



HEATSTORE HIGH TEMPERATURE UNDERGROUND THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

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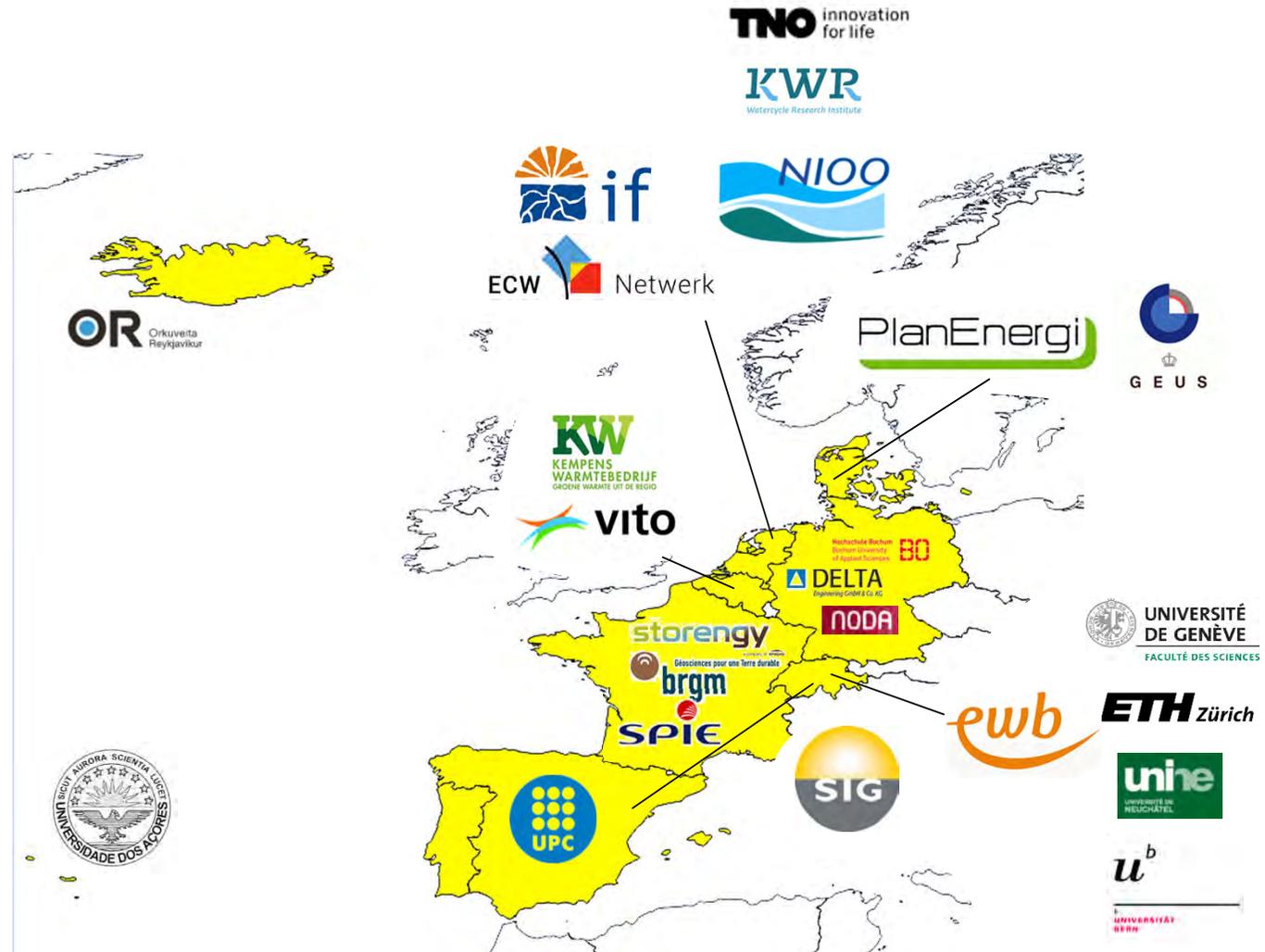
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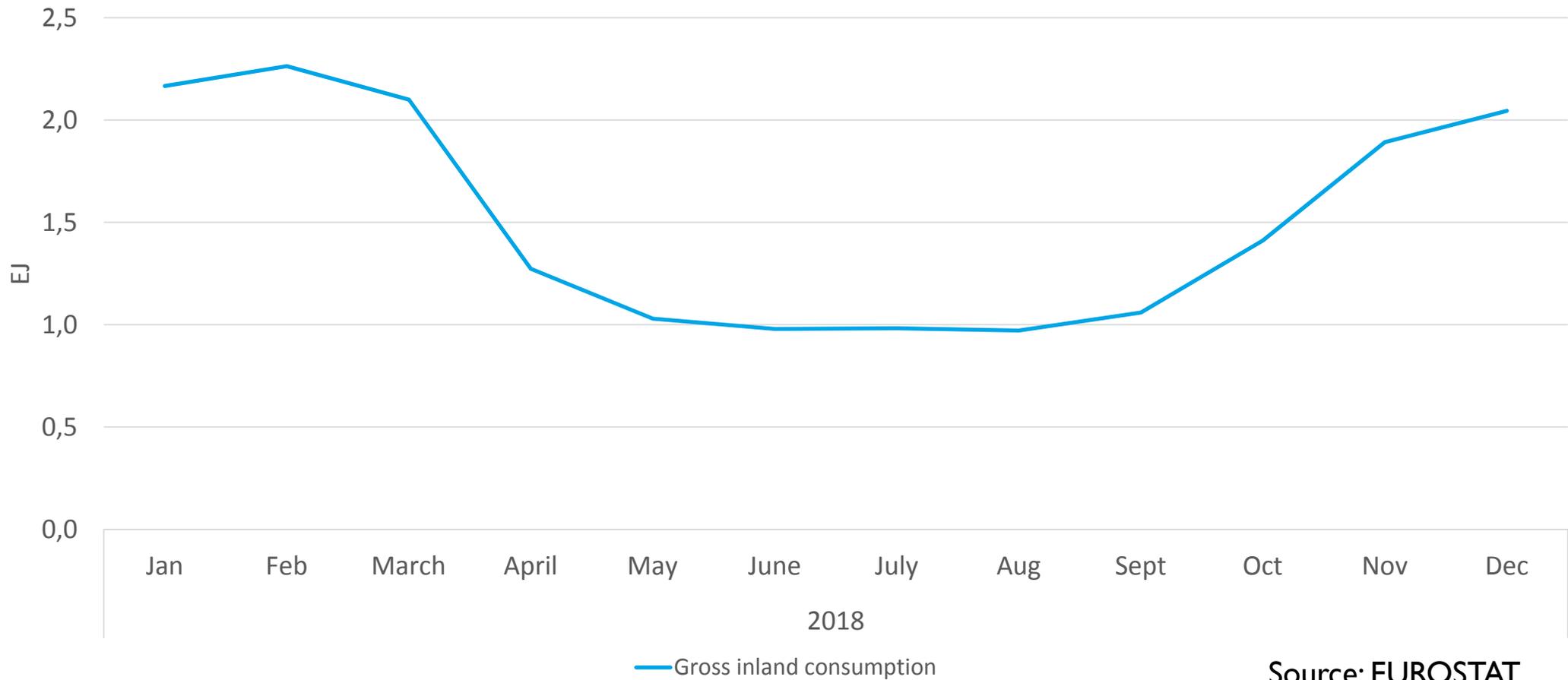
- 24 partners involved
- 9 countries
- 6 Demo sites
- 8 Case studies

NATIONAL LEADS:

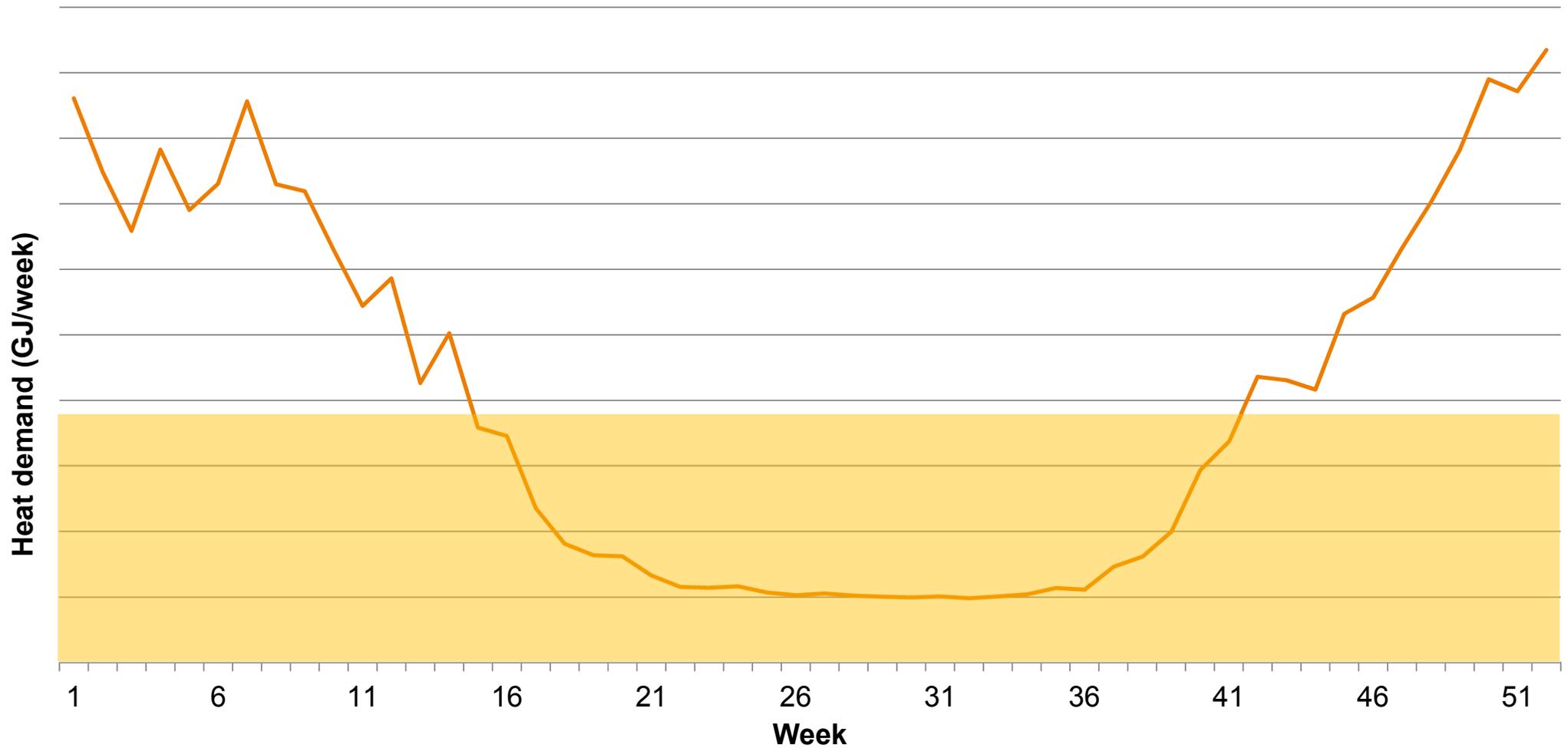
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- CH: University of Geneva
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- BE: VITO
- ES: UPC
- GE: GZB
- IS: Reykjavik Energy



NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION EU

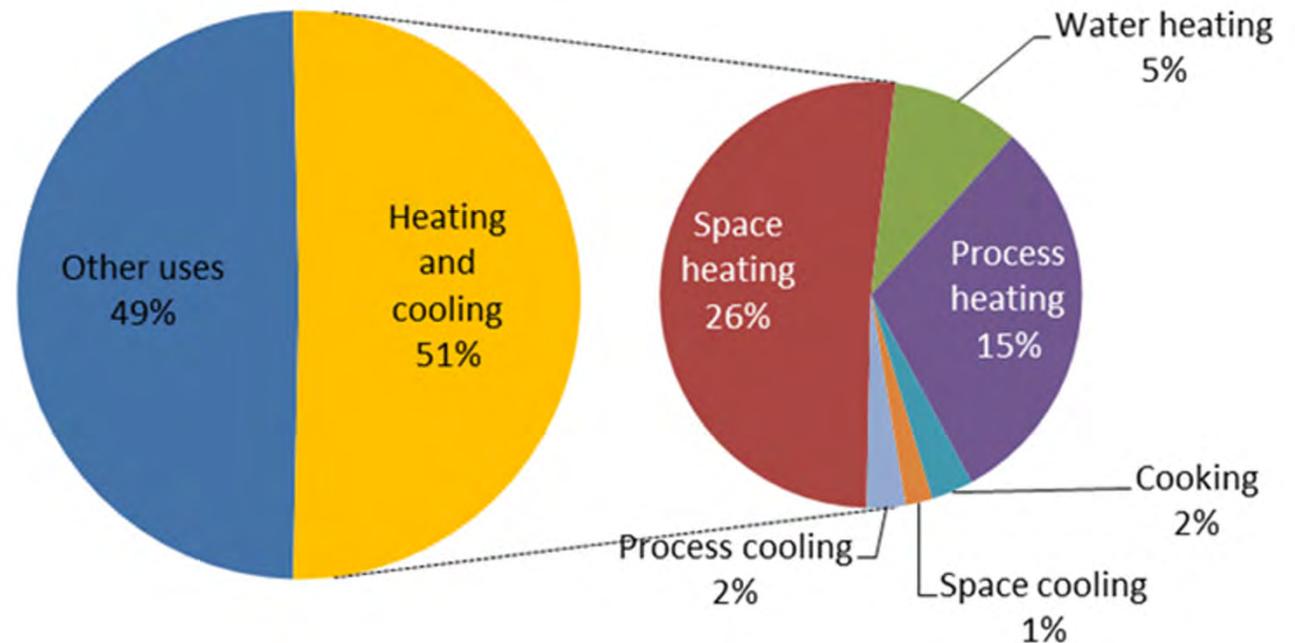


TRANSITION MEANS: SOLVE THIS ONE....



TRANSITIONING IN THE HEATING AND COOLING SECTOR

- Heating and cooling is responsible for half of all consumed final energy in Europe.
- The vast majority – 85% - of the demand is fulfilled by fossil fuels, most notably natural gas. 68% of all EU gas imports.
- There thousands of District Heating Networks in Europe, currently supplying more than 10% of total European heat demand.
- In terms of energy, heat storage is by far the largest single energy storage application field in Europe.



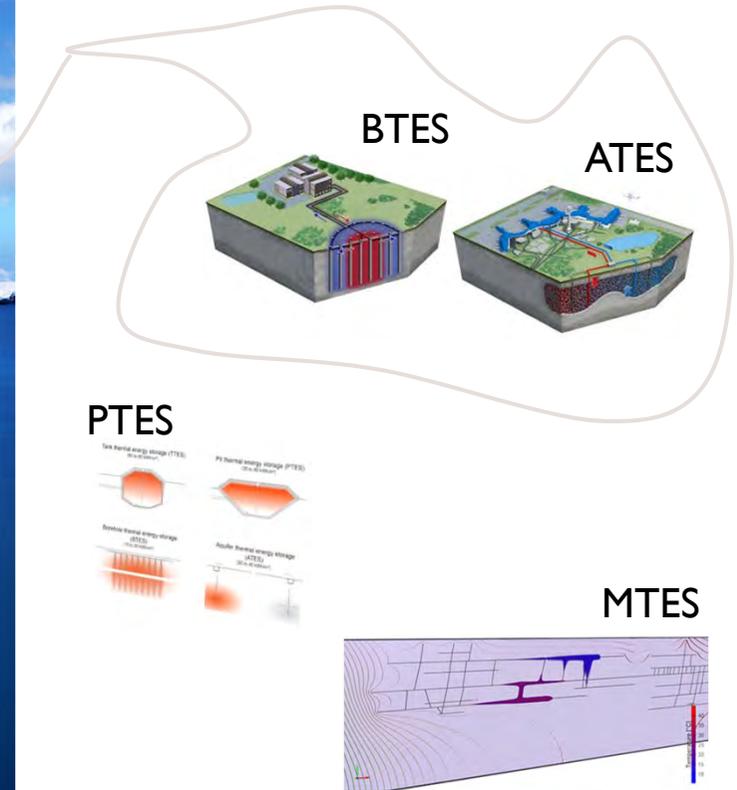
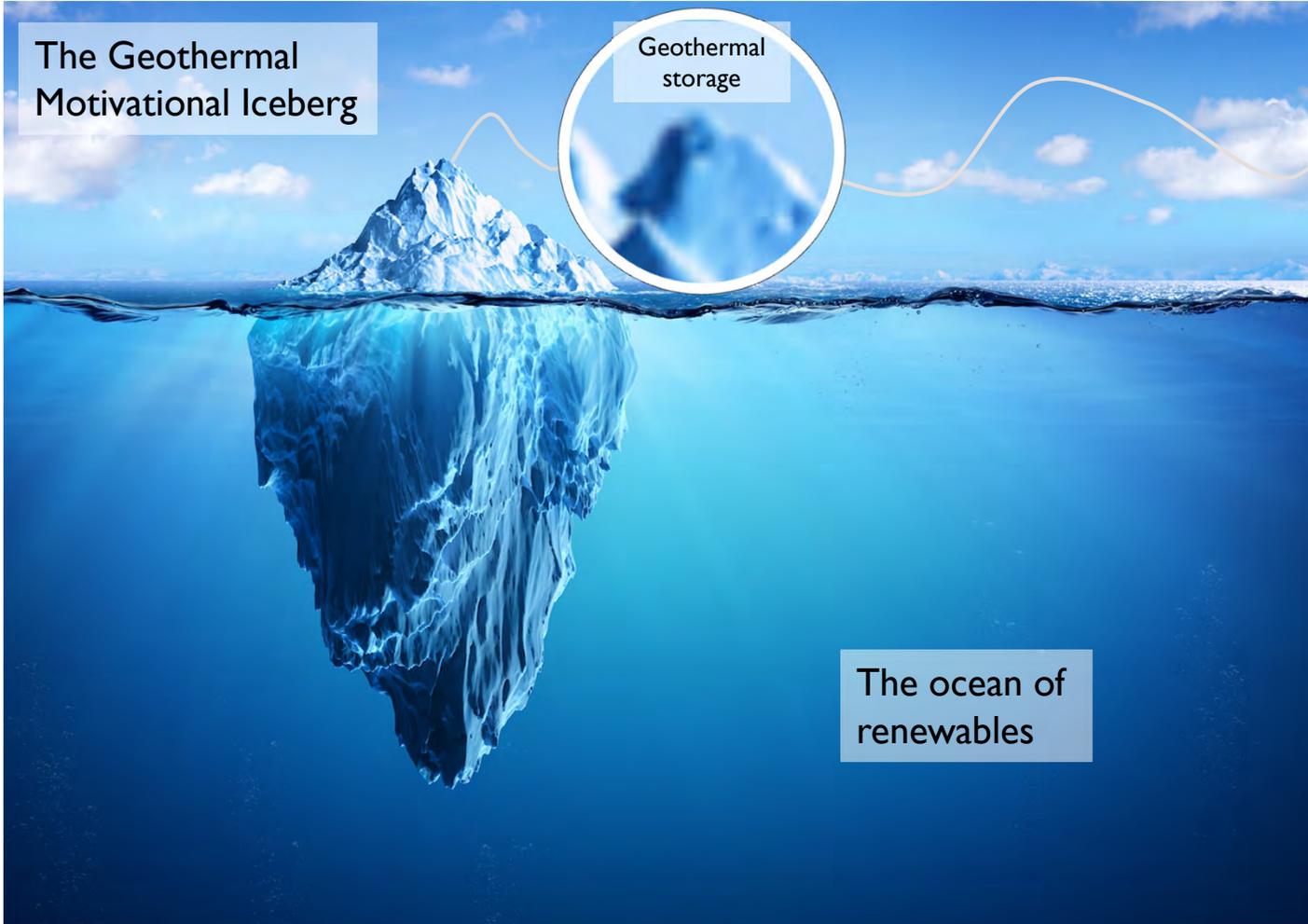
MOTIVATION

- Industry uses about 92% of their total energy requirement for generating process heat
- 50% of the total energy consumed in Switzerland is used to supply heat
- 86% of the required heat is generated by the burning of fossil fuel
- Households and services use about 92% of their total energy needs for heating applications
- Waste heat generated is continuously discharged into the environment



Let's convert waste heat into a resource

WHAT CAN BE THE CONTRIBUTION OF GEOTHERMAL HEAT (STORAGE)?



OPEN QUESTIONS

What is the performance of HT injection (i.e. recovery factor)?
How performances can be predicted and managed?

What are the impacts of HT injection in the subsurface and for the surface infrastructures?

What is the energy demand now and in the future?

How HT-ATES could be integrated into complex energy systems?

How to make HT-ATES sustainable

How to make HT-ATES profitable

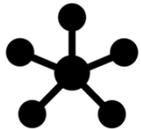
How to make HT-ATES viable on a regulatory perspective



HEATSTORE IMPACT



Improved performance (target efficiency of 75%) and economics of UTES technologies



Advanced system integration using UTES and smart demand side management



Significantly higher integration of sustainable and surplus heat sources in heating networks (geothermal, solar and industrial surplus heat)

