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#### Motivation

The rapid increase of energy demand in Reykjavik has posed the need for additional supply of geothermal energy. The deep hydraulic (re-)stimulation of the well RV-43 in the peninsula of Geldinganes (north of Reykjavik) is an essential component of the plan implemented by Reykjavik Energy to increase the geothermal supply of energy. Hydraulic stimulation are often associated with fluid-induced seismicity, which can cause damage to the nearby building stock and nuisance to population. This study presents a pre-drilling preliminary probabilistic induced-seismic hazard and risk analysis for the site of interest. The induced-seismic hazard and risk analyses are based on a fully probabilistic framework, with focus on inherent epistemic and aleatory variability. We provide full probabilistically estimated of peak ground accelerations, European Microseismicity intensity, damage, and individual risk for the area of interest.

### Site description and planned operations

The well RV-43 is located in the Geldinganes geothermal field in the northeastern part of the city of Reykjavik, Figure 1. Reykjavik Energy (OR) is the main supplier of heat in Reykjavik and has drilled several wells in Geldinganes. OR aims producing hot water from RV-43 to be directly utilized for heating purposes and to meet the increasing energy needs of Reykjavik. RV-43 was drilled in 2001, it is 1832 m long, where the deeper 924 m long are uncased (8½ inches open hole). The well is oriented towards the northeaster of Geldinganes, an area speculated to be exceptionally warm, since it is closer than the rest of the Geldingane's wells to the extinct central volcanic system north of Reykjavik. The locations of both Geldinganes, its wells, its shallow temperature gradient and RV-43 are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1 Map view of the Geldinganes island in Reykjavik. On the right, the Geldinganes area is plotted with all its wells, the temperature gradients measured at shallow depths and with the solid red line representing RV-43 at different measured depths (figures extracted from OR's report for the drilling of RV-43).

# Probabilistic fluid-induced seismicity seismic hazard and risk analysis in a nutshell

- Classical PSHA analysis, Intensity measures PGA, and EMS-98 scale
  Sources: fixed point source at injection points (data driven, S1) and
- Karvounis et al. physical based model (synthetic catalogue, S2)
- Frequency-magnitude distribution: Truncated Gutenberg Richter
- Epistemic Uncertainties, logic tree (Figure 2): 2 rate models, 7 Ground Motion Predictive Equations (GMPE), 2 Ground Motion Intensity Conversion Equation (GMICE). Number of brunches 120
- Results Hazard curves Figure 3 show larger uncertainty for data driven source model
- Risk computation computed as classical convolution of hazard vulnerability and exposure
- Output Individual Risk (IR), and Damage Risk (DR)
   IR is defined as frequency at which a statistically person is expected to experience death or a given level of injury
  - DR is defined as frequency at which a statistically average building class is expected to experience light non-structural damage
- Vulnerability models: Macroseismic intensity approach for IR and local mechanical fragility function for DR
- IR threshold 10<sup>-6</sup> (one micromort), DR threshold 10<sup>-2</sup>. Figure 4 and 5
   Results of the a-priory risk analysis shows IR and DR bellow the safety
- limits.
  It is mandatory to update hazard and risk computations during stimulation









Figure 4 Marginal *IR* for 2 km distances. The solid horizontal lines represent the weighted median values of the vertical gray lines. The dashed horizontal lines represent the 10 and 90% epistemic quantiles.



Figure 5 Marginal *IR* for 2 km distances. The solid horizontal lines represent the weighted median values of the vertical gray lines. The dashed horizontal lines represent the 10 and 90% epistemic quantiles.

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# **Risk Assessment of Accidents** in the Energy Sector for Selected Long-Term Scenarios

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# Introduction

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The comparative risk assessment of accidents in the energy sector is well established to evaluate the performance of technologies [1]. In recent years, it has become an essential component within the broader concepts of sustainability, energy security and resilience [2].

This study focuses on how the overall accident risk of a country's electricity supply mix is affected by long-term energy projections like the World Energy Outlook (WEO) scenarios [3]. It includes several novel elements: (1) average and marginal electricity supply mixes for today and 2030; (2) updated accident risk indicators until 2016; and (3) coverage of 11 country groups / countries (three shown here).

