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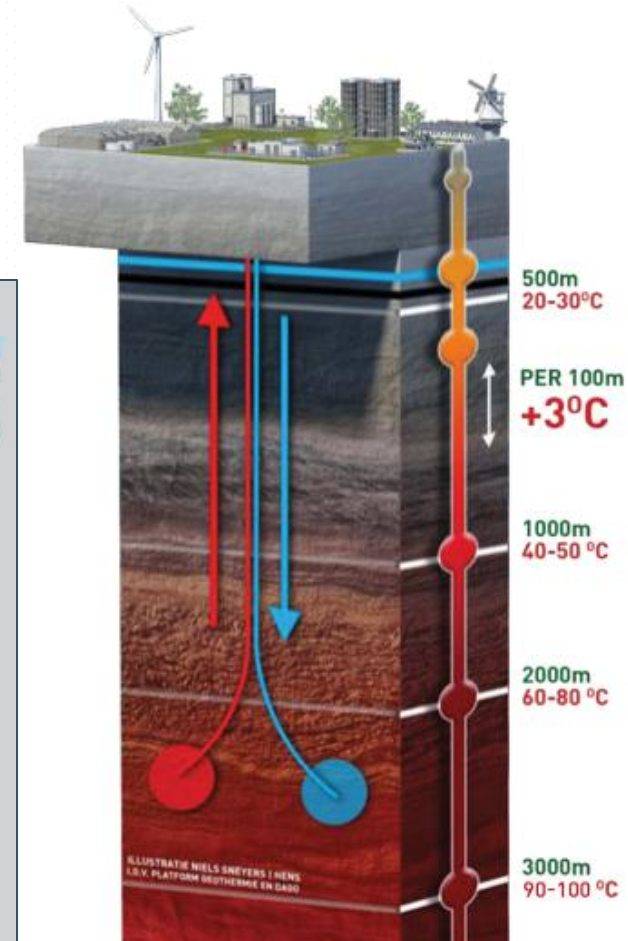
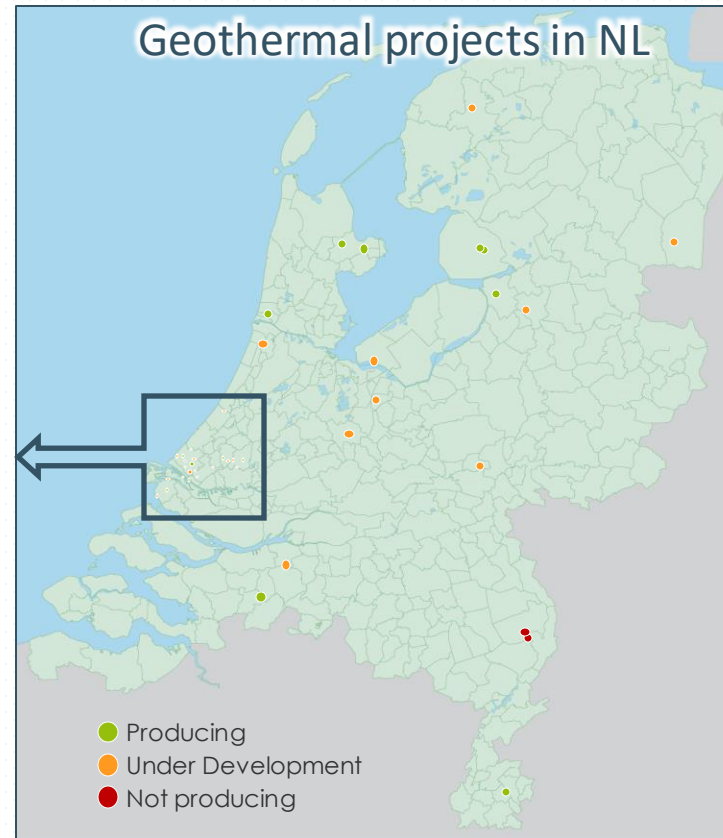
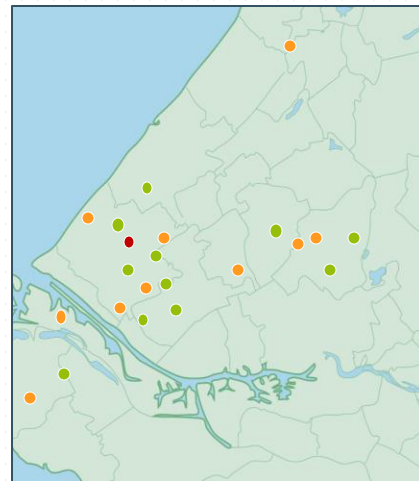
**GEOMECHANICAL DATA ACQUISITION IN SCAN WELLS**

**Parameters and constraints for future geothermal  
development in The Netherlands**

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# Geothermal Energy in the Netherlands

- Proven source of energy; 27 producing projects in 2023 (39 doublets)
- Low enthalpy, saline aquifers; direct use => heat for heat
- Between about 700 m and 3 km depth => 30-100 °C
- 6.8 PJ of heat generated (equivalent to demand of 165.000 households)
- Geothermal development focused on regions where abundant subsurface data exists from O&G

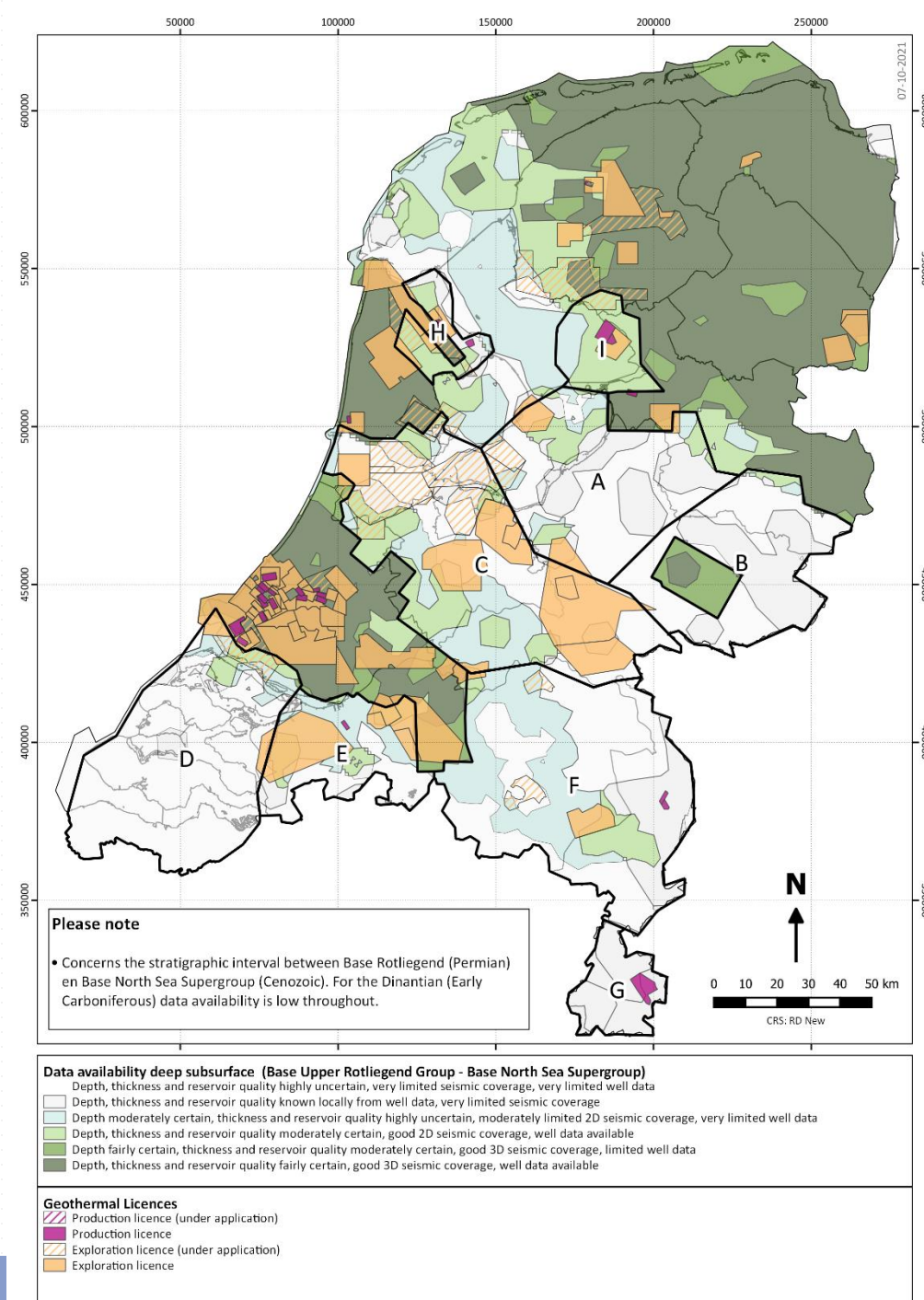


Sources: Geothermie Nederland  
Production Numbers 2023 & NLOG



# Introduction to SCAN

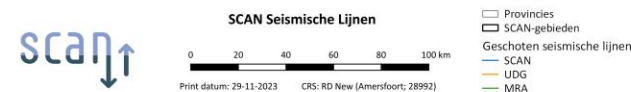
- SCAN stands for **S**eismische **C**ampagne **A**ardwarmte **N**ederland
- SCAN acquires new data in areas where insufficient subsurface data is presently available for a reliable estimation of geothermal potential ('white spots')
- Aimed at shallow and deep geothermal (500-4000m)
- Provides a regional exploration dataset
- Funded by the Ministry of Climate and Green Growth, executed by EBN and TNO



