



# Devenir des micropolluants issus du traffic routier dans un filtre planté de roseaux traitant les eaux de ruissellement - Importance des communautés microbiennes

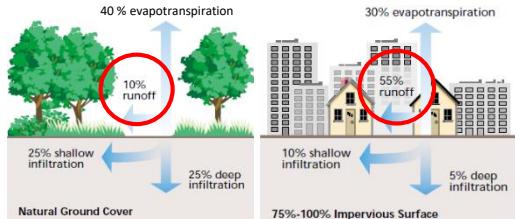
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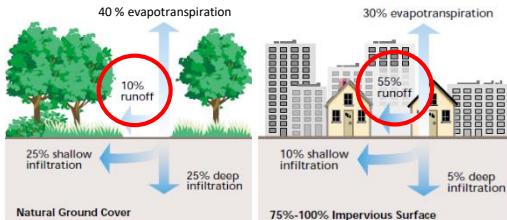
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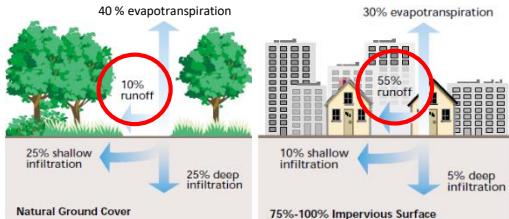
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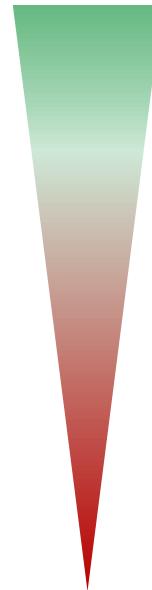
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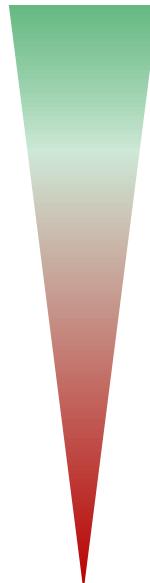
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- Fate of **emerging organic MP (AP, BPA, PAE)**
  - Characterization of **microbial communities** and their **roles** in the filter

➔ **No data in Reed Bed Filter** (few in other types of filtration systems)

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## Context: European LIFE ADSORB Project



LIFE17 ENV/FR/000398

Life Adsorb



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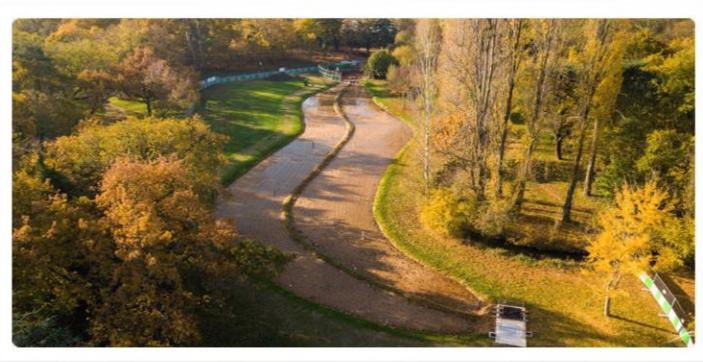


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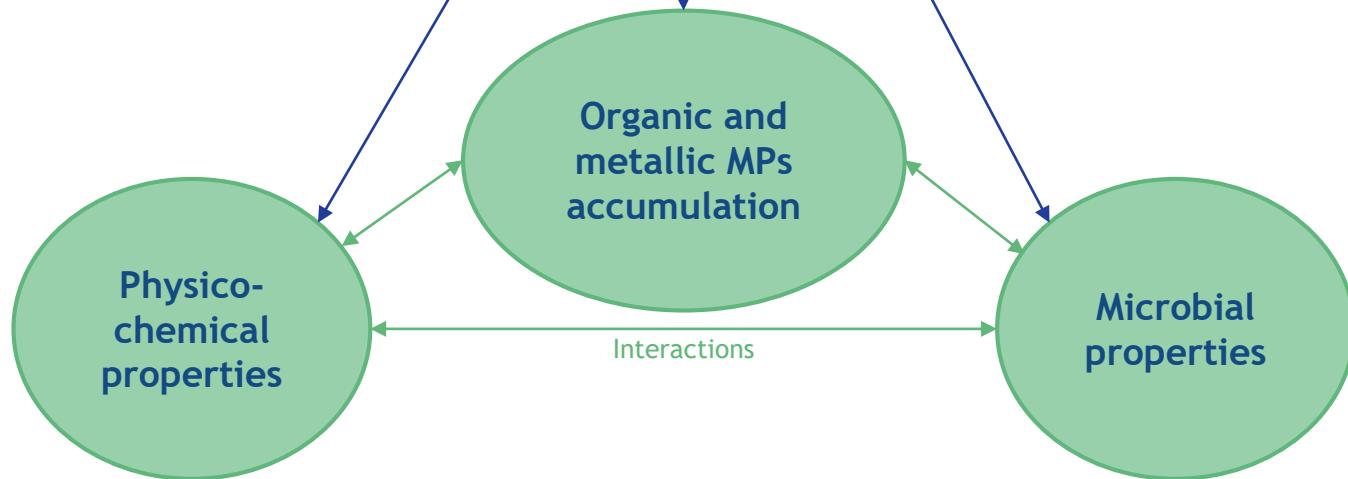
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Better understand processes involved during filtration  
→ Fate of organic and metallic MPs

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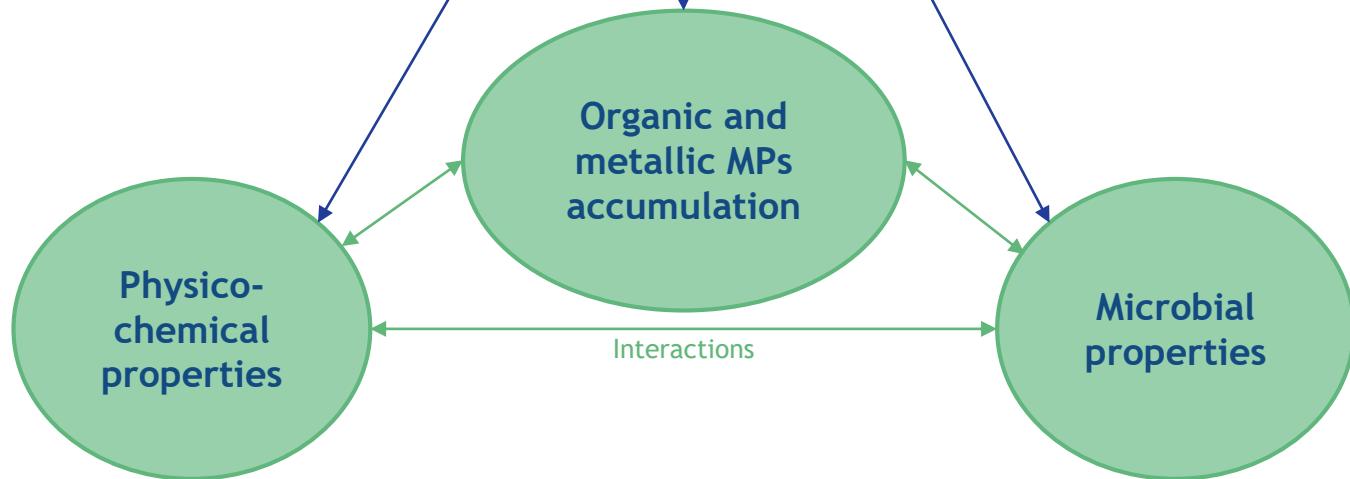
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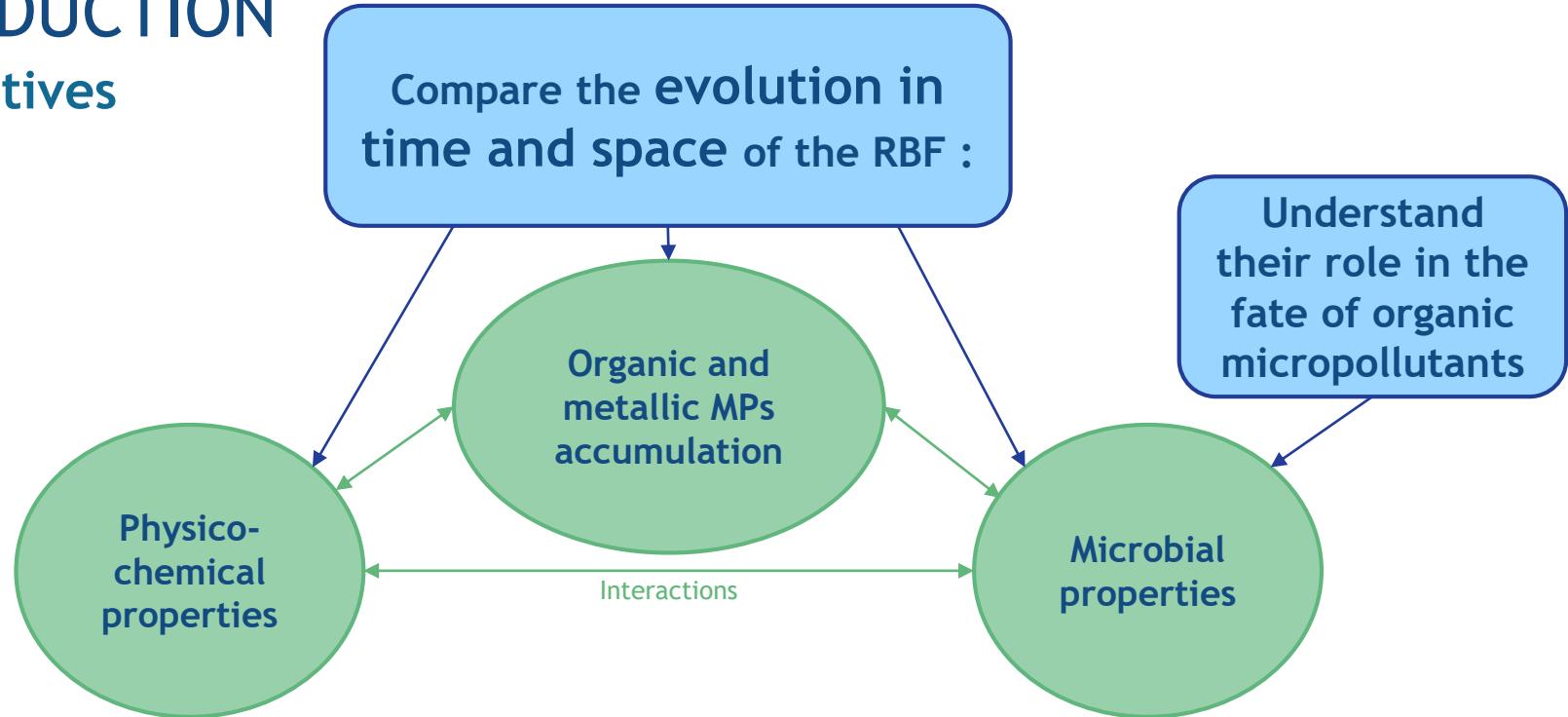
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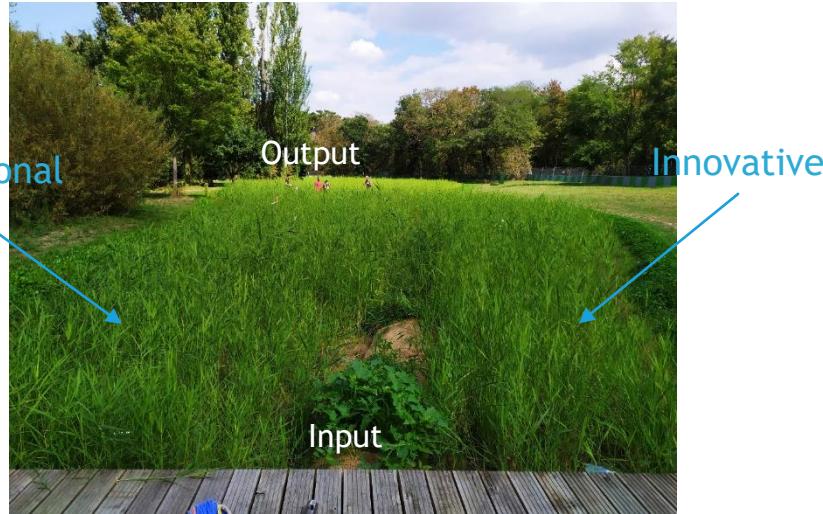