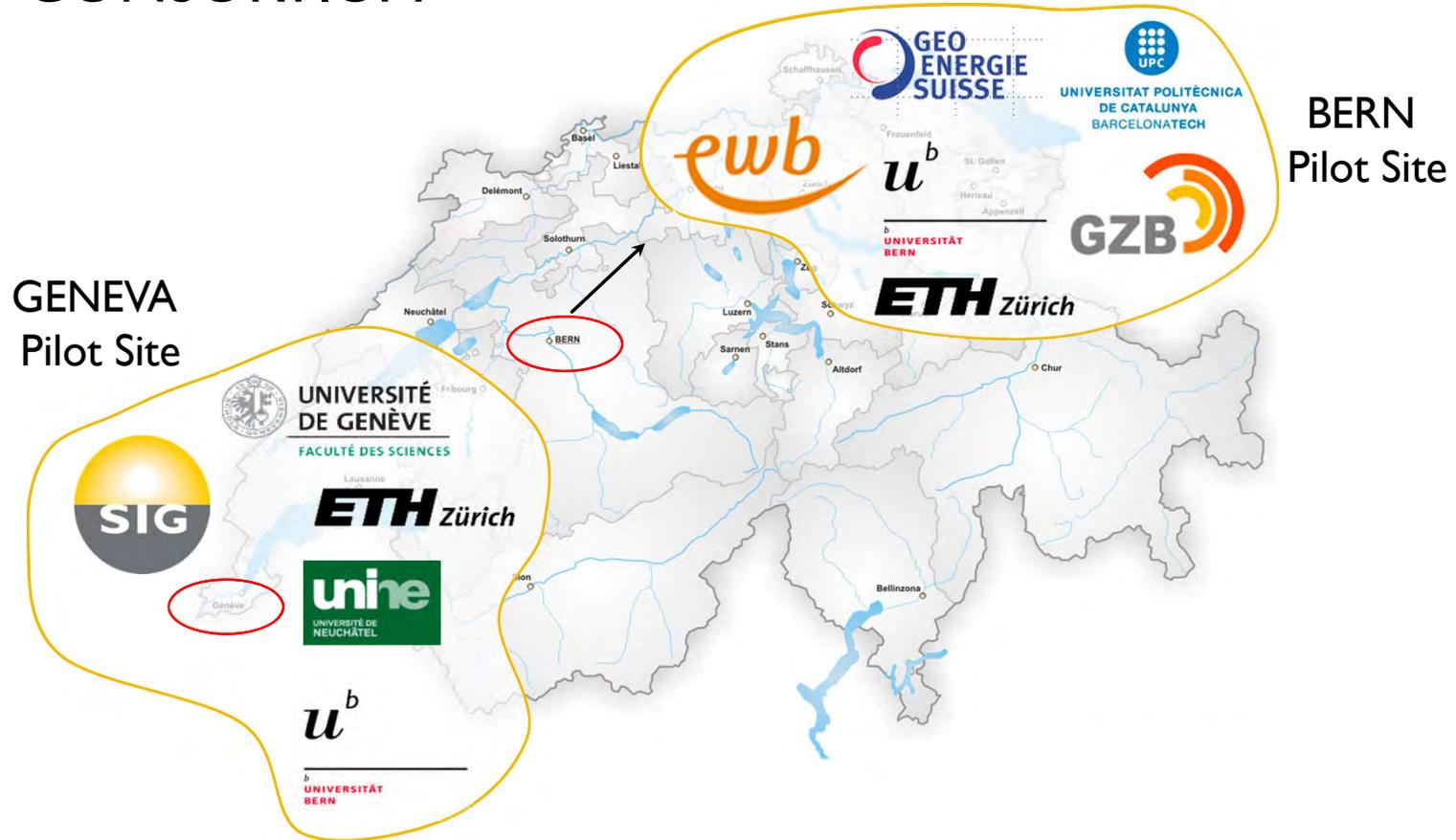


Bringing multiple underground thermal energy storage concepts and demand side management techniques further,



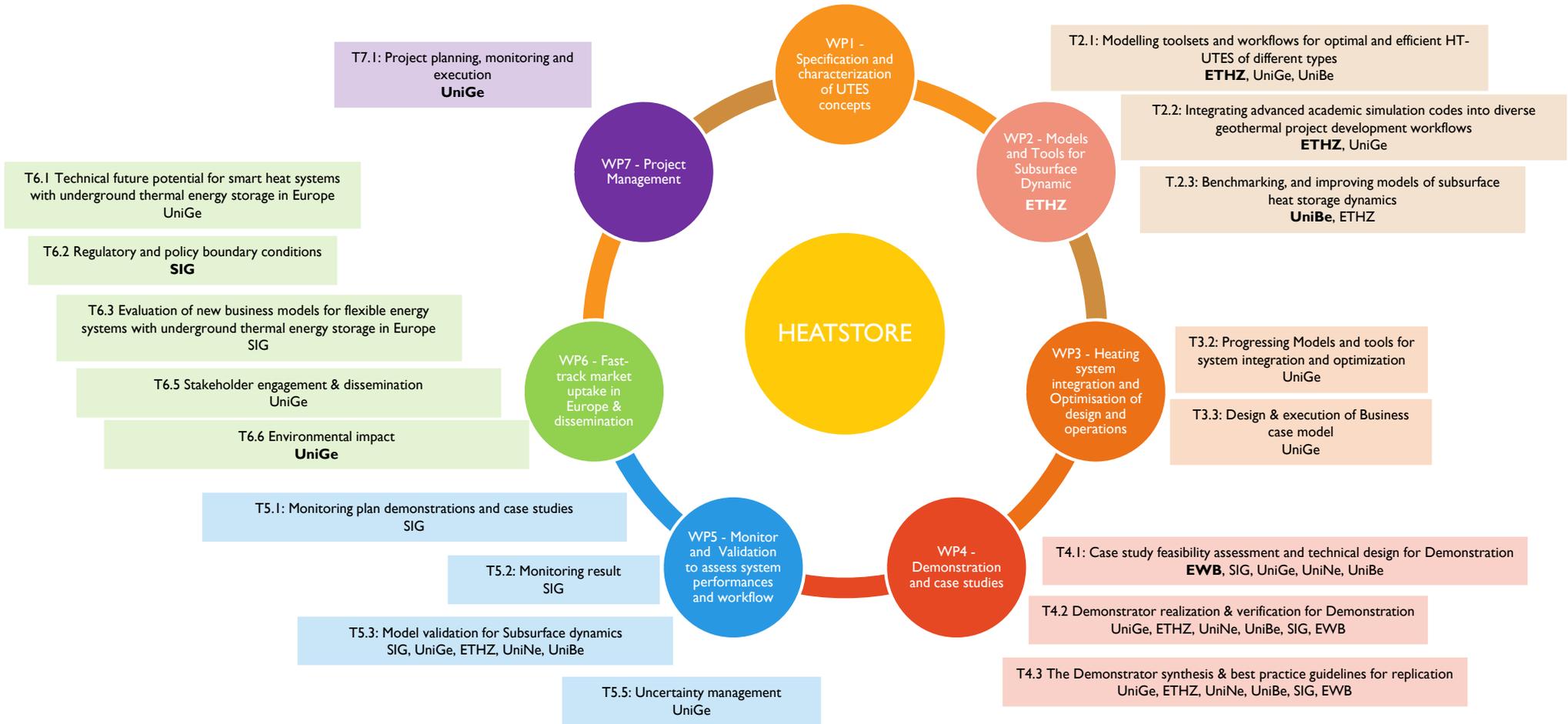
Key advancements in the science related to challenges identified in earlier pilot projects for the demonstrated concepts, including environmental impacts

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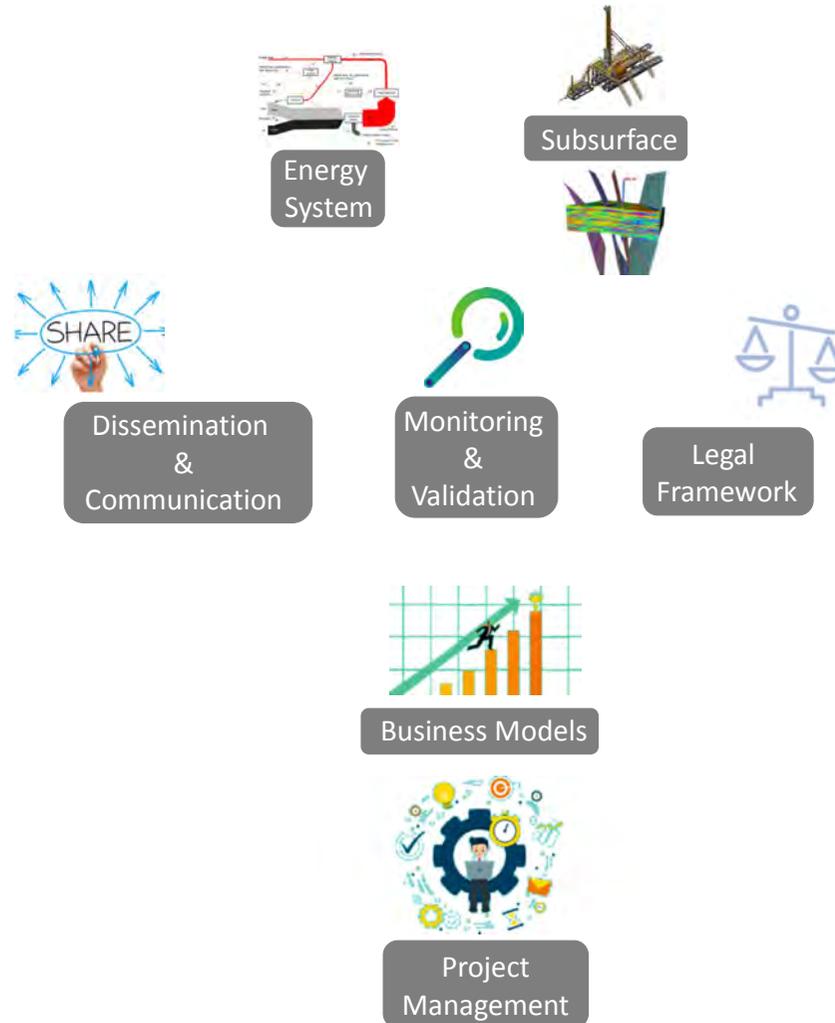


T 1.1: Analysis of existing UTES projects: lessons learned
UniGe

T 1.3: Screening of national potential for UTES
UniGe, UniNe, UniBe



WORKFLOW



THE GENEVA PILOT PROJECT



Drilling, data collection, business case modelling, regulatory framework



Subsurface data integration and characterization, energy system scenarios, national coordination



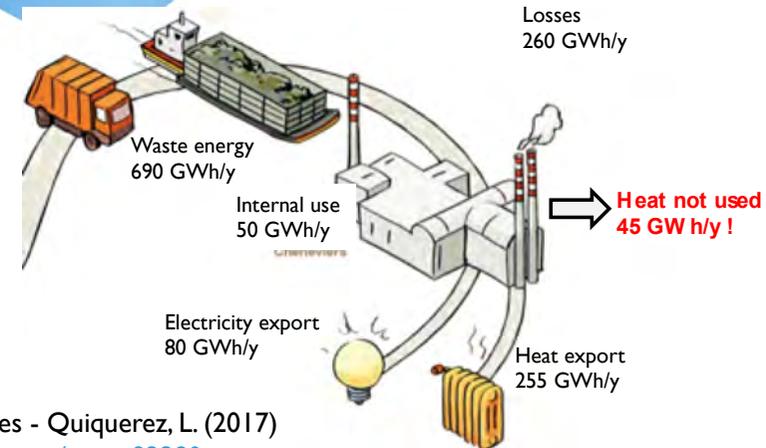
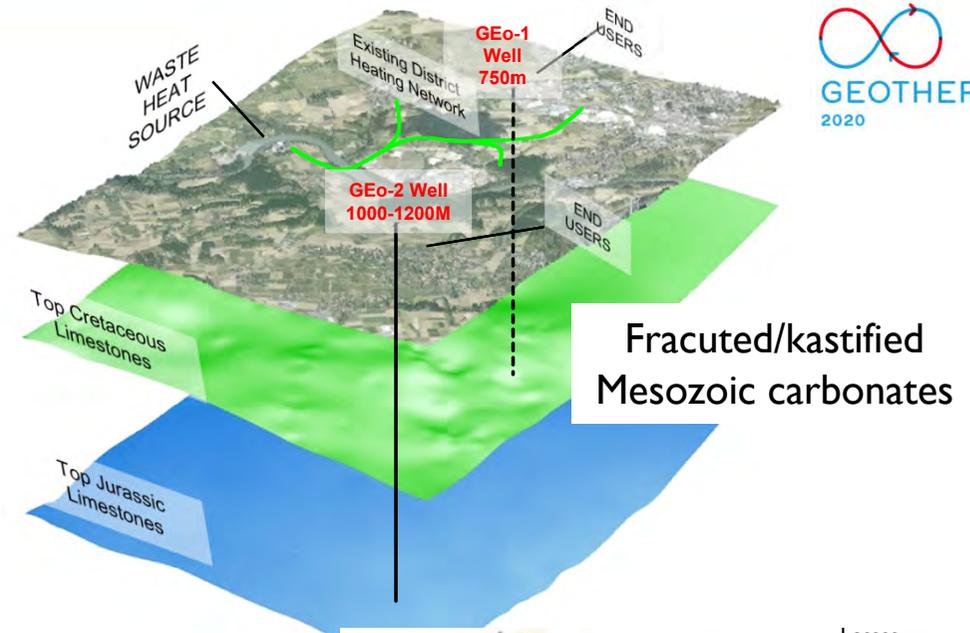
TH, THM reservoir modelling



