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# FUTURE MULTI-STAGE EGS PROJECTS IN SWITZERLAND

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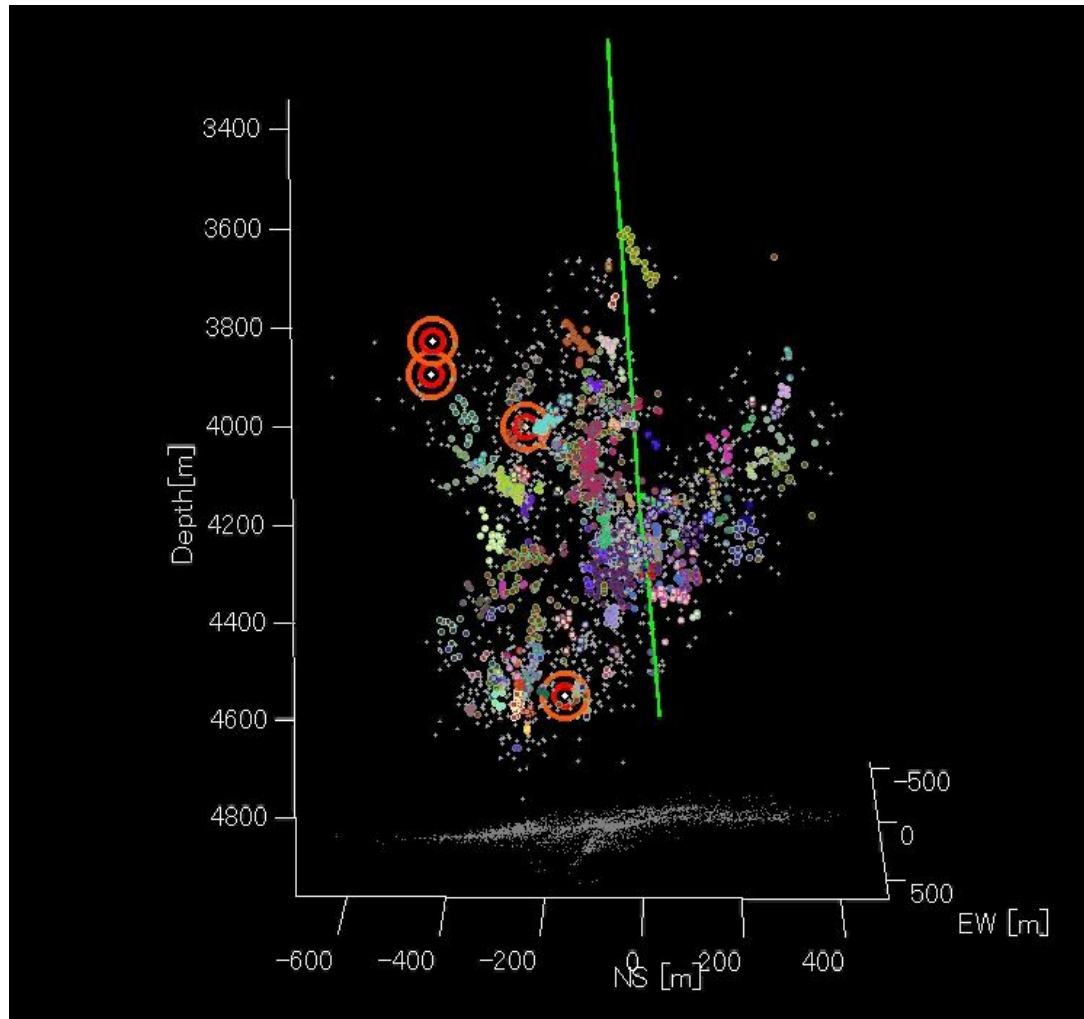
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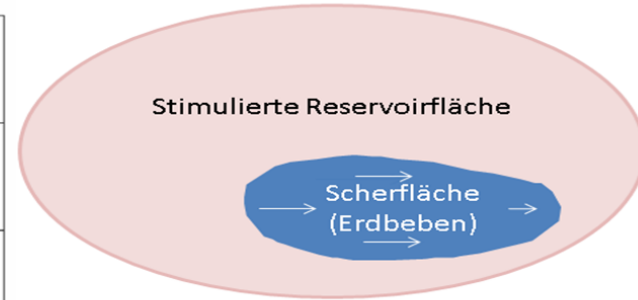
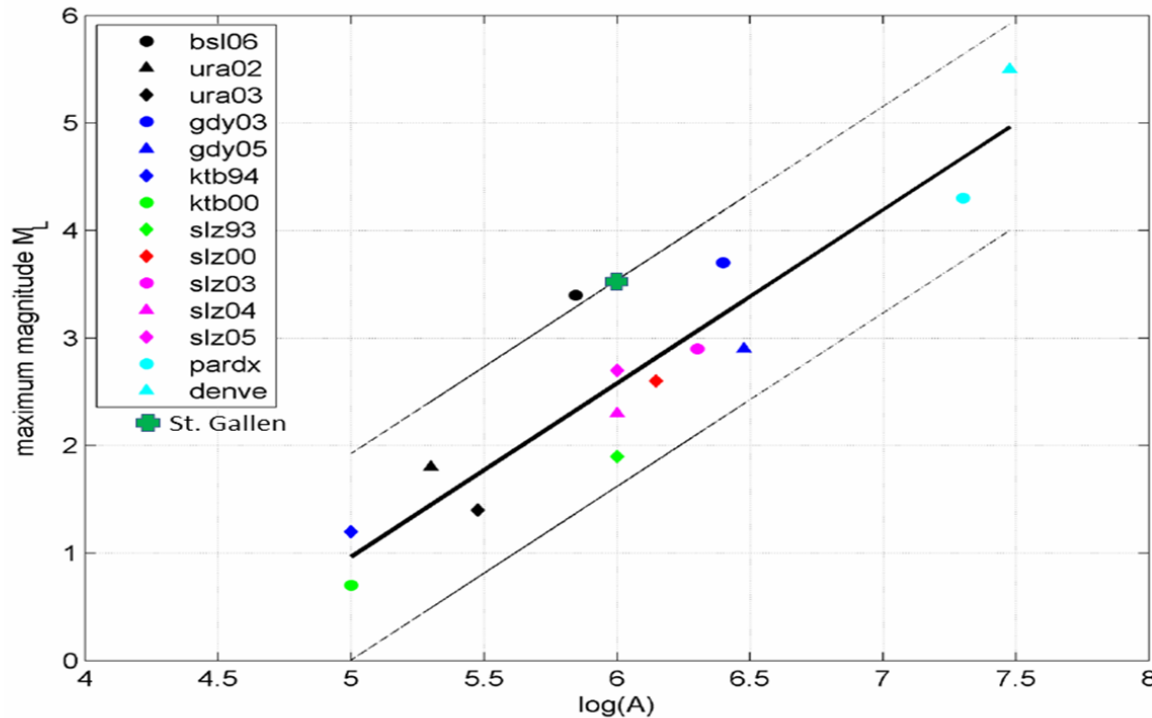
# Basel reservoir: IS too strong, Permeability too weak

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# Key findings seismicity (Serianex, 2009): Magnitude of induced seismicity increases with stimulated reservoir area

