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# AI FOR HYDROCLIMATIC EXTREMES

## Challenges in geosciences

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10+ yrs of experience

**Understand GroundWater Ressource evolution over time  
and space**

**Quantity & Quality aspects  
Modeling & prediction**





AI for hydroclimatic extremes in geosciences

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French Geological Survey  
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**Deliver science based knowledge to support decision  
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# BRGM's Journey to face geoscientific challenges using AI in 3 chapters





**GROUNDWATER**



**RISK  
MANAGEMENT**



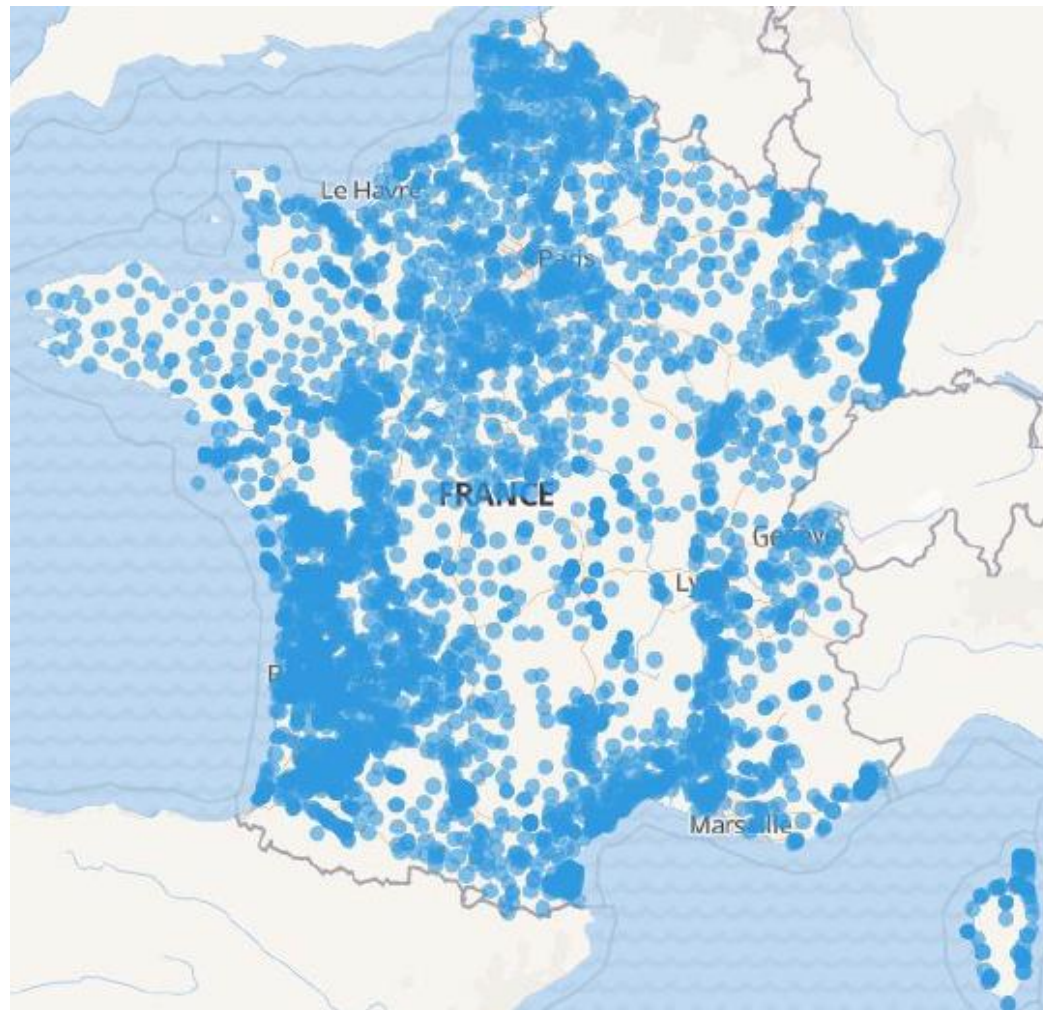
**COASTAL  
HAZARDS**





## GROUNDWATER

### Problem set up



**535 851**  
wells

**3679**  
Wells with  
> 1000 GWL  
records

**118 M**  
chemical  
analyses

**2861**  
chemical  
components

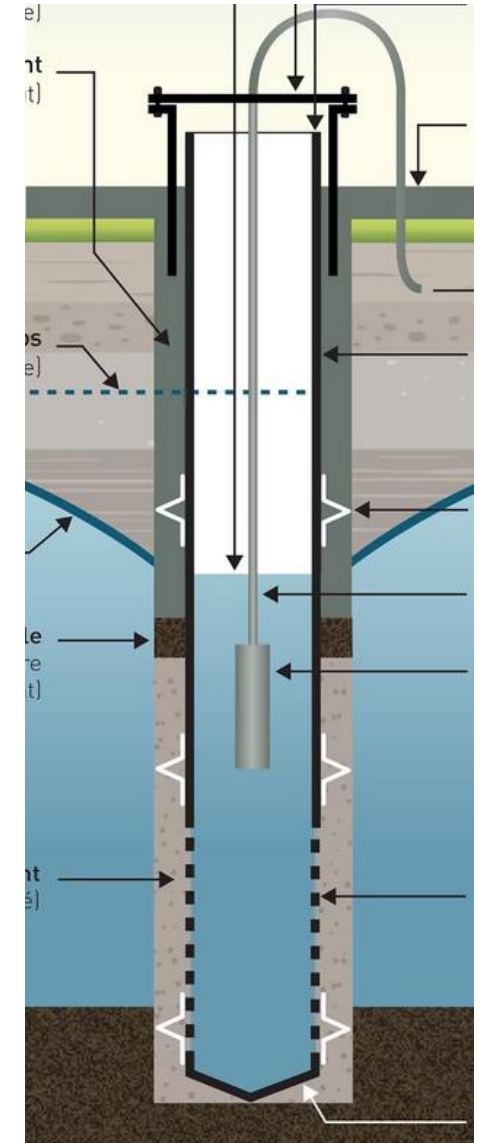




## GROUNDWATER

### Challenge

- **Need for GWL prediction at scale of France**
- **Fast reliable, trustable, explainable**



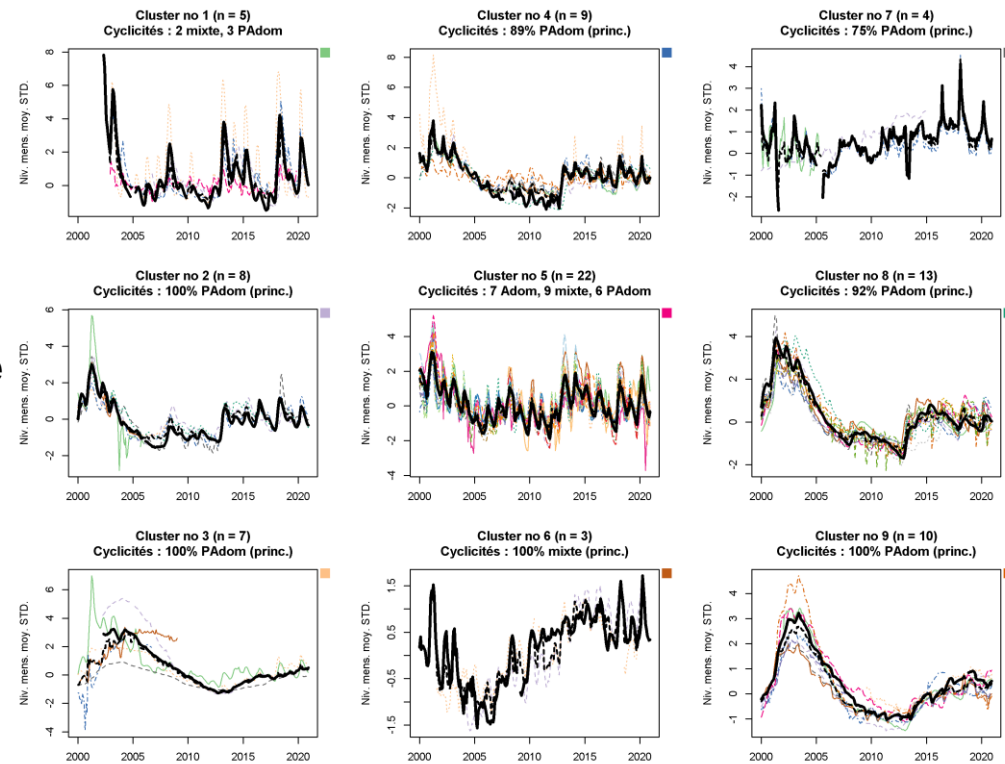


## GROUNDWATER

### Challenge

Deals with:

- Inertia
- Effect of Climate Change
- Effect of Pumping
- Corrupted data
- Learn the evolution of GWL in time and space ?



