

# Transport dans les sols: Eau, colloïdes, contaminants, imagerie, mécanismes, modèles.

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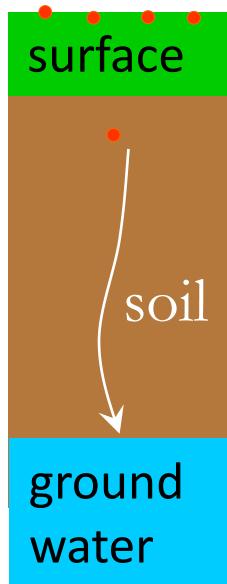


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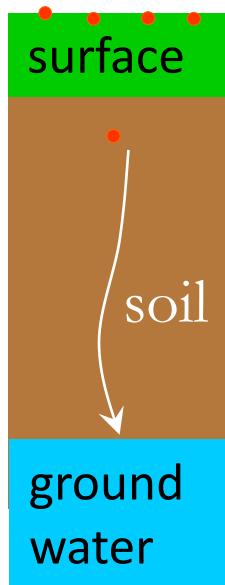
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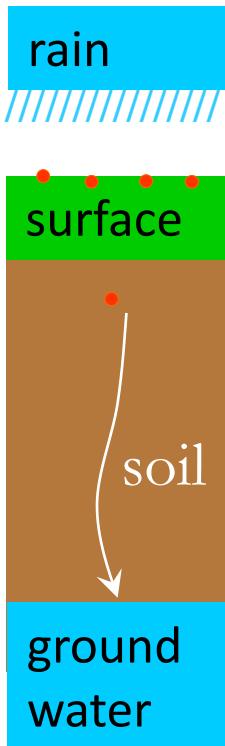
Soil  
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generic models of water, solute & colloid  
transport in soils

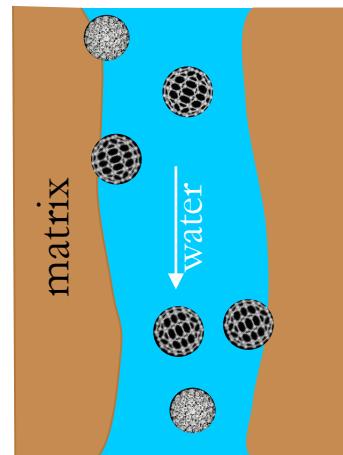
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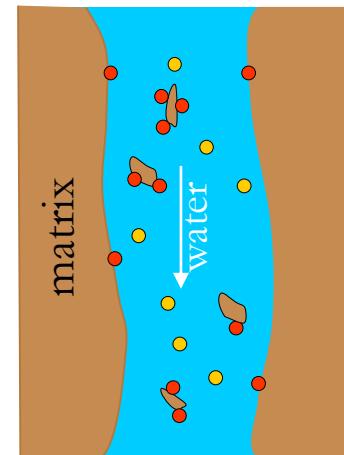
## transport de colloïdes dans les sols



- contaminants



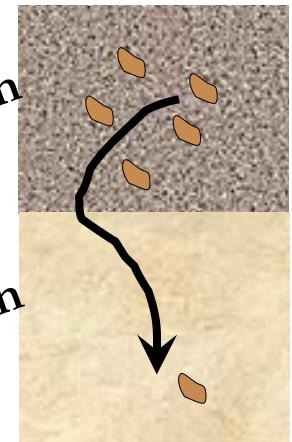
- Vecteurs de contaminants adsorbés



Groundwater quality

- Acteurs d'un processus de formation des sols

eluviation  
illuviation

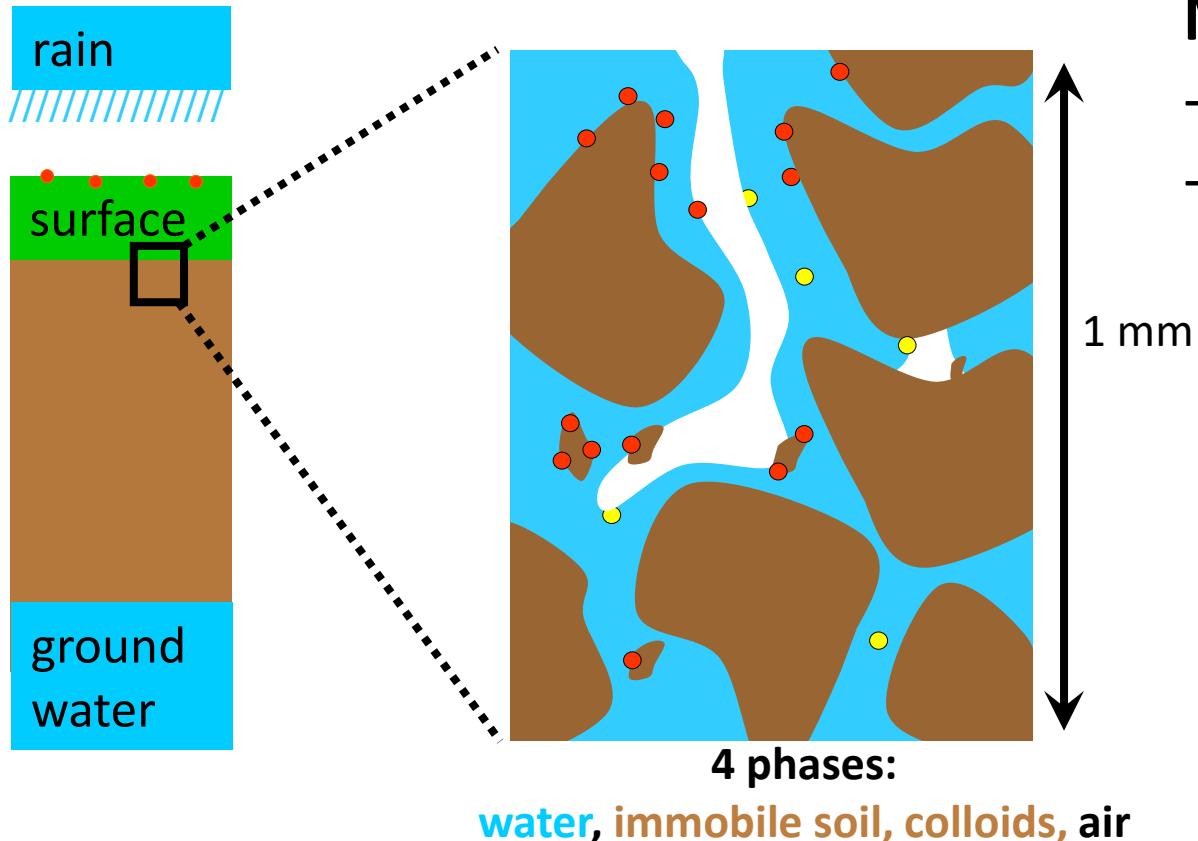


Soil evolution

natural soil colloid mobilization mechanisms ?  
colloid retention mechanisms ?

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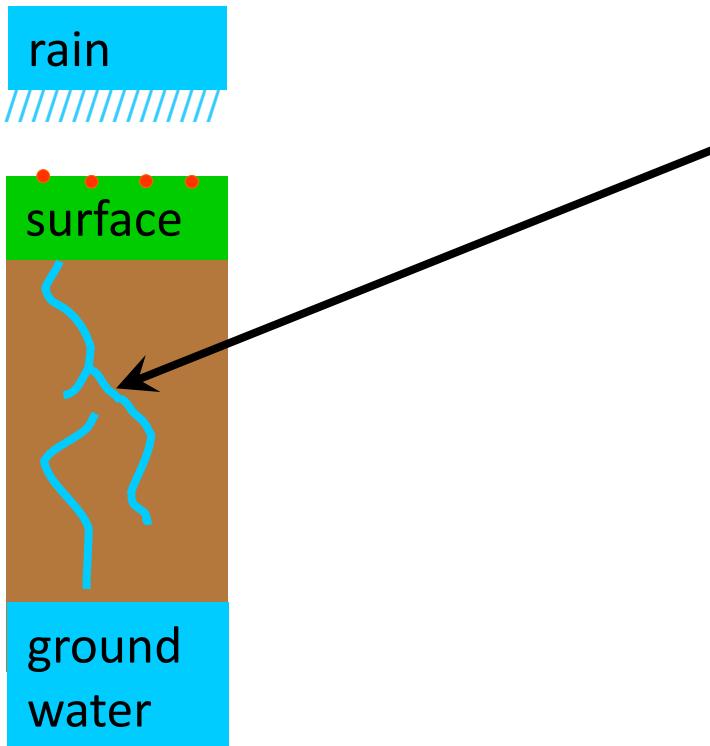


### Matrix:

- Capillary pores,
- Darcy-Richards law applies

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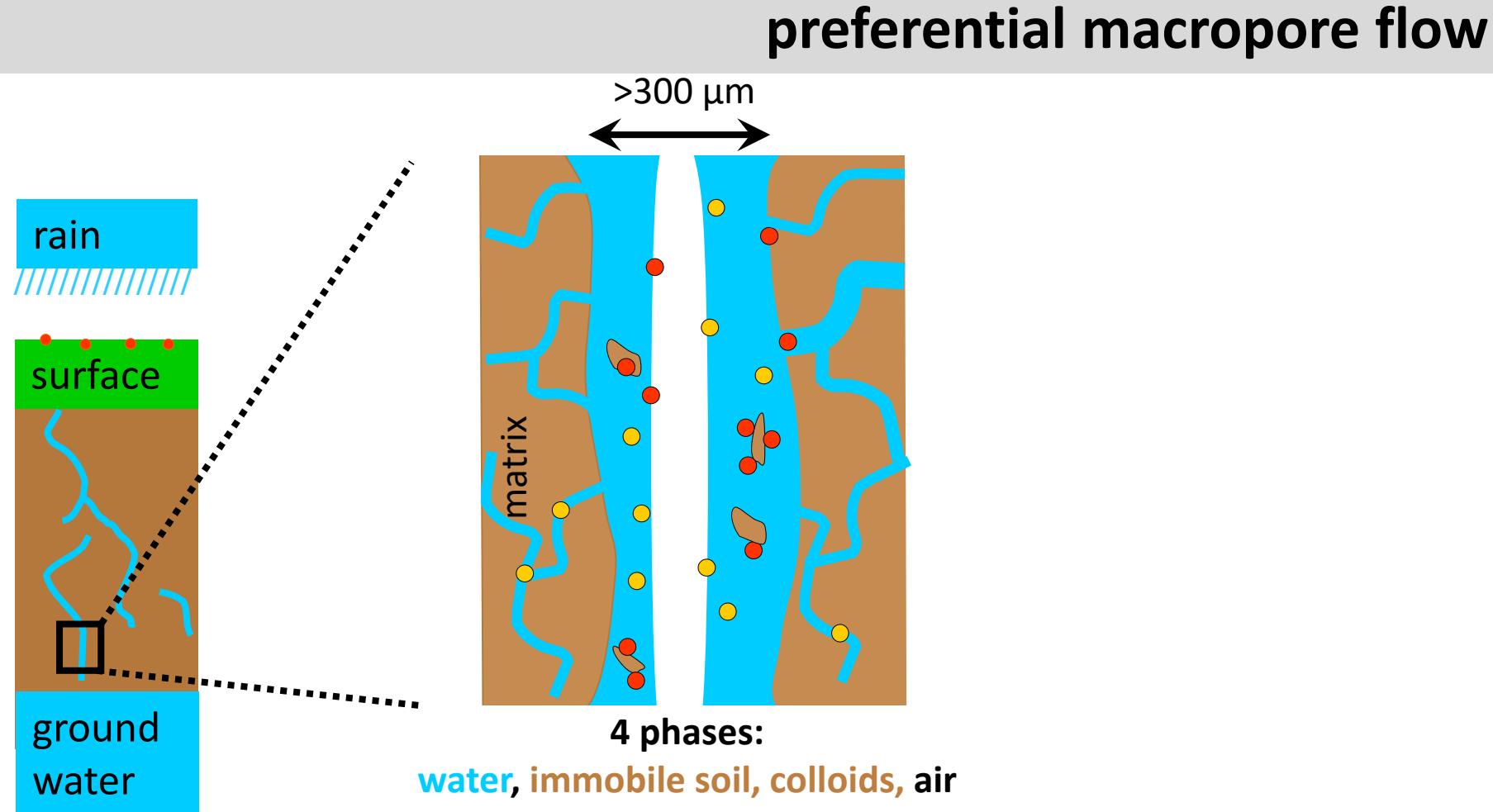


### Macropores :

- earthworm burrows,
- space left by decayed roots

→ gravity driven water transport  
→ water bypasses the soil matrix

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- relation macropore network geometry and transfert ?
- how does macropore flow affect colloid mobilization? retention ?

## **Macropore flow...**

relation macropore network geometry and transfert

modeling macropore flow

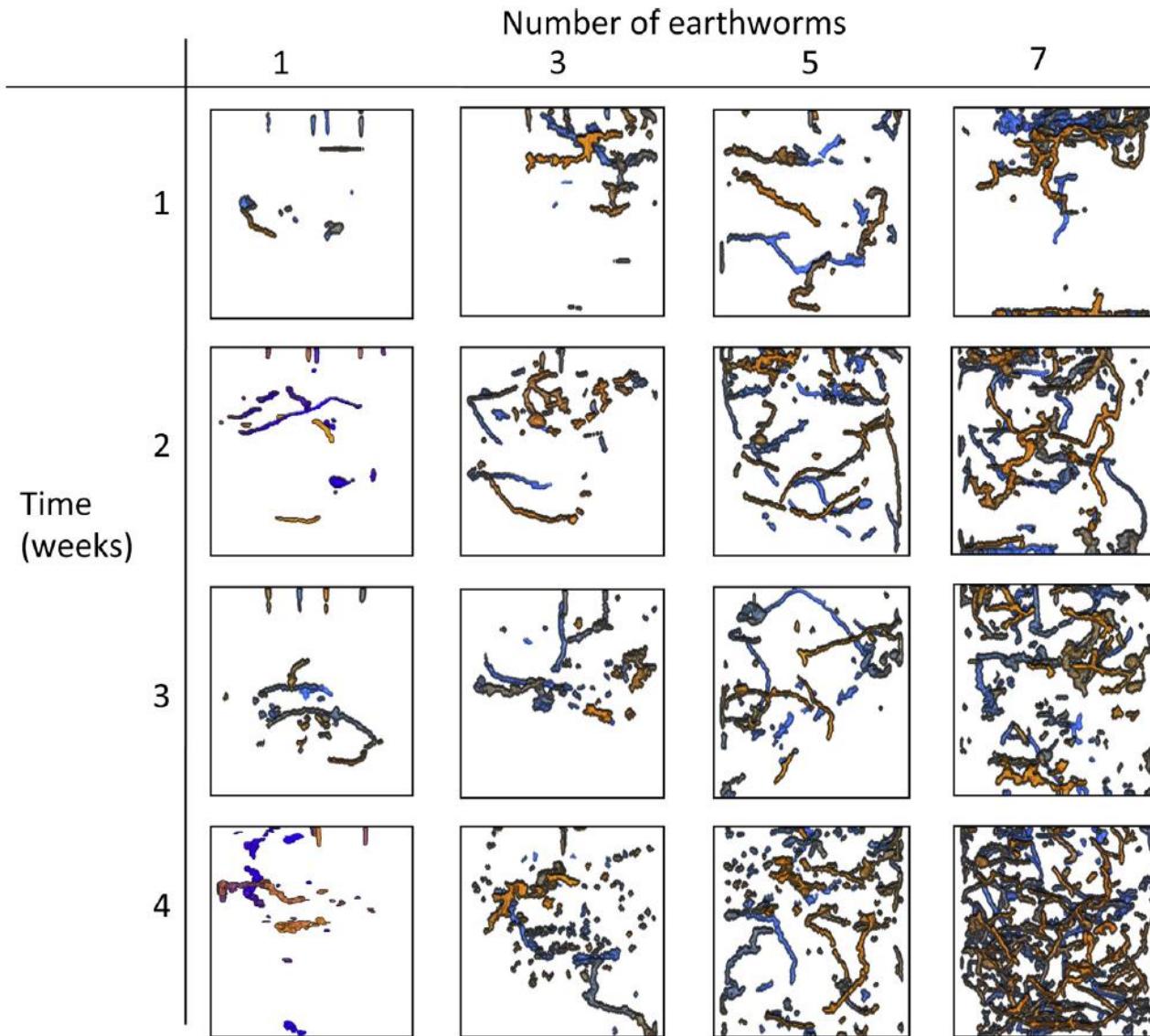
## **Colloid transport**

relation macropore flow natural colloid mobilization

magnetic resonance imaging

# Preferential macropore flow

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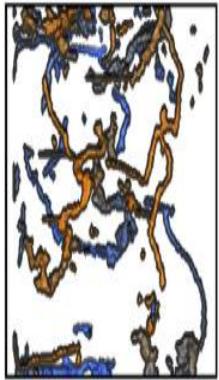
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Colloïdes:

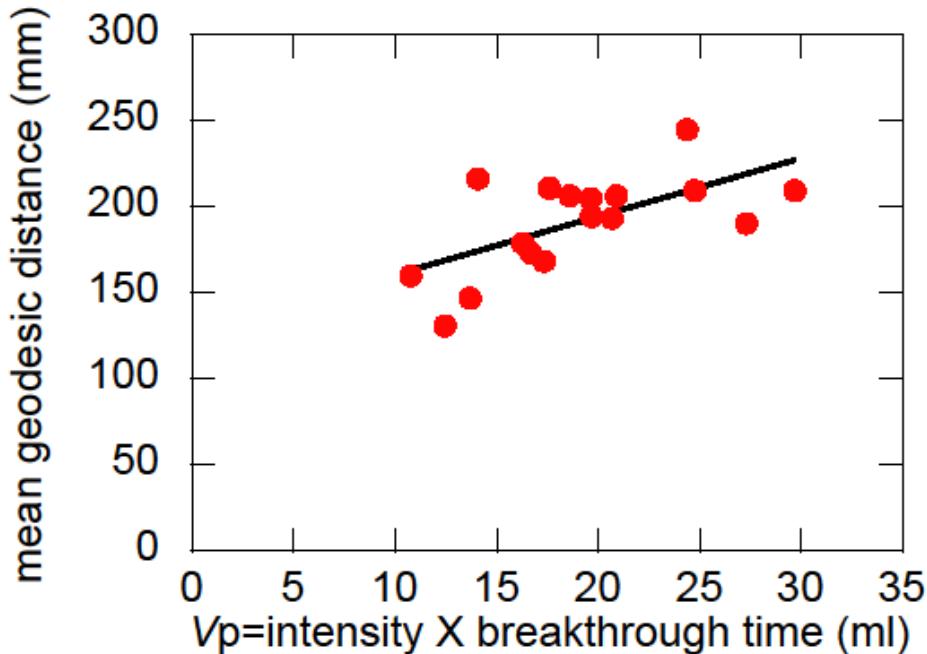
Aucune relation statistique entre  
quantités de colloïdes naturels élués et

caractéristiques des galeries !

