

# Introduction to HssA test site

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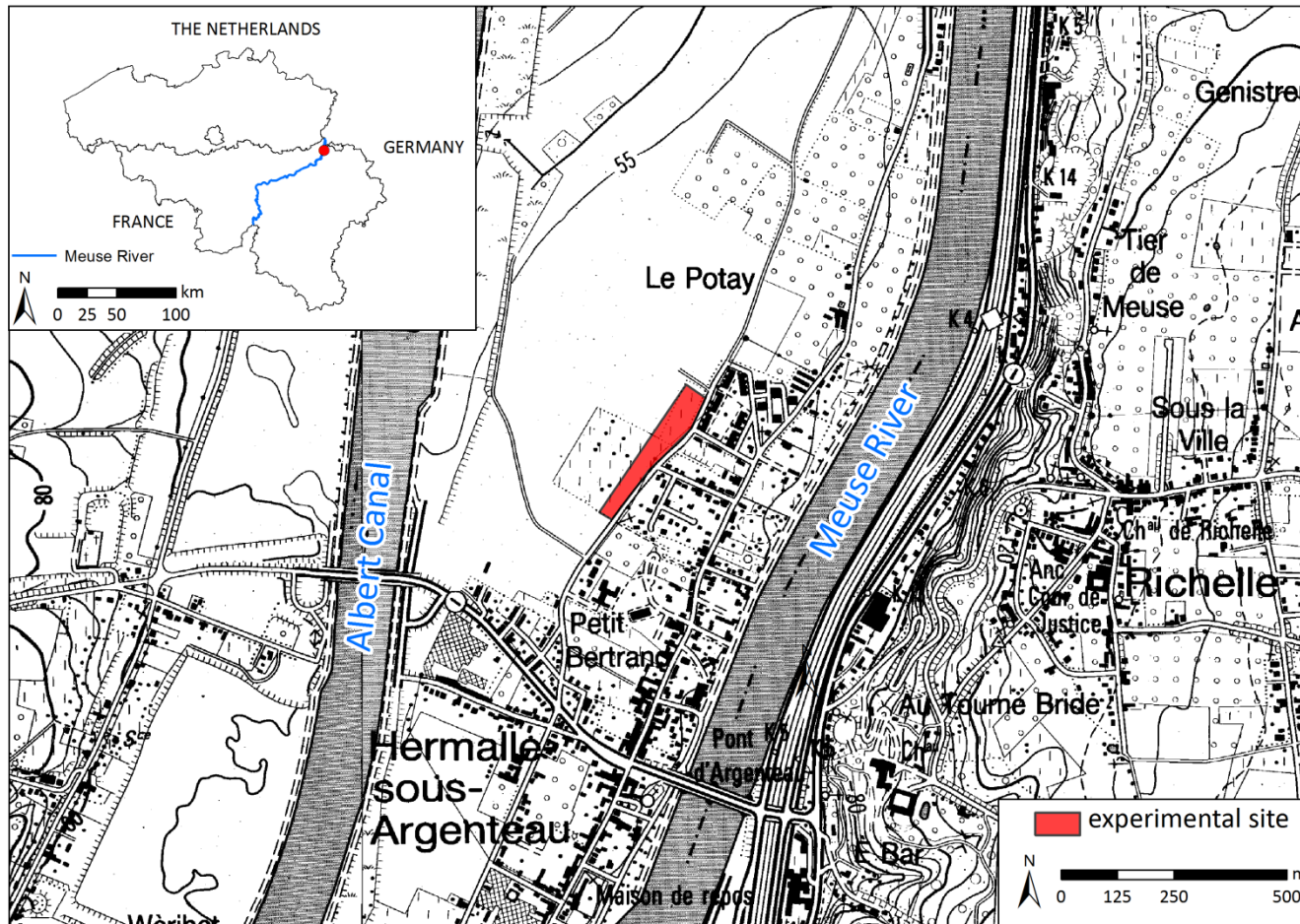
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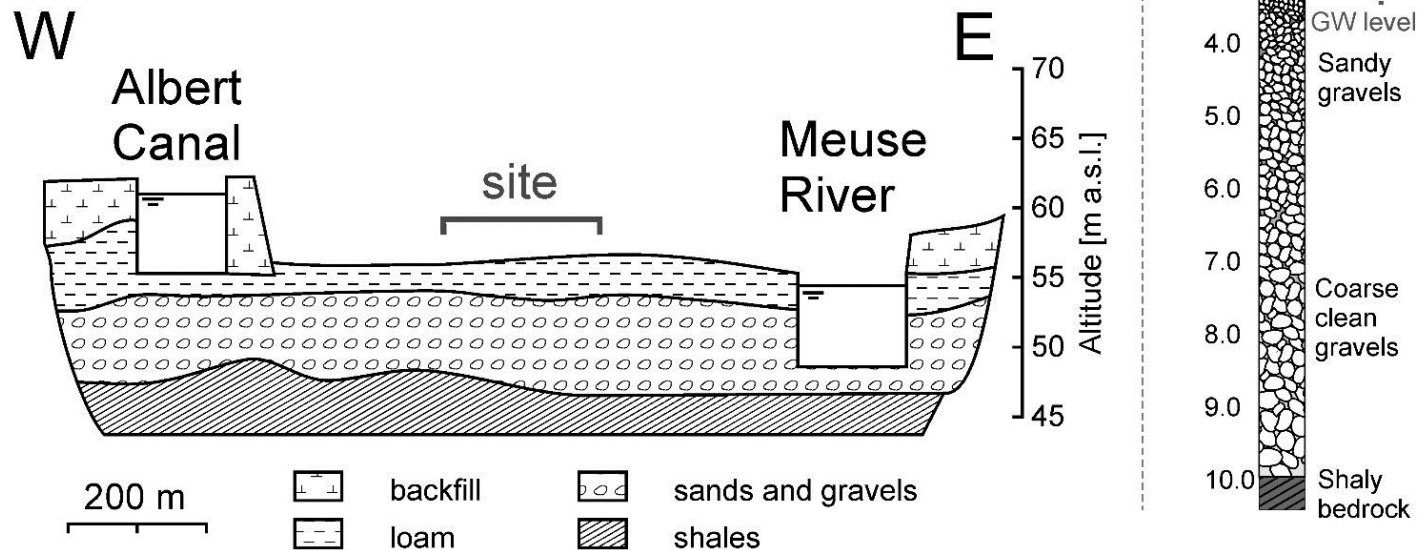
# Location : Alluvial plain of the Meuse