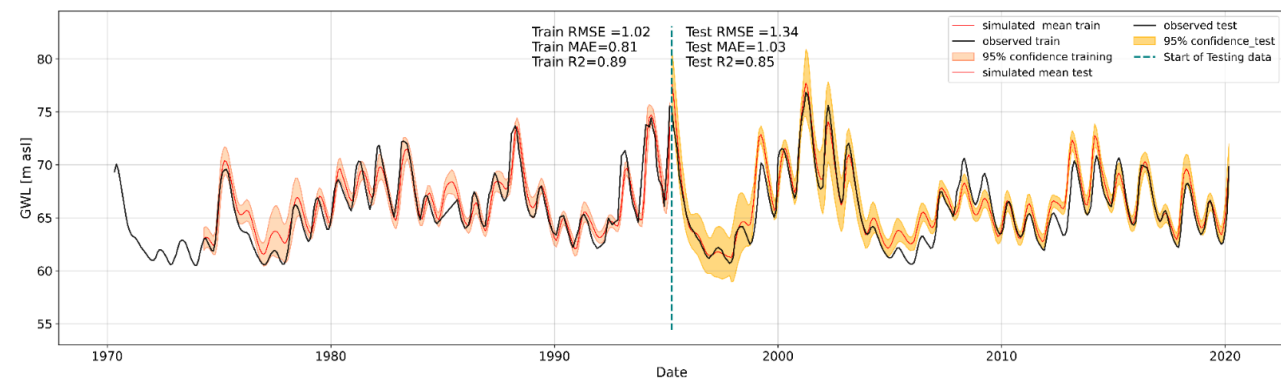
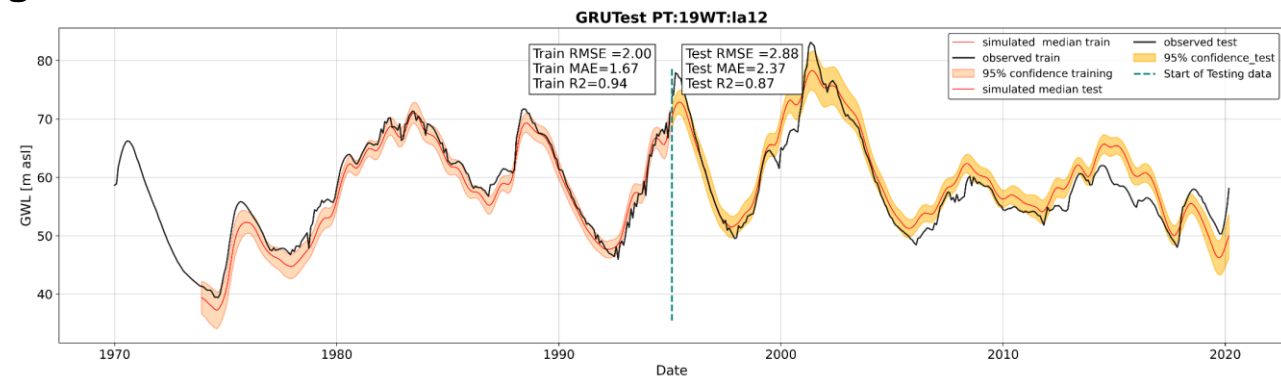
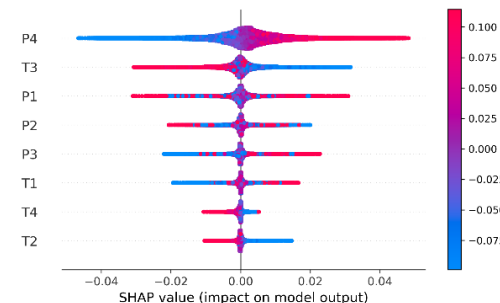




## GROUNDWATER

### Achievement

- Hybrid architecture :
  - Wavelet decomposition + GRU/LSTM/BILSTM
  - Point scale
  - Regional scale







## NATURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### Problem set up

- **Rapid assessment of crisis situation appears 'slow' with existing sensors networks (accelerometers, raingauges,...)**
- **Humans could acts as sensors**
- **They commincate through social network**

**7M people**  
Affected in 2022



**500 M tweets**  
Every day

**21 M tweets**  
lan hurican – 12 days





## RISK MANAGEMENT

### Challenges : Early warning system

- Process unstructured and heterogenous data
- Analysing text, extract geolocalisation
  - Irony, slang, abreviation
  - W/Wo geoloc.
- Real time
- High accuracy
- Deliver usable information for 'makers' on the field (firefighter, rescuers,...)



