

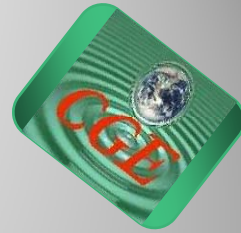


# **Évora Geophysics Center**

**Workshop on Earth Science Research - New Perspectives  
4th June 2008**

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**Started its activities in 1993 and was funded in 1991 under the framework of “Programa Ciência”**



**Scientific Team:**

**60 scientific members, 40 Ph.D organized in two main Groups:**

**FIDAC - Physics and Dynamics of the Atmosphere and Climate**

**Atmospheric Physics and Climate – Ana Maria Silva**

**Transfer phenomena in the Geosphere – Rui Namorado Rosa**

**SEISMOLITOS - Seismotectonics and processes of lithospheric deformation**

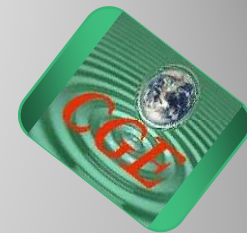
**Internal Geophysics – Mourad Bezzeghoud**

**Dynamics of Geological Processes – Alexandre Araújo**

**Technical and Administrative Team:**

**5 members**

- Annual Evaluation by Scientific Advisor Committee consisting of three senior scientists**
- Four Annual Evaluation by FCT**
- Current Funding – per Ph.D member and according to the evaluation grade of the Unit**

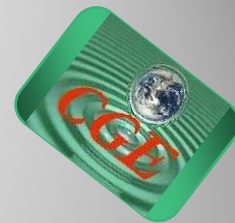


## **Main Activities:**

- *R&D Projects;*
- *Advanced Training: Ph.D, Master and Bachelor Students;*
- *Organization of Conferences/Workshops and Advanced Courses;*
- *Cooperation with other institutions, promotion of scientific awareness and providing technical advice.*

## **Integrative/Multidisciplinary Activities :**

- **Integration in different national and international networks:** *AERONET, WM Broad-Band Seismological Network, National Geophysics Network, IMERNET (Ibero-Maghrebian Earthquake Risk Reduction Network), Portuguese Coordinated Seismic Initiative on Broad Band Observation Network, EMEPC (Estrutura de Missão para a extensão da Plataforma Continental)*
- **Integration in national scientific organizations:** *IPY 2007-2009; member of European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC); member of the “Sismicidad, Sismotectónica y Riesgo Sísmico” research Group of UCM, etc)*
- **Cooperation with national and international scientific Institutions:** *IM, INETI, Uaveiro, IST, Pratt School of Engineering - Duke University, and I.N.S.A – Toulouse), Institut de Physique du Globe (IPG), Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (ISAC-CNR), Bologna, Institute of Geophysics of the Sciences Academy of Check Republic, Institute for Tropospheric Research, Leipzig.*



## **Infrastructures:**

### **Colégio Luis Verney e Mitra:**

**Évora Geophysics Observatory (Atmospheric Physics, Seismology, Geothermal),  
Laboratory of Geology, Cluster.**

### **Cabo Raso:**

**Atmospheric Physics Observatory – Cabo Raso**

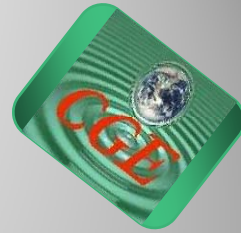
### **Estremoz:**

**Centro de Ciência Viva**

## **Colaborations:**

**Industry: EDP, SNPC, EDISOFT/NITEC, SKYSOFT  
Secondary Schools  
PALOPS, MAGREB countries**

# FIDAC



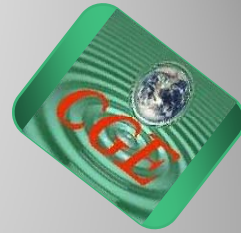
**Fidac** “**Physics** and **Dynamics** of the **Atmosphere** and **Climate**” include research themes encompassing a broad spectrum of scales, ranging from the **p**rediction of hazardous weather and **r**egional **c**limate **i**mpacts using mesoscale models, to the **q**uantitative **a**ssessment of the direct and indirect effects of **a**erosols and **g**ases at the **r**egional and **l**ocal scales, **c**louds, the mechanisms of **t**ransport and **d**eposition of aerosols in buildings and the investigation of **a**tmospheric **e**lectricity and its relationship with clouds and fog.

Through the combination of **d**ifferent **a**pproaches (local/global scale monitoring systems and modelling) a **r**egional **a**erosol **c**limatology for southern Europe , a **r**egional **c**haracterization of the **i**nteraction between **a**erosols and **c**louds over Portugal as well as **a**ir **q**uality characterization (Ozone, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>), will be achieved.

**A**erosols, mainly from the **s**ubmicroscopic range, can **i**nduce serious **r**espiratory **d**iseases . Consequently, air quality and particle control are fundamental issues to be considered.

