

# Organic carbon status in soils and its influence on the fate and behaviour of benazolin: Investigating physically extracted soil fractions

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## Possible effects of crop residues on the transport and the behaviour of xenobiotics

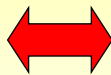
Increase of **DOM** due to  
turnover of the crop residues



Increase of association between  
DOM and the xenobiotic  
(co-transport)

↪ **Increase** of translocation  
and bioavailability

Increase of **microbial activity**  
after incorporation of readily  
available organic substances



Enhanced degradation and  
formation of bound residues of  
the xenobiotic

↪ **Decrease** of mobilisation  
and bioavailability

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## Model studies with undisturbed soil columns under field-like conditions

- Undisturbed soil columns with crop residues (incubation time: three months)

soil: "Merzenhausen" orthic luvisol

crop residue:  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labelled maize straw ( $10 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$ )



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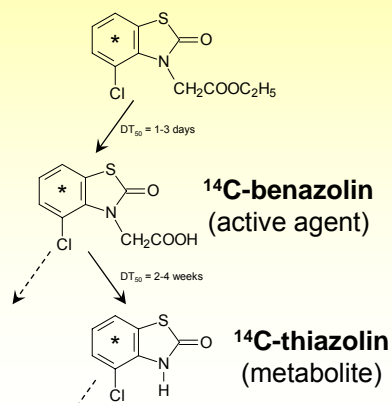
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## Model studies with undisturbed soil columns

- Application of one xenobiotic (incubation time: three months):

$^{14}\text{C}$ -benazolin-ethyl (parent)  
1 MBq / column     $460 \text{ g ha}^{-1}$



