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# Demo: Geneva basin-scale hydrothermal play for heat exchange and storage

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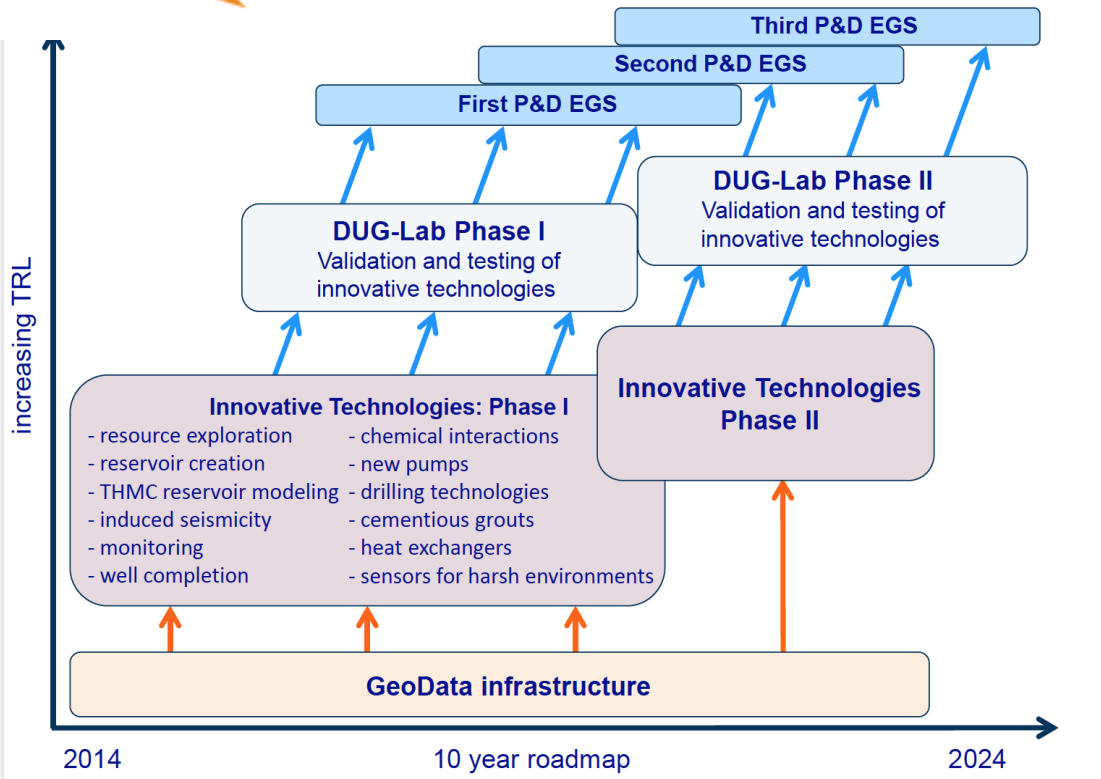
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# Swiss Geothermal Journey...



## Roadmap DGE 2014

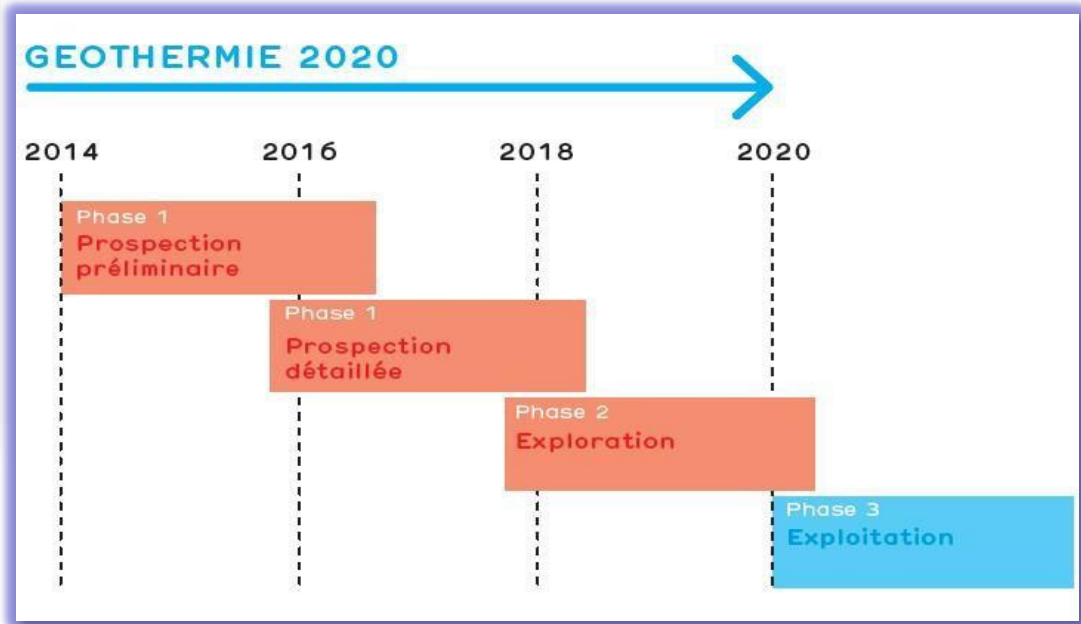


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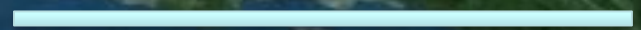


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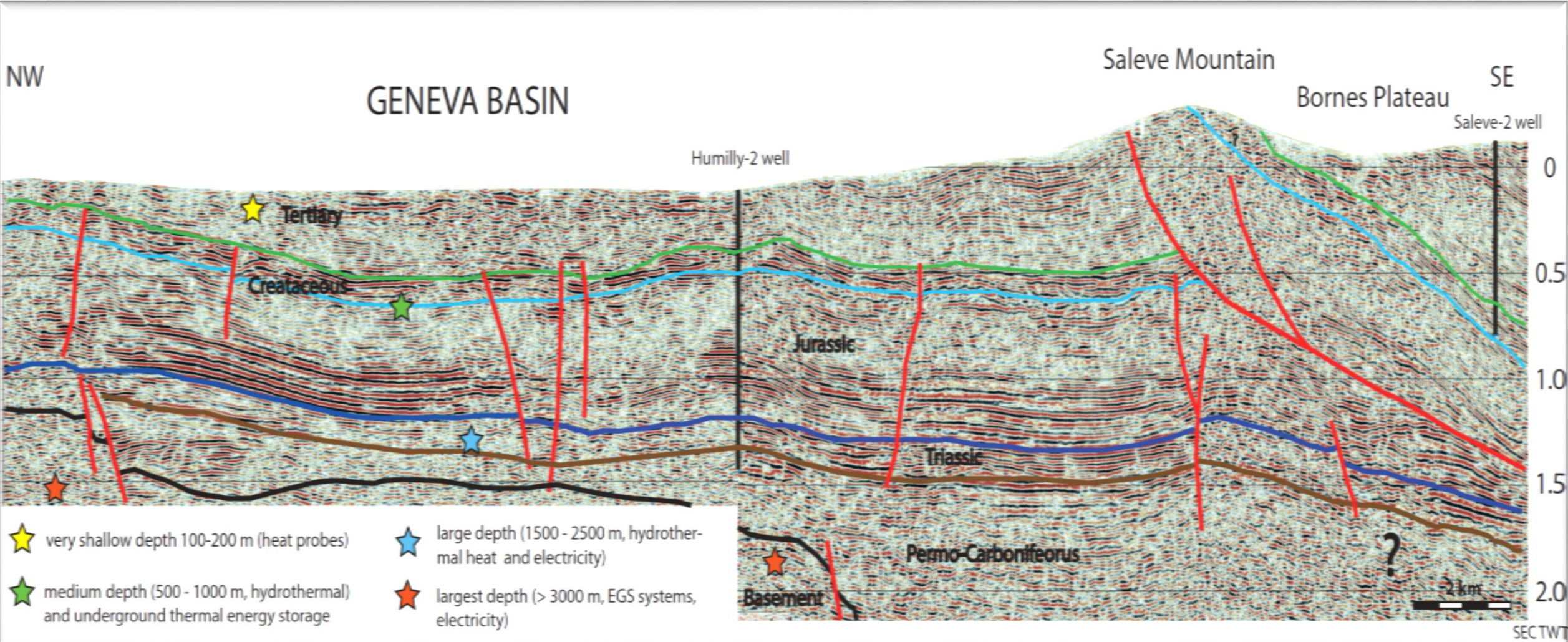


Greater Geneva Basin  
(GGB)

10 km



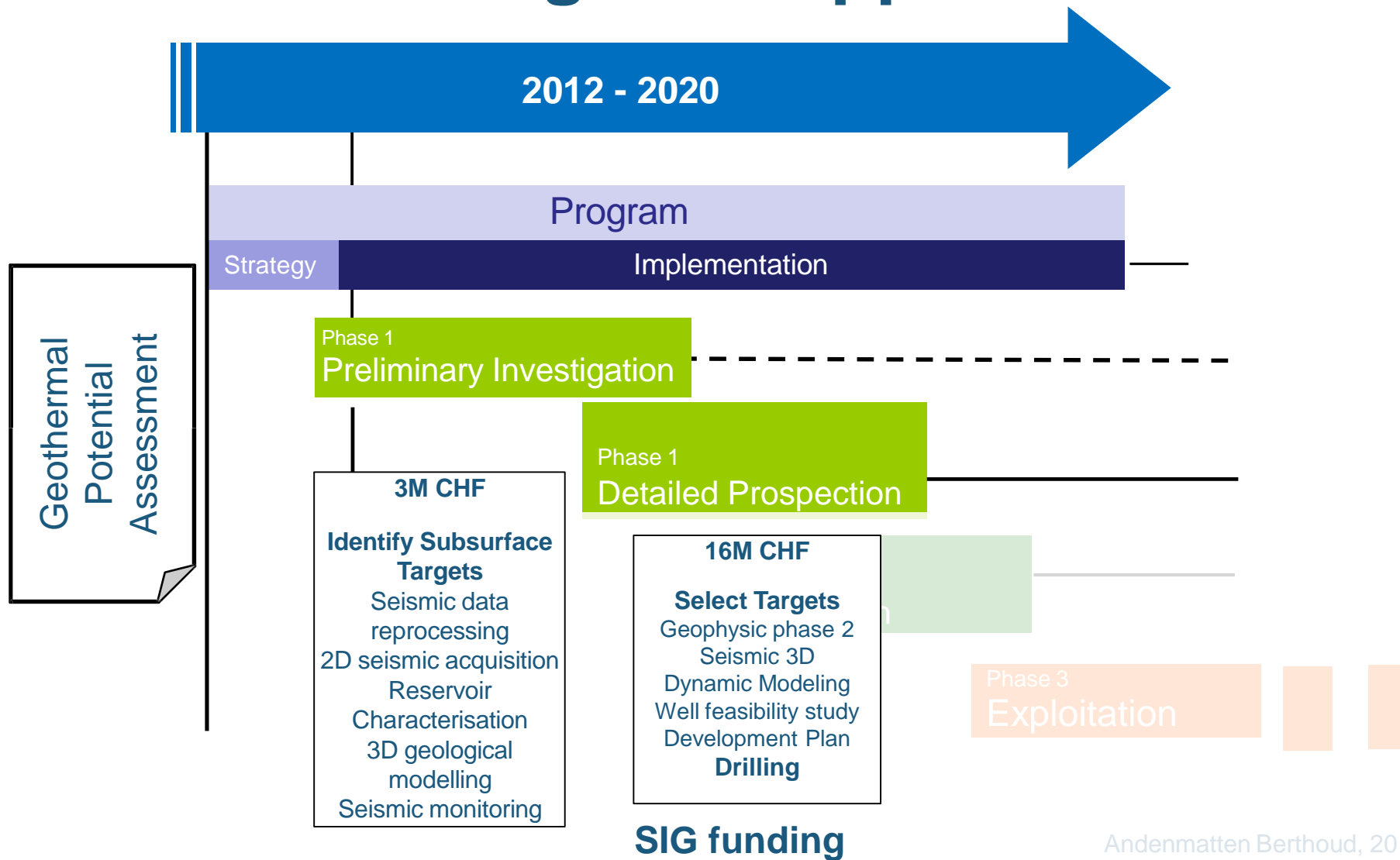
# What are our options ?



