Persistance of pesticides in the environment: impacts and strategies The case of chlordecone in French West Indies

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> key challenges and strategies

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# Context of pollution by chlordecone (CLD, C<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>10</sub>O)

- POP insecticide (organochlorine)
  - Physicochemical properties:
    - low solubility in water (S< 3 mg/L),</li>
    - high affinity for organic matter (log Koc >3,5)
  - Poor-low biodegradability related to its peculiar chemical structure (bishomocubane) with high steric hindrance (half life 4 - 45 years).

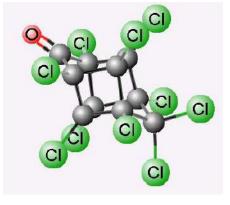
Long term pollution

Natural soil decontamination would take decades / centuries (Cabidoche et al, Environ. Pollution, 2009)

 intensively used in banana cropping systems (1971→ 1993) in French West Indies

- Heterogeneous powder application
  - Heterogeneous soil pollution
  - Diffuse pollution





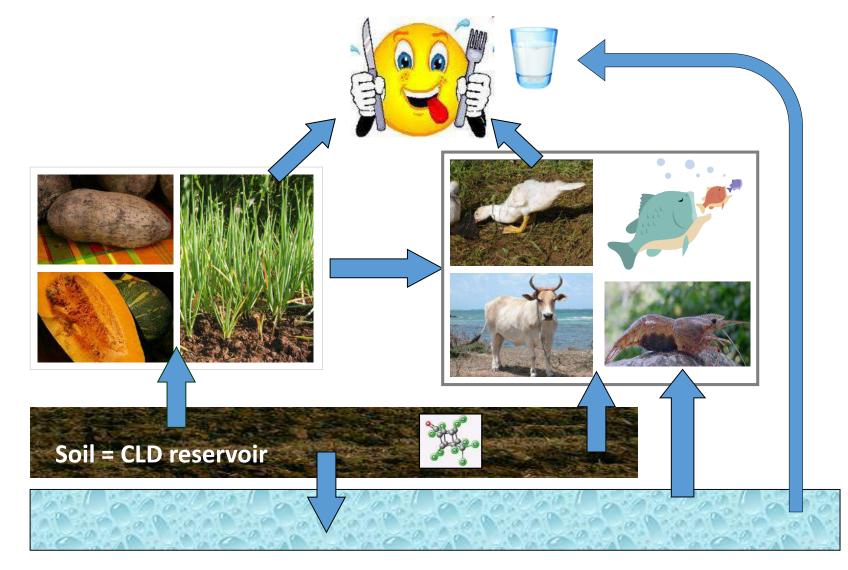


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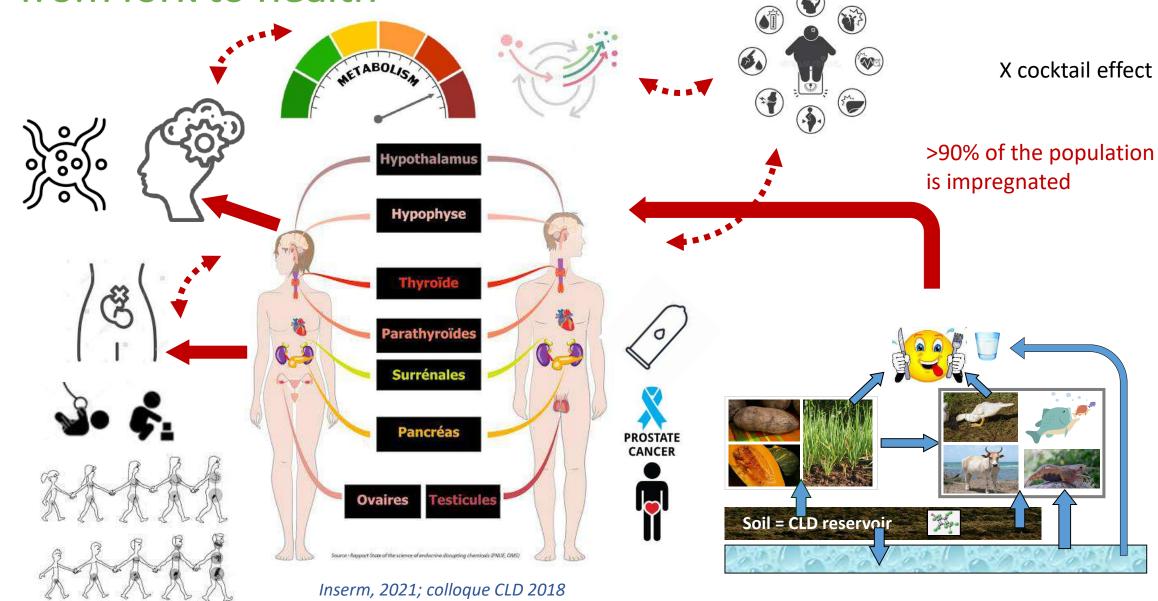
- What does it means?
  - pesticide pollution = not « visible/ tangible »
  - Long term = Does not appear quickly after application
    - The question of **measurement** and **time** is crucial...in the processes
  - New approach to characterize the problem and the impacts
    - Where it is? For how long?
    - What kind of sanitary impacts? At what time scale? which compartments? Who?
    - How to remediate?
    - Simple questions, not so simple answers, not so easy to anticipate...
    - → a National action plan
- Need to new knowledge...
  - To design new complementary tools
    - Dynamic and spatial tools
  - In a systemic and interdisciplinary approach
    - At all scales (space and time)
    - including all environmental compartments



