

Developments in Nanoscale Iron Technology for the Treatment of CVOOC Source Areas

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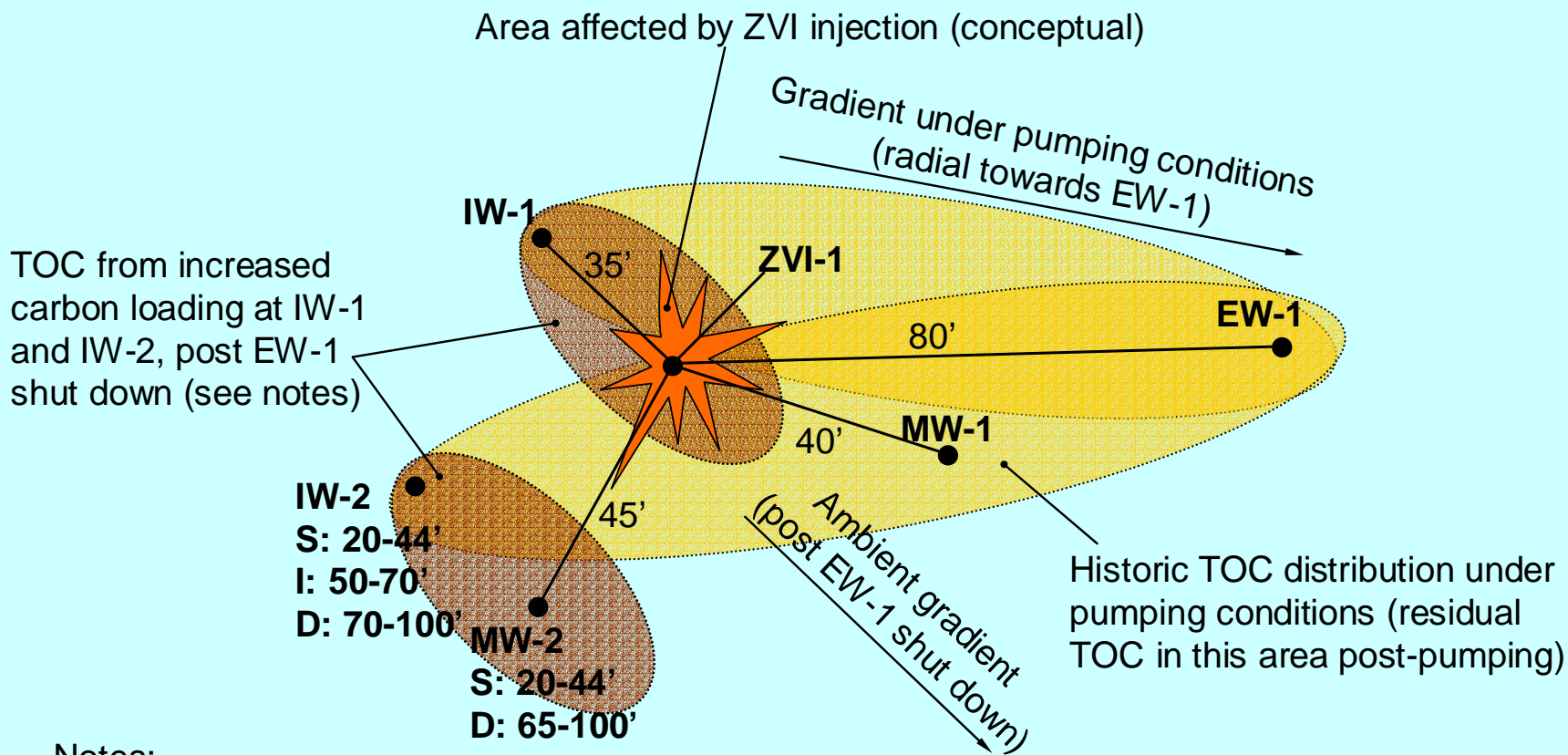
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Nanoscale ZVI Field Pilot

- New Jersey Fractured Bed Rock Site
- Untreated dissolved PCE approximately 130 mg/L
- After 30 months of molasses injection still seeing rebound due to trace DNAPL
- Injected 100 pounds of Crane Polyflon PolymetallixTM precipitated iron colloid
- John Horst, Frank Lenzo, David Liles, Jennifer Martin,





TOC from increased carbon loading at IW-1 and IW-2, post EW-1 shut down (see notes)

IW-2
S: 20-44'
I: 50-70'
D: 70-100'

MW-2
S: 20-44'
D: 65-100'

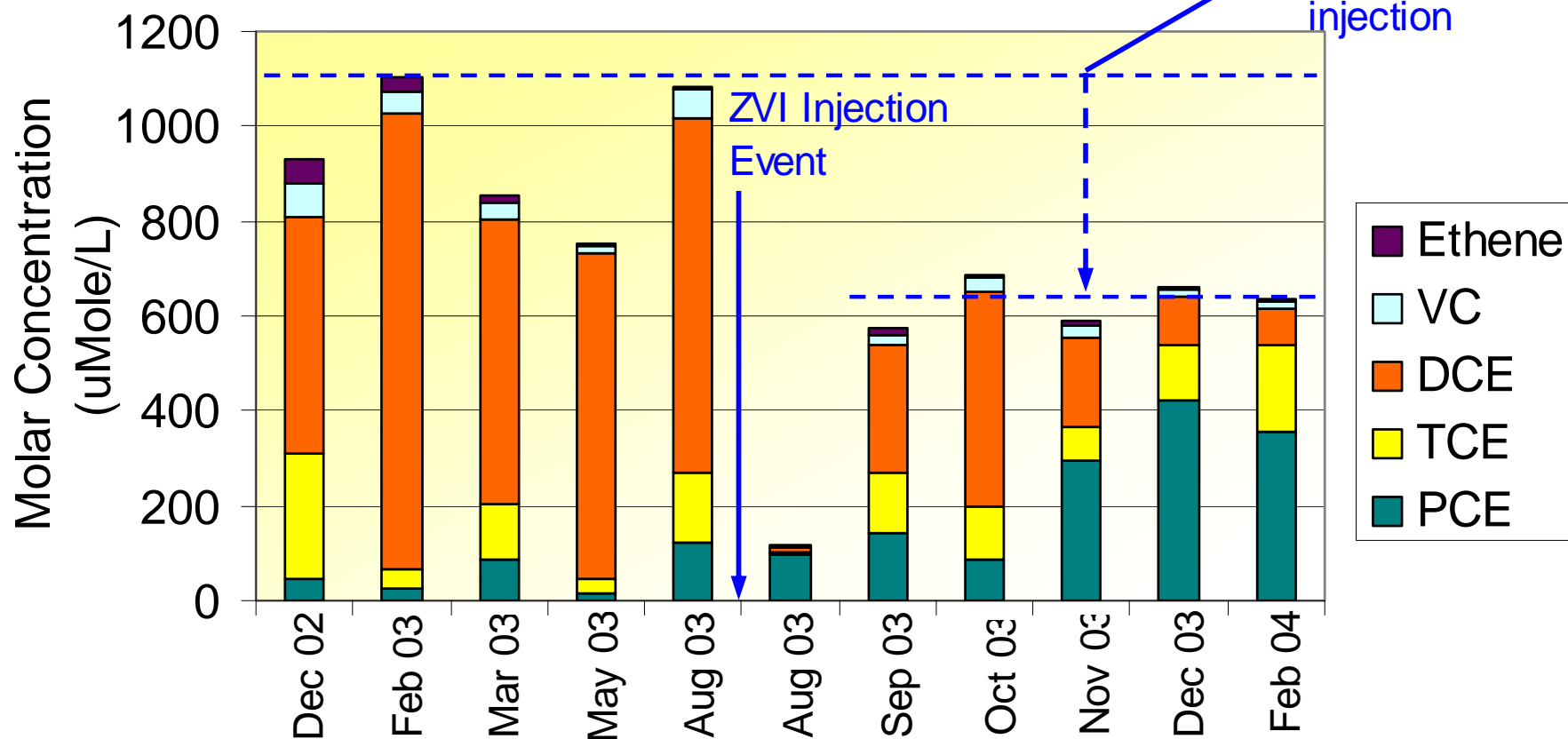
Notes:

- IW-1 and IW-2 = enhanced reductive dechlorination (ERD) injection wells
- Pumping at EW-1 previously helped to distribute TOC from IW-1 and IW-2
- EW-1 shut down nine months prior to ZVI injection
- Carbon loading increased at IW-1 three months prior to ZVI injection; TOC breakthrough observed at ZVI-1 one month after ZVI injection
- Carbon loading increased at IW-2 one month after ZVI injection; TOC breakthrough observed at MW-2 (D) four months after ZVI injection



