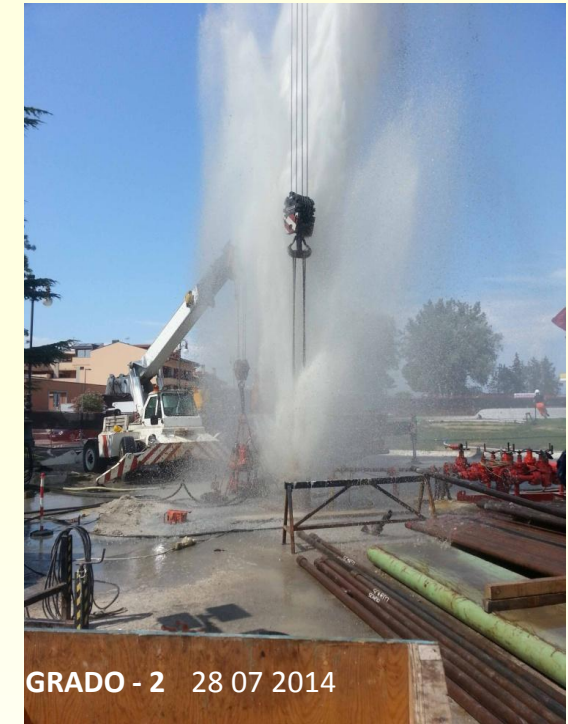
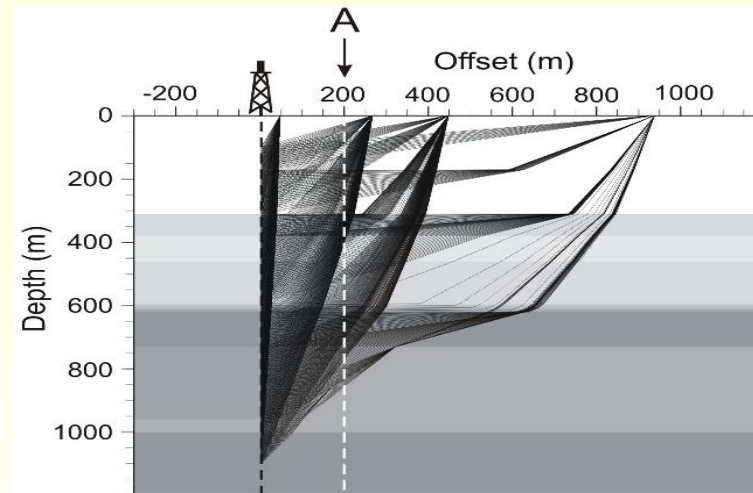


District Heating and Direct Uses: the Grado Geothermal Pilot Project



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Della Vedova et al., 2015, World Geothermal Congress, Melbourne

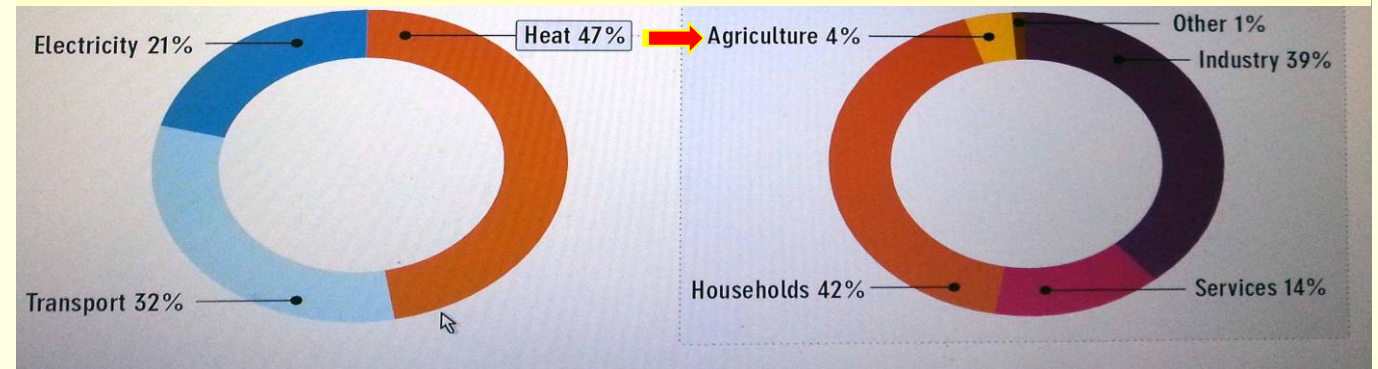
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Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for Renewable Heating & Cooling

Final Energy and Heat Use by EU 27 (2011)



Most important aims by 2020

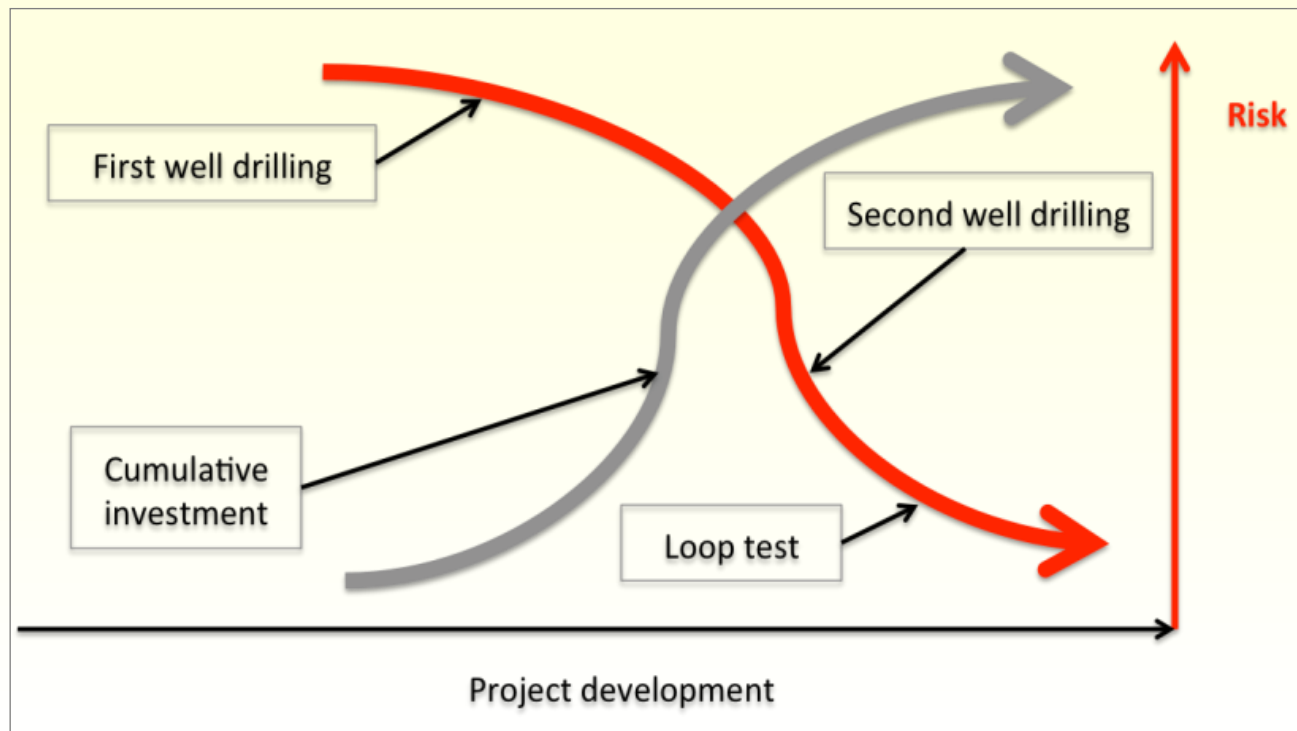
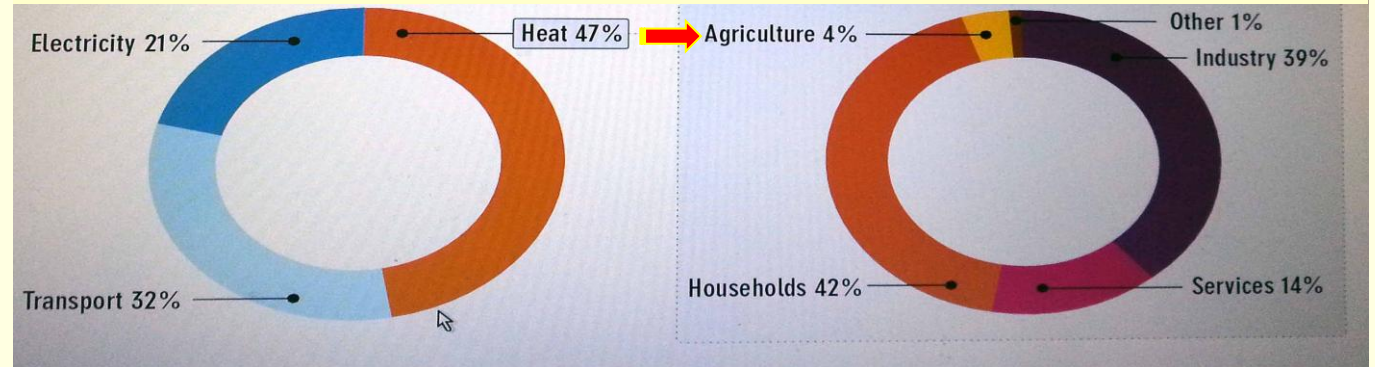
- Significantly reduce the cost of RHC technologies
(for geothermal: reduce exploration, drilling costs & geologic risk)
- Enhance RHC system performance and reliability
- Reduce RHC system payback time

Geothermal Energy

- *Clean*
- *Renewable*
- *Sustainable*
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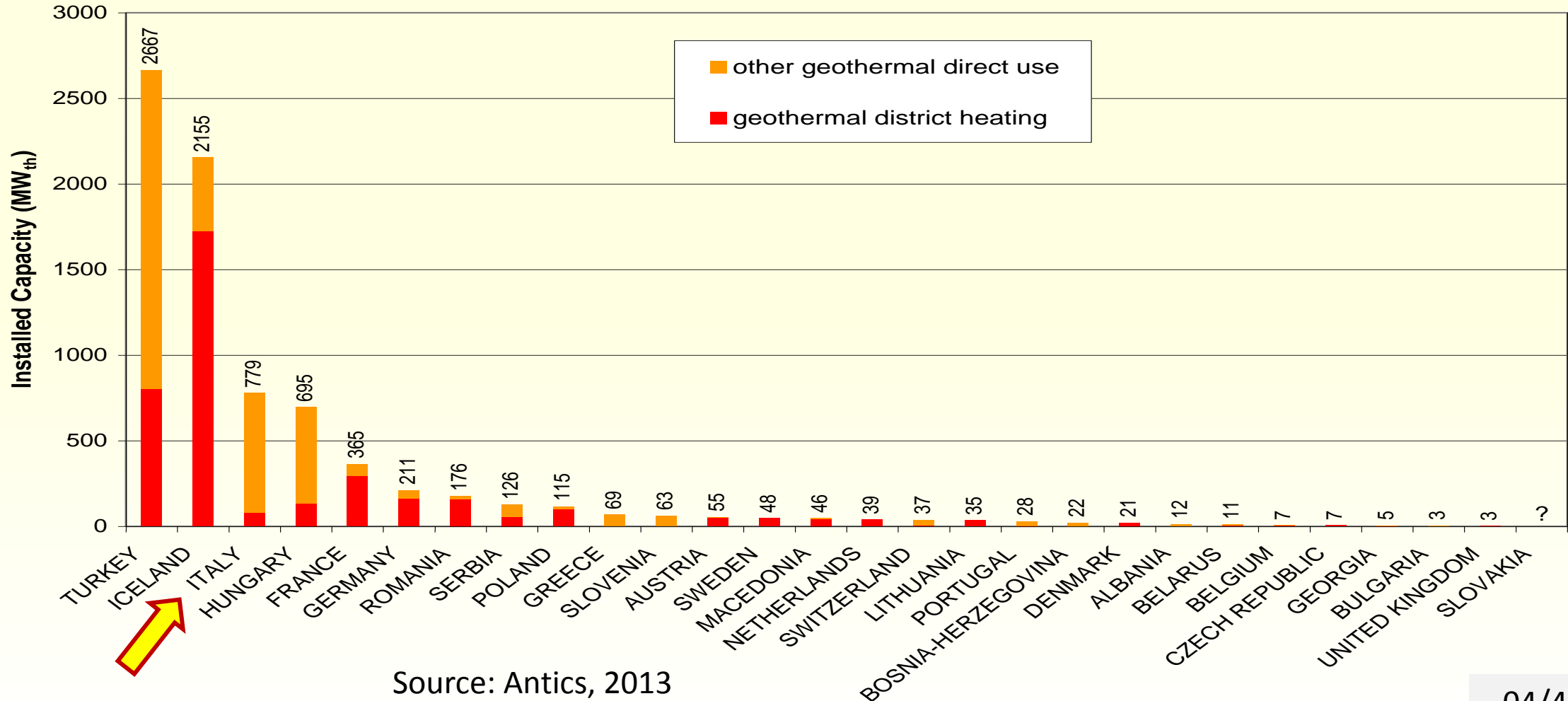


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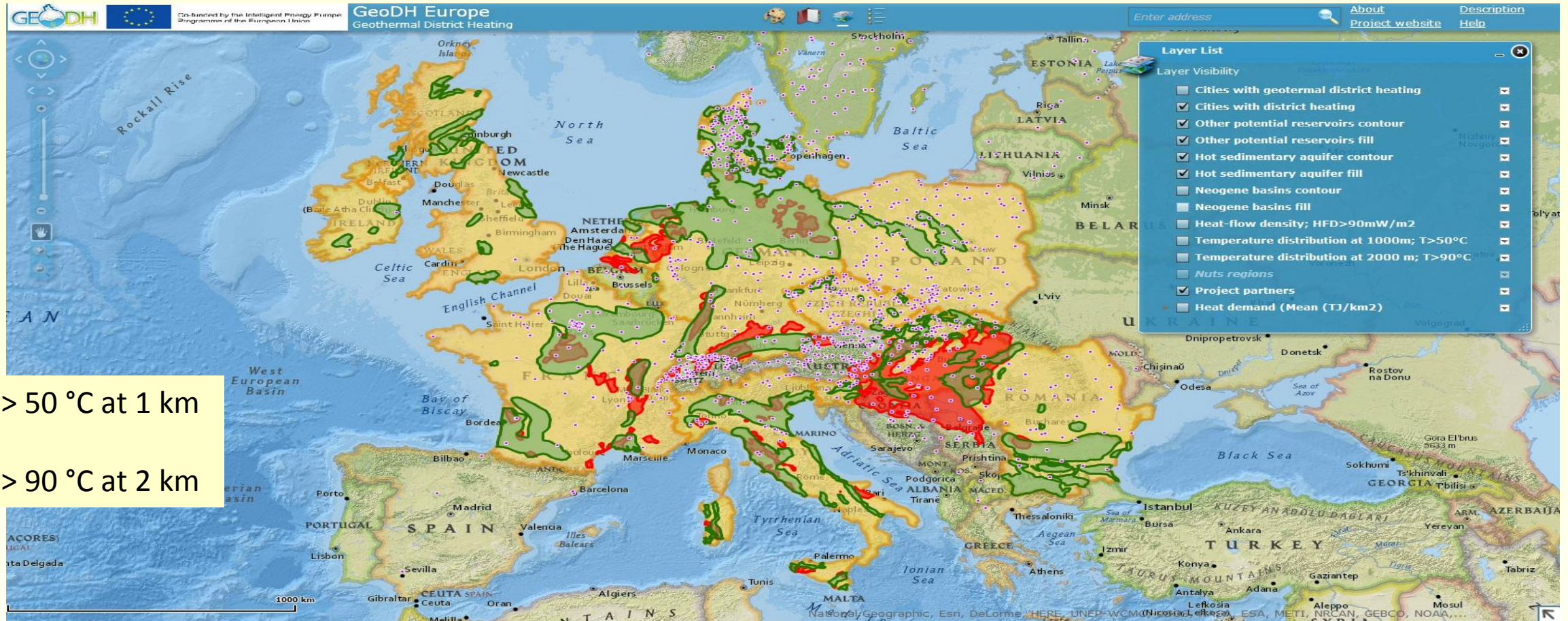
GEOHERMAL DIRECT USES IN EUROPE

INSTALLED CAPACITY 2012 & SHARE OF GEOHERMAL DISTRICT HEATING
(after EGC 2013 Country updated Reports)



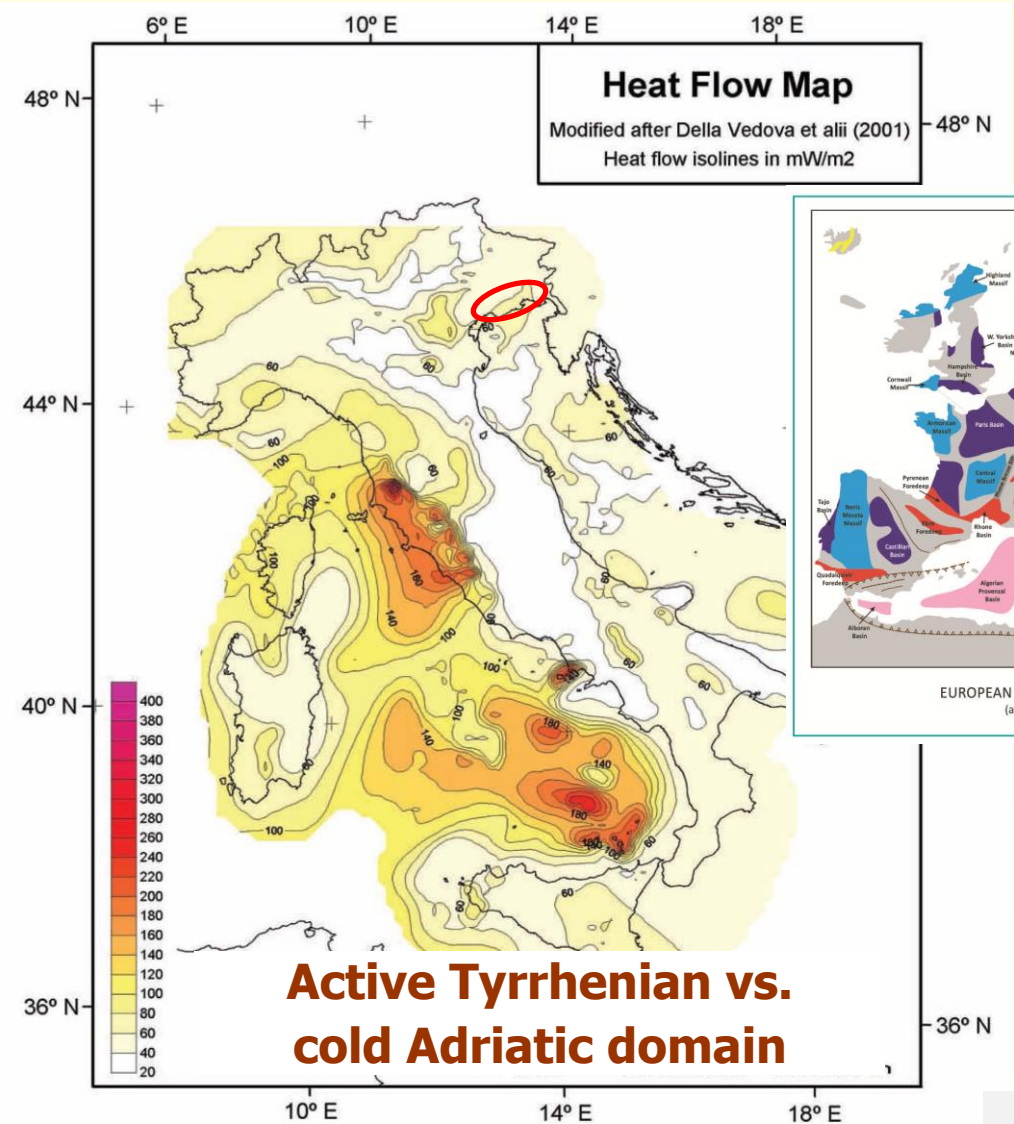
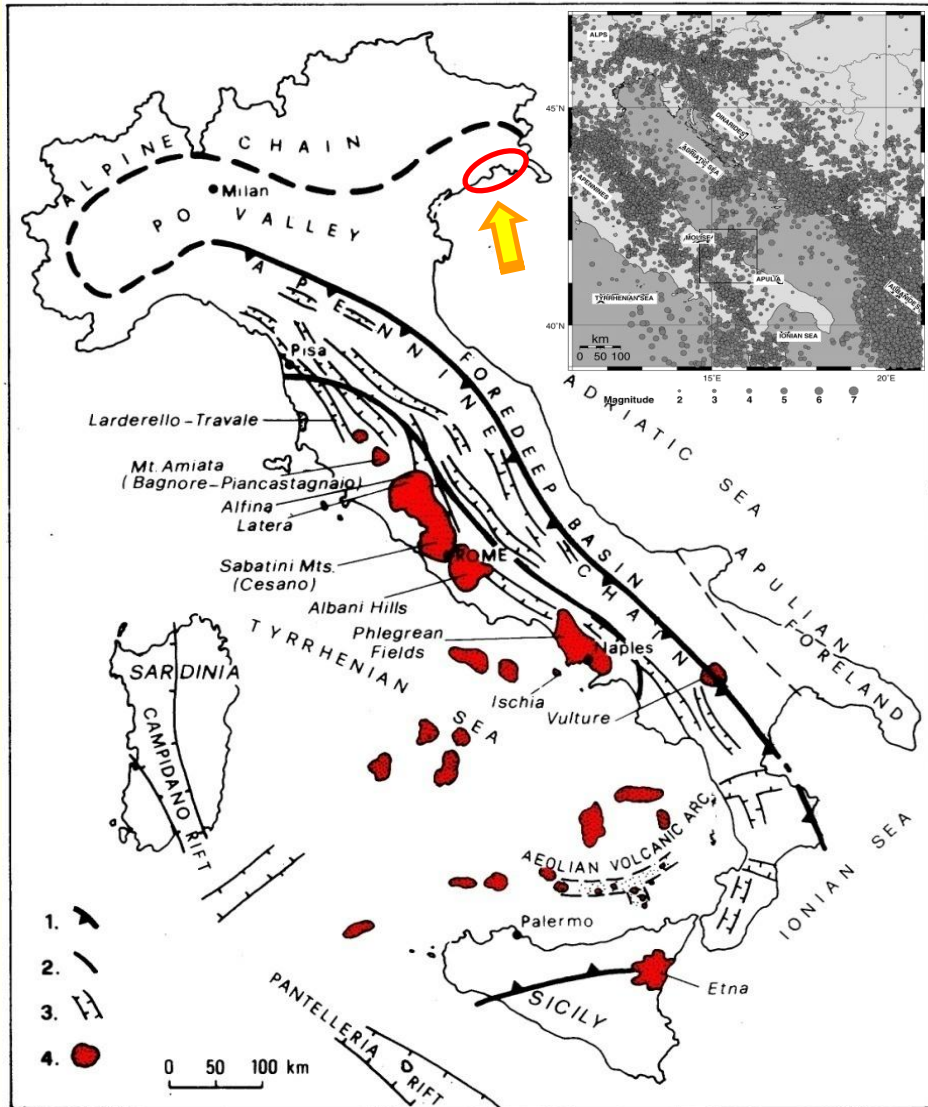
Source: Antics, 2013

