

## Deep City Project Comparison between Switzerland and China

A multi-use integrated approach for urban underground space planning

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## OUTLINE

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- II. Deep City in Switzerland - a real test in Geneva
- III. Deep City in China - a sustainable concept to go worldwide...

## Statement of the DEEP CITY project

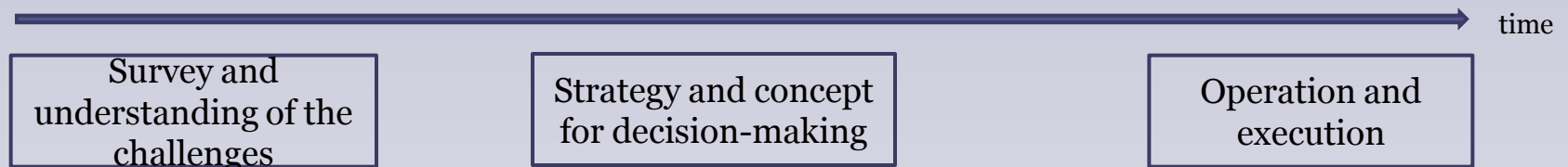
“A **planned multiple-uses** approach allows exploiting the full resources potential of the underground in a better sustainability” – an **added value** for underground use planning

## Specificity of the mission









« Interface Geology – Engineering »

In great engineering projects, integration in the territory and in the environment is a key of the acceptability

## General process of Planning for Territorial Engineering Project



**Understand the geological potentials at the initial stage of planning !**

		Impacted agent			
		Space	Groundwater	Geothermic	Geomaterial
Impacting agent	Space	 <p><b>ENGINEERING FOCUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Space conflict</li> <li>-Subsidence</li> <li>+network</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hydrogeological concurrence</li> <li>-Dam effect</li> <li>-Short-circuit between aquifers</li> <li>+capture in the underground structures</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+energy geostuctures</li> <li>+Thermal valorization of the technical flow</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Excavation material elimination</li> <li>+geomaterial valorization</li> </ul>
	Groundwater	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Infiltration in the structures</li> <li>-Buoyancy</li> <li>-Subsidence and uprising</li> <li>-Corrosion and deterioration of the structures</li> </ul>	 <p><b>DEEP CITY CONCEPT FOCUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hydrogeological concurrence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dessaturation of the field</li> </ul>	
	Geothermic	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Space conflict</li> <li>-Thermo-mechanical modification</li> <li>-Frozen ground</li> <li>-Sampling impacts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hydrogeological Concurrence</li> <li>-Dam effect</li> <li>-Water pollution</li> <li>-Modification of biological activities</li> <li>-Physico-chemical parameters modification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Interaction of cold and hot pump</li> <li>-Surexploitation of the thermal flow</li> </ul>	
	Geomaterial	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+coordination extraction &amp; constructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Modification of hydrogeological balance</li> <li>-Dam effect</li> <li>-Short-circuit between aquifers</li> <li>-Water pollution</li> </ul>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Conflict</li> <li>+synergy</li> </ul> </div>

<sup>1</sup>Pollution des eaux = infiltration d'eau de ruissellement, pollution par les matériaux d'injection, mobilisation de polluants, fuite de liquide caloporteur

Understand the interactions between resources = Create a vision for space planning

# DEEP CITY project

## Work Package 1

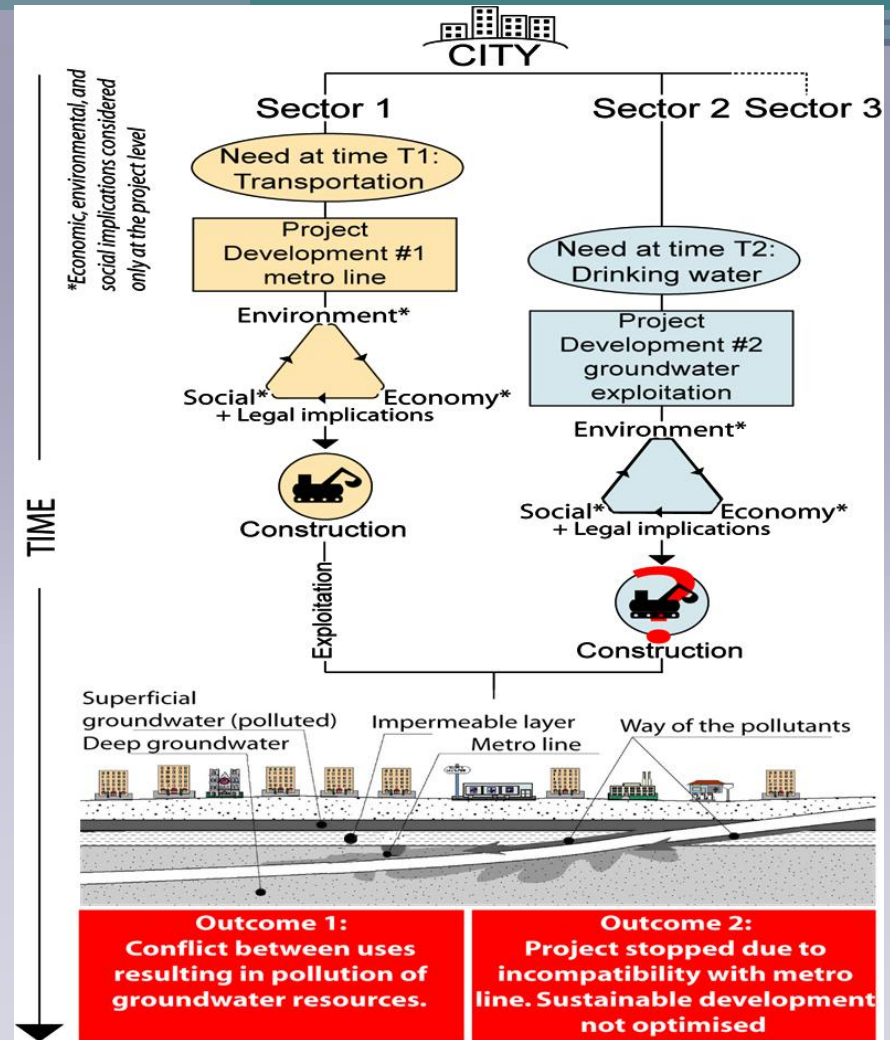
### “Lessons of the past”

Five case studies:

Mexico-city, Montreal, Paris,  
Helsinki, Tokyo

“Sectorial approach” of urban  
underground use is the main  
responsible of the **non-conformity**  
to the principles of Sustainable  
Development.

