

Environmental Impact of Glyphosate use in Argentina

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Thank you for all your work...

A photograph taken from inside a building, looking out through a window. The window frame is dark wood. Outside, there is a large, leafy green tree in the foreground. In the background, there is a green field and a line of trees, possibly a cornfield. The sky is overcast. The text "Welcome to the Agroproductive Model in Argentina" is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

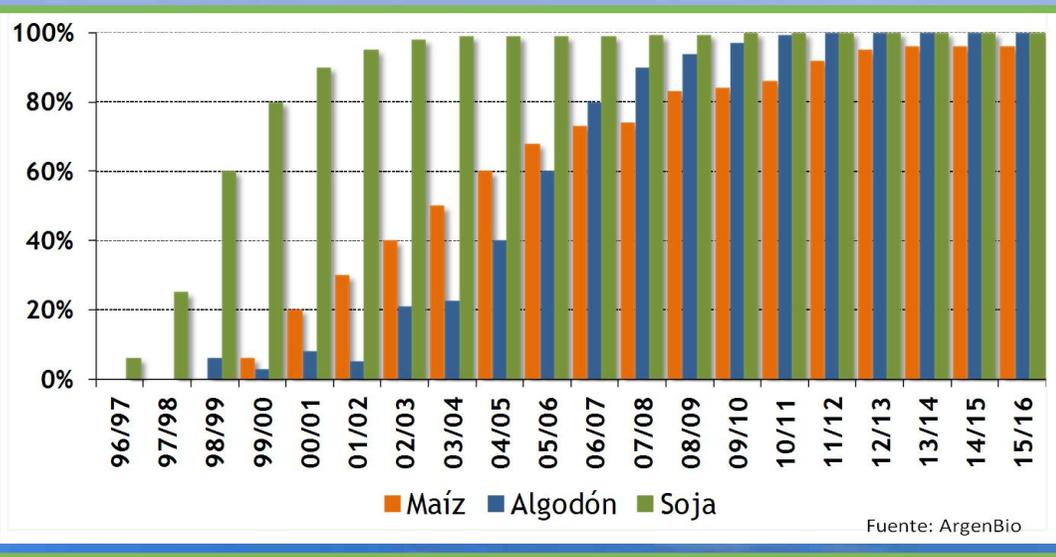
**Welcome to the
Agroproductive Model
in Argentina**

Agroproductive Model

Types of crops

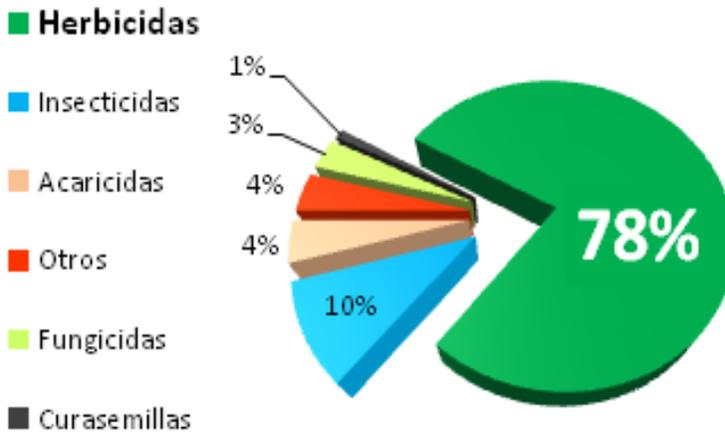
GMO
(Soya RR,
Corn BT)

Direct Seeding



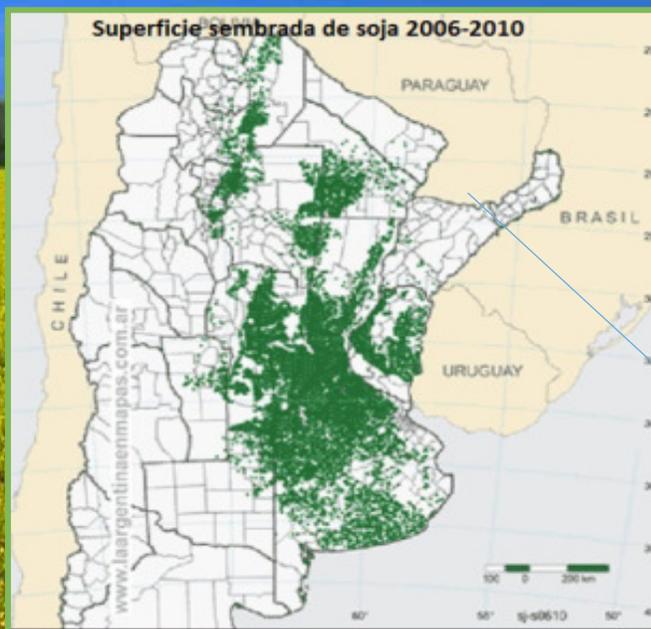
Agroproductive Model

Pesticides

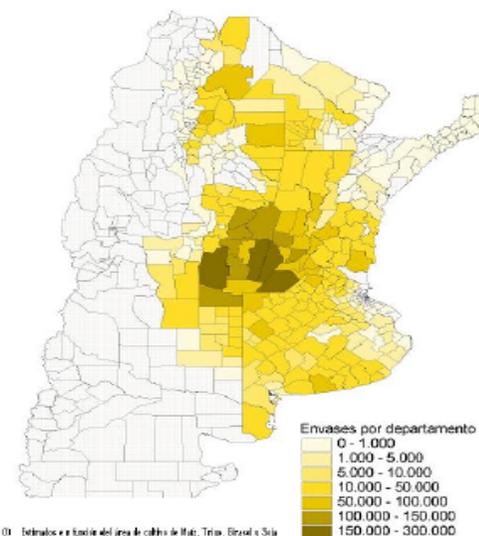


- ❖ 3 L/Ha ('90)
- ❖ 10 L/Ha (2000-10)
- ❖ 317 millones L/Kg pesticides formulations

Environmental Impact



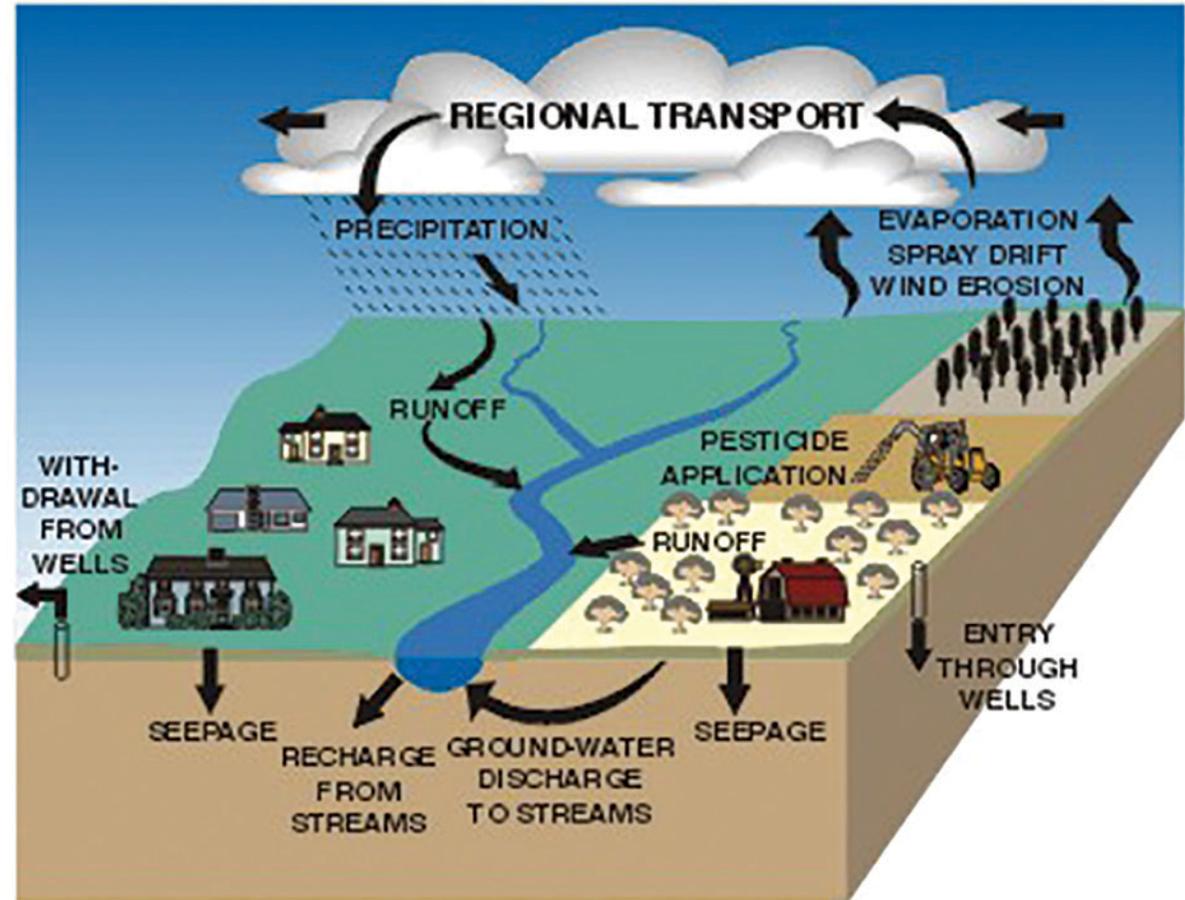
ANEXO 4
Estimación de la cantidad de envases dejados por el uso del glifosato 11



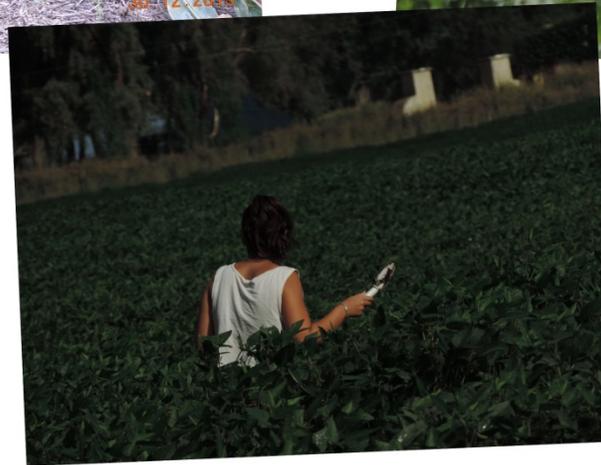
01. Datos de la zona de cultivo de Mato Grosso y São Paulo

Environmental Dynamic of Pesticides

- Physicochemical properties.
- Climate: wind, rain, temperature...
- Pesticide application procedure and equipment.



