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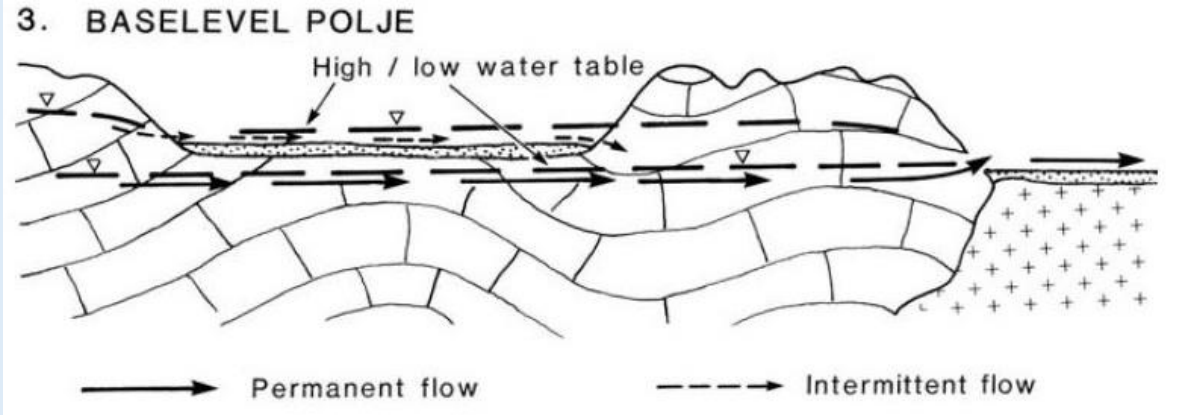
Polje

Types of Poljes

3. Baselevel poljes

These poljes are primarily influenced by the water table, forming where karst erosion has lowered the surface to the regional epiphreatic zone, essentially serving as openings to the water table. They commonly emerge within or downstream of karst systems. As they are not reliant on external inputs or geological structures, they are regarded as the most pristine form of polje, capable of developing solely through internal processes. Water table regulation extends inland from the outlet boundary, where either the sea or impermeable formations act as natural barriers or thresholds.



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Dışkapı Polje

Karst spring

1. Vauclusian spring
2. Estavelle
3. Submarine karst springs

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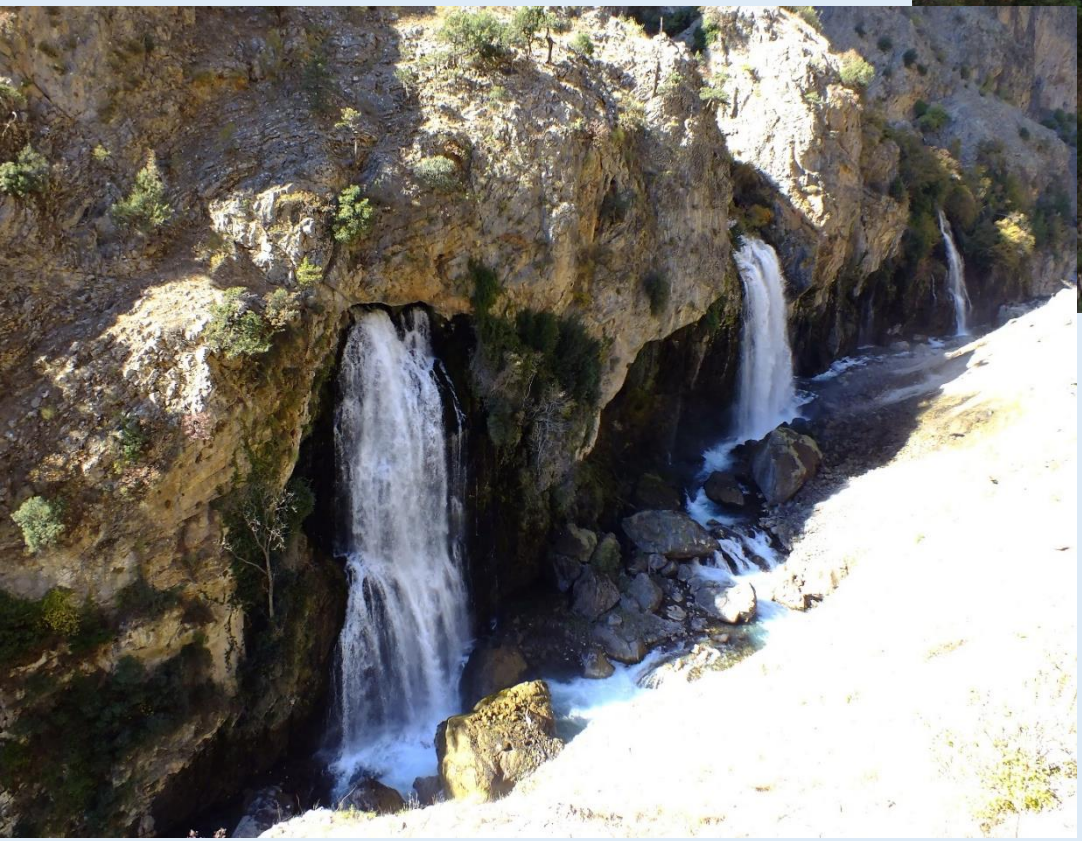
Vauclusian spring

A Vauclusian spring is a type of karst spring that originates from a subterranean drainage system in limestone or other soluble rock formations. These springs are characterized by sudden and forceful discharges of water, often with little or no surface stream before emerging from the ground.

These springs can vary greatly in size and flow rate, ranging from small intermittent flows to large, constant streams. They often have a characteristic circular or oval shape at the surface, known as a "karstic basin," which is formed by the collapse of the cavern roof. Vauclusian springs are important hydrological features, providing water for drinking, irrigation, and ecological habitats in many regions around the world.

Vauclusian spring



Kapuzbaşı, Aladağlar

Karst spring

Munzur Gözeleri, Ovacık Tunceli

Karst spring

Gypsum spring, Sivas

Karst spring

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Estavelle

An estavelle, also known as an inversac, manifests as a ground opening that, depending on weather conditions and season, can serve either as a sink or as a source of fresh water. It is a type of ponor or sinkhole.