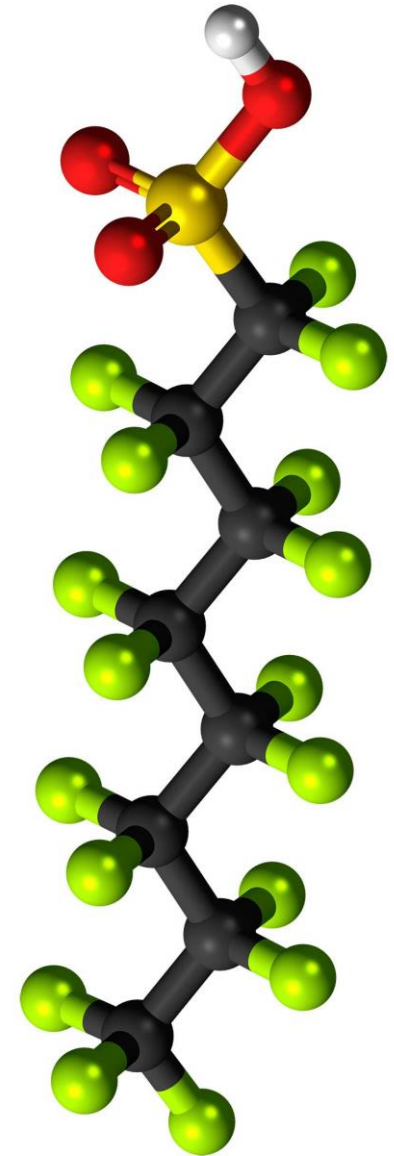


# PFAS contaminated water



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# What is PFAS



# PROBLEM



PFAS & PFOS are 'forever' chemicals used in many common products since the 1940's. They are highly persistent in the environment and the human body, taking up to 1,000 years to break down.

## HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE

- Cancers, and other chronic health issues
- Severe Covid-19 symptoms
- Decreased vaccine response
- Infant birth issues

## CONTAMINATION SITES

- 671 PFAS sites in Australia, 2,337 in USA, and 100,000+ in Europe
- Wastewater treatment plants & drinking water
- Earth, soil, & landfill sites
- Agricultural sites

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TIM  
ROBBINS

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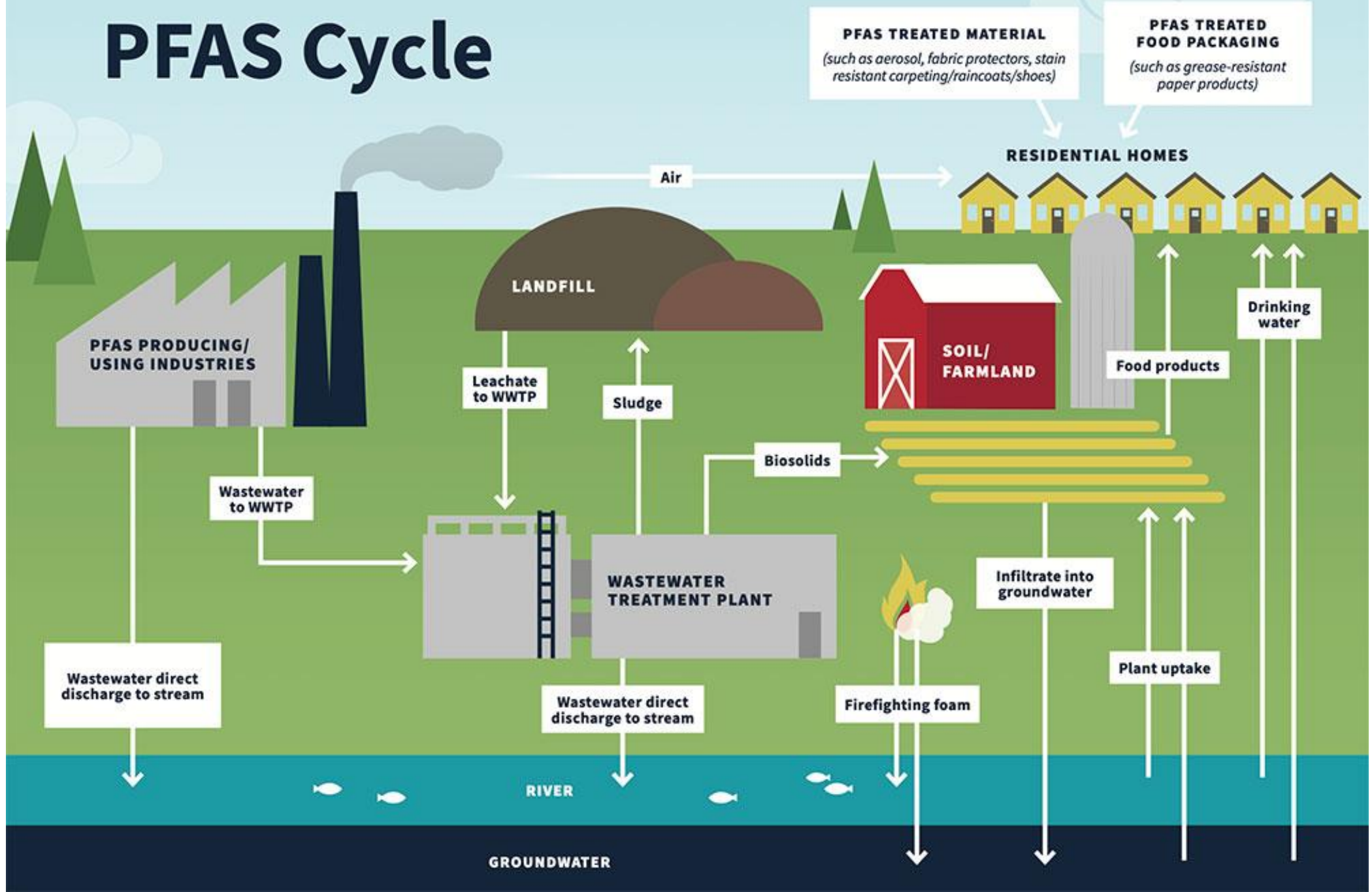
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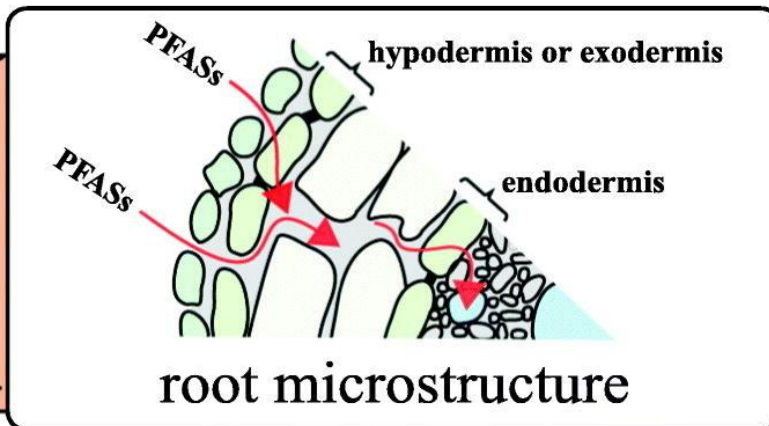
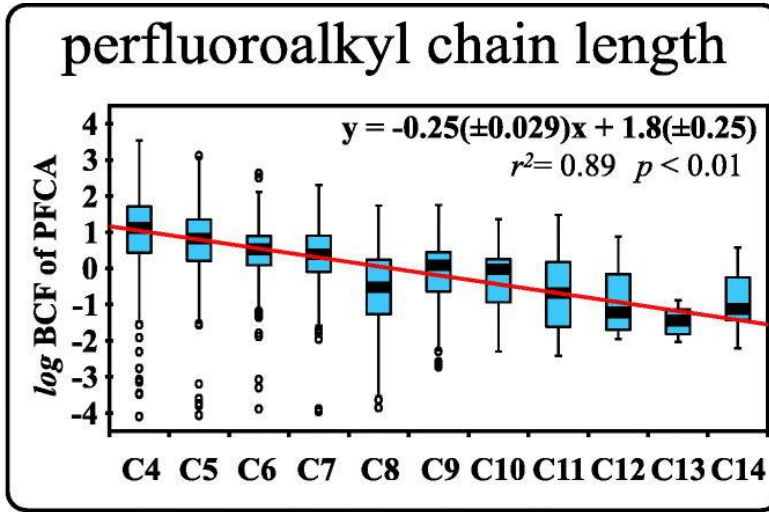
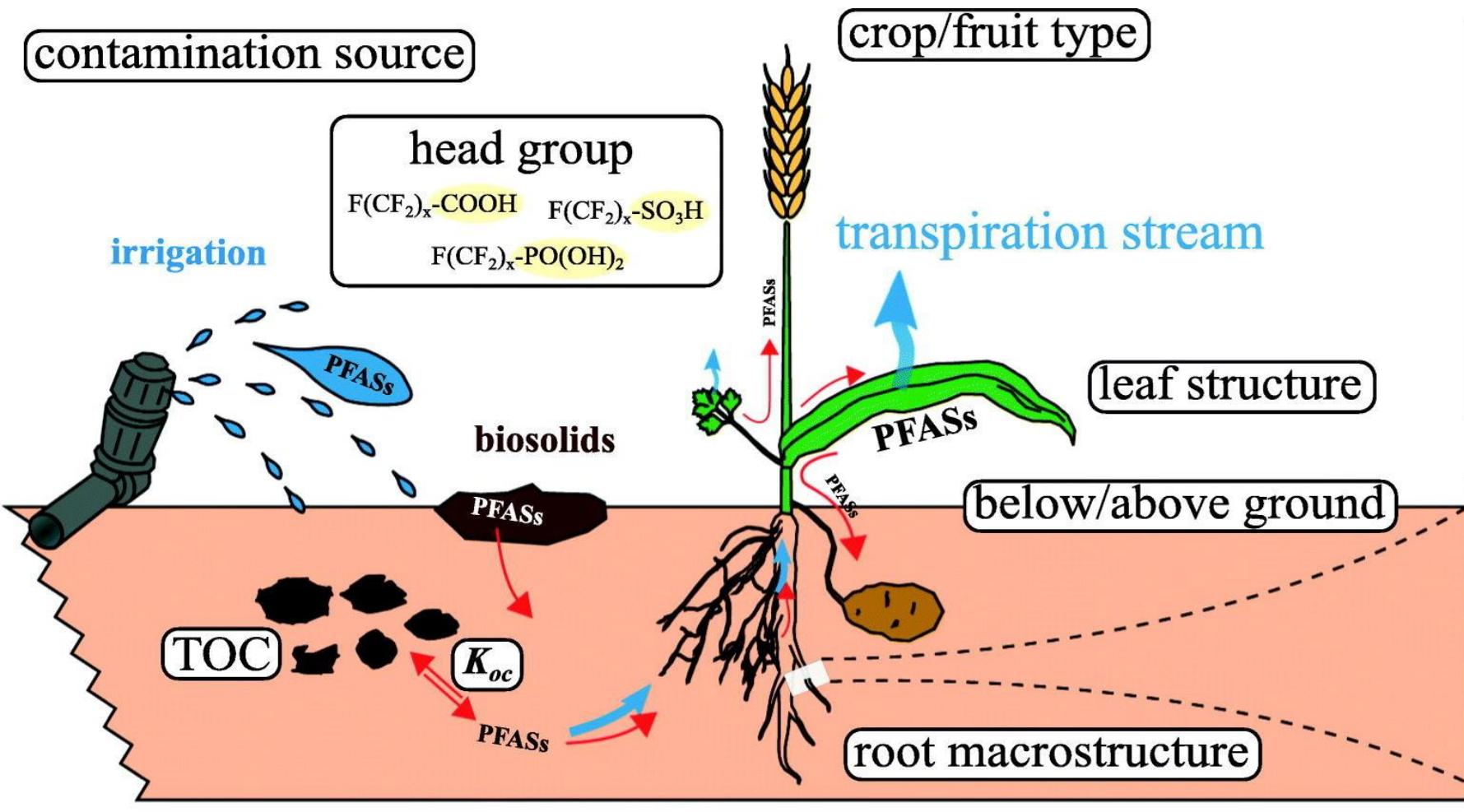