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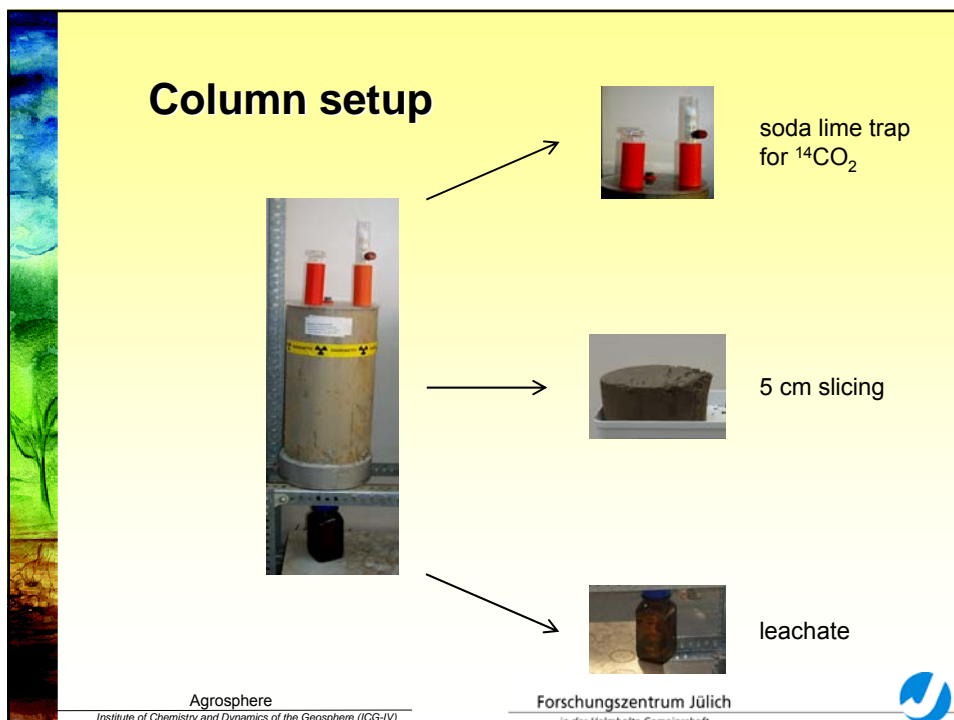
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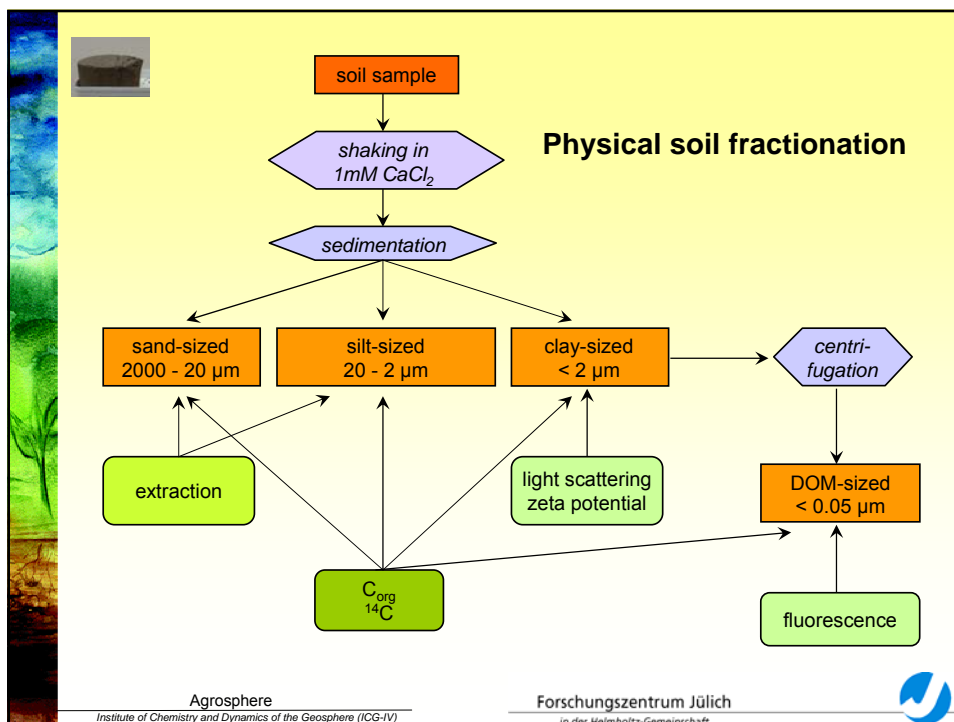
