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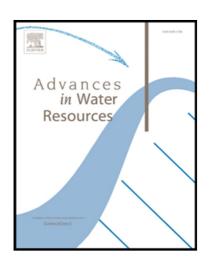
Elucidating the impact of micro-scale heterogeneous bacterial distribution on biodegradation

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Highlights

- The heterogeneous micro-scale microbial growth in pores reduces bioavailability
- This growth form can reduce degradation rates by up to an order of magnitude.
- Effective mass transfer rates for such limited biodegradation are derived.
- A conceptual approach how these results may be scaled up is provided for two substances: acetate and toluene.

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