**D**evelopment of **s**cientific **p**rototypes for **a**tmospheric **m**onitoring

# ***Atmospheric Physics and Climate***



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# Microclimatology of the atmospheric boundary layer



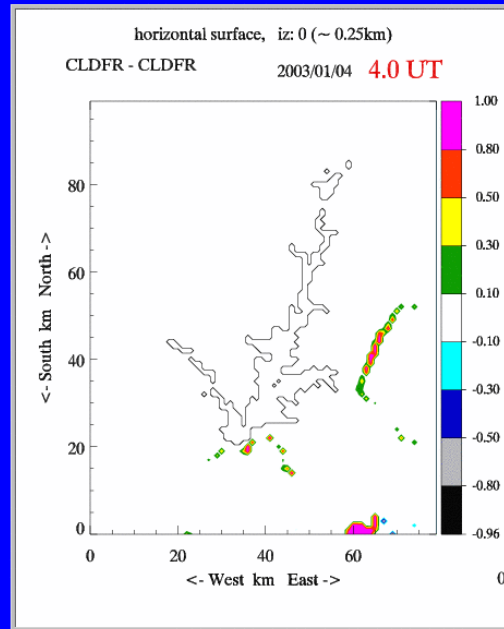
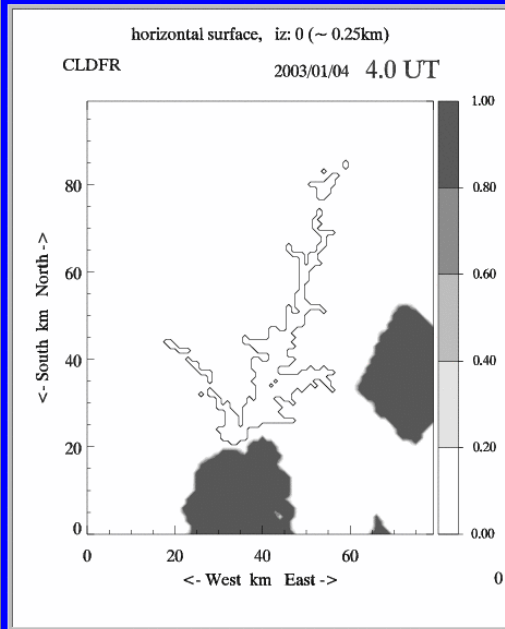
## Melhorar a representação das interações lago - atmosfera nos modelos numéricos de simulação e previsão do tempo

- Validar modelo de lago para aplicações meteorológicas
- Introdução de um modelo de lago (FLake) nos modelos atmosféricos de previsão do tempo (AROME) e de mesoscala (Meso-NH)
- Colaboração com o CNRM / MeteoFrance

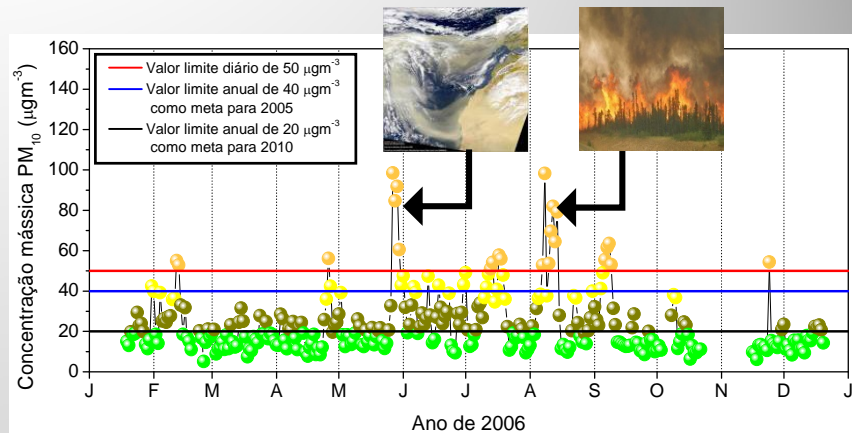
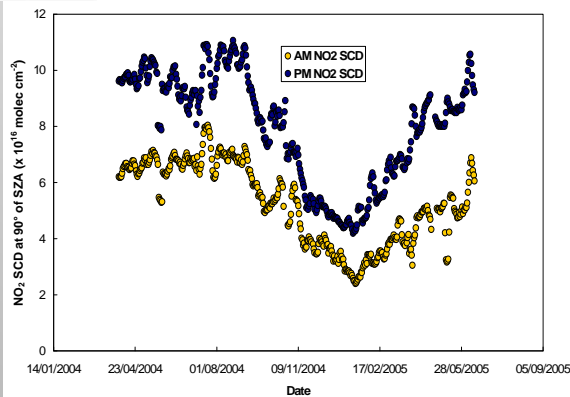


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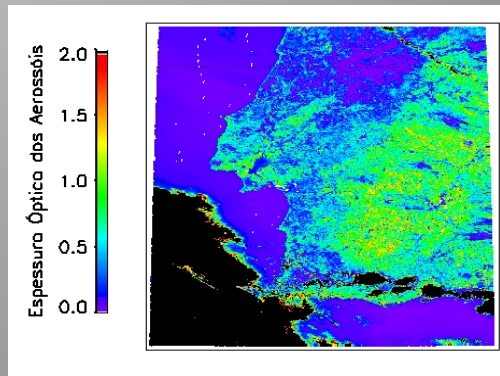
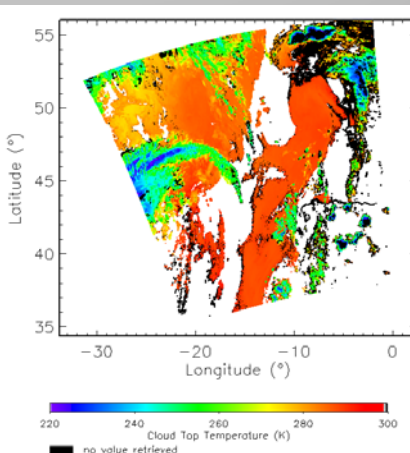
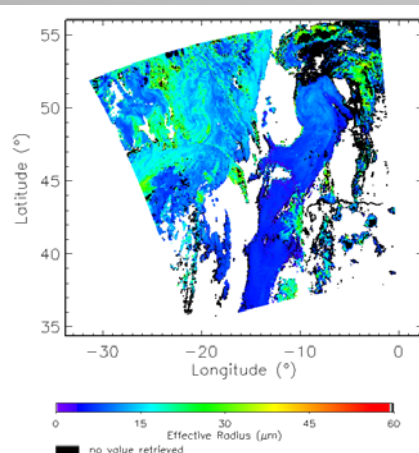
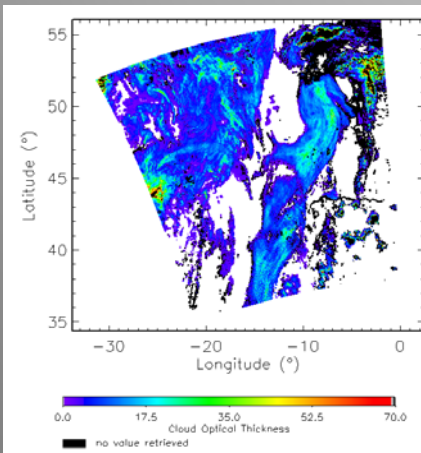
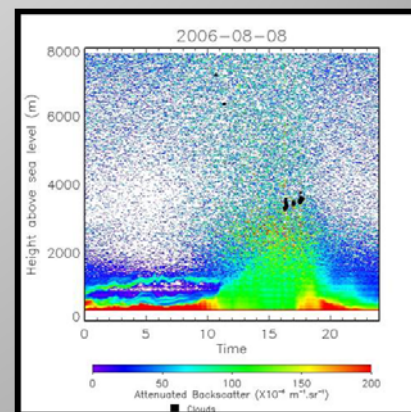
# Characterization of aerosols, gases and clouds: remote sensing, "in situ" observations and modelling



