

Safety and Sustainability in Reuse of Treated Sewage

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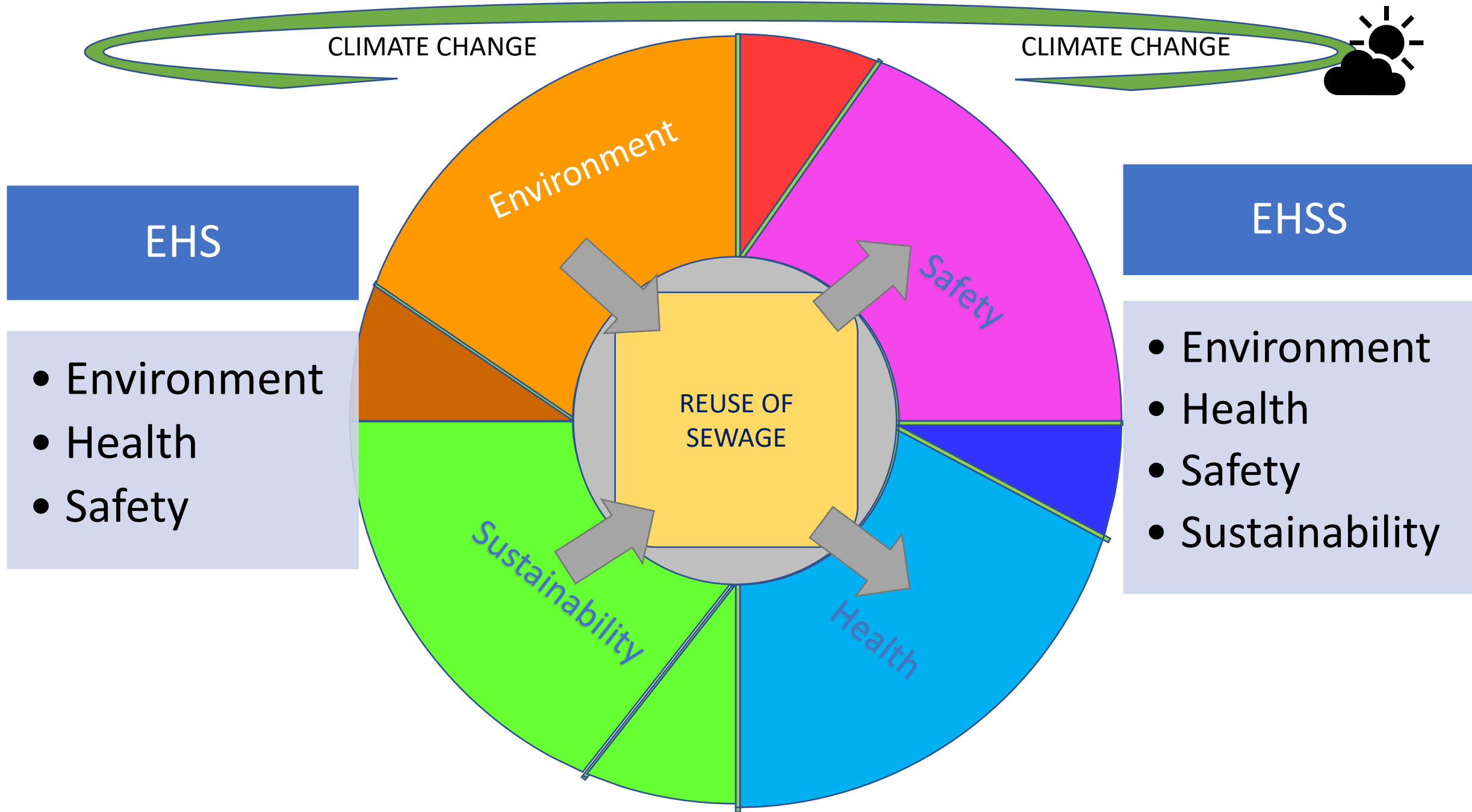
