

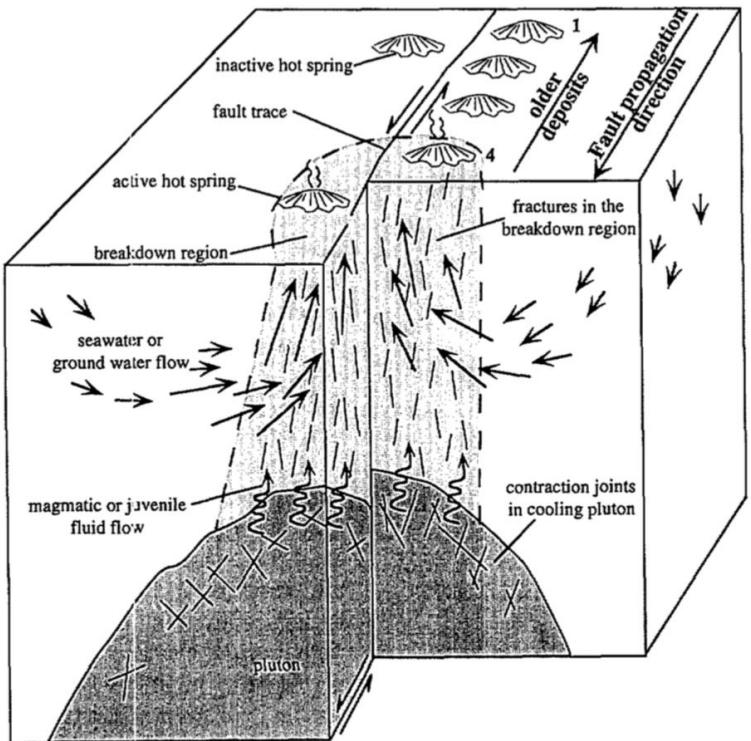
Hydrothermal circulations in Eastern Pyrénées : brittle and ductile faults both act as drains for upward circulations

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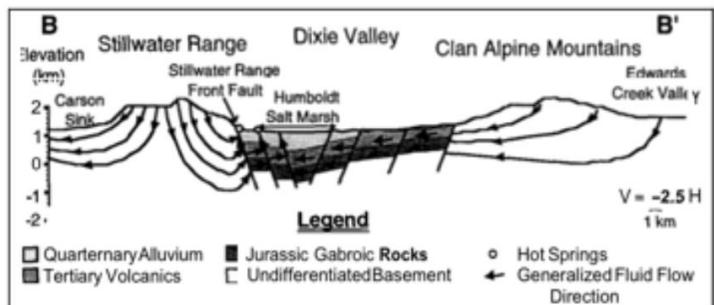
Faults and hydrothermal fluids : societal implications