# **PSI's ENSAD Database**

The Energy-related Severe Accident Database (ENSAD) comprises a comprehensive global coverage of full energy chains, and focuses on severe accidents (e.g. ≥5 fatalities) that are a major concern to industry, authorities and the public. Recently, it has been transformed in a spatial database with comprehensive GIS functionality, running on a Platform as a Service (PaaS) cloud environment [4].

Normalized fatality risk indicators were calculated for fossil energy chains (coal, oil, natural gas), hydropower, nuclear power and new renewable technologies. Figure 1 shows fatality rates per energy chain and country group (i.e. OECD, EU28, non-OECD). Generally, OECD and EU28 countries perform better than non-OECD for fossil and hydropower energy chains. Compared to the 1990s, the Chinese coal chain is only slightly higher than the rest of non-OECD. Hydropower is most deadly in non-OECD countries, but the difference becomes substantially smaller if the most extreme dam failure in China (Banqiao/Shimantan, 1975, 26'000 fatalities) is excluded. For nuclear, fatality rates are among the lowest, particularly for the new generation III reactors. Finally, new renewables have clearly lower fatality rates than fossil chains (except biogas).



Figure 1: Severe (≥5 fatalities) fatality rates for fossil, hydro, nuclear and new renewables in OECD, EU28 and non-OECD countries for the period 1970-2016. PWR: Pressurized Water Reactor, EPR: European Pressurized Reactor, CHP: Combined Heat and Power, EGS: Enhanced Geothermal Systems.

# **Risk Indicators in Long-Term Scenario Modeling**

Three core scenarios from the WEO were considered [3]:

- Current Policies Scenario (CPS) takes into account only those policies and measures that are confirmed and legally consolidated.
- New Policies Scenario (NPS) illustrates the general direction in which the most recent policy ambitions could lead the energy sector.
- Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS) is fully aligned with the goal of the Paris Agreement to keep global average temperature rise well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels.

The current mix (2017) for each scenario is compared against the corresponding 2030 average (attributional) electricity mixes, and the 2017 and 2030 marginal (consequential) mixes (see [5] for details). Fatality rates for 2030 were approximated using data for the period 1990-2016 as presented in [6].

Figure 2 shows the overall accident risk for the current and future average and marginal electricity supply mixes per scenario for OECD, EU28 and non-OECD countries. The former two country groups clearly perform better, but all three groups exhibit a similar pattern: (1) overall accident risk becomes smaller for scenarios with increasingly ambitious climate targets; (2) improvements become larger for 2030 compared to 2017; (3) the overall accident risk is consistently lower for the marginal mix than the corresponding average mix, indicating that renewable technologies increasingly replace large, centralized power plants, especially coal and to a large extent also natural gas.



Figure 2: Overall accident risk for the current mix (2017) and scenario-specific average (Av) and marginal (M) electricity supply mixes in 2017 and 2030 for OECD, EU28 and non-OECD.

# Conclusions

Among centralized, large-scale technologies, fossil energy carriers have the highest fatality rates, whereas hydro and nuclear perform best in industrialized countries. Decentralized, new renewables are less sensitive to the issue of severe accidents, and geothermal is clearly better than natural gas and biogas.

The implementation of more stringent climate policies often leads to a reduced overall accident risk as exemplified by the current scenario analysis. Furthermore, results showed the impact of the increasing penetration of new renewables on the average electricity supply mixes, but also reflected their growing importance for marginal mixes, replacing particularly coal and to a lesser extent natural gas until 2030, which further reduces overall accident risks.

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# **Geothermal Exploration Chance Of Success**



quick and high resolution geophysical data such as 3D DAS VSP, S-waves seismic and high resolution gravity can help to improve the understanding of the subsurface.



# **RISK MITIGATION**

Stochastic and machine learning approach are perfectly shaped to integrate and analyse different types of geodata to mitigate the risk of developing geothermal project projects.



# EXPLORATION COST REDUCTION

High-resolution acquisition and integration of data from different sources using machine learning allow improving the probability of success of new geothermal projects.