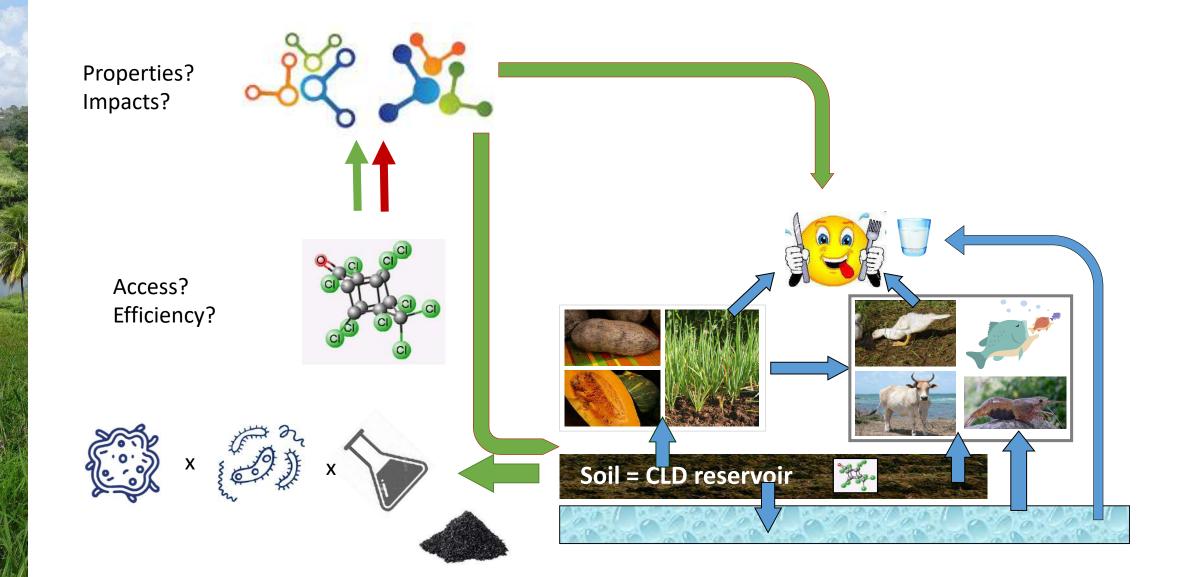
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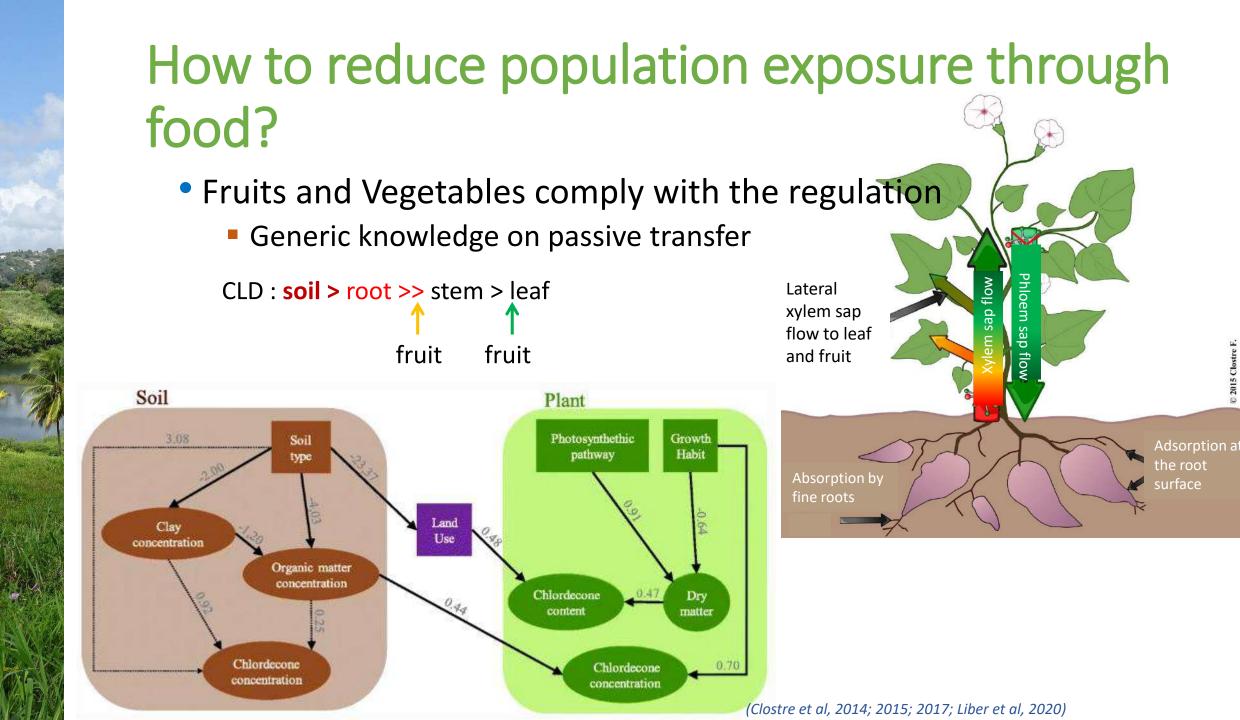


