

## Dating of Pleistocene fluvial sequence in the upper Garonne valley and implications for glacial fluctuations

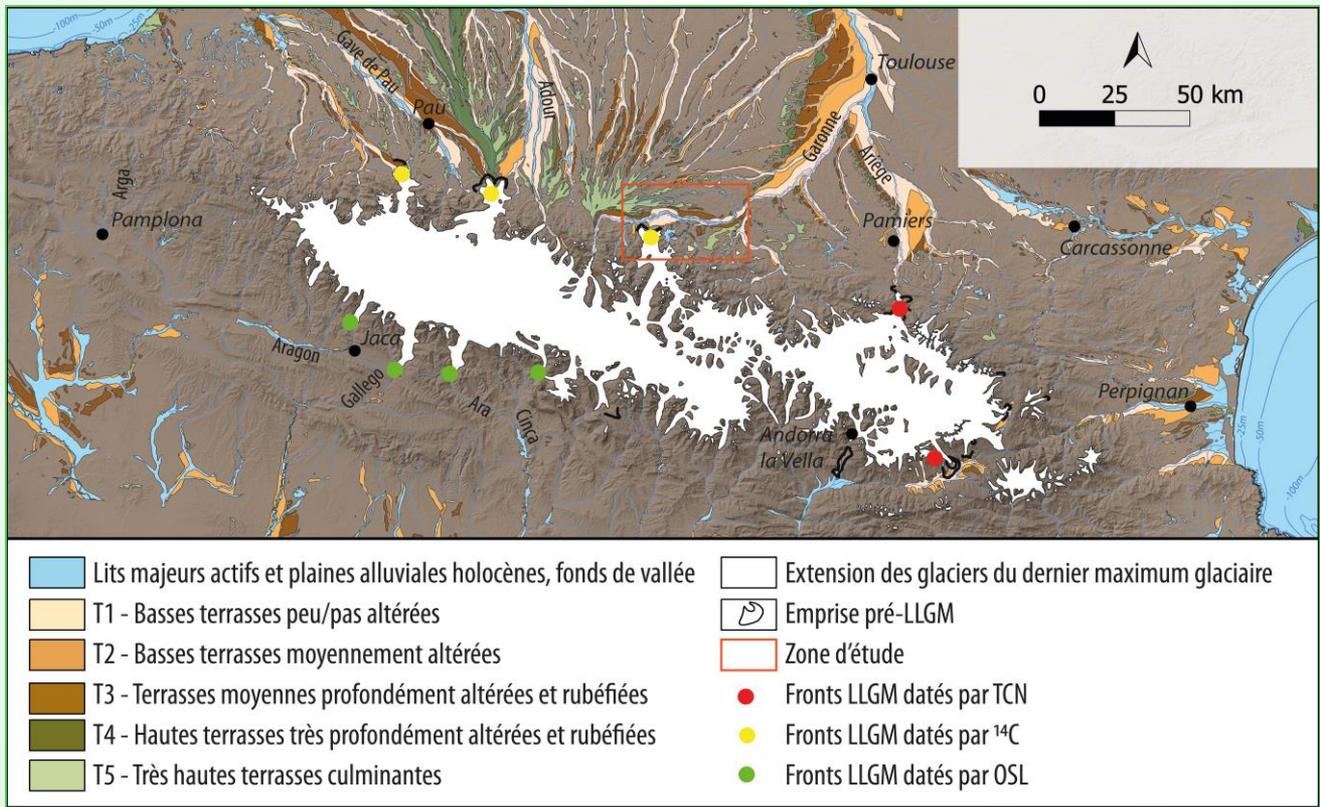
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*View of the Serre morainic complex, Hte Garonne*

