

Why and How Geothermal Energy Works — Environmental Benefits and Successful Outreach Strategic Plans Worldwide

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Outline



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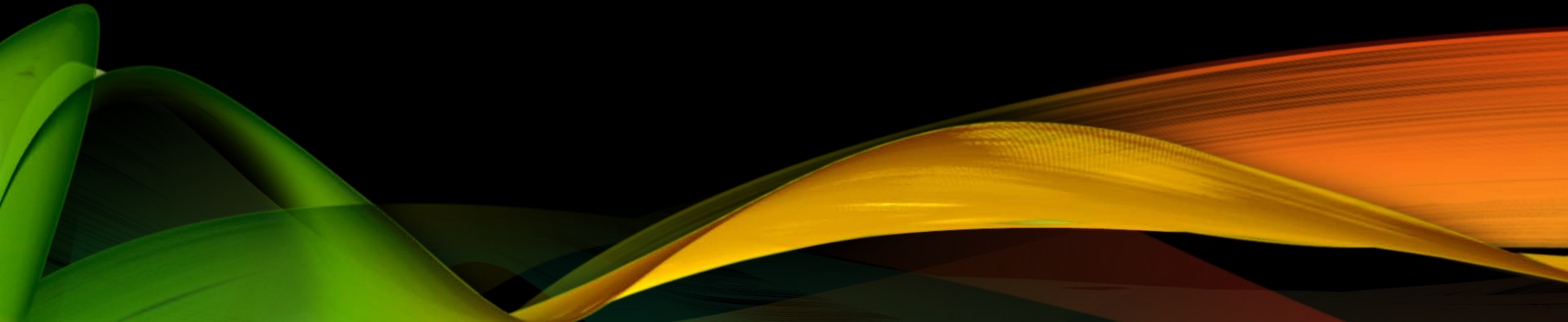
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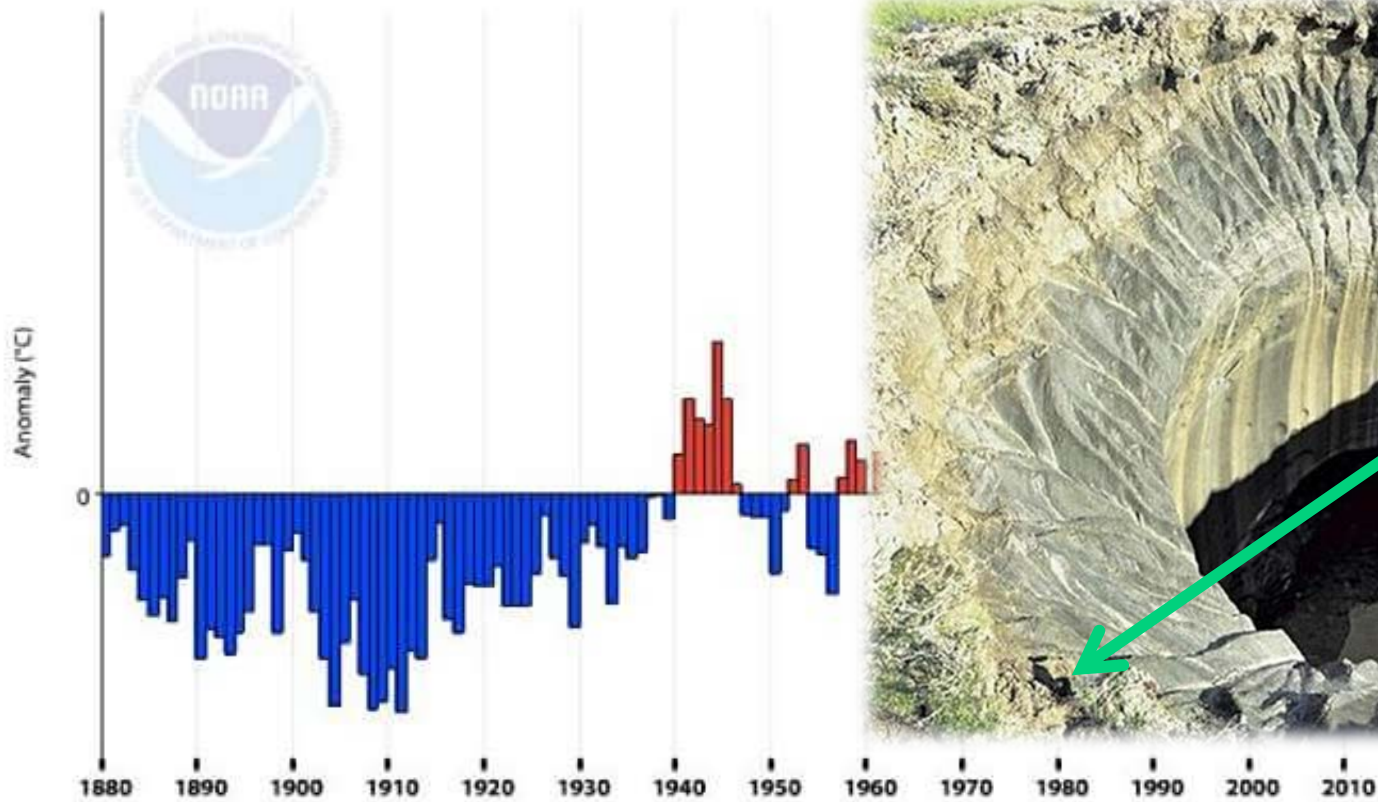
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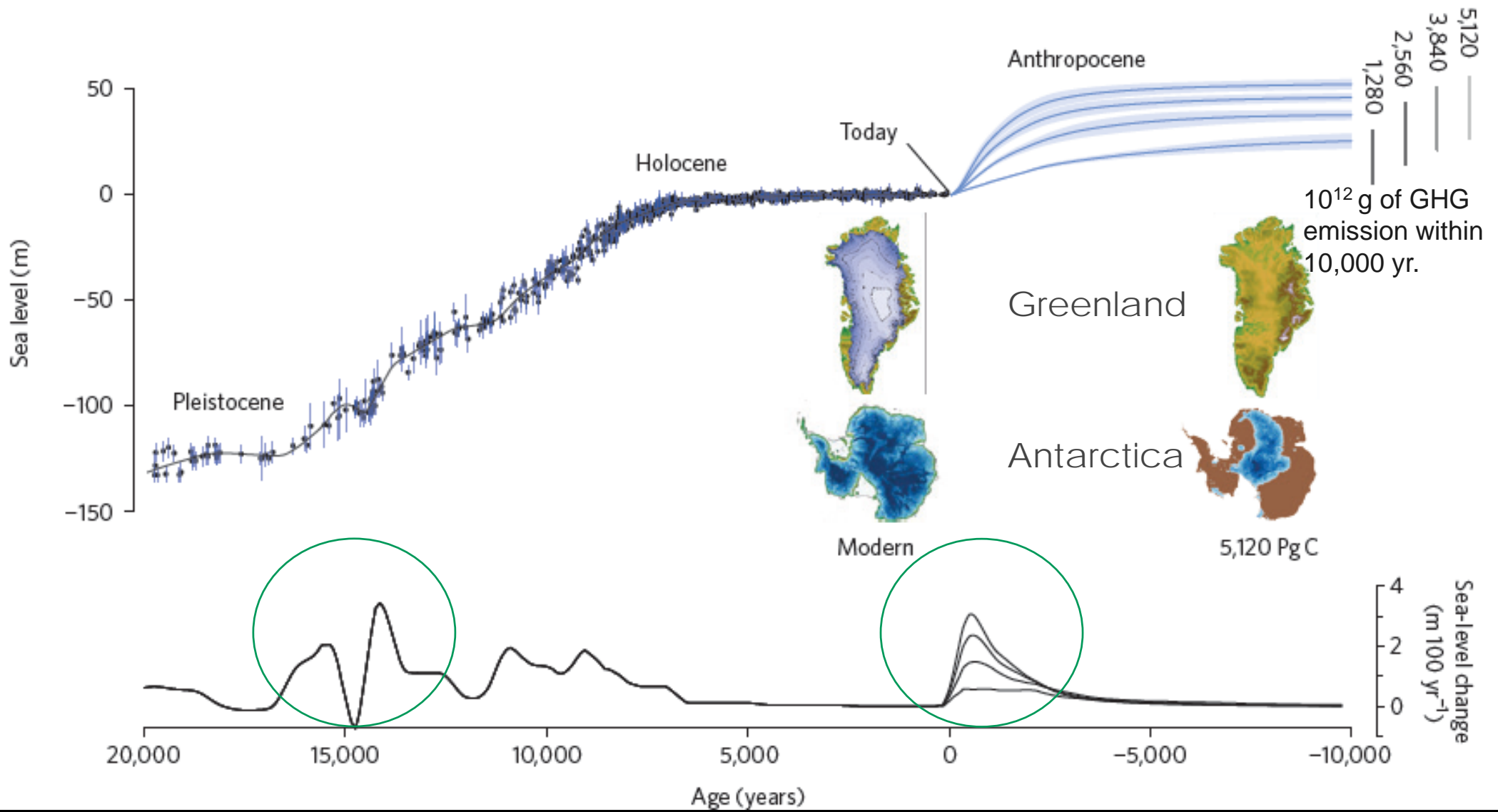
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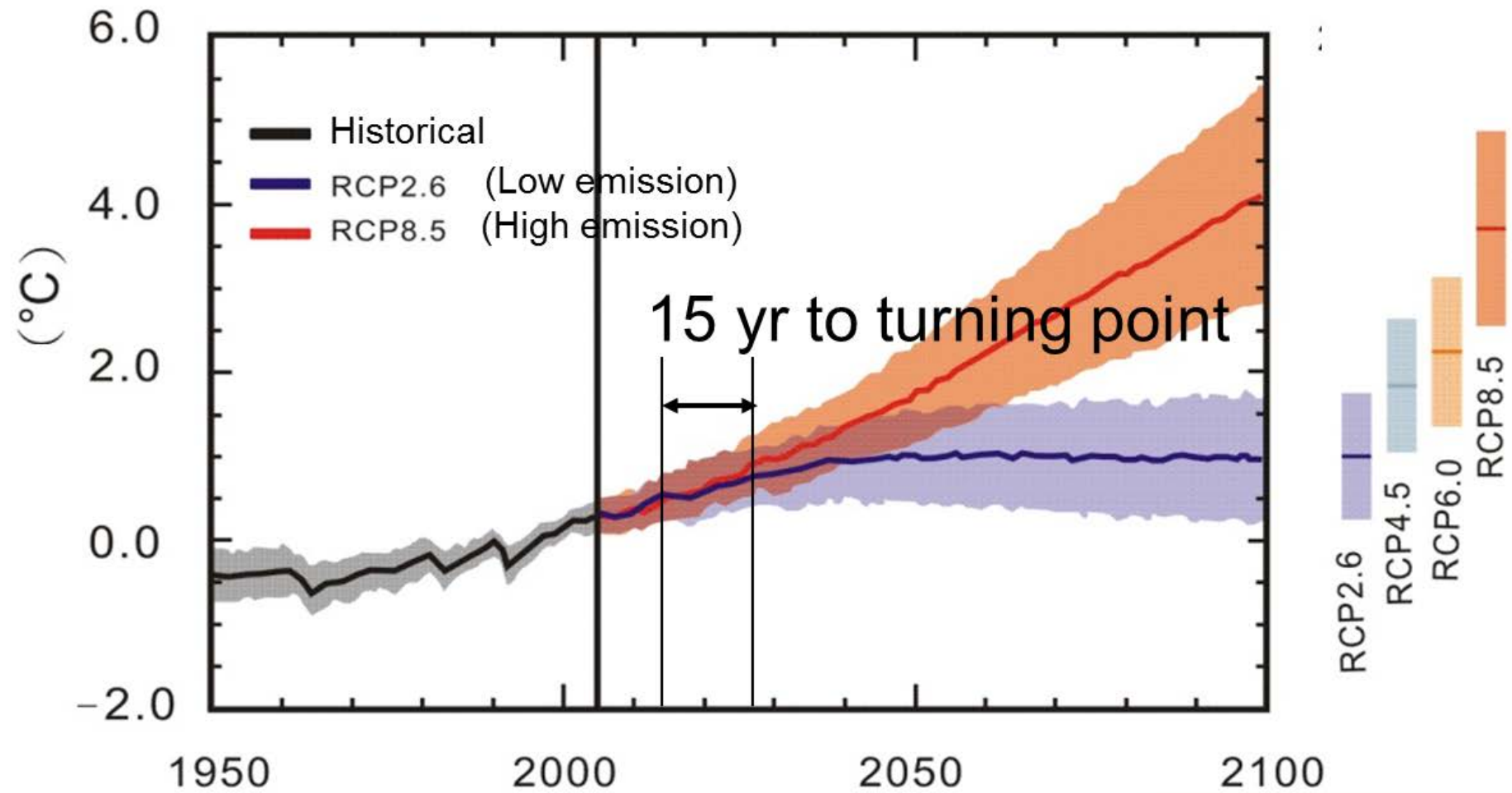
Global Departure of Temperature From Average, Jan- Nov 1880 - 2015





global mean sea-level rise in the past and future

Peter U. Clark et al., 2016 NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE
 DOI: 10.1038/NCLIMATE2923



IPCC-AR5-2013

News › Science

Climate change escalating so fast it is 'beyond point of no return'

New study rewrites two decades of research and author says we are 'beyond point of no return'

