



# Contaminations atmosphériques et redistributions paysagères des éléments traces

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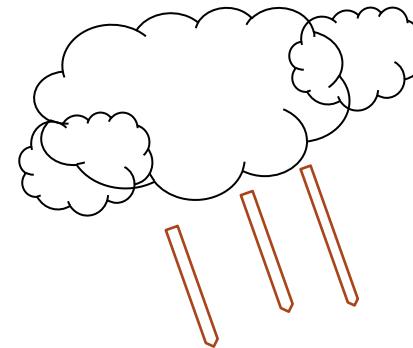
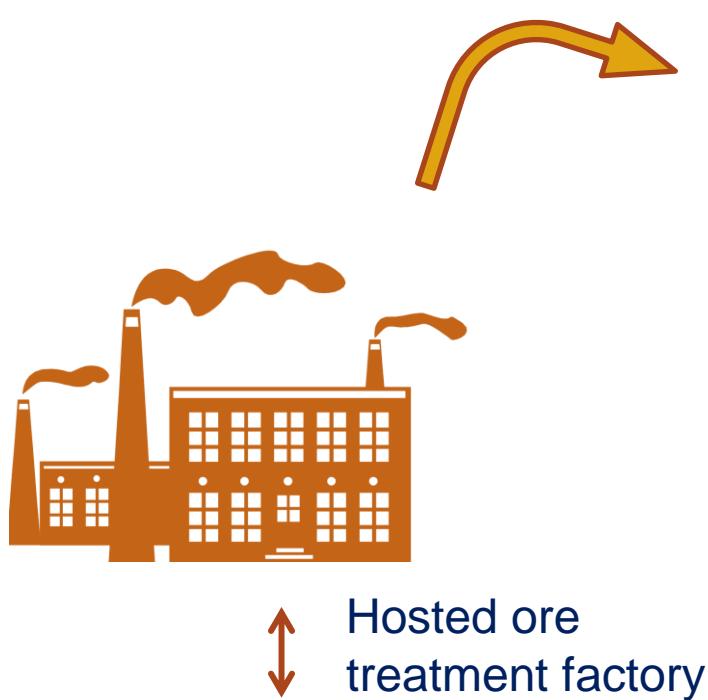
Leçons d'études menées autour d'anciennes usines de traitement des minerais de blende en Région wallonne

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# Contexte général



Contaminations of ecosystems by fallouts of particulate metallic trace elements (MTE)

Cd-Pb-Zn



# Localisation des sites calaminaires

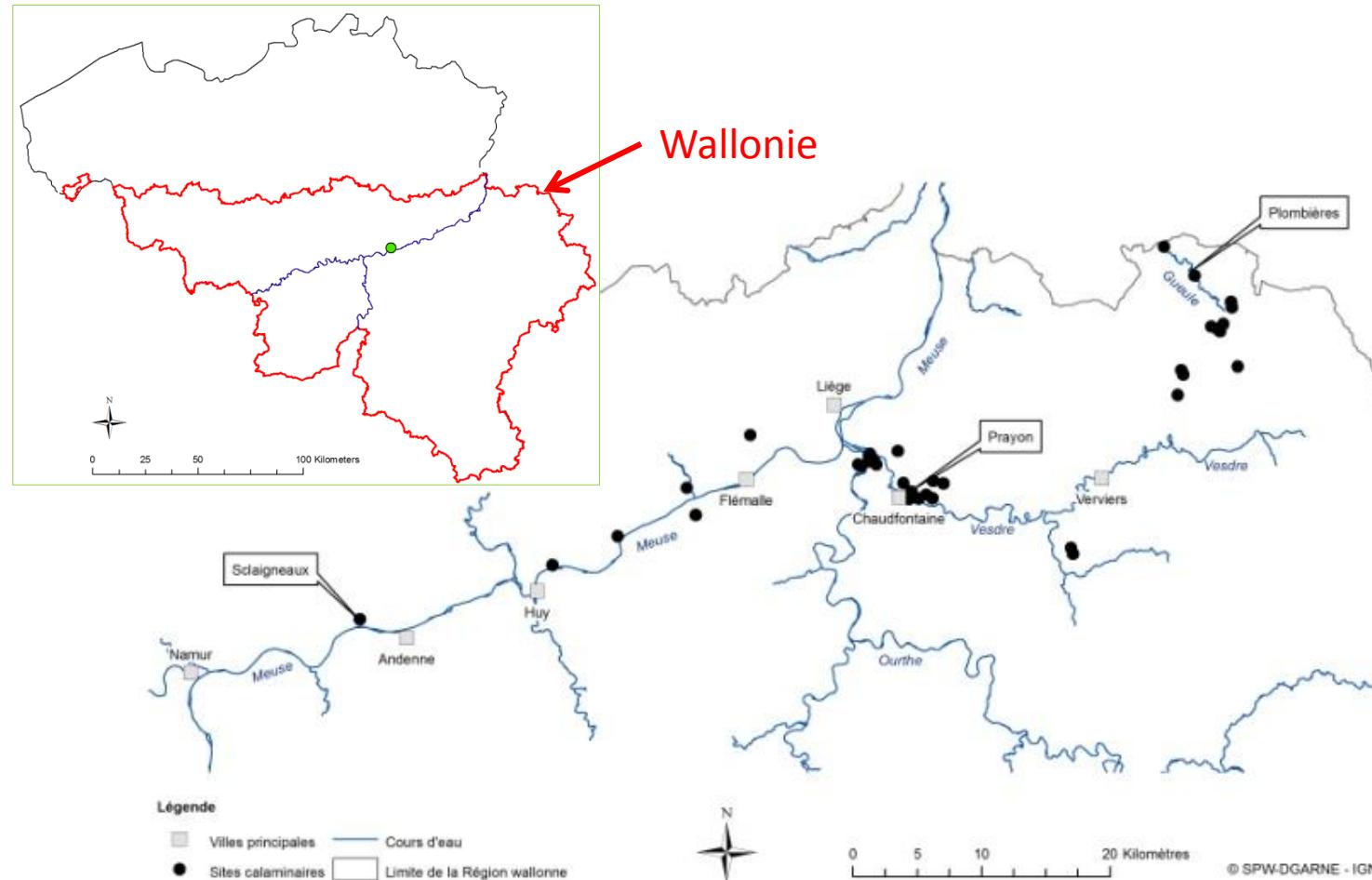




Photo 12 : *Viola calaminaria* (pensée calaminaire)

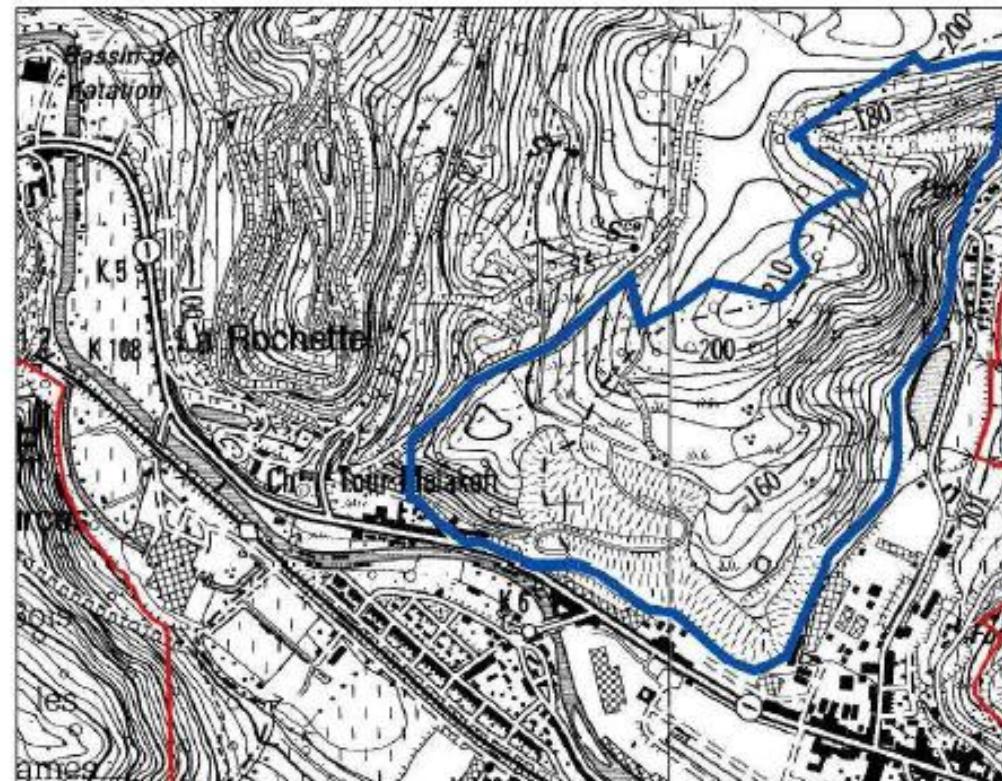
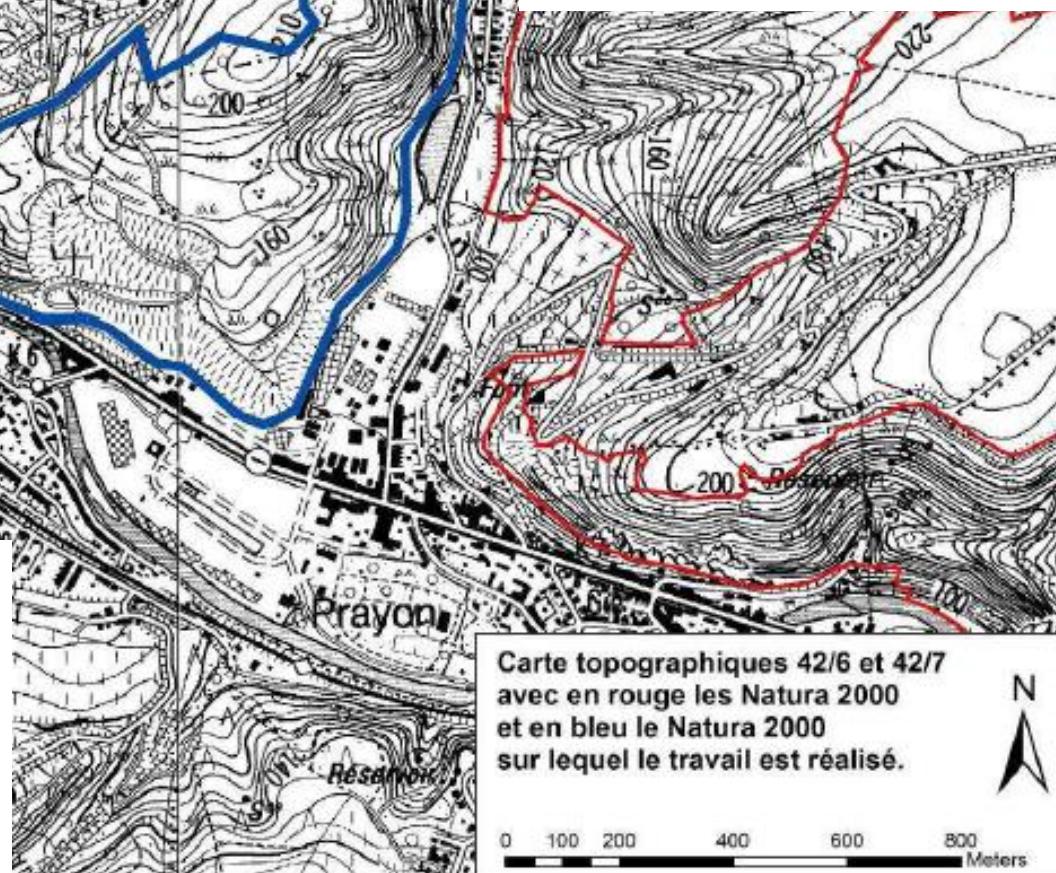


Photo 13 : tabouret calaminaire (*Thlaspi caerulescens* subsp. *calaminare*)



Carte topographiques 42/6 et 42/7  
avec en rouge les Natura 2000  
et en bleu le Natura 2000  
sur lequel le travail est réalisé.



