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## What is soil pollution?

A soil, is considered contaminated when :

-Its chemical state deviates from the normal composition (Kabata-Pendias 2011)

-When it has lost its function (JRC Technical Reports, 2016)

- And lastly when abnormal levels of contaminants become **detrimental** to human health (Rodriguez-Eugenio et al. 2018).



### Detrimental effects caused by metal(loid)s depend mainly on their biovalability?

Bioavailability is defined as the fraction of pollutant that, within a given time span, is available or will be made available for its uptake by plants and other organisms (Peijnenburg and Jager 2003)

Bioavailability depends on the physical, chemical and biological properties of the soil (Rodriguez-Eugenio et al. 2018).

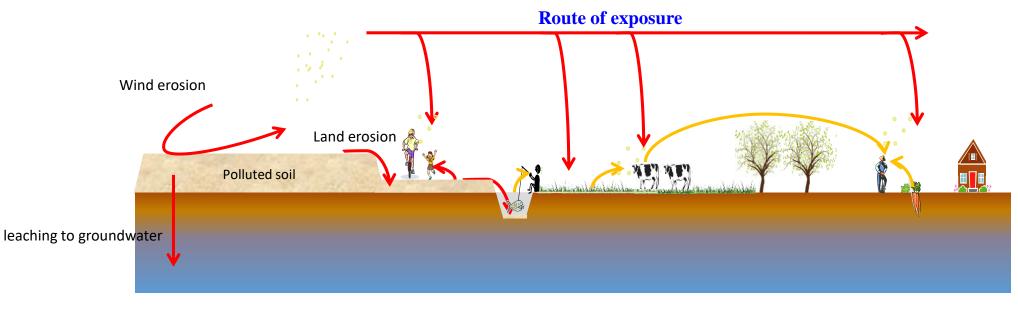
#### In conclusion

- a soil can present very high levels of pollution but this pollution can be poorly available (Because bound to the residual fraction of the soil) low risk for the environment

- a soil having a low total metal(loid) concentrations with a high bioavailability will represent a high risk for the environment

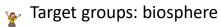


### What are the pathways of pollutant transfer to the environment?



Sources: concentration of metals and metalloids

- → Vectors: direct transfer of substances (aerosols, soils, plants)
  - Vectors: indirect transfer of substances (plants, meat, etc.)