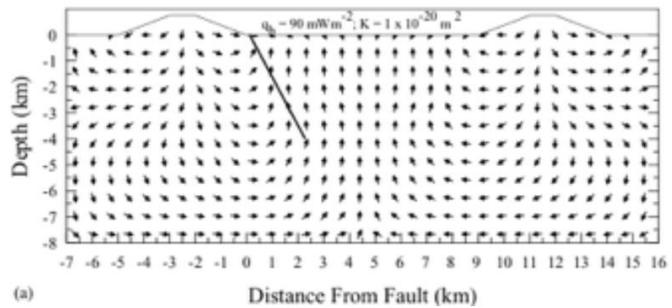
Curewitz & Karson, 1997



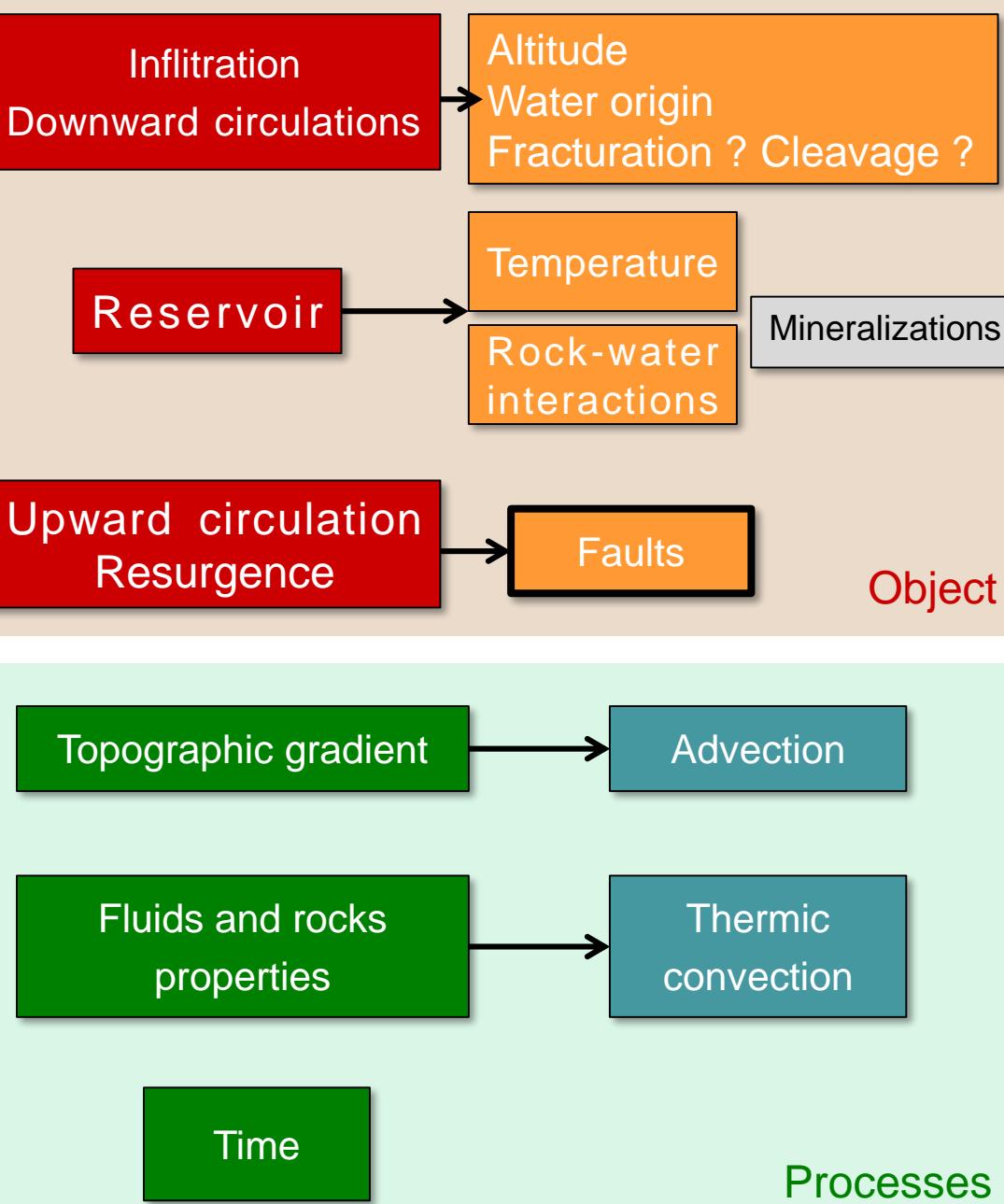
The continental hydrothermal system



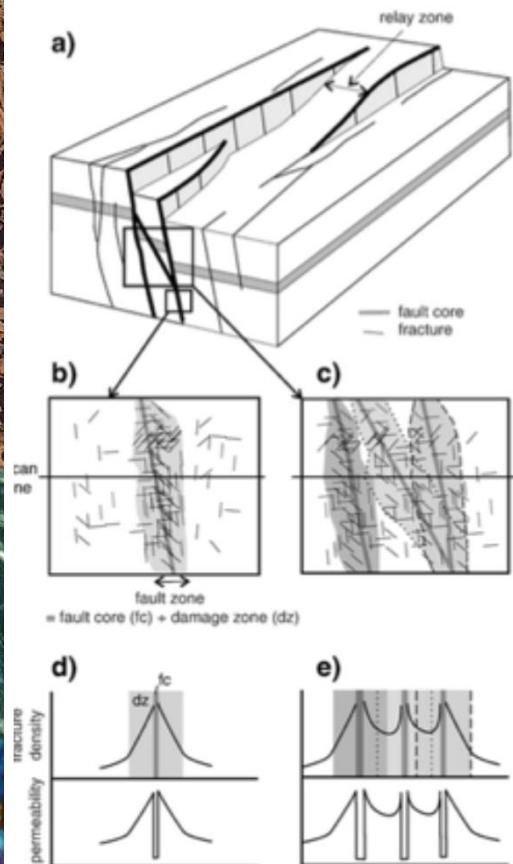
Forster, 1997



Mckenna & Blackwell, 2004



Drains in fault zone



Host rock

K fluctuating

Damage zone

Fracturation

Connectivity
Density
Cement

Core zone

Fault rocks

Gouge, cataclasite K-
Mylonites K anisotropic
Breccia K+
Clay content K-
Ciment K-
Corrosion K-

Processes

Constitution

Architecture

3D geometry
Connexion
Juxtaposition

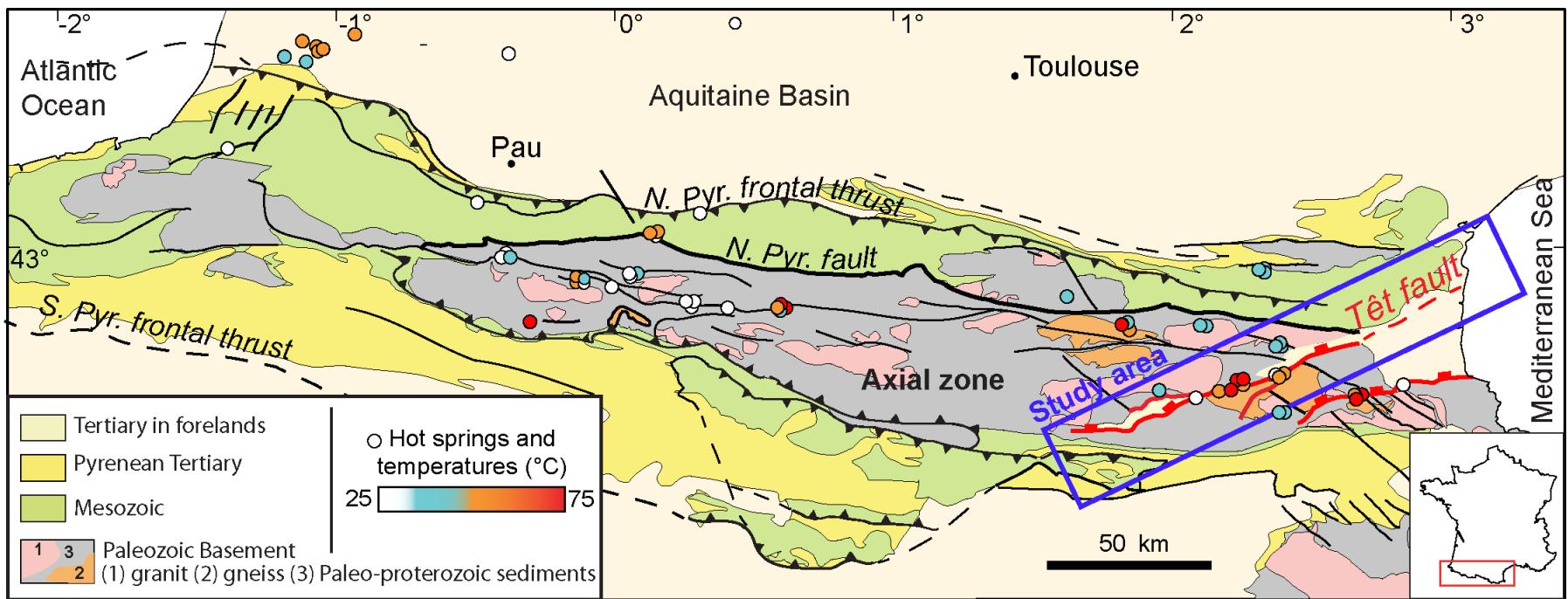
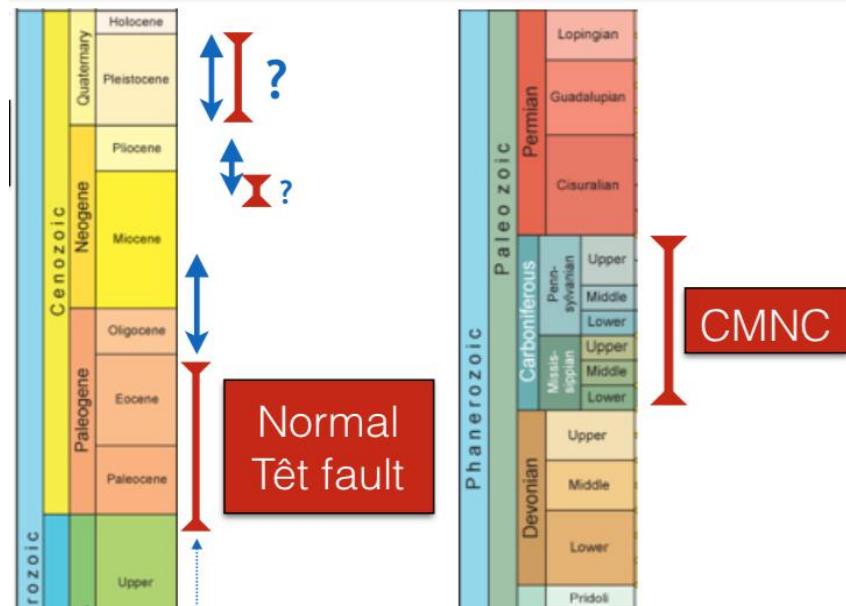
Stress in situ

