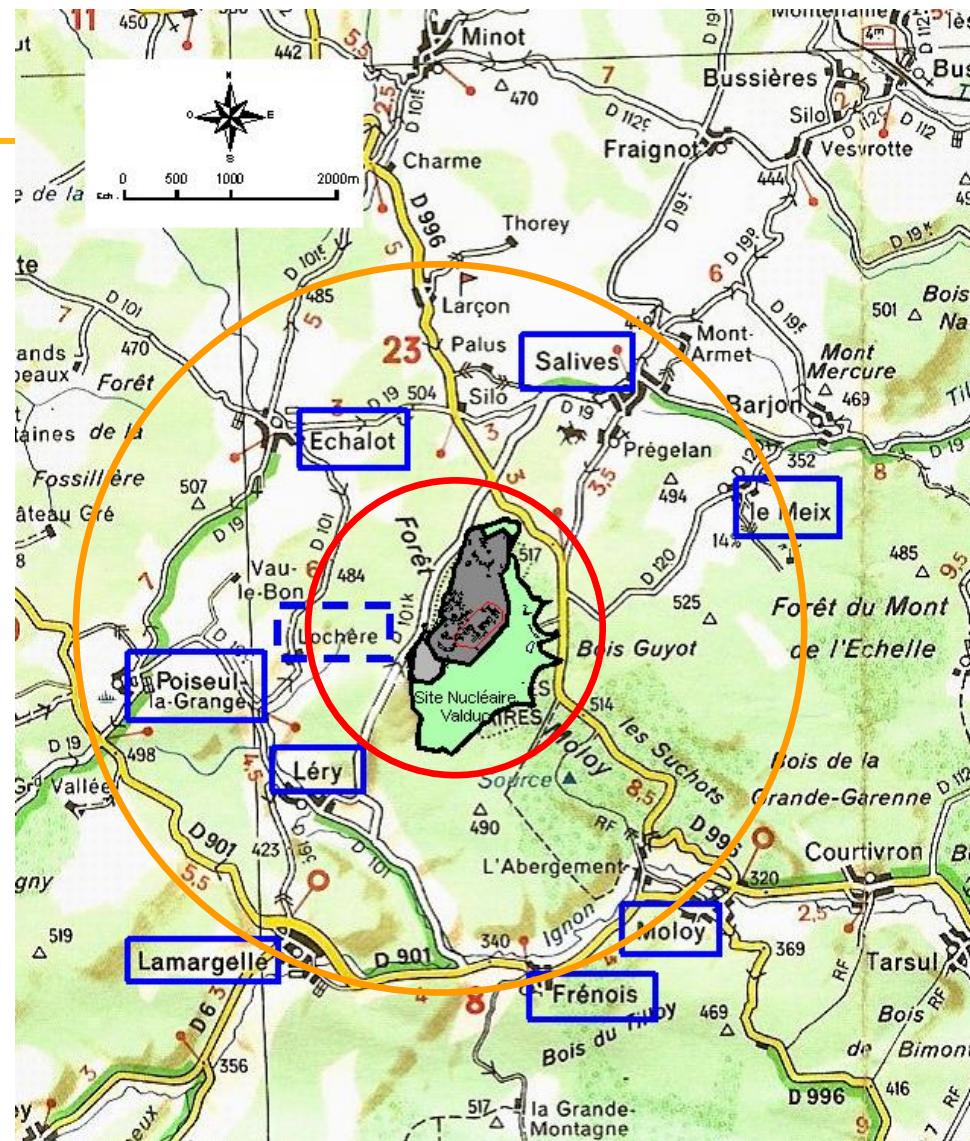


# Contribution of CEA-Valduc centre on knowledge about atmospheric tritiated water transfers in the different compartments of the environment from survey data.

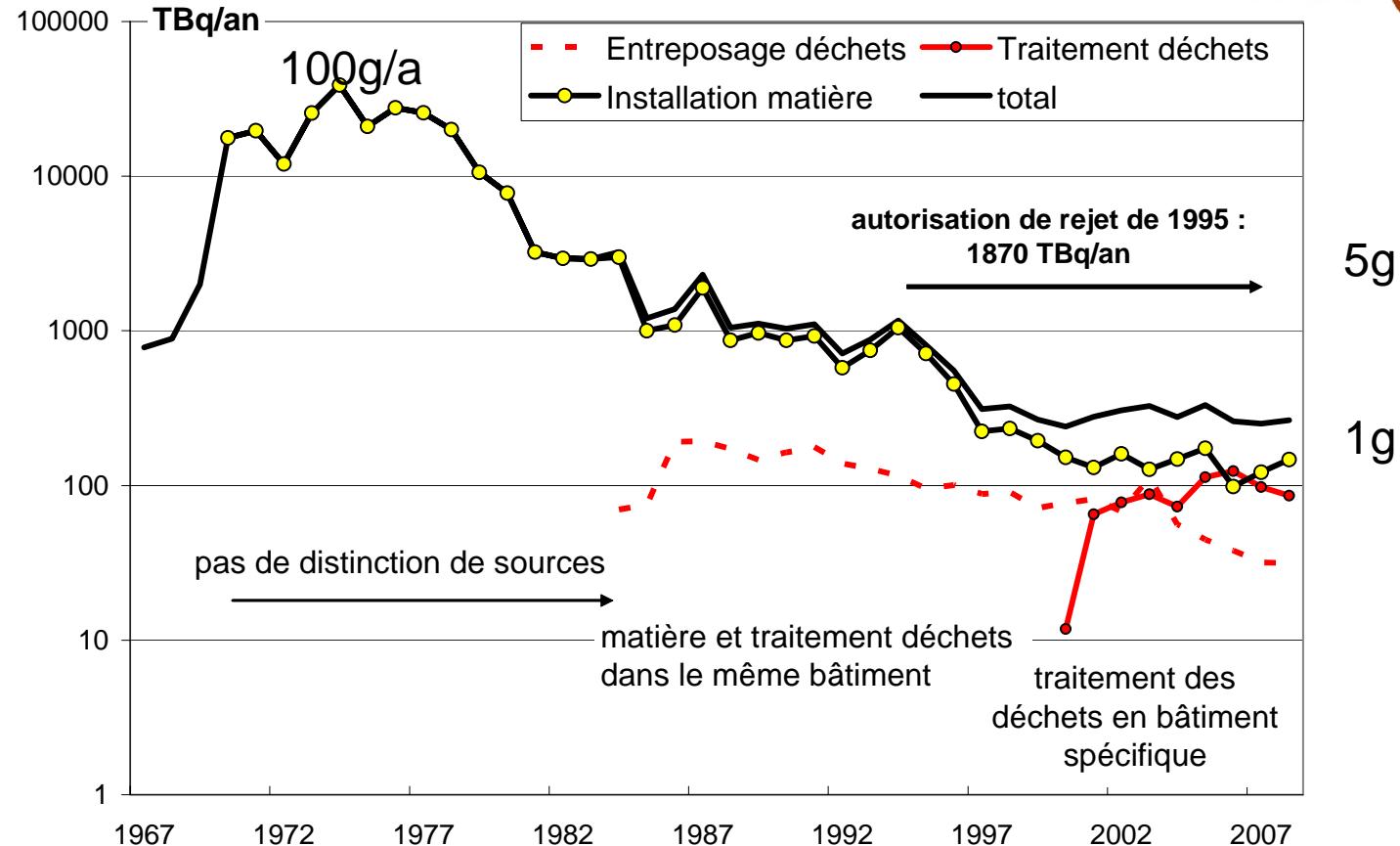
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# Atmospheric Release : Tritium

