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Landslides as geological hotspots of CO_2 to the atmosphere: clues from the instrumented Séchilienne landslide, Western European Alps.

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Abstract. This study makes use of a highly instrumented active landslide observatory (9 years of data) in the French Alps, the Séchilienne slope. Using a combination of major element chemistry and isotopes ratios ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, $\delta^{34}S$) measured in different water types of the stable and unstable part of the Séchilienne instability to assess the contribution of the different lithologies of the slope and the chemical weathering mechanisms. Chemical and isotopic ratios appear useful to characterize weathering processes and the origin of waters and their flowpaths through the massif. A mixing model allows us to allocate the different major elements to different sources and quantify the involvement sulfuric and carbonic acids as a source of protons.

As a consequence of the model, we are able to show that the instability creates favorable and sustained conditions for the production of sulfuric acid by pyrite oxidation by supplying reactive surfaces. We clearly identify the contribution of gypsum dissolution to the sulfate budget in the landslide. We are also able to refine the pre-existing hydrogeological views on the local water circulation and water flow paths in the instability but showing the hydrological connectivity of the different zones. Overall, our results show that the Séchilienne landslide, despite its role in accelerating rock chemical and physical weathering, acts, at a geological time scale (i.e. at timescales longer that carbonate precipitation in the ocean) as a source of CO_2 to the atmosphere. If generalizable to other instable zones in mountain ranges, this study illustrates the complex coupling between physical and chemical erosion and climate. The study also highlights the importance of deciphering between sulfite oxidation and gypsum dissolution as a source of sulfate ions to rivers, particularly in mountain ranges.

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1 Introduction

The weathering of rocks plays a key role in the chemical and climatic evolution of the Earth surface and is one of the geological processes that can impact atmospheric CO_2 concentration. When carbonic acid is the proton supplier, silicate weathering removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (Lerman et al., 2007, Berner and Berner, 2012). However, the oxidative dissolution of sulfides (*e.g*. pyrite FeS_2) produces sulfuric acid that can act as an alternative proton supplier to chemical weathering reactions. Although silicate weathering by sulfuric acid does not influence atmospheric CO_2, when sulfuric acid reacts with carbonate minerals, CO_2 is released towards the atmosphere (Lerman et al., 2007, Calmels et al., 2007, S.-L. Li et al., 2008, Torres et al., 2014). The relevance of this process for the global carbon cycle is two-fold. First, even though carbonate rocks constitute a minor fraction of the rock types exposed at the Earth surface, the dissolved products of carbonate dissolution dominate global weathering fluxes (Gaillardet et al., 1999) as they dissolve several orders of magnitude faster than silicates (Lasaga 1984). Second, because this process is limited by the supply of sulfide minerals to the Earth surface, it is particularly prominent in active mountain belts characterized by high erosion rates (Calmels et al., 2007; Torres et al., 2016; Blattmann et al., 2019). Within these tectonically active environments, landslides are likely to be hot-spots of sulfuric acid production, carbonate weathering, and CO_2 release (Emberson et al., 2015, 2018). Indeed, slope instability leads to sustained grain comminution and fractures opening, thereby providing a continuous supply of contact surfaces between water, air, and minerals that can in particular allow sulfuric acid production and carbonate mineral weathering (Binet et al., 2009; Bertrand et al., 2014).

Here we explore the idea that slope instability and associated deformation can constitute a mechanism that promotes coupled sulfide oxidation and carbonate weathering, in a contribution to the study of the role that active mountain ranges play on the global carbon cycle (Raymo and Ruddiman 1992). We focus on the Séchilienne slope instability located in the French Alps. This landslide serves as an observatory for landslide processes and has been the subject of many previous hydrogeological and geophysical investigations. This area offers the opportunity to study the role of erosion on sulfide oxidation and carbonate weathering under climatic conditions that differ from those of previous studies (such as Taiwan, the Himalayas, or the Andes), and thus to improve the knowledge on the global impact of landsliding on atmospheric CO_2 and climate. We combine measurements of the concentration of major elements and of the isotope composition of strontium and sulfur ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, $\delta^{34}S$) dissolved in groundwater and springs to estimate the contribution of different rock types to the dissolved species produced by weathering reactions in the landslide. In particular, we estimate the relative role of different acid types (carbonic *vs*. sulfuric) and of two rock types (silicates *vs*. carbonates).

Besides bringing information on global impact of landsliding on atmospheric CO_2, Sr and S isotopes coupled to water chemistry brings significant progress in understanding the sources of solutes in natural waters and the chemical evolution of natural waters which allows us to improve existing hydrogeological model in complex environments such as landslides.

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2 Study area

2.1 Geological setting

The "Séchilienne" site is a highly instrumented, and continuously monitored landslide, part of the French National Landslide Observatory (OMIV, http://www.ano-omiv.cnrs.fr/). The Séchilienne massif is located at the SW border of the Paleozoïc crystalline Belledonne mountain range in the French Alps, 20 km southeast of Grenoble (Isère, France) (Fig. 1). The active zone of the site is a gravitational instability affecting 60.10^6 m^3 of material, with a maximum depth of about 150 m, located on a south-facing slope of the massif (Le Roux et al. 2011). The most active part of the landslide, referred to as “les Ruines”, is located on the eastern border of the unstable zone. Long-term monitoring (extensometers, geodetic measurements, tacheometers and microwave radar) has shown that its displacement velocity is estimated at 300 cm y^{-1}, while the less active parts of the site are moving at a mean of 10 cm y^{-1} (Le Roux et al. 2011; Dubois et al. 2014).

Geological, structural and information are provided by the geological map and by two boreholes drilled in 2010 in the unstable area at depths down to 150 m. Baudement et al. (2013) has integrated these information in a GOCAD® 3D model, recently used by Lajaunie et al. (2019) to propose a new vision of the Séchilienne slope based on a 3D resistivity model. The basement of the massif is mainly composed of micaschists showing a N-S trending sub-vertical foliation. Stratigraphically discordant deposits dating from the Carboniferous to the Liassic periods cover the micaschists on the top north – northeast of the massif (Mont Sec) and along the Sabot Fault. The slope is locally covered by Quaternary (Würm) glacio-fluvial deposits made of material reworked from the surrounding formations (Vengeon 1998, Vallet 2014). The micaschists consist primarily of quartz, biotite, phengite, and chlorite with the presence of carbonate veins and pyrite localized in fractures. These rocks also present small-scale variation in degrees of alteration, oxidation, and fracturation depending upon depth below surface, that can be related to different deformation and geochemical processes (Lajaunie et al. 2019). Carboniferous deposits are made of black shales, sandstones, and conglomerates with quartz and serpentine pebbles. Triassic rocks correspond to sandstone, quartzite, dolomite and locally of black shales, argilites, and gypsum. Liassic deposits are limestones with intercalation of layers rich in breccia consisting of micaschist, dolomite, and of coal (Barféty et al. 1972, Vengeon 1998, Vallet 2014). Strong local heterogeneities exist in terms of lithology and fracturation and are induced by the gravitational deformation (Lajaunie et al. 2019).

The part of the slope affected by the landslide extend from 400 m above sea level (a.s.l.) to 1100 m of altitude (Le Roux et al. 2011; Fig. 1d). Above the elevation of 1100 m a.s.l. the morphology of the Mont Sec corresponds to a plateau of glacial origin underlain by moraine deposits concentrated in small topographic depressions. The landslide is delimited at its northern border by a major head scarp of about 10 meters high and several hundreds of meters wide, which separates the glacial plateau of Mont Sec from the unstable zone. Eastward, N-S faults scarps limit the landslide whereas the western and southern parts are not well defined by geomorphological evidences. The motion of the landslide consists in a deeply rooted toppling movement with N50-70 slabs toward the valley, coupled with the sagging of the upper zone of the slope near the Mont Sec (Vengeon 1998). The Séchilienne instability is assumed to originate from the decompression of the basement

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rocks after the Romanche glacier retreated at the last glaciation (15 kyr ago). Decompression caused the opening of fractures and then the collapse of the summit of the Mont Sec (Vengeon et al. 1999, Potherat and Alfonsi, 2001, Montjuvent and Winistorfer 1980). The Séchilienne slope is thus affected by a dense network of near vertical open fractures trending N70 and N110/120, controlling the deformation of the Séchilienne landslide which is characterized by a deep progressive deformation (about 100-150m) and the absence of a well-defined basal sliding surface. Two N20 major fractures are also crossing the Séchilienne massif, the Sabot and the Séchilienne faults. Open fractures are locally filled with detrital material resulting from the erosion of the massif (Vallet et al. 2015a).

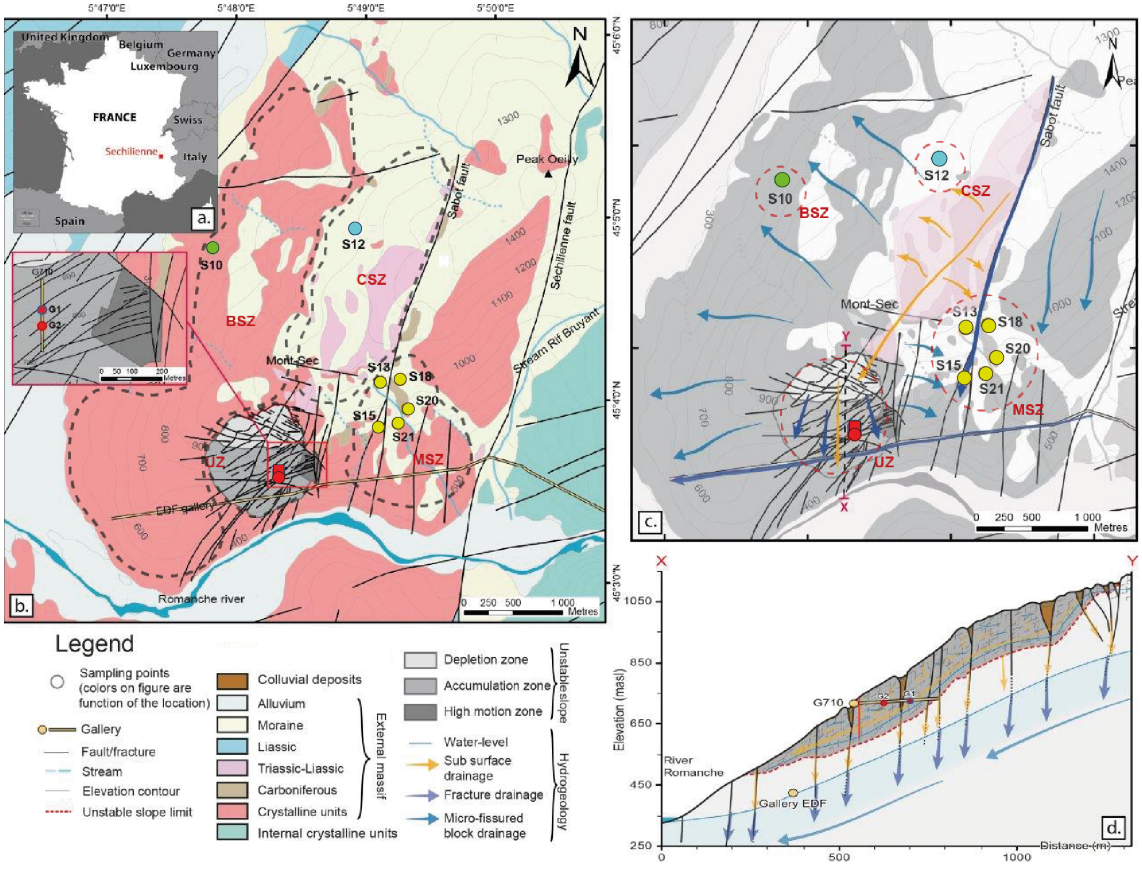

Figure 1: Map of the Séchilienne site a. location of the Séchilienne massif in the French Alps, b. Simplified geological map of the Séchilienne massif and sampling locations, c. schematic hydrogeological model of the Séchilienne massif, d. hydrogeological cross-section of the instability, modified after Vallet et al. (2015).

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2.2 Hydrogeological setting

The high degree of fracturation of the massif and its heterogeneity lead to distinct and complicated hydrological flow paths, characterized by different transit times related to a dual permeability behavior that is typical of fractured rock aquifers where conductive fractures play a major role in the drainage (Fig 1.c). Two main groundwater flow types are identified: a rapid transit through fractures, and a more inertial circulation through the micro-fissured, less permeable rock matrix (Maréchal 1998, Cappa et al. 2004, Vallet et al. 2015a). The Sabot and Séchilienne faults play an important role on fluid flow through the massif by draining waters from the sedimentary cover at a fast rate (0.7 km.day^{-1}), and bypassing the less pervious and more inertial micro-fissured matrix characterized by lower flow velocity (0.08 km.day^{-1}) (Mudry et Etievant 2007). Regarding the rest of the massif, besides fractures, groundwater flow is more inertial and is characterized by a longer residence time (Vallet et al. 2015a). Local perched aquifers develop during high flow periods and discharge downwards to the main aquifer, due to the contrast of permeability between the decompressed zone at the surface and the unaltered rock (Lajaunie et al., 2019). The gallery built by Électricité de France (EDF), located at the base of the slope, acts as a major westward drain for groundwater (Vallet et al. 2015a).

Difference in hydraulic conductivity between the highly fractured unstable zone (thickness about 150-200 m, Le Roux et al. 2011) and the basement situated under the landslide (Fig 1.d) led to the build-up of a two-layer aquifer system. Those two aquifers are connected to one another through major fractures (Vengeon 1998, Meric et al. 2005; Le Roux et al. 2011, Guglielmi et al. 2002, Vallet et al. 2015a). A temporary and discontinuous shallow perched aquifer is present in the landslide with extension and connectivity varying according to short-term recharge variations. This aquifer is almost dry during the low flow periods, with numerous disconnected saturated pockets (such as open fractures filled by colluvial deposit and altered material) linked to the heterogeneity of the landslide (Guglielmi 2002, Cappa et al. 2004, Vallet et al. 2015a). The recharge of this aquifer is mainly local (through trenches and counterscarps, limiting the runoff) with a contribution of remote groundwater through near-surface drainage at high-flow periods from the sedimentary cover above the landslide (near the Mont Sec summit) (Guglielmi 2002, Vallet et al. 2015a). The deep aquifer, which extends all over the massif (altitude close to 550 m asl), corresponds to a saturated layer hosted by the fractured metamorphic bedrock and to an overlying, 100-m thick vadose layer (Vallet et al. 2015a). The deep aquifer level is controlled by the constant water heads of the Romanche alluvium in the valley, and of the EDF gallery (425 m a.s.l.).

