



INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Lemnaceae;

model species, toxicological guinea-pig or ...

.....fast growing food!

Tato akce se koná v rámci projektu:

Vybudování vědeckého týmu environmentální metabolomiky a ekofyziologie a jeho zapojení do mezinárodních sítí (ENVIMET; r.č. **CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.0246**) realizovaného v rámci Operačního programu Vzdělávání pro konkurenceschopnost.

Model species

- What organism should one use?
- What is the question you are asking?
- Different model organisms have different strengths and weaknesses



Arabidopsis

Small genome &
Rapid growth



Nicotiana tabacum

Tissue culture &
Genetic engineering



Rice

Real crop



Poplar

Real crop



Spinach

Chloroplasts

Lemnaceae; what are they?

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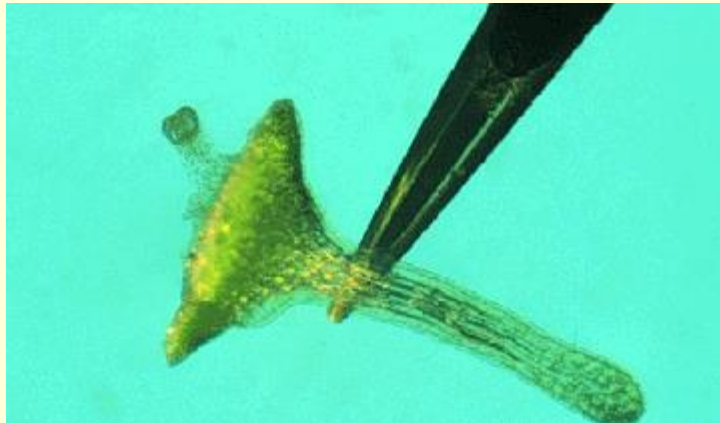
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Smallest flowering plants



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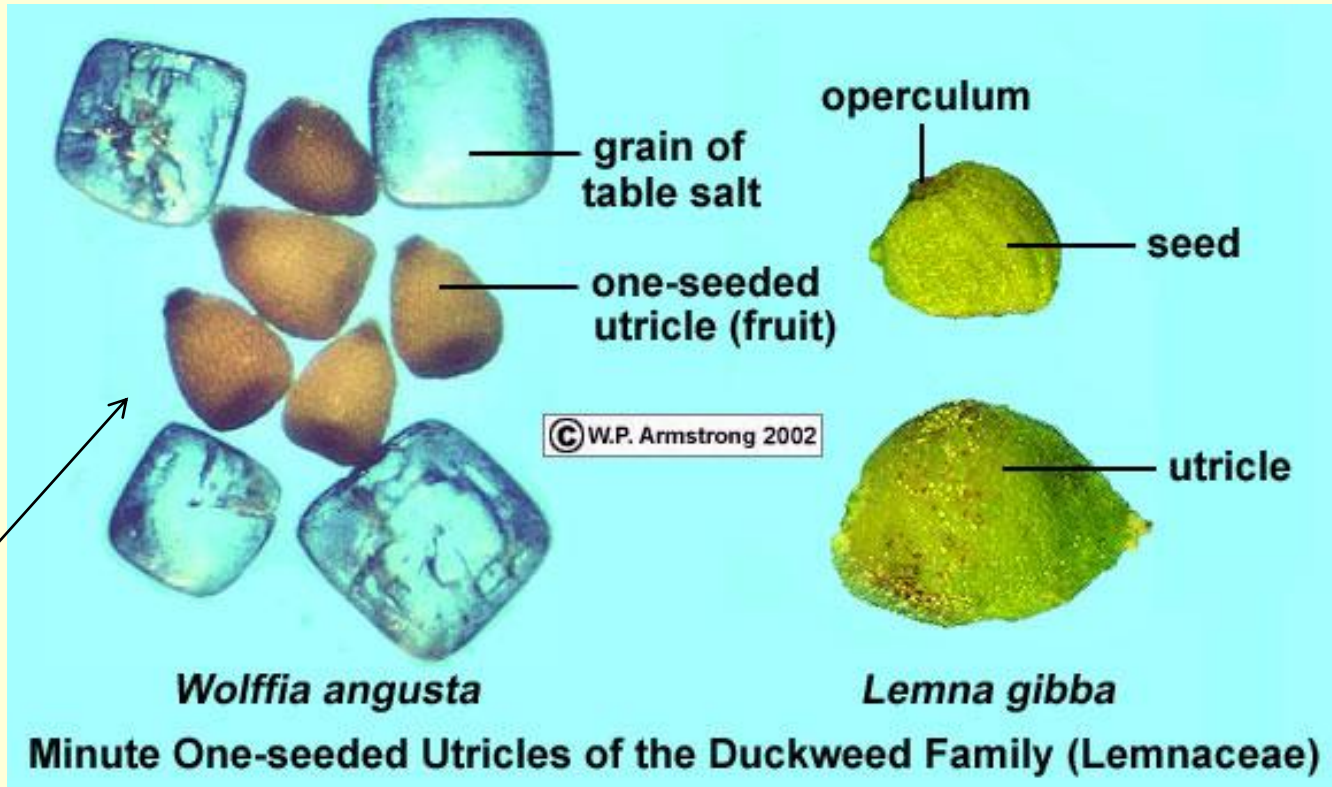
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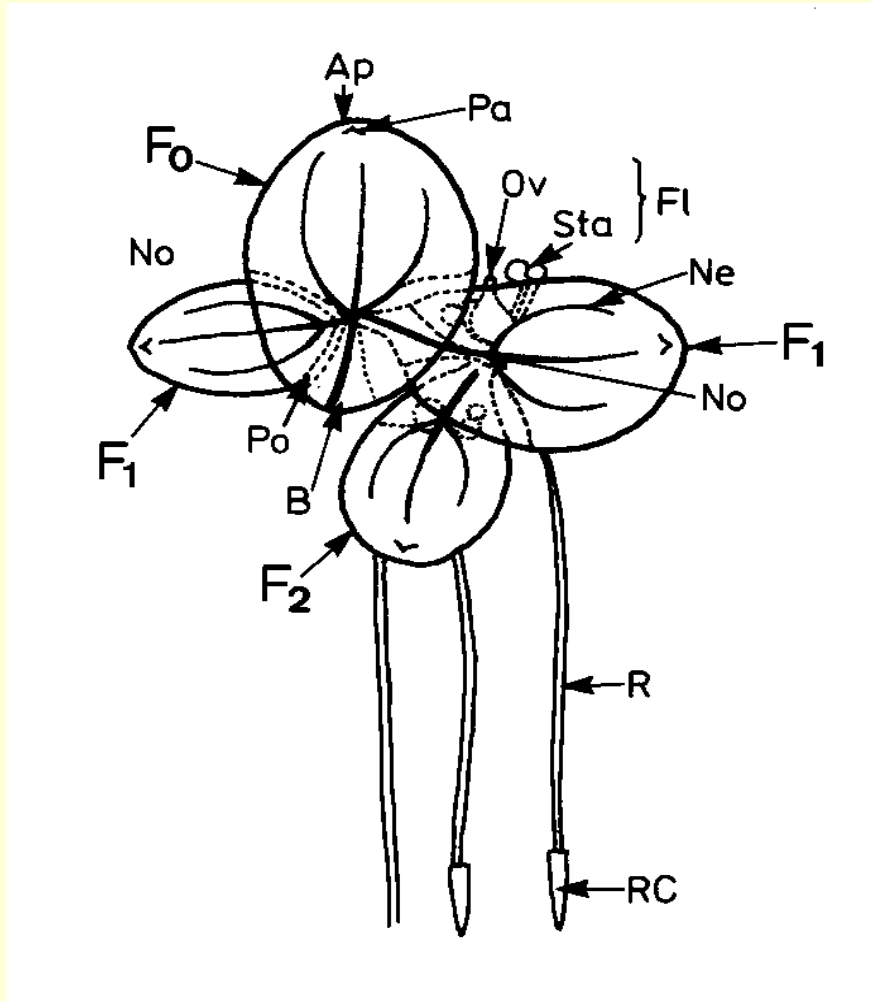
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Smallest flowering plants

0.2-0.3 mm



Lemna aequinoctialis



F_0 mother frond
 F_1 daughter frond 1st generation
 F_2 daughter frond 2nd generation

Po pouch

Fl flower
 Ov ovary
 Sta stamen

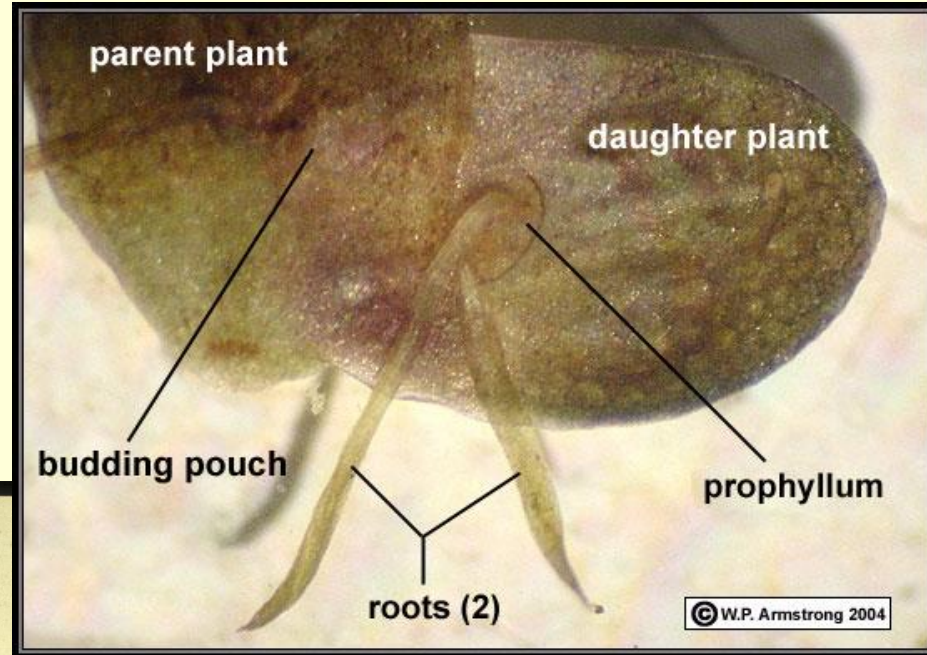
R root
 RC root cap



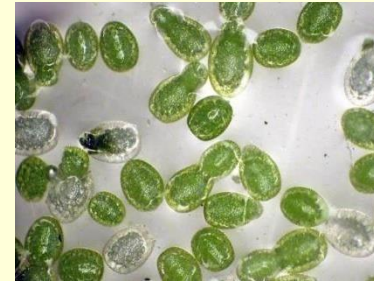
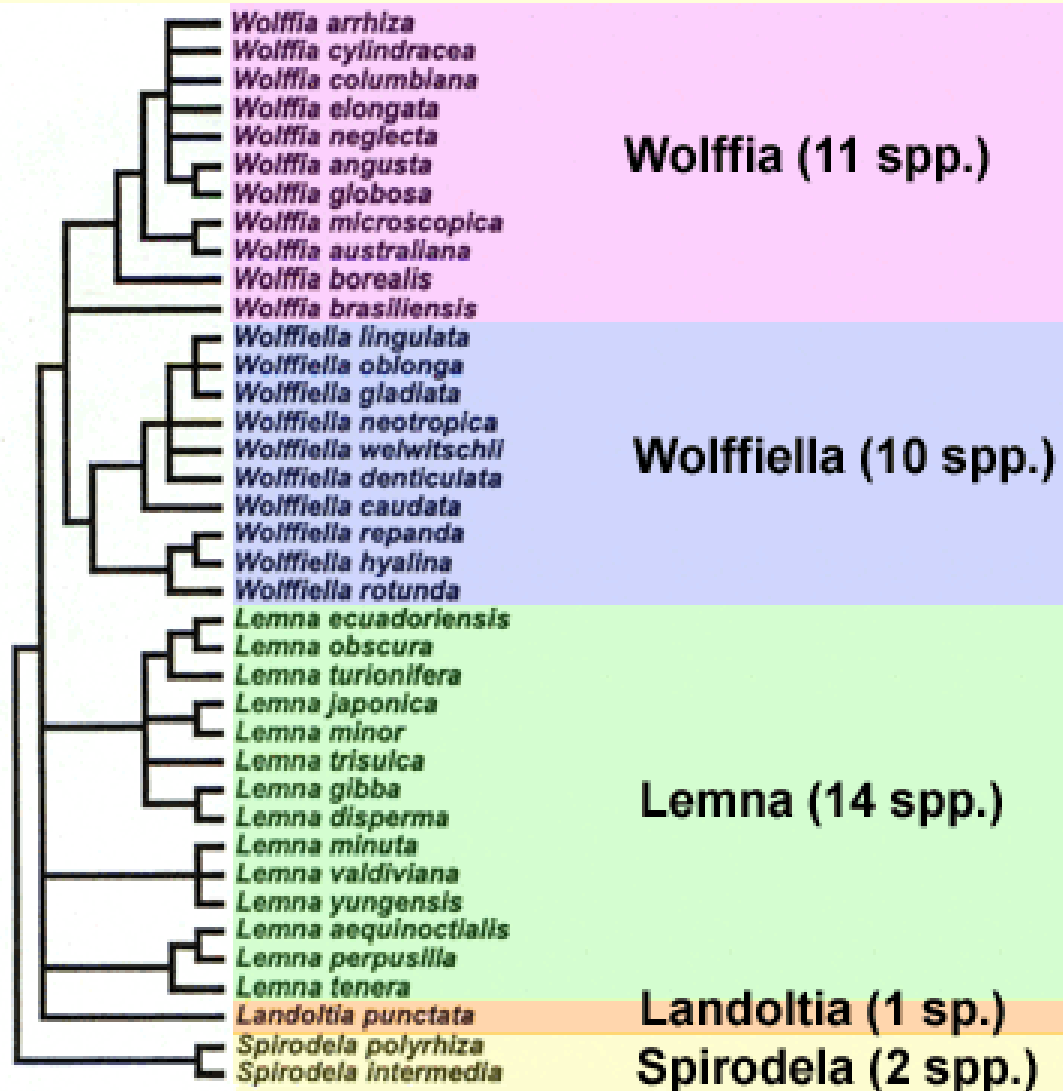
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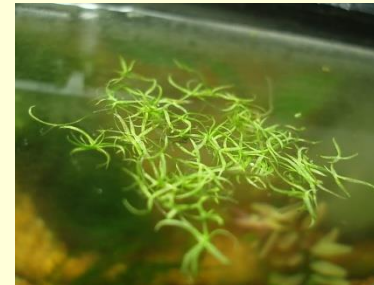
Landoltia punctata



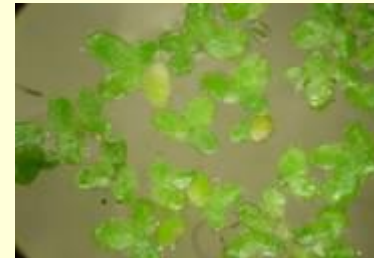
Lemnaceae



Wolffia globosa



Wolffiella gladiata



Lemna minor



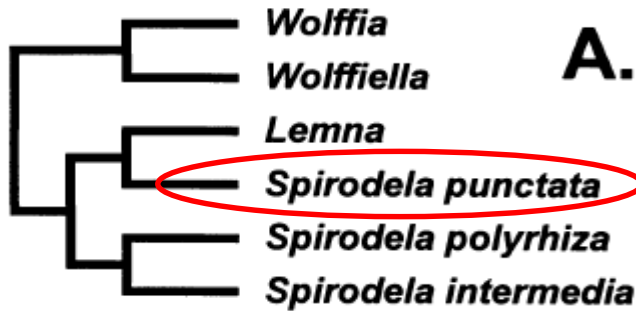
Spirodela polyrhiza

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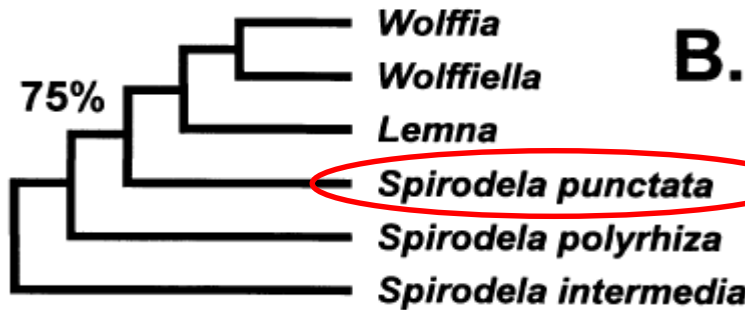
Changing names.....!



