

Dear Prof. Pendall,

we are very thankful for your helpful suggestions and recommendations. We carefully improved the ms according to your comments and incorporated nearly all your suggestions. Please find below the responses to the comments (in green) and the improved ms. We hope that the ms fulfill the requirements of Biogeosciences.

With kind regards,
Anna Gunina and co-authors.

Editor review

The manuscript has been improved by streamlining the hypotheses and reducing the speculations and assumptions presented in the original version. However, some revisions are still required before the paper can be published. Grammar is still problematic in some sections. See attached pdf for examples of corrections.

- Thank you for the comment. We have corrected the grammar in the ms, and paid the most attention to Abstract and conclusions sections.

Abstract: The abstract should be revised to improve the English and also to make the most important points come across more strongly.

- Thank you for the comment. Abstract was improved, please, see the corrected version provided below.

The authors need to reconcile the terminology to be consistent with the methods, particularly related to the concept of “turnover time”.

- Thank you for the comment. We have corrected the terminology regarding the "turnover time", and made necessary corrections, namely: we corrected equations, and statements in the discussion section.

Line 35: What is meant by "renewal"?

- Thank you for the comment. We wanted to stress that C in a pool of PLFA or amino sugars is replaced by the new ^{13}C (from added glucose), means that C is renewed. The abstract was changed and this term was excluded.

Lines 275-277: what is meant by “per column”? Maybe you mean “per component”?

- Thank you for the comment. All calculations were done to the weight of all soil in the experimental unit, which was "column" in our case. Due to we have collected the columns completely (means all soil where ^{13}C was added was collected during sampling), we calculated the amount of ^{13}C to the weight of all soil in the column, which was 1.5 kg (this information presented in the materials and methods section).

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Lines 304-306 and throughout: Cytosol pool vs cytosolic pool: Be consistent, choose one.

- Thank you for the comment. We have corrected and used only "cytosol" abbreviation.

Lines 308-309 and throughout: “recovery in” or “incorporation into”

- Thank you for the comment. We have checked through the all ms. Term "recovery" is correct. Only in one case L417 the term incorporation is used, due to there we spoke about incorporation of C into PLFA pool (not from pulse-labelling, but due to the uptake of C which is naturally in the soil).

Lines 373-377: How was the “non-specific pool” of SOM determined?

- Thank you for the comment. The ^{13}C in the non-specified SOM was calculated by subtracting off total ^{13}C measured in the soil, the ^{13}C incorporated into cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars. This information was added into materials and method section.

Lines 481-502: This paragraph is long and rambling and presents some results and calculations in addition to a discussion point. It would benefit the manuscript if the calculations could be put into a supplement and then the main point of the paragraph would be more clear (that amino sugars are slower to incorporate C than the other cell components studied).

- Thank you for the comment. We have put the calculations into the supplementary materials.

Conclusions; This section reads like a lengthy summary of the results. It could be shortened to the main implications of the study.

- Thank you for the comment. The conclusion section was shortened, please see the corrected version of ms, presented below:

Tracing the ^{13}C labelled glucose through cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars is a prerequisite for understanding the fate of organic substrates in soil and can be used to estimate C turnover times in various microbial cell compartments. In contradiction to hypothesis one, the C turnover times were as follows: PLFA (47 days) < cytosol (150 days) < amino sugars. The long C half-life time in cytosol can be explained by efficient C recycling and cytosol heterogeneous composition, which involves compounds with different turnover rates. Due to significant part of amino sugar pool was in the composition of microbial residues, the ^{13}C enrichment of this pool was still increasing at the end of the experiment, which reflects the slowest C turnover time here. An approximate calculation of ^{13}C enrichment of amino sugars in the living biomass accounted for 0.57% of pool size, which was lower than for PLFAs. This reflects that C turnover in cell wall components is slower than in membrane components.

Both PLFAs and amino sugars analysis showed the prevalence of bacterial biomass/bacterial residues in investigated soil. Much higher recovery and enrichment by glucose- ^{13}C was found in bacterial than in fungal PLFAs. A lower ^{13}C enrichment of filamentous PLFAs compare to bacterial demonstrates that i) C turnover in filamentous PLFAs is slower compare to bacterial and ii) filamentous organisms might consume bacterial biomass and utilize products of its metabolism. The ratio of galactosamine/muramic acid for incorporated ^{13}C evidences that bacteria were more active in glucose utilisation than fungi.

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The ^{13}C enrichment was the highest for muramic acid and the lowest for galactosamine, demonstrating that the turnover of bacterial cell wall components is more rapid than fungal.

Consequently, the combination of ^{13}C labeling with the subsequent analysis of several microbial cell compartments and biomarkers is a unique approach to understanding C partitioning within microbial cells and the microbial communities in soil. This knowledge is not only crucial for assessing C fluxes and recycling in soil, but is also important for estimation the contribution of C from microbial residues to SOM.

Figures

Fig. 1: Please indicate what the top brown line indicates; apparently it is the ^{13}C -enriched glucose remaining in the soil?

- Thank you for the comment. Brown line indicates the remaining glucose-derived ^{13}C in the soil.

Fig. 5: Missing?

- We have deleted this figure according to the reviewers suggestions.
We have added figure 5 for the revision by the Editor.

Glucose C turnover in cell compartments and microbial groups in soil

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26 **Abstract**

27 Microorganisms regulate the carbon (C) cycle in soil, controlling the utilization and recycling

28 of organic substances. To reveal the contribution of particular microbial groups to C

29 utilization and turnover within the microbial cells, the fate of ^{13}C -labeled glucose was studied

30 under field conditions. Glucose derived, ^{13}C was traced in cytosol, amino sugars and

31 phospholipid fatty acid (PLFA) pools at intervals of 3, 10 and 50 days after glucose addition

32 into the soil.

33 ^{13}C enrichment in PLFAs (~1.5% of PLFA C at day 3) was an order of magnitude

34 greater than in cytosol, showing the importance of cell membranes for initial C utilization.

35 The ^{13}C enrichment in amino sugars of living microorganisms at day 3 accounted for 0.57%

36 of total C pool: as a result, we infer that the replacement of C in cell wall components is three

37 times slower than that of cell membranes. The C turnover time in the cytosol (150 days) was

38 three times longer than in PLFAs (47 days). Consequently, even though the cytosol pool has

39 the fastest processing rates compare to other cellular compartments, intensive recycling of

40 components here leads to a long C turnover time.

41 Both PLFA and amino sugar profiles indicated that bacteria dominated in glucose

42 utilization. ^{13}C enrichment decreased with time for bacterial cell membrane components, but

43 it remained constant or even increased for filamentous microorganisms. ^{13}C enrichment of

44 muramic acid was the 3.5x greater than for galactosamine, showing a more rapid turnover of

45 bacterial cell wall components compare to fungal. Thus, bacteria utilise a greater proportion

46 of low molecular weight organic substances, whereas filamentous microorganisms are

47 responsible for further C transformations.

48 Thus, tracing ^{13}C in cellular compounds with contrasting turnover rates elucidated the

49 role of microbial groups and their cellular compartments in C utilization and recycling in soil.

50 The results also reflect that microbial C turnover is not restricted to the death or growth of

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51 new cells. Indeed, even within living cells, highly polymeric cell compounds are constantly
52 replaced and renewed. This is especially important for assessing C fluxes in soil and the
53 contribution of C from microbial residues to soil organic matter.

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55 **Keywords**

56 Microbial biomarkers; phospholipid fatty acids; amino sugars; ^{13}C labeling; glucose
57 utilisation; soil microbial biomass.

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59 1. Introduction

60 Over the last decade, numerous studies have demonstrated the role of soil microorganisms in
61 regulating the fate and transformation of organic compounds. Soil microorganisms produce
62 exoenzymes to carry out the primary degradation of plant as well as microbial polymers to
63 monomers. Further transformations of monomers then take place within the microbial cells.
64 Monomeric substances are taken up by the living microorganisms and are partly mineralised
65 to CO₂, while part is assimilated into cell polymers and ultimately incorporated into soil
66 organic matter (SOM) after cell death (Kindler et al., 2006). Understanding the fate of
67 substances originated from plants and microbial residues into living biomass is therefore
68 crucial for estimating the recycling of carbon (C) in soil and its stabilization as SOM.