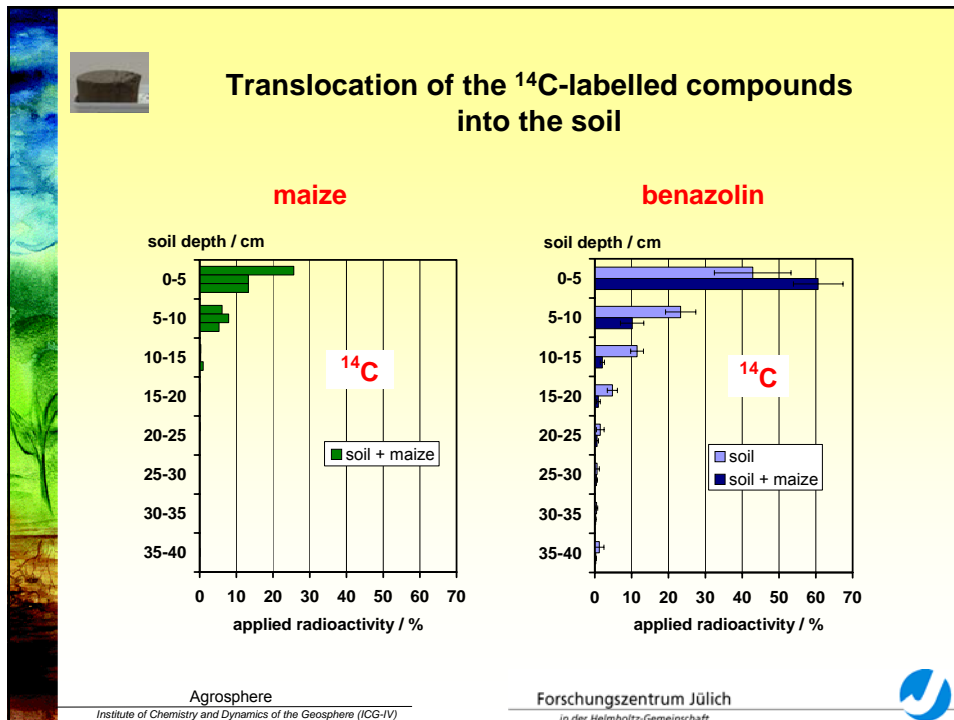
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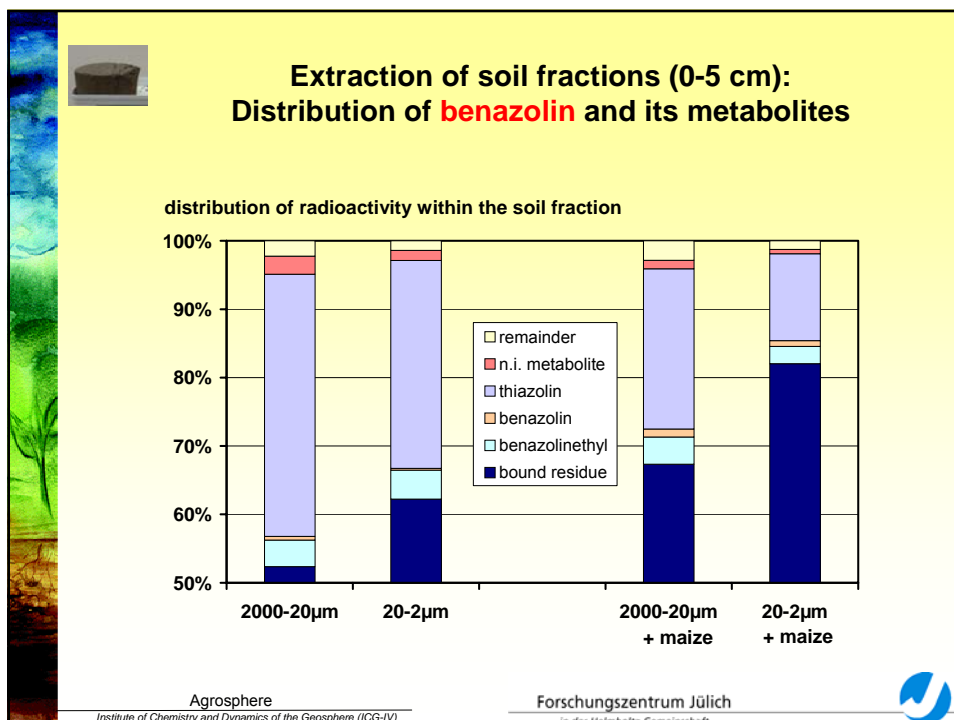