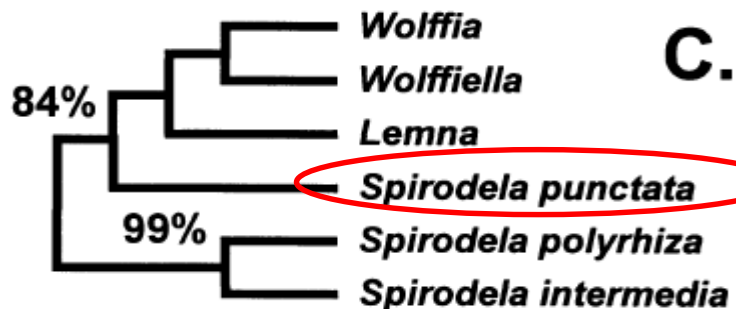
Lemna oligorhiza



Traditional taxonomic approaches, 1986



Non-molecular, cladistic data, 1997



Molecular data (*rbcL*), 1999

Landoltia punctata

Advantages Lemnaceae:

- Easy to manipulate
- Fast uptake amino acids, and a whole range of other (in)organic molecules
- Tolerant of range temperatures, nutrient conditions, light levels
- Small
- Clonal cultures
- Axenic cultures are easy to establish and maintain
- Autotropic or heterotropic growth
- Fast growth
- Flat surface



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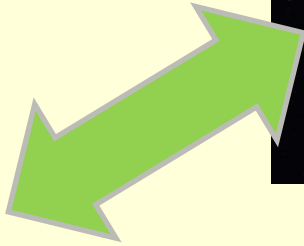
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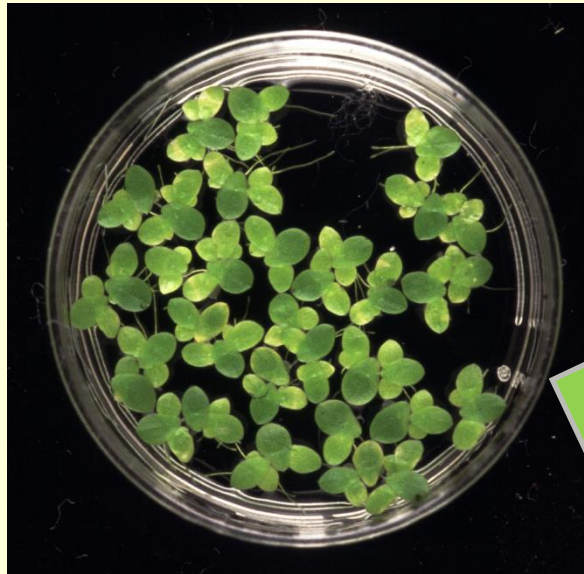
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Lemnaceae, the great model of the 1970s, 80s and 90s!!!

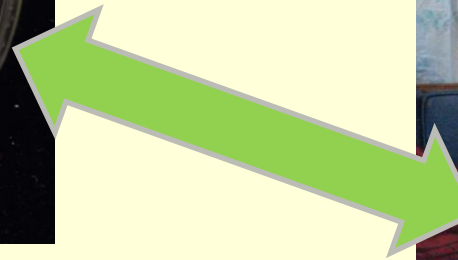
Ageing stars?



Lemnaceae, the future!

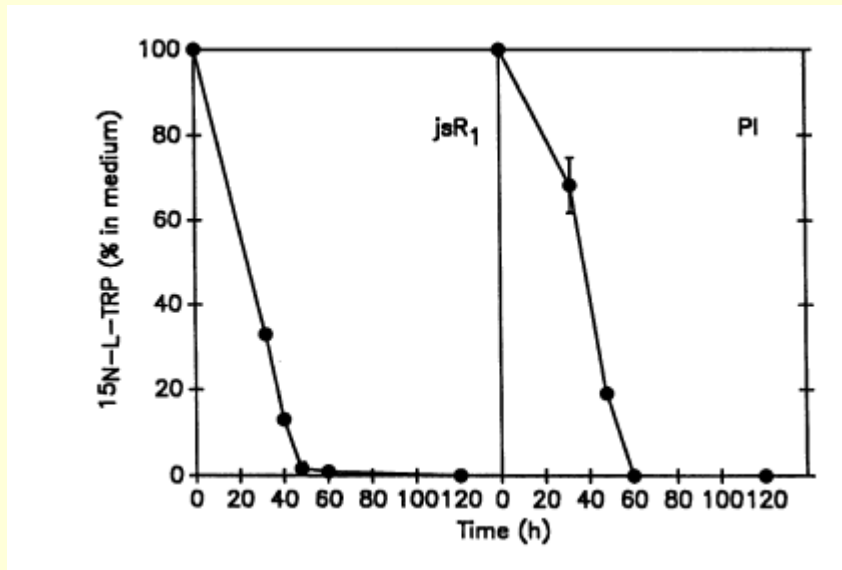
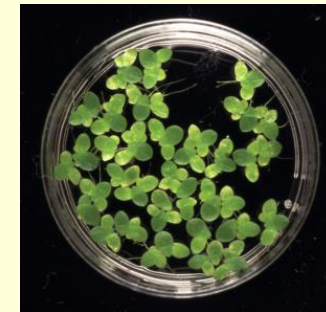
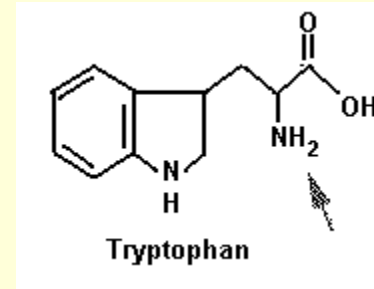
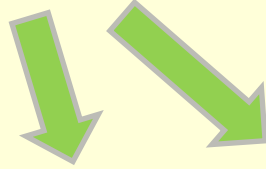


Cool, futuristic kids?

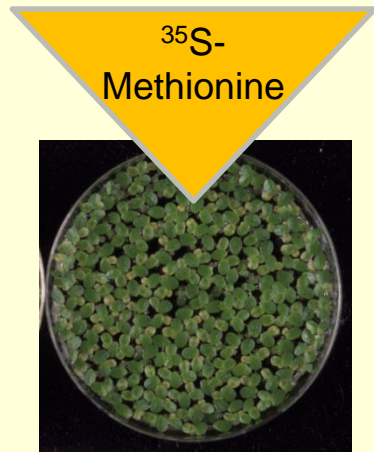


Elucidating metabolic pathways

2 lines of *Lemna gibba*

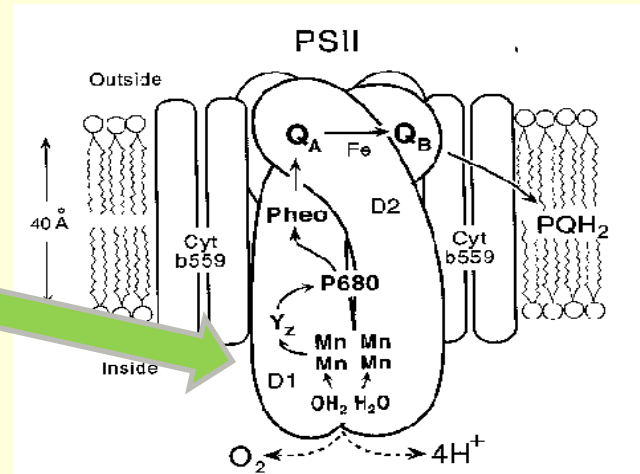
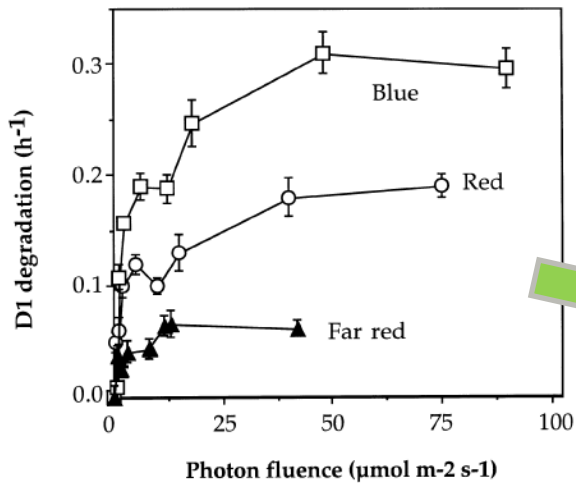
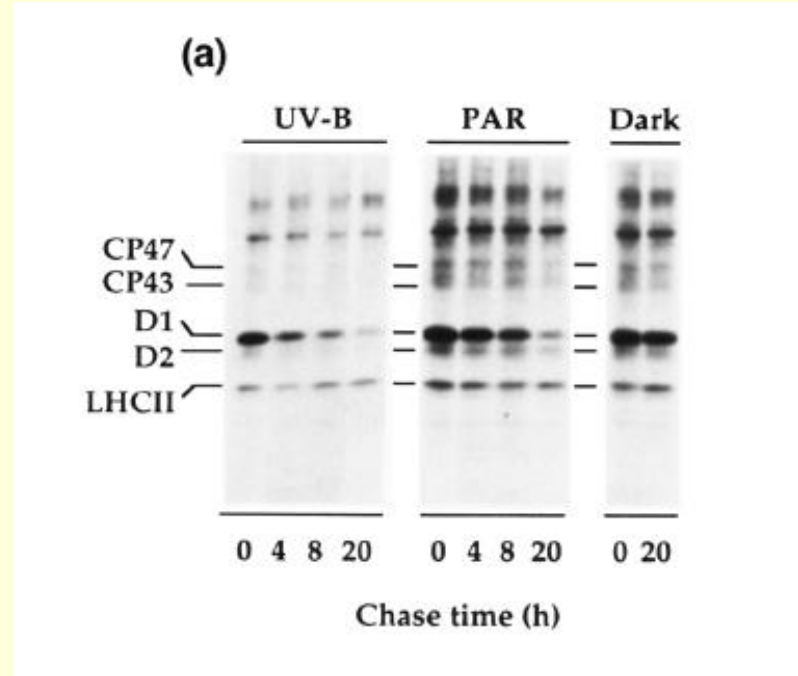


Uptake ^{15}N -labelled
tryptophan from medium



Landoltia punctata

Membrane isolation



Lemnaceae studies have been instrumental in our understanding of a range of plant metabolic pathways

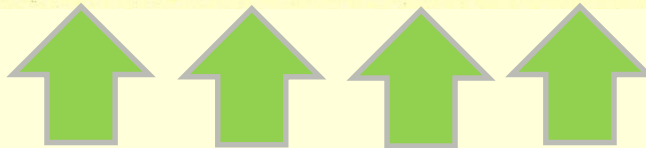
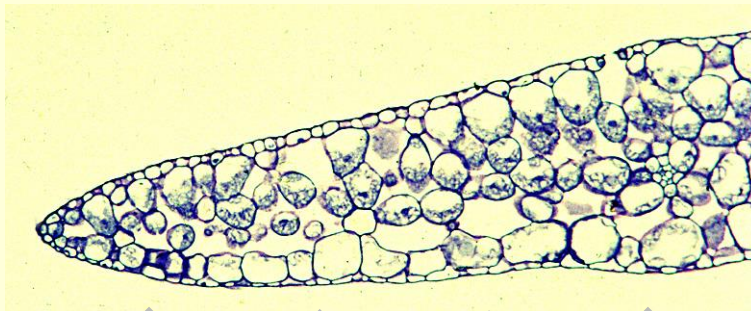
Why such a good model organism?



Lemna fronds take up water and nutrients **directly** through the lower surface of the frond, and not through the root (Landolt, 1986)

Lemna species can take up minerals, amino acids, sugars, phytohormones, and a broad range of organic compounds

Similarity algae!



Distinct uptake systems for:

- neutral L- α -amino acids,
- basic amino acids,
- purine bases,
- choline,
- ethanolamine,
- tyramine,
- urea,
- Aldohexoses

Specific systems enable utilisation organic compounds in environment

The role of roots is primarily anchorage

Datko & Mudd, *Plant Physiol* (1985)

Lemna minor can grow for long periods in darkness!

TABLE 3.6. Dry matter production in cultures grown at different light intensities of fluorescent light colour 34, without or with 3×10^{-6} M kinetin, on a medium containing 1% sucrose. Multiplication rate G_r is on base of the natural logarithm (section 2.3.2).

Light intensity $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$	Multiplication rate G_r	Dry weight mg/cm^2	Dry weight increase $\text{mg/cm}^2 \text{ day}$
Without kinetin			
Darkness	0.04	8.2	0.32
1	0.06	5.0	0.30
3	0.08	4.0	0.32
8	0.10	3.0	0.30
30	0.16	2.1	0.34
110	0.20	1.9	0.38
300	0.29	1.9	0.55
1100	0.38	2.5	0.95
2400	0.39	3.0	1.17

Rombach, LUW, 1976





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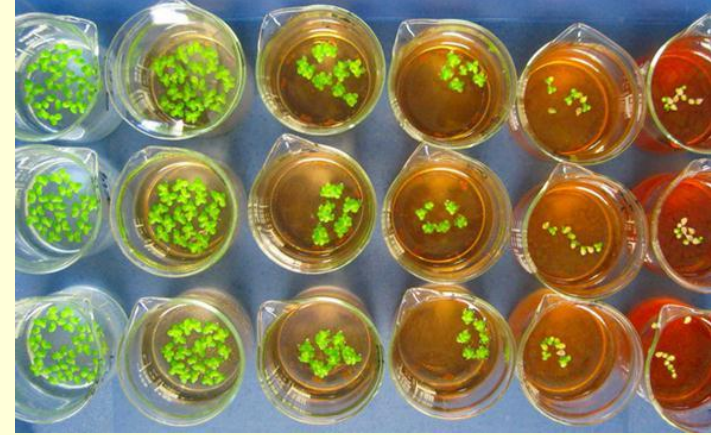
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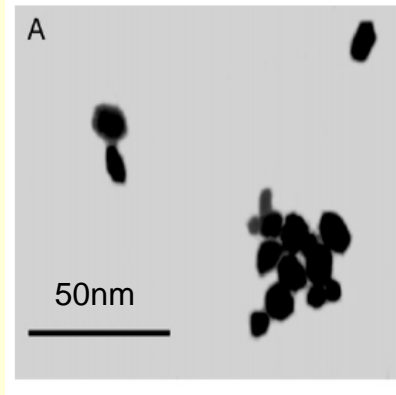
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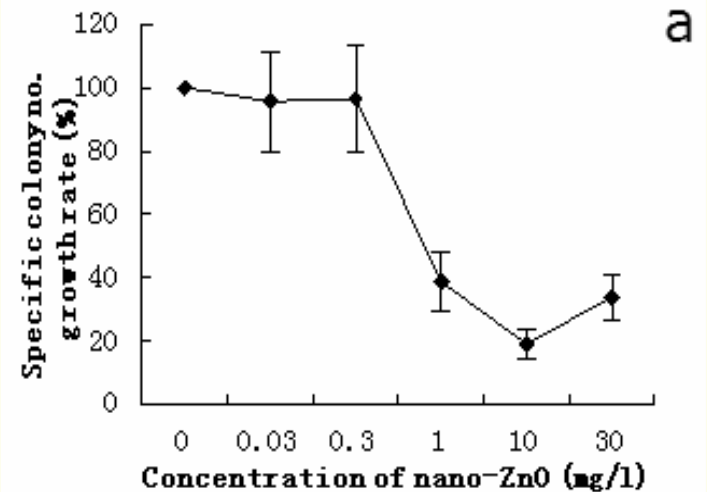
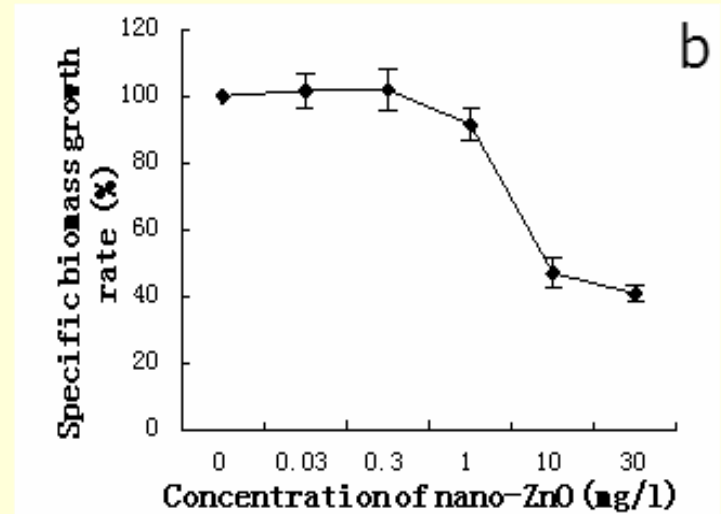
***Lemna* sp. Growth Inhibition Test**