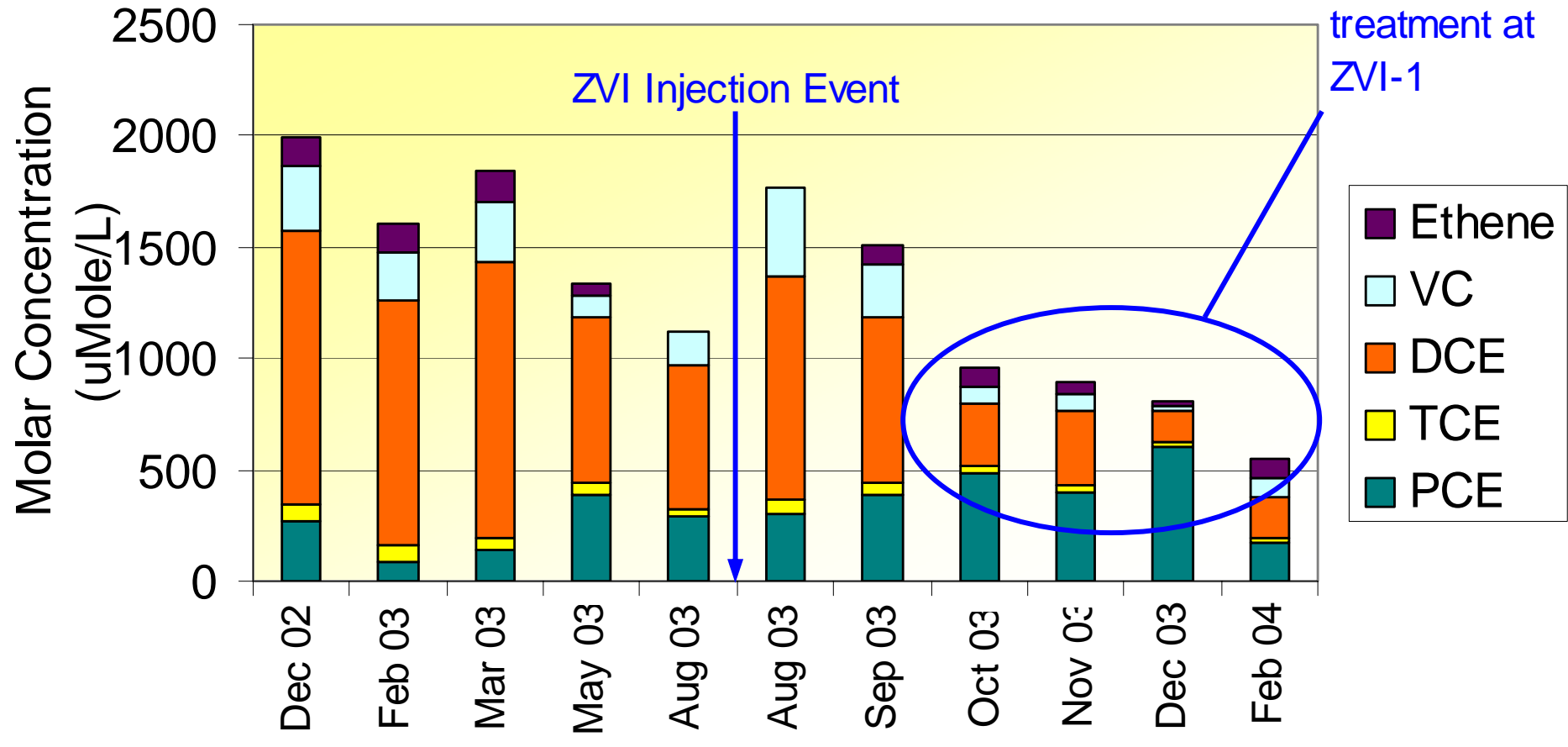
Chlorinated Ethene Trends at ZVI-1 (ZVI Injection Well)

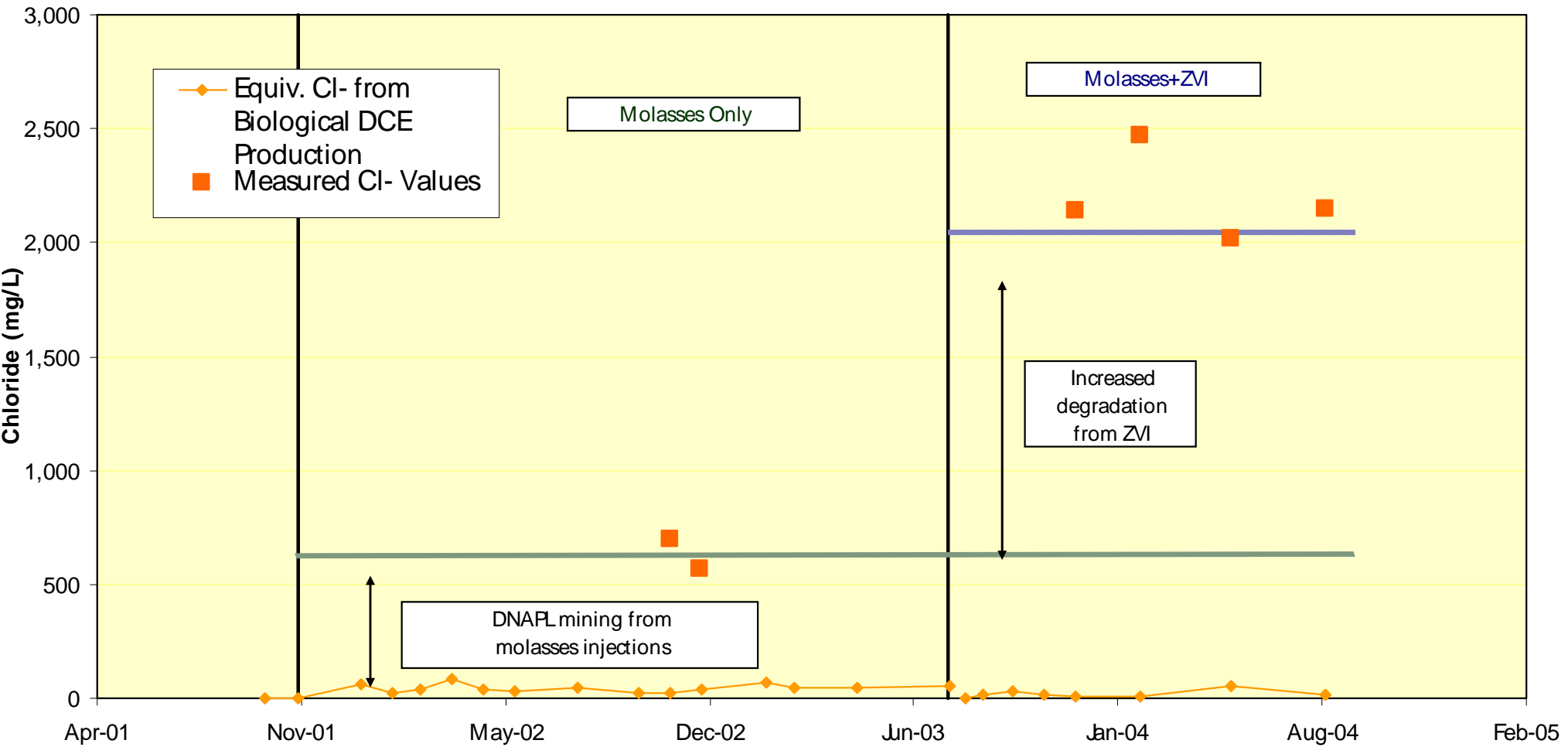
>40% drop in total molarity sustained post-injection



