


# Antibiotic resistance and organic micropollutants monitoring in municipal full-scale constructed wetlands systems

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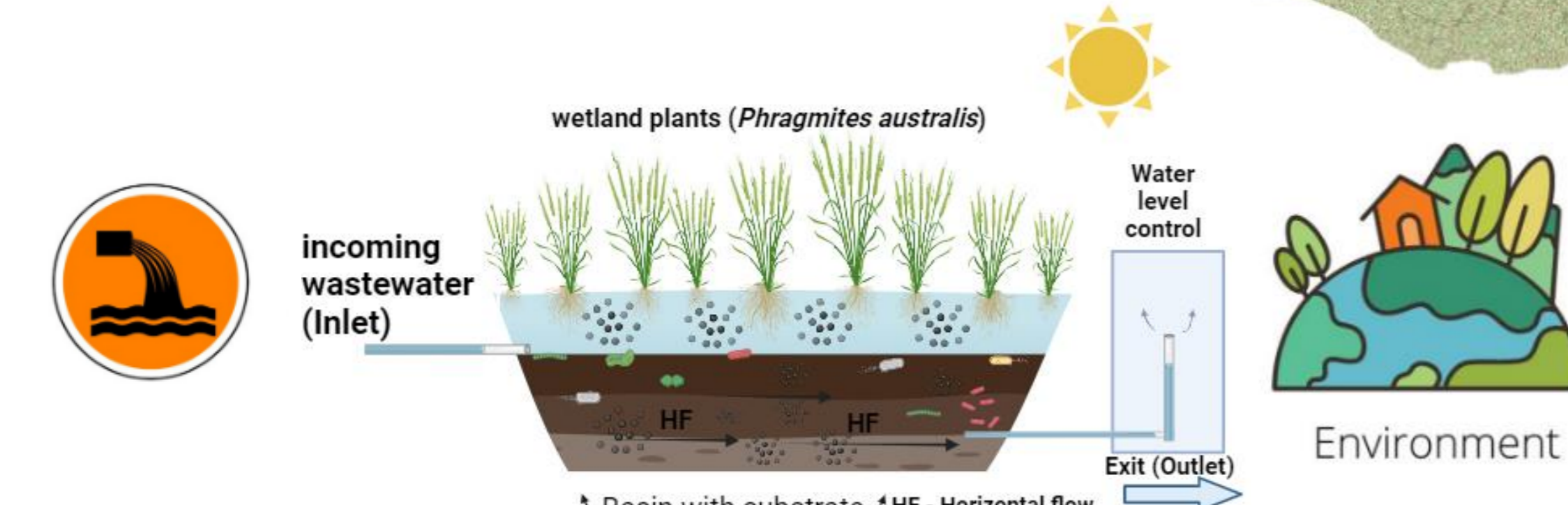
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## 01 OBJECTIVE




Evaluate the response of three constructed wetlands wastewater treatment systems (CWs), working in horizontal subsurface flow with macrophytes (*Phragmites australis*), to achieve:

- the recommended values for standard parameters (e.g. BOD, COD, TSS, N, P);
- reduce the load of fecal contamination, antibiotic resistance (AR), organic micropollutants (OMPs) and variations of the bacterial community composition.



## 02 METHODOLOGY



**AR and bacterial community**

Wastewater filtration (50-250ml)

DNA extraction from membranes

DNA quantification

Biomarkers abundance by qPCR

16S rRNA metabarcoding

**Fecal contamination**

Serial dilutions and membrane filtration

CCA 37°C: 18-24h

Enumeration of cultivable bacteria

**OMPs**


Wastewater filtration (500ml)