Eau:



**Distance  
géodésique  
moyenne**



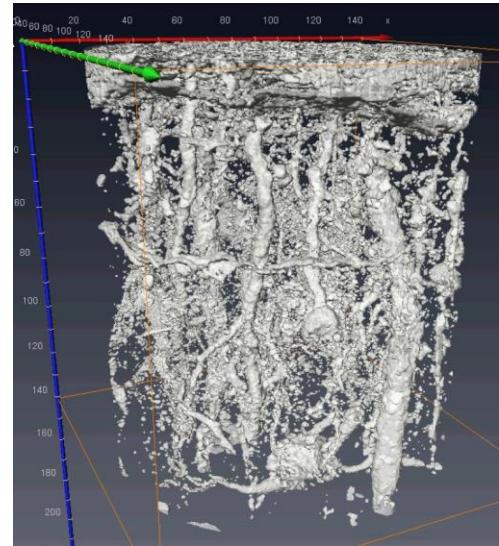
Explique seulement 14% de la variation de  $V_p$  :

Tous les pores ne sont peut être pas actif !

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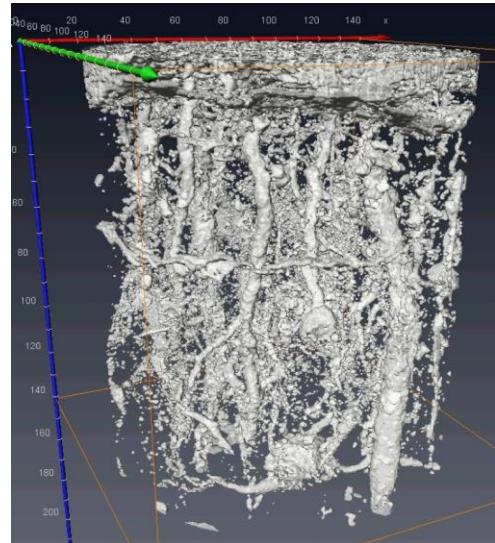
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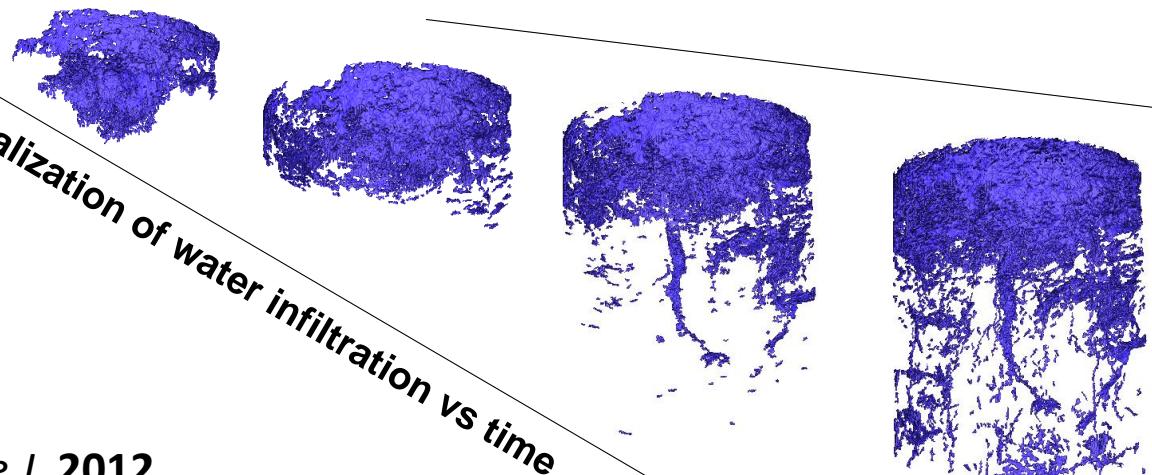
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Time lapse X-ray CT imaging



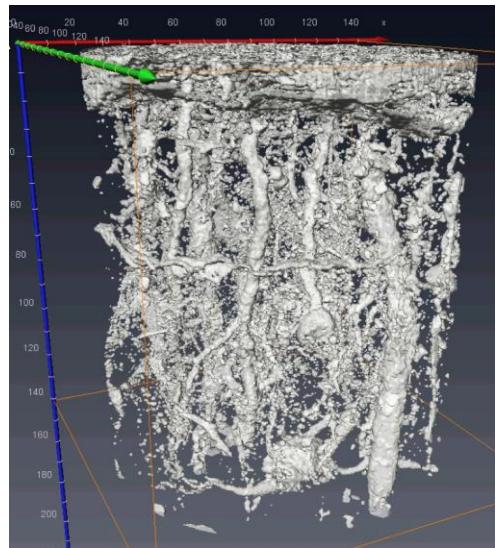
*Visualization of water infiltration vs time*



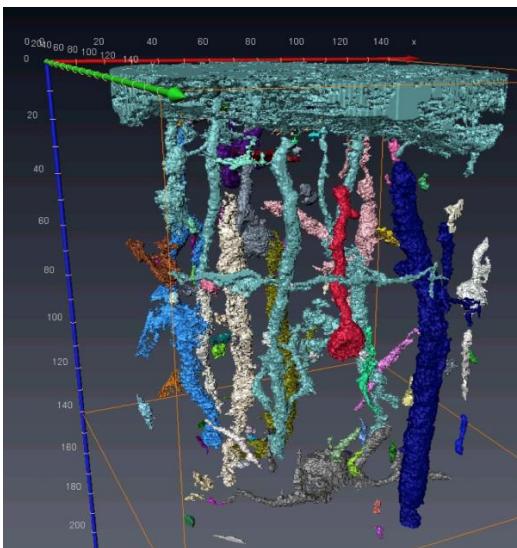
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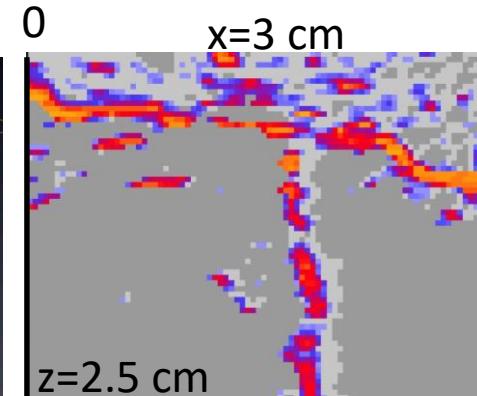
Total macropore network



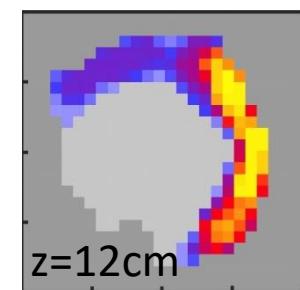
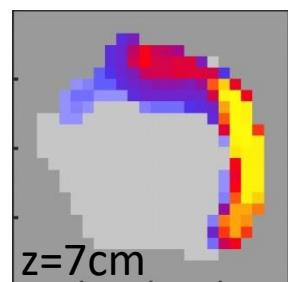
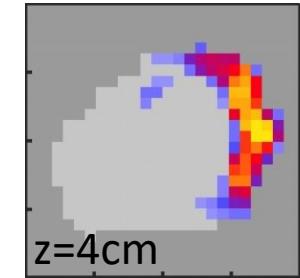
Functional part of the macropores network



Water-soil interfacial area



x=1 cm



Detection frequency

Sammartino et al. *Vadose Zone J.* 2015

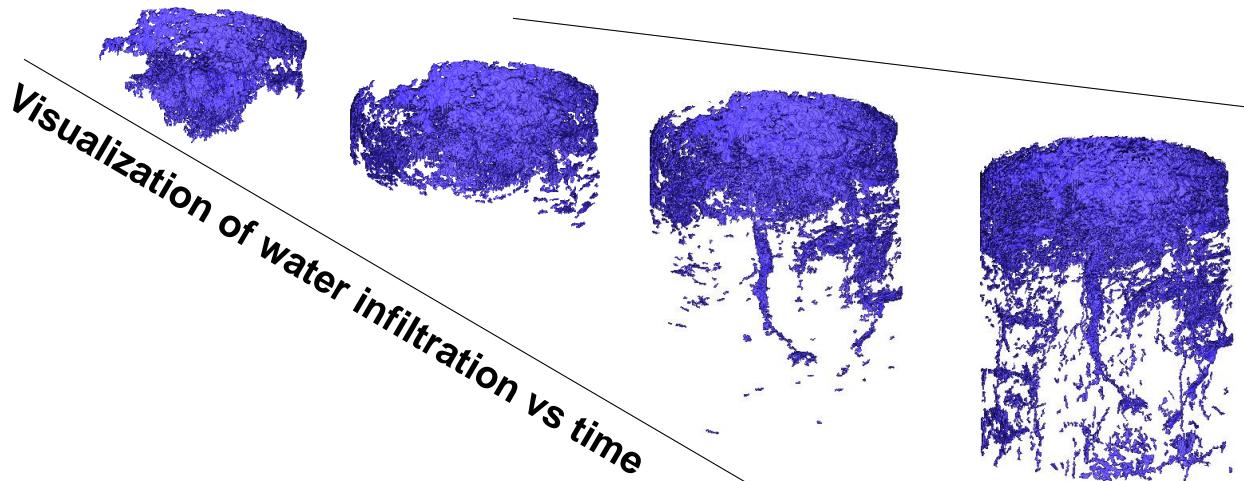
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improved qualitative knowledge of flow processes

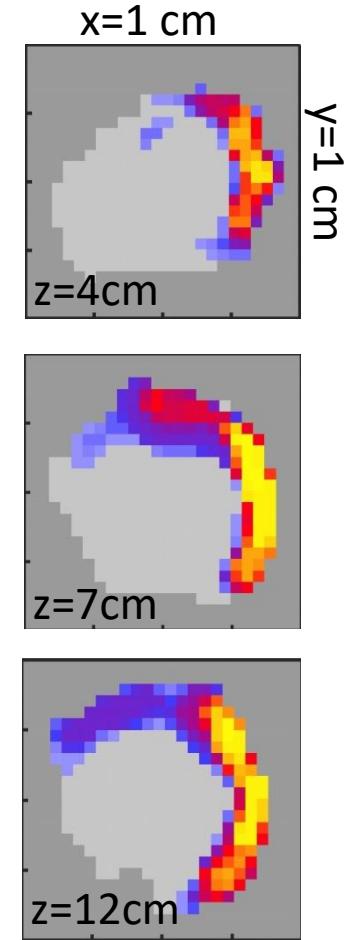
Useful for models ?

# Preferential macropore flow

modélisation



- macropores: taille > 0.3 mm
- la capillarité ne s'applique pas:  
le modèle de Darcy-Richards n'est pas une option.
- la gravité est le moteur de l'écoulement
- les macropores ne sont pas saturés
- l'eau s'écoule sous forme de films



**Quel(s) modèle(s) ?**

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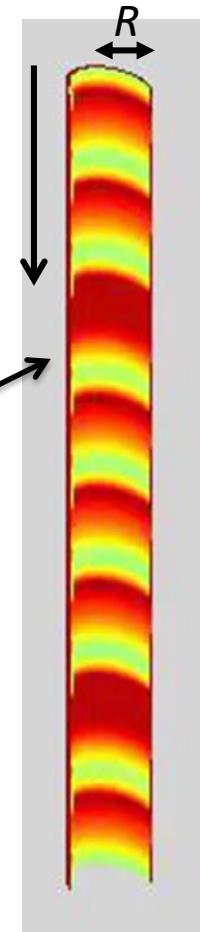
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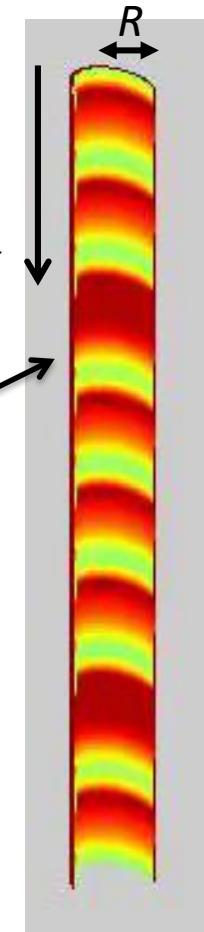
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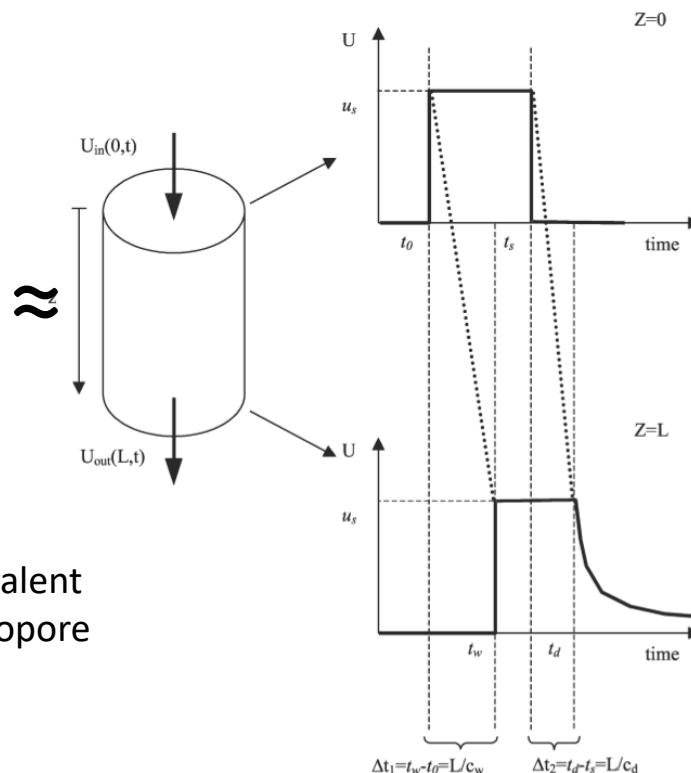
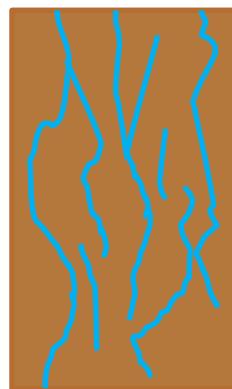


