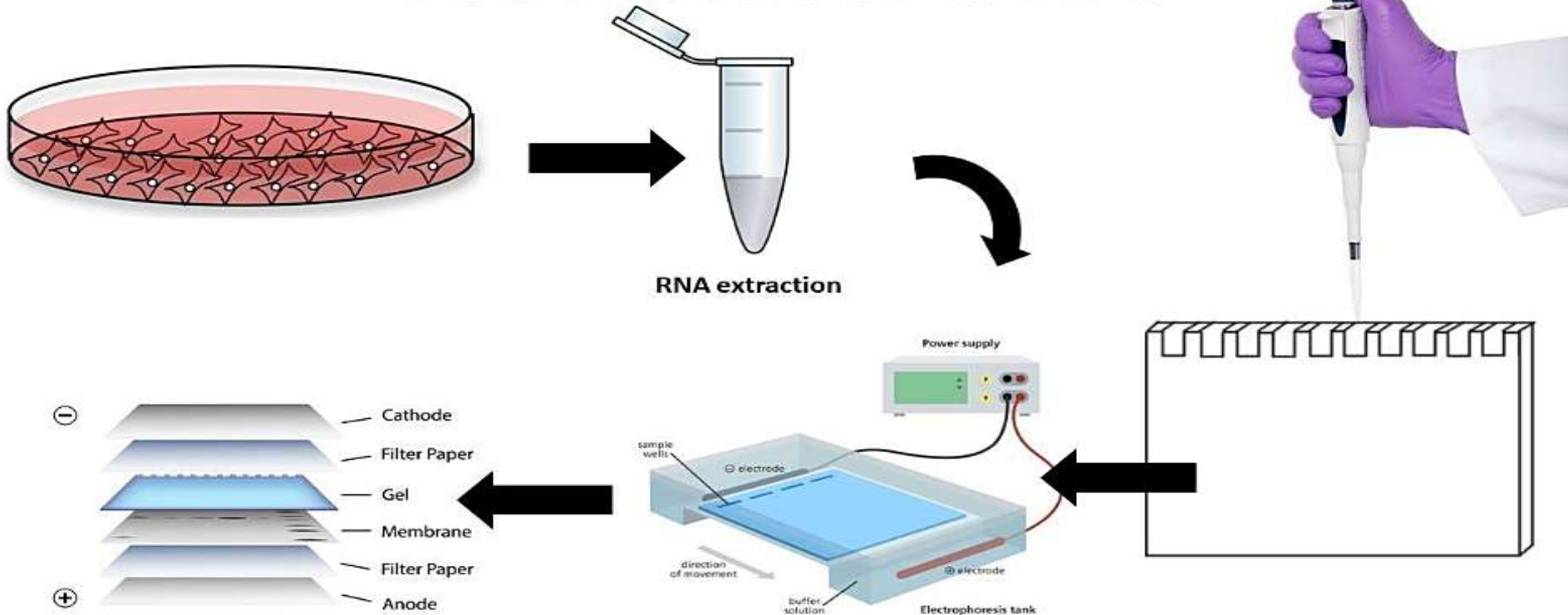
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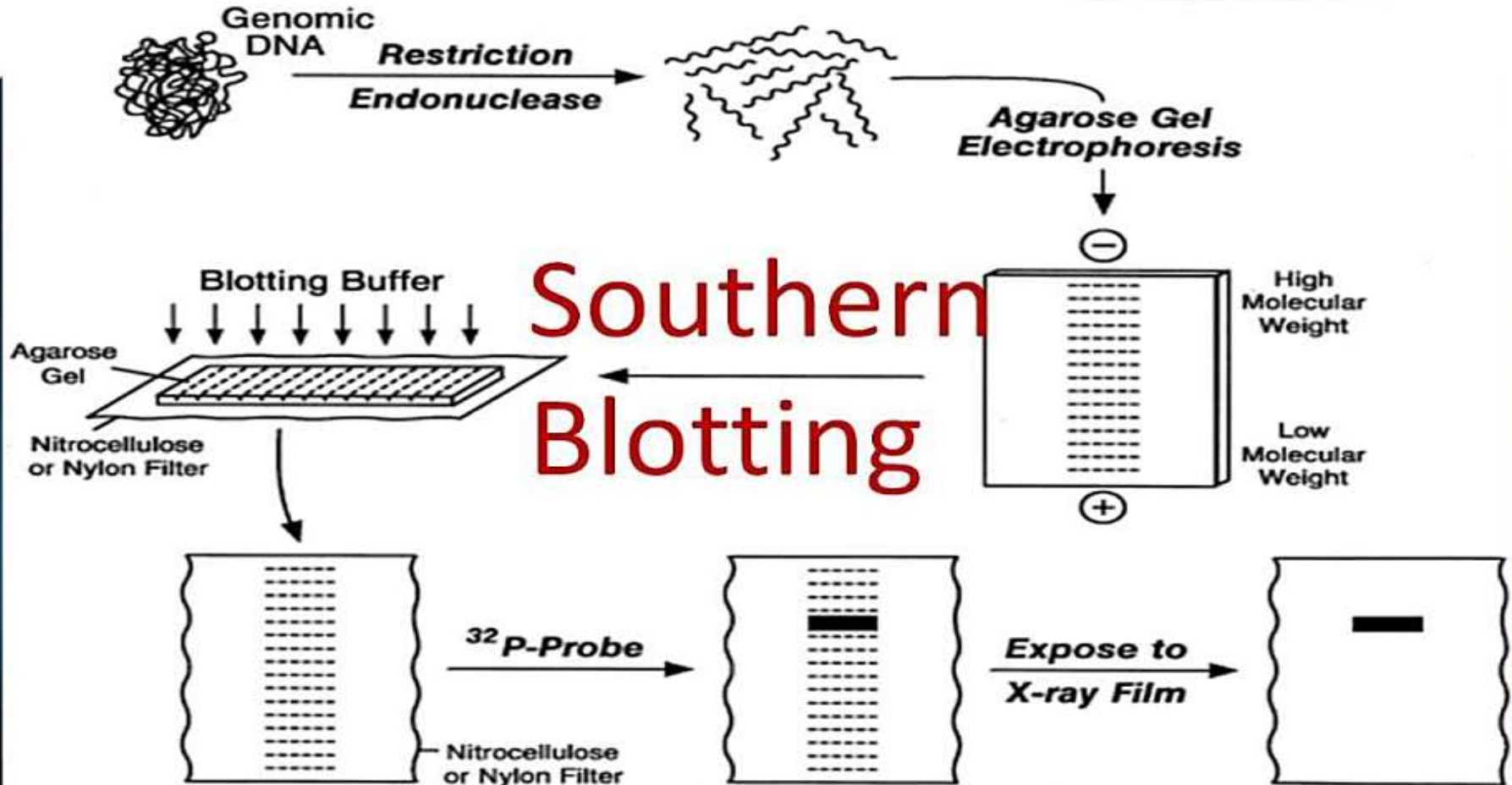
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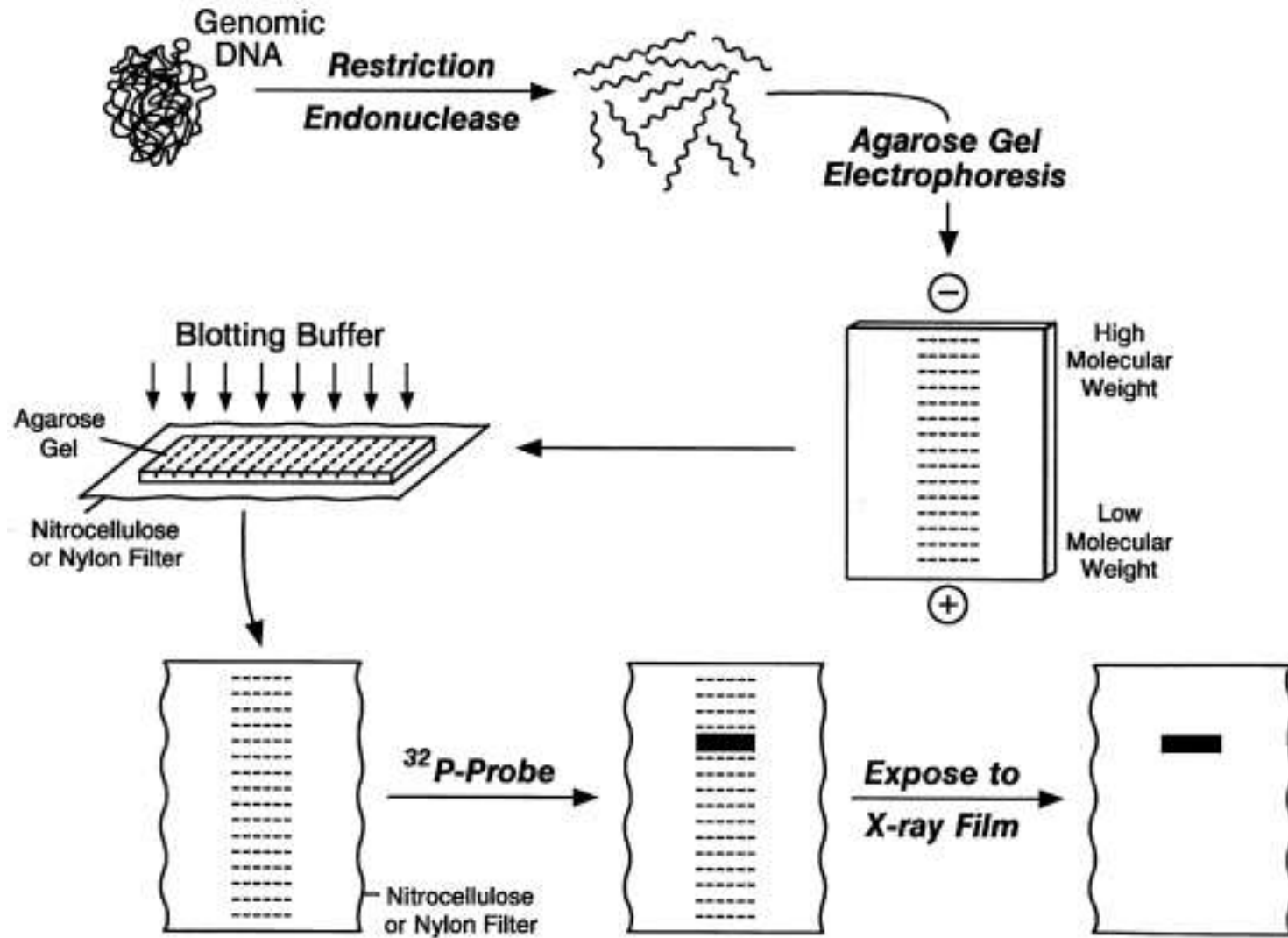


