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Workflow to evaluate potential lava flow thermal hazard to buried infrastructure

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Outline



Background on the DEVORA scenarios

Update to the scenarios

Buried infrastructure hazard

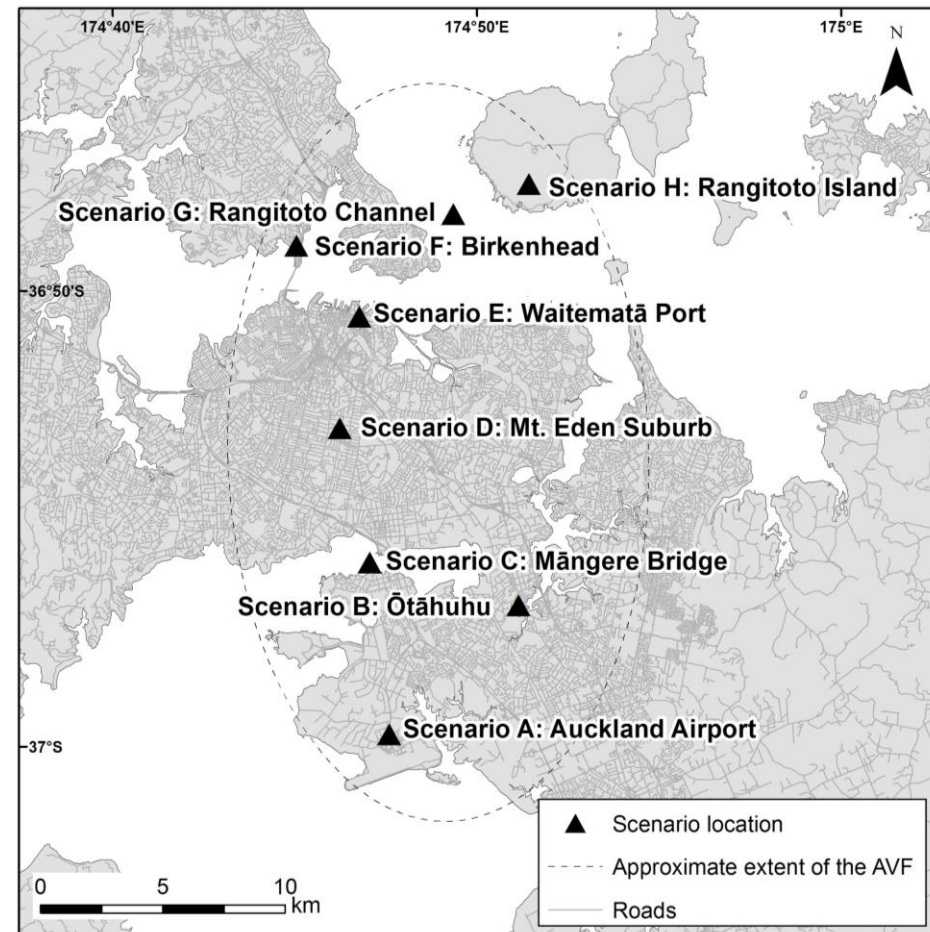
Method to evaluate thermal hazard

Case study: Birkenhead

DEVORA Scenarios

- Eight hypothetical eruptive sequences
- Multi-hazard modelling undertaken
- Represent the full range of possible eruptive phenomena & hazard intensities
- Hazard occurrence based on how frequently they have previously occurred

N.B. Scenario C/Māngere Bridge is the Exercise Ruamoko sequence



From: Hayes et al. (2018; GNS report), Hayes et al. *in prep*

Updating the lava flow modelling



Lava flows were included in four of the seven new sequences

Original modelling:

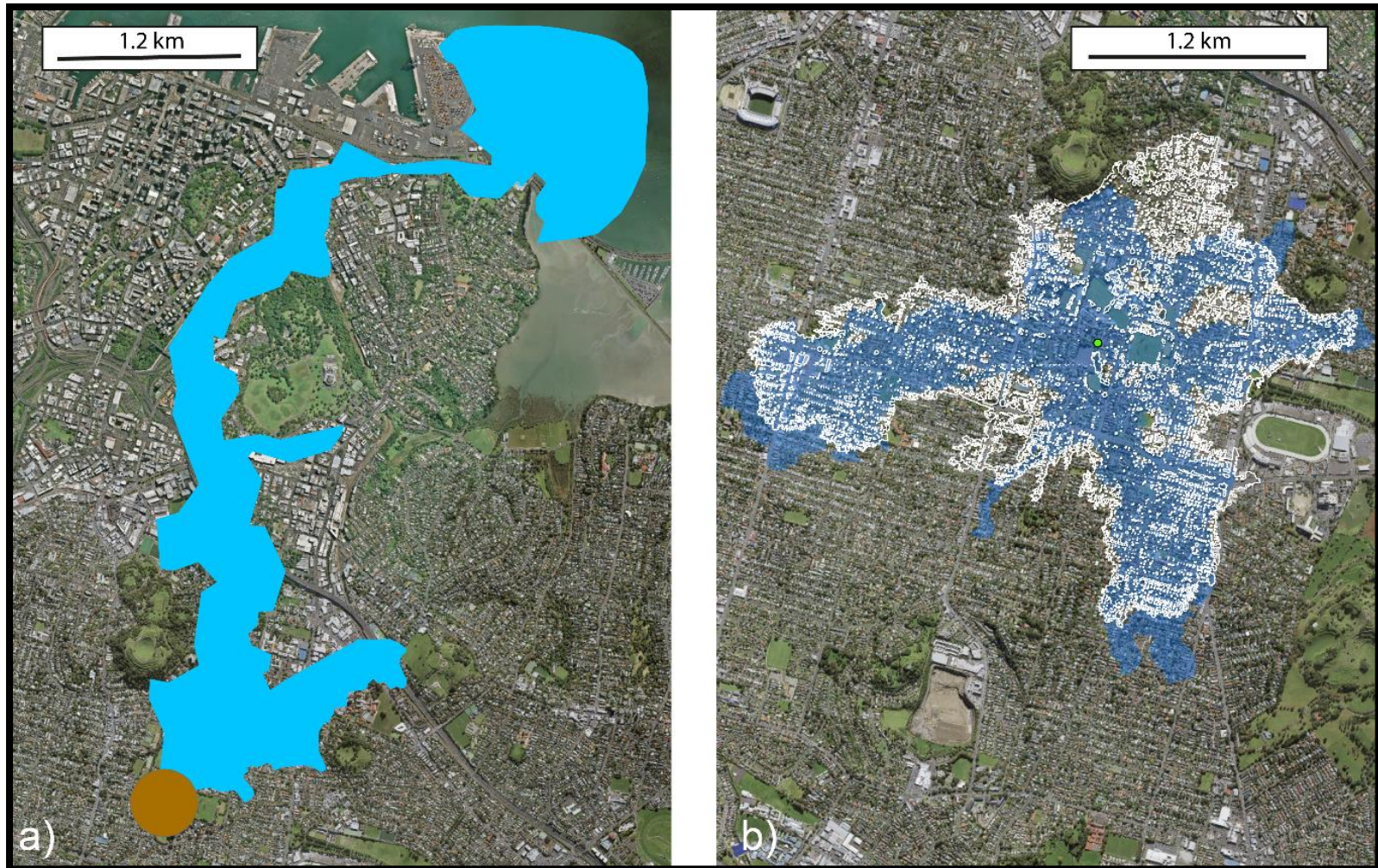
- Hand-drawn based on expert elicitation
 - On DSMs
- Outputs:
 - Flow footprint over time
 - Advancement rate

Lava flow modelling for three of the four sequences was quantitatively modelled

New modelling:

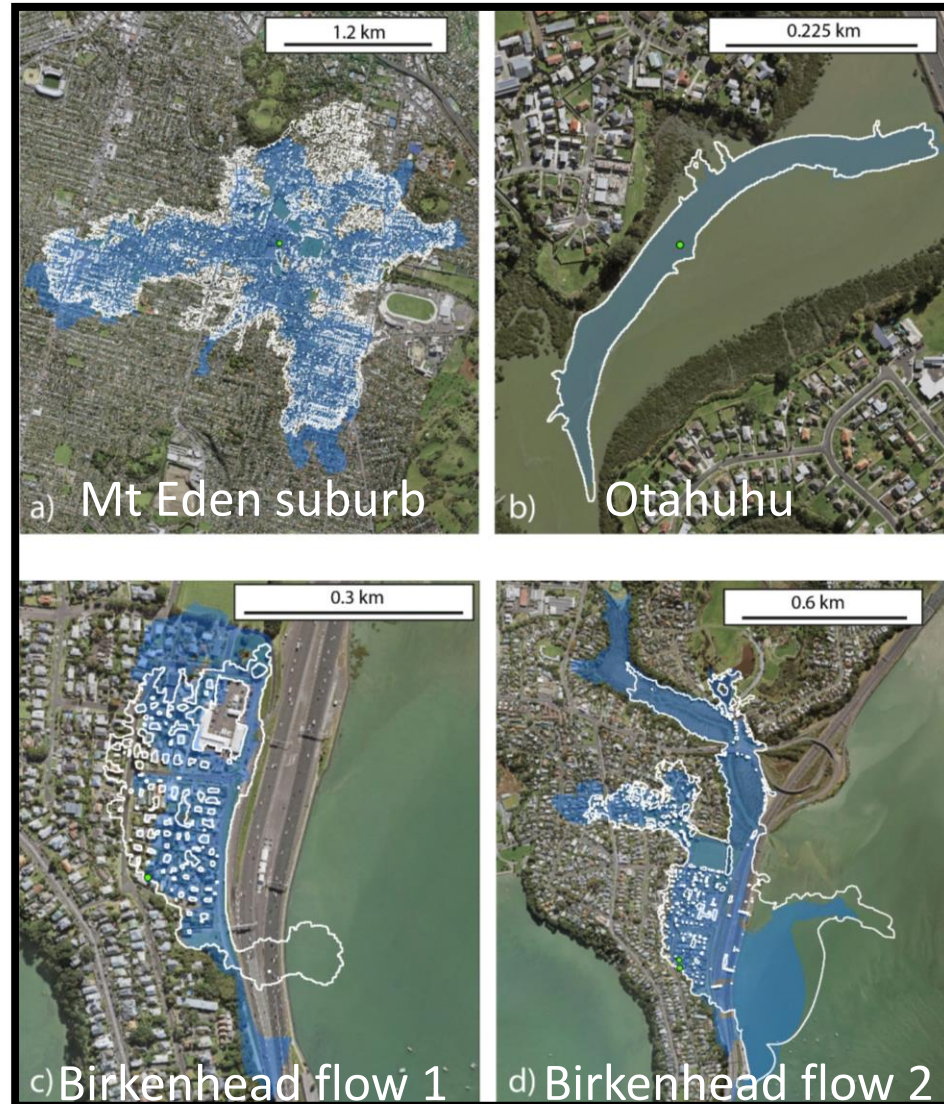
- MOLASSES
 - Undertaken on DEMs & DSMs
- Outputs:
 - Flow footprint
 - Flow thickness

