

IODINE DYNAMICS IN SOILS

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1. ABSTRACT

We investigated changes in iodine (¹²⁹I) solubility and speciation in nine soils with contrasting properties (pH, Fe/Mn oxides, organic carbon and iodine contents), incubated for nine months at 10°C and 20°C. Loss of I⁻ from solution was extremely rapid, apparently reaching completion over minutes-hours; IO₃⁻ loss from solution was slower, typically occurring over time periods of hours-days. For both I⁻ and IO₃⁻ losses were faster in soils with greater soil organic carbon contents (%SOC) and low pH and at higher temperatures (10°C cf. 20°C). Instantaneous sorption of IO₃⁻ was identified in all soils and was greatest in a soil with high Fe/Mn oxide, low pH and low SOC content. Evidence for immediate sorption of I⁻ was less clear as reaction rates were faster. Phosphate extraction (0.15 M KH₂PO₄) of soils, ~100 hr after ¹²⁹I spike addition, indicated that concentrations of sorbed inorganic iodine (¹²⁹I) were very low in all soils suggesting that, even if IO₃⁻ is initially adsorbed onto oxide phases, this has little impact on the rate of iodine assimilation into humus.

The transformation of dissolved inorganic ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ and ¹²⁹I⁻ to sorbed organic forms was modelled using a range of reaction- and diffusion-based approaches. Irreversible and reversible first order kinetic models, and a spherical diffusion model, adequately described the kinetics of both IO₃⁻ and I⁻ loss from the soil solution but only with the inclusion of a distribution coefficient term (kd) to allow for instantaneous adsorption. The spherical diffusion model produced the lowest average RSD value for IO₃⁻ sorption by all soils and all three models gave almost identical average RSD values in the case of I⁻. A spherical diffusion model was collectively parameterised for all the soils by using pH, soil organic carbon concentration and combined Fe+Mn oxide content as determinants of the model parameters (kd and D/r²). From the temperature-dependence of the sorption data the activation energy (Ea) for ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ transformation to organic forms was estimated to be ~43 kJ mol⁻¹. The Ea value was independent of %SOC and suggests a reaction mechanism that is slower than pore diffusion or physical adsorption but faster than most surface reactions.

2. INTRODUCTION

Iodine is an essential trace element for human and animal health. It is used by the thyroid gland in the production of hormones which control a range of physiological processes. Insufficient thyroid hormone levels are associated with a range of health issues including problems of growth and development in children, and goitre in adults (Trotter, 1960; Underwood, 1977). Collectively, iodine deficiency diseases (IDDs) are a serious worldwide health problem, estimated to affect ~35% of the world's population, and a significant social and economic stress on developing countries (WHO, 2004).

Rocks contain little iodine and most soil iodine is derived from volatilization of methylated forms from seawater which then enter the soil-plant system via rainfall and dry deposition. IDDs are prevalent in regions where people have limited access to food that is naturally rich in iodine (e.g. seafood) or iodized food products (Underwood, 1977; Johnson et al., 2002). Availability of iodine in such regions depends largely on transfer from soil to food or fodder crops but local produce may not be able to supply the recommended daily intake of dietary iodine (Johnson, 2003). There is therefore a need to increase our knowledge of iodine behaviour in soil, in particular how added iodine (in rainfall or fertilizers) reacts with soil and the mechanisms by which iodine becomes available to plants. Furthermore, understanding the environmental behaviour of long lived iodine isotopes (^{129}I $t_{1/2} = 1.6 \times 10^7$ y) is also essential to the safety case for underground nuclear waste disposal; ingestion of radioiodine released from weapons testing, nuclear power stations, medical or research facilities may induce thyroid tumours or suppress thyroid function (Furhmann et al., 1998; Bonhoure et al., 2002).

Iodine is found in nature in several valence states and in a range of inorganic and organic forms including iodide (I^-), iodate (IO_3^-), elemental iodine (I_2) and organic iodine (Radlinger and Heumann, 1997; Schwehr and Santschi, 2003; Muramatsu et al., 2004; Gilfedder et al., 2007a,b; Liu et al., 2007; Yang et al., 2007; Yoshida et al., 2007). Its form depends on pH and the redox status of the surrounding environment; thus iodide is reported as the most prevalent form of iodine in river waters while iodate is most common in the oceans (Smith and Butler, 1979; Abdel-Moati, 1999). In rainwater a mix of species including iodate, iodide and organic iodine species have been reported (Gilfedder et al., 2008). Inorganic iodine forms may be retained in acidic soils by sorption on positively charged hydrous iron and aluminium oxides (Whitehead, 1974a) and possibly up

1 to pH 8 by specific adsorption of iodate (Yoshida et al., 1992). However, strong assimilation of iodine into soil
2 organic matter has been widely reported (e.g. Whitehead, 1973a; Francois, 1987a&b; Fukui et al., 1996;
3 Sheppard et al., 1996; Yu et al., 1996; Steinberg et al., 2008a&c; Dai et al., 2009) and humus may constitute the
4 primary reservoir of iodine in most soils. The fate of inorganic iodine, and the mechanisms governing its
5 incorporation into organic matter, have been the focus of a number of investigations. Reduction of iodate by
6 soil organic matter may precede conversion of inorganic iodine into organic forms (Whitehead, 1974b, Fukui et
7 al., 1996). Steinberg et al. (2008b) confirmed that iodate heated with peat and lignin over a pH range of 3.5-9
8 was converted to organic iodine forms and iodide; Francois (1987a) observed that the iodine content of humic
9 substances increased following incubation with iodate for 5 days. In both cases it was shown that iodate was
10 first reduced to reactive intermediate products, I_2 or HOI, which then reacted rapidly with the organic matter.
11 From a study of reaction kinetics, Warner et al., (2000) concluded that iodination of natural organic matter
12 followed the same mechanism as iodination of phenols, through reaction with molecular iodine, I_2 . The same
13 electrophilic substitution mechanism was suggested by Reiller et al., (2006) in their study of iodination of
14 humic acids. Bichsel and von Gunten (1999, 2000) also demonstrated that iodide can be oxidised to HOI and
15 thereby react with organic compounds (e.g. substituted phenol and methyl carbonyl compounds) similar to
16 natural humic matter. Yamaguchi et al. (2010) observed that iodine K-edge XANES spectra of soils spiked with
17 iodide and iodate were similar to organic iodine standard spectra after 60 days incubation. They also found
18 that iodide was fully transformed into organic forms after 1 day of incubation in highly organic soils, and was
19 fully transformed in all soils after 60 days. By contrast, no measureable iodate transformation was observed
20 after 1 day of incubation and up to 50% of the added iodate remained in the lower organic matter soils at 60
21 days. A comparison of iodine L_{III}-Edge XANES and EXAFS spectra of iodinated organic compounds with
22 naturally iodated humic substances, extracted from a range of soil types, indicated that organic iodine is
23 primarily bonded to aromatic rings (Schlegel et al., 2006).

24 Metal oxides and hydroxides (eg $Fe^{III}(OH)_3$, $Al(OH)_3$, $Mn^{IV}O_2$) may play an important role in controlling iodine
25 behavior in soils, both through adsorption of inorganic iodine and oxidation of iodide. Ferric and aluminium
26 oxides adsorb iodate more strongly than iodide (e.g. Whitehead, 1974a; Kodama et al., 2006). Oxidation of I^-
27 to I_2 and then to IO_3^- has been shown to be catalysed by δ - MnO_2 with IO_3^- adsorbing on the δ - MnO_2 surface

1 (Gallard et al., 2009). In the presence of humic substances the oxidation to IO_3^- is limited as I_2 can react to
2 form organic iodine (org-I) species, especially at lower pH (Gallard et al., 2009).

3 In view of the importance of iodine sorption by soils in regulating plant bio-availability and losses to drainage
4 water and also considering the current lack of information regarding which soil factors govern reaction
5 mechanisms and rates, the aims of this investigation were to:

6 (i) measure the dynamics of iodide and iodate (^{129}I) transformation in soils, both in the solution and
7 solid phases, in order to increase our understanding of the reaction process and rate;

8 (ii) account for the effects of soil factors likely to influence the adsorption and transformation of
9 iodine species, including temperature, pH value and concentrations of soil organic carbon (SOC),
10 Fe/Mn oxides and native iodine.

11 (iii) integrate the data from ^{129}I incubation experiments into a predictive model of iodate and iodide
12 sorption kinetics parameterized by soil properties.

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3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Soil sampling and preparation

Topsoil and subsoil were sampled from two areas in the East Midlands of England, chosen to represent contrasting land-uses, soil pH values and concentrations of Fe/Mn oxides, organic matter, carbonate and iodine. Wick series (sandy loam) soil samples were taken from an arable field, a permanent grassland strip and adjacent mature deciduous woodland (Grid Reference 52°49'48"N-1°14'88"W) on the University of Nottingham farm, Sutton Bonington, Leicestershire (UK). Topsoil (0-20 cm depth) and subsoil (30-50 cm depth) samples were taken from the arable and woodland sites; only topsoil was sampled from the grassland as its associated subsoil was thought to be similar to the arable subsoil. Iodine concentrations in these soils were known to be low (2 - 4 mg kg⁻¹) from previous analysis. Soils with higher iodine concentrations (c. 8 – 12 mg kg⁻¹, Johnson et al., 2005) were sampled on the Stoke Rochford Estate, Lincolnshire from the Elmton soil series, described as shallow, well-drained brashy calcareous fine loamy soils developed over Jurassic limestone. Grassland and woodland topsoils (0-20 cm) were collected from a valley with permanent grassland (52°50'53"N-0°40'26"W) and adjacent mature woodland (52°50'56"N-0°40'22"W); these are Lithomorphic Rendzina soils over limestone and thus have no associated subsoil. Arable topsoil (0-20 cm) and subsoil (30-50 cm) samples were taken from a field nearby (52°51'25"N-0°38'55"W). Samples were collected with clean stainless steel spades, augers and trowels and sealed in plastic bags for transport. Soils were air dried until they could be sieved to <4 mm but were not allowed to dry completely so as to maintain microbial activity; they were then kept unsealed in a cold room (at 10°C) prior to use, to ensure they remained aerobic and to preserve remaining moisture content.

3.2 Soil chemical properties

Approximately 250 g of each soil was air dried and sieved (< 2 mm) for analysis. Soil pH was measured using a combined glass electrode after equilibrating 5 g of soil in 12.5 mL of Milli-Q water (18.3 MΩ) for 30 minutes. Carbonate content of soils was estimated by manometric assay using a Collins calcimeter (Piper, 1954). Loss on ignition (LOI) was determined gravimetrically after heating soil (c. 5 g) in a muffle furnace at 550°C for 16 hours. Organic carbon content was determined (Elementar VarioMax CN analyser) on samples of finely ground soil (agate ball mill, Retsch Model PM400) after acidification with HCl (50% v/v) to remove inorganic carbon. The limit of quantification reported for a typical 300 mg sample is 0.18%. The dithionite extraction method of

1 Kostka and Luther (1994) was used to determine reactive iron, aluminium, and manganese hydrous oxides;
2 after reaction samples were centrifuged (20 min at 3000 g), filtered (<0.22 μm) and supernatant solutions
3 retained for analysis. Total soil iodine was extracted with tetra methyl ammonium hydroxide (TMAH) from
4 finely ground soil samples according to the method developed by Watts and Mitchell (2009).

