



*Des nanomatériaux pour étudier les processus de  
transformation en milieux complexes  
des nanoparticules minérales*



# Origins of nanoparticles (NPs)

1) **Natural.** Ex : volcanoes, deserts

2) **Anthropogenic.** Ex : industries, exhaust gas

3) **Manufactured.** Applications :

- Ag NPs : textiles (anti-bacterial, anti-odor)
- TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs : paints (anti-abrasive, anti-corrosion)
- NPs de ZnO : sunscreen (UV protection)
- Quantum dots (QDs, ex : CdSe) : solar cells

*J.P Shastri et al. 2012*

*L. Golanski et al. 2010*

*N.A.M. Riviere al. 2011*

*Ren et al. 2011*

**QDs = boîte quantique.** Semi-conductor nanocrystals. 2 - 10 nm.

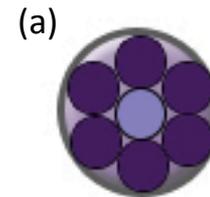
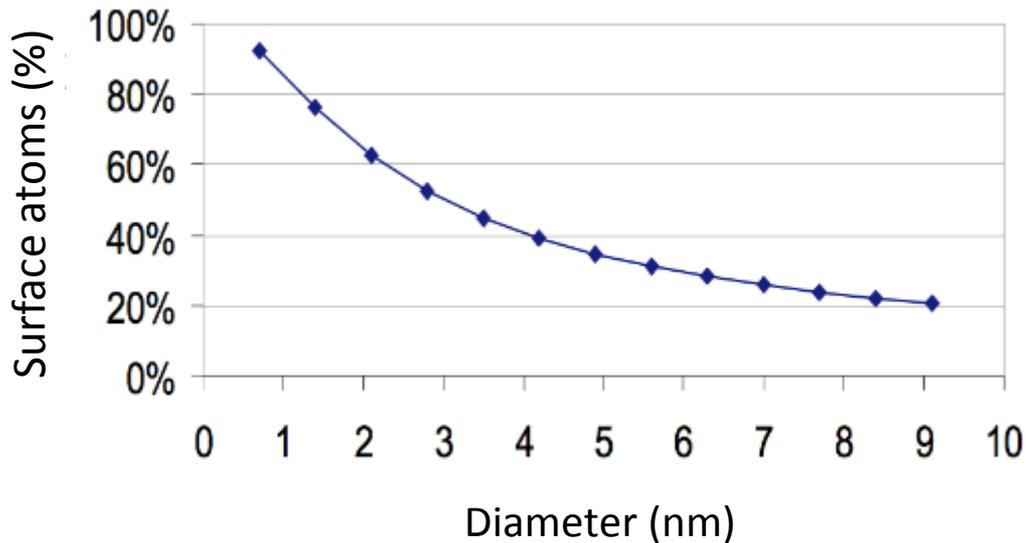


# NPs specific properties

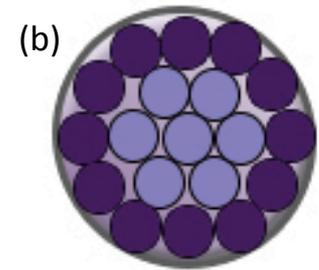
Why various applications of these NPs ?



(Nel A. et al. 2006)



$$S_{\text{specific (a)}} >$$



$$S_{\text{specific (b)}}$$

# NPs flow & concentration estimation in surface water

NPs **flow prediction** in surface water (US), originates from **production, manufacturing & consumption of NPs**

- ZnO NPs : 15 tons/year
- TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs : 48 tons/year
- Ag NPs : 0.2 tons/year
- Quantum dots : ~ 10 tons/year (Europe)

NPs **concentration estimation** in surface water (Europe)

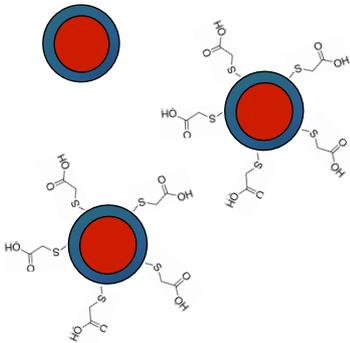
- ZnO NPs : 10 ng/L ou ppt
- TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs : 15 ng/L
- Ag NPs : 0.76 ng/L
- Quantum dots : ~ ng/L