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69 Living microbial biomass (MB) is a highly active and heterogeneous pool (Malik et
70 al., 2015), although it accounts for only 2-4% of the total SOM (Jenkinson and Ladd, 1981).
71 Heterogeneity is evident at the level of single cells in the various cellular compartments with
72 different properties, structures and biochemistry: from the highly heterogeneous cytosol
73 (Malik et al., 2013), to well-structured cell membranes and cell walls. Due to their chemical
74 composition and functions, compounds of cell membranes (phospholipid fatty acids
75 (PLFAs)) and cell walls (amino sugars) have different turnover times within the cell as well
76 as different stabilities within SOM.

77 Organic compounds that are taken up by microorganisms first enter the cytosol
78 (Gottschalk, 1979), which has a high heterogeneity in composition (includes components of
79 various chemical structure and molecular weight). However, due to the heterogeneity of this
80 pool, the calculated C turnover time is a mean of C turnover times in various components.

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81 The calculated turnover time of intact PLFAs in soil after microbial death is 2.8 days (Kindler
82 et al., 2009), resulting PLFAs are mainly used to characterize the living microorganisms
83 (Frostegard et al., 2011; Rethemeyer, 2004). However, no data concerning turnover time of C

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84 | in PLFA of living biomass are currently published. The formation of amino sugars from plant
85 biomass is relatively rapid at 6.2–9.0 days (Bai et al., 2013), whereas their turnover times in
86 soil vary between 6.5–81.0 y⁻¹ (Glaser et al., 2006). Thus, PLFAs and amino sugars can be
87 used to trace the fate of C within the living microorganisms as well as to estimate the
88 contribution of microbial residues to SOM (Schmidt et al., 2007).

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89 | Some cell compartments, such as the cytosol, are not specific for various microbial
90 groups, whereas phospholipids are partly specific and consequently can be used to estimate
91 microbial community structure. Thus, PLFAs of bacterial (i16:0, a16:0, i15:0, a15:0, 16:1ω7,
92 18:1ω7) and fungal communities (18:2ω6,9; 18:3ω6,9,12; 16:1ω5) are used to draw
93 conclusions about the qualitative composition of living microbial communities, their
94 contribution to utilisation of C by various origin (plant or microbial) and to understand
95 trophic interactions within the soil (Ruess et al., 2005). In contrast, amino sugars
96 (glucosamine, galactosamine, mannosamine and muramic acid) are usually used to assess the
97 contributions of bacterial and fungal residues to SOM (Engelking et al., 2007; Glaser et al.,
98 2004). Muramic acid is of bacterial origin, whereas glucosamine is derived from both fungal
99 and bacterial cell walls (Glaser et al., 2004). Galactosamine is more abundant in fungal than
100 in bacterial cell walls (Engelking et al., 2007; Glaser et al., 2004).

101 | Bacteria and fungi have various chemical composition, which strongly contributes to
102 their turnover rates in soil: for bacteria it consists 2.3-33 days, whereas for fungi it accounts
103 for 130-150 days (Moore et al., 2005; Rousk and Baath, 2007; Waring et al., 2013). Despite
104 turnover of microorganisms directly effect the C turnover rates in intercellular compounds
105 (cell membrane and cell wall biomarkers), this relationship has rarely been investigated so
106 far. However, the comparison of C turnover for cell membrane and cell wall components can
107 be used to characterize the contribution of various microbial groups to medium-term C
108 utilisation and to the stabilization of microbially derived C in SOM.

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109 | Combination of PLFAs and amino-sugar biomarkers analyses, as well as cytosol C
110 | measurement with isotope tracing techniques (based on ^{13}C natural abundance or $^{13}\text{C}/^{14}\text{C}$
111 | labelling) have been used in various studies to characterize organic C utilisation by microbial
112 | community (Bai et al., 2013; Brant et al., 2006). However, to date no systematic studies have
113 | compared these contrasting cell compartments in a single soil within a C turnover
114 | experiment. Therefore, this study aimed to examine C allocation to various cell compartments
115 | following ^{13}C labelling with a ubiquitous monomer, glucose. Glucose has a higher
116 | concentrations in the soil solution compared to other low molecular weight organics (Fischer
117 | et al., 2007), due to its diverse origin: from cellulose decomposition, presence in
118 | rhizodeposition (Derrien et al., 2004; Gunina and Kuzyakov, 2015), and synthesis by
119 | microorganisms. It is also used by most of the microbial groups, and, thus, is the most
120 | suitable substance for such a study.

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121 | We analyzed glucose derived ^{13}C partitioning into the cytosol, cell membranes and
122 | cell walls, to evaluate the turnover time of C in each pool, and to assess the contribution of
123 | bacterial and fungal biomass to SOM. We hypothesized that: 1) turnover times of C in pools
124 | follow the order cytosol<PLFA<amino sugars, because substances taken up by cells first are
125 | transported by membrane proteins into cytosol, from where they get distributed to other
126 | cellular pools and 2) recovery of ^{13}C glucose should be faster and higher for bacterial than for
127 | fungal biomarkers, because bacterial biomass has a faster cell turnover than fungal biomass.

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129 | 2. Material and Methods

130 | 2.1. Field site and experimental design

131 | The ^{13}C labeling field experiment was established at an agricultural field trial in Hohenpözl,
132 | Germany (49°54'N, 11°08'E, at 500 m a.s.l.). Triticale, wheat and barley were cultivated by a

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133 rotation at the chosen site. The soil type was a loamy haplic Luvisol (IUSS Working group
134 WRB, 2014) and had the following chemical properties in the uppermost 10 cm: total organic
135 C content 1.5%, C/N 10.7, pH 6.6, clay content 22%, CEC 13 cmol_c kg⁻¹. The annual
136 precipitation is 870 mm and mean annual temperature is +7 °C.

137 In summer 2010, following harvest of the triticale, columns (diameter 10 cm and height 13
138 cm) were installed to a depth of 10 cm. Each column contained 1.5 kg of soil and bulk
139 density was 1.36 g cm⁻³. The 50 mL of uniformly labelled ¹³C glucose (99 atom % ¹³C) was
140 injected into the columns via a syringe at five points inside the column to spread the tracer
141 homogeneously. Syringe was equipped with a special pipe having length 13 cm and
142 perforated along the whole length, while the end of the pipe was sealed to prevent glucose
143 injection below of the column. Each column received 93.4 μmol ¹³C of tracer (0.06 μmol ¹³C
144 g⁻¹soil) and similar amounts of non-labeled glucose were applied to the control columns, to
145 make the experimental conditions equal. The concentration was chosen to trace the natural
146 pool of glucose in soil solution (Fischer et al., 2007), rather than stimulate the activity or
147 growth of microorganisms.

148 The experiment was done in four field replicates, which were organized in a randomized
149 block design. Labelled and control columns were present within each block. For the first 10
150 days of the experiment the rainfall was excluded by protective shelter, which was then
151 removed and the experiment was run for 50 days in total. The rainfall was excluded to
152 prevent the added glucose to be leached out from the soil profile, due to processes of
153 microbial uptake go slower in the field conditions, than in the controlled laboratory. After 3,
154 10 and 50 days, separate soil columns (four columns where ¹³C was applied and four control
155 columns) were destructively sampled. The columns had no vegetation by the collecting time,
156 as well as when the ¹³C glucose was applied.

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The soil was removed from the column, weighed and the water content was determined in a subsample. Soil moisture was determined by drying samples for 24 h at 105 °C and was essentially constant during the experiment, ranging between 21–25% (25.7±1.2 (3 days), 23.3±1.3 (10 days), 21.4±0.7 (50 days)). Each soil sample was sieved to <2 mm and divided into three parts. One part was stored frozen (-20°C) for PLFA analysis, another was cooled (+5°C) (during one week) before the microbial biomass analysis, and the rest was freeze-dried and used for amino-sugar analysis and for measurement of the total amount of glucose derived ¹³C remaining in the soil.