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6 Elemental concentrations were assayed using a Thermo-Fisher Scientific X-Series^{II} ICP-MS in standard mode
7 (for iodine) and employing a 'hexapole collision cell' (7% H_2 in He) prior to the analytical quadrupole for Fe, Al,
8 and Mn analysis. Samples were introduced from an autosampler (Cetac ASX-520 with 4 x 60-place sample
9 racks) through a concentric glass venturi nebuliser (Thermo-Fisher Scientific; 1 mL min^{-1}) and Peltier-cooled
10 spray chamber (3 $^\circ\text{C}$). Internal standards were introduced to the sample stream via a T-piece and included 20
11 ng mL⁻¹ In, 20 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ Re, and 20 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ Rh, prepared in a matrix of 2% TMAH and 4% methanol for iodine analysis
12 and Sc (100 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), Rh (20 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and Ir (10 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) in 2% 'trace analysis grade' (TAG) HNO_3 for Fe, Al and Mn.
13 An iodine stock standard (1000 mg $^{127}\text{I L}^{-1}$) was prepared from oven-dried analytical grade KI in a matrix of 5%
14 TMAH and stored at 4 $^\circ\text{C}$; dilutions of this stock were used for instrument calibration. Multi-element
15 calibration standards (Claritas-PPT grade CLMS-2, Certiprep/Fisher), including Fe, Al and Mn, were all diluted in
16 2% Trace Analysis Grade HNO_3 in the range 0-100 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$. Sample processing was undertaken using Plasmalab
17 software (version 2.5.4; Thermo-Fisher Scientific) using internal cross-calibration where required. Limits of
18 detection (LOD) were calculated from analysis of 16 blanks (3 x standard deviation of blanks) to be 1.26 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$
19 ($\sim 0.008 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$) for ^{127}I and 0.34 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ ($\sim 0.002 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$) for ^{129}I .

21 3.3 Soil Incubation

22 Samples of ^{129}I , as sodium iodide solution (SRM 4949C, 0.004 mol L^{-1} Na^{129}I , 3451 Bq mL^{-1}), were obtained from
23 the American National Institute of Standards (NIST), Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA. Iodate ($^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$) was
24 prepared from $^{129}\text{I}^-$ by oxidation using sodium chlorite as described by Yntema and Fleming, (1939). Soil
25 samples for incubation were prepared by mixing moist sieved soil (< 4 mm) in a food mixer with Milli-Q water
26 (controls) or an equivalent volume of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ solution to give a final ^{129}I concentration of 0.15 mg kg^{-1} (in
27 dry soil). The water content of the incubated soil is inevitably an arbitrary choice. The total volume of solution
28 added to each soil was simply judged from the friability of the aggregated soil rather than being based on a
29 fixed proportion of water holding capacity or a specific soil moisture tension. We considered the need to

1 maintain moist but aerobic soils capable of free gas exchange and able to be sub-sampled for periodic analysis;
2 the final water contents of the incubated soils are shown in Table 1. Spiked soils were distributed between
3 triplicate 500 mL Duran bottles (~180 g dry wt of soil per replicate) with a hole drilled in the lid to allow gas
4 exchange, and incubated in the dark at 10°C or 20°C ($\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$). Moisture loss was monitored regularly and
5 restored when necessary by re-mixing the soil in a food mixer with the required volume of Milli-Q water
6 before returning the soil to the microcosm bottle and incubator.

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8 **3.4 Iodine extraction and analysis**

9 After incubation for 114, 306, 810 and 3975 hours, samples (~4.5 g) of moist soil were equilibrated with 20 mL
10 of 0.01 M KNO_3 , followed by extraction with 0.15 M KH_2PO_4 and then 10 % TMAH, in 40 mL polycarbonate
11 centrifuge tubes. At each stage soil suspensions were shaken for 16 hours on a reciprocal shaker, centrifuged
12 (25 min at 3500 rpm), and filtered through 0.22 μm PTFE syringe filters. Calculation of phosphate-extractable
13 iodine accounted for carry over from the previous KNO_3 equilibration gravimetrically. To follow shorter term
14 iodine dynamics (< 72 hours), samples equivalent to ~3.5 g dry soil were taken from control microcosms and
15 equilibrated in centrifuge tubes with 20 mL 0.01 M KNO_3 spiked with $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ (0.15 mg kg^{-1} of soil) and
16 shaken for a known time before centrifugation and filtration. Nitrate and phosphate extract solutions were
17 analysed for dissolved organic carbon (DOC), iodine species ($^{127}\text{I}^-$, $^{127}\text{IO}_3^-$, $^{129}\text{I}^-$, and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$) and total ^{127}I and ^{129}I
18 concentrations. TMAH extracts were analysed for total ^{127}I and ^{129}I only.

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20 DOC was measured using a Shimadzu total organic carbon analyser (TOC-V_{CPH}) with a non-dispersive infrared
21 detector in 'non-purgeable organic carbon' (NPOC) mode. Carbon standards (1000 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ C) were prepared
22 from oven-dried potassium hydrogen phthalate in MilliQ water. Iodine species $^{127}\text{I}^-$, $^{127}\text{IO}_3^-$, $^{129}\text{I}^-$, and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$
23 were assayed by ICP-MS following in-line chromatographic separation using a Dionex ICS-3000 ion
24 chromatography system operated in isocratic mode with a Hamilton PRP-X100 anion exchange column (250 x
25 4.6 mm; 5 μm particle size). The mobile-phase (flow rate 1.3 mL min^{-1}) was 60 mmol L^{-1} NH_4NO_3 , 1×10^{-5} mmol L^{-1}
26 $\text{Na}_2\text{-EDTA}$, 2% methanol with pH adjusted to 9.5 with TMAH. Sample processing was undertaken using
27 Plasmalab software with peaks of individual species manually integrated. A correction for ^{129}Xe on the ^{129}I
28 signal was applied by measuring ^{131}Xe and refining the software correction factor, which is based solely on the
29 isotope ratio ($^{129}\text{Xe}/^{131}\text{Xe}$), to allow for mass discrimination effects. Stock standards of $^{127}\text{I}^-$ and $^{127}\text{IO}_3^-$ (1000

1 mg L⁻¹) were prepared from oven-dried analytical grade potassium iodide or iodate in a matrix of 5% TMAH
2 and stored at 4°C. Mixed ¹²⁷I⁻ and ¹²⁷IO₃⁻ working standards were prepared from stocks before analysis using
3 the mobile-phase as diluent. Concentrations of ¹²⁹I⁻ and ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ were calculated from ¹²⁷I⁻ and ¹²⁷IO₃⁻ standard
4 curves, according to Equation 1:

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$$6 \quad {}^{129}\text{I}_{\text{conc}} = {}^{129}\text{I}_{\text{CPS}} \times \frac{\text{Kf}}{{}^{127}\text{I}_{\text{sens}}} \quad (1)$$

7 where, ¹²⁹I_{conc} is ¹²⁹I⁻ or ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ concentration (µg L⁻¹), ¹²⁹I_{CPS} is the total counts per second of ¹²⁹I⁻ or ¹²⁹IO₃⁻, Kf is a
8 measured mass correction factor (typically 1.085), ¹²⁷I_{sens} is ¹²⁹I⁻ or ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ sensitivity (counts per second for a
9 concentration of 1 µg L⁻¹). A standard was repeatedly analyzed, after every six samples, to correct for
10 instrumental drift. Any change in sensitivity between repeated standard analyses was applied linearly to the
11 intervening samples. LOD was defined by the reproducibility of integration to be ~0.3 µg L⁻¹ (~0.002 mg kg⁻¹).

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13 3.5 ¹²⁹I recovery

14 Approximately 4000 hr after spiking with ¹²⁹I⁻ or ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ weighed samples of ~3 g (wet weight) of soil were
15 extracted with 20 mL 10% TMAH at 70°C for 3 hours, centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 25 min and filtered. To
16 ensure complete recovery of iodine, the extraction was repeated three times, followed by a further two
17 washing steps using 20 mL of MilliQ water with shaking for 3 hours. Filtered supernatant solutions from each
18 extraction step, including the two washing steps, were accumulated in 100 mL volumetric flasks and made to
19 the mark with milliQ water. Total ¹²⁷I and ¹²⁹I concentrations were then determined using ICP-MS.

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21 3.6 Modelling ¹²⁹I⁻ and ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ transformation kinetics

22 For each soil, the reduction in solution concentration (in 0.01 M KNO₃) of ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ and ¹²⁹I⁻ as a function of time
23 was modeled using a range of kinetic expressions described briefly in Table 2. The ‘first-order’ models assume
24 that reaction kinetics proceed either to an equilibrium position with respect to dissolved IO₃⁻ or I⁻ (reversible;
25 RFO model) or to zero concentration of inorganic iodine (irreversible; IFO model). In addition, to allow for
26 initially instantaneous adsorption, the models were tested with initial concentrations of ¹²⁹I⁻ or ¹²⁹IO₃⁻ (I₀) equal
27 to (i) the total amount of ¹²⁹I added (i.e. 0.15 mg kg⁻¹ soil) or (ii) a concentration determined by the application

1 of a partition coefficient (k_d). The addition of the coefficient k_d allows for instantaneous adsorption of
2 inorganic iodine, possibly on metal oxide sites; the value of k_d was optimized alongside the kinetic parameters.

3 The empirical Elovich equation has been shown to describe the reaction kinetics of a wide range of inorganic
4 compounds with soils and soil components (Atkinson et al., 1970; Chien and Clayton, 1980; Martin and Sparks,
5 1983). It is characterised by a greater ability to describe kinetics over a wide range of timescales, in contrast to
6 other models, because it includes both a constant term which effectively describes instantaneous adsorption
7 and an exponential term. Echevarria et al., (1998) and Sinaj et al., (1999) applied an equation based on an
8 infinite series of exponential terms to describe the progressive mixing of metal isotopes with the native soil
9 metal pool - described here as the 'ISE' model.

10 Where diffusion or transport-controlled processes are the rate-limiting steps a parabolic diffusion expression
11 (Par-diffn model) has been used previously (Chute and Quirk, 1967, Jardine and Sparks, 1984, Havlin et al.,
12 1985). Application of the spherical diffusion equation (Sph-diffn model; e.g. Brown et al., 1971) assumes that
13 reactions are controlled by diffusion into uniform spherical aggregates of adsorption surfaces (e.g. humic acid).
14 It has been applied successfully to describe diffusion-controlled kinetics in minerals and soils (Cliff et al. 2002;
15 Altfelder and Streck, 2006; Iznaga et al., 2007). Altfelder and Streck (2006) demonstrated the greater
16 consistency of the spherical diffusion approach over a first order kinetic equation when parameterised for
17 short time periods and applied to longer reaction times (days-months) because the rate constants of the first
18 order approach are strongly time dependent unlike the diffusion approach. Thus predicting long-term
19 behaviour on the basis of parameters derived at a shorter timescale using a first-order approach is particularly
20 problematic (Altfelder & Streck, 2006).

21 All the models were optimised for individual soils by minimising the residual standard deviation (RSD) between
22 modeled and experimental data, while systematically changing the values of model parameters, using the
23 'Solver' function in the software package Excel 2007. In addition, an attempt was made to fit a single spherical
24 diffusion model to all soils simultaneously by relating model parameters to soil variables; this is described in
25 section 4.6.

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4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Soil Characteristics

Measured soil characteristics are presented in Table 1. Soils from Sutton Bonington (SB) were typically lower in pH (4-7) and total iodine concentration ($I_{\text{tot}} = 2\text{-}4 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$) than those from Stoke Rochford (ST) (pH ~ 7 , $I_{\text{tot}} = 7.5\text{-}12 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$). Woodland topsoils (SB-WT, ST-WT) and the Stoke Rochford grassland soil (ST-GT) had relatively large organic carbon contents (6-10%), and loss on ignition (LOI), than the arable soils. Carbonate content was greatest in soils from Stoke Rochford where the underlying geology is limestone. A value of 2.5% carbonate in the SB arable topsoil (SB-AT) may reflect liming shortly before sampling occurred. Iron and Mn oxide concentrations were typically higher in soils from the ST site.

4.2 Equilibration in 0.01 M KNO₃ solution

The progressive change in $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$, $^{129}\text{I}^-$, and total ^{129}I concentrations in solution, following equilibration in 0.01 M KNO₃, are shown in Figures 1 & 2 for all nine soils; concentrations are expressed as mg kg^{-1} soil. The decline in total ^{129}I concentrations varied with soil type, incubation temperature and the nature of the spiked species ($^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$). Typically, sorption of ^{129}I from solution was fastest in soils at higher temperatures with lower pH and higher organic carbon contents. Sorption was faster for $^{129}\text{I}^-$ than for $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ spiked soils; $^{129}\text{I}^-$ was generally undetectable in the solution phase within ~ 100 hrs of spike addition whereas $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ was still detectable in solution for most soils at >300 hr (at 10°C). Total ^{129}I concentrations in solution were always greater than those of the inorganic ^{129}I species, indicating rapid transformation of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ to unknown forms of soluble ^{129}I -org species. Concentrations of ^{129}I -org species (calculated by subtracting concentrations of inorganic species from total iodine) also decreased with time but persisted longer than the inorganic species resulting in an increasing proportion of ^{129}I -org species in the solution phase over time.