- Rue Joseph Bonhomme, Hermalle-sous-Argenteau ( $X_{\text{Lambert}}=242670$  m,  $Y_{\text{Lambert}}=157150$  m)
- Between the Albert Canal and the Meuse River



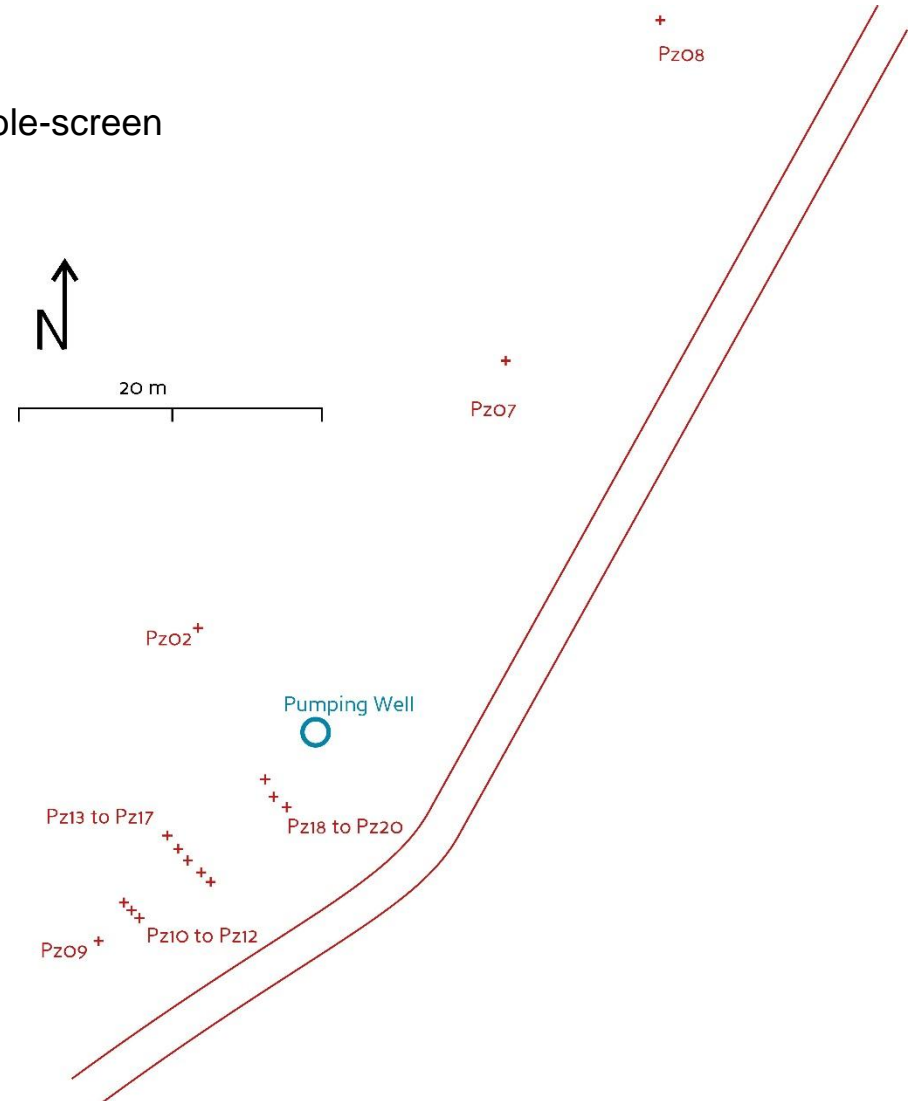
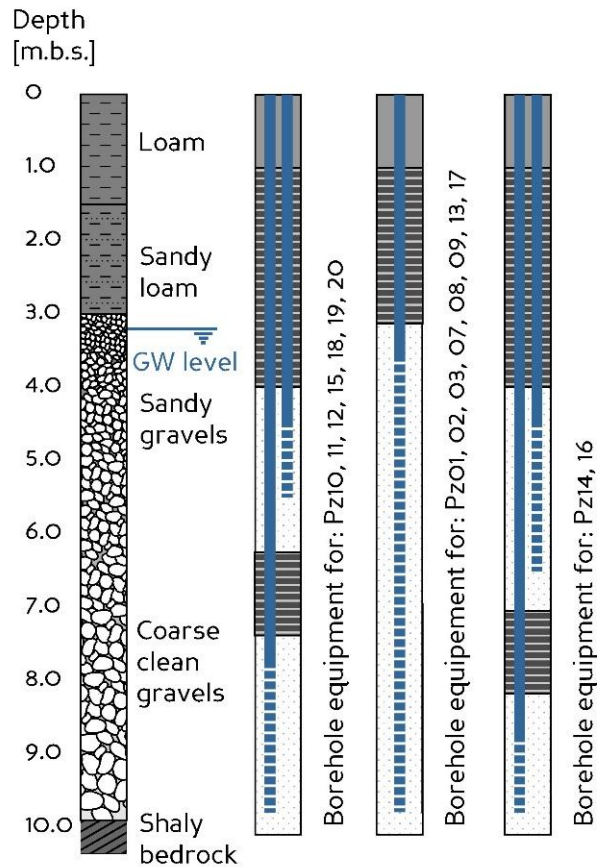
# Geology : Alluvial plain sediments

- 3 m of loam
- 7 m of sandy gravels than becomes coarser and cleaner with depth
- Shaly bedrock at 10 m below surface = base of the aquifer
- GW level 3.2 m below surface, unconfined aquifer
- Seasonal variation 0.5 m, high level in january