Case Study 1: Soil samples

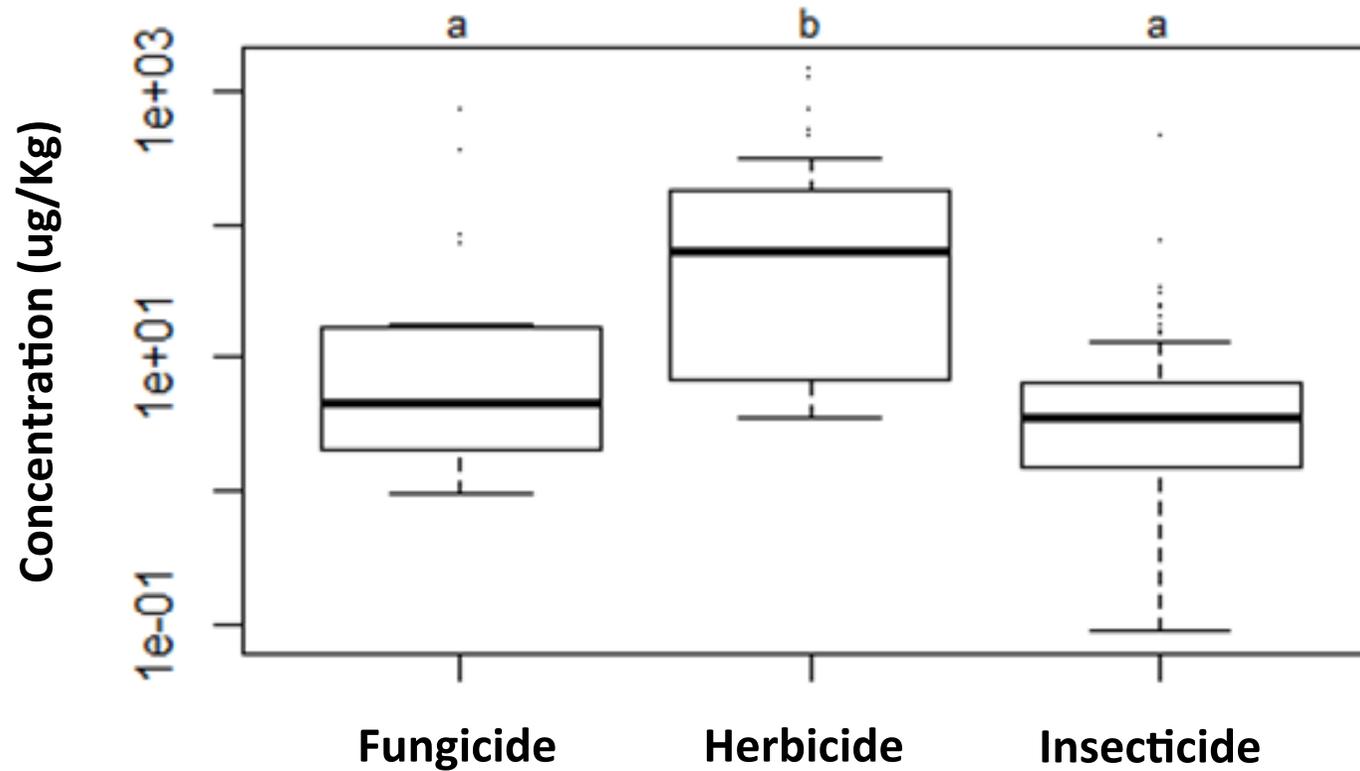


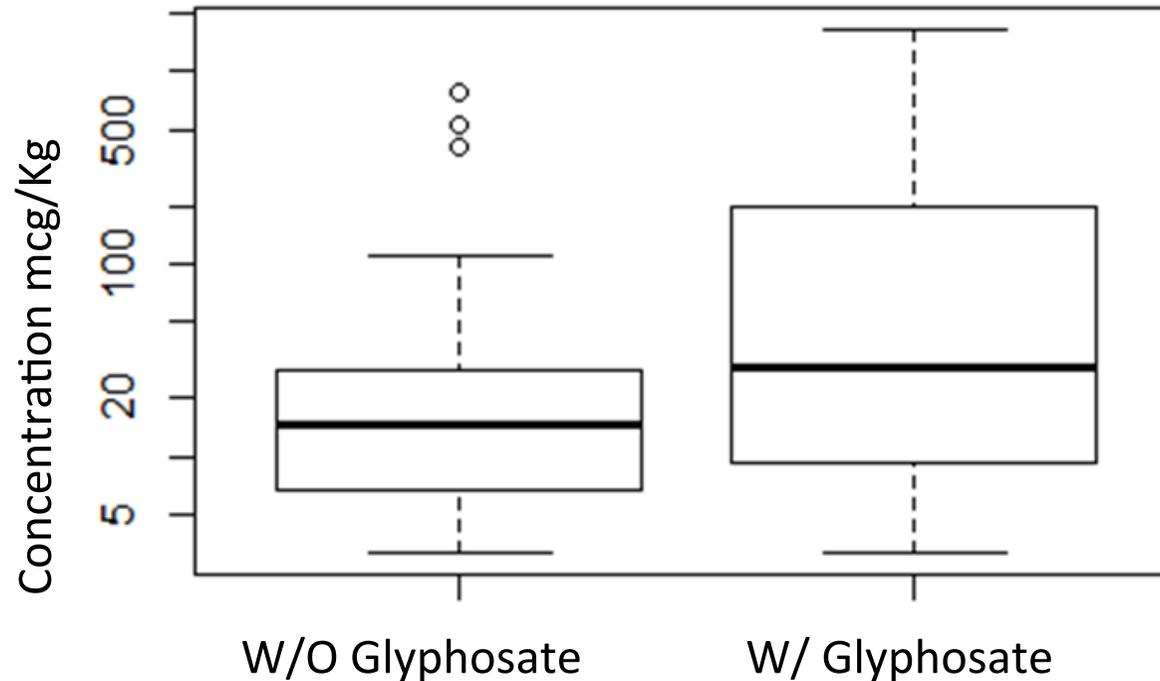
Samples:

