

BTS meeting, 27/09/2021



Subaquatic robotics, Robots for Karstic Exploration:

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- Sébastien Druon
- Gilles Trombettoni
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- Quentin Massone
- Rodolfo Villalobos
- Verlein Radwan
- Yohan Breux

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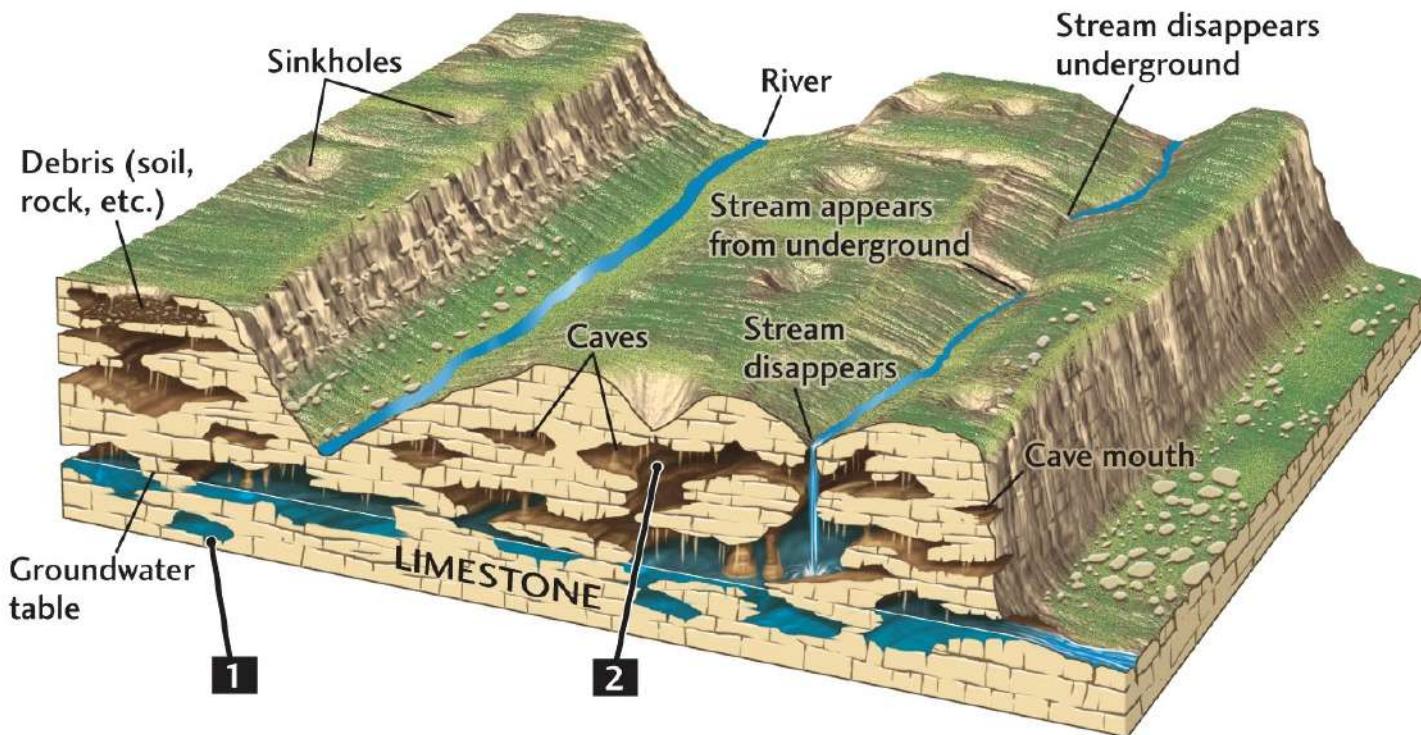
- Companies

- Luc Rossi (Syera)
- Benoit Ropars (Reeds)
- Hydrokarst

ROBOTS FOR KARSTIC EXPLORATION: OBJECTIVES

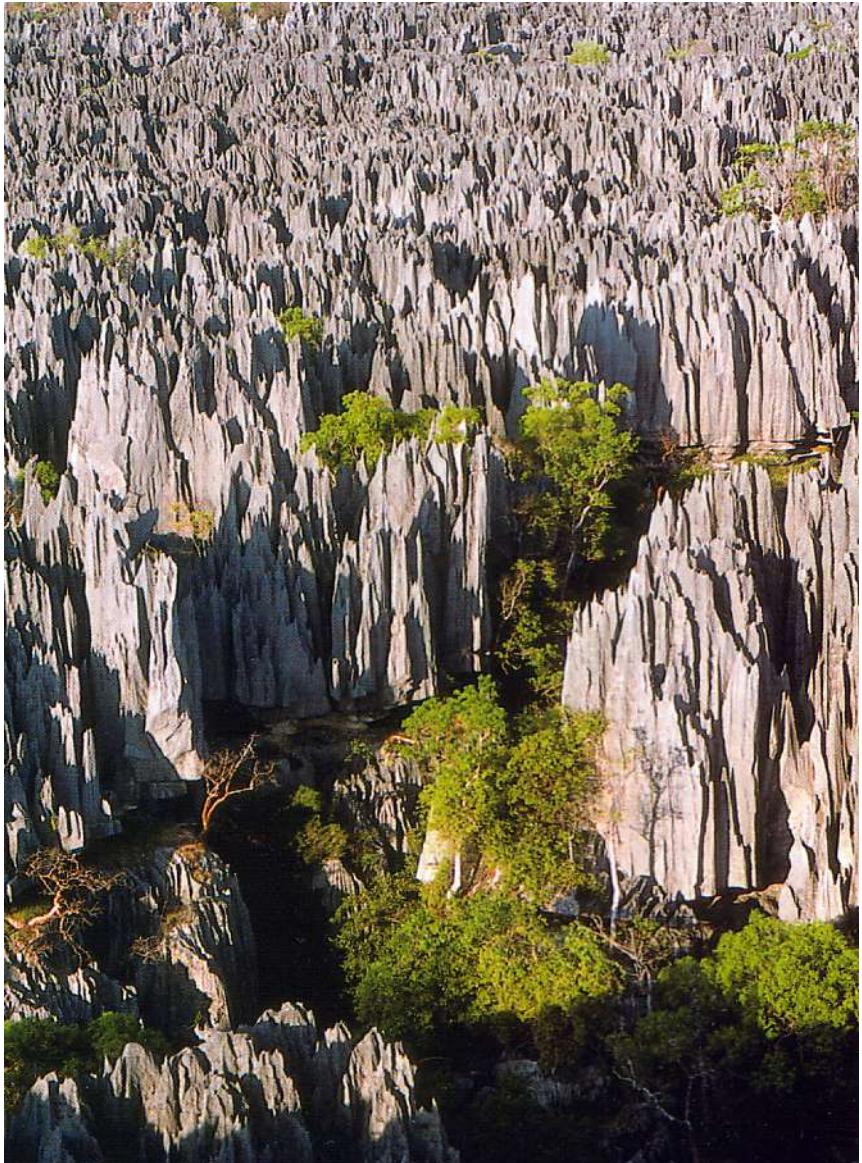
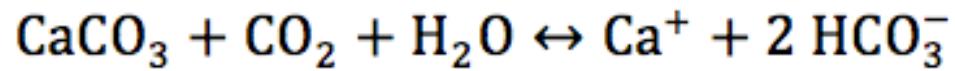
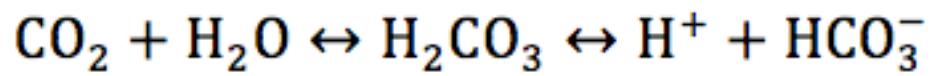
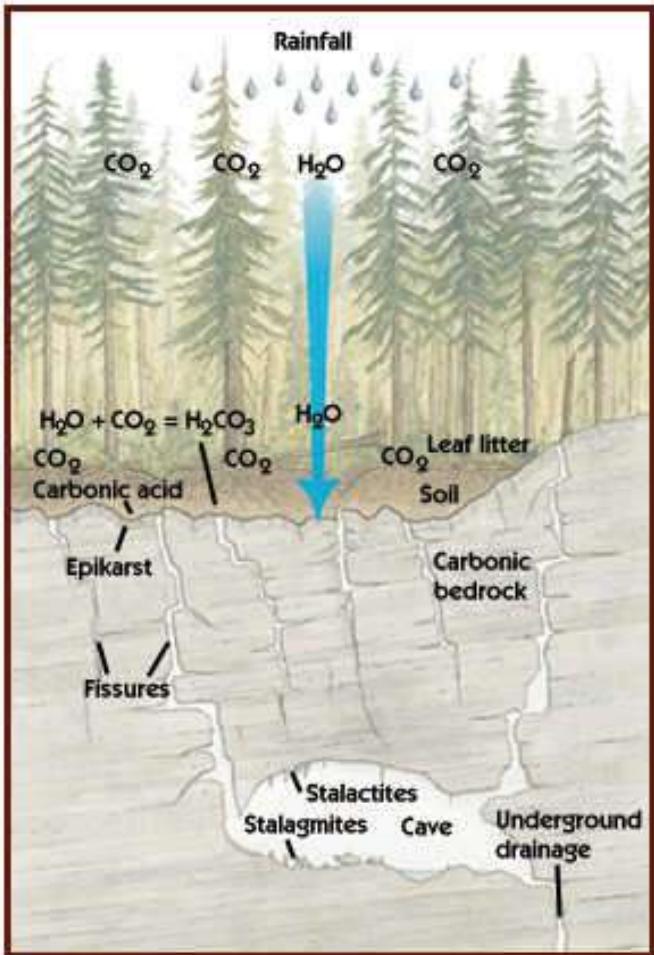
KARST : DEFINITION

- A topography formed from the dissolution of soluble rocks such as limestone, dolomite, and gypsum,



- Characterized by **underground drainage hydrosystems** with sinkholes and caves.

KARST : DEFINITION



Tsingy de Bemaraha, Madagascar

KARST : SURFACE STIGMATA



Balaa, Tannourine, Lebanon



Stone Forest, Shilin Yi, Yunnan, China

KARST : SURFACE STIGMATA



Cetina Spring, Croatia

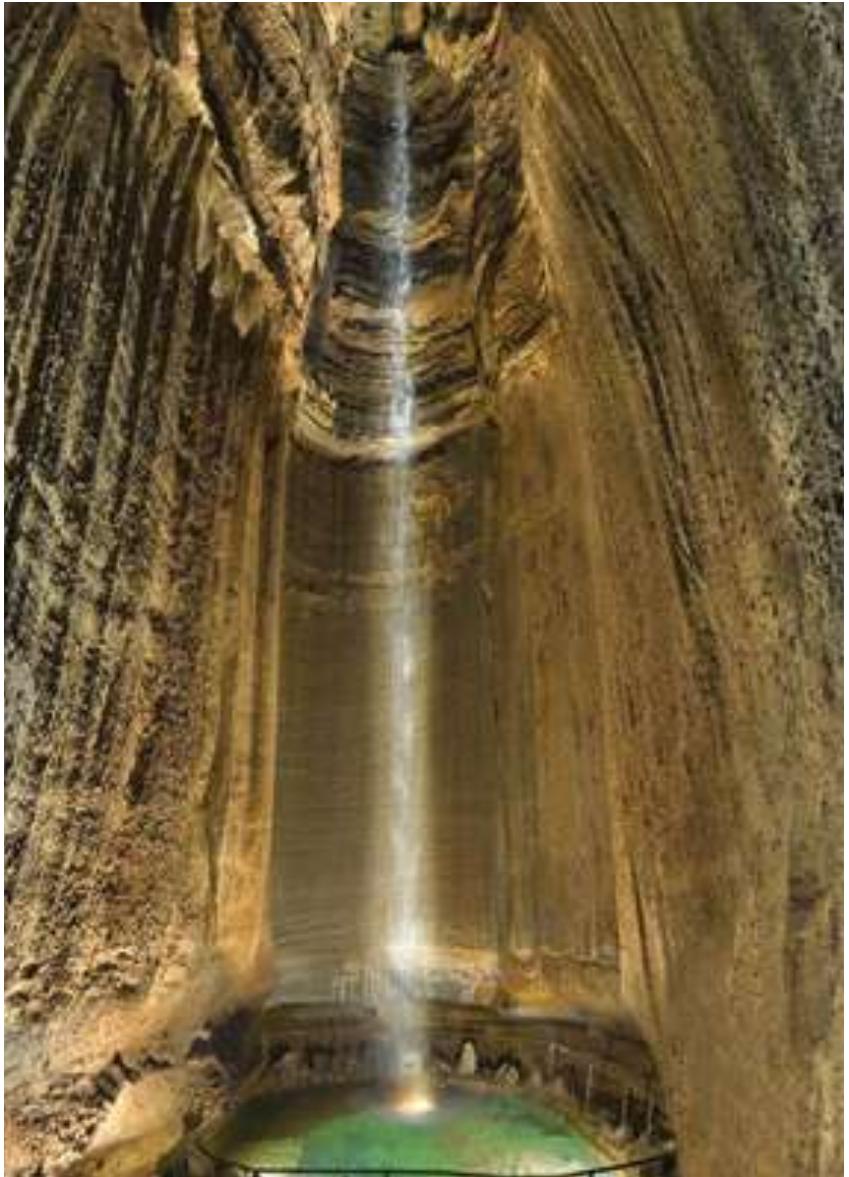


Pazin cave, Croatia



Blue cave, Croatia

KARST : UNDERGROUND CONTINUATION



Cueva de los Cristales, Naica,, Mexico



Ruby Falls ,Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA Furong Cave, Wulong District, Chongqing, China

KARST : GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR



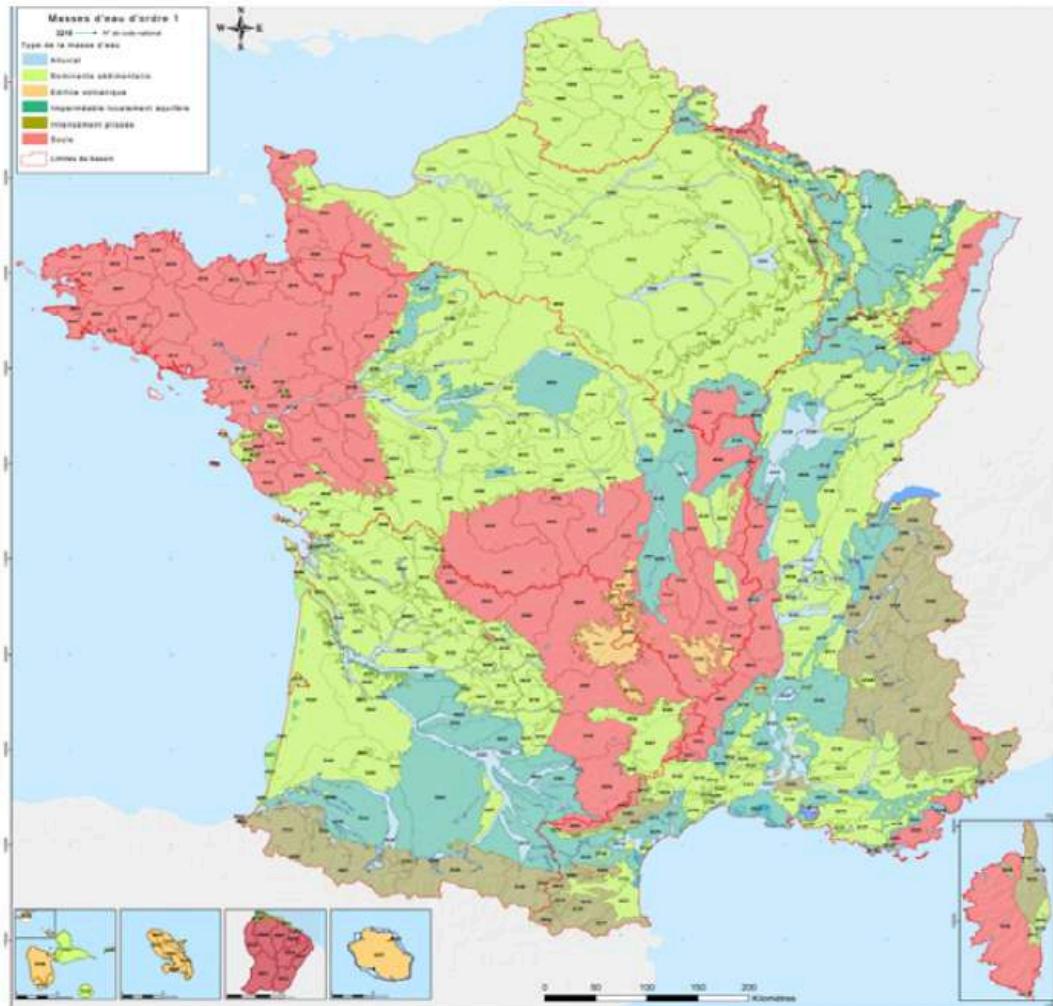
Eclairage : Cédrik Bancarel
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KARST : GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR



Pedro Balordi and Guenter Essig, Gourneyras, France, July 2015

KARST : GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT, A NATIONAL ISSUE

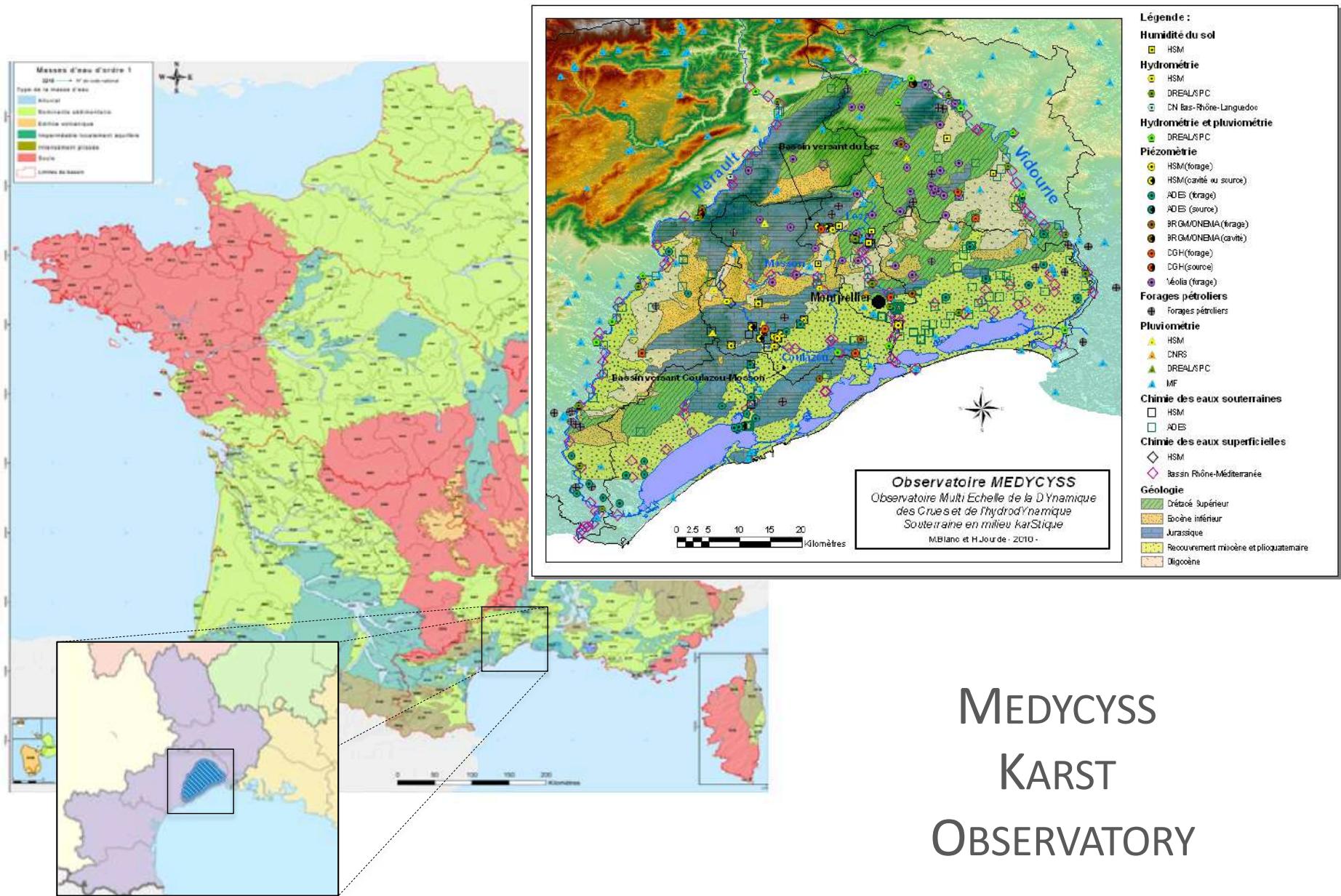


+ 50% of Drinking Water Supply

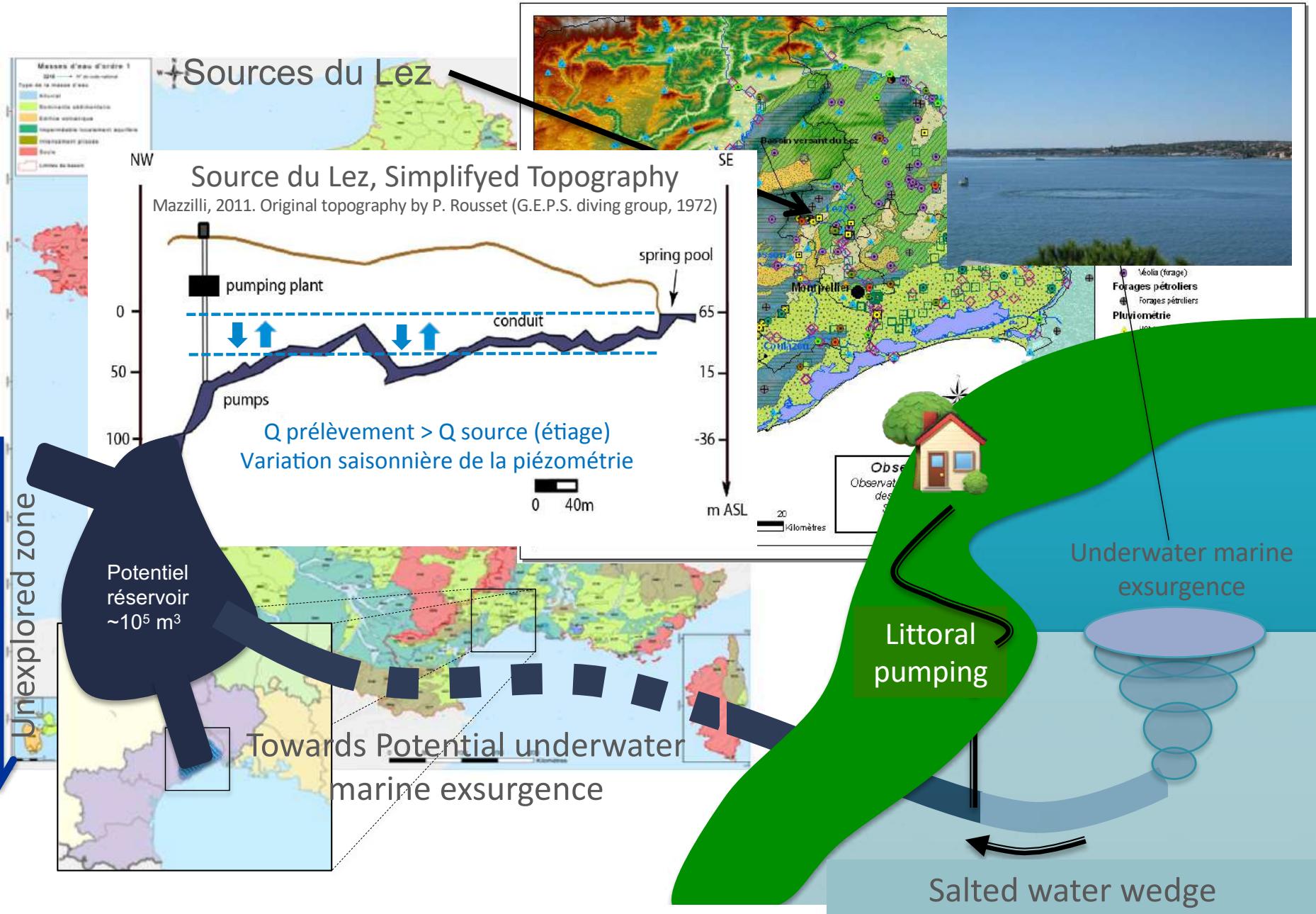
Service National d'Observation
du KARST,
SNO INSU/CNRS
OSU OREME (UM)
Coordinator H. Jourde

Carte hydrogéologique des formations carbonatées karstifiables (EASAC report)

