

1 Estimations of soil metal accumulation or leaching potentials under climate change scenarios: the Example of
2 copper on a European scale

3 ~~Using climate change scenarios to simulate mobility of metal contaminants in soils: the example of copper on~~
4 ~~a European scale~~

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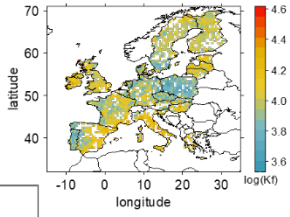
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12 Abstract:

13 ~~Soil-contaminant-deposition~~Contaminants inputs to soil are highly dependent on anthropogenic activities
14 while contaminant retention, mobility and availability are highly dependent on soil properties. The knowledge of
15 partitioning between soil solid and solution phases is necessary to estimate whether deposited amounts of
16 contaminants will rather be ~~transported with~~leached through runoff or accumulated. Besides, ~~pedological-driven~~
17 ~~partitioning~~, runoff is expected to change during the next century due to changes in climate and in rainfall
18 patterns. In this study, we aimed at estimating at the European scale the areas ~~concerned by~~with a potential risk
19 due to contaminant leaching (LP). We also defined in the same way the surface areas where limited Cu leaching
20 occurred, leading to potential accumulation (AP) areas. ~~Among contaminant, we~~We focused on copper (Cu)
21 widely used in agriculture under mineral form or associated to organic fertilizers, resulting in high spatial
22 variations in deposited and incorporated amounts in soils as well than in European policies of application. We
23 developed a method using both Cu partition coefficients (K_f) between total and dissolved Cu forms, and runoff

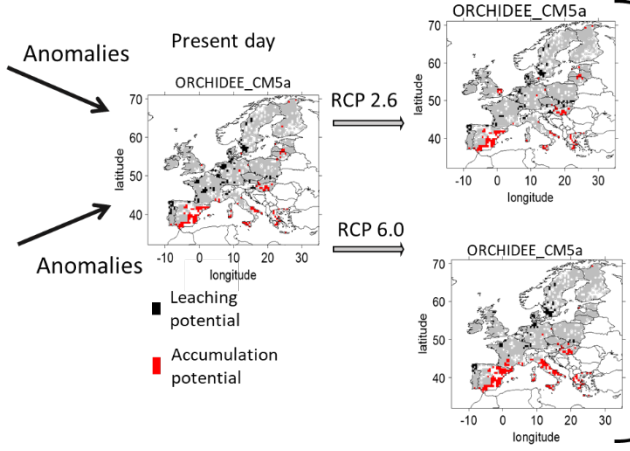
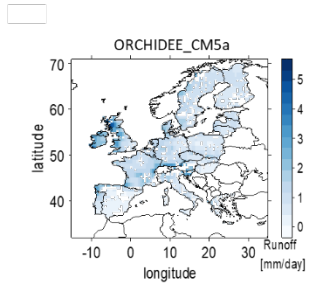
24 simulation results for historical and future climates. The calculation of K_f with pedo-transfer functions allowed us
25 to avoid any uncertainties due to past management or future depositions that may affect total Cu concentrations.
26 Areas with high potential risk of leaching or of accumulation were estimated over the ~~XXI~~^{21st} century by
27 comparing K_f and runoff to their respective European median. Thus, at three distinct times, we considered a grid
28 ~~cell~~^{point} at risk of LP if its K_f was low compared to the European median and its runoff was high compared to the
29 European median of the time. Similarly, a grid ~~point~~^{cell} was considered at risk of AP if its K_f was high and its runoff
30 was low compared to their respective European median of the time. To deal with uncertainties in climate change
31 scenarios and the associated model ~~prediction~~^{projections}, we performed our study with two representative
32 atmospheric greenhouse gases concentration pathways (RCP), defined with climate change associated to a large
33 set of socio-economic scenarios found in the literature. We used two land surface models (ORCHIDEE and LPJmL,
34 given soil hydrologic properties) and two global circulation models (ESM2m and CM5a, given rainfall forecast).
35 Our results show that, for historical scenario 6.4 ± 0.1 % (median, median deviation) and 6.7 ± 1.1 % of the grid
36 cells of the European land surfaces are ~~concerned by~~^{with} LP and AP respectively. Interestingly, our results
37 simulate a constant global surface ~~concerned with~~^{by} LP and AP, around 13% of the grid cells, consistent with an
38 increase in AP and a decrease in LP. Despite large variations in LP and AP extents depending on the land surface
39 model used for estimations, the two trends were more pronounced with RCP 6.0 than with RCP 2.6, highlighting
40 the global risk of combined climate change and contamination and the need for more local and seasonal
41 assessment. Results are discussed to highlight the points requiring improvement to refine predictions.

42 Keywords: regional modeling, transfer functions, ISIMIP, LUCAS Topsoil data, mapping risk

$$K_f = \frac{Cu_{total}}{Cu_{solution}} \text{ computation}$$



Runoffs predicted by models



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2 Global Circulation Models
2 Land Surface Models

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46 1. Introduction

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48 At a large spatial scale, trace element contents in soils are highly variable in relation with the trace element
49 contents of the soil parental rocks and with local anthropogenic inputs of various origins (Flemming and Trevors,
50 1989; Salminen and Gregorauskiene, 2000; Noll, 2003). Some trace elements like copper (Cu) or zinc are required
51 for several biological mechanisms, but when highly concentrated they may have toxic effects on soil organisms
52 (Giller et al., 1998). In particular, Cu is widely used, as a fungicide, especially against downy mildew in vineyard
53 ~~parcels~~ (Komárek et al., 2010), but also in industrial processes. Besides, Cu application to soils are numerous, in
54 the mineral form or within the organic fertilizers applied, leading to a global European limit of application. At the
55 European scale, a gradient of soil Cu concentrations can be found from typical baseline values between 5 mgCu.kg⁻¹
56 to 20 mgCu.kg⁻¹ (Salminen and Gregorauskiene, 2000), to values larger than 100 mgCu.kg⁻¹, common in cultivated
57 soils and especially in vineyards parcels (Ballabio et al., 2018). It is commonly accepted to conceptually partition
58 the total soil Cu content into different pools of Cu forms in close equilibrium. Briefly, three pools can be defined:
59 a so-called 'inert' pool corresponding to Cu included into minerals, a so-called 'labile' pool corresponding to Cu
60 sorbed to soil constituents but that can be mobilized according to environmental conditions, and a smallest
61 'mobile' pool corresponding to Cu in soil solution that may be readily available for living organisms but also for
62 transport within soil horizons (West and Coombs, 1981; Rooney et al., 2006; Broos et al., 2007). Schematically,
63 these pools are governed by processes like exchange, complexation or sorption. Also, local soil characteristics
64 such as organic matter, pH or cationic exchange capacity can affect the proportion of Cu in these different pools
65 (Vidal et al., 2009). Any modifications in soil properties or soil solution composition may thus affect Cu equilibrium
66 between sorbed and solution phases. The pool of Cu in the solution phase can be assimilated to a potential pool
67 of Cu leaching. Conversely, Cu bound to the solid phases can be assimilated to a potential pool of Cu accumulation
68 in soil. Depending on the main process involved, for a given amount of Cu deposited on soil, the proportions of
69 leached and accumulated Cu can ~~varyied~~ from place to place and with time. However, studies simulating whether
70 the soil will rather leach or accumulate a contaminant, ~~i.e. will act as a source or a sink for the contamination,~~ are

71 scarce especially at a large spatial scale. ~~This knowledge~~Know and predict this leaching or retention, however,
72 could allow to highlight contaminated areas with a potential to leach, disperse or accumulate contaminants, and
73 therefore help for long term environmental management.

74 Concurrently, climate change due to anthropogenic activities is expected to impact rainfall patterns in the
75 forthcoming ~~the~~ decades, leading to changes in the frequency and intensity of weather events at regional and
76 local levels (Christensen and Christensen, 2003). For instance, ~~projections forecast~~ an increase in rain- and snow-
77 fall events in winter in Northern Europe but a decrease in summer in the Mediterranean region are projected,
78 which extends to northward regions (Douville et al., 2021) ~~with~~The extent of rain- and snow-fall alterations
79 ~~depends on anthropogenic activities and associated~~depending on climate change. Thus, climate change will alter
80 the soil water-flows throughout the century (Mimikou et al., 2000). For instance, increase in rainfall intensity and
81 in water accumulation in the soil surface due to limited water infiltration may induce large runoff (Chu et al.,
82 2019). Changes in runoff will also change fluxes of elements or of particulates in the soil solution as it has been
83 shown for Cu (Babcsányi et al., 2016). However, predicting how these runoff changes will relate to elemental
84 contaminant fluxes in the coming decades remain difficult.~~However, the relationships between these changes in~~
85 ~~runoff and fluxes of elements is still poorly predicted for the next decades.~~

86 In this framework, our aim was twofold: i) estimate the areas the most likely to lose ~~loss~~ soil Cu within soil solution
87 and waterflows, ~~leaching potential areas in Europe,~~ thereafter, named leaching potential areas [-LP], for the
88 ~~beginning of the century~~historical period (2001-2005) -and ii) predict their evolution~~changes~~ according to different
89 climate change scenarios. Additionally, we aimed to estimate the areas the most likely to accumulate Cu,
90 ~~accumulation potential areas~~ thereafter named accumulation potential areas [AP]. We hypothesized that ~~the role~~
91 ~~of soil as Cu sink or source, linked to~~ the processes of Cu accumulation or leaching, can be described by the
92 combined effects of local runoff amounts and of local soil properties controlling the partition of total Cu in sorbed
93 and solution species. Due to the lack of information about the future Cu deposition ~~and on soil Cu concentrations~~
94 whatever its form, we developed a method using the partition coefficient (K_f) at the equilibrium between solid

95 and solution phases to determine areas with high or low potential of leaching whatever total Cu concentration.

