

# ALTOS

**Managing water resources within Mediterranean agrosystems by accounting for spatial structures and connectivities.**

## WP2: Monitoring fluxes and storages

Task 2.1: water and chemical fluxes  
(leader: CERTE)



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**2.1.1. Evapotranspiration, soil moisture and crop growth.**

**2.1.2. Dam - aquifer transfers and upstream - downstream surface / subsurface transfers.**

**2.1.3. Chemical pollutants: hydrological fluxes and retention processes.**

### **2.1.1. Evapotranspiration, soil moisture and crop growth.**

- Targets: vegetation water status across growth cycle, yield, water use efficiency.
- Methodological innovations: joint use of eddy covariance / sap flow / isotopic measurements and optical / radar / thermal infrared remote sensing data, joint use of times series from in-situ and remote sensing data.
- Partners: INRGREF, SUPCOM, CESBIO, LISAH, UCAM, UNICA, IRTA.
- Study areas: Cap Bon, Merguellil, Tensift, Segre, Orroli.

### **Monitoring ETR and water fluxes / LISAH**

**Objectives:** monitoring ETR, soil moisture and crop growth

**Method:** joint use of different EC devices, SM moisture measurements, agricultural statistics

### **Means**

- relying on former and ongoing experiments within OMERE observatory
- 1 ongoing PhD (MESRS / IRD) is gathering data.

Nomenclature	M	mesure							mettre en priorité 1 l'identification des périodes où les données sont disponibles
	C	carte							faire un diagramme de Gantt dans une 2 <sup>de</sup> feuille
	BV	bassin versant							détailler chaque type de variable dans d'autres feuilles
	Par	parcelle							
	Versant	versant (tour à flux)							
	Bi-hor	bi-horaire							



	Variables	Type de données (carte/mesures)	Echelle spatiale	Echelle temporelle	Années de mesures	Ordre de priorité	çage / calage-validati	Personne à contacter	Remarques	
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		Tmin, Tmax	M	BV	journalière + Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim	
		Humidité de l'air	M	BV	journalière + Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim	
		Vitesse du vent	M	BV	journalière + Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim	
		rayonnement global	M	BV	journalière + Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim	
		ETO	M	BV	journalière + Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim	
	futur	Flux (dont ETR)	M	Par / BV	Bi-hor	à partir de 2004	1		Rim et Laurent (2013)	sur quelques parcelles
		Pluie	M				1		Insaf et Damien	préciser scénarios + périodes
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		Humidité de l'air	M				1		Insaf et Damien	
		vitesse du vent	M				1		Insaf et Damien	
		rayonnement global	M				1		Insaf et Damien	
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		profondeur	C	Par	Invariante		2		Insaf et Damien	
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		densité	M	Par	Invariante		2		Insaf et Damien	
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		albédo	M	Par			2		Insaf et Damien	
		conductivité hydraulique	M	Par			2		Insaf et Damien	
		infiltrabilité	M						Damien	
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	Piezométrie	M	Par	mensuelle + journalière	à partir de 2001	3		Jérôme		
Végétation	Type de culture	C	BV			1				
	végétation naturelle	C	Par		à partir de 2004	1		Insaf - ALMIRA		
	Hauteur	M	Par			2		Rim et Insaf		
	Biomasse fraîche	M				2		Rim et Insaf		
	Biomasse sèche	M	Par			2		Rim et Insaf		
	LAI	M	Par			2		Rim et Laurent (2013)	- mesures sur quelques parcelles	
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		domaine IR thermique					3			
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## Partnership

- INRGREF

## Roadmap

- On going data gathering by PhD student
- Next stage is database setup and metadata for ALTOS web site

## Difficulties



## Observations at Lebna watershed

- **Eddy covariance :**

Flux tower at Kamech watershed: subcatchment scale since 2010

- **Vegetation growth** an average of 6 to 8 fields have been followed since 2016:

  - hemispheric photos for LAI and crop cover, phenology, height, Biomass and yield

- **Soil moisture:** only 2 fields were monitored 2019-2020



# ALTOS ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

## Lebna watershed

- Monitoring of 8 fields (wheat, fababean, fodder) of vegetation growth and soil humidity, biomass, yield
- Remote sensing images sentinel 1 and sentinel 2, terraSARX

PHD Abdelghaffar and Altos Engineer





# Observations at Citrus orchard

- Drip irrigated Citrus orchard
  - Eddy covariance since 2015 (H, LE, 4 components of Rn, G)
  - Campaigns of xylem water potential
  - Yield
  - Soil moisture (1/ 2 points)

## Fluxmed and Sicmed: 2020

- Sap flow measurements
- Additional soil moisture sensors
- Remote sensing

What could be considered with Altos?





- Evapotranspiration, soil moisture and crop growth
  - Irrigated (Tensift) and rainfed (Taous, Tunis) olive trees: joint use of eddy covariance / sap flow / isotopic measurements and optical / radar / thermal infrared remote sensing data, joint use of times series from insitu and remote sensing data.
  - CNES MOCTAR (Tensift) and TRISHNA (Taous) projects

**Confirmed activities : Spatio-temporal variability of ET in a almond and apple orchard.**

Activities	Period	Study areas	Team
Validation of ET estimates (TSEB S2+S3) of a almond orchard with different irrigation treatments -> eddy covariance	2019 and 2020	Almond (Maials, Lleida, Spain) & Apple (Mollerussa, Lleida, Spain)	C Jofre J Bellvert M Pàmies A Pelechà
Validation of ET estimates (TSEB S2+S3) of an apple orchard with two irrigation treatments -> weighing lysimeter	2020 and 2021		
Test different sharpening approaches, modifications in the algorithms and comparisons with other satellites and airborne TIR imagery -> to improve LST estimates when it is downscaled from coarse to high-resolution pixels.	2019, 2020 and 2021		
pyTSEB S2+S3 in other study sites?			

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**Tensift Site**

**WP2**

*April 20-21, 2020*



# Rainfed wheat functioning (2017-date)



**Continuous measurements**



**Field campaigns**



## Main objectives:

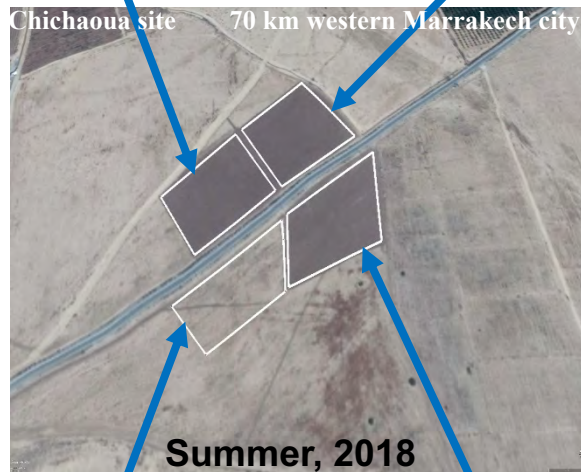
- Retrieving temporal variation of stress coefficient from  $f_c$ , LST and SM observations,
- Validation of ET-TSEB constrained by 1 km resolution MODIS LST,  $f_c$  and disaggregated SM-SMOS,
- Calibration of sentinel-1 data using optical/thermal data (Landsat 7/8).

# Roughness and SMC measurements on bare soil

Tilling (20 cm)



(30 cm)



Reference



(05 cm)



Surface soil moisture



Soil roughness



## Main objectives:

- Investigation of the effect of surface roughness on the radar signal (C-band) over bare soils,
- Comparison of the backscattering coefficient derived from 3 radar models (IEM, Oh and Ulaby model),
- Retrieving surface soil moisture by using these models and Sentinel-1 data.



