

## **2023 Annual Meeting Report**

### **Basic Information**

**Project No. and Title: NC1187: Particulate Reactivity and Cycling in a Changing Environment: Implications for Agriculture and Human Health**

**Period Covered: 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2023**

**Date of Report: 12/15/2023**

**Annual Meeting Dates: 07/14/2023 to 07/14/2023**

**The annual meeting was held in conjunction with PALSAs 2023, the 3rd International Pan American Light Sources for Agriculture (July 12-14) at Cornell University with virtual option**

### **Participants**

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### **Brief Summary of Minutes of Annual Meeting**

Our regional system administrator Christina Hamilton gave a brief remark. Each project participant in the annual meeting provided a brief summary and update of research activities during last year. The group further discussed ways to increase interactions and collaboration among and provide benefits to the project members. One suggestion is to organize online webinars on a regular basis and the speakers will include graduate students and postdocs from each lab. This initiative will provide early career researchers to share their research and also expose them to our multi-state research project, which can help recruit future members. The group will develop online training programs as needed, and potentially apply for the funding support from USDA-NIFA. The group discussed future directions and one area to focus is on the effect of climate change on soil processes and properties and innovative methods to quantify these effects in the agricultural and environmental settings. The group discussed future project renewal and there is a desire to continue this multi-state research project. More efforts need to increase the collaboration among the project members from various states. The renewal proposal will be developed in 2024. The group also decided to have an informal gathering in the ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meetings at St. Louis, MO.

### **Accomplishments**

The investigators of this multistate research project are committed to basic and applied research on physical, chemical, and biological processes in soils, as well as meaningful outreach activities in order to enhance agricultural productivity and protecting human and ecosystem health. In the past year the investigators studied the role of climate change (particularly flooding and sea level rise) on the cycling of contaminants and elements (e.g., Cr) in coastal soils, the effect of cover crops on soil structure and nutrient transport, nitrate removal from water resources with electrochemical reduction, wind soil erosion, air pollution, the speciation, bioavailability, and transport of metals and nutrients in soil-plant systems, recovery of potable water and valuable nutrients from wastewater sources, and environmental processes and impacts of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances [PFAS], pharmaceuticals, metals, and prions in soil, water, and plant systems, using a multitude of spectroscopic, molecular, experimental,

and computational methods. The results suggest that sea level rise-induced water salinity and redox fluctuation can impact Cr cycling. The use of cover crops can improve soil pore networks and enhance labile P concentrations in soils and runoff sediments. Long-term cover crop treatment affects P speciation in both soil and runoff sediments. Smectite could be redox-activated for the purpose of eliminating nitrate from natural waters using electrochemical reduction without the addition of chemical or biological reducing agents. Fundamental knowledge on P speciation, bioavailability, and transport help better utilize P fertilizers while avoiding the excess loss of P to water bodies. Improved understanding on environmental processes of conventional and emerging contaminants is important to remediating soil pollution and ensure water quality and food safety.

In terms of multi-state collaborative activities, Dr. Ganga Hettiarachchi (KSU) worked together with an NC1187 group member in Texas and his team (Texas A&M, Paul Schwab, and a graduate student, Aditi Pandey) on analyzing and interpreting collected STXM-NEXAFS data on Martian analog soils. Dr. Hettiarachchi also worked with Jonathan Judy and his team at the University of Florida on P speciation work. Michigan State University and Creighton University collaborated on investigating the environmental persistence, bioavailability, and infectivity of prions in soil and water systems. Our group organized an in-person annual meeting in conjunction with the 3rd International Pan American Light Sources for Agriculture (July 12-14) at Cornell University. Following the meeting Michigan State University (Kravchenko) initiated collaboration with Virginia Tech (Possinger) focusing on the role of metals (Mn and Fe) in processes leading to soil C cycling and soil health improvements.

More State-specific research activities are detailed below.

At the University of Delaware, the Sparks Group continues to focus on the role of flooding and sea level rise (SLR) on elemental and contaminant cycling. Chromium (Cr) is a redox-sensitive element in contaminated coastal urban soils. SLR with subsequent soil inundation may facilitate Cr transformation and mobilization through alterations in local redox conditions and porewater ion composition. We investigated the impact of water salinity and redox conditions on Cr chemistry in these environments. Synchrotron-based X-ray spectroscopy and wet chemical analyses revealed that the soils contained very high levels of Cr (up to 4320 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and that chromite (~52%) and Fe-Cr hydroxide coprecipitates (~44%) were the predominant Cr species. The abundance of these two components resulted in low Cr mobility under non-flooded conditions. Chromium(II) was identified in the soils, potentially derived from the waste parent material. Seawater and anoxic conditions resulted in lower Cr release compared to freshwater and aerobic conditions. Up to three to eight times more Cr was released under aerobic conditions versus anaerobic conditions in the freshwater versus saltwater, respectively, with total dissolved Cr values remaining below 0.02 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The decrease in Cr release was likely due to Cr reduction by Fe(II) and sulfide. This work provides important information on how salinity and redox fluctuations impact Cr cycling which is likely to occur during SLR.

