Mont Terri Project Underground Rock Laboratory

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Important note

• On Tuesday and Wednesday 13/14 May, the community of the Mont Terri project will gather at the Technical Meeting (TM42) in Porrentruy and St-Ursanne. We are looking forward to seeing you all, presenting results from our research and discussing the next phase of our project.

BN (Bitumen-Nitrate-Clay Interaction) experiment

On Thursday, May 8, T. Theurillat (swisstopo) took sample #5 from interval 1 and stored it in the fridge.

FE-M (Long-Term Monitoring of the Full-Scale Emplacement Experiment) experiment

 On Friday, May 9, T. Theurillat (swisstopo) replaced the nitrogen bottle for the active seismic measurement between GT-1 and GT-2.

FS-B (Imaging the Long-Term Loss of Faulted Host Rock Integrity) experiment

• From Monday to Friday, May 5–9, A. Eul, S. Braunschweig and F. Durulan (Eul GmbH) continued drilling of BFS-B16. They reached a depth of 72.3 m by Friday. The final depth of 78 m will be reached on Monday.

GT (Gas Transport Models and the Behavior of OPA to Gas Pressure) experiment

• On Tuesday, May 6, J. Gisiger (Solexperts) re-installed the injection cabinet.

HT (Hydrogen Transfer in Opalinus Clay) experiment

• On Wednesday, May 7, T. Theurillat (swisstopo) started the laser for the Raman analysis.

SM-C (Permanent Nanoseismic Monitoring) experiment

- On Tuesday, May 6, S. Schefer (swisstopo) switched the ports of the two HLS measuring devices.
- On Thursday, May 8, S. Schefer (swisstopo) switched the channels for the HLS acquisition due to strange data on one channel.

SW-A (Large-Scale Sandwich Seal in Opalinus Clay) experiment

• On Friday, May 9, T. Theurillat (swisstopo) refilled the HPT of shaft 1.

Visits

Day	Date	Group Name	Group Size	Visitors Guide
Wed	7.5.2025	EIT.Jura	20	JP. Meusy (freelance)
Thu	8.5.2025	Freies Gymnasium Bern	13	R. Nicol (swisstopo)
Fri	9.5.2025	Magma AG	15	R. Nicol (swisstopo)
Fri	9.5.2025	Ackermann + Wernli AG	51	H. Hauser (freelance) H. Sager (Nagra) R. Nicol (swisstopo)
Sat	10.5.2025	Uni Freiburg/Breisgau	15	M. Rahn (ENSI)