Figure 1 shows an apparent instantaneous loss of $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ from solution with measured concentrations below 0.15 mg kg^{-1} in all soils in < 1 hr. Greatest initial $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ adsorption was observed in the low pH, low organic carbon content soil (SB-WS, 69% at 10°C and 82% at 20°C) (Figure 1(i)). High iodate adsorption was also observed in soil ST-GT (47% and 52% at 10°C and 20°C , respectively) (Figure 1(d)) which had the highest measured iron-oxide content. For the remaining soils, the apparent adsorption at 1 hr was 20-36% of the spike

1 added. The slowest $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ loss was observed in the arable subsoil (SB-AS, Figure 1(f)) which has a low organic
2 content and relatively high pH, with ~ 7% of the $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ spike detectable after 3975 hrs at 10°C. Of the $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$
3 remaining in solution, 15-20% was converted to ^{129}I -org forms within 24 hrs. This proportion increased over
4 time for most soils. The rate of conversion to ^{129}I -org was greatest in the low pH, high organic matter soil SB-
5 WT where 60-80% of total ^{129}I remaining in solution after 48 hrs had been converted to organic iodine species.
6 Within 800 hrs all of the $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ added to grassland and woodland soils had been converted to organic forms
7 whereas in arable subsoils only 30% of the total ^{129}I was present in solution as organic complexes. Conversion
8 of inorganic to organic iodine was also high where either pH was low or organic matter content high, seen by
9 comparison of soils SB-GT (moderately organic and slightly acidic), ST-WT (highly organic and slightly alkaline),
10 and ST-GT (highly organic and slightly acidic) (Figure 1(g),(a) & (d)). No evidence for $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ reduction in
11 solution to $^{129}\text{I}^-$ was observed but this cannot be ruled out as concentrations of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ may be below detection
12 limits ($< 0.5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$).

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14 The rapid initial loss of $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$, may be attributable to a combination of volatilization, electrostatic sorption on
15 inorganic soil phases and rapid immobilization by reduction at sites on organic matter e.g. quinone groups.
16 Volatilization of ^{129}I from solution is considered unlikely as such losses have been shown to be small in previous
17 studies (e.g. Sheppard et al., 2004; Sheppard et al., 2006). Sorption of iodide and iodate to oxide phases is
18 weak at $\text{pH} > 6$ where sorption to organic matter dominates (see e.g. Sheppard and Thibault, 1992 and
19 references therein) but has been reported up to $\text{pH} 9.6$ (Yoshida et al., 1992; Kaplan et al., 2000). Below $\text{pH} 6$
20 iodate sorption is predominantly to iron and aluminium oxides with iron oxides becoming increasingly
21 important as pH drops (Whitehead, 1974b). Iodate is non-reactive toward organic matter and studies have
22 shown that it is reduced to electrophilic species such HOI or I_2 before incorporation into the organic structure
23 of humus (Francois, 1987a & b; Bichsel and von Gunten, 1999, 2000; Radlinger and Heumann, 2000; Warner et
24 al., 2000; Reiller et al., 2006; Schlegel et al., 2006; Steinberg et al., 2008c). The reduction of iodate has been
25 shown to be faster under acidic conditions (Brummer and Field, 1979); in soils, humic substances can reduce
26 iodate due to their electron-donor characteristic (Wilson and Weber, 1979). In the current study the rate of
27 loss of $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ from solution was higher in the low pH soils than in high pH ones where the organic carbon
28 content was comparable (e.g. SB-WT/ST-GT and SB-WS/SB-AS) consistent with a mechanism involving iodate
29 sorption onto oxide phases at low pH 's as adsorption sites are not occupied by negatively charged soil organic

1 matter (Gallard et al., 2009). In soils with similar pH the rate of $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ loss from soil solution was higher in
2 those with greater organic carbon contents, e.g. SB-WS compared to SB-WT and SB-AS compared to SB-GT,
3 demonstrating the importance of organic carbon in reducing iodate to a species (e.g. HOI, I_2) whereby it can be
4 converted into org-I species in solution or in the solid phases. The complete mechanism of each of these
5 reactions (illustrated schematically in Figure 3) cannot be fully elucidated as no attempt was made to measure
6 intermediate species in the reaction, however the rates of sorption and formation of soluble org-I are both
7 rapid (< 1 hr).

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9 Figure 2 shows the rate of conversion of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ to $^{129}\text{I-}^{\text{org}}$ and the loss of ^{129}I from solution as a function of time.
10 In the subsoils total iodine in solution remained close to spike levels at $\sim 0.15 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ after 1 hr but 20-30% of
11 $^{129}\text{I}^-$ had been transformed to org-I. Highest rates of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ loss were observed in the woodland and grassland
12 topsoils with high organic carbon contents (ST-WT, ST-GT and SB-WT) where no measurable concentration of
13 $^{129}\text{I}^-$ was observed after 2, 3 and 8 hours respectively, at 10°C or 20°C . In general, solution phase $^{129}\text{I}^-$
14 concentration reduced most rapidly at higher temperatures and in the Stoke Rochford (ST) soils, with higher
15 pH, carbonate, and Fe-oxide, compared to soils with comparable land-use from Sutton Bonington (SB). With
16 soils sampled at the same location loss of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ from solution was fastest in soils with higher organic carbon
17 contents. In samples spiked with $^{129}\text{I}^-$, no evidence for oxidation to $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ was observed but formation of $^{129}\text{I-}^{\text{org}}$
18 org species was rapid and the proportion of these species in solution increased over time. Conversion was
19 most rapid in soils with higher pH and organic matter contents (ST-WT and ST-GT) where 100% was converted
20 to $^{129}\text{I-}^{\text{org}}$ within 3 and 8 hr respectively. In soils with a lower pH value conversion to org-I was most rapid in
21 the woodland topsoil (SB-WT) taking 8 - 24 hr and slowest in the woodland and arable subsoils (SB-WS & SB-
22 AS). In the woodland subsoil total conversion of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ to $^{129}\text{I-}^{\text{org}}$ took >300 hr and in the arable subsoil $\sim 12\%$ of
23 the total ^{129}I remained as $^{129}\text{I}^-$ after 810 hr. Both soils have approximately the same organic carbon and metal
24 oxide content but pH values were ~ 3.9 for the woodland soil and 6.5 for the arable subsoil.

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26 In order to interact with soil organic matter it has been shown that iodide must be oxidised to an intermediate
27 such as I_2 or HOI (Warner et al., 2000; Reiller et al., 2006; Schlegel et al., 2006). Metal (Fe, Mn, Al) oxide
28 phases and soil organic matter are both possible oxidising agents. Soil metal oxides have been shown to
29 oxidise iodide in amounts proportional to their concentration, and inversely proportional to pH, in a reaction

1 that is thermodynamically favourable up to pH 7.5 (Allard et al., 2009; Fox et al., 2009; Gallard et al., 2009).
2 Humic substances, which contain some electron acceptor sites, also act as oxidising agents for iodide (Blodau
3 et al., 2009; Keller et al., 2009). Sheppard and Thibault (1992) described rapid loss of iodide from solution in
4 organic soils as a first order reaction. However, they observed no evidence for specific bonding of iodide as
5 the majority of iodide was found to be easily desorbable by water within a few days indicating weak retention
6 in organic soils.

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8 **4.3 Phosphate Extraction**

9 Phosphate has been effectively used as an extractant for specifically adsorbed anions such as sulphate
10 (Delfosse et al., 2005), selenite (Stroud et al., 2010) and iodate (Whitehead, 1973b). In this study extraction
11 with 0.16 M KH_2PO_4 was used to determine the amount of $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ and $^{129}\text{I}^-$ adsorbed on Fe/Mn oxides,
12 implemented following KNO_3 equilibration at selected sampling times. Across all soils, iodine spikes and
13 temperatures, the total amount of phosphate-extractable ^{129}I from spiked soils after ~100 hr was very low,
14 between $0.0015 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ (1%) and 0.014 mg kg^{-1} (~9%). The largest extractable concentrations were found in
15 subsoils with low organic matter contents (SB-AS, ST-AS, and SB-WS), whereas the lowest levels of extractable
16 ^{129}I were in the organic-rich topsoils (SB-WT, ST-WT, and ST-GT). Of the total ^{129}I extracted, the majority was
17 inorganic iodine ($^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ and $^{129}\text{I}^-$) for most soils. In the higher pH arable subsoil (ST-AS) ~90% was inorganic
18 with slightly less in the lower pH arable subsoil (SB-AS). The woodland topsoil with a relatively high pH value
19 (ST-WT) had the lowest amount of inorganic iodine (20-40%), perhaps due to greater solubility of humic acid at
20 high pH. Over time the proportion of inorganic iodine in the extraction decreased for all soils as the ^{129}I
21 became progressively assimilated into the organic pool.

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23 In iodate-spiked soils, iodate ($^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$) was only detected in phosphate extracts of arable subsoils (SB-AS and ST-
24 AS), where it represented less than 3% of the initial spike concentration. This provides strong evidence that
25 the initial 'instantaneous' sorption seen for iodate-spiked soils may not be inorganic adsorption of IO_3^- ions on
26 Fe/Mn oxides. Combining phosphate-extractable iodate concentrations with data from equilibration with
27 0.01M KNO_3 enables calculation of IO_3^- ion distribution coefficients (kd) for the arable subsoils. However,
28 values of $\text{kd}(\text{IO}_3^-)$ were significantly smaller than anticipated from the proportion of added iodate immediately
29 sorbed from solution (Figures 1c and 1f). This may indicate that oxide phases are less important in rapid

1 adsorption of iodate than previously assumed. The overall trend seen in Figs 1 and 2 may arise simply from
2 rapid organic fixation, until exhaustion of initially available reduction capacity subsequently produces a slower
3 assimilation rate.

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5 Whether ^{129}I was added as either $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ measurable concentrations of phosphate-extractable iodide
6 ($^{129}\text{I}^-$) were found (0.0025-0.01 mg kg⁻¹, 1.6 - 6.6 %) in all the soils. This suggests that iodide may be specifically
7 adsorbed to some extent (i.e. adsorbed in the presence of 0.01 M NO₃⁻) and is not a wholly conserved solute.
8 It also indicates, for the $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ -spiked soils, that iodide may be an intermediate in the overall process whereby
9 iodate is assimilated into humus.

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11 **4.4 TMAH Extraction**

12 Tetra methyl ammonium hydroxide (TMAH) has recently been shown to extract quantitatively the total iodine
13 content from environmental samples e.g. soils, sediments, plants, and food (Watts & Mitchell, 2009). Alkaline
14 extractants such as TMAH mobilise humic acids (and org-I) by negative charge generation and may also cause
15 some degree of hydrolysis of org-I compounds. In addition TMAH releases iodate from specific sorption sites
16 on Fe/Al hydrous oxides by replacement with hydroxide ions and negative charge generation on the oxide
17 surface (Yamada et al., 1996). One advantage of TMAH over inorganic extractants such as NaOH or KOH is that
18 high pH values can be achieved without increasing the salt concentration of the extraction solution and hence
19 reducing the possibility of precipitation in the ICP torch and nebuliser during analysis.

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21 A single TMAH (10%) extraction was used as a final step for some samples, following phosphate extraction. On
22 average, total- ^{129}I extracted ranged from 0.109 – 0.129 mg kg⁻¹ (representing 73-86% recovery of the 0.15 mg
23 kg⁻¹ spike). Recovery was generally slightly worse in organic rich soils (e.g. 75-80% in ST-WT) and better in
24 those with lower organic matter contents (e.g. arable subsoils, SB-AS and ST-AS, 85-90%). The amount of total
25 ^{129}I extracted was unaffected by incubation temperature or the iodine species used for initial spiking.
26 Consequently an exhaustive extraction procedure using three sequential extraction steps with 10% TMAH was
27 undertaken on two soils (SB-WT and SB-AS) chosen to represent 'end members' in terms of soil properties (pH
28 and %SOC). This more rigorous extraction produced c. 100% recovery of ^{129}I spikes and confirms that loss of
29 ^{129}I from solution was due to sorption on soil components rather than volatilization.