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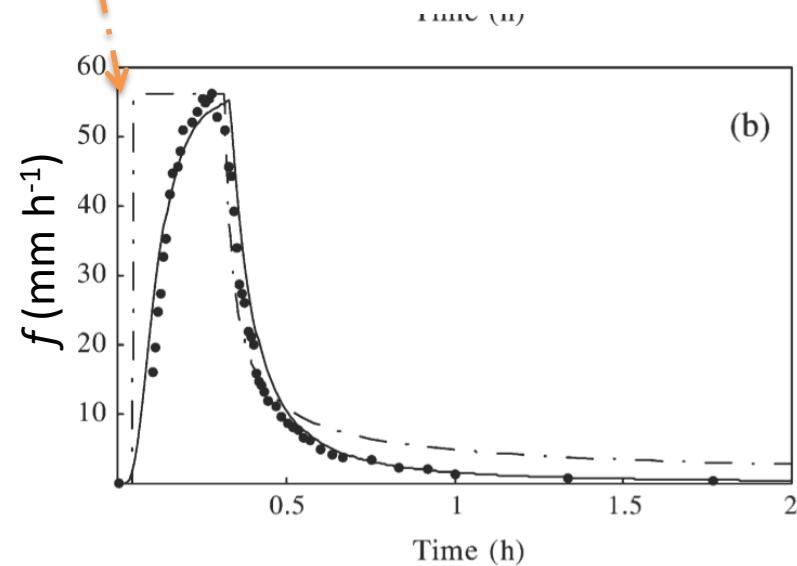
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Equivalent  
macropore

$$f(t, z) = b \theta^a$$

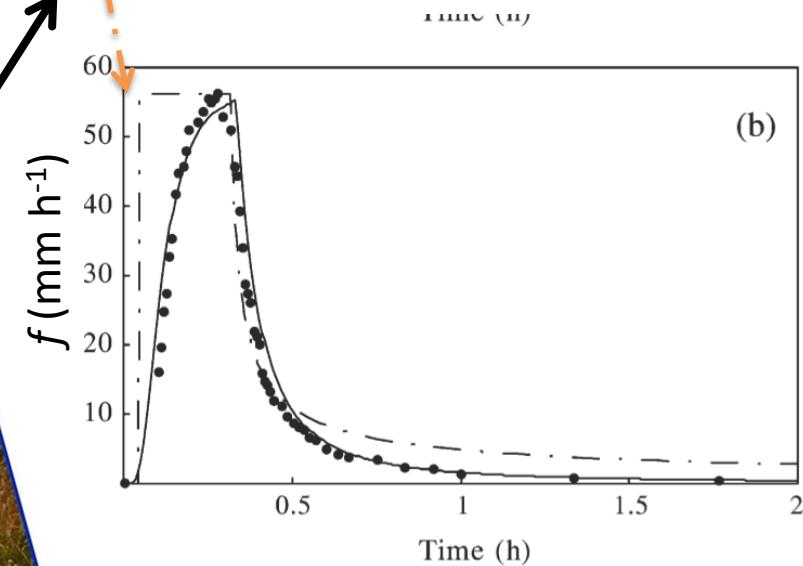
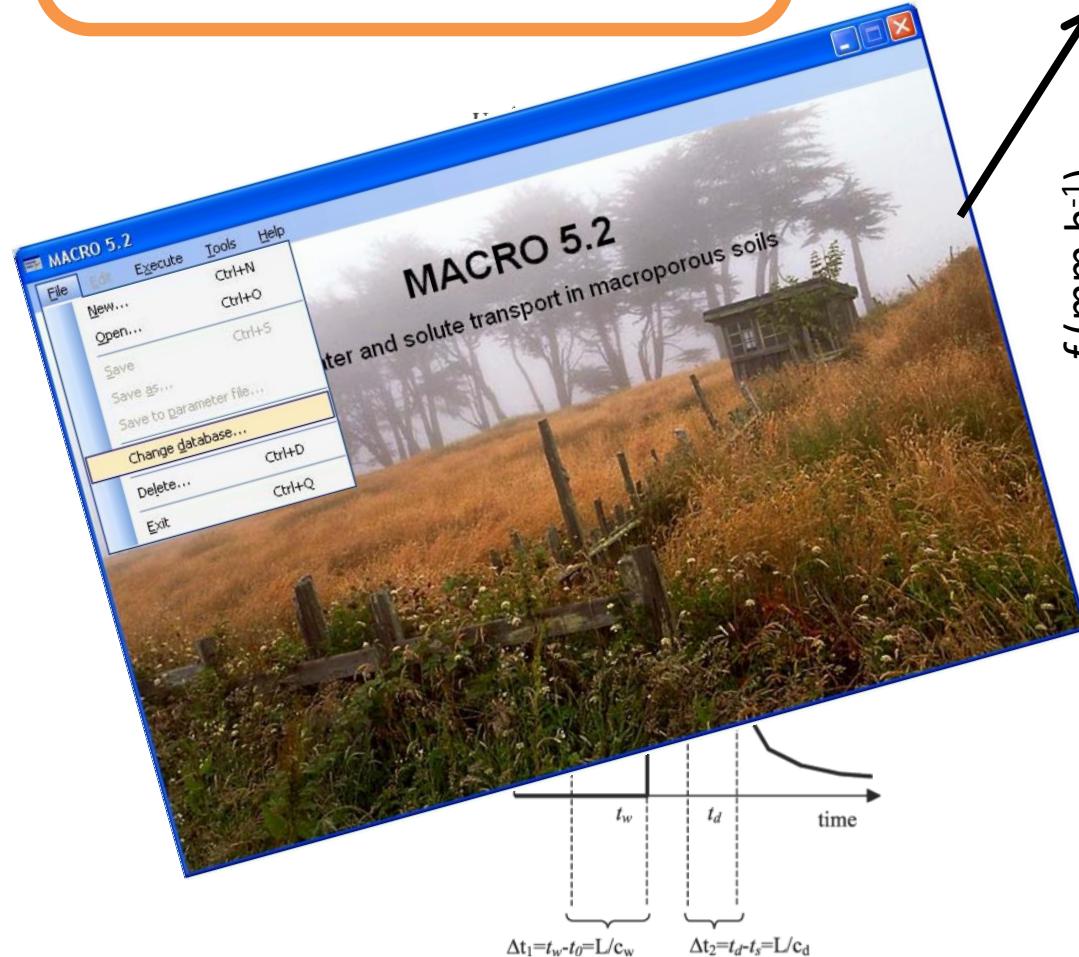


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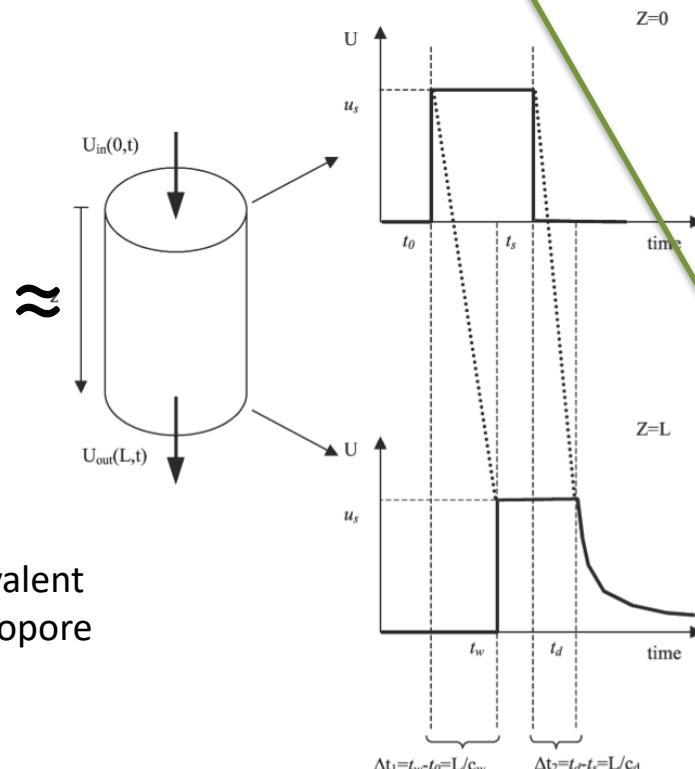
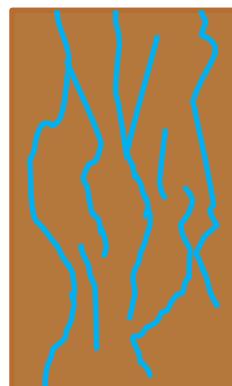


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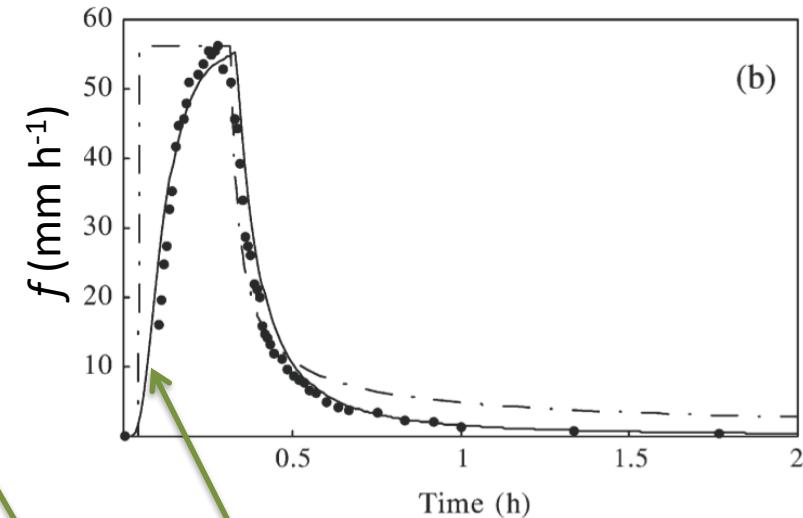
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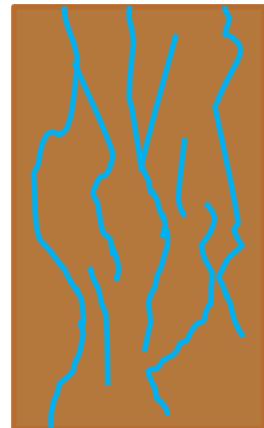
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## Kinematic Dispersive Wave model

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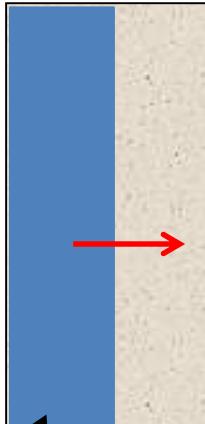
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -c(\theta_{\text{mac}}) \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + v_f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} - S$$



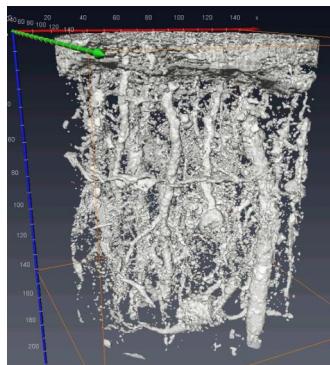
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Ecuación de Darcy-Richards

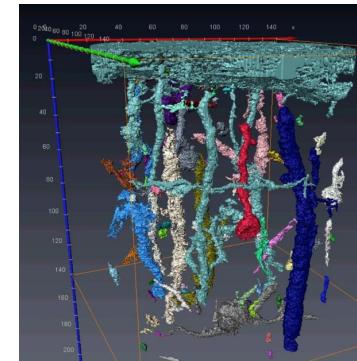
$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K(h) \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} \right) + S$$



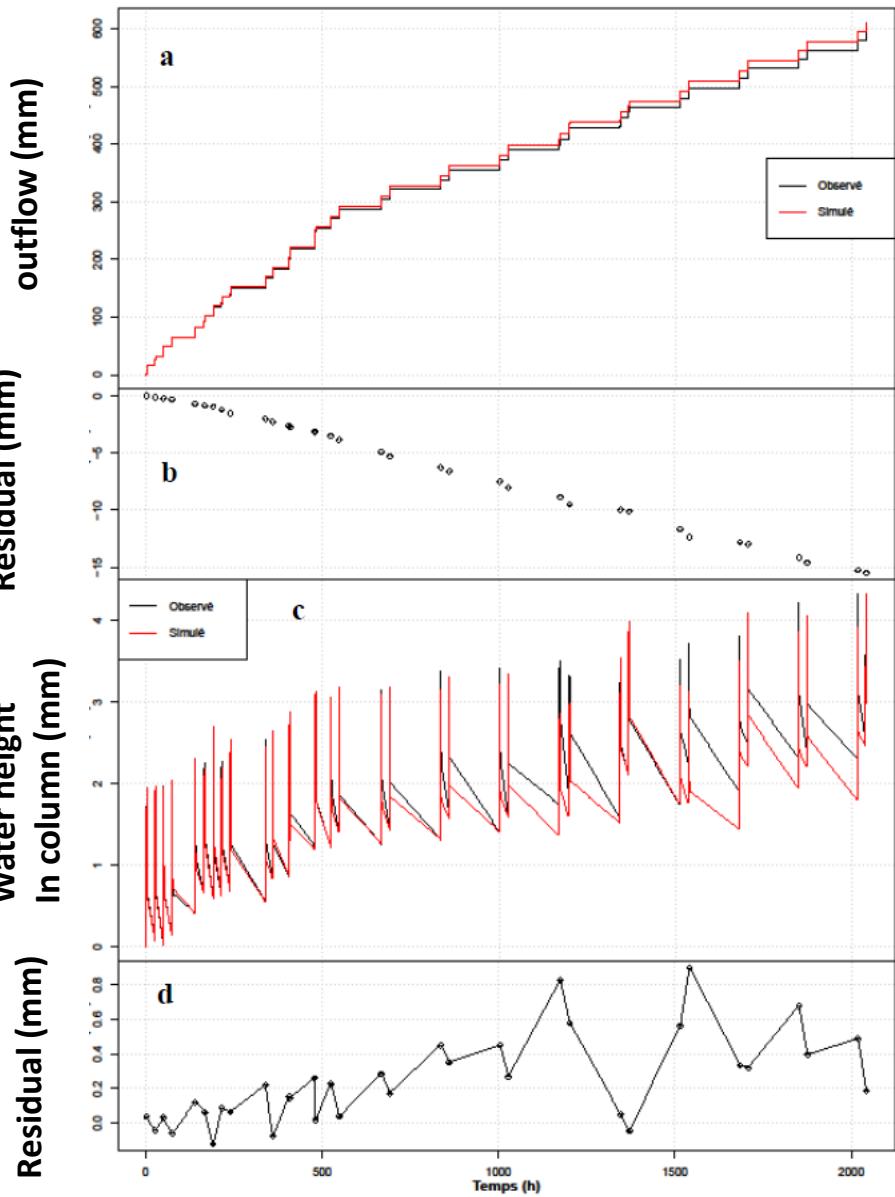
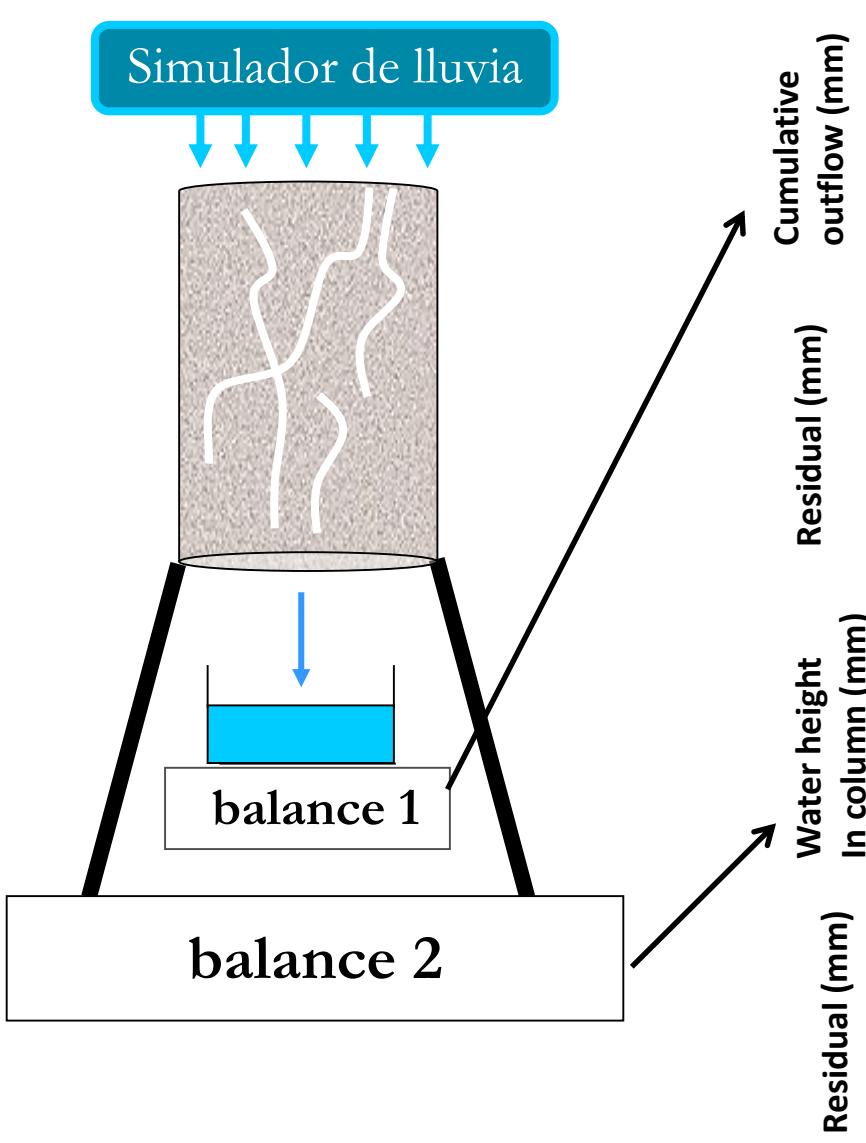
Matrix



$$S = -\frac{K(h)}{d} \times \frac{0 - h}{d} \times \frac{\theta_{\text{mac}}}{\theta_{\text{mac\_max}}}$$

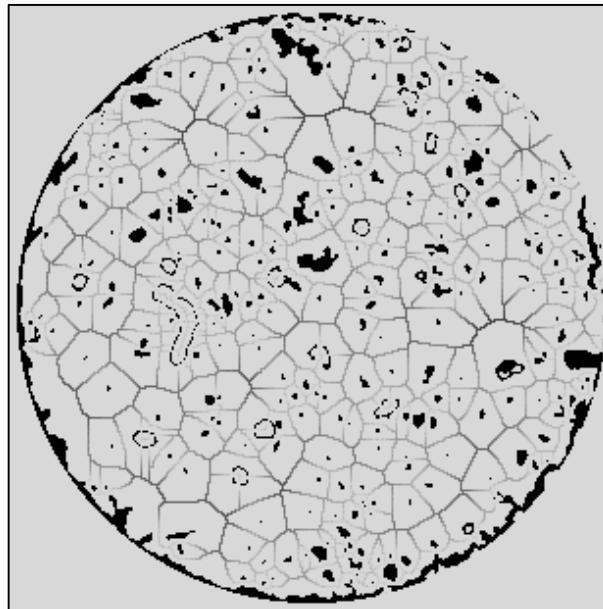
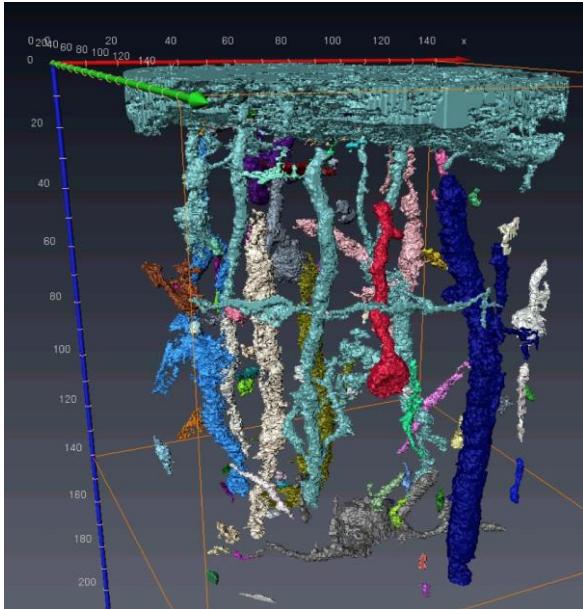