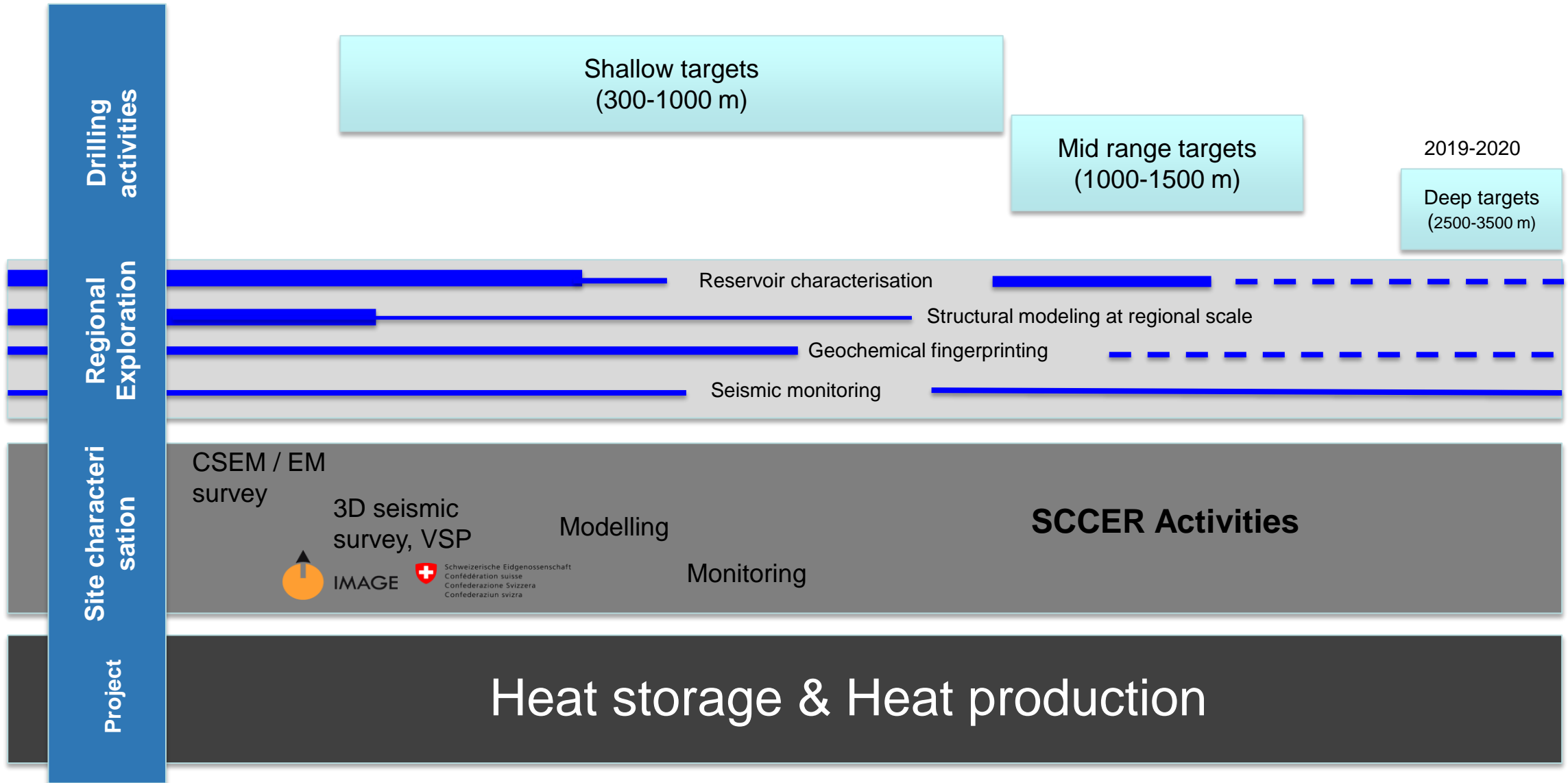
Moscariello, 2016, Proceedings EGC Strasbourg



# “GEothermie 2020” program: an integrated approach



2016 – 2017 – 2018



# Purpose

- storage and recovery of thermal energy (heat) in the subsurface - the most energy efficient geothermal technology available today for space heating and cooling.
- help achieve Geneva Canton goals of reducing heating and cooling energy costs and CO2 emissions, thereby moving toward energy independence.

# Underground Thermal Energy Storage (UTES)

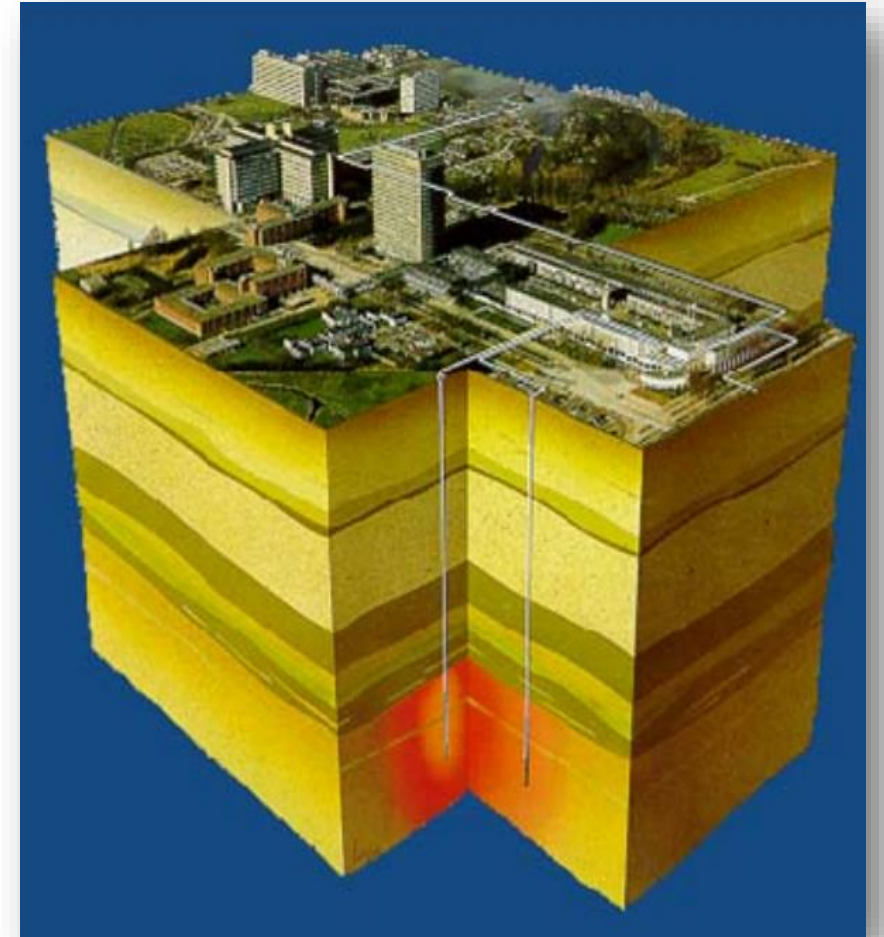
In most climates there is a time difference between supply and demand of renewable energy.

This mismatch can be solved by energy storage.

Thermal energy storage systems can be classified according to:

- Storage Purpose - Heating, cooling or combined heating or cooling
- Storage Temperature - Low  $< 40\text{-}50^{\circ}\text{C}$  and High  $>50^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Storage Time – Short term (hours- weeks) or Long term (months - seasons)
- Storage Technology - ATES, BTES, CTES, DTES, Pit/Tank Storage, PCMES
- Storage Application - Residential, Commercial or Industrial

**ATES** Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage, **BTES** Borehole Thermal Energy Storage, **CTES** Cavern Or Mine Thermal Energy Storage, **DTES** Duct Thermal Energy Storage, **Pit/Tank Storage**, **PCMES** Phase Change Material Energy Storage



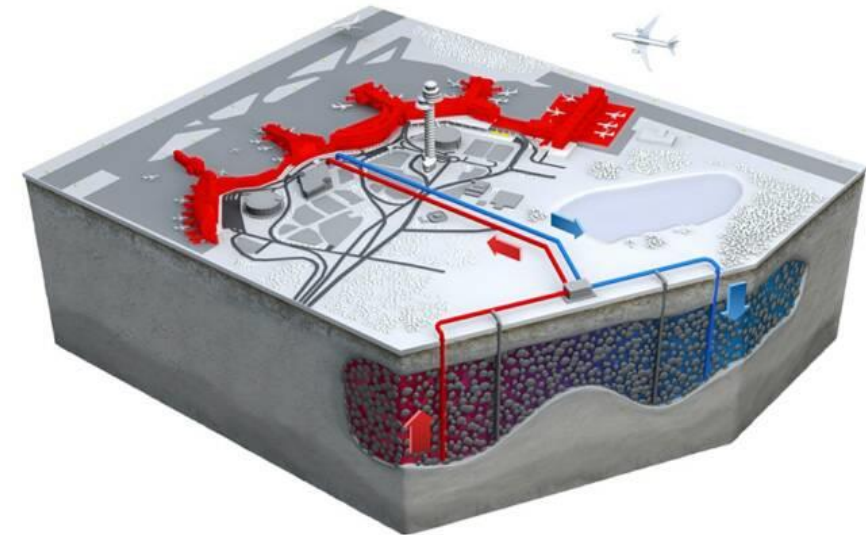
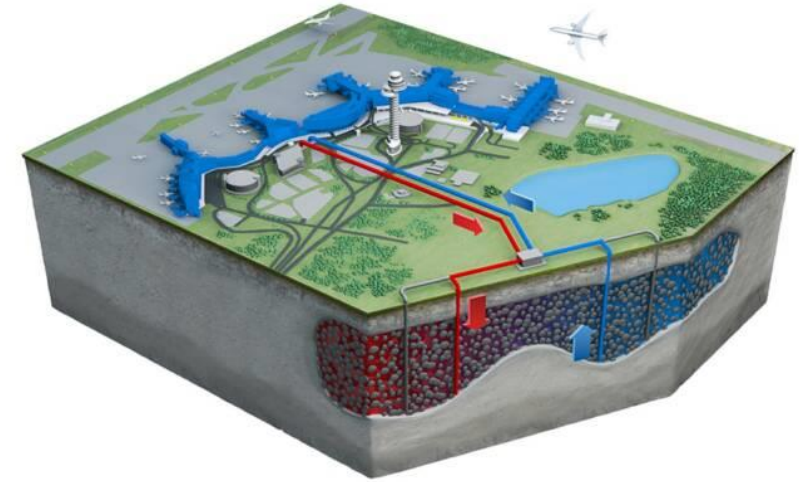
*ATES in Utrecht, The Netherlands*



# What are the underground options in the Geneva Area ?

- **ATES - Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage**

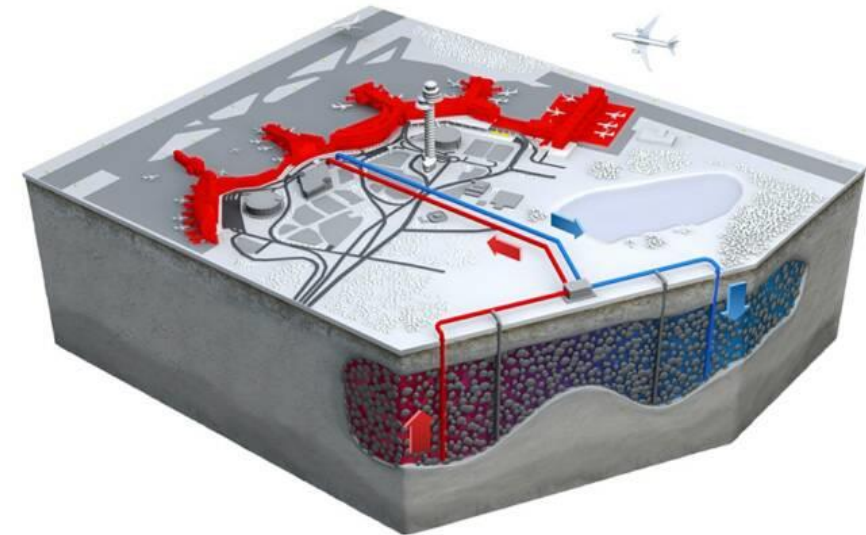
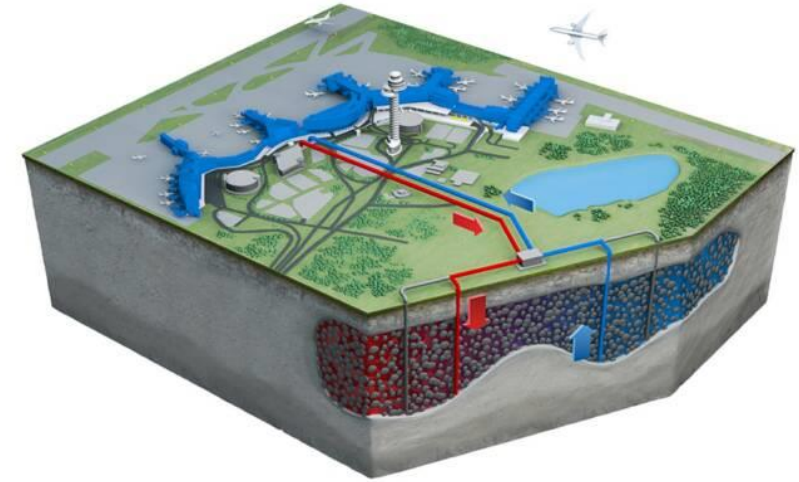
- Technology that is composed by **one or more wells drilled for injection and extraction of groundwater.**
- **Thermal energy is stored in the groundwater and the porous matrix** through which the groundwater flows.
- Heat is transferred to the ground by the groundwater, which is pump from/to a number of extraction and injection wells.



