

normal

lognormal

uniform

loguniform

triangular

piece wise uniform

'comfort' ... scientists are more comfortable with variation than with arbitrary exactness

'expert' system ... incorporates trends

encompass many minor scenarios
a measure of overall variability

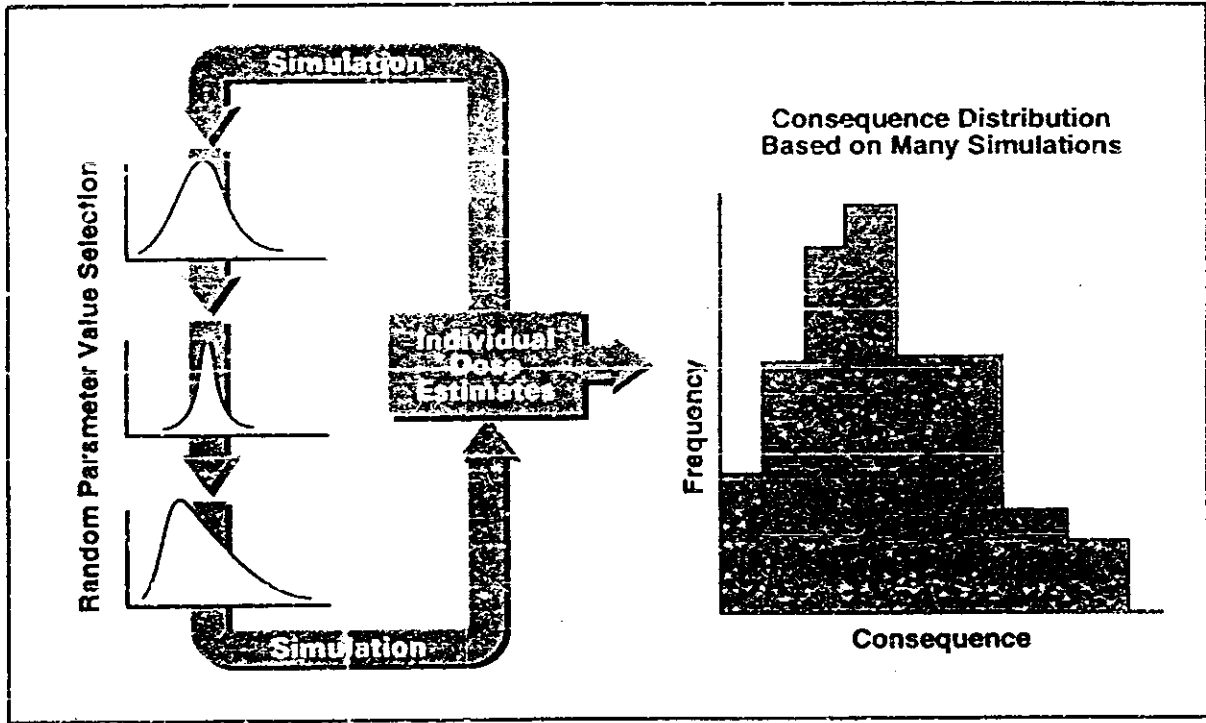
sums tend to be normally distributed

- *organism and tissue weights*
- *dietary inputs*

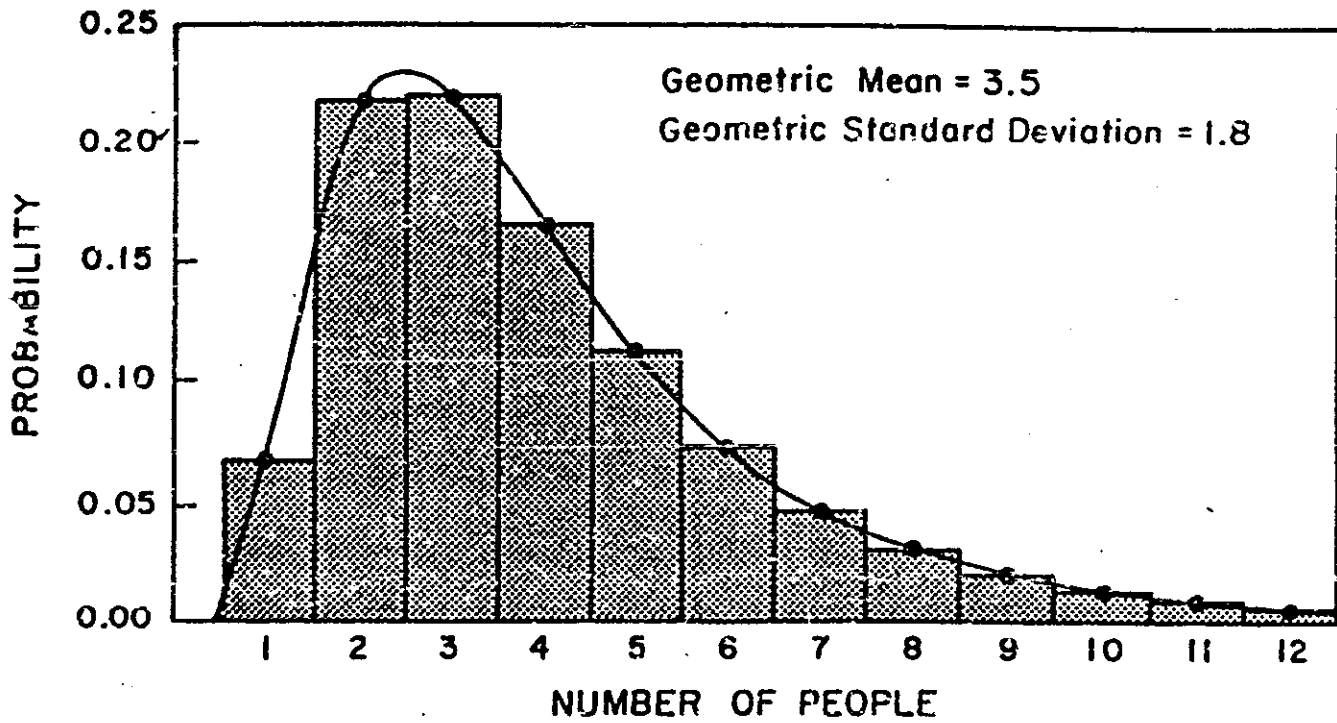
products tend to be lognormal

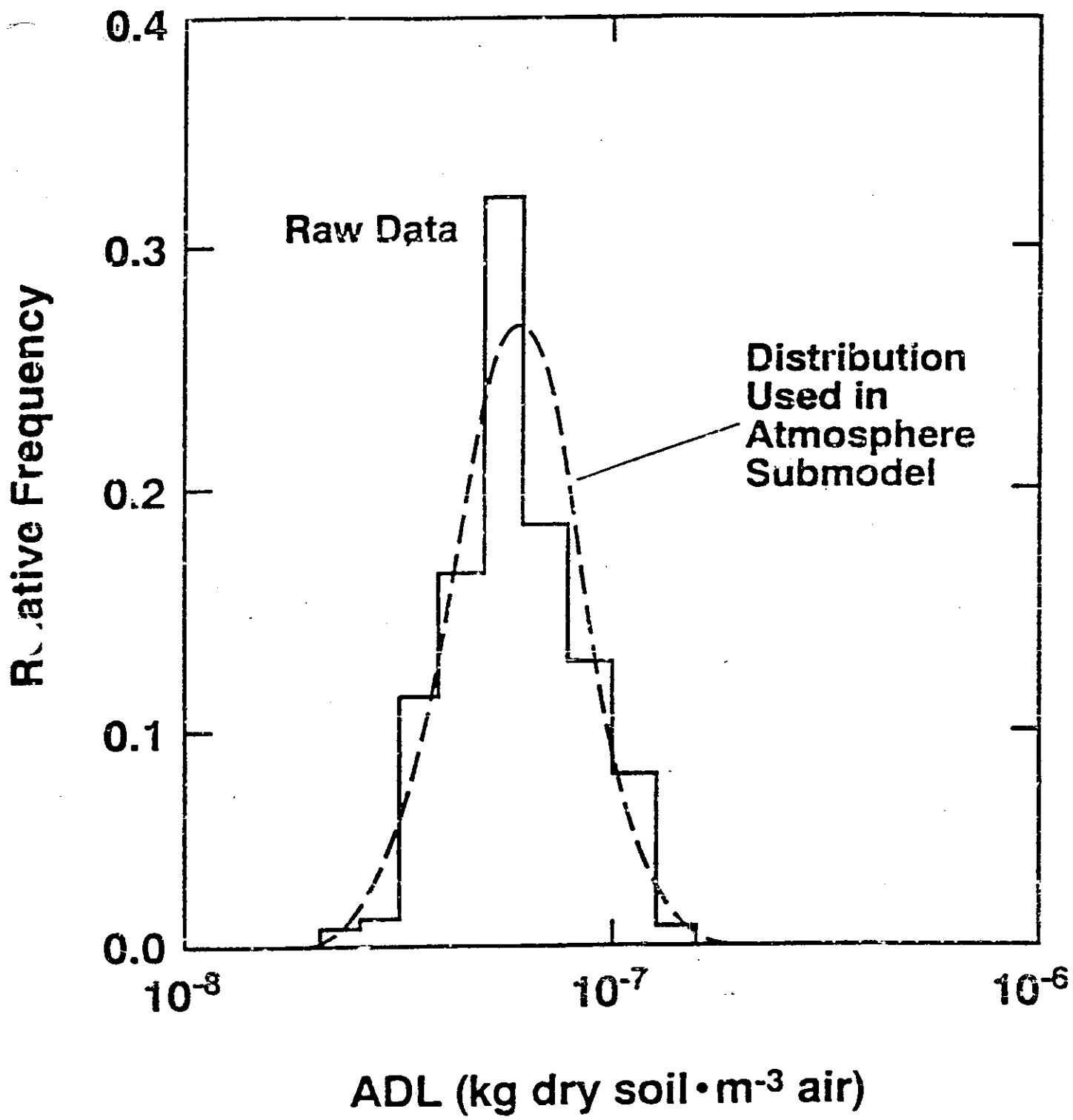
- *K_d, concentration ratios*
- *environmental contaminant concentrations*

