





# The role of fault-zones on groundwater flow in crystalline basement

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#### **Groundwater flow in crystalline media**



**Structural architecture =>** Geology and Geophysics;

**Flow** => Hydrodynamic and flow logging;

**Groundwater sources** => Hydrogeochemistry and groundwater dating (Anions, Cations, Traces, CFC/SF6, Noble gases).







#### The field site of Saint-Brice-en-Coglès



#### Normal faults in a graben structure



#### GW flow controlled by the main tectonic structure



#### **5** sampling campaigns at different hydrological regimes



#### Hydrogeochemical compartmentalization



#### **CFC-12 vs SF6 compartmentalization**





#### Paleo-water signature from noble gases concentrations



### How do we estimate mixing and origin of water?



Laaksoharju et al., 2008





#### **Pumping dependent on storage reservoirs**



9 weeks pumping test at 45 m<sup>3</sup>/h

#### **Conclusion & Perspective**

- ✓ Fault zone can present high hydraulic properties to drive GW flow at depth;
- Various origins of waters controlled by regional hydrological regimes;
- ✓ Yields of fault-zones are highly dependent of storage reservoirs;
- ✓ It is NOT a unique case! => Regional study of high yield fault-zones in the Armoricain Massif (21 sites)



## Thank you for your attention!

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