

## Supporting Information

### **Combined column test for characterization of leaching and transport of trace elements in contaminated soils**

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## S.1. Supplementary method description

### S.1.1. Bulk density

Bulk density ( $\rho_b$ ) in the combined columns was calculated as

$$\rho_b = \frac{\text{dry mass sample}}{\text{sample volume}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

### S.1.2. Calculations pore number and porosity

The pore number and porosity in the combined columns were theoretically calculated based on the following argumentation:

The pore number ( $e$ ) is the ratio between the pore volume ( $V_p$ ) and the volume of solid material ( $V_s$ ), equivalent to the gas filled pore volume ( $V_a$ ) and the water-occupied pore volume ( $V_w$ ):

$$e = \frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{V_a + V_w}{V_s} \quad (\text{S2})$$

The pore volume can also be derived from the specific gravity ( $G_s$ ), the volumetric water content ( $w$ ) and the degree of saturation ( $S_r$ )

$$e = \frac{wG_s}{S_r} \quad (\text{S3})$$

Under 100 % saturation ( $S_r = 1$ ), where  $V_w$  is assumed to equal  $V_p$ , the pore number can be expressed as

$$e = wG_s \quad (\text{S4})$$

Hence, the pore numbers were calculated as following:

$$e = \left( \frac{G_s \gamma_w}{\gamma_d} \right) - 1 \quad (\text{S5})$$

where  $\gamma_w$  is the unit weight of water ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ),  $\gamma_d$  is the dry unit weight ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) and  $G_s$  the specific gravity.

The porosity ( $n$ ) was calculated as:

$$n = \frac{e}{1+e} \quad (\text{S6})$$

### S.1.3. Calculations porewater velocity

The porewater velocity ( $v$ ) is the ratio between Darcy flux ( $q$ ) and porosity ( $n$ ):

$$v = \frac{q}{n} \quad (\text{S7})$$

The Darcy flux was calculated as:

$$q = \frac{\text{pumping rate}}{A} \quad (\text{S8})$$

where pumping rate is the pumping rate of the peristaltic pump (mL/d), and A is the cross-sectional area of the combined columns (A).

## S.2. Supplementary data

**Table S1** Limits of Quantification (LOQ) for TIC and TOC analysis.

	<b>TIC</b>	<b>TOC</b>
<b>LOQ (% dry matter)</b>	0.010	0.01 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Limit of reporting (LOR)

**Table S2** Particle size distribution (< 4 mm).

	<b>&lt; 0.002 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 0.006 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 0.02 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 0.06 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 0.2 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 0.6 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 2 (mm)</b>	<b>&lt; 4 (mm)</b>
<b>Shooting range soil (%)</b>	7	12	23	41	64	83	95	100
<b>Urban soil (%)</b>	10	17	28	39	53	71	89	100

**Table S3** Limits of Quantification (LOQ) for ICP-MS analysis of solid soil samples (total concentrations).

	Fe	Cu	Zn	Sb	Pb
LOQ (mg/kg)	1.5	0.42	5.30	0.002	0.26

**Table S4** Packing specifications and key numbers from the combined columns.

Soil	Density	Column volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Dry weight column (g)	Average pore volume (L) in columns	Pore volume corresponding to L/S 0.1	Pore volume corresponding to L/S 2	Pore volume corresponding to L/S 6	Pore volume corresponding to L/S 10
Shooting range soil	High	580.9	889.8	0.2	0.3	6.9	13.7	29.1
Shooting range soil	Low	567.2	804.7	0.3	0.3	5.9	10.6	-
Urban soil	Low	585.5	567.2	0.4	0.2	2.7	6.0	-

**Table S5** Limits of Quantification (LOQ) for ICP-MS analysis of aqueous samples.

	Fe (mg/L)	Cu (µg/L)	Zn (µg/L)	Sb (µg/L)	Pb (µg/L)	Ca (mg/L)	K (mg/L)	Mg (mg/L)	Na (mg/L)
LOQ	0.060 <sup>a, b</sup>	0.040 <sup>a</sup> 0.527 <sup>b</sup>	0.035 <sup>a</sup> 0.095 <sup>b</sup>	0.140 <sup>a</sup> 0.0019 <sup>b</sup>	0.385 <sup>a</sup> 0.010 <sup>b</sup>	0.10	0.19	0.006	0.067