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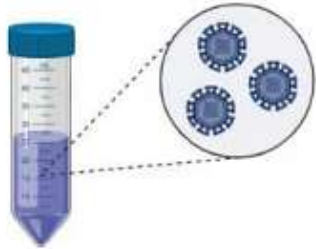
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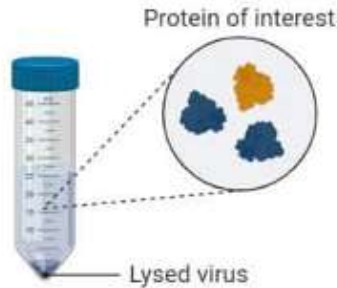
Western Blot- Definition, Principle, Procedure, Results, Applications

① Virus isolation

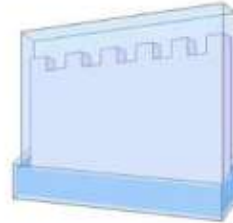


Lysis

② Protein suspension



③ SDS-page

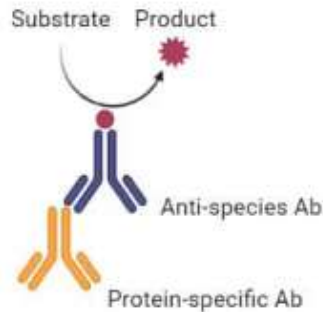


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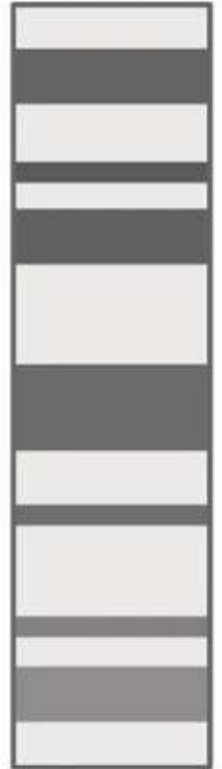


PVDF membrane

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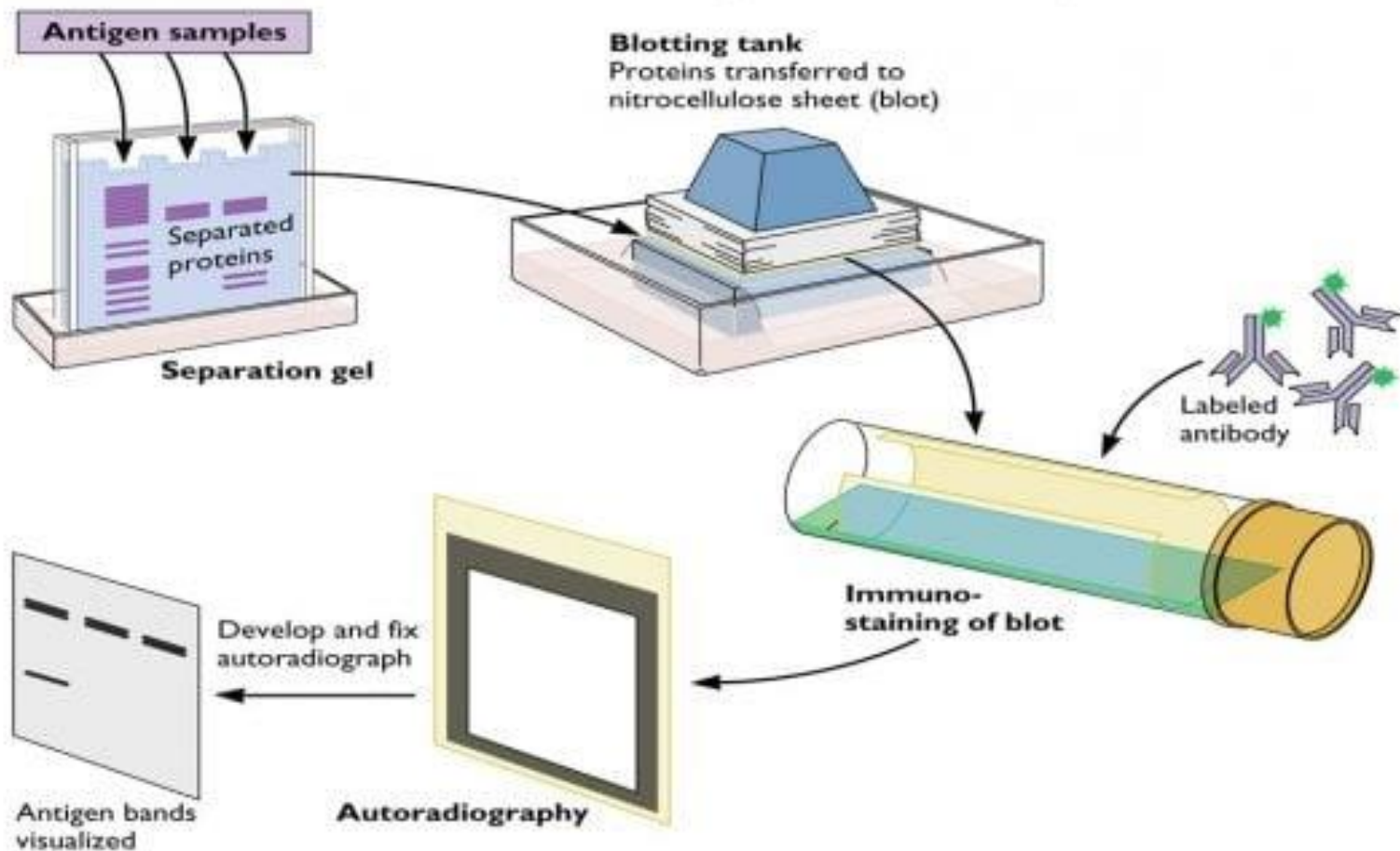


