



# Environmental geochemistry of South Urals geotechnical system (Russia)

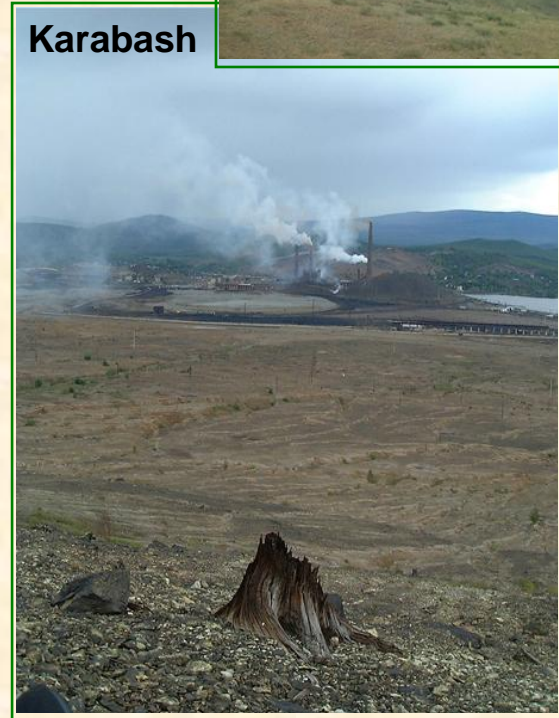
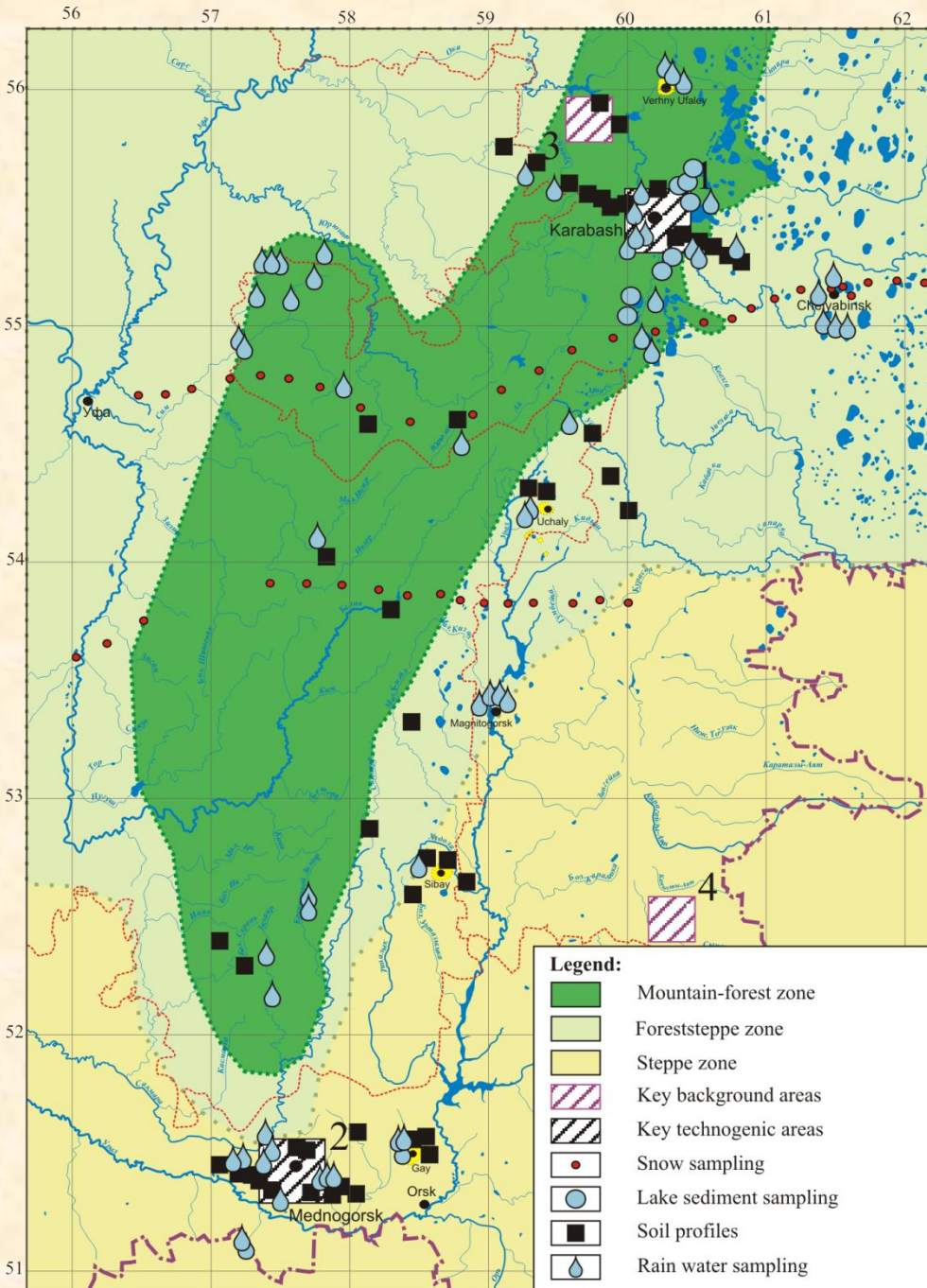
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# Regional landscape-geographic map of South Ural



## Surface water



Макунина, 1980;  
Удачин, 2002;  
Белогуб и др., 2003;

## Atmospheric transport



Степанов и др., 1992;  
Барышева, 2000;  
Udachin et al., 2003;  
Williamson et al., 2004;  
Вильямсон и др., 2005.

## Soils



Степанов и др., 1992;  
Нестеренко, 1992ф;  
Барышева, 2000  
Нестеренко, 2006

## Lichens



Williamson,  
Udachin., 2004;  
Spiro et al., 2004;  
Purvis et al., 2006.

# Knowledge about Karabash

## Accumulation of heavy metals in vegetables



Нестеренко,  
Левит, 1989, 1992ф;  
Барышева, 2000;  
Нестеренко, 2006.

## The composition of sediments lakes and streams



Нестеренко, 1992ф;  
Барышева, 1999;  
Нестеренко, 2006;

## Cenotical structure terrestrial communities



Черненькова, 1986;  
Черненькова, 1989;  
Степанов и др., 1992;  
Черненькова и др., 2001;  
Макунина, 2002;  
Куянцева,  
Вейсберг, 2008.

## Composition of the ores, "tails", slags



Кораблев и др., 1992ф;  
Усманов, 1995;  
Щербакова, 1998;  
Кораблев, 2002;  
Удачин и др., 2002;  
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# Sources of anthropogenic impact in Karabash

Dry air deposition and precipitation

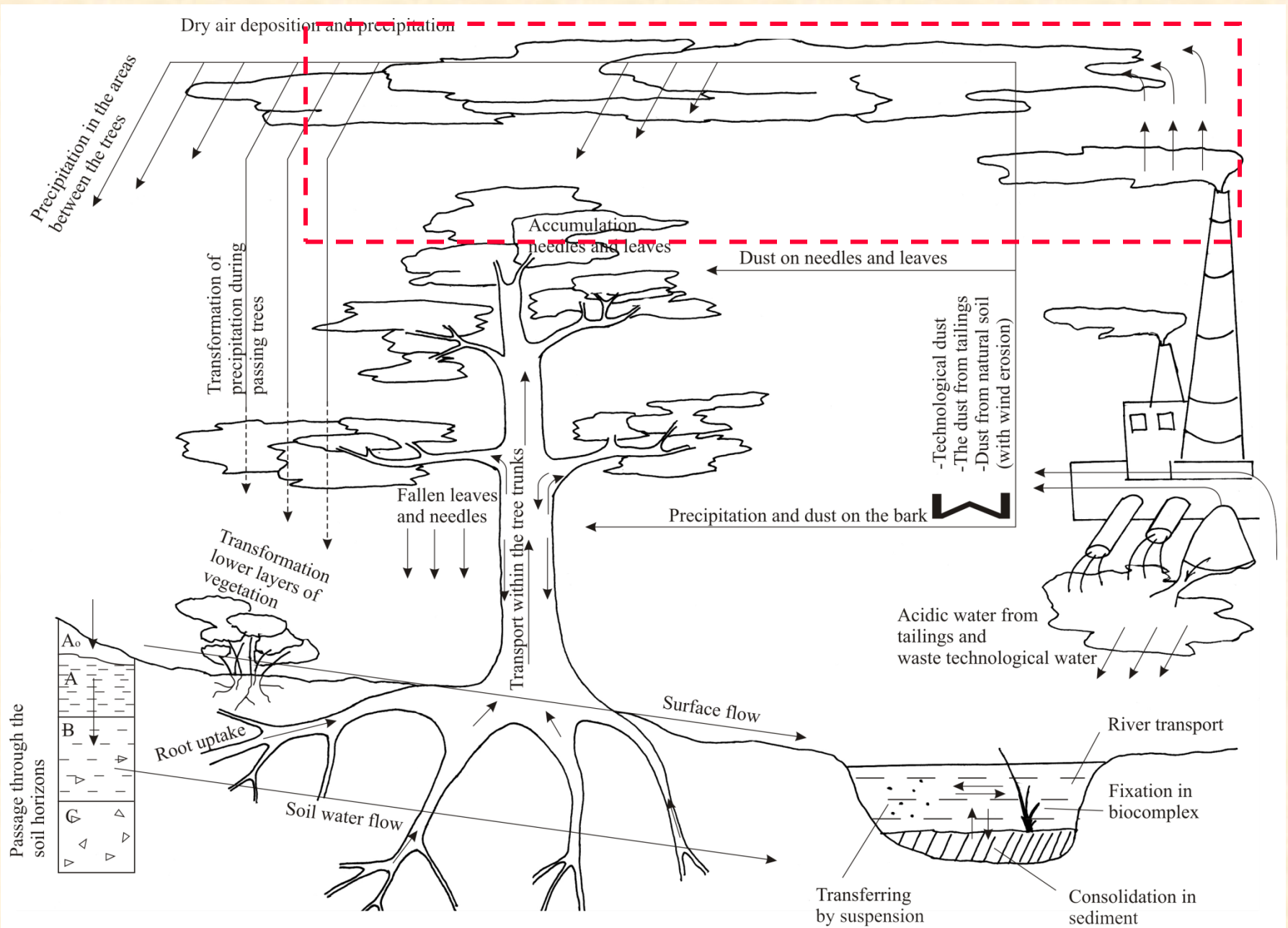


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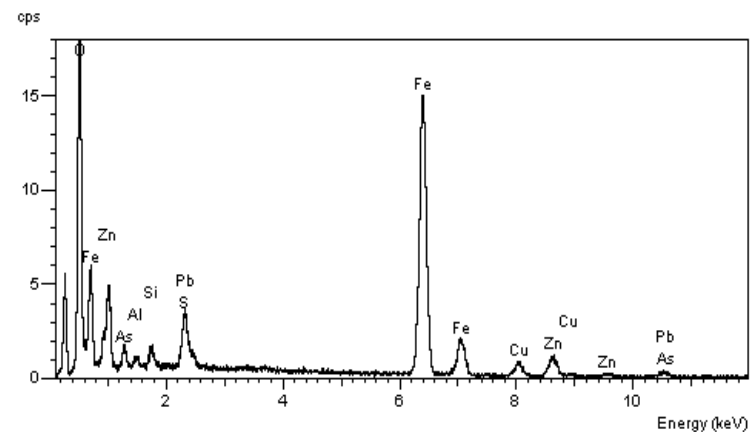
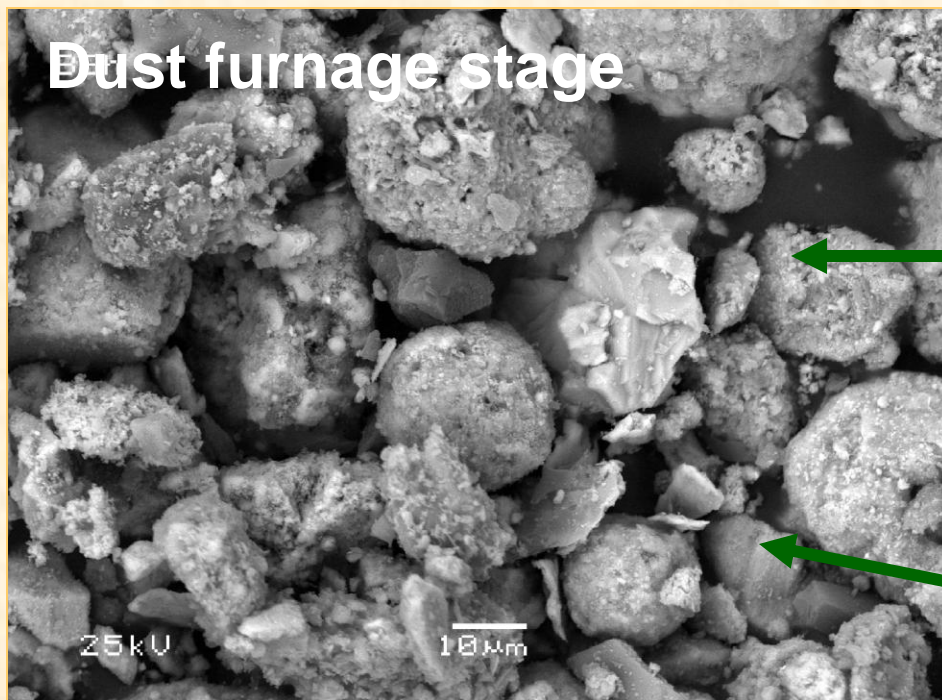
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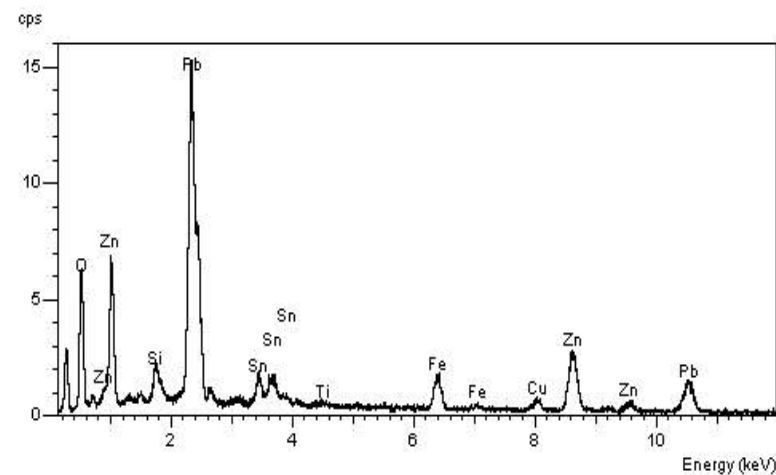
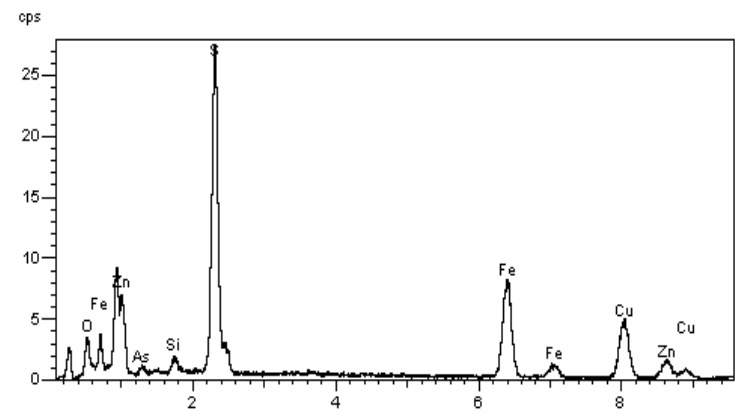
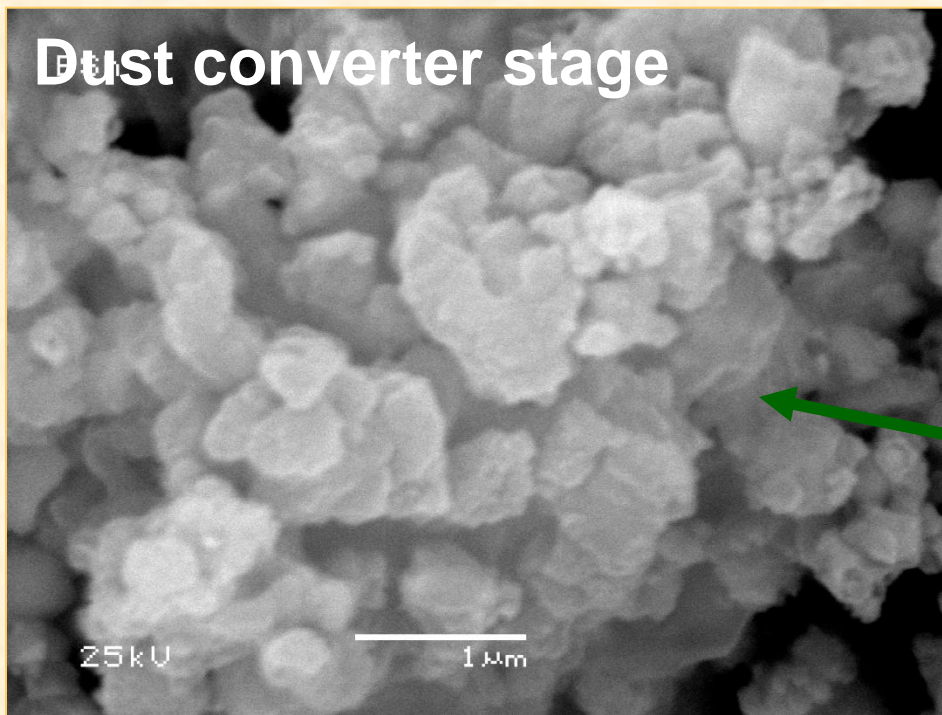