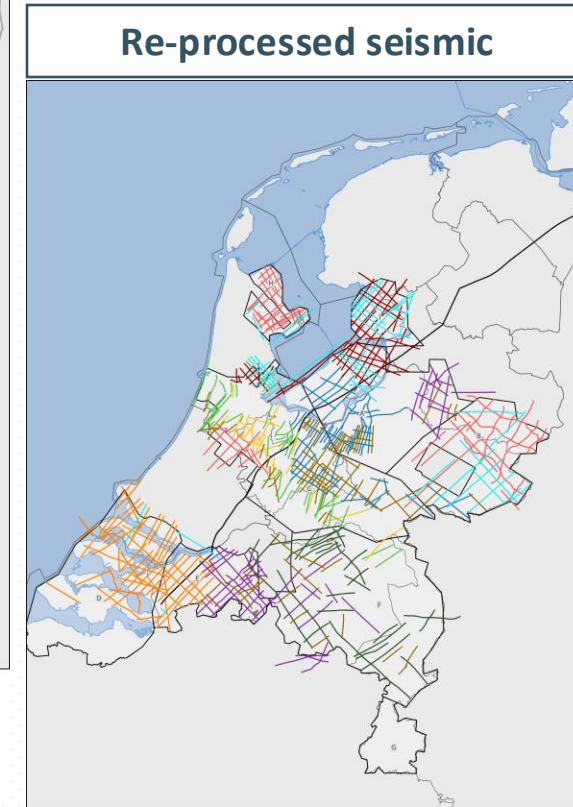
# Components SCAN-program

- Acquisition 1900km new and re-processing 7500km old 2D seismic data
  - ✓ Completed
- Drilling data-acquisition wells
  - First two wells (Amstelland-01 & Oranjeoord-01) finalised and decommissioned, third well currently drilling (Heesch-01)
  - In each well, extensive data acquisition on geothermal reservoirs, caprocks and overburden
  - Significant amount of geomechanical data acquired

All data and results are published via [scanaardwarmte.nl](http://scanaardwarmte.nl) and [nlog.nl/scan](http://nlog.nl/scan)



- ★ Search area
- ★ Drilling completed
- ★ Drilling ongoing



# Importance of geomechanical data for geothermal projects

## → Project Construction

- Well planning (trajectory , casing points, etc)
- Wellbore stability

## → Operational window during production/injection

- Sand production
- Caprock integrity
- Injection pressure/rate
- Seismicity potential

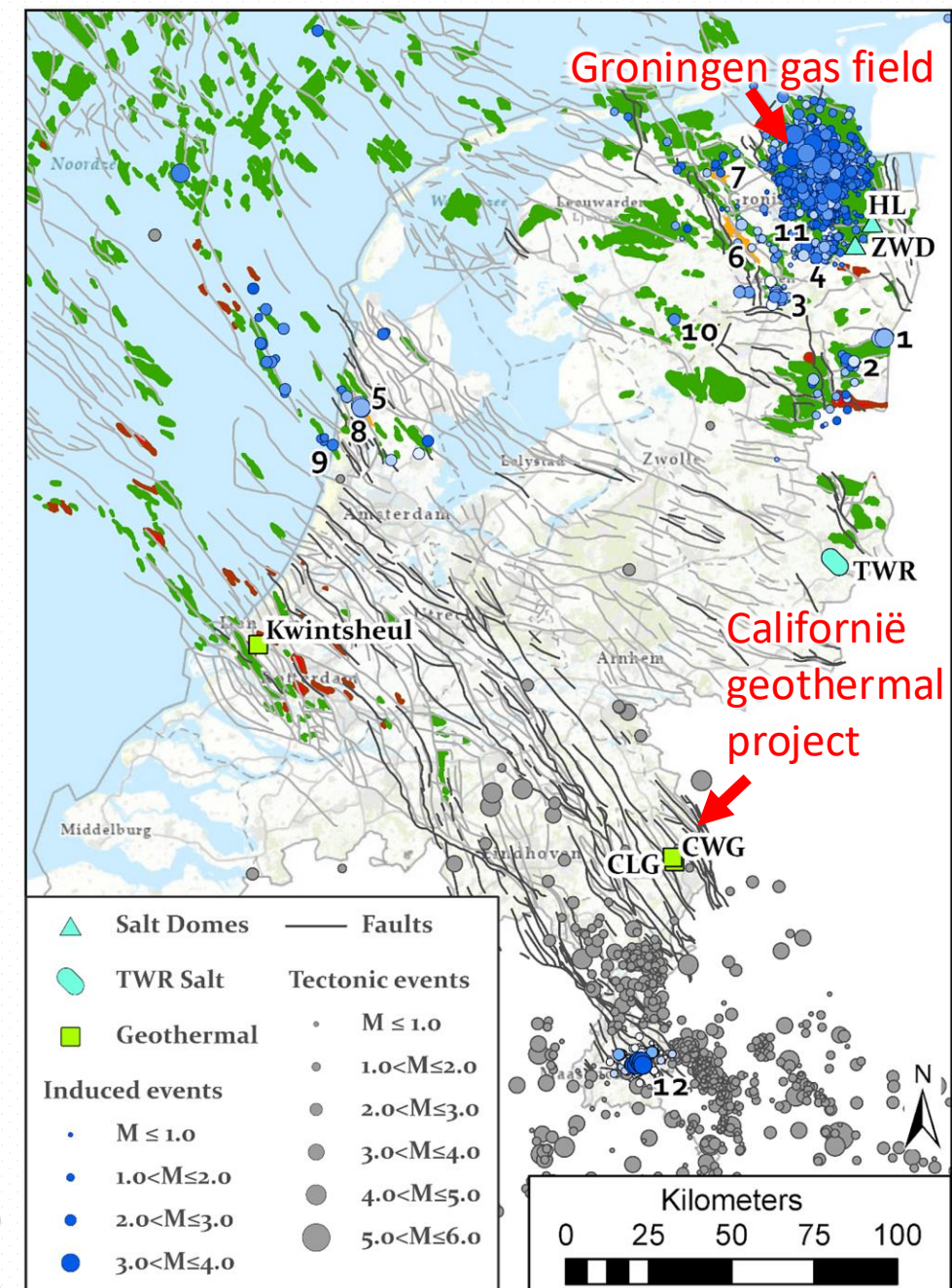
**Impact on project economics, safety and public perception and acceptance**



# Induced seismicity associated with geothermal production in NL

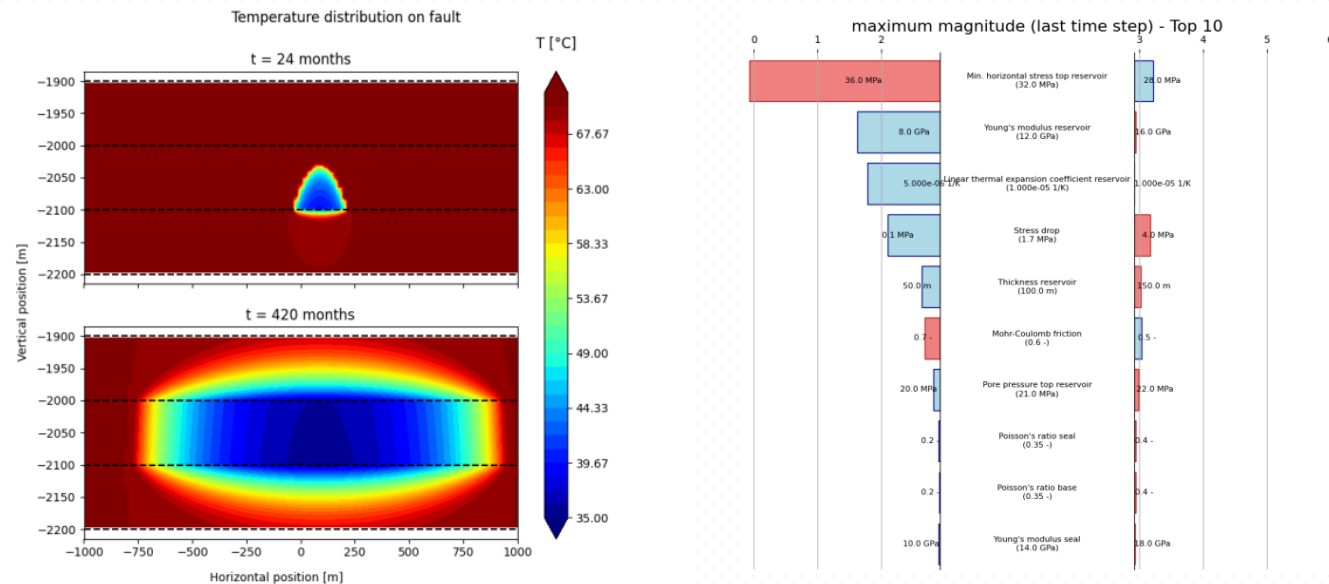
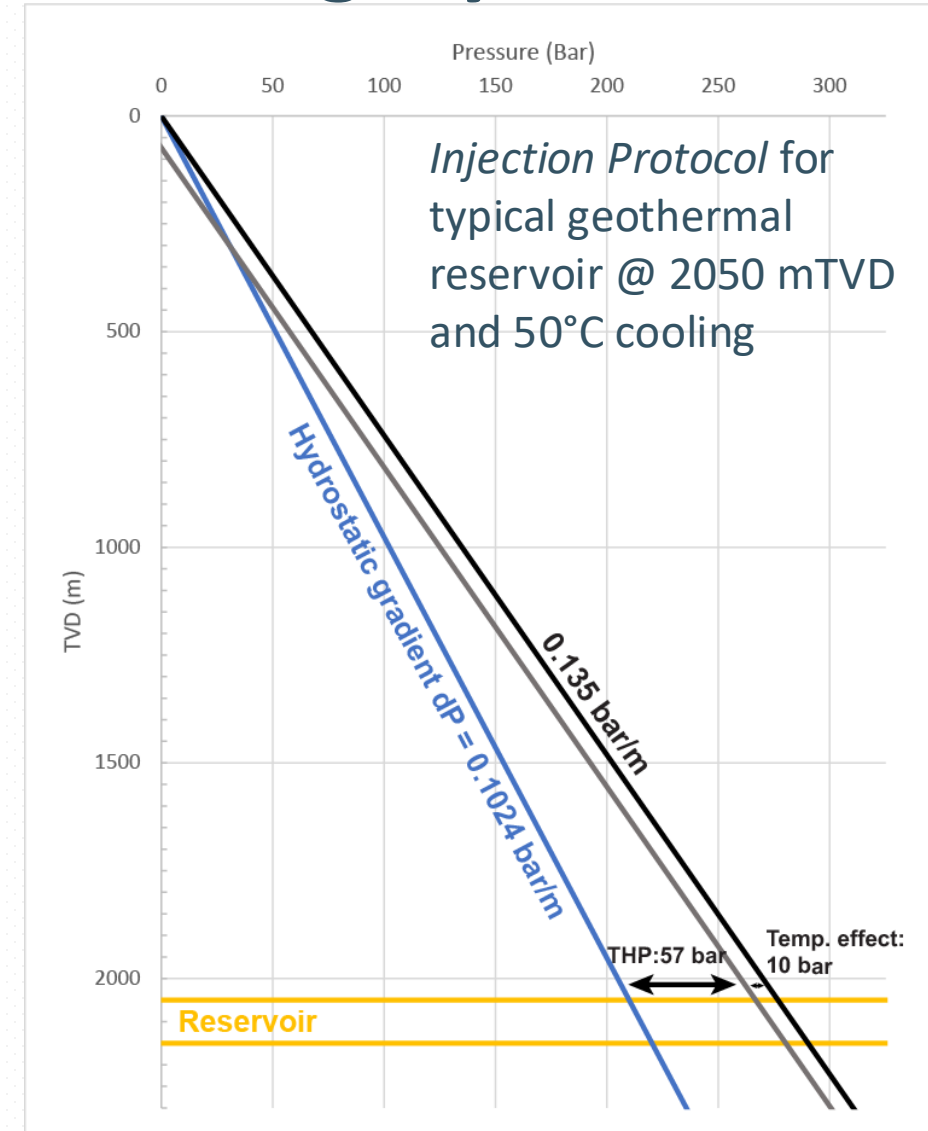
- Public awareness and concern related to induced seismicity associated with subsurface activities following events at Groningen gas field
- Induced seismicity observed at Californië project where geothermal water was produced from a large fault zone, no seismicity observed at other projects
- Traffic Light System used in case induced seismicity occurs during geothermal production
- Strict regulatory requirements for geothermal operators to assess risk of induced seismicity and caprock integrity prior to operations start