**Principles of Monte Carlo Simulation
Showing Random Parameter Value Selection**



SIZE OF THE CRITICAL GROUP





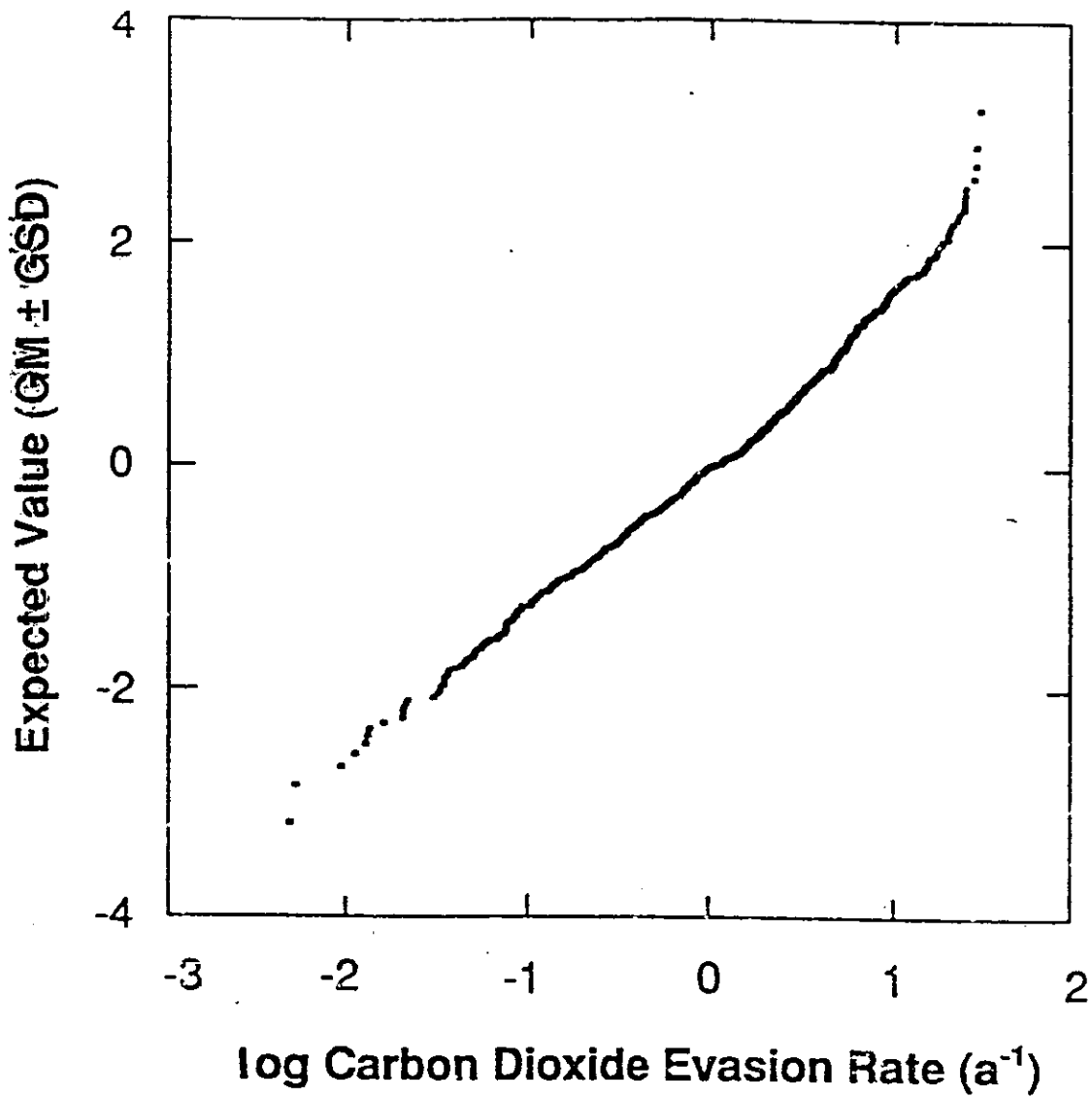
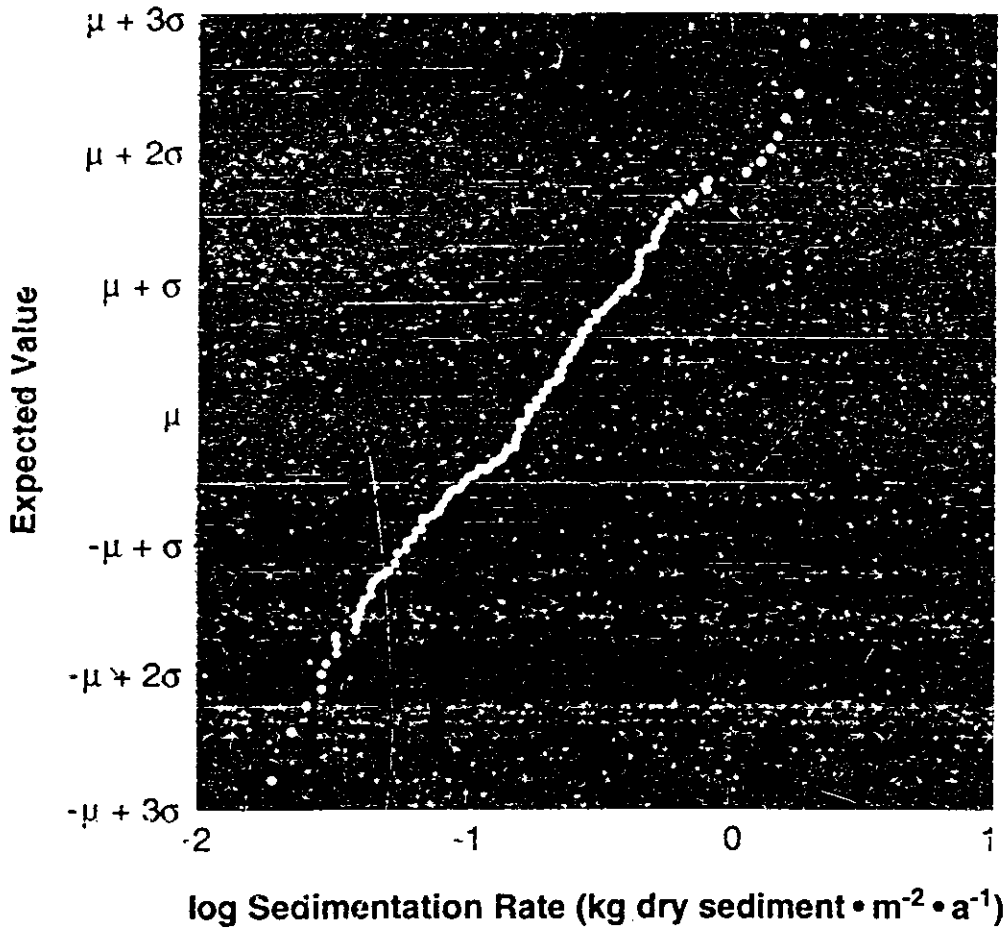


