

# Phytoremediation Method Ability to Purify Indoor Air Pollution

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**Abstract.** Phytoremediation is a technique that uses green plants, such as spices (e.g., *Thlaspi Caerulescens*, *Brassica Juncea*, *Helianthus annuus*) and woody plants (e.g., *Salix* spp, *Populus* spp), to eliminate, absorb, or convert different hazardous chemicals to the environment, such as heavy metals. The purpose of this study is to find out more about phytoremediation methods to purify indoor air pollution. This analysis method uses the library study method that is carried out by studying book references, articles, and browsing the internet, as well as literature reviews related to system analysis. Collecting data by utilizing this bibliography is to better support the object of a study by comparing existing theories with existing practices at the location of the data source. Elective strategies to treat indoor air pollution using the phytoremediation process are by using potted plants and green-wall biofilters. This method inclines lower vitality, most common among others methods, and ecofriendly.

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## 1 Introduction

Indoor air quality refers to the quality of the air in and around the room, especially with regard to the health and tranquility of the occupants of the room. Air quality is an important factor affecting human health [1]. The biggest factor causing poor air quality in the room is the lack of smooth air circulation and the presence of pollutant substances. One of them is chemical pollutant substances such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), formaldehyde (HCHO) [2].

Declining indoor air quality may be a developing wellbeing issue, in conjunction with the improvement of progressively urban communities and people's behavior change, as more life is spent nearly solely in indoor situations. The collection of, and subsequent introduction to, indoor air contamination has appeared to result in unfavorable wellbeing results [3].

Apprehending that people tend to spend most of their time in the indoor due to covid-19 pandemic situation, indoor air quality has developed its attention, paired with the development of extremely fixed structures that increase warm effectiveness but limit fresh air flow. The accumulation of, and ongoing exposure to, indoor pollution may have a negative impact on one's health. Plants have been shown to absorb and digest hazardous substances in the air, soil, and water.

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The system in addition to the performance of phytoremediation depends on the sort of contaminant, biological availability and soil residences. There are numerous approaches to smooth or repair damaged areas polluted. The uptake of contaminants in plants happens specifically through the foundation gadget, that is the principal mechanism for preventing toxicity. The basis system provides the top place a very massive size that absorbs and accumulates water and essential vitamins for growth in conjunction with different non-critical contaminants. This overview has recognized three mechanisms with the aid of which flowers can deal with mass contaminants in soil, sediment, and water. Although an overlap or fashion may be located among a number of these mechanisms, and the nomenclature varies, this assessment journal refers to three mechanisms of phytoremediation, each of which is described in detail below. Each of those approaches may have an impact at the extent, mobility, or toxicity of the contaminant, as meant by means of the software of phytoremediation [5].

## 2 Method

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## 3 Results and Discussion

Indoor air is a crucial aspect of human existence, on account that humans tend to spend most of their time indoor. Indoor air high-quality may be worsened by using every day activities like cooking, smoking, incense burning, air freshener, and so forth [6]. Phytoremediation is known for its capabilities to clean the ambien by

virtue of gas exchange [7]. Following this, this section will explain methods of phytoremediation to treat indoor pollutants.

### 3.1 Potted Plant

Potted plants are the most traditional way to use phytoremediation as indoor air pollutant treatments. Plants have different ways to remove the pollutant from the air. One of them is to degrade the pollutant by ingestion process by root from soil and water [8]. Moreover, the pollutant that ingested by means of the foundation can be connected to the concentration and residences of the pollutant, plant species or competition, expiration, time, and different device variables. Subsequently, the natural pollution can be moved closer to the basis by way of the phloem, this trouble may need similarly examine [9].