# INTRODUCTION

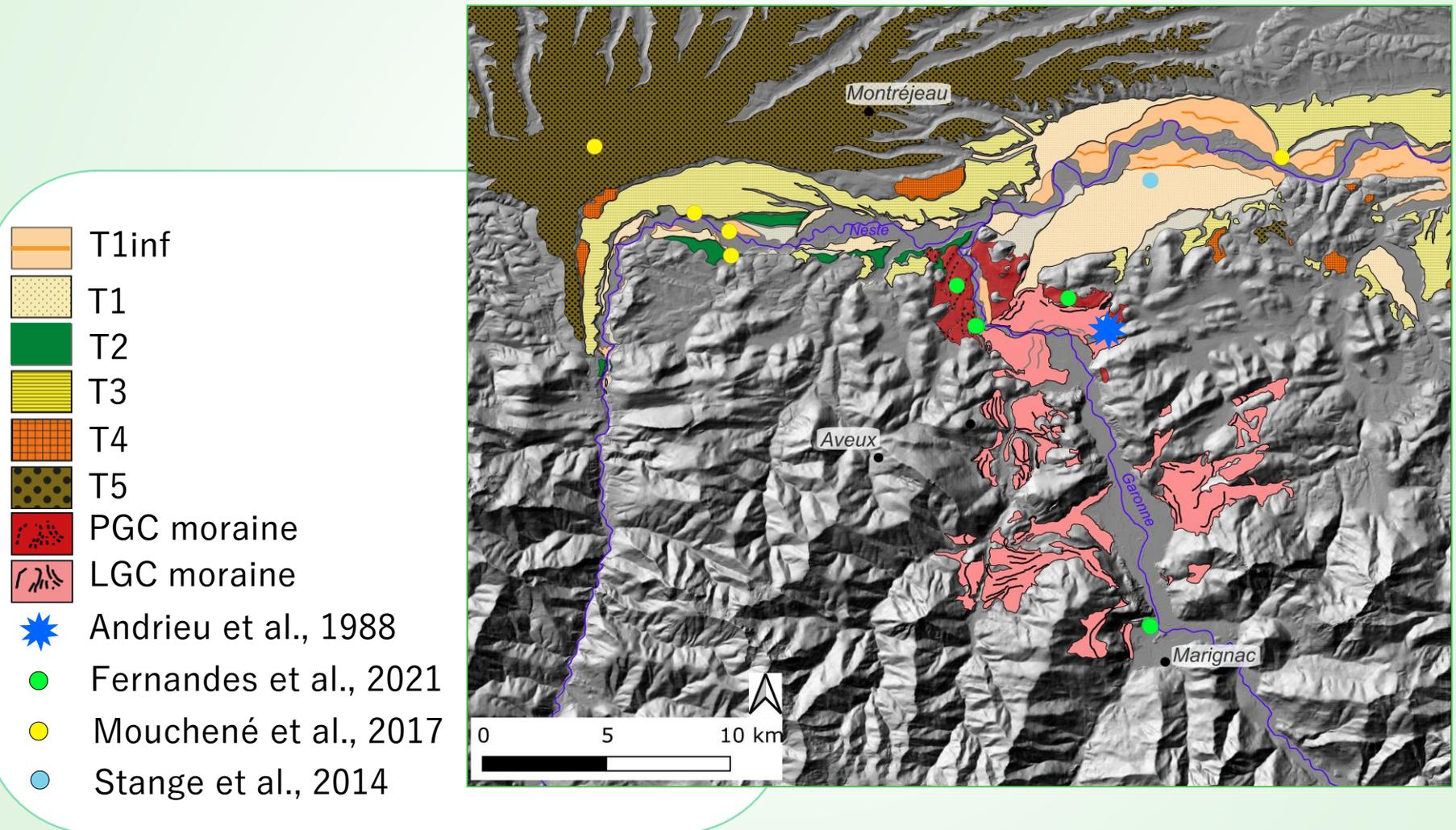
Dating of Pleistocene fluvial sequences to characterize environmental changes, particularly during MIS 3 (60-27 ka).



- Delmas et al., 2011; Pallas et al., 2010
- Mardones et al., 1983; Andrieu, 1987; Andrieu, 1991; Jalut et al., 1982
- Sancho et al., 2003, 2004; Garcia-Ruiz et al., 2013; Lewis et al., 2009