Cloud optical thickness

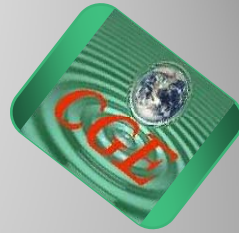
Droplet effective radius(mm)

Cloud top temperature(K)



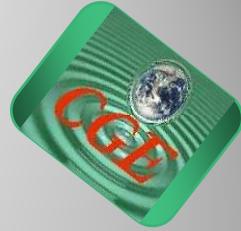


# **Scientific Problems to be solved**



- Some Examples:
- Discrimination between **C**louds and **A**erosols, **s**imultaneously present, from **m**ultispectral **s**atellite **i**mages;
- Discrimination **b**etween **d**ifferent **w**ater **c**onstituents from **m**ultispectral **r**adiometric **m**eamuremets;
- **H**ow to **i**mprove the **p**hysical **d**escription of the **l**ake-atmosphere interactions in weather forecast and climate models?

# *Transfer **P**henomena in the **G**eosphere*



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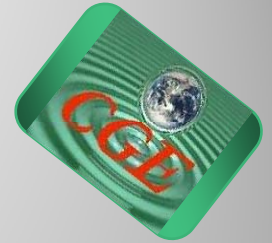
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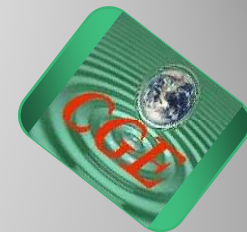
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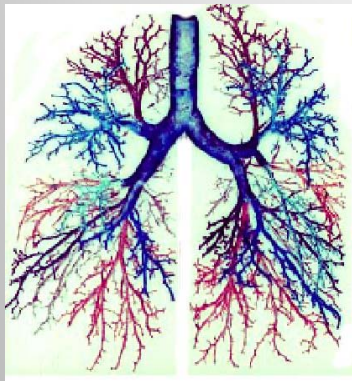
# Research Subjects



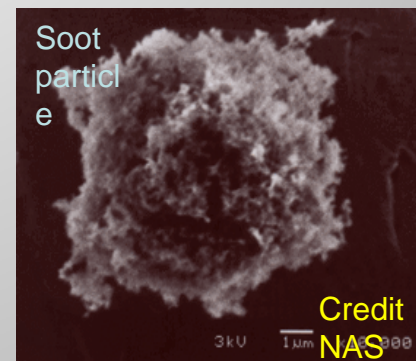
1. Porous Media – fluid and particle transfer
2. Complex flow structures – Constructal Theory
3. Atmospheric Electricity
4. Environmental Exergy sources and flows and conversion systems
5. Energy resources – Exergetic assessment of mineral resources and the *Peak Oil* issue



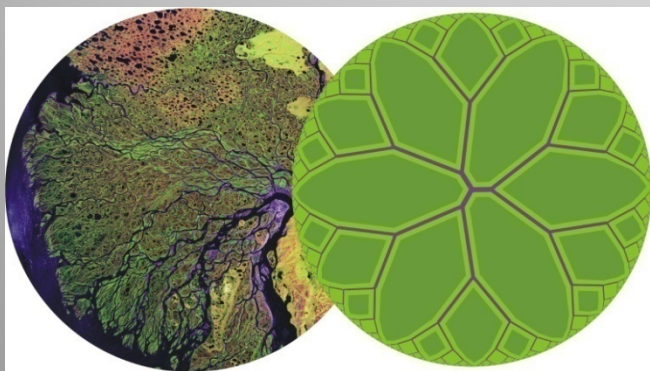
# - Biological structures: lung tree; sea corals



