



MODELING GYPSUM THICKNESS :
APPLICATION IN EVALUATION OF COLLAPSE
HAZARD IN PARIS AREA

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PROBLEMATIC : Gypsum dissolution can induce collapses

ORIGIN of dissolution : natural or due to human activities (leak of water in the city water network or during/after a well drilling,) :



HAZARD is higher when :

- Thickness is important
- Gypsum is near the surface

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FUNDING INSTITUTIONS (except BRGM) :

- The **DRIEE Ile-de-France** (Environment and Energy Region and Interdepartmental Direction)
- The **ADEME** (French Environment and Energy Management Agency)



IMPLICATED ORGANISM :

- The **CEREMA** (Risk and Environment Study Center)



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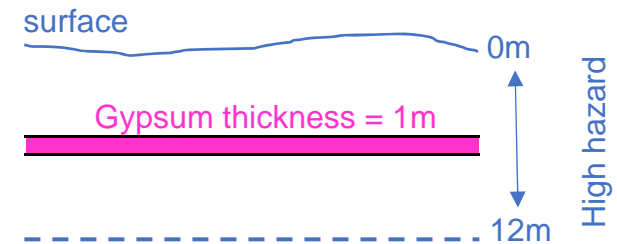
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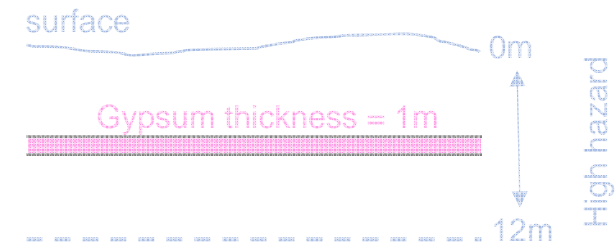
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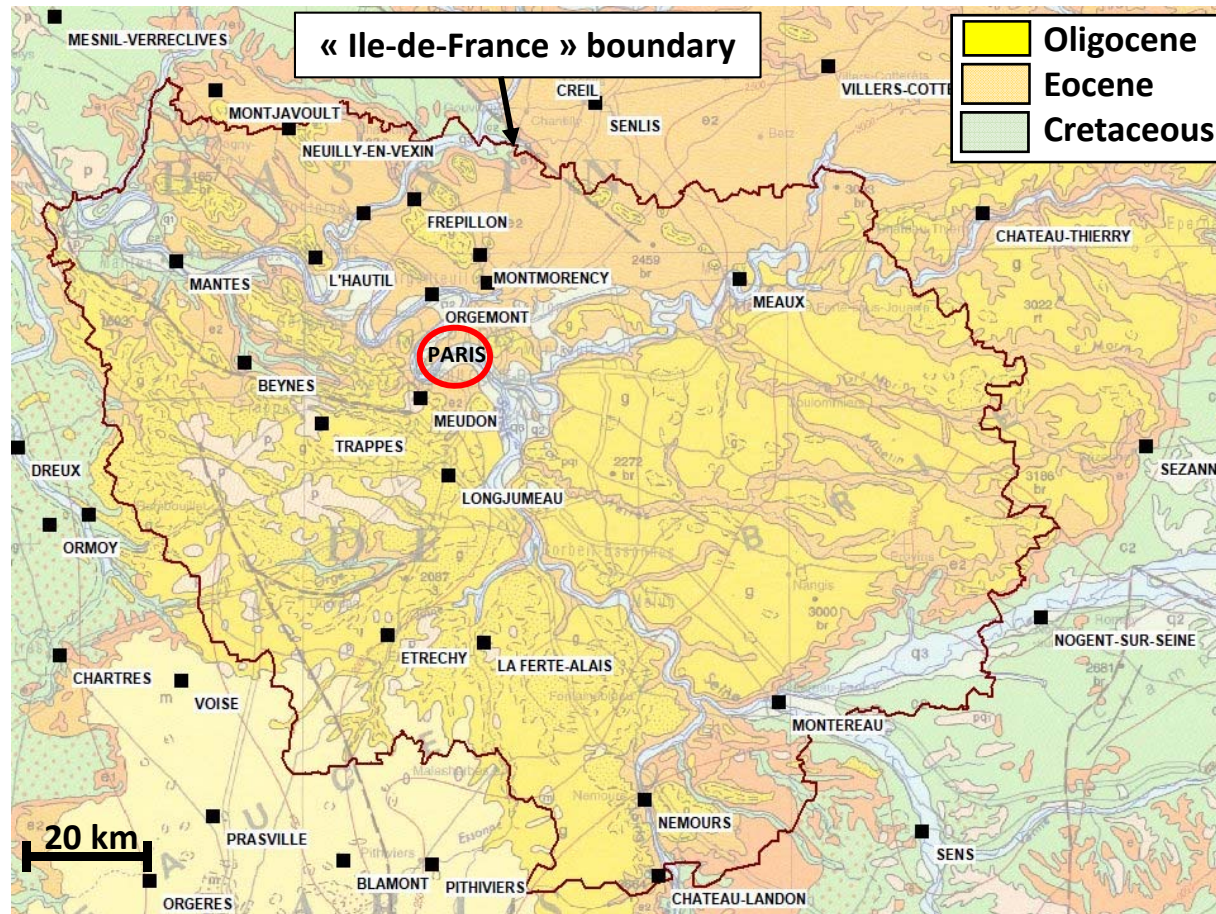
- 3 - Regulation maps : addition of gypsum hazards maps + other hazards due to geothermal drillings (aquifers connection, other collapses, etc...) : **not yet published**



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- “Ile-de-France” (12000 km²) : - Located in the Paris basin
- Outcrops of Quaternary to Cretaceous formations