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2. Integrated

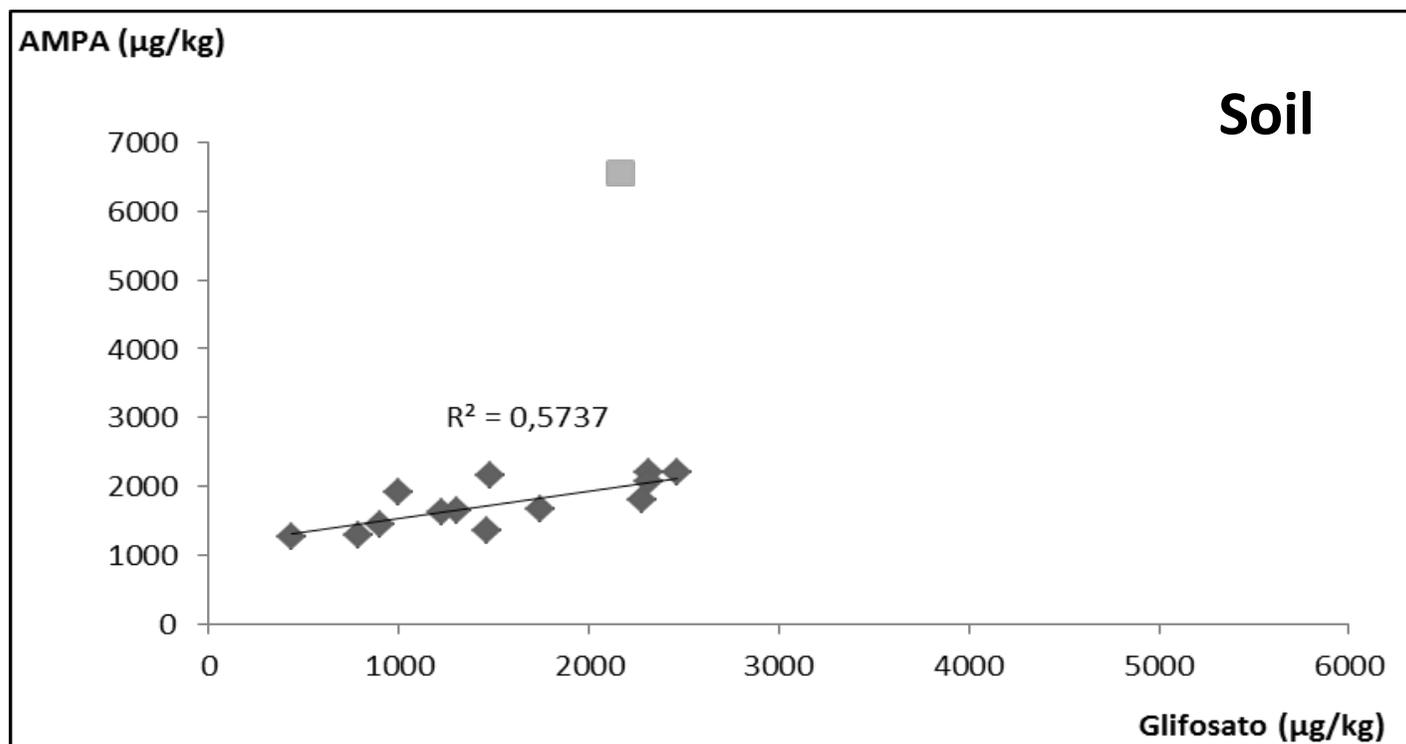


Concentration of pesticide by target action.





- Between 89% and 100% of the total pesticide mass, corresponded to glyphosate and AMPA.



- Quantitative relationship between soil levels of Glyphosate and AMPA.
- AMPA is an indicator of the evolution of glyphosate in the environment.

INFORMATION FROM THE LAST 6 YEARS

- i) Final applied dose in each cultivated area.
- ii) Total applied dose in each cultivated area, during last campaign.
- iii) Total applied dose in each cultivated area, during the last 6 years.

→ $r^2 = 0,0831$

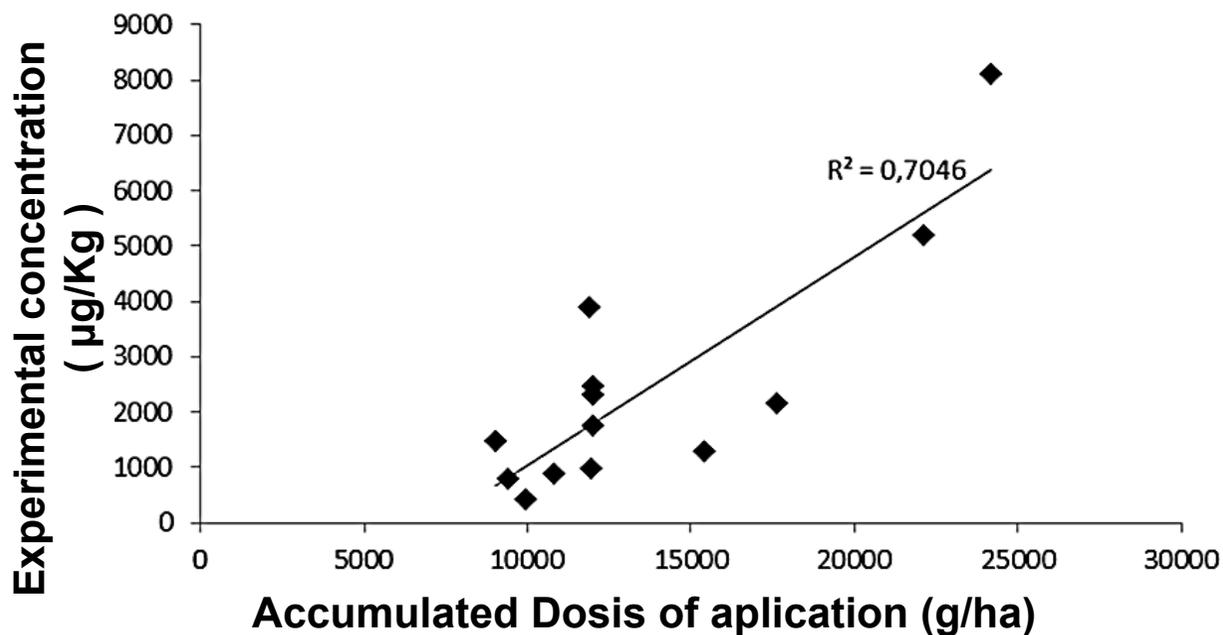
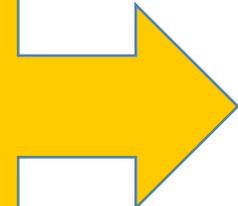
→ $r^2 = 0,4856$

→ $r^2 = 0,7046$

Vs.

Soil level of glyphosate in each cultivated area

Accumulation
in the
environment



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Water quality of the main tributaries of the Paraná Basin: glyphosate and AMPA in surface water and bottom sediments

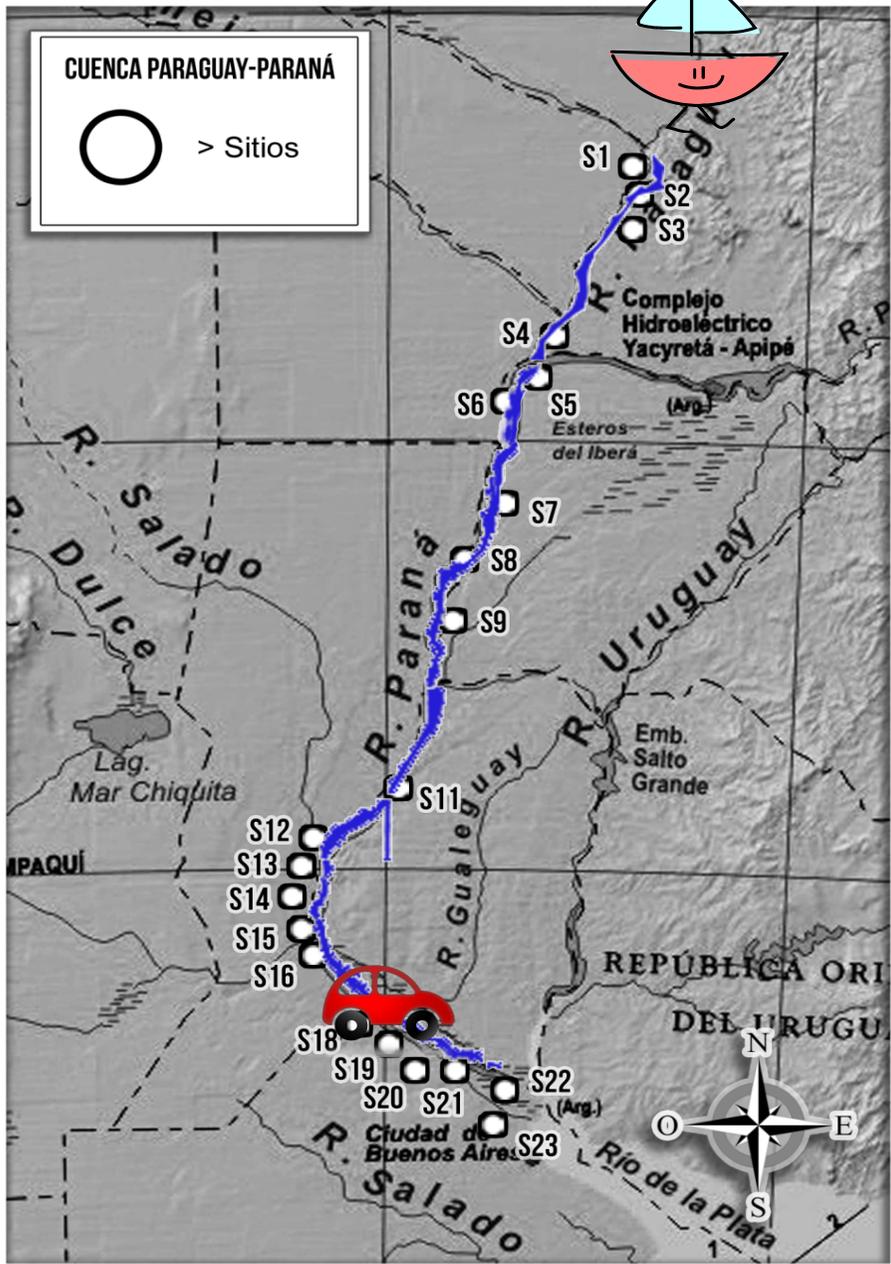
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P. Almada • C. D. Apartin**

- ✓ High social impact in Argentina.
- ✓ Showed evidence of the long-range transport potential for Glyphosate and AMPA in the environment.
- ✓ Gubernamental interest.