Geothermal District Heating Potential in Europe

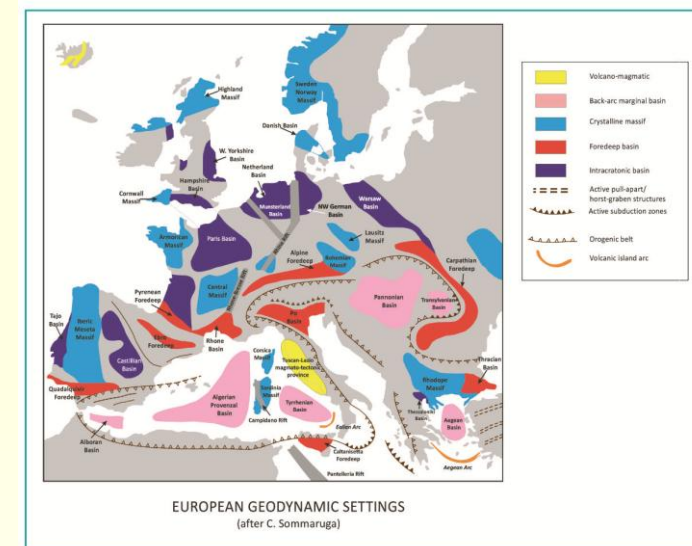
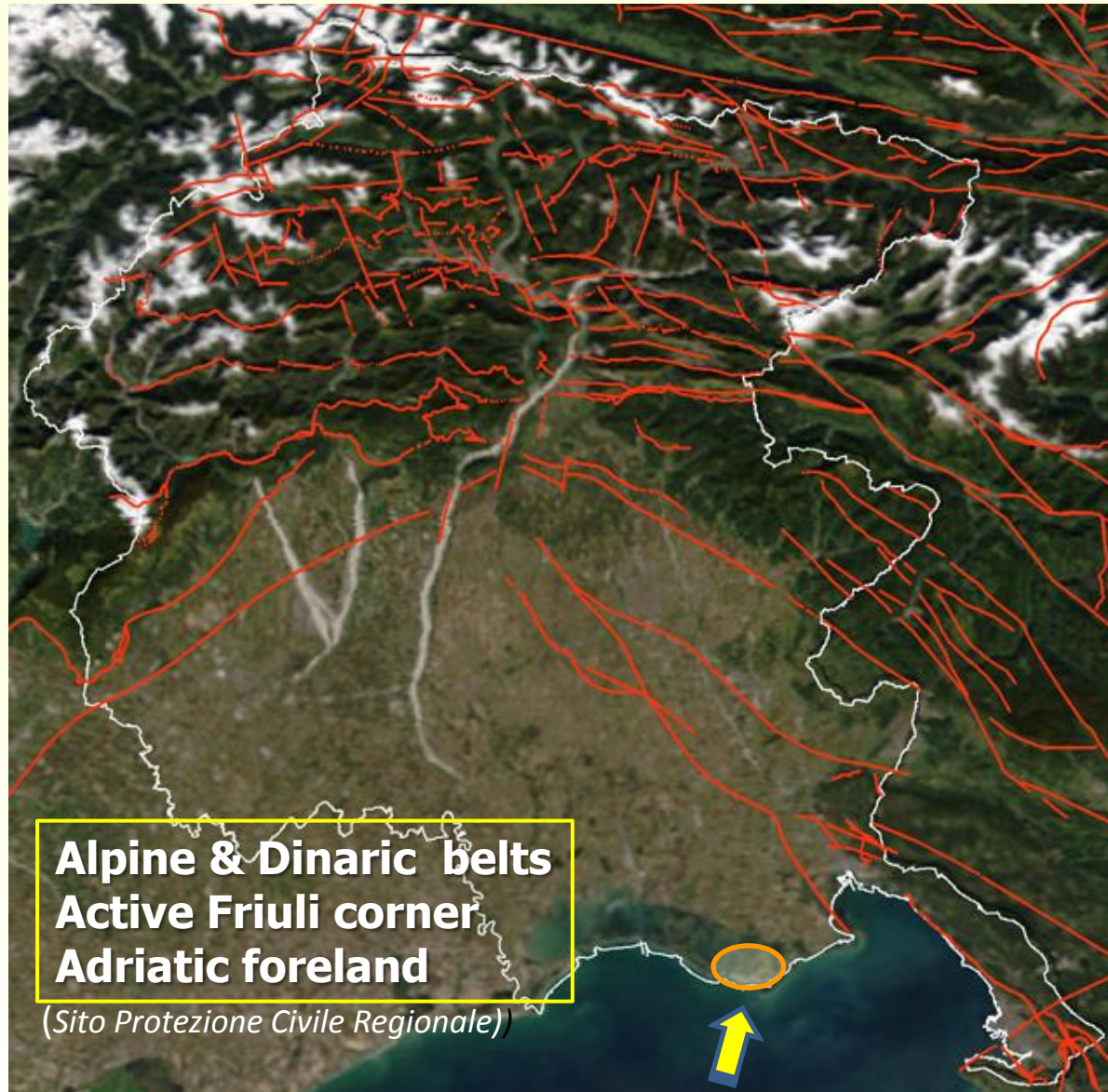


Over 25% of the EU population lives in areas directly suitable for Geothermal District Heating, ensuring security of supply (source EGEC)

Hf Map & Adriatic Foreland

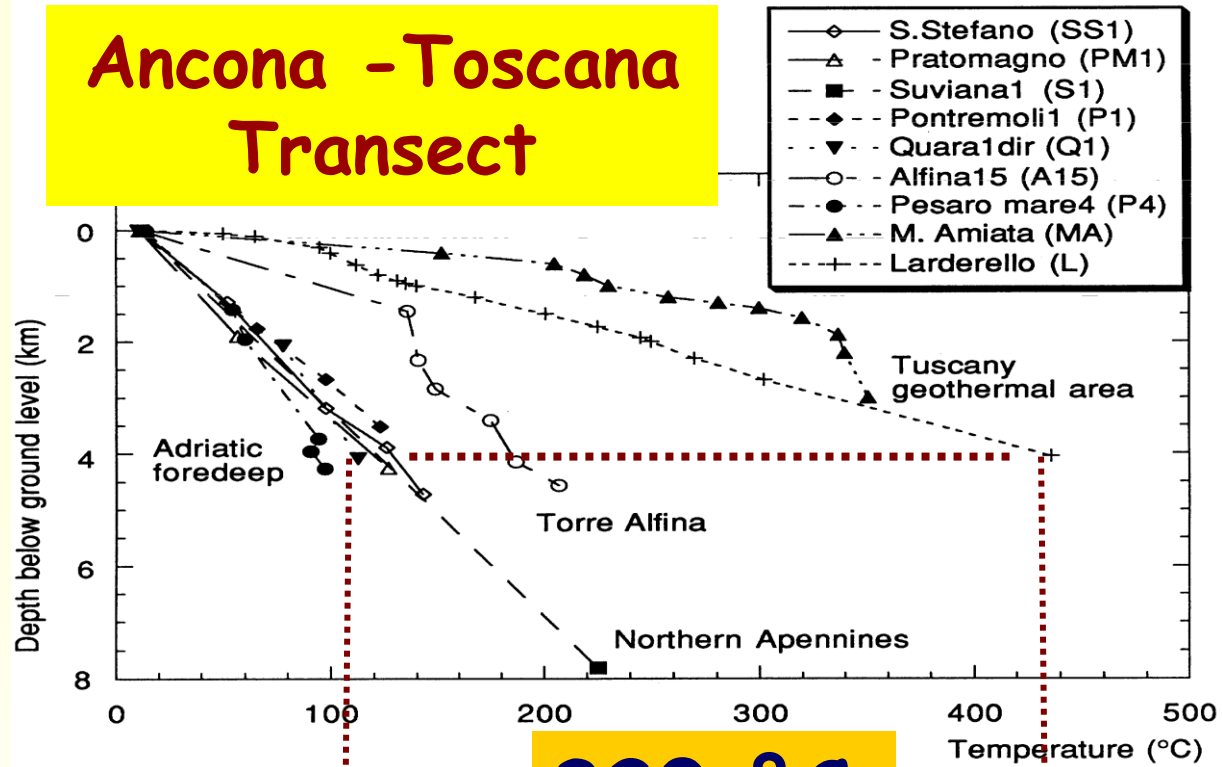


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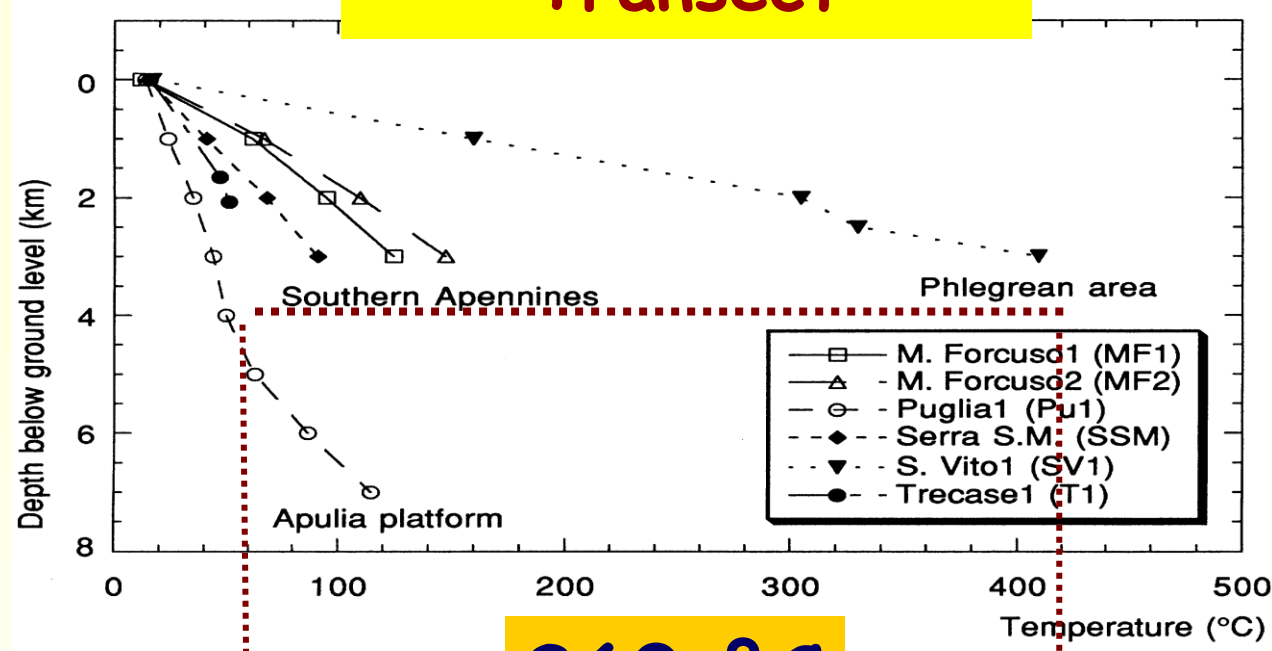
Thyrrrenian vs. Adriatic Domain

Ancona - Toscana Transect



320 °C

Gargano - Napoli Transect



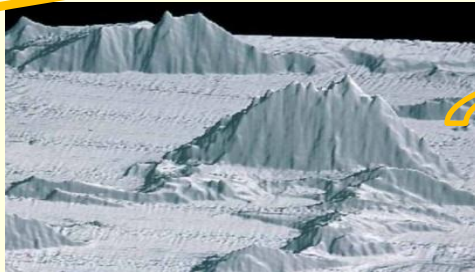
360 °C

Large difference in heat input from the Mantle!

Shallow water resources <200 m
(red and orange patterns)

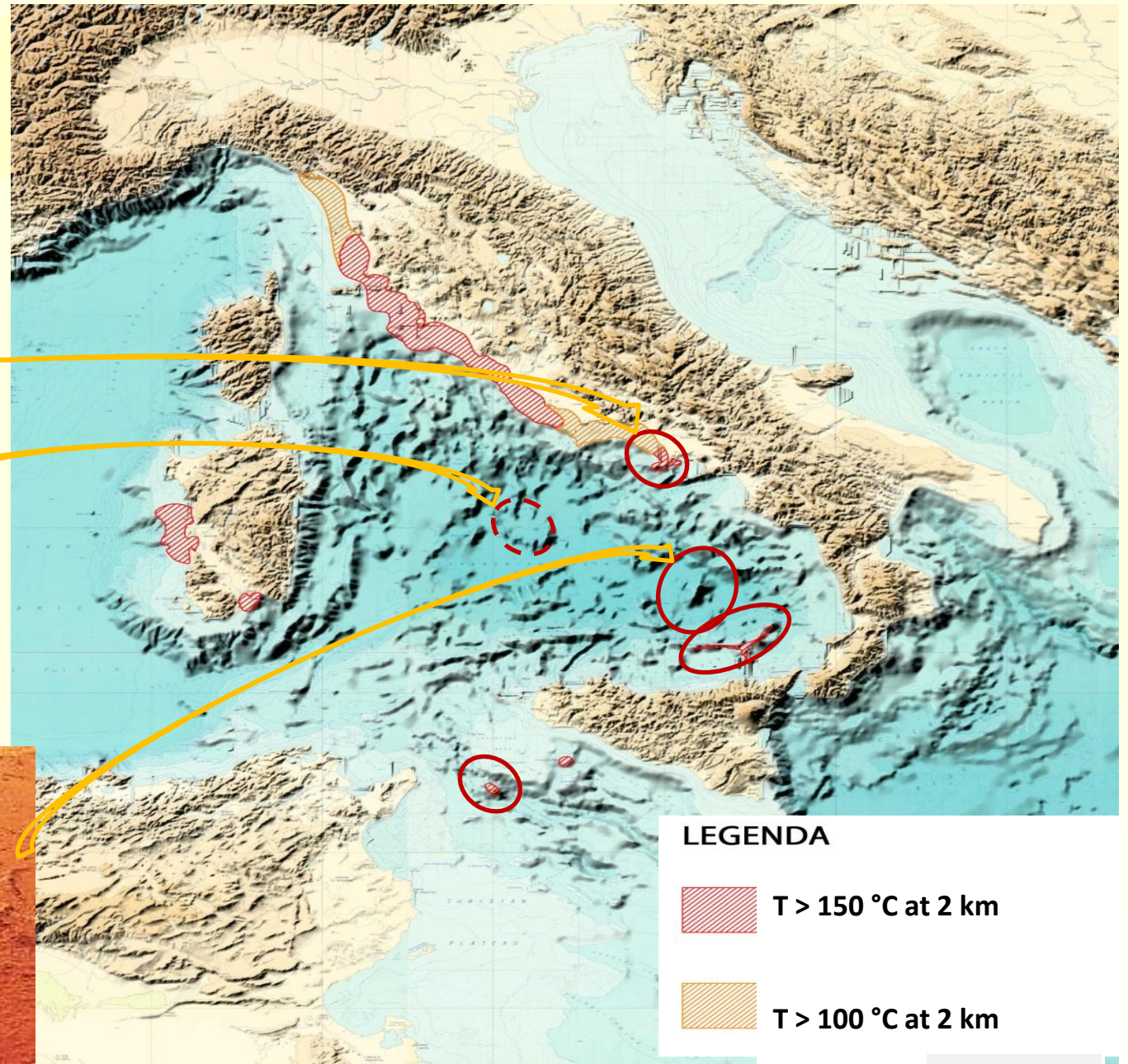
Deep resources
(circles)

Vavilov SMt.



Campi Flegrei Deep
Drilling Project

Marsili SMt.



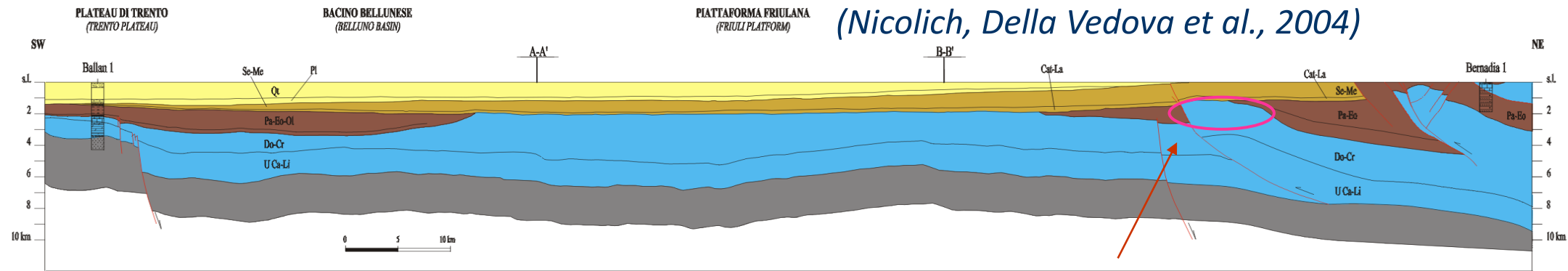
LEGENDA

 T > 150 °C at 2 km

 T > 100 °C at 2 km

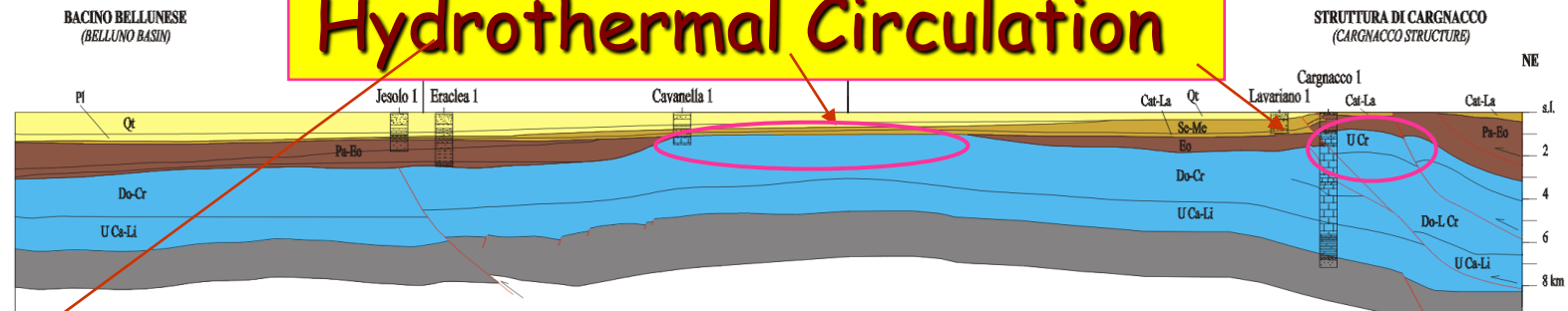
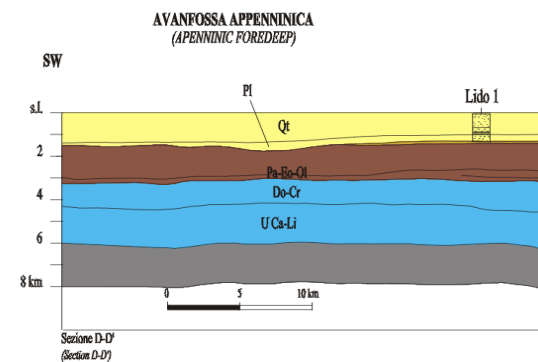
Adriatic Mesozoic Platform

(Nicolich, Della Vedova et al., 2004)

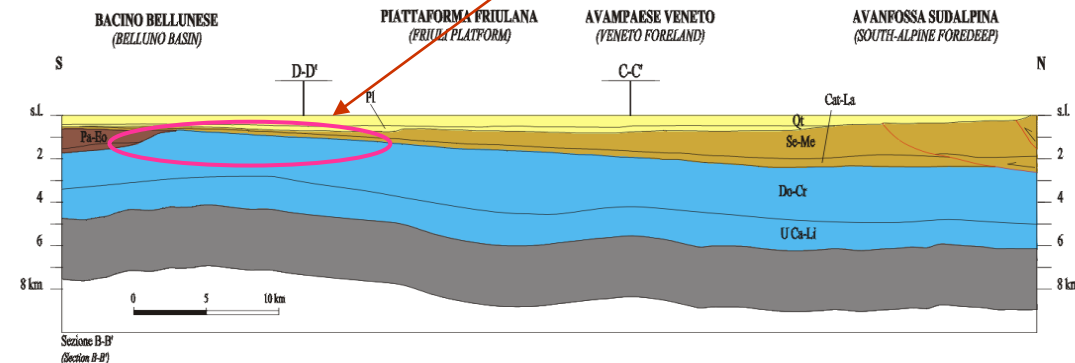


C-C'

Hydrothermal Circulation



D-D'

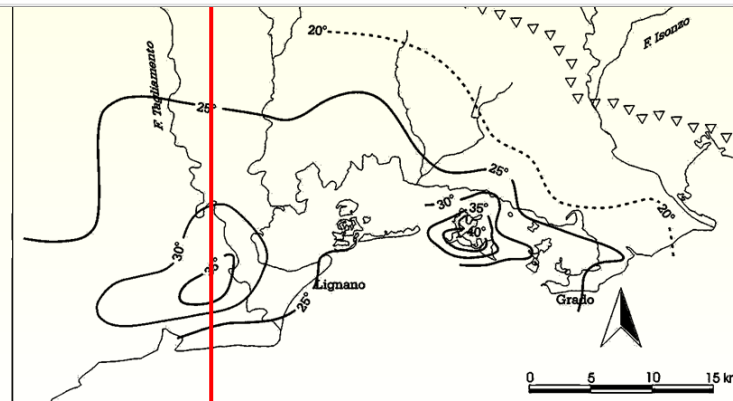
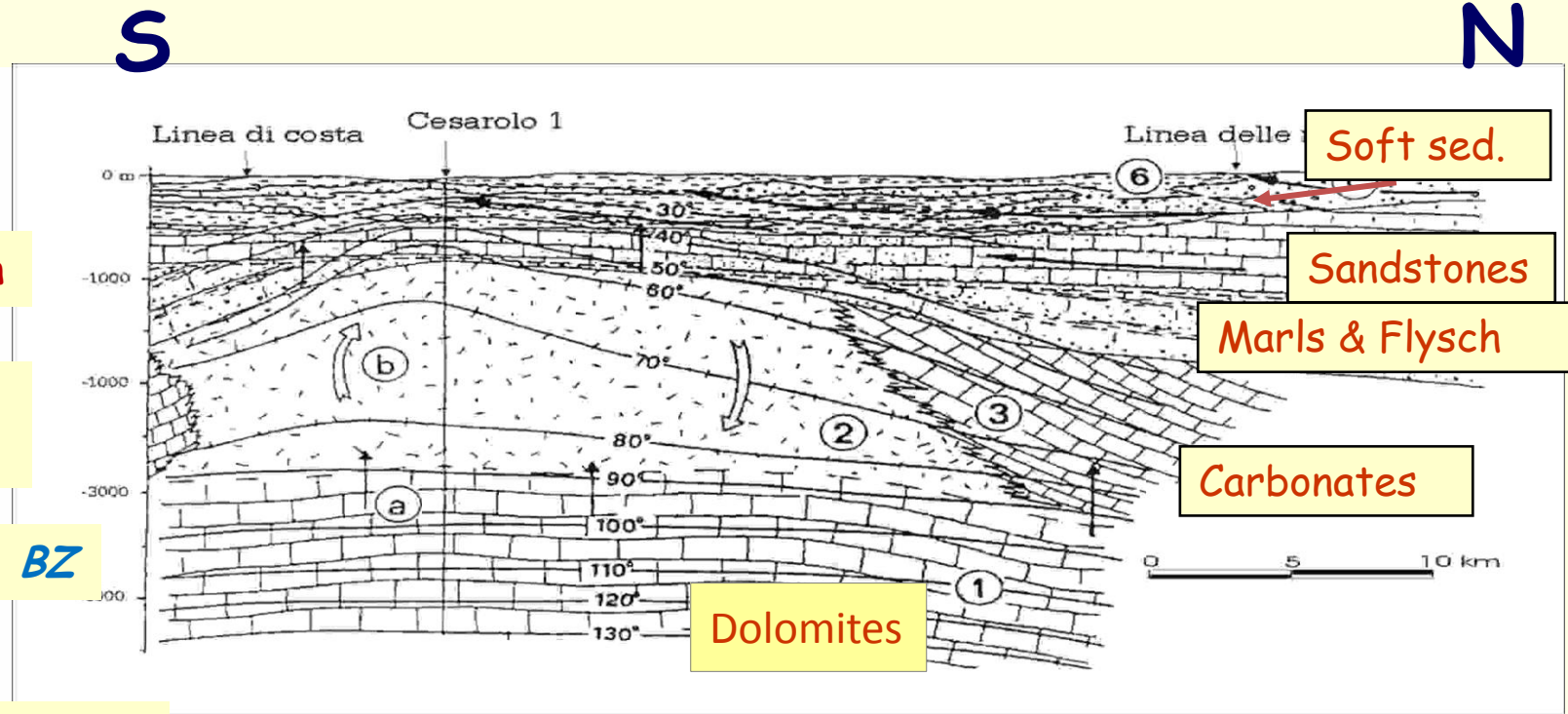
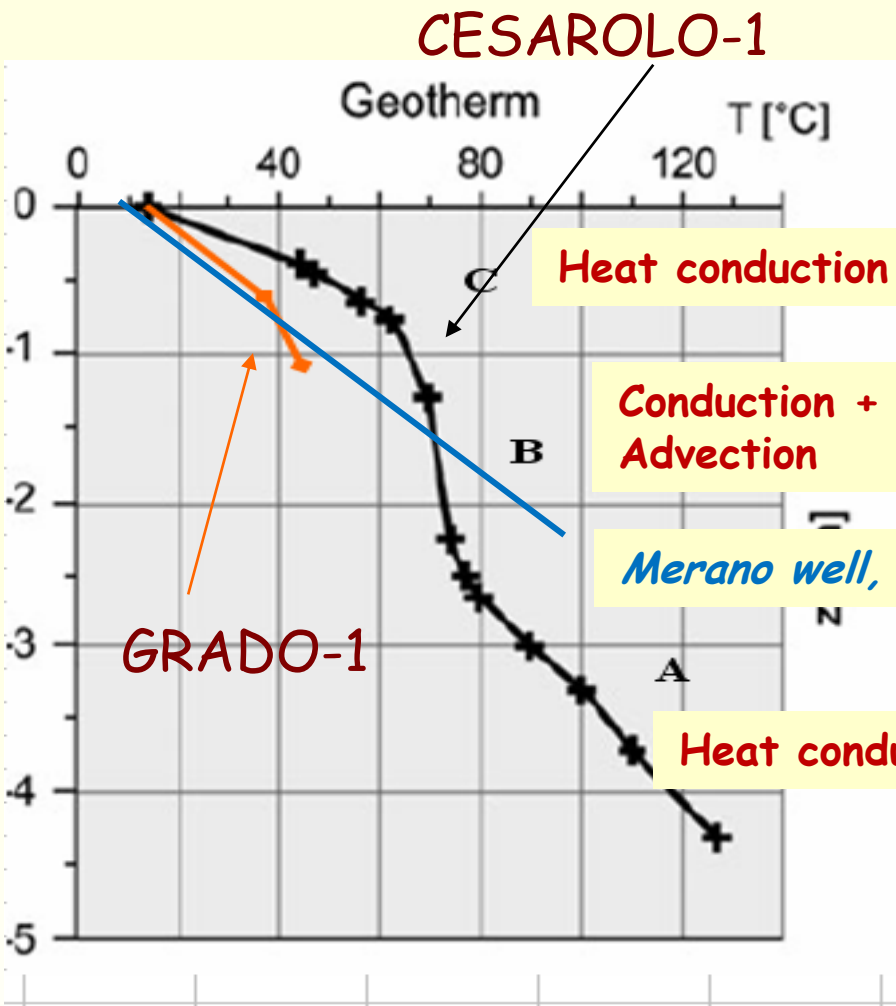


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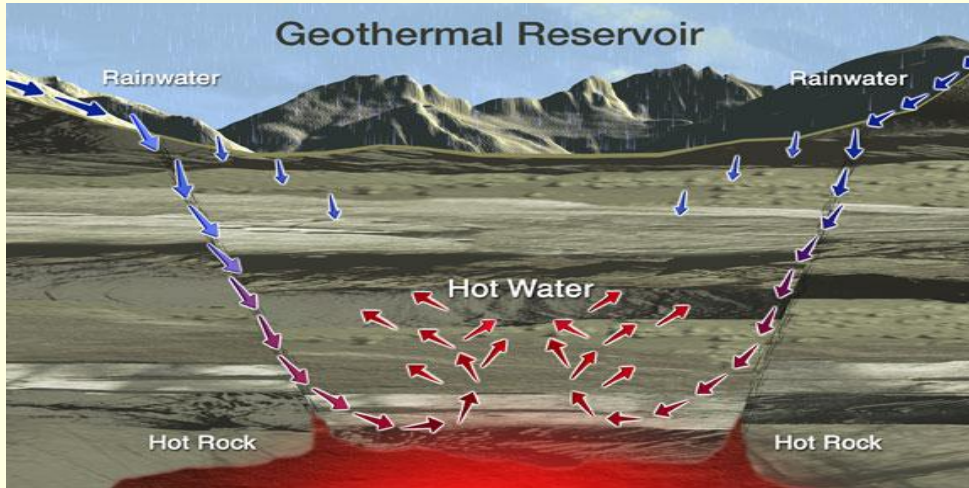
Map to Top of Mesozoic carbonates

2-D Geothermal model



Distribuzione delle temperature (°C) a 300 m di profondità (Calore et. al., 1995).