Chlorinated Ethene Trends at MW-1 (40 feet downgradient)

improvement
reflective of
upgradient
treatment at
ZVI-1





Nanoscale ZVI Technology Review

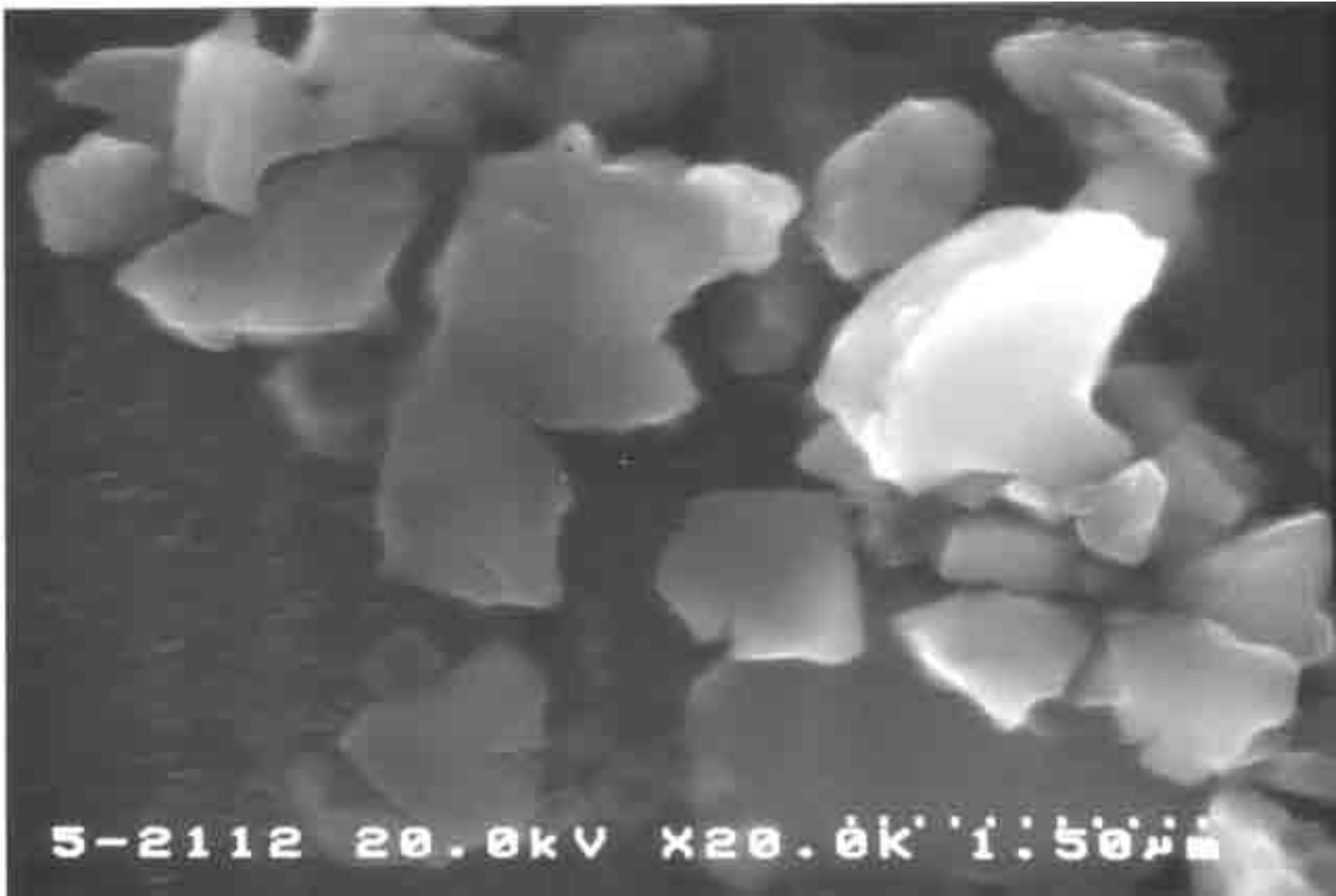
- Reactive Properties
- Delivery
- Going Forward



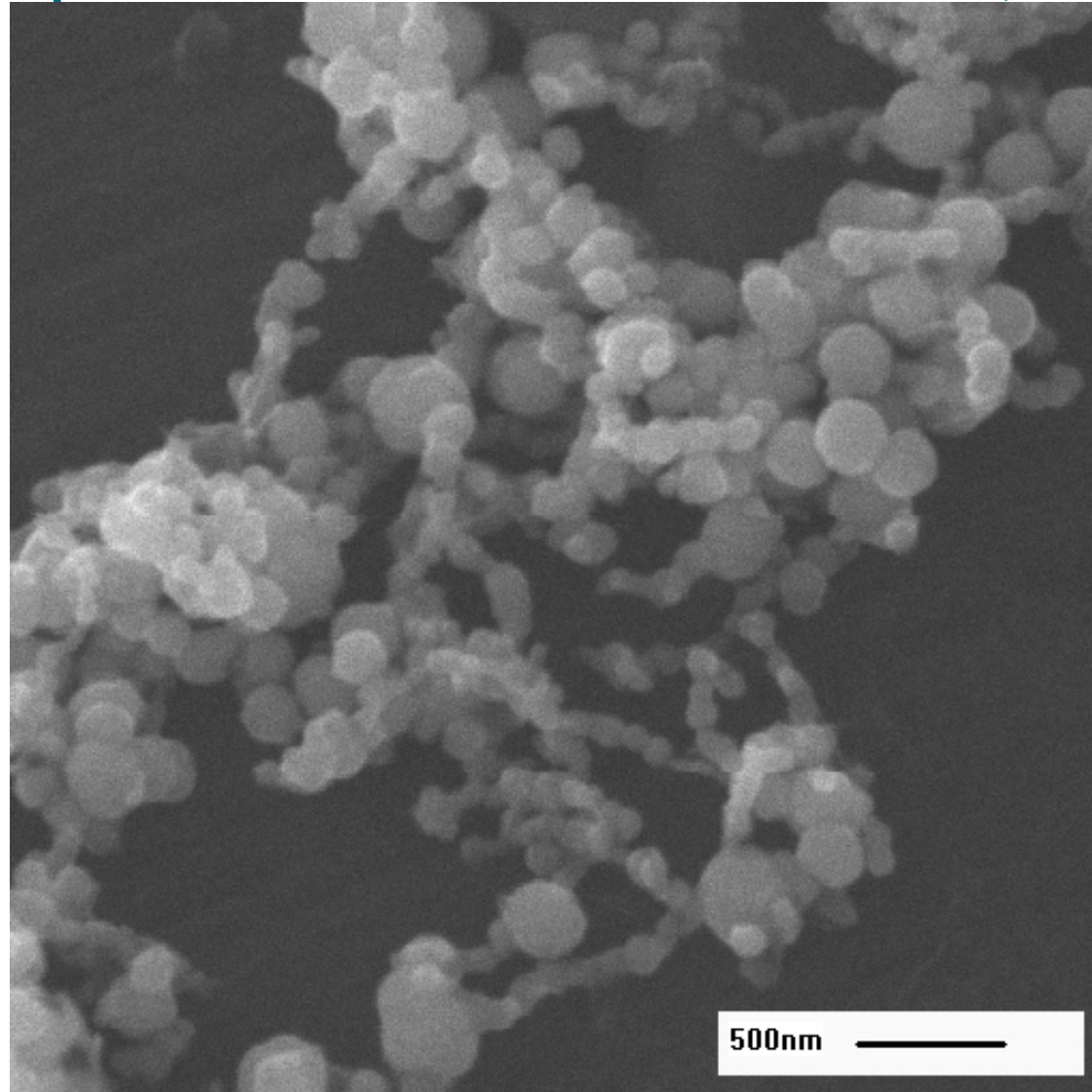
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Reactive Properties

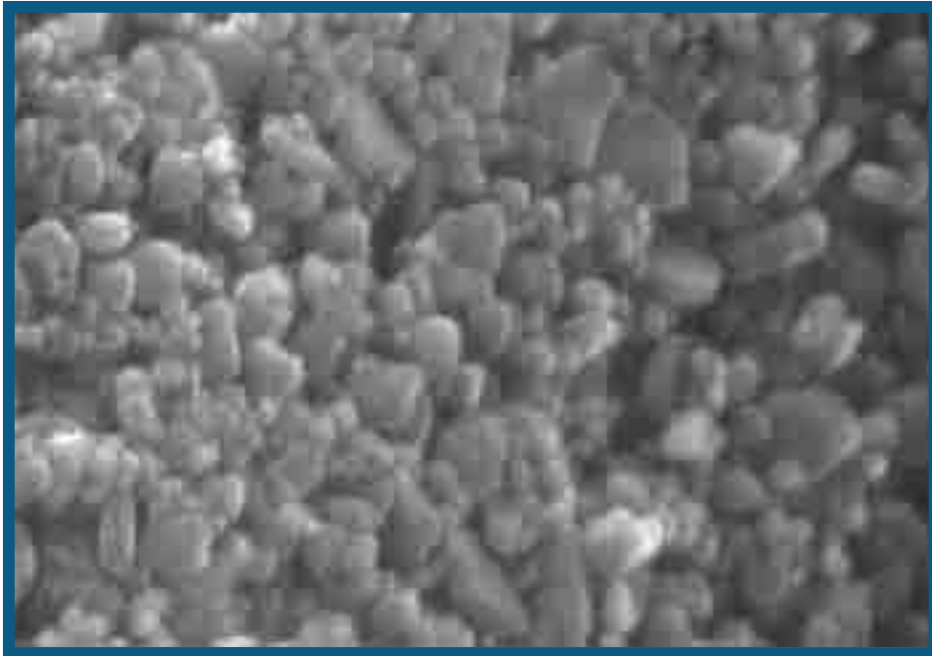
Top Down Nano-Scale Fe Colloids (OnMaterials)