Reservoir geomechanical characterization



THC modelling, Water-rock interaction laboratory experiments



Ref : 2013-2014 values - Quiquerez, L. (2017)
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THE BERN PILOT PROJECT



Project owner



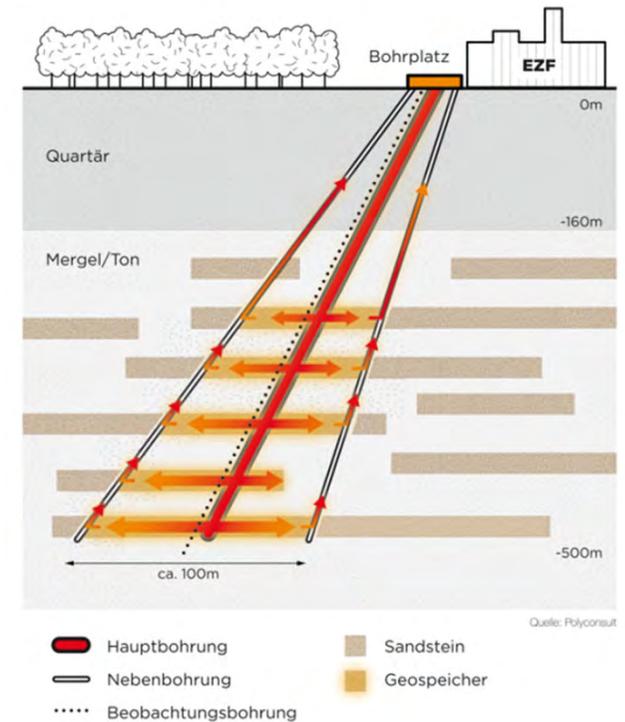
Project engineering partner



Water-rock interaction laboratory experiments and modelling



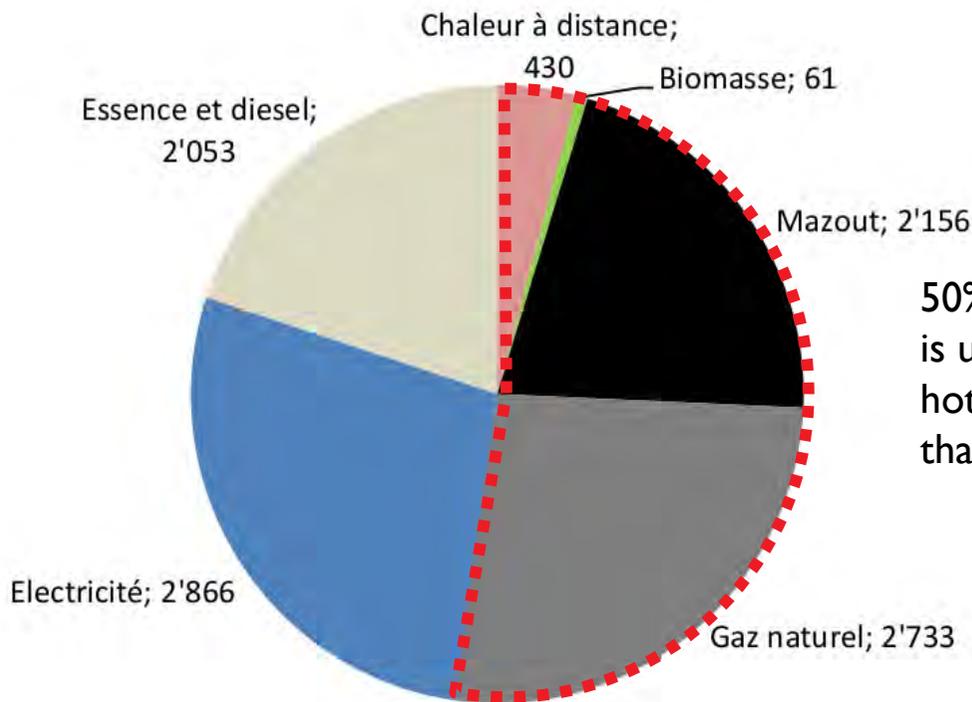
THMC reservoir modelling



- Underground heat storage (P_{th} 3-12 MW of excess industrial heat) in sandstones of the Lower Freshwater Molasse (USM)
- Loading cycle during summer; un-loading during winter into the existing and expanding district heating network

ATES INTEGRATION INTO EXISTING ENERGY SYSTEMS

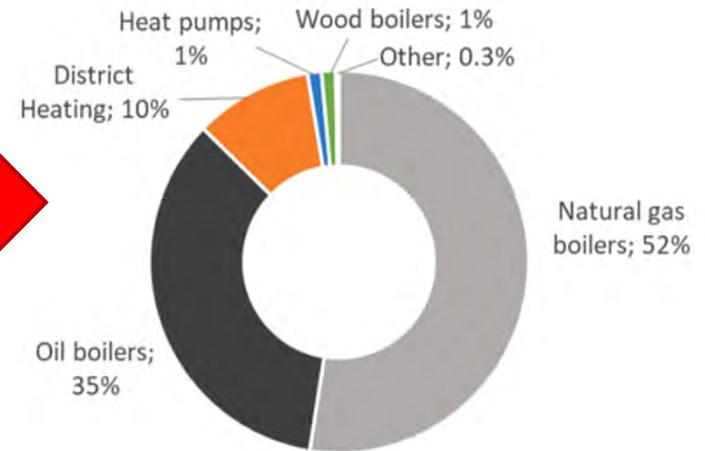
- SCENARIOS CONSTRUCTION FOR GENEVA -



Heat requirements



50% of the total final energy is used for space heating and hot water production, yet less than 10% covered by DH



Heat delivery to buildings by technology, Geneva 2017. Total = 5.3 TWh. Source: Statistical Office of Geneva.

Tripling the penetration rate of DH by 2035 !

GWh/y

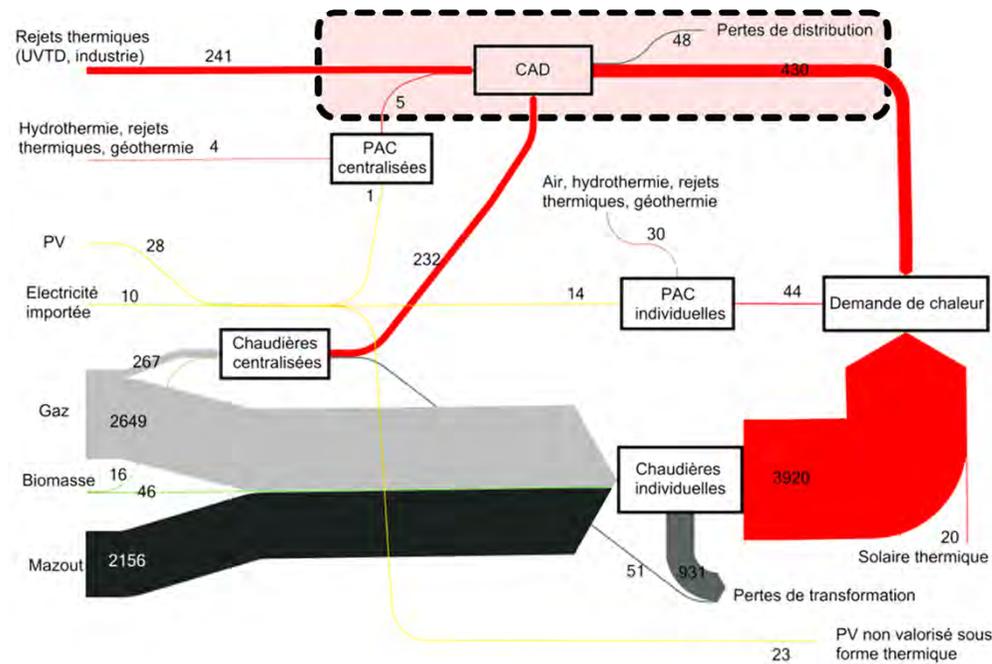
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With heating climatic correction.

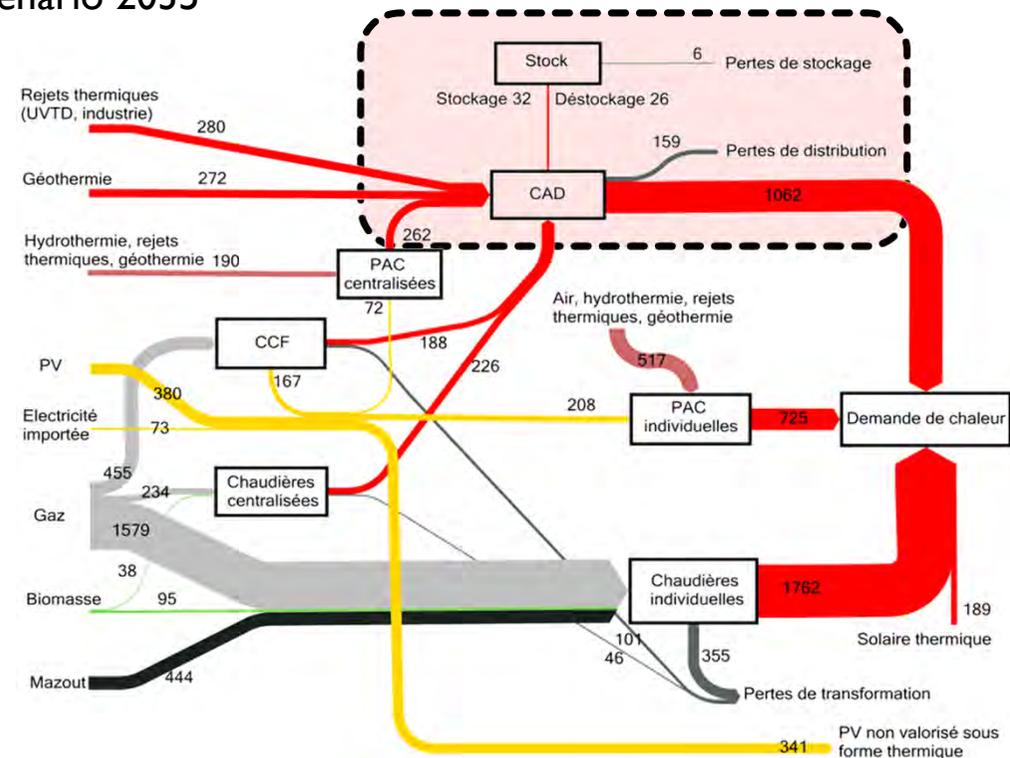
Aviation fuels and CERN consumption not included