Comparison



Footprints

DEM run (blue)
DSM run (white outline)
Vent (green circle)

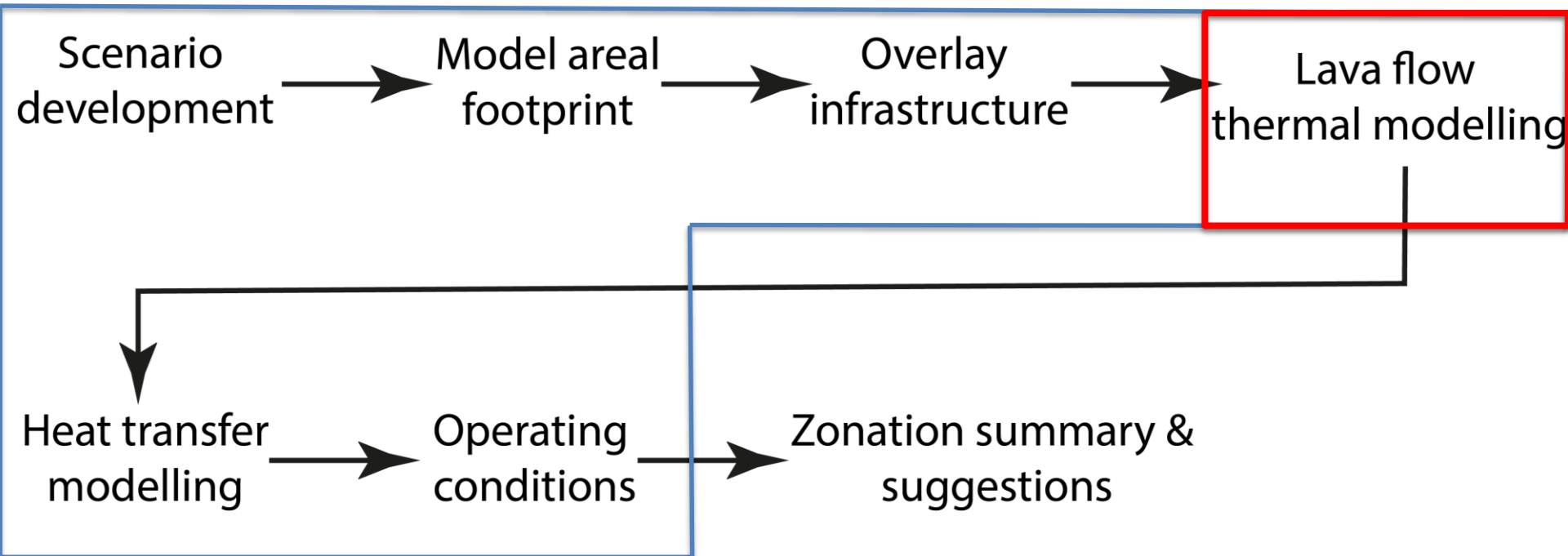


Buried infrastructure hazard



- Spoken with representatives at:
 - Hawaiian Electric Light Company (Hawaii, USA)
 - Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply (Hawaii, USA)
 - Auckland Council
 - Auckland Emergency Management
 - Transpower
- All voiced concerns about how much heat lava flows transfer into the substrate and if conditions will continue to be operable
- Most defined operable temperatures as substrate temperatures of 100°C or below