Our mission:  
To avoid the  
same problem in  
Switzerland and  
other countries



Create an underground development scenarios according to multi-use concept for **main typical geological structures** (including modelling and analysis of the scenarios)

## DEEP CITY project Work Package 2

### “Development of a new methodology”

#### Main Scenarios:

1. Analyze the acceptance of the society, the feasibility in the fields of ownership, sociology, economy, political acceptance, urbanism and legislation.

*Why the underground resources are explored in a inappropriate way from the view of the society?*

2. Develop a “Multi-use approach” for the urban underground, to understand the interactions between Space for construction, drinking water, Geomaterials and Geothermal exploitation, in order to promote the synergies and avoid the conflicts in the planning.

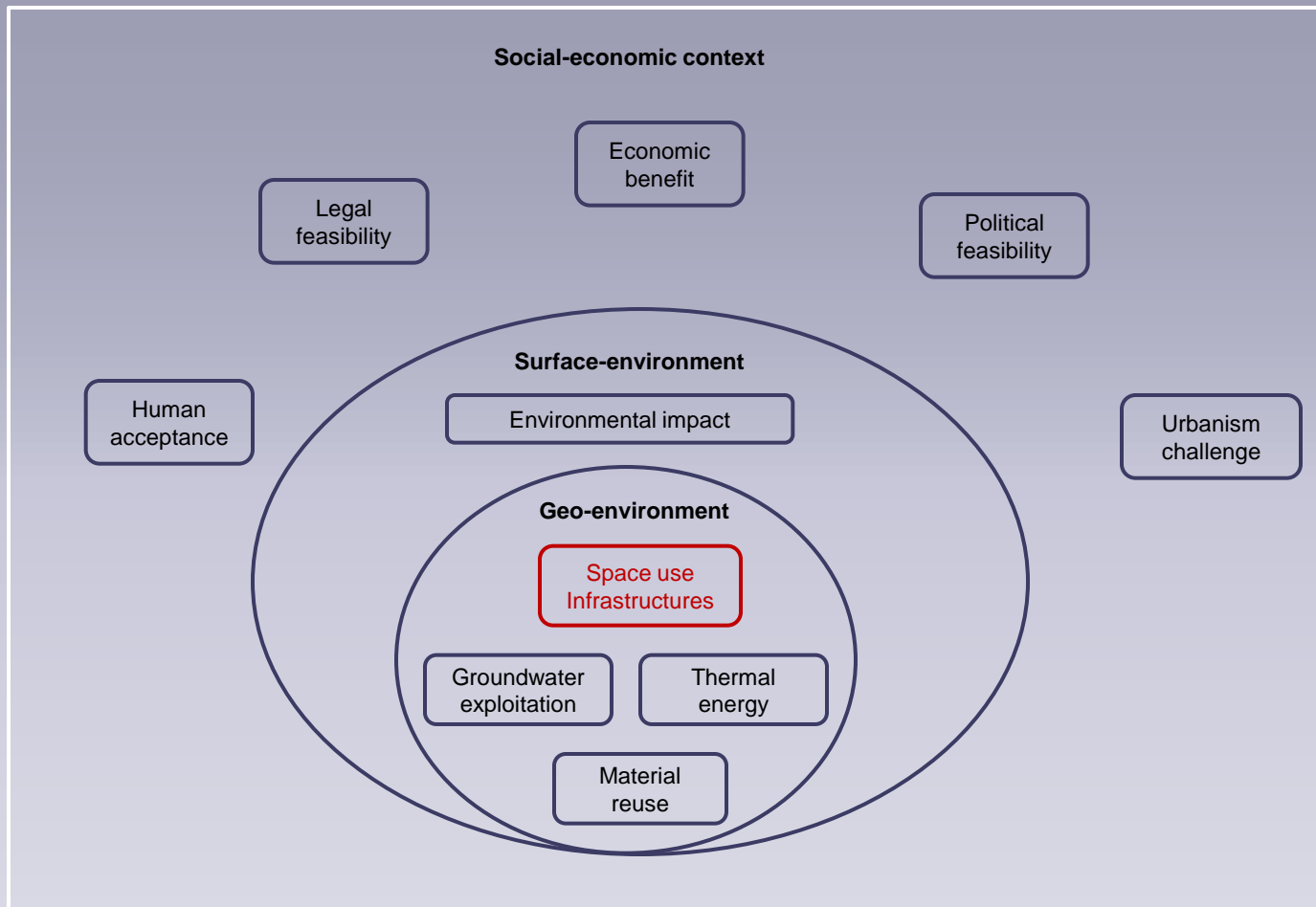
*How to optimize the use from the view of geology?*

3. Integrate a scientific framework in city Planning

- Natural and built environment data, 3D representing models
- Global Potential evaluations of the four resources for Multi-use, 2D evaluation maps
- Apply the methodology into the land development projects

