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Modulo di Geotermia

1 LEZIONE: GEOTERMIA PER LA PRODUZIONE RINNOVABILE DI ENERGIA ELETTRICA



FONTI ALTERNATIVE

- SONO QUELLE FONTI , NON RINNOVABILI, ALTERNATIVE AGLI IDROCARBURI (PETROLIO E DERIVATI , CARBONE , GAS NATURALE).

FONTI RINNOVABILI

- SI RINNOVANO IN TEMPI BREVI
- SONO INESAURIBILI
- SONO PRESENTI SU TUTTO IL PIANETA TERRA
- HANNO UN IMPATTO AMBIENTALE RIDOTTO



FONTI ENERGETICHE RINNOVABILI PERCHE':

MOTIVI AMBIENTALI

(riduzione effetto serra e inquinamento dell'aria)

DIVERSIFICAZIONE DELLE FONTI ENERGETICHE

(miglioramento della sicurezza degli approvvigionamenti)

RIDUZIONE DEL RISCHIO DI FLUTTUAZIONE DEI PREZZI DEI

PRODOTTI PETROLIFERI (quale riserva esauribile)

RICADUTA ECONOMICA ED OCCUPAZIONALE

(investimenti in una nuova industria ad elevato contenuto tecnologico)

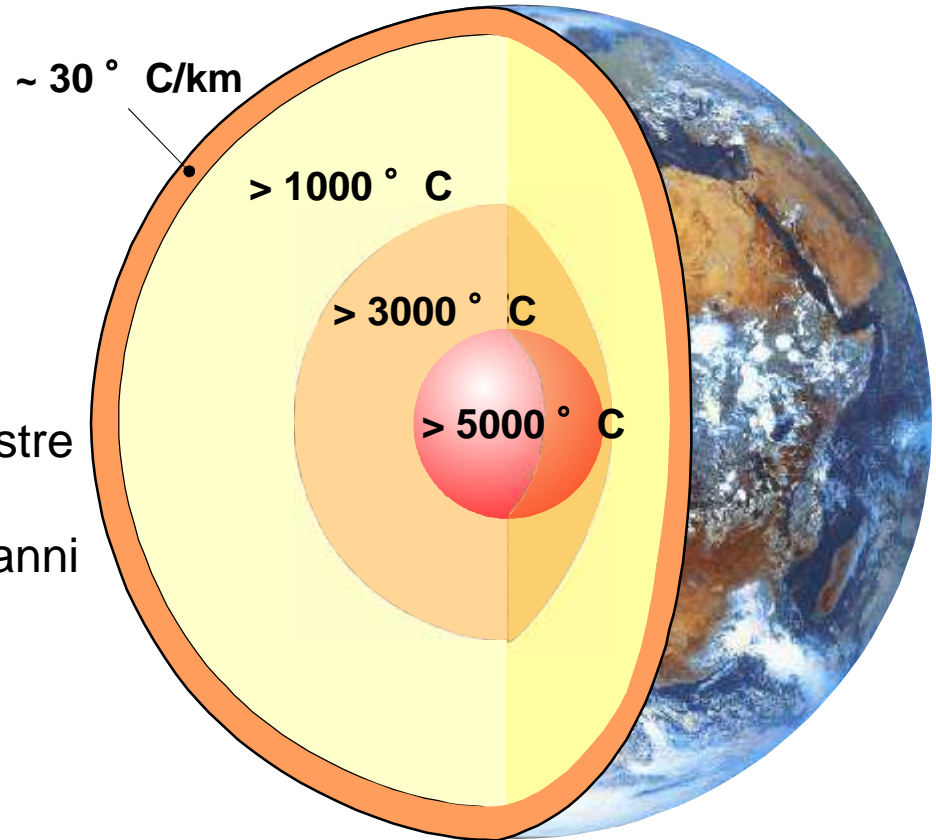


SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE (COME DEFINITO DALLA COMMISSIONE DELL'AMBIENTE E SVILUPPO DELL'ONU)