0 100 200 400 600 800  
Meters

Carte 2 : carte topographique 42/6 et 42/7 (IGN) (site de Prayon en bleu)

# Des contaminations en ETM dans les sols qui débordent largement des sites NATURA 2000

Carte de Krigeage: Pb pseudo-total



Cartographie réalisée dans le cadre du mémoire de MICHEL Briec  
Source: Carte IGN ( Institut Géographique National)

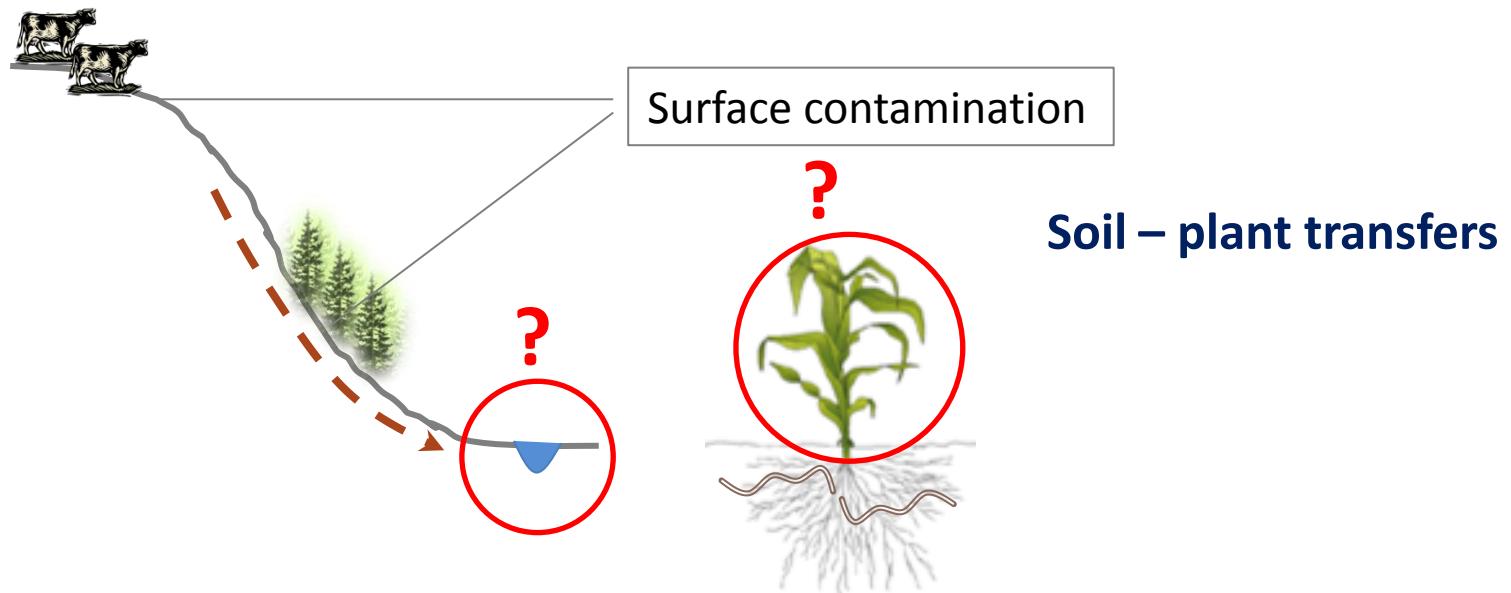


## Légende

Pb_ER (ppm) Filled Contours	200 - 400
	65 - 120
	120 - 200
● Point_terrain	700 - 4 600

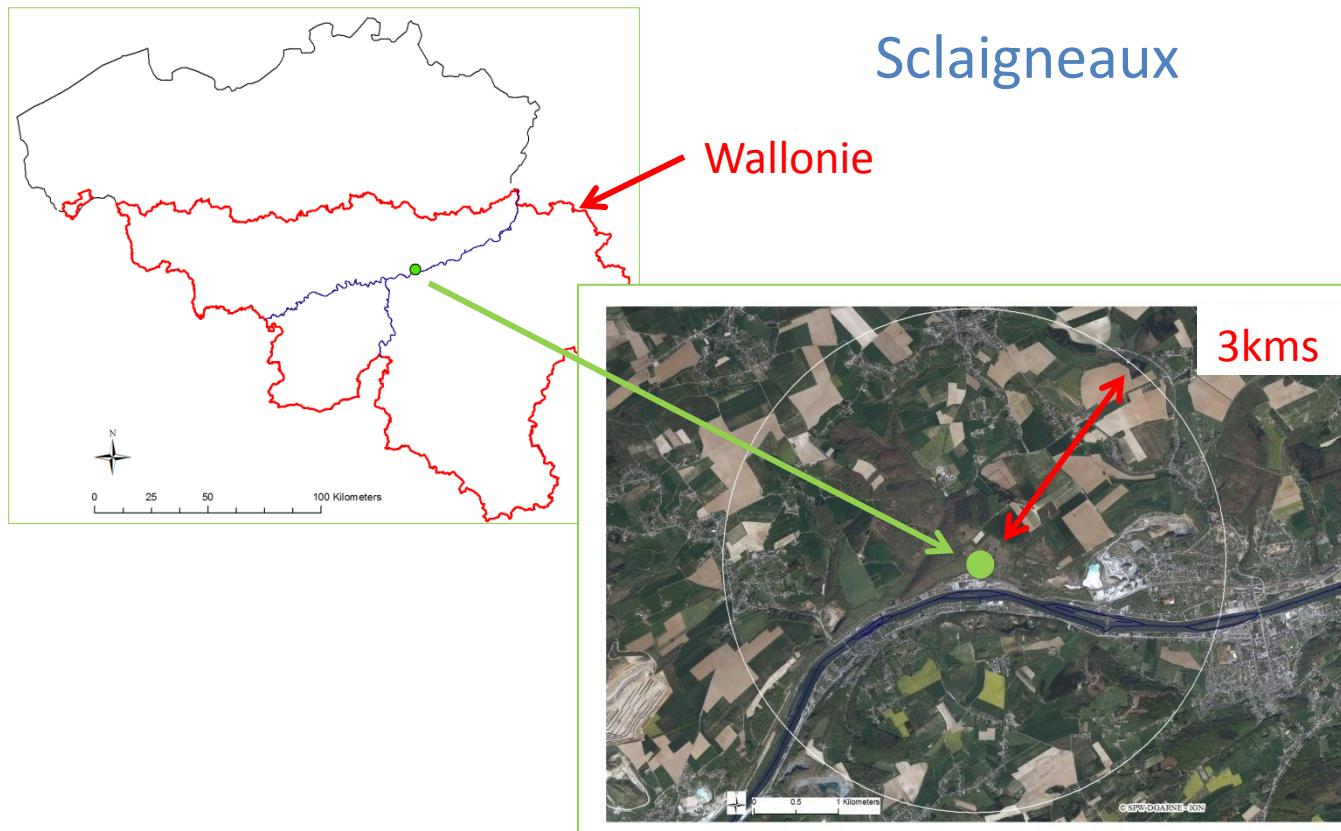
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# Devenir des contaminants dans les paysages contaminés



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# Localisation des sites d'étude



