

From Patagonia to Kerguelen dust transport

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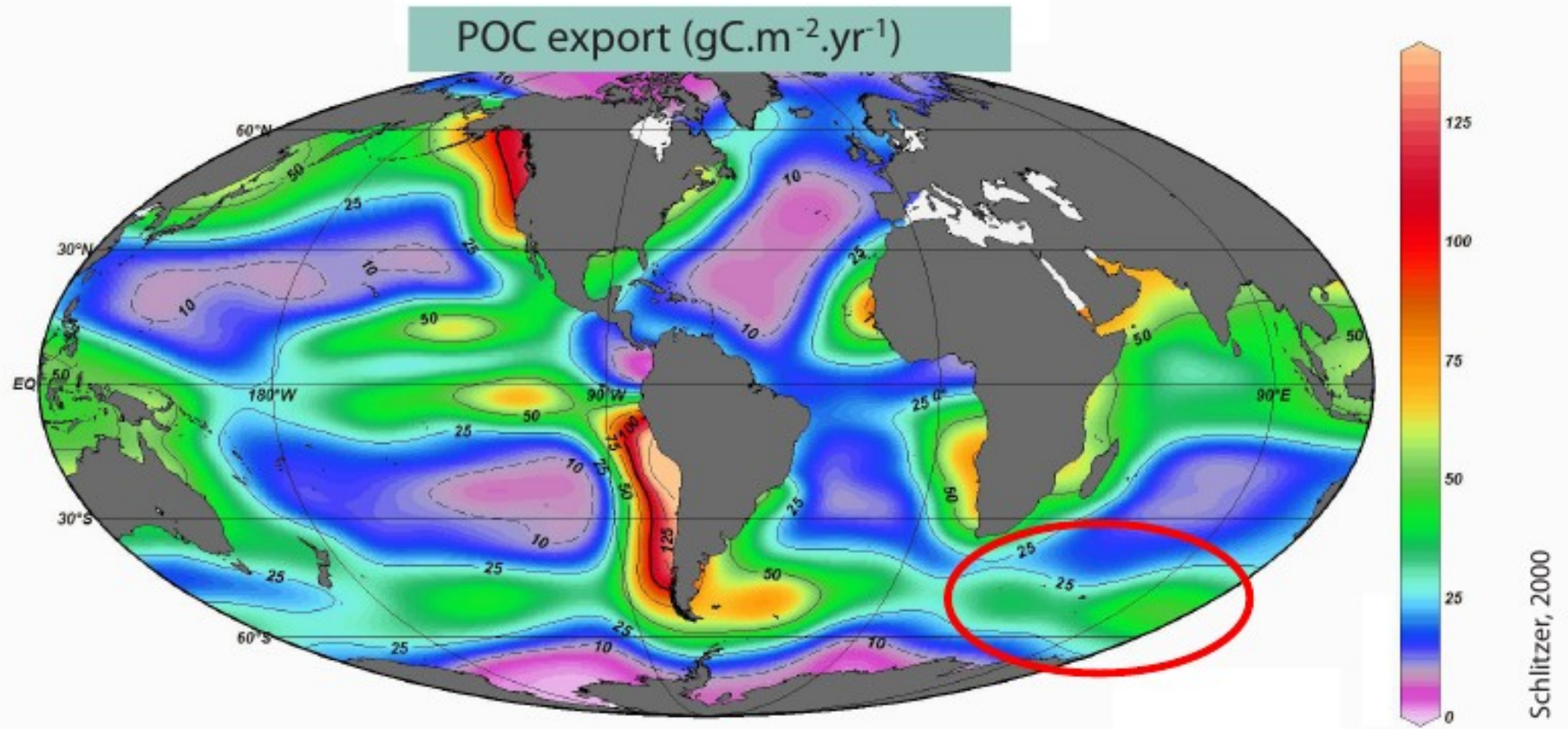
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Context of the studies



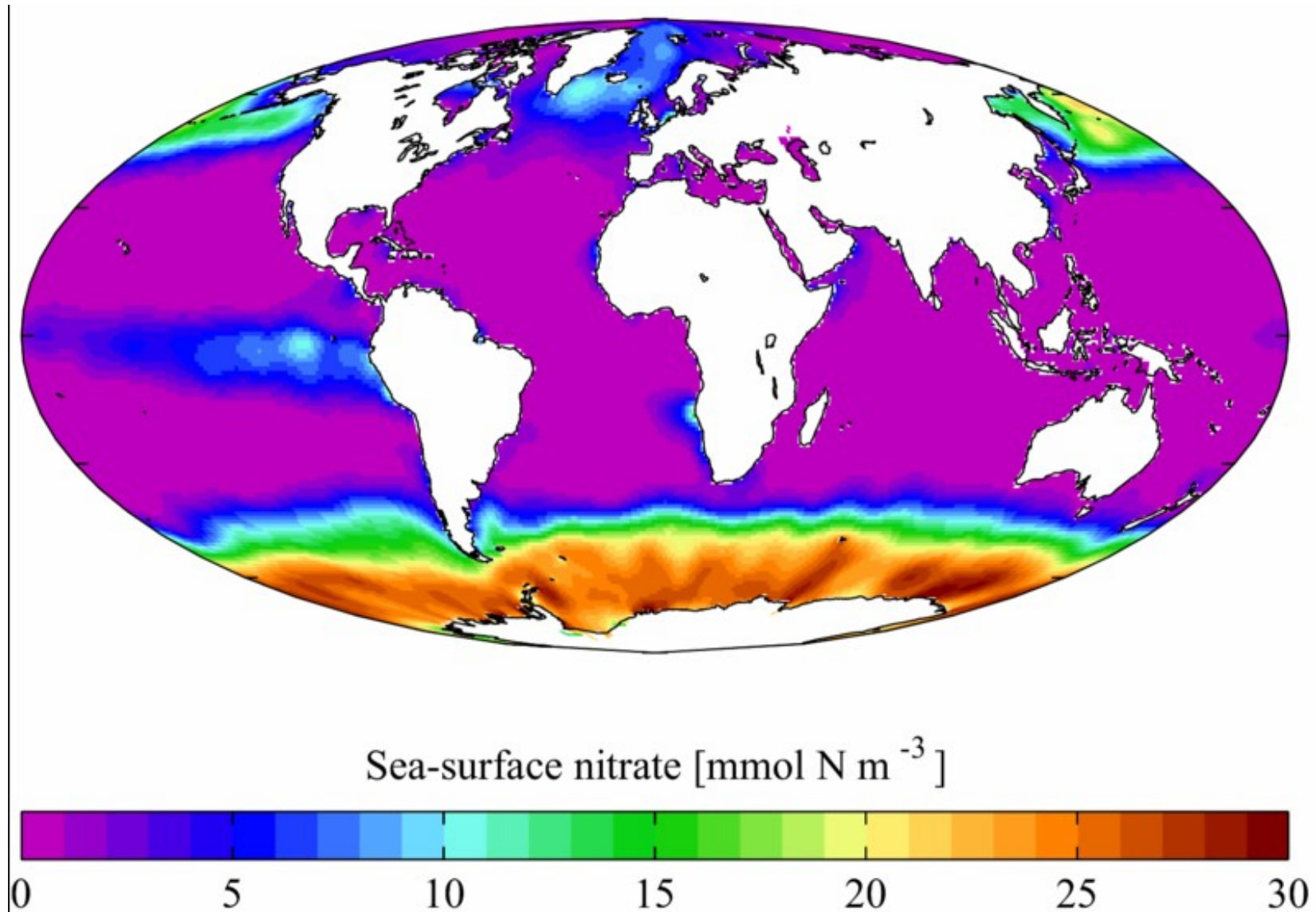
- SOLAS endorsed FLATOCOA (Flux ATmosphérique d'Origine Continentale sur l'Océan Austral) program (field measurements)
- Time schedule
 - Field experiments 2009-2010
 - Lab experiments 2006-2014

Carbon biological pump

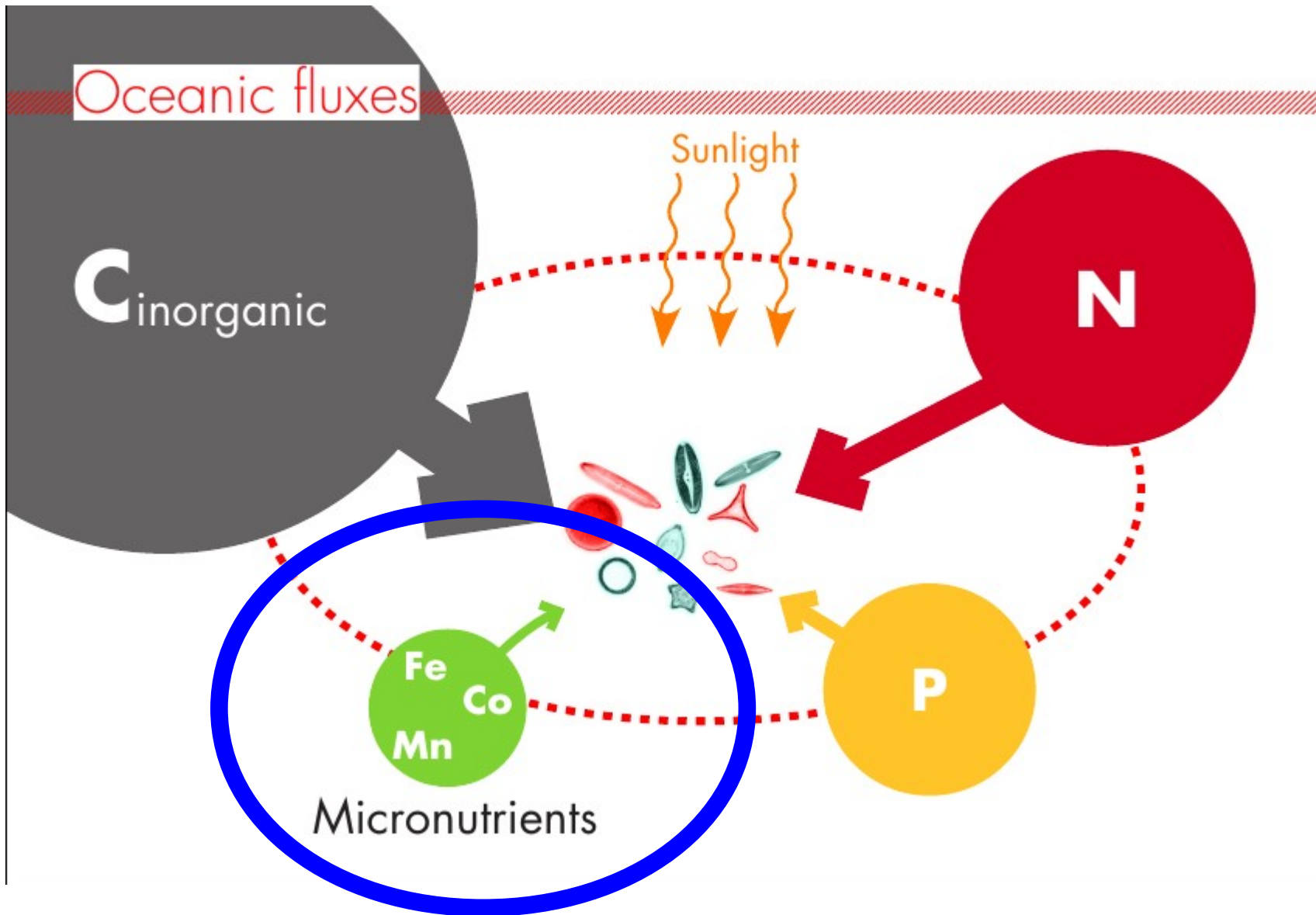


La zone océanique sub-antarctique est un puits net de dioxyde de carbone atmosphérique

HNLC: bioavailable N



Photosynthesis



Limitation?

Crozet et Kerguelen

FLATOCOA

« FLux Atmosphérique d'Origine Continentale sur l'Océan Austral »

Crozet



46°S 51°E

Kerguelen islands



49°S 70°E

Trace metals measurements

Two-year sampling
(end 2008 - end 2010)



Localisation des sites

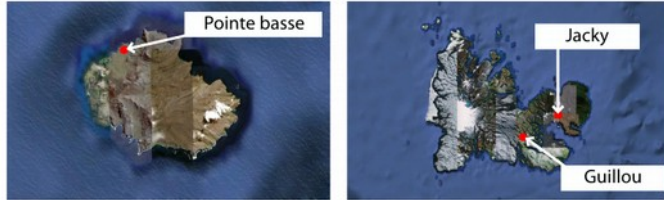


Crozet



Kerguelen

Deposition sampling

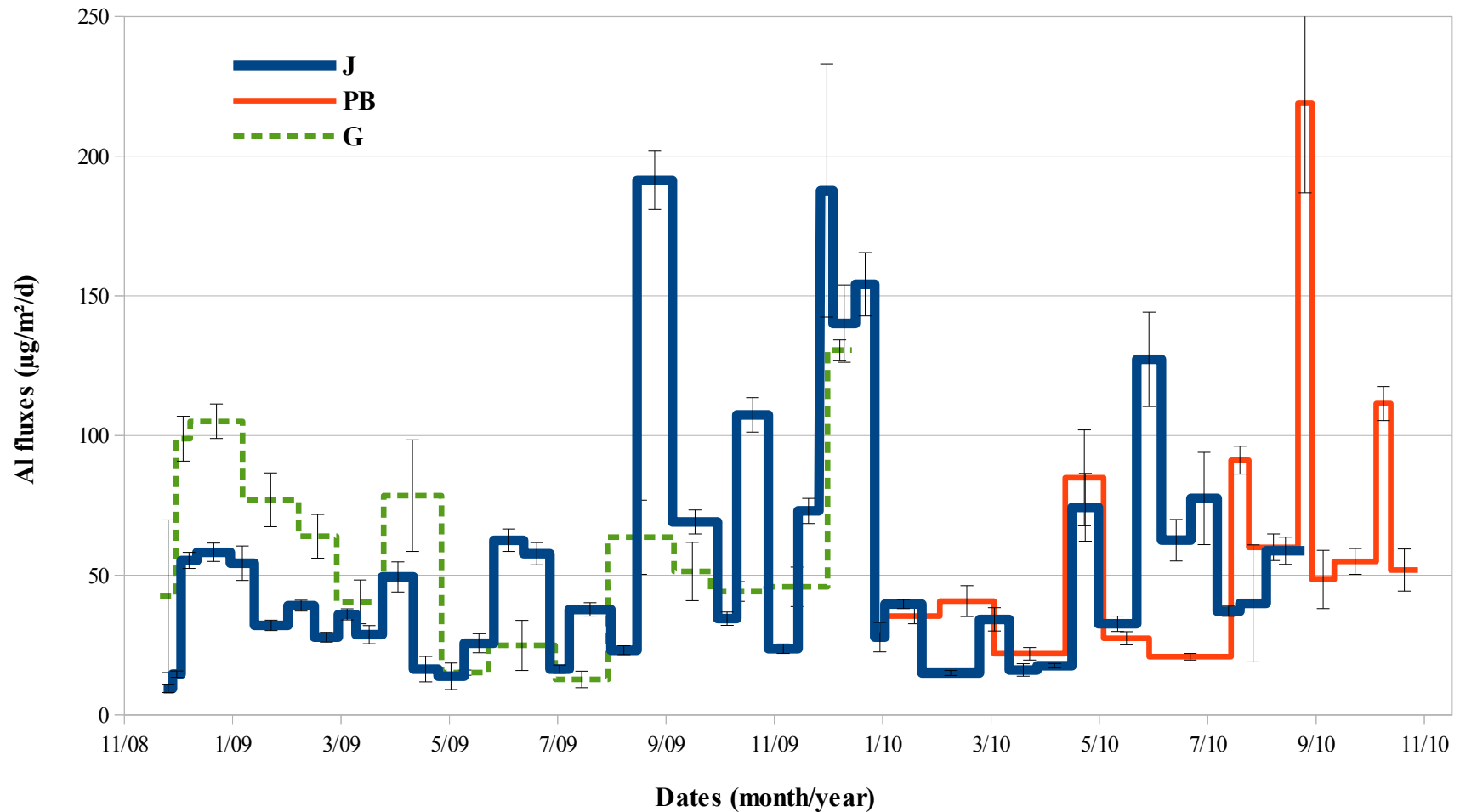


Pointe basse (possession Island, Crozet): 1 sample each month, 2010

Sampling protocol

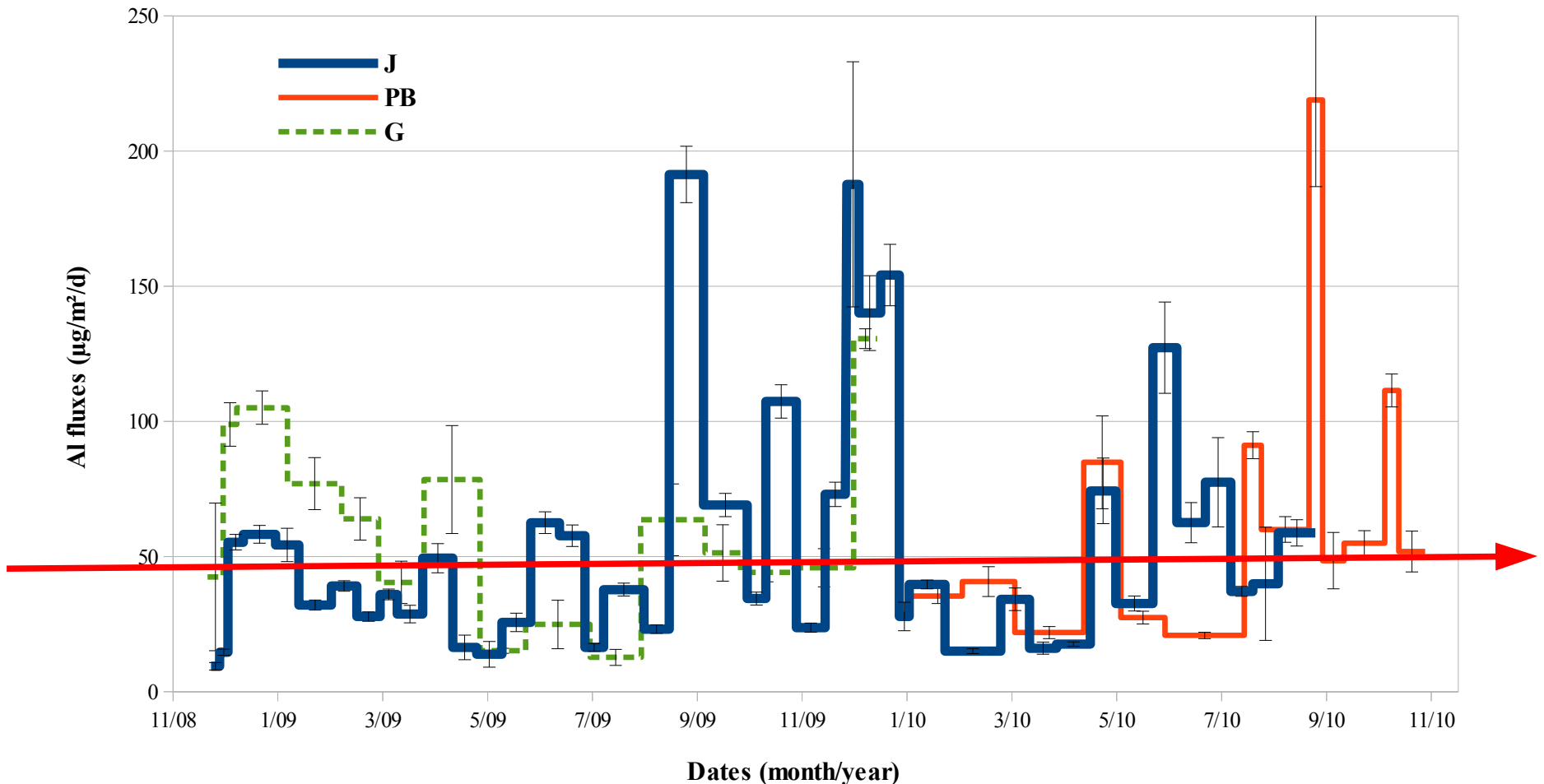


Deposition Flux



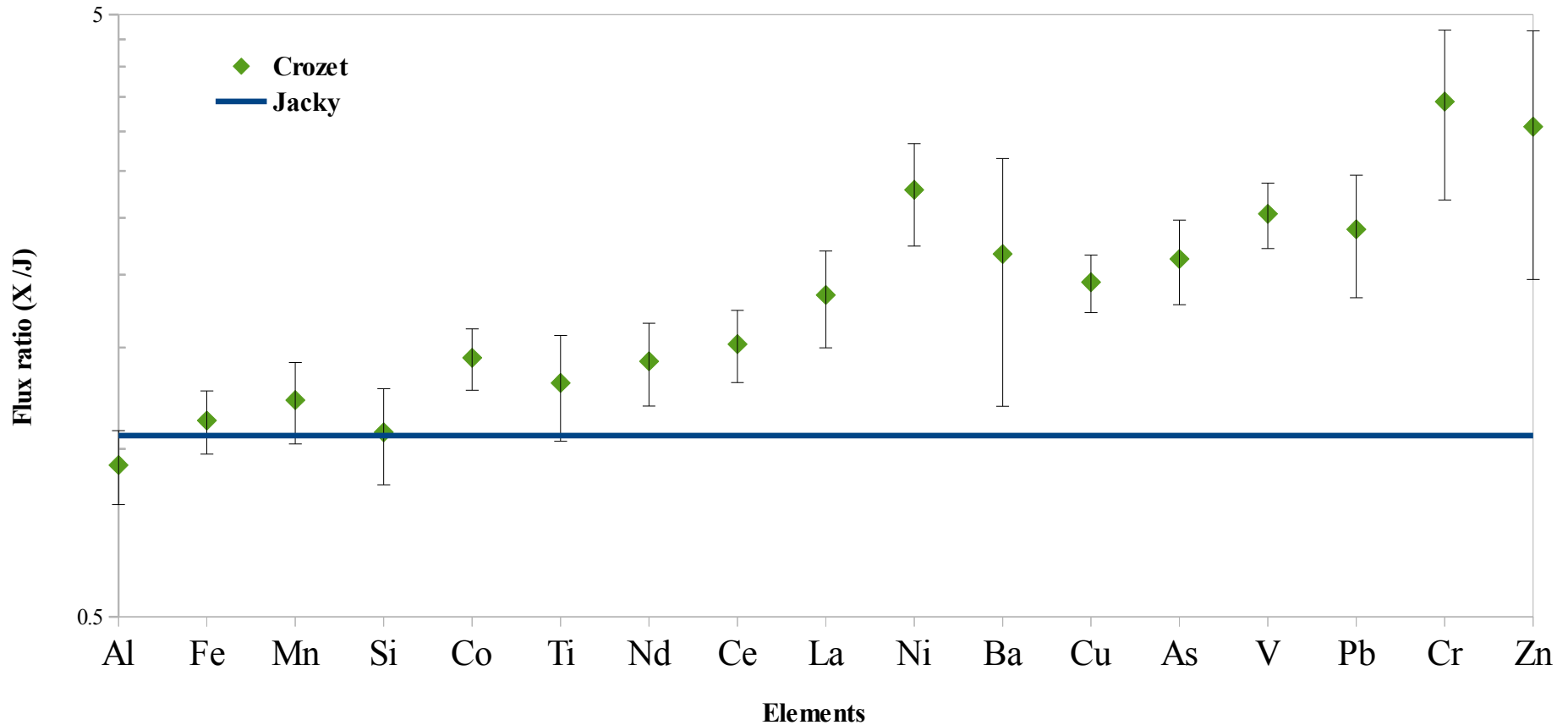
Heimbürger et al. 2013, *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*

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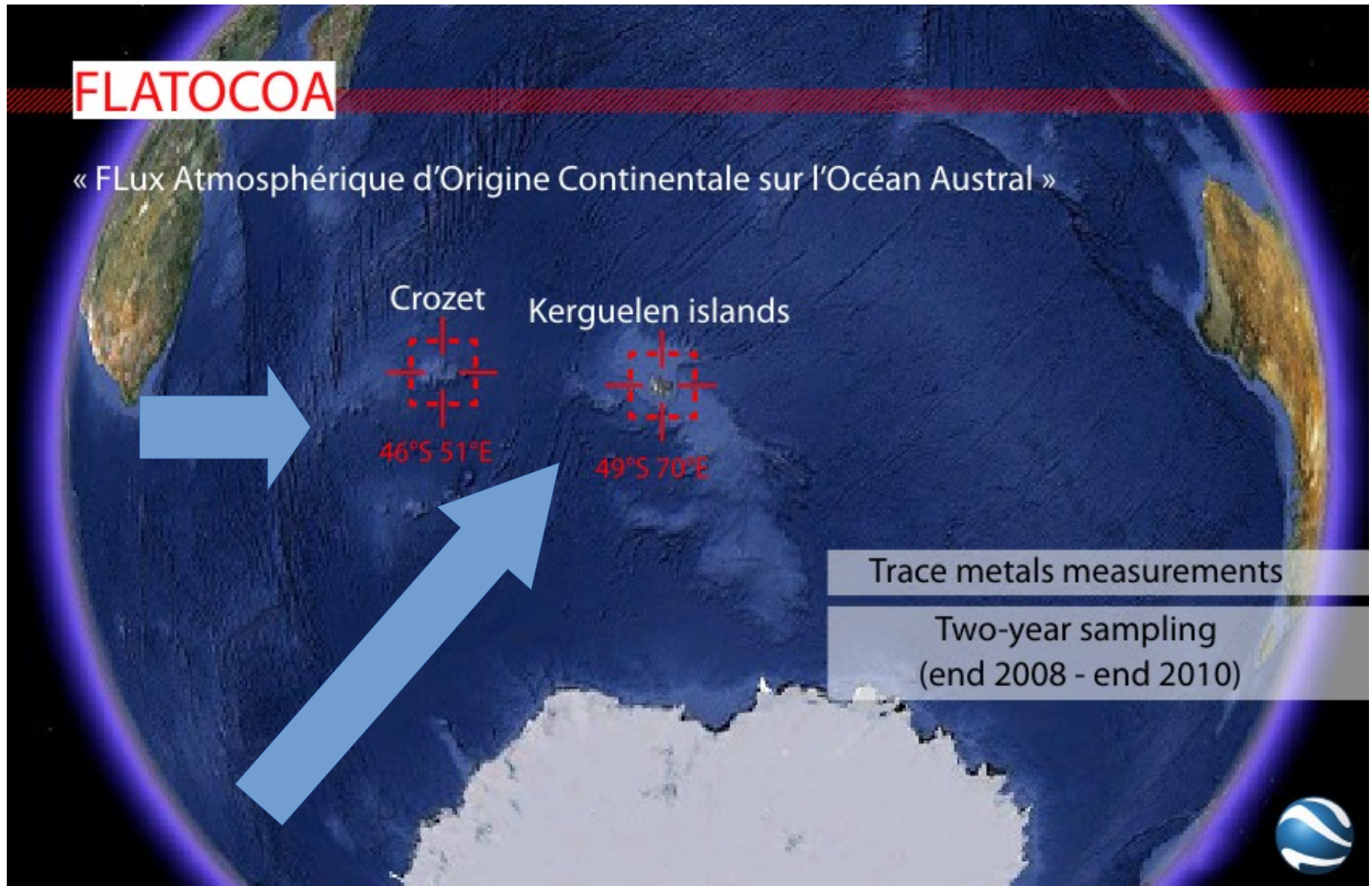
Deposition flux 50 time higher than calculated from aerosol measurements and previously published

Deposition chemical composition variation



Why did chemical composition vary?

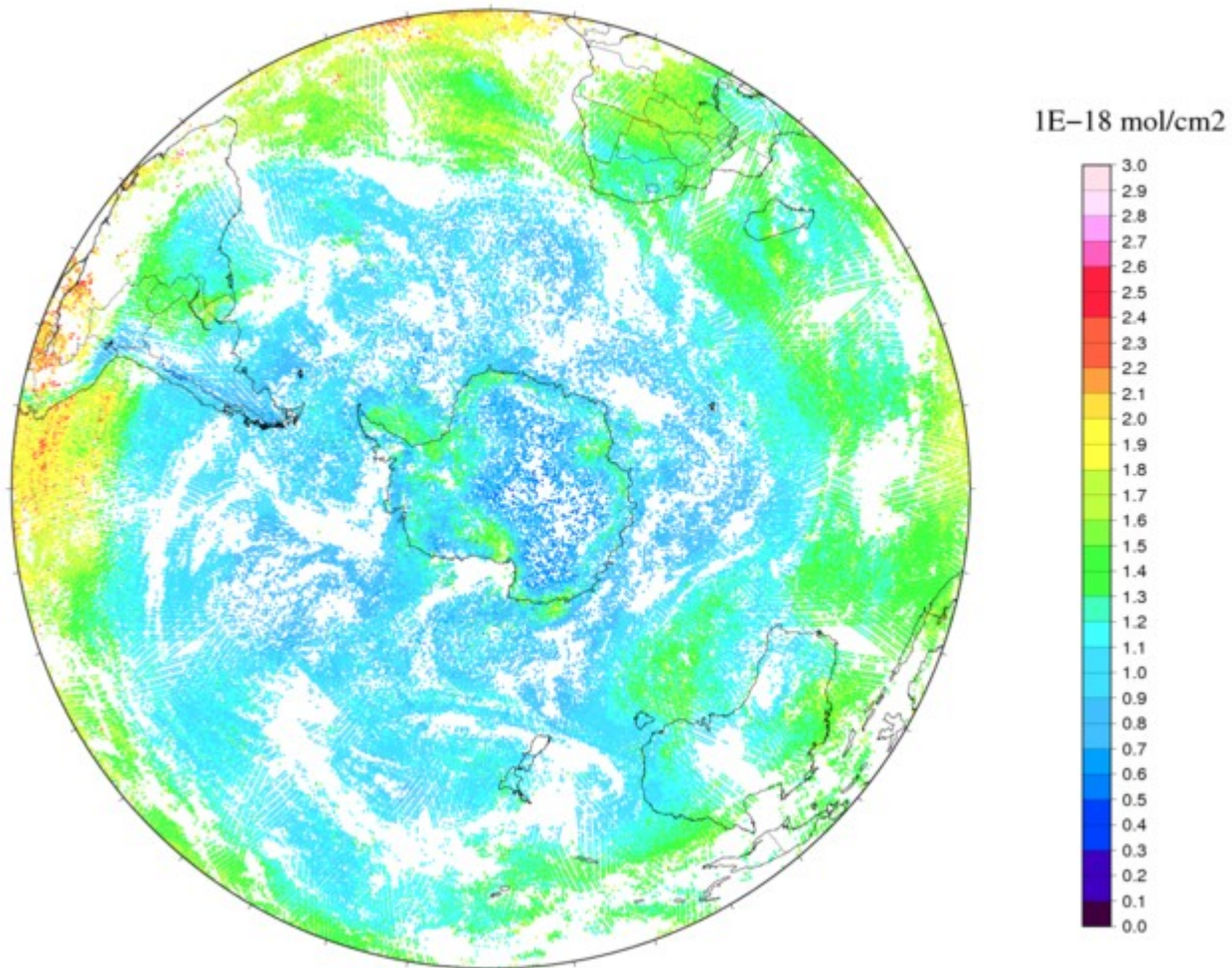
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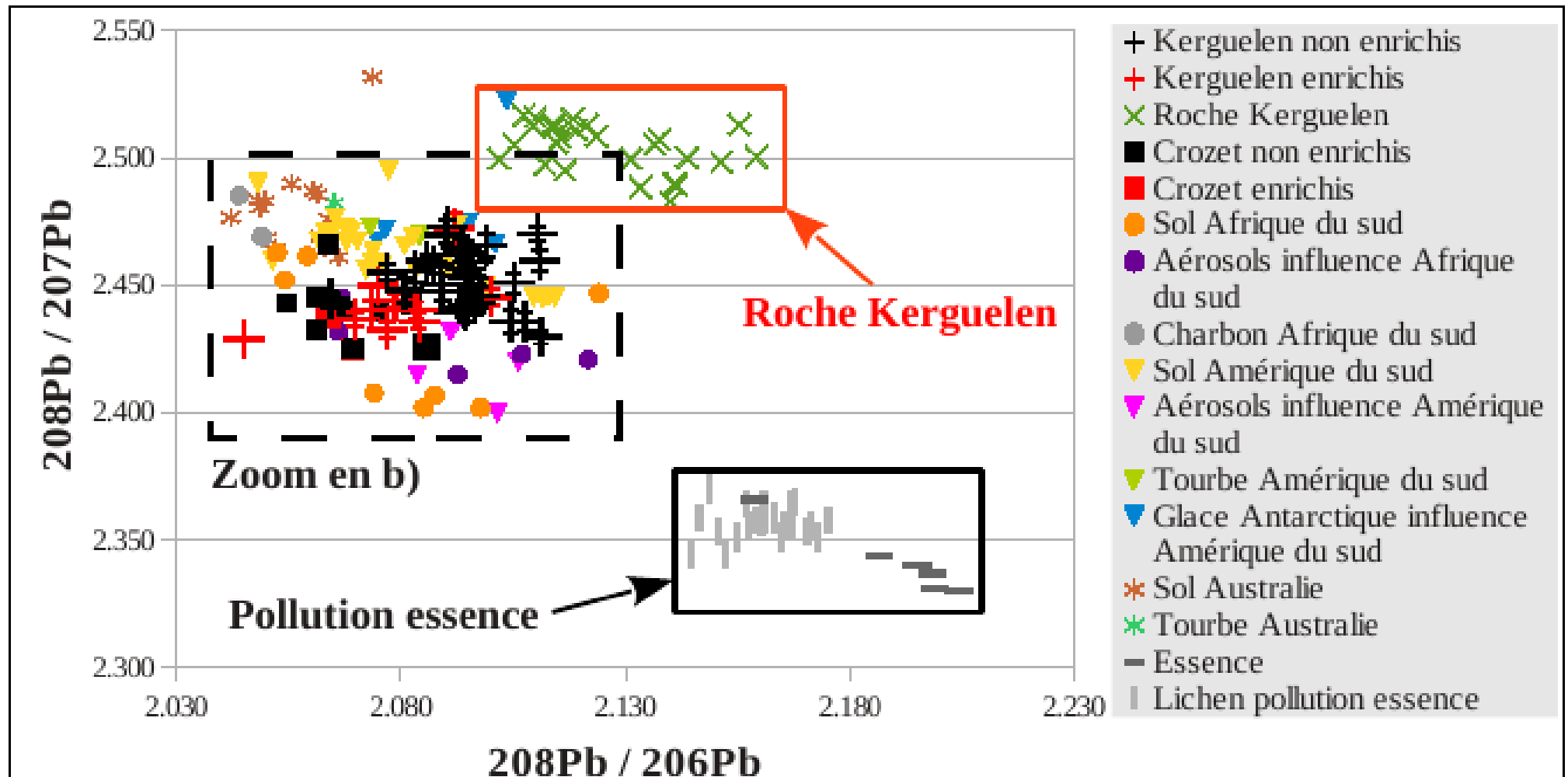
CO as proxy

CO total column

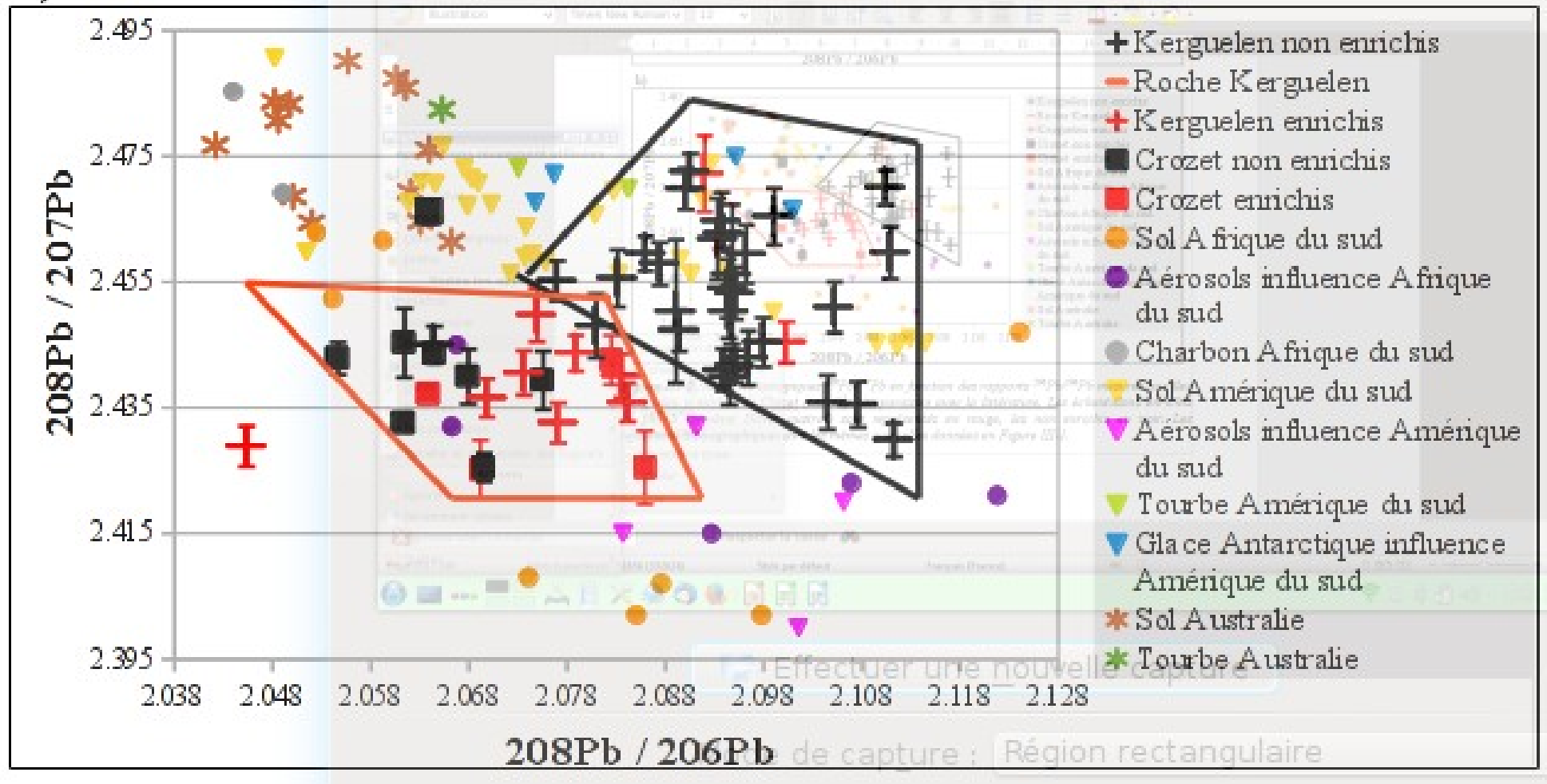
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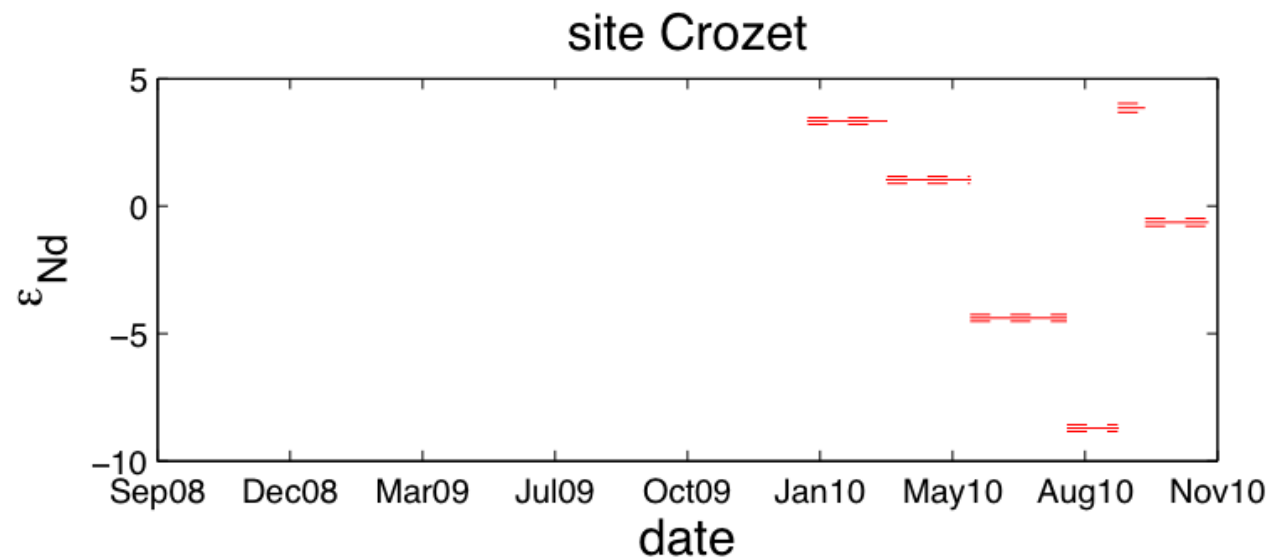
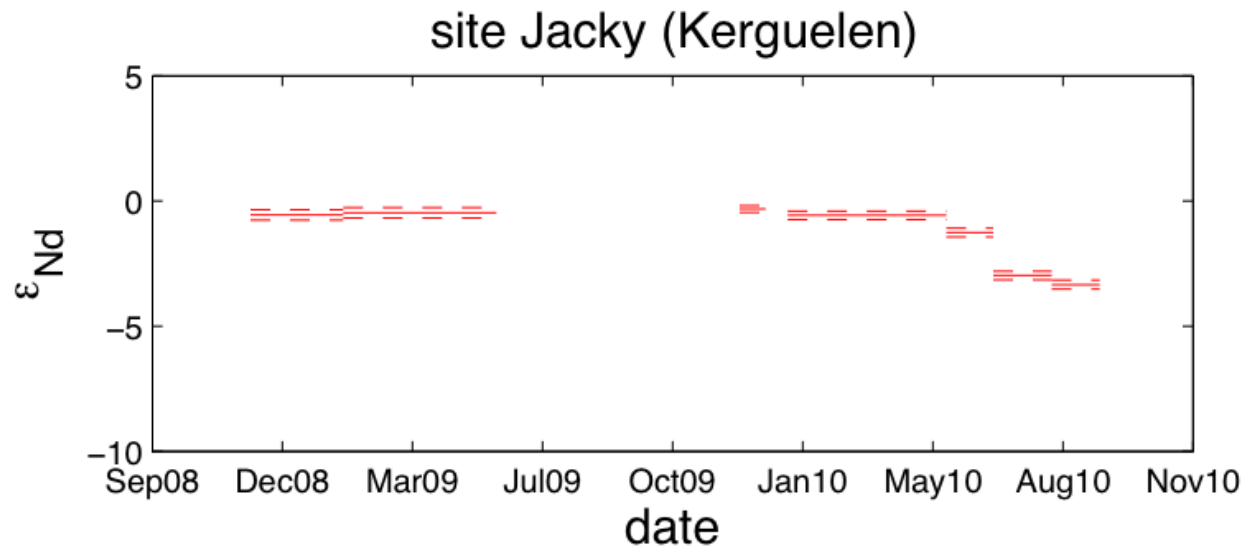
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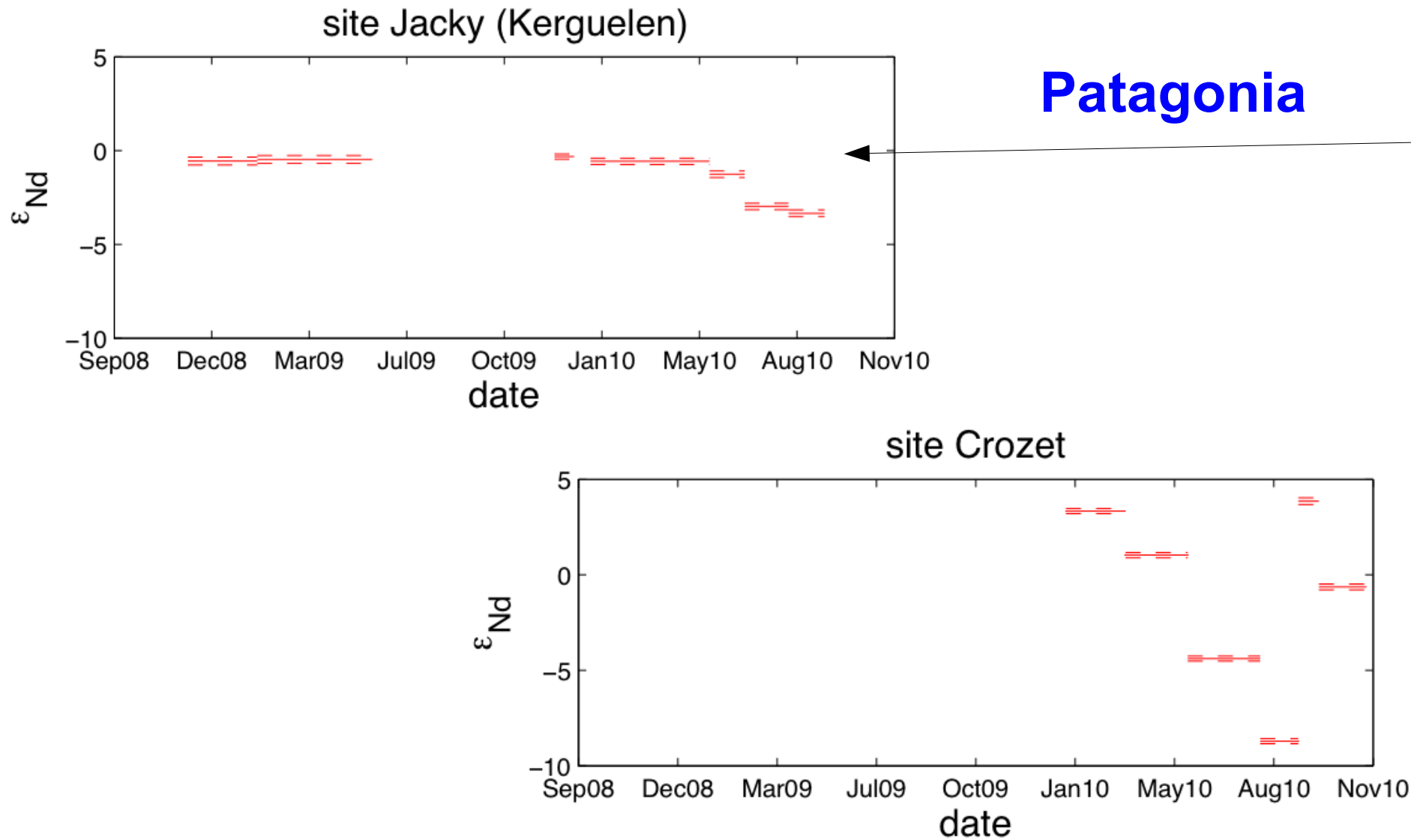
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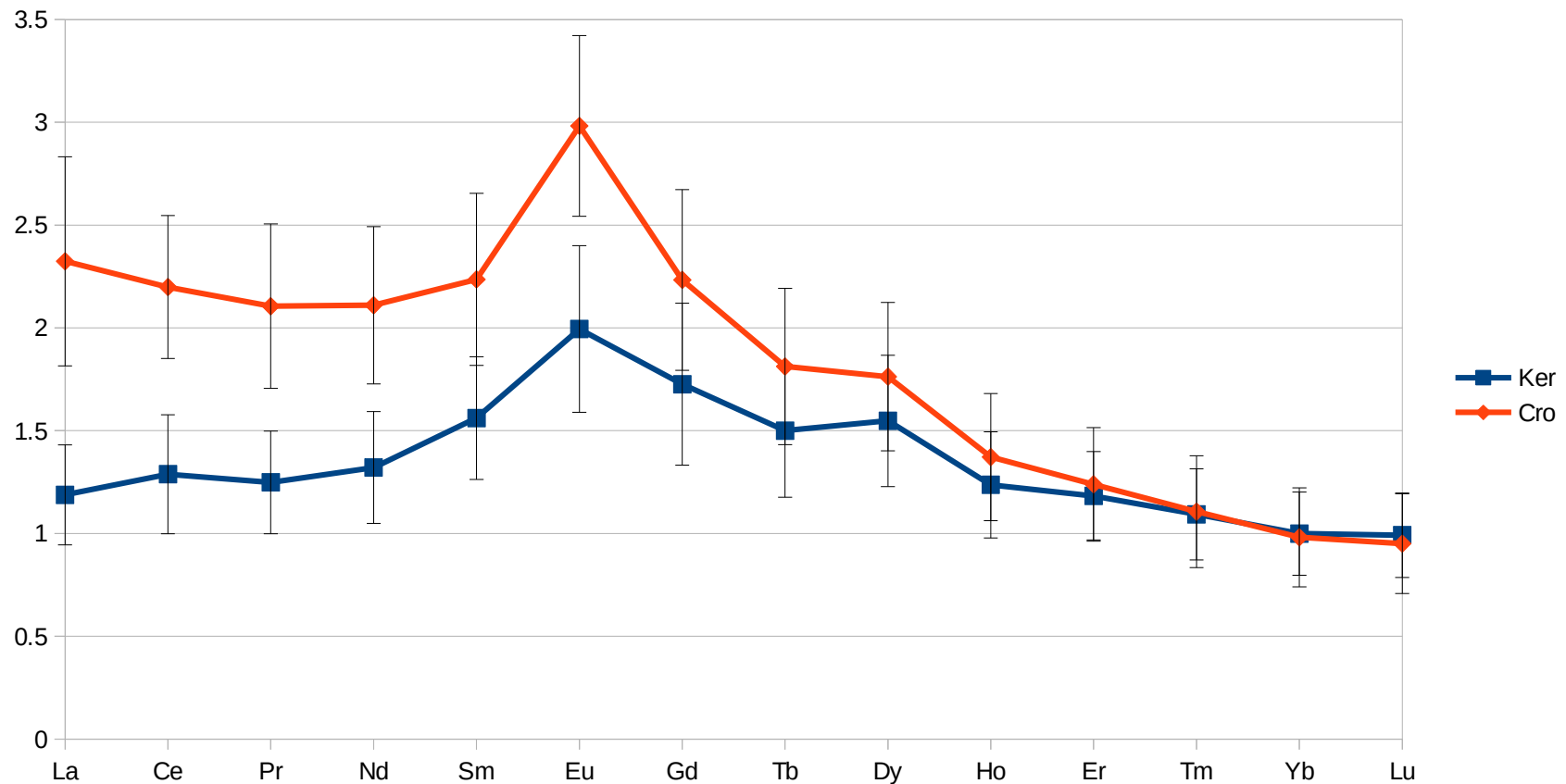
Néodyme



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REE ratio profiles



Ratio on surface Earth Crust

Conclusion

- During winter, when Patagonian emission is low and storm are strong, dust is coming probably from Southern Africa and Patagonia, mixed
- During other periods, Patagonia regularly feed Kerguelen, while Crozet is subjected to more variable sources
- A better knowledge of source signature is required (isotopes and REE)