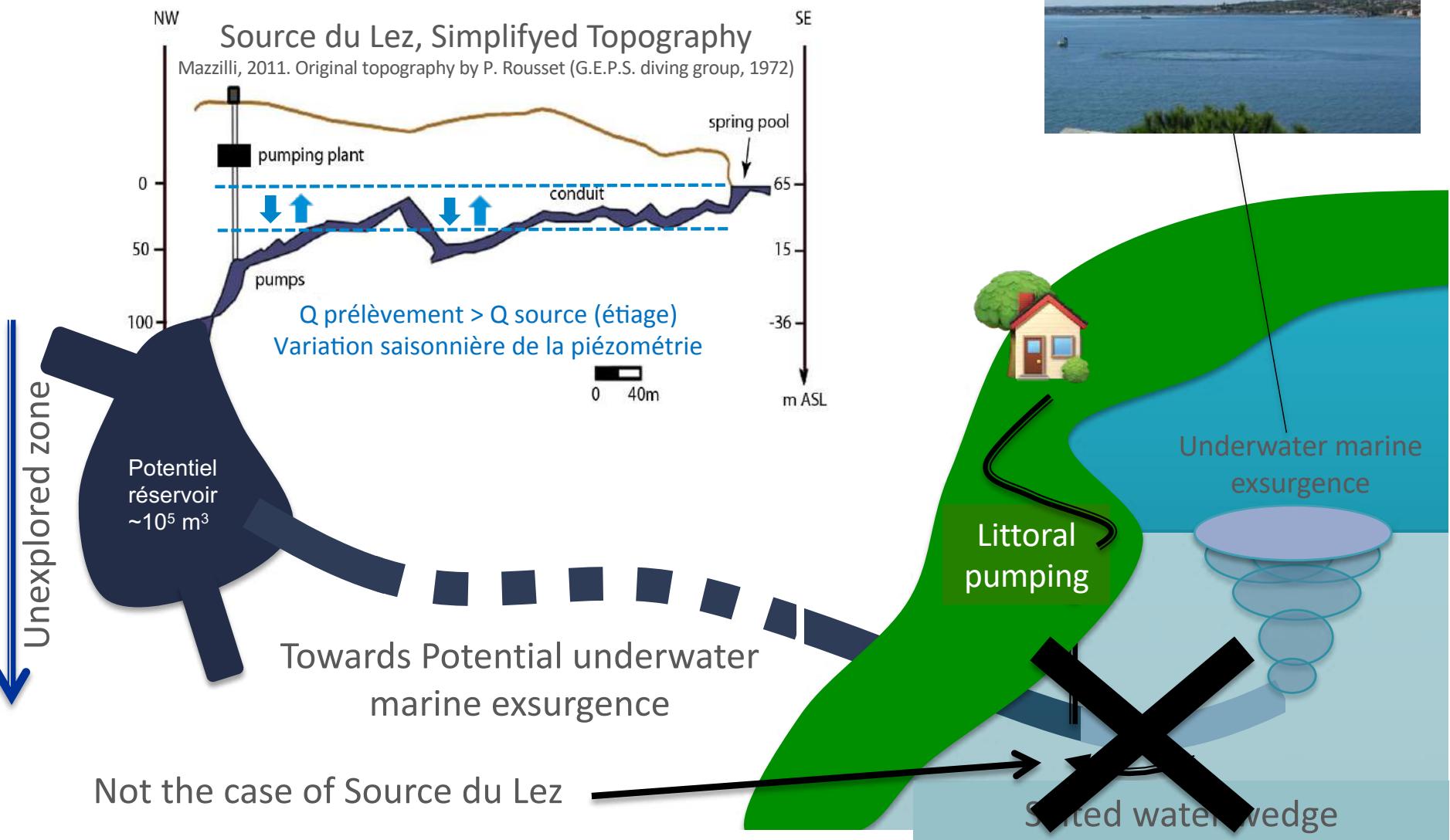
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SOURCES DU LEZ : A SEMINAL CASE STUDY

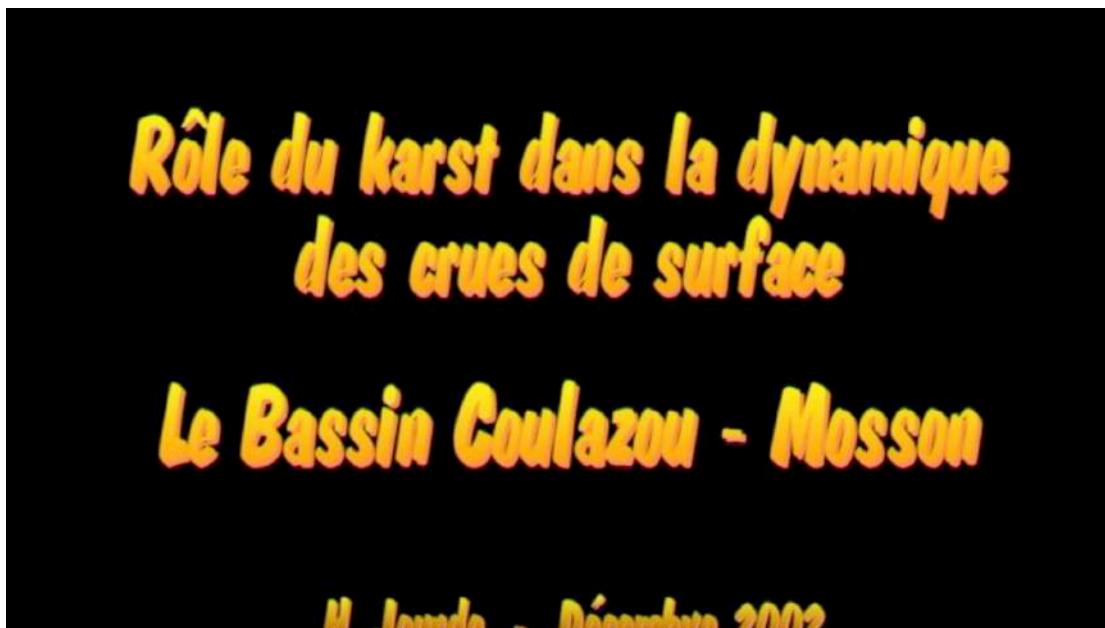
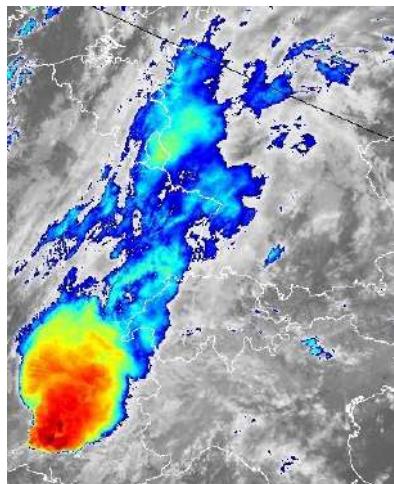
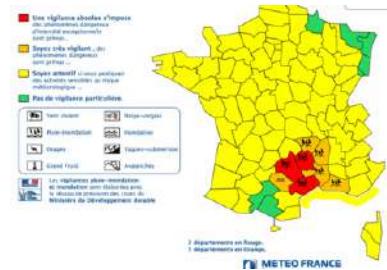


SOURCES DU LEZ : ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF GW RESOURCE



MONTPELLIER'S CATCHMENT BASIN : A SEMINAL CASE STUDY

○ Hydrogeological Risk Assessment



Floods of Coulazou River, December 2002





Floods of Lez River
6 Septembre 2005, Prades le Lez







HYDROGEOLOGICAL RISK : SINKHOLES



Harbin, Heilongjiang province, China.



Guatemala City, Guatemala



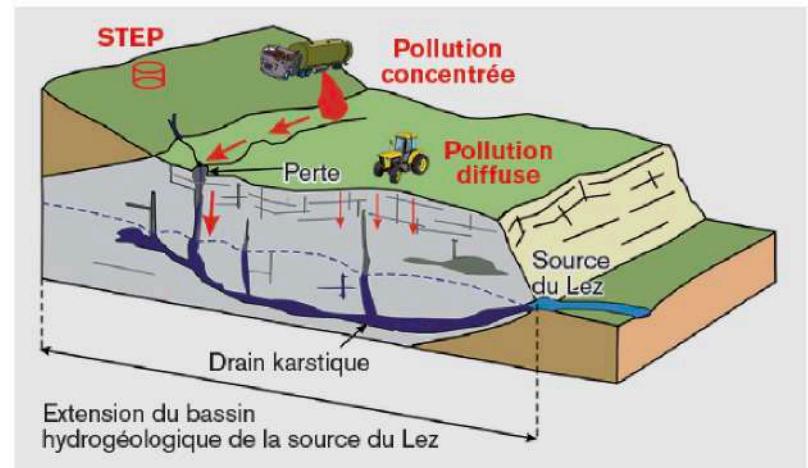
Orlando, Florida, USA



Dead-Sea shore, Israel

THE STAKES

- Prospection / Preservation/ Management of Water Resource
 - Pumping and drilling regulation and guidance
 - Management of supply redundancy in case of massive contamination
- Hydrological and pollution Risk Assessment
 - Forecasting and Decision Aids
 - Skinholes detection
 - Karst as flood control dam: regulation and strategic positioning of pumping stations -> Active management of the resource



CLOSURE OF THE GIBRALTAR STRAIT

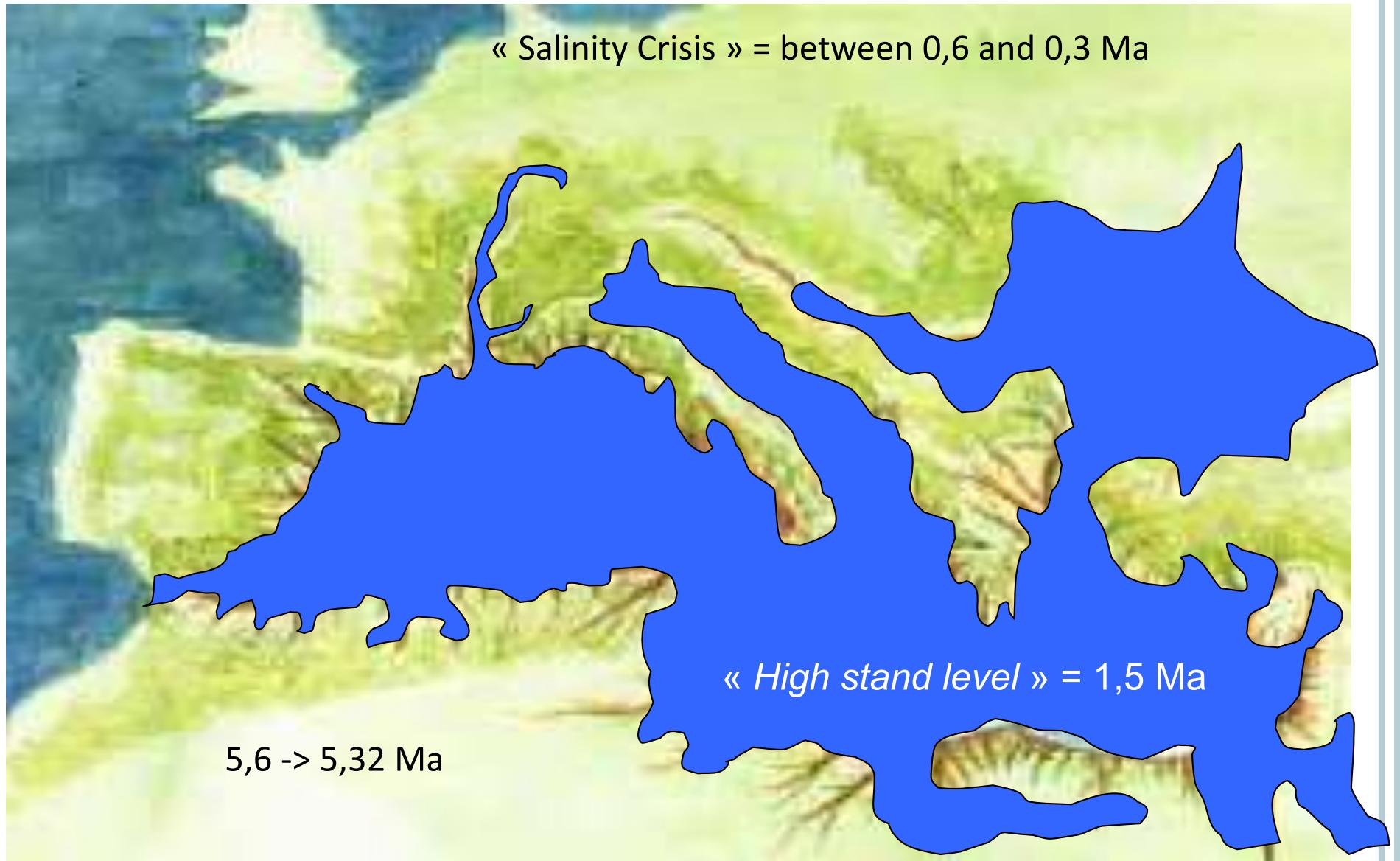


Messinian events : 2 salinity crisis

1/ 5.95 - 5.6 Ma 100 m

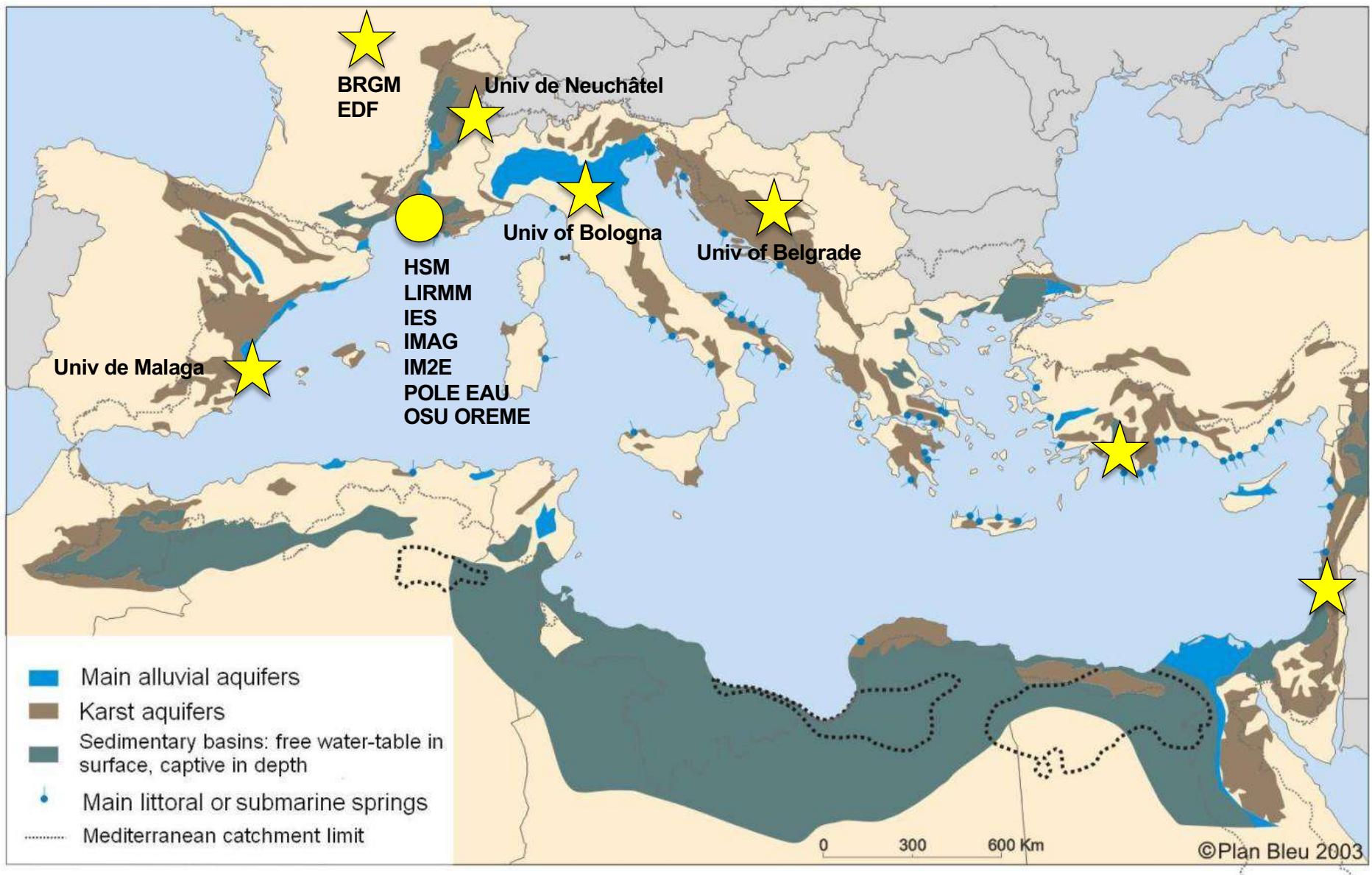
2/ 5.6 - 5.32 Ma 1500 m

MEDITERRANEAN KARSTS DURING MESSINIAN SALINITY CRISIS



Deep Karstification

MEDITERRANEAN KARSTS



WORLD KARSTIC REGIONS



IAH : International Association of Hydrogeology, société savante.

EXPLORE FLOODED KARST : CHARACTERIZATION OF THE KARST DYNAMIC



Geomorphology of the flooded zone (volumes) : new sensors, new models.

N-D geomorphological models

Karst Dynamics

Network cartography beyond physiological limitations.

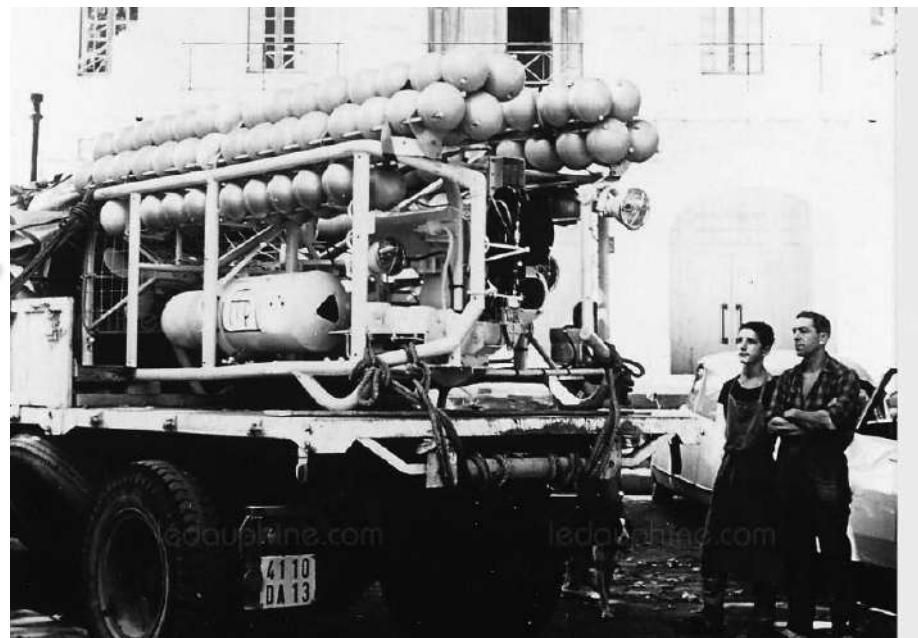
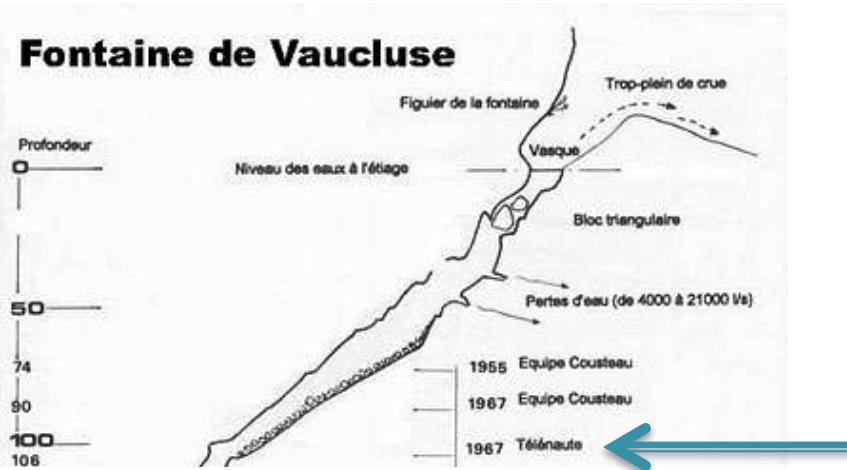
Seasonal measurements and Reproducible protocols.

Environment Instrumentation, specific marker drop.



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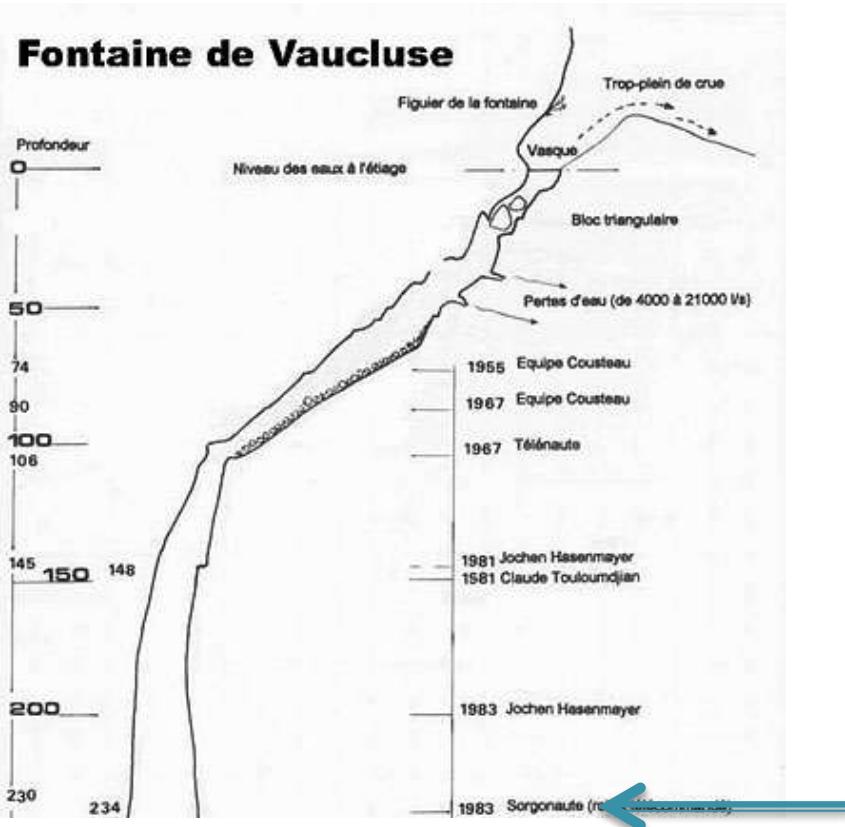
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1967, Télénaut (Cdt Cousteau)
106m

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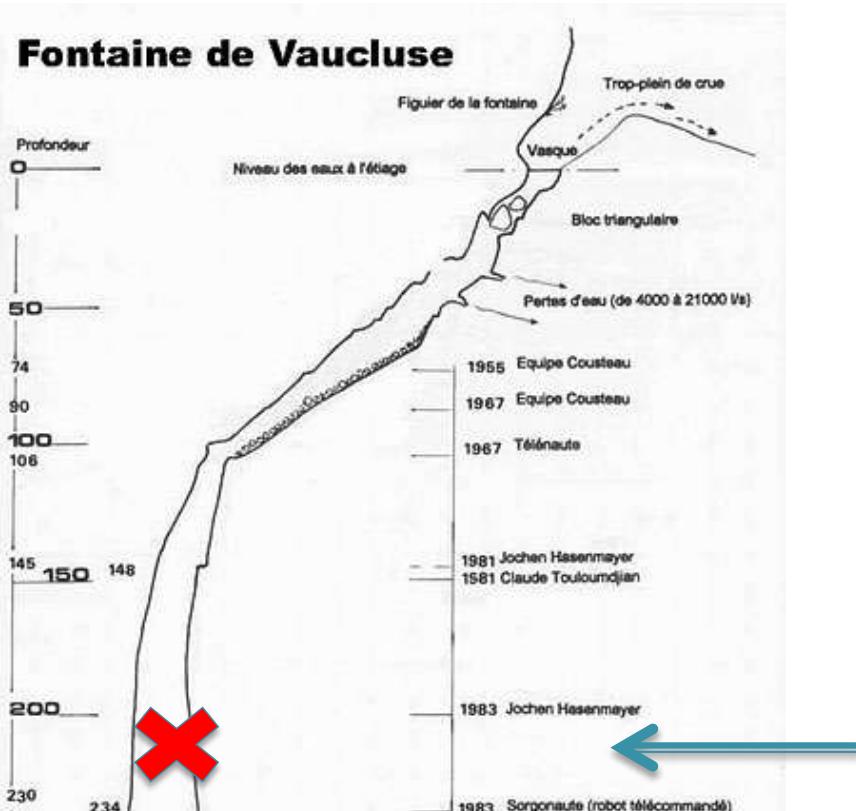
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1983, Sorgounote (Renault)
243m
(stopped by cable length)

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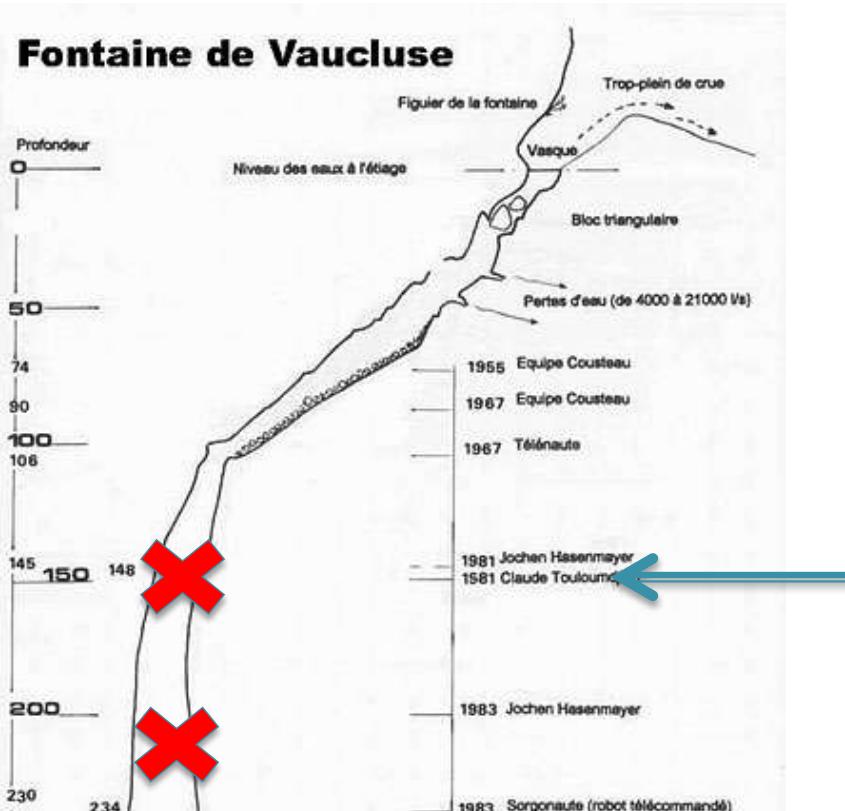
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1984, Sorgonaute II (Renault)
Lost at 233m
(Trapped in a remaining lifeline)