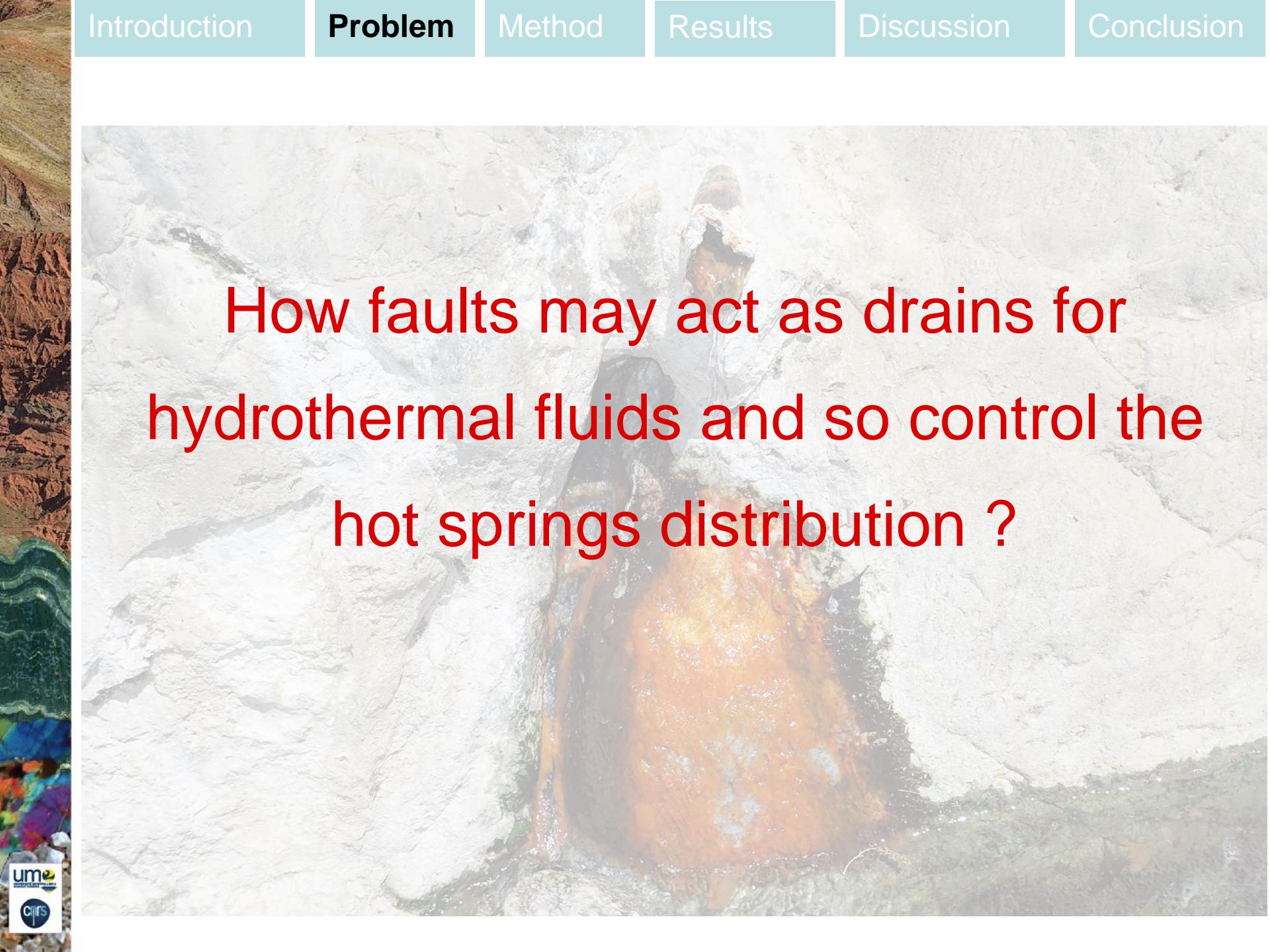
Sismicity
Stress σ_n
Pore pressure

Object

Hot springs in Eastern Pyrénées

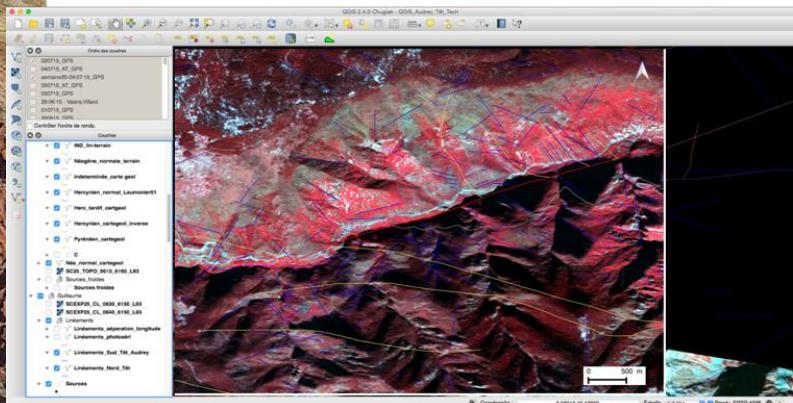
- Rocks properties – Juxtaposition
- Relief
- Seismicity



A photograph of a hot spring with orange mineral deposits.