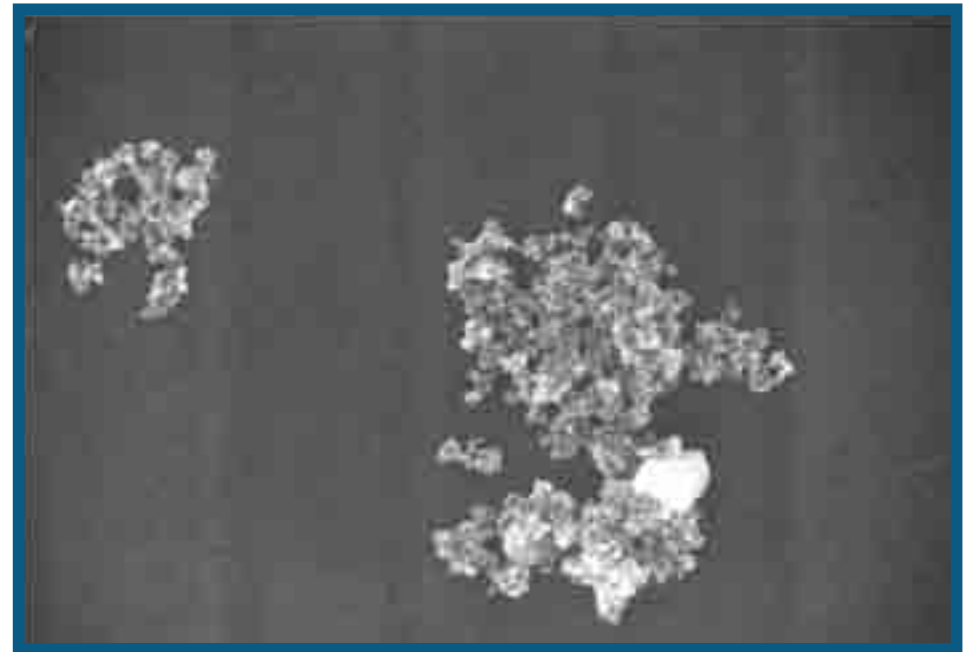
Bottom Up Nano Scale Fe Colloids (ARCADIS)



Another Bottom Up Iron (Crane Polyfon PolyMetaqllix™)



120 nm



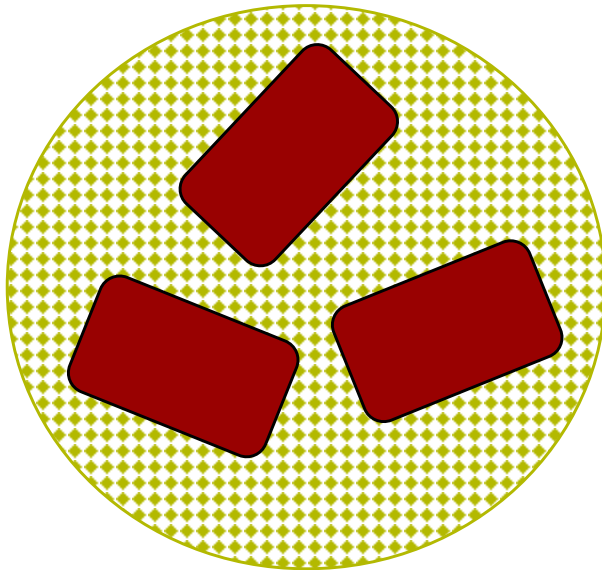
10 μm

Controls on Reactivity

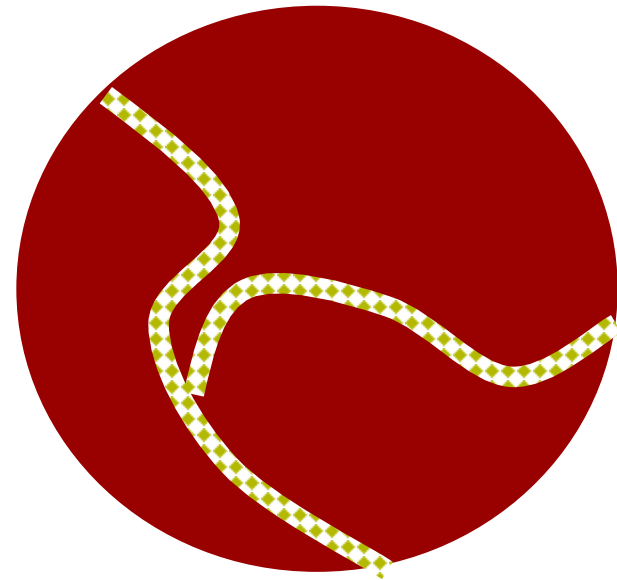
- Particle size
- Reactive Surface Area
- Presence or Absence of Hydrogenation Catalyst
- Method of Manufacture
- Particle morphology – shape, pits
- Particle crystal structure – size of crystal domains, kinks, amorphous zones
- Impurities (good in some cases) and coatings
- Acid Washing
- Aqueous geochemistry



Control of Colloid Reactivity



**Top Down
Ball Milled**

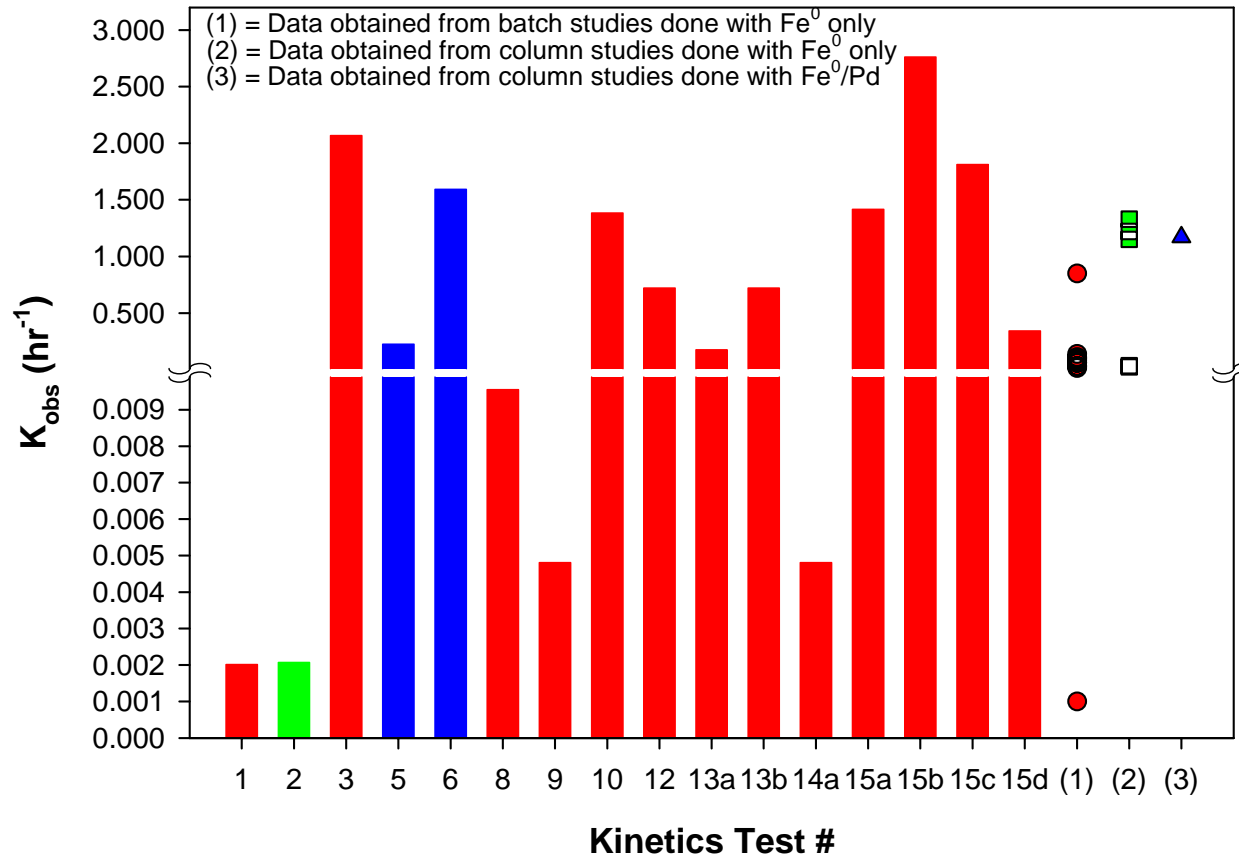


**Bottom Up
Precipitated**

Kinetics Batch Test Results

(higher values indicate short half-lives)