# Caractéristiques du site de Sclaigneaux

Forests



Crops



Grasslands



Loyse river

Situation of old  
chimney

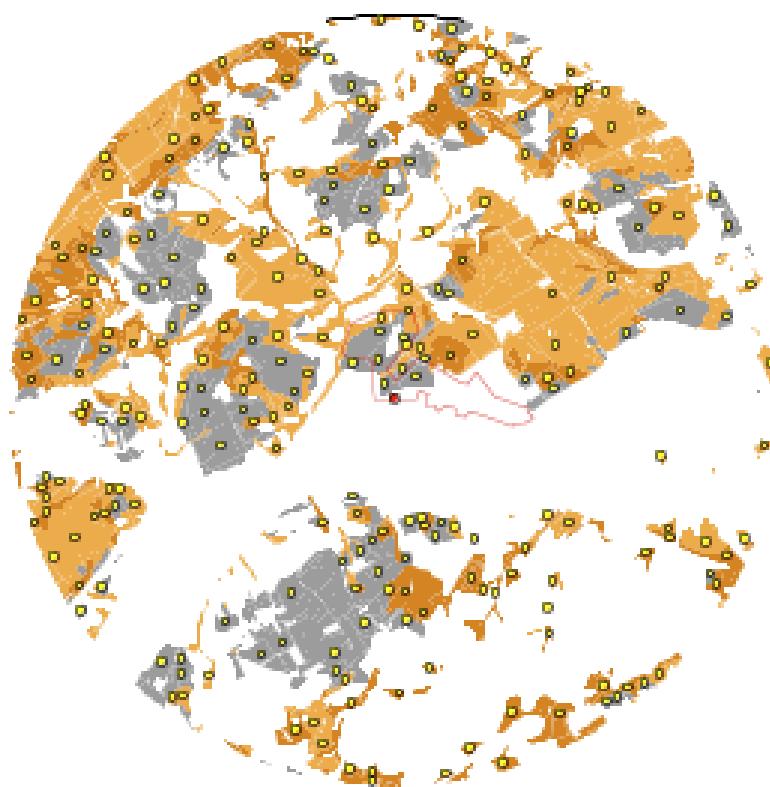
Meuse valley



Village

# Etude des contaminations de surface

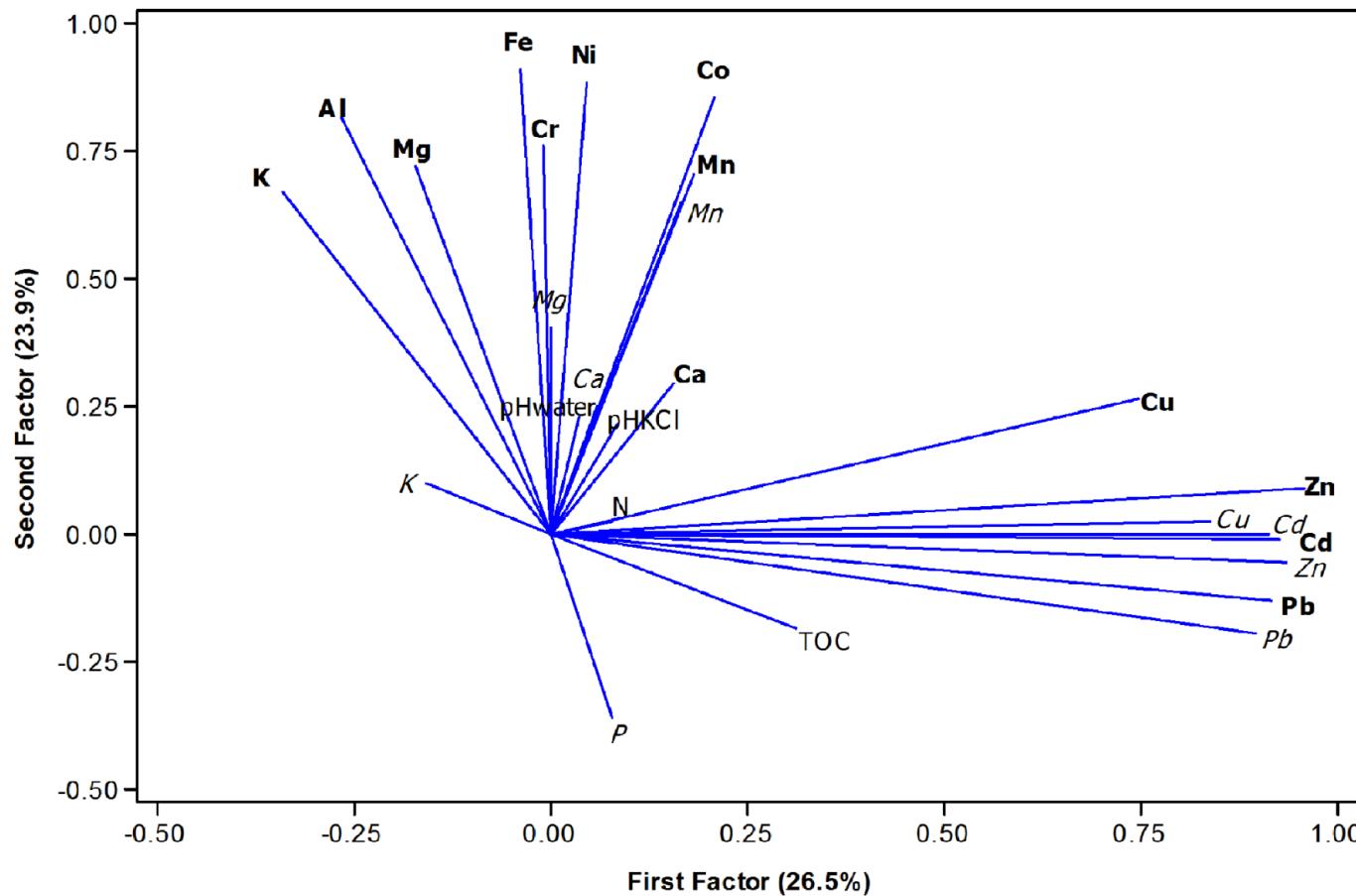
## Stratégie d'échantillonnage



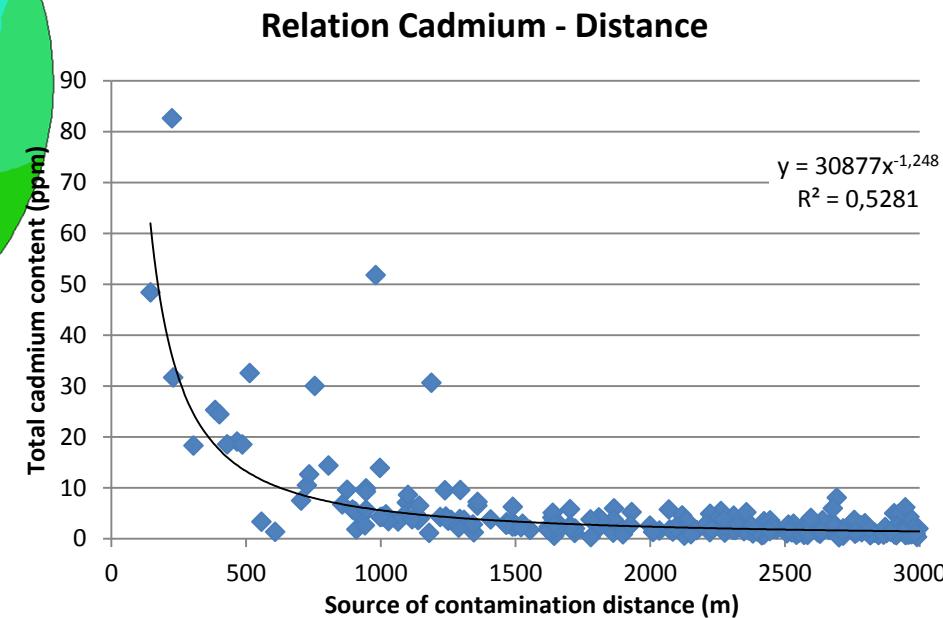
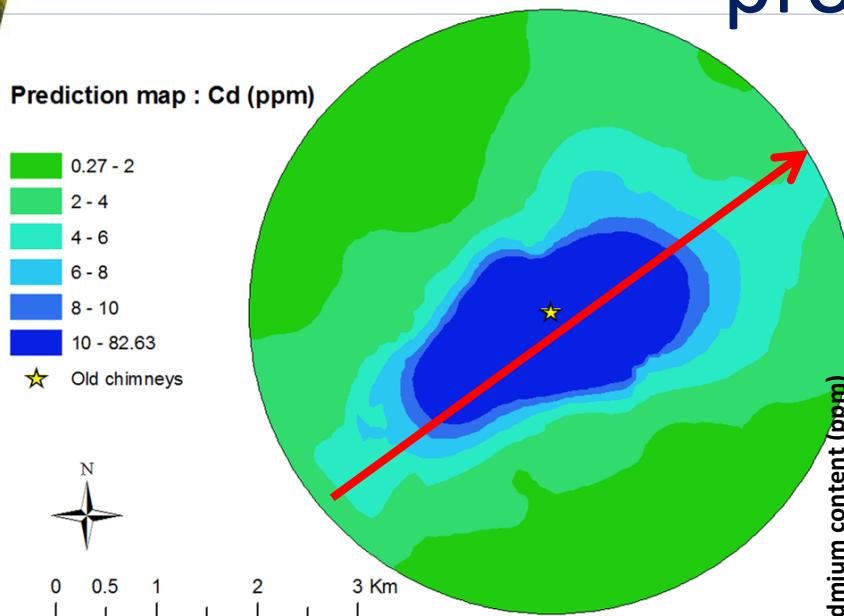
Sampling points are distributed between 3 distinct soil types, 3 land uses and 4 wind directions (36 combinations)

- Loamy soil with good drainage
- Loamy soil with imperfect drainage
- Loamy stony soil with silexite and gravels

# Propriétés physico-chimiques des sols de Sclaigneaux



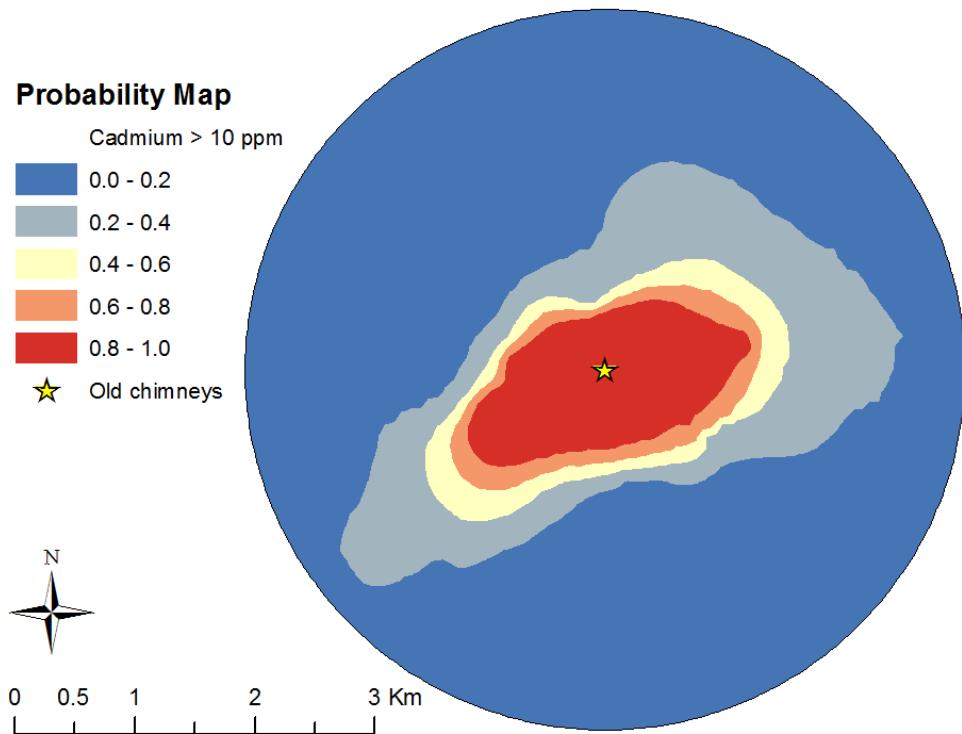
# Teneur en Cd en dehors de la zone protégée



1. Content in each MTE decreases with **distance**
2. P-value < 0.001 and  $R^2 > 0.5$

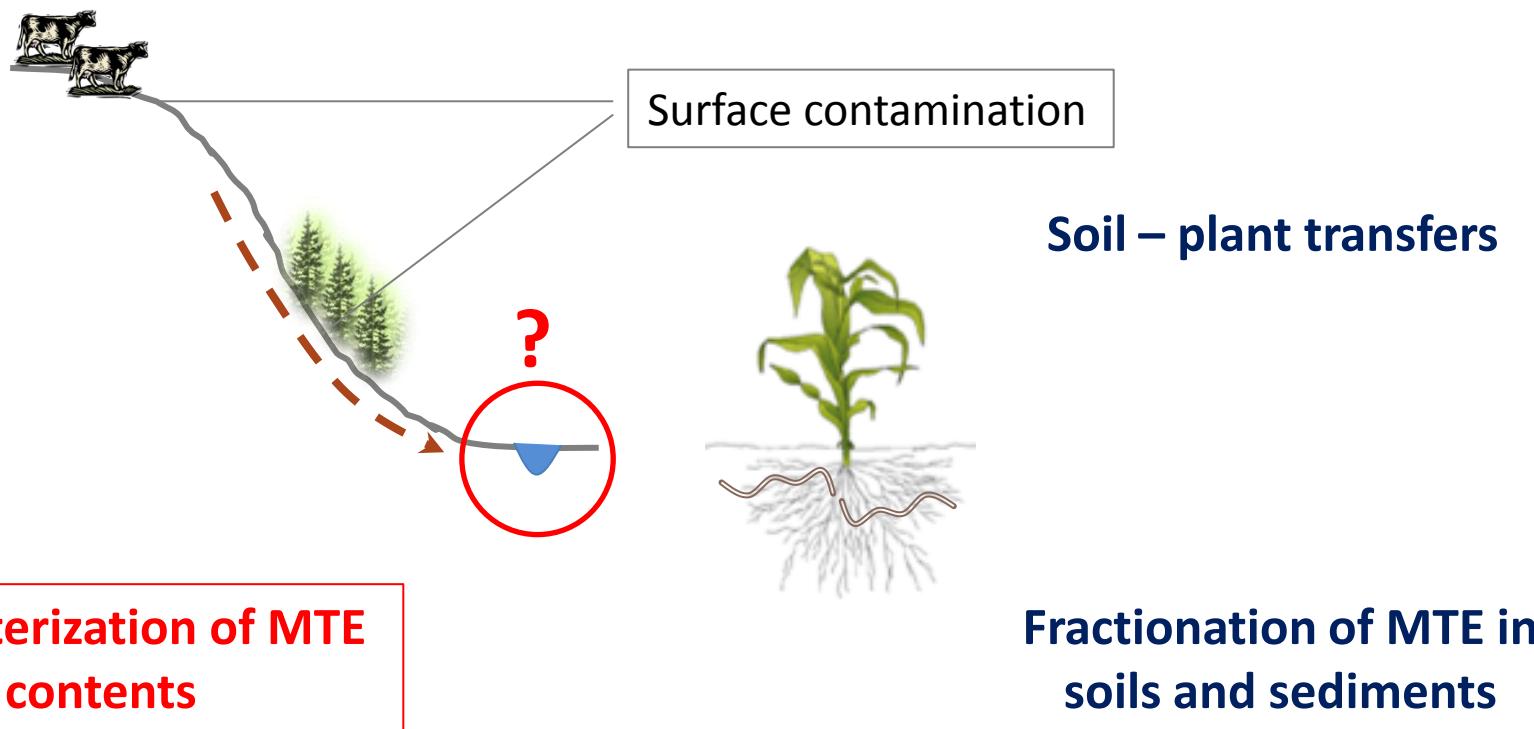
# Evaluation de la dangerosité de la contamination

In a 1km radius around the source, there is 80% probability for each contaminant to be above the allowed regional intervention value



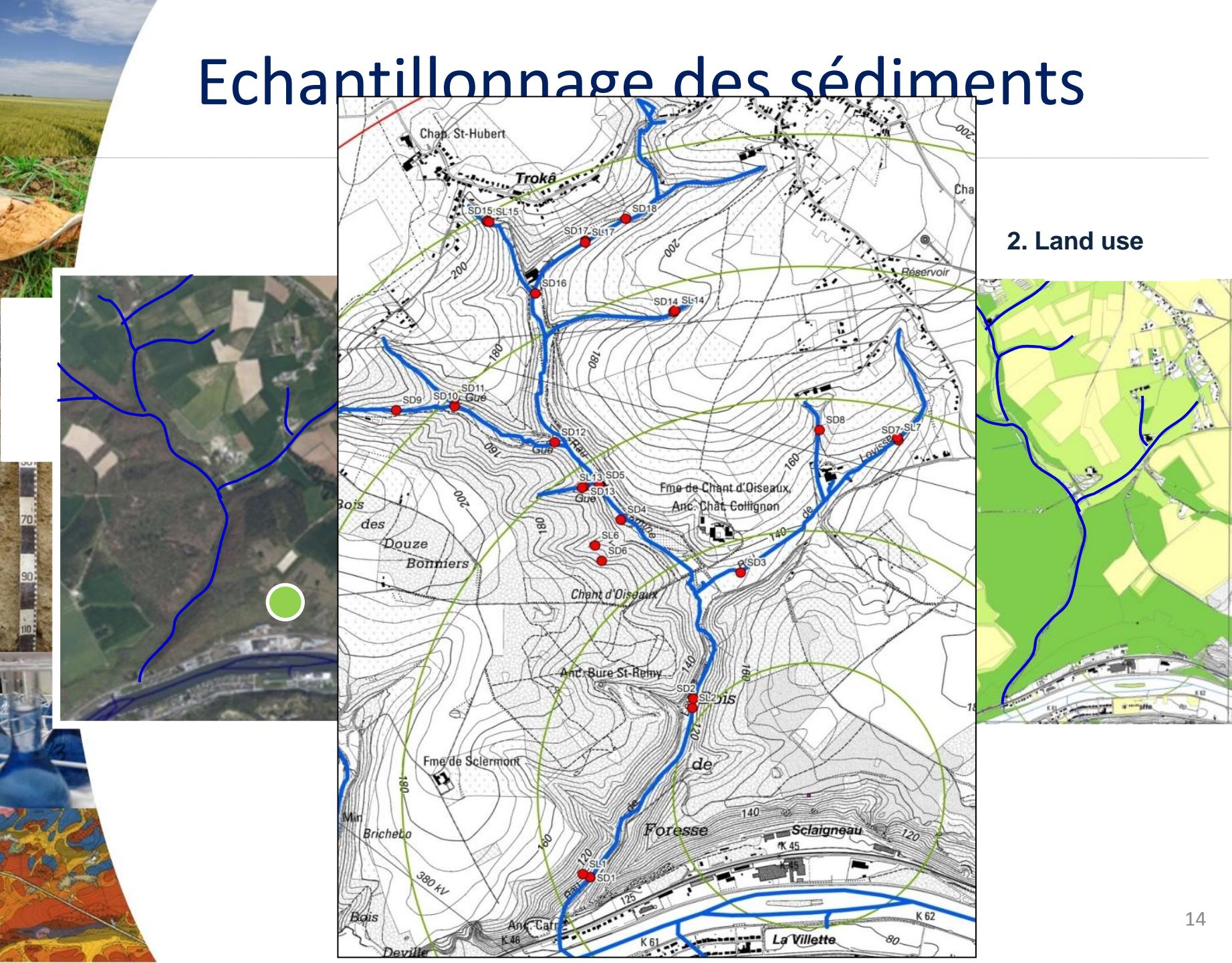
	Cadmium	Lead	Zinc
Natural reference	0.2	25	67
Critical level	1	200	155
Intervention value	10	400	300