# What are the underground options in the Geneva Area ?

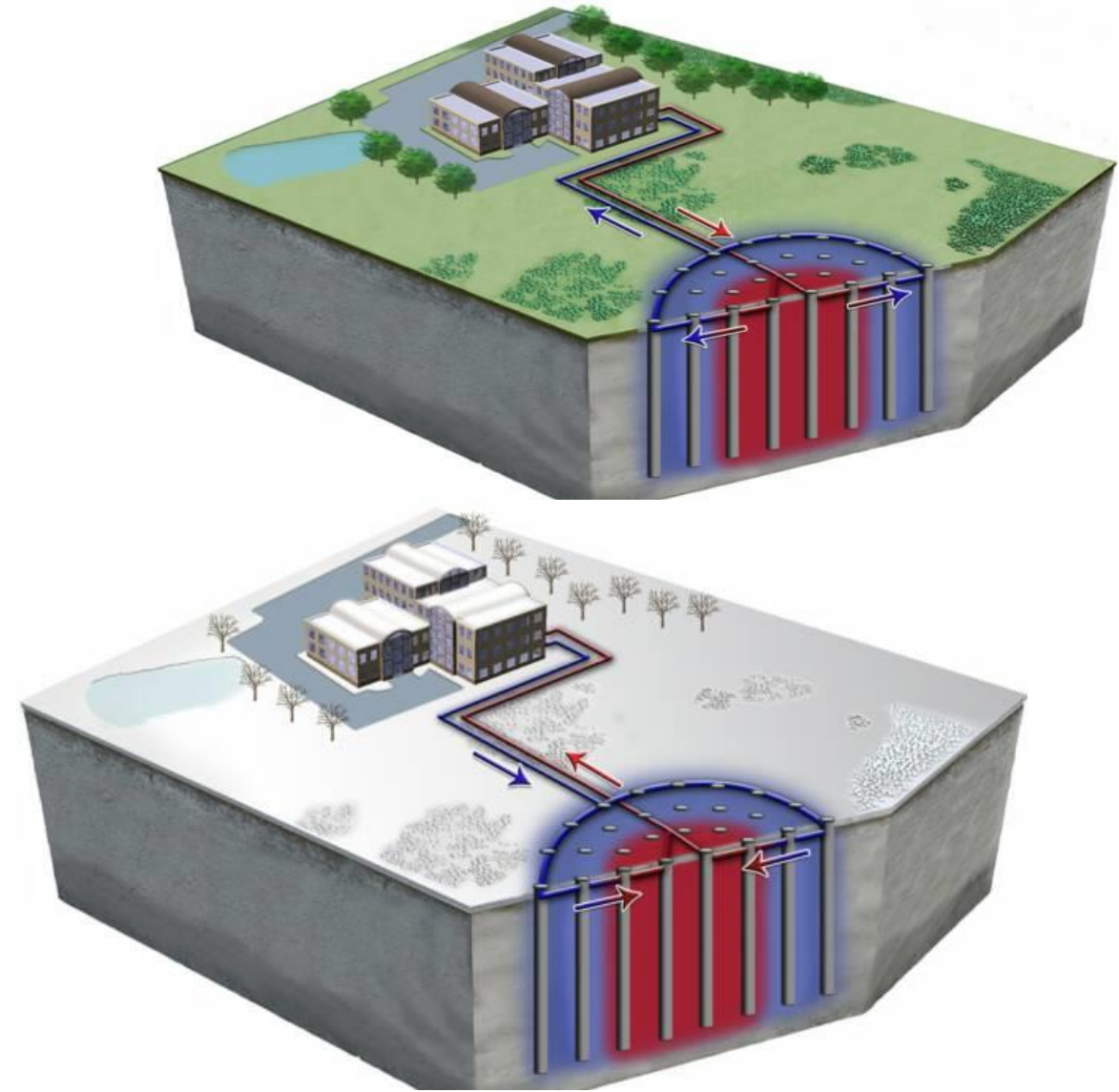
- **ATES - Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage**

- used for energy conservation, not energy production
- at least two thermal wells are installed.
- heat exchangers, conveyance piping, and mechanical systems and controls necessary to integrate an ATES system with a heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

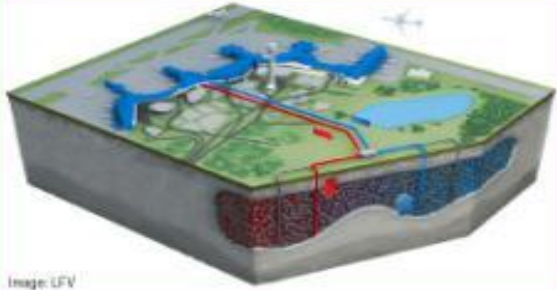
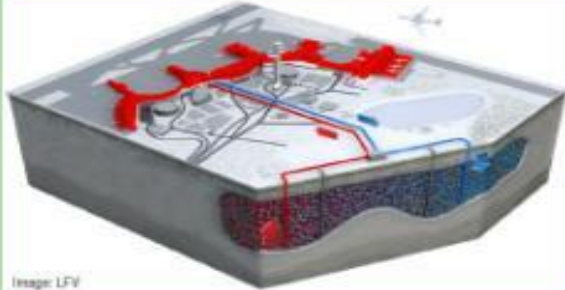
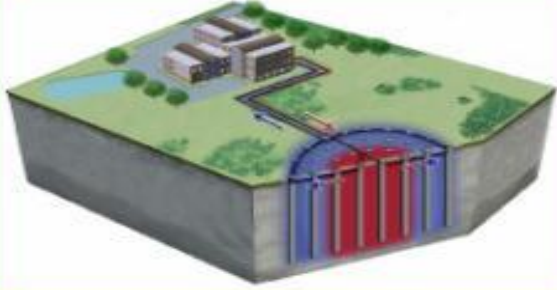
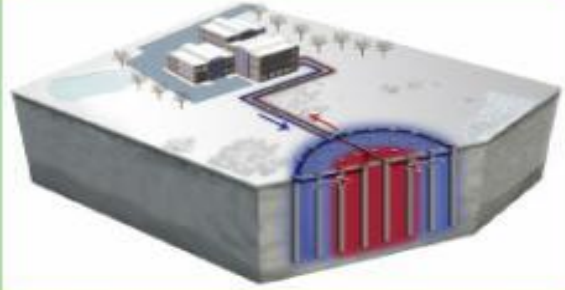




# What are the underground options in the Geneva Area ?

- **BTES - Borehole Thermal Energy Storage**
  - BTES typically involves design and operation of a ground heat exchanger (GHX) in a manner such that heat is sequentially built up in, or abstracted from, a cylindrical volume of soil or rock.
  - This is accomplished by configuring the GHX array in a radial fashion, and reversing the flow direction seasonally.



# Geothermal Energy Storage - The Future of Efficient Buildings

	Summer Cooling	Winter Heating	COP	Capital Cost	Life Cycle Cost
Thermal Energy Storage	<b>ATES</b> (Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage) 		8-20	SS\$	\$\$
	<b>BTES</b> (Borehole Thermal Energy Storage) 		4-7	SSSS\$	\$\$\$
Existing Applications	Geothermal GSHP Dissipative GHX Design 		3-4	SS	\$\$\$\$
	Fossil Fuel Heating & Conventional Air Conditioning 		1-3	\$	\$\$\$\$\$\$