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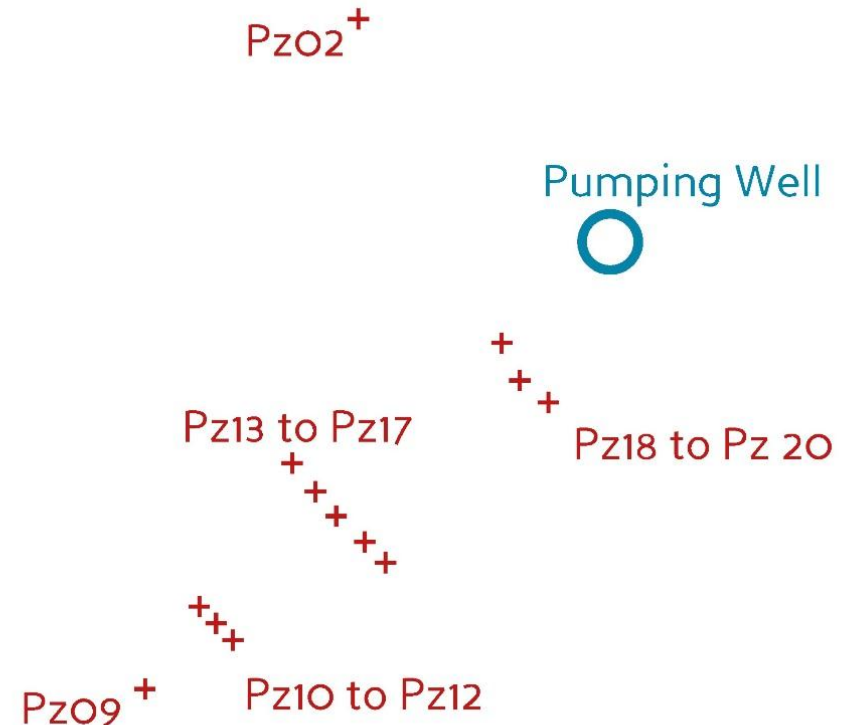
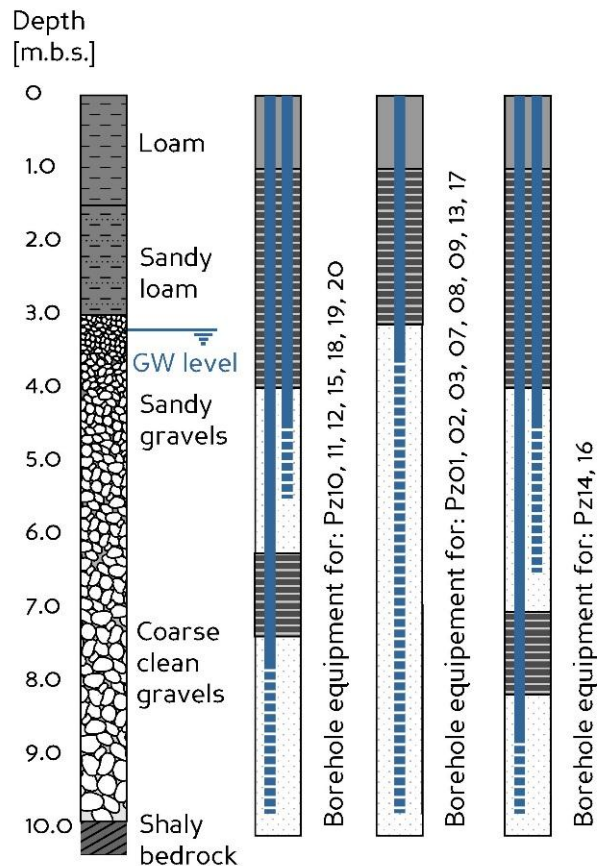
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- Electricity available on site (3x400V)





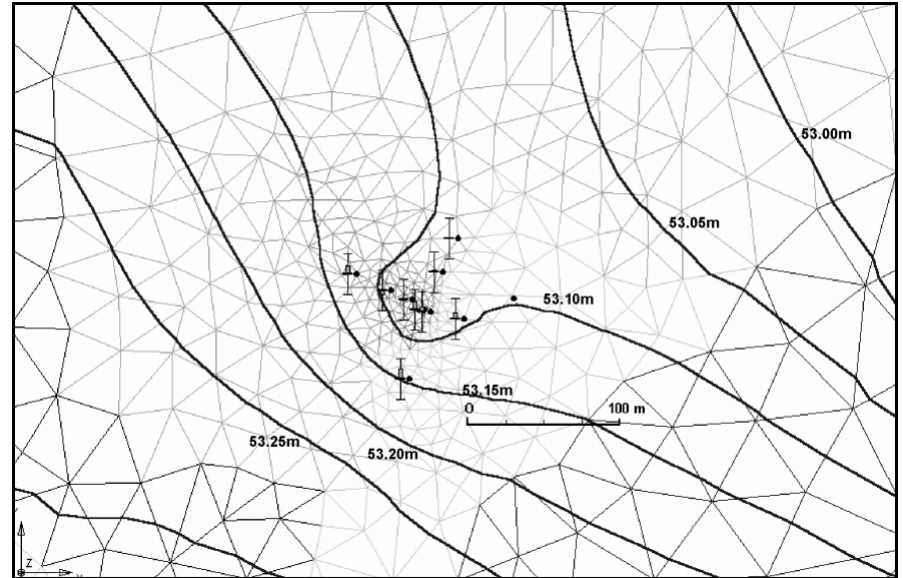
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# First site characterization: 2001 PhD of Brouyère S.