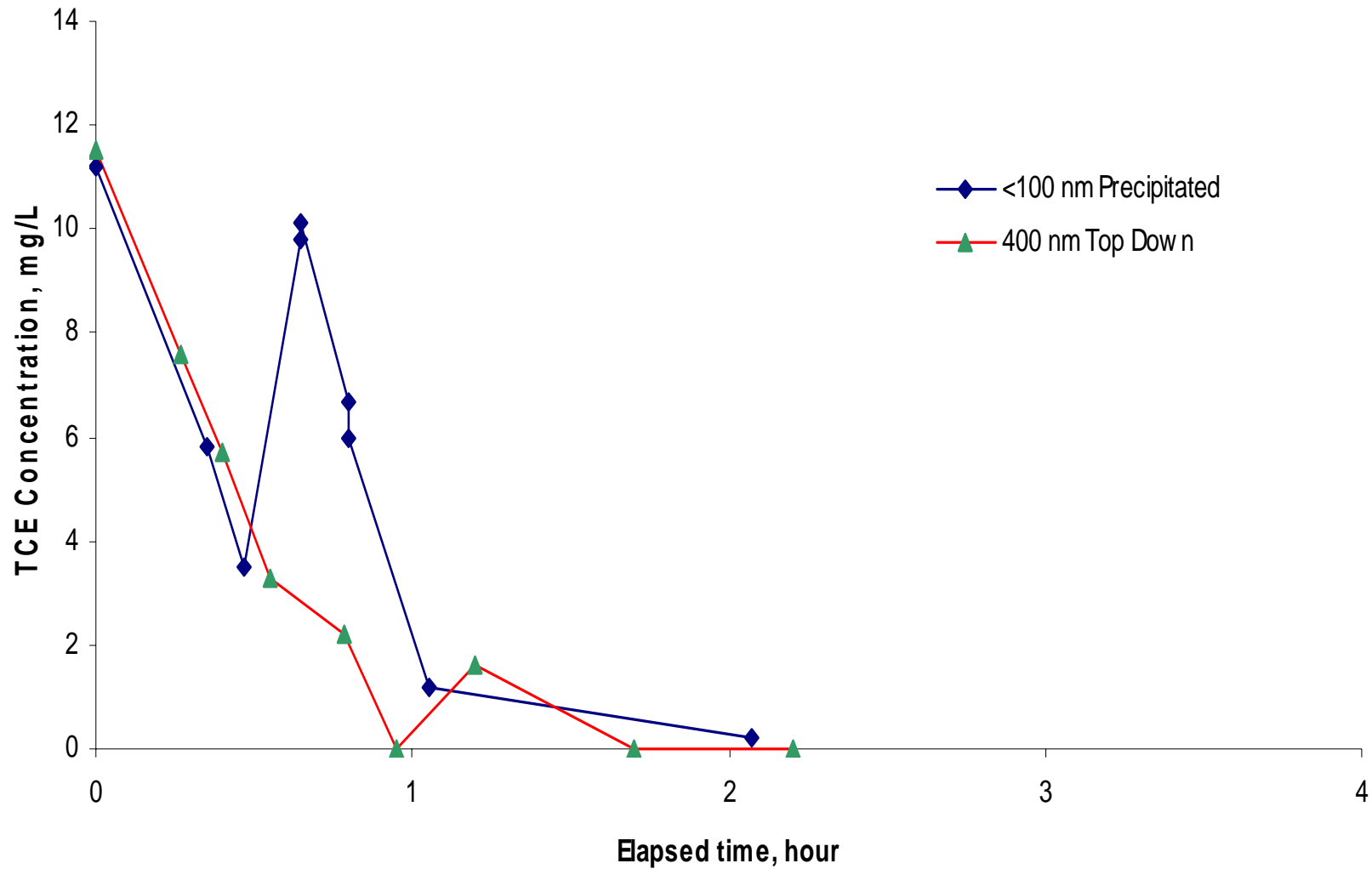
Experimental Data and Data from Literature



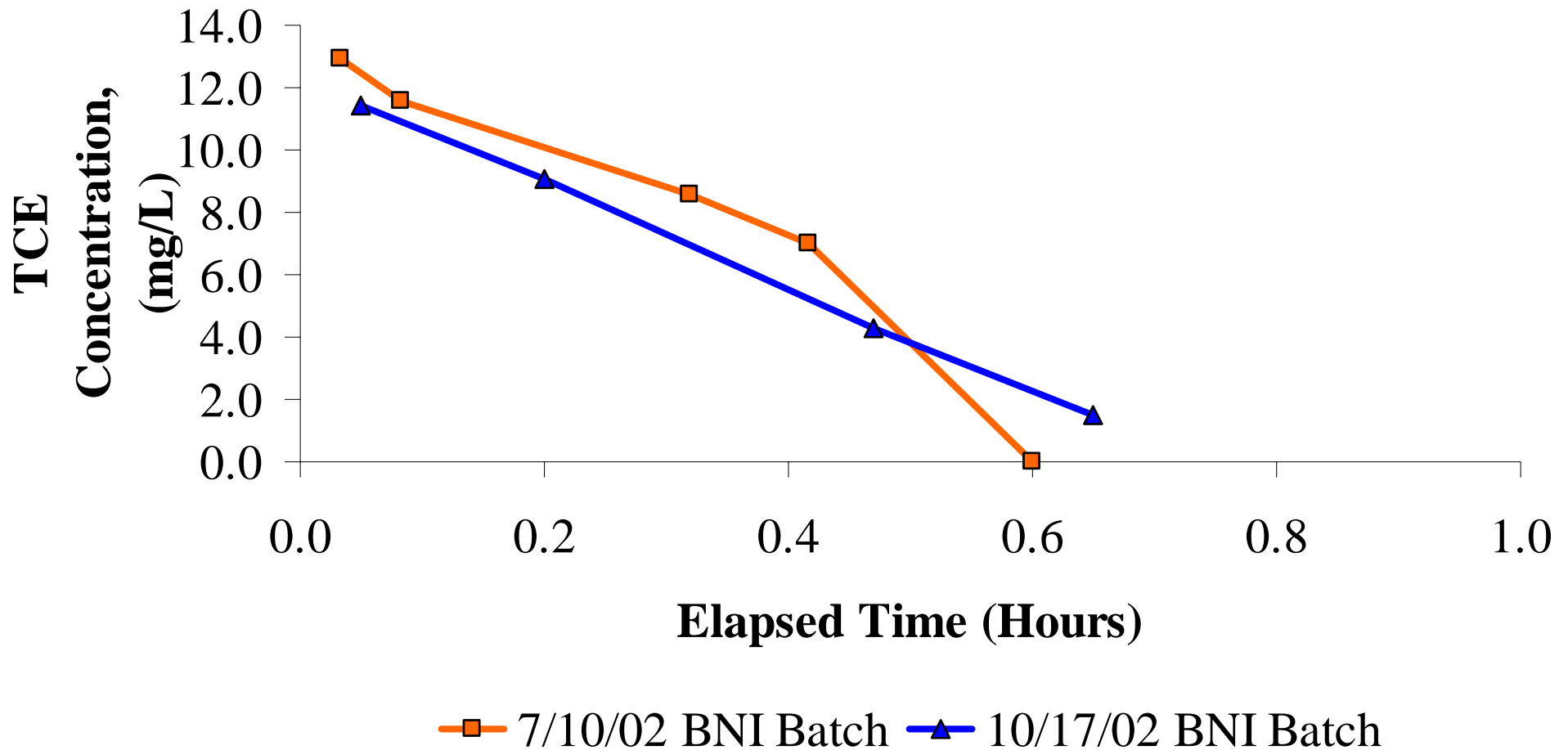
Red Bars are Vendor C Ball Milled
 Green Bar is Vendor A Precipitated
 Blue Bars are Vendor B Precipitated



Reactivity of Top Down Vs. Bottom Up Colloids



BNI TCE Dechlorination Kinetics Stability of Ball Milled Colloids



Key Batch Testing Results as Compared to Literature

Characteristic	Literature Effect	Our Observed Effect
Surface area	Roughly linear	Roughly linear
Hydrogenation catalyst	3-100X improvement	7x with precipitated iron, 500x with ball milled iron
Acid washing effect	0.1-10x improvement	Up to 490X
Impurities/surface defects	Can have either positive or negative effects	Dramatic differences between the the ductilely deformed, ball milled and the crystalline, precipitated materials