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2.2. Bulk soil $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ analysis

The soil for the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ analysis was milled and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of bulk SOM were determined using a Euro EA Elemental Analyser (Eurovector, Milan, Italy) unit coupled via a ConFlo III interface (Thermo-Fischer, Bremen, Germany) to a Delta V Advantage IRMS (Thermo Fischer, Bremen, Germany). The amount of glucose derived ¹³C remaining in the soil was calculated based on a mixing model (Equations 1 and 2), where the amount of C in the background sample in Eq. 1 was substituted according to Eq. 2.

$$[C]_{\text{soil}} \cdot \text{at}\%_{\text{soil}} = [C]_{\text{BG}} \cdot \text{at}\%_{\text{BG}} + [C]_{\text{glc}} \cdot \text{at}\%_{\text{glc}} \quad \text{Eq. (1)}$$

$$[C]_{\text{soil}} = [C]_{\text{BG}} + [C]_{\text{glc}} \quad \text{Eq. (2)}$$

with:

$[C]_{\text{soil/BG/glc}}$ C amount of enriched soil sample / background soil sample /

glucose derived C in soil (mol · g_{soil}⁻¹)

$\text{at}\%_{\text{soil/BG/glc}}$ ¹³C in enriched soil sample / background soil sample /

applied glucose (at%)

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2.3. *Cytosol* C pool

The *cytosol* pool was determined by the fumigation–extraction technique from fresh soil shortly after sampling, according to Wu et al. (1990) with slight changes. Briefly, 15 g fresh soil was placed into glass vials, which were exposed to chloroform during 5 days. After removing the rest of chloroform from the soil, the *cytosol* C was extracted with 45 mL 0.05 M K₂SO₄. As fumigation–extraction technique produces not only soluble components, but also cell organelles and cell particles, we named pool of C in fumigated extracts as "*cytosol*" only for simplification of terminology. Organic C was measured with a high-temperature combustion TOC-analyser (Analyser multi N/C 2100, Analytik Jena, Germany). The *cytosol* pool was calculated as the difference between organic C in fumigated and unfumigated samples without correcting for extraction efficiency. After organic C concentrations were measured, the K₂SO₄ extracts were freeze-dried and the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of a 30–35 μg subsample were determined using EA-IRMS (instrumentation identical to soil $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ determination). The recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C in fumigated and unfumigated samples was calculated according to the above-mentioned mixing model (Eq. 1 and 2). The ^{13}C in the microbial cytosol was calculated from the difference in these recoveries.

2.4. *Phospholipid fatty acid analysis*

The PLFA analysis was performed using the liquid–liquid extraction method of Frostegard et al. (1991) with some modifications (Gunina et al., 2014). Briefly, 6 g *of* soil were extracted with a 25-mL one-phase mixture of chloroform, methanol and 0.15 M aqueous citric acid (1:2:0.8 v/v/v) with two extraction steps. The 19:0-phospholipid (dinonadecanoylglycerol-phosphatidylcholine, Larodan Lipids, Malmö, Sweden) was used as internal standard one (IS1) and was added directly to soil before extraction (25 μL with 1 μg μL^{-1}). Additional

204 | chloroform and citric acid was added to the extract to achieve a separation of two liquid
205 | phases, in which the lipid fraction was separated from other organics. Phospholipids were
206 | separated from neutral- and glycolipids by solid-phase extraction using a silica column.
207 | Alkaline saponification of the purified phospholipids was performed with 0.5 mL 0.5 M
208 | NaOH dissolved in dried MeOH, followed by methylation with 0.75 mL BF₃ dissolved in
209 | methanol. The resulting fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) were purified by liquid-liquid
210 | extraction with hexane (three times). Before the final quality and quantity measurements,
211 | internal standard two (IS2) (13:0 FAME) (15 µL with 1 µg µL⁻¹) was added to the samples
212 | (Knapp, 1979).

213 | All PLFA samples were analysed by gas chromatograph (GC) (Hewlett Packard 5890
214 | GC coupled to a mass-selective detector 5971A) (Gunina et al., 2014). A 25 m HP-1
215 | methylpolysiloxane column (internal diameter 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 µm) was used
216 | (Gunina et al., 2014). Peaks were integrated and the ratio to IS2 was calculated for each peak
217 | per chromatogram. Substances were quantified using a calibration curve, which was
218 | constructed using 29 single standard substances (13:0, 14:0, i14:0, a14:0, 14:1ω5, 15:0, i15:0,
219 | a15:0; 16:0, a16:0, i16:0, 16:1ω5; 16:1ω7, 10Me16:0, 17:0, a17:0, i17:0, cy17:0, 18:0,
220 | 10Me18:0, 18:1ω7, 18:1ω9, 18:2ω6,9, 18:3ω6,9,12, cy19:0, 19:0, 20:0, 20:1ω9, 20:4ω6) at
221 | six concentrations. The recovery of extracted PLFA was calculated using IS1 and the PLFA
222 | contents of samples were individually corrected for recovery. Based on the measured PLFAs
223 | contents, the PLFAs C was calculated for the each single compound.

224 | The ¹³C/¹²C isotope ratios of the single fatty acids were determined by an IRMS Delta
225 | PlusTM coupled to a gas chromatograph (GC; Trace GC 2000) via a GC-II/III-combustion
226 | interface (all units from Thermo-Fisher, Bremen, Germany) (Gunina et al., 2014). A 15 m
227 | HP-1 methylpolysiloxane column coupled with a 30 m HP-5 (5% Phenyl)-
228 | methylpolysiloxane column (both with an internal diameter of 0.25 mm and a film thickness

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229 of 0.25 μm) were used. The measured $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of the fatty acids were corrected for the
230 effect of derivative C by analogy to Glaser and Amelung (2002) and were referenced to Pee
231 Dee Belemnite by external standards. The enrichment of ^{13}C in single fatty acids was
232 calculated by analogy to bulk soil and cytosol according to Eq. 1 and 2, following a two-pool
233 dilution model (Gearing et al., 1991).

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235 2.5. Amino sugar analysis

236 Acid hydrolysis was performed to obtain amino sugars from soil and further ion removal was
237 performed according to the method of Zhang and Amelung (1996) with optimization for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$
238 determination (Glaser and Gross, 2005). Methylglucamine (100 μL , 5 mg mL^{-1}) was used as
239 IS1 and was added to the samples after hydrolysis. Following iron and salt removal, non-
240 cationic compounds such as monosaccharides and carboxylic acids were removed from the
241 extracts using a cation exchange column (AG 50W-X8 Resin, H^+ form, mesh size 100–200,
242 Biorad, Munich, Germany) (Indorf et al., 2012). For final measurement, IS2 – fructose (50
243 μL , 1 mg mL^{-1}) – was added to each sample. The amino sugar contents and ^{13}C enrichments
244 were determined by LC-O-IRMS (ICS-5000 SP ion chromatography system coupled by an
245 LC IsoLink to a Delta V Advantage Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer (Thermo-Fischer,
246 Bremen, Germany)) (Dippold et al., 2014). Amino sugars were quantified using a calibration
247 curve, which was constructed using four single standard substances (glucosamine,
248 galactosamine, mannosamine and muramic acid) as external standards at four different
249 concentrations (Dippold et al., 2014).

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253 2.6. Calculations and statistical analysis

254 Factor analysis with the principal component extraction method of mass % of individual
255 PLFAs was done. The final assignment of fatty acids to distinct microbial groups was made
256 by combination the results of factor loadings table with databases about presence of particular
257 fatty acids in microbial groups (Zelles, 1997). Fatty acids which were loaded into the same
258 factor with the same sign (+ or -) and belonged to one group (base of the table provided in
259 Zelles (1997)) were related to one specific microbial group and their PLFA contents were
260 summed. This method enables quality separation of microbial groups within the soils
261 (Apostel et al., 2013; Gunina et al., 2014). The results of the factor analysis are presented in
262 Supplementary Table 1.