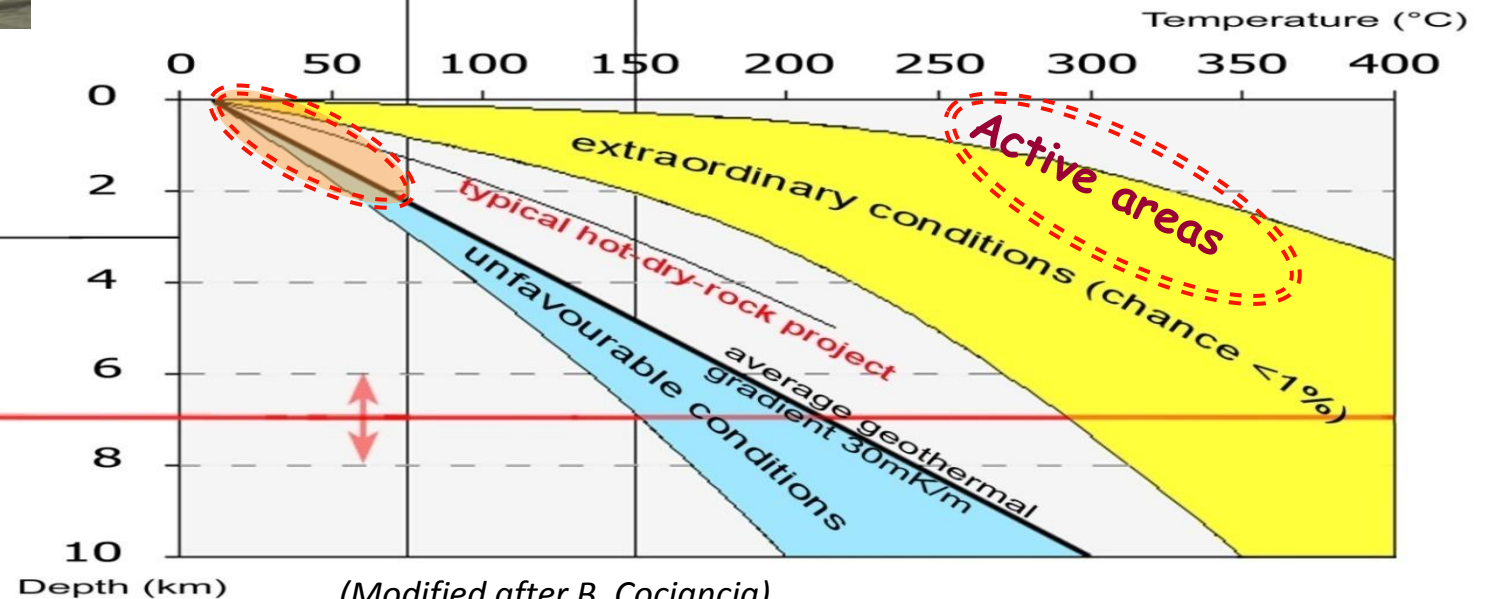
Geothermal Resources & Reserves



- Heat potential is enormous
- Available at shallow depth in active areas
- Constant source and largely renewable

Geothermal Reserves	technically simple, economic
	technically challenging, economic
Geothermal Resources	presently technically inaccessible, uneconomic

Low Enthalpy	Medium Enthalpy	High Enthalpy
heating, cooling	process heat	power generation and process heat



(Modified after B. Cociancig)

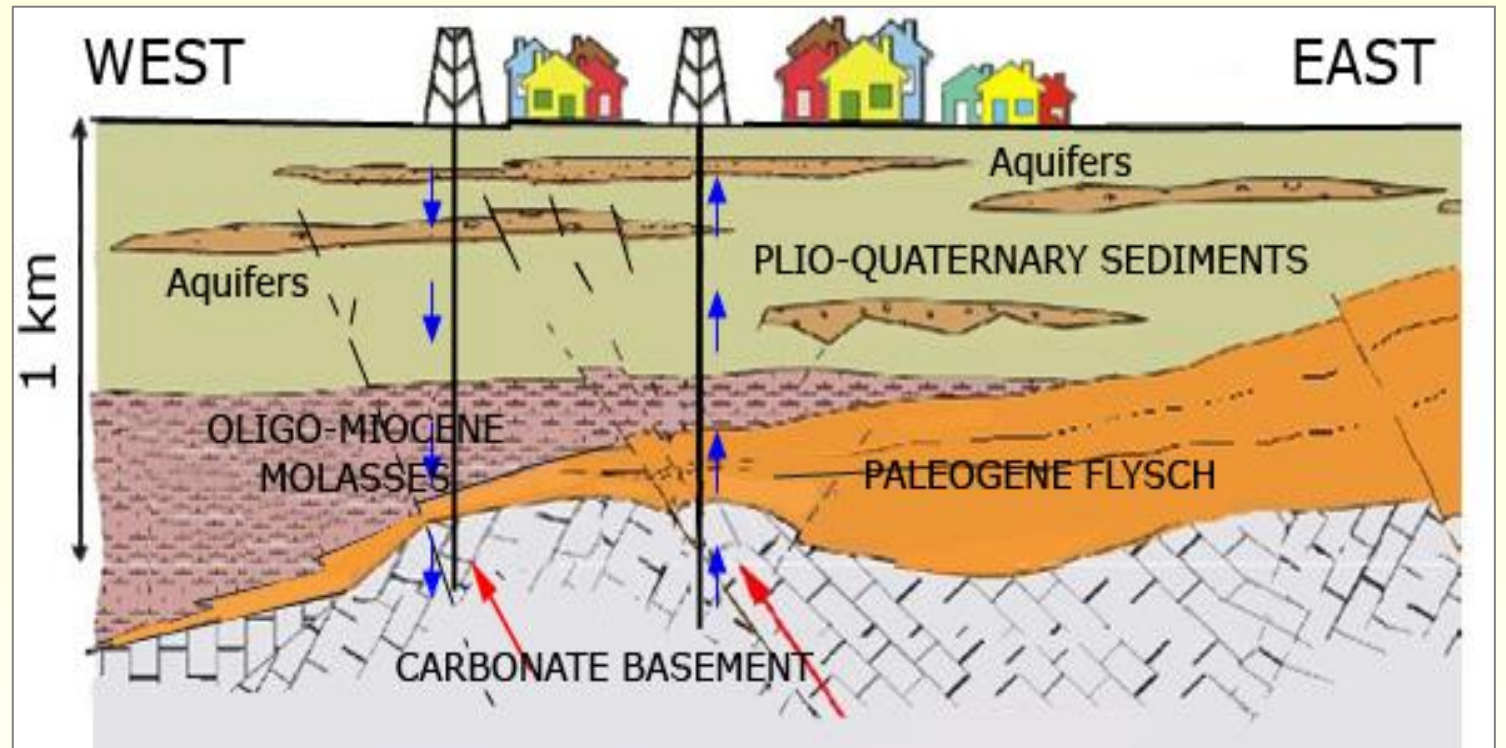
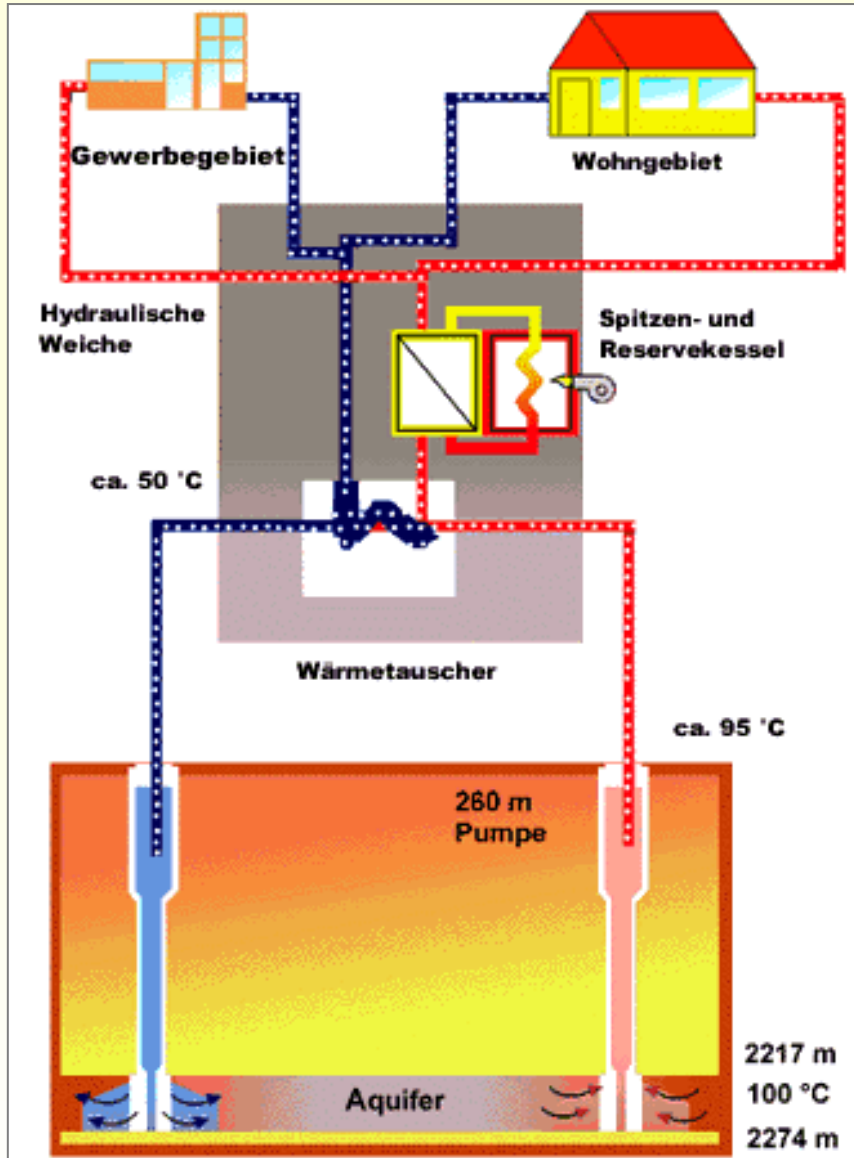
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RFVG calls for geothermal applications within POR FESR 2007-2013 (EU Funding: 77% of admissible costs to beneficiary public administrations)

<i>RFVG Calls</i>	<i>Submitted Proposals (N)</i>	<i>Funded Projects (N)</i>	<i>Initial budgets</i>		<i>Started Projects (N)</i>
			<i>Admissible costs (€)</i>	<i>Contribution (€)</i>	
Borehole Heat Exchangers + HPs (1)	23	14 <i>(Pontebba)</i>	3.957.237,35	2.656.157,59	10
Geoth. Resources beyond 700 m	2	1 <i>(Grado 2)</i>	2.495.999,20	1.921.920,00	1
Geoth. Resources up to 700 m (1)	3	2	481.932,40	371.087,95	1
Borehole Heat Exchangers + HPs (2)	9	6	1.511.786,12	1.164.075,31	5
Geoth. Resources up to 700 m (2)	2	1	636.548,49	490.142,34	1
Total	39	24	9.083.504,56	6.603.383,19	18

Grado Geothermal DH Pilot Project



Grado Geothermal DH Pilot Project

Phase 1 (2002-2008, 2.5 M€):

- Implementing Party: Regione Autonoma FVG (Italy)
- Goal: Assess geothermal resource
- Method: Geology & Geophysics and exploration drilling
- Scientific Partner: Trieste University
- Funding: European Union, National and Regional Administrations

Phase 2 (2010-2014, 2.5 M€):

- Implementing Party: Grado Municipality (Gorizia province)
- Goal: Design and realize the geothermal doublet
- Method: G&G, 2nd borehole, reservoir characterization, DH network
- Scientific Partner: Trieste University and OGS Trieste
- Funding: European Union, National and Grado Municipality

Project Motivation

- Assess the geothermal potential of the buried Adriatic carbonate platform
 - Characterize the geothermal reservoir
 - Evaluate sustainability and impacts for long term utilizations
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- Demonstrate economic feasibility of geothermal doublets in Adriatic cold areas
 - Replicate geothermal doublets in other favourable areas

Geothermal Pilot Project Structure (2004-2015)

Project Phase/ Structure	Integrated Methodology	Results	Main Risks
Exploration and well location	Seismic reflection, VSP, Gravity, Geology, wells	Geologic model, reservoir structures, faults location	High geologic and exploration risk
Reservoir characterization	Drilling, well logs, pumping tests, geochemistry, thermo-fluid dynamic modeling	Geothermal potential assessment, wells interconnection	High drilling risk, reservoir properties and geologic risks
Well completion & DH network	Casing, cementing, shallow tunnelling, DH pipes & pumps, heat exchangers	Completion of main DH network, connecting 4-6 Public buildings	Moderate development and construction risk
Operational	Management and optimization	Higher efficiency and lower payback time	Low operational risk

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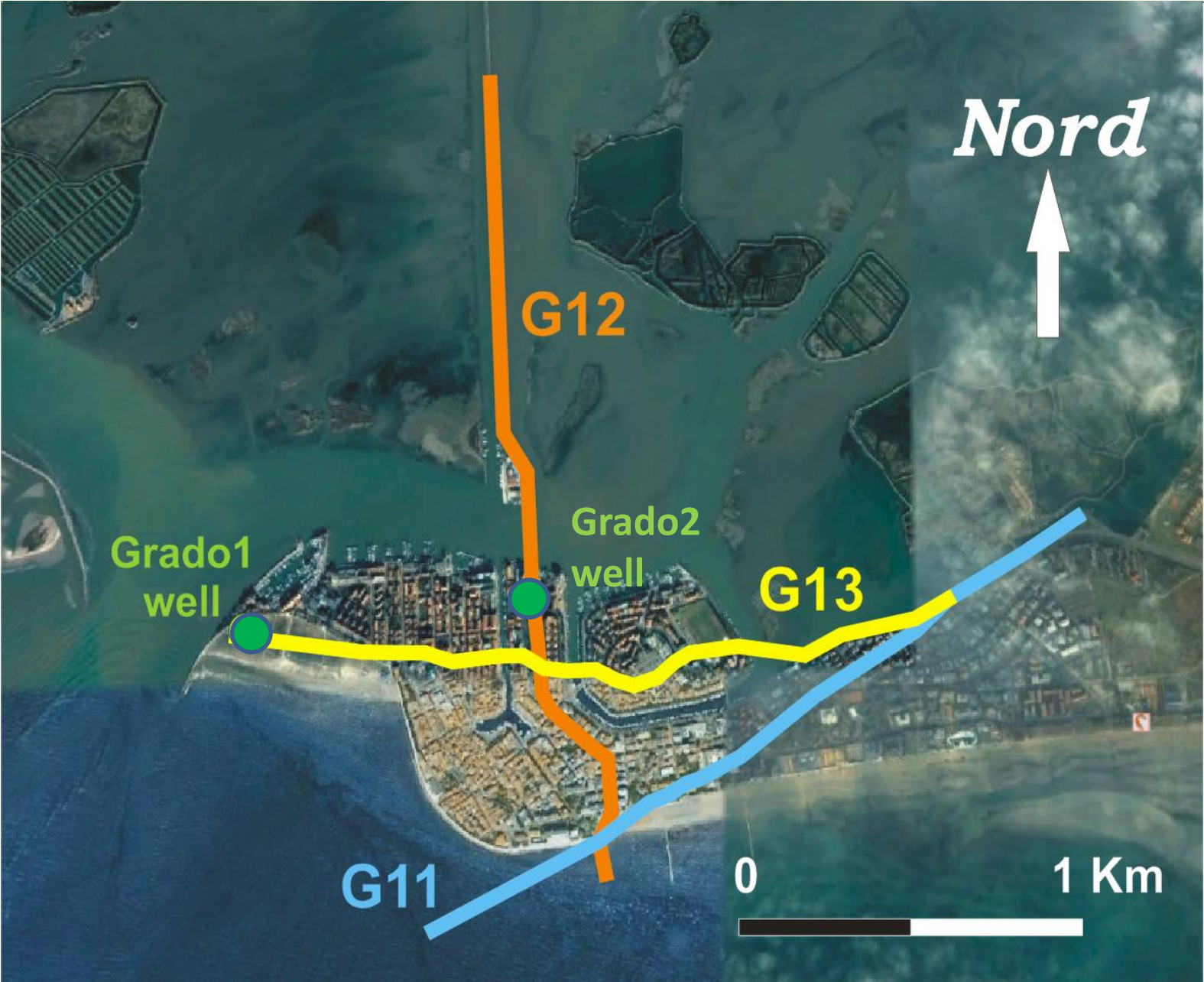
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Data And Results

- 7 Reflection Seismic Profiles (about 12 km) and 4 Multi-offset VSPs
- Gravity data (229 new measurements + 97 available data)
- Two geothermal boreholes (1100 and 1200 m deep), one km apart
- Borehole geophysical logging in the carbonate reservoir of the two wells
- Pumping tests and monitoring and Geochemical measurements
- Thermofluid-dynamics modelling (still in progress)
- Geothermal model, potential assessment and sustainability

Della Vedova et al., EGC 2013; Della Vedova et al., WGC 2015
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Surface reflection seismic layout to locate Grado 2