96 Regarding the lack of data about future deposited ~~amounts~~amount at large scale, using K_f was necessary to

97 estimate the Cu mobility potential. The LP or AP areas were thus estimated through the combined use of K_f ,

98 calculated with the help of pedo-transfer functions, and the use of soil runoff amounts extracted from earth

99 system simulations. With the use of K_f we avoided the uncertainties due to past land management and previous

100 Cu deposition and focused on risks arising from future deposition. To do so, we first reviewed the empirical

101 equations estimating Cu's K_f based on soil properties to highlight generic soil properties governing this partition.

102 From this review, we extracted the best compromise K_f equation to estimate partitioning at the regional scale,

103 which ensures more accurate K_f calculation based on pedo-geochemical data typically recorded in soil surveys,

104 thus mainly available. This allowed us to estimate Cu's K_f values to be used at the European scale based on pedo-

105 geochemical soil surveys without the knowledge of soil Cu total content. We then focused on the current state of

106 the climate and its projected changes over the ~~XXI~~21st century, based on two climate change scenarios. The rainfall

107 predictions were analyzed at the 0.5° that is a common scale for land surface models~~models~~ allowing a multi-

108 comparison ~~between 4 of them and allowing~~ to capture the variability in soil properties and rainfall regime. To

109 capture the difficulties in runoff prediction and to disentangle the uncertainties between rainfall prediction and

110 runoff calculations of land surface models, we used a set of simulations provided by the Inter-Sectoral Impact

111 Model Intercomparison Project (ISIMIP). These simulations used different land surface models driven by different

112 climate forcings computed by different climate models. For each scenario and each couple of land surface model

113 and climate forcing we estimated the LP or AP of each ~~grid points~~grid cells by comparison between the local values

114 of K_f and of runoff to the respective calculated European median that is less driven by extreme than mean.

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116 2. Materials and methods

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118 2.1. Equations to estimate copper K_f

119 The rigorous definition of K_f is based on the concentration ratio of sorbed vs solution species (here Cu) at the
120 equilibrium. Yet, for practical reasons of measurement and applicability, K_f is conventionally derived from total Cu
121 and not from sorbed Cu (Degryse et al., 2009). A general form of the Cu partition coefficient between soil and
122 solution – K_f – can be used to describe Cu concentrations in the sorbed and solution phases, defined as Eq. (1):

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$$124 \quad K_f = \frac{Cu_{total}}{Cu_{solution}^n} \quad (1)$$

125 Where Cu_{total} is the total Cu content of soil in mg.kg⁻¹, Cu_{solution} is the Cu content of soil solution in mg.L⁻¹ and n
126 stands for the variation in binding strength with metal loading (Groenenberg et al., 2010). A low K_f reflects a high
127 proportion of Cu in solution for a given total Cu content of the soil. K_f can vary as a function of different soil
128 parameters (Degryse et al., 2009; Elzinga et al., 1999) and can also be estimated using Eq. (2):

$$129 \quad (K_f) = a_0 + \sum_i a_i \log_{10}(X_i) \quad (2)$$

130 with X_i the different soil parameters and a_i the corresponding associated coefficient to the parameter.

131 Numerous studies in the literature have attempted the determination of the value of K_f using the Eq. (2) based
132 on statistical relationships between soil pedo-geochemical parameters, Cu in solution and total Cu measurements.

133 The soil pedo-geochemical parameter X_i and its associated coefficient a_i can differ depending on the study and
134 the data set used for the estimation. For the purposes of this study, K_f is estimated at the European Union level,
135 so the formula chosen strikes the best balance between the accuracy of the relationship and its applicability on a
136 wide scale. Thus, the equation must:

- 137 i) Include only parameters that are measured in large soil surveys
- 138 ii) Have been Fit-fitted on a large range of each soil parameter
- 139 iii) Focus on in situ long-term contamination and not on laboratory experiments.

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141 On December 2020 we first ran a bibliographic research on WOS looking for “Cu AND availab*AND soil AND TOPIC
142 function”. We then completed this research by examining the references cited in the articles found. We collected

143 the available relationships for estimating K_f on the basis of soil pedo-geochemical characteristics and/or total Cu.
144 We selected only relationships that were based on commonly collected soil pedo-geochemical characteristics, such
145 as soil organic matter (OM) or soil organic carbon (OC), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), cationic exchange capacity
146 (CEC), clay percentage and pH that are the most frequently reported values from large scale soil survey.
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148 2.2 Soil data

149 This study used European data on various soil parameters, in particular pH and organic carbon (OC), obtained from
150 the Joint Research Centre's (JRC) LUCAS topsoil data. The data set is limited only to the territories of European Union
151 Member States. The aforementioned data set provides information on pH_(Panagos et al., 2022; Ballabio et al.,
152 2016; ESDAC - European Commission, 2024; Panagos et al., 2012)– and OC contents_(Panagos et al., 2022; de
153 Brogniez et al., 2015; ESDAC - European Commission, 2024; Panagos et al., 2012)
154 (<https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/content/topsoil-soil-organic-carbon-lucas-eu25>). The data has been re-gridded
155 with cdo commands (Schulzweida, 2019) to a spatial resolution of 0.5° (equivalent to approximately 50 km). This
156 was done to match the resolution of the land surface models that were used to estimate the runoff. The resulting
157 runoff data is presented in section 2.3.

158 2.3. Runoff data from land surface models

159 Runoff is computed in land models from incoming rain- and snow- falls, calculated evapotranspiration, and soil
160 hydrologic capacities. To estimate changes in soil runoff across century during the 21st century and to reduce
161 uncertainties, we used two typical land-surface schemes models (LSM) – namely ORCHIDEE (Krinner et al., 2005)
162 and LPJmL (Sitch et al., 2003)– and two global circulation models (GCM) providing climate projections – namely
163 IPSL-CM5a (Dufresne et al., 2013) and GDFL-ESM2m (Dunne et al., 2012) – further named CM5a and ESM2m
164 respectively. Our study exploited simulations conducted as part of the Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison
165 Project Phase 2b (ISIMIP2b), which supplied simulations of land surface models driven by binding scenarios from
166 1861 to 2099 (Frieler et al., 2017). Further details of the protocol used can be found at ISIMIP2b (The Inter-Sectoral

167 Impact Model Intercomparison Project, 2021) <https://www.isimip.org/protocol/#isimip2b>. The ISIMIP2b utilizes
168 harmonized climate forcings derived from gridded, daily bias-adjusted climate data of various CMIP5 (5th coupled
169 model intercomparison project) global circulation models (GCMs) (Frieler et al., 2017; Lange, 2016) as well as with
170 the use of global annual atmospheric CO₂ concentration, and harmonized annual land use maps (Goldewijk et al.,
171 2017). The application of bias-corrected climate data ensures that the climate used by the land surface models is
172 consistent with observations over the last 40 years of the historical period. We compared the historical data
173 calculated by the different models with three five-year periods distributed over the ~~XXI~~21st century: ~~the beginning~~
174 ~~(2001-2005, called historical scenario), a middle scenario (2051-2055) and an end scenario (2091-2095)~~ 2091-2095.
175 In order to simulate ~~mid and end century~~ 2051-2055 and 2091-2095 periods, ~~(2051-2055 and 2091-2095)~~, we ~~have~~
176 used two century-scale scenarios called Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP). These scenarios have been
177 defined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (van Vuuren et al., 2011) and correspond to
178 common socio-economic pathways followed by the world's population. Here, we focused on RCP 2.6, which
179 represents an active reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to comply with the Paris Agreement, and RCP 6.0, which
180 represents more or less *business as usual*. RCP 2.6 is predicted to produce a radiation forcing of 2.6 W.m⁻², whereas
181 RCP 6.0 would result in a radiation forcing of 6 W.m⁻².

182 For each combination of LSMs (LPJmL or ORCHIDEE) and GCMs (CM5a or ESM2m), we calculated the mean
183 over 5 years at ~~the beginning~~ 3 period evenly space: (2001 - 2005), mid (2051 - 2055) and end (2091 - 2095) of the
184 ~~XXI~~21st century. The cross scheme of two land surface models and two GCMs enabled us to establish whether
185 estimations of runoff are influenced more by rainfall projection provided by the GCMs or the representation of
186 soil hydrologic characteristics provided by the LSMs. When predictions ~~will be~~ are driven by soil hydrologic
187 properties, highest differences in runoff predictions are expected between couple of model with the same LSM
188 but different GCM (e.g. for instance LPJmL_CM5a is closest to LPJmL_ESM2m than to
189 ORCHIDEE_CM5a) ~~LPmL_(CM5a or ESM2m) and ORCHIDEE_(CM5a or ESM2m) projections than between~~
190 ~~LPJmL_CM5a and ORCHIDEE_CM5a or between LMJmL_ESM2m and ORCHIDEE_ESM2m~~. Contrarily, when
191 predictions will be driven by rainfall projections, highest differences in runoff predictions are expected are

~~expected between couple of model with the same GCM but different LSM (e.g. for instance LPJmL_CM5a is closest to ORCHIDEE_CM5a than to LPJmL_ESM2m) between LPmL_CM5a and ORCHIDEE_CM5a or between LPJmL_ESM2m and ORCHIDEE_ESM2m projections than between LPJmL_CM5a and LMJmL_ESM2m or between ORCHIDEE_CM5a and ORCHIDEE_ESM2m.~~

2.4. ~~Statistical tests to a~~Assessment of AP and LP areas

AP or LP areas were assessed by comparing the K_f and runoff values of each grid ~~cell~~point with its corresponding spatial median. Median runoff was computed for the whole of Europe for each five-year average period studied ~~per model~~. LP areas were characterized by low K_f and high runoff, while AP areas were characterized by the opposite (see Eq. (3a) and (3b)). ~~We employed the classical approach described by (Reimann et al., 2005) by classifying as outliers values higher than the median +2 x (median average deviation) (MAD) or lower than the median -2 x MAD. Rather than excluding data points as outliers, w~~We identified ~~data points~~grid cells with unusually high or low values, later referred as anomalies. ~~Thus, we used a threshold lower than 2 MAD for deviation definition and chose to fix as grid cells above or below~~ a 1 MAD ~~threshold~~deviation. MAD was computed as $median(|x_i| - median(x))$, x being successively runoff and K_f for the ~~i~~@ grid pointsgrid cells where K_f can be estimated (see Eq. (3a) and (3b)).

