



Low-level arsenite boosts rhizospheric exudation of low-molecular-weight organic acids from mangrove seedlings

Mei Kang
2021.04.21





Outline

CONTENTS



- 01 Background
- 02 Material and Method
- 03 Result and Discussion
- 04 Conclusion



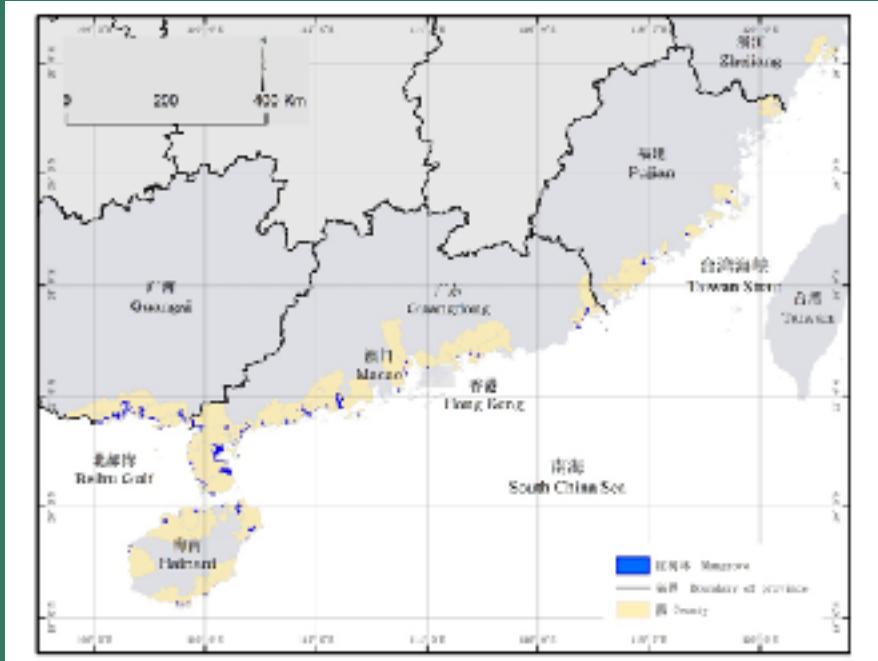
2021

University Consortium
of Aquatic Sciences

中英双语学术会议论文集



Quanzhou, 2016



Dan xinqiu, 2016



2021

University Consortium
of Aquatic Sciences

中英科学院联合项目组

PART ONE

Background



» Mangrove wetland



Carbon Storage



Habitat /Spawning



Ecological benefit

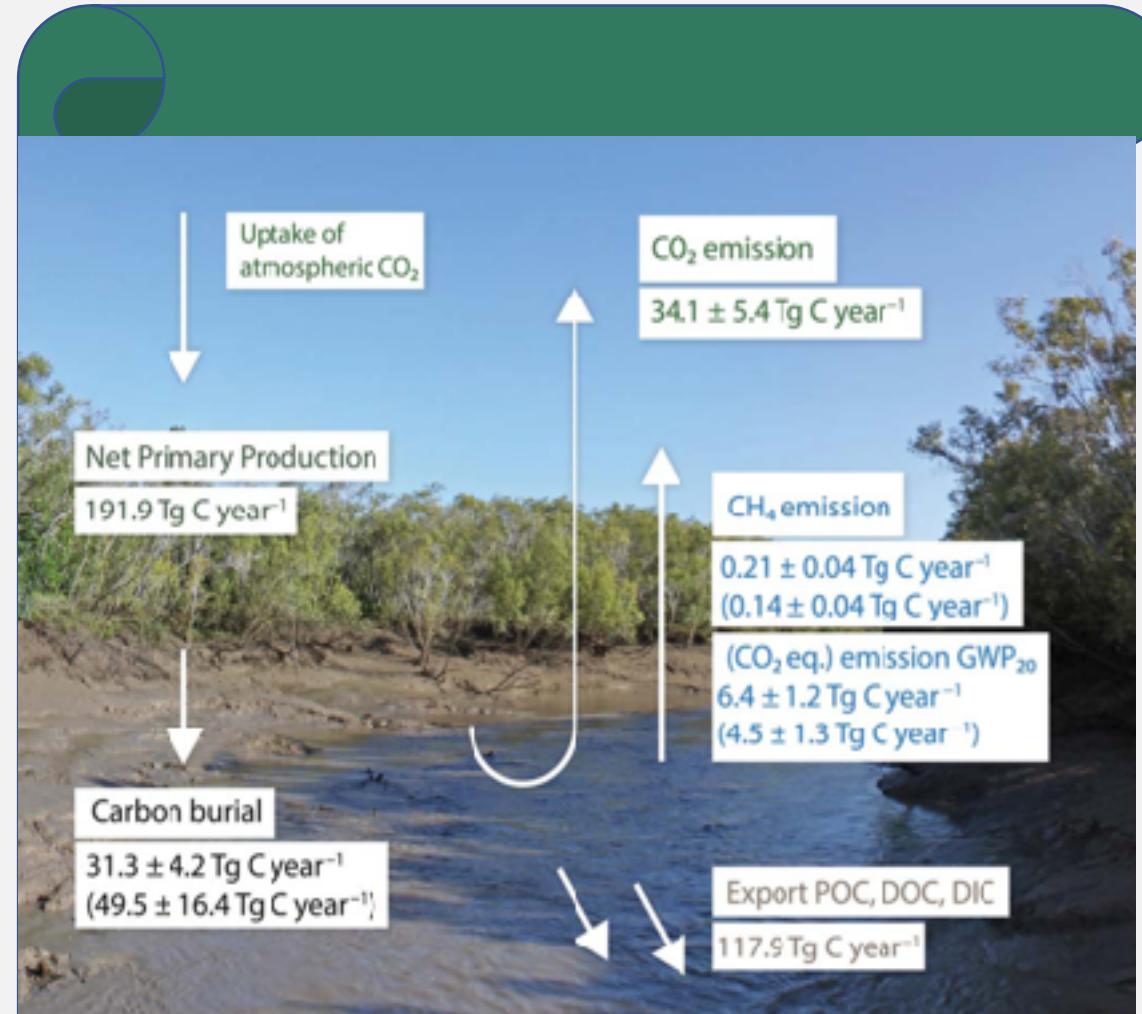
Human activities and environmental characteristics

- » Industry
- » Agriculture
- » Aquaculture
- » Deforestation

- » High organic matter
- » High Fe & S
- » Reducing environment
- » Food chain/web