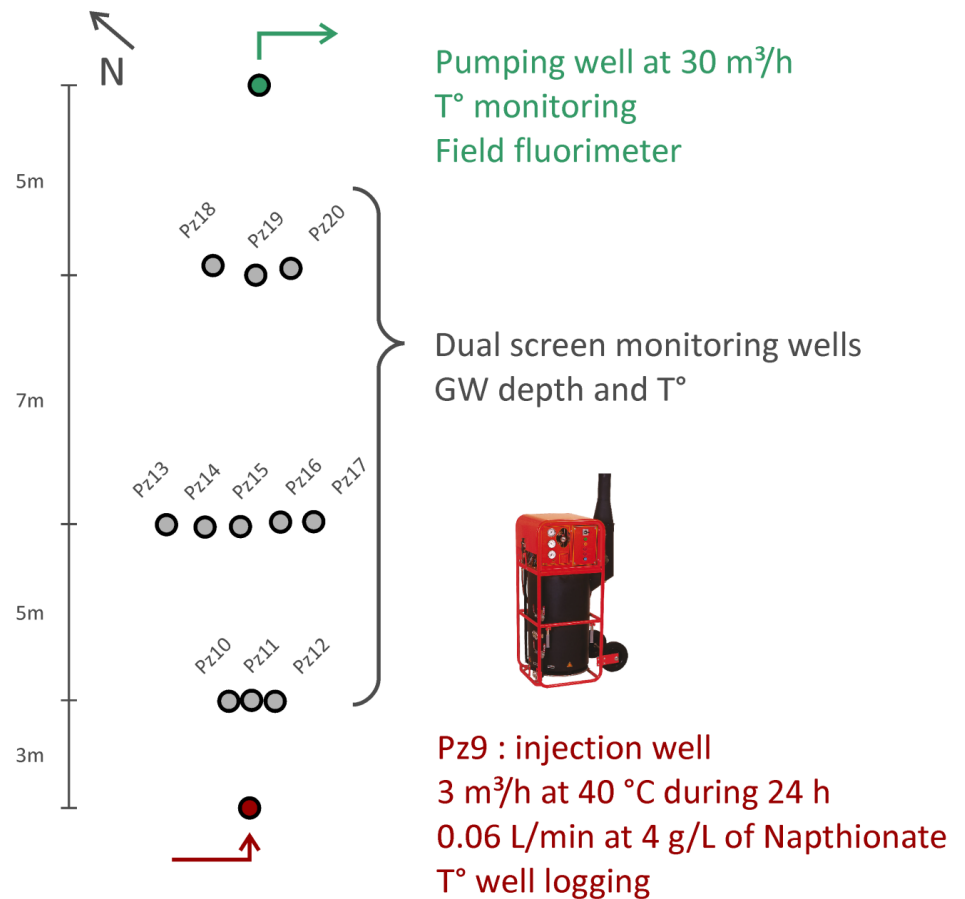
- Pumping tests determining  $K = 1,8 \text{ to } 7,6 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$
- Hydraulic gradient 0.5 % NE
- Effective porosity 0.04 to 0.08
- Immobile porosity 0.1 to 0.4
- Longitudinal dispersivity 0.5 to 4.5 m
- Tracer behavior on site :
  - I, NO<sub>3</sub>, Cl, Br conservative
  - Li, K, Sr, Fluoresceine, Rhodamine can be adsorbed
  - Naphionate degrades with 1<sup>st</sup> order coef  $1,5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Modeling