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# Echantillonnage des sédiments

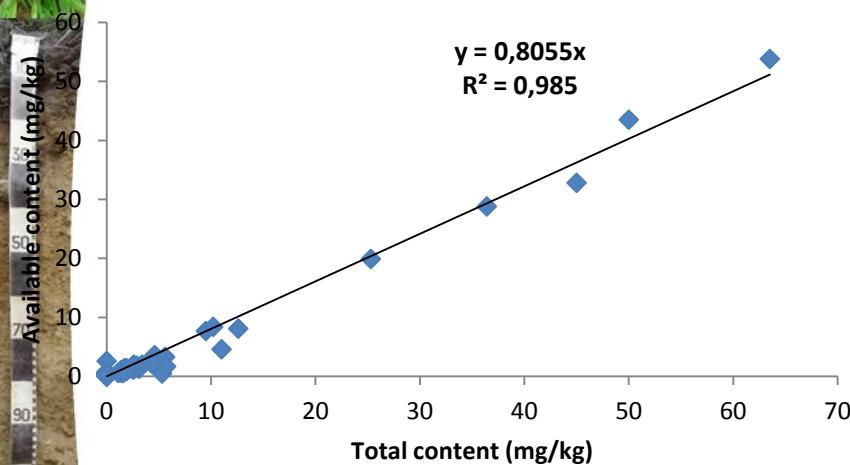


2. Land use

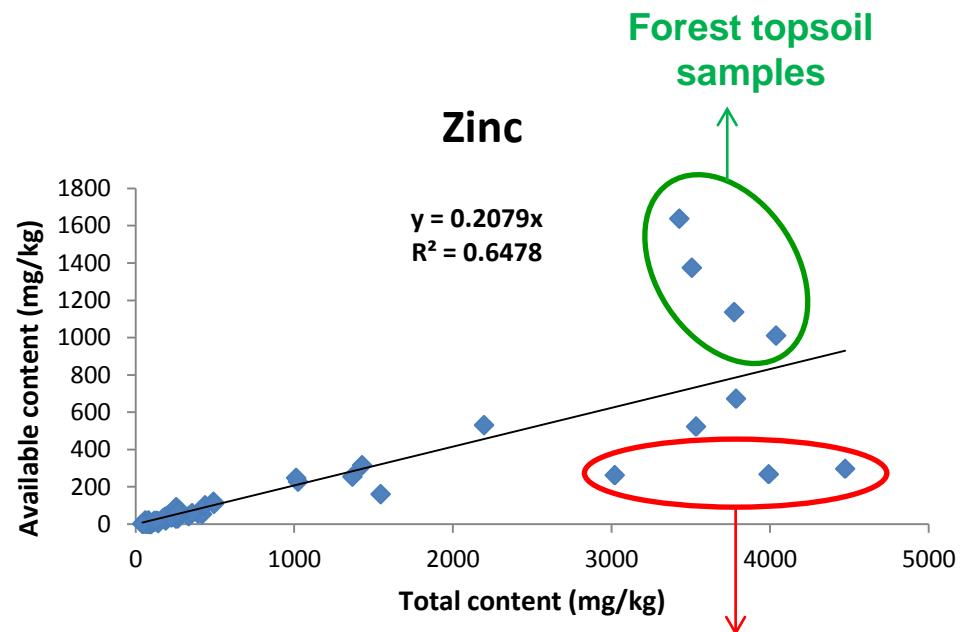
# Caractérisation physico-chimique

## Disponibilité des ETM

Cadmium



Zinc



Forest topsoil samples  
Deep samples located on a vein of zinc-iron

- Cd ; Cu ; Pb : significant linear relationships ( $p<0.001$  and  $R^2 > 0.95$ )
- Zinc : correlations are less significant from 3000 ppm of pseudototal

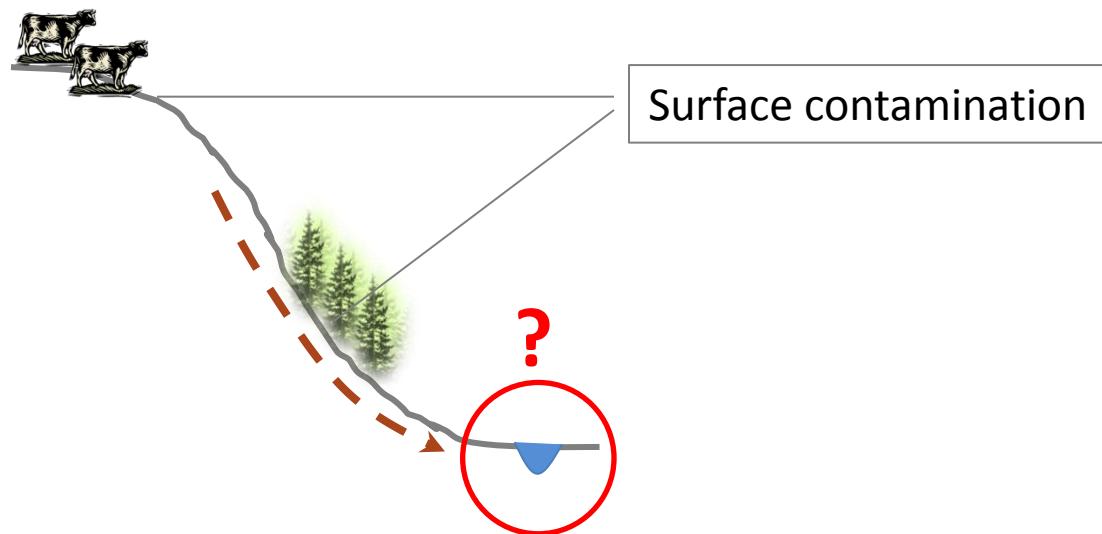
# Corrélations entre teneurs disponibles, pH et COT

	Zn	Pb	Cd	Cu	pH KCl
Pb	0,846 ***				
Cd	0,956 ***	0,740 ***			
Cu	0,084	-0,028	-0,026		
pH KCl	0,298 *	0,239	0,194	0,157	
COT	0,637 ***	0,437 ***	0,621 ***	0,081	0,365 **

- High correlation between Cd-Pb-Zn,  $p<0.001$  and  $r > 0.7$
- No relation between available Cu and the other MTEs
- pH is not correlated with MTEs unlike COT ( $p<0.001$  for Cd-Pb-Zn)

# Sol - sédiments

## Fate of MTE in contaminated landscapes



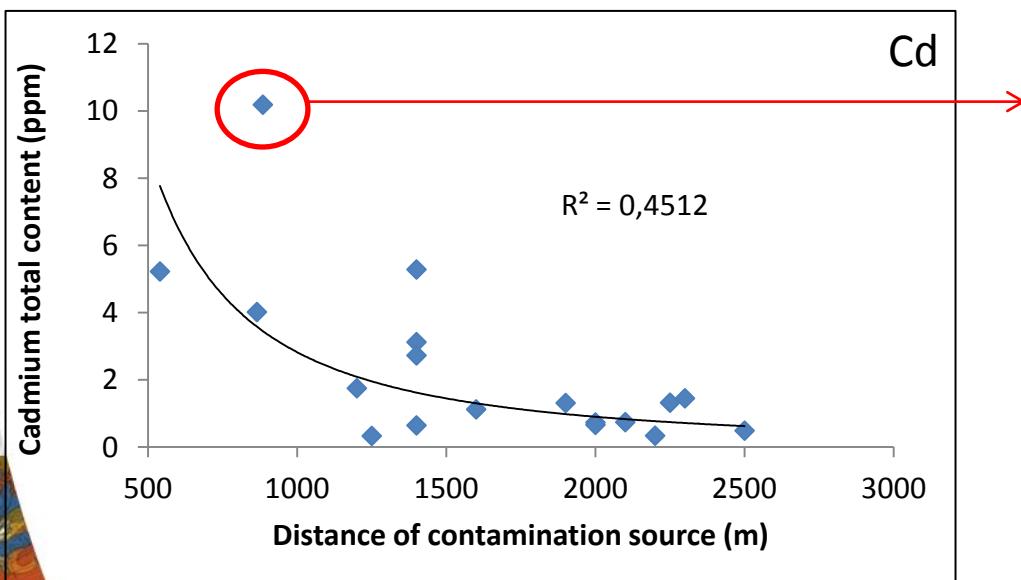
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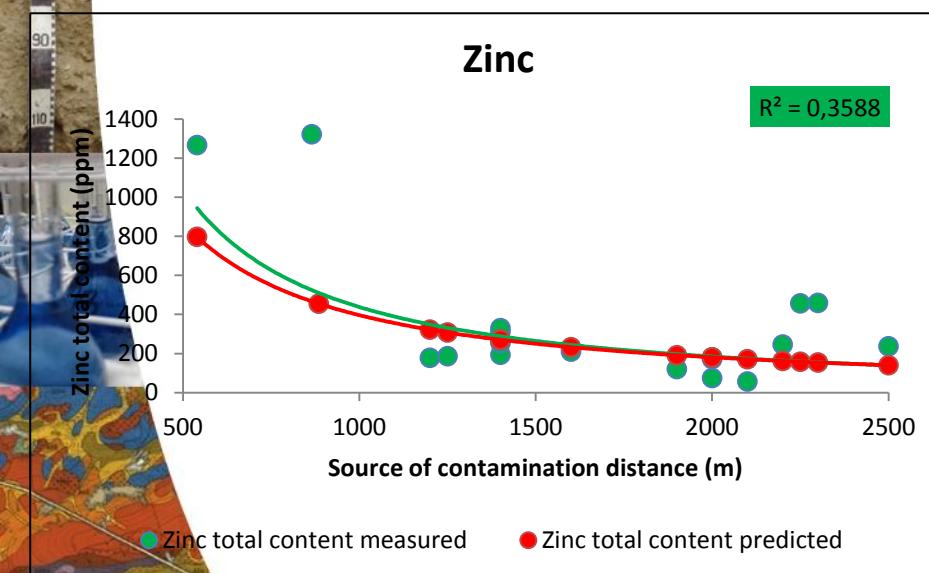
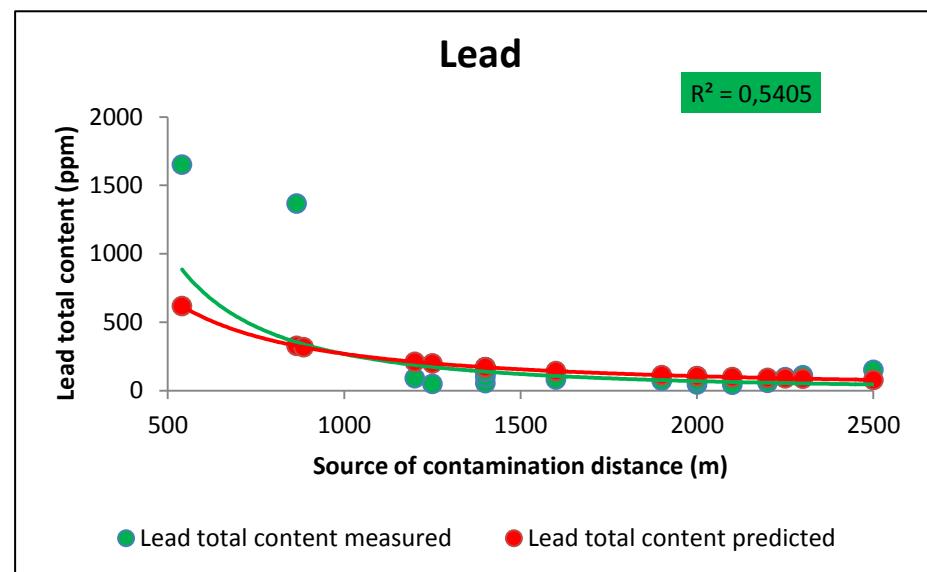
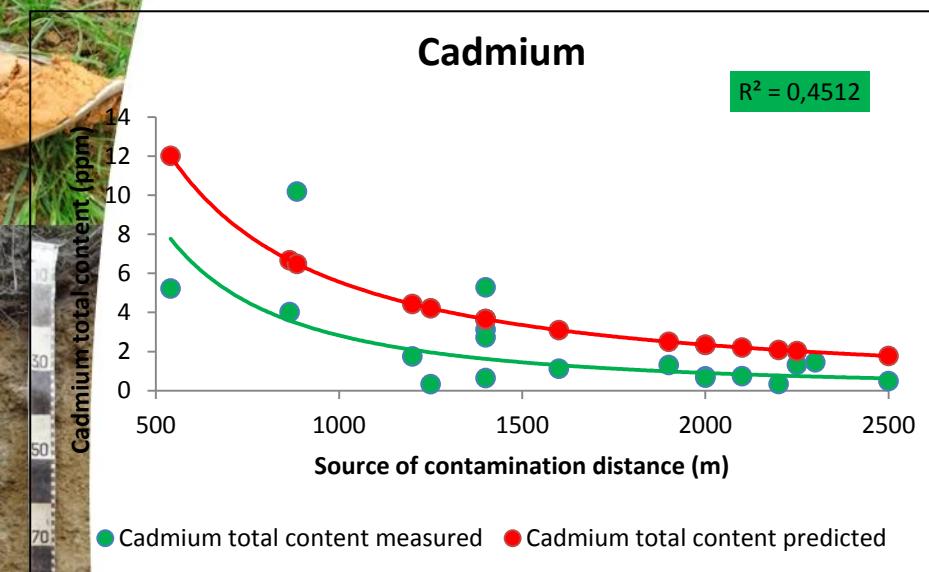
# Distance à la source de contamination