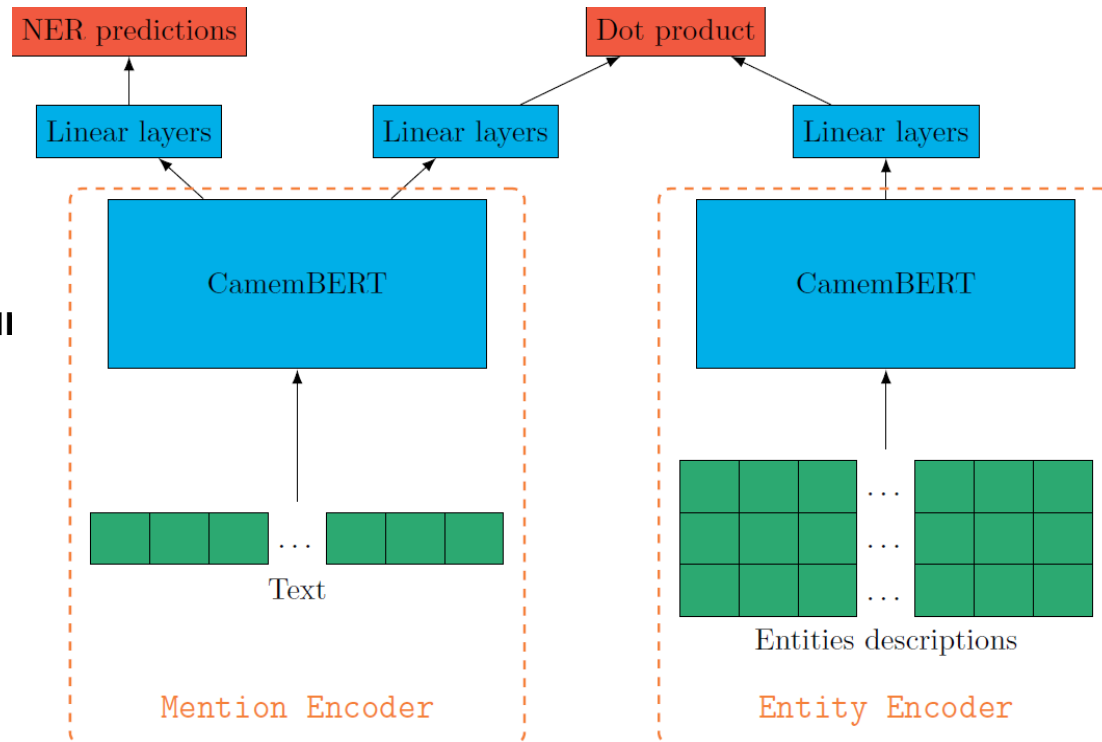




## NATURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### Achievements

- NLP
- Bi encoder architecture
- BERT



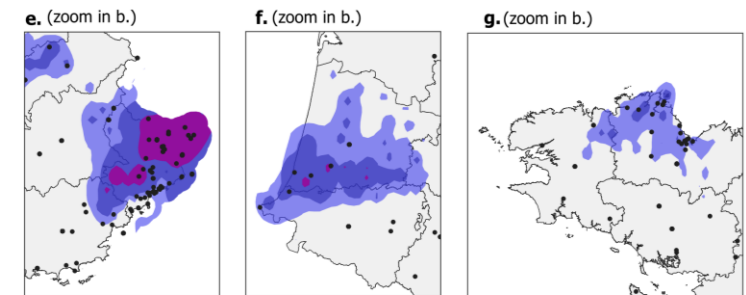
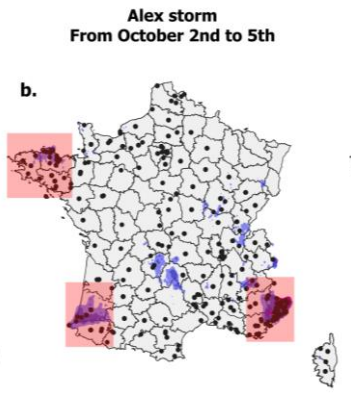
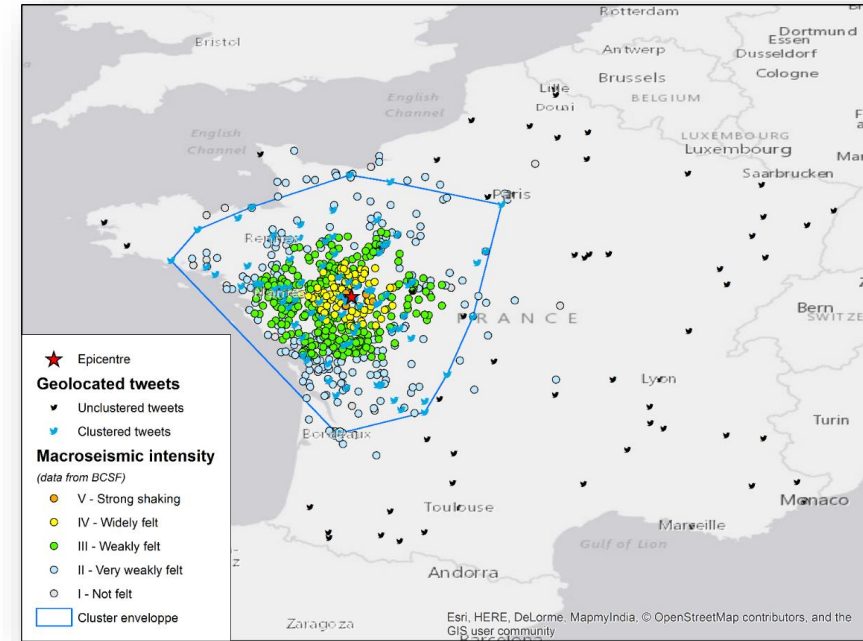




## NATURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### Achievements

- Perception area : 10 min
- vs Hours with in place monitoring



