



Reservoir Geology of the Cretaceous-Cenozoic Transition in the context of Geothermal Exploration in the Geneva Basin and neighbouring France (SWITZERLAND & FRANCE)

Ph.D. PROJECT (2019-2023)

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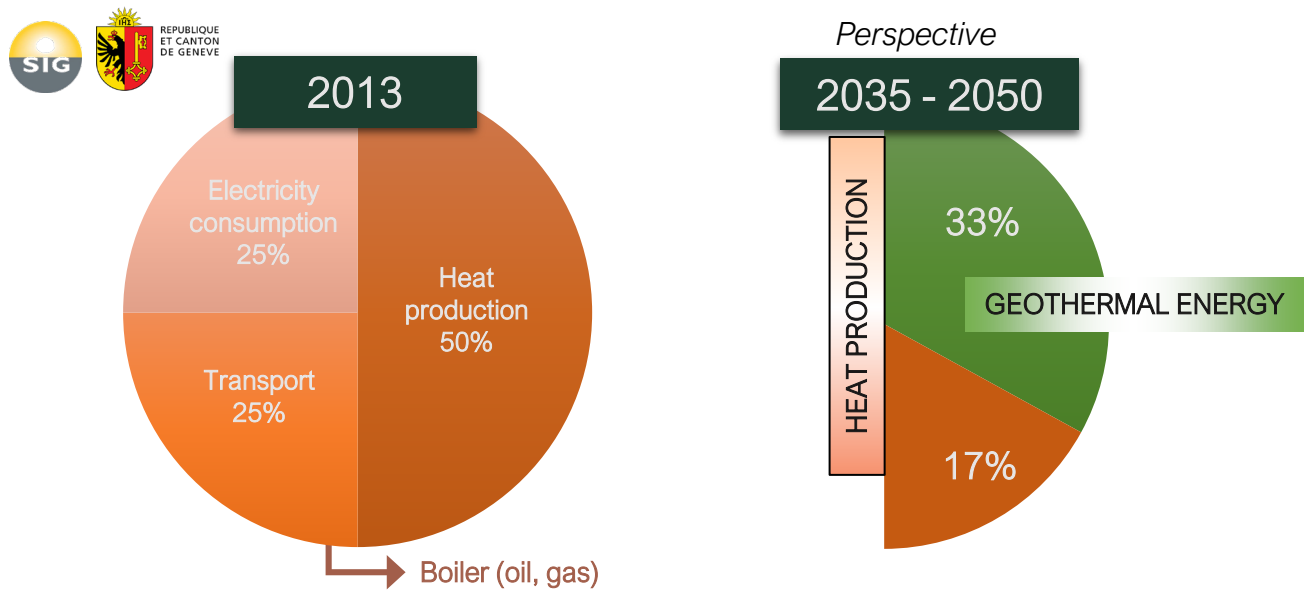
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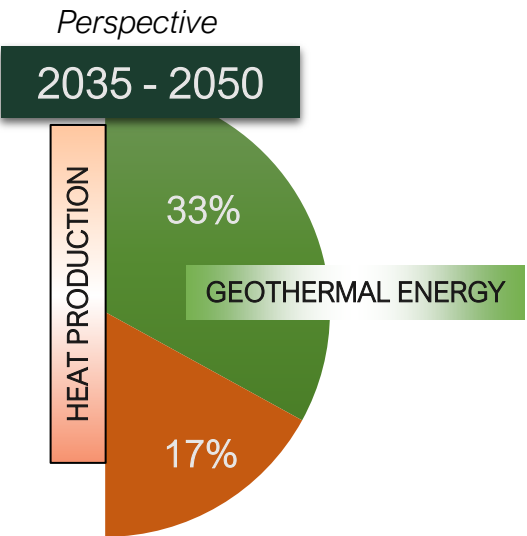
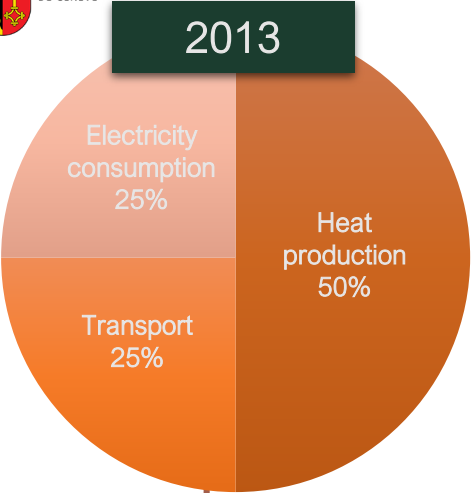
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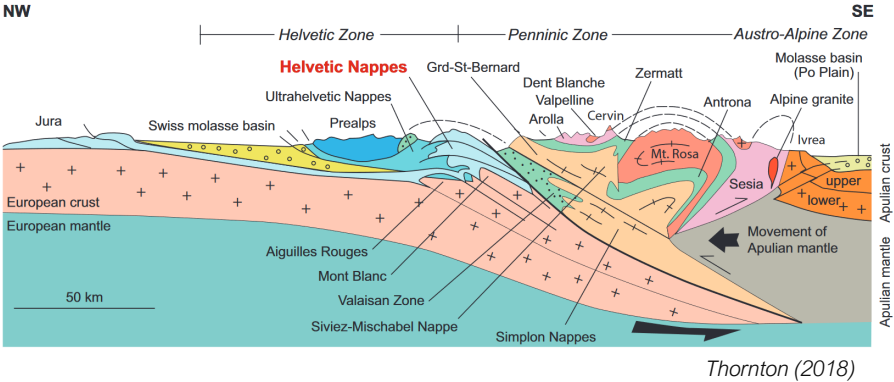
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Boiler (oil, gas)