- Only an effect of distance can “explain” pseudototal content in MTEs (Cd-Pb-Zn) for sediments
- This explanation doesn’t work for copper content

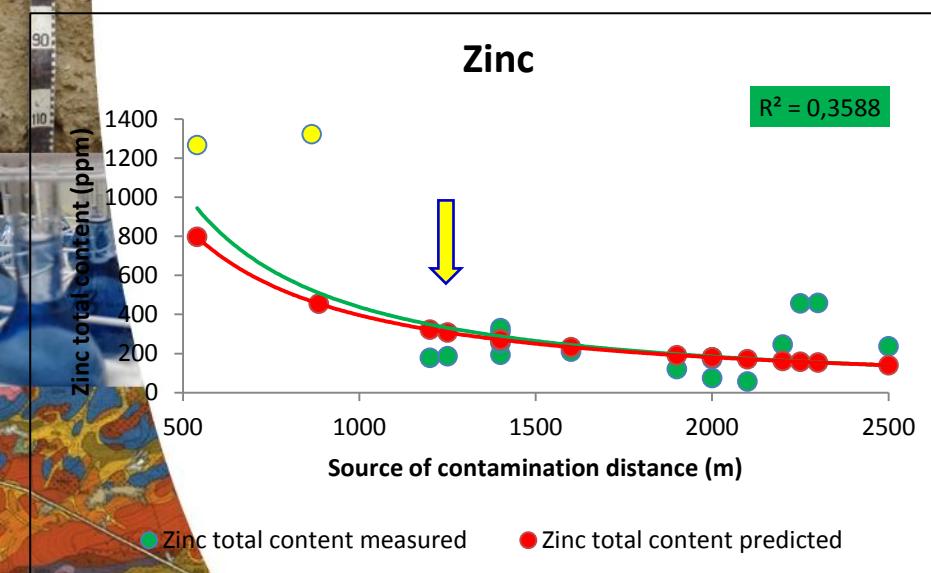
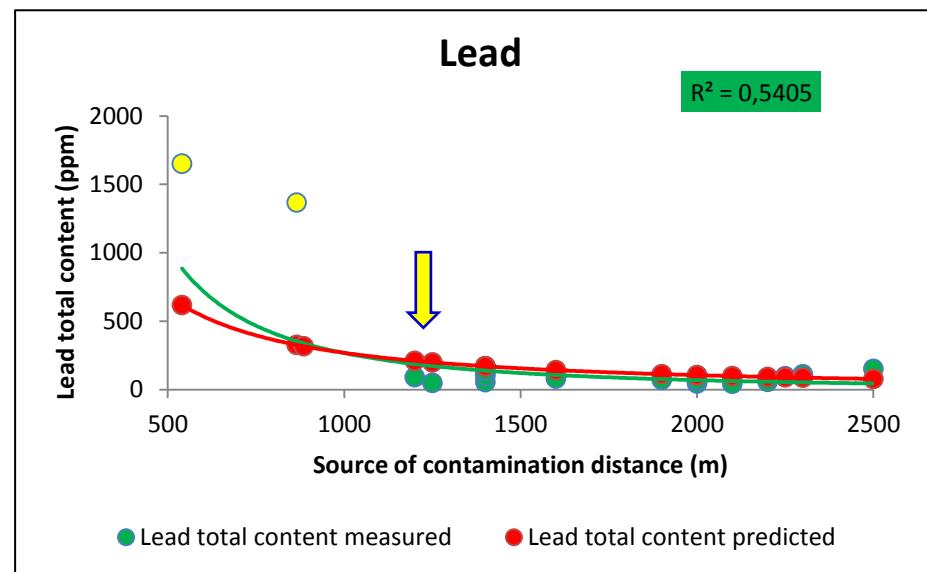
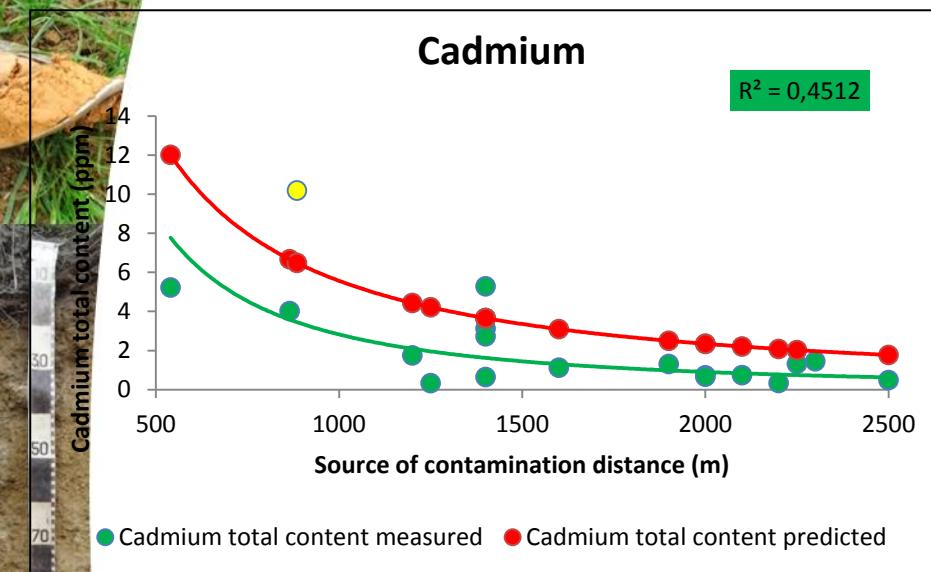


- Sediment sampled downstream the former chimney
- Evidence of redistribution by sediment transport ?

# Comparaison entre teneurs mesurées et prédictes



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- Cd : the prediction based on the "soil" data overestimates measured values of about 200%

- Pb – Zn : the estimate is consistent with reality as 1,250 m

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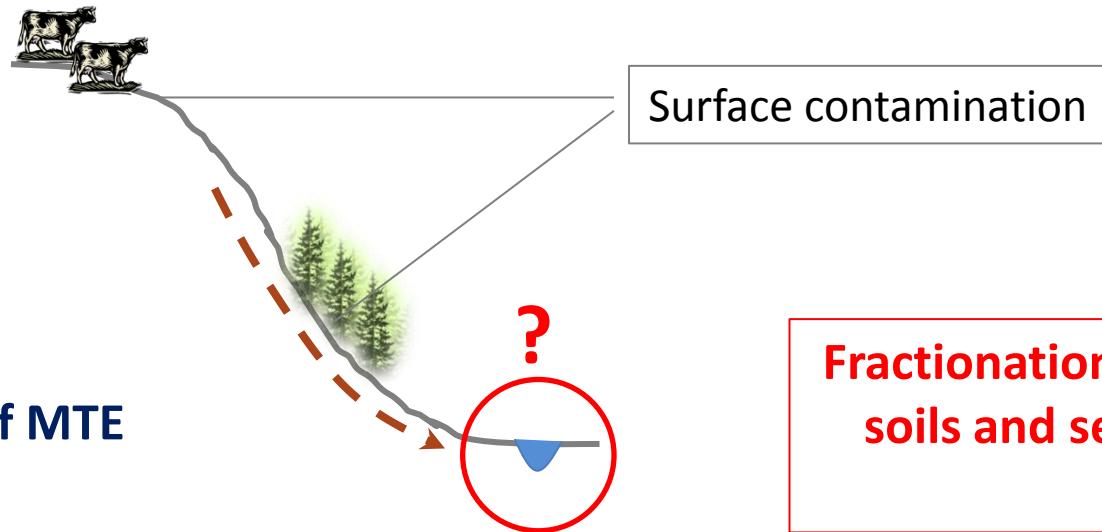
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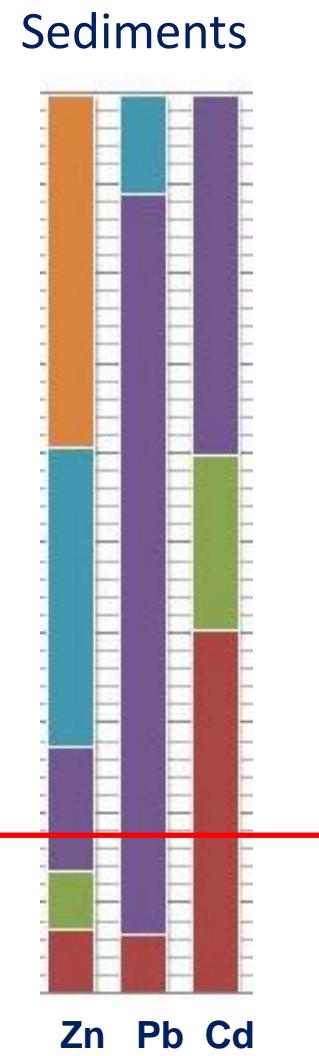
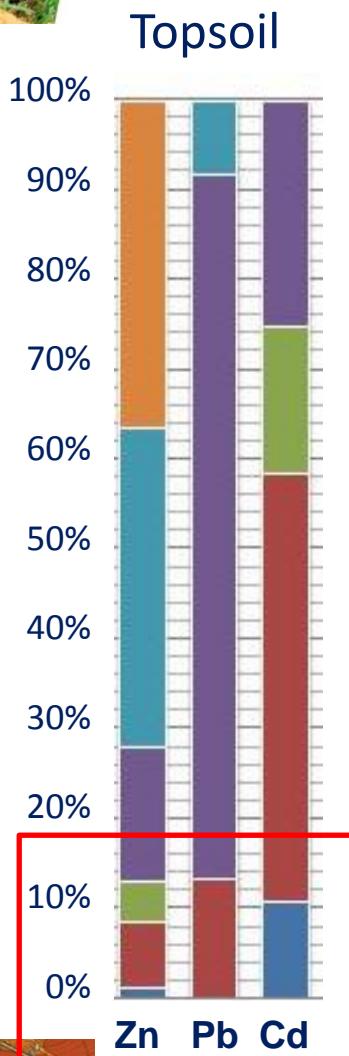
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Surface contamination

Fractionation of MTE in soils and sediments



# Fractionnement chimique des ETM



- Cd : fractionation is different between topsoil and sediments → lost of exchangeable fraction
- Pb : no possible major transfer toward water
- Zn : a small amount may be leached but this is small relative on the total amount

F1	Exchangeable
F2	Bound to carbonates
F3	Bound to amorphous oxides
F4	Bound to organic matter
F5	Bound to crystallized oxides
F6	Residuals