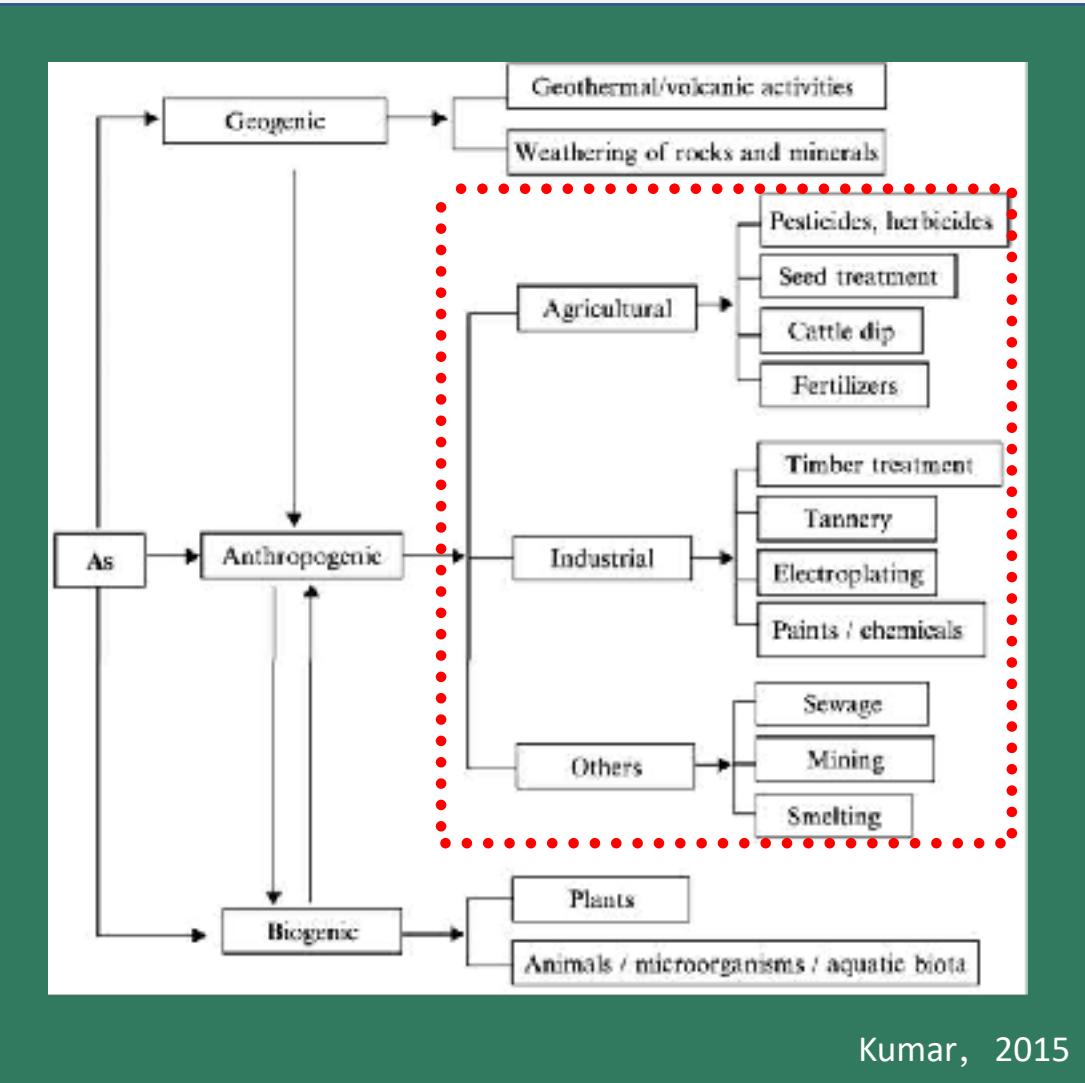
Heavy metal accumulation



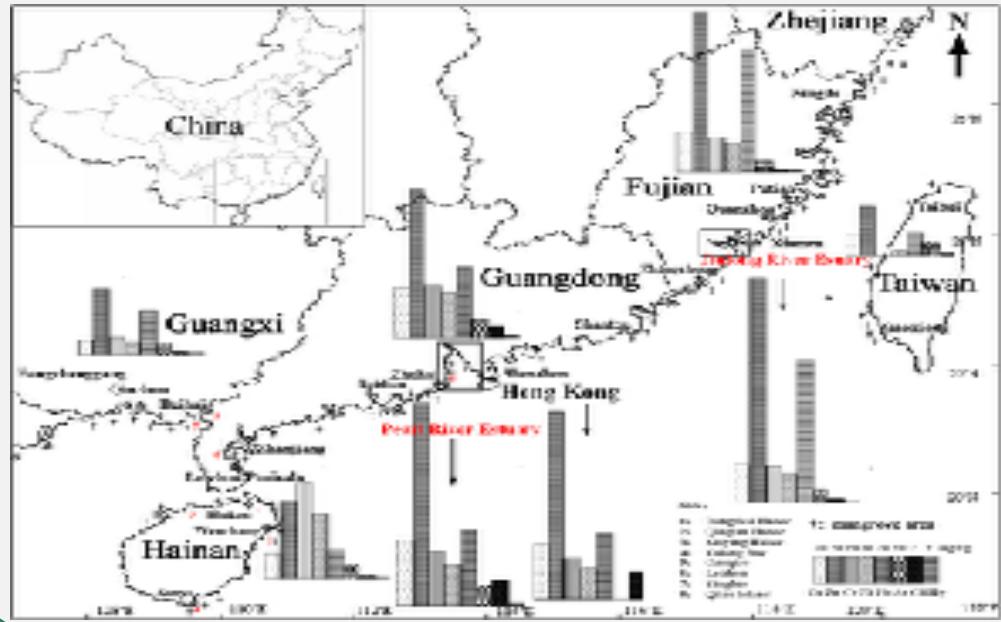
Judith, Science Advance, 2018



Arsenic



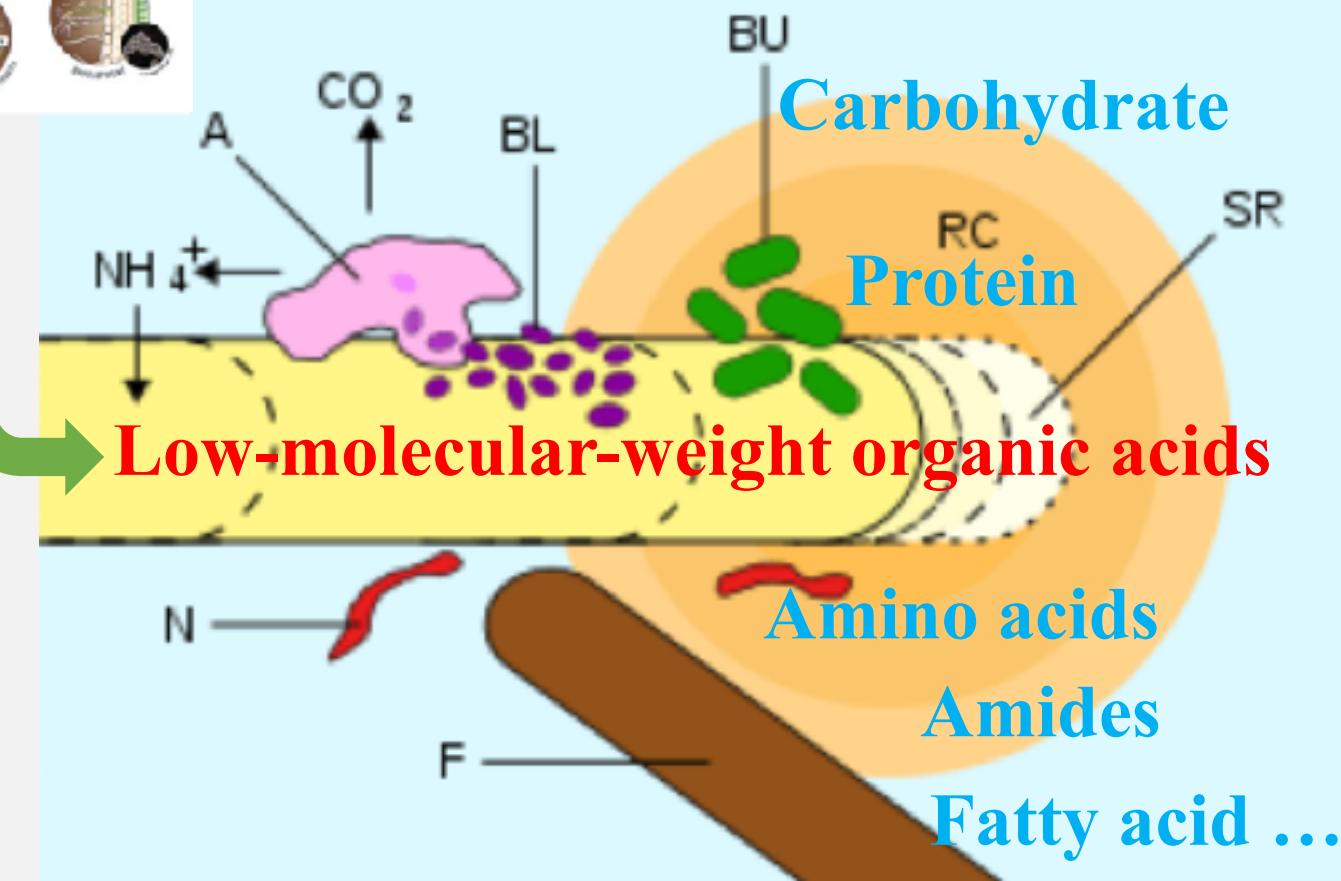
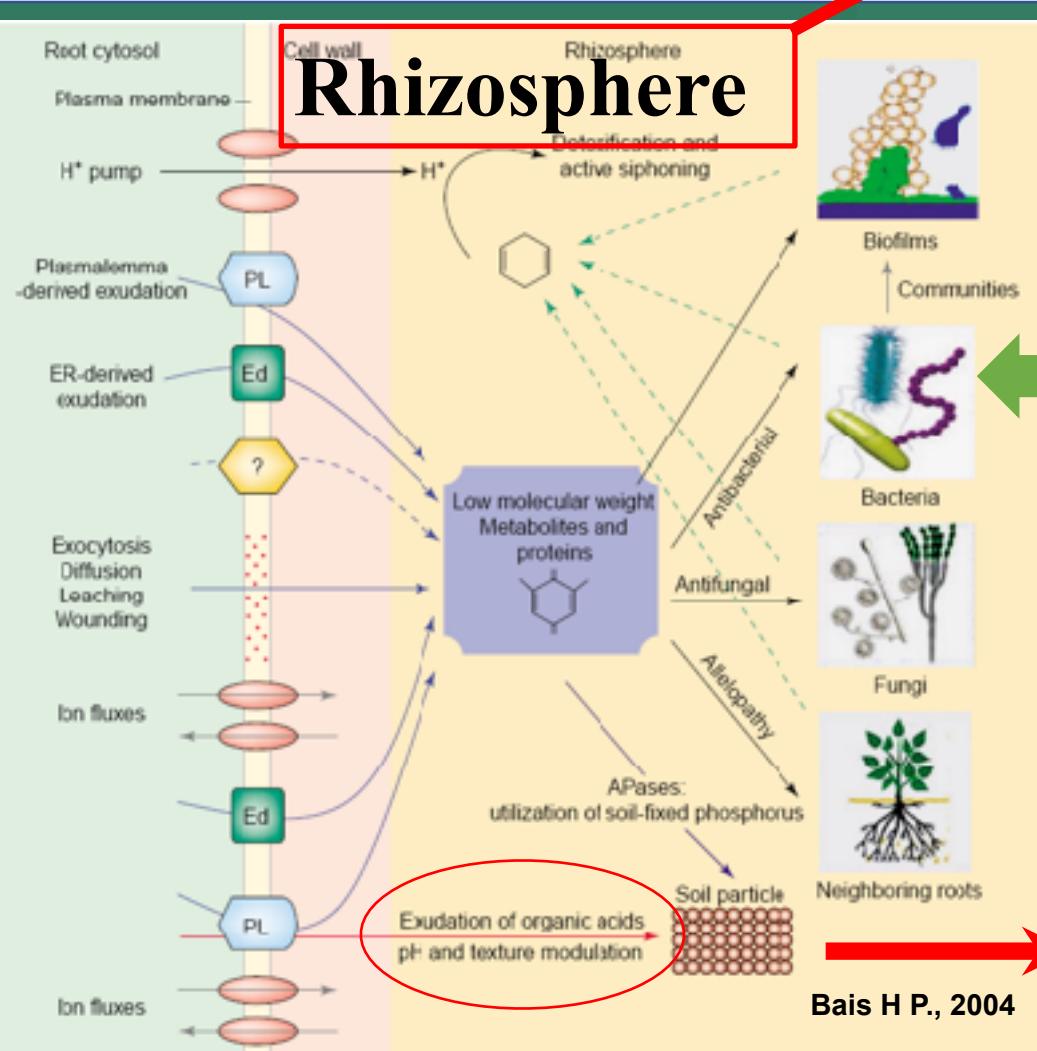
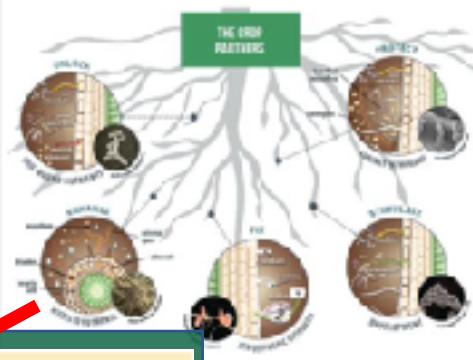
Arsenic content in mangroves