# **GECOS WORKFLOW**

This workflow can be replicated at any stage of a geothermal project. From the early stages when only scarce data are available, during exploration when new data will be collected and when large new investments (i.e. 3D seismic and drilling) need to be planned, and during production to monitor the reservoir and eventually design new drilling operations. Predictive machine learning models are updated as far as new data are available.

# Machine learning on seismic en borehole data



About 200 km of 2D seismic lines are available over the Geneva Basin, corresponding principally to 4 acquisition campaigns undertaken from 1987 to 2015, sa well as a selection of unitary lines issued from earlier acquisition campaigns (1972-1977) to complete the seismic dataset toward the Northeast of the studied area.

Two time-migrated, 2D seismic reflection profiles intersecting the well GG-01 have been retained to apply the proposed methodology, highlighted in the bottom left box of the left figure. Lines GG87.02 and SIG 2015-103 are oriented MW-SE and NE-SW (covering approximately a distance of 4630 m and 8039 m, with a trace spacing of 15 m and 10 m respectively. Vertically, the profiles were recorded down to 4000 ms and 2000 ms respectively.



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**Gravity Data** 







In this study, the LL is estimated for a generic locality downstream of a large concrete arch dam over 100 m height located in Switzerland.

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- 1. How does structuring different formats of participation allow to identify blind spots in a participation context?
- 2. Which are these blind spots and how do they highlight different understandings of participation?

# Two perspectives: the project managers and residents

Aim: grasp participation seen and understood from different perspectives through the lenses of the 2 central actors:

The ones initiating a participative format: PROJECT MANAGERS The ones participating (or not) in it: RESIDENTS





Data

Core findings are based upon a detailed analysis of in-depth qualitative data elicited through focus groups with residents and participant observation in strategic management meetings of the geothermal project managers in Geneva.

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For residents, information provision is also very important. However, more references to self-organized than to institution-led forms of participation. Private forms of participation such as buying responsibly and investing in renewable energy installations came up often.

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### Discussion - the following blind spots were identified:

Brokerage, mediation

Exhibitions, Site Visits

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- Untypical participation forms are just as important! Such as forms linked to behaviour and practices, abstention and protest. What's hot in literature, doesn't need to be relevant on the ground! One
- example: highly discussed consultative participation, rare in practice. "Just" transparent information, please! Residents not necessarily wish for
- deal-type participation, but rather transparent information. What *exactly* is behind the format? Implicit definitions of different formats are important to use them well!

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This work is built upon the approach developed in the TA Swiss study [1], which is significantly extended since SCCER-SoE Phase 1. Deep geothermal energy (DGE) systems are, like all energy technologies, not risk free. Although the risk of induced seismicity is frequently pointed out, geothermal systems present additional potentially risky aspects such as borehole blowouts or chemical related incidents. In this study, different technological risks associated with deep geothermal energy systems are identified, characterized and quantitatively analyzed. In particular, two major updates have been achieved in this phase:

- the introduction of additional hazardous materials potentially used as working fluids in the operational phase and as part of the matrix acidizing in the stimulation phase:
- the update of historical accidents in the period 1990-2017.

Results are shown in terms of normalized risk indicators (e.g. fatality rate, injury rate, etc.) in order to compare risks of blowouts in the drilling and stimulation phases and the use of hazardous substances in drilling, stimulation and operational phases.

### Data

Since DGE systems have not been yet installed at many sites, historical experience in terms of accidents is rather limited. Therefore, the estimation of risk indicators is based on historical experience of other industries that can be considered a meaningful proxy for DGE systems. In all considered cases, accident data for the time period 1990-2017 from OECD countries were used because they can be considered sufficiently representative for Switzerland. However, when dealing with hazardous substances, it was necessary to focus on the chemicals that could be possibly used in Switzerland. In addition to PSI's Energyrelated Severe Accident Database (ENSAD) several other databases were used in order to collect accidents related to the use of hazardous substances (Table 1) and blowouts (Table 2), i.e. ERNS, ARIA, FACTS, etc.

Table 1: Summary of the numbers of accidents and associated consequences for the Hazardous Substances analyzed in this study.