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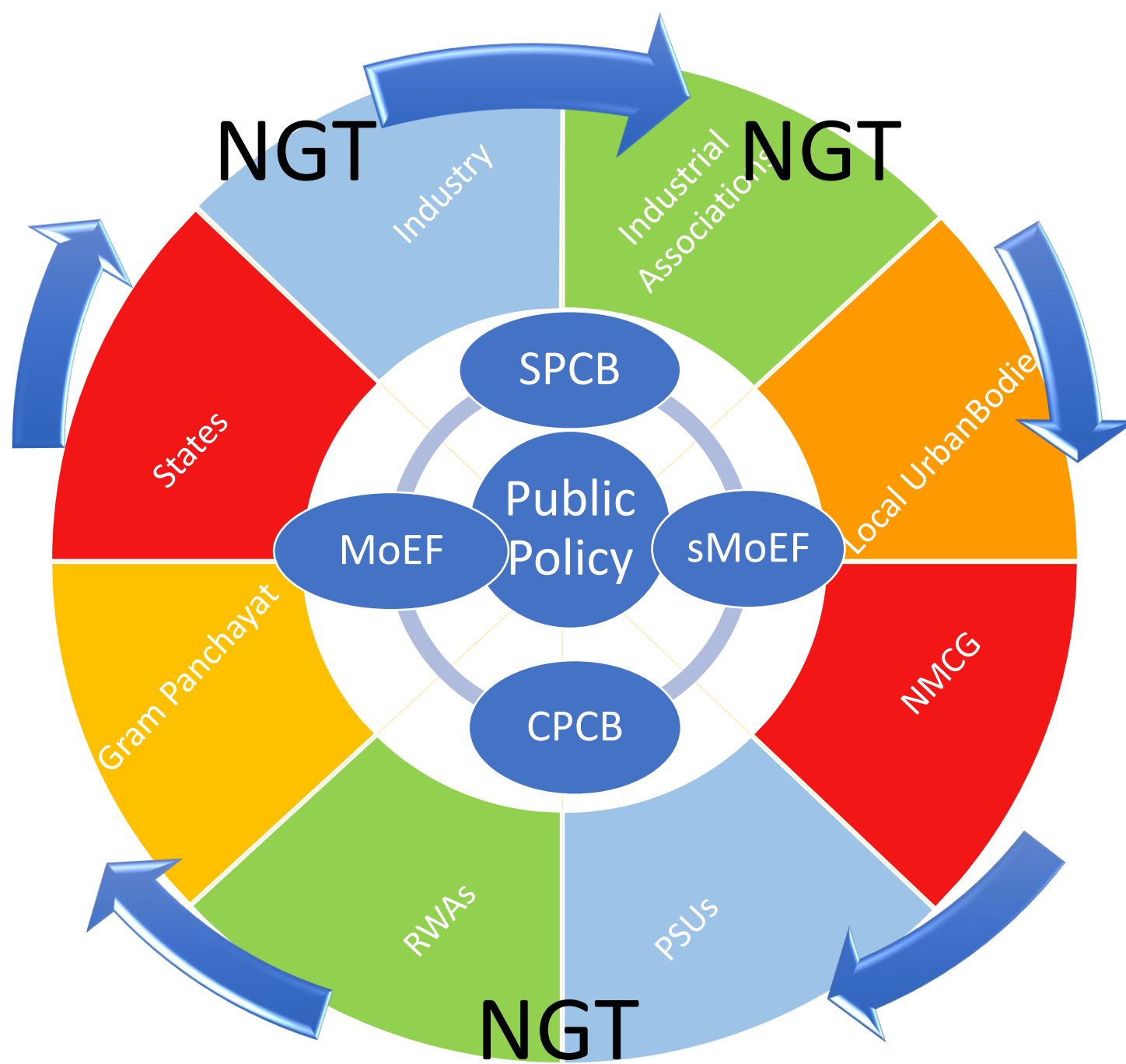
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Reuse of Sewage