# PFAS Cycle



# In food

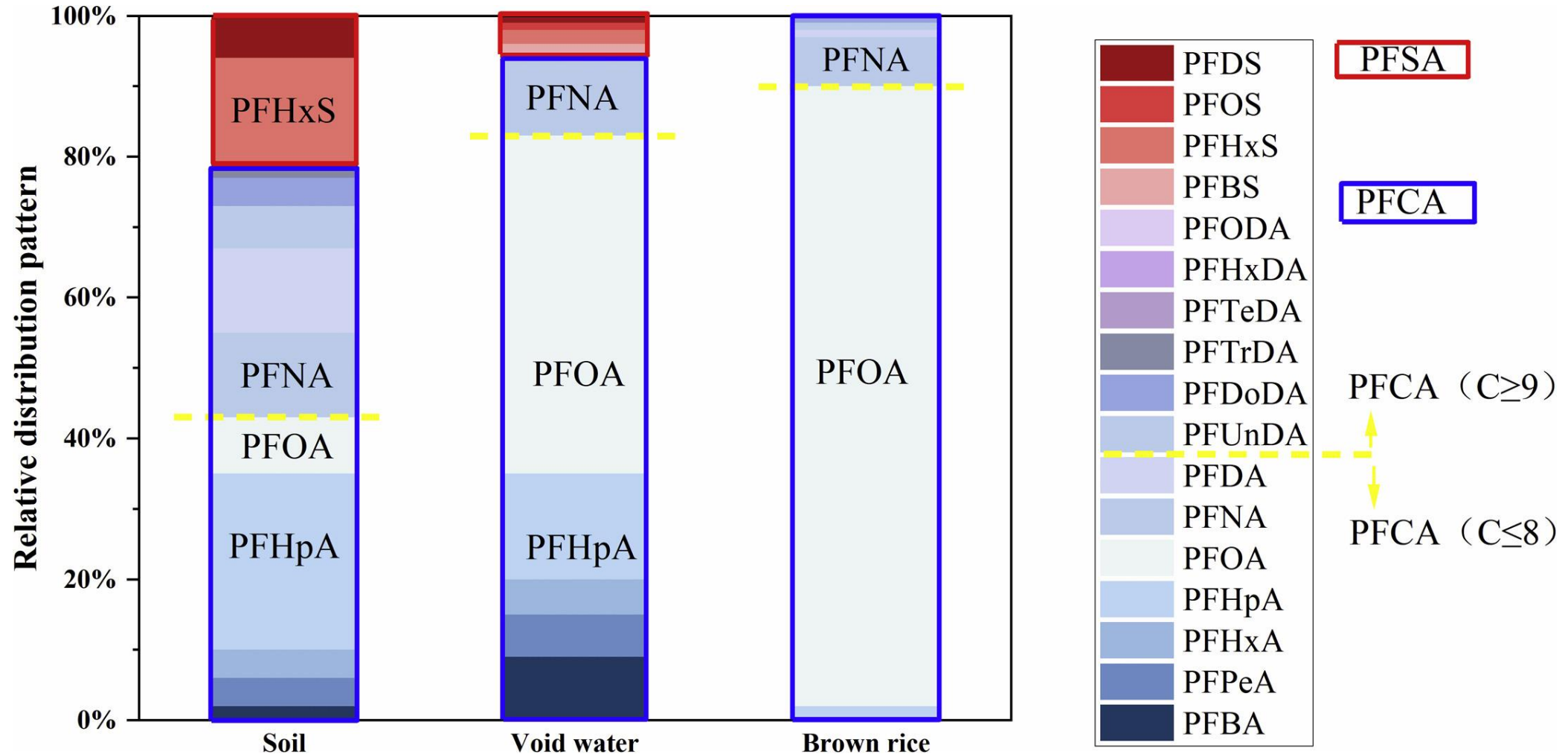
- Solid foodstuffs can be considered as the dietary main uptake route
- In agriculturally grown products transfer of PFAS from contaminated soil into plants.
- Regarding PFAS contamination of soils, different pathways are known, e.g., through amendment with sewage sludge or paper-fiber biosolids, use of PFAS-containing firefighting foams, and atmospheric deposition.
- short-chain PFCAs and PFSAs bioaccumulate less in animals, and yet they bioaccumulate and readily translocate in plants.