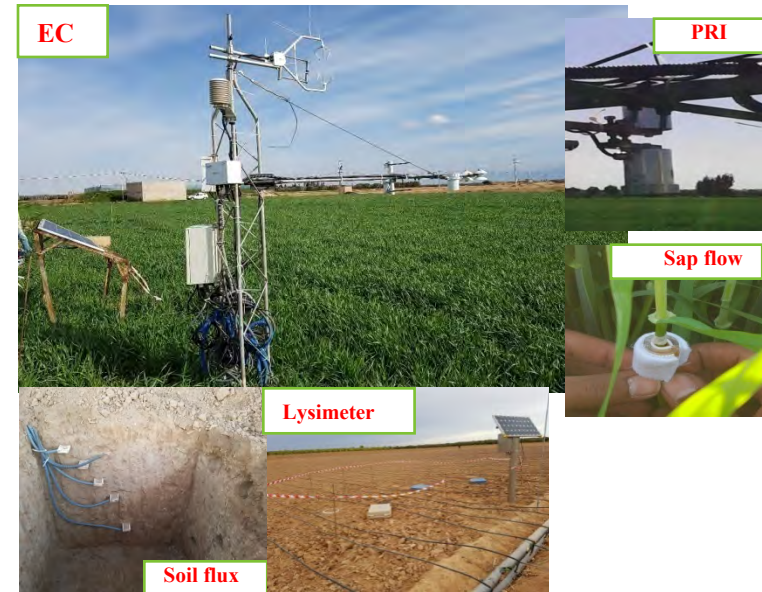
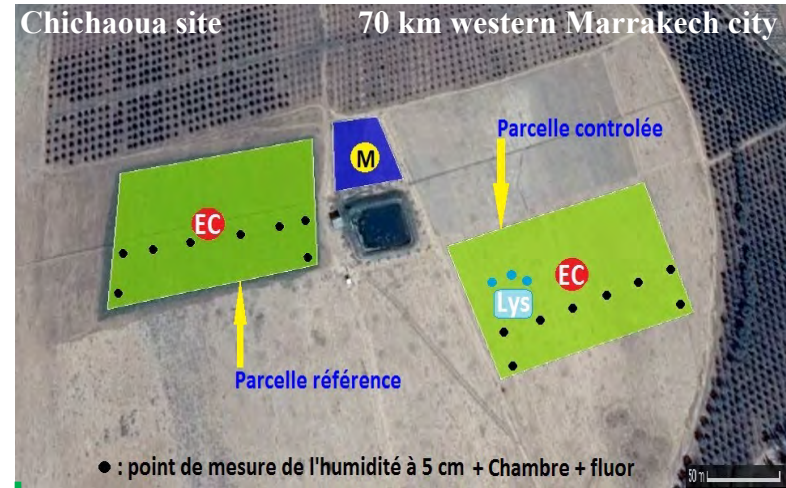
# Partitioning E/T and Crop water stress

## Partitioning E/T:

comparison/complementary between different sensors monitoring the surface water balance terms with various spatio-temporal resolutions,

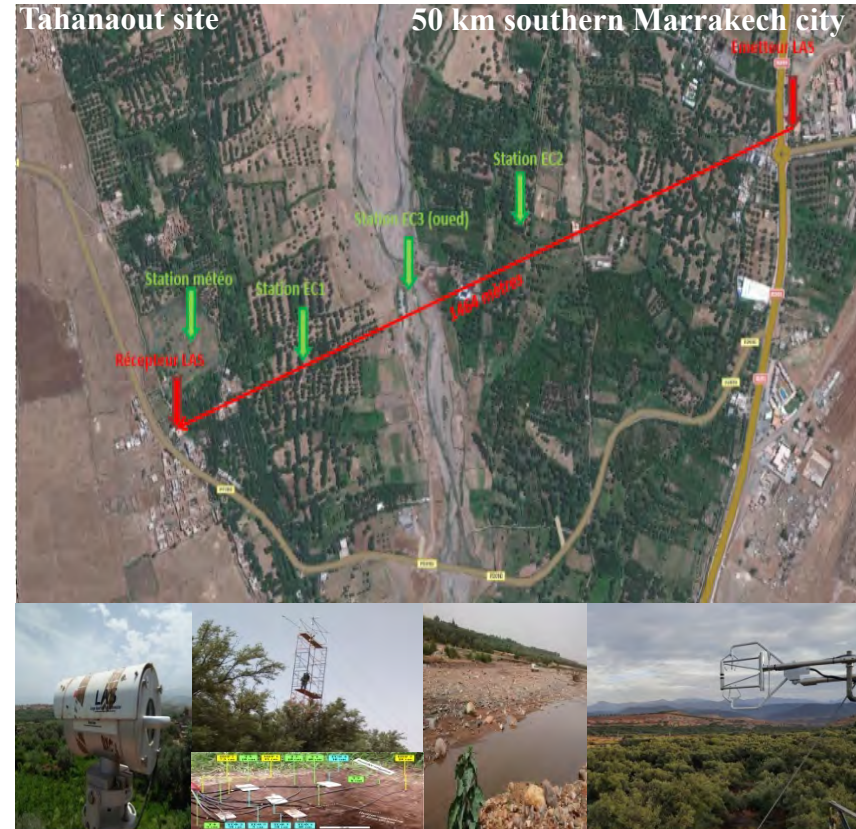
➤ **Crop water stress:** measurement and characterization.

**Measurement on stressed and non-stressed wheat** :(2 EC, 3 smart lysimeters, sap flow systems, fluorimeter, PRI, gas chambers, porometer) + LAI, biomass, vegetation and soil water content ...



# Hydrological functioning of the foot-mountain zone (2017-date)

- Evaluation of the ETR over the practiced heterogeneous covers,
- Extension of SAMIR Software,
- Estimation of deep percolation with water balance (groundwater recharge).



1 LAS (1.6km transect), 2 complete EC, 1 meteo station + OS, LAI

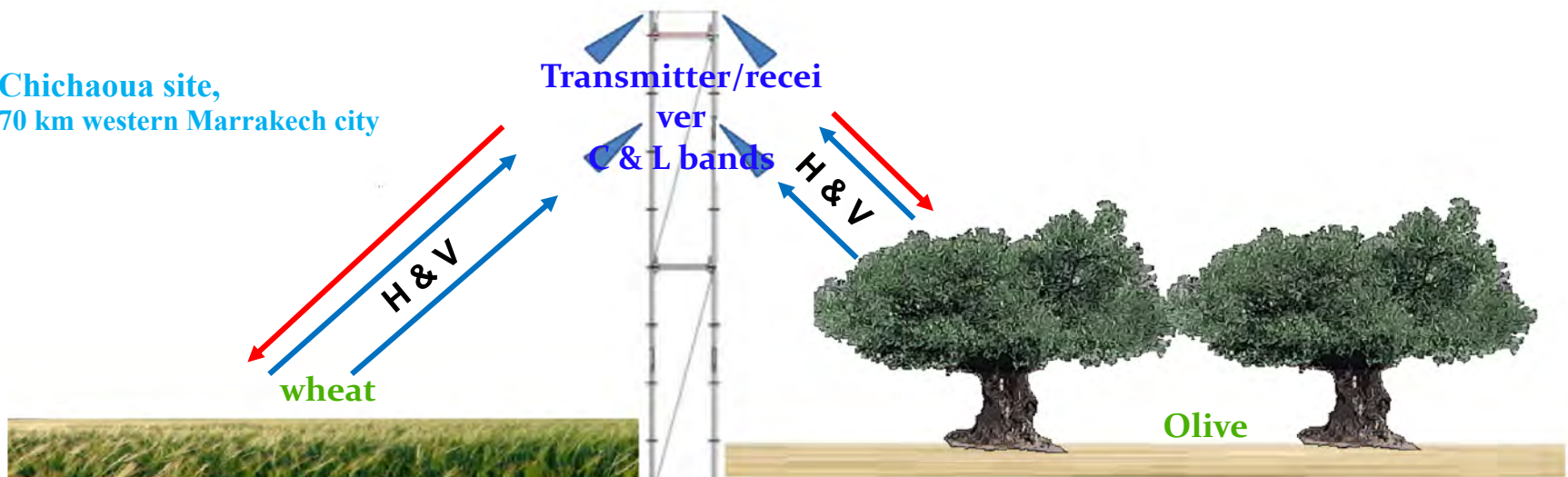


# Observations des Cultures par Télédétection radAR

## MOCTAR experiment ( sentinel-1 mission): (2019-2022)

- Improve our understanding of the radar signal (C and L bands) on annual and perennial crops,
- Provide the key variables (biomass, soil moisture content) for monitoring evapotranspiration,
- Study the potential of Sentinel-1 data to monitor the crop water stress,
- Assessment of the complementary between the radar data (C and L bands) and optical data for piloting the crop models.