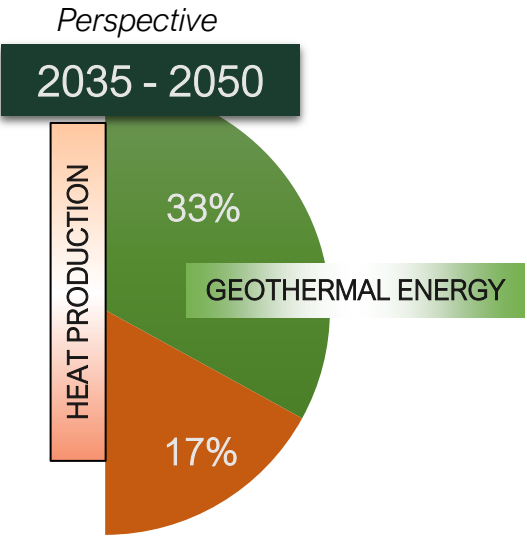
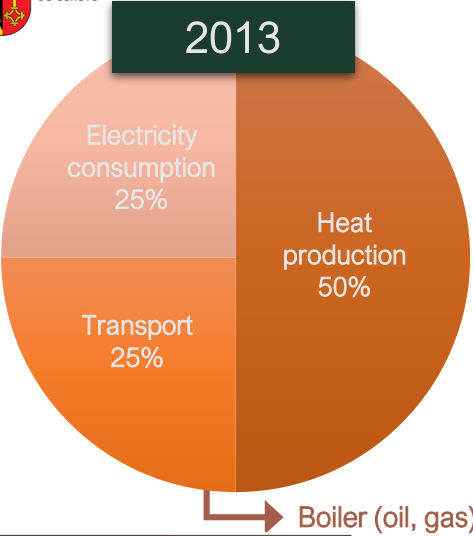
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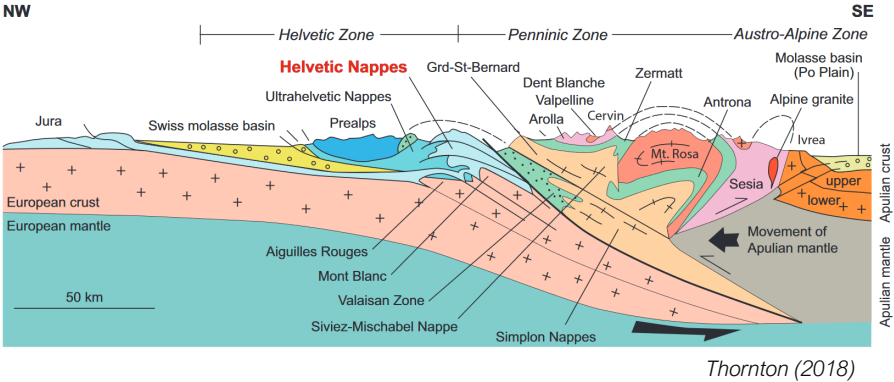
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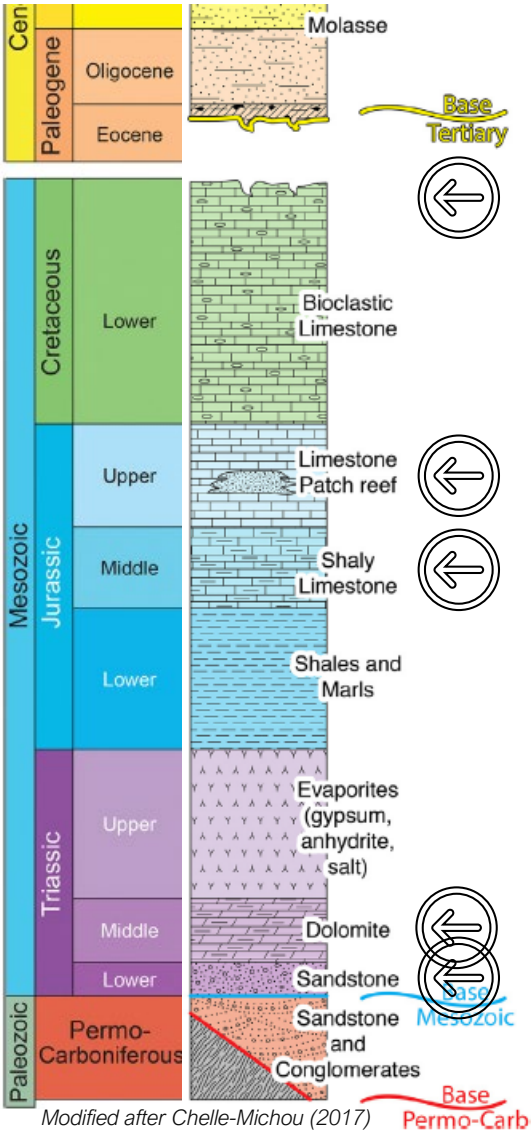


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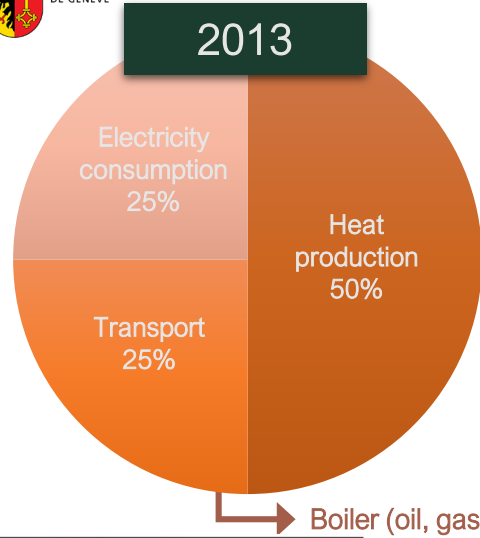
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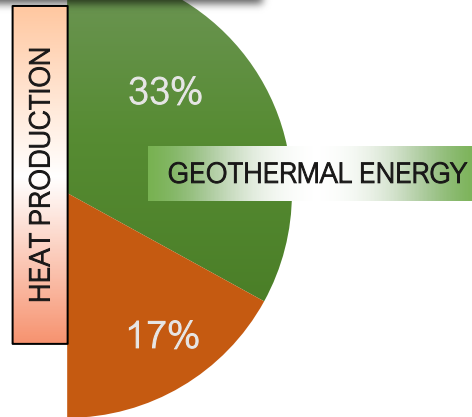
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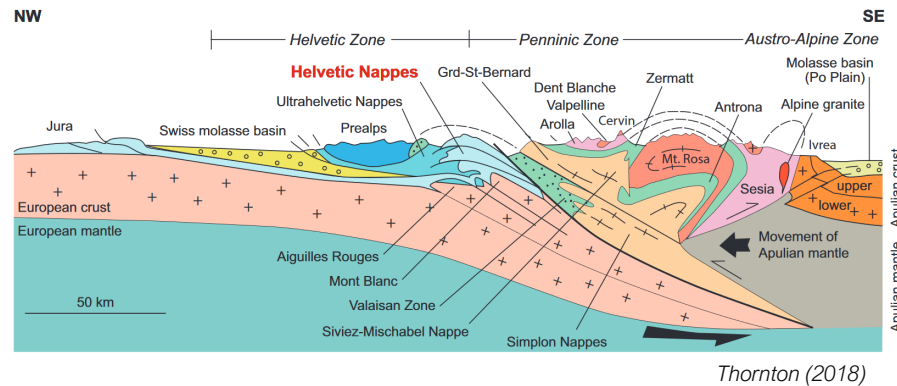