At University of Missouri Dr. Stephen Anderson's group investigated the effect of cover crops on soil structure. Cover crops (CC) may improve soil physical, chemical, and biological properties; however, the micrometer scale quantification of geometric pore characteristics in CC soil is limited in the literature. The objective of this study was to differentiate geometrical pore characteristics between CC and no CC (NCC) by computed tomography (CT). The study design consisted of winter CC and summer corn (*Zea mays* L.)–soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] rotation with no-till management. The sample cores were collected after seven years of mixed species CC establishment. Six 0-to-65-mm-long soil cores (28-mm diam.) were imaged at 29- $\mu$ m resolution, and three-dimensional volumes were analyzed using Fiji-

ImageJ2 software. Slice thickness was 29  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the minimum achievable voxel size was 90 nm. Images within the top and bottom 7.25 mm were removed, and two depths within a core were analyzed for soil pore parameters. The total pore volume was significantly greater ( $P < 0.05$ ) in CC compared with NCC, with 8.4 and 2.5 times greater values in CC at 7.25–27.25 and 37.25–57.25 mm, respectively. The total (individual + branched) and the individual pore count were significantly greater ( $P < 0.05$ ) in CC compared with NCC for both depths. The porosity of CC soil at 7.25-to-27.25-mm depth was 10 times greater than that of NCC. The branched pore count was not significantly different between two treatments. Overall, the micrometer scale determination of geometrical pore network characteristics showed added benefits of CC use compared with NCC; thus, the use of CC can be beneficial in improving soil pore networks.

At University of Illinois, Dr. Yuji Arai's group designed and fabricated the prototype of the wind erosion and soil particle collectors for the field experiments. The audiences will be educated in the important application of modern techniques to study the important soil nutrient transformation and translocation in agricultural systems affected by wind erosion. Dr. Joseph Stucki investigated redox-activated smectites as agents for removing undesirable pollutants such as nitrate from water. The goal of this study was to find an inexpensive and natural resource that can be used to eliminate nitrate from agricultural waters and drinking water reservoirs. A very promising candidate for this purpose is the clay mineral group known as smectite, which contains iron (Fe) in its crystal structure. Smectites are ubiquitous in nature and readily available. The Fe stays inside the clay as an integral part of the mineral lattice network and is susceptible to changes in its electrical charge, known as oxidation-reduction (redox, for short), in which  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is reduced to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , also denoted Fe(III) and Fe(II), respectively. This change in oxidation state impacts important reactions at the clay mineral surfaces. One of the potential redox reactions at the surface is for Fe(II) to reduce nitrate to less harmful forms of nitrogen. An important advancement was made during this time period, involving an electrochemical reduction reaction that does not require the addition of any chemicals.

At Kansas State University, Dr. Hettiarachchi's group conducted research on wastewater as a renewable resource. Recovered nutrient products (RNPs) from wastewater may contain high concentrations of plant-available nutrients such as phosphorus (P). Therefore, they can provide promising alternative fertilizers for crop production. In collaboration with a team of researchers at the College of Engineering (Dr. Prathap Parameswaran and his team in the KSU Civil Engineering Department), Dr. Hettiarachchi's (Kansas PI) team tested the hypothesis that an anaerobic membrane bioreactors (AnMBR) can produce potable water from swine wastewater while recovering nutrients and producing soil amendments for crop production. Although not as soluble as conventional fertilizers, the Ca-based RNPs (hydroxy apatite-like) recovered from synthetic and natural swine wastewaters acted as a phosphorus source in all tested soils (acid, alkaline, and/or neutral soils). Further, these RNPs contained very low levels of potentially toxic trace elements, successfully meeting the safety standards set for fertilizer products. Optimizing Ca-based RNP recovery will likely offer applicable secondary P sources for agriculture.