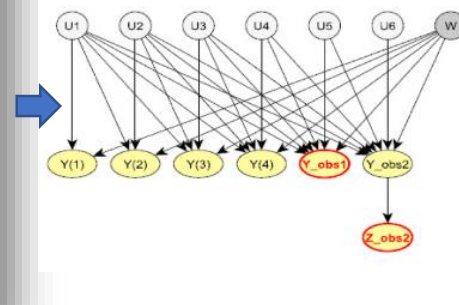
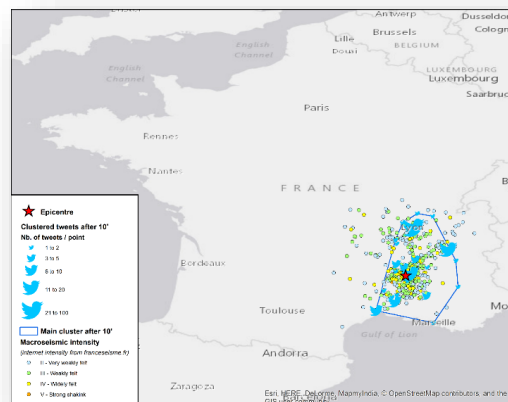
**Significant flood events in the period:**  
- Alex storm, South-East / North-West / South-West of France



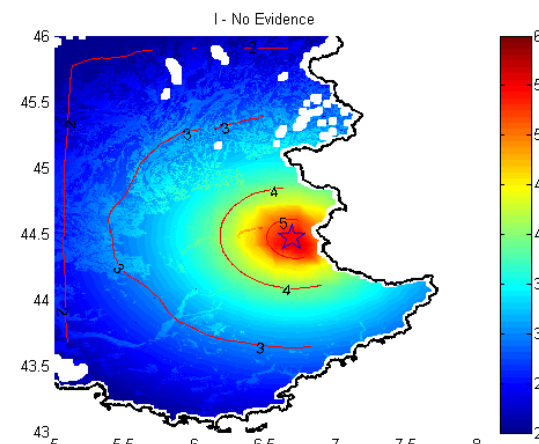
NATURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Achievements

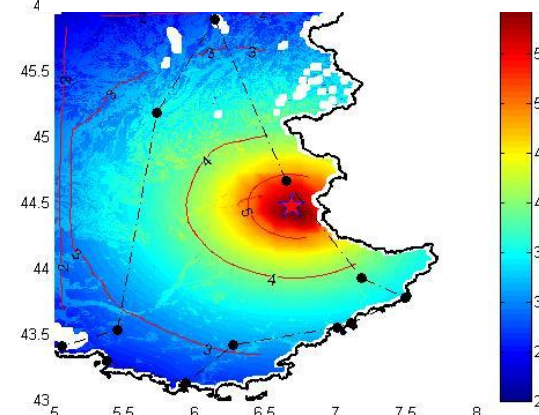
- Treated as complementary data source
- Gain in definition