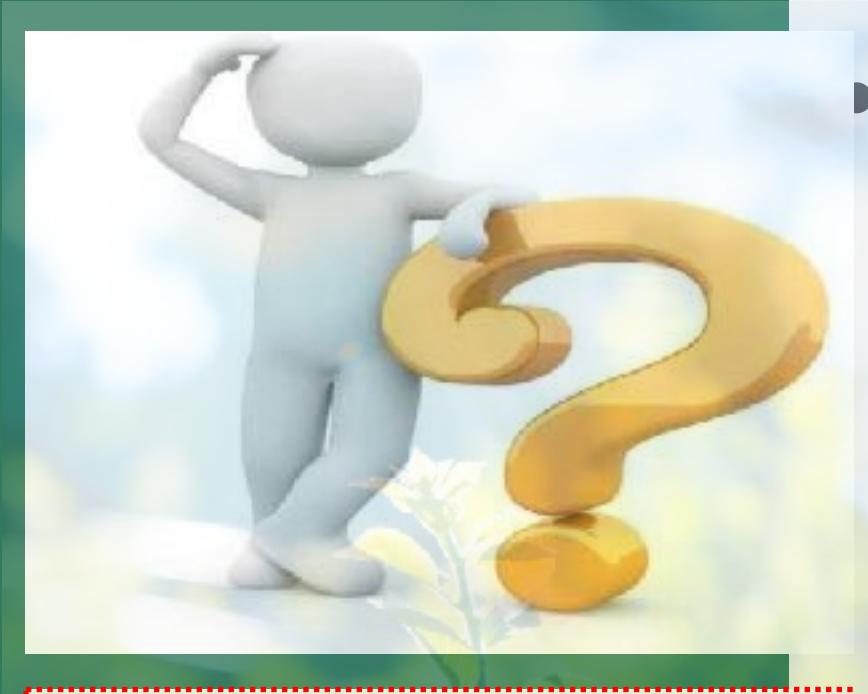
Arsenic pollution

- National nature reserves : < 15 mg/kg
- 30 mg/kg (wetland) and 40 mg/kg (dry farm)

Root exudates



- LMWOAs change soil pH;
- affect complexation/chelation with metal ions;
- Microbial composition and microbial activity.



How to understand regarding phytoextraction and mangrove tolerance to As toxicity, and the rhizospheric behaviour of metalloid As-contaminated sediments in the mangrove ecosystems.



2021

PART TWO

Material & Method

Research design

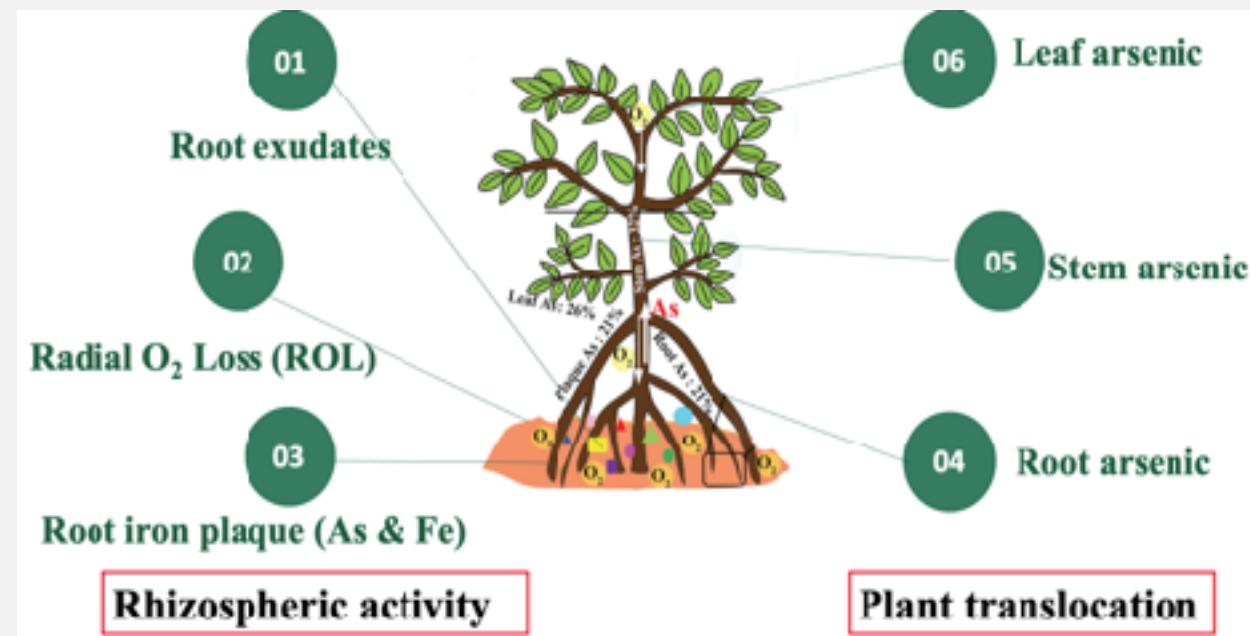
Pot experiment



Sand cultivation

Arsenite (As ³⁺)	0 µM/ L	5 µM/ L	10 µM/L	20 µM/L	30 µM/L
---------------------------------	------------	------------	------------	------------	------------

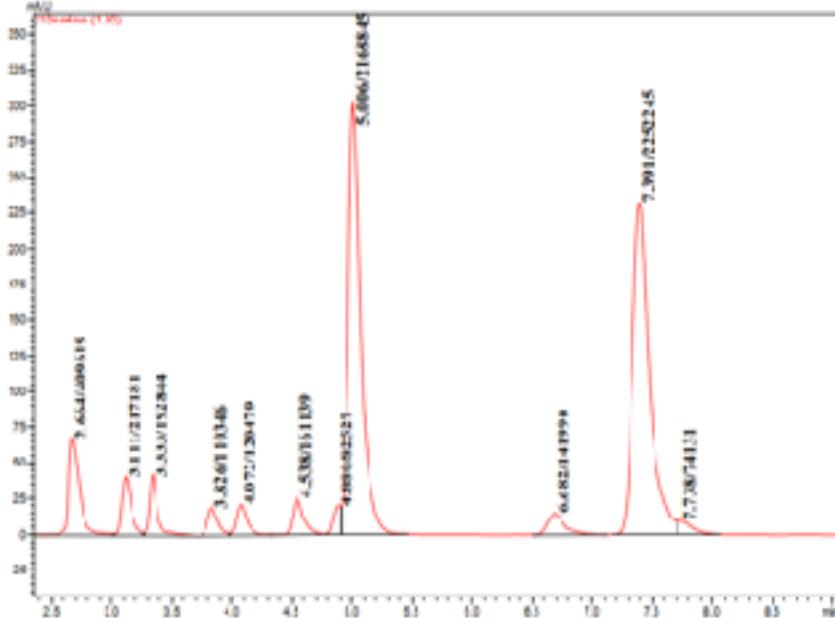
Plant Analysis



- LMWOAs constitution and changes
- Root responses to As toxicity
- As phytoextraction of mangroves