Phosphorus loss from non-point agricultural sources is a crucial contributor to decreased surface water quality. Phosphorus can be found in both dissolved and sediment-bound forms in agricultural runoff. In the second cycle of the Kansas Agricultural Watershed Field Laboratory research project entitled "Sustainable Phosphorus Management with Enhanced Soil Health (2020-2025)", detailed characterizations of runoff sediments and soils were introduced to elucidate the underlying mechanisms of phosphorus loss in runoff waters. Synchrotron-based X-ray near-edge structure spectroscopy (XANES) analyses of soil and sediment samples were completed. The XANES analysis showed iron-associated phosphorus depletion in soil and sediment from cover crop systems compared to no cover crop systems.

This suggests that changes in P speciation caused by cover crops play a vital role in the solubility of phosphorus in cover crop-incorporated agricultural systems. Wet chemical P fractionation studies further complemented these results.

The project also allowed several KSU graduate students to travel to the Advanced Photon Source to collect various synchrotron-based X-ray spectroscopy data and train in analyzing data. Provided training for two graduate students at the University of Adelaide (Australia) and Texas A&M to collect, analyze, and interpret XAS and/or STXM-NEXAFS data.

At University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Allen Goldstein's group studied the residential PM2.5 concentrations, and air pollutants such as VOC and NOx in urban, farm, and wildfire settings.

At Michigan State University (MSU) Dr. Wei Zhang's group focused on studying the fate and transport of environmental contaminants in soil, water, and plant systems. Specifically, his group studied the interactions of infectious proteinaceous particles (prions, new groups of emerging contaminants) with soil geosorbents. This study aimed to understand environmental behaviors of chronic wasting disease prions and to develop novel cost-effective mitigation strategies. Molecular dynamics simulation was used to understand the interactions of amino acids and eventually peptides, poly peptides, and prions with aromatic carbon surfaces. The group investigated the crop uptake of mixed metal(loids) as influenced by a variety of soil amendments and developed a high throughput soil microcosm experiments to screen the crop metal uptake. Dr. Kravchenko's group continued exploring the role of soil structure in protection and sequestration of soil organic carbon and in improvements of soil health. The recent focus is the contribution of Mn and Fe to the interactions between soil structure and soil carbon. The work relies on joint analyses of soil pore structure via X-ray computed micro-tomography with XRF mapping of Mn and Fe and with XANES spectroscopy to explore the spatial distribution patterns in Mn oxidation states in intact soils. We examined soils of the land use and management systems relevant to sustainable management, including but not limited to cover crop and organic management, bioenergy switchgrass, and restored prairie systems.

At the University of Idaho Dr. Strawn researched recovery of nutrients from dairy waste for use as soil amendments. To recover phosphorus from dairy waste he is treating waste waters from the dairies with novel biochar materials that can adsorb phosphorus. The recovered biochar and phosphorus are then tested as amendments in soils to determine their effectiveness as alternative soil fertilizer sources. He used advanced spectroscopic characterization to understand the phosphorus reaction processes. Results from the recycling of nutrients from dairy wastewater were shared at a stakeholder meeting that included industry representatives, regulatory agencies, and scientists.

### **Impacts**

The work at University of Delaware advanced the understanding of the mobility of contaminants (Cr) in coastal soils subjected to flooding and sea level rise, related to climate change, which can provide valuable risk assessment data to protect human health.

At Missouri cover crops are used to protect soil from erosion during non-cropped annual periods during crop production, and to help build soil carbon to improve soil health. These systems may improve soil pore systems for improved soil conditions. The State of Missouri is investing more than \$40 million per year in cost-share with farmers and ranchers to use cover crops to improve long-term soil health for enhanced crop production and to prevent soil erosion. Current research with tomographic imaging has shown increased levels of soil macropores and improved water transport with cover crop management

compared to traditional management. Dr. Anderson is training 4 PhD and 3 MS students with 1 PhD student and 1 MS student completed degrees.

The work at Kansas State University demonstrated that long-term (five-year) phosphorus application with cover crops reduced iron-phosphorus concentrations, likely causing increased dissolved P levels in runoff waters.

At University of Illinois, wind erosion and soil particle collectors were designed and developed for the field experiments. An electrochemical cell suitable for high throughput operation is also being designed. A new 50 mCi <sup>57</sup>Co source for the Mössbauer spectrometer was obtained and the research team is now in the process of ramping up operation of that very valuable instrument. Two members of the team also received training from colleagues at the Advanced Photon Source on the software used to interpret synchrotron data according to the Mössbauer effect.

At Michigan State University, molecular dynamics tools were developed to simulate the interactions of amino acids with carbon surface and prion proteins with metal ions, which can be used by other researchers. A high throughput screening method was also developed to assess the crop uptake of both toxic and essential metal(loids).

## Outputs

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**Extension/outreach:**

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