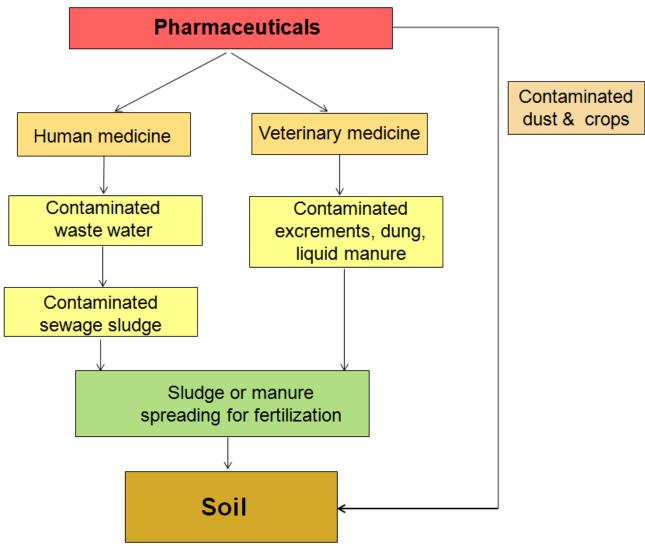
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# Characterization of non extractable residues for their risk assessment in soil with special regard to pharmaceuticals

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#### Sources of environmental contamination







#### **Definition non extractable residues (NER)**

Non extractable residues (NER) in plants and soil are defined as chemical substances that remain in soil or sediment matrix if extracted by methods which do not significantly change the chemical nature of these residues or the structure of the matrix.

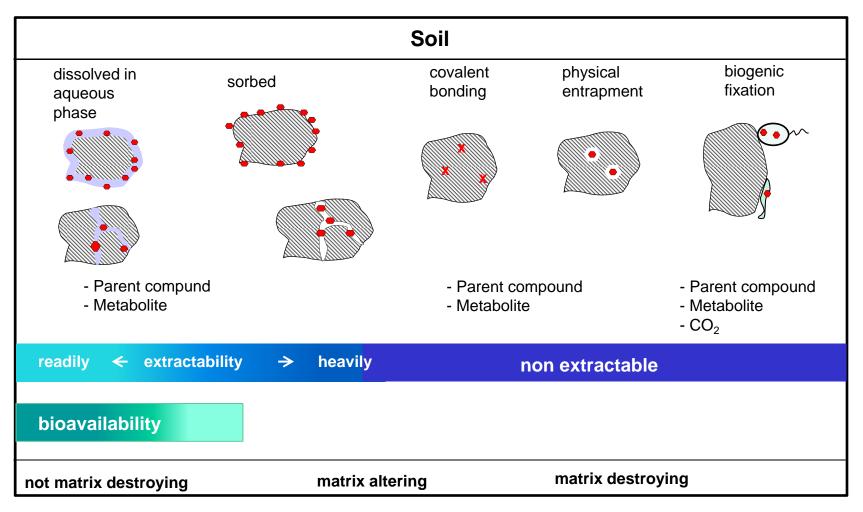
These non extractable residues are considered to exclude fragments recycled through metabolic pathways leading to natural products.

In accordance to: Roberts 1984 adopted by the IUPAC





# Possible binding forms and corresponding extractability of chemicals in soils







#### Significance of NER for risk assessment

**NER:** operational definition (non extractability) **Types of NER** due to processes of formation • stable fixation (bio) available no release of original remobilisation substances or metabolites hazardous potential safe sink





#### **Background of the study**

- For biocides the legislative directives refers to the quantification (98/8/EC) and for pesticides to the characterization of NER (91/414/EEC)
- For human and veterinary pharmaceuticals the formation of NER is not mentioned in the relevant directives (exception: veterinary medicinal products in manure (guide line EMA/CVMP/ERA/430327/2009, 14. March 2011)).
- At present NER is considered mainly as substance dissipation with no regard to the formation processes (NER-types). If NER is considered to be available overestimation of risk
- The potential environmental hazard of these NER should be assessed: some fractions are stable others are potentially remobilizable
- Currently no standardized and accepted analysis technique for NER characterization or assessment is available
- To involve the characterization of NER in the regulatory context the development of a general accepted extraction approach is necessary
- Survey to develop a sequential extraction scheme for the assessment of NER





#### Aim of the survey: Approach for NER risk assessment

Extraction methods to seperate extractable and non extractable fractions;

Methods to extract NER

**→** Quantity of NER

 Extraction methods to characterize NER to derive their remobilization/hazardous potential;
 Methods to characterize NER