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4.5 Modelling $^{129}\text{I}^-$ and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$

Model parameters and residual standard deviations (RSD) for individual model fits are given in Tables 3 and 4 for iodate and iodide respectively. Comparisons of how well individual models fit for iodate and iodide across all soils is shown in Figure 4. For iodate, models in which no instantaneous adsorption was allowed (i.e. irreversible first order (IFO), infinite exponential (ISE), reversible first order (RFO) and parabolic diffusion) gave a poorer fit, with a greater range of RSD values, than those that incorporated a k_d value (Figure 4a). The reversible first order + k_d (RFO- k_d), irreversible first order + k_d (IFO- k_d) and spherical diffusion + k_d (Sph-Diffn- k_d) models generated the best fits and the smallest range of RSD values across the soils. The Sph-Diffn- k_d model gave marginally the lowest average RSD value overall (6.64 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ c.f. 6.68 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ for the IFO- k_d model and 7.15 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ for the RFO- k_d model).

For iodide, with the exception of the ISE and Par-Diffn models, all models generated a similar average RSD value and the influence of instantaneous adsorption and requirement for inclusion of k_d in the model was less clear. The reasons for this may be weaker adsorption of inorganic iodide on Fe/Mn oxides or a more *sustained* reaction with SOC in which either generation of intermediary iodine species is not limiting or diffusion into humic aggregates is faster. Also important to note is that the errors in the fits of iodide models are likely to be greater than those for iodate as the faster kinetics resulted in fewer measured values being obtained and fitted. The three iodide sorption models that generated the lowest RSD values are the same as those identified as most successful in fitting iodate data i.e. reversible first order + k_d (RFO- k_d , average RSD 13.5 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$), irreversible first order + k_d (IFO- k_d , average RSD 13.6 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$) and spherical diffusion + k_d (Sph-Diffn- k_d , average RSD 14.2 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$) (Figure 4b).

Reaction rate constants and distribution coefficients (k_d values) calculated for all models are given in Tables 3 and 4 for iodate and iodide respectively. Comparison of the reaction rate constants generated by the irreversible first order model for soils incubated at 20°C with those incubated at 10°C showed that rates were on average 1.75 times higher at the higher temperature ($Q_{10} = 1.75$). The reaction rates for both iodate and iodide were greatest in the acidic woodland topsoil and subsoil (SB-WT and (SB-W) and lowest in the organic-

1 poor, higher pH arable sub soil (SB-AS) from the same location, but there was no clear correlation with any
2 individual soil property when reaction rates for individual soils were compared. Reaction rates for iodide were
3 typically faster than those of iodate with the half life of iodide ranging from a minimum of 0.38 hr (ST-WT,
4 20°C) to a maximum of 45 hr (SB-AS, 10°C). Iodate half lives were longer, between 9 hr (SB-WT, 20°C) and 412
5 hr (SB-AS, 10°C). Modelled (optimized) kd values showed that instantaneous adsorption was usually greater
6 for iodate than iodide.

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8 IFO-kd and RFO-kd approaches described iodate and iodide reaction kinetics well, with the most important
9 factor in achieving a good fit for iodate being the inclusion of a kd value to allow for instantaneous adsorption
10 occurring at t=0. By contrast, for iodide, these models were only slightly better than those in which
11 instantaneous adsorption was not included. An Elovich modeling approach, typically used to describe soil
12 processes occurring across a range of timescales, generated a good fit for iodide but was less successful for
13 iodate. Overall the best model fits to both iodate and iodide were achieved using a spherical diffusion
14 approach. The success of the spherical diffusion model (Sph-Diffn-kd) for iodate appears to confirm its ability
15 to describe processes over a relatively wide range of times (Altfelder and Streck 2006). That it also worked
16 well for iodide suggests that it is useful for describing faster reaction kinetics as well. A comparison of
17 modelled $^{129}\text{I}^-$ and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ concentrations with experimentally measured concentrations for individual soils are
18 shown in Figures 5 and 6 as a function of time.

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20 **4.6 Parameterising the spherical diffusion model from soil variables**

21 An attempt was made to describe iodate sorption by all the soils based on a single spherical diffusion model
22 parameterised from the soil variables: pH, soil organic carbon concentration (%SOC) and combined Fe+Mn
23 oxide content (%Ox). Thus, the two parameters in Equation 8 (Table 2), kd and D/r^2 , were expressed as
24 functions of pH, %SOC and %Ox. The only apparent trends from fits of Equation 8 (Table 2) to individual soils
25 were a linear relationship between $\ln(D/r^2)$ and %SOC and a weak exponential relation between kd and pH. For
26 example, for incubations at 10°C:

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$$28 \quad \ln\left(\frac{D}{r^2}\right) = 3.8 - 0.13(\%SOC); \quad r^2 = 0.67 \quad (9)$$

1 and

$$2 \quad kd = 17.0 \exp(-0.28 \text{ pH}); \quad r^2 = 0.29 \quad (10)$$

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4 The diffusion parameter, $p(D/r^2)$ was therefore expressed as a linear function of the three soil variables and
5 the distribution coefficient (kd) as an exponential function of pH in which the value of kd at $\text{pH} = 0$ (k_0) was a
6 linear function of %SOC and %Ox:

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$$8 \quad p\left(\frac{D}{r^2}\right) = k_0 + k_{\text{pH}}(\text{pH}) + k_c(\% \text{SOC}) + k_{\text{ox}}(\% \text{Ox}) \quad (11)$$

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$$10 \quad kd = [k_0 + k_c(\% \text{SOC}) + k_{\text{ox}}(\% \text{Ox})] \exp(k_{\text{pH}} \text{ pH}) \quad (12)$$

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12 A single model fit was made (simultaneously) to all soils at each temperature (10°C and 20°C). Four
13 combinations of the coefficients (k_0 , k_{pH} , k_c and k_{ox}) were tested, in the sequence listed, and overall values of
14 RSD calculated (Table 5). In Table 5 the number of model parameters increases by four with each soil variable
15 added because both $p(D/r^2)$ and kd were calculated as dependencies of the soil variables and the two
16 temperature datasets are treated separately. Thus, with only k_0 implemented all the soils at a given
17 temperature are effectively ascribed average values for $p(D/r^2)$ and kd in which case the model fit was then
18 optimised with four fitted coefficients. The two model parameters ($p(D/r^2)$ and kd) were also parameterised
19 independently, producing model coefficient numbers between 4, 8, 12 and 16, but this produced broadly
20 intermediate RSD values. Sequential addition of pH , %SOC and %Ox produced significant model improvements
21 ($P < 0.001$) in all cases. However, the inclusion of %SOC and %Ox in the calculation of kd value (Equation 12)
22 does produce a potential instability in that it is possible to derive negative values for distribution coefficient at
23 very large soil humus contents. Also, it was found that k_0 applied to kd was reduced to zero when both %SOC
24 and %Ox were included as variables to give 14, rather than 16, as the number of model coefficients required to
25 give the best fit (Table 5). Table 6 shows the values of the soil coefficients used to derive the model
26 parameters $p(D/r^2)$ and kd for each incubation temperature (Equations 11 and 12). For prediction of kd value,
27 the soil coefficients are broadly in line with expectation in that kd declined with pH (k_{pH} is a negative
28 exponential factor) and increases with Fe/Mn oxide content. This may reinforce the suggestion that the rapid

1 initial adsorption of iodate is as an inorganic species on hydrous oxides. Similarly, the negative values of k_c (for
2 calculation of k_d values) in Table 6 suggest that humus restricts the initial adsorption of iodate – possibly
3 through competition for oxide sites and electrostatic repulsion. This agrees with the observation of Dai et al.,
4 (2004) who observed iodate adsorption to be positively correlated with free iron oxide content of soils and
5 negatively correlated with soil organic matter content.

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7 Figure 7 shows the fit of the soil-parameterised spherical diffusion model to iodate sorption. The overall
8 simulation was reasonable across the range of soils examined with most soils falling wholly within ± 1 RSD of
9 the 1:1 relation. However, some individual soils produced systematic deviation from the model trend. Thus,
10 iodate persisted in solution in the SB-AS, a sandy arable subsoil with low soil organic carbon (%SOC) content,
11 for longer than predicted by the model (at low iodate concentrations). The grassland topsoil from the same
12 site showed the reverse trend with more rapid sorption from solution than predicted.

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14 Apparent activation energies (E_a , kJ mol^{-1}) for each soil were determined from the intercept of a plot $\ln(D/r^2)$
15 against T^{-1} . The average value for eight of the soils was $42.7 \pm 3.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ with no significant relationship
16 with %SOC (Figure 8), or soil pH value. The acidic woodland topsoil from Sutton Bonington (SB-WT), had
17 extremely rapid reaction kinetics which showed very little temperature-dependence ($E_a \approx \text{zero}$). Sparks (1989)
18 presents approximate ranges for activation energies associated with different soil reaction-diffusion processes.
19 Thus, a value for E_a just over 40 kJ mol^{-1} suggests a reaction process which is slower than simple pore diffusion
20 ($E_a \approx 20 - 40 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) or physical adsorption ($8 - 25 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) but at the lower end of surface reaction
21 mechanisms. Figure 9a shows the effect of acidic conditions in soil (pH 4 vs pH 7) in causing pronounced
22 instantaneous sorption of iodate, whether this is through rapid reduction of iodine to organic forms or
23 adsorption of IO_3^- on Fe/Mn oxides. Increasing the (model) Fe/Mn oxide content also causes a greater initial
24 fall in soluble iodate. Figure 9b shows (i) the influence of temperature in increasing the kinetic reaction but
25 with minimal effect on the level of instantaneous sorption and (ii) in comparison with Fig. 9a, the increased
26 rate of assimilation at greater soil humus content.

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28 The main source of iodine to a soil is rainfall. The extent to which iodine in rainfall is retained by a soil will
29 therefore depend not only on soil properties but also on factors including (i) distance from the ocean and

1 therefore iodine concentration in the rain, (ii) the speciation of iodine in the rainfall, (iii) the timing, duration
2 and intensity of the rainfall, (iv) whether the soil is dry or wet before a rainfall event, (v) the extent to which
3 the rainfall infiltrates or drains from a soil, which is dependent upon both the soil texture and its management
4 and soil temperature. Uptake by plant roots and microbial processing of the iodine may also be factors (see
5 e.g. Whitehead, 1975). Iodine concentration in rainfall is reported to be in the range of 0.5-5 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (e.g.
6 Truesdale and Jones, 1996, Neal et al., 2007, Hou et al., 2009) but there is little agreement on the mix of
7 species present with I^- , IO_3^- and organic iodine all reported as 'major species', the relative proportions of each
8 varying with location (e.g. Gilfedder et al., 2007, Yoshida et al., 2007). Low intensity rainfall will infiltrate the
9 soil more easily than high intensity rainfall which 'seals' the surface of the soil increasing run-off. Coarse
10 textured (e.g. sandy) soils will allow easier infiltration ($> 50 \text{ mm hr}^{-1}$) but will also drain completely within a few
11 hours whereas a fine textured (e.g. clayey) soil allows less infiltration ($<15 \text{ mm hr}^{-1}$) and will take 2-3 days to
12 drain. For a shallow sandy soil with low organic matter content and a saturated hydraulic conductivity (K_{sat}) of
13 $\sim 10 \text{ cm hr}^{-1}$ it is possible that during a period of intense rainfall over several hours a substantial proportion of
14 rainfall iodine may be lost from the topsoil. Under typical rainfall conditions however, the rate of iodine
15 reactions in the topsoil are sufficiently rapid for the majority of the iodine to be retained in this layer. Figure
16 10 demonstrates retention of the iodine in the topsoil for the sandy loam soils from the Sutton Bonington sites
17 where measured iodine:carbon (I:C) ratios in soil are plotted as a function of depth for the woodland and
18 arable soil profiles. The I:C ratio increases with depth for both soils demonstrating that whilst the majority of
19 iodine is retained in the top soil the smaller amounts of humus present at depth have a high iodine
20 concentration compared to the more abundant organic matter in the topsoil. Thus iodine moving beyond the
21 topsoil during rainfall or drainage events appears to be effectively retained in the deeper soil horizons by the
22 substantial adsorption capacity provided by relatively small amounts of humus. The capacity of topsoil and
23 subsoil to effectively scavenge iodine from drainage water is supported by the low concentrations of iodine
24 (typically $<5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) reported in river waters and the observation that iodine speciation in freshwater tends to
25 be dominated by organic forms (e.g. Reifenhauer & Heumann, 1990).