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# METHODOLOGY

## 1- The vertical reed bed filter (RBF)

*The RBF in September 2020*



Runoff water :  
Parisian west ring road  
(+ groundwater)

*In September 2021*



*In October 2022*



Bois de Boulogne Park  
RBF



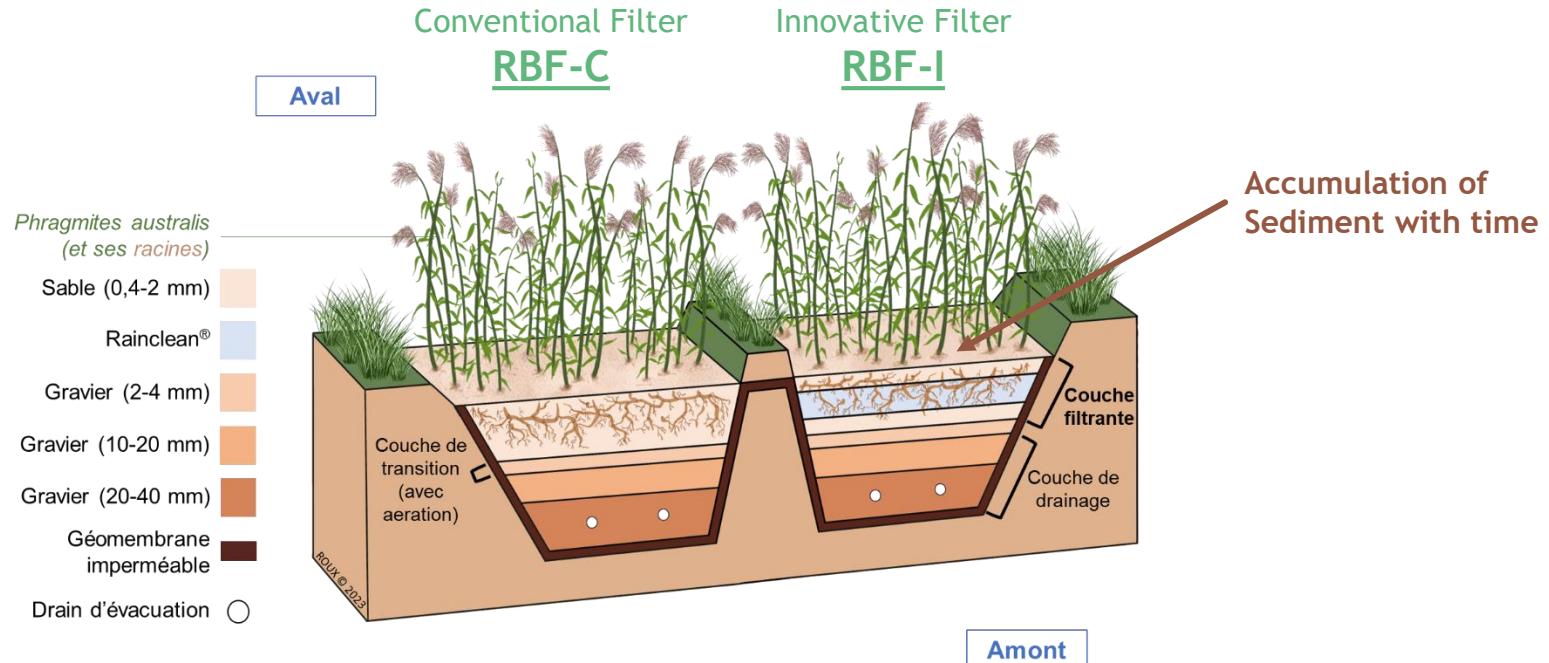
*Localisation of the RBF*

- ~600 m<sup>2</sup> each
- 1 m deep

- Fed upstream alternatively
- Since february 2021

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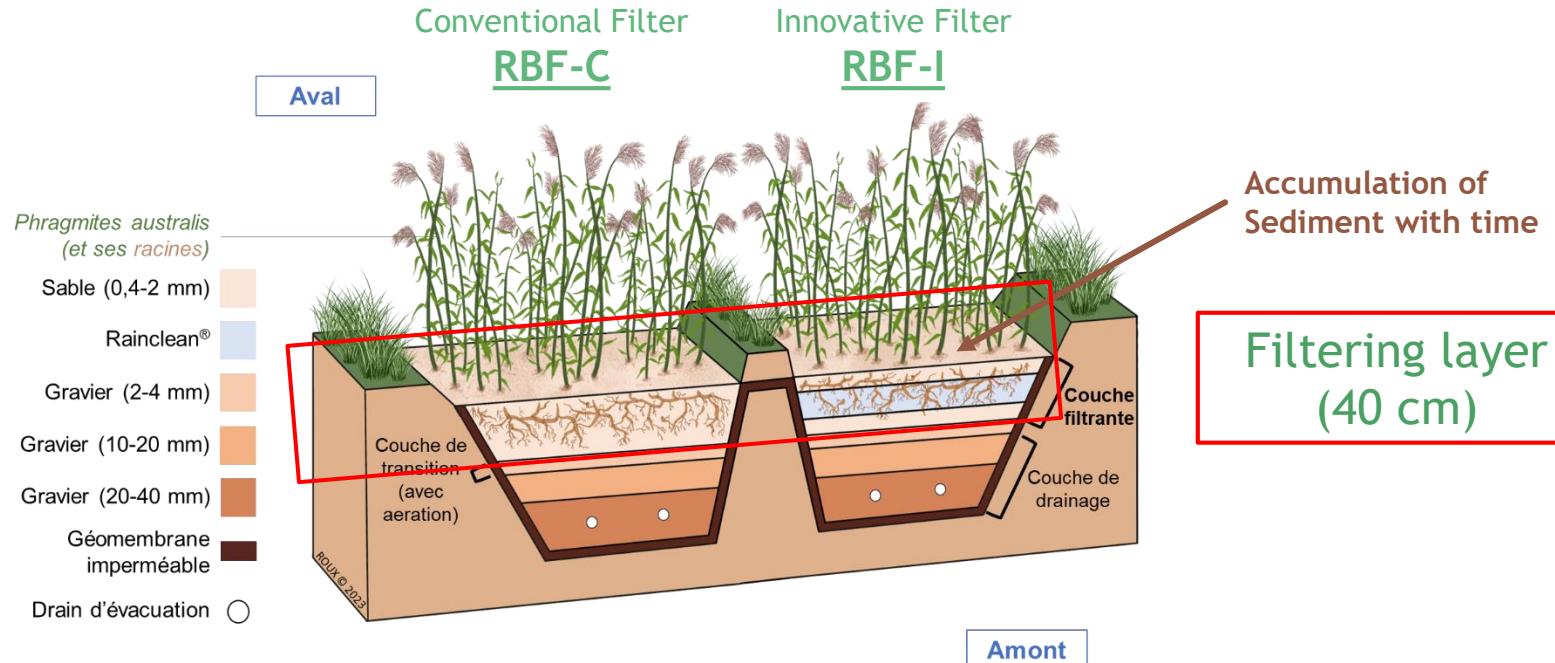
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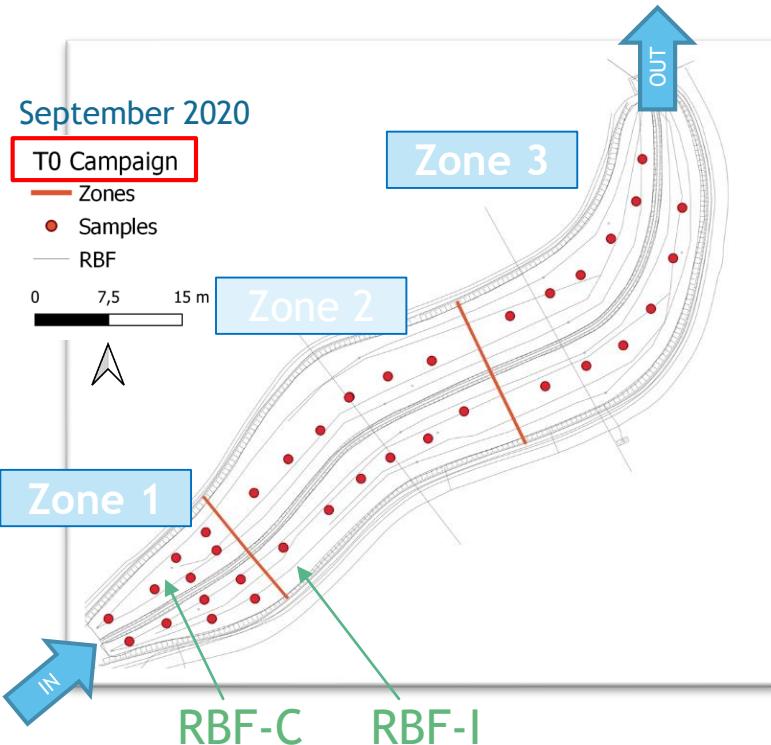