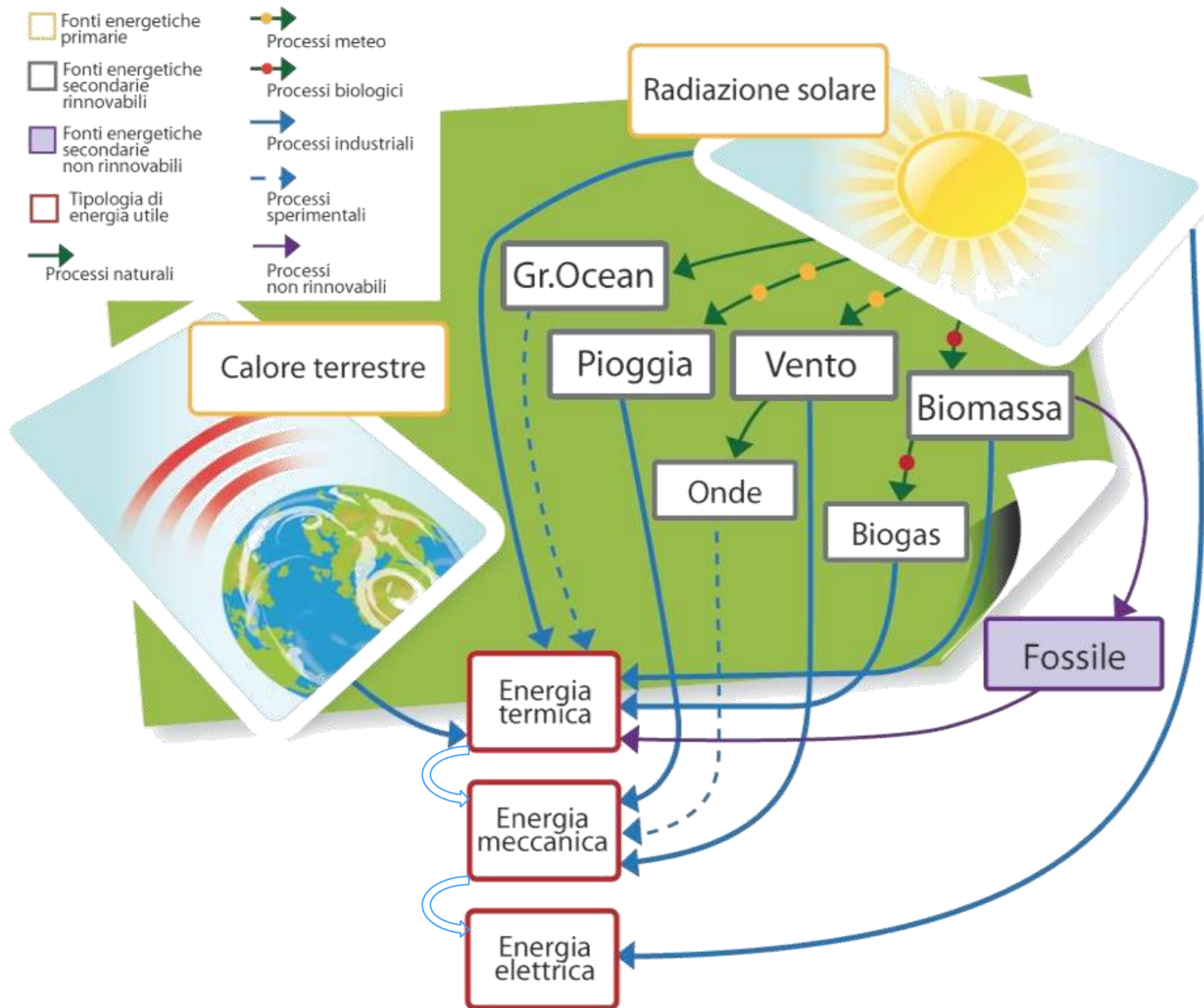
“LO SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE È UNO SVILUPPO CHE SODDISFA
LE ESIGENZE DEL PRESENTE SENZA COMPROMETTERE LA
POSSIBILITÀ PER LE GENERAZIONI FUTURE DI SODDISFARE
I PROPRI BISOGNI”.