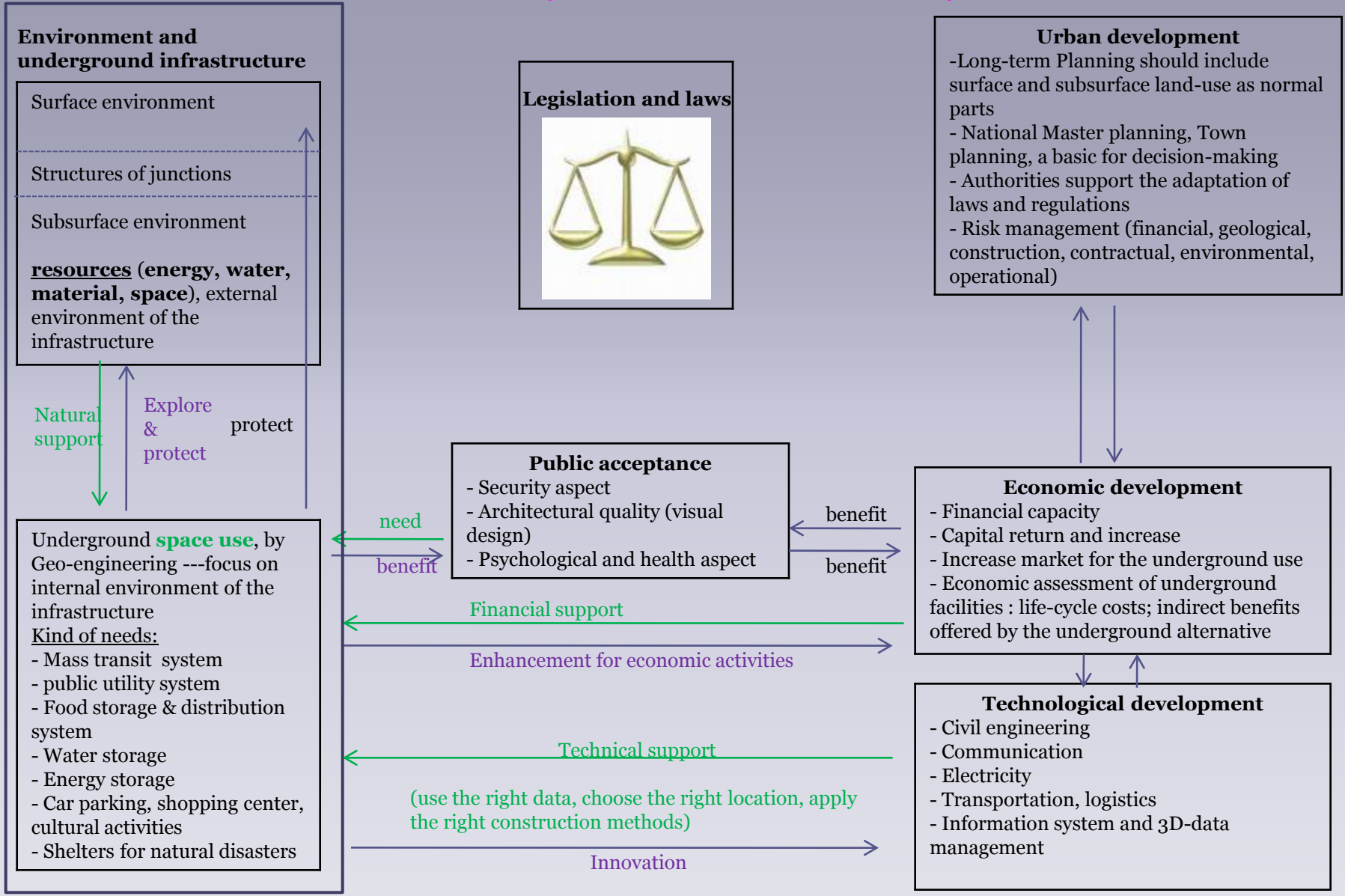
*How to help the decision-making from the view of planning process?*

## TO CONCLUDE...Critical success factors in urban underground space planning



Underground management for optimal use = Underground resources integrated management