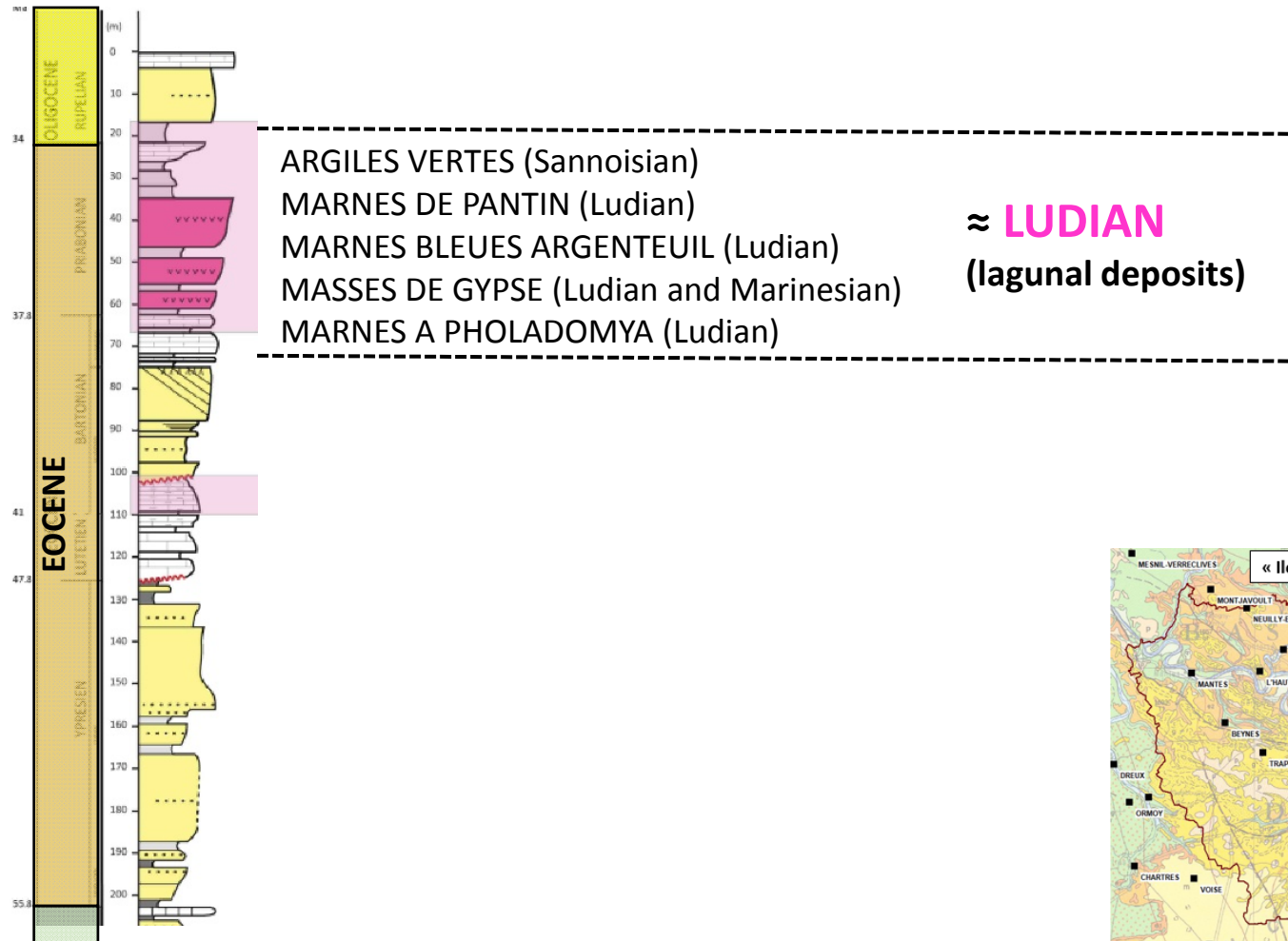


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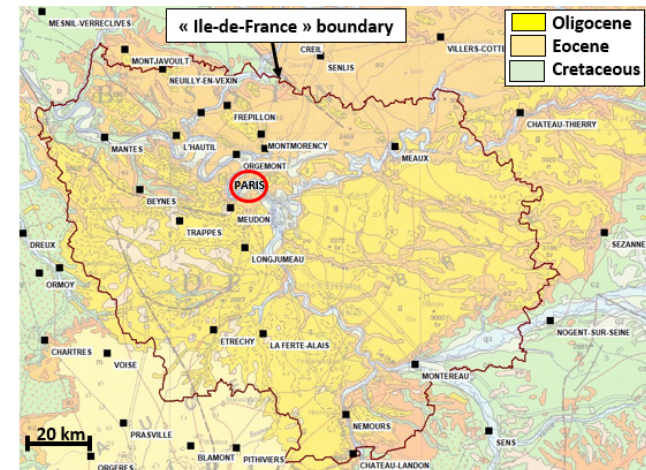
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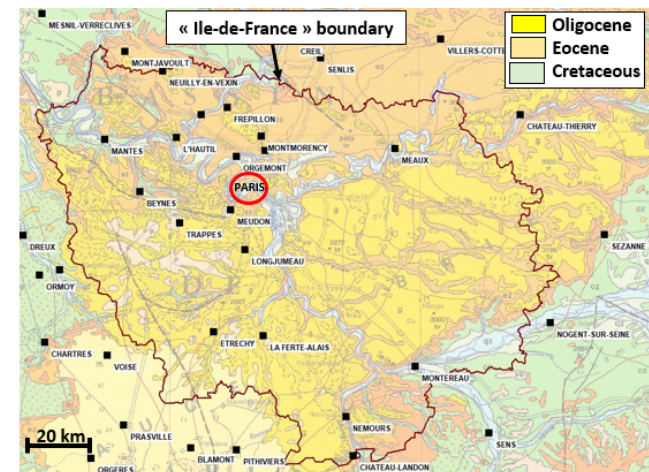
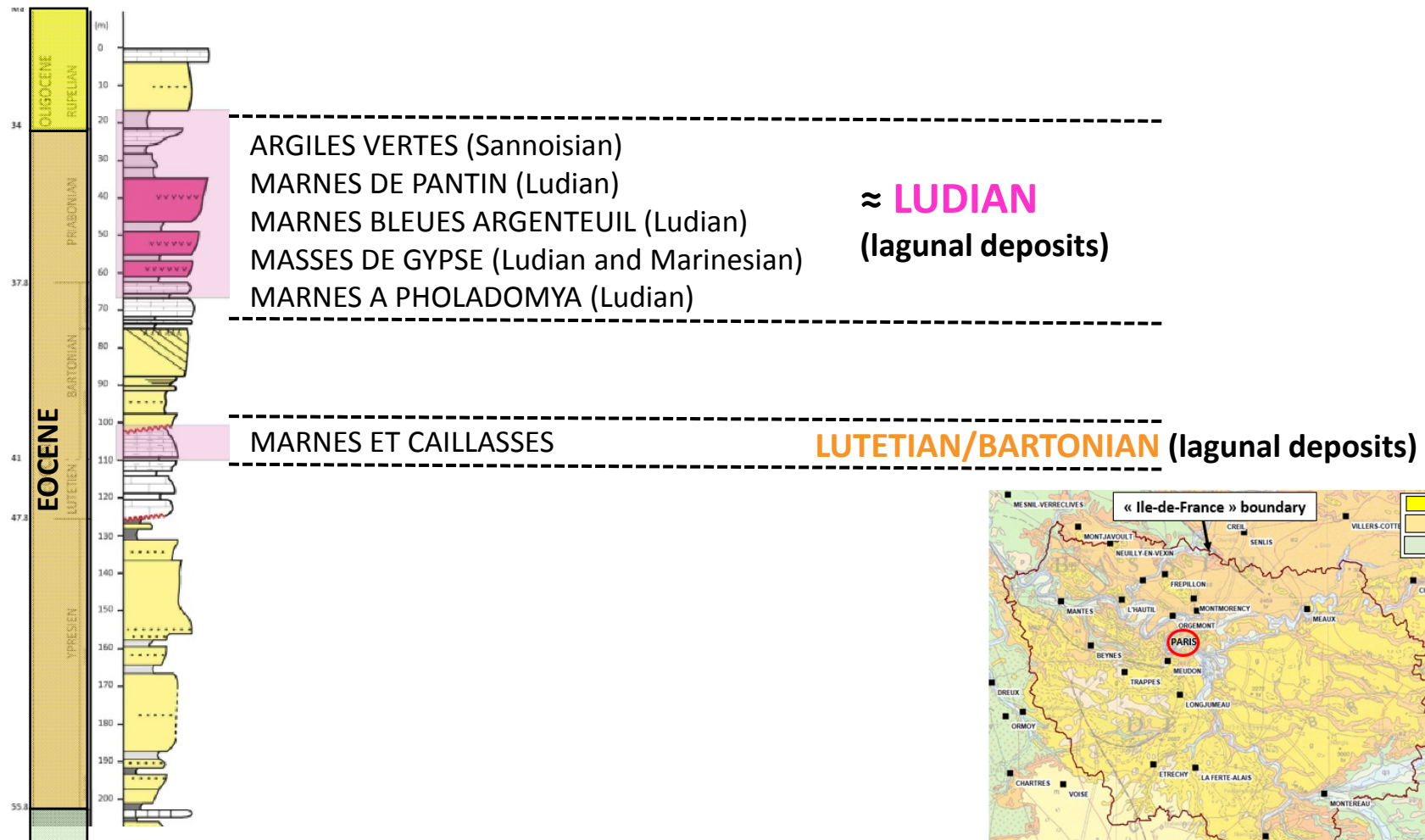