Concetti principali

L'energia geotermica, nella sua accezione completa, è l'energia termica immagazzinata sotto la superficie terrestre.



In principio lo 0.1% dell'energia immagazzinata nella crosta terrestre potrebbe soddisfare la richiesta energetica mondiale per 10.000 anni



What is Geothermal Energy?

⇒ Geothermal energy is a **“green nuclear power”**

Occurrence of „primordial“ radionuclides (existing since formation of elements) :

Uranium: ^{238}U - $4,5 \cdot 10^9$ y, decay chain, 1 ppm $\hat{=}$ 12,4 Bq/kg

^{235}U - $0,7 \cdot 10^9$ y, decay chain, 0,007 Bq/kg

Thorium: ^{232}Th - $1,4 \cdot 10^{10}$ y, decay chain, 0,07 Bq/kg

Potassium: ^{40}K - $1,2 \cdot 10^9$ y, decay chain, 0,01 Bq/kg



element	mean content in earth's crust	radioactivity
U	2,5 ppm	0,24
Th	10,3 ppm	0,26
K	2,87 %	0,09
Σ		0,60

total heat production:

Radioactivity (crust):

$\approx 0,9 \cdot 10^{21}$ J/ y

Gravitation (mantle, core):

$\approx 0,3 \cdot 10^{21}$ J/ y

Stober, I., Bucher, K.: Geothermie, Springer Berlin Heidelberg 2012

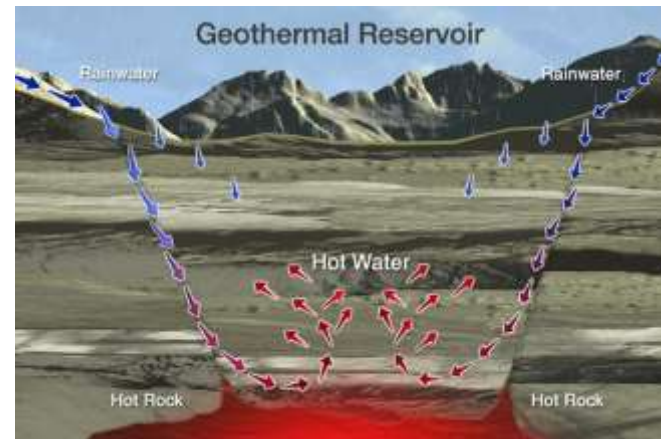
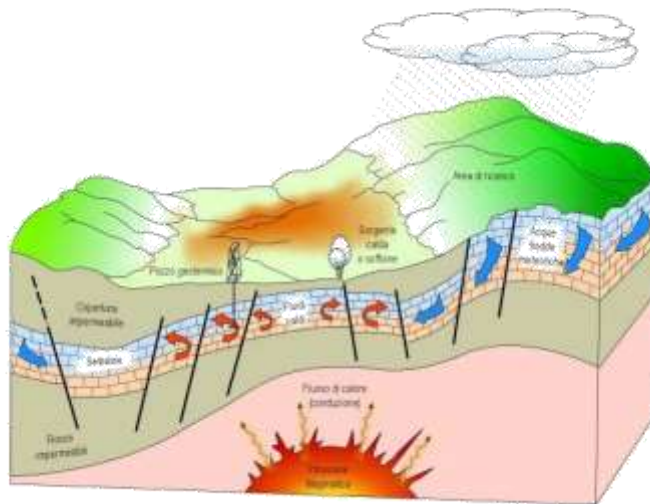
Introduzione (1)

L'energia Geotermica è generata dal calore terrestre.

