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Expérimentations et suivis long terme sur la Zone Critique fracturée de Ploemeur

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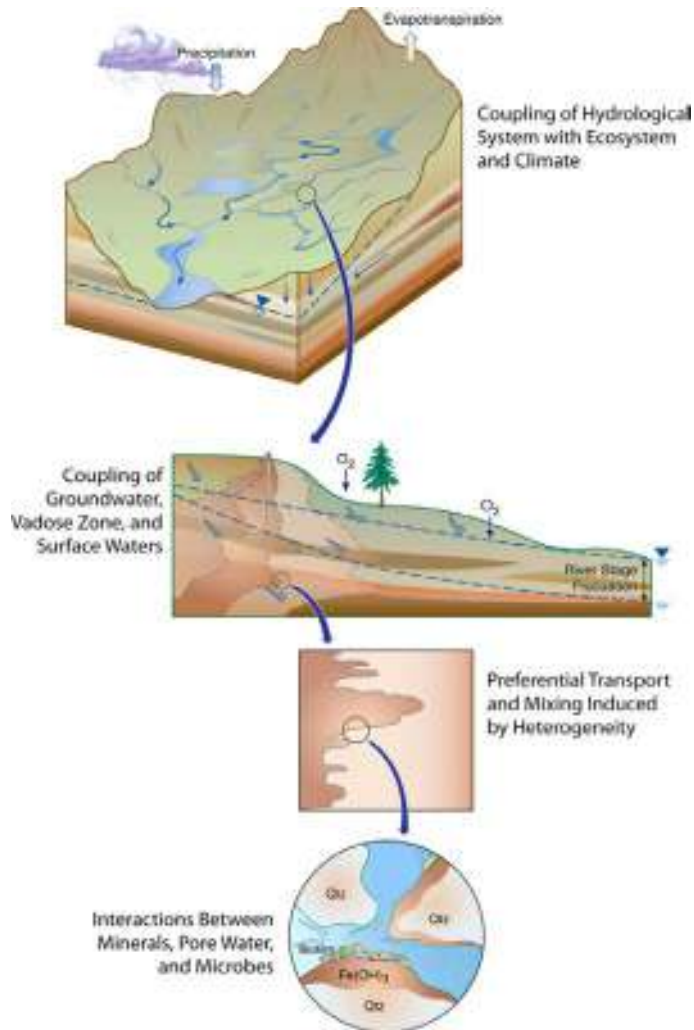
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On the role of groundwater within the Critical Zone



Multiples challenges :

- Understanding local scale processes (flow, reactivity)
- Defining high spatial and temporal variability and its impact on flow, mixing, reactivity
- Defining relationships with other compartments (Unsaturated zone, River)

What we need

- Estimate relevant parameters
- Image relevant flow pathways



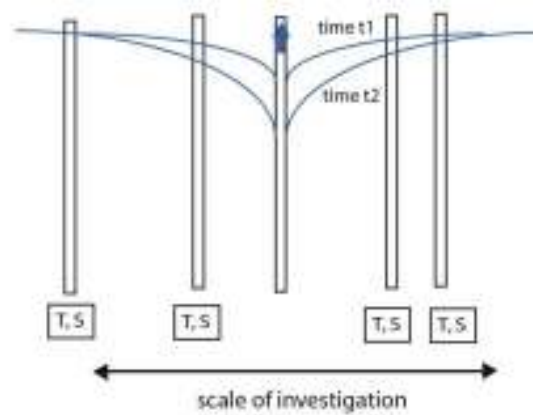
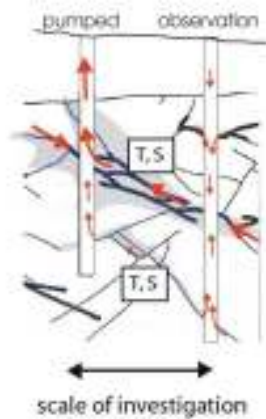
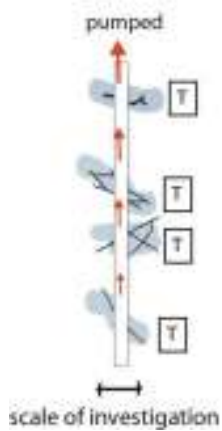
Relevant parameters at different scales