263 Recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C ($^{13}\text{C}_{rec}$) (means ^{13}C recovery represented as % of
264 total applied ^{13}C) and enrichment ($^{13}\text{C}_{enrichm}$) (means ^{13}C recovery represented as % of total C
265 pool) of the cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars was calculated according to Eq. 3 and 4,
266 respectively. The C turnover times in the cell pools were calculated as $1/k$; the k values were
267 obtained from Eq. 5.

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$$^{13}\text{C}_{rec} = \frac{C_{Glc}}{^{13}\text{C}_{Applied}} \times 100\%$$
 Eq. (3)

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$$^{13}\text{C}_{enrichm} = \frac{C_{Glc}}{\text{Total } C_{Pool}} \times 100\%$$
 Eq. (4)

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271	C_{Glc}	amount of glucose derived C incorporated into a distinct cell compartment	
272		calculated by equation (1) and (2)	($\mu\text{mol } ^{13}\text{C}$ per column)
273	$^{13}\text{C}_{Applied}$	amount of applied glucose ^{13}C	($\mu\text{mol } ^{13}\text{C}$ per column)
274	$\text{Total } C_{Pool}$	amount of pool C	($\mu\text{mol C}$ per column)

276 $C_{enrichm(t)} = C_{enrichm(0)} \cdot \exp^{-kt}$ Eq. (5)

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278 $C_{enrichm(t)}$ ^{13}C enrichment of the compartment,
279 obtained from Eq. 4 at time t (%)

280 $C_{enrichm(0)}$ ^{13}C enrichment of the compartment

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282 k decomposition rate constant (% day⁻¹)

283 t time (days)

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285 One-way ANOVA was used to estimate the significance of differences in total ^{13}C

286 recovery and enrichment of non-specified SOM pool, cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars. The

287 data always represent the mean of four replications \pm standard error. The ^{13}C in the non-

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288 specified SOM was calculated by subtracting off total ^{13}C measured in the soil, the ^{13}C

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289 incorporated into cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars. To describe decomposition rate of ^{13}C , a

290 single first order kinetic equation was applied to the enrichment of ^{13}C in the pool of cytosol,

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291 PLFAs and amino sugars, (Eq. 5) (Kuzyakov, 2011; Parton et al., 1987).

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293 **3. Results**

294 *3.1. Glucose utilisation and its partitioning within microbial biomass pools*

295 Amino sugar C pool was the largest, due to accumulation of these substances in SOM,

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296 whereas pools that mainly characterize living MB showed smaller C contents (Table 1). The

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297 cytosol pool (C content 210 \pm 7.10 for day 3; 195 \pm 14.8 for day 10; 198 \pm 19.9 mg C kg⁻¹ soil

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for day 50) as well as nearly all PLFA groups (Suppl. Table 2) remained constant during the experiment.

[Table 1]

The highest recovery of ^{13}C was found for cytosol pool (15–25% of applied ^{13}C), whereas the lowest was reported for amino sugars (0.8–1.6% of applied ^{13}C) (Fig. 01). The recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C in the cytosol pool decreased over time, with the largest decline from day 3 to day 10, and then remained constant for the following month (Fig. 01). The ^{13}C recovery into PLFA was generally very low and was in the same range as recovery into amino sugars (Fig. 01). The ^{13}C recovery in PLFA showed no clear trend between the sampling points (high standard error) (Fig. 01). In contrast, ^{13}C recovery in amino sugars increased two fold on the 50th day experiment ($p < 0.05$).

[Fig. 01]

3.2. Turnover time of C in microbial biomass pools

To evaluate C turnover in the cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars, we calculated the enrichment (% of incorporated ^{13}C relatively to pool C) of each pool by glucose derived ^{13}C . The pool enrichment was the highest for PLFAs and the lowest for amino sugars (Fig. 2). Based on the decrease of ^{13}C enrichments over time (Fig. 2), the C turnover times in the cytosol and PLFAs were calculated as 151 and 47 days, respectively. The C turnover time in the amino-sugar pool could not be calculated by this approach because the maximum enrichment had not yet been reached, and consequently, a decomposition function could not be fitted.

[Fig. 02]

3.3 Phospholipid fatty acids

Fatty acids of bacterial origin dominated over those of fungal origin within the living microbial community characterized by PLFA composition (Table 1). The PLFA content of most groups did not change significantly during the experiment, reflecting steady-state conditions for the microbial community (see Suppl. Table 2).

Higher ^{13}C recovery was found in bacterial than in fungal PLFAs (Fig. 3, top). Remarkably, the ^{13}C enrichment decreased over time for all bacterial PLFAs, whereas it increased or remained constant for 16:1 ω 5, fungi and actinomycetes (Fig. 3, bottom), indicating differences in C turnover in single-celled organisms compared to filamentous organisms.

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[Fig. 03]

3.4. Amino sugars

The content of amino sugars followed the order: muramic acid < galactosamine < glucosamine (Table 1). The galactosamine/muramic acid ratio ranged between 12 and 19 (Table 1), showing that bacterial residues were dominant in the composition of microbial residues in SOM.

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The recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C into amino sugars increased in the order: muramic acid = galactosamine < glucosamine (Fig. 4, top) reflecting partly their pool sizes. The ^{13}C recovery showed no increase from day 3 to day 50 for any amino sugars. The ratio of galactosamine/muramic acid, calculated for the incorporated ^{13}C , was about six. This is much

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lower than the ratio observed for the pools of amino sugars. The ^{13}C enrichment did not increase from day 3 to day 50 for any of the amino sugars. The highest enrichment was observed for muramic acid and the lowest for galactosamine (Fig. 4, bottom). The ^{13}C enrichment in amino sugars was 10–20 times lower than for PLFA.

[Fig. 04]

4. Discussion

4.1. Glucose decomposition

The amount of glucose derived ^{13}C remaining in soil after 50 days was in the range 80 % which was higher than reported by other studies. Glanville et al. (2012) observed that 50% of glucose C remained in SOM after 20 days; Wu et al. (1993) reported that 55% of glucose derived ^{14}C remained after 50 days; Perelo and Munch (2005) reported the mineralisation of 50% of ^{13}C glucose within 98 days. The amounts of applied C (Bremer and Kuikman, 1994; Schneckenberger et al., 2008), as well as differences in microbial activity (Bremer and Kuikman, 1994; Schimel and Weintraub, 2003) in the investigated soils, explain the variations between studies in the portion of remaining glucose C.

The highest mineralization of glucose derived ^{13}C (20 %) was found within the first three days after tracer application (Fig. 01), whereas at day 50 mineralization was much slower. Glucose is decomposed in soil in two stages (Gunina and Kuzyakov, 2015): during the first one, part of glucose C is immediately mineralized to CO_2 and part is incorporated into the microbial compartments; and second one, when C incorporated into MB is further transformed and is used for microbial biosynthesis, and mineralization of glucose-C to CO_2 occurs much slower (Bremer and Kuikman, 1994). This first stage takes place in the first day after substrate addition and is 30 times faster than the 2nd stage (Gregorich et al., 1991). Due

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to the first sampling point in our experiment was 3 days after glucose addition, the obtained data on glucose mineralization can be mainly related to the second stage.

A significant portion of glucose derived C was stored in the non-specific pool in SOM (Fig. 01), e.g., as microbial storage compounds and other cellular building blocks, which can contribute to C accumulation in microbial residues (Wagner GH, 1968; Zelles et al., 1997; Lutzow et al., 2006). This part cannot be extracted by the methods applied in this study. The amino sugar method detects only the peptidoglycan and chitin proportions of the cell walls, whereas other constituents can not be determined (Glaser et al., 2004). Chloroform fumigation only partially extracts the cytosol cell compounds, and high molecular weight components, which interact with the soil matrix, cannot be extracted with low molarity salt solution.