# Conclusions sol-sédiments

## Fate of MTE in contaminated landscapes

### Characterization of MTE contents



Availability of MTE depends on total content of MTE and organic matter

### Variation factors of MTE in soil and sediments



The distance is the main factor but possible transport



### Fractionation of MTE in soils and sediments

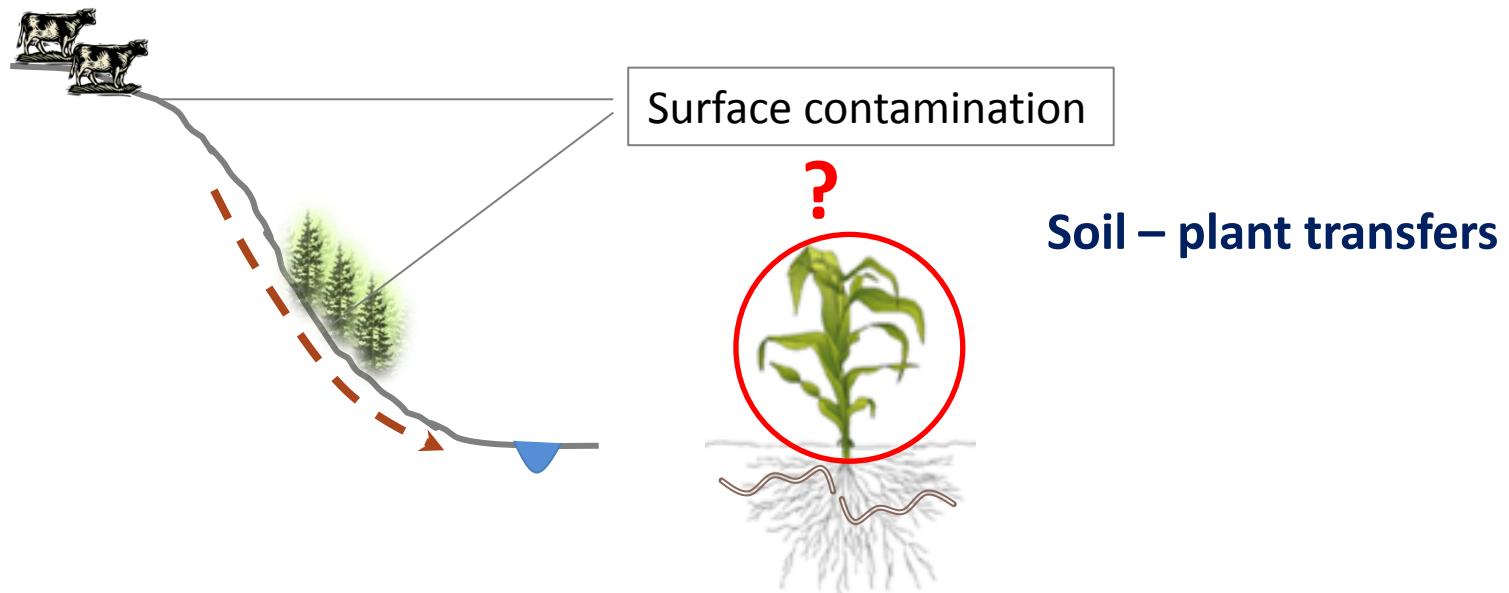


Leaching of exchangeable cadmium?



Can explain the overestimation of cadmium amounts in the sediments

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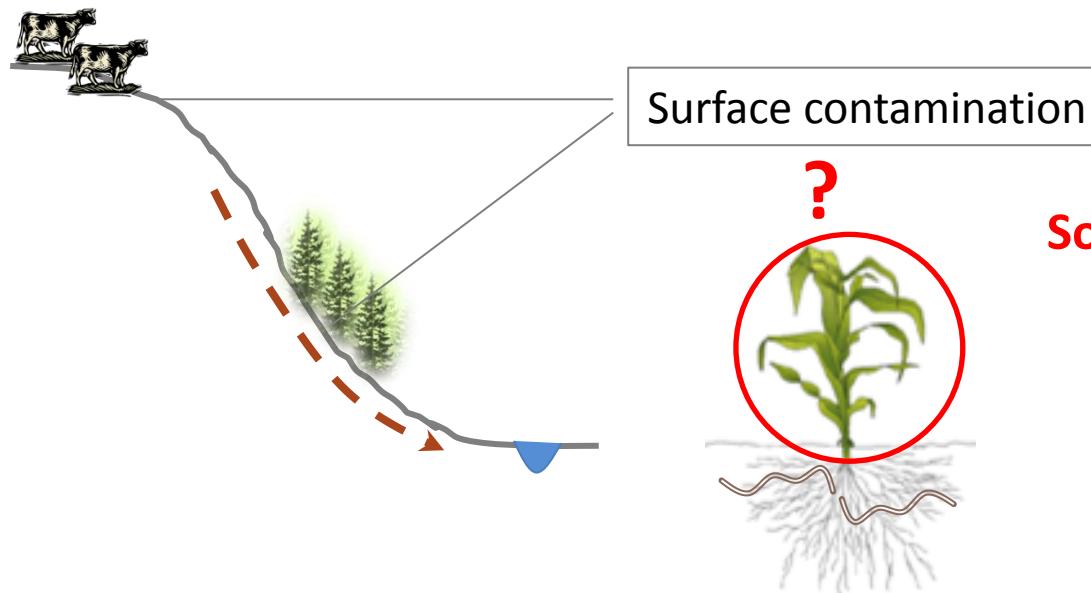


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**Soil – plant transfers**

- Crops;
- Grasslands;
- Vegetables

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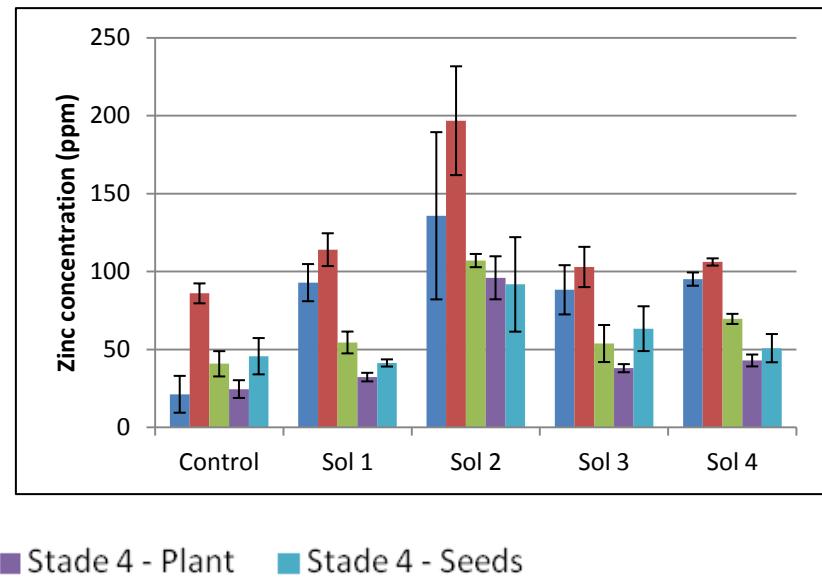
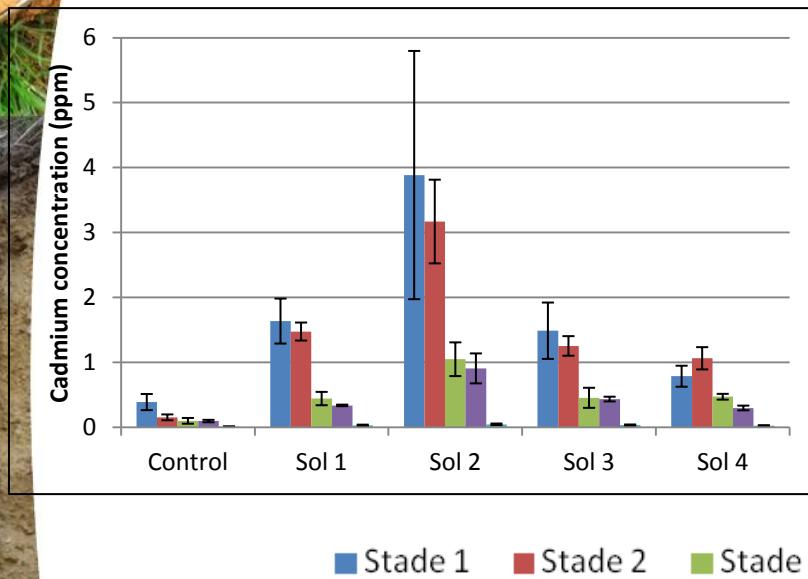
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We harvested plants at four phenologic stages and to compare the uptake of MTE according to the stage. We set up 4 replicates by combination (soil-stage).



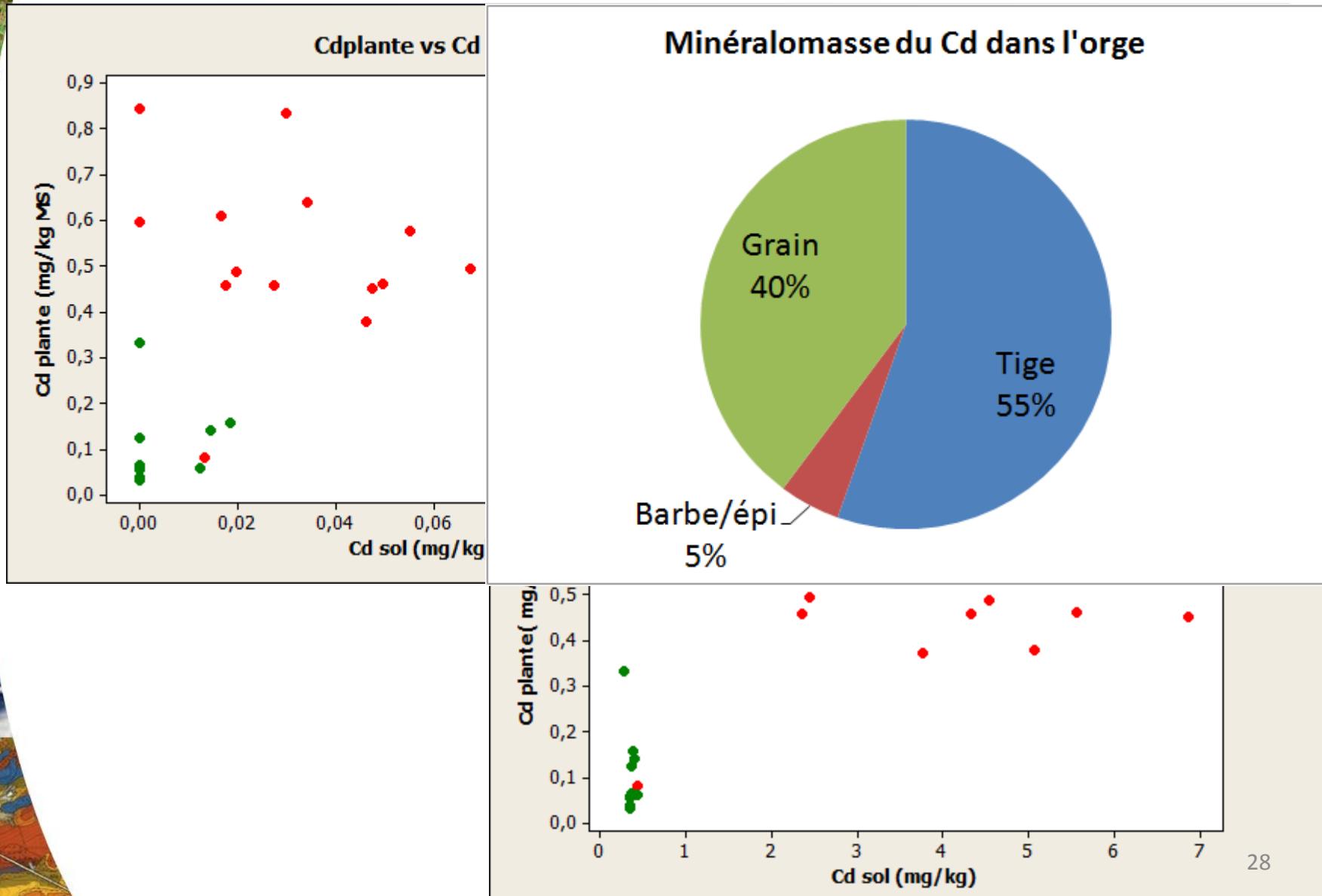
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Cd and Zn uptake in *Hordeum vulgare*