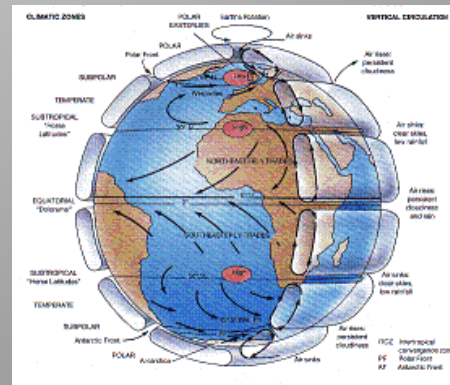
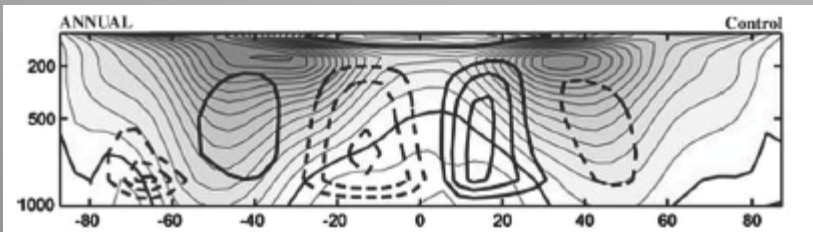
# Particle Aggregation – aerosols



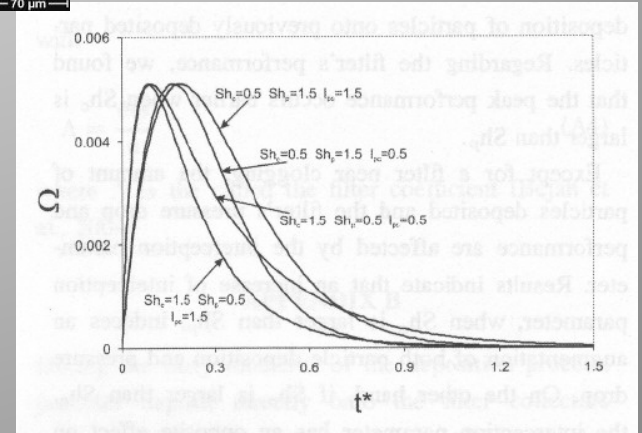
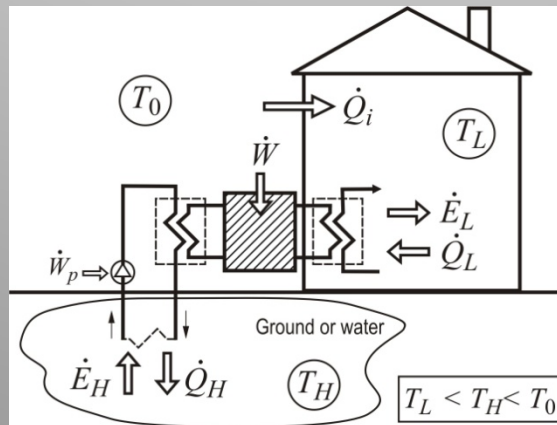
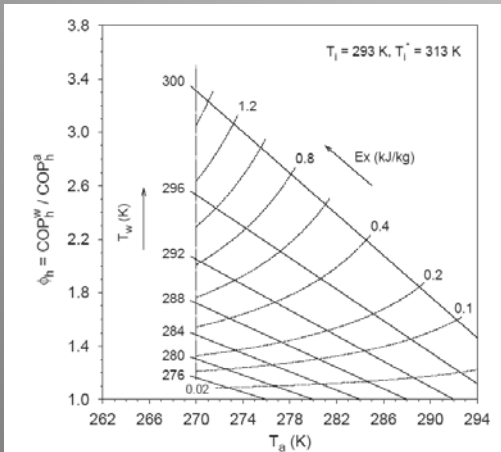
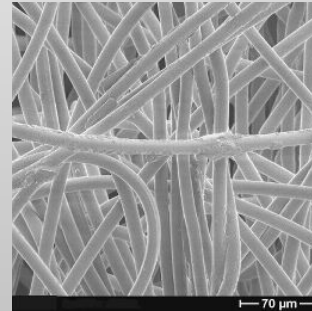
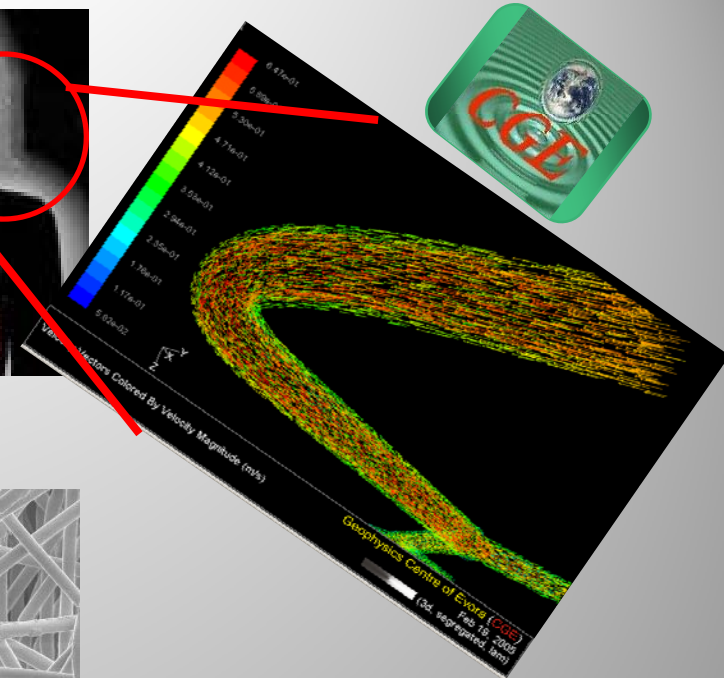
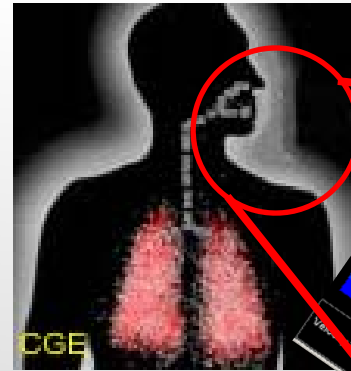
# - Surface flows (hydrographic basins)



