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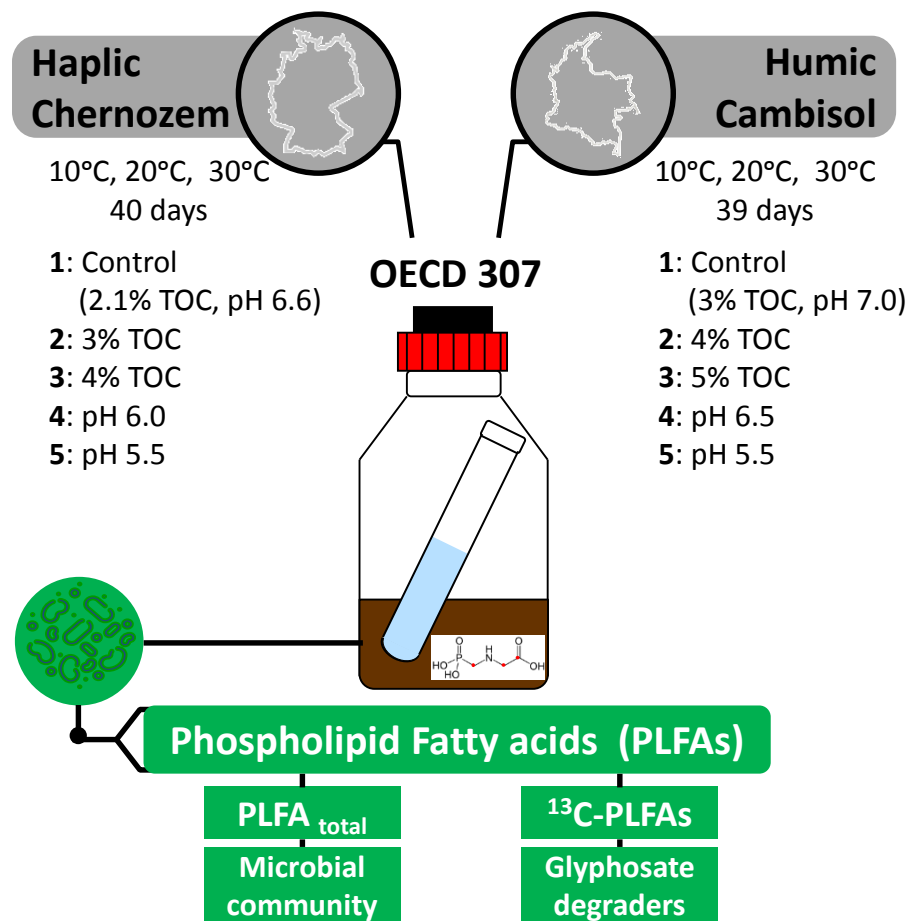
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Highlights:

- Microbial activity of the humic Cambisol was higher than that of the haplic Chernozem
- Enhanced TOC of two soils shifted the microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria
- The proportion of active glyphosate degraders was greater in the Haplic Chernozem
- Enhanced TOC shifted glyphosate degraders of two soils towards Gram-positive bacteria



Microbial community composition and glyphosate degraders of two soils under the influence of temperature, total organic carbon and pH

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Abstract

Glyphosate can be degraded by soil microorganisms rapidly and is impacted by temperature and soil properties. Enhanced temperature and total organic carbon (TOC) as well as reduced pH increased the rate of ¹³C₃¹⁵N-glyphosate conversion to CO₂ and biogenic non-extractable residues (bioNERS) in a Haplic Chernozem (Muskus et al., 2019) and in a Humic Cambisol (Muskus et al., 2020). To date; however, the combined effect of temperature and TOC or pH on microbial community composition and glyphosate degraders in these two soils has not been investigated. Phospholipid fatty acid [PLFA] biomarker analysis combined with ¹³C labeling was employed to

25 investigate the effect of two soil properties (pH, TOC) and of three temperatures (10°C, 20°C,
26 30°C) on soil microorganisms. Before incubation, the properties of a Haplic Chernozem and a
27 Humic Cambisol were adjusted to obtain five treatments: (a) Control (Haplic Chernozem: 2.1%
28 TOC and pH 6.6; Humic Cambisol: 3% TOC and pH 7.0), (b) 3% TOC (Haplic Chernozem) or
29 4% TOC (Humic Cambisol), (c) 4% TOC (Haplic Chernozem) or 5% TOC (Humic Cambisol),
30 (d) pH 6.0 (Haplic Chernozem) or pH 6.5 (Humic Cambisol), and (e) pH 5.5 for both soils. All
31 treatments were amended with 50 mg kg⁻¹ glyphosate and incubated at 10°C, 20°C or 30°C. We
32 observed an increase in respiration, microbial biomass and glyphosate mineralization with
33 incubation temperature. Although respiration and microbial biomass in the Humic Cambisol was
34 higher, the microorganisms in the Haplic Chernozem were more active in glyphosate degradation.
35 Increased TOC shifted the microbiome and the ¹³C-glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive
36 bacteria in both soils. However, the abundance of ¹³C-PLFAs indicative for the starvation of
37 Gram-negative bacteria increased with increasing TOC or decreasing pH at higher temperatures.
38 Gram-negative bacteria thus may have been involved in earlier stages of glyphosate degradation.

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40 **Keywords:** glyphosate, mineralization, pH, TOC, soil respiration, PLFAs

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42 1. INTRODUCTION

43 Glyphosate (N-phosphonomethylglycine) is globally the most applied herbicide (Benbrook.,
44 2016; Li et al., 2016) and its use is increasing rapidly (from 67 million kg ha⁻¹ in 1995 to 826
45 million kg ha⁻¹ in 2014; Benbrook, 2016). Glyphosate residues are detected in all environmental
46 compartments and their adverse effects on living biota are currently raising public concerns
47 (Hvězdová et al., 2017; Milan et al., 2018). Numerous reports show that microorganisms can
48 quickly convert glyphosate to CO₂ in various soils (Araújo et al., 2003; Benslama and
49 Boulahrouf, 2013; Carlisle and Trevors, 1986; Wardle and Parkinson, 1990). Different Gram-
50 positive and Gram-negative bacteria, and fungi can utilize glyphosate as a source of carbon,
51 nitrogen or phosphorus, e.g. *Pseudomonas* spp., *Rhizobium* sp., *Agrobacterium* sp., *Arthrobacter*
52 sp. GLP *S. meliloti*, *Ochrobactrum anthropi*, *Agrobacterium radiobacter* and *Penicillium* sp.
53 (Adams et al.. 2008; Bjarne Hove-Jensen et al., 2014; Liu et al.. 1991; Pipke et al., 1987; Wackett
54 et al., 1987).

55 Microbial degradation of glyphosate can proceed along two metabolic pathways: via the
56 sarcosine or the aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) pathway (Araújo et al.. 2003; Balthazor
57 and Hallas, 1986; Hove-Jensen et al., 2014; Giesy et al., 2000; Jacob et al., 1988; McAuliffe et
58 al.; 1990; Rueppel et al., 1977). The initial “sarcosine pathway” yields glycine which is
59 presumably integrated into the proteins as the monomeric building block (Wang et al., 2016). The
60 latter degradation of glyphosate via the “AMPA pathway” produces glyoxylate and AMPA. The
61 AMPA is further metabolized at much slower rates than produced (Wang et al., 2016). The shift
62 of the metabolic pathway of glyphosate towards the AMPA pathway is presumably regulated by
63 the C:N stoichiometry of both the resource (e.g. sarcosine) and the microorganisms
64 (Mooshammer et al. 2014). In order to avoid the excess of N in the cells, microorganisms shift to
65 C metabolism based only on glyoxylate and the N excretion as AMPA (Brock et al., 2019).
66 Nevertheless, microorganisms assimilated the carbon and nitrogen from glyphosate into their

67 biomass during the two pathways of glyphosate degradation in soil (Muskus et al., 2019; Muskus
68 et al., 2020) and water-sediment (Wang et al., 2016).