Chichaoua site,  
70 km western Marrakech city



# Surface soil moisture retrieving

By using the machine Learning, backscattering models and the interferometric coherence

Chichaoua Site: data from 2016-date



## Wheat measurement

- Biomass
- LAI
- Height
- Canopy cover



## Soil Measurement

- Surface soil moisture
- Surface roughness (needle-profilometer)



## Meteorological data

- Rainfall
- Temperature







## Task 2.1. Water and chemical fluxes (leader CERTE)

### UNICA Contribution

Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile , Ambientale e Architettura  
Università di Cagliari, Italy

PI: *Nicola Montaldo*

*Giulio Vignoli, Roberto Corona, Serena Sirigu, Alessandro Seoni, Antonio Mascia, Andrea Saba*





# Orroli site (monitored from May 2003...)

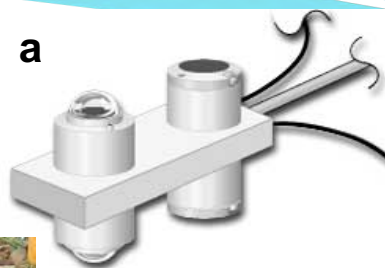
[Detto et al., WRR, 2006; Montaldo et al., HESS, 2008 – WRR, 2013]





# Micro-meteorological tower's instruments

- a) CNR1 Radiometer
- b) Li-7500 Gas Analyzer



Soil moisture probes (CS616 Campbell sci.)



- c) CSAT2 Sonic Anemometer
- d) Soil h



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# ET estimate: Sap flow sensor based method

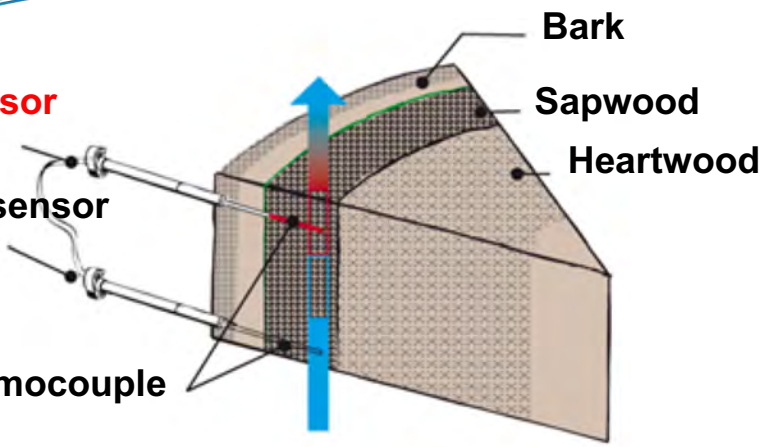
Sap flow calculation (*Granier, 1987*)

Heated sensor

Non-heated sensor

Thermocouple

Sapflow



$$J_s = 0.714 \times \left( \frac{\Delta T_{max}}{\Delta T} - 1 \right)^{1.231}$$

$\Delta T_{max}$ : maximum temperature difference measured at night time

$\Delta T$ : temperature difference

Transpiration at tree scal

$$T = J_s \left[ \frac{mm}{min} \right] \times \frac{A_{sw} [m^2]}{A_g [m^2]}$$

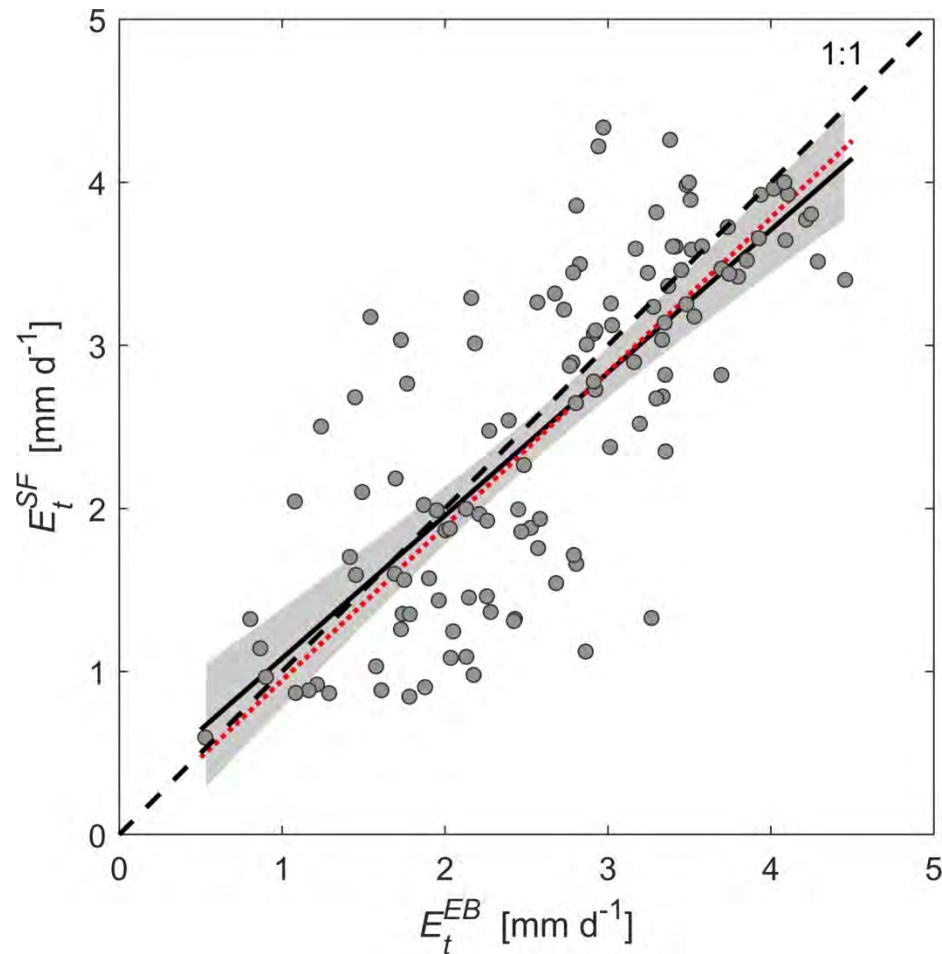
$A_{sw}$  sapwood area

$A_g$ : ground area

Sapwood area



# Comparison between transpiration from sapflow sensors and transpiration from energy balance using the thermal infrared sensors