For each combination of LSM (ORCHIDEE or LPJmL) x GCM (CM5a or ESM2m) and each time period ($t=2001-2005$; 2051-2055 or 2019-2095) with the two climate change scenarios (RCP 2.6 or RCP 6.0) applied for the periods 2051-2055 and 2091-2095, we have defined LP and AP areas as follows:

● Areas with soils exhibiting high potentiality of Cu leaching (LP areas) under 1 MAD threshold (named LP) for a 5 years mean time period t were defined as areas where ~~grid points~~grid cells-~~i~~ have:

$$\{K_f(i) < Median (European K_f) - 1 MAD (European K_f) Runoff(t, i) >$$

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$$\text{Median}(\text{European runoff}(t)) + 1 \text{MAD}(\text{European Runoff}(t)) \quad (3a)$$

- 216 • Areas with soils exhibiting low potentiality of leaching corresponding to soils of high Cu accumulation potentiality
217 (AP areas) under 1 MAD threshold (named AP) for a 5 years mean time period t were defined as areas where grid
218 pointsgrid cells i have:

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$$\{K_f(i) > \text{Median}(\text{European } K_f) + 1 \text{MAD}(\text{European } K_f) \text{Runoff}(t, i) <$$

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$$\text{Median}(\text{European runoff}(t)) - 1 \text{MAD}(\text{European Runoff}(t)) \quad (3b)$$

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222 The benefits of this approach is that it-anomalies identifications is not affected by the set of coefficients
223 chosen to compute K_f , and it removes the absolute nature of the values, but it focus on the deviation to
224 median.highest (and lowest) values.

225 We choose to calculate the MAD to each time period to emphasized the spatial variability. Anomalies
226 identification could also be done using the historical runoff as a reference and looking at its change with time.
227 However, when considering the actual rainfall regime as a reference, we consider that the current environmental
228 risk well considers the spatial risk variability. (Kwon et al., 2013; Evans and Wallenstein, 2012; Sereni et al., 2022b)
229 In the next sections the results of temporal trends are presented using median per model and mean over the 4
230 models.

231 We used R 4.1.2 (R Core Team, 2021) to compute anomalies and perform the figures.

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233 3. Results

234 3.1. K_f estimations at the European scale

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236 The empirical equations extracted from our literature review to estimate K_f are given in Table 1. We collected 15
237 equations ~~allowing us to calculate~~ ~~allowing to calculate~~ K_f as the coefficient of partition between total Cu and Cu
238 in solution. Among these equations, pH was found the more decisive factor in K_f estimation (8/15 relationships).
239 Indeed, K_f is positively correlated to pH ~~with a partial slope for pH around 0.3 for four of these eight relationships~~
240 so that the more alkaline the soil is, the highest the ratio total Cu/Cu in solution is. Soil organic matter (OM) or
241 OC is less often a parameter in the K_f equations (4/15 relationships) but, when present, partial slope for OM/OC
242 is higher than that for pH ~~which means that a small variation in soil OM content affect more Cu partitioning than~~
243 ~~a small variation in pH~~. Three of the 4 papers concerned found a positive relationship between OM and K_f while
244 (Mondaca et al., 2015) found a negative partial slope for soil OM or dissolved OC (Table 1, Eq. (12d)). However,
245 this Eq. (12d) ~~concerns was fitted on arid soils from Chile~~ ~~chilies soils~~ and includes a positive partial slope for the
246 CEC. The CEC value can be viewed as a proxy for the sum of clay and soil OM contents, so that the over whole
247 partial slope of OM is compensated in that particular situation.

248 **Table 1.: Transfer functions reviewed from literature to estimate partition coefficient of Cu. R.V stands for response variable and Int. for intercept.**
 249 **Most studies fitted K_f defined as $K_f = [Cu]_{soil}/[Cu]_{solution}^{n-opt}$ in $L.kg^{-1}$, Cu_{soil} or Cu_{tot} in $mg.kg^{-1}$, DOC (dissolved organic carbon) in $mg.L^{-1}$, OM (soil**
 250 **organic matter) in %, CEC in $cmol.kg^{-1}$, standard error around fitted coefficient are reported when indicated in the original article.**

Author	Eq	R.V	Int.	Log (Cu tot)	pH	Log (OM)	Log (DOC)	other	n-opt	R2	number of data	Range Cu tot	Range OM	Range DOC	Range pH
(Vulkan et al., 2000)	4	Log (K_f)	1.74		0.34		-0.58		<u>1</u>	0.42	21	19-8645		9.8-69.8	5.5-8
(Sauvé et al., 2000)	5a	Log (K_f)	1.49 ± 0.13		0.27 ± 0.02				<u>1</u>	0.29	447	6.8-82850			
(Sauvé et al., 2000)	5b	Log (K_f)	1.75 ± 0.12		0.21 ± 0.02	0.51 ± 0.06			<u>1</u>	0.42	353	6.8-82850			
(Degryse et al., 2009)	6a	Log (K_f)	0.6		0.37				<u>1</u>	0.34	129				
(Degryse et al., 2009)	6b	Log (K_f)	0.45		0.34			0.65 log (CEC %)	<u>1</u>	0.44	128				
(Unamuno et al., 2009)	7a	Log (K_f)	1.95		0.16				<u>1</u>	0.15	29	18-10389			
(Unamuno et al., 2009)	7b	Log (K_f)	2.383	0.46					<u>1</u>	0.61	29	18-10389			
(Unamuno et al., 2009)	7c	Log (K_f)	1.99	0.42	0.06				<u>1</u>	0.63	29	18-10389			
(Groenenberg et al., 2010)	8a	Log (K_f)	2.26		0.89	0.9			0.85	0.87	216	0.1-326	2-97.8		3.3-8.3
(Ivezić et al., 2012)	9a	Log (K_f)	3.98			0.48	-0.59		<u>1</u>	0.5	74	5.7-141		0.9-10.2	4.3-8.1
(Mondaca et al., 2015)	10a	Log (K_f)	1.05	0.7		-1.06			<u>1</u>	0.46	86	56-4441	12.0-62		6.2-7.8
(Mondaca et al., 2015)	10b	Log (K_f)	2.88	0.41			-1.03		<u>1</u>	0.77	86	56-4441	12.0-62		6.2-7.8
(Li et al., 2017)	11a	Log (K_f)	3.12	0.47			-0.66		<u>1</u>	0.28	34				
(Li et al., 2017)	11b	Log (K_f)	2.179	-0.45 * log (Cu solution) $\mu mol.L^{-1}$					<u>1</u>	0.42	34				
(Li et al., 2017)	11c	Log (K_f)	2.59	0.617			-1.55		<u>1</u>	0.88	20				

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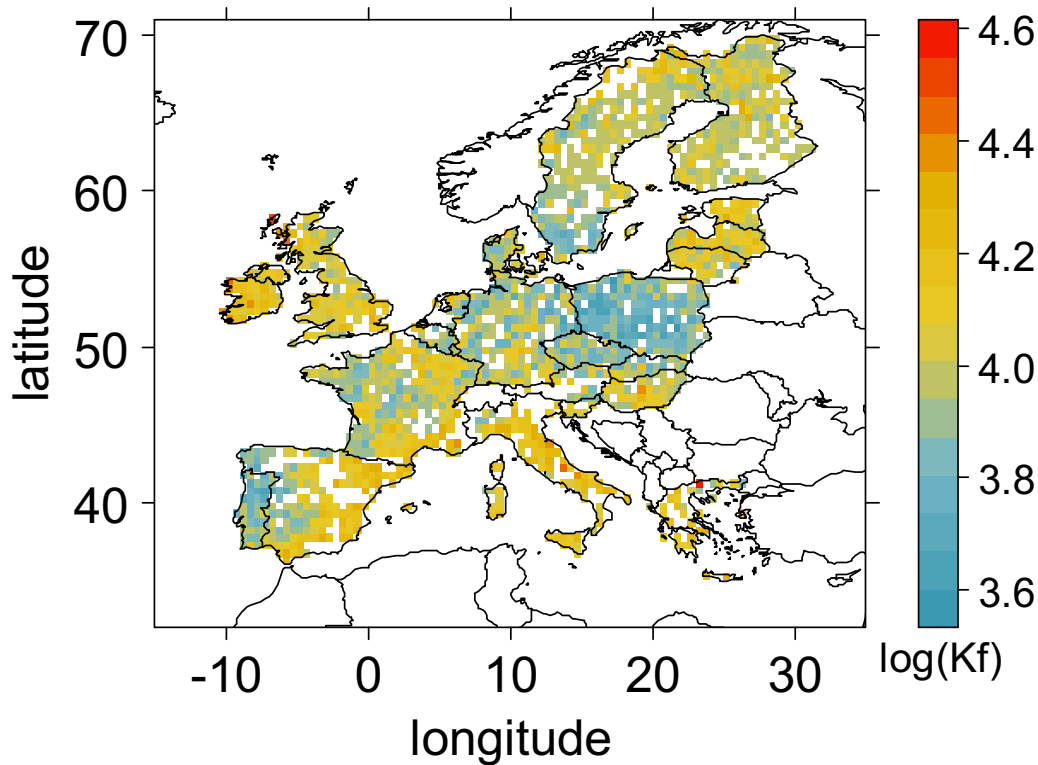
253 Over the 15 equations, the estimation of K_f according to (Sauvé et al., 2000) with Eq. (5a) or (5b) (Table 1) is the
254 most robust as determined over a wide range of soils (more than 400 points). The estimations are based on a
255 large gradient of in situ total soil Cu concentrations, even though the highest total soil Cu concentration is higher
256 than what was observed in Europe with the JRC's soil survey. ~~The authors~~(Sauvé et al., (2000), ~~you~~ proposed two
257 equations based on a compilation of about 400 data points from long-term contaminated samples. One of the
258 equations considers OM values, whereas the other does not due to a lack of information in the gathered data.
259 Finally, due to the well-known importance in OM for binding with Cu, the Eq. (5b) was selected for our application
260 at the Europe scale and K_f was calculated as following:

$$261 \quad (K_f) = 1.75 + 0.21pH + 0.51(OM)$$

262 with K_f in $L.Kg^{-1}$ and OM being the soil organic matter content calculated as $OM = 2 \times OC$ from JRC following
263 (Pribyl, 2010).

264 K_f values display a range of 4600 to 21500 $L.kg^{-1}$ with a median value of 9829 $L.kg^{-1}$. K_f values below 8000 $L.kg^{-1}$
265 and above 12000 $L.kg^{-1}$ respectively represent low and high anomalies for K_f . On the European scale, a
266 heterogeneous distribution can be seen when using equation (5b), as shown in (Fig. 1).

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269 Fig. 1: Map of $\log_{10}(K_f)$ in Europe at 0.5° following Eq. (5b) applied to soil Cu contents. White pixels correspond
 270 to pixel without OC measurement, and consequently then no K_f estimation scale.

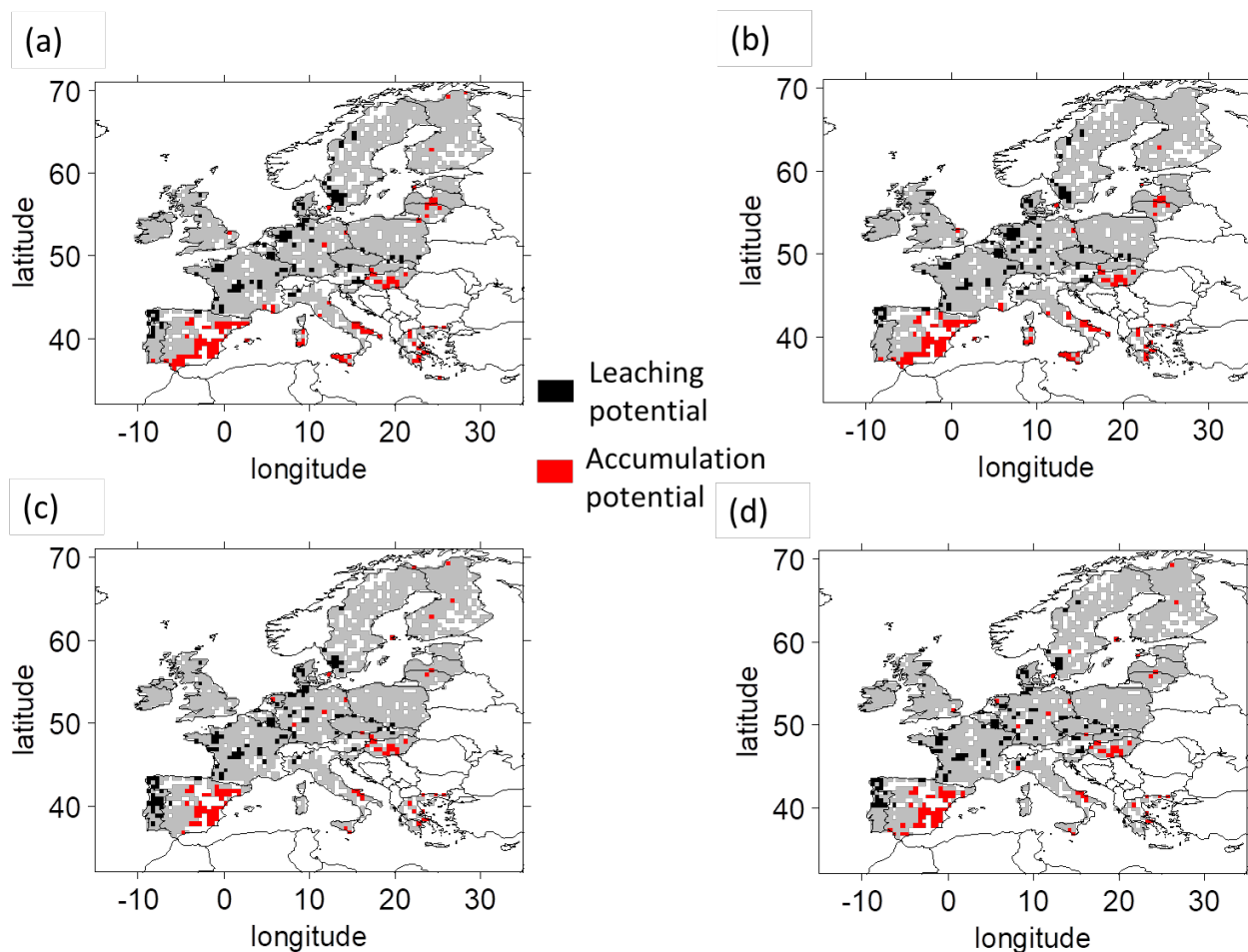
271 Beyond the EU's administrative borders (*e.g.* Switzerland and Norway), in certain mountain areas there is a lack
 272 of OC data which is n't supplied by the JRC. Cu partitioning in soil solution is low around the Mediterranean, UK,
 273 Baltic and Nordic regions with high K_f ($>12000 \text{ L.kg}^{-1}$). This accounts for 29.9 % of the grid cells, where deposited
 274 Cu can thus accumulate in soils. On the contrary, high partition of Cu into soil solution can be found in 20.1% of
 275 the grid cells where values of K_f are low ($<8000 \text{ L.kg}^{-1}$), thus providing soils with a tendency to of acting as a source
 276 of copper for other ecosystems, depending on the runoff. This occurs for instance near Portugal and Poland.

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278 3.2. Modelling potential Cu leaching and accumulation in European soils at the beginning of the century for the
 279 historical period (2001-2005)

280 Over the two LSMs x 2 GCMs, the runoff values during the 2001-2005 period varied between 0 (LPJmL_CM5a
281 and LPJmL_ESM2m) and 5.4 mm.day⁻¹ (LPJmL_CM5a). The mean runoff value over the two LSMs x 2 GCMs is 1.1
282 (\pm 0.1 standard deviation) mm.day⁻¹ (data shown in Fig S1). For this period, the 1MAD threshold gives rather
283 similar low and high runoff anomalies between couples of LSMs x GCMs, below 0.6, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6 mm.day⁻¹ and
284 above 1.3, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.1 mm.day⁻¹ respectively for ORCHIDEE_CM5a, ORCHIDEE_ESM2m, LPJmL_CM5a and
285 LPJmL_ESM2m. In addition, respectively 21.7, 22.1, 20.2 and 21.1 % of the grid cells are low runoff anomalies and
286 28.2, 27.9, 29.8 and 28.9 % of the grid cells are high runoff anomalies (see Table S1).

287 Fig. 2 represents the LP and AP areas for the 2001-2005 period and for the different combinations of LSMs
288 and GCMs. The amount of grid cells ~~concerned by~~with LP and AP areas varied among the LSMs x GCMs
289 combinations (Fig. 3 with the historical scenario and Table S1). However, spatial patterns are well conserved with
290 more similarities between the same LSM than between the same GCM. Globally, LP areas are located mostly in
291 Northern Portugal with scattered points around France, Germany and Scandinavia while AP areas are mostly
292 found in South East of Spain, South-Adriatic coast of Italy and scattered points in Hungary. But, with the ORCHIDEE
293 LSM, AP areas in South Spain are larger, and LP areas in France and East Europe are more scattered than with the
294 LPJmL LSM.