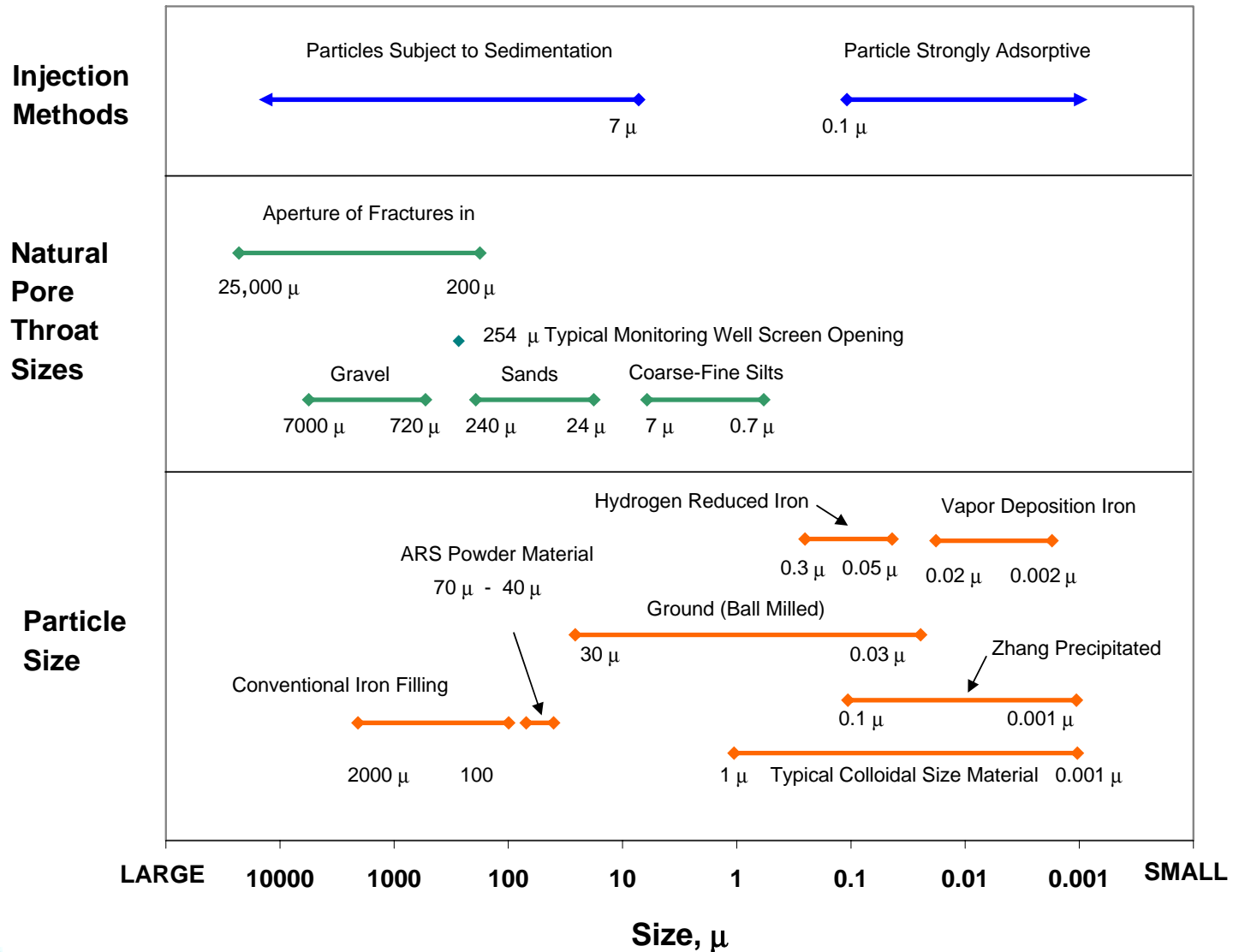


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Delivery

Nanoscale Iron Particle Size Comparison

Size Ranges of Zero Valent Iron Compared to Pore Slot Size

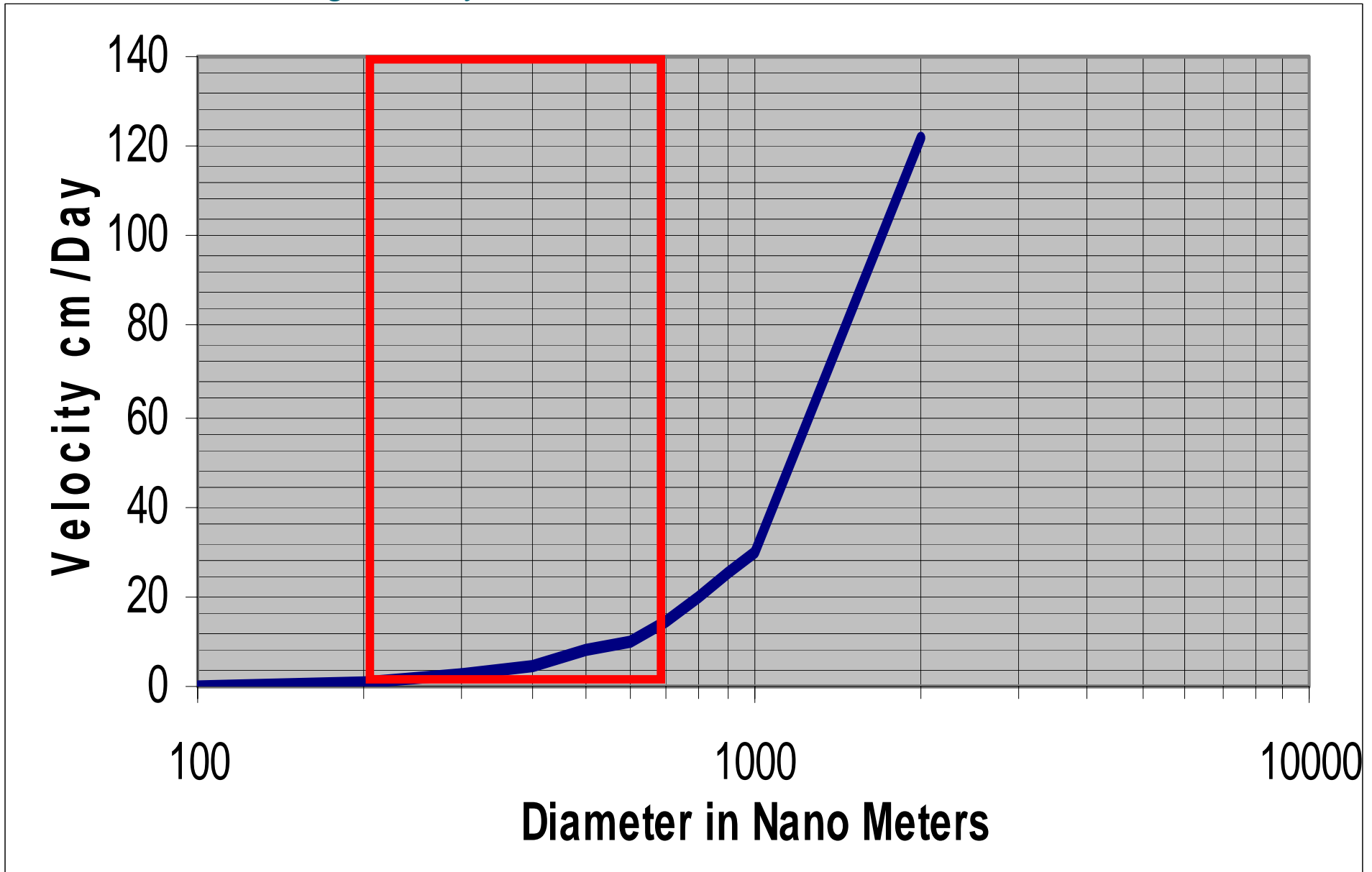


Point of Zero Charge - pH_{pznpc} Binding or Dissociation of Protons

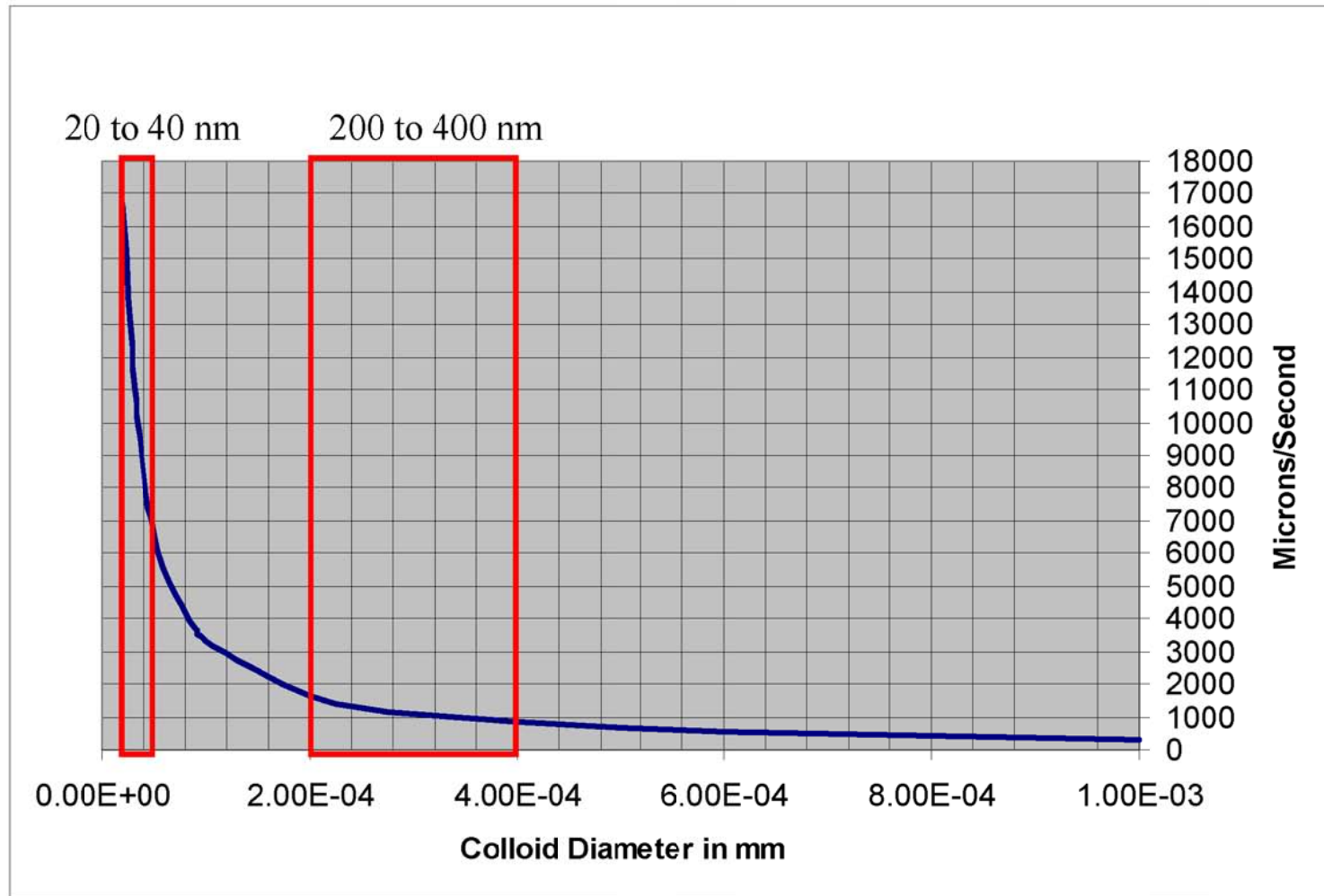
▪ $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$	9.1	▪ $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$	2.8
▪ $\alpha\text{-Al(OH)}_3$	5.0	▪ $\beta\text{-MnO}_2$	7.2
▪ $\gamma\text{-AlOOH}$	8.2	▪ SiO_2	2.0
▪ CuO	9.5	▪ ZrSiO_4	5
▪ $\alpha\text{-Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	6.5	▪ Feldspars	2-2.4