**→** Quality of NER





### Commonly used extraction methods to quantify extractable fraction & NER

- Cold shake extraction with organic solvents or buffer solutions
- Ultra sonic extraction with organic solvents or buffer solutions
- Extraction by Soxhlet
- HTD (high temperature distillation)
- ASE (accelerated solvent extraction)
- SFE (supercritical fluid extraction)
- MASE (microwave assisted extraction)





# Determination of NER of pharmaceuticals (selected examples)

Cold Shake: Sulfamethoxazole > 70 % ECETOC TR. No 118

Soxhlet: Sulfadiazin 84 -88 % Junge et al., 2011

ASE: Diflocaxin 74 % Junge et al., 2012

60 - 65 % Rosendahl et al., 2012

**Ibuprofen** 30 % *Girardi 2011* 

Ciprofloxacin 88 % Girardi 2011

MASE: Sulfadiazin > 45 % Förster et al., 2009

20-30 % *Müller et al., 2013* 





### Quantity of NER: Methods to seperate extractable fractions and non extractable residues

Present in soil as	Extractable fraction (EF)	Non extractable residues (NER)
Extraction method	Shake extraction with suitable solvent or buffer (substance specific)	
	Extraction with matrix altering methods Soxhlet, HTD, ASE, SFE, MASE	NER fraction
Nomenclature ECETOC 2013	Extractable residues	NER Bound residues



Modified after:
Eschenbach & Oing , 2013 Umwelt



### Quality of NER: Published methods to characterize NER

### Extraction with matrix altering methods

Solvent extraction with elevated temperature, pressure or energy input

Soxhlet, ASE, SFE, MASE, HTD

### Extraction via destabilization of SOM and SEC

e.g. Chelating agents

Silylation and SEC

#### Seq. chemical degradation methods

**Immunoassay** 

#### **Extraction** biomolecules

- Fatty acid extraction
- Amino acid extraction
- Amino sugar extraction

#### Biomass determination

- Fumigation methods

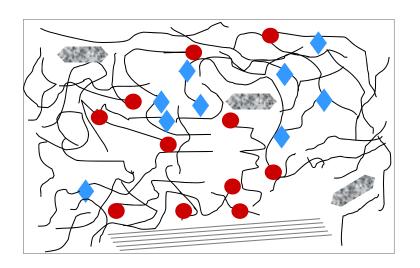




#### Physical entrapment

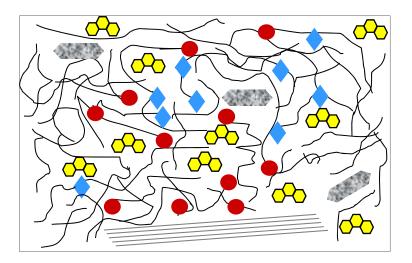
#### Stabilization of soil organic matter via:

- Polyvalent cations
- Hydrogen bonds
- Organic metal-complexes



Formation of hydrophobic cavities with the possibility to entrap pollutants

Extraction with chelating agents (e.g. EDTA) and SEC

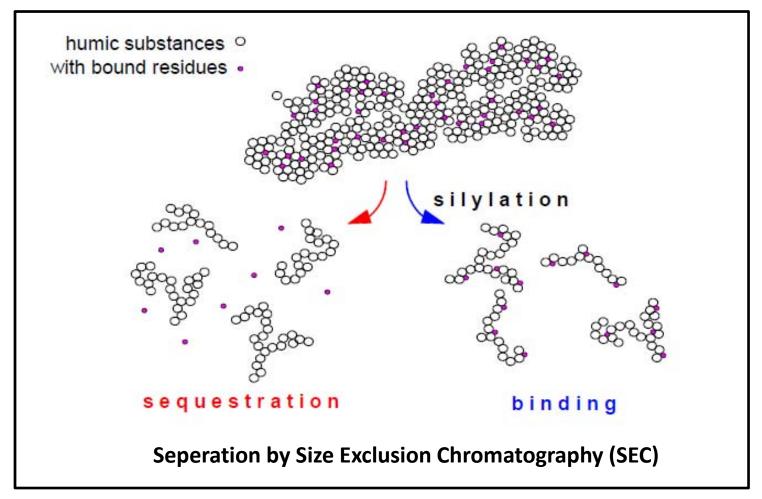








#### Differentiation of NER-types via silylation

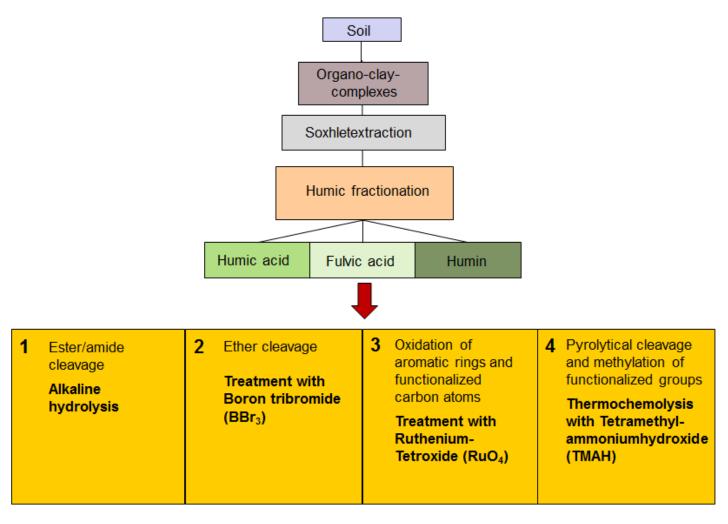


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#### Sequential chemical degradation

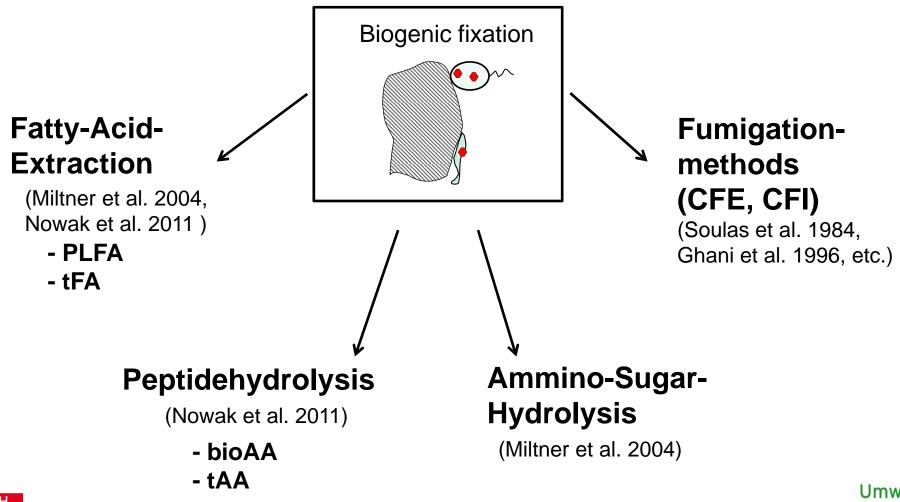


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#### **Determination of biogenic residues**







#### **Advanced NER-type model**

NER-type 1

**Heavy sorption** 

Extraction with matrix altering methods

Solvent extraction with elevated temperature, pressure or energy input Soxhlet, ASE, SFE, MASE NER-type 2

Physical entrapment

Extraction via destabilization of OM and SEC e.g. chelating agents

Silylation and SEC

NER-type 3

Irreversible binding

Seq. chemical degradation methods

**Immunoassay** 

NER-type 4

Biogenic fixation

Extraction biomolecules

- Fatty acid extraction
- -Amino acid extraction
- -Amino sugar extraction

Biomass determination

- Fumigation methods





Potentially remobilizable as parent compounds or metabolites hidden hazard



Irreversible binding, no release of parent compounds or metabolites

safe sink





NER-type 1

**Heavy sorption** 

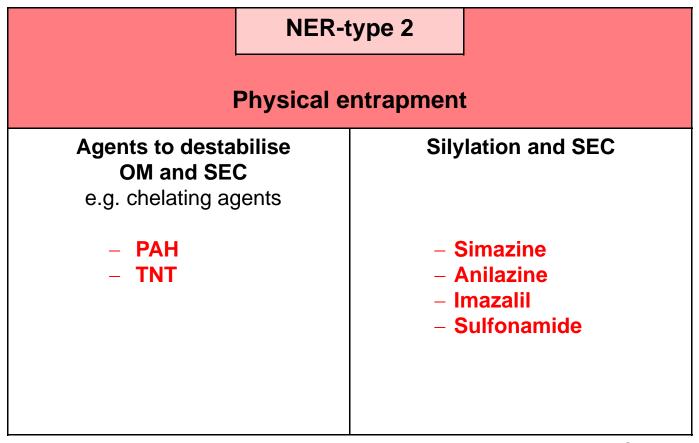
**Extraction with matrix altering methods** 