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GDM® software (BRGM)

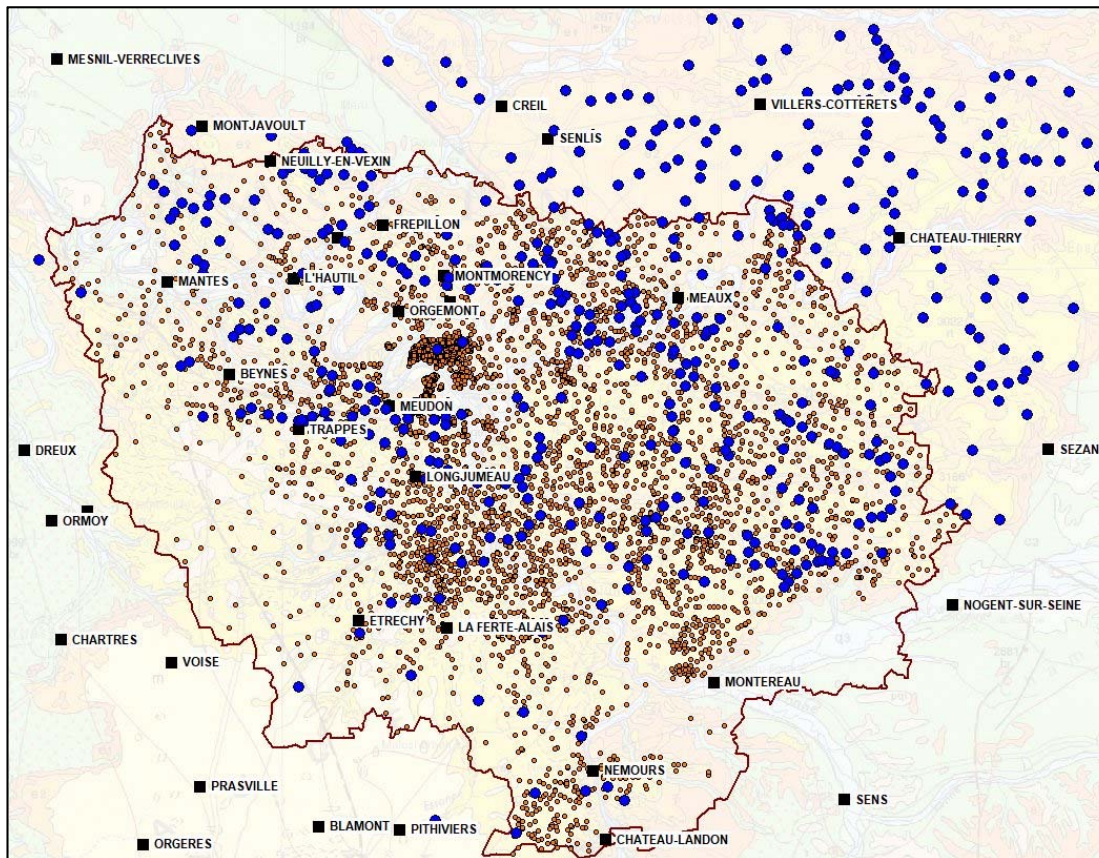


- Holes database management
- Geostatistical analysis, interpolation
- Automatic map/cross sections showing inconsistencies
- 1D/2D/3D view
- Building 3D model