# Dust furnace stage

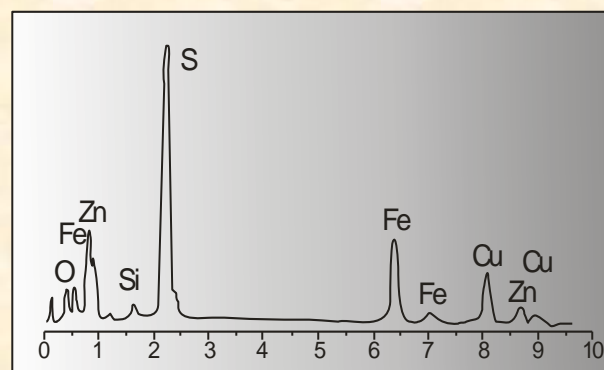
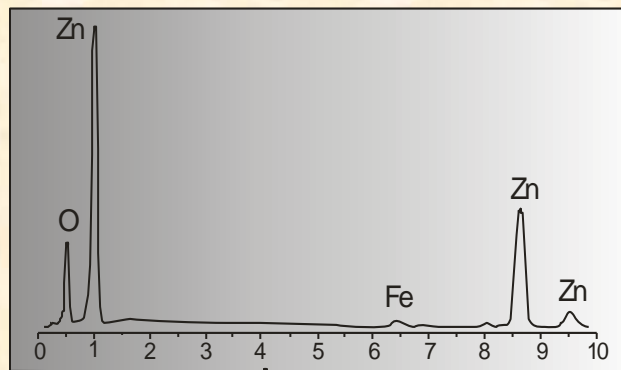
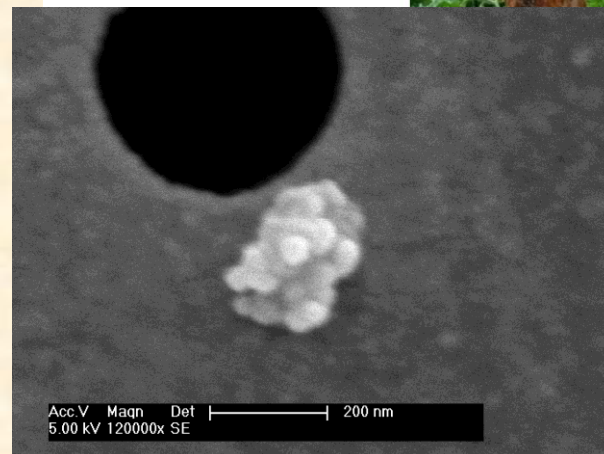
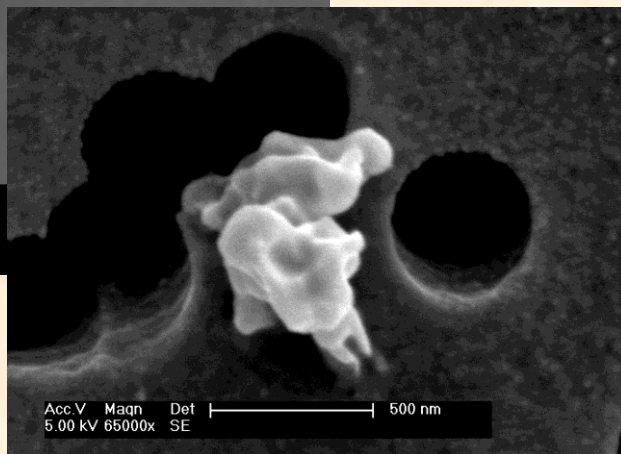
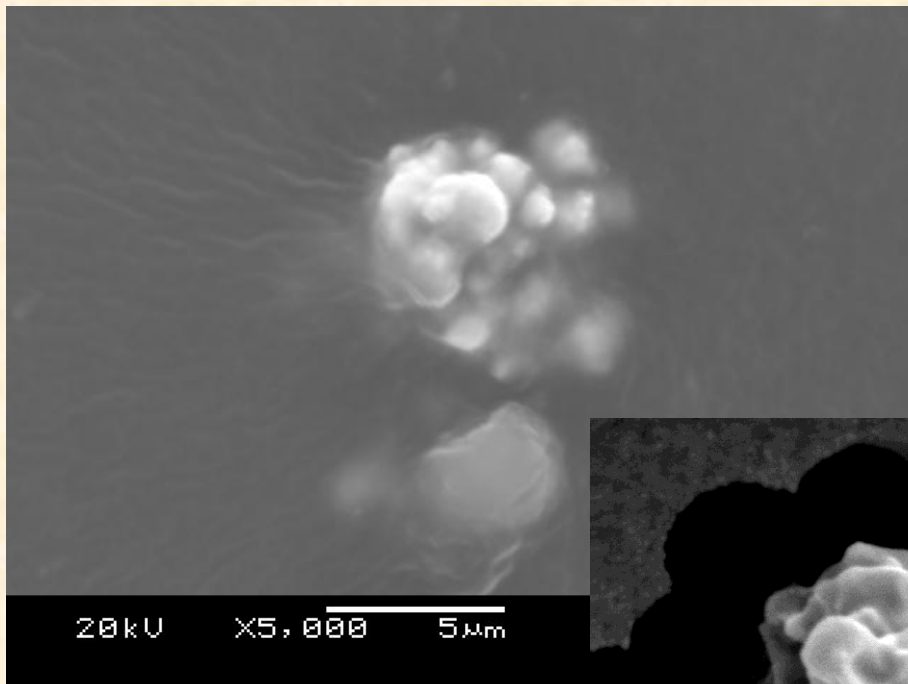


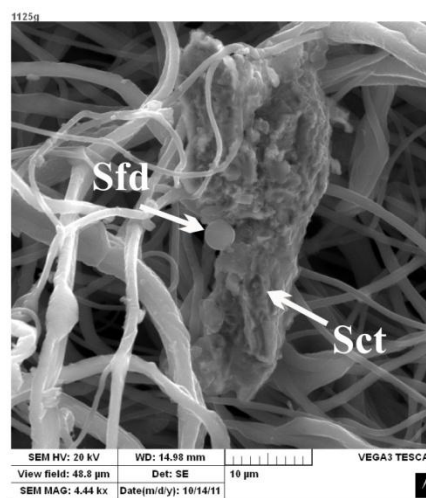
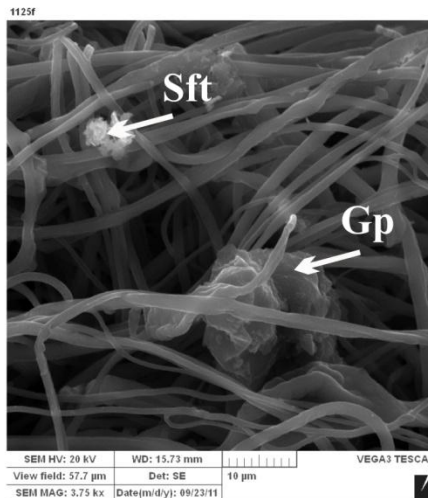
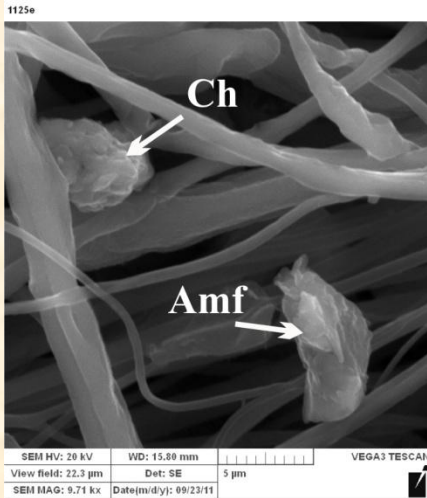
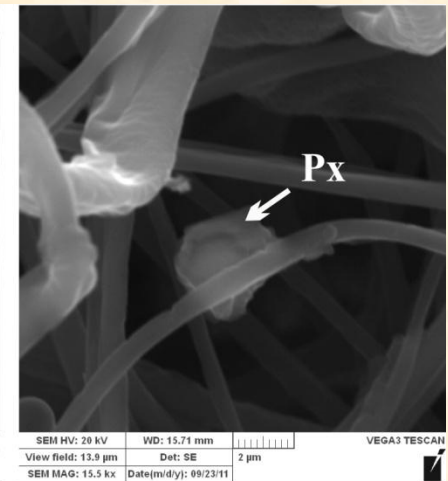
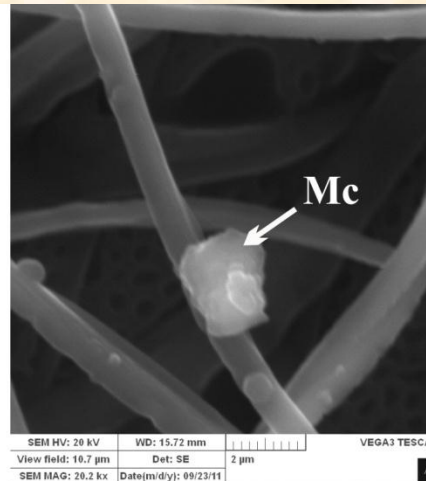
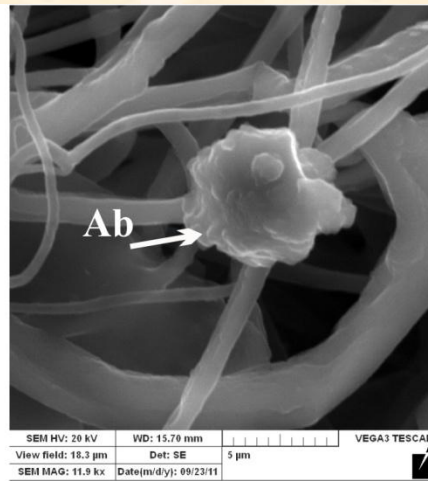
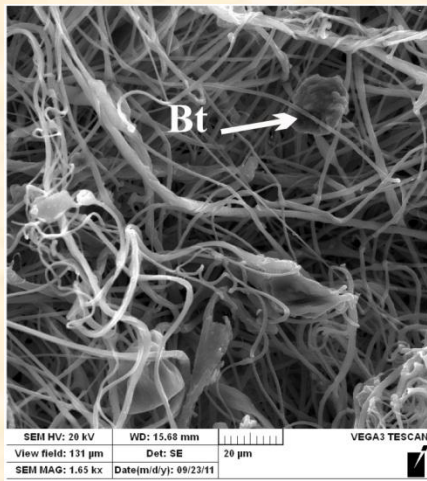
# Dust converter stage





# Dry precipitation near copper smelters (SEM)





## The main mineral phases in atmospheric dust “background area” in the South Urals

Fragments filter AFA-15, the exposure 3 hours, the air volume of 240 m<sup>3</sup> (Bt - biotite, Ab - albite, Ms - mica, Px - pyroxene, Ch - chlorite, Amf - amphibole, Sft - sulfate, Gp - gypsum, Sfd - sulfide Cu-Ni, Sct - silicate, Sl - soil organic matter).