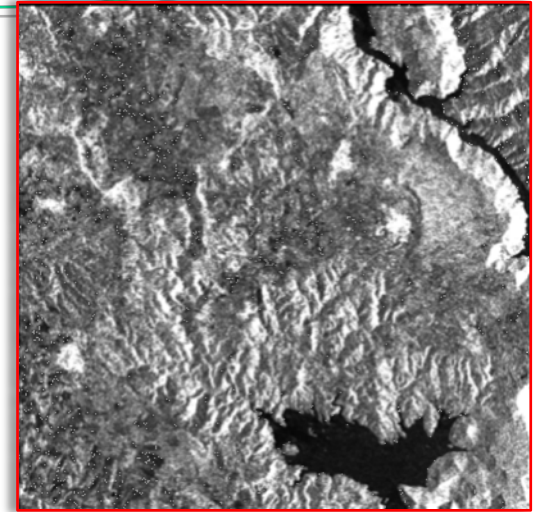
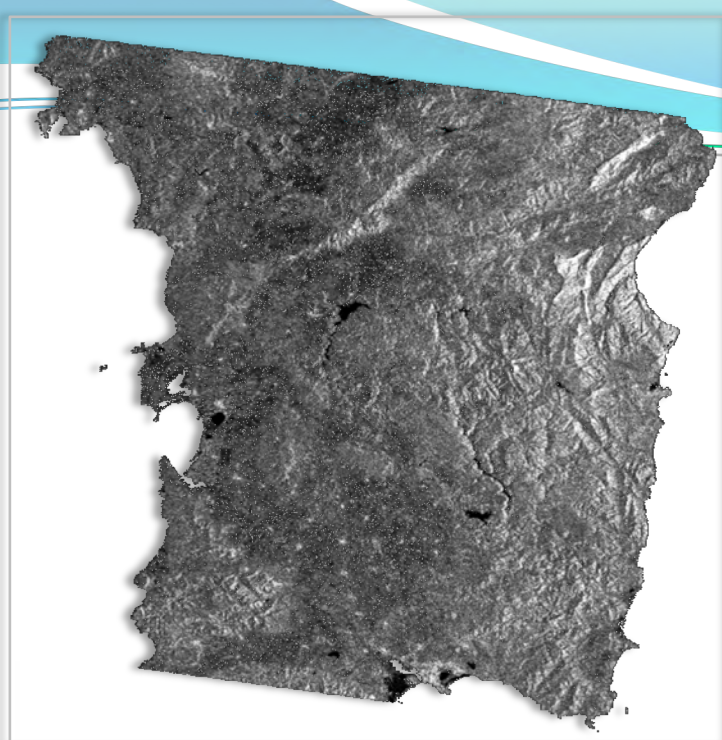


Montaldo et al. (Agricultural and Forest meteorology, 2020)

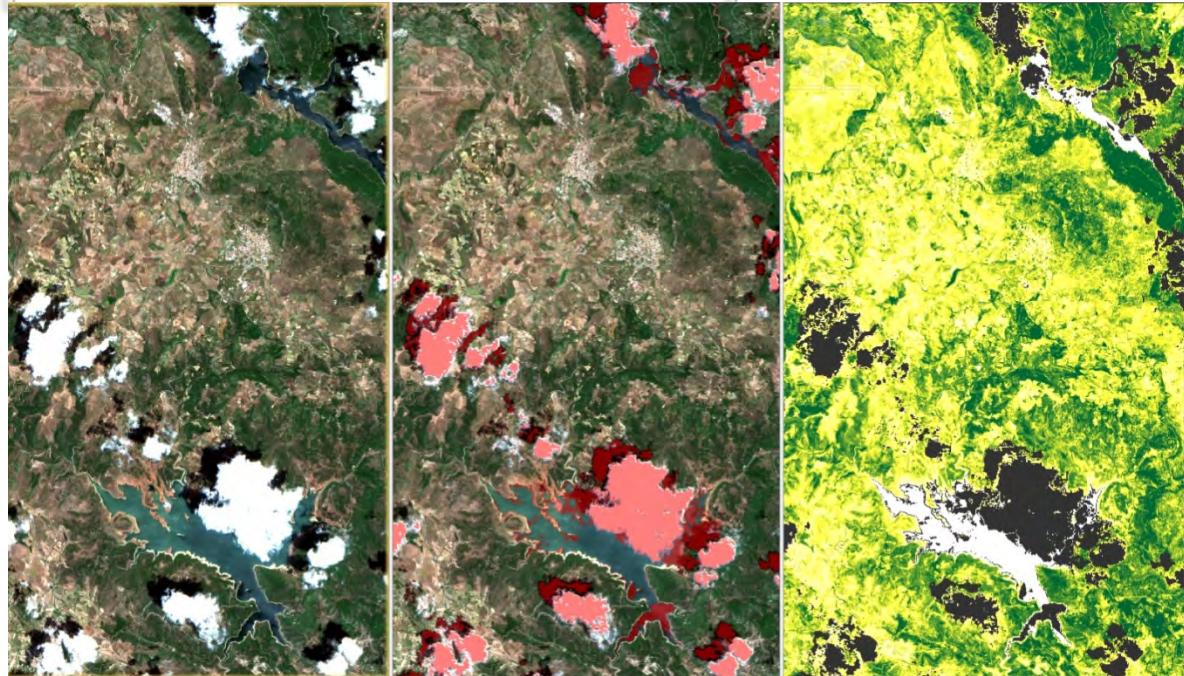


# Remote sensing

Radar  
Sentinel 1



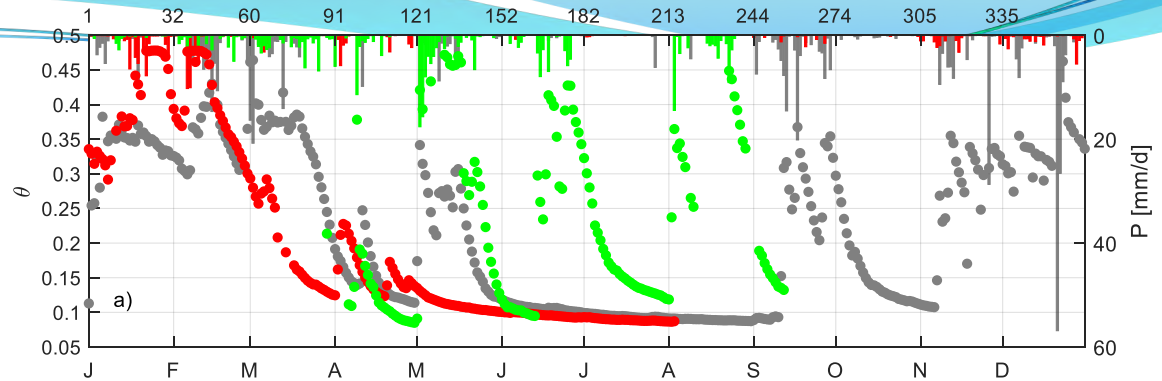
Sentinel 2



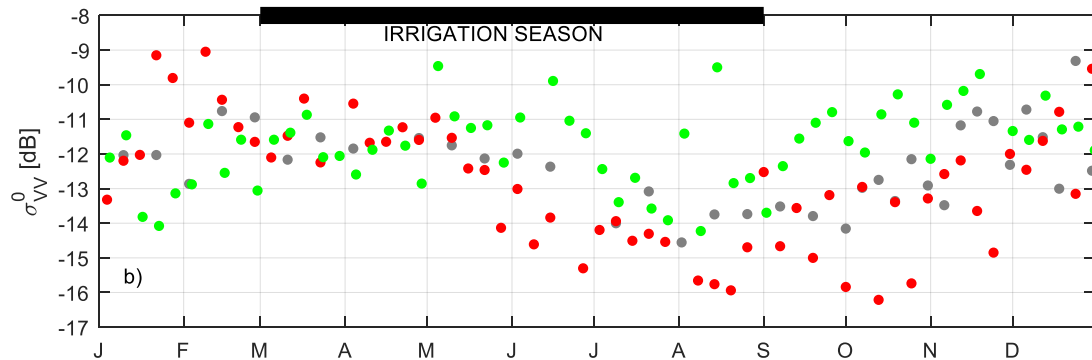
# Orroli site

## Remote sensing

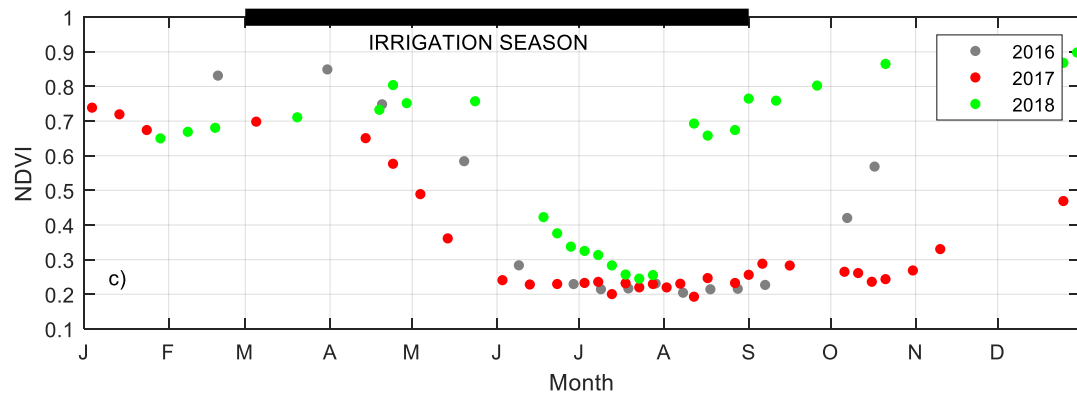
Observed Soil moisture



From Sentinel 1  
Radar backscatter signal  
in VV pol.