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4.2. Partitioning of ^{13}C -derived glucose between cell compounds

To estimate the residual amount of C derived from applied ^{13}C -labelled low molecular weight organic substances (LMWOS), the ^{13}C in SOM or in the total MB pool is frequently determined. This approach, however, does not allow the portions of ^{13}C incorporated into stable and non-stable C pools to be estimated, because the ^{13}C in SOM includes the sum of ^{13}C in living biomass and ^{13}C in microbial residues. Furthermore, the living MB contains cell compartments with a broad spectrum of C turnover times. The approach applied in the present study allows the partitioning of glucose derived C in living MB to be estimated, as well as the contribution of LMWOS-C to SOM composition.

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392 4.3. Cytosol

393 We calculated the ^{13}C enrichment of the cytosol C pool, extracted after chloroform
394 fumigation. The estimated turnover time of C in this pool was about 151 days. This value lies
395 close to the previously reported range of 87–113 days, for the same pool for soils incubated
396 for 98 days with ^{13}C glucose (Perelo and Munch, 2005), but was lower than MB C turnover
397 time calculated using a conversion factor (2.22) - 82 days, for soils incubated for 60 days
398 with ^{14}C glucose (Kouno et al., 2002). The long C turnover time in cytosol is related to the
399 high heterogeneity of this pool, which includes compounds with various molecular masses
400 (Malik et al., 2013) and functions, having different turnover times. Thus, C turnover time in
401 cytosol presents the mean value of turnover times of these compounds.

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403 4.4. Phospholipid fatty acids

404 4.4.1. Phospholipid fatty acid content and turnover

405 Phospholipid fatty acid C comprised 0.27% of the soil organic carbon (SOC). The ^{13}C
406 recovery into PLFAs, in case of constant PLFAs content during the experiment, reflects
407 microbial activity under steady-state conditions (growth and death of microorganisms occur
408 with the same rates) and processes of the exchange and replacement of existing PLFAs C
409 within living cells.

410 Few studies have estimated the C turnover time in PLFAs or the turnover time of
411 PLFAs themselves in soil, as very few options exist to estimate these parameters under
412 steady-state conditions. The turnover time of ^{13}C -labelled PLFAs contained in dead microbial
413 cells, was 2.7 days (Kindler et al., 2009). The PLFAs turnover times estimated in the field
414 conditions using a C_3/C_4 vegetation change (Amelung et al., 2008; Glaser, 2005) or ^{14}C
415 dating (Rethemeyer et al., 2005) were between 1 and 80 years. However, these approaches

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416 estimate the turnover time of C bound in PLFA, which can be much older than the PLFA
417 molecules due to repeated C recycling before incorporation. In contrast, ^{13}C pulse labeling is
418 an approach that enables direct estimation of the turnover of freshly added C by the initial
419 recovery peak. The approach used in the present study showed that the C turnover time in
420 PLFA is about 47 days (Fig. 02). Accordingly, if the decomposition after cell death is about
421 three days, the PLFA turnover time in living cells is about 44 days. This short turnover time
422 of PLFAs is significantly lower than the C turnover time in the cytosol (Fig. 02, Fig. 05).
423 This is because the membrane is an interacting surface between the cell and the environment
424 and thus, frequent and rapid adaptations of its structure are crucial for active microorganisms
425 (Bossio et al., 1998, Kieft et al., 1997). In contrast, the extracted cytosol pool includes C from
426 both active and dormant microorganisms (Blagodatskaya and Kuzyakov, 2013), and the latter
427 can dilute the ^{13}C signal incorporated into the active pool with non-labelled C, yielding a
428 lower turnover of this pool.

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430 4.4.2. Contribution of microbial groups to glucose derived C utilisation

431 More glucose derived ^{13}C was incorporated into bacterial PLFAs (Fig. 03, top), than
432 into filamentous microorganisms. This can be a consequence of low C loading rates (less than
433 4 mg C g⁻¹ soil, see (Reischke et al., 2014)), under which conditions the added C is utilized
434 primarily by bacterial communities, whereas at higher concentrations of applied substrate, the
435 dominance of fungi in substrate utilisation is observed (Reischke et al., 2014).

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436 The ^{13}C recovery into gram-negative fatty acids was higher (taking both G- groups
437 together) compared to G+ bacterial PLFAs (Fig. 03, top), which might be due to: i) the
438 abundance of their fatty acids, which was higher (Table 1) or ii) glucose uptake activity,
439 which was higher for G- than G+ groups. In contrast, the ^{13}C enrichment (^{13}C recovery

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440 related to total C in particular biomarkers) for G- bacterial PLFAs was not higher than that
441 for G+ (Fig. 03, bottom). Thus, the high ^{13}C recovery into G- bacterial biomarkers can mainly
442 corresponds to their high content in the soil, not to higher activity of microbial groups.
443 However, enrichment of PLFAs C by glucose derived ^{13}C is only a proxy of microbial
444 activity and can only partly estimate the real activity of microbial groups. This clearly
445 suggests that the analysis of isotope data after labeling in general requires the calculation and
446 combined interpretation of both the total tracer C recovery as well as the ^{13}C enrichment in
447 the investigated pool.

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448 In contrast to our results, a higher recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C into G+ than G-
449 PLFAs was observed in other studies (Dungait et al., 2011; Ziegler et al., 2005). However, in
450 these studies, much higher amounts of C were applied to the soil ($15\ \mu\text{g C g}^{-1}\text{ soil}$), which
451 stimulated the growth of G+ bacteria. In contrast, under steady-state conditions with low
452 glucose concentrations in soil, G- bacteria were the most competitive group for glucose
453 uptake (Fig. 03).

454 The ^{13}C enrichment of bacterial PLFAs decreased from day 3 to day 50, whereas ^{13}C
455 in fungal PLFAs increased (in the case of 16:1 ω 5) or stayed constant (Fig. 03, bottom). The
456 decrease in ^{13}C enrichment in bacterial fatty acids indicates a partial turnover of bacterial
457 lipid membranes, which is much faster than turnover in fungal membranes. This result is
458 consistent with the turnover time of bacterial biomass in soil (Baath, 1998), which is about 10
459 days, whereas fungal biomass turnover times range between 130–150 days (Rousk and Baath,
460 2007). Consequently, the increase in ^{13}C enrichment in fungal PLFAs at late sampling points
461 indicates that fungi consume the exudation products of bacteria or even dead bacterial
462 biomass (Zhang et al., 2013; Ziegler et al., 2005).

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464 4.5. Amino sugars

465 4.5.1. Amino sugar content and amino sugar C turnover in total and living microbial cell 466 walls

467 Amino sugars represented the largest microbial pool investigated in this study (Table 1) and
468 comprised 3.7% of SOC. Chitin and peptidoglycan, the direct sources of the amino sugars,
469 comprise no more than 5% of cell biomass (Park and Uehara, 2008; Wallander et al., 2013).

470 Therefore, the high amount of amino sugars, relative to PLFAs, can only be explained by
471 their high proportion in microbial residues/necromass (Glaser et al., 2004; Liang et al., 2008;
472 Glaser et al., 2004). Irrespective of the large pool size of the amino sugars, their recovery and
473 pool enrichment with glucose derived ^{13}C was the lowest compared to other compartments in
474 living cells and increased during the experiment. Consequently, amino sugars can have the
475 slowest turnover in soils, presumably even within living cells, for three reasons: 1) cell walls
476 are polymers that require a rather complex biosynthesis of the amino-sugar fibers, 2) cell-wall
477 polymerization occurs extracellularly (Lengeler et al., 1999) and 3) microorganisms do not
478 need to synthesize peptidoglycan unless they multiply. To calculate C turnover time in this
479 pool, conducting of long-term experiments is necessary.

