

# Atmospheric contaminations around the alumina complex

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# Very few data before 2009

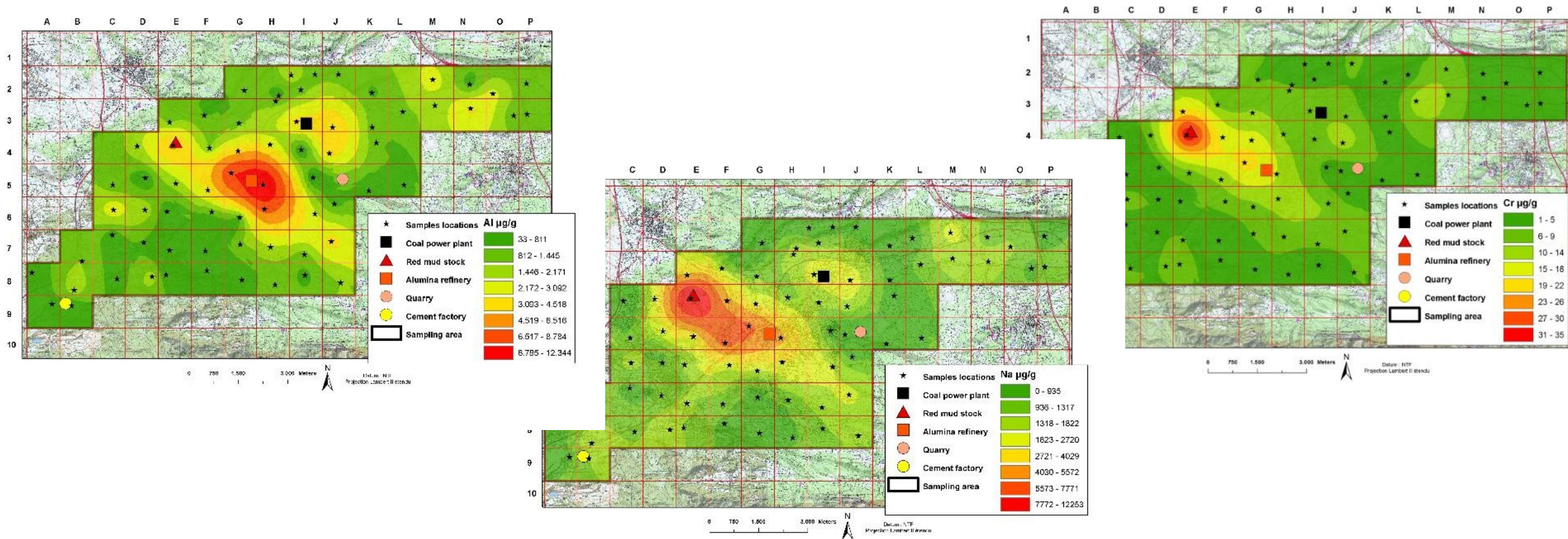
- **Measurement campaign  
AIRMARAIX – CEREGE en 2003 :**



- **In 2007, Gardanne was the worst station of AtmoSud survey network :**
  - **annual average : 46  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (limit value : 40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )**
  - **number of days exceeding the daily limit value : 128 ( 35 days allowed)**