How faults may act as drains for hydrothermal fluids and so control the hot springs distribution ?

GIS mapping



Datas

- Geological map
- Topographic map
- DEM
- Aerial pictures
- SPOT pictures

Mapped objects

- Hot springs
- Faults trace
- Lineations

Field work

- Faults and joins measurements
- Alteration sampling
- Hot water chemical and physical properties



500 outcrops

Min 30 joint / outcrops

Min 1 outcrop / km²



Inclinometer smartphone application

Numerical modelling COMSOL

Heat transfert in a porous media

k_{medium} (W/m/K) thermal conductivity

ρ_{fluid} (kg/m³) density f(T)

ρ_{medium} (kg/m³)

C_p_{medium} (J/kg/K) heat capacity

Normal thermic gradient f(p)

Lateral boundaries : thermal insulation

Model base : heat flow

Surface temperature

Darcy Law

ρ_{fluid} (kg/m³) density f(T)

μ_{fluid} (Pa.s) viscosity f(T)

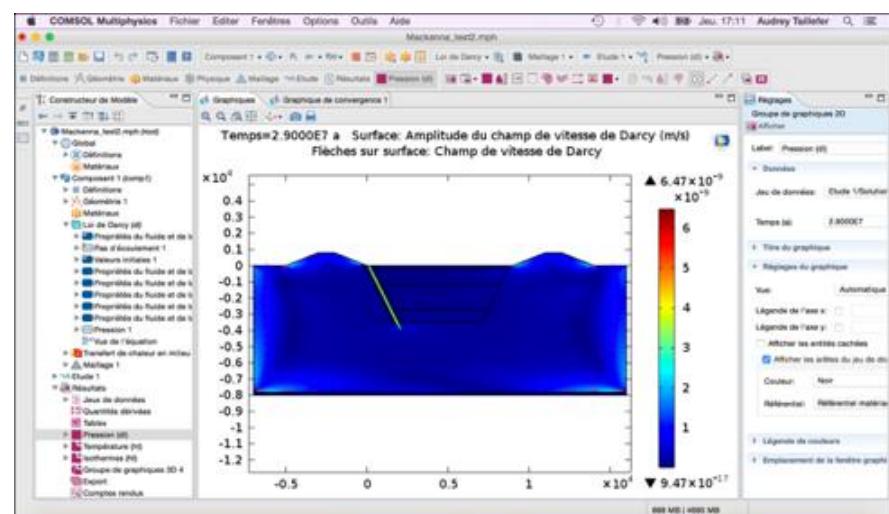
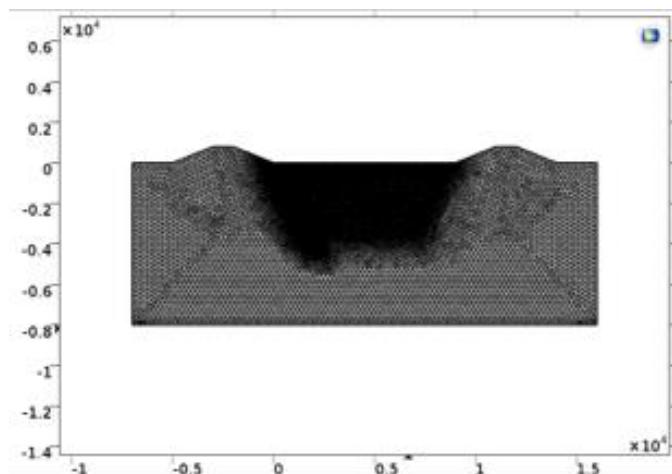
ϕ media porosity

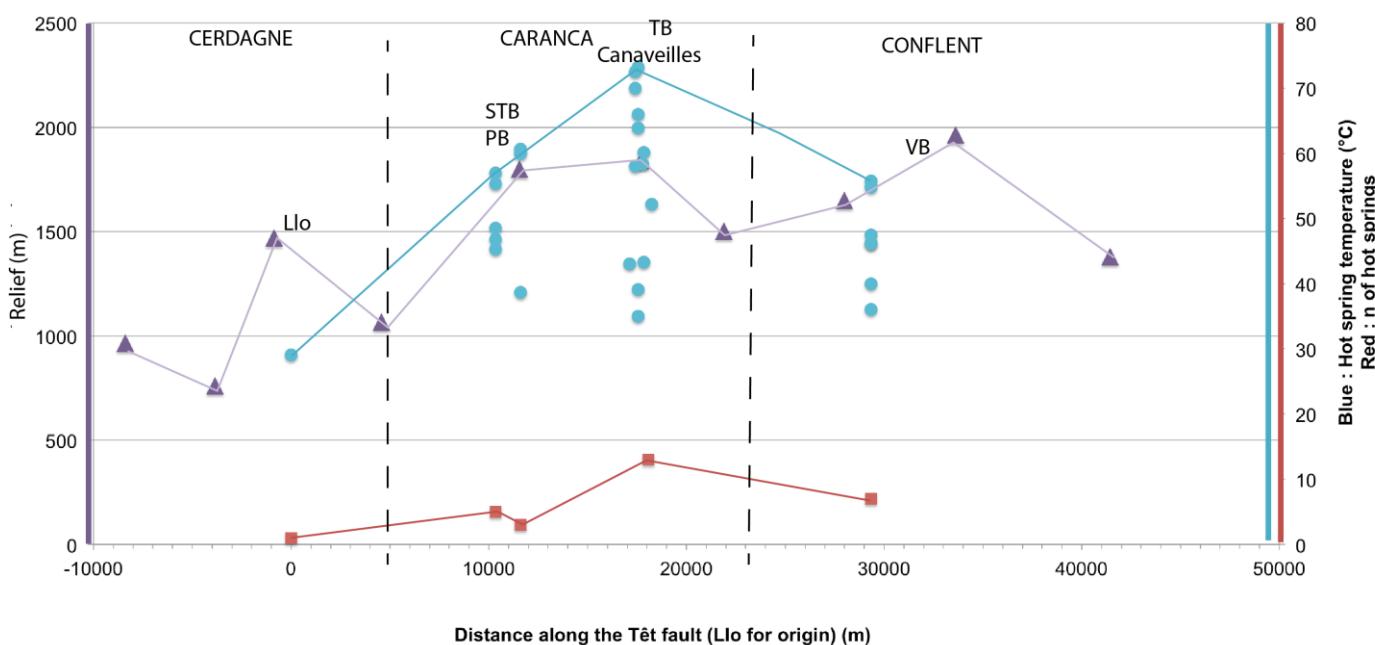
K (m²) permeability (various)