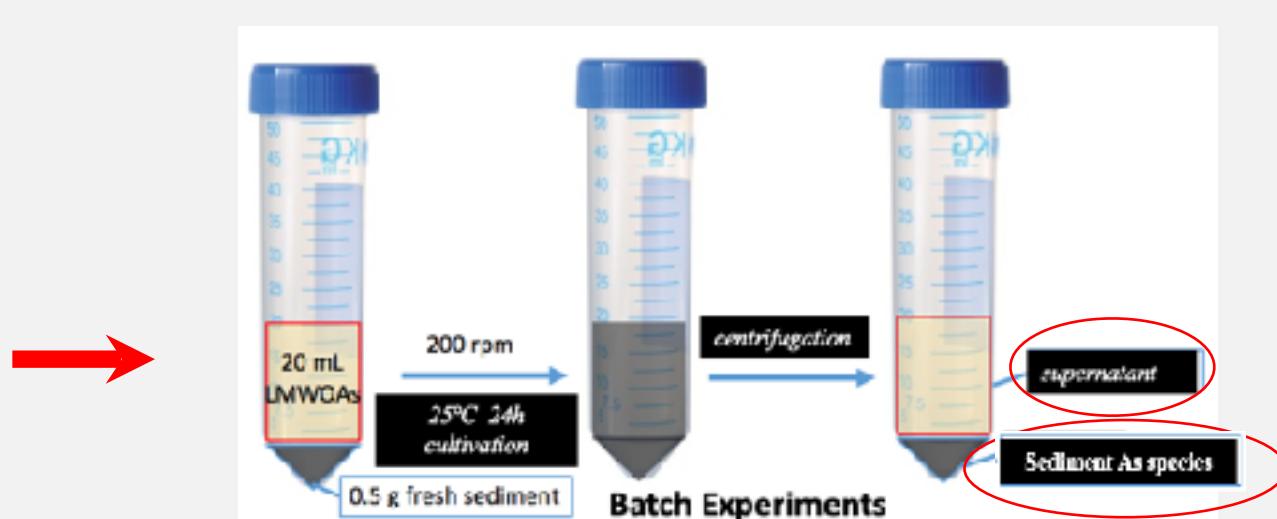
Research design

Pot experiment



Chromatogram of 10 organic acids mixture analyzed by HPLC. oxalic acid (2.664 min); tartaric acid (3.111 min); formic acid (3.333 min); L-malic acid (3.826 min); malonic acid (4.072 min); lactic acid (4.538 min); acetic acid (4.88 min); maleic acid (5.006 min); citric acid(6.682 min); fumaric acid (7.391 min).

Batch experiment



As treatment

As in sediments	As0 (0 mg/kg)	As20 (20 mg/kg)	As40 (40 mg/kg)
LMWOAs	citric acid	malic acid	oxalic acid

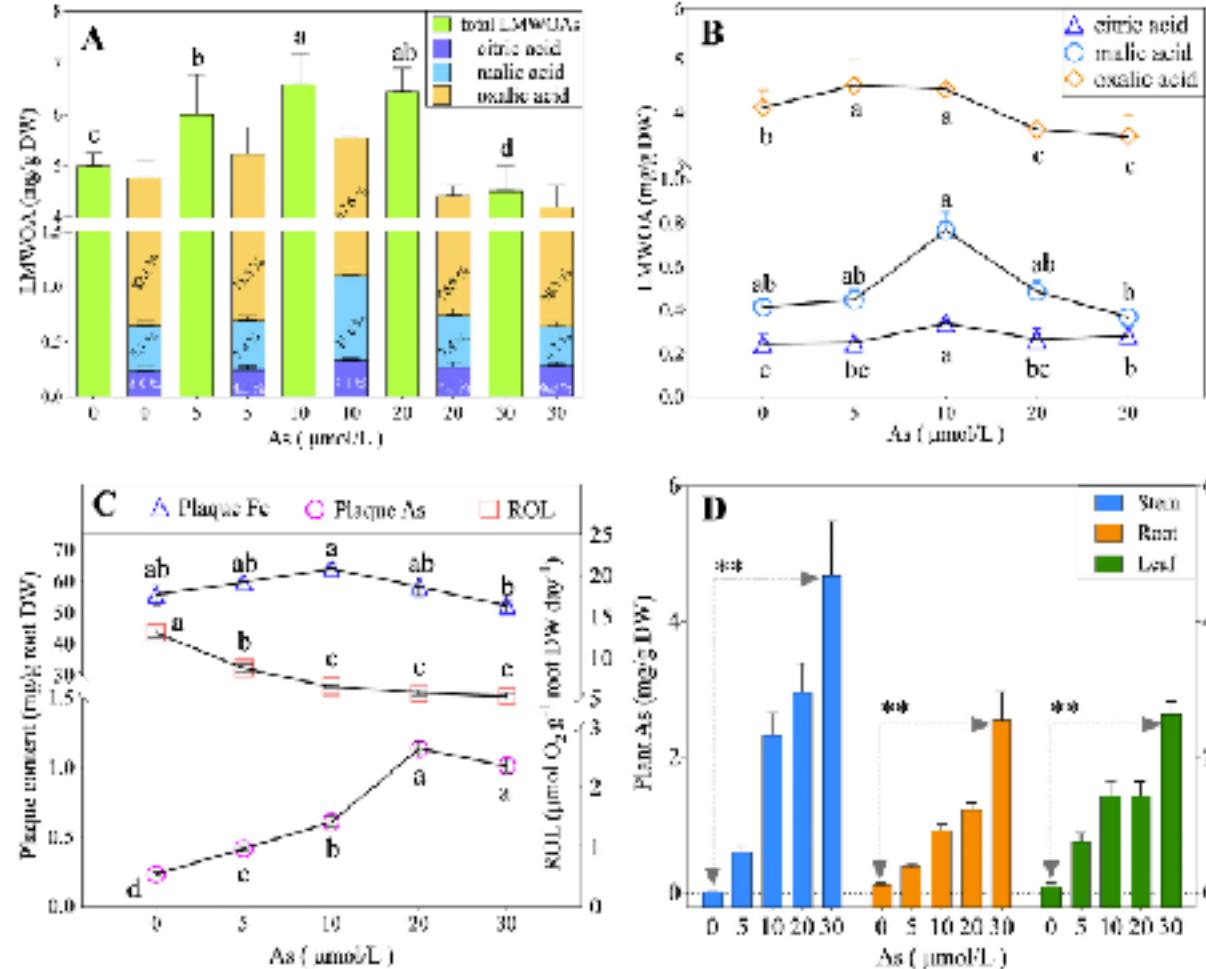


2021

PART THREE

Results & Discussion

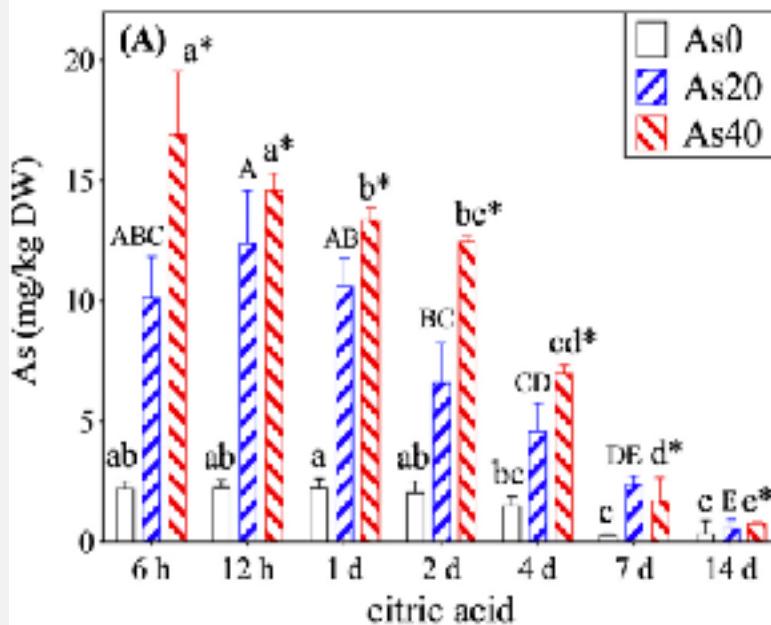
Pot experiment



Root Exudation

- Low-level As **promoted** the secretion of Low-molecular-weight organic acids (LMWOA, 4.5–6.59 mg/kg root in dry weight) and Fe plaque formation in their rhizospheres.
- Citric, oxalic, and malic acid were the three main components (84.3%–86.8%) in the 10 LMWOAs (Fig. A).
- Low-level As (5 and 10 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) also **inhibited** the rate of radial oxygen loss (ROL, Fig. C) but **increased** the accumulation of plant As (stem > leaf > root, Fig. D) and plaque As (0.23–1.13 mg/kg root in dry weight).