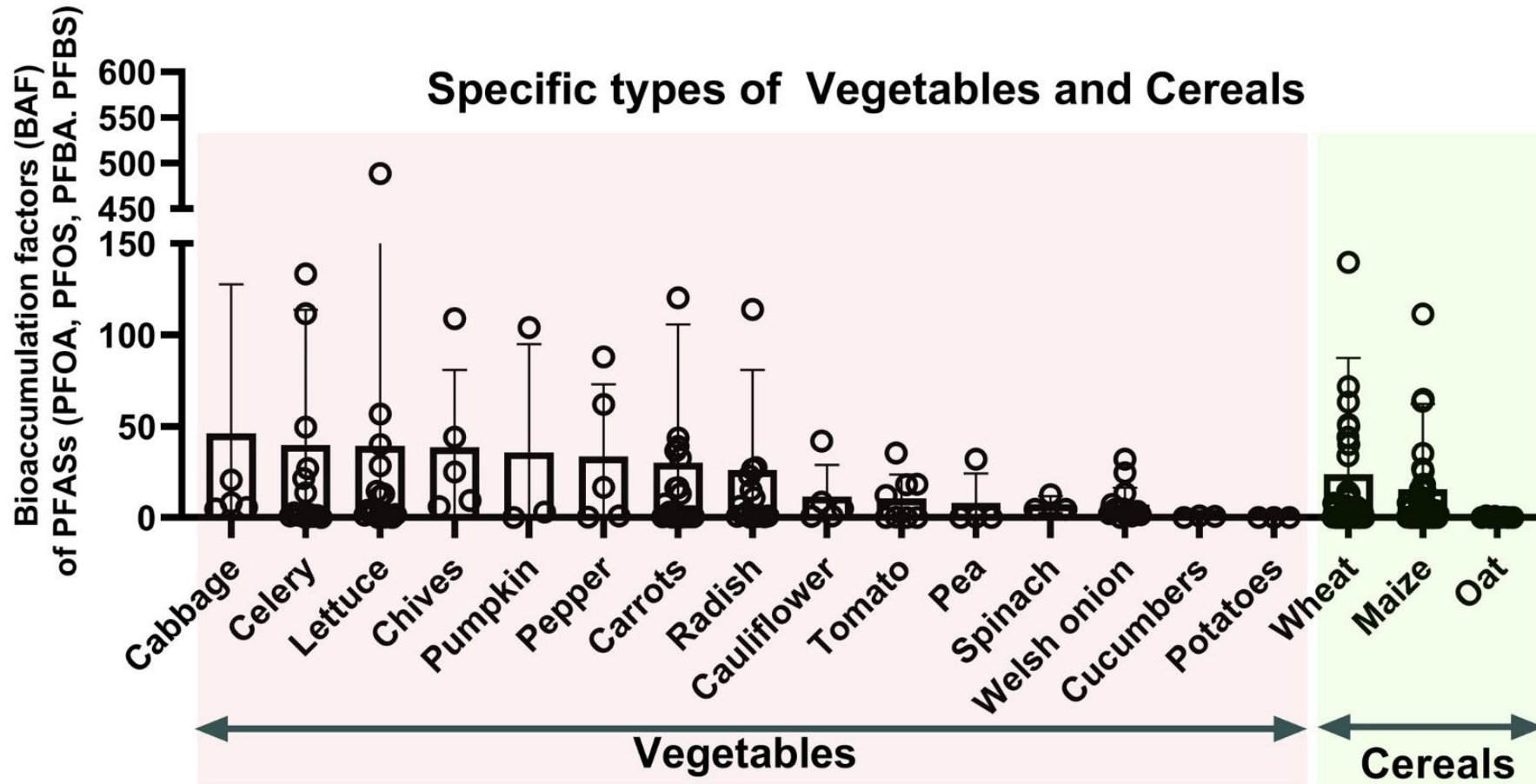




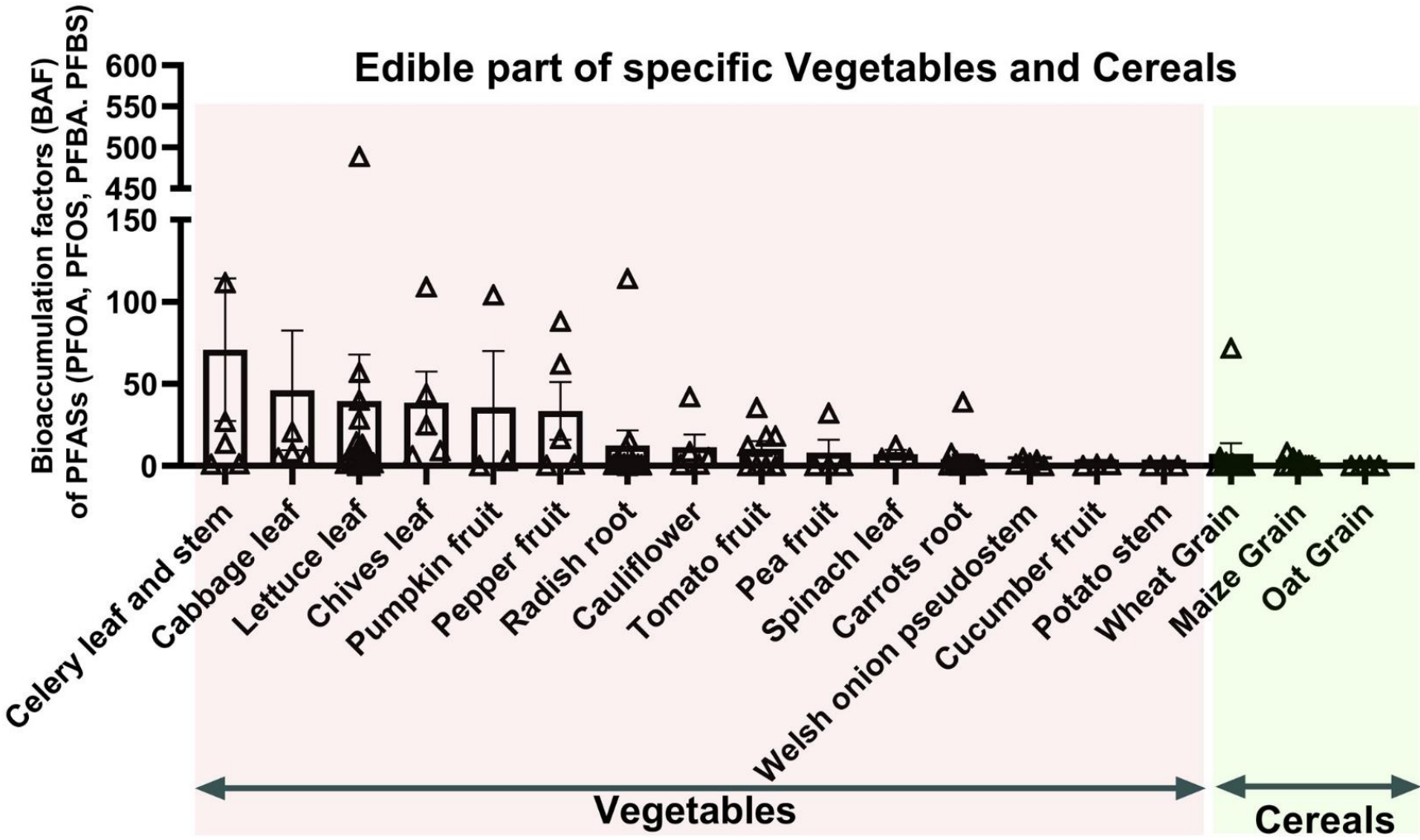
# Soil: water : crop (field study)



# Bioaccumulation



# BAF Edible components



# Translocation, bioaccumulation and distribution of PFASs in plants



## Translocation of PFASs in soil-plant system



1. Soil properties, and the species of PFASs and plants are the main factors.
2. Longer-chain PFASs are preferentially retained in the roots.

## Bioaccumulation of PFASs in plants



1. BAF in one plant: root > straw > grain.
2. PFOA is the predominant compound in soil and within plant tissues.