Peter Walker | Friday 2 December 2016 | 



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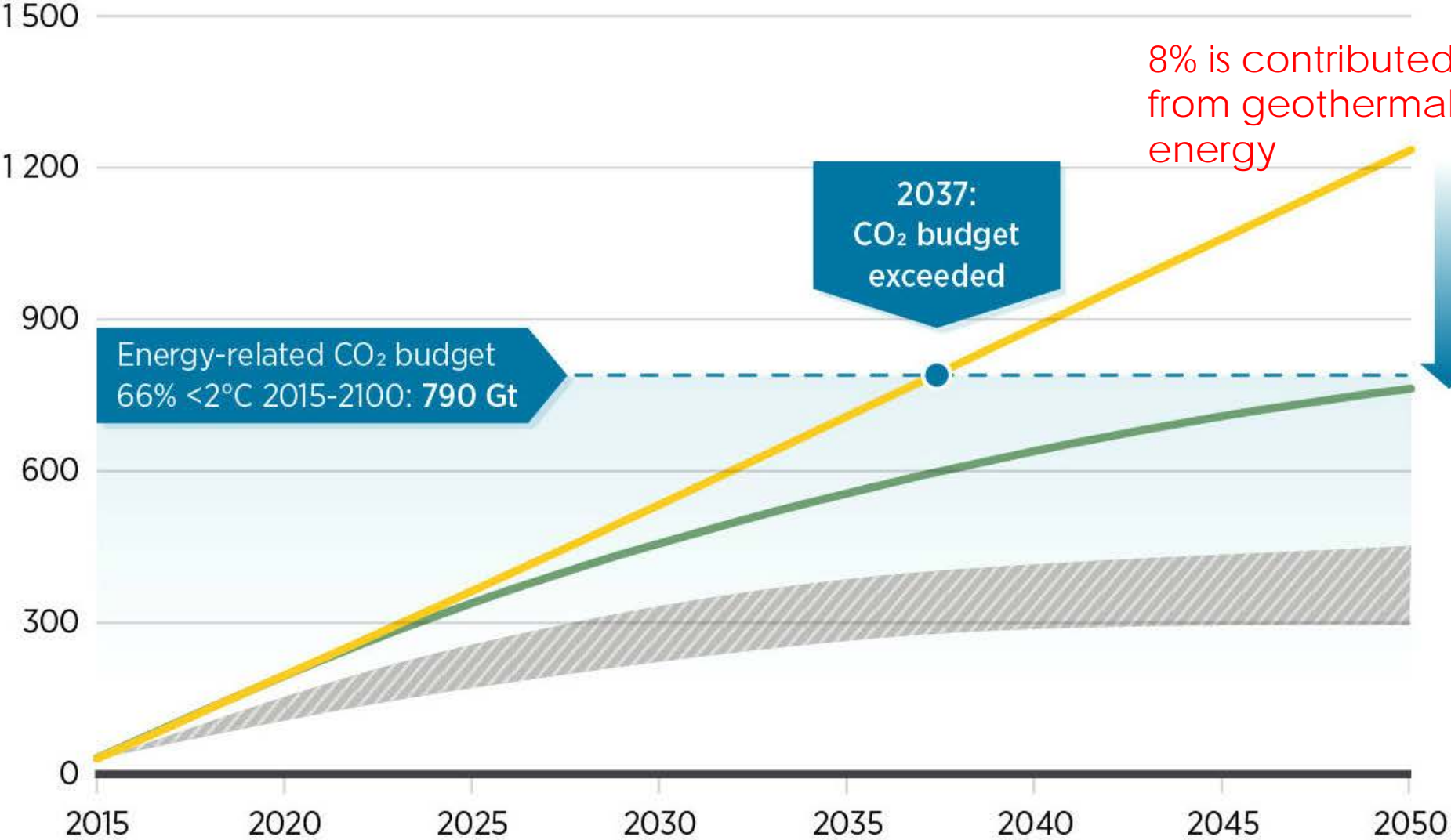


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Global Energy Transformation: A Roadmap to 2050

Cumulative energy-related carbon emissions (Gt CO₂)



Reference Case: 2.6°C – 3.0°C
Cumulative CO₂ by 2050: **1 230 Gt**
Annual CO₂ in 2050: **34.8 Gt/yr**

Reductions in REmap Case compared to Reference Case
Cumulative by 2050: **-470 Gt**
Annual in 2050: **-25.1 Gt/yr**

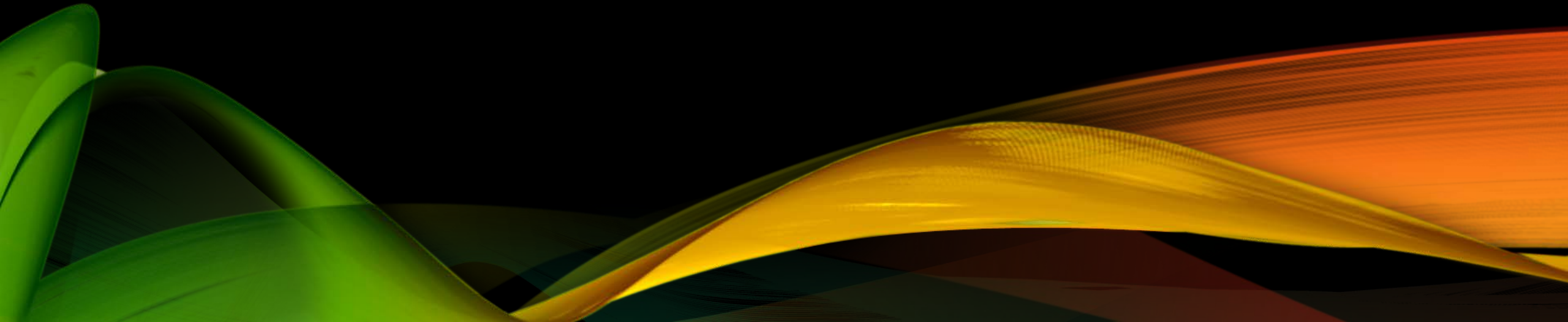
REmap Case: 66% <2°C
Cumulative CO₂ by 2050: **760 Gt**
Annual CO₂ in 2050: **9.7 Gt/yr**

50% 1.5°C
Energy sector CO₂ budget: 2015 - 2100: **300-450 Gt**
Net annual CO₂ emissions in 2050: **0 Gt/yr**

The Goal of geothermal in 2050 is 283 GW which is 24 times more energy than now.

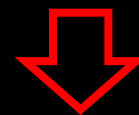
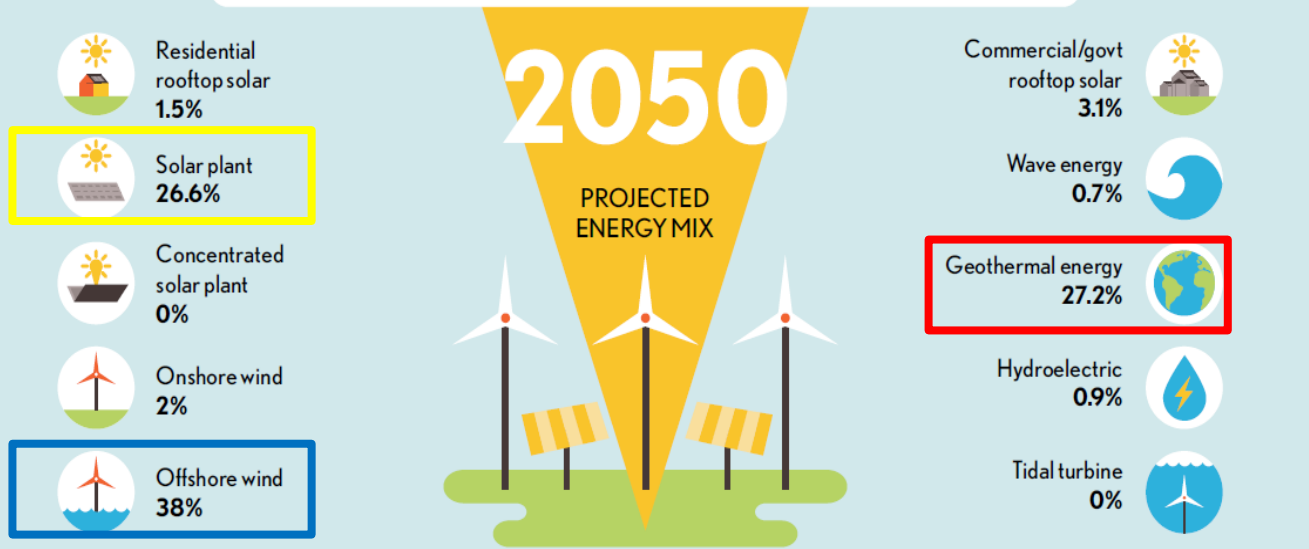
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100% CHINESE TAIPEI

Transition to 100% wind, water, and solar (WWS) for all purposes
(electricity, transportation, heating/cooling, industry)



27.2 %
=>30 GW

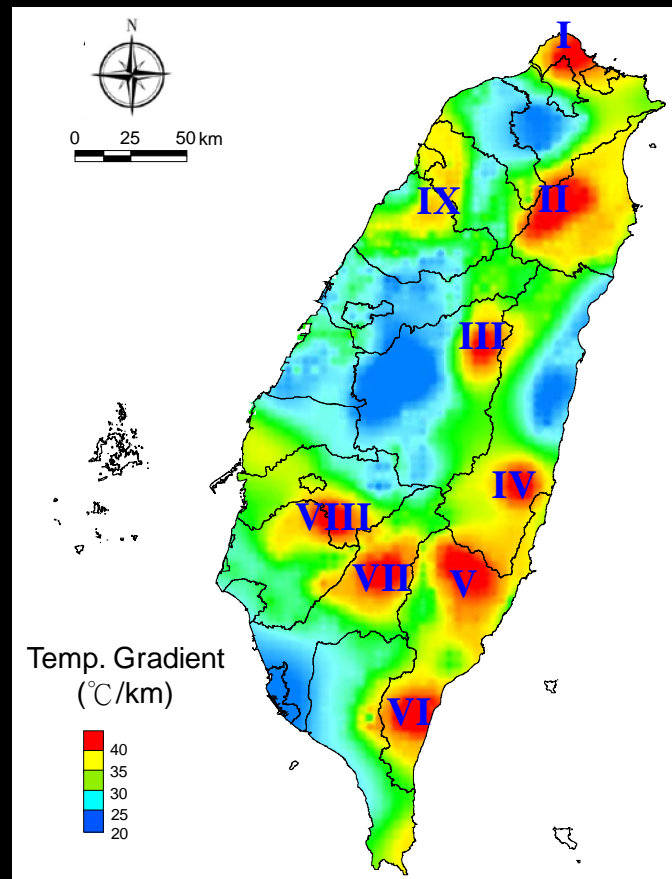
From 139-country 100% Clean and Renewable roadmaps (Jacobson et al., 2015), geothermal energy in Taiwan should reach 3,028 Mwe in 2050, about 27.140%.

Our 「Energy Transformation」 challenge in near future:

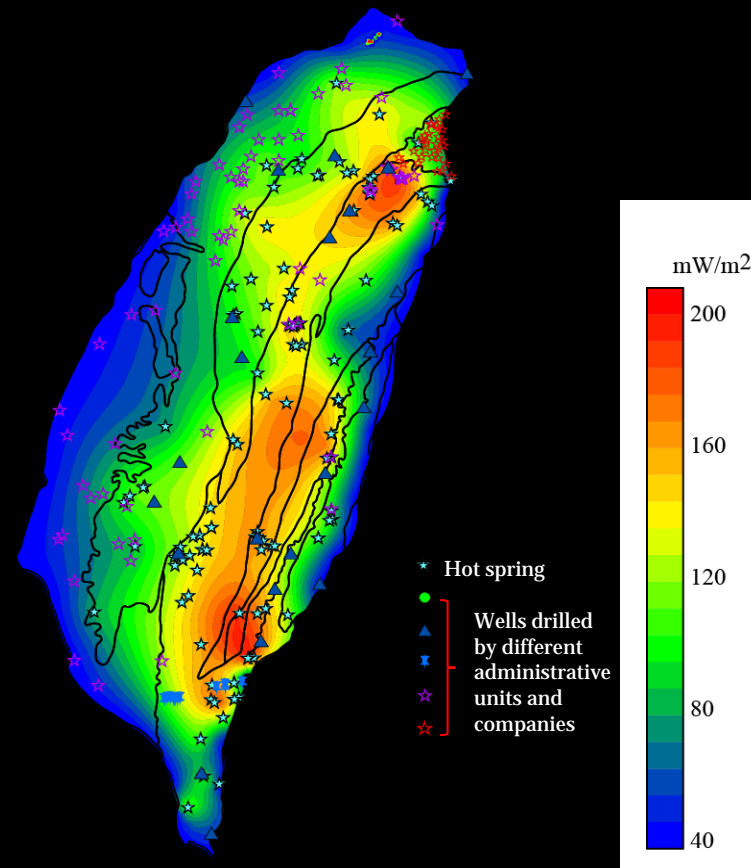
2018 → 2020 → 2050

0 % → 0.293 % → 27.140%

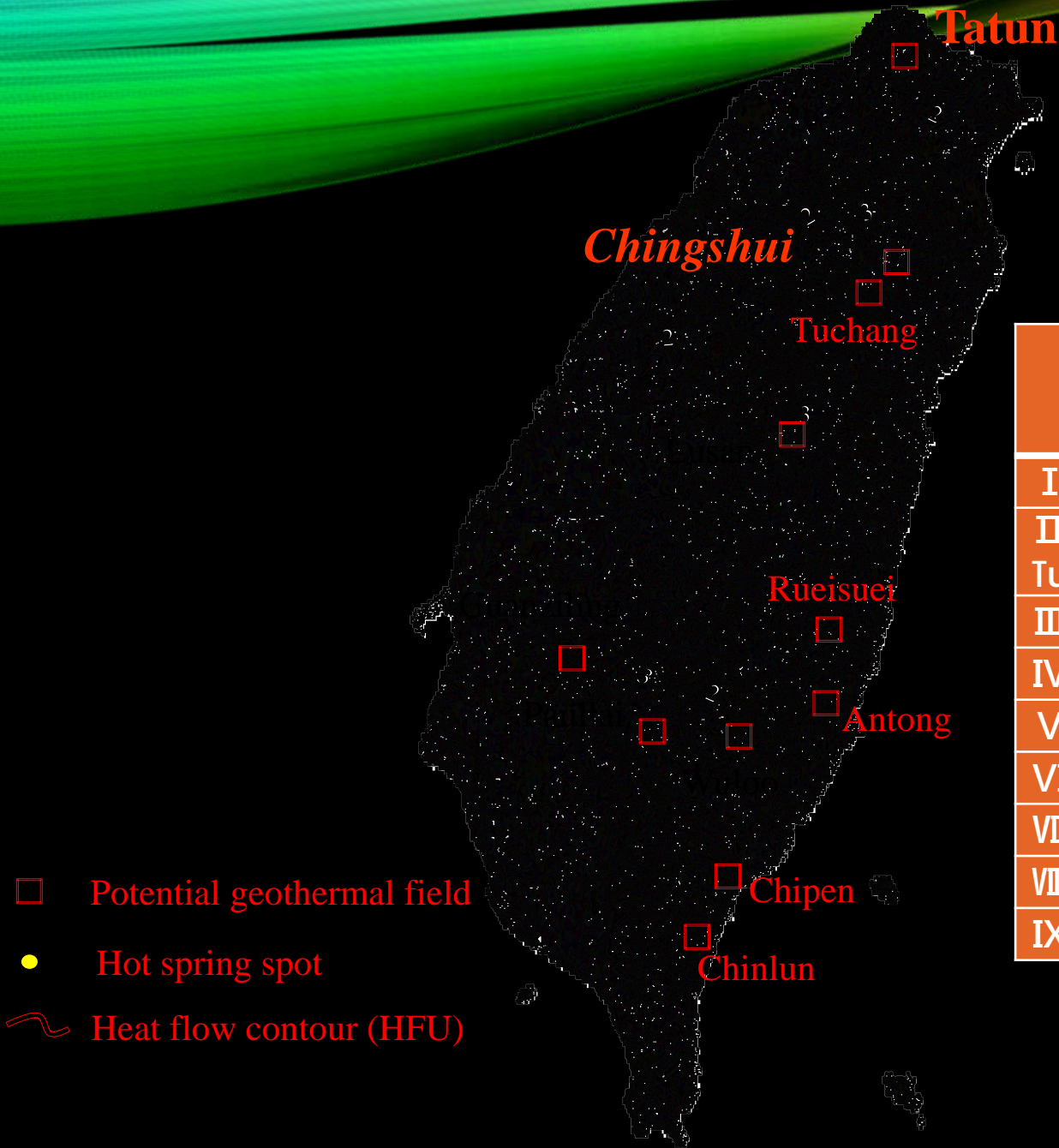
DISTRIBUTION OF TAIWAN'S GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES



1. ITRI, 2012
2. Store heat method



159.6 Gwe (Frank Yang et al., 2015 WGC)
180 Gwe (Ping-Yu Chang et al., 2013)



Site	Area (km ²)	Temp. (°C)	Geology code	Resource code
I Tatun	278	236	3	4~5
II Chingshui-Tuchang	909	223	1	3~4
III Lushan	279	210	1	3~4
IV Rueisuei-Antong	467	195	1	3~4
V Wuloo	571	196	1	3~4
VI Chipen-Chinlun	701	214	1	3~4
VII Paullai	476	205	1	3~4
VIII Guanziling	510	197	4	3~4
IX Hsinchu- Miaoli	343	192	4	3~4

Geology Code	Geologic type	Resource Code	Resource fluid characteristics	No. of fields	No. of wells
1	Granitic/higher-grade metamorphic	4	Moderate temperature	1	38
		5	High temperature	1	150
2	Tertiary and older volcanic/volcaniclastic (large-scale volcanic structures absent)	3	Low temperature	5	98
		4	Moderate temperature	4	98
		5	High temperature	1	33
		7	100 percent steam	1	378
3	Younger volcanic/volcaniclastic (large-scale volcanic structures (volcanoes, calderas) preserved)	4	Moderate temperature	6	155
		5	High temperature	15	522
		6	Ultra-high temperature	12	539
		7	100 percent steam	2	93
4	Sedimentary basin (clastic, drilled above basement)	3	Low temperature	2	178
		5	High temperature	1	13
		6	Ultra-high temperature	2	257
5	Sedimentary basin (clastic, wells drilled into basement)	2	Very low temperature	1	9
		3	Low temperature	1	8
		4	Moderate	2	4

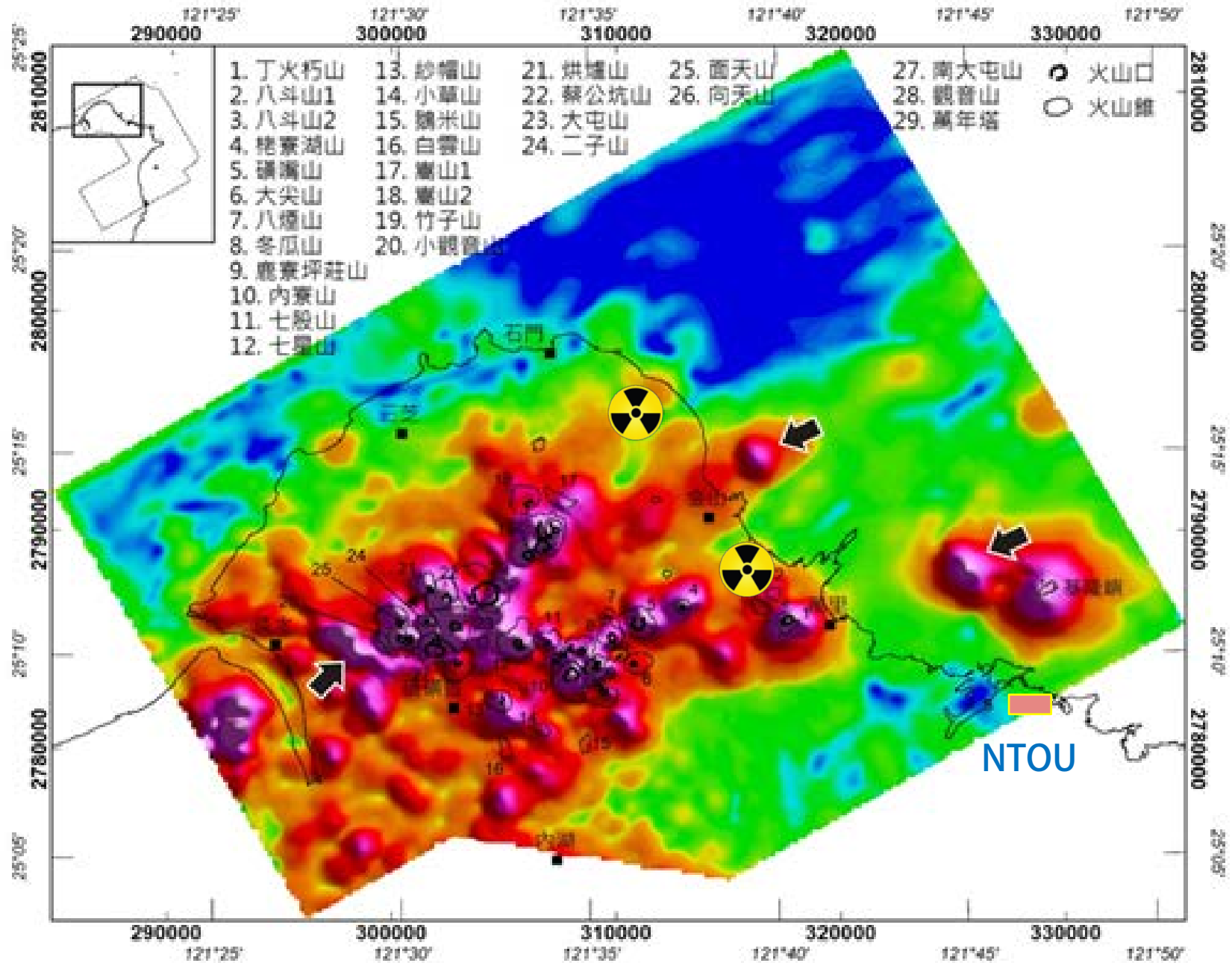
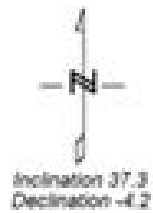
- 1) non-electrical grade (<100°C);
- 2) very low temperature (100°C to <150°C);
- 3) low temperature (150°C to <190°C);
- 4) moderate temperature (190°C to <230°C);
- 5) high temperature (230°C to <300°C);
- 6) ultra-high temperature (300°C+); and
- 7) steam field (230°C to 240°C).

Ref: Sanyal (2005)

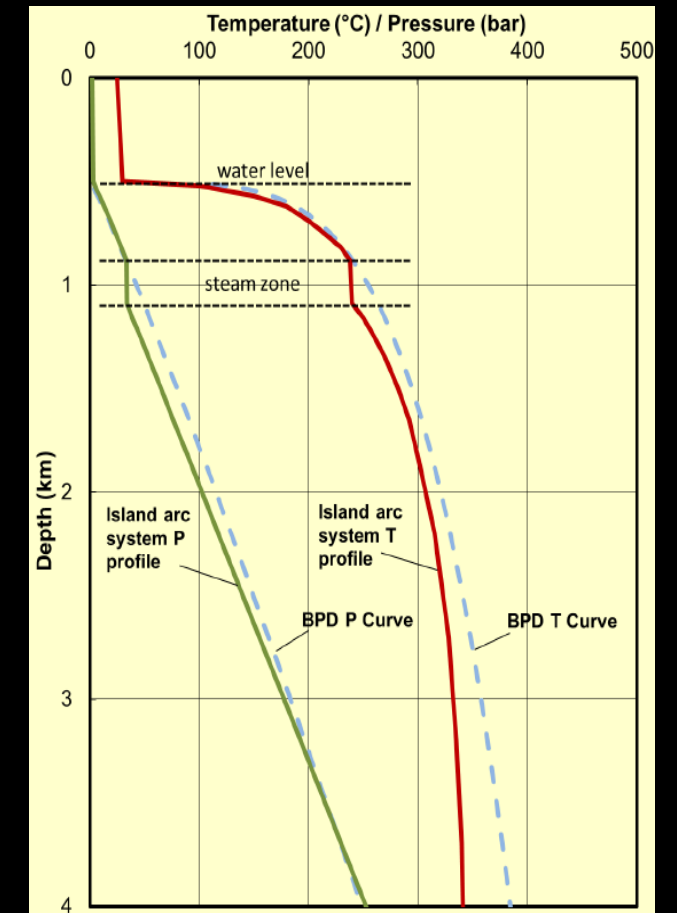
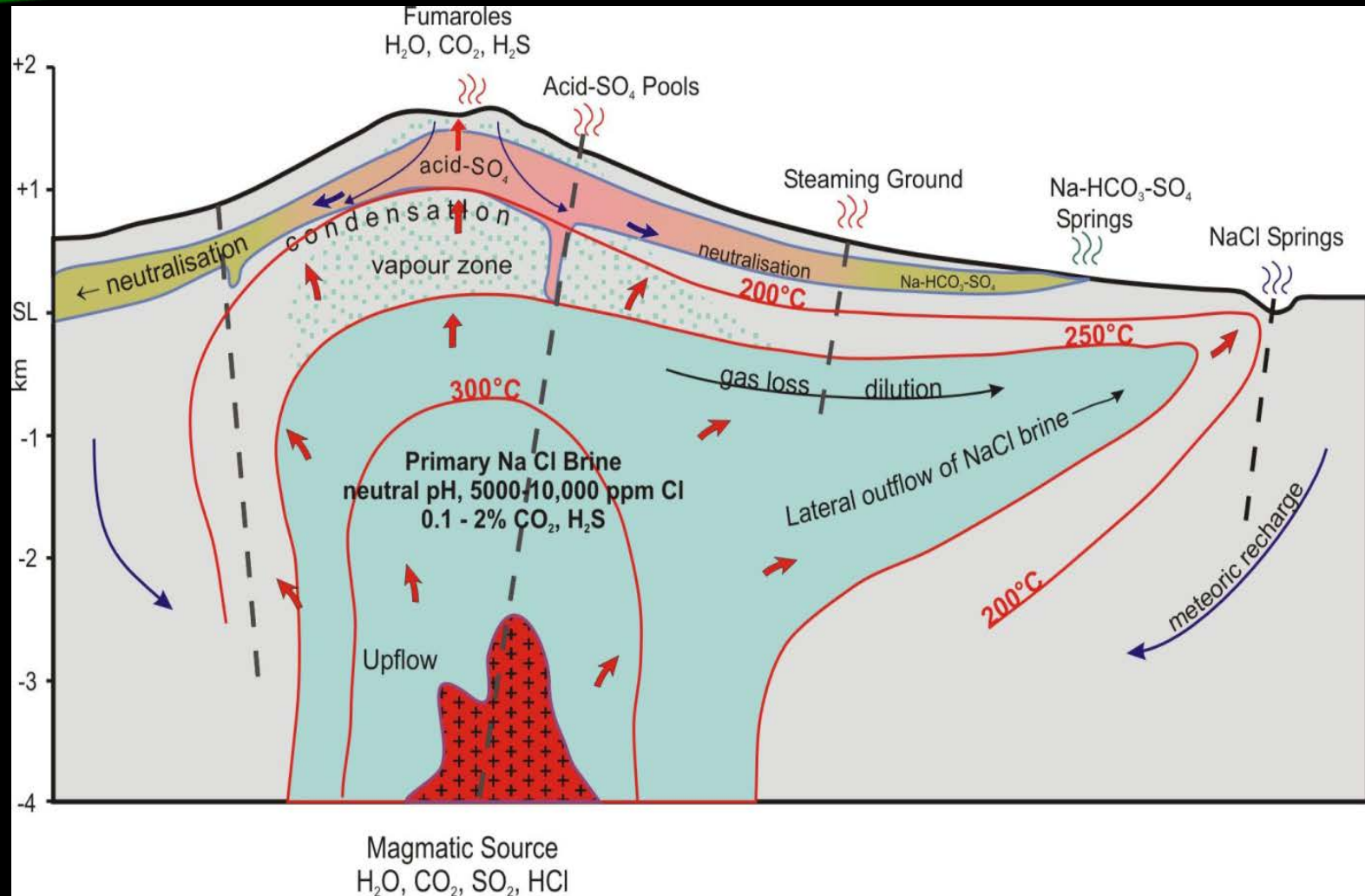
For moderate temperature resource, the production is **3-12 MW per well**;
 For high temperature resource, the production is **12-25 MW per well**.

It is crucial that the combination of **enthalpy and resource types** are fully assessed before drilling starts.

The submarine volcanoes is obvious in airborne magnetic survey.