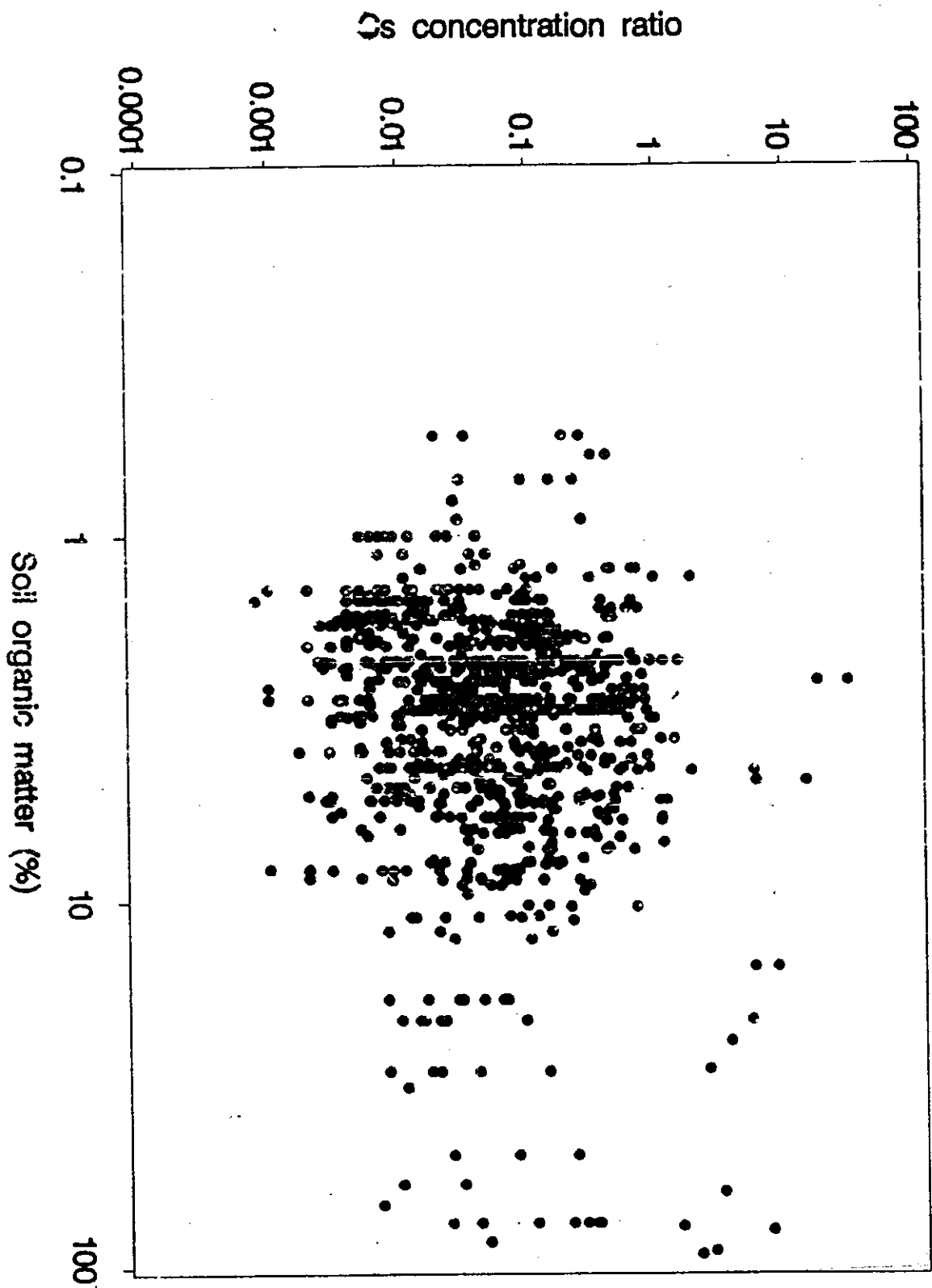
FIGURE 10: Probability Plot of the log-Transformed Gas Evasion Values Estimated for Shield Lakes. The nearly straight line indicates a lognormal distribution.

Probability Plot of Log Sedimentation Rate of Shield Lakes

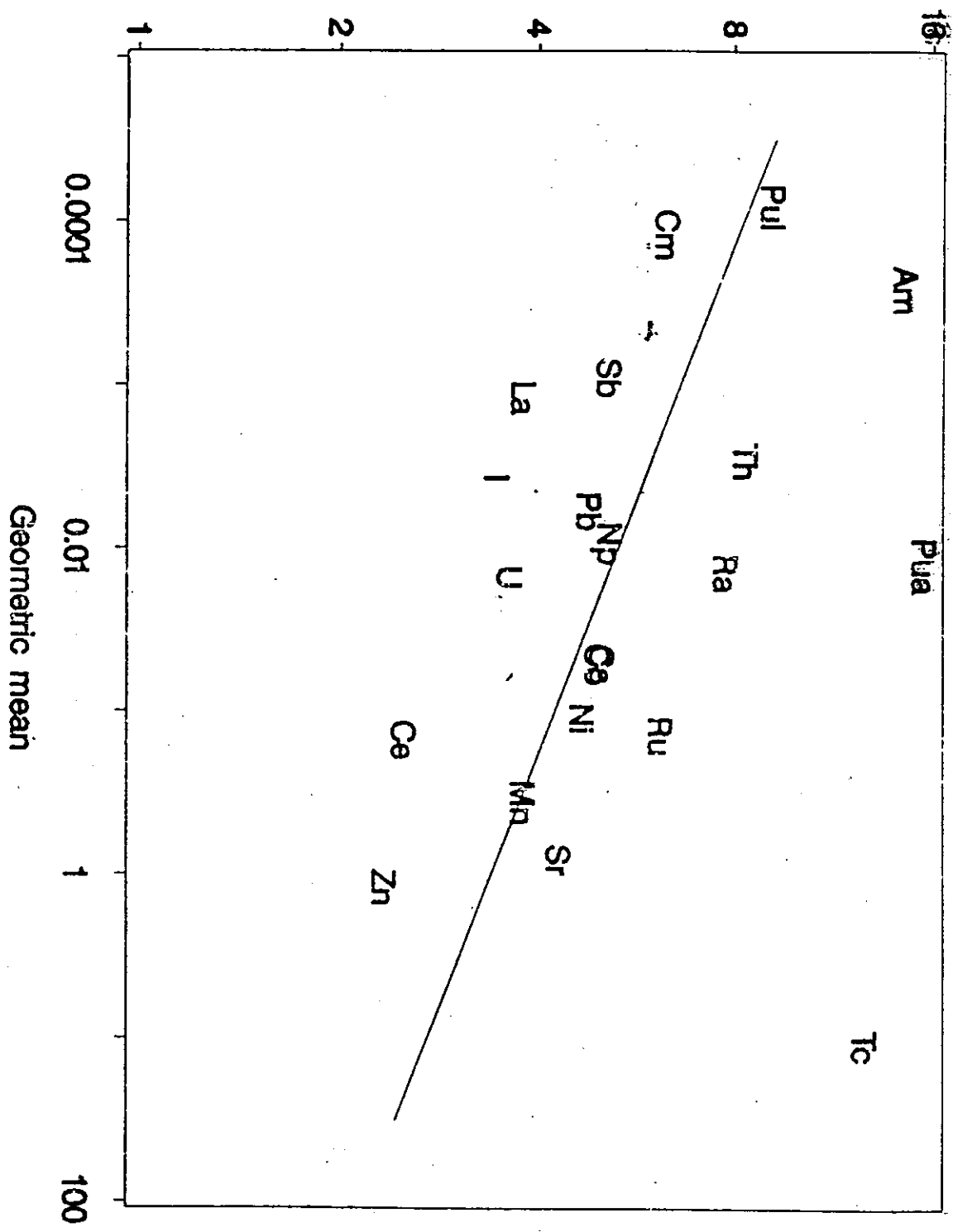
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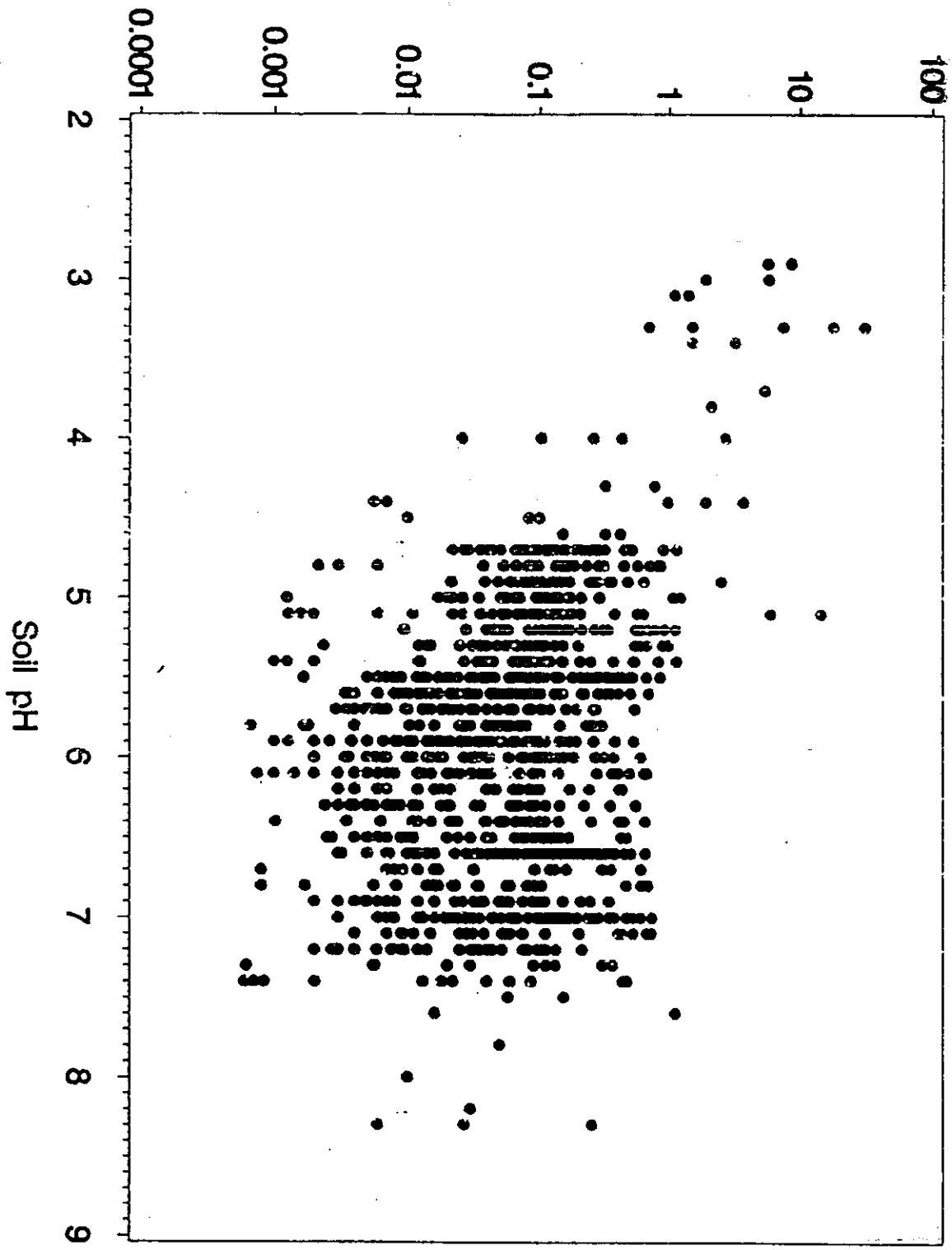
Geometric Mean 0.16 kg dry • m⁻² • a⁻¹
Geometric Standard Deviation 2.48

