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Part A: Prof. Meckenstock

- 1) A contaminated aquifer contains a high background of 980 mg/l SO_4^{2-} . How much acetate can be oxidized with that by sulfate-reducing bacteria? **(15 points)**

- 2) How much energy can be conserved by that reaction? **(5 points)**



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- 3) Describe the differences between aerobic and anaerobic degradation of aromatic compounds (10 points)



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- 4) How much organic carbon (carbohydrates, CH_2O) can microbes oxidize per second and cm square to CO_2 in one cm depth of a lake sediment if the concentration of molecular oxygen as electron acceptor in the overlaying water is $200 \mu\text{M}$?

(Diffusion coefficient of O_2 at 20°C is $D = 21.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$)

(20 points)

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