# 2012 Thermal tracer test: Heat + Naphtionate

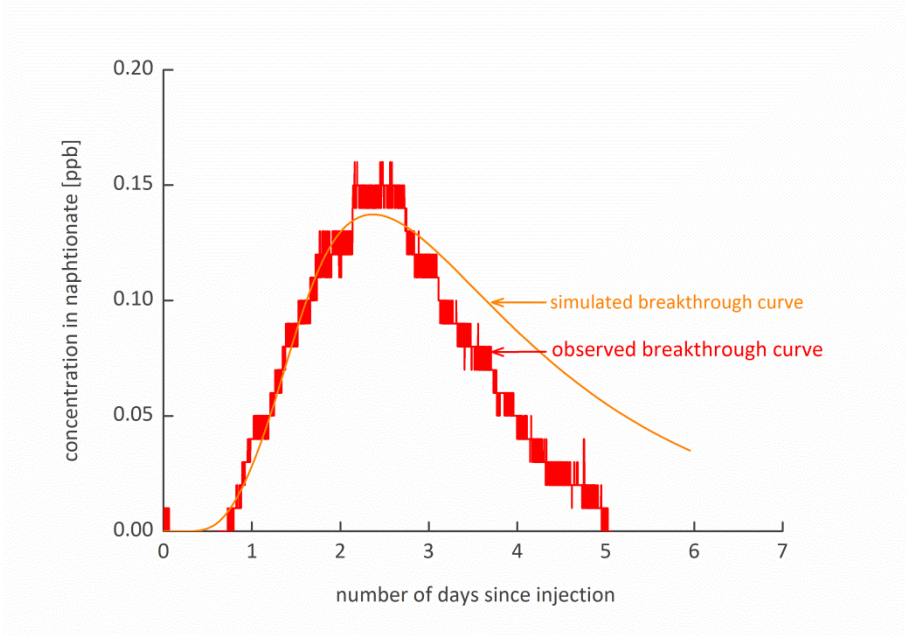
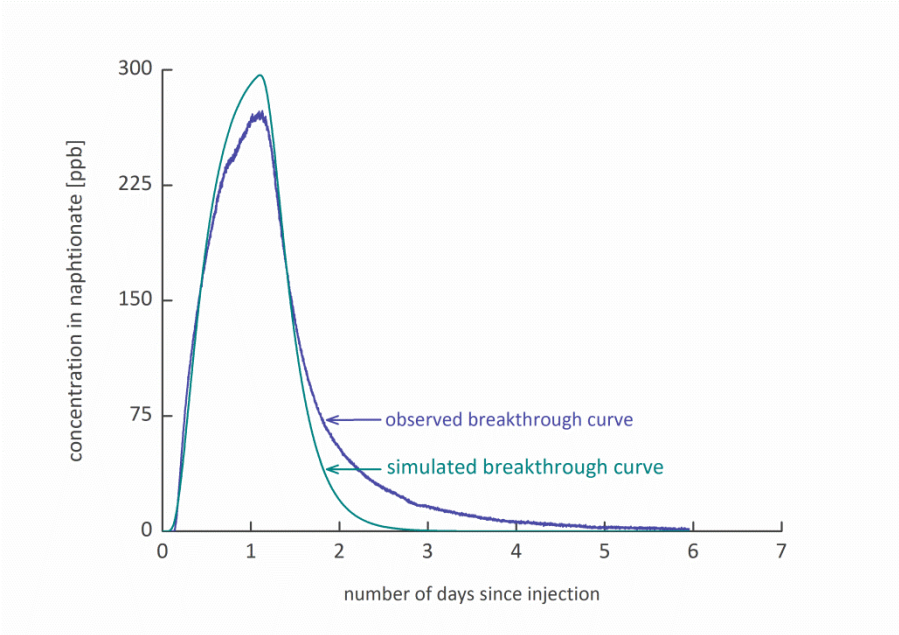
- Simultaneous injection of Heat and Fluorescent Dye
- Allowing to study different processes in the aquifer

- Injection in Pz9
- Monitoring in control panels
- Recovery at pumping well



# 2012 Thermal tracer test: Breakthrough curve at PP

- Radial converging flow



	Naphtionate	Temperature
Longitudinal dispersion ( $\alpha_L$ ) [m]	3	
Porosity (n) [-]	0.04	
1 <sup>st</sup> order degradation coefficient $\lambda$ [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$	0
Retardation factor R [-]	1	5

(Hecht-Méndez et al. 2010)