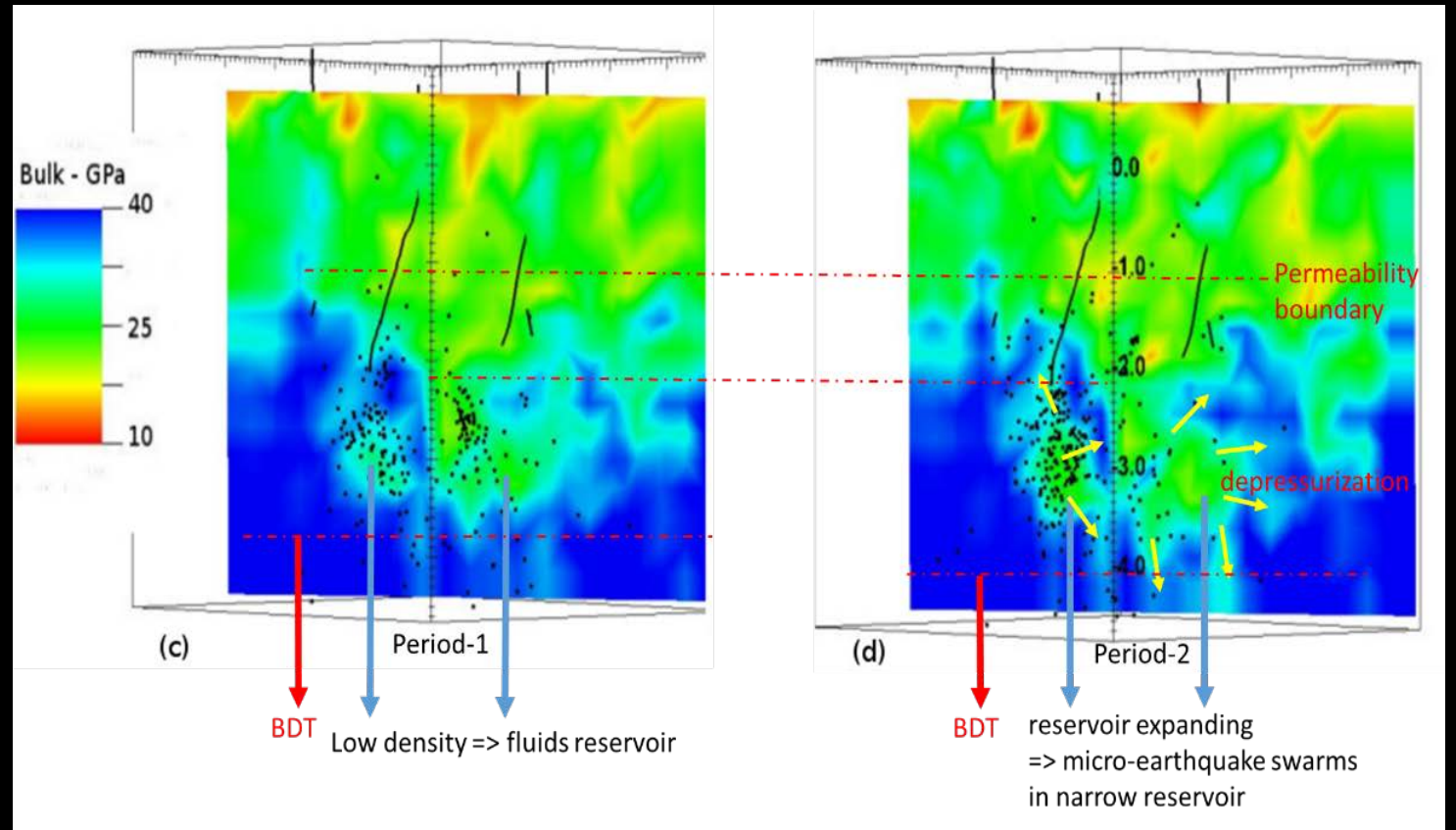
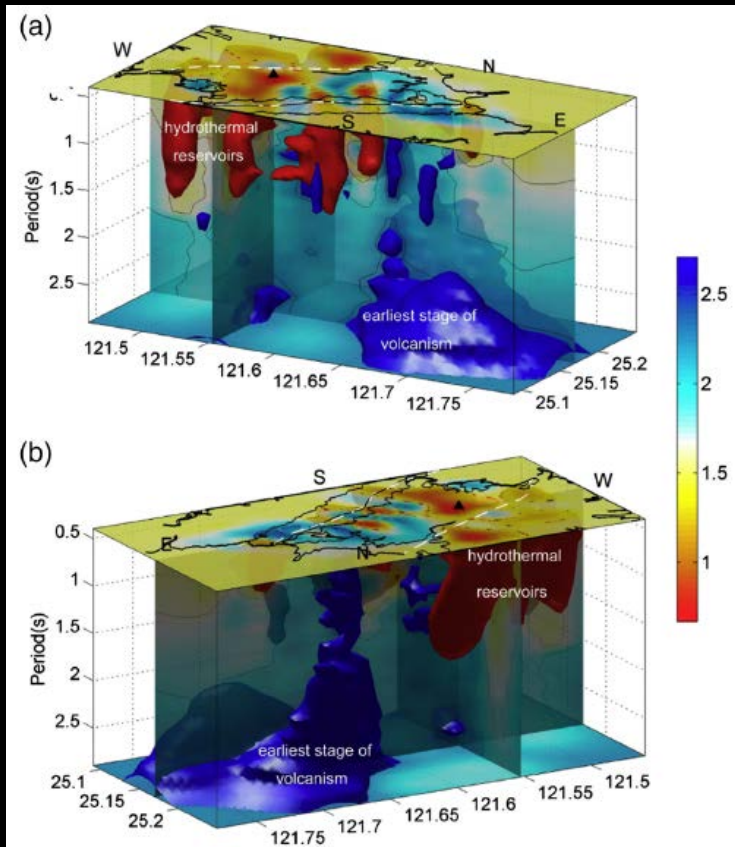


GEO THERMAL CONCEPTUAL MODEL



BPD : Boiling Point vs. Depth

HIGH RESOLUTION RESERVOIR EXPLORATION (WITH LBNL)



Y.-C. Huang et al. / Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research (2017)

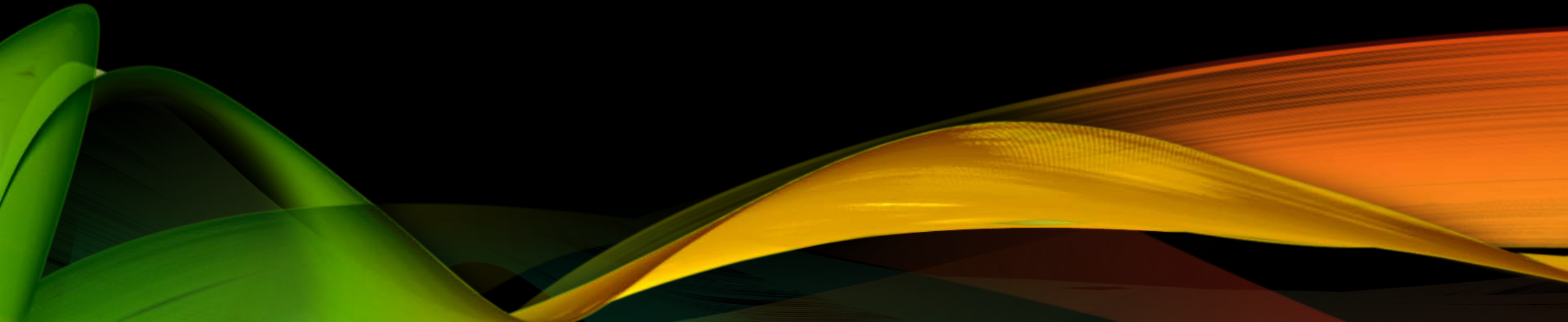
利用高解析度微震探勘技術建構低風險地熱開發策略，技師期刊 2017，王守誠等

THE FIRST GEOTHERMAL POWER ON-GRID FROM 2001~2018



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WORKSHOP THEMES

UPSTREAM

Nature of the resource



Heat-sources and volcanos
Geothermal exploration
Geothermal modelling

MIDSTREAM

Harnessing and production



Production technology
Power cycles
Well design

DOWNSTREAM

Diversified utilization



Cascaded use
Industrial applications
Waste to Value

CROSS-CUTTING

Sustainability – Social benefits – Innovation

Geothermal Energy Uses

Uses of geothermal energy at different temperatures

Water Temperature

700°F

400°F
204°C

350°F
177°C

300°F
149°C

250°F
121°C



Flash & Dry Steam Geothermal Power Plants* & Minerals Recovery



Hydrogen Production*



Refrigeration & Icemaking



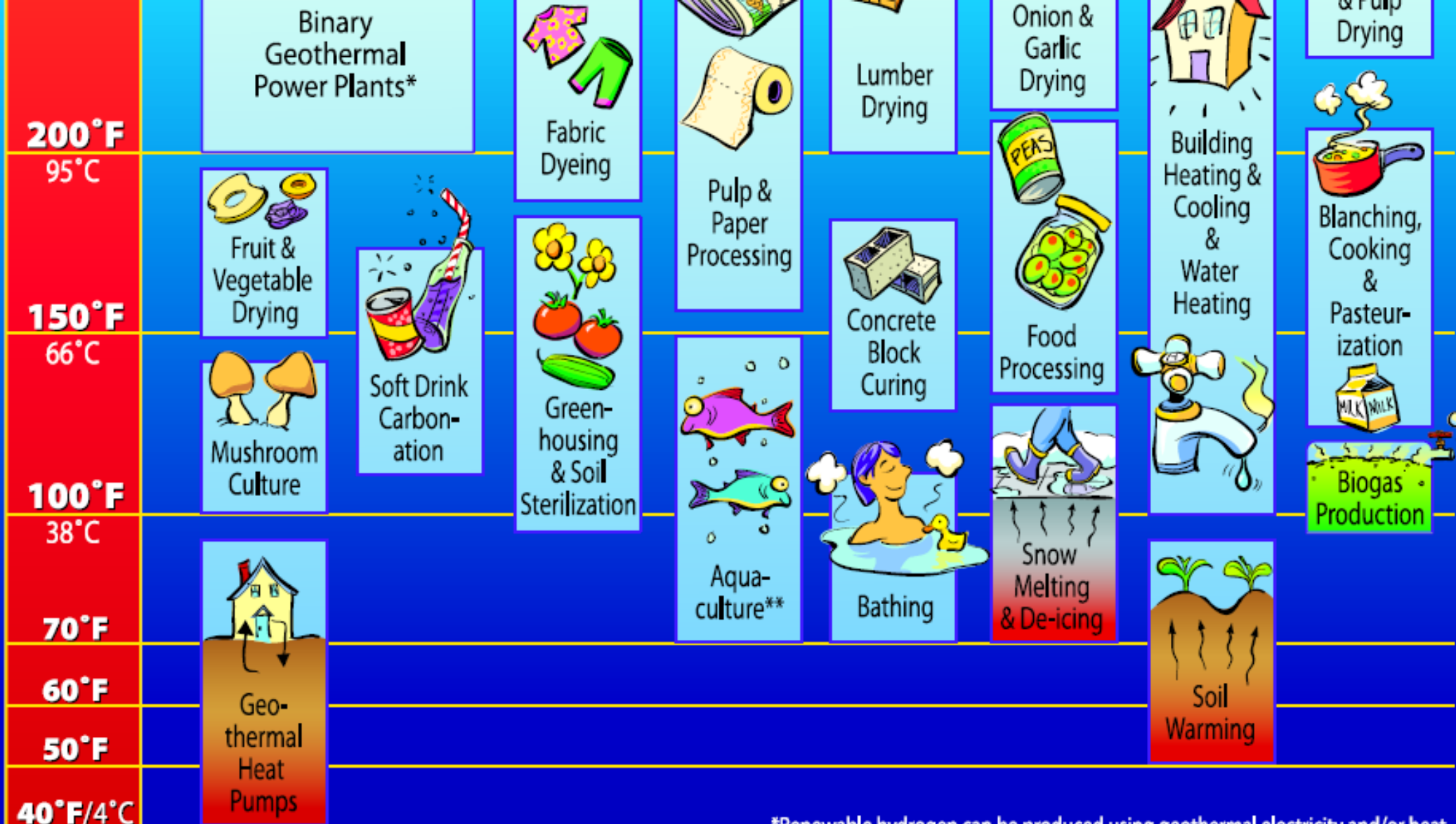
Cement & Aggregate Drying



Ethanol, Biofuels Production



Beet Sugar Evaporation & Pulp



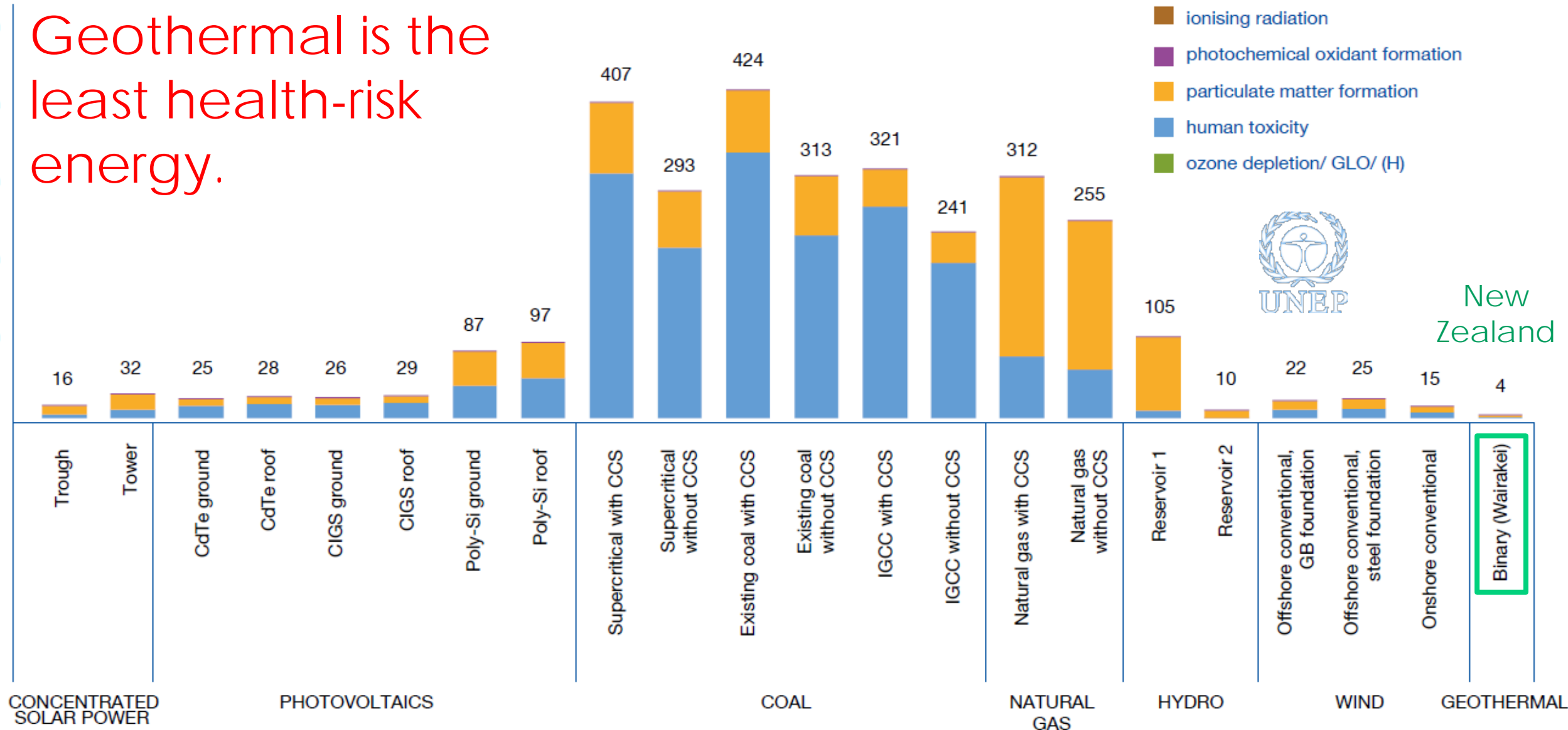
*Renewable hydrogen can be produced using geothermal electricity and/or heat.
 **Cool water is added as needed to make the temperature just right for the fish.