Overview of seismicity in NL (01-01-2021)  
Muntendam-Bos et al., 2022



# Seismic Hazard Risk Analysis and Caprock Integrity

- 2013: *Injection Protocol* for geothermal projects between 1500-3000m depth
- 2023: Seismic Hazard Risk Analysis (SDRA) and Tensile failure Assessment of Seal (TAS) methodologies to evaluate seismicity and seal integrity risk of geothermal projects (Mijnlieff et al., 2023):
- Calculated using the Seal and Reservoir Integrity through Mechanical Analysis (SRIMA) tool – stochastic, semi-analytical tool to determine failure probabilities
- Requirement of detailed knowledge of geomechanical parameters!





# Geomechanical Data from a typical SCAN borehole: Amstelland-01



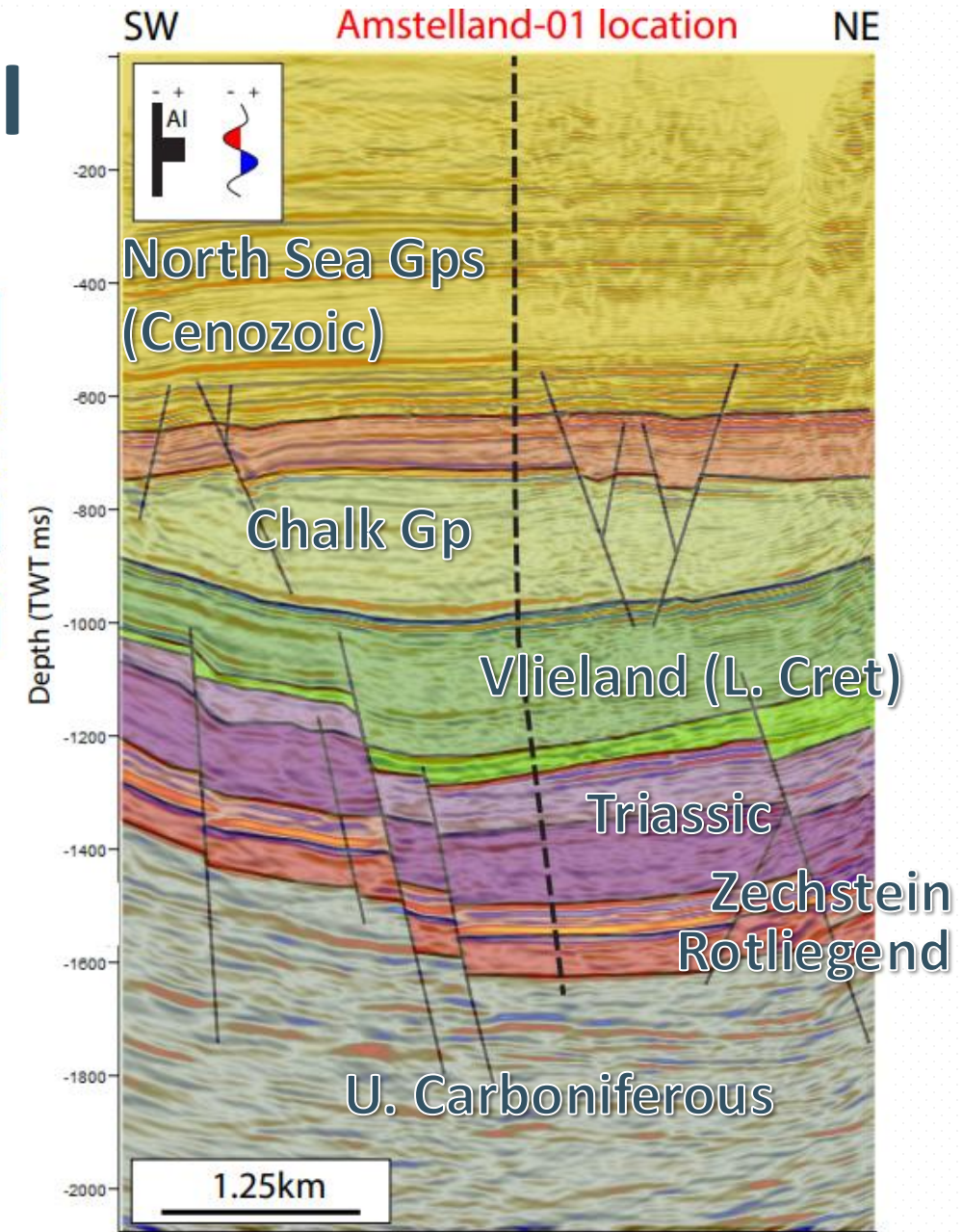


# Objectives of the Amstelland well

- Determine geothermal reservoir properties for three target intervals:
  - Primary: Permian Rotliegend sandstones
  - Secondary: L. Cret. Vlieland Sandstone Fm
  - Secondary: U. Cret. Chalk Gp (CK)
- Determine reservoir formation fluid properties, pressure and temperature
- Determine **geomechanical properties** of the reservoirs, caprock and overburden
- AMS-01 spud in October 2023, TD @ 2217.67m MD in Carboniferous Limburg Group
- Extensive data acquisition performed throughout well, including over reservoirs, caprocks and overburden

## Boring AMSTELLAND-01

Identificatie: AMS-01  
Locatie: 52.30751583, 4.92379283 (WGS84)  
Aangeleverde locatie: 123395.295, 480050.996 (RD)




# Data published on NLOG.nl

Well

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Basic data | Deviation | Documents | Lithostratigraphy | Samples | Core analyses | Production figures | Logs LIS/LAS

### Well AMSTELLAND-01

Category	Document
Borehole/Well - Final rapport	SODM EOWR(08 Feb 2024)
Documents containing borehole logs	12.25in_LWD_Run200_RM_MD(665-1395)(08 Nov 2023)
	12.25in_LWD_Run300_RM_MD(1365-1803)(08 Nov 2023)
	12.25in_Run1.1.1_AST_ANISOTROPY(700-1790)(14 Nov 2023)
	12.25in_Run1.1.1_AST_SEMBLANCE(31-1790)(14 Nov 2023)
	12.25in_Run1.2.1_CSNG(30-1798)(10 Nov 2023)
	12.25in_Run1.2.1_DSN_SDLT(30-1803)(10 Nov 2023)
	17.5in_LWD_Run100_RM_MD(25-690)(24 Oct 2023)
	8.5in_LWD_Run400_RM_MD(1755-2077)(22 Nov 2023)
	8.5in_LWD_Run500_RM_MD(2045-2227)(22 Nov 2023)
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Link to this page: <https://www.nlog.nl/nlog-mapviewer/brh/3894840289?lang=en>