69 The degradation rate of glyphosate depends on climatic conditions, soil properties and soil
70 microbiome (Alexa et al. 2008; 2009; Getenga & Kengar, 2004; Gimsing et al., 2004; 2007;
71 Lauber et al., 2009a; Rousk et al., 2010; Zhalnina et al., 2014). Enhanced temperature and TOC
72 or reduced pH increased the rate of $^{13}\text{C}_3^{15}\text{N}$ -glyphosate transformation to CO_2 and biogenic non-
73 extractable residues (bioNERS) in a Haplic Chernozem (Muskus et al., 2019) and in a Humic
74 Cambisol (Muskus et al., 2020). The combined effect of temperature and TOC or pH also can
75 affect the activity and composition of microbial community, as well as glyphosate degraders of
76 both soils. This effect; however, has not been shown yet.

77 Phospholipid fatty acids (PLFAs) are membrane constituents of living cells; the specific PLFA
78 patterns of different organisms enable to distinguish between the main groups of the soil
79 microbiome, i.e. Gram-positive bacteria, Gram-negative bacteria, actinobacteria and fungi
80 (Boschker and Middelburg, 2002; Frostegård and Bååth, 1996; Kaur et al., 2005). The PLFA
81 analysis is therefore used for the identification of the microbial groups actively involved in the
82 microbial turnover of a substrate and for tracing of the active microbes over time (Amelung,
83 2003; Banks et al., 2014; Glaser and Gross, 2005; Haney et al., 2018; Kaur et al., 2005; Schwab
84 et al., 2017; Yao et al., 2015; Zelles, 1999). When an isotope-labeled substrate is degraded by
85 microorganisms, a certain amount of the isotope label will be incorporated into the PLFAs of the
86 degrader organisms; this allows identifying degraders based on the isotope enrichment of PLFAs
87 indicative for specific groups of bacteria or fungi (Boschker et al., 1998; Coban et al, 2015).

88 We hypothesize that the variation of temperature and soil parameter (pH or TOC), in particular
89 the TOC addition, will increase the activity of the soil microbiome and the glyphosate degraders.
90 In addition, this effect may differ between two soils: Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol. In
91 the present study, we thus investigated the effect of decreasing soil pH or increasing TOC on the
92 activity of the soil microbiome and $^{13}\text{C}_3^{15}\text{N}$ -glyphosate degraders and their interaction with

93 incubation temperature (10°C, 20°C, 30°C) in the Haplic Chernozem and the Humic Cambisol.
94 We identified shifts in the composition of the soil microbiome and between the specific groups of
95 glyphosate degraders based on PLFA_{total} and ¹³C-PLFA analyses, respectively. The ¹³C- and ¹⁵N-
96 mass balances of ¹³C₃¹⁵N-glyphosate turnover have been already determined for both soils in the
97 previous two studies by Muskus et al. (2019; 2020). Mineralization of ¹³C₃-glyphosate over the
98 course of 39/40 days has been already published in Muskus et al. (2019, 2020). Here, only the
99 final mineralization data of ¹³C₃-glyphosate (¹³CO₂) has been shown for the two soils in order to
100 aid the interpretation and discussion of respiration (CO_{2total}), PLFA_{total} and ¹³C-PLFA results.

101 **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

102 **2.1 Chemicals**

103 Labeled ¹³C₃-glyphosate was acquired from Iso-Sciences Company (Trevose, PA, USA). The
104 isotopic purity was 99 atom% ¹³C. The chemical purity of glyphosate was 98%. Other chemicals
105 used in this study were obtained from Carl Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany or VWR/Merck,
106 Darmstadt, Germany.

107 **2.2 Reference soils and farmyard manure**

108 **Haplic Chernozem.** Multiple samples from the Ap soil horizon of the long-term “Static
109 Fertilization Experiment” located in Bad Lauchstädt, Germany N51°23'23.6"E11°52'48.3" were
110 collected into a 60 L container (for details see also Muskus et al., 2019). The sampled plot was
111 amended with 30 t ha⁻¹ of farmyard manure every second year for more than 100 years. It also
112 received annual amendments of 12 kg P ha⁻¹ and 50 kg K ha⁻¹. Many different pesticides
113 including glyphosate were sprayed for more than 30 years according to normal agricultural
114 practice in the region. The soil was a silt loam (21% clay, 68% silt, 11% sand) with 2.1% (w/w)

115 total organic carbon (TOC) and 0.17% (w/w) total nitrogen (Körschens, 2002). In the year of
116 sampling, the pH (H₂O) was 6.6.

117 **Humic Cambisol.** Multiple samples from the Ap soil horizon from an area under traditional
118 raspberry cultivation, located in the Andean rural eastside of the municipality of Piedecuesta in
119 Santander, Colombia were collected into a 40 L container and (N7°00'54.6"W72°59'; for details
120 see also Muskus et al., 2020). The soil was a sandy loam soil (7% clay, 20% silt, 73% sand,
121 measured with a 152H hydrometer). The pH (H₂O) was 7.0; TOC was 3% (w/w) and nitrogen
122 was 0.27% (w/w). No information about site history, soil amendments and pesticide applications
123 is available for this site.

124 **Farmyard manure (FYM).** To increase the TOC concentration of the two soils, the same cow
125 FYM was used as for the annual amendments in the long-term experimental area “Static
126 Fertilization Experiment” in Bad Lauchstädt, Germany (Muskus et al., 2019; Muskus et al.,
127 2020). The pH (H₂O) of FYM was 8.7. It had 2.5% total N (w/w) and 34 % TOC (w/w). Prior to
128 the incubation experiment, soil and FYM samples were homogenized and sieved through a 2 mm
129 diameter mesh.

130 **2.3 Experimental setup and incubation**

131 The experimental setup for the reference Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol is illustrated in
132 **Figure 1.** The details on the experimental set-up and a soil parameter (TOC and pH) modification
133 for two soils can be found in the two studies by Muskus et al. (2019, 2020). Here, only a brief
134 description on the soil modifications is given. The soils were manipulated to increase TOC and
135 decrease pH, resulting in three levels of each factor (control without any modification and two
136 manipulated levels). Three replicates of each treatment were incubated at three different
137 temperatures (10°C, 20°C and 30°C).

138 **TOC modification.** The original TOC of the control Haplic Chernozem (2.1%) was increased to
139 3% and 4% by addition of 3.5% and 7% of air-dried FYM (w/w). About 2.5% (w/w) of FYM was

140 added to the control Humic Cambisol (3% TOC) to obtain 4% TOC, whereas 5% (w/w) of FYM
141 was added to obtain 5% TOC. The TOC contents of each treatment after FYM addition was
142 controlled using an elemental analyzer-combustion-isotope ratio mass spectrometry (EA-C-
143 IRMS; Finnigan MAT 253. Thermo Electron, Bremen, Germany; (Girardi et al., 2013) after
144 equilibration for 7 days. Further details on the preparation of TOC modifications are available in
145 Muskus et al. (2019).

146 **pH modification.** Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) was used to adjust the pH of the reference Haplic
147 Chernozem and Humic Cambisol. H_2SO_4 concentrations and amounts to add to each soil were
148 determined as described in Muskus et al., (2019). To reduce the pH of the control Haplic
149 Chernozem (pH 6.6) to pH 6.0 or the Humic Cambisol (pH 7.0) to pH 6.5, 1 mL of 0.1 M H_2SO_4
150 was added to 20 g of soil. Approximately 1 mL of 1 M H_2SO_4 was added to adjust the pH of the
151 control Haplic Chernozem or Humic Cambisol to pH 5.5. More details on treatment preparations
152 can be found in Muskus et al. (2019). Although 1 mL of 0.1 M H_2SO_4 was added to each soil, we
153 obtained different pH levels for the Haplic Chernozem (6.0) and for the Humic Cambisol (6.5).
154 This difference can be attributed to the different buffering capacity of each soil. The buffering
155 capacity of Humic Cambisol was obviously higher than that of the Haplic Chernozem and it
156 might be due to the greater TOC content of Humic Cambisol (3%) than the Haplic Chernozem
157 (2.1%).