No boundaries flow

Pressure gradient f(p)

Surface pressure f(altitude)





Introduction

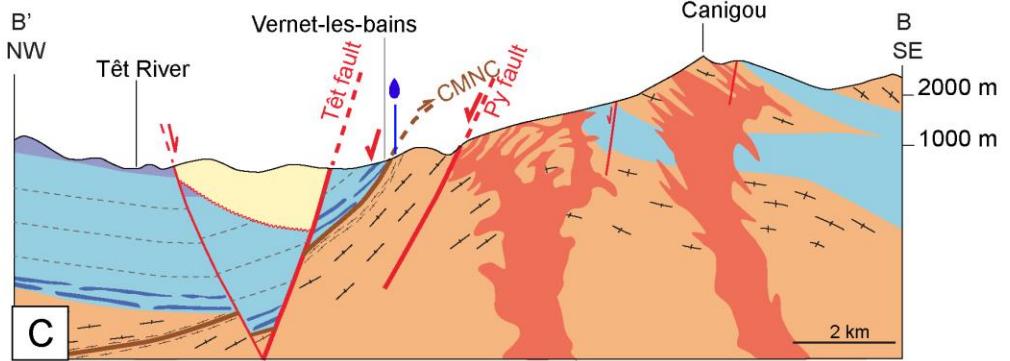
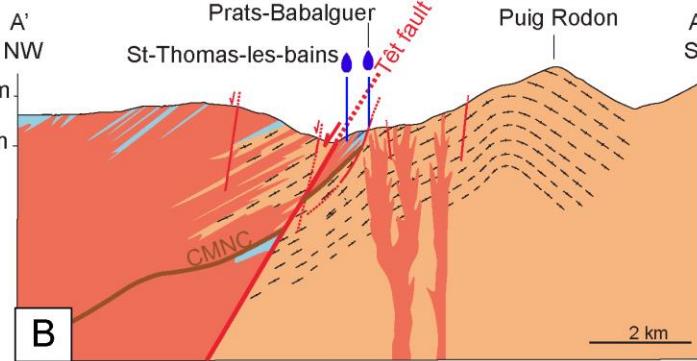
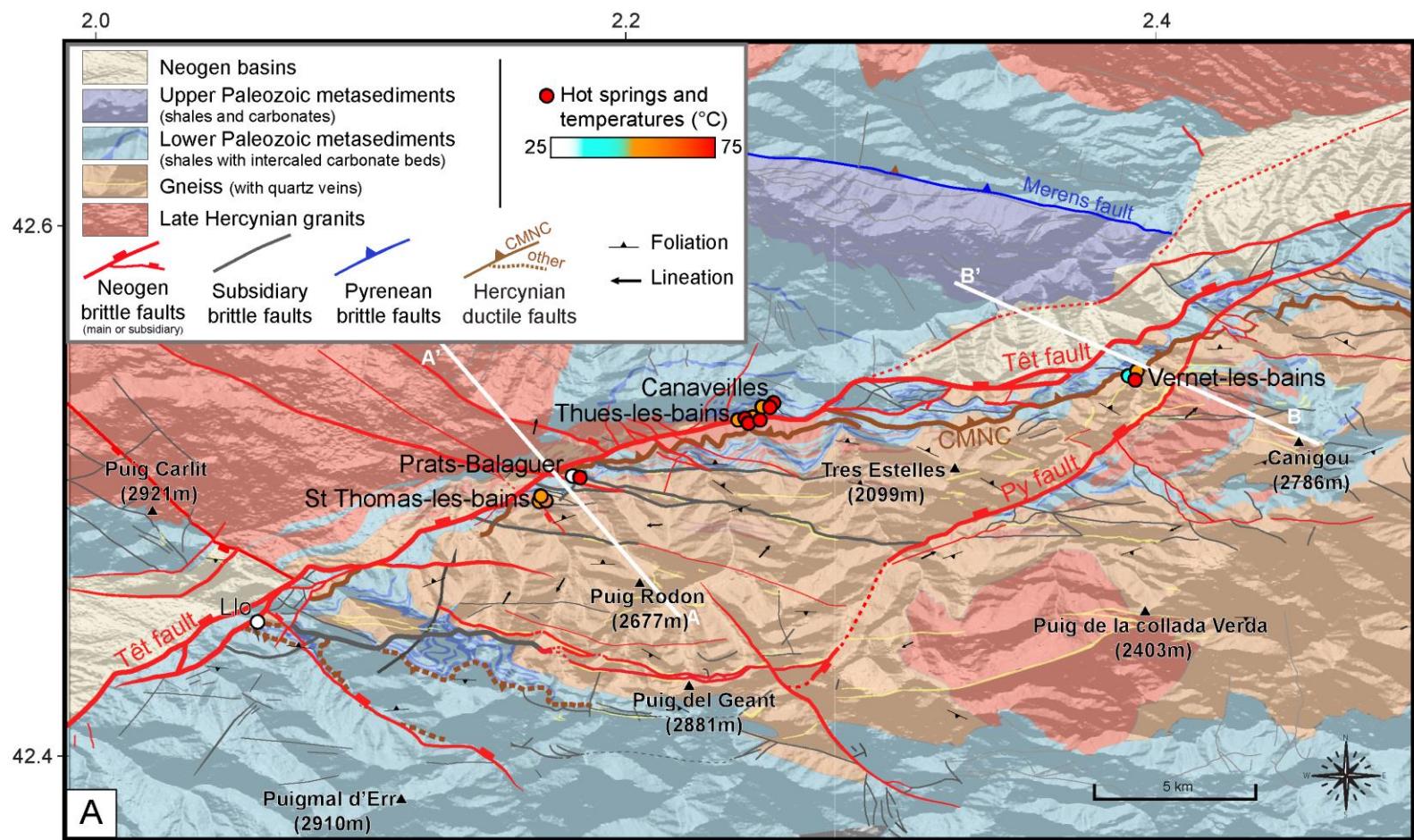
Problem