# Sustainability = multi-dimensional analysis



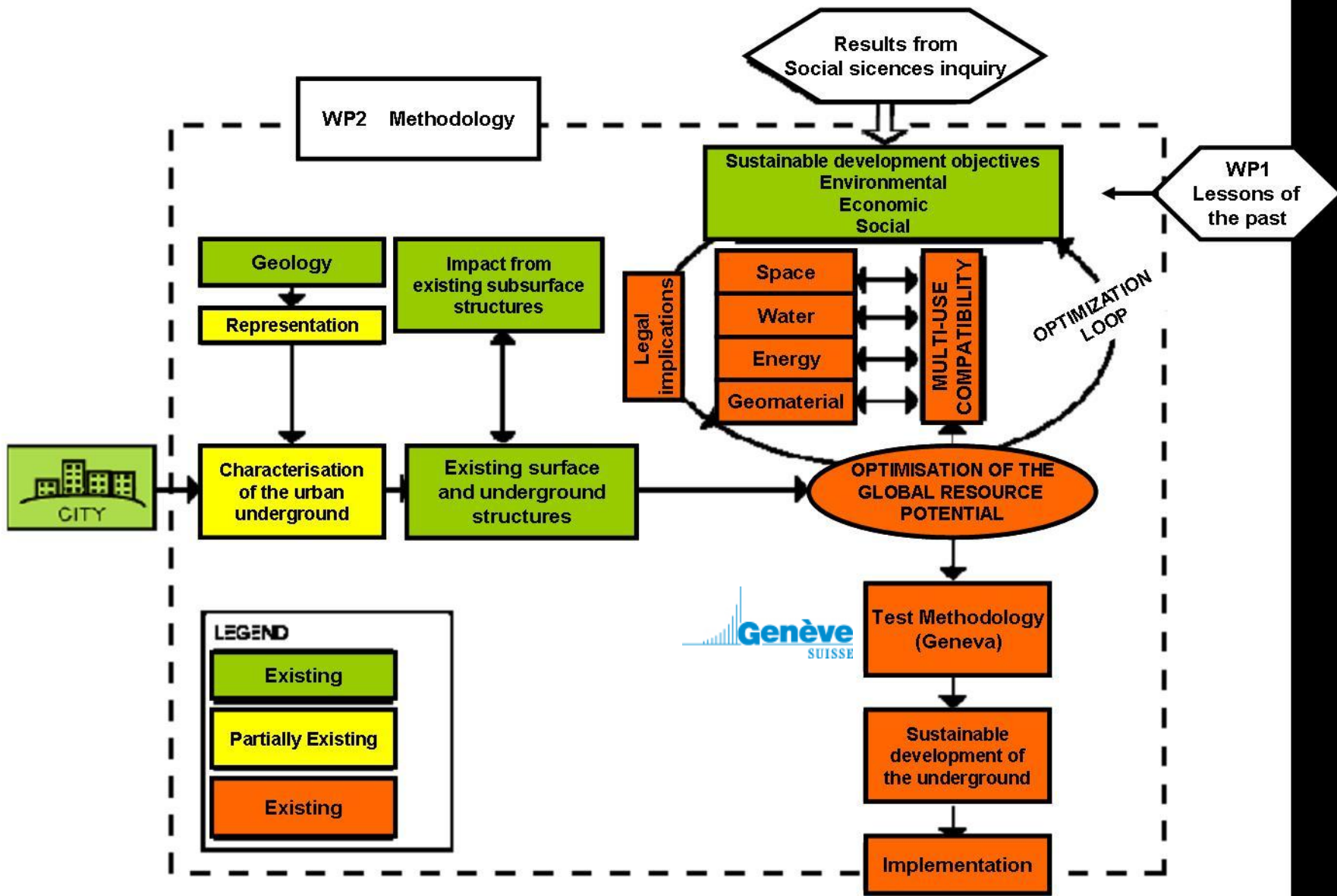


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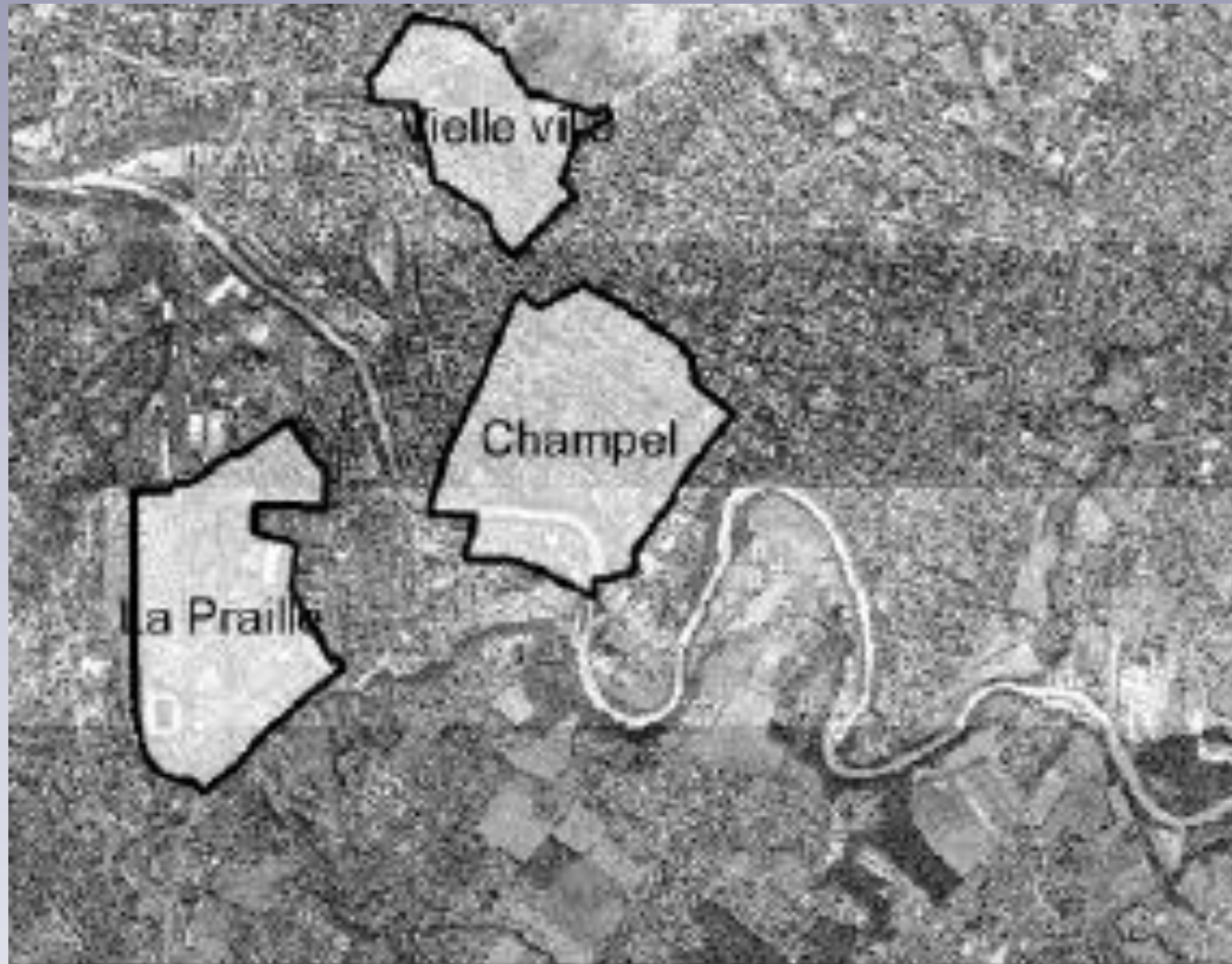


Multiuse of the urban underground for sustainable development

## Geneva urban zone



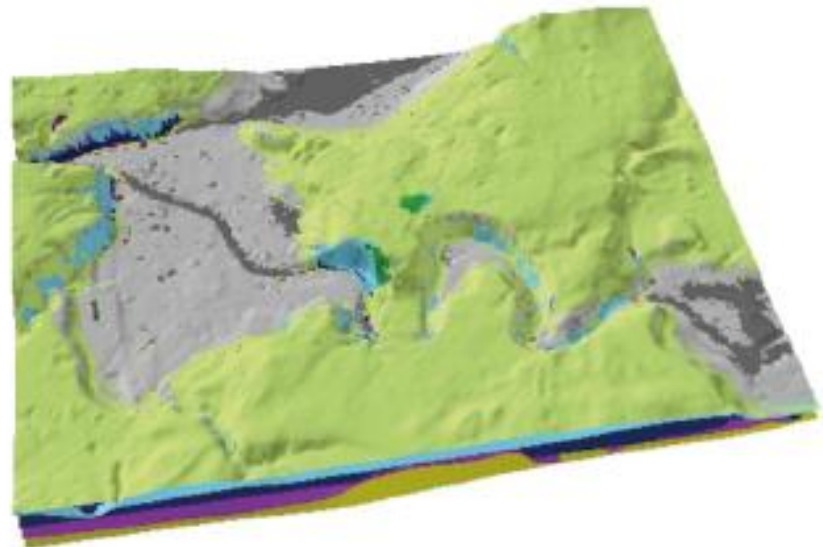
### 3 zones selected for test



## 3D geological and hydro-geological model of Geneva City

### Légende

-  APA - Alluvions de plaines actuelles non saturées
-  APA - Alluvions de plaine actuelle saturées
-  GL - Dépôts glaciolacustres
-  MF - Moraine de fond (würm)
-  FG - Dépôts fluvioglaciaires non saturés
-  FG - Dépôts fluvioglaciaires saturés
-  MF - Moraine de fond (riss)
-  Mgr - Molasse marno-gréseuse





## Scenario 1. Acceptance analysis :

**Legal feasibility:** **conflicts of interest** regarding land ownership, environmental protection laws for underground resources, construction project standards, need of instrument to promote multi-use potential.