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September 2021

T1 Campaign

Zones

● Samples

T0 Campaign

● Samples

RBF

0

7,5

15 m



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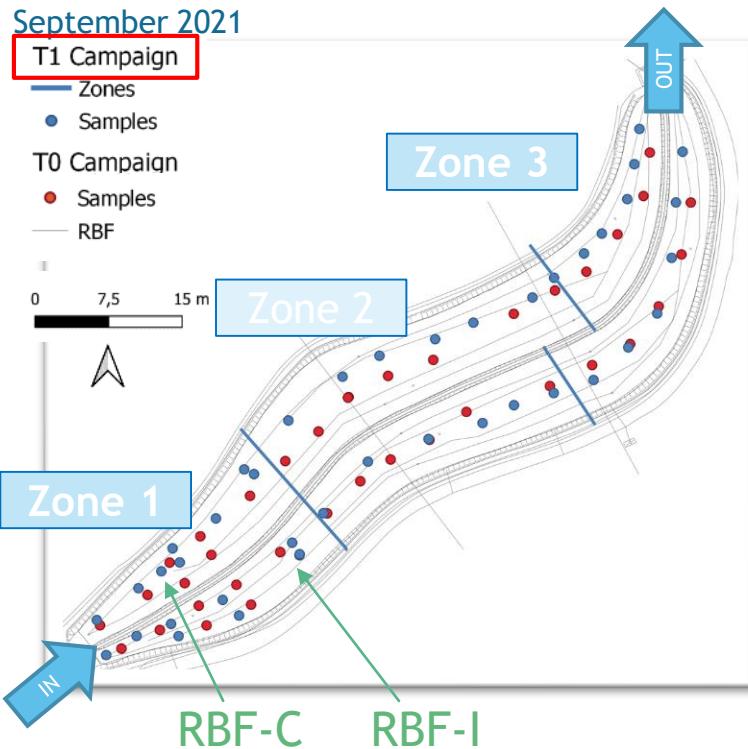
Zone 2

OUT

RBF-C

RBF-I

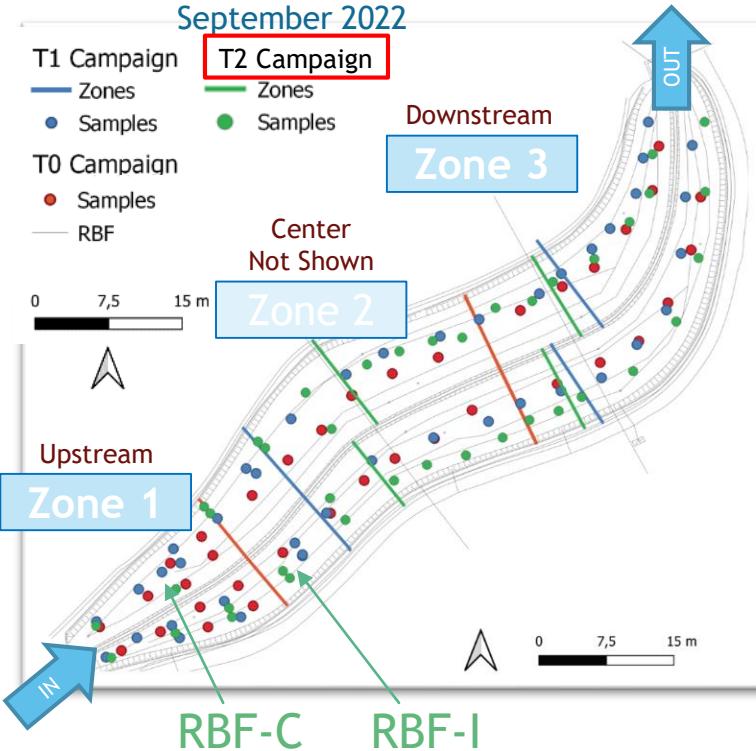
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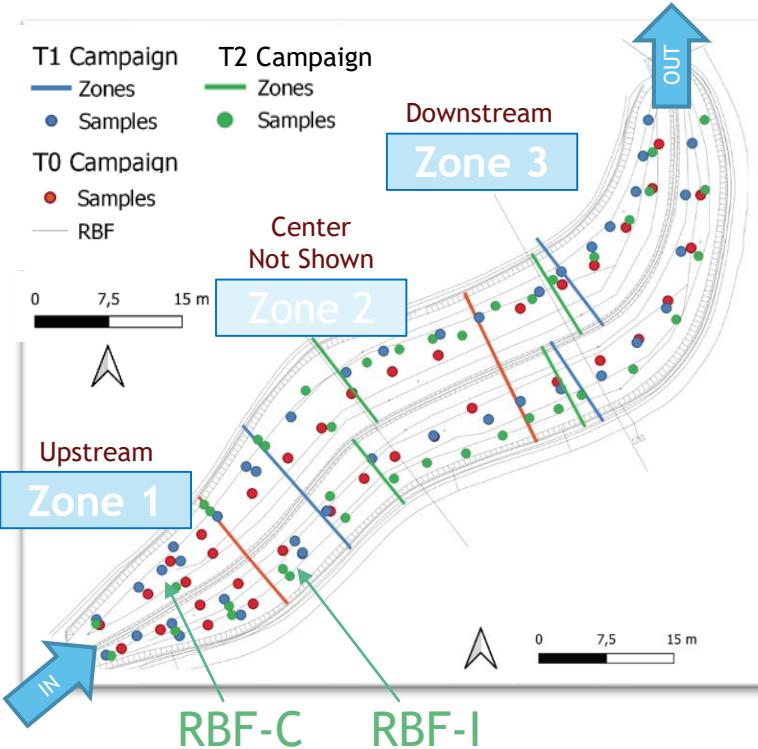
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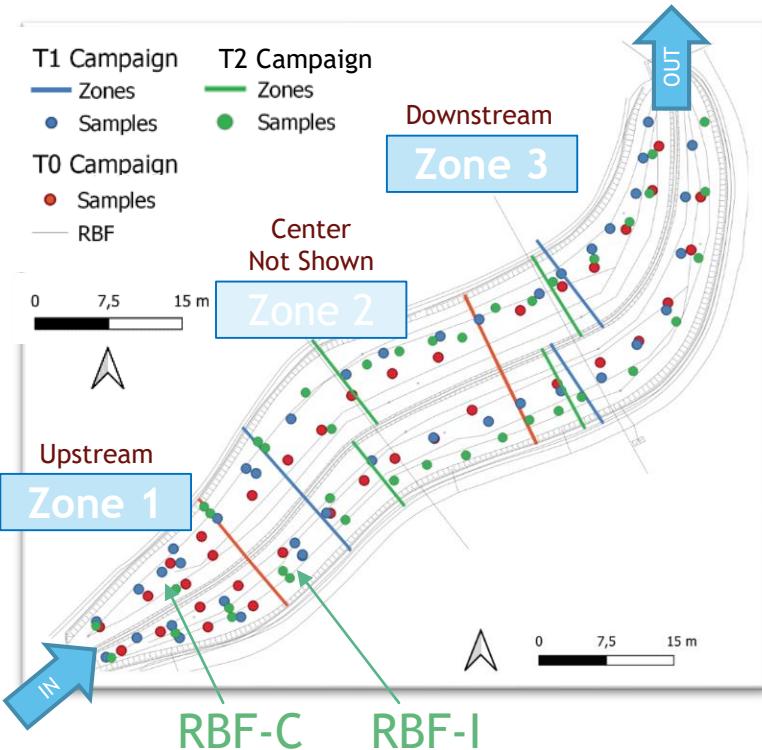


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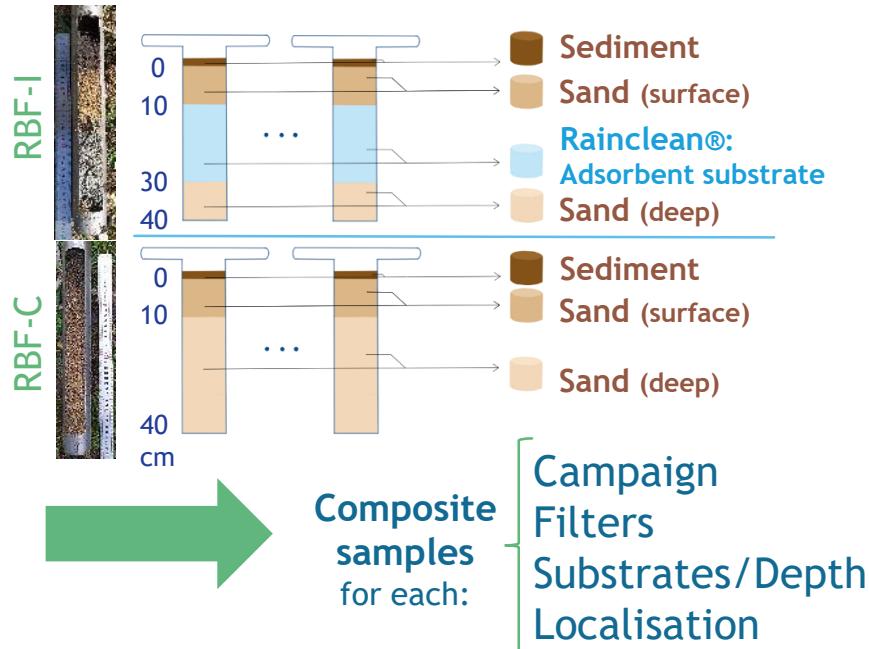
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3 samples = 1 core sample

6 to 8 cores/zone



The different substrates



Sediment



Surface sand



Rainclean



Deep sand

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### Substrates physico-chemistry :

pH, CEC, particule size distribution, TOC, N, CaCO<sub>3</sub> ...



### Substrates microbial communities

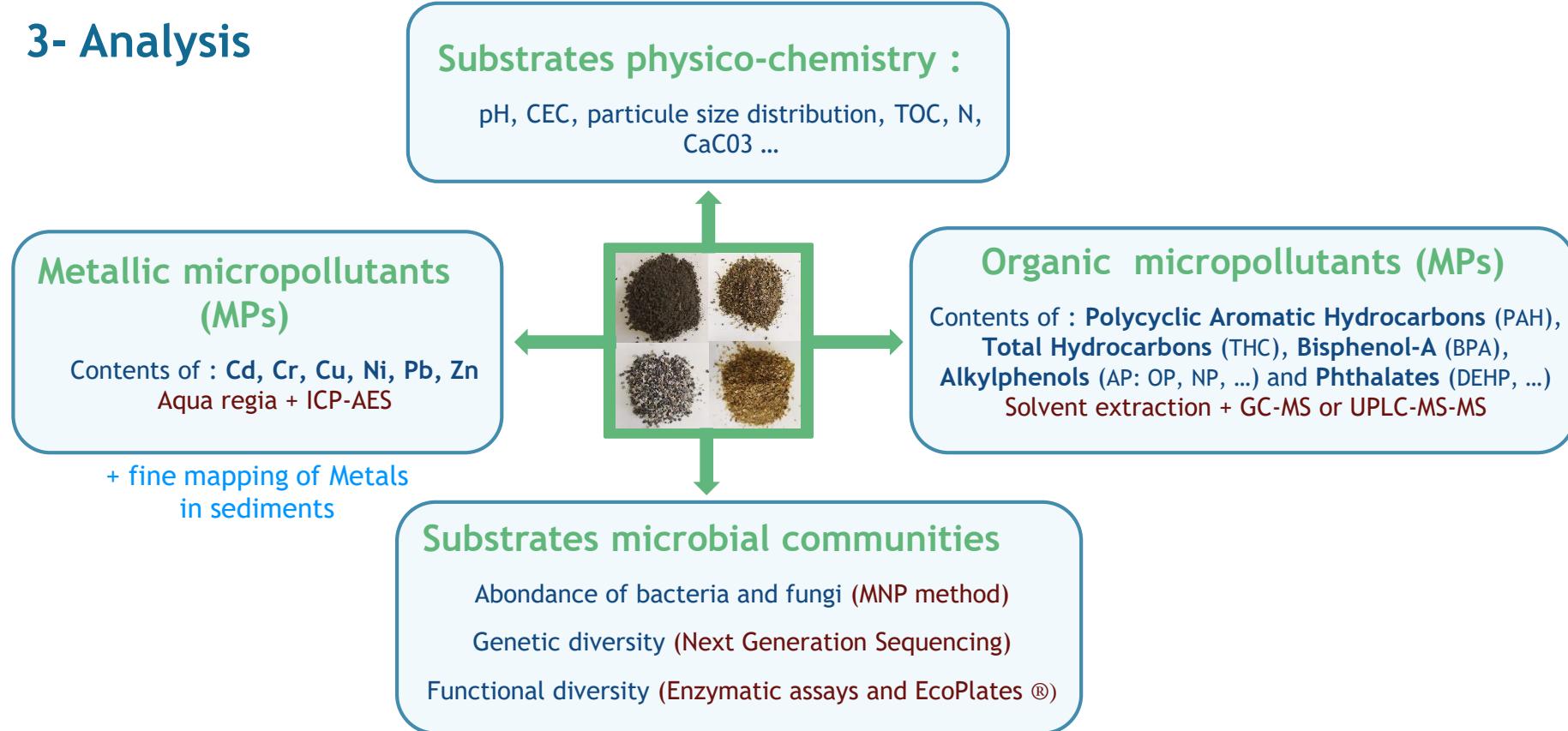
Abondance of bacteria and fungi (MNP method)