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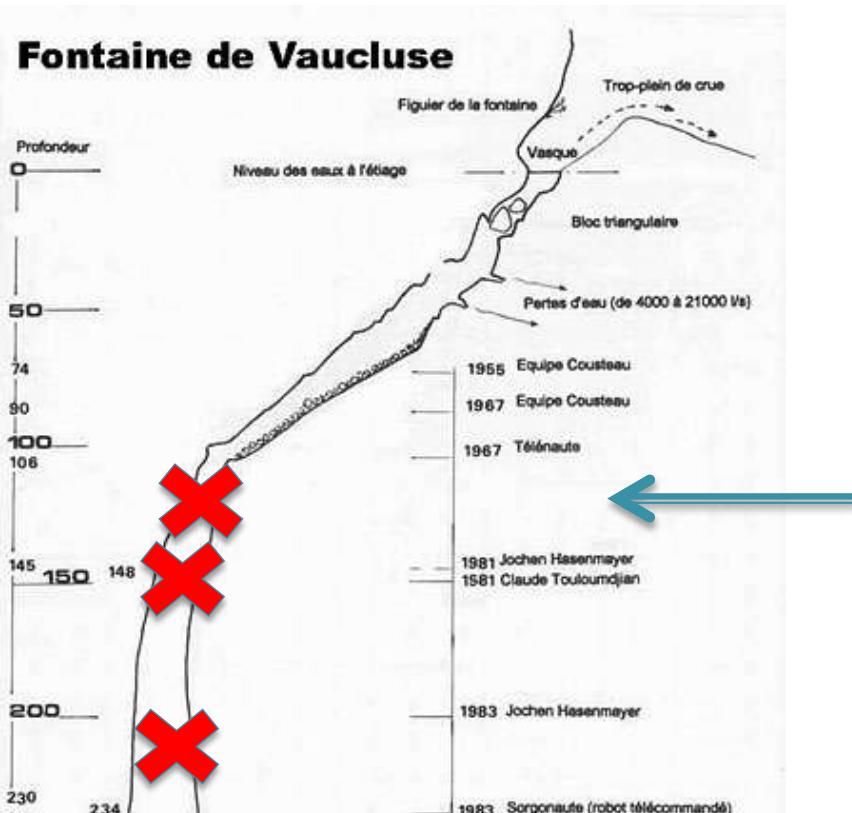
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1986, Sorgonaute III (Renault)
Lost at 150m
(Trapped in the cable of Sorgonaute II)

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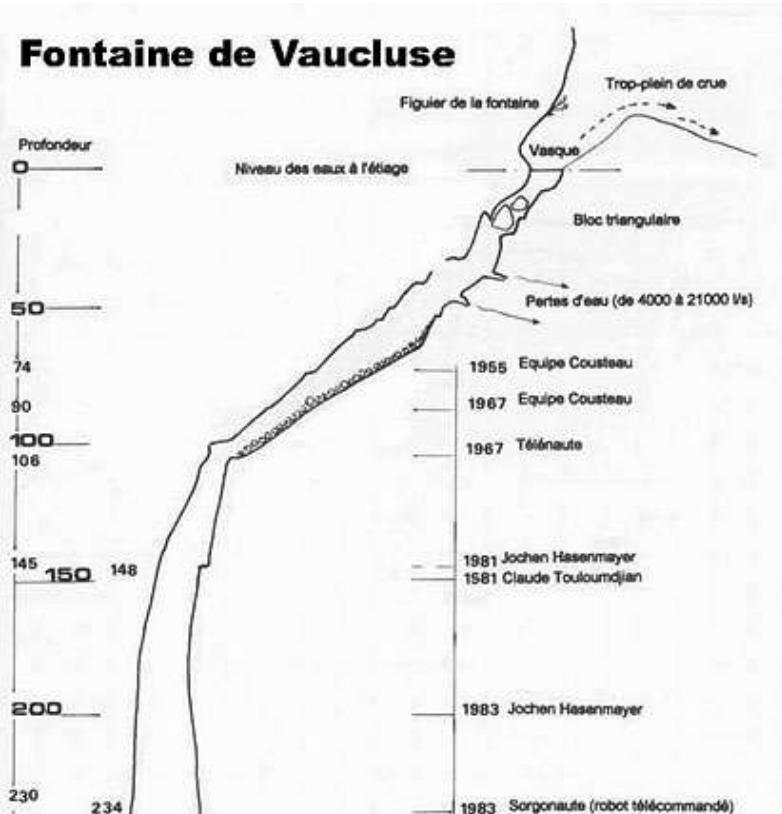
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1983, Sorgounote IV (Renault)
Failure
(Unable to recover SI and SII)

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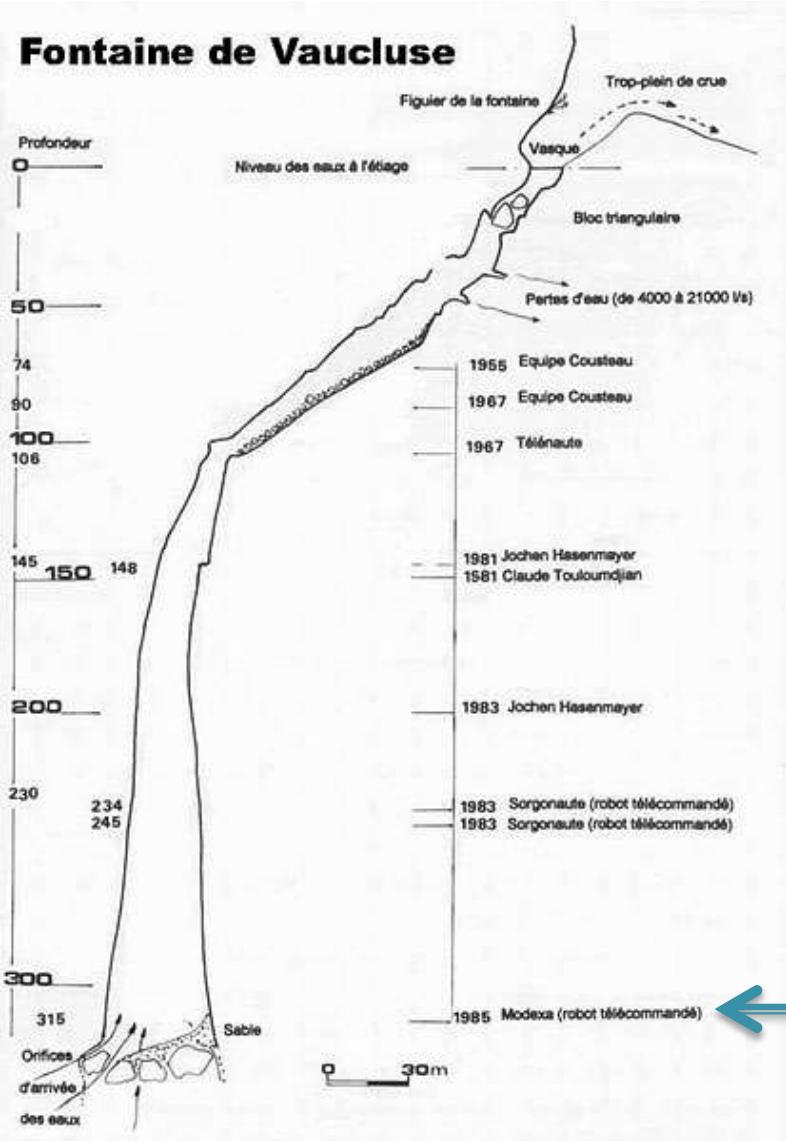
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1984, The chasm was cleared by divers

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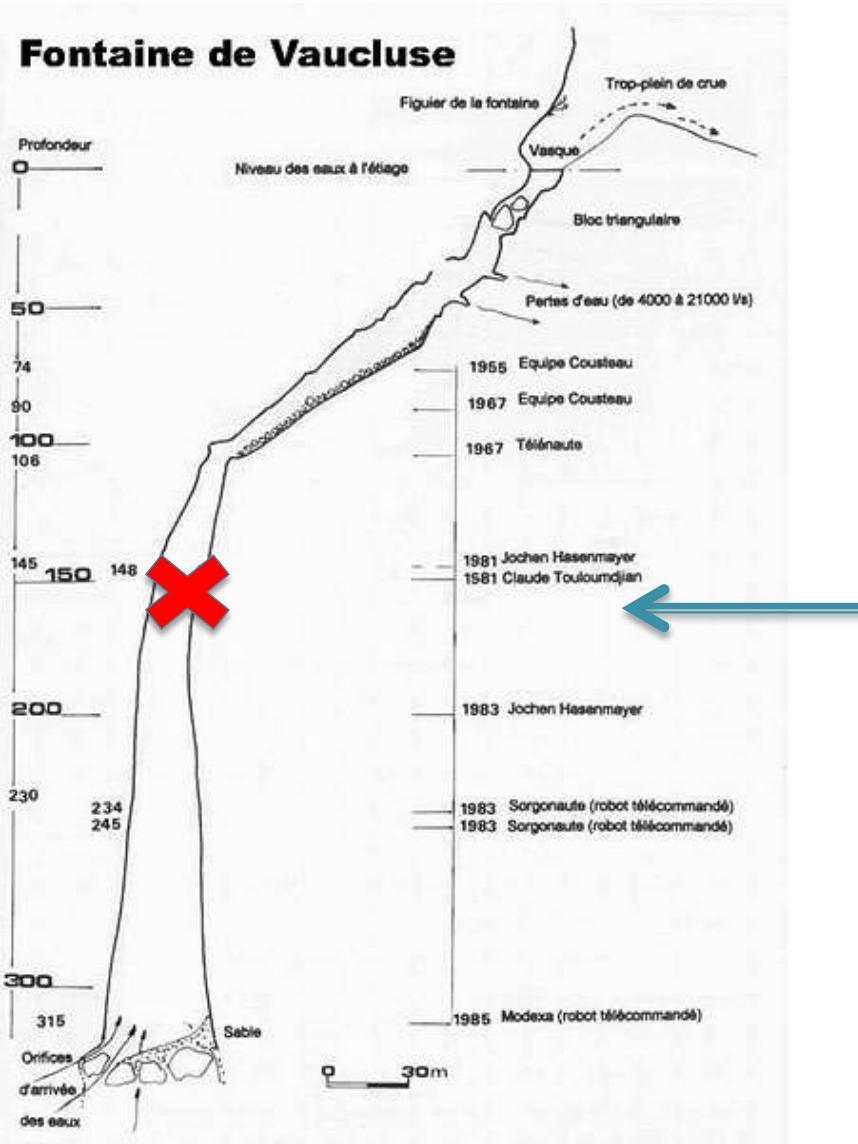


1989, Spéléonaute (S.S.F.V.)
Touch-down : 315m

1985, Modexa (M.I.C), Touch-down : 315m

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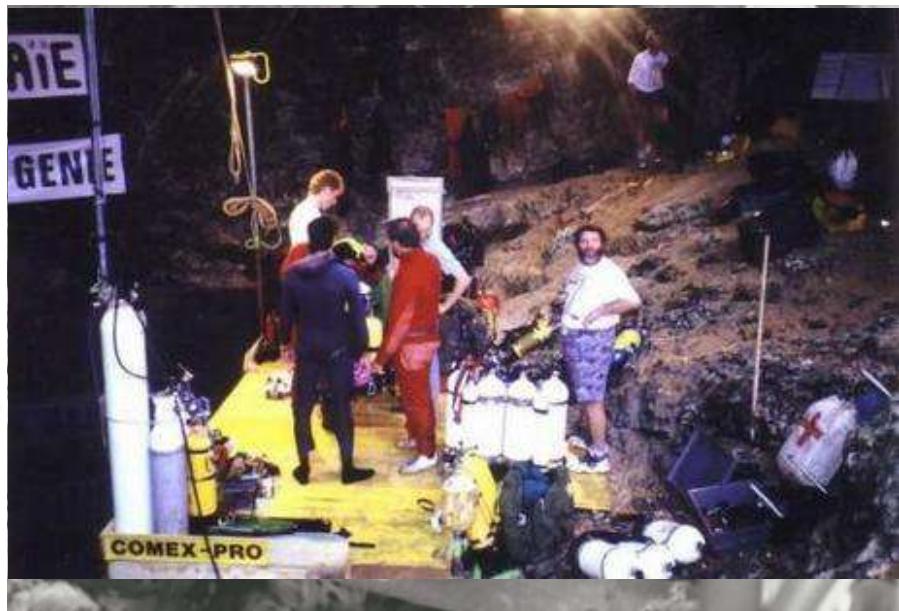
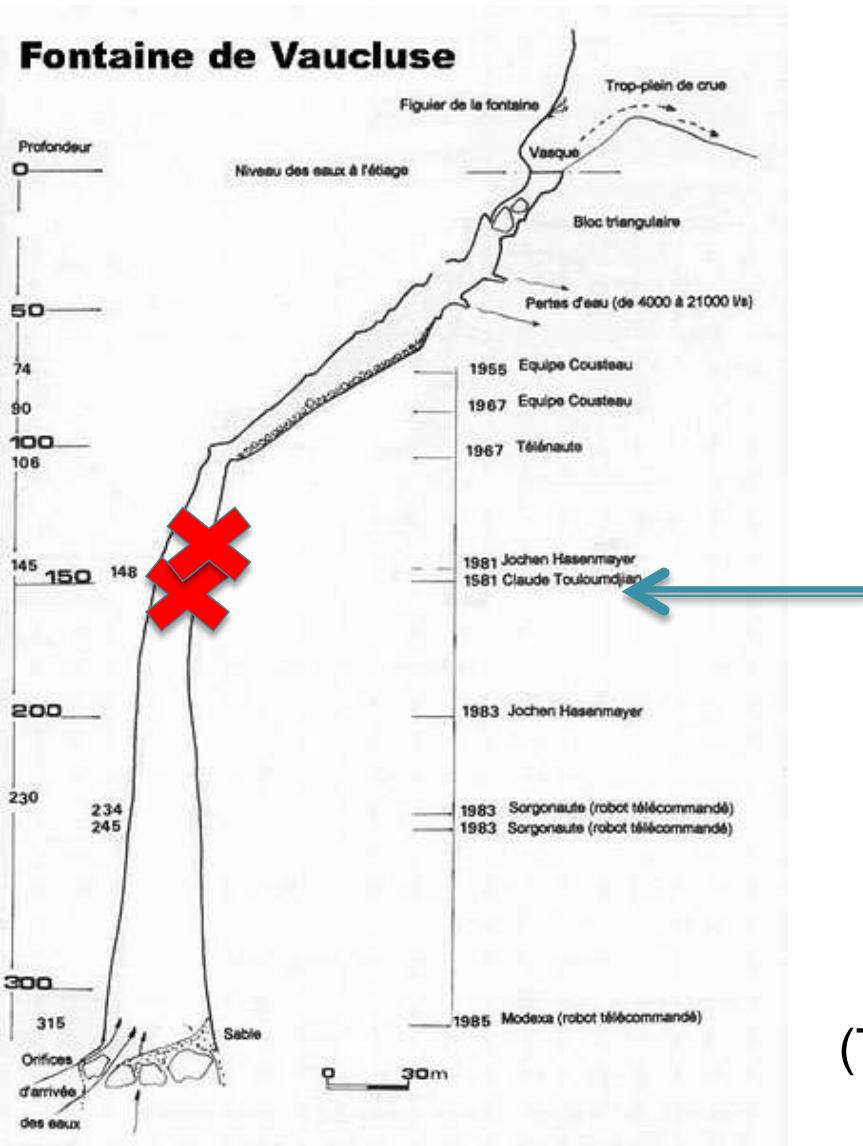
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1996, Spéléautre III (S.S.F.V.)
Lost at 164m
(Trapped in a remaining lifeline)

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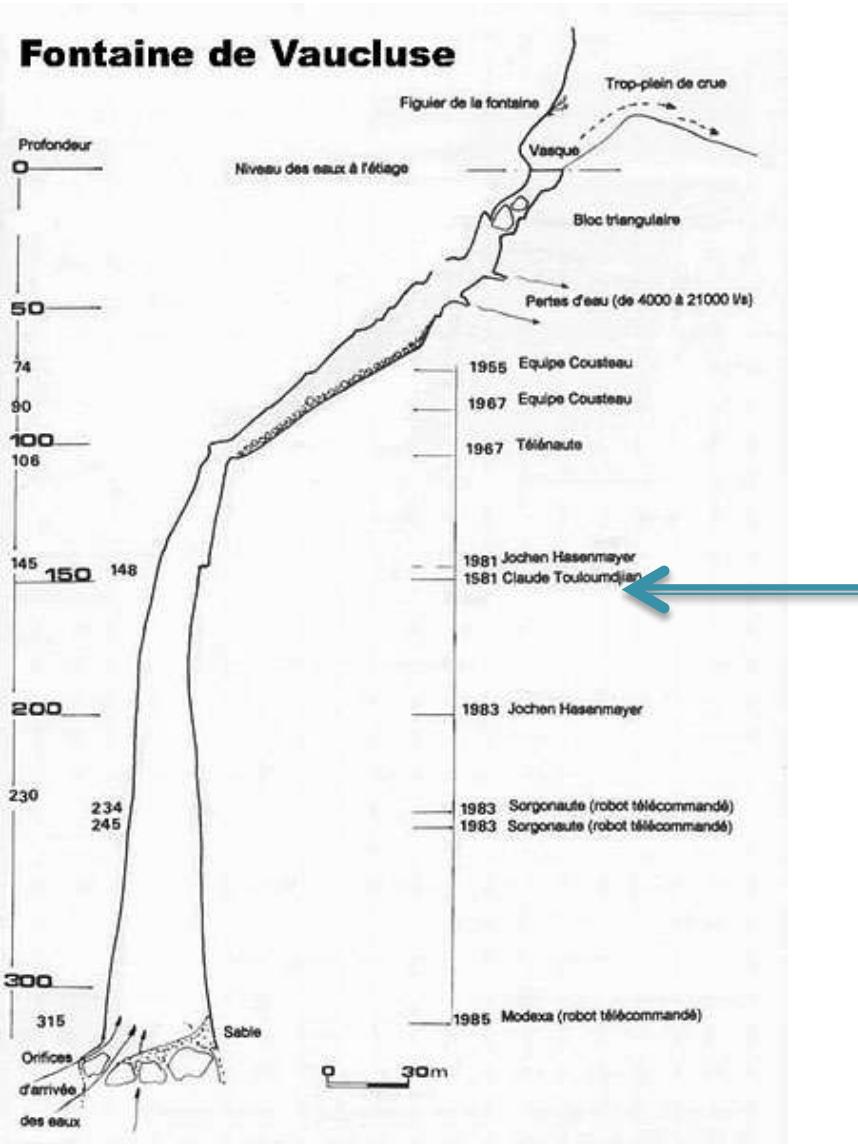
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1996, ROV COMEX
Lost at 164m
(Trapped in the cable of Spéléonaute III)

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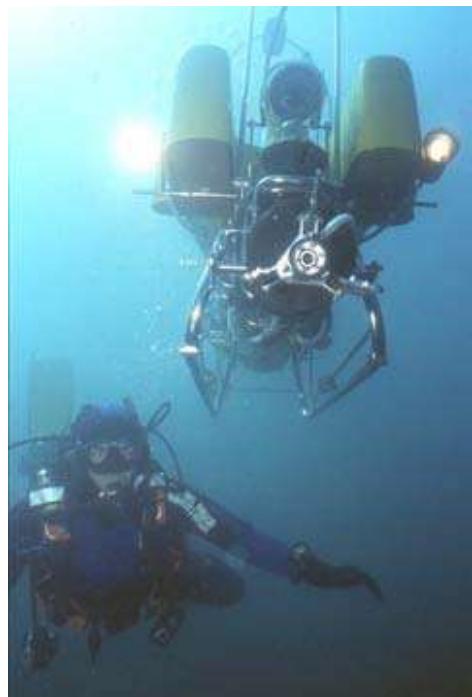
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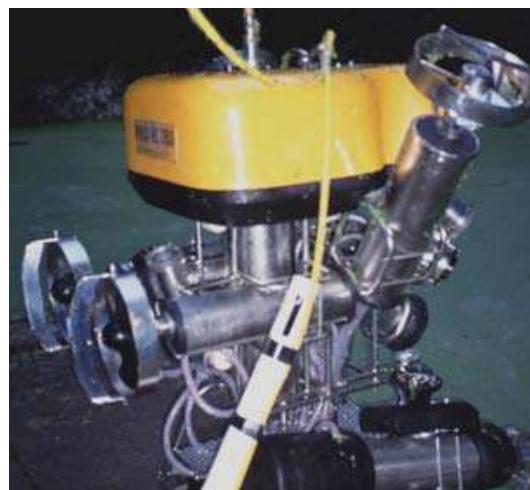
○ Exploration of the Pozzo Del Merro (Italy)



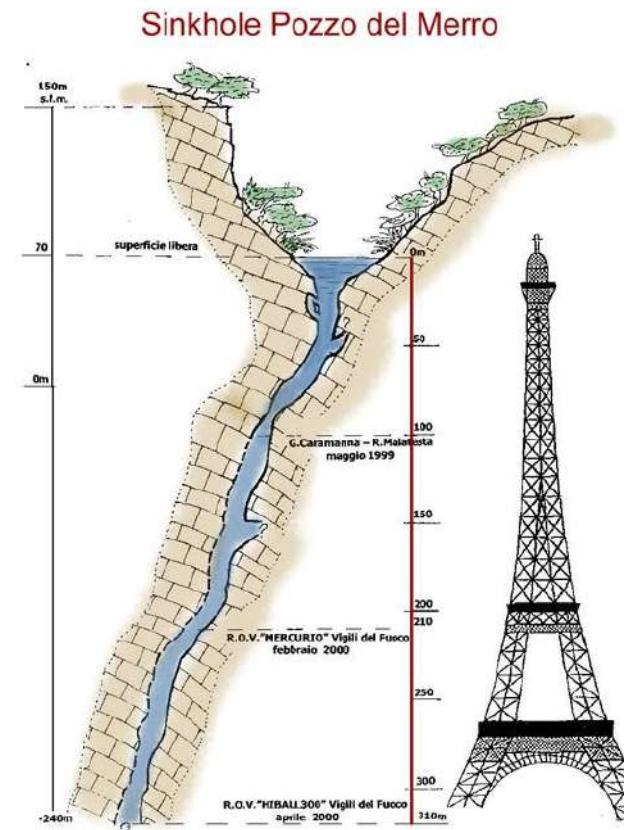
2000, Mercury, 210m



2001, Hyball, 310m

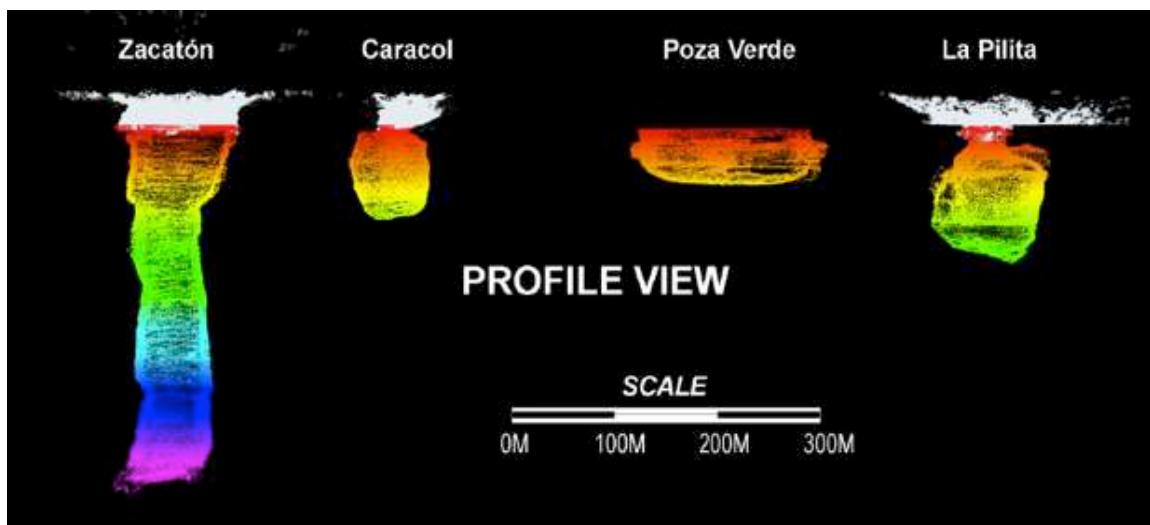
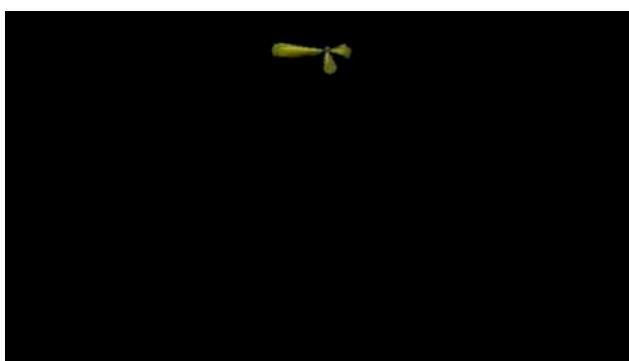
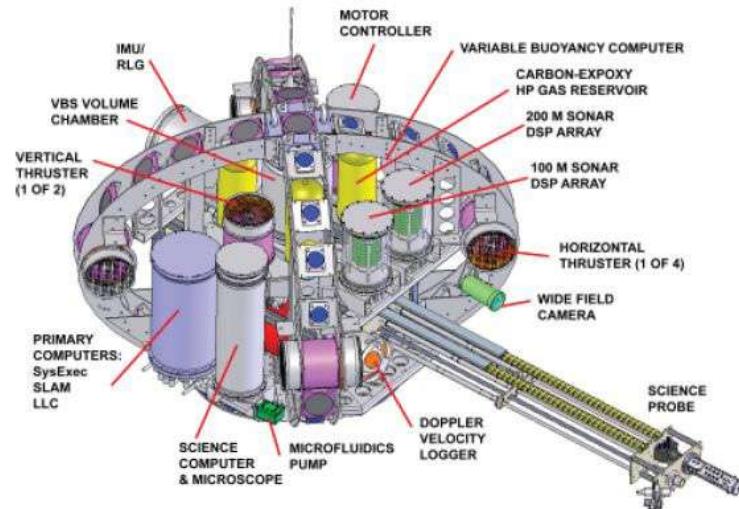