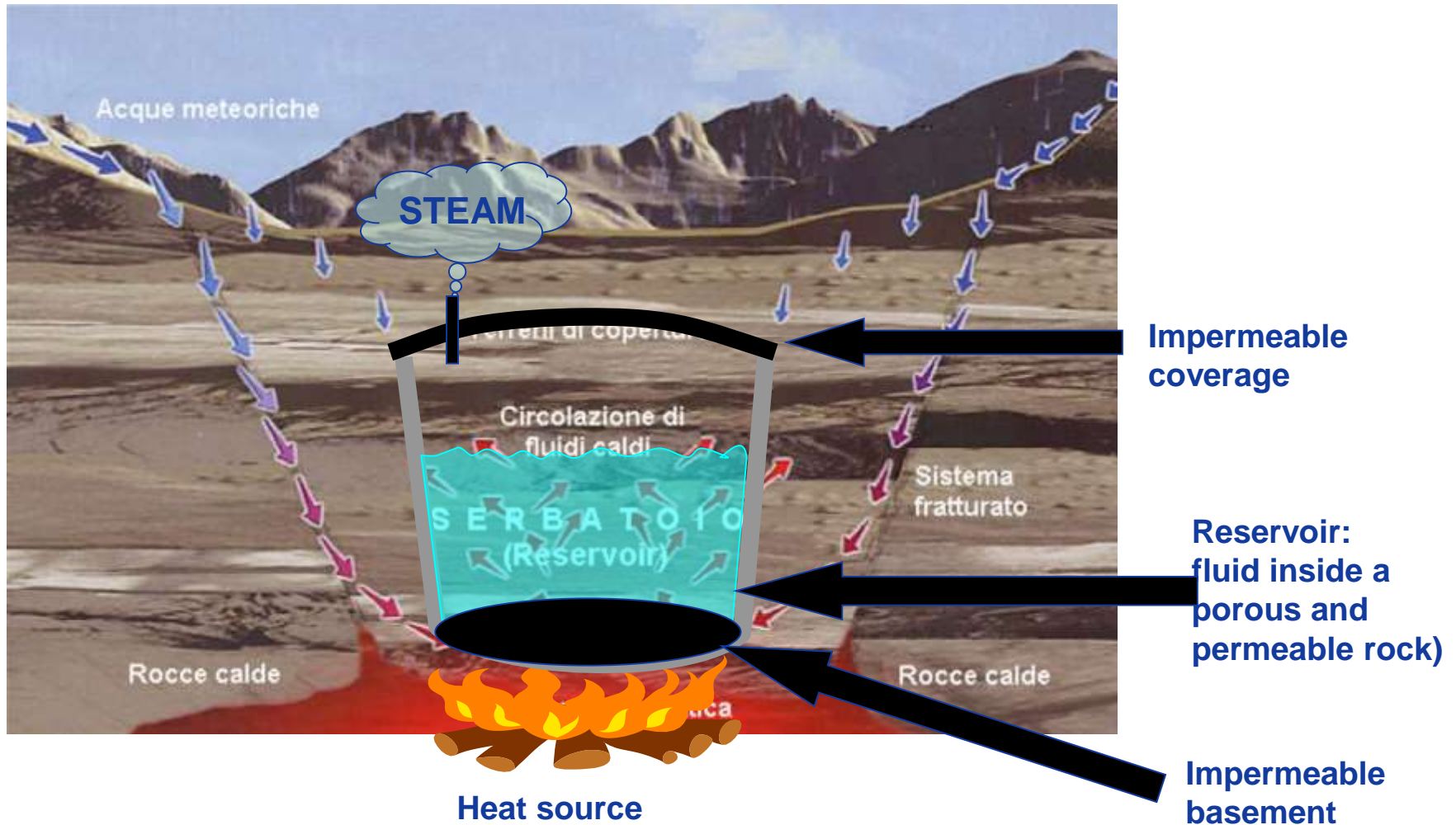
L'origine di questo calore è legato alla natura interna del nostro pianeta e con i processi fisici che in esso hanno luogo;

E' una risorsa diffusa praticamente inesauribile (se sfruttata correttamente), costantemente disponibile nel tempo, rinnovabile e a bassissimo impatto ambientale.