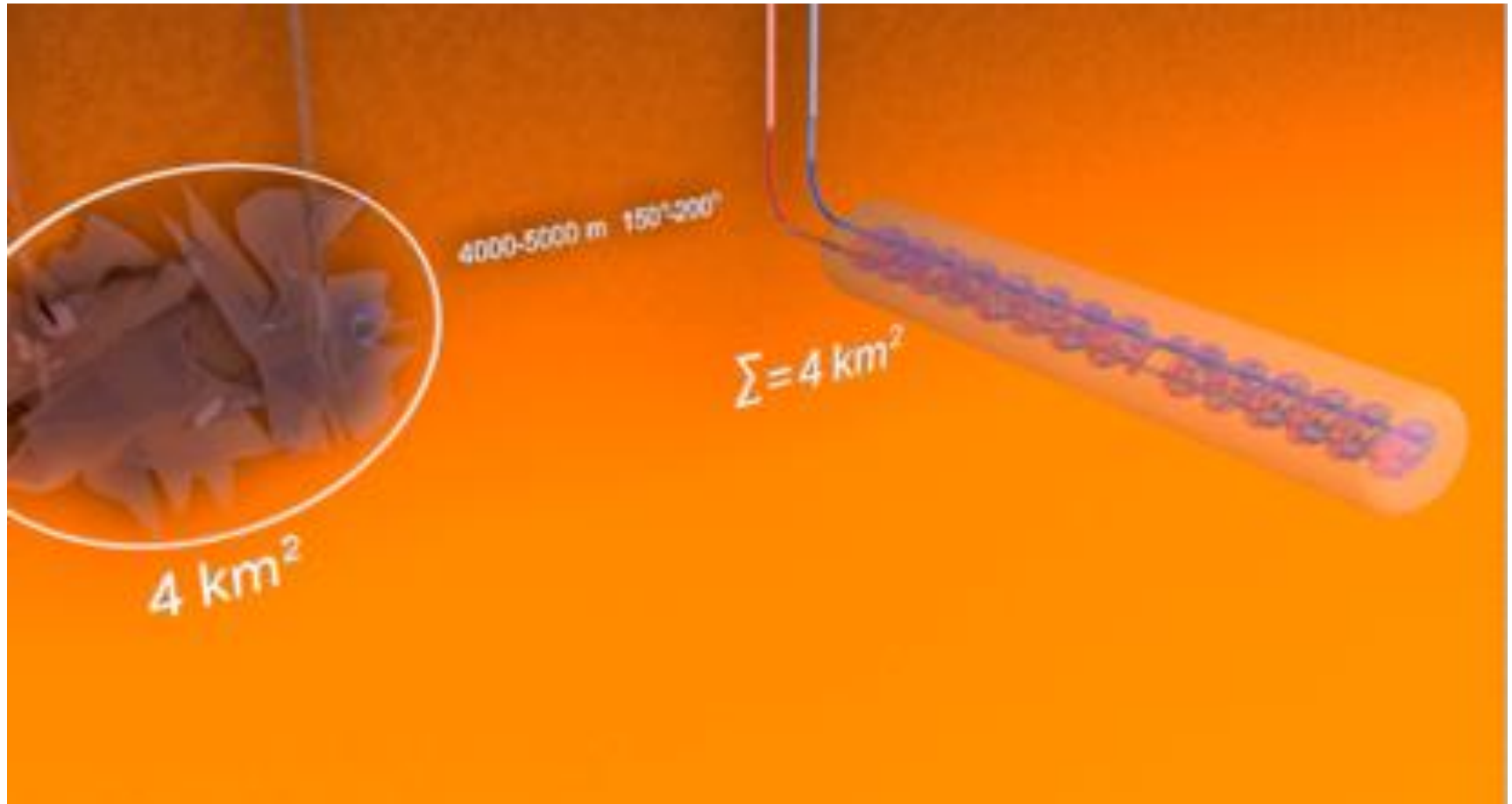
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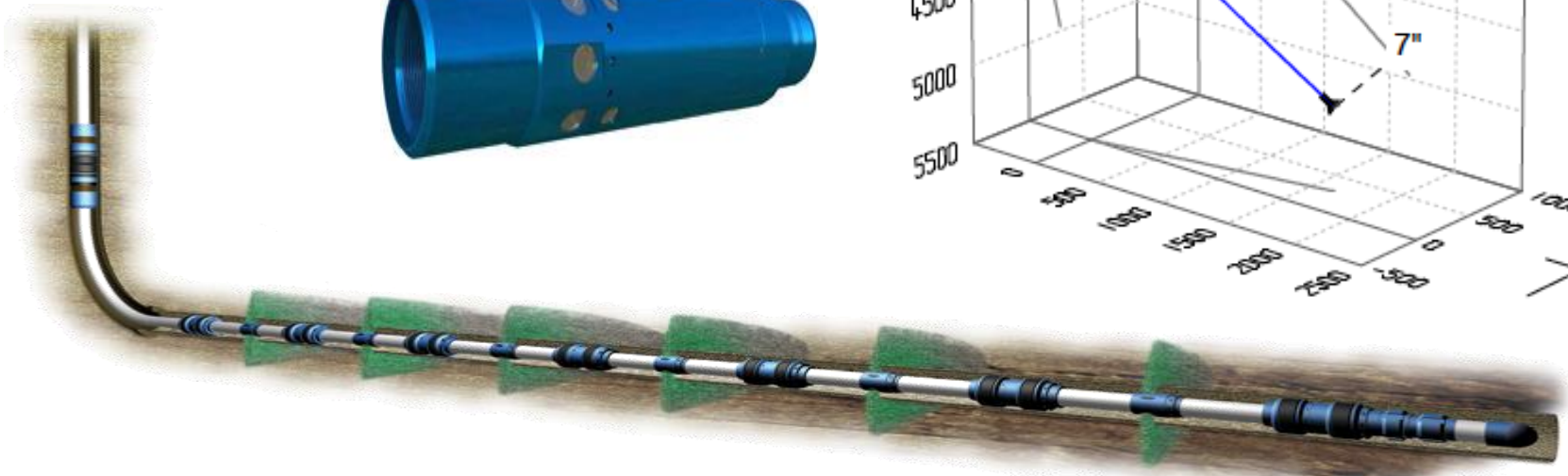
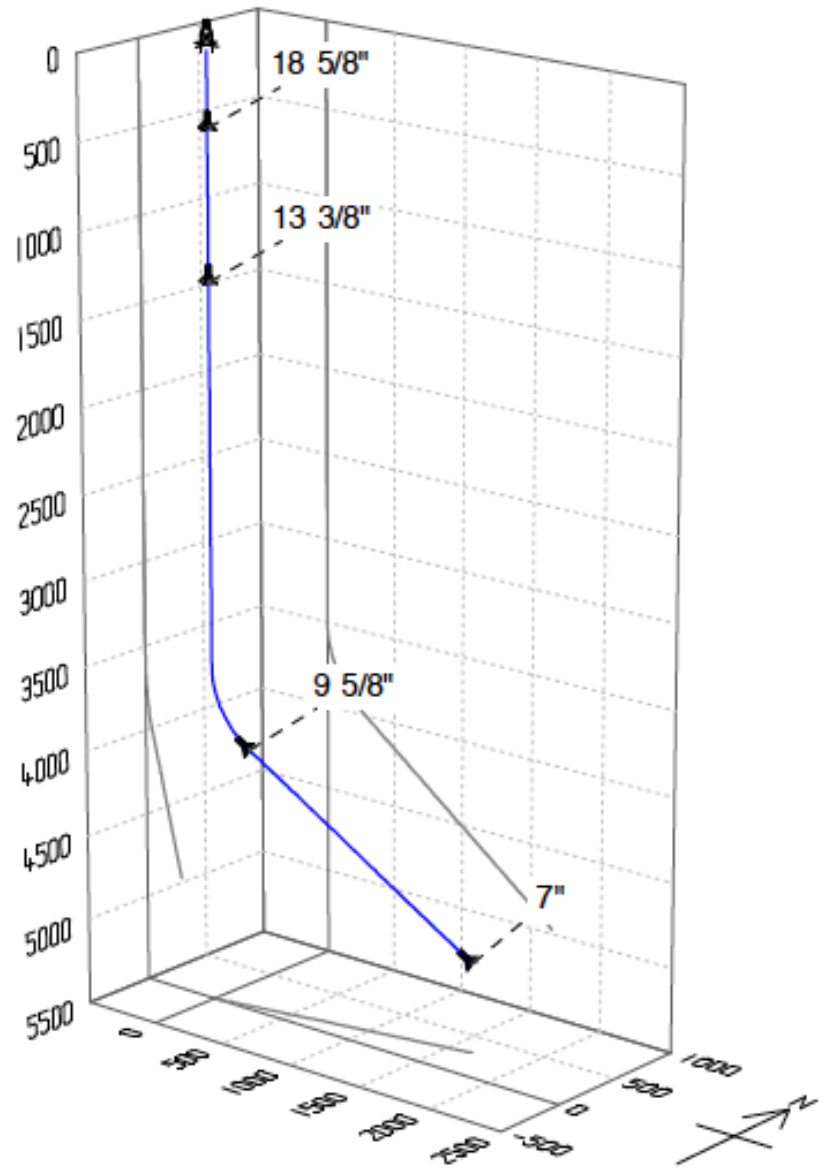


**Nach St.Gallen:  
Stimmt unser  
Konzept?**

Detailed analysis of the Basel data set and numerical simulations corroborate this general relationship from many data sets worldwide. Also the project in St. Gallen follows this relationship.

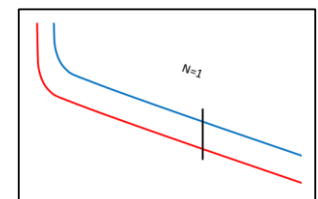
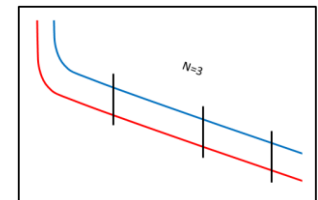
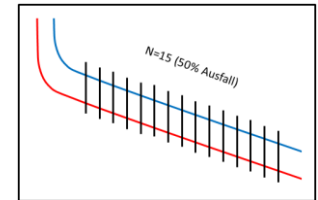
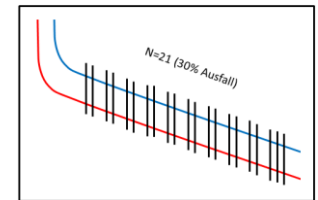
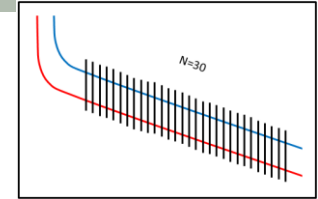
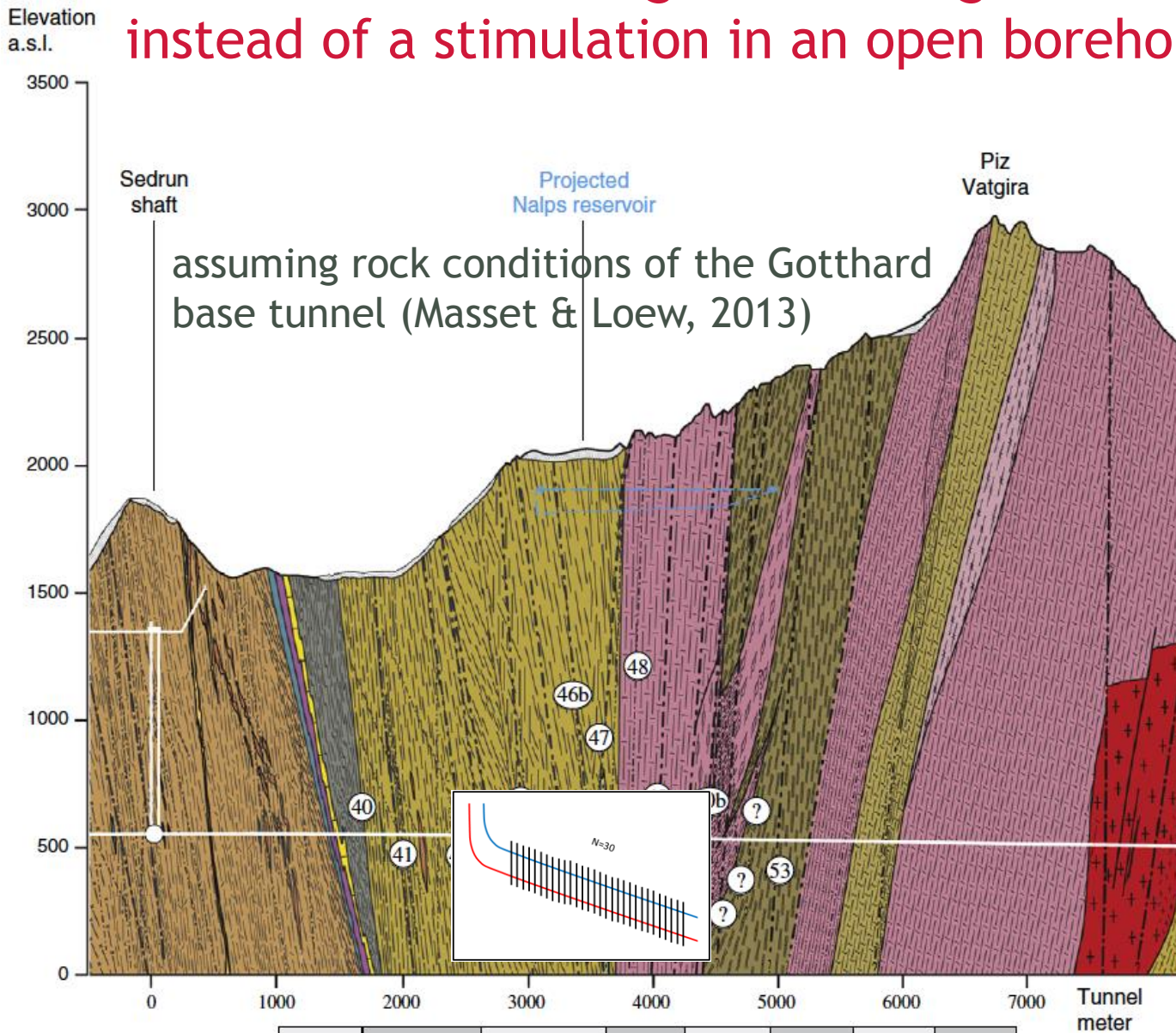
# Concept DHM Basel vs. „new“ horizontal multi-frac system