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## Linking model X-ray CT images



Using the 3D images to determine a priori values of model parameters:

$$d = f(z)$$

$$\theta_{\text{mac\_max}} = f(z)$$

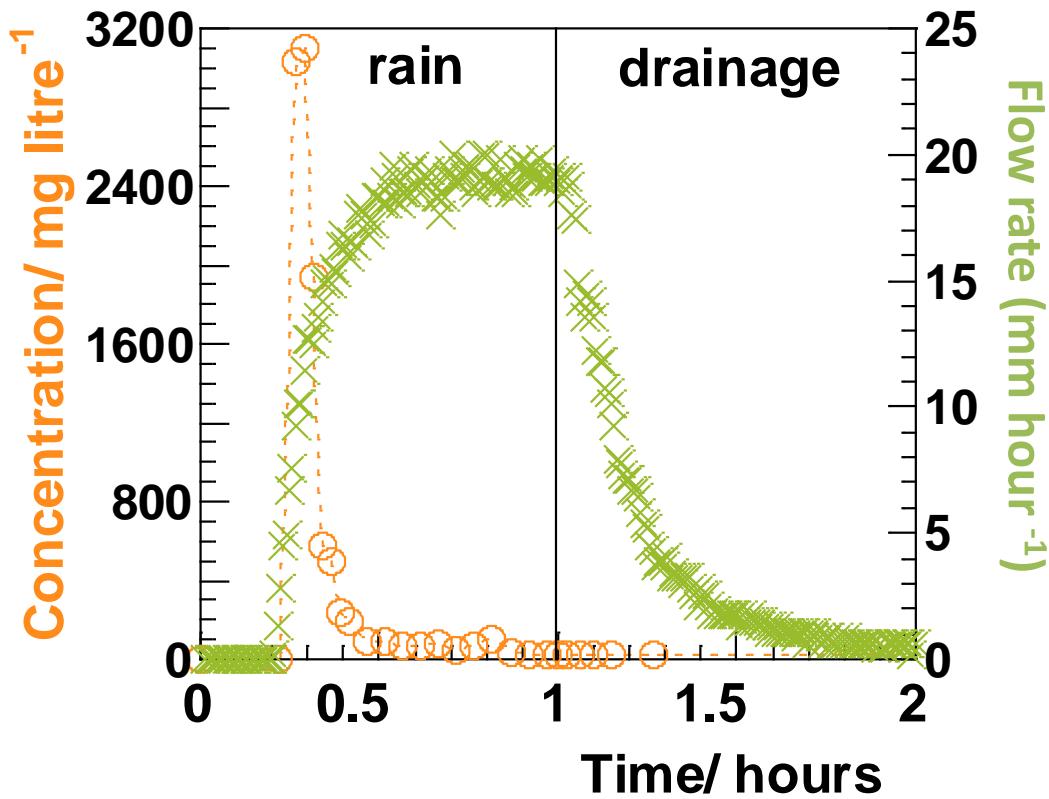
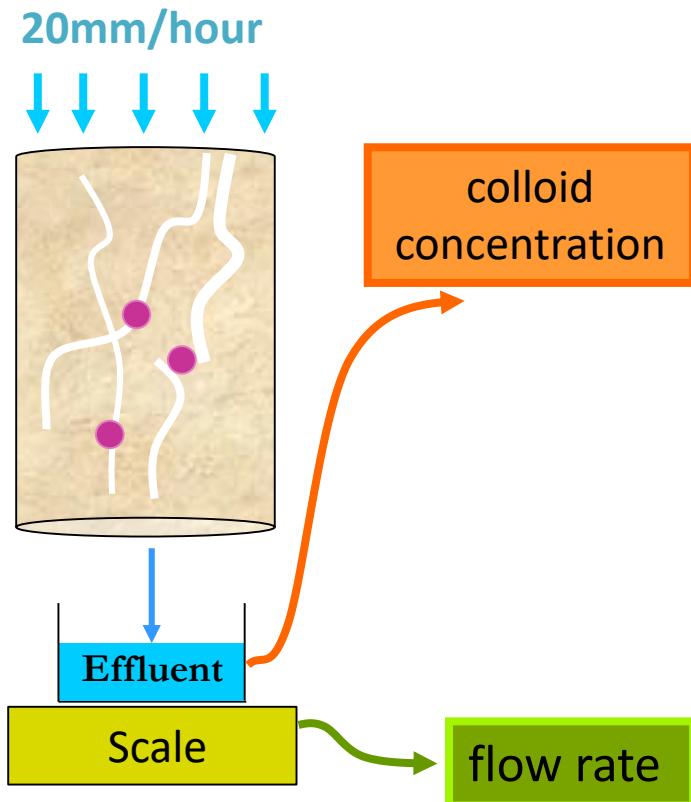
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- n'améliore pas la reproduction des données expérimentales
- Diminue l'incertitude sur les valeurs des paramètres déterminés par modélisation inverse

# natural soil colloid mobilization

## experimental set up and questions

rainfall, one hour



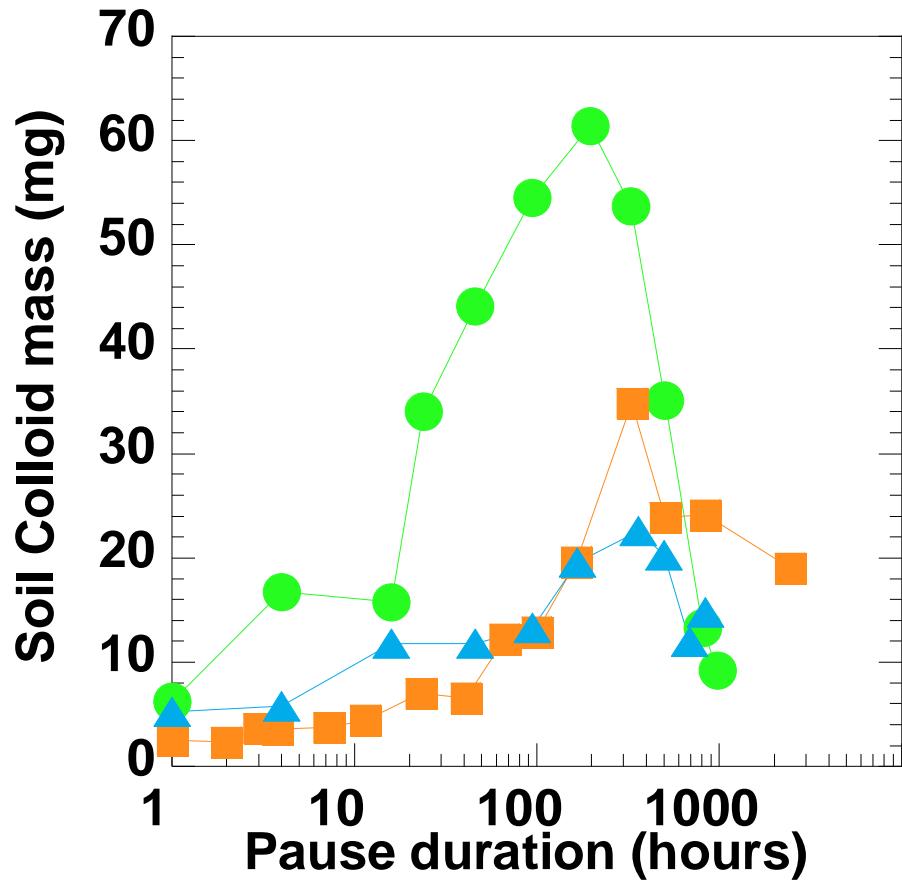
Peak during transient flow rate regime

La durée d'une période sèche entre deux pluies influence t-elle la hauteur du pic ?

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results

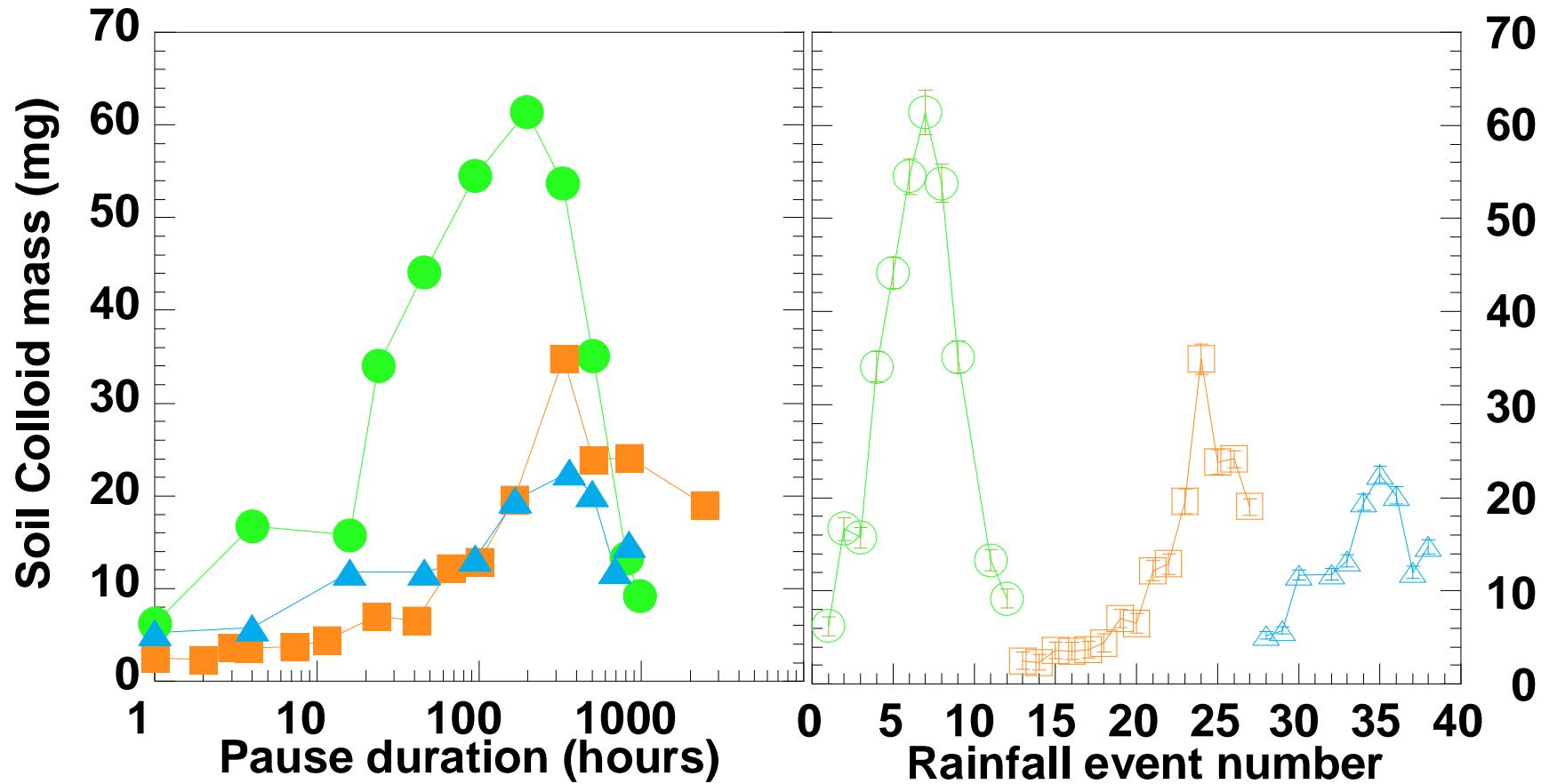
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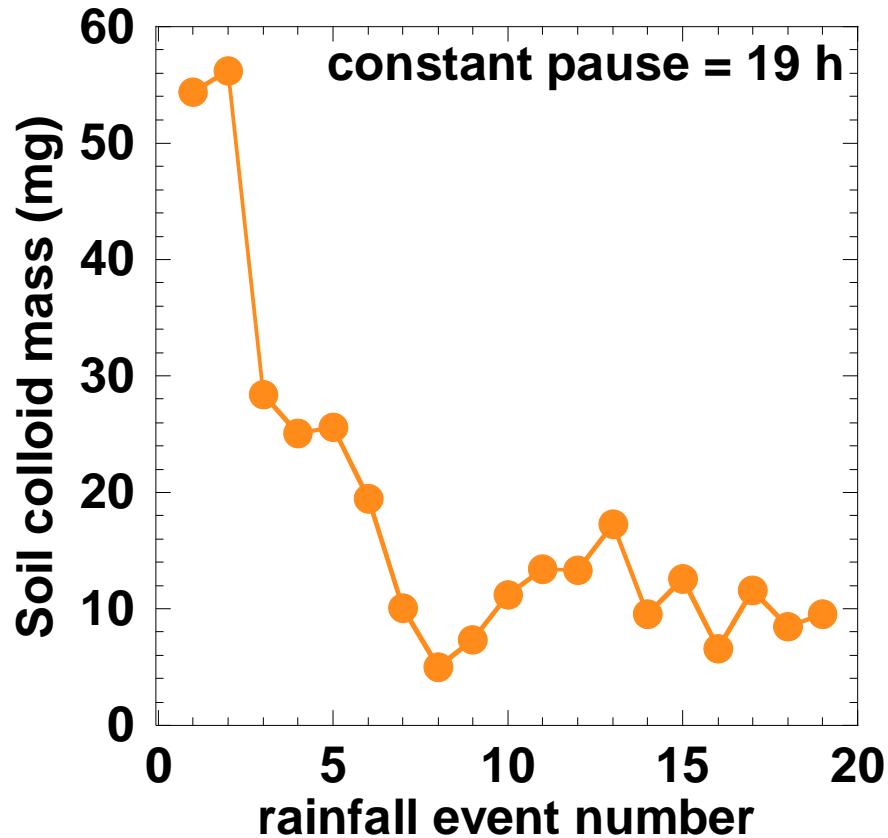
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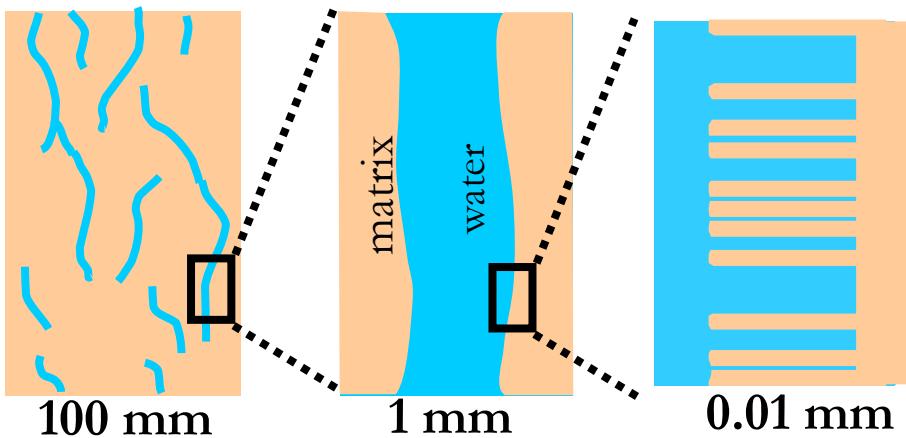
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Constant rain interruption duration does NOT reproduce the pattern

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## colloid mobilization conceptual model