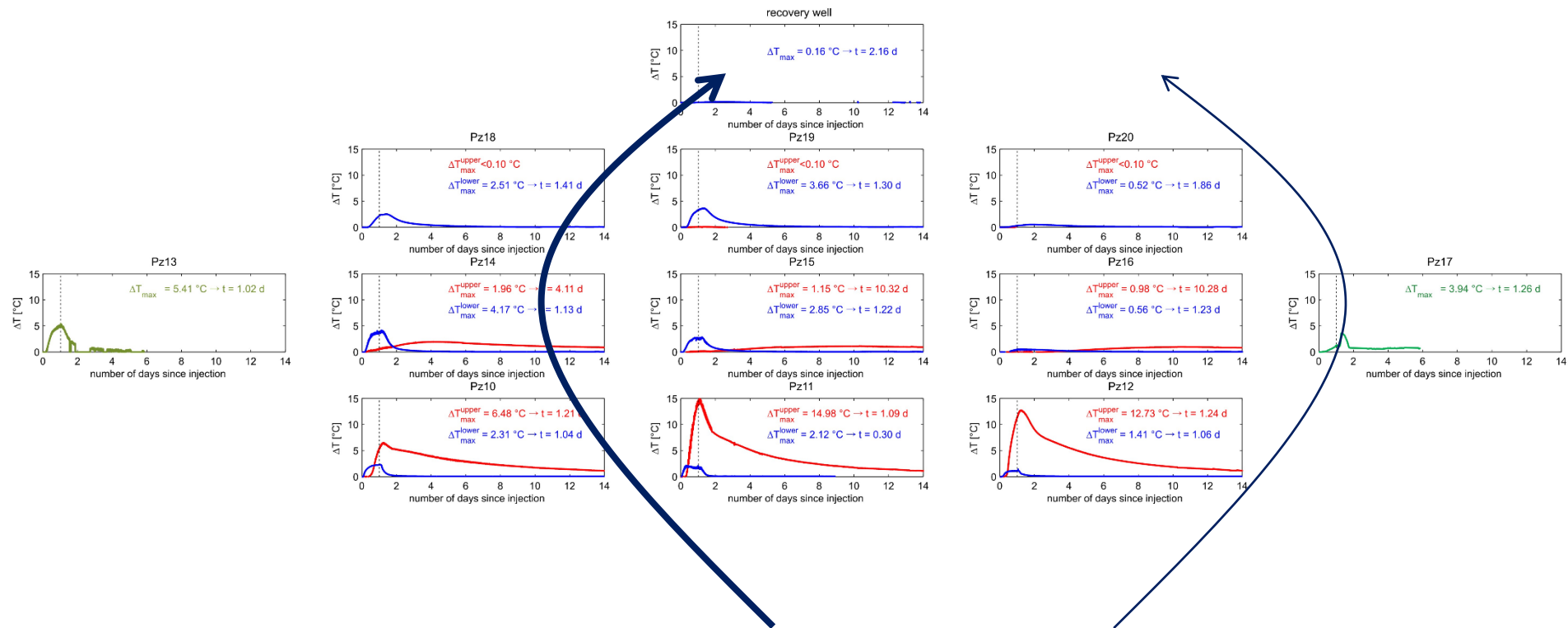
$$R = C_m/nC_w$$

$$C_m = 2.3 \text{ MJ/m}^3/\text{K}$$