Overview of method



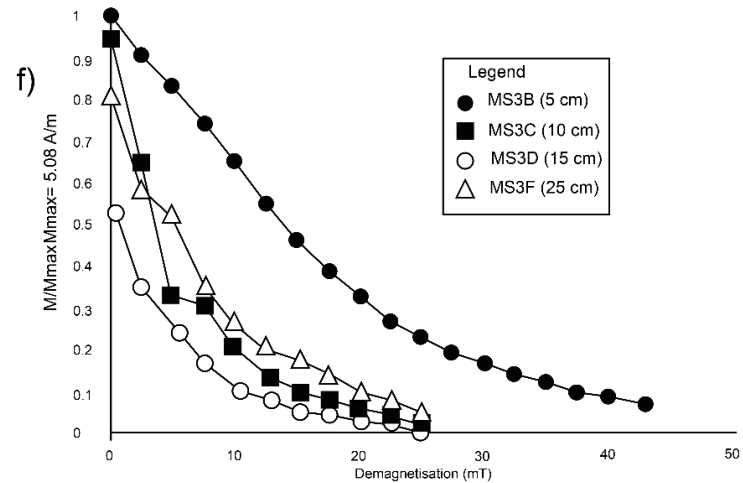
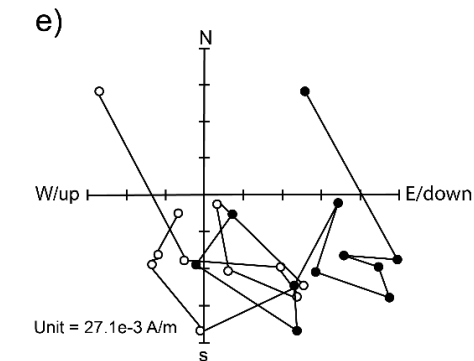
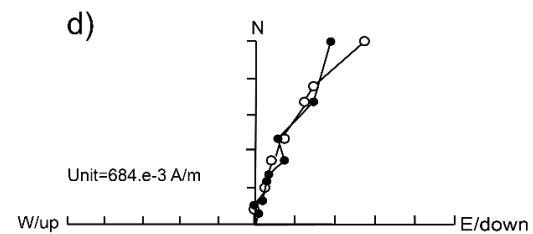
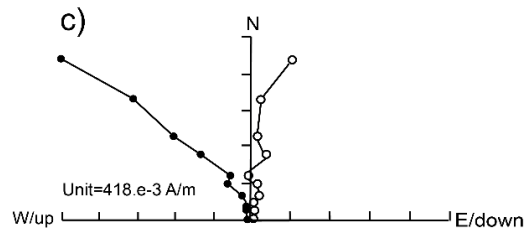
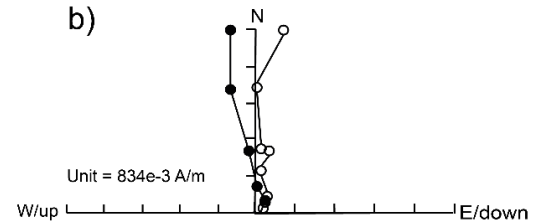
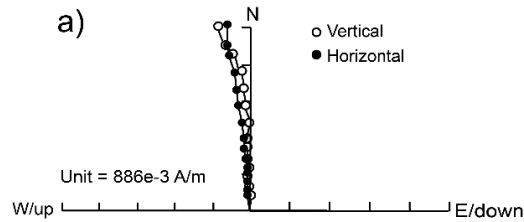
Heat transfer modelling

- Used Ansys APDL to model the heat transfer from a lava flow to the substrate below
- Created a training data set at the Syracuse University Lava Project
 - Axisymmetric, so assuming the temperatures were being measured below the centre of the flow
 - Data set equivalent to coring through the lava flow into the substrate below, not as if lava had gotten into pipes

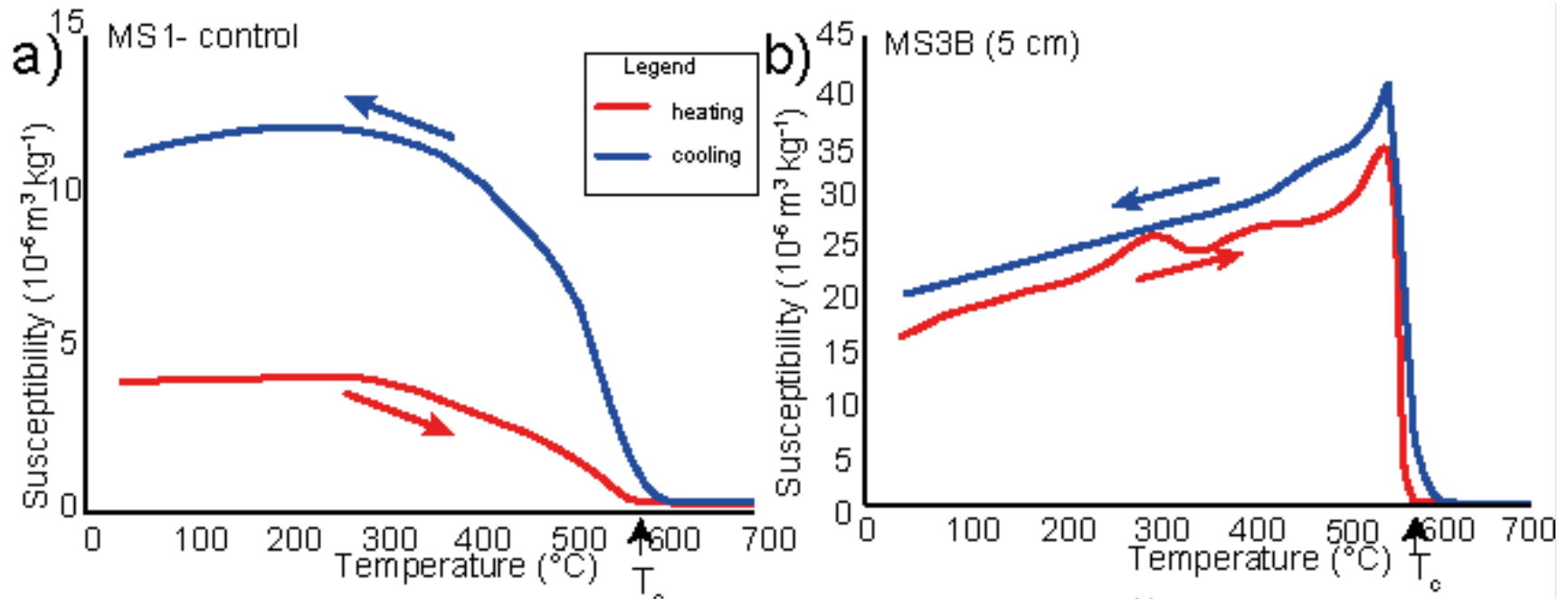
Tsang et al. *under revision*, Bulletin of Volcanology