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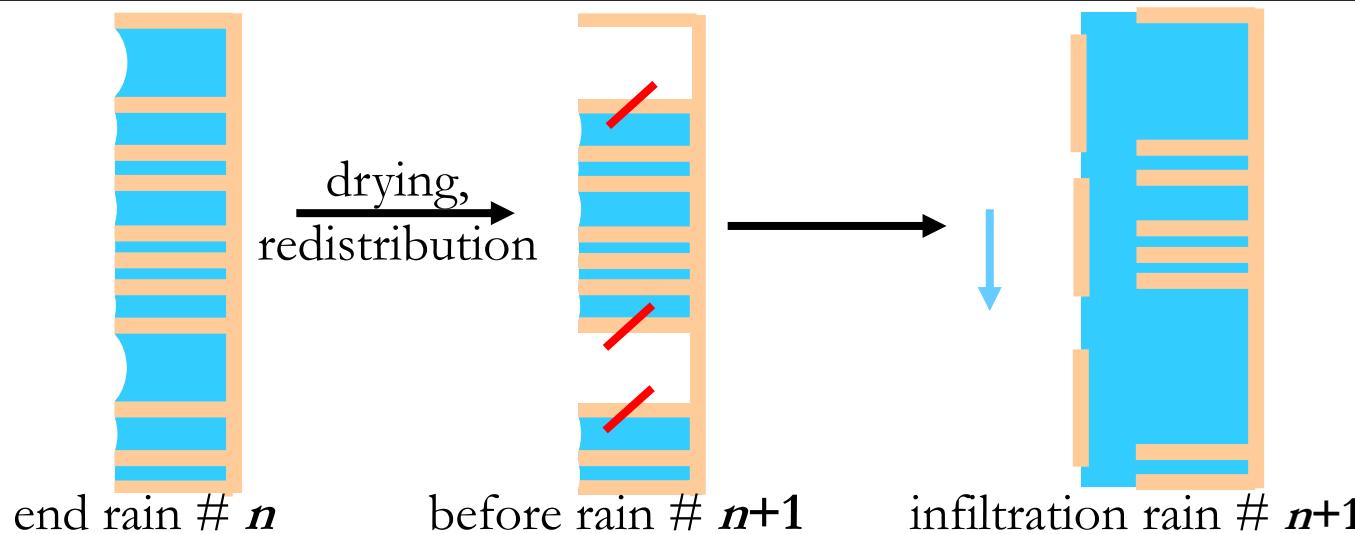
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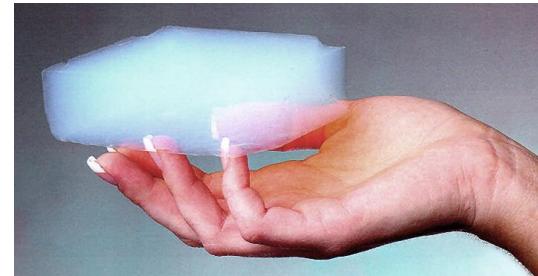


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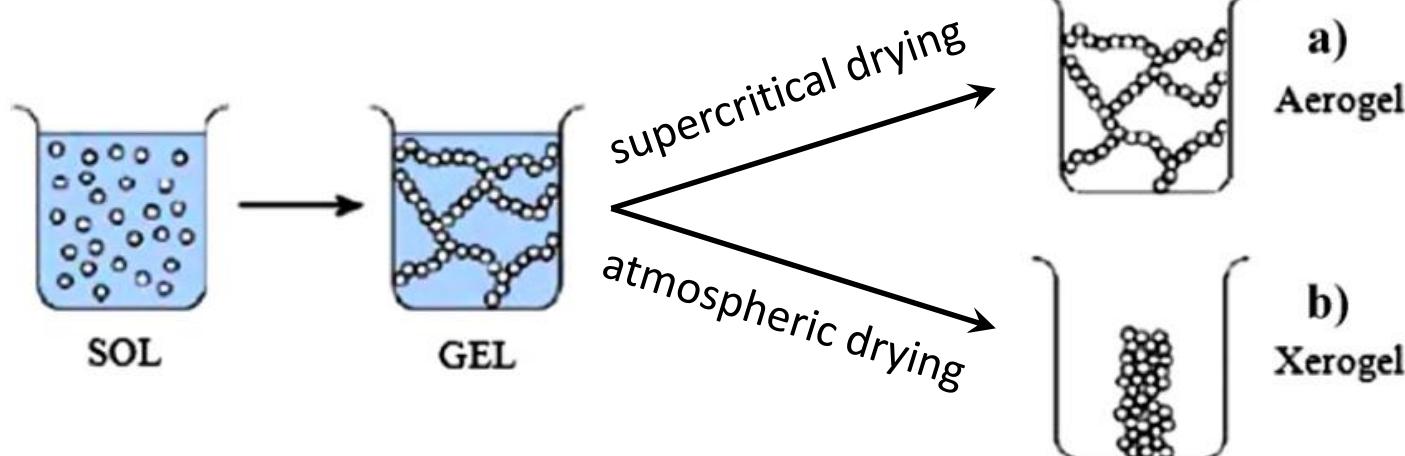


Zarzycki, et al. *Journal of Material Science*  
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Pa

Hyp

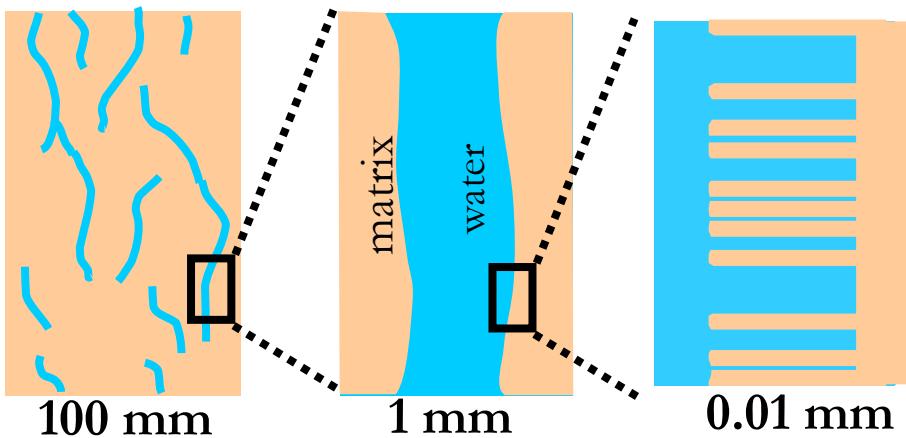


end rain

Sketch adapted from García-González et al. 2011.

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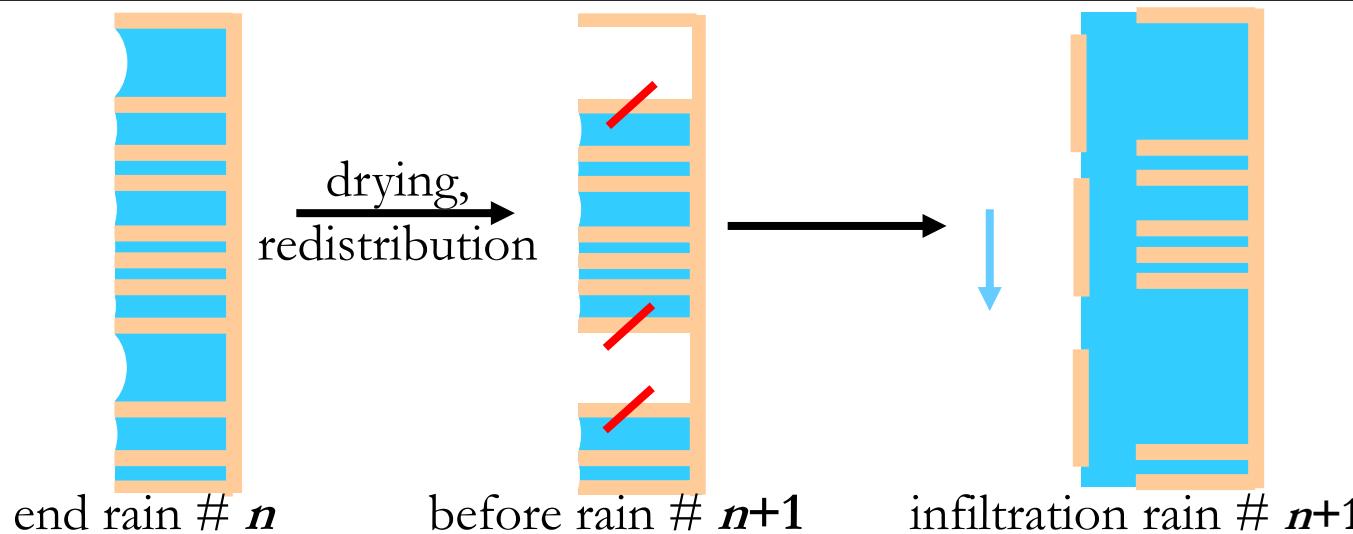
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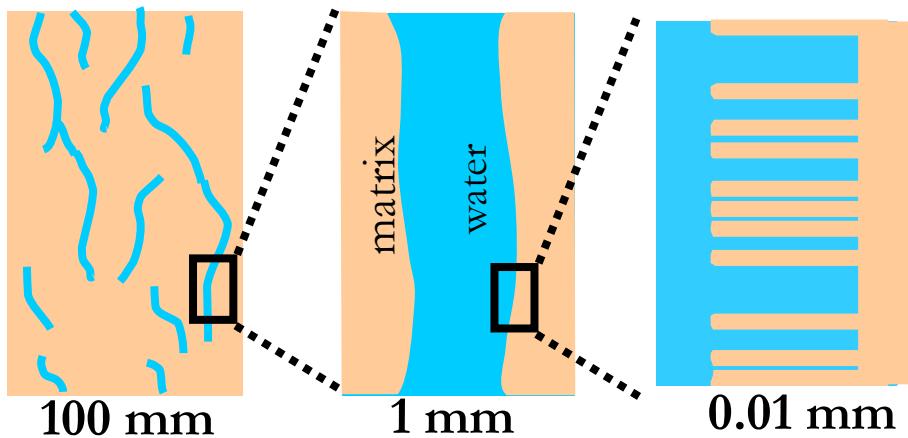
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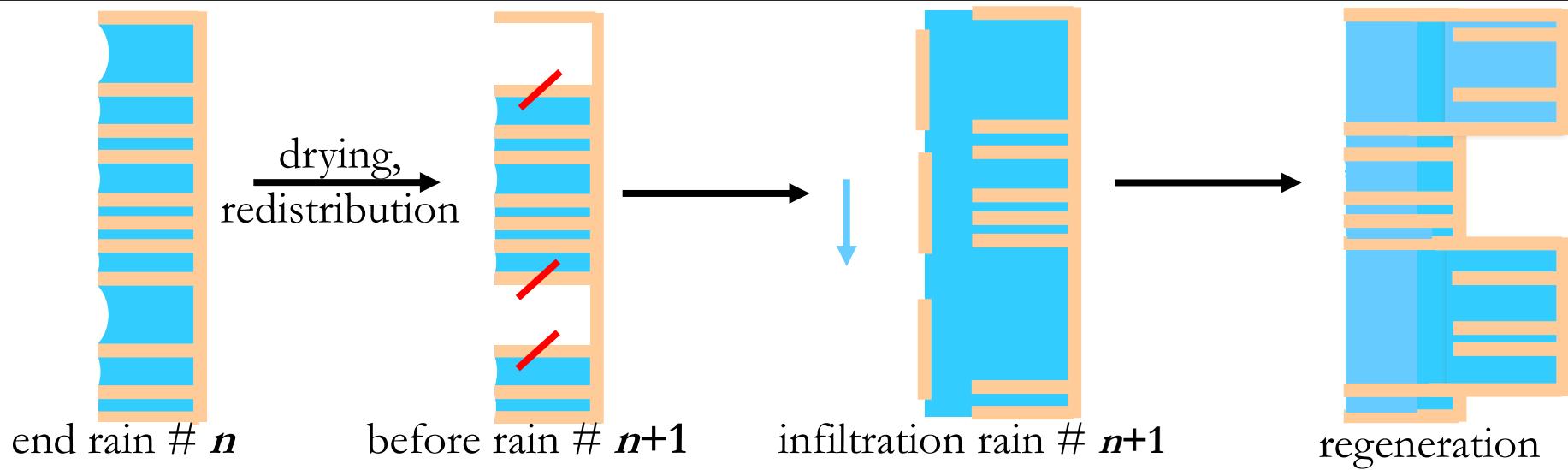
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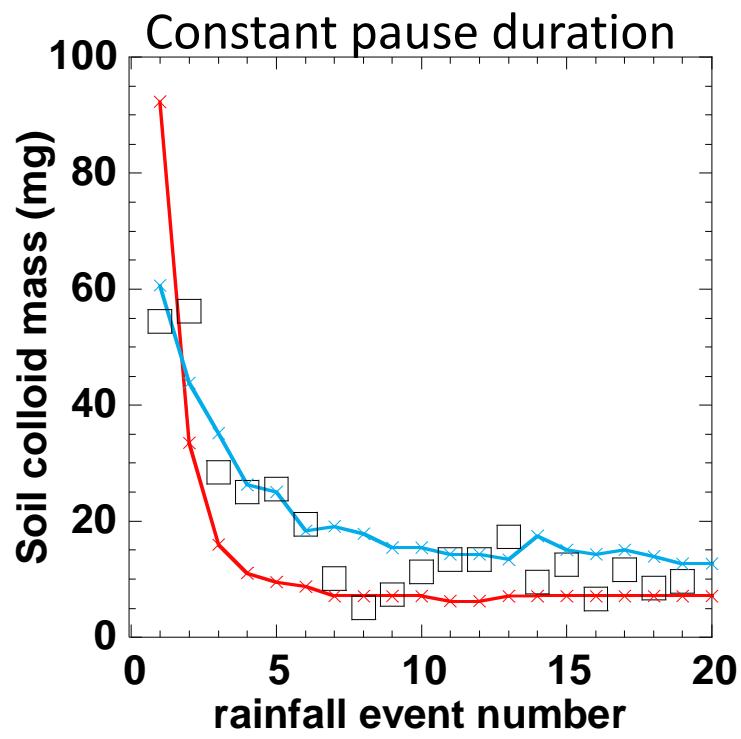
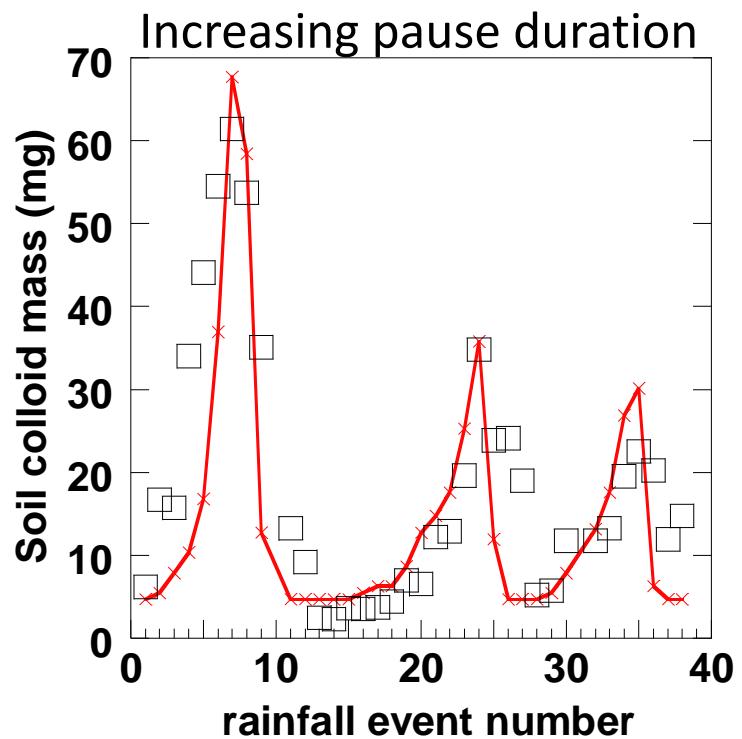
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## numerical model (Vsoil platform)

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$$e_0 = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ ms}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta h_{\max} = 150 \mu\text{m}$$

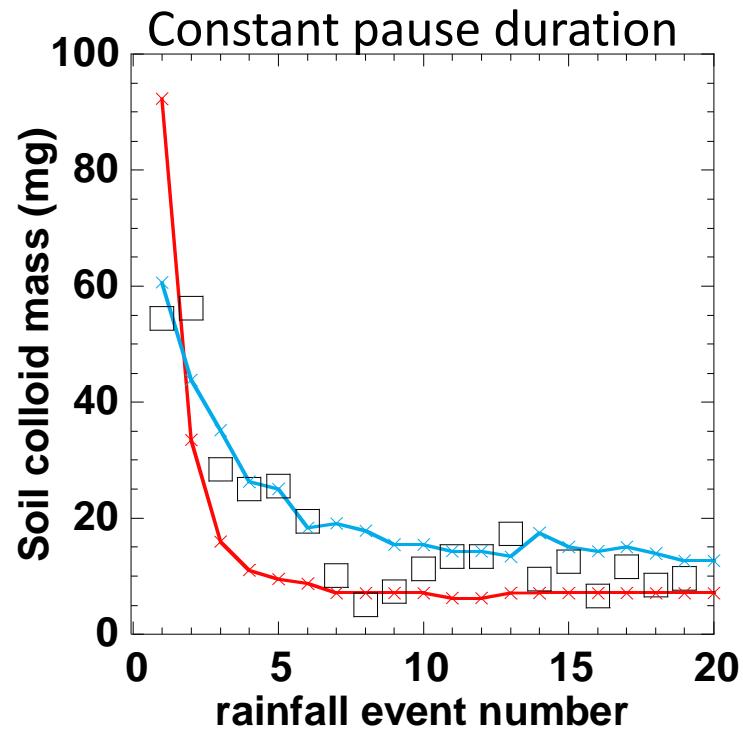
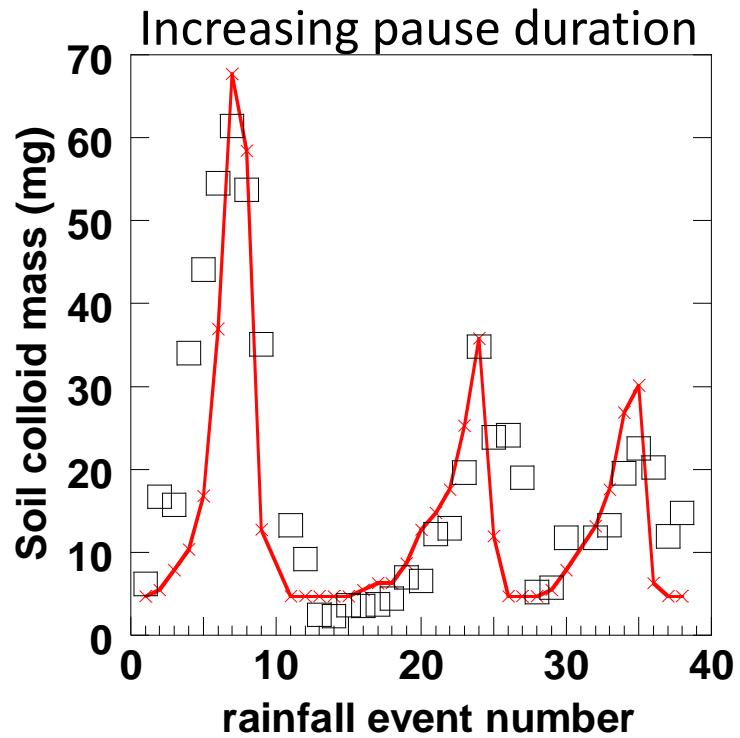
$$r_{\text{regen}} = 400 \mu\text{m}$$

$$c = 0.40 \text{ mg wall}^{-1},$$

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Strengthen the hypothesis of mobilization by differential capillary stresses.