Soil motion intensity-sensors



Soil motion intensity: sensors + Twitter



Building intensity maps from Twitter and seismic data after an earthquake





## NATURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### Achievements

Webportal: [www.suricatenat.fr](http://www.suricatenat.fr)

**SURICATE NAT**  
VIGIE CITOYENNE DES RISQUES NATURELS

RECHERCHER UN EVENEMENT  
ACTIVITE TEMPS-REEL TWITTER  
FICHES THEMATIQUES  
TOP CONTRIBUTEURS - PODIUM  
ADMIN

Séisme de magnitude 5.1 - S.  
Montélimar  
11/11/2019 à 11:52 - Séisme ✓ 6427

TÉMOIGNER PARTICIPER PARTAGER

SYNTHÈSE ACTIVITÉ CARTE

Série temporelle

11/11 11:53:46

2018 Suricate-Nat  
Avis utilisateur - CGU - Crédits - Mentions légales  
Suivez-nous sur

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Magnitude 5.1  
source RENASS

6427 Tweets

74.8%

LOCALITÉS LES PLUS ACTIVES

Localités	Volume
Lyon	584
Ardeche	445
Montélimar	427
Montpellier	189
Rhône	150

TOP MENTIONS

Mentions	Volume
terre	325
séisme	325
tremblement	305





## COASTAL HAZARDS

### Problem set up: marine flooding



**2.5B €**  
Total cost Xynthia

**700 m€**  
Marine  
Flooding

**53 deads**  
Xynthia Storm- 2010





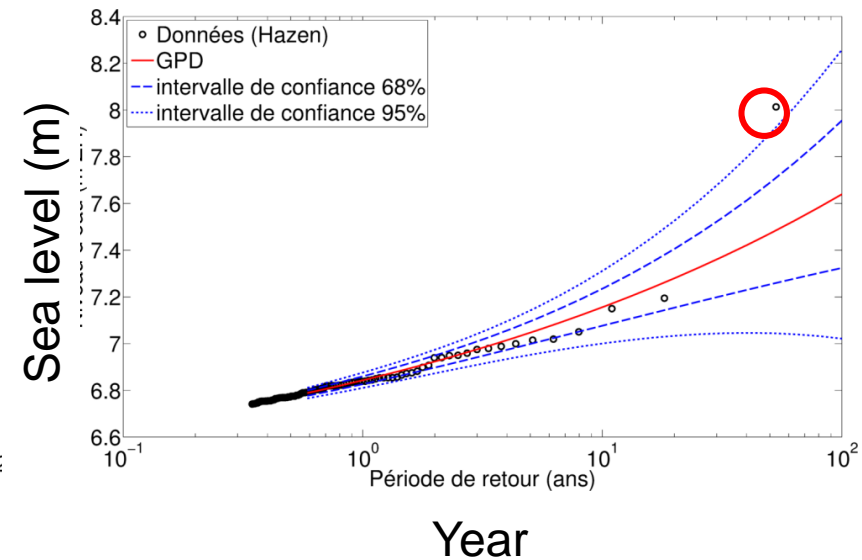
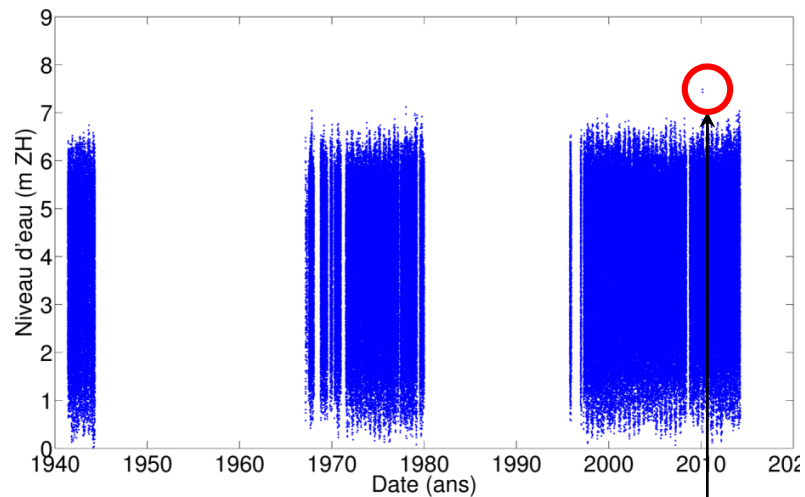
## COSTAL HAZARDS

**Challenge: learn the extremes ?**

**Deals with :**

- **Extrems**
- **Too short time series**
- **Outliers / corrupted data**
- ...