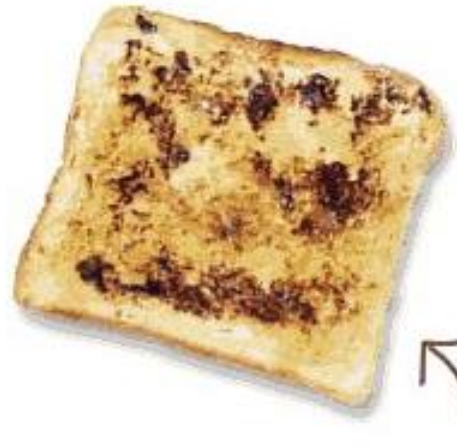
## Distribution of PFASs among different plant species



1. BAF in different plants: leaf vegetables > root vegetables > flower vegetables > shoot vegetables.
2. PFOA, PFBA and PFOS have a potential risk to humans due to the dietary exposure.

# FSANZ (2017)

- Recommended tolerable daily intakes (TDIs) of 20 ng/kg bw/day for PFOS and 160 ng/kg bw/day for PFOA.
- There was not enough information to establish a TDI for PFHxS.



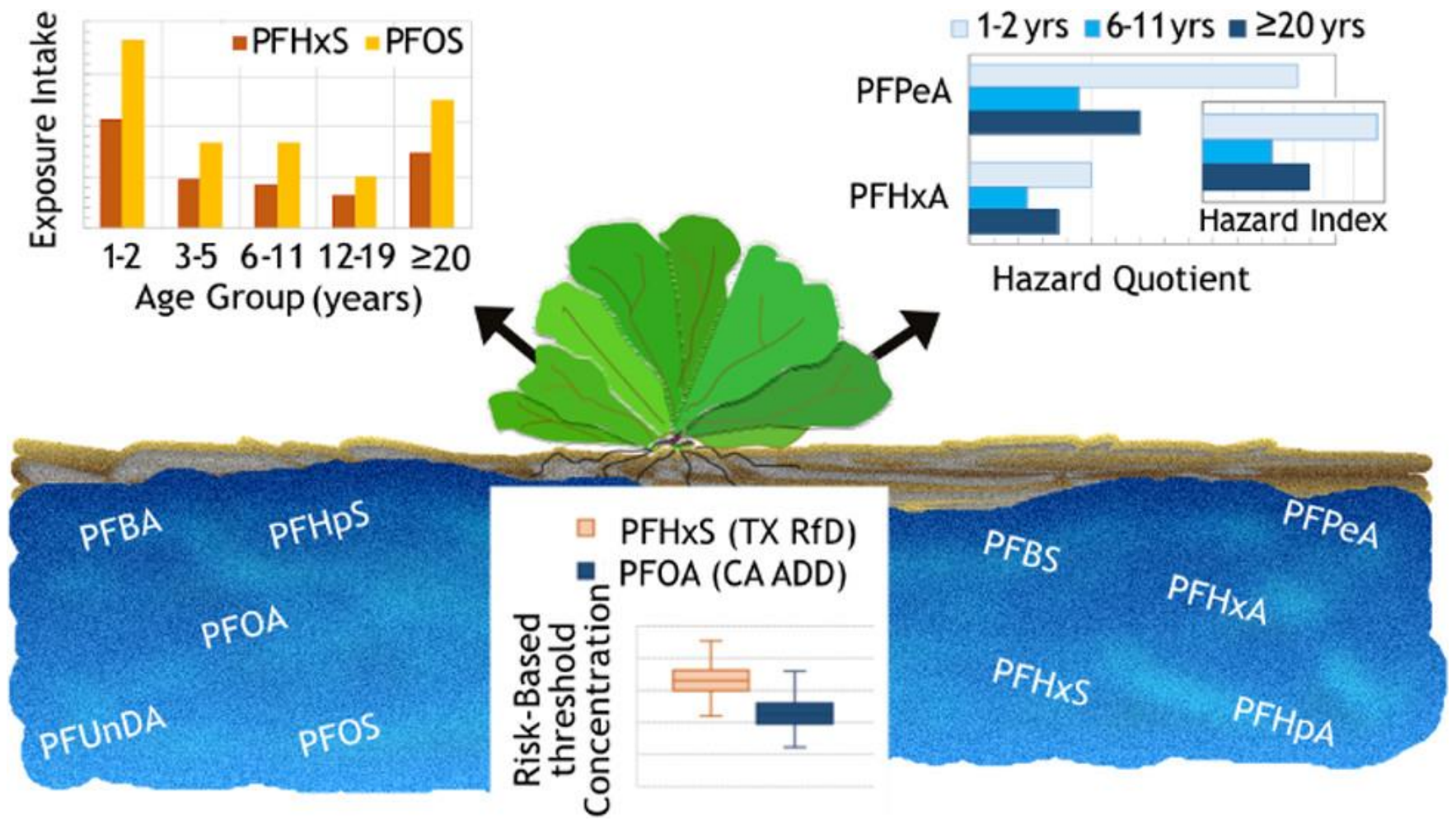
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# EFSA (2020)