Case Study 2: Paraná-Paraguay-

SEDIMENTS

PREFECTURA NAVAL ARGENTINA



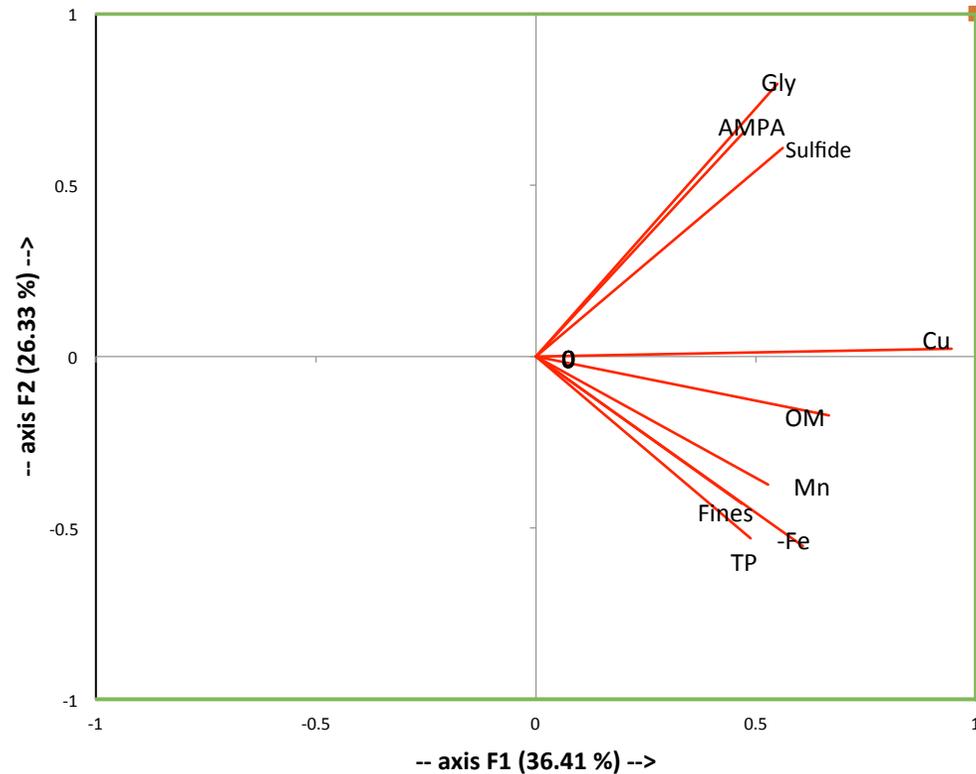
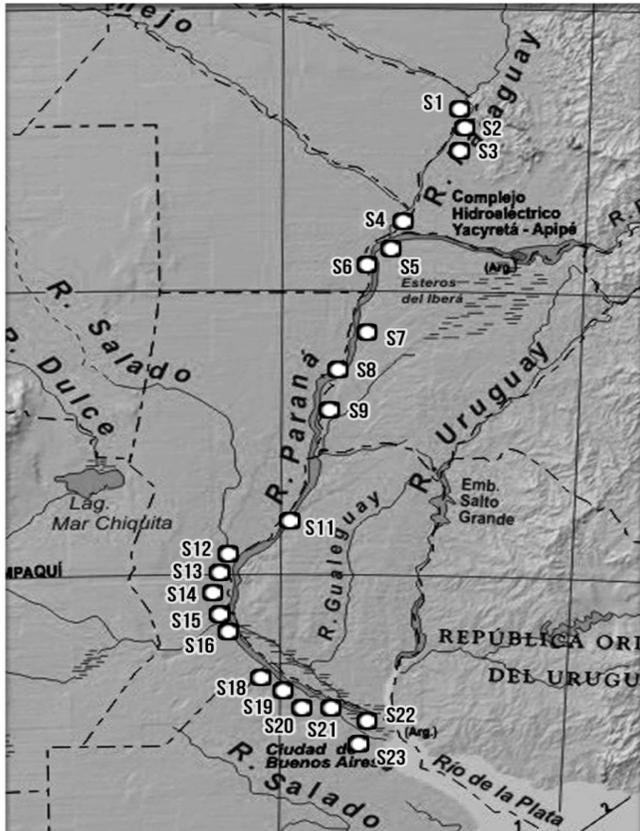
23 Site Samples

- I. Water
- II. Sediments
- III. Suspended particulate matter

Relevant results

- Low detection frequencies and concentration levels in water (whole water and soluble fraction).
- Was detected in suspended particulated matter.
- High concentrations in bottom sediments (> 1000 times more than water).

Principal Components Analysis (PCA) of general parameters in sediments and glyphosate/AMPA.



SULFIDE? COPPER?

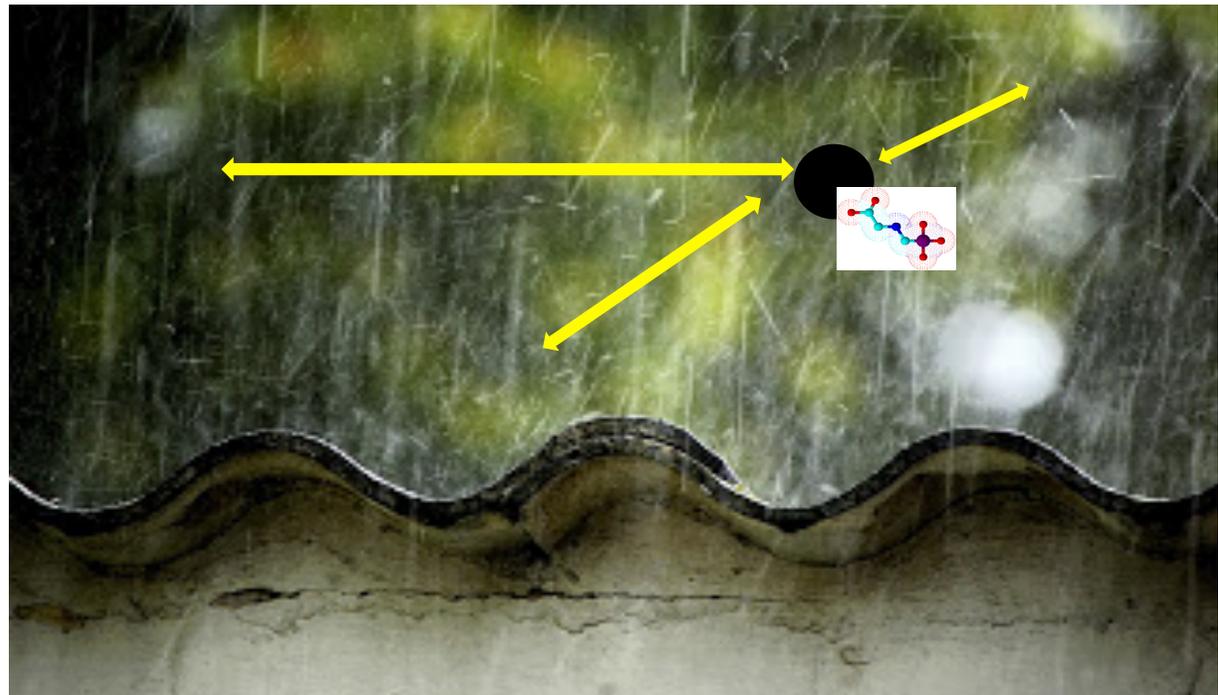
RAIN...

Case Study 3 : Glyphosate and AMPA in rainfall

- input
- degradation
- distribution



- Persistence
- Environmental Fate



- **Glyphosate** in Indiana , USA, application dose up to **2,8 L/Kg-Ha** with maximum level detection in rainfall of **2,5 µg/L**.
- **Atrazine**: 110.000 Kg/year in the Mississippi watershed (USGS) from rainfall.