Prospective scenario for DH at GE

2014

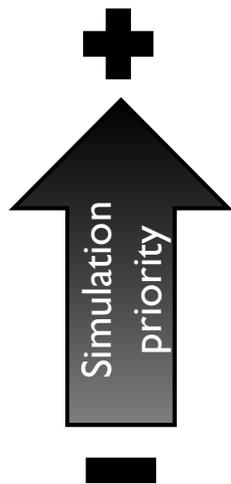
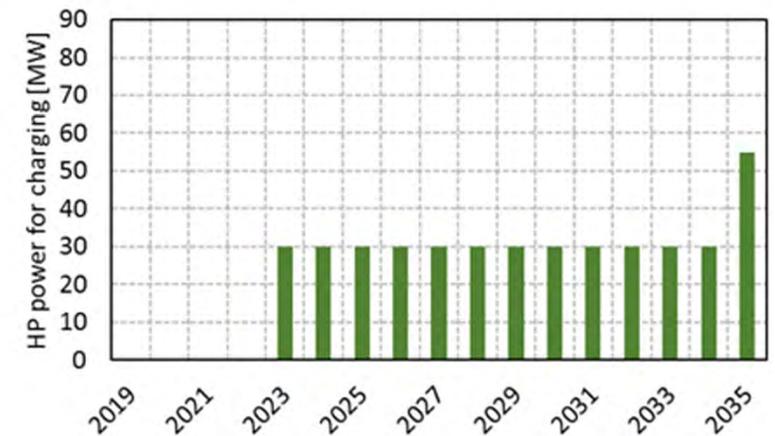


Scenario 2035



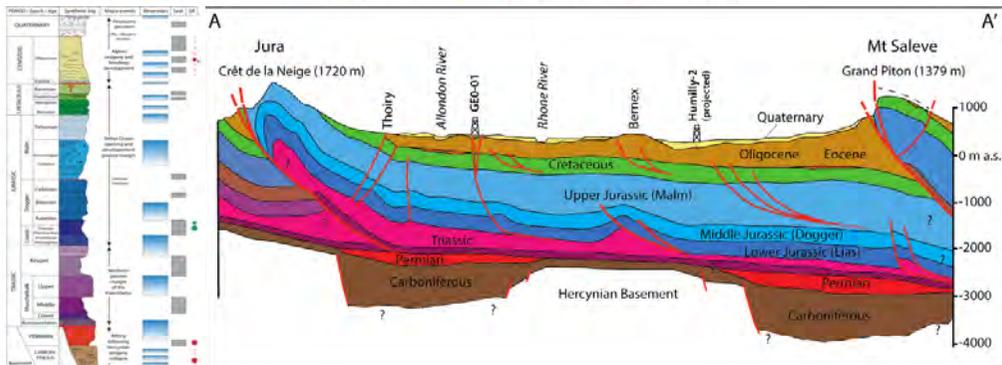
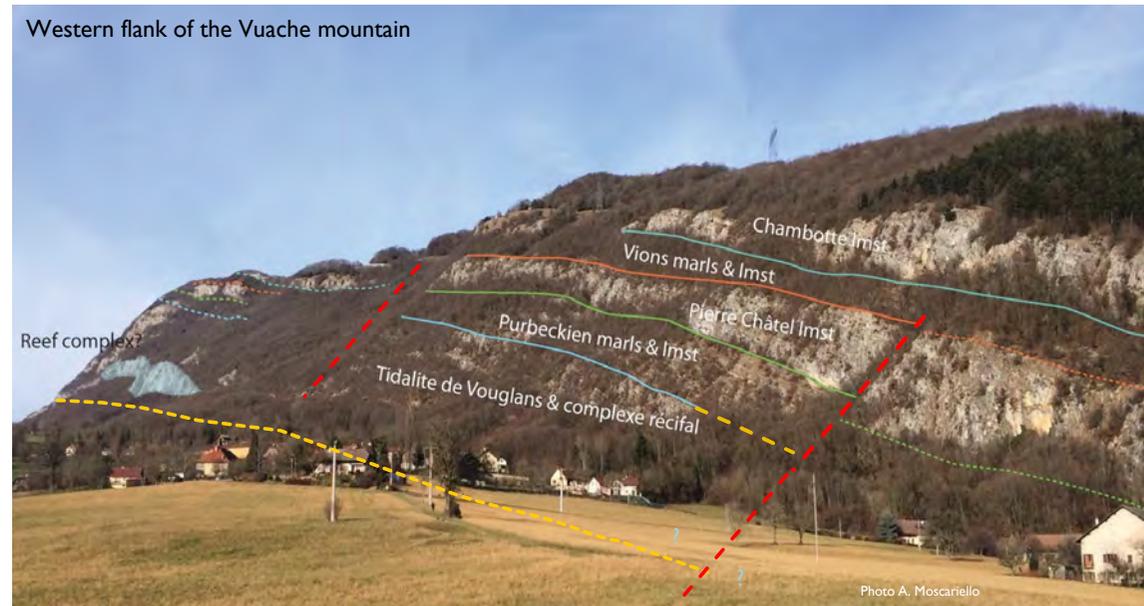
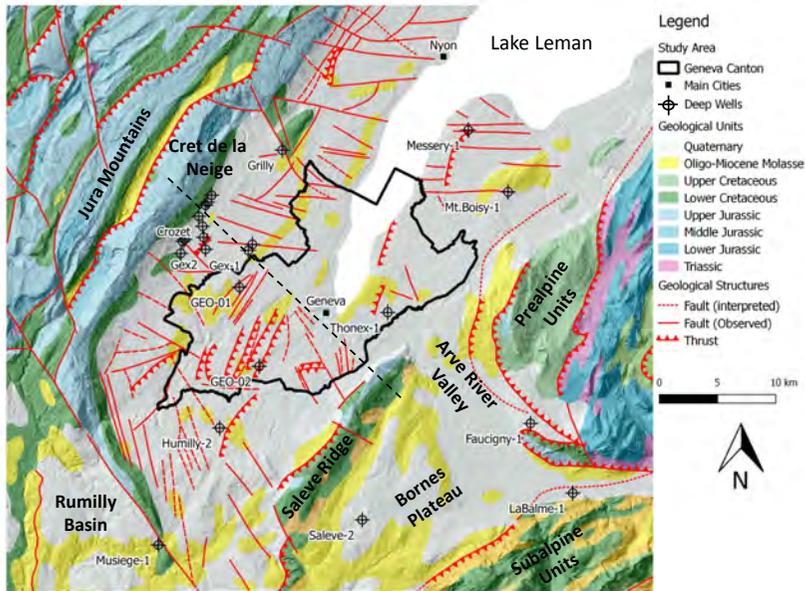
6 chosen scenarios

- 17 years at daily basis
- Merit order fixed to **Cheneviers – CHP – Storage – HP – Wood**
- 3 charging temperatures : 50, 75 and 90°C
- 2 charging strategies



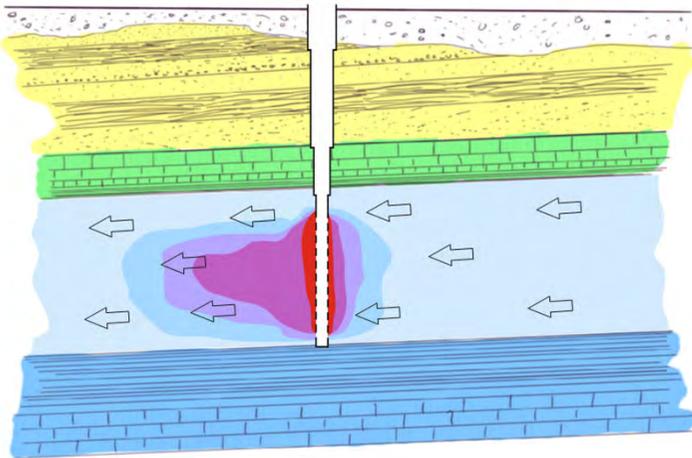
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6. T.charging = 50°C, renewable production driven by demand.

GEOLOGY

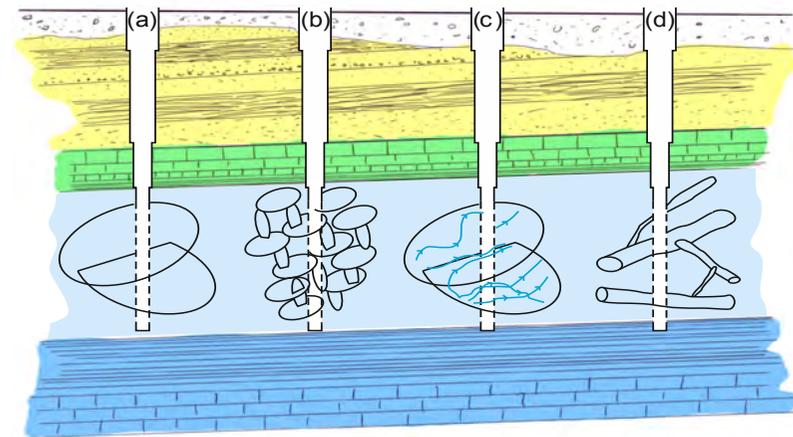


RELEVANT PROCESSES FOR ATES IN SWITZERLAND

Regional hydrogeological gradients



Heterogeneous heat exchanger characteristics



The most important properties are:

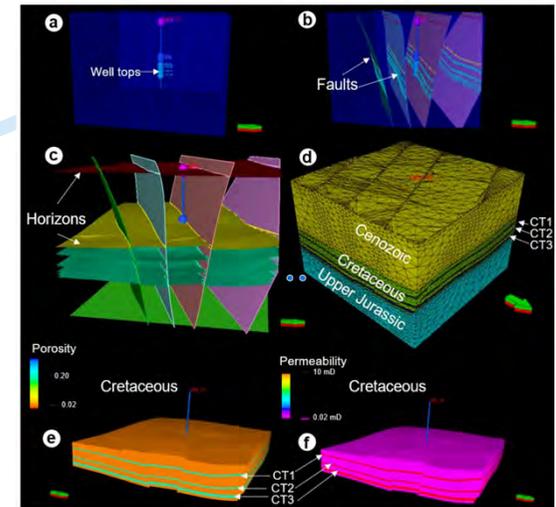
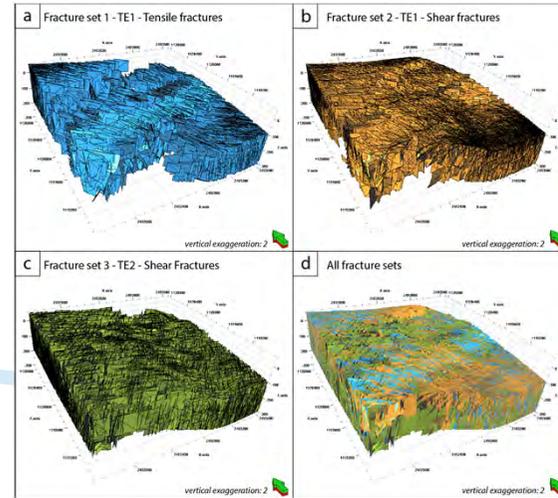
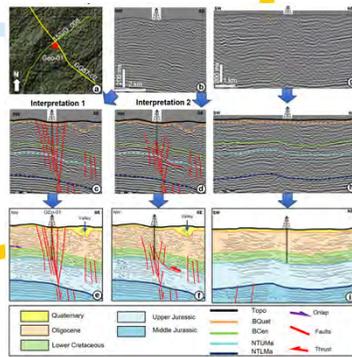
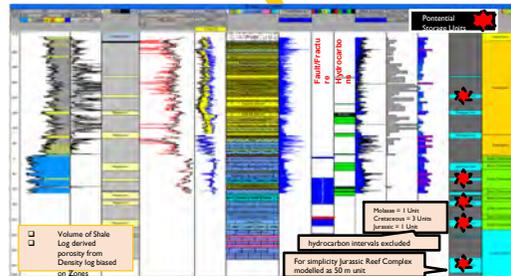
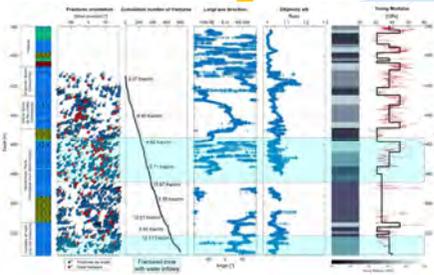
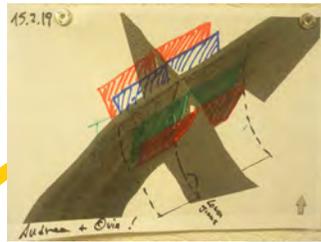
- Geometry (surface area and thickness)
- Stratigraphy (different layers of strata)
- Static heat (groundwater or pressure level)
- Groundwater table gradient (natural flow direction)