# First project in 2008 :

## *Répartition spatiale et temporelle des dépôts atmosphériques de métaux lourds sur la zone de Gardanne*



# 2013 : MANGEBAUX Project

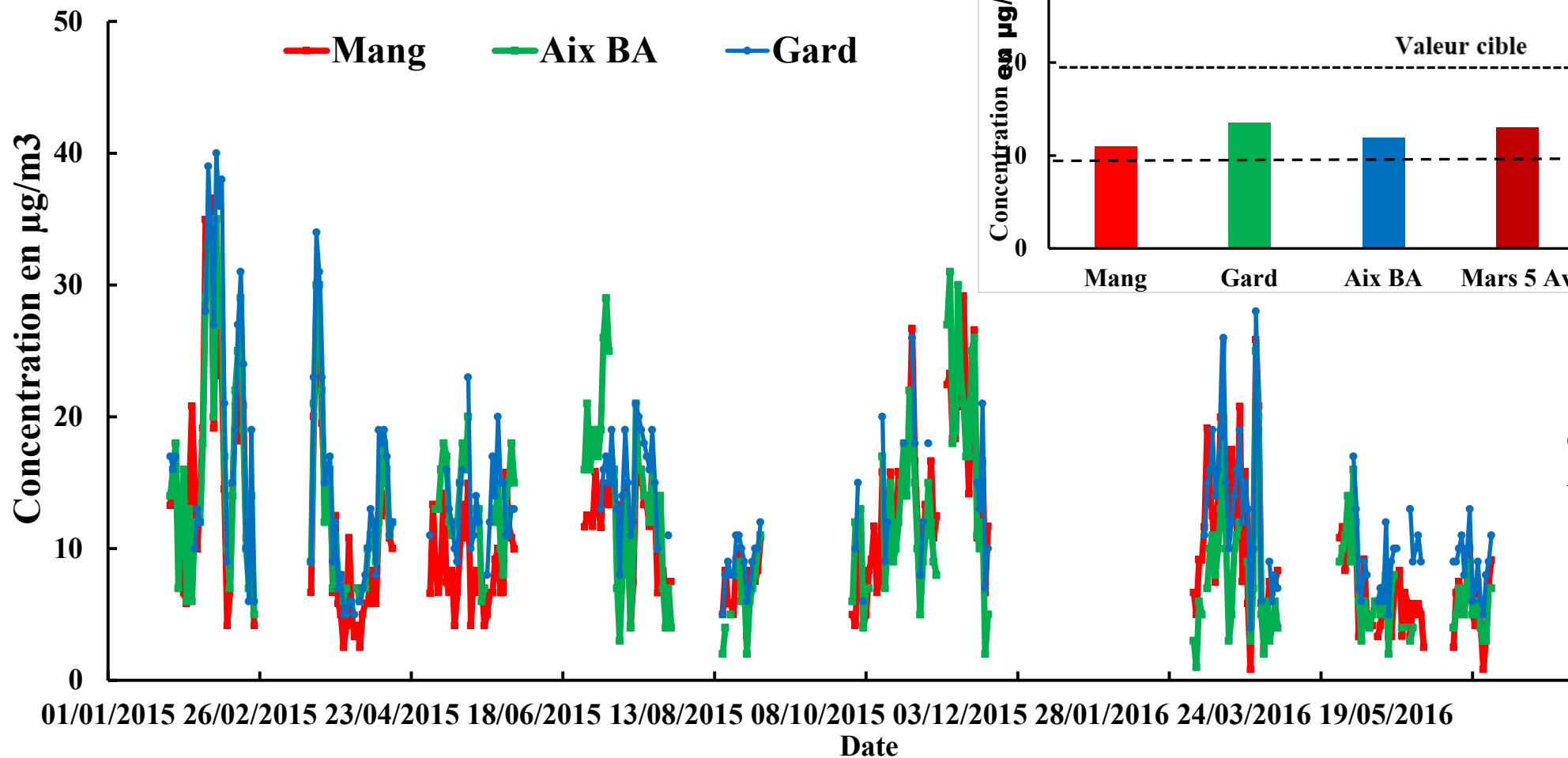


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# PM2.5 and PM10