Overview of status of deliverables at <https://scanaardwarmte.nl/onderzoek-in-amstelland/>



# Data Acquired

→ Cuttings

→ LWD and wireline log data

→ (S)GR, RES, XSON, DEN, NEUT, IMAGE, NMR

→ Temperature

→ VSP

→ Production/Injection test

→ Core (193m)

→ Routine core analysis, SCAL, core description

→ Specific geomechanical tests

→ Extended Leak-Off Tests (XLOTs) (3x)

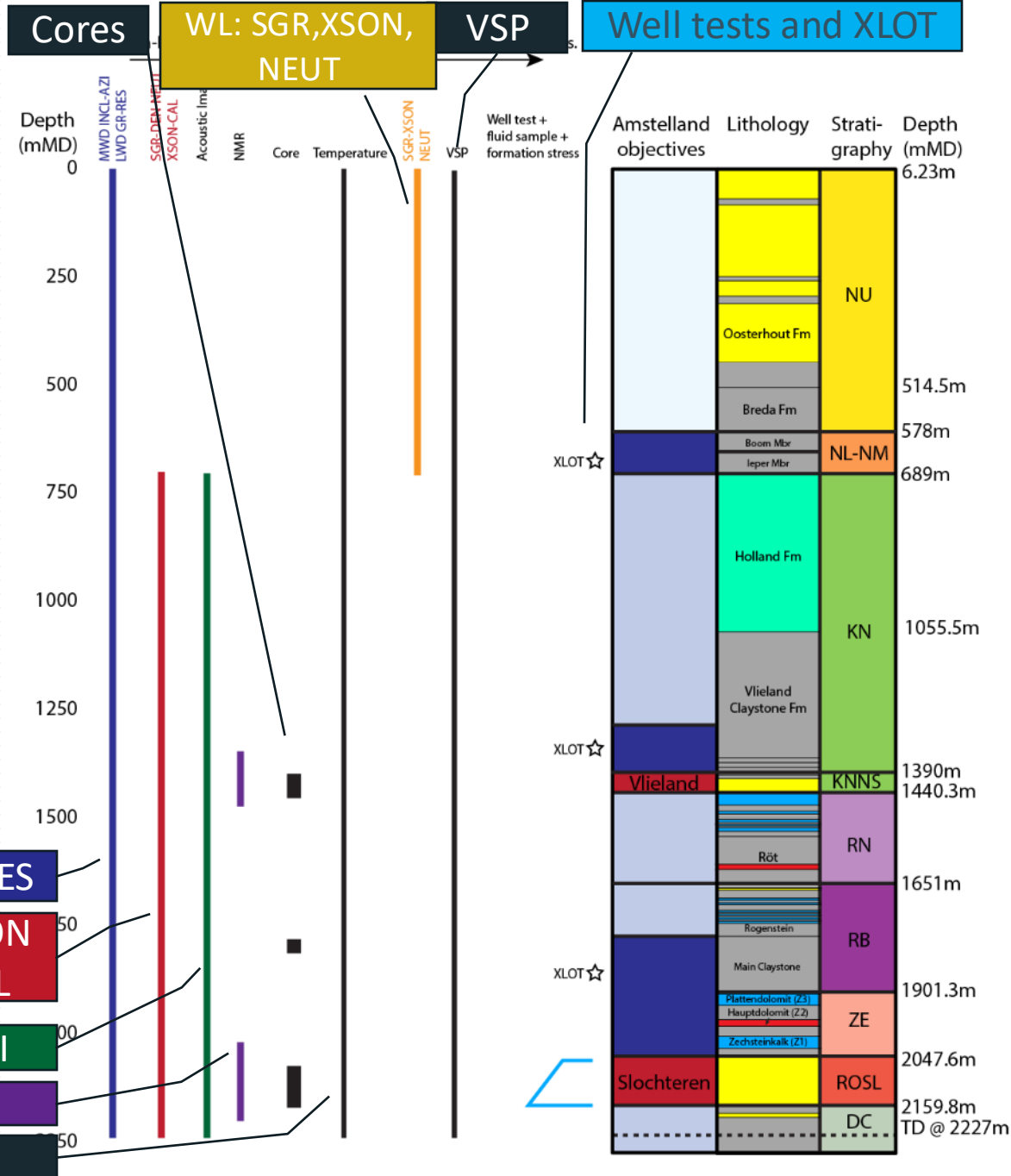
MWD, LWD: GR, RES

WL: SGR, DEN, SON  
NEUT, XSON, CAL

WL: Acoustic BHI

WL: NMR

Temperature



**Objectives**

- Above first target seal
- No reservoir potential
- Seal above reservoir
- Reservoir potential

**Expected lithology**

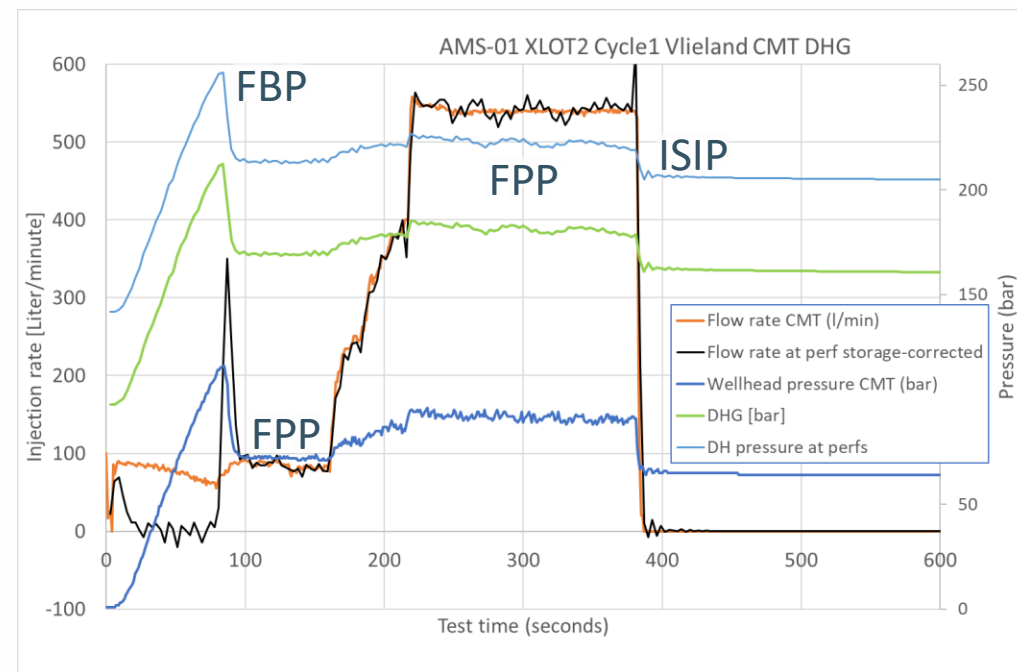
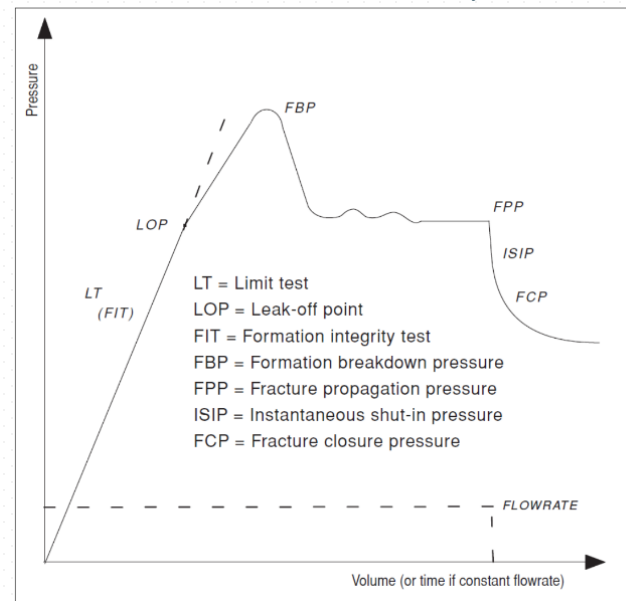
- Clay(stone)
- Sand(stone)
- Carbonate
- Marlstone
- Halite
- Anhydrite

**Data acquisition**

- Log
- Whole core
- XLOT ☆
- Test and formation stress

# Extended Leak-Off Test (XLOT)

- Determine magnitude minimum horizontal stress
- SCAN performs XLOTs through a 1.5m perforated interval before well decommissioning
- Three potential geothermal caprocks tested
- For each interval determine:
  - Formation breakdown pressure (FBP)
  - Fracture propagation pressure (FPP)
  - Instantaneous shut-in pressure (ISIP)
  - Fracture closure pressure (FCP)
  - Fracture re-opening pressure (FRP)