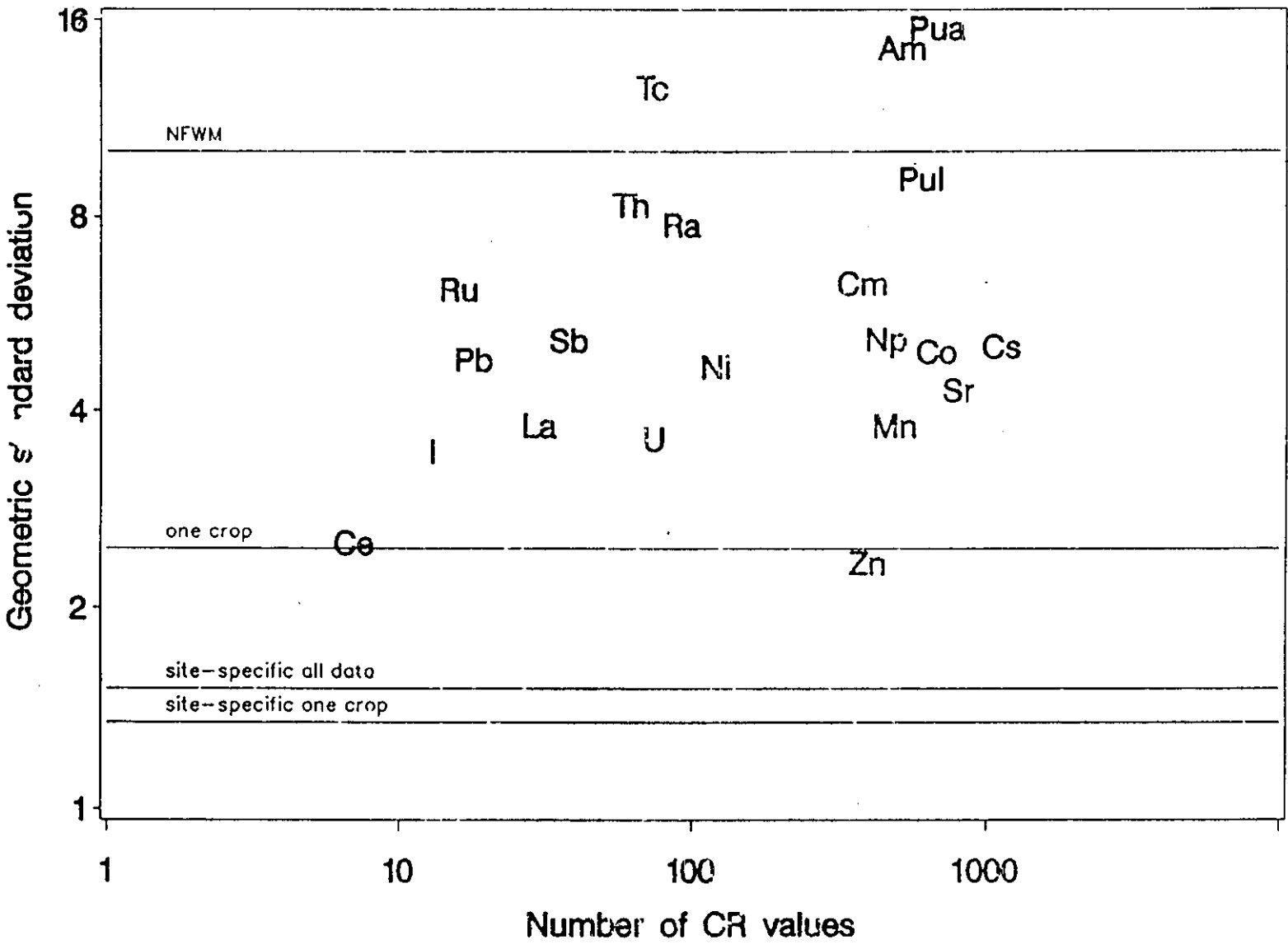


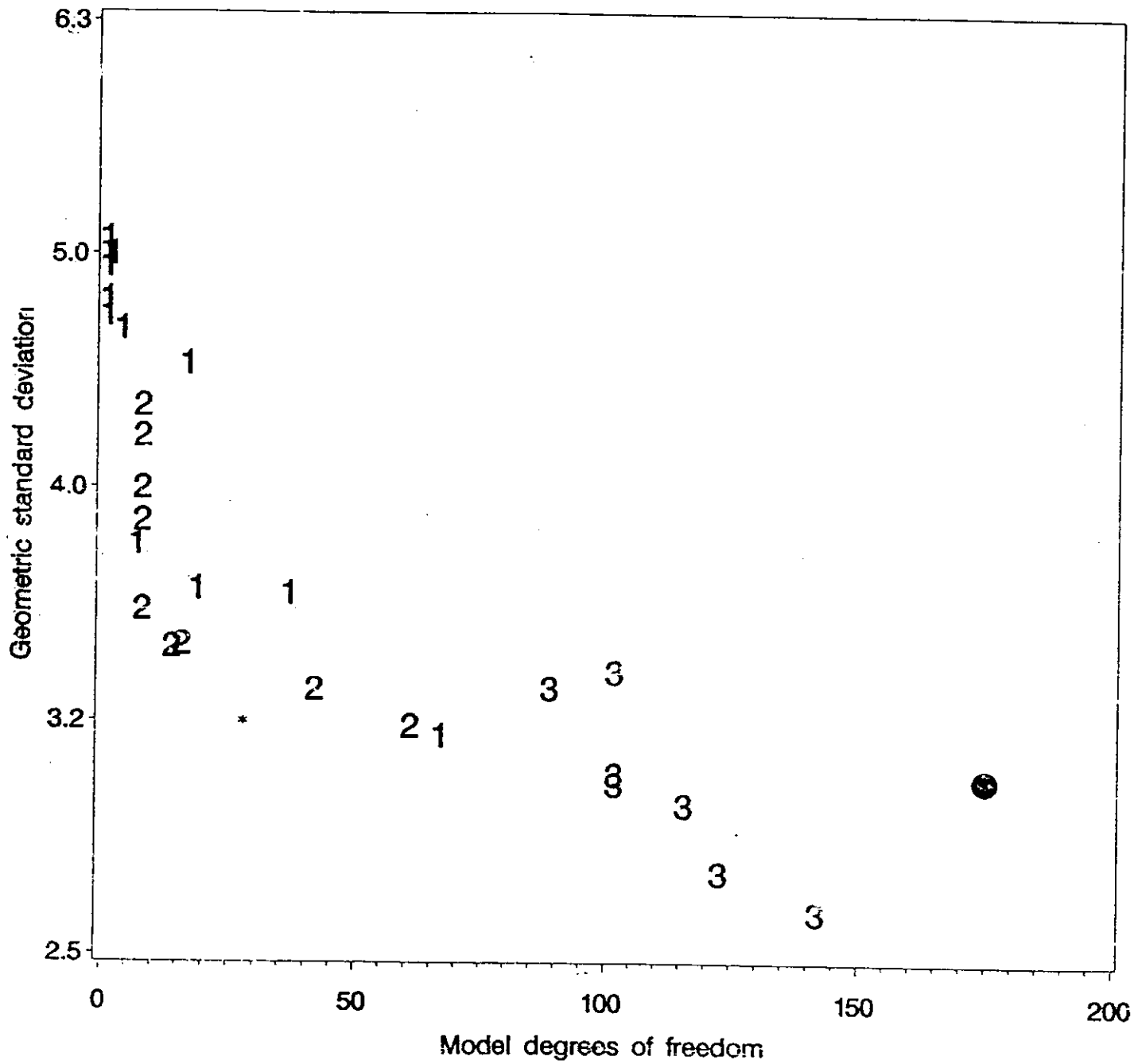
Geometric standard deviation



Cs concentration ratio







avoid impossible values

adhere to scenario assumption

remove very improbable values

avoid unreasonable

combinations of values

'expert' system ... incorporate