# NPs behavior in natural environment

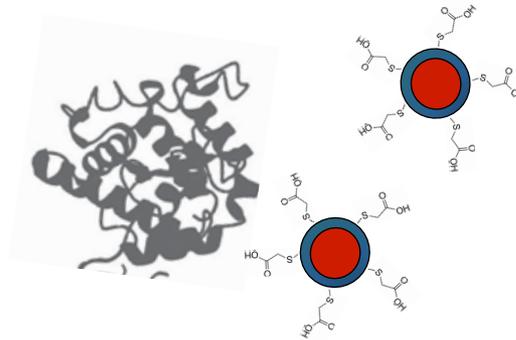
## Physico-chemical characterizations :

Size, form, composition, structure, specific surface, solubility, coating



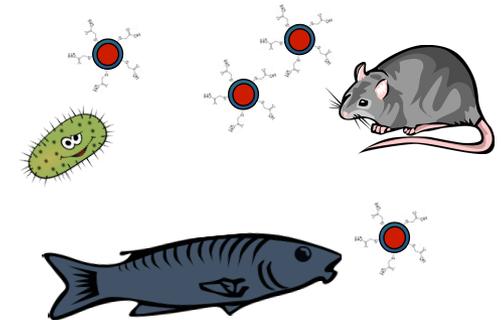
## Transformation / Interaction with other phases :

Adsorption, aggregation, complexation with les organic/ mineral matters



## Interaction with living organisms :

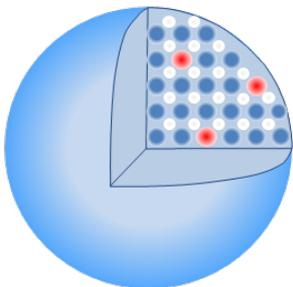
Bio-availability  
Ecotoxicity



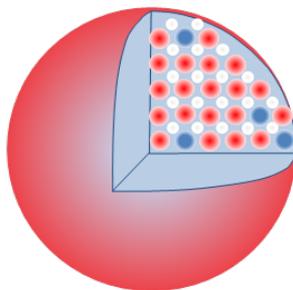
- Dispersion and degradation in natural environment ?
- Understand their impact on biogeochemical cycles ?
- Indispensable to understand their transformations in the environment
- BUT : study at realistic concentrations – mg/L → ng/L
- Problems : **Environmental background noise** et **detection limit**
- Innovative analytical tools ? **STABLE ISOTOPES !**

# Isotopically modified NPs (spiked)

Nanoparticle

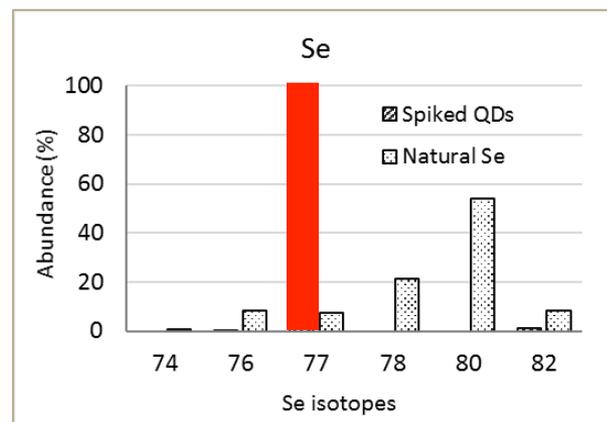
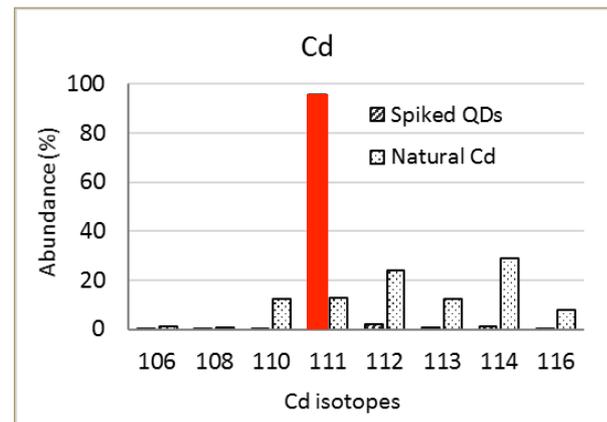
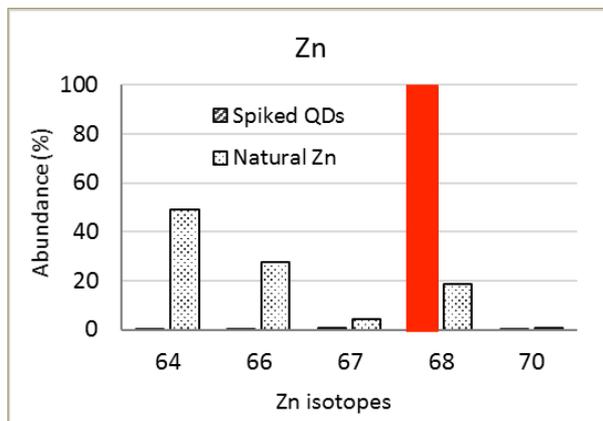