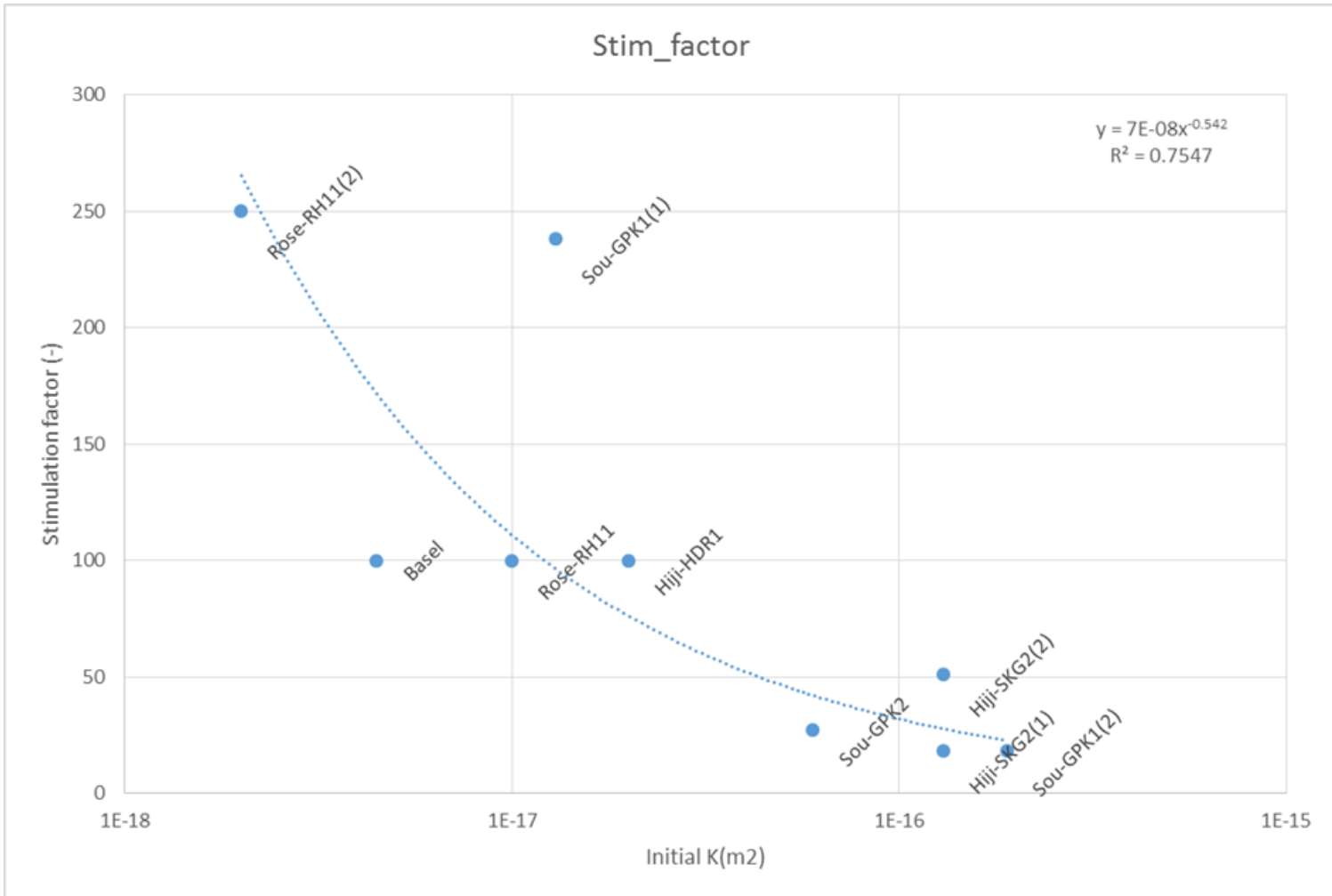


# MC simulations demonstrate the improvement of circulation rates using a multi-stage stimulation system instead of a stimulation in an open borehole

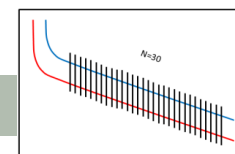
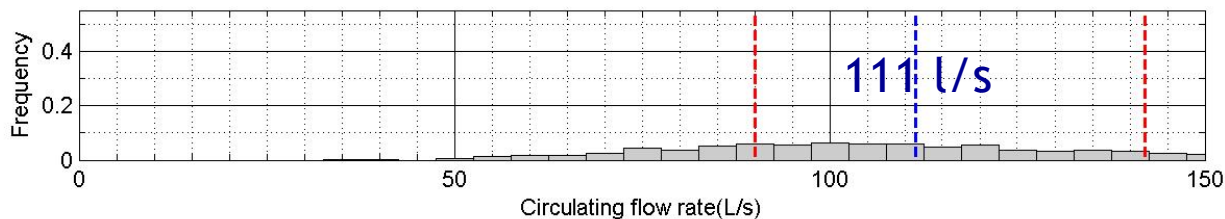
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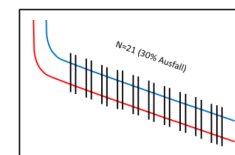
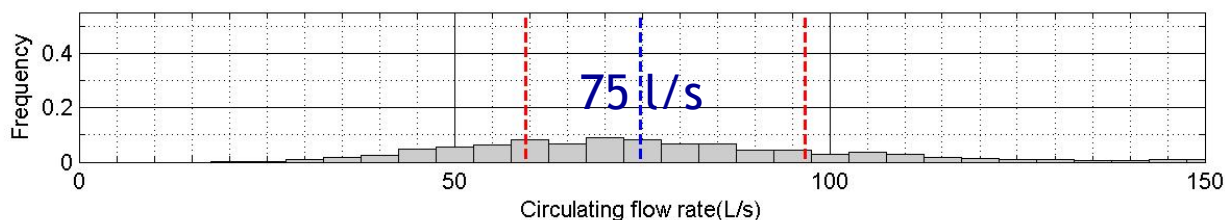
# Stimulation factor (Evans, 2013)



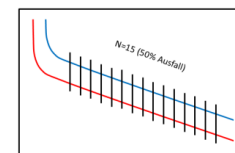
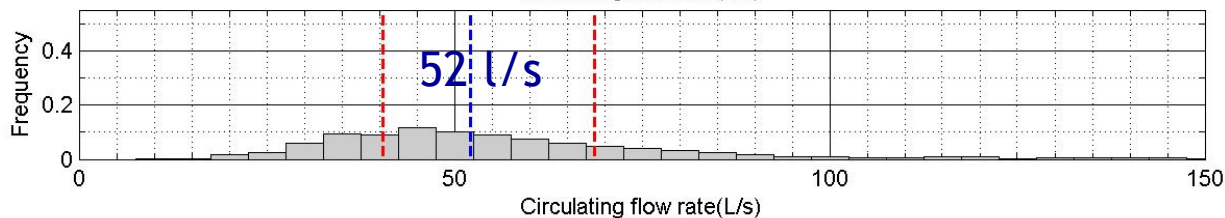
# Flow rates from MC calculations for different numbers of successful stages versus open-hole stimulation



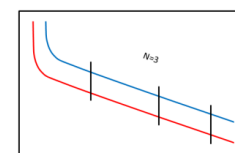
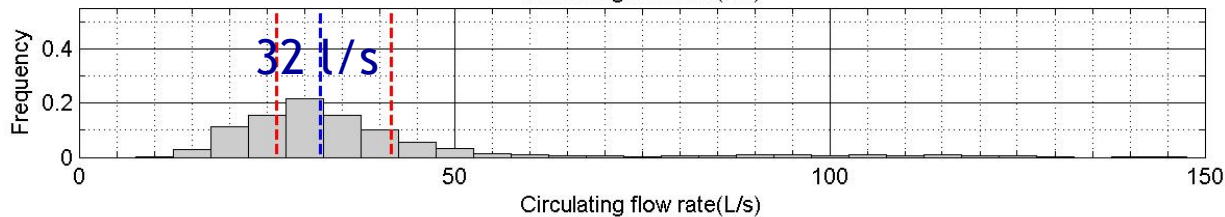
30 stages



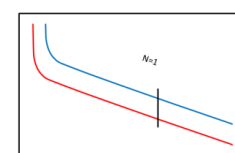
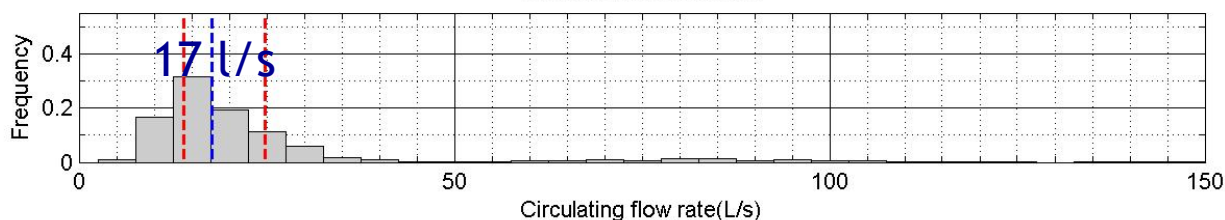
20 stages