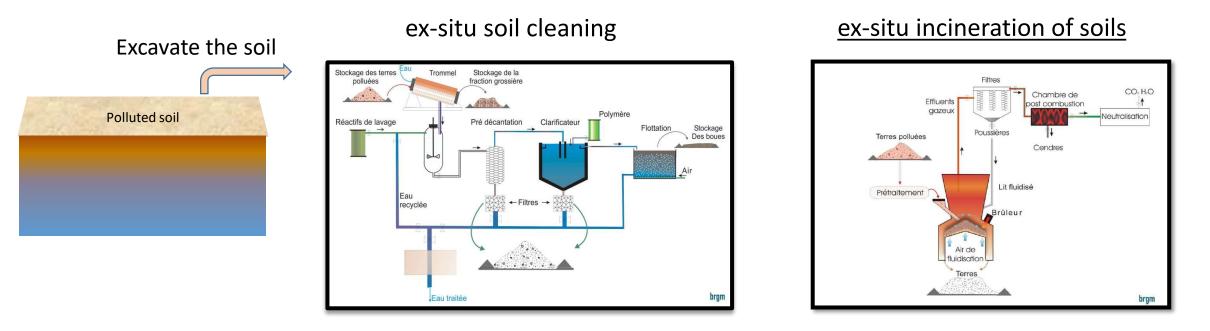


#### How to limit the transfer of pollutants (metals and metalloids) to the environment?



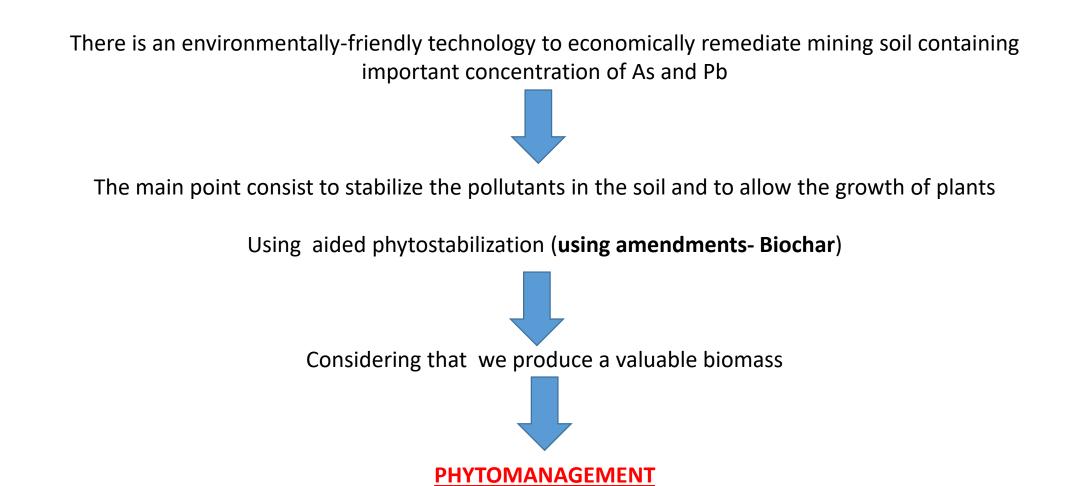
### **Remediation techniques**

➢ Physico-chemical and thermal techniques.

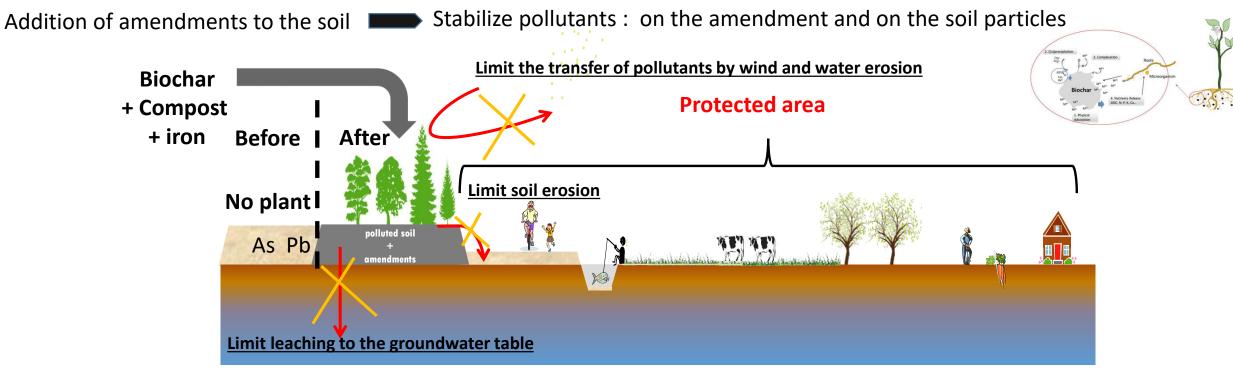


Many constraints (difficult to set up on large surfaces, costly, disturb the balance of the soils,...).









### **\*** When added to a soil it :

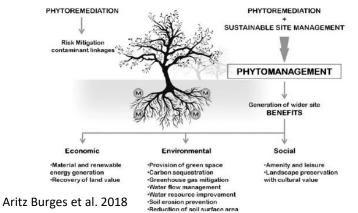
-Increase soil water holding capacity

-Provide nutrients

-Will decrease pollutant concentration in soil pore water

-Will make pollutant not phytoavailable

-Will increase soil microorganisms diversity and quantity



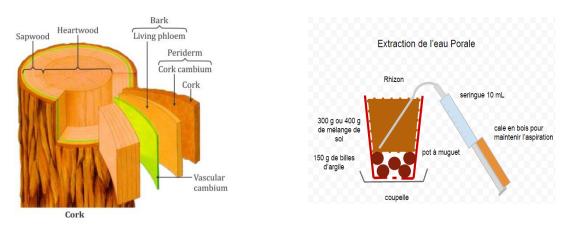


### **Mesocosm** experiment



#### Preliminary mesocosm tests using an As and Pb polluted soil

→ Which biochar feedstock modulates the availability of As and Pb in the soil pore water?