Heavy isotope-enriched NP

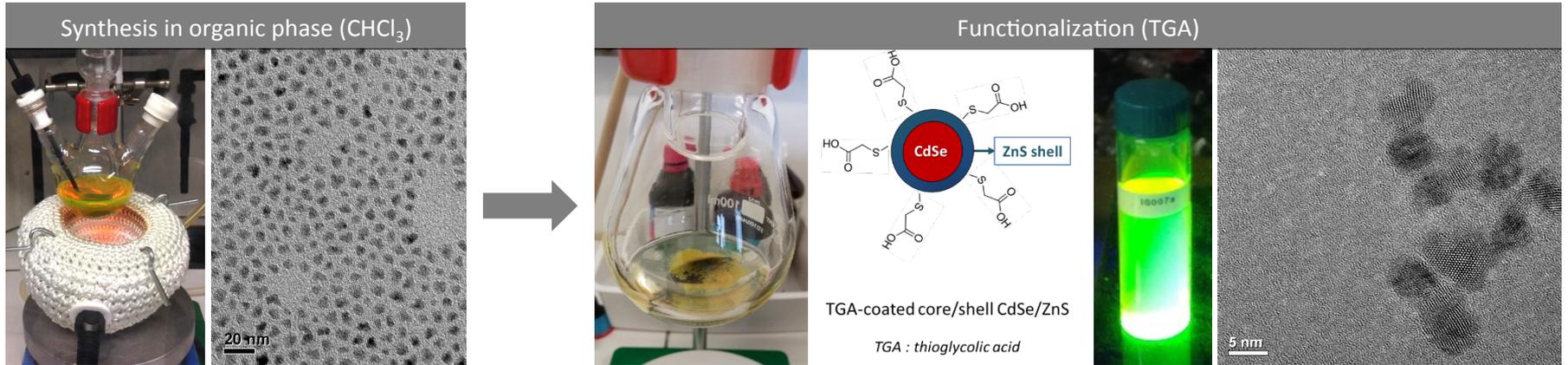


● Light isotopes :  $^{64}\text{Zn}$

● Heavy isotopes :  $^{68}\text{Zn}$



# Isotopically modified NPs (spiked)



- Synthesis of multi-isotopically labelled core/shell CdSe/ZnS quantum dots
  - **Protocol:** adapted from Bae et al. 2008
  - **Functionalization:** thioglycolic acid (TGA)
- **Characterization**
  - **Green luminescent** under UV light (312 nm)
  - **DLS:** 7-8 nm ; **HR-TEM:** 7 nm, rounded shape (some are slightly oval)
  - **ICP-OES:** [Zn] = 101.1 mg/L ; [Cd] = 31.8 mg/L ; [Se] = 19.2 mg/L
  - **HR-ICP-MS:** determination of QDs isotopic composition