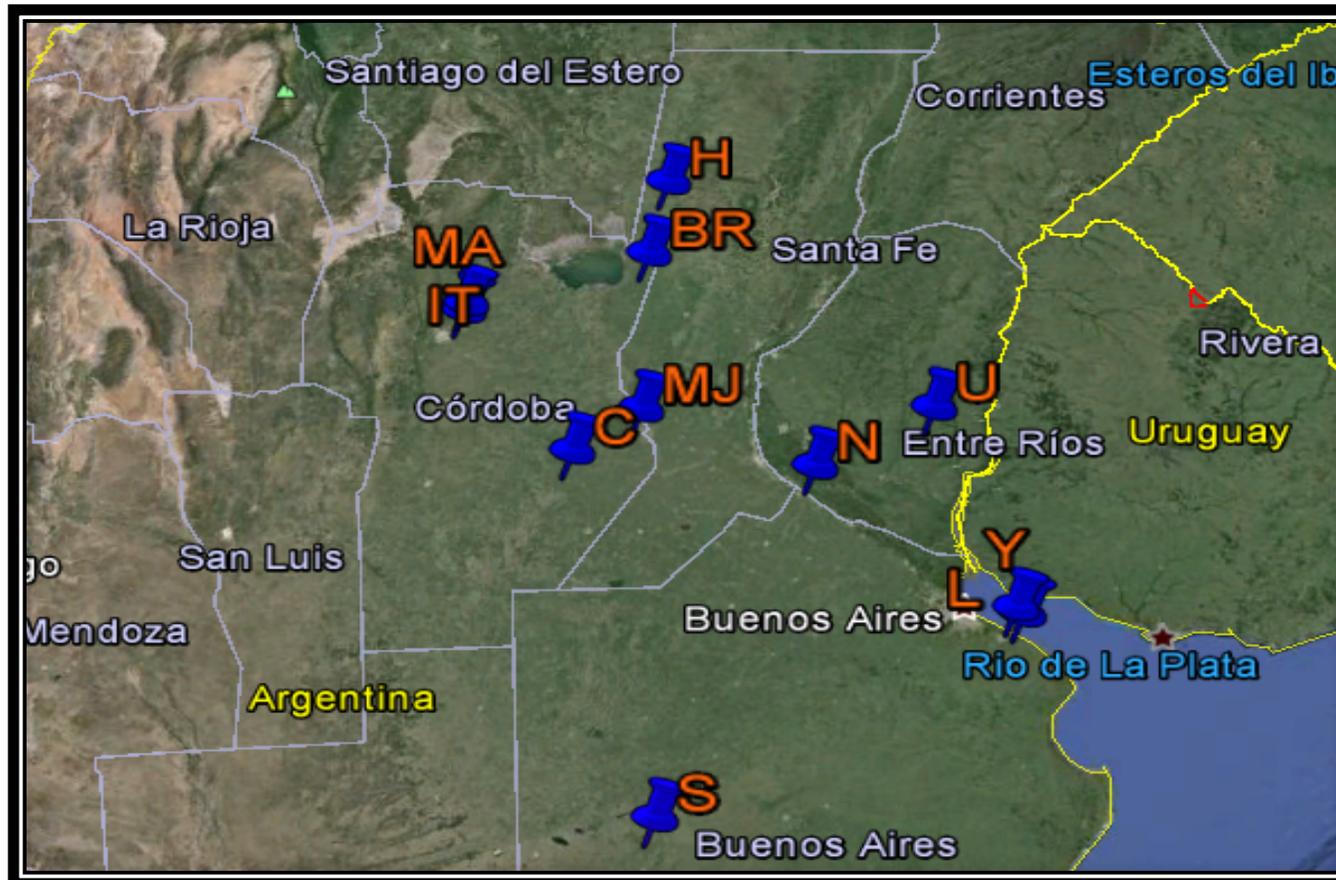
PSEUDO-PERSISTENT (EPA)

ARGENTINA? (10-15 l/Kg-Ha)...

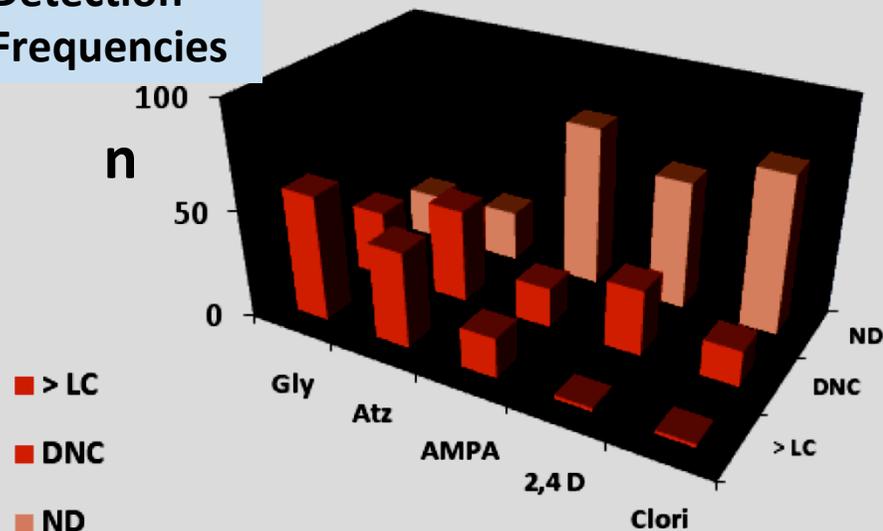
*Can we stand
under the
rain like
Homer and
Bart?*



9 sampling sites / 2 campaigns / n=112 rainfall samples



Detection Frequencies

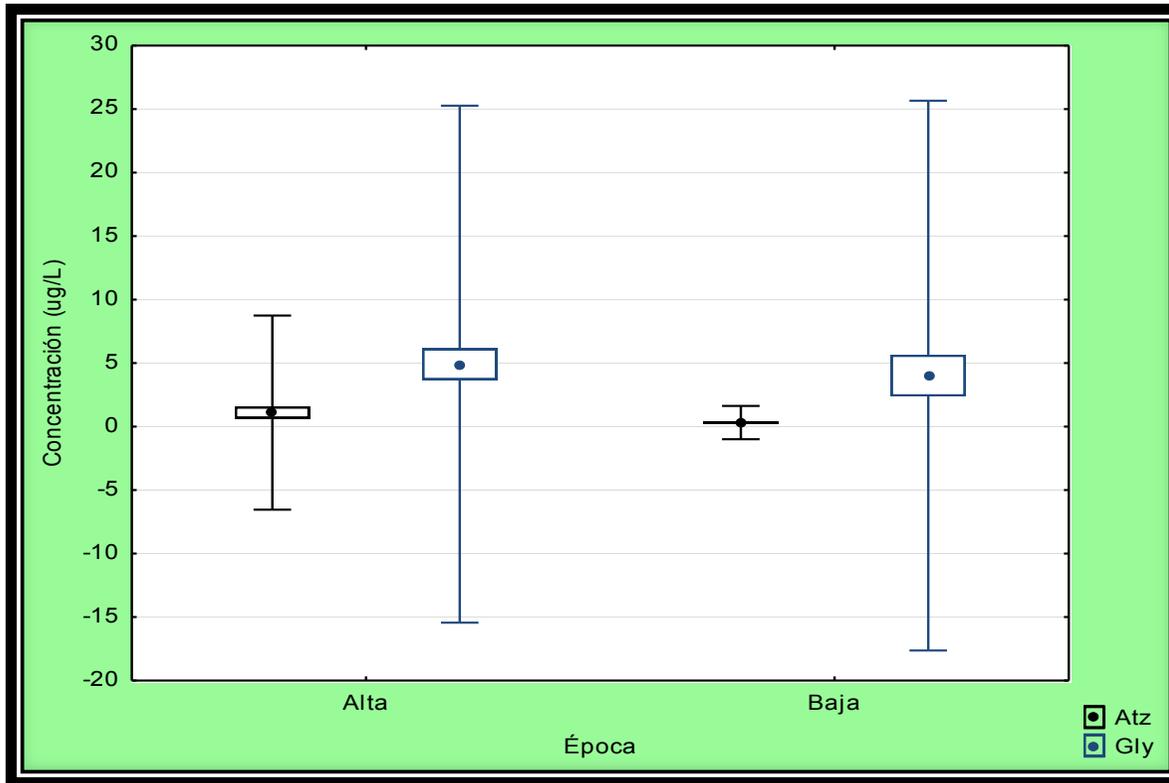


Glyphosate and Atrazine:
Most detected.

Glyphosate: concentration
significantly higher than
other herbicides

Concentration in rain ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	GLY	AMPA	Atz
Average \pm DE (n)	4.5 \pm 10.4 (112)	<LC \pm 1.2 (112)	0.8 \pm 3.0 (112)
Concentration Intervals	(LD-67.3)	(LD-7.9)	(LD-26.9)

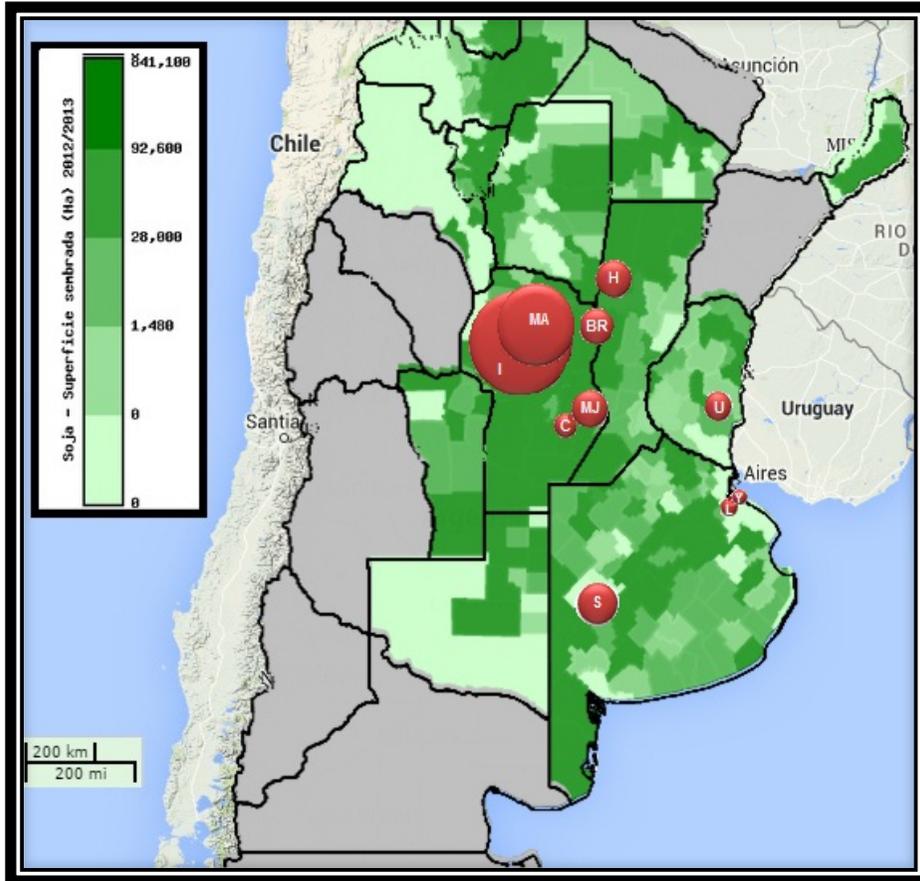
➤ Frequencies and amount of rainfall could be conditioning the level of glyphosate and AMPA.