15 stages



Open-hole stimulation of 3 fractures



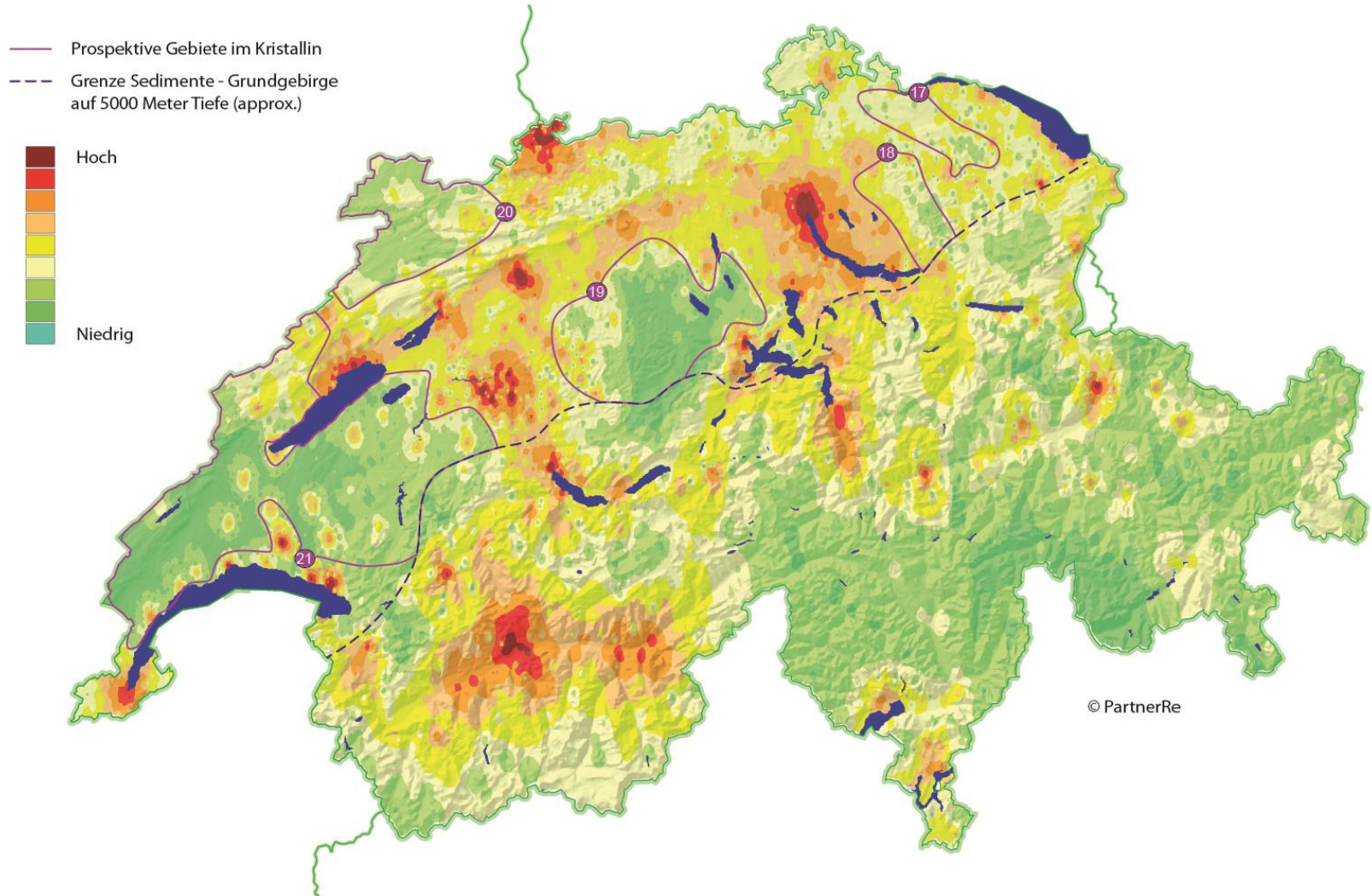
Open-hole Stimulation of 1 fracture

Medium Transmissivity (Gneiss, Masset & Loew 2013, Higher Bound K)



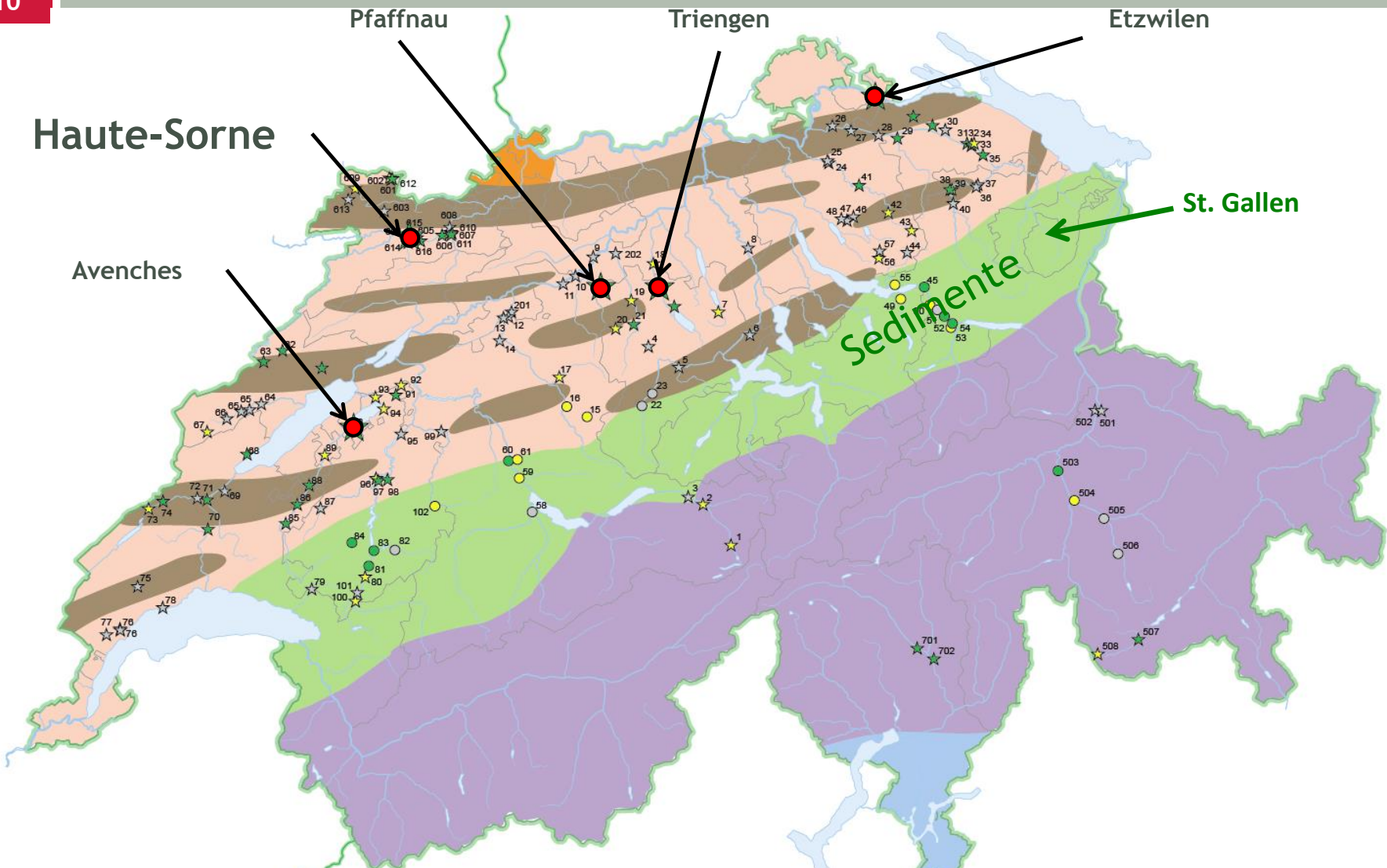
# Low risk areas for first pilot projects and safety distance to large fault zones

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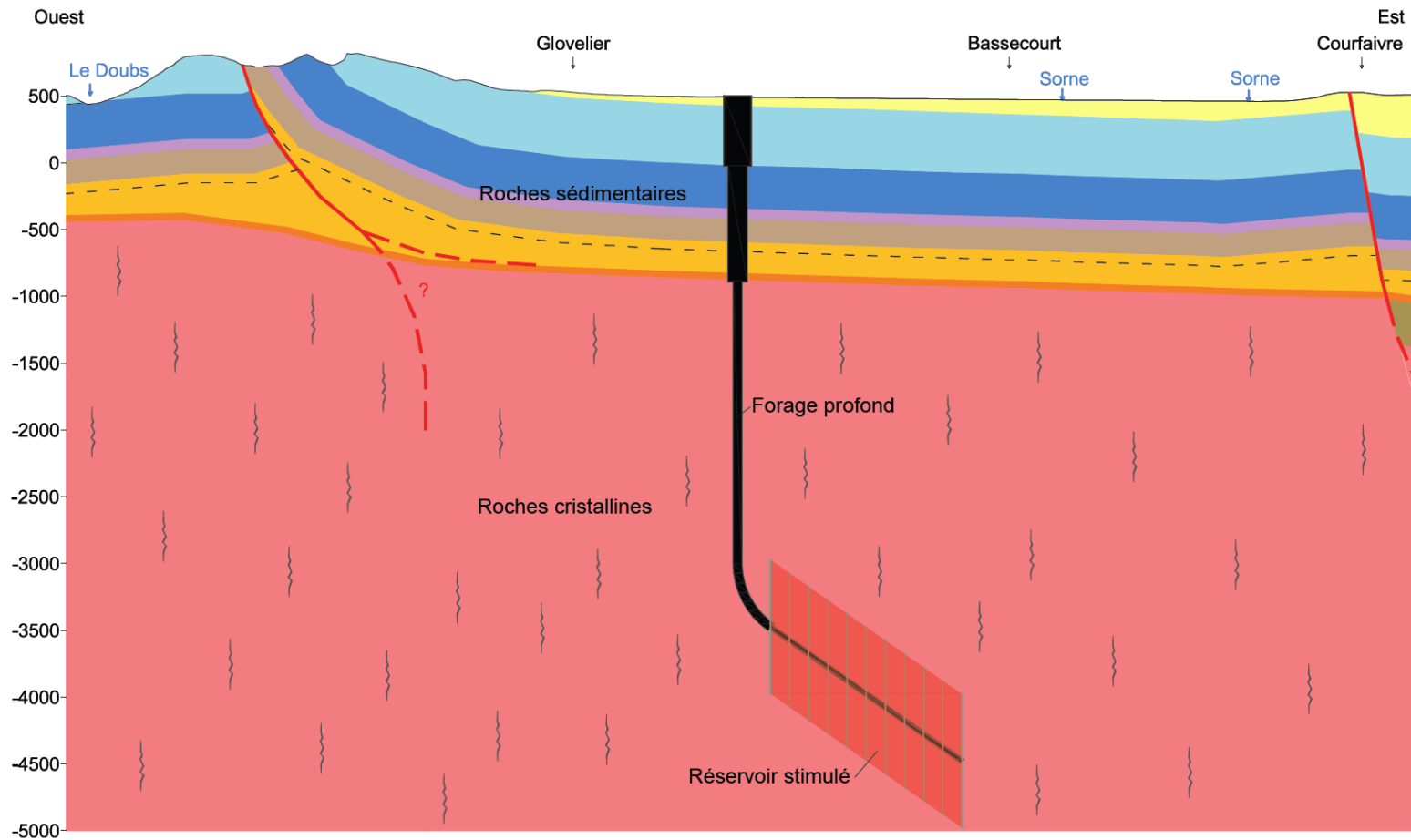
# 130 potential sites for pilot projects were evaluated within different plays within crystalline basement and sediments