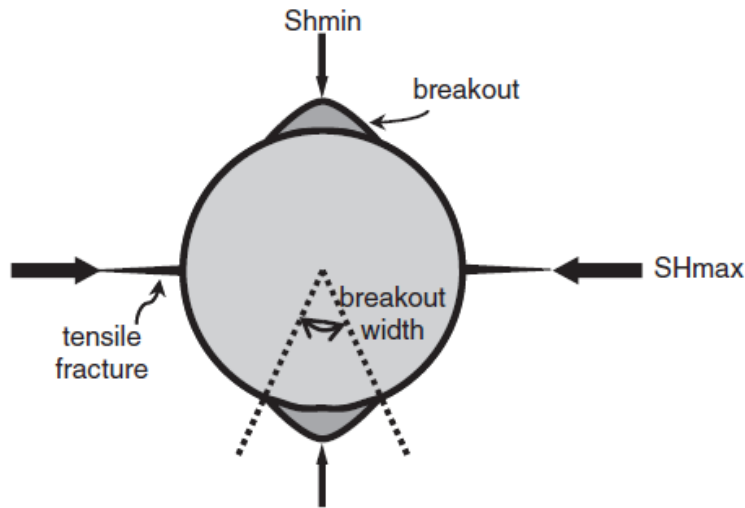
# Geomechanical Results: Amstelland-01



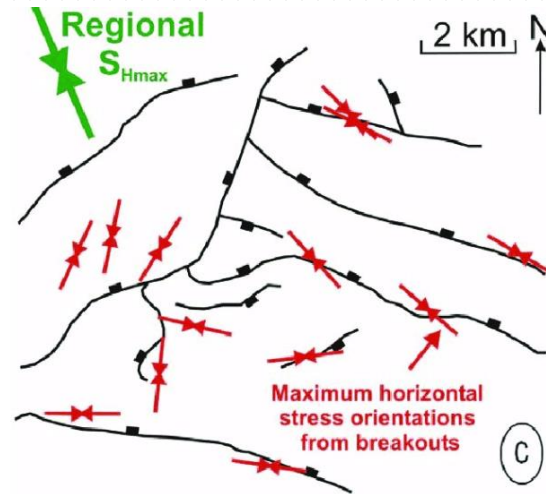


# Borehole break-outs and drilling induced fractures

- Borehole break-outs and drilling induced fractures can be used to determine stress-field orientation
- Appears to be a rotation of horizontal stress between with Vlieland Claystone and Zechstein Group
- $S_{Hmax}$  NW-SE ( $127^\circ \pm 3^\circ$ ) in shallow section, consistent with published regional orientation
- $S_{Hmax}$  N-S ( $179^\circ \pm 3^\circ$ ) in deep section

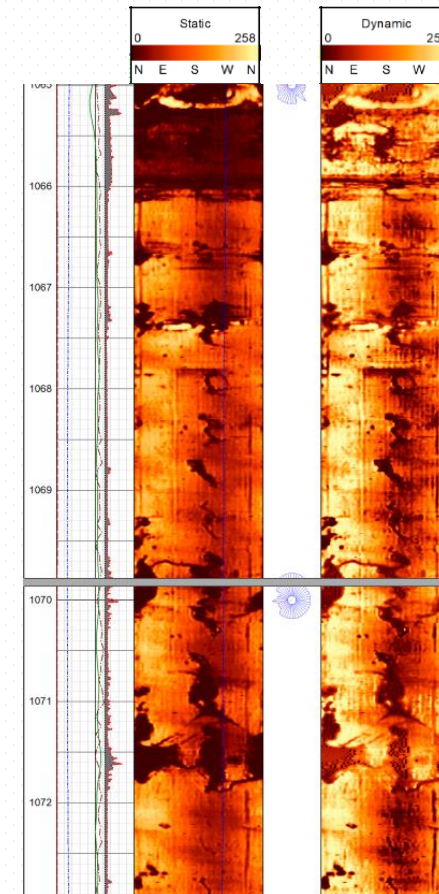


Trautwein-Bruns et al., 2010

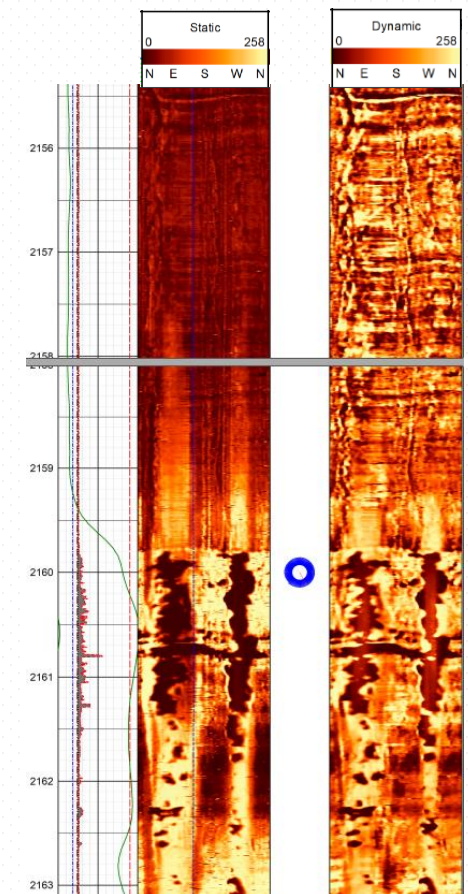


Maximum horizontal stress orientation in UK Quad 15 Central North Sea, Yale (2003)

Breakouts in Vlieland Claystone (1070mMDRT)



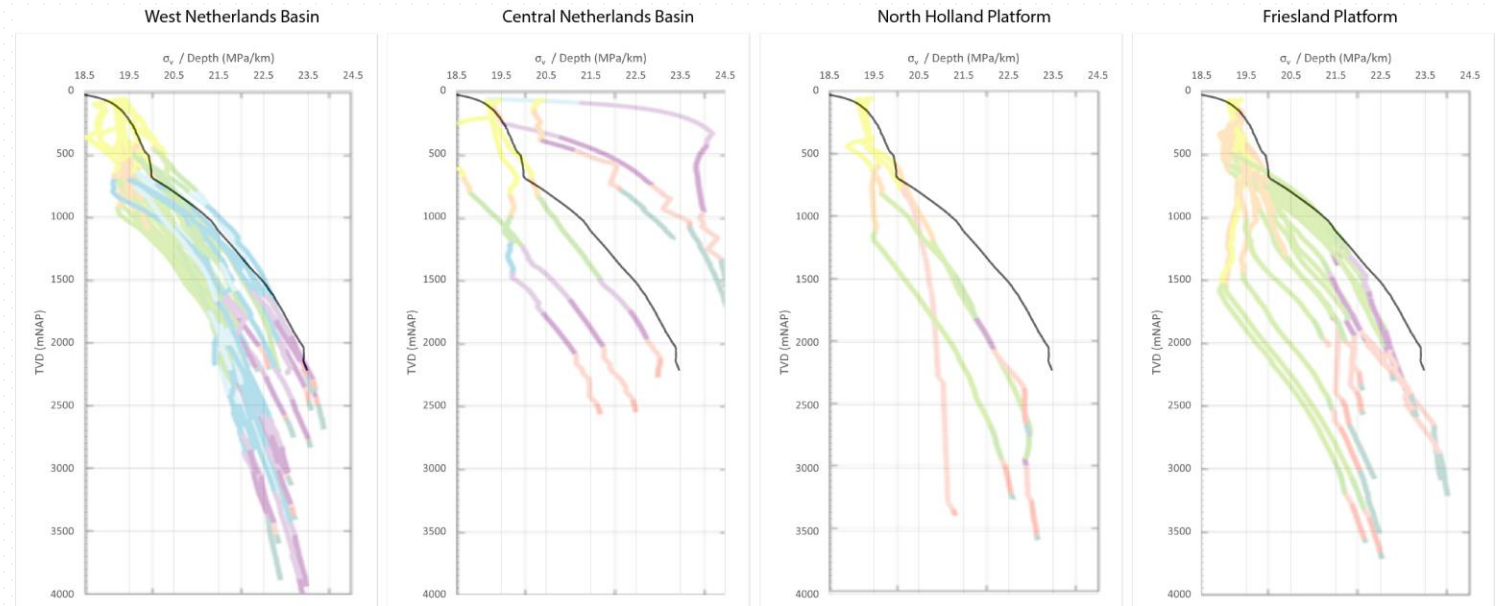
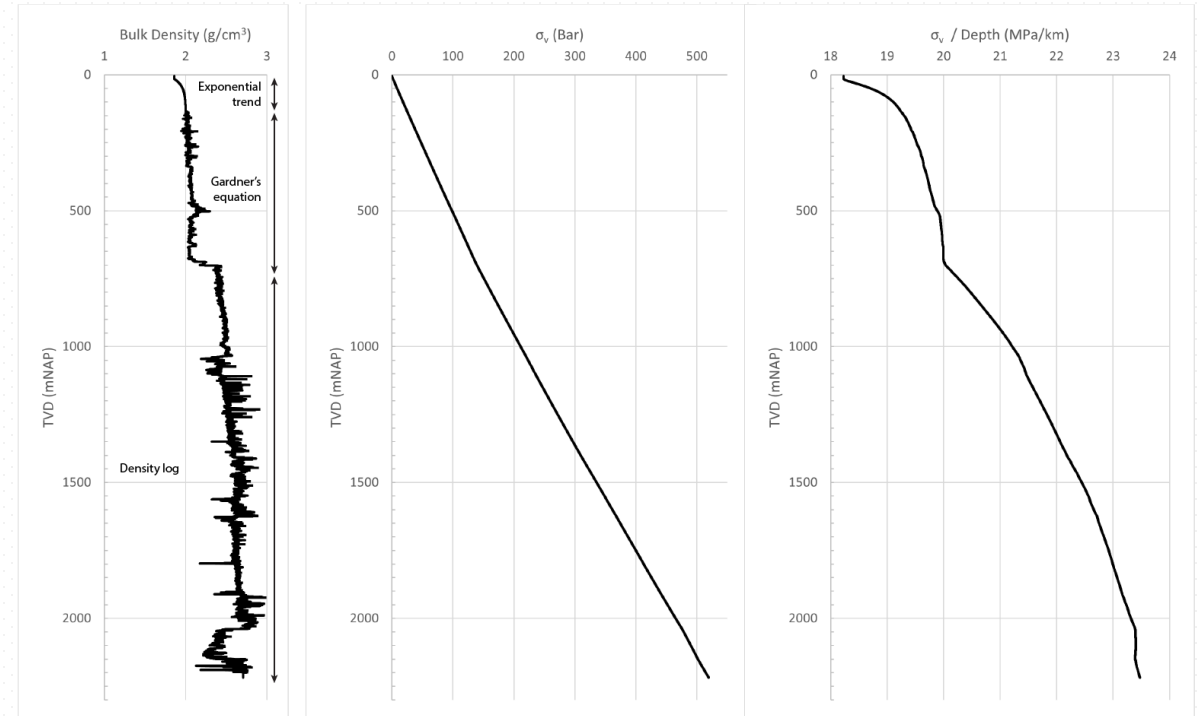
Tensile fractures in Slochteren and breakouts in Limburg (2160mMDRT)