2002, Prometheus, 392m



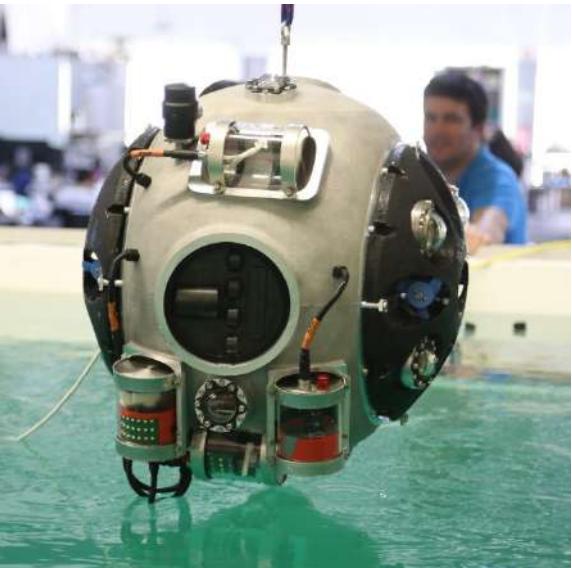
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○ DepthX (DEep Phreatic THermal eXplorer)



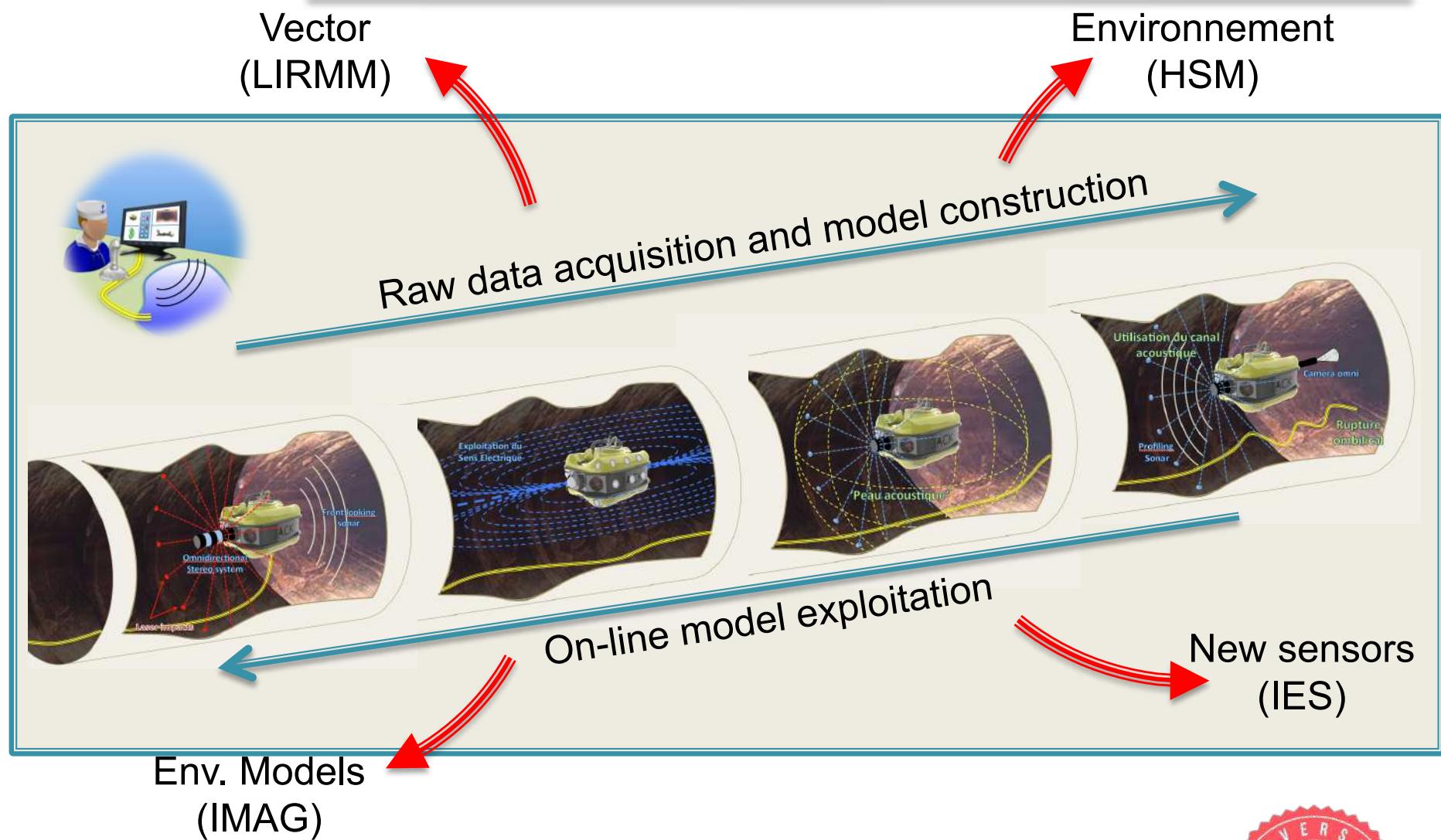
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- Unexmin (UX-1 : AUV explorer for flooded mines)



- Water sampler
- Conductivity and pH measuring units
- Sub-bottom profiler
- Magnetic field measuring unit
- UV and SLS imaging units
- Multispectral camera
- Acoustic cameras
- Laser scanners
- Thrusters
- SONARs
- Pendulum and buoyancy control system
- Rechargeable batteries
- Protective pressure hull

RKE : GLOBAL PRINCIPLES



THE RKE INITIATIVE : THE CHALLENGES

- New Sensors Development

- Acoustic Skin
- Active Umbilical

- Navigation

- Glob. Nav. System
- n-D Acoustic SLAM
- Vacancy Evidence Grids

- Guidance

- Autonomous Centring
- Autonomous Targeting
- Env. Models inclusion

- Control

- Robustness
- Co-control
- Open-loop stability

- Actuation

- Reactive redundant A.S.
- Variable Geometry A.S.

- Software Architecture

- Management of sensors recruitment (acc. jamming)
- Adaptive Autonomy
- Dependability & GoP

- Models

- Multi-modality & Scalability
- Uncertainty Consideration

- Technology

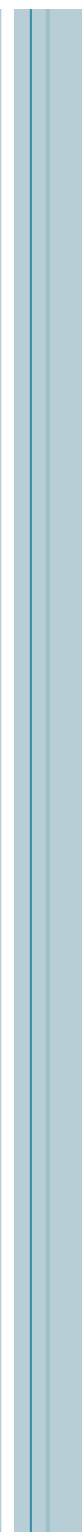
- Active Truncanner, NRJ opt.

- Economic

- Evangelization of a Blue Ocean



FORCES AT WORK



THE RKE INITIATIVE : FORCES AT WORK

F. Augereau (IES)
D. Laux (IES)
M. Alarab (Thèse)

○ New Sensors Development

- Acoustic Skin

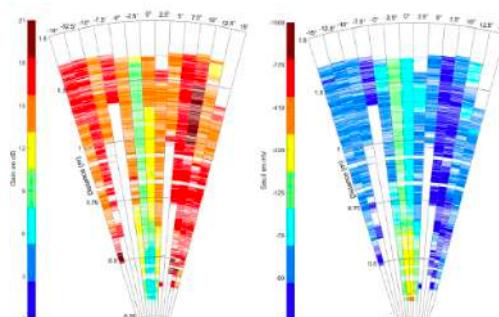
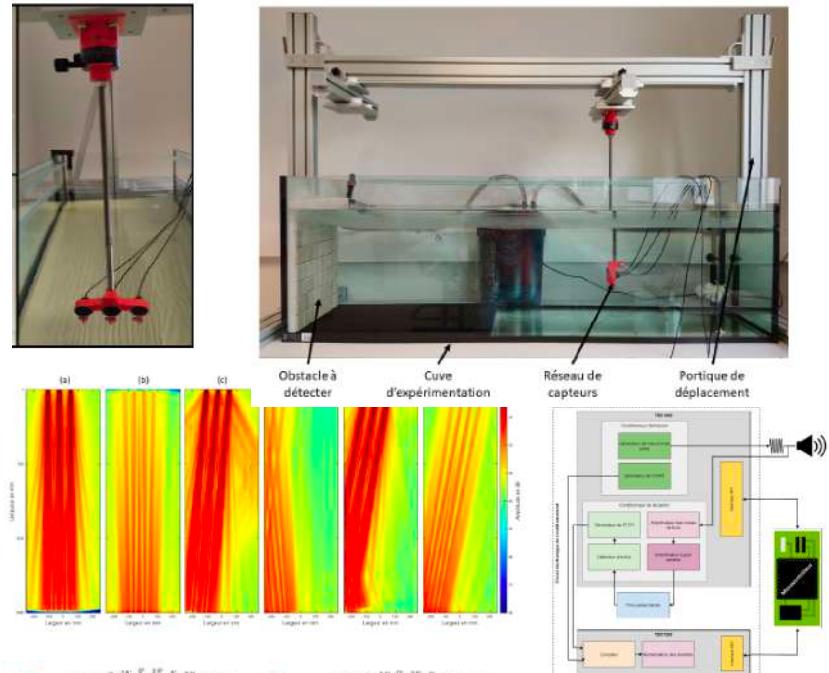
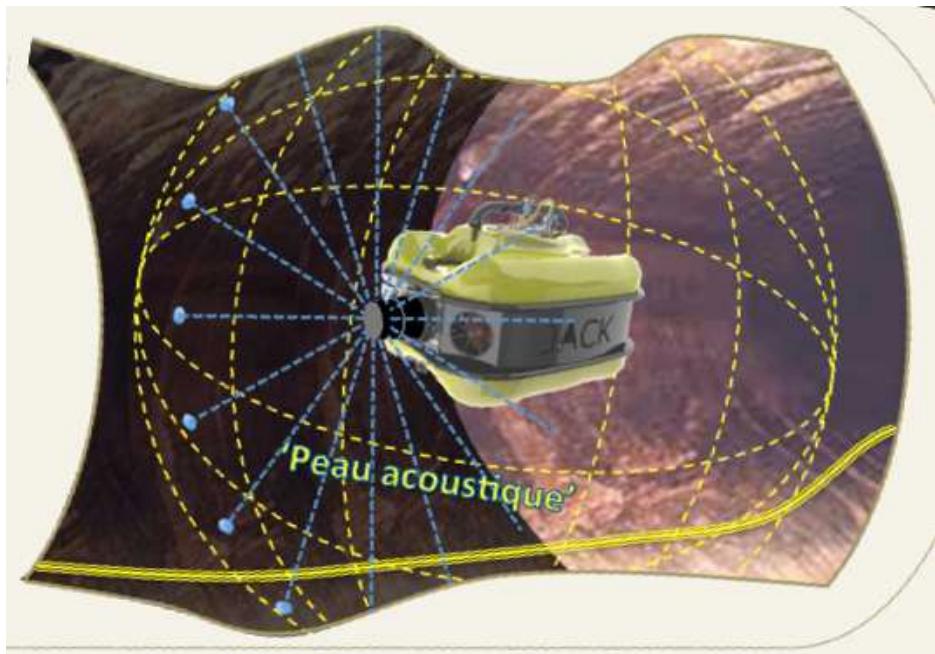
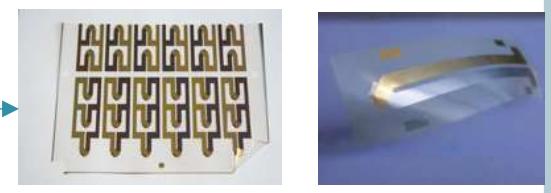


FIGURE 5.12 – Variation du gain (à gauche) et du seuil (à droite) de détection en fonction de la distance de détection et l'angle d'incidence. configuration : 3 transducteurs émetteurs espacés de 5 cm, réflexion contre le paroi de aquarium en verre. Représentation des variations sur le transducteur central.

Stimulation Protocol

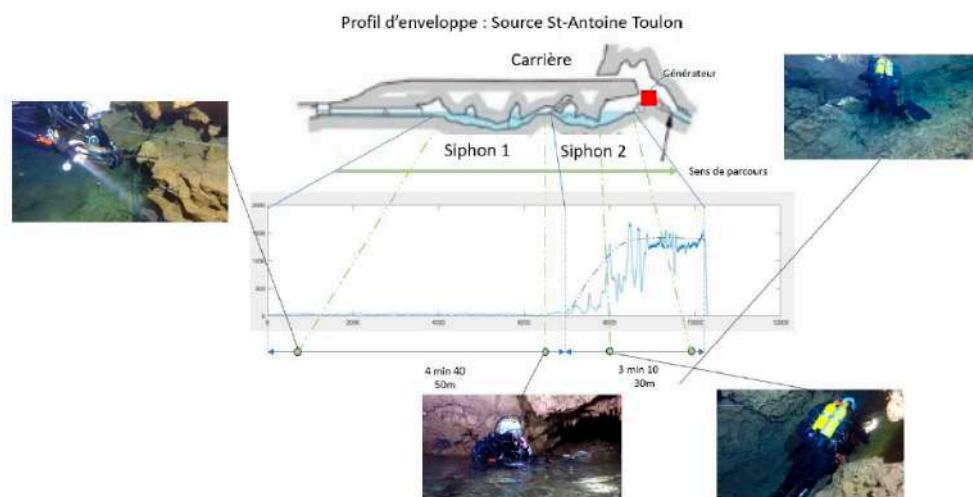
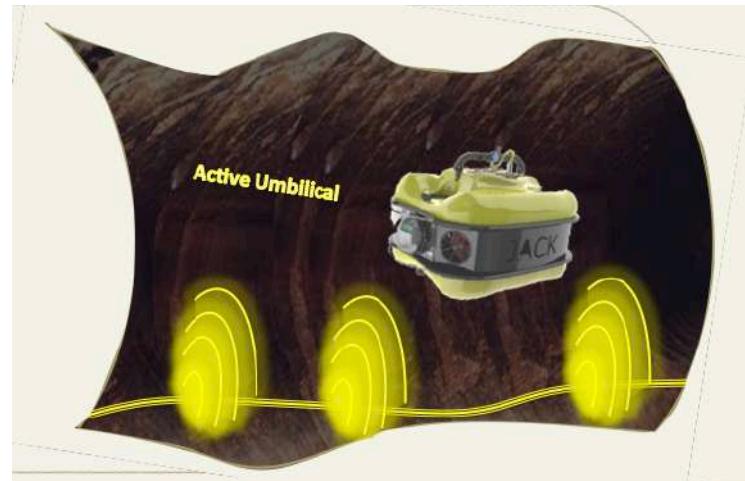
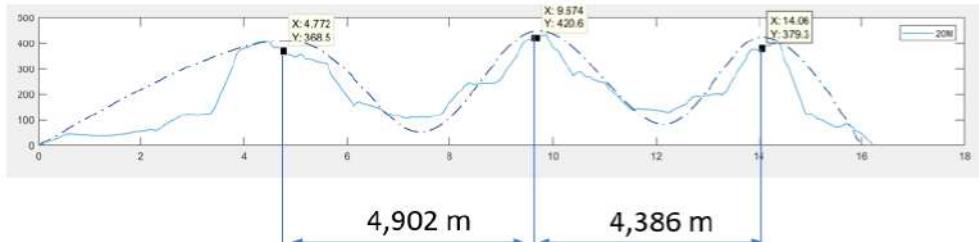


Time of Arrival Sensor (piezotech)

○ New Sensors Development

- Active Umbilical (localisation and communication)

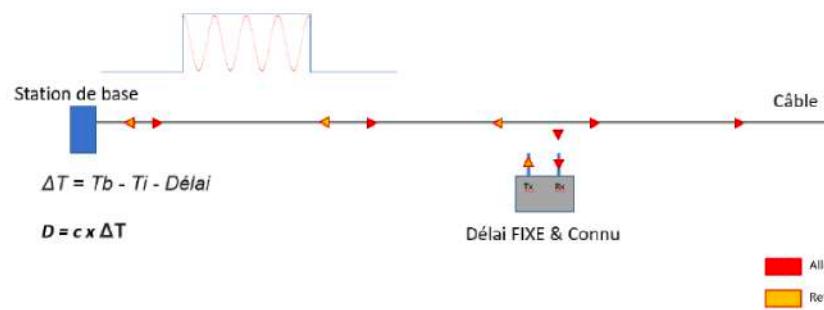
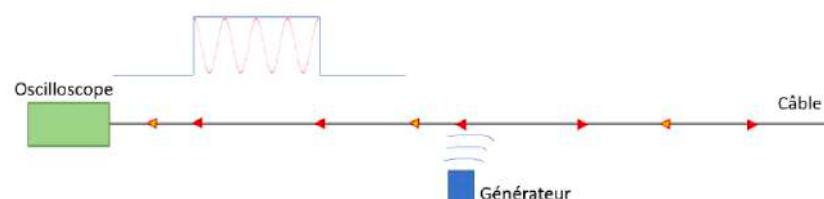
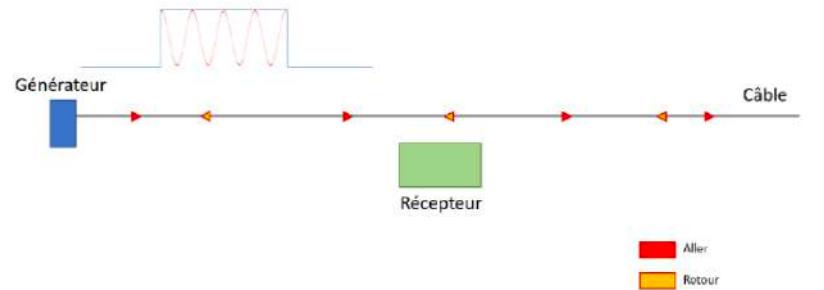
- Détection of Stationnary waves in single wire (fil d'ariane)



Experimentation in the St Antoine spring (Toulon)

○ New Sensors Development

- Active Umbilical (localisation and communication)
 - Détection of Stationnary waves in single wire (fil d'ariane)
 - Communication/localisation with Burst / Ping



amperometric clamp
(pinces ampèremétriques)

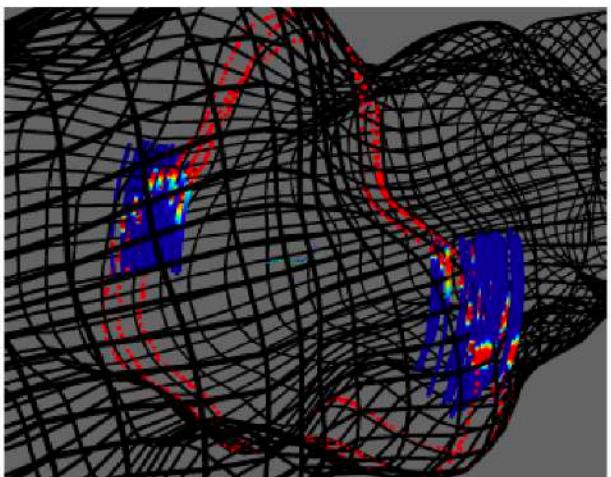
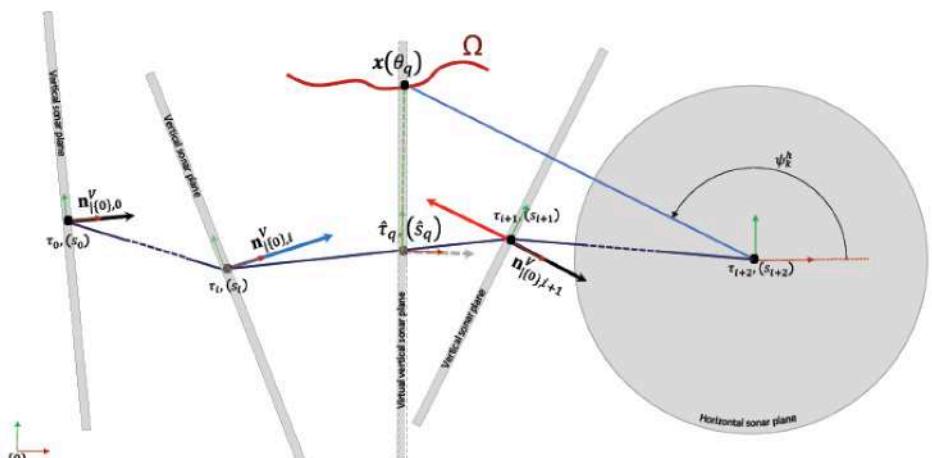
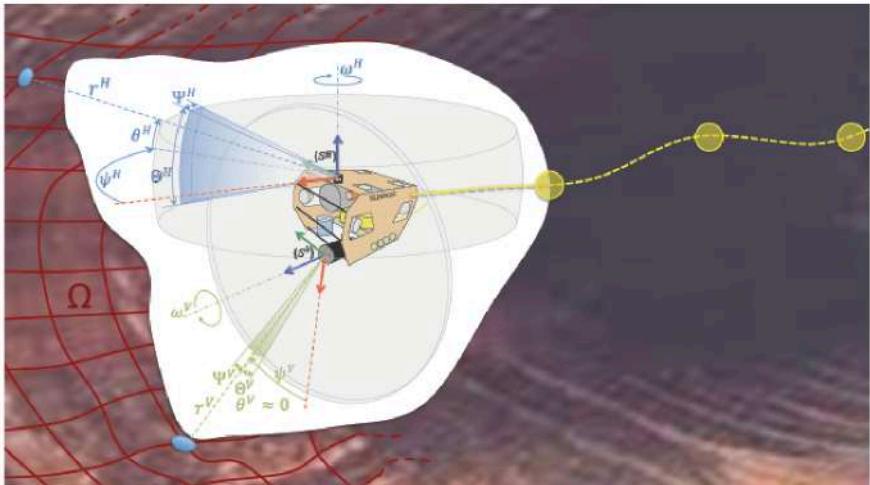


THE RKE INITIATIVE : FORCES AT WORK

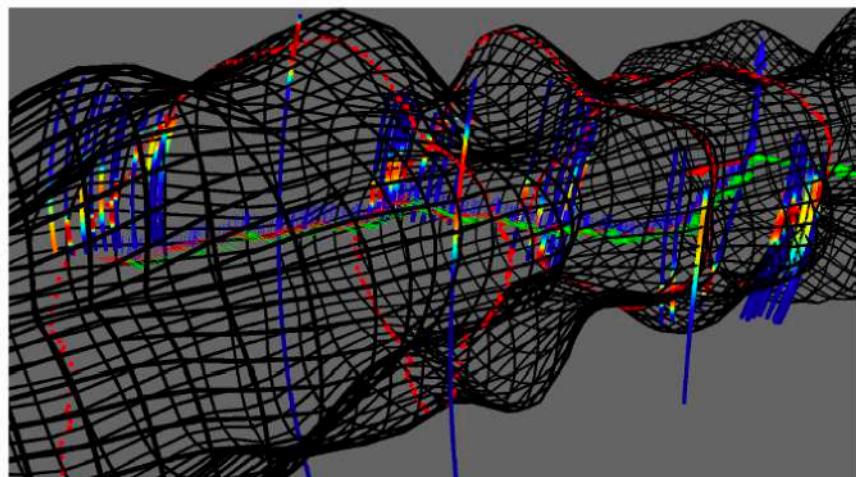
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○ Navigation

- 3D Acoustic SLAM (1) : Estimation of the elevation angle of the large angle vertical profiling sonar.



(a) Dense case.