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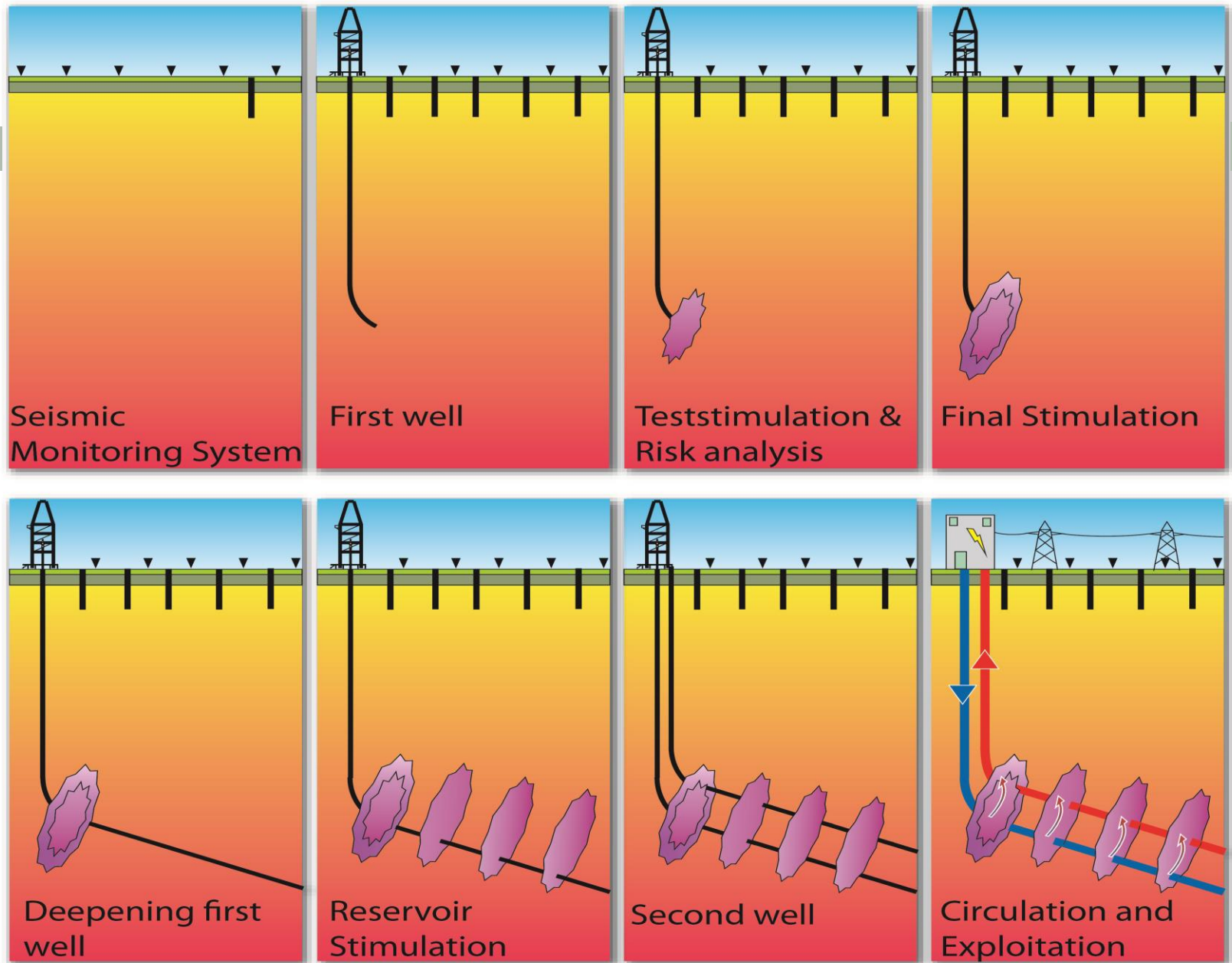


# Geological cross-section with well and reservoir sketch

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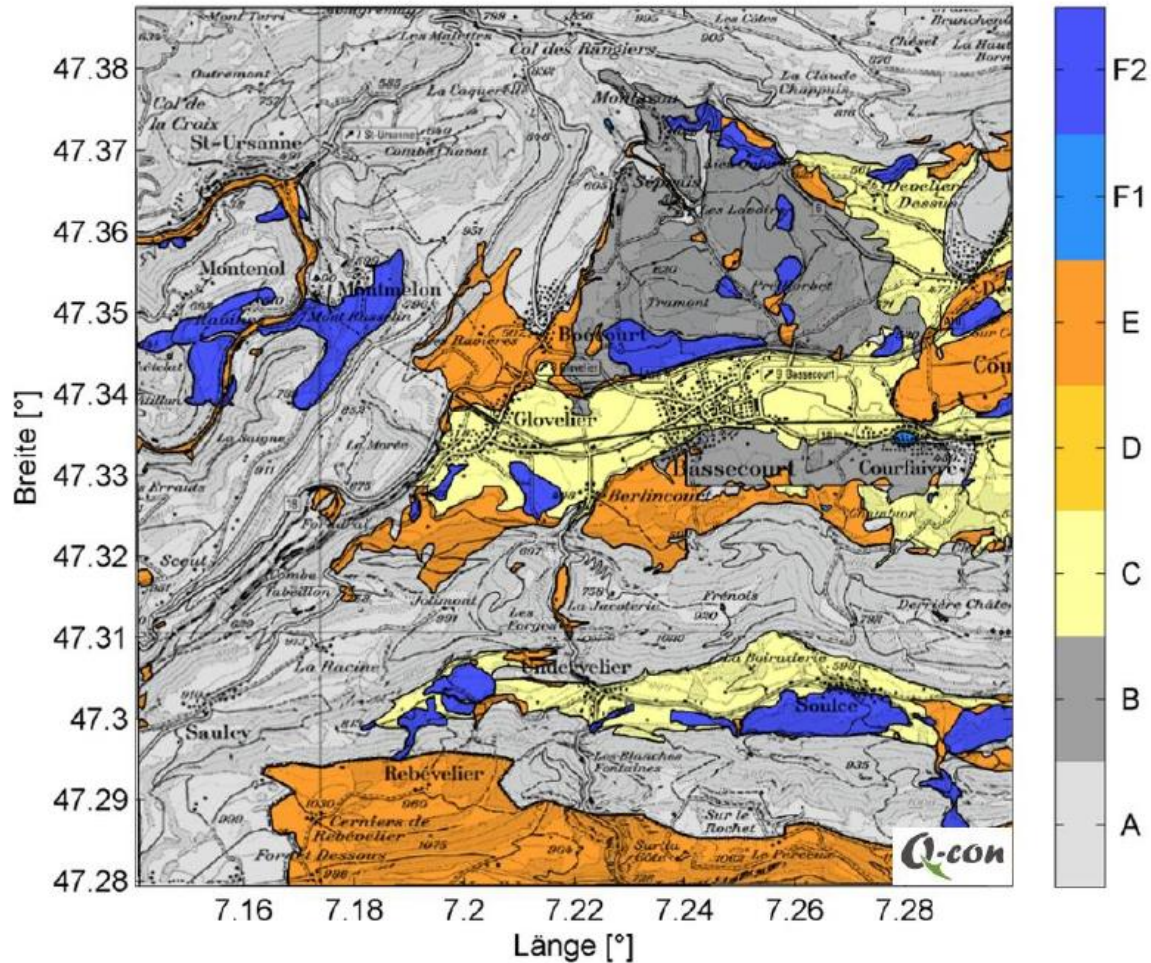
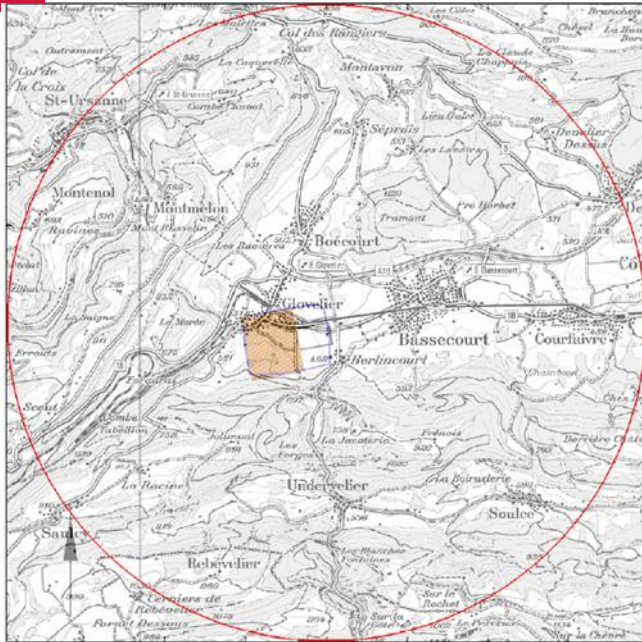