Genetic diversity (Next Generation Sequencing)

Functional diversity (Enzymatic assays and EcoPlates®)

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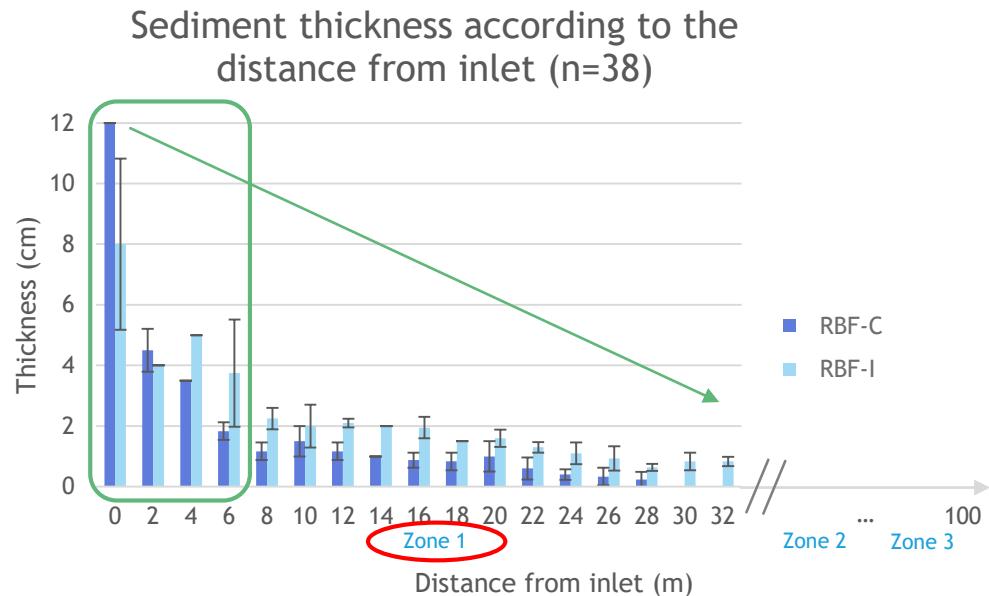


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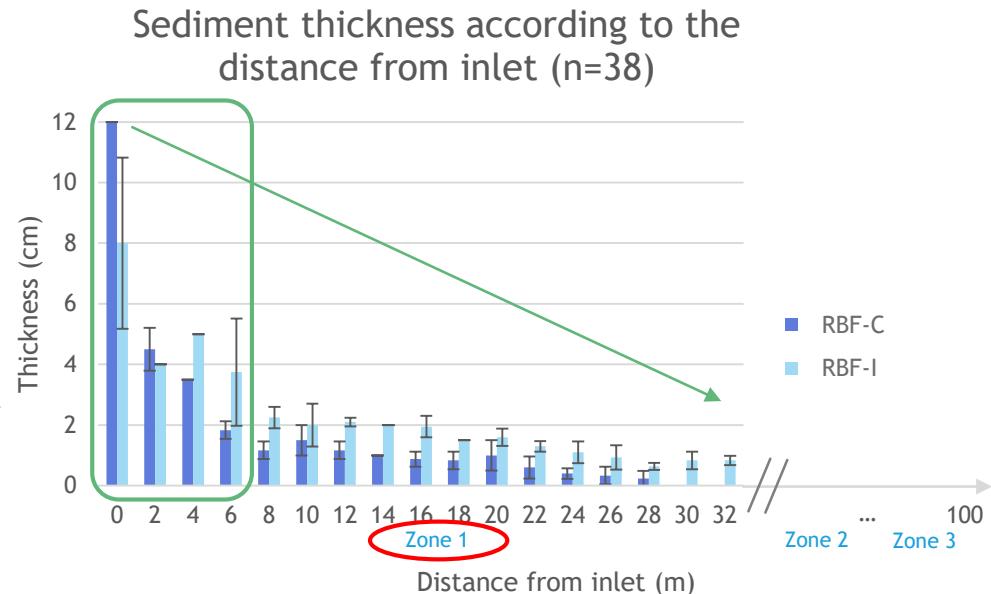
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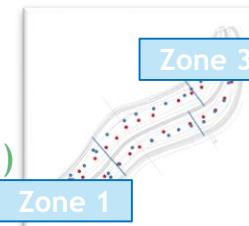
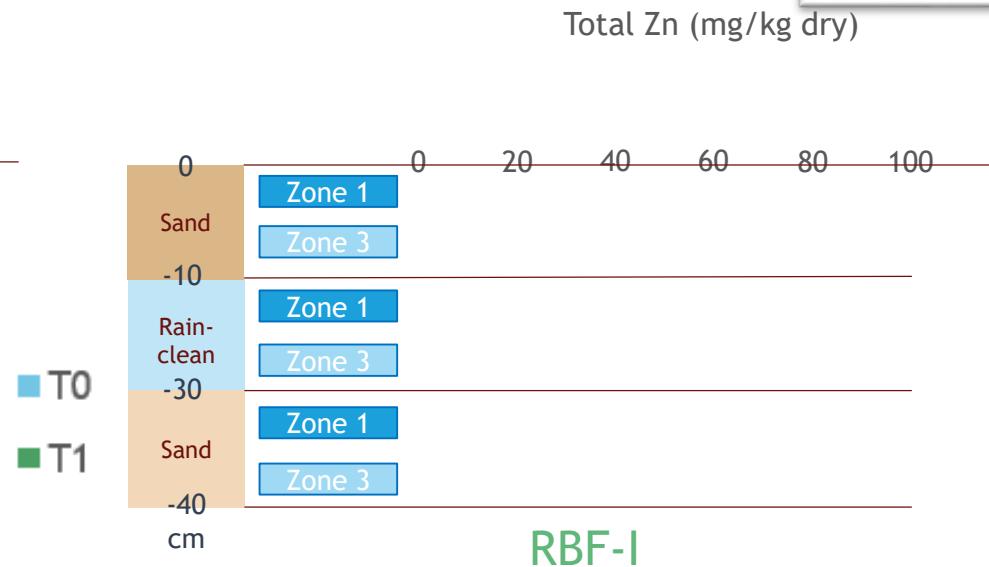
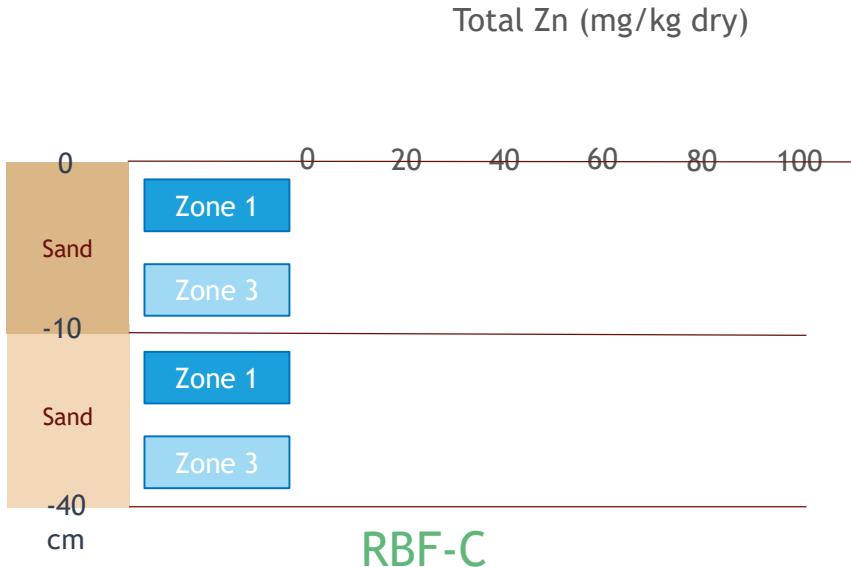
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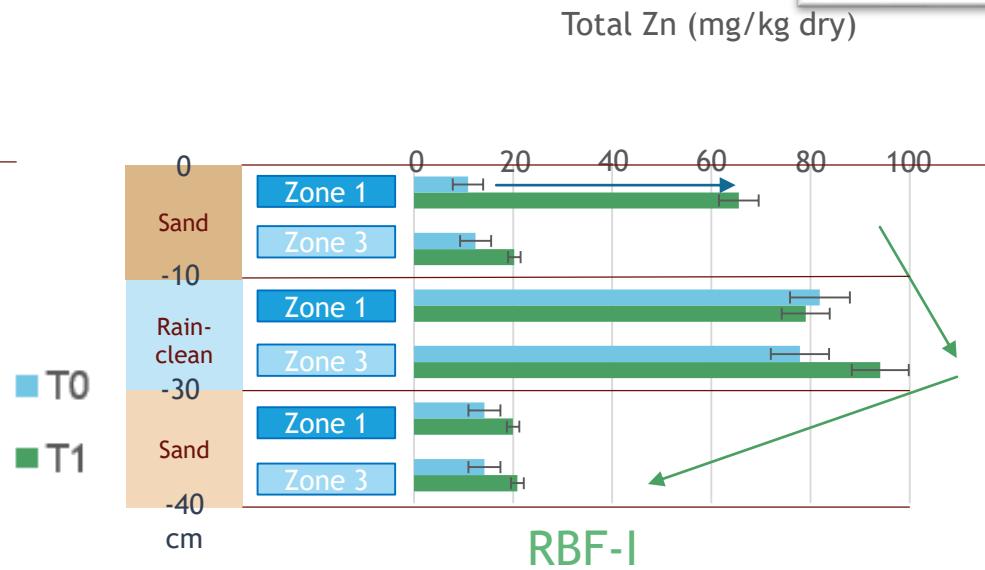
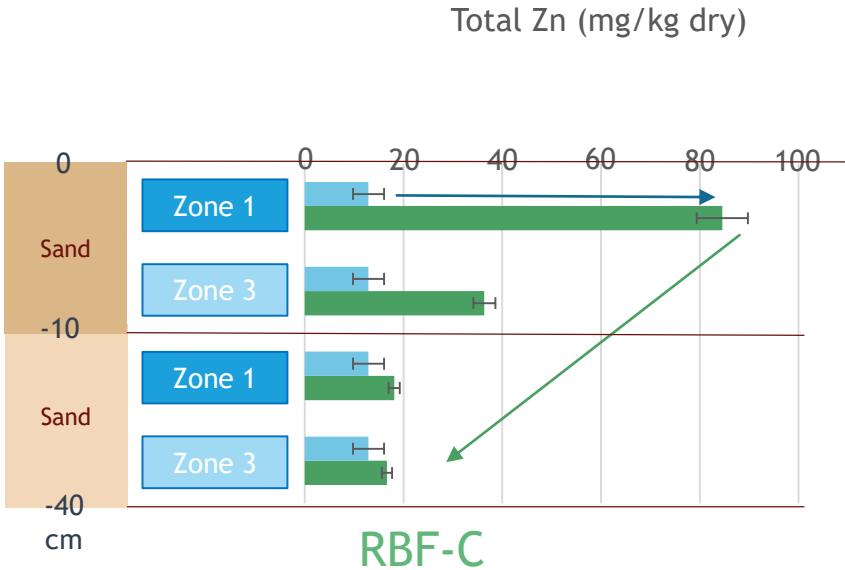
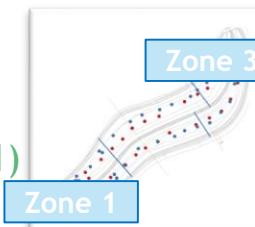
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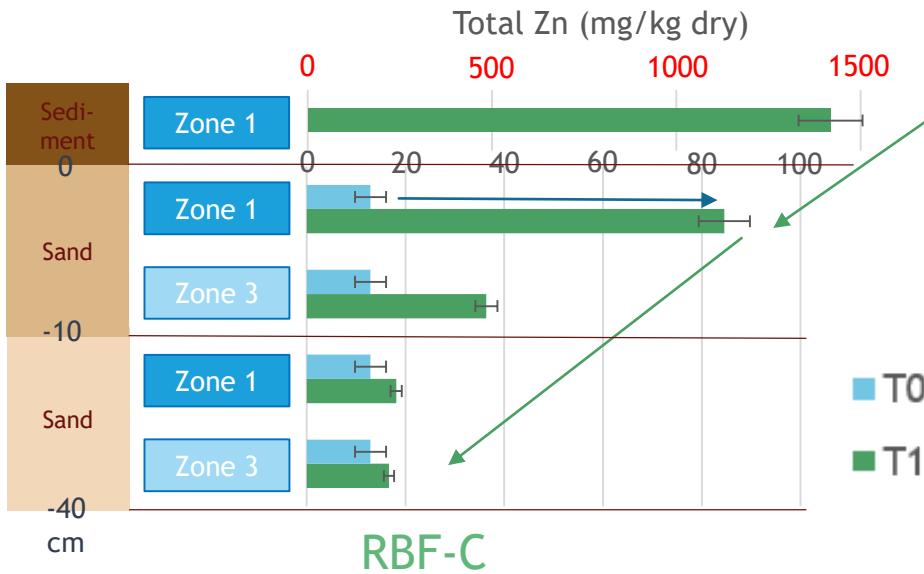
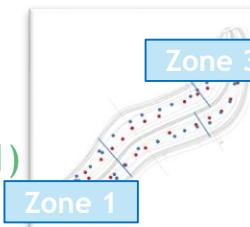
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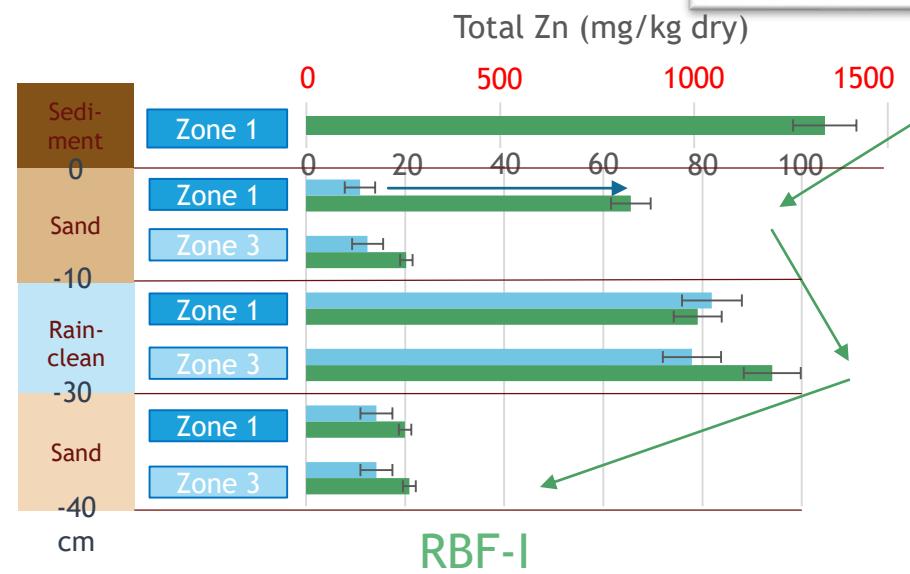