▪ $\alpha\text{-FeOOH}$	7.8	▪ Kaolinite	4.6
▪ Fe_2O_3	8.5	▪ Montmorillonite	2.5
▪ Fe(OH)_3 (amorph)	8.5	▪ Albite	2.0
▪ MgO	12.4	▪ Chrysotile	>10



Stokes Settling Velocity Vs. Fe Colloid Diameter



Colloid Velocity Due to Brownian Motion



Colloid Delivery

- Since movement of the colloids takes place primarily during the actual injection event only -- A good grasp of the site hydrodynamics is required
- Management of interfacial forces may require attention, but in most cases will be secondary to hydrodynamics

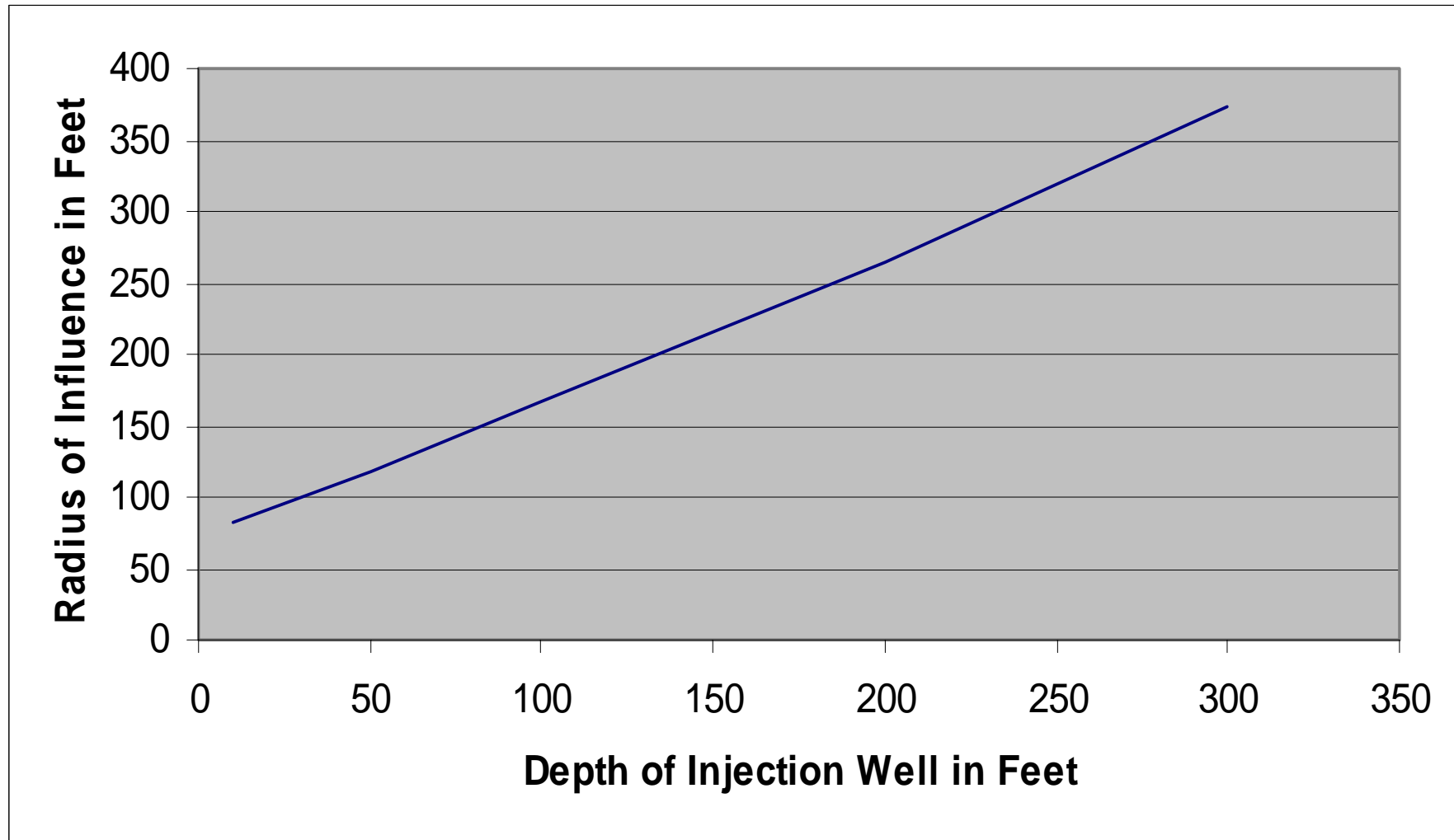
Column Study Injection without Pressure Pulse