158 Each treatment was incubated as a blank (no glyphosate) or amended with 50 mg kg^{-1} either
159 unlabeled glyphosate or $^{13}C_3^{15}N$ -labeled glyphosate. Ten-fold higher concentration of glyphosate
160 than the recommended agricultural application dose of 5 mg kg^{-1} was needed for reliable
161 detection and quantification of the isotopic enrichment against the ^{13}C natural abundances which
162 were obtained from the blanks and controls. All treatments were adjusted to 60% of the
163 maximum water holding capacity and incubated in triplicates at 10°C, 20°C and 30°C according
164 to the OECD guideline 307 (OECD. 2002); for details see Muskus et al. (2019). Total CO_2 (soil
165 microbial respiration) and $^{13}CO_2$ from mineralization of $^{13}C_3$ -glyphosate was trapped in 2 M

166 NaOH solution which was sampled and measured at regular time intervals (3, 5, 10, 21 and 40
167 days for the Haplic Chernozem and 3, 5, 10, 21 and 39 days for the Humic Cambisol). The total
168 amount of soil was sampled destructively at the end of the incubation period for PLFA analysis.
169 The accelerated degradation of glyphosate in two soils was noticed in the first two weeks of
170 incubation; thereafter it reached plateau (Muskus et al., 2019, 2020). Therefore, the difference of
171 one day in the final sampling point (39 days versus 40 days) of the two soils did not affect the
172 accuracy of results.

173 **2.4 Soil respiration and mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate**

174 Soil respiration (total concentration of CO_2 in the NaOH traps: $\text{CO}_{2\text{total}}$) was determined by TIC
175 analysis (Shimadzu TOC-5050 analyzer, Duisburg, Germany). Mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate
176 ($^{13}\text{CO}_2$) was quantified based on combined analysis of total concentration of CO_2 ($^{12}\text{C}+^{13}\text{C}-\text{CO}_2$)
177 and its isotopic composition ($^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ at%). The CO_2 was separated from other permanent gases
178 on a BPX-5 column (50 m \times 0.32 m \times 5 μm) and its isotopic composition was measured using gas
179 chromatography-combustion-isotope ratio-mass spectrometry (GC-C-irMS). The separation
180 conditions for GC-C-irMS were described previously (Girardi et al., 2013).

181 **2.5 PLFA biomarker analysis**

182 The PLFAs were extracted from the soils using a mixture of phosphate buffer, methanol and
183 chloroform (Bligh and Dyer, 2010). The chloroform phase containing the PLFA was first
184 separated from the aqueous phase, dried using sodium sulphate and then purified over silica gel
185 as described previously (Nowak et al., 2011). Thereafter, the PLFAs were derivatized to fatty
186 acid methyl esters (FAMES) with methanol/trimethylchlorosilane (9:1 v/v). FAMES were
187 identified and quantified after separation on a BPX-5 column (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 μm) using a
188 gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (Agilent 6890 GC, 5973N MS, Agilent, Waldbronn,
189 Germany). The isotopic composition of FAMES in each sample was determined using a GC-C-

190 irMS Finnigan MAT 252, Thermo Electron, Bremen, Germany, linked to a GC Hewlett Packard
191 6890 GC (Agilent Technologies, Waldbronn, Germany) equipped with a 50 m × 0.32 m × 5 μm
192 Porabondt Q-HT Plot FS column (Chrompack, Middleburg, Netherlands). More information
193 about the separation conditions of FAMES and quantification of FAMES can be found in Nowak
194 et al. (2011) and Girardi et al. (2013).

195 For data presentation, PLFA were grouped according to their assignments to specific groups of
196 microorganisms. Seven groups were identified (see **Table 1**): 1) General microbial marker, 2)
197 Gram-positive bacteria, 3) actinobacteria, 4) Gram-negative bacteria, 5) starvation marker, 6)
198 fungi and 7) others (including 20:1; 18:2; a16:0, 15:1br, 16:1w5, 17:1br, 18:0br, 18:1w5, which
199 are not indicative of any special group of microorganisms). Gram-positive bacteria were
200 represented by saturated branched PLFAs (iso and anteiso isomers) and by 10-methyl branched
201 PLFAs (Actinobacteria). Monounsaturated PLFAs are indicative for Gram-negative bacteria,
202 whereas their starvation is indicated by the cyclopropyl PLFAs (Kaur et al., 2005). Cyclopropyl
203 PLFAs are developed in the membranes of Gram-negative bacteria in response to any
204 environmental change e.g. absence of accessible carbon-substrates. Polyunsaturated PLFAs are
205 indicators of fungi (Zelles, 1999). In contrast to other groups of PLFAs, saturated straight chain
206 PLFAs represent general microbial marker which cannot be assigned to any specific
207 microorganism group. Therefore, only PLFAs indicative to any specific group are considered in
208 the interpretation and discussion of the microbial community composition data.

209 **2.6 Data analysis and statistics**

210 All data on respiration ($\text{CO}_{2\text{total}}$), mineralization ($^{13}\text{CO}_2$) and PLFA biomarkers ($\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$; ^{13}C -
211 PLFAs) are presented as averages of triplicates with standard deviations. The total amount of
212 PLFAs ($\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$) is used to indicate changes in microbial biomass, whereas the glyphosate
213 degraders are described by the ^{13}C -PLFAs. The $\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$ and ^{13}C -PLFAs were analyzed in the
214 control soils with 50 mg kg⁻¹ glyphosate, in the two TOC and in the two pH levels at each

215 temperature. Due to very high number of samples for PLFAs extraction and time-consuming
216 analysis, we did not analyze the PLFAs in the blank control soils (without glyphosate). We
217 analyzed only control blanks for the cumulative soil respiration only, and this information was
218 sufficient to monitor the effects of glyphosate addition on microbial activity of two soils.
219 Cumulative soil respiration is given in $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ soil and the PLFAs_{total} in $\mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$
220 soil on day 39 (Haplic Chernozem) and 40 (Humic Cambisol). Cumulative mineralization of
221 glyphosate ($^{13}\text{CO}_2$) and ^{13}C -PLFAs are presented as percentages of the initially applied $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -
222 glyphosate $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ on day 39 (Haplic Chernozem) and 40 (Humic Cambisol).

223 A two-way ANOVA (ANalysis Of VAriance) with post-hoc Tukey HSD (Honestly Significant
224 Difference) test was used to analyze the significance of each factor separately (temperature and
225 TOC or pH variation) on PLFAs (PLFAs_{total} and ^{13}C -PLFAs) in Haplic Chernozem or Humic
226 Cambisol. The difference was considered to be significant when p value was <0.05 and the
227 results are shown in Supplementary Material (SI). The Tukey's honestly significant difference
228 test was used for separation of means using the IBM SPSS and data mining software (Version 25,
229 Copyright IBM Corp 1989, 2017).

230 The multivariate analysis (MANOVA) was used to reveal significant correlations between
231 temperature and soil parameter (TOC or pH) and soil type on the microbial composition of the
232 soil microbiome (PLFAs_{total} groups) and of the glyphosate degraders (^{13}C -PLFAs groups).
233 MANOVA results are also available in the SI. The effect of multiple parameters (temperature,
234 TOC, pH, mineralization, respiration) on the shifts in the PLFA pattern of soil microbiome
235 (PLFAs_{total} groups) and in the ^{13}C PLFA pattern (^{13}C -PLFAs groups) were analyzed by principal
236 component analysis (PCA). In addition, the abundances of each PLFAs_{total} or ^{13}C -PLFAs group in
237 the Haplic Chernozem or the Humic Cambisol at different levels of temperature, TOC or pH were
238 visualized in a heat-map. The level of significance for all statistical tests was set to $p<0.05$. PCA
239 and heat-map visualization were done in XLSTAT version 2020.3.