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5. CONCLUSIONS

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This study demonstrates that iodine added to soil is rapidly transformed from inorganic to organic forms. Transformation of inorganic iodine into organic forms occurs rapidly in the soil solution and the rate of loss of iodine from the soil solution is dependent upon its speciation, with iodide being lost more rapidly (minutes-hours) than iodate (hours-days) especially in high organic matter soils. The ultimate fate of iodine added to soil appears to be incorporation into soil organic matter via formation of intermediates e.g. HOI or I₂. Abiotic reduction of IO₃⁻, or oxidation of I⁻ by solid or aqueous organic matter are likely to be the main mechanisms by which these intermediates are formed (although this work provides no specific evidence for this) as the reaction rates observed appear to be too fast for biological processes to play a significant role. It appears that inorganic adsorption of iodide and iodate plays only a minor, and probably transient, role in retention of iodine in soils. Rates of iodine loss are greater at higher temperatures with the rate almost doubling as temperatures increase from 10 to 20°C.

Using a spherical diffusion modelling approach with instantaneous adsorption, that has been optimised across all the studied soils for iodate and iodide, this work demonstrates that it is possible to predict iodine behaviour as a function of pH, soil organic carbon, oxide content and temperature.

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Table 1: Summary of soil properties. Standard error for triplicate measurements is shown in brackets after the number.

Soil	Code	pH	¹²⁷ I	Org-C	LOI	Carbonate	Al(OH) ₃	MnO ₂	Fe ₂ O ₃	Moisture content of incubated soil
			Mean (mg/kg)	Mean %	Mean %	Mean %	Mean %	Mean %	Mean %	Mean %
Stoke Rochford Woodland Topsoil	ST-WT	7.2	9.07 (0.04)	5.93	16.8 (0.12)	42.8 (0.99)	0.226 (0.002)	0.063 (0.0004)	1.76 (0.02)	37.6
Stoke Rochford Arable Topsoil	ST-AT	7.34	7.48 (0.09)	2.88	9.04 (0.22)	5.37 (0.34)	0.361 (0.004)	0.061 (0.0005)	2.08 (0.01)	19.2
Stoke Rochford Arable Subsoil	ST-AS	7.05	9.72 (0.06)	2.41	9.37 (0.19)	6.65 (0.46)	0.481 (0.007)	0.084 (0.0004)	2.80 (0.08)	16.8
Stoke Rochford Grassland Topsoil	ST-GT	6.85	11.8 (0.10)	8.39	20.1 (0.15)	1.47 (0.36)	0.505 (0.018)	0.094 (0.0005)	3.56 (0.21)	40.3
Sutton Bonington Arable Topsoil	SB-AT	6.98	4.87 (0.10)	2.24	6.56 (0.18)	2.50 (0.12)	0.283 (0.001)	0.040 (0.0002)	1.49 (0.01)	18.5
Sutton Bonington Arable Subsoil	SB-AS	6.50	2.35 (0.02)	0.79	3.54 (0.07)	0.00 (0.00)	0.241 (0.003)	0.026 (0.0004)	1.28 (0.02)	11.7
Sutton Bonington Grassland Topsoil	SB-GT	6.63	2.57 (0.07)	2.44	5.89 (0.10)	0.00 (0.00)	0.195 (0.001)	0.022 (0.0002)	1.00 (0.01)	17.7
Sutton Bonington Woodland Topsoil	SB-WT	4.38	4.41 (0.12)	10.14	23.4 (0.39)	0.00 (0.00)	0.286 (0.003)	0.011 (0.0002)	1.07 (0.004)	57.0
Sutton Bonington Woodland Subsoil	SB-WS	3.86	1.98 (0.06)	1.66	4.4 (0.73)	0.00 (0.00)	0.243 (0.001)	0.007 (0.0001)	1.02 (0.01)	13.5

Table 2: Equations used to model the transformation kinetics of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$

Model	Equation		Reference
Irreversible First Order (IFO)	$I_t = I_0 e^{-kt}$	(2)	<p>I_t is the concentration of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ in solution at time t (mg kg^{-1} soil), k is the reaction rate constant (hr^{-1}), t is time (h) and I_0 is the total concentration of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ at time $t=0$. I_{tot} is the total concentration of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ (amount added, mg kg^{-1} soil), W is the soil mass (g), V is the solution volume (mL) and $k_{d(0)}$ is apparent distribution coefficient of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ at time $t=0$</p>
	and $I_0 = \frac{I_{\text{tot}}}{1 + K_{d(0)} \frac{W}{V}}$	(3)	
Reversible First Order (RFO)	$I_t = I_{t-1} (1 - k_F) + k_R (I_0 - I_{t-1})$	(4)	<p>I_{t-1} is the concentration of $^{129}\text{I}^-$ or $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$ (mg kg^{-1} soil) in solution at time $t-1$, and k_F and k_R are the forward and reversible reaction rate constants (hr^{-1}), respectively.</p> <p>Empirical</p>
Elovich	$I_t = I_0 - \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \alpha \beta + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln t \right)$	(5)	<p>α and β are constants</p> <p>see e.g. Chien and Clayton (1980)</p>
Infinite series exponential (ISE)	$I_t = I_0 (t + I_0^{1/\alpha})^{-\alpha}$	(6)	<p>α is a constant</p> <p>see e.g. Sinaj et al. (1999)</p>
Parabolic Diffusion (Par-Diffn)	$I_t = I_0 (1 - R_D \sqrt{t} + \alpha)$	(7)	<p>R_D is the overall diffusion coefficient and α is a constant</p> <p>see e.g. Sparkes (2003)</p>
Spherical Diffusion (Sph-Diffn)	$I_t = I_0 \left(\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{n=\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \exp \left(- \frac{n^2 \pi^2 D t}{r^2} \right) \right)$	(8)	<p>n is an integer, D is the intra-aggregate diffusion coefficient ($\text{m}^2 \text{hr}^{-1}$) and r is the aggregate radius (m)</p> <p>see e.g. Brown et al. (1971)</p>

Table 3: Summary of iodate model outputs for each soil type at 10°C and 20°C. For a definition of each parameter please see Table 2. Quoted residual standard deviations are the average for both temperatures.

	ST-WT		ST-GT		ST-AT		ST-AS		SB-WT		SB-WS		SB-AT		SB-AS		SB-GT	
	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C
Parabolic Diffusion																		
RD - overall diffn coeff	0.021	0.021	0.017	0.018	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.009	0.016	0.016	0.004	0.004	0.012	0.012	0.008	0.010	0.027	0.028
Constant	0.529	0.577	0.603	0.624	0.488	0.527	0.530	0.536	0.694	0.705	0.821	0.815	0.396	0.448	0.466	0.446	0.361	0.383
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	23.37		17.14		25.08		17.40		24.49		13.22		29.11		15.30		21.98	
Elovich																		
α	0.574	0.610	5.785	2.835	0.284	0.370	2.093	0.719	4.560	6.191	948404	48898	0.085	0.078	1.189	0.223	0.115	0.097
β	65.812	62.437	85.088	75.376	74.089	72.727	94.896	80.816	74.085	76.126	175.144	151.576	67.495	60.177	100.097	76.886	59.066	53.846
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	9.40		6.84		15.44		8.61		12.30		5.89		19.36		9.24		17.56	
Irreversible 1st order + Kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	3.514	3.163	5.776	4.863	3.008	2.735	5.015	3.635	4.094	4.368	13.759	11.615	2.122	1.579	4.259	2.910	2.180	1.857
Rate const (hr^{-1})	0.017	0.028	0.014	0.023	0.006	0.009	0.003	0.007	0.069	0.069	0.013	0.017	0.005	0.009	0.002	0.004	0.010	0.014
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	6.24		6.12		6.46		9.10		3.40		4.90		6.84		8.98		8.09	
Irreversible 1st order																		
Rate const (hr^{-1})	0.041	0.275	0.413	0.381	0.015	0.018	0.018	0.020	0.282	0.302	0.959	0.851	0.010	0.014	0.013	0.013	0.017	0.021
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	26.68		25.39		28.64		35.35		16.78		16.96		23.00		33.23		24.36	
Reversible 1st order + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	3.487	3.161	5.682	4.843	2.965	2.735	4.811	3.466	4.035	4.350	7.194	11.580	2.122	1.579	3.526	2.748	2.180	1.857
Forward Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.018	0.028	0.014	0.023	0.006	0.009	0.003	0.008	0.069	0.067	0.224	0.017	0.004	0.009	0.004	0.005	0.010	0.014
Reverse Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	6.78		6.53		6.85		9.04		3.61		8.17		7.39		7.16		8.86	
Reversible 1st order																		
Forward Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.263	0.254	0.389	0.341	0.229	0.231	0.310	0.253	0.271	0.287	0.660	0.621	0.189	0.014	0.274	0.015	0.201	0.021
Reverse Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.049	0.028	0.072	0.042	0.085	0.071	0.117	0.081	0.014	0.015	0.065	0.057	0.096	0.000	0.147	0.002	0.075	0.000
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	20.12		18.81		33.28		24.92		16.62		12.36		31.26		26.20		30.10	
Inf-exp + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	2.395	2.228	4.285	3.627	1.725	2.039	2.799	2.191	3.440	3.705	10.745	9.254	1.086	0.809	2.249	1.557	1.424	1.176
Constant (n)	0.312	0.399	0.277	0.358	0.204	0.219	0.174	0.212	0.486	0.490	0.282	0.317	0.181	0.234	0.141	0.178	0.228	0.271
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	12.30		10.32		21.56		13.97		9.90		6.16		26.26		15.05		24.50	
Inf-exp																		
Constant (n)	0.441	0.565	0.511	1.335	0.271	0.297	0.279	0.300	1.102	1.251	2.609	2.466	0.222	0.267	0.223	0.237	0.289	0.325
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	22.47		28.09		26.84		25.05		21.37		17.30		26.75		24.72		26.59	
Spherical Diffusion + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	2.328	1.814	4.420	3.358	2.116	1.925	3.816	2.698	2.218	1.156	11.449	9.325	1.337	0.819	3.285	2.086	1.360	0.987
D/r^2	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	5.11		4.72		8.88		6.75		2.67		4.44		10.72		5.69		10.80	

Table 4: Summary of iodide model outputs for each soil type at 10°C and 20°C. For a definition of each parameter please see Table 2. Quoted residual standard deviations are the average for both temperatures.