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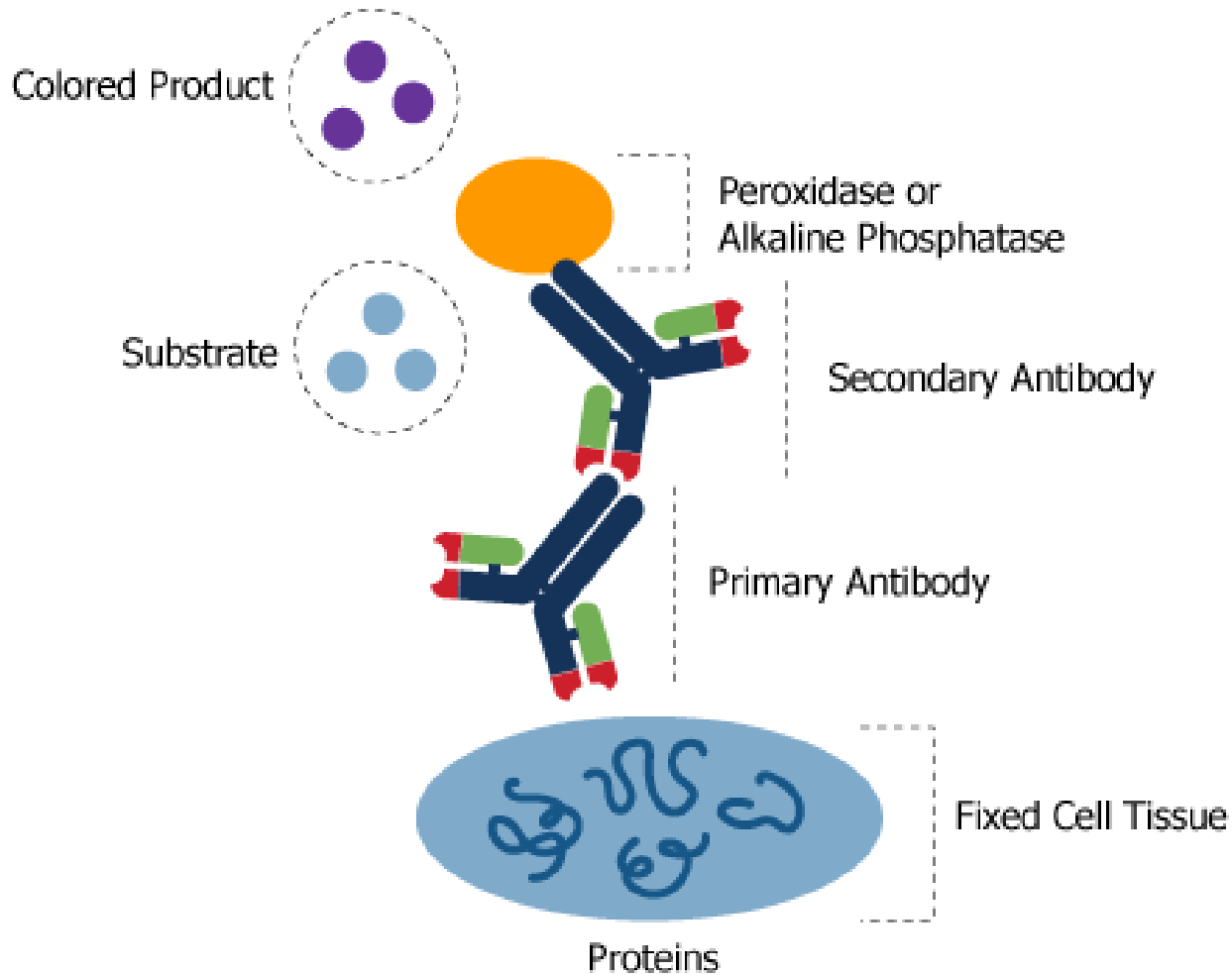