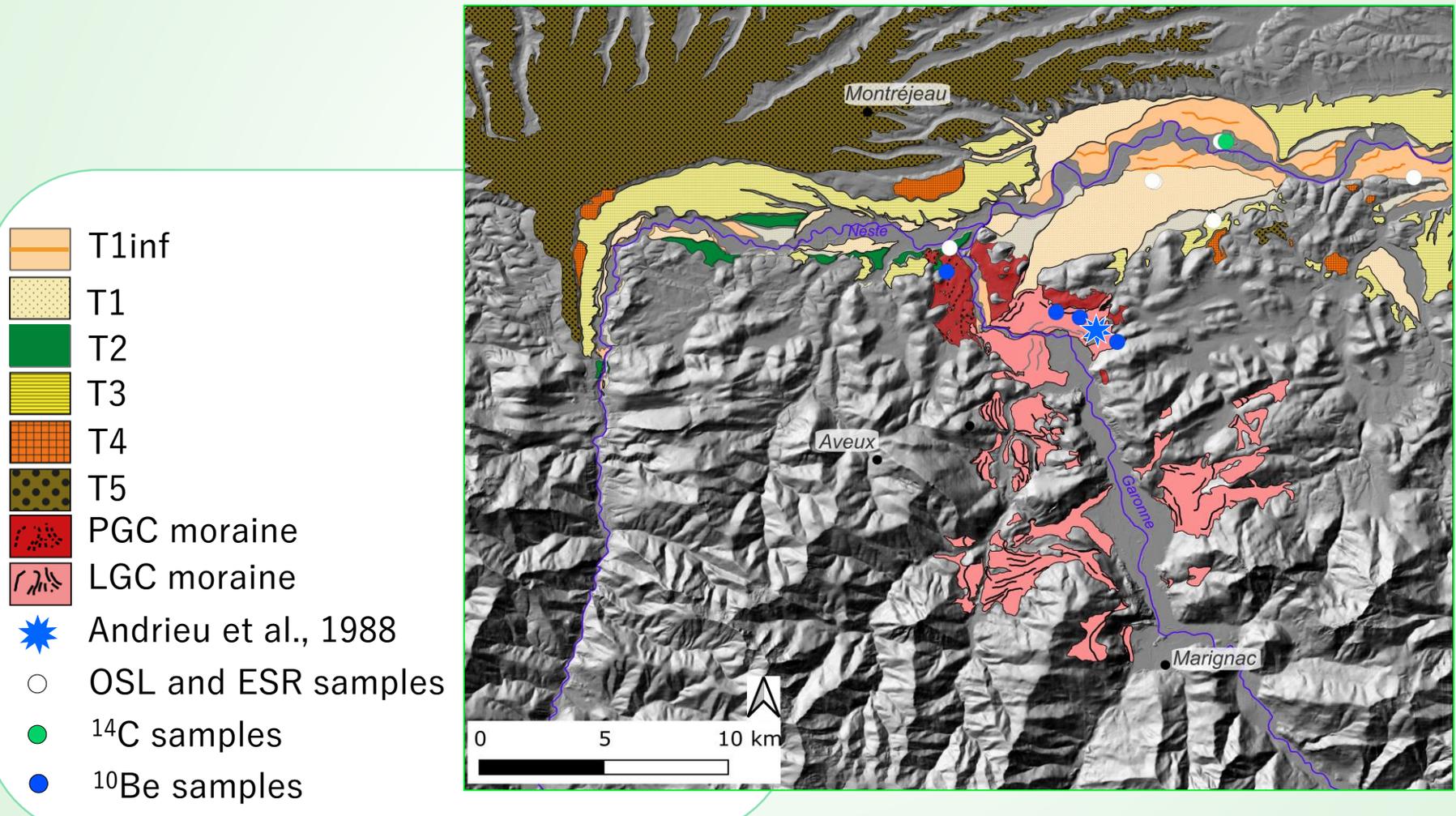
# GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SETTING

- $^{14}\text{C}$  datings on Barbazan paleolake sequence, TCN surface exposure dating on morainic boulders, TCN vertical profiles on fluvial terraces



# MATERIAL AND METHODS

- 6 OSL and ESR datings on fluvial lens, 4  $^{14}\text{C}$  datings on charcoal, 3 TCN surface exposure datings on boulders