# - Atmosphere: general circulation structure

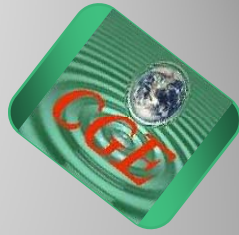




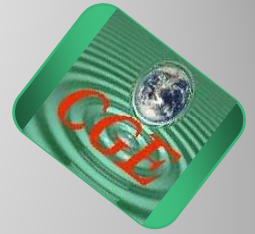




# **Scientific *P*roblems to be solved**



# Seismolitos

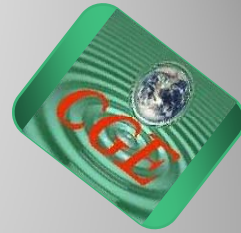


**Seismolitos** aims to cover a number of research themes possessing distinct scales, being part of an **Integrated Vision of the Earth System**. Reinforcement and acquisition of scientific instrumentation for the **observation**, study, **modelling** and **experimentation** of the **continental and oceanic lithosphere** to better understand **structure, dynamics and processes**, and involving, data acquisition, modelling and prediction of their evolution. Particularly emphasize will be given to **hazard situations**, where risk affects earth systems, in order to increase our scientific knowledge and technical capacity to produce information useful to **society**.

*Studies of surface processes, structure and composition of **other planets** (Planet physics / Planet formation).*

Instrumentation & Control Signal Processing & Signal Conditioning applied to multi sensing systems and observational networks.

# *Internal Geophysics*



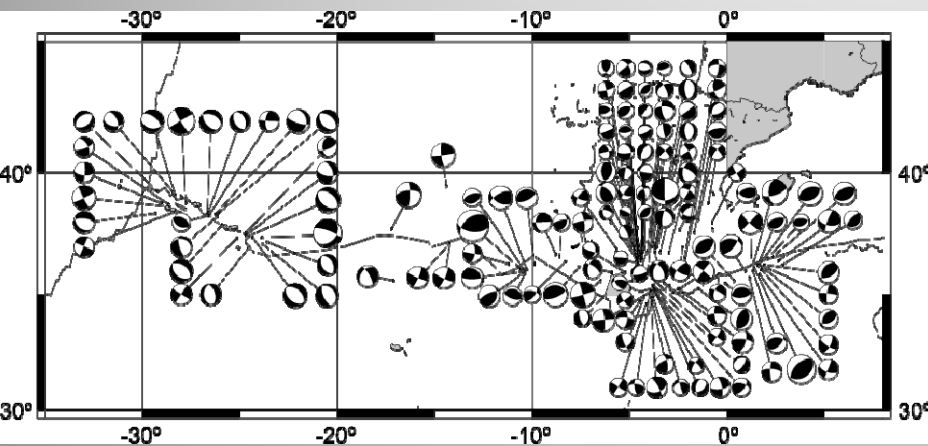
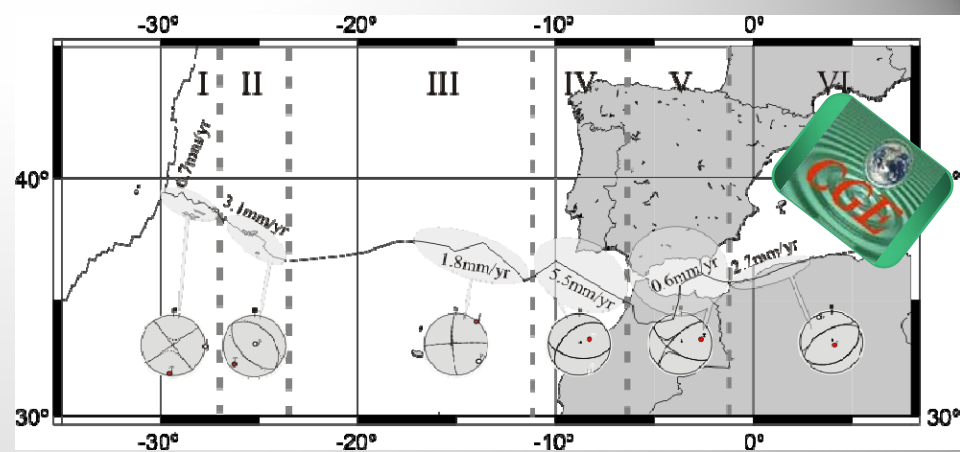
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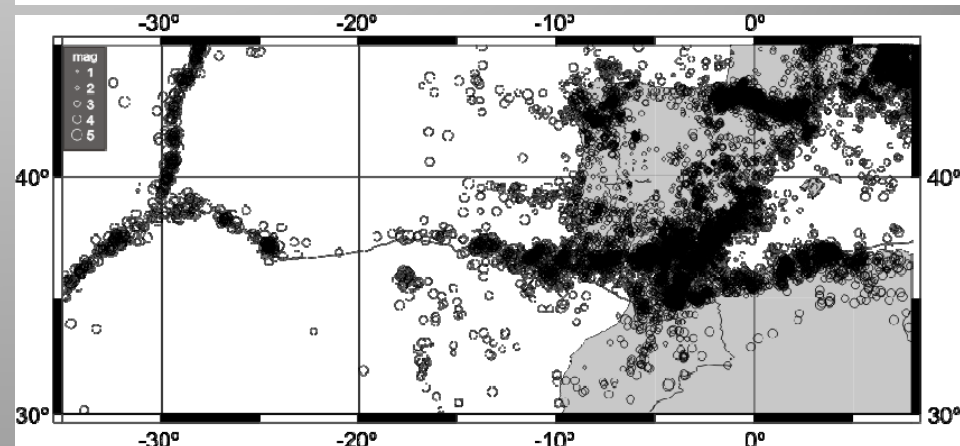
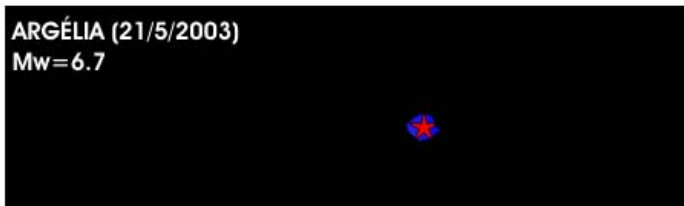
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# Earthquake source mechanism