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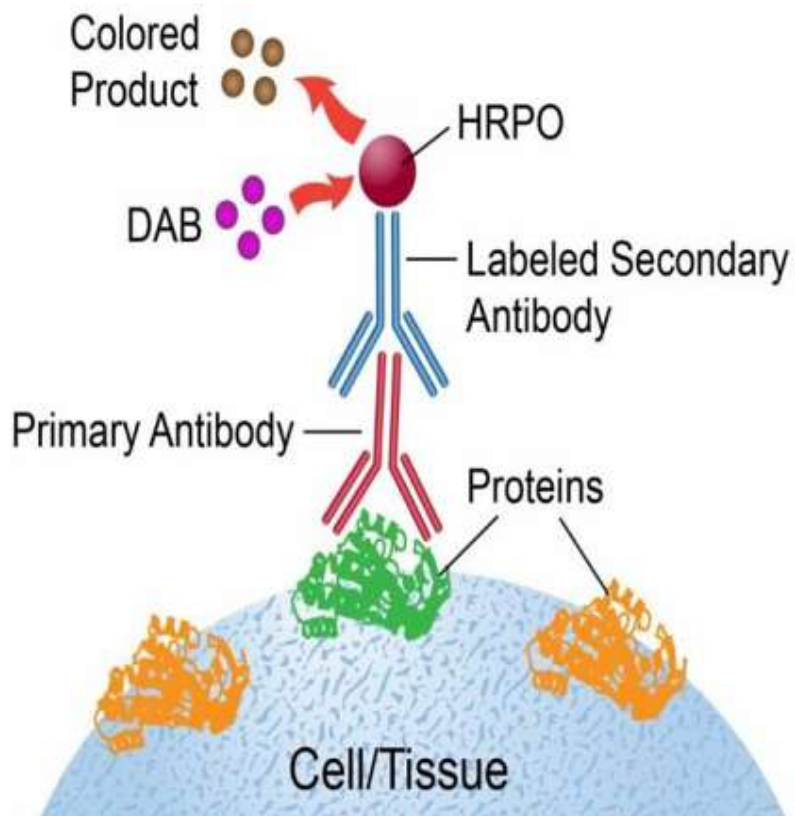
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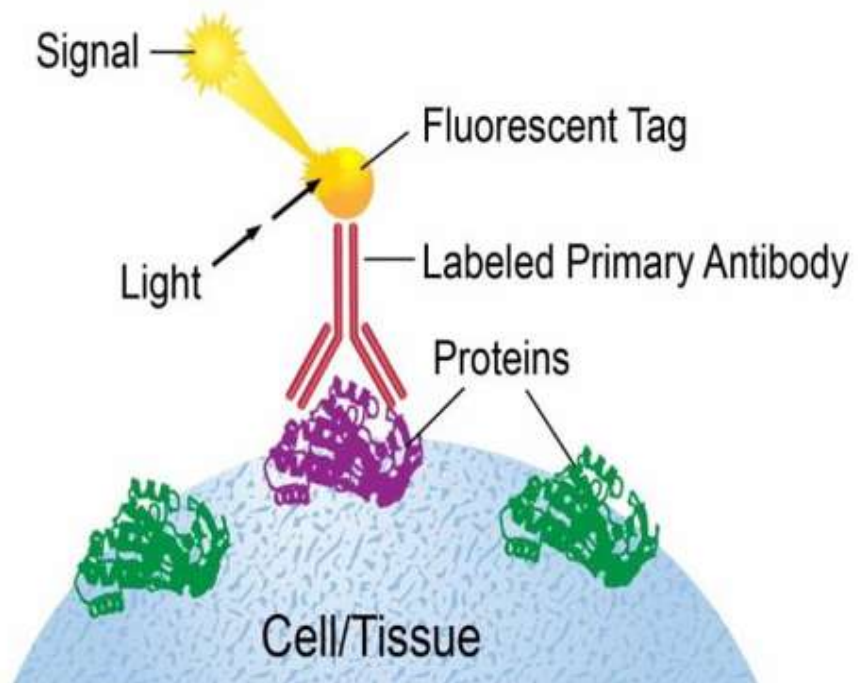
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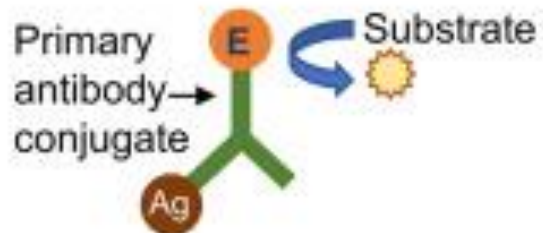
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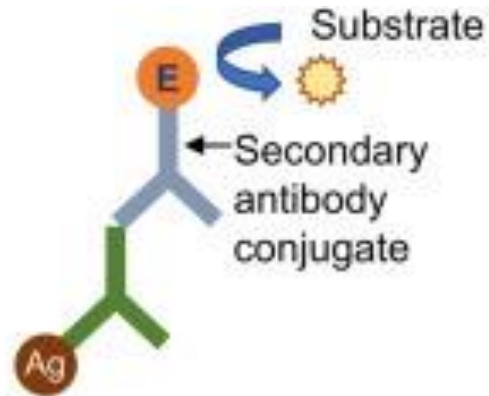
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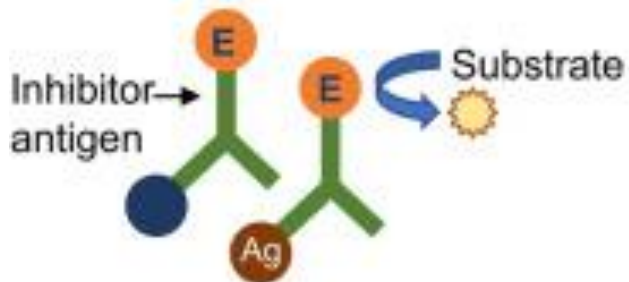
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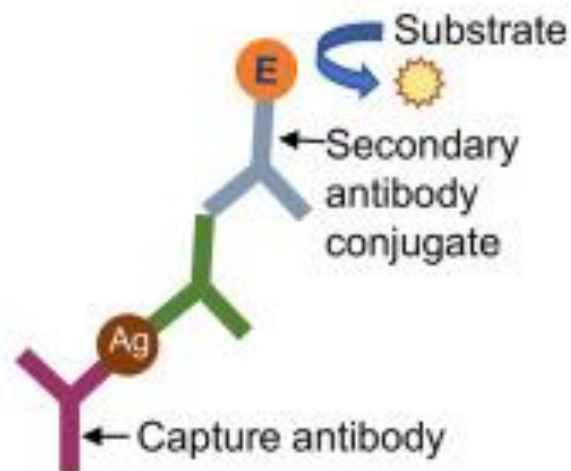
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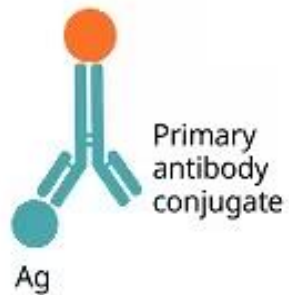
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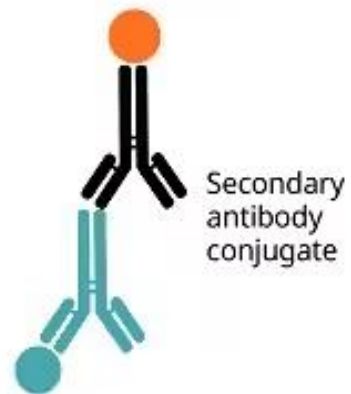
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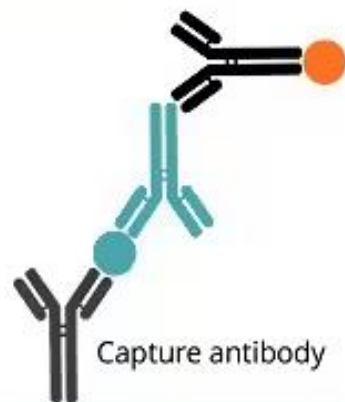
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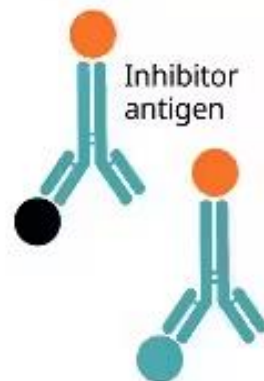
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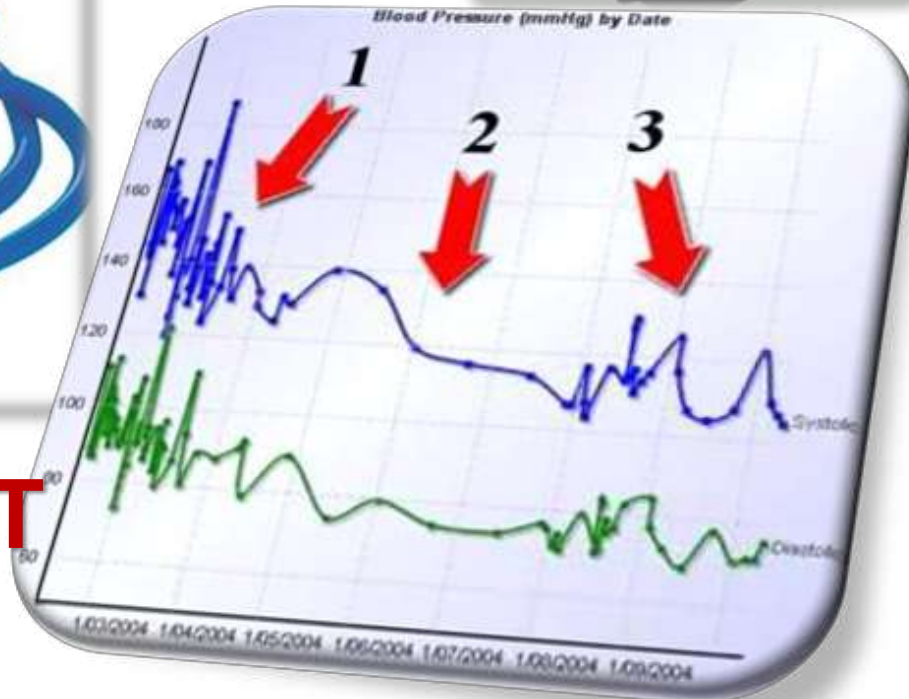


Sandwich ELISA



Competitive ELISA

Monitoring the VITAL SIGNS of our Environment



..... IS THAT
SUFFICIENT?

