

# USING HYDROGEOLOGICAL DATA AT SCHOOL

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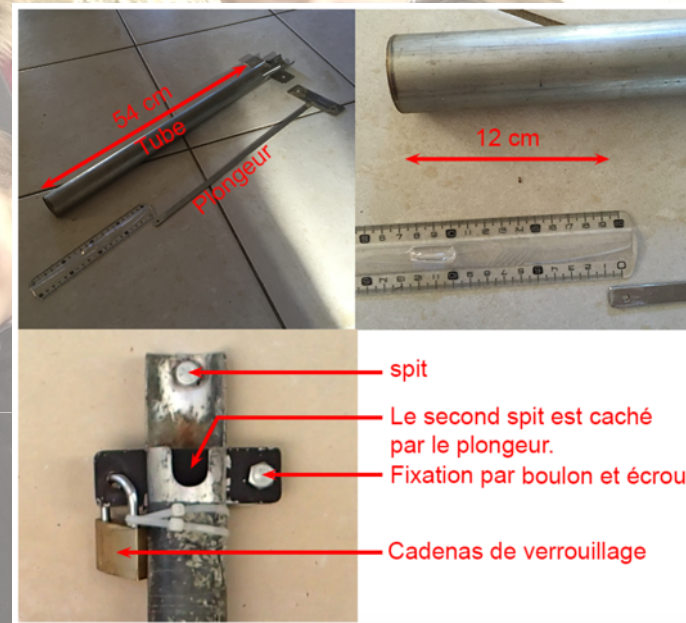
**Groundwater :**

Learn to preserve the European underground environment





# The EduMed Observatory allows to operate sensor with pupils



## Water level Gauge Operated by the city council





Issole river

**Water level Gauge**

**Water level probe**  
Operated by the pupils !!!







Totally dry



Normal flow



Flooding discharge



Biodiversity



Water ressource

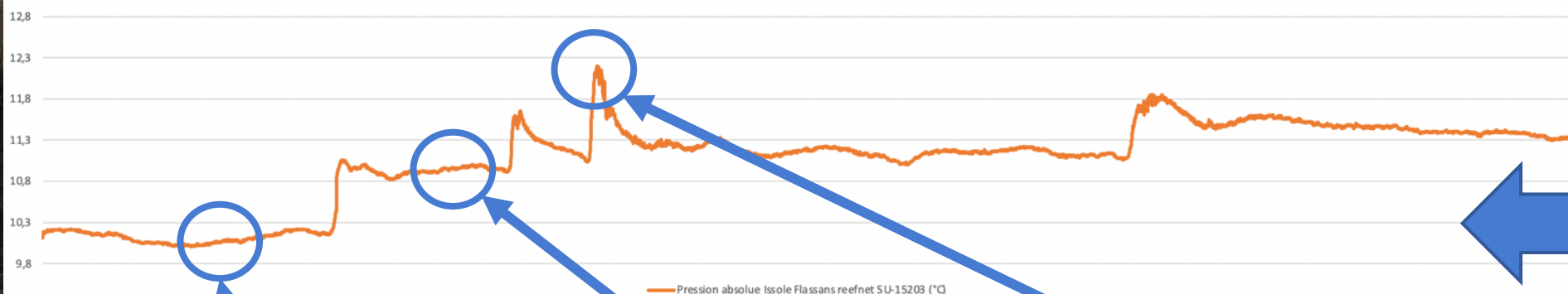


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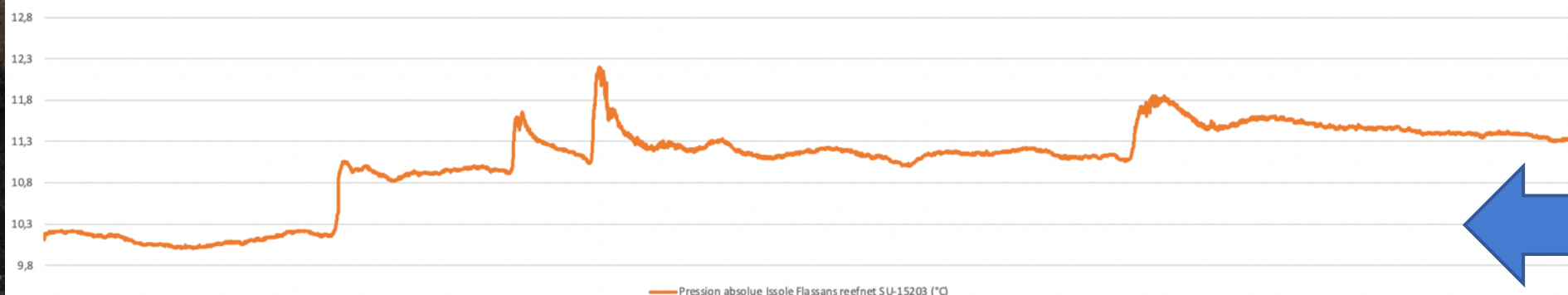
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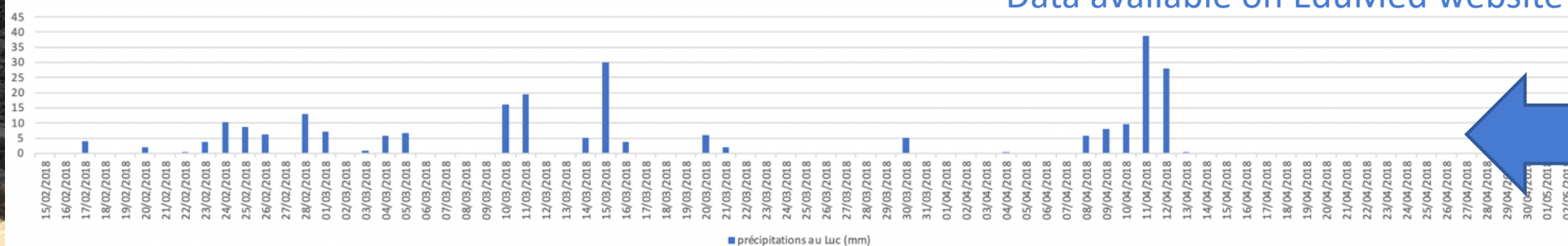
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Daily precipitation (mm/day)

Data available on EduMed website



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What are the links between rainfall and water levels?





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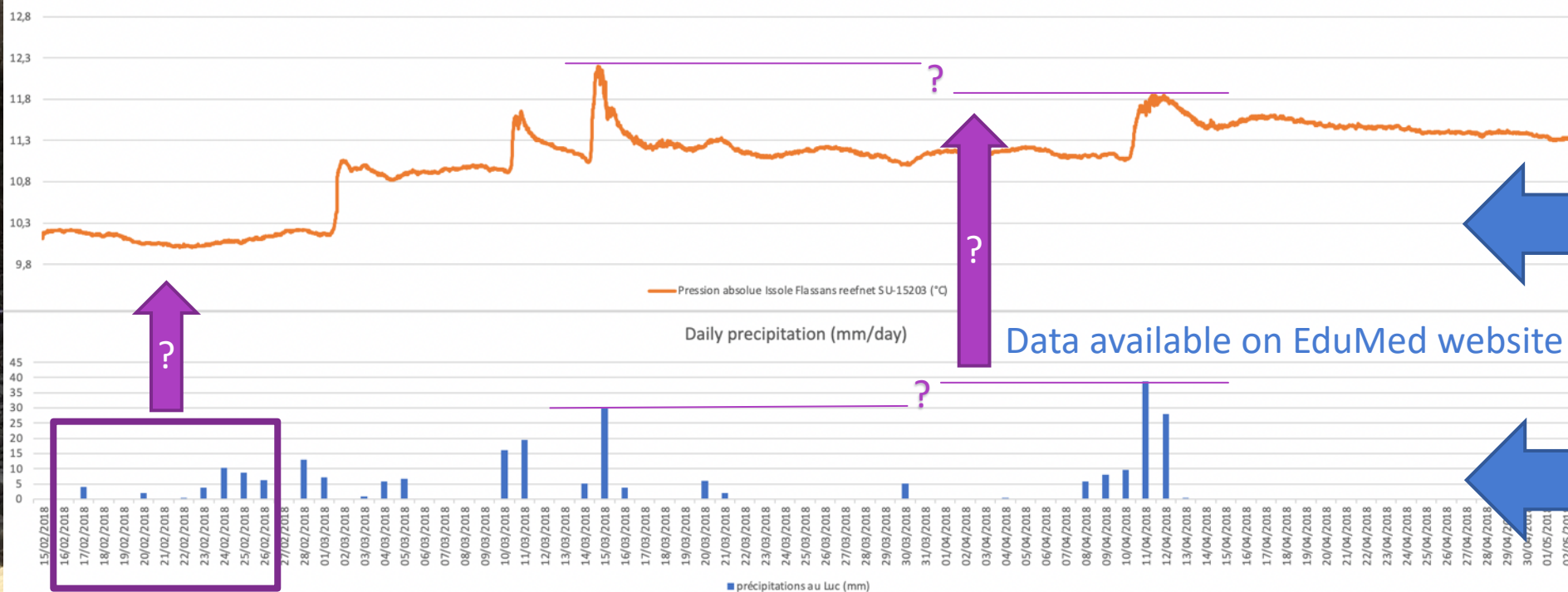
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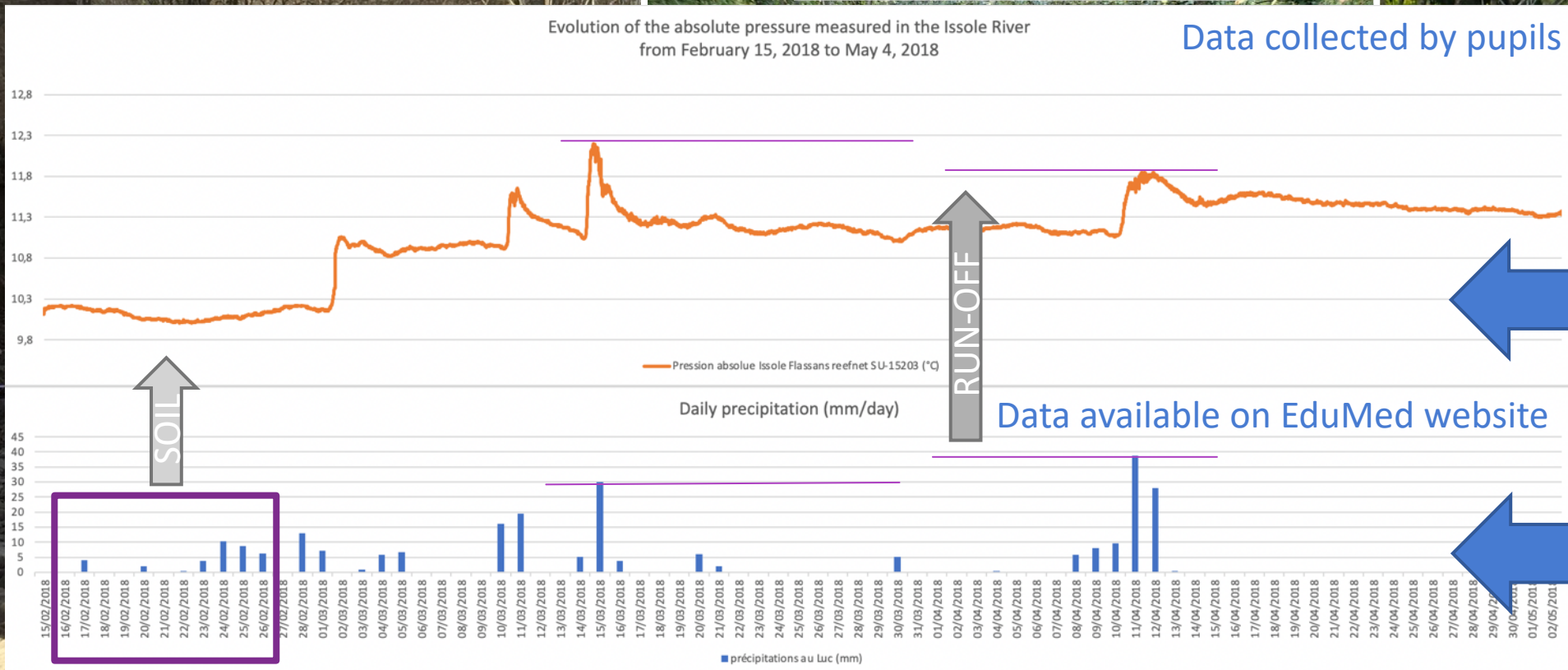


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Not simply the rain...