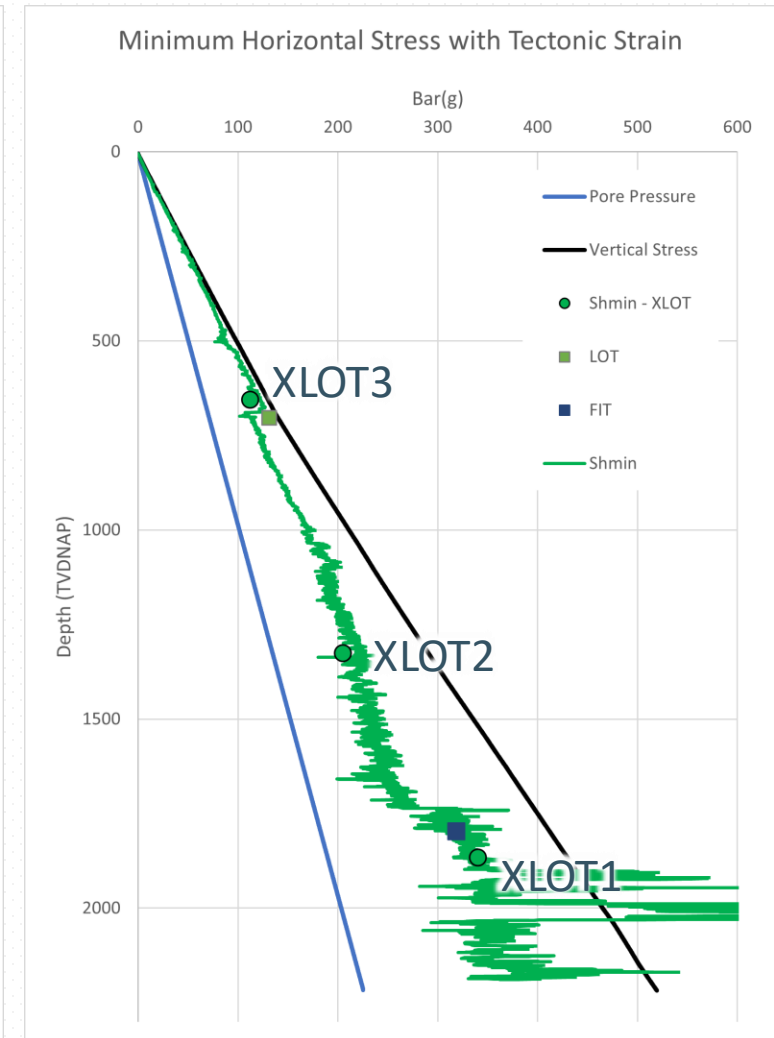
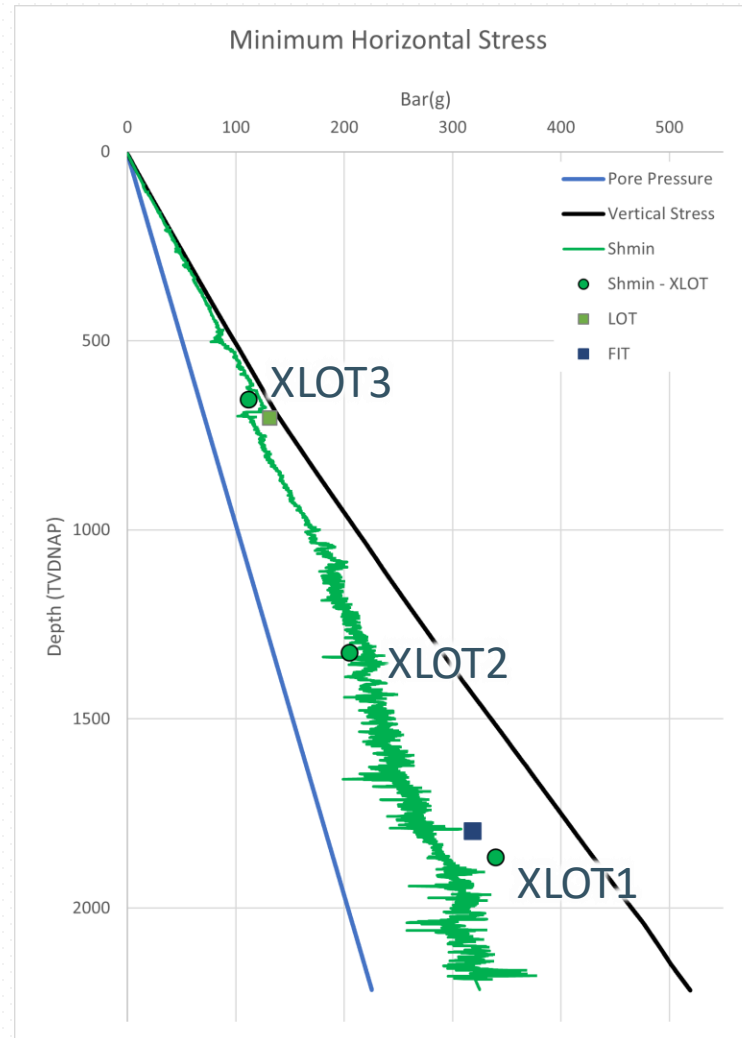
# Vertical-Stress Magnitude

- Density log acquired from 700m depth to TD
- In majority top hole high quality sonic data acquired: converted to density using Gardner's equation
- Exponential function used above this depth
- Relatively high vertical stress gradient compared with other geological domains (Buijze et al., 2024)



# Minimum-Horizontal Stress Magnitude

- Minimum-horizontal stress derived from 3 XLOTs at three elevations
- Continuous  $S_{hmin}$  calculated using Eaton's equation with Poisson's Ratio from X-dipole sonic (Andrews and de Lesquen; Hetteema, 2022)
- Good match for XLOT 2 and 3
- Underestimation of XLOT 1
- Underestimate of pore pressure or are there additional tectonic stresses in deep part of the well?