3. Samples and analytical methods

Nine outflows draining the whole massif were investigated for physico-chemical parameters and dissolved load chemistry (Fig 1.a). Two of these outflows (G1 and G2) are located within the Unstable Zone (UZ), and correspond to seep water collected in a gallery excavated to monitor the landslide at 710 m a.s.l. (G710). The remaining outflows (S10, S12, S13, S15, S18, S20, S21) correspond to springs draining the Stable Zone (Fig 1.a). These outflows can be differentiated regarding the dominant local lithology: S10 is located in the Bedrock Stable Zone (BSZ), S12 in the Carbonate Stable Zone (CSZ), and

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S13, S15, S18, S20, and S21 are located in an area of the Stable Zone characterized by mixed lithology (Mixed Stable Zone, MSZ). Samples were collected every three months over the period 2010-2019. Between 2014 and 2017, waters were sampled once a year for Sr isotopes, while samples for S isotope were collected in 2019. In total, 360 water samples were collected and analyzed for this study.

Field measurements of water temperature, pH, and electrical conductivity (EC) were made with a WTW pH/Cond 340i (Xylem Inc.) sensor, with a precision of 0.1 unit and 0.1 μS cm^{-1} for pH and EC, respectively.

Water samples were collected in polyethylene bottles and filtered with a 0.45 μm pore diameter nylon filter, before being preserved in cold conditions for measurements of major element concentration and Sr and S isotopes.

Analyses of dissolved major elements were all carried out at the research laboratory Chrono-Environnement at the University of Franche-Comté. Dissolved major cation concentrations were measured by atomic absorption spectrometry (AA 100 Perkin-Elmer) with detection limits of 0.5, 0.1, 0.01, and 0.1 mg L^{-1} for Ca^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Na^{+} and K^{+}, respectively. Dissolved anion concentrations were determined using high-pressure ion chromatography (Dionex DX 100) with detection limits of 0.1, 0.1, and 0.05 mg L^{-1} for Cl^{-}, SO_4^{2-} and NO_3^{-}, respectively. The concentration of HCO_3^{-} was measured by acid titration (N/50 H_2SO_4) within 48 hours after sampling, with 1% accuracy. Dissolved silica concentration was analyzed with a spectrophotometer (Spectroquant, Pharo 300, Merck) using a silica-test kit (Merck) with 3% accuracy. Only analyses with a charge balance better than 10% were taken into account.

Water and rock samples were collected for Sr isotope ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratio) analyses. Rocks have been sampled in four different lithologies encountered among the slope: basement micaschist, carbonate and dolomite from the sedimentary cover, recrystallized calcite vein in micaschist. Strontium isotope analyses were carried out at High-Resolution Analytical Platform (PARI) of the Institut de physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP). For water samples, dissolved Sr was first isolated from the water sample matrix by automated ion chromatography following the method of Meynadier et al. (2006). In addition to bulk samples analysis, a three-step sequential leaches was conducted using H_20, 1M acetic acid and 1M HCl. The first step is designed to recover the exchangeable fraction adsorbed onto the solid surface; step 2 was for extracting Sr from carbonates, amorphous hydroxides, and phosphate minerals (Tessier et al., 1979); step 3 was to dissolve any high-order Fe–Mn oxide/oxyhydroxide phases that might be present after HCl leaching (Tessier et al., 1979). The leachate solutions and residual samples were processed for $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratio analysis following the same procedure used for bulk samples. Bulk digestion of samples was conducted using concentrated HF and HNO_3 acids. For rock samples, 3M HNO_3 aliquots of digestion solutions were loaded on columns loaded with 0.2 mL of Sr-SPEC resin (Eichrom). Then, 3M HNO_3 was used to elute the sample matrix before Sr was eluted in H_2O. Strontium isotope ratios were then measured using a Multi-Collector Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (MC-ICP-MS; Thermo-Fisher Neptune) in low resolution mode (Hajj et al., 2017). Purified Sr solutions were introduced using an APEX desolvation unit and a PFA nebulizer at a rate of 50 to 100 μL min^{-1} depending on the measurement session, and at Sr concentrations between 50 and 150 ppb. The accuracy and reproducibility of the $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ analysis was assessed using repeated measurements of the international isotope Sr carbonate standard (SRM987, NIST). The obtained values for SRM987 standard NIST was 0.710249 ± 0.000025.

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Sulfur isotopes measurements were performed at the Biogéosciences Laboratory, University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France on both sulfates from water samples (Table A1) and sulfides from basement micaschist (Table B2).

Nine samples were treated with an excess of 250 g l^{-1} $BaCl_2$ solution to precipitate $BaSO_4$. After centrifugation, the $BaSO_4$ precipitate was washed several times with deionized distilled water and dried at 60°C for 24 hours in an oven. Five hundred micrograms of purified barite samples were poured into tin capsules and homogeneously mixed with 1/3 of vanadium pentoxide before isotopic measurements (^{34}S, ^{32}S) using a Vario PYRO cube (Elementar GmbH) connected online *via* an open-split device to an IsoPrime IRMS system (Isoprime, Manchester, UK). sulfur isotope data are expressed in delta notation and reported in units per mille (‰). The $\delta^{34}S$ data are reported with respect to the international standard Vienna Cañon Diablo Troilite (VCDT). Analytical errors are ±0.3‰ (1σ) based on replicate analyses of the international barite standard NBS-127, which was used for data correction assuming a $\delta^{34}S$ value of +20.3 on the VCDT scale

Sulfides sulfur extractions from rocks of the basement micaschist formation were carried out on 3 grams of 8 samples (4 sub-samples on each of two rock samples, including unaltered pyrite and iron oxides; Table B2) following the method described by Canfield et al. (1986). Dried and rinsed Ag_2S precipitates recovered after wet chemistry sulfides extraction are weighted for gravimetric quantification of sample sulfur content. Five hundred micrograms of silver sulfides precipitates were then mixed with an equivalent weight of tungsten trioxide in tin capsules before combustion in a Vario pyro cube (Elementar GmbH™). Sulfur isotope compositions ($\delta^{34}S$) were measured using an IsoPrime IRMS device (Isoprime, Manchester, UK). International standards (IAEA-S-1, IAEA-S-2, IAEA-S-3) were used for calibration and results are reported in the δ-notation relative to the Vienna Canyon Diablo Troilite (VCDT) standard. Reproducibility (1σ) is better than 0.2‰ based on duplicate analyses of standard materials and samples.

4. Results

The concentration of major elements, EC, pH, temperature and Sr and S isotope composition of water samples are given in Table A1.

4.1 Major dissolved elements

The chemical composition of waters sampled on the Séchilienne site is very diverse, reflecting heterogeneity in rock types and the existence of various groundwater flow paths. Water pH in Séchilienne is relatively high and varies from 6.5 to 9.4 with a mean value of 7.9. Electrical conductivity range between 79 µS cm^{-1} and 1114 µS cm^{-1} (Table A1). From the major ion perspective, samples can be grouped into 4 main water types (Fig. 2). These water types correspond to those identified previously by Vallet et al. (2015a). Type 1 corresponds to Ca-HCO_3 waters, typical of water draining carbonate formations, typified by the S12 spring draining the carbonate cover at the top of the Séchilienne slope (CSZ). S12 has low EC values ranging from 79 µS cm^{-1} to 147 µS.cm^{-1} with a mean of 117 µS cm^{-1}. The second group corresponds to Mg-Ca-HCO_3 rich waters, which have circulated through the sedimentary cover (carbonate and dolomite) and the micaschists bedrock and is

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represented by the S10 spring (BSZ). All S10 samples have higher electrical conductivities ranging from to 308 µS cm^{-1} to 509 µS cm^{-1} with a mean of 443 µS cm^{-1}. Waters sampled in the unstable part of the slope (UZ), include the underground outflows G1 and G2 and show a chemical composition that vary from Mg-Ca-HCO_3-SO_4 waters to Mg-Ca-SO_4 waters and constitute the third hydrogeochemical group. The highest EC values of this study are observed for the G1 outflow with electrical resistivities ranging from 613 µS.cm^{-1} to 1114 µS.cm^{-1} with a mean value of 824 µS.cm^{-1}. The other outflow of the unstable zone (outflow G2), in contrast to the previous one, shows a mean electrical conductivity value around 391 µS.cm^{-1}, with a minimum value of 313 µS cm^{-1} (and a maximum value of 470 µS cm^{-1}). The fourth and last type of waters include the S13, S15, S18, S20, S21 outflows, sampled in the stable part of the slope (MSZ) along the Sabot fault, and show Ca-Mg-HCO_3-SO_4 type waters. The MSZ group exhibits EC values ranging from 357 µS cm^{-1} to 567 µS cm^{-1}, with a mean of 479 µS.cm^{-1}. In addition to these spring samples, rainwaters samples (Table A1) show very low EC values with a mean of 26 µS cm^{-1} and low concentrations for all elements analyzed. In particular, chloride concentrations range from 3.3 µmol L^{-1} to 20.3 µmol L^{-1}.

Waters of the Unstable Zone group (G1,G2) are characterized by the highest concentrations in SO_4^{2-} (from 1.32 to 3.90 mmol.L^{-1}) compared to the other outflows sampled which have values ranging from 0.57 to 1.34 mmol.L^{-1} for the MSZ outflows (S13, S15, S18, S20, S21) and from 0.48 to 0.67 for the S10 (BSZ) outflow (Fig. 2; Table A1). Fig. 2 clearly shows that SO_4^{2-} ions are significantly contributing the electrical balance of the analyzed waters.

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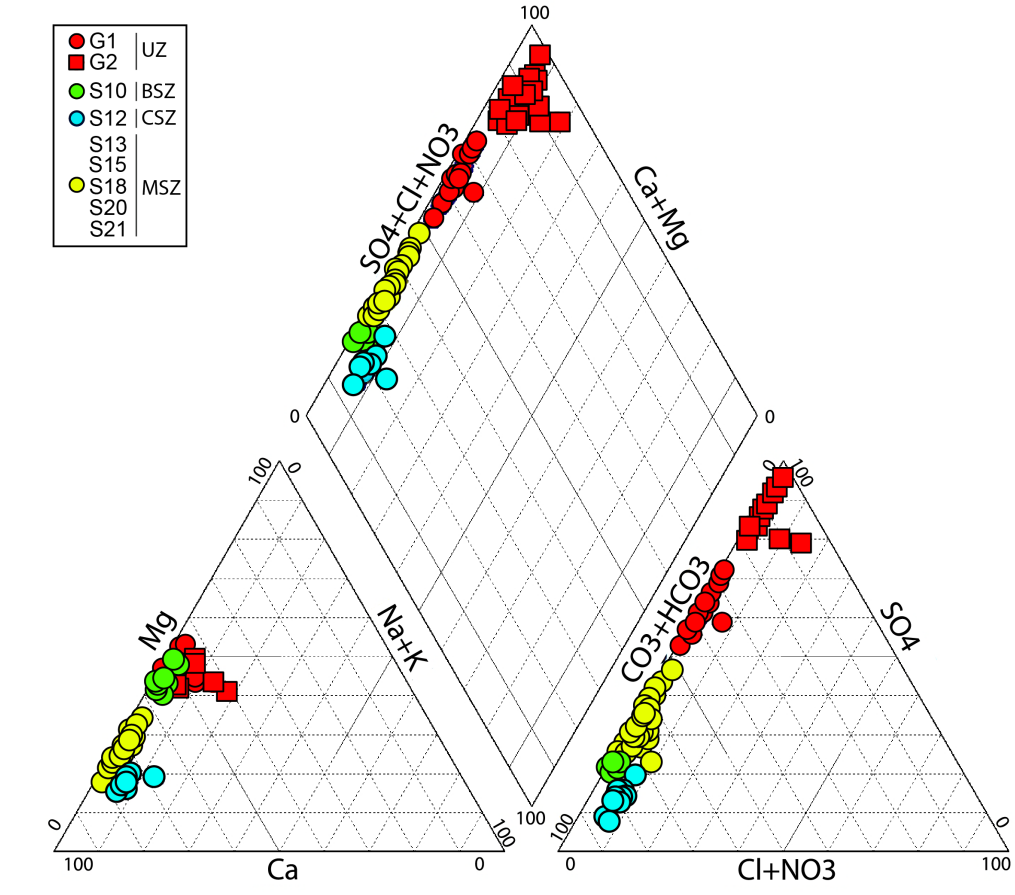

Figure 2: Piper diagram representing the major water types samples in the outflows of the Séchilienne massif

4.2 Strontium isotopes

Rock samples

The highest $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios were found in the micaschists samples with a value of 0.7351 (Table B1), typical of silicate rocks (0,73±0,01; Négrel et al., 1993). The calcite veins contained in the micaschists also show high Sr isotopic ratios (0.7277). By contrast, carbonate rocks have lower Sr isotopic ratios, with the lowest value being 0.7095 slightly higher than the Sr isotopic composition of lower Jurassic seawater (from 0.7065 to 0.7076; Koepnick et al., 1990). Intermediate values of 0.7106 are found for of the Laffrey sedimentary cover having an age similar to that of the carbonates, possibility indicating diagenetic alteration of the original seawater signal.

Spring water samples

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The Sr isotope ratios measured in the spring samples in and around the Séchilienne instability range from 0.7093 to 0.7231 (Table A1). The four main groups of waters have contrasted $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ isotopic ratios. The highest $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ values are found in the UZ underground outflows samples (G1, G2) with an average of 0.7210 (S.D: 0.00056). The lowest $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ values correspond to the waters of the MSZ (springs S13, S15, S18, S20, and S21), and average at 0.7095 (S.D: 0.00012), *i.e.* at the value measured in the carbonate rock. The S12 outflow (CSZ) is characterized by $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios of around 0.7095 (S.D: 0.70952), *i.e*. close to those of the MSZ group. Intermediate values of Sr isotopic ratios are found for the samples of the BSZ group (S10), with an average of 0.7148 (S.D: 0.00019).