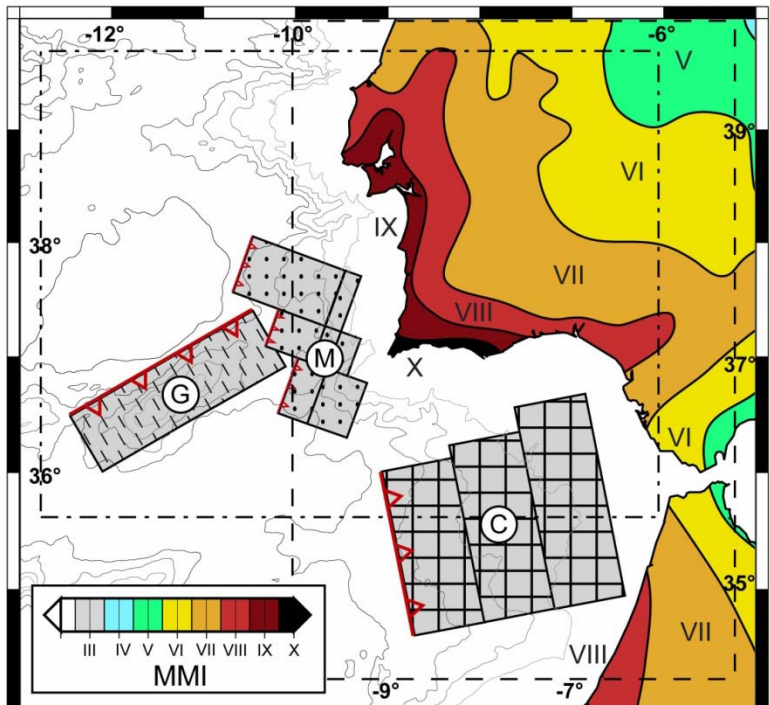


The study of the seismicity, seismotectonics and other topics related to the nature and effects of earthquakes for the assessment of earthquake risk in the Ibero-Maghrebian region

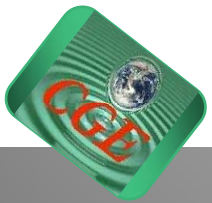
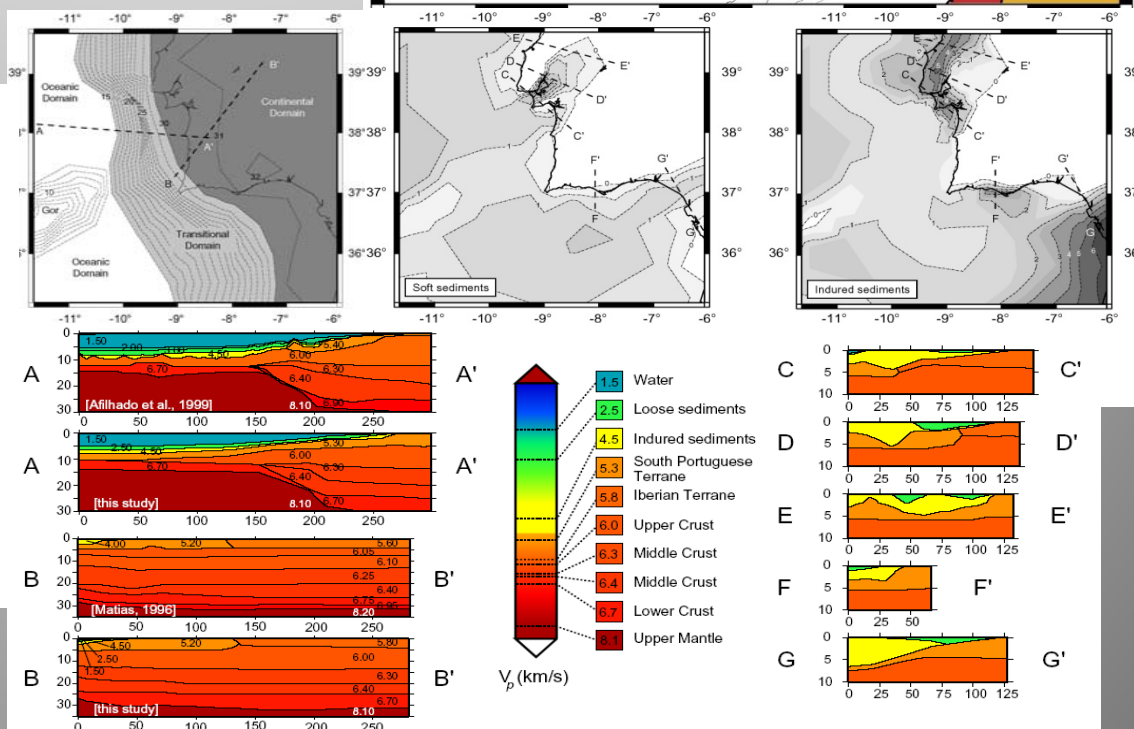
## Seismic slip, rupture process and directivity