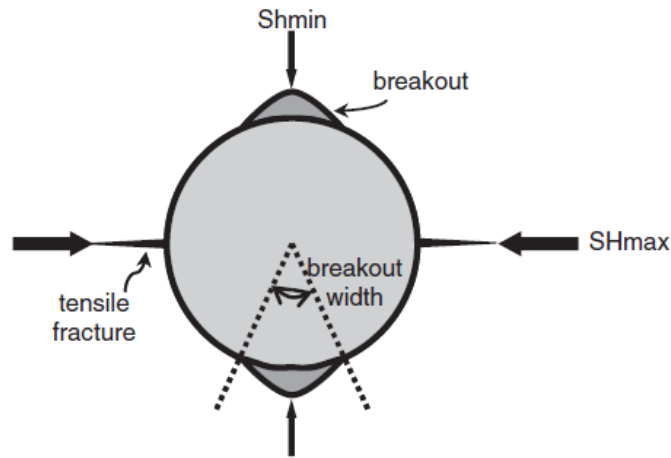


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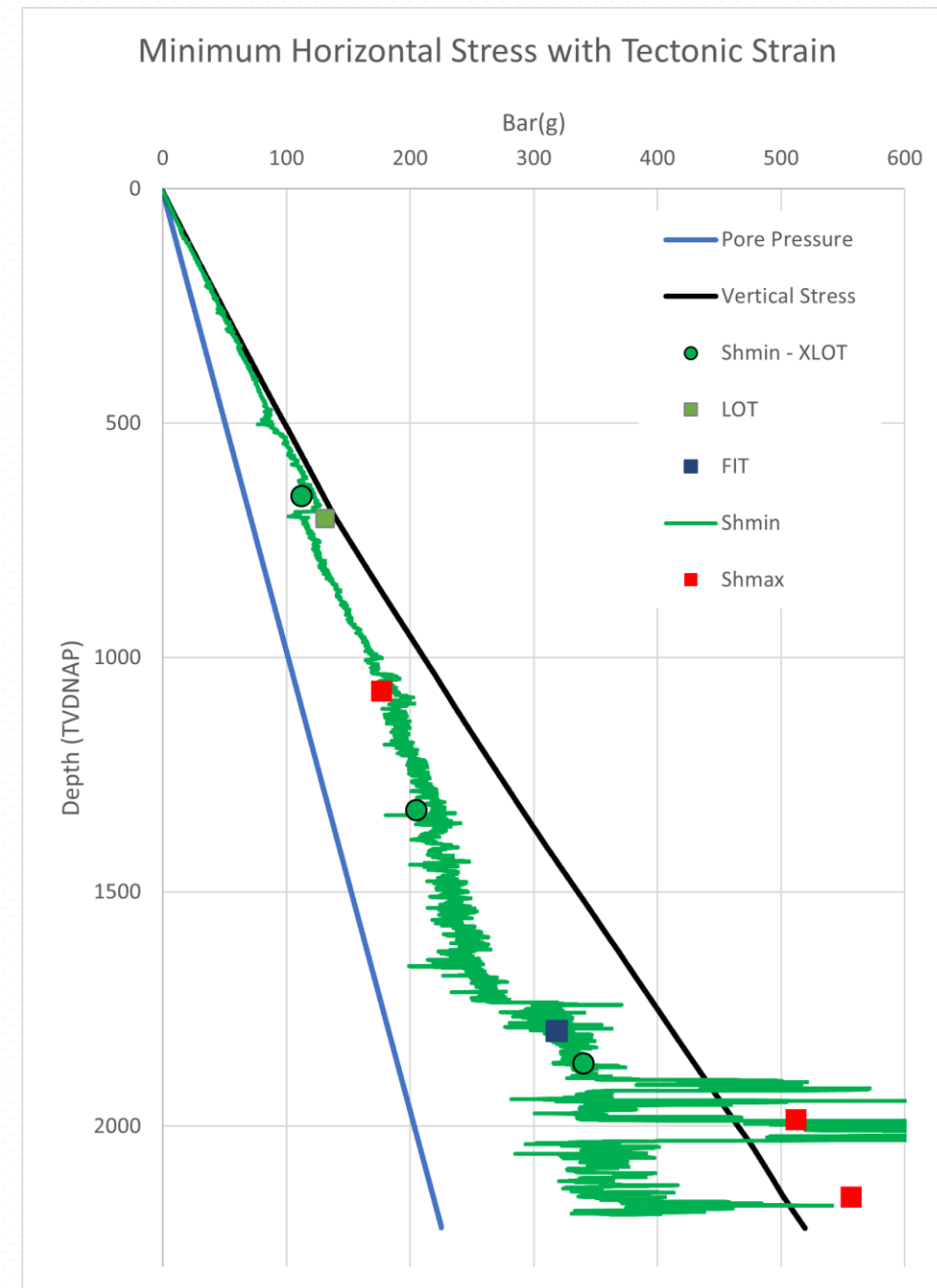
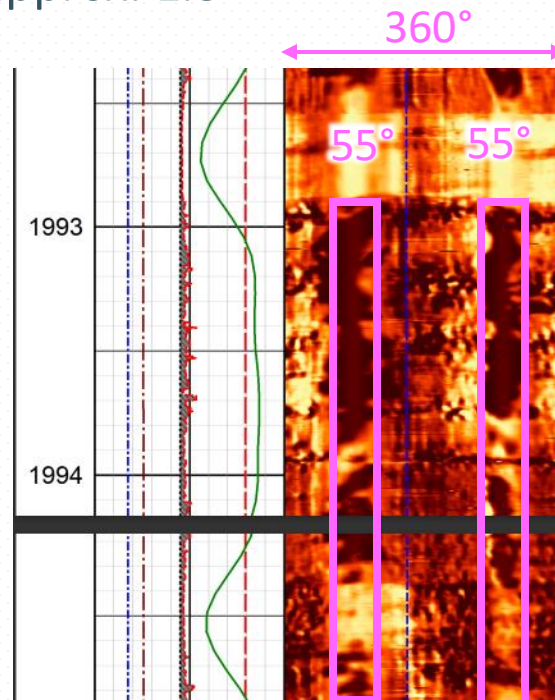
→ Maximum-Horizontal Stress magnitude can be derived from the borehole breakout angle (Barton et al., 1988)

$$\rightarrow S_{Hmax} = \frac{C_0 + \Delta P_W + 2P_P}{(1 - 2\cos 2\theta)} - S_{hmin} \frac{(1 + 2\cos 2\theta)}{(1 - 2\cos 2\theta)}$$

→ Ratio max/min horizontal stress in the shallow section is 1, in the deeper section this increases to approx. 1.3

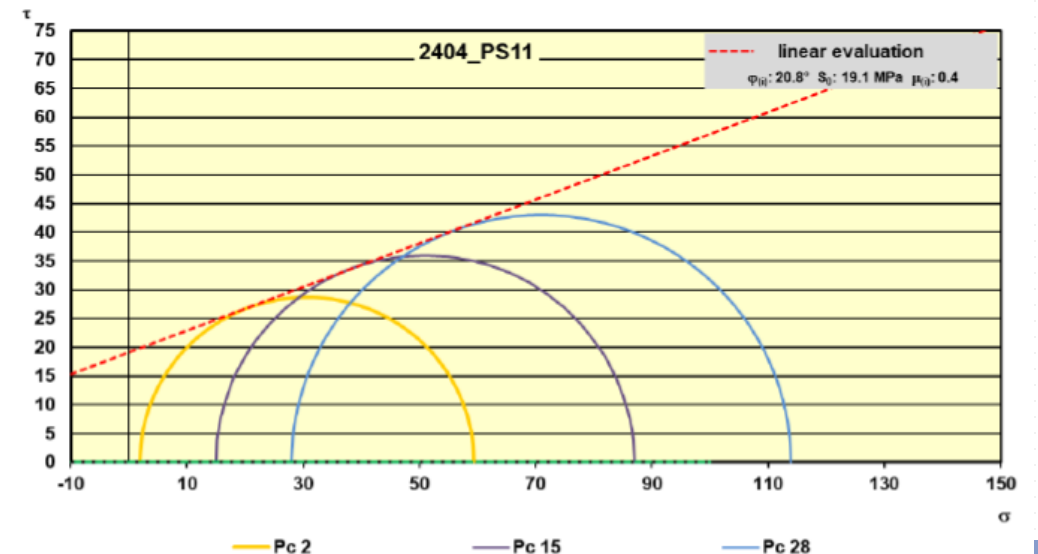
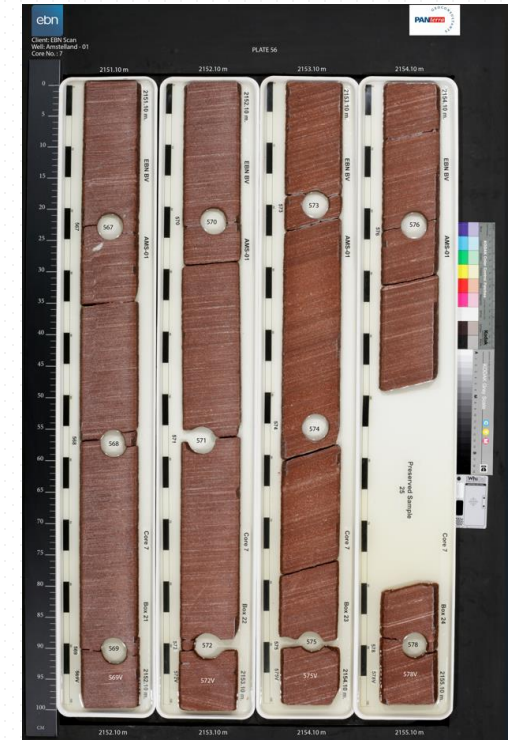


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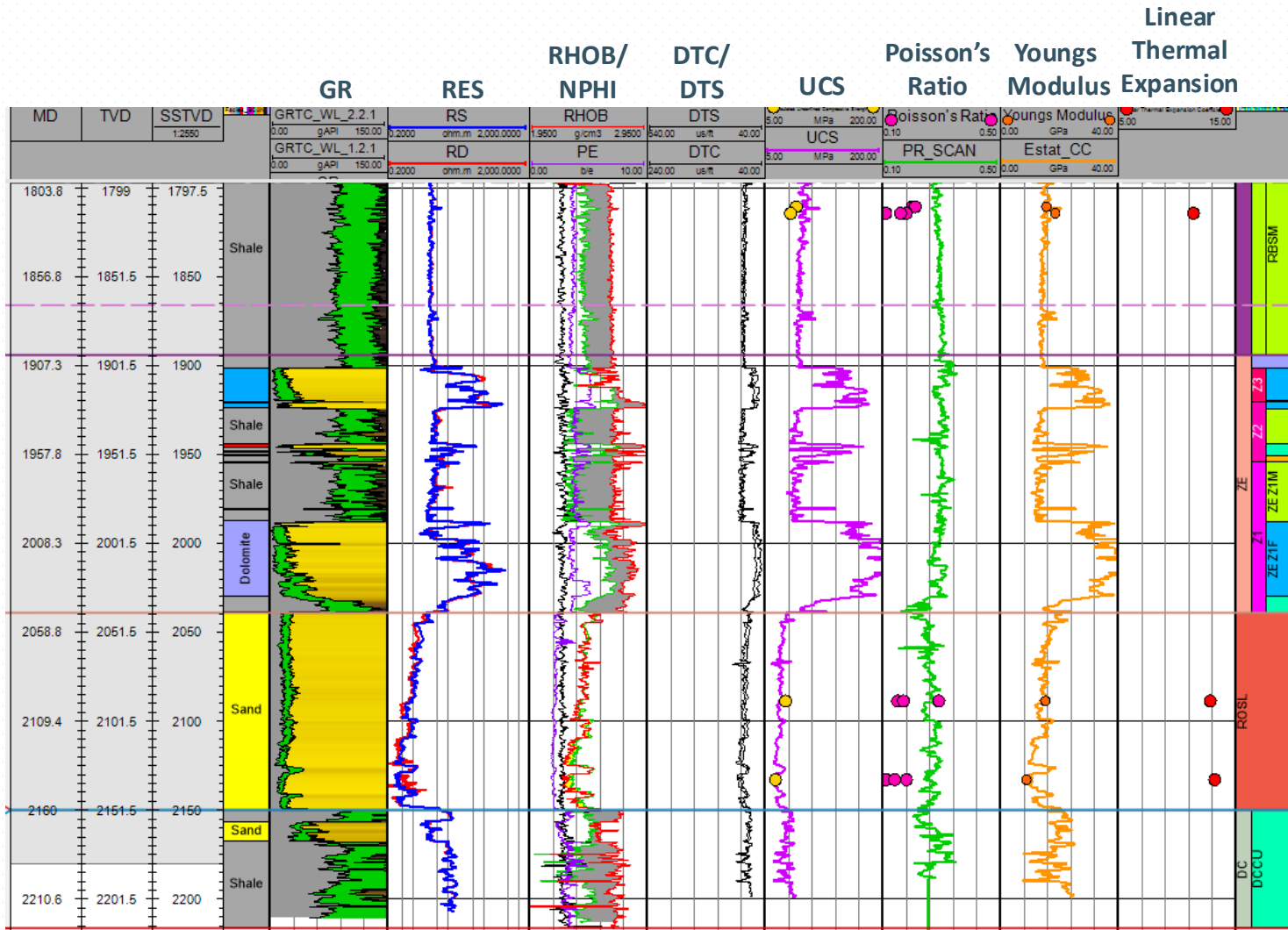