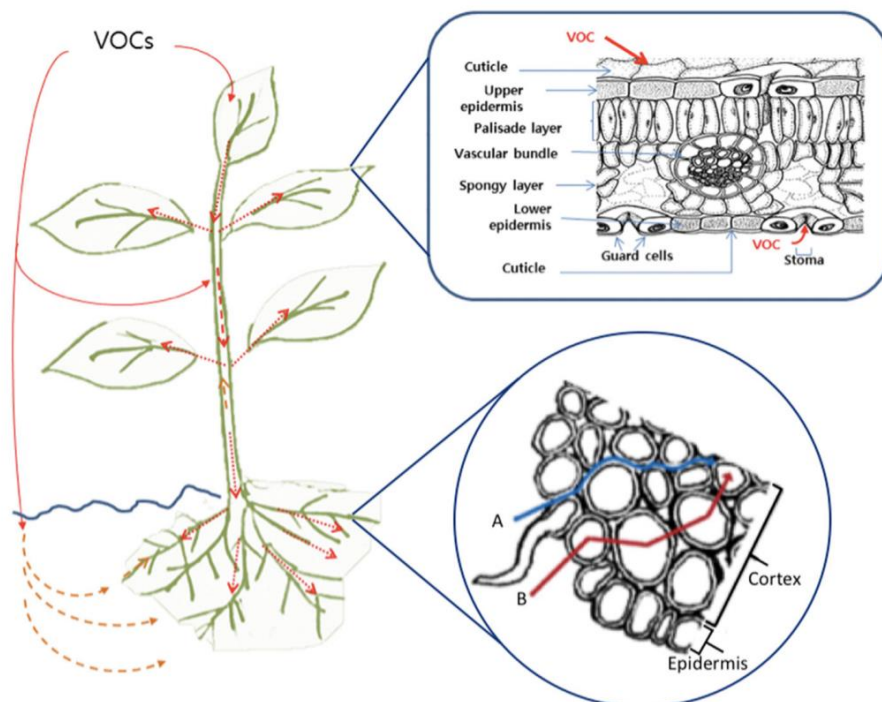


Fig. 1. Illustration of pathway of volatile organic compound uptake by plants [10][11].

Pollutants removal efficiencies are different between each species of plant [12]. A study in 2019, Paul et al. [13], reviewed different species of plants that used to air pollution phytoremediation. The finding of this research shown in figure 2.

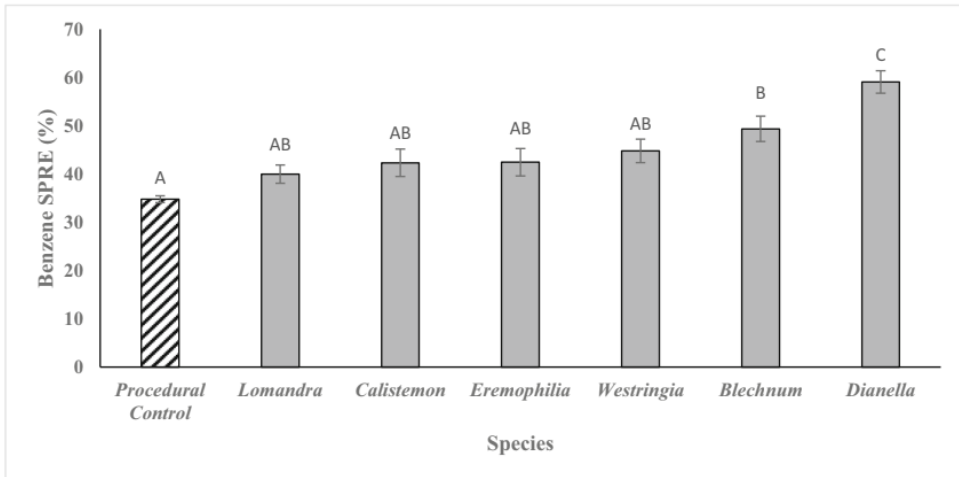


Fig. 2. The difference between plant species benzene single-pass removal efficiencies.

### 3.2 Green Wall Biofilters

A green wall system is a wall that is partially or entirely covered in plants. This wall contains a growth medium, such as soil. Green walls act as a dynamic biofilter, improving indoor air quality by removing pollutants in the form of gases and particles [14]. This system can provide fresh air to the indoor surroundings by purifying the inside air and also can act as a thermal regulator. The Green wall biofilter system is illustrated in figure 3 [15].