Clean steam plant, Kawerau geothermal plant, Taupo, New Zealand

MERITS OF CONVENTIONAL GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM

Geothermal is the least health-risk energy.



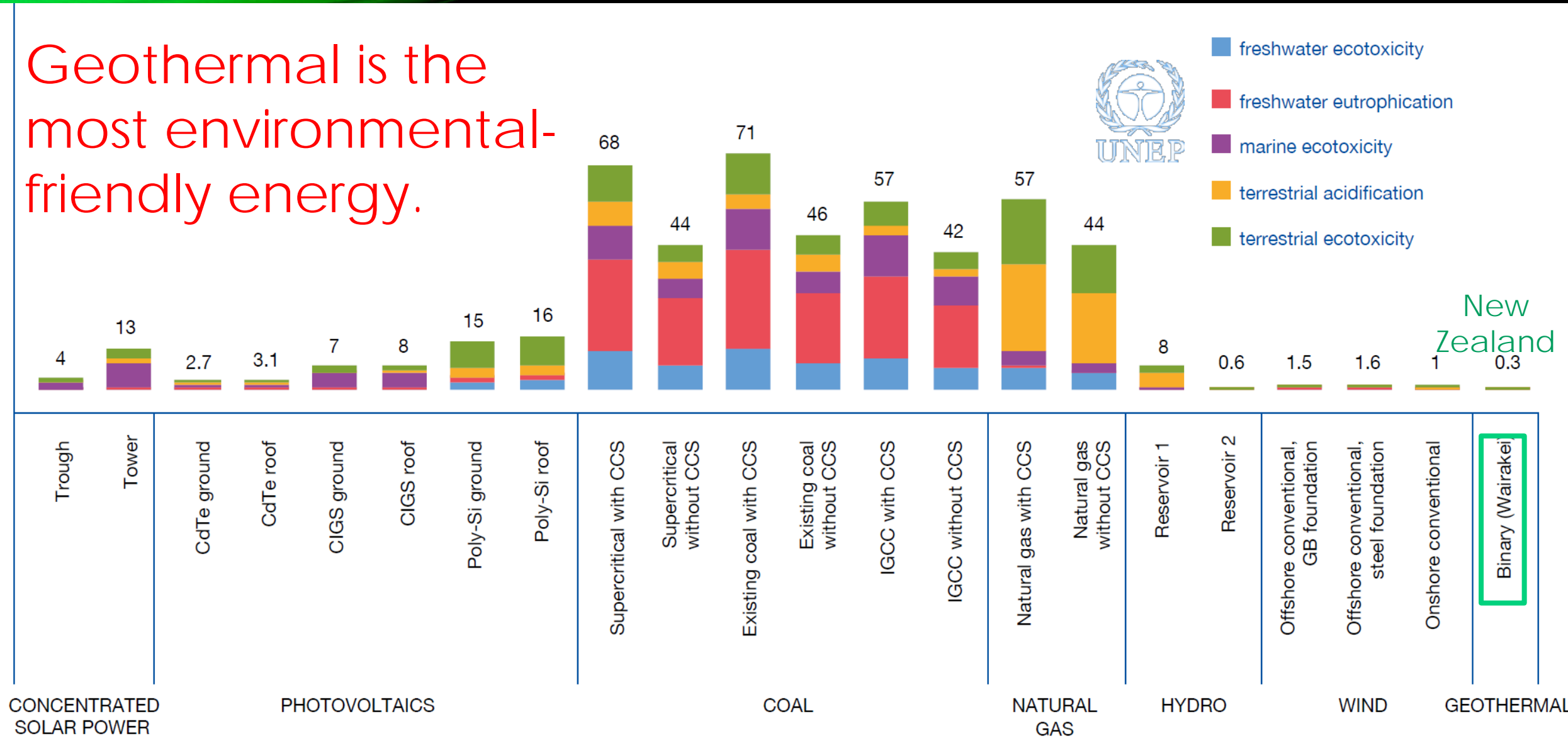
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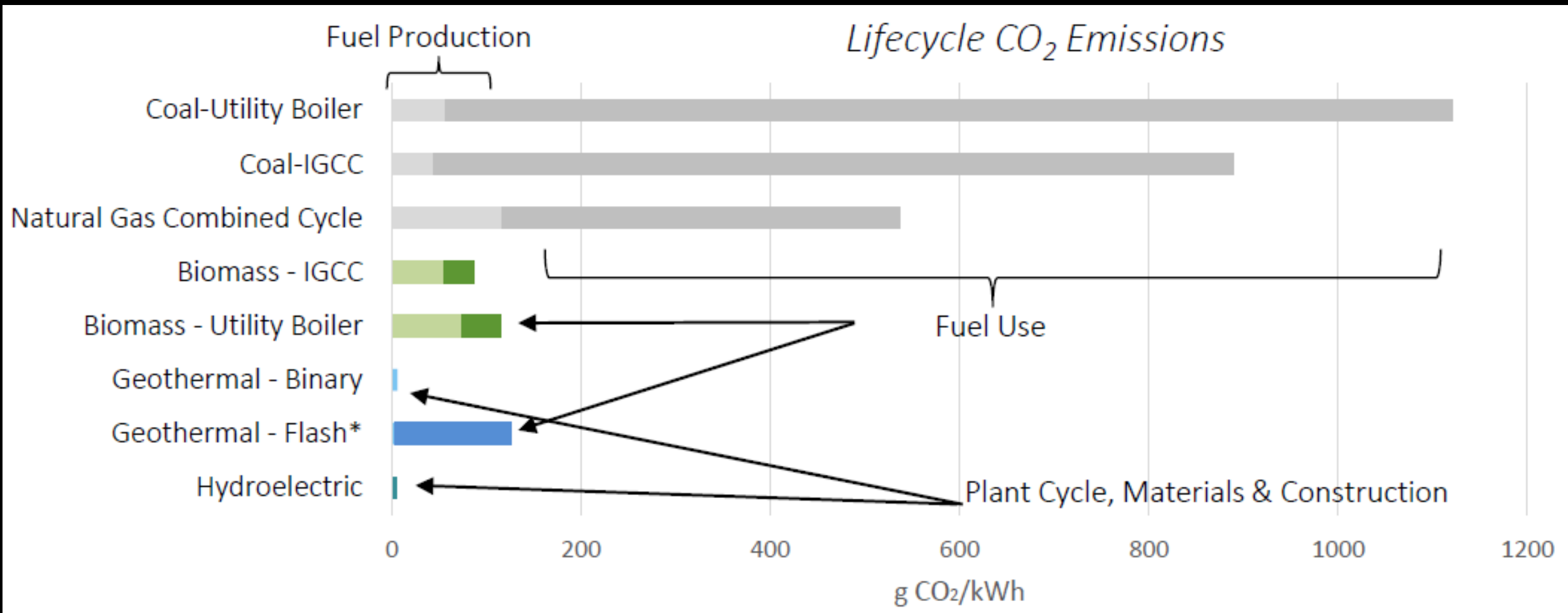
Geothermal is the most environmental-friendly energy.



- freshwater ecotoxicity
- freshwater eutrophication
- marine ecotoxicity
- terrestrial acidification
- terrestrial ecotoxicity

New Zealand





THE WELLHEAD GEOTHERMAL PLANT BUILT IN 16 WEEKS



5 MW geothermal wellhead plant

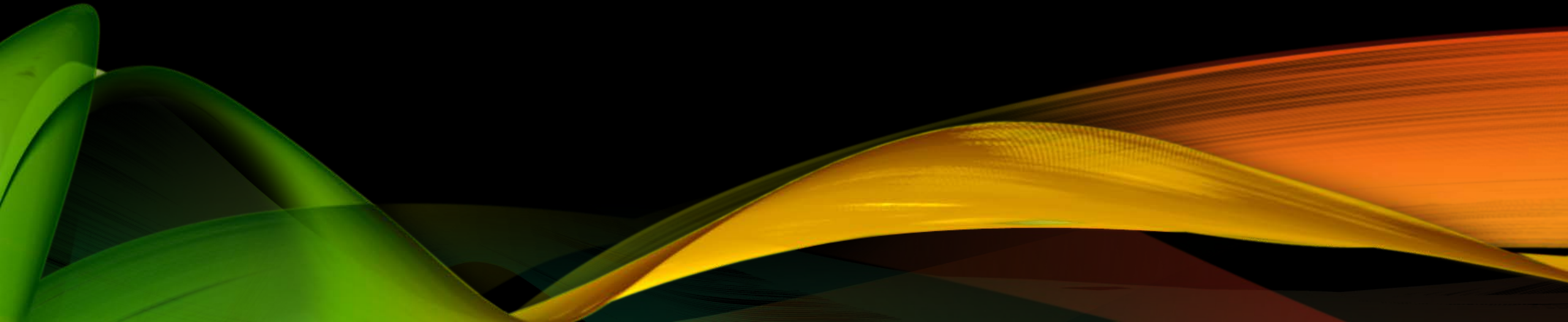
Calikaya, Konya, Day 15 Start of construction

AUTO DRILLING TECHNOLOGY



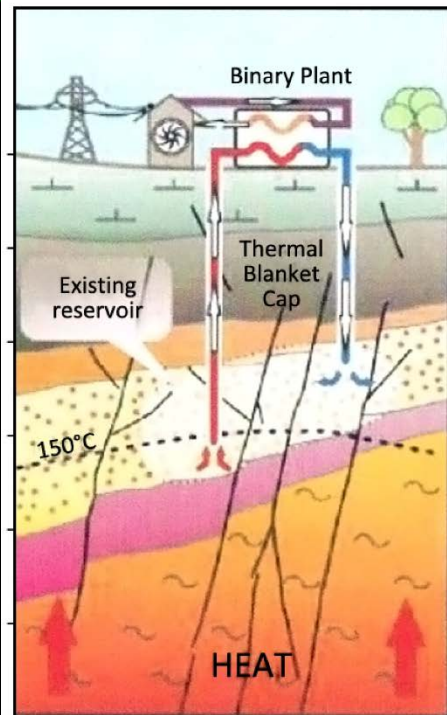
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Deep Geothermal Resource Types

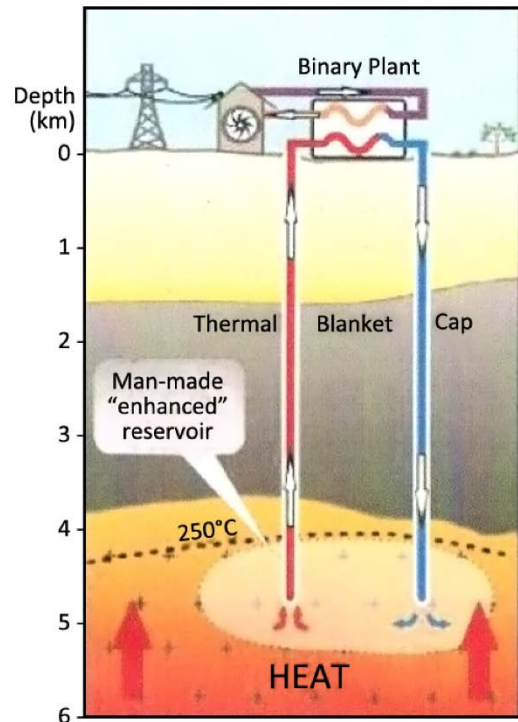
Hydrothermal



Heat carrier (steam/hot water) at depth is locally present
→ rather rare

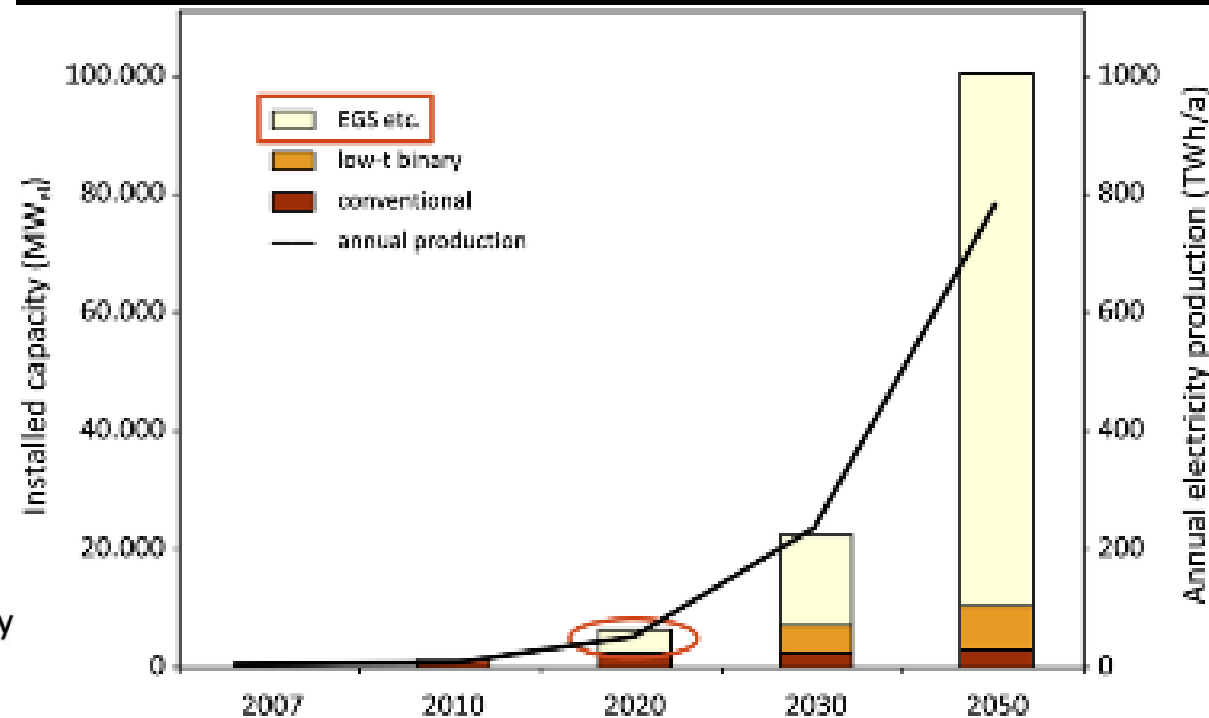
Conventional Geothermal System-CGS

Petrothermal



Heat carrier must be artificially circulated to extract heat
→ in principle ubiquitous