# Snow sampling

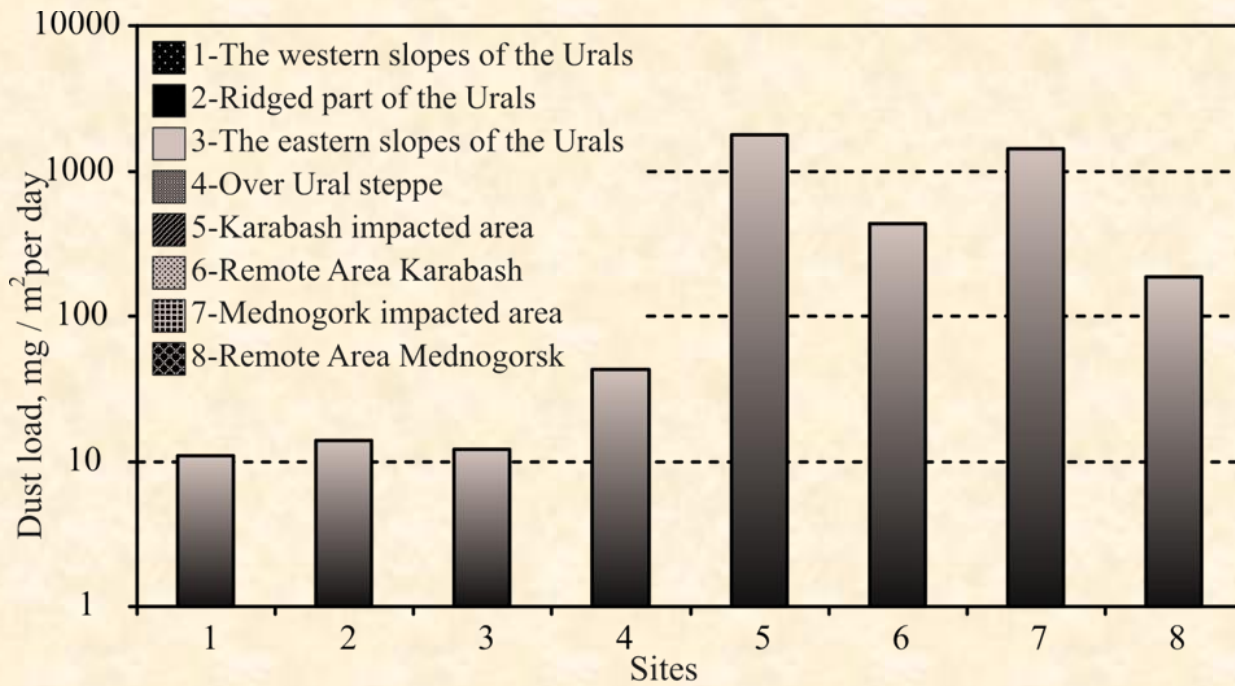


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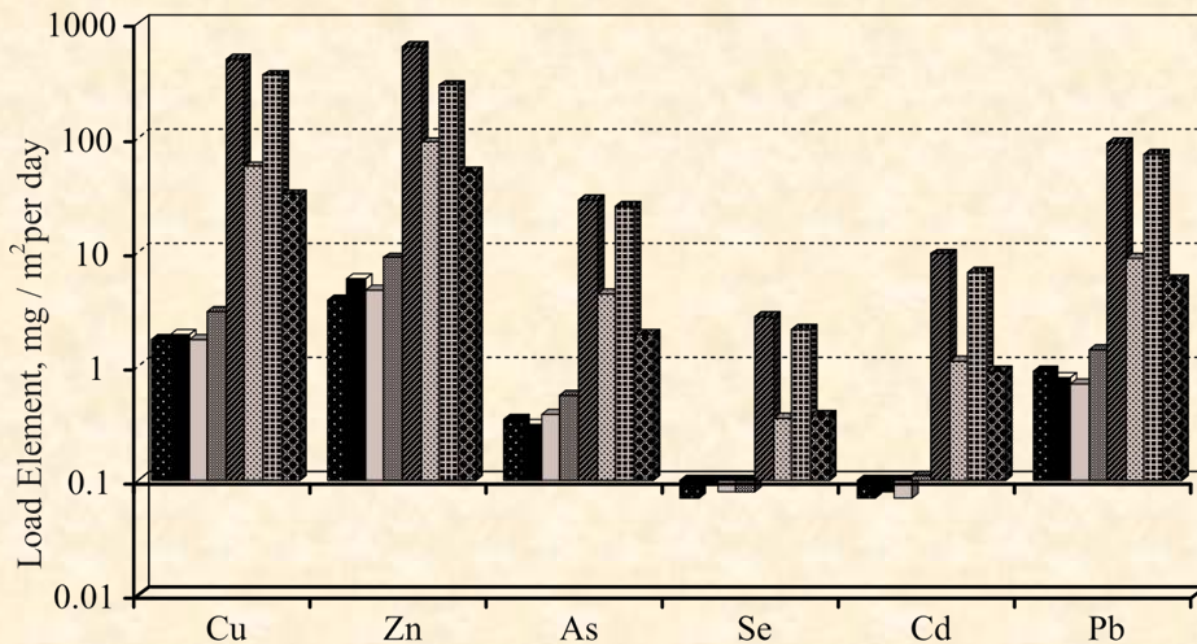


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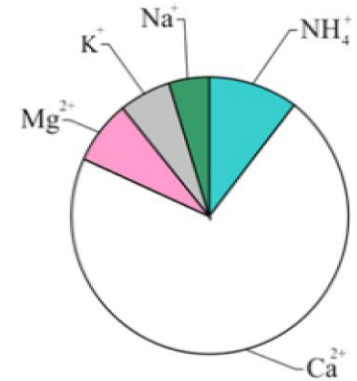
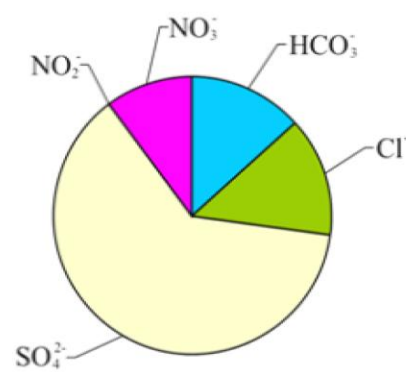
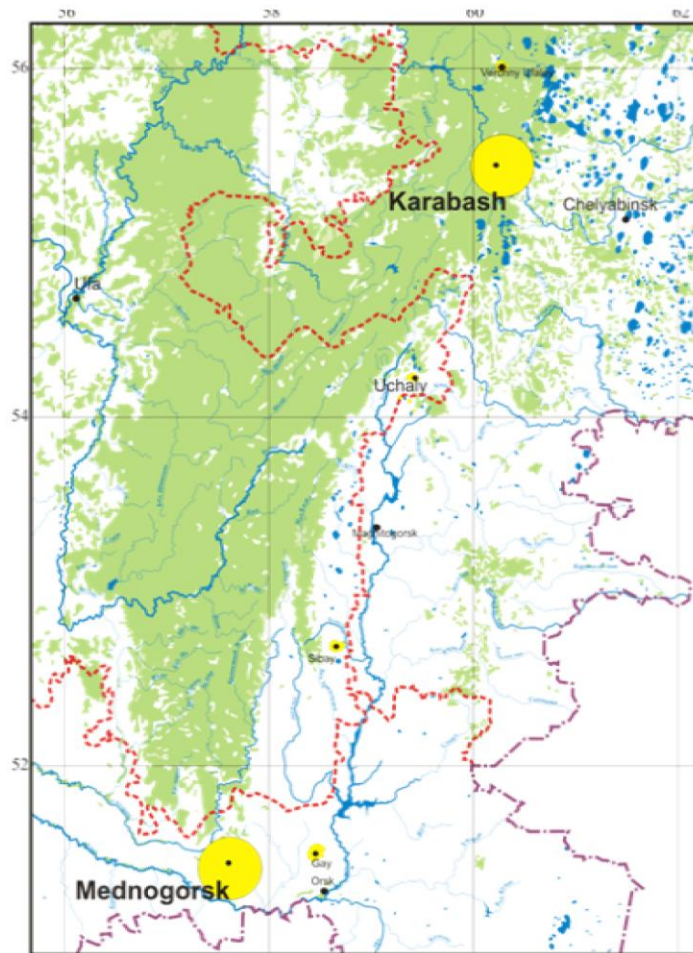




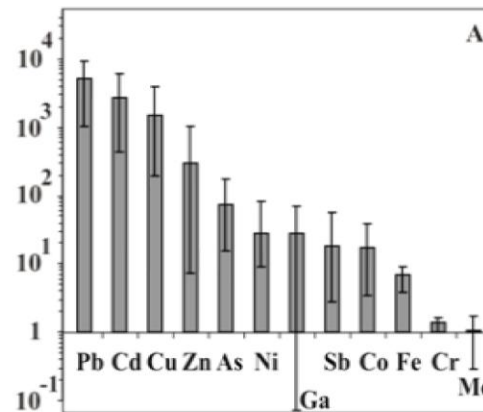
**Amount of atmospheric dust and chemical composition in different geographical areas of the Ural**



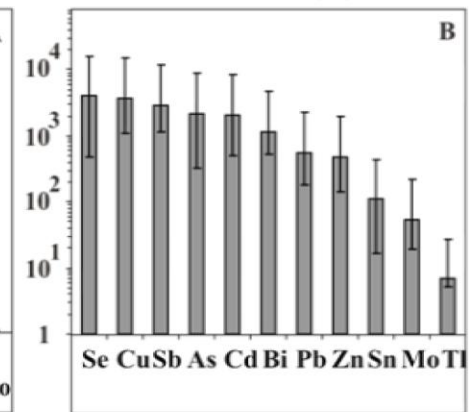




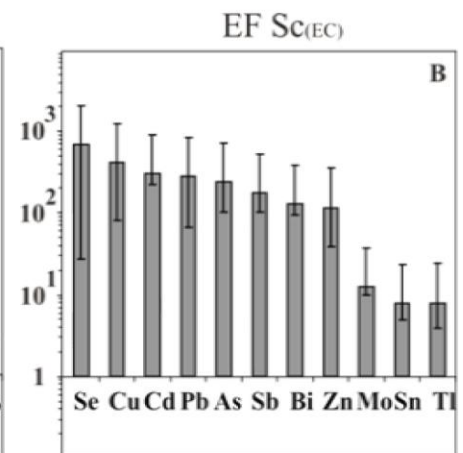
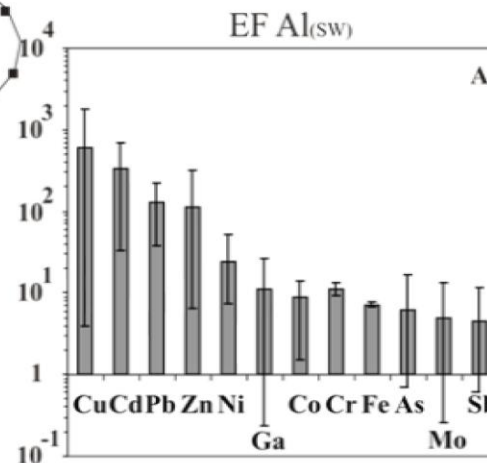
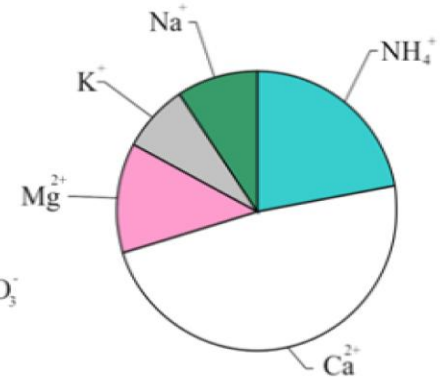
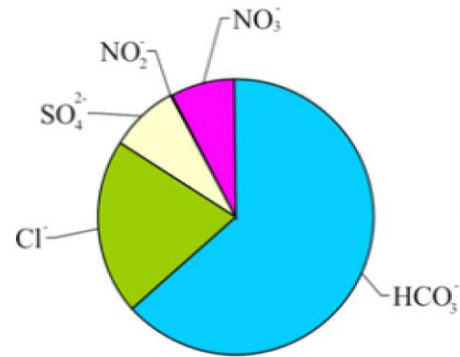
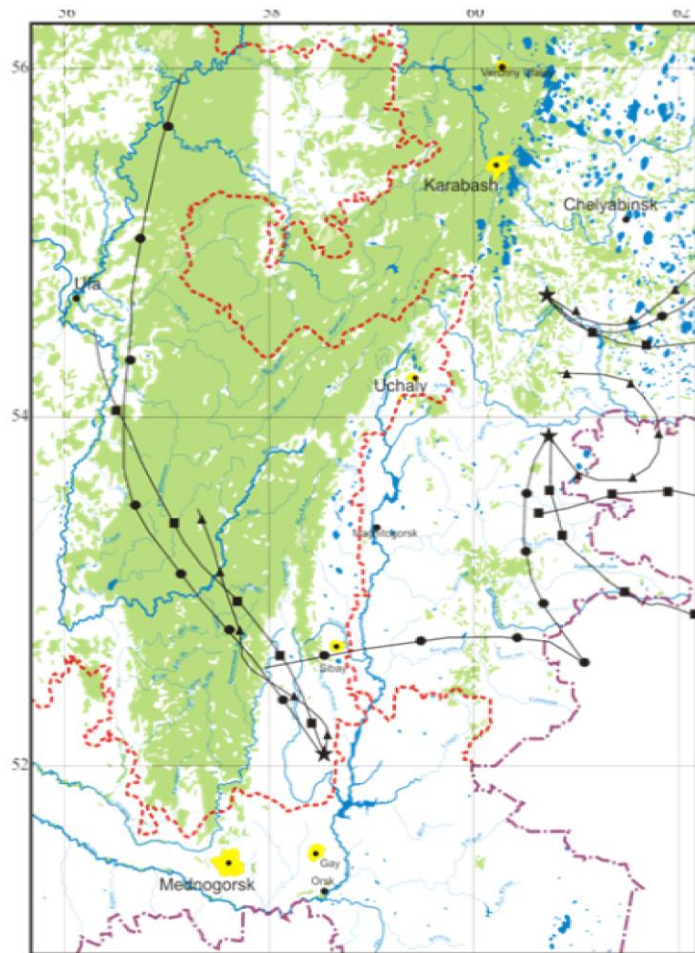
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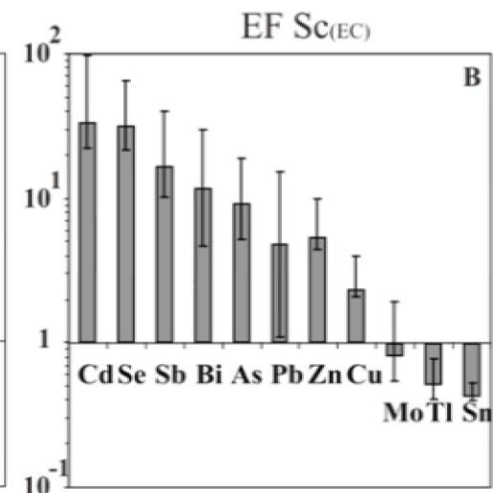
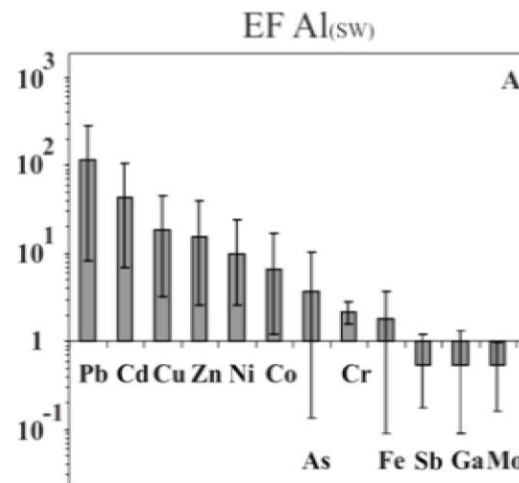
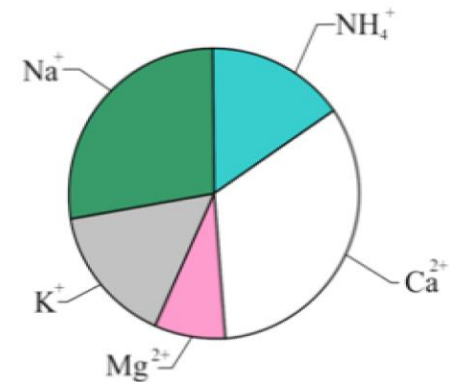
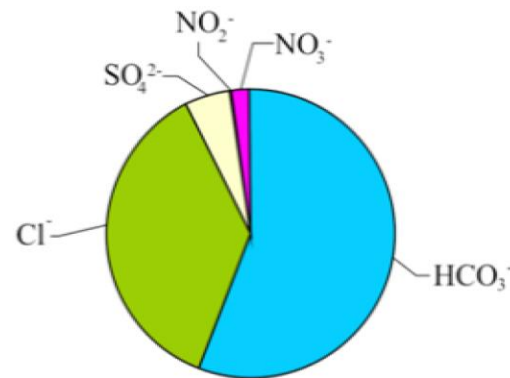
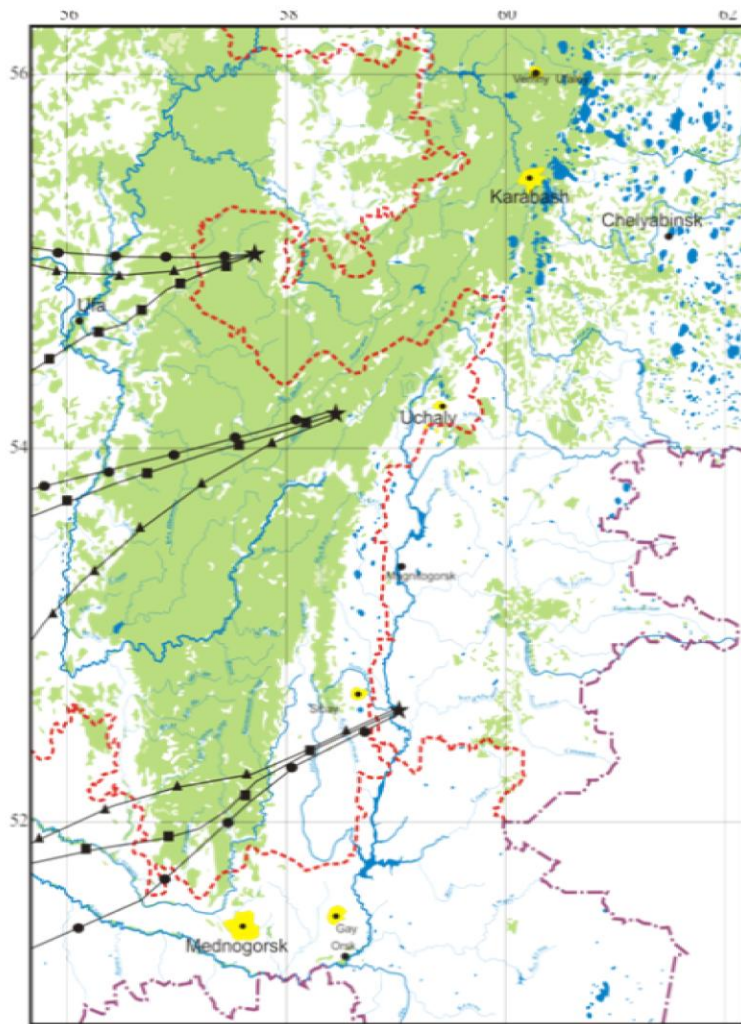
## Chemical composition rains and dust in South Ural in the smelting area