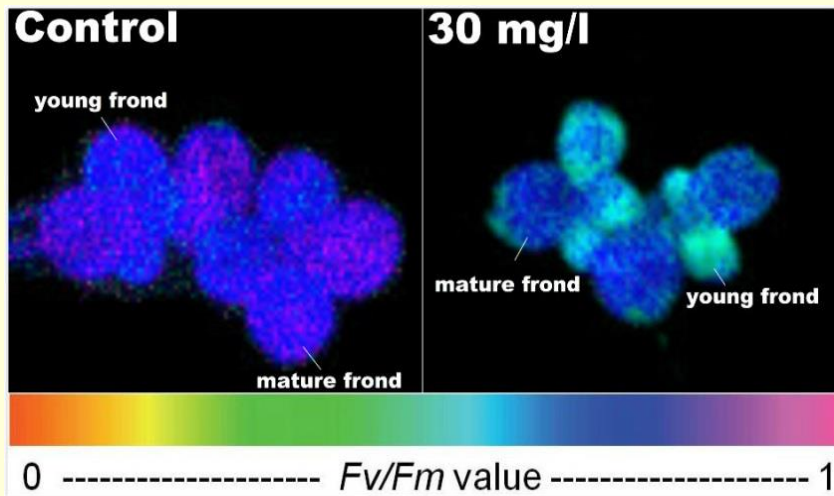
Lemna sp,; the key model-plant species used for toxicological testing!

Toxicology ZnO-nanoparticles

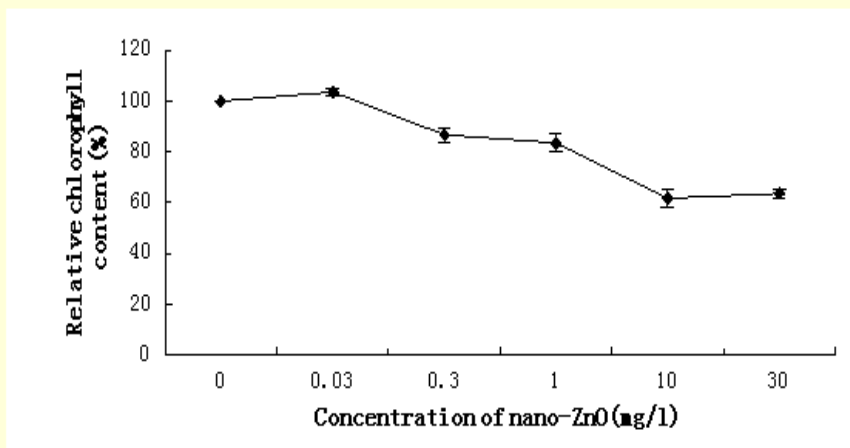
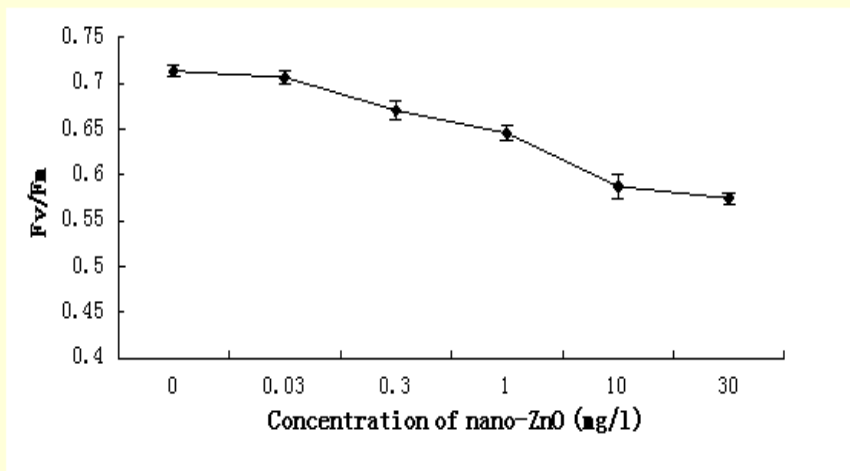
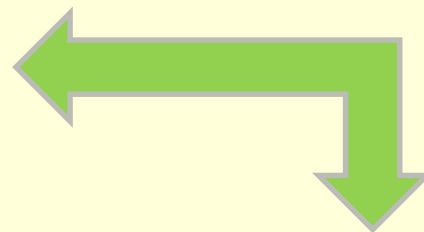


- nominal size: < 100 nm
- average size (TEM): 25.9 +/- 7.8 nm
- shape: spherical to square
- zeta potential (in duckweed media): -12.13 mV
- hydrodynamic diameter at start of experiment (in duckweed medium and at 10 mg/L): 198.6 +/- 39 nm



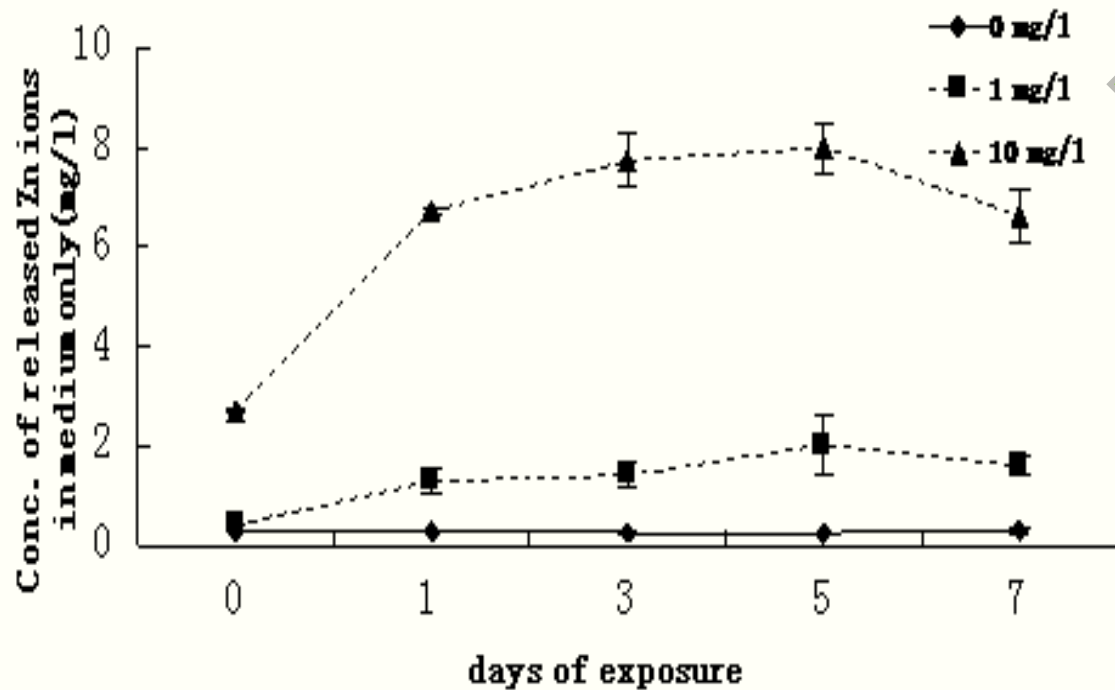


Maximum photosynthetic efficiency of PSII (Fv/Fm) in *Lemna minor* exposed to 0 mg/l nano-ZnO (Control) and 30 mg/l for 7 days.



Why are ZnO- nanoparticles toxic?

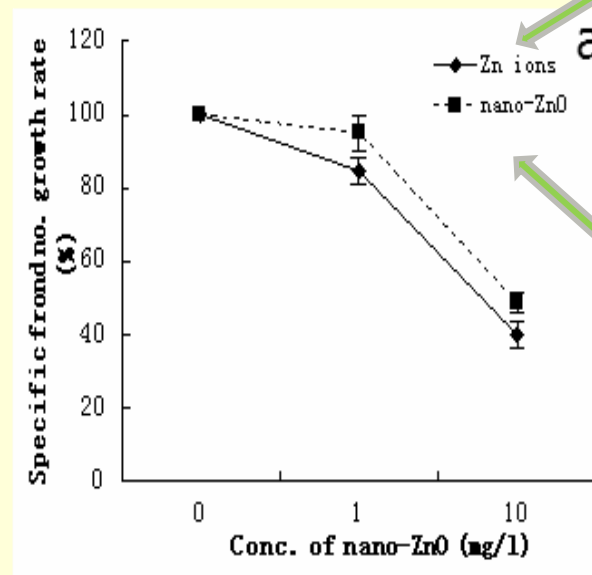
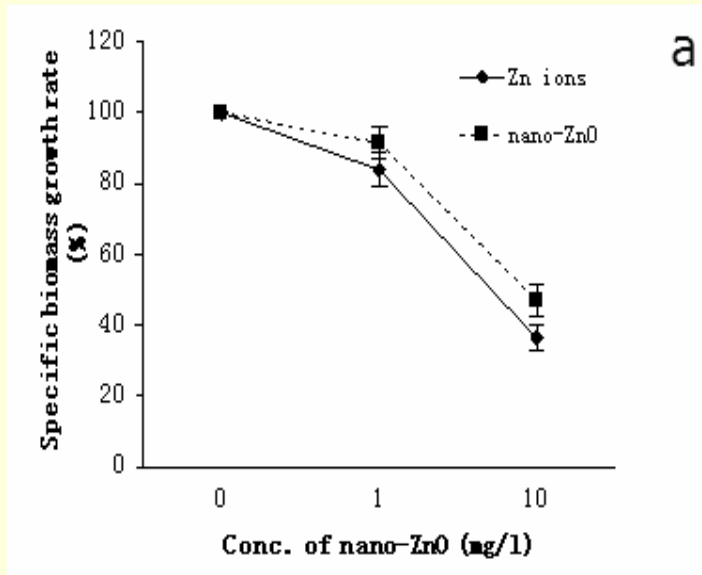
Free Zn²⁺ in the medium



Concentration nanoparticle

At the end of a 1-week experiment, ZnO-nanoparticles completely dissolved

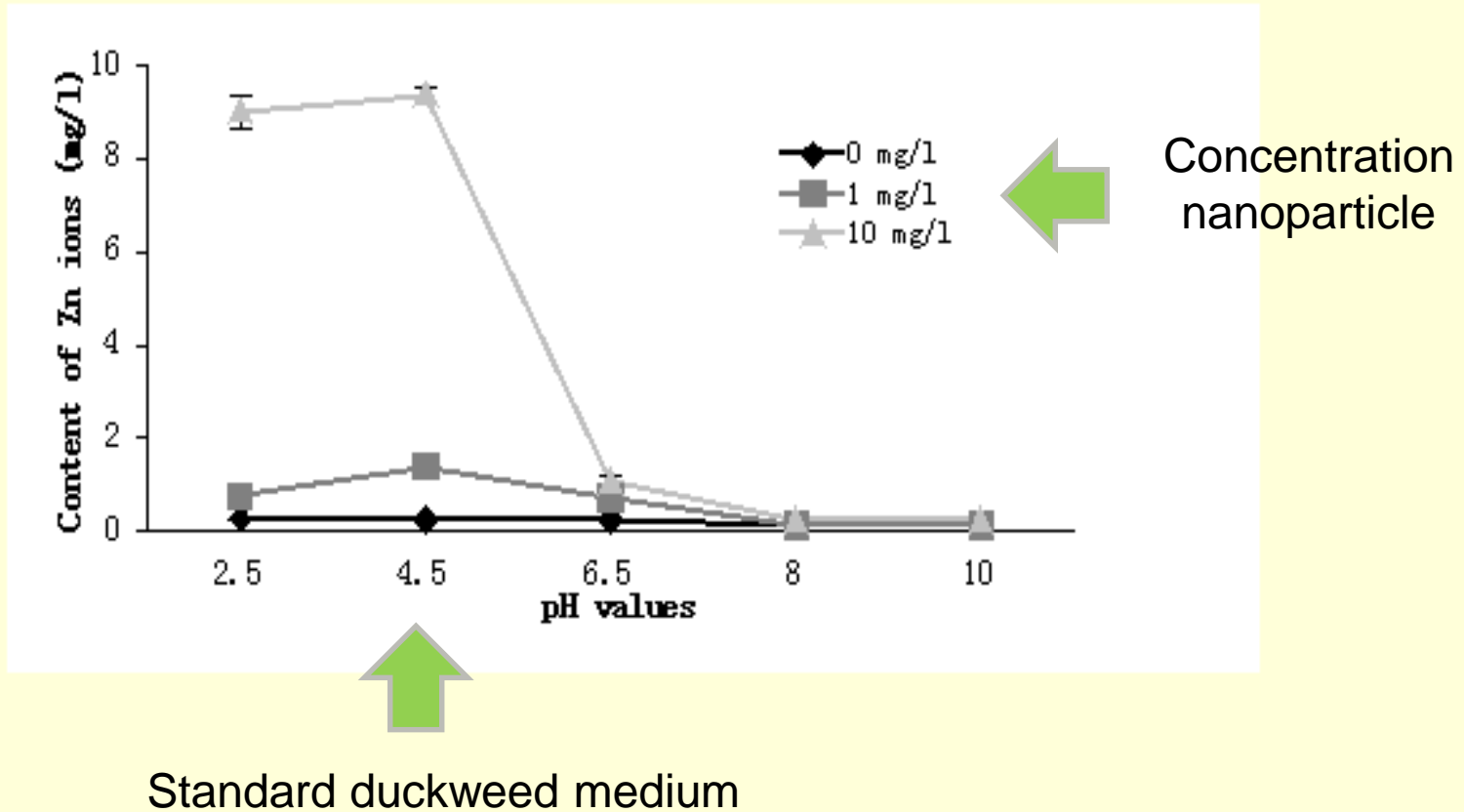
What is toxic? Nano-ZnO or Zn²⁺ ?