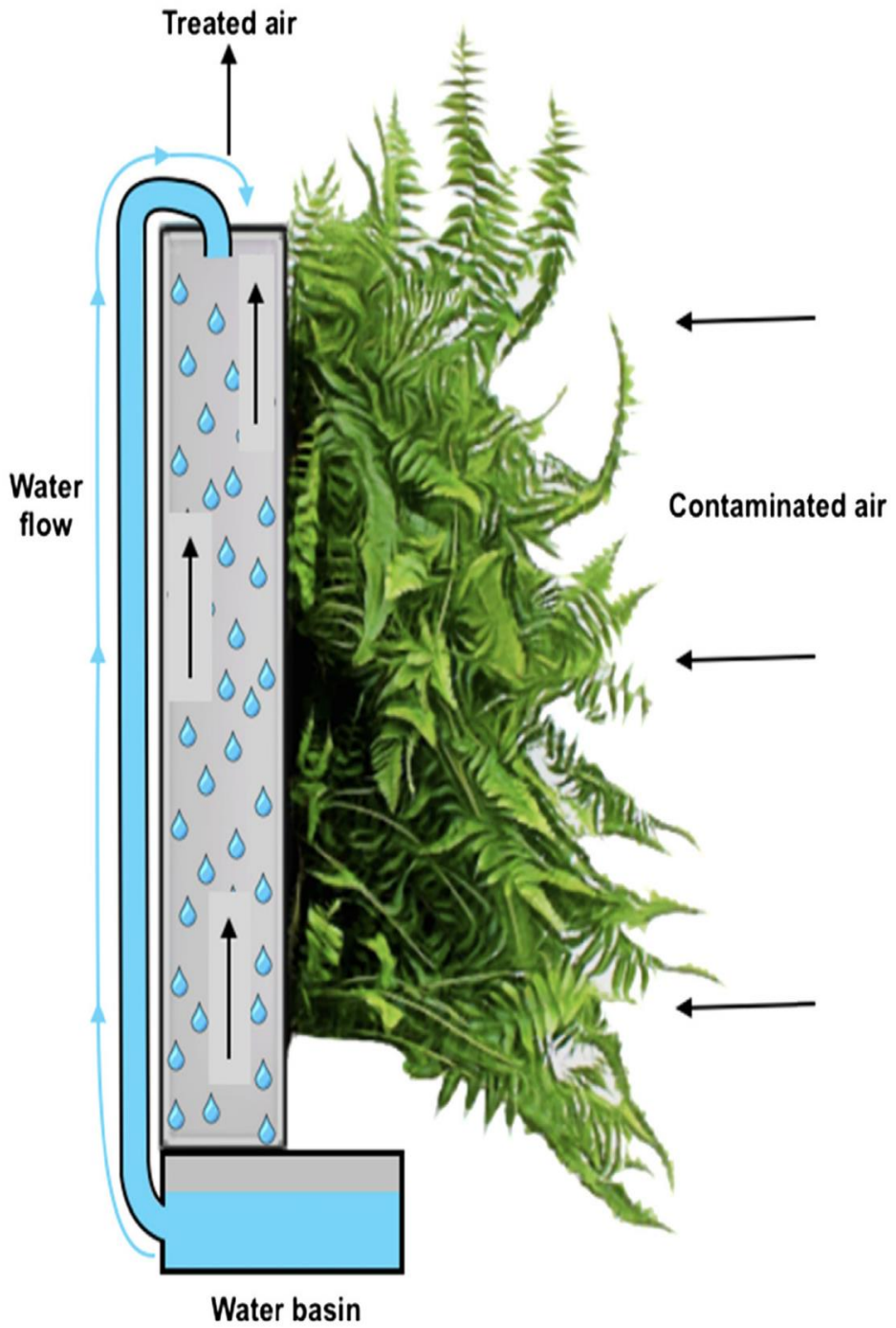


Fig. 3. Green wall biofilter illustration.

## 4 Conclusions

Biofiltration and botanical frameworks are alternative ways for treating indoor air contaminated by plants that need less energy and a lower capital outlay and are considerably more common and environmentally friendly. We also learnt that promoting ideas on green walls and plants in buildings are encouraged in order to bridge current research gaps and get appropriate best practice recommendations utilized by municipal planners, designers, or individual homeowners.

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