inexact trends

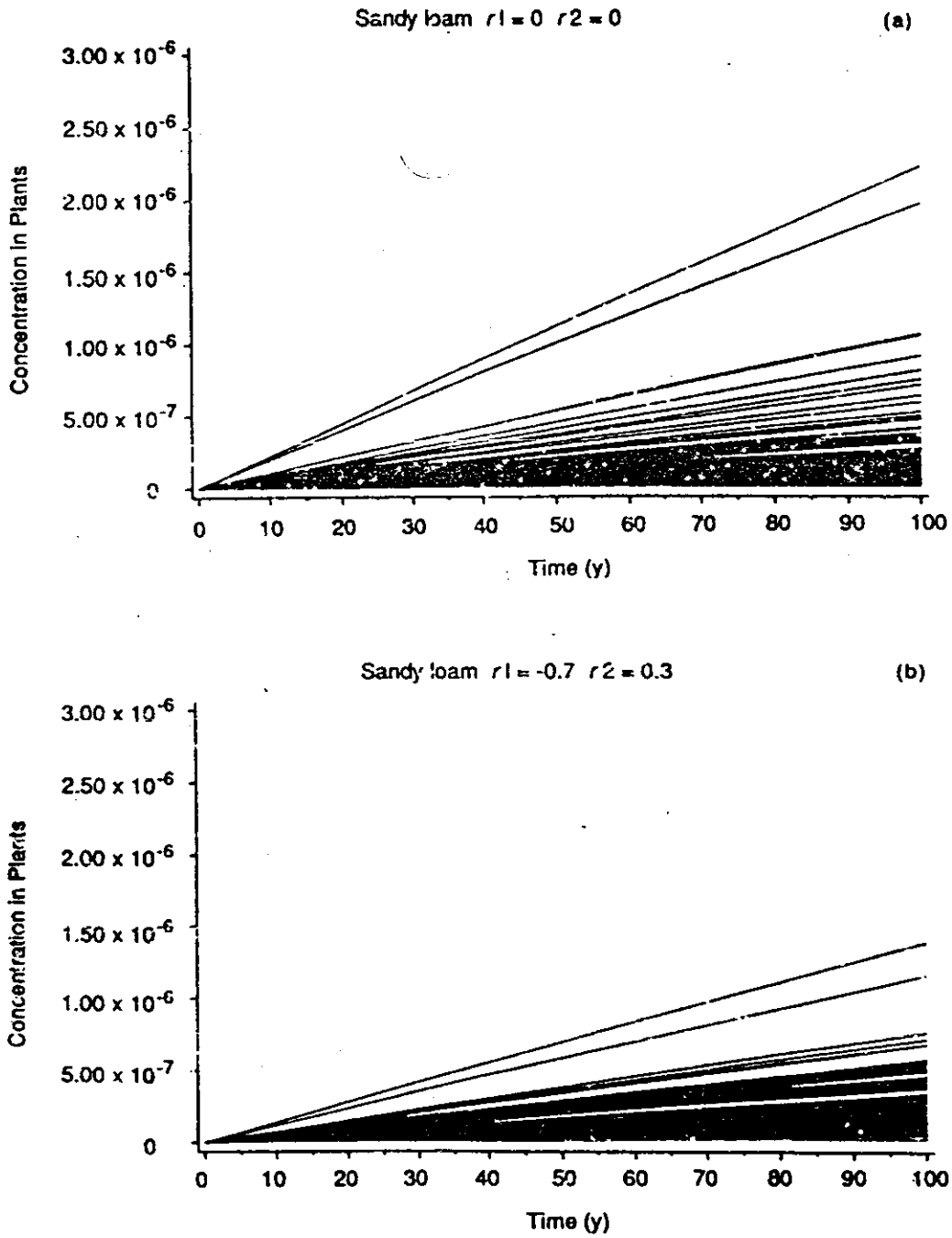
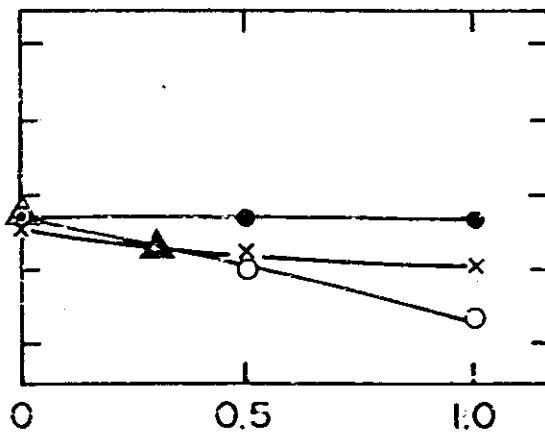
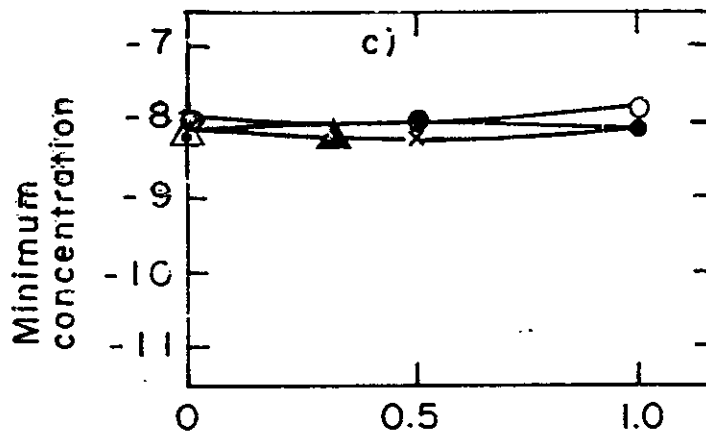
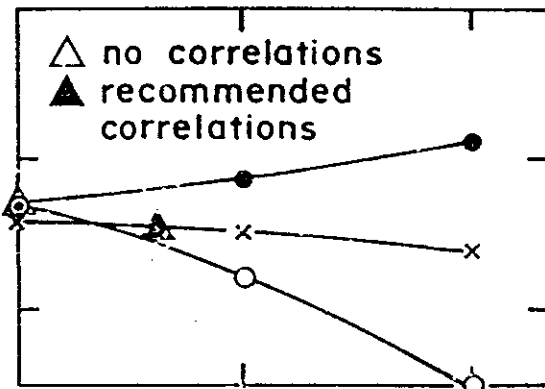
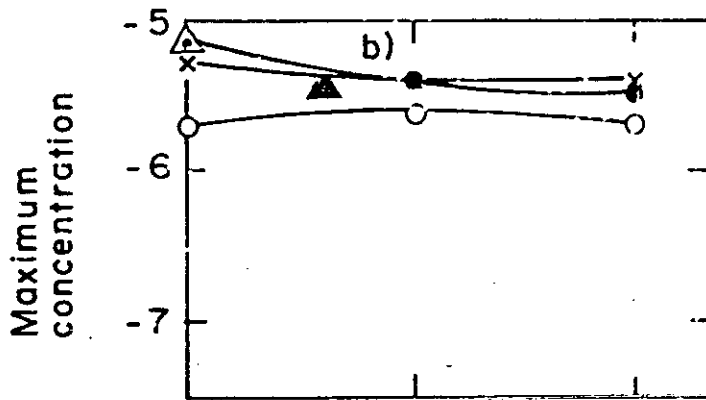
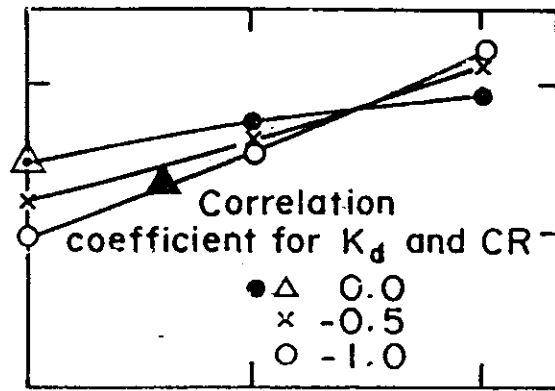
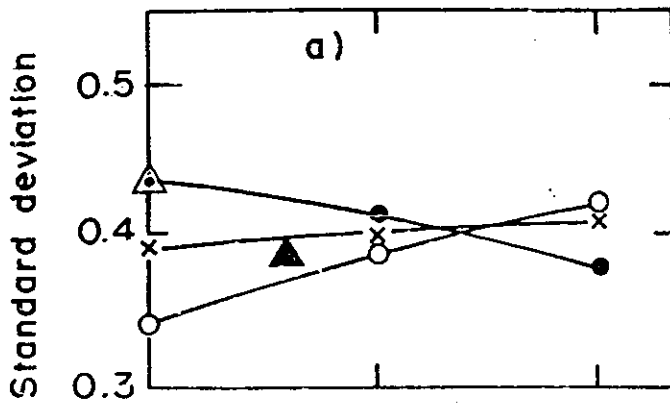