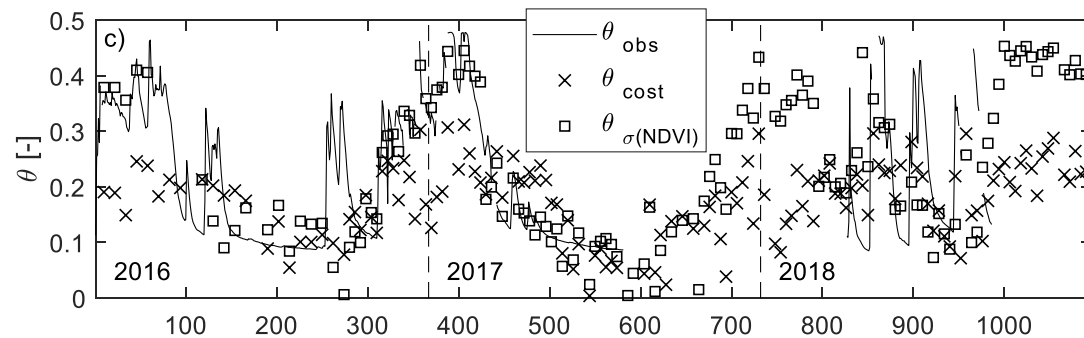
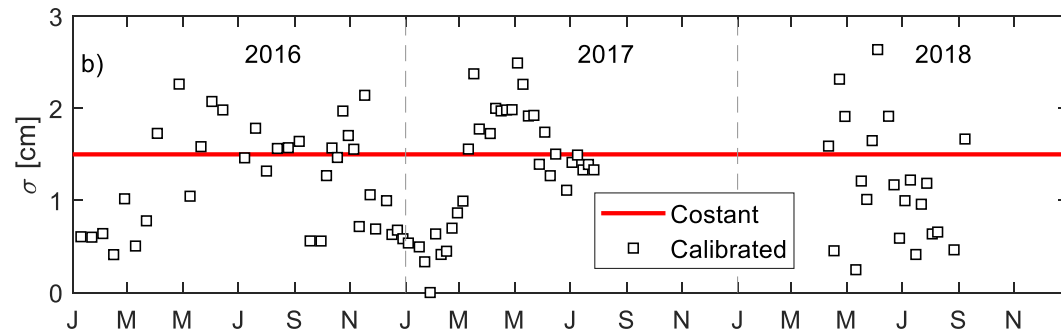
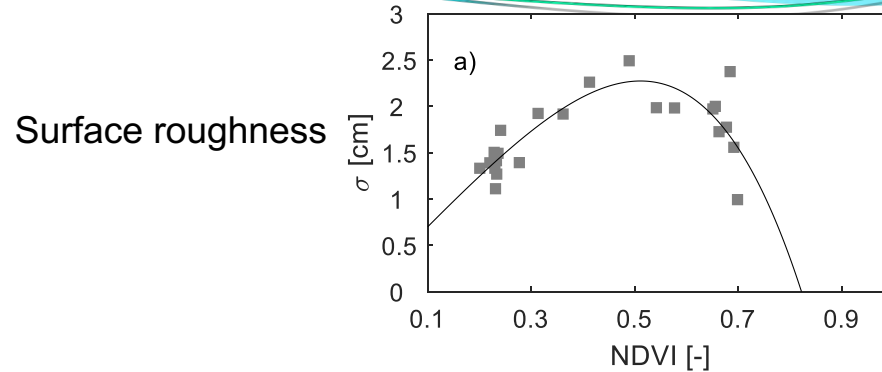


From Sentinel 2



# Orroli site

**A revised Dubois et al. (1995) method for soil moisture estimate using multi-temporal Sentinel 1 images**



## Task 2.1: water and chemical fluxes (leader: CERTE)

### 2.1.2. Dam - aquifer transfers and upstream - downstream surface / subsurface transfers

Targets: dam water budget and underlying leaks towards aquifer; subsurface flows and soil hydrodynamics for sloping terrains that link mountains to lowlands.

➤ Methodological innovations: joint use of:

- (1) water budget calculation from hydrometric measurements (surface and subsurface inputs, water uses) and climate forcing data (rain, evaporation),
- (2) piezometric network data,
- (3) isotopic (stable  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^2\text{H}$ ) and geochemical tracing, and
- (4) geophysical measurements from WP1.

Partners: CERTE, LISAH, CNRS-L, UCAM, CESBIO, UNICA.

Study areas: Cap Bon, Tensift, Litani.

## CESBIO Contribution

- Dam - aquifer transfers and upstream - downstream surface / subsurface transfers.
  - Tensift: water budget calculation from hydrometric measurements (surface and subsurface inputs, water uses) and climate forcing data (rain, evaporation), piezometric network data
    - VI contract



### Monitoring lake - aquifer water fluxes / LISAH

**Objectives:** monitoring lake - aquifer exchanges.

**Method:** joint use of hydrometeorological data, piezometric data, isotopic measurements

### Means

- ongoing protocol within OMERE observatory

## Partnership

- INRGREF (OMERE observatory)

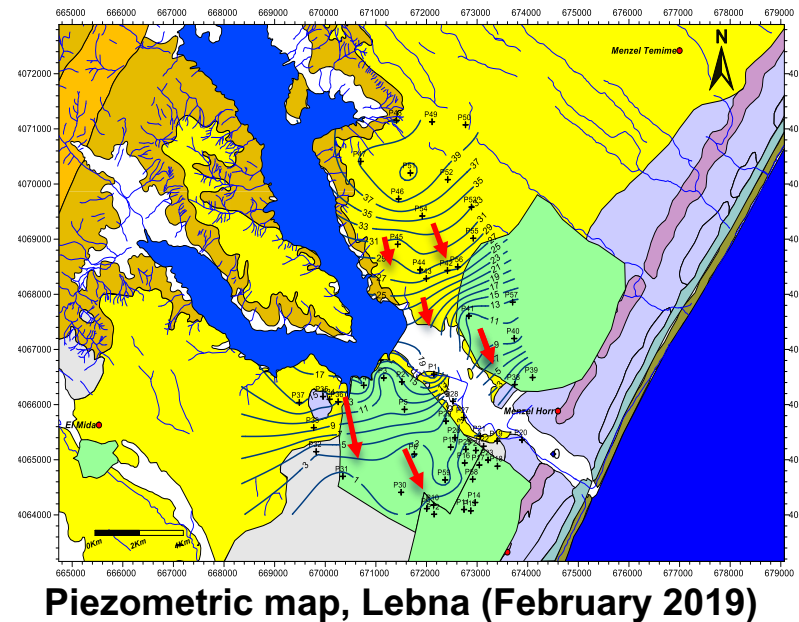
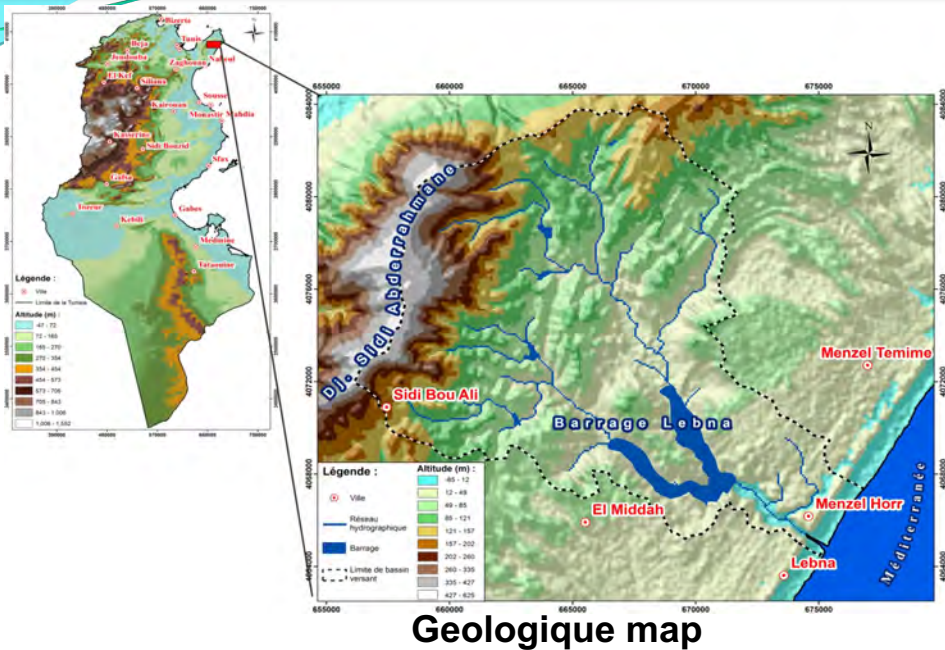
## Roadmap