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296 Fig. 2: Areas of potential for Cu leaching (LP) and accumulation (AP) over the historical (2001-2005) period for
 297 the combinations of land surface scheme (ORCHIDEE in (a), (b) ; LPJmL in (c), (d)) and climate forcing (CM5a in (a),
 298 (c) and ESM2m in (b), (d)). White pixels correspond to pixel without OC measurement, and consequently no K_f
 299 estimations, then no K_f calcul.
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301 Over the four combinations of LSMs and GCM, LP was detected in 6.4 ± 0.1 % (median, median deviation) of
 302 the grid cells are concerned by with LP (Fig. 3 (a)) and AP was detected in 6.7 ± 1.1 % of the grid cells by AP (Fig.
 303 3(b)). Areas concerned by with LP are almost equal between all LSMs x GCMs even if ESM2m forcing leads to
 304 slightly less areas concerned by with LP than CM5a. Much more AP areas are predicted by ORCHIDEE LSM.
 305 LPJmL_CM5a combination has the smallest percentage of the grid cells with concerned by AP with 5.5 %, while
 306 ORCHIDEE_CM5A has the largest percentage with 8.0 % (Fig. 3(b)).

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3.3. Modelling the ~~evolution~~change of the LP areas over the century according to the different RCPs

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For the two chosen climate change scenarios, median runoffs per models are expected to increase over the century for the 2 LSMs x 2 GCMs combinations. For the ~~mid~~-2051-2055 period, predicted runoff is 1.1 ± 0.1 mm.day⁻¹ with RCP 2.6 and RCP 6.0 (mean, standard deviation of the 2 LSMs x 2 GCMs over the 5 years), (see Fig. S2 for RCP 2.6 and Fig. S4 for RCP 6.0). For the ~~end~~ 2091-2095 period, predicted runoff is also 1.1 ± 0.1 mm.day⁻¹ with RCP 2.6 but 1.0 ± 0.1 mm.day⁻¹ with RCP 6.0 (mean, standard deviation of the 2 LSMs x 2 GCMs over the 5 years), (Fig. S3 for RCP 2.6 and Fig. S5 for RCP 6.0). Table S1 shows that the amount of grid cells defined as high anomalies for runoff tends to decrease by the ~~end of the century~~2091-2095 period while the amount of grid cells defined as low anomalies for runoff tends to increase. However, tendencies for the 2051-2055 period are variable with in some cases an increase or a decrease in percentage by comparison with the previous or subsequent periods (see Table S1). Furthermore, among the different periods of climate change scenarios, the ratio of LP areas in percentage over areas of high anomalies for runoff is not constant (see Table S1).

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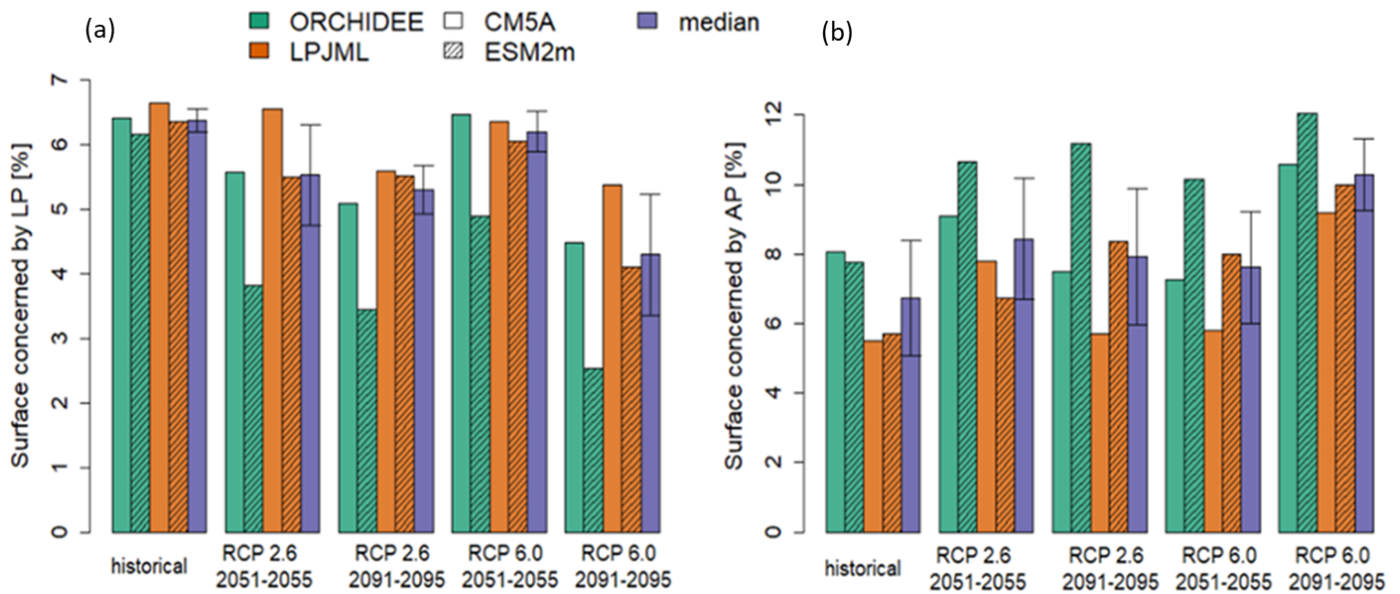
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The ~~evolution~~change of areas in Europe ~~concerned by~~with LP for the different climate scenarios and the different LSMs x GCMs combinations over the century is presented in percentage in Fig. 3(a). Compared to the historical values and whatever the scenario, the median percentage of grid cells ~~concerned by~~with LP in 2091-2095 decreases by 1.2 ± 0.3 percentage points (median, median deviation) for RCP 2.6 and by 2.1 ± 0.5 percentage points for RCP 6.0. Hence, ~~at the end of the century~~for the 2091-2095 period, percentage of surfaces ~~concerned by~~with LP are 5.3 ± 0.3 % (median, median deviation) for RCP 2.6 and 4.3 ± 0.6 % for RCP 6.0. ~~Estimations of~~areas concerned by~~with~~where LP was detected are relatively similar for all the time period and climate change scenarios and for all LSMs x GCMs except ORCHIDEE_ESM2m that always ~~predicted the smallest~~predicted smallest percentage of areas ~~concerned by~~with LP. Indeed, for ORCHIDEE_ESM2m the percentage of areas ~~concerned by~~with LP are from 59% (RCP 6.0 2091-2095) to 79 % (RCP 6.0 2051-2055) smallest than the median percentage

331 of surfaces concerned-bywith LP (see Fig. 3(a)).



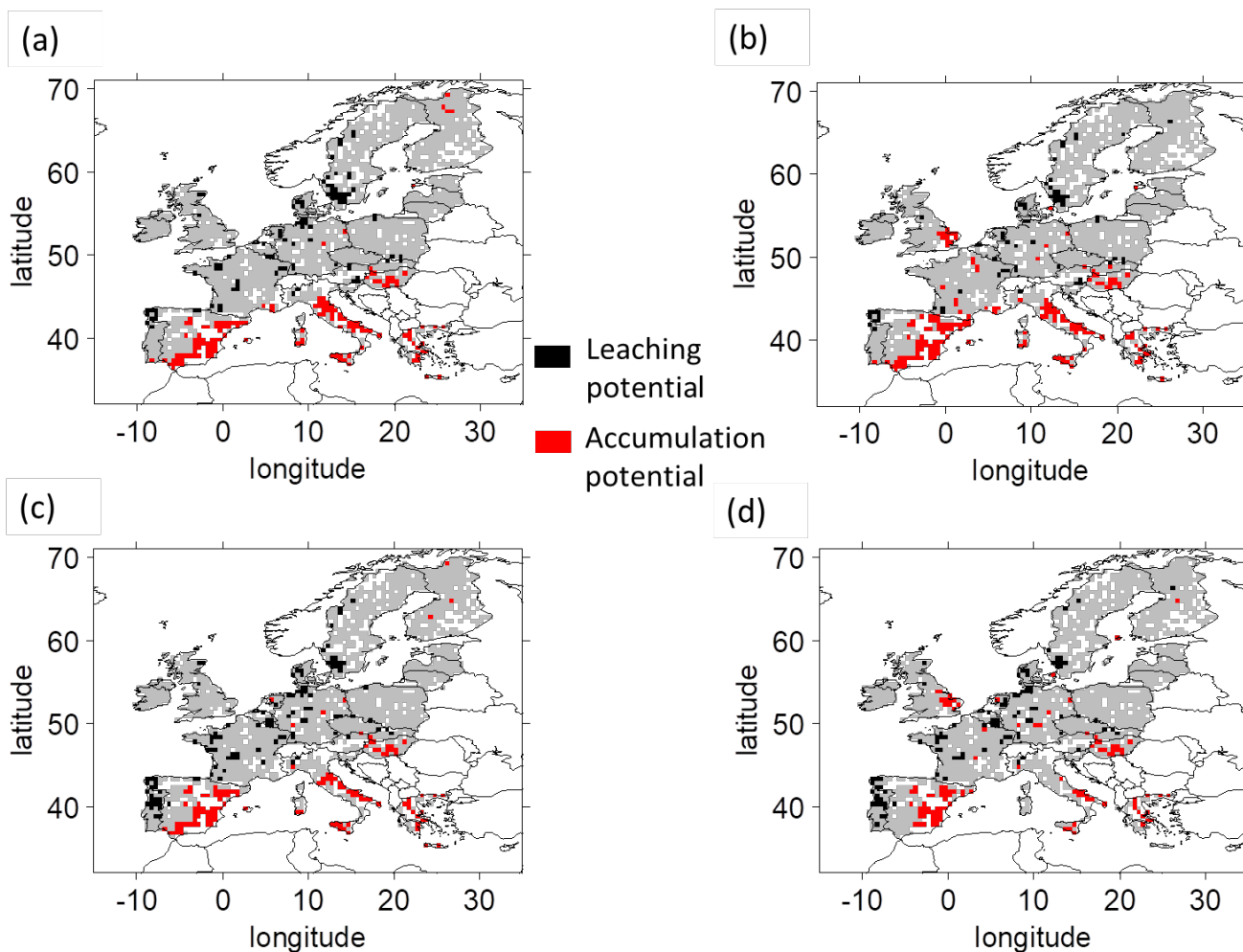
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333 Fig. 3: Percentage of the grid cells concerned-bywith Cu LP (a) and AP (b) for the different scenarios
334 (historical=2001-2005, RCP 2.6 horizon 2050 and 2090 and RCP 6.0 horizon 2090). The 4 combinations of the 2
335 LSMs (ORCHIDEE in green and LPJmL in orange) and the 2 climate forcings (CM5a fill bars and ESM2m dashed bar)
336 as well than median (purple) of the 4 models and median deviation (bar) are plotted.