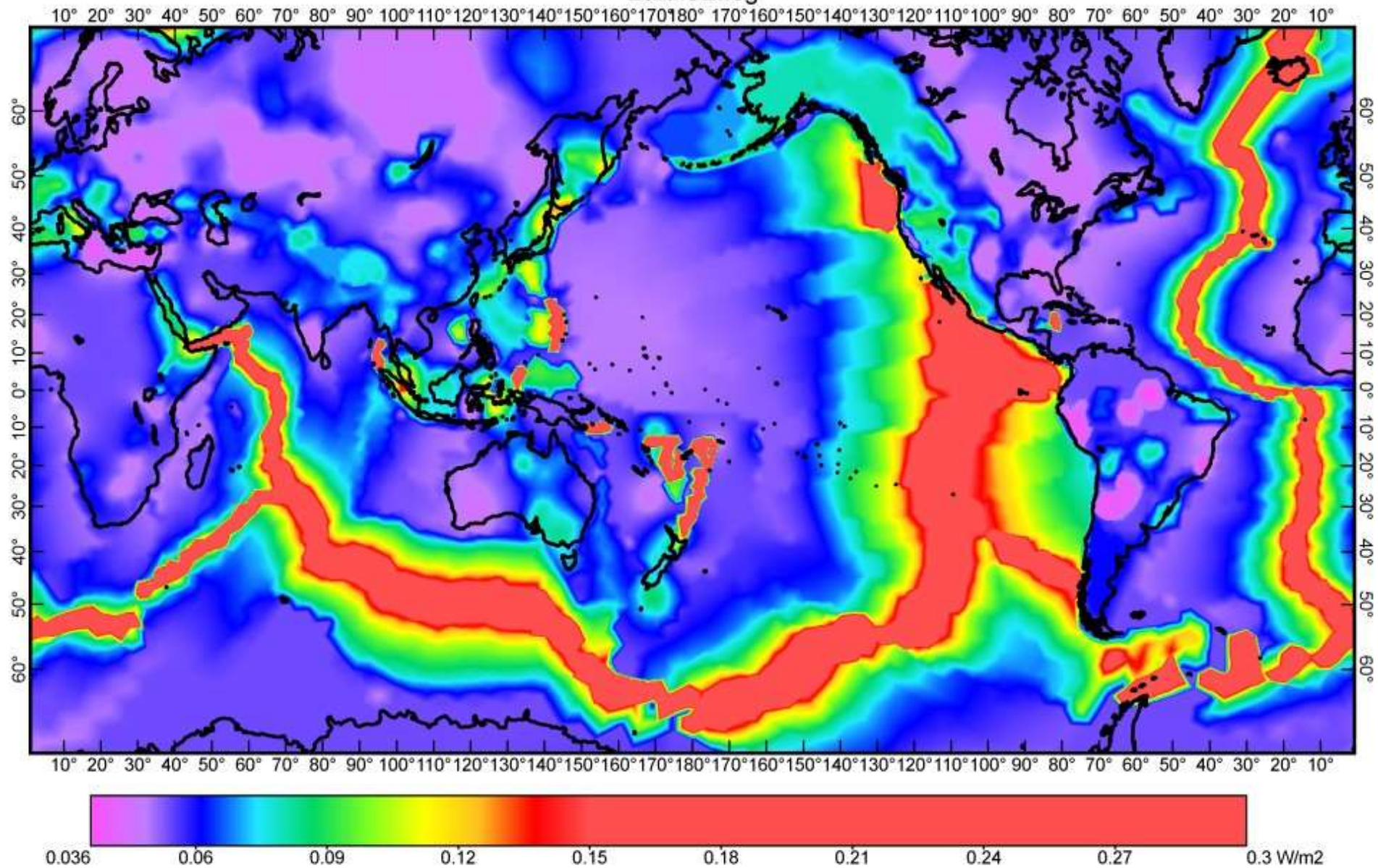
Figura 4
Rappresentazione schematica di un sistema geotermico.



What is Geothermal Energy?