- Most data are automatically collected, processed, and quality checked. To be discussed with OMERE people

## Difficulties

See also works on dam - aquifer with CERTE

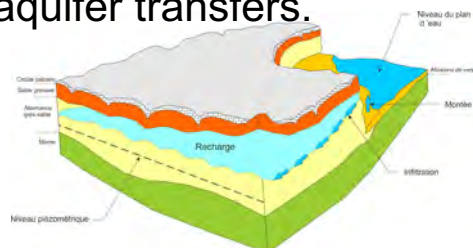
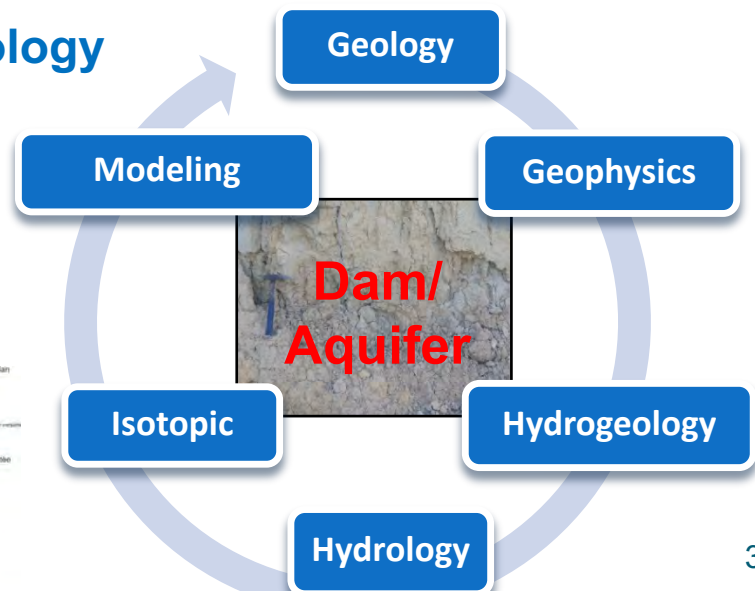




## Goals

- Is the dam participate in the aquifer recharge?
- Characterize the dam leakage
- study the relationships: surface water / groundwater and Dam / Aquifer.
- modeling the Lebna Dam - aquifer transfers.

## Methodology



# Aquifer piezometric monitoring



**Goals:** piezometric evolution in relation with dam reservoir

**Team:** **PhD** (N Ouhichi), F Lachaal, O Grünberger, R Hamdi, and C Leduc,

**Period:** 2019-2021

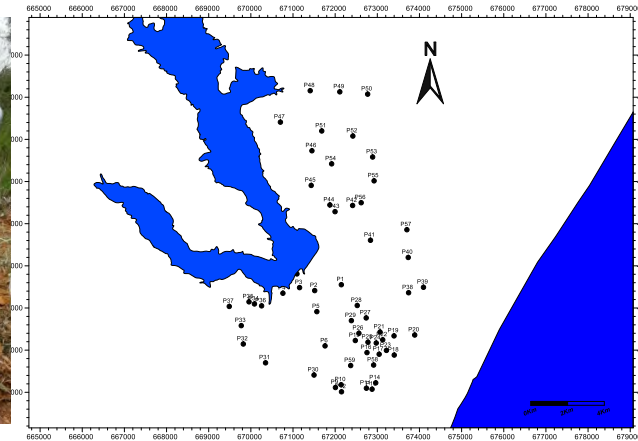
## Methodology

1. Piezometric monitoring (59 wells);
2. Installation of 13 CTD-Divers;
3. Installation of the three piezometers;
4. Topographic leveling;
5. Isotope sampling and analysis (68 samples).

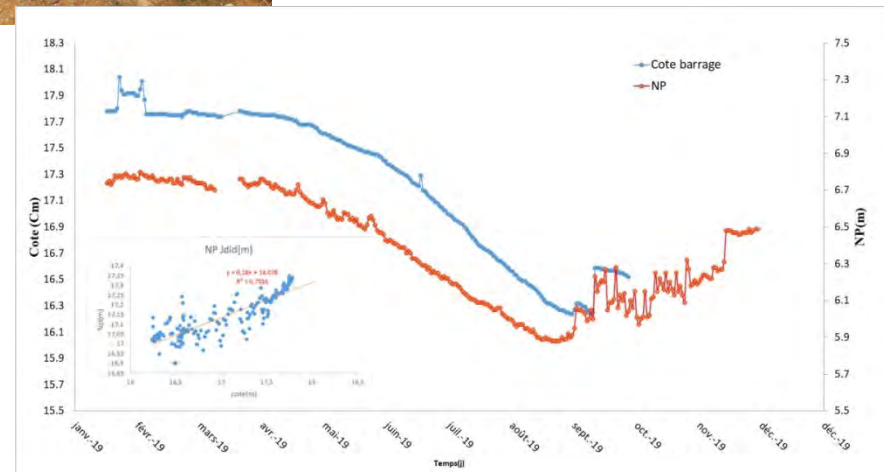
**Partnership:** LISAH

**Project:** LMI-NAILA

Aquifer recharge, LGR, CERTE



Piezometric monitoring well positions: 59 wells



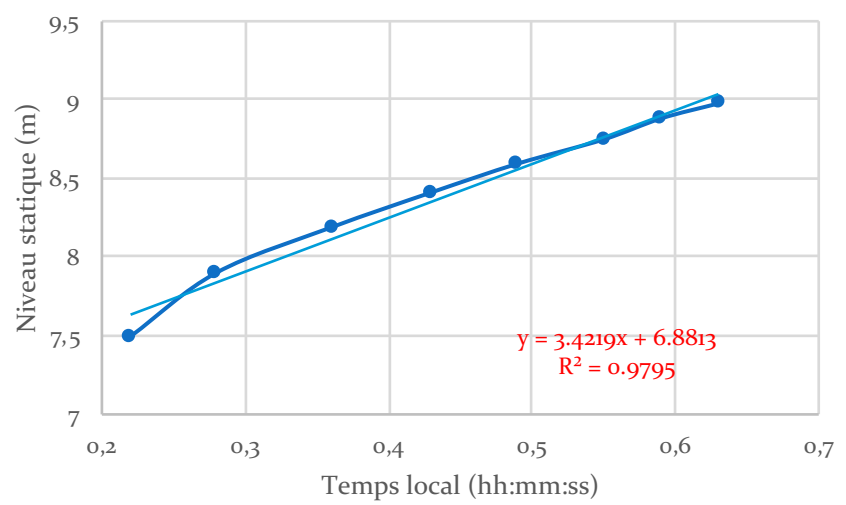
Correlation (NP well 1, water in the bam) 31