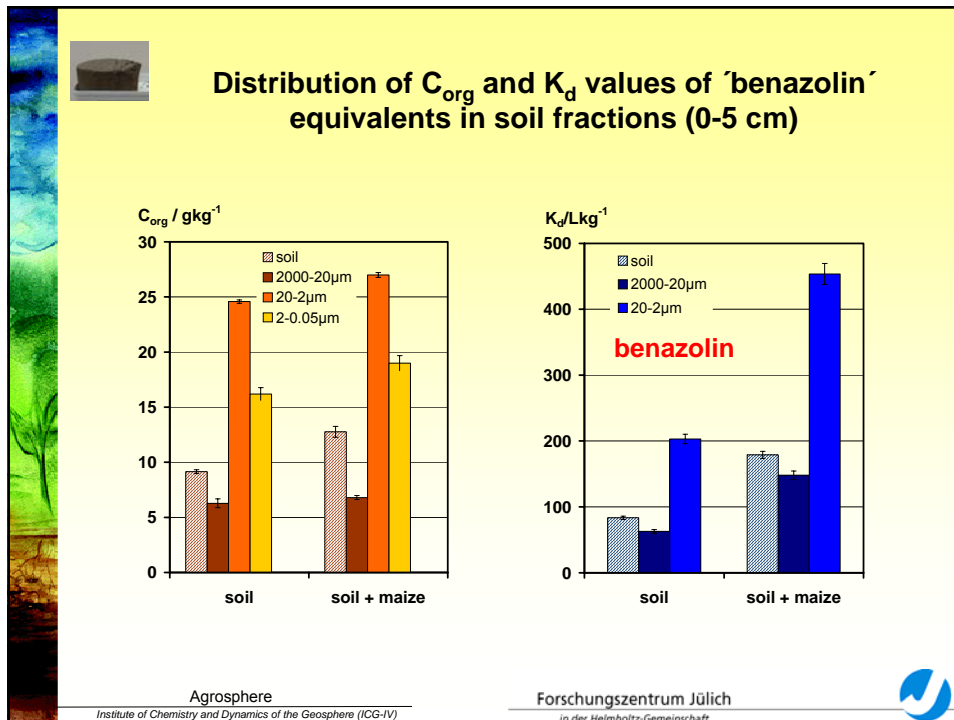
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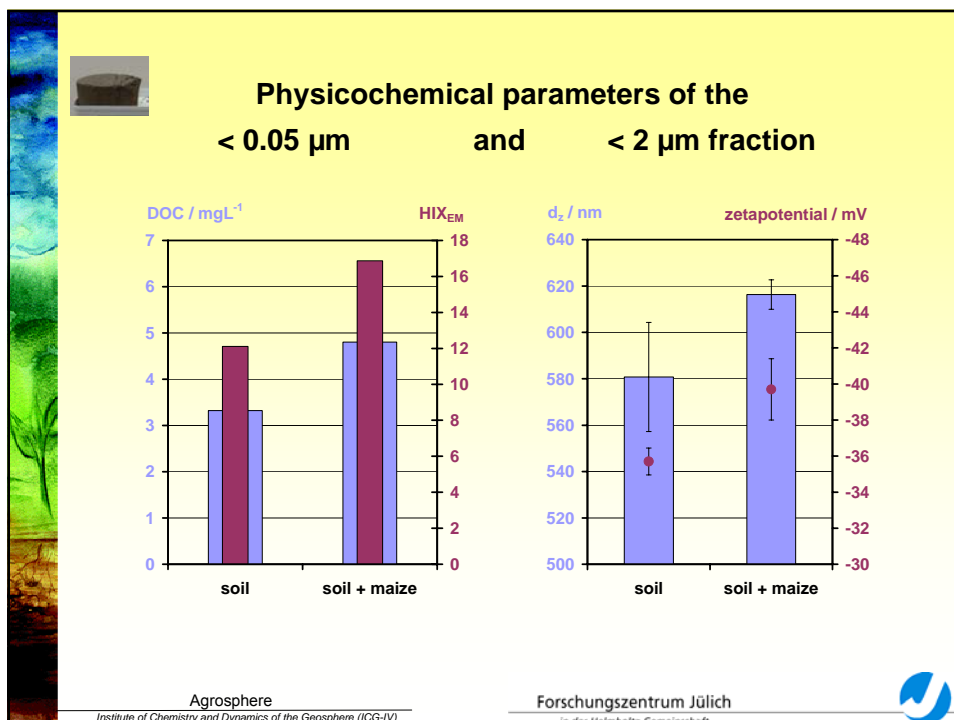
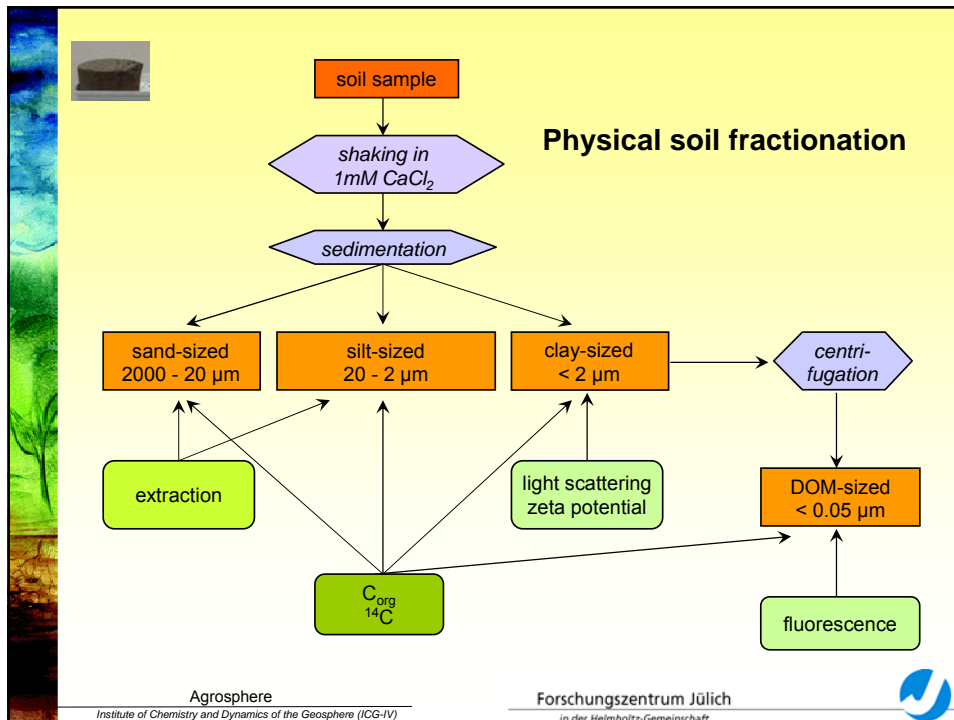