Phase	Hazardous Substance	Accidents/Fatalities Accidents/Inju		
Drilling	Caustic Soda	13/30	142/1149	
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCI)	2/4	94/697	
Stimulation	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	3/3	26/83	
Stimulation	Ammonium Persulphate	2/2	8/76	
	Boric Acid	1/1	10/43	
	Benzene	3/4	33/562	
	Toluene	16/20	66/679	
	Methanol	18/43	15/103	
Operational	n-Hexane	11/25	20/205	
	o-Xylene	8/24	27/415	
	Ammonia	16/20	136/1191	

Table 2: Summary of onshore blowout accidents in the natural gas industry, collected for USA and Alberta, since no specific historical experience for deep geothermal systems is available.

Blowouts	Accidents/Fatalities	Accidents/Injuries		
	5/5	11/25		

## Method

The risk indicators are normalized to the unit of energy production (i.e. Gigawatt-electric-year, GWeyr) using specific normalization factors for each substance and blowout.

$$\begin{split} NF_{Caustic \ Soda} &= \frac{CS_{Well} * WD * NW}{total \ production \ 1990 - 2017} * \frac{1}{P_{GWeyr}} \\ NF_{Stimulation} &= \frac{HS_{Well} * NW}{total \ production \ 1990 - 2017} * \frac{1}{P_{GWeyr}} \\ NF_{Working \ Fluid} &= \frac{WF_{Year1} + (kg \ of \ substance \ refilled * LT)}{total \ production \ 1990 - 2017} * \frac{1}{P_{GWeyr}} \\ NF_{Drill+Stim} &= \frac{NW}{total \ number \ of \ natural \ gas \ drilled \ wells \ 1990 - 2017} * \frac{1}{P_{GWeyr}} \end{split}$$

NF<sub>Caustic</sub> Soda, NF<sub>Stimulation</sub>, NF<sub>Working Fluid</sub> and NF<sub>Drill+Stim</sub> are the normalization factors for Caustic soda, Stimulation Fluids, Working Fluids, Blowouts, respectively.  $P_{GWeyr}$  is the production of the plant in Gweyr. Table 3 summarizes the key physical parameters considered in this study for normalization purposes.

Table 3: Key physical parameters of the capacity cases for DGE plants considered in this study.

		SCCER-SoE/BFE/GEOTHERM-2 Doublets		SCCER-SoE/BFE/GEOTHERM-2 Triplets				
Capacity cases		High	Base	Lo	w	High	Base	Low
Net plant power		3.28 Mw <sub>e</sub>	1.45 MW <sub>e</sub>	1.18 MWe		5.21 MW <sub>e</sub>	2.73 Mw <sub>e</sub>	2.27 MW <sub>e</sub>
Production in GWeyr (P <sub>GWeyr</sub> )		6.56e-2 Gweyr	2.99e-2 GWeyr	2.36e-2 GWeyr		1.04e-1 GWeyr	5.46e-2 GWeyr	4.54e-2 GWeyr
Well depth (WD)		5 km						
Number of we	nber of wells (NW) 2 3							
Surface plant life time (LT)			20 years					
Caustic Soda as additive in the drilling mud per Well (CS <sub>Well</sub> )		1 kg/m						
Additives in Hydraulic Stimulation (total average) per Well (HS <sub>well</sub> )		HCI:3.4E7 kg HF:7.1E6 kg; Ammonium Sulphate: 3.1E5 kg; Boric Acid: 1.2E5 kg						
Working	Ammonia	1415 kg	863 kg	74(	) kg	1716 kg	1369 kg	1179 kg
Fluids used at the power plant at year 1 (WF <sub>Year1</sub> )	Benzene	1208 kg	737 kg	632 kg		1465 kg	1169 kg	1007 kg
	Toluene, Methanol, n-Hexane, o-Xylene	1197 kg	730 kg	626 kg		1452 kg	1158 kg	998 kg
Yearly losses of the working fluids (YLWF)		8%						

## **Results: Example for Fatality Rates**



Figure 1: Fatality rate for the drilling, stimulation and operational phases based on accident data for the period 1990-2017. Blue bars: Base Case; Error bars: High and Low Capacity plants (See Table 3). DP: Drilling Phase; SP: Stimulation Phase; OP: Operational Phase.