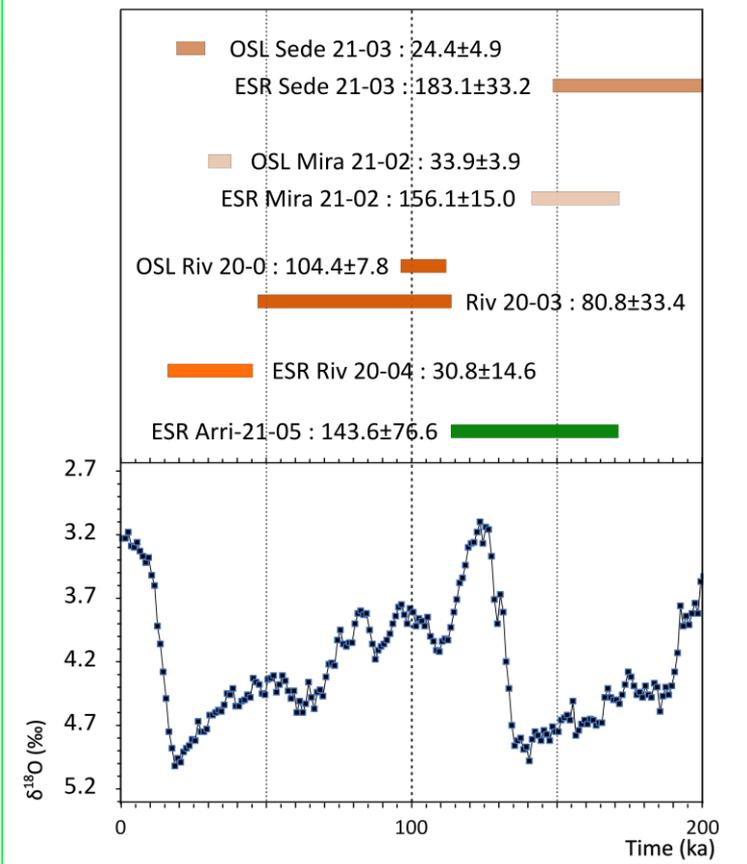


# RESULTS

- River charcoals at Sède,  $^{14}\text{C}$  :

- C1 5450-5040 yrs cal BP
- C2 5320-4970 yrs cal BP
- C3 4840-4520 yrs cal BP
- C4 5460-5040 yrs cal BP

- OSL and ESR ages:

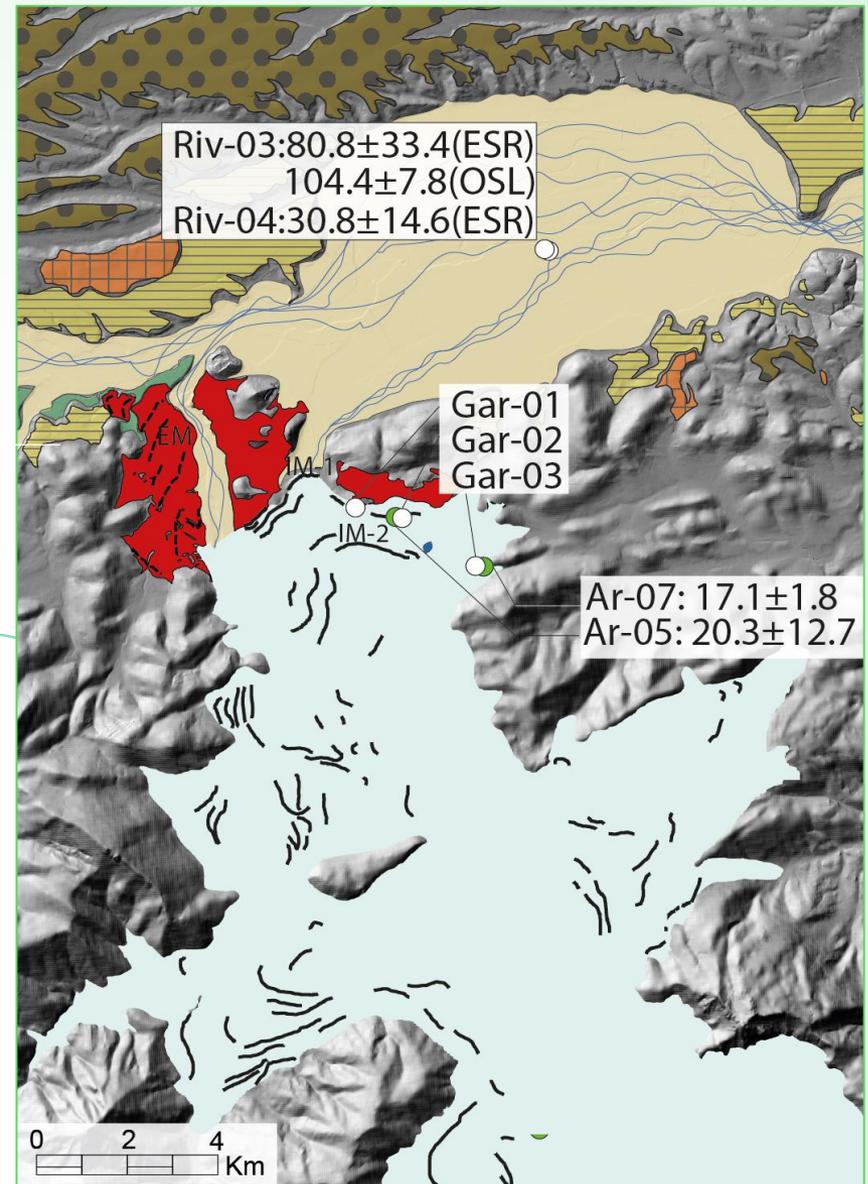


Name	Stratigraphy	ESR	OSL	Depth under terrace (m)
SEDE 21-03	T1 inf.	183.1 ± 33.2	24.4 ± 4.9	4 - 5
MIRA 21-02	T1 inf.	156.1 ± 15.0	33.9 ± 3.9	4 - 5
RIVIERE 20-03	T1	80.8 ± 33.4	104.4 ± 7.8	7 - 8
RIVIERE 20-04	T1	30.8 ± 14.6	—	6 - 7
ARRI 21-05	T2	143.6 ± 28.7	—	15
LABA 21-04	T3	598.0 ± 76.6	—	1.5

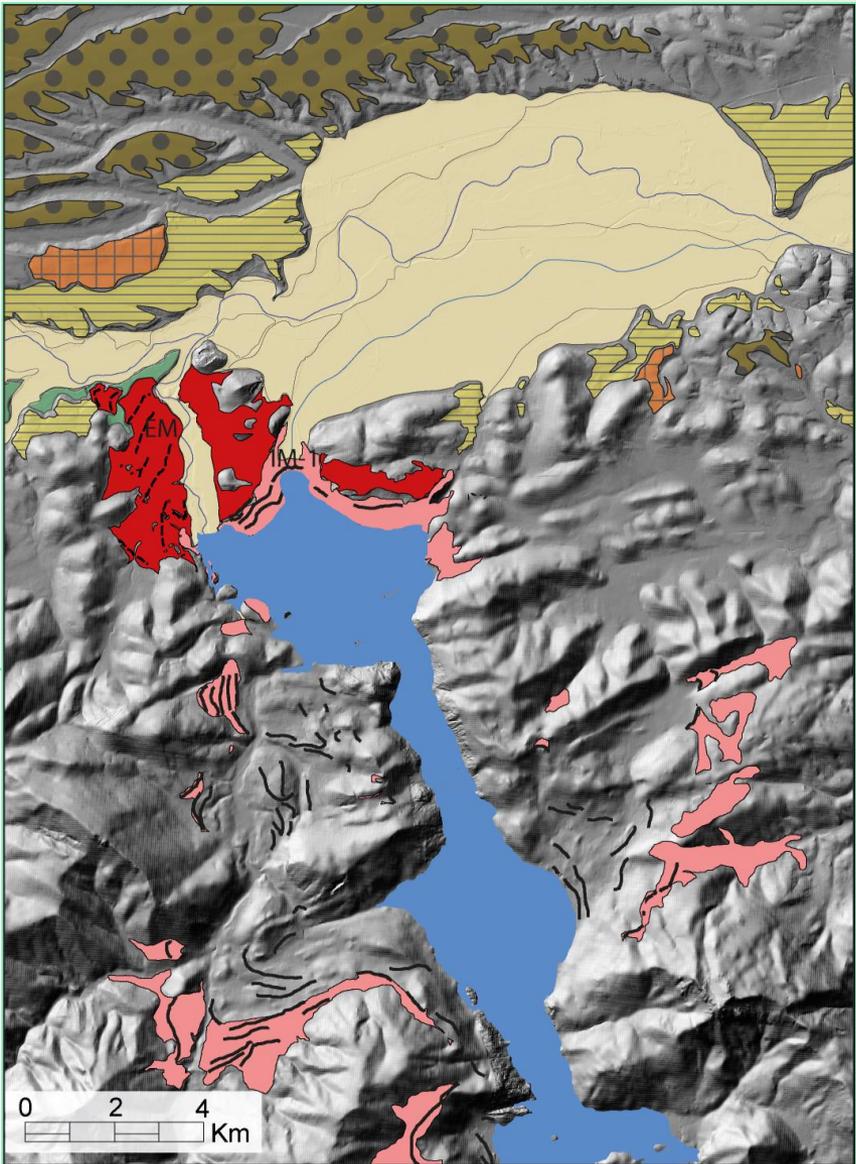
# 100-80 ka glacier reconstruction and T1 aggradation