Thermal Energy Storage

Existing Applications

Coefficient of performance



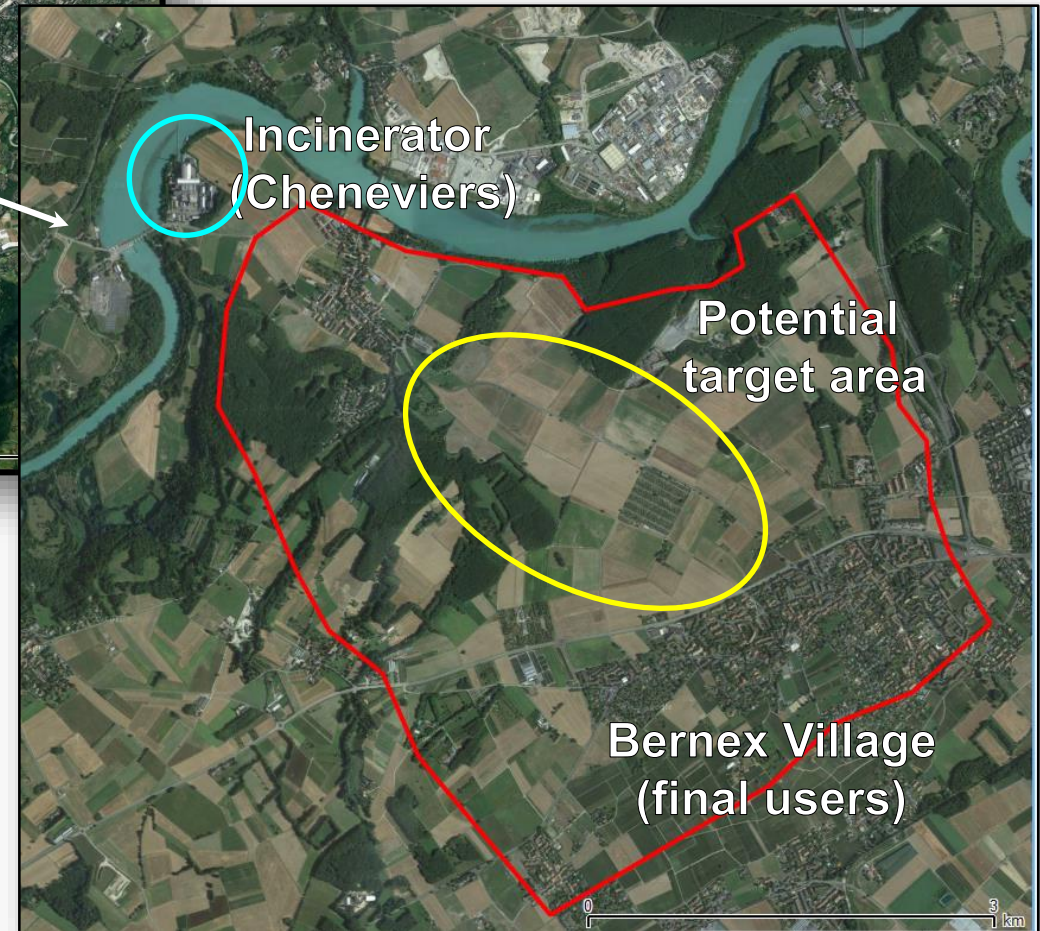
# UTES Project Area



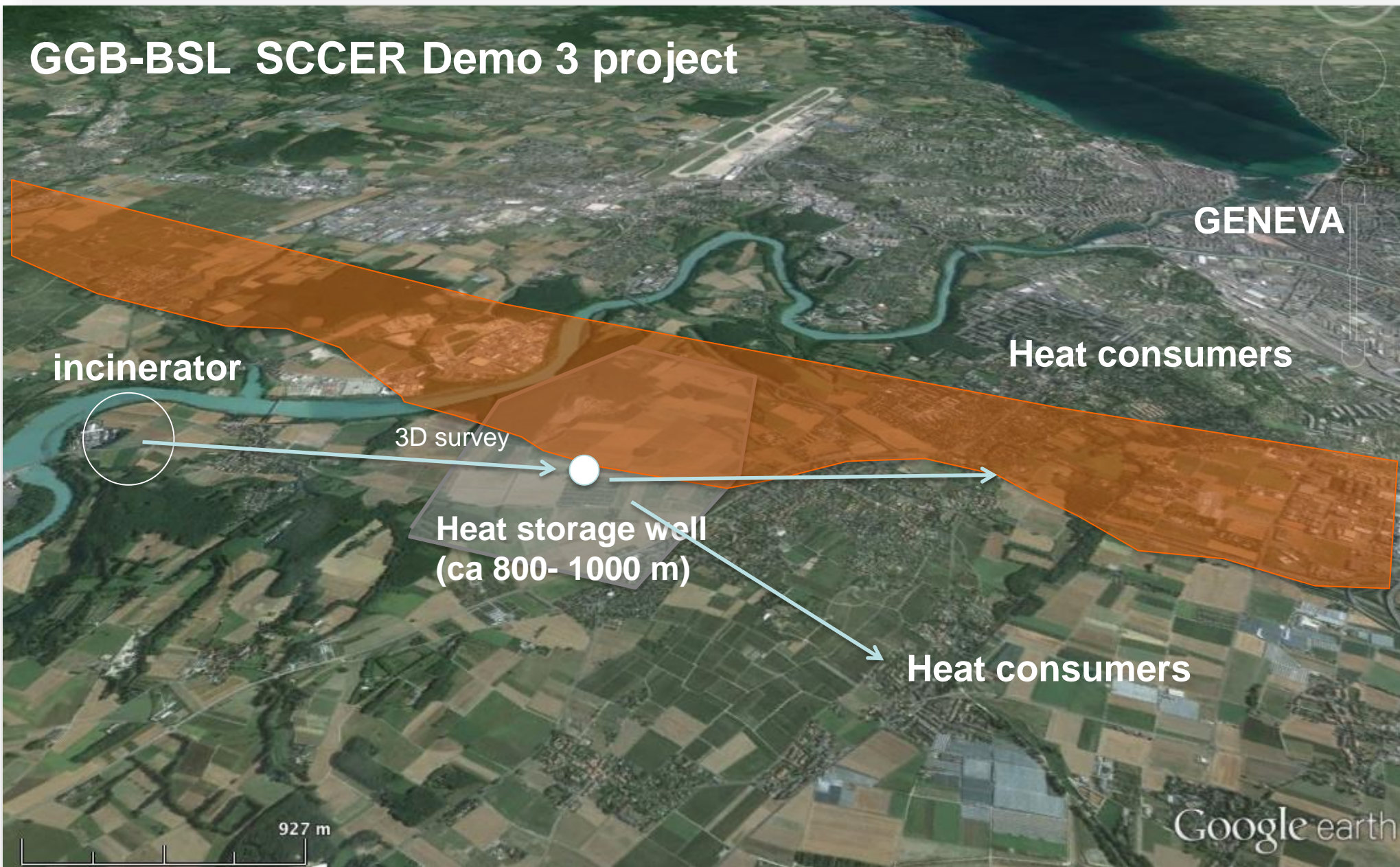
## Geneva basin-scale hydrothermal play for heat exchange and storage



Heat production:  
50-150 GWh /year  
depending on  
recovery  
temperature  
( $> 100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $> 30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

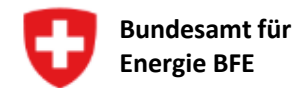
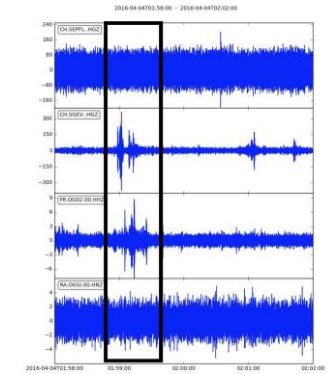
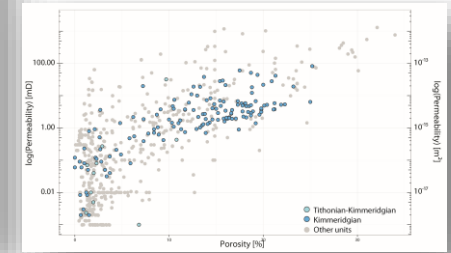
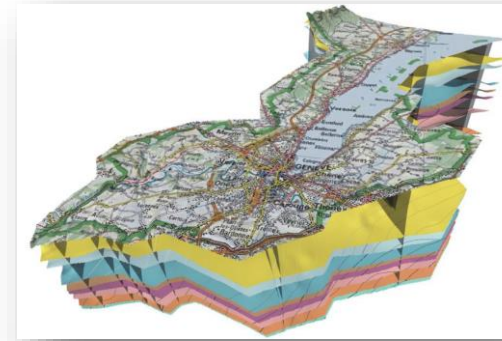


# GGB-BSL SCCER Demo 3 project



# Heat Storage Project

- Ongoing Preparatory phase
  - Finalise 1<sup>st</sup> pass geological modelling
  - Refine velocity model
  - Passive Seismic monitoring
  - Geochemical fingerprinting
  - Assessment of hydrocarbon occurrence
- Following phase
  - Integrated geophysical acquisition and inversion; drilling