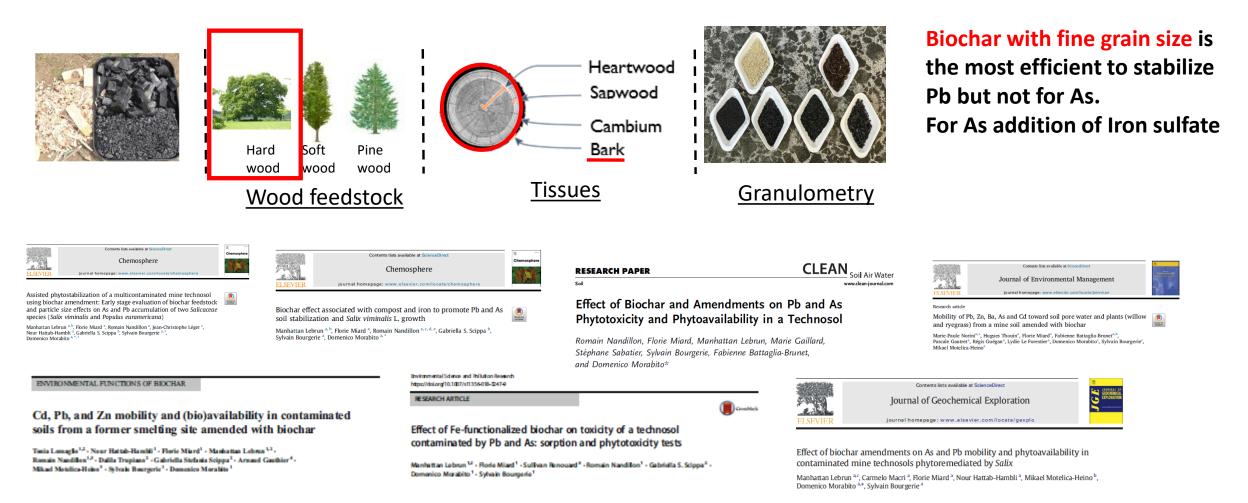


- → Phytotoxicity test: using *Phaseolus vulgaris*.
  - $\rightarrow$  growth and final biomass
  - $\rightarrow$  Measured As and Pb concentration in the different plant organs





#### **Preliminary mesocosm results**



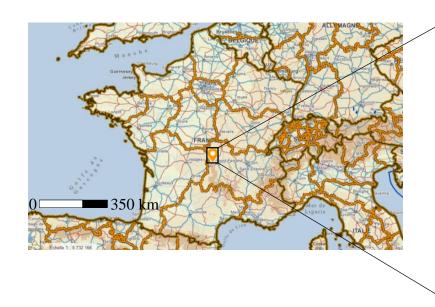


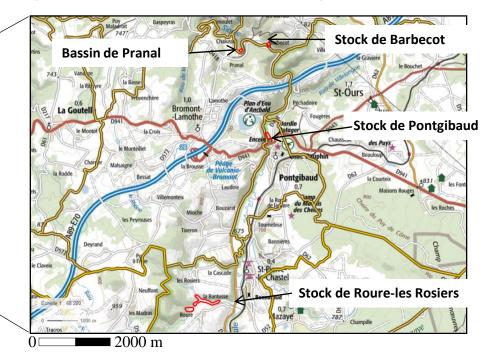
### **Field experiment**





#### Field experiment: Pontgibaud (France) Pb and As polluted soil



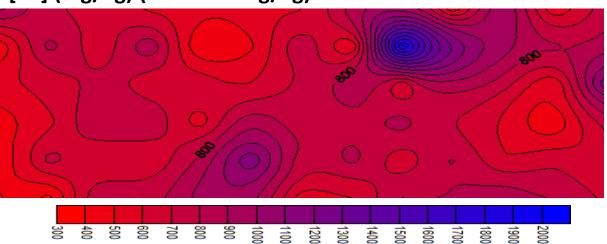


- Average altitude of 700 m
- Rainfall 770 mm
- Temperatures ranging from +40°C to -20°C.
- Sandy texture.





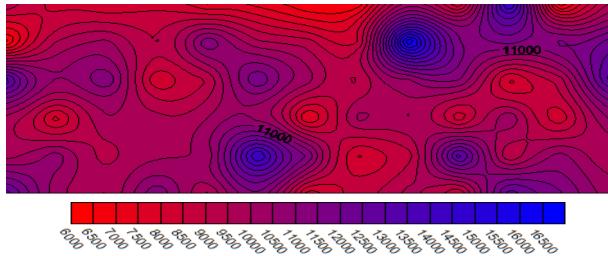
Metal(loid)s mapping of the studied area



#### [As] (mg/kg) (300-2000mg/kg)

- High metal content
- low pH (4)
- Very low OM
- Strong drainage
- No vegetation