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~ 10 m

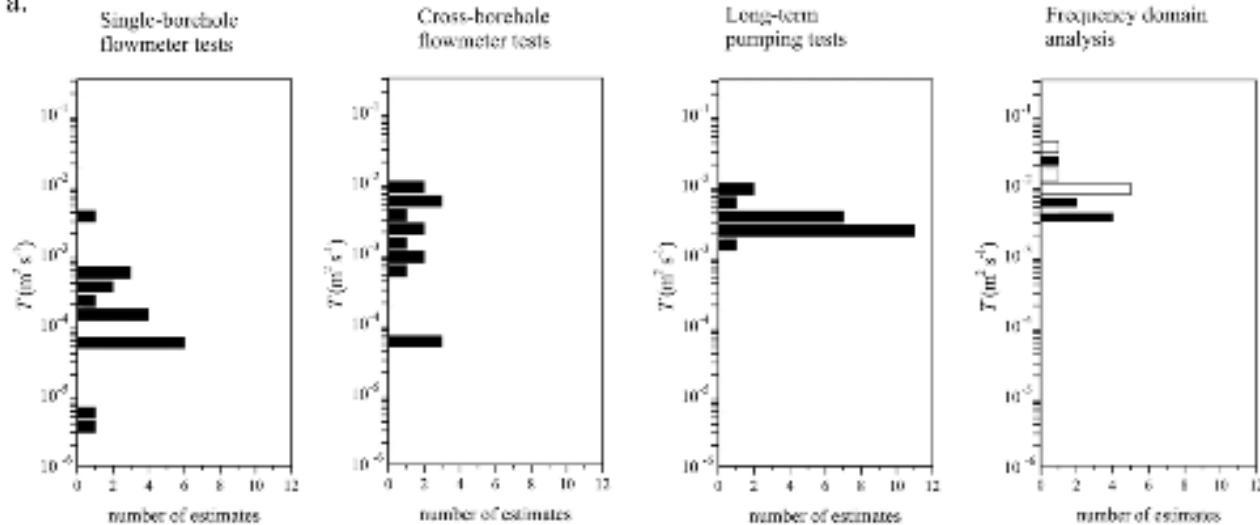
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Transmissivity (m^2/s)

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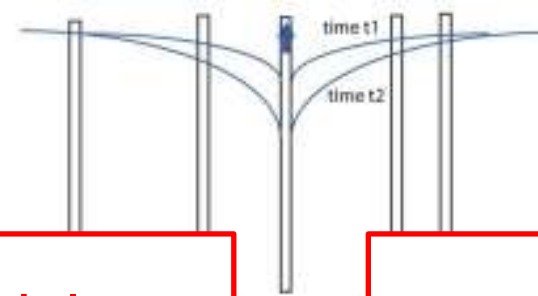
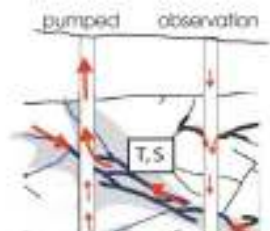
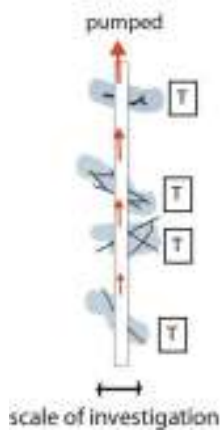
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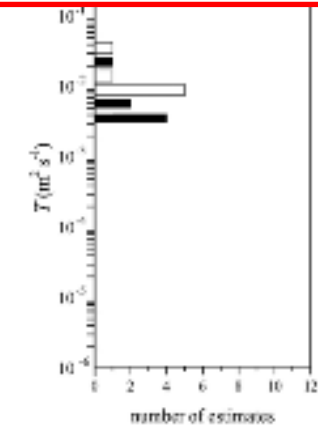
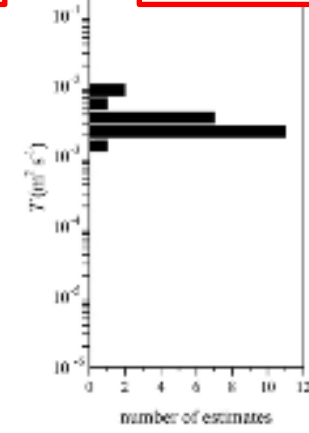
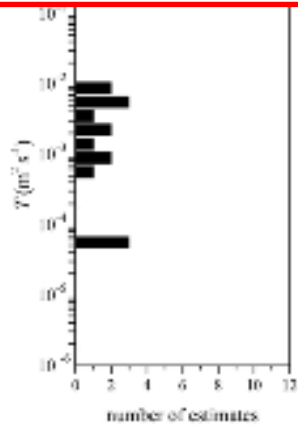
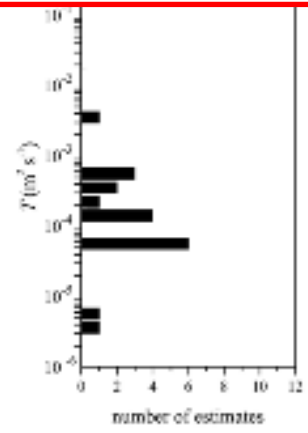
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High Spatial frequency and water pathways