Solid phase extraction

Non-target analysis

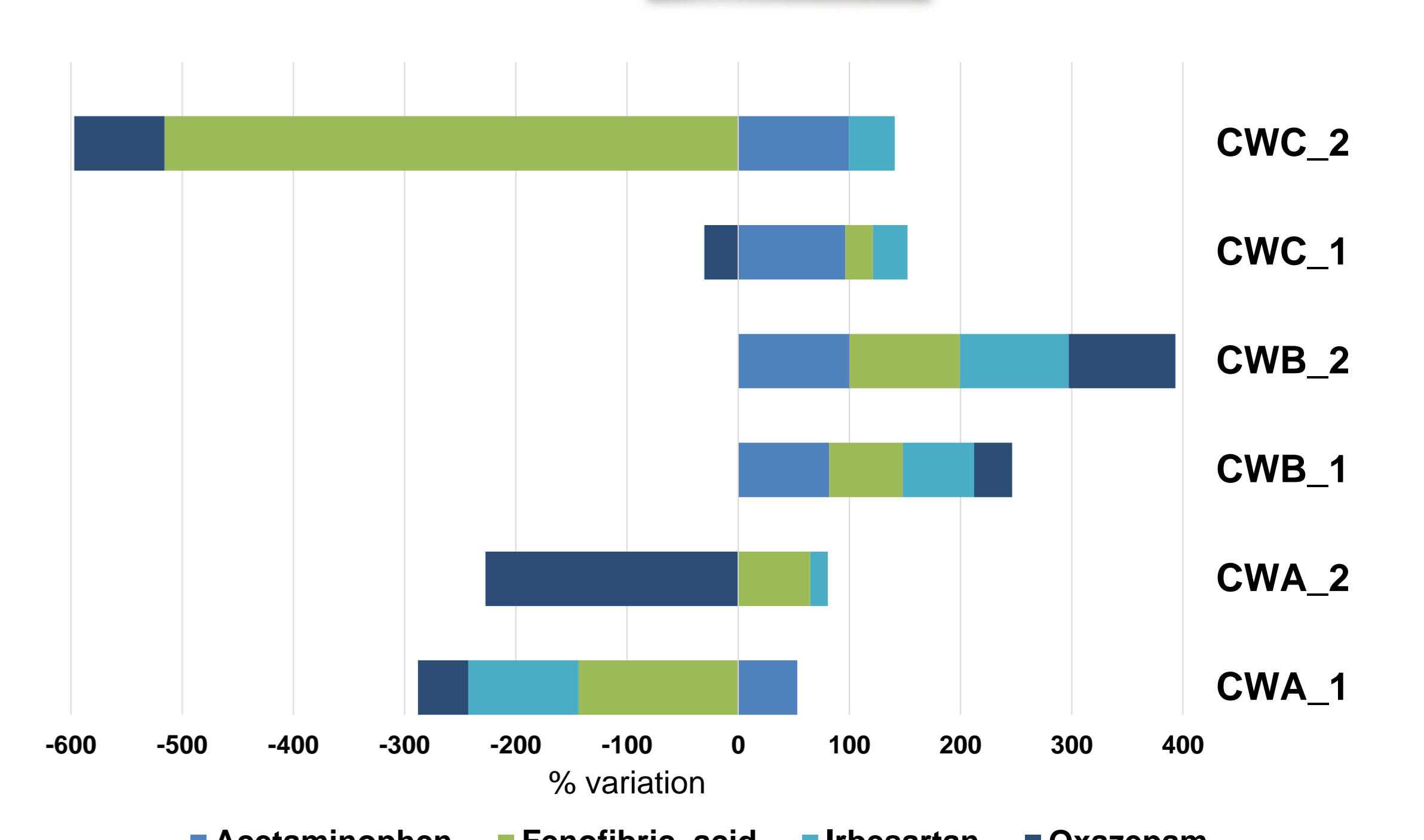
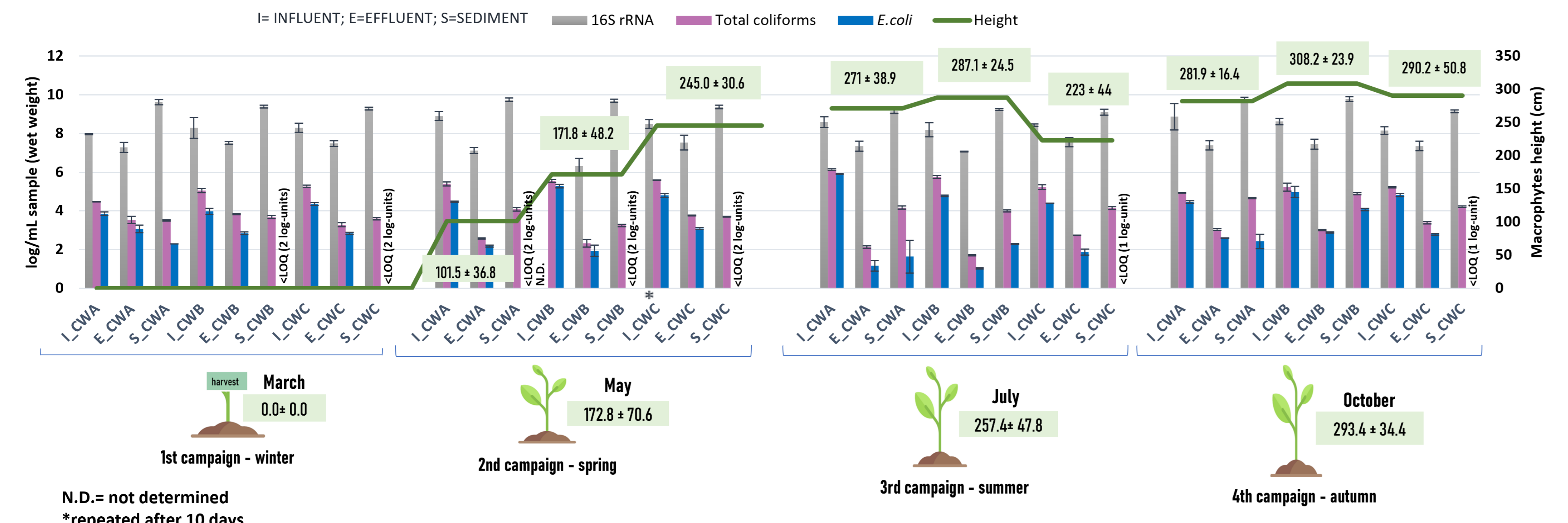
LC-HRMS