	ST-WT		ST-GT		ST-AT		ST-AS		SB-WT		SB-WS		SB-AT		SB-AS		SB-GT	
	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C	10°C	20°C
Parabolic Diffusion																		
RD - overall diffn coeff	0.6606	0.4923	0.4740	0.4592	0.1580	0.3944	0.1201	0.1773	0.2594	0.1462	0.0294	0.0832	0.1092	0.1410	0.0295	0.0273	0.1145	0.1261
Constant	0.0386	0.3329	0.0728	0.2121	0.2554	0.1176	0.2376	0.1355	0.2070	0.3137	0.3901	0.1315	0.2914	0.4062	0.3570	0.4446	0.2067	0.2796
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	4.84		14.01		23.80		24.17		13.68		24.13		23.50		30.12		20.27	
Elovich																		
α	0.437	1.075	0.338	0.564	0.148	0.366	0.146	0.090	0.308	0.332	0.065	0.048	0.188	0.530	0.066	0.100	0.096	0.174
β	20.01	26.51	25.01	25.77	31.02	30.16	40.76	27.86	32.78	39.07	46.89	40.50	42.31	38.89	50.11	49.05	36.22	38.10
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	4.68		14.90		20.09		16.39		11.23		15.53		17.12		18.84		13.33	
Irreversible 1st order + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	0.214	0.958	1.133	1.693	0.460	1.532	1.892	0.000	1.801	1.995	1.416	1.357	1.193	1.867	1.631	1.690	1.685	1.113
Rate const (hr^{-1})	1.2721	1.8129	0.5999	0.8722	0.2509	0.4448	0.0804	0.2139	0.2940	0.2085	0.0219	0.0228	0.1455	0.3512	0.0156	0.0259	0.0660	0.1680
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	6.27		14.09		17.57		16.83		9.95		9.47		18.05		11.50		18.28	
Irreversible 1st order																		
Rate const (hr^{-1})	1.3213	2.0751	0.7682	1.1638	0.2872	0.6474	0.1839	0.2139	0.5013	0.4168	0.0323	0.0331	0.2281	0.5764	0.0236	0.0408	0.1467	0.2458
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	5.39		14.24		16.95		17.10		15.94		19.65		18.89		22.15		19.51	
Reversible 1st order + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	0.214	0.958	1.217	1.780	0.346	1.473	0.516	0.000	1.698	1.892	1.417	1.357	0.196	1.977	1.631	1.690	0.723	0.274
Forward Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.9412	1.1921	0.5055	0.6948	0.2497	0.4168	0.1813	0.2056	0.2878	0.2102	0.0217	0.0226	0.2516	0.3093	0.0154	0.0256	0.1234	0.2392
Reverse Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0153	0.0429	0.0603	0.0175	0.0197	0.0154	0.0000	0.0000	0.0772	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0211	0.0533
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	8.87		17.23		22.40		8.91		11.01		10.37		13.76		12.42		16.17	
Reversible 1st order																		
Forward Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.9670	1.2914	0.6891	0.9017	0.2770	0.6557	0.2197	0.2056	0.4872	0.4089	0.0332	0.0382	0.2690	0.5121	0.0240	0.0416	0.1697	0.2615
Reverse Rate constant (hr^{-1})	0.0000	0.0000	0.0810	0.0265	0.0185	0.1709	0.0679	0.0175	0.0745	0.0533	0.0008	0.0035	0.0795	0.0245	0.0005	0.0009	0.0300	0.0567
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	6.60		16.16		18.43		7.25		15.71		20.95		15.56		23.61		13.47	
Inf-exp + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	14.54	29.91	7.47	13.27	1.63	6.16	1.72	0.78	4.94	4.22	0.47	0.54	1.85	5.87	0.74	0.76	1.13	1.88
Constant (n)	1.2483	1.8208	0.6439	0.8730	0.6857	0.4699	0.3793	0.6279	0.4494	0.4202	0.3316	0.2991	0.4223	0.5469	0.2750	0.3551	0.4321	0.4905
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	9.87		18.60		20.26		11.56		15.60		22.19		17.34		24.57		13.78	
Inf-exp																		
Constant (n)	4.2156	5.4323	3.3219	4.2523	1.0241	3.1066	0.5759	0.7549	2.7232	2.4484	0.3577	0.3329	0.6787	2.9768	0.3124	0.3994	0.5426	0.7989
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	15.84		34.34		38.61		19.20		48.64		21.40		36.63		24.38		20.53	
Spherical Diffusion + kd																		
kd (L kg^{-1})	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.585	0.000	0.144	0.385	0.329	0.300	0.724	0.079	0.659	0.501	0.270	0.043
D/r^2	0.0847	0.1440	0.0436	0.0741	0.0146	0.0343	0.0054	0.0100	0.0232	0.0160	0.0017	0.0016	0.0062	0.0290	0.0011	0.0020	0.0051	0.0105
RSD ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	10.31		15.33		19.19		17.86		10.02		10.44		16.97		13.42		14.29	

Table 5: Residual standard deviations for the single spherical diffusion model implemented with all soils simultaneously and parameterised from the soil variables: pH, %SOC and %Ox.

Soil variables	Number of model coefficients	RSD (mg kg^{-1}) ($\times 10^{-2}$)
k_O	4	1.98
k_O, k_{pH}	8	1.56
k_O, k_{pH}, k_C	12	1.09
k_{pH}, k_C, k_{Ox}	14	0.0850

Table 6: Values of optimised soil coefficients (k_O , k_{pH} , k_C , k_{Ox}) for the single spherical diffusion model implemented with all soils simultaneously and parameterised from the soil variables: pH, %SOC and %Ox.

Soil coefficients	10°C incubation		20°C incubation	
	kd; Equ. 12	$\rho(D/r^2)$; Equ. 11	kd; Equ. 12	$\rho(D/r^2)$; Equ. 11
k_O	0	4.13	0	4.11
k_{pH}	-0.814	-0.0876	-0.878	-0.113
k_C	-38.4	-0.181	-47.4	-0.160
K_{Ox}	419	0.253	478	0.179

FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1: Stacked plots where the total height of the bar represents total ^{129}I in solution after equilibration with 0.01

M KNO_3 at 10°C , with associated error bar. Dark grey bar represents amount present as $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$, again with associated error. The difference between the total ^{129}I and $^{129}\text{IO}_3^-$, given by the light grey bar represents the amount of $^{129}\text{I-org}$ in solution.

Figure 2: Stacked plots where the total height of the bar represents total ^{129}I in solution after equilibration with 0.01

M KNO_3 at 10°C , with associated error bar. Dark grey bar represents amount present as $^{129}\text{I}^-$, again with associated error. The difference between the total ^{129}I and $^{129}\text{I}^-$, given by the light grey bar represents the amount of $^{129}\text{I-org}$ in solution.

Figure 3: Schematic diagram showing proposed reaction paths of iodine in soils.

Figure 4: Modelling kinetics of (a) iodate and (b) iodide ^{129}I sorption: box and whisker plots showing the distribution

of residual standard deviations (RSD; $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$) across nine contrasting soils for each of the nine models tested.

The mean value (\bullet) and outliers ($*$) are shown.

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pH, %SOC and %Ox (Equations 11 and 12). The solid line as a 1:1 relation and the dashed lines represent a displacement of one residual standard deviation (RSD).

Figure 8: Apparent activation energies (E_a , kJ mol^{-1}) from spherical diffusion model as a function of soil organic carbon content (%); solid line represents the average value.

Figure 9: Simulation of iodate sorption as a function of % soil organic carbon (SOC), pH and temperature using the parameterised spherical diffusion model. The proportion of iodate remaining in solution is shown for a hypothetical soil with 5% $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ and 1% MnO_2 at pH 4 or 7 and at a temperature of 10°C or 20°C .

Figure 10: Mole ratio ($\times 10^{-6}$) of iodine to organic carbon as a function of depth in woodland (Δ) and arable (\circ) soil profiles from the Sutton Bonington site; solid lines are logarithmic fits – i.e. $\ln(\text{ratio}) = (\text{depth} - k_1)/k_2$.