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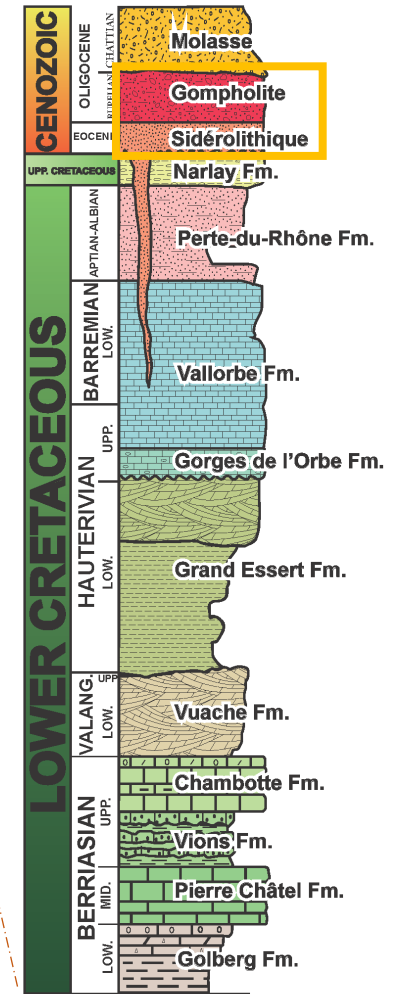
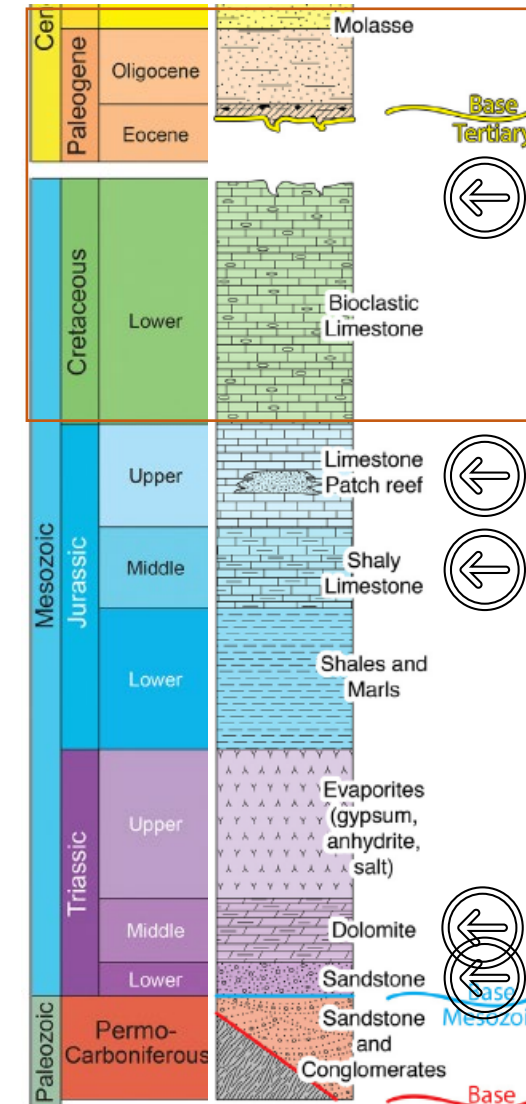
2035 - 2050



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Modified after Charollais (2013) and Strasser (2016)

Modified after Chelle-Michou (2017)

SEDIMENTOLOGY

Outcrops, wells (cores,
cuttings, reports)