### [Pb] (mg/kg) (6000-16500 mg/kg)



### Divided in 4 plots



### **Field experiment**















#### Photos of the plots after 1month (Mai /30/2017) Salix + clover





4 months















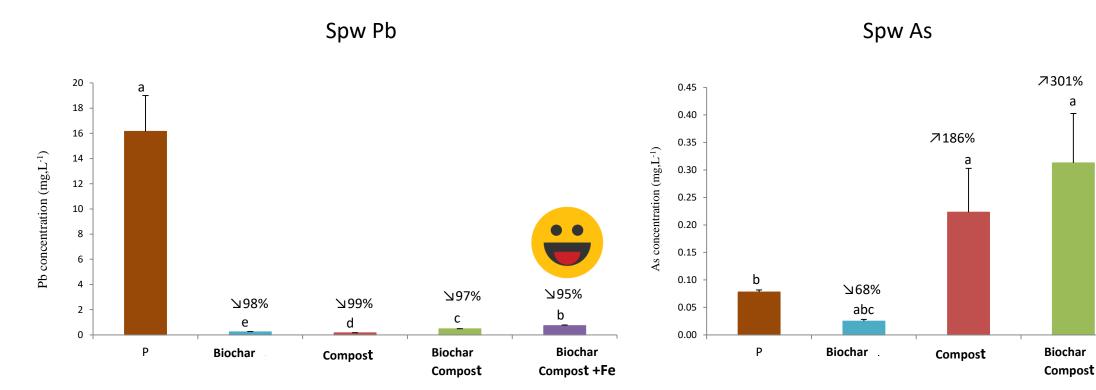
### After 6 months



### After 18 months



#### Pb and As concentration in SPW



Pb SPW concentration at the time of incorporation of the amendments Bloc 1 : biochar (2%), bloc 2 : organic amendment (5%), bloc 3 biochar (2%) + organic amendment (5%) and bloc 4 : biochar (2%) + organic amendment (5%) + inorganic amendment (1,5%). P corresponds to unmodified technosol. The letters correspond to the comparison between each modality.

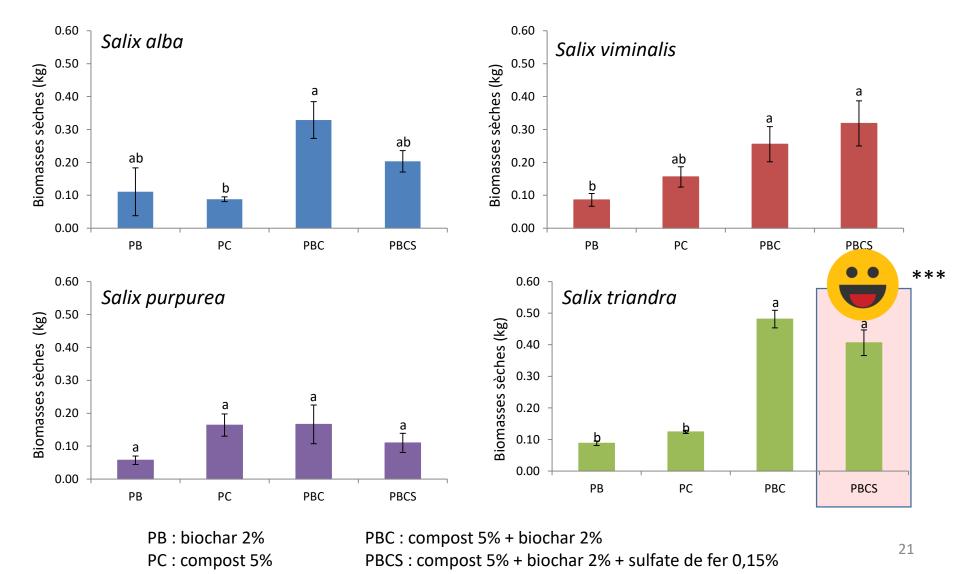
As SPW concentration at the time of incorporation of the amendments Bloc 1 : biochar (2%), bloc 2 : organic amendment (5%), bloc 3 biochar (2%) + organic amendment (5%) and bloc 4 : biochar (2%) + organic amendment (5%) + inorganic amendment (1,5%). P corresponds to unmodified technosol. The letters correspond to the comparison between each modality.

50% لا

Biochar

Compost +Fe







### **Conclusion**

#### Before field experiment it is necessary to proceed to :

-Mesocosm laboratory tests to define which are the best mixtures of amendments (Biochar + ......) according to the metal(loids) present in the soil.

-To verify that pollutant are immobilized :

- biochar alone is efficient to stabilize Pb
- -Efficient plant growth

but mobilize As



-No metal(loid)s translocation to the aerial part of the plant (to found the good plant genotype)

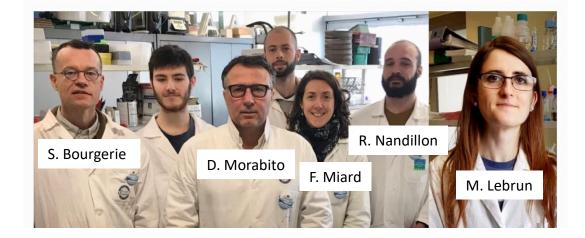
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Effect of Fe-functionalized biochar on contaminated by Pb and As: sorption Manhattan Lebrun <sup>12</sup> - Rorie Miard <sup>1</sup> - Sullivan Renouad Domenico Morabito <sup>1</sup> - Sylvain Bourgerie <sup>1</sup>	nd phytotoxicity tests
Iron Biochar functior	alization
-Improved As sorptio	n in batch experiments
-No effect when inco	porated into the soil

-Same results when using Biochar as As tolerant Bacillus carrier

Good or bad surprise !! Our HW biochar does not seem to be stable over time, because the use of a two-year old biochar allowed to stabilize Pb and As in the soil, which was not the case for As when we used the same biochar immediately after its production









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