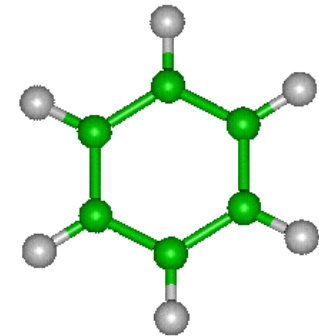
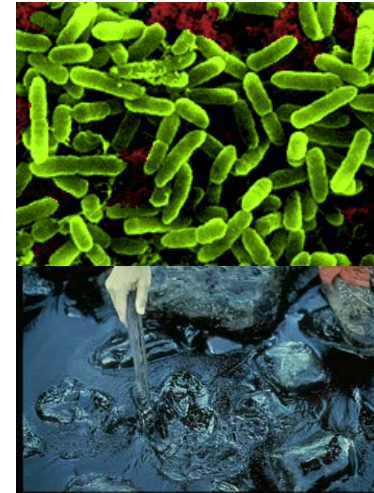
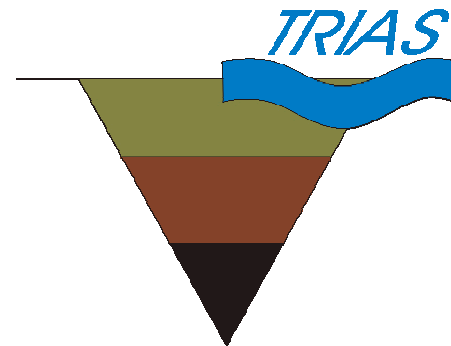


Anaerobic biodegradation of benzene in contaminated soils

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- Isolate anaerobic organisms degraded benzene (nitrate and sulfate)
- study their physiological and phylogenetic properties to get insight into their occurrence and distribution in polluted soils

- Two enrichments (chlorate and nitrate) that degrade benzene
- Determining their composition (genetically)
- Looking at their physiological properties (intermediates)





Research plans



- Isolate anaerobic organisms degraded benzene
- Characterize the enrichment cultures
- Test intermediates
- Isotopic fractionation experiment





■ Conferences

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- Degradation of benzene in chlorate reducing column systems