PETROGRAPHY

Optical microscope

MINERALOGY

QEMSCAN
XRD

PETROPHYSICS

Porosity-Permeability
Geophysics logs

GEOCHEMISTRY

ICP-MS

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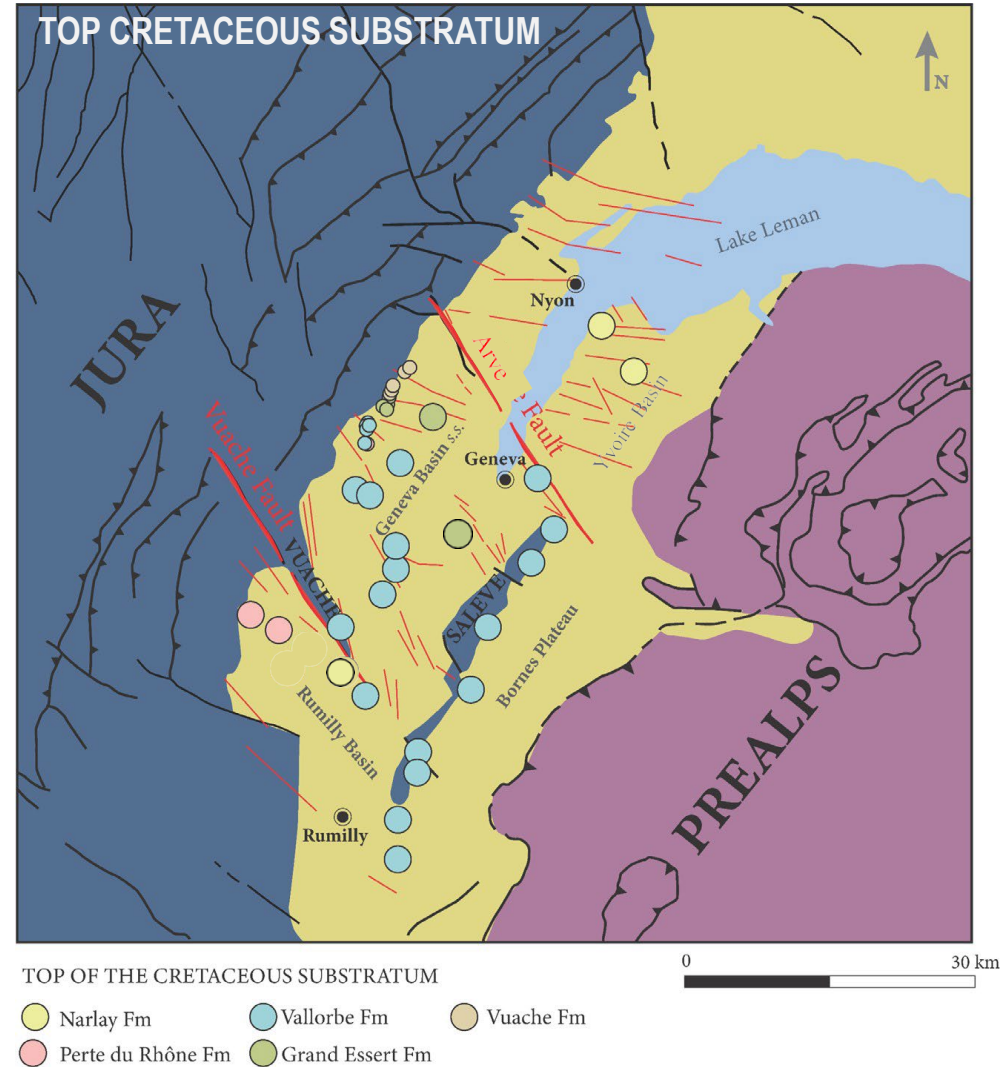
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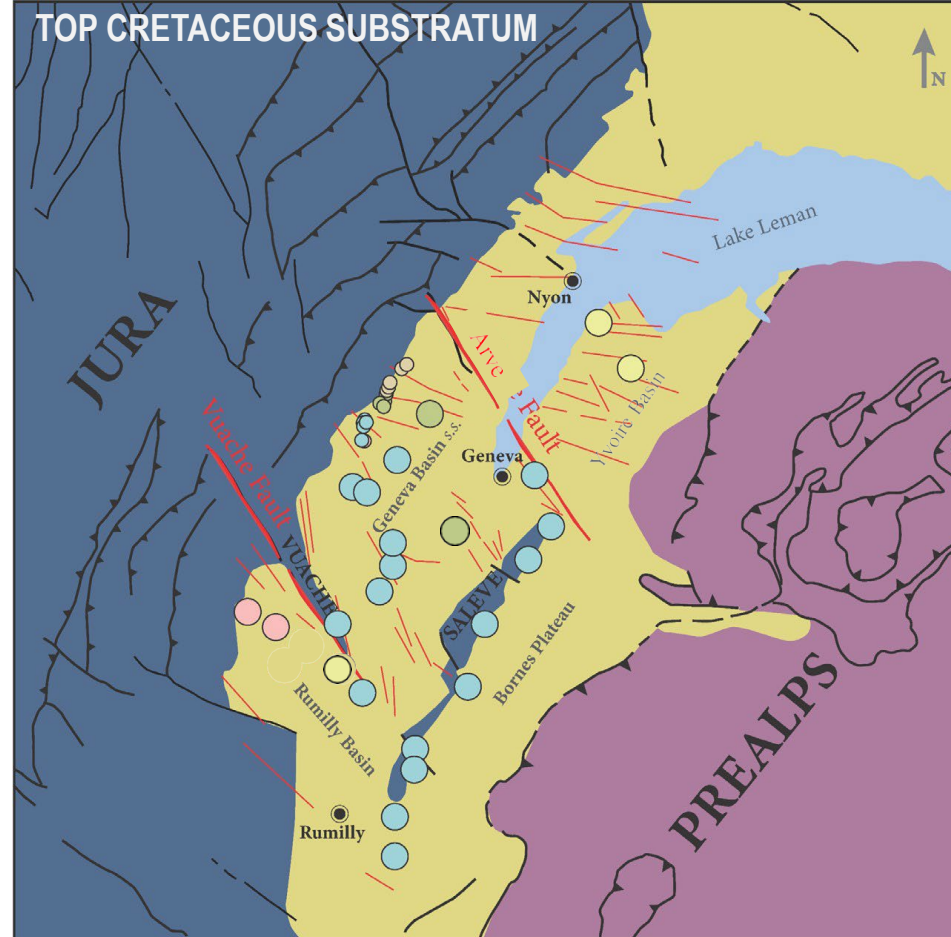
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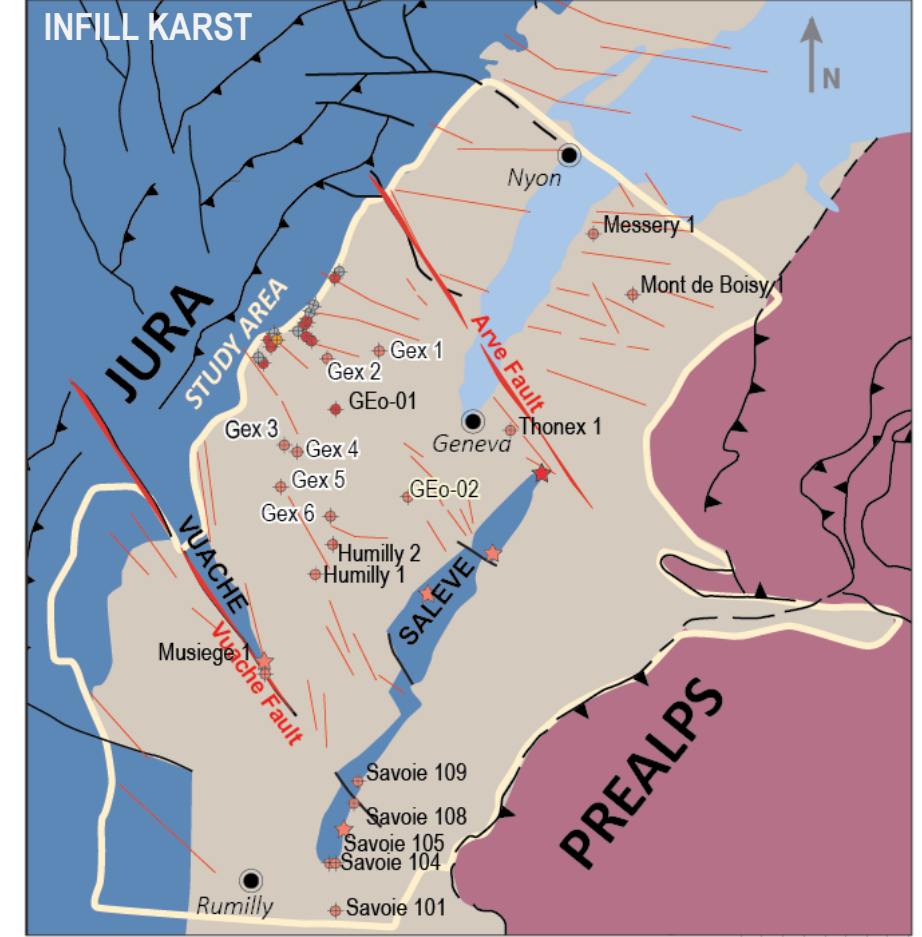
GEOCHEMISTRY

ICP-MS



TOP OF THE CRETACEOUS SUBSTRATUM

- Narlay Fm
- Vallorbe Fm
- Vuache Fm
- Perte du Rhône Fm
- Grand Essert Fm



STUDY AREA

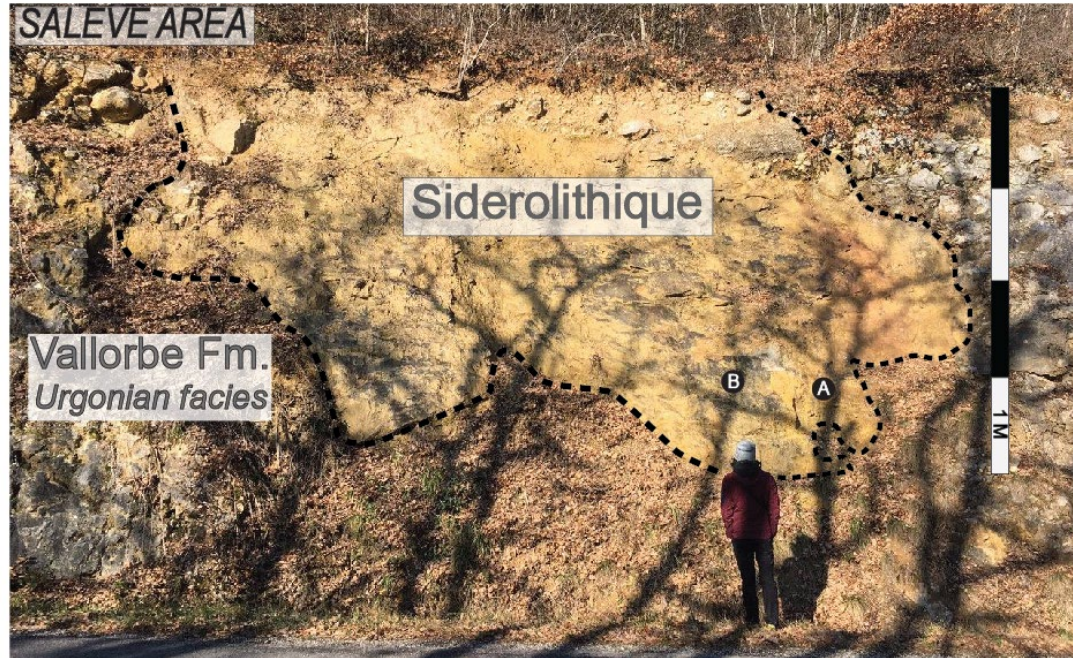
- City
- WELLS/OUTCROPS
- Quaternary
- Lower Carbonates
- Gompholite
- Siderolithique
- Major faults
- Faults
- Gex 4 Cores analyses
- GEO-02 Cuttings analyses