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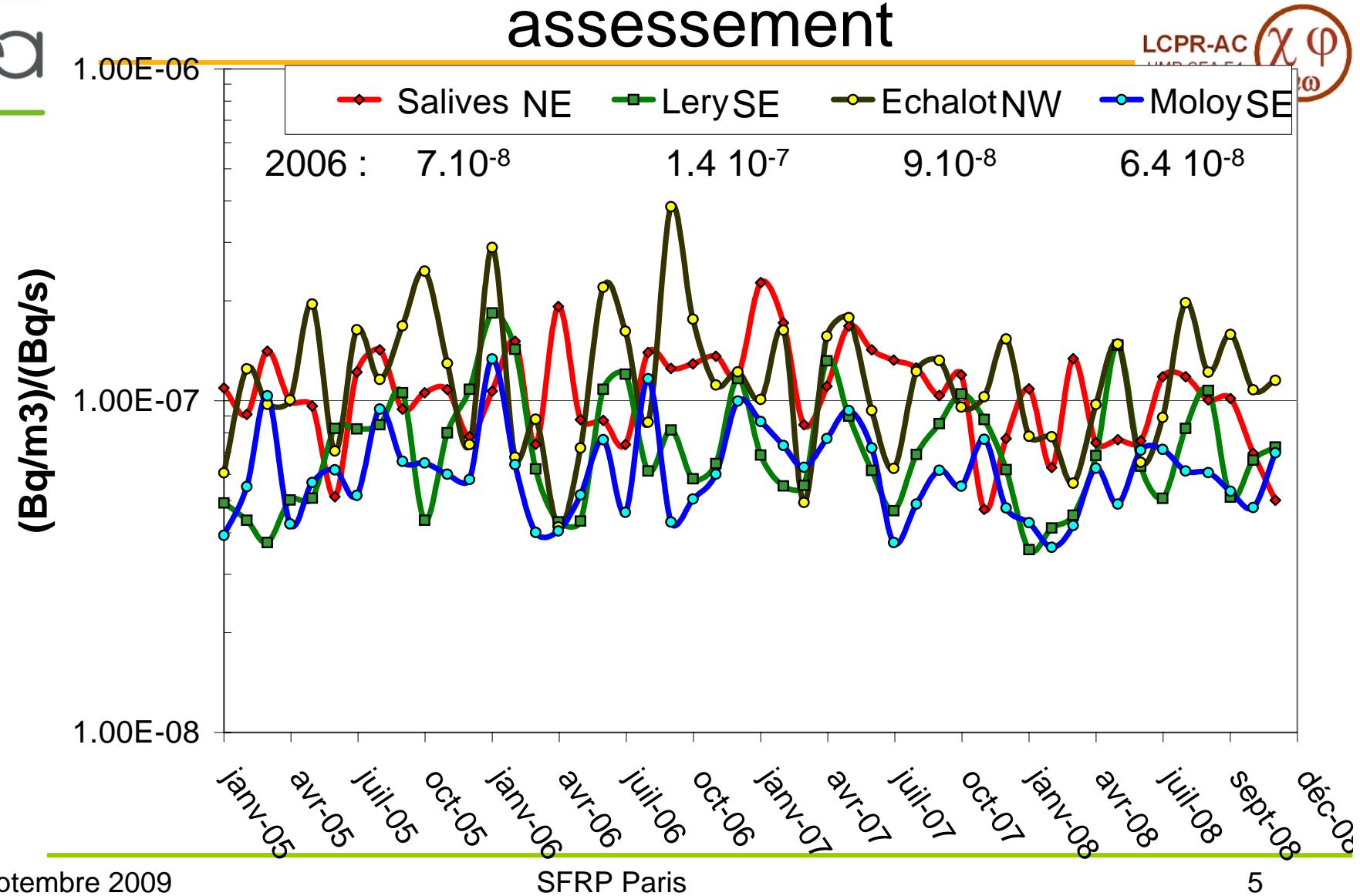
Constant annual Release for 10 y : about 1 gramme (358TBq)

# atmospheric Transfers

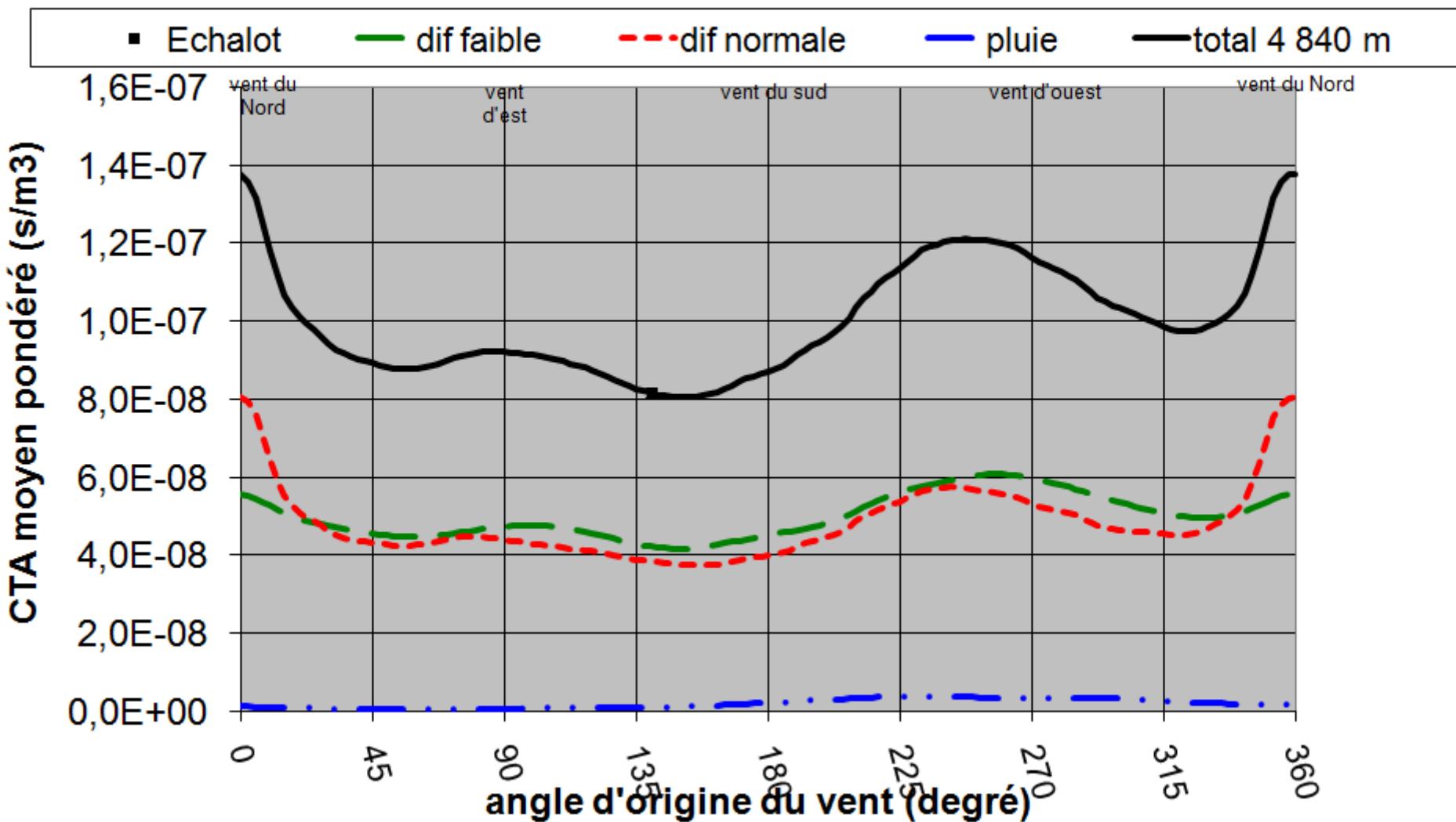
## Measures and assessments

# atmospheric Transfer measures and assessment

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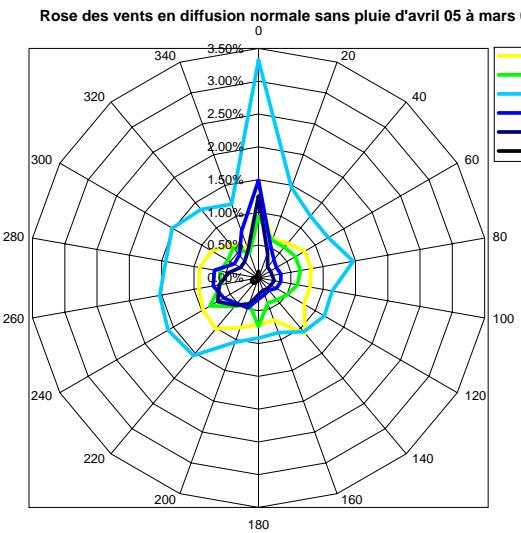
**Coefficients de Transfert, en fonction de l'origine des vents, à la distance  
de Echalot pour II 137 , hauteur de rejet de 50 m**