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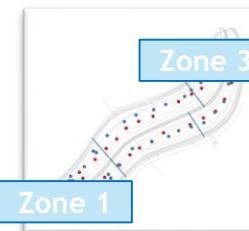
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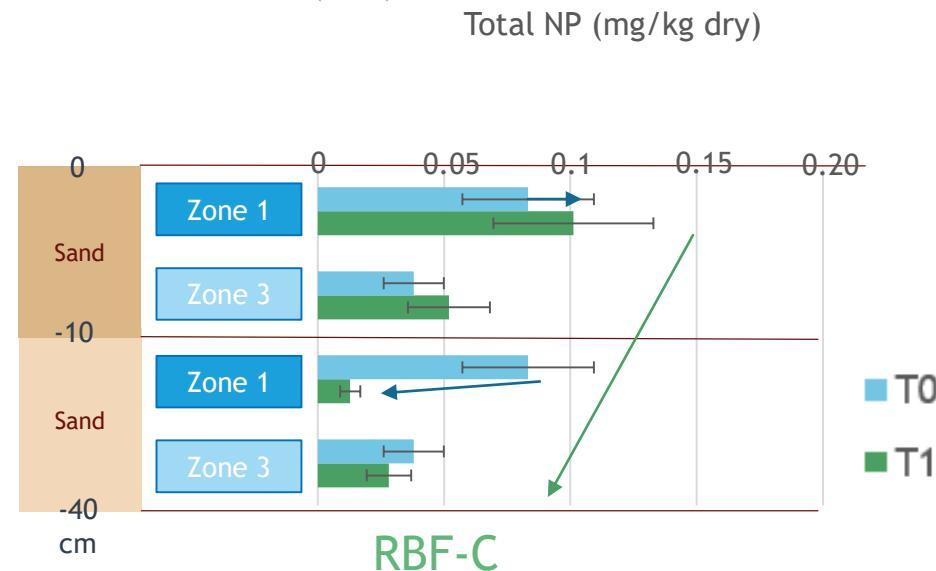


**Sediment :** majority of metals  
→ 17 to 20 time more than surface sand

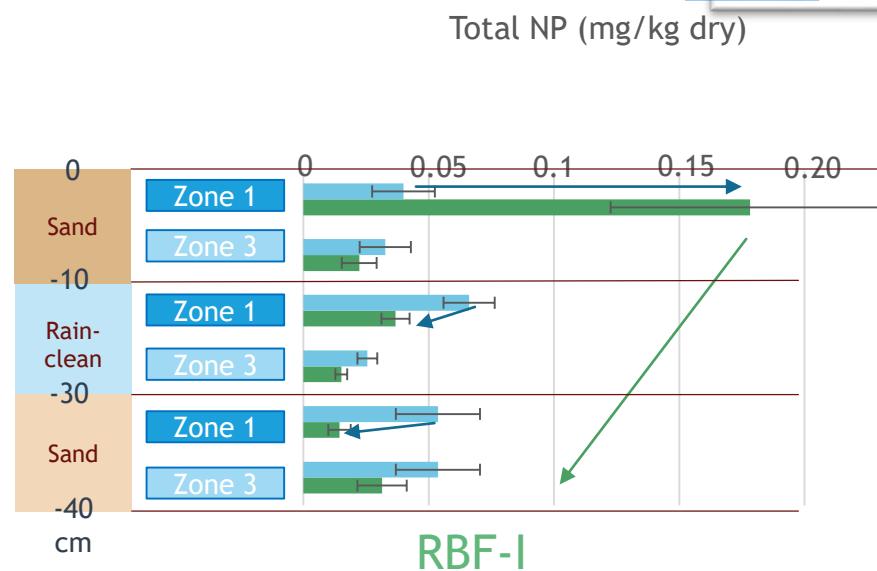
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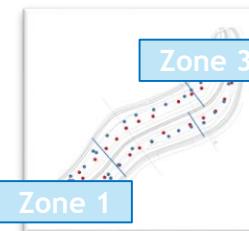
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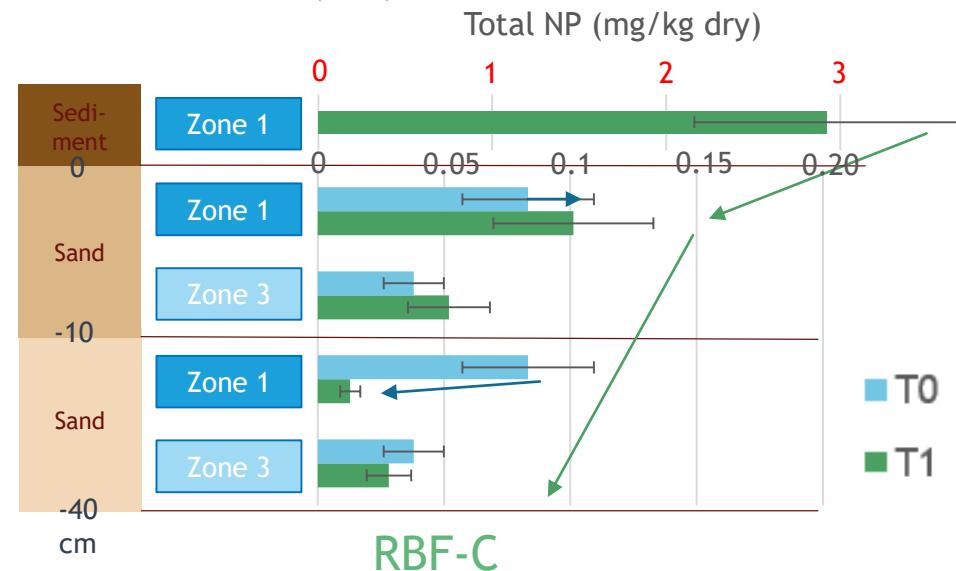
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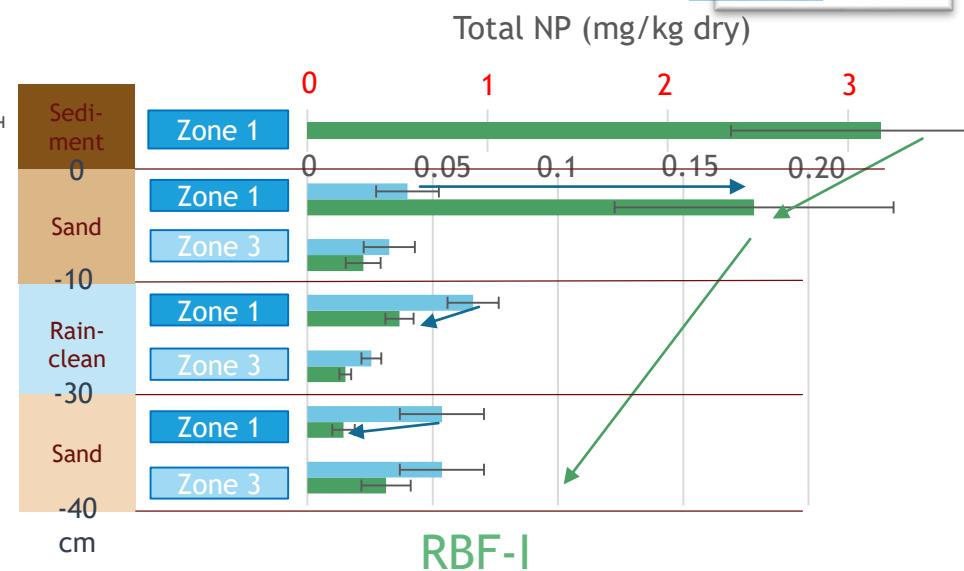