No significant
differences between
sampling campaigns

➤ Glyphosate → year-round applications

➤ Wind erosion occurs independently of the season and the time of pesticide application.

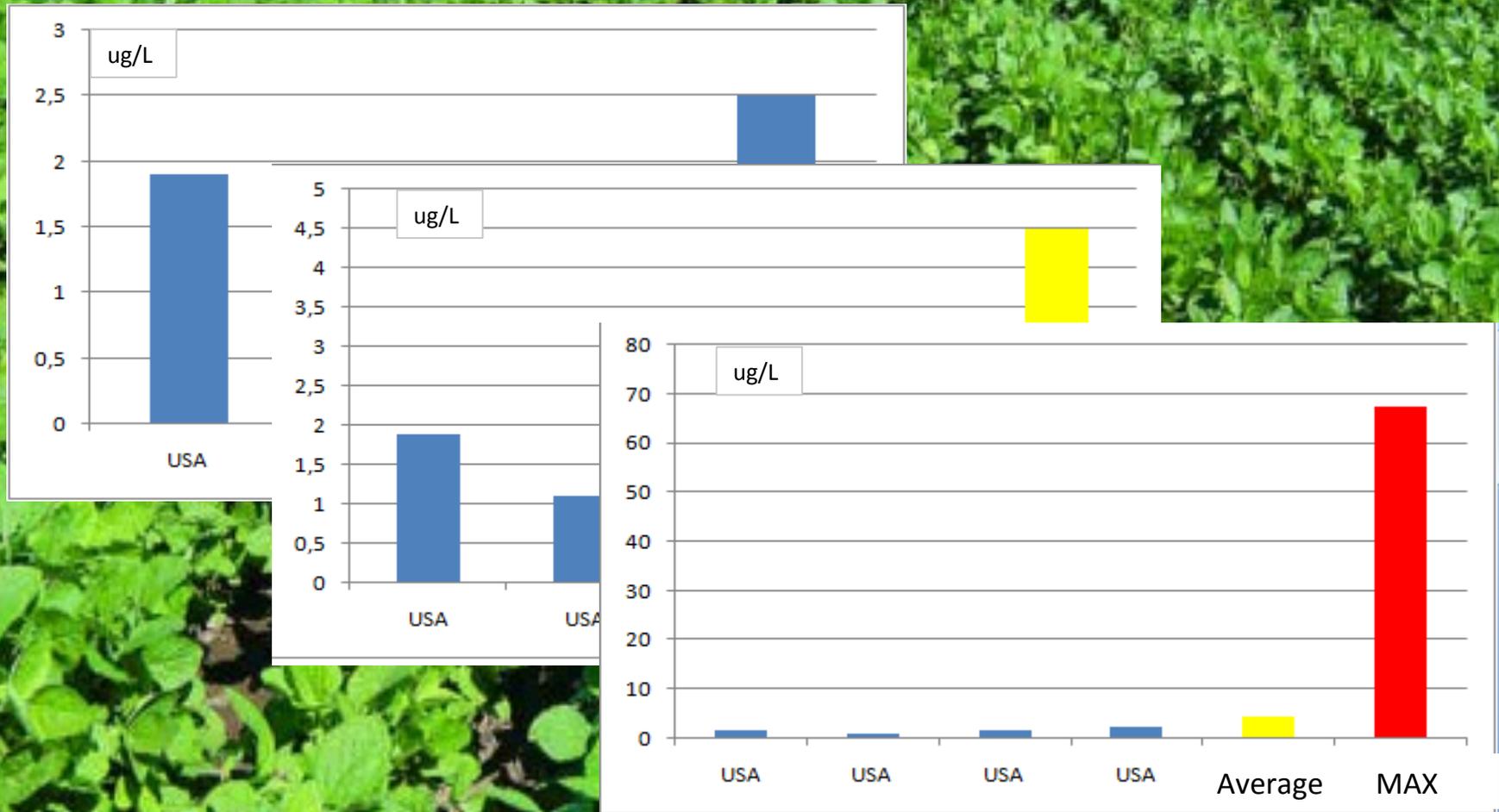


- Maximum concentration increases from EAST to WEST ($p < 0,05$).
- No influence in NORTH-SOUTH direction.
- Influence of the continental input to the atmosphere.

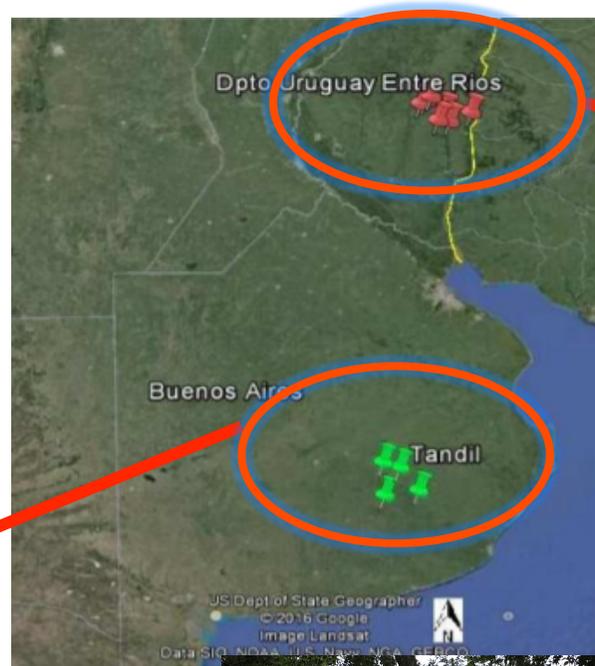
International context

Glyphosate:

Remember: 2,8 L/Kg-Ha USA vs 10-15 L/Kg-Ha Argentina

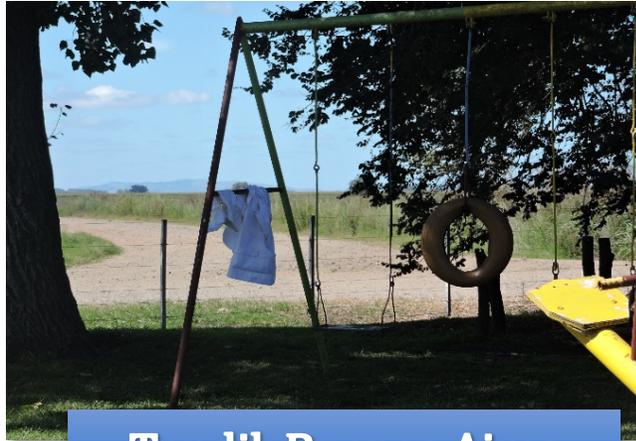
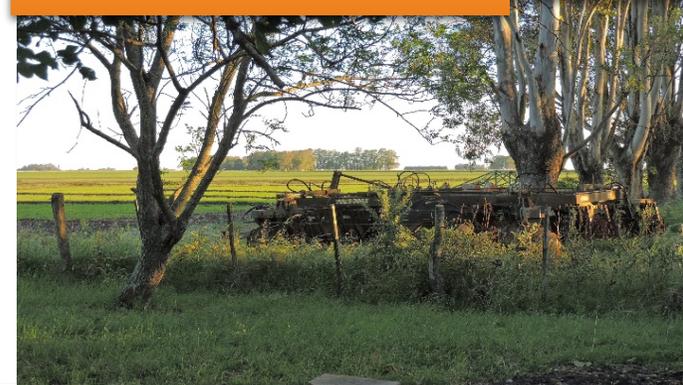