Fig. 1. Estimated plant concentration with time for a shallow sandy-loam soil over contaminated ground water for 1000 realizations, showing the effect of no parameter correlation (a) and the recommended parameter correlations (b). The coefficient r_1 represents the correlation between CR and K_d , and r_2 represents the correlation between K_d and soil texture.

sand

clay



Correlation coefficient for K_d and clay content

literature

experimentation and measurement

logic

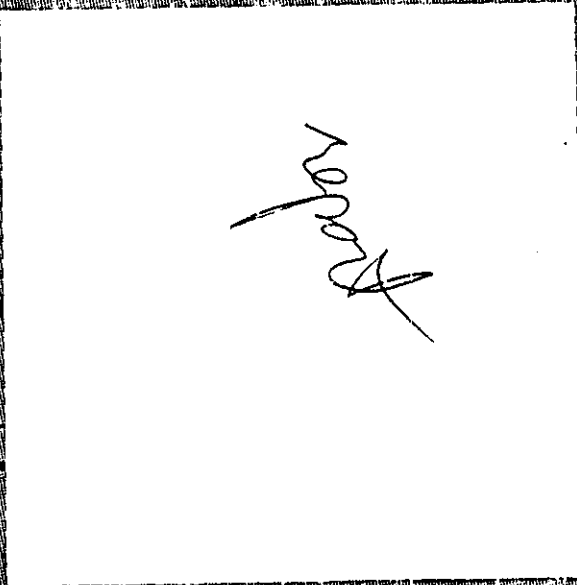
best estimate

FEEDBACK ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FROM EIS PARTICIPANTS

1. Full supporting data are needed to make an environmental assessment methodology credible
2. Physical, chemical, radiological and social stressors need to be integrated
3. Cumulative impacts need to be addressed
4. Monitoring needs to be considered as part of an environmental assessment methodology
5. Specific rather than generic organisms should be used
6. The most sensitive life stages of organisms should be used
7. An integrated ecological approach should be used considering components and functions
8. Model parameters should be based on wild and not domestic organisms
9. The environmental understanding and view of aboriginal peoples needs to be included
10. Multiple lines of reasoning or evidence are needed

POPULATION DOSE

- ◆ collective dose to a large population, not just individuals in the critical group
- ◆ different factors
- ◆ anti-cancer factors are interested because collective dose decreases with distance
- ◆ specific approach useful



ESTIMATED CONCENTRATION OF NON-RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	Garden Soil (mol/kg)	Well Water (mol/m ³)	Indoor Air (mol/m ³)
Antimony	2×10^{-18}	1×10^{-17}	$<10^{-20}$
Bromine	3×10^{-9}	2×10^{-9}	2×10^{-16}
Cadmium	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$
Cesium	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$
Chromium	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$
Molybdenum	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$
Samarium	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$	$<10^{-20}$
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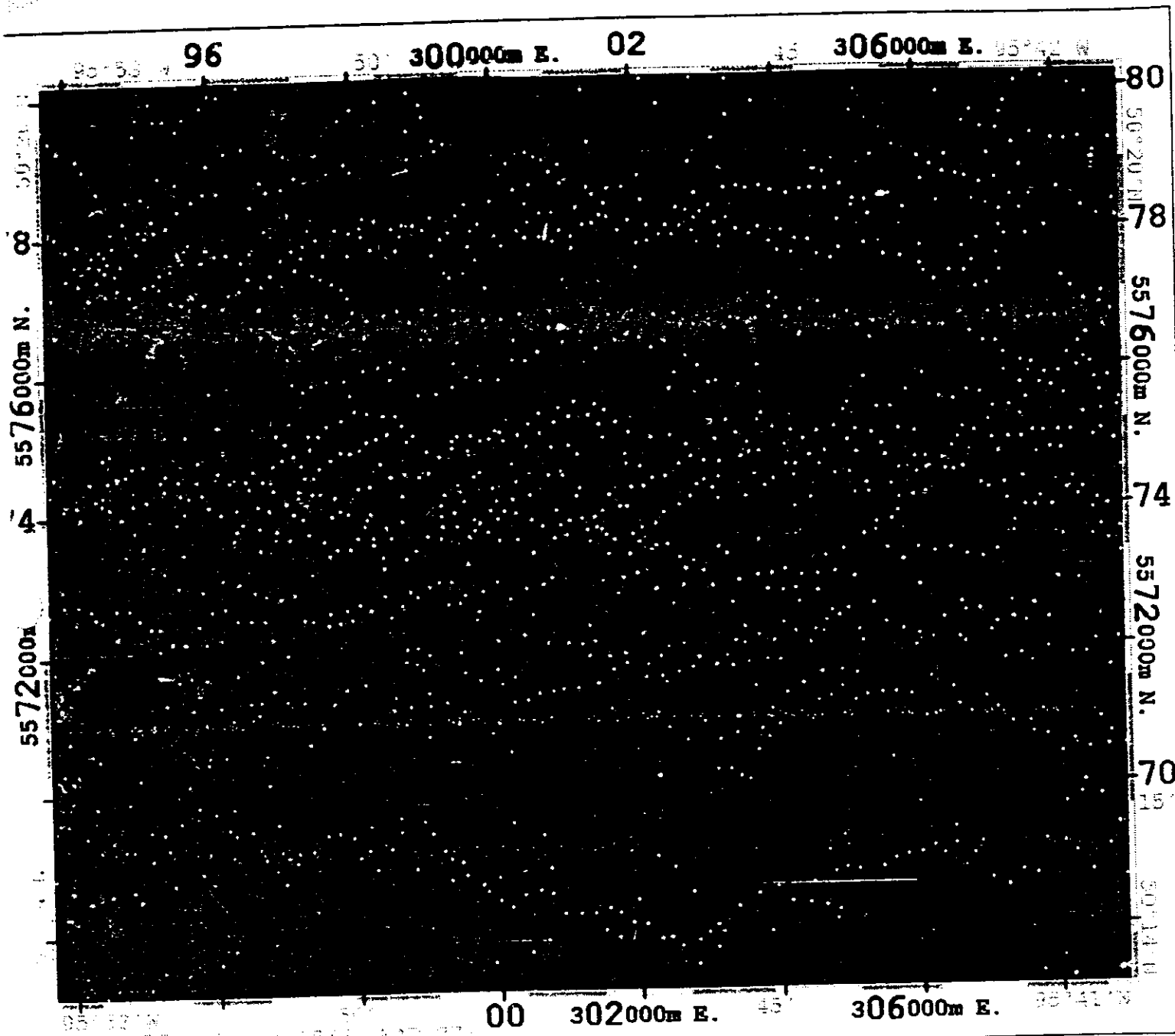
Values are mean maxima up to 100,000 years, based on 1000 simulations.

Values from Postclosure Primary Reference (page 205)

Landscape models

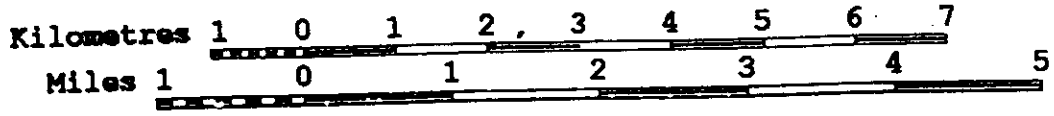
- ◆ departure from the critical group assessment
- ◆ better suited for population doses
- ◆ incorporates landscape processes
 - erosion, deltas, stream re-direction
- ◆ visualization ... may be a good public presentation tool