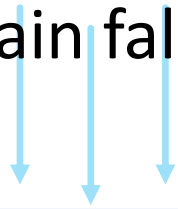
# HYDROGEOLOGY AT SCHOOL





Quantity and intensity of

Rain falls



Rocks



Water level and velocity  
River flow

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for middle and high school students

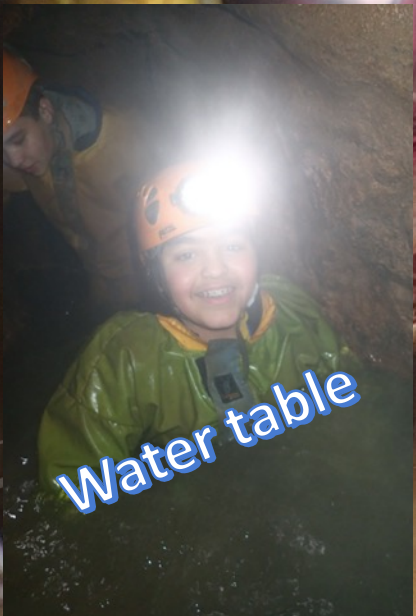


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# AQUIFER

# Groundwater

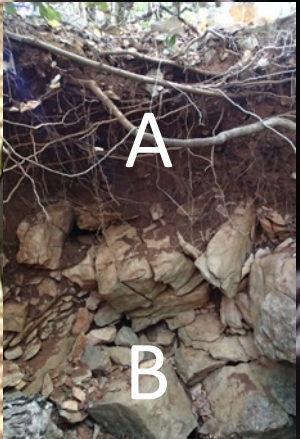




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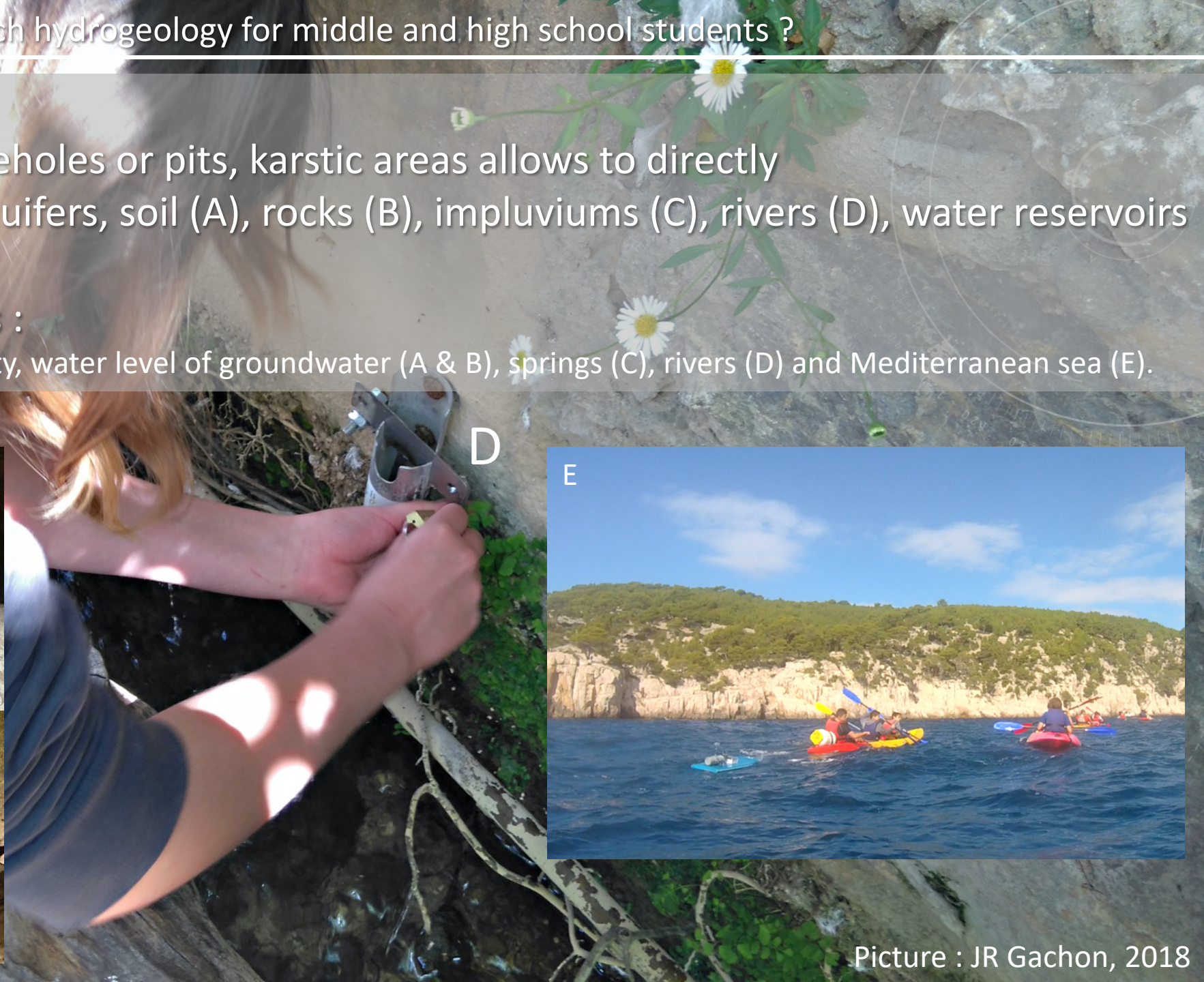
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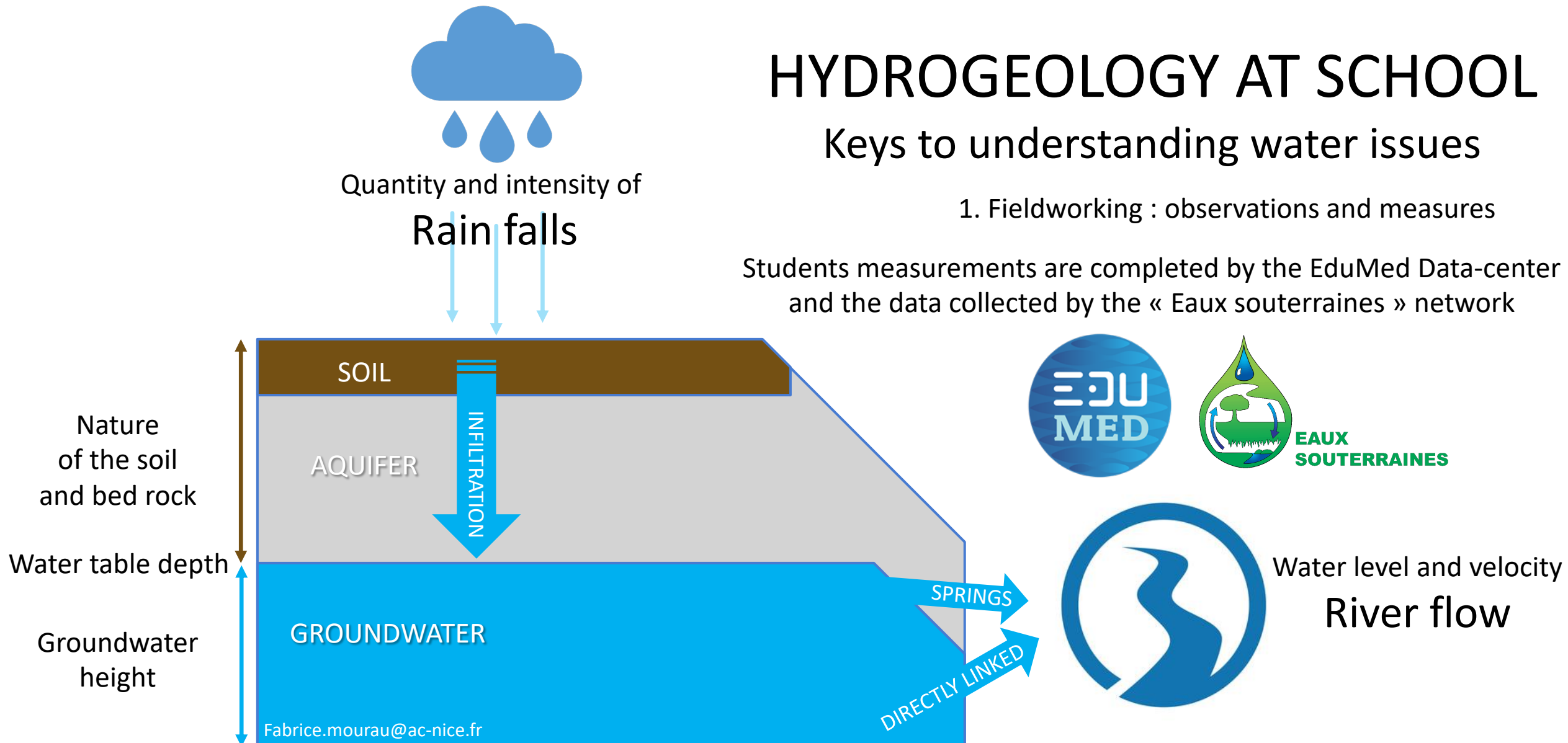


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## Keys to understanding water issues

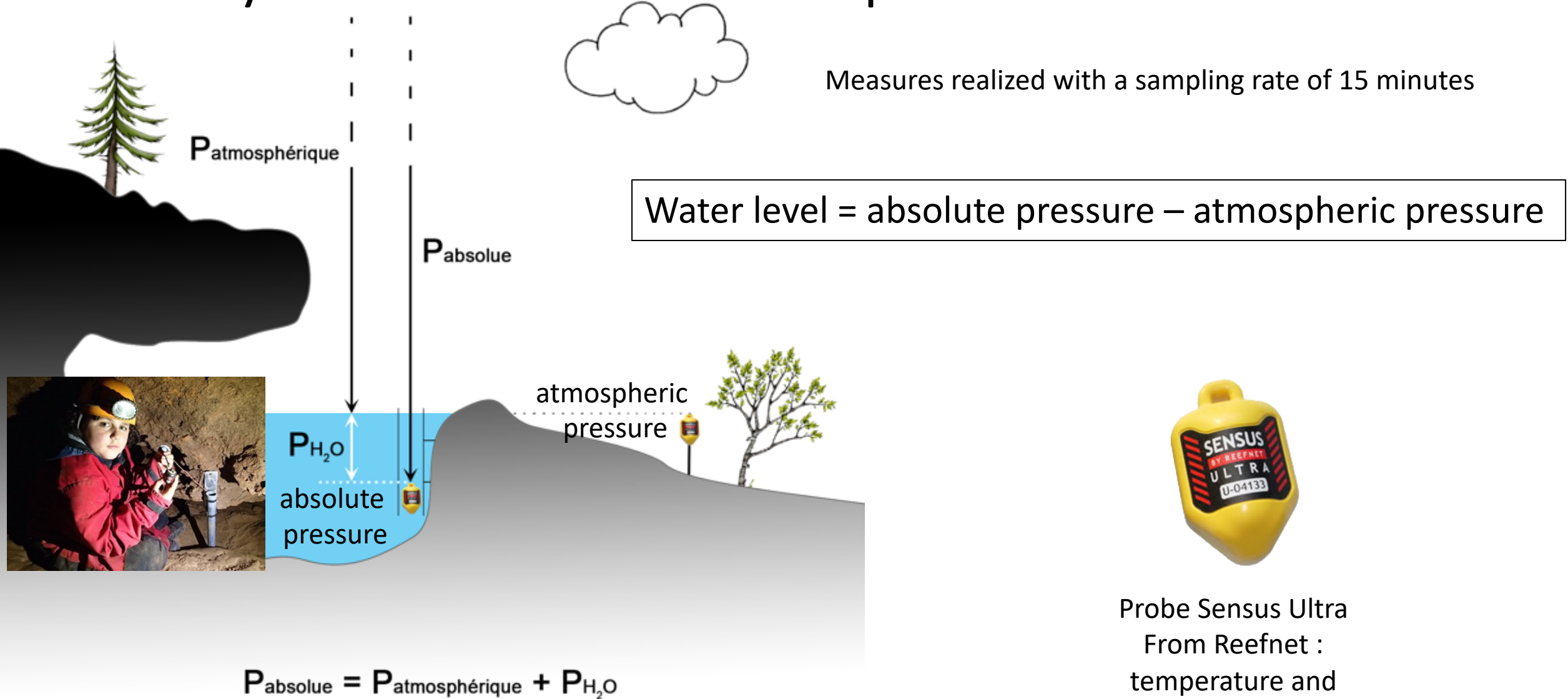
### 1. Fieldworking : observations and measures