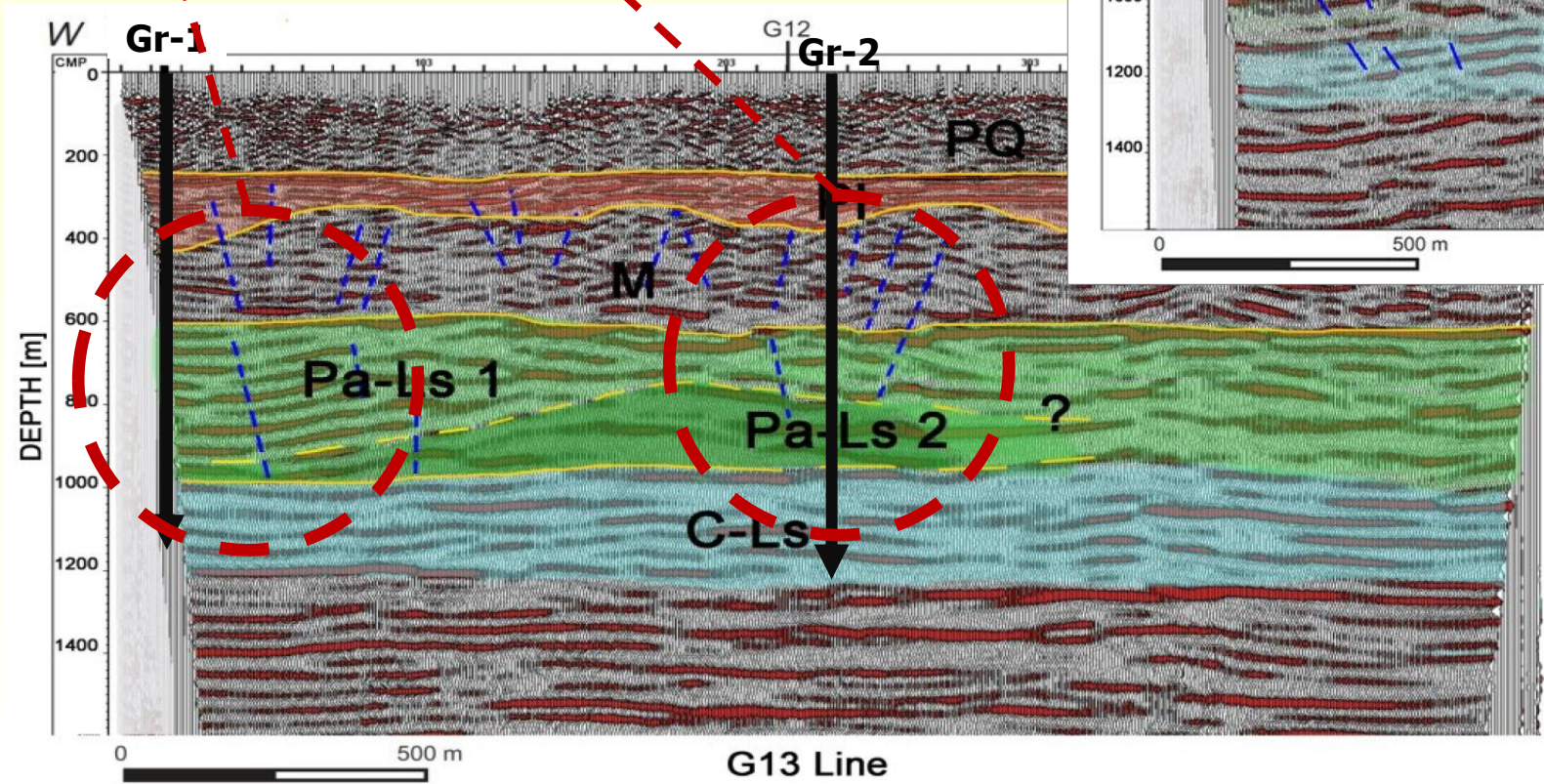
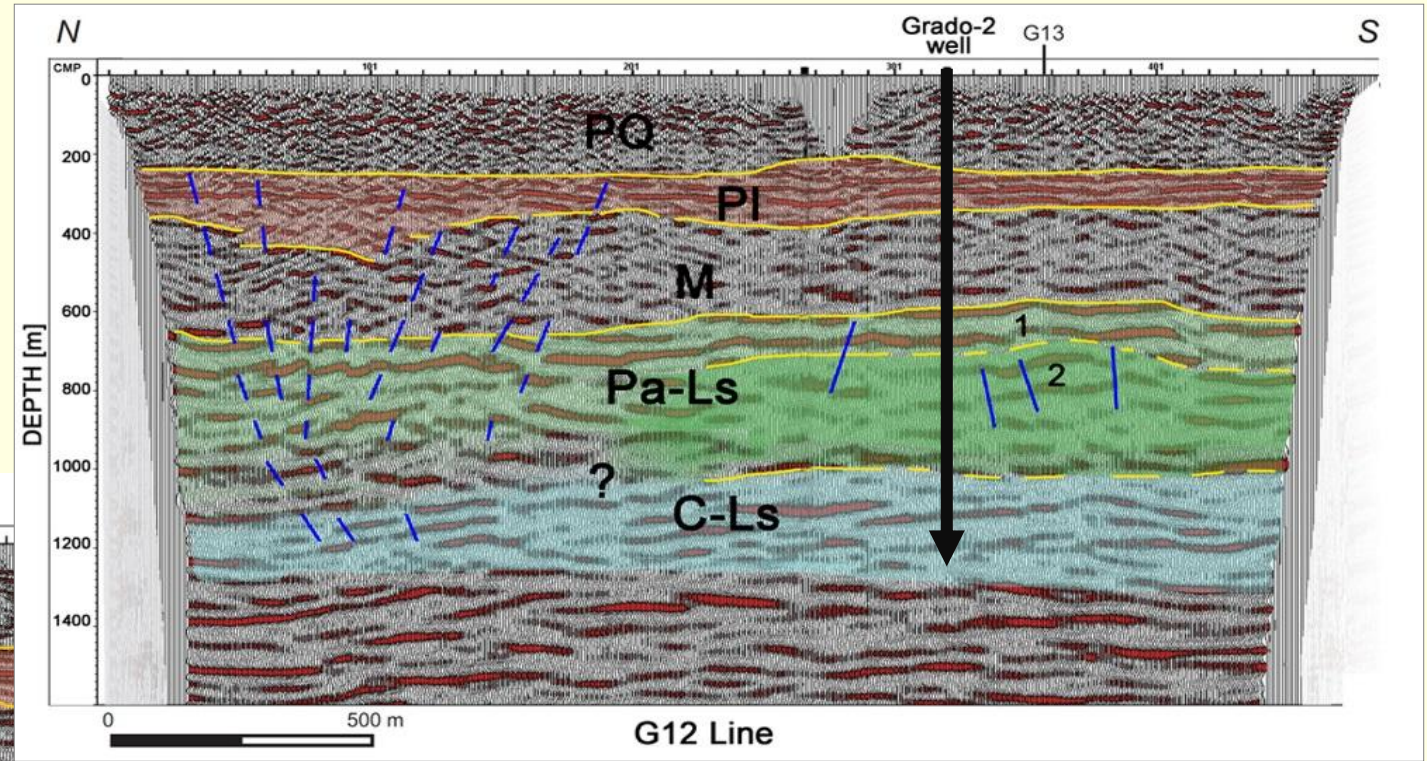
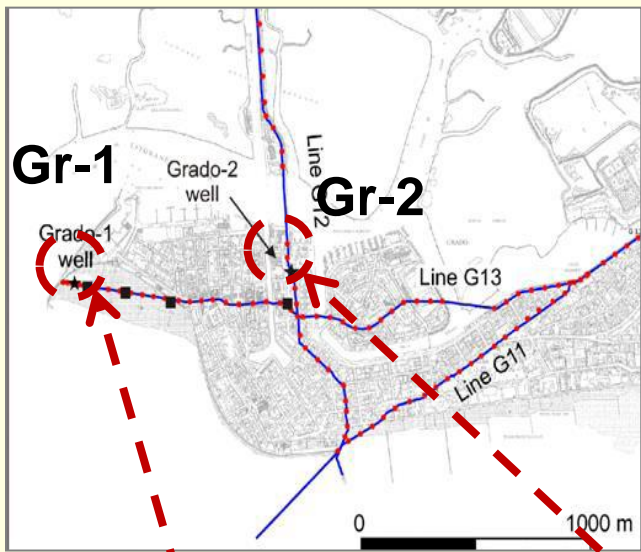
Surface seismic acquisition parameters

	G11	G12	G13
Seismic source:	Hydrapulse	Hydrapulse	Minivib (18 s, 8 – 200 Hz)
Sensors:	geophone (6x10 Hz) and hydrophone		
Intertrace:		10 m	
Shot interval:		20 m	
Layout:		fixed spread	
Channels:	236	256	174
Length:	2350 m	2550 m	1730 m
Sampling rate:		1 ms	
Data length:	4 s	4 s	22 s

Surface seismic acquisition parameters



Reflection seismic lines : Grado-1 and Grado-2



Borehole seismic in Grado-1 well



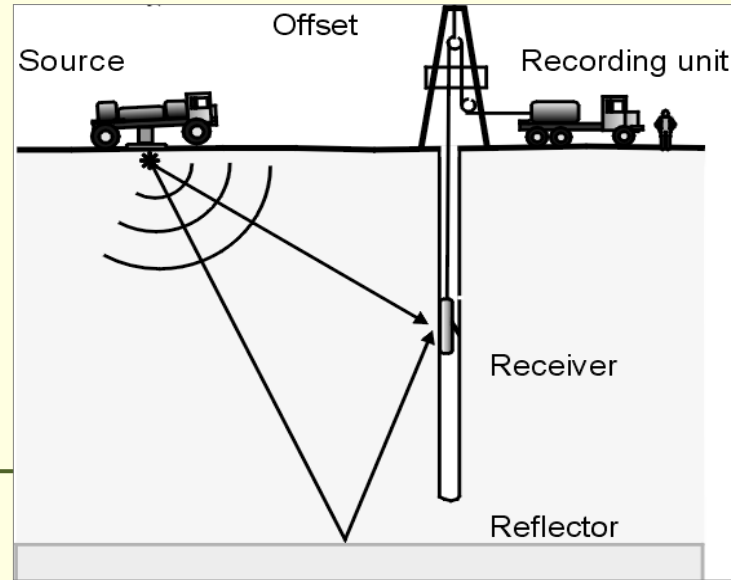
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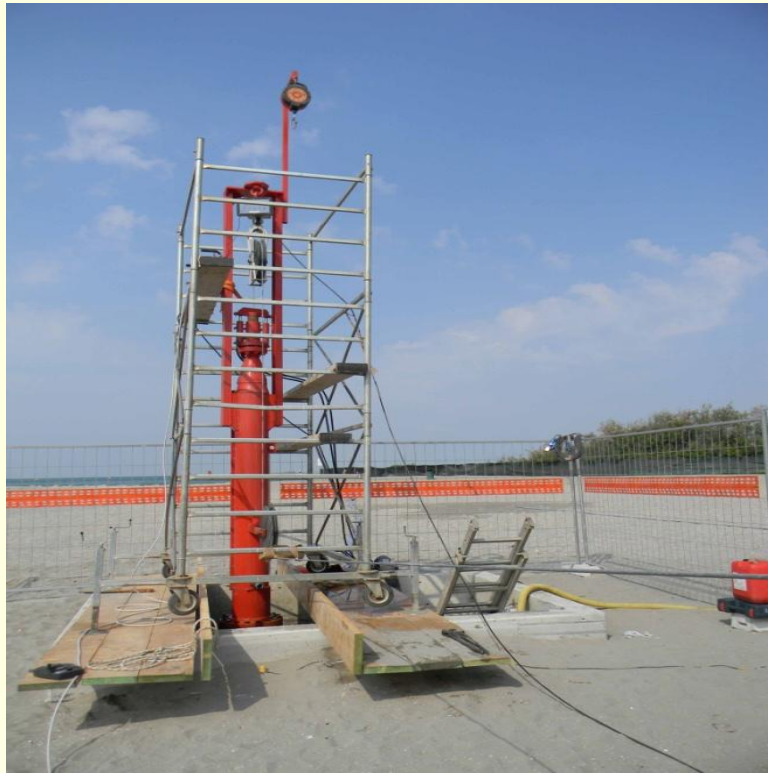
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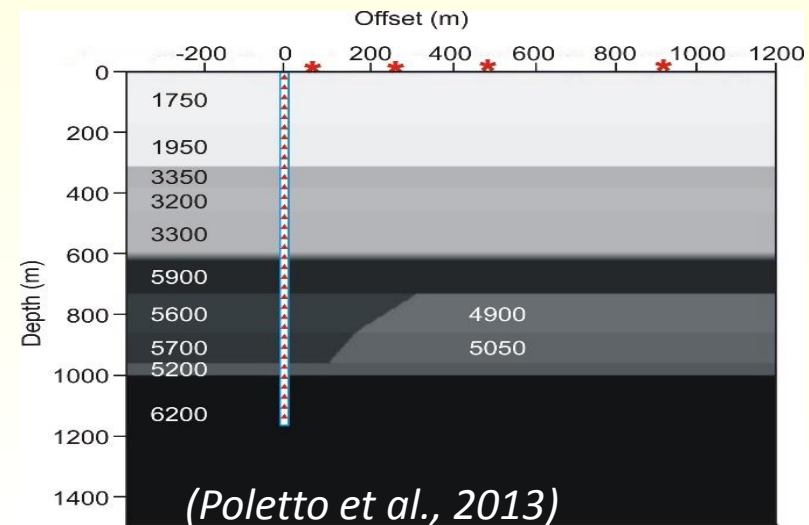
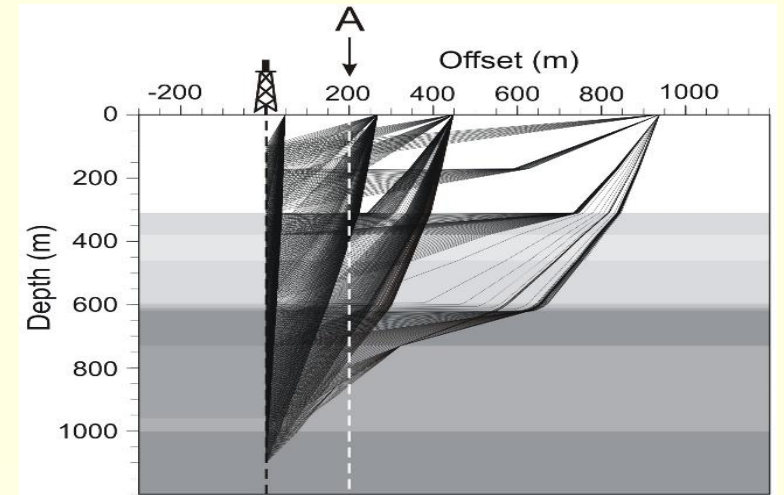
Well depth:	1.1 km
Seismic source:	Hydrapulse
Borehole sensors:	3 C geophone (Avalon)
Surface sensors:	geophone (10 Hz)
Offset:	44 m, 266 m, 449 m, 939 m
Depth intervals:	5 m (near offset), 10 – 20 m (medium-far offsets)
Depth levels no.:	186, 91, 90, 51
Sampling rate:	0.5 ms
Data length:	4 s

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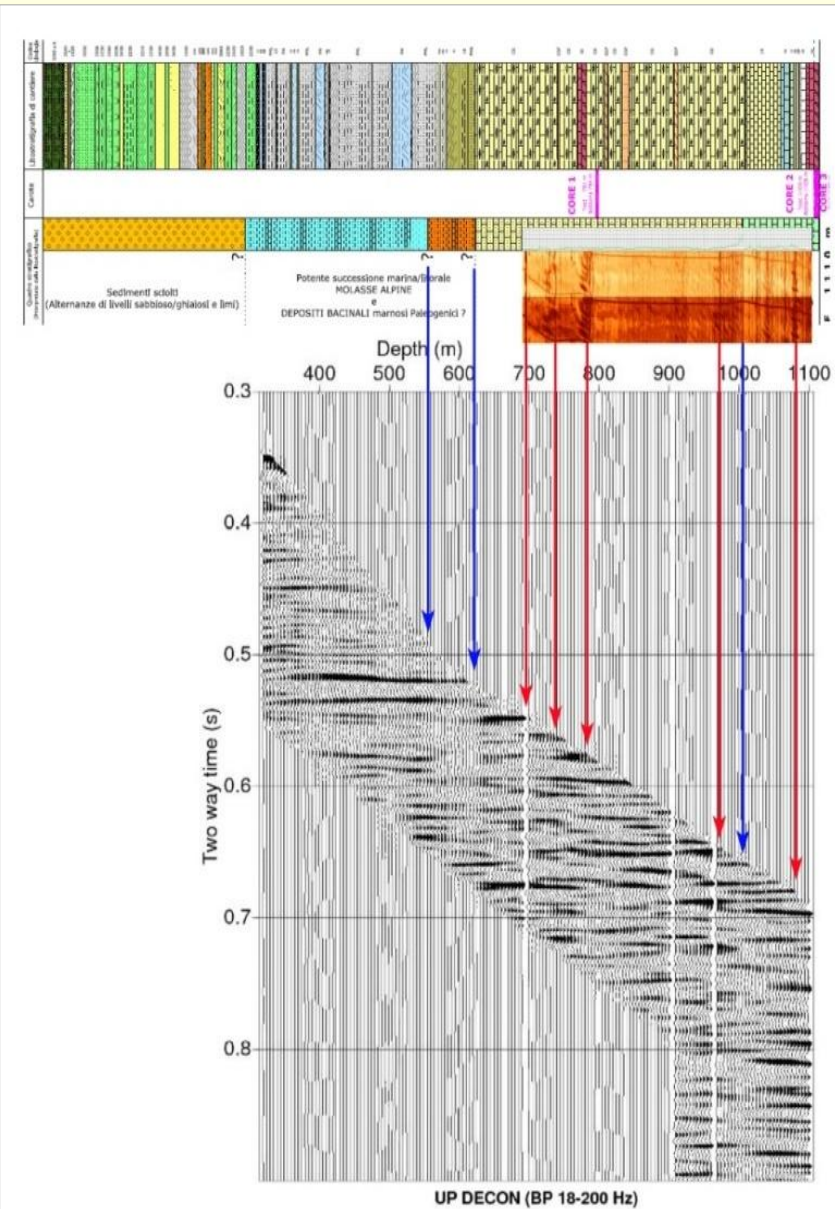
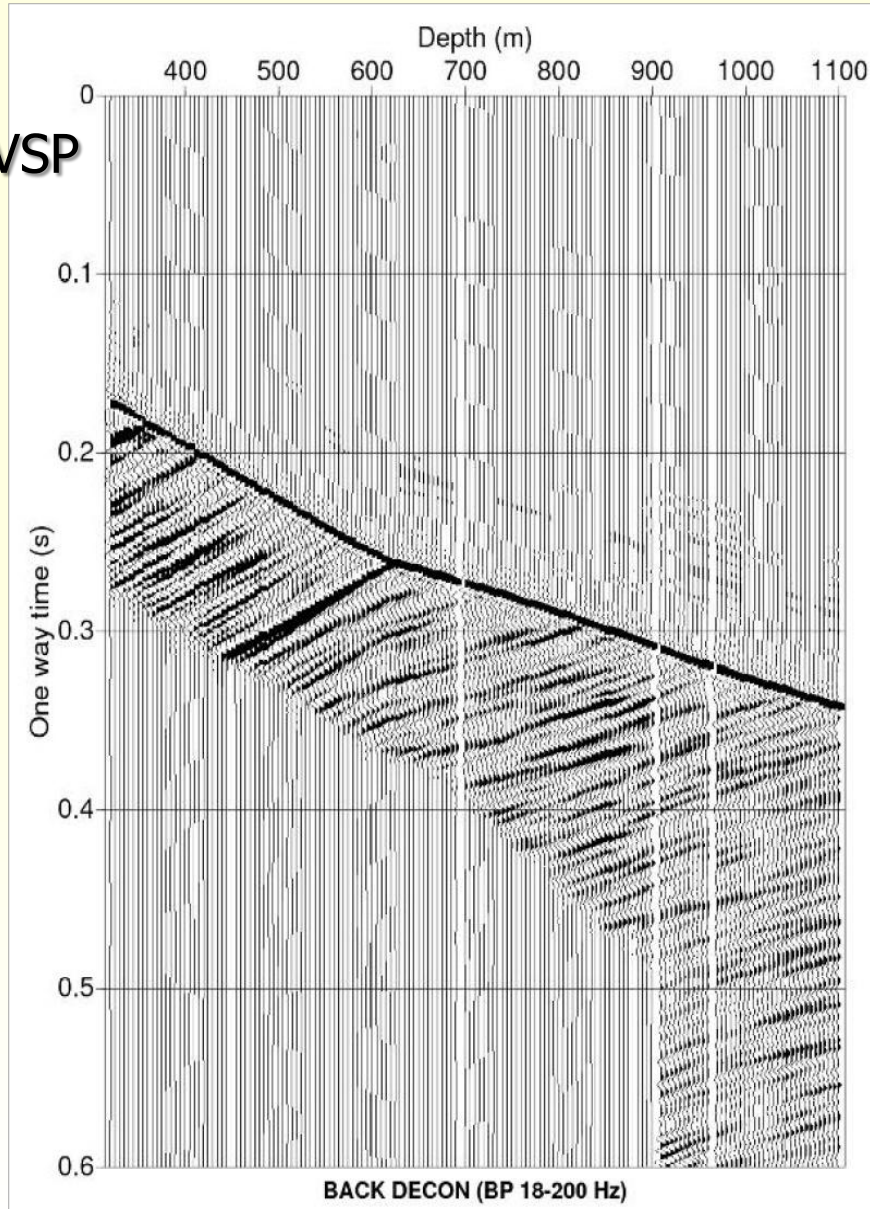
VSP data



VSP reflectivity and well results

NEAR-OFFSET VSP
VERTICAL
COMPONENT

Bandwidth
up to 200 Hz

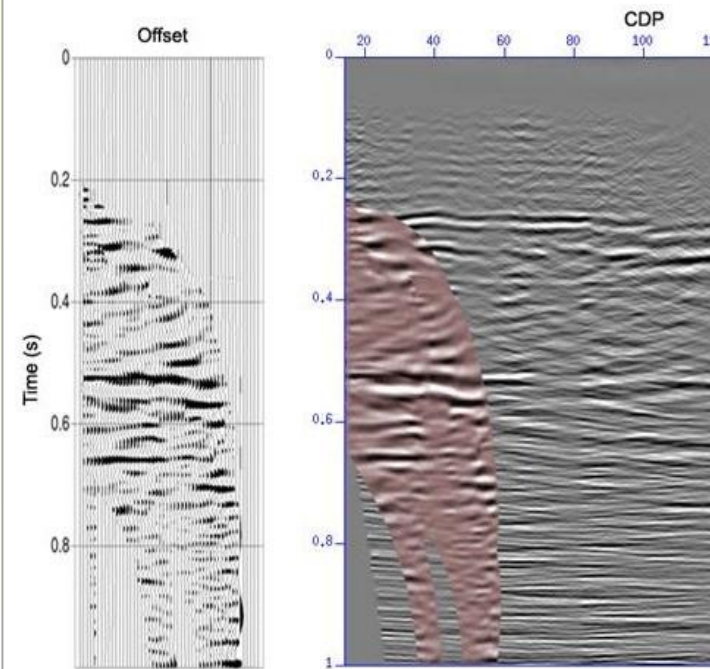
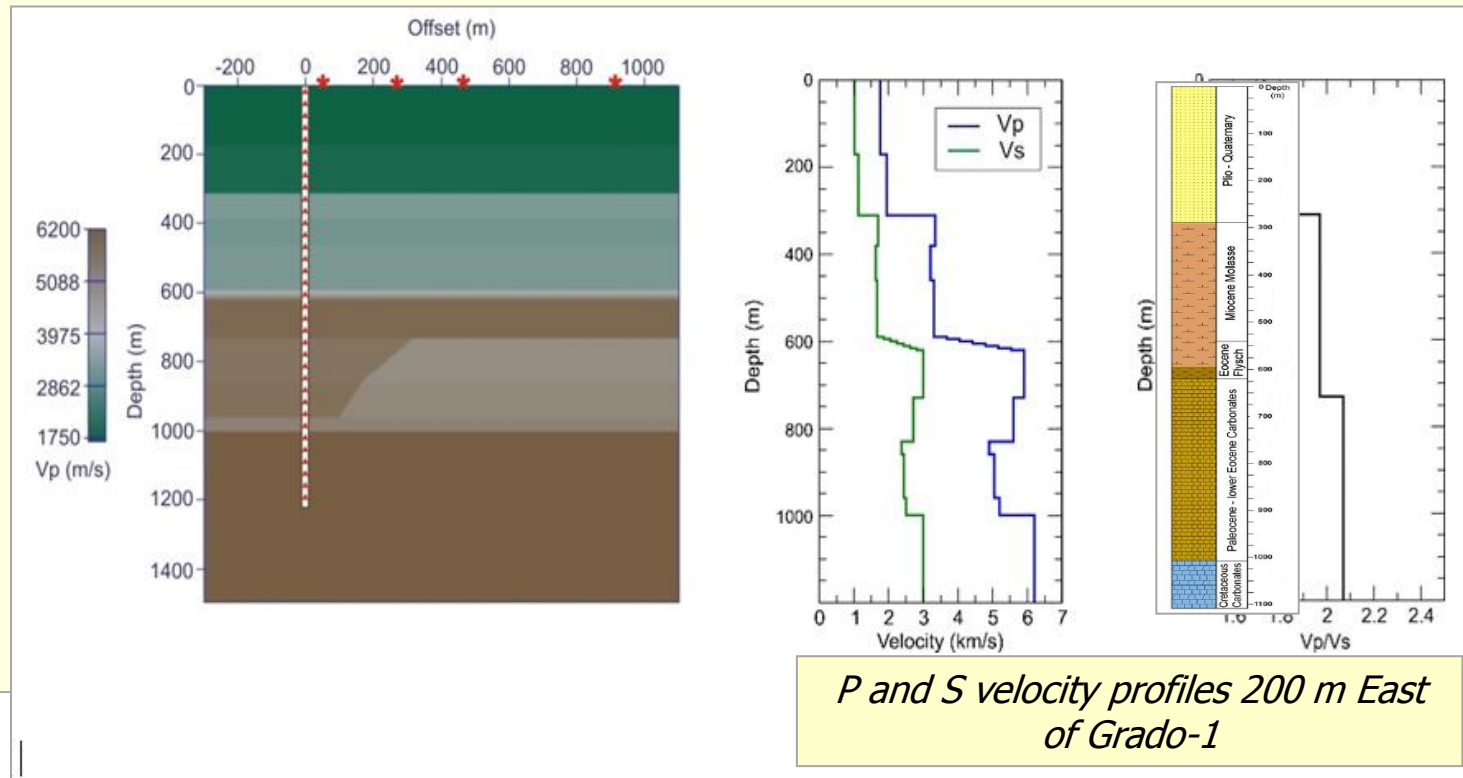


GRADO-1
STRATIGRAPHY
and
CBIL LOG

TWT
deconvolved
up-going after
wave separation
showing
interpretation of
interfaces (blue)
and *sloping
fractures (red)*

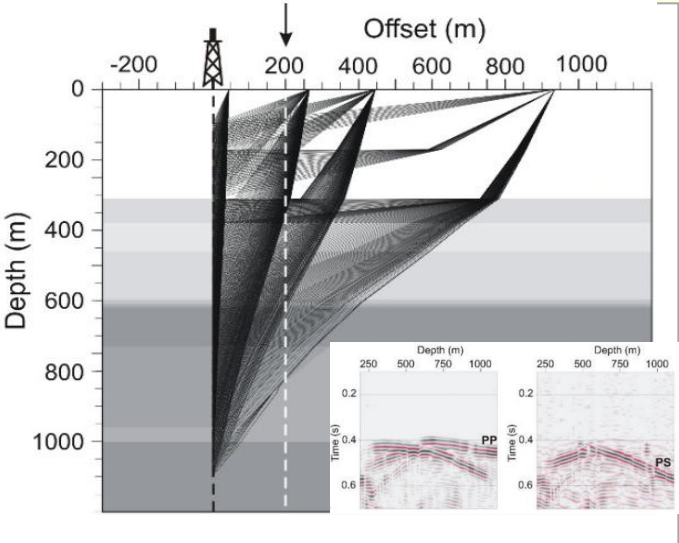
Lateral changes and Vp/Vs analysis

Modelling direct and converted P and S waves, including anisotropy and attenuation, allowed to calibrate local velocity and tune a model showing lateral changes in the reservoir