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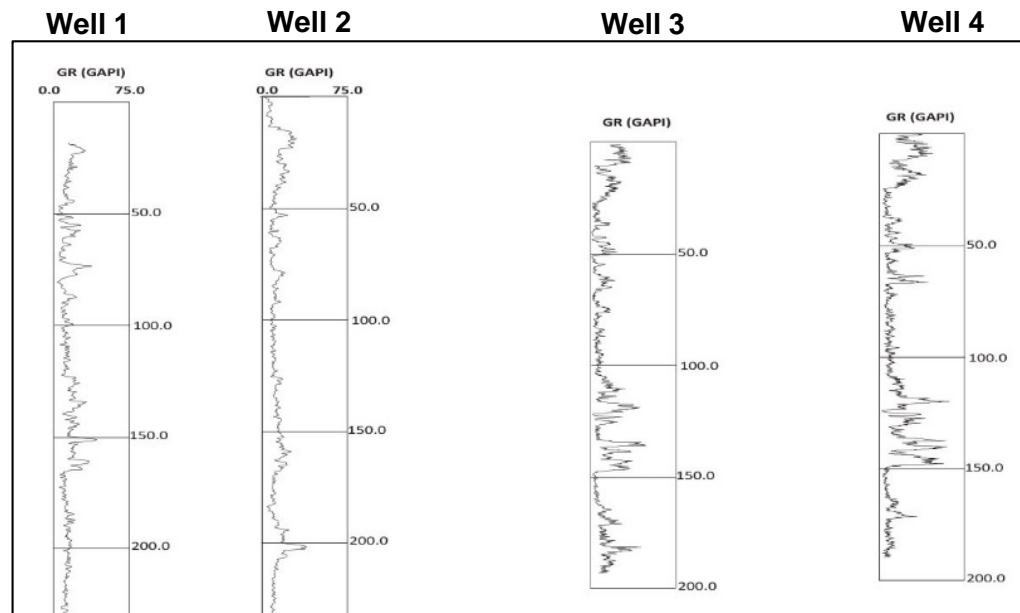
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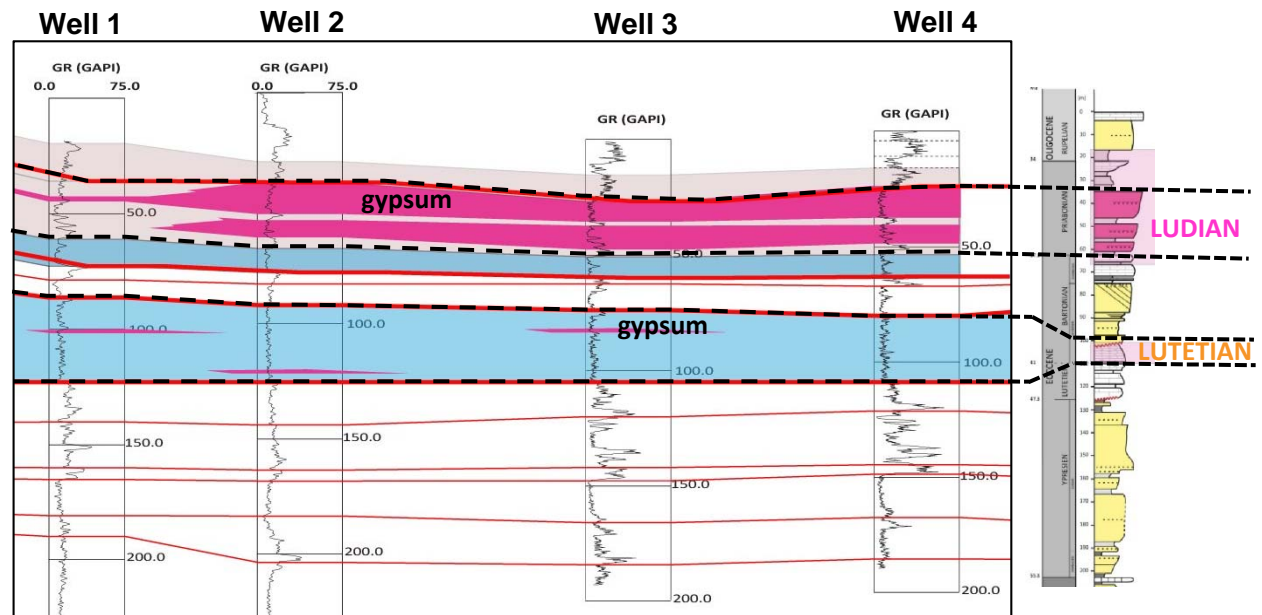
TOP AND BASE
INTERPRETATION



geostats



3D MODEL of reference geological surfaces, including
top and base of Ludian and Lutetian formations
(“LOGISEQ” methodology – BRGM : Bourguine et al., 2017)