## Earthquake source and strong ground motion modelling



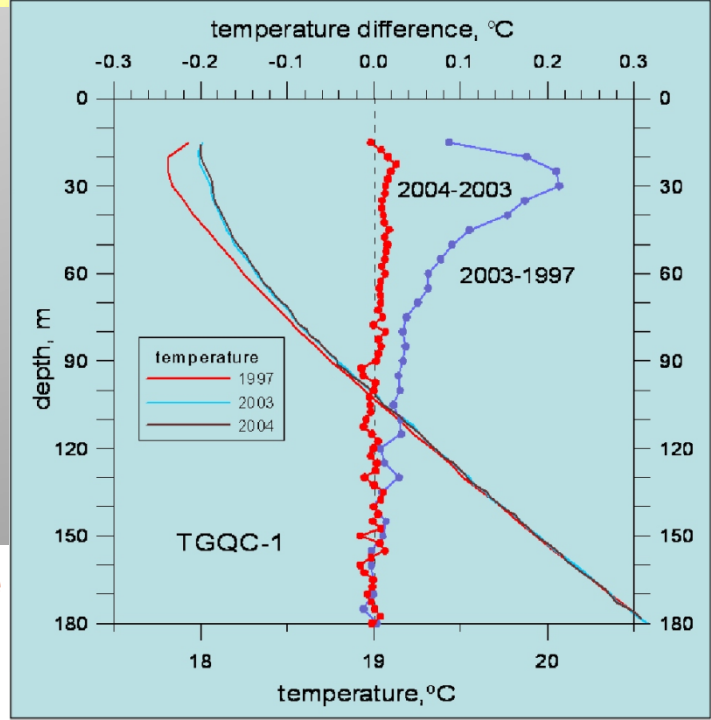
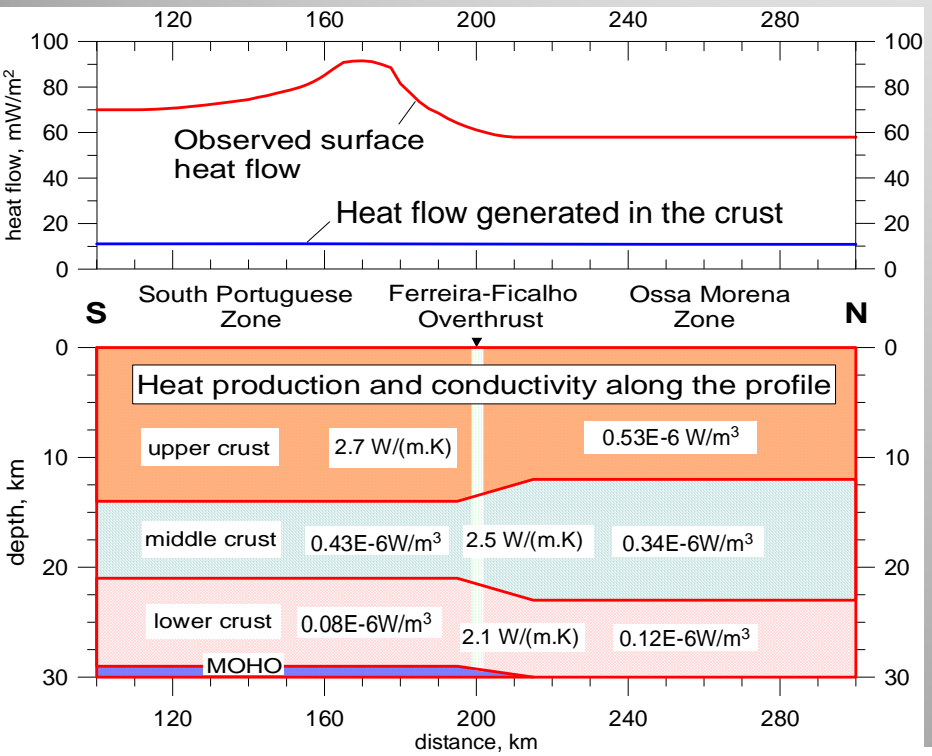
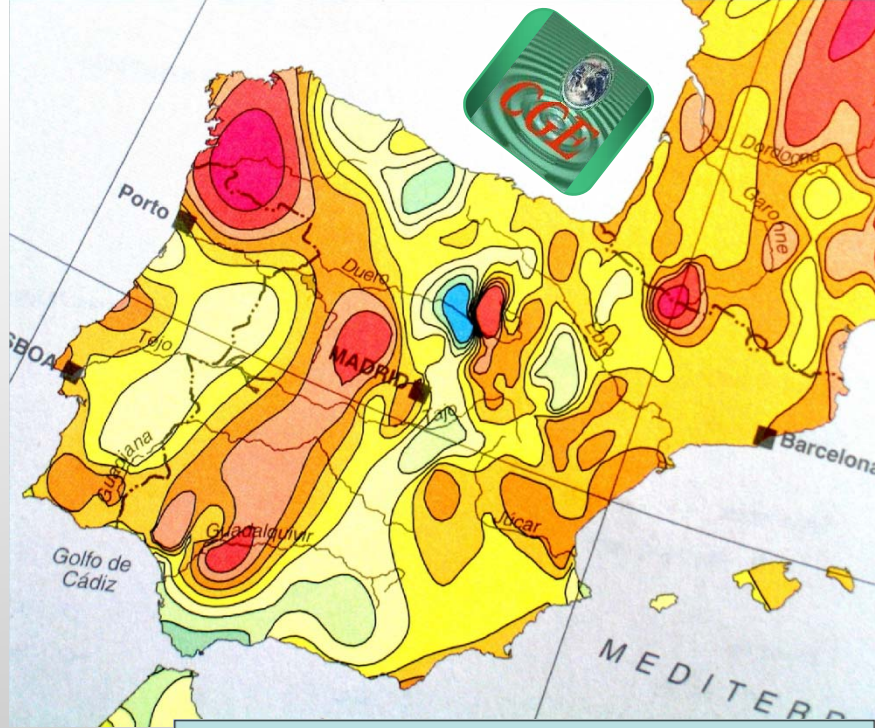
## Structure of lithosphere 3D velocity model