Integrative observations and internal processes

Transmissivity (m^2/s)



Ploemeur observatory: 3 sites

Natural system,
GDE, Natura 2000

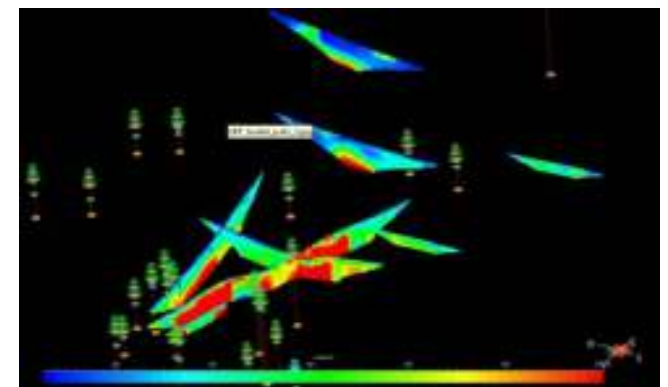
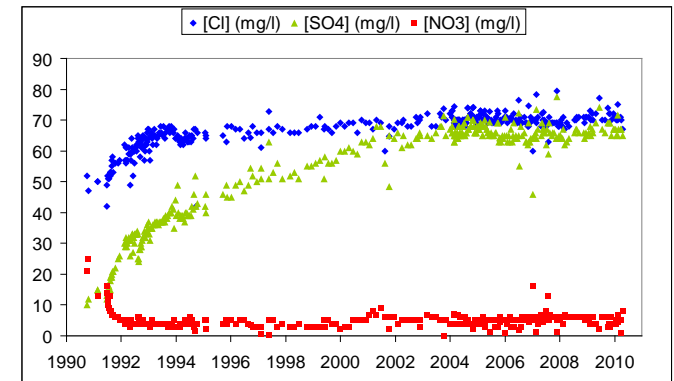
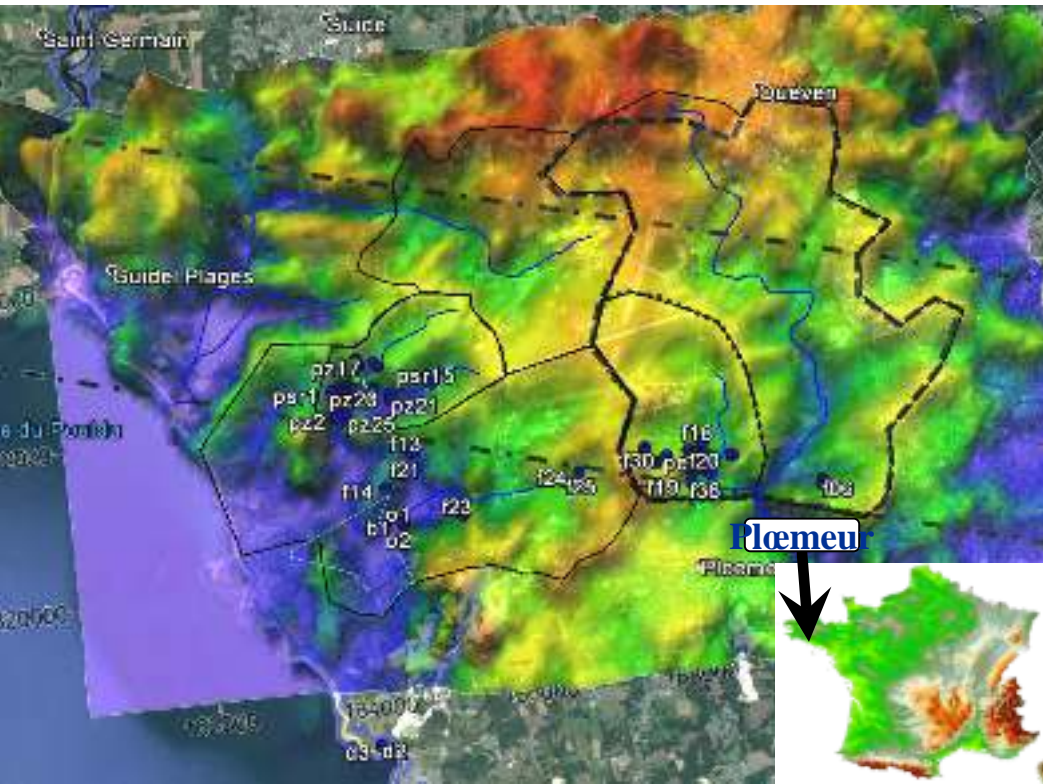
Pumped system
Since 1991