Students measurements are completed by the EduMed Data-center and the data collected by the « Eaux souterraines » network





# Data analysis : water level and temperature



Probe Sensus Ultra  
From Reefnet :  
temperature and  
pressure sensor

(reefnet.ca)

Using pressure sensors to measure water level

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# Data analysis : water level and temperature

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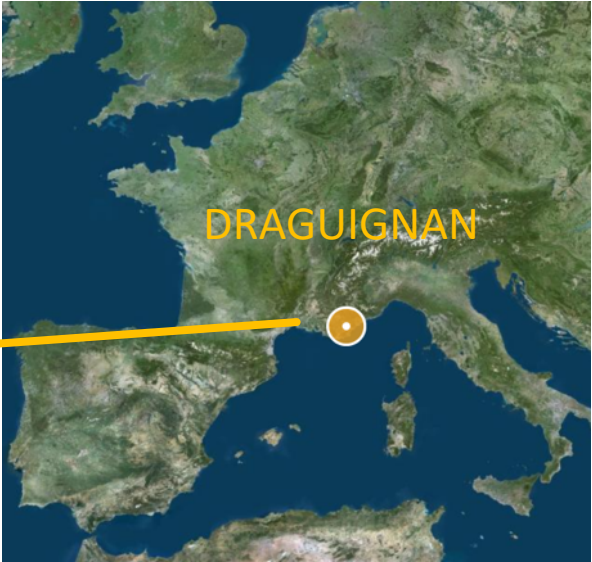
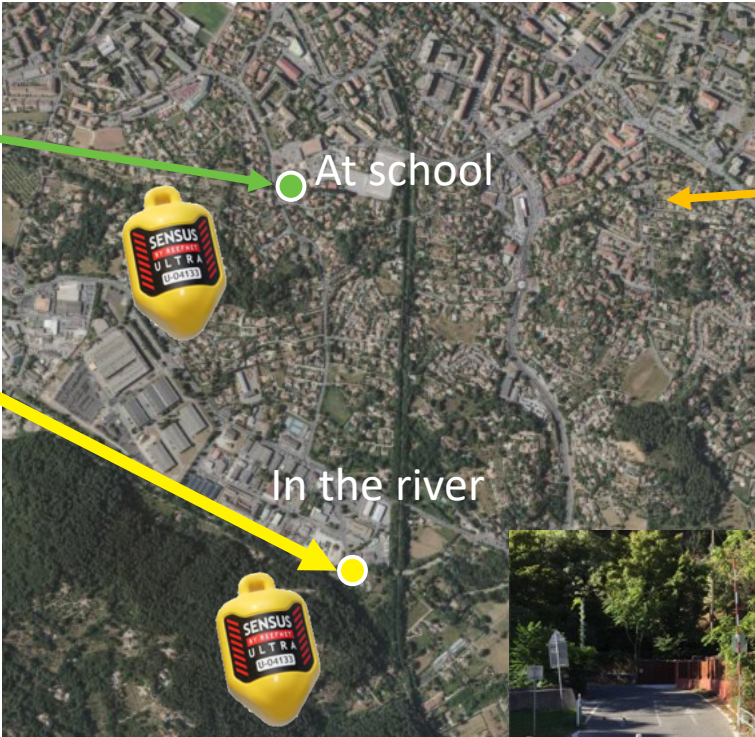


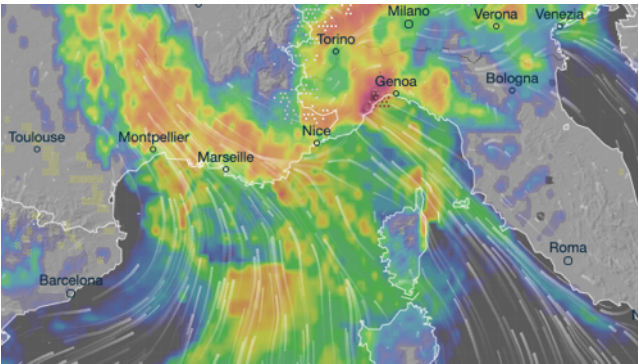
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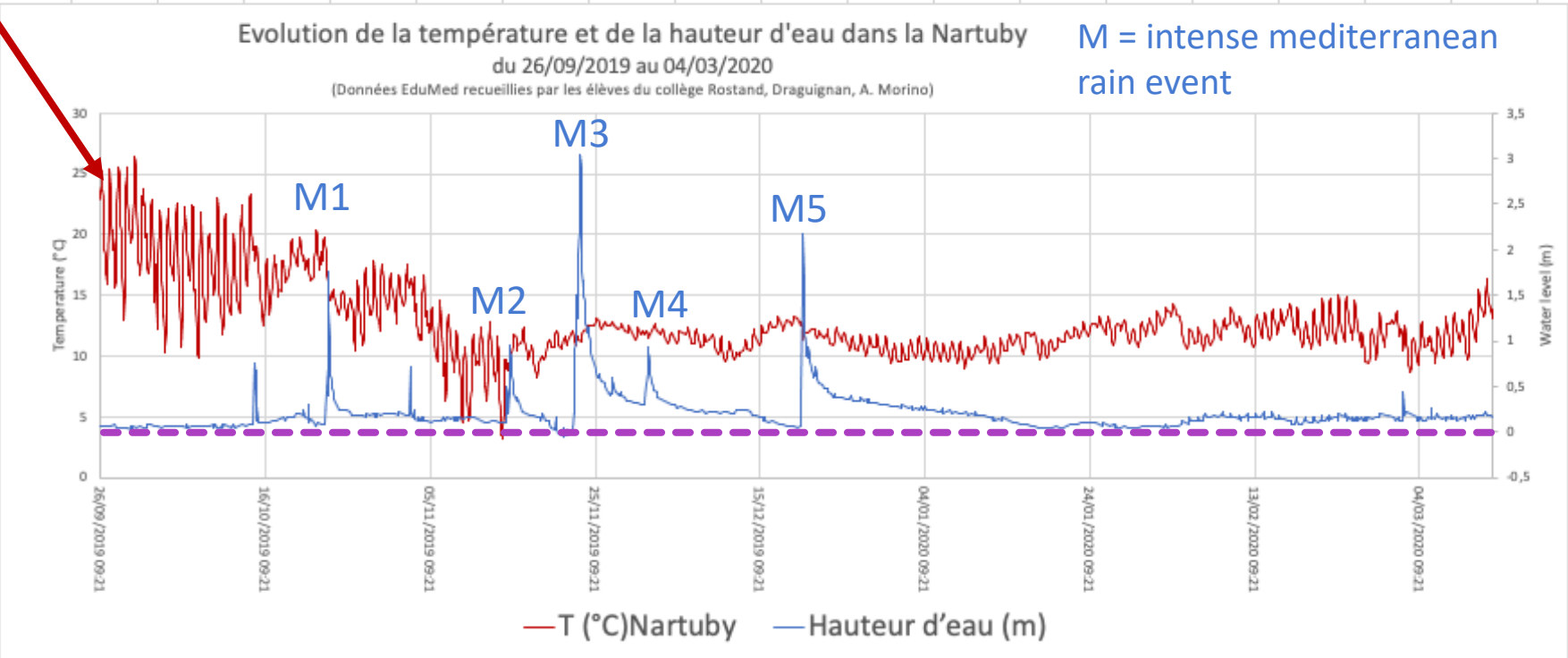
# Data analysis : water level and temperature

circadian (day/night) cycle  
of river temperature



Rain intensity (23/11/19)

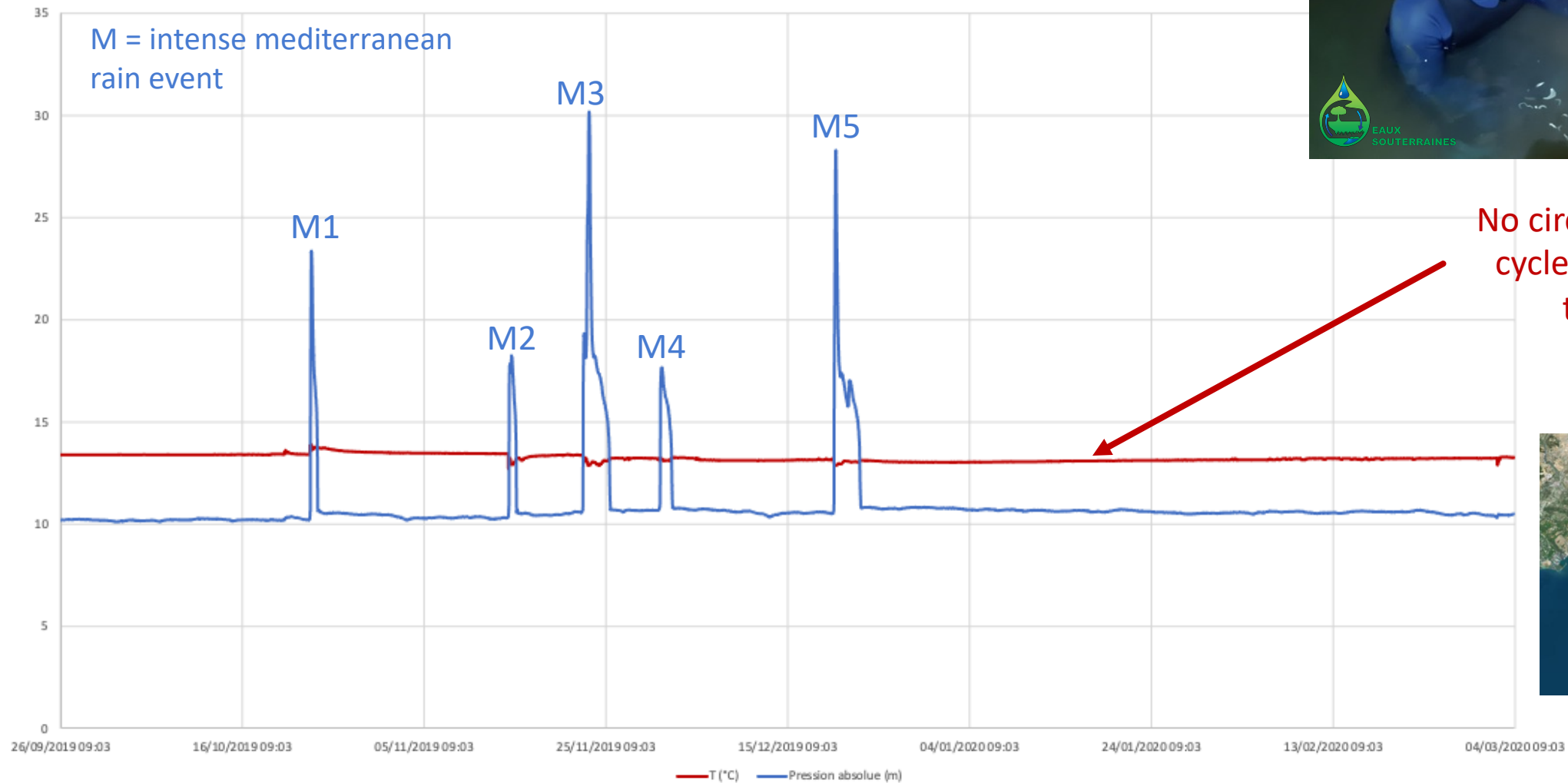
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# Data analysis : water level and temperature