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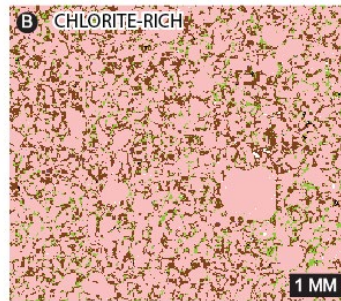
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SIDEROLITHIQUE: MINERALOGICAL VARIATION



Quartz Kaolinite Siderite Chlorite

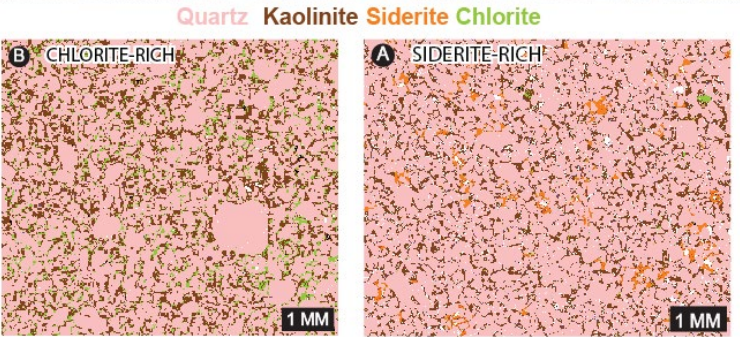
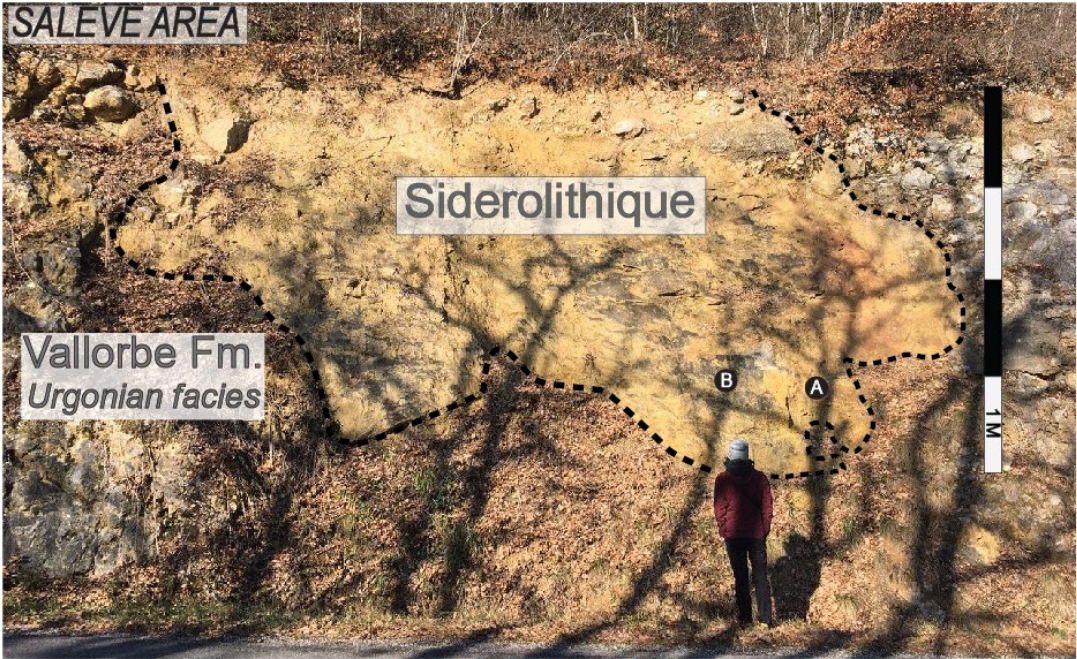


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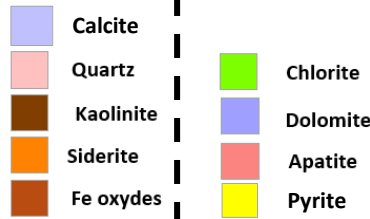
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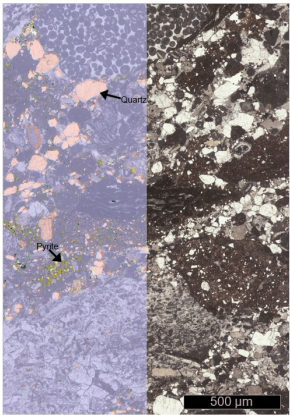
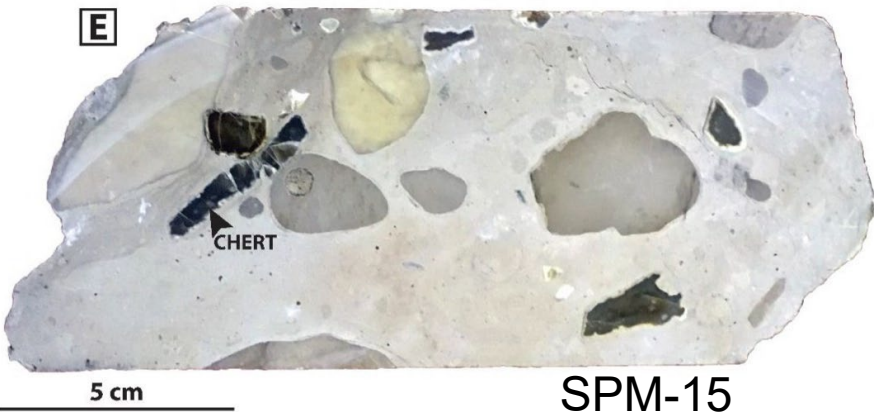
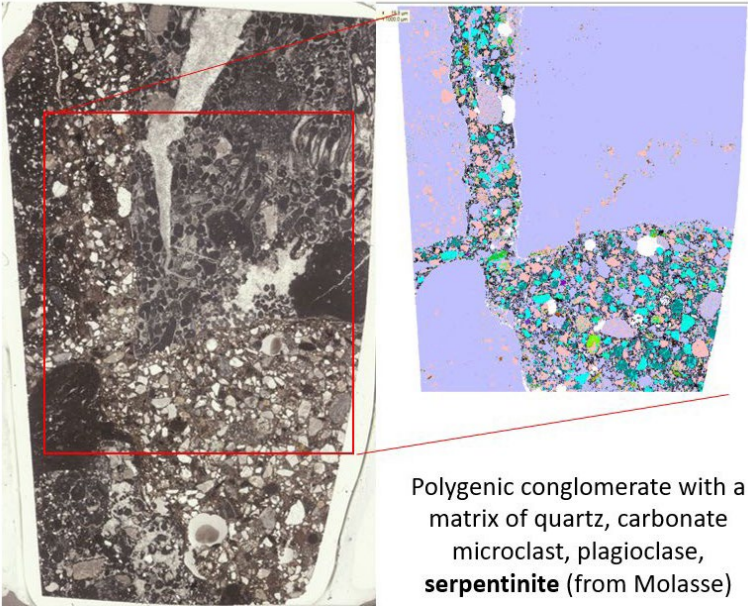
GOMPHOLITE: MATRIX VARIATION