4.3 Sulfur isotopes

Rock samples

Sulfur isotope composition of unaltered rock samples range from -7.9‰ to 17.8‰ with an average value of 1.23‰ (S.D: 11.82), whereas weathered micaschists exhibit $\delta^{34}S$ values ranging from -13.1 to 9.9‰ and an average of -1.42‰ (S.D: 9.55) (Table B2). These numbers show the extremely large range of possible sulfur isotope signals co-existing in the various rock types present in the landslide.

Spring water samples

Waters show a much narrower range of $\delta^{34}S$ values, ranging from -5.5‰ to 6.5‰ (mean 0.43‰, S.D: 5.12). The highest $\delta^{34}S$ values are observed for water of the MSZ group (outflows S13, S15, S20, S21) with an average of 6.28‰ (S.D: 0.3381). Samples of the S12 outflow (CZS group) also exhibits a high $\delta^{34}S$ value of 6.03‰. The G1 and G2 outflows (UZ group) exhibit negative $\delta^{34}S$ values with an average of -3.74 ‰ (S.D: 1.7473), with lower $\delta^{34}S$ values for G2, (averaging at -5.33‰ ; S.D: 0.2191) than for G1 (mean: -2.2‰ ; S.D: 0.0652). The BSZ group (outflow S10) is characterized by $\delta^{34}S$ values that are intermediate between those of the MSZ and UZ groups (2.4 ‰).

5. Discussion

5.1 Identification of sources to dissolved species

5.1.1 Atmospheric and anthropogenic sources

Rainwater is potentially a significant source of elements to the water sampled in the different springs at Séchilienne. To assess the importance of atmospheric inputs, we use Cl^-concentrations. Chloride is not significantly involved in chemical reactions at the Earth surface and its presence in waters has three main origins: rainwater (through the dissolution of seasalt aerosols), dissolution of saline rocks, and anthropogenic inputs. As the presence of chloride-bearing saline rocks in the studied area has not been reported, anthropogenic and rain inputs are likely to be the major sources of Cl^-. The expected concentration of Cl^- derived from precipitation in spring waters (hereafter called $[Cl]_{crit}$ for "critical chloride", Stallard et al.,

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1983) of the Séchilienne massif can be estimated by multiplying the mean Cl^- concentration found in rainwater by the mean evapotranspiration factor (P/ETP: 4.02 with P: precipitation, ETP: evapotranspiration calculated from temperature and latitude of the study site, according to Oudin et al. 2005). Alternatively, $[Cl]_{crit}$ can be estimated as being equal to the lowest Cl^- concentrations in the sample set (S10, S12 and S21 springs). Both methods concur to fix the atmospheric contribution of Cl^- to the Séchilienne waters at a maximum of 30 µmol l^{-1}. Above this concentration, additional sources must be involved. Significant excess of Cl^- ($[Cl] > [Cl]_{crit}$) is found for the G1 and G2 underground outflows (between 15-20 µmol l^{-1} of excess), as well as in the S15, S20, and S21 springs where this excess is the highest (about 30 to 60 µmol l^{-1}). Excess Cl^- concentrations of springs S13-S21 show a significant correlation with NO_3^- concentrations ($R^2 = 0.65$, not shown). As NO_3^- can only have an anthropogenic origin, this correlation supports the idea that the origin of the Cl excess in springs S13-S20 is most probably added by domestic and/or agricultural activities. The excess of Cl^- in the underground outflows G1 and G2 is more difficult to explain. We attribute this excess either to infiltration of surface waters contaminated by anthropogenic activities, and/or to the release of Cl from present in the rocks of the Unstable Zone.

Once $[Cl]_{crit}$ is known, it is possible to correct all cation concentrations from the atmospheric seasalt input by using:

$$[X]^* = [X] - [Cl]_{crit} \times \left(\frac{X}{Cl}\right)_{seawater} \quad (1)$$

In this equation, $[X]^*$ denotes the concentration of an element X in the water sample, corrected from the atmospheric input, and $(X/Cl)_{seawater}$ is the seawater elemental ratio. This correction is only significant for Na^+, due to the relatively high concentrations found in the Séchilienne waters.

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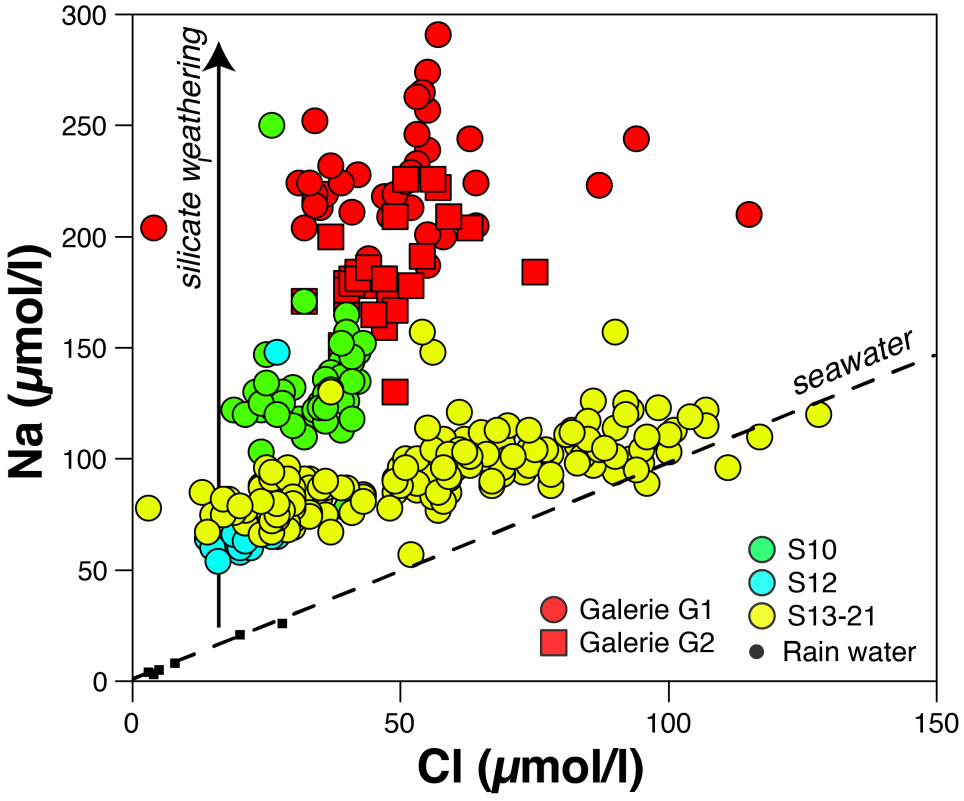

285 Figure 3: Na vs Cl concentrations measured in the different groups of water outflow from the Séchilienne massif. Rainwater data points are aligned along the seawater composition (seasalts). Na* is defined as the difference Na-Cl_{crit} were Cl_{crit} = 30 µmol/l (see text) where Cl_{crit} is the concentration of chloride only derived from rainwater and concentrated by evapotranspiration.

5.1.2 The importance of silicate weathering in Séchilienne

290 The concentration of Na^+, once corrected from atmospheric input (Na*) using equation (1), is a proxy of silicate weathering reactions, as the only remaining significant source of Na in surface waters is the dissolution of silicate minerals. The underground outflows G1 and G2 have the highest Na* concentrations (mean values 200±30 µmol l^{-1} and 158±21 µmol l^{-1} for G1 and G2 respectively) (Fig. 3). This confirms the importance of silicate weathering reactions in the Unstable Zone, made of fractured micaschists. Although the source of excess chloride could also be contributing Na (were this additional
295 source NaCl inclusions), the Na* concentrations remain the highest found in the Séchilienne landslide area even after correcting for an amount of Na equals to [Cl]- $[Cl]_{crit}$. Despite their excess of Cl^-, the MSZ outflows chemistry also reveals that silicate weathering reactions are releasing Na^+ to those waters (Fig. 3). However, the Na* concentrations of the Mixed Stable Zone (60 µmol/l on average) are equal to around half of those encountered in the Unstable Zone. This contrast between the stable (MSZ) and unstable zone (UZ) illustrates that at Séchilienne the importance of silicate weathering is

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linked to the fracturation degree. Finally, the low Na* concentration in the S12 outflow (Fig. 3) can be attributed to the fact that it mainly drains the carbonate cover. The most plausible explanation for the non-zero Na* concentration in S12 is the release of Na from clays disseminated in the carbonate rocks.

5.1.3 Identifying sources to solutes in the springs of the Séchilienne massif

In the following we use dissolved elemental and isotopic ratios to constrain the rock sources (silicates, carbonates, and gypsum) of the solutes in the Séchilienne springs. As shown above, strong contrasts exist in $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios between the sedimentary carbonate cover and the crystalline rocks of the basement. The isotopic ratio of dissolved Sr released by water-rock interaction reflects that of the minerals that dissolve and is not affected by the reincorporation of Sr in secondary minerals (*e.g.* Negrel et al. 1993). Sr isotopes can thus be used to trace the provenance of dissolved Sr, and by extension of the different cations, in the waters of Séchilienne. By contrast, elemental ratios such as Ca/Sr and Mg/Sr may be affected by the precipitation of secondary minerals and in particular by the formation of secondary carbonates (Bickle et al., 2015) and should be used more carefully to identify the provenance of cations.

A series of plots using $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ as a common Y axis are show in Fig. 4. $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ *vs*. Ca/Sr or Na/Sr plots (Fig. 4a and 4b) conservative mixing between reservoirs is indicated by straight lines joining the endmembers. The Ca/Sr ratios for the carbonate, silicate, and evaporite endmembers are taken from Negrel et al. (1993) and Gaillardet et al. (1997). The corresponding Sr isotopic ratios are those measured in the rock samples from the Séchilienne massif (Table B1). The location of data points corresponding to springs S13, S15, S18, S20, S21 (MSZ group) in Fig. 4a and 4b shows that their relatively low Sr isotopic composition can not only be derived from the dissolution of carbonates. A second unradiogenic endmember contributing with low Ca/Sr and Na/Sr ratios needs to be invoked. As indicated by Fig. 4c this endmember is enriched in sulfate as shown by its high SO_4/Na ratio. Although gypsum outcroups are not visible at the Sechilienne slope, gypsum is clearly known to exist in the local Triassic formations lying in the upper part of slope as indicated by the regional geological map (Fig.1). Gypsum is also well known in the Triassic strata of the external Alps where it plays a major role in deformation and thrusting (Barféty et al. 1972). The occurrence of gypsum and carbonate dissolution endmembers inferred from the chemistry of the Séchilienne springs indicates that the Sabot Fault which lies at the North-East of the MSZ outflows (Barféty et al. 1972) plays a major role in draining aquifers hosted by sedimentary rocks to the MSZ and BSZ outflows. The Sr and S isotope composition of Triassic seawater (between 0.7075 and 0.708 and 15±3 ‰, respectively; Burke et al. 1982, Fanlo and Aroya 1998, Kampschutte and Strauss 2004) and the Ca/Sr ratio of waters draining gypsum (Gaillardet et al., 1997; Meybeck et al., 1986) are entirely consistent the contribution of gypsum dissolution. Fig. 4 also shows first that the S12 spring, identified by Vallet et al. (2015a) as characterized by rapid flowpaths through the sedimentary cover, in addition to being less mineralized than the MSZ group, is not influenced by gypsum dissolution despite its geographical position on the sedimentary part of the slope. The relatively high Na/Sr ratios observed in the S10 spring is probably due to an anthropogenic influence, as revealed by the high nitrate concentrations measured in this spring.

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By contrast, waters from the UZ outflows (G1, G2) present $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ and chemical ratio values clearly influenced by a silicate endmember. However, their Sr isotopic signature is lower than those of local micaschist, indicating the additional contribution of Sr from a carbonate or evaporitic source to the G1 and G2 spring (Fig. 4a). The $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios of waters of the S10 outflow also exhibit intermediate values between the silicate and carbonate-gypsum mixing line, but with $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratio lower than those of the UZ outflows, supporting the idea that water-silicate interaction in the BSZ were less intense than in the UZ. These conclusions based on Sr isotopes are in full agreement with those made from Na* concentration above and can be interpreted as reflecting the lesser degree of fracturation of the stable zone compared to the unstable zone. Fig. 4c and Fig. 4d show that the higher $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios observed in springs of the UZ (G1, G2), and to a lesser extent of the BSZ (S10) are associated with sulfate enrichment. However, unlike for samples of the MSZ (S13-S21), dissolved sulfate in UZ and BSZ samples has a relatively low S isotope composition (Fig. 4d). This observation is compatible with a significant influence of sulfide oxidation, despite the very wide range of $\delta^{34}S$ values measured in the bedrock micaschists (between -13,14‰ and 17,77‰, average -0,10‰, S.D: 10,05; Table B2). The presence of pyrite has clearly been reported in the unstable zone of Séchilienne (Bertrand et al. 2014, Vallet et al. 2015a). The concomitant increase in SO_4^{2-} and radiogenic Sr (Fig. 4c), combined with the decrease in $\delta^{34}S$ (Fig. 4d) suggests a coupling in the unstable zone between sulfide oxidation and silicate weathering. The oxidative weathering of pyrite, possibly by O_2 or water, can then release sulfate to waters (e.g. Spence and Telmer, 2005):

$$2FeS_2 + \frac{15}{2}O_2 + 7H_2O \rightarrow 2Fe(OH)_3 + 4H_2SO_4 \quad (2)$$

$$FeS_2 + 14Fe^{3+} + 8H_2O \rightarrow 15Fe^{2+} + 2SO_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \quad (3)$$

The oxidation of sulfide to intermediate sulfur species or to sulfate appears to produce only small isotope effects (Fry et al., 1986, 1988; Zerkle et al., 2009; Balci et al., 2012). The significance of these reactions in the unstable zone of Séchilienne can be related to the role of fracturation and grain comminution in favoring the contact between water, air, and minerals through which is the rate-limiting factor for a fast-chemical reaction such as pyrite oxidation.