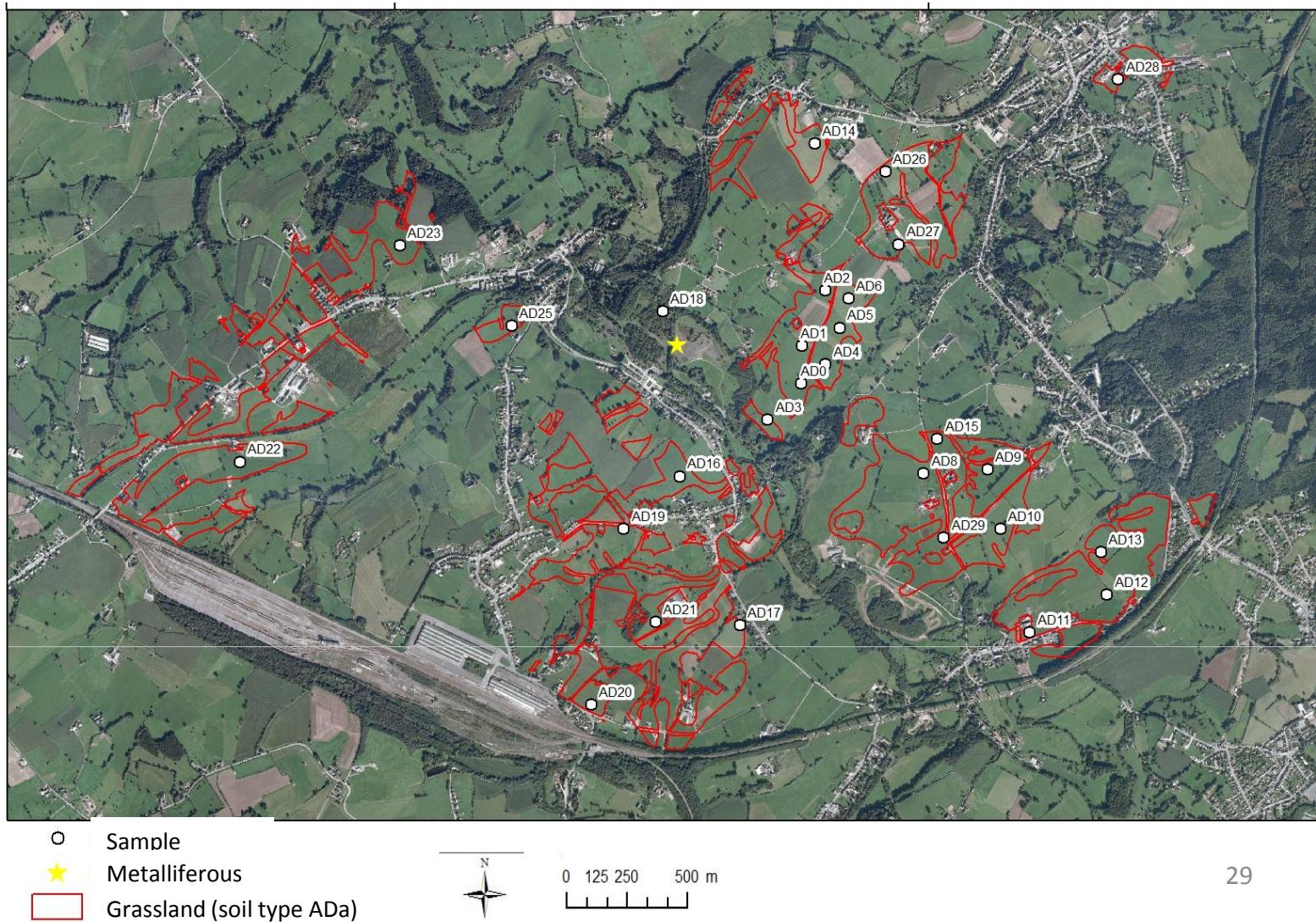
- The highest concentration of Cd is measured in stade 1 (three leaves) while the highest concentration of Zn is measured in stade 2 (2 nodes).
- At the end of growth, Zn is stored in the seeds while Cd remains in the plant (leaves and stem) and is found only in small quantities in seeds.
- Cd and Zn have a different behavior because the first is a contaminant and the second is an oligo-element.

# Qualité des cultures : terrain

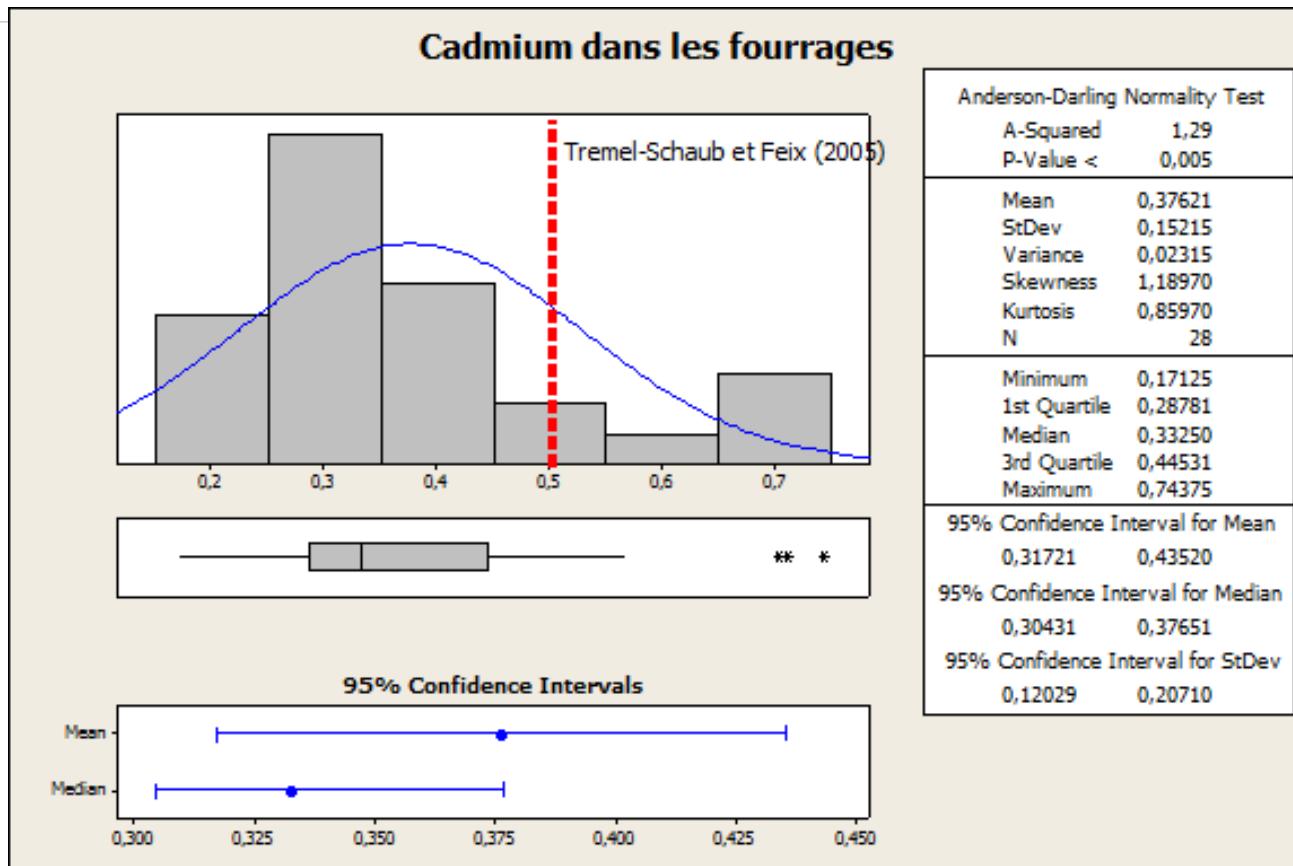


# Qualité des fourrages

Map of sampling places realized in grassland around the metalliferous site of Plombières



# Qualité des fourrages



- The MTE uptake by plants can be estimated by some MTE contents in soils :
  - $[Cu]_{Plant}$  is correlated with  $[Cd]_{soil}$  and  $[Pb]_{soil}$
  - $[Pb]_{Plant}$  is correlated with  $[Pb]_{soil}$  and  $[Zn]_{soil}$  (ER)
  - $[Cd]_{Plant}$  is only correlated with  $[Zn]_{Plant}$

# Qualité des légumes



*Lettuce sp.* and *Endive sp.* were cultivated on 10 contaminated garden soils (Meuse valley) and 2 control soils during 2 months.

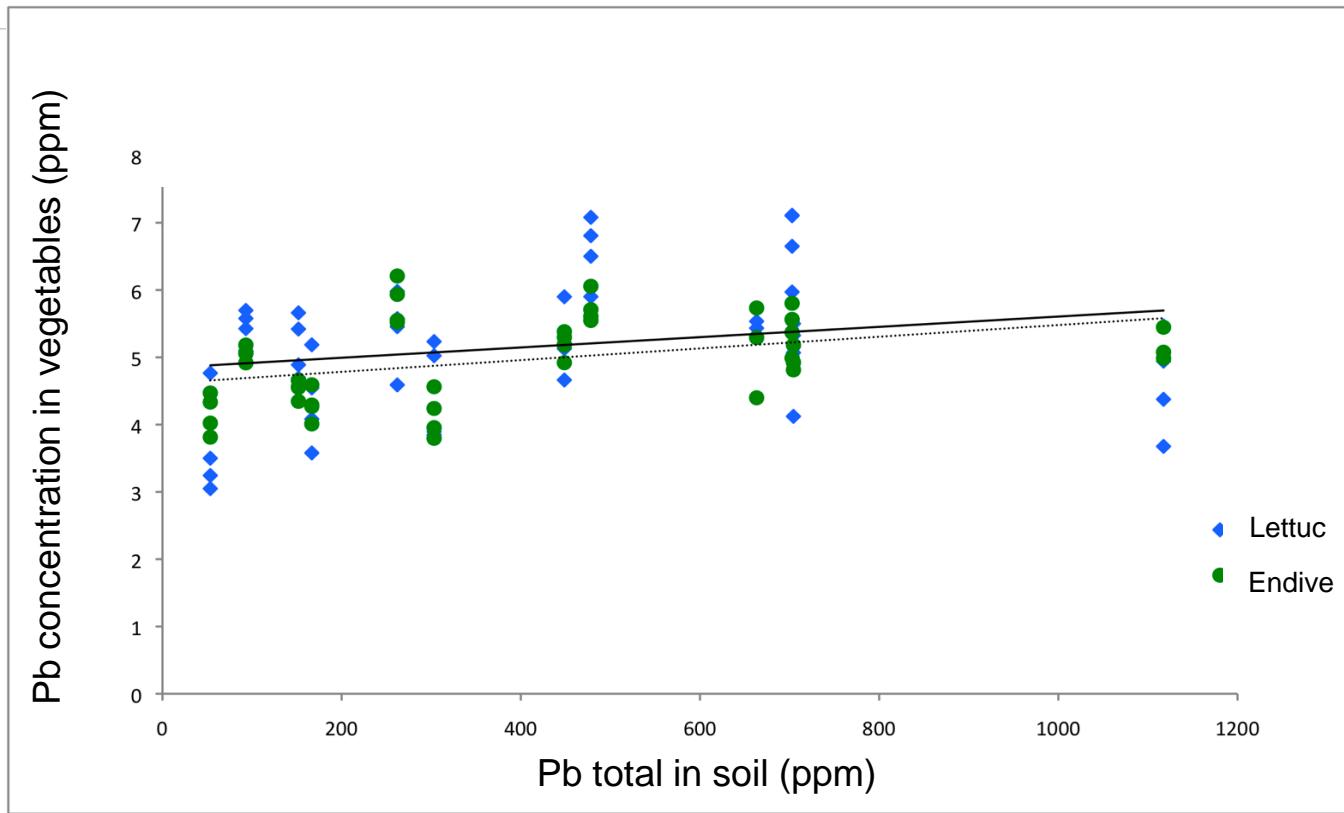
Range of MTE concentration of the 10 contaminated gardens soils:

- Cd: 0,9 – 22 ppm
- Pb: 55 – 1120 ppm
- Cu: 20 – 250 ppm
- Zn: 240 – 5840 ppm

This range is representative of levels found in Liège province.

We investigated the MTE uptake of the two vegetable species when they grow on this range of contamination.