# QDs dissemination in simple and complex matrices

- Simple matrices

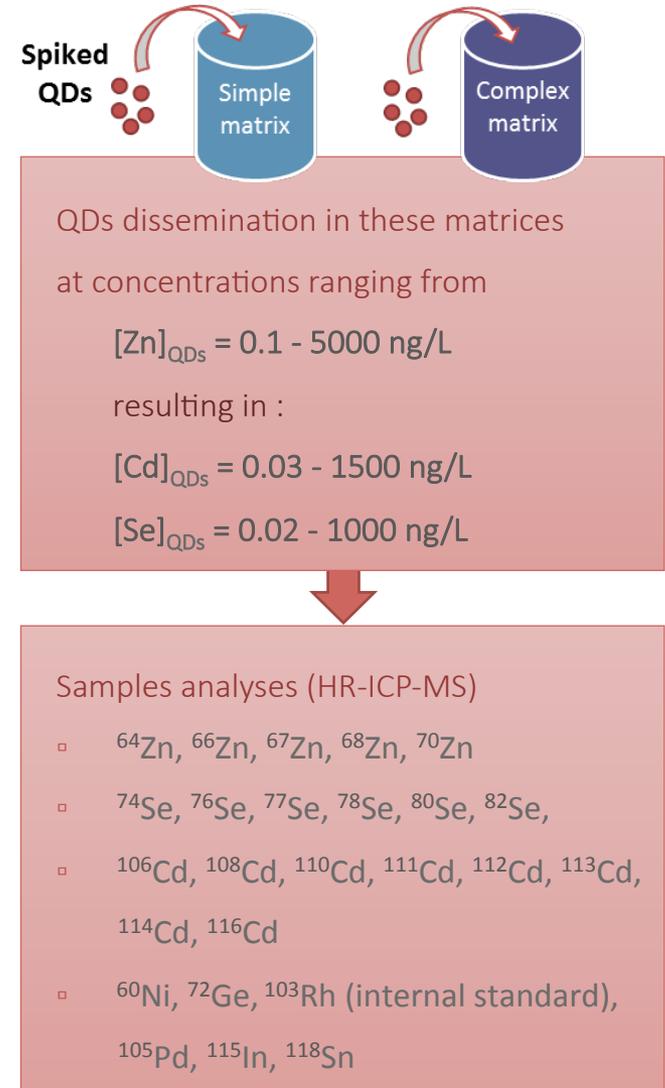
- HNO<sub>3</sub> 2%
- NaNO<sub>3</sub> 0.01N

- Natural matrices

- Seine river water (0.22 μm)
- Seawater (artificial ; recipe from ASTM International)
- Estuaries (Seine river water + artificial seawater)

- Biological matrices

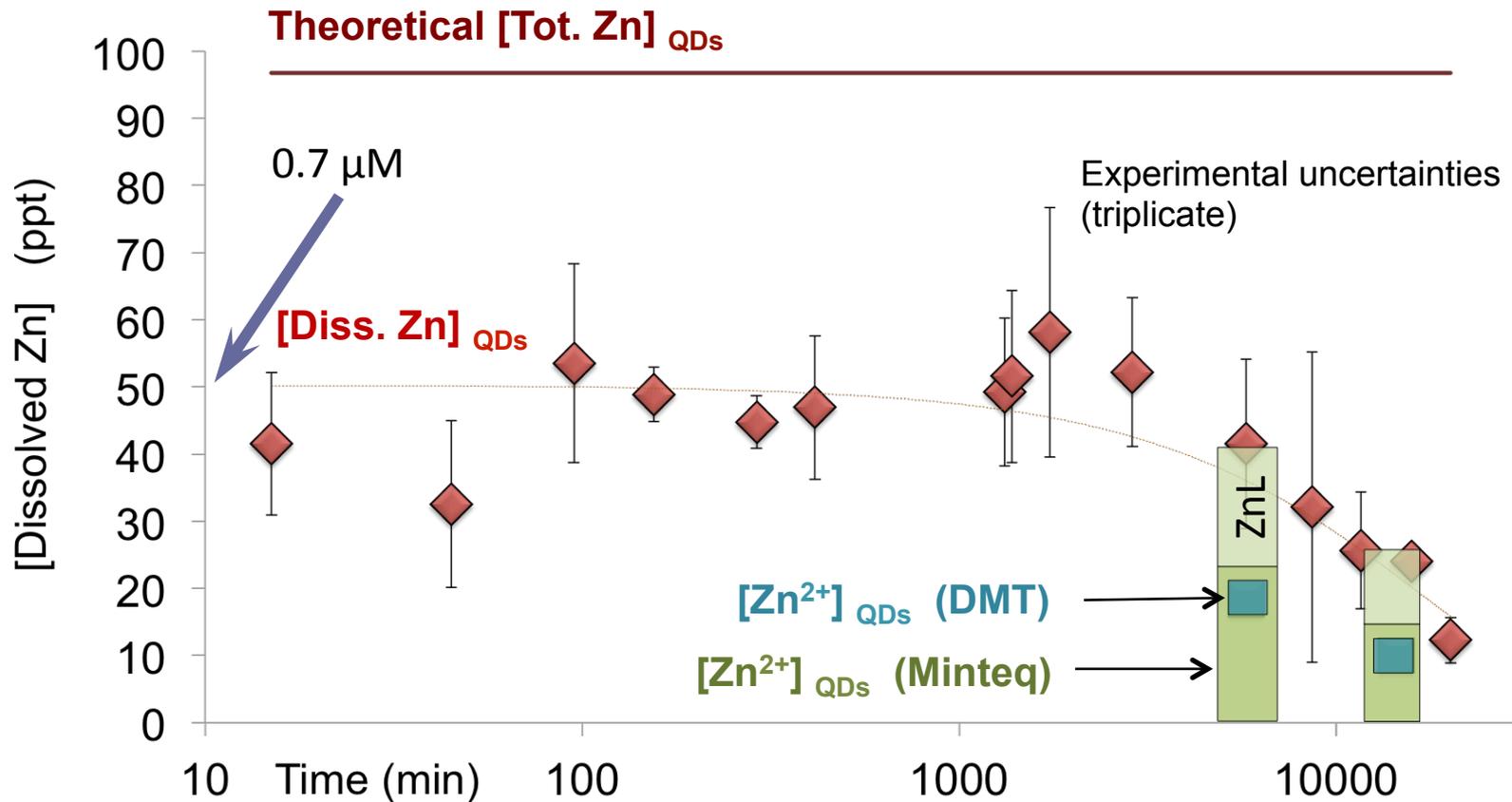
- Saliva (artificial ; West et al. 2002)
- Urine (artificial ; Shiotsuki et al. 2012)
- Plasma (Sprague Dawley ; from Janvier-Labs France)
- Growth media (DPBS ; Dulbecco and Vogt, 1954)

