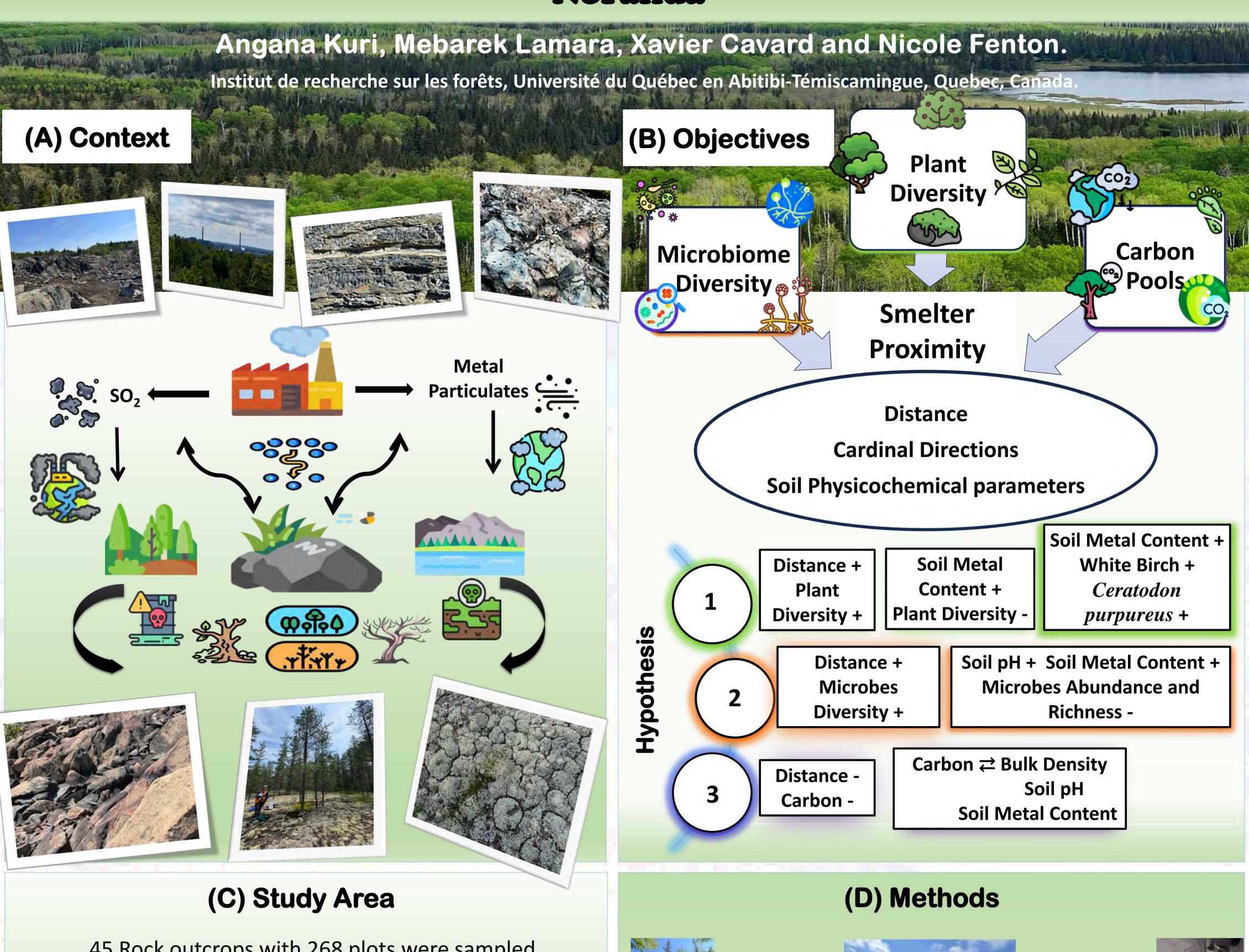
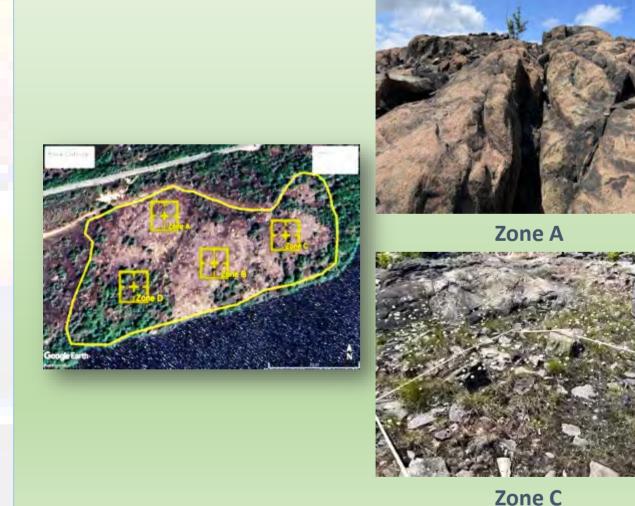
## Evaluation of Vegetation, Soil Microbiome Diversity and Carbon Pools of Rocky Outcrops in Proximity to the Horne Smelter of Rouyn-Noranda



45 Rock outcrops with 268 plots were sampled.



Mixed models

**Ordination Techniques** 

**Species Diversity vs Soil Properties** 





**Zone D** 



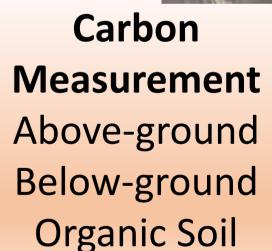
Vegetation Sampling 2m×2m plot Abundance presence/absence

Close to Smelter



**Soil Sampling DNA Metabarcoding** Physicochemical parameters





## (E) Possible Outcome

Species composition prediction within proximity Extent of metal deposition

Determination of resilient species for future restoration













150

100

-50

-100

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Standardized PC1 (20.0% explained var.)





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