480 The majority of amino sugars, extracted after acid hydrolysis, represent microbial
481 necromass, which does not incorporate any glucose derived ^{13}C , but strongly dilutes the ^{13}C
482 incorporated into the walls of living cells. To estimate the ^{13}C enrichment into amino sugars
483 of living cells, we first calculated the amount of amino sugars in the living MB pool, which
484 consisted $0.87\ \mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{ soil}$, and was about 11% of the total amino sugar pool (please, see
485 Supplementary calculations for further details). This estimate agrees with that of Amelung et
486 al. (2001a) and Glaser et al. (2004), who reported that the amount of amino sugars in living
487 biomass is one to two orders of magnitude lower than in the total amino-sugar pool. We
488 calculated the ^{13}C enrichment in amino sugars for the first sampling point, assuming that all

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Удалено: fatty acids to amino sugars in living biomass is about 0.23 (Lengeler et al., 1999), we estimated the amount of amino sugars in living MB to be $0.20\ \mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{ soil fatty acids}/0.23 = 0.87\ \mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{ soil}$. The estimated percentage of amino sugars in living biomass from

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replaced C is still contained within living MB after three days of glucose C utilisation, and it consisted 0.57% of the C pool. Comparison of these data with the ^{13}C enrichment into PLFAs and the cytosol allowed us to conclude that the enrichment of amino sugar C with glucose derived ^{13}C in living biomass is two-fold lower than the enrichment in PLFAs, and higher than in the cytosol pool. This reflects that microbial C turnover is a phenomenon that is not restricted to the death or growth of new cells, but that even within living cells, highly polymeric cell compounds, including cell walls, are constantly replaced and renewed (Park and Uehara, 2008).

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Удалено: 0.00071 μmol glucose derived ^{13}C in amino sugars g^{-1} soil/0.87 (μmol amino sugars g^{-1} soil)*7 (mean amount of C atoms in amino sugars)*100 = 0.57% of the C pool. Comparison of these data with the ^{13}C enrichment into PLFAs and the cytosol allowed us to conclude that the replacement of the

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4.5.2. Contribution of bacterial and fungal cell walls to SOC

Glucosamine was the dominant amino sugar in the soil, whereas muramic acid was the least abundant (Table 1), which agrees with the most literature data (Engelking et al., 2007; Glaser et al., 2004). To conclude about the proportions of bacterial and fungal residues in the SOM, the ratio of galactosamine/muramic acid (Glaser et al., 2004) was calculated (Table 1), and showed bacteria to be the dominant within the soil microbial community. The bacterial origin of microbial residues in the soil is supported by: 1) the dominance of bacterial PLFA biomarkers and 2) the environmental conditions of the site, namely, long-term agricultural use, which promotes the development of bacterial communities.

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Three-fold more glucose derived ^{13}C was recovered in glucosamine than in galactosamine and muramic acid (Fig. 04, top). This correlates with the pool size and indicates that glucosamine is the most dominant amino sugar not only in total amino sugars, but also within the walls of living cells. The galactosamine/muramic acid ratio of the incorporated ^{13}C was six, and consequently was significantly lower than the ratio calculated for the amount of amino sugars (Table 1). This indicates that bacteria are more active in

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513 glucose derived ^{13}C utilisation than fungi, a conclusion also supported by the ^{13}C -PLFA data
 514 (Fig. 03, top). Thus, even if the composition of amino sugars does not allow a clear
 515 conclusion concerning living microbial communities in soil, amino sugar analysis combined
 516 with ^{13}C labeling reveals the activity of living microbial groups in terms of substrate
 517 utilisation.

518 The calculated ^{13}C enrichment was the highest in muramic acid (Fig. 04, bottom).
 519 This is in agreement with the high ^{13}C enrichment of bacterial PLFAs compared to 16:105
 520 and fungi (Fig. 03). Due to differences in cell-wall architecture, G+ bacteria contain more
 521 muramic acid (approximately four times) than G- bacteria (Lengeler et al., 1999), and thus
 522 make a higher contribution to the ^{13}C enrichment of muramic acid.

523 The ^{13}C enrichment of glucosamine was two-fold lower than muramic acid (Fig. 04,
 524 bottom). This confirms the hypothesis that glucosamine originates from bacterial as well as
 525 fungal cell walls and consequently has a mixed enrichment between the fungal
 526 galactosamine and bacterial muramic acid.

528 5. Conclusions

529 Tracing the ^{13}C labelled glucose through cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars is a prerequisite
 530 for understanding the fate of organic substrates in soil and can be used to estimate C turnover
 531 times in various microbial cell compartments. In contradiction to hypothesis one, the C
 532 turnover times were as follows: PLFA (47 days) < cytosol (150 days) < amino sugars. The long
 533 C half-life time in cytosol can be explained by efficient C recycling and cytosol
 534 heterogeneous composition, which involves compounds with different turnover rates. Due to
 535 significant part of amino sugar pool was in the composition of microbial residues, the ^{13}C
 536 enrichment of this pool was still increasing at the end of the experiment, which reflects the

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537 slowest C turnover time here. An approximate calculation of ^{13}C enrichment of amino sugars
 538 in the living biomass accounted for 0.57% of pool size, which was lower than for PLFAs.
 539 This reflects that C turnover in cell wall components is slower than in membrane
 540 components.

541 Both PLFAs and amino sugars analysis showed the prevalence of bacterial
 542 biomass/bacterial residues in investigated soil. Much higher recovery and enrichment by
 543 glucose- ^{13}C was found in bacterial than in fungal PLFAs. A lower ^{13}C enrichment of
 544 filamentous PLFAs compare to bacterial demonstrates that i) C turnover in filamentous
 545 PLFAs is slower compare to bacterial and ii) filamentous organisms might consume bacterial
 546 biomass and utilize products of its metabolism. The ratio of galactosamine/muramic acid for
 547 incorporated ^{13}C evidences that bacteria were more active in glucose utilisation than fungi.
 548 The ^{13}C enrichment was the highest for muramic acid and the lowest for galactosamine,
 549 demonstrating that the turnover of bacterial cell wall components is more rapid than fungal.

550 Consequently, the combination of ^{13}C labeling with the subsequent analysis of
 551 several microbial cell compartments and biomarkers is a unique approach to understanding C
 552 partitioning within microbial cells and the microbial communities in soil. This knowledge is
 553 not only crucial for assessing C fluxes and recycling in soil, but is also important for
 554 estimation the contribution of C from microbial residues to SOM.

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567 **Data availability**

568 Underlying research data can be accessed by a request from the first author of paper.

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Table 1 Amount of microbial biomass compartments, their C content, PLFA content of microbial groups and composition of microbial residues in investigated soil. G-1 and G-2 are gram-negative group one and two, respectively; G+1 and G+2 are gram positive group one and two, respectively; Ac – actinomycetes; 16:1 ω 5 - saprotrophic fungi. Data present mean of three time points (with four replications for each time point) \pm SE

Compartment	mg component C kg ⁻¹ soil	mg kg ⁻¹ soil	Ratio
Cytosol	201.0 \pm 7.1	-	
Phospholipid fatty acids	39.4 \pm 4.7	51.9 \pm 6.2	
Specific phospholipid fatty acids			
G-1	8.9 \pm 3.6	11.6 \pm 4.6	
G-2	5.6 \pm 0.8	7.4 \pm 1.1	
G+1	5.9 \pm 1.2	7.9 \pm 1.6	
G+2	0.7 \pm 0.3	1.0 \pm 0.4	
Ac	2.3 \pm 0.7	3.0 \pm 1.0	
16:1 ω 5	1.7 \pm 0.3	2.2 \pm 0.3	
Fungi	1.0 \pm 0.2	1.3 \pm 0.2	
Bacteria/Fungi			6 - 8.5
Amino sugars	560.7 \pm 68.2	1393.8 \pm 170.0	
Glucosamine	460.7 \pm 79.3	1146.5 \pm 197.3	
Galactosamine	90.9 \pm 11.3	226.3 \pm 28.2	
Muramic acid	9.1 \pm 1.8	21.1 \pm 4.1	
Glucosamine/muramic acid			17 - 55
Glucosamine/muramic acid (literature data for pure cultures*)		Bacteria	5.3
		Fungi	271
Galactosamine/muramic acid			12 - 19
Galactosamine/muramic acid (literature data for pure cultures*)		Bacteria	2.8
		Fungi	59

*Data are taken from Glaser et al. (2004).