<sup>a</sup>High density shooting range soil and batch test, <sup>b</sup>Low density shooting range soil and urban soil

**Table S6** pH, EC, DOC, anion, and cation concentrations from the combined columns as a function of L/S ratio. Standard deviations are based on three replicates.

Soil	Density	L/S ratio	pH	EC (µS/cm)	DOC (mg/L)	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (mg/L)	Na (mg/L)	Mg (mg/L)	K (mg/L)	Ca (mg/L)	Fe (ug/L)	Cu (ug/L)	Zn (ug/L)	Pb (ug/L)	Sb (ug/L)
Shooting range	Low	0.1	6.6 ± 0.1	156 ± 20	37 ± 5	30 ± 3	4.8 ± 1.1	5.2 ± 0.4	11 ± 1	2.7 ± 0.3	5.3 ± 0.3	10 ± 1	42 ± 28	326 ± 34	989 ± 101	2616 ± 34	338 ± 8

rang e soil		2	6.7 ±0. 2	31± 2	8.6 ±0. 2	0.5 ±0. 0	0.0	6.9 ±0. 4	1.2 ±0. 1	0.5 ±0. 0	1.6 ±0. 0	1.8 ±0. 1	69± 24	138 ±8	189± 8	825 ±43	545 ±1 8
		6	6.2 ±0. 0	13 ±1	2.4 ±0. 2	0.0	0.0	1.9 ±0. 3	0.1 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 0	1.0 ±0. 1	0.6 ±0. 3	53± 21	86 ±5	81±1 0	592 ±23	687 ±3 1
	Hig	0.	5.9	178	36	33	7.1	4.6	13	3.2	5.3	21	20±	443	4435	3100	327
	h	1	±0. 1	±7	±3	±3	±0. 9	±0. 6	±1	±0. 3	±0. 3	±1 3	32	±5 2	±413 3	±29 7	±2 7
		2	6.6 ±0. 2	33± 2	8.6 ±0. 4	0.5 ±0. 1	0.0	7.0 ±0. 3	1.6 ±0. 4	0.8 ±0. 4	1.7 ±0. 6	16 ±1 9	35± 42	171 ±2 1	1911 ±230 4	813 ±11 1	597 ±2 7
		6	6.7 ±0. 0	16± 0	6.1 ±1. 8	0.0	0.0	1.9 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 0	0.9 ±0. 1	1.3 ±0. 1	18± 14	106 ±5	150± 26	578 ±41	785 ±1 4
		10	6.7 ±0. 2	12± 0	4.5 ±0. 0	0.0	0.0	1.3 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 0	0.8 ±0. 4	0.9 ±0. 1	6±4	81 ±6	66±1 7	555 ±33	907 ±4 5
	Urb	0.	8.4	780	31	10	3.1	10	18	10	43	137	42±	39	17±5	28±	6.1
	an	1	±0. 0	±19	±2	±2	±2. 1	±1	±1	±0	±2	±5	13	±5		8	±0. 6
	soil	2	8.5 ±0. 0	397 ±44 0	19 ±2 3	1.7 ±0. 3	0.0	2.6 ±0. 4	7± 1	5± 1	27 ±4	63 ±5	66± 16	32 ±3	0.0± 0.1	6.4± 2.2	2.6 ±0. 7
		6	8.4 ±0. 2	296 ±36	13 ±2	0.2 ±0. 0	0.0	0.2 ±0. 1	1± 1	3± 0	15 ±2	46 ±6	239 ±13 3	37 ±6	0.8± 1.2	4.5± 2.4	0.9 ±0. 1

**Table S7** pH, EC, DOC, anion, and cation concentrations in the one-stage batch test (L/S 10). Standard deviations are based on three replicates.