Altogether, our analysis shows that the composition of the water outflows from the Séchilienne site can be interpreted by a variable contribution of waters having interacted with micaschists and sedimentary rocks, and by a dual origin (sulfide oxidation and gypsum dissolution) of sulfate ions. The chemical and isotopic characteristics of the MSZ and UZ waters shows that they have percolated through the sedimentary cover before reaching their outlet in the massif through the Sabot fault.

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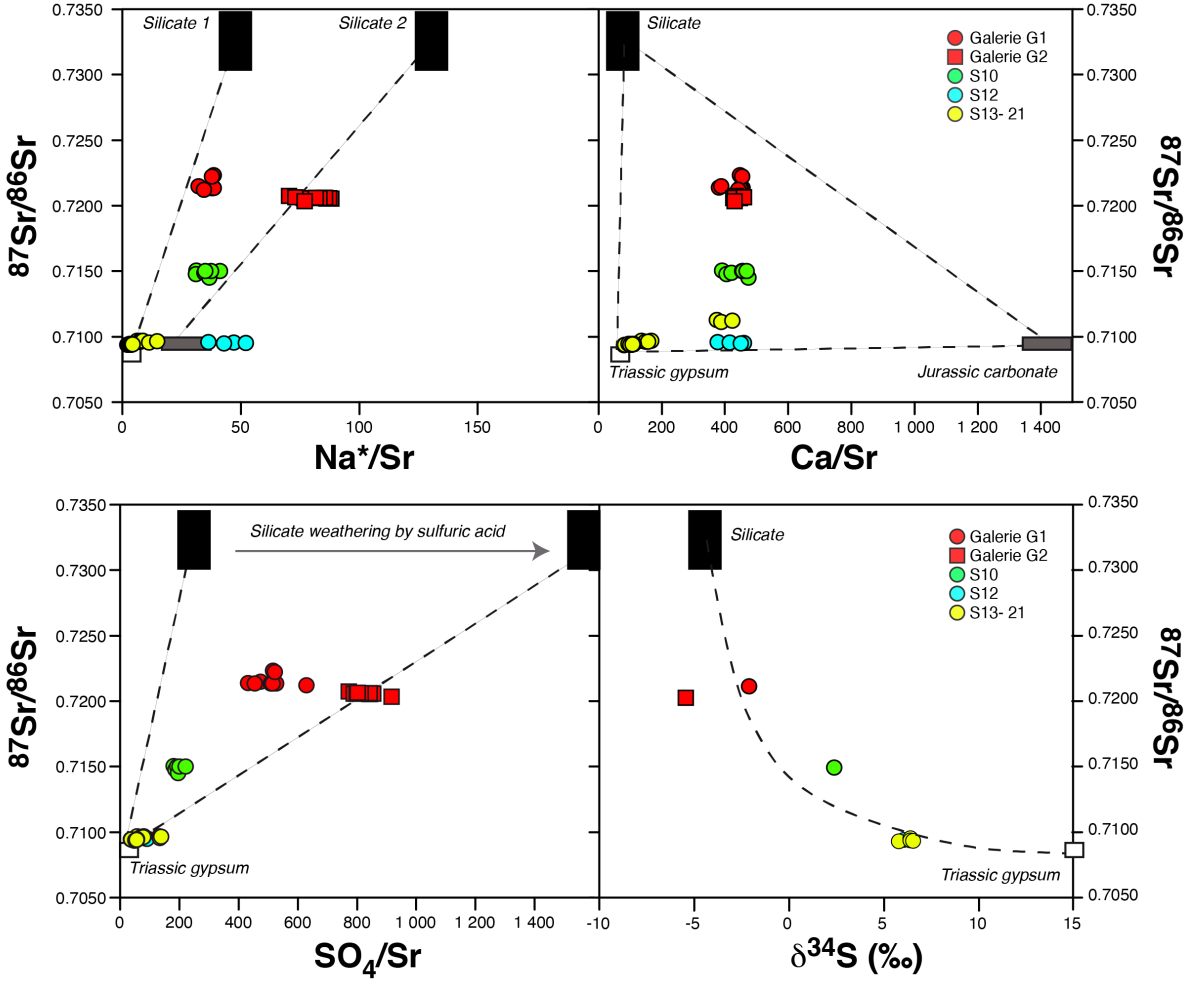

Figure 4: Sr isotopic composition of the different groups of water outflow from the Séchilienne massif as a function of Sr-normalized ratios (a, b and c) and S isotopic composition. Mixing endmembers are discussed in the text (Table C1). Straight lines indicate a mixing process in Fig. 4a, 4b and 4c. In Fig. 4c, the dashed line is a mixing hyperbola calculated based on the composition of the endmembers ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, $\delta^{34}S$, and SO_4/Sr ratios of the silicate and carbonate endmembers.

5.1.4 Quantitative apportionment

The use of Sr isotopes and major elements makes it possible to estimate the proportions of the different base cations in each identified endmember. The details of these calculations are given in Appendix. Following the above discussion of the mixing endmember, the following equations can be written:

$$\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{mix} = X^{Sr}_{sil}.\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{sil} + X^{Sr}_{carb}.\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{carb} + X^{Sr}_{gyps}.\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{gyps} \quad (4)$$

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$$\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{mix} = X_{sil}^{Sr}.\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil} + X_{carb}^{Sr}.\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{carb} + X_{gyps}^{Sr}.\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{gyps} \quad (5)$$

$$1 = X_{sil}^{Sr} + X_{carb}^{Sr} + X_{gyps}^{Sr} \quad (6)$$

Where the subscripts mix, sil, carb and gyps denote the mixture (water), the silicate, carbonate and gypsum endmembers respectively. Proportions of Sr derived from each of those endmembers i are denoted X_i^{Sr}. All ratios are corrected from atmospheric inputs according to the above method. Because the carbonate and gypsum endmember add relatively few Na compared to Na* (Na from silicates), equation 5 simplifies into:

$$\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{mix} = X_{sil}^{Sr}.\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil} \quad (7)$$

This assumption is supported by the positions of the different springs in Fig. 4b, which indicates that the low-$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ component, encompassing both carbonate and gypsum weathering of the springs has a negligible Na content. The proportions of Sr in the different mixing reservoirs can then be estimated and the contribution of each of these end members to the load of the dissolved major species SO_4, Ca, and Mg then calculated. This can be calculated from the contributions to dissolved Sr following:

$$X_i^E = X_i^{Sr}\left(\frac{E}{Sr}\right)_i / \left(\frac{E}{Sr}\right)_{spring} \quad (8)$$

with *i* = *sil*, *carb*, or *gyp*, and *E* = SO_4, Mg, or Ca (corrected from rain inputs). Full discussion on the choice of the $(Na/Sr)_{sil}$ and of the $(E/Sr)_i$ ratios is given in Appendix C.

A Monte Carlo approach was used, in order to quantify uncertainty. Results are given in Table C2 and represented in figure 5 as an histogram. Proportions are reported as the median value $(50\%)^{+}_{-}$ s.d. Carbonate dissolution appears as the main contributor of all the waters sampled on the different parts of the studied zone (UZ, BSZ, MSZ) (Table C2; Fig. 5). In the most active part of the landslide (G1, G2), despite the silicate-dominated lithology, silicate endmember contribution is lower than carbonate contribution, indicating the waters percolating though the unstable zone acquired part of their chemical and isotopic composition from above the hillslope. Calculations of the proportions of sulfate derived from the different endmembers show a minor but non negligible contribution of gypsum dissolution and a very clear contribution of pyrite oxidative weathering particularly important in the fractured zone. In G2 group, most of the anions are provided by the oxidative weathering of pyrite. BSZ exhibit a lower proportion from silicate endmember with a median of $0.11\%^{0.12}_{0.11}$ for BSZ and $0.21\%^{0.22}_{0.19}$, $0.22\%^{0.24}_{0.21}$ respectively for G1 and G2. This difference is justified by the unstable context of G1 and G2 weathering destabilization and weathering are higher than the stable part of the slope at the BSZ outflow.

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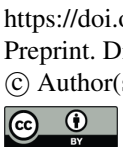

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In waters of the MSZ (S13-S21), significant contribution of gypsum is evidenced in the results of the mixing equations with values ranging between $0.13\%^{0.27}_{0.05}$ and $0.23\%^{0.40}_{0.09}$. These values agree with the correlation presented in Fig. 4d. Even if we do not attribute much confidence to the mixing proportions derived from the correlation of Fig. 4d, due to the uncertainties of the pyrite endmember, we consider it as a qualitative proof that sulfur in the Séchilienne waters are derived essentially from pyrite oxidation in the unstable zone, from gypsum dissolution the MSZ waters (S13, S15, S18, S20, S21). Contribution of carbonates is also significant in MSZ waters with proportions ranging from $0.71\%^{0.84}_{0.53}$ for S13 to $0.83\%^{0.92}_{0.69}$ for S15. Based on results of the mixing model, we are able to estimate a value for $\delta^{34}S$ of the pyrite endmember. Indeed, a significant linear negative relationship ($R^2 = 0.8$) exists between the $\delta^{34}S$ measured in springs across the Séchilienne massif and the modal estimates of their X_{sil}^{SO4}. Intercept of this relationship, for $X_{sil}^{SO4} = 1$ (equivalent to $X_{gyp}^{SO4} = 0$) gives an estimate for $\delta^{34}S_{sulfur}$ of -3.5‰. Such estimates are consistent with the range of measurements of solid sulfur reported in this study (ranging between -13.1‰ to 17.8‰) and should define an average value for the Séchilienne unstable zone.

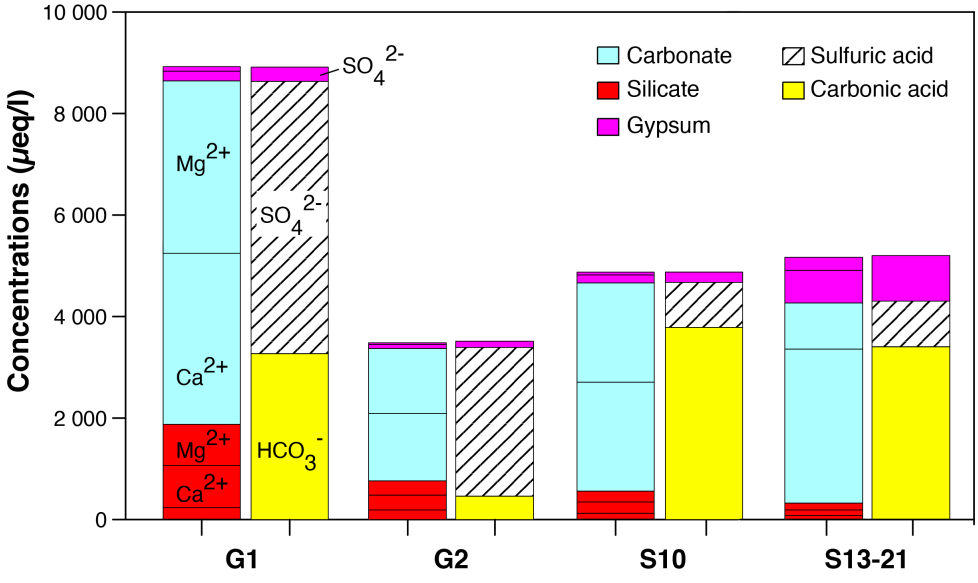

Figure 5: Concentration in equivalents calculated for each endmember by the mixing model presented in the text and in Appendix (Table C2). Silicates contribute for Na+K+Ca+Mg (Na+K not indicated), carbonates for Ca+Mg, gypsum dissolution for Ca+Mg (not distinguished). Carbonic acid originates from soils. Sulfuric acid is generared by the oxidation of sulphide minerals in the fractured zone preferentially.

5.2 Implications for hydrogeological processes at the Séchilienne site

In unstable massifs contexts water plays important roles, first as being a hydrogeological process, aggravating factor of the massif. Secondly, water is a geochemical factor, which weather the massif, making it less cohesive. These two factors

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interacting with each other in time and changing the permeability and consequently the water flowpaths through the massif. Hydrological triggering is the most usual mechanism of initiation and reactivation of landslides but water flows inside the system that involve the source and pathway of the waters have also been shown to have a major impact on the destabilization of a slope (de Montety et al. 2007; Guglielmi et al. 2002, Vallet et al. 2015b). The understanding of hydrogeological functioning of aquifers is thus essential to constrain hydrological triggering. However, landslides constitute very heterogeneous media due to their intense fracturation, which makes hydrogeological investigation complicated. The use of hydrochemistry and isotopic investigation is a good substitute to classical investigation since the groundwaters $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios have proved to be useful in determining the sources of solutes in natural waters (Négrel and deschamps, 1996, Négrel et al., 2001, Dotsika et al., 2010) and investigating mineral weathering reactions (Brass, 1975; Åberg et al., 1989; Bullen et al., 1996; Clow and Drever, 1996; Bullen and Kendall, 1998) and identifying mixing processes involving groundwaters of different sources (Woods et al., 2000; Frost and Toner, 2004; Singleton et al., 2006) also inside an unstable context (Deiana et al., 2018). In groundwaters, $\delta^{34}S$ values of dissolved SO_4^{2-} are used in aquifer studies to identify sulfate sources (Cortecci et al., 2002; Gammons et al., 2013; Moncaster et al., 2000). The Séchilienne hydrogeological model proposed by Vallet et al. (2015a) (Fig. 1c,d) was based on sulfates as a tracer of waters flowing through the instability with the assumption that all SO_4^{2-} measured in groundwaters are sourced from the pyrite oxidation. Based on sulfate, an hydraulic connection was established between the unstable zone and the MSZ waters (Fig. 1c). High sulfates concentrations in those waters were supposed to be derived from a mixture of 30% of waters from the UZ (drained through a micro-fissured matrix) and 70% from the sedimentary cover (drained through micro-fissured matrix and larger fractures).