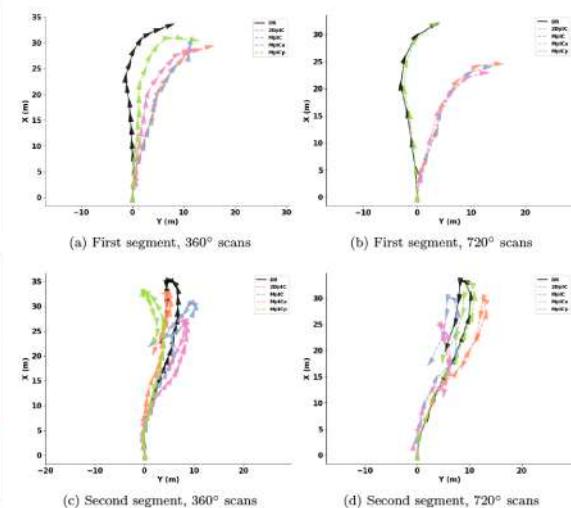
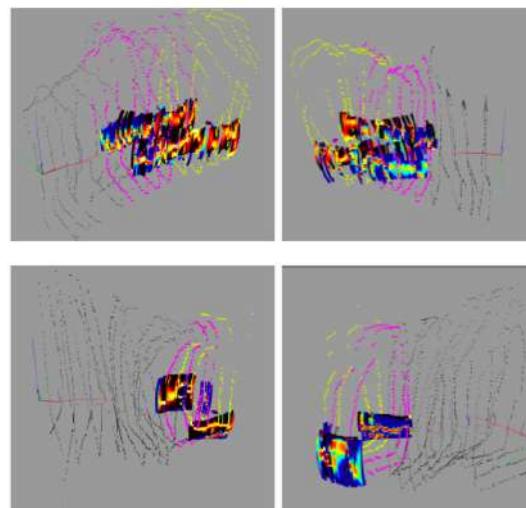
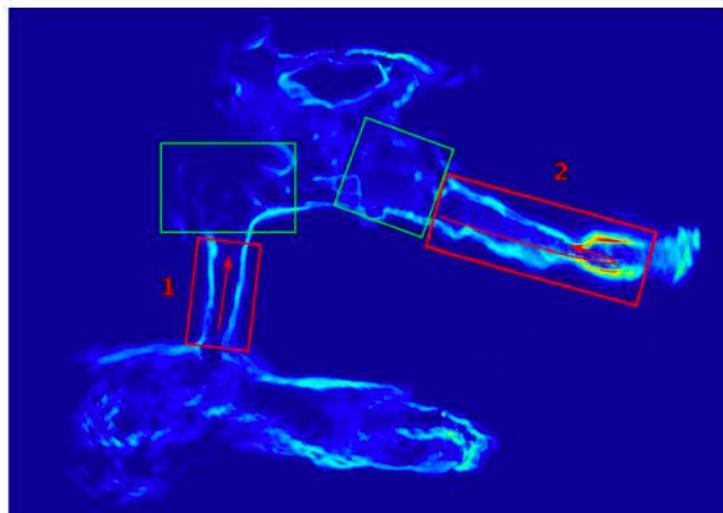
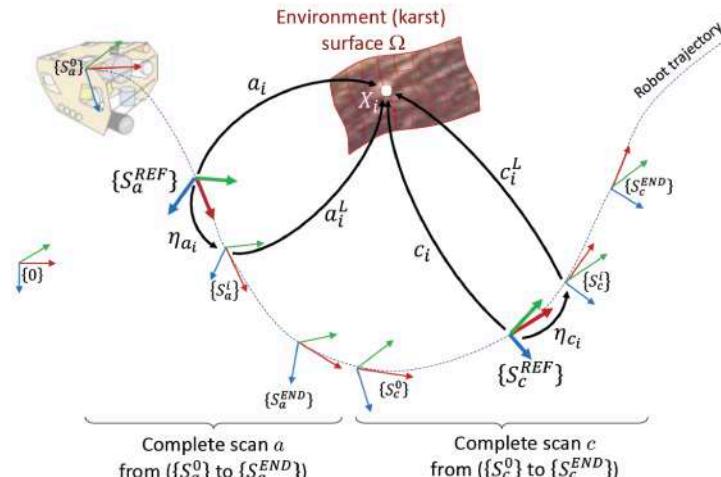
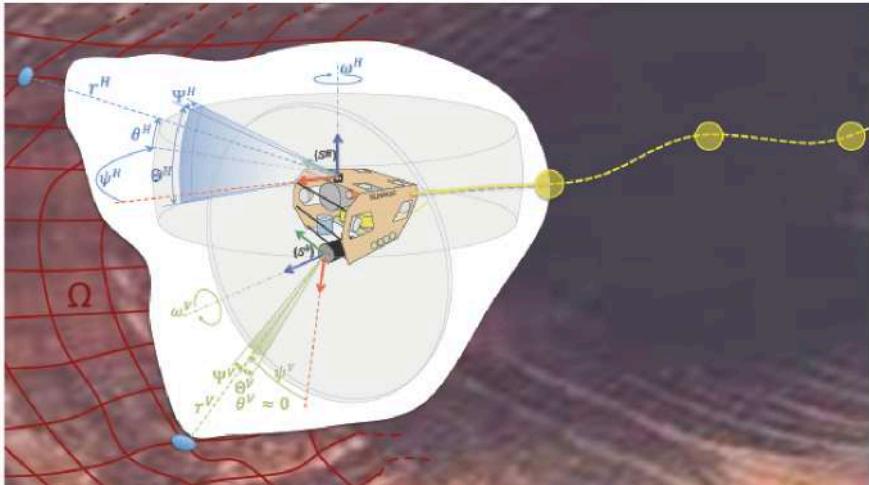
(c) Sparse case.

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A. Mas (IMAG)
L. Lapierre (LIRMM)

○ Navigation

- 3D Acoustic SLAM (2) : Scan Matching (point to point and point to plane).



- Acoustic SLAM (3) : Graph SLAM and loop closure detection...

THE RKE INITIATIVE : FORCES AT WORK

L. Lapierre (LIRMM)
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○ Navigation

- Vacancy Evidence Grids
- Advance vector

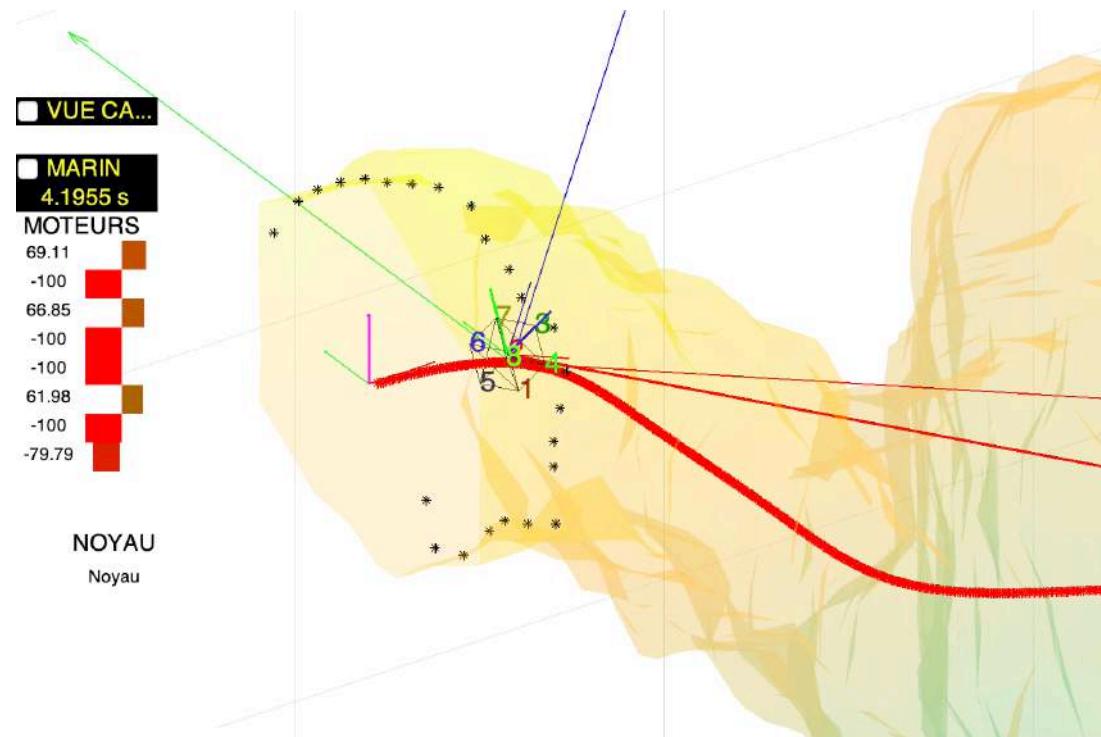
○ Local Path-planning

○ Guidance

- Autonomous Centring
- Path Following
- Obstacle Avoidance

○ Control

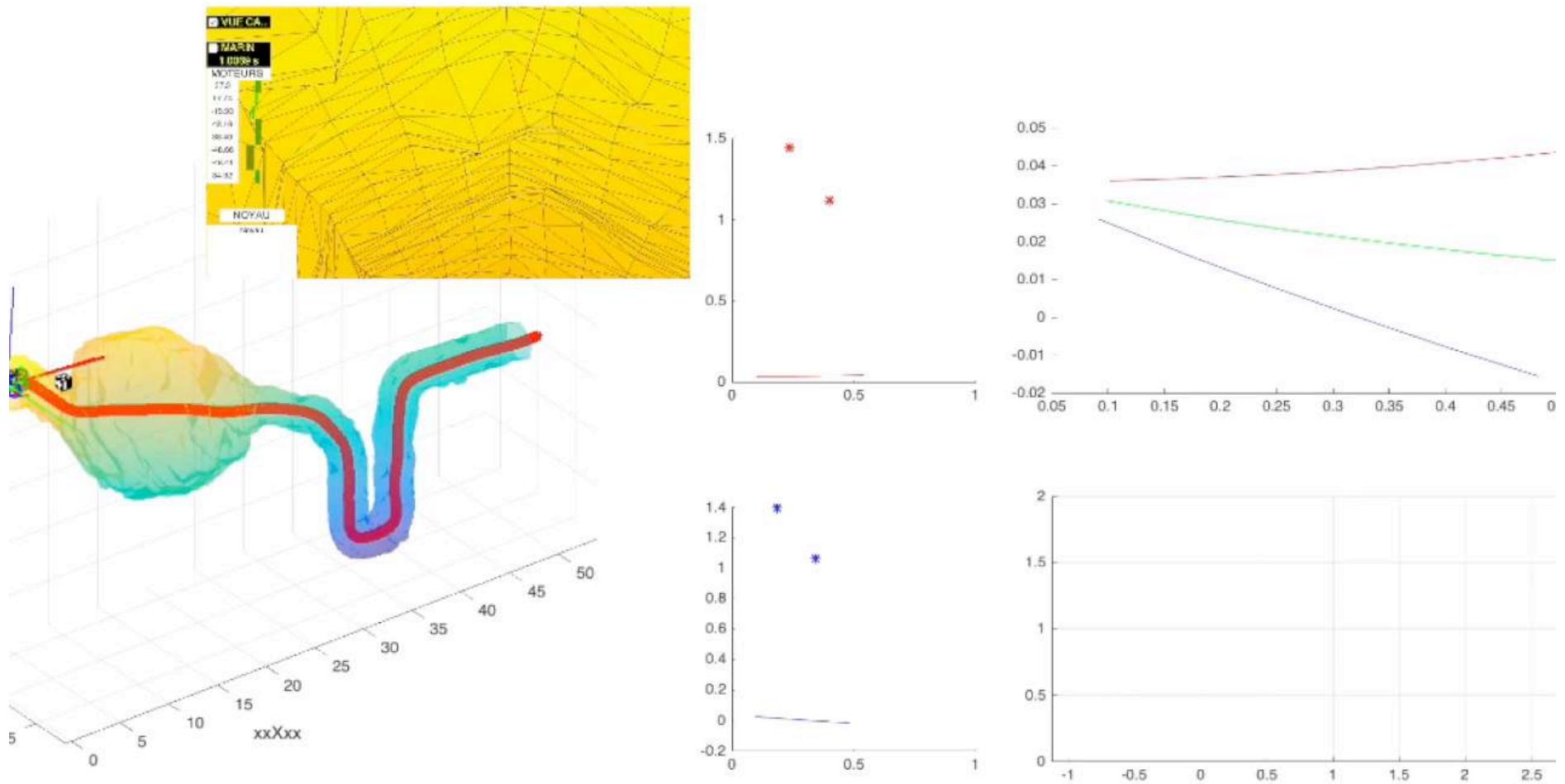
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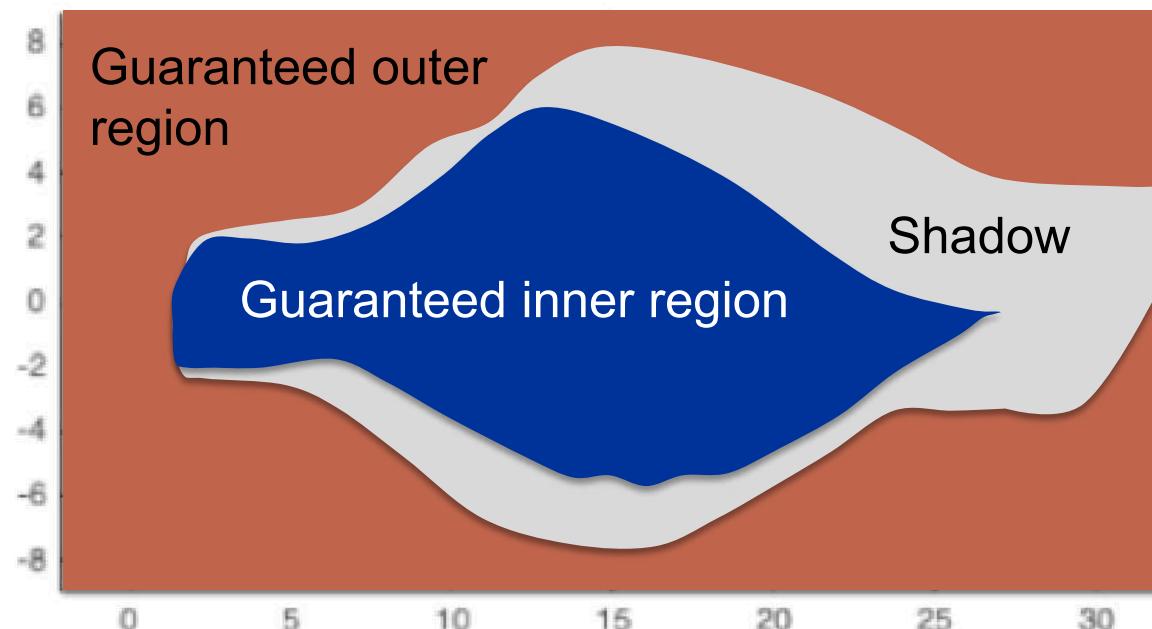
- Cartographie garantie, analyse par intervalles