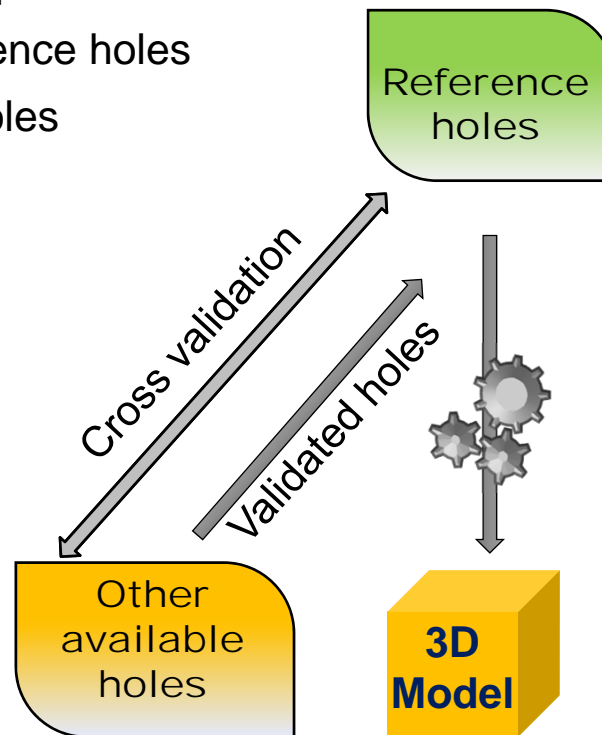


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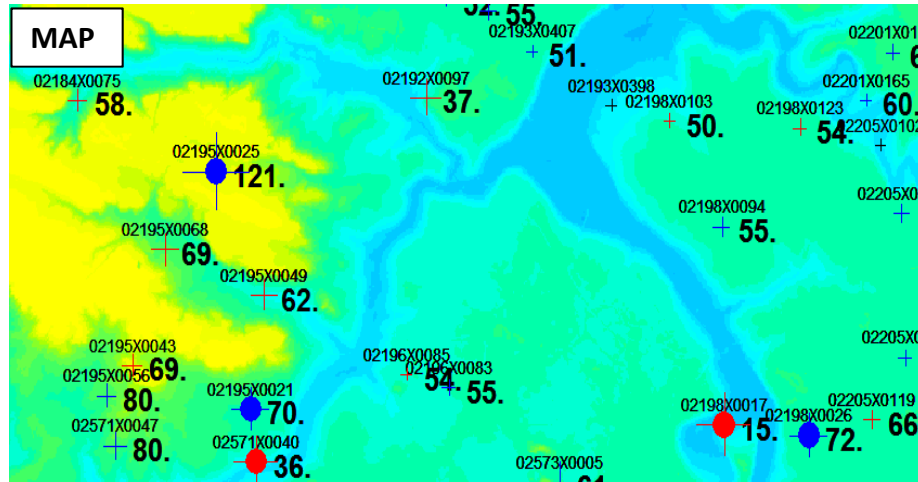
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Results

- 400 re-interpreted holes
- 4600 consistent holes
- Updated model of top and base of Ludian and Lutetian formations.

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Elevation of the top of Ludian :

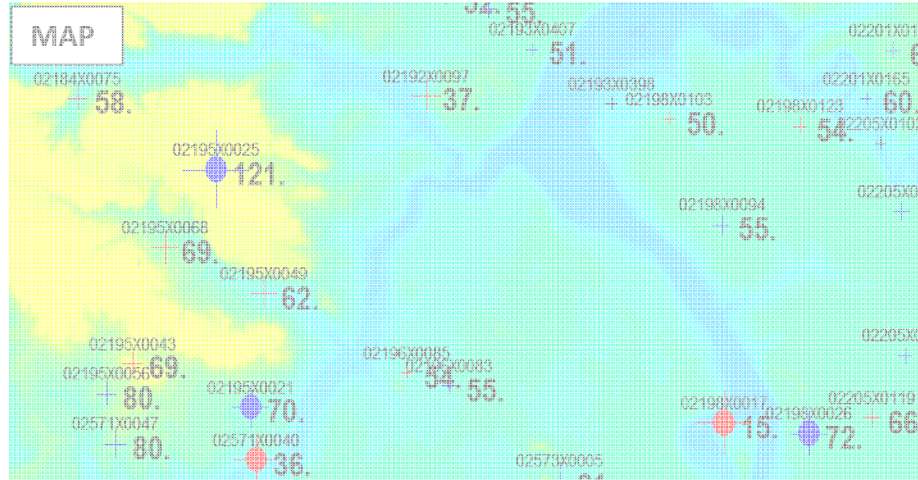
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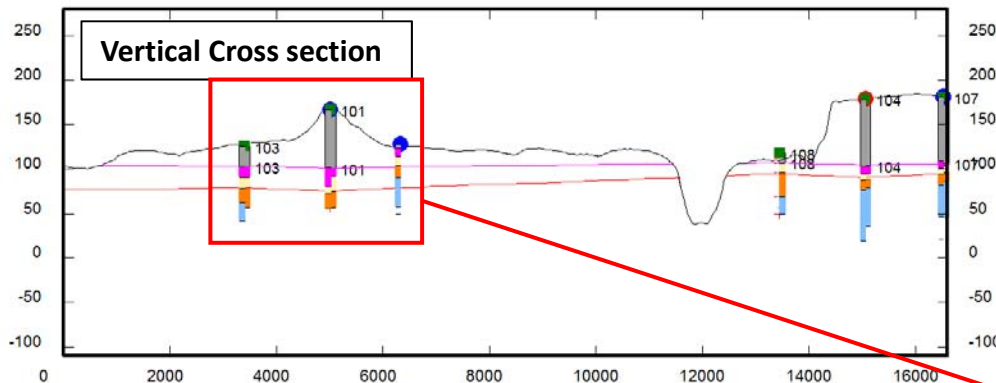


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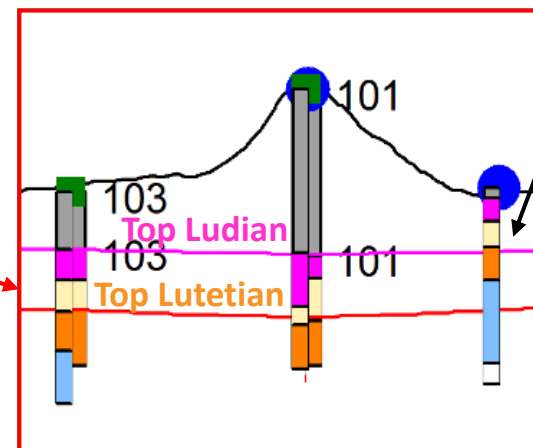
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« Suspicious hole »
→ to be verified

