Radon for geosciences and interdisciplinary research

Round Table Radon 21/06/2023

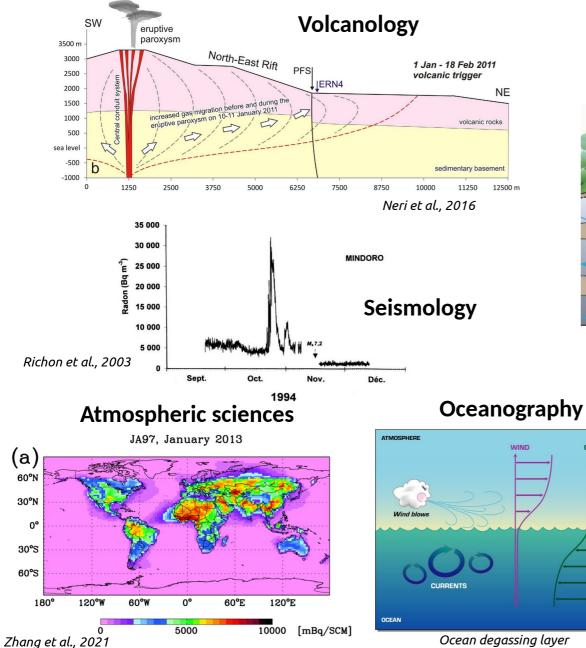
Plenary GDR DUPhy meeting Aussois Low-radioactivity techniques session

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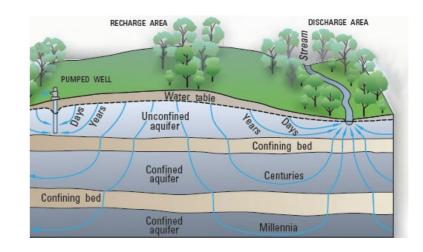
Radon, a polyvalent tracer of geologic processes

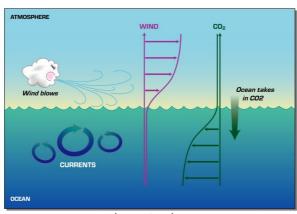
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Planetology



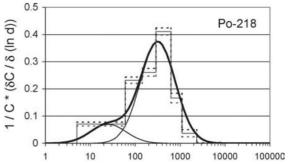
Chang'e 5 mission

Towards a long-term Radon platform @IN2P3 : motivations for environmental applications

- Radon chamber for calibration of instruments in various conditions (activity level, humidity, temperature)
- **Diffusion bench** to measure the transport of radon through barriers (instrumentation, natural samples)
- Low-background emanation set-up for the measurement of radon emanation from small and/or poorly emanating samples
- Controlled atmospheres of radon daughters to study the speciation and attachment/filtration processes of radon progeny
- Sharing know-how, knowledge, tools, instruments, documentation



Baccara, IRSN



Porstendorfer & Grundel, 2005

Workshop Radon in 2024?

- Bring together various communities at the cross-roads of geosciences (atmospheric sciences, hydrogeology, volcanology, seismology, karstology, planetology, oceanography, etc...), fundamental physics (rare-events physics, DUPhy, astroparticles, etc...) and radioprotection and metrology institutes (IRSN, CEA, Uni, etc...)
- First objective : have a panorama of « radon research » in France
- Second objective : identify invisible intersections in instrumentation/metrology/modelling activities and trigger collaborations + mutualise tools ?
- When ? Where ? How ? → TBD. This is an idea in the making, please contact me if you are interested (*luca.terray@uca.fr*). A first circular will be sent in september.