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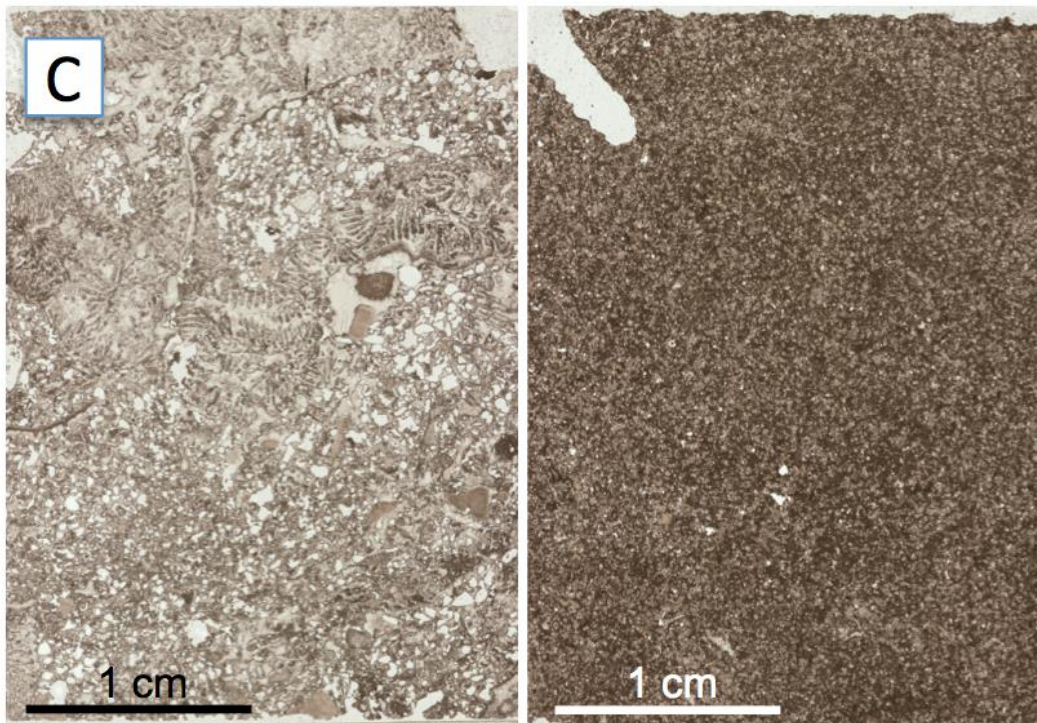
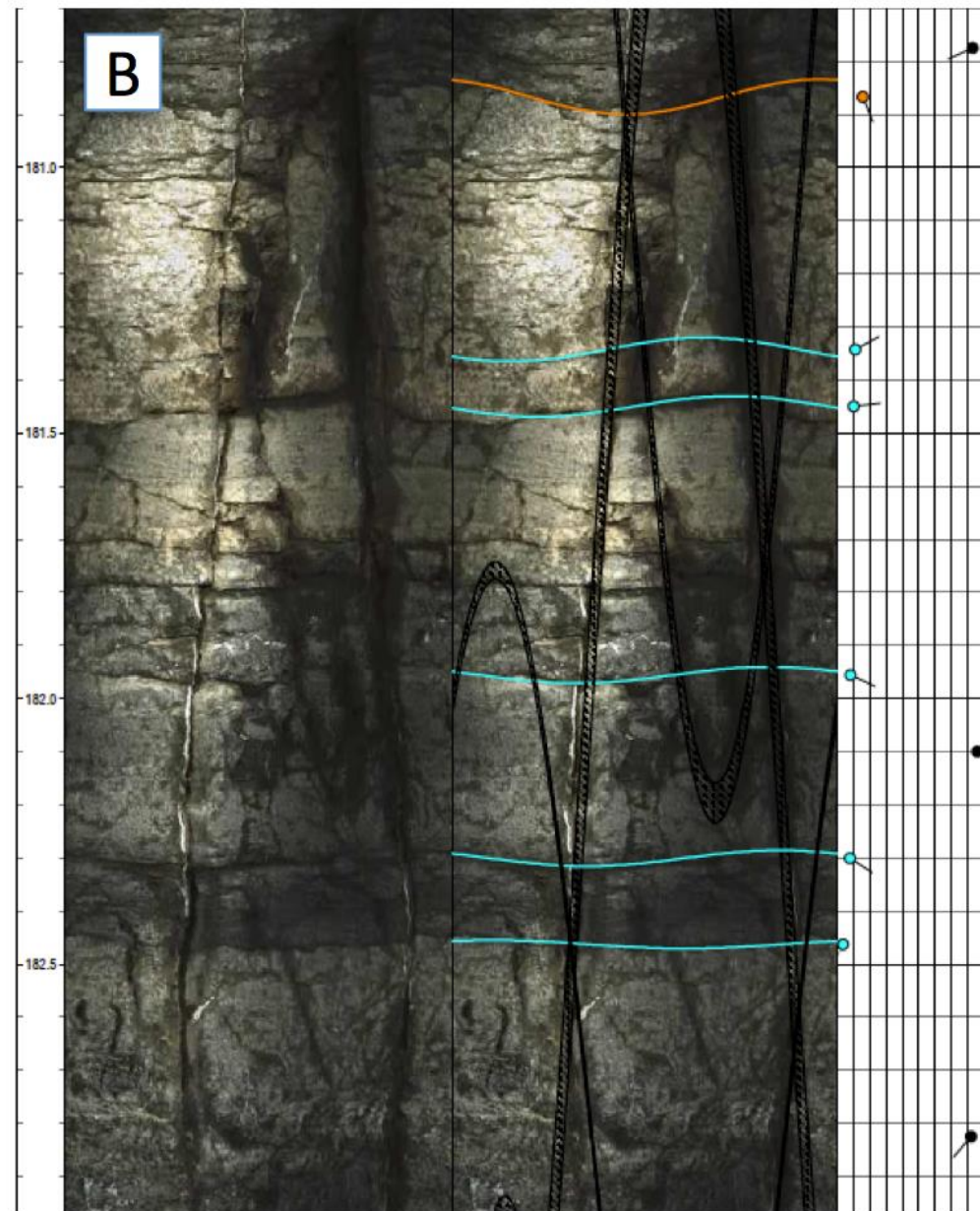
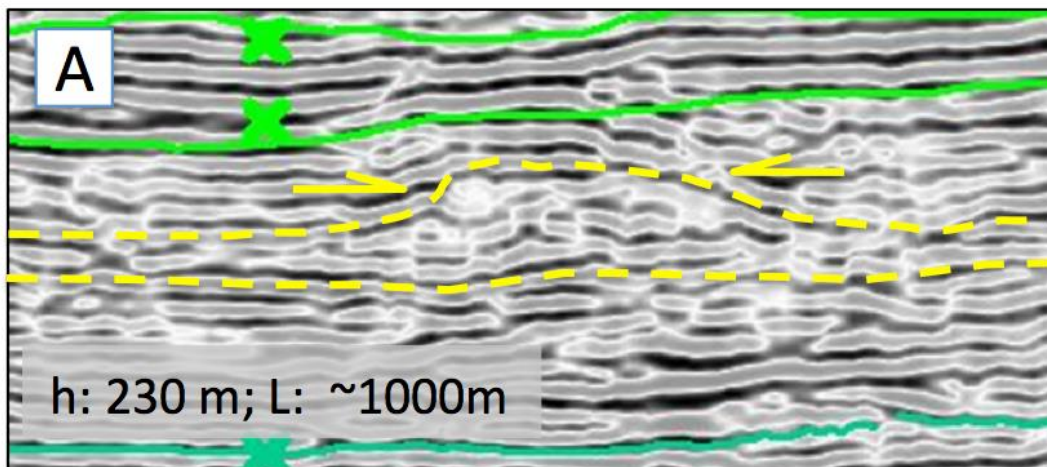
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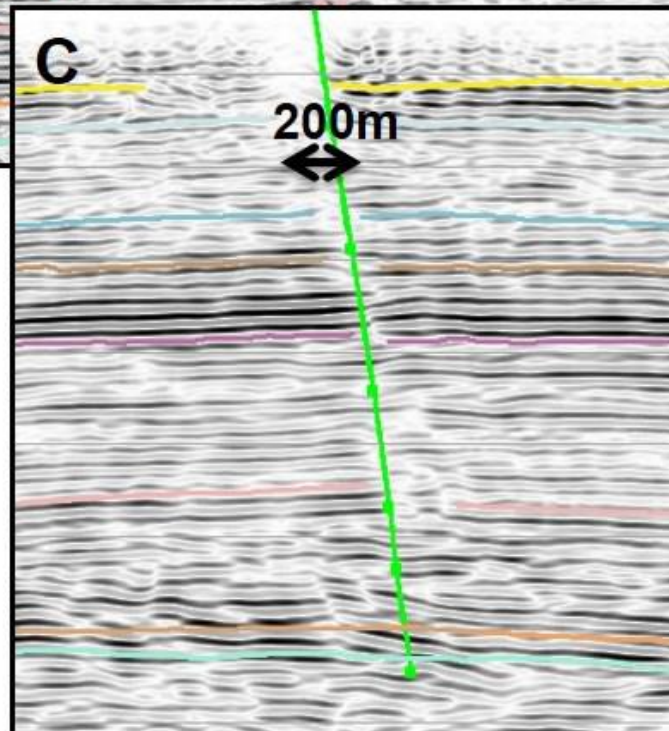
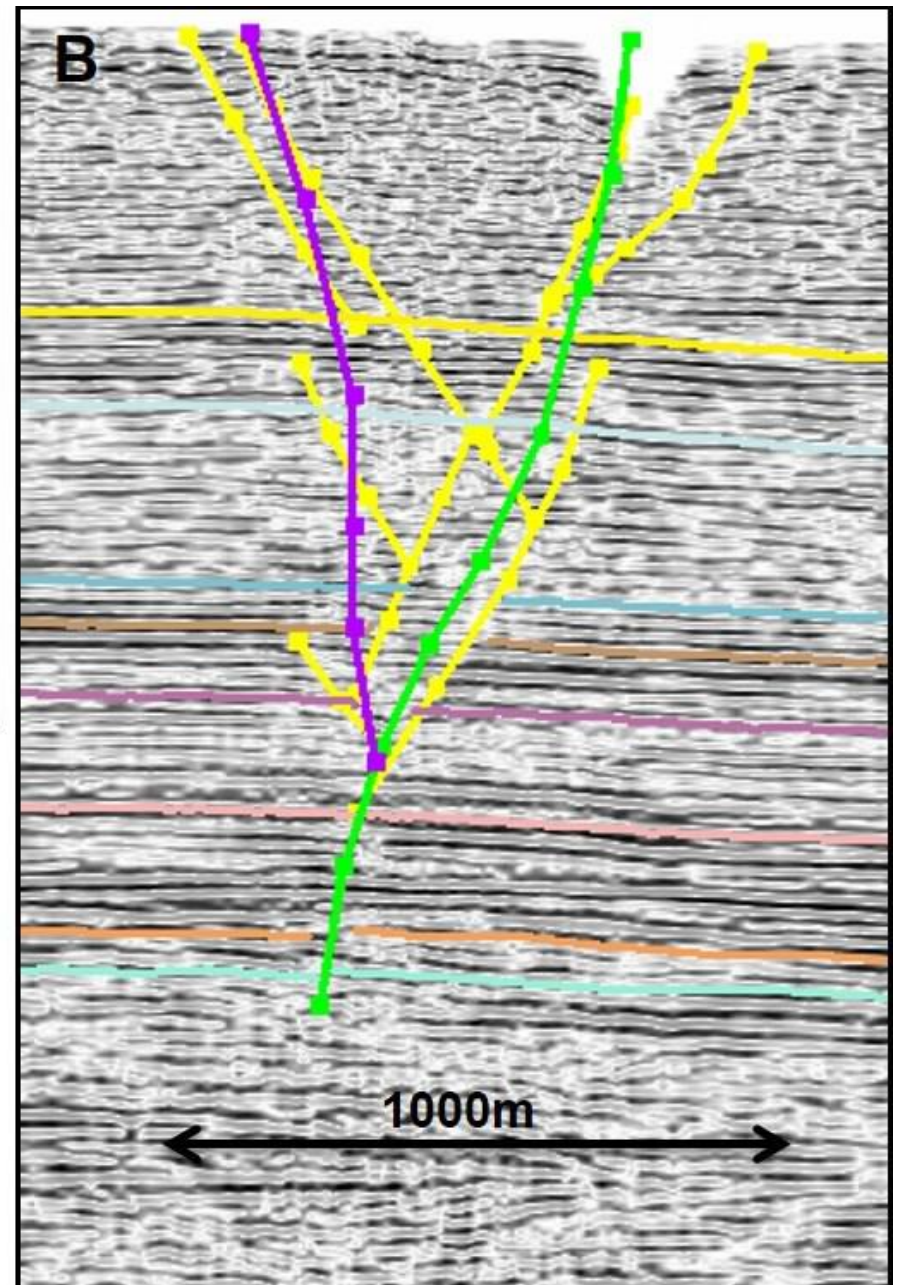
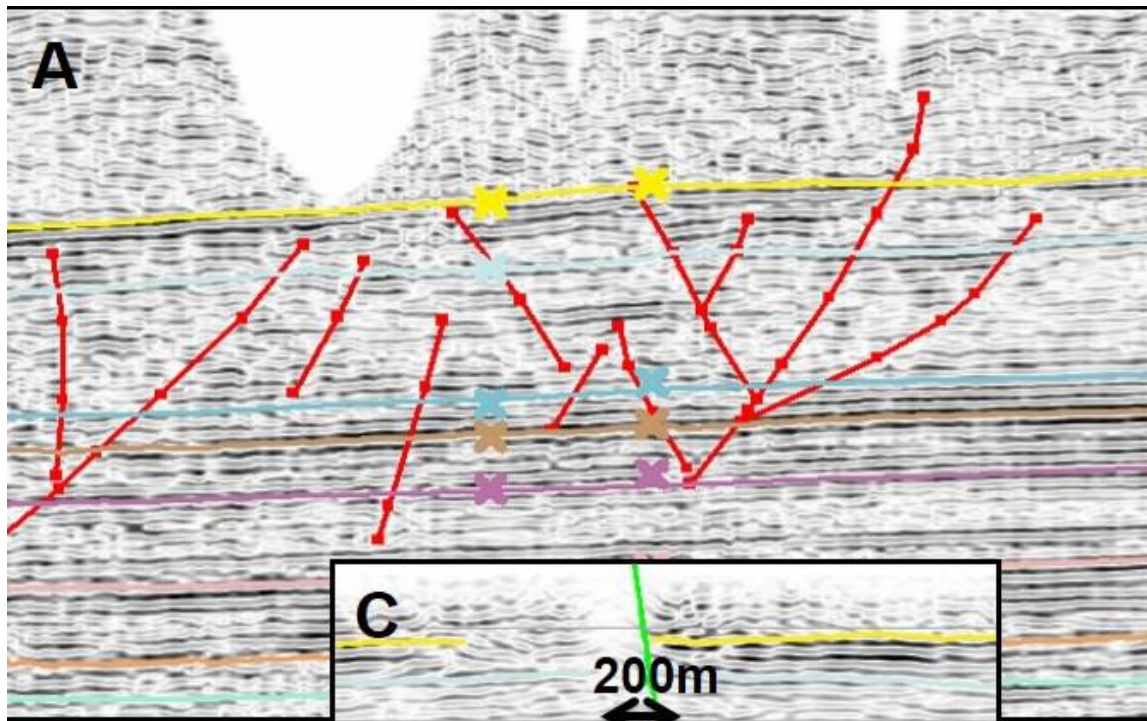
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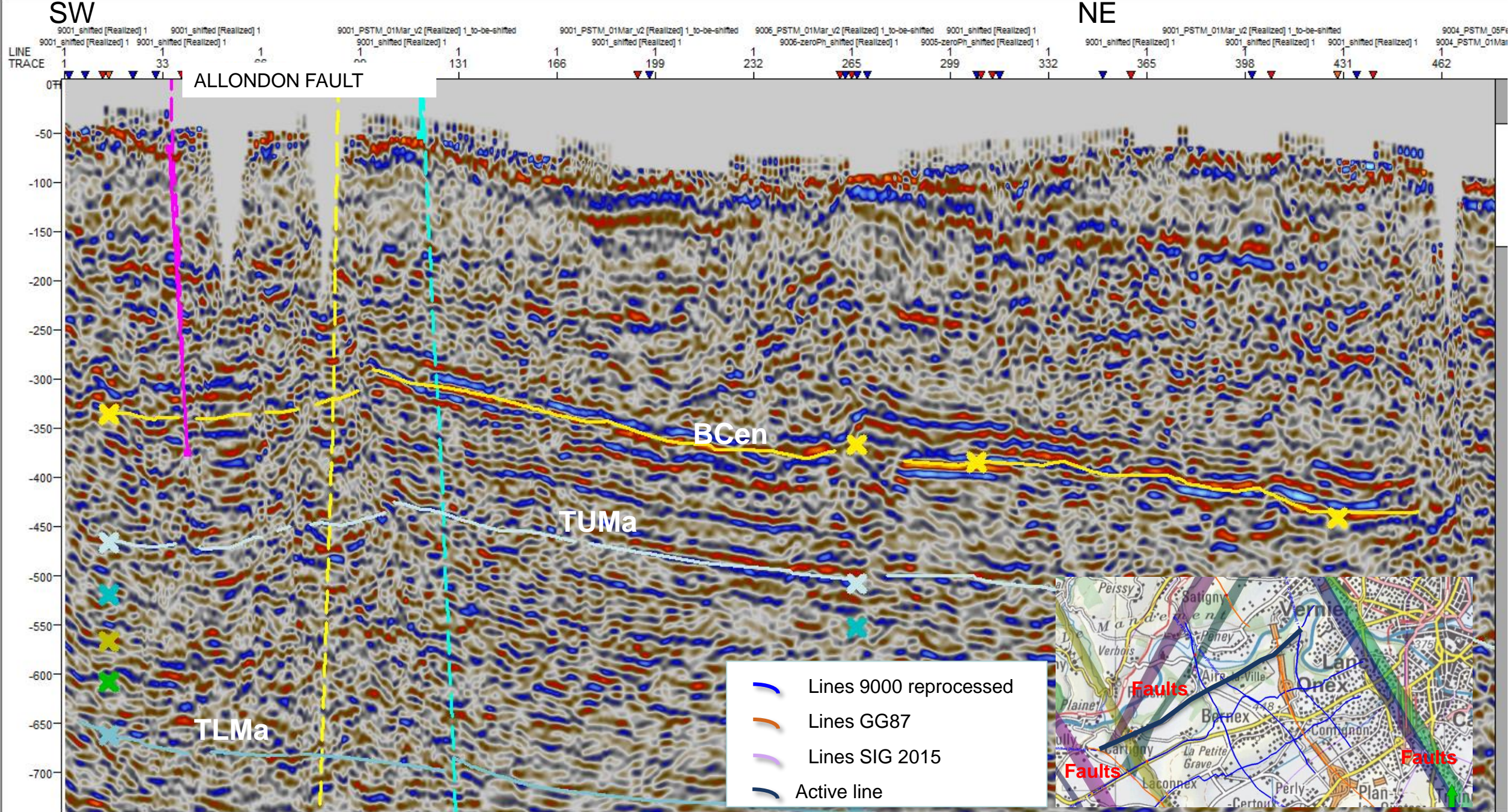
# REDUCE UNCERTAINTIES and MITIGATE PROJECT RISKS