Multioffset VSP time migrated data superimposed on MCS G13 passing through the well

Raypaths of transmitted PP arrivals through the limestone interface at 600 m depth, helping to locate velocity changes

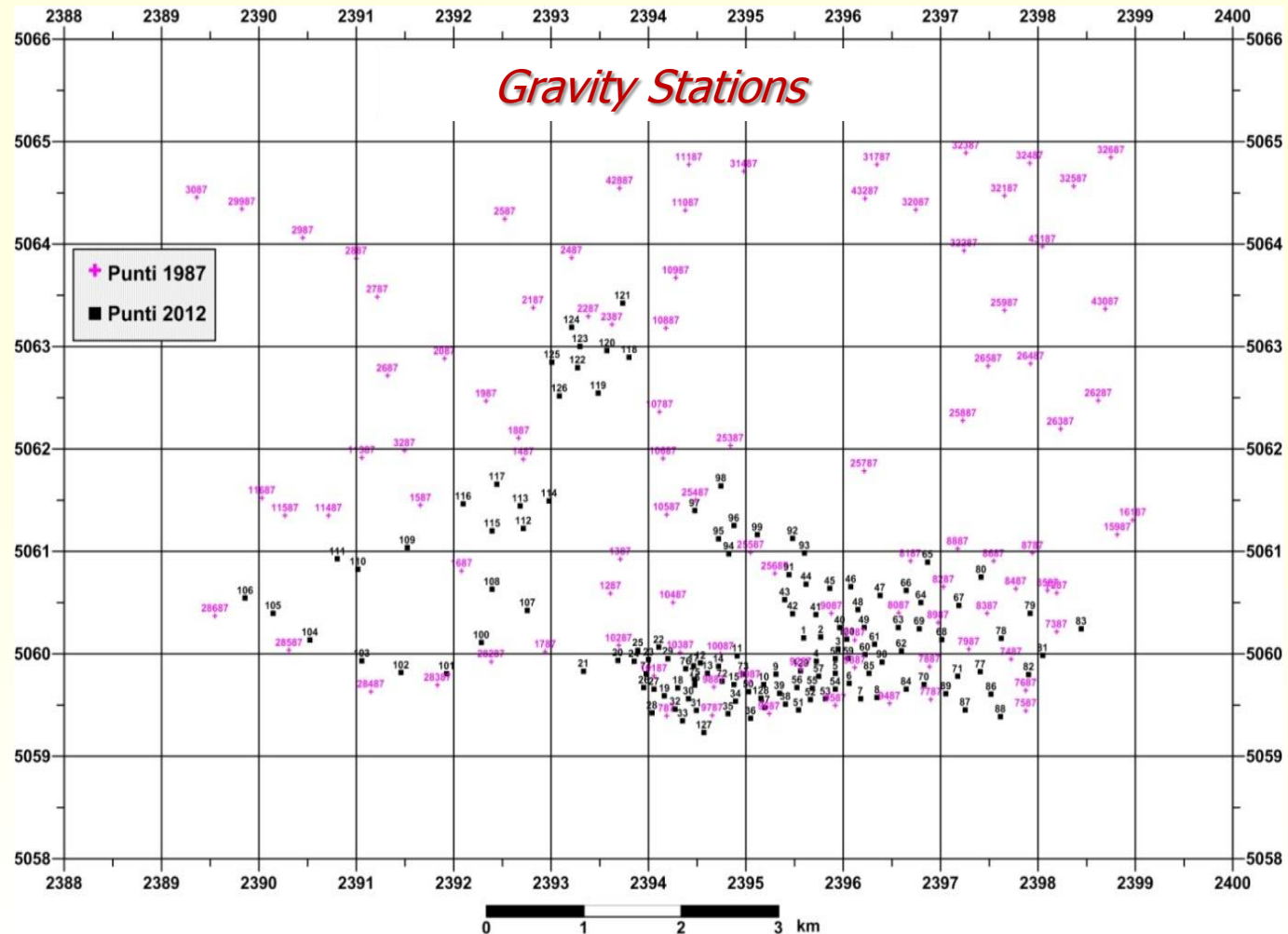


Gravity data Acquisition

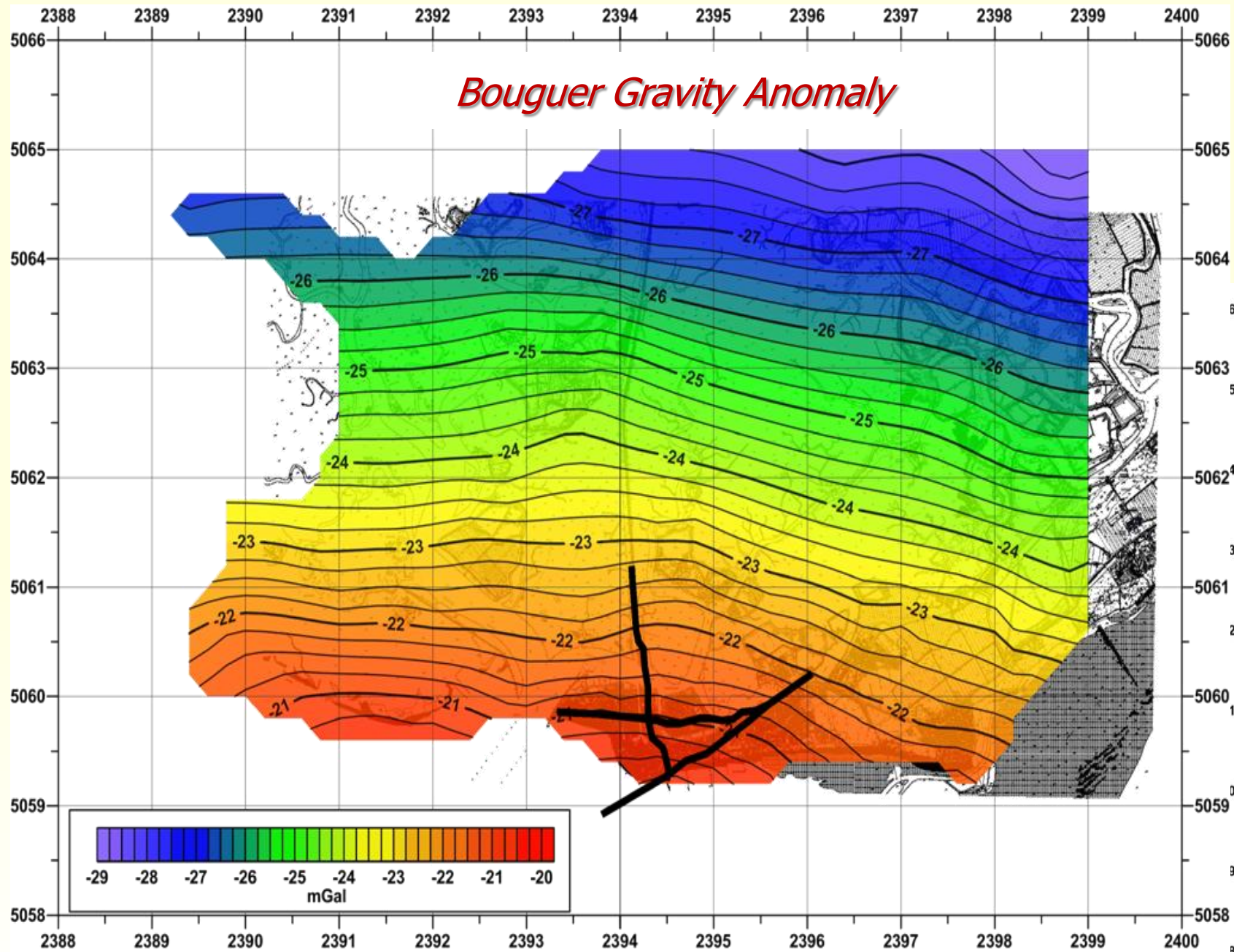
LaCoste & Romberg model D

229 new measurements

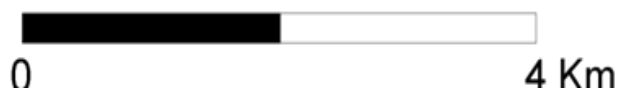
Integration with previous measurements (1987)



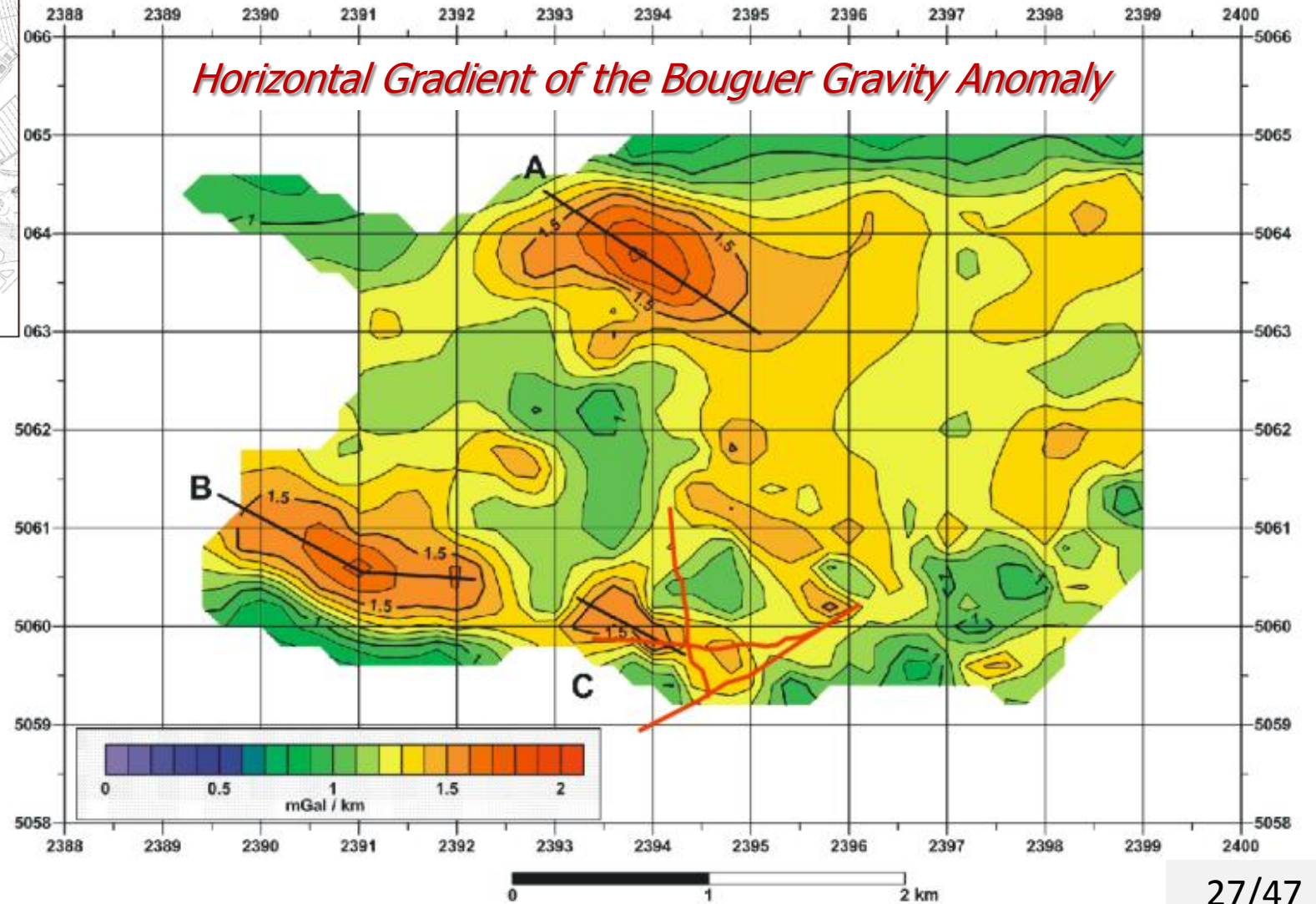
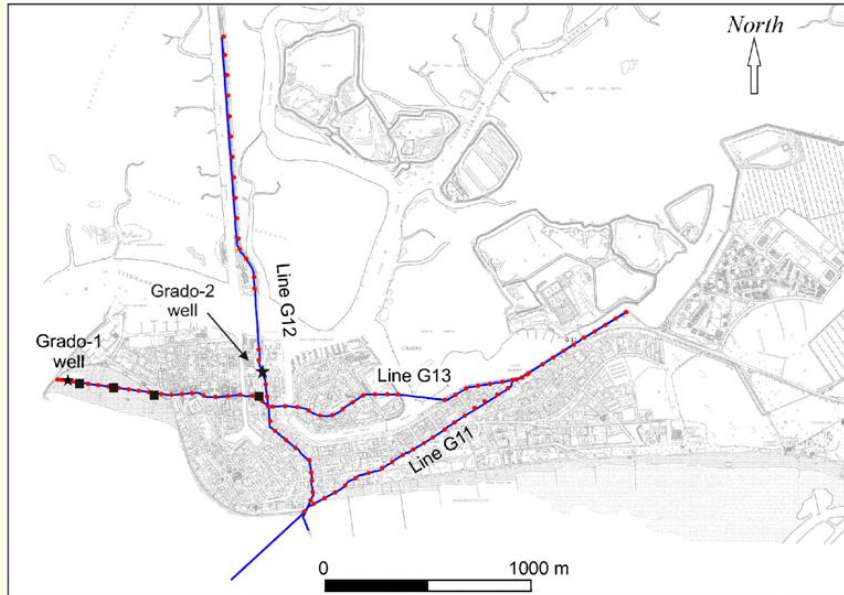
Carbonate platform
culmination to the south



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Joint data interpretation



Lateral changes in mass distribution at the bedrock interface, reflecting tectonic and stress regime orientation of the Dinaric far deformation front

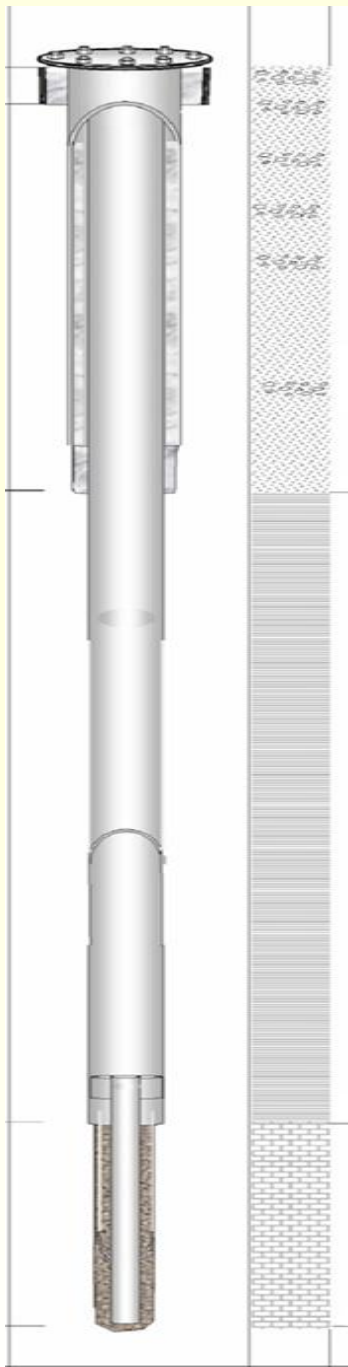
GRADO 2 Drilling

0-30 m: surface casing 24"

30-272 m:
17" 1/2 rock bit, casing 13"
3/8, cemented

272-675 m:
12" 1/4 rock bit,
casing 9" 5/8, cemented

675 – 1100/1200 m:
8" 1/2 PDB rock bit



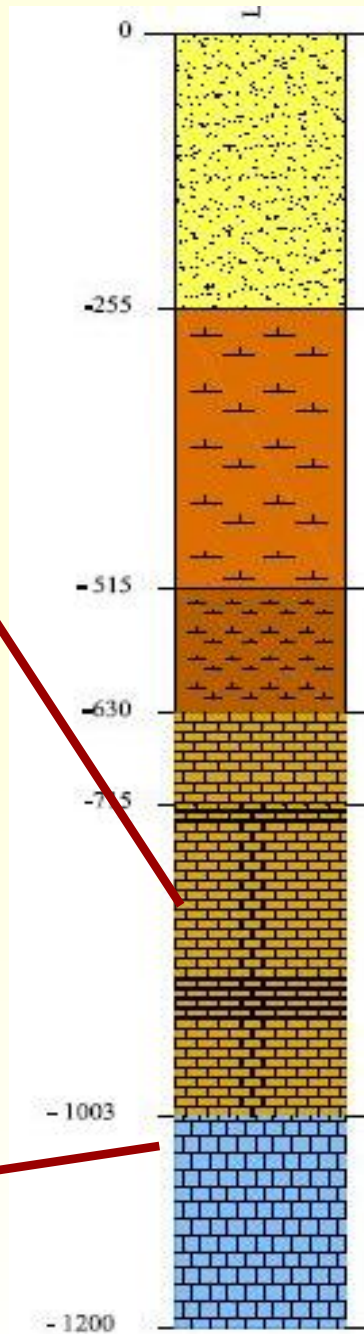
Grado LITHOLOGY



**Core 1: 791 m
Paleogene
Limestones**



**CORE 2: 1005 m
Aurisina Cretaceous
Limestones**



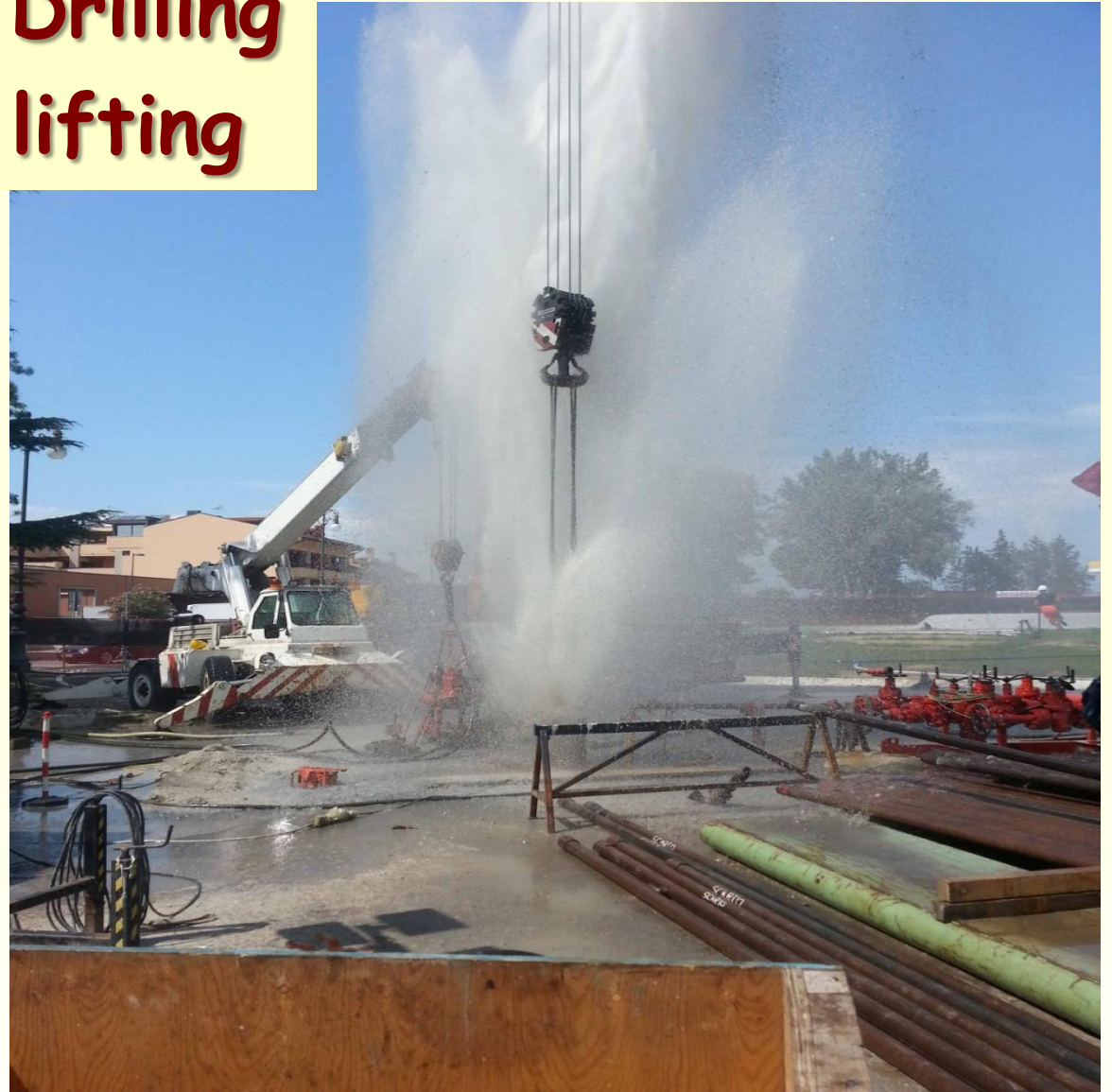
0-255 m
Plio-Quaternary
sediments

255-630 m
Miocene marls
and sandstones

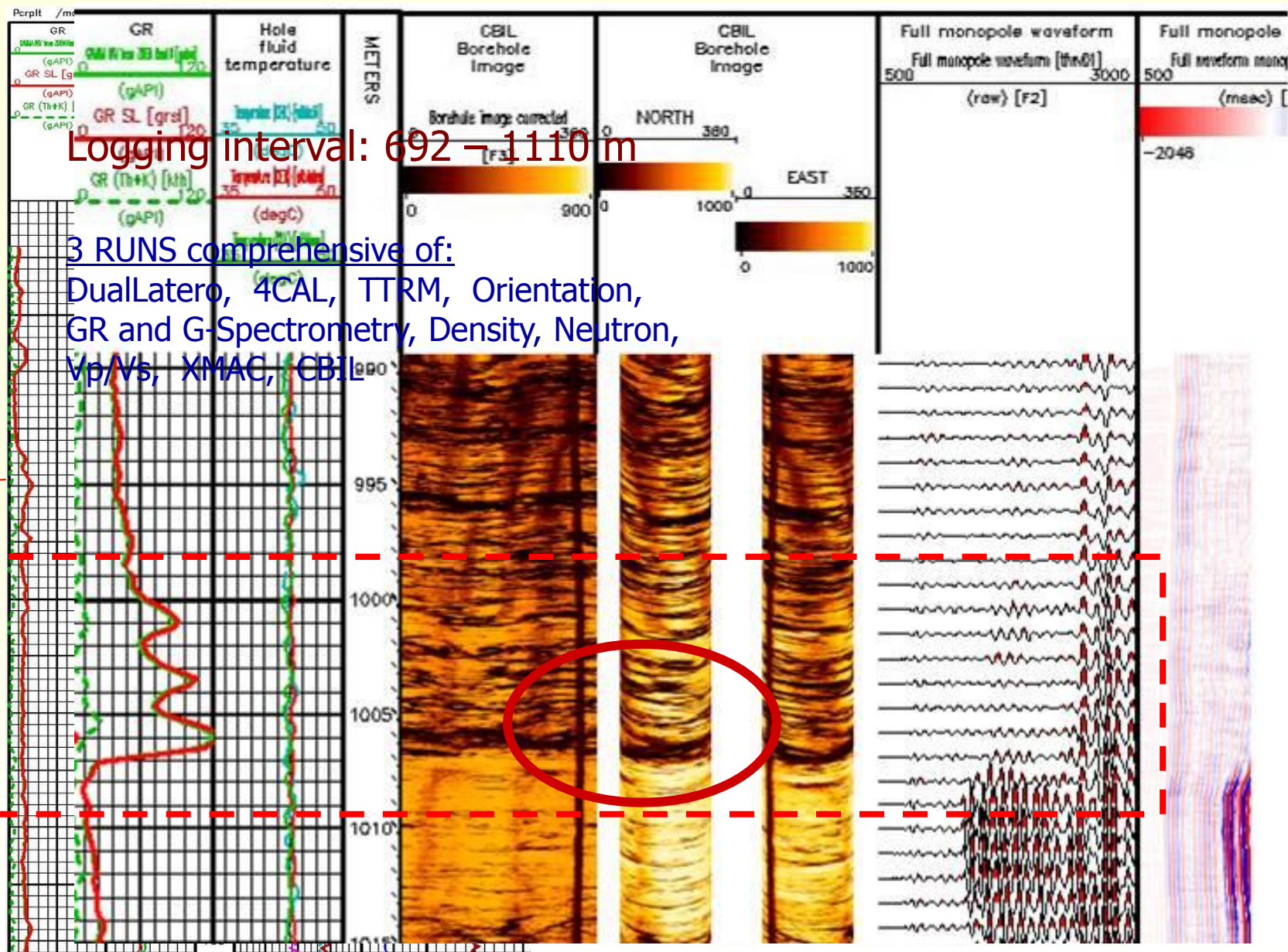
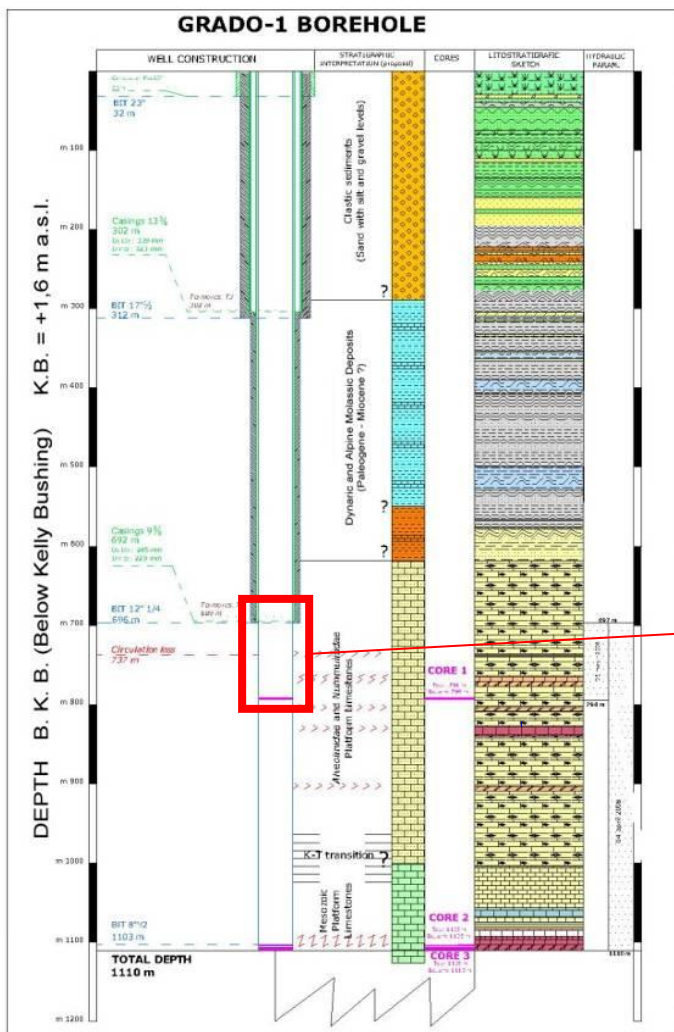