**Human aspect:** increase public acceptance of different underground infrastructures due to **quality of architecture, security issues**.

**Economic feasibility:** underground construction in favorable geological condition **saves more energy**, according to a life-cycle comparison between surface and subsurface buildings.

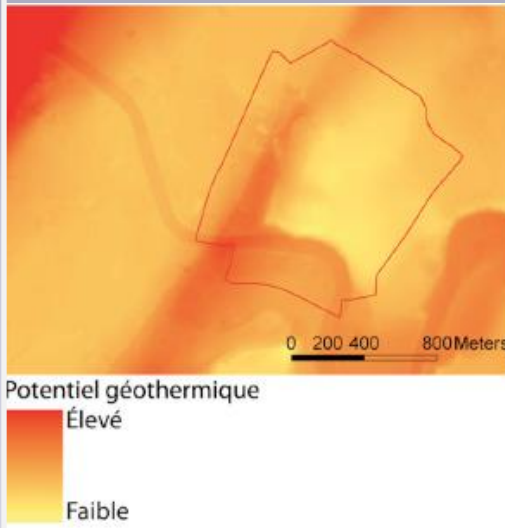
**Political feasibility:** opposition to a new development project of CEVA franco-genevoise tunnel, **NIMBY**(not in my backyard) reaction of residents in the zone of Champel.

**Urbanism challenges:** the need for global underground planning, **incitation** measures to preserve the subsurface, develop the public-private partnership and improve underground knowledge.

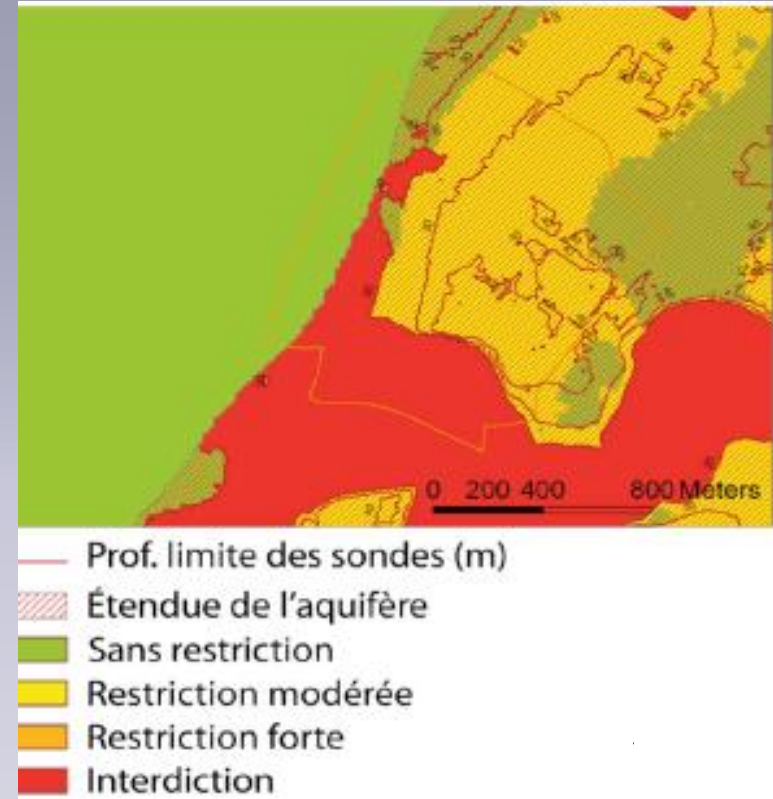
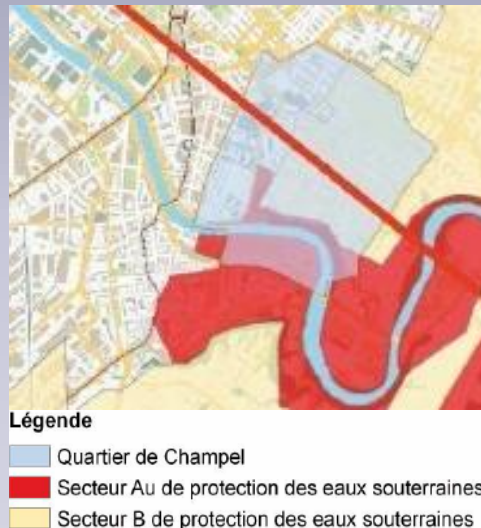
## Scenario 2. Multi-use approach for underground use (Zone Champel):

