

# Environmental impacts of mining operations



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## **We will cover**

**A (French) review of mining methods and impacts**

**Impacts of exploration**

**Impacts of mining**

**Dealing with impacts**

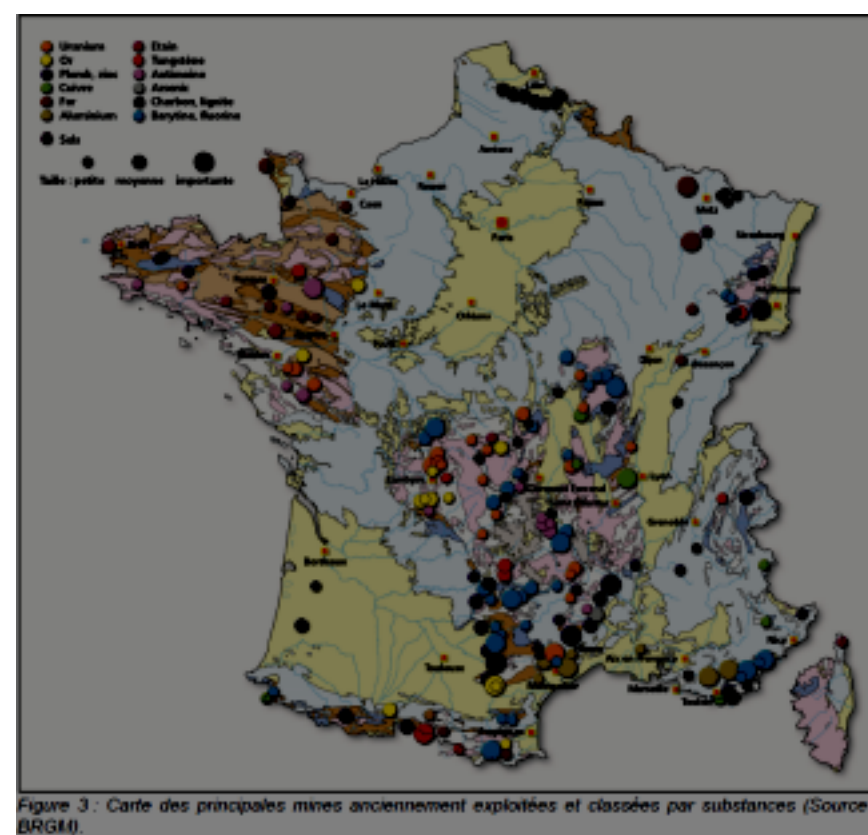
**Impacts on society and culture**

**Concluding thoughts**

# France, 2015/2016: a review of mining methods and impacts

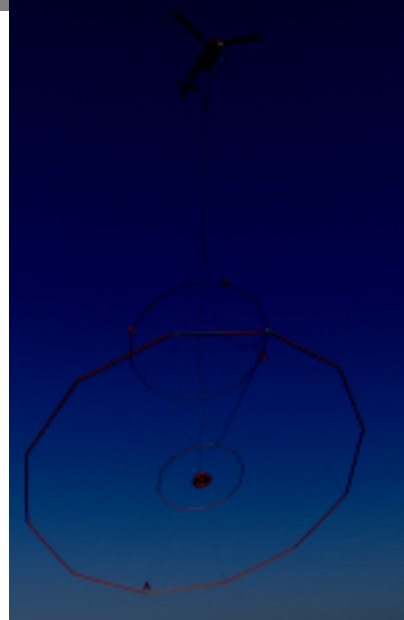
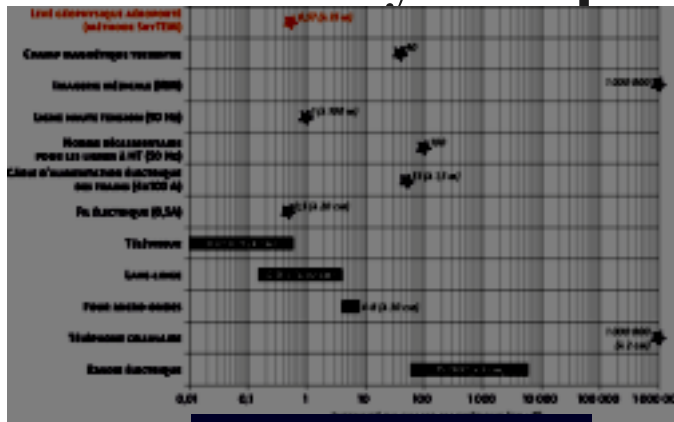
## Mining in France, past and present

### A working group and a communication strategy



# Impacts, exploration – examples

Negligible to low – always temporary



# Impacts, mine and plant – examples

Ground stability

Effluents water

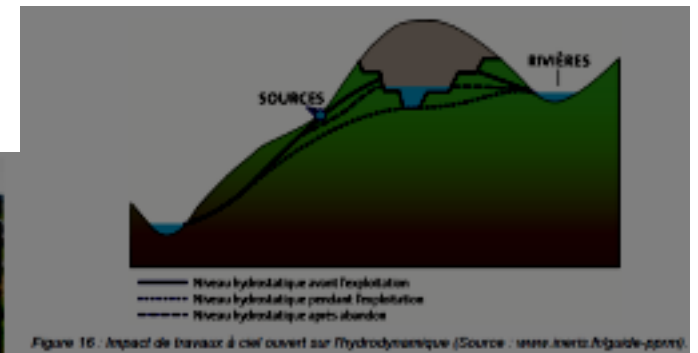
Changes in water circulation

Effluents air

Fauna, flora

Industrial area

Lands



# Dealing with environmental impacts

**avoid / limit / compensate**

**regulate / commit**

**Management dimensions:**

**Size**

**Production / Post mining (10y,  
100 y?)**

# **Social impacts – short term**

**Project needs**

**Skilled work force – train**

**Services – train, help create**

**= an impact on social fabric**

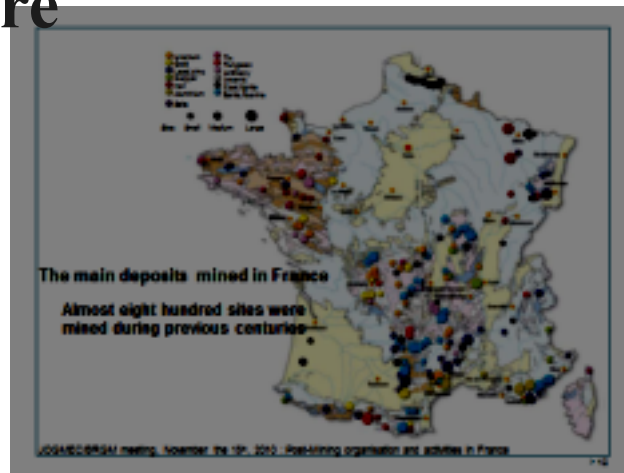
**Longer term**

**An economy for the post mining era?**

# Social impacts – even longer term

**Mining: a moving scene  
through years / centuries**

**Changes in society  
social  
movements of population  
culture**



**Indonesian  
Papua, 1994**



**Pyrenees, 2017**





# Concluding thoughts

**A necessary and challenging industry**

**Mining affects territory – and benefits elsewhere**

**Joint technology/socio approaches and teams? (eg in France the academic network “Réseau Mine et Société”)**

**Potential changes of culture?**