Link between pore structure modifications & leaching.

Provides a physically based regeneration mechanism

Eliminates the necessity to estimate the initial size of the pool of leachable colloids

State of Science

## Sediment detachment and transport processes associated with internal erosion of soil pipes

Glenn V. Wilson,<sup>1\*</sup>  Robert Wells,<sup>1</sup> Roger Kuhnle,<sup>1</sup> Garey Fox<sup>2</sup> and John Nieber<sup>3</sup>

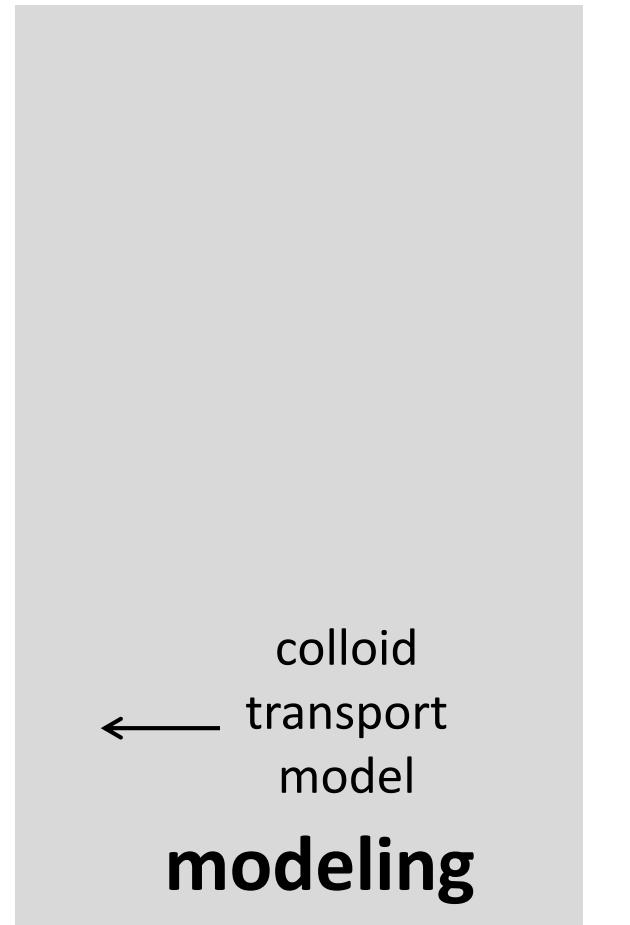
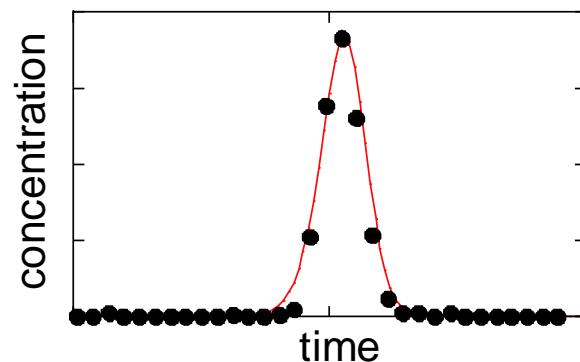
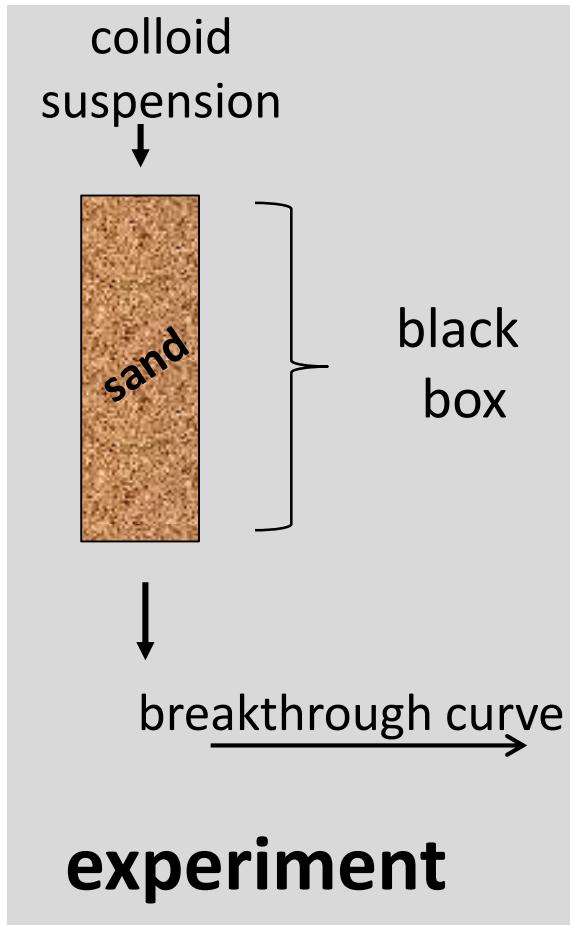


**Figure 7.** Sediment entering a soil pipe by interception of runoff by a pipe collapse feature in Goodwin Creek Experimental Watershed (GCEW).

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Transport of colloids monitored by MRI

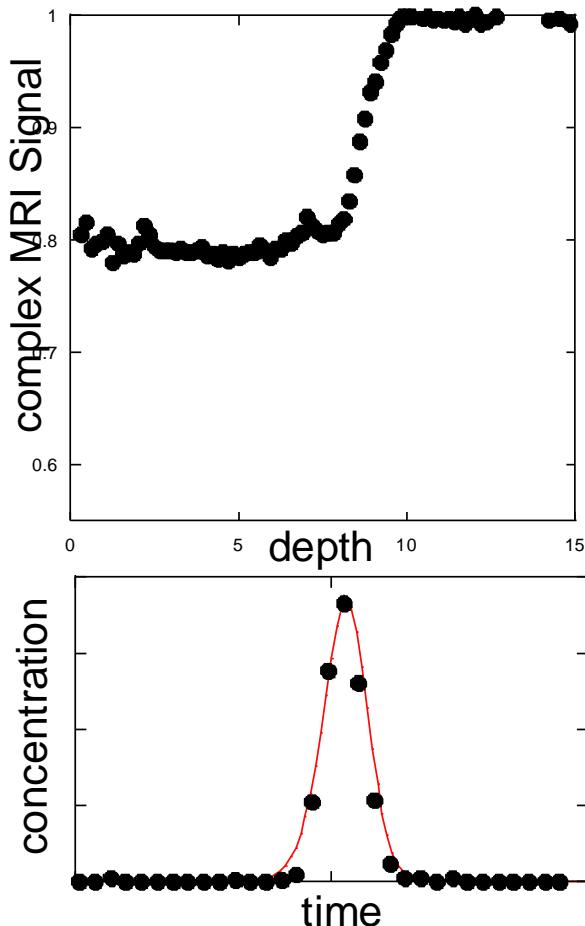
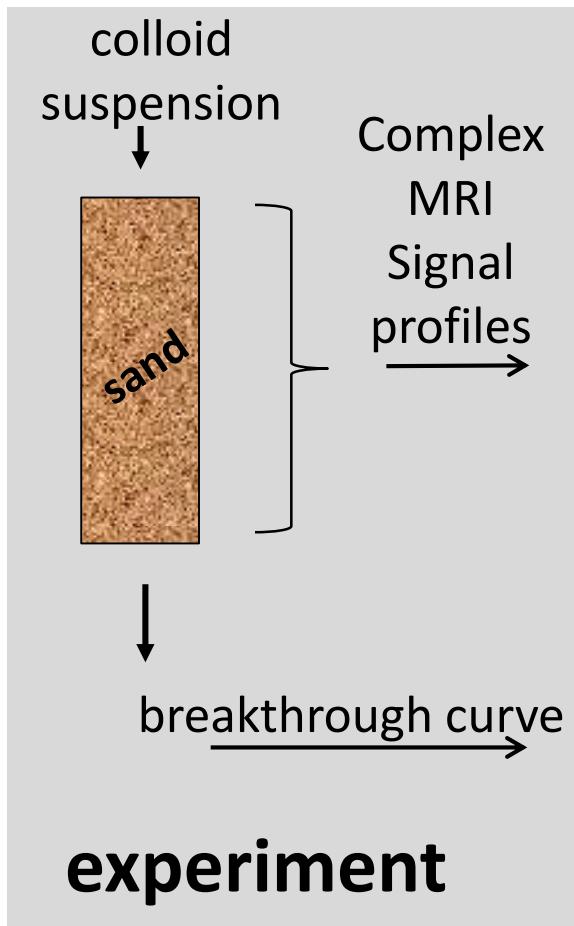
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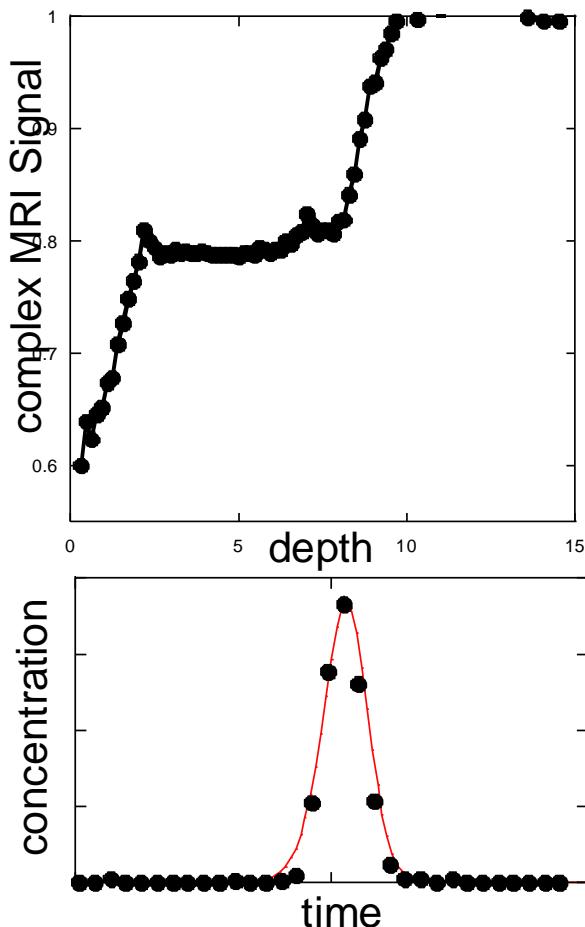
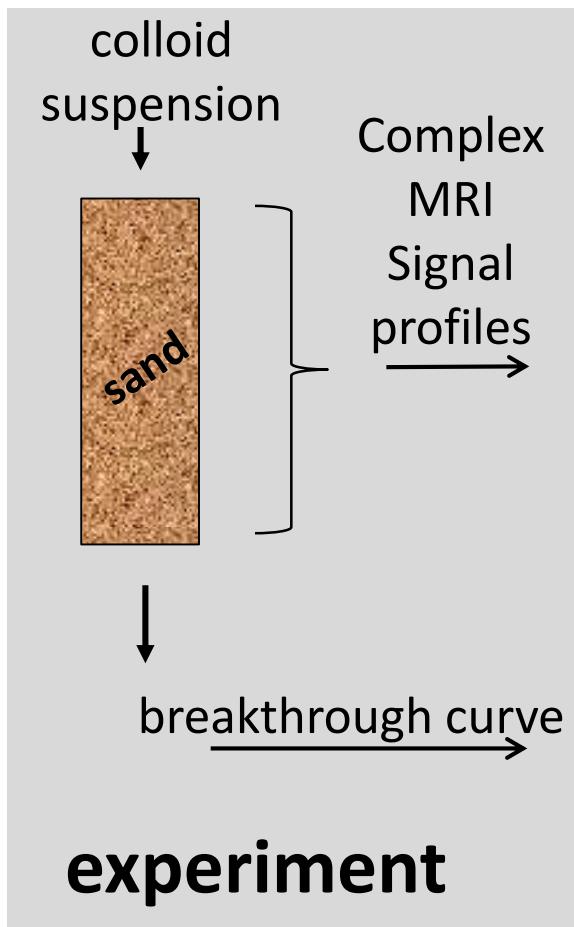


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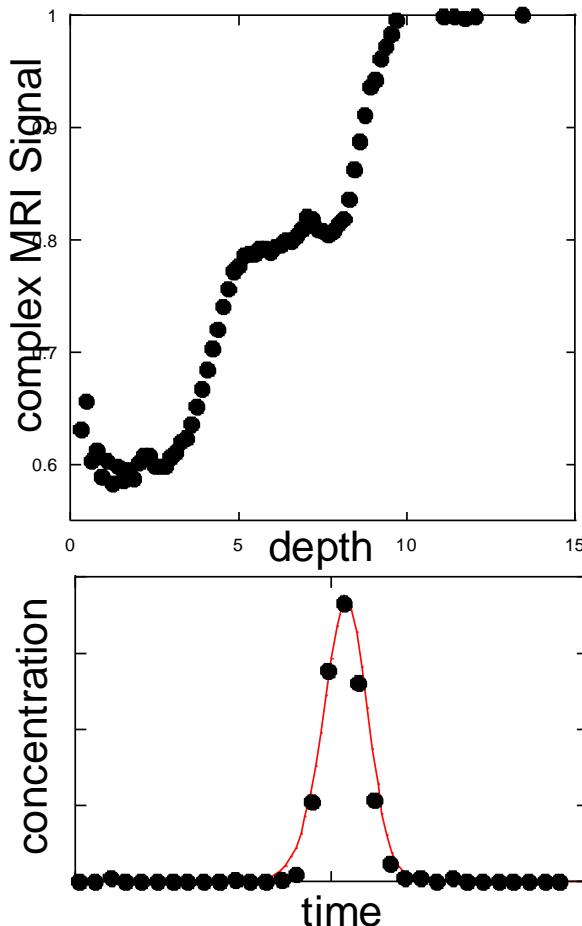
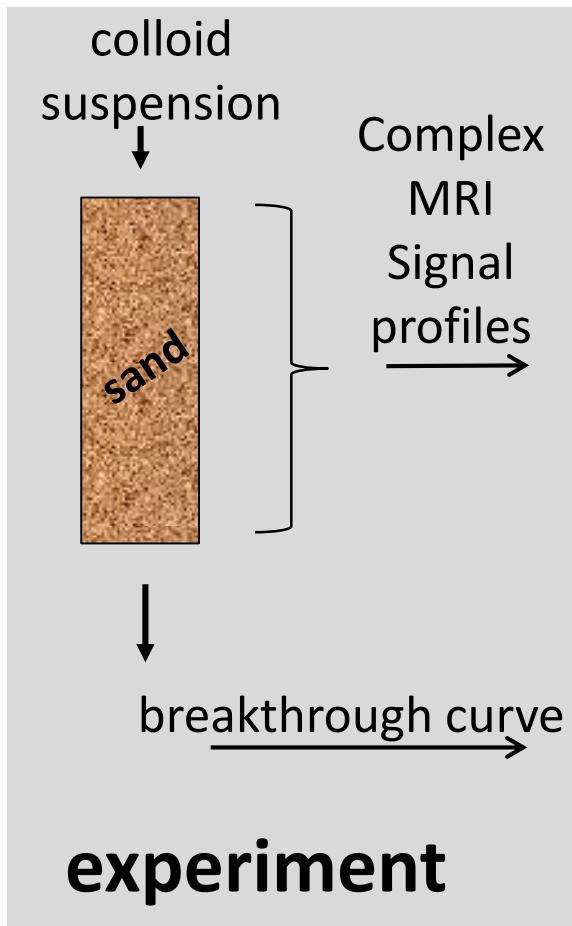
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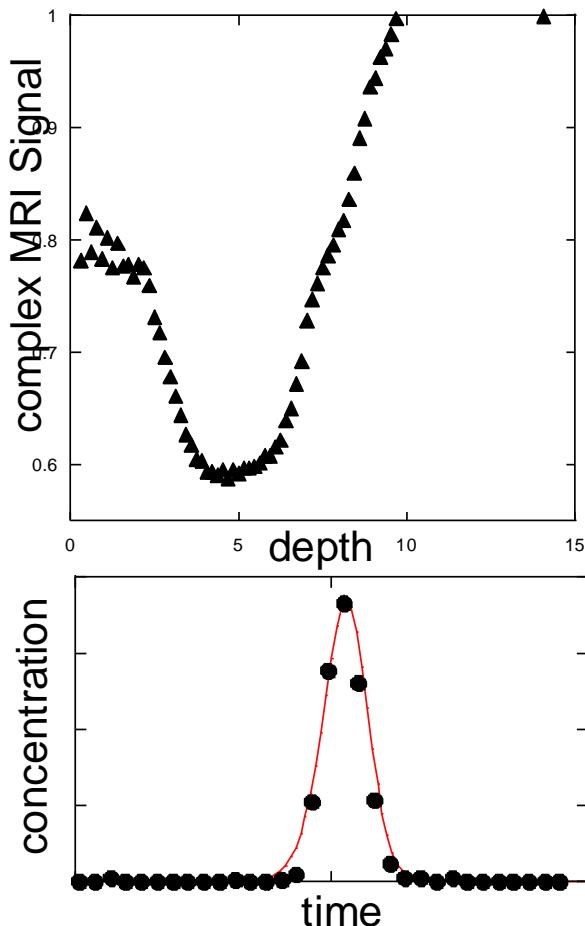
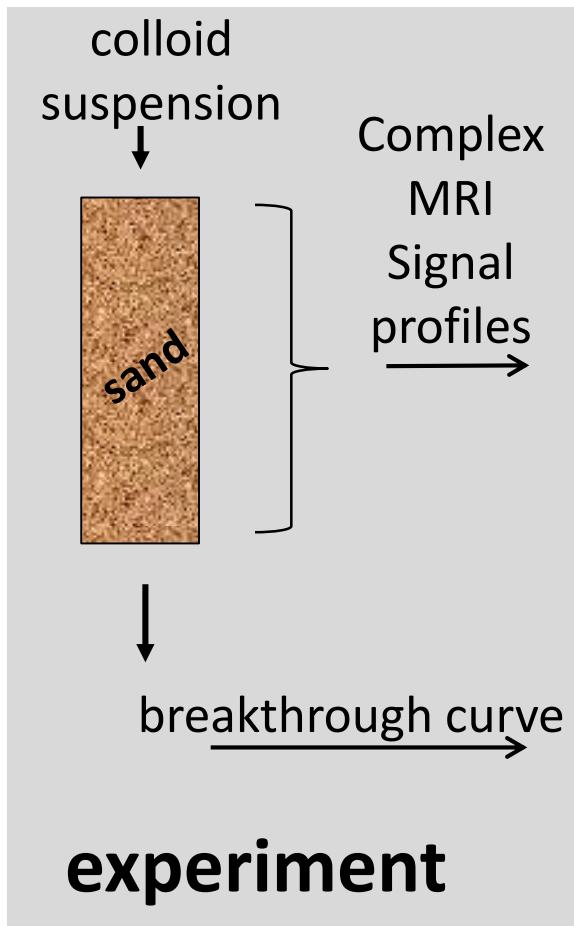