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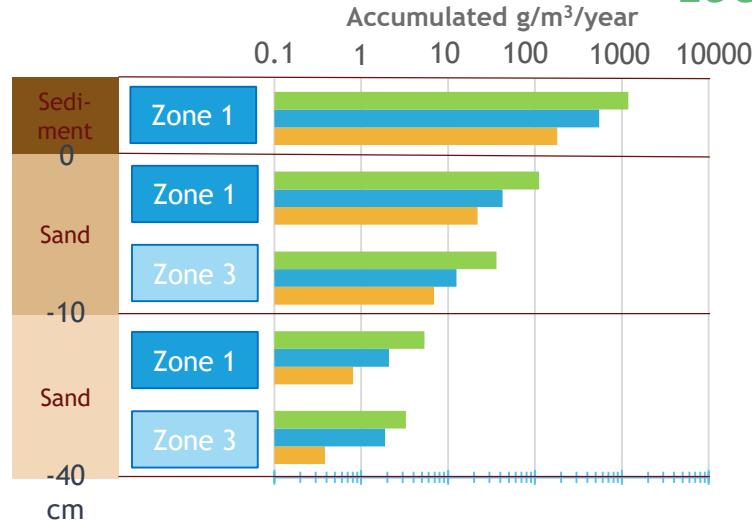
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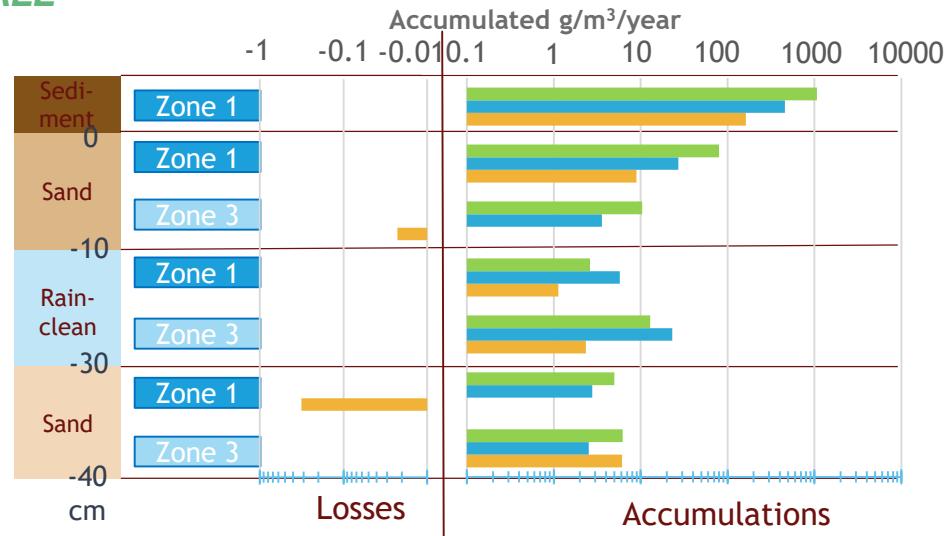
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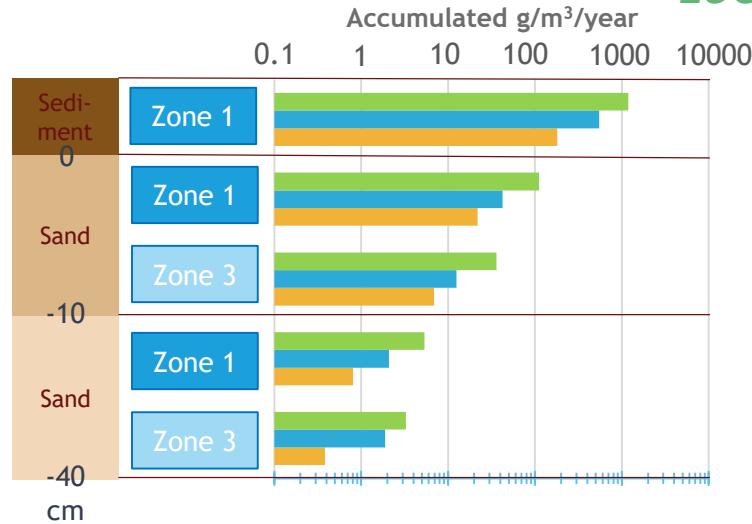


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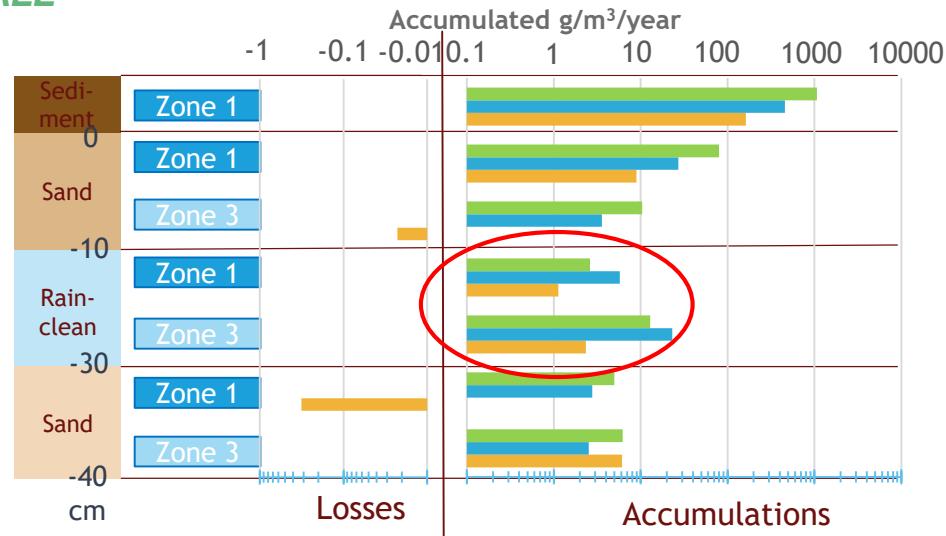
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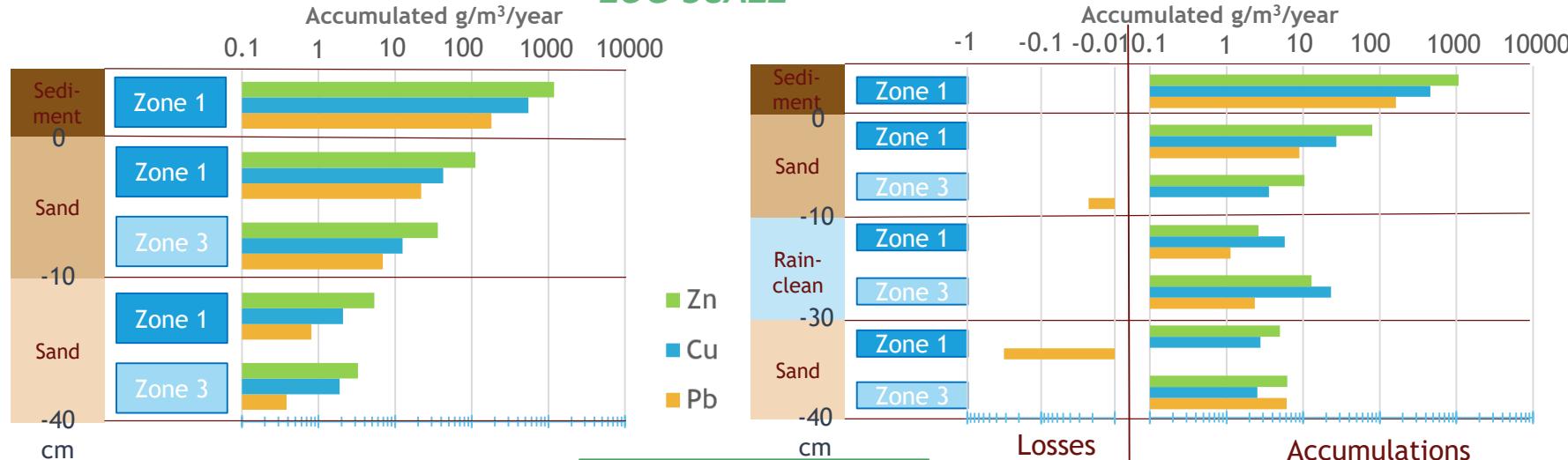