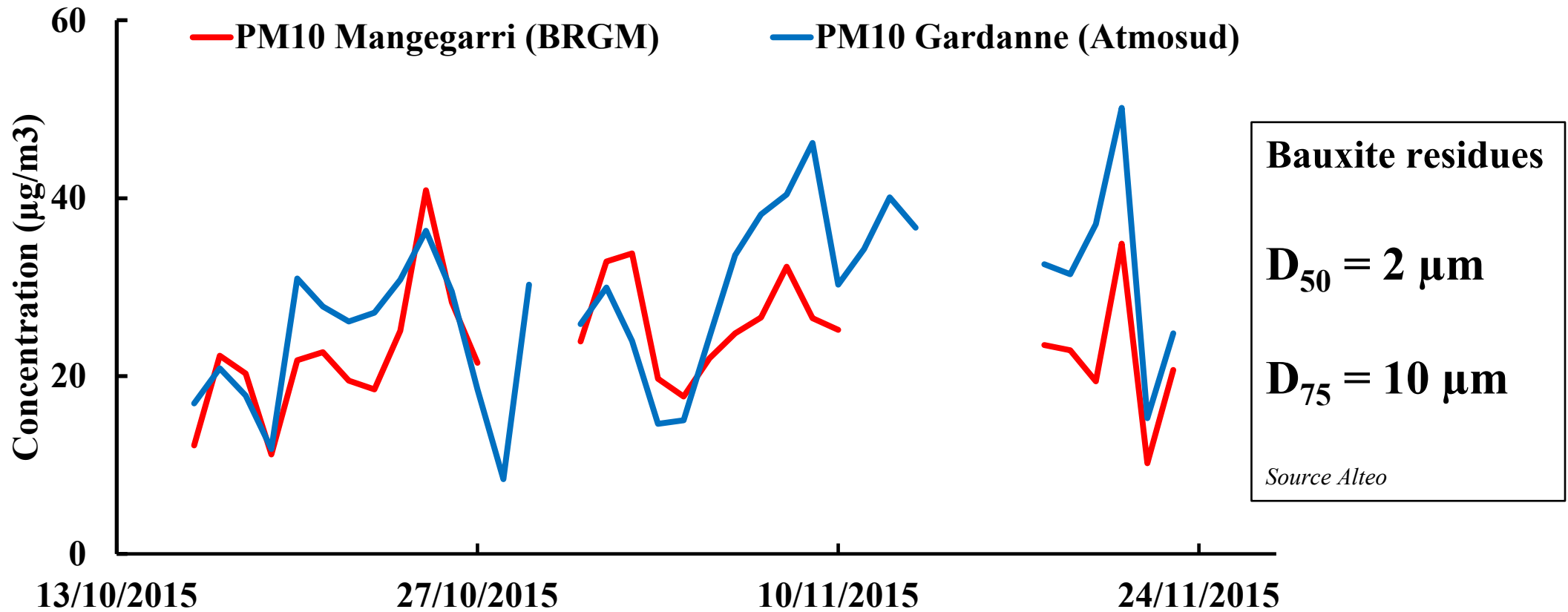
Sources :  
Cerege et  
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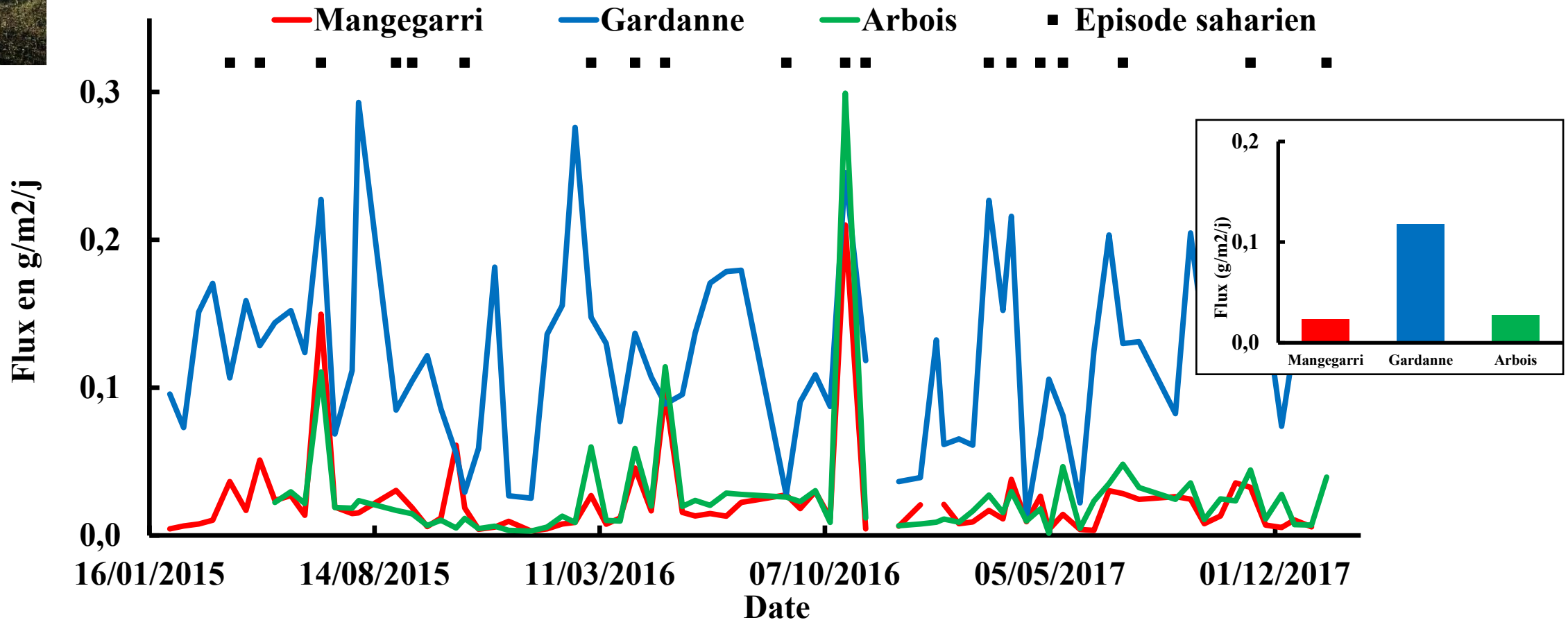
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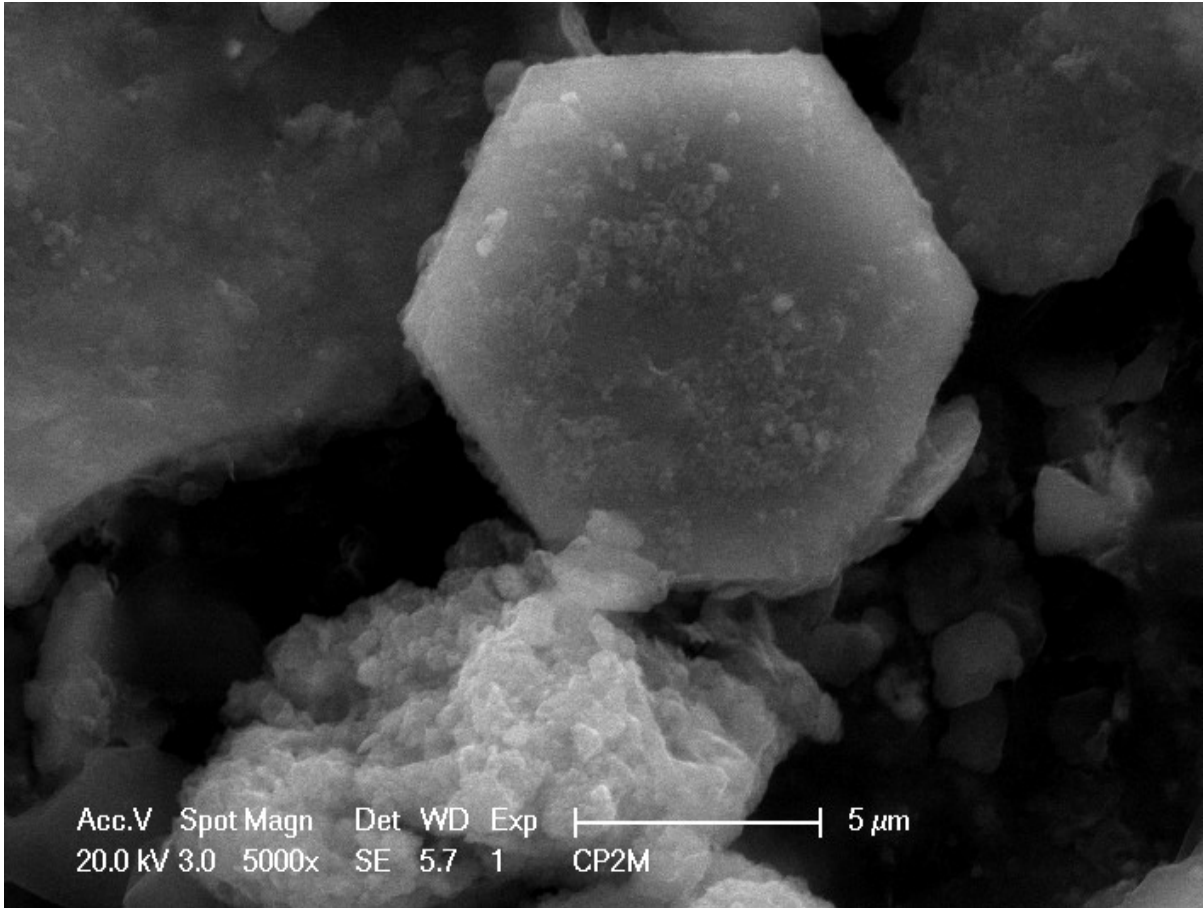