Enhanced Geothermal System-EGS = Hot Dry Rock



Ladislaus Rybach, 2014

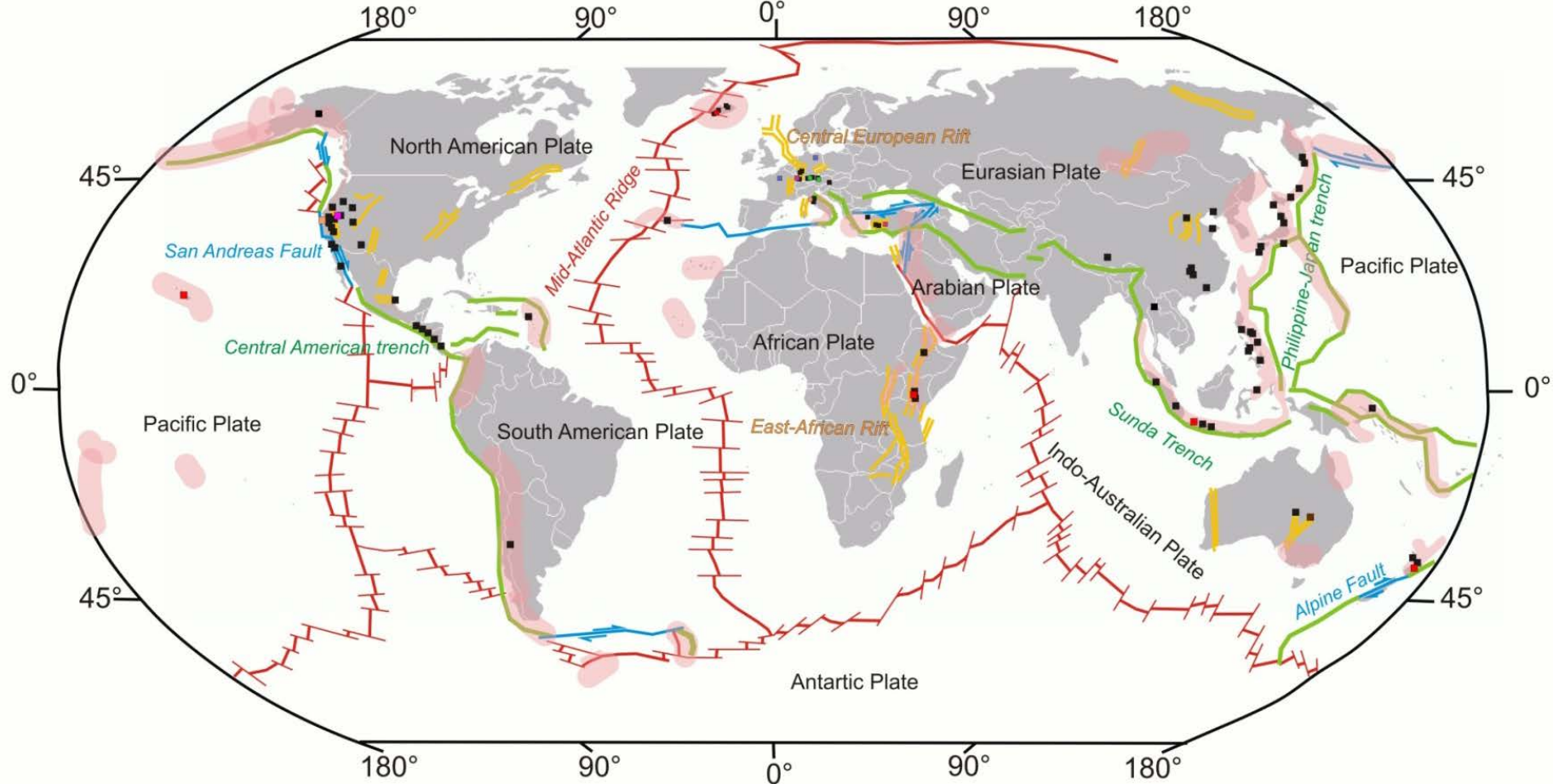


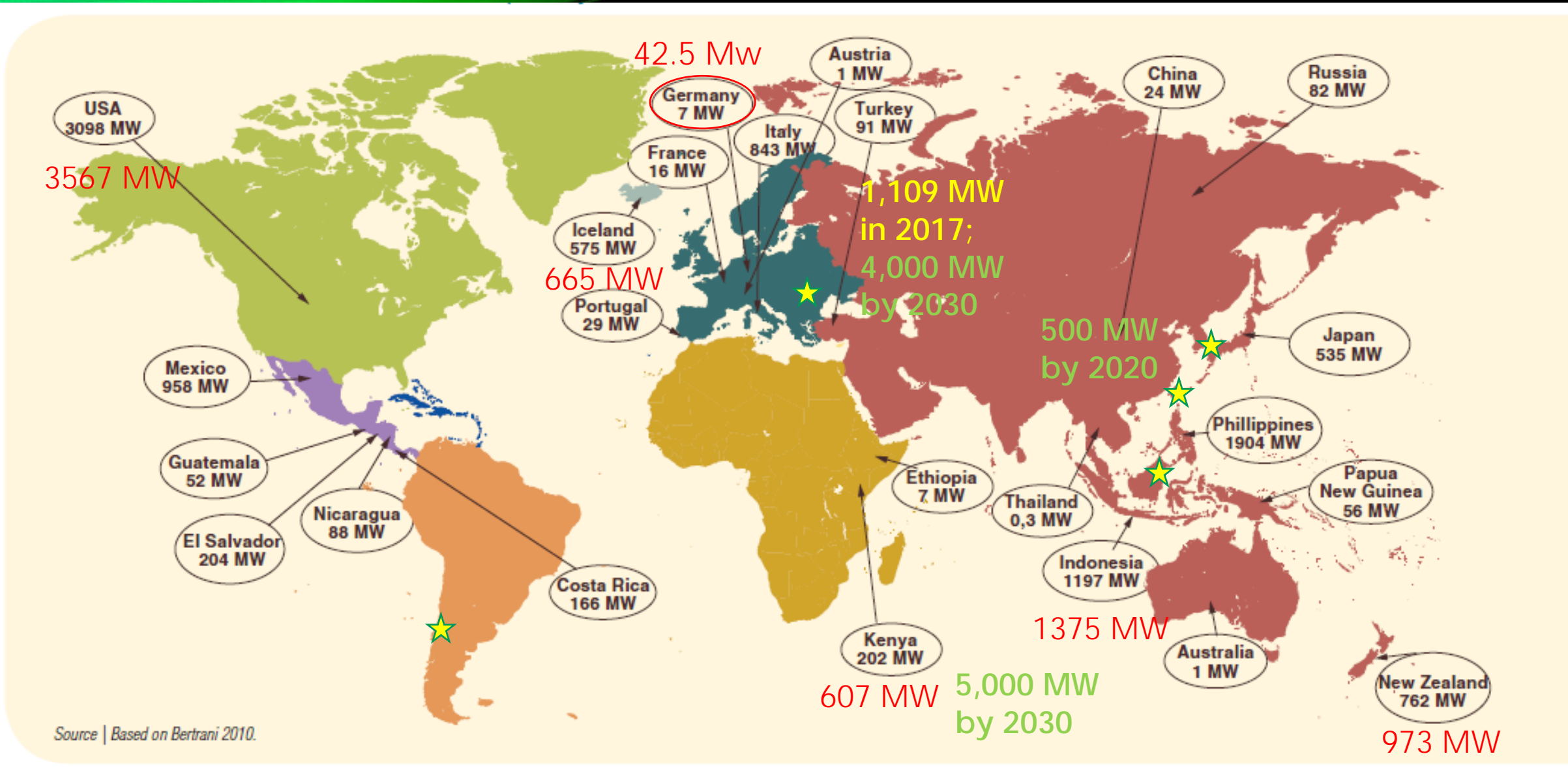
Plate boundary types

- Divergent type: Mid-oceanic ridges transected by transform faults
- Convergent type: Subduction zone
- Transform type: Strike-slip zones
- Major zones of active volcanism
- Intracontinental rifts
- Producing geothermal fields (pilots + commercial)

Geothermal plays with geothermal production projects

- CV1a - Magmatic:** active or recent magmatism: Taupo (New Zealand), Kamojang (Indonesia), Reykjanes (Iceland), Puna (Hawaii/USA)
- CV1b - Magmatic:** inactive/extinct magmatism: Larderello (Italy), The Geysers (USA)
- CV2 - Non-magmatic:** Extensional domain type: Bradys (Nevada/USA), Kizildere (Turkey), Soulz-sous-Forets (France)
- CD1 - Intracratonic Basin Type:** Neustadt-Glewe [heat] (Germany), Paris Basin [heat] (France)
- CD2 - Orogenic Belt Type:** Unterhaching (Germany), Altheim (Austria)
- CD3 - Basement (hot dry rock) Type:** Habanero (Australia)