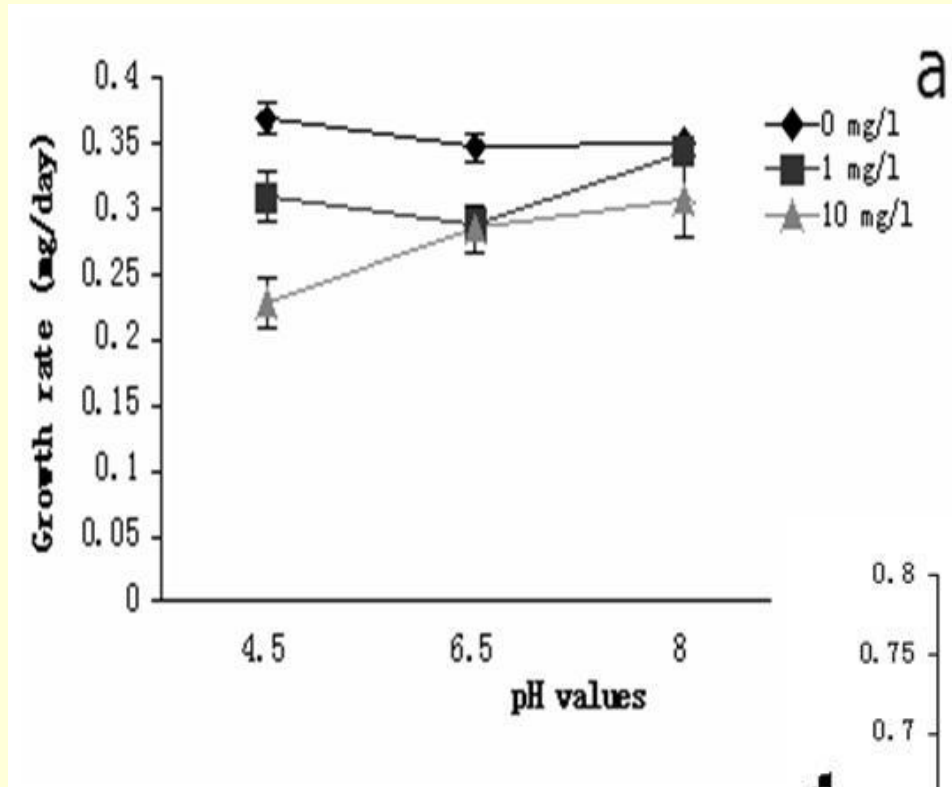
Zn²⁺
equivalent of
nano-ZnO

Nano-ZnO

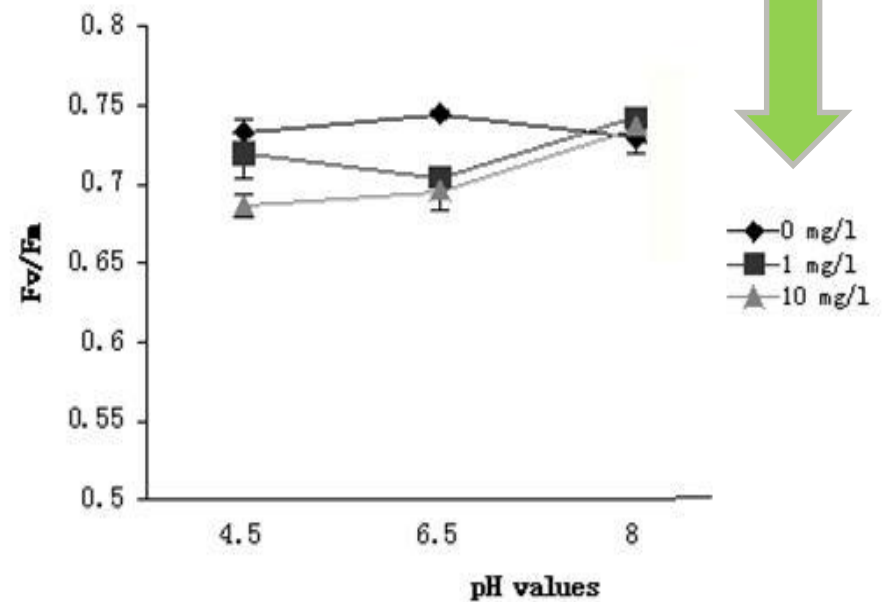
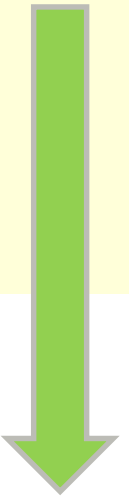
Dissolution nano-ZnO particles is pH dependent



Much decreased nano-ZnO toxicity at pH 8



Concentration
ZnO-
nanoparticle



A major role for Zn-ions in causing nano-ZnO toxicity at pH 4.5

The pH of natural surface waters varies widely, but values in the range between pH 6.5–8.5 are common

Thus, the pH of water bodies is a determinant of the environmental fate and biological impact of nanoparticles,

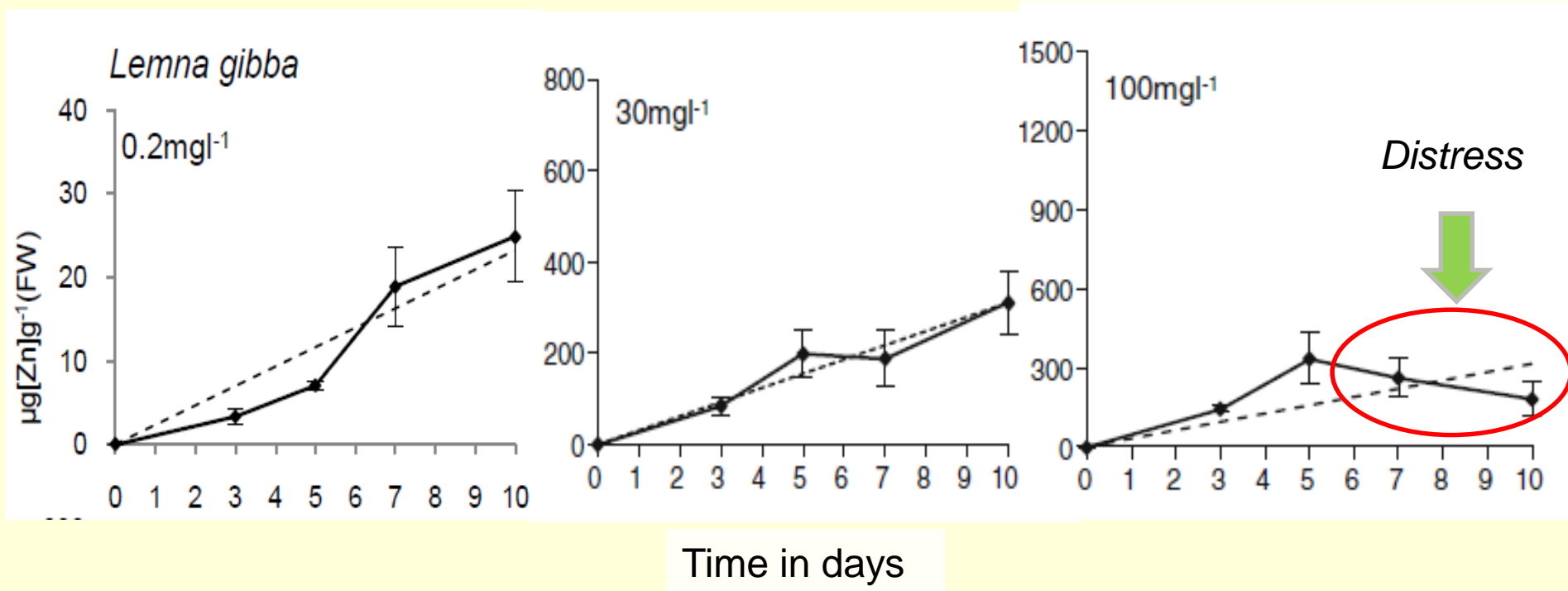


Irish bogs, pH<5



Limestone with stream, pH>7.5

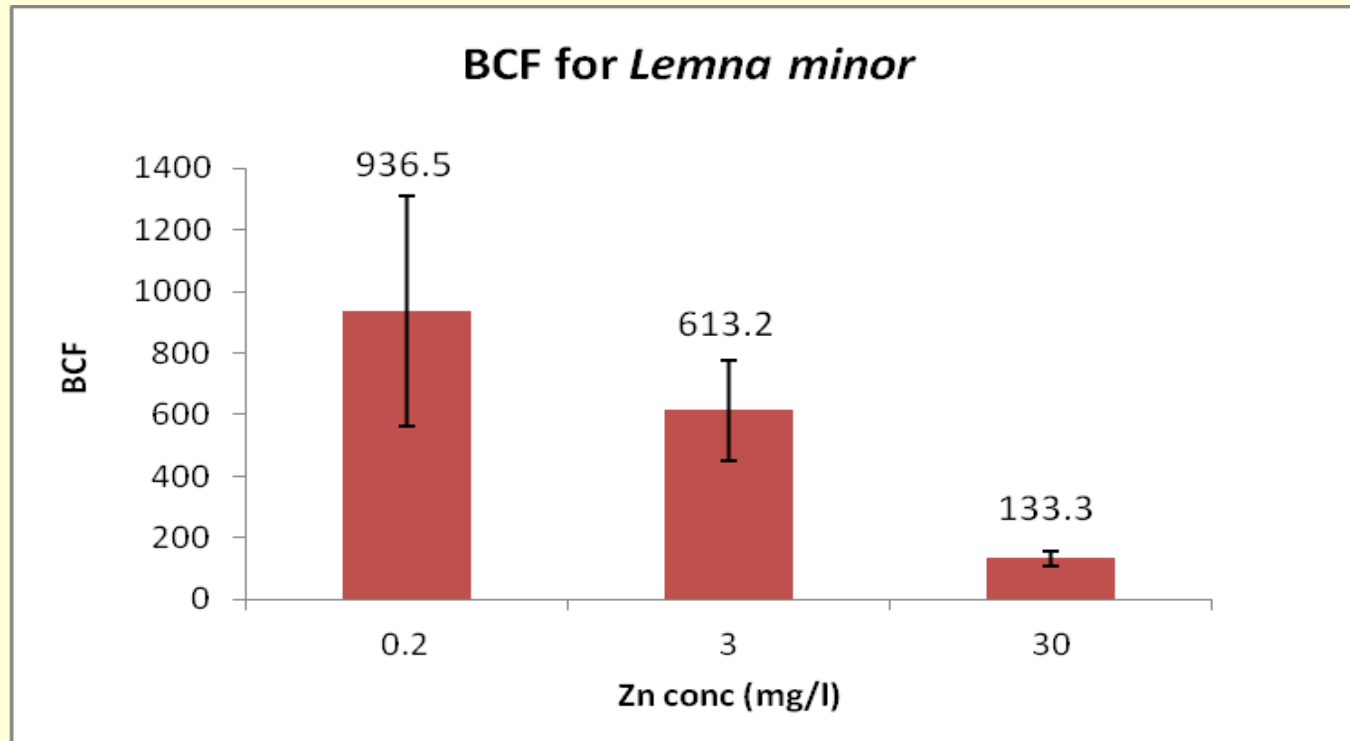
Zinc uptake by *Lemnaceae*



Uptake described by “linear model with first order kinetics”

Zinc bioaccumulation by *Lemna minor*

BCF; ratio Zn in plant/Zn in medium



Literature; accumulation factors Zn > 35.000



Cyprinus carpio (Common carp)

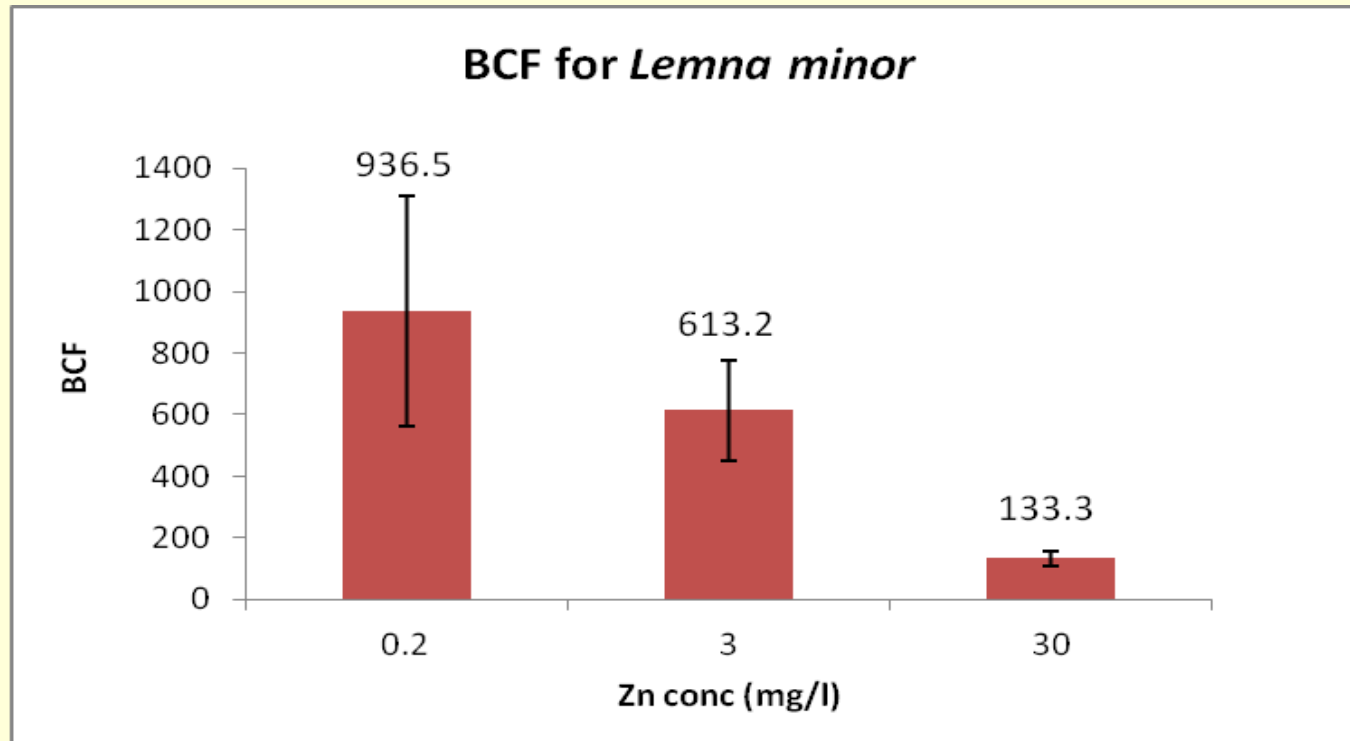
Common carp – zinc deficiency leading to:

- Reduced growth
- Cataracts
- High mortality
- Erosion of fins and skin
- Accumulation Fe and Cu in intestine and pancreas

Common carp feeds, amongst others, on Lemnaceae

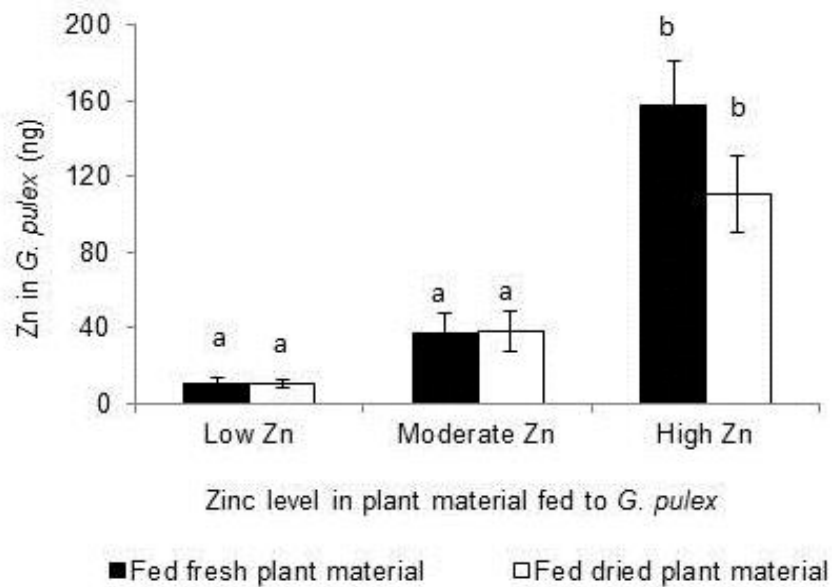
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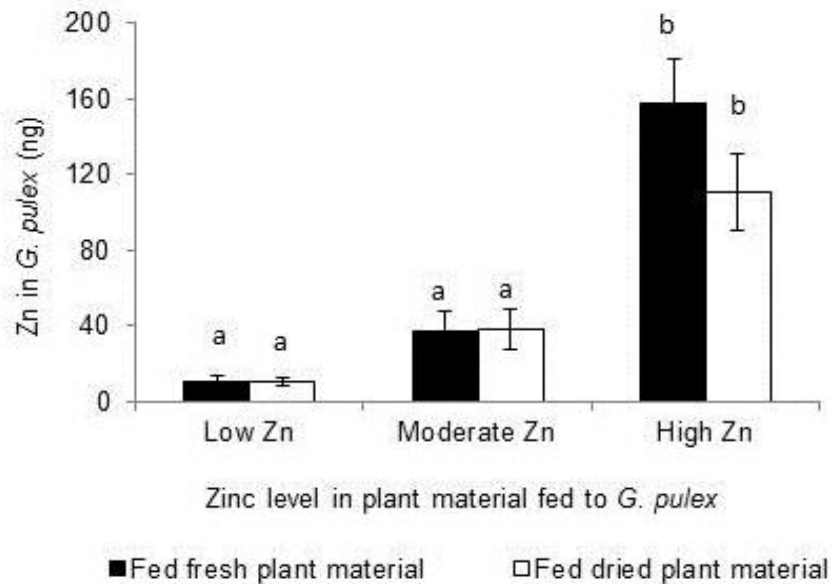