SALEVE AREA (SW)



25 KM

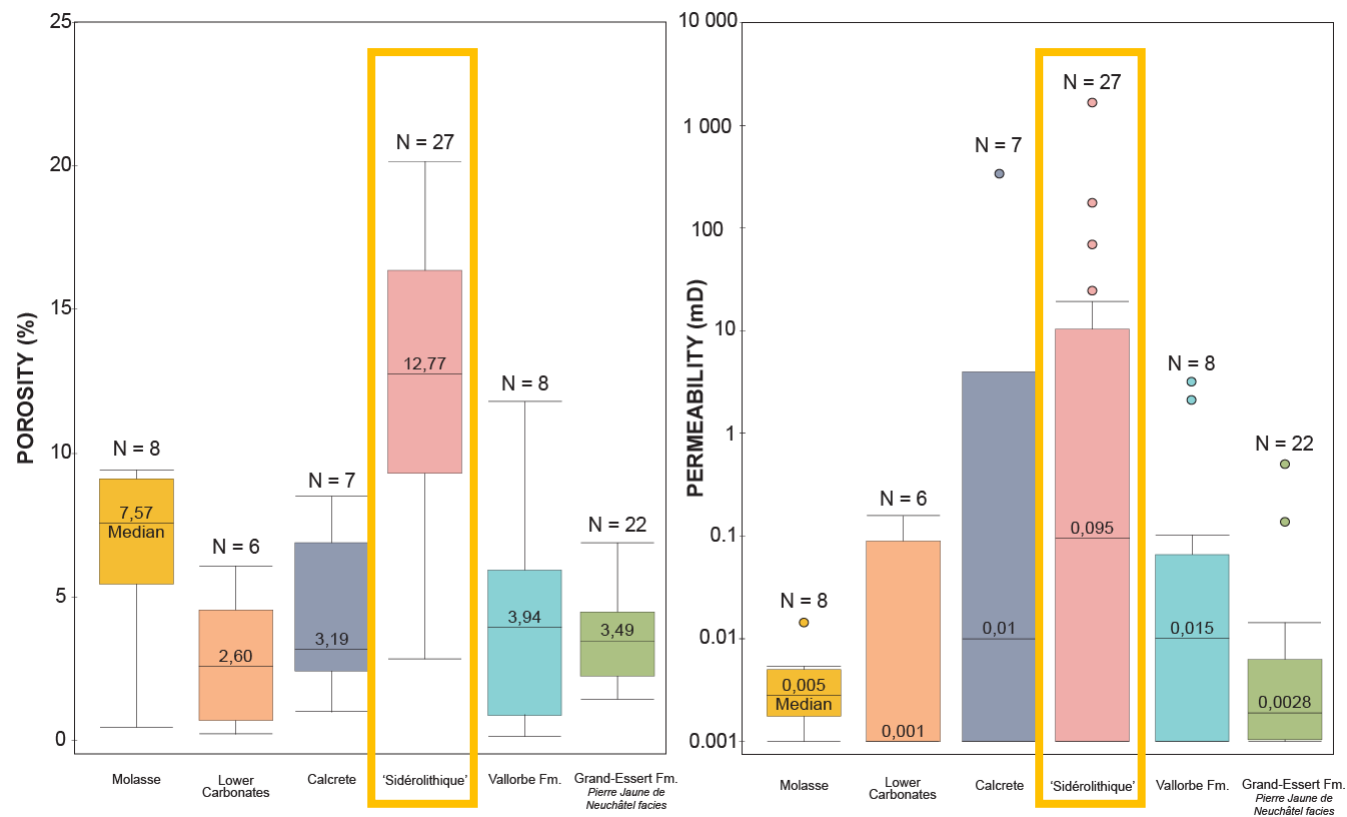
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GEOHERMAL AND RESERVOIR POTENTIAL