240 3. RESULTS

241 3.1 Soil respiration ($\text{CO}_{2\text{total}}$) and microbial biomass based on $\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$

242 The respiration of the blank control Humic Cambisol (without glyphosate) was three to five times
243 higher ($23\pm 0.2 - 110\pm 0.3 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$) than of the Haplic Chernozem blank control ($8.8\pm 0.2 -$
244 $24\pm 0.4 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$). Addition of $50 \text{ mg glyphosate kg}^{-1}$ to soil increased respiration of both
245 Haplic Chernozem control (by 7-11%) and the Humic Cambisol control (by 4-15%; see the
246 controls with glyphosate in **Table S1**) incubated at 10°C and 20°C as compared to the control
247 blanks (without glyphosate). Respiration increased with raising the incubation temperature in all
248 treatments. An enhanced TOC content of soil (both blank and with glyphosate) promoted
249 microbial activity as indicated by the increased respiration of Haplic Chernozem (three- to five-
250 fold) and Humic Cambisol (< two-fold). The highest respiration was noticed for highest TOC
251 levels of both Haplic Chernozem (4% TOC; $43\pm 0.4 - 120\pm 0.8 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$) and of Humic
252 Cambisol (5% TOC; $37\pm 0.2 - 143\pm 0.3 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$). Reduction of soil pH to 6.0 or 5.5 also
253 increased the respiration of two soils. About 24 – 45% increase in the soil respiration at each
254 temperature as compared to the blank control ($8.8\pm 0.2 - 24\pm 0.4 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$) and the control
255 with glyphosate ($9.9\pm 0.3 - 23\pm 0.7 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$) was noticed for the Haplic Chernozem. The 7-
256 14% enhanced respiration of Humic Cambisol with pH 5.5 was found at 10°C and at 20°C as
257 compared to the blank control (23 ± 0.2 and $57\pm 0.3 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$, respectively) and to the control
258 with glyphosate (27 ± 0.8 and $59\pm 0.4 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$, respectively).

259 In analogy to respiration results, also highest microbial biomass based on $\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$ was found in
260 Haplic Chernozem with two highest TOC levels at each incubation temperature (**Table 2**, $p < 0.05$;
261 see also **Table S2A**). $\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$ in Haplic Chernozem with 3% or 4% TOC ($0.05 - 0.07\pm 0.002$
262 $\mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$) was three- to six-fold higher than in the control ($0.01 - 0.02\pm 0.000 \mu\text{mol}$
263 PLFAs g^{-1} , $p < 0.05$). It is noteworthy that $\text{PLFA}_{\text{total}}$ at 30°C in the two highest TOC levels were
264 lower than at 20°C ; this could be a result of faster microbial metabolism with an accelerated

265 resources consumption which results in loss of biomass and decline of the PLFAs at higher
266 temperature. Similarly, lowering pH also increased microbial biomass in Haplic Chernozem
267 which was approximately two and four-fold higher ($0.03 - 0.04 \pm 0.001 \mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$, $p < 0.05$;
268 see also **Table S2B**) than in the control. This suggests that either increasing TOC level or
269 lowering pH, had a positive effect on the quantity of microbial biomass of Haplic Chernozem.

270 The amount of $\text{PLFAs}_{\text{total}}$ in Humic Cambisol ($0.09 \pm 0.003 - 0.31 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$) was at
271 least twice higher than in Haplic Chernozem ($0.01 \pm 0.000 - 0.07 \pm 0.002 \mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$; see
272 **Table 2**) suggesting higher microbial activity of the Humic Cambisol. Microbial biomass was
273 biggest in Humic Cambisol with two highest TOC levels ($0.12 \pm 0.005 - 0.31 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{mol PLFAs}$
274 g^{-1} , $p < 0.05$; see also **Table S3A**) as compared to the controls ($0.09 \pm 0.003 - 0.20 \pm 0.001 \mu\text{mol}$
275 PLFAs g^{-1} , $p < 0.05$). Reduction of pH of Humic Cambisol to either pH 5.5 or pH 6.5 also
276 enhanced microbial biomass ($0.12 \pm 0.006 - 0.19 \pm 0.008 \mu\text{mol PLFAs g}^{-1}$, $p < 0.05$; see also **Table**
277 **S3B**).

278 **3.2 Groups of microorganisms in soil microbiome based on $\text{PLFAs}_{\text{total}}$**

279 Increasing temperature (20°C and 30°C) induced a shift of the Haplic Chernozem microbiome
280 towards Gram-negative bacteria in controls (see **Figure 2A**). Same trend was noticed in the
281 Haplic Chernozem with pH 5.5 and 6.0 at 10°C as compared to the control at 10°C (**Figure 2C**
282 and **Figure S1**). This finding suggests that the shift towards Gram-negative bacteria could be the
283 result of either lowering soil pH or temperature increase or even of both factors. In contrast to the
284 control and to soil with reduced pH at 10°C , increasing TOC of Haplic Chernozem favored the
285 shift of microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria at each temperature and in particular for the
286 highest TOC level (**Figure 2A**). The shift towards Gram-positive bacteria was also noticed in the
287 Haplic Chernozem with 5.5 and 6.0 at 30°C (**Figure 2C**). The markers indicative for starvation of
288 Gram-negative bacteria increased in the two enhanced TOC as well as in the two reduced pH
289 (except from pH 6.0 at 10°C and 20°C) levels of Haplic Chernozem as compared to their

290 controls. In contrast, actinobacteria marker was less abundant in the two reduced pH and in the
291 two enhanced TOC at each temperature as compared to controls. Fungal marker was the least
292 abundant marker in all five treatments. However, the fungal marker at increased TOC at all
293 incubation temperatures was more abundant than that in the controls (**Figure S1**).

294 In contrast to Haplic Chernozem controls, we observed a shift of the Humic Cambisol
295 microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria in controls at 20°C and 30°C as compared to the
296 control at 10°C (**Figure 2B** and **Figure S2**). Similarly, increasing TOC (**Figure 2B**) or lowering
297 pH (**Figure 2D**) of the Humic Cambisol to 5.5 at 10°C also shifted the microbiome towards
298 Gram-positive bacteria as compared to the control at 10°C. In contrast, reduction of soil pH to 6.5
299 at 10°C did not induce changes in the microbial community composition as compared to the
300 control at 10°C. The actinobacteria marker in the soil with 5% TOC at 30°C also increased as
301 compared to the control at 30°C (**Figure 2B**).

302 The multivariate analysis (MANOVA) for the two soils indicated only a significant difference
303 between the actinobacteria and Gram-positive bacteria of soil microbiome for the isolated
304 variable TOC (Wilk's λ and $p < 0.05$; see also **Table S4**).

305 **3.3 $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate mineralization ($^{13}\text{CO}_2$) and incorporation into ^{13}C -PLFAs**

306 The higher microbial activity of Humic Cambisol control ($\text{CO}_{2\text{total}}$, **Table S1**) than the Haplic
307 Chernozem control did not enhance the final cumulative mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate (see
308 **Table S5**) in Humic Cambisol. Mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate is shown as $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ in
309 percentage of the initial $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate equivalents. Mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate in the
310 controls of Haplic Chernozem ($12\% \pm 0.9\% \text{ }^{13}\text{CO}_2$) and of Humic Cambisol ($13\% \pm 0.7\% \text{ }^{13}\text{CO}_2$)
311 soil at 10°C was similar. It was only slightly higher ($39\% \pm 0.1\% \text{ }^{13}\text{CO}_2$) in the Humic Cambisol
312 control at 20°C than in the Haplic Chernozem control ($37\% \pm 0.2\% \text{ }^{13}\text{CO}_2$). The temperature was
313 the main factor controlling the mineralization of the applied $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate in both soils
314 (Muskus et al., 2019; Muskus et al., 2020). The mineralization decreased in the order $30^\circ\text{C} >$

315 20°C > 10°C. Lower pH and higher TOC concentration also increased the mineralization of ¹³C₃-
316 glyphosate in both soils. Mineralization of glyphosate was lowest in the Haplic Chernozem
317 control (12%±0.9% – 43%±0.3% ¹³CO₂) and highest in the two enhanced TOC levels of the
318 Haplic Chernozem (20%±1.5% – 54%±6.6% ¹³CO₂). Similarly, mineralization of ¹³C₃-glyphosate
319 in Humic Cambisol with reduced pH (18%±1.1% – 48%±1.4% ¹³CO₂) and enhanced TOC
320 (19%±0.5% – 51%±2.0% ¹³CO₂) at 10°C and at 30°C was also higher than in the respective
321 controls at 10°C (13%±0.7% ¹³CO₂) and 30°C (41%±1.9% ¹³CO₂).