Heat Flow
Earth5E.feg



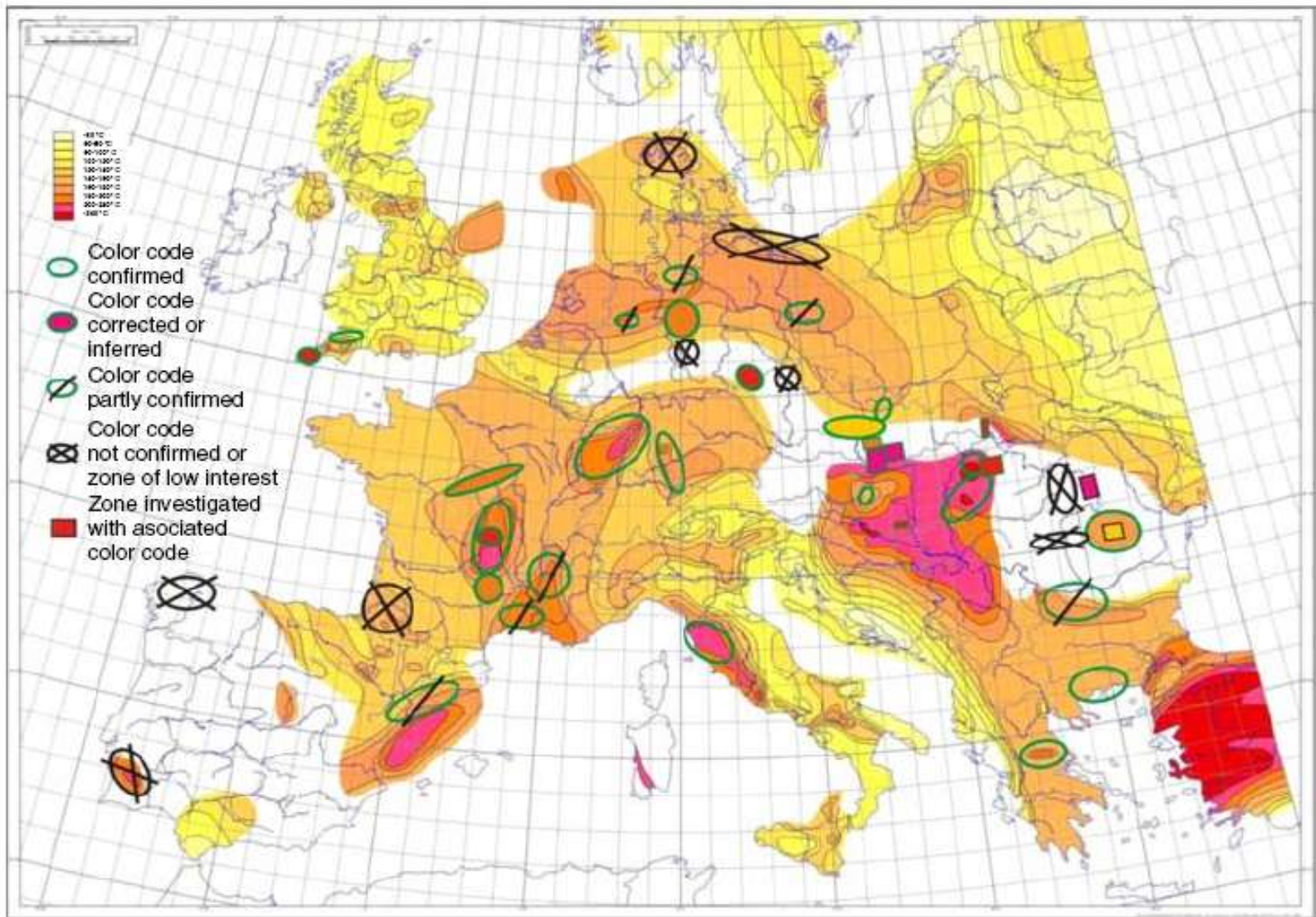


Figure 1.11 Map of temperature at 5 km depth, as inferred from unavailable (confidential) BHT measurements (Hurtig *et al.*, 1992; EIEG, 2000) and critical analysis by Genter *et al.*

What is Geothermal Energy?