630-1200 m
Paleogene and Mesozoic
limestones, geothermal
reservoir

Grado 2 Drilling and air lifting

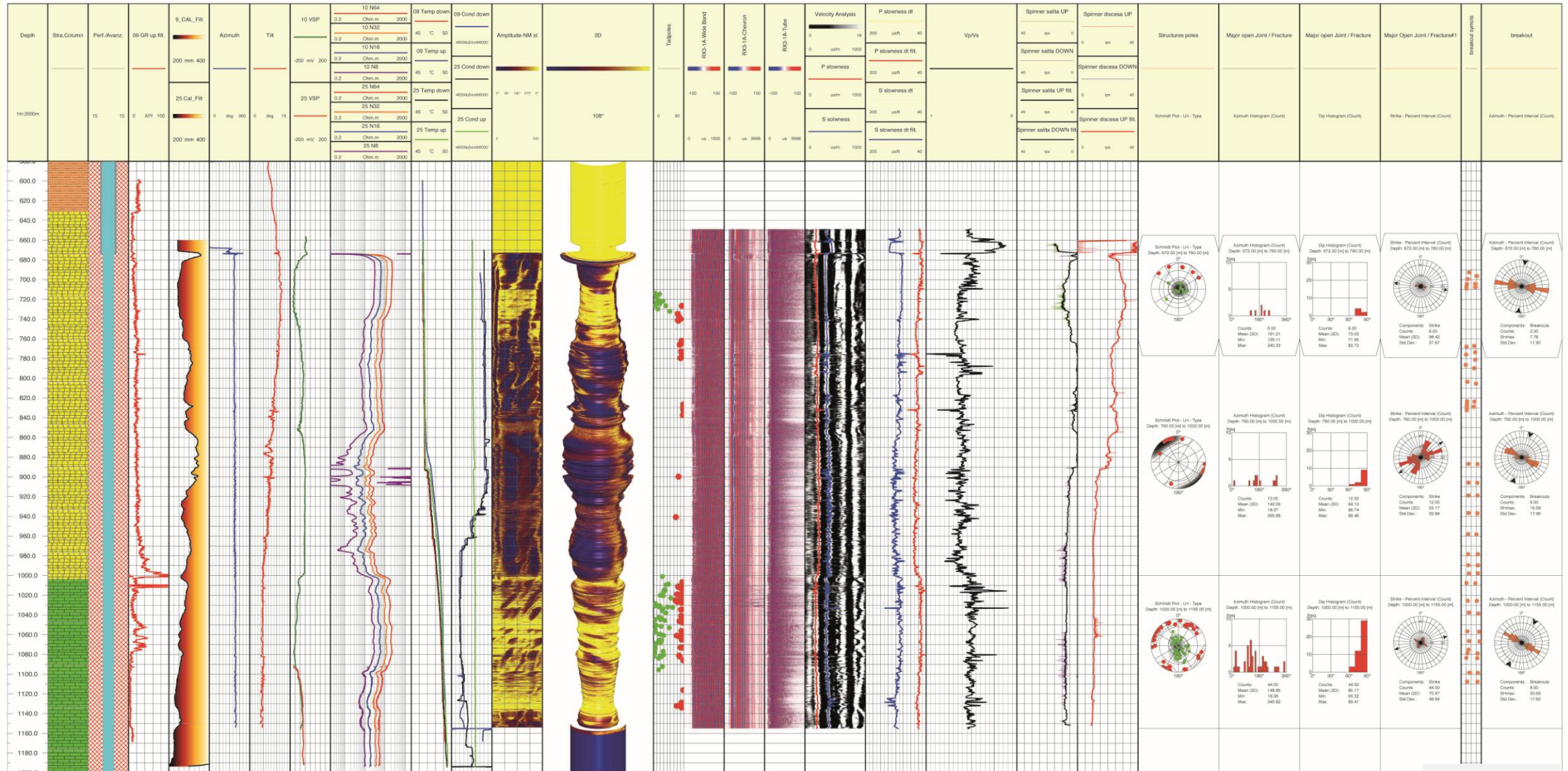


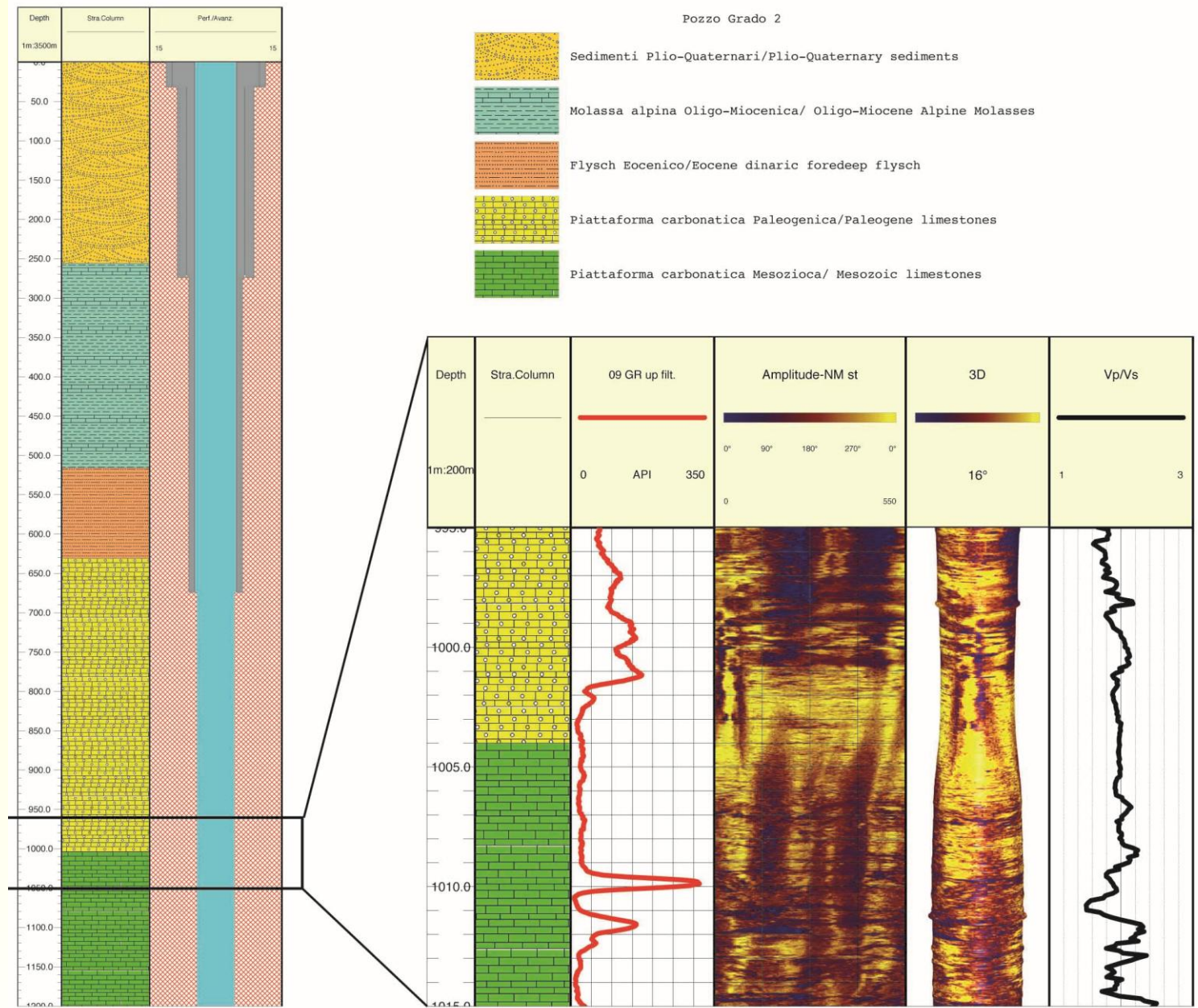
Grado-1: Geophysical Logs



Fluids circulation
in fractures

Grado-2: Geophysical Logs





Grado 2 acidizing + liner deployment

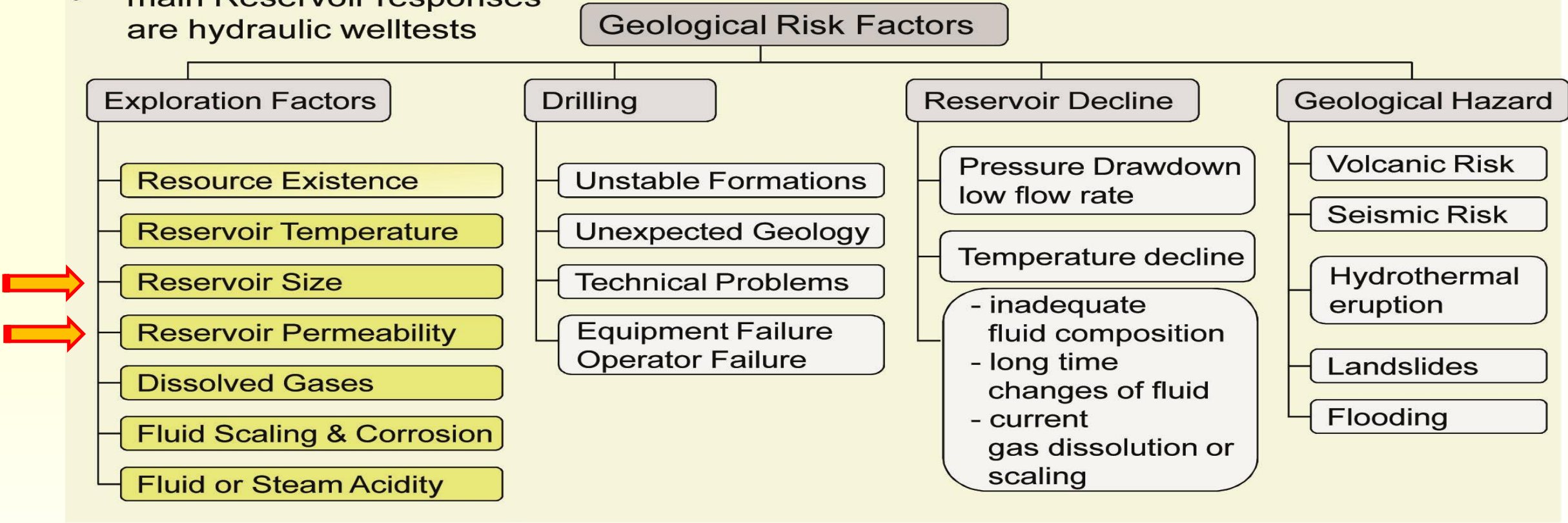


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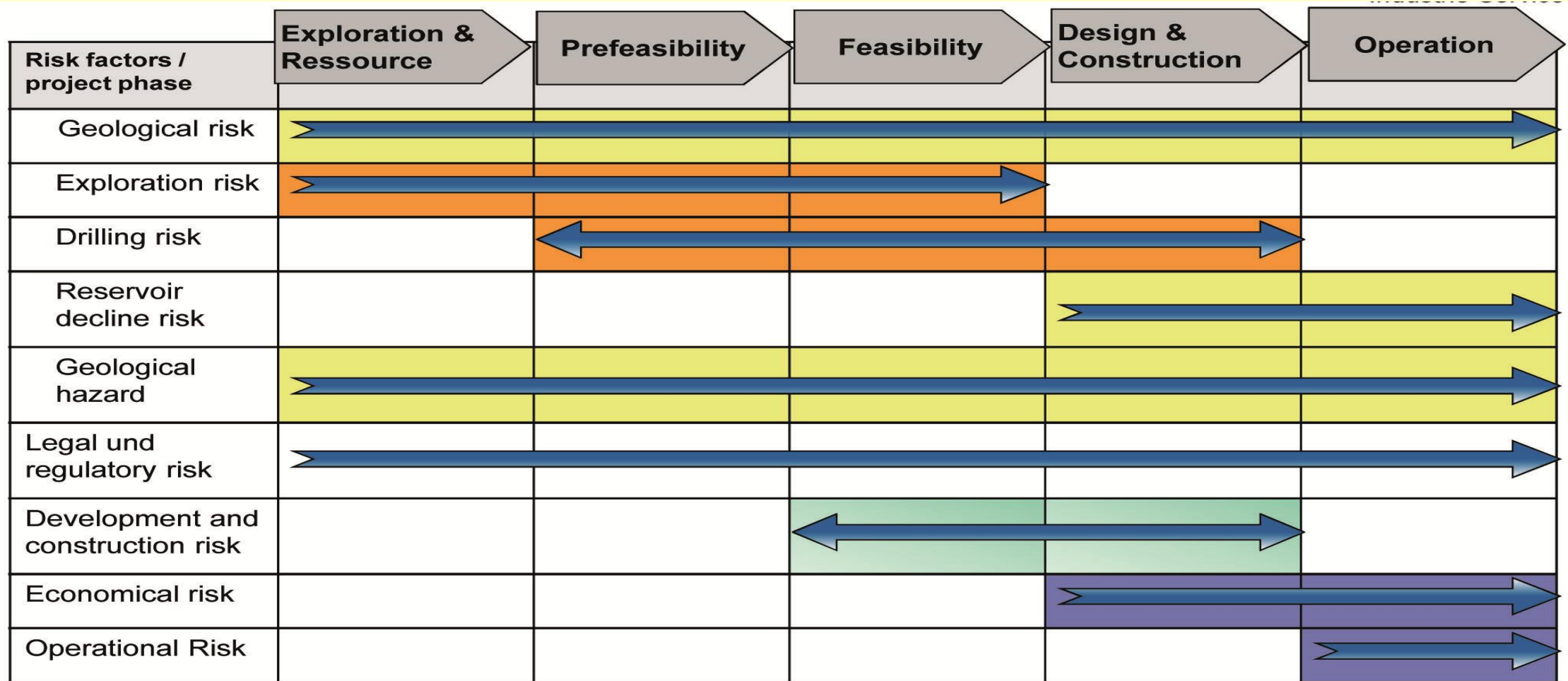
GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL: GEOLOGICAL RISK STRUCTURE

- Exploration and Drilling is predominant in the early exploration phases
- Reservoir state and response to production is preliminary new and unknown
- main Reservoir responses are hydraulic welltests



Natural hydrothermal systems do not require fracking → NO INDUCED SEISMICITY!

GEOHERMAL PROJECT RISK STRUCTURE



TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH (after Schiemann, Gottwald, 2011)

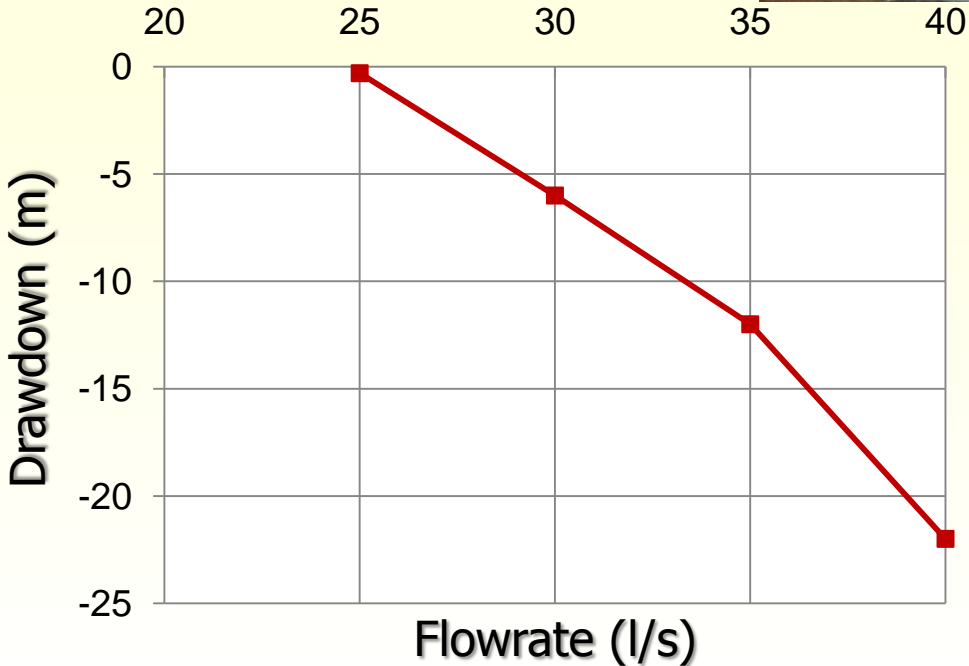
Dec. 2011 Milano risk mitigation in deep geothermal projects

Geothermal Reservoir Potential Assessment

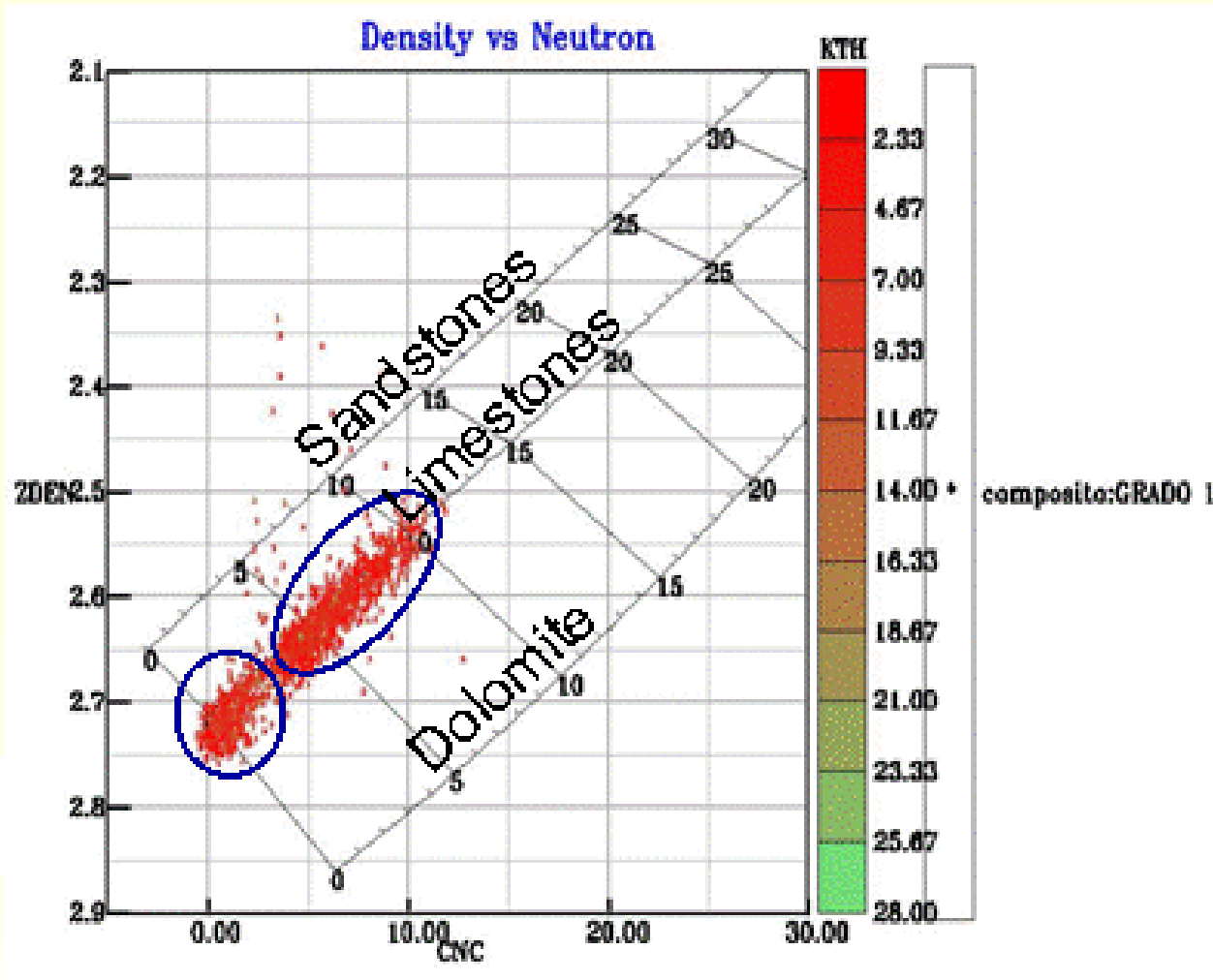
- Artesian outflow: 27,2 l/s (\sim 100 ton/h), 240 KPa
- Water temperature: 49 °C
- Salinity: 30 g/l (fossil seawater, 10 Ma)
- Thermal power: 2,3 MW

(assuming 20 °C as useful DT)

With 35 l/s (\sim 126 ton/h):
Thermal power \rightarrow > 3 MW



Geothermal Reservoir: Size Estimate



Area	≈ 50 km ²
Thickness	1,5-2 km
<i>Volume Reservoir</i>	<i>75-100 km³</i>

Estimated Effective Porosity

85%	$n_e < 1-2 \%$
10%	$n_e = 2 - 4 \%$
5%	$n_e = 8 - 10 \%$

Rough volume of moving geothermal waters = 0,6 km³ (6 x 10⁸ m³)
(corresponding on average to a volume of 6x10⁶ m³ for each km³ of reservoir)

Pumping Tests

INTERFERENCE TESTS between Grado1 and Grado2 geothermal boreholes

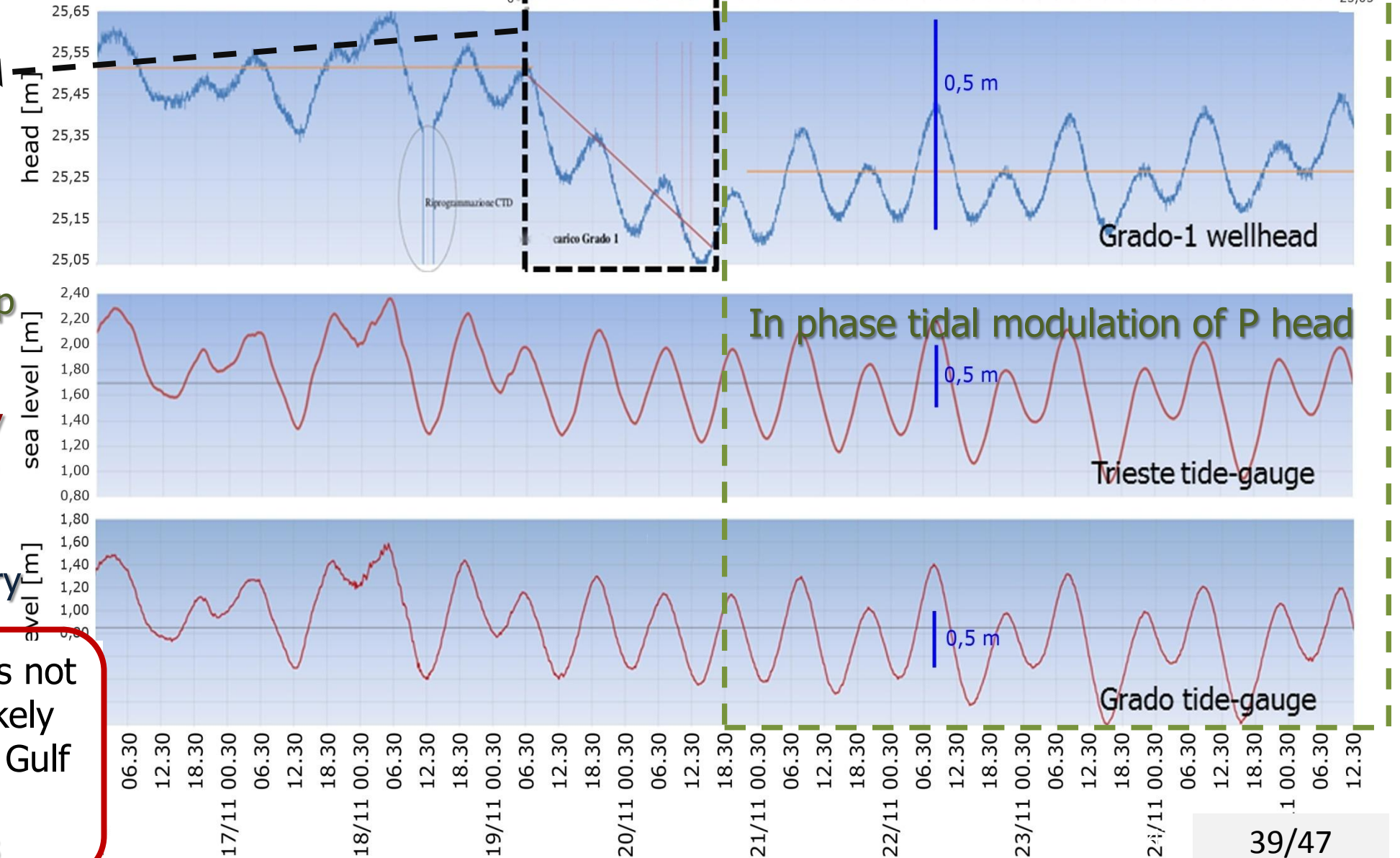
- ✓ Grado-2: pumping
- ✓ Grado-1: monitoring
- ✓ NO Re-Injection

a) Quick partial recovery following pumping stop (good T nearby?)