Evolution de la température et de la hauteur d'eau dans la rivière souterraine de Planesselve  
Du 26/09/2019 au 04/03/2020  
(Données Eaux souterraines, CDS83/CEREGE/SpéléH2O)



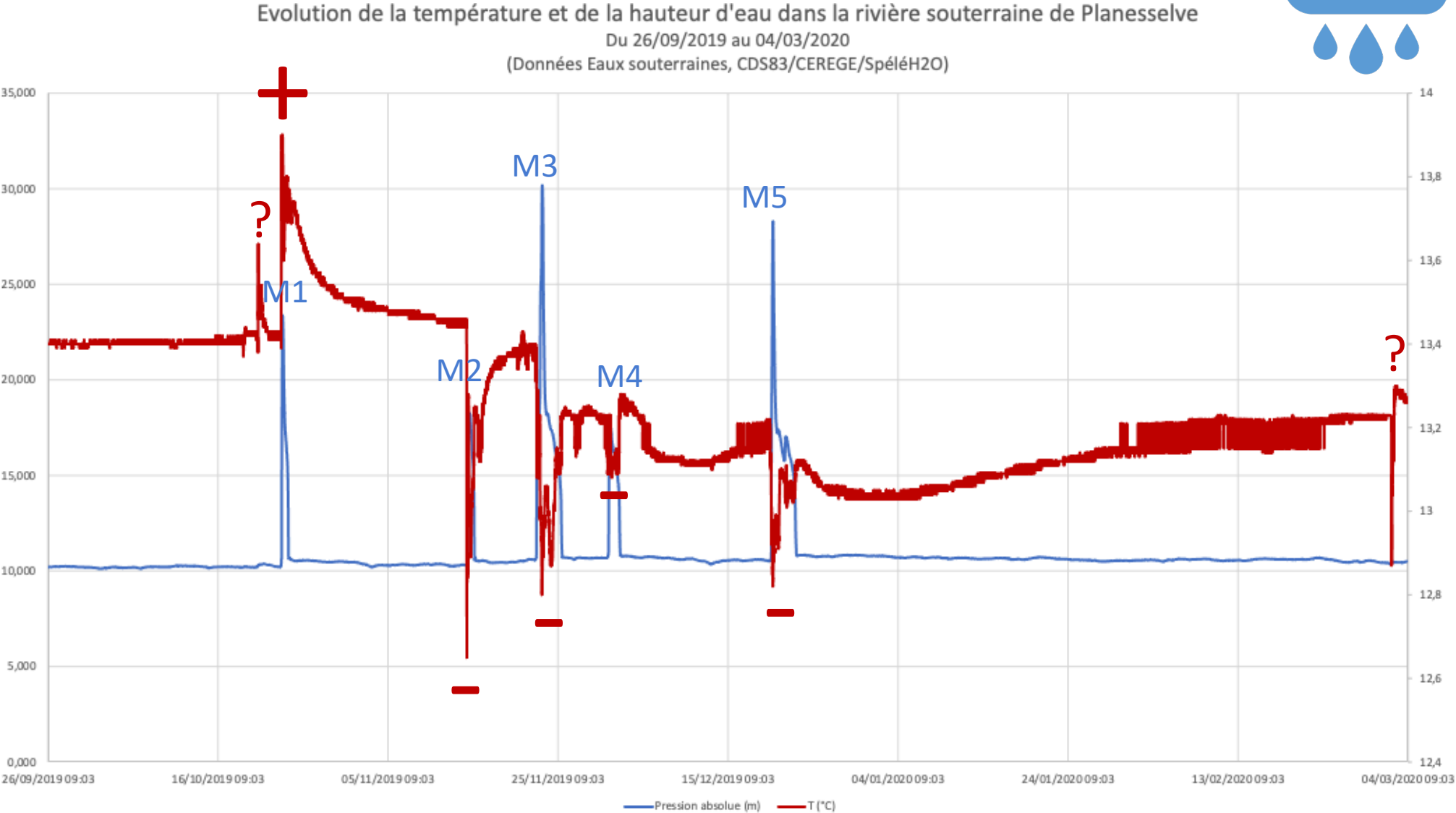


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The variation in temperature makes it possible to identify the arrival of rainwater.



Rainwater temperature depend of season



+ Increasing water level and temperature

- Increasing water level but decreasing temperature

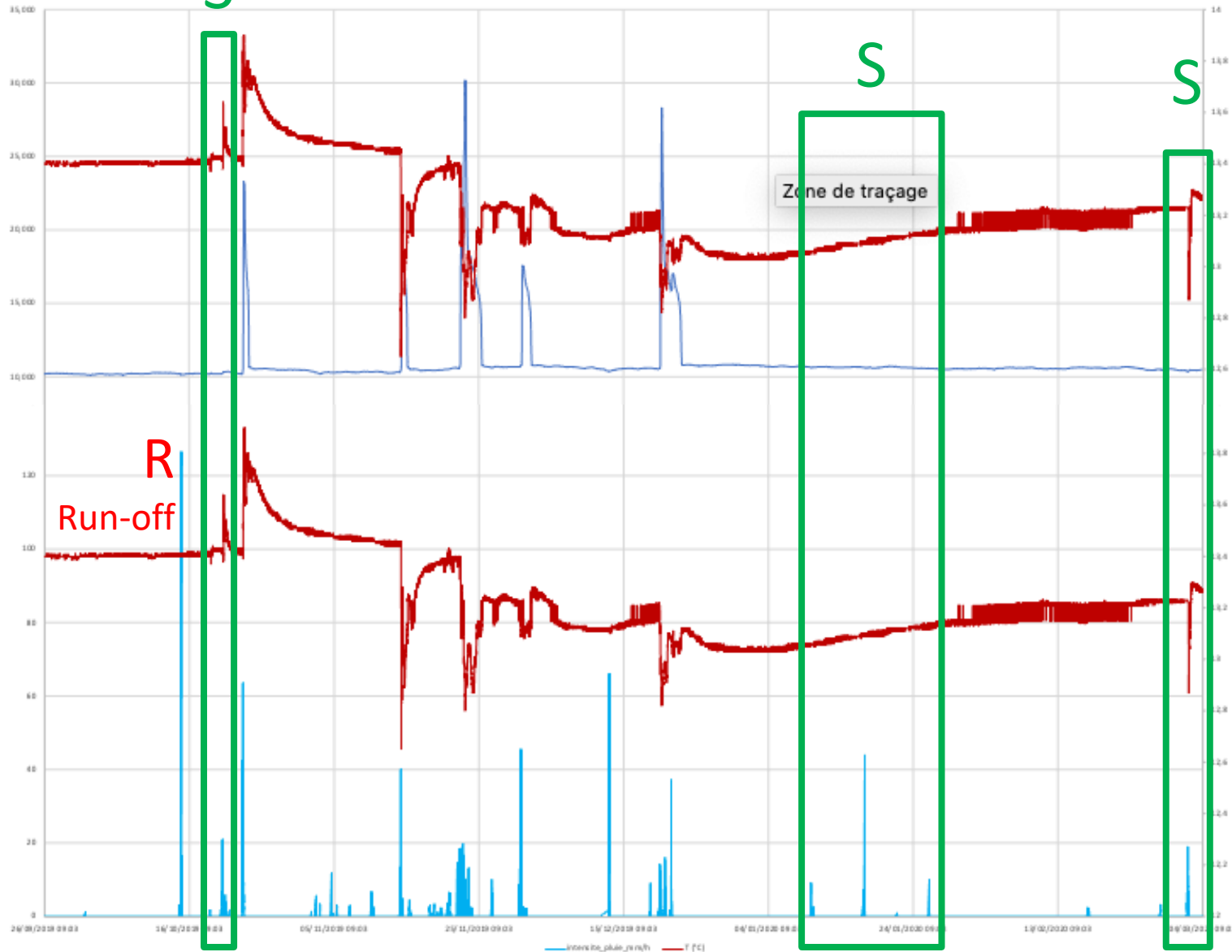


# Data analysis : water level and temperature GROUNDWATER

Intensité des précipitations, évolution de la température, de la hauteur d'eau dans la rivière souterraine de Planesselve

Du 26/09/2019 au 04/03/2020

(Données Météo à l'école-Solliès Pont et Hydro Eaux souterraines, CDS83/CEREGE/SpéléH2O)



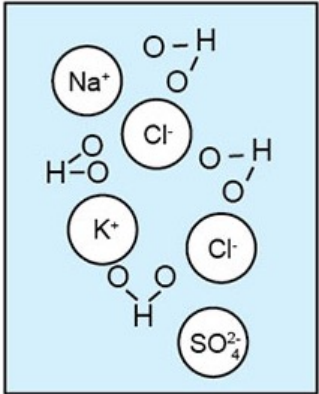
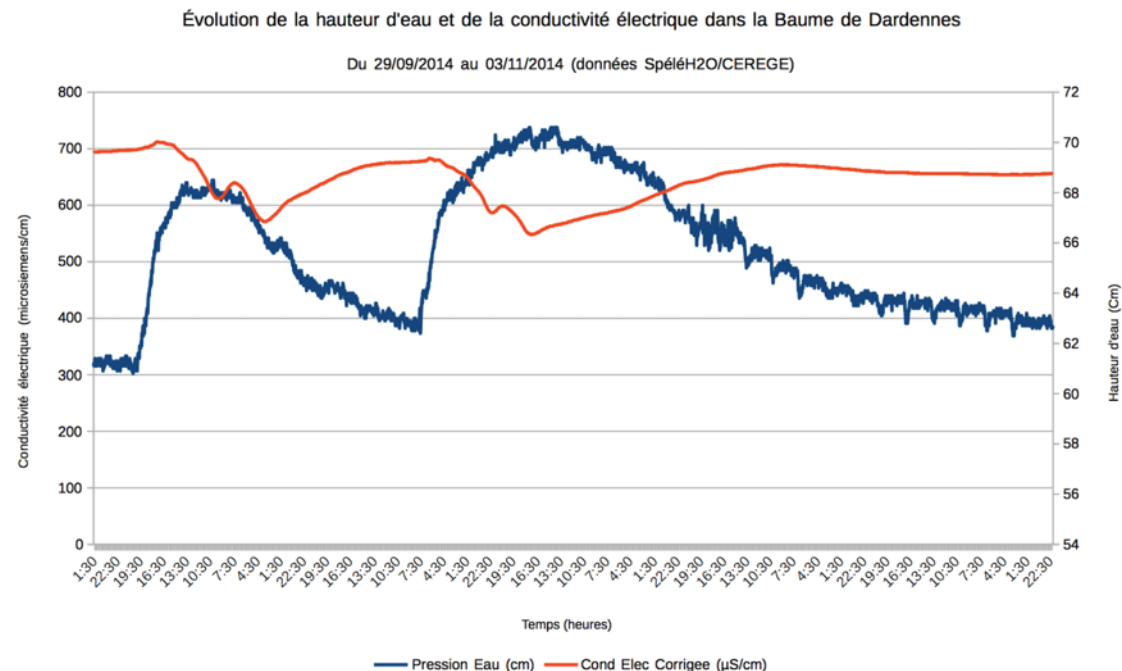
S : Soil or Sponge



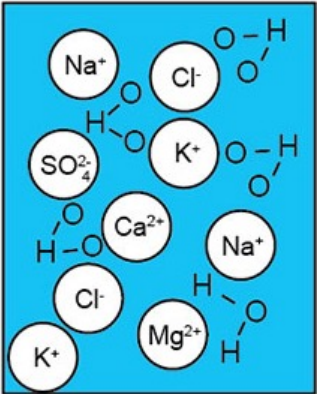
When they are dry, the soil and the epikarst retain and then slowly transmit rainwater.