### A. Geostructure

geothermal probe of  
150m depth



Groundwater protection



Interaction geothermic ↔ groundwater

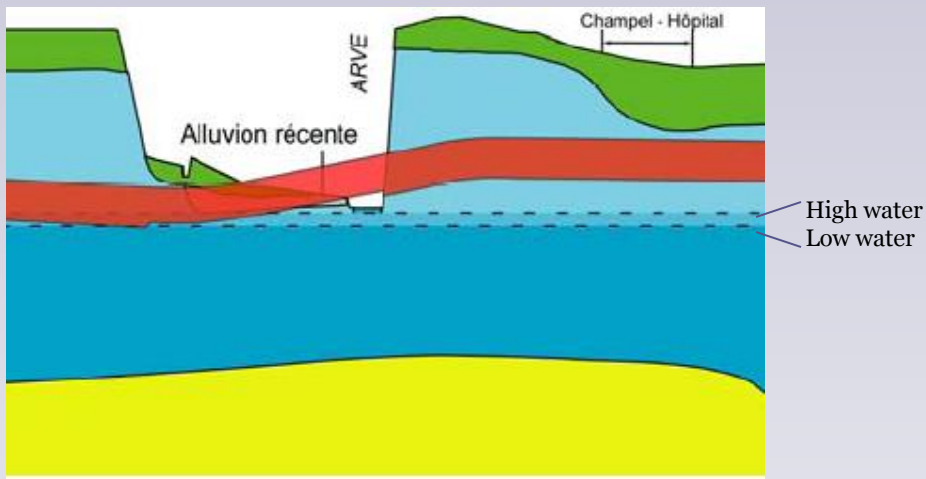
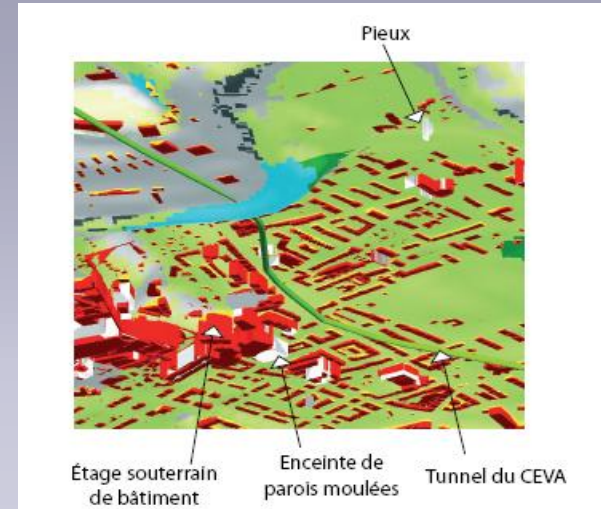
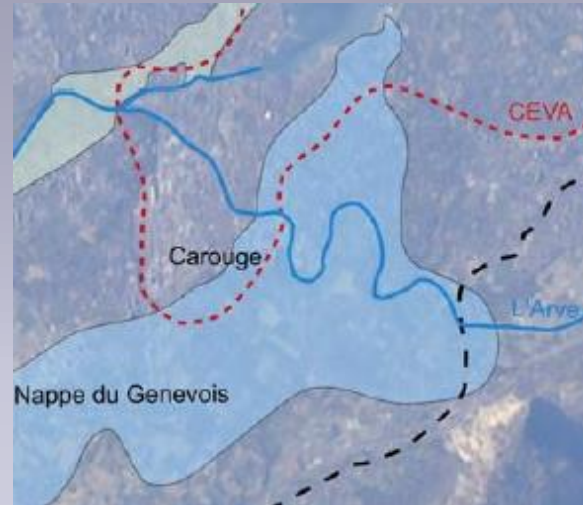
Global Potential evaluation map for geostuctures:

- In Champel, low potential
- **To the north-west of Champel , high potential.**



## B. Cross-river tunnel

CEVA tunnel  
across the river of Arve  
and the aquifer Genevoise



Interaction space ↔ groundwater :

- barrier-effect and short-circuit
- reducing the groundwater flow
- contaminate the portable water

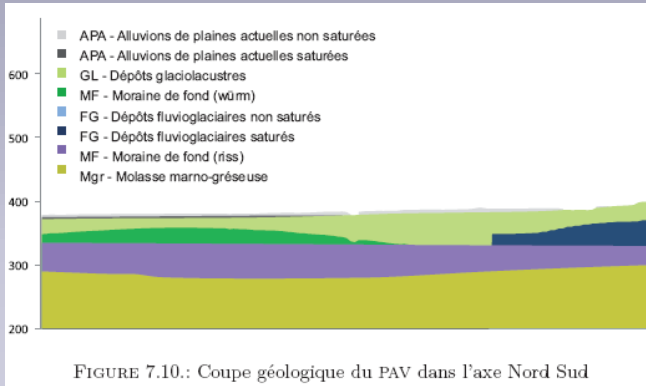


### Scenario 3. Integration into the city planning (La Praille):

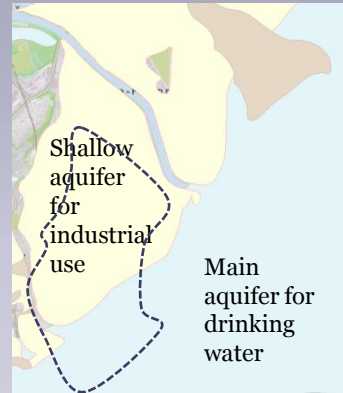
- Zone transformation: a outworn suburb industrial zone to a central modern zone
- **First Master Plan : localize business in the center with high-rise buildings (white circles)**
- Later engineering projects: integrate a multi-use resources management into planning



Global diagnostic based on the classification of Géotypes:



Géotypes	Formation géologiques
APA	Alluvion récente
GL	Moraine wilhelmienne
MF	Alluvion ancienne
FG	Molasse Riss
MGR	Molasse marno-gréseuse



- **Space potential** : bedrock in **northern area** is more appropriate for high-rise building
- **Geomaterials recyclable**: **high potential** to explore aggregate in construction
- **Groundwater use**: **drinking water** in peripheral area and **industrial use** in central area, conflict with the building foundations in the center
- **Geothermal energy**: high potential for geostructures in **northern area** (black circle)

**NORTHERN ZONE is more suitable for City redevelopment**

## TO CONCLUDE...

Early diagnostic has to be performed before the city planning, in order to ensure the technical and environmental realism.  
Challenge between underground use optimization and urban planning nowadays.

The proposition Deep City of integrating underground resources management into **Swiss Federal Law of Territory Planning** has been accepted and under consultation.

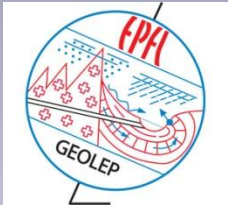
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## Deep City Joint Research Project

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International Partnership:



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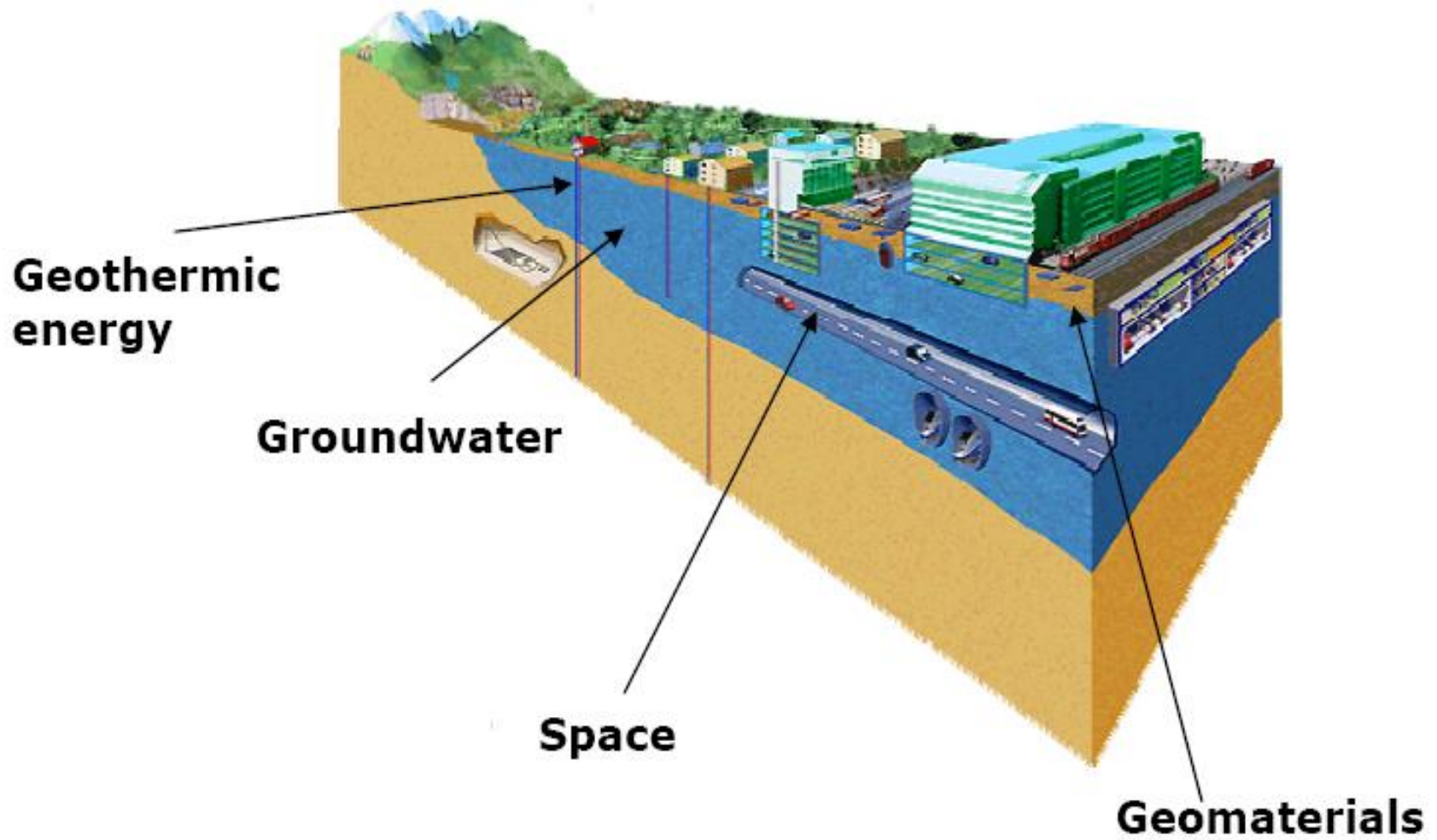
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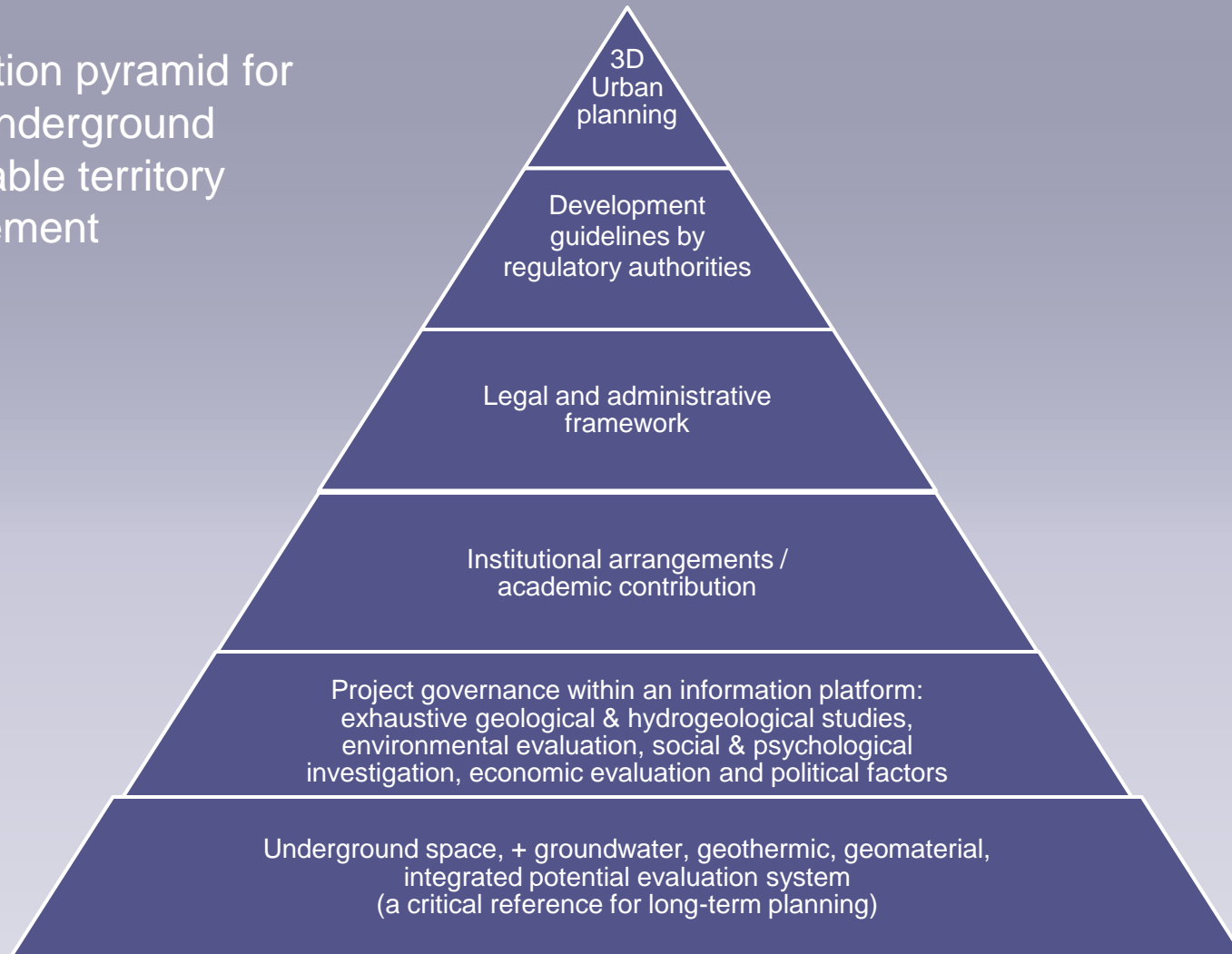
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Complementary potential in urban underground management



[Integrate a Deep City management system in China](#)

## Foundation pyramid for urban underground sustainable territory management



The foundation of the underground management pyramid is a **global potential evaluation system of the underground resources.**

## 1. The motivation

- Define a **universal management methodology** for much larger cities outside Switzerland.