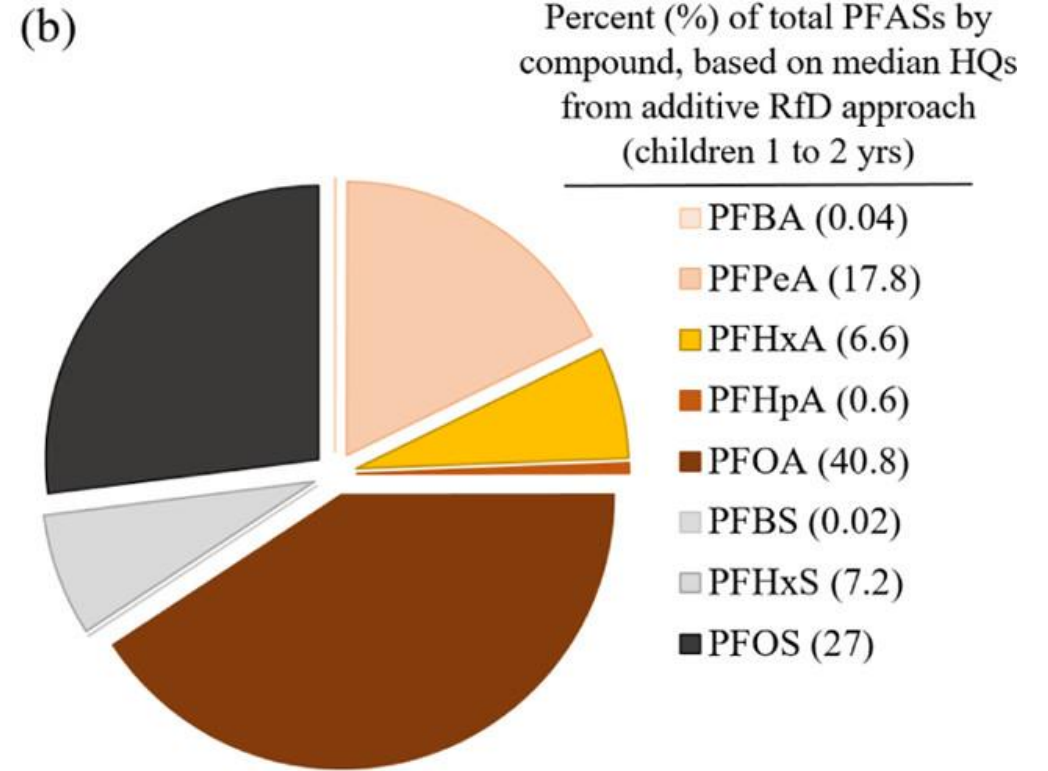
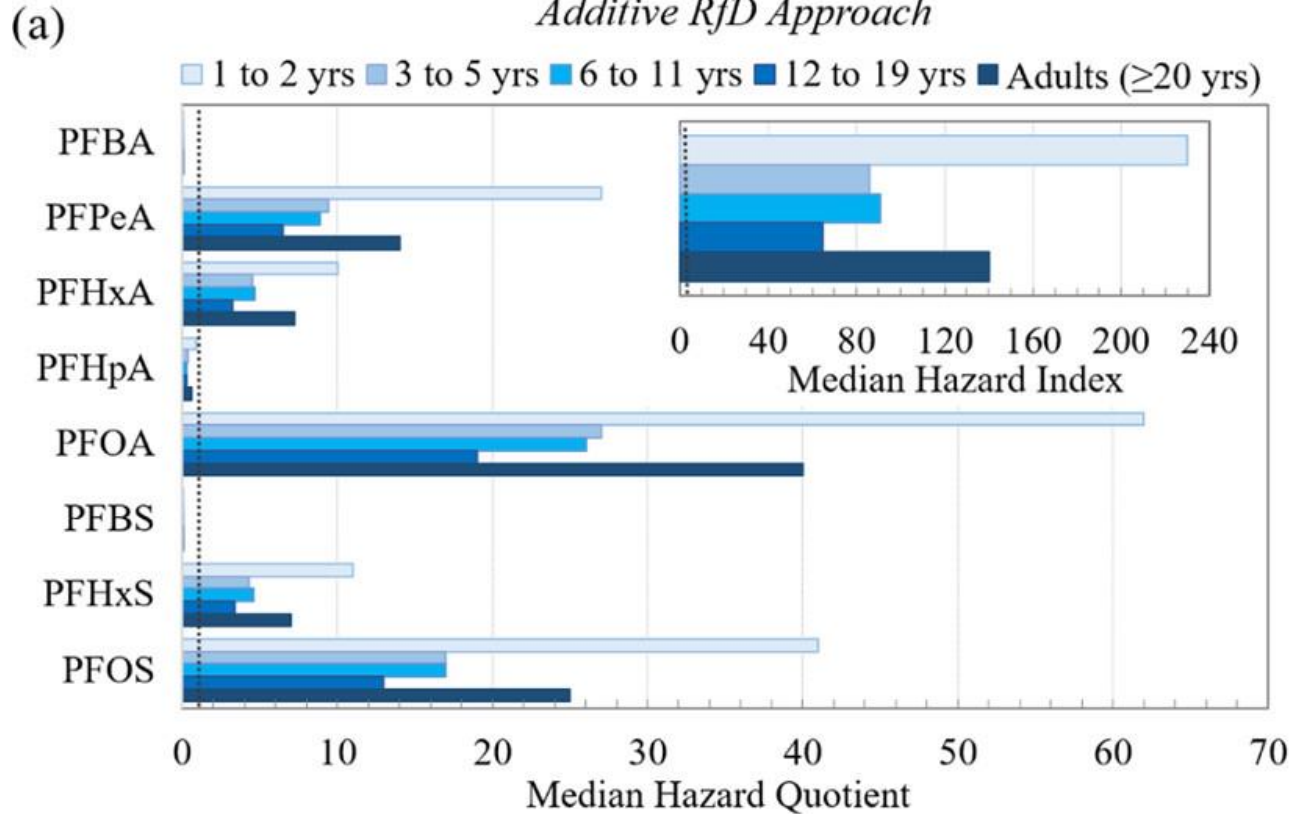
- a **group** tolerable weekly intake (TWI) of **4.4** nanograms per kilogram of body weight **per week**
- Decreased response of the immune system to vaccination to be the most critical human health effect when determining the TWI. This differs from EFSA's previous opinion on PFAS from 2018, which used increased cholesterol as the main *critical effect*.

perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)

# Assessing Human Health Risks for lettuce irrigation



*Additive RfD Approach*



- Using the lowest available human health toxicity reference values (RfDs) & no additional exposure, estimated fifth percentile risk-based threshold concentrations **in irrigation water were 38 ng/L (median 180 ng/L) for PFOA and 140 ng/L (median 850 ng/L) for PFOS.**
- Thus, consumption of vegetables irrigated with PFAS-impacted water that meets the current 70 ng/L of PFOA and PFOS U.S. EPA's lifetime health advisory for drinking water may or may not be protective of vegetable exposures to these contaminants.