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### CLD remediation, similar aproach

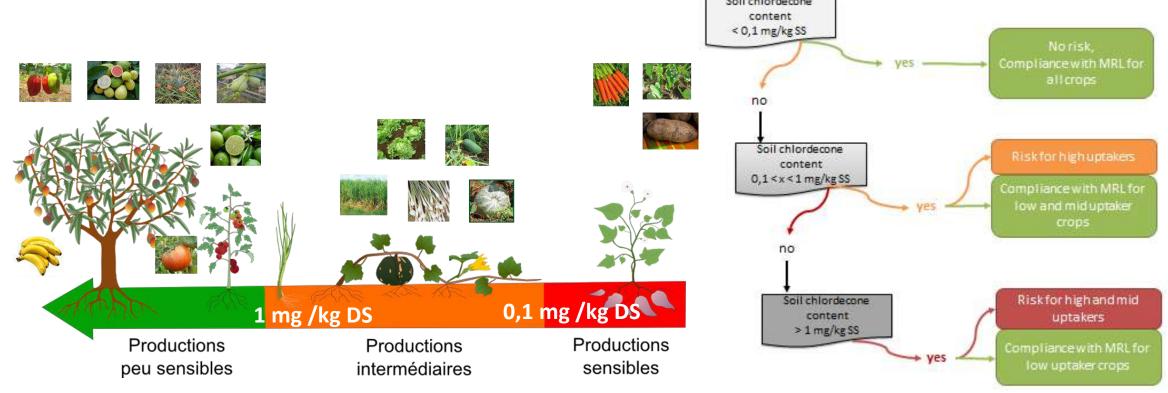




# How to reduce population exposure through food?

#### Fruits and Vegetables comply with the regulation

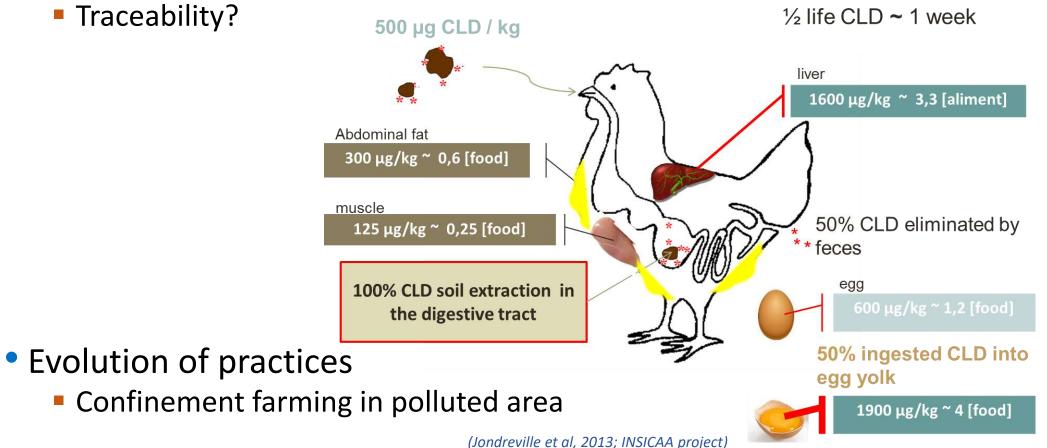
 Management tool according to soil CLD content and MRL



# How to reduce population exposure through food?

#### Still a challenge: animal products compliance

- Bioaccumulation and excretion
- Traceability?



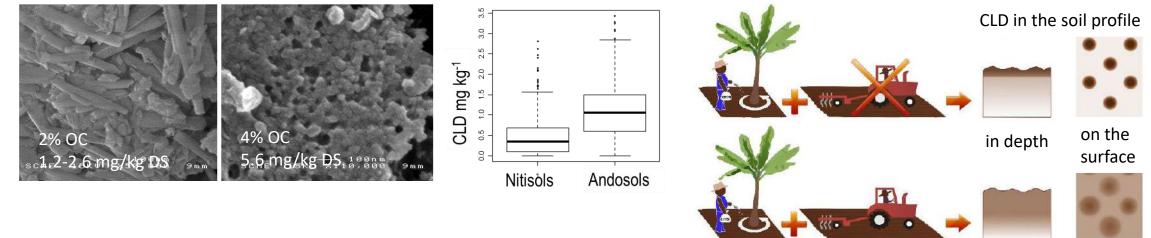
- New analytical technologies
  - quick and less expensive to answer to the demand and for different matrices
  - NIRS, SPME, ...



- New sampling method (heterogeneous pollution) (Clostre et al, 2014)
  - Soil: spatial variability according to soil type and practices (Clostre et al, 2014)

Non allophanic soil

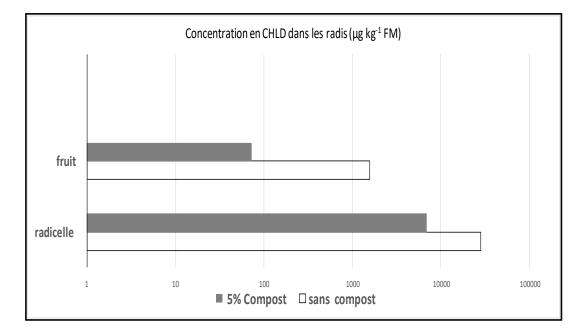
Allophanic soil



- Practices can modulate pollution transfer
  - OM amendment traps CLD in soil = physico-chemical effect
    - Reduction of CLD transfer to water and crops
      - S fold water transfer
      - 2-4 fold plant disponibility
      - More efficient for andosol (allophanic clays)
    - Not perennial, but common practice, easy to implement
    - Intermediate option