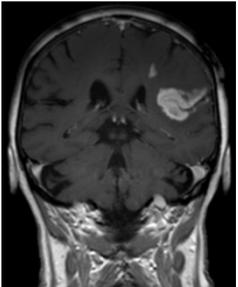


# QDs dissolution in Seine river water

Kinetics of dissolution of Zn-spiked CdSe/ZnS QDs in Seine river water sample

( [Diss. Zn]<sub>Seine</sub> = 2000 ppt )



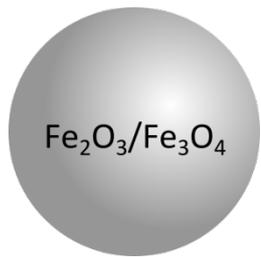
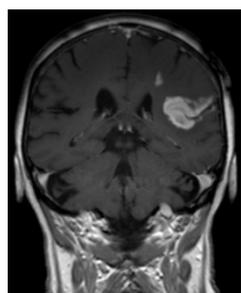


Projet NanoDestinée (DIM NanoK),



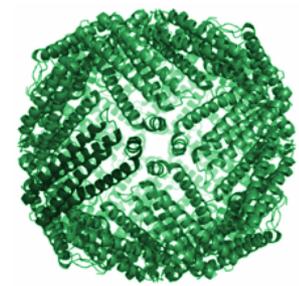
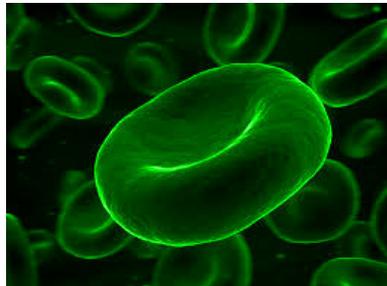
# Destinée de nanoparticules manufacturées en milieu complexe Traçage isotopique *in Vivo*

- NPs d'oxyde de Fer en tant qu'agents de contraste pour l'IRM

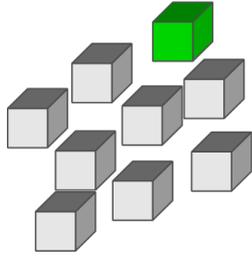


Devenir:  
rate, foie, reins, ...