# Environment meteo

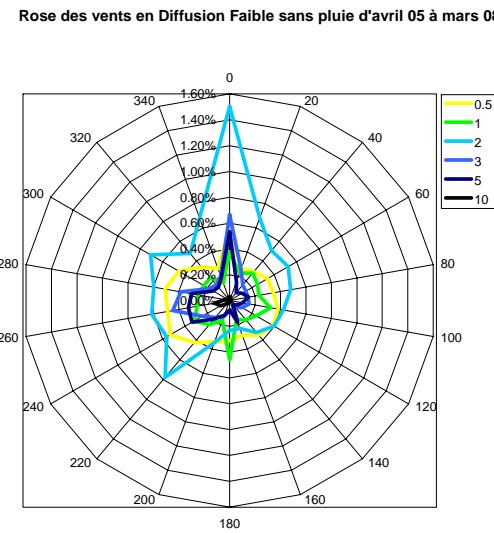
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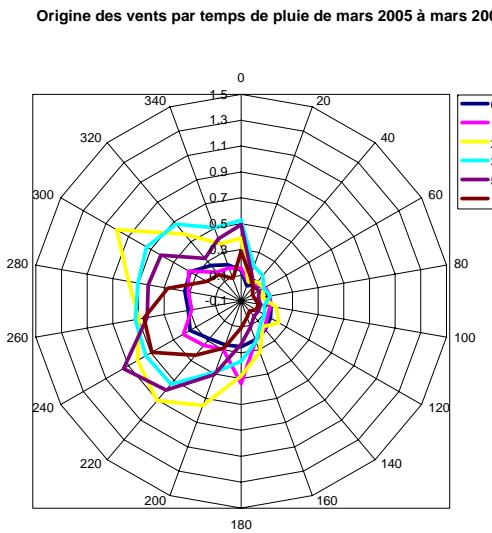
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Unstable



Dry conditions

stable

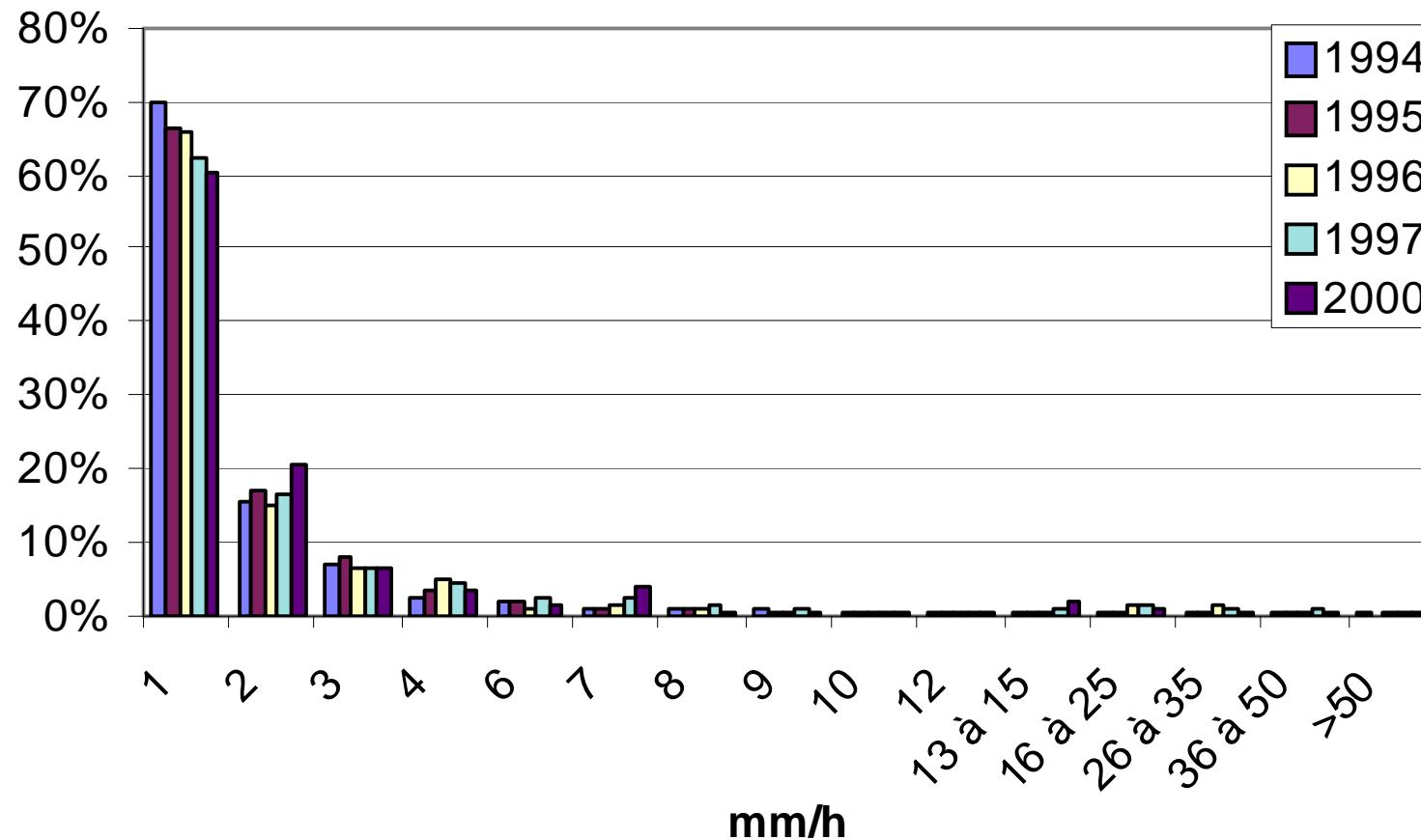


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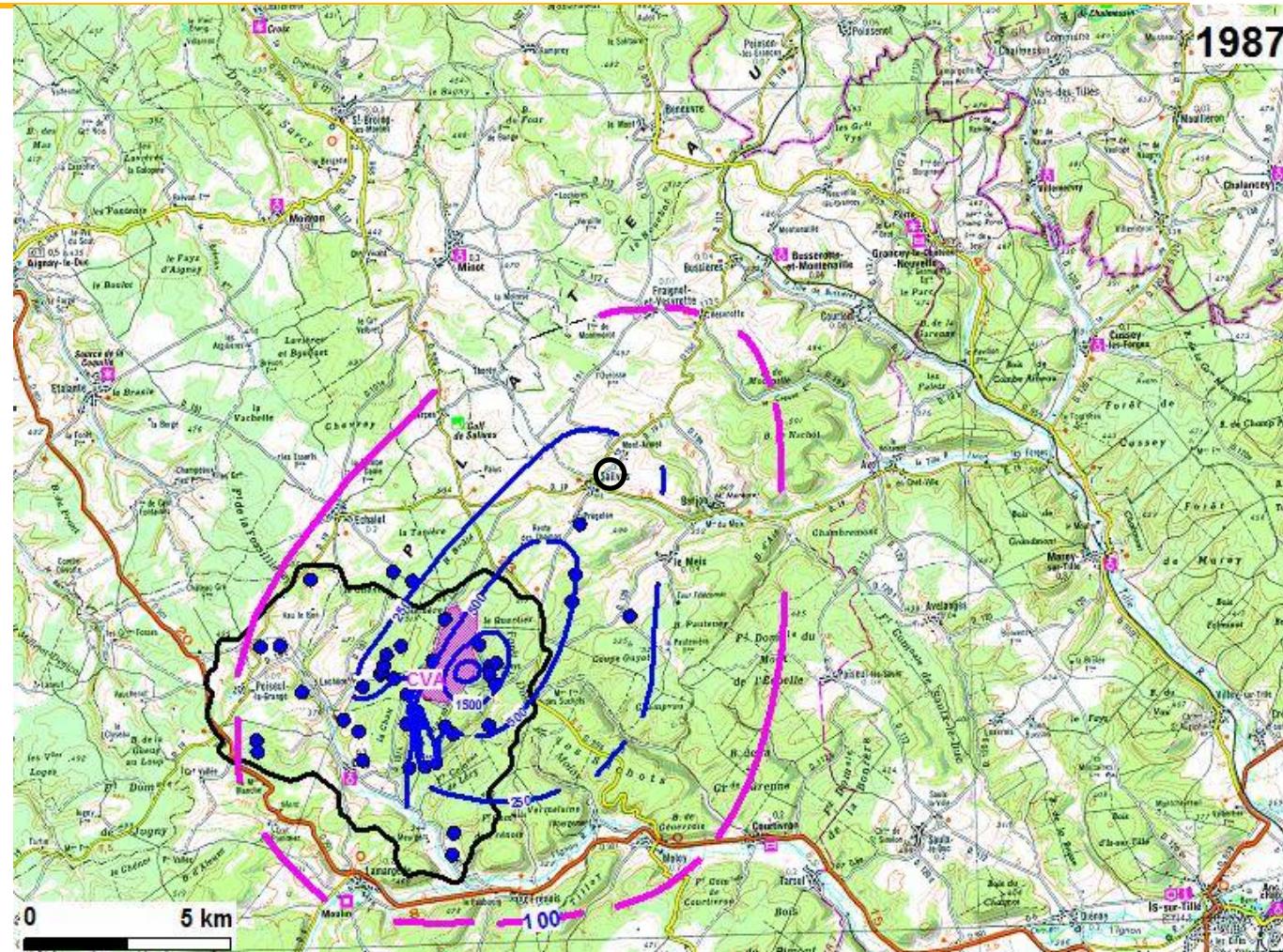
# Rain intensity distribution