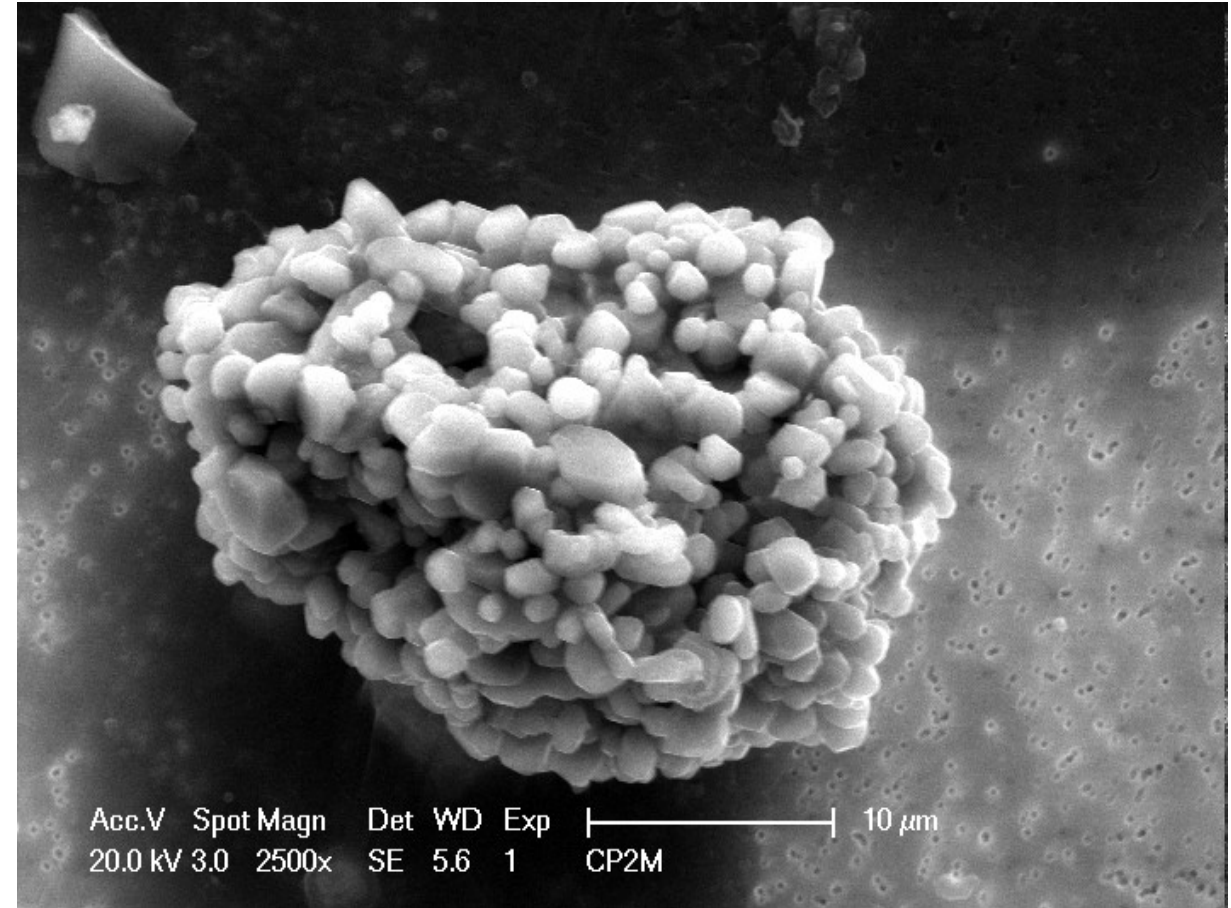
# Sédimentable dusts



# Alumina forms



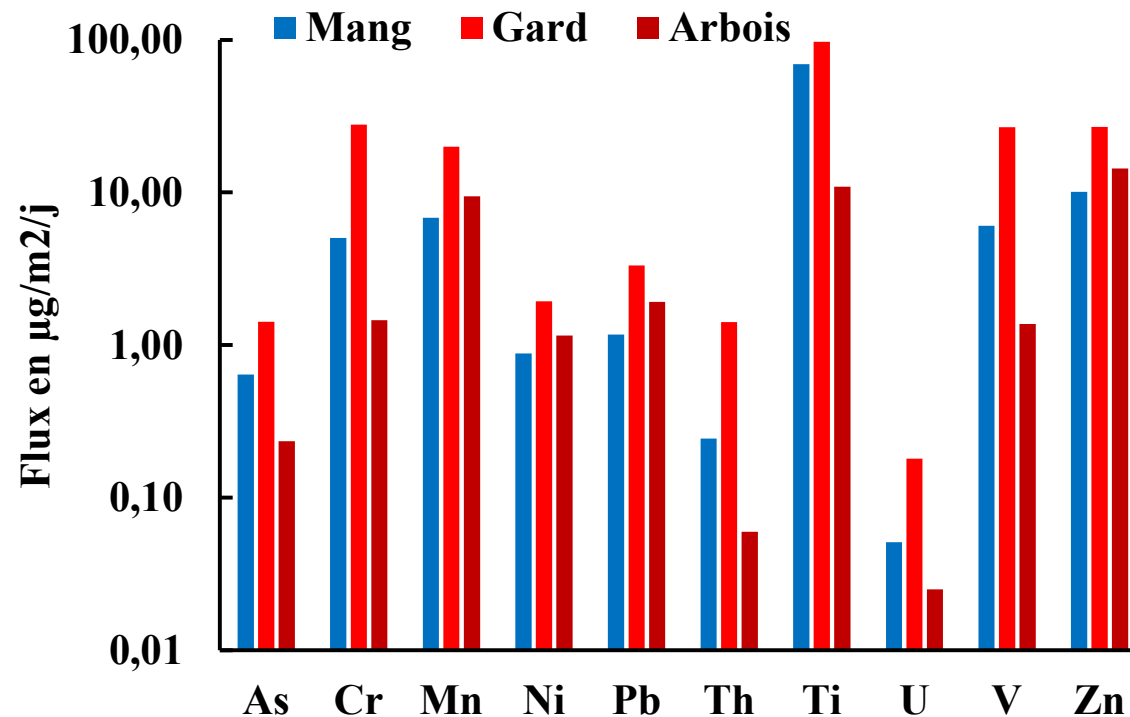
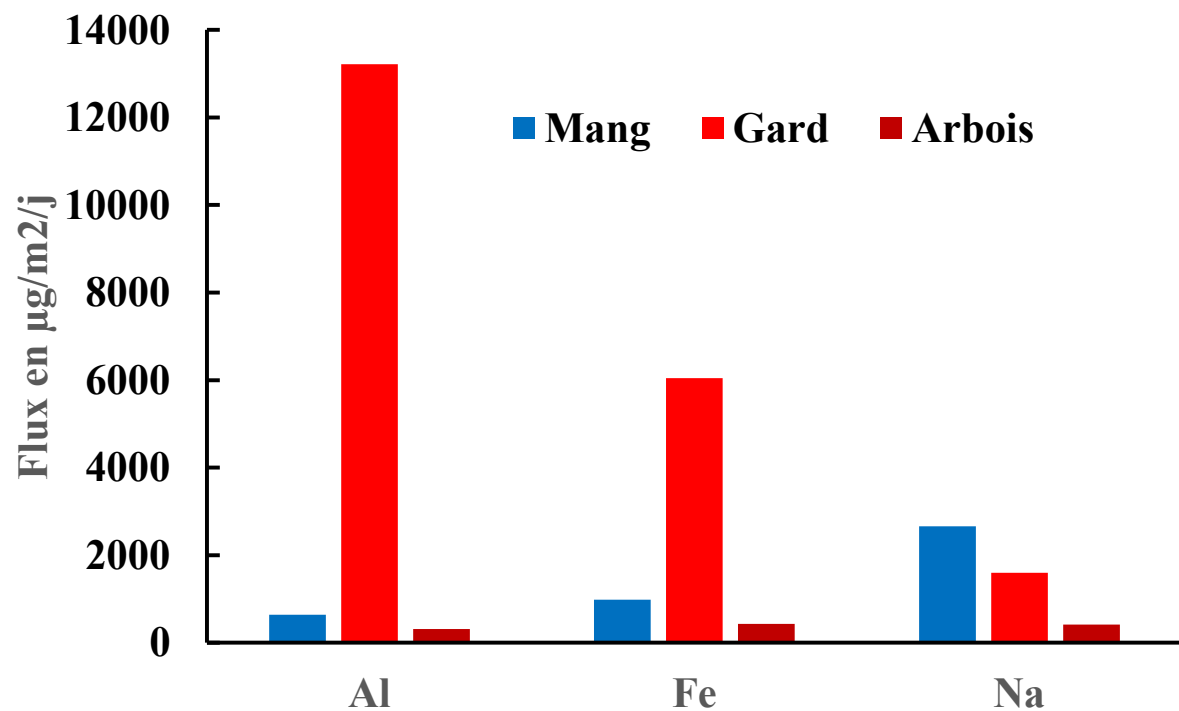
**Al - hydroxide**