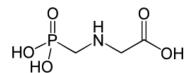


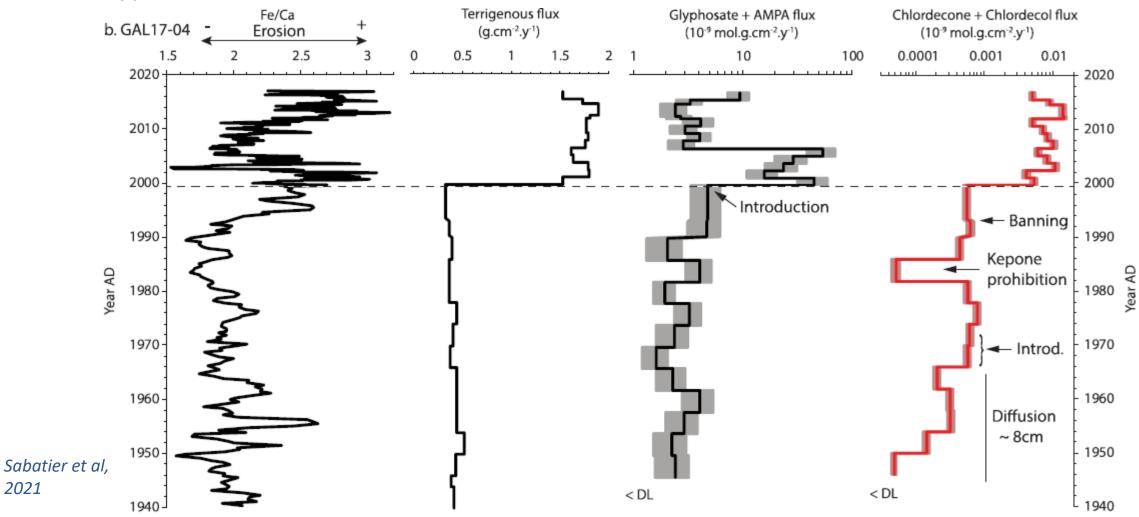


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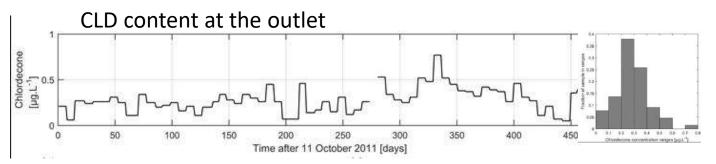
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Glyphosate increases erosion and CLD fluxes



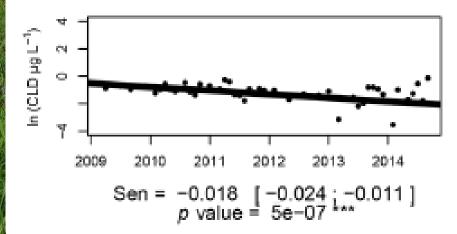


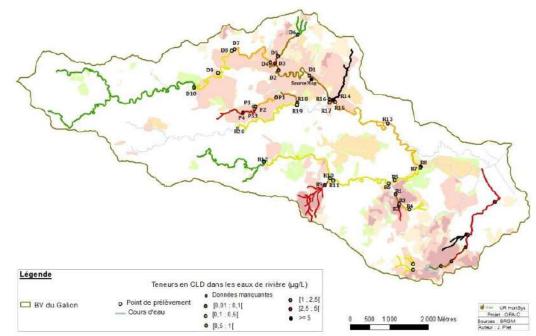
#### Water: spatial and temporal variability



(Della Rossa et al, 2017, Mottes et al, 2017, Cattan, 2019)

0.1 to present ; Andosol ; AEP - Vive - CApot





CLD content at the

watershed scale

• New knowledge:

Infiltration

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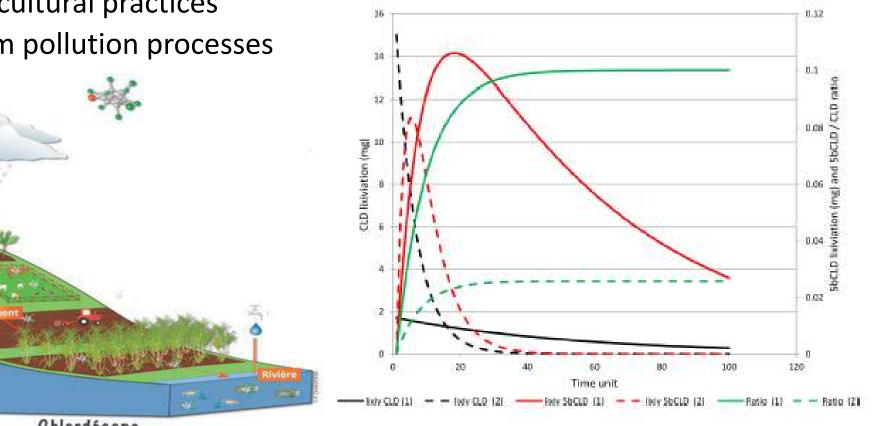
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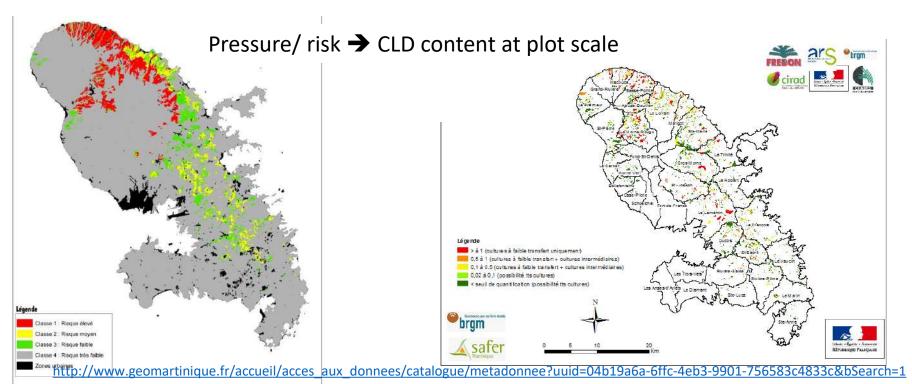
transfer

- Pollutant transfer in tropical area and interactions with agricultural practices
- Long term pollution processes



Chlordécone (Charlier, 2007; Mottes , 2013; Pak, 2013, Cattan et al, 2019)

- Capitalisation and data sharing
  - Still a very sensitive issue
  - Mapping of the polluted fields
  - Modelling and transfer simulations (Cabidoche et al, 2009; Charlier 2007, Mottes et al 2015, Cattan et al, 2019)

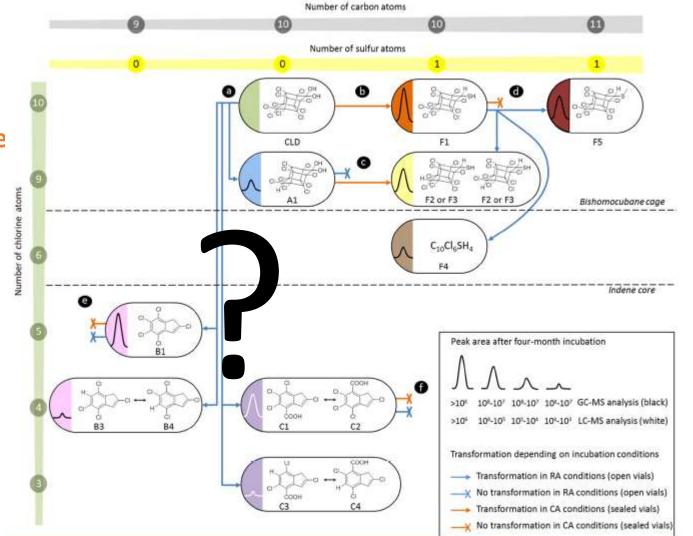


# What about CLD decontamination?

About more than 20 000
ha polluted at different
levels

Need for efficient cost-effective in situ treatments.