**Chemical composition rains and dust in South Ural at “Ural” type migration (method of back trajectories *Hysplit*).**



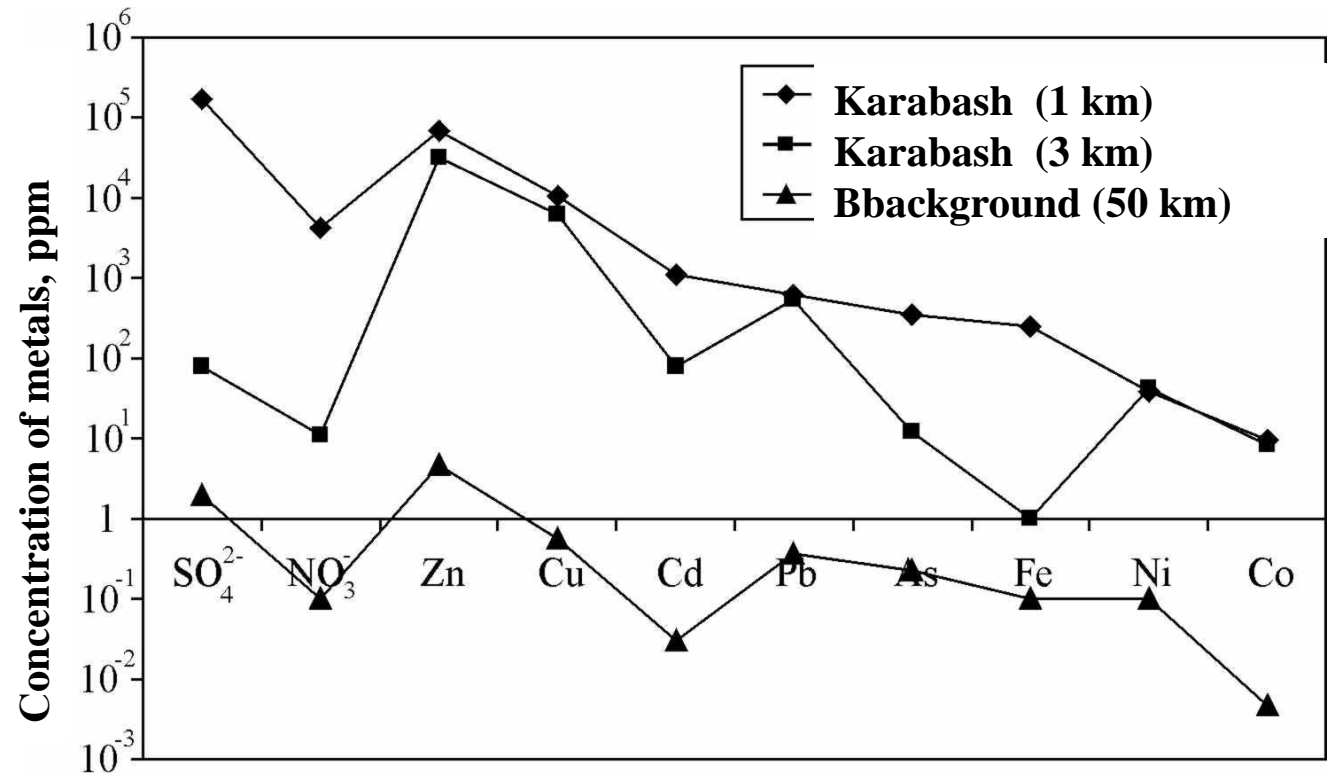
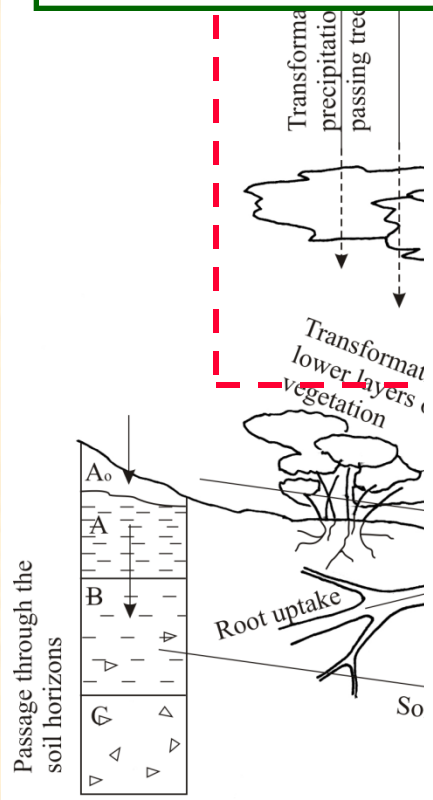
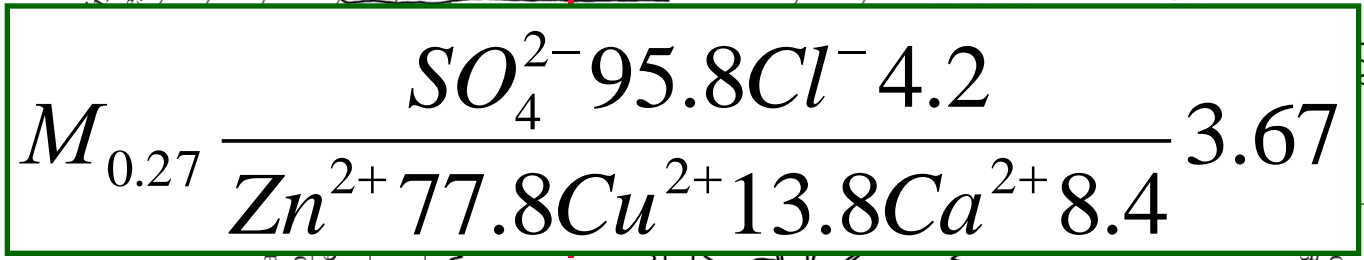
$$EF = \frac{C_i(\text{проба})/C_{Sc}(\text{проба})}{C_i(\text{κларк})/C_{Sc}(\text{κларк})}$$



**Chemical composition rains and dust in South Ural at “background-west” type migration (method of back trajectories *Hysplit*).**