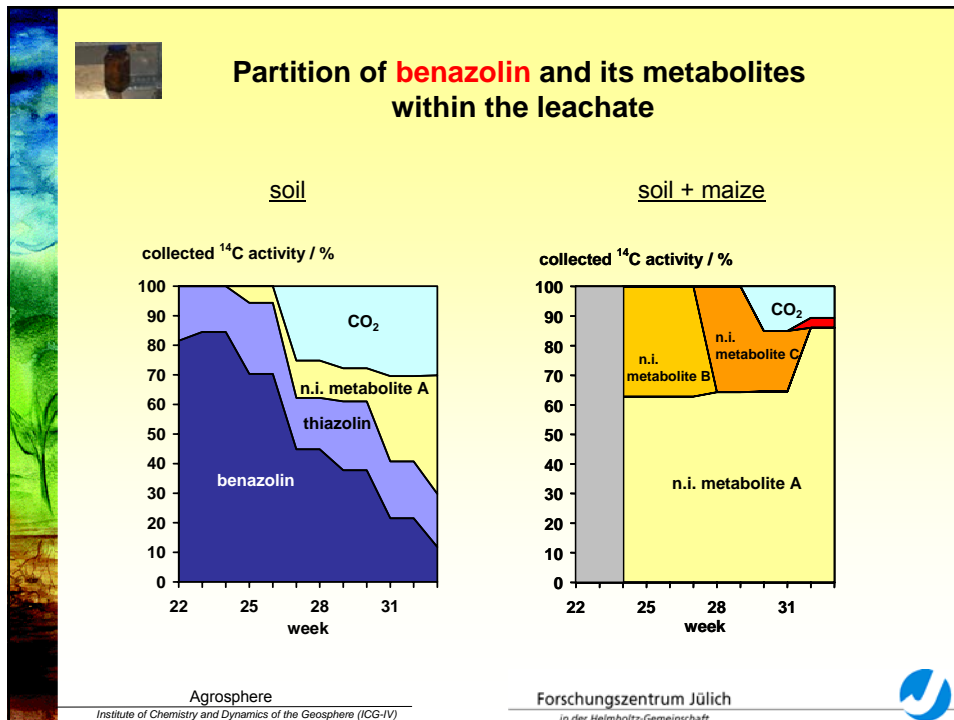
Column experiments				
3 months incubation			3 months incubation	
	maize		benazolin	
	unlabelled	$^{14}\text{C}$ -labelled	unlabelled	$^{14}\text{C}$ -labelled
soil + maize		x	x	
		x	x	
		x	x	
soil				x
				x
				x
soil + maize	x			x
	x			x
	x			x











**Summary**

The **incorporation of maize residues** results in:

- increase of DOM, but no co-transport of benazolin
- increase of aromaticity and enhanced formation of aggregates  
→ higher sorption possibilities for hydrophobic metabolites
- higher metabolism of benazolin and formation of 'bound residues'

➔ **decrease of mobilisation and bioavailability of benazolin**

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