Method

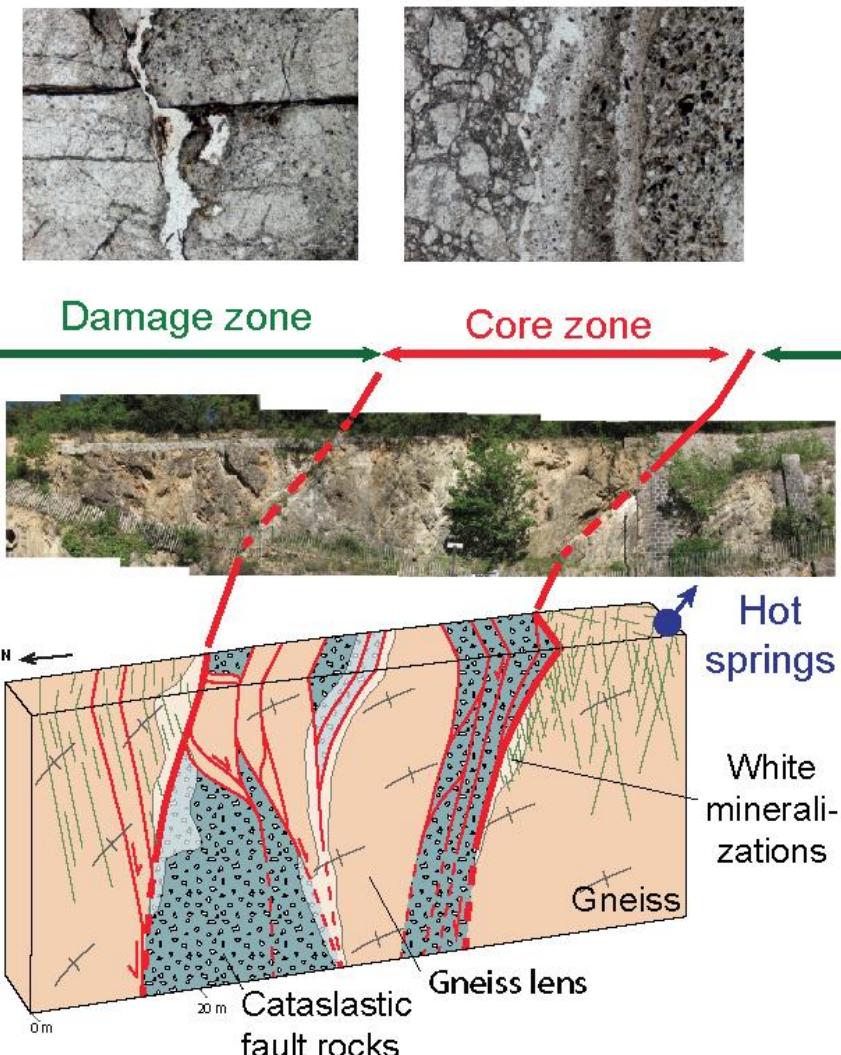
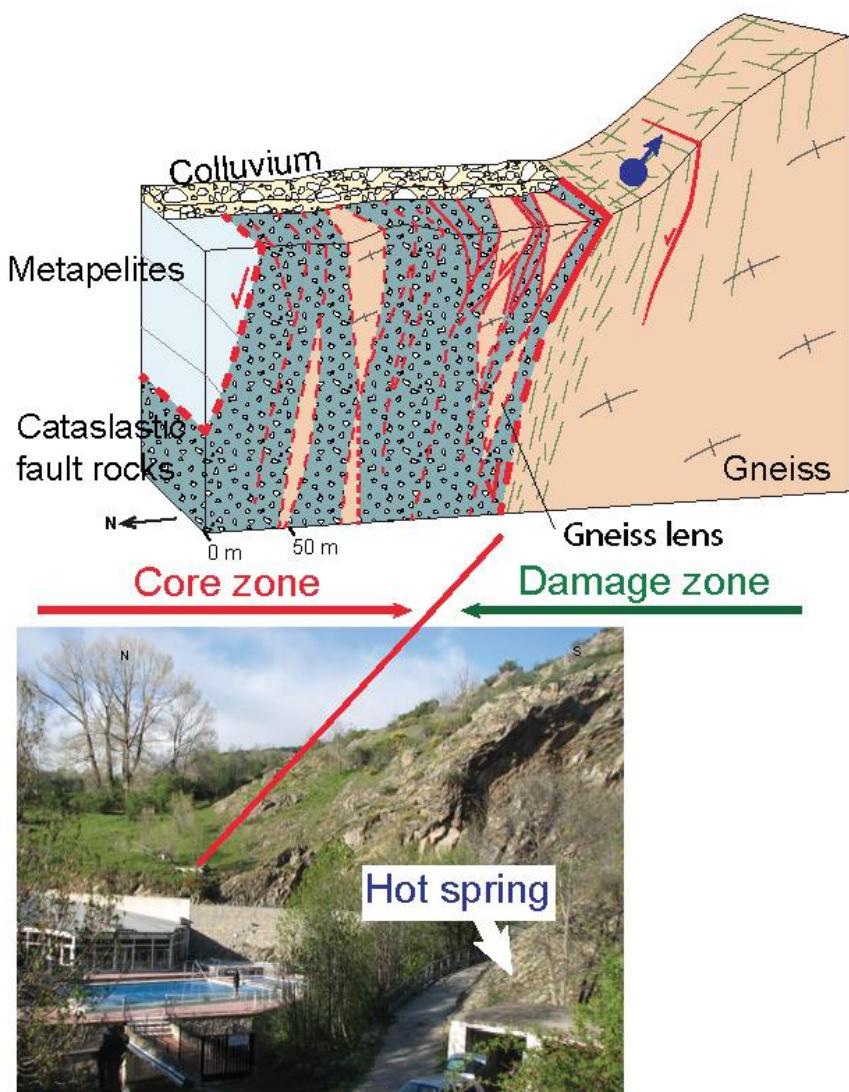
Results