Case Study 4: Glyphosate and AMPA in rural schools

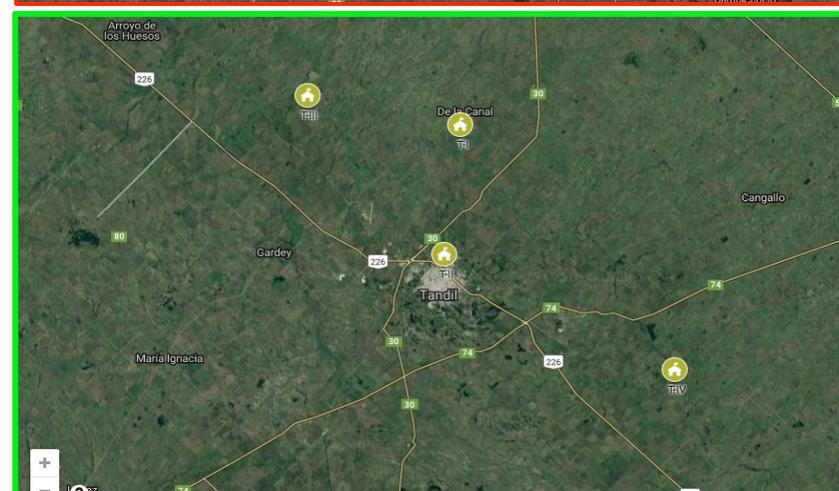
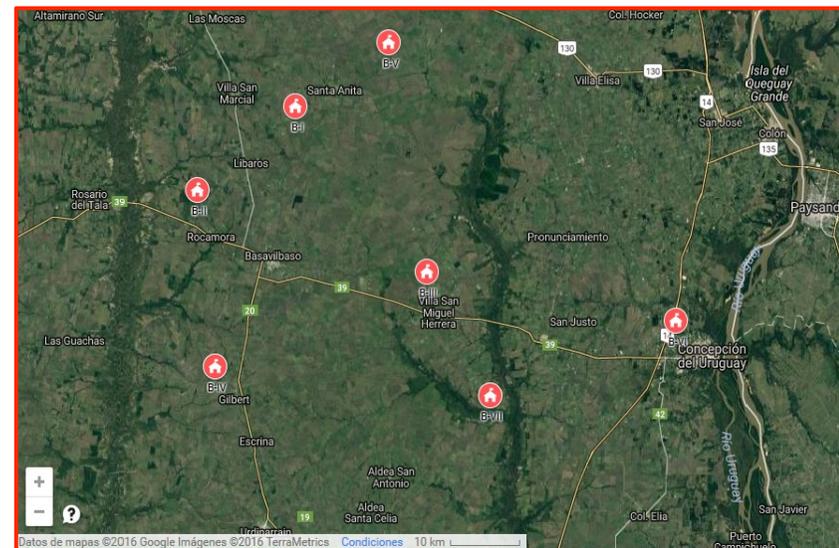


Dpto. Uruguay, Entre Ríos

Tandil, Buenos Aires



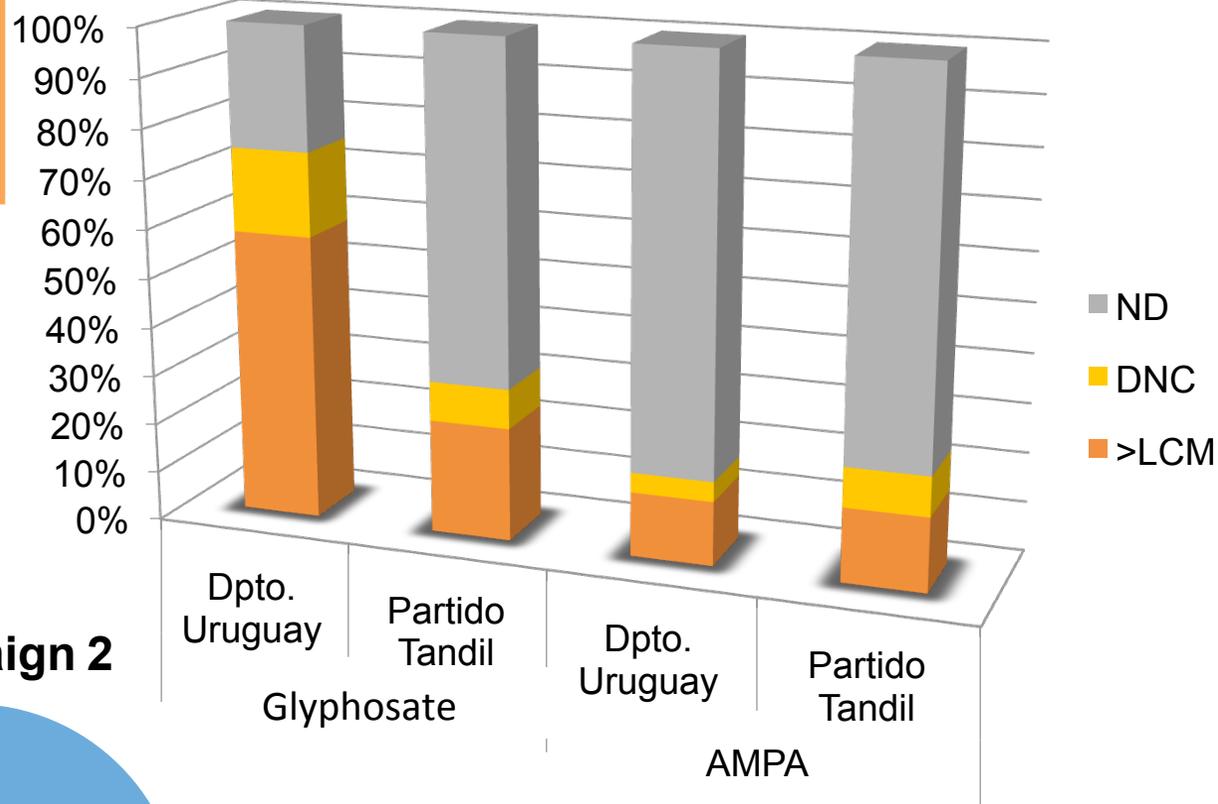
School	Campaign 1	Campaign 2	N° samples/ campaigns
B-I	26/11/15 - 21/12/15	19/05/16 - 04/06/16	28
B-II			
B-III			
B-IV			
B-V			
B-VI			
B-VII			
T-I	07/12/15 - 31/12/15	11/03/16 - 04/04/16	16
T-II			
T-III			
T-IV			



Samples by study regio and campaigns / Passive Methods

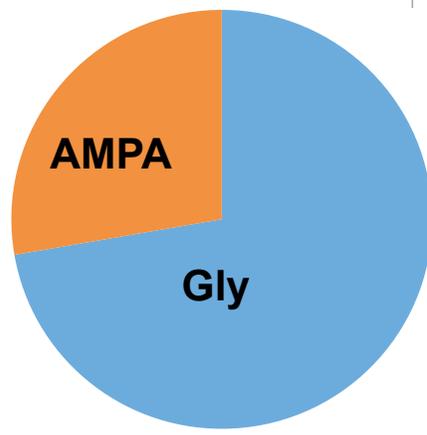
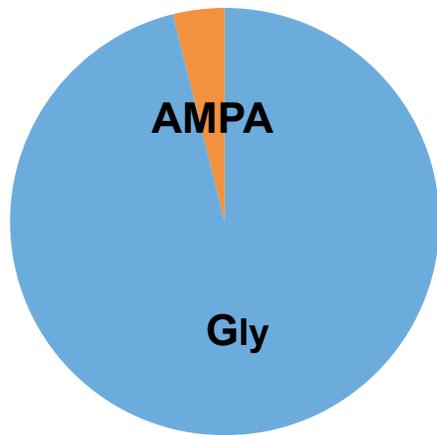
Detection frequencies: Glyphosate and AMPA