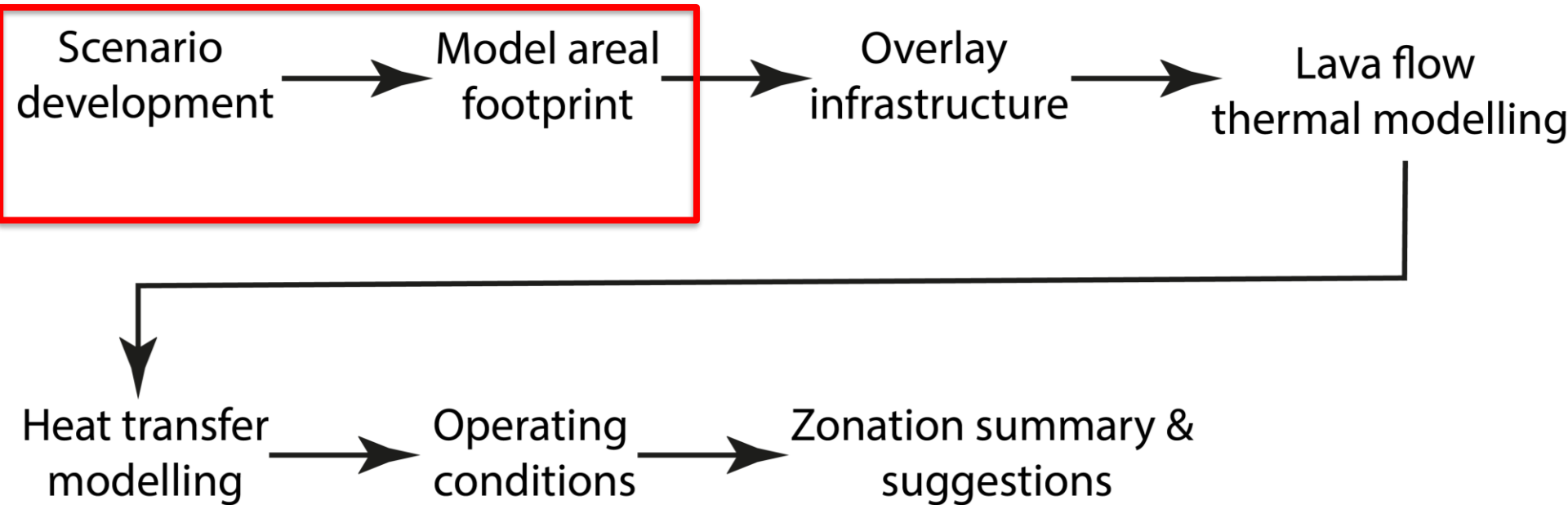
Validation



Validation, continued



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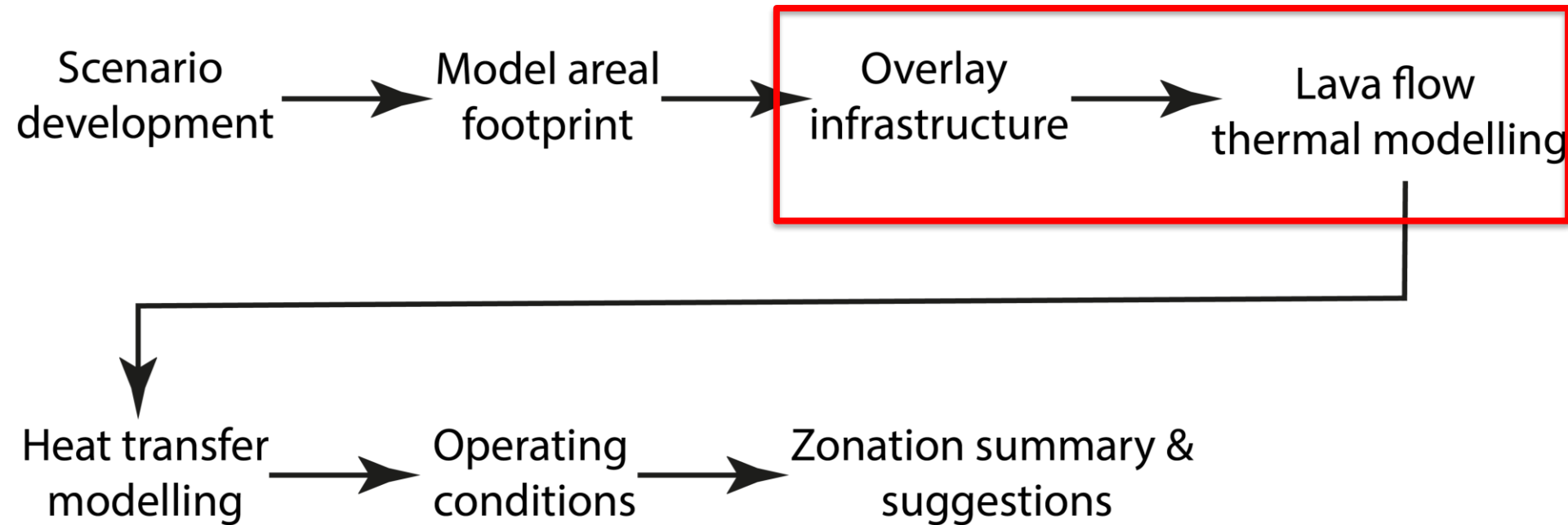