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831 **Fig. 01** Partitioning of glucose derived ^{13}C in SOM presented as the ^{13}C recovery (% of
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833 recovery subtract ^{13}C recovery in cytosol, PLFAs and amino sugars), cytosol, PLFAs and
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839 **Fig. 02** ^{13}C enrichment in the cytosol, PLFA and amino-sugar cell pools as well as functions
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842 Data present mean (n=4) and bars present standard errors.

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844 **Fig. 03** Recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C (top) and ^{13}C enrichment (bottom) of the microbial
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850 **Fig. 04** Recovery of glucose derived ^{13}C (top) and ^{13}C enrichment (bottom) of amino sugars
851 and muramic acid. Letters reflect significant differences in the recovery and ^{13}C enrichment
852 from glucose ^{13}C into amino sugars on a particular day; letters a-b are for day three, l-m are
853 for day 10, x-y are for day 50. No significant differences were observed between the three
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855 **Fig. 05** Dynamic relationships between microbial glucose utilization and C turnover times in
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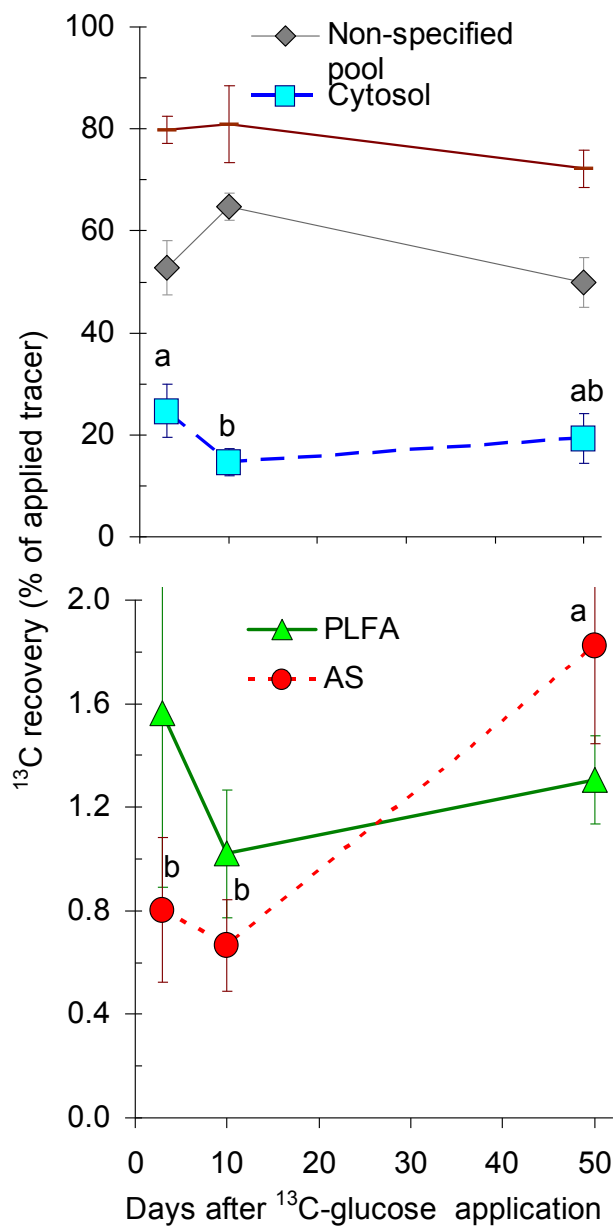
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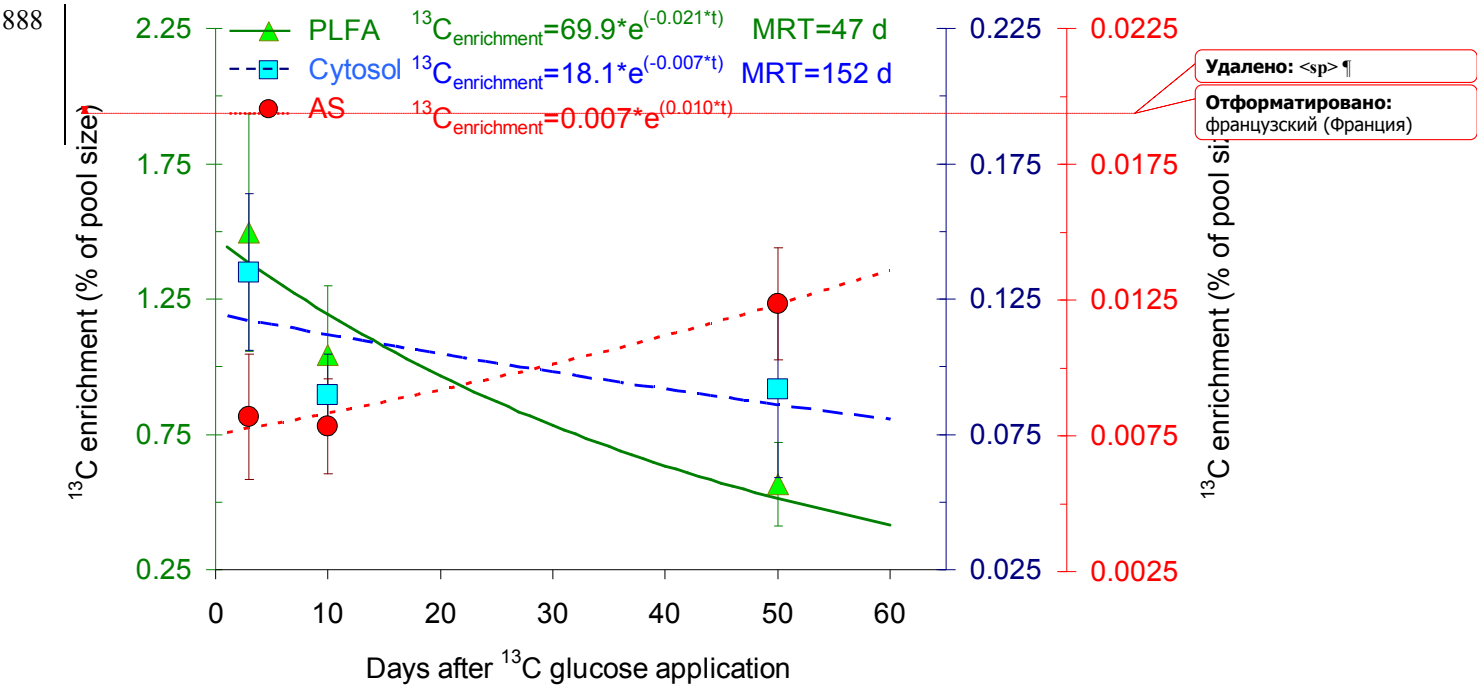
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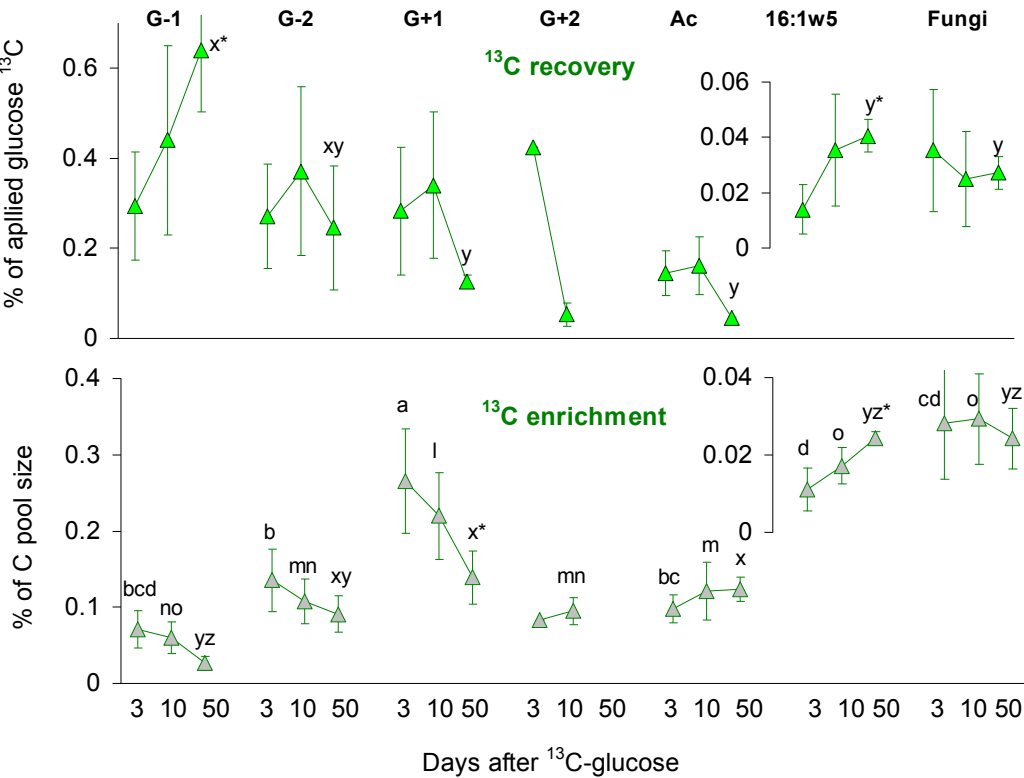