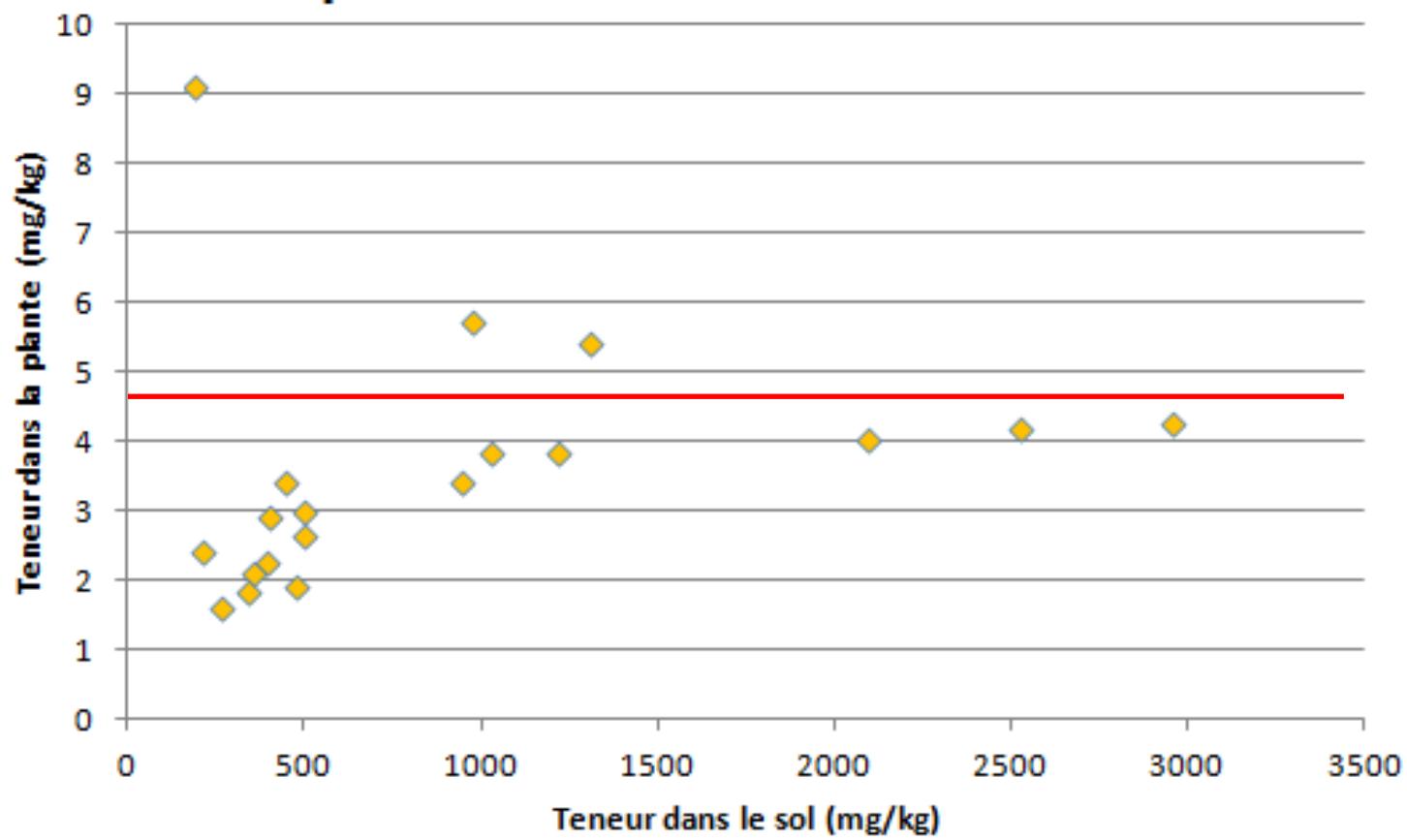
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- Statistically, both species accumulate the same concentration of cadmium, copper, lead and zinc.
- Positive significant relationships were found between plant and soil content for studied MTE.
- The risks for people linked to MTE ingestion seem therefore significant and do not depend on the species studied.

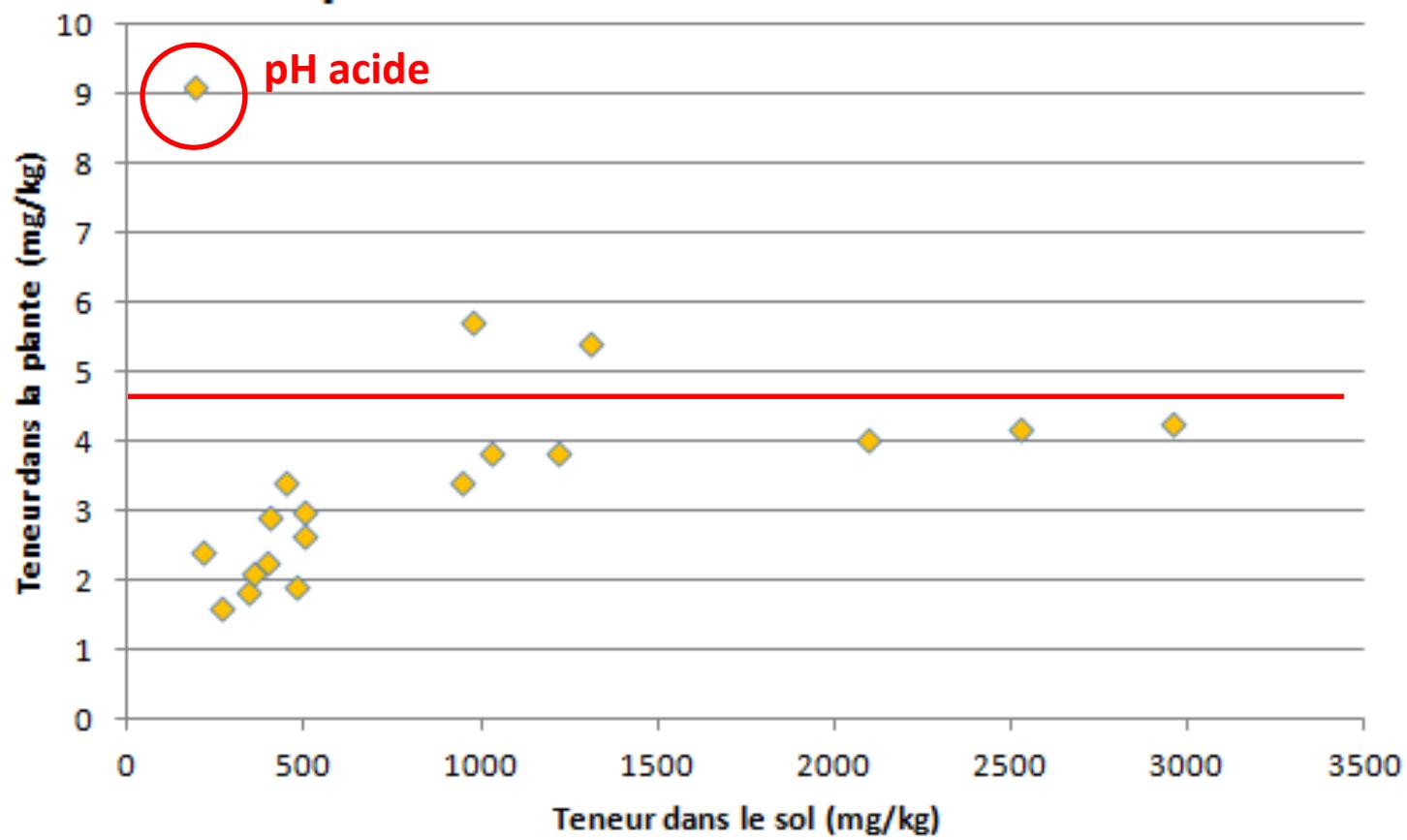
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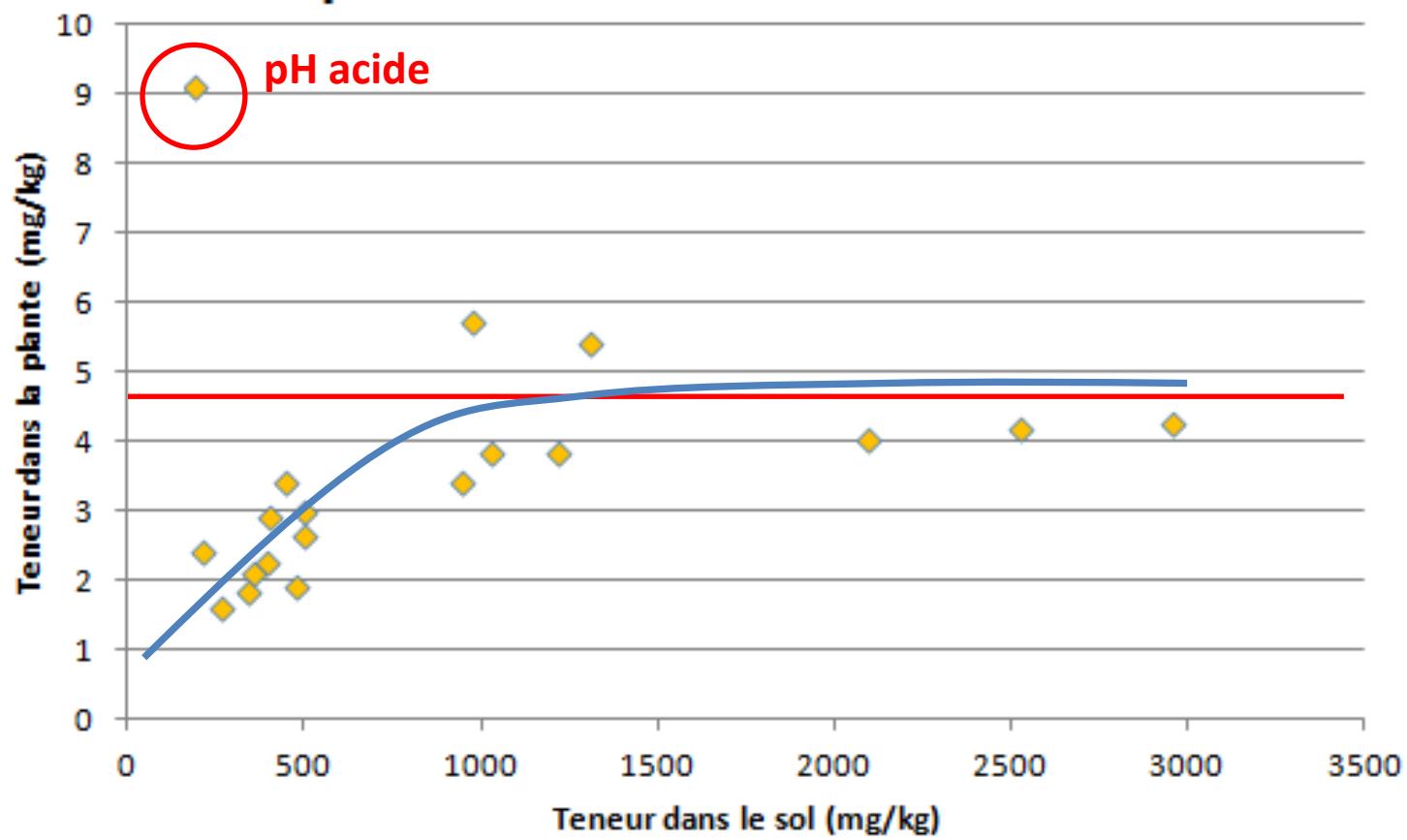
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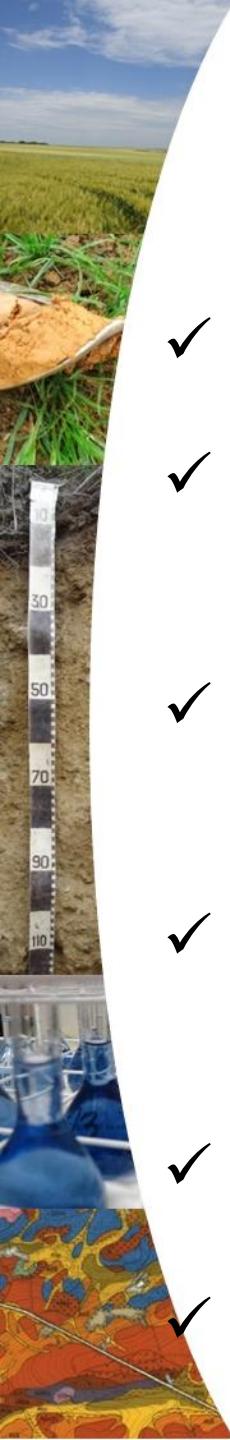
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# Conclusion

## Que retenir de nos expérimentations?

- ✓ Les contaminations débordent des sites classés
- ✓ Les teneurs en ETM sont fortement corrélées entre elles et à travers les méthodes d'extraction chimique
- ✓ Les éléments sont potentiellement mobiles au sein des paysages
- ✓ Les risques de contamination des productions agricoles sont réels → études intégrées
- ✓ Attention aux comparaisons entre conditions expérimentales
- ✓ Comment communiquer ?

# Merci

