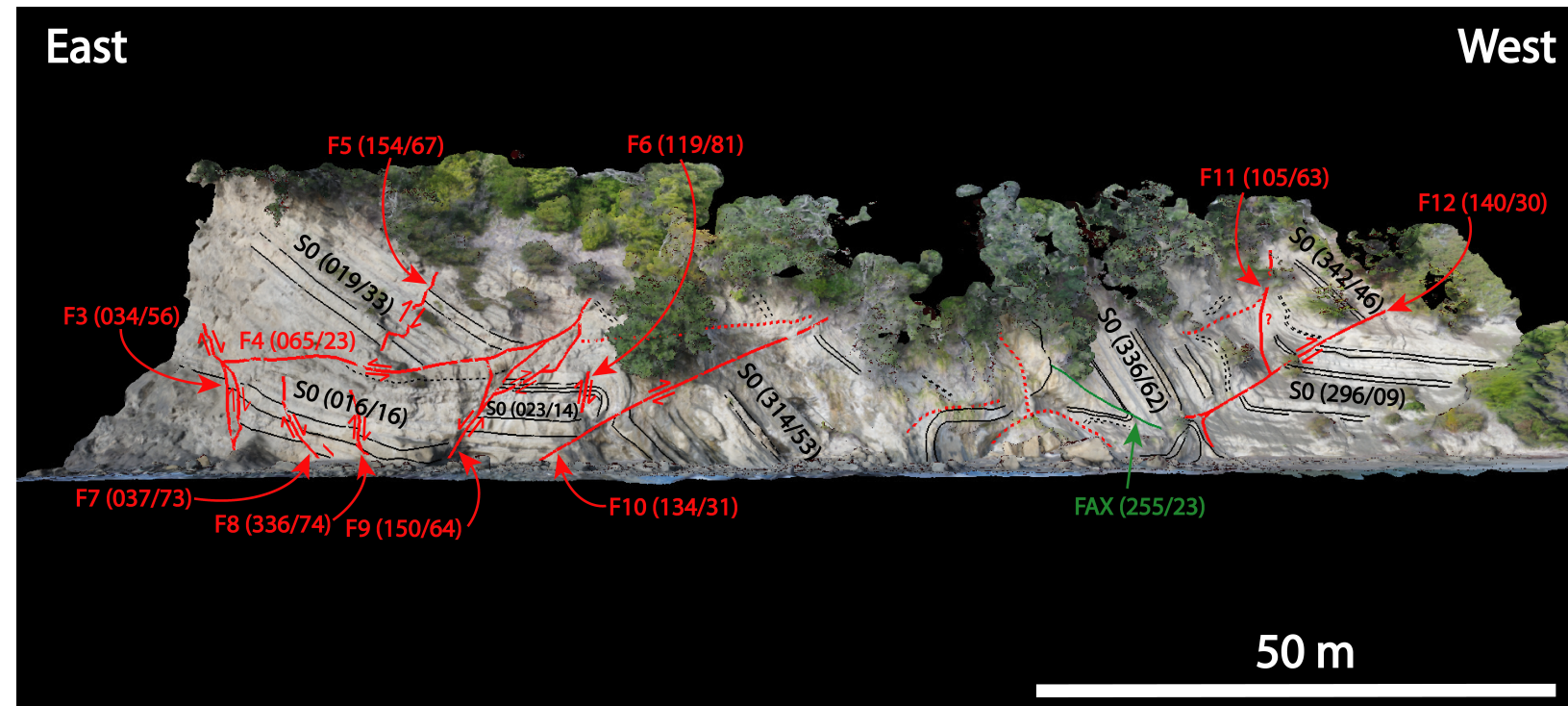


UAS based imaging and refined geologic modelling of the Waiwera Geothermal Reservoir



Aims: Extending the existing geological and structural data of the Waiwera area to **create a geological model** that can be applied to improve the process based simulations of the reactive flow model of Waiwera's geothermal reservoir by Kühn and Stöfen (2005), to **help ensuring a sustainable usage of the resource**. Furthermore, proposing a **statement about the possible reactivation of Waiwera's hot springs**.

Methods: **Manual data collection** (litholog, scanline measurements), rock sampling, petrophysical analysis (**porosity** and **permeability** measurements), petrographic analysis (X-ray diffraction, thin sections), **UAS mapping** for 3D model construction, (UAS) infrared **thermal observation**.



W–E and NE–SW trending faults and fractures represent the best fluid pathways

Results:

- **Good reservoir properties** disregarding the low permeability of the turbidite sequences through the presence of **fluid pathways along open faults and fractures**
- **Complex structural setting**
- Great relevance of anticlockwise bending of the western North Island for the development of **W–E trending (oblique-slip) faults**
- Majority of structures linked to **dominant extensional setting**
- **Renewed activity of the geothermal hot springs** on the beachfront of Waiwera, confirming the presence of open faults and fractures