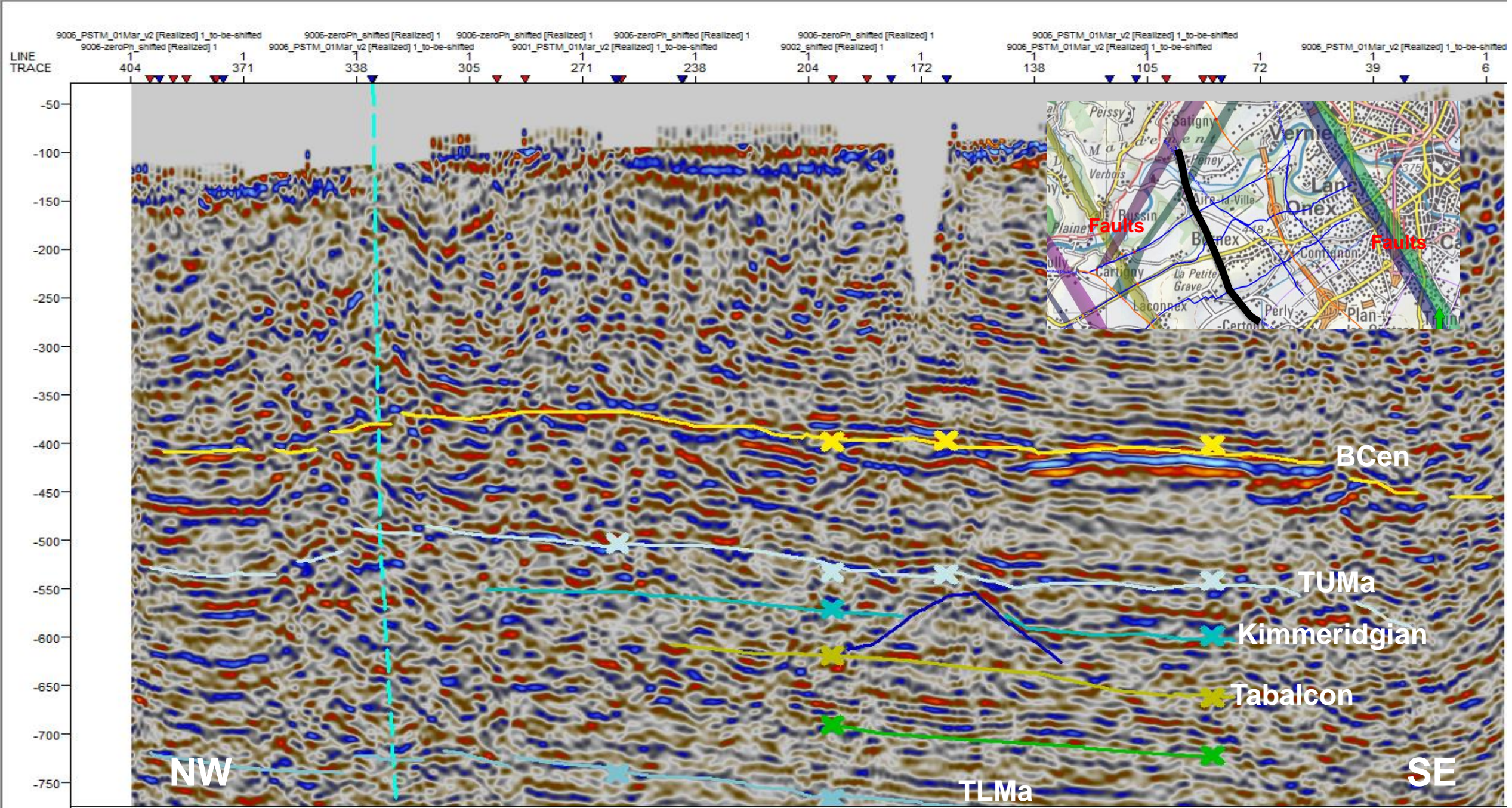






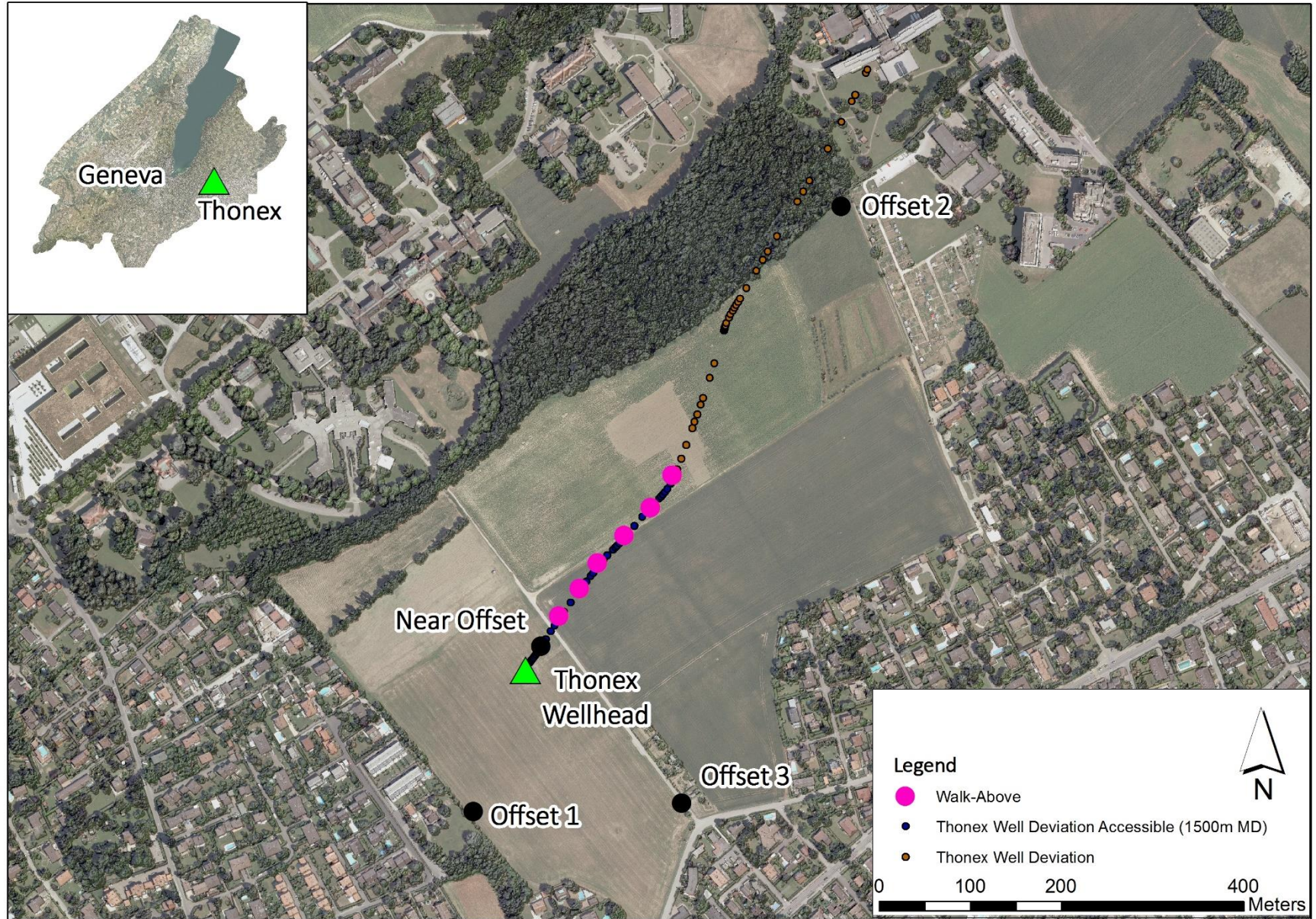
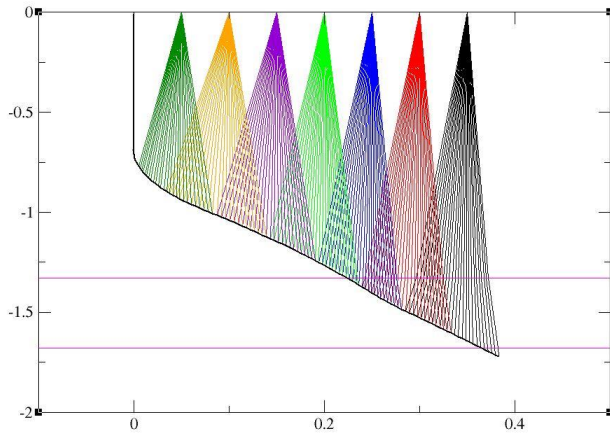
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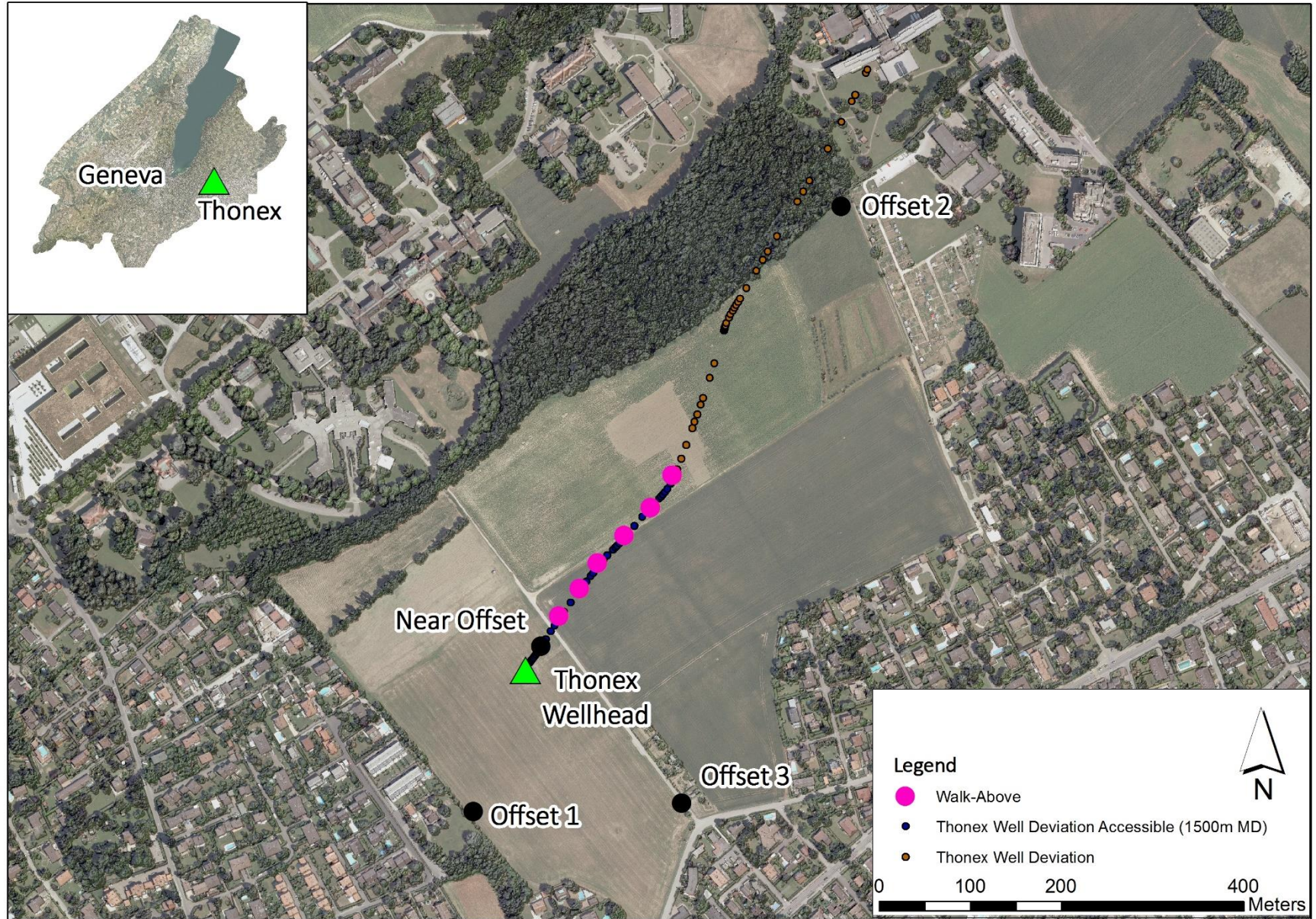
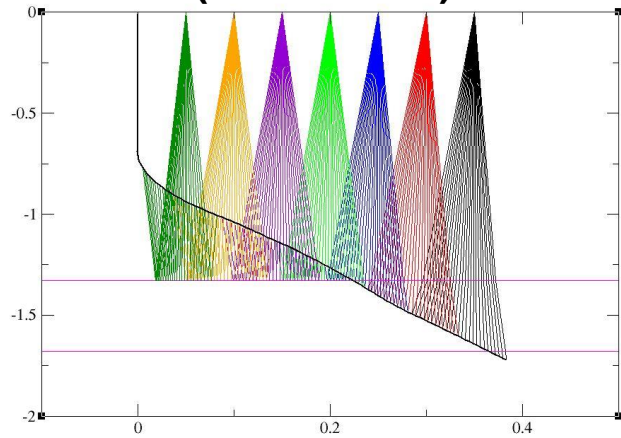
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2. Three offsets VSPs
3. One walk-above VSP