Répartition des intensités de pluies (% annuel)



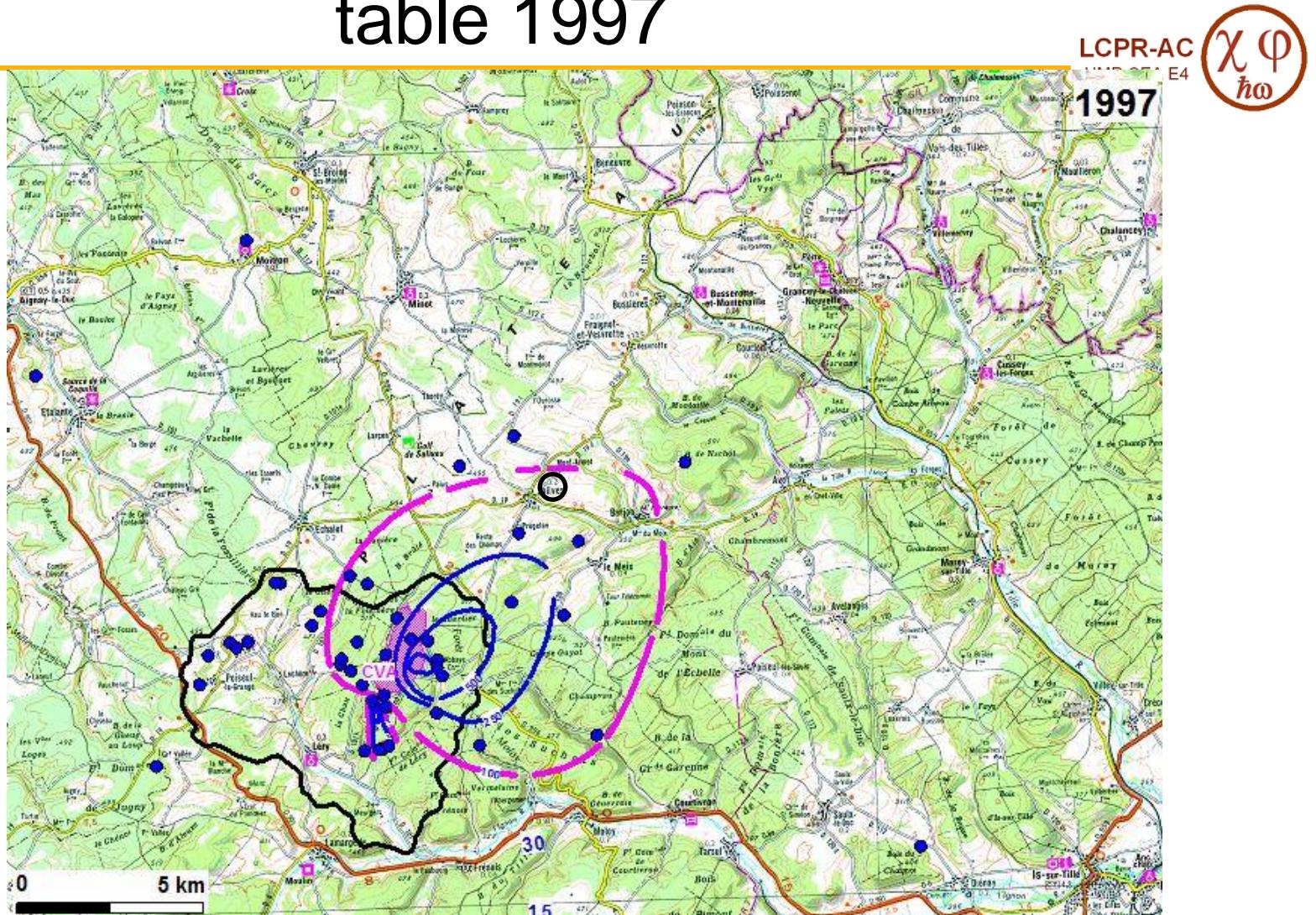
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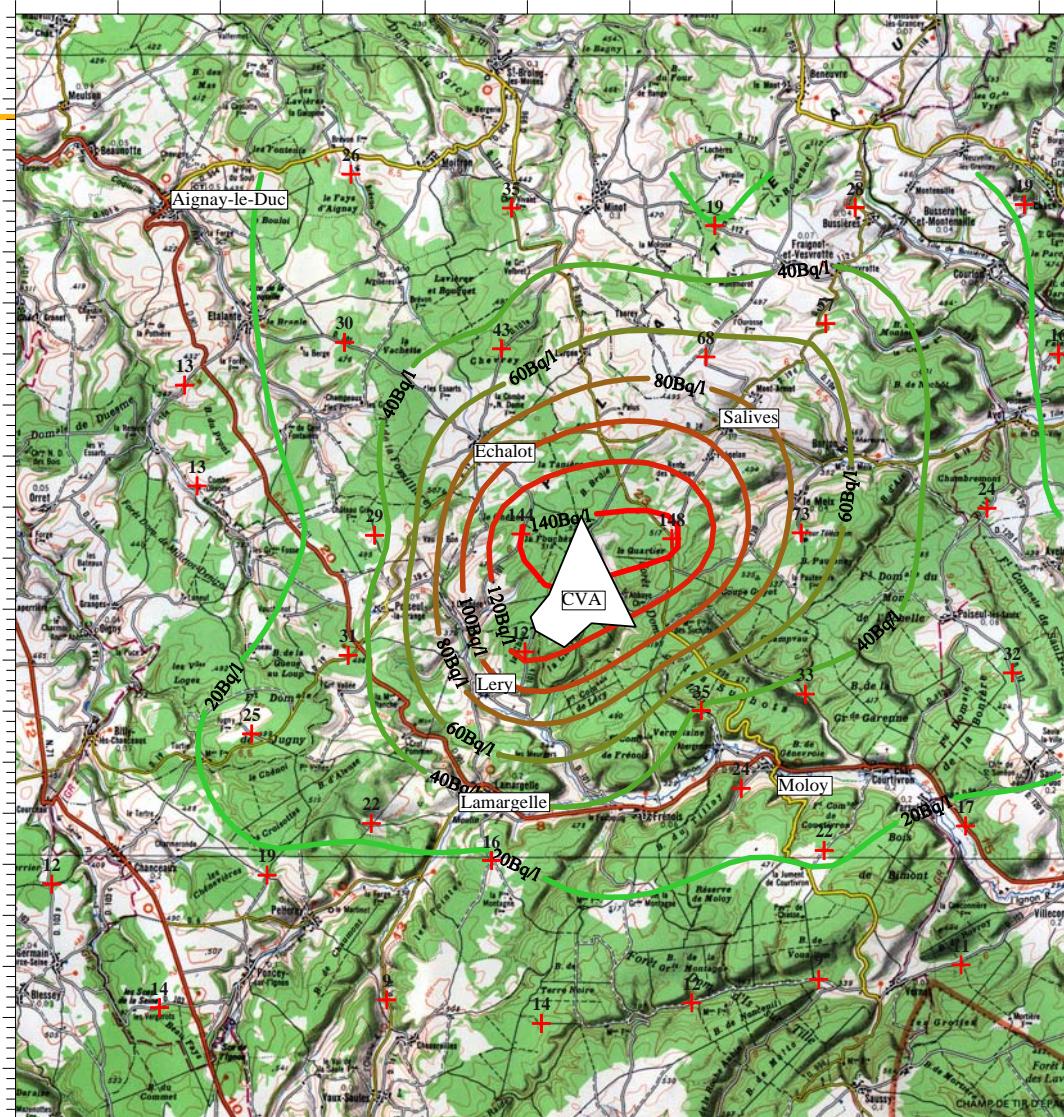
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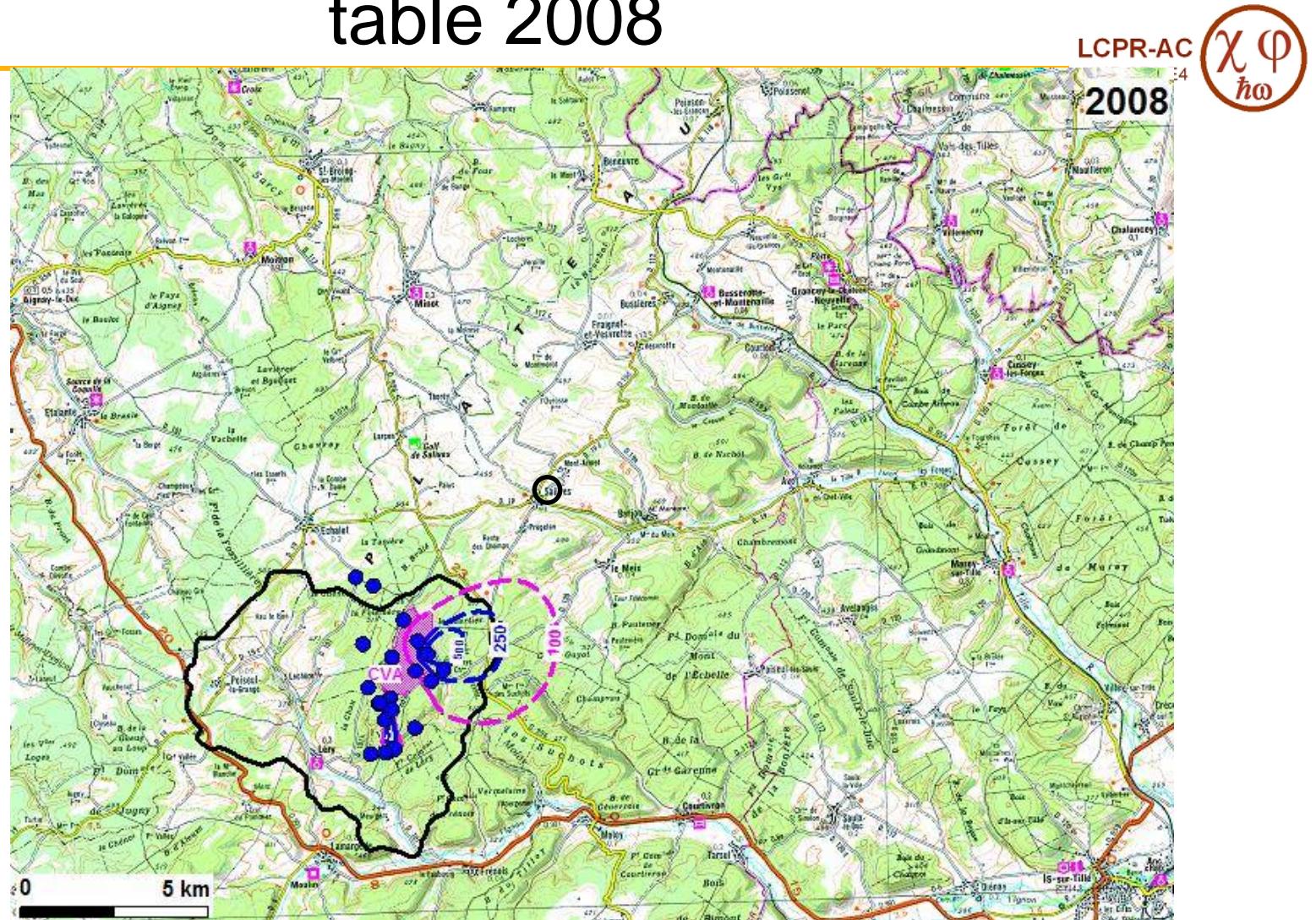
# OBT in oak leaves 1998