Solvent extraction with elevated temperature, pressure or energy input Soxhlet, ASE, SFE, MASE, HTD

widely-used











**NER-type 3 Irreversible** binding Sequential chemical degradation method - MCPA - Nonylphenole



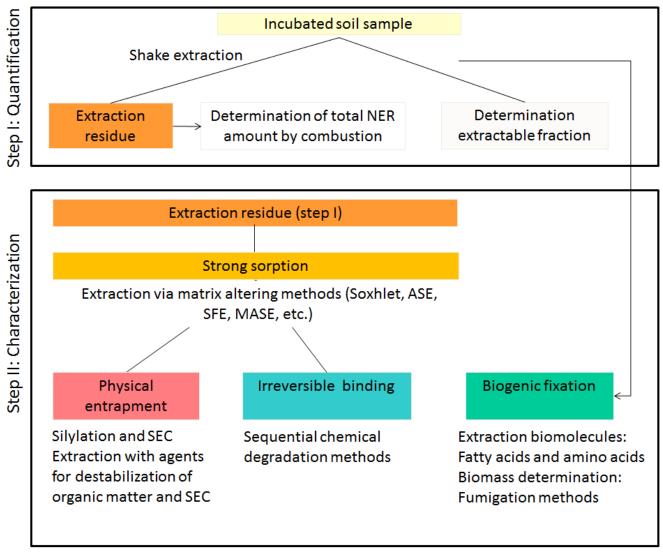


	NER-t	type 4			
Biogenic fixation					
Extraction biomolecules		Biomass determination			
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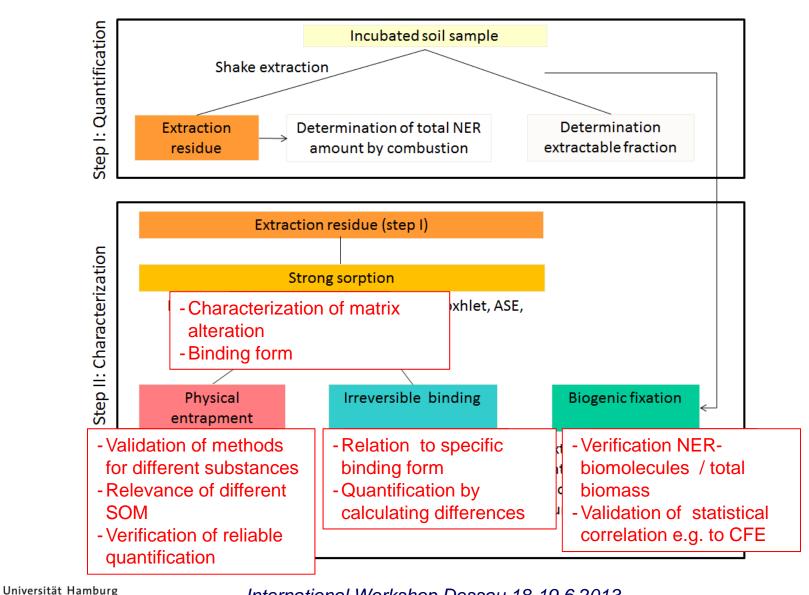
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#### **Summary**

- For most substances just the total NER amount or formation rate is determined
- In part matrix altering extractions (Soxhlet, ASE etc.) used for the separation of EF and NER
- Recommendation: Determination NER quantity by exhaustive cold shake extraction with appropriate solvents or buffer solutions (substance specific)
- For the characterization of NER different methods available, often very labor-intensive
- Distinction of 4 NER-types: heavy sorption, physical entrapment, irreversible binding, biogenic fixation
- Currently for most substances of priority no results for characterization of NER are available
- A substance specific general assessment of the hazardous and remobilization potential of NER is not possible yet
- Recommendation of a principle sequential extraction scheme was derived
- There is considerable demand for research to establish a data base for a general suitability of the extraction methods to ensure a hazard assessment

#### **Deficiency and demand for reserach**

- → Application of extraction methods for the determination of specific NER-types with more substances
- → Systematic studies on determination / quantification of all NER-types for a single substance
- → Studies to compare different methods for similar NER-types e.g. silylation – chelating agents, extraction of biomolecules - CFE
- → Studies to proof quantitative detection of NER-types
- → Development of more simple procedures or quantification by calculating the difference (e.g. irreversible binding)
- → Studies on consideration of soils with different properties, their variability and different genesis; climate and land use change; realistic simulation of environmental conditions
- Need for systematic scientific studies to clarify open questions and to enable a validation of the specific methods proposed in the sequential extraction scheme

#### Thank you for your attention



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