# Conceptual design



# Deterministic study (Q-con) Numerical modeling of ground motions

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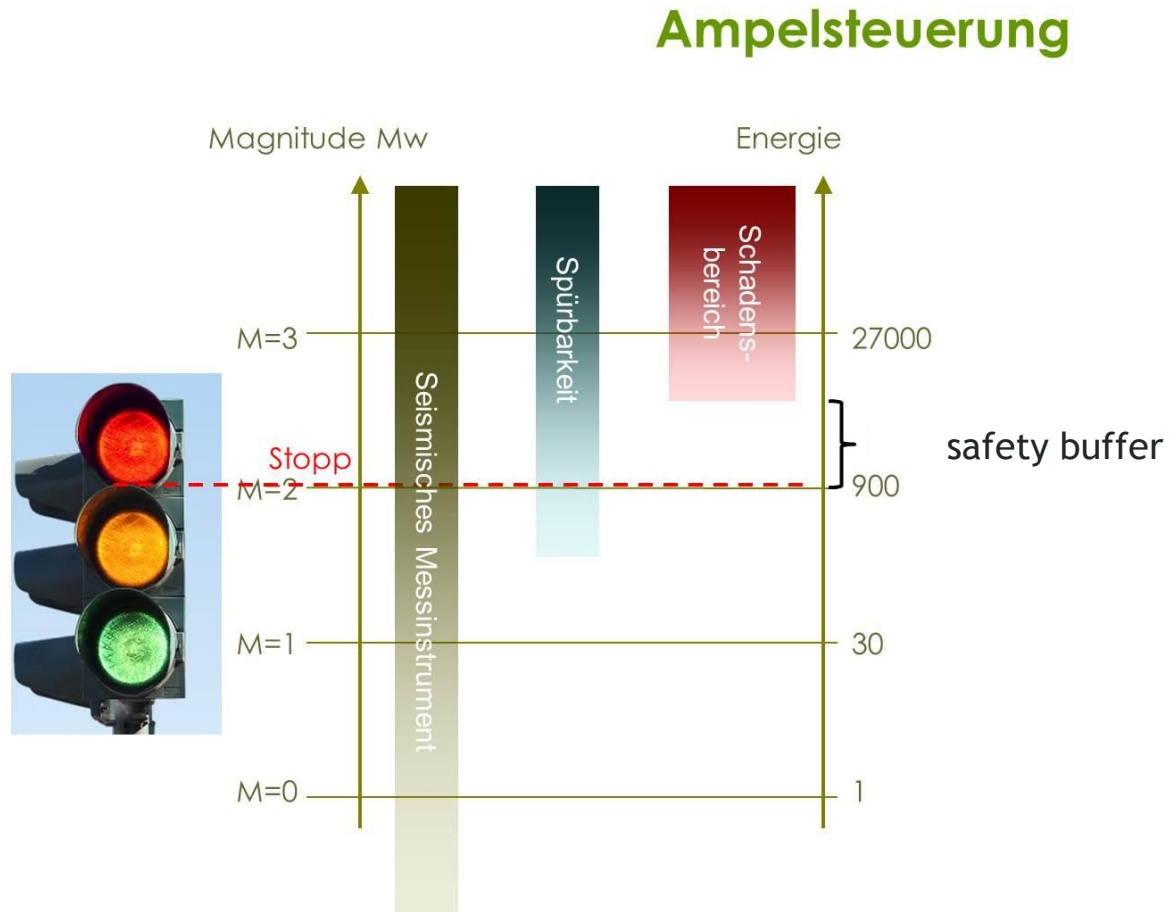


- Mw=2.6
- Damage < 5000 CHF

# Traffic light system with lower thresholds

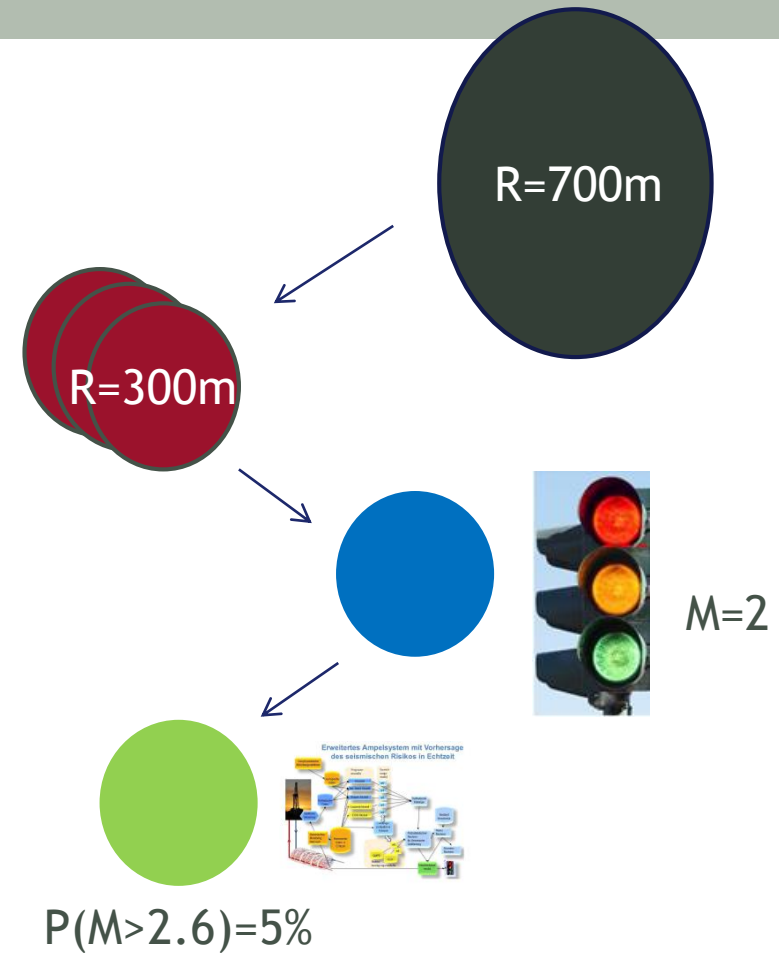
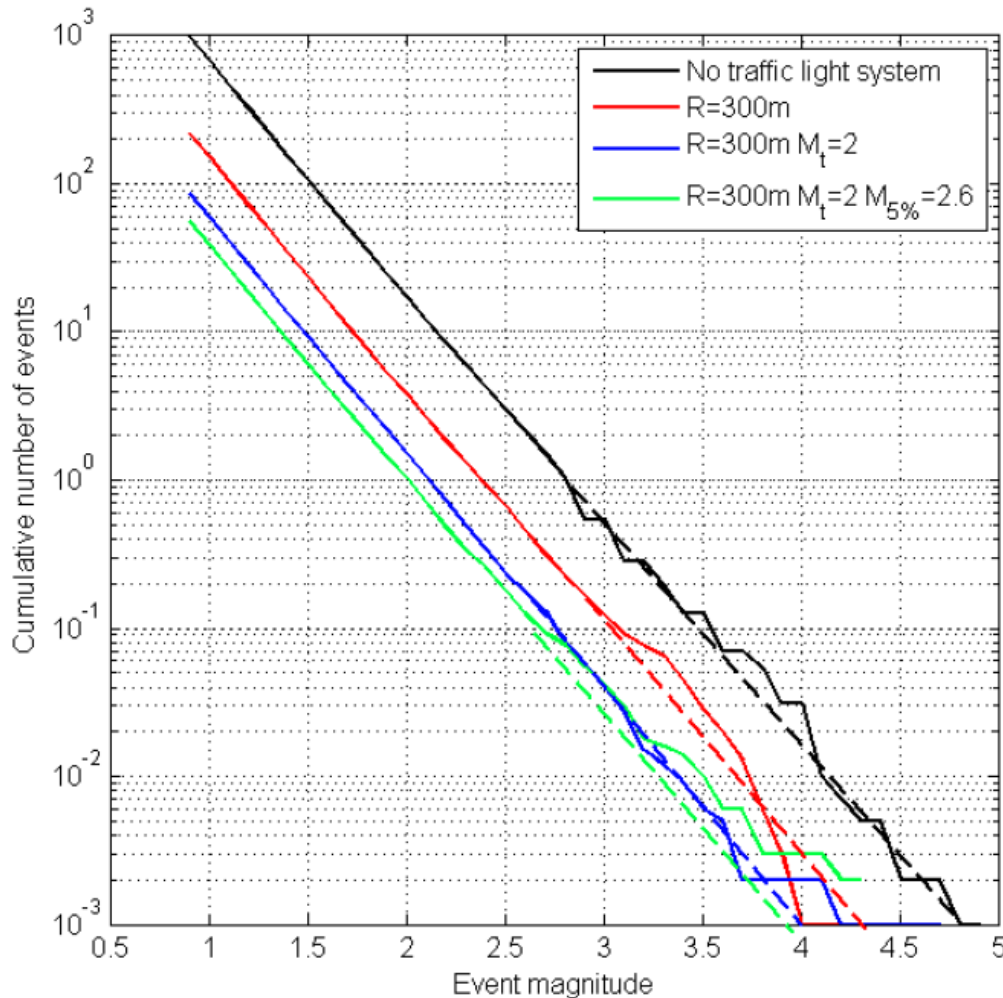
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A system of predefined thresholds allows an automated stop before damage occurs