PORO-PERM SORTED BY FACIES FROM GEX WELLS

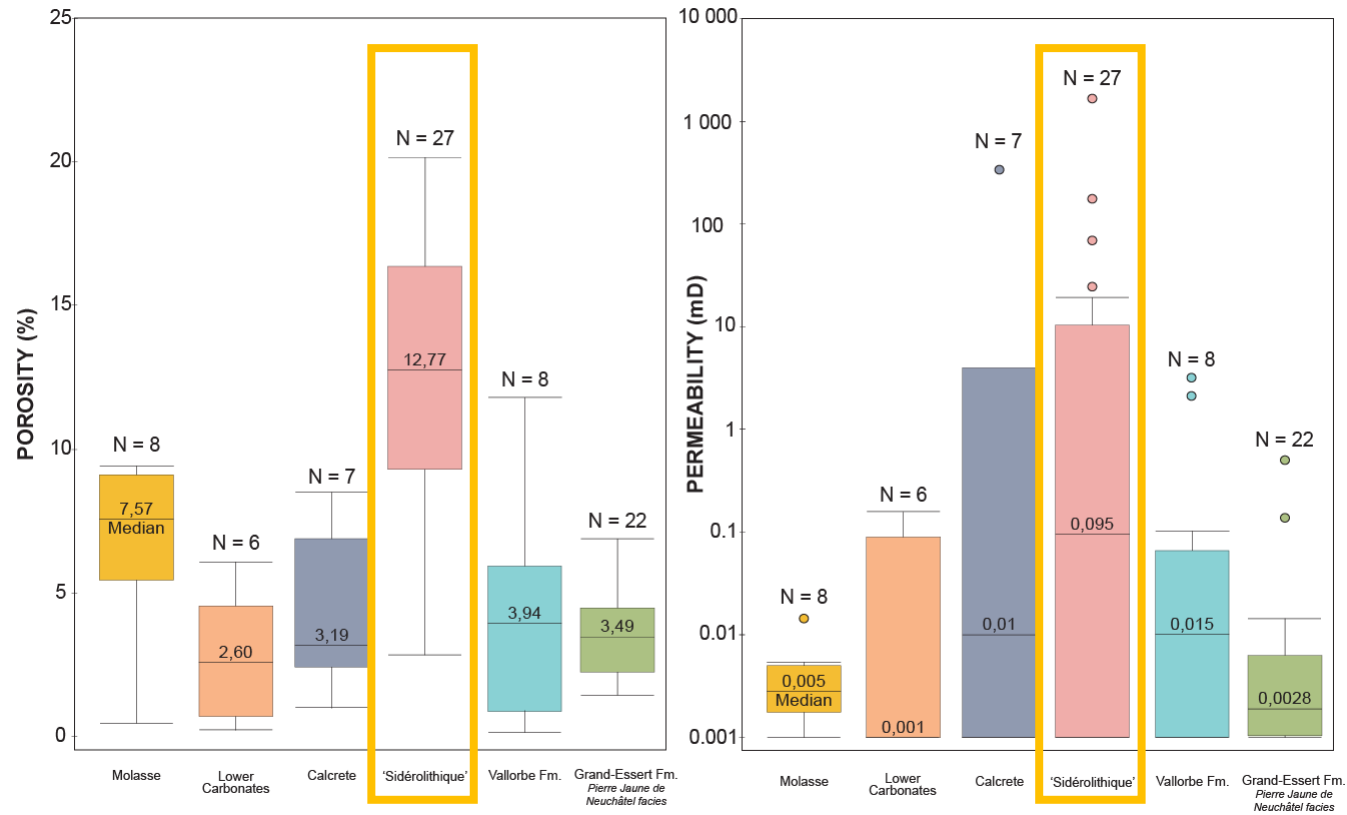


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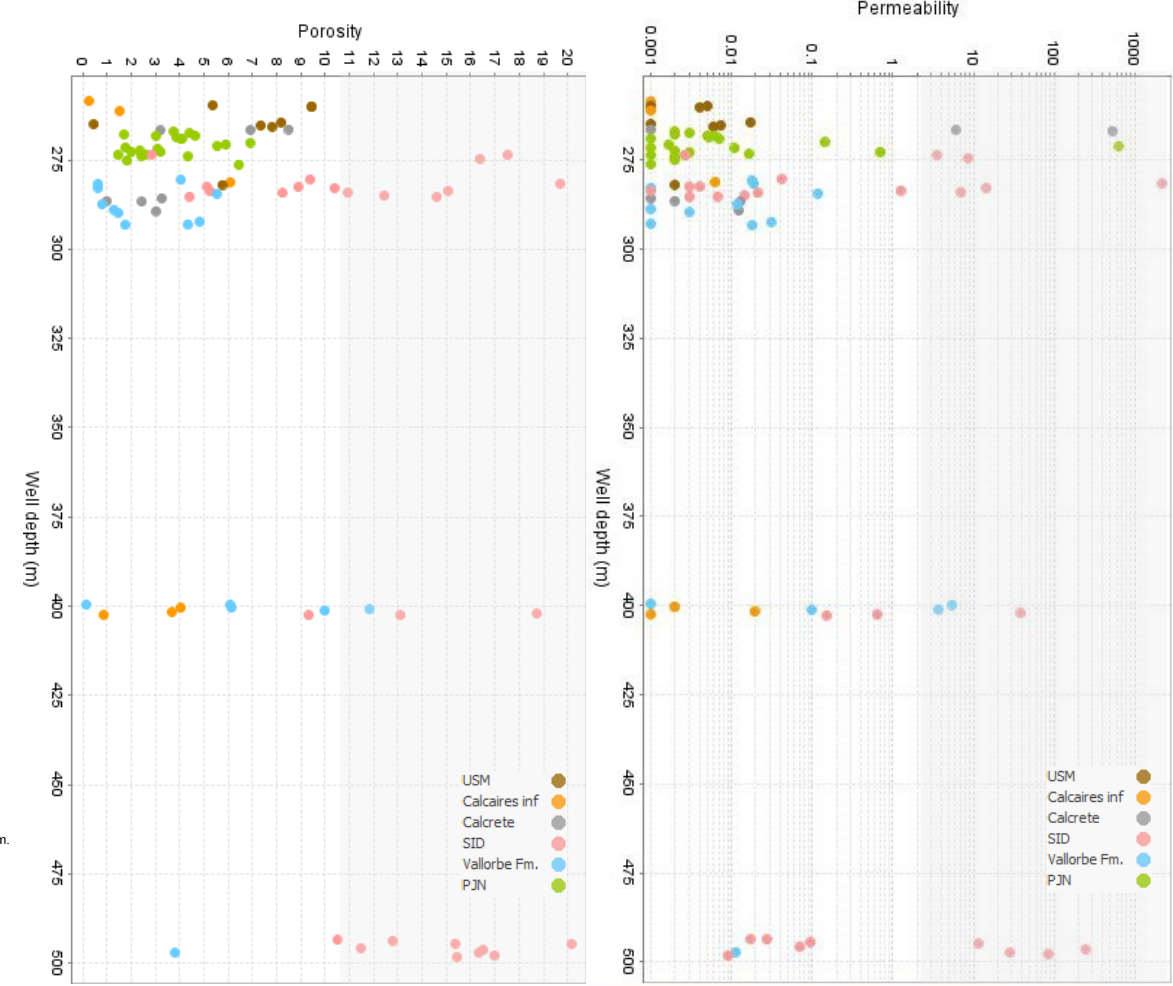
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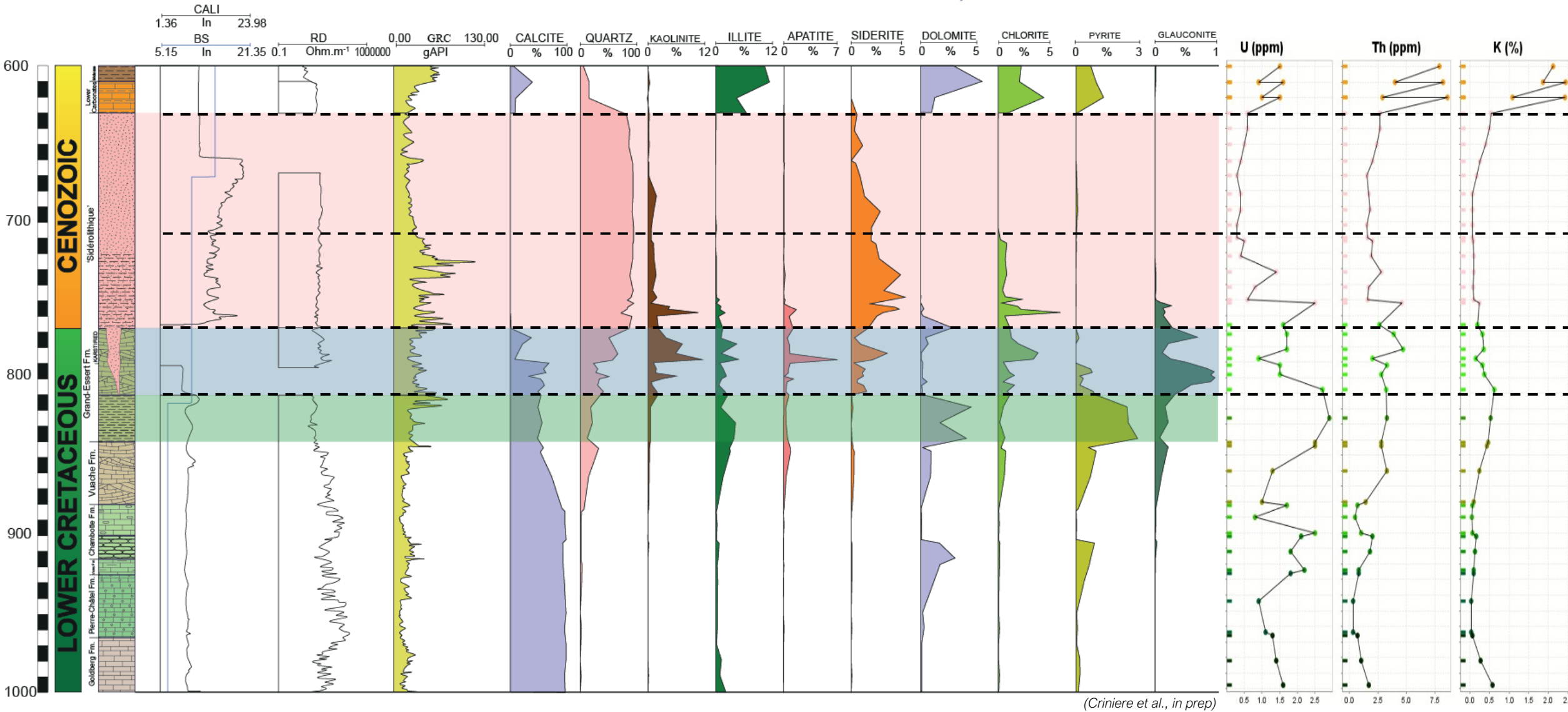