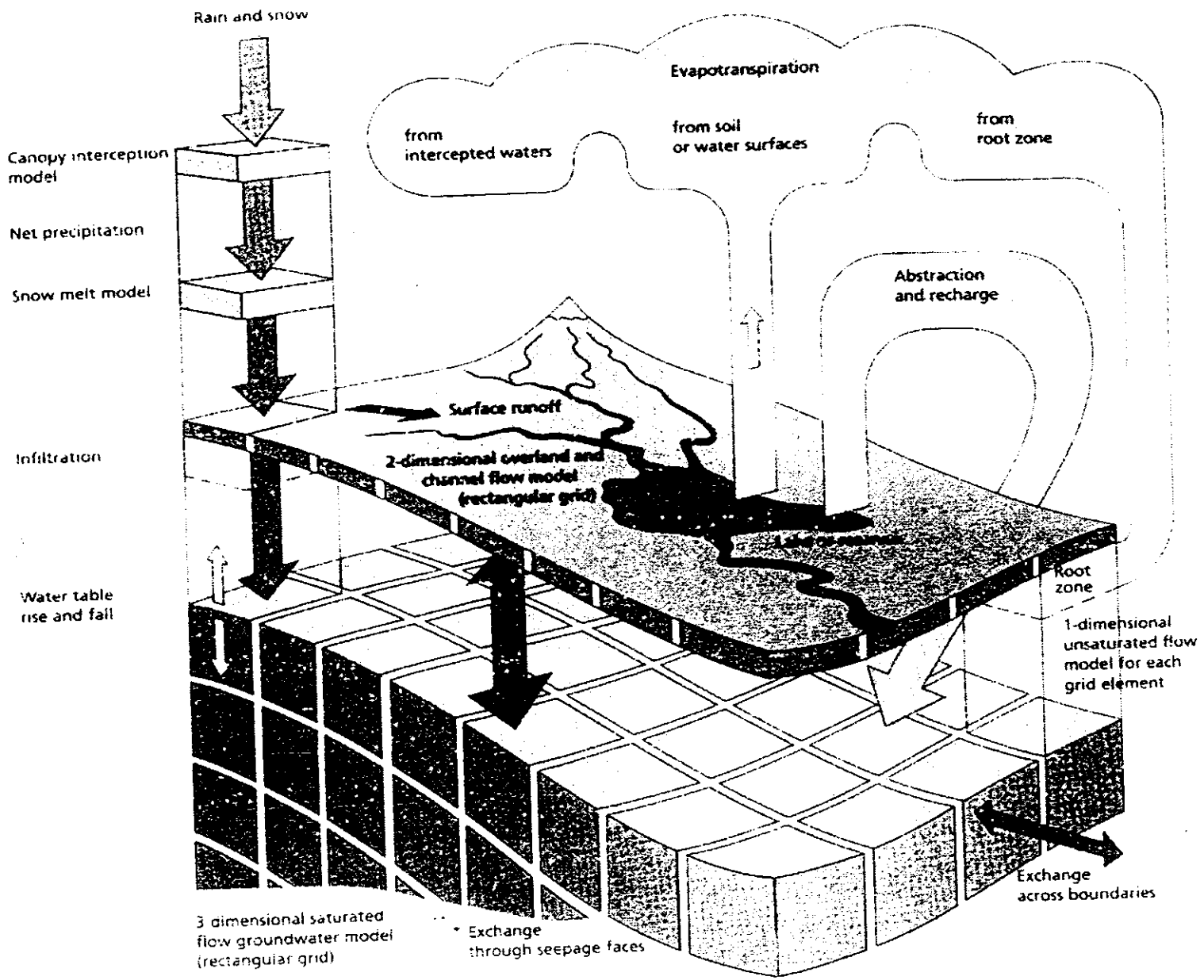


Whiteshell Detailed Model Area

1:100 000 Scale



PC



Rain and snow

Canopy interception model

Net precipitation

Snow melt model

Infiltration

Water table rise and fall

3 dimensional saturated flow groundwater model (rectangular grid)

Exchange through seepage faces

Evapotranspiration

from intercepted waters

from soil or water surfaces

from root zone

Surface runoff

2-dimensional overland and channel flow model (rectangular grid)

Abstraction and recharge

Root zone

1-dimensional unsaturated flow model for each grid element

Exchange across boundaries

International programs

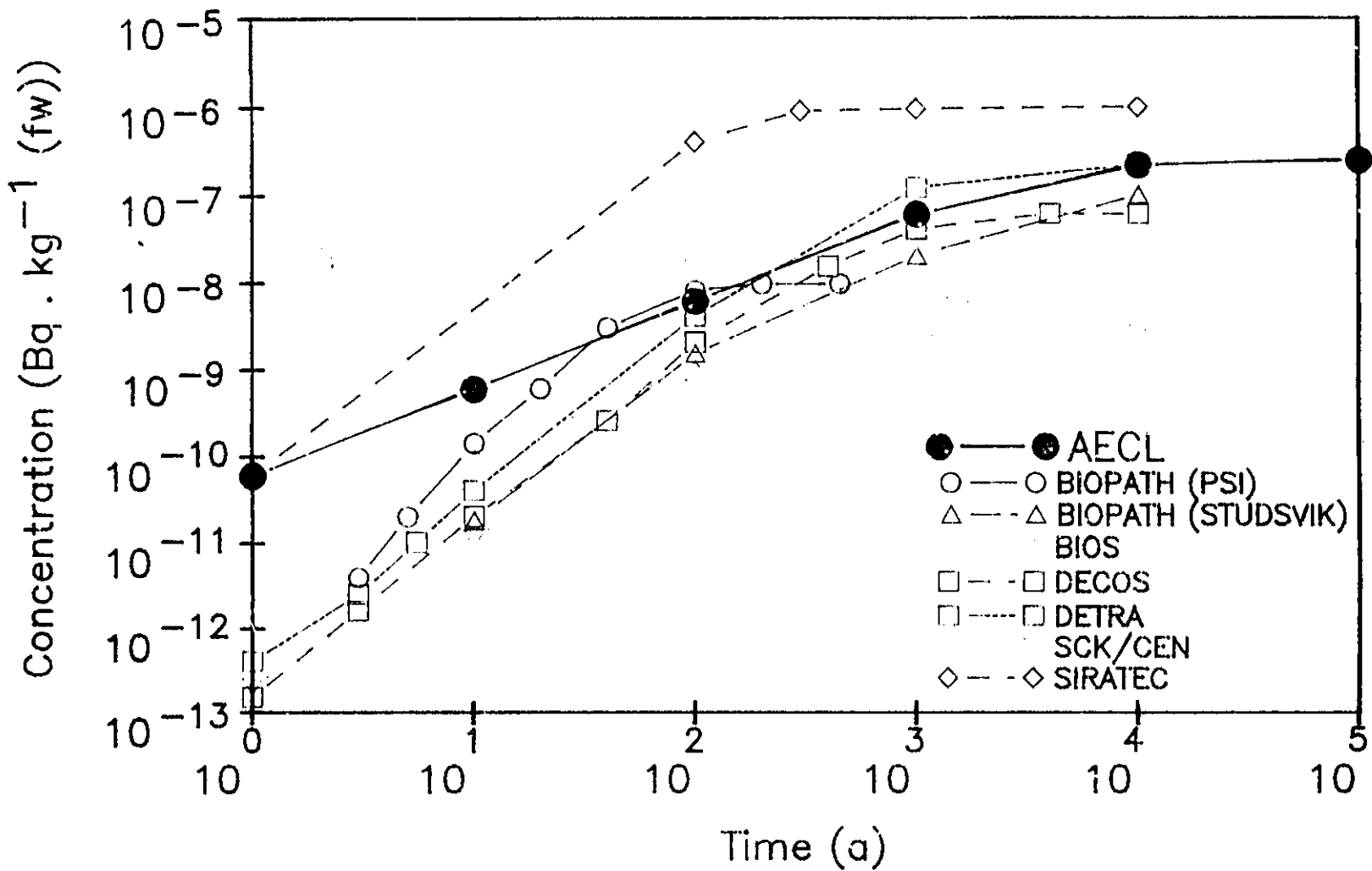
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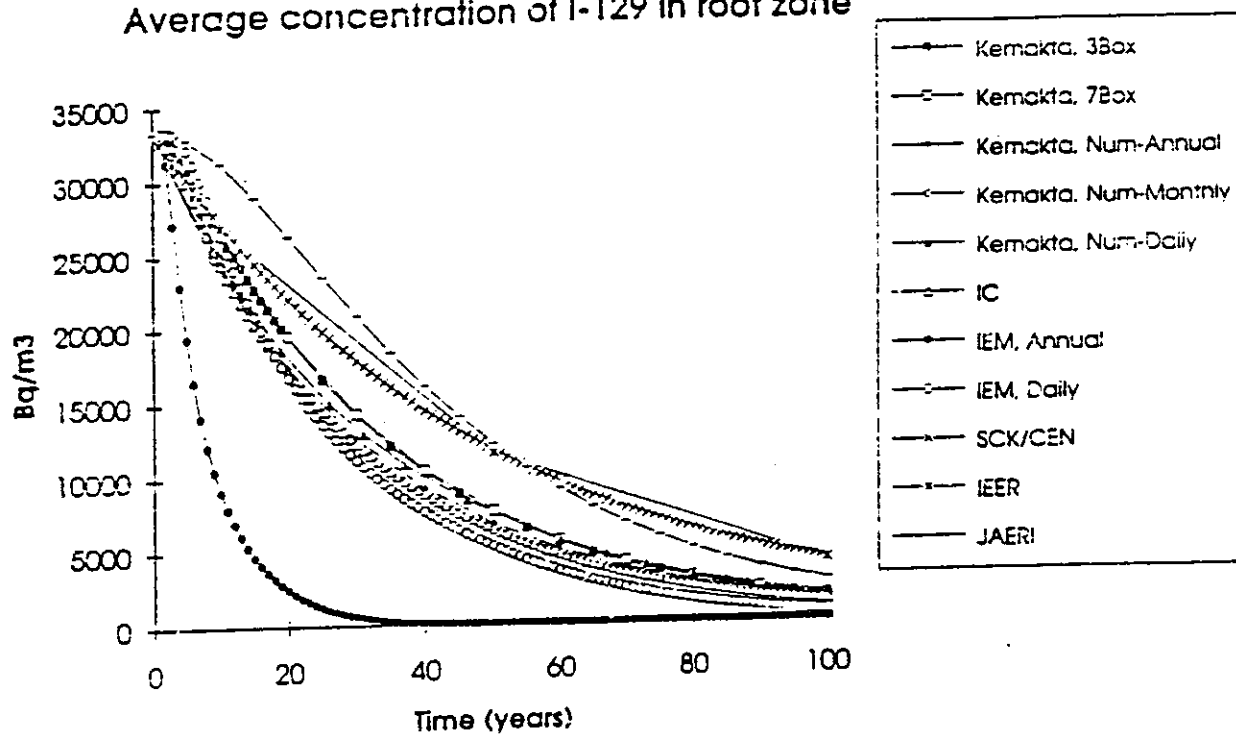
◆ BIOMASS