**Al – oxide**

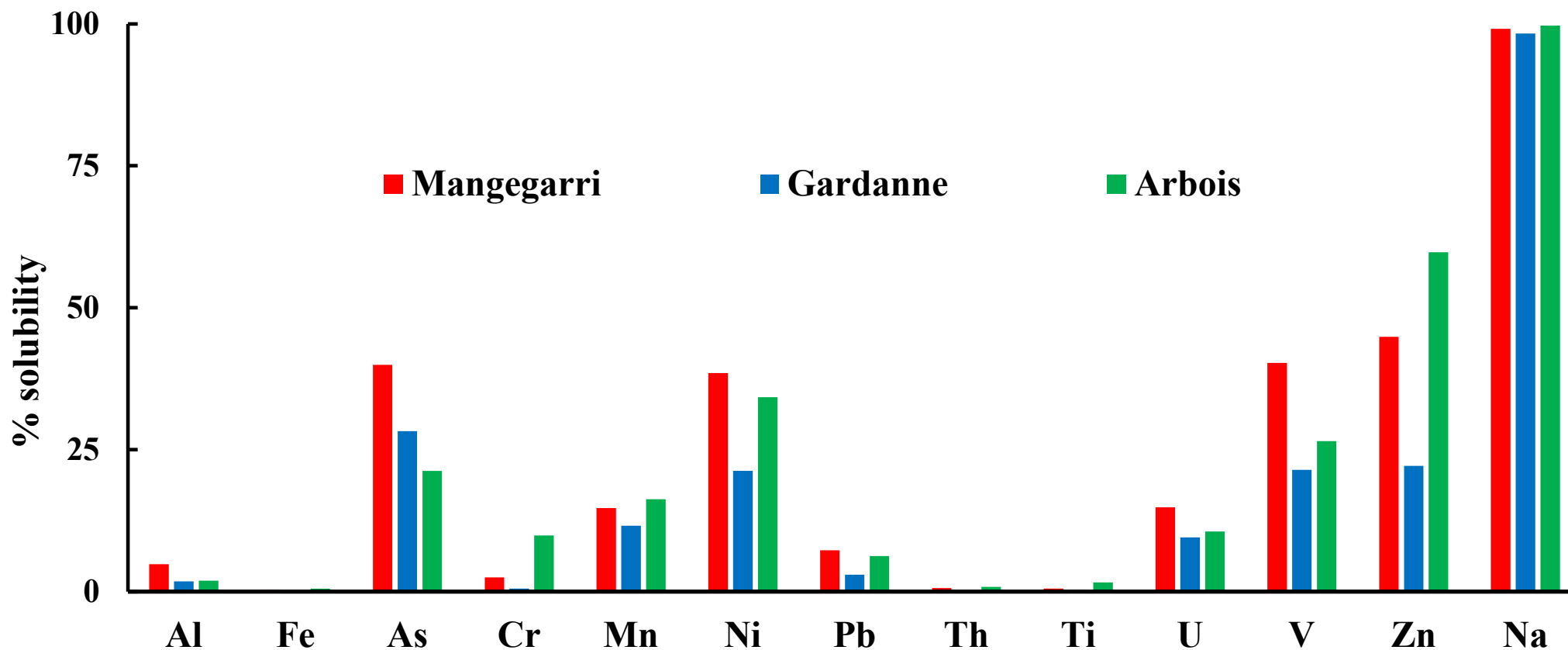


# Total flux of metals

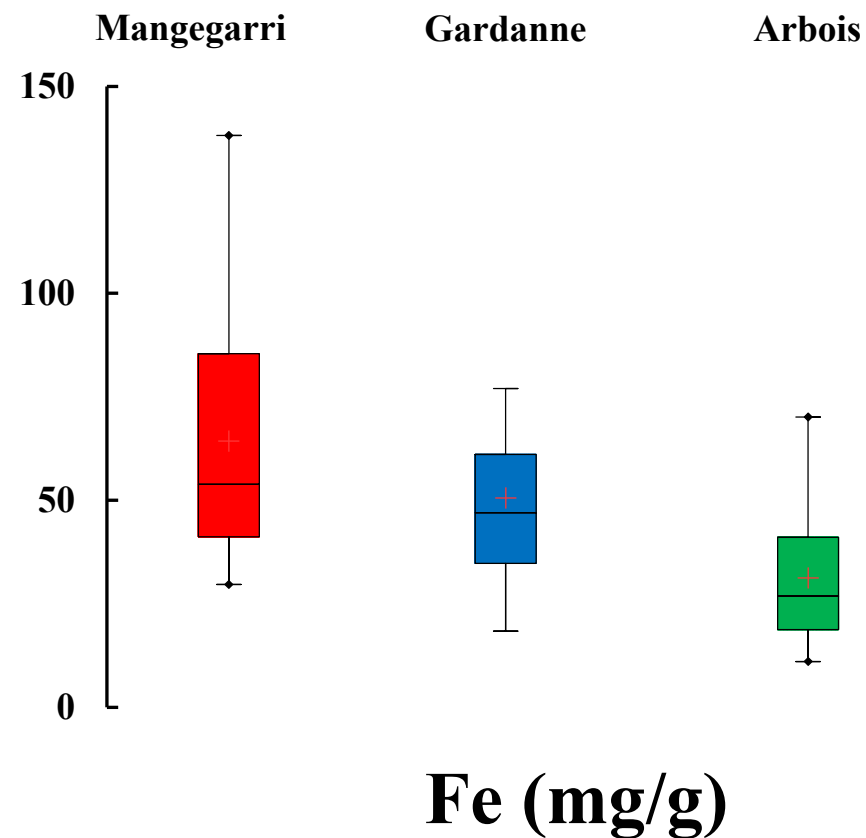
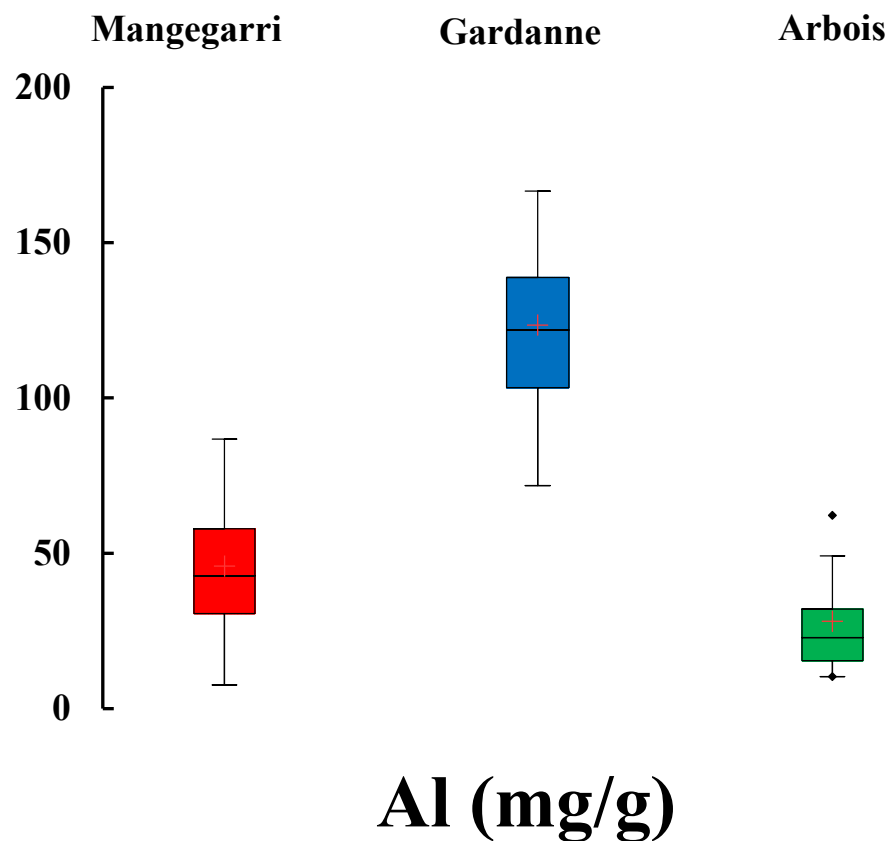