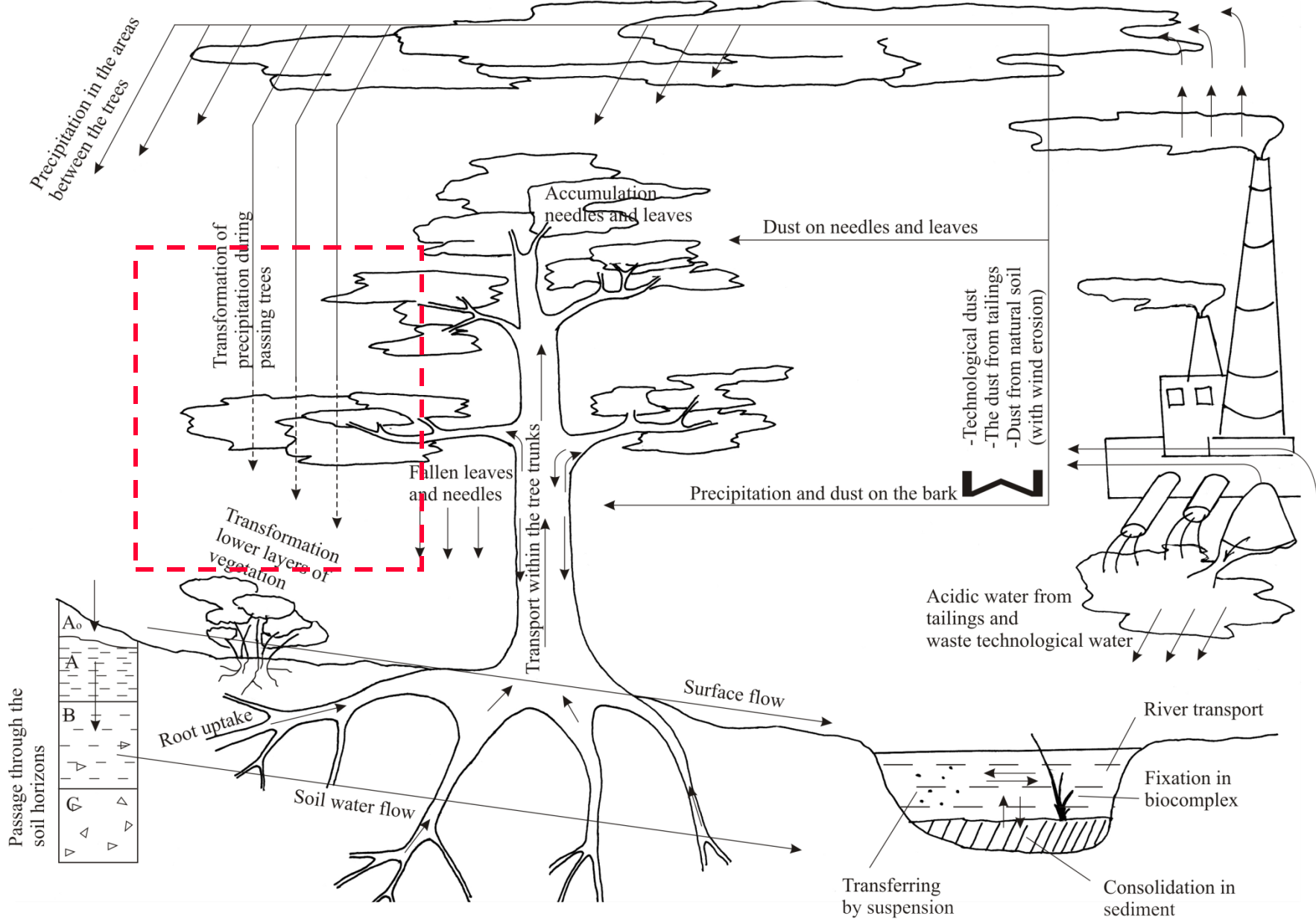
# Forming precipitation

Dry air deposition and precipitation

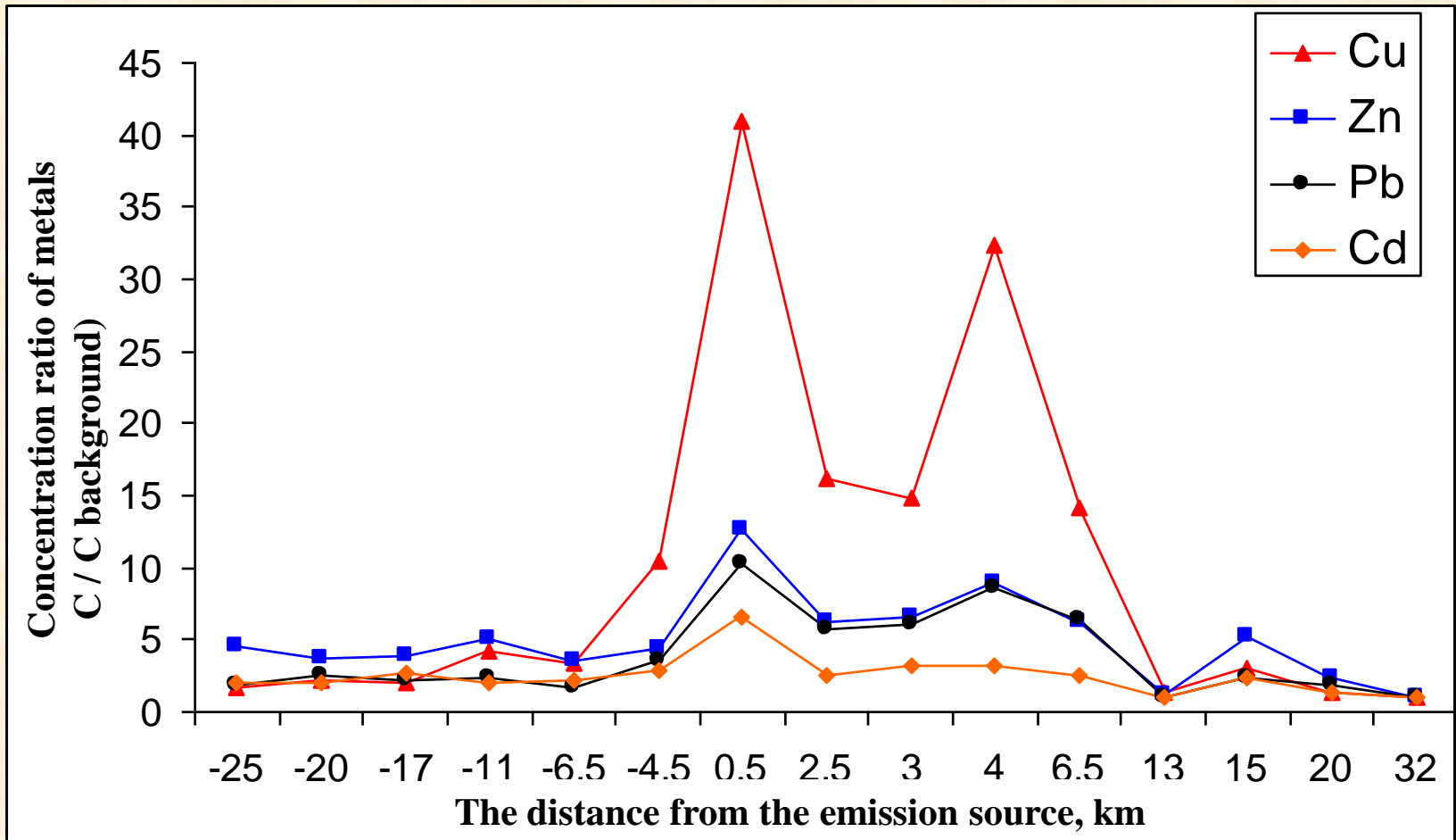




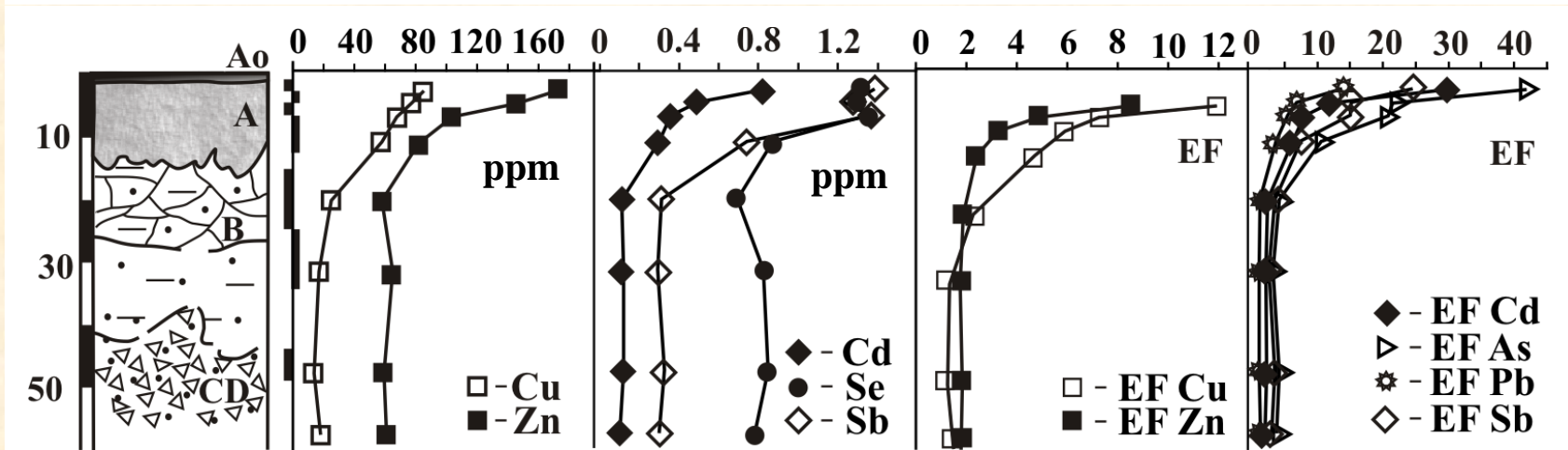
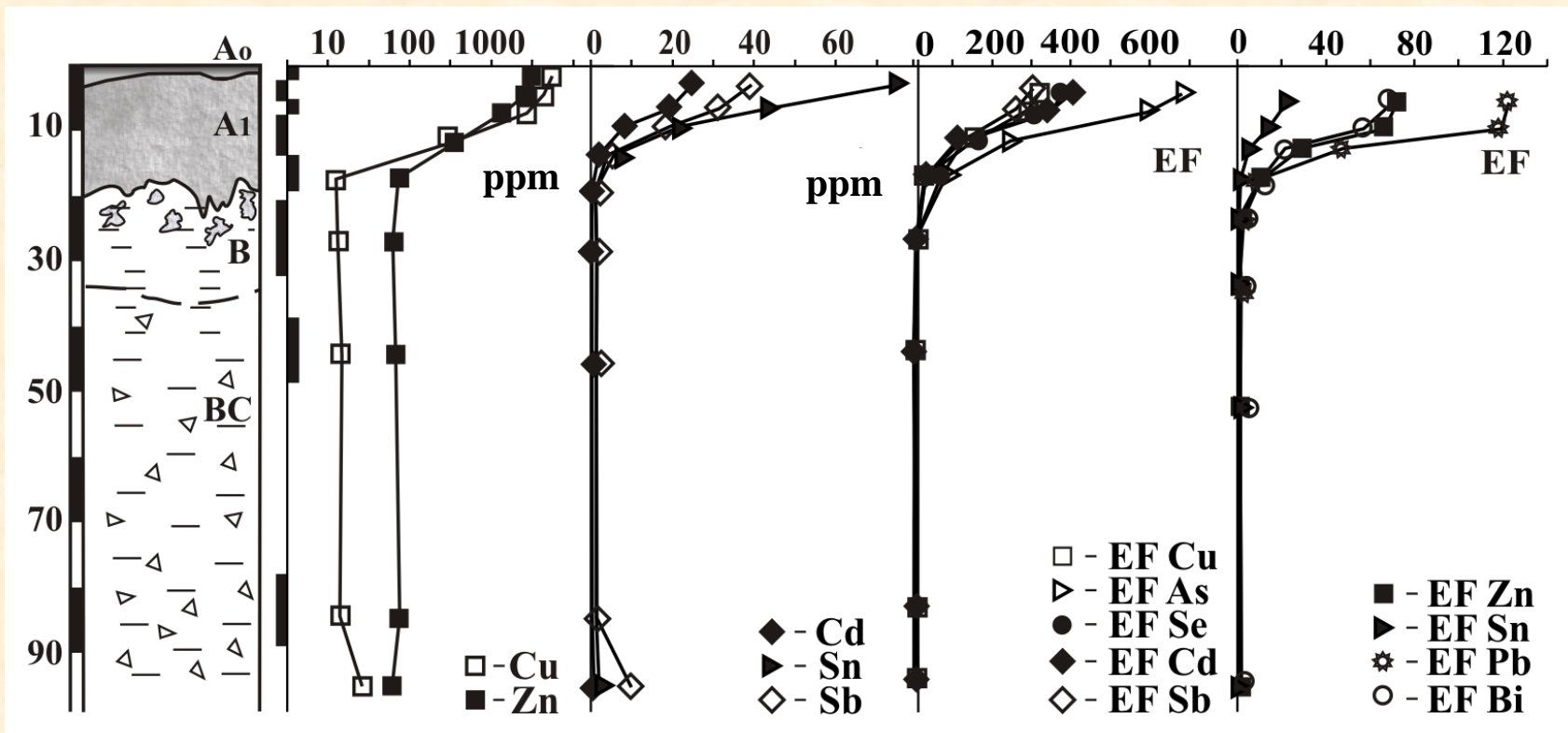
Dry air deposition and precipitation



## The dependence of metal accumulation in soils on the distance from the emission source

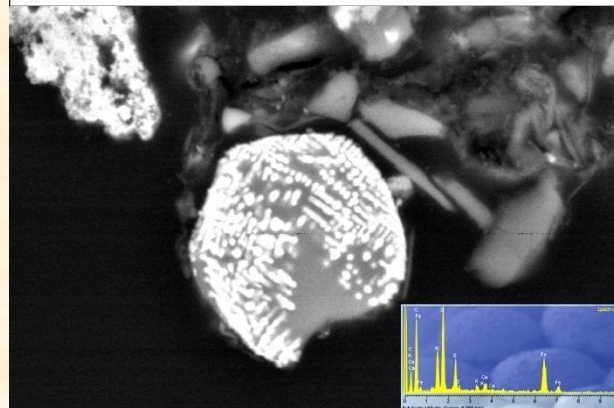
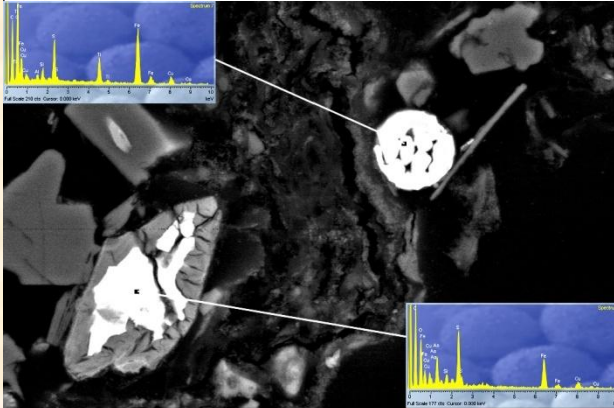
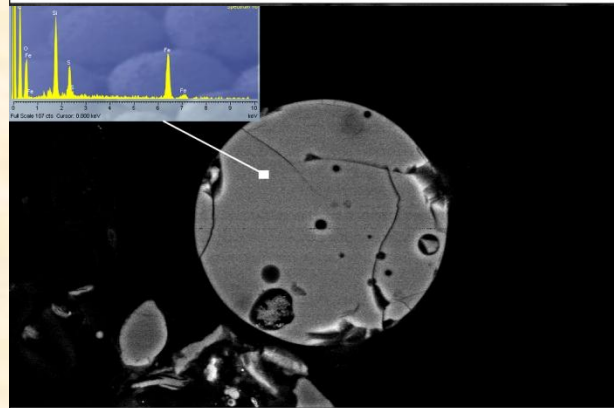
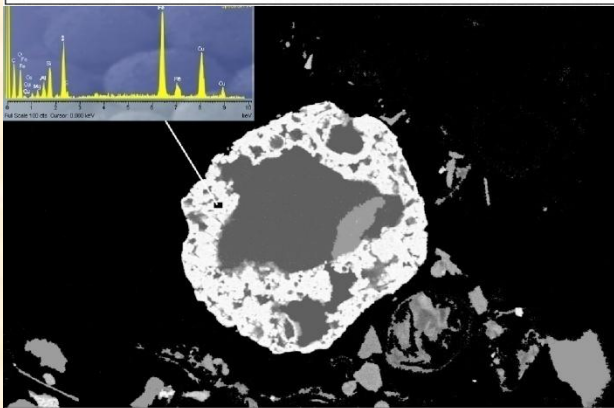
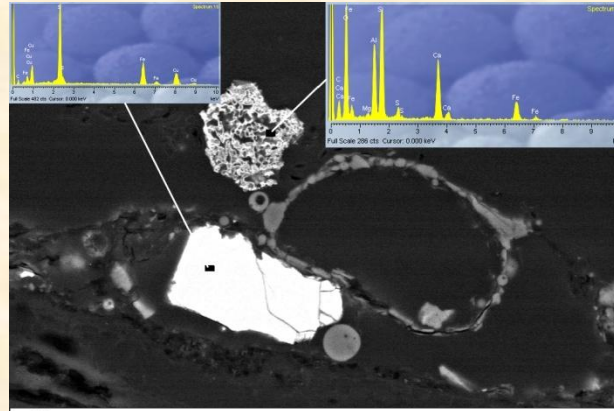
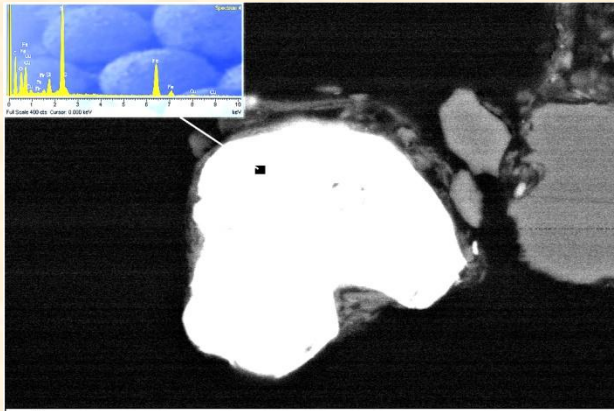




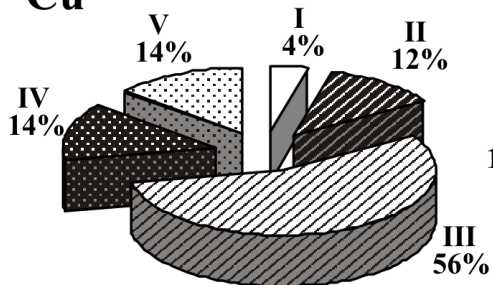
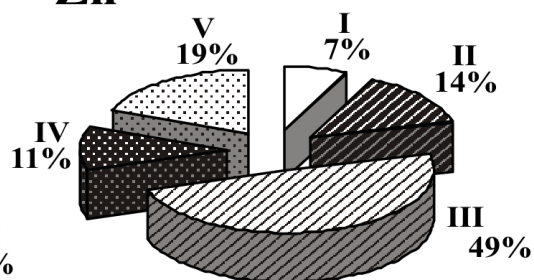
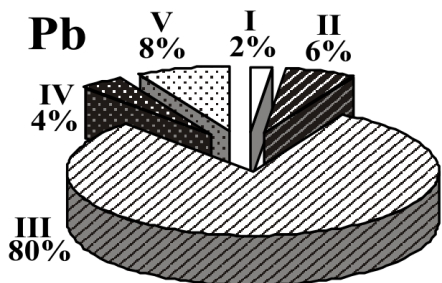
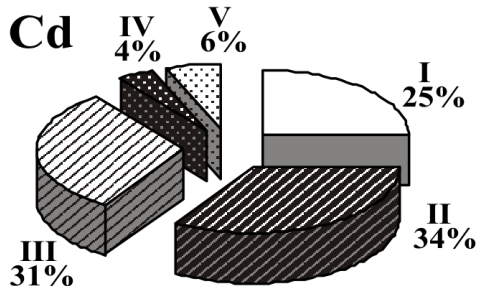
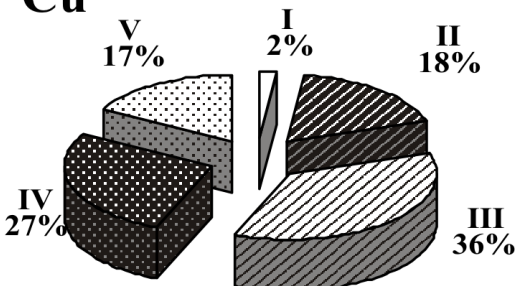
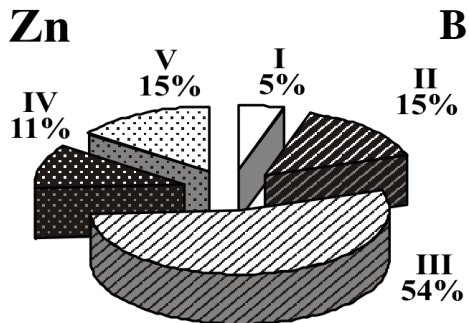
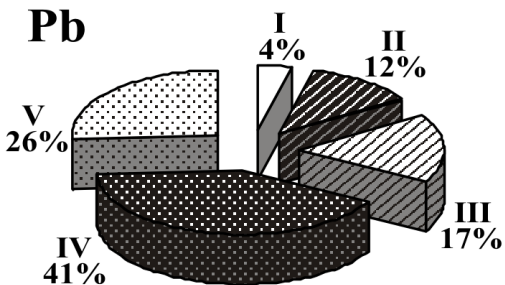
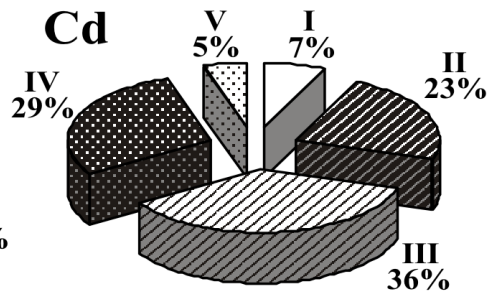