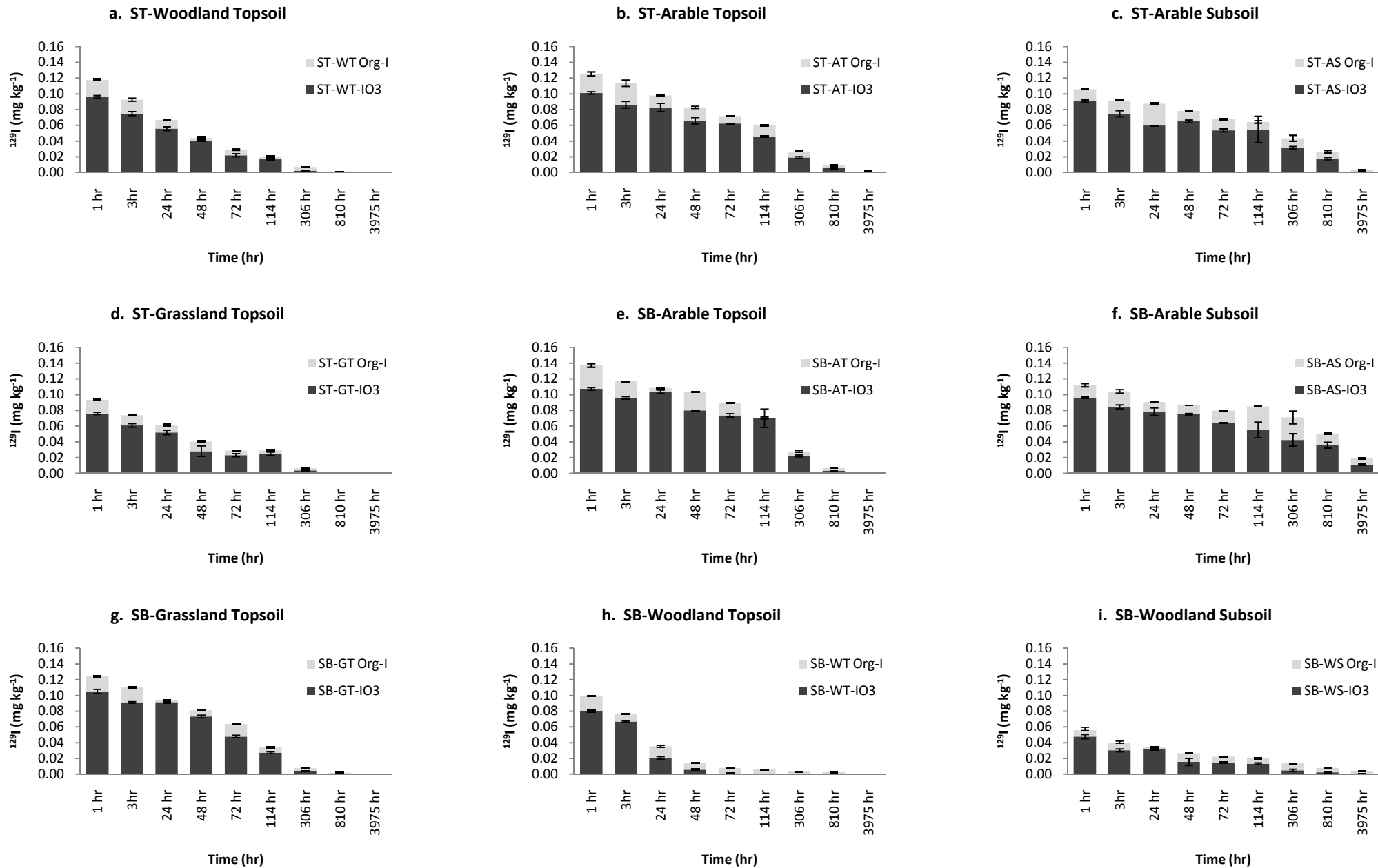


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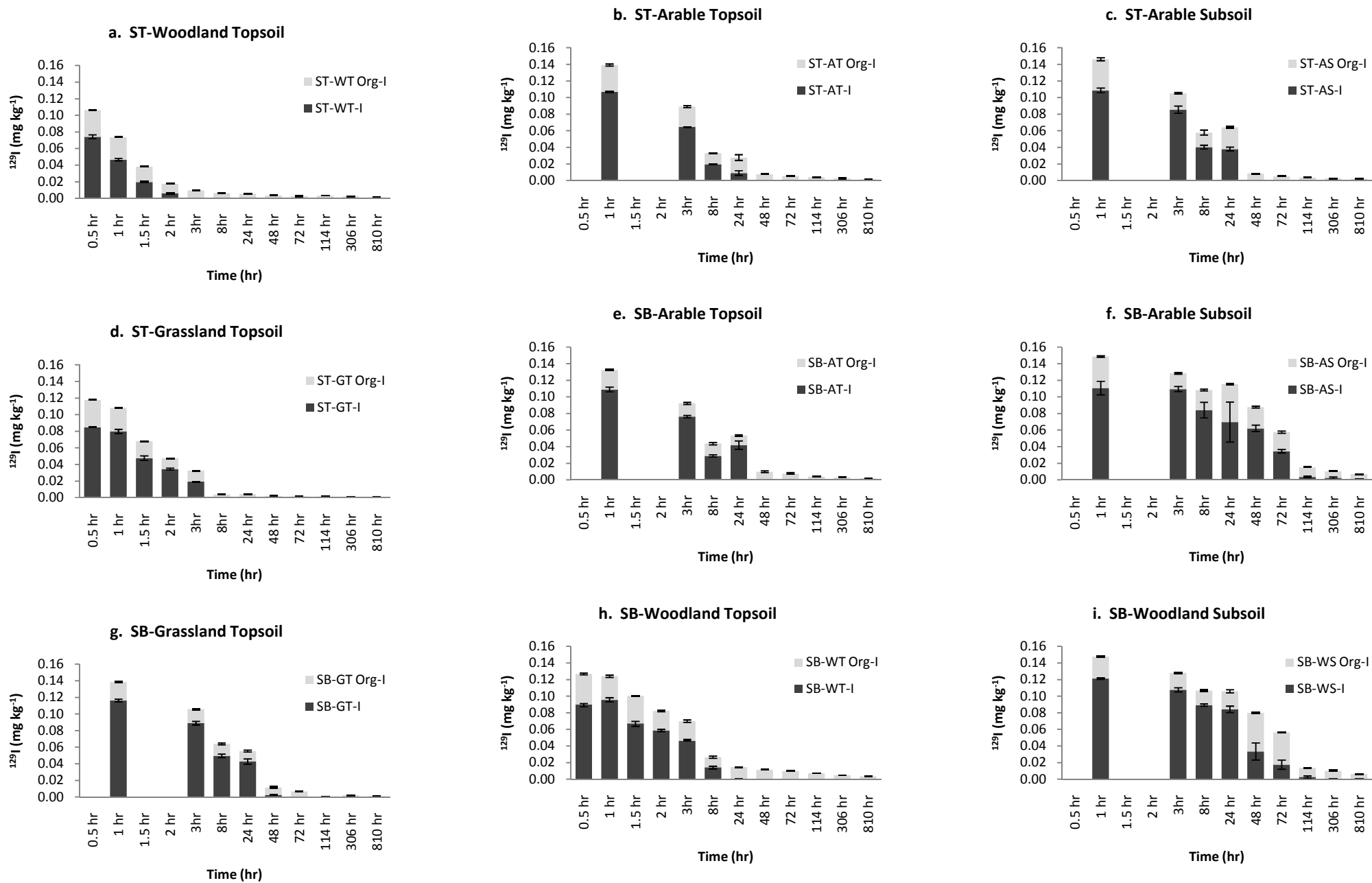


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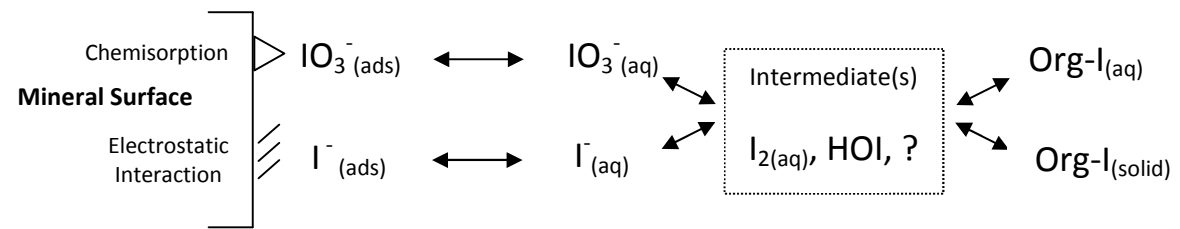


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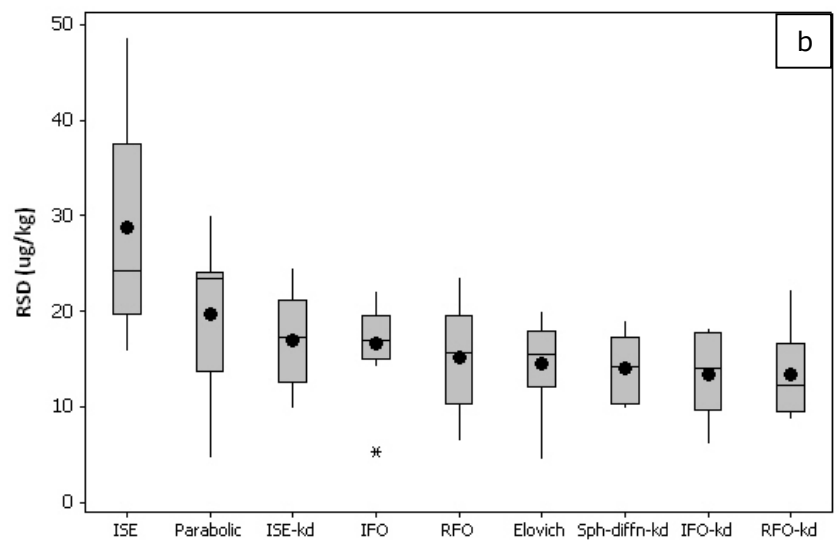
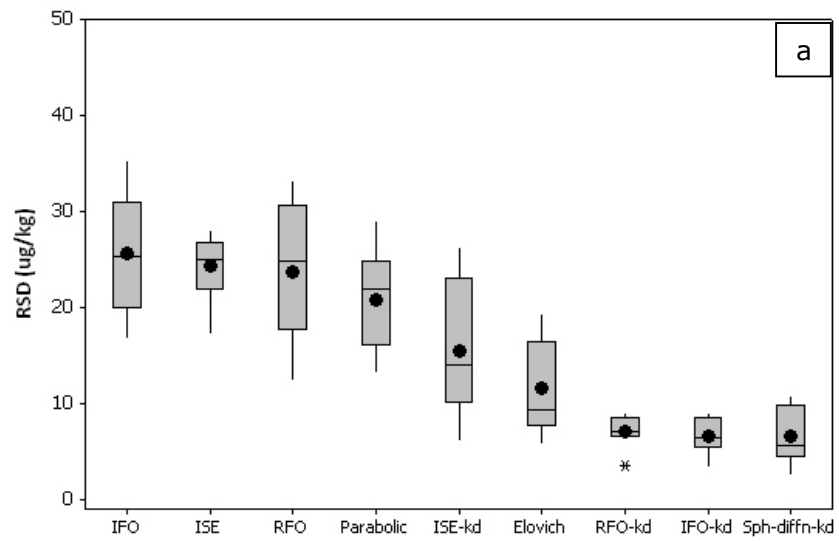


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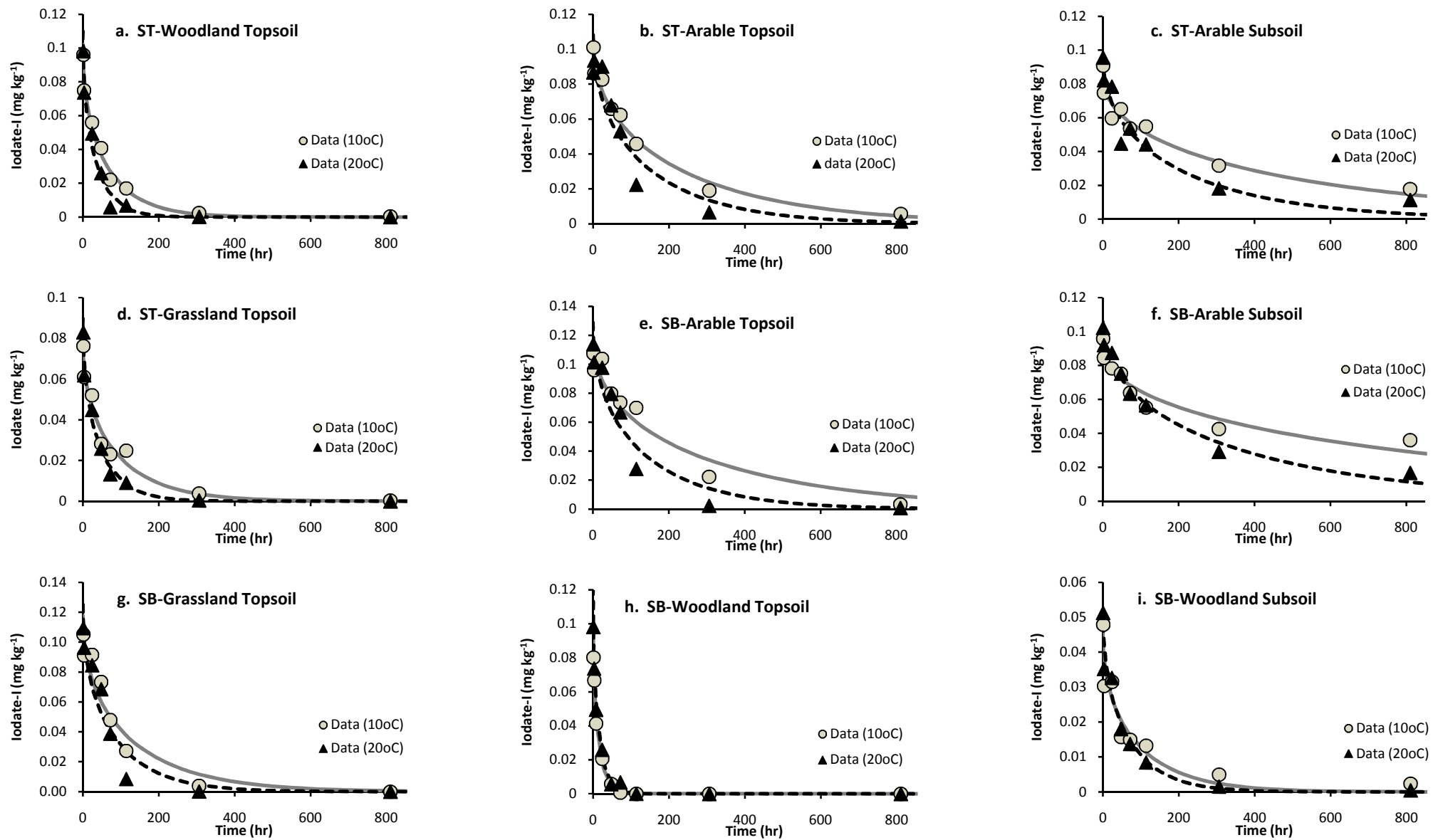