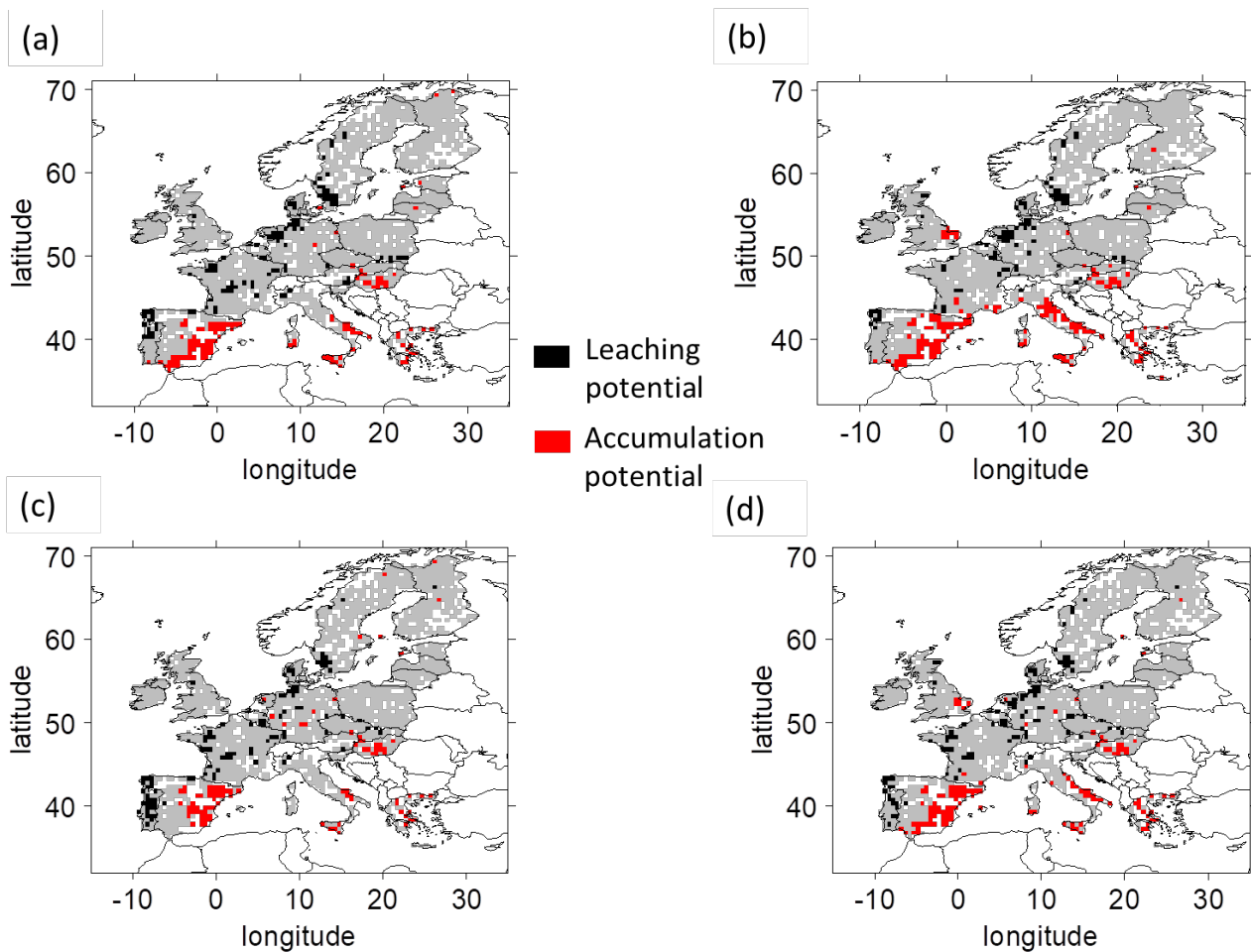
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338 The change of LP's median evolution-of-LP during the century depends on the climate change scenario. With RCP
339 2.6, the median percentage of grid cells concerned-bywith LP varied more between the historical scenario and
340 the 2051-2055 one (-0.8 ± 0.4 percentage points, median, median deviation) than between the 2051-2055 and
341 the 2091-2095 periods (-0.4 ± 0.3 percentage points). On the contrary, with RCP 6.0, the median percentage of
342 grid cells concerned-bywith LP areas decreases less from the historical scenario to the 2051-2055 one (-0.3 ± 0.2
343 percentage points, median, median deviation), than between the 2051-2055 and 2091-2095 periods (-2.0 ± 0.2
344 percentage points), see Fig. 3 (a). Furthermore, with RCP 2.6, estimations give 5.5 ± 0.5 % of the grid cells
345 concerned-bywith LP in 2051-2055 and 6.2 ± 0.2 % with RCP 6.0, which is similar to the 2001-2005 estimate.

346 For all LSMs and GCMs and the two RCPs, LP areas ~~mostly concern~~ are mostly detected in Portugal, north
 347 Germany and Scandinavia. In terms of LP risks, the combinations of GCMs and climate change scenarios mostly
 348 affect the quantity of dispersed spots in East Europe and in the southern region extend of Portugal. By 2050, the
 349 decrease in LP areas ~~mostly concerns~~ is mostly located in the center of France, south of Portugal and north of
 350 Germany (Fig. 4 for the RCP 2.6 and Fig. 6 for the RCP 6.0). By 2090, the decrease in LP areas ~~mostly concerns~~ are
 351 is mostly located in the south of Portugal (Fig. 5 for the RCP 2.6 and Fig. 7 for the RCP 6.0).



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 353 Fig. 4: Areas of potential for Cu leaching (LP) and accumulation (AP) over the RCP2.6 2051-2055 period for the
 354 different combinations of land surface schemes (ORCHIDEE in (a), (b) ; LPJmL in (c), (d)) and climate forcings (CM5a
 355 in (a), (c) and ESM2m in (b), (d)). White pixels correspond to pixel without OC measurement, and consequently no
 356 K_f estimations, then no K_f calcul



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358 Fig. 5: Areas of potential for Cu leaching (LP) and accumulation (AP) over the RCP 2.6 2091-2095 period for
 359 the different combinations of land surface schemes (ORCHIDEE in (a), (b) ; LPJmL in (c), (d)) and climate forcings
 360 (CM5a in (a), (c) and ESM2m in (b), (d)). White pixels correspond to pixel without OC measurement, and
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363 3.4. Modelling the evolutionchange of the AP areas over the century according to the different RCPs

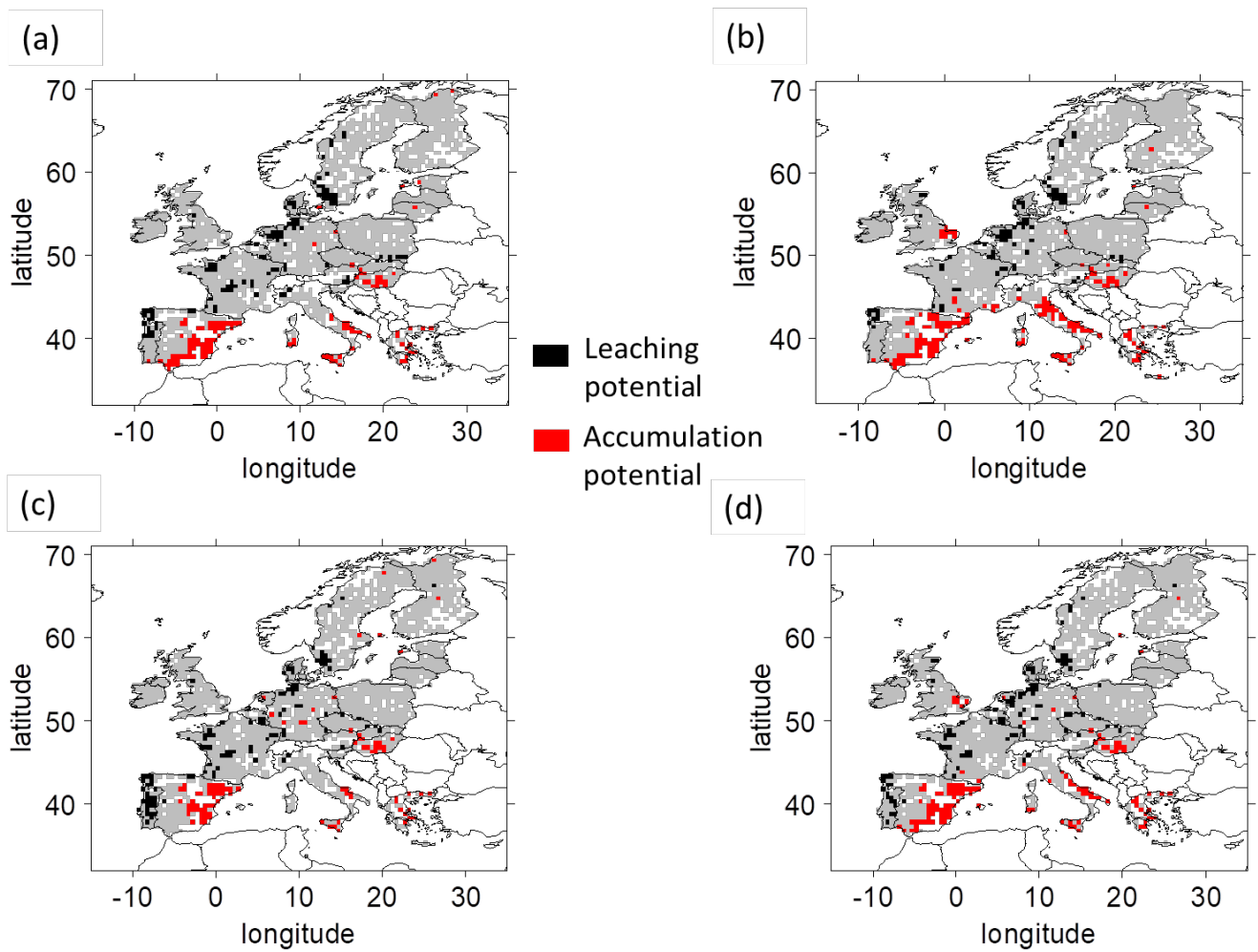
364 The evolutionchange of AP areas in Europe concerned by with AP for the different climate scenarios and the
 365 different LSMs x GCMs combination over the century is presented in percentage in Fig. 3(b). For the 2091-2095
 366 period) and for the two climate change scenarios, the percentage of grid cells an AP increases-is detected
 367 increases for all LSMs x GCMs except for ORCHIDEE_CM5a with RCP 2.6. AP area increases are highly variable