- Microbial
 - Rivers, Lakes
 - STPs, WWTPs, CETPs
- Chemical
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Industry
 - Hospitals
 - Drains
 - Sources of Water Supply

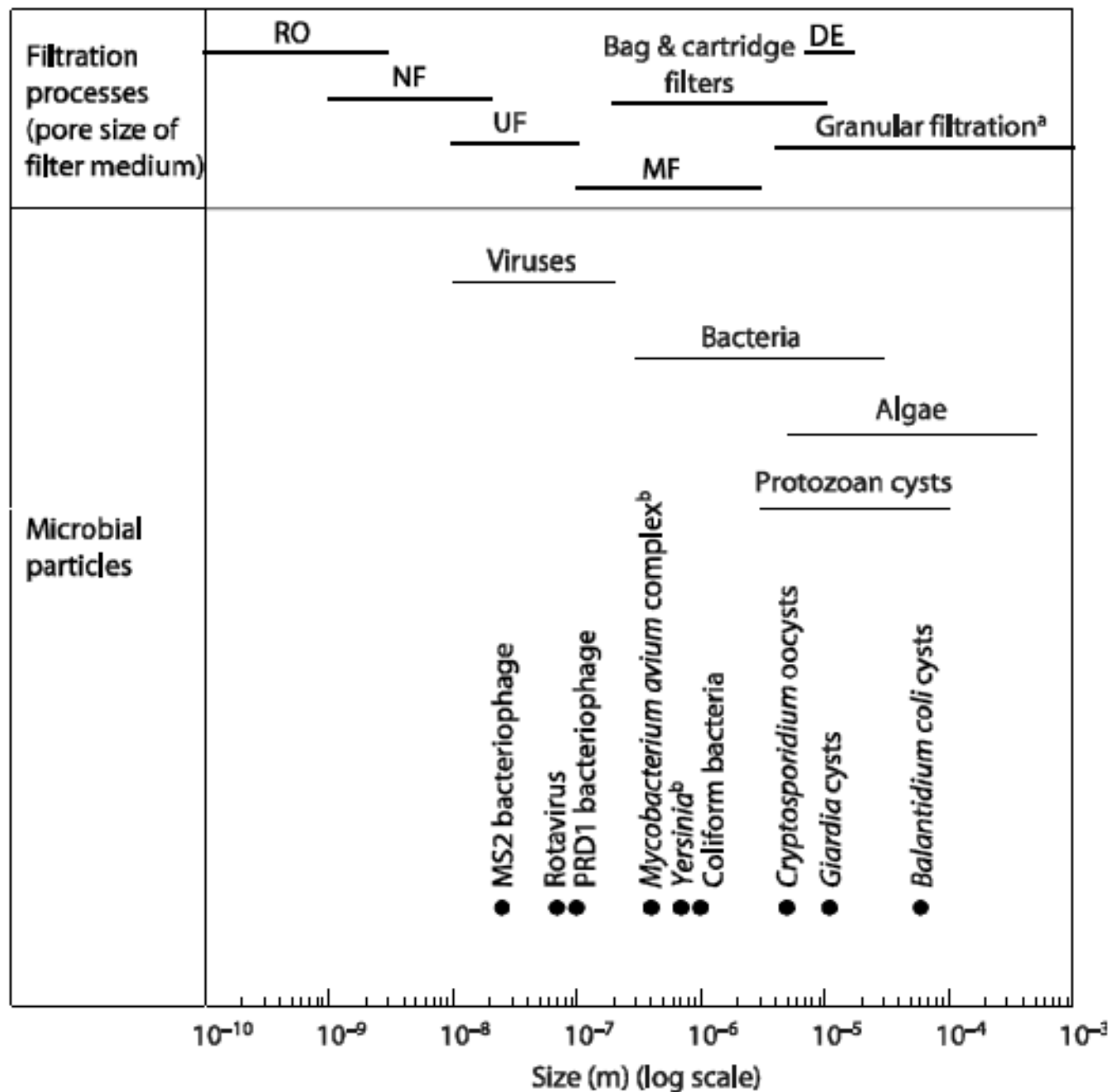


Pathogens' leakage routes

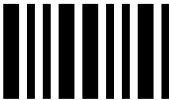
- Discharge of air or water from facilities without providing sufficient bacteria elimination
- Taking contaminated used laboratory articles out without sufficient disinfection and sterilization
- Delivery of wastes to waste disposers without providing sufficient disinfection and sterilization
- Laboratory workers having finished experiments and visitors having gone carelessly into a contaminated area come in contact with other people without being aware that they are contaminated
- Escape of animals under infection experiments outside the raising areas.



Sizes: Filter and Microbial Particles



Barriers in the control of pathogens in water



Source	Fecal Coliforms	
<u>Human Coliform Discharges</u>	1 950 000 000 FC/person/day	
<u>Municipal Raw Sewage</u>	<u>Faecal coliforms/100 ml</u> 8 260 000 FC Cells/100 mL	
<u>Sewage Treatment Reductions</u>	Cumulative Reductions (percent)FC surviving	
Primary	50	4 130 000
Secondary	80	1 652 000
Tertiary	98	165 200
Disinfection	99.99	800
<u>Self-purification and effluent dilution 10-15%</u>		
<u>Water Supply Treatment</u>	Cumulative Reductions (percent)FC surviving	
Raw Water Storage	50	200-350
Coagulation-sedimentation	60	80-140
Filtration	99.9	0.8-1.4
Disinfection	99.9999	0.000 08-0.000 14



Hazard Identification

Methods and Assays

- Occurrence
- Sources
- Routes

- Dose response data
- Epidemiological data

Risk Modeling and analysis

- Management Plan and Operations
- Indicators or Markers
- Regulations
- Policies

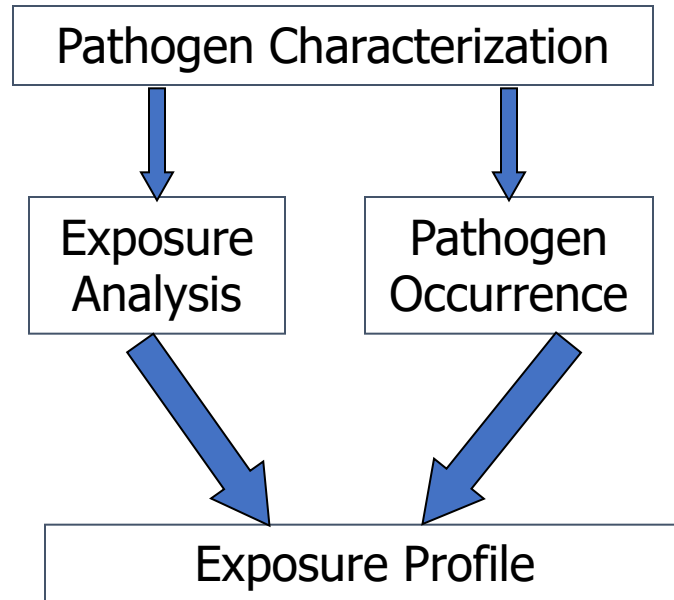
- Chemicals versus Microbes
- Sensitive Populations