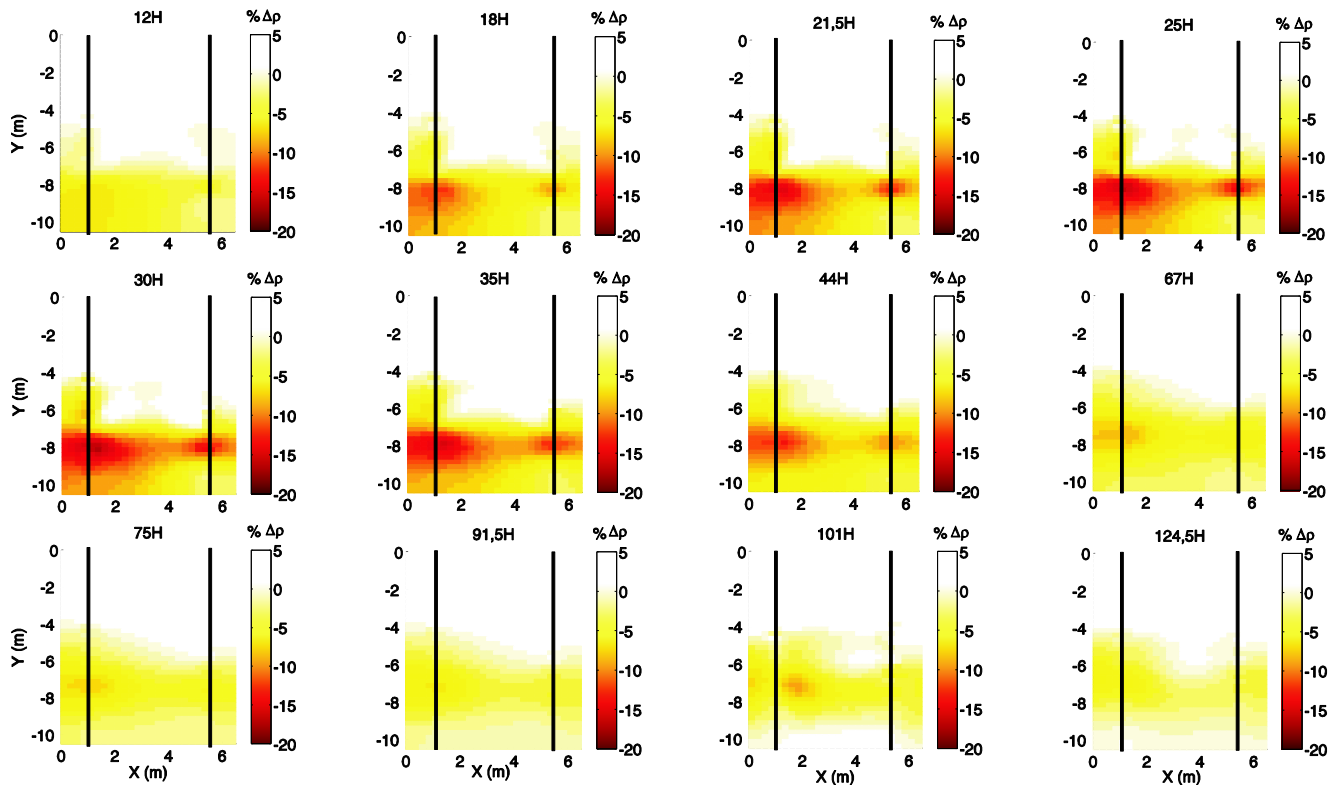
# 2012 Thermal tracer test: control panels T° curves