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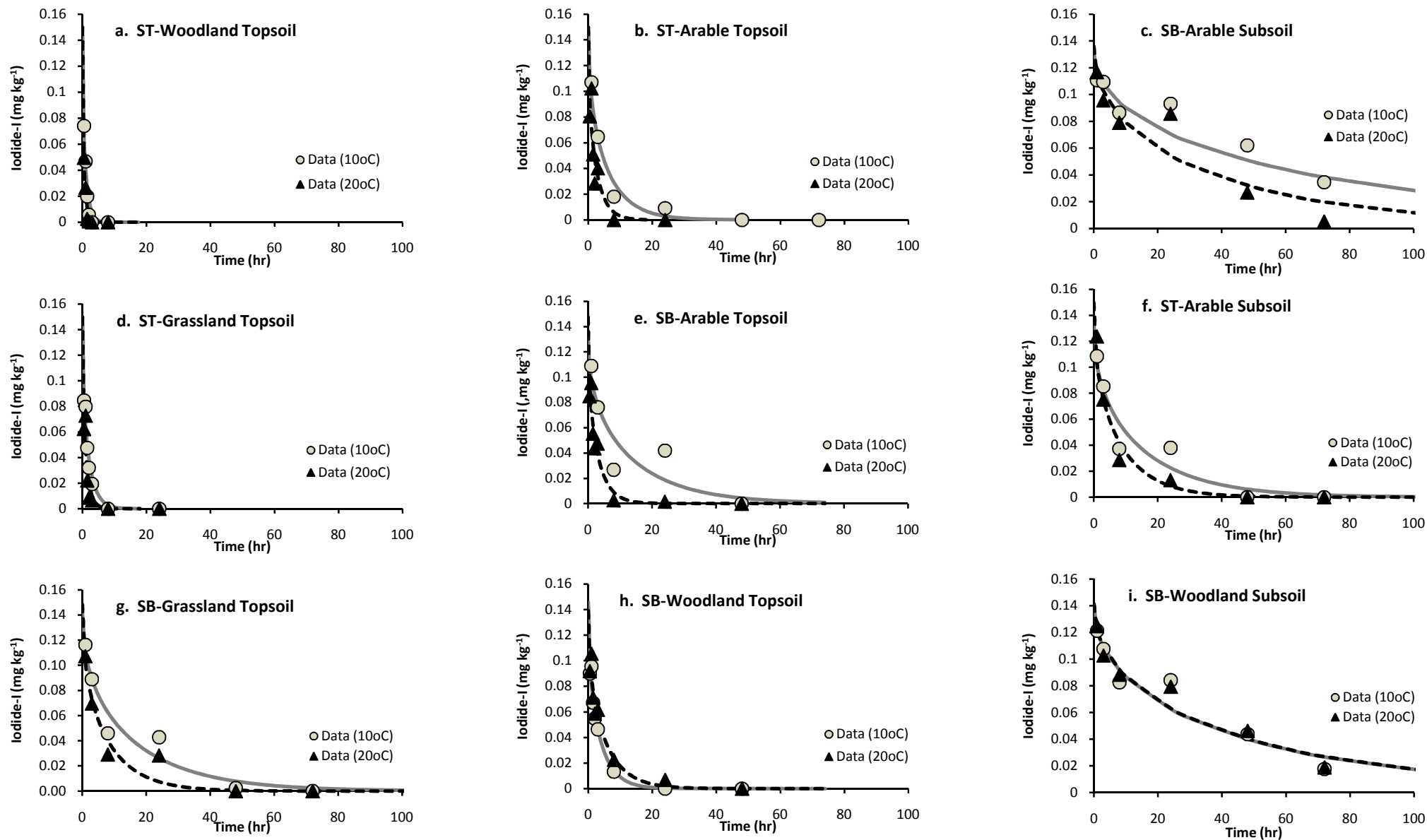


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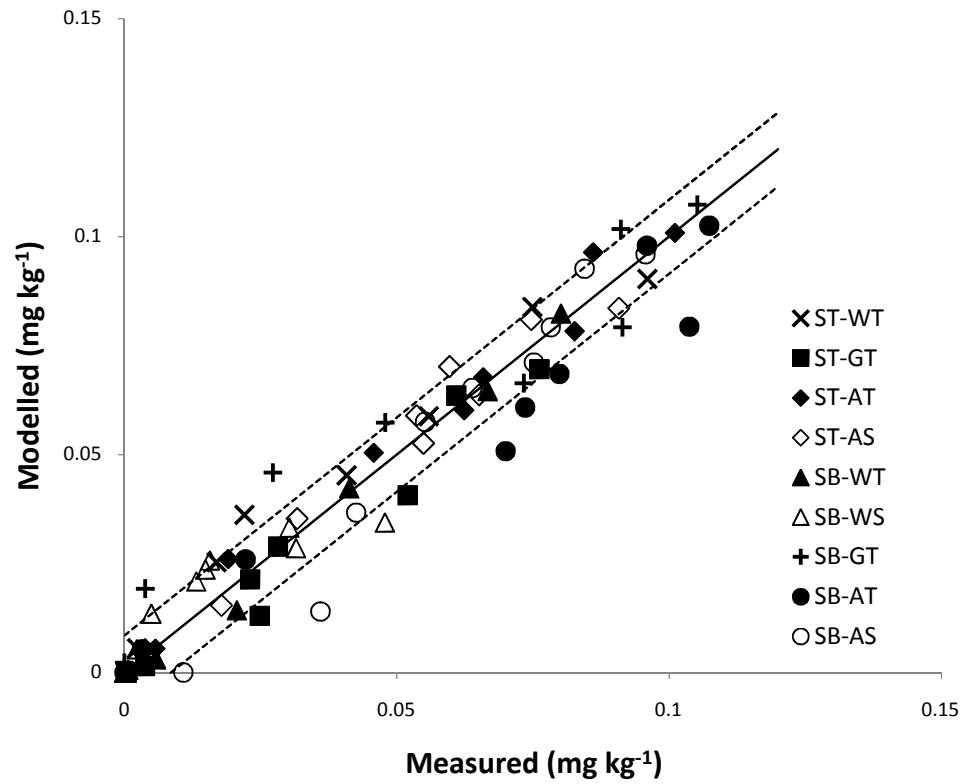


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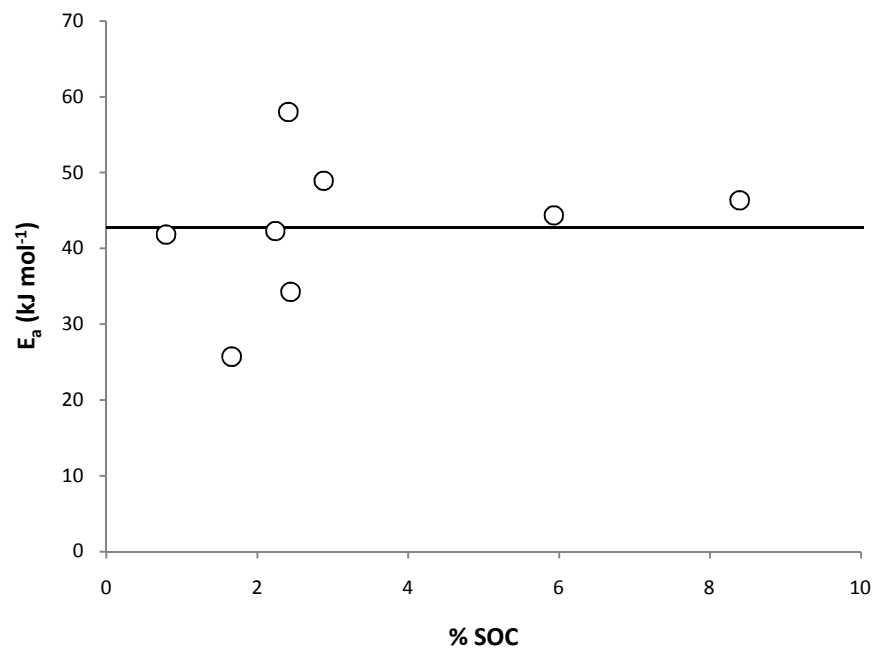


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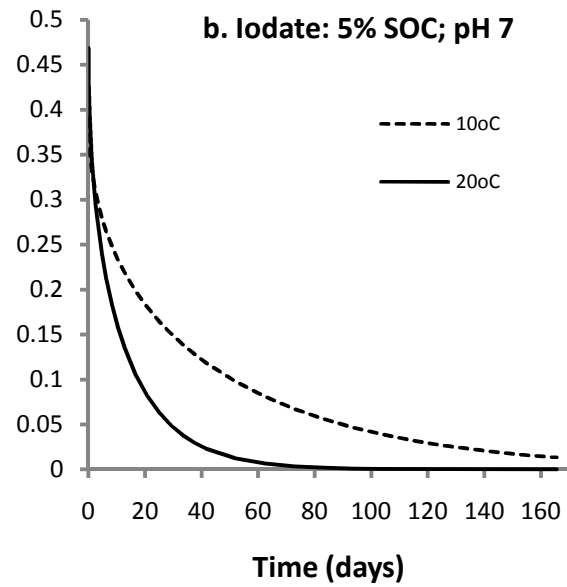
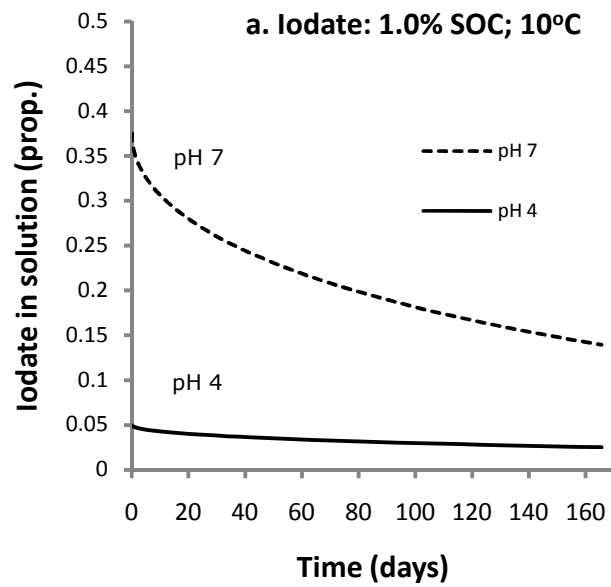


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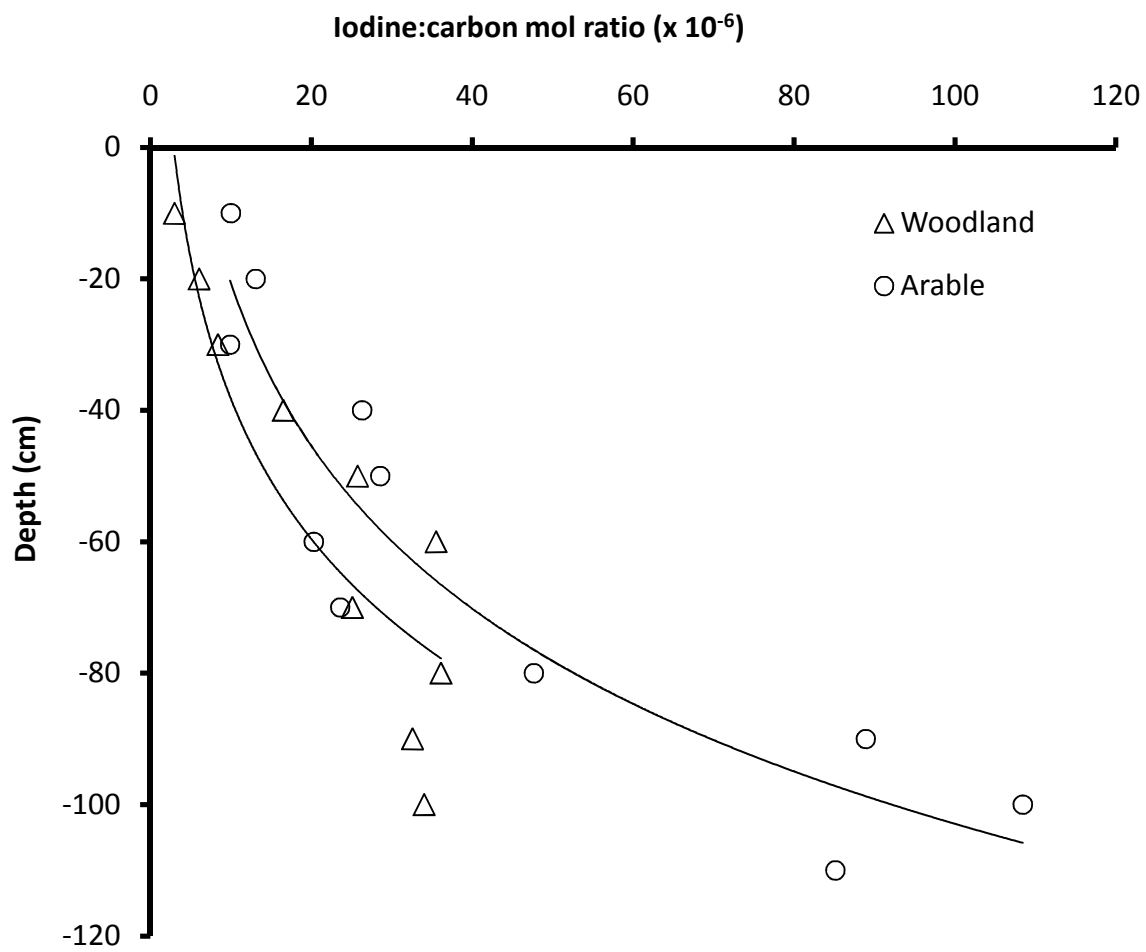


Figure 10