Discussion

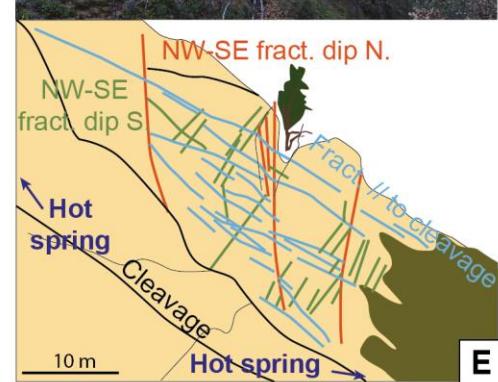
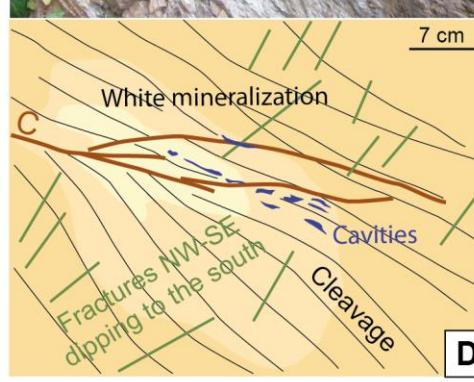
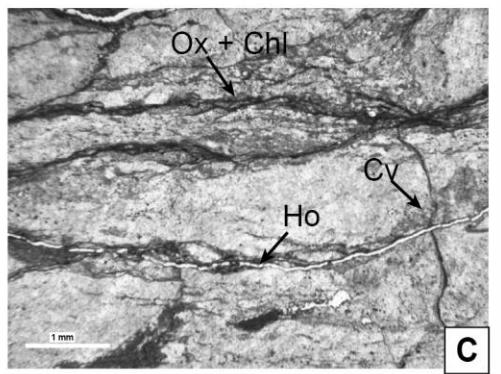
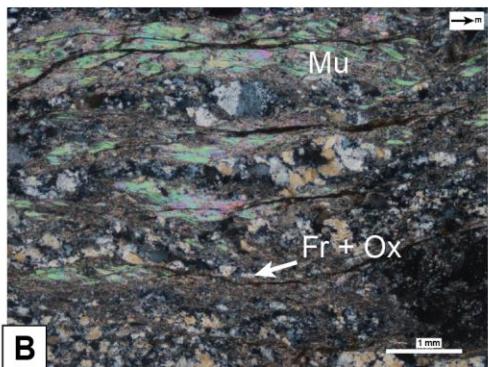
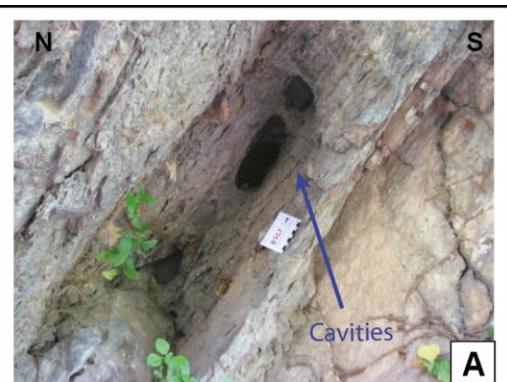
Conclusion