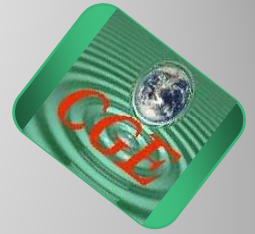
# Applied Geophysics

- Study of the **climatic change** in Portugal using geothermal information.
- Study of the **thermal regime** the **crust** in southern Portugal.
- Study of the **g**eo**e**lectrical structure of the crust in southern Portugal.
- Study of the **Curie point** depth in Portugal.
- **Archaeomagnetism**: study of the past geomagnetic field in Portugal using kiln data.



**Temperature change in southern Portugal using geothermal information**

# **Scientific *P*roblems to be solved**



## **Seismology, Geodynamic, Active tectonics**

- Study of extended ruptures (finite seismic sources) from seismologic and geodesic data;
- Characterization of the deep structure beneath the Iberian Peninsula, mainly in its South and Southwestern margins (collision zone between Eurasia and Africa);
- Study of strong ground motions prediction and seismic risk assessment in Portugal, Spain and Morocco;
- Origin of the Azores;

## **Planetary Geophysics**

- Study of transiting extra-solar planets and mass-radius relationship for low mass planets;

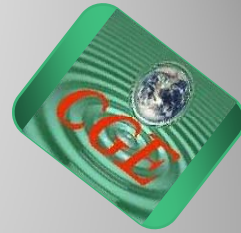
## **Applied Geophysics**

- Reconstruction of the past climate in Portugal from borehole temperatures;
- Permafrost and Climate Change in the Maritime Antarctic. Contribution to the Global science; effort to bridge the gap in the knowledge of Antarctic permafrost characteristics, sensitivity and implications for climate change;
- Two-phase flow in fractured aquifers: degassing effects and resource sustainability;
- Identification of zones of high geothermal potential, in Portugal, improving soil knowledge and management with GeoElectrical and Geothermal properties;

## **Instrumentation Signal processing and signal conditioning :**

Shape and pattern recognition using digital image processing

# *Dynamics of Geological Processes*



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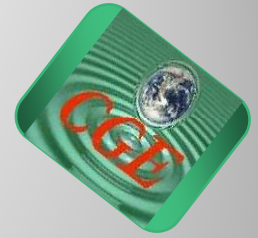
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## LITHOSPHERIC STRUCTURES



**Geological and structural mapping, tectonic analysis mainly in Ossa-Morena Zone.**

**Genesis and evolution of sedimentary basins. Sedimentary processes versus deformation.**

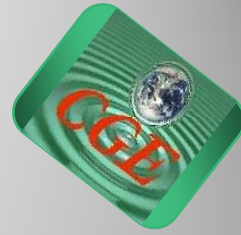
**Sedimentary instabilities and sin tectonic sedimentation.**

**Structural analysis in the exploitation of ornamental rocks.**

**Genesis and structure of gold ore-deposits in Algueireiras-Mosteiros (Tomar-Badajoz-Córdoba Shear Zone).**

**Fluvial fans analysis and crustal uplift evaluation (at Iberian Peninsula scale).**

**Experimental tectonics**



## **PETROLOGY, GEOCHEMISTRY AND MINERALOGY**

**Mantle sources, evolution and emplacement of magmas in Azores region**

**Geochemical and geochronological mapping of Edicarian to Carboniferous formations in SW Peninsula and North of Africa.**

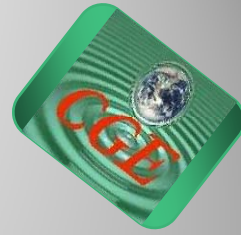
**Retention of toxic metals by secondary minerals in old mines (Mina de S. Domingos)**

**Crustal recycling, interactions mantle-crust.**

**Diagenetic processes in carbonated rocks.**

**Geological materials, Archaeology and Heritage**





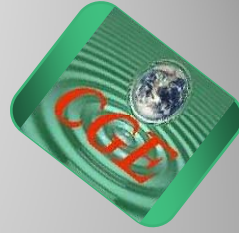
## **WATER, FLUID FLOW AND RECENT DYNAMICS**

**Veins and fractures connectivity, relation with folding during progressive deformation in an accretionary prism.**

**Coastal Geology and coastal dynamics: Morphological and sedimentary monitorization of the SW portuguese coast.**

**Groundwater resources**

# Scientific *P*roblems to be solved



**C**an the use of **satellite imagery** **replace** the DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) field surveys **alongshore**, giving **high accuracy** **digital** elevation models (DEM)?

**T**he role of **mantle plumes** in the **Azores** region: the paradigm and the paradoxes

**M**ajor **lithospheric anisotropies**, **mantle plume localizations** and the **break-up** of continents!

**S**atellite **image analyses** and **major tectonic structures**; applications to Morocco.

**A**nalogical **modelling** of lithospheric structures

**M**ineral **detection** through remote-sensing

**M**icroseismicity, remote-sensing and how to find small active structures.