**Vertical distribution of chalcophile elements and enrichment factor (EF) in the soil profile at 2 km and 51 km upwind of the emission source**

# Mineral particles in soils





**Cu****Zn****Pb****Cd****Cu****Zn****Pb****Cd****A**

**Forms of heavy metals in two contrasting soil types (A – Karabash, B – Mednogorsk).**

**Cu****Zn****B****Pb****Cd**

Forms:

I – exchange;

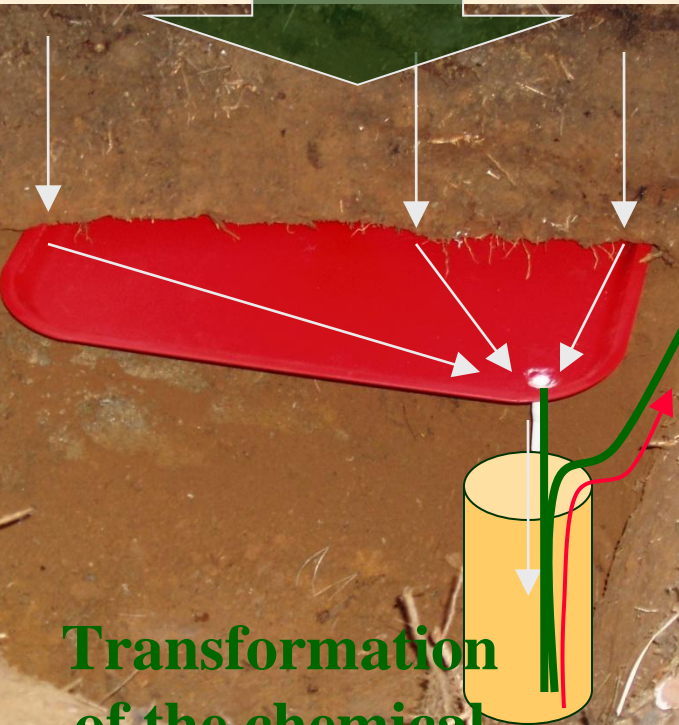
II – with carbonates;

III – with hydroxide Fe and Mn;

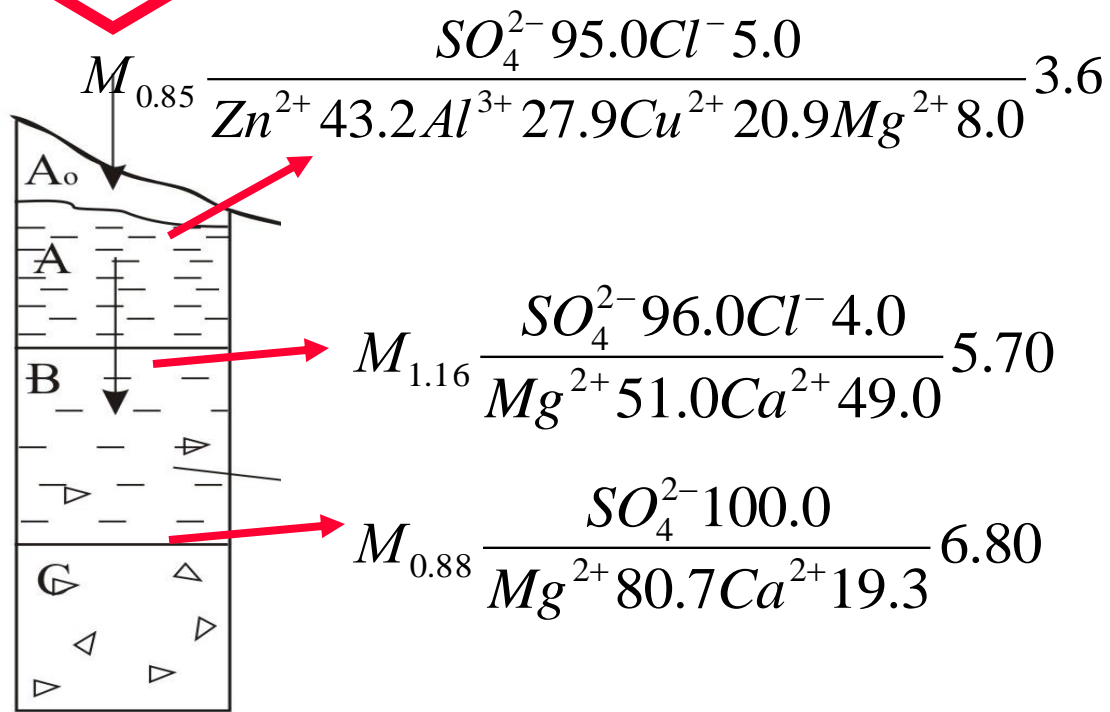
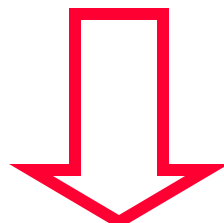
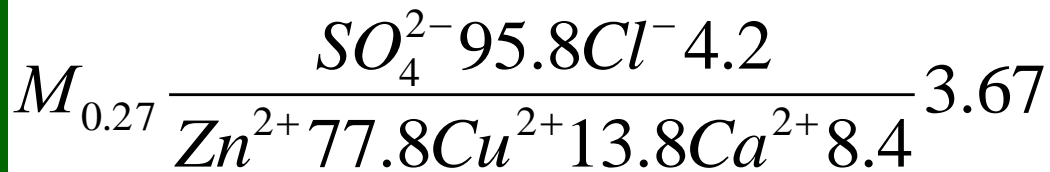
IV – with organics;

V – «silicate»

Precipitation, have passed through the soil

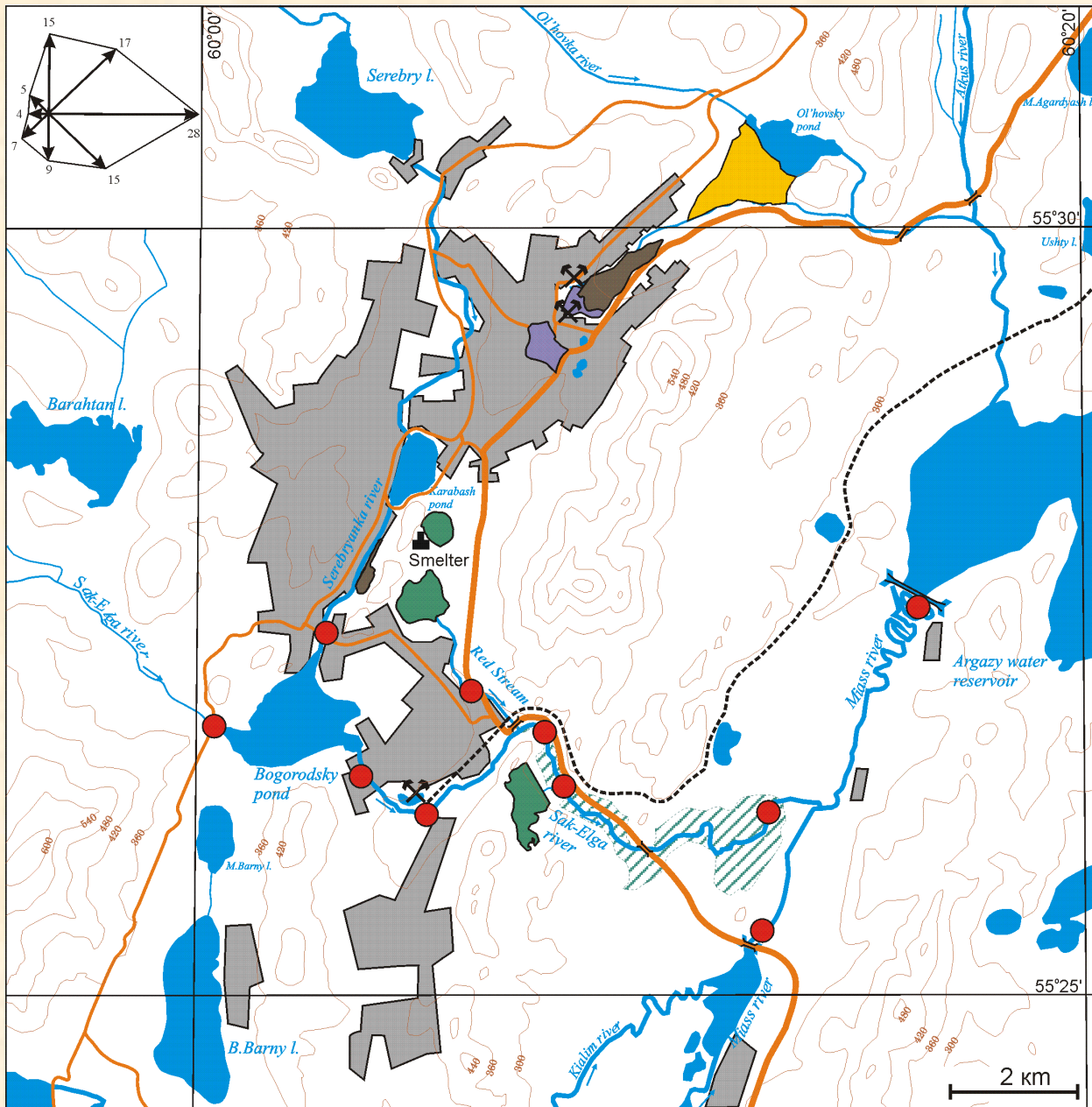


Transformation of the chemical composition of the migration lysimetric water in the soil profile



Serpentinities

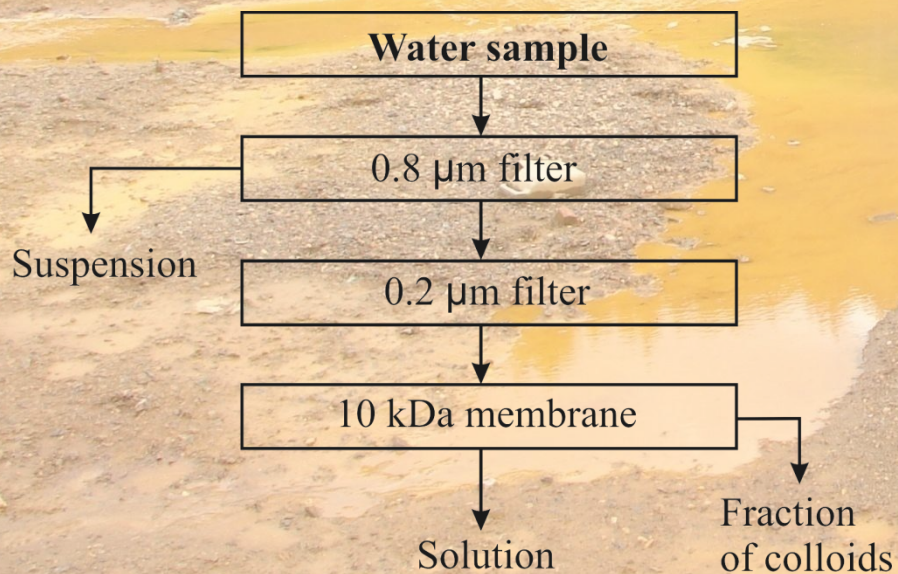




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| Karabash town | Tailing              | Road     | Metallurgical slags     |
| Waste rocks   | Washout from tailing | Railroad | Mine                    |
|               |                      |          | Iron hydroxide sediment |



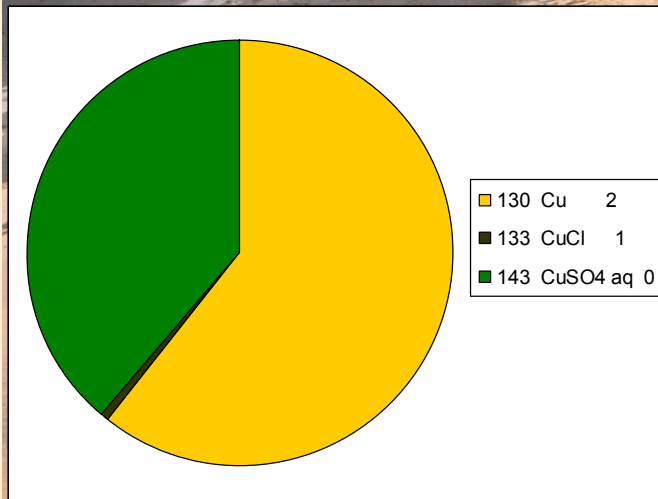
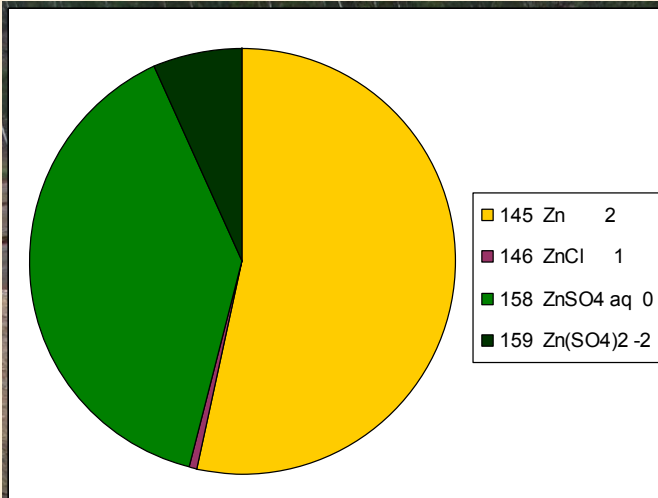
# Pollution of surface waters in the mining area