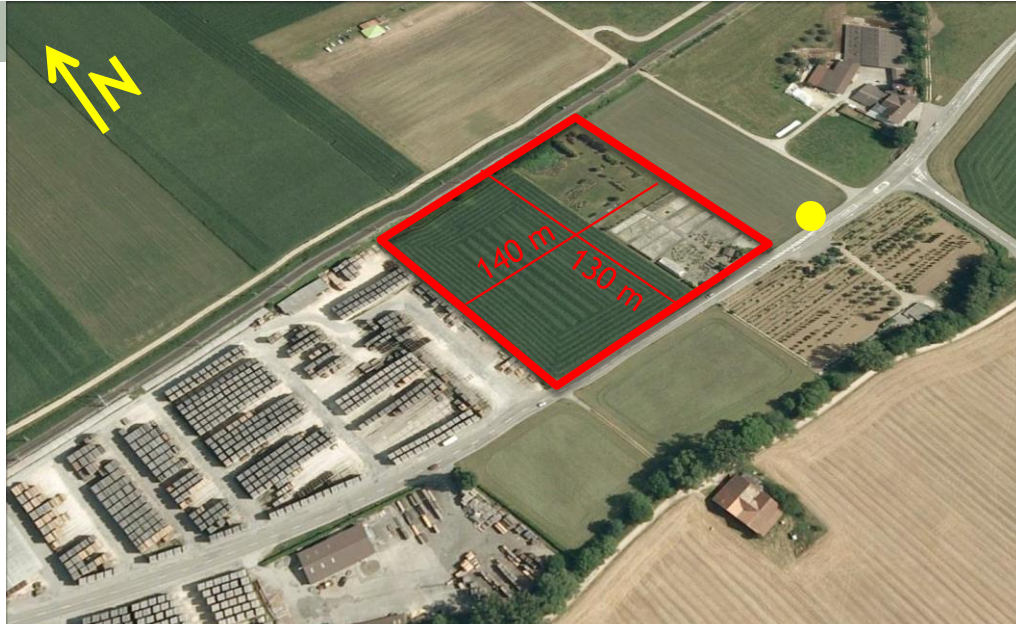


# Probabilistic risk study according to SED philosophy & ATLS

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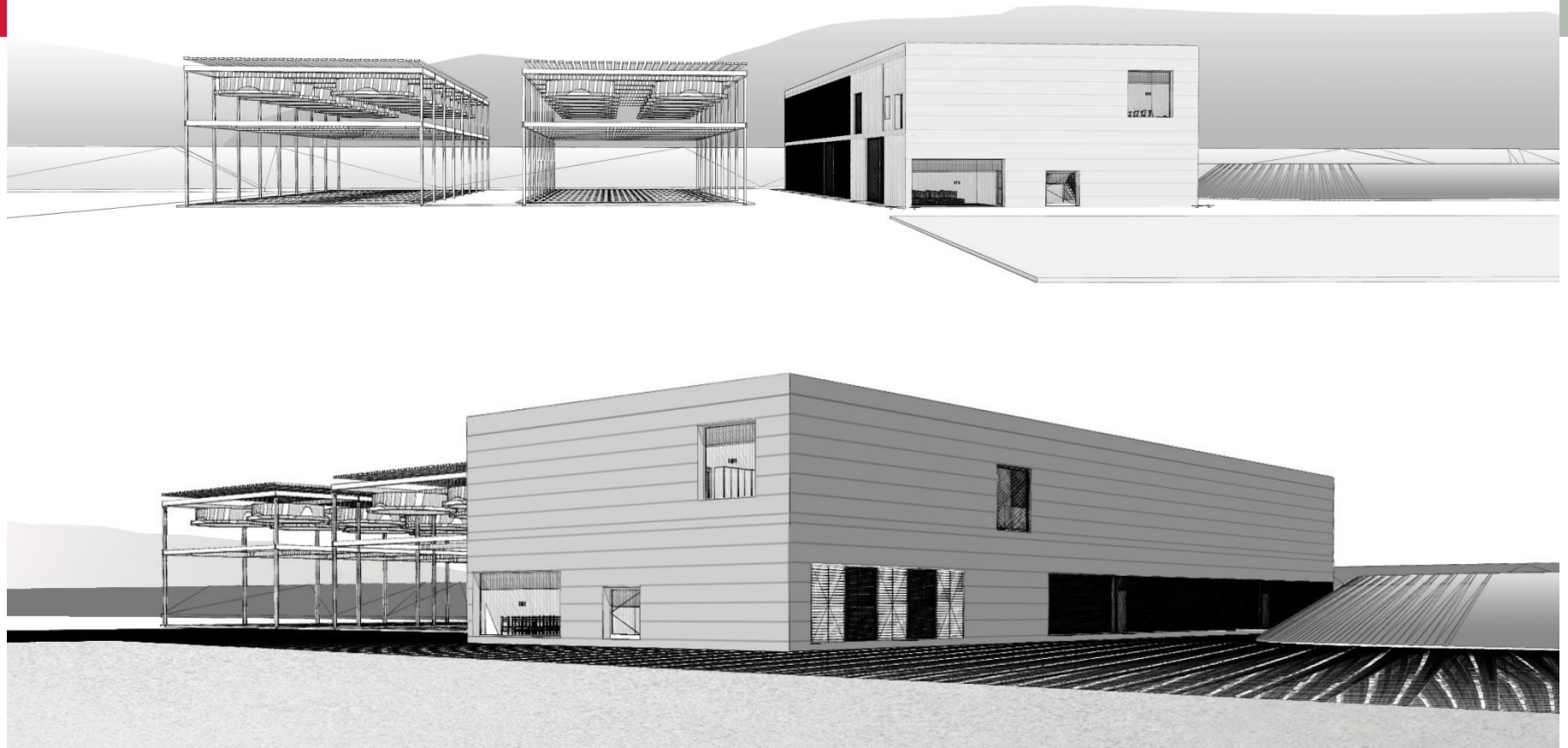


# Project site Haute-Sorne





# Power plant construction permit: $P_{max} = 5 \text{ MW}_{el}$ Electrical Power will be sold to Swissgrid (KEV-waiting list)

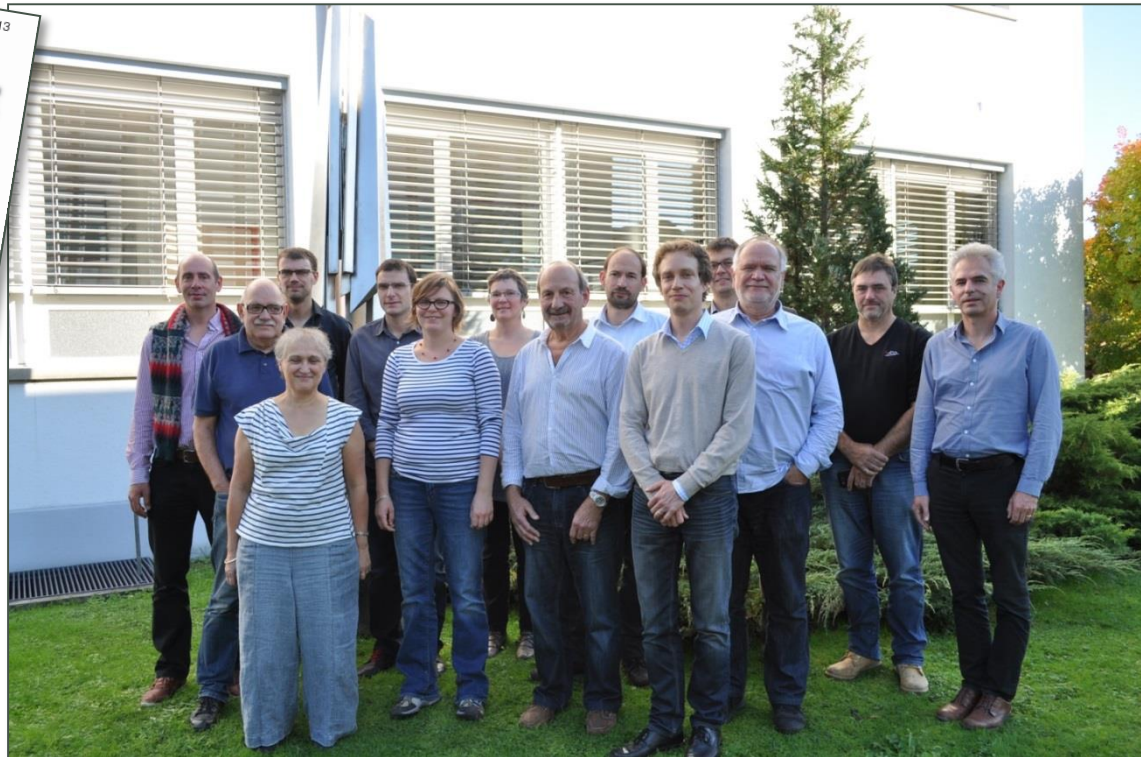


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# Accompanying Group

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- Deliver detailed information to all stakeholders
- Communication relay with the population
- Project improvement driven by the group's feedback



# Time plan Haute-Sorne

2012



Preliminary impact and risk studies

2013



- Accompanying groups
- Application of construction permit and main environmental impact and risk studies