# 14 Pumping tests: downstream of Lebna dam: 10 wells and 6 piezometers

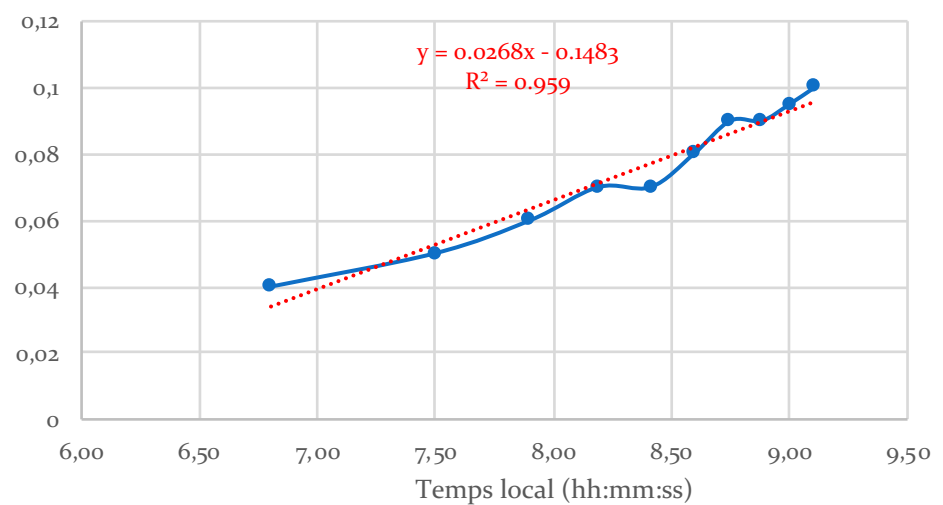


Courbe de rabattement du puits P1



T(m2/S)	T(m2/J)	
5.21265E-05	4.50372738	Low

Courbe de rabattement du puits P2



T(m2/s)	T(m2/j)	
0.00665566	575.048683	High transmissivity



**Goals:** study the relationships: surface water / groundwater and Dam / Aquifer

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**Period:** 2019-2021

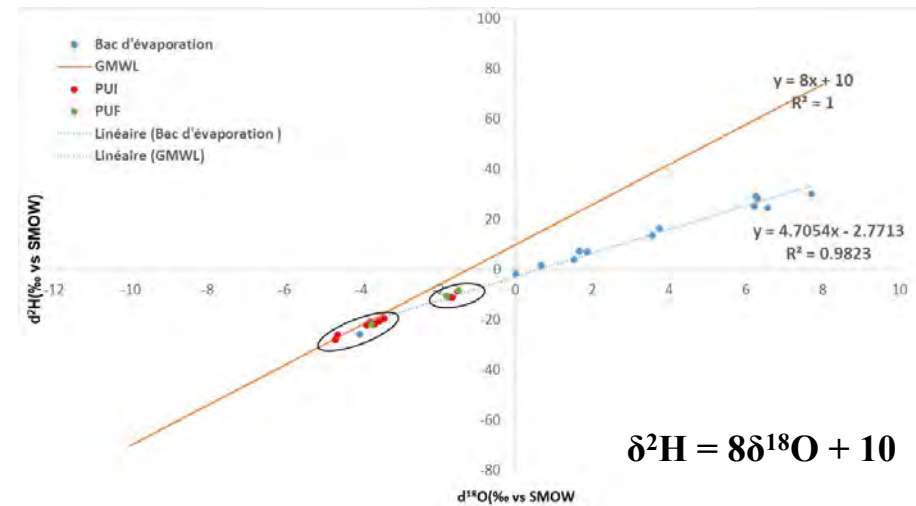
## Methodology

isotopic (stable  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^2\text{H}$ ) and geochemical tracing (EC, Salinity) sampling: River, Dam and Aquifer

**Partnership:** LISAH

**Project:** LMI-NAILA

Aquifer recharge, LGR, CERTE



$\delta^{18}\text{O}/\delta^2\text{H}$  diagram of samples investigated in Lebna region as compared to the global meteoric water line (GMWL) and Local meteoric water line (LMWL).

- Evaporation ligne:  $\delta^2\text{H} = 4,705\delta^{18}\text{O} + 2,7723$

Group 1: presents a significant correlation with the GMWL,  
Group 2: is placed below the GMWL.



# Geophysical measurements From WP 1



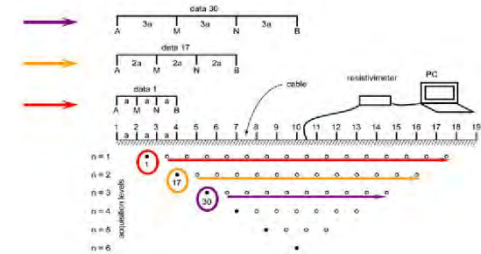
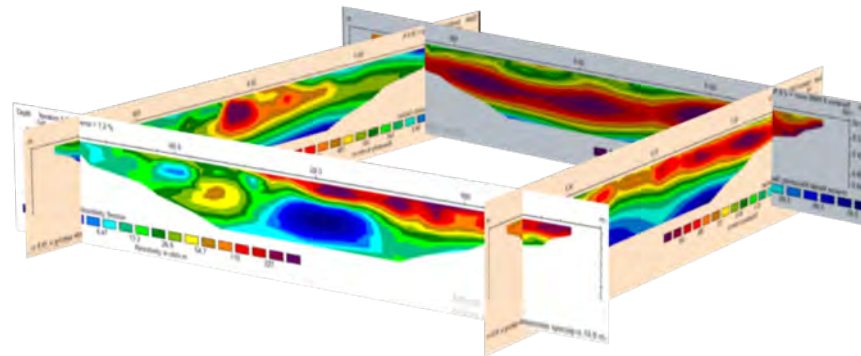
**Goals:** Aquifer Geometry + localisation of dam leakage

## Methodology

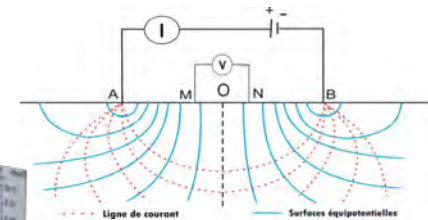
69 SEV and 14 TRE profiles;

**Team:** PhD (N Ouhichi), F Lachaal, O Grünberger, R Hamdi, and C Leduc,

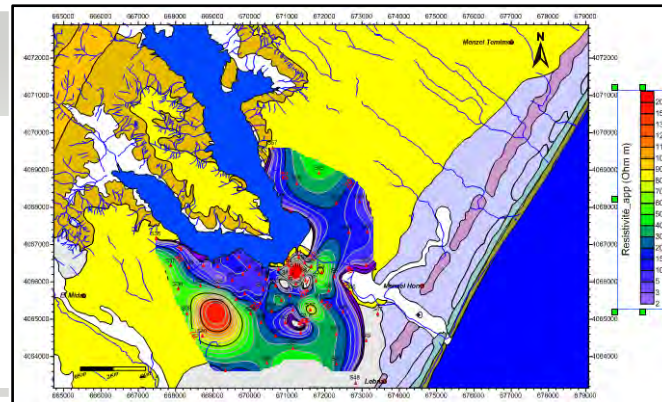
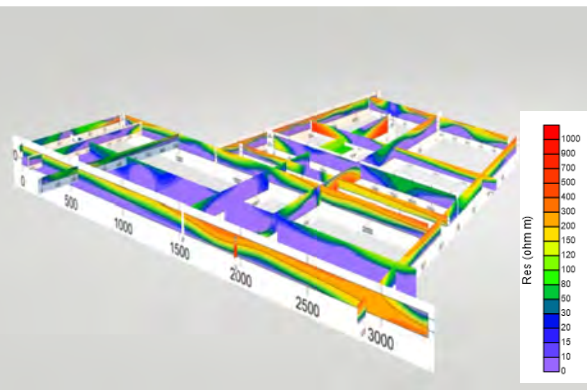
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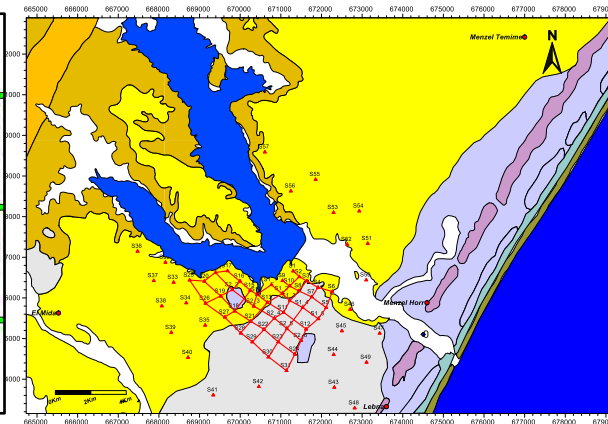
Wenner