Geyser – Yellowstone Park

What is Geothermal Energy?



El Tatio- Chile

What is Geothermal Energy?



Lagoncelli, putizze and old wells
San Federico c/o Lago Boracifero



“Bocca della Balena” (Whale Mouth)
Bagni San Filippo

What is Geothermal Energy?



Geothermal manifestation
Monterotondo Marittimo

Mud Lagoncelli
Sant'Adriana

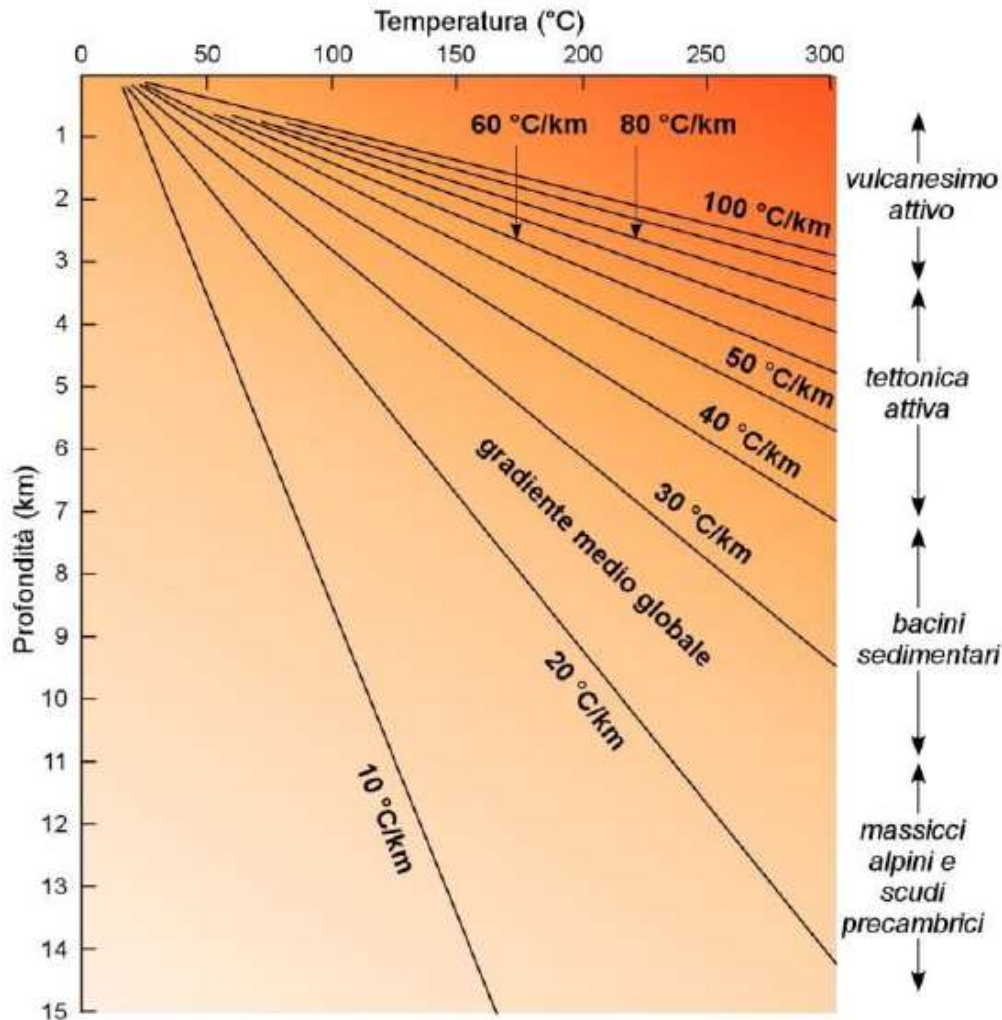


What is Geothermal Energy?



Champagne pool – New Zealand