322 Higher percentage of ¹³C from the initial ¹³C₃-glyphosate equivalents was incorporated into the
323 PLFAs in the Haplic Chernozem (0.06%±0.01% – 0.25%±0.03% ¹³C-PLFAs) than in the Humic
324 Cambisol (0.01%±0.00% – 0.13%±0.01% ¹³C-PLFAs) in each treatment and at each temperature
325 (except for pH 5.5 at 10°C; **Table 3**). This finding suggests a higher incorporation of ¹³C from
326 ¹³C₃-glyphosate into microbial biomass of the Haplic Chernozem although ¹³C₃-glyphosate
327 mineralization was comparable in two soils. Temperature did not affect the ¹³C-PLFAs amounts
328 in the controls of both soils. In analogy to mineralization, increased ¹³C-PLFAs contents were
329 also noticed in the two enhanced TOC levels of Haplic Chernozem (0.13%±0.02% –
330 0.25%±0.03% ¹³C-PLFAs, p<0.05) and Humic Cambisol (0.09% – 0.13%±0.01% ¹³C-PLFAs) in
331 which the ¹³C-PLFAs were always highest (**Table 3**, p<0.05). In contrast to two enhanced TOC
332 levels, lowering soil pH reduced the ¹³C-PLFAs amounts in the Haplic Chernozem with pH 6.0
333 and 5.5 (0.02 – 0.07%±0.01% ¹³C-PLFAs, except for pH 6.0 at 10°C, p<0.05) as compared to the
334 controls (0.08 – 0.10%±0.01% ¹³C-PLFAs). Similarly, the ¹³C-PLFAs in two reduced pH levels
335 of the Humic Cambisol at 20°C (0.01 – 0.03%±0.00% ¹³C-PLFAs, p<0.05) were also lower than
336 in the control at 20°C (0.04%±0.00% ¹³C-PLFAs).

337 **3.4 Groups of glyphosate degraders based on ¹³C-PLFAs**

338 Increasing TOC of Haplic Chernozem shifted ¹³C-glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive
339 bacteria in all TOC levels and at all incubation temperatures (**Figure 3A** and **Figure S3**). This

340 result agrees well with the concomitant shift of microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria in
341 two enhanced TOC levels of the Haplic Chernozem (**Figure 2A**). Similarly to soil with increased
342 TOC, a shift of the glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive bacteria was also observed in
343 Haplic Chernozem with pH 5.5 at 10°C and 20°C, and with the pH 6.0 at 10°C (**Figure 3C**). This
344 finding contradicts the observed shift of Haplic Chernozem microbiome towards Gram-negative
345 bacteria in the two reduced pH levels (**Figure 2C**). However, an increased abundance of the ¹³C-
346 PLFAs marker indicative for the starvation of Gram-negative bacteria in the two enhanced TOC
347 levels at 30°C (**Figure 3A**) and in the soil with pH 6.0 at 20°C and 30°C (**Figure 3C**) was also
348 detected. Highest abundance of the ¹³C-actinobacteria marker was observed in the Haplic
349 Chernozem with pH 5.5 at 30°C.

350 Similar to what was observed for Haplic Chernozem, an enhanced TOC of Humic Cambisol also
351 promoted the shift of glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive bacteria (**Figure 3B** and
352 **Figure S4**). This is also in a good accordance with the concurrent shift of microbiome towards
353 Gram-positive bacteria in two increased TOC levels of Humic Cambisol (**Figure 2B**). The shift
354 of glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive bacteria was also noted in Humic Cambisol with
355 pH 6.5 at each temperature (**Figure 3D**). The starvation marker indicative for starvation of Gram-
356 negative bacteria was most abundant in the soil with pH 6.5 at 20°C. Similar to what was noticed
357 in Haplic Chernozem with pH 5.5 at 30°C (**Figure 3C**), actinobacteria marker in the soil with pH
358 5.5 at 30°C (**Figure 3D**) was also most abundant among the five treatments of the Humic
359 Cambisol.

360 Results of the multivariate analysis (MANOVA) of the two soils revealed a significant shift of
361 glyphosate degraders towards fungi and starvation of Gram-negative bacteria for the single effect
362 of temperature, TOC or pH as well as for the combined effect of temperature + TOC or
363 temperature + pH (Wilk's λ and $p < 0.05$; see also **Table S6**).

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365 4. DISCUSSION

366 4.1 Increased temperature and TOC or pH variation boosted microbial activity

367 Addition of glyphosate increased only slightly soil respiration in the two soils (7-11% and 4-15%
368 for the Haplic Chernozem and the Humic Cambisol, respectively) as compared to controls
369 without glyphosate. This finding is in good accordance with the observed 10-15% increase of soil
370 respirations following glyphosate addition (Araújo et al., 2003, Wardle and Parkinson, 1990).
371 However, it disagrees with the negligible effect of glyphosate application on soil microbial
372 activity in the study by Liphadzi et al., (2005) and by Zabaloy et al. (2008). Three- to five-fold
373 higher respiration and microbial biomass of Humic Cambisol control than the Haplic Chernozem
374 control indicated for the higher microbial activity of Humic Cambisol than Haplic Chernozem.
375 This difference might be related to the different contents of TOC, total nitrogen and pH in two
376 soils (Xue et al., 2018) all of which were higher in Humic Cambisol. Soil properties like
377 enhanced TOC and pH near 7.0 are well known to stimulate microbial activity and microbial
378 biomass quantity (Sollins et al., 1988). The respiration of forest soils decreased in soils with
379 lower pH (Anderson and Domsch, 1993). Soil pH regulates nutrient availability and ion uptake
380 by the microorganisms, whereas organic carbon and nitrogen are base nutrients supporting
381 microbial growth (Sollins et al., 1988). Furthermore, the C:N stoichiometry of both the accessible
382 resources and the current microbial food demands also affects the activity of soil microorganisms
383 (Mooshammer et al. 2014) . Another explanation for the differences in respiration of the two soils
384 can be a longer storage of Haplic Chernozem at +4°C than the Humic Cambisol (1 year vs 6
385 months) prior to incubation. This also can explain a lower microbial activity of Haplic
386 Chernozem.

387 Increased temperature and TOC boosted microbial activity (respiration and biomass) in two soils.
388 It is obvious that mesophilic temperatures (20°C-40°C) are most optimal for microbial activity
389 (Gavrilescu, 2005; Shymko et al., 2011; Singleton, 1994). Similarly, soil amendment with

390 organic material is well-known to trigger microbial activity through the supply of available
391 organic carbon and nitrogen needed for growth (Chen et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2020; Ma et al.,
392 2018; Orr et al., 2012; Renella et al., 2008; Shymko et al., 2011; Singleton, 1994). This explains
393 the highest soil respiration and microbial biomass in Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol
394 with increased TOC levels.

395 During the soil manipulation (H_2SO_4 addition and thorough mixing with water) prior to
396 incubation, the availability of C-substrates and other macronutrients to microorganisms could
397 have been enhanced (Aciego Pietri and Brookes, 2008; Binkley and Vitousek, 1989; Kemmitt et
398 al., 2006; Zhao et al., 2011). This could explain an increased microbial activity in the Haplic
399 Chernozem with reduced pH as compared with the control without H_2SO_4 addition and only
400 thoroughly mixed with water. However, we did not measure the nutrients content in the soils
401 prior to incubation; and in addition to the pH, the temperature also might have affected the
402 microbial activity in the soil with reduced pH. We cannot separate the pH factor from the
403 temperature factor in this study; therefore, it is difficult to derive the factor affecting the
404 microbial activity in soil.