Np-237 Concentration in root vegetables

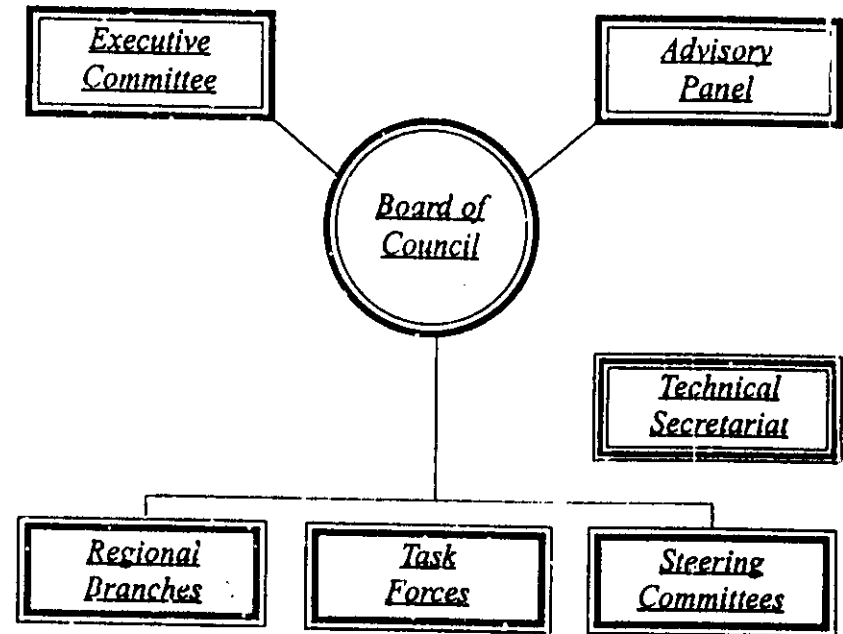


Average concentration of I-129 in root zone





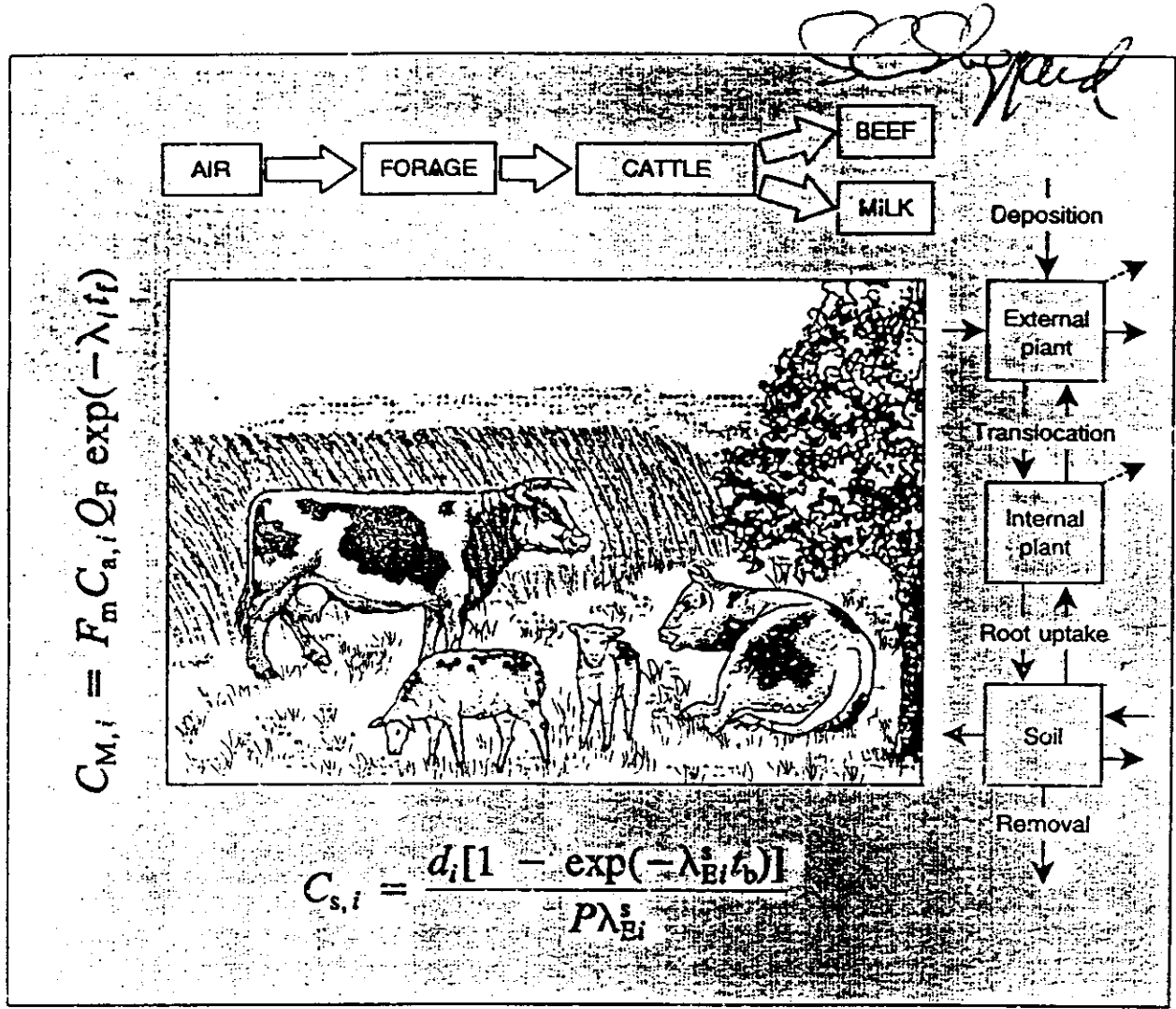
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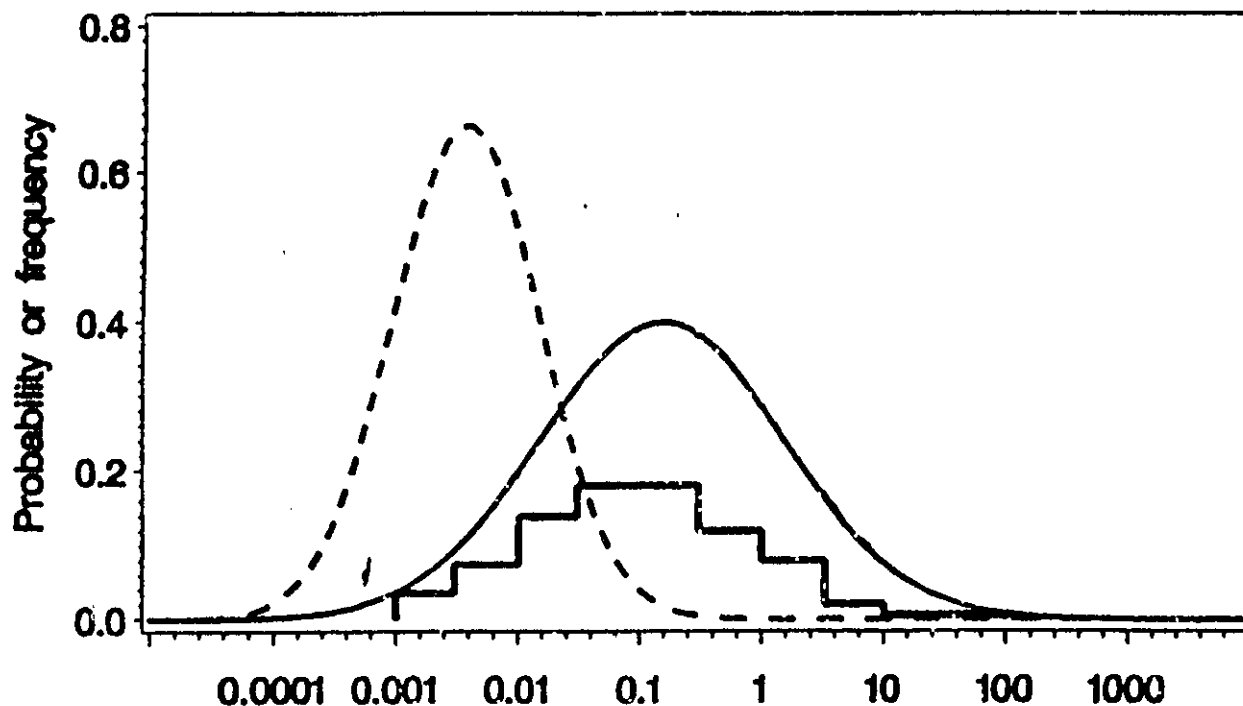


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Probability distributions of plant/soil concentration ratios (CR) for iodine (I), showing with a solid line the curve used in BIOTRAC, and with a dashed line the distribution of the data of the International Union of Radioecologists. The frequency histograms are of data we found in the literature.