Results from the present study partly support the hydrogeological model established by Vallet et al. (2015a) but allow us to identify the contribution of another –unexpected- end member corresponding to the dissolution of gypsum with a remote origin. Based on the geological map (Barféty et al. 1972) gyspum occurrences have been found remotely from the study zone and have been described upstream along the Sabot fault which lies at the North-East of the MSZ outflows. As the fault is a major flowpath (Lajaunie et al., 2019), draining aquifers hosted by the sedimentary cover to the MSZ outflows, it contributes to the enrichment in SO_4^{2-} of those waters (Fig. 6). Our study therefore indicates a significant evaporitic origin for the sulfates in the MSZ waters, challenging the interpretation of Vallet et al. (2015a) of a hydrogeological connection between waters of the unstable and stable zones. UZ and BSZ outflows exhibit a small contribution of evaporites to their sulfate's contents which can be explained by a contribution of waters flow through the Sabot faults toward the sedimentary cover and the basement formations (Fig. 6) Improving numerical and predictive models requires the incorporation of hydrological processes such as the dynamics of water circulation within a massif (directly dependent on fracturation, volumes of water involved, etc.). This study shows that isotopic proxies such as Sr and S isotopes ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, $\delta^{34}S$) coupled to water chemistry can be a very powerful tool to constrain groundwater origin and flowpaths in landslides and can substitute to tracer surveys, and are a good alternative for hydrogeological investigation in hard context such as unstable slopes.

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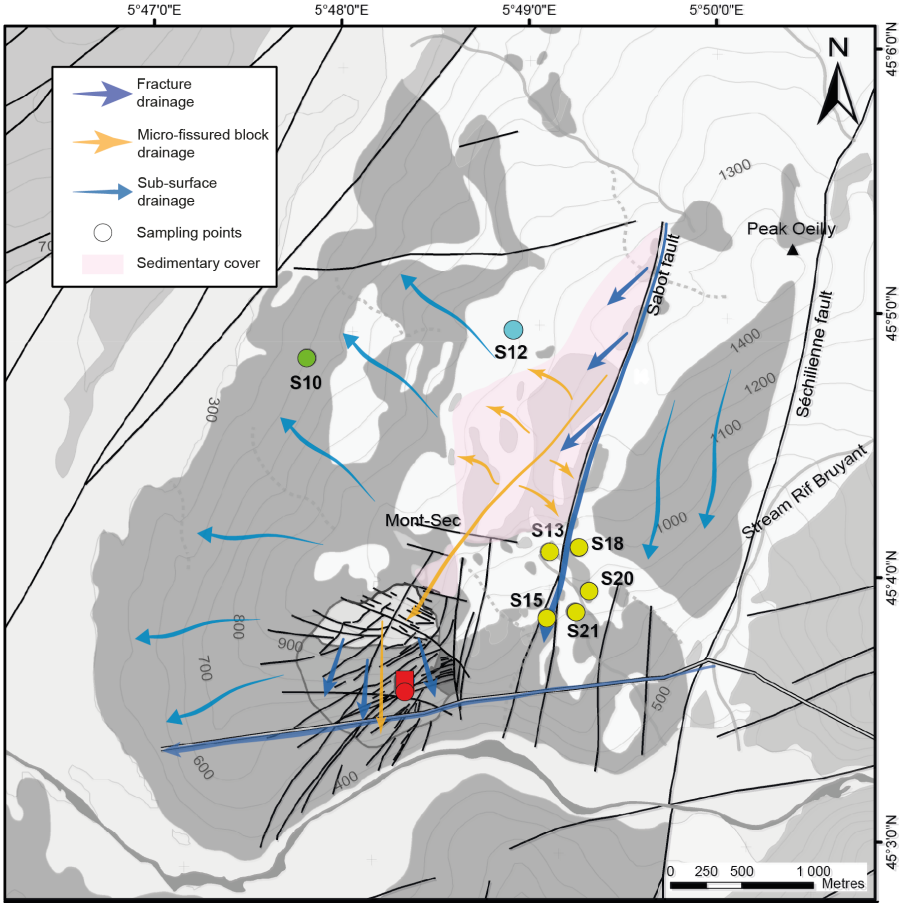

460 Figure 6: Sketch of the groundwater conceptual model, modified after Vallet et al., (2015).

5.3 Role of landslides on silicate weathering and CO_2 consumption

Recent studies have shown the importance of pyrite oxidation, sulfuric acid production, and associated chemical weathering in active landslides (Emberson et al. 2015, Emberson et al. 2016). In the following paragraph we examine the potential
465 implications of the present study of the Séchilienne landslide for the global carbon cycle.

Rock weathering consumes atmospheric CO_2 and, associated to the precipitation of carbonates in the ocean, is the mechanism that has allowed for the sequestration of atmospheric CO_2 and consequently lower the Earth's surface temperature on geological timescales (Berner and Berner 2012). Rock forming-minerals uplifted to the Earth surface react with oxygen, carbonic acid produced by soil respiration, and sulfuric acid produced by the oxidation of sulfide minerals. The
470 following reactions describe how carbonic (equations 9 and 11) and sulfuric (equations 10 and 12) acids interact with schematic silicate (here wollastonite $CaSiO_3$) and carbonate minerals.

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$$CaSiO_3 + H_2CO_3 \leftrightarrow SiO_2 + Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^- \quad (9)$$

$$CaSiO_3 + H_2SO_4 \leftrightarrow SiO_2 + H_2O + Ca^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \quad (10)$$

$$CaCO_3 + H_2CO_3 \leftrightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^- \quad (11)$$

$$2CaCO_3 + H_2SO_4 \leftrightarrow 2Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^- + SO_4^{2-} \quad (12)$$

When Ca^{2+} reaches the ocean, over a time period longer than 0.1 to 1 Myr, the precipitation of $CaCO_3$ releases CO_2 into the ocean-atmosphere system according to the reaction:

$$Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^- \leftrightarrow CaCO_3 + CO_2 + H_2O \quad (13)$$

The influence of the above reactions (equations 9-13) on atmospheric CO_2 partial pressure depends on the time scale considered (Torres et al., 2016). At short timescales (typically < 10^5 yrs), the chemistry of river discharge is able to influence the carbonate system in the ocean. Indeed, the delivery of alkalinity and Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC) to the ocean to a ratio lower than that of the modern seawater ratio (Alk/DIC ~ 1) leads to increased dissolved CO_2 concentration, and consequently higher CO_2 content in the atmosphere through re-equilibration (Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow, 2001). If the Alk/DIS ratio is higher than 1 but lower than 2, at time scales longer than that typical of carbonate precipitation in the ocean (10^5 to 10^6 yrs) but shorter than that of marine sulfate reduction to sulfide in sea bottom sediments (several 10^6 yrs), atmospheric CO_2 will increase because the precipitation of carbonates releases CO_2 to the ocean-atmosphere system that was not consumed on land by weathering reactions (combination of equations. 12 and 13) which should lead to global warming (Calmels et al., 2007). This mechanism has been invoked by Torres et al. (2014) for maintaining atmospheric CO_2 levels during the Himalayan orogeny, which otherwise should have led to a rapid atmospheric CO_2 depletion by enhanced silicate weathering. Finally, at timescales longer than that typical of sedimentary burial of sulfide in the ocean, only silicate weathering by carbonic acid leads to CO_2 sequestration (Berner et Berner, 1996; Calmels et al. 2007). Such a situation is obtained if the Alk/DIC ratio is higher than 2. Fig. 7 shows that all the waters produced in the Unstable Zone of Séchilienne fall into the regions where the impact of chemical weathering is a short-term or long-term CO_2 degassing, and thus an increase of CO_2 in the atmosphere. This is particularly true for the G1 and G2 waters. Equations 12 and 13 combined show that for one mole of sulfate produced and transported in by rivers to the ocean, one mole of CO_2 is degased. Therefore, the CO_2 degassing ensuing delivery of UZ-type waters (G1 and G2) to the oceans will be 2-3 times higher than that resulting from the delivery of BSZ-type waters (S10). This key role of erosion processes, and in particular of landslides, as sources of CO_2 to the atmosphere lend support to the observations

Our study thus shows that the Séchilienne landslide is a hotspot of CO_2 release to the atmosphere. We suggest that chemical weathering in similar landslides throughout the Alps (i.e Clapière, Super Sauze and Valabres in French Alps, Rosone Italy) have a similar impact on global biogeochemical cycles and climate. Although it is beyond the scope of the present study to

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quantify the CO_2 fluxes linked to weathering in the Séchilienne landslide - let alone to attempt an extrapolation of such local results to the scale of the Alpine range - our work clearly shows that silicate and carbonate weathering by sulfuric acid generated in landslide zones of active mountain ranges have a climatic impact. Furthermore, this impact contradicts the textbook view that silicate weathering in mountain ranges consumes CO_2 from the atmosphere and cool the global climate (Raymo, 1991).

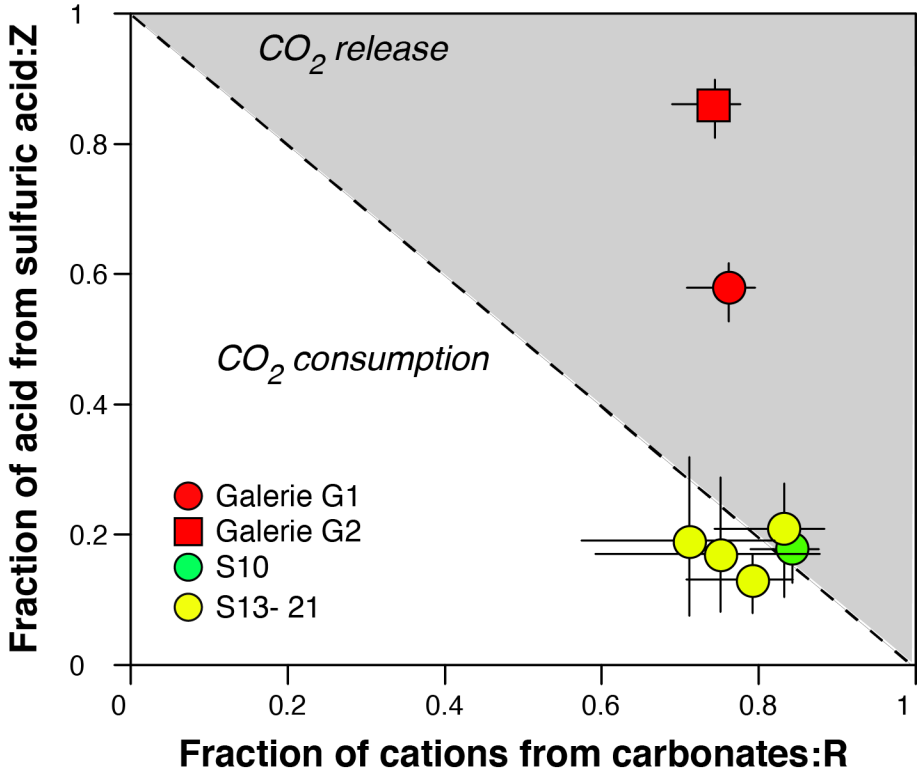

Figure 7: Diagram showing the Séchilienne landslide behaves as a long term CO2 production to the atmosphere in its active part (adapted from Torres et al., 2016) because the cations are preferentially released in spring waters by the action of sulphuric acid and not carbonic acid from the soils (Table C3).

6. Conclusion

We use measurements of dissolved major element chemistry coupled to Sr and S isotopic ratios in waters draining at the Séchilienne landslide site in order to identify the chemical processes at play in the subsurface of the landslide area. Among these tracers, strontium isotopes allow us to allocate cations to different sources, circumventing issues affecting elemental ratios related to the precipitation of secondary phases such as calcite. Silicate, carbonate, and evaporite weathering all appear

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to contribute to the cation load of the Séchilienne waters. Sulfur isotopes bring a unique qualitative constraint on the origin of the sulfate ion, which is abundant in the Séchilienne groundwaters, showing the contribution of not only pyrite oxidation but also of gypsum dissolution.

The provenance of dissolved species at Séchilienne also reveals the complex water flow paths there. In particular, waters percolating through the landslide have acquired part of their chemical composition far away from the unstable zone itself. For example, sulfur isotopes clearly indicate an unexpected contribution from Triassic sedimentary gypsum dissolution, that can only occur in the sedimentary layers capping the upper part of the massif and pointing out the importance of water drainage by a major fault of the massif.

The comparison between the stable and unstable parts of the site shows that silicate weathering is enhanced in the fractured, unstable zone, where the landslide is active. Sulfur isotopes indicate that the production of acidity by the oxidation of magmatic sulfides enhances rock alteration in the unstable zone., This leads us to suggest the following feedback. By favoring the penetration of oxic waters and allowing contact with silicate minerals, fracturation and grain comminution controls the oxidation of pyrite that in turn rapidly generates sulfuric acid. The weathering of silicate minerals by sulfuric acid weakens the rock structure what in turn favors fracturation in response to the gravitational stress. Fletcher et al. (2006) and recently Behrens et al. (2015) have shown that opening of porosity at the rock-soil interface in soil profiles can be initiated by oxidation of Fe(II) minerals inducing a positive volume budget leading to the production of micro-cracks, inducing further weathering, at the origin of the opening of fractures. At a larger scale, the feedback we propose here exemplifies a similar process of coupling between physical and chemical processes sustaining mass wasting in mountain ranges.

