

## **PROJECT THE URAL SUPERDEEP WELL - 15000 M - DEEP STRUCTURE AND EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH'S CRUST OF THE URALS**

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