WAB illumination map  
(direct)



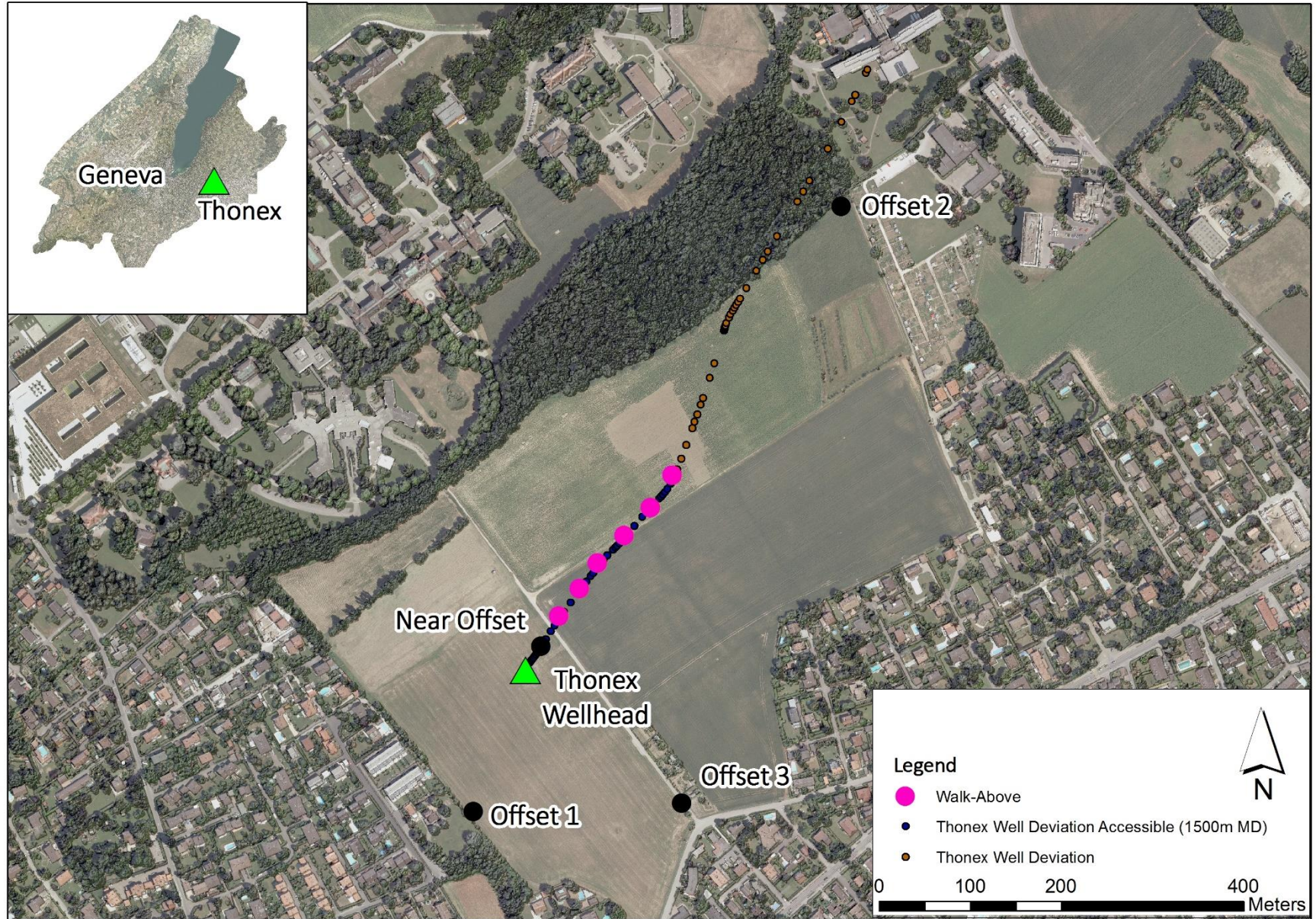
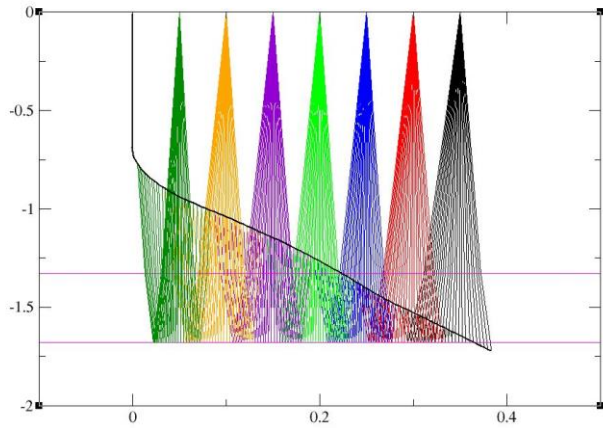
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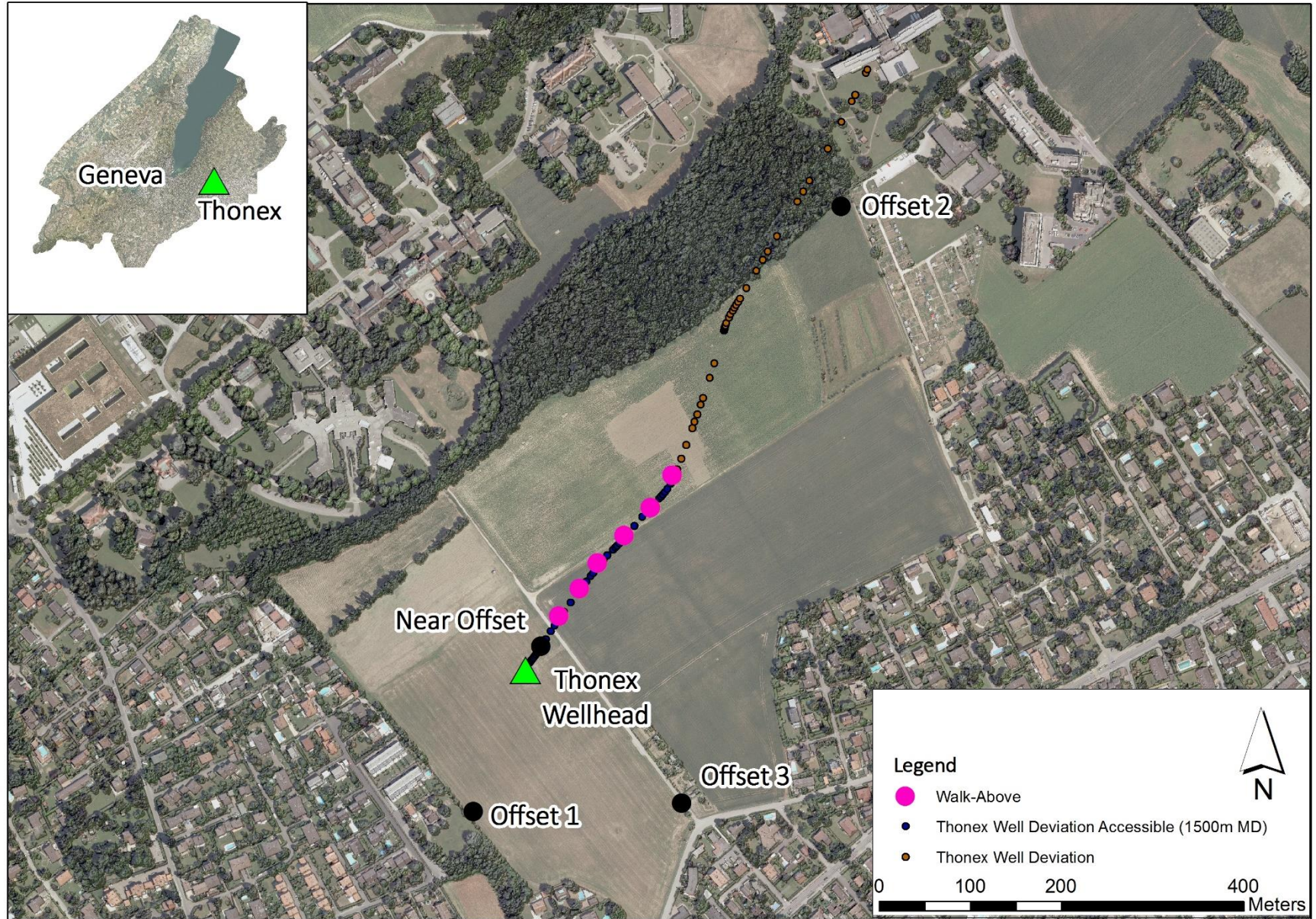
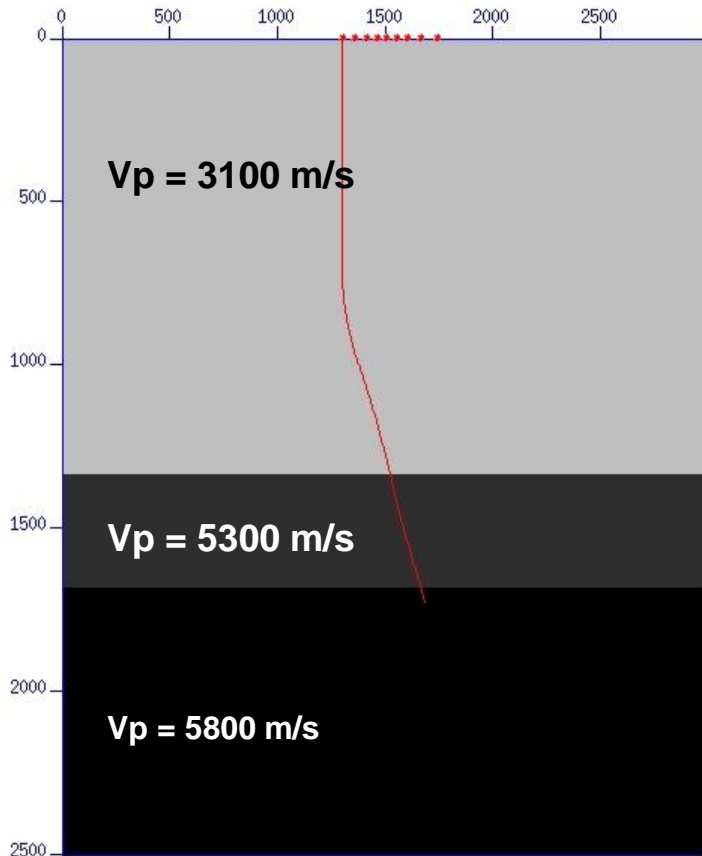
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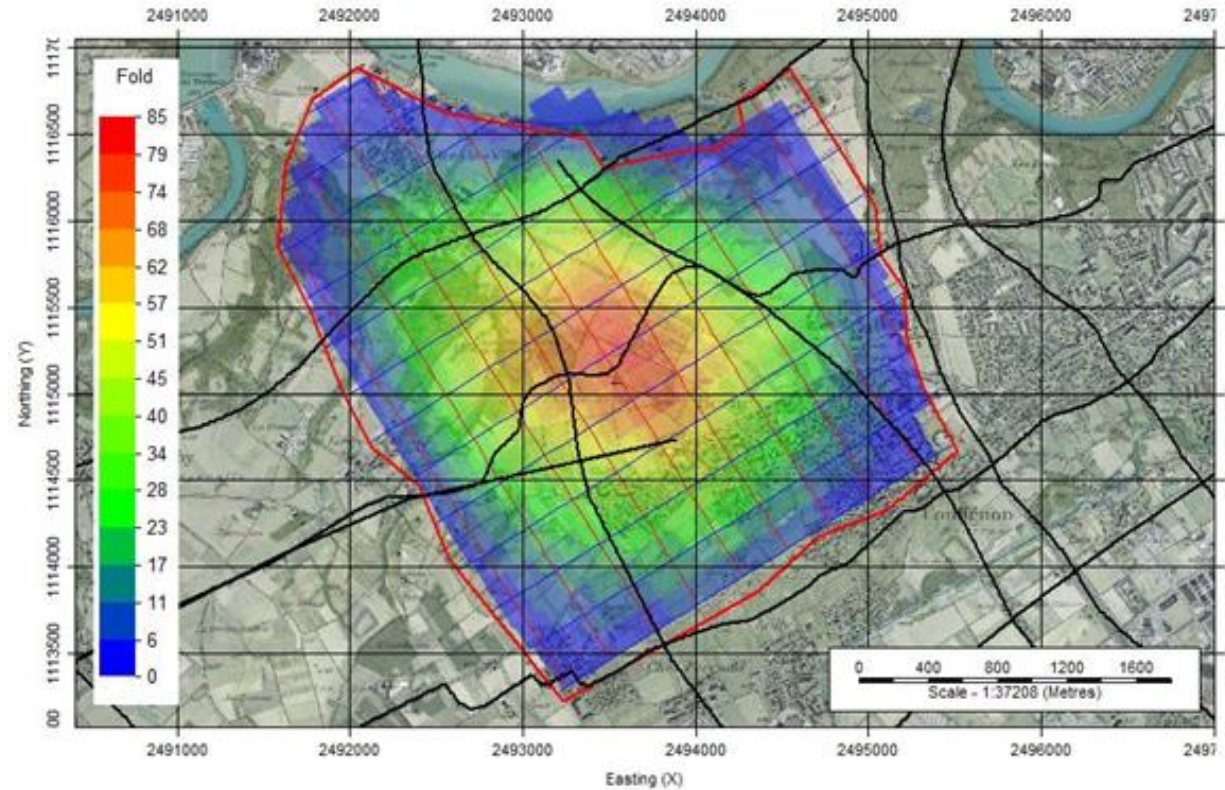
WAB illumination map  
(2<sup>nd</sup> reflector)