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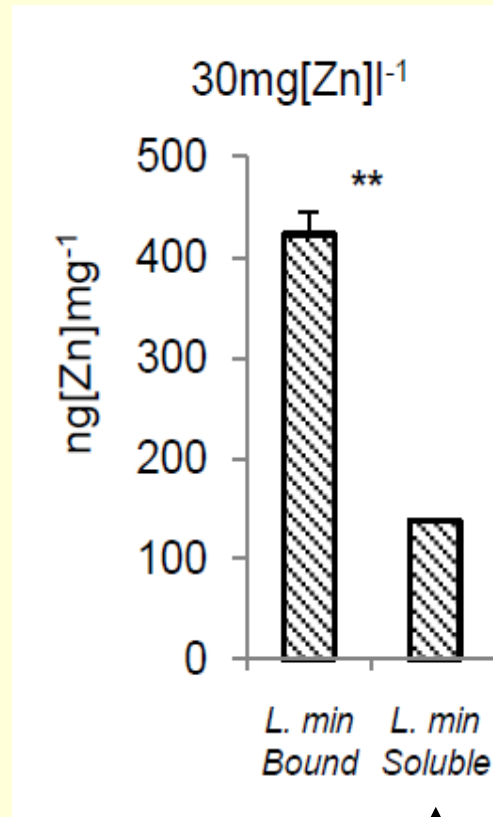
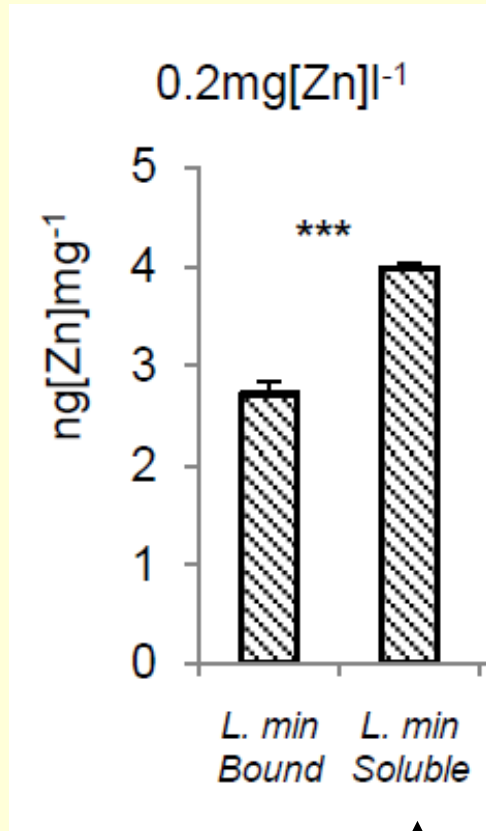


25-fold increase Zn in plant
16-fold increase Zn in Gammarus



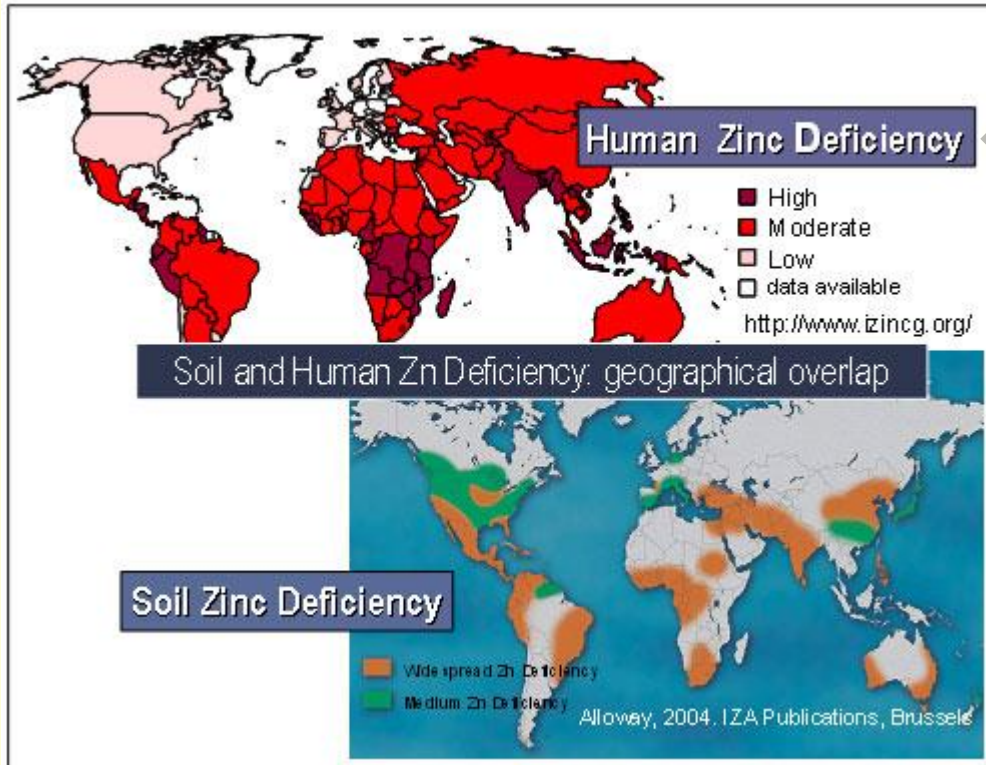
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Zinc bioavailability



Available for trophic transfer?

Metals, plants and food quality



Issue for some 25% of world population



Close geographical linkage between soil zinc deficiency and human zinc deficiency



Frozen Lemnaceaea



Lemnaceae as a model system

Toxicity testing



Food/feed fortification

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Lemnaceae in the cleaning business!



Devils Lake – North Dakota – 10.000 inhab.

Tertiary wastewater treatment (N/P removal)

Plant nutrient uptake

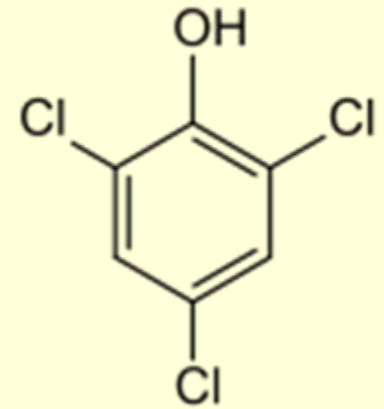
Anaerobic microbial processes

Marriage between biology & engineering

Phytoremediation - TCP

Chlorophenols

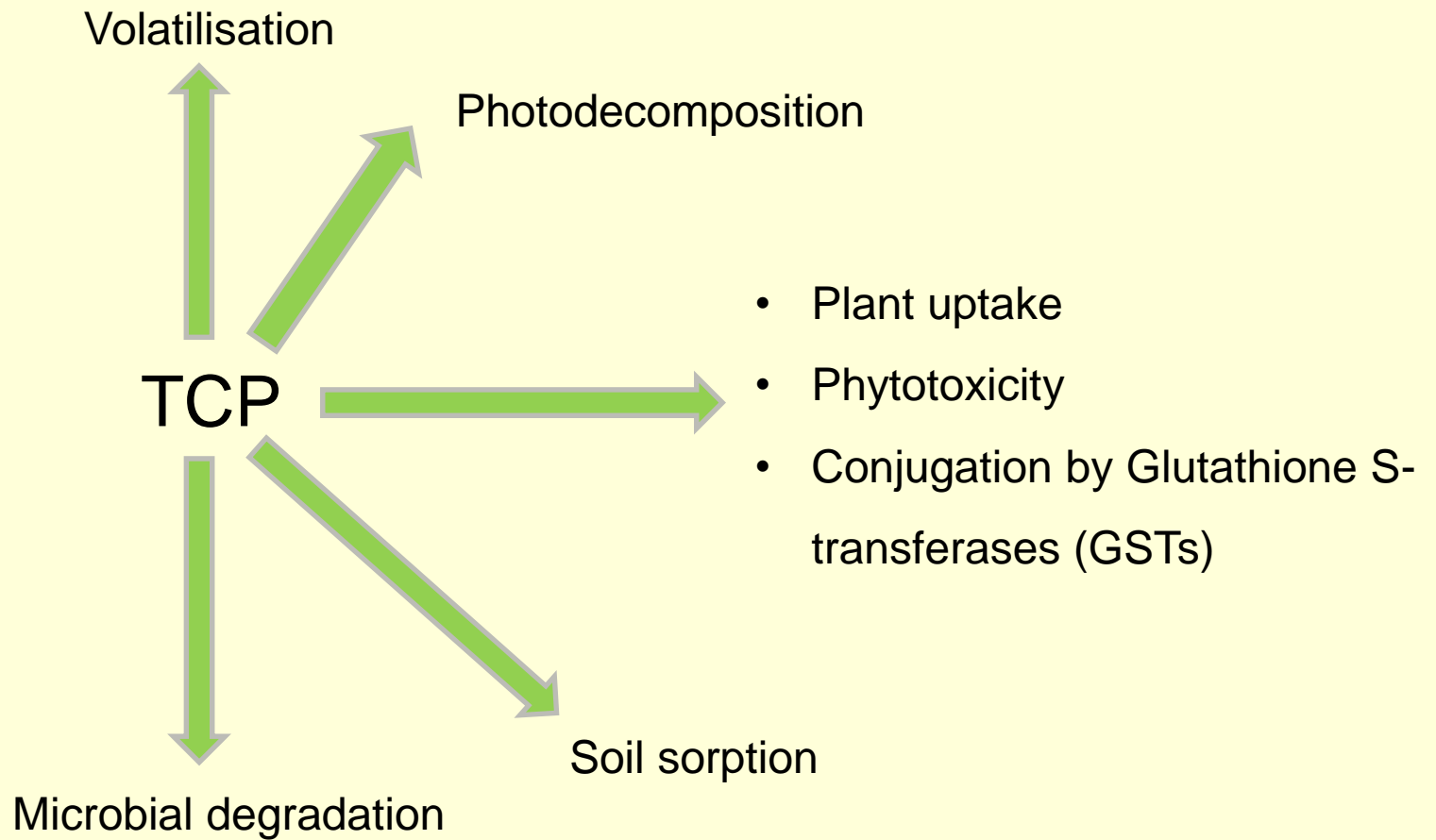
- Used as broad-spectrum biocides; residues & breakdown products ubiquitous in the environment
 - Sawmills (wood impregnation agents)
 - Precursors / degradation products chemicals
 - Landfill sites
- Priority pollutant
- Genotoxic, mutagenic, carcinogenic



