Overview of the best PLSR-results for metal content prediction

	Cu	Pb	Zn	Cd	Ni	Cr	К
R ² _{cv}	0.65	0.76	0.69	0.77	0.64	0.71	0.51
RMSE _{cv}	14.79	11.24	53.81	0.51	3.55	23.36	291.59
RPD _{cv}	1.53	1.95	1.80	2.11	1.71	1.66	1.42
input spectra	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	CR
n of components	2	2	1	1	1	1	3

- 50 % of the input data (n =21) were used for model calibration
- 50 % of the input data (n = 21) were used for model validation
- PLSR-model run with a maximum number of 20 components, including leave-one-out cross-validation
- Akaike Information Criteria was implemented to select the best model result

R² = coefficient of determination

RMSE = Root Mean Square Error (in mg kg⁻¹)

RPD = Ratio of *Prediction Deviation*

CV = Cross Validation

1st = 1st derivative reflectance spectra

CR = Continuum removed reflectance spectra