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# Concentrations in tritium of the upper water table 2008

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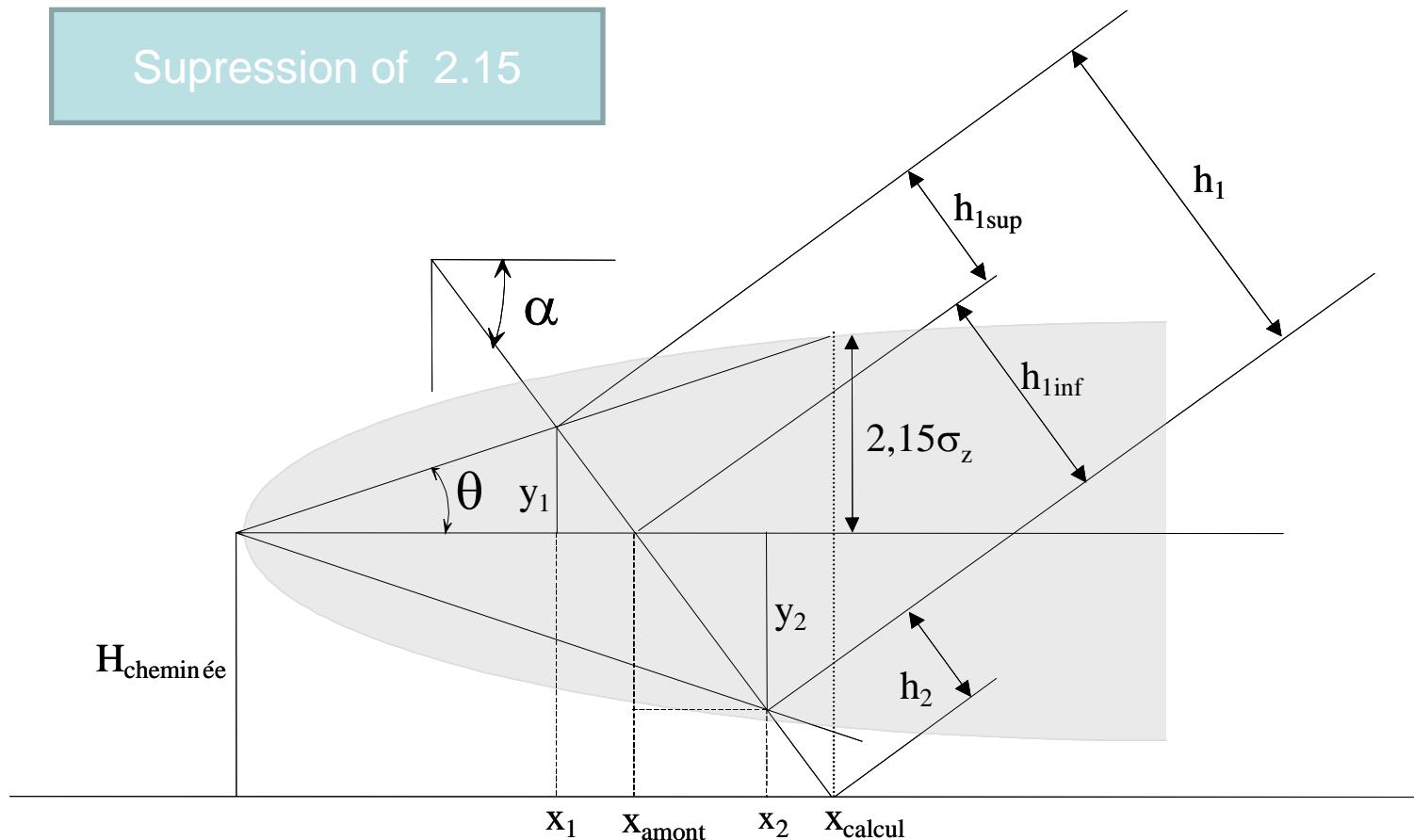
# Geometry for Chamberlain model