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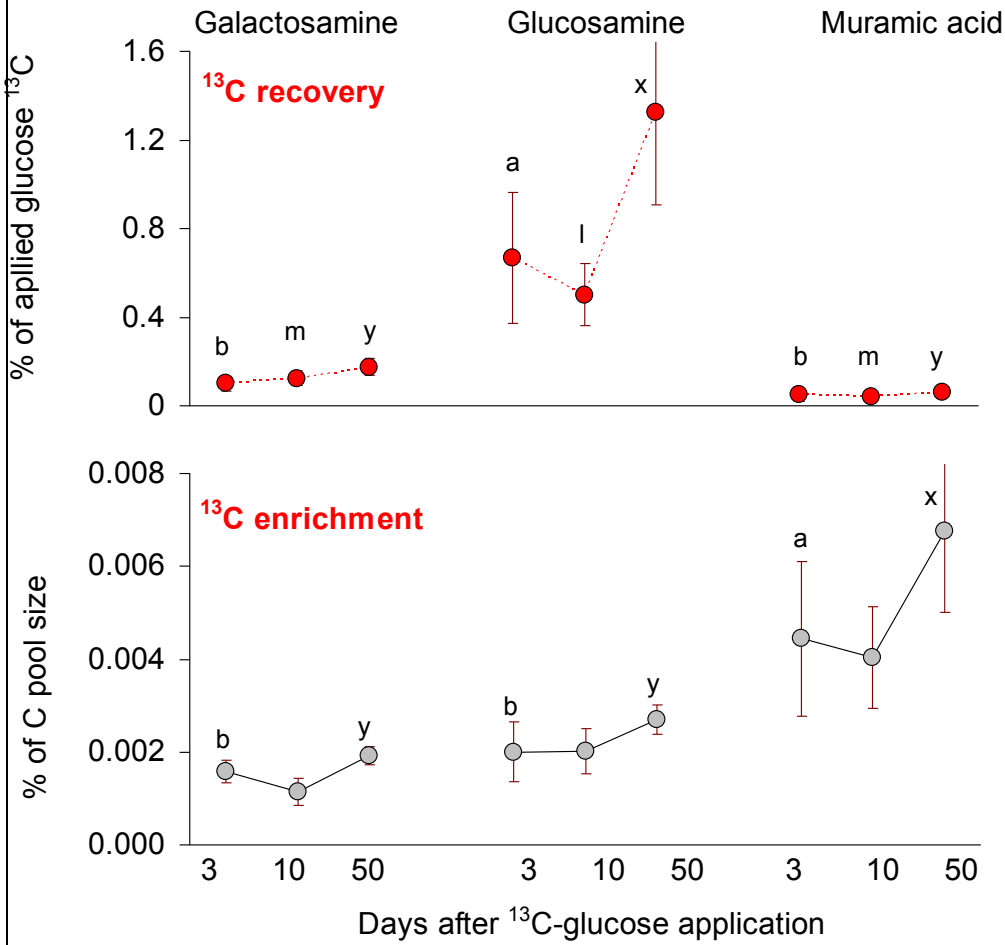
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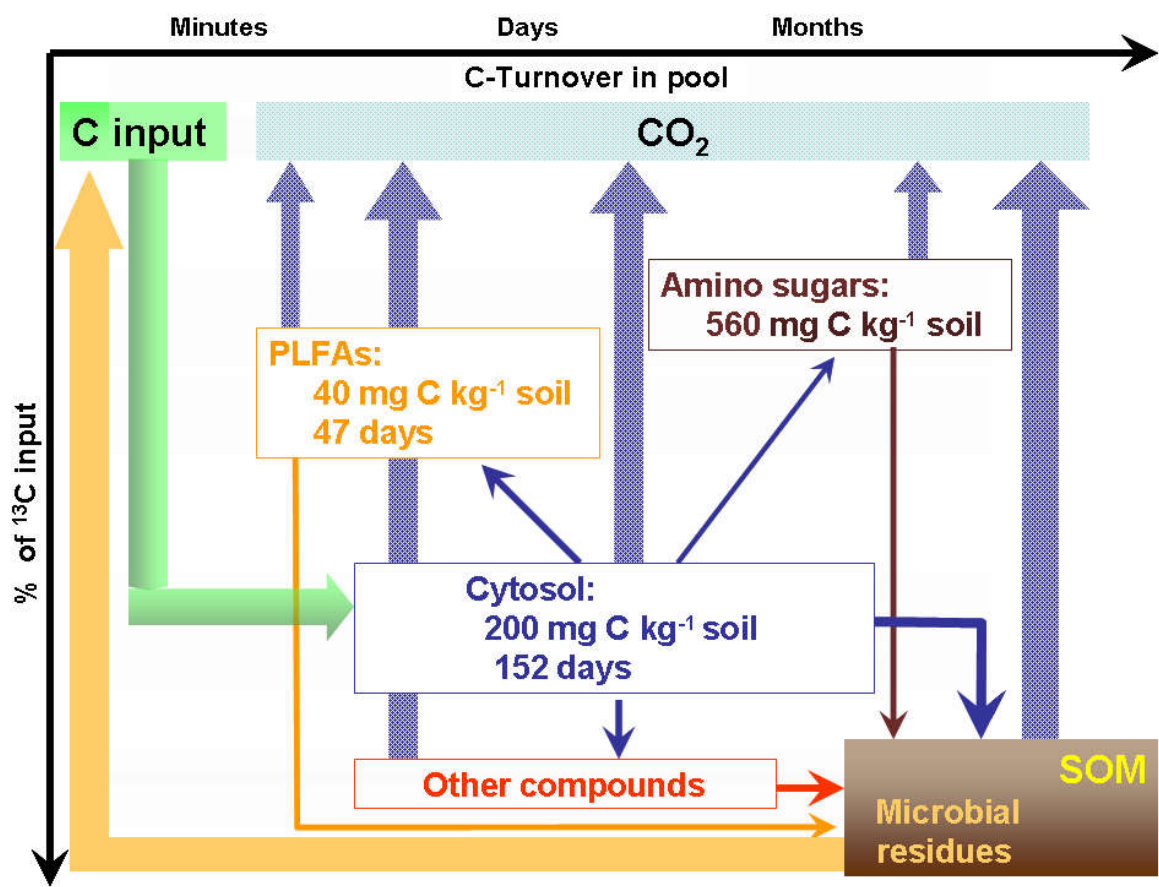
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