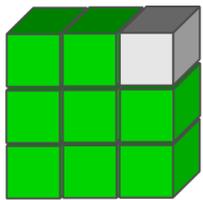
- Corps humain riche en Fer endogène : globules rouges, ferritine



composition isotopique naturelle



NPs marquées, enrichies en  $^{57}Fe$



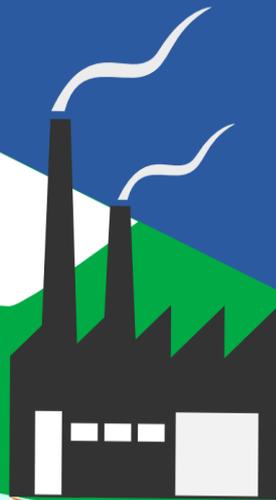
Isotope du Fe	54	56	57	58
Abondance naturelle, en %	5.80	91.72	2.20	0.28

# Nanoparticles for monitoring heavy metal ions in freshwaters

Spillage!



Insufficient monitoring frequency for early warning



**Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>:**

pM to nM

1 measurement every 3 to 6 days

**Zn<sup>2+</sup>:**

nM to  $\mu$ M

1 measurement per day

# Criteria for sensing in fresh waters



**Sensitive**

no preconcentration step needed



**Specific**

no mistaking the analyte for another



**Speedy**

monitoring with  $\text{hour}^{-1}$  or  $\text{min}^{-1}$  frequency



**Deployable on field**

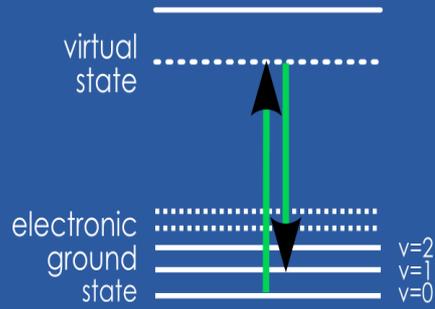
Light, handy, cost effective



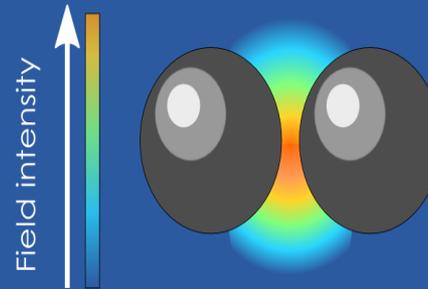
**SERS: the ideal sensor ?**

# Principle of SERS

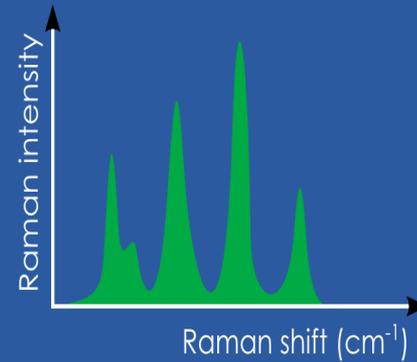
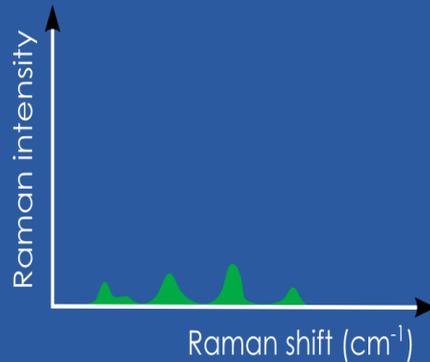
## Raman process