Dispositif : Schlumberger



AB/2=150m



Positions of the 69 vertical electrical soundin

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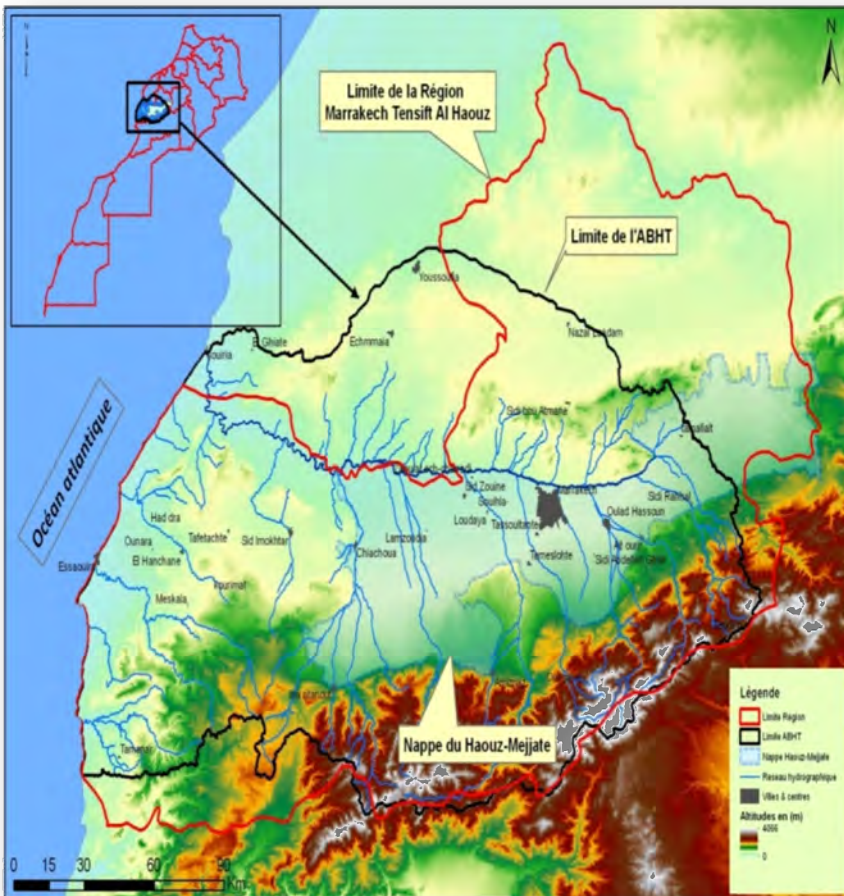
**Tensift Site**

**WP2**

*April 20-21, 2020*



# GROUNDWATER RECHARGE IN THE HAOUZ-TENSIFT BASIN



## Objectives:

- Identification and characterization of groundwater recharge sources.
- Quantification of exchanged fluxes between surface water and groundwater.

## Tools :

- Hydrochemistry, isotopes and modeling



# Snowmelt contribution to surface water and groundwater recharge resources

## Methodology:

Isotope studies of the Atlas mountain snow.



## The main goals:

- This project seeks to test the main hypothesis that determines the isotopic signal of rainfall, snowmelt, surface and groundwater at the watershed scale and develops an improved methodology to quantify the contribution of snow cover on water cycle at the basin scale,
- Integrating the north and south sides of the atlas series (both high and middle atlas), and sampling on many seasons.
- Integrating hydro-isotopic modelisation to quantify the recharge and having a clear idea of underground water resources,
- The velocity water transfer from upstream to downstream ought to be evaluated through two physico-chemical dating tools (Tritium measurements and Anthropic gases (Ccs, HCFCs, SF6) )

# Snow sublimation and soil evaporation on the High Atlas mountain

## The main goals:

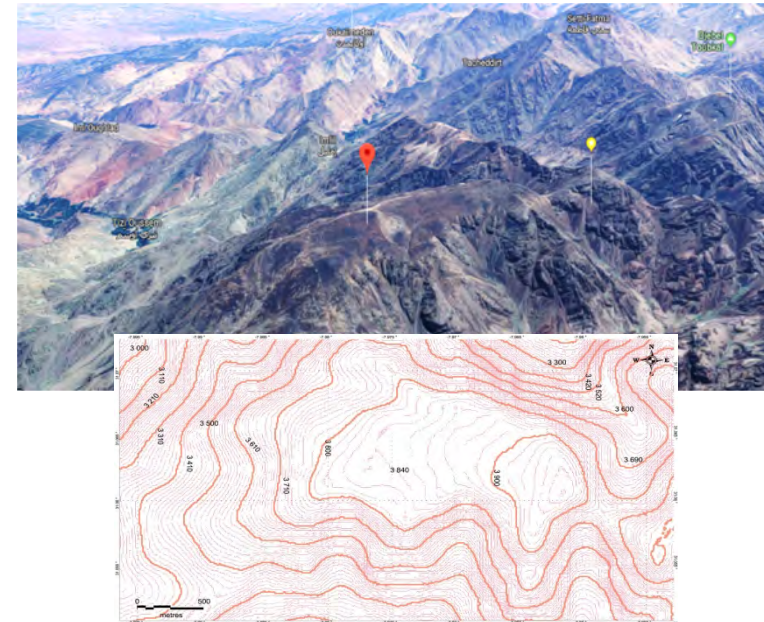
to better control the **water balance of mountain watersheds** and therefore the water resources supplying the Haouz plain.

**Snow evaporation=?**

**Mountain soil evaporation=?**

## Methodology:

The experimental protocol consists of the installation of an **Eddy covariance system** and a device based on radio modems for data transmission on the **summit of Jbel Tazaghart (3850 m)** located in Toubkal park (*since summer 2020*).



## Task 2.1: water and chemical fluxes (leader: CERTE)

### 2.1.3. Chemical pollutants: hydrological fluxes and retention processes.

Targets: chemical flows within surface water flows, reservoirs, soils, aquifers.

Methodological innovations: sampling protocols designed according to agricultural practices (WP1) and during hydrological events, joint use of in-situ soil passive samplers and laboratory soil column experiments.

Partners: INAT, LISAH, CNRS-L.

Study areas: Cap Bon, Litani.

## LISAH Contribution

### Monitoring chemical pollutants / LISAH

**Objectives:** observing chemical content within surface and subsurface water fluxes, surface reservoirs and soils

**Method:** (1) in-situ experiments with passive samplers within soils, (2) laboratory experiment with soil column devices to determine adsorption characteristics.



## Means

- 1 ongoing PhD (CHAAMS).
- 1 forthcoming PhD (ALTOS granted)
- Former and ongoing experiments (1) within OMERE observatory / Lebna watershed and Korba irrigated perimeters and (2) within LISAH / ENIT based laboratory (LHYGES contribution)
- Soil hydrodynamic parameters from former experiments

## Partnership

- INAT

## Roadmap

- Ongoing data collection within upstream rainfed area
- Forthcoming data collection on downstream Korba irrigated perimeters
- Forthcoming soil column experiments on irrigated soils (salinity constraint)
- Forthcoming stage is data processing including quality check.
- Further stage is database setup and metadata for ALTOS web site (PM)

## Difficulties

- Cost of chemical analysis