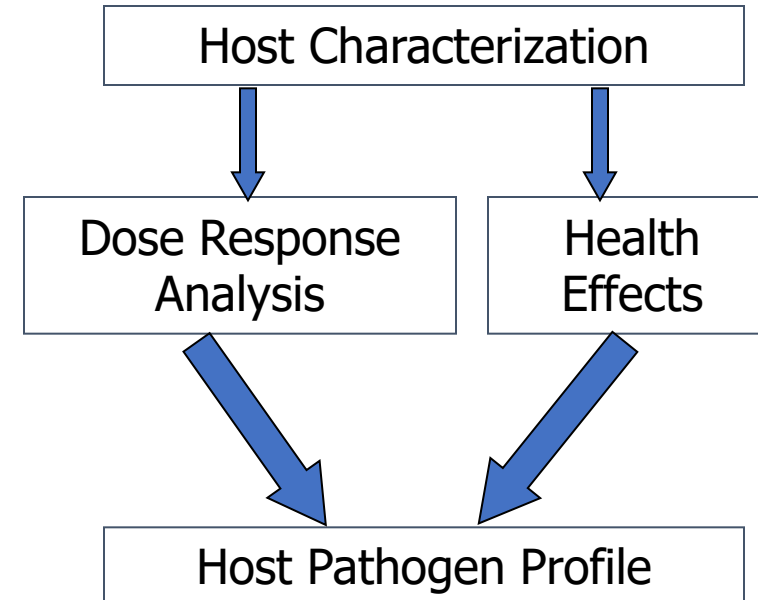
ILSI/EPA Risk Assessment System: Analysis Phase

METHODS/TOOLS

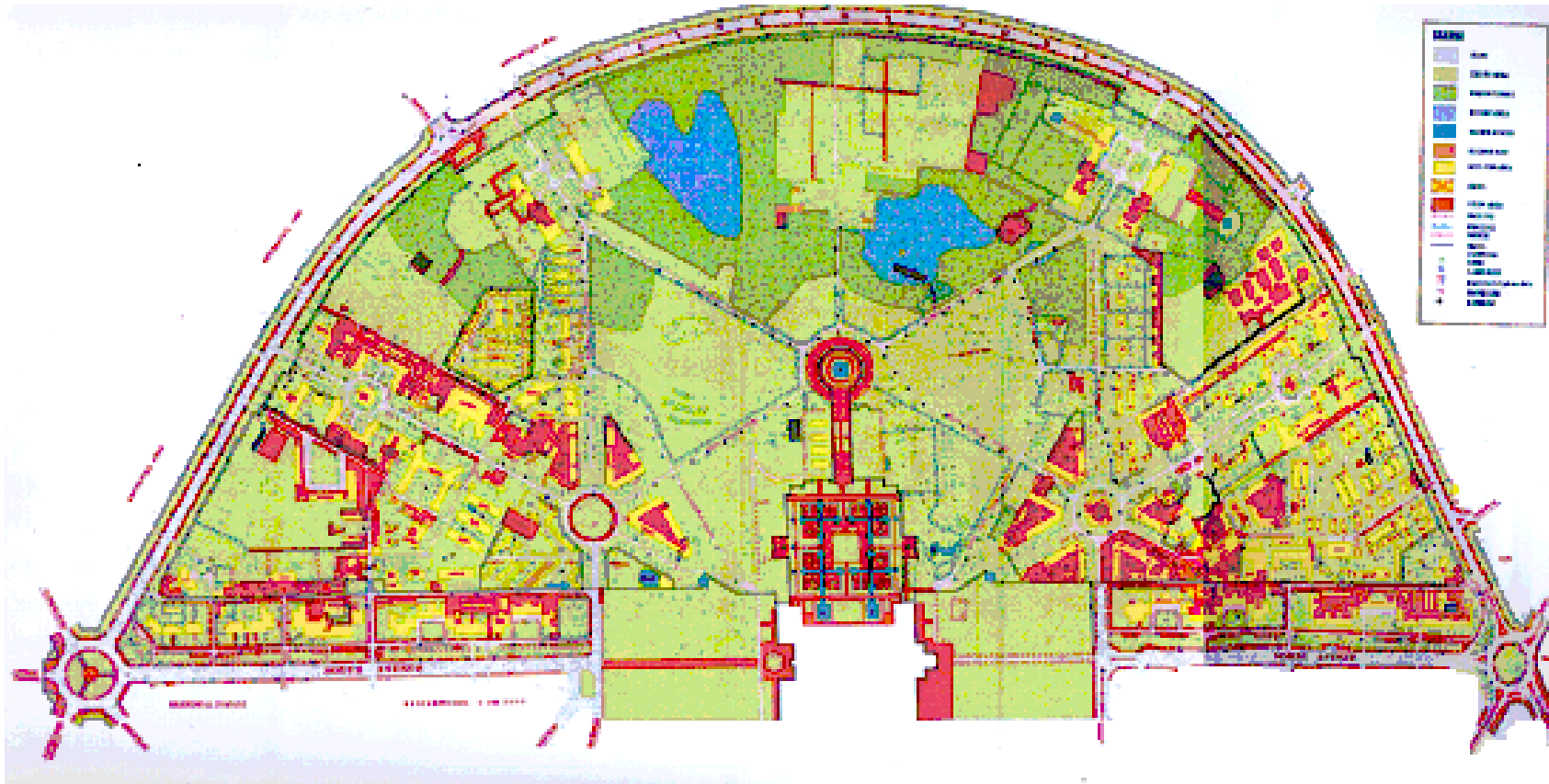
Characterization of Exposure



Characterization of Human Health Effects



Layout of the President's Estate



PRESIDENT'S ESTATE

- Spread over an area of 360 acres of Raisina Hills
- Total Population of 10,000
- Designed flow of 800 m³/day
- Raw water source:
NDMC + Yamuna + Wells & Tube Wells
- Comprises of
 - 894 Type I quarters
 - 89 Type II quarters
 - 39 Type III quarters
 - 56 Type IV quarters
 - 37 Type V quarters
 - 7 Type VI quarters

Water for Public Gardens in Delhi

- Reservoirs at Lodhi Garden, Chankyapuri, Rajghat, and India Gate
- Microbial quality in terms of total coliforms and fecal coliforms were observed
- Total Coliform: 3×10^3 to 1×10^5 MPN/100 mL; fecal coliforms: 1×10^3 to 7×10^4 MPN/100 mL) for irrigating urban garden

Location	BOD		COD		Turbidity	
	Average	Standard deviation	Average	Standard deviation	Average	Standard deviation
Lodhi Garden	93	21	118	29	137	68
Chanykapuri	59	7	100	30	29	13
Indiagate	76	17	131	26	84	16
Rajghat	38	5	85	30	63	25
Okhla STP	52	10	92	25	40	18

Microbial Quality

Microbes	Min	Median	Average	Max	Standard deviation
Lodhi Garden					
TC	3.25×10^5	4.1×10^6	8.03×10^6	2.95×10^7	1.21×10^7
FC	2.0×10^5	4.1×10^6	6.9×10^6	2.4×10^7	9.72×10^6
Chankyapuri					
TC	4.0×10^5	4.4×10^5	4.59×10^5	5.65×10^5	6.23×10^4
FC	4.0×10^5	4.4×10^5	4.59×10^5	5.65×10^5	6.23×10^4
India Gate					
TC	4.0×10^6	9.4×10^6	9.54×10^6	1.3×10^7	3.92×10^6
FC	4.0×10^6	5.65×10^6	7.32×10^6	1.35×10^7	3.71×10^6
Rajghat					
TC	4.0×10^5	1.8×10^6	2.27×10^6	6.4×10^6	2.46×10^6
FC	1.8×10^5	1.8×10^6	2.52×10^6	7.9×10^6	3.14×10^6

Conventional Water Pollutants



Carbon

COD

BOD

Industrial Activities

Solids

TSS



pH

Proteins

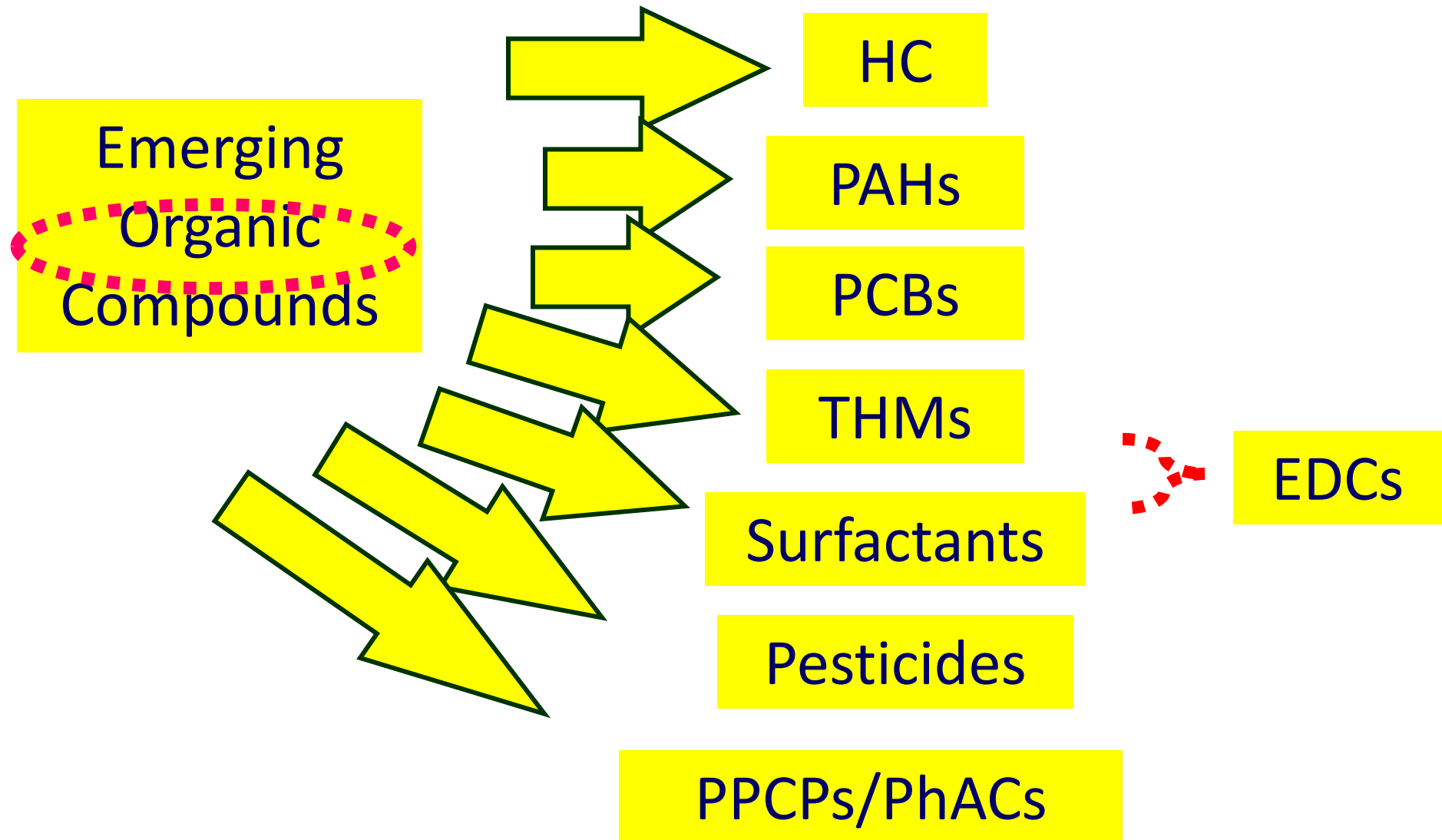
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Heavy Metals

Salts

EC

Emerging Organic Compounds



WHATS ARE THE EDCs?



- The chemicals that interfere with the synthesis, transport, and/or action of natural hormones responsible for the reproduction, development, and/or behavior of an organism .
- Soya products
- Detergents
- Pesticides
- Plasticizers
- Polyaromatic-hydrocarbons
- Pharmaceutical residues
- Oral contraceptives
- Personal care products
- Hormone-replacement treatments

Selected EDCs Categories

- Pesticide Residues

Include

- Organochlorine Pesticides
- Organophosphorous Pesticides

- Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products (PPCPs)

include

- NSAIDs
- Antibiotics
- Antiepileptic drugs
- Other Compounds

Sources of EDCs in Water and Wastewater

- Modern Agricultural Practices
- Household Pest Control Programme
- Personal hygiene
- Human urine and excreta
- Disposal of discarded medicines

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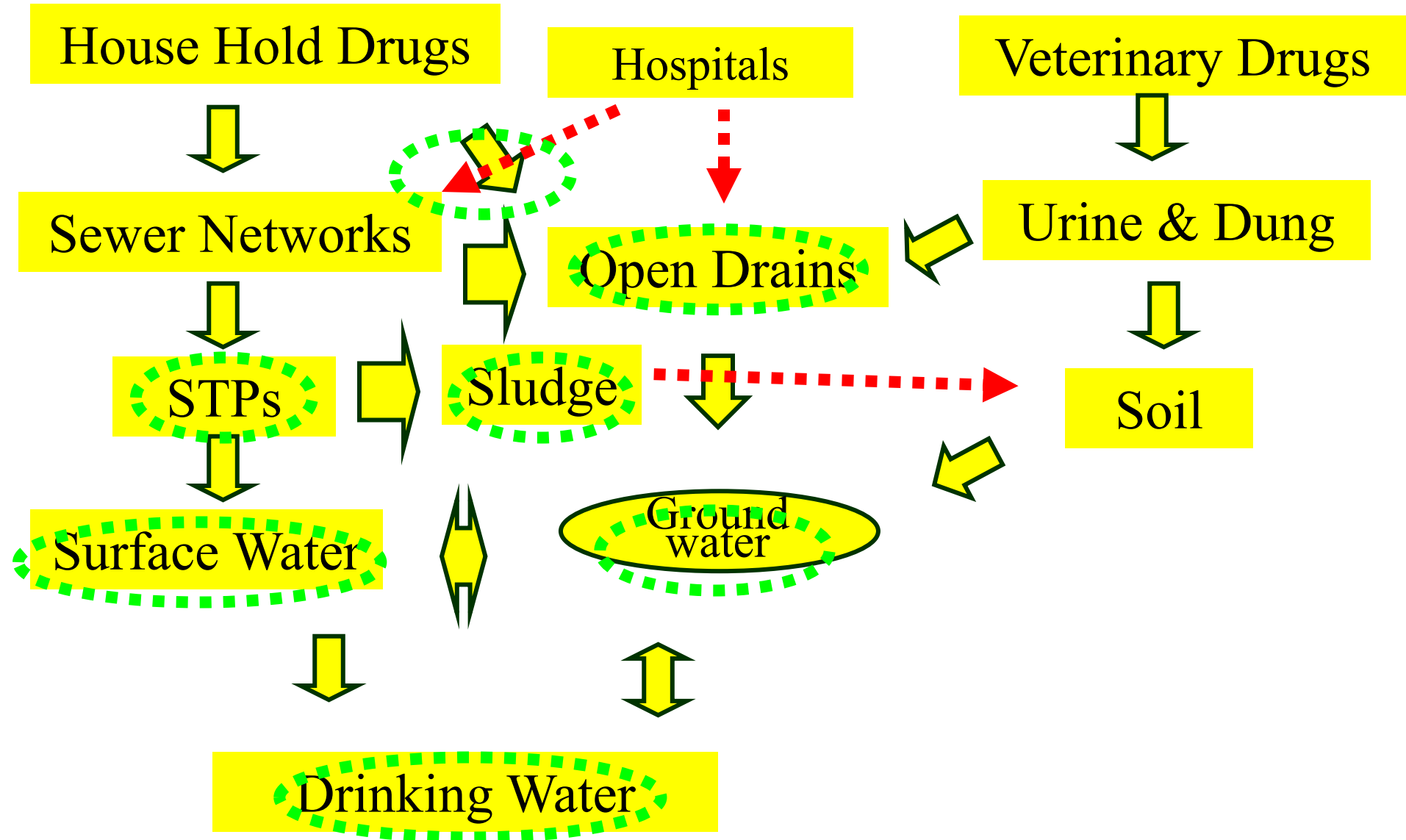


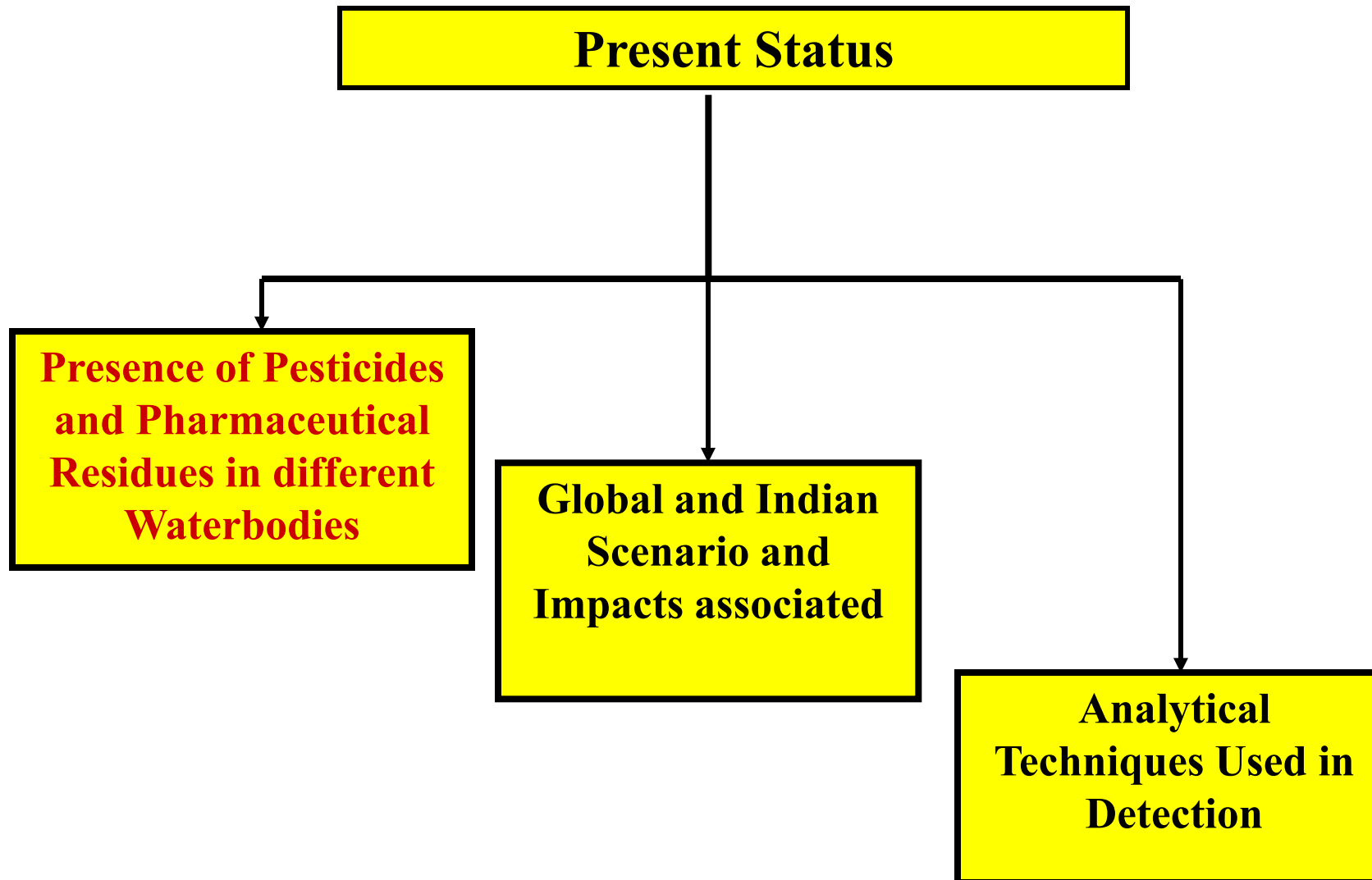
Sources.....

- Emission from Medical Care Units
- Industrial effluents from Pharmaceutical Industry
- Leaching and run off from Fish farms
- Animal dung and urine
- Feed additives for animals



Entry root for PhACs/PPCPs





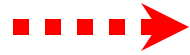
Pesticides and PPCPs: Global scenario

Pesticide Residues in water

- Presence – Around the Global

In PPB

River Water



China

0.1-3.8

Zhang et al, 2004



Brazil

0.02-1.0

Rissato et al, 2006

Spain

<0.1

R-Mozaz et al., 2004

Ghana

0.12-0.60

Darco et al, 2008

Pakistan

BDL-17

Tariq et al, 2007

Pesticide Residues in water

- Presence – Around the Global

In PPB

Lakes	Yunnan, China	1.22-14.3	Yang et al, 2007
	Sariyar, Turkey	27-70	Oezmen et al, 2008
	Rawal, Pakistan	5.82	Tariq et al, 2007
Ground Water	Punjab, Pakistan	40-60	Tariq et al, 2007
	Australia	0.3-8.5	Mitchell et al, 2005
Industrial Waste Water	Cyprus	0.03-1.59	Fatta et al, 2007

Presence of Pharmaceutical Residues in different water segments

Sr No	Type	Compound	Reference & Country Reported
1.	Drinking Water	Diclofenac	Wasik et al, 2006 (Poland)
		Ibuprofen	Araujo et al, 2008 (Venezuela)
		Naproxen	
2.	Surface Waters	Diclofenac	Heberer 2002 (Germany)
		Ibuprofen	
		Diazepam	Terens, 2001 (Germany)
		Caffeine	
		Estrol	Kolpin et al, 2002 (USA)
		Clofibric acid	Wasik et al, 2006 (Poland)
		Naproxen	Rederson et al, 2002 (Germany)

Cont.

3.	Sewage effluents	Diazepam	Suchara et al, 2008 (Brazil)
		Diclofenac	
4.	Biosolids	Estrone	Ternes et al, 2001 (Germany)
		17B-estradiol	
5.	Sea Water	Diclofenac	
6.	Wastewater	Acetylsalicylic acid	Ternes et al, 2001 (Germany)
		Diazepam	
		Chloramphenicol	

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Sr No	Type	Compound	Reference
6.	Wastewater	Diclofenac	Stackelberg et al, 2007 (USA)
		Ibuprofen	
		17B-estradiol	Jurgensen and Surensen, 2000 (Germany)
		17A-estradiol	
		Estrol	
		Caffeine	Gomez et al, 2007 (Spain)
		Carbamazepine	
		Acetaminophen	
		Nonylphenol	Kolpin et al, 2002 (Germany)

Indian scenario

Pesticides Residues in Water

- Total pesticide consumption is 41350 MT (NCIPM, 2006)
- Present in all the major rivers, open wells, sea water, estuaries, lakes and ponds.
- Concentration is much higher than the prescribed safe limit of 1PPB.
- Ground Water also severely affected in some areas under intensive agriculture practices and the areas under severe water scarcity
- 300 times more than safe limit in Ground Water in Rajasthan, where ground water is a major source for drinking water
- Yamuna River, pesticide is present all along its length and the concentration varies from PPB level to PPM level.