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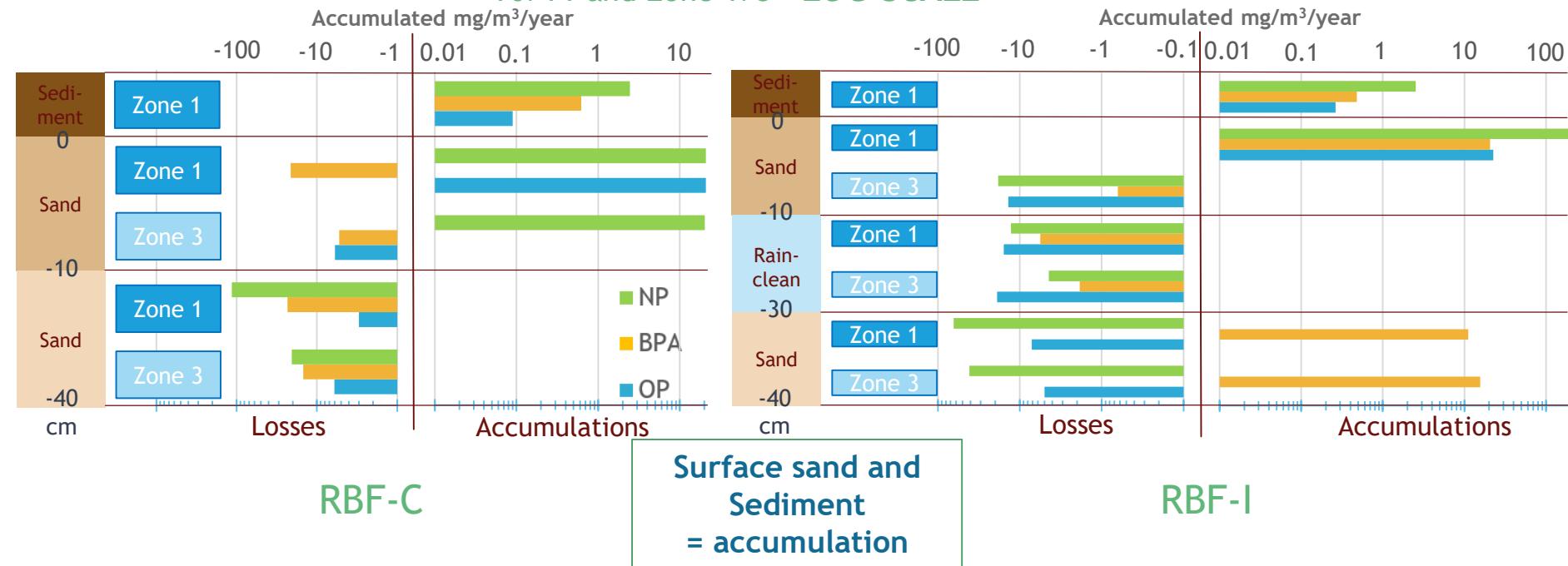
**Sediment :**  
**1% volume**  
**35-45% contribution**

**RBF-C > RBF-I**

RBF-I → Cu: 1,74 g/m<sup>2</sup>/y  
Pb: 0,57 g/m<sup>2</sup>/y  
Zn : 3,21 g/m<sup>2</sup>/y

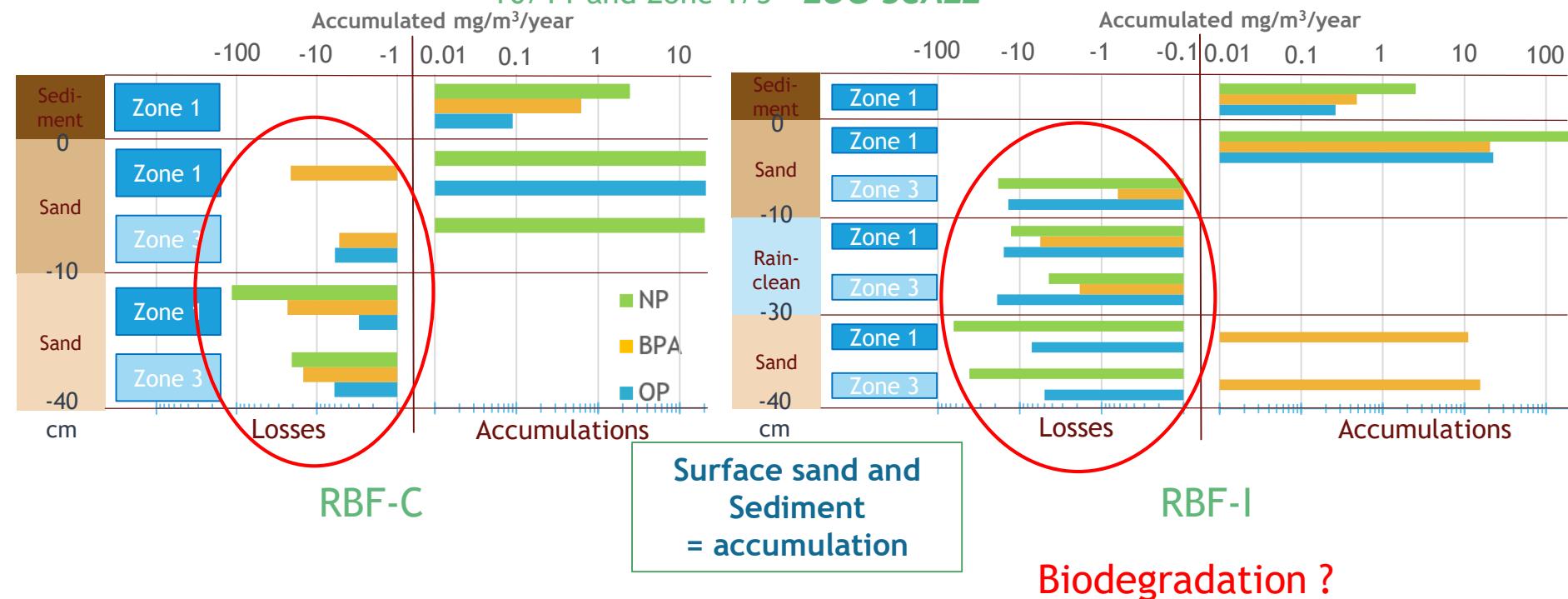
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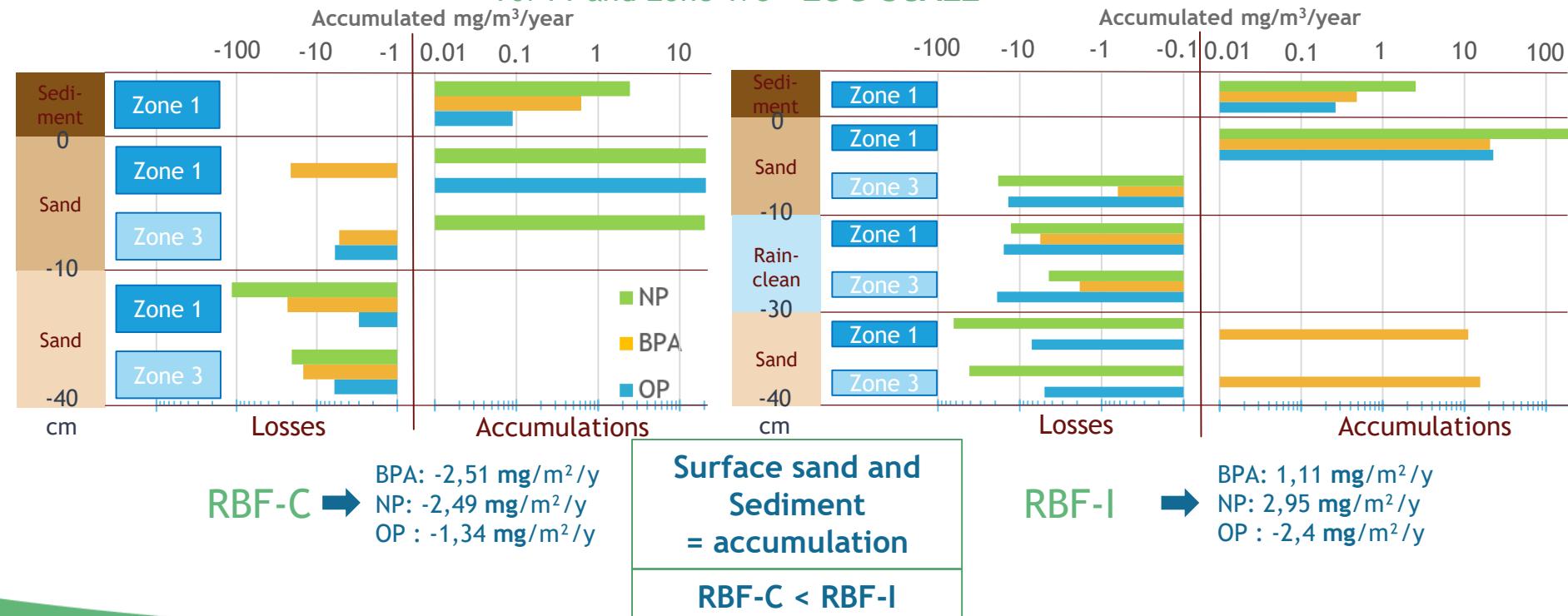
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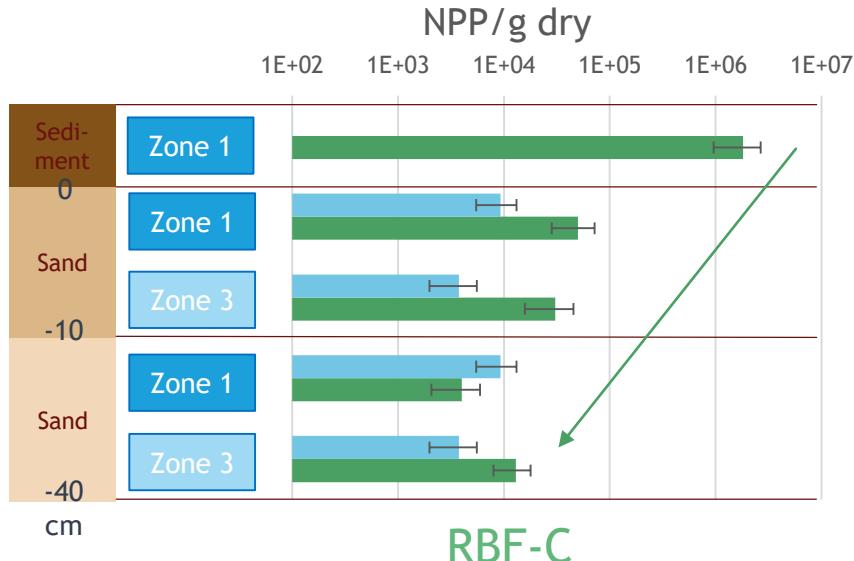
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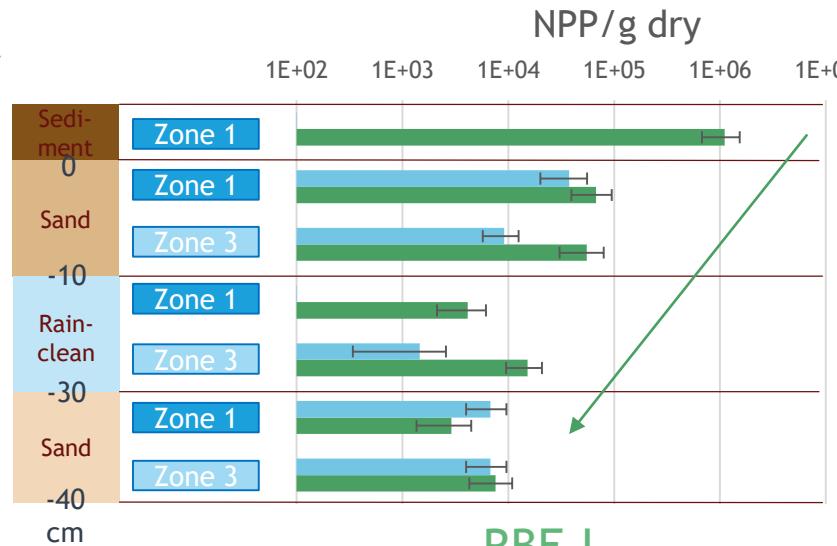