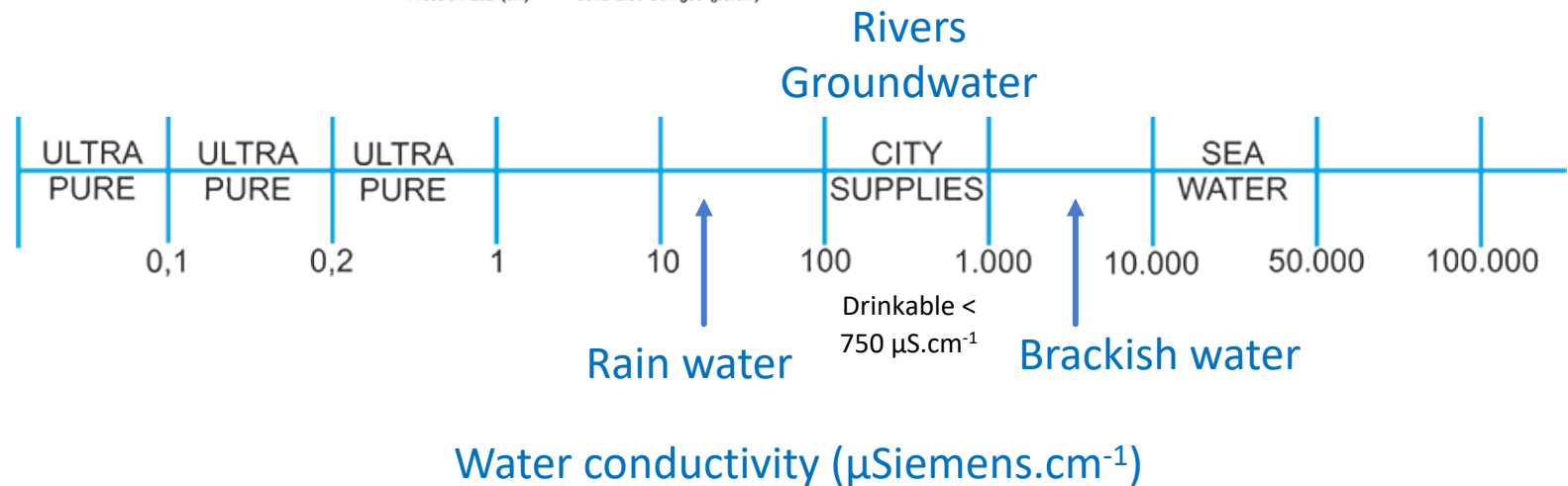
# Data analysis : water conductivity



Fewer ions =  
lower electrical  
conductivity



More ions =  
greater electrical  
conductivity



CTD diver : presure,  
temperature and  
conductivity sensor  
(Van Essen instruments)



# Case studies : Le Regaï de Néoules



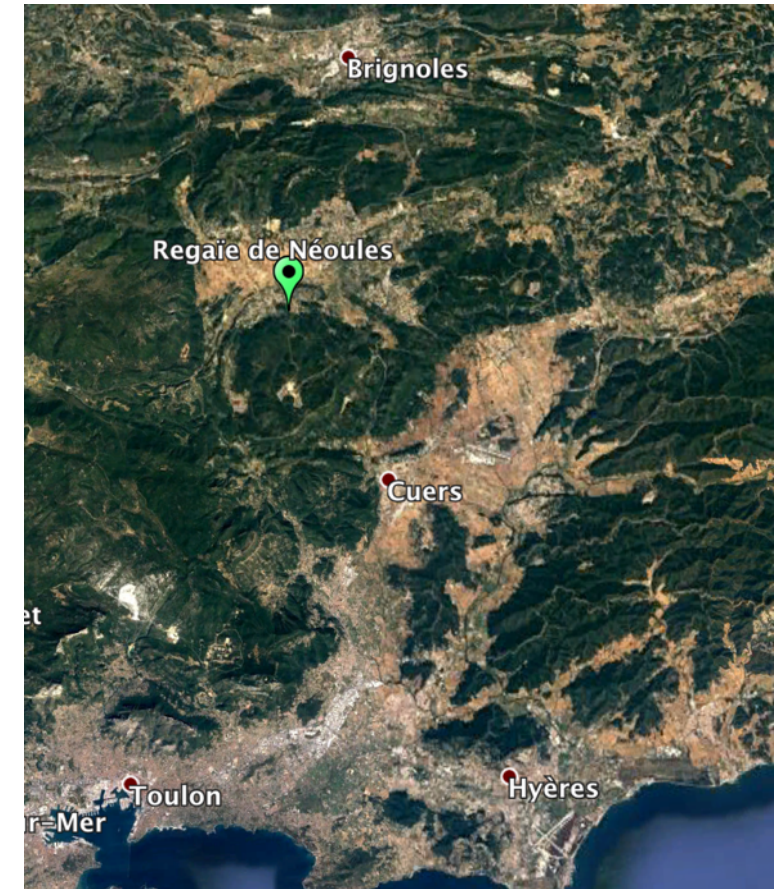
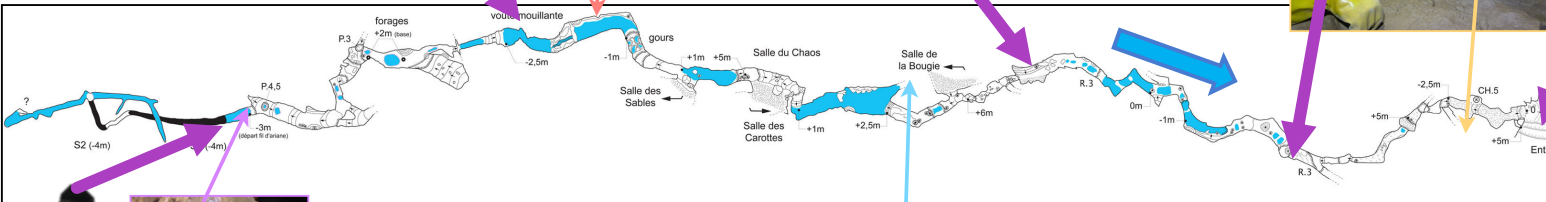
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interval 1 minute, threshold 800 mbar,  
installée le 20/11/15 à 13h50 :  
amont réseau des gours

Reefnet 14300,  
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interval 1 minute, threshold 800 mbar,  
installée le 20/11/15 à 12h00 :  
entrée Regaï

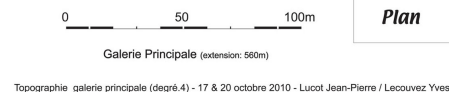
Reefnet 14246,  
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interval 1 minute, threshold 800 mbar,  
installée le 20/11/15 à 14h30 : Siphon 1

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Démarrée le 19/11/2015 à 16h35,  
interval 1 minute, threshold 800 mbar,  
installée le 20/11/15 à 13h04 :  
amont salle de la bougie



CTD  
DIVER

**Regaï de Néoules**  
(Néoules - 83)  
(Galerie principale)



Plan

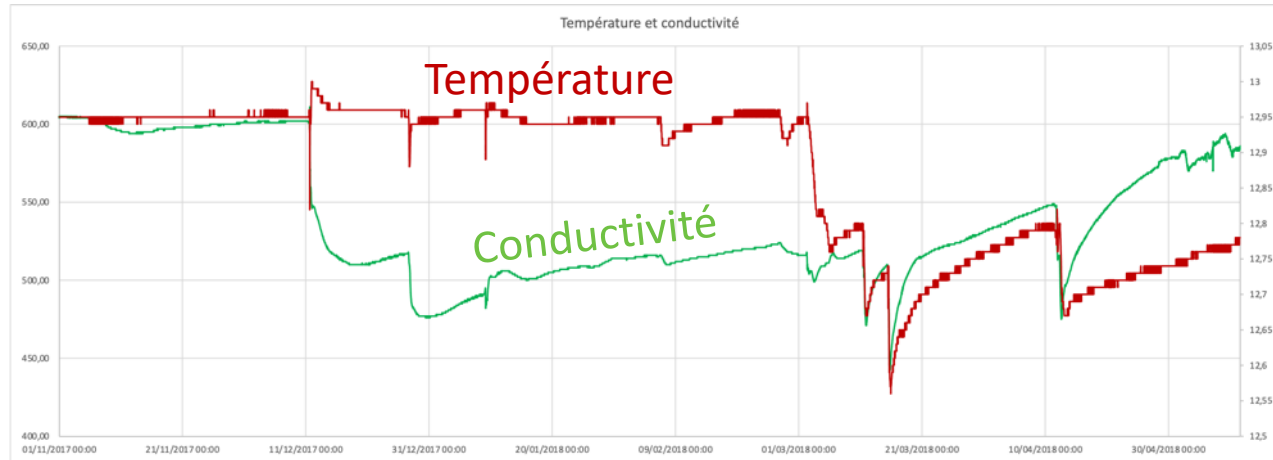


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(entrée inférieure du réseau)		



600  $\mu\text{S}.\text{cm}^{-1}$

470  $\mu\text{S}.\text{cm}^{-1}$



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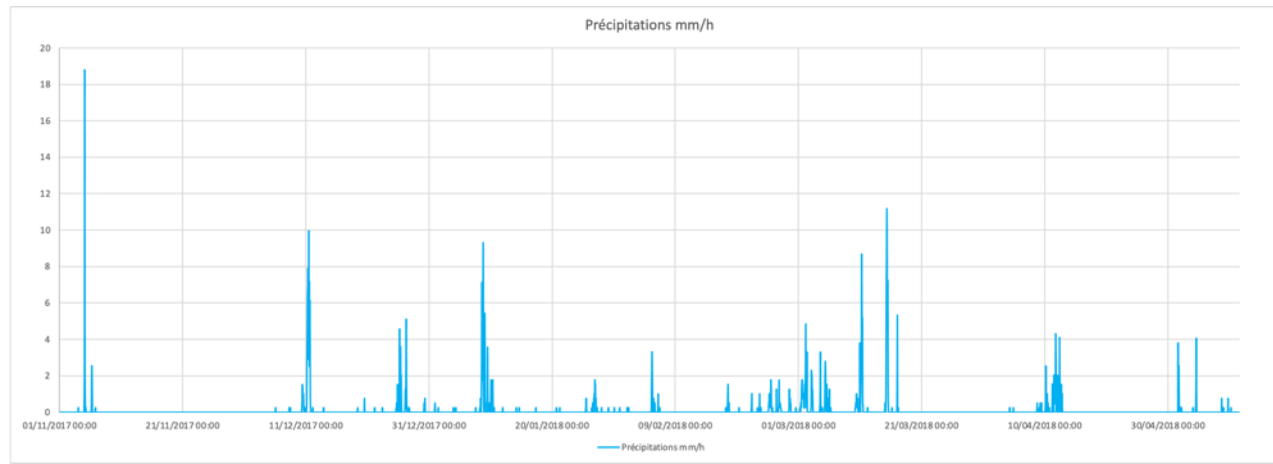
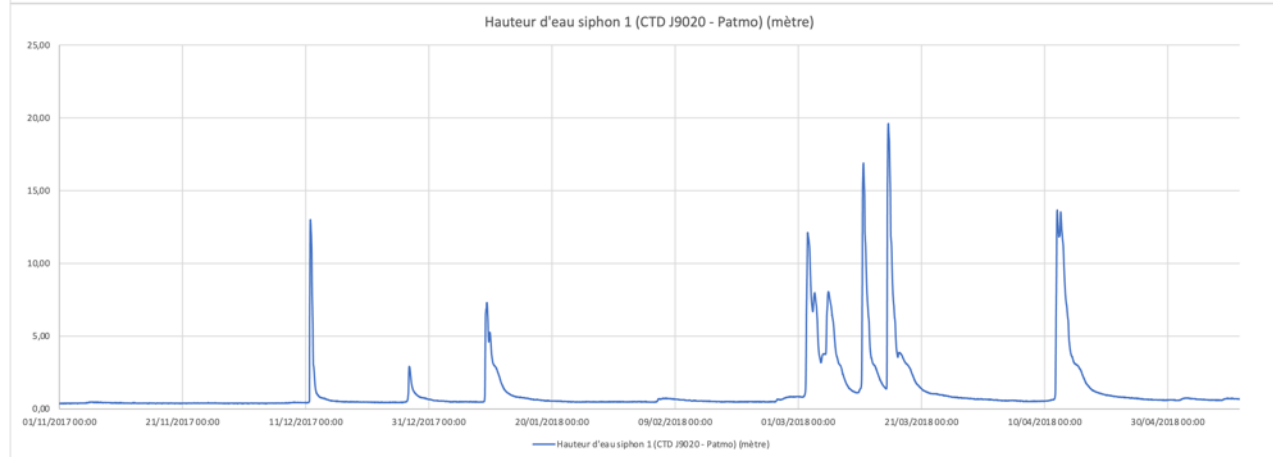
12,55°C

## Case studies : Le Regaï de Néoules

The electrical conductivity of water is a much better indicator than temperature.