### Sea level at La Rochelle (France)







## COSTAL HAZARDS

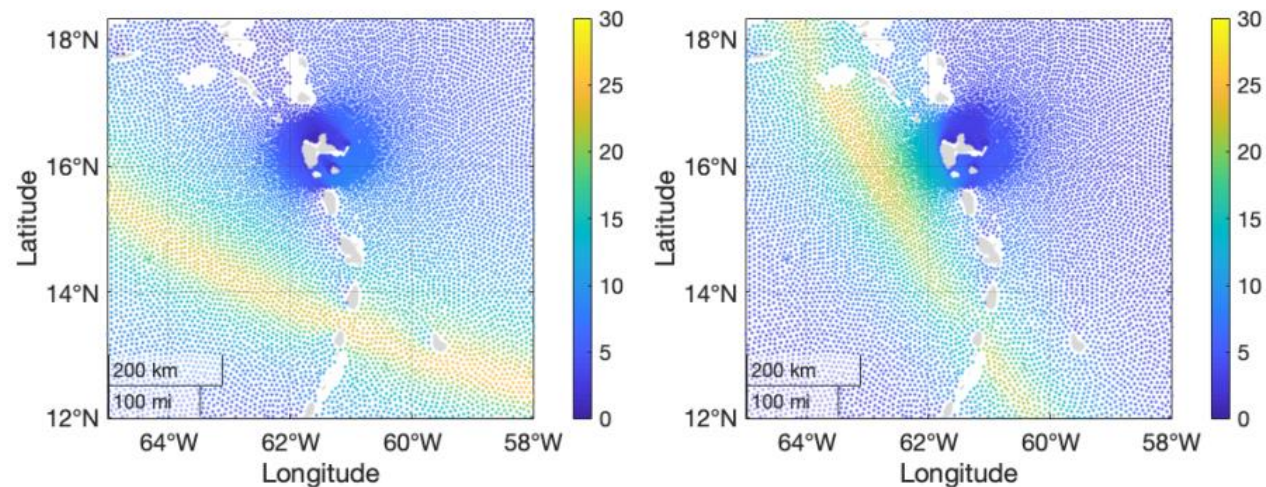
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Non stationarity of extremes

- Effect of CC ?



Spatial distribution of maximum **wave** height during two different **cyclones** at Guadeloupe (French West Indies)