## 04 CONCLUSIONS



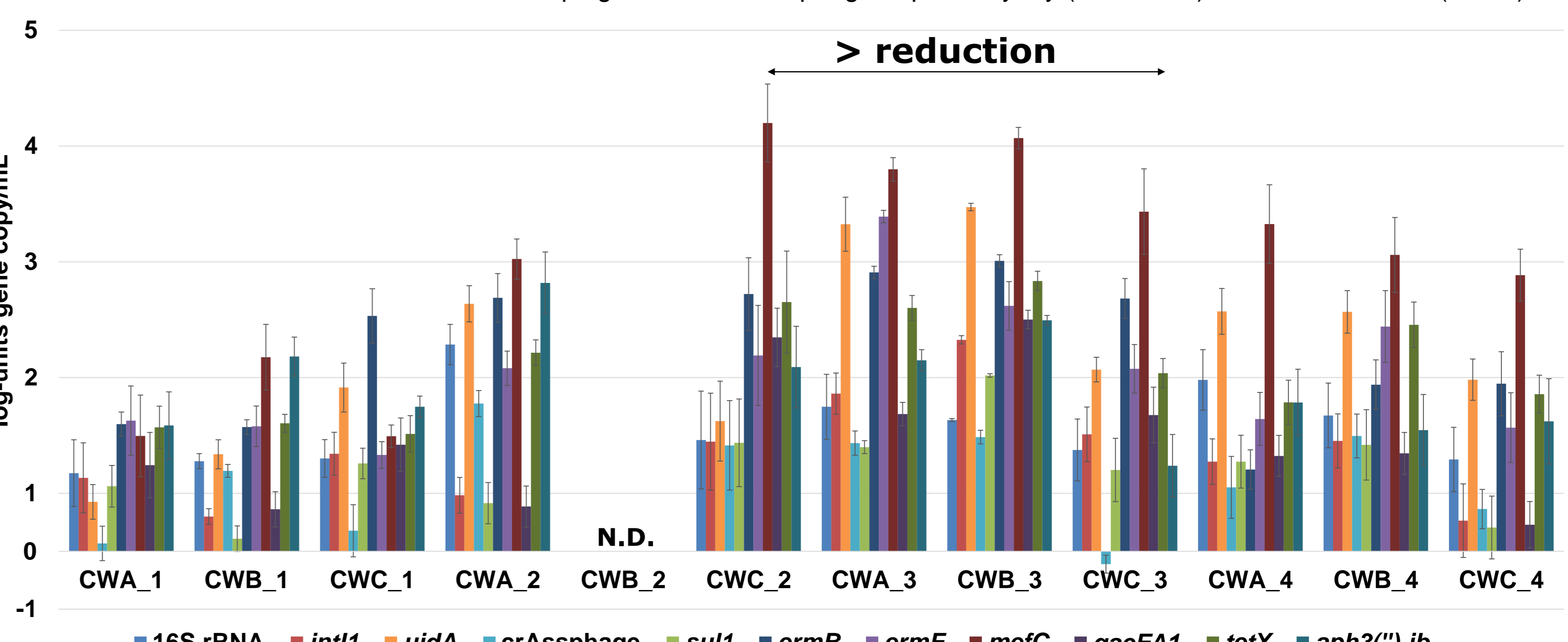
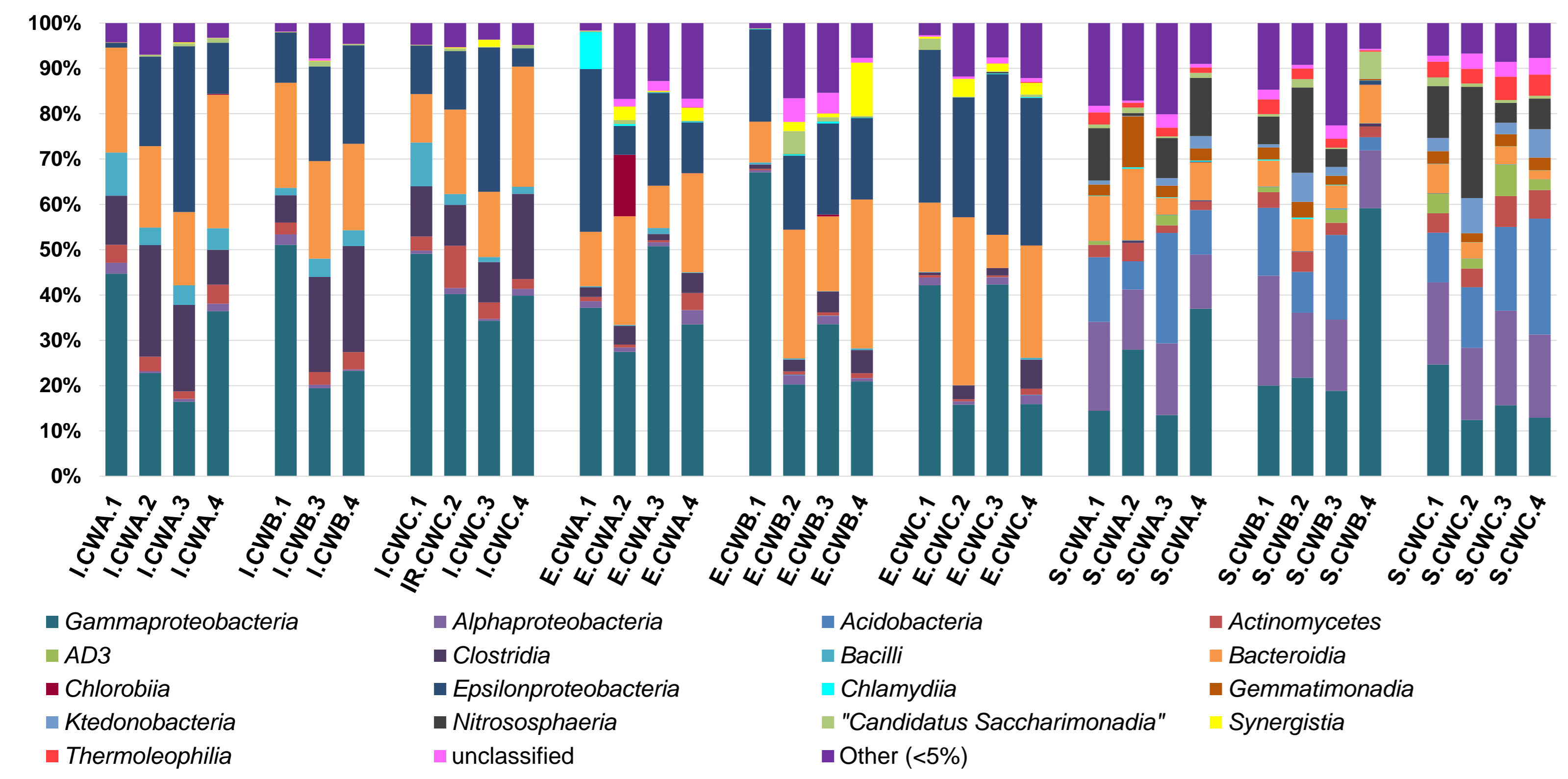
- The macrophytes growth stage along the year and climate conditions, such as the temperature, influence treatment efficacy (> in Summer).
- CWs can be a good treatment alternative to treat domestic wastewater in small populations without affecting the natural landscape.

## 03 RESULTS

Total coliforms and *Escherichia coli* colony forming units per volume of sample (log CFU/mL or wet weight); the bacterial load through 16S rRNA gene quantification by qPCR (log gene copy/mL or wet weight), in influent, effluent and sediment samples and macrophytes height (cm) across the four campaigns.

Variation of chemical compounds (%) identified in all the samples across 1st and 2nd campaigns, winter and spring, respectively, by (LC-HRMS), for the three CWs (A,B,C).



Class relative abundance (%) for the influent (I), effluent (E), and sediments (S) samples for the three CWs (A, B, and C) in the different seasons (1-winter, 2-spring, 3-summer, and 4-autumn).

16S rRNA gene and AR reduced values (log-units/mL) between influent (I) and effluent (E) samples across the four different campaigns (1-winter, 2-spring, 3-summer and 4-autumn). N.D. – not determined

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