A Call for Monitoring Critical Environmental Indicators

- Scientific Literature
- Evidence Based Practice
- **LINK** with **EFFECTIVE** Environmental Policy Making in Suriname

- **MEASURING:**
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 - ✓ Biological Health Indicators
 - ✓ Environmental Drugs and other Pollutants



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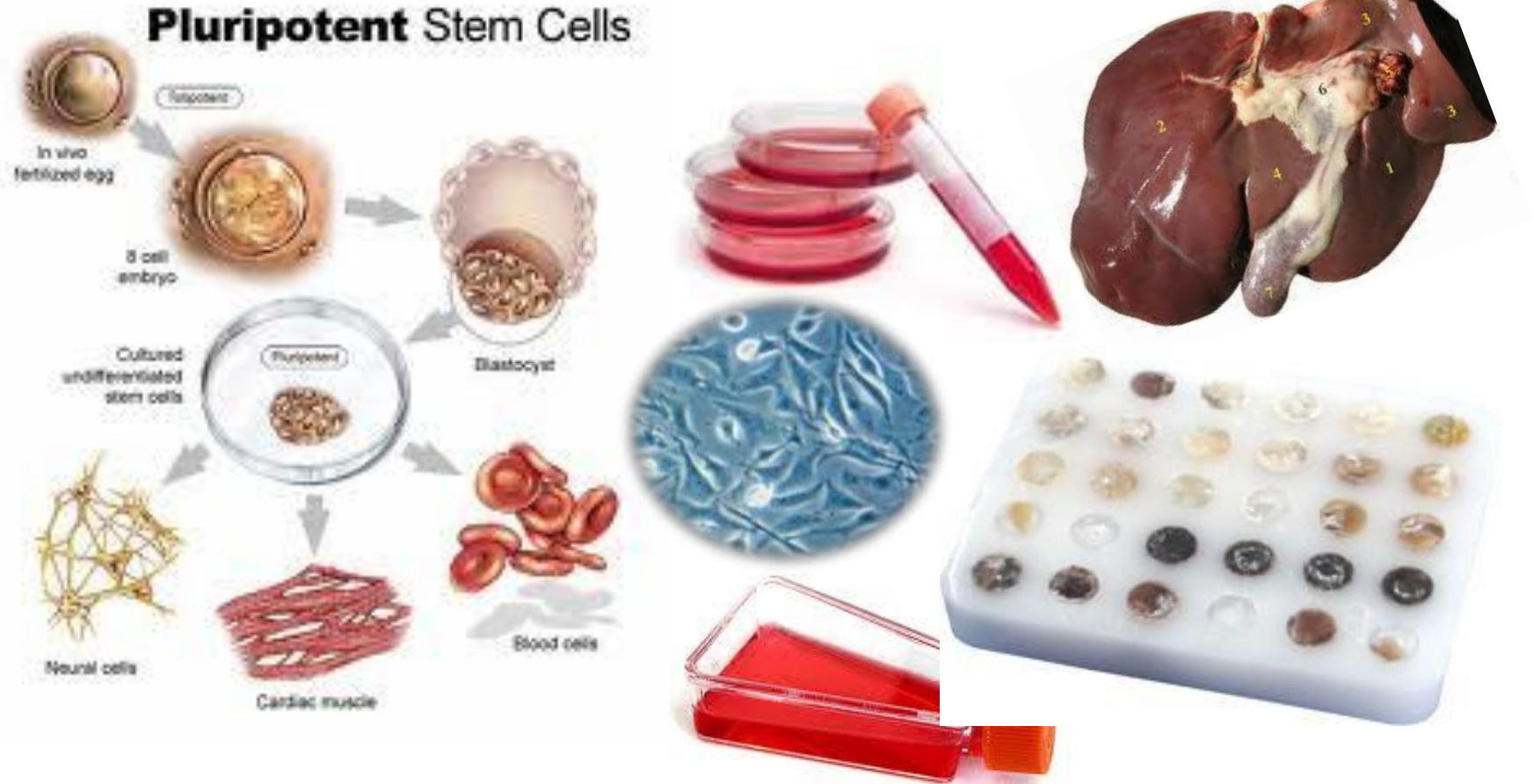
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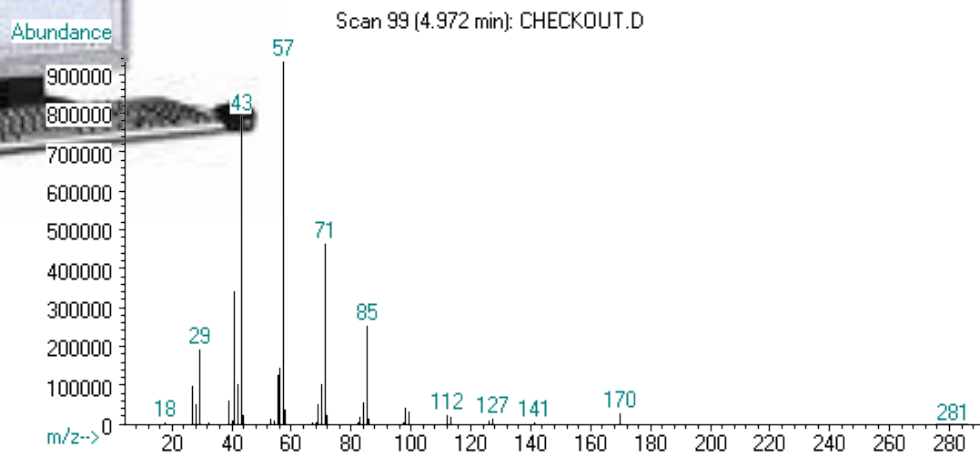
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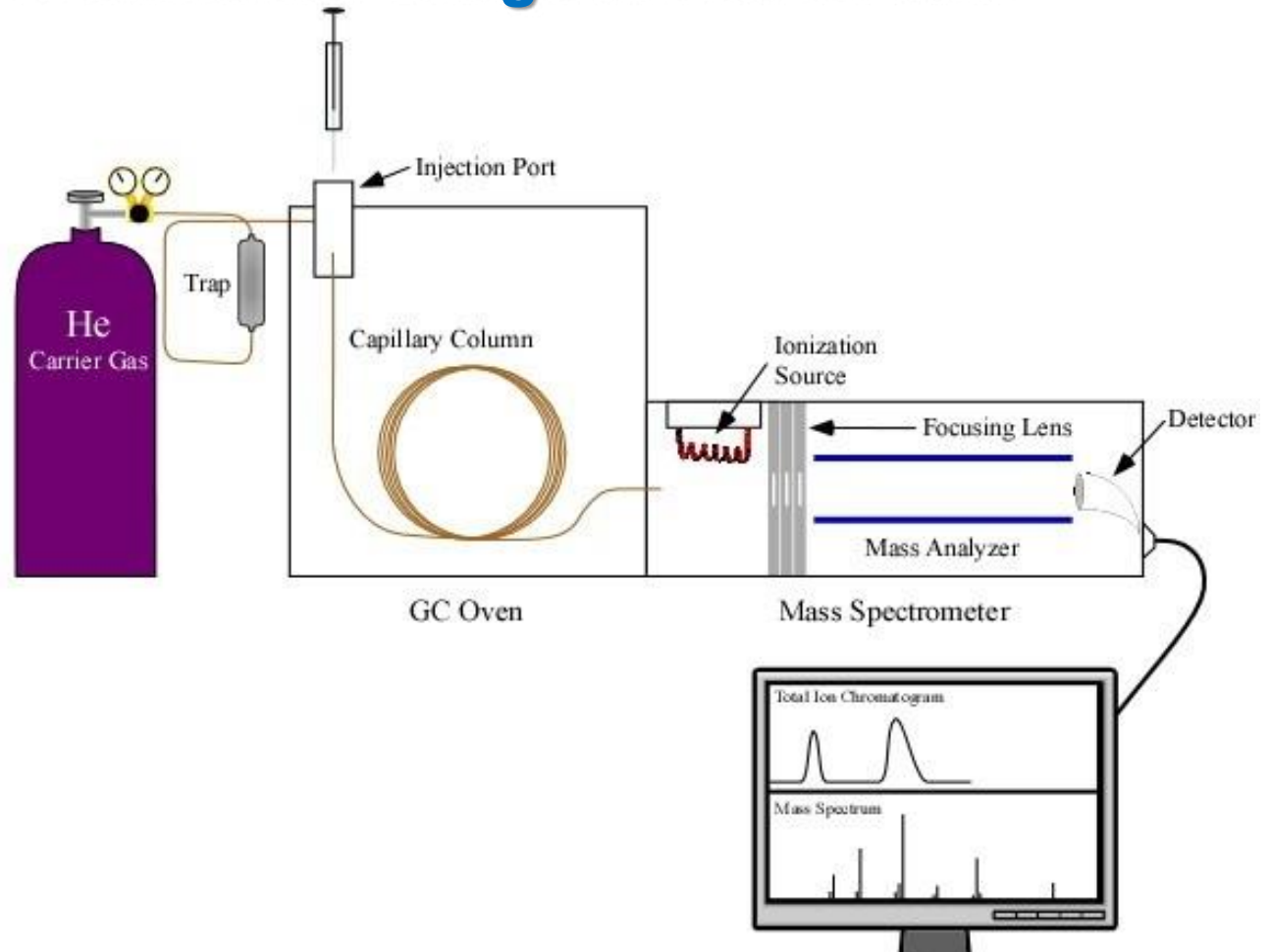
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An **ENVIRONMENTAL FORENSICS**, examples
Cyanide,
Oil & Gas,
Jaguar,
Env. TOX case study,
Mercury in water and fish