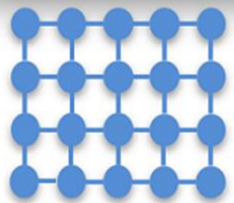




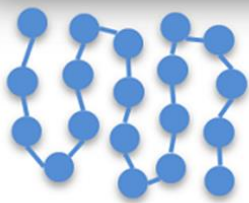
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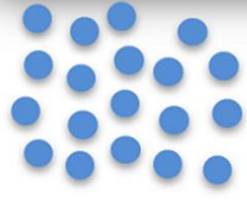
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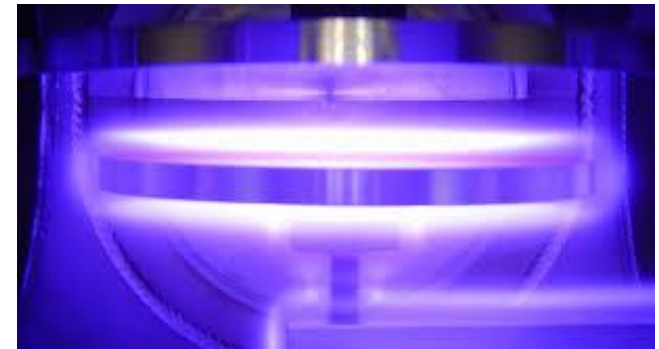