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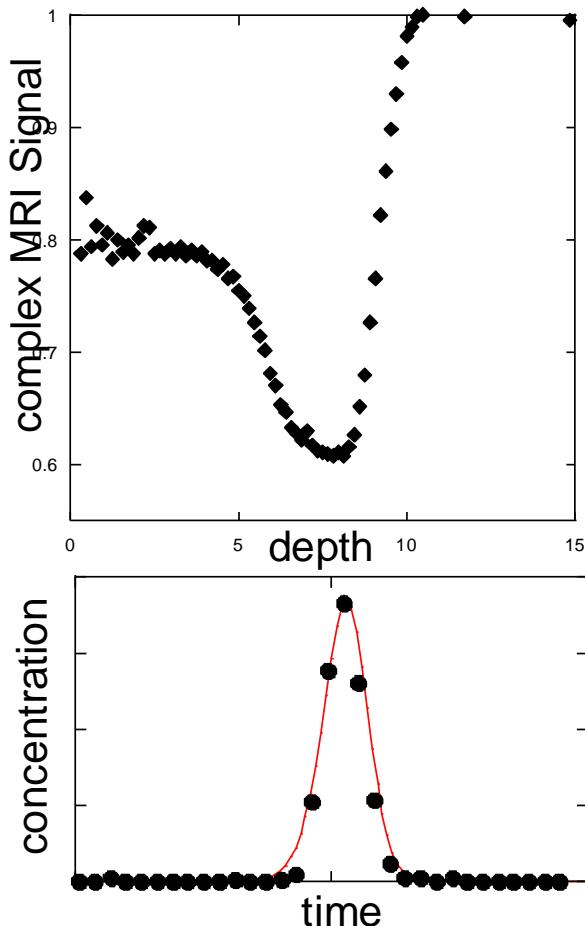
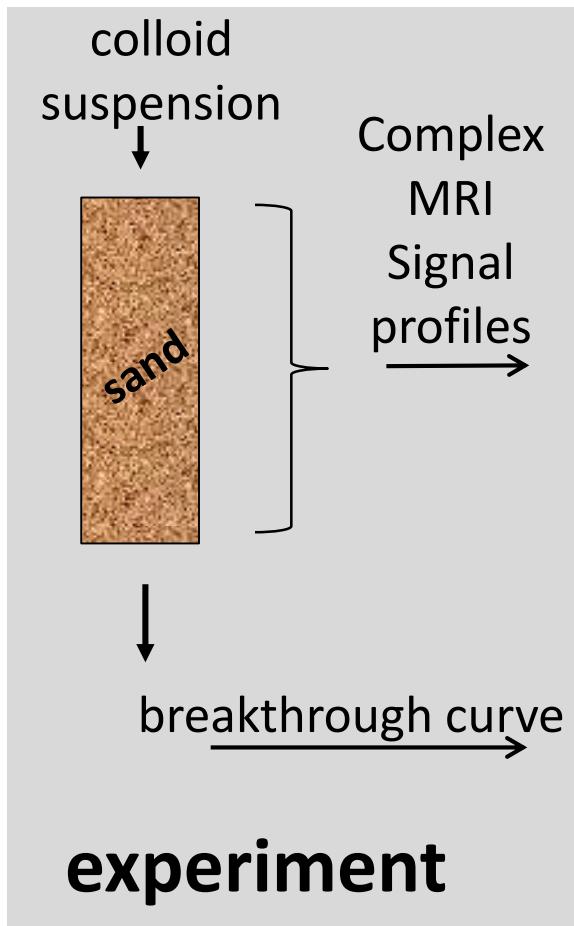


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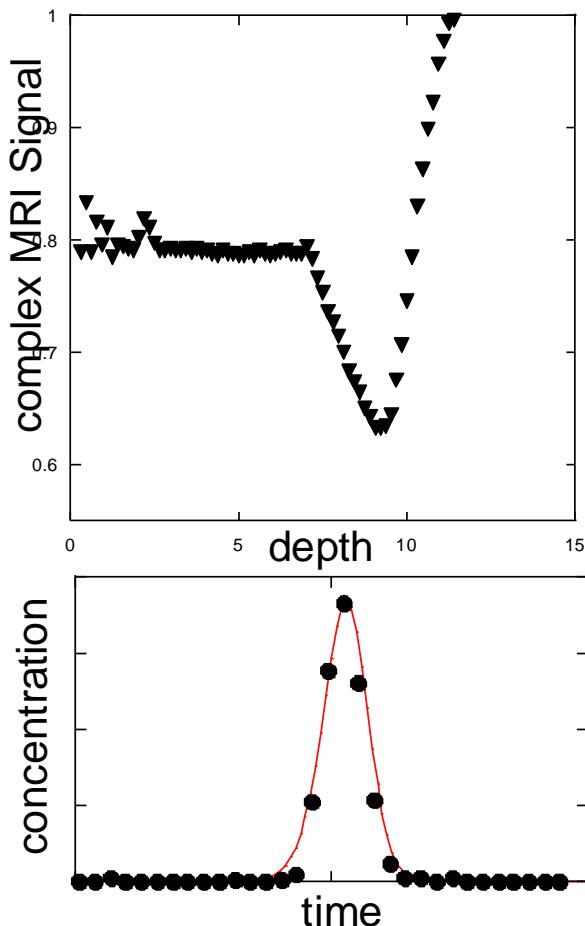
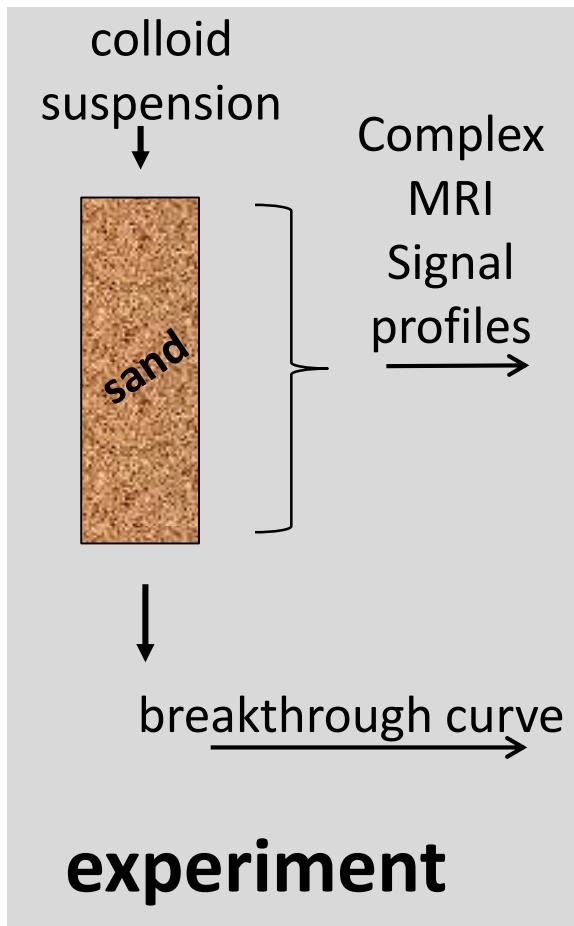


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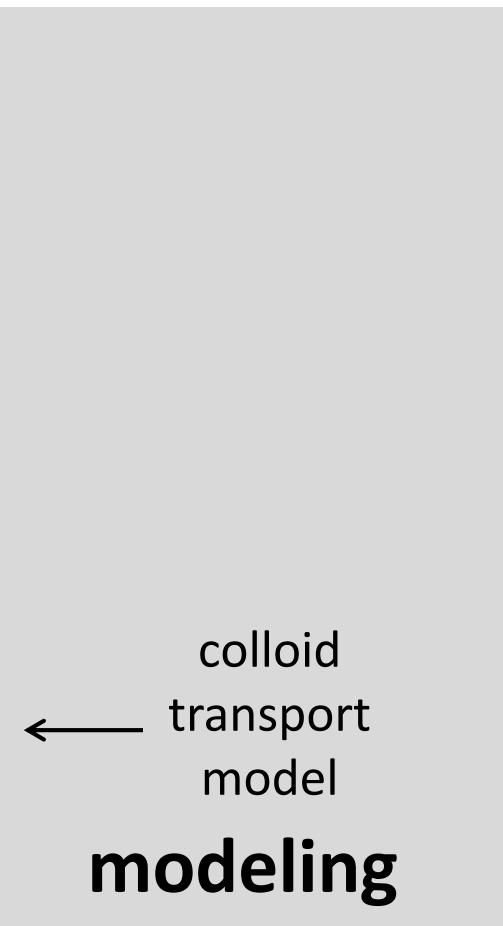
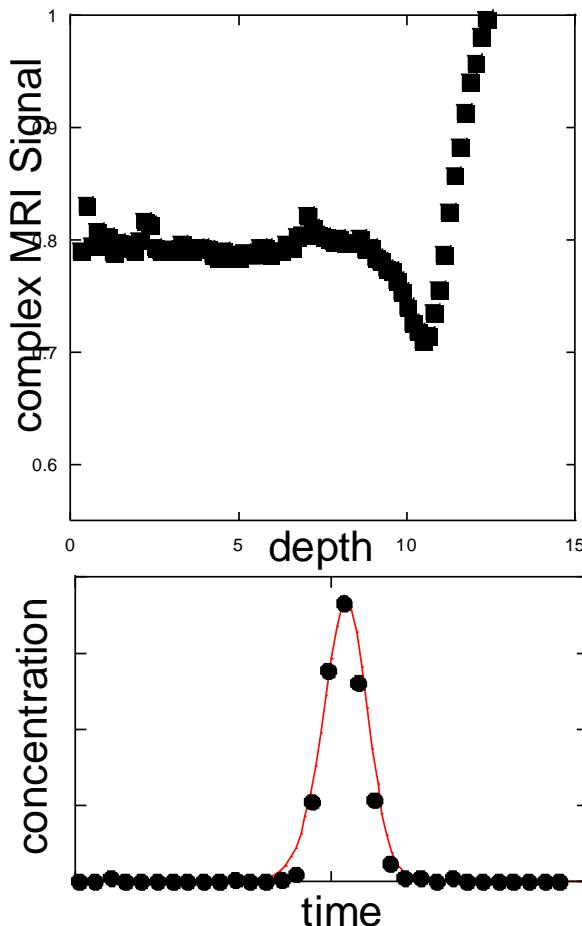
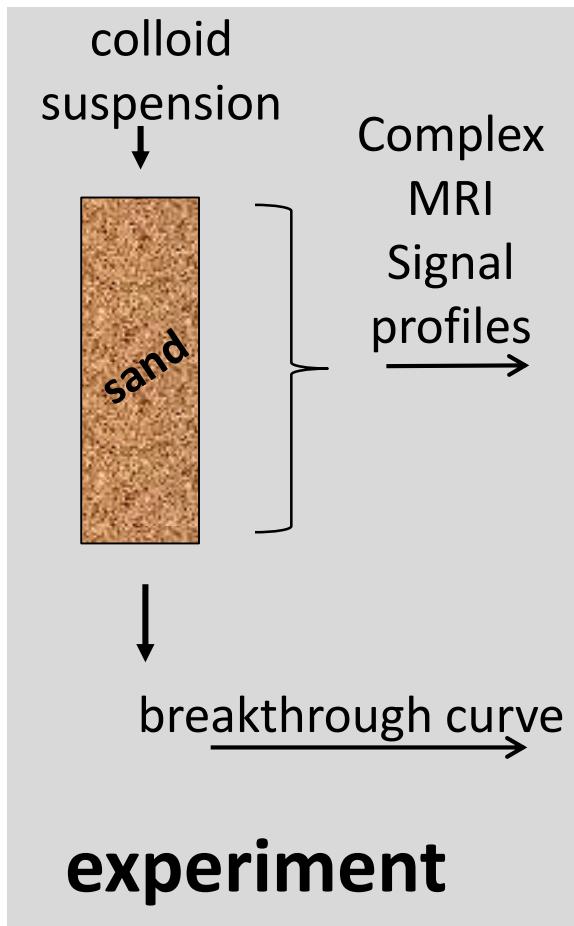
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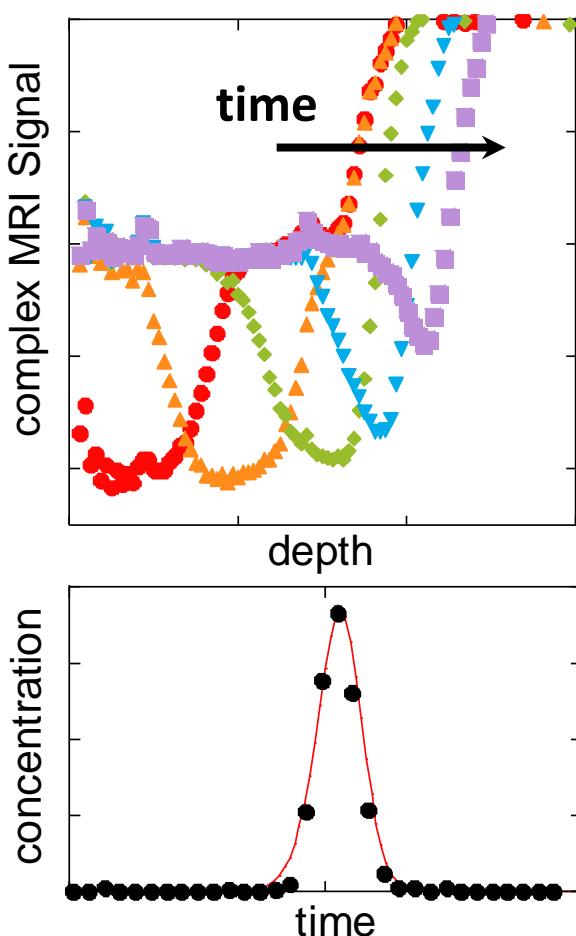
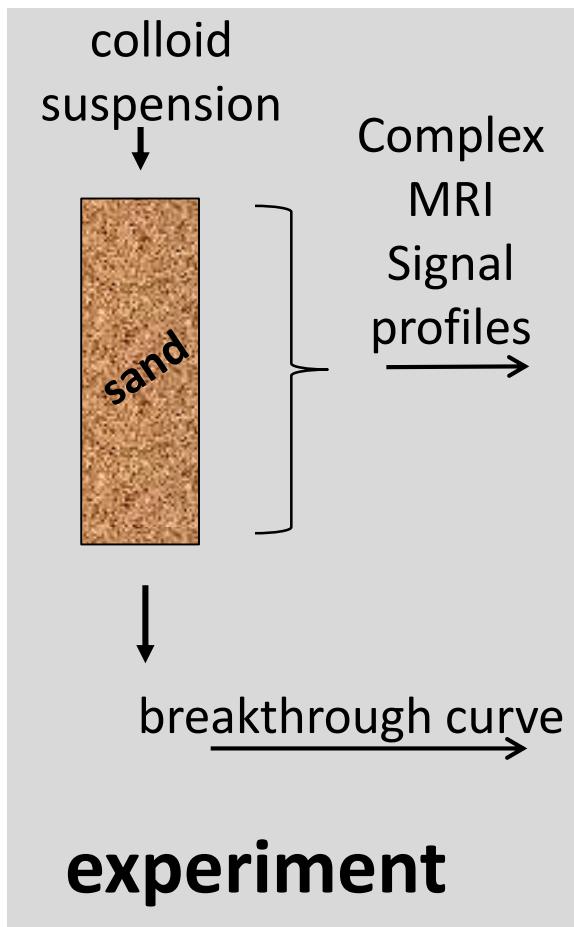
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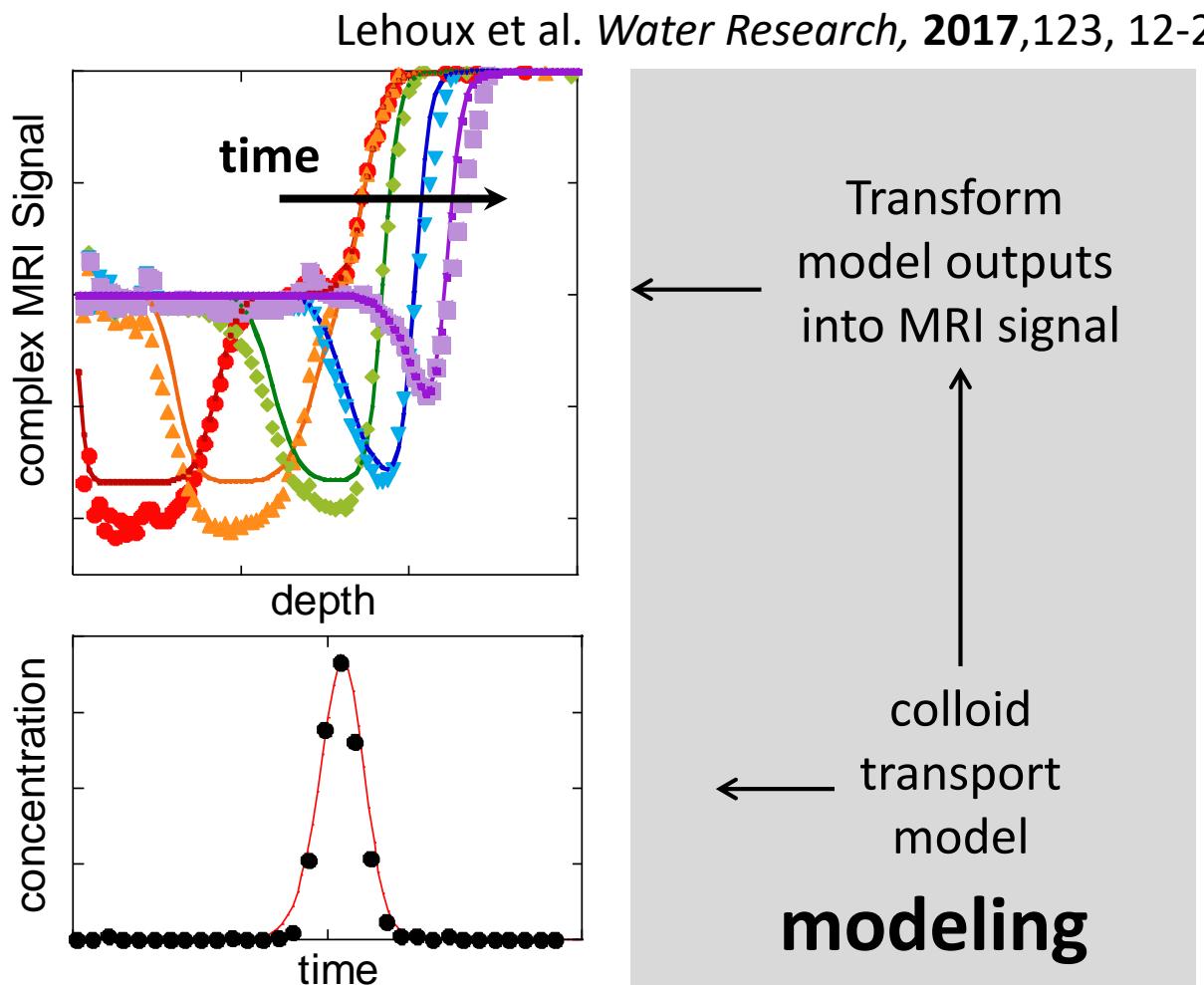
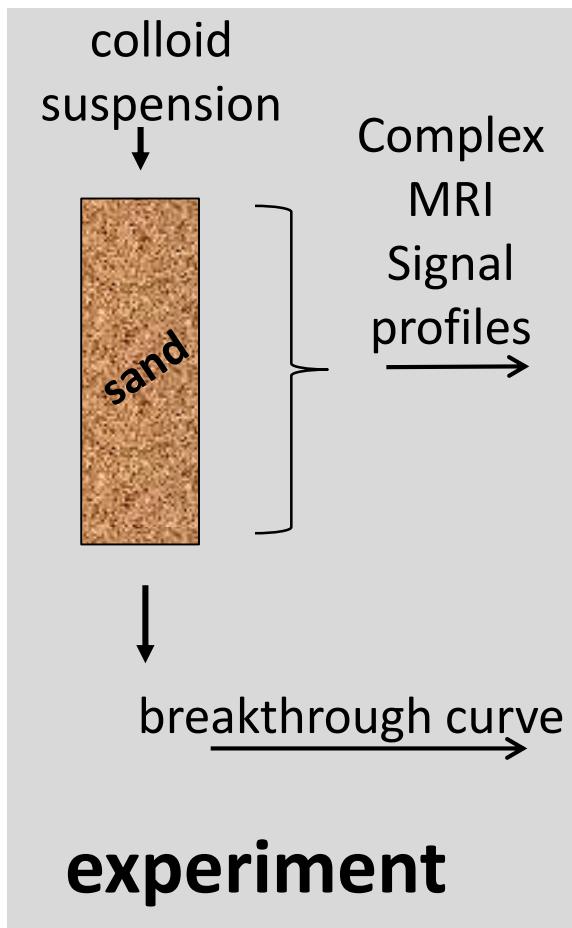