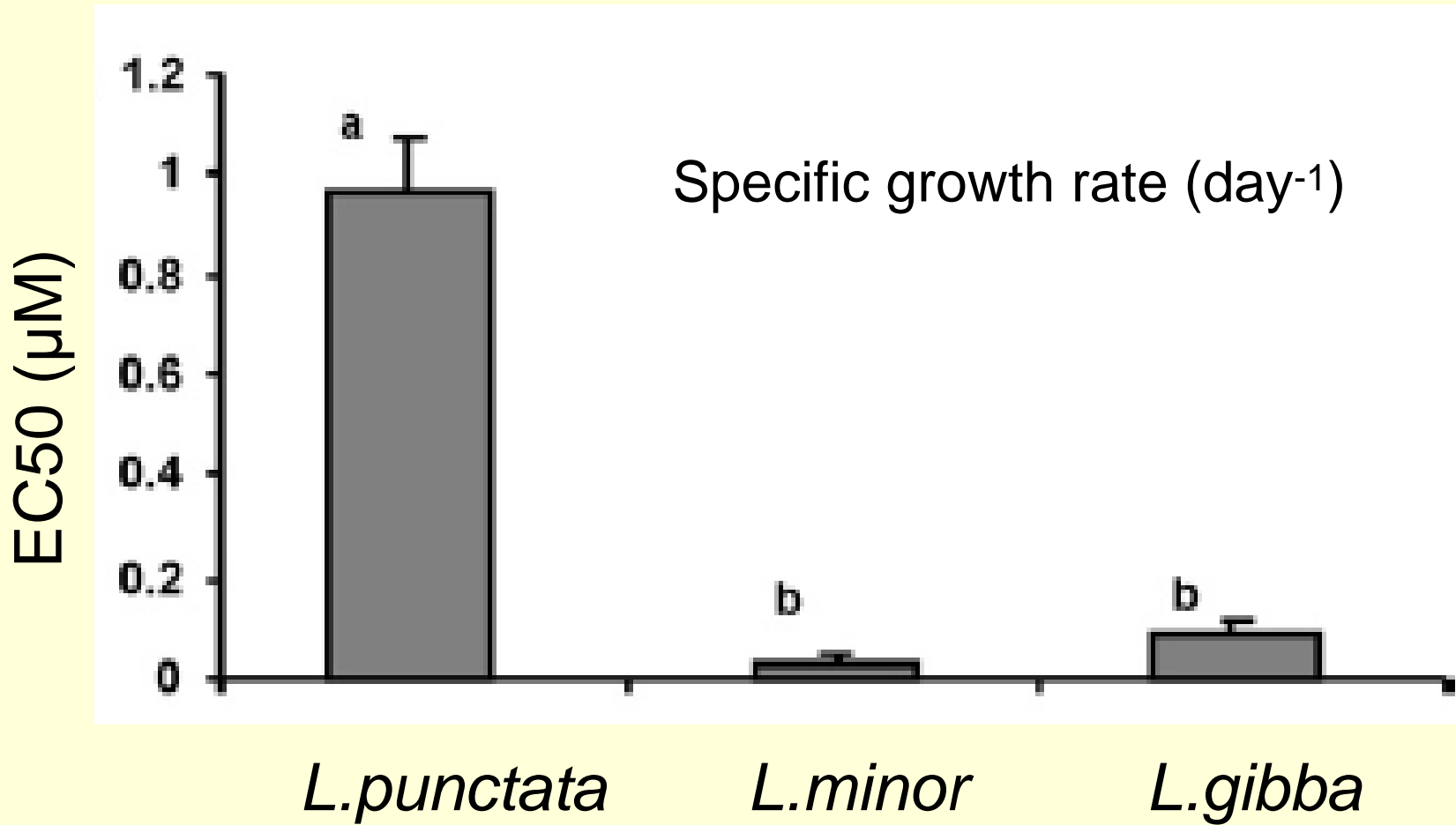
2,4,6, trichlorophenol



Chlorophenols
associated with timber
treatment plants



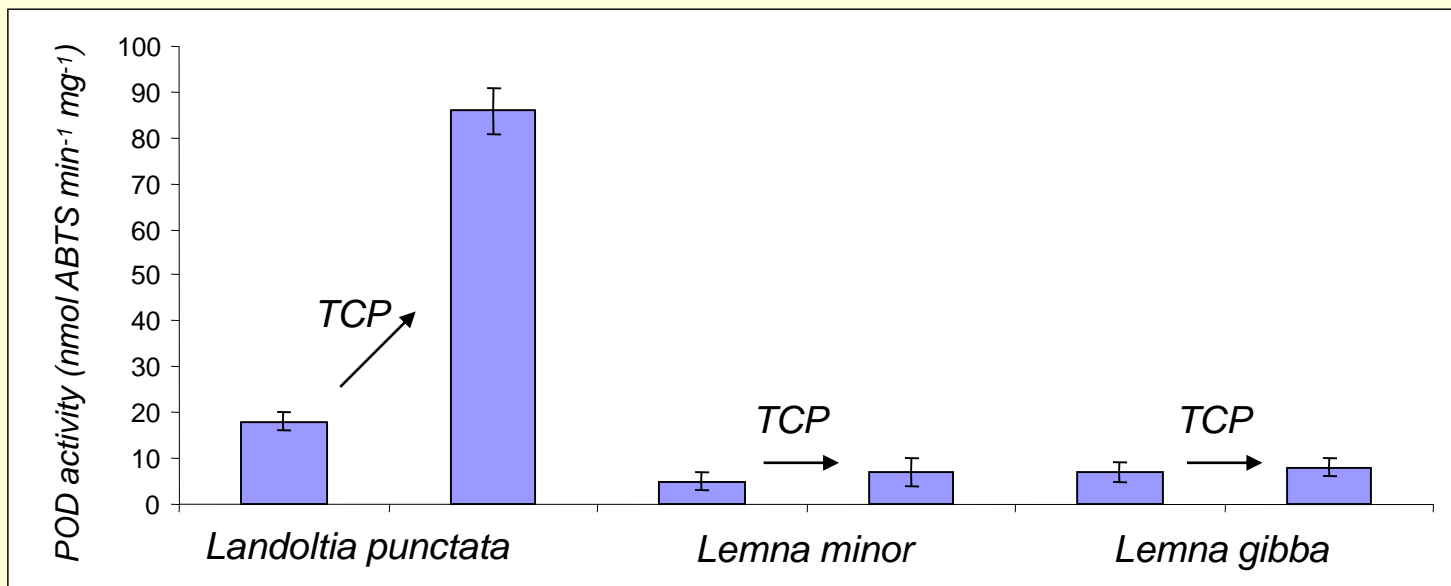
TCP is phytotoxic



Peroxidase activity “in medium” *L. punctata*

(stressor induced up-regulation of intracellular POX is common)

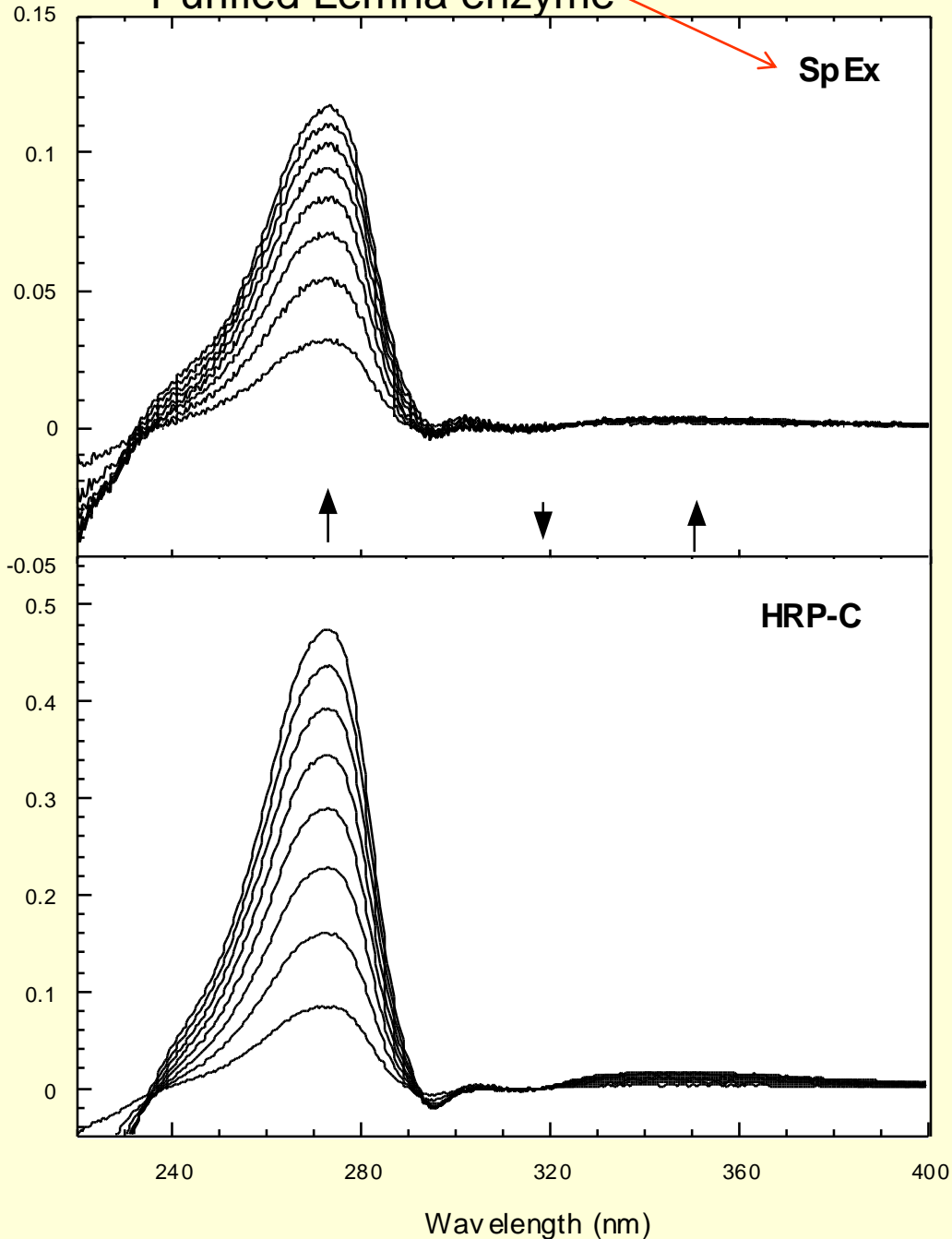
(no upregulation extracellular POX by heavy metals, herbicides, elicitors)



Response to TCP concentration that gives ca. 15% growth inhibition

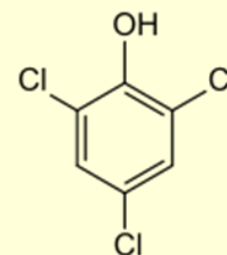
Severe TCP stress results in decreased extracellular POX activity

Purified Lemna enzyme

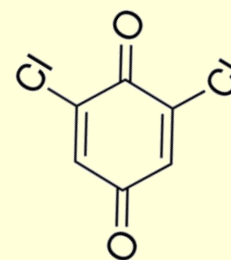


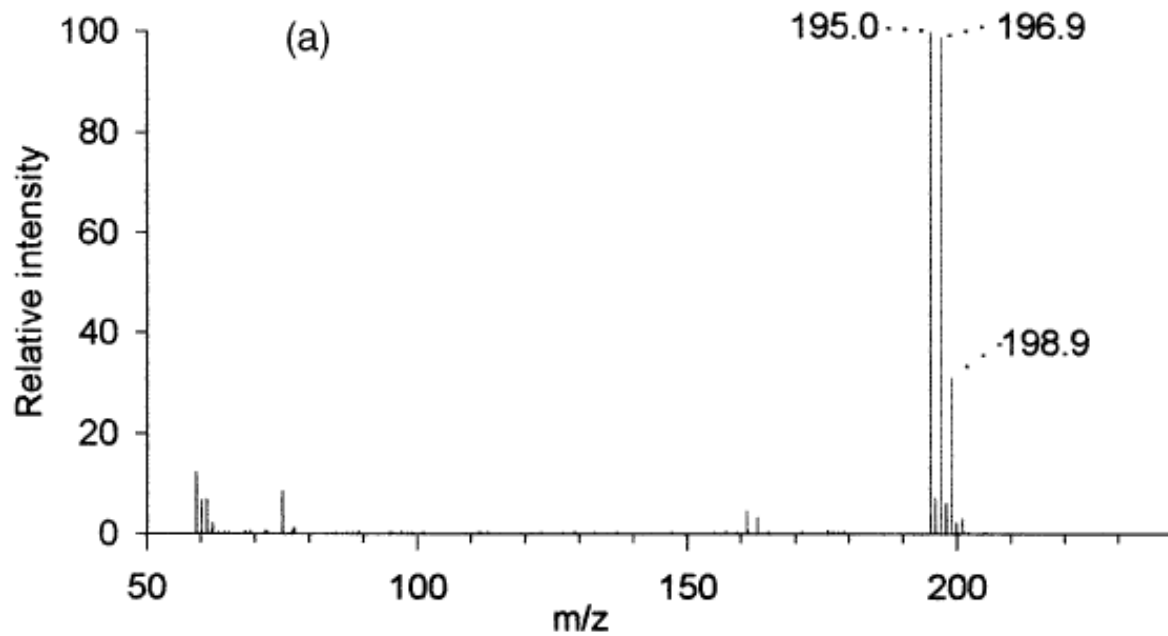
UV/VIS spectrophotometry showing oxidative dechlorination TCP

Enzyme + H₂O₂ + 2,4,6, TCP



Oxidation to 2,6 dichloro-1,4 benzoquinone

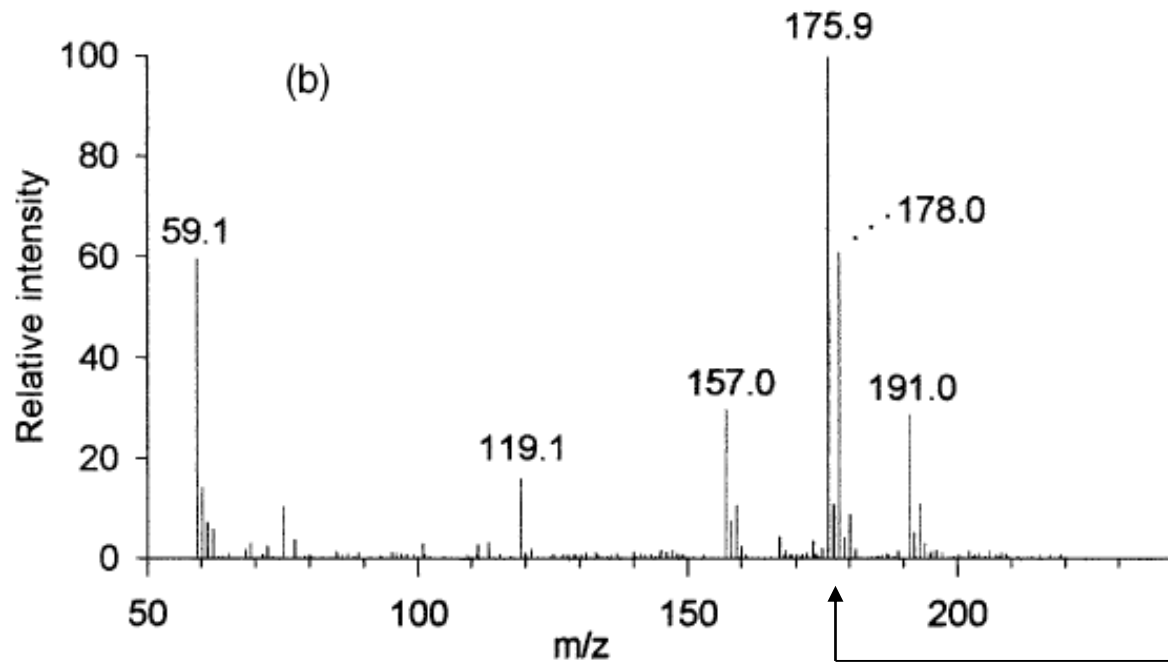




m/z 195 TCP
(+2, +4, +6 for ³⁷Cl)

TCP - no enzyme

LC-MS

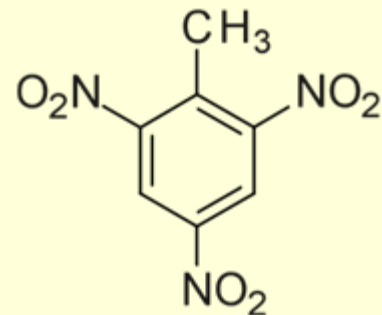
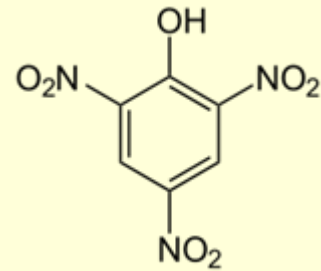
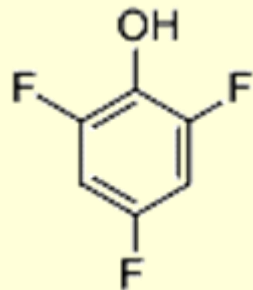
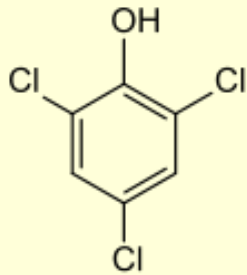


TCP - peroxidase

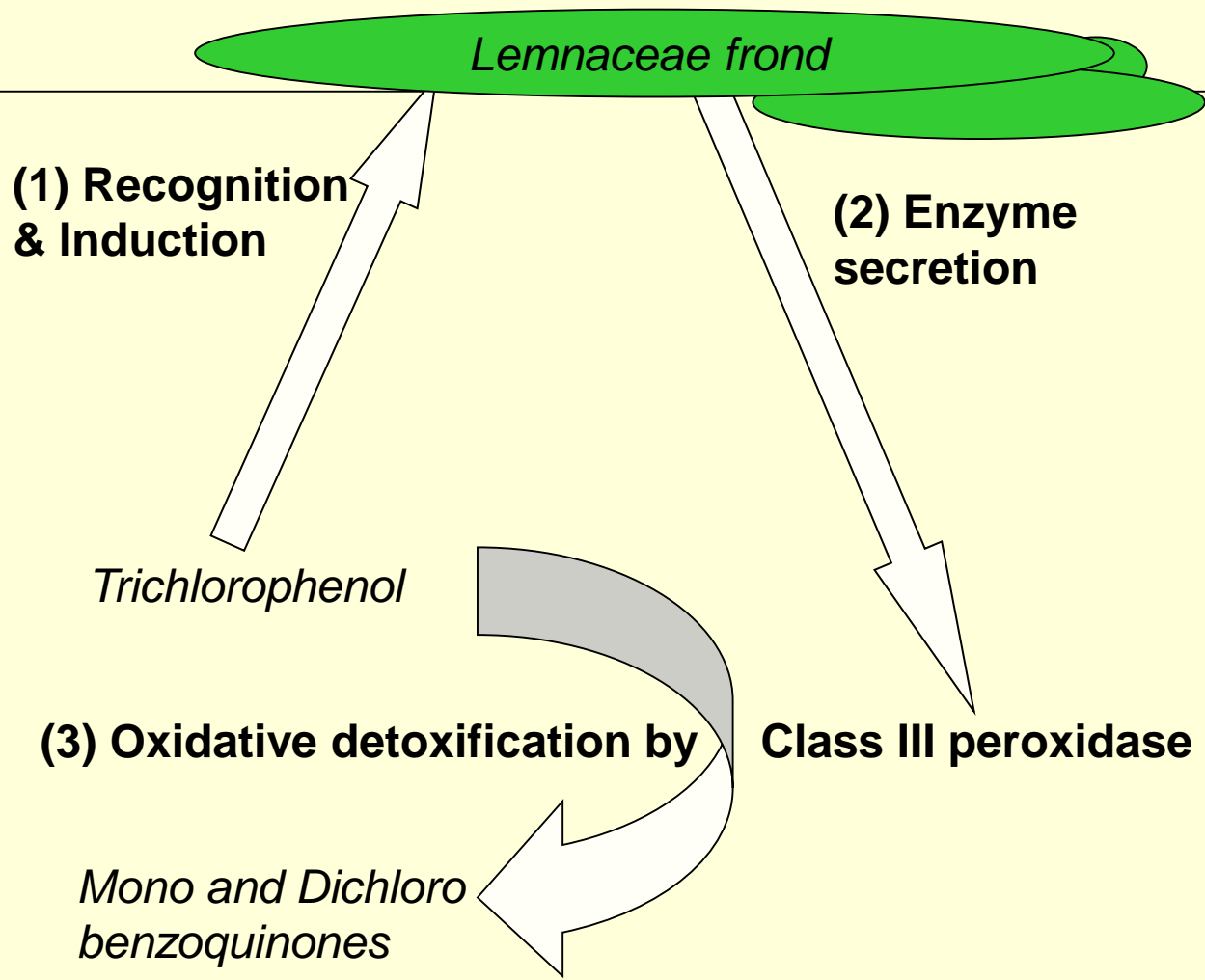
Isomer dichloro
benzoquinone

Substrates for class III peroxidases

(TCP, TBP and TFP all induce extracellular POX)