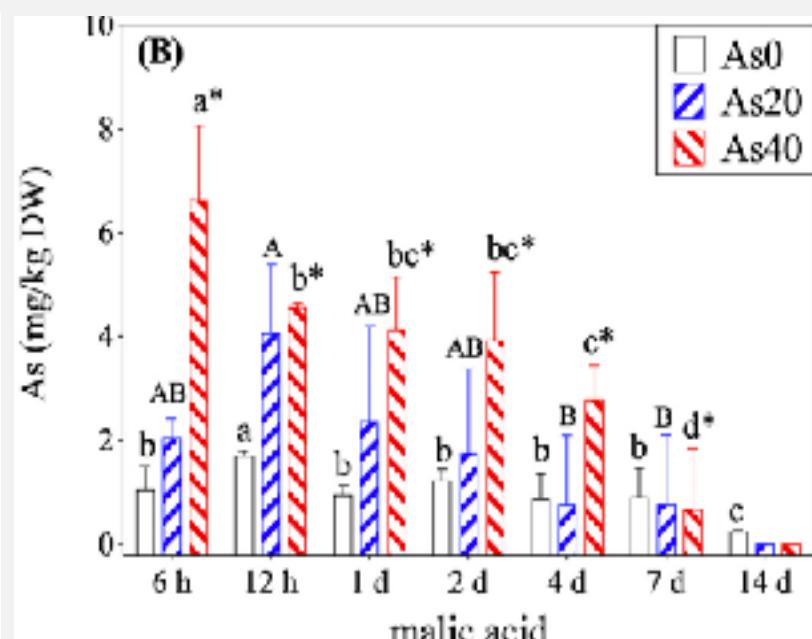
Batch experiment



01

LMWOAs

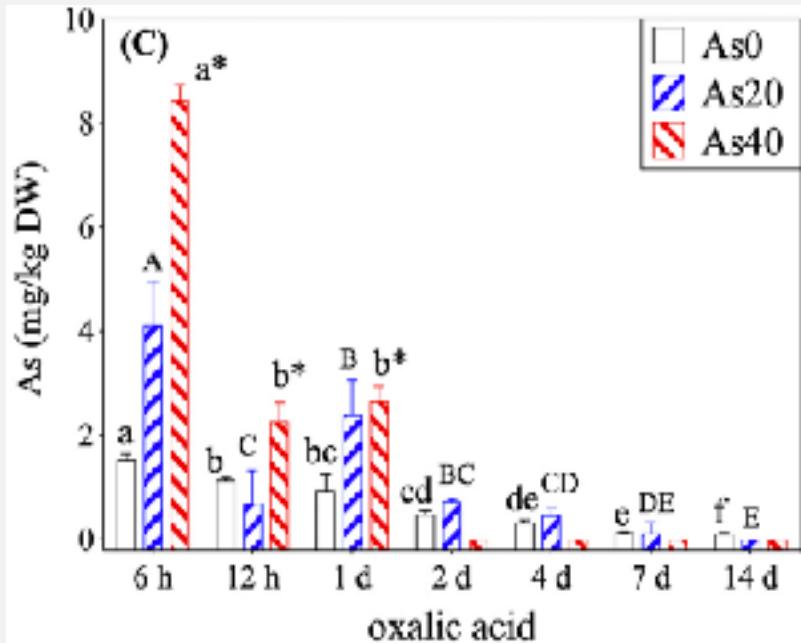
- LMWOAs promoted sediment As mobilisation and followed the order of citric acid > malic acid > oxalic acid.



02

As treatment level

- The As concentration significantly increased through As addition ($p < 0.01$) to the LMWOAs extracts and showed the following decreasing trend: As40 > As20 > As0.

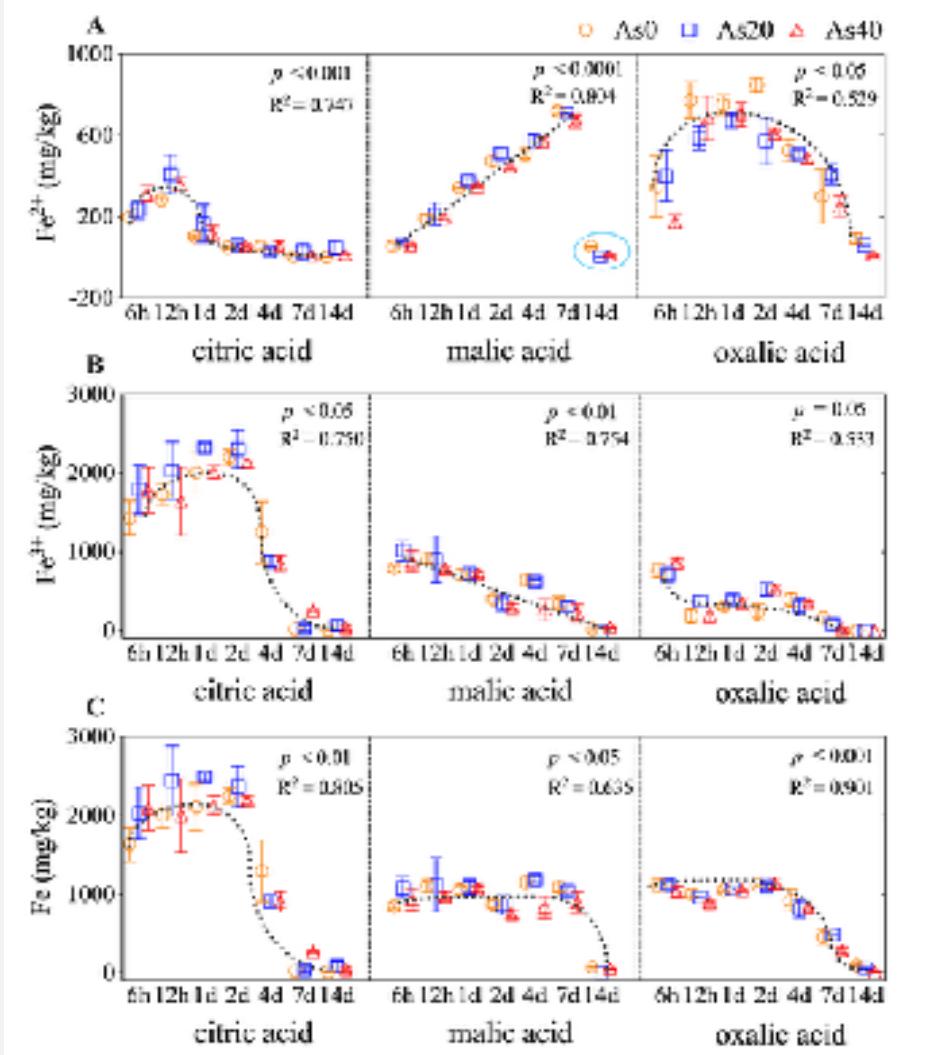


03

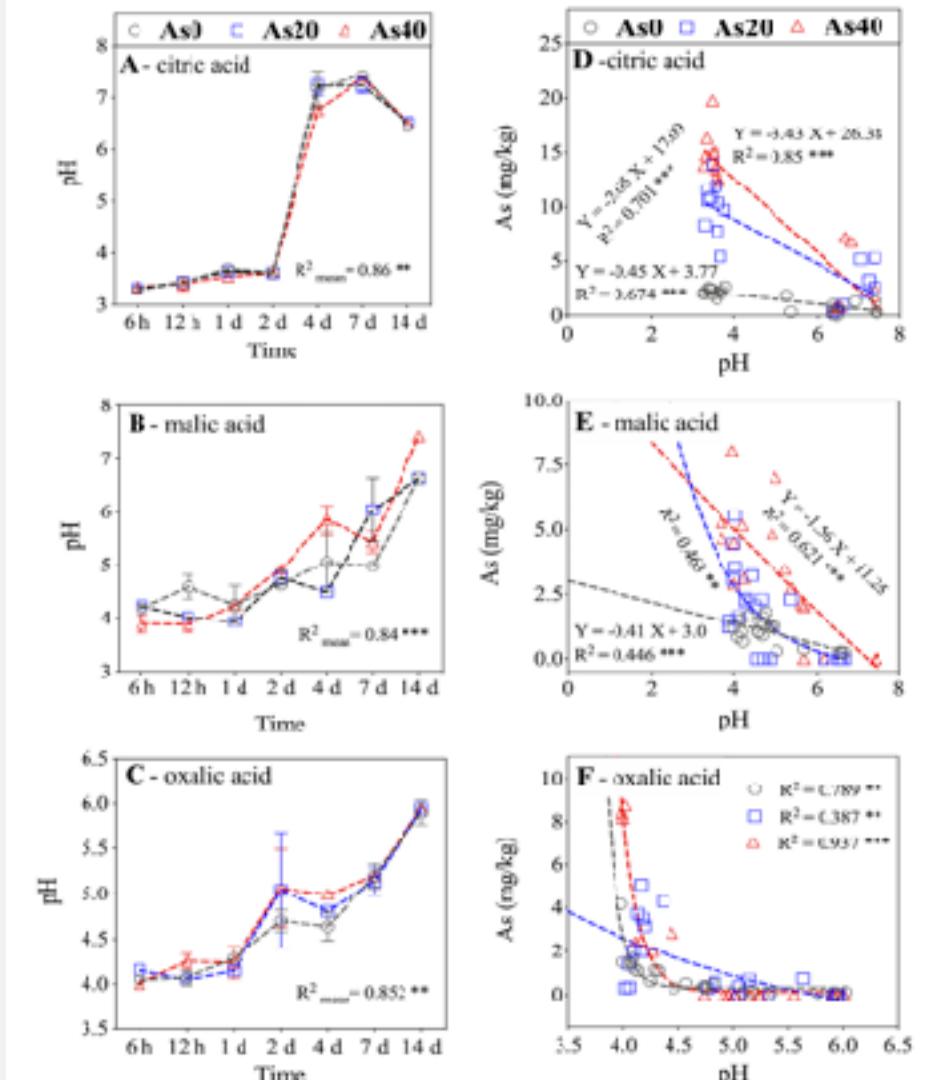
Solution As

- The total As levels in the citric acid extracts were 2.88 and 4.16 times those in the malic and oxalic acids respectively.