Topographical, geological and hydrogeological descriptions

- Hydraulic conductivity (permeability)
- Transmissivity (hydraulic conductivity × thickness)
- Storage coefficient (yield as a function of volume)
- Leakage factor (vertical leakage to the aquifer)
- Boundary conditions (surrounding limits)

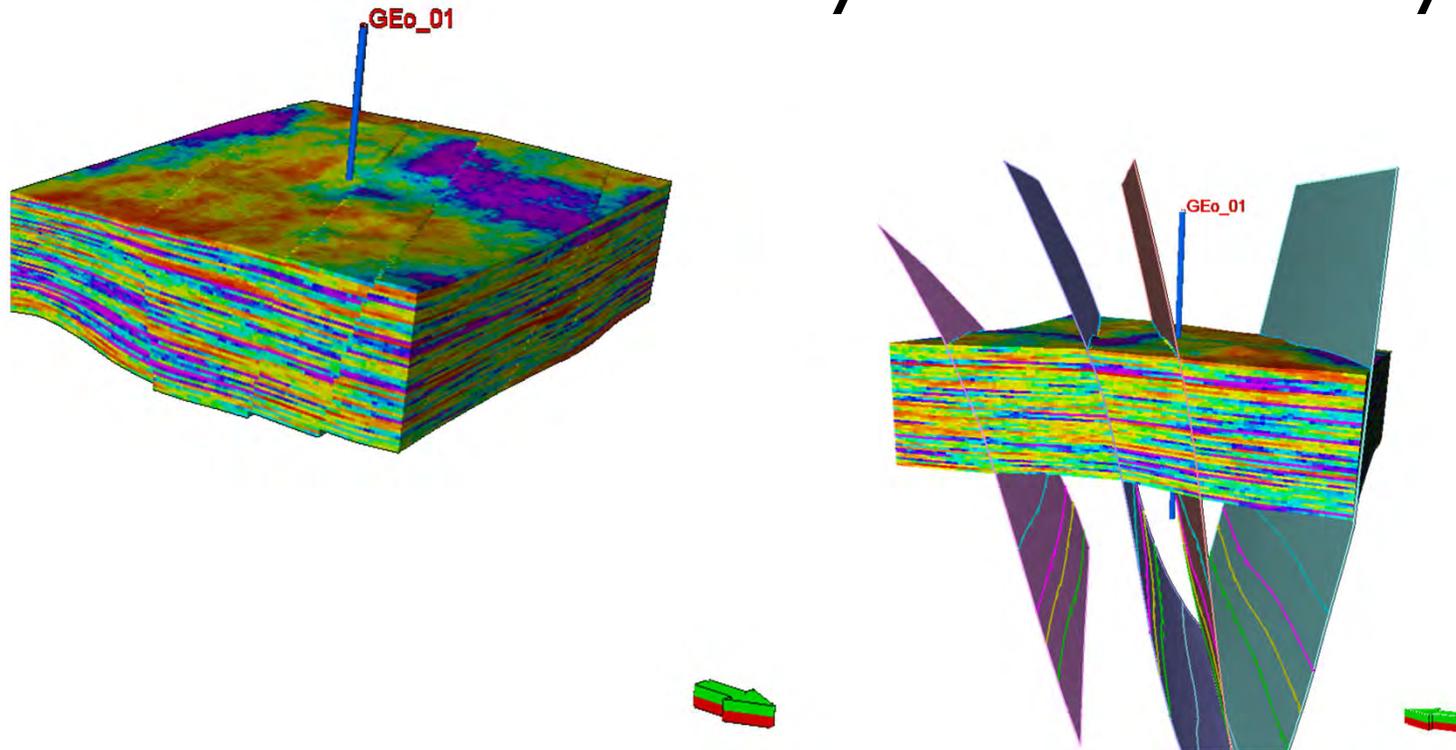
Geomechanical and geophysical data, well test characterization, pumping test

3D STATIC MODELLING



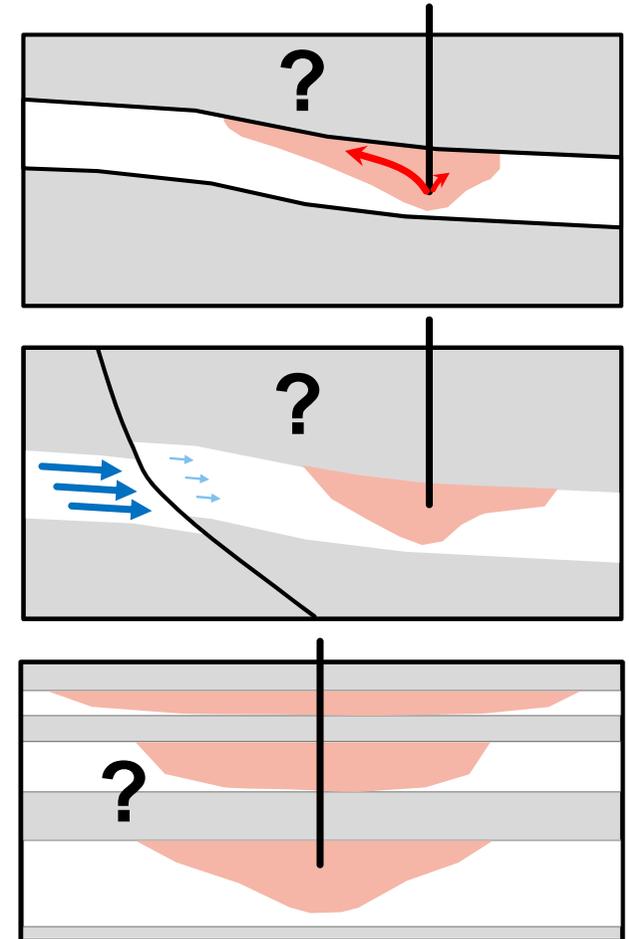
3D STATIC MODELLING

Porosity and Permeability



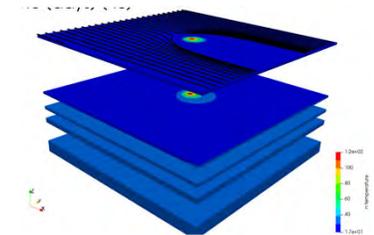
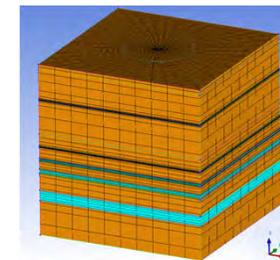
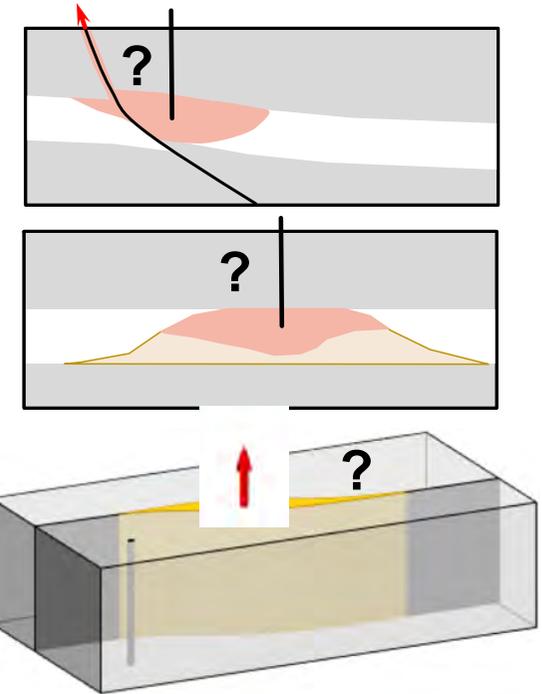
TH MODELLING QUESTIONS

- We are looking for insights into the following main topics via a scenario-based approach:
 - Buoyancy:
 - Given permeability values and inclination of layers, as well as the operational timeframes, will it have significant effects?
 - Groundwater flow:
 - How does it affect the heat storage signature over time?
 - Can faults/fractures play a role in redirecting it?
 - Given more data, could we predict a location “shielded” from it?
 - Multiple Aquifer Storage
 - How does thickness-dependent spreading affect efficiency?
 - What is the role of completion length?
 - Is there a significant impact from the temperature dependency of viscosity?



TH MODELLING QUESTIONS

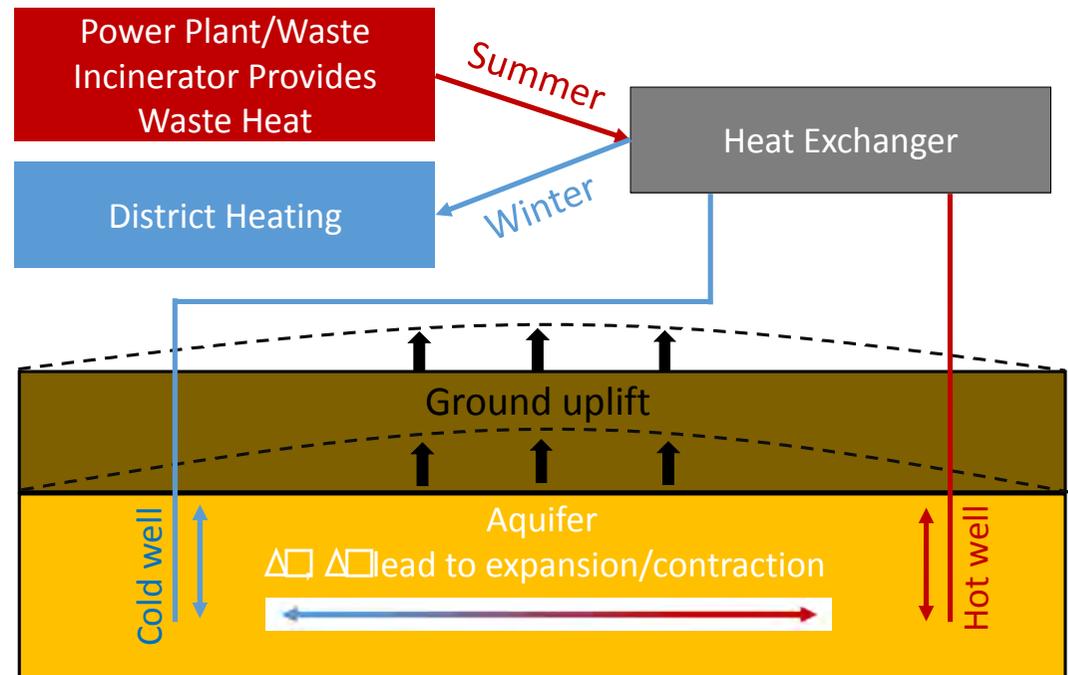
- (continued)
 - Faults/Fractures/Reef structures:
 - How will efficiency be affected by the proximity of a particular feature to the injection location?
 - Sensitivity to feature's hydraulic parameters and shape.
 - Effects of through-going (large) vs. model-contained faults/fractures.
 - Can we predict/confirm a particular type of feature by simulating its effects?
 - Strike-slip faults: effect of dilational stepovers.