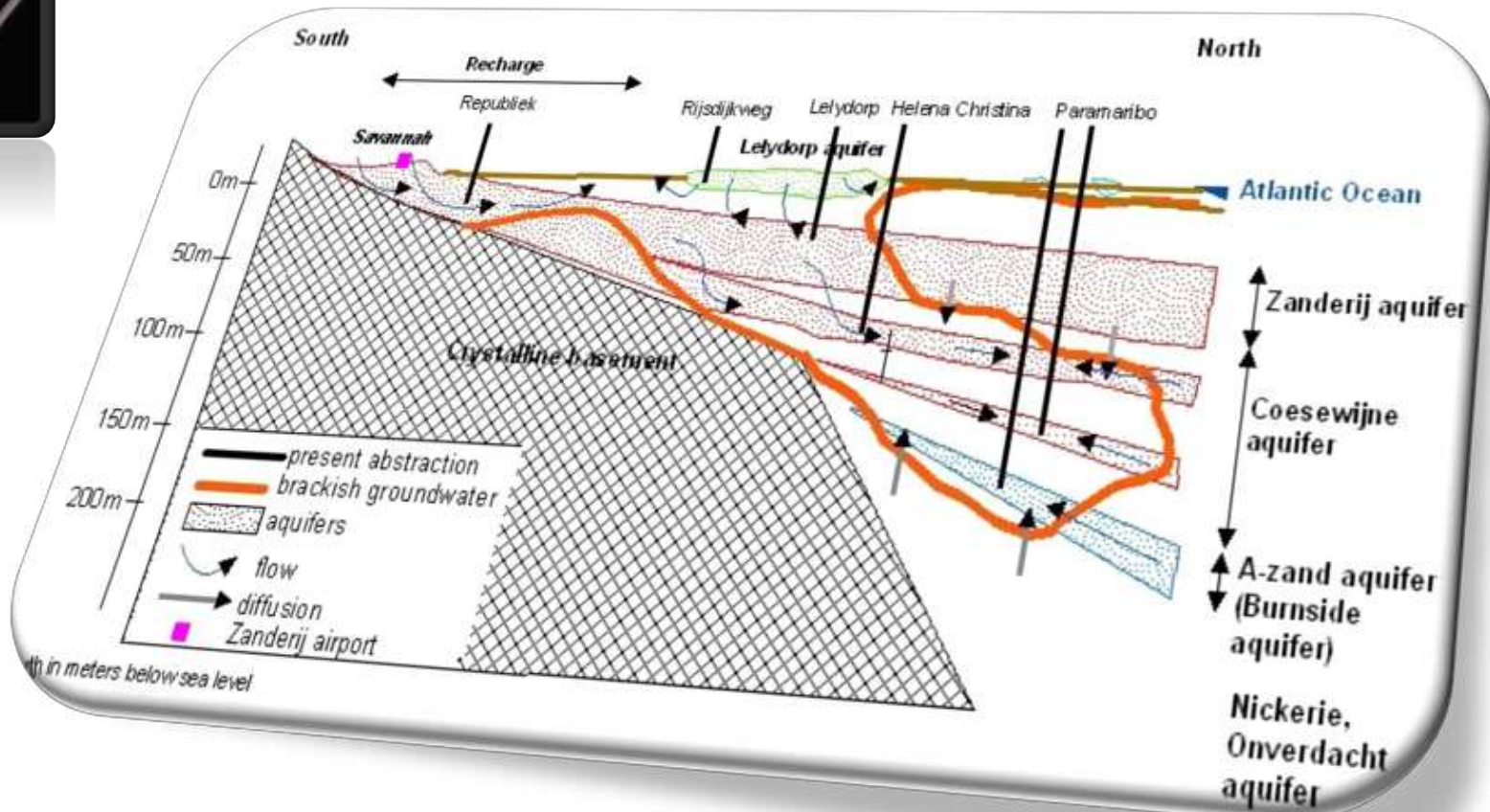


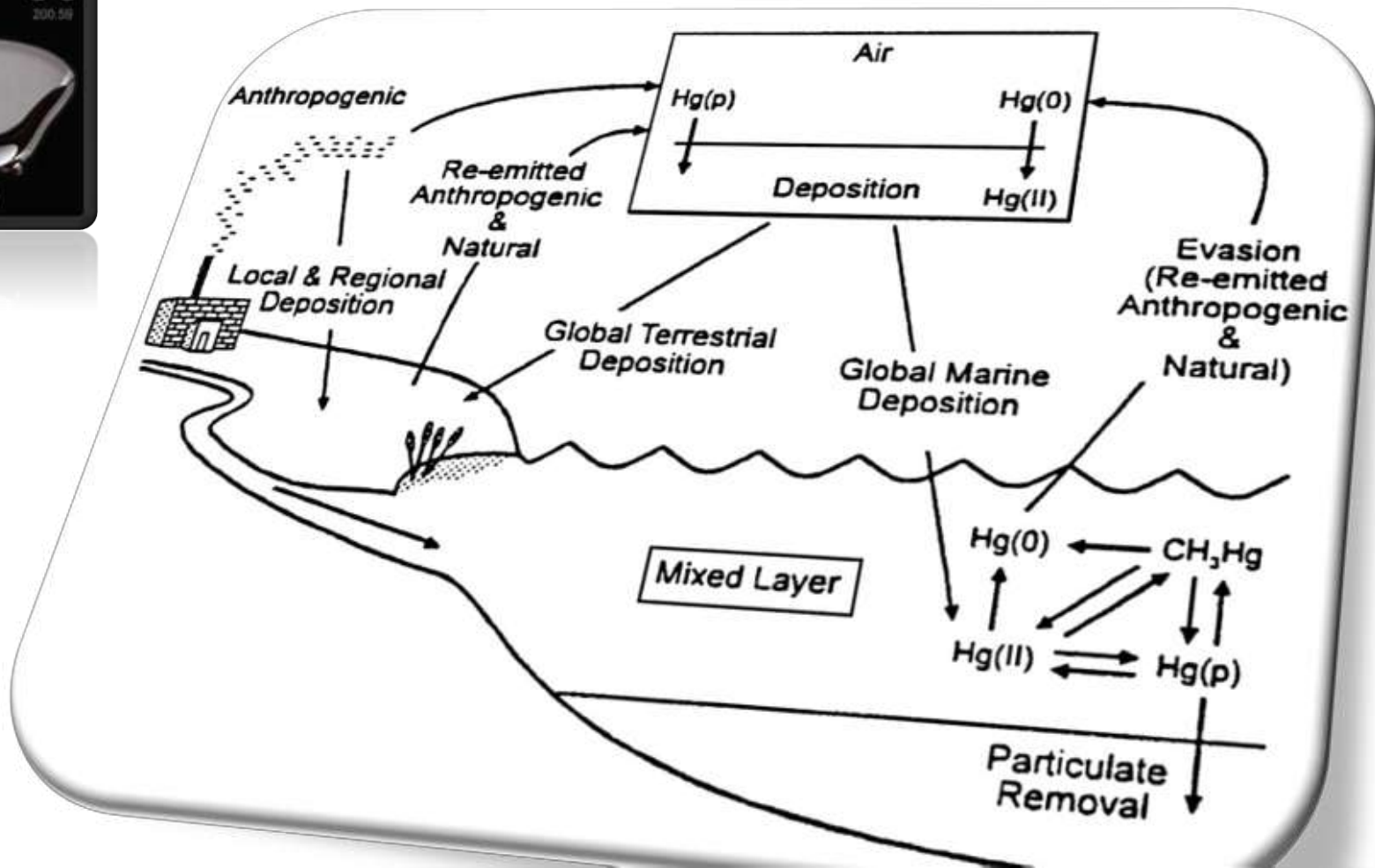
A photograph of a tropical landscape with palm trees and a body of water, serving as a background for the text. The sun is visible in the upper right, creating a lens flare effect. The image is framed with a white border and rounded corners.