Electrical conductivity varies over a wider range than temperature: we observe phenomena with better resolution.

Temperature variations are too dependent of the season, the region, the weather. It would be too risky to launch a measurement campaign based on their observation.





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13°C

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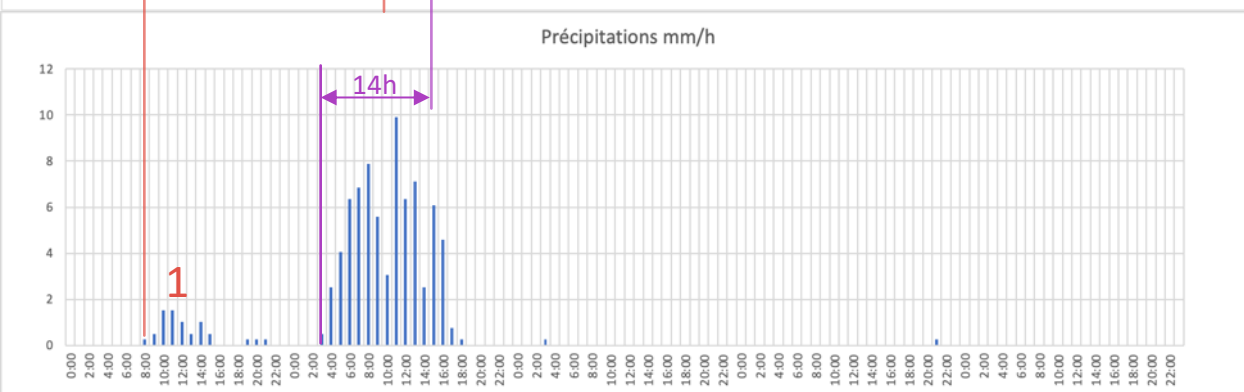
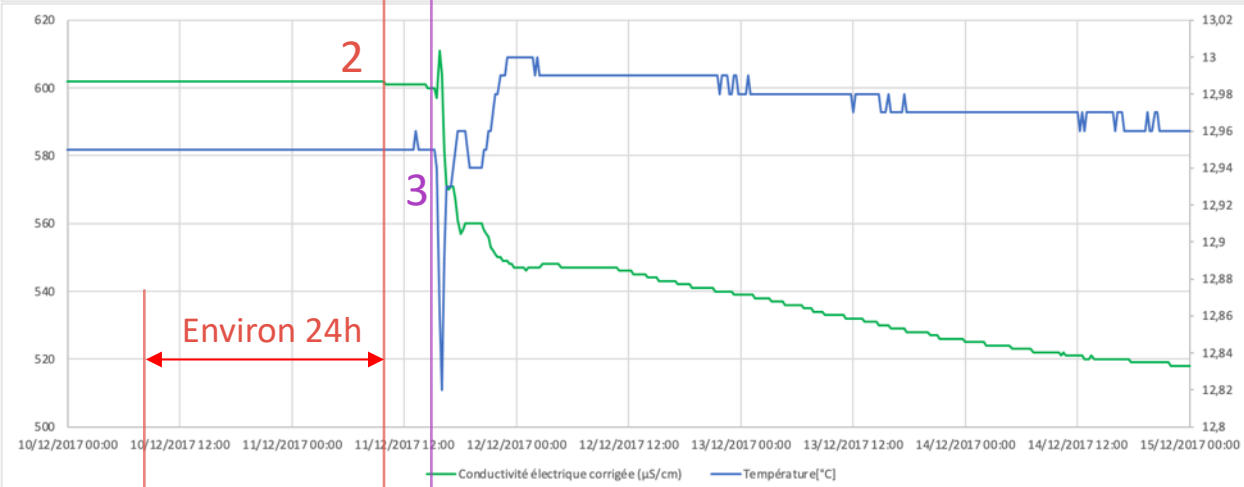
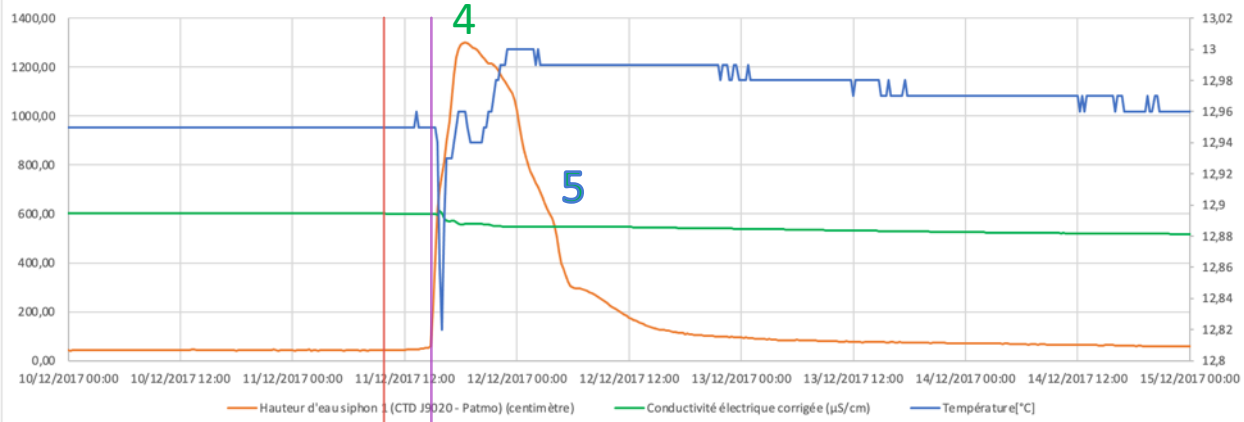
Case studies :  
Le Regaï de Néoules  
Understand the dynamics of  
the groundwater body

Example:  
understanding the  
events of 11/12/17





Les paramètres de la crue souterraine du 11 décembre 2017 au Regaï de Néoules  
Données CTD "Eaux souterraines" (CEREGE, CDS83, SpéléH2O)

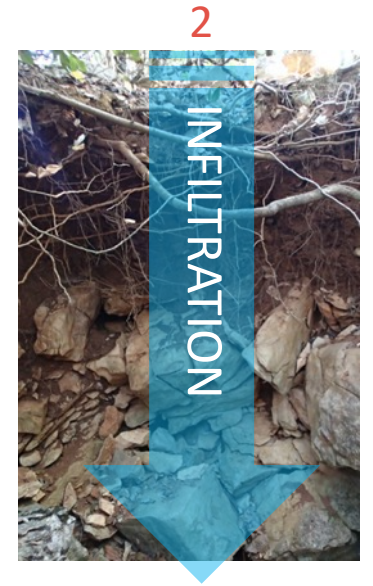
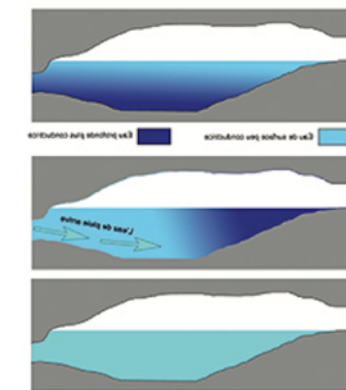
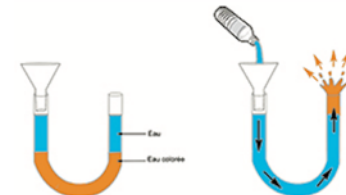


# Case studies : Le Regaï de Néoules

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3 :flushing effect



4 : Flood peak, the highest  
stage reached during a  
particular flood at a given  
point. (3h, +13 meters)

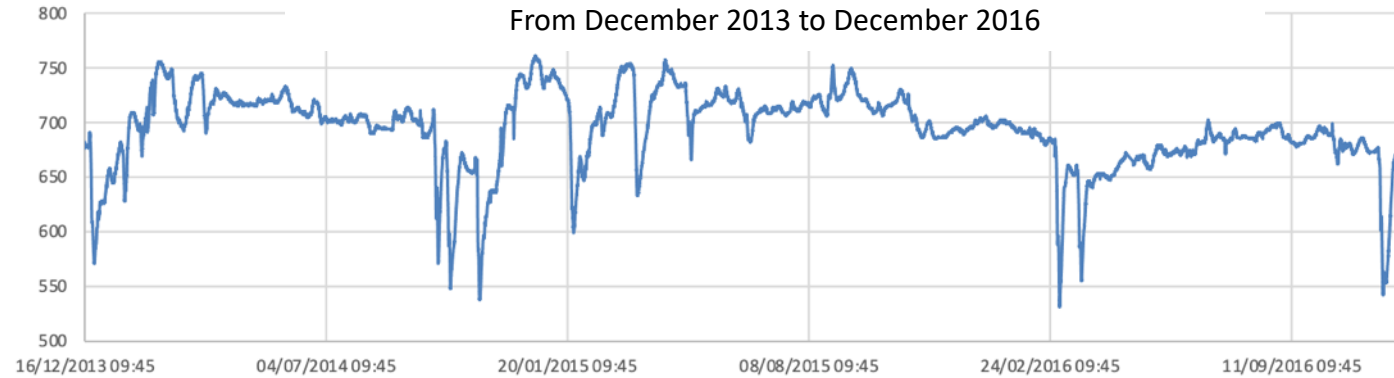
5 : Flood recession  
(several days)