Experimental site



Facilities and infrastructures

Long-term monitoring & database



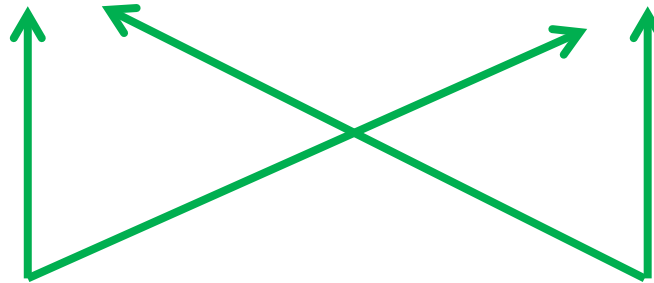


Setting up CRITEX tools on the Ploemeur site

Approaches

High Spatial
frequency and water
pathways

Integrative
observations and
internal processes



Tools

WP 3 Fiber optics
WP 6.1 Seismic methods

WP 2.2 Hydrogeodesy
WP 7.3 Reactive tracers
WP 8.1 Dissolved gases

What are the information content of such observations ?

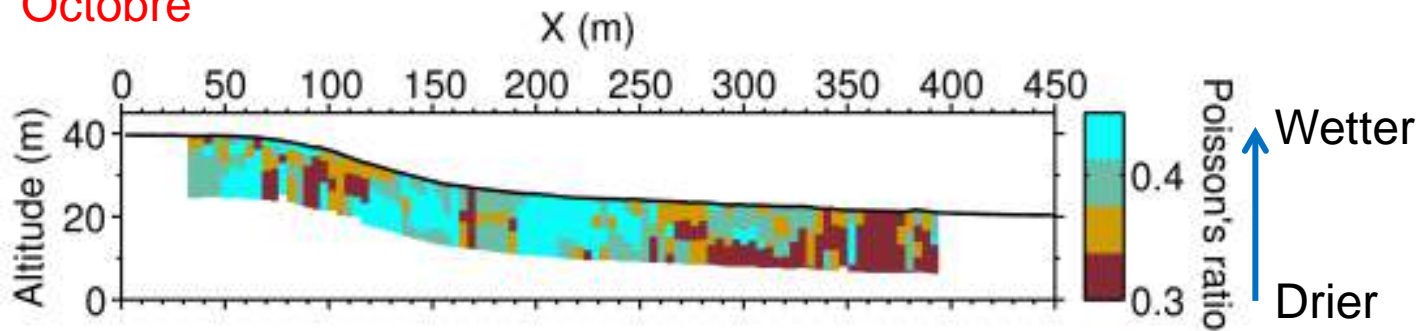
Sensing the rock response (HSF)



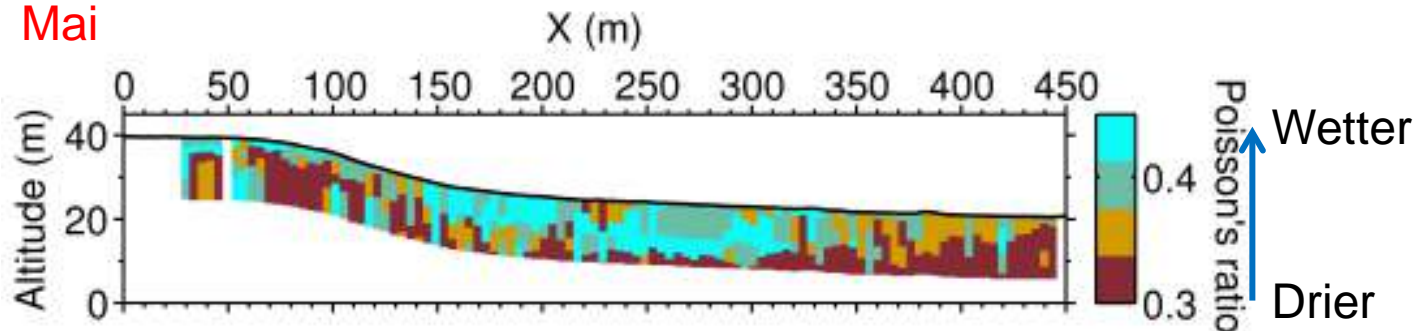
Seismic methods to capture infiltration spatial patterns

See Marine Dangeard's poster !

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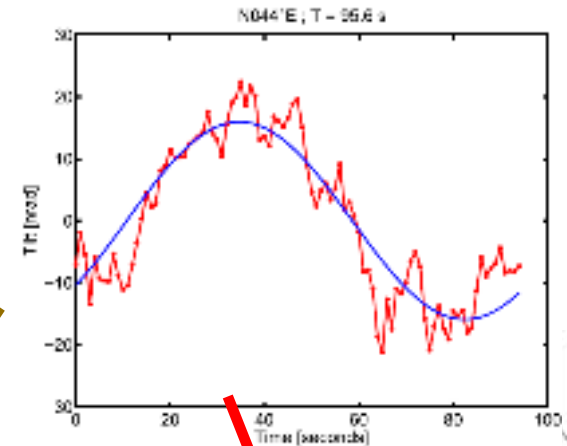


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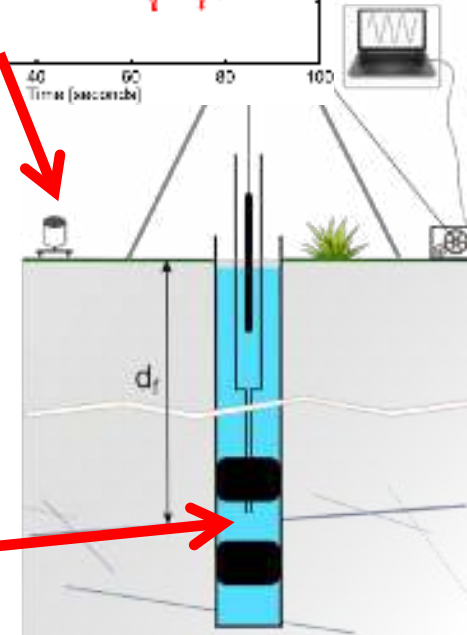
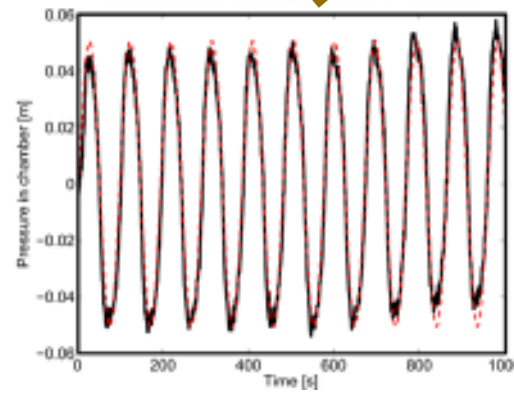


Sensing the rock response (10)

Deformation as a tool to highlight active structures

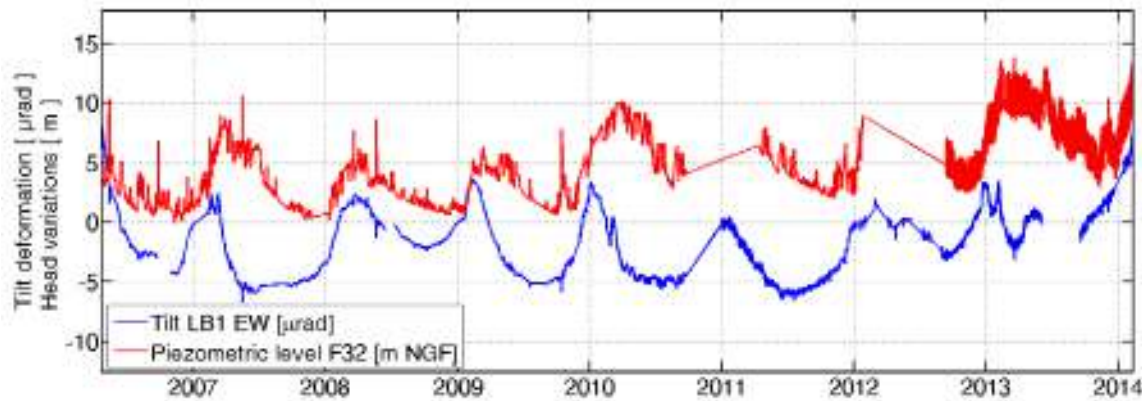


Hydromechanical properties



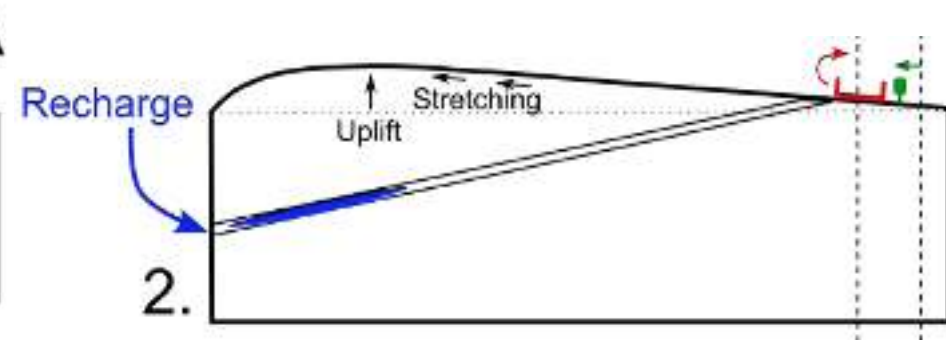
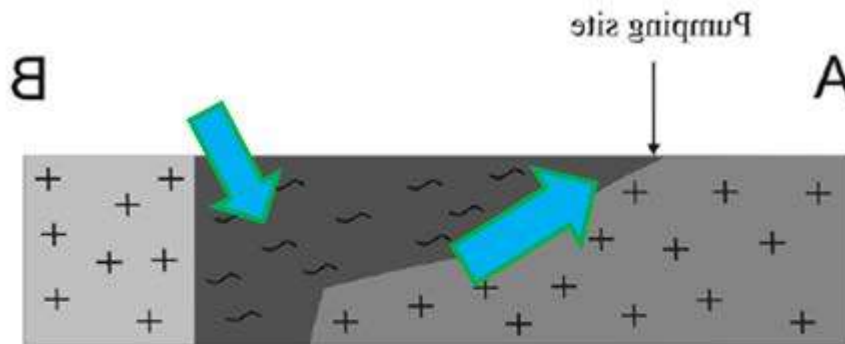
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Deformation as a tool to monitor deep water transfers



GW head variations

Tilt deformation



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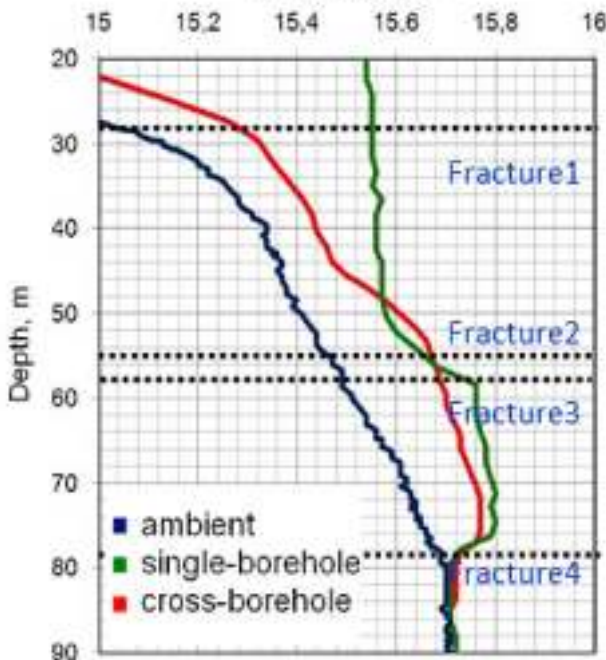
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Tracing methods - heat (HSF)



Temperature anomalies

Temperature, °C

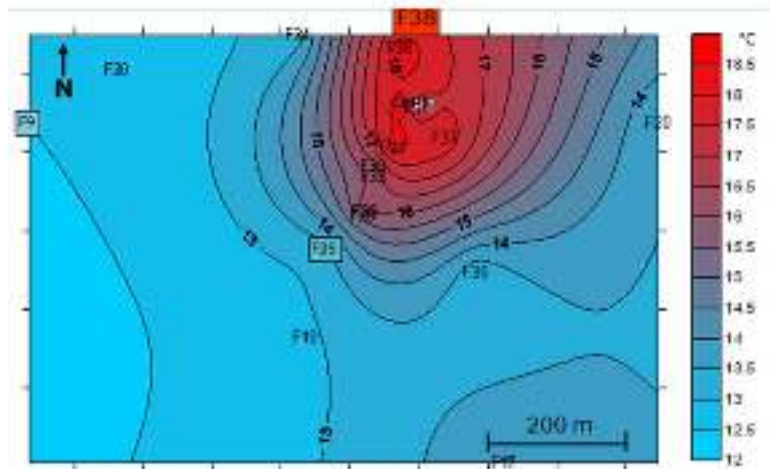
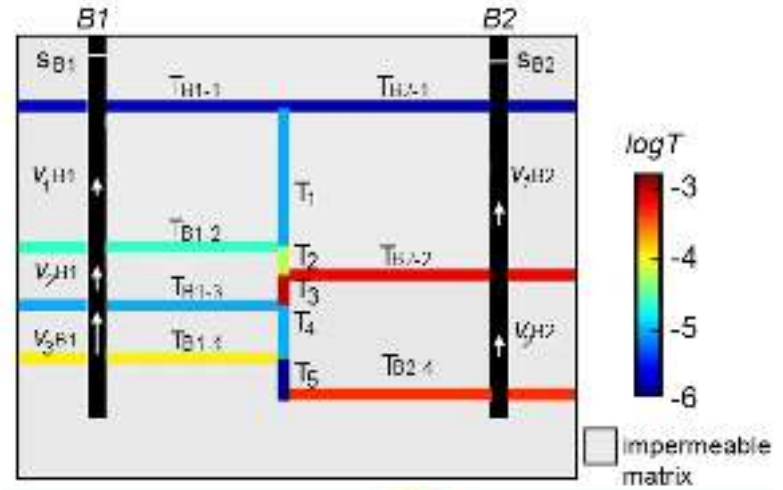


Flow profile inversion
Klepikova et al., JH 2011

Experimental

Monitoring

Flow tomography, *Klepikova et al., WRR 2013*

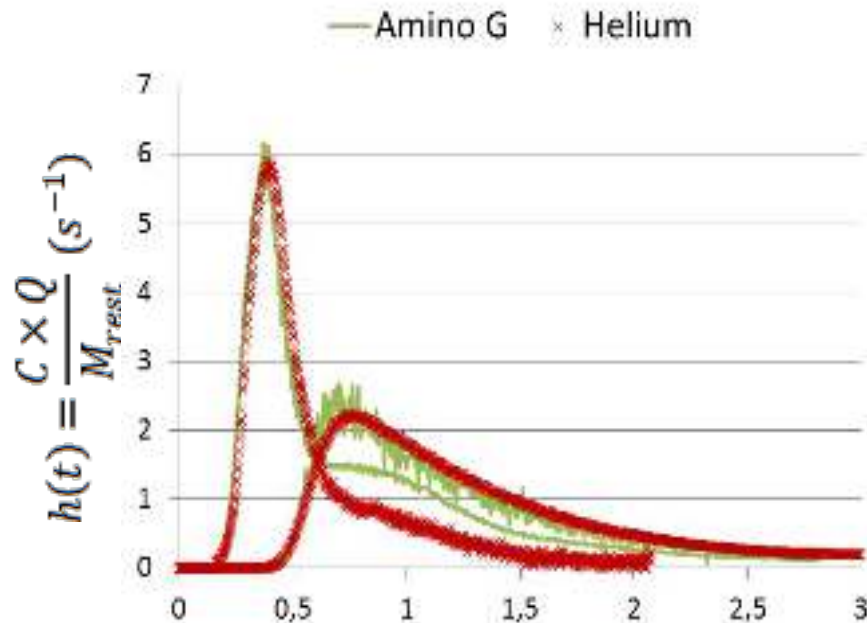
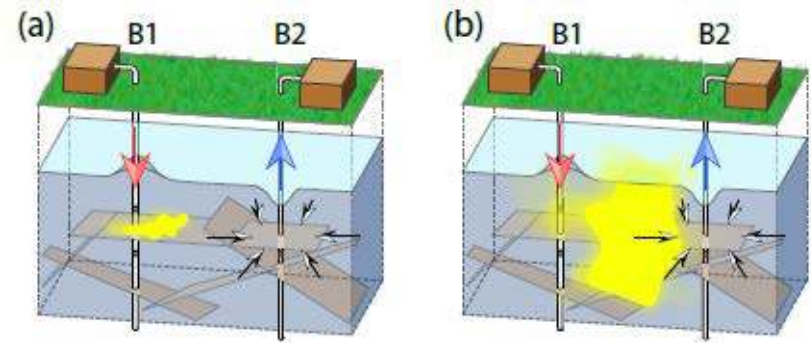


Groundwater temperature in a water supply site

See Nataline Simon's poster!

Tracing methods – conservative and reactive tracers (IO)

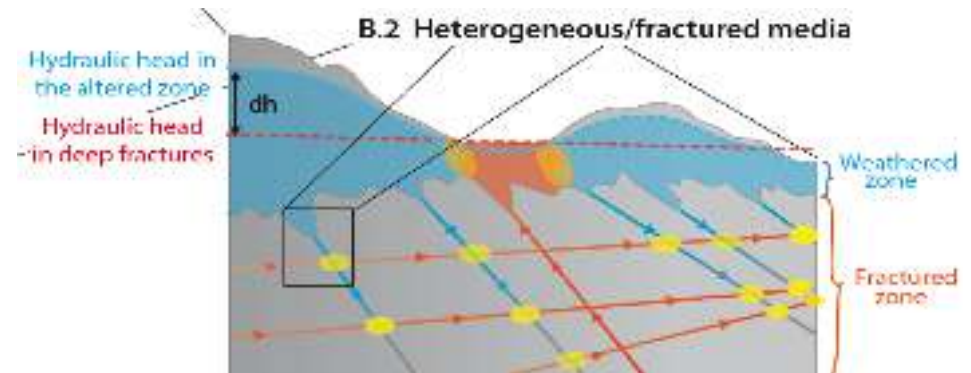
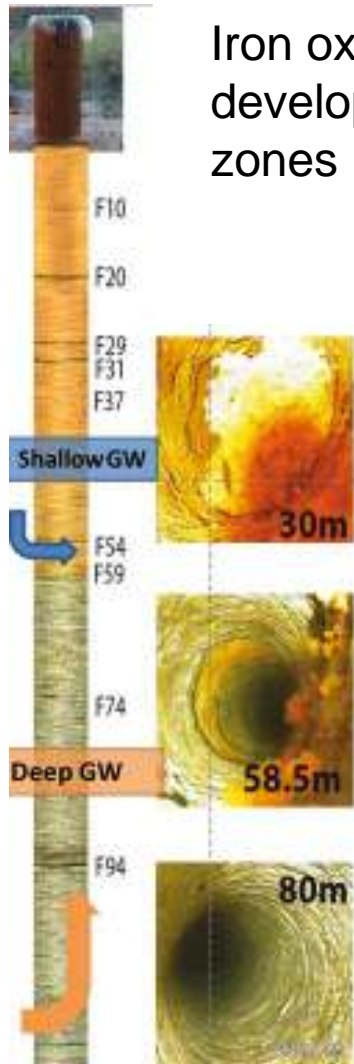
Dissolved gases (N₂O, CO₂, He, ...) and « smart tracers » to capture water flow path and reactivity



See Eliot Chatton's poster!

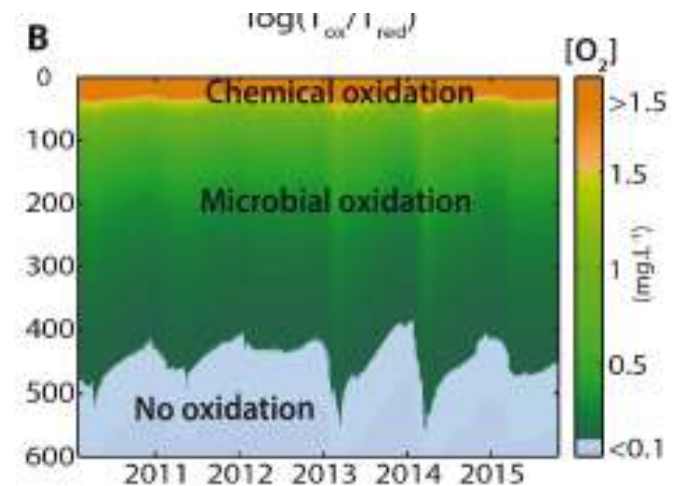
Reactive hotspots in the Critical Zone

Fractures as short-circuits mixing different waters



Competition between biotic and abiotic oxidation

Potential reactive hotspot in the deep



See Tanguy Leborgne's poster!

- CRITEX makes available this new toolbox to characterize flow, transport and reactivity in heterogeneous reservoirs at different spatial and temporal scales
- Instrumental setup is surely as important as the instruments themselves
- In most cases, both experiments and monitoring are required to cover the different time and spatial scales

Key issue :

- What is the information content of such observation to improve system modeling ?
See Luca Guillaumot and Charlotte Le Traon's poster



The next step: Guidel Long-term experiment

Starting pumping in a natural system: a large-scale physical destabilization

An opportunity to work on the trajectory of complex systems under non-stationary constraints