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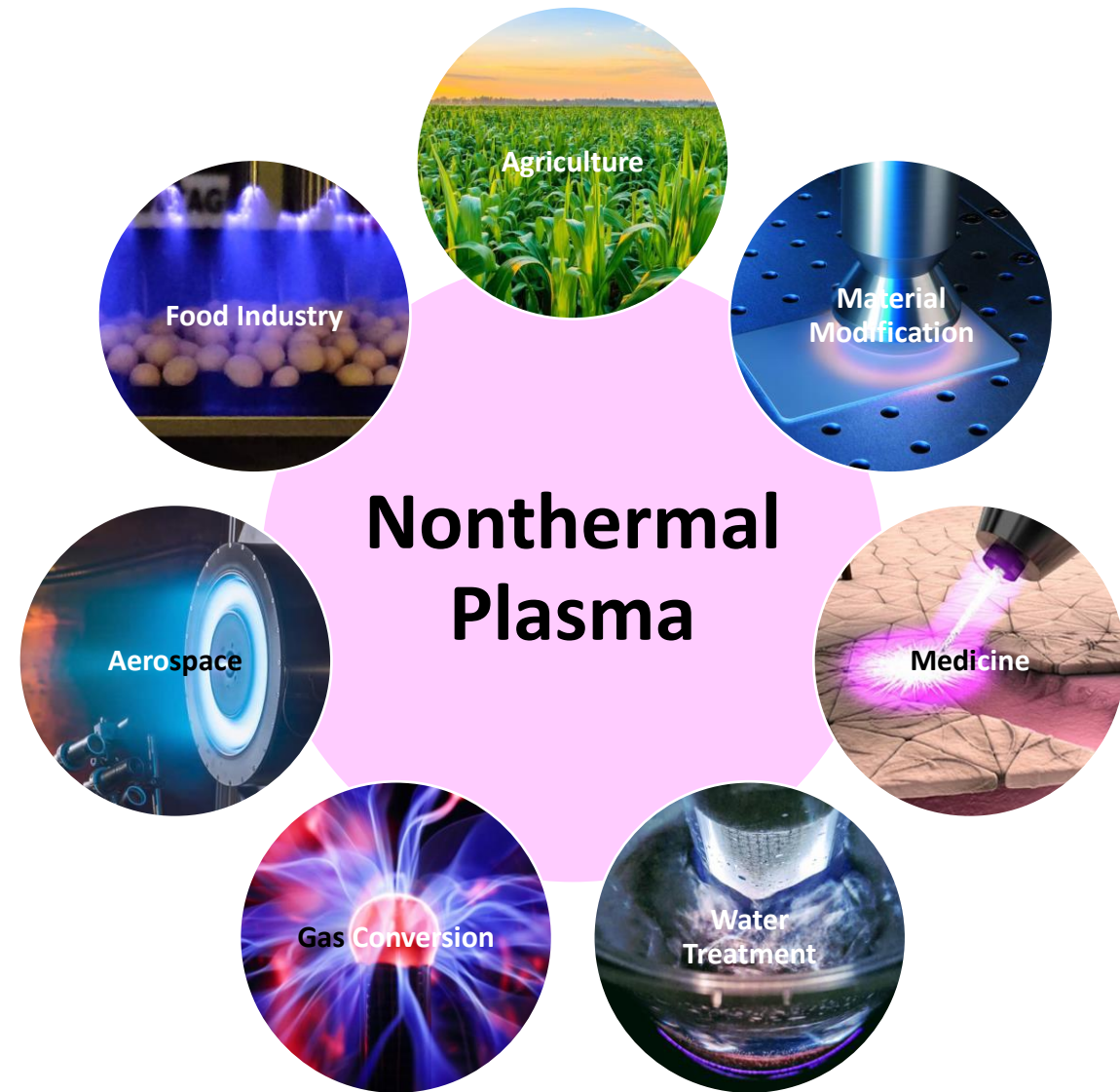
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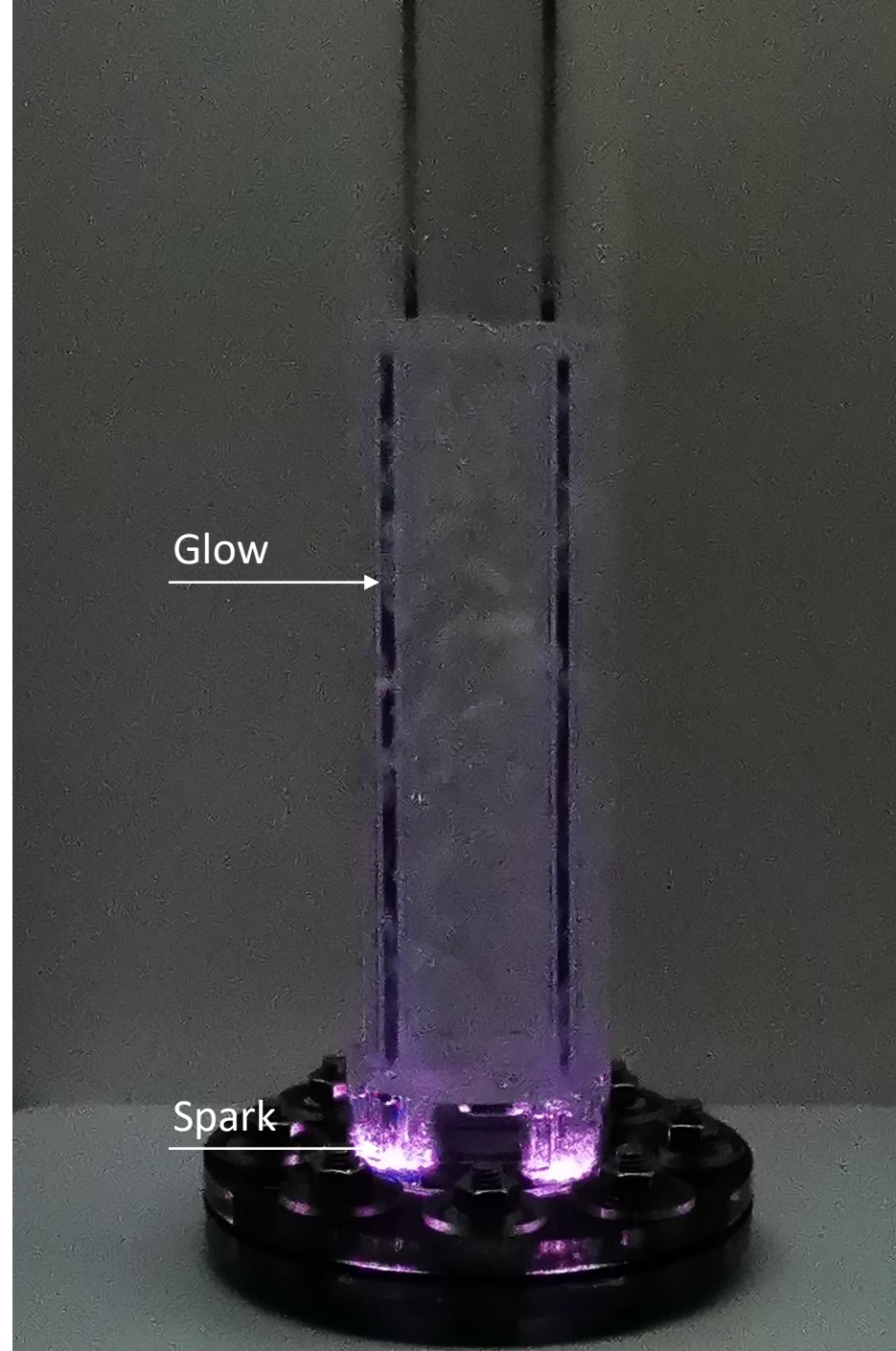
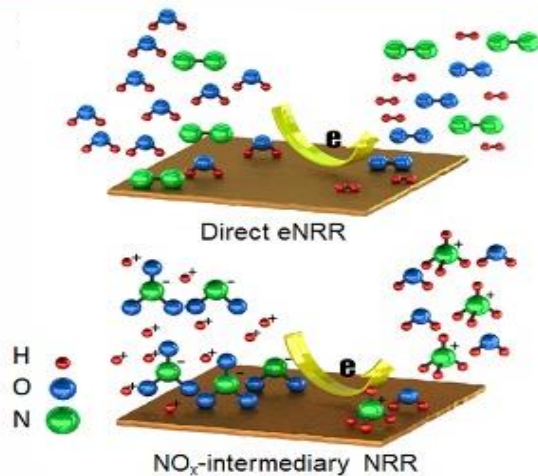
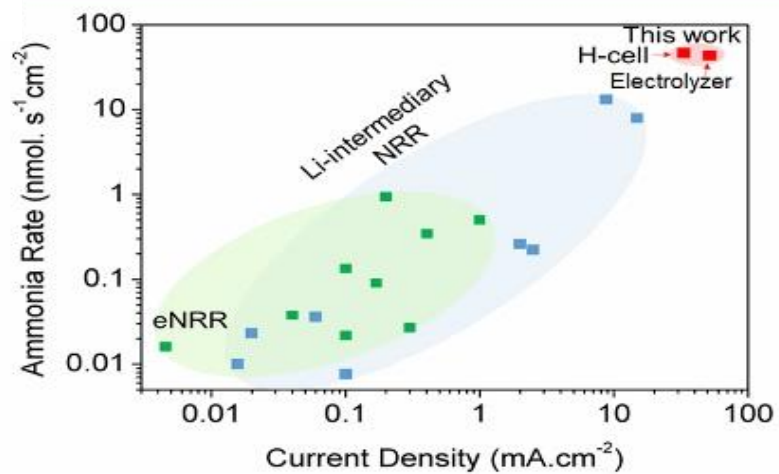
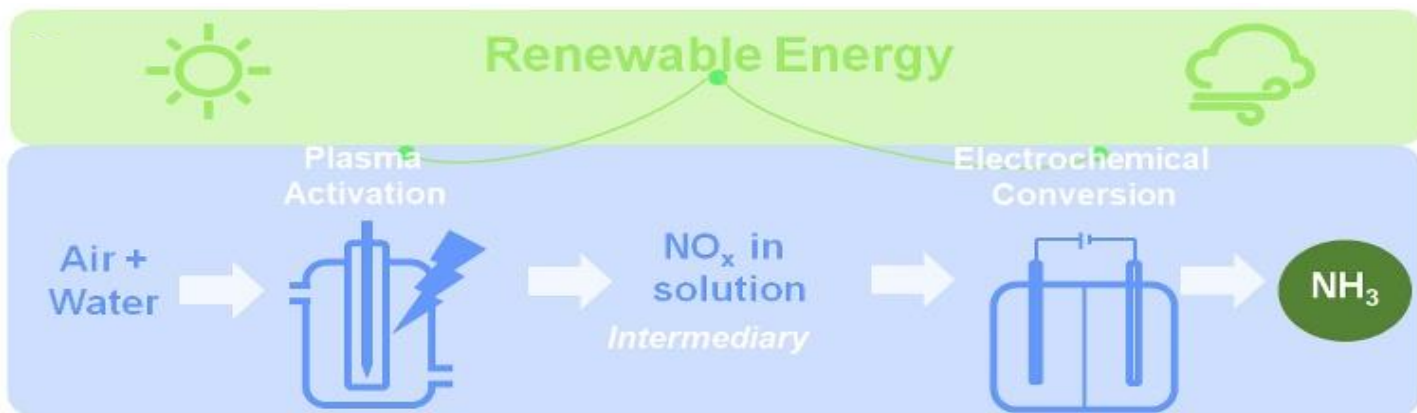