## plasmonic coupling

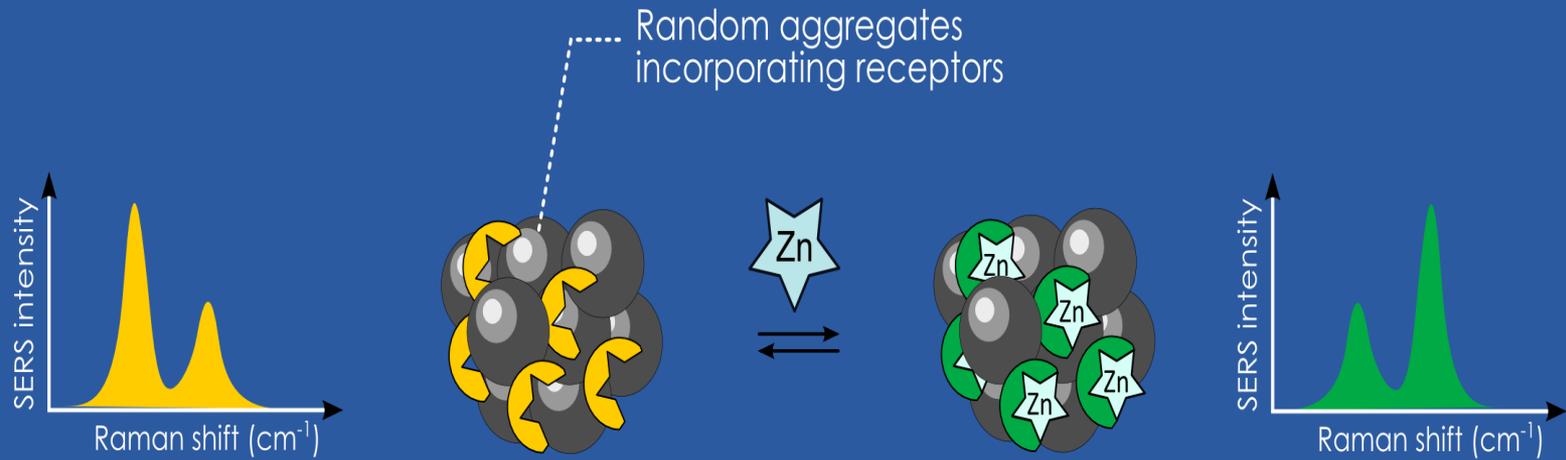


SERS



➔ Raman Intensity  $\times 10^4$  to  $10^6$  for random aggregates

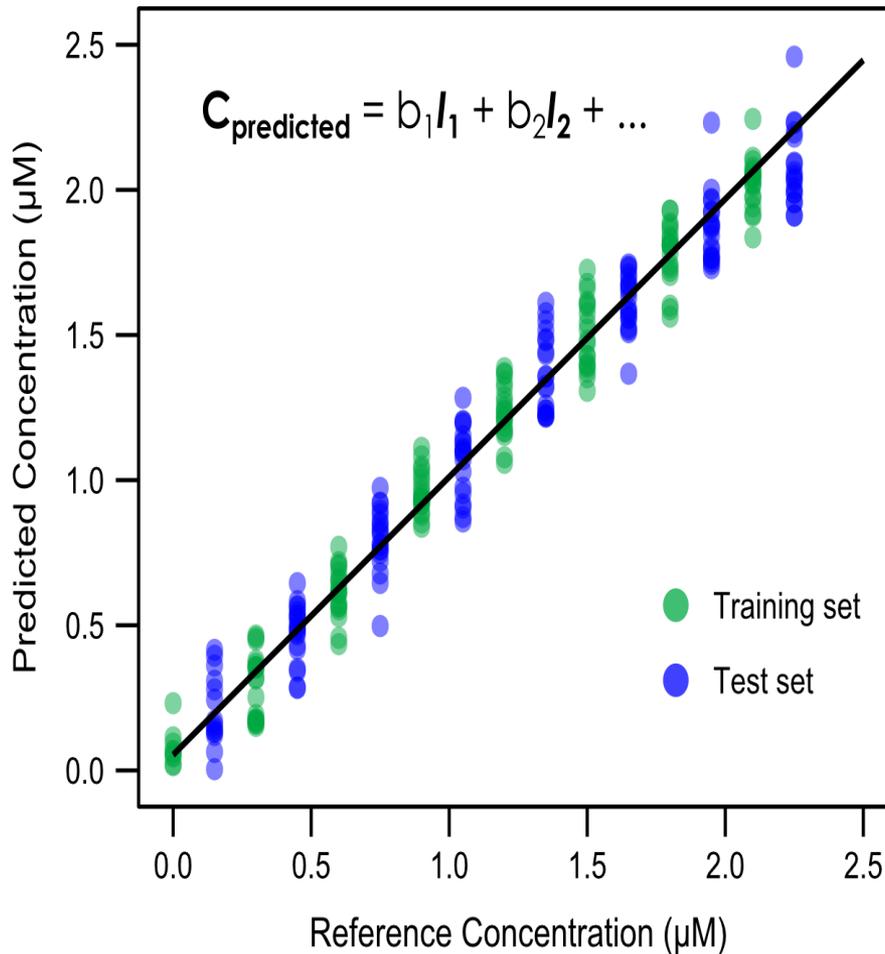
# SERS sensing of atomic ions



**Analytical performances ?**

**Useful in fresh waters ?**

# Calibration using chemometrics



## Detection of $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ by SERS:

- LOD ~ 190 nM
- High predictive power in the [0.2 – 2.5 µM] range

**Typical  
concentration  
range of  
Combined  
Sewers  
Overflows  
(CSOs)**

# Zn<sup>2+</sup> sensing in the presence of interferents - chemometric calibration

Typical combined sewer concentrations:

Zn<sup>2+</sup> ~ 1  $\mu$ M

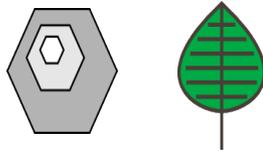
Ca<sup>2+</sup> ~ 1.44 mM

Na<sup>+</sup> ~ 1.35 mM

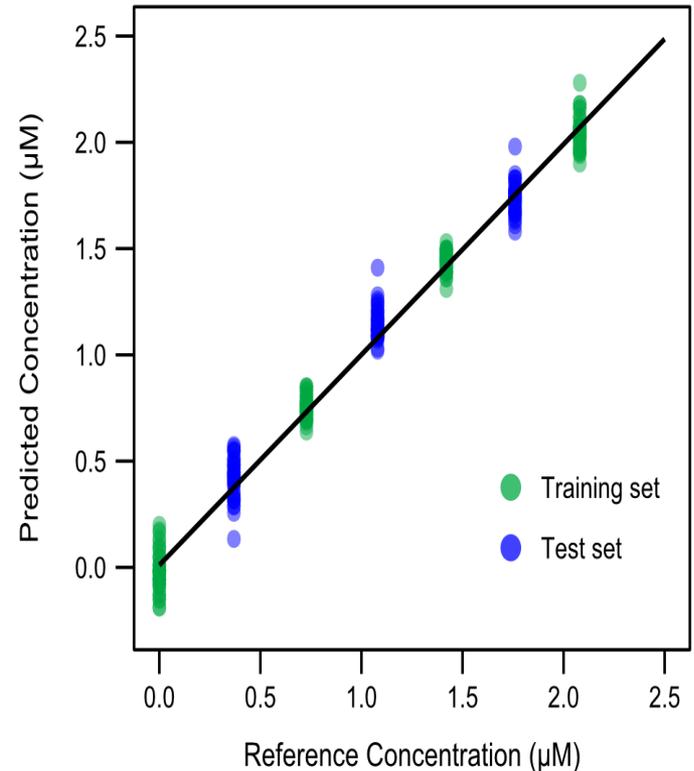
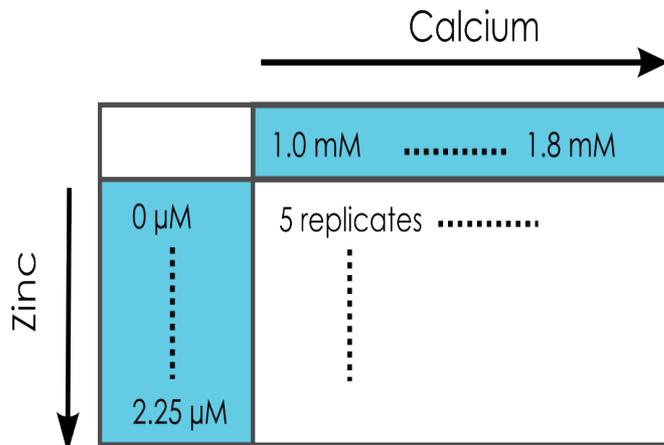
Mg<sup>2+</sup> ~ 288  $\mu$ M

K<sup>+</sup> ~ 264  $\mu$ M

Suspended colloids:



Clays,  
decomposing  
plants



High predictive power,  
regardless of the exact  
level of Ca interferent



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\* exposés scientifiques (15 minutes)

- dunes : Clément Narteau (IPGP) / Sylvain Courrech (MSC)

- érosion et dissolution: Michael Berhanu (MSC) / Eric Lajeunesse (IPGP)

- vagues, ondes et bruits sismique : Éléonore Stutzmann (IPGP) / Eric Falcon (MSC)

- nanoparticules, eau et environnement : Gaëlle Charron ou Florence Gazeau (MSC) / Marc Benedetti ou Yann Sivry (IPGP)

- méandres : Adrian Daerr (MSC) / François Métivier (IPGP)

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- cyanobactéries et environnement : Julien Dervaux (MSC) / Alexandre Gélabert (IPGP)

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