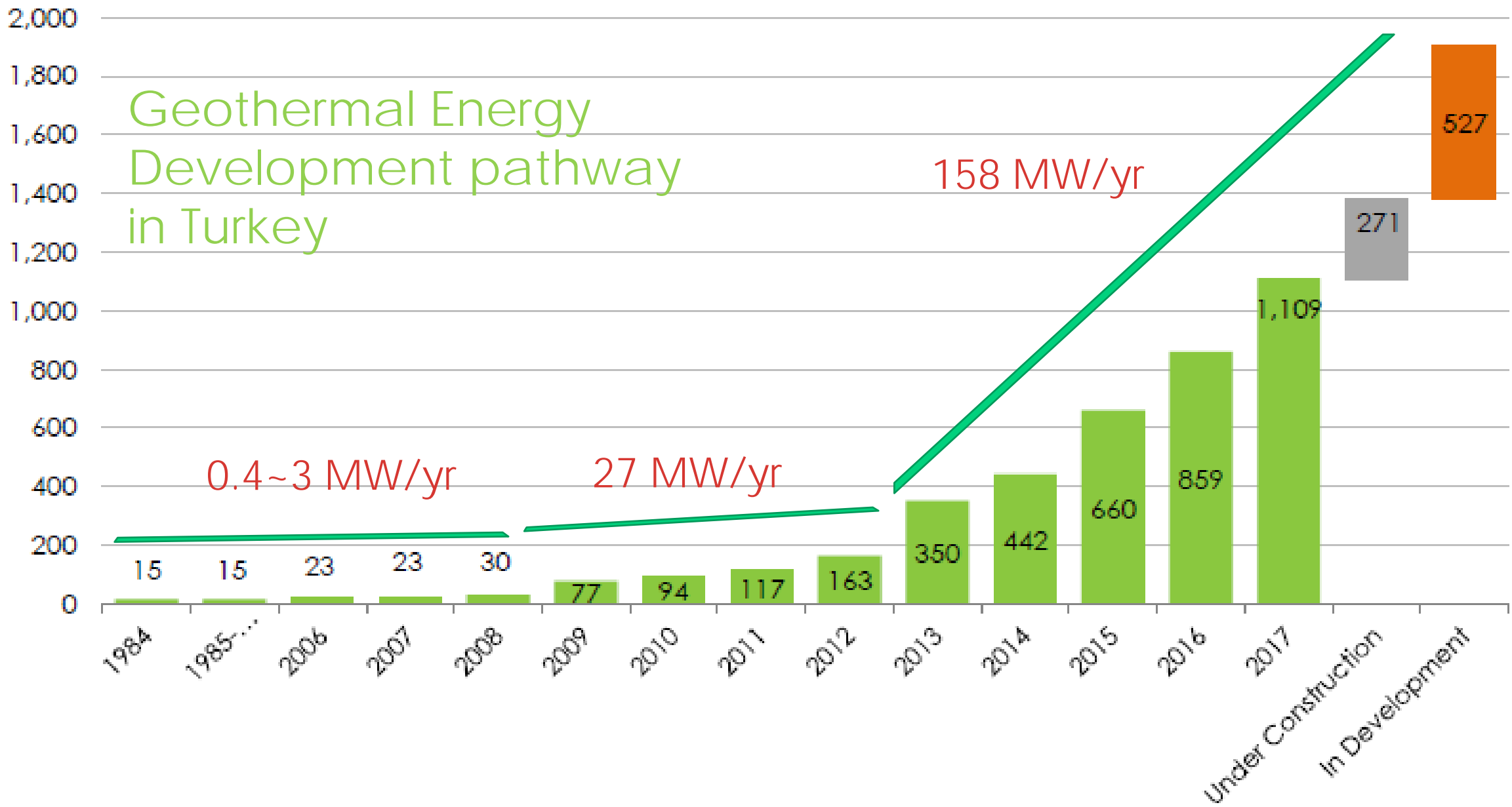
Inga S. Moeck, 2015



24 28 countries use geothermal power in 2020

Data from 「2016 Annual U.S. & Global Geothermal Power Production Report」

Geothermal Energy Development pathway in Turkey



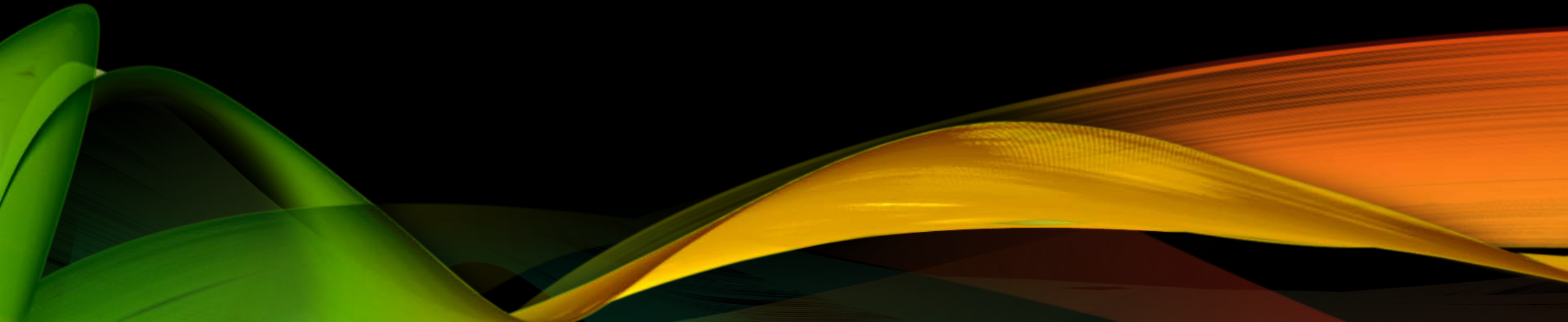
blue lagoon in Kenya



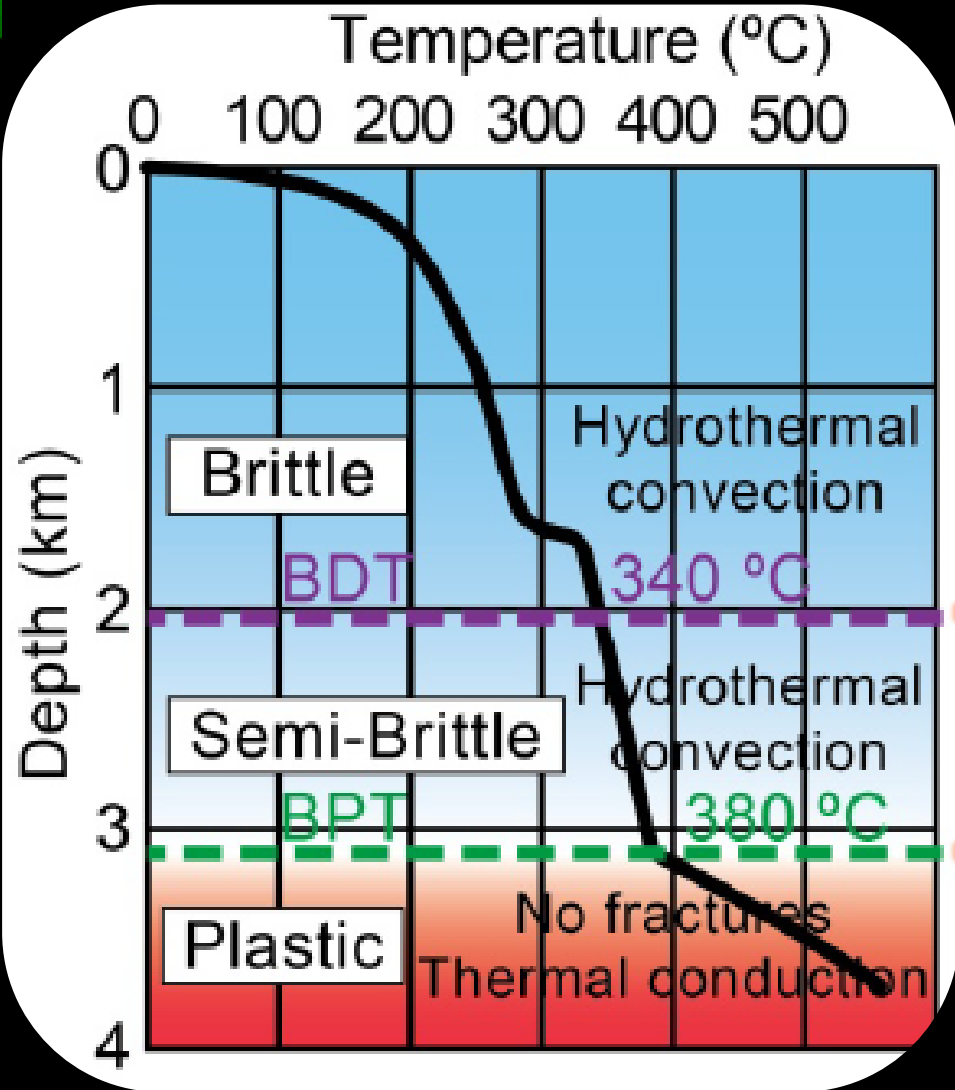
Photo by: Amy Yee

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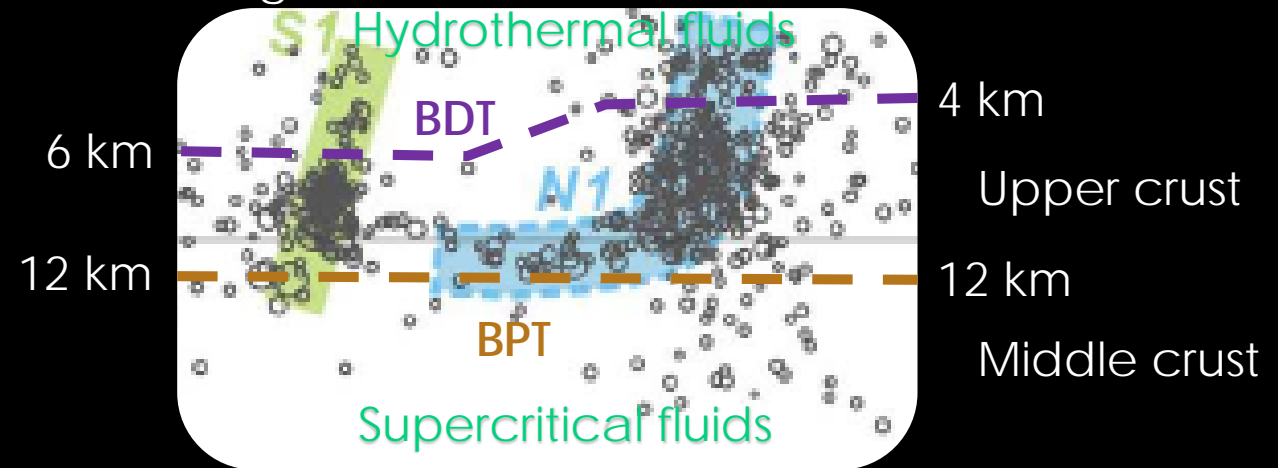
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Suzuki et al., 2014



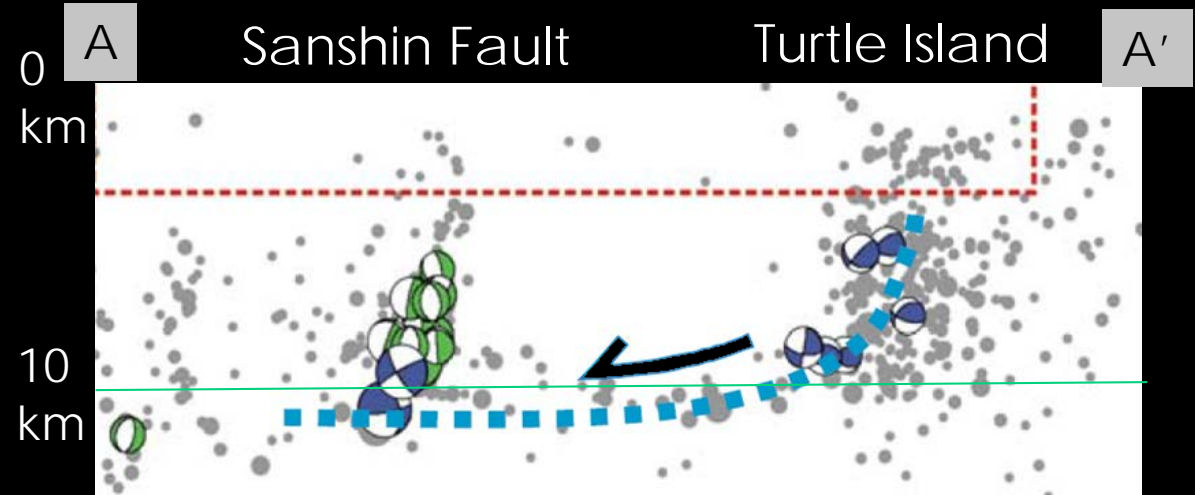
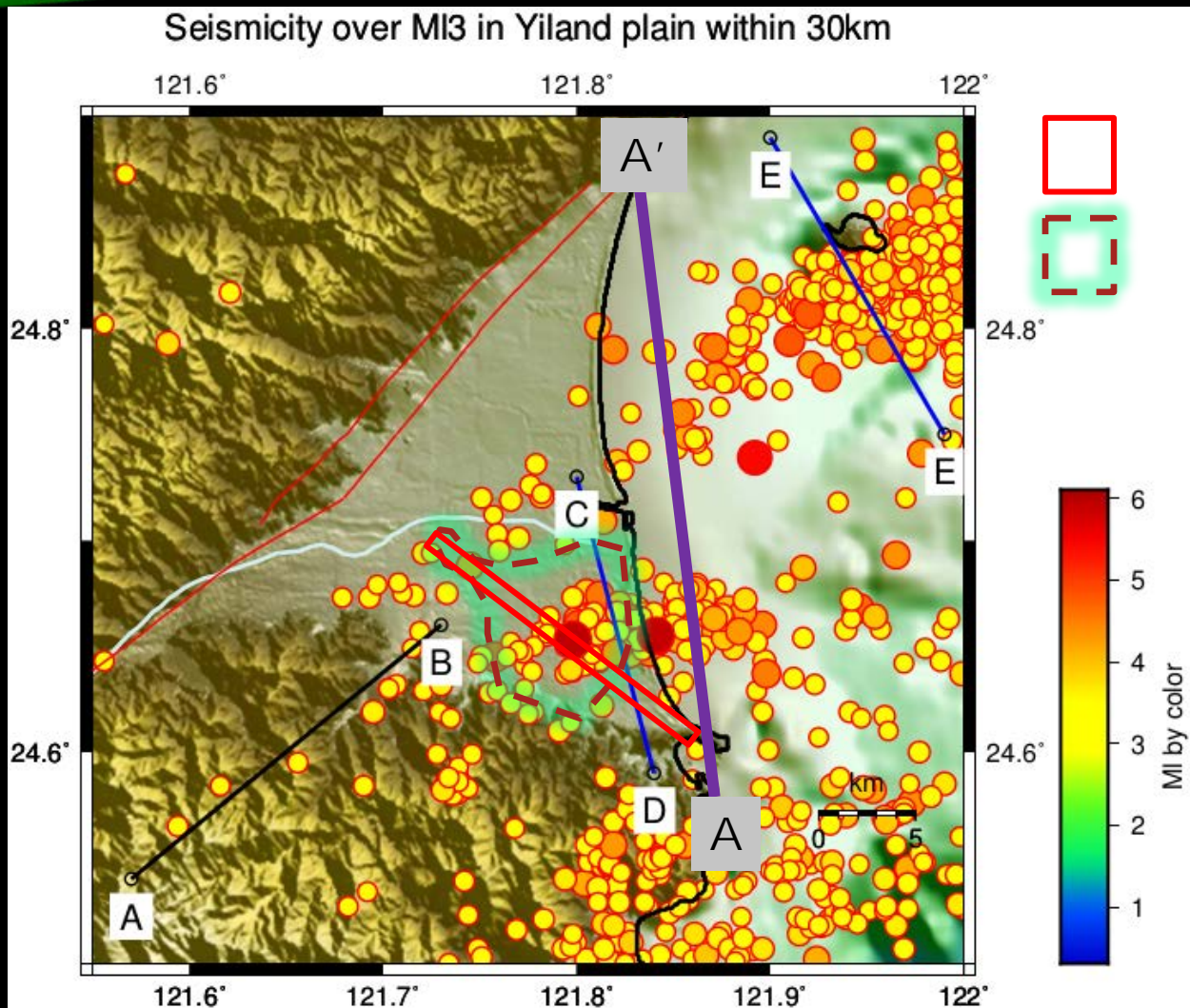
Relocated seismic activities $M_L > 4.0$
Huang H. H. et al., 2012



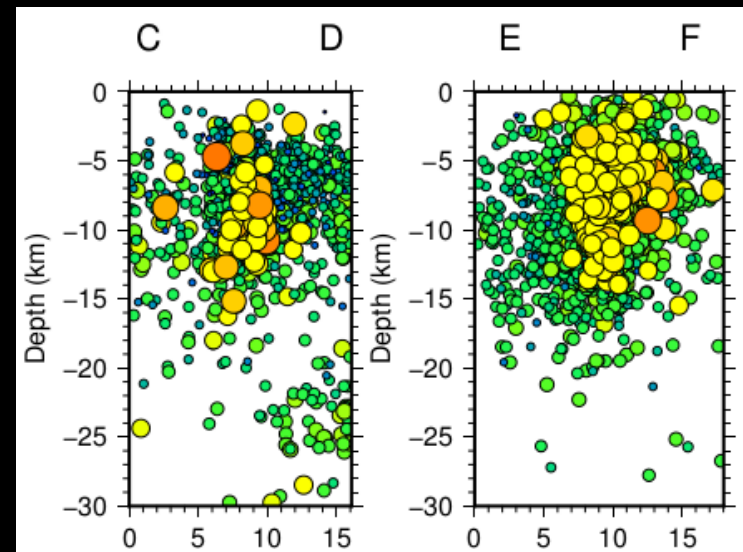
the maximum strength zone,
a nest of earthquakes and
fractures.