Finally, we demonstrate that the Séchilienne landslide is a hotspot of CO_2 release to the atmosphere over the long term. Although it remains difficult to upscale the results of the present study to the entire Alpine range, or to a global scale, landslides developed on sulfide-hosting sedimentary rocks have a climatic impact opposite to the conventional view that rock weathering in mountains ranges consumes CO_2 from the atmosphere, and thus contributes to cool the global climate. In addition, our study shows that strong control of weathering processes and rates by local hydrogeological features, such as the complexity of flow paths that determines the chemistry of the groundwaters within the unstable zone. More work is needed to assess the importance of landslides as hotspots of chemical alteration and geological CO_2 emissions, in particular to investigate their hydrological and hydrochemical response to weather and climate change. More generally, landslides epitomize the coupling between landscape evolution, tectonics and climate-weather. For this reason - and for their societal impact in terms of natural hazard - monitoring landslides at over a range of time scales and frequency should become a priority.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Chemical and isotopic composition of waters from the Séchilienne slope and rainwaters

Table A1: Chemical and isotopic composition of waters samples of the Séchilienne slope

Outflow	Date	Ca	Mg	Na	Na*	K	F	Cl	NO_3	SO_4	HCO_3	SiO_2	Sr	Li	EC	T	pH	$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$	$\delta^{34}S$
		$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	$\mu mol.L^{-1}$	uS/cm	°C			‰
G1	18/11/2010	2495	2345	187	140	36	11	55	1.5	2729	3279	114			613	10.6	7.6		
G1	03/02/2011	2208	1954	200	150	30	13	58	0	2527	3091	112			735	10.5	8.6		
G1	28/02/2011	2358	2181	257	210	33	12	55	1.6	2723	2955	115			797	10.06	8.2		
G1	01/04/2011	2408	2057	239	192	30	15	55	0	2617	3271	116			825	11.4	8.2		
G1	01/06/2011	2508	2255	274	227	33	16	55	0	2736	3391	115			846	12.7	8.5		
G1	05/10/2011	2470	2551	265	219	51	11	54	5.3	3302	3359	112			891	11.8	8.1		
G1	11/01/2012	2745	2448	96	50	30	12	53	0	3221	3039	116			892	10.9	8.2		
G1	15/02/2012	2370	2325	244	189	31	13	63	0	2940	2911	111			837	8.42	10.6		
G1	27/03/2012	2445	2530	291	242	35	13	57	5.1	3071	3299	119			906	10.5	8.1		
G1	27/06/2012	2545	2325	246	201	35	15	53	0	2768	3447	119			843	11.2	8.0		
G1	25/09/2012	2645	2325	263	217	36	12	53		2938	3507	116			910	11.3	7.9		
G1	08/01/2013	2196	1958	233	187	30	11	53	6.2	2266	3187	118			750	11.1	8.2		
G1	16/04/2013	2233	2016	224	169	42	11	64	39.8	2315	3583	124			750	11.2	8		
G1	17/07/2013	2174	1966	213	169	32	7	52	7.2	2224	3275	120			719	12.4	8.0		
G1	17/09/2013	2187	2230	218	179	31	9	47	3.4	2570	3123	117			771	11	8.2		
G1	15/12/2013	2237	1862	201	154	32	11	55	67.4	2584	2851	121			806	10.6	8.2		
G1	09/03/2014	1913	1647	190	152	25	11	44	2.6	1964	3471	130			686	11.1	8.1		
G1	14/06/2014	2131	2056	204	201	29	13	4		2414	3655	136	6		762	11.4	8.2	0.7213	
G1	09/10/2014	2570	2313	244	164	85	7	94	23.1	2844	3518	131	6		834	11.2	8.3		
G1	20/04/2015	2283	2093	219	177	33	11	49	7.1	2194	3851	137	5		752	11.5	7.9		
G1	13/07/2015	2157	2031	210	112	96	8	115	8.1	2755	3506	127	5		795	11.9	8.1		
G1	15/10/2015	2076	2139	209	169	31	7	48	8.2	2786	3063	110	5		821	10.7	8		
G1	19/11/2015	2446	2239	229	184	35	11	52	5.6	2986	3623	115	6	4.2	894	11.2	7.9	0.7214	
G1	11/01/2016	2365	2272	228	191	40	12	42	8.3	3907	3107	265	2	2.8	868	10.9	7.6		
G1	19/04/2016	2243	2138	211	176	36	9	41	8.8	2986	3479	121	5	3.7	844	11.2	7.2		
G1	19/05/2016	2210	1787	204	176	29	12	32		2204		125	5	2.2				0.7213	
G1	19/05/2016	2237	1950	213	184	30	11	35		2543		127	5	3.4	823	7.87	11	0.7213	
G1	20/05/2016	2286	1933	219	190	31	11	34	0.4	2610		128	5	3.4	833	7.98	11.5	0.7213	
G1	20/05/2016	2240	1917	216	186	30	11	34	0.3	2620		128	5	3.5				0.7213	
G1	20/05/2016	2260	1974	219	189	34	11	36		2595		128	5	3.3				0.7213	
G1	20/05/2016	2259	1933	219	189	38	11	34	0.4	2600		130	5	3.7				0.7223	
G1	20/05/2016	2253	1936	214	185	30	11	34	0.3	2592		124	5	3.5	858	7.95	11.5	0.7222	
G1	08/09/2016	2408	2371	224	190	35	9	39	3.5	2934	3361	120	6	2.1	838	11.8	8.0		
G1	05/12/2016	2294	2499	224	197	34	9	31	10.6	3381	2703	107	6	3.5	856	10.8	8.3		
G1	09/03/2017	2252	2643	205	150	54	10	64	6.1	3589	2678	95	6	4.6	874	10.9	7.3		
G1	12/06/2017	2364	2455	223	149	90	12	87	1.9	3158		122	6	5.0	900	11.4	8.2		
G1	25/01/2018	2440	2174	224	196	32	11	33	3.8	3127	3442	125	6	5.8	893	10.9	8.4		
G1	19/02/2018	2226	2028	232	200	41	12	37	3.8	2981	3230	121	5	5.7	849	10.6	8.4		
G1	03/04/2018	2317	2054	225	181	48	13	51	4.0	2696	3672	129	5	5.4	837		7.5		
G1	17/09/2018	2278	2216	252	223	41	11	34	5.4	2967	3332	129	6	6.8	1114	11.2	8.3		
G1	09/04/2019	2035	2158	185	159	28	11	40	2.7	2901	4079	97	5	3.7	803		8.1	0.7212	-2.12
G2	17/11/2010	686	667	130	88	34	27	49	3.6	1376	56	364			313		6.6		
G2	03/02/2011	898	802	204	150	36	29	63	0	1541	480	267			361	9.2	8.5		
G2	01/04/2011	886	823	222	173	35	32	57	0	1615	372	305			375	10.3	8.3		
G2	05/10/2011	936	831	191	146	97	21	54	5.6	1468		213			385	12.1	7.4		
G2	11/01/2012	848	798	209	166	32	29	49	3.3	1609	232	314			363	10.3	8.1		
G2	15/02/2012	1073	864	209	158	40	28	59	14.2	1640	552	252			389	8.6	8.1		
G2	28/03/2012	898	996	226	182	39	28	51	10.7	1678	604	260			418	10.6	7.7		
G2	27/06/2012	848	774	178	141	37	28	43	16.7	1356	624	0			338	12.5	8.1		
G2	25/09/2012	1160	1020	226	178	43	27	56	45.4	1855		226							
G2	15/12/2013	791	658	159	119	30	26	47	3.1	1437	404	269			355	10.2	8.0		
G2	09/03/2014	647	630	171	130	30	28	48		1320	196	333			317	10.8	7.9		
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G2	11/01/2016	933	857	184	119	72	23	75	11.9	1769	700	116	6	3.9	404	10.8	8.2		
G2	19/04/2016	827	811	172	138	39	21	40	7.7	1676	600	272	2	3.1	385	10.7	6.9		
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G2	19/05/2016	796	755	184	148	35	25	43		1551		286	2	2.9	427	7.5	10.8	0.7205	
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G2	20/05/2016	798	770	179	145	34	24	41	2.7	1540		278	2	2.7	451	7.62	11.3	0.7206	
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G2	08/09/2016	1015	1008	186	149	39	27	44	13.8	1763	624	267	2	1.4	427	13			
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G2	03/04/2018	683	681	181	141	39	30	47	1.6	1355	160	351	2	3.8	406		7.2		
G2	17/09/2018	896	846	200	168	71	26	37	52.4	1377	613	278	2	4.4	426	11.9	7.7		
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S12	21/08/2017	419	91	60	47	8	3	15	54.8	82	1008	58	1	0.9	124	11.5	7.5	0.7095		
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S12	03/04/2018	393	94	63	45	9	4	21	59.9	74	909	133	1	0.7	113		7.2			
S12	17/09/2018	424	100	74	57	9	10	21	48.5	76	968	145	1	0.8	115	12.8	8.6			
S12	09/04/2019	382	103	53	36	7	3	20	53.7	78	1229	108	1		118		7.1	0.7094	6.03	
S13	08/09/2010	2096	757	78	52	17	6	31	25.2	1144	3247	112			508	9	7.9			
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S13	31/03/2011	1884	638	83	52	21	9	35	29.0	925	3319	114			480	8.4	7.8		
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S13	21/08/2017	2048	678	71	53	12	6	21	21.7	1289	3407	50	24	4.2	564	8.8	7.6	0.7093	
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S21	04/10/2011	2271	691	100	49	13	8	59	27.4	1011	2219	117			516	12.2	7.8		
S21	09/01/2012	1996	650	104	40	10	7	75	64.4	945	3319	111			489	7.9	8.0		
S21	27/03/2012	1896	683	104	52	12	9	61	30.9	941	3131	108			484	9.1	7.9		
S21	28/06/2012	1971	658	104	57	12	7	56	24.0	856		115			483	12.3	7.7		
S21	26/09/2012	2009	617	102	52	11	6	59	25.3	963	3527	118			498	12.8	7.9		
S21	09/01/2013	1896	411	102	46	10	7	66	41.9	772	3203	105			463	7.6	7.8		
S21	16/04/2013	1784	560	115	55	12	7	70	38.9	695	3123	104			357	11.6	7.9		
S21	17/07/2013	1898	647	89	43	11	5	53	30.9	717	3183	112			448	14.5	8.2		
S21	17/09/2013	1928	701	88	45	10		50	26.3	830	3351	116			485	11.9	7.9		
S21	15/12/2013	1807	538	81	31	11	6	58	39.4	847	3255	109			476	8.3	7.9		
S21	10/03/2014	1730	571	85	36	10	7	57	58.6	714	3371	112			445	7.7	8.1		
S21	14/06/2014	1710	613	81	44	9	6	43	36.2	675	3375	122	18		441	12.4	7.9	0.7094	
S21	09/10/2014	1890	591	90	48	11	5	49	30.4	787	3439	127	18		477	11.9	8.1		
S21	20/04/2015	1782	613	95	44	12	4	60	42.7	688	3359	116	17		438	9.6	7.9		
S21	13/07/2015	1845	606	101	40	13	4	71	34.9	811	3459	122	18		508	12.5	7.8		
S21	15/10/2015	1863	625	123	39	11	5	98	37.5	893	3727	118	18		508	11.3	8.1		
S21	19/11/2015	1818	601	90	33	11	6	67	36.1	937	3603	107	18	1.7	509	10.5	8.0	0.7093	
S21	11/01/2016	1919	643	97	43	12	6	63	46.2	992	3507	117	19	1.6	500	8.8	7.9		
S21	19/04/2016	1729	603	92	42	11	6	59	38.8	836	3439	107	17	1.6	472	9.9	7.9		
S21	08/09/2016	1962	666	96	52	12	6	51	33.0	819	3634	119	19		493	14.1	7.8		
S21	05/12/2016	1923	690	101	46	13	8	63	32.4	918	3492	112	18	1.4	502	9.3	7.9		
S21	09/03/2017	1847	743	93	26	8	8	78	45.9	965	3321	98	17	2.5	494	8	8.1		
S21	13/06/2017	1896	703	113	54	12	8	68	35.4	901		117	19	2.8	520	14.5	4.7		
S21	21/08/2017	1917	589	96	46	10	6	58	28.8	961	3524	52	17	4.2	520	14.5	4.7	0.7094	
S21	20/11/2017	1961	702	103	50	10	6	62	28.2	1008		119	20	3.2	544	9.7	7.6		
S21	25/01/2018	1797	617	119	30	10	6	104	51.9	855	3350	108	18	3.3	471	7.4	8.1		
S21	19/02/2018	1734	579	113	49	12	6	74	42.1	829	3288	109	17	3.0	468	8	8.2		
S21	07/03/2018	1525	519	95	15	8	7	94	44.0	814	3303	95	15	2.6	446	9.5	8.3		
S21	03/04/2018	1764	582	110	28	10	8	96	60.3	708	3282	109	17	3.1	466		7.9		
S21	17/09/2018	1912	615	114	67	11	10	55	22.9	838	3559	132	20	4.1	494	16.3	7.7		
S21	09/04/2019	1650	643	92	66	10	7	93	30.3	851	4503	88	15	1.9	484		7.9	0.7094	6.54
Rain	19/05/2016	25	6	26		24		28	24.6	20		1	0	0	22	11.4	7.1		
Rain	28/05/2016	8	0	5		4		5	8.1	6	72	0	0	0	23		5.5		
Rain	31/05/2016	12	2	8		5		8	9.6	6	72	0	0	0	25		6		
Rain	28/05/2016	9	2	21		14		20	8.2	9	72	0	0	0	29		5.8		
Rain	31/05/2016	15	2	5		5		5	11.9	6	72	0	0	0	25		5.9		
Rain	19/05/2016	2219	1953	212		28		11	26.9	26		126	5	3.5	45	10.4	7.4		
Rain	28/05/2016	7	3	3		9		4	7.2	4	72	0	0	0	29		5.8		
Rain	31/05/2016	12	2	4		4		3	9.3	4	72	0	0	0	25		5.9		

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Appendix B: Bedrock analyses

Table B1: Strontium isotopic compositions of rock samples of the Séchilienne slope

Sample	$^{86}Sr/^{87}Sr$	Sr (ppm)
Limestone (Lias	0.7095	151.0
Limestone (Laffi	0.7105	532.2
Vein (Calcite in	0.7276	8.9
Micaschist	0.7350	59.3

Table B2: Sulfate isotopic compositions of bedrock samples of the Séchilienne slope