368 between LSMs x GCMs, with a smaller increase between historical period and 2091-2095 for RCP 2.6 than for RCP
369 6.0.

370 With RCP 2.6, and for all LSMs x GCMs, the percentage of grid cells where an surfaces with AP is detected increases
371 between the historical scenario and ~~the mid-one (2051-2055).~~the 2051-2055 period. Between ~~the mid and~~
372 ~~the 2051-2055 and~~ 2091-2095 ~~scenarios~~, the percentage of grid cells ~~concerned by~~with where AP is detected
373 increases for LSMs_ESM2m and decreases for LSMs_CM5a (see Fig. 3 (b)).

374 With RCP 6.0, the percentage of areas ~~concerned by~~with where AP is detected increases for all LSM x GCM except
375 with ORCHIDEE_CM5a between the historical periodscenario and the 2051-2055 period, and for all LSM x GCM
376 combinations between ~~the 2051-2055~~~~the mid~~ and the 2091-2095 periodscenarios.

377 For all LSMs X GCMs and the two RCPs, AP areas are found in Sicilia, East Europe and South Spain. However, the
378 density and extent of the AP areas in these regions varied between LSMs x GCMs and climate change scenarios
379 (Fig. 4 and 5 for the RCP 2.6 for the respectively by 2051-2055 and by 2091-2095 periods, respectively and Fig.
380 6 and 7 for the RCP 6.0 for the 2051-2055 and by 2091-2095 periods, respectively ~~respectively by 2050 and by~~
381 2090). Over the century, we found new AP areas in East Europe and Greece.



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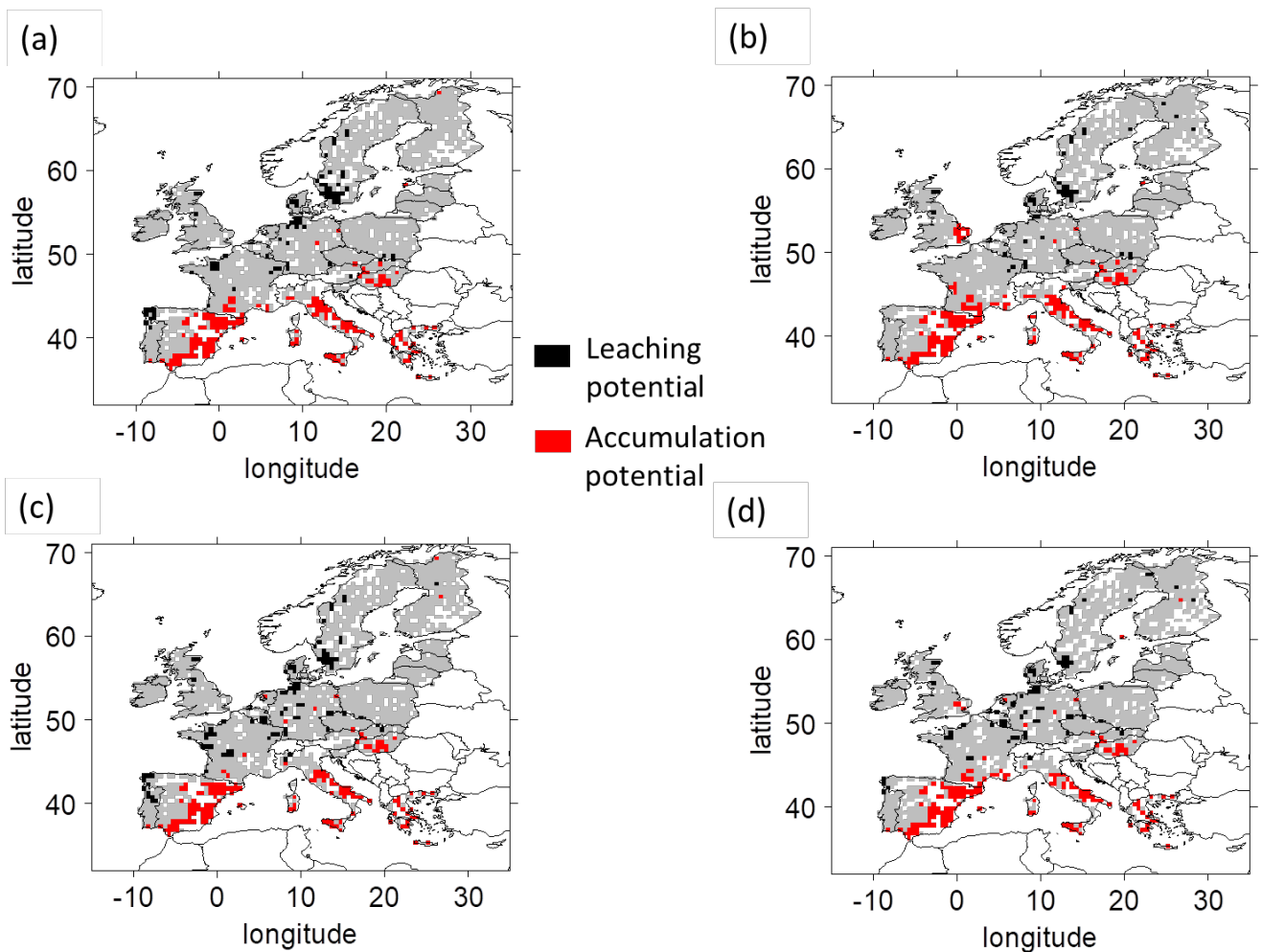
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Fig. 6: Area of potential of leaching (LP) and accumulation (AP) over the RCP 6.0 2051-2055 period for the different combination of land surface scheme (ORCHIDEE in (a), (b) ; LPJmL in (c), (d)) and climate forcings (CM5a in (a), (c) and ESM2m in (b), (d)). White pixels correspond to pixel without OC measurement, and consequently no K_f estimations, then no K_f calcul.



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389 Fig. 7: Areas of Cu potential for leaching (LP) and accumulation (AP) potential over the RCP 6.0 2091-2095 period
 390 for the different combinations of land surface schemes (ORCHIDEE in (a), (b) ; LPJmL in (c), (d)) and climate forcings
 391 (CM5a in (a), (c) and ESM2m in (b), (d)). White pixels correspond to pixel without OC measurement, and
 392 consequently no Kf estimations, then no Kf calcul.

393 Finally, over all LSMs x GCMs and climate change scenarios, the extent of areas presenting of LP and AP in each
 394 region rather depends on GCM than on LSM, with more similarities between ORCHIDEE_GCM (sub figures (a) and
 395 (b) in Fig. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) and LPJmL_GCM (sub figures (c) and (d) in Figs. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) than between LSM_CM5a (sub
 396 figures (a) and (c) in Figs. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) and LSM_ESM2m (sub figures (b) and (d) in Figs. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7).