405 **4.2 Temperature, TOC and pH treatment changed the composition of soil microbiome**

406 Temperature changed the microbiome composition of both Haplic Chernozem and Humic
407 Cambisol control soils, but different trends were noticed for these two soils. Higher temperature
408 shifted the microbiome of the Haplic Chernozem control soil towards Gram-negative bacteria,
409 but towards Gram-positive bacteria in the Humic Cambisol control soil. These divergences in the
410 two controls are difficult to explain and it might be the result of a different content of nutrients,
411 and pH (Sollins et al., 1988). In addition, the PLFAs were analyzed in both soils only on day
412 39/40, the initial effect on the compositional structure of microbiome under influence of higher
413 temperatures could have been easily overlooked. The microbial activity of Humic Cambisol
414 control was higher than the Haplic Chernozem control; the observed shift towards Gram-positive

415 bacteria at higher temperatures thus could have been much faster than in the Haplic Chernozem
416 control. Temperature controls microbial turnover processes in general; for example, the turnover
417 rates of microbial biomass and soil organic matter are higher at high temperature (He et al., 2014;
418 Xiong et al., 2014; Zhou et al., 2012).

419 FYM addition to Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol (enhanced two TOC levels) favored
420 the shift of the microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria and actinobacteria. Through the FYM
421 addition, we may have introduced new microorganisms to soil, in particular Gram-positive
422 bacteria and actinobacteria (Shahbaz et al., 2020). Similarly, an increased abundance of
423 actinobacteria in a sandy loam soil amended with a carbon-rich biochar was also found by Zhang
424 et al. (2021). FYM contains high molecular weight polymers that have to be cleaved
425 extracellularly prior to uptake by microorganisms (Ma et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2020). Mostly
426 Gram-positive bacteria, actinobacteria and fungi degrade complex polymeric organic substrates
427 extracellularly, rather than Gram-negative bacteria, which usually take up low molecular weight
428 compounds (Lønne Enggrob et al., 2021; Madigan et al., 2018). This may also explain the shift of
429 microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria in two soils and a higher abundance of fungal and
430 actinobacteria marker at two increased TOC levels of Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol.

431 Reduction of pH with H₂SO₂ changed the compositional structure of microbiome towards Gram-
432 negative bacteria in Haplic Chernozem. Contrary to Haplic Chernozem with reduced pH, a shift
433 of Humic Cambisol microbiome towards Gram-positive bacteria was observed at pH 5.5, but
434 only at 10°C. The microbial activity of Humic Cambisol was higher than that of the Haplic
435 Chernozem, and we analyzed PLFAs_{total} at endpoints in both experiments. Therefore, we might
436 have overlooked the shift to Gram-negative bacteria in Humic Cambisol which peaked earlier
437 than in Haplic Chernozem. However, a shift of microbiome towards Gram-negative bacteria was
438 also observed in the controls of Haplic Chernozem at higher temperatures. It is thus unclear
439 whether only temperature or pH variation changed the structural composition of microbiome.

440 **4.3 Temperature, TOC or pH variation affected microbial degradation of glyphosate**

441 Temperature was the main factor controlling mineralization of glyphosate in both soils. Microbial
442 activity is usually highest at mesophilic temperatures (Gavrilescu, 2005; Shymko et al., 2011;
443 Singleton, 1994); therefore, glyphosate mineralization increased at higher incubation
444 temperatures in both soils. Although the microbial activity of the Humic Cambisol control was
445 higher than the control Haplic Chernozem, this did not affect the ultimate mineralization of
446 glyphosate. Mineralization of glyphosate in the Haplic Chernozem control soil after 40 days was
447 similar to that in the Humic Cambisol at 10°C after 39 days, whereas at higher temperatures it
448 was even slightly higher. In analogy to mineralization, the incorporation of ¹³C from ¹³C₃-
449 glyphosate into the PLFAs in Haplic Chernozem was higher than in Humic Cambisol. This
450 indicates that the proportion of active microbes that degraded glyphosate was greater in the
451 Haplic Chernozem. Extractable glyphosate in the Haplic Chernozem (Muskus et al., 2019) was
452 lower than in the Humic Cambisol (Muskus et al., 2020) in each treatment and at each
453 temperature. The possible explanations for different mineralization of glyphosate and
454 incorporation of ¹³C into the PLFAs in the two soils could be different: (I) number or species of
455 glyphosate degraders, (II) availability of carbon (including glyphosate) and nutrients or (III) soil
456 texture and mineralogy (Alexa et al., 2009; Bergström et al., 2011; Borggaard and Gimsing,
457 2008; De Andréa et al., 2003; Getenga and Kengara, 2004; Nguyen et al., 2018; Okada et al.,
458 2016; Vinther et al., 2008). Noteworthy is that the two soils originated from different climatic
459 regions; Haplic Chernozem was a silt loam soil from Germany, whereas Humic Cambisol was a
460 sandy loam soil from Colombia. The composition of clays, amounts of iron and aluminum as well
461 as cationic exchange capacity (CEC) are different in soils in temperate regions and in tropics
462 (Sanchez-Bayo and Hyne, 2011). The soils in the tropics often have a large amount of kaolinite
463 and gibbsite, whereas montmorillonite and illite make up most of the clay portion of the soils in
464 the temperate zone (Schroeder et al., 2020; Sollins et al., 1988). Furthermore, soils in tropics are
465 richer in iron and aluminum, and have a lower CEC than the soils from moderate climate (Sollins

466 et al., 1988). All these differences in the soil property may have affected the different availability
467 of glyphosate (and sorption) and other nutrients to microorganisms in the two soils.

468 Along with the enhanced mineralization of $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -glyphosate (Muskus et al., 2019, 2020), the ^{13}C -
469 PLFAs at the two increased TOC levels of both soils were higher than in their controls. This is in
470 a good accordance with the higher amounts of ^{13}C -amino acids in the two soils with the elevated
471 TOC levels as compared to controls (Muskus et al., 2019, 2020). A supply of available organic
472 substrates and nutrients from FYM could have stimulated the activity of microorganisms (Aciego
473 Pietri and Brookes, 2008; Binkley and Vitousek, 1989; Kemmitt et al., 2005; Zhao et al., 2011).
474 Previous studies also suggested that glyphosate is rarely utilized as a sole carbon source (Forlani
475 et al., 1999; Sviridov et al., 2012; Zabaloy et al., 2012). Thus the supply of available additional
476 substrates to glyphosate degraders through the addition of FYM could additionally support
477 glyphosate degradation (Andersson et al., 2000; Kemmitt et al., 2006; Rousk et al., 2009;
478 Vereecken, 2005).

479 It is difficult to explain the lower amounts of ^{13}C -PLFAs in some pH treatments of the Haplic
480 Chernozem and Humic Cambisol. Possible explanations could be different soil mineralogy or
481 availability of carbon and nutrients as well as the temperature (Borggaard and Gimsing, 2008;
482 Nguyen et al., 2018; Vinther et al., 2008).

483 **4.4 Temperature and TOC or pH variation shifted the composition of glyphosate degraders**

484 Addition of FYM to Haplic Chernozem or Humic Cambisol and pH reduction of Haplic
485 Chernozem shifted the ^{13}C -glyphosate degraders towards Gram-positive bacteria. The different
486 levels of TOC and soil pH influenced microbial growth, biomass size and diversity (Fierer and
487 Jackson, 2006a; Lauber et al., 2009a; Rousk et al., 2010; Zelles, 1999). Gram-positive bacteria
488 have a unique capability to survive acidic environments (Cotter and Hill, 2003) and to degrade
489 polymeric organic substrates from FYM (Ma et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2020). Furthermore, a

490 positive correlation between Gram-negative bacteria PLFAs and high soil pH was also found by
491 Grayston et al. (2004).