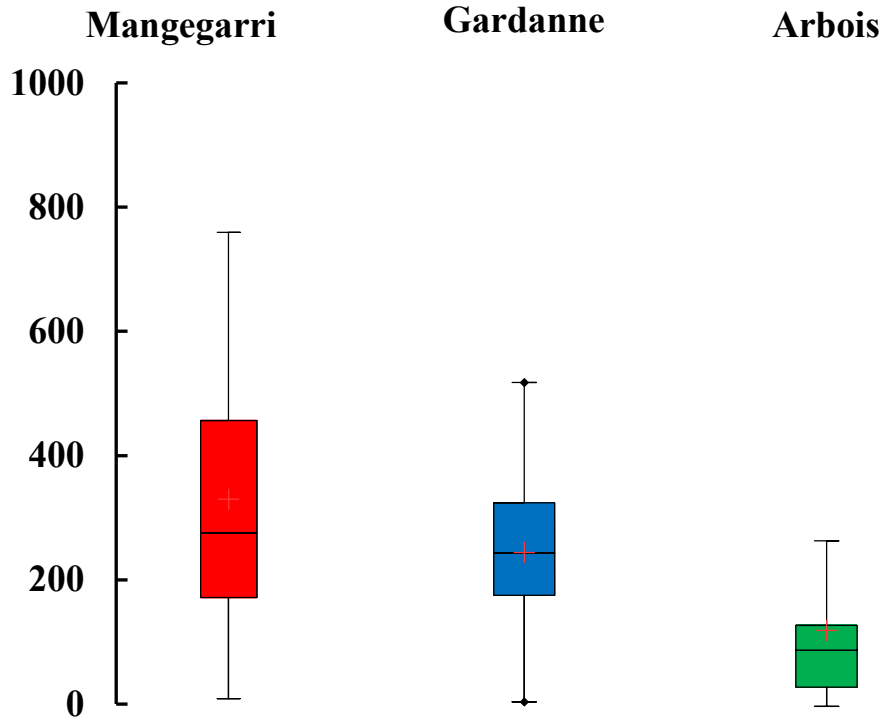
# Solubility of metals



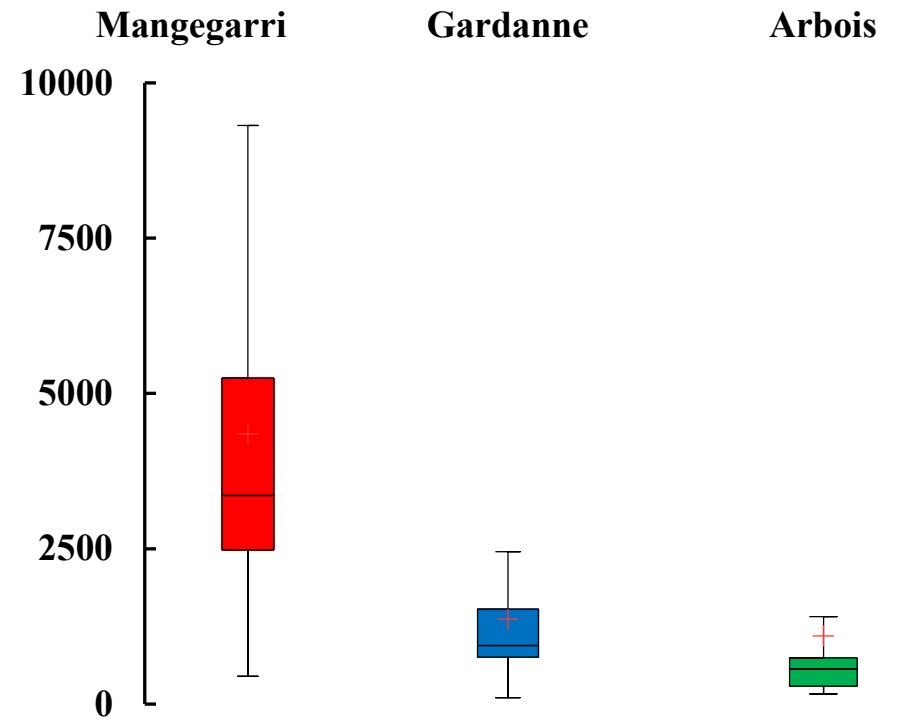
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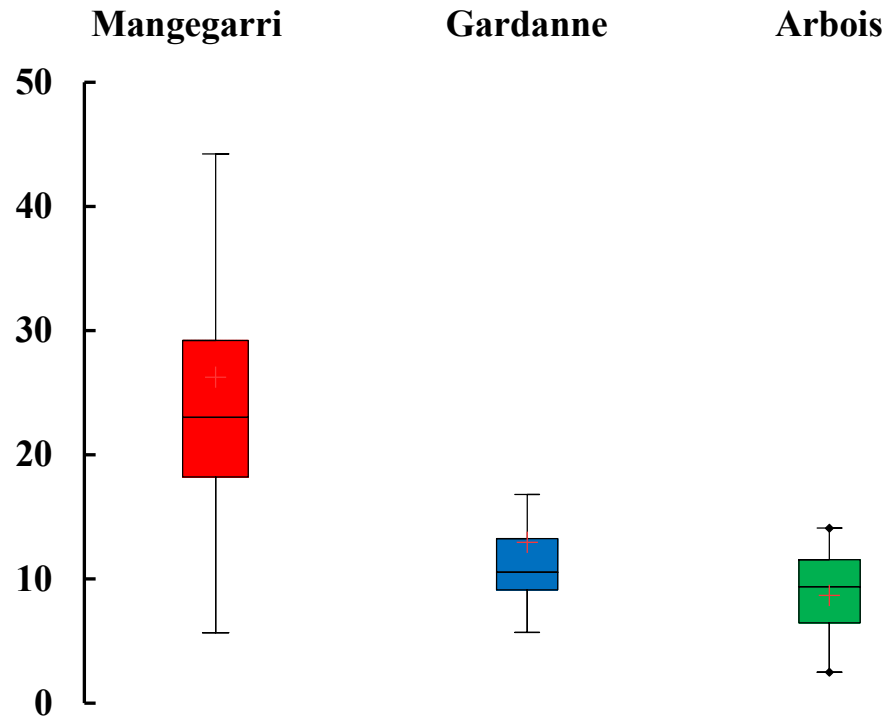
Cr (µg/g)



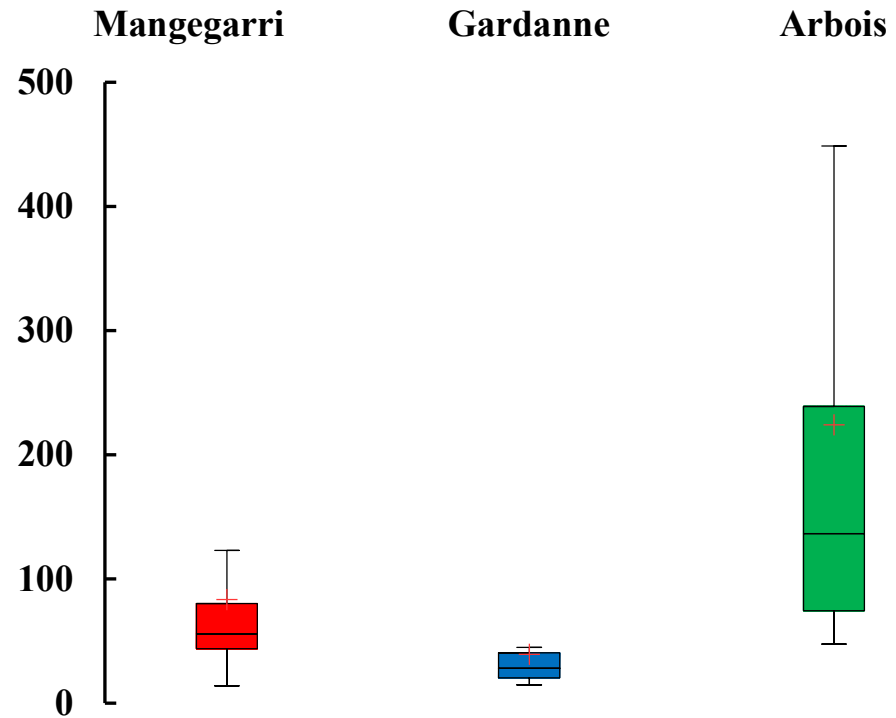
Ti (µg/g)



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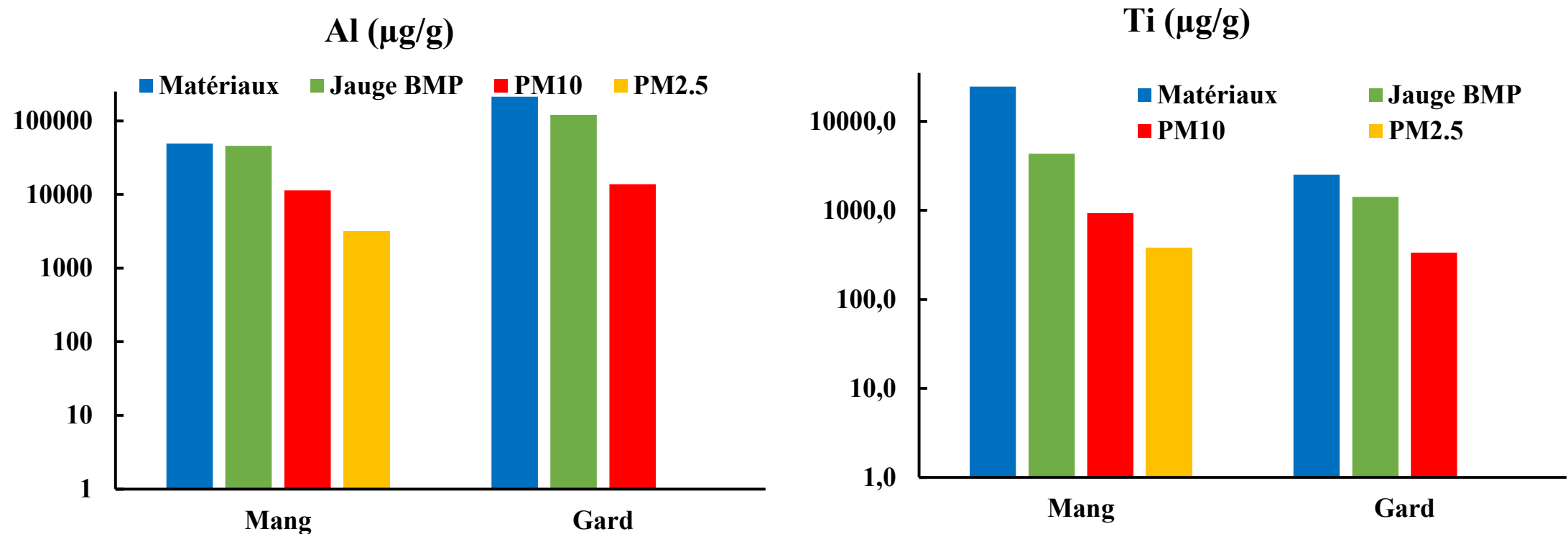
As ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )



Pb ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )

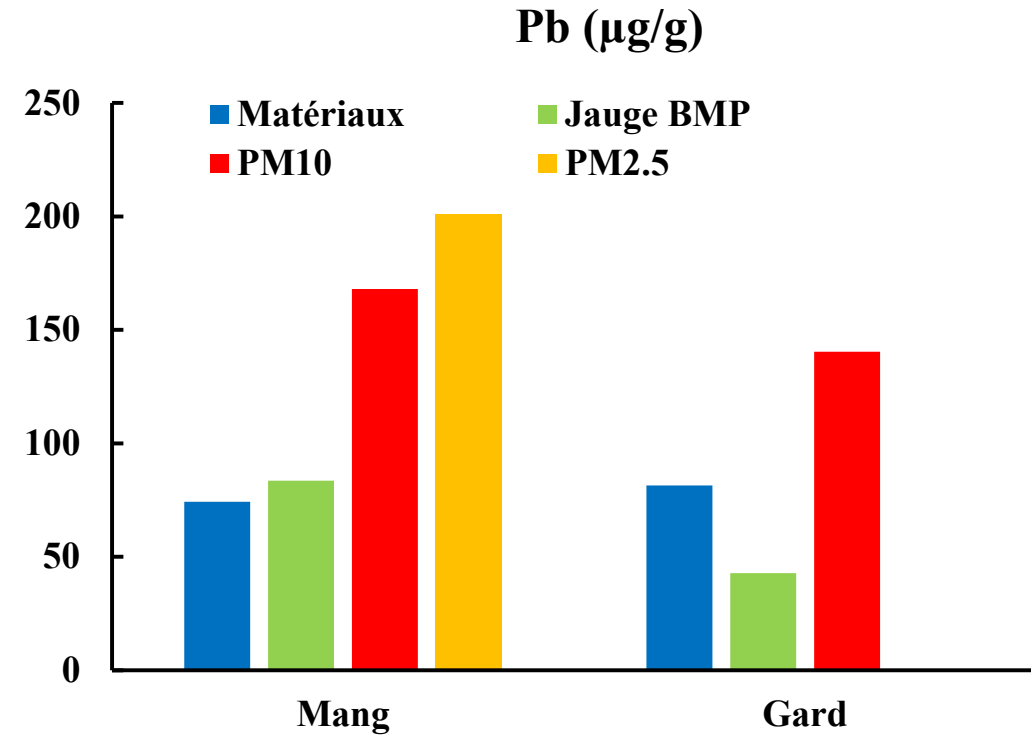
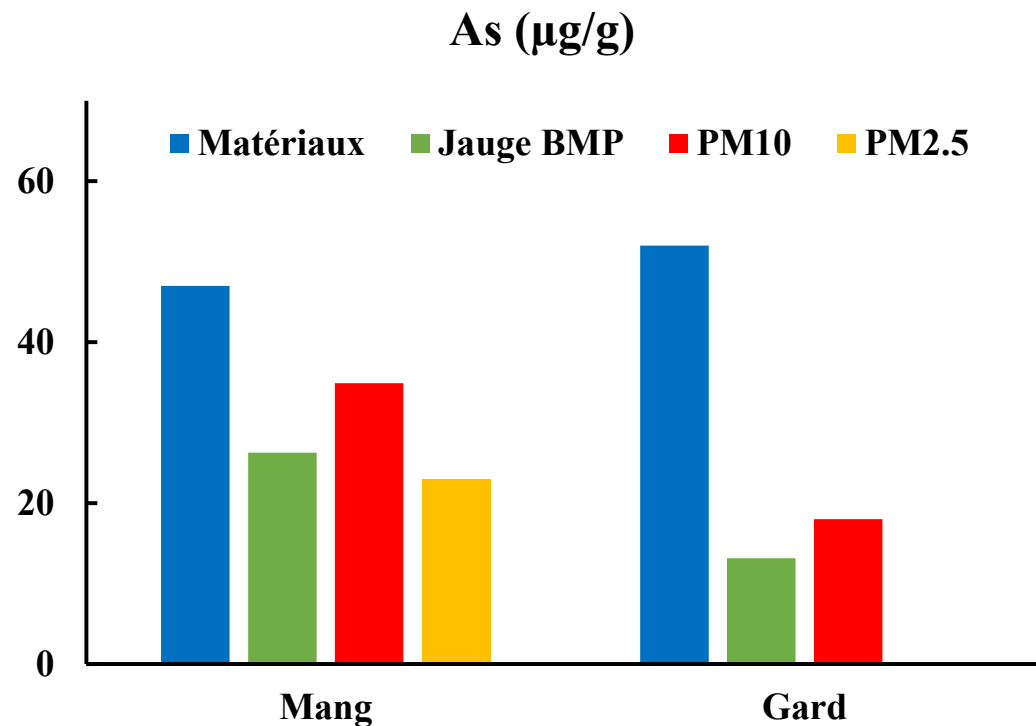