Fe species and pH

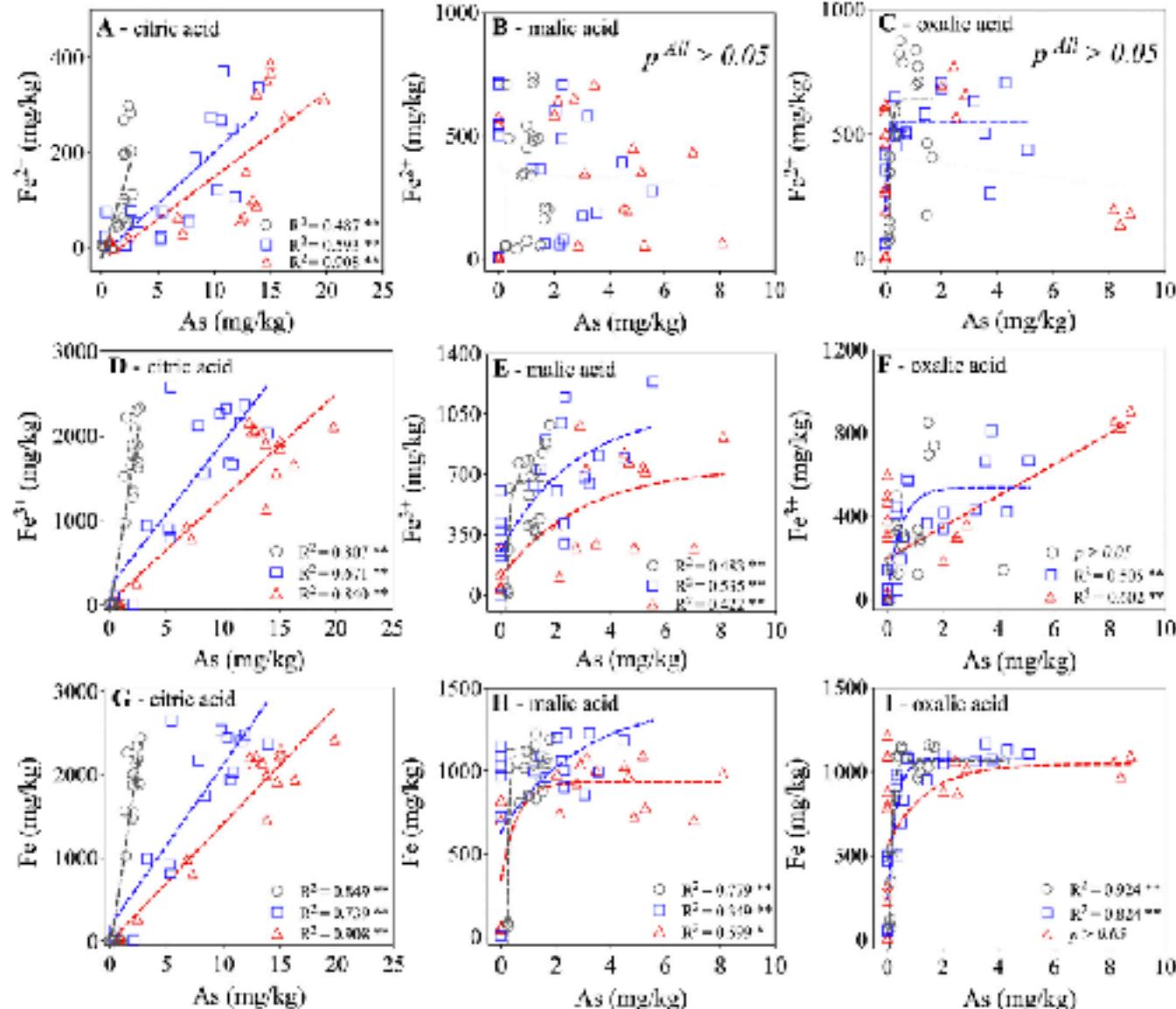


Fe & Fe^{3+} :citric acid > malic acid > oxalic acid
 Fe^{2+} : oxalic acid > malic acid / citric acid



time ↑ As ↑ pH ↓
 As & pH: negative correlation

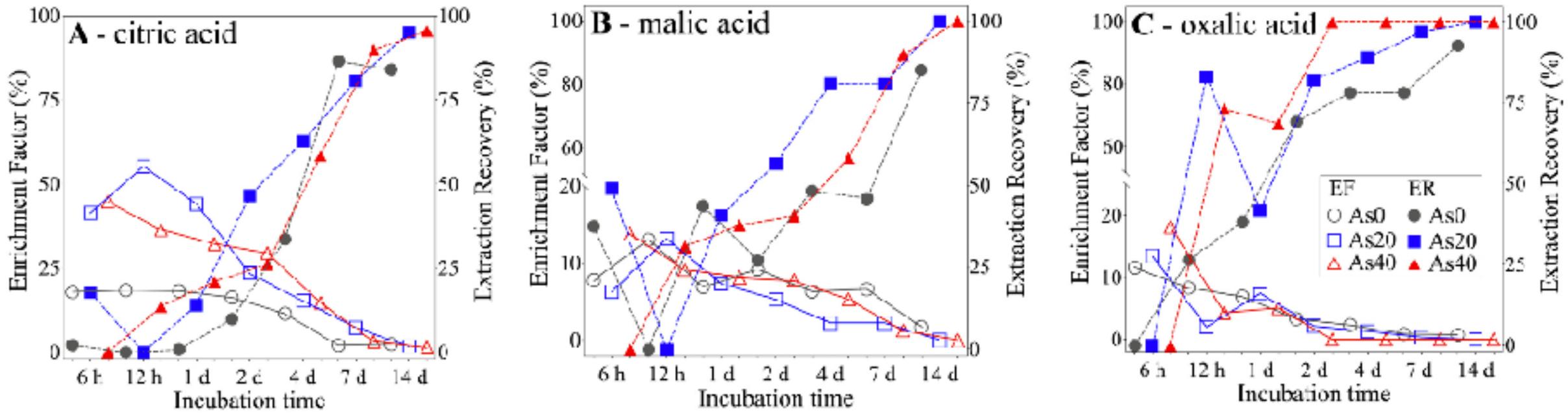
Fe species v.s. As



Iron influences

- **Hydrolysis precipitation**, with Fe^{3+} readily precipitated by hydrolysis;
- **Ferric malate complexation**, as the strong affinity of malic acid could determine the reduction potential of $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$;
- **Reducibility**, since oxalic acid possesses strong complexing properties and reducibility, reducing dissolved Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} and enhancing the formation of highly soluble iron oxalate complexes.