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Supression of 2.15



# To find the observed value



- need to increase the activity of rain
- The way was to reduce 2.15 sigma to 1 sigma
- We probably under-estimate the root pathway

# When rain deposition small, vapor deposition can be seen

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| Station on site                     | South | North-East | Nord-West |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------|
| HTO air vapor w (Bq/l) <sup>1</sup> | 142   | 243        | 236       |
| HTO rain (Bq/l) <sup>1</sup>        | 36    | 238        | 100       |
| HTO soil (Bq/l) <sup>2</sup>        | 69    | 231        | 132       |

Average of monthly measurements in 1999-2000 1 : continuous , 2: points

# Calculation

- 700 L / year of rain

|                              |    |     |     |
|------------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| HTO soil (Bq/l) <sup>2</sup> | 69 | 231 | 132 |
|------------------------------|----|-----|-----|

|   |    |     |     |
|---|----|-----|-----|
| HTO soil (Bq/l)<br>0.3 A <sub>vap</sub> + 0.7 A <sub>rain</sub> | 68 | 239 | 140 |
|---|----|-----|-----|

$$300 \text{ L.y}^{-1} \text{ of dry vapor} / 8 \text{ g.m}^{-3} . \Rightarrow 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$



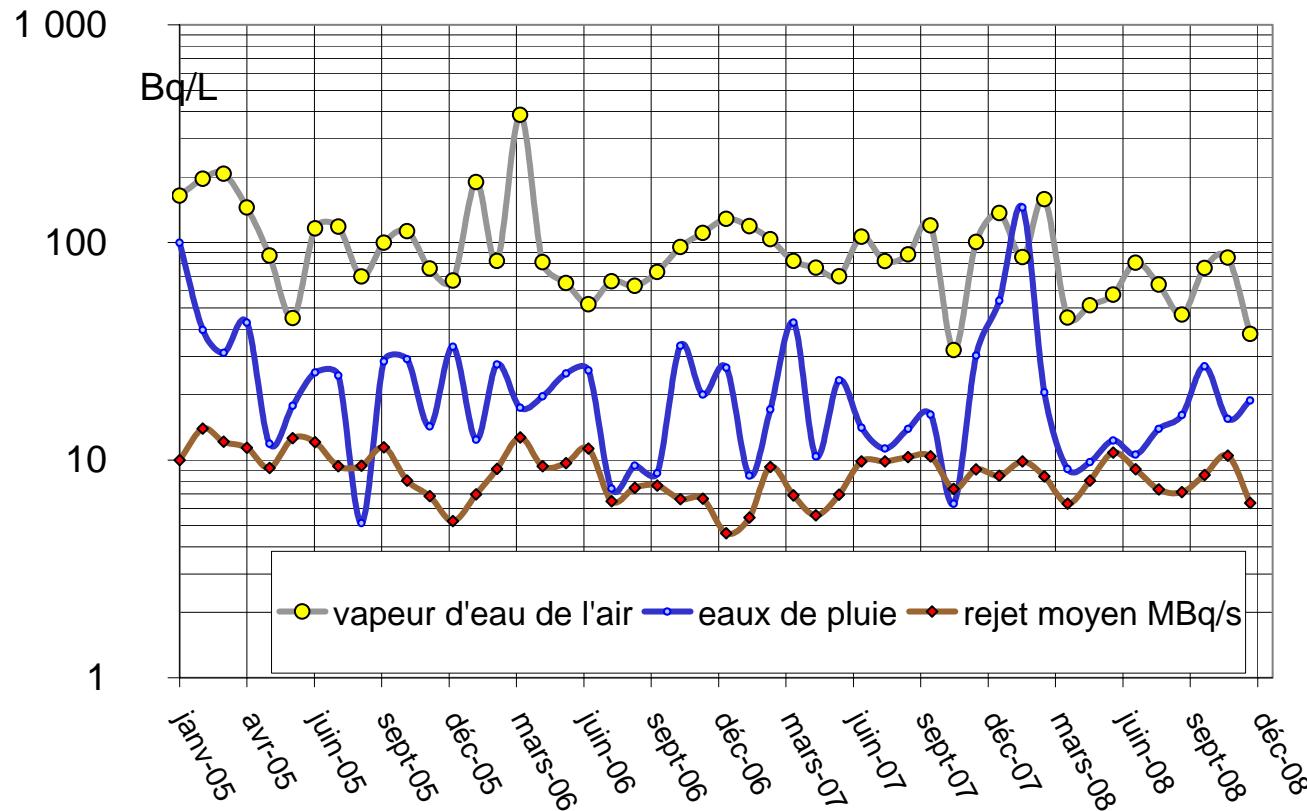
# Free waters

Data of environmental survey

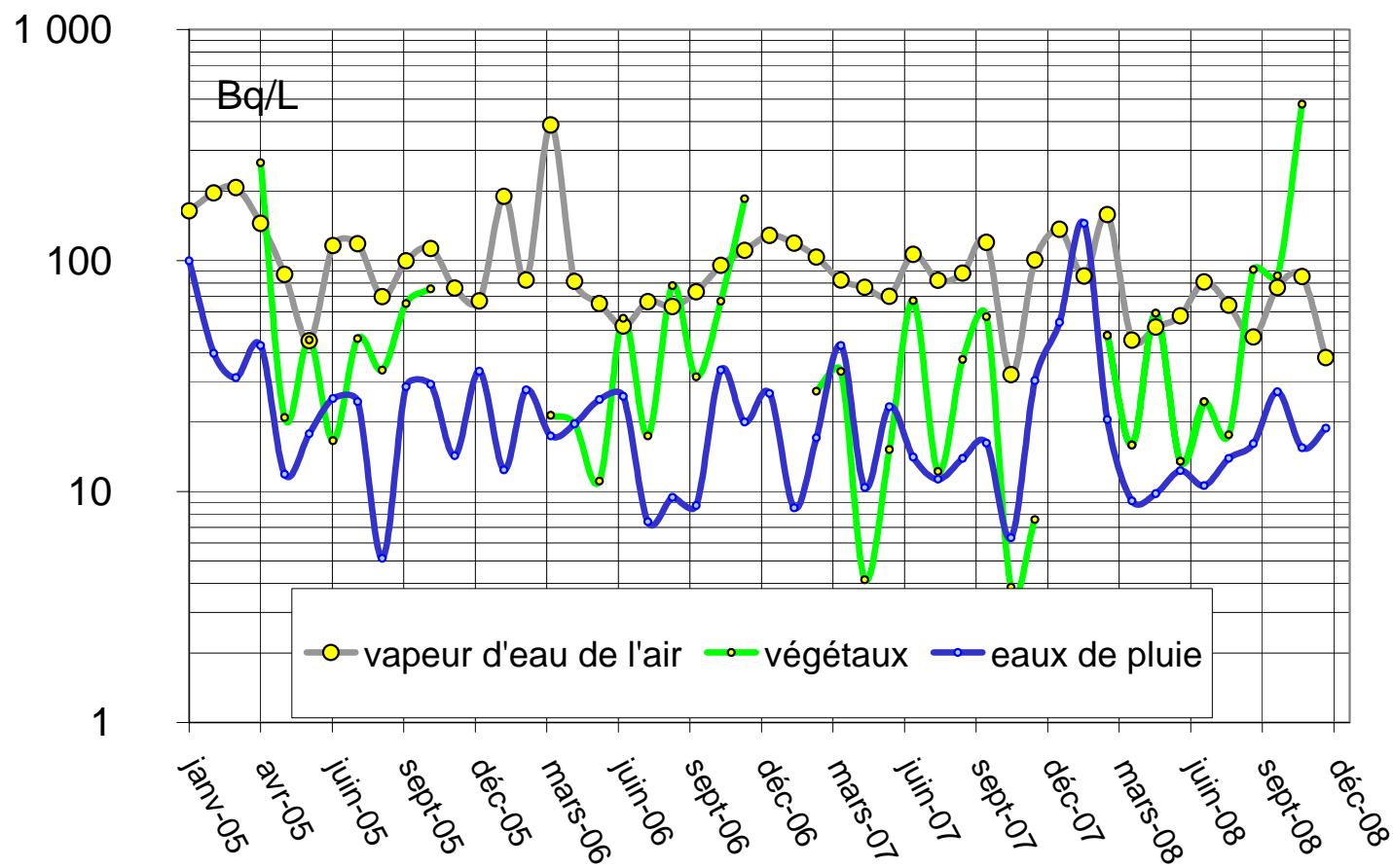
# rains less tritiated than air water vapor