- China, a typical fast developing country with **numerous underground use developments** and **a critical challenge to manage a huge increase of population** in urban sustainable development .

- The context of Chinese megacities differs in :
  1. geological conditions & hydrogeological settings, climatology
  2. scale of the cities, major needs, velocity of development
  3. technical and financial means
  4. existing environmental impacts

- Contribution of **larger and more complex parameters** to research on a **long-term underground space planning**.

- A collaboration also leads to a **reduction of accidents** in tunneling operations due to insufficient knowledge of geological conditions.





## 2. Define a 3D urban land planning in Chinese megacities with DEEP CITY concept

### Step 1 : Lessons of the past in Chinese underground space development

- Success & Failures
- Critical factors to improve the sustainability
- New mode of interactions between resources

### Step 2: Test the applicability of Deep City methodology by a pilot project in Jiangsu Province(*provisional*), Integrate a subsurface management system for urban sustainable development

- Database** of geological & hydrogeological survey, existing underground structures on the location
- Valorize **data representation** to improve the quality of prevision
- **Governance** in the socio-economic and political background
- **Global potential evaluation system** of underground resources , Multi-use integrated planning
- Change the **management process in city planning** to a new approach “From the resources to the need”

### Step 3: Create a general management methodology for urban underground space development, contribute to the urban space planning worldwide

- Identification of the resources (space, groundwater, geothermic, geomaterial)
- Long-term planning** based on global potential evaluation and sustainability quantification
- Exploitation of underground space according to the resource life-cycle

### 3. Background of underground development in Jiangsu Province

- A strong coastal city network near Yangtse River

#### Potentials:

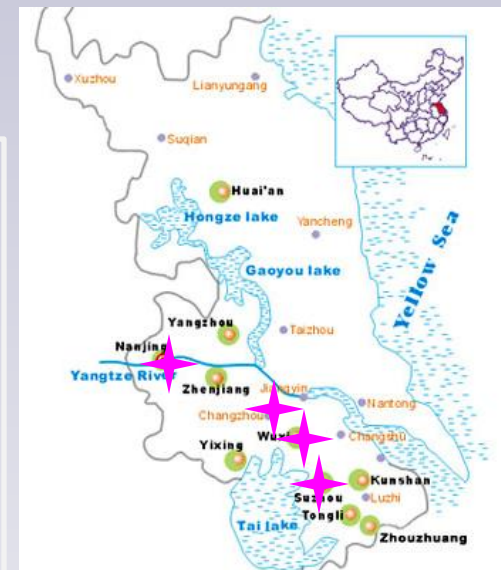
1. The particular highest economic development, the largest scale of urban underground space exploitation in China.
2. Similar natural geographical situation, with different geo-engineering conditions.

#### Constraints:

severe engineering accidents, land subsidence, earth fissures, groundwater pollution.



- Insufficient **knowledge** of geological and hydrogeological conditions.
- Ignorance of the **global potential** of underground resources
- Lack of **long-term planning** for underground use
- Lack of collaboration between different **stakeholders** in urban planning
- An urgency to research on the underground space-**resources** **integrated planning**



## DEEP CITY Scenario 1

The parameters in social-economic-legal governance:

### Public need and expectation:

- security, easy access,
- green open space on the surface, comfortable indoor architectural design for buried area,
- housing density in the province and demand for **high quality of life** enables more utility facilities, parking and leisure centers to go underground.

### Economic aspects:

- opportunity of economic-stimulus measures by Chinese government,
- long term profit and saving can be analyzed by **quantifying the direct and indirect advantages** from underground use.

### The right of ownership and use:

- “**State owns** both the underground and all resources”,
- the right of use belongs to different private parties.

### Sustainable Policy and Environmental Protection Law:

- groundwater and aquifer system protection,
- disposal of excavated material, surface environmental impacts control
- Protection of the urban heritage to preserve a precious Chinese culture and history in the province.
- Sustainable development strategies in a developing country.

### Education & Training:

- provide necessary education of underground use to decision-makers for planning issues,
- enhance public awareness of “underground is part of the city” in order to increase acceptability.

## DEEP CITY Scenario 2

Underground resources exploitation at the coastal cities in Jiangsu Province:

### Subsurface Space:

- A centralized area for underground space development
- main use: metro, cross-river tunnel, public utility tunnel, commercial center, civil air defense
- Significant engineering accidents due to insufficient geological knowledge



### Groundwater:

- Abundant rainfall and surface water bodies for recharge, exploitation over 90 years.
- Lack of planning for industrial use and drinking use based on its quality and quantity
- Severe land subsidence due to overpumping, threatening the underground structures..

### Geothermal energy:

- Shallow thermal energy to develop in Nanjing and Suzhou
- Lack of planning to serve construction

### Geomaterials:

- Abundant construction material resources.
- Lack of planning of valorization and reutilization for construction.

- Mechanism and mode of interactions between exploitation of different resources under different conditions and scales.
- Global exploitation potential based on the spatial and temporal distribution for long-term use and sustainable development.
- Coordination of the different structures based on the geo-environment system.



## DEEP CITY Scenario 3

To integrate a sustainable underground management system into the city planning...

## CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Underground space is **limited**, its exploitation may interfere with other resources like groundwater, material and geothermic.
- ✓ Synergies between them (such as metro with geostructure, etc) have to be encouraged by the local **urban development bodies and national resources management department**.
- ✓ Before going underground, a flexible **legal and institutional framework** have to be established so as to guarantee the success of underground space development.
- ✓ City planning process should integrate a third dimension - underground space planning, **development guidelines** have to be established by the regulatory authorities to assist their development, feasibility studies and implementation.
- ✓ The world development of underground space planning and management, shares an international interest, enables a complementary collaboration, contributes to an advanced research, directs to a sustainable world and a harmonious future.



Thank you