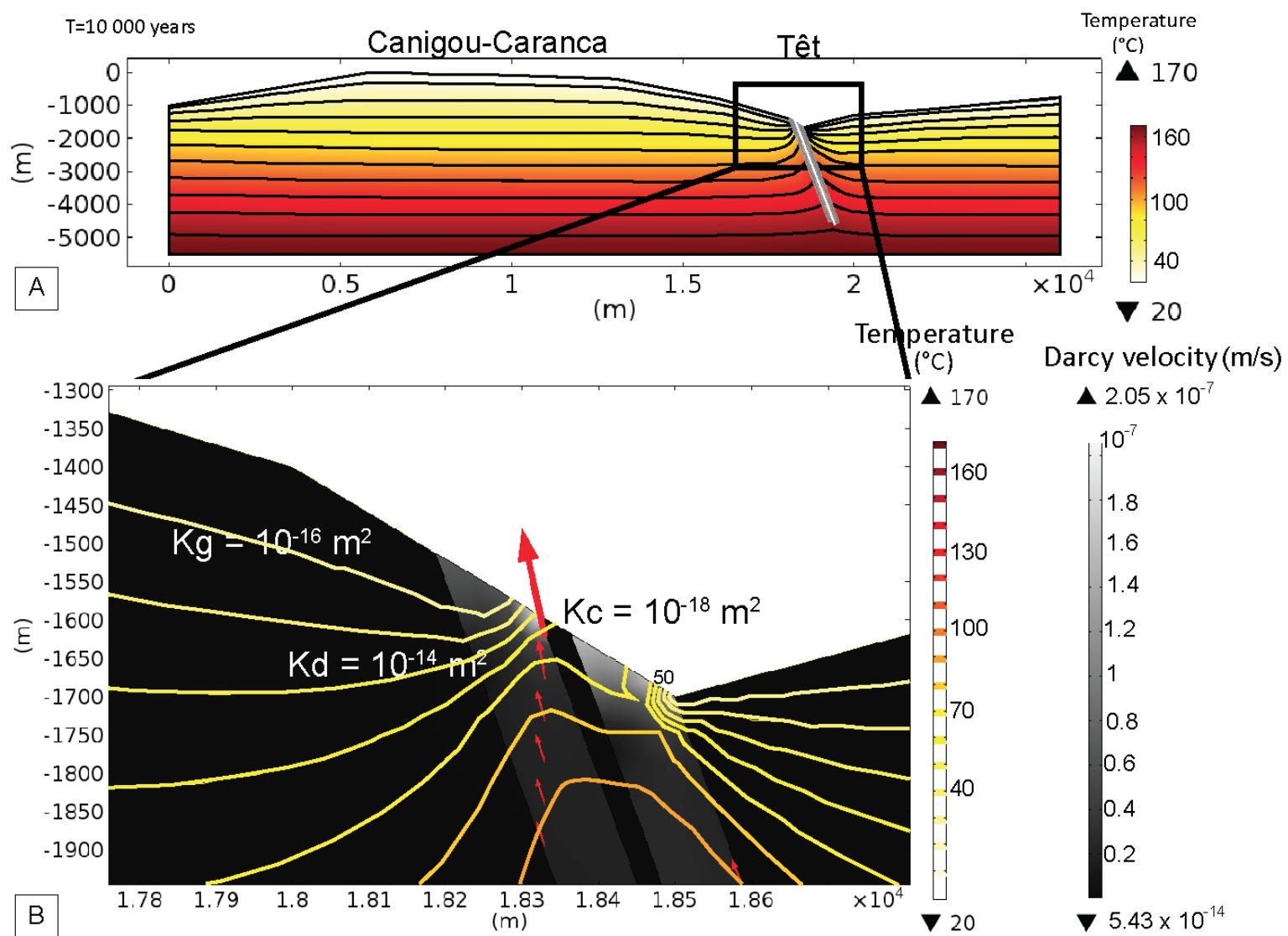
Brittle faults

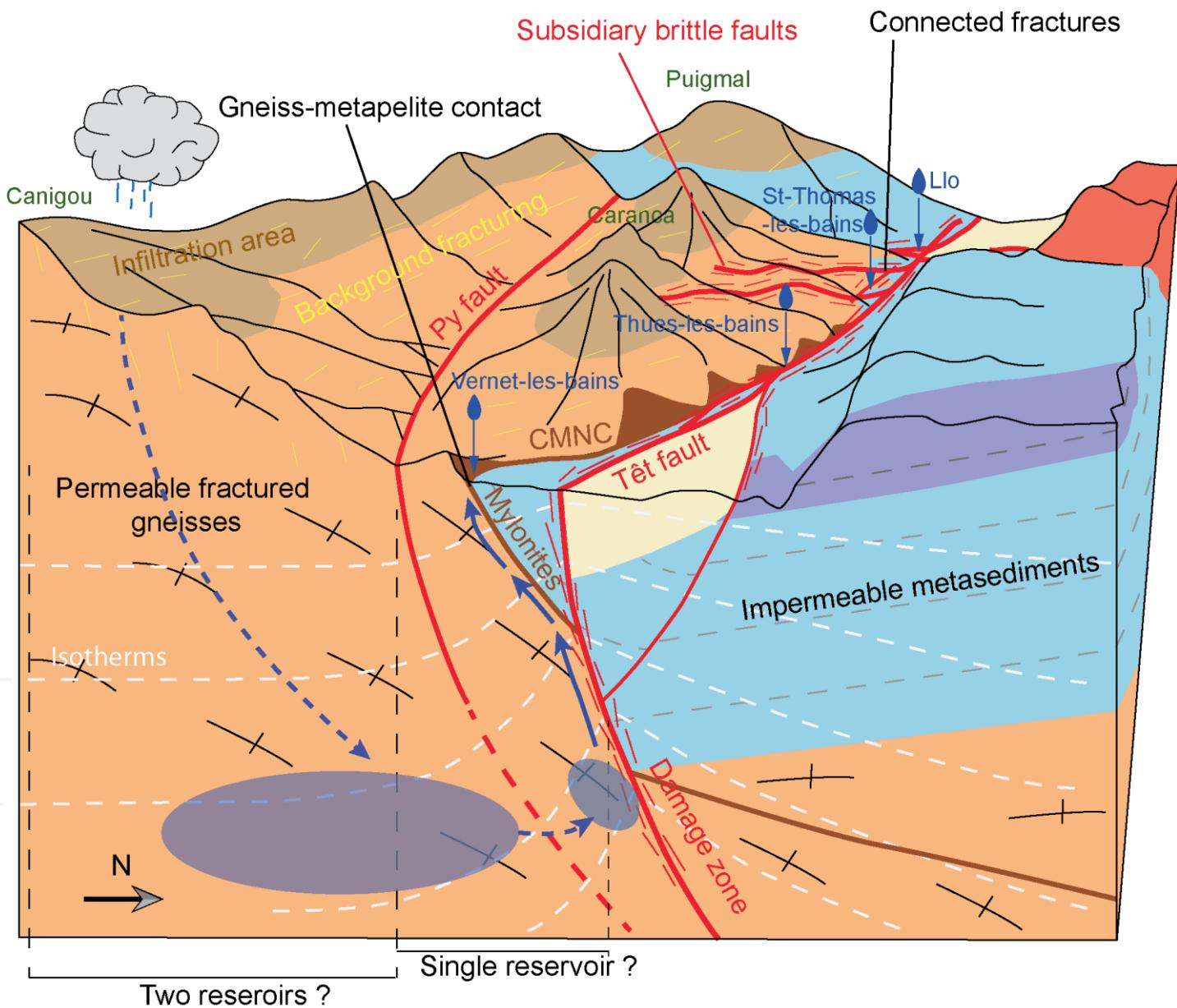


Ductile faults

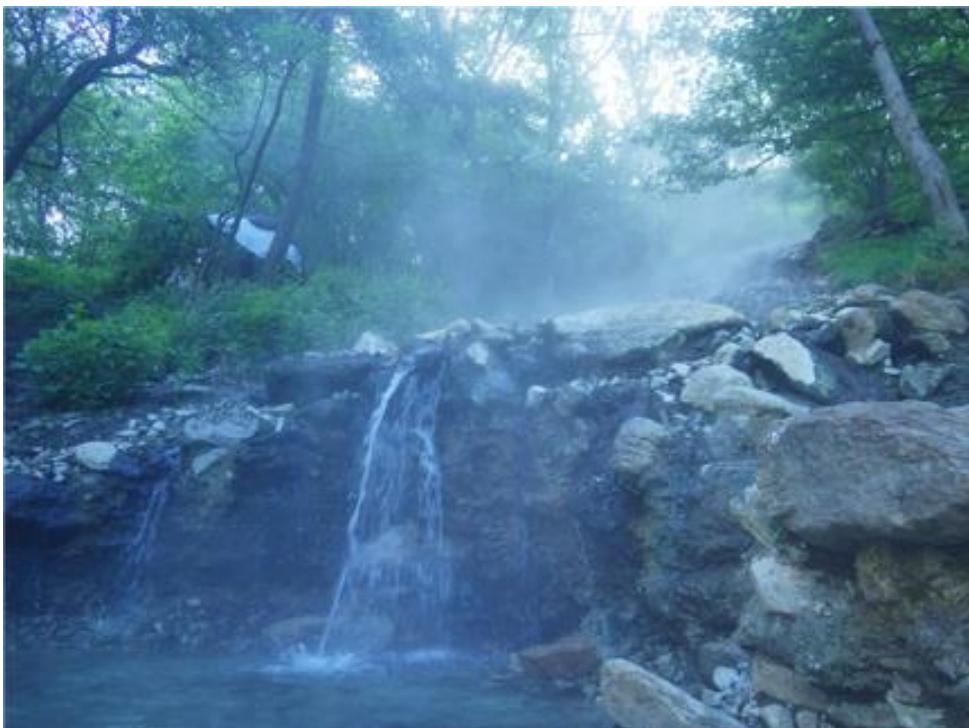


Thermicity





Brittle and ductile fault both act as drains for hydrothermal fluids.



- Segmentation
- Footwall
- Gneiss / metasediments
- CZ : cataclasite
- DZ intersection : fractures
- Mylonitic dissolution cavities



Thank for your attention !