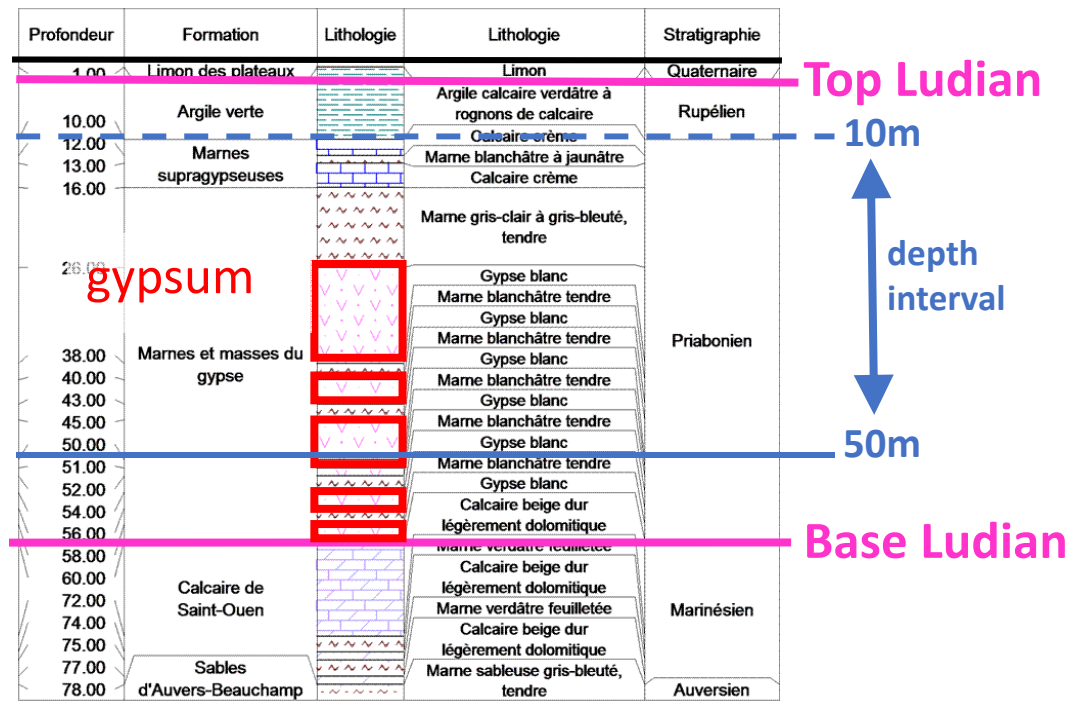


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Example of hole 01842X0163
(10-50m depth interval) :



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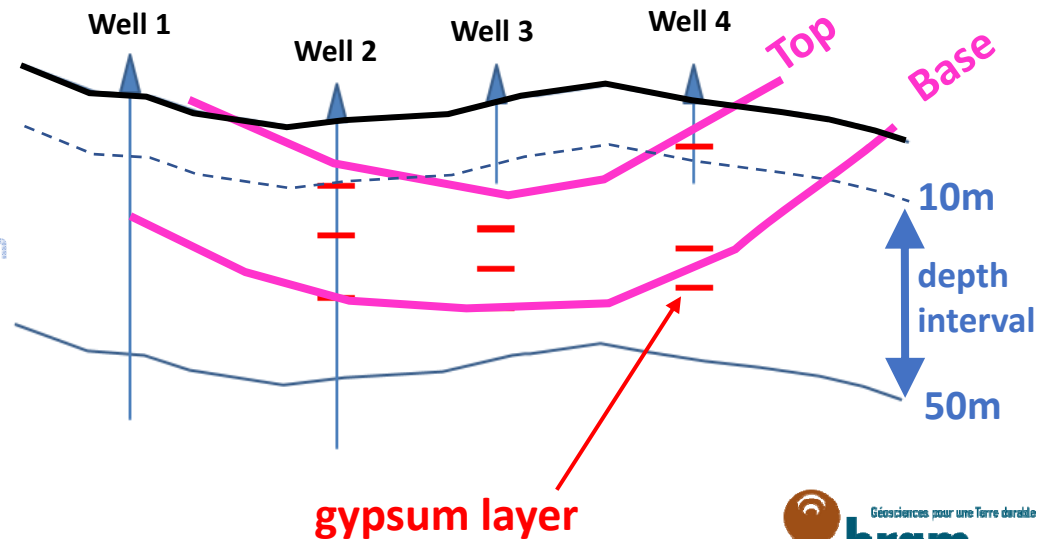
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Drill holes not crossing the whole depth interval !

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4.00	Limons des plateaux		Limons	Quaternaire
10.00	Argile verte		Argile calcaire verdâtre à rognons de calcaire	Rupélien
12.00	Marnes supragypseuses		Marne blanchâtre à jaunâtre	
13.00			Calcaire crème	
16.00			Marne gris-clair à gris-bleuté, tendre	
20.00			Gypse blanc	
38.00	Marnes et masses du gypse		Marne blanchâtre tendre	Priabonien
40.00			Gypse blanc	
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74.00			Calcaire beige dur	
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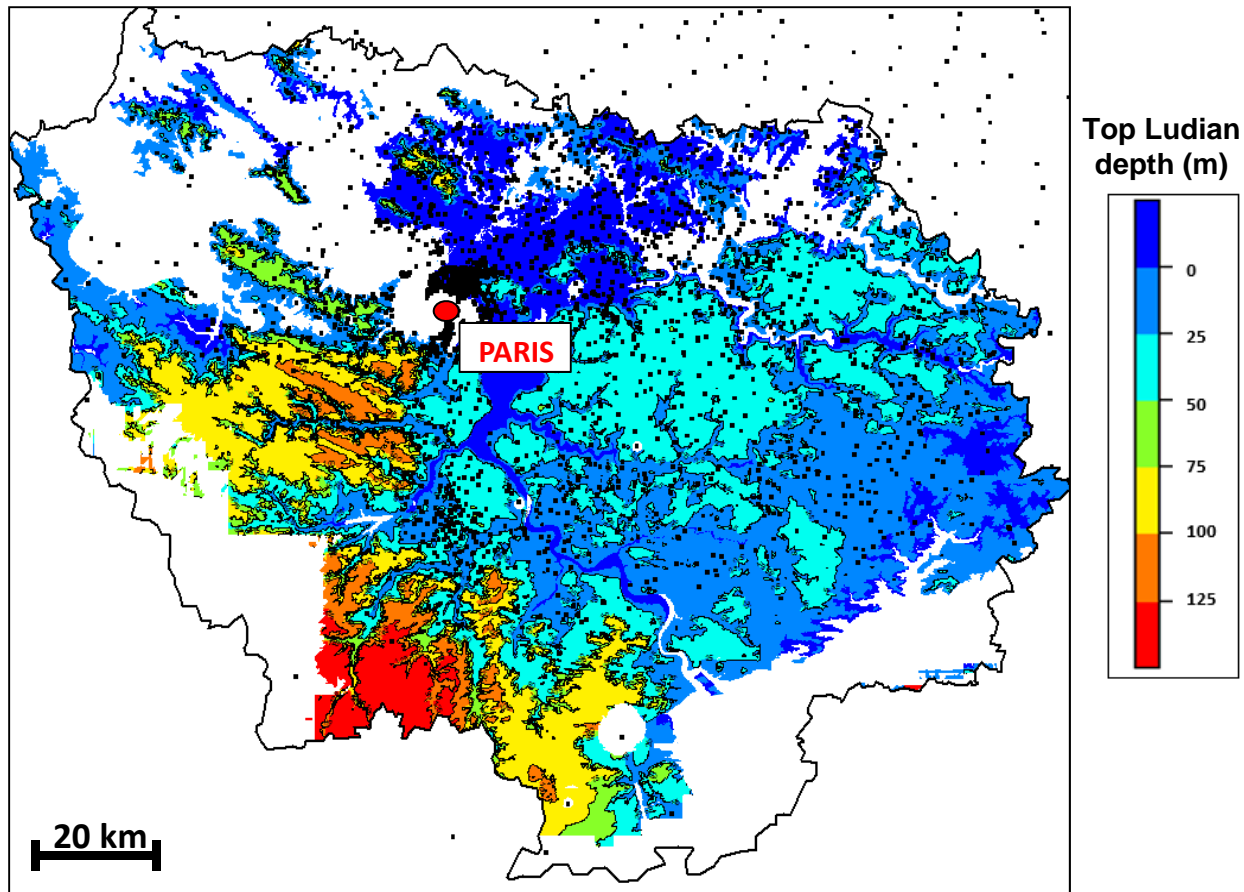