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### Well provisional velocity model





**Survey Layout**

- Survey limits from scouting
- 10 shot lines, 300m line spacing, 30m shot spac.
- 13 receiver lines, 300m line spac., 30m trace spac.
- 956 shot stations
- 1019 receivers stations

**Pattern**

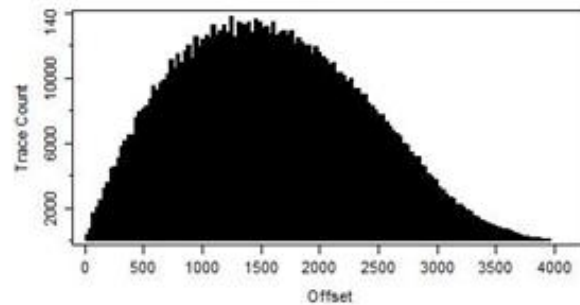
- All live stations

**Acquisition Statistics**

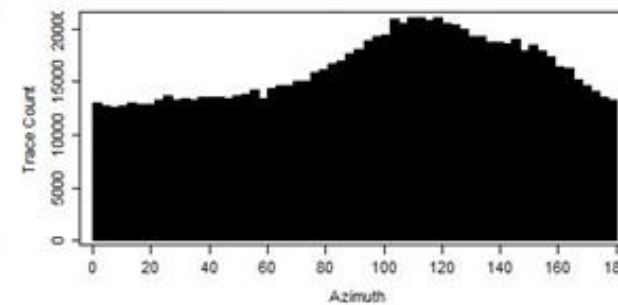
- Maximum active traces: 1019
- Total Shots: 956

**3D SEISMIC  
AQUISITION  
DESIGN**

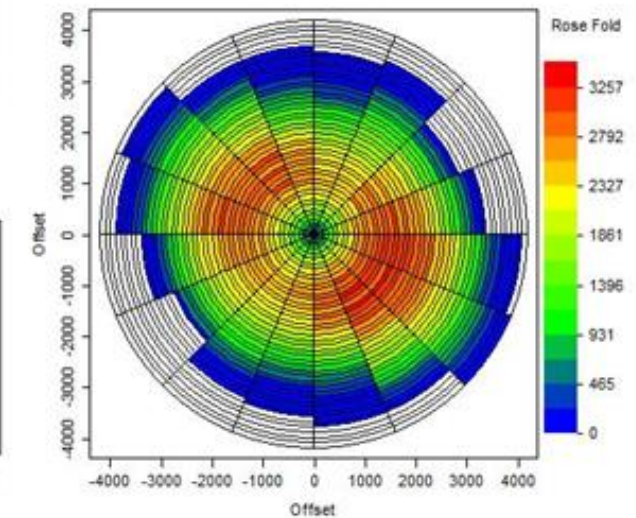
Histogram of "Offset".



Histogram of "Azimuth".

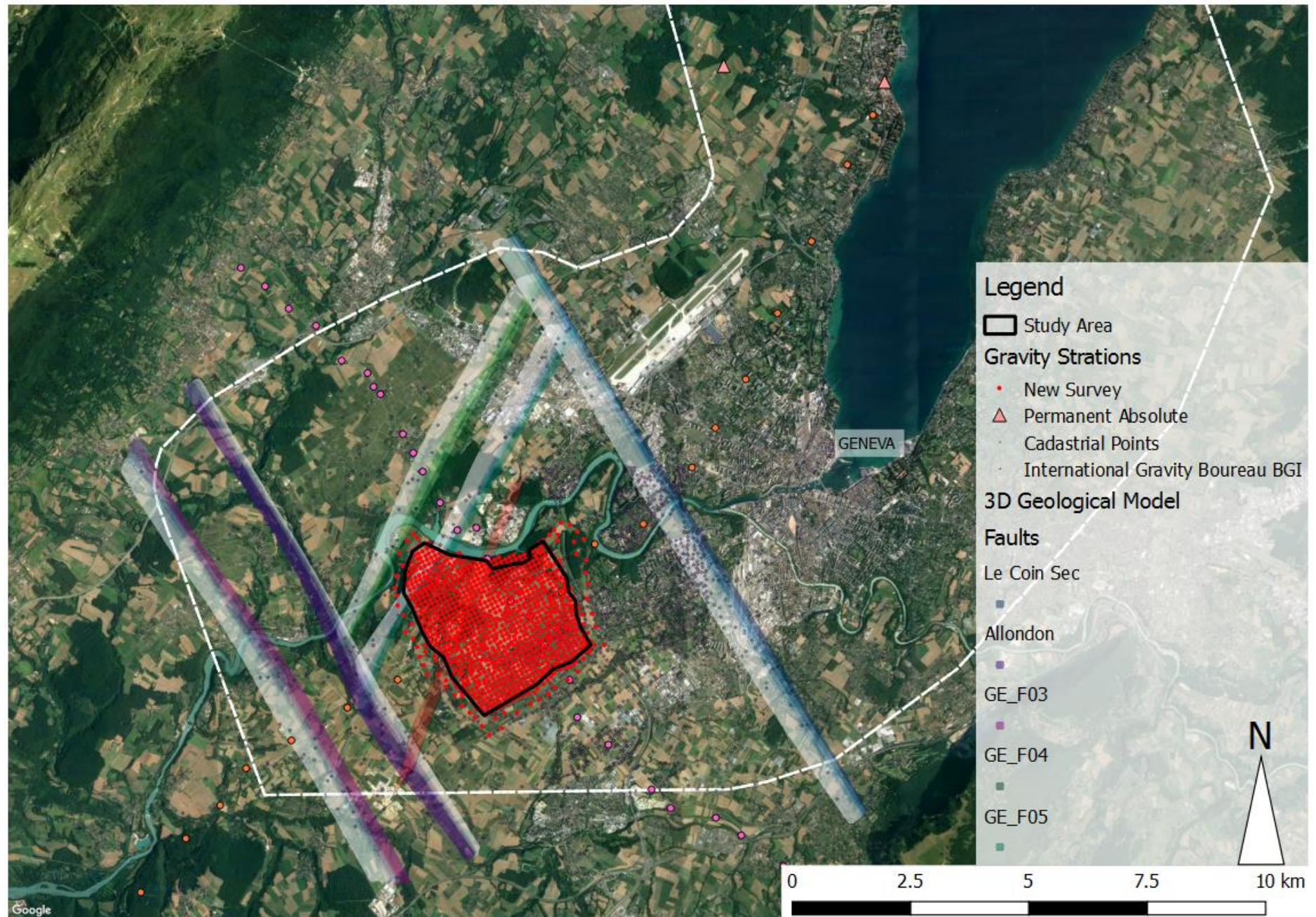


Rose Diagram of "Offset" vs. "Azimuth".

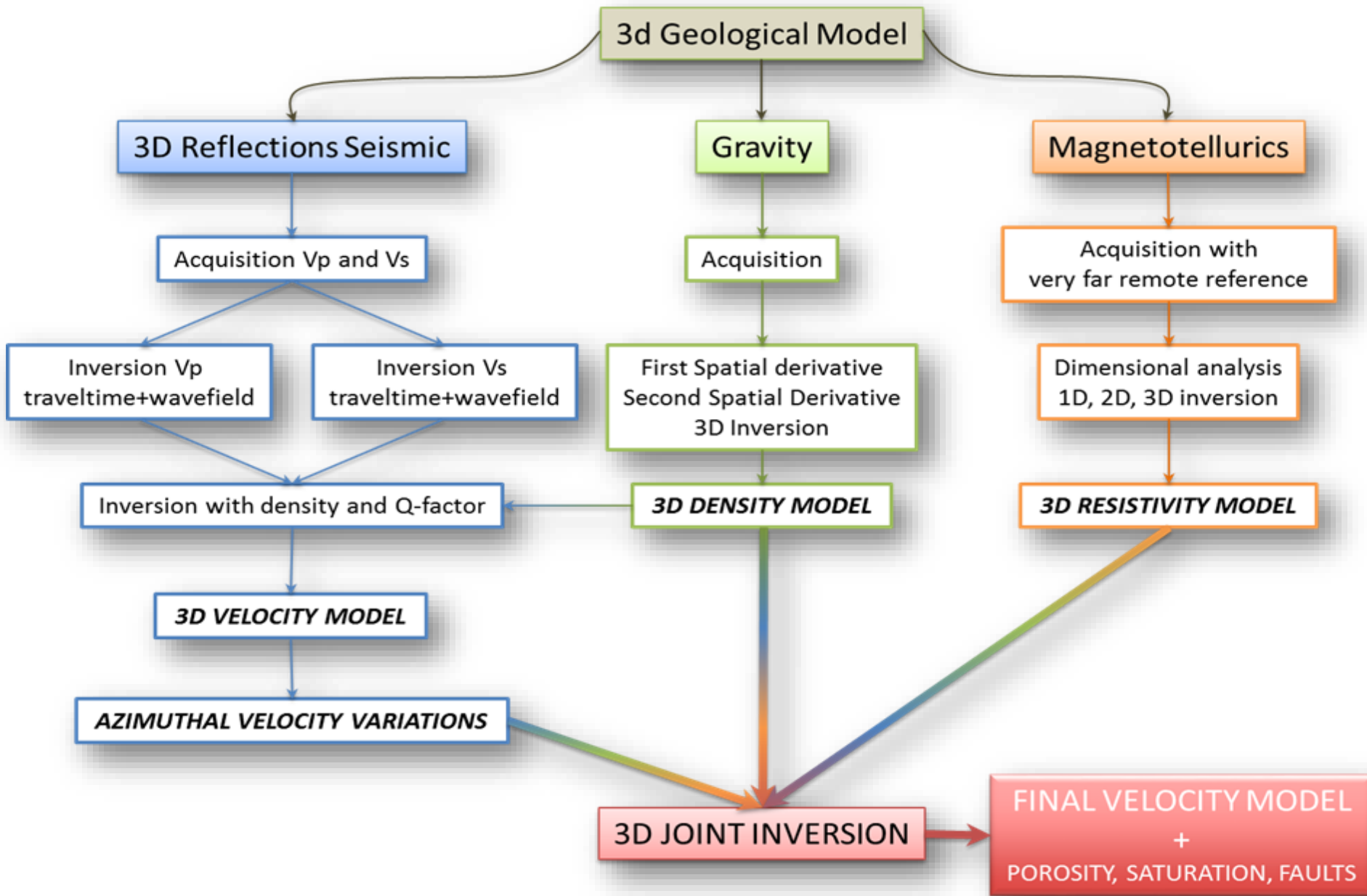




# GRAVITY AND MAGNETIC AQUISTION



# Developing and implementing innovative exploration project workflows



## – Greater Geneva Basin - Basin Scale Laboratory (GGB-BSL) and Geothermal Energy (Heat Production & Storage)

- Firm geophysical acquisition program and drilling plan at progressively increasing depths
- Step wise approach (success based acceptance)
- Borehole(s) and subsurface data available to applied science experience open to SCCER community (i.e. test and validate of new concepts, models)

## – International Research Program Partnerships



IMAGE



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# GGB-BSL & SCCER

- **Crucial Opportunity for Phase 2 SCCER programme and SCCER Community**





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**THANK YOU**

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