2014



Examination by authorities

2015

Risk guarantee BFE/Swissgrid

2017



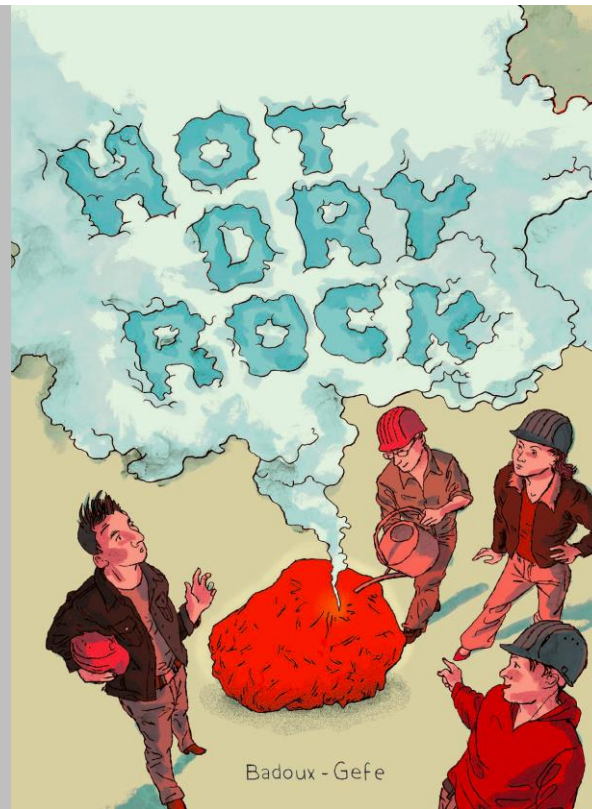
Drilling

2020+



Power plant working

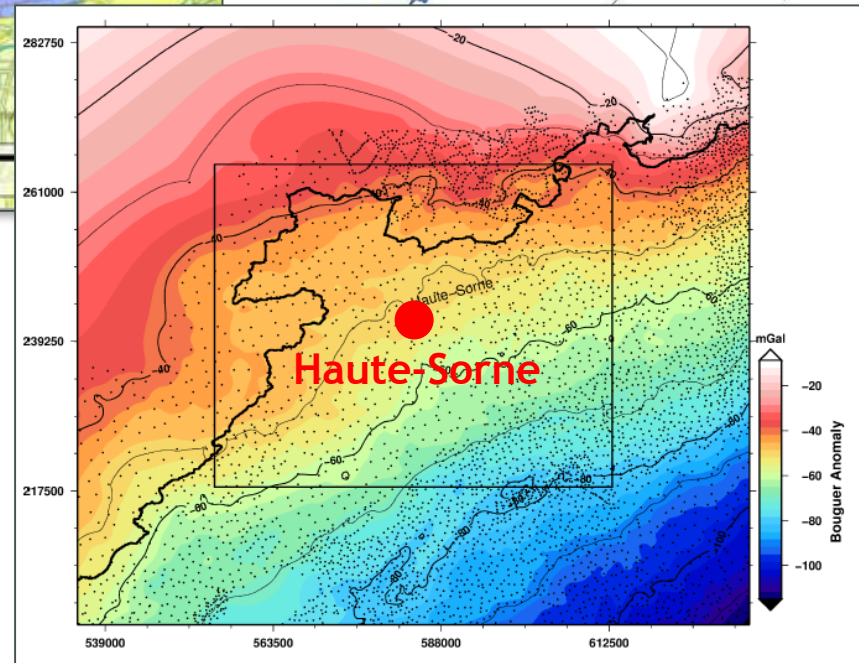
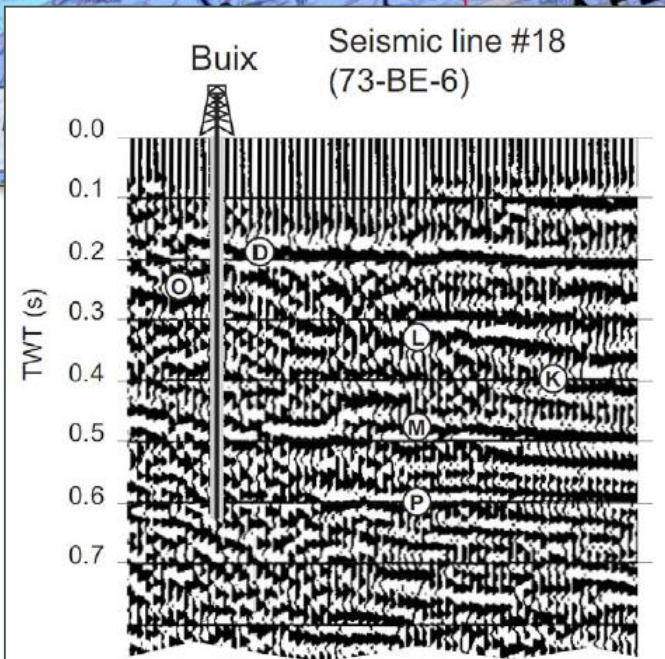
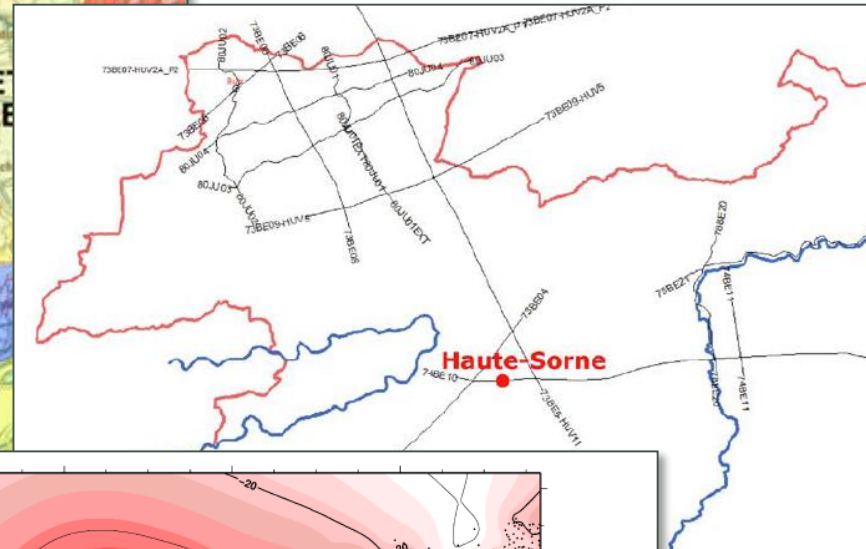
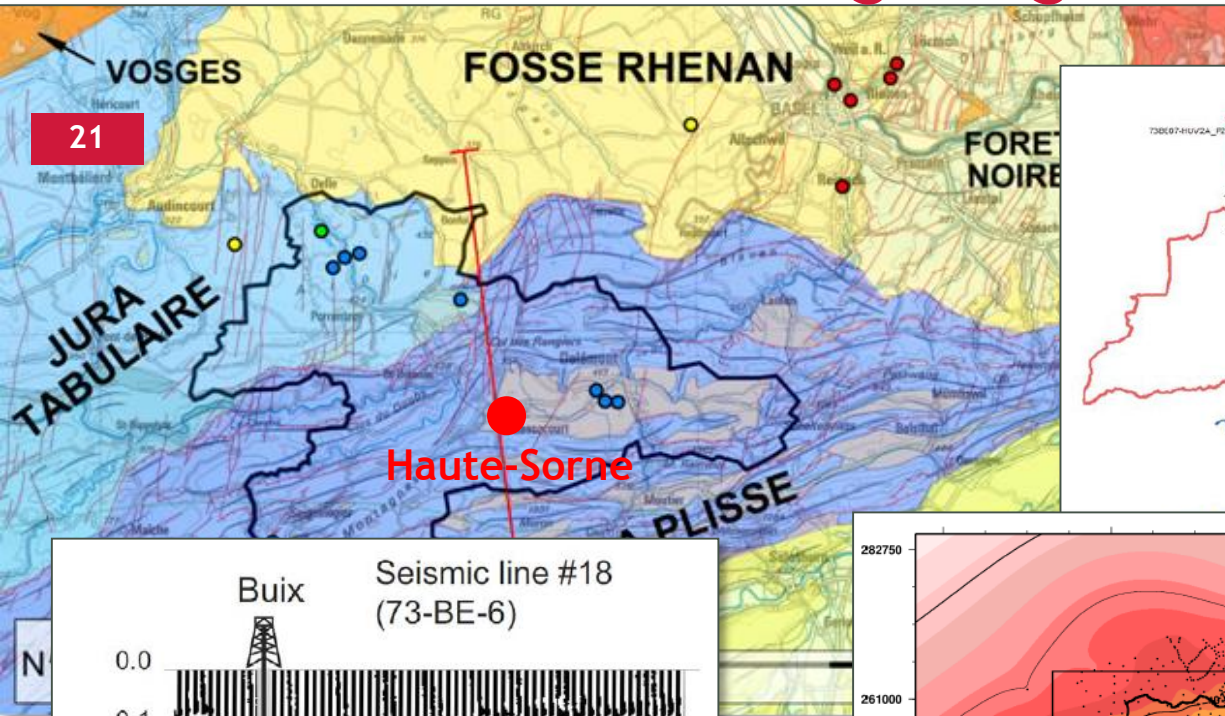
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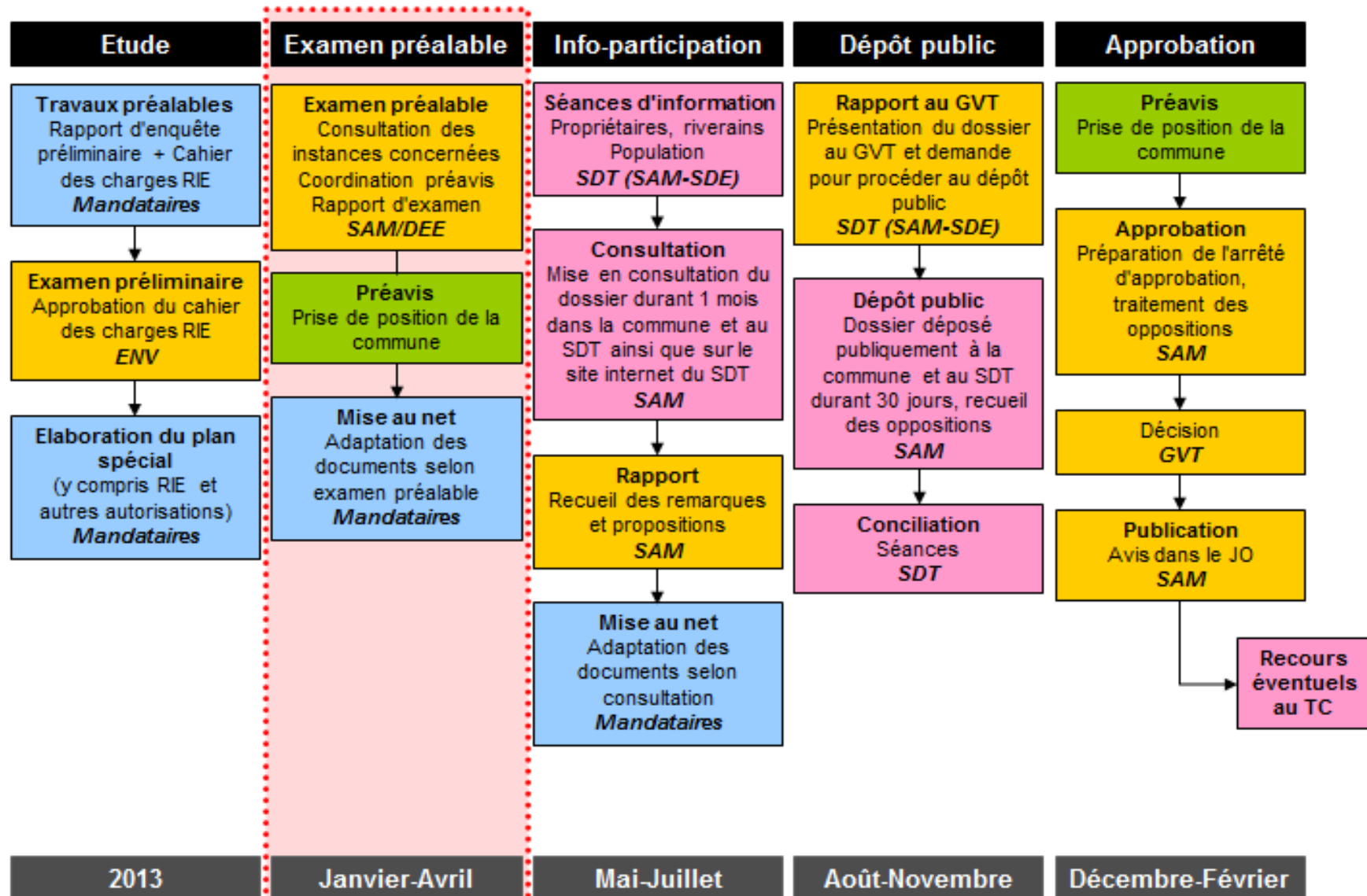
# Regional geology

## Construction of the geological model

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# Plan spécial cantonal – procédure



# Preservation of evidence

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Groupes de bâtiments représentatifs



Objet individuels sensibles