	Sample	Sampling dep	$\delta^{34}S$ (‰)	Mean $\delta^{34}S$	s.d
Weathered micaschist	SC2 19.71 A _ 1	19.71	-7.94	-0.74	9.36
	SC2 19.71 A _ 2	19.71	-7.76		
	SC2 19.71 B _ 1	17.71	-7.21		
	SC2 19.71 B _ 2	19.71	-7.01		
	SC2 108.50 _ 1	108.5	17.77		
	SC2 108.50 _ 2	108.5	17.56		
	SC2 132.50 _ 1	132.5	1.67		
	SC2 132.50 _ 2	132.5	1.99		
Unweathered micaschist	SC1 84.2 (1) _ 1	84.2	-6.58	-0.31	8.21
	SC1 84.2 (1) _ 2	84.2	-6.56		
	SC2 128 _ 1	128	-4.12		
	SC2 128 _ 2	128	-4.28		
	SC2 106.80 _ 1	106.8	9.87		
	SC2 106.80 _ 2	106.8	10.10		
	SC1 42.3 (5) _ 1	42.3	-3.32		
	SC1 42.3 (5) _ 2	42.3	-3.40		
	SC1 42.3 (5) _ 3	42.3	-3.21		
	SC1 80.3 (4)	80.3	0.88		
	SC1 30.60 (2)	30.6	-13.13		

Appendix C: Resolution of the geochemical mixing equations

Given the discussion of section 5.1 and the geochemical mixing diagrams presented in Figs. 4, three end members can be identified to release solutes to the springs of the Séchilienne area: silicate weathering (*sil*), carbonate weathering (*carb*), and gypsum dissolution (*gyp*). The contribution of each of these processes to the solute load of the springs can be estimated using a combination of mixing equations, provided that we can identify geochemical tracers that are conservative during mixing of compositionally different waters, and that the composition of the end members can be assessed. He we use two such tracers: $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ and Na/Sr ratios (all corrected from rain inputs, as explained in the main text). Indeed, the $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratio is not

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affected by isotope fractionation due to the way data are reduced after measurements by mass spectrometry; and both Na and Sr are soluble elements unlikely to be scavenged into secondary solids such as clays in most contexts. Two mixing equations, each based on one of the two tracers, can be combined with a third summation equation to solve for X_{sil}^{Sr}, X_{carb}^{Sr}, and X_{gyp}^{Sr}, the relative contribution of the three identified end member to dissolved Sr:

$$\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{spring} = X_{sil}^{Sr}\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{sil} + X_{carb}^{Sr}\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{carb} + X_{gyp}^{Sr}\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{gyp} \quad \text{(C1)}$$

$$\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{spring} = X_{sil}^{Sr}\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil} + X_{carb}^{Sr}\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{carb} + X_{gyp}^{Sr}\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{gyp} = X_{sil}^{Sr}\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil} \quad \text{(C2)}$$

$$X_{sil}^{Sr} + X_{carb}^{Sr} + X_{gyp}^{Sr} = 1 \quad \text{(C3)}$$

The simplification of eq. (C2) is made possible by the fact that the gypsum and carbonate end members can be assumed to be devoid of Na. This assumption is supported by the positions of the different springs in a Na/Sr *vs.* $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, which indicates that the low-$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ component, encompassing both carbonate and gypsum weathering of the springs has a negligible Na content (Fig. C1).

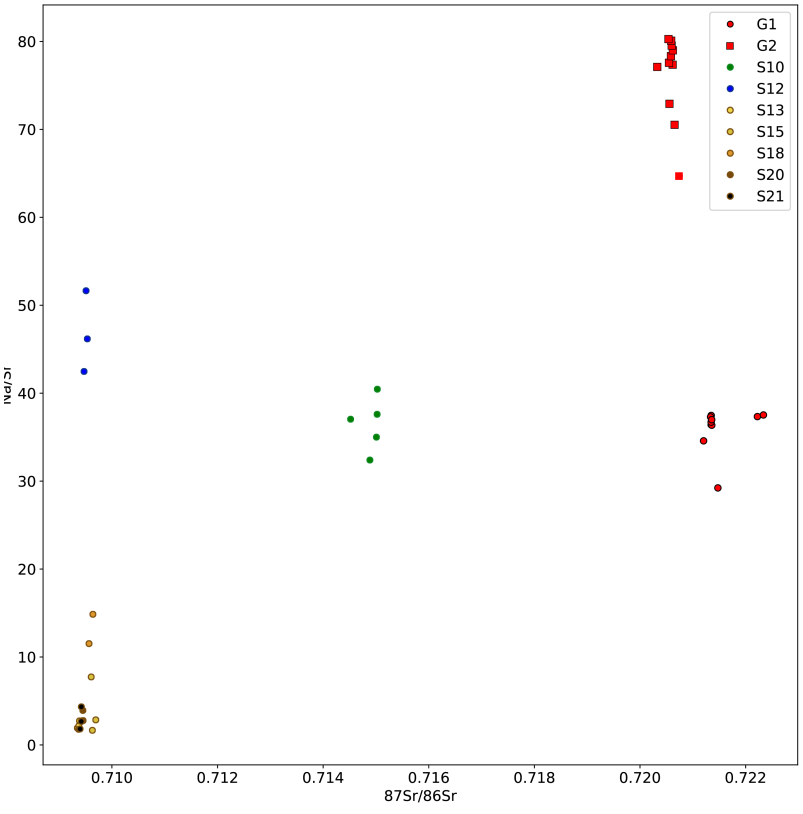

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Figure C1: Na/Sr vs $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ in the different groups of water outflow from the Séchilienne massif.

The composition of the end members was constrained as follows (values also provided in Table A6):

- for each spring, $\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{spring}$ and $\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{spring}$ were taken to be equal to the average ratios (corrected from rain inputs for Na/Sr) over all measurements available for the spring, with the corresponding standard deviation used as an estimate of the associated uncertainty (note that one outlier were dismissed for each of the two springs G1 and G2);
- $\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{carb}$ and $\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{gyp}$ were fixed at 0.7095 ± 0.0005 (representative of Jurassic seawater; MacArthur and Howarth, 2004) and 0.708 ± 0.001 (representative of Triassic seawater), respectively. These values also agree with those measured in the limestone bedrocks.
- $\left(\frac{^{87}Sr}{^{86}Sr}\right)_{sil}$ was assumed to be equal to the measured Sr isotope ratio for the local micaschist bedrock (0.735 ± 0.005).
- The $\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$ ratio was determined for the springs the most affected by silicate weathering (G1, G2, and S10) by extrapolating Na/Sr *vs*. $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ relationships (Fig. C1) to a $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ equal to that of the silicate end member (0.735, see above). Linear extrapolation in this diagram is made possible by the fact that Sr concentration is present on the denominator of both ratios plotted. For each spring, a set of lines was determined, each passing through (1) the carbonate end member ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ = 0.7095 and Na/Sr = 0); (2) one of the samples collected for this spring. After extrapolation of these lines to $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ = 0.735, a collection of estimated $\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$ ratios was therefore obtained for each spring, and the average and standard deviation of these ratios was used as spring-specific central estimate and associated uncertainty of the $\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$ ratio. The obtained values range from 76 ± 5 to 176 ± 11, lower than those classically estimated for silicates (e.g. Négrel et al., 1993) but consistently with the fact that the micaschist at Séchilienne is a sedimentary rock that has lost soluble elements such as Na in previous weathering episodes compared to igneous silicates. For the springs the least affected by silicate weathering (S12, S13, S15, S18, S20, and S21), as such extrapolation would lack precision, we simply took the average and standard deviation of the $\left(\frac{Na}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$ ratios estimated for springs G1, G2, and S10 (yielding 142 ± 46). This strong assumption does not bear significant consequence on our overall evaluation as these former springs are not significantly affected by silicate weathering anyway.

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The uncertainty on the different input parameters was propagated to the output variables (X_{sil}^{Sr}, X_{carb}^{Sr}, and X_{gyp}^{Sr}) using a Monte Carlo method based on 10,000 iterations. For this, at each of the 10,000 iterations a value for each input parameter (end member composition) was randomly picked following a normal distribution with mean equal and standard deviations to the estimate and uncertainty provided above, respectively. Runs yielding X_{sil}^{Sr}, X_{carb}^{Sr}, and X_{gyp}^{Sr} values outside of the range [0,1] were dismissed (the number of "valid" iterations is reported in Table C2). Note that the composition of the springs was not considered as a random variable here and was simply fixed for all iterations.

The resulting distributions of output values are reported in Table C2 as their 16th, 50th (median), and 84th percentile. Median estimates of X_{sil}^{Sr} range from 0.02 (springs S20 and S21) to 0.41 and 0.46 (springs G2 and G1, respectively); median estimates of X_{carb}^{Sr} range from 0.3 and 0.29 (springs S18 and G1) to 0.75 (spring S15); and median estimates of X_{gyp}^{Sr} are in the range 0.08-0.10 for all springs except S18 (0.48).

The contribution of each of these end members to the load of the dissolved major species SO_4, Ca, and Mg is necessary to evaluate the impact of the different weathering processes to the CO_2 budget of the Séchilienne area (Torres et al., 2016). This can be calculated from the contributions to dissolved Sr following:

$$X_i^E = X_i^{Sr} \left(\frac{E}{Sr}\right)_i / \left(\frac{E}{Sr}\right)_{spring} \quad \text{(C4)}$$

with *i* = *sil*, *carb*, or *gyp*, and *E* = SO_4, Mg, or Ca (corrected from rain inputs). Therefore, to calculate these contributions, the $\left(\frac{E}{Sr}\right)_{spring}$ are necessary. We used the following assumptions:

- The E/Sr ratios of the gypsum end member were determined using the E/SO_4 *vs*. (Ca+Mg)/SO_4 relationships described by the springs the least affected by silicate weathering (as identified by their low $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios, *i.e.* springs S13, S15, S18, S20, and S21; Fig. C2). Indeed, for these springs were sulfate can be assumed to be derived only from gypsum and not from sulfide dissolution, when the (Ca+Mg)/SO_4 is equal to 1, the entirety of the dissolved load can be assumed to be derived from gypsum dissolution alone (Ca and Mg being the two major cations likely to be released by gyspum dissolution). Linear extrapolation in this diagram is made possible by the fact that SO_4 concentration is present on the denominator of both ratios plotted. Taking the average values obtained through extrapolation of the observed trends to (Ca+Mg)/SO_4 = 1 suggests 0.31 ± 0.04, 0.69 ± 0.04, and 9.2 10^{-3} ± 4.4 10^{-3} for the Mg/SO_4, Ca/SO_4, and Sr/SO_4 ratios of the gyspum end members. From these three SO_4-normalized ratios, Sr-normalized ratios can be obtained to calculate X_{gyp}^E using eq. (C4).
- The SO_4/Sr ratio of the carbonate end member was assumed to be equal to 0, consistently with the mixing diagrams of Fig. 4.

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Consequently, the SO4/Sr ratio of the silicate end member could be estimated using the SO4/Sr mixing equation (similar to eqs. (C1-C2)):

$$\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{spring} = X_{sil}^{Sr}\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{sil} + X_{gyp}^{Sr}\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{gyp} \quad \text{(C5)}$$

to solve eq. (C5), the average and standard deviation of all measurements of $\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{spring}$ were used, thereby yielding a spring-specific value for $\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$. This estimate was performed during the Monte Carlo iterations described above, yielding modal values ranging from 734 (spring S10) to 1845 (spring G2).

- The Mg/Sr and Ca/Sr ratios of the silicate end member were taken in the range 150-200 following Négrel et al. (1993) and Gaillardet et al. (1999). Note that for the Monte Carlo iterations, these two parameters were assumed to follow a uniform distribution within this range, rather than a normal distribution as assumed for the other parameters.

  As described for $\left(\frac{SO_4}{Sr}\right)_{sil}$ above, the Mg/Sr and Ca/Sr ratios of the carbonate end member were determined using the Mg/Sr and Ca/Sr mixing equations. These estimate were performed during the Monte Carlo iterations described above, yielding modal values ranging from 29 (spring S13) to 1117 (spring G1) for $\left(\frac{Mg}{Sr}\right)_{carb}$ and from 77 to 768 (same springs) for $\left(\frac{Ca}{Sr}\right)_{carb}$. These latter values are smaller than those expected from the dissolution of carbonates, which can be attributed to the precipitation of secondary carbonates which tend to favor Ca and leave the residual water with low Ca/Sr ratios (Bickle et al., 2015).

Doing so (Table C2), modal estimates of X_{sil}^{Mg} and X_{sil}^{Ca} range from 0.05 and 0.02 (spring S15) to 0.19 and 0.18 (spring G1), respectively. Modal estimates of X_{carb}^{Mg} and X_{carb}^{Ca} are in the range 0.40 and 0.54 (spring S15) to 0.84 and 0.78 (spring G1), respectively. Finally, X_{gyp}^{Mg} is lower than 0.10 for all springs, whereas modal estimates of X_{gyp}^{Ca} are in the range 0.12-0.21 for all springs except for springs G1, G2 and S10 (< 0.05).

Modal estimates of X_{sil}^{SO4} are below 0.32 for springs S13-S21, and above 0.82 for springs G1, G2, and S10. Consequently, modal estimates of X_{gyp}^{SO4} range from 0.01 (springs G1 and G2) to 0.32 (S18).

Finally, for each Monte Carlo iterations we calculated the "R" and "Z" parameters of Torres et al. (2016), representing the contribution of carbonate weathering to their total alkalinity, and the contribution of sulfuric acid to the acidity of the weathering reactions, respectively. Table C3 reports the results of these estimates, with modal estimates of R ranging from 0.63 (S13) to 0.85 (S10); and modal estimates of Z ranging from 0.13 (S18) to 0.86 (G2).

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To assess the validity of our findings from the mixing model using independent measurements, our $\delta^{34}S$ measurements can be used. A significant linear negative relationship (R^2 = 0.8) exists between the $\delta^{34}S$ measured in springs across the Séchilienne massif and the modal estimates of their X_{sil}^{SO4}, consistent with the isotope composition of sulfur being driven by a binary mixture (Fig. C3). The intercept of this relationship (X_{sil}^{SO4} = 0, equivalent to X_{gyp}^{SO4} = 1) yields an estimate for $\delta^{34}S_{gyp}$ = 17.2‰, while extrapolation to X_{sil}^{SO4} = 1 indicates $\delta^{34}S_{sulfur}$ = -3.5‰. Such estimates are fully consistent with our own measurements of solid sulfur at Séchilienne, as well as with reported measurements for Triassic seawater where local gypsum might have formed.