# Evolution of mass fraction with granulometry



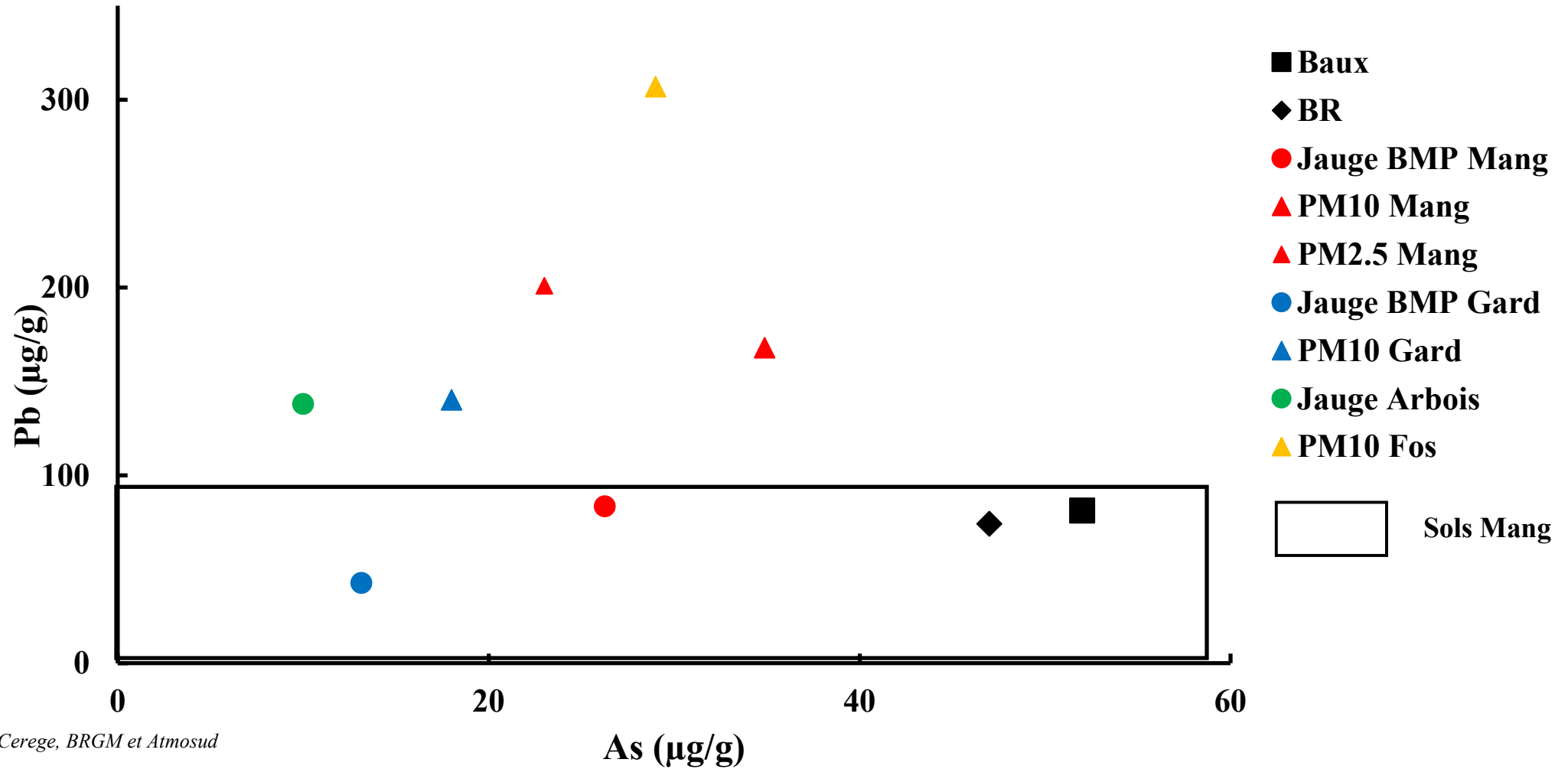
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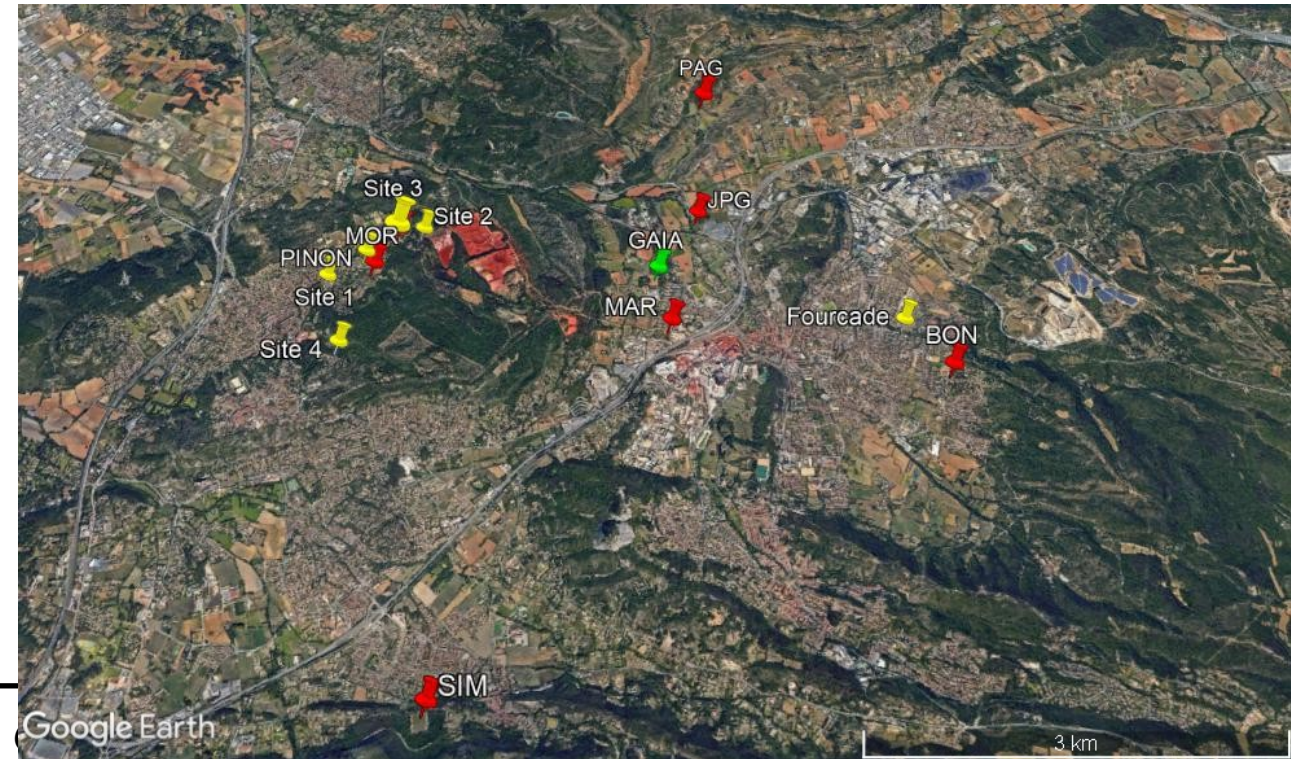
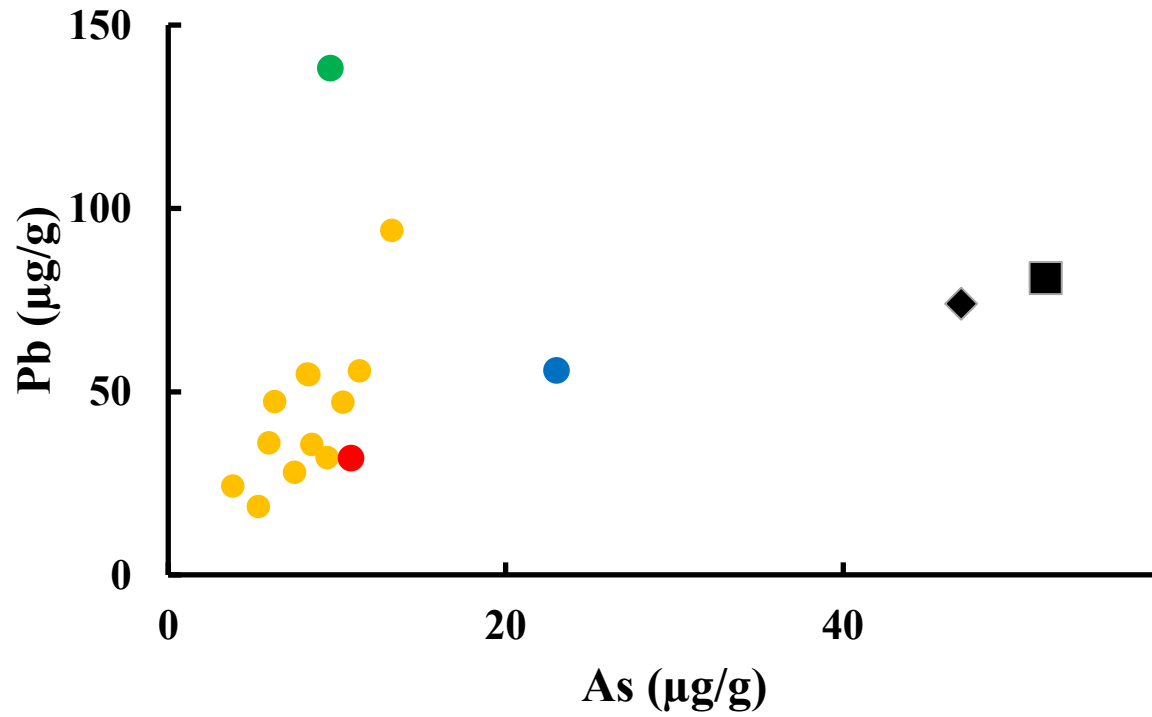


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# As and Pb source ?



# Conclusion

- **The atmospheric particulate contamination is lower around the storage site than around the factory.**
- **The atmospheric contamination by the storage is always present, even if the wind speed is low.**
- **The chemical composition of the dusts in the Garadanne city and around the storage site is not the same**
- **The mass fraction of the metals decrease with the particle granulometry, except for As and Pb → It doesn't mean that the toxicity of the finest particles is lower.**
- **The gastric bioaccessibility is often higher for the bauxite residues than for the bauxite → important for the health impact.**
- **There is no effect of the contamination on vegetables in the gardens around the Al-complex.**
- **It will be very interesting to survey the contamination evolution after the end of the "Bayer".**



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