By study region



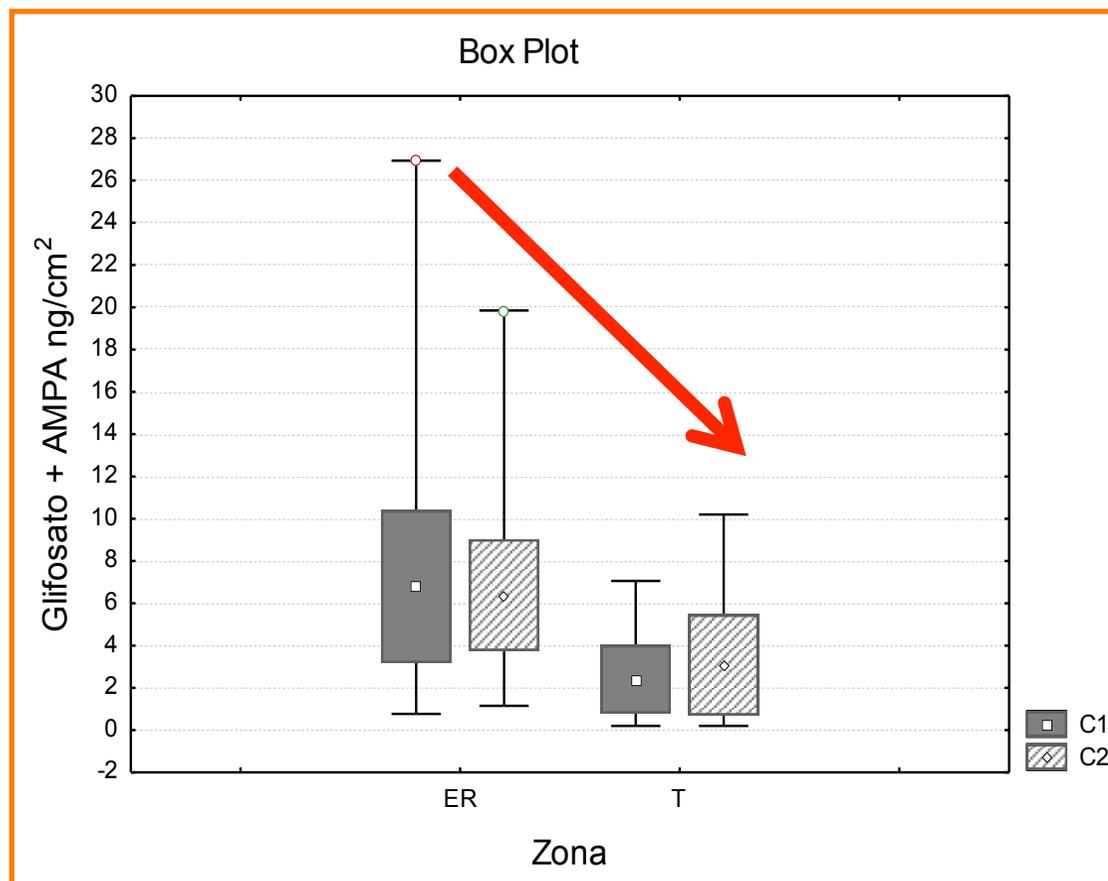
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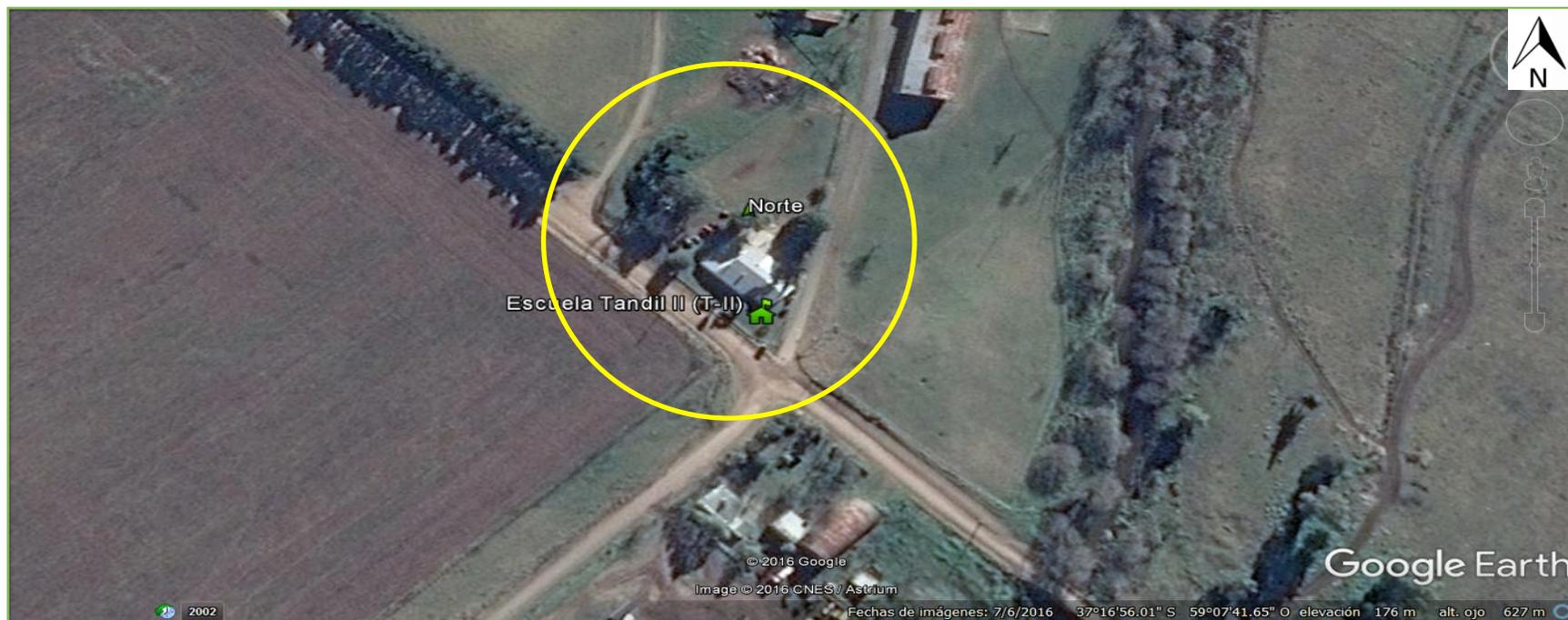
Campaign 2



By compound

Range of concentration of glyphosate+AMPA by study region and campaign.





Campaign 1

School	Cardinal Point	Glyphosate	Territorial observation
		ng/cm ²	
T-II	N	<LD	W/O Cultive
	S	<LD	Edification
	E	<LD	W/O Cultive
	W	4.53	Soya (20 meters)

Case Study 5: Glyphosate and AMPA in Cotton – First study in the world

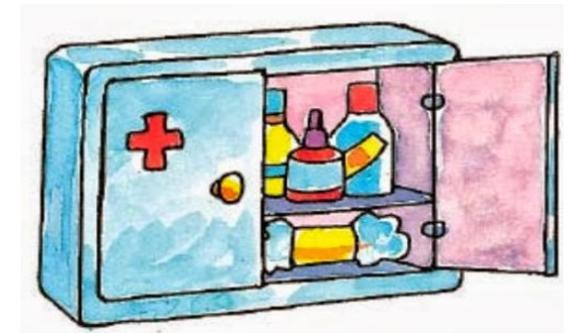
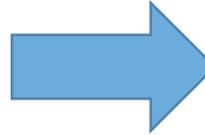
- ✓ First planting 1894/95
- ✓ Actual production 745,395 ton

GRANULOS SOLUBLES
Para el control post-emergente de malezas gramíneas,
ciperáceas y de hoja ancha en pre-siembra de cultivos con
Labranza Convencional y con Siembra Directa y en
post-emergencia de variedades de Soja RR, Maíz RR y Algodón
RR genéticamente modificadas, tolerantes al principio activo.

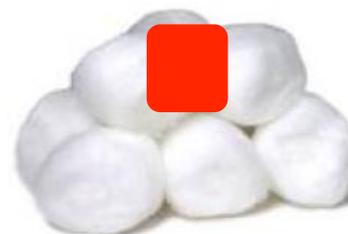
COMPOSICION

glifosato (sal monoamónica de la N-fosfonometil glicina)	74,7 g.*
inertes y coadyuvantes c.s.p.	100 g.

*equivalente a glifosato ácido 67.9 % p/p

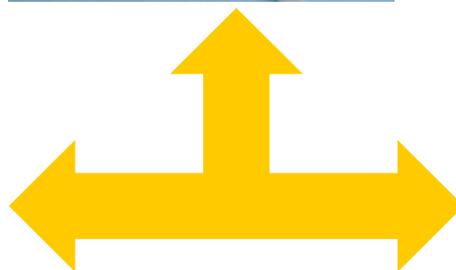


RESULTS

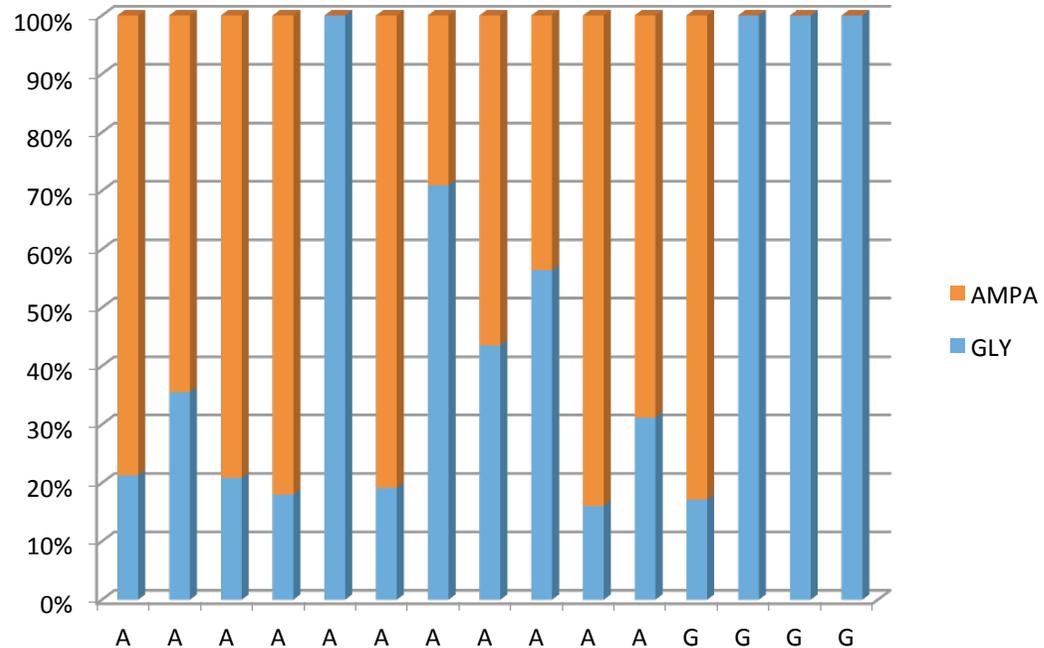
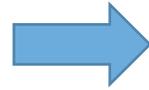


85 % GLY

100 %



62 % AMPA



In cotton gauze, AMPA was not detectedesterilization?

FINAL REMARKS

- Glyphosate and AMPA are present in all environmental matrices.
- The bottom sediments are the most important environmental fate for glyphosate and AMPA.
- This herbicide is an ubiquitous compound and potentially a pseudo-persistent contaminant.
- Its presence in the environment is a consequence of the actual agroproductive model.
- It can be found far away from the application site.

Dedicated to Dra. Alicia Ronco (14 Oct 1945-28 Nov 2016)

- Creator of the Licenciatura en Química y Tecnología Ambiental in the La Plata University
- Director of the Centro de Investigaciones del Medio Ambiente-CIMA-UNLP
- “Scientific mother” of Ecotoxicology in Argentina.
- More de 20 Thesis of PhD.
- Professor in the Facultad de Ciencias Exactas-UNLP



Las construcciones exitosas son siempre colectivas.

GRACIAS!!!!!!