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399 4. Discussion

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401 4.1. Modelling ~~the role of soil~~ copper ~~sink or source~~ release or storage with time for contaminated soils

402 This study aims at identifying potential leaching soil areas for Cu over Europe in order to identify locations where
403 soil may play a role in the Cu transfer from soil to aquatic ecosystems. To estimate the proportion of Cu reaching
404 soil solution, we chose to focus on the partitioning coefficient ~~that considers~~ which is calculated based on soil
405 properties (pH and OM here) other than total soil Cu. This specific choice of K_f coefficient rather than
406 considering only the soil total Cu contents was made because Cu in solution is not strictly correlated with total
407 Cu, nor with other single soil properties as for instance pH and soil OM which are both known to affect Cu
408 partitioning and mobility. Thus, taking into account the variability of soil properties at the European scale, the
409 spatial distribution of Cu in solution was shown to be different from the spatial distribution of total Cu (Sereni et
410 al., 2022a). ~~Moreover, However,~~ data on Cu in solution at large scales are not available making impossible the
411 direct estimation of transport within soil solution and of AP or LP areas without using the K_f . Finally, the use of
412 partition coefficient allowed us to estimate risk areas without considering total soil Cu temporal variability and
413 with the hypothesis that pedological soil characteristics will not change at the time scale studied. This is a strong
414 implicit assumption but needed at that stage. Indeed, even though some soil OM projections are available (Varney
415 et al., 2022) to our knowledge, future projections of pH values at European scale due to climate change are not
416 available limiting our capacities to calculate a time-dependent K_f . In particular, there are large uncertainties
417 about the C stocks that may change as a result of climate change and dedicated policies for increasing the C stocks
418 (Bruni et al., 2022). Besides, organic fertilizers applied to increase C stocks can change both pH and soil Cu content
419 leading to supplementary uncertainties (Laurent et al., 2020). Furthermore, together with rainfall and soil
420 moisture changes, climate change is expected to also induce higher temperatures and shorter winters, so that a
421 shift in cultures toward the North ~~toward North~~ is expected (Hannah et al., 2013). Therefore, areas with currently
422 low total soil Cu levels may potentially experience a rise in Cu inputs from fungicides, which may subsequently be

423 transported through freshwater systems. Thus, the estimations of LP and AP as ~~emphasized-computed~~ here, can
424 be used to identify ~~high-risk~~ regions about to leach or accumulate high amount of Cu and anticipate total content
425 modifications that could occur with an eventual change in anthropogenic activities. Indeed, land management
426 changes due to land use changes or regulation changes may affect the use of Cu in agriculture in the future with
427 potential consequences on Cu leaching.

428 As a first step, the study conducted here could be used to highlight areas needing regulations to lower Cu input
429 thresholds. Indeed, the ~~evolutionchange~~ of the LP (and AP) areas we noticed are not only the reflection of the
430 general runoff ~~evolutionchange~~ or of the current Cu risk but also underline areas of interest when combining risk
431 linked to soil contamination and climate change. For instance, in Eastern Europe, low K_f and high runoff result in
432 Cu LP areas with soils tending to ~~transfer act as source of Cu from soils to~~ the other ecosystems. However, in
433 these cases, low amounts of total soil Cu contents (Ballabio et al., 2018) limit the amount of Cu exports. In parallel,
434 in Italy, we found high AP areas whatever the ~~modelingLSMxGCM and RCPmodelling~~ for at least one studied
435 period and one RCP examined. In these vineyard regions (Abruzzo, Marche regions), annual Cu inputs are high,
436 resulting in Cu accumulation in soil surface horizons ~~with soils acting as a sink of Cu contamination~~. These high
437 total Cu concentrations could further enter the food web (García-Esparza et al., 2006) or be exported with soil
438 particles (Imfeld et al., 2020) due to rain erosion (El Azzi et al., 2013). Highly erosive storm events predicted to
439 increase during the next decades in Europe are another risk factor for freshwater contamination even in AP areas,
440 but are often very punctual and local. Hence, to go further on, localization of areas with exogenous risks of Cu
441 dissemination have to be identified to reinforce the predictions, e.g. by coupling studies of leaching potential as
442 the one we conducted here with erosion risk studies (~~Ballabio et al., 2017~~)(Panagos et al., 2021)-and with ~~retention~~
443 pond localizationoutlet characteristics areas.

445 4.2. Temporal ~~evolutionchange~~ of data and scope of the modelling analysis

446 To reduce intra and inter annual variability the modelling conducted here focused on 5-years means, thus aimed

447 at smoothing seasonal variability of runoff ~~or of Cu inputs~~. The K_f we calculated was not a dynamic value since we
448 did not make hypothesis about the temporal ~~evolution~~change of soil organic carbon or pH. (~~Bruni et al.,~~
449 ~~2022~~)(~~Laurent et al., 2020~~)(~~Bruni et al., 2022; Laurent et al., 2020~~)Furthermore, K_f is defined on the assumption
450 that there is equilibrium between the solid and solution phases. This means that the amount of Cu in solution
451 estimated by this method may be less than that present immediately after Cu application and before equilibrium
452 is reached (McBride et al., 1997). ~~Nevertheless~~Despite all, our results showed a good agreement between the
453 four LSMs x GCMs in their projection of ~~the number~~amount of grid cells ~~concerned~~ wherewith by both LP and AP
454 are detected, validating the use of their median to perform projections in the absence of in situ validation.
455 It must be noted that tThe scope of our predictions had limits that rely on the difficulties to predict whether rain-
456 and snow-falls and runoff will evolve in terms of intensity and frequency~~y~~. It has already been identified that
457 during high loads events, much more Cu was transported in solution than during light events (Imfeld et al., 2020)
458 but even if alternations of drying and rewetting events may also affect Cu partitioning between phases
459 (Christensen and Christensen, 2003; Han et al., 2001). ~~Also, To~~ to gain field reality at the local scale (here, up to
460 50 km) ~~such as of territory landscape or catchment~~ for example, modelling will require to account for the time
461 periods of year with higher rain- and snowfalls amounts coinciding with periods of Cu use, for instance in
462 agriculture and vineyards (Ribolzi et al., 2002; Banas et al., 2010). Indeed, if intense rainfall occurs close to Cu
463 fungicide applications, a larger Cu amount than ~~expected~~ locally computed taking into account total Cu and K_f
464 may be exported through runoff (Ma et al., 2006b, a). (~~Imfeld et al., 2020~~) Thus, ~~regional~~ local soil Cu budgets
465 require the use of temporal model, which accounts for the regular inputs and outputs of Cu from vegetation and
466 runoff that cannot be accounting with multiyear mean. Finally, the identification of the areas with high risks of
467 soil Cu leaching or accumulation we made in this study can be viewed as a first step for the risk ~~evolution~~change
468 assessment of Cu contamination useful for land management or Cu-fertilizer applications regulations.:-
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470 5. Conclusion

471 Our approach to assess European areas with a potential to accumulate or leach copper from soils was not

472 straightforward but included several steps. We focused first on the methods means to calculate Cu partitioning.
473 By reviewing existing Cu K_f 's equations we pointed out pH and soil OM contents as important determinants and
474 more precisely that the OM partial effect was larger than the pH one. Then, using the European maps of soil
475 characteristic data, we computed the map of K_f at the 0.5° scale, highlighting areas with high risk to leach or to
476 accumulate Cu for a given soil's ~~overall content or upcoming~~. The estimation of LP and AP areas for current and
477 future soil runoffs under two RCPs with couples of two GCMs x two LSMs was thereafter performed by
478 comparing anomalies for both K_f and runoffs. We hence provided a new method to emphasize at the regional
479 scale the combined risk of both climate change and contamination. We pointed out that despite similar
480 projections for the end of the 21st century, the trend during the century depends on the climate change scenario.
481 Interestingly, our first result showed that the variations in the number of LP and AP grid points was not only due
482 to variations in the runoff intensities distribution but also to their localization. Indeed, the ratio of percentage of
483 areas of LP or AP over areas of high or low anomalies was not constant during the century. At the beginning of the
484 XXIst century For the historical period (2001-2005) our study showed comparable ~~showed that comparable~~
485 amounts of grid cells ~~are concerned by~~ where with LP ~~or~~ and by AP is detected (between [6.2% - 6.4%] and
486 between [5.5% - 8.0%], respectively). During the century, AP areas were found to increase for all the LSMs x GCMs
487 and the two RCPs. On the contrary, for the two RCPs and three over the four LSMs x GCMs, LP areas were found
488 to decrease during the century compared to the current estimation. Projections for 2090 with RCP 2.6 considering
489 median (and median deviation), indicated 5.3 ± 0.3% of the grid cells concerned by LP areas and 7.9 ± 1.3% by AP
490 areas. Projections for 2090 with RCP 6.0 showed a slightly smallest amount of grid cells concerned by LP and a
491 highest by AP with respectively 4.3 ± 0.6% and 10.3 ± 0.7 % of the grid cells (median, median deviation).
492 Surprisingly, the total number ~~amount~~ of grid cells ~~concerned by~~ with the two risks of where AP and LP are detected
493 estimated in 2091-2095 is rather similar between the two climate change scenarios ~~estimated with estimation~~
494 between 13.2 ± 1.3 (RCP 2.6) and 14.6 ± 1.3% (RCP 6.0). This was due, however, to opposite trends in the
495 evolution change of LP areas that decreases ~~and~~ AP areas that increases during the century. Their relative
496 proportions and period of main variations differed with most of the evolution between historical period and 2051-

497 ~~2055 for RCP 2.6 and between 2051-2055 and 2091-2095 for RCP 6.0. Finally, we showed that even if the number~~
498 ~~of grid points identified with LP and AP may varied between LSMs x GCMs models and climate change scenarios,~~
499 ~~their localizations are roughly conserved, emphasizing the necessity to precise monitoring in Cu application on~~
500 ~~these areas.~~We highlighted the areas of particular risk for application of Cu, emphasizing the necessity to precise
501 monitoring in Cu application on these areas. Future studies would be gained in precision by taking into account
502 the change of partitioning coefficient with soil change or scenarios of Cu application taking into account the
503 various formsform (e.g., mineral or organic fungicides).

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505 Code availability:

506 The code can be provided upon request.

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508 Data availability:

509 The data can be provided upon request. Soil data are available on the ESDAC (Panagos et al., 2022; ESDAC -
510 European Commission, 2024, 2012) and runoff data on ISIMIP (The Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison
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