Preliminary predictive models

THM & HM MODELING QUESTIONS

- Investigate how surface uplift is affected by
 - Aquifer depth
 - Rock properties
 - Operational decisions
- Poro-elastic and Thermo-poro-elastic modeling
- Model includes simplified incorporation of subsurface characterization and energy system scenarios



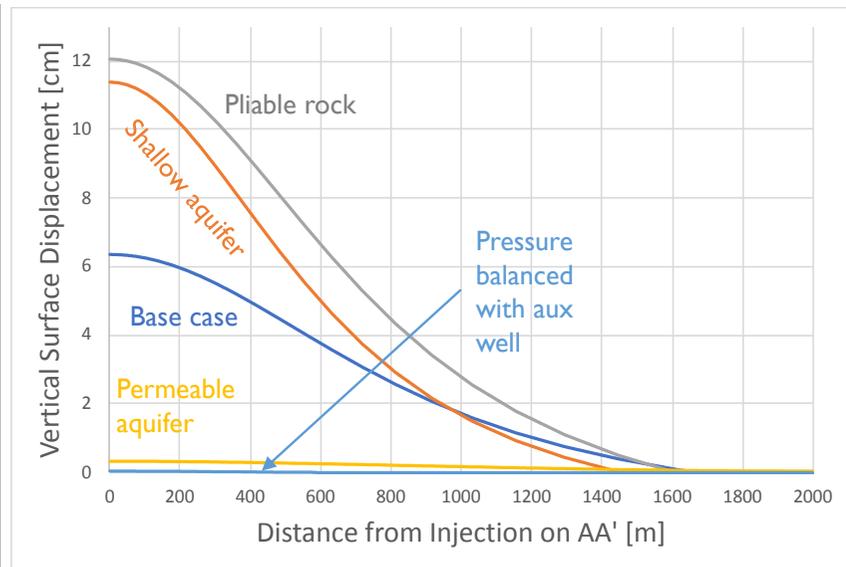
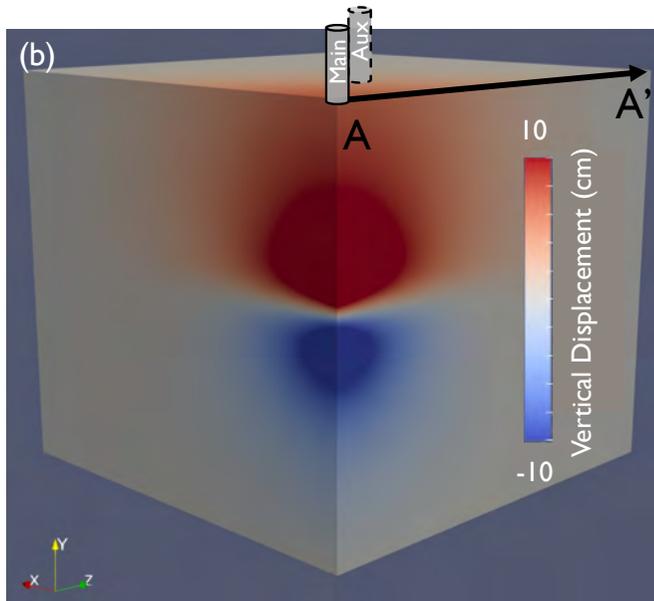
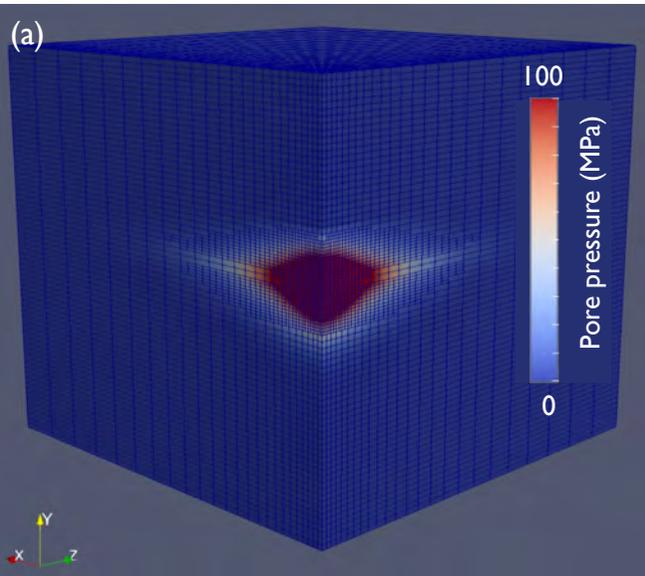
Adapted and expanded from Lu et al. (2019)

GROUND SURFACE UPLIFT DEFORMATION PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Base Case Pressure

Base Case Deformation

Sensitivity Analysis

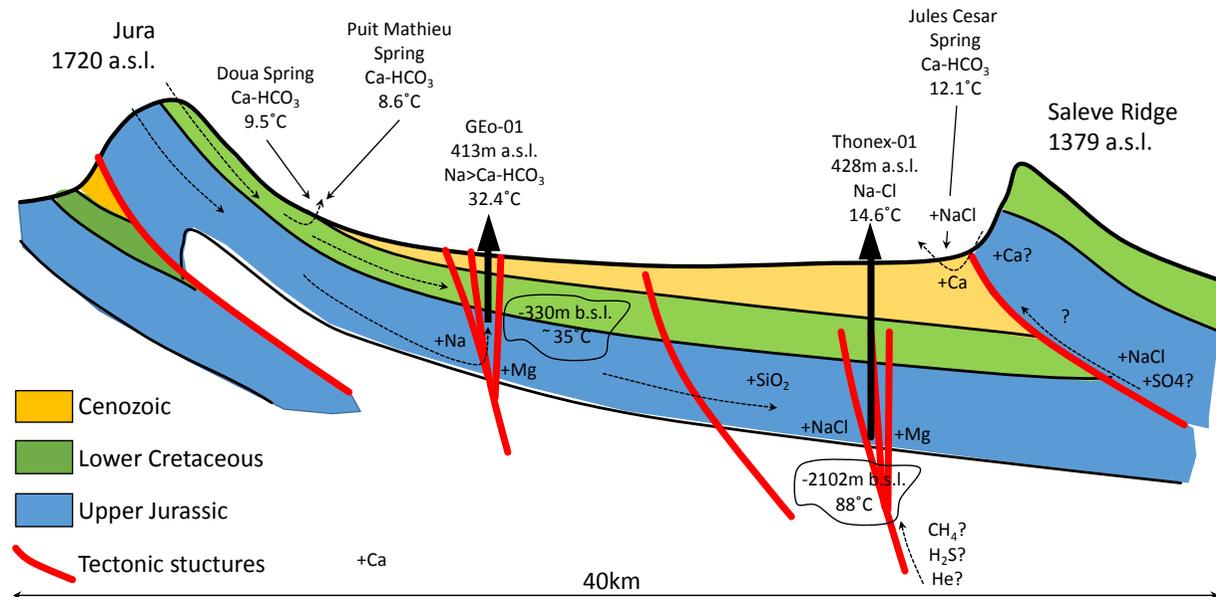
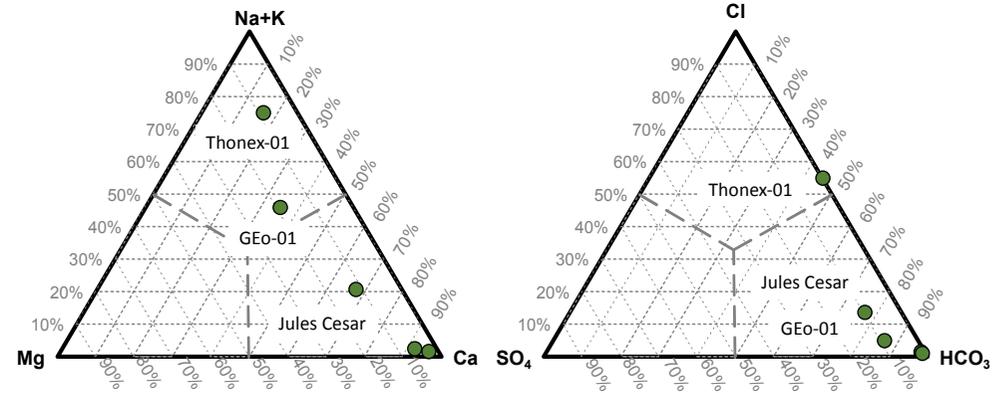
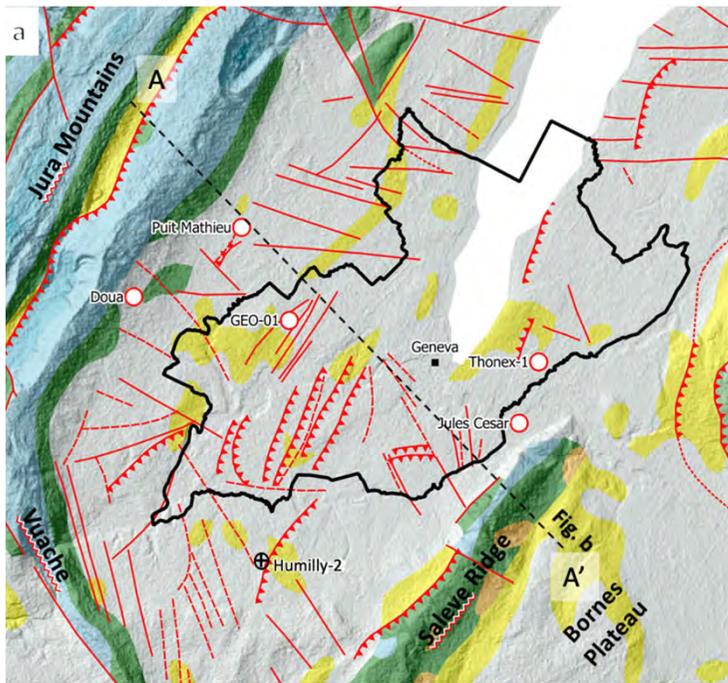


HM simulations. THM in future.

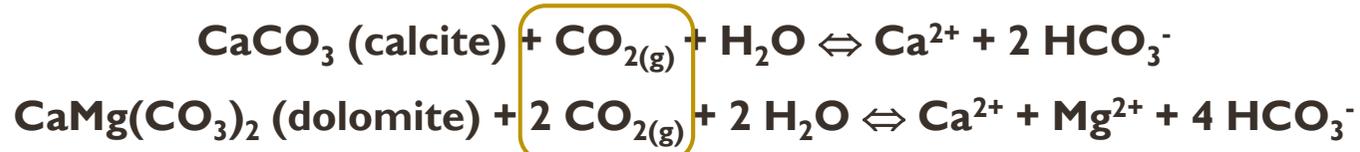
Important:

- Aquifer permeability
- Pressure balance with multiple wells

WATER GEOCHEMISTRY



CARBONATE SYSTEM

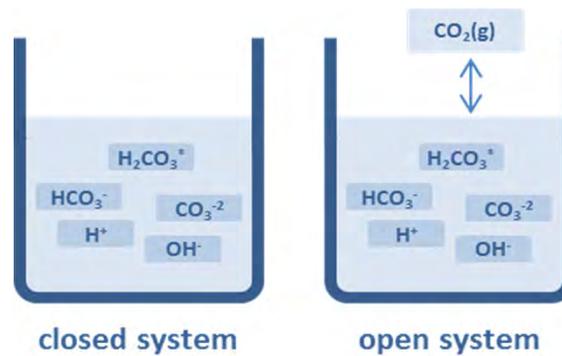


Enhances precipitation

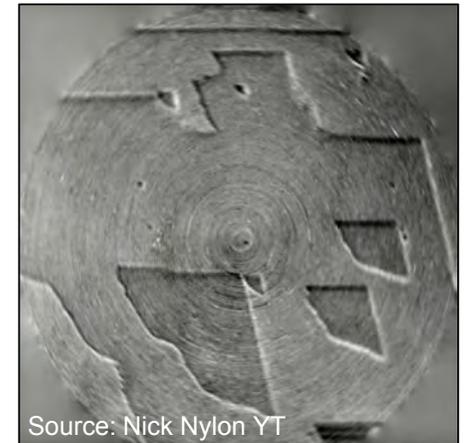
↑TDS, ↑Temperature

↑pCO₂, ↓pH

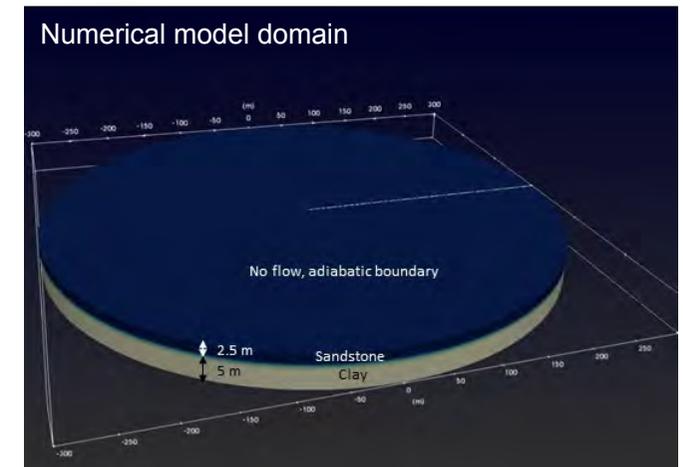
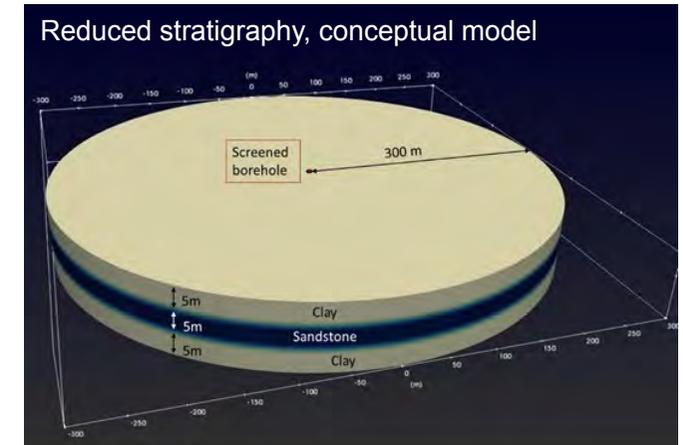
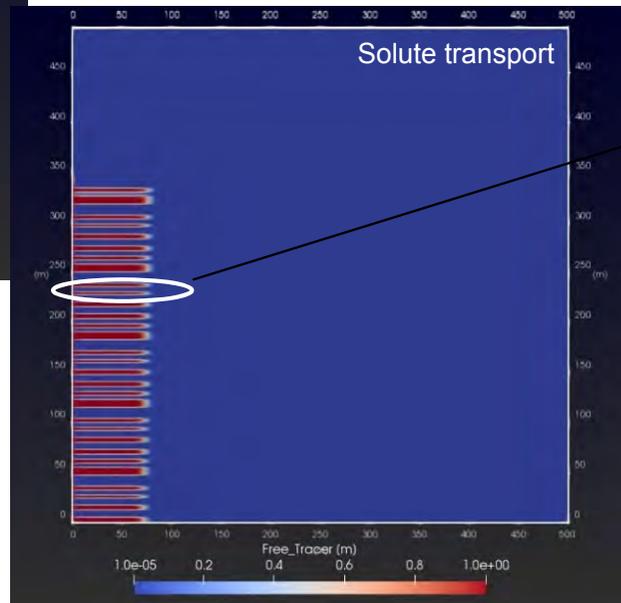
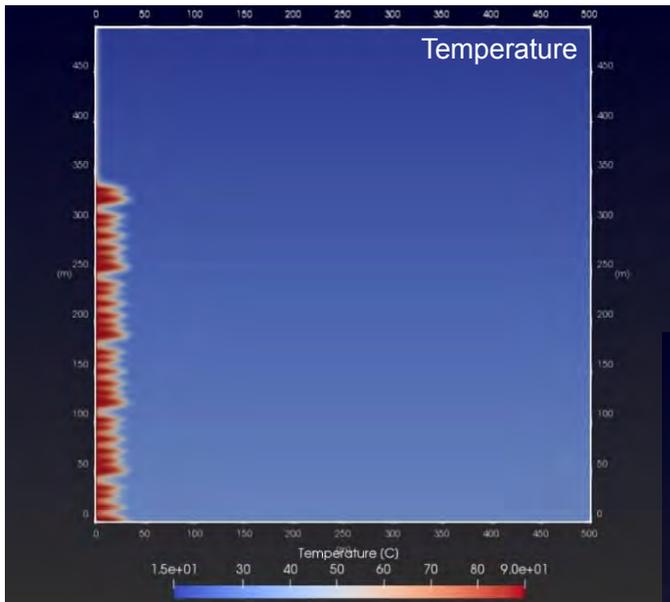
Enhances dissolution



HT-ATES?



THC MODELLING



LAB EXPERIMENTS

What kind of experiments?

- Short and Long-term heating experiments (days to weeks):

Reservoir waters (saturated with respect to minerals present in the reservoir), synthetic or real + rock fragments



Rapidly heated to $T_{\text{injection}}$



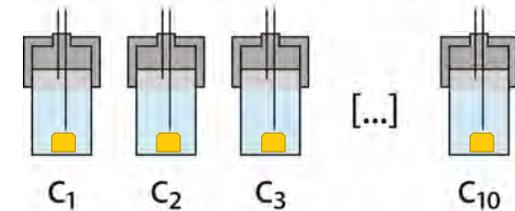
Sample fluid → Changes in fluid chemistry?
(+ minerals precipitated → Identification of polymorphs)



What and how much has precipitated? Any signs of silicate dissolution?

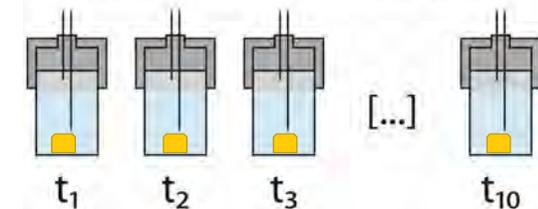
Precipitation experiments:

Different conditions for all vessels, open at the same time



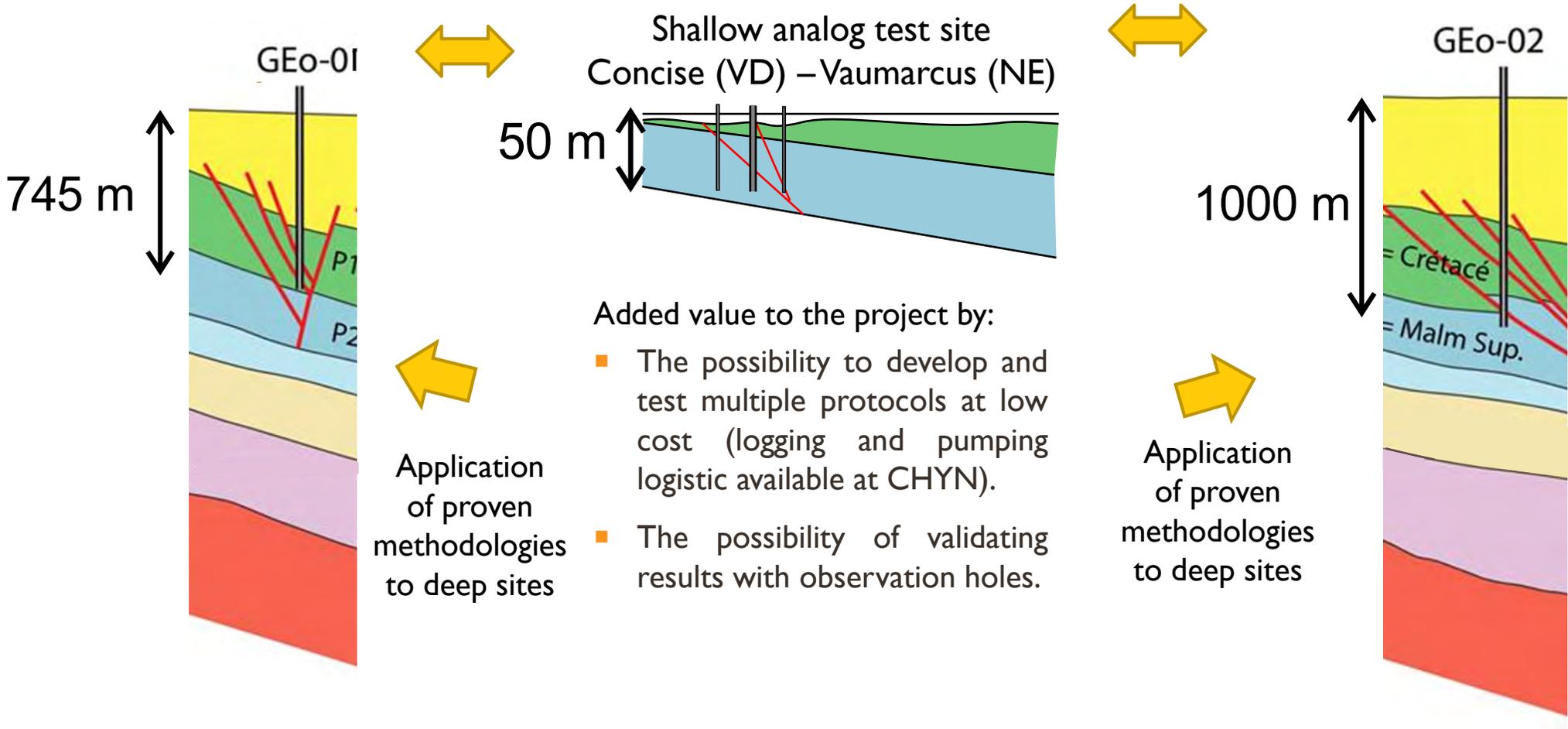
Kinetic experiments:

Same conditions for all vessels, terminate at different times



Repeat experiments at different conditions (e.g. $T_{\text{injection}}$, fluid composition (TDS, \pm Mg, \pm SO_4), pCO_2 , \pm crystallisation seeds) to cover different hydrochemical conditions which might be encountered at the Geneva and Forsthaus sites

THERMO-HYDRAULIC TESTS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



NEXT STEPS

Drilling

Testing

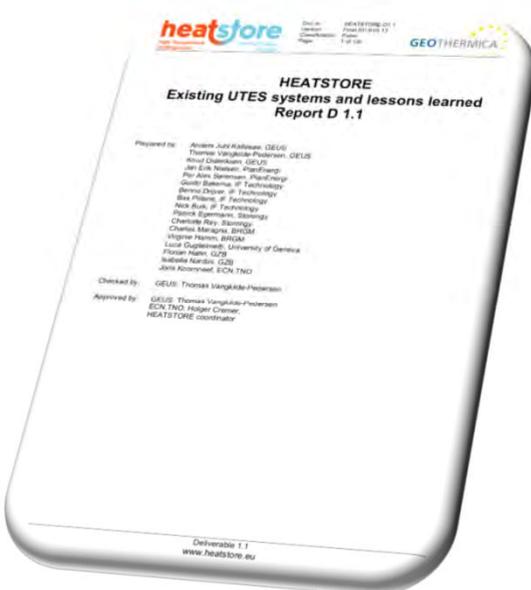
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... and more to come

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