**Sak-Elga river  
and “Red stream”**



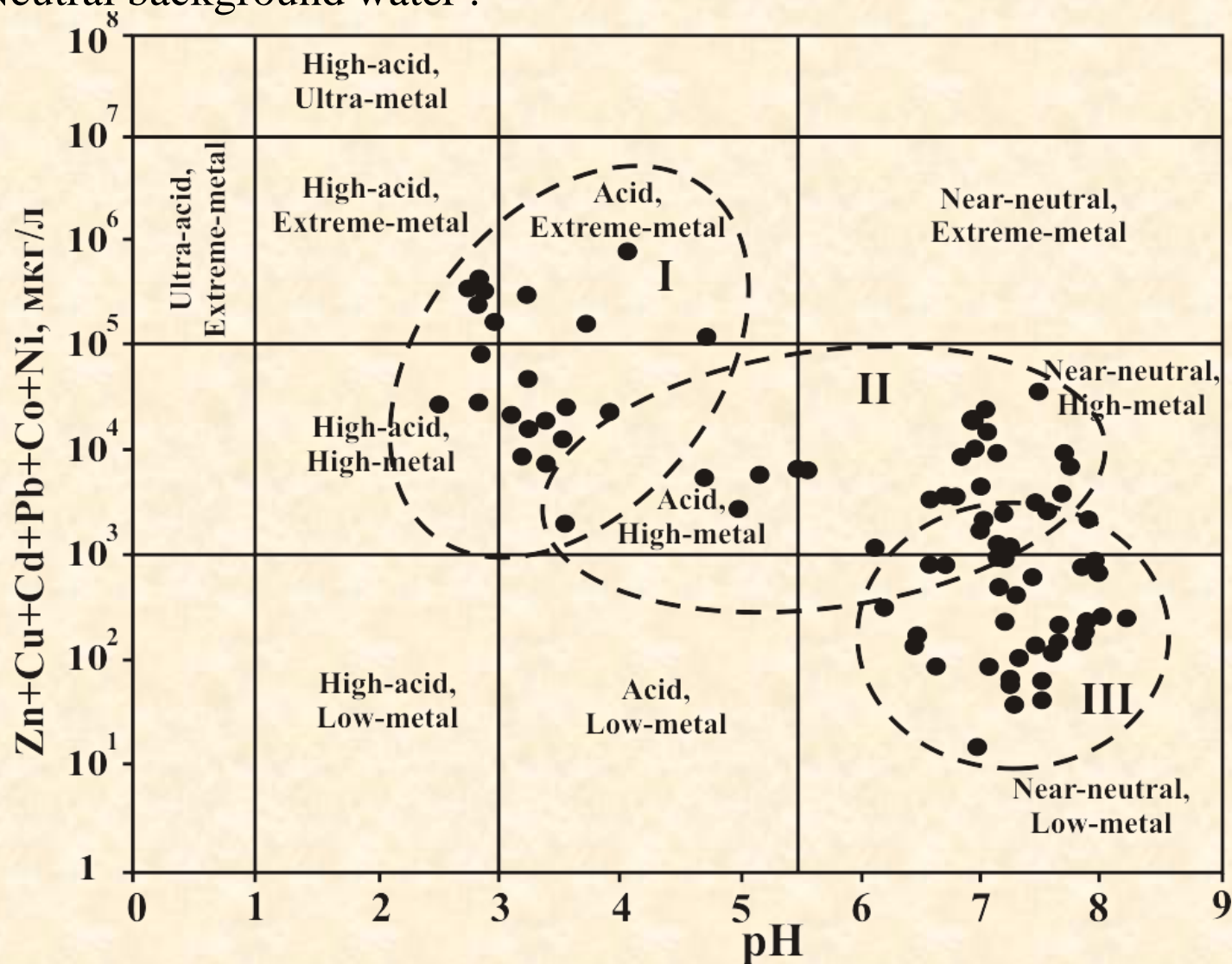
# Technogenic streams



**pH – 2.7-2.9**  
**Cu – 20-50 ppm**  
**Zn – 60-80 ppm**  
**Al- 40-50 ppm**

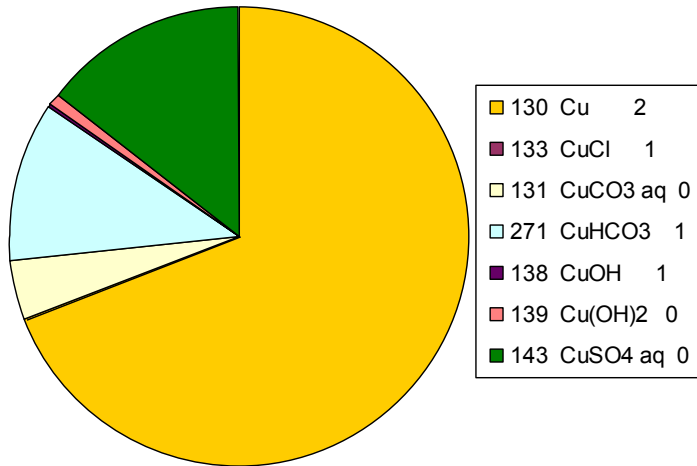
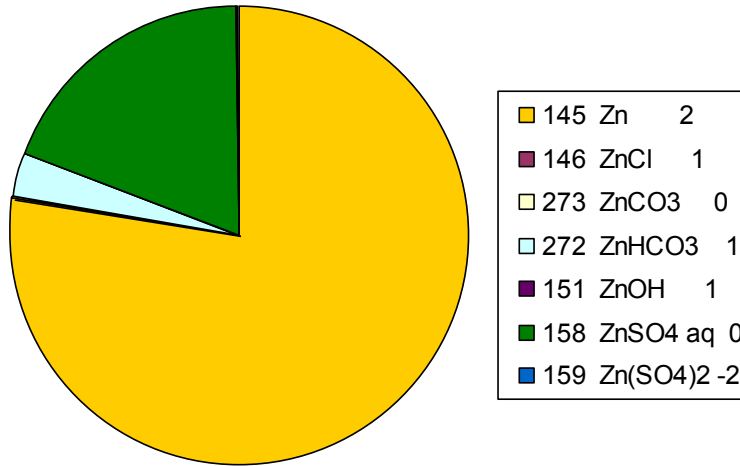
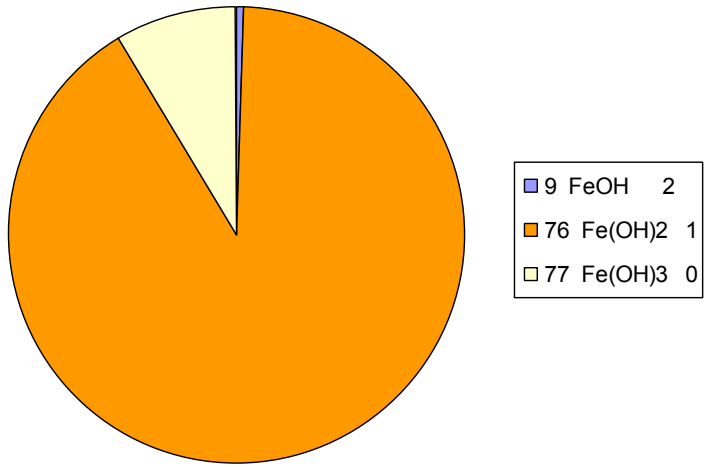
# Classification diagram of water geotechnical systems of the Southern Urals and background areas

I – Ultra-acid technogenic water, II - the water of mixing zones, III - Neutral background water .



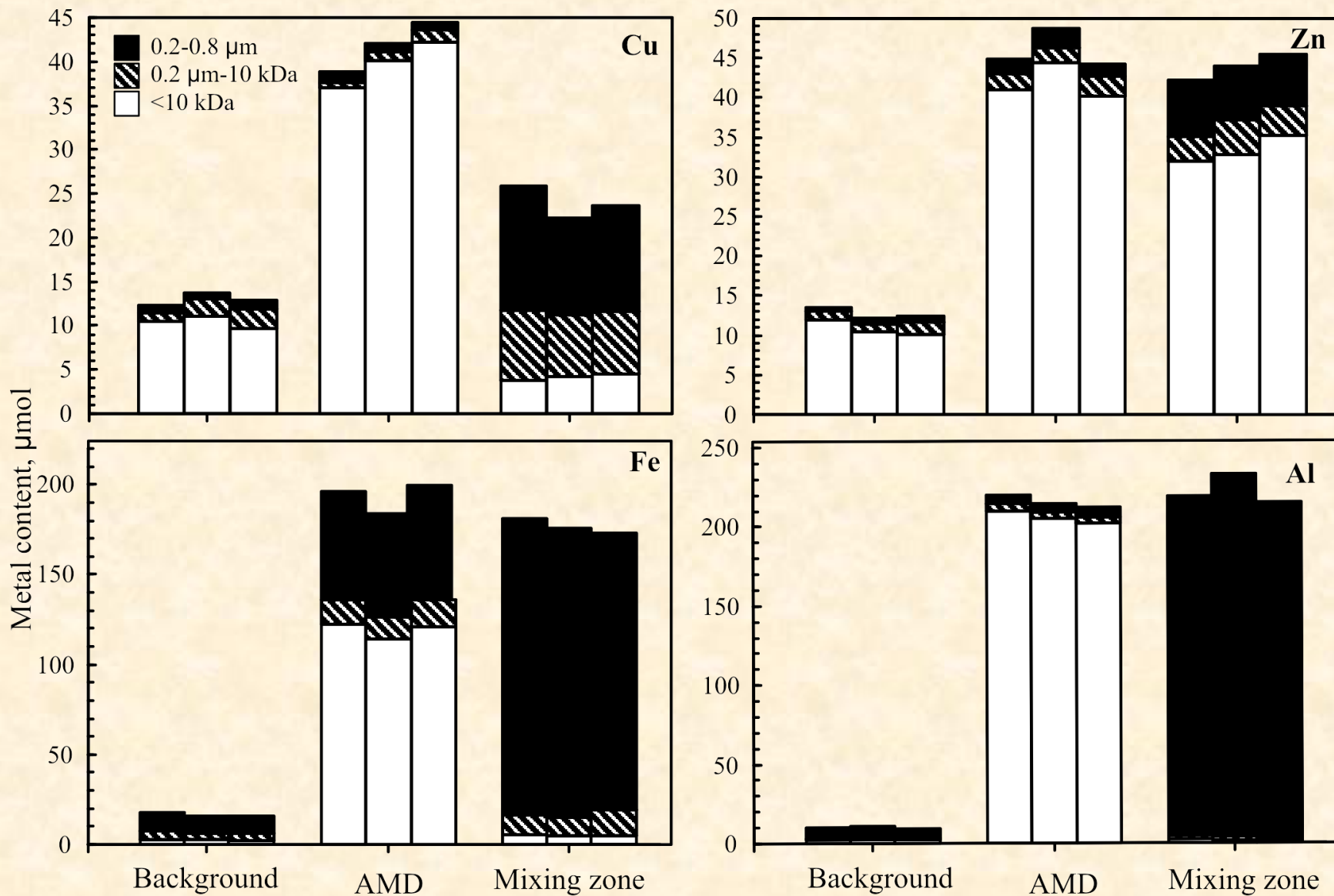


# Watercourses in the mixing zones



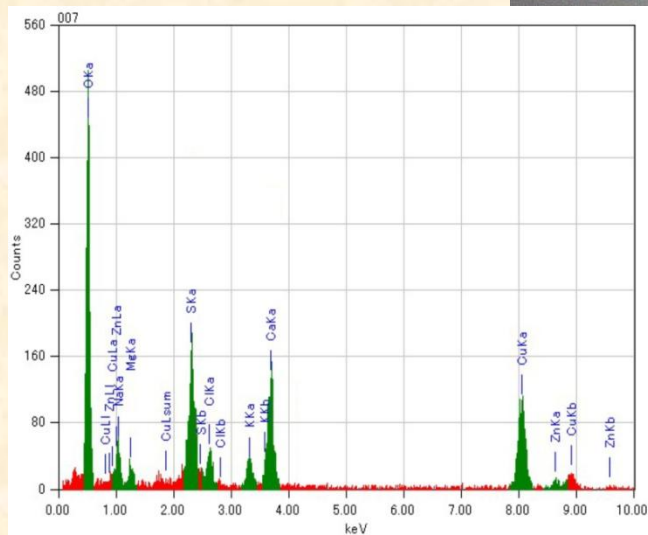
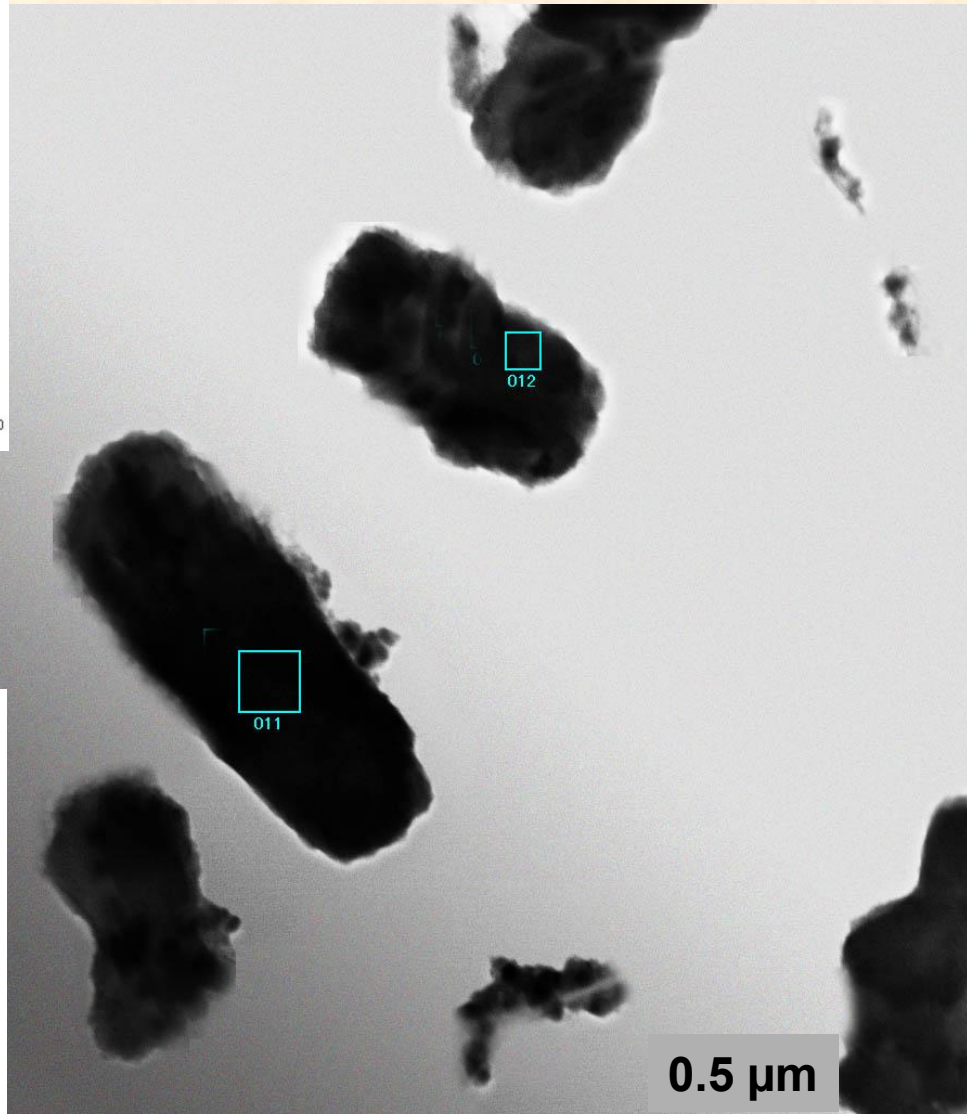
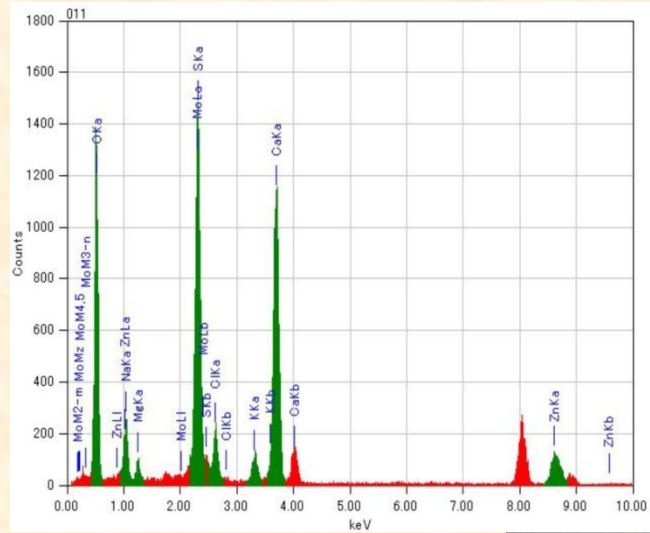
**pH – 3.3-5.9**  
**Cu – 4-10 ppm**  
**Zn – 10-15 ppm**  
**Al- 10-15 ppm**