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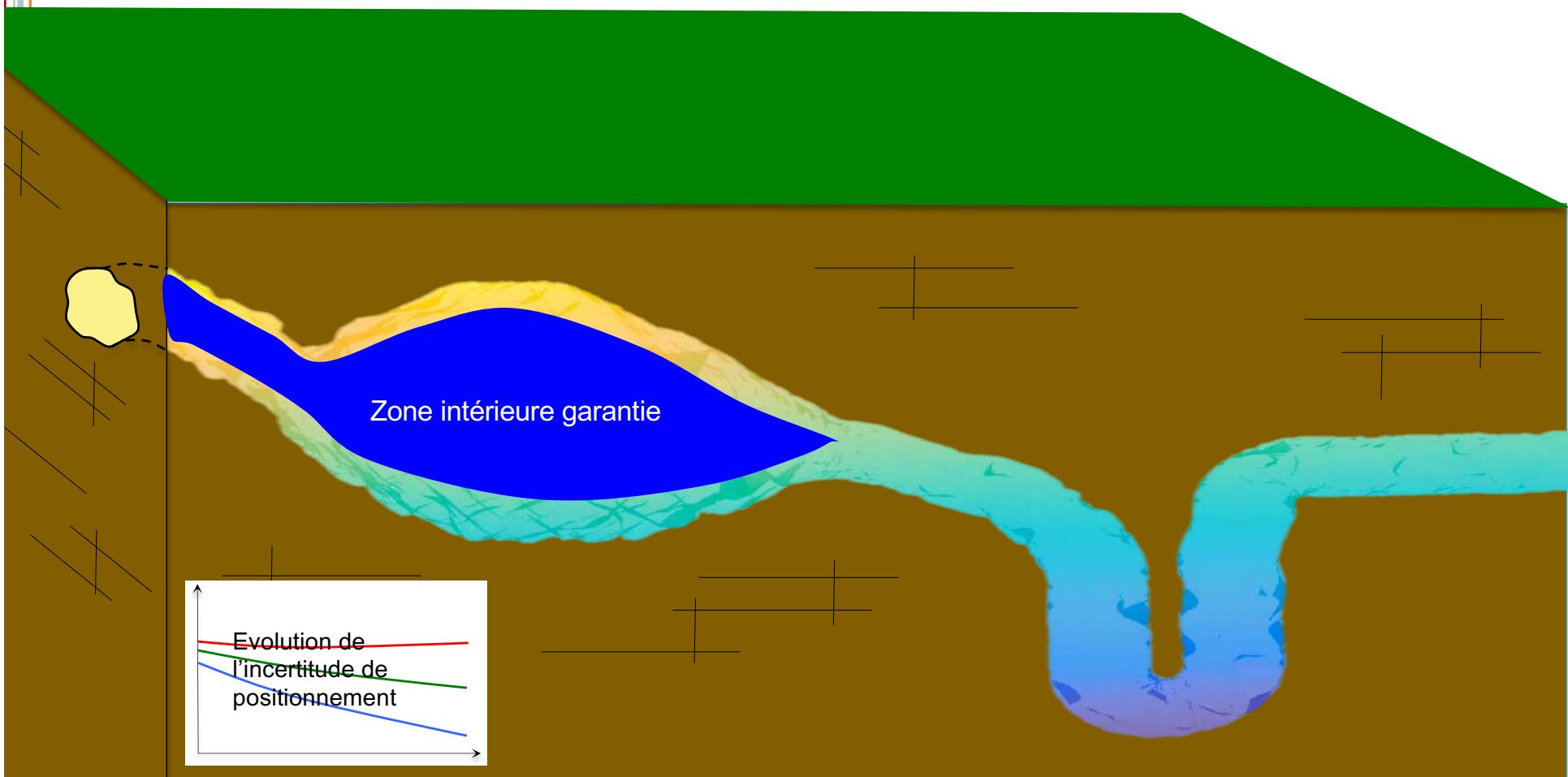
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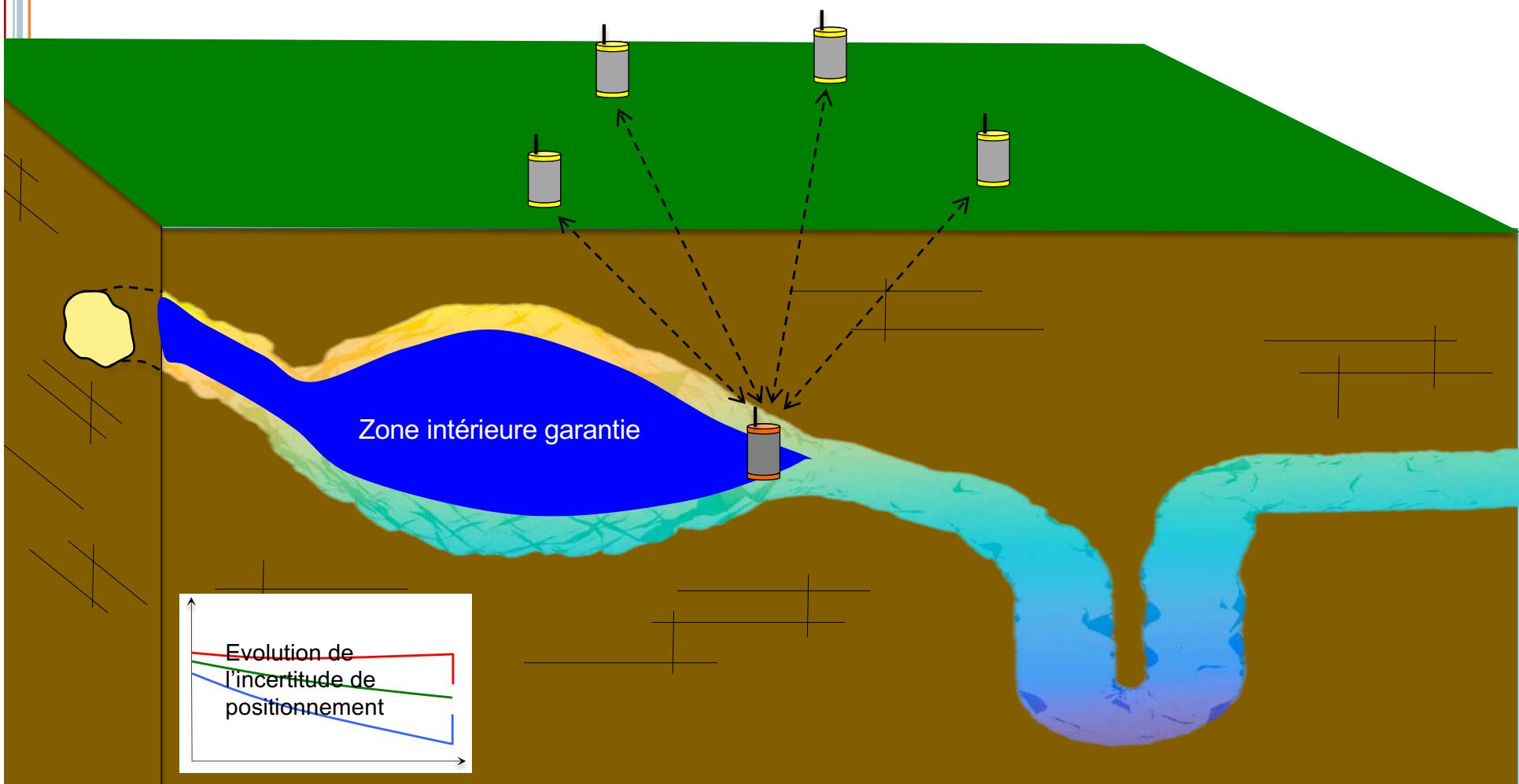
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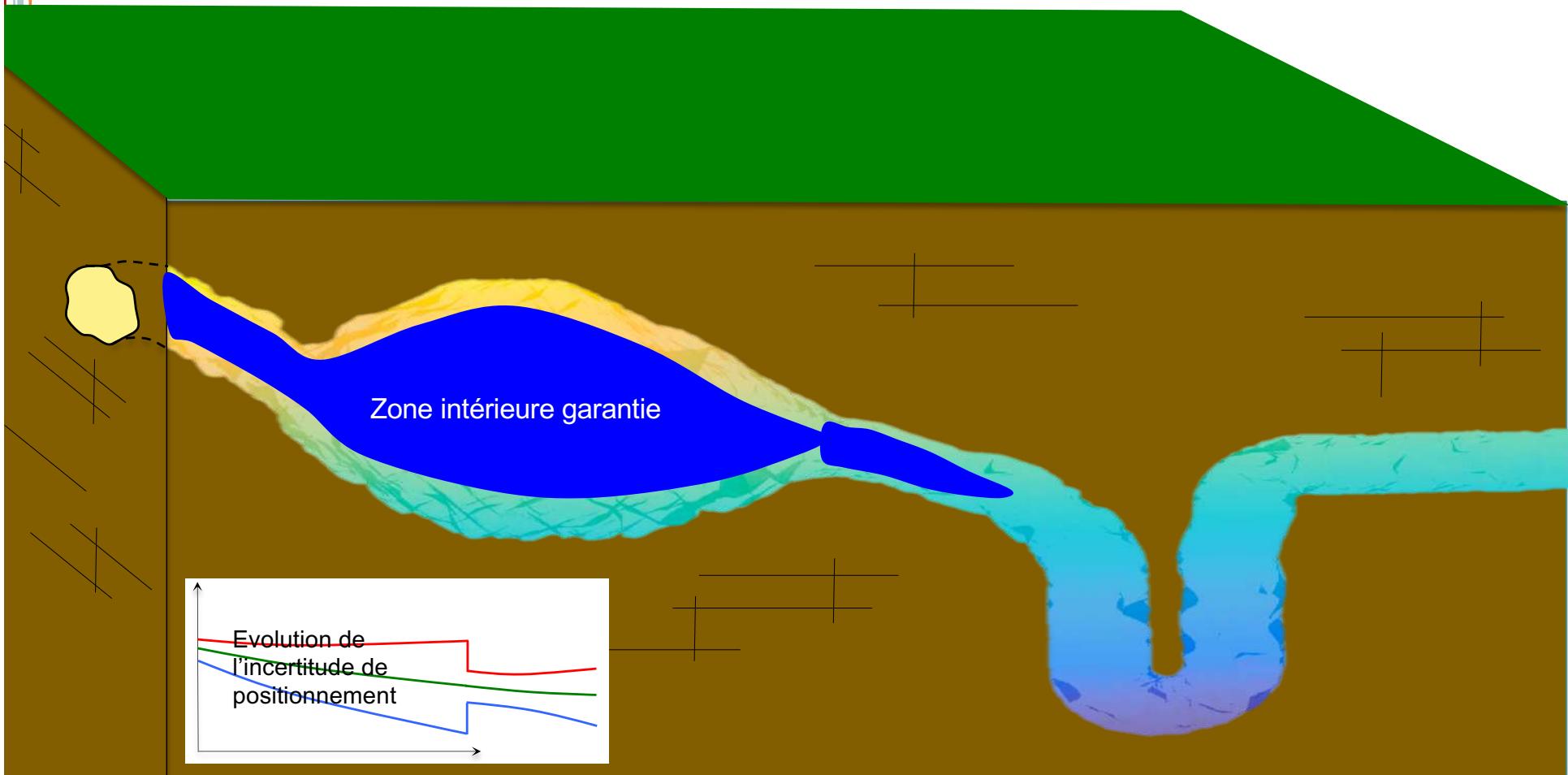
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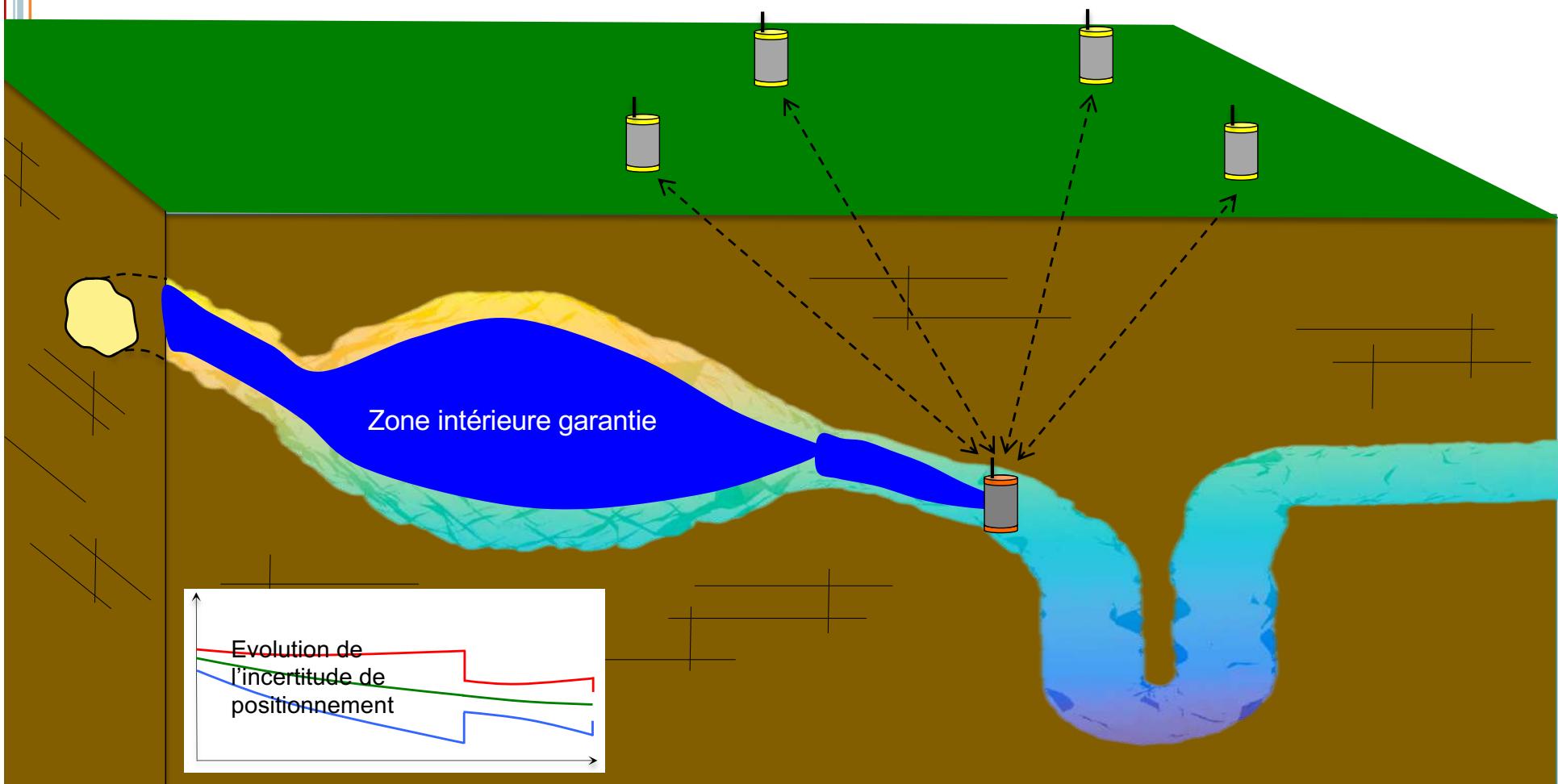
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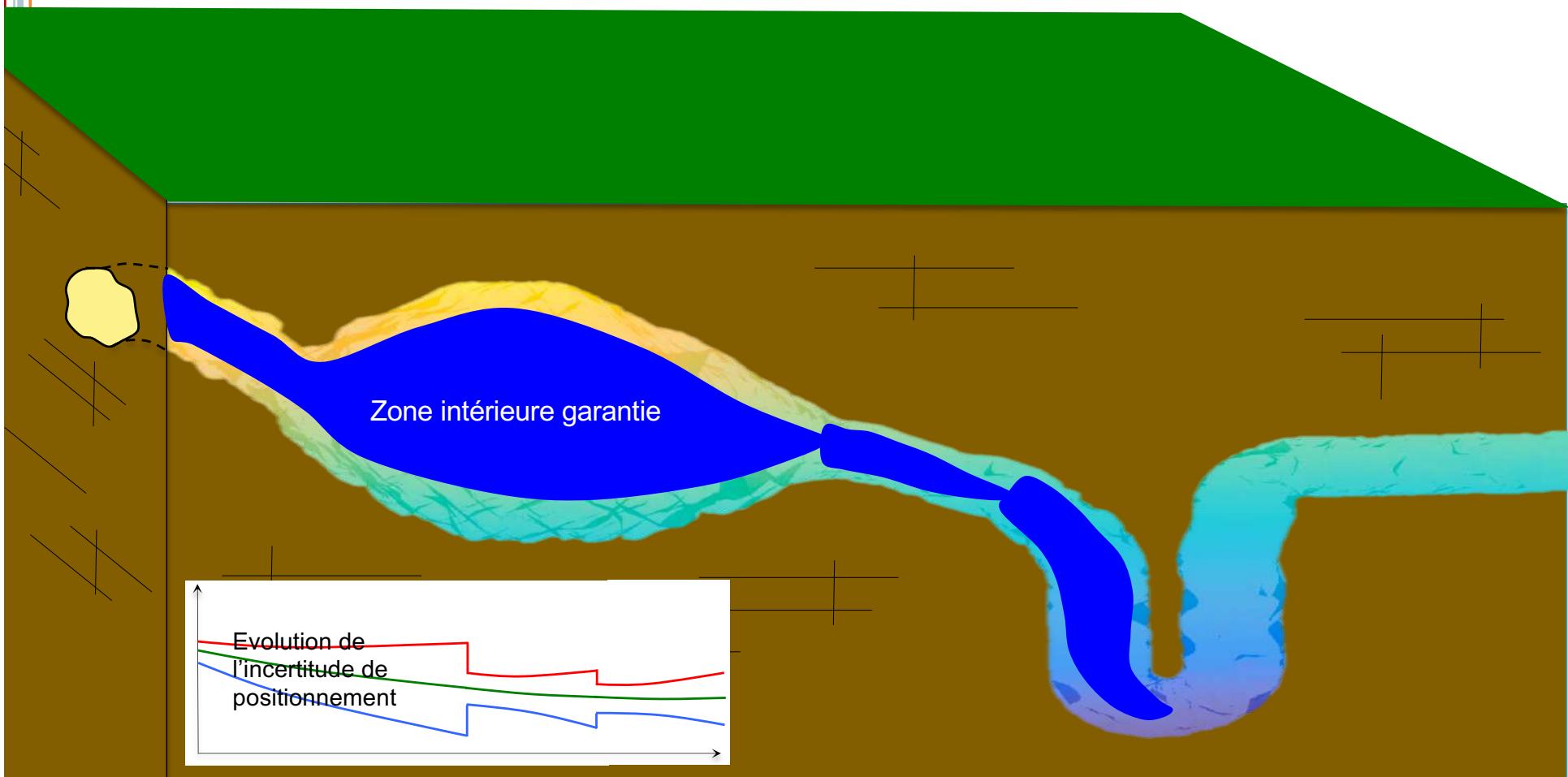
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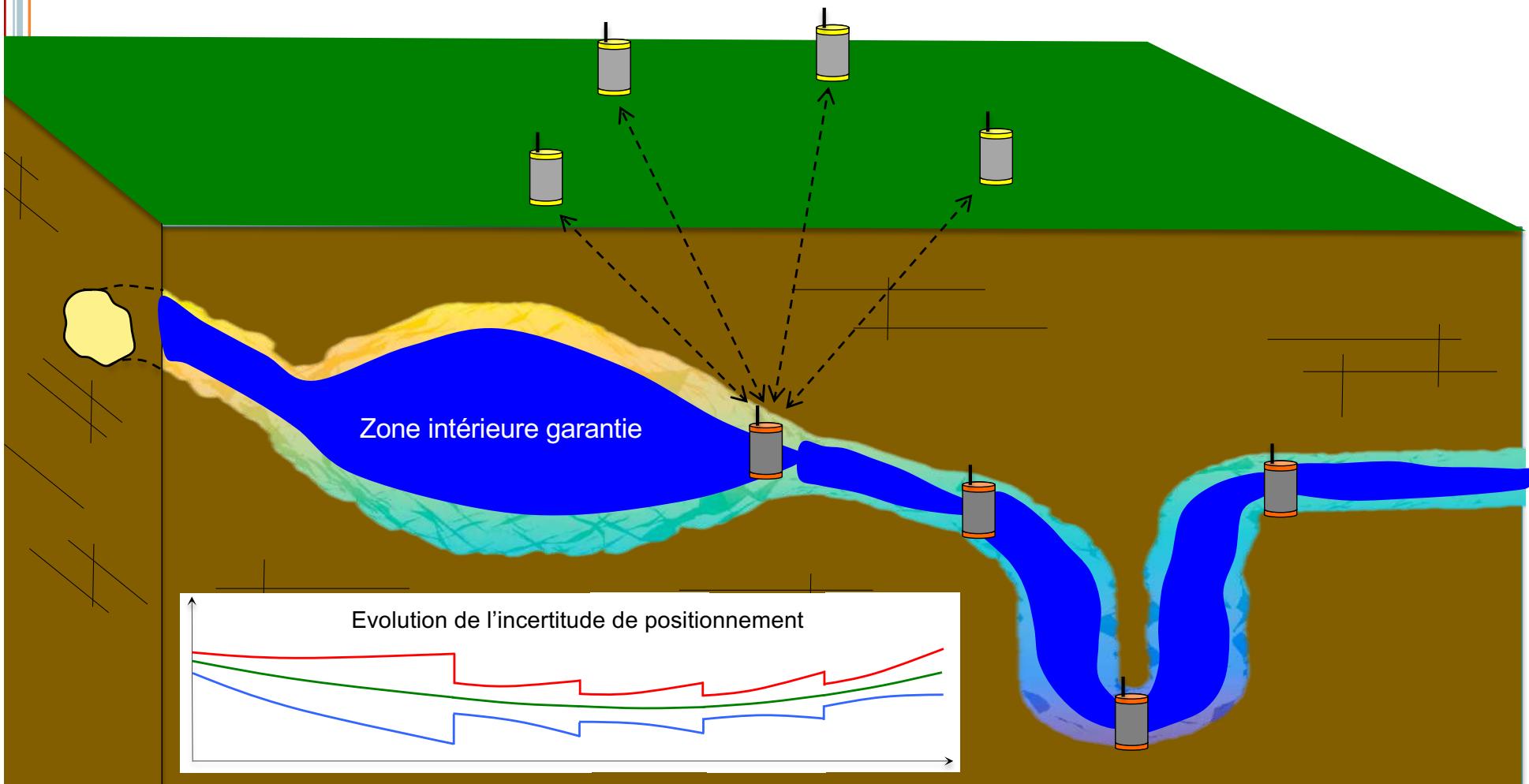
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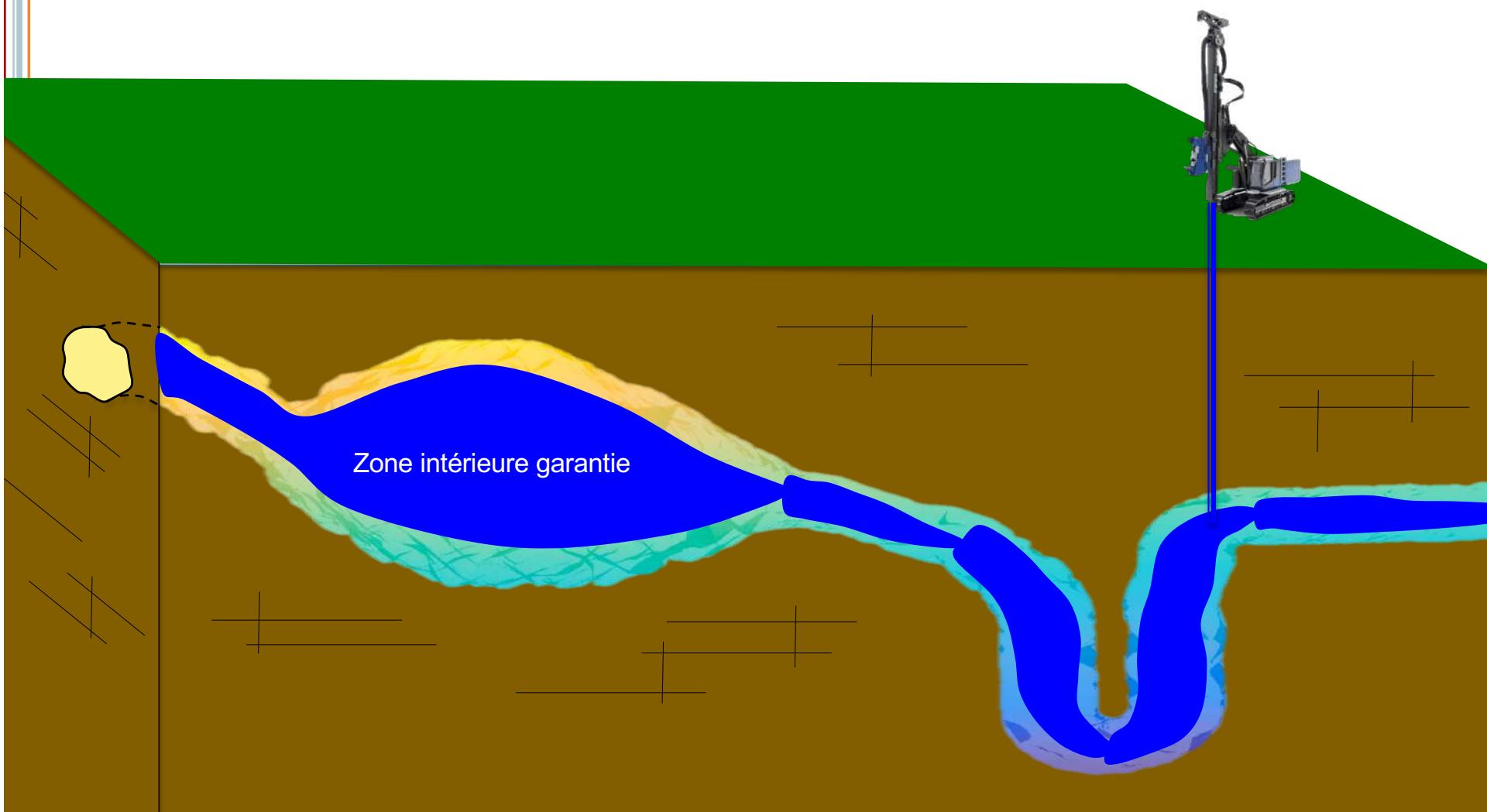
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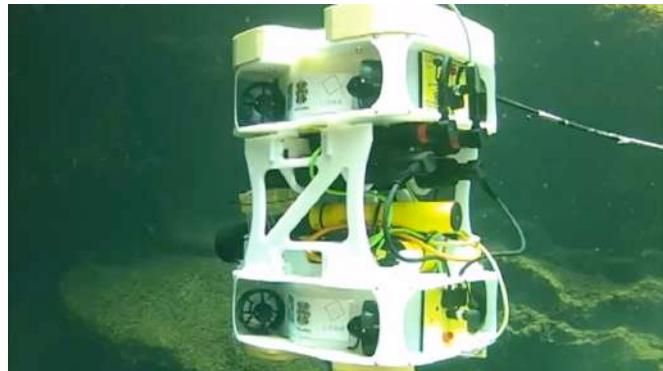
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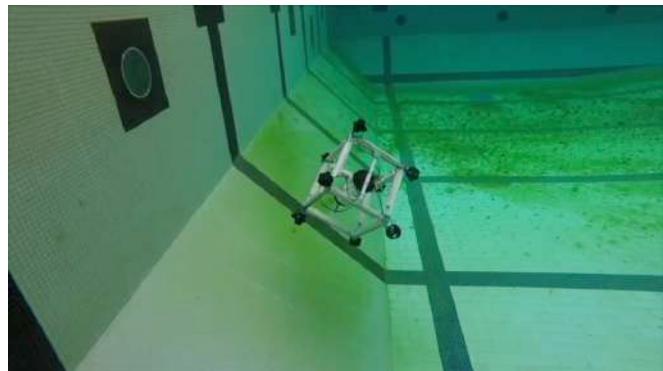
THE RKE INITIATIVE : FORCES AT WORK

Actuation

- Reactive management of actuation redundancy,
- Variable Geometry A.S.



Ulysse



Cube



Anguille

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L. Lapierre (LIRMM)
B. Ropars (Reeds)
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Umbrella



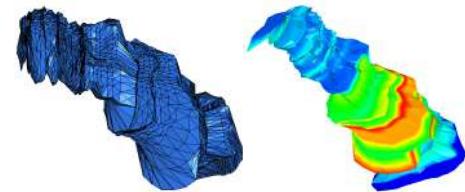
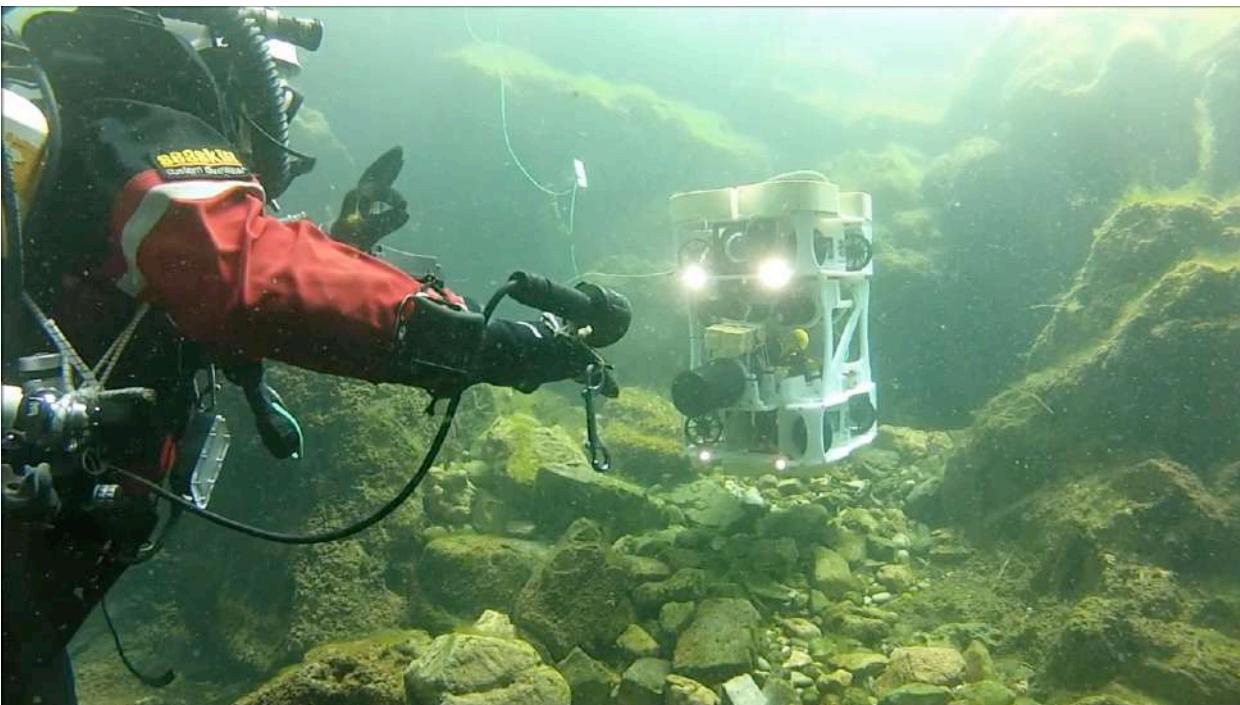
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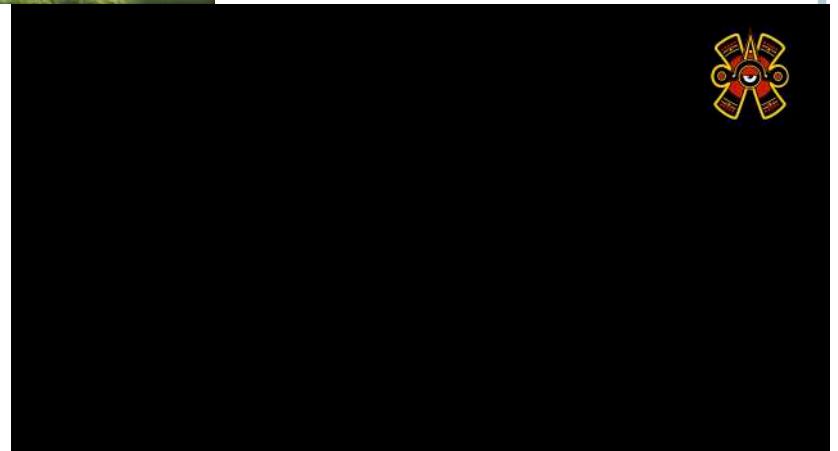
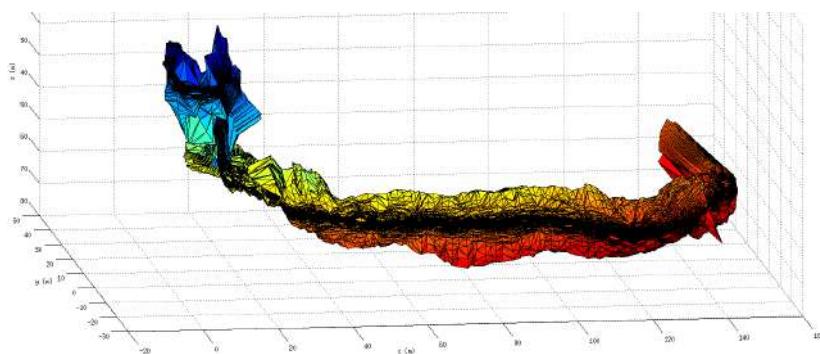
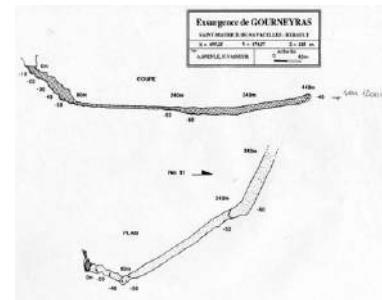
HammerHead

FISRT TERRAIN RESULTS

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Volume (1187 m³)



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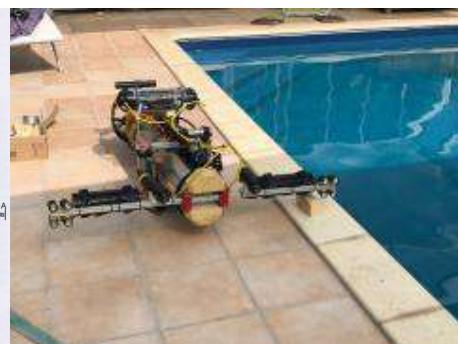
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Développement exploré : 1560 m - Prof. : -117 m
Développement topographié : 813 m