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# Grass between air vapor and rain water





# **Tritium absorption by lettuces exposed to a tritiated atmosphere**

**C. Boyer PhD**

# Contexte de l'étude

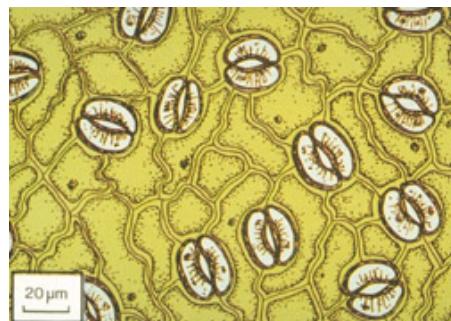
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## Transfert du tritium de l'environnement aux plantes

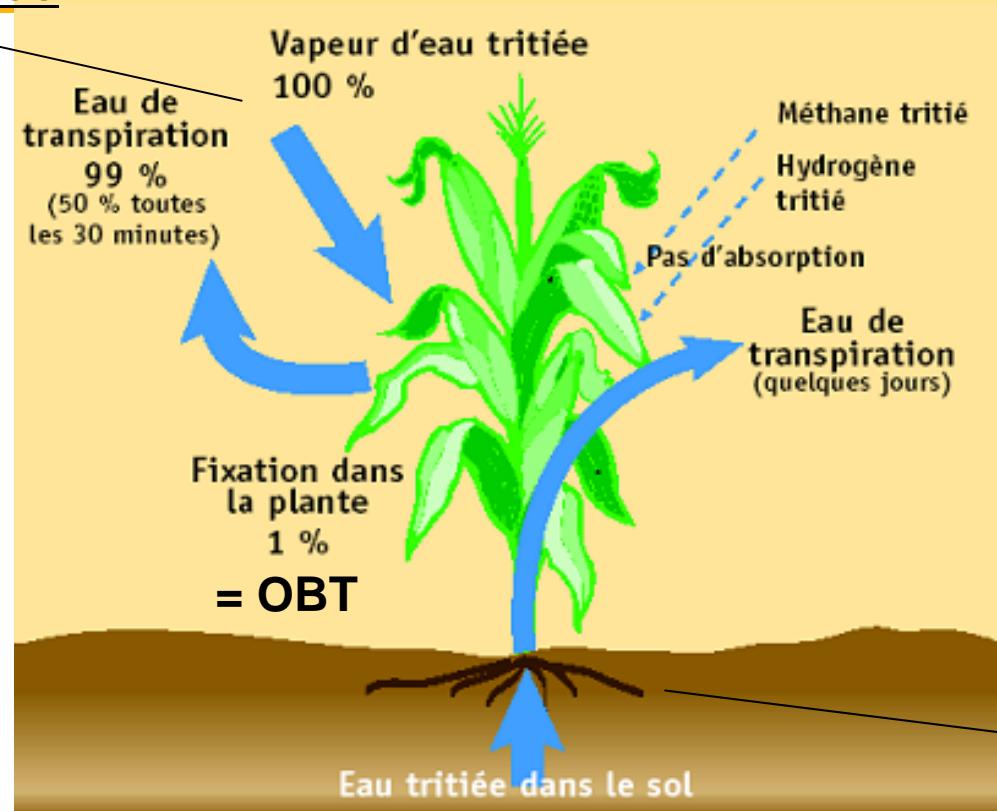
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Absorption foliaire

Rôle des stomates  
(diffusion)



Phénomènes diurnes/nocturnes



Source : « Le tritium et l'environnement », SFRP 2002.

Perte de HTO

Transpiration

Absorption racinaire

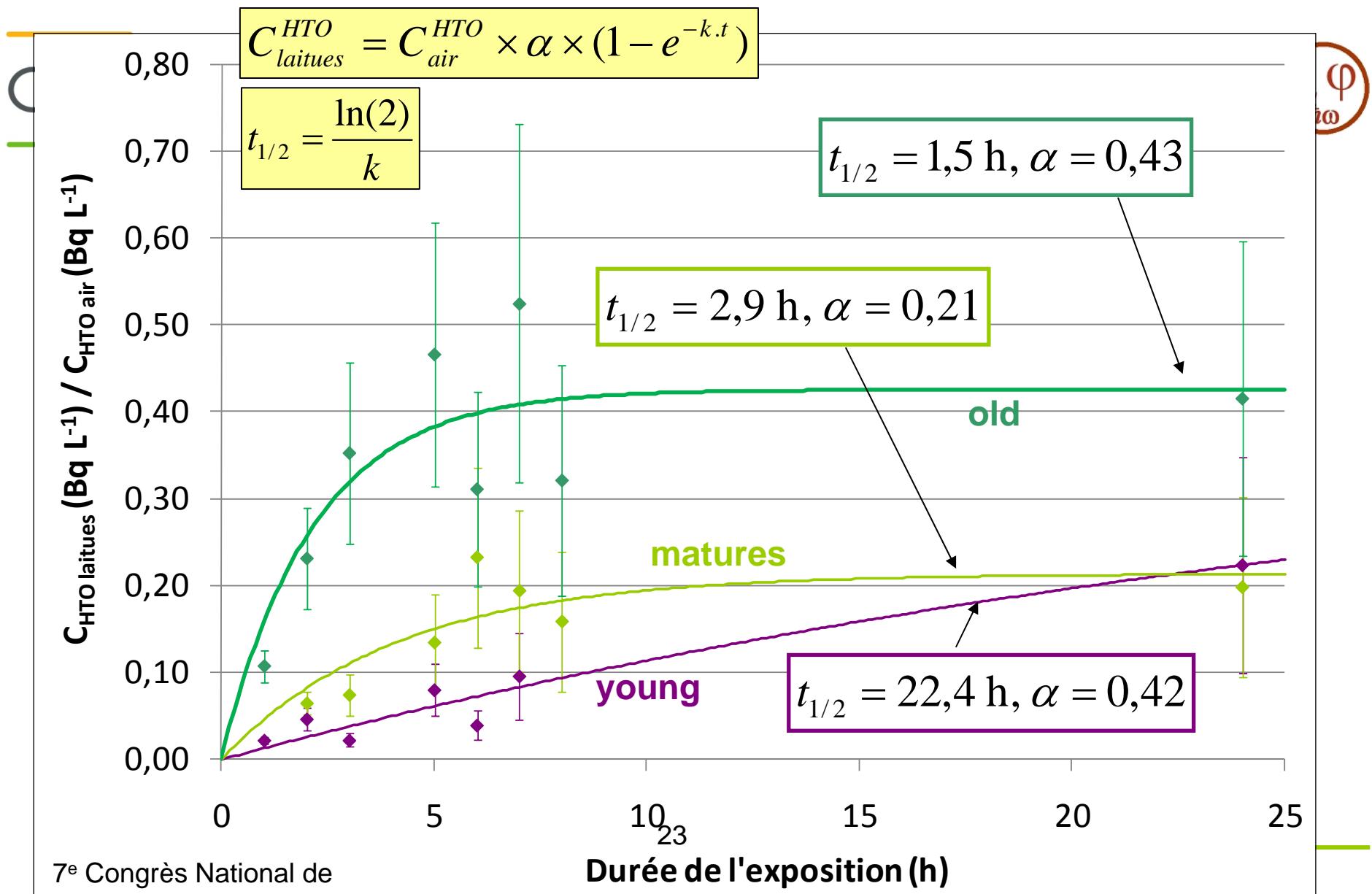
# Experimental Protocole

Cinetic Experiences (short term : 24 h),  
in controled conditions :