Three components of *Lemnaceae* response system



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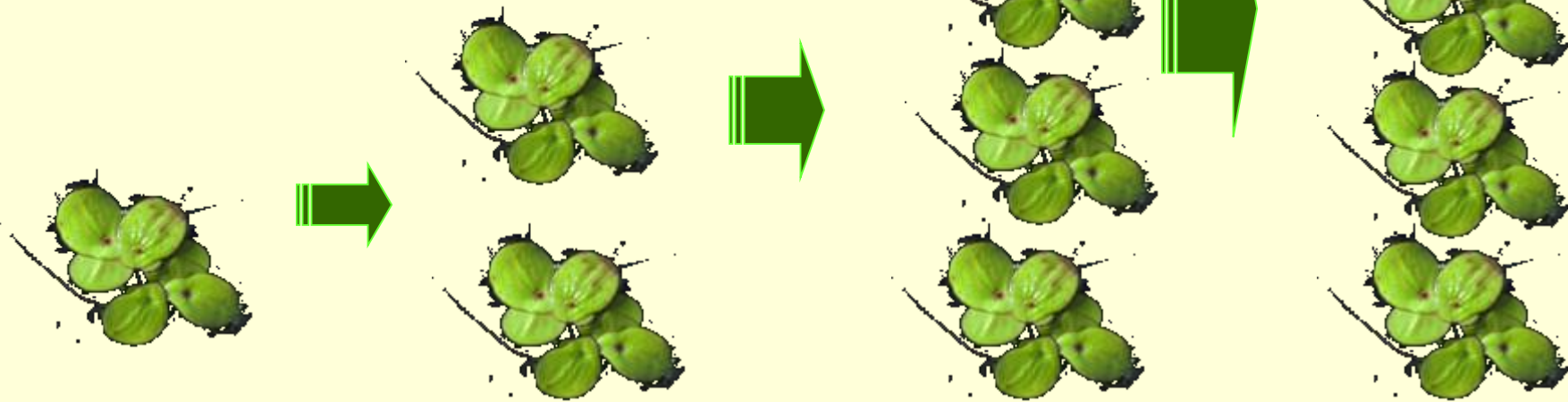
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Small plant – fast grower!

Doubling time in growthroom at UCC

<i>Lemna minor</i>	2.27 day
<i>Lemna gibba</i>	2.18 day
<i>Landoltia punctata</i>	2.11 day
<i>Wolffia brasiliensis</i>	3.35 day

Doubling time optimal conditions <20 hours



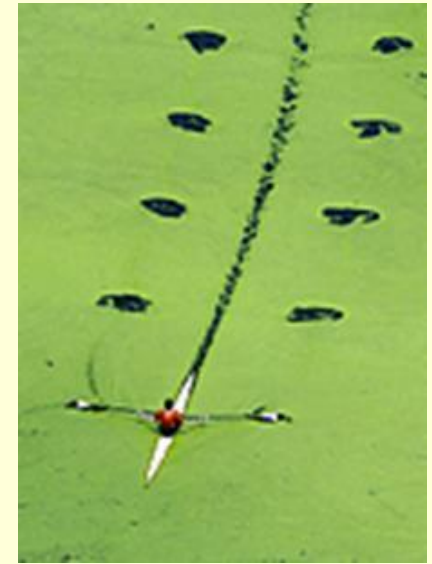
Fast growth; problem or opportunity ?



<http://www.voltairenet.org/The-Promise-of-Restitution-of>



Cork



Pennsylvania

Lake Maracaibo - Venezuela



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Fast growth; undesirable, invasive, alien species

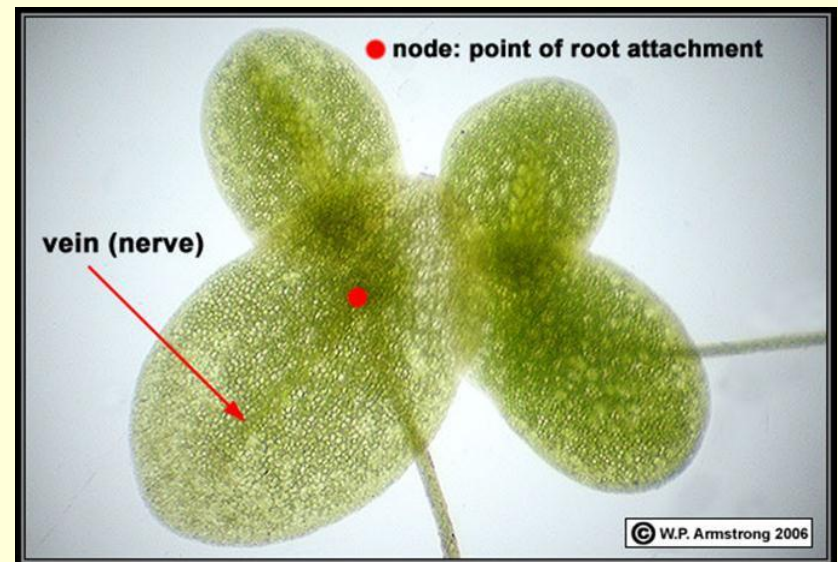
Distribution *Lemna minuta*

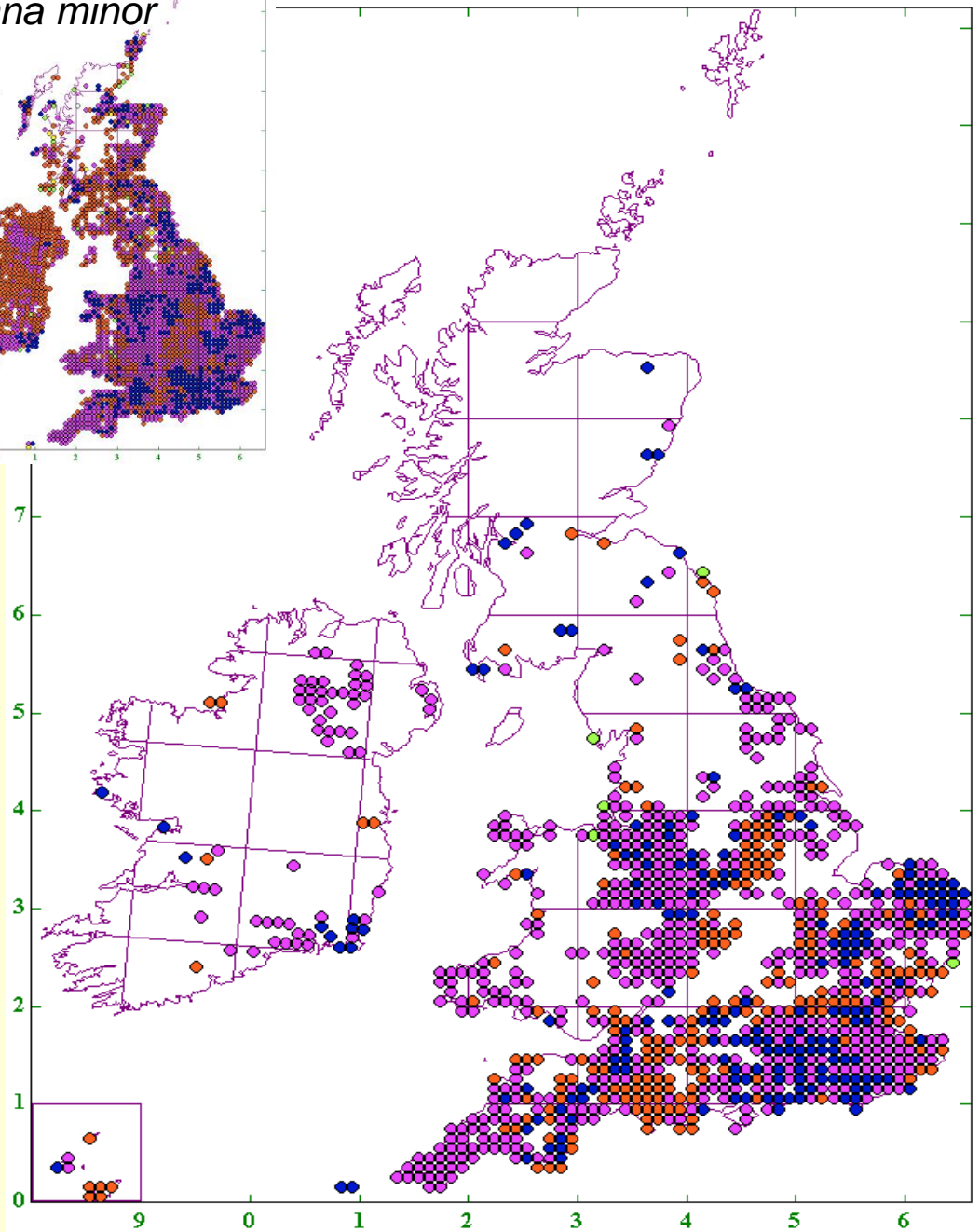
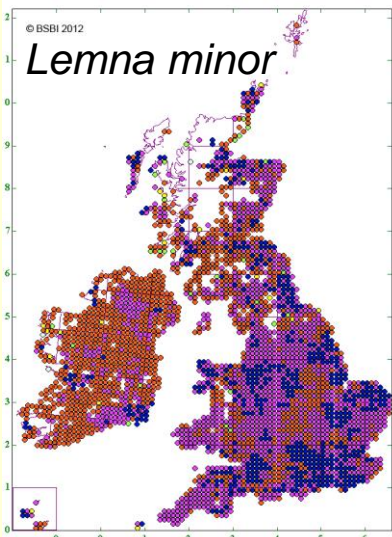


Landolt and Kandeler, 1987

Native in all (parts?) America's

Invasive, alien species in Europe and parts of Asia





Lemna minuta in the UK

Competes with *L. minor*

First discovered 1977

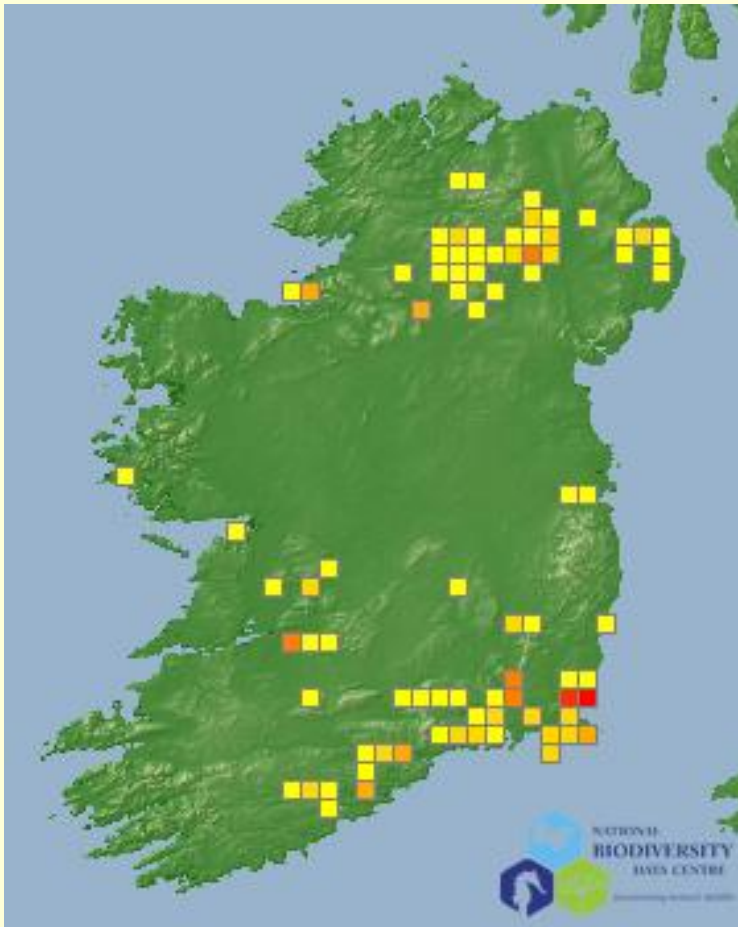
Green; pre-1986

Red; 1987-1999

Purple; 2000-2009

Blue; since 2010

BSBI Maps Scheme



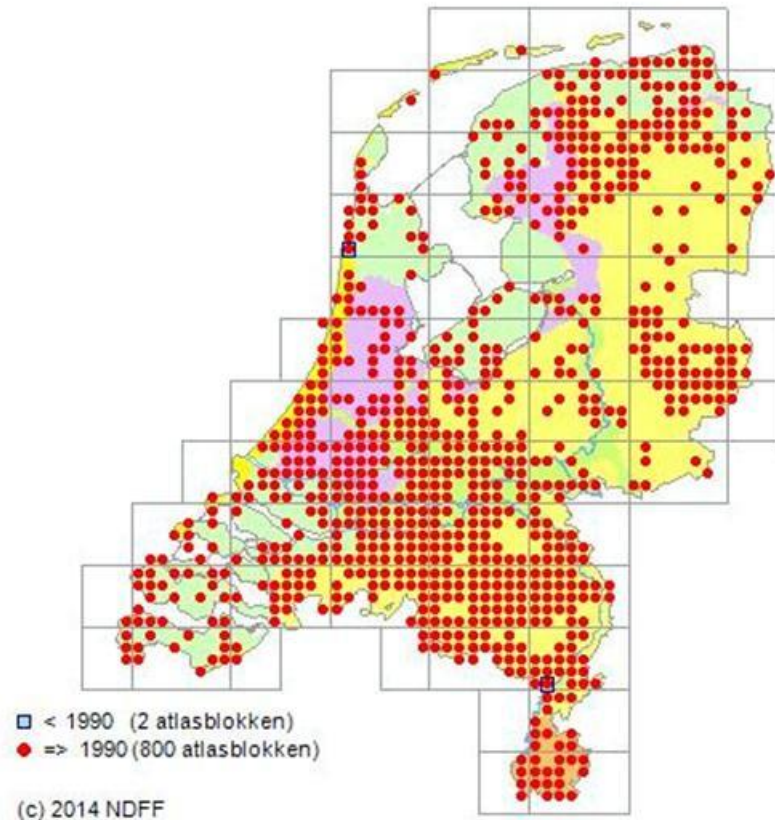
Lemna minuta in Ireland

Competes with *L. minor*

First discovered 1993

Yellow – Red ; Gradient of increasing density

National Biodiversity Data Centre



Lemna minuta in the Netherlands

Competes with *L. minor*

First discovered 1989???

Blue; Before 1990

Red: Since 1990

FLORON Verspreidingsatlas
Planten

Species present in France (first European record 1965?), Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK.

Also present in India, Japan and Australia.

