Underground Investigations in the EMR region

ET EMR Team



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Work in EMR region

▲ All activities planed irrespectively to ET geometry

A Passive seismic survey to monitor the entire area of investigation

▲ Active seismic surveys

▲ Boreholes for detailed, local information

▲ Geomechanical tests for rock strength characterisation



Passive Seismic survey: Planned



Cover entire area of investigation

Delineate Val Dieu block with Vp and Vs data

Also useable to investigate surface noise



Active 2D Seismic survey: Done & under discussion



Underground large scale structures

Link potential corner points

Connect boreholes



Active 3D Seismic survey: Under discussion



Around potential corner points

Link potential corner points

Connect boreholes





- Investigate lithology in suitable depth for ET
- ▲ Testing and lab samples
- Use of boreholes for monitoring
 - Seismometer and magnetic
 - Piezometer
- ▲ Phase 1: now 09/24

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A Phase 2: in planning
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- ▲ Orientation of structures
- ▲ Hydraulic testing
- ▲ Stress testing
- A Permanent monitoring station
 - Seismometer and magnetic
 - Piezometer



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Core logging and lab testing: Done & Planned

- A Geotechnical Core logging
- Geomechanical testing
- Input for construction planning



Strength

BC, LC,

Depth |

91.0

91.5

92.0

92.5

93.0

93.5

94.0

94.5

95.0

95.5

96.0

96.5

97.0

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Mediun sand

Fine

sand

Clay

Broken

core

Lost

core

zone

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Fault

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Input for construction planning







Outlook and future steps

- A Newtonian noise
 - Seismic sensors in boreholes
 - Fibre glass cable along borehole casing
 - Passive seismic surveys
- ▲ Magnetic noise:
 - Sensors in borehole and on surface
 - Logging of magnetic susceptibility in borehole (and along core)

- ▲ 3D model including uncertainties
 - Geological-geophysical-hydrogeological input
- ▲ Construction planning
 - Cavern & Tunnel design: Cooperation with specialised companies
 - Geological , geotechnical and hydrogeological context analysis