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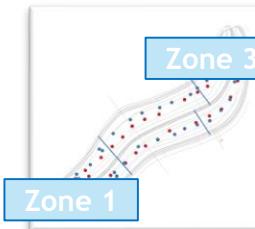
- ▶ Abundance: Evolution of **bacterial biomass** (NPP/g dry) between T0/T1 and Zone 1/3 (n=3) - LOG SCALE



**RBF-C**  
T0 < T1 → Colonization  
Horizontal: zone 1 > zone 3  
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**RBF-I**  
Sediment : most organic substrate  
→ Higher abundance

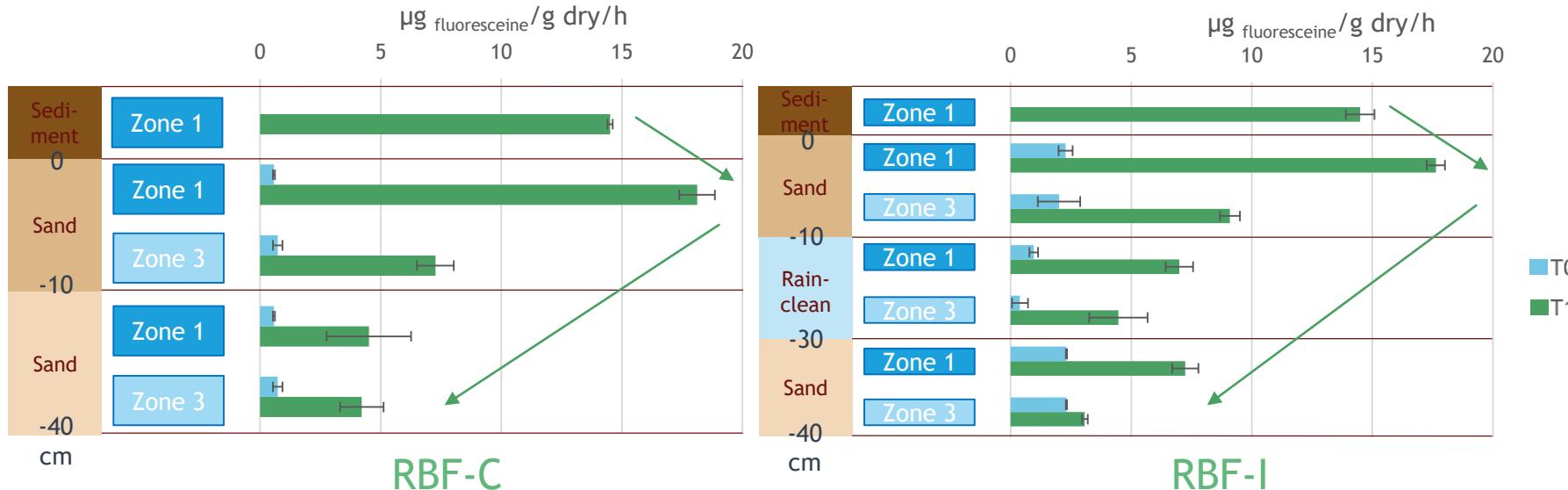
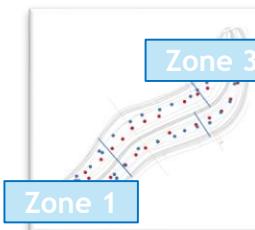


Zone 3

Zone 1

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► Function: Evolution of global enzymatic activity (GEA) between T0/T1 and Zone 1/3 (n=3)



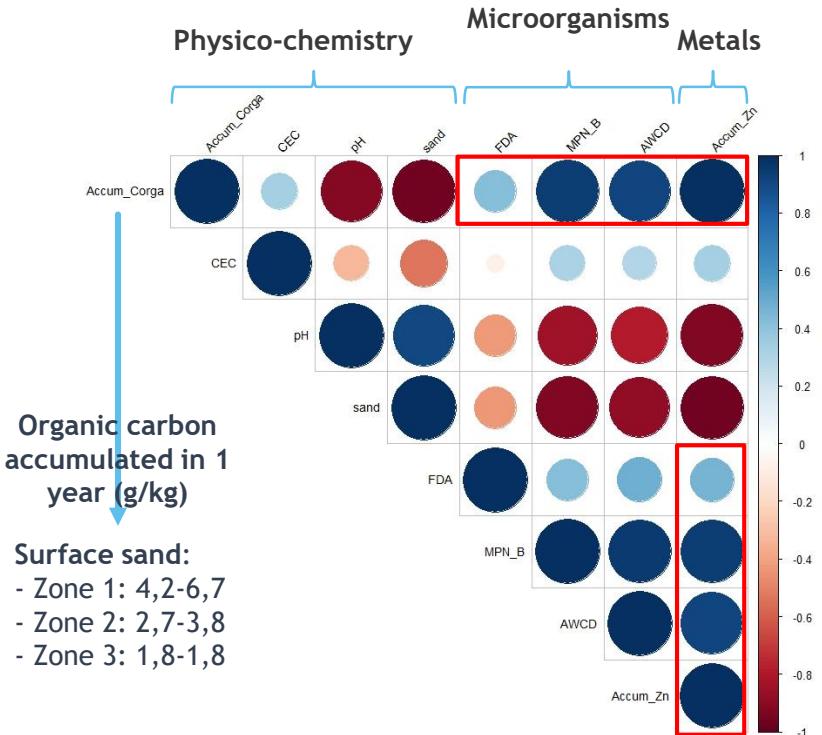
T0 << T1 → High increase of activity

Horizontal: zone 1 > zone 3

Vertical: Surface content > sediment > Rainclean and deep sand

# RESULTS 6) Correlation between parameters

## ► Pearson matrix correlation : T1 campaign



→ Water supply significantly and positively promotes microbial development and micropollutant accumulation

More water filtered  
↓  
More organic carbon retained  
↓  
More microbial development

# CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES

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Filter  
Substrates

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Thank you for your attention !

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# Appendix

- ▶ Rainclean composition : carbonates, coconut fibre, pumice stone, coal ...
- ▶ Physico-chemical properties of substrates

	pH T1	CaCO <sub>3</sub> T1 (g/kg)	TOC T1 (g/kg)	CEC T1 (me/kg)
Sediment	7.5	22.3	151.0	138
Surface sand	9.0	0.6	4.6	15
Rainclean	9.1	15.1	20.7	192
Deep sand RBF-C	8.8	<1	1.9	10
Deep sand RBF-I	9.4	0.4	2.4	48

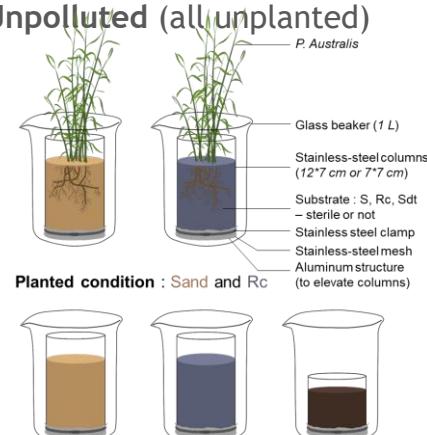
- ▶ Flow of the filter The output flow is regulated to a maximum of 20 L/s during rain periods

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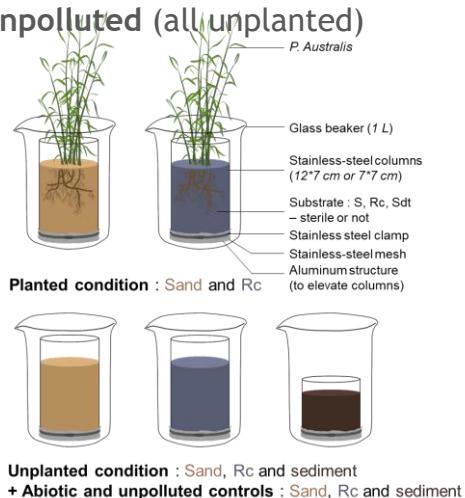
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The growth chamber used



### ② Preincubation of 2 weeks



- ◆ 16h light ; 8h dark
- ◆ 20°C day ; 15°C night
- ◆ 60% humidity
- ◆ Watering / 2 days

Growth chamber

### ③ Contamination of columns by saturating with waters



Concentration (mg/L) (Gasperi et al. 2021)

- ◆ BPA : 2,57
- ◆ 4-NP : 3,5
- ◆ 4-OP : 1

### ④ Incubation of 30 days

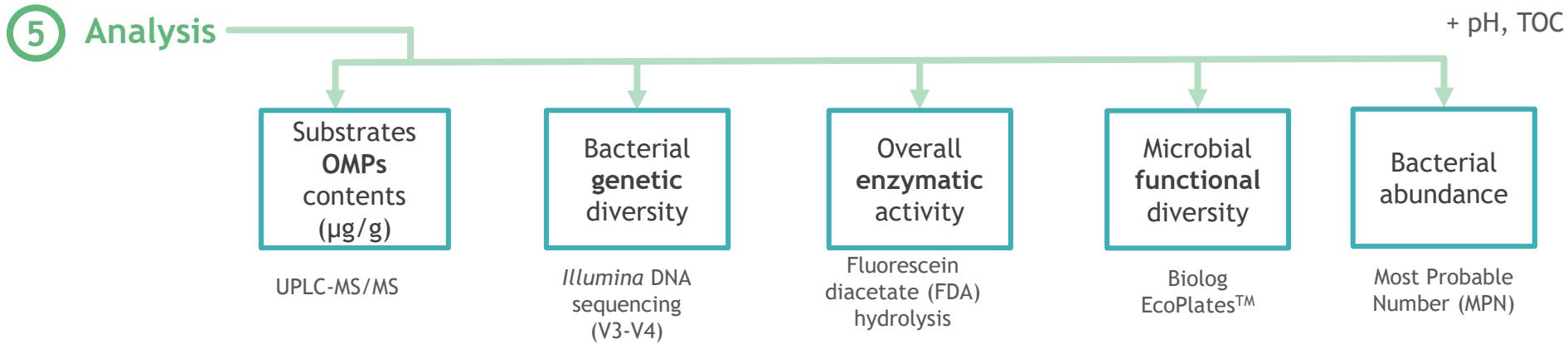
Column sampling at 0 ; 1 ; 4 ; 7 ; 14 ; 30 days

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