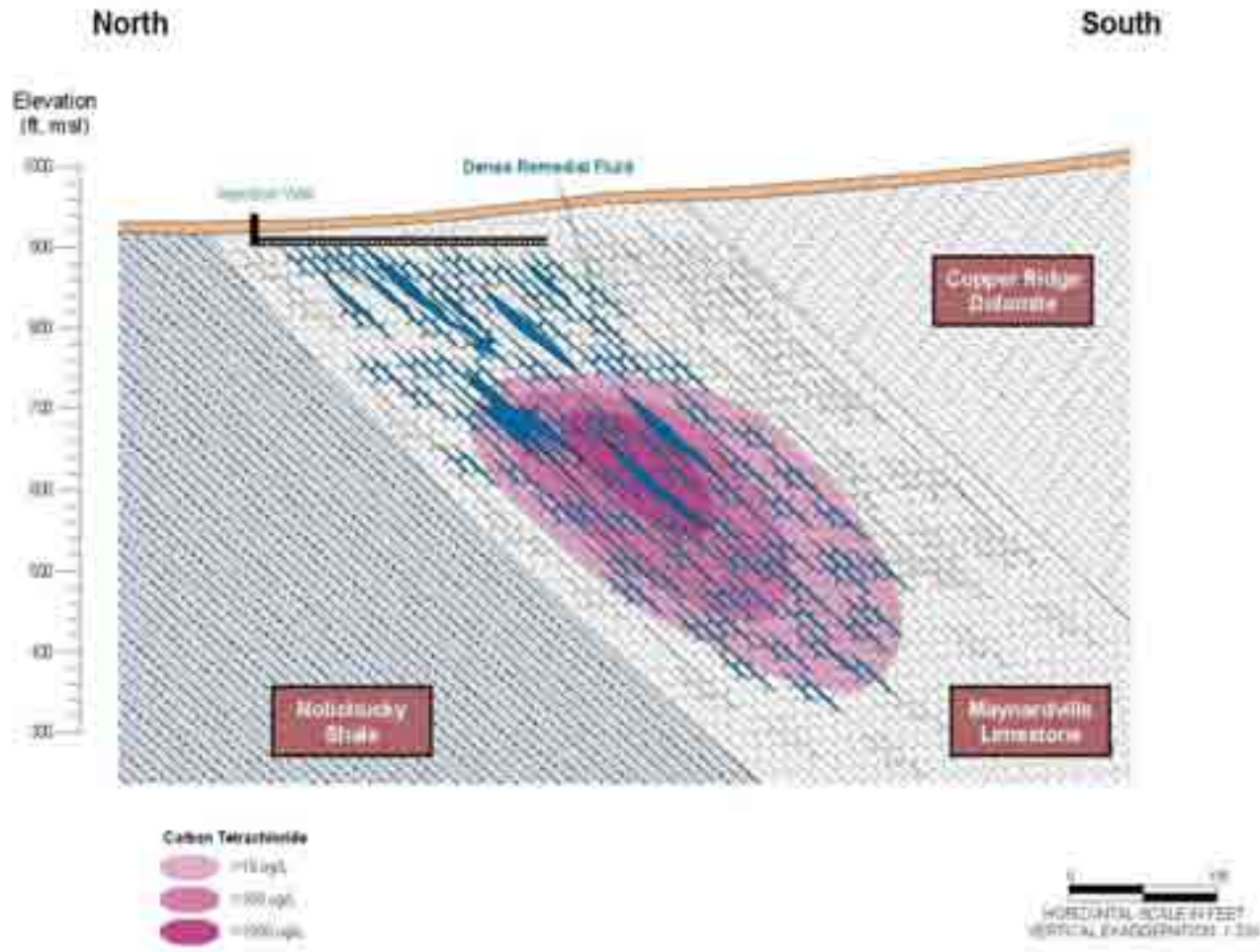
Column Study with Pressure Pulse



PPT Radius of Influence Enhancement



Reagents can be Designed to Follow Original DNAPL Contaminant Pathways



A Bedding Plane Surface of a Permian Limestone.

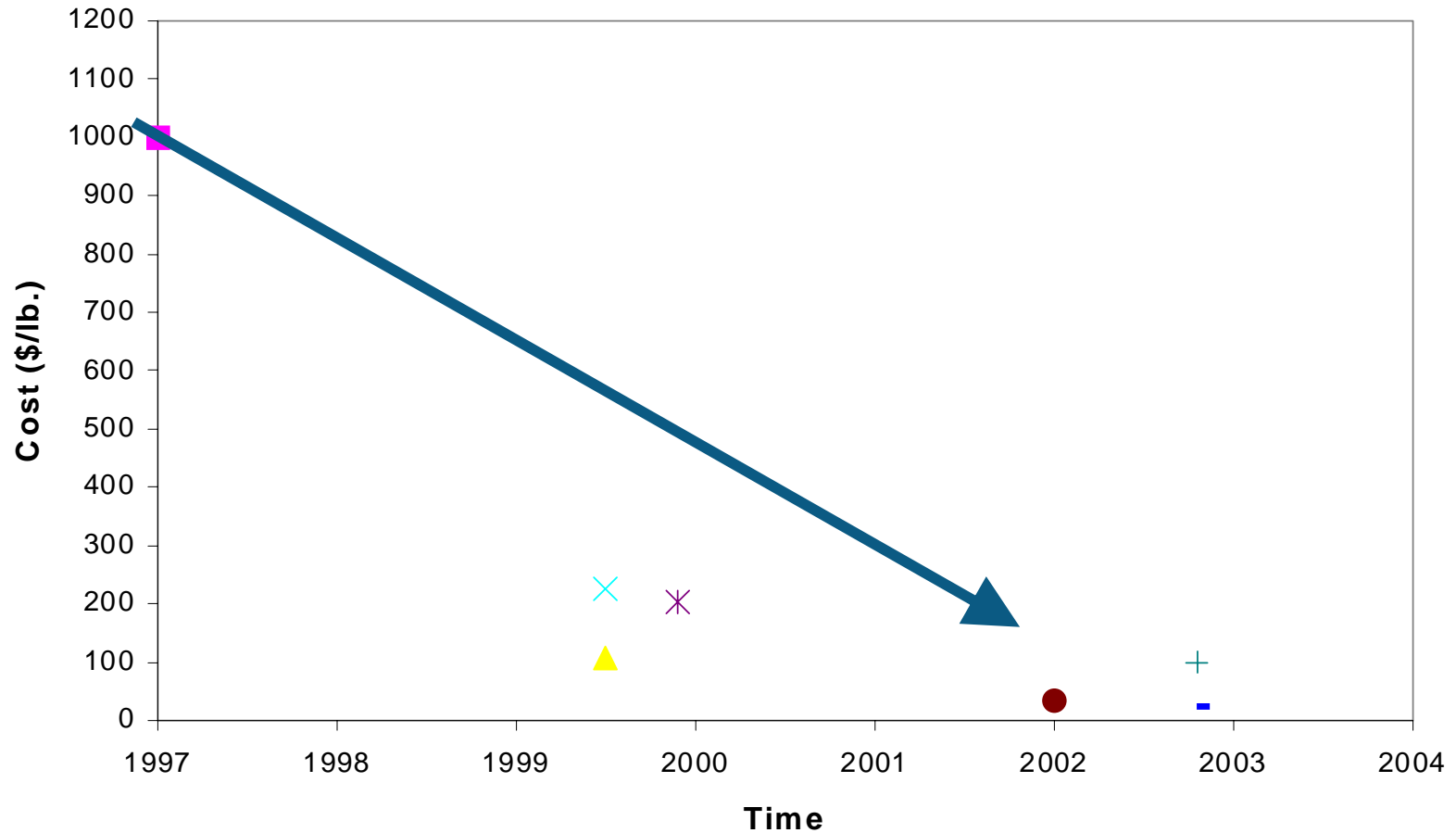


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Going Forward

Trend in Nanoscale Iron Price



- Zhang Aqueous Precipitation, 20-40 nm
- × Nantek Vapor Deposition, ~ 20 nm
- Toda Hydrogen Reduction of FeO, 50-300 nm
- ONMaterials Ball Milled Iron
- ▲ Harrell Industries Aqueous Precipitation, ~ 20 nm
- ✱ ARCADIS Conservative Market Estimate
- + Anonymous Aqueous Precipitation, 200-400 nm



Key Performance Issues

- Colloid Longevity
 - Passivation by dissolved inorganics
 - Unproductive hydrogen generation
- Transport Issues
 - Size – the balance between gravitational settling and attractive forces – 200 to 600 nm ideal



Impacts on ZVI Longevity

- Effect of high TDS
 - Sulfate and Soluble Carbonates
- Effect of water dissociation
- Effect of CVOC reactions



Controls on Colloid Longevity

- Control colloid structure
- Control trace constituents in colloids
 - Catalysts
 - Inorganic Inhibitors
- Modification of the colloid surface
 - Catalysts
 - Inorganic Inhibitors
 - Polymers



Colloid Longevity and DNAPL

- The positive effect of chloride as a corrosion promoter
 - Accelerate electron generation and transport
 - Create new reactive sites
 - Overcome passivation effects
 - See ES&T Vol. 38, pp 5157-5163 Hernandez et al
- Exploitation of colloid structure and composition



Evaluation of Colloid Longevity

- Three types of colloid
 - Hydrogen Reduced (Toda)
 - Precipitated (Polyfon)
 - Ball Milled



The Use of Palladium

- Cost will contribute 5 to 20% of total cost
- Concern is regulatory driven by the toxicity of palladium or other metals



Resolving Regulatory Issues

- Presence of the hydrogenation catalyst (Pd, Pt, Sn, Ni, Ag) is likely to be the object of regulatory scrutiny
- Many of these metals used historically in ways that foster human oral exposure such as dentistry, and food preservation
- Geochemistry literature analysis shows that Pd or Pt introduced into the environment through the application of BNI will remain insoluble rather than dissolving and migrating downgradient
- Pd has been used during another TCE remediation program in California