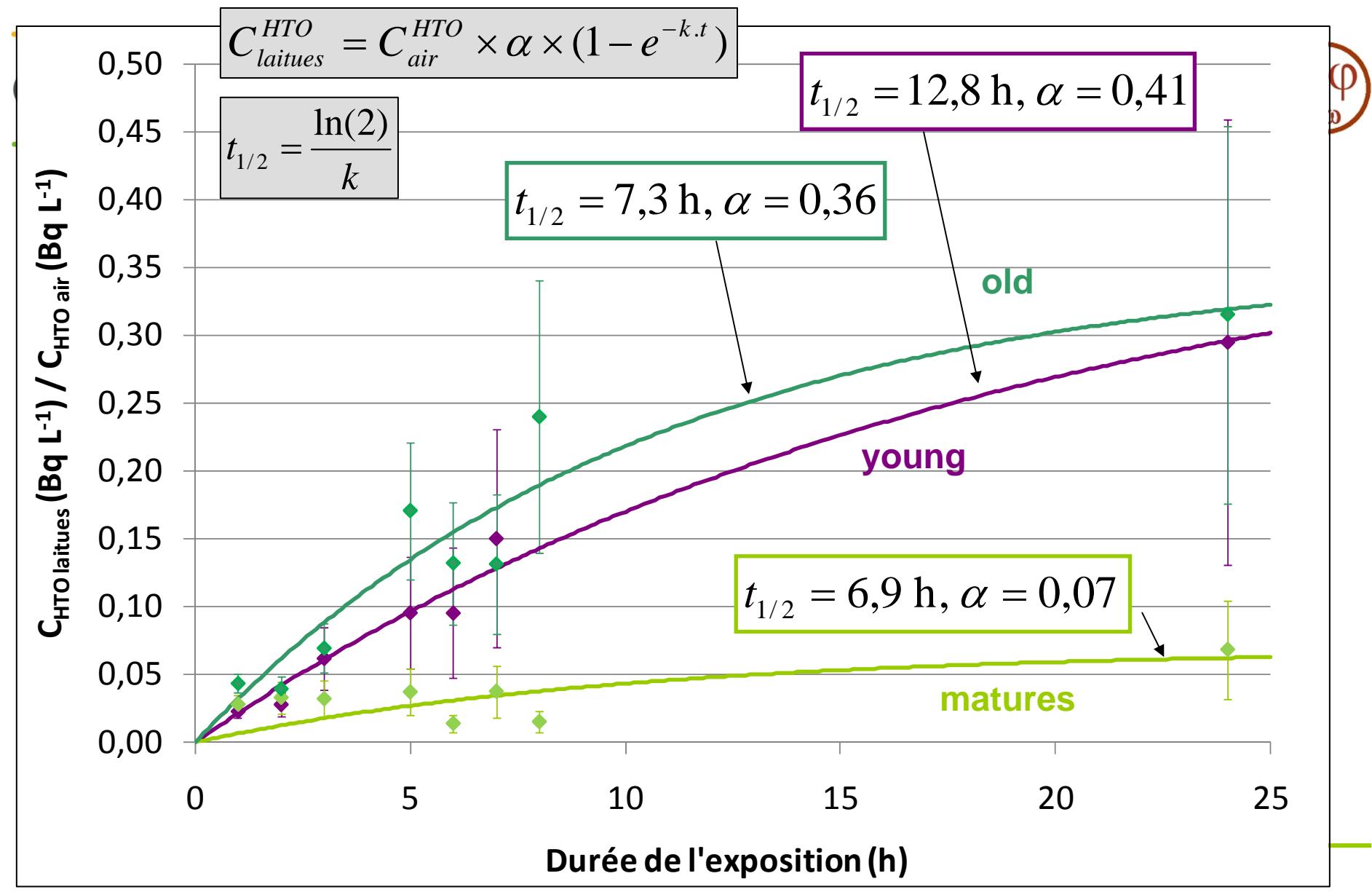
- 2 parameters tested :
  - stage of development of the vegetal
  - light or darkness
- Conditions of exposure in climatic box:
  - temperature of room ~ 23°C
  - light ~ ¼ of the maximal outside light
  - hygrometry ~ [60 – 75%]
  - tritium in air (HTO) ~ [60 – 190 Bq m<sup>-3</sup>]
- Sampling at 1h, 2h, 3h, 5h, 6h, 7h, 8h et 24h of exposure



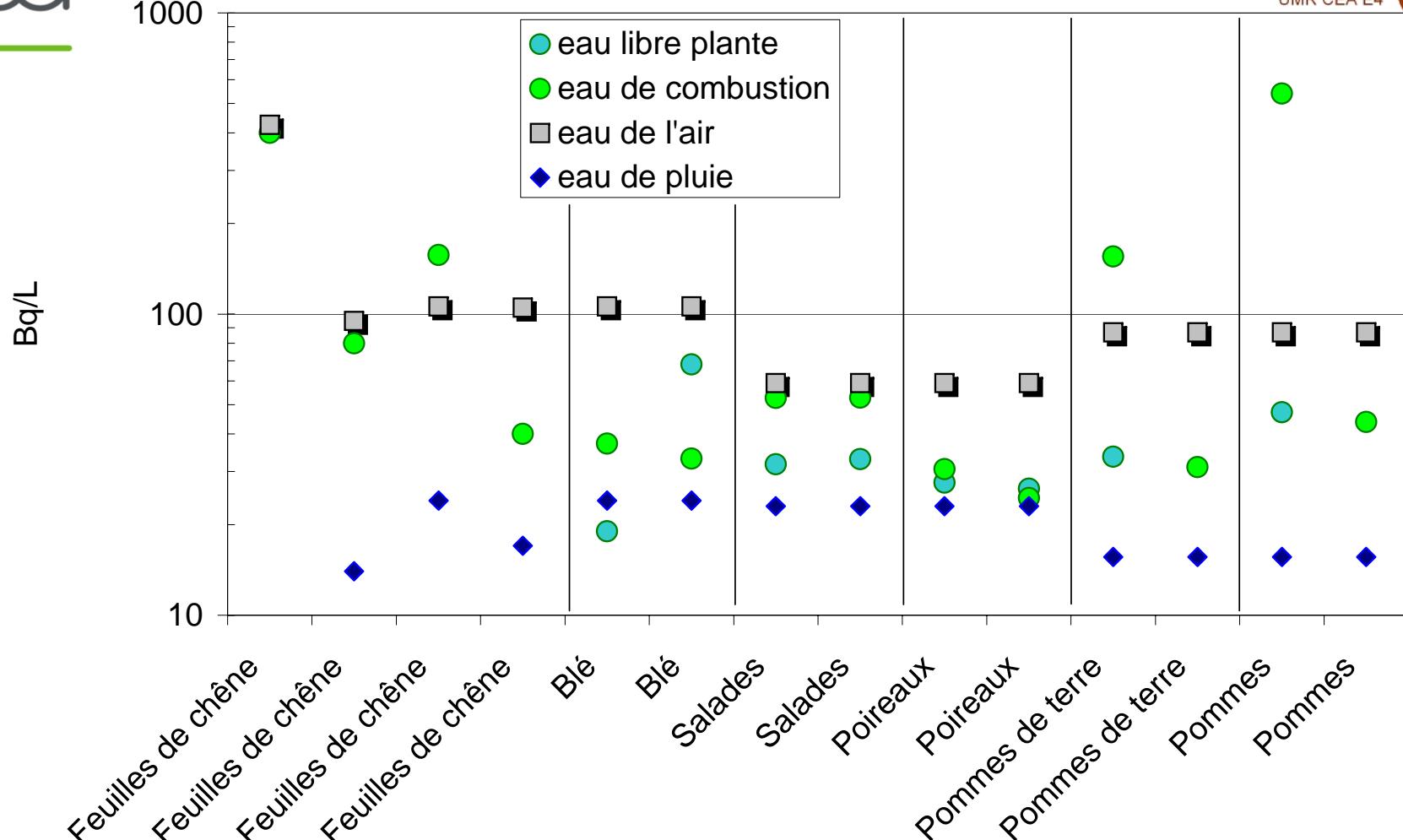
## Measures in Free water : light



## Measures in free water: darkness



# Water concentrations in air, rain, and vegetables : free and combustion



# Conclusions

- Hr.Aair + (1-Hr).Asoil  
or  
0.4 Aair + 0.6 Asoil ?
- Effect of cuticles and efficiency of stomates  
Particularly during the night
- Contribution of rain for soil and for OBT in leaves



thanks



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