Case study: Birkenhead

- Using the DSM footprint (white outline)
- Flow advances across SH 1 at the northern end of the Harbour Bridge
 - Would affect the North Shore & Northland's power

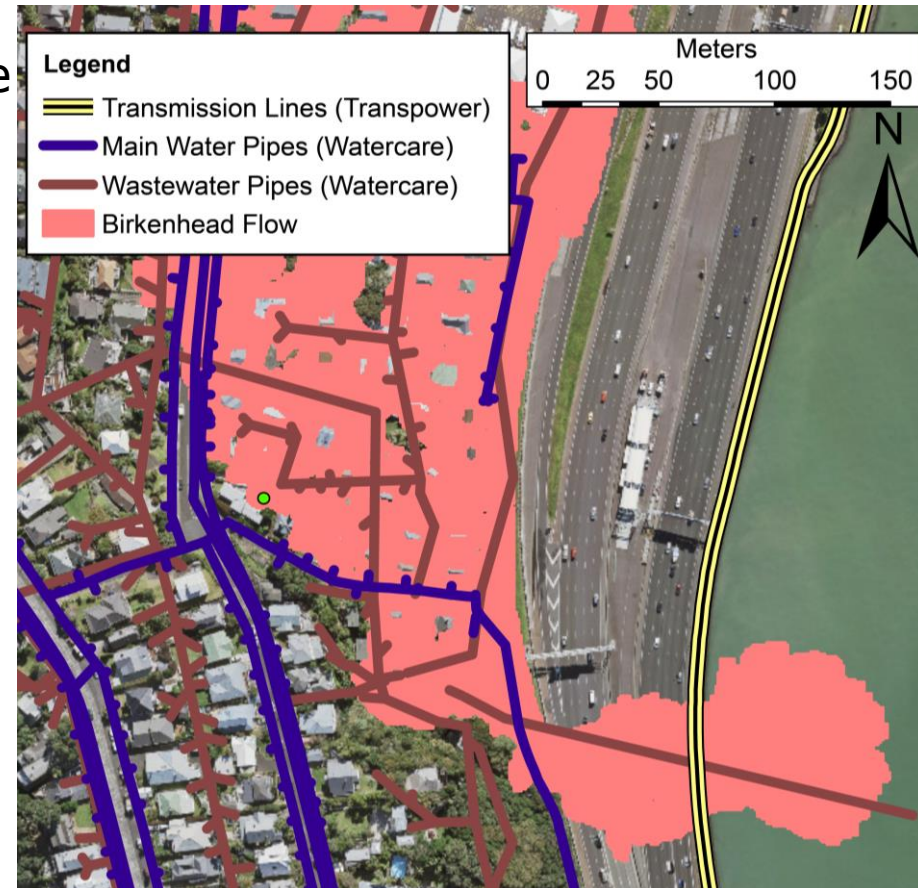


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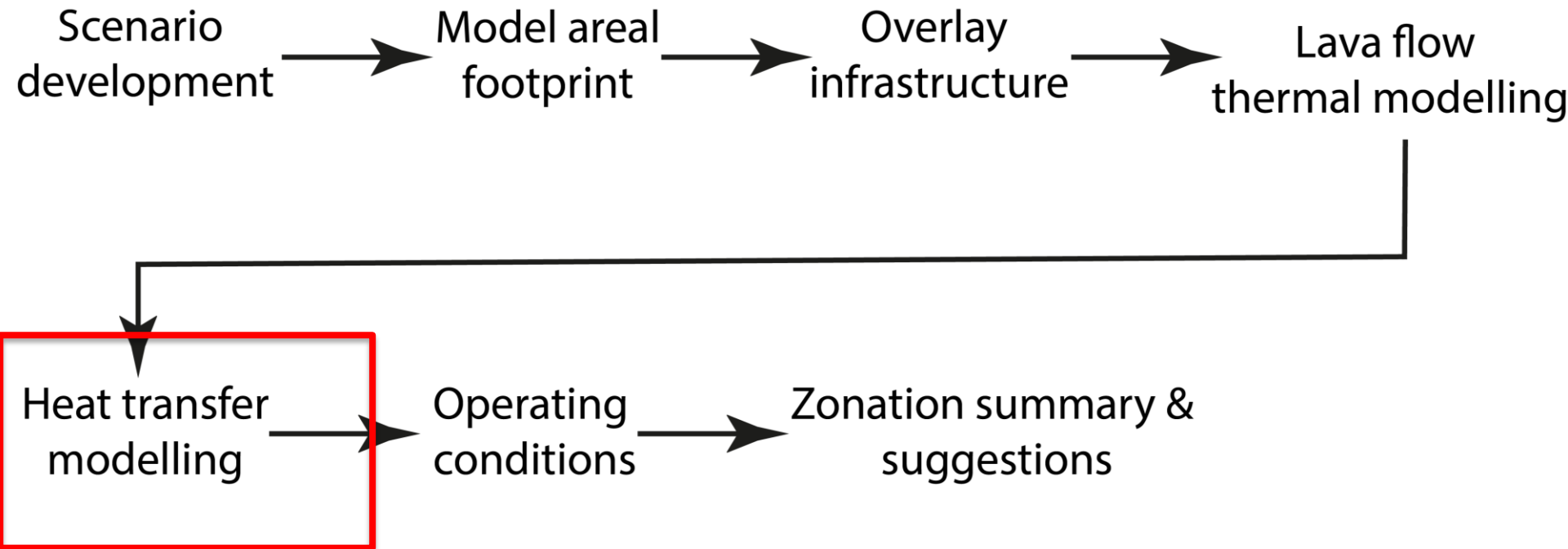