- Accident risks of blowouts are significantly higher than the risk related to the use of hazardous substances
- Among hazardous substances, HF exhibits the highest risk followed by the use of HCI and Ammonium Persulphate at the geothermal site.
- In the operational phase, n-Hexane performs worst with respect to the other potential working fluids.
- Doublets (2 production wells) and triplets (3 production wells) plant types show similar results in terms of risk related to the considered phases.

# Conclusions

- Results for the use of hazardous substances in drilling, stimulation and operational phases point towards low risk levels.
- Based on these results, the drilling and stimulation phases in deep geothermal systems exhibit higher risks compared to the operational phase.
- Deep geothermal systems compare favorably to, for example, natural gas (7.19E-2 fatalities/GWeyr for OECD countries, according to [2]).

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# Using GIS to discuss place factors for CCS projects siting

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## Motivation

Geological CO2 storage is a key technology for facilitating the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. However, the progression of CO2 storage has been hindered by public opposition to some proposed projects, once storage sites had been selected. As numerous experiences on contested technologies have shown, public participation processes determine whether communities become a door or barrier for the emplacement of projects in local contexts. Yet there is much literature on the importance of early public engagement for normative, substantive and instrumental reasons, there are no tools for integrating social aspects early on in the site selection processe.

This poster presents an exploratory study of the upstream inclusion of social characteristics and concerns in the site selection process for CO2 storage in Switzerland.

## Methods

Relevant place factors were identified through a literature review. These factors were mapped for potential CO2 storage sites. A cluster analysis was conducted to identify categories of sites for which similar public engagement procedures might apply.



# Results

Place factors are the social characteristics and concern linked to specific places (Peterson et al, 2015). The table below lists the relevant place factors for CO2 storage projects and the indicators used to map them in the Swiss context.

Place factor	Indicator	Unit
Industrial zone	Industrial areas. Land use statistics NOAS04 2013- 2018. (FSO, 2018b)	ha
Employment	Employment rate per district 15- 64 years old. (FSO, 2018a)	% (mean)
Tourism	Hotel industry: supply and demand of open establishments in 100 municipalities in 2018. (FSO, 2019)	Number
Natural Parks	Swiss National Park and parks of national importance. (FOEN, 2019)	m2
Geothermal energy	Present and future projects of geothermal energy. (Swisstopo, 2019)	Number
Landscape	Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments. (FOEN, 2019a)	m2
Groundwater	Groundwater protection zones. (Swiss Cantons, 2019)	m2
Private housing	Private housing. (FSO, 2017)	Number (median)
Cultural Areas	Heritage sites of national importance. (FOC, 2019)	Number
CO2 from a different political unit	Cantonal boundaries. (Federal Office of Topography (Swisstopo), 2019a)	Number
CO2 emission points	Industrial CO2 emissions > 10 Mtonnes. (PRTR, 2017)	-
Oil and gas extraction or storage	Energy raw materials: Deposits. (Swisstopo & SGTK, 2019)	-

Mapping place factors relevant for CO2 storage sites





After mapping all the factors in the buffers using the first approach (Boreholes), the statistics of the different indicators per location were extracted to conduct cluster analyses to group sites with similar place factors into

categories.

#### Cluster Analyses

The cluster analyses presented in this section show that there are no clusters of locations, according to the indicators used. Therefore, it is not possible to structure the discussion based on a systematic classification of locations.



### Discussion

The typology of place factors allows to understand the logic behind the success or failure of projects in relation to the locations. Our typology indicates that benefits and familiarity can contribute to the positive response to a project. Negative experiences, conflicting expectations, technology-related concerns, status-quo bias and distributive fairness issues can contribute to a negative response.

Our results indicate that maps can help to get a first approximation to place characteristics and people's concerns in potential CO2 storage sites. We found that several geographical indicators exist which partially or completely represent place factors. Therefore, visualization of place factors on maps allows to cope with complex information and make non-technical aspects of sites explicit.

The clustering analyses conducted show that our data does not contain distinct groups of locations with the same set of indicators. Therefore, it is not possible to design strategies to approach locations according to categories. This is the result of having a small ratio of observations and variables: there are only few observations and several variables

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