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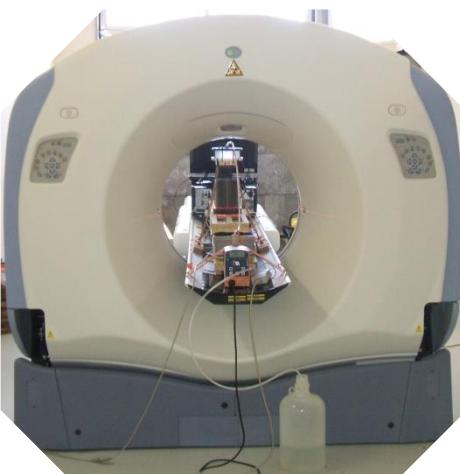
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Model permits a quantitative use of the MRI profiles

Abundant time-lapse MRI profiles permit to test the models to their very limits !

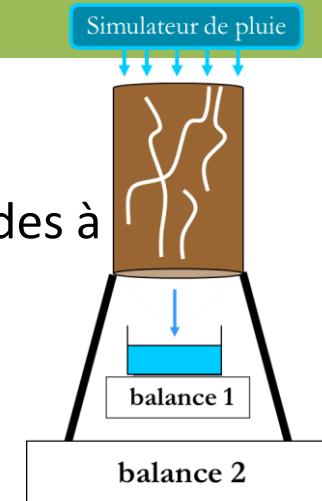
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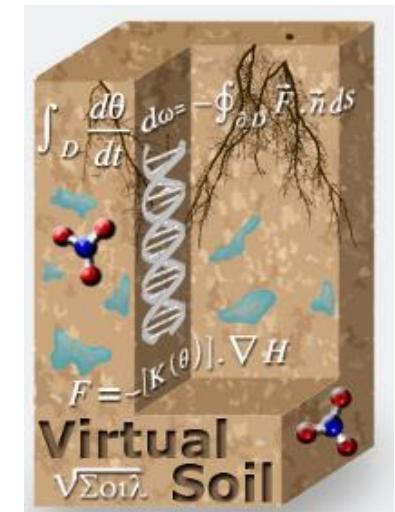
**Imagerie fonctionnelle:**  
obtenir des **informations**  
qualitative et **quantitatives** à  
l'intérieur du sol **au cours de**  
**processus dynamiques**

## Expériences

transport d'eau de solutés de colloïdes à  
l'échelle de la colonne de sol non  
perturbée

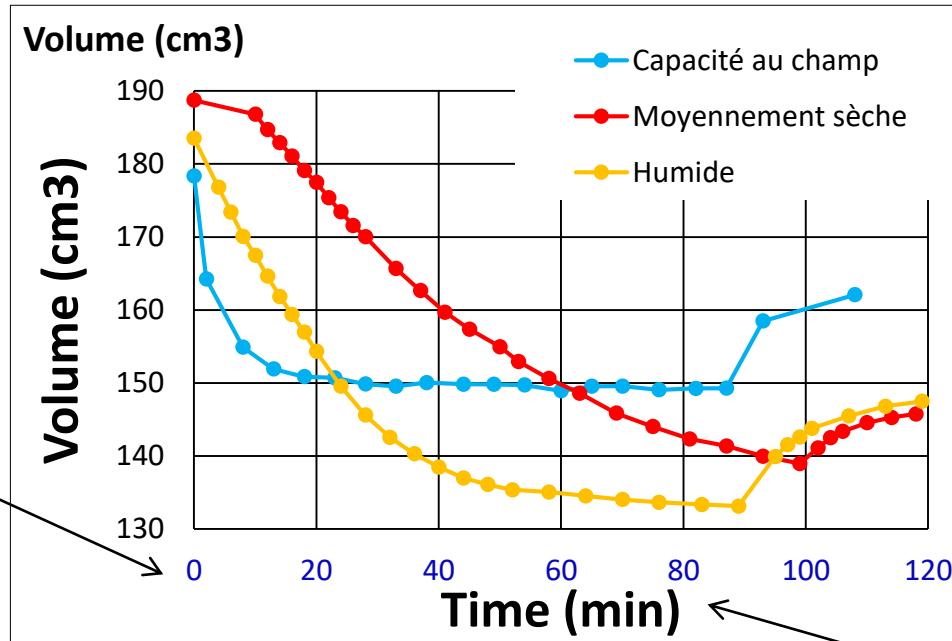


- Mécanismes
- Conception et utilisation de modèles couplés



# Perspectives : [1] macropore flow

## Does water flow impact macropore structure ?



t=0

t=120 min

Gonflement des parois des macropores  
au passage de l'eau ?

t=80min

# Perspectives [2] Transport de solutés et IRM

## Substances perfluorées : PFAS

Les substances perfluoro –alkyles,  $C_nF_{2n+1}-X$  ....

1- ... sont utilisées dans une nombre important de processus y produits ...



2...et sont

**persistentes**

**bioaccumulables**

**toxiques....**

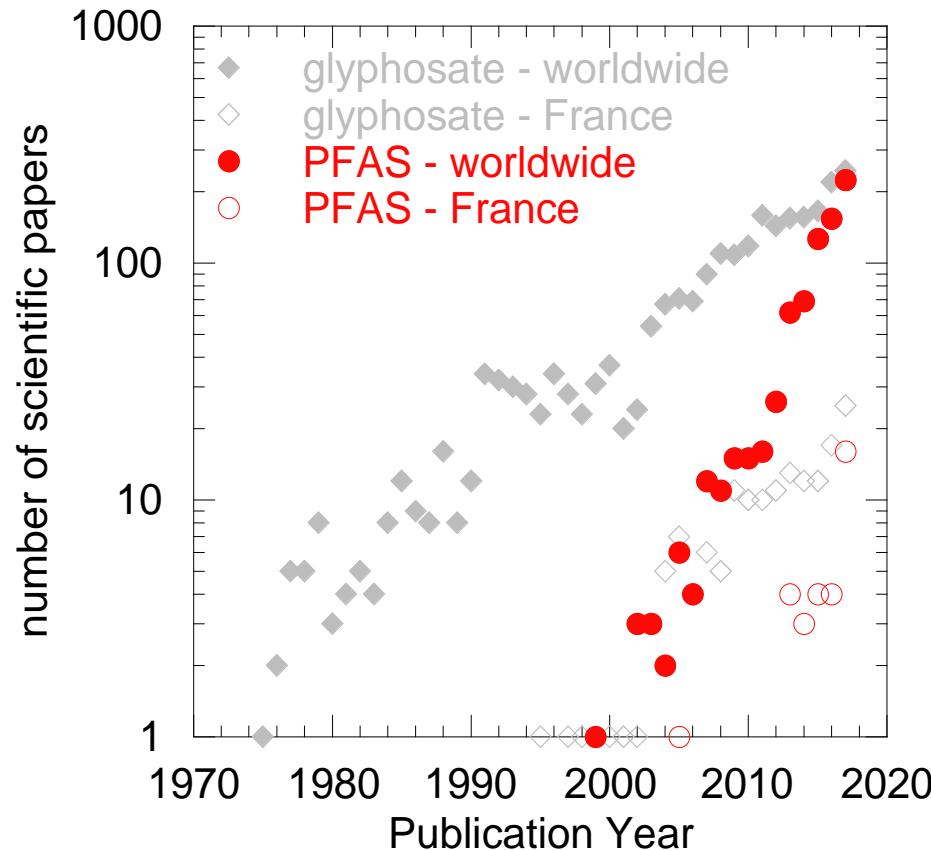
3- ... elles sont présentes dans tous les compartiments environnementaux



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## Substances perfluorées : PFAS

nombre d'entrées dans le WebOfScience pour la recherche (PFAS ou "perfluoroalkyl substance\*"; rouge), ou glyphosate (gris) dans les catégories environmental sciences ou engineering environmental ou toxicology ou public environmental occupational health ou water resources ou agriculture multidisciplinary

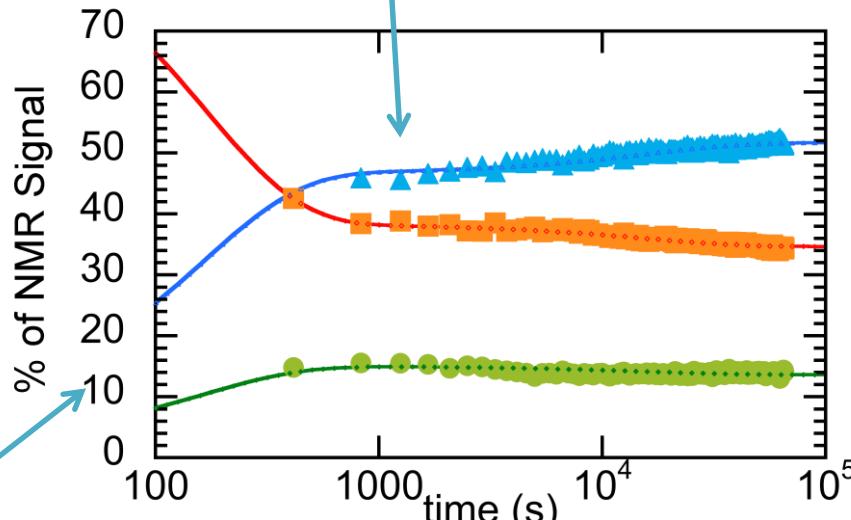
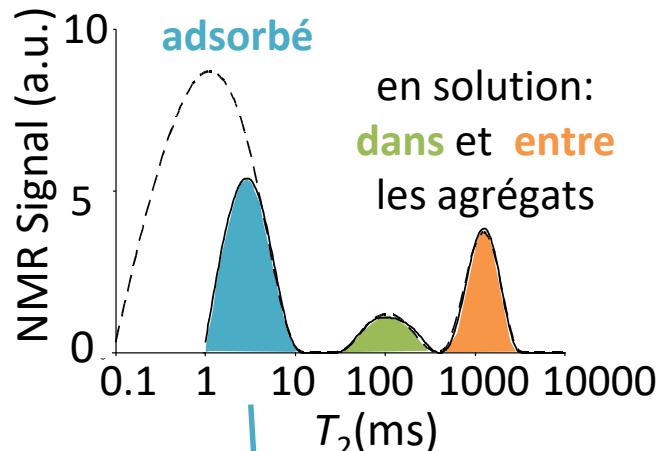
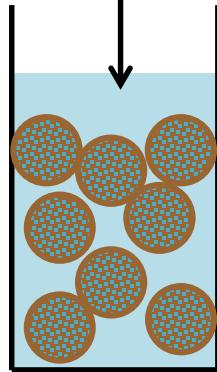
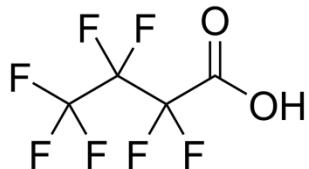


**Nécessité de prévoir l'internalisation par les plantes des PFAS,  
leur devenir dans le sol,  
les interaction PFAS-sol**

# Perspectives [2] Transport de solutés et IRM

## Interaction sol – PFAS non comprise complètement

### familles des PFAS



Modèle:

- (1) diffusion dans les agrégats
- (2) Adsorption cinétique sur deux sites différents

Interaction hydrophobes et électrostatiques



# Interaction Sol – Eau - Contaminant

## Déposition de colloides lors de cycles mouillage/séchage

van den Bogaert et al. *Geoderma*. 2016, 275, 40-47.