492 An increased amounts of the ^{13}C -PLFA marker indicative for starvation of Gram-negative
493 bacteria (Kaur et al., 2005) were found at the two enhanced TOC-levels or reduced pH of both
494 soils. This could suggest that this group of bacteria could have been more abundant at earlier
495 stages of glyphosate degradation in all treatments. The ^{13}C -PLFAs were only measured at the end
496 of experiment; therefore, we might have overlooked the high abundance of this microbial group
497 at the earlier phase of glyphosate degradation. Gram-negative bacteria have been described to use
498 available substrates like glyphosate or other substrates released to soil from FYM or after pH
499 reduction (Bai et al., 2016; Dungait et al., 2013; Lu et al., 2004; Moore-Kucera and Dick, 2008).
500 In later degradation stages, when the nutrients and glyphosate were reduced, the ^{13}C abundance in
501 Gram-positive bacteria marker could have increased. Gram-positive bacteria and actinobacteria
502 are known for turnover of the necromass of primary degraders of various C-substrates (Billings
503 and Ziegler, 2008; Kramer and Gleixner, 2006; Lu et al., 2004; Moore-Kucera and Dick, 2008;
504 Rinnan and Bååth, 2009, Wang et al, 2021;). In addition to actinobacteria and Gram-positive
505 bacteria, fungi also could have contributed to the degradation of necromass of glyphosate primary
506 degraders in both soils. Fungi have a unique ability to decompose polymeric substrates in soil
507 (Fabian et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015). The fungi, Gram-positive bacteria and actinobacteria thus
508 could have enhanced the availability of the decomposing labeled biomass compounds to
509 consumers of primary glyphosate degraders. Therefore, in later stages of glyphosate degradation,
510 ^{13}C label that had been ingested by Gram-negative bacteria could have been recycled through the
511 microbial food web in various catabolic and anabolic pathways by other microbial groups,
512 including Gram-positive bacteria, actinobacteria or fungi (Wang et al, 2021; Zheng et al, 2021).

513 It is difficult to derive a single driving factor (temperature and TOC or pH variation) leading to
514 the shifts of microbial community and glyphosate degraders from the only endpoint data. The
515 time-dependent study of ^{13}C label distribution between the respective groups of PLFAs under the

516 influence of temperature and TOC or pH variation could support the identification of the relevant
517 factor affecting these shifts.

518 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

519 Glyphosate addition to soil slightly increased respiration of both the Haplic Chernozem and the
520 Humic Cambisol. FYM amendment and pH reduction enhanced microbial activity and glyphosate
521 degradation. Although the microbial activity of the Haplic Chernozem was lower than that of the
522 Humic Cambisol, the proportion of actively degrading microbes was greater in the Haplic
523 Chernozem. Gram-negative bacteria were presumably the primary degraders of glyphosate as
524 indicated by the high abundance of ^{13}C in the Gram-negative PLFA starvation marker. The
525 Gram-negative bacteria could have been overlooked at the end-point-samplings of the two
526 experiments. More data on the time-dependent contents of ^{13}C -PLFAs and ^{13}C -fatty acids in
527 necromass would be necessary to clarify this.

528 Further work should concentrate on the detailed investigation of glyphosate degradation in
529 different soil environments and the interaction between the synergistic degraders, e.g. with the
530 help of metagenomics or proteomics. It is still little known whether there are any consequences of
531 the changed proportions of synergistic degraders in the soil microbiome after the addition of
532 glyphosate to soil.

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		Haplic Chernozem		Humic Cambisol			
		TOC factor	pH factor	TOC factor	pH factor		
Temperature factor	30°C	1) Control (2.1% TOC, pH 6.6)		1) Control (3% TOC, pH 7.0)		I: Blank (without glyphosate) II: Unlabelled glyphosate (control) III: $^{13}\text{C}_3^{15}\text{N}$-glyphosate	Isotope-related treatment
	20°C	2) 3% TOC	4) pH 6.0	2) 4% TOC	4) pH 6.5		
	10°C	3) 4% TOC	5) pH 5.5	3) 5% TOC	5) pH 5.5		

2 **Figure 1.** Experimental setup for Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol with TOC and pH
3 modifications.

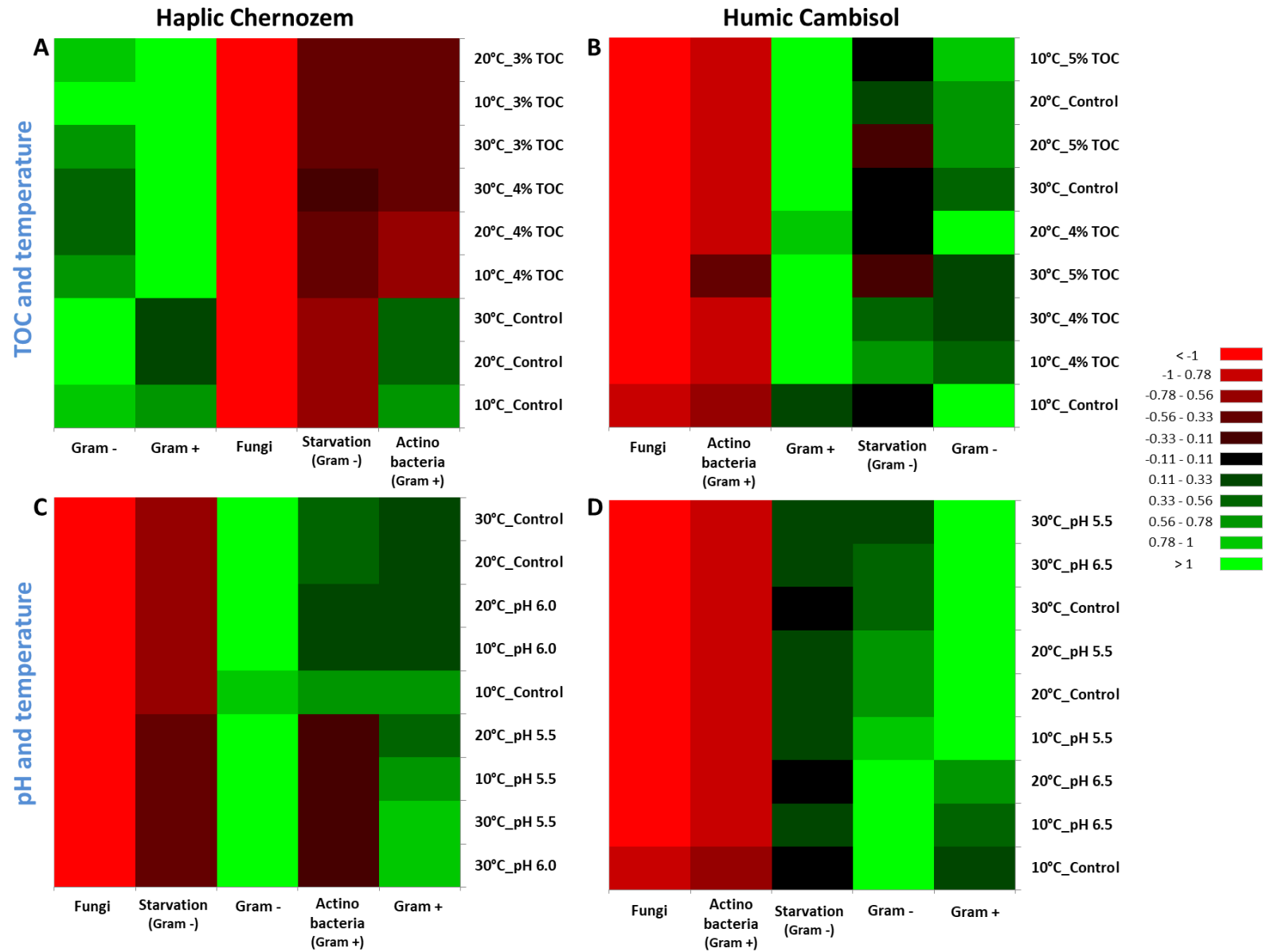


Figure 2. Heat-map of the microbial groups based on PLFA_{total} in a haplic Chernozem and a humic Cambisol soil microbiome with a modified TOC (A, B) and pH (C, D). The color scale indicates the relative abundance of five microbial PLFA markers (Gram-positive bacteria, actinobacteria [subgroup of Gram-positive bacteria], Gram-negative bacteria, starvation and fungi) according to PLFAs in the individual treatment. Green represents the most abundant groups, whereas red represents the least abundant group. Control soil: 50 mg kg⁻¹ of glyphosate (no modification of pH or TOC).