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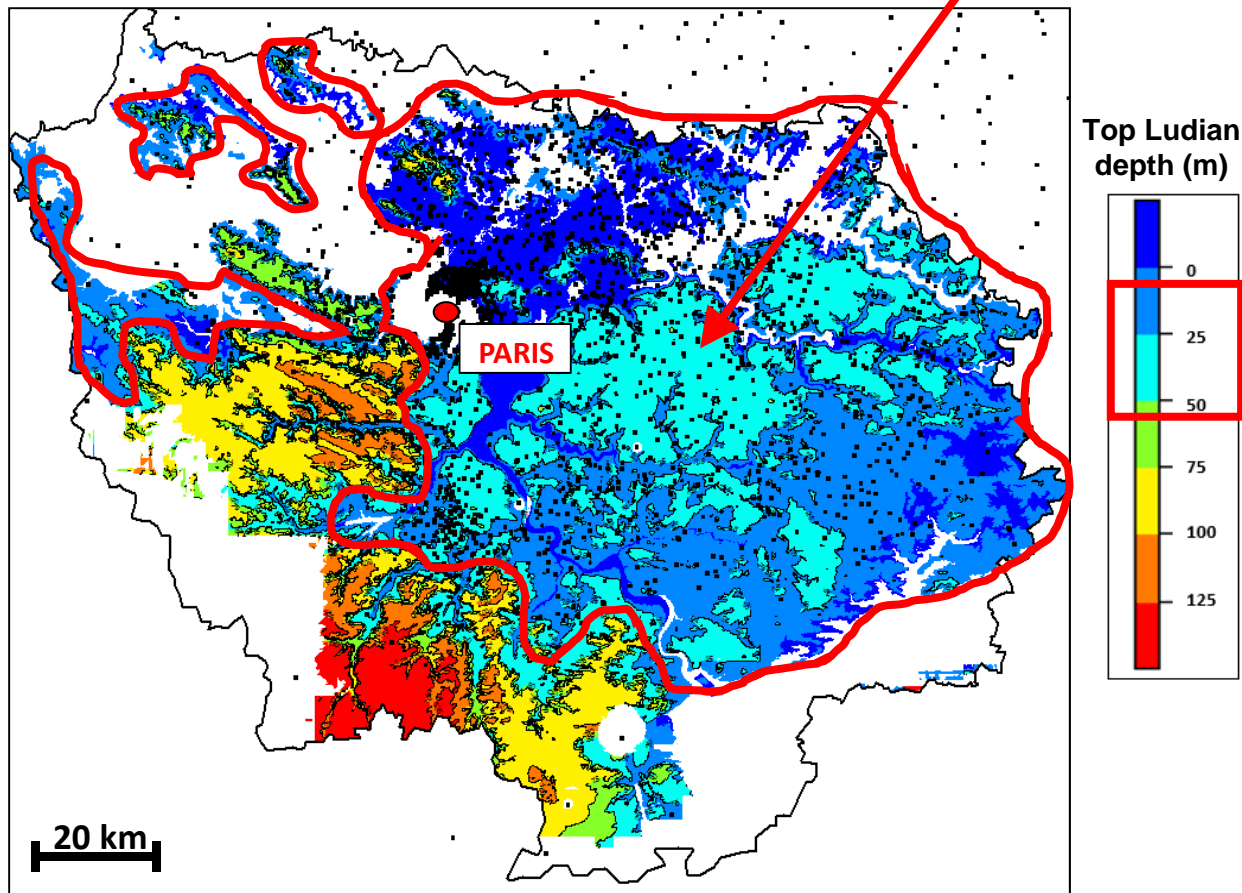
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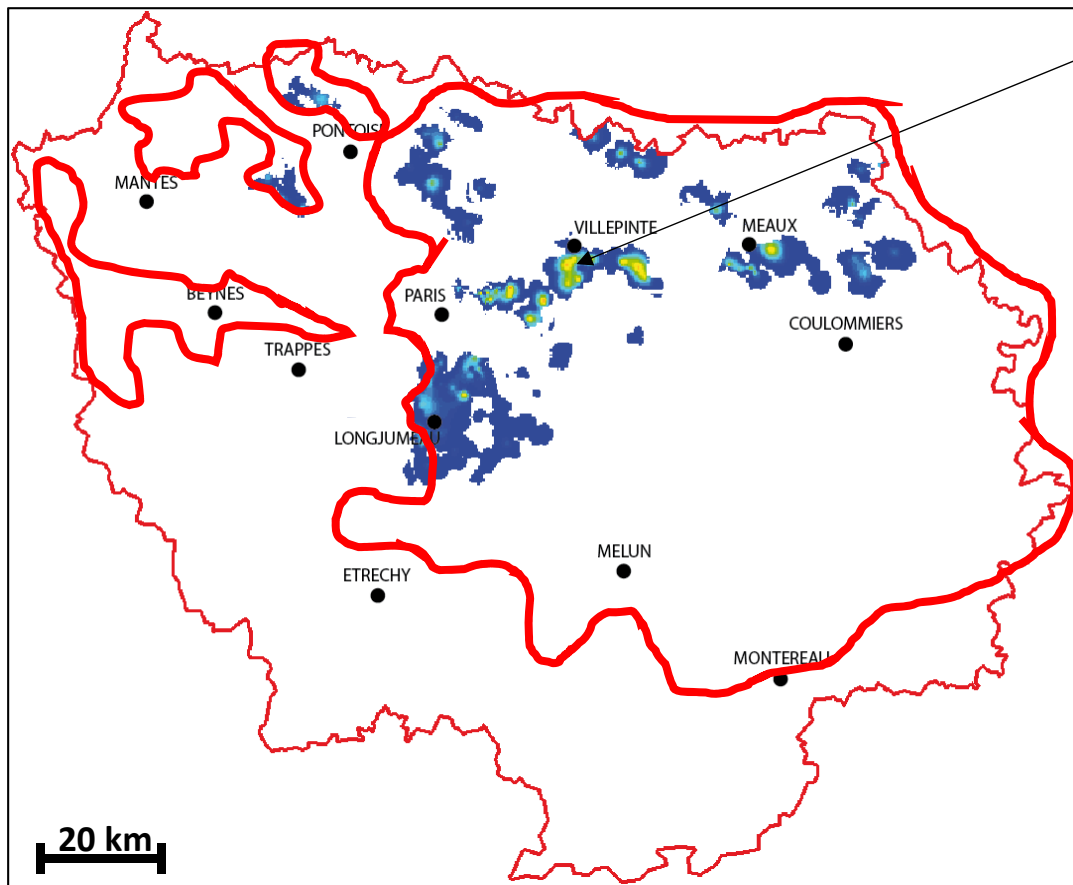
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Ludian gypsum < 50m depth (blue colors) can be encountered in the North, Center and East of IDF