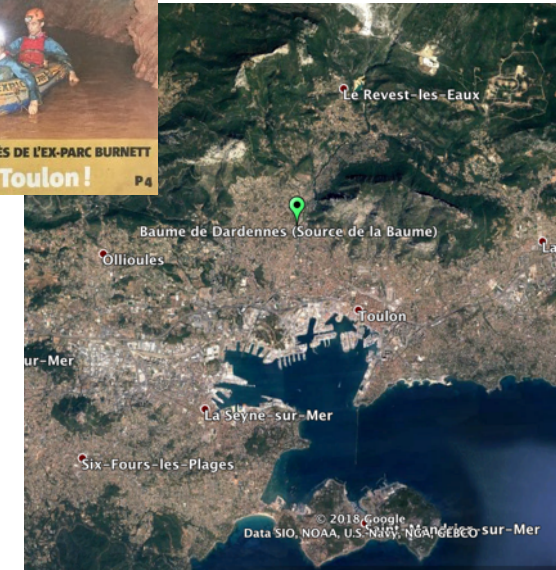
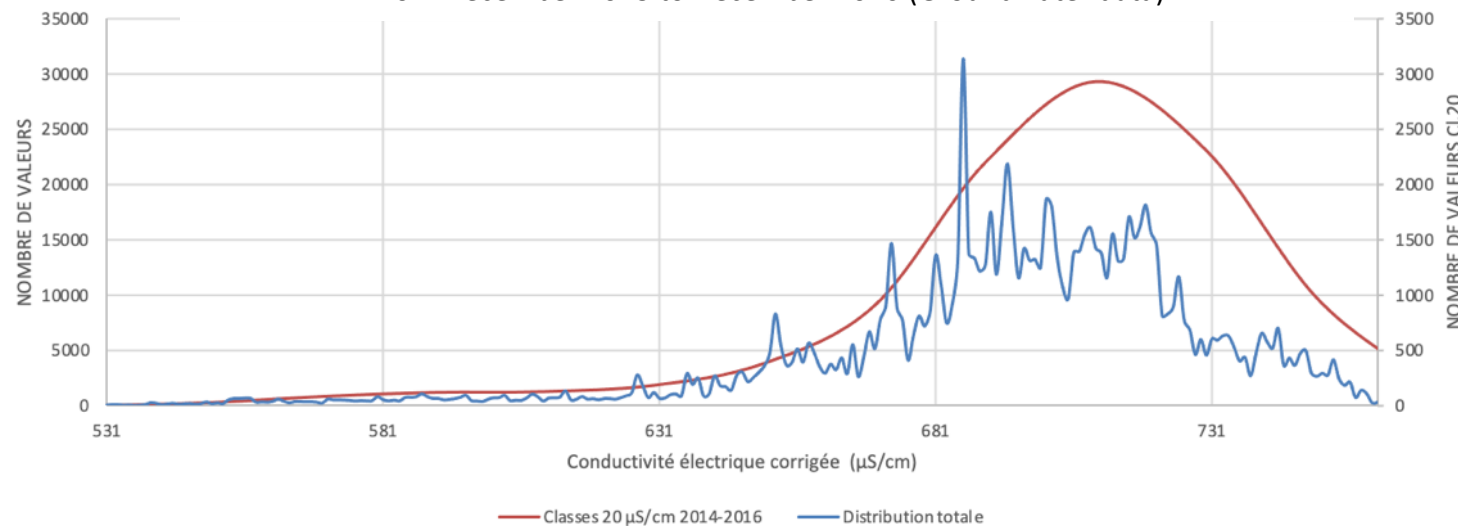
Define the nature of groundwater by means of electrical conductivity

## Case studies : La Baume de Dardenne

Evolution of electrical conductivity in Dardennes Balm  
From December 2013 to December 2016

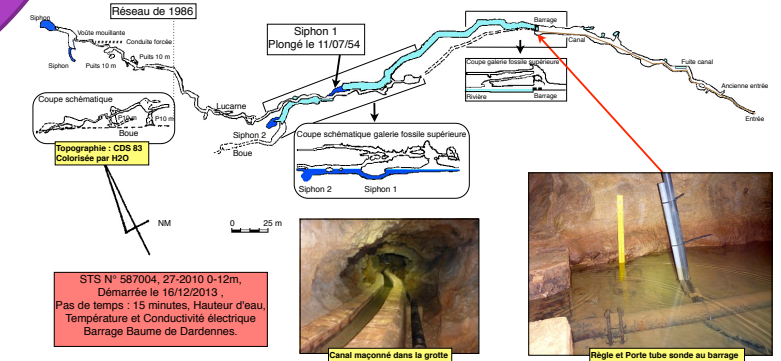


Frequency spectrum of electrical conductivity in Dardennes Balm  
From December 2013 to December 2016 (Groundwater data)



frequency  
spectrum: how  
many times is a  
value measured?

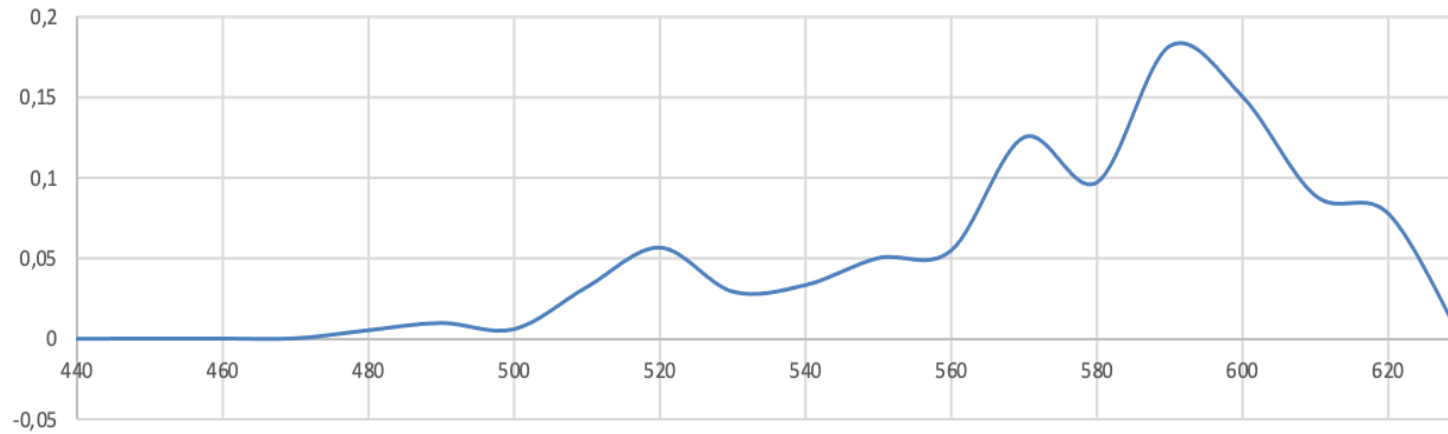
Équipement sonde STS (Université Aix-Marseille-CEREGE) Baume de Dardennes depuis le 16/12/13



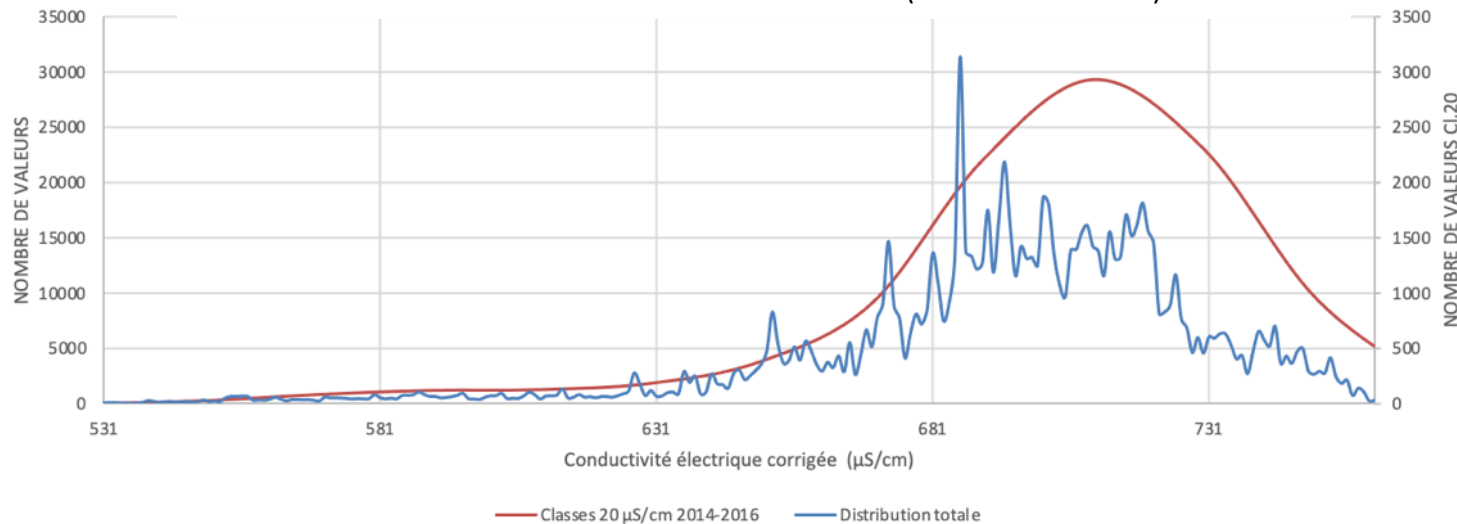


Define the nature of groundwater by means of electrical conductivity

Distribution de fréquence  
Classes de 10 microSiemens/cm



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Case studies :  
La Baume de Dardenne  
Le Regai de Néoules

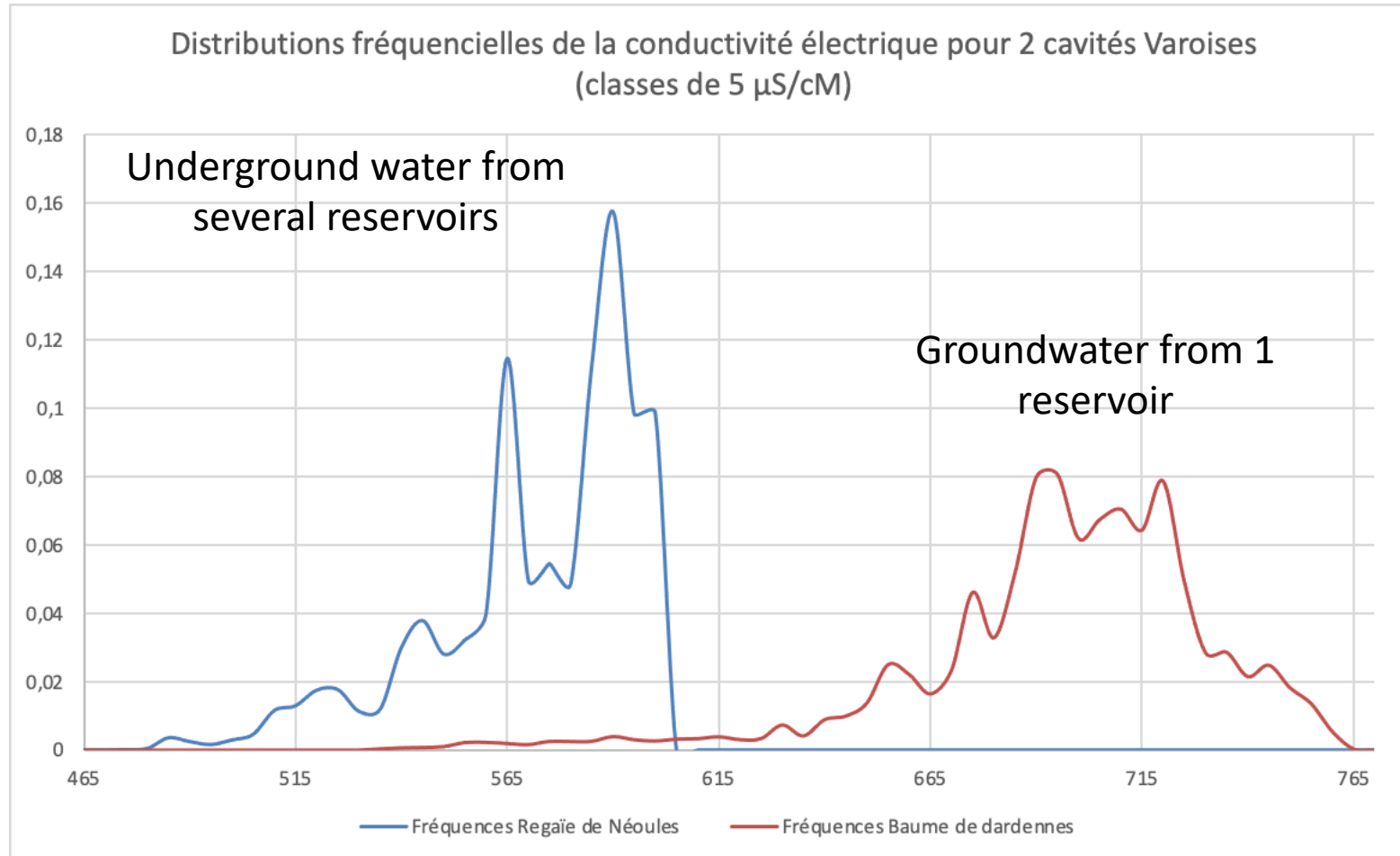
Underground water from several reservoirs