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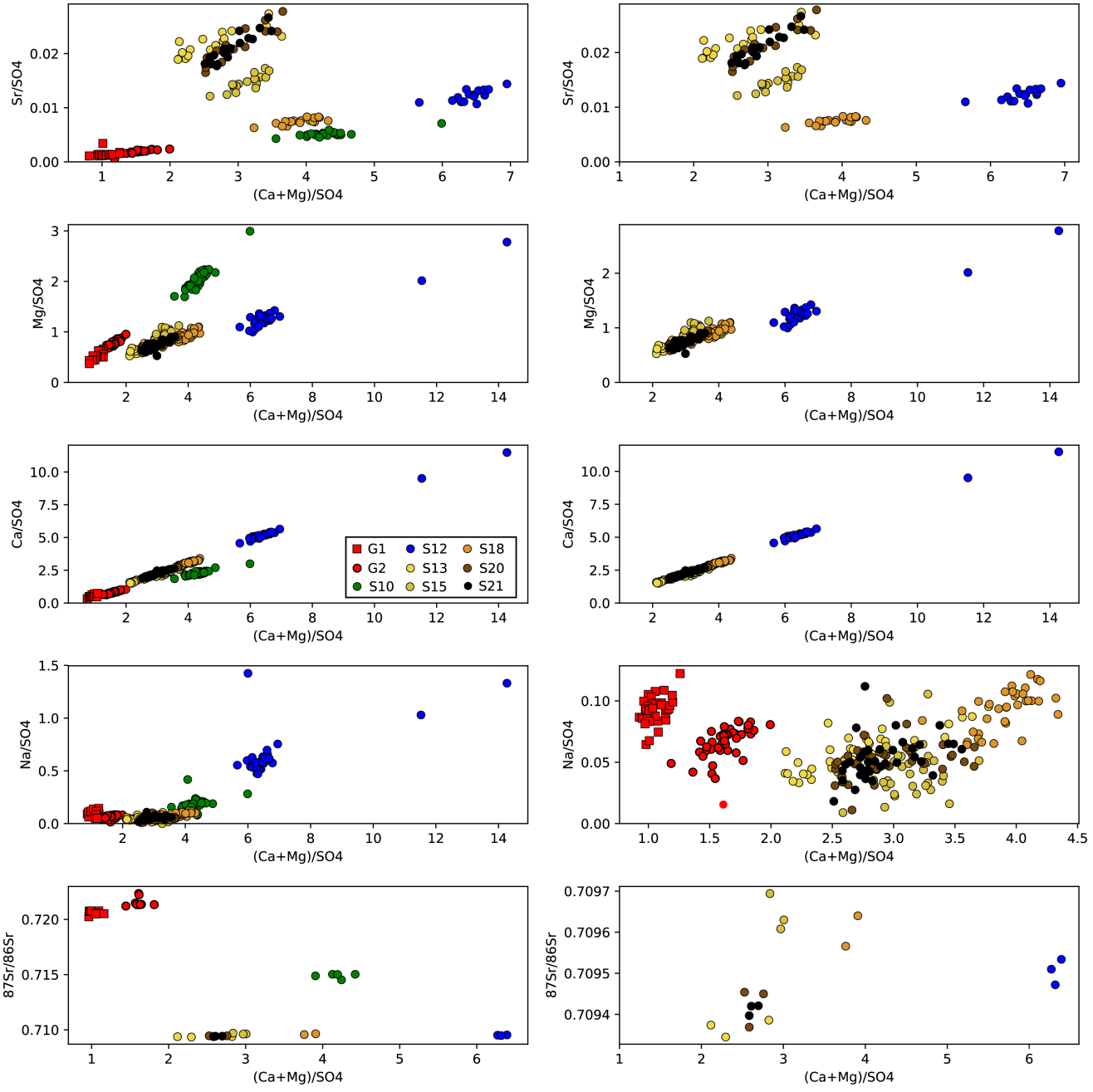

690 Figure C2: Mixing diagrams of E/SO_4 *vs.* $(Ca+Mg)/SO_4$ (with E = Sr, Mg, Ca, Na and $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$) used to determine the E/Sr ratios of the gypsum end member.

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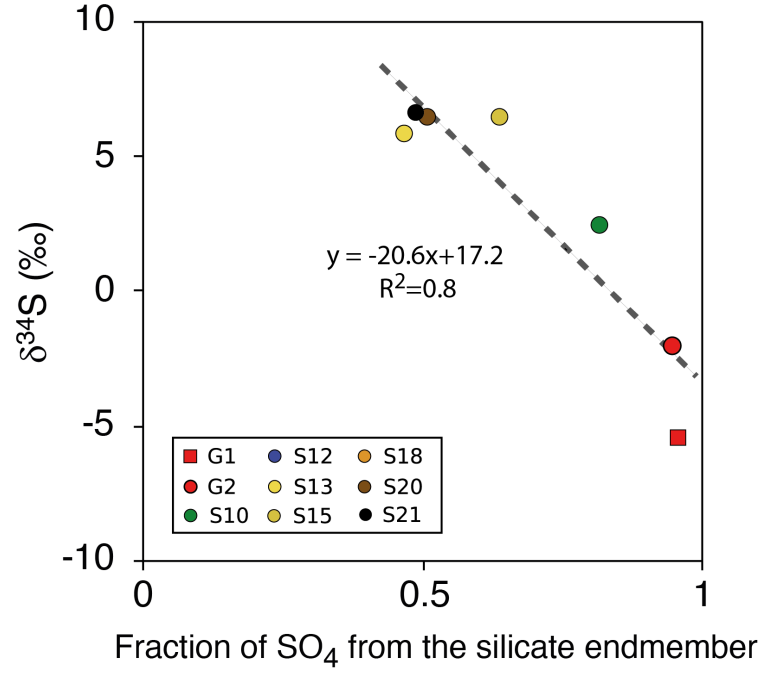

Figure C3: $\delta^{34}S$ measured in springs across the Séchilienne massif vs modal estimates of their fraction of SO_4 from silicate endmember: X_{sil}^{SO4}

Table C1: Inputs of the mixing model with silicate, carbonate and gypsum endmembers

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Outflow	Spring average composition				Carbonate end member		
	$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$	SO4/Sr	Mg/Sr	Ca/Sr	Na/Sr	$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$	
						Mean	s.d.
G1	0.7215	571	418	444	34	0.7095	0.0005
G2	0.7205	785	397	410	70	0.7095	0.0005
S10	0.7148	195	399	437	37	0.7095	0.0005
S12	0.7095	82	103	425	48	0.7095	0.0005
S13	0.7093	46	32	89	2.6	0.7095	0.0005
S15	0.7096	69	63	150	2.5	0.7095	0.0005
S18	0.7096	134	126	397	12	0.7095	0.0005
S20	0.7094	48	35	103	2	0.7095	0.0005
S21	0.7094	48	35	103	2.4	0.7095	0.0005

Outflow	Silicate end member							
	$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$		Mg/Sr		Ca/Sr		Na/Sr	
	Mean	s.d.	Low	High	Low	High	Mean	s.d.
G1	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	76	5
G2	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	176	11
S10	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	172	13
S12	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	46
S13	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	40.
S15	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	35
S18	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	32
S20	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	30
S21	0.735	0.005	150	200	150	200	141	28

Outflow	Gypsum end member							
	$^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$		Sr/SO4		Mg/SO4		Ca/SO4	
	Mean	s.d.	Mean	s.d.	Mean	s.d.	Mean	s.d.
G1	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
G2	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S10	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S12	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S13	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S15	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S18	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S20	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041
S21	0.708	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.310	0.041	0.689	0.041

Table C2: Results of mixing calculations

Outflow	Fractions Sr			Fractions Mg			Fractions Ca			Fractions SO4		Fractions total cationic charge			number of valid iterations
	Silicate	Carbonate	Gypsum	Silicate	Carbonate	Gypsum	Silicate	Carbonate	Gypsum	Silicate	Gypsum	Silicate	Carbonate	Gypsum	
G1	$0.46^{0.49}_{0.44}$	$0.29^{0.47}_{0.14}$	$0.25^{0.44}_{0.24}$	$0.19^{0.21}_{0.18}$	$0.78^{0.81}_{0.76}$	$0.02^{0.04}_{0.01}$	$0.18^{0.20}_{0.17}$	$0.78^{0.81}_{0.76}$	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.03}$	$0.95^{0.96}_{0.94}$	$0.05^{0.06}_{0.04}$	$0.21^{0.22}_{0.19}$	$0.76^{0.79}_{0.75}$	$0.03^{0.03}_{0.01}$	1143
G2	$0.41^{0.43}_{0.38}$	$0.32^{0.51}_{0.12}$	$0.27^{0.43}_{0.20}$	$0.18^{0.20}_{0.16}$	$0.80^{0.82}_{0.78}$	$0.02^{0.03}_{0.01}$	$0.17^{0.19}_{0.16}$	$0.78^{0.81}_{0.76}$	$0.05^{0.06}_{0.03}$	$0.96^{0.97}_{0.95}$	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.03}$	$0.22^{0.24}_{0.21}$	$0.74^{0.76}_{0.72}$	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.03}$	1288
S10	$0.22^{0.24}_{0.20}$	$0.46^{0.49}_{0.14}$	$0.32^{0.36}_{0.28}$	$0.10^{0.11}_{0.09}$	$0.88^{0.90}_{0.86}$	$0.03^{0.04}_{0.01}$	$0.09^{0.10}_{0.08}$	$0.86^{0.88}_{0.84}$	$0.06^{0.07}_{0.05}$	$0.82^{0.85}_{0.79}$	$0.18^{0.21}_{0.15}$	$0.11^{0.12}_{0.10}$	$0.84^{0.86}_{0.82}$	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.03}$	2973
S13	$0.02^{0.02}_{0.01}$	$0.73^{0.88}_{0.57}$	$0.25^{0.41}_{0.10}$	$0.10^{0.13}_{0.08}$	$0.65^{0.81}_{0.49}$	$0.25^{0.49}_{0.10}$	$0.03^{0.05}_{0.02}$	$0.76^{0.89}_{0.56}$	$0.20^{0.40}_{0.08}$	$0.49^{0.77}_{0.19}$	$0.51^{0.82}_{0.23}$	$0.06^{0.09}_{0.05}$	$0.71^{0.84}_{0.53}$	$0.23^{0.40}_{0.09}$	3234
S15	$0.02^{0.02}_{0.01}$	$0.75^{0.90}_{0.58}$	$0.23^{0.42}_{0.08}$	$0.05^{0.07}_{0.04}$	$0.83^{0.91}_{0.73}$	$0.12^{0.26}_{0.06}$	$0.02^{0.03}_{0.01}$	$0.86^{0.94}_{0.75}$	$0.12^{0.24}_{0.06}$	$0.65^{0.87}_{0.34}$	$0.35^{0.67}_{0.13}$	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.03}$	$0.83^{0.92}_{0.69}$	$0.13^{0.27}_{0.06}$	5039
S18	$0.08^{0.09}_{0.07}$	$0.24^{0.44}_{0.10}$	$0.68^{0.85}_{0.48}$	$0.11^{0.13}_{0.09}$	$0.72^{0.79}_{0.59}$	$0.17^{0.30}_{0.10}$	$0.03^{0.05}_{0.02}$	$0.84^{0.89}_{0.75}$	$0.12^{0.21}_{0.08}$	$0.51^{0.68}_{0.29}$	$0.49^{0.74}_{0.32}$	$0.06^{0.08}_{0.05}$	$0.79^{0.84}_{0.71}$	$0.14^{0.23}_{0.09}$	1667
S20	$0.02^{0.02}_{0.01}$	$0.74^{0.89}_{0.57}$	$0.24^{0.41}_{0.09}$	$0.08^{0.10}_{0.06}$	$0.69^{0.82}_{0.46}$	$0.22^{0.45}_{0.09}$	$0.03^{0.04}_{0.02}$	$0.80^{0.91}_{0.69}$	$0.17^{0.36}_{0.07}$	$0.51^{0.72}_{0.29}$	$0.49^{0.80}_{0.27}$	$0.05^{0.06}_{0.04}$	$0.75^{0.87}_{0.54}$	$0.20^{0.37}_{0.08}$	3885
S21	$0.02^{0.02}_{0.01}$	$0.74^{0.88}_{0.58}$	$0.24^{0.40}_{0.10}$	$0.08^{0.11}_{0.07}$	$0.69^{0.82}_{0.47}$	$0.22^{0.45}_{0.09}$	$0.03^{0.04}_{0.02}$	$0.80^{0.90}_{0.69}$	$0.17^{0.37}_{0.07}$	$0.50^{0.73}_{0.28}$	$0.50^{0.80}_{0.27}$	$0.05^{0.06}_{0.04}$	$0.75^{0.87}_{0.53}$	$0.20^{0.38}_{0.08}$	3822

footnote: proportions are reported as the median value $(\mathbf{50\%})^{\pm}$ ***s.d***

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Table C3: R & Z parameters calculations, following Torres et al. 2016

Outflow	Parameters as in Torres et al. (2016)		Number of valid iterations	$\delta^{34}S$		
	R	Z		Sample	Silicate *(sulfur)*	Gypsum
G1	$0.75^{0.79}_{0.72}$	$0.58^{0.60}_{0.55}$	1143	-2.12	17.59	-3.48
G2	$0.74^{0.76}_{0.70}$	$0.86^{0.88}_{0.84}$	1288	-5.45	17.59	-3.48
S10	$0.84^{0.87}_{0.80}$	$0.18^{0.21}_{0.16}$	2973	2.38	17.59	-3.48
S13	$0.71^{0.84}_{0.53}$	$0.19^{0.29}_{0.09}$	3234	5.78	17.59	-3.48
S15	$0.83^{0.92}_{0.76}$	$0.21^{0.28}_{0.16}$	5039	6.39	17.59	-3.48
S18	$0.79^{0.86}_{0.71}$	$0.13^{0.17}_{0.09}$	1667		17.59	-3.48
S20	$0.75^{0.87}_{0.58}$	$0.17^{0.27}_{0.09}$	3885	6.38	17.59	-3.48
S21	$0.75^{0.87}_{0.57}$	$0.17^{0.27}_{0.09}$	3822	6.54	17.59	-3.48

footnote: proportions are reported as the median value $(\mathbf{50\%})^{+}_{-}$ ***s.d***

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