• New insight with new expectations, even if biodegradation is not complete (Chevallier, 2017; Chevallier at al, 2019; Della Negra et al, 2020)



# To conclude

- One health approach: holistic approach with interdisciplinary research to
  - co-design a global representation of the processes and potential impacts with all stakeholders (narrative maps)
  - find appropriate solutions/policies at different scales
    - Individual
    - Product
    - Territory
    - ...
  - Strenghen knowledge and fight against false idea and fake news!
- Support agroecological systems, especially on non polluted fields



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#### • For synthesis and perspectives :

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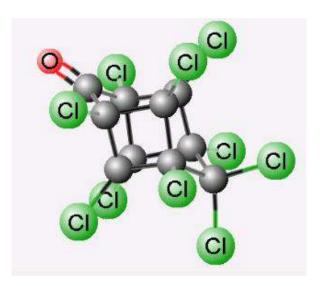












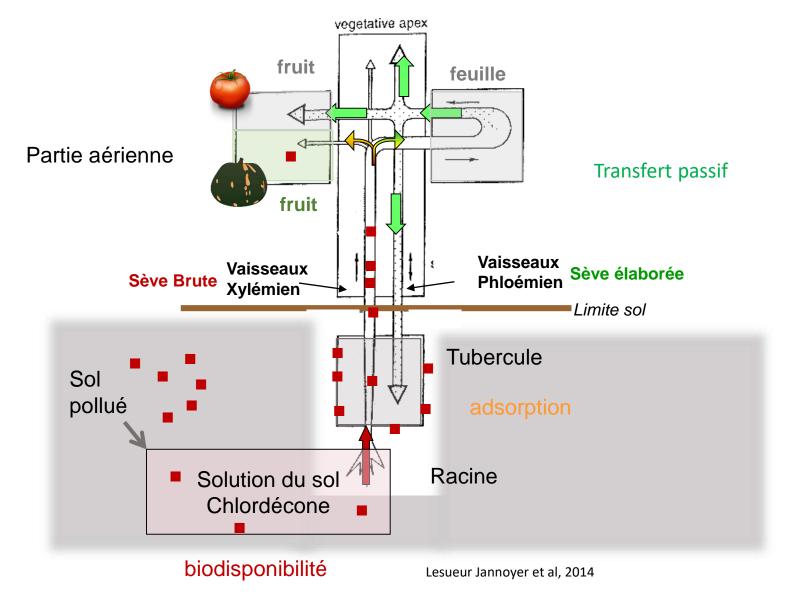


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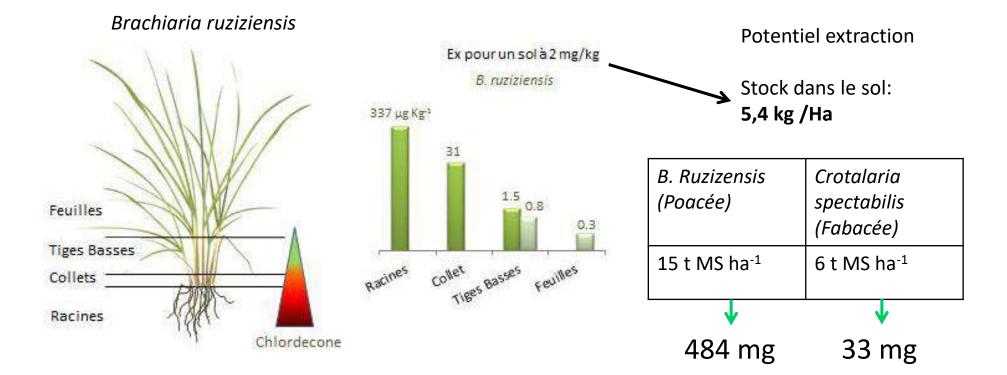