- Heterogeneity of the aquifer



# Crosshole ERT: Spatial and temporal imaging of resistivity

- Lateral variations related to heterogeneity in the deposits
- Changes seem stronger around first borehole
- Spatially, temperatures increase only in the bottom part of the aquifer (clean gravel)
- Detection limit -3%



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# Measurement of GW flux and flow direction: FVPDM

## Finite Volume Point Dilution Method

### Generalisation of single well dilution techniques

Brouyère *et al.* 2008, J. Contam. Hydrol.

- Darcy's flux in the
  - upper part of the aquifer 10 m/d
  - lower part of the aquifer 200 m/d

-> **10 x times higher in the lower part**

- Measuring GW flow direction using an evolution of the FVPDM setup
- Diverging flow direction on the first control panel

  
PzO2

Pumping Well



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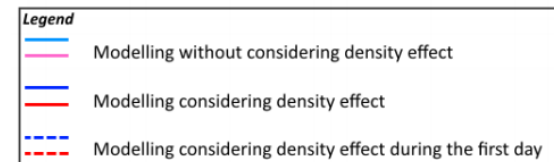
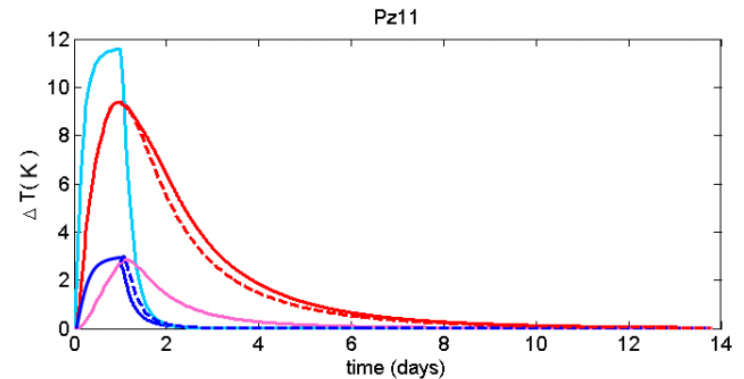
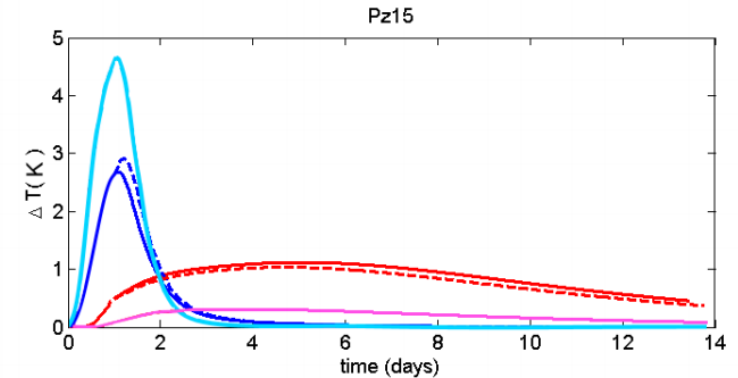
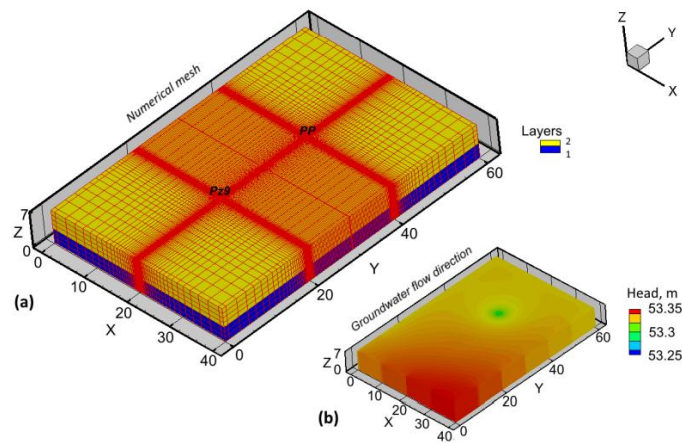
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PzO9



# 2015 Modeling of the 2012 thermal tracer test

- Modeling to study 3D shape of the heat plume (HGS)
- Calibration using  $T^\circ$  bkth. curves and pilot points
- Complex behavior of the heat plume explained by high lateral and vertical heterogeneity of the hydraulic conductivity field
- Temperature-induced water density effect



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