Soil	pH	EC (μS/ cm)	DO C (mg /L)	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg /L)	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N (mg /L)	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (mg /L)	Na (mg /L)	Mg (mg /L)	K (mg /L)	Ca (mg /L)	Fe (mg /L)	Cu (ug /L)	Zn (ug/ L)	Pb (ug/ L)	Sb (ug/ L)
Shooting range soil	6.2 ±0. 1	14± 2	8.1 ±0. 8	0.5 ±0. 0	2.0 ±0. 1	0.8 ±0. 1	0.5 ±0. 1	0.2 ±0. 0	0.7 ±0. 0	1.1 ±0. 2	0.1 ±0. 1	89 ±6	408 ±96	346 ±35	480 ±20
Urban soil	7.9 ±0. 1	178 ±7	9.6 ±2. 3	0.4 ±0. 1	0.1 ±0. 0	1.4 ±0. 1	2.1 ±0. 2	3.4 ±2. 2	12± 1	28± 1	6±7	48 ±2 4	233 ±10 5	232 ±28 3	5±2

**Table S8** Hydraulic conductivity derived from the combined columns ( $K_{exp}$ ) as a function of L/S ratio.

Shooting range soil (high density)						Shooting range soil (low density)						Urban soil (low density)					
Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3		Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3		Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)	L/ S	$K_{exp}$ (m/s)

0.1	5.8E-07	0.0	5.6E-07	0.0	4.7E-07	0.0	1.5E-06	0.1	1.6E-06	0.1	1.2E-06	0.1	1.5E-04	0.1	2.4E-04	0.1	2.0E-04
0.3	5.8E-07	0.3	5.2E-07	0.2	4.0E-07	0.6	1.0E-06	0.7	9.8E-07	0.7	4.6E-07	2.0	6.2E-05	2.0	1.2E-04	2.0	9.0E-05
0.5	5.4E-07	0.5	4.8E-07	0.4	3.4E-07	1.0	8.7E-07	1.0	8.3E-07	1.1	4.8E-07	5.0	9.8E-05	5.0	2.1E-04	5.0	1.5E-04
0.8	5.0E-07	0.8	4.4E-07	0.5	4.2E-07	1.9	9.3E-07	2.1	5.7E-07	1.7	1.7E-06						
1.9	3.5E-07	1.9	3.7E-07	1.5	4.1E-07	2.3	7.4E-07	2.5	6.4E-07	4.2	3.0E-07						
2.1	3.2E-07	2.3	3.3E-07	1.8	2.7E-07	3.4	5.5E-07	3.5	4.3E-07	4.8	8.9E-07						
2.3	3.0E-07	3.7	2.4E-07	2.8	2.2E-07	4.8	5.2E-07	4.8	3.7E-07	4.6	4.2E-06						
3.5	3.1E-07	3.8	2.8E-07	3.2	2.2E-07	5.7	5.7E-07	5.5	3.1E-07								
4.8	3.0E-07	5.4	2.5E-07	4.7	1.9E-07			6.0	2.7E-07								
5.4	2.0E-07	5.8	2.4E-07	5.2	1.8E-07												
5.8	1.9E-07	6.7	2.4E-07	6.2	1.6E-07												
6.8	1.8E-07	7.7	3.6E-07	7.3	1.5E-07												
7.8	1.6E-07	8.8	4.5E-07	8.0	1.5E-07												
8.3	2.1E-07	8.9	5.1E-07	8.8	1.4E-07												
8.6	2.1E-07	9.4	9.4E-07	9.6	1.4E-07												
9.1	2.1E-07	9.7	1.1E-06	9.8	1.3E-07												
10.0	2.3E-07			9.9	1.3E-07												

**Table S9** Cumulative releases of DOC, Cu, Zn, Pb, and Sb from the combined columns as a function of L/S ratio. Standard deviations are based on three replicates.