# Core laboratory testing

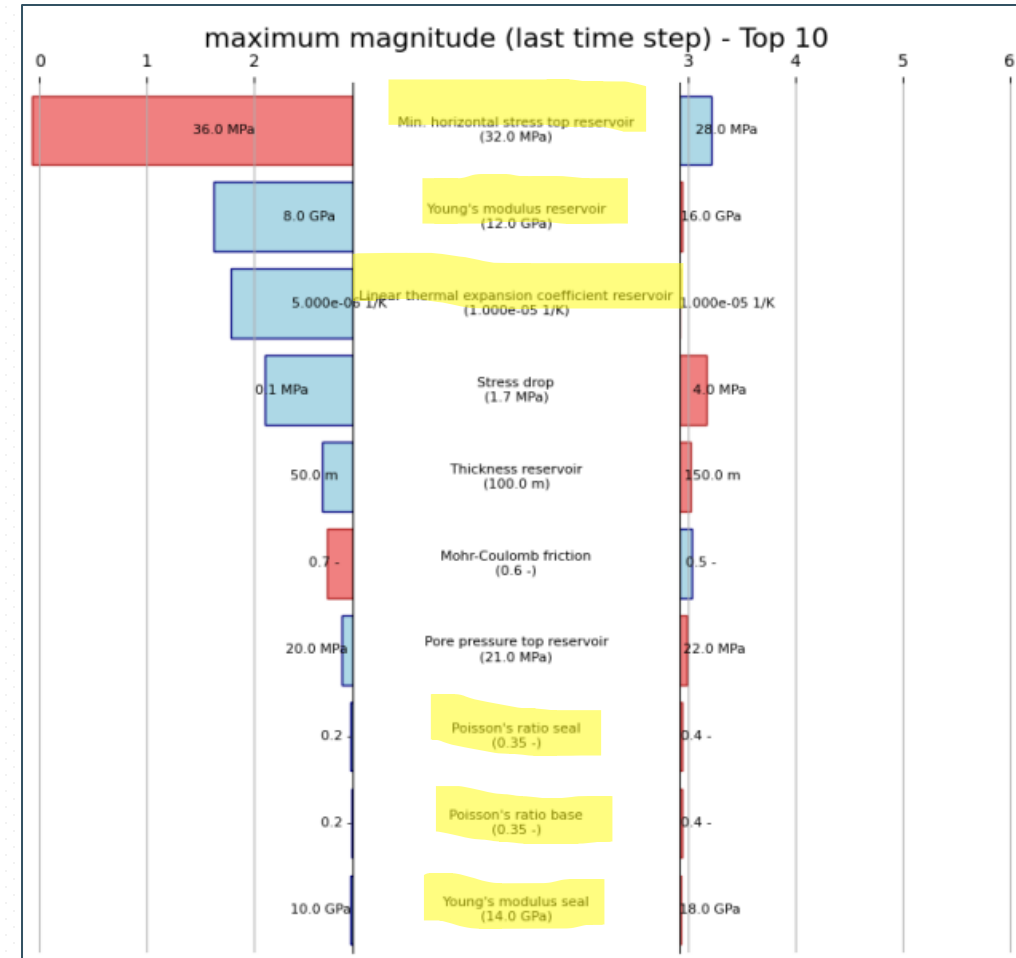
- Measurements on core of reservoirs and caprocks
- Scratch test to determine continuous record of the Unconfined Compressional Strength (UCS)
- Strain-controlled tri-axial tests to determine elastic parameters, strength and post-failure slip
- Linear thermal expansion coefficient measured



# Additional Geomechanical Parameters



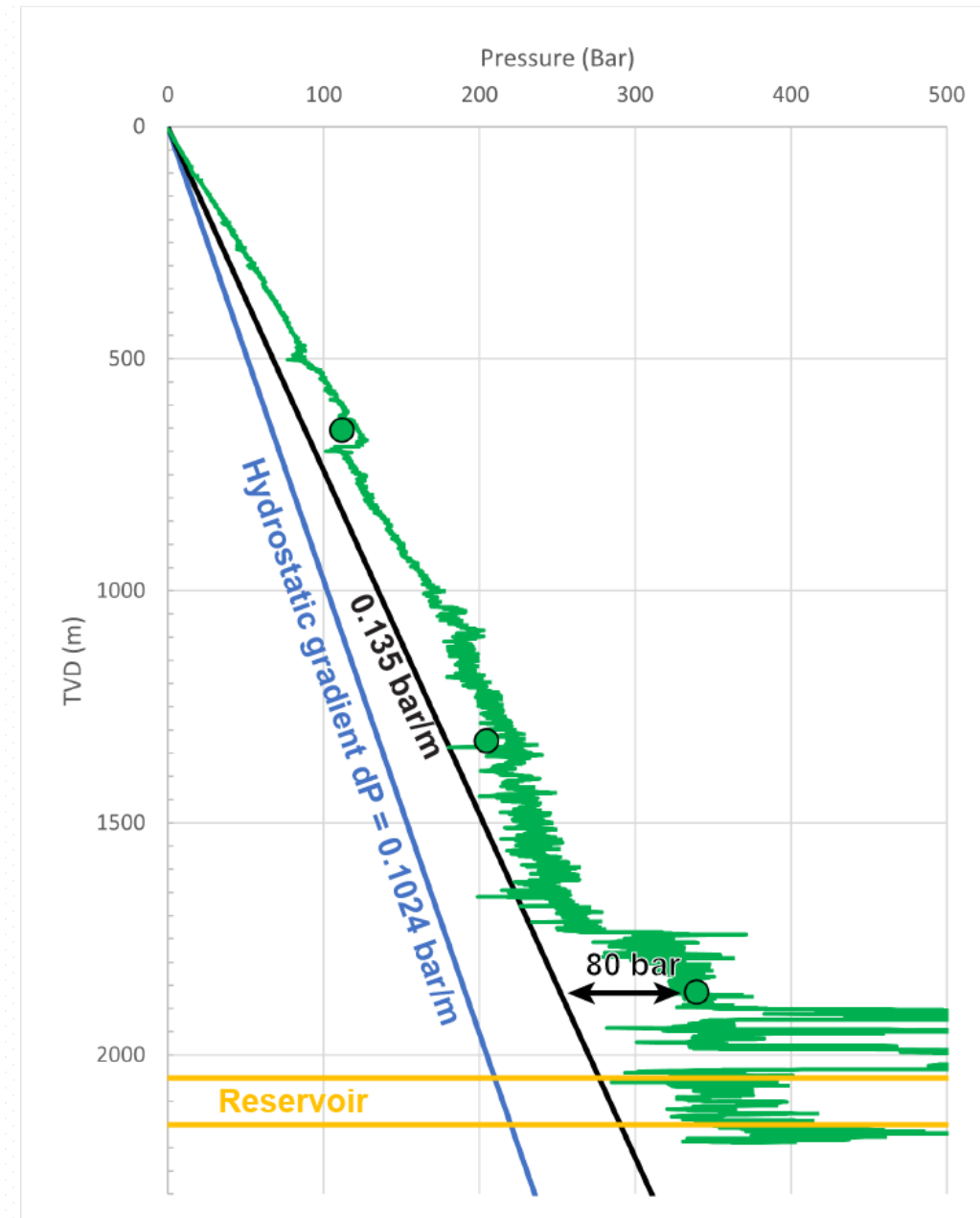
Example SRIMA output, Mijlief et al., 2023





# Implications for geothermal projects

- SCAN project provides geomechanical parameters and insight in areas with little previous data and high heat demand
- Allows use of local parameters, rather than generic conservative estimates
- Provides input to induced seismicity and caprock integrity workflows required for geothermal permits



## Other SCAN contributions at EAGE GET2024

5 November	14:30-14:50	Johannes Rehling	Look-back on 5 years of SCAN 2D seismic acquisition and re-processing
	17:00-17:20	Milan Brussée	Exploring the shallow: results of data a data acquisition well in the Dutch Cenozoic succession
6 November	11:30-11:50	Pieter Bruijnen	Impact of lift methods and shutin techniques on welltest analysis in geothermal wells
7 November	15:50-16:10	Marten ter Borgh	Geothermal exploration in the Netherlands: the SCAN program
8 November	9:00-15:00	PanTerra Geoconsultants	CCS and geothermal at its core: geological risk assessment for geological risk assessment for geothermal and CCS on core material