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GEOPHYSICS-MINERALOGICAL-GEOCHEMICAL CORRELATION

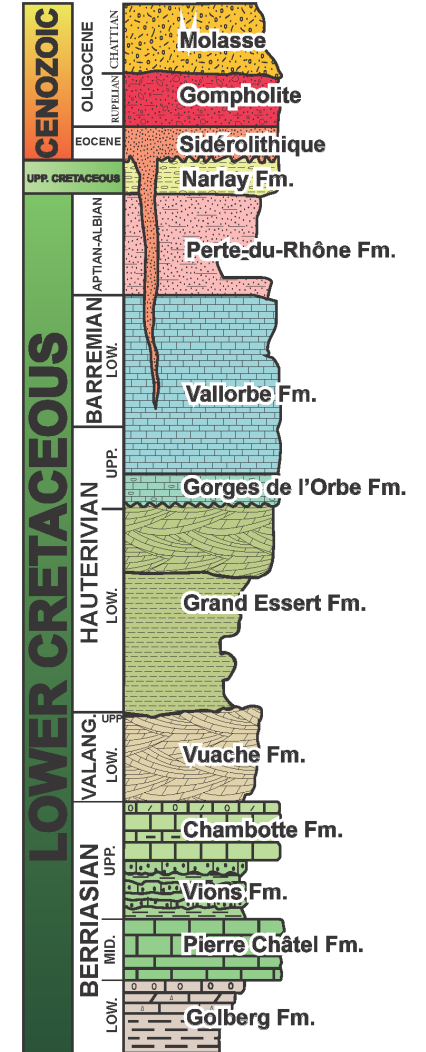
GRC FLUCTUATION WITH MINERALOGY, U AND TH



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FACIES PREFERENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

- **Gompholite** (conglomerate facies): **Basin margins** (foot of the Jura and the Salève)
Max. thickness: 110 m in SPM-11 well
- **Siderolithique** (sandstone facies): In **karst** along the basin (with important thickness in faulted area).
Max. thickness: 170 m in GEO-02 well
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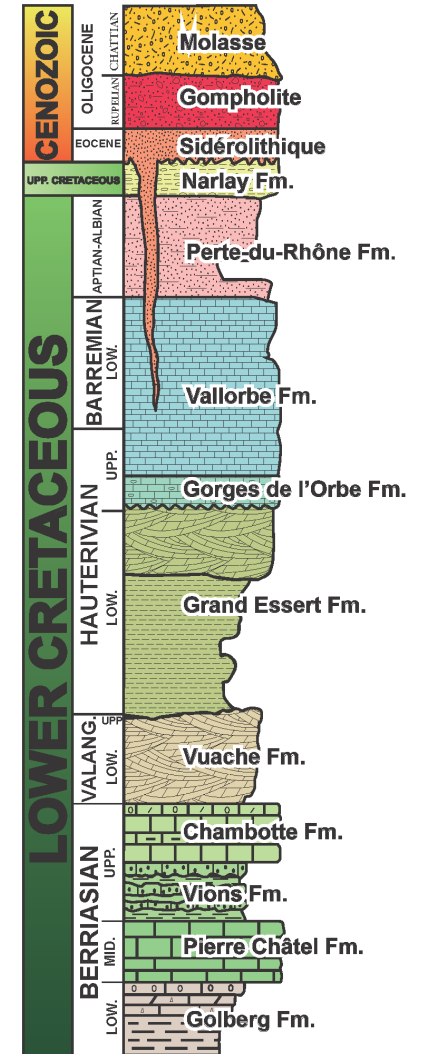


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- **Top Cretaceous substratum**: **Variable facies along faults** because of the strong negative accommodation
- Infill karst: **Complex diagenetic history**
 - SIDEROLITHIQUE**
Variable content of **kaolinite**, **siderite** and **chlorite**
GRC variation at the **bottom**: **clay-rich content** (kaolinite and chlorite)
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Two different sources (the Jura and the Alps) due to the **different mineralogical content of the matrix**.



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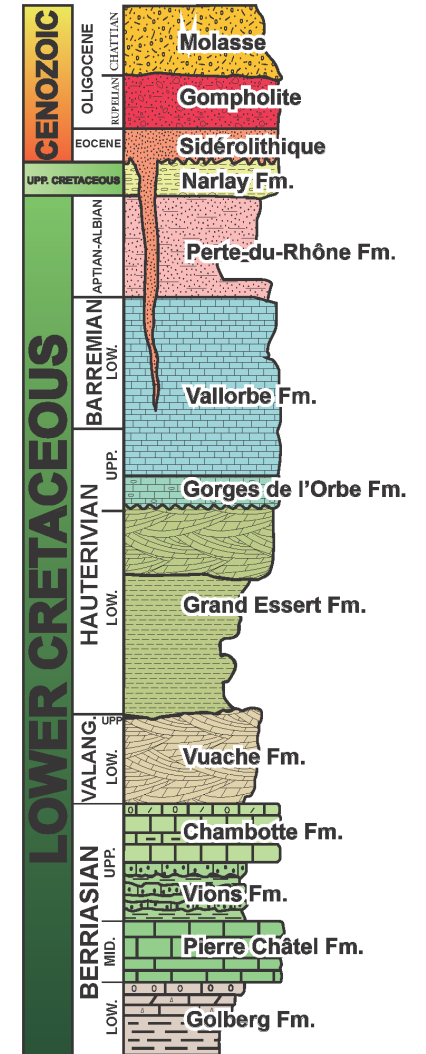
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RESERVOIR POTENTIAL

- GEX wells: **Siderolithique** porosity from **0 to 20%**, permeability can reach **several hundred of mD**
- **No reduction** of porosity or permeability **with depth**





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