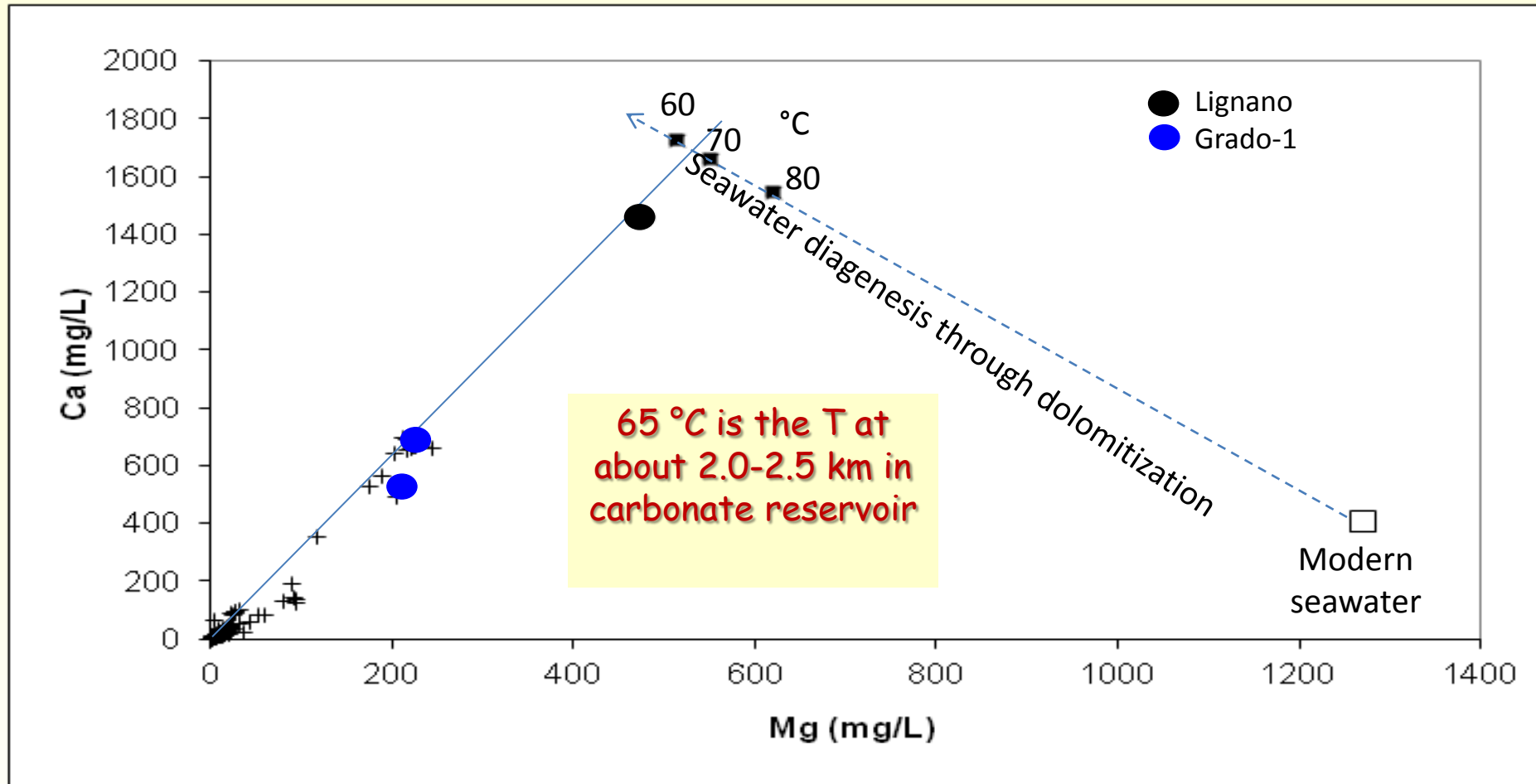
b) 2 days of NO recovery (no efficient recharge)

c) Delayed partial recovery

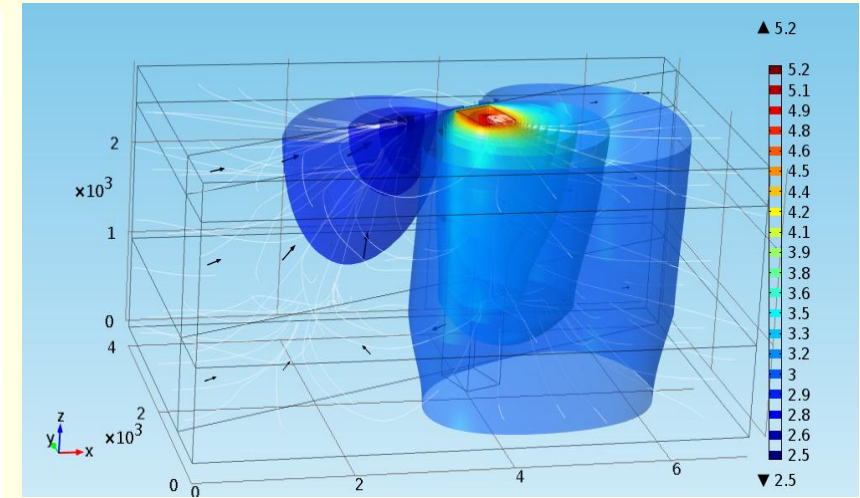
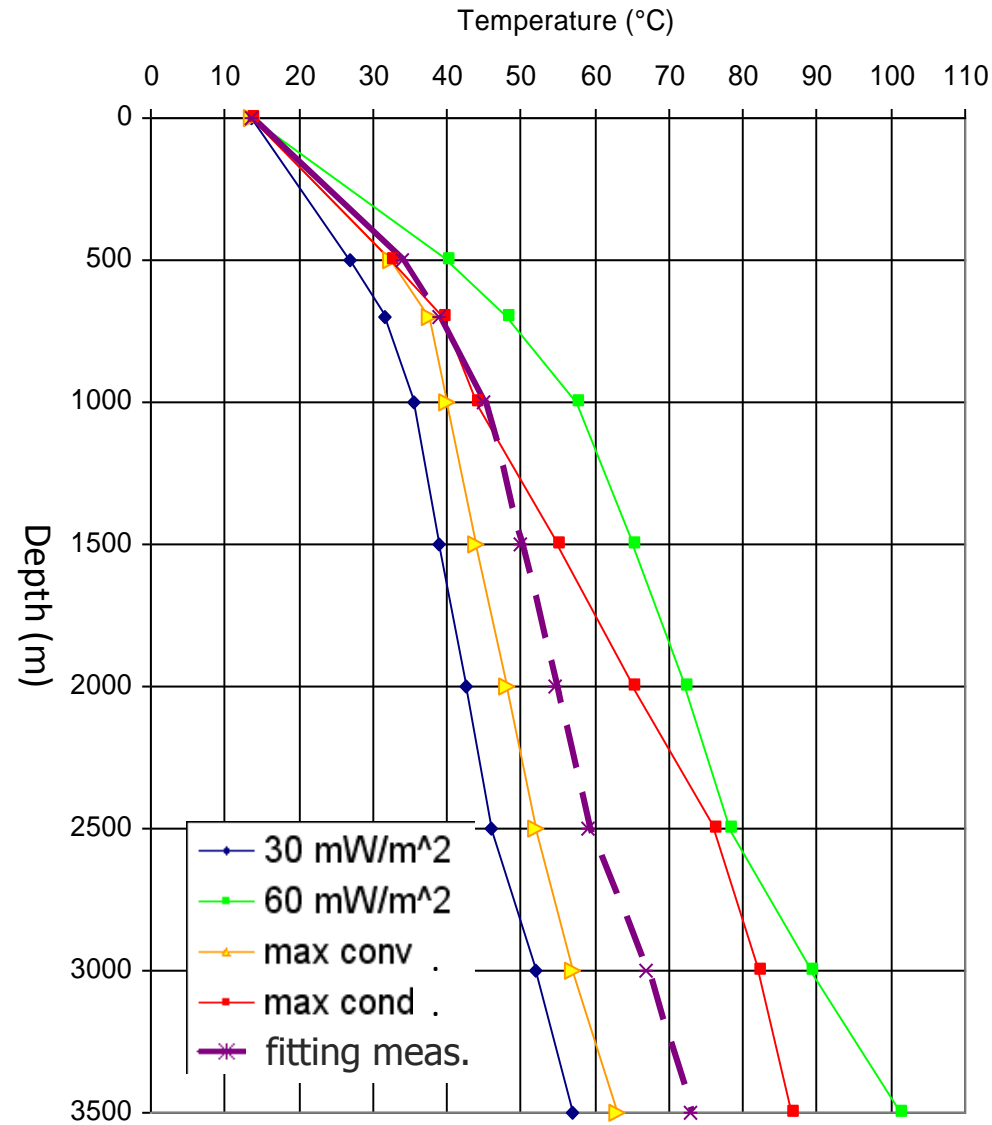
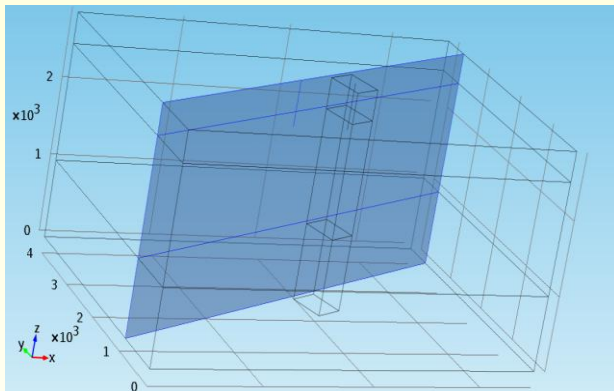
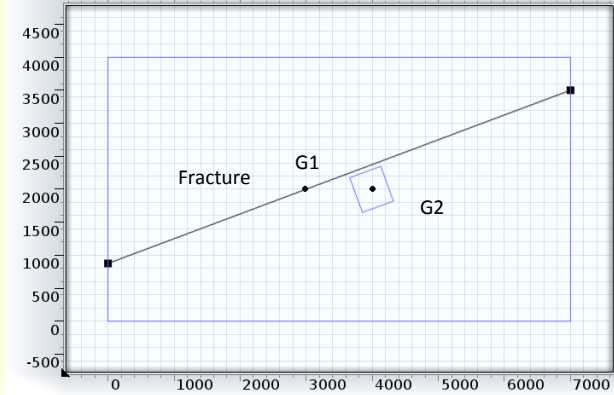
Reservoir recharge seems not very efficient, though likely connected to the Trieste Gulf by low permeability network of fractures



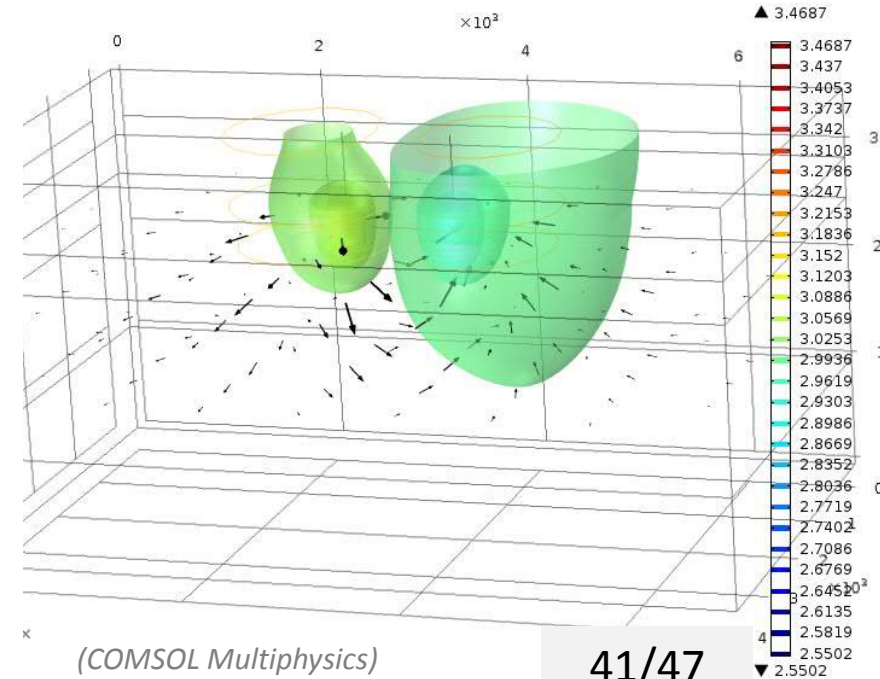
Estimate of the deep reservoir temperature



Geothermal Reservoir: Numerical Modeling

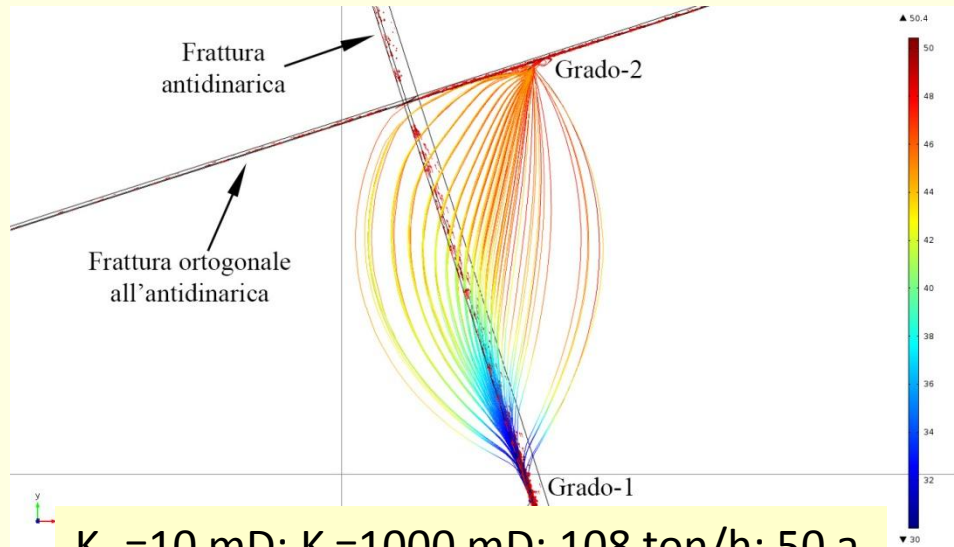


soperficie: Pressione (bar) Isolinee: Pressione (bar) Freccce su volume: Campo di velocità di Darcy

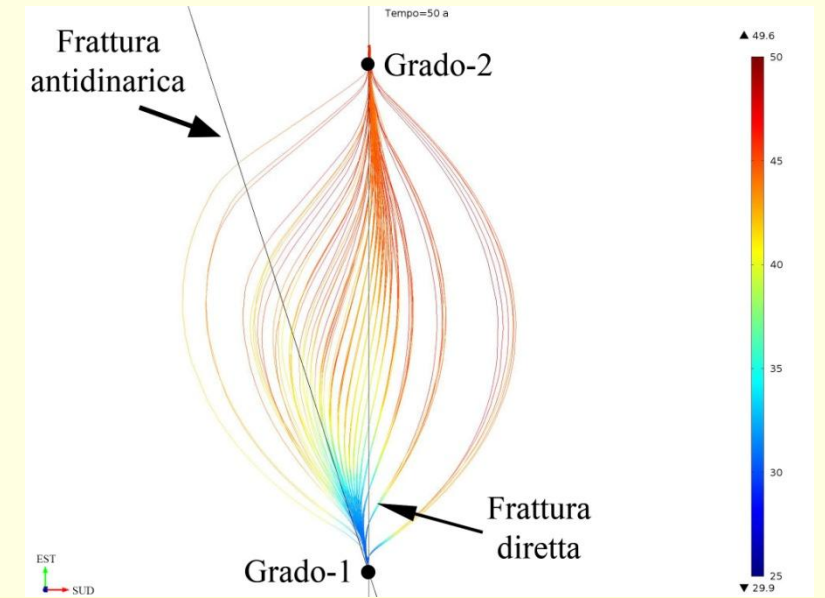


(COMSOL Multiphysics)

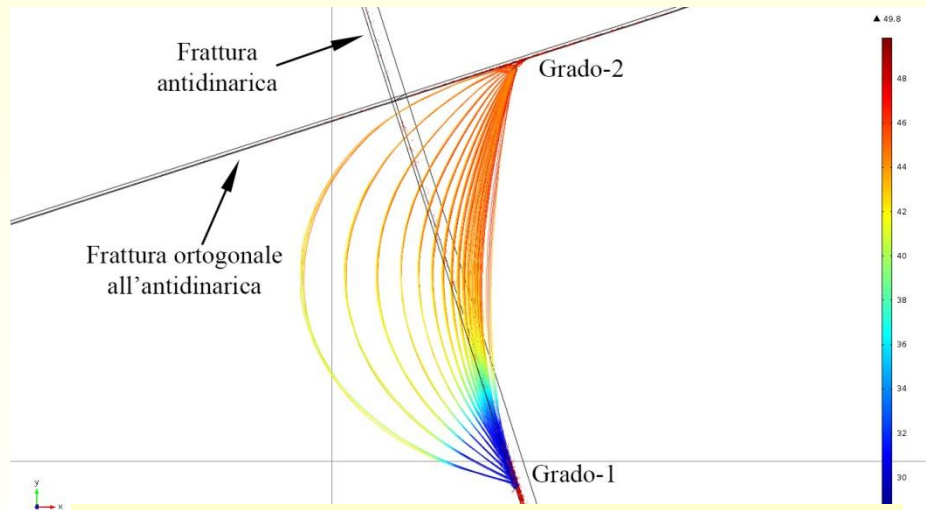
Fractured Geothermal Reservoir



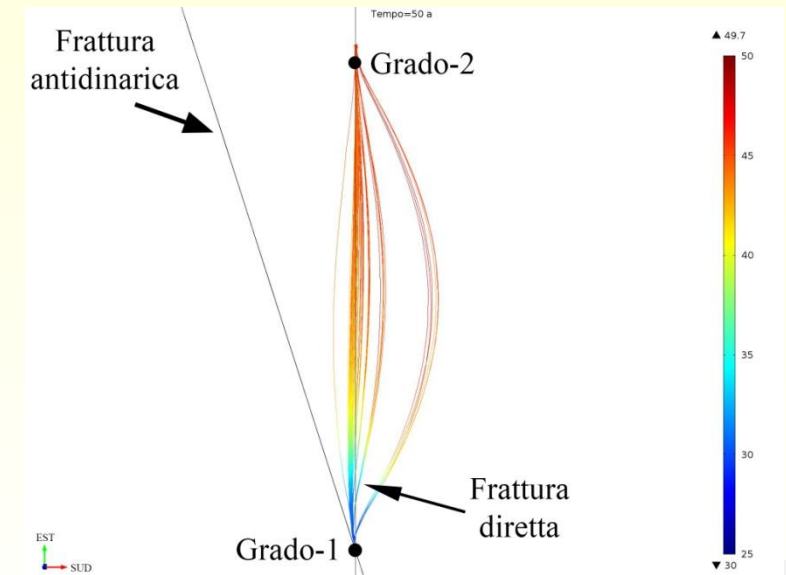
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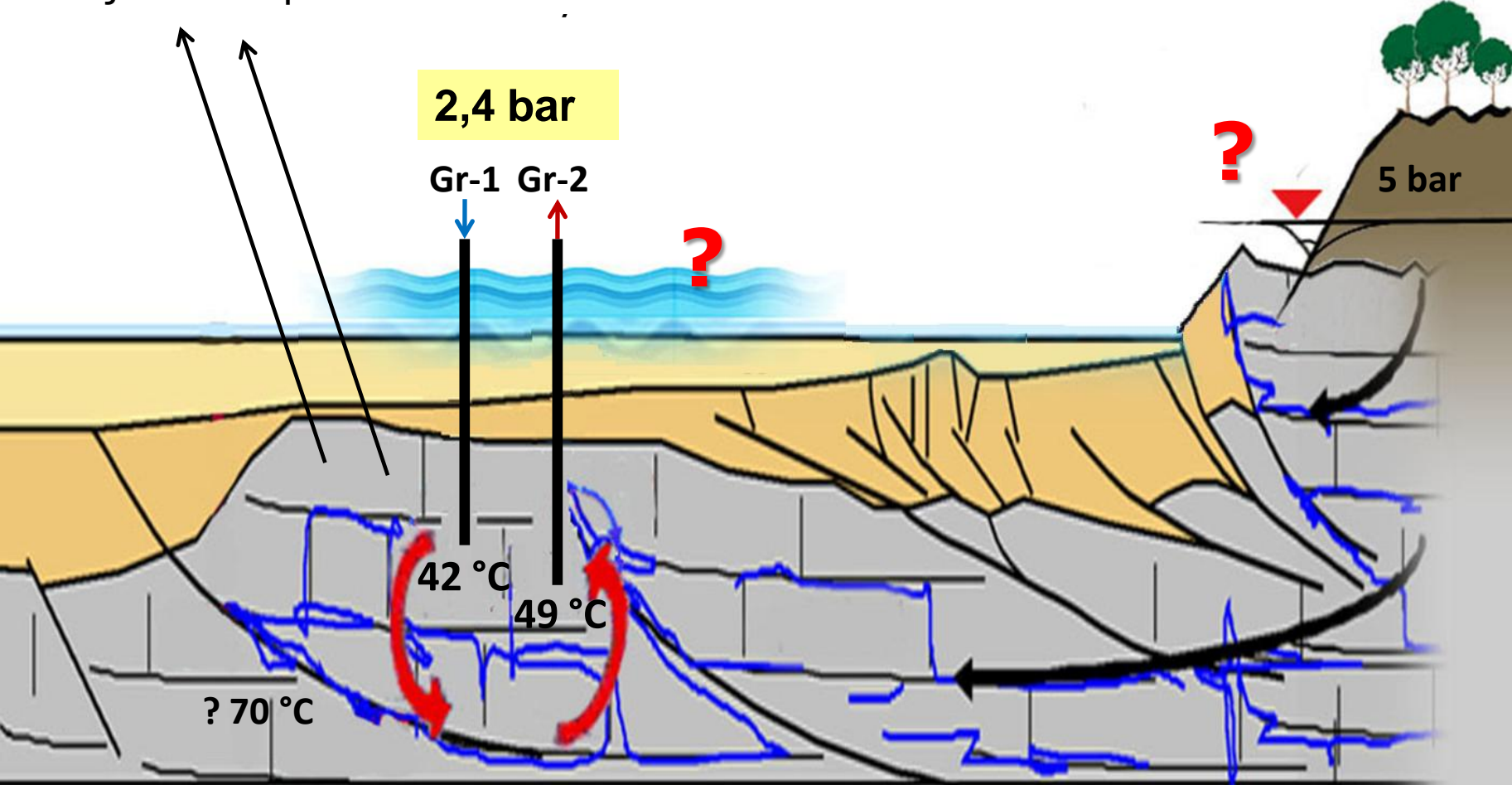
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Geothermal Reservoir: CONCEPTUAL MODEL