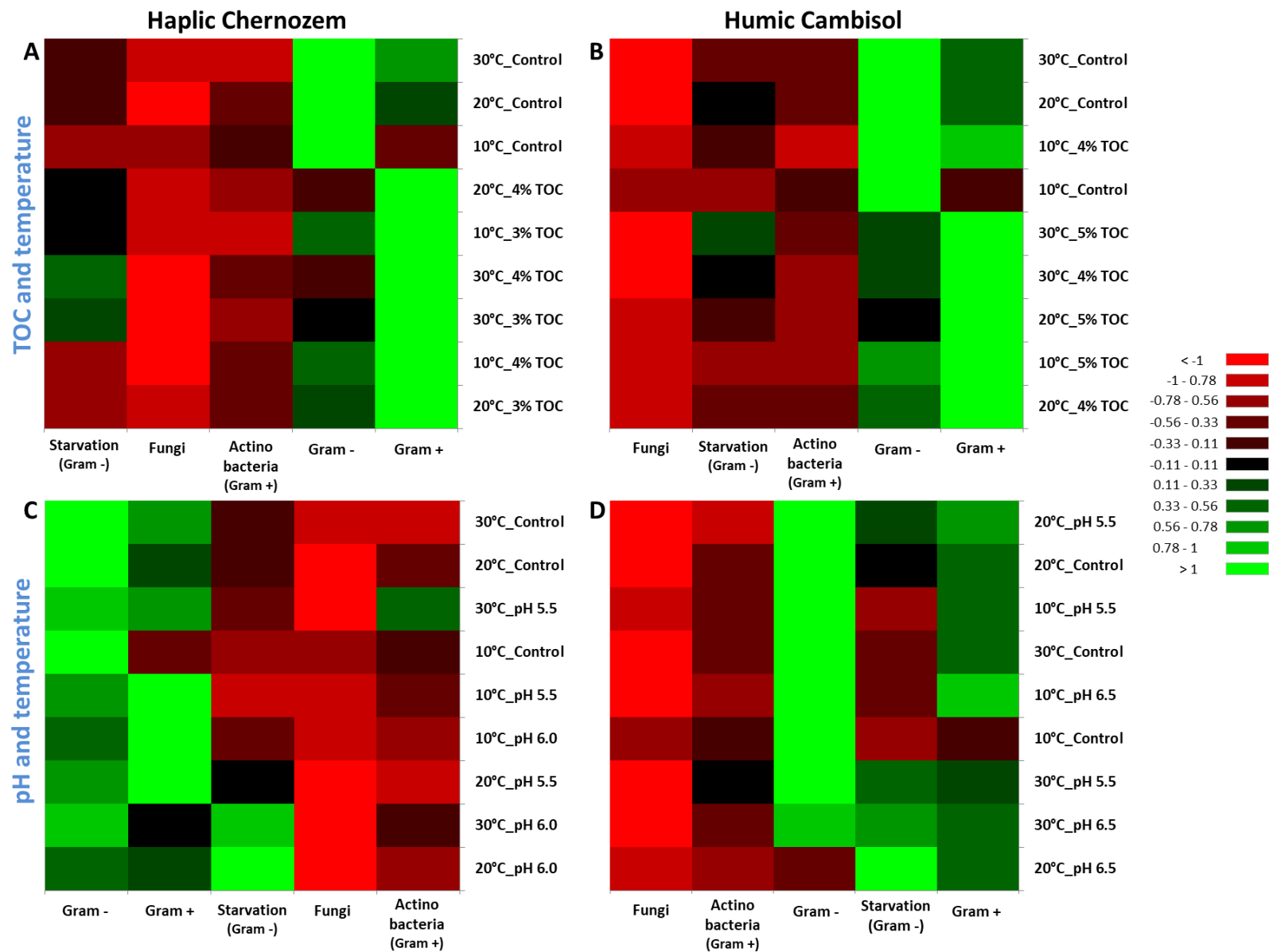


Figure 3. Heat-map of the microbial groups of glyphosate degraders based on ^{13}C -PLFAs in a haplic Chernozem and a humic Cambisol with a modified TOC (A, B) and pH (C, D). The color scale indicates the relative abundance of five microbial PLFA markers (Gram-positive bacteria, actinobacteria [subgroup of Gram-positive bacteria], Gram-negative bacteria, starvation and fungi) according to PLFAs in the individual treatment. Green represents the most abundant groups, whereas red represents the least abundant group. Control soil: 50 mg kg $^{-1}$ of glyphosate (no modification of pH or TOC).

1 **Table 1.** Groups of microorganisms and representative PLFAs biomarkers (Boschker and
 2 Middelburg, 2002; Frostegård and Bååth, 1996; Kaur et al., 2005; Zelles, 1999a, b;).

Group of microorganisms	Representative biomarkers
1) General	14:0, 15:0, 16:0, 18:0, 20:0
2) Gram-positive bacteria	i-14:0, i-15:0, a-15:0, i-16:0, a-16:0, i-17:0, a-17:0
3) Actinobacteria (subgroup of Gram-positive bacteria)	10-Me16:0, 10-Me17:0, 10-Me18:0
4) Gram-negative bacteria	16:1 ω 7c, 18:1 ω 9c, 18:1 ω 7
5) Starvation (Gram-negative bacteria)	cy-17:0, cy-19:0
6) Fungi	18:2 ω 6,9
7) Others	20:1, 18:2, 15:1 br, 18:0 br, 17:1 br

i: iso, a: anteiso, Me: methyl, cy: cyclopropyl, br: branched, ω : omega

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5 **Table 2.** The PLFAs_{total} ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}$) in Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol incubated at 10°C, 20°C and 30°C and after 39 or 40 days. Five
6 treatments are shown: control, two TOC and two pH variations. Mean values (n=3) are shown \pm standard deviation. Control Haplic Chernozem:
7 2.1% TOC, pH 6.6. Control Humic Cambisol: 3% TOC, pH 7.0. Both controls: 50 mg kg⁻¹ of glyphosate (no modification of pH or TOC).

Haplic Chernozem														
10°C					20°C					30°C				
Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5	Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5	Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5
0.02±0.000	0.06±0.002	0.07±0.002	0.03±0.001	0.04±0.001	0.02±0.000	0.07±0.002	0.07±0.002	0.03±0.001	0.03±0.001	0.01±0.000	0.05±0.002	0.06±0.002	0.04±0.001	0.03±0.001

Humic Cambisol														
Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5	Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5	Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5
0.20±0.001	0.12±0.005	0.19±0.007	0.17±0.008	0.14±0.006	0.16±0.007	0.22±0.009	0.31±0.01	0.18±0.008	0.17±0.007	0.09±0.003	0.21±0.008	0.30±0.01	0.19±0.008	0.12±0.006

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9 **Table 3.** The ¹³C-PLFAs_{total} (% of initially added ¹³C₃-glyphosate) in Haplic Chernozem and Humic Cambisol incubated at 10°C, 20°C and 30°C
10 and after 40 days. Five treatments are shown: control, two TOC and two pH variations. Mean values (n=3) are shown \pm standard deviation. Control
11 Haplic Chernozem: 2.1% TOC, pH 6.6. Control Humic Cambisol: 3% TOC, pH 7.0. Both controls: 50 mg kg⁻¹ of glyphosate (no modification of pH
12 or TOC).

[% of initially added ¹³ C ₃ -glyphosate equivalents]														
Haplic Chernozem														
10°C					20°C					30°C				
Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5	Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5	Control	3% TOC	4% TOC	pH 6.0	pH 5.5
0.08±0.02	0.13±0.02	0.14±0.01	0.08±0.01	0.02±0.00	0.10±0.01	0.15±0.02	0.17±0.03	0.06±0.01	0.07±0.01	0.08±0.01	0.21±0.02	0.25±0.03	0.06±0.01	0.07±0.01

Humic Cambisol														
Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5	Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5	Control	4% TOC	5% TOC	pH 6.5	pH 5.5
0.03±0.01	0.10±0.01	0.11±0.01	0.05±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.04±0.00	0.13±0.01	0.10±0.01	0.01±0.00	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.00	0.09±0.01	0.10±0.01	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.00

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