-  PGC moraine and moraine ridges
-  LGC moraine and moraine ridges
-  LLGM glacier
-  T1 terrace
-  T2
-  T3
-  T4
-  T5

-  this study samples
-   $^{10}\text{Be}$  exposure ages (Fernandes et al., 2021)

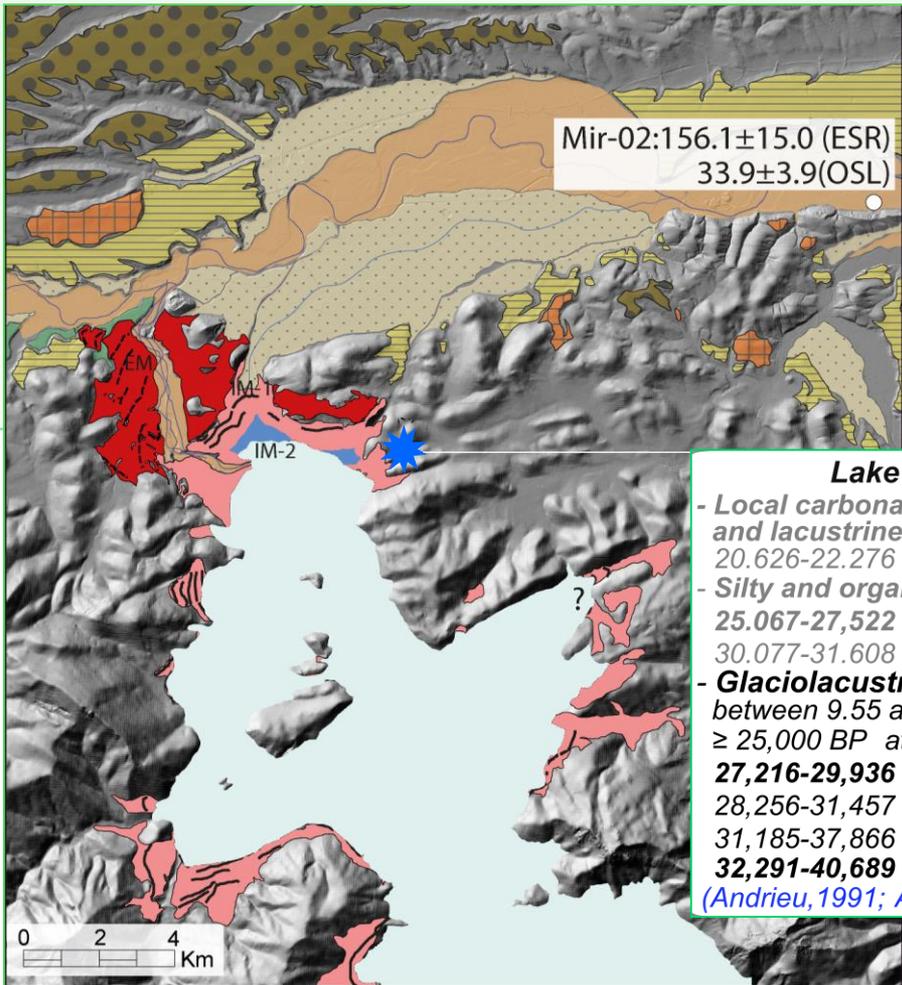