Soil	Density	L/S ratio	DOC (mg/kg)	Cu (mg/kg)	Zn (mg/kg)	Pb (mg/kg)	Sb (mg/kg)
Shooting range soil	Low	0.1	2.3±0.7	0.0	0.1±0.0	0.2±0.0	0.0
		2	20±2	0.3±0.0	0.5±0.0	1.9±0.1	1.1±0.0
		6	29±1	0.6±0.0	0.7±0.0	3.9±0.1	3.5±0.5
	High	0.1	2.8±0.2	0.0	0.4±0.4	0.2±0.0	0.0±0.0
		2	19±1	0.4±0.0	3.8±4.0	1.8±0.2	1.2±0.1

		10	55±1	1.0±0.1	4.4±0.4	6.2±0.4	8.4±0.3
Urban soil	Low	0.1	3.6±0.5	0.01±0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		2	37±2	0.07±0.01	0.00	0.02±0.01	0.01±0.00
		6	87±15	0.27±0.06	0.01±0.01	0.03±0.02	0.01±0.00

**Table S10** Comparison leaching and transport for the combined column test (CCT) versus leaching and transport from the batch test (BT) combined with Hazen's equation.

Leaching	Transport	Pb (mg/y)	Sb (mg/y)	Cu (mg/y)
CCT	CCT	490	801	72
BT	Hazen's Equation	263	364	68

**Figure S1**

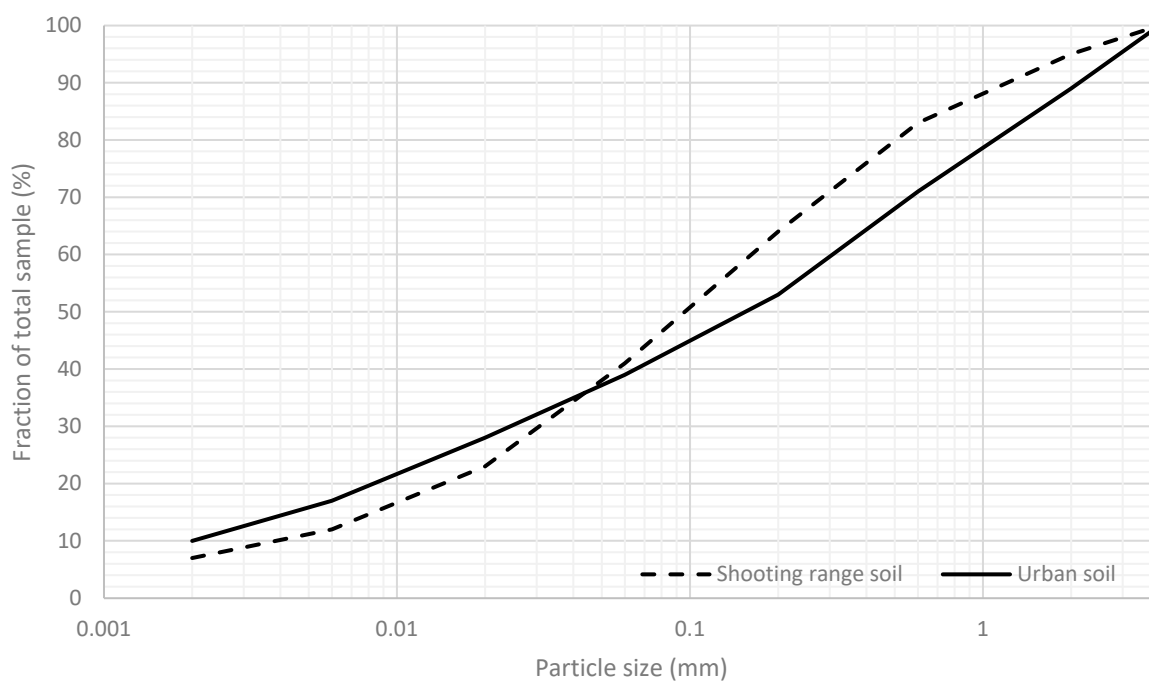


Figure S1: Particle size distribution curves.