An environmental mercury
assessment in drinking water
sources and consumed fish near
Paramaribo



Introduction





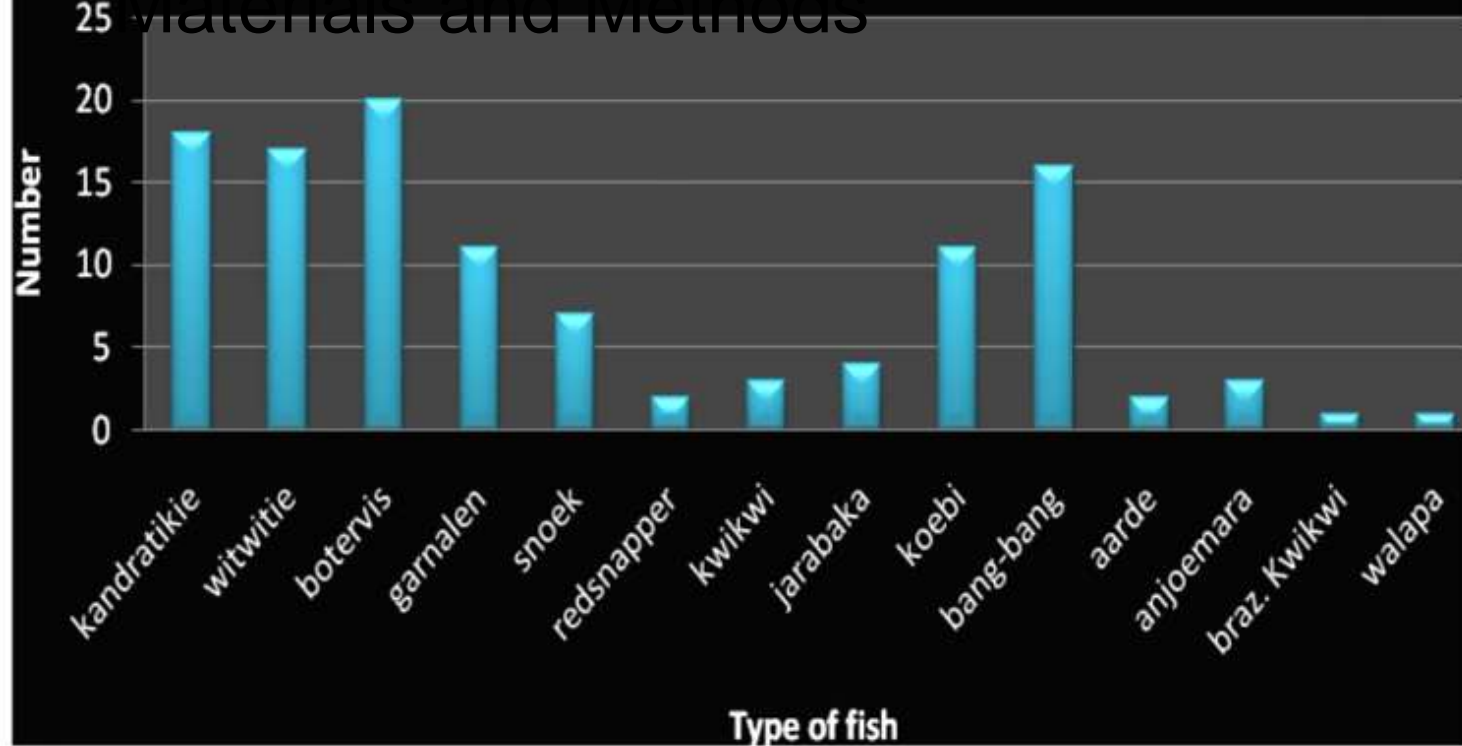
Objective and hypothesis

OBJECTIVE:

To assess the mercury exposure of Surinamers in urban coastal areas, mainly Paramaribo, through analysis of potentially contaminated drinking water sources and consumption fish

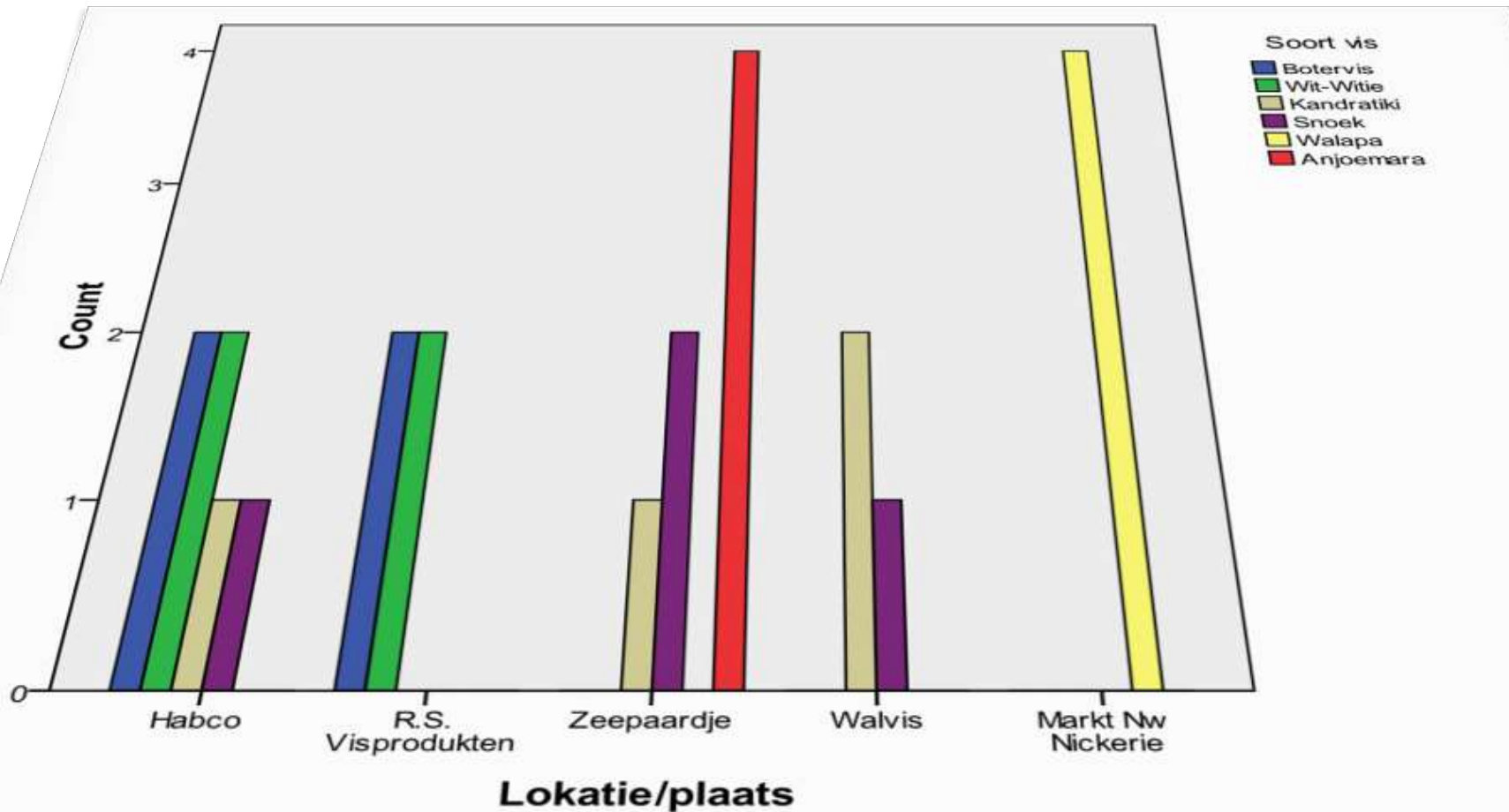
HYPOTHESIS:

Given the atmospheric distribution of mercury vapor which leads to wide spread deposition, drinking water sources and consumption fish may become contaminated, posing a health threat to the consumer in the coastal area, including Paramaribo



- **Random selection and evaluation of:**
 - **50 selling points**
 - **18 fish processing companies**

Materials and Methods

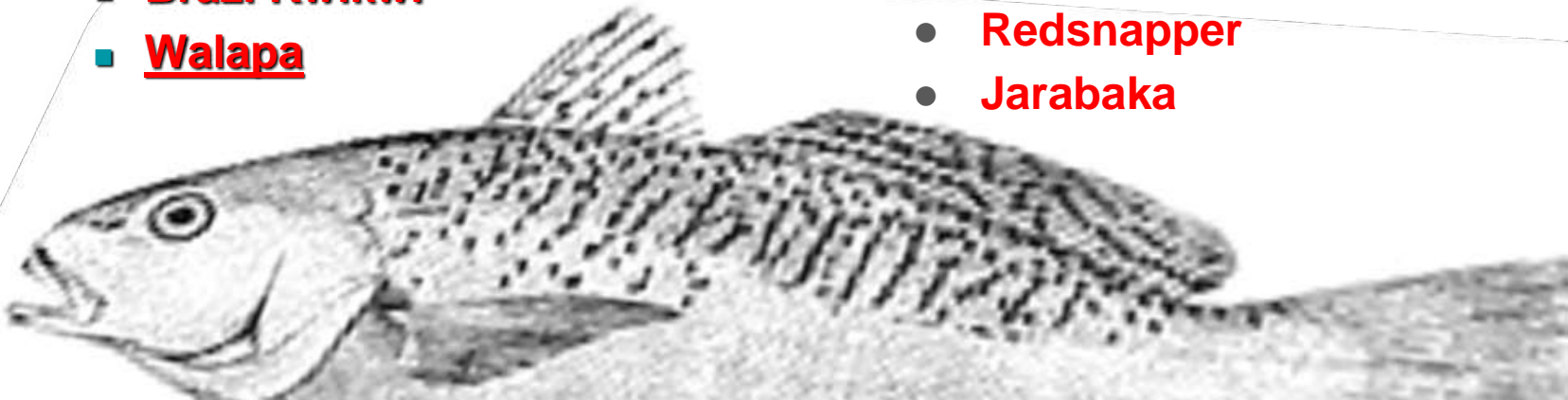


Materials and Methods

- Most consumed 3 fresh water and 3 marine fish species
- Mercury analysis: N = 4 in duplicate

- Snoek
- Anjumara
- Kwikwi
- Aarde
- Braz. Kwikwi
- Walapa

- Kandratikie
- Witwitie
- Botervis
- Ban-ban
- Kubi
- Redsnapper
- Jarabaka



Analysis of 18 Fish Processing Sites

Welgelegen

vispaleis zeepaardje

winkel Ou Chan (R.S visprodukt)

habco

visbedrijf Walvis

Waterside

Jagger Lath Lachmon St

Duisburglaan

Jkt Hwy

Meerzorg

Nieuw Weergevondenweg

Goesewijze St

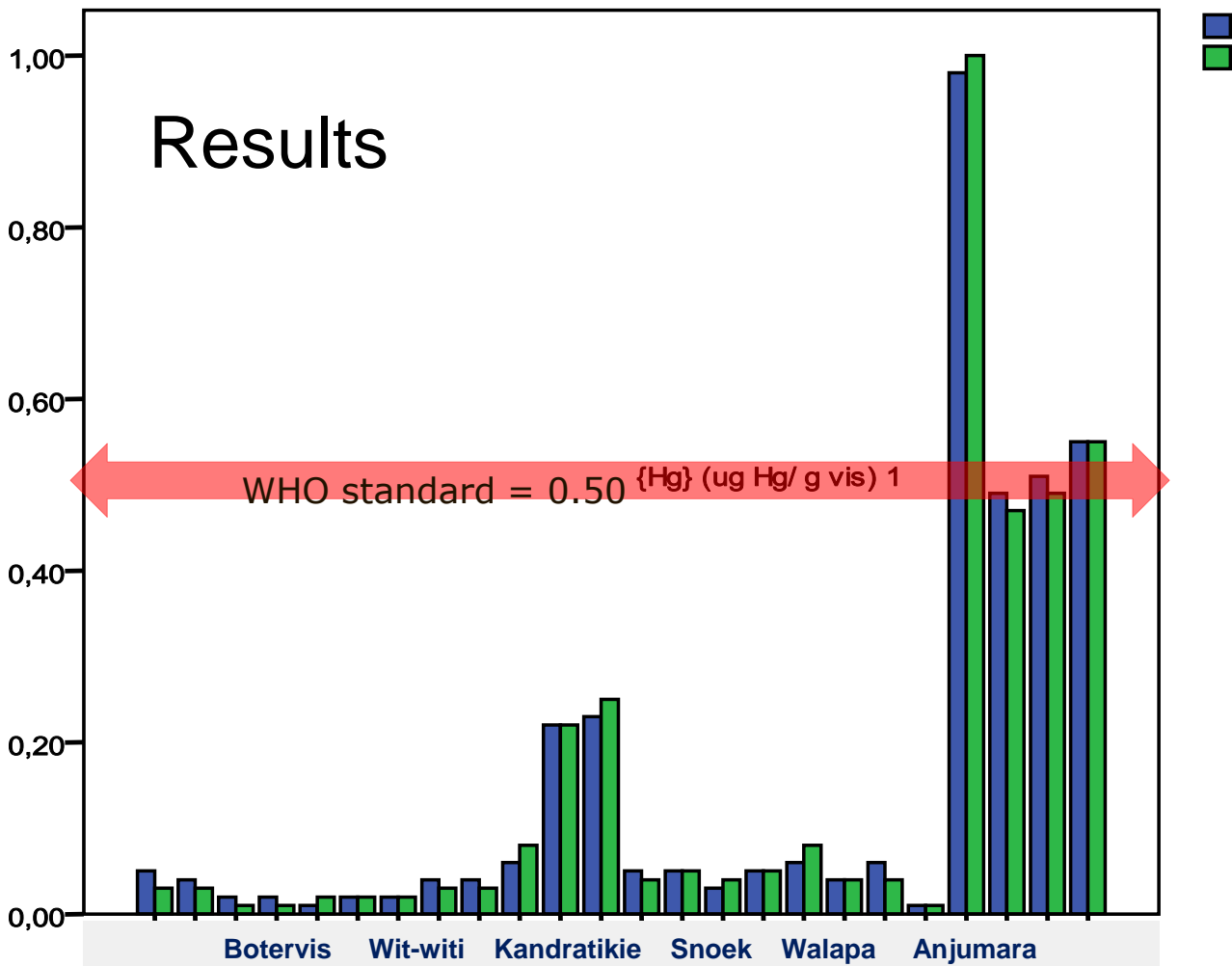
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Paramaribo

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Analysis of 8 Water Sources