# Paleolake post 100-80 ka reconstruction and T1 incision



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-  T5
-  Garonne paleolake

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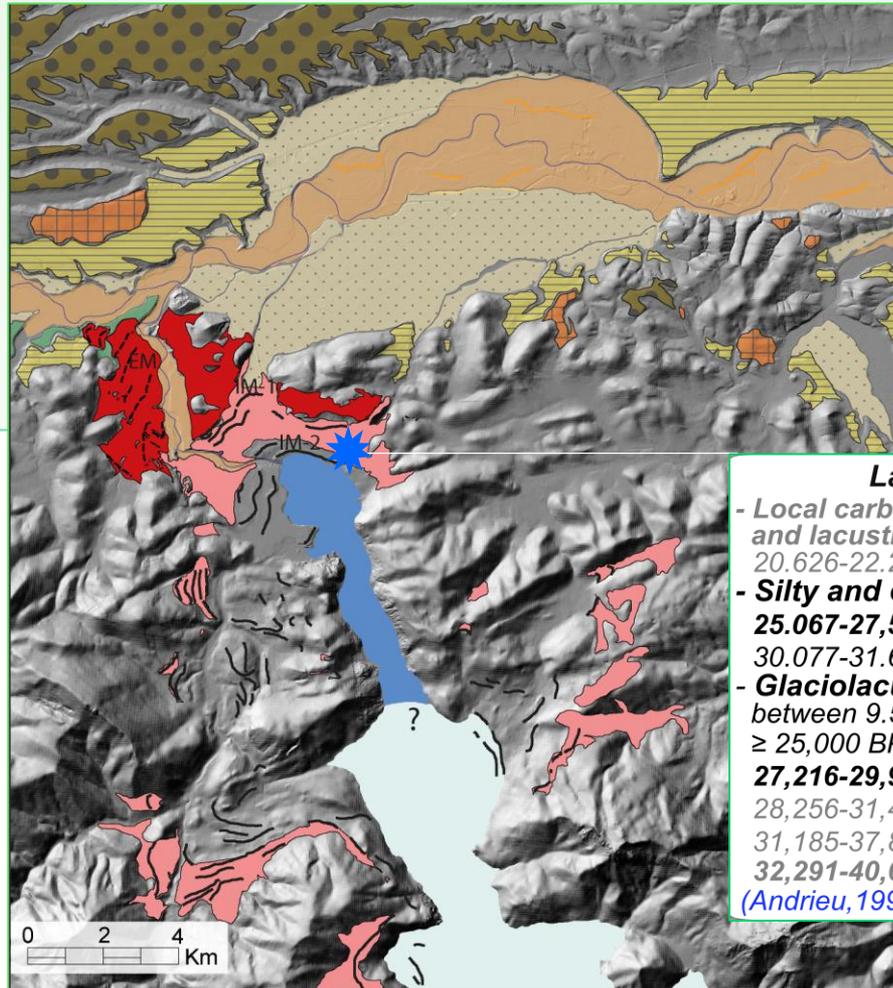
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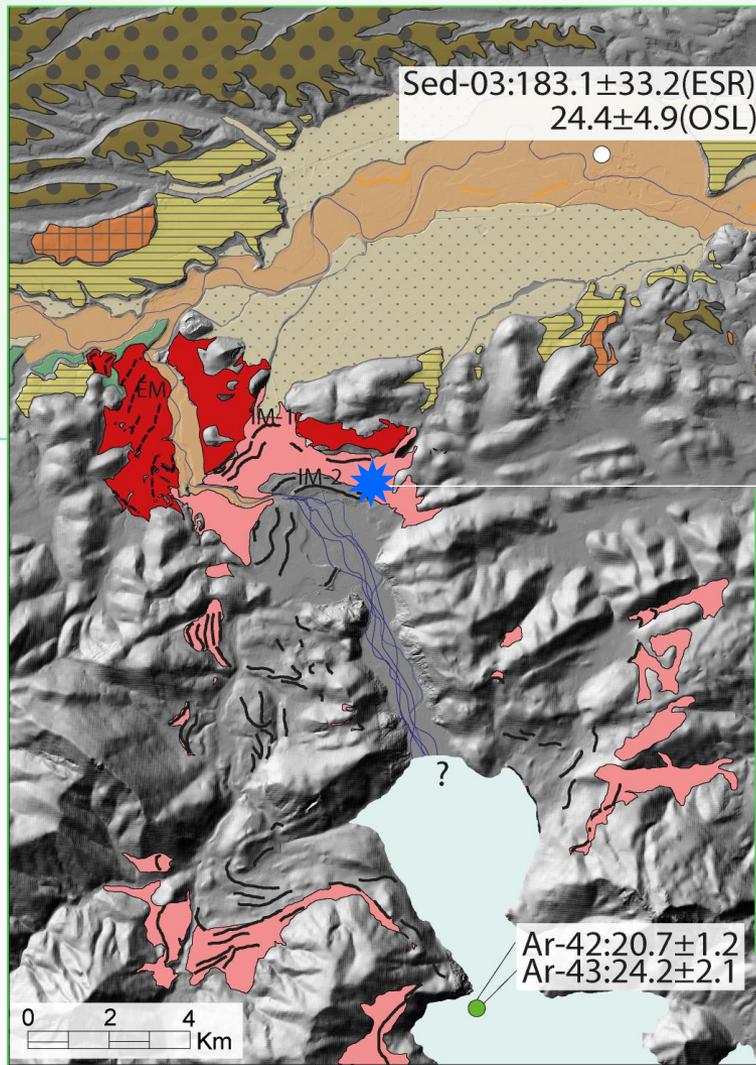