Infrastructure in Birkenhead

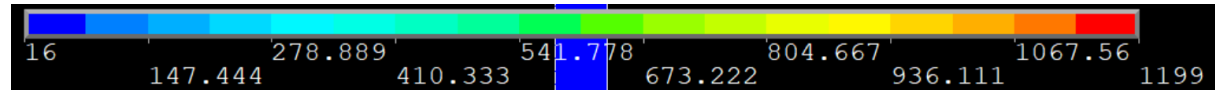
- Flow advances across SH 1 at the northern end of the Harbour Bridge
 - Transpower's main transmission line runs under the bridge & SH1
- FLOWGO at intersection point



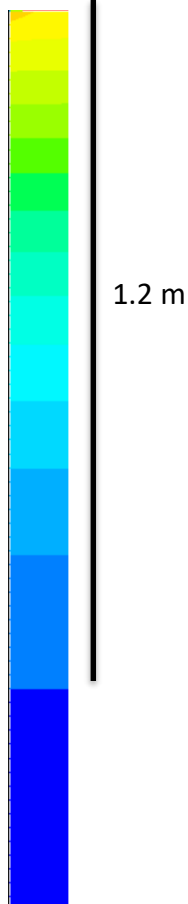
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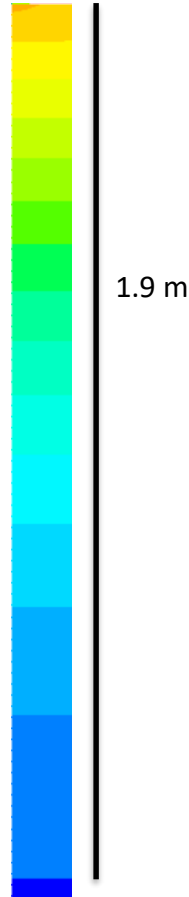
Heat transfer modelling



Increasing time =>

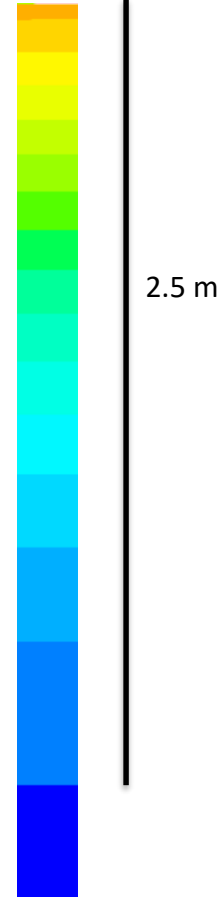


Thermal profile after: 4 days
(No more lava supplied after this)

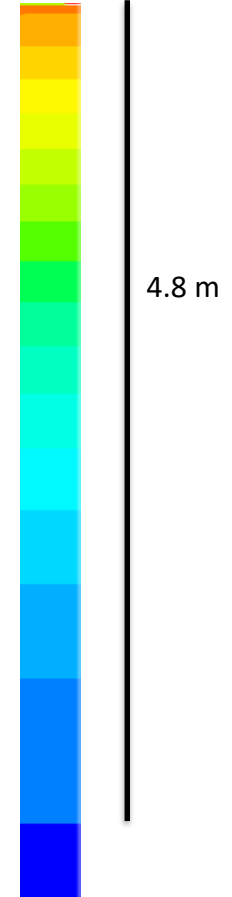


Thermal profile after: 7 days
(Time lava was supplied + 3 days)
100°C contour at 1.8 m

Temperature Scale (°C)