Coupe déroulée

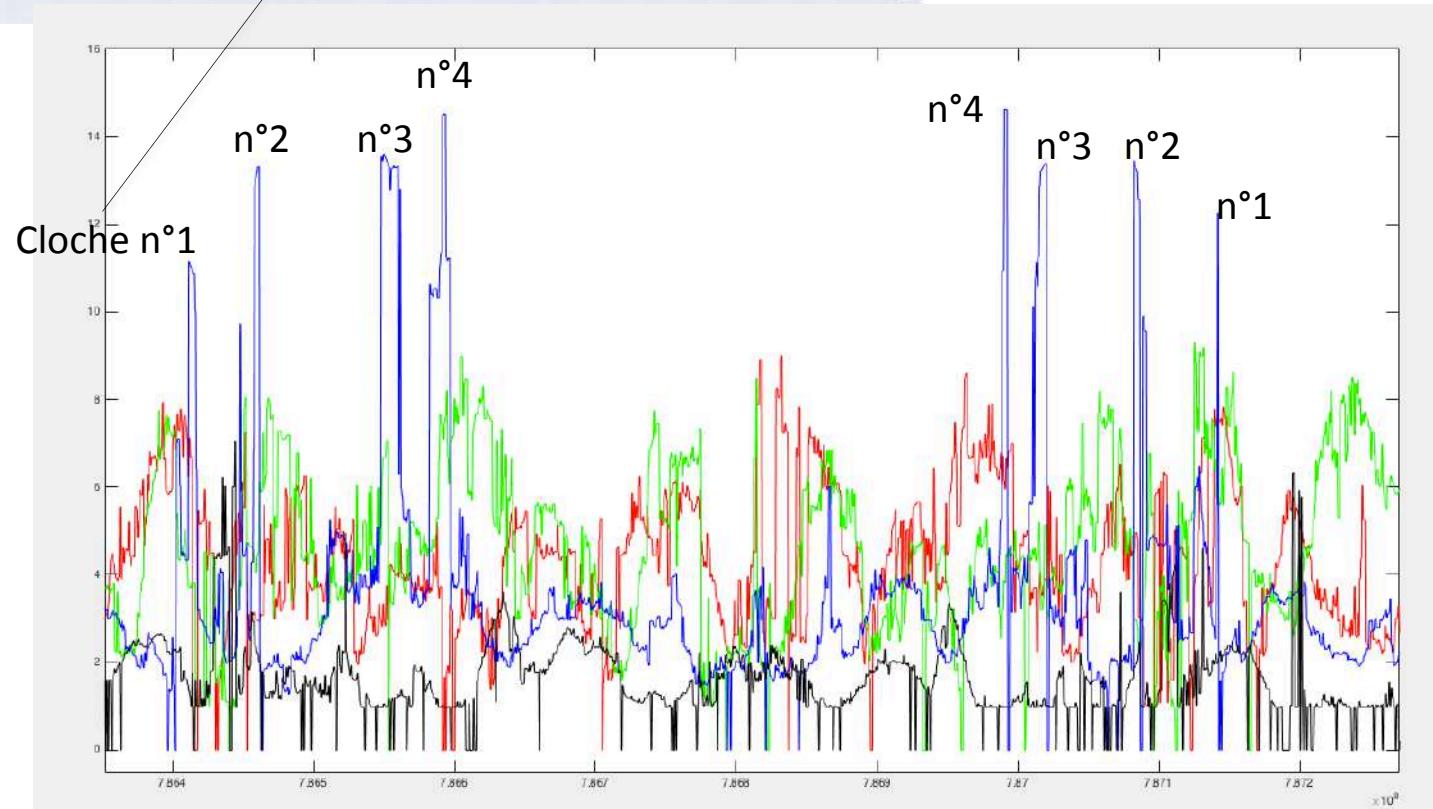
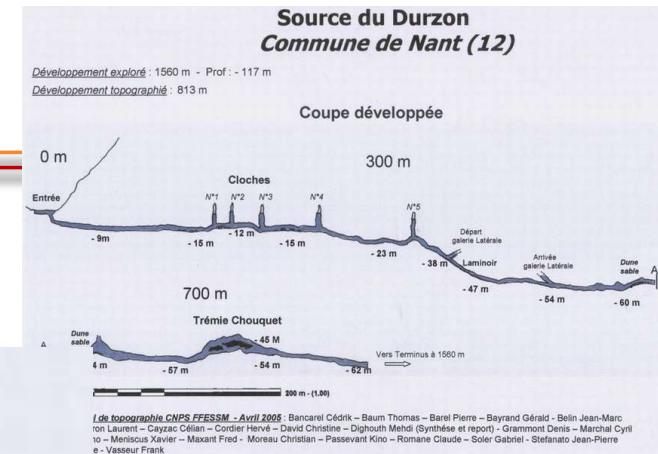
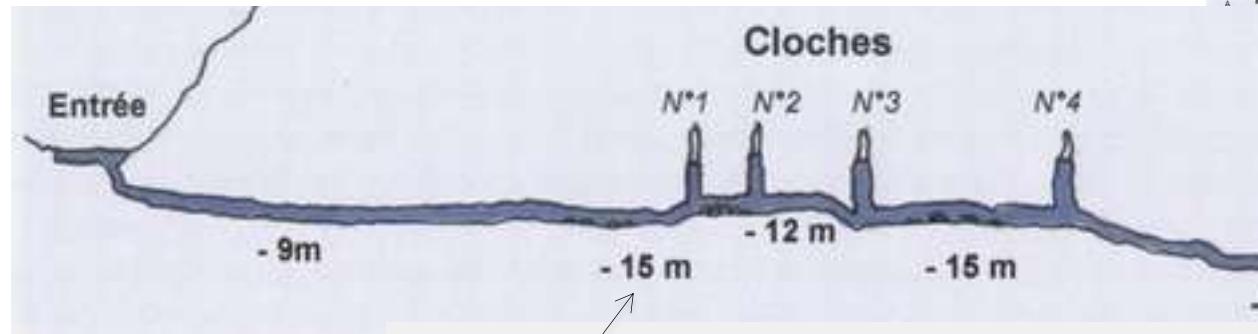


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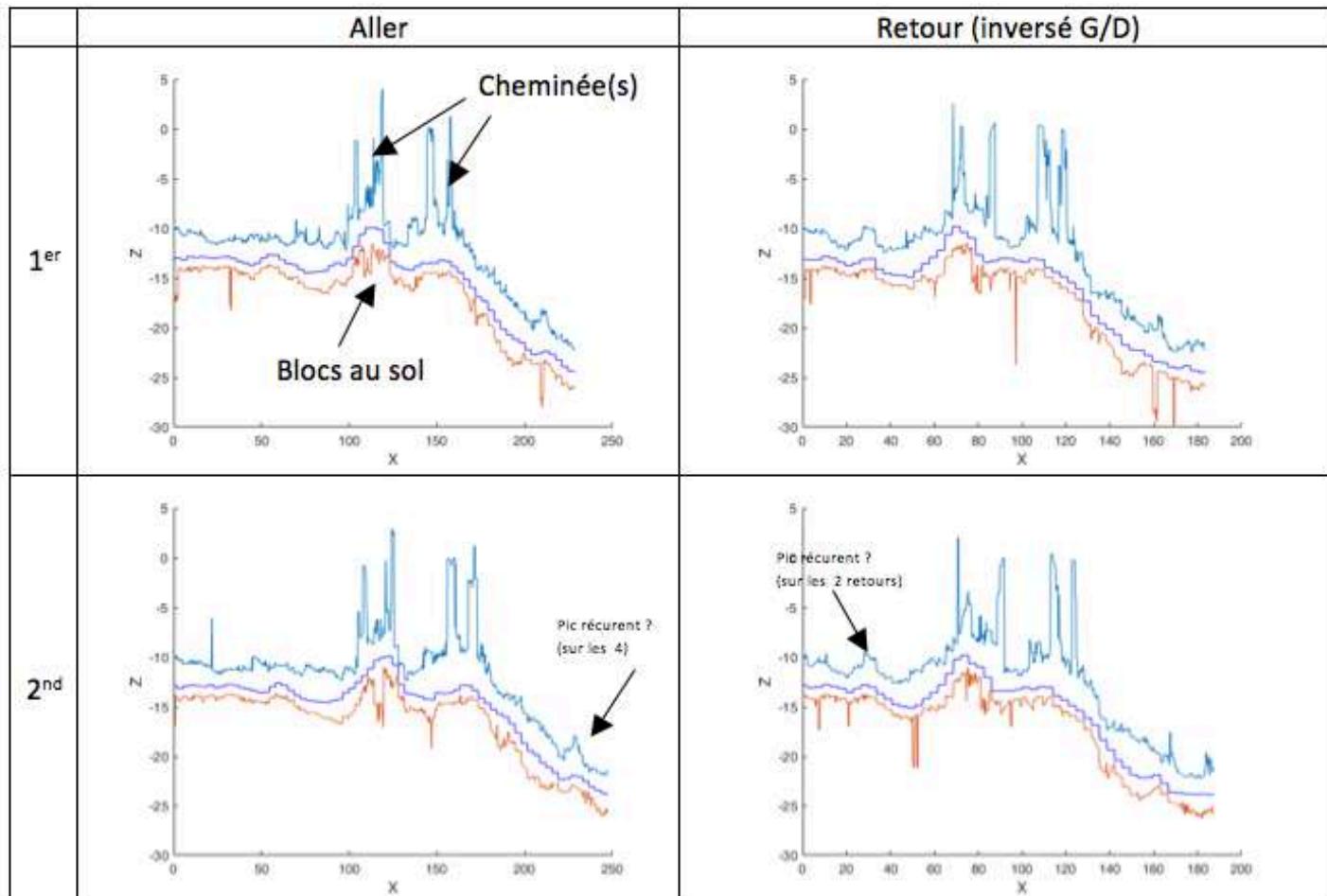


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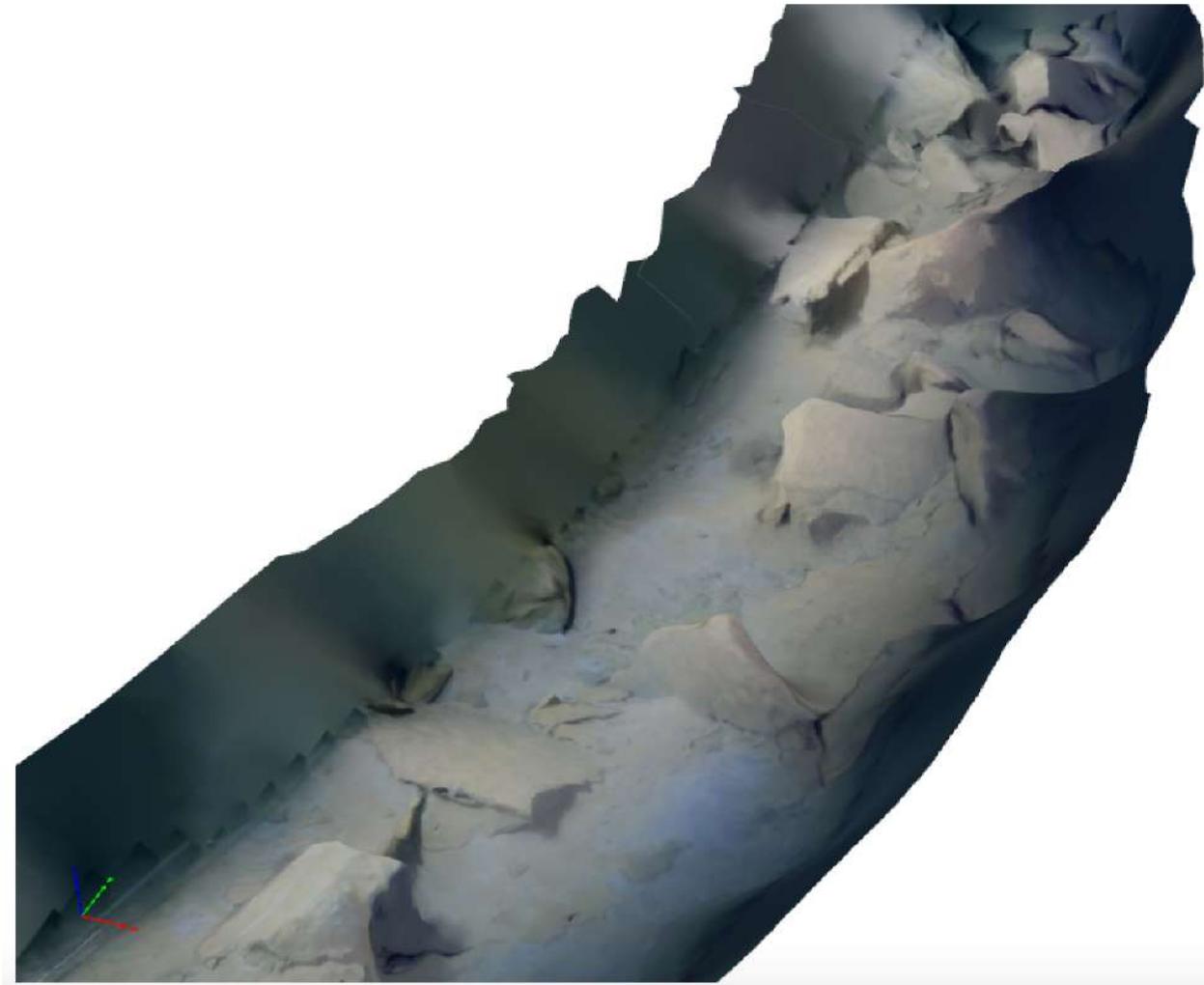
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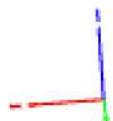
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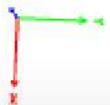
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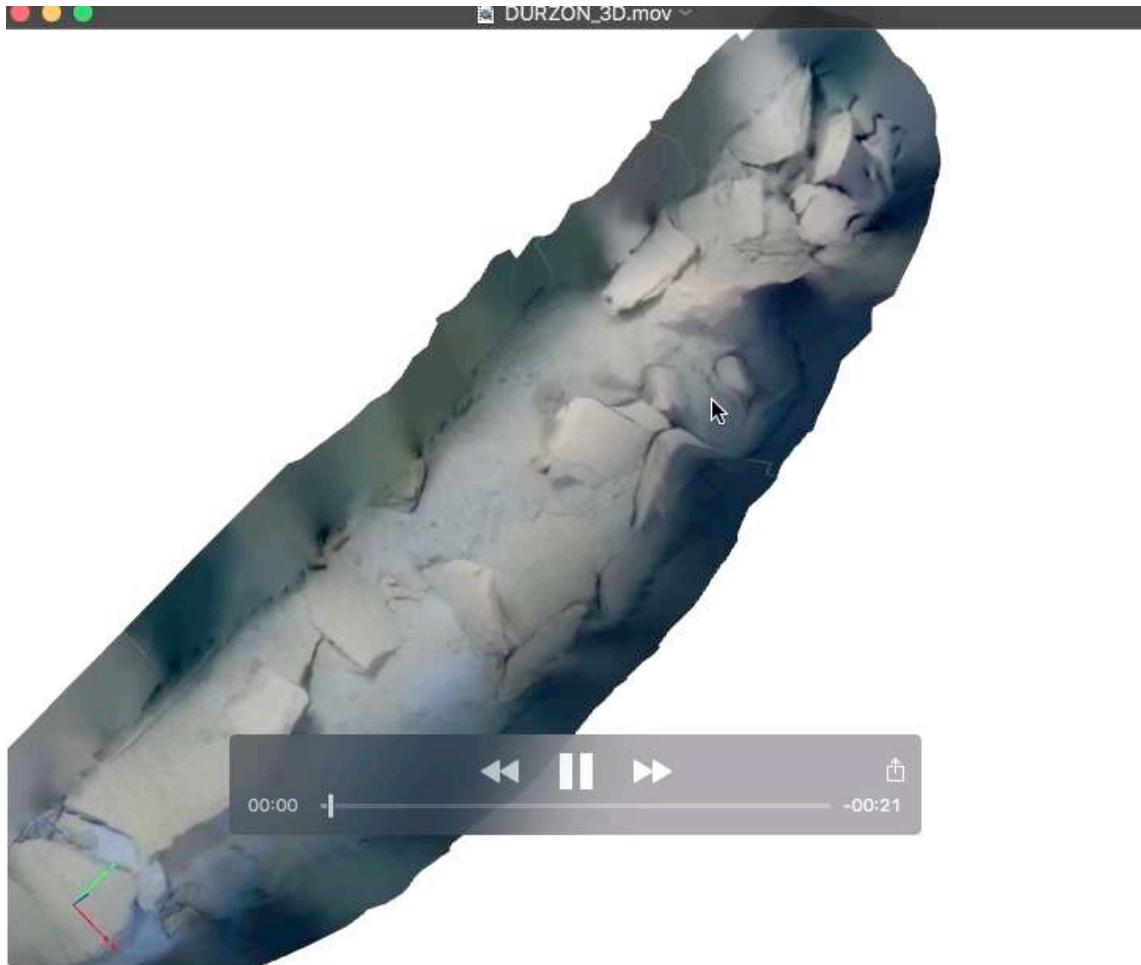
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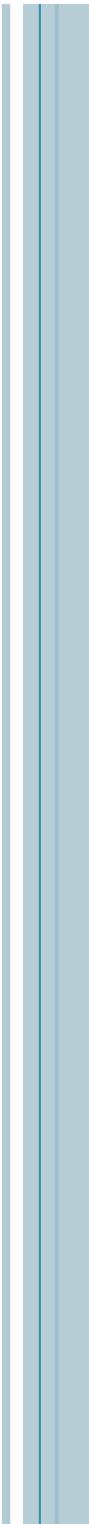


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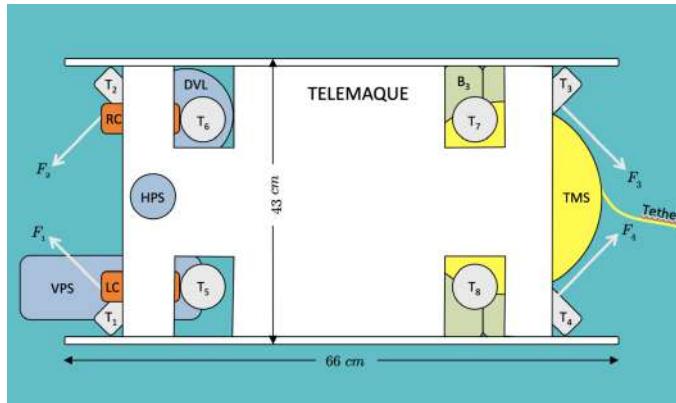
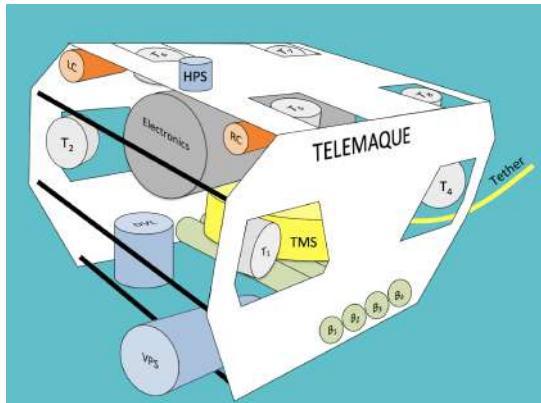
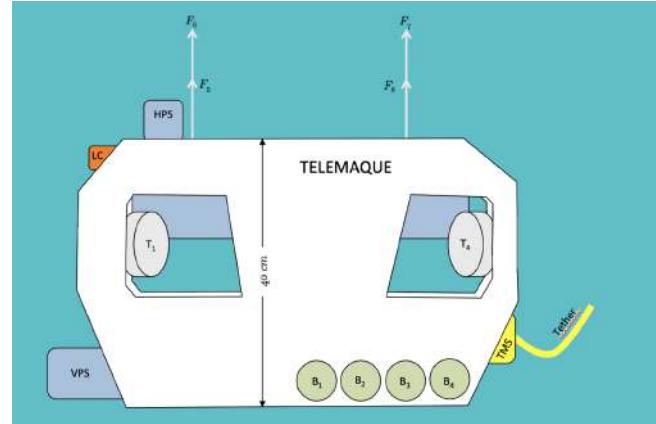
Partial photogrammetric reconstruction



WHAT'S NEXT ?

NEW SYSTEMS

○ Télémaque



8 thrusters (T_1 to T_8) : T200 from BlueRobotics

4 batteries (B_1 to B_4) : 4x9Ah

IMU : cheap mems

Vertical Profiling Sonar (VPS) : Superseaking Tritech (or Subtop "DT360", Multibeam 360 Profiling Sonar)

Horizontal Profiling Sonar (VPS) : ping360, from BR

Doppler Velocity Log (DVL) : Nortek 1Mhz

2 cameras (Left and Right, LC and RC) :

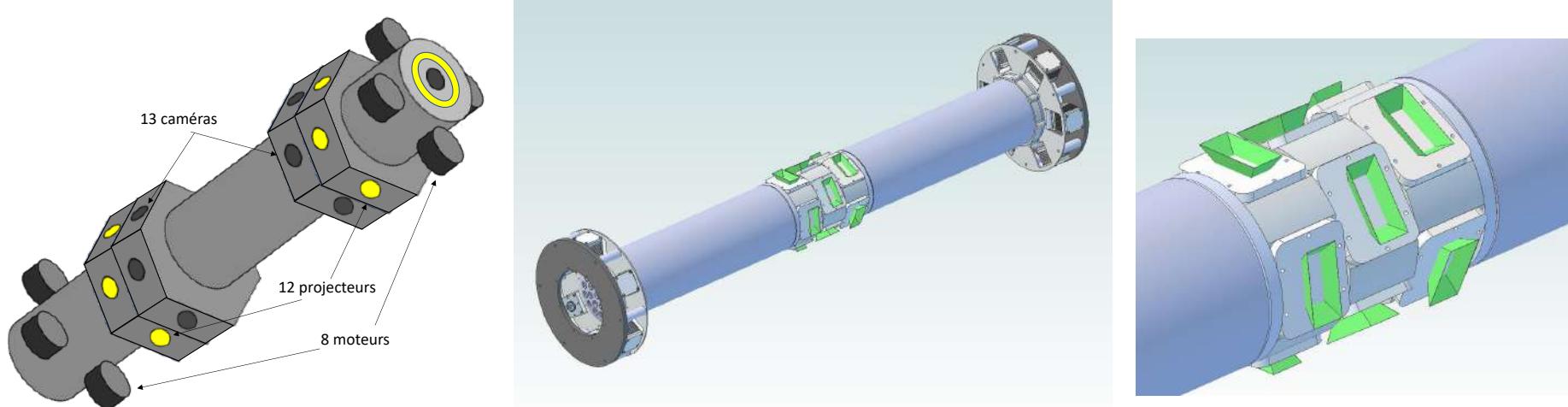
Tether Management System (TMS) : from Syera and Reeds

Water leaks detectors

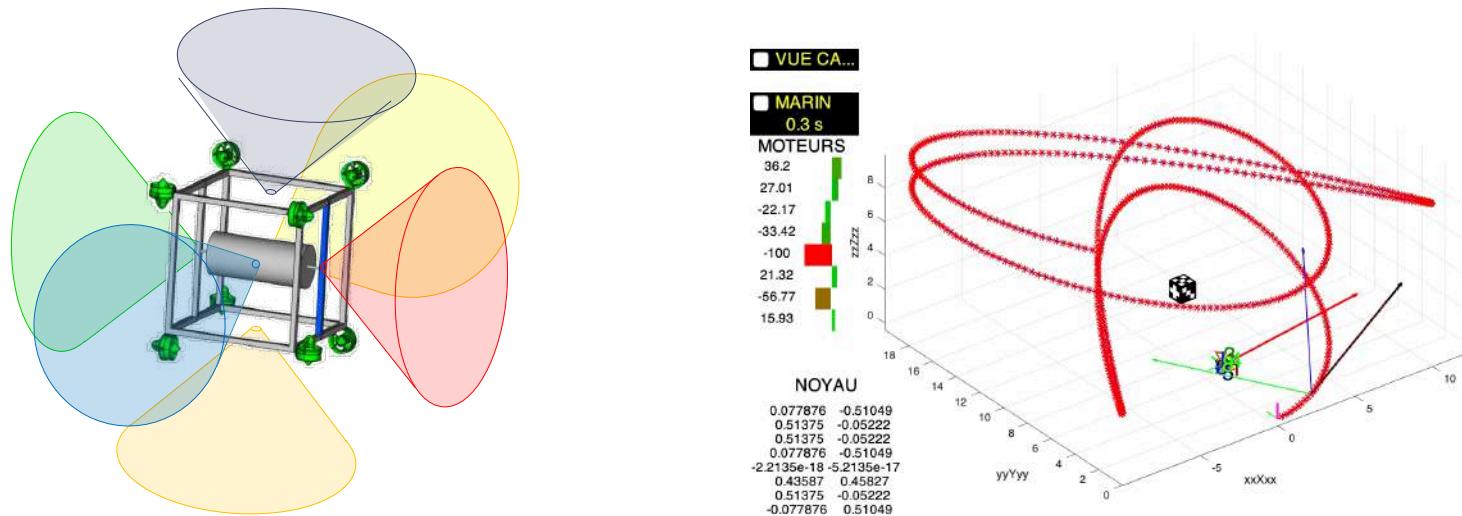
Batteries' consumption

NEW SYSTEMS

- Dodécam : système photogrammétrique 12 caméras

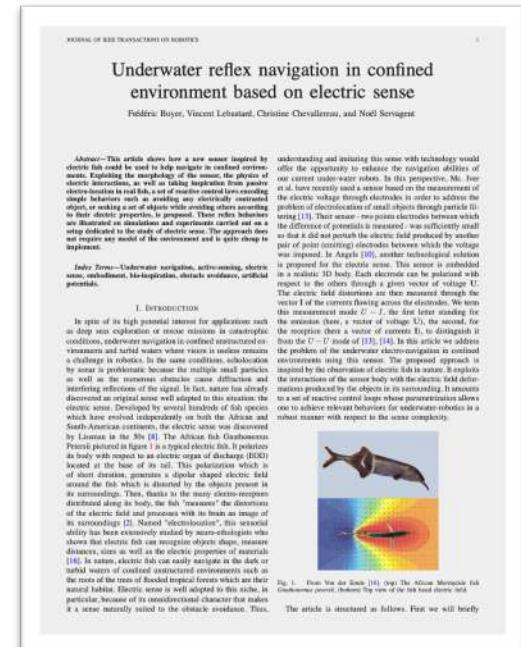
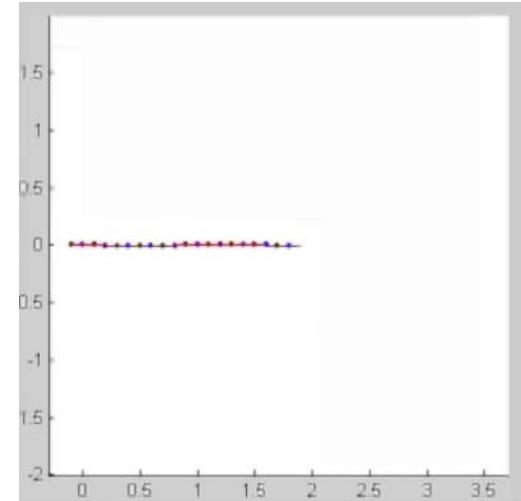
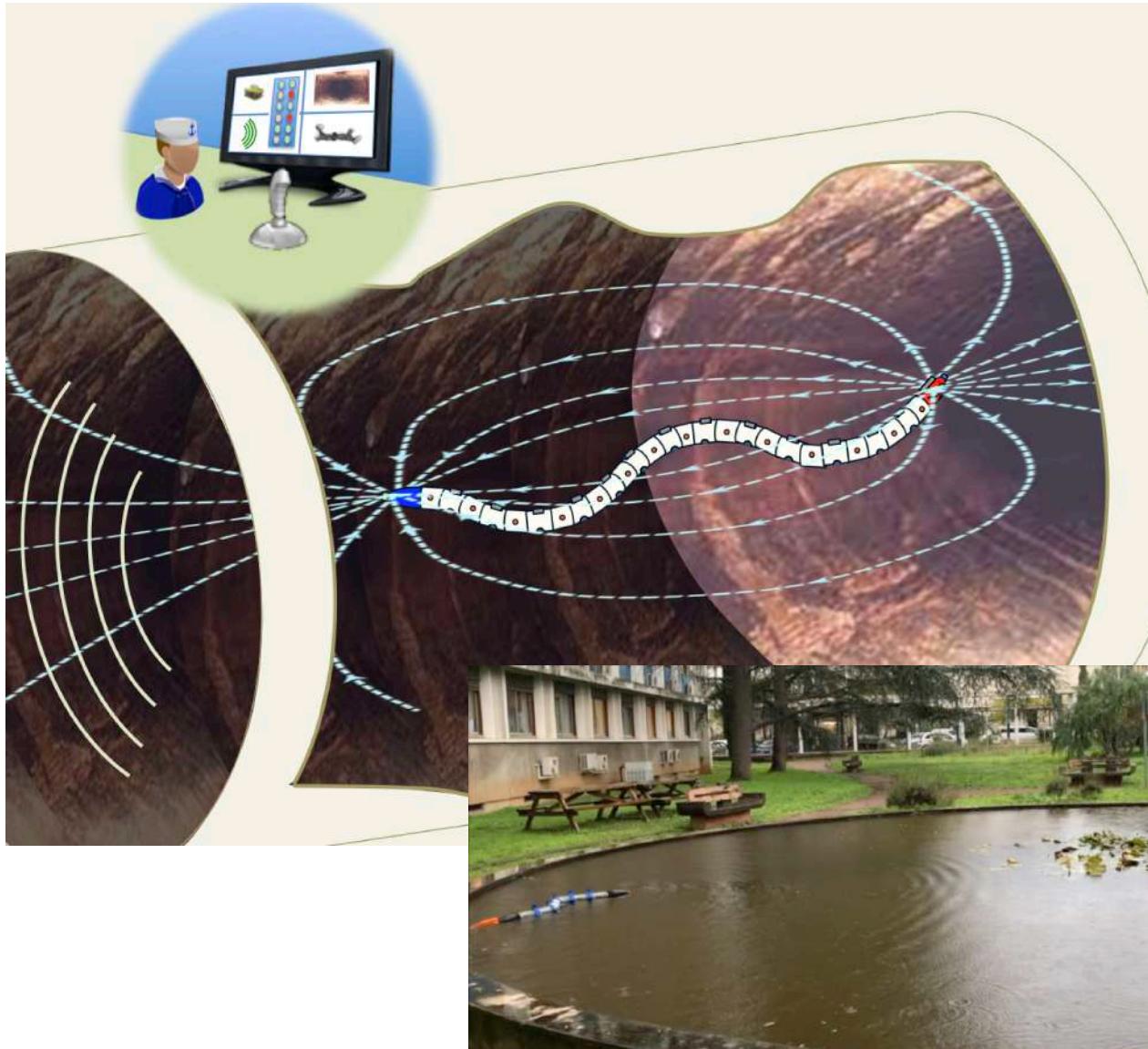