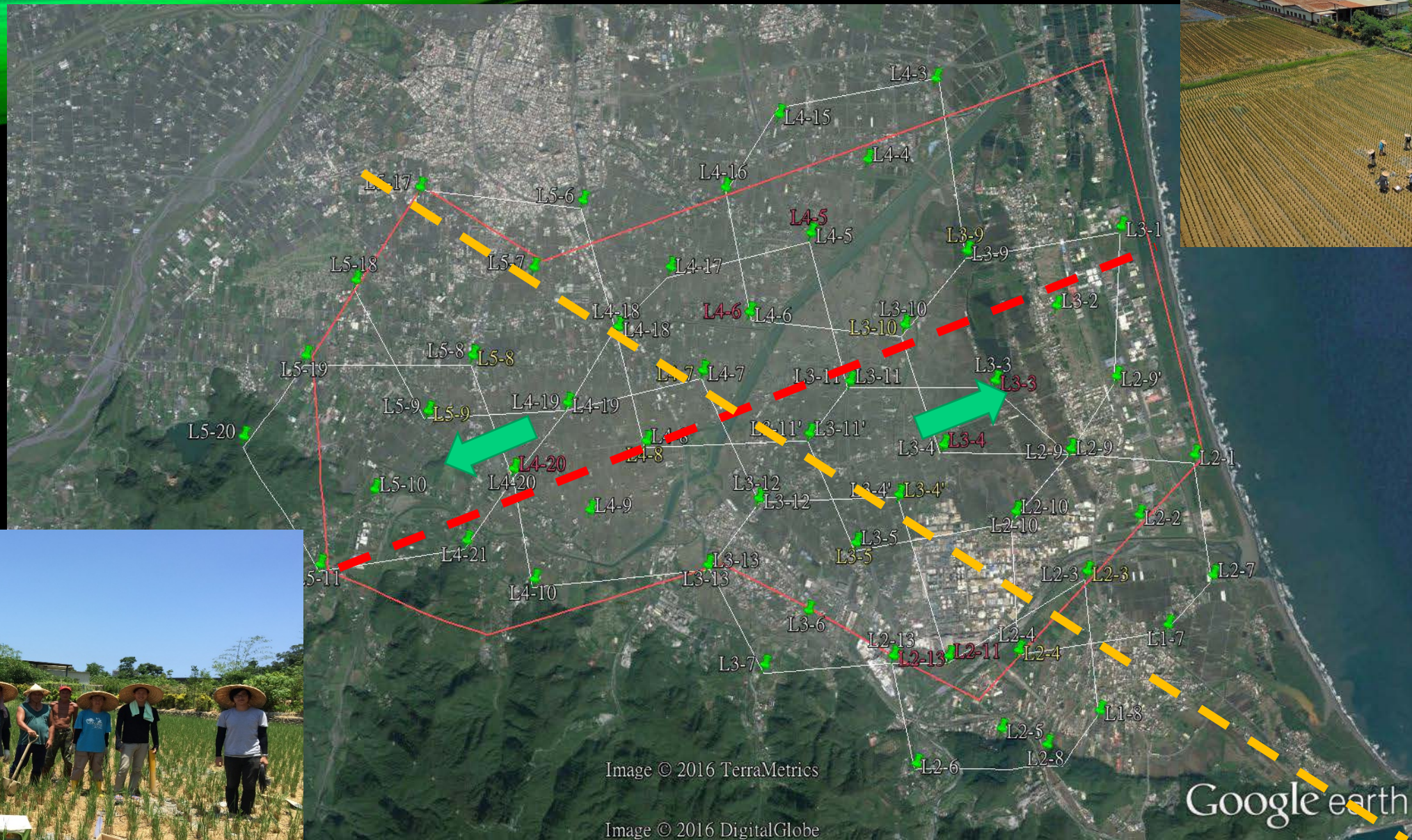
a bottom surface of seismicity,
fracturing and hydrothermal
convection

SELF-ORGANIZATION OF EARTHQUAKE SWARMS IN GEOTHERMAL FIELDS



Huang H. H., 2007



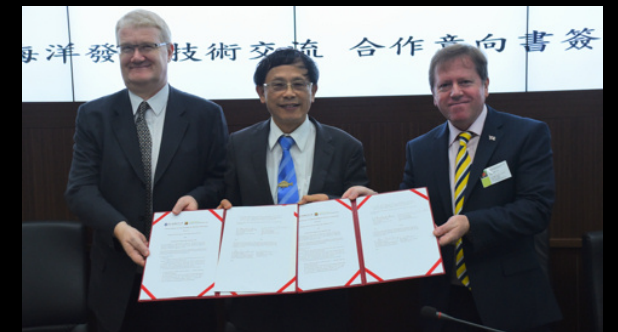


GEOHERMAL PROMOTION TEAM

1. National Energy Project 2nd stage
2. NTOU(National Taiwan Ocean Univ.) has organized with several local and foreign companies for promoting geothermal energy.
3. We wish to cooperate in essential issues with IGA and IEA-GEA, expanding to environmental impact & monitoring and legal experience.



Sep. 4, 2015 MOU between LCY and NTOU



Jan. 21, 2016 MOU between GEL and NTOU

Short-term strategies

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- Setting up geothermal well database from CPC, ITRI and WRA (of MOEA). => MOEA developing
- Transforming Petroleum fund of MOEABOE to national risk mitigation fund => MOEA done by 「Geothermal power system demonstration incentives」
- International cooperation in mature geothermal technologies. => private company developing
- Developing air drilling technology to further geothermal drilling case. => private company developing
- Establish Expanded Business Model Working Group (EBMWG) for geothermal development
=> Preparatory Office of Taiwan Geothermal Energy Alliance

STRATEGIES FOR
TOUGH GOAL:
150 MW IN 2020

Long-term strategies

- Cultivating technical manpower for geothermal engineering via international cooperation.
- Building up Geothermal Energy Law and a national geothermal committee to reduce risks and cost.

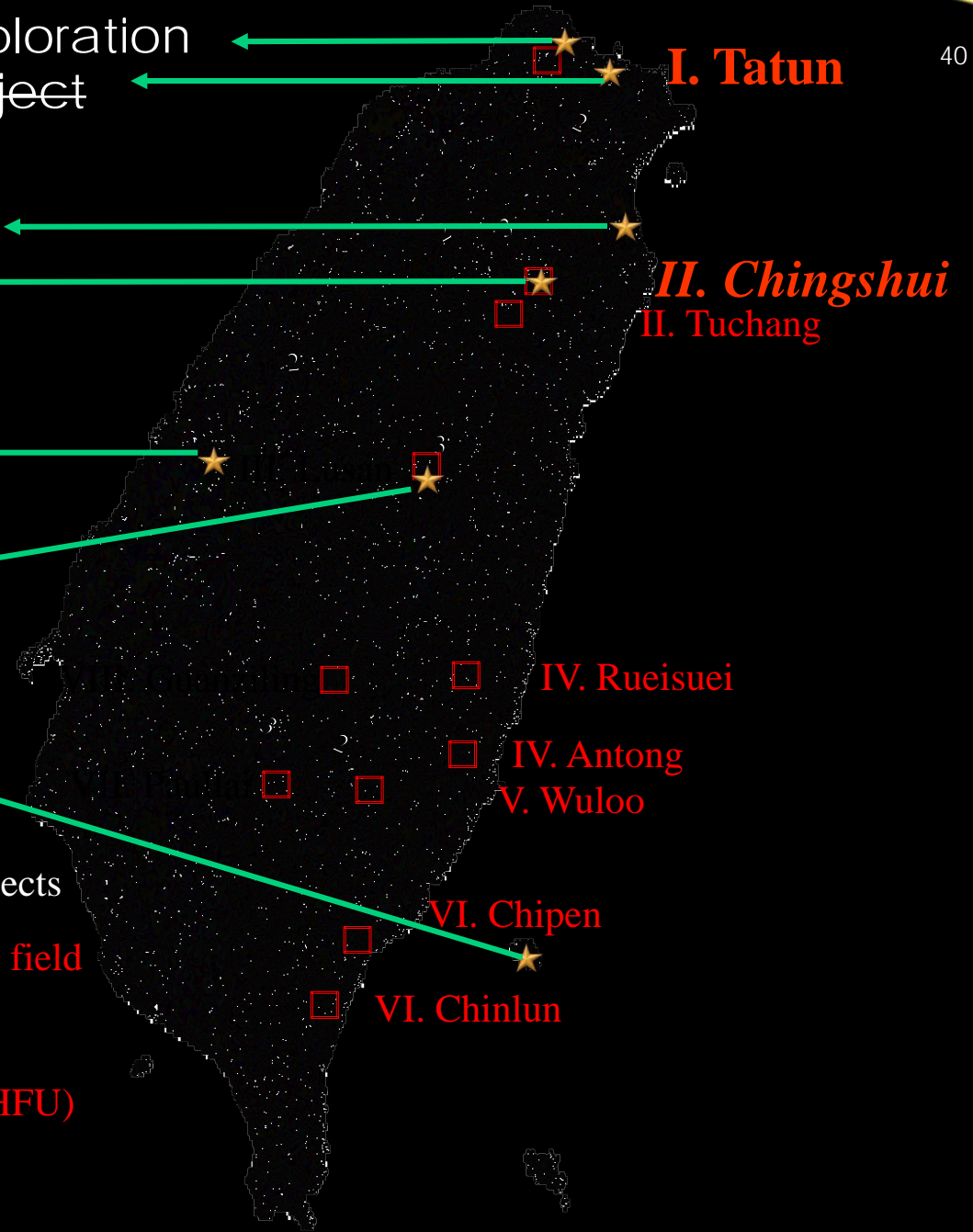
- 1. Subvolcanic geothermal exploration
- 2. NTOU campus geothermal project with hydrogen hybrid pilot

- 3. EIA approved, 101 Mwe CEEG project
- 4. ROT & BOT geothermal project

5. Biomass hybrid geothermal project

6. Sediq Geothermal Village

7. Volcanic island geothermal project



- ★ NTOU promoting projects
- Potential geothermal field
- Hot spring spot
- ~ Heat flow contour (HFU)

Statistics:

1. Size of country: 783,562 km².
2. Population: 78,741,053 (2015).
3. Years of producing electricity from geothermal: 32 years, from 1984.
4. Installed capacity of geothermal (MWe): 820 MWe (2017).
5. Installed capacity of other sources (MWe): 77,614 MWe (2015).
6. Electricity production from geothermal (GWh): 3,424 GWh (2015).
7. Electricity production from other sources (GWh): 254,935 GWh.
8. Proportional production by source:

- Coal – 29.09%
- Natural Gas – 37.90%
- Liquid Fuels – 0.85%
- Hydro – 25.65%
- Wind – 4.45%
- Waste Heat – 0.16%
- Biomass – 0.52%
- Solar – 0.07%
- Geothermal – 1.31%



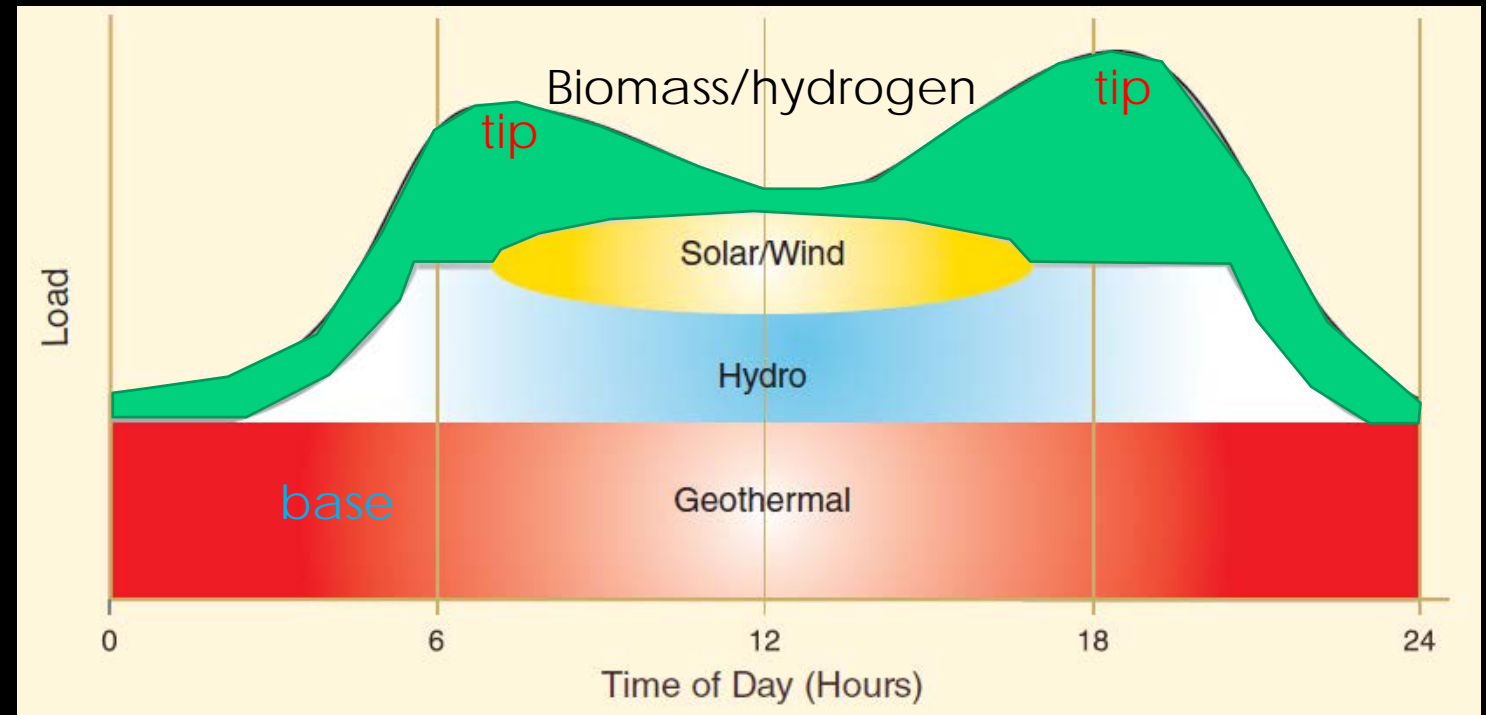
GEOHERMAL ACT

Boosting geothermal energy more than 1,000 MW from 2008~2018

Cheap geothermal power as NTD 3 /kWh

THE IDEAL ENERGY STRUCTURE

1. Geothermal can play the distributed base-loading power in region.
2. For better performance, replacing tip-loading fossil fuels by storable clean energy is essential, like hybrid geothermal plant with biomass, hydrogen fuel cell.



CIVIL GEOTHERMAL PLANT

1. Place: Letzer industrial area in Yiland plain
2. Heat source : hydrothermal reservoir in Sanxin fracture zone
3. Estimated depth : 2000~5000 meters(200~300°C)
4. Operation : BOT(Build-operate-transfer) or PPP(Public-Private-Partnership)
5. Civil geothermal plant can be part of "circular economy" in local, especially in low-carbon tech.
6. Benefit corporation(B corp.) certificate, ISO14001 (like Valle Secolo geothermal plant) for a greener and more public power supplier.





Thanks for your attention.
We do not have much time left.

Costs of Energy, Including Transmission (¢ / kWh)

ENERGY TECHNOLOGY	2010-2013	2020-2030
Wind onshore	4-10.5	≤4
Wind offshore	11.3-16.5	7-10.9
Wave	>11	4-11
Geothermal	9.9-15.2	5.5-8.8
Hydroelectric	4-6	4
CSP(concentrating)	14.1-22.6	7-8
Solar PV (utility scale)	11.1-15.9	5.5
Tidal	>>11	5-7
<u>Conventional (+Externalities)</u>	<u>9.2 (+5.3)=14.5</u>	<u>14-19 (+5.7)=20-25</u>

230~300C:
25 MW/well

190~230C
3-12 MW/well

150~190C
3-5 MW/well

300 houses

Over 9,000
houses

	Unit Cost (US ¢/kWh) High Quality Resource	Unit Cost (US ¢/kWh) Medium Quality Resource	Unit Cost (US ¢/kWh) Low Quality Resource
Small plants (<5 MW)	5.0-7.0	5.5-8.5	6.0-10.5 NTD 3.15元/kWh
Medium Plants (5-30 MW)	4.0-6.0	4.5-7	Normally not suitable
Large Plants (>30 MW)	2.5-5.0 NTD 0.75元/kWh	4.0-6.0	Normally not suitable

地熱	無區分	≥1	固定 20 年 躉購費率		5.1956
			階梯式 躉購費率	前 10 年	6.1710 (5.6447) 註 3
				後 10 年	3.5685 (4.4465) 註 3