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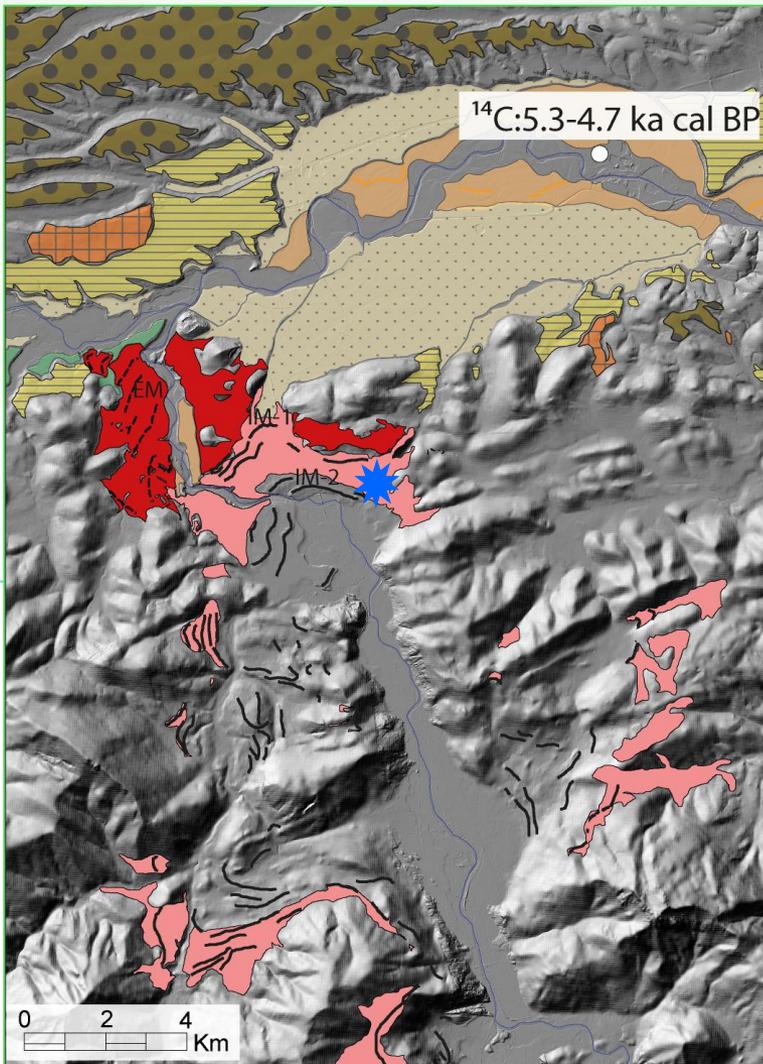


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# CONCLUSION

- On the upstream part of the Garonne:
  - External moraine complex and aggradation of T2 at MIS 6
  - Local LGM and T1 aggradation at the beginning of the Upper Pleistocene
  - Glacial regression and lower T1-T1 incision
  - Glacial advance and lower T1 aggradation at MIS 3
- Expected complementary ages (OSL) on T1, T2 and T3 and  $^{10}\text{Be}$  on erratic boulders.



*View of the Serre morainic complex, Hte Garonne*