IUCN, the World Conservation Union, states that the impacts of **alien invasive species** are immense, insidious, and usually irreversible.

Impacts on;

- biodiversity
- human health
- economies

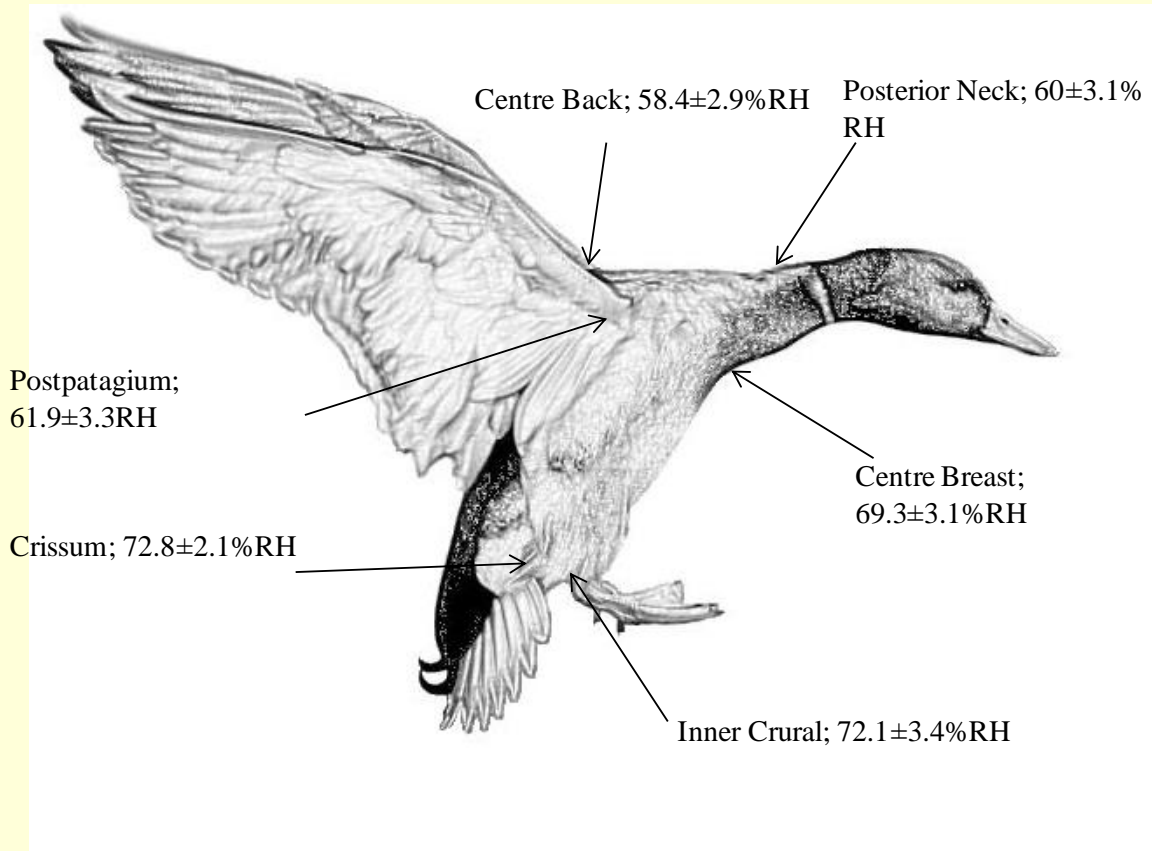


Lagarosiphon major in the Corrib; impacts on water extraction, boating, diving, and fishing

How does *Lemna minuta* travel?



Epizoochory



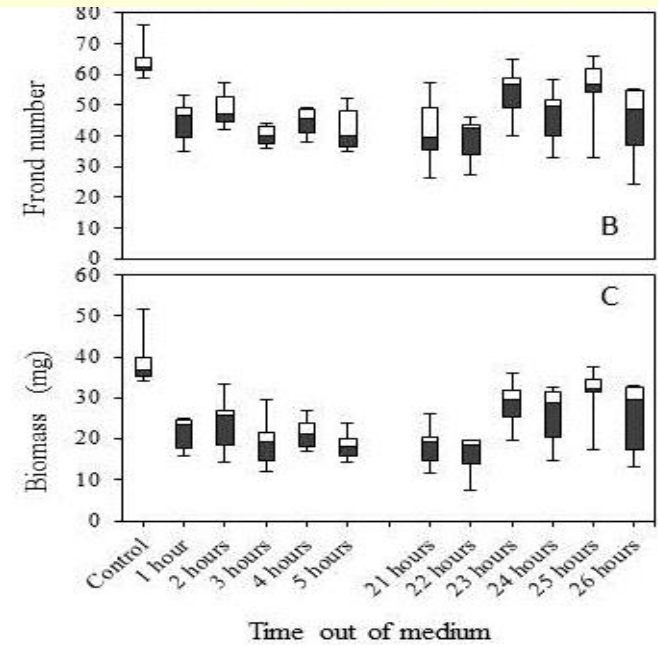
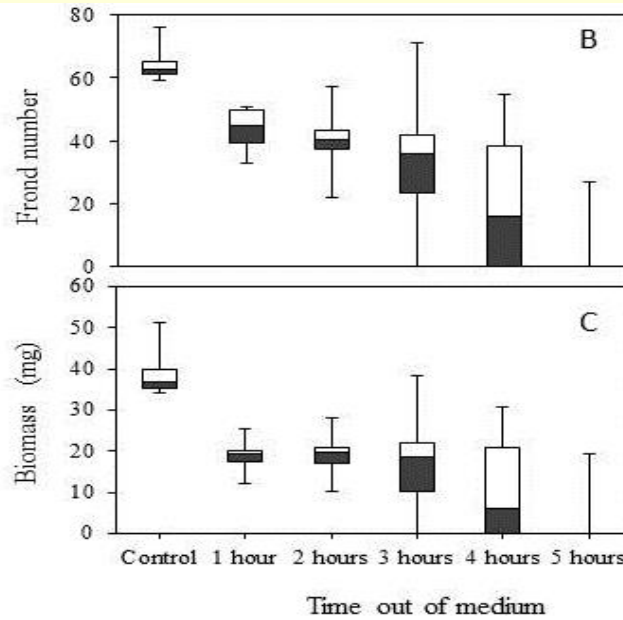
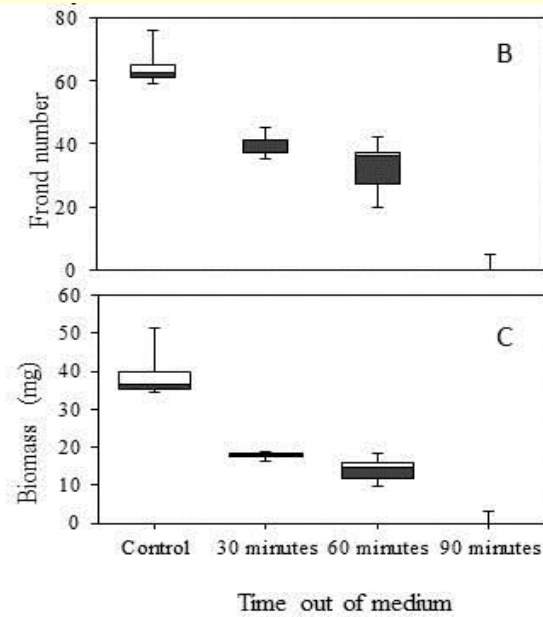
Coughlan, Kelly, Jansen, 2014

Desiccation tolerance is the key limitation to the “colonization capability” of Lemnaceae species

RH 44%

RH 58%

RH 95%

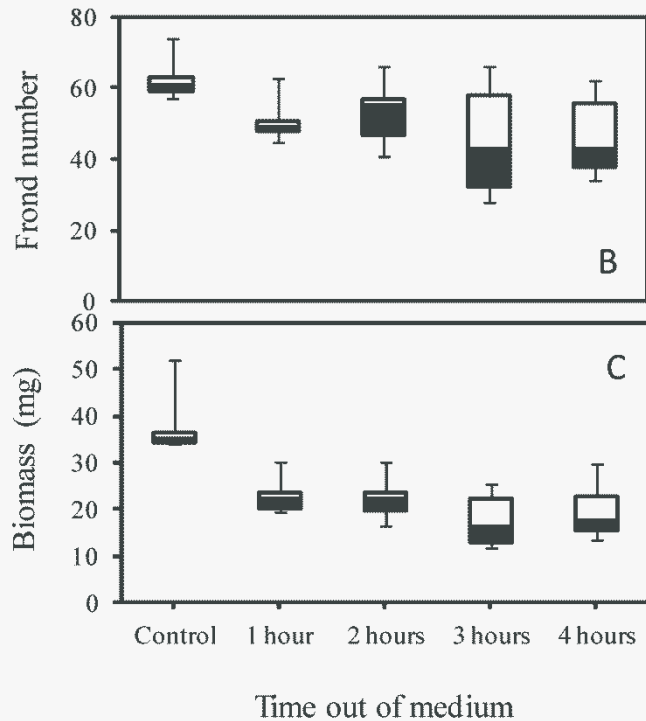


Survival of *Lemna minuta* outside aquatic medium

At a moderate RH (58%) still substantial survival after 2 hours out the water

What about the drying impact of wind?





New colonies (B) and biomass (C) produced by drought stressed *L. minuta*.

Plants were drought stressed between the feathers of the inner crural area of the leg.

Relative humidity of 84.3 ± 5.7 %, temperature of 16.2 ± 1.9 °C, and a vapour density ranging between 9.6 and 14.0 g/m³.

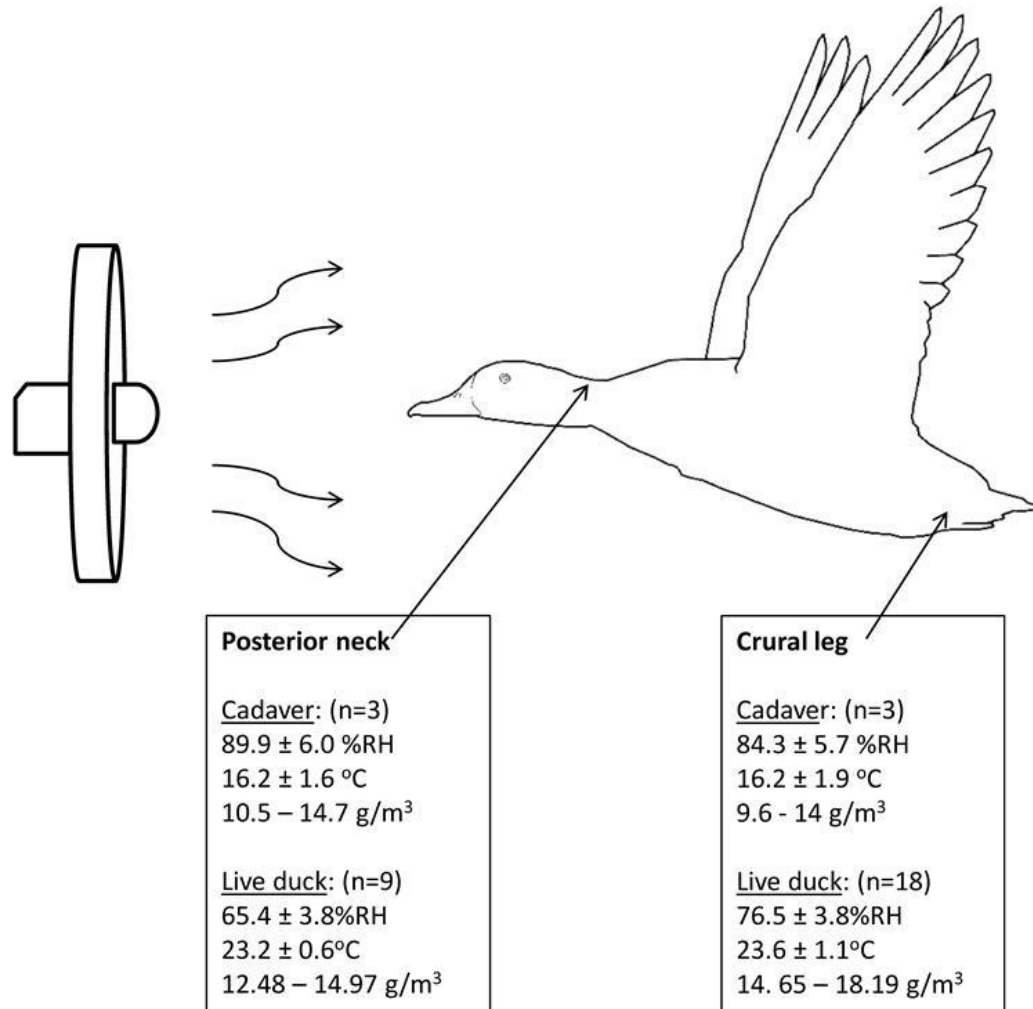
Prolonged (2-4 hours) viability of *L. minuta* fronds inserted between the feathers of a mallard duck



Pieces of a puzzle:

- Evidence of entanglement and retention *L. minuta* between feathers
- Mallard ducks travel at up to 65km/h, i.e. within 2-4 hours they can travel from;
 - Ireland to England,
 - England to Europe
 - Brno to Prague
- Mallards from northern areas such as Iceland, Russia, Baltic States, northern Poland and Germany, display seasonal migrations to France, Ireland and Britain
- Role birds in dispersal first suggested by Charles Darwin in 1859

The drying impact of wind versus RH and T?





What is next?

- Real flights of different durations
- Use of homing-pigeons with climate and GPS sensors
- Evidence retention and survival
- Modelling and mapping

Lemnaceae; what are they?

Lemnaceae; the model of the 1960 and 1970s

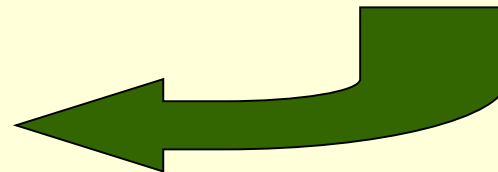
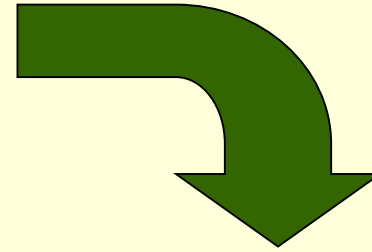
Lemnaceae; the guinea-pigs of the plant kingdom

Lemnaceae; the cleaners of the plant kingdom

Lemnaceae; Invasive aliens?

Lemnaceae; fashionable, high tech, sustainable foods, feeds and fuels?

Lemnaceae; problem or opportunity ?



Lemnaceae in traditional /sustainable agriculture (FAO 2011)

Lemnaceae; problem or opportunity?

- Yield up to 4 ton FW / hectare / day
- Technology for growth, harvesting and processing
- Bio-crude (renewable fuel)
- Protein (43% DW) feed aquaculture
- Essential amino acids (Lys, Leu, Ile, Phe, Thr, Val)



PetroAlgae Inc Florida Lemna production

***Lemnaceae*; “fashionable, new” opportunity ?**

Cheese Pie Crisp

- 1 cup Lemna gibba
- 2 medium-large chopped onions fried
- 30 grams butter
- 2 crushed garlic cloves
- 0.5 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 50 grams grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon powdered vegetable soup
- pepper, paprika, nutmeg to taste.



The onions were fried in 1 teaspoon of oil until light brown. Lemna gibba L. cv. Galilee was added to the mix just before baking. Prepare puff pastry, spread or roll flat and place in baking pan. Spoon cheese mixture into pastry shell and bake in a preheated oven at 200° C. for 20 minutes.

Lemnaceae bioreactor?

- Food fortification?
- Phytoremediation?
- Secretion desirable products (insulin, vaccines)
- Biolex; production therapeutic glycosylated proteins, including monoclonal antibodies and interferon (IFN-alpha2b)



<http://www.lemnagene.com/>

.....*Lemnaceae* and the Green Economy.....?