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LUDIAN GYPSUM THICKNESS (10-50M DEPTH) :



SEVRAN, 2017
(source : CEREMA)



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HAZARD AND REGULATION MAPS :

Quantification of hazard level as a function of gypsum thickness / gypsum depth

Thickness/Depth	HAZARD LEVEL	
$t/d = 0$	Null	0
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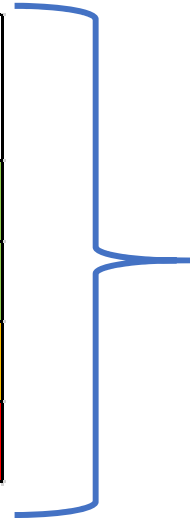
} Hazard high if ratio $t/d > 1/12$

INERIS methodology (report DRS13-130829-04972B)

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Regulation maps
(not yet published) :



Gypsum hazard maps

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Other hazards due to
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Type of geothermal drilling
(simple, double)

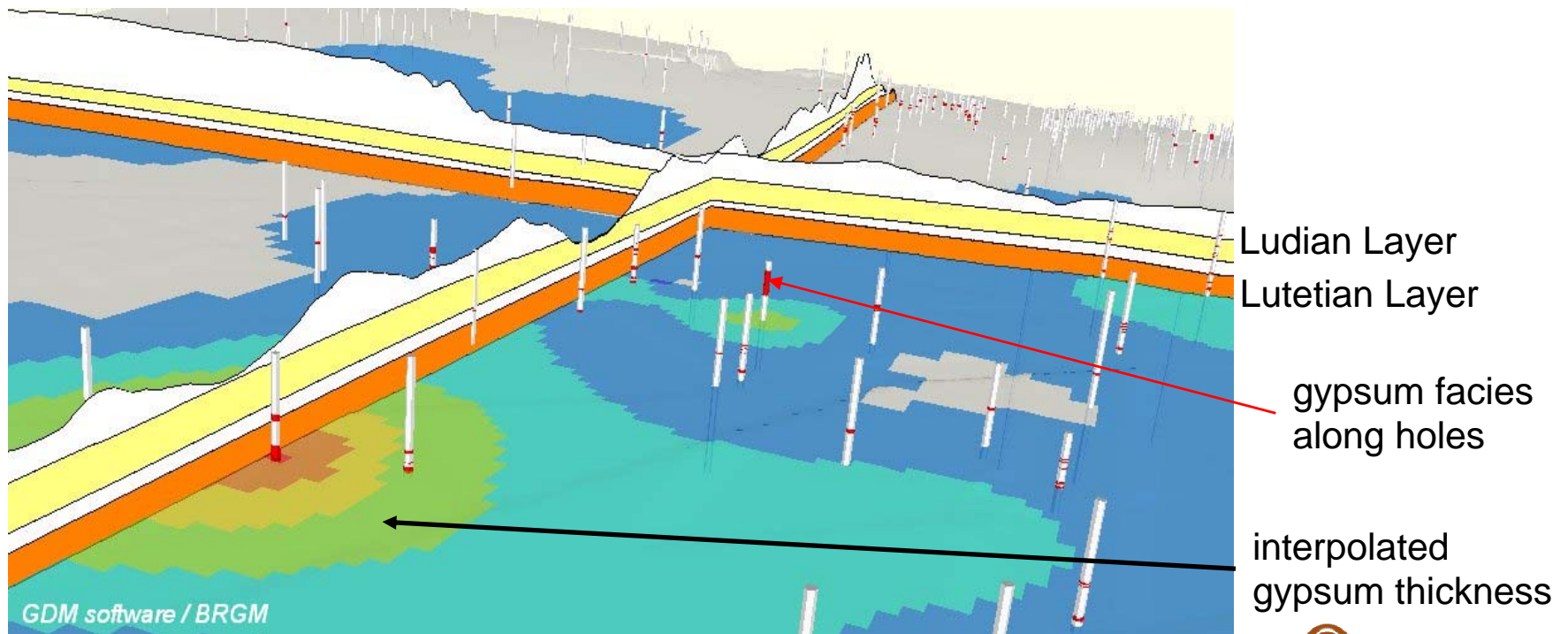


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COULD BE APPLIED TO OTHER APPLICATIONS

- Aquifer characterization
- Calculate properties (facies thickness, geochemical property, pollutant content) within given depths intervals (*example : poster n°20, Le Guern et al., 2018*)

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