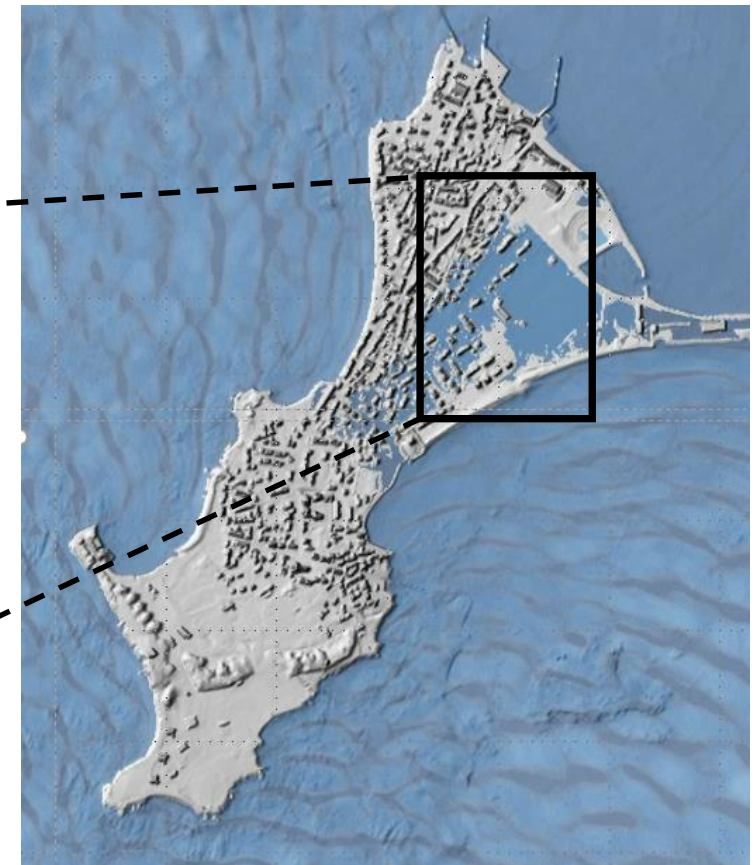
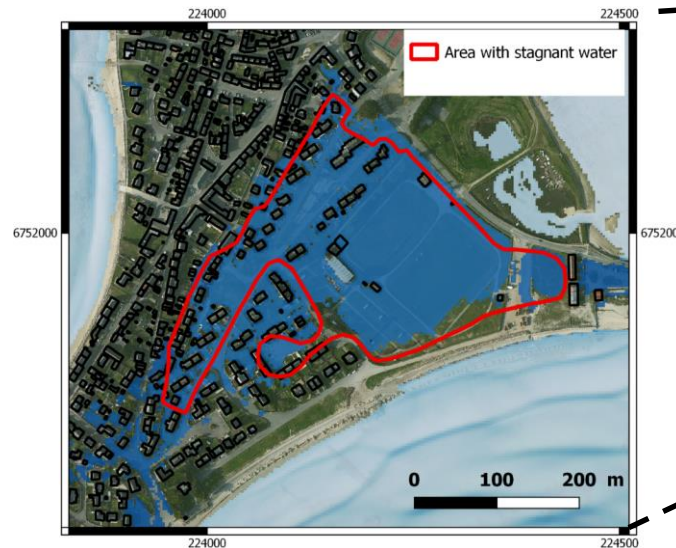




## COSTAL HAZARDS

### Achievements : Early warning system

- Surrogate model



Comparison with **observations** –  
RISCOPE project  
[Idier et al.<sup>19</sup>, Nat. Haz., 2020]



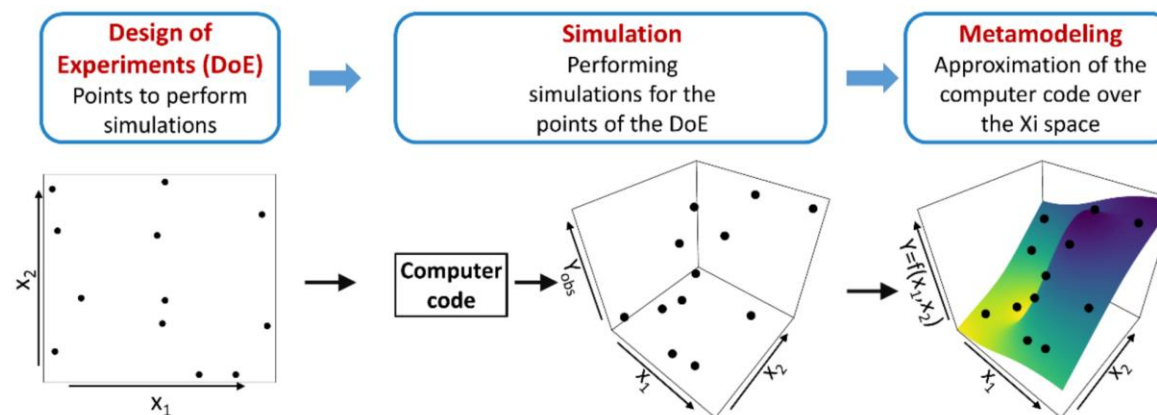


## COSTAL HAZARDS

### Achievements : Early warning system

#### Surrogate model

- Kernel methods
- 200 runs of deterministic model (2 days comput time each)
- Once trained: prediction in minutes
- Site specific: Gavres, Boucholeurs, Reunion Island



[Idier et al., JMSE, 2021],[Rohmer et al., ENVSOFT, 2018], [Lecacheux et al., Nat. Hazard, 2021]





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## LESSONS LEARNED

### DATA is (still) often a weakness in geosciences

- good data
- Sufficient scale in space and time
- Especially when dealing with low frequency, extremes values
- Monitoring networks as patrimonial good

### AI methods are not straight forward

- Data pipeline
- Combinaison of methods
- Combination of scientific expertises
- From site specif models to generalist models

### Pluridisciplinary teams is the key

### Many fields remains unexplored !

- BRGM is open to collaborate





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