Non-thermal plasma



# Nonthermal Plasma (NTP) applications





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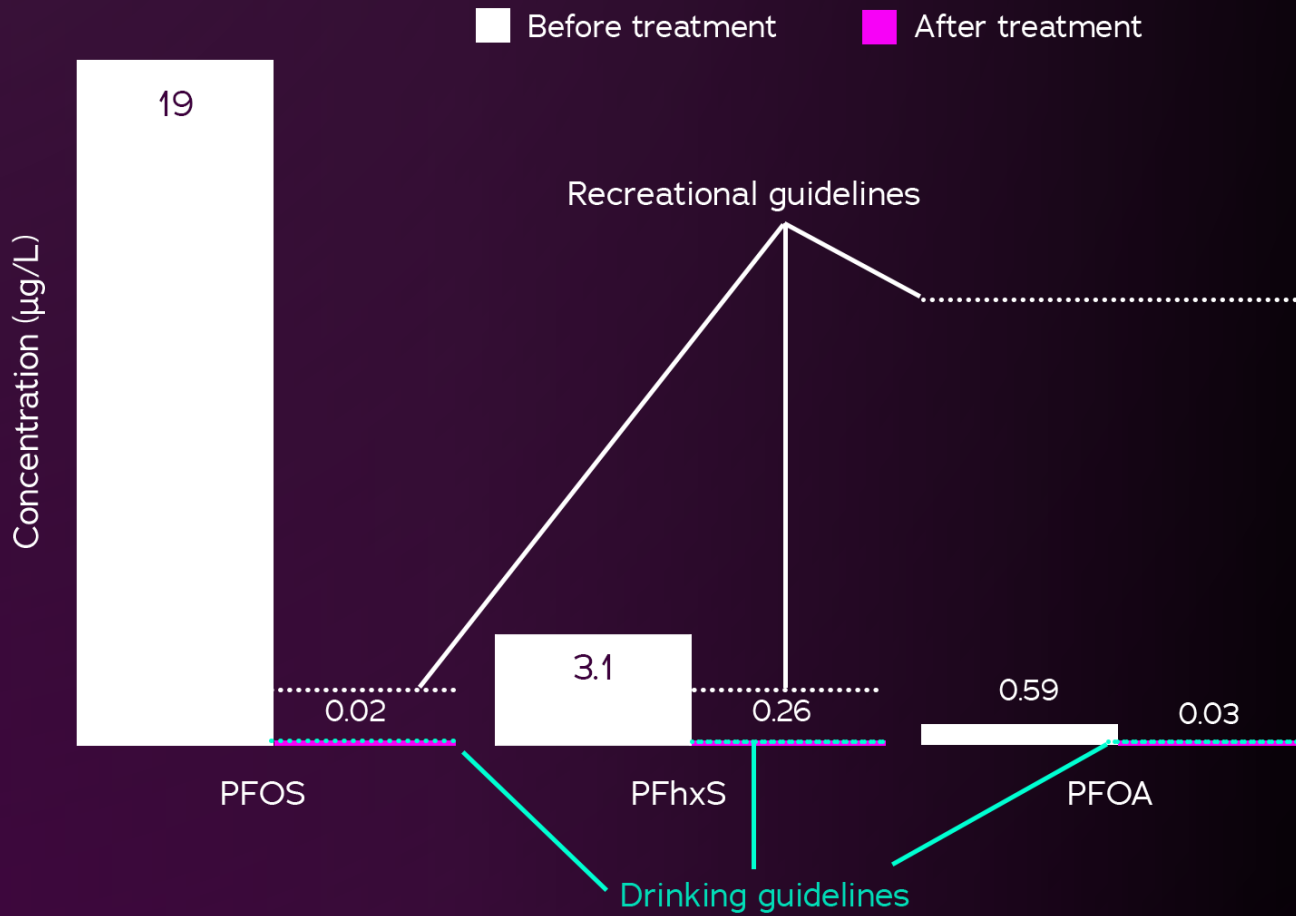
The new production method, demonstrated in a laboratory-based proof of concept, has the potential to play a role in the global transition towards a hydrogen economy, where ammonia is increasingly seen as a solution to the problem of storing and transporting hydrogen energy.

In a paper published in *Energy and Environmental Science*, the authors from UNSW and University of Sydney say that ammonia synthesis was one of the critical achievements of the 20th century. When used in fertilizers that quadrupled the output of food crops, it enabled agriculture to sustain an ever-expanding global population.



# RESULTS

We can remediate PFAS contaminated water to drinking water standards



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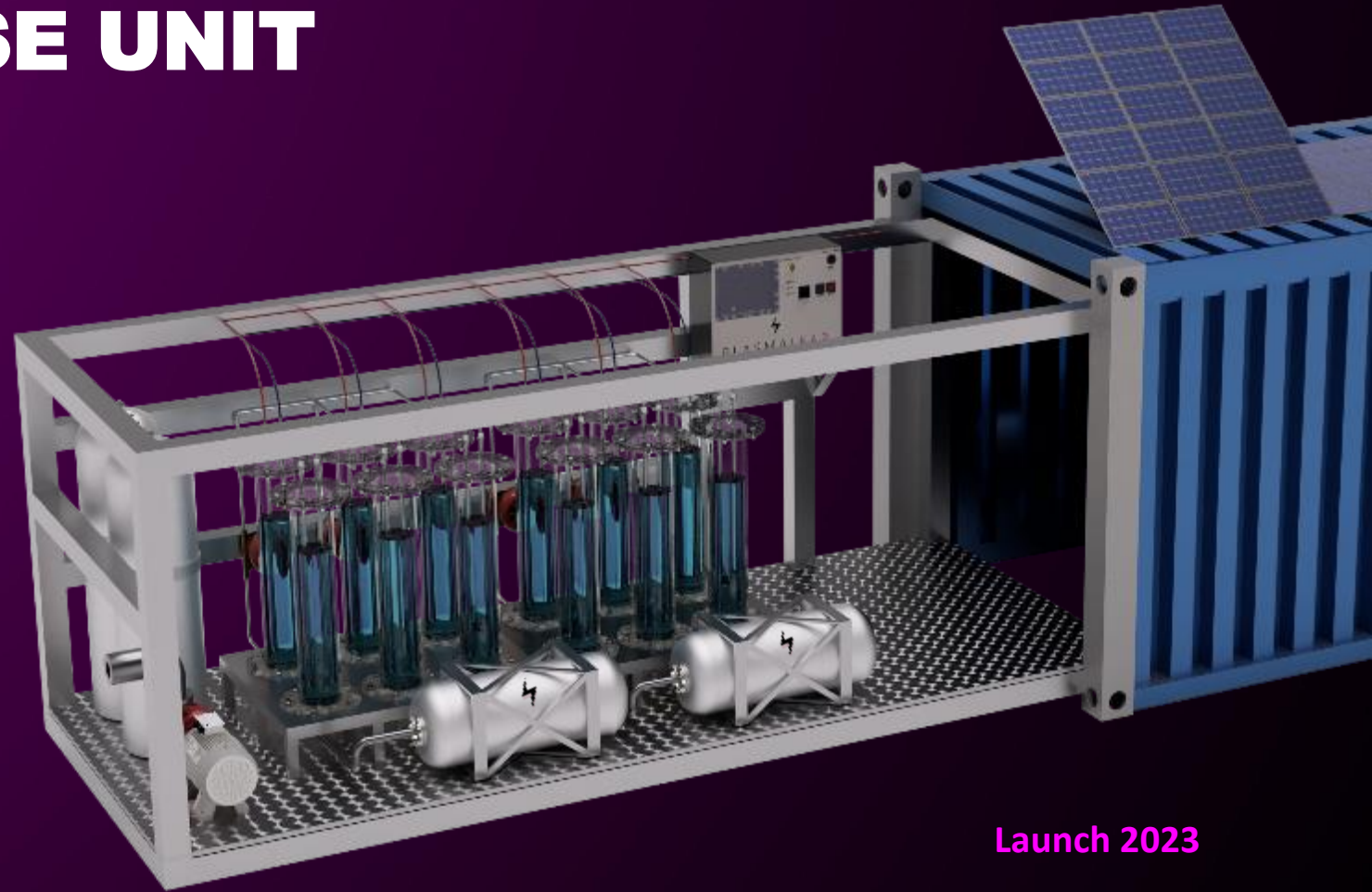
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