Groundwater from a reservoir



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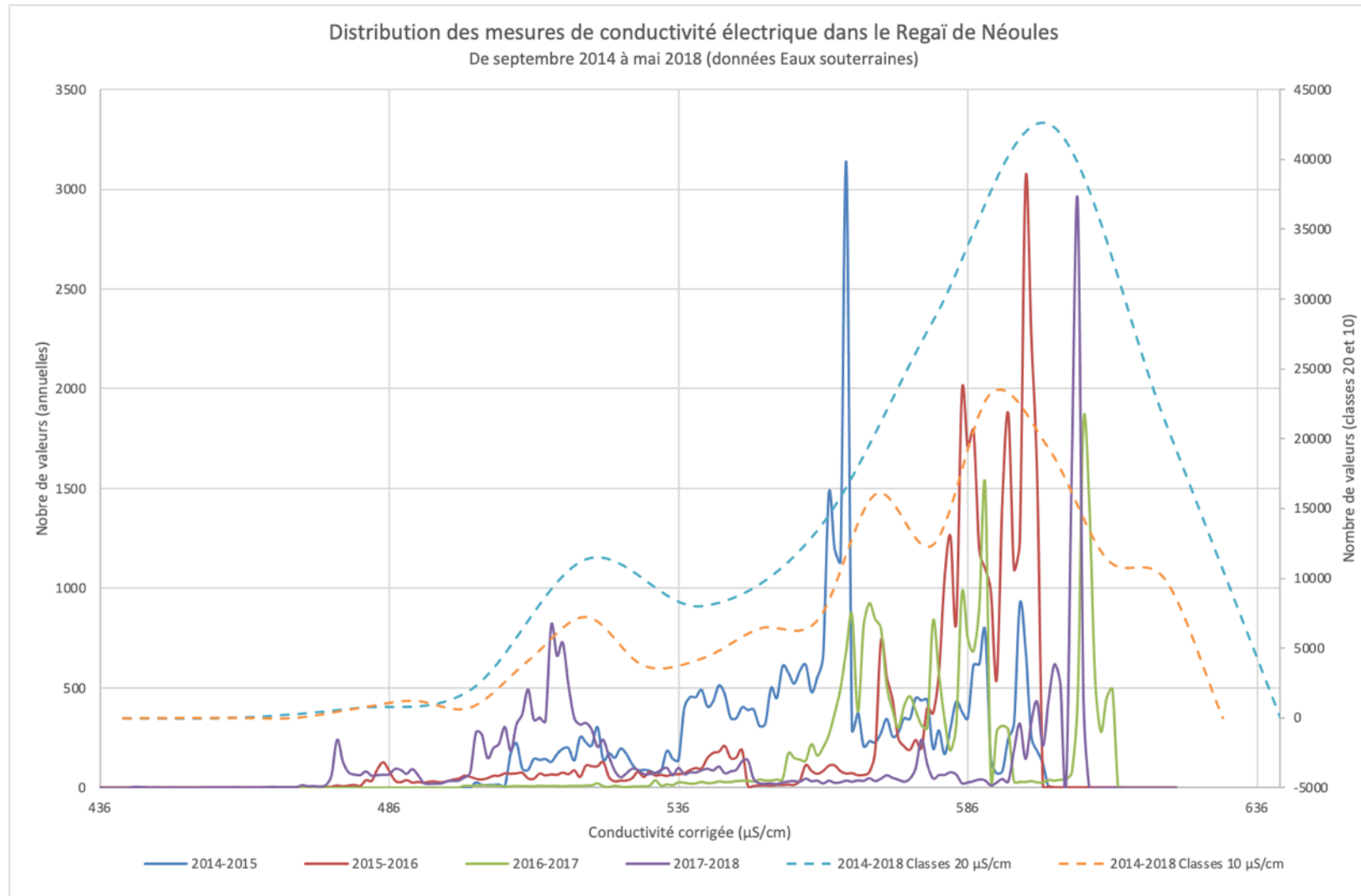


The different conductivity ranges reflect different ionic compositions of the water, i.e. paths through different rocks.



Define the nature of groundwater by means of electrical conductivity

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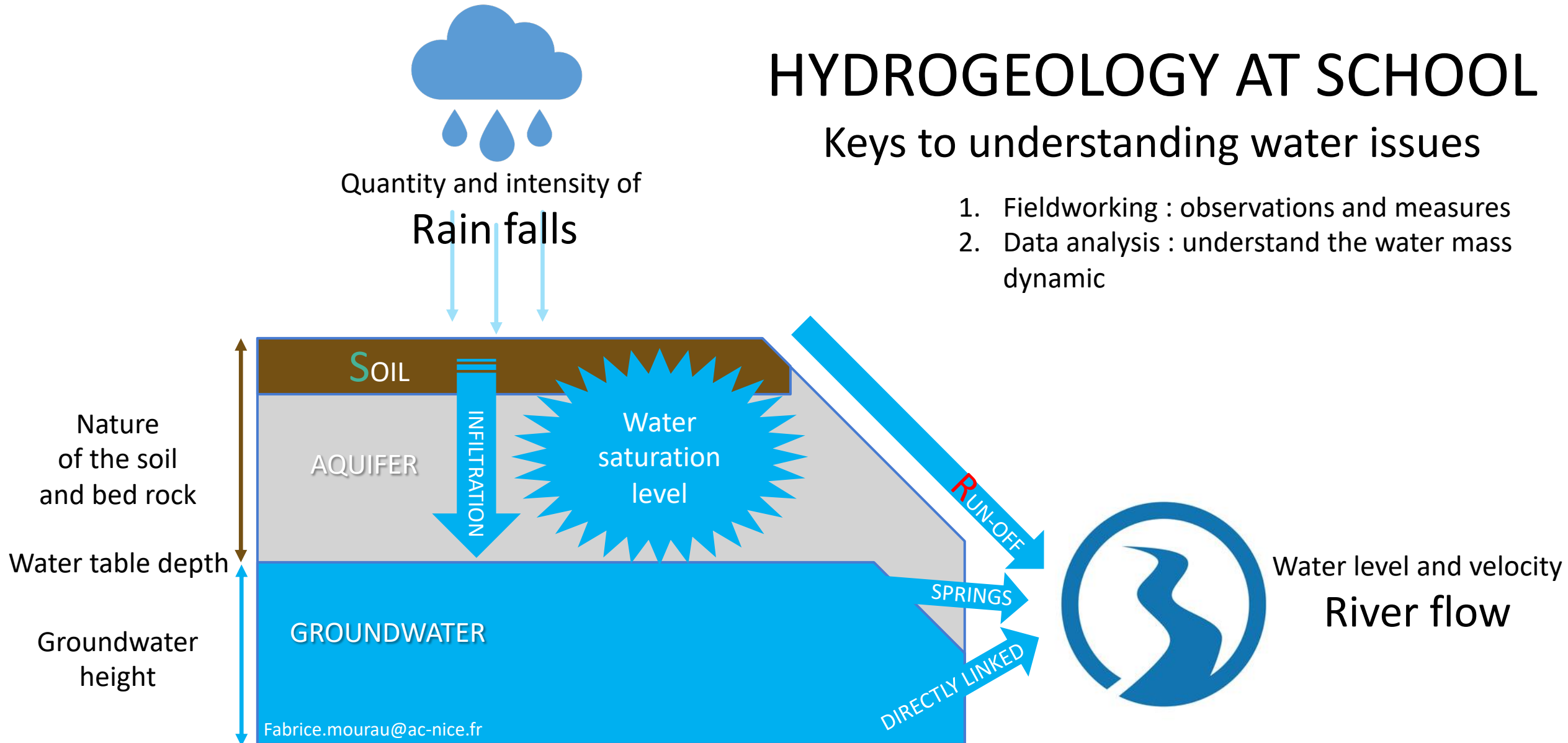
The annual variations show changes in the paths of the water: some circuits are more or less used.



# HYDROGEOLOGY AT SCHOOL

## Keys to understanding water issues

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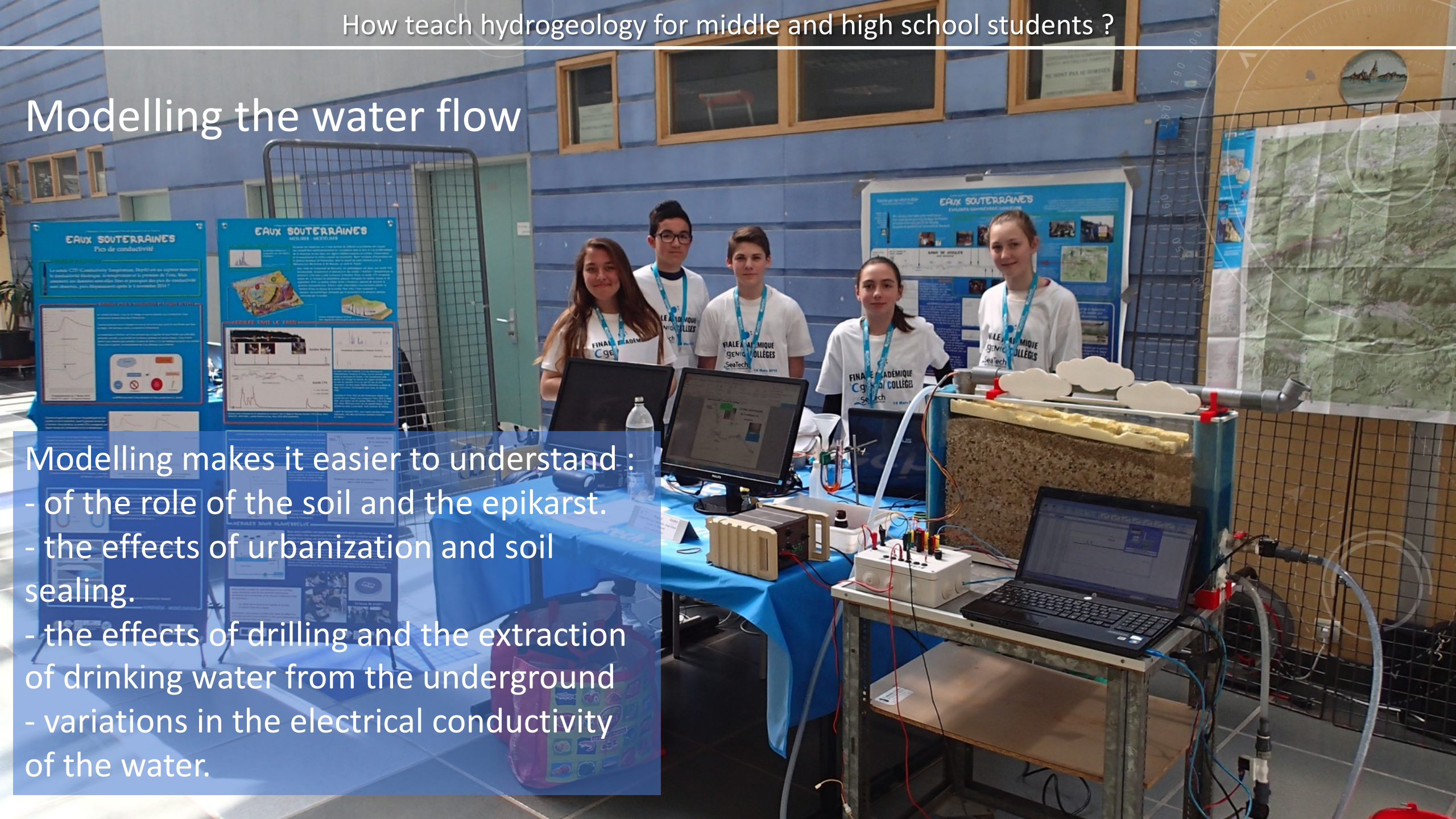




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