Migration effects



$$EF (\%) = \frac{\text{aqueous As}}{\text{solid As}} * 100$$

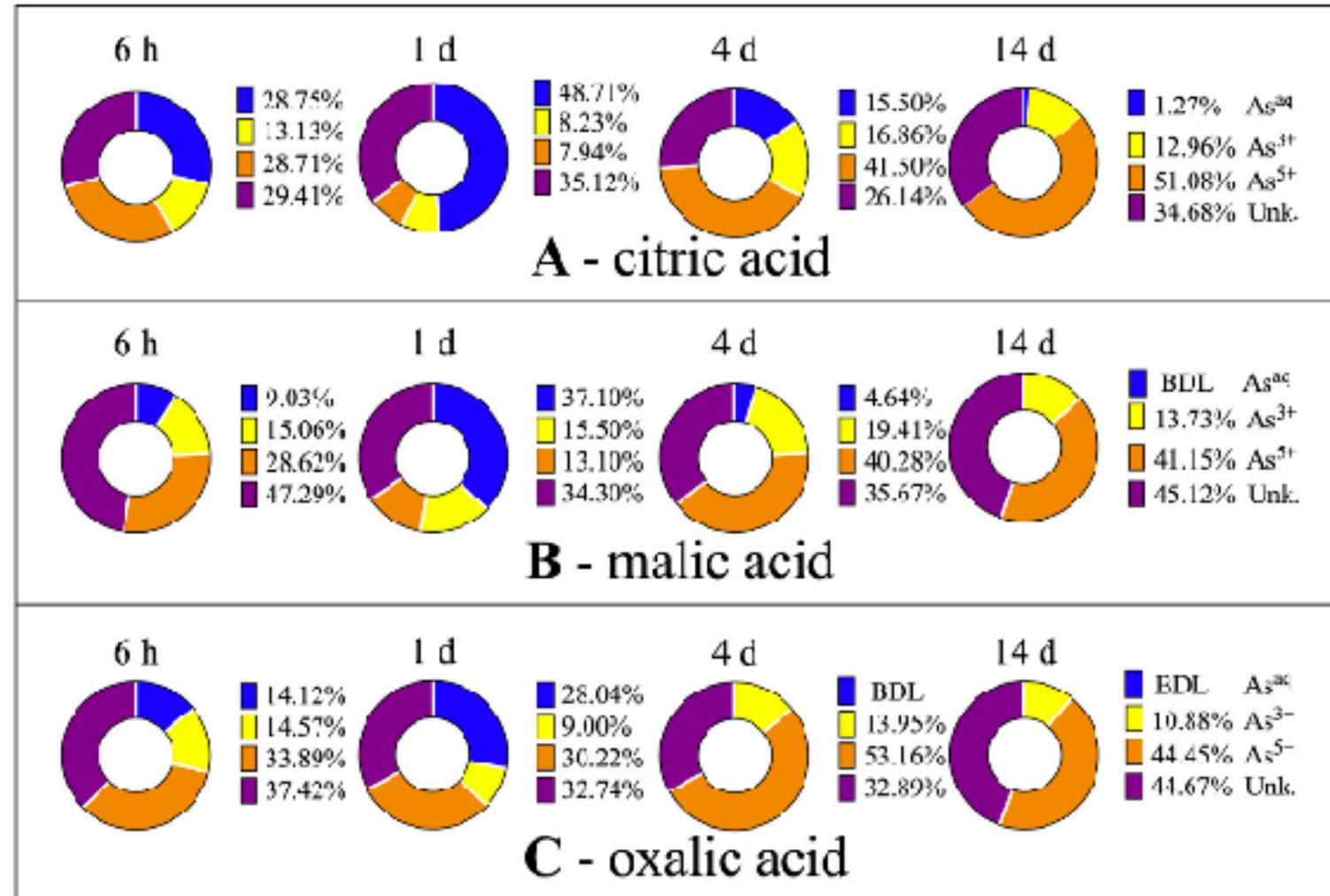
$$ER (\%) = \frac{\text{maximum As} - \text{aqueous As}}{\text{maximum As}} * 100$$

Enrichment Factor

Extraction Recovery

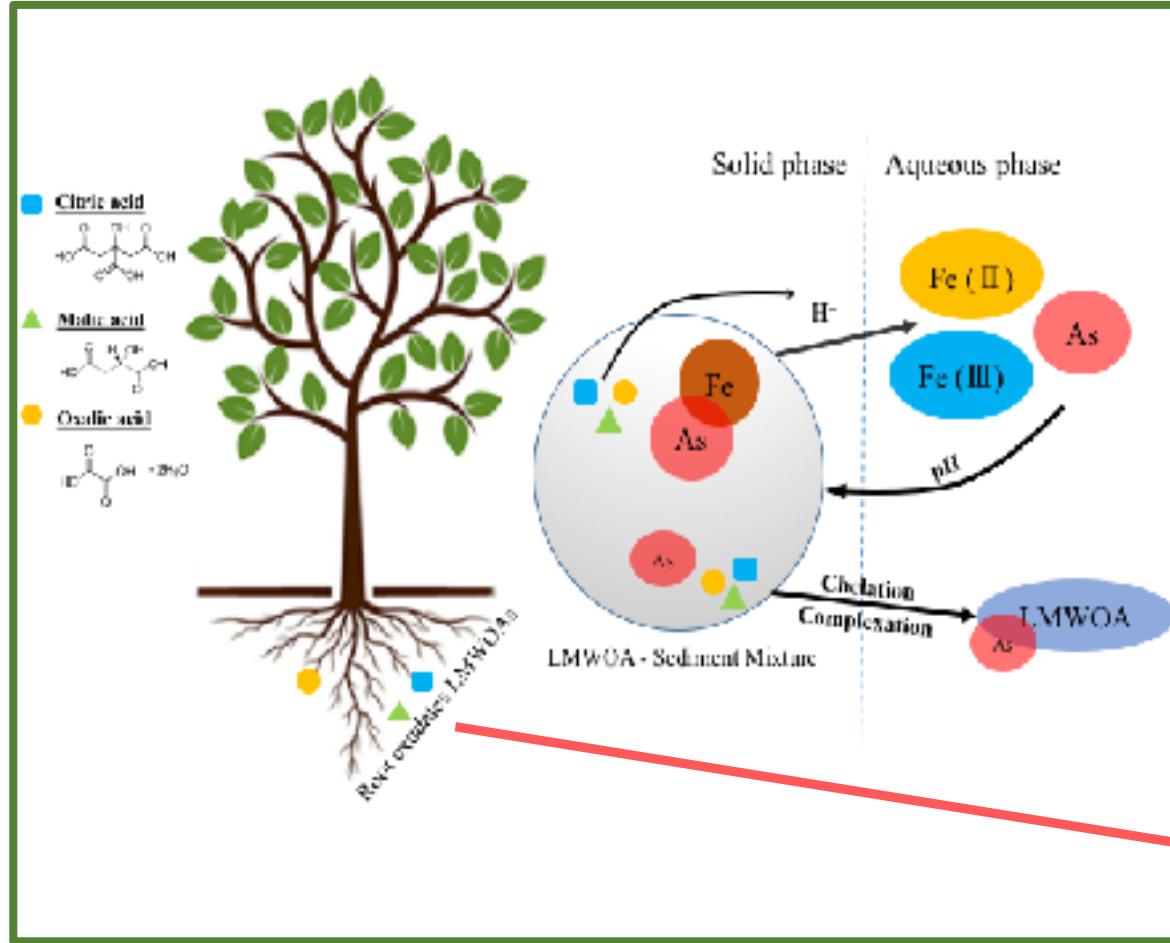
Batch experiment

As species variation

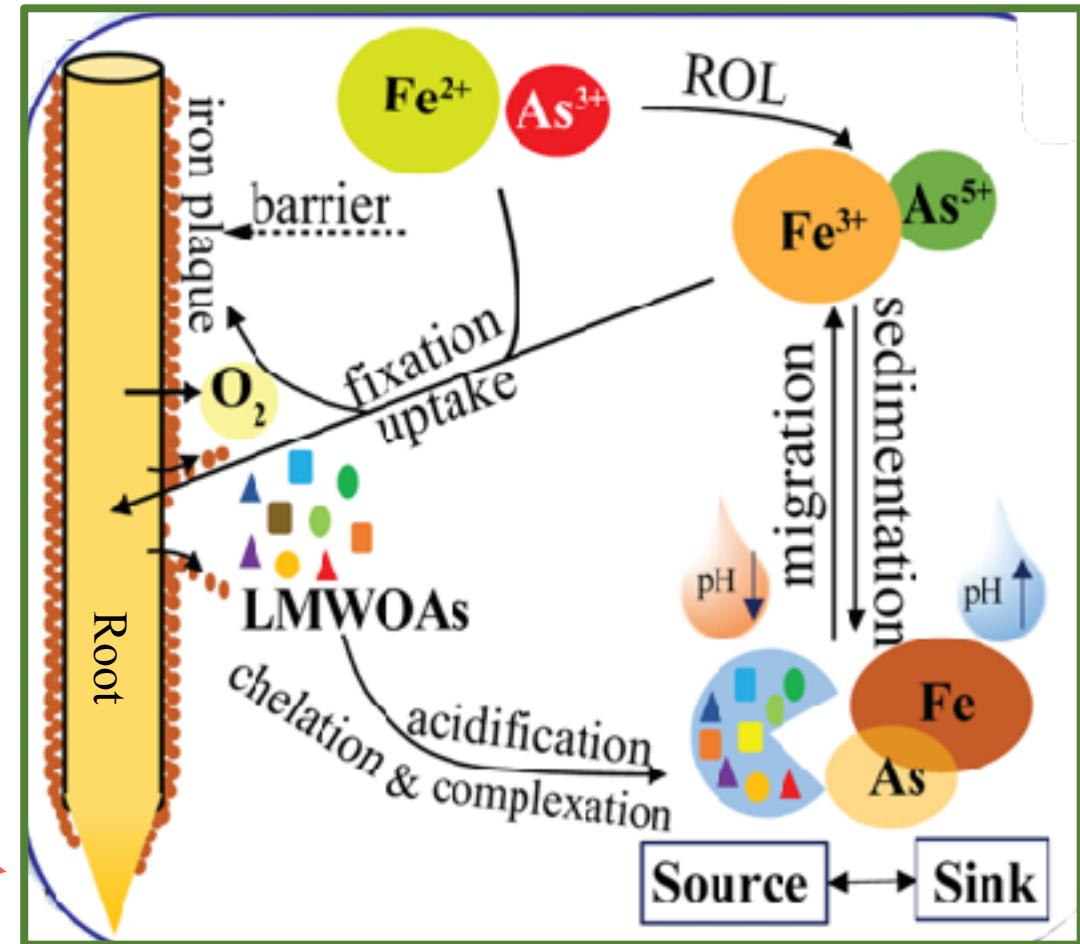


➤ Inorganic arsenic (As^{3+} and As^{5+}) were the dominant species.