Miocene fossil seawater (10 Ma)
Artesian reservoir modulated by the sea tides, with NO GOOD RECHARGE
Re-injection required



Horizontal Directional Drilling under the port canal Network will link 6 public buildings



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Completion of DH pilot system and Distribution Network

- Started in 1st phase
- Completed in 2014 with horizontal directional drilling and shallow tunneling connecting Grado-1 and 2
- Serving public buildings (school gym, catering institute, conference hall, library)

- Planned connections are in progress
- Further connections (municipality edifice, junior high school, ...) and long lasting uses can be fostered

5 Millions Euros:

- ✓ Project design,
- ✓ 2 exploration geophysical campaigns;
- ✓ Drilling – completion - development of production and re-injection wells;
- ✓ Hydraulic tests, corings and geophysical logging;
- ✓ **Realization of district heating network + heat exchangers**



Grado DH Results and Perspectives

- We characterized a small portion of the buried N-Adriatic carbonate platform
- The integrated geophysical approach allowed to:
 - ✓ Assess the reservoir geological structures, extension and recharge
 - ✓ Locate the two wells of geothermal doublet within the same reservoir
 - ✓ Identify sub-vertical fault systems interconnecting the doublet
- Geothermal potential is *2.5–3.0 MW_{th}* (available energy *20.000-25.000 MWh*)
- Two km of DH network was realized connecting 6 public buildings
- DH *capacity factor now is 0,20 ONLY* (2 MW x 12 h x 6 months = 4320 MWh)
- Need to optimize management, increase capacity factor to increase return on investment
- Next work: reservoir and thermo-fluid dynamic modelling, extend DH network, evaluate sustainability and impacts in operational conditions
- Message: *other geothermal doublets can be realized in cold Adriatic areas*

Challenges of DH Geothermal projects & Concluding Remarks

- ◆ DH systems must locate in areas with *good geothermal potential*
- ◆ They require geophysics → to *reduce risk by best well location and orientation*
- ◆ Producing wells must hydraulically connect with injection wells → *permeability*
- ◆ *Impacts Assessment*: resource, subsidence, aquifers mixing, induced seismicity
- ◆ *Complex surface facilities*: pumping, piping, monitoring and remote control
- ◆ *High Capex*, especially if drilling is unsuccessful or needs deep wells
- ◆ Management optimization → *energy saving, efficiency, lowest impacts*
- ◆ Technology R&D → *Enhancing RHC system performance and reliability*

Geothermal Systems Guidelines 1

Geothermal Resources Oriented

- ♦ Find out areas with good geothermal/hydrothermal potential (**T, k**)
- ♦ Carry out geological and geophysical surveys to identify structures, stress regime, fractures orientation, ... (**locate wells**)
- ♦ Characterize resource and assess its geothermal potential (**drilling**)
- ♦ **Temp., depth and drilling costs** are critical design parameters
- ♦ **Recharge** is critical for sustainable open-loop systems
- ♦ Carefully design geothermal systems: **reduce geological risk to limit financial risk**
- ♦ **Integrate** locally **available RES** and conventional
- ♦ **Monitor and optimize the performance**

Geothermal Systems Guidelines 2

Environment oriented

- ♦ Check compatibility with Urban Development Plan, avoid protected/excluded areas (unstable areas, polluted sites, archeologic and military areas, ...)
- ♦ Carefully evaluate geologic impacts (subsidence, flooding, landslides, ...) at various time scales
- ♦ Assess environmental hazards: depletion of water resource, aquifers recharge, flooding, potential contamination, subsidence,)
- ♦ → **total re-injection**

Geothermal systems guidelines 3

Regulatory framework

- ♦ Obtain authorization, permits (drilling, pumping and reinjection of water)
- ♦ Maintain distance from permit/property boundaries
- ♦ Stimulate competition among enterprises
- ♦ Check for incentives and supporting measures
- ♦

Thanks for your attention!



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Open Loop System



*High efficiency and
limited investment*



Water resources in peri-Adriatic Areas

- a) Surface water bodies (canals, rivers, basins, sea, ...): estimated T range 10-22 °C
- b) Drainage waters from tunnels in mountain areas: 8-40 °C
- c) Artesian wells: 13-18 °C
- d) Shallow unconfined aquifers (50-100 m): 8-14 °C
- e) Hydrothermal waters from new or existing wells : 12-30 °C
- f) Low T deep aquifers : 30-90 °C

OPEN LOOP PONTEBBA ICE RINK PLANT



Groundwater source
Water discharge



2 production wells D1 + D2
1 re-injection well R



Old Pontebba Ice Rink plant

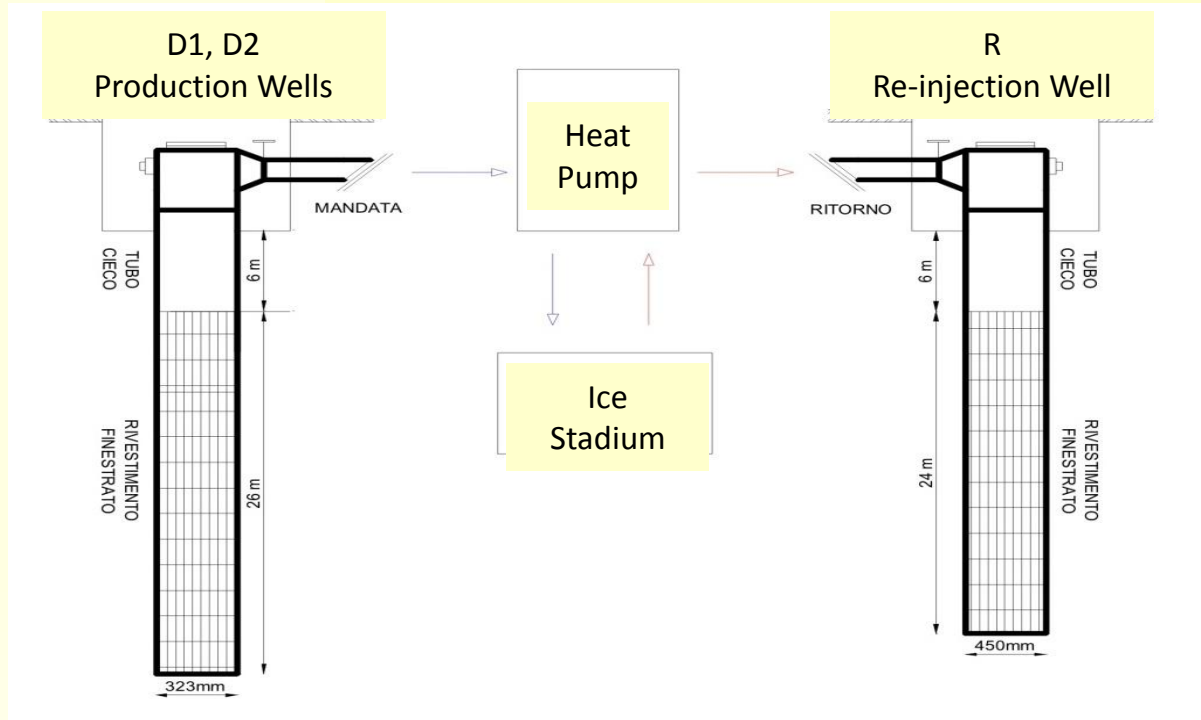
- 700 kW HP with R-22 refrigerant
- Cooling tower



New Pontebba Ice Rink Plant (2012)

- New Geothermal Heat Pump system (3 wells)
- 2 Ammonia HPs, 750 kW tot. installed capacity
- Heating and cooling of additional units
- 40 % average savings during first 2 seasons

Production and re-injection wells



D1 e D2 production

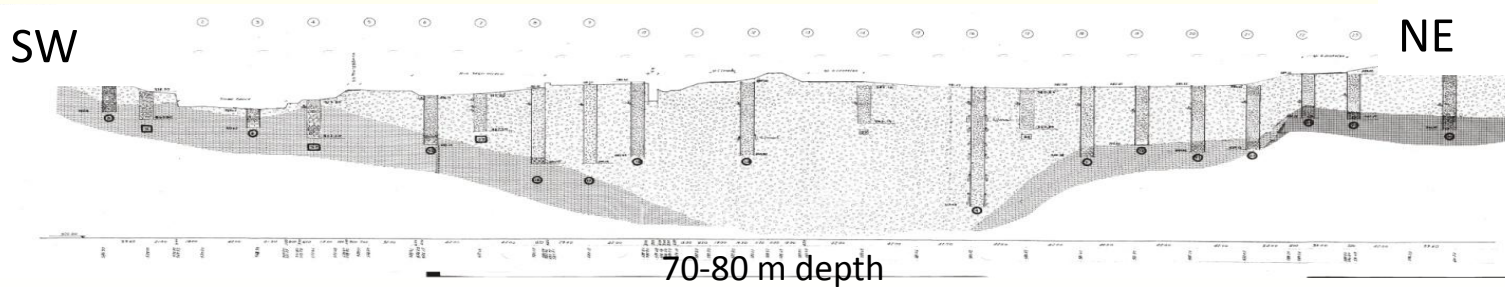
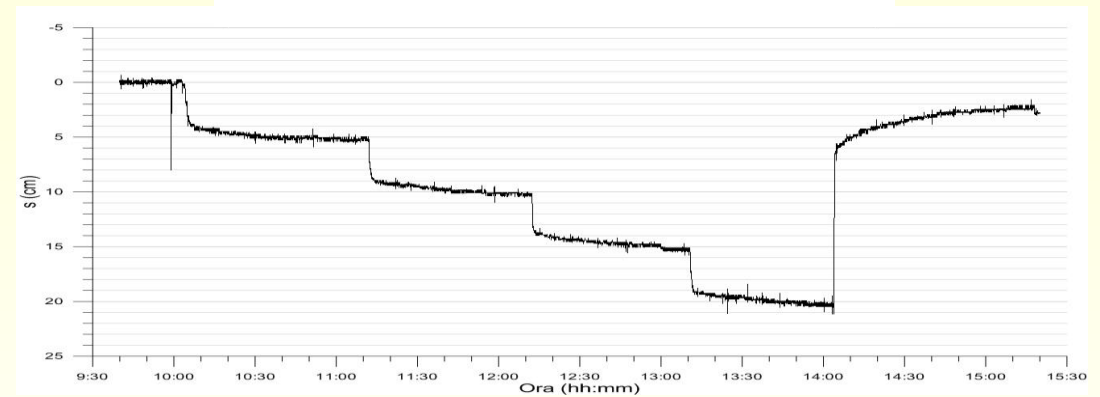
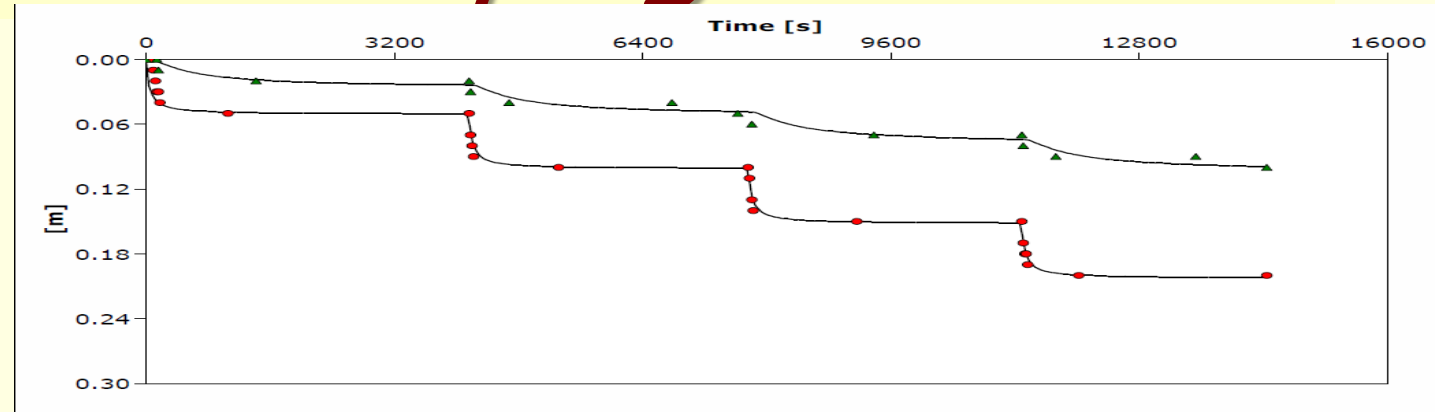
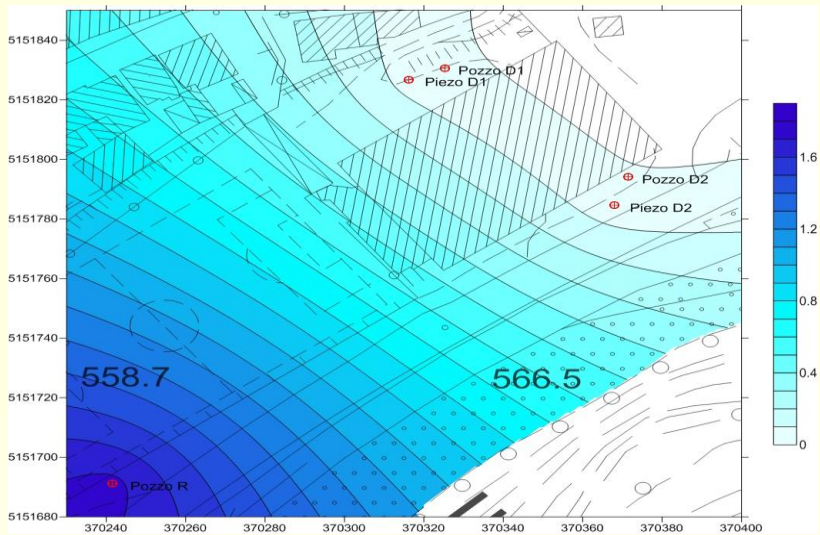
- 32 m deep, 13" 3/8 casing, 8 mm
- Screen from 6 to 32 m

R re-injection

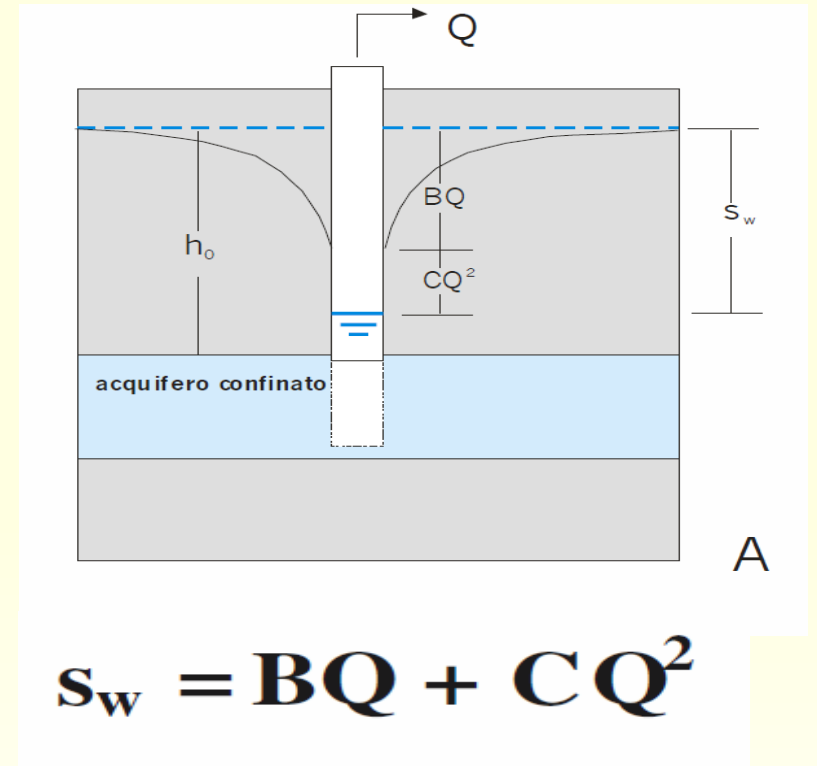
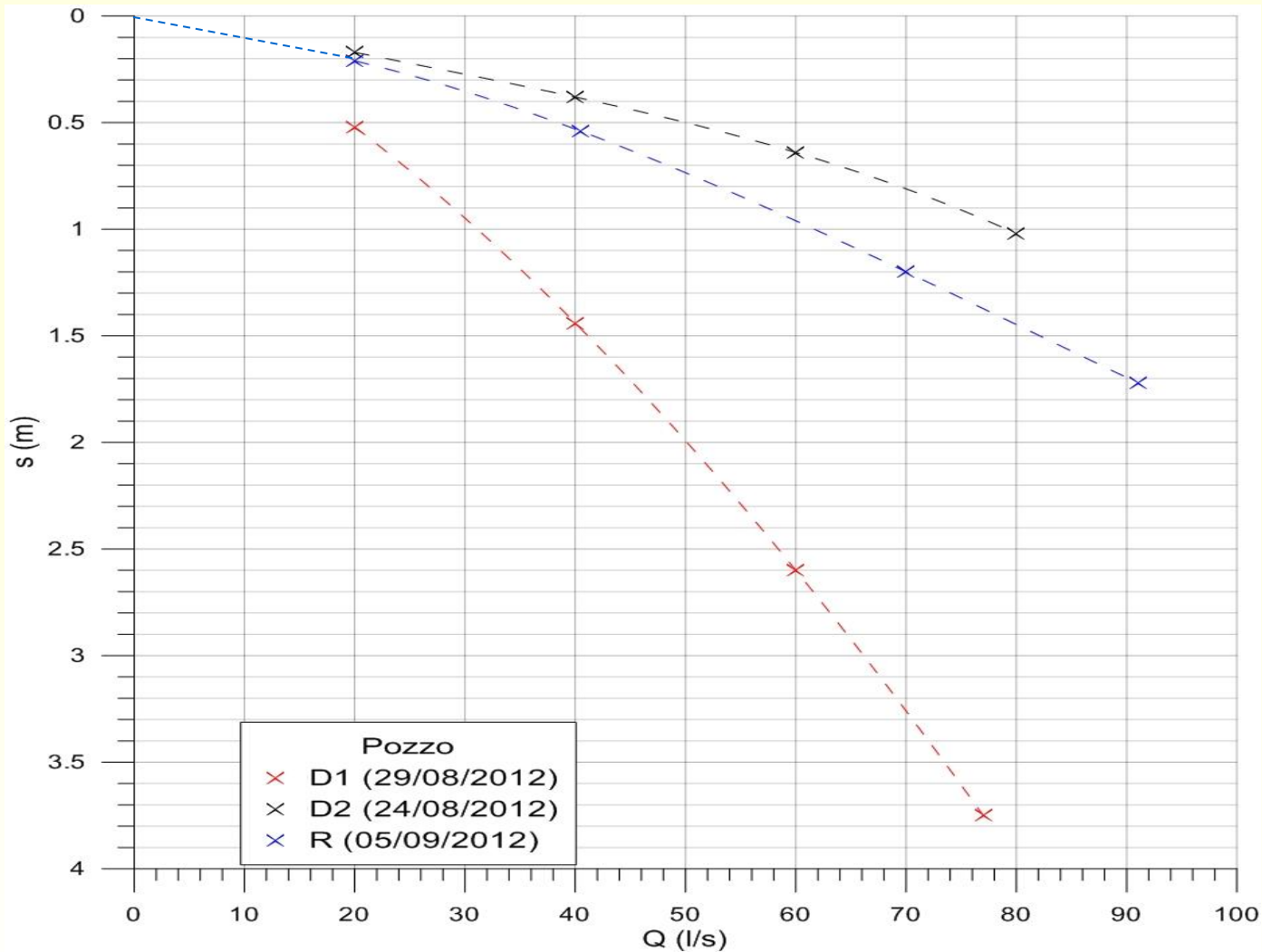
- 30 m deep, 18" casing, 9 mm
- Screen from 6 to 30 m

- Grounwater temperature 8,5 – 9,0 °C
- Cooling/heating power: 600-700 kW
- Production rate 50 l/s (20 + 30 from D1 & D2)
- Max. temperature difference = 3 °C

Step Drawdown Pumping Tests



Pumping Tests Drawdown Curve



Production rates:
 $D2 = 40 \text{ l/s}$
 $D1 = 25 \text{ l/s}$

Pontebba Ice Rink

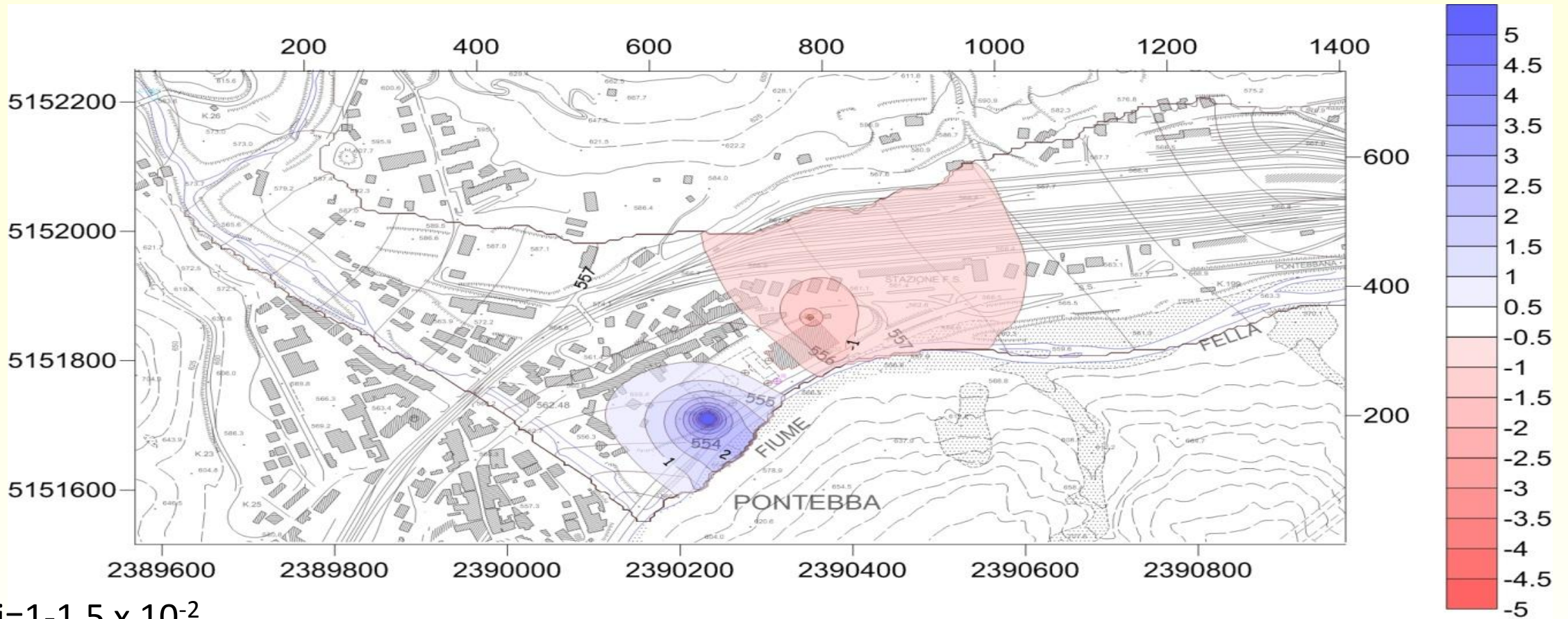
Impact assessment on groundwater resource by max. pumping rate in dry season

$$D1+D2=72 \text{ l/s}$$

$$R=72 \text{ l/s}$$

$$K=1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$$

$$K_{\text{Fella}}=1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$$



$$i=1.5 \times 10^{-2}$$



Seawater Heat Pumps for the Requalification of the Trieste water-front