- Cube



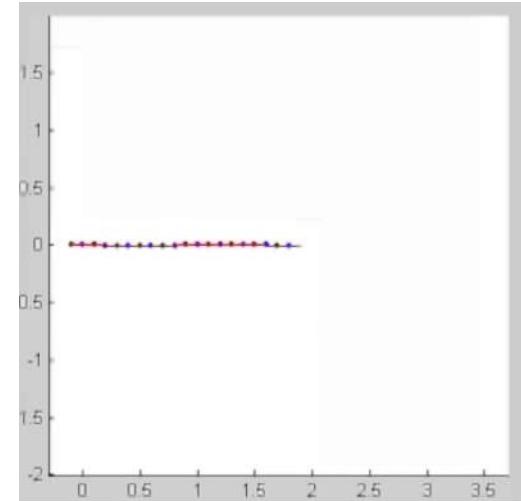
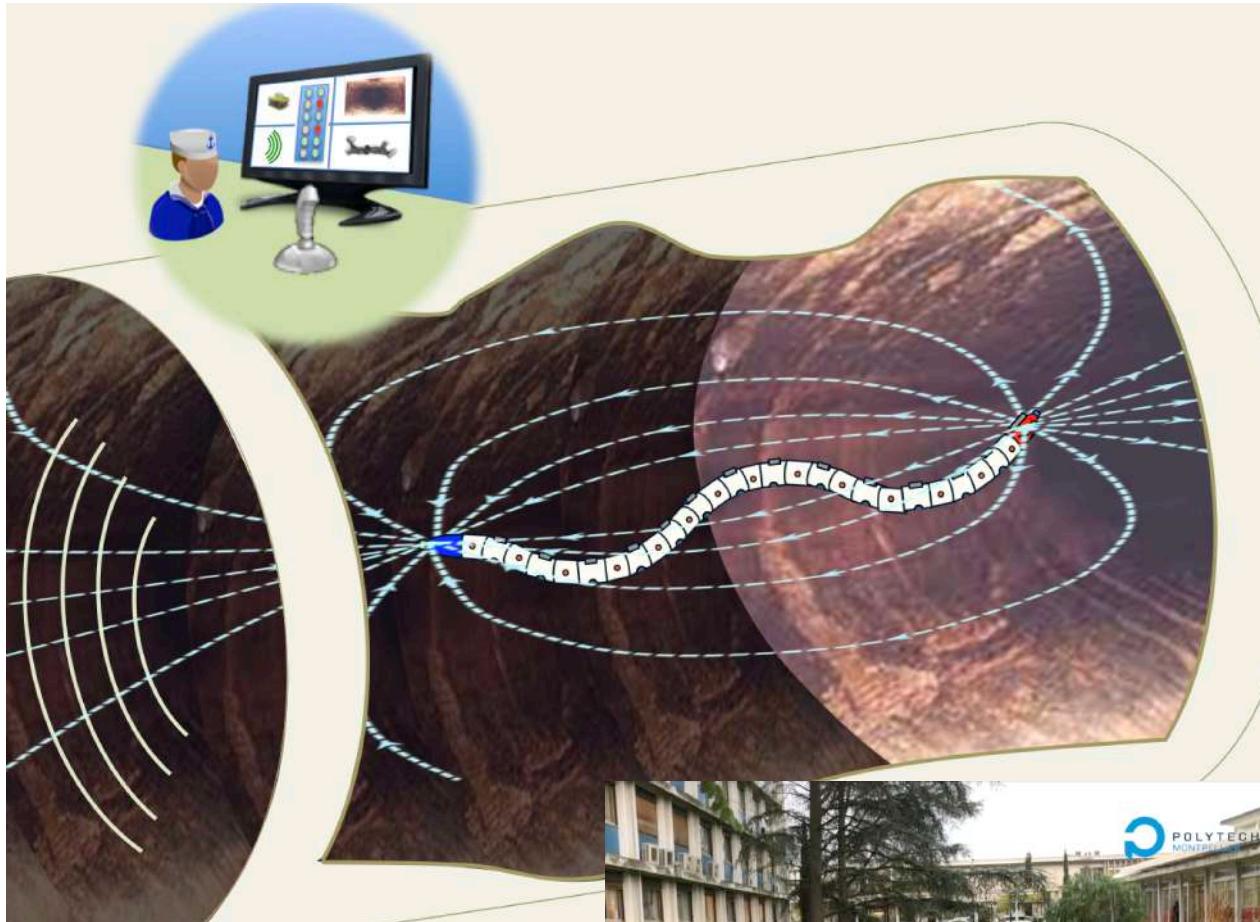
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○ Locomotion anguilliforme et Sens électrique



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Underwater reflex navigation in confined environment based on electric sense

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Abstract—This article shows how a new sensor inspired by electric fish could be used to help mitigate in confined environments. This sensor is based on the measurement of electric interactions, as well as taking inspiration from poorly understood biological systems. It is able to detect simple behaviors such as avoiding any electrically constrained object or avoiding an object that is moving. The principle underlying this sensor is the properties of proposed reflexes, which are illustrated on simulations and experiments carried out on a real robot. The sensor does not require any knowledge of the environment and is quite cheap to implement.

Index Terms—Underwater navigation, reflexionning, bio-inspiration, bio-mimetic, bio-inspiration, obstacle avoidance, artificial electric sense.

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Introduction—Underwater navigation in confined environments, such as deep sea exploration or rescue missions in underwater conditions, underwater navigation is confined to restricted environments and varied waters where waves in motion reduce a robot's maneuverability. In the same way, the robot's navigation must be robust in presence of obstacles, the multiple wall reflections as well as the numerous obstacles cause diffraction and interfering reflections of the signal. In fact, nature has already demonstrated that some species of fish can use their natural electric sense. Described by several hundreds of fish species, which have evolved independently on both the African and South American continents, the first fish to be described was by Linnaeus in the 18th [4]. The African fish *Gymnotus carapo* (Pisces) pictured in figure 1 is a typical electric fish. It polarizes its body through a specialized organ called the electrocyte located at the base of its tail. This polarization which is of short duration, generates a dipole-shaped electric field around the fish. This field is used by the fish to detect changes in its surroundings. Thus, thanks to the many electro-receptors distributed along its body, the fish "measures" the directions of the changes in the electric field produced by the presence of its surroundings [2]. Named "electrolocation", this special ability has been extensively studied by marine biologists who showed that electric fish can navigate objects despite severe distortion of the electric field [3] and the presence of materials [16]. In nature, electric fish can easily navigate in the dark or travel waters of confined constructed environments such as the tunnels of a river or the pipes of a water treatment plant in natural habitat. Electric sense is well adapted to this task, in particular, because of its omnidirectional character that makes it a sense naturally suited to the obstacle avoidance. Thus,

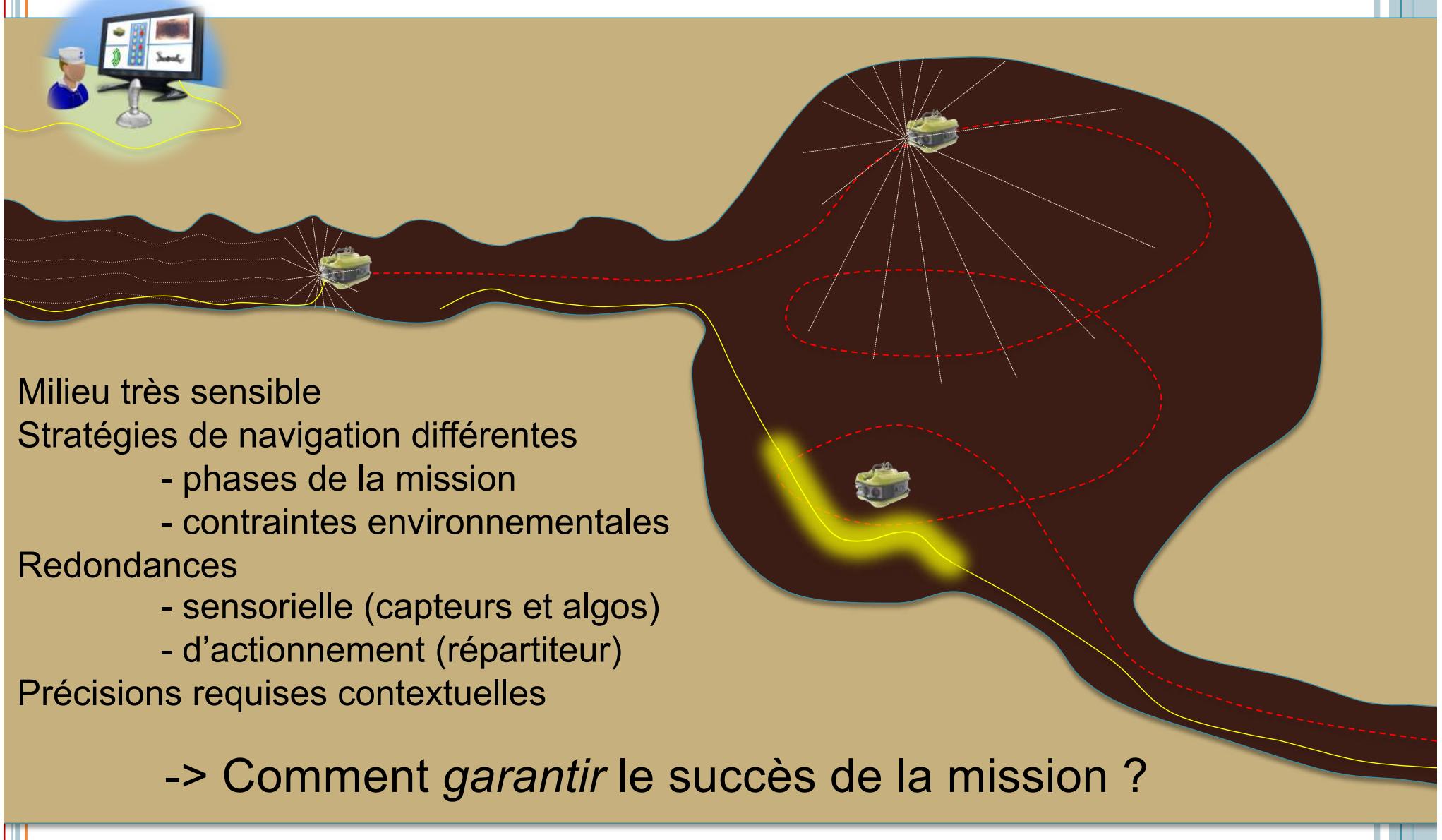
Fig. 1. Data Von der Linde [13]. Top: The African Moray eel. Bottom: Top view of the fish head electric field.

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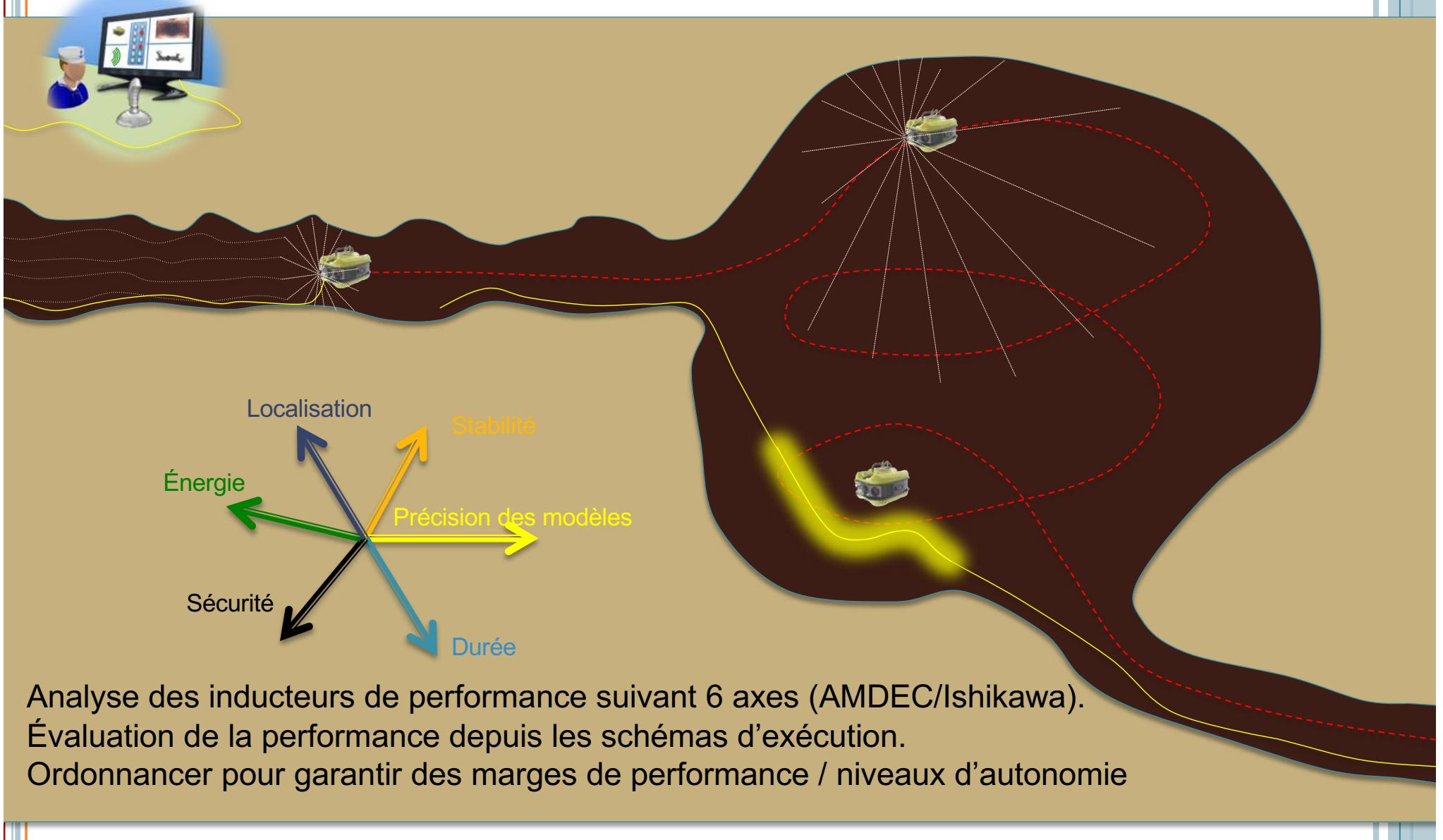
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Underwater Fresh Water Spring Localisation



Reactive Control and Real-Time Motion Planning



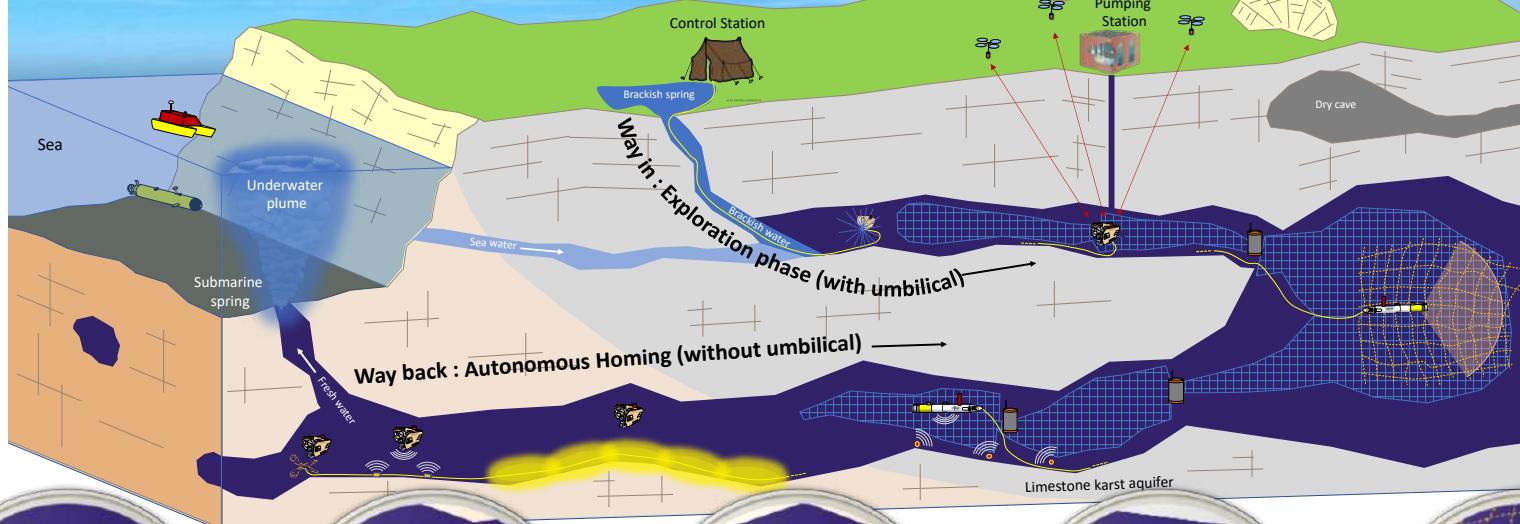
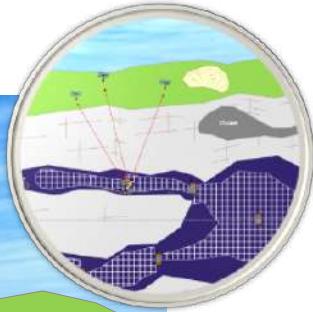
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Magnetic Positioning System using Aerial Drones



Guaranteed Cartography (intervalist approach)



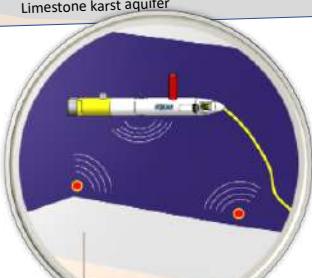
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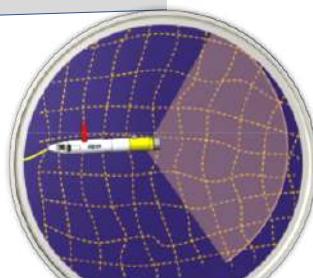
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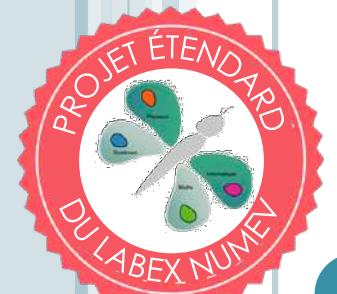
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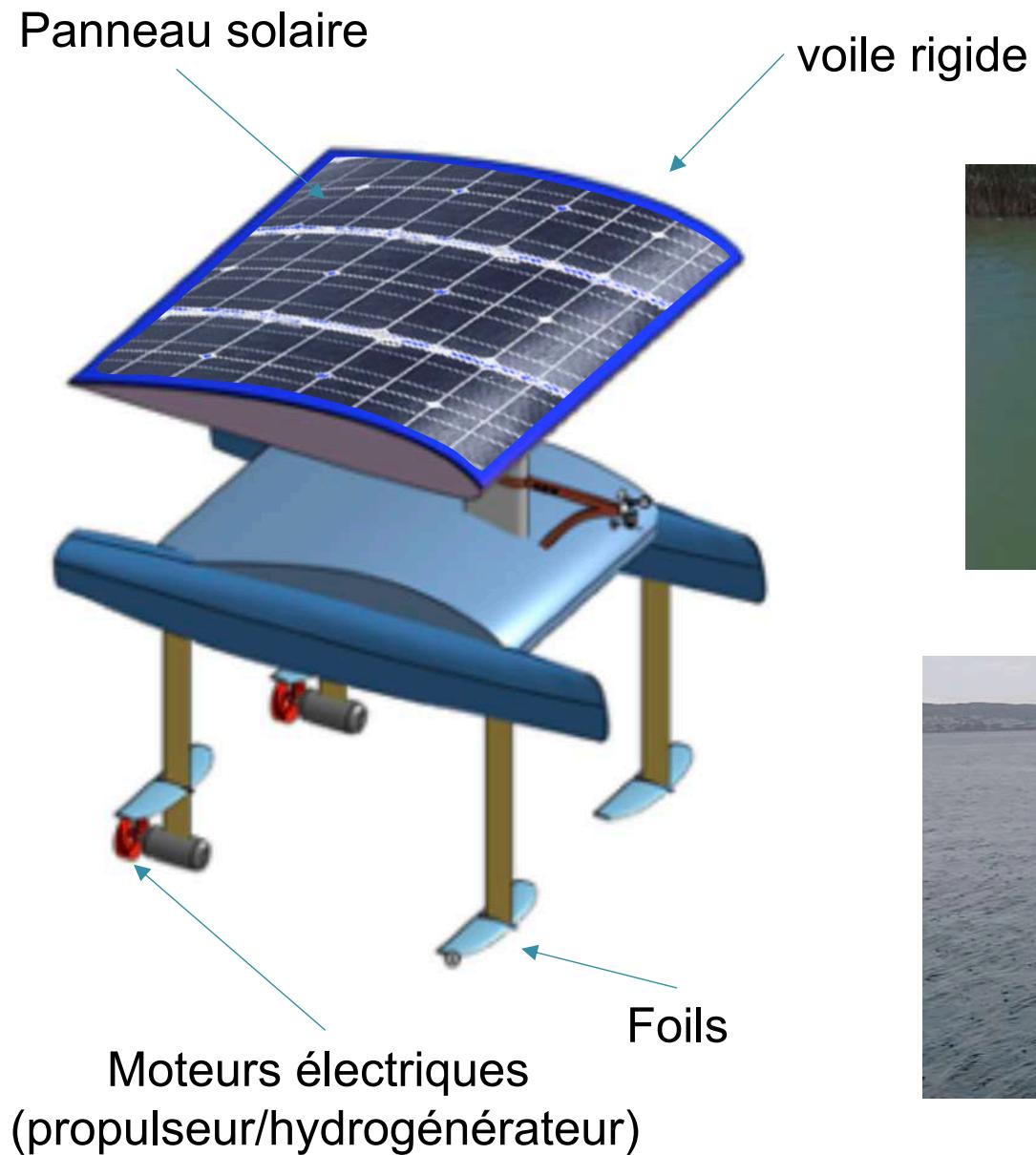


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