Rhizospheric processes •

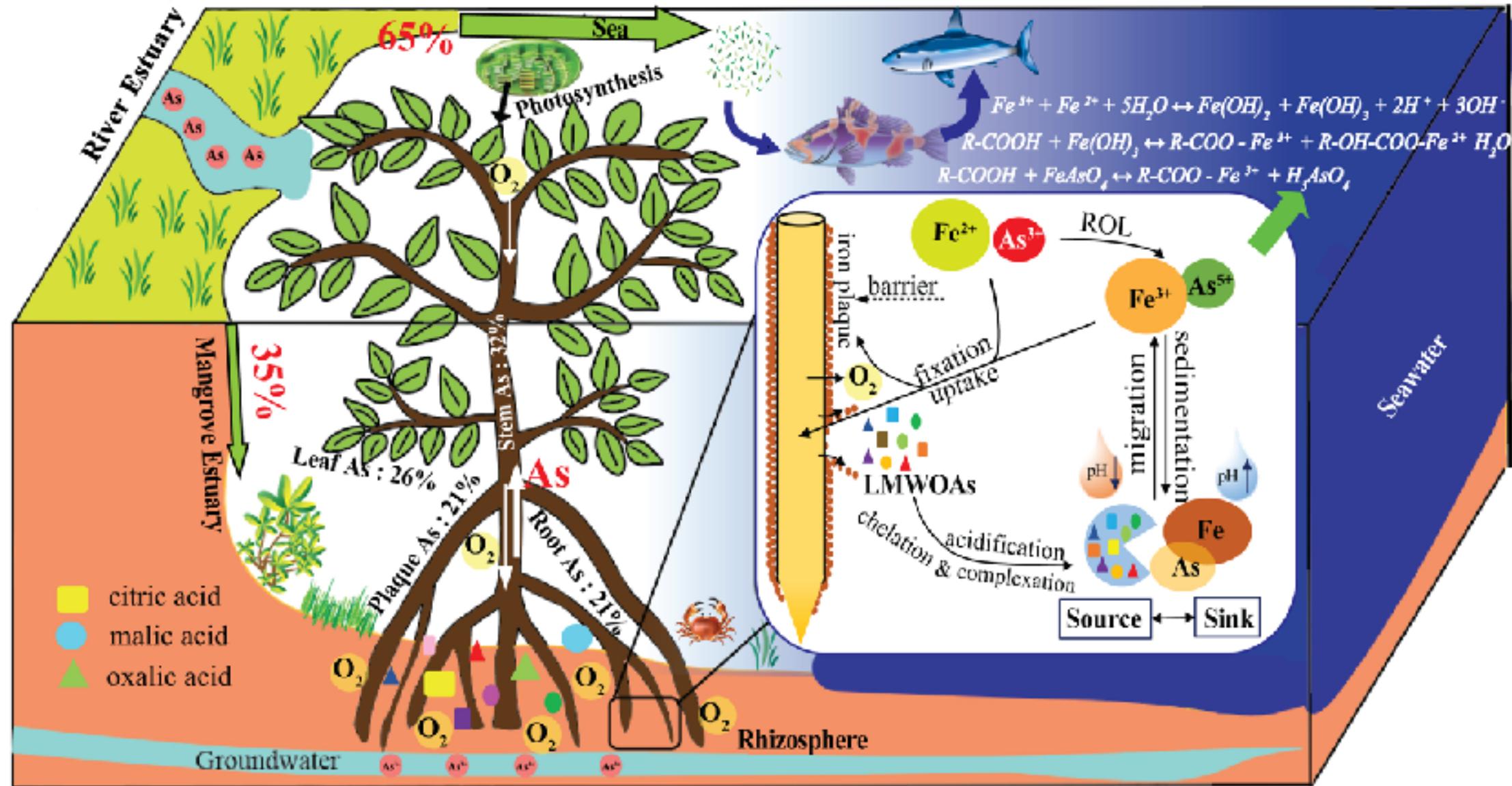


Mei et al., 2020



Mei et al., 2021

Graph abstract





2021

Summary

8

Q

O

?

Root activity

- Low-level trivalent arsenite boosts LMWOAs exudation of mangroves to reduce arsenic toxicity.

LMWOA exudation

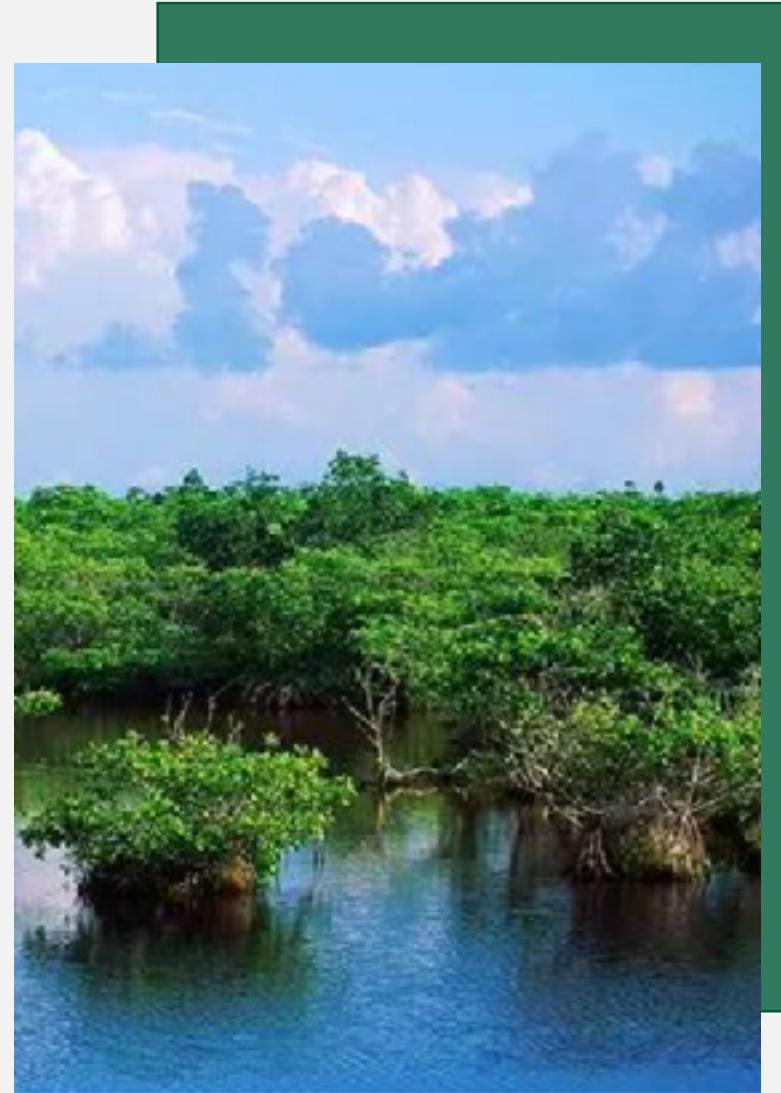
- Citric, oxalic and malic acid were the three main components (84.3%–86.8%) of root exudates.

Arsenic tolerance

- The As tolerance mechanisms include lowering ROL, translocating As, releasing LMWOAs, and facilitating As fixation.

Potential benefit

- *A. marina* seedlings are potentially propitious to As phytoextraction, removal and detoxification.





2021

Science of the Total Environment 775 (2021) 145685



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Science of the Total Environment

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/scitotenv

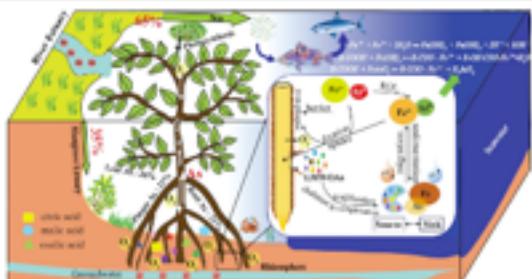
Low-level arsenite boosts rhizospheric exudation of low-molecular-weight organic acids from mangrove seedlings (*Avicennia marina*): Arsenic phytoextraction, removal, and detoxification

Kang Mei ^{a,b,c}, Jingchun Liu ^{a,b}, Jin Fan ^{a,d}, Xin Guo ^a, Jiajia Wu ^a, Yi Zhou ^a, Haoliang Lu ^a, Chongling Yan ^{a,b}^a Key Laboratory of Ministry of Education for Coastal and Wetland Ecosystems, Xiamen University, Xiamen 361102, China^b State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science, Xiamen University, Xiamen 361102, China^c College of Ocean and Earth Sciences, Xiamen University, Xiamen 361102, China^d School of Environmental Science and Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai 200240, China

HIGHLIGHTS

- Low-level trivalent arsenite boosts LMWDAs exudation of mangroves to reduce arsenic toxicity.
- Citric, oxalic and malic acid were the three main components (84.3%-86.8%) of root exudates.
- The As tolerance mechanisms include lowering ROL, translocating As, releasing LMWDAs, and facilitating As fixation.
- A. marina seedlings are potentially propitious to As phytoextraction, removal and detoxification.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



谢谢大家

Thank you for your
listening!