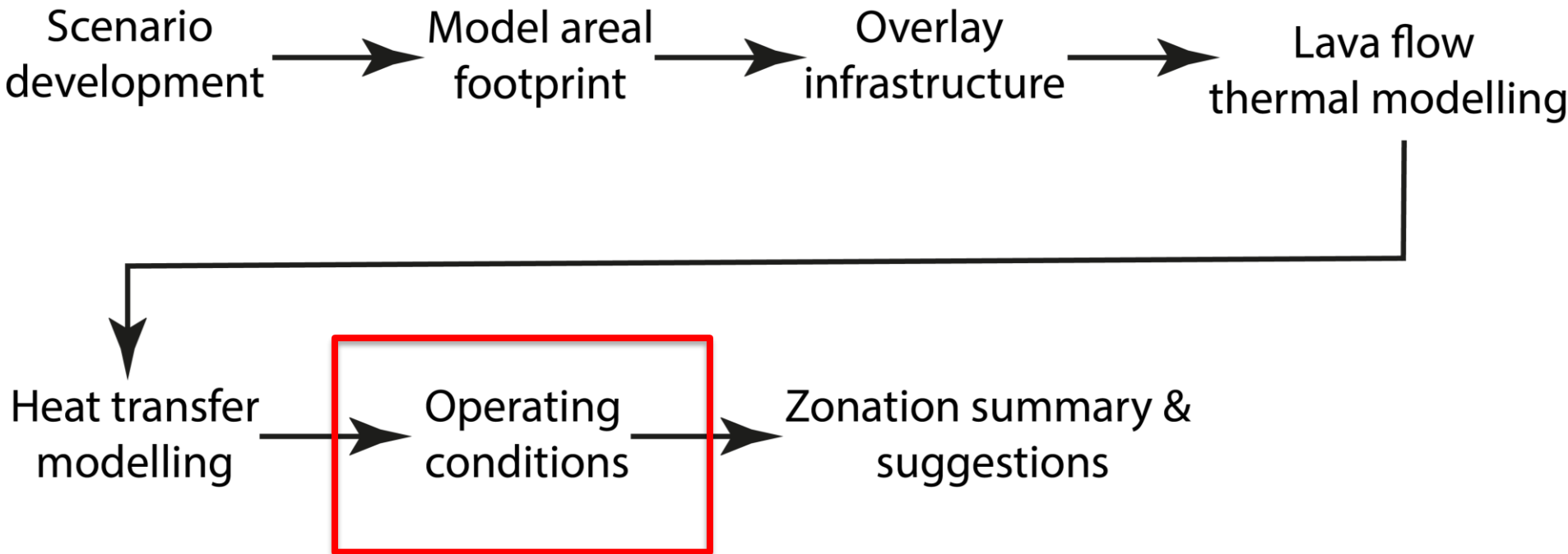


Thermal profile after: 11 days
(Time lava was supplied + 1 week)
100°C contour at 2.4 m
Potentially up to 7 cm erosion

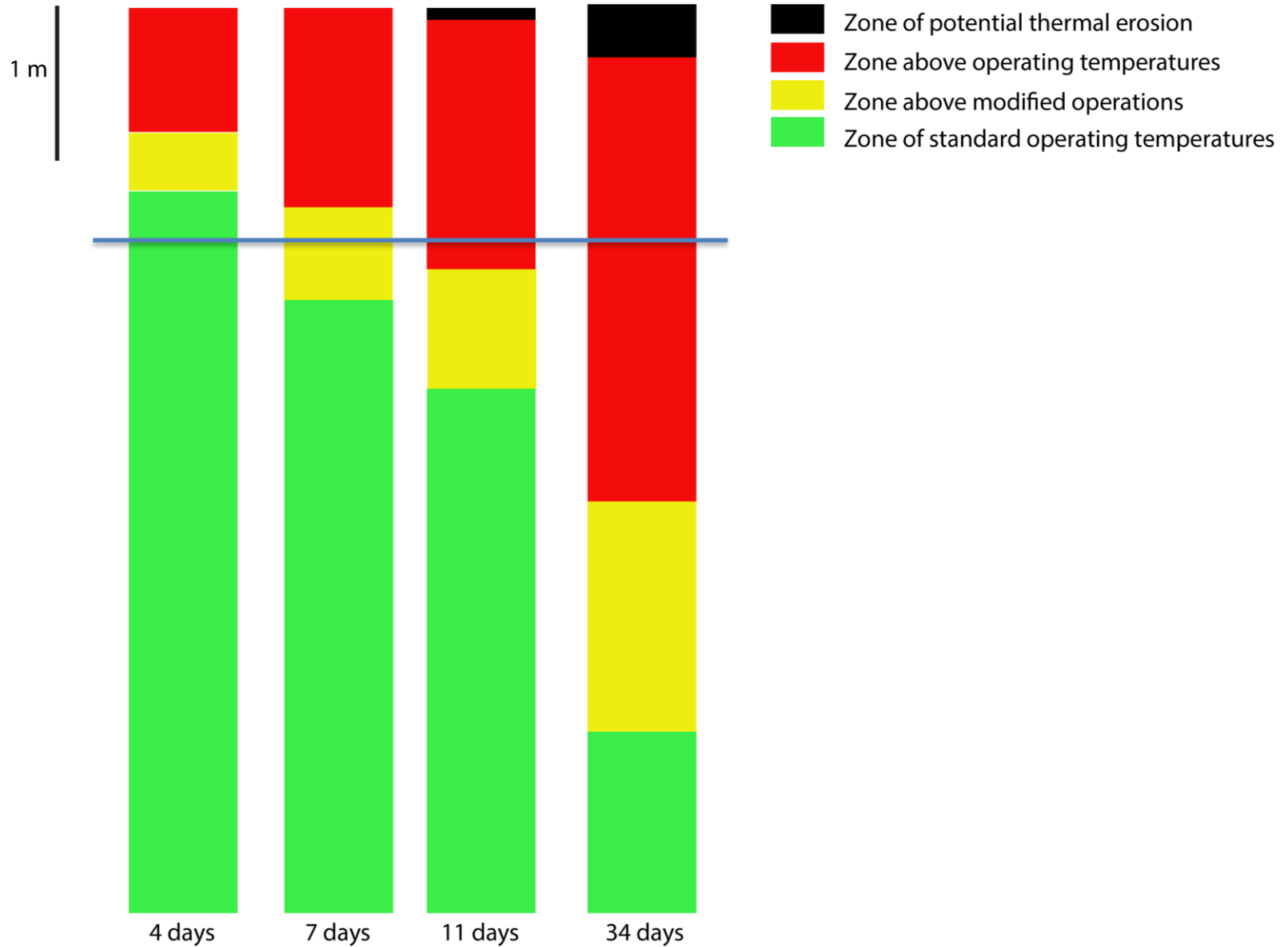


Thermal profile after: 34 days
(Time lava was supplied + 1 month)
100°C contour at 4.5 m
Potentially up to 35 cm erosion

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Results





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