# Migration forms of heavy metals in AMD

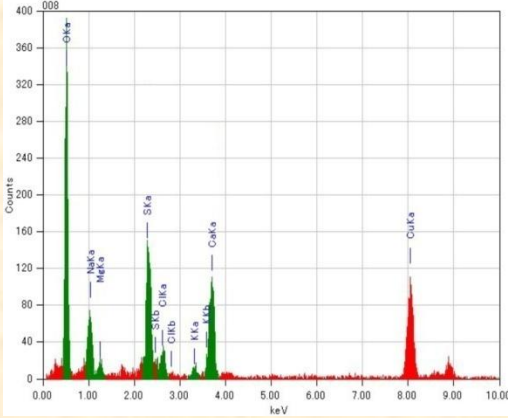
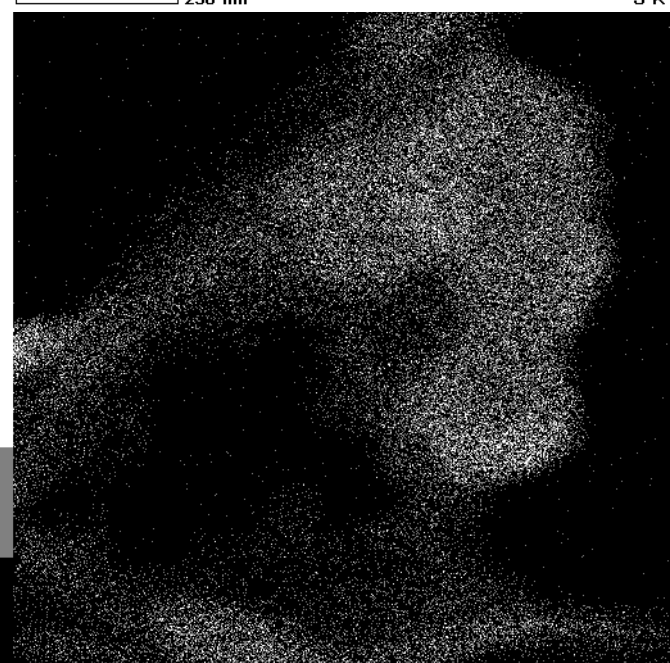
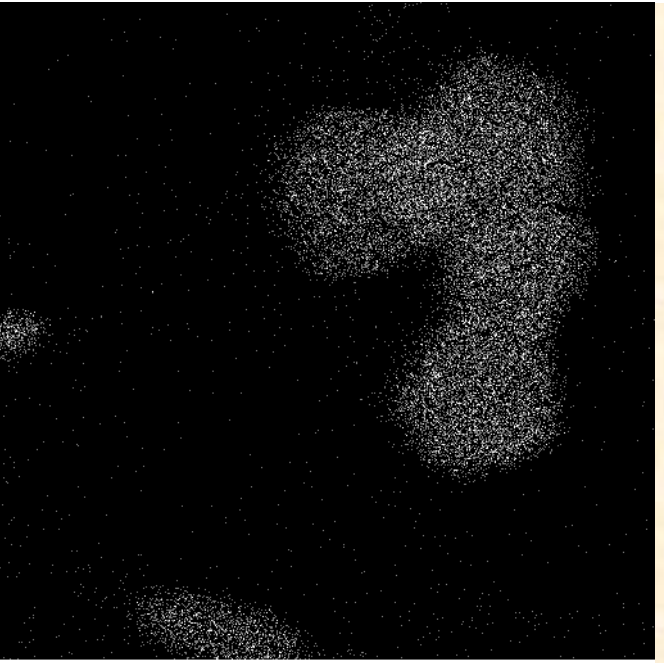
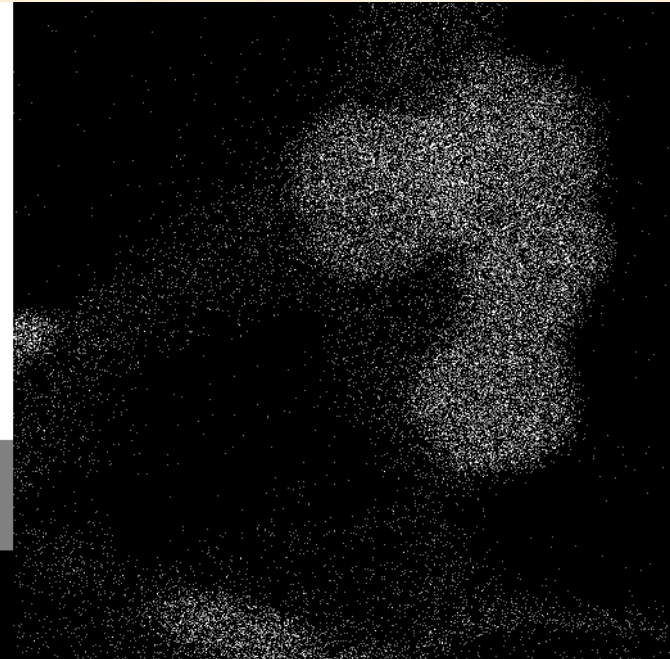
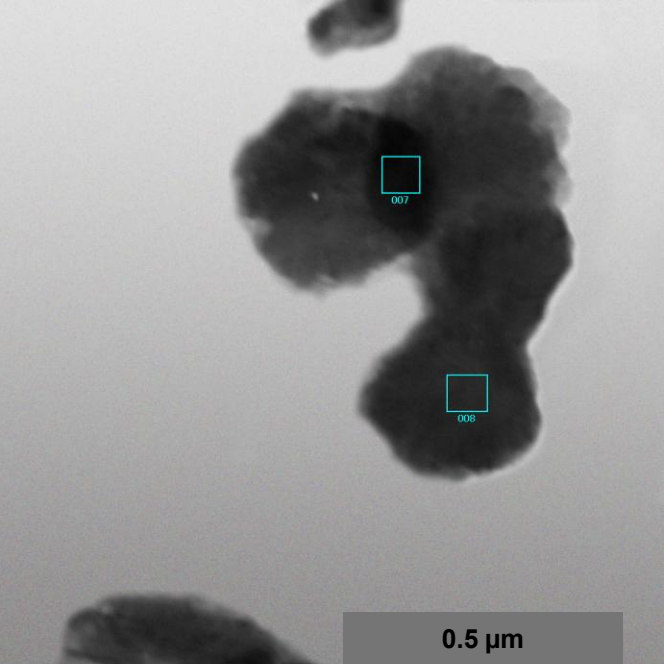




# Particles of colloid fraction in AMD

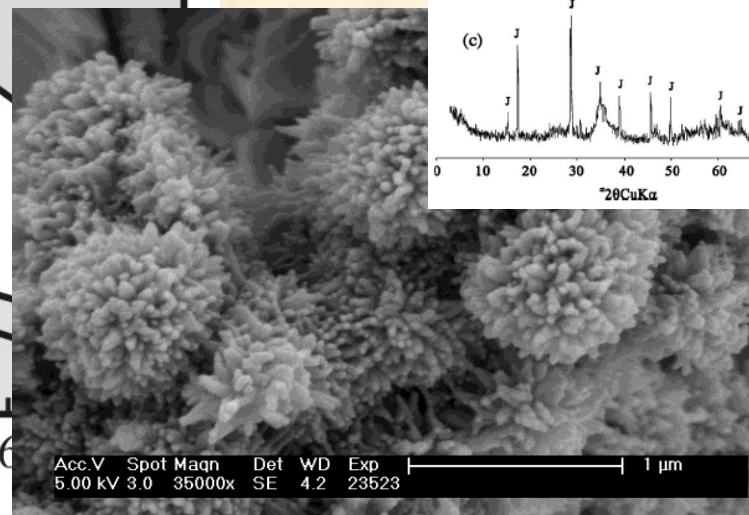
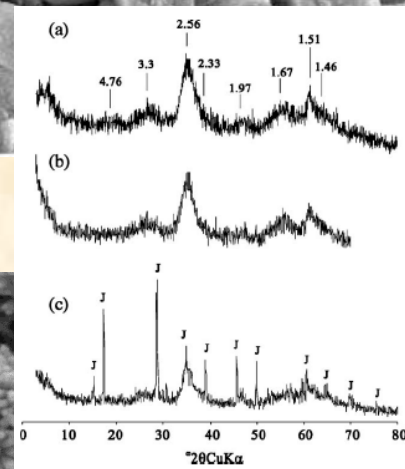
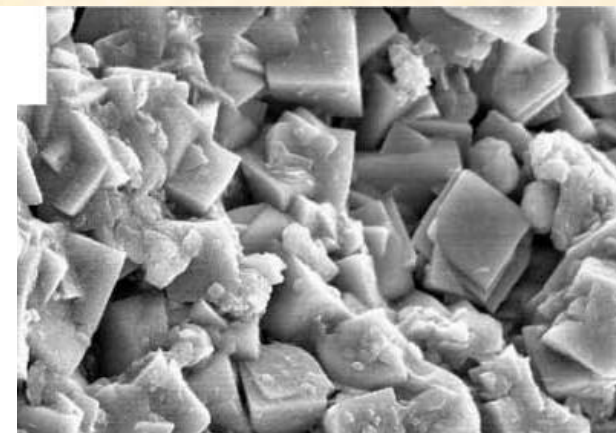
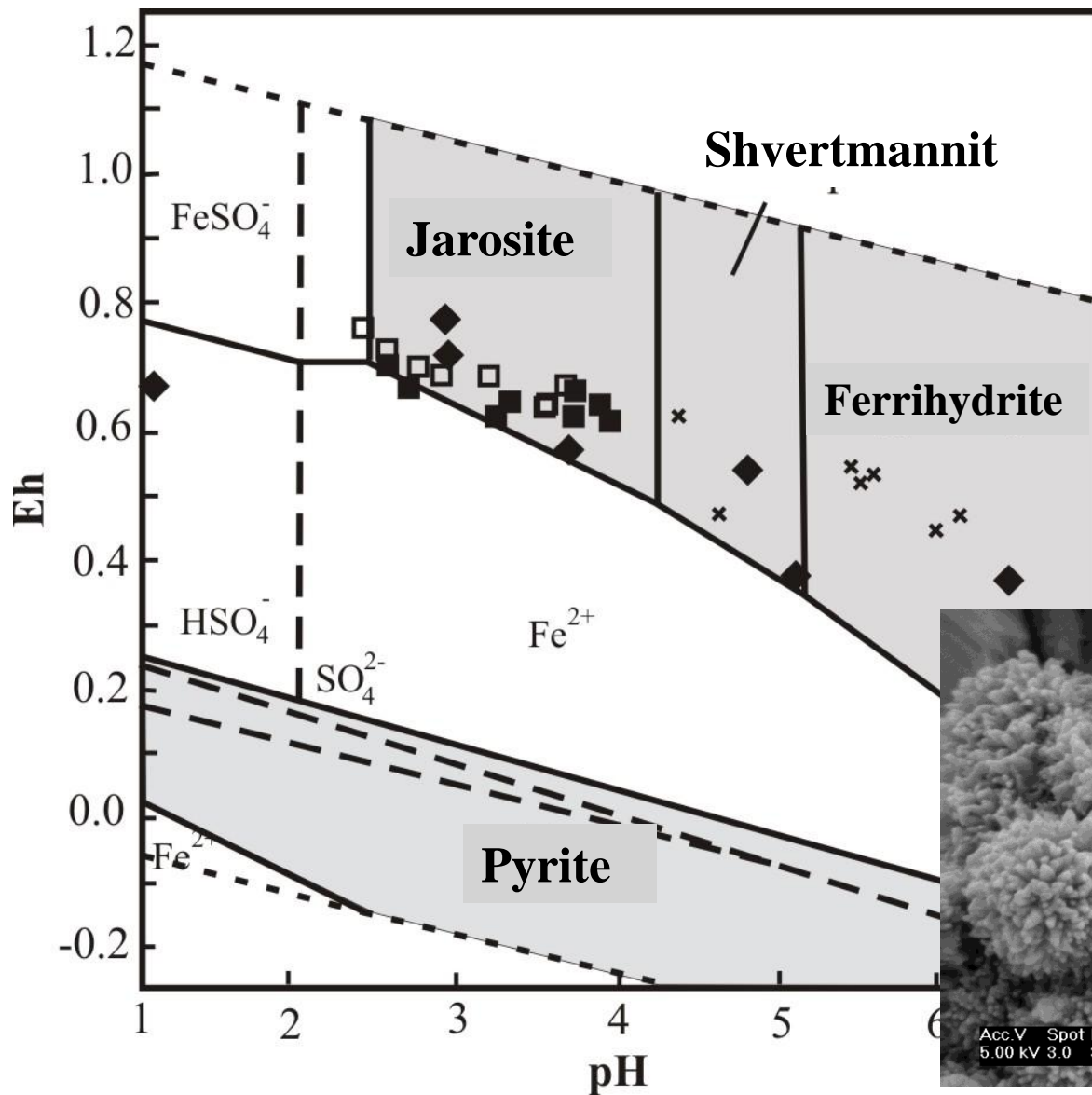


# Colloid particles in AMD





# New authigenic mineralisation in AMD





# Ground-mineralogical and geochemical study of mining waste and pollution processes







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