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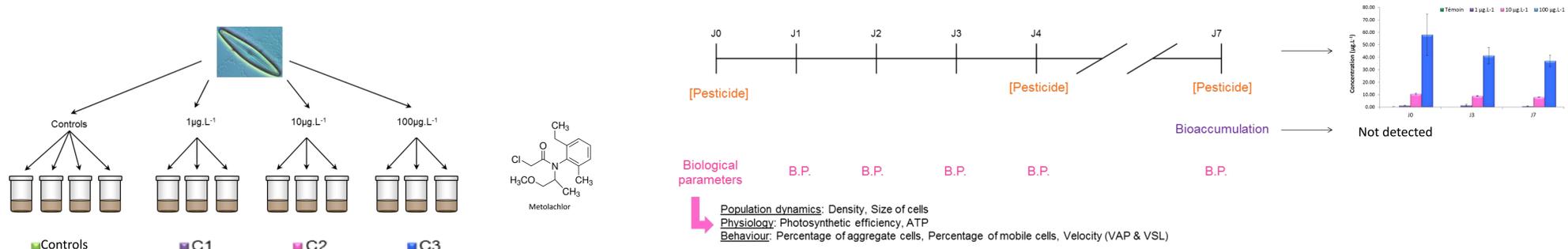
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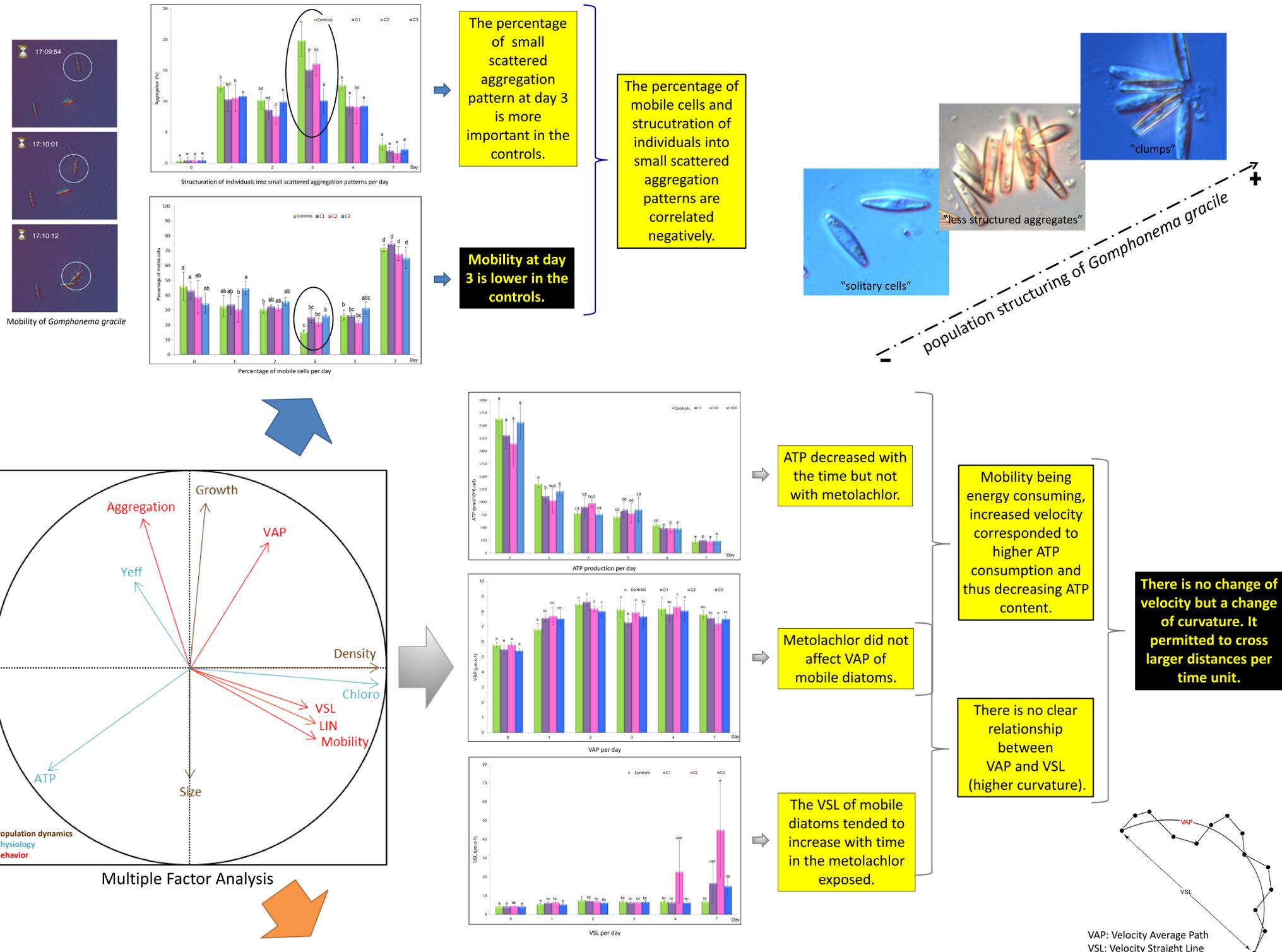
INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

Assessing metolachlor toxicity is challenging, because of its presence at high concentration in rivers. We conducted an experiment to investigate the effect of the herbicide metolachlor (a cell division inhibitor) on a diatom species (*Gomphonema gracile* Ehrenberg). The effects of metolachlor on diatoms were evaluated through physiological and behavioral parameters. Our findings demonstrate the importance of the use of various parameters and the potential of behavioral descriptors in toxicity assessment.

MATERIALS & METHODS



RESULTS & DISCUSSION



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