## Plant contamination: a conceptual model



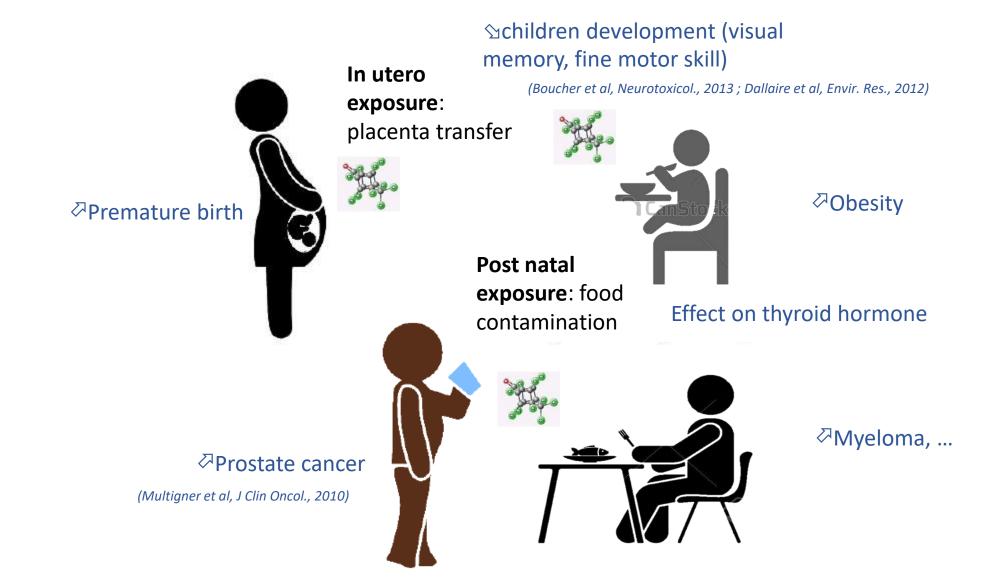
#### Phyto-extraction

#### Peu d'espoir avec les plantes cultivées explorées

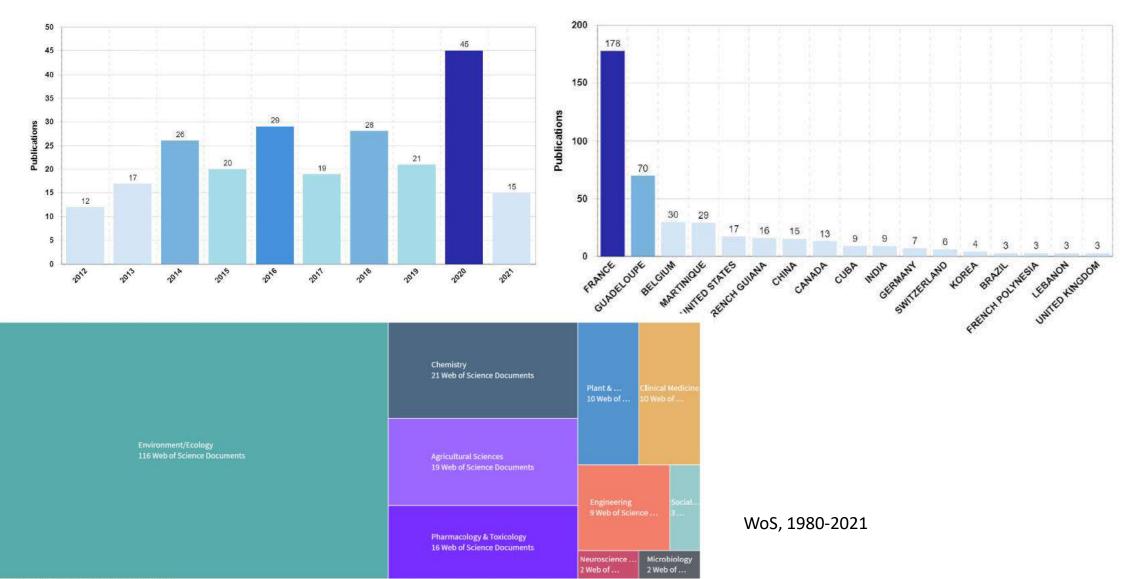


#### Quelle filière de traitement?

# Exposure and health impacts: all the population is impregnated



## **Publications**



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## Priorities of action: a National Action Plan

- To reduce the population exposure and improve the knowledge on health impacts
  - According to new regulation (UE Maximum Residue Limit)
  - According to the food contribution
    - Water pollution management
    - Soil to plant transfer and management tool
    - Bioaccumulation assessment for animal products
- To characterize the pollution in the environmental compartments
  - Where? -> which compartment? What process?
  - How much? -> how to measure?
  - For how long? -> how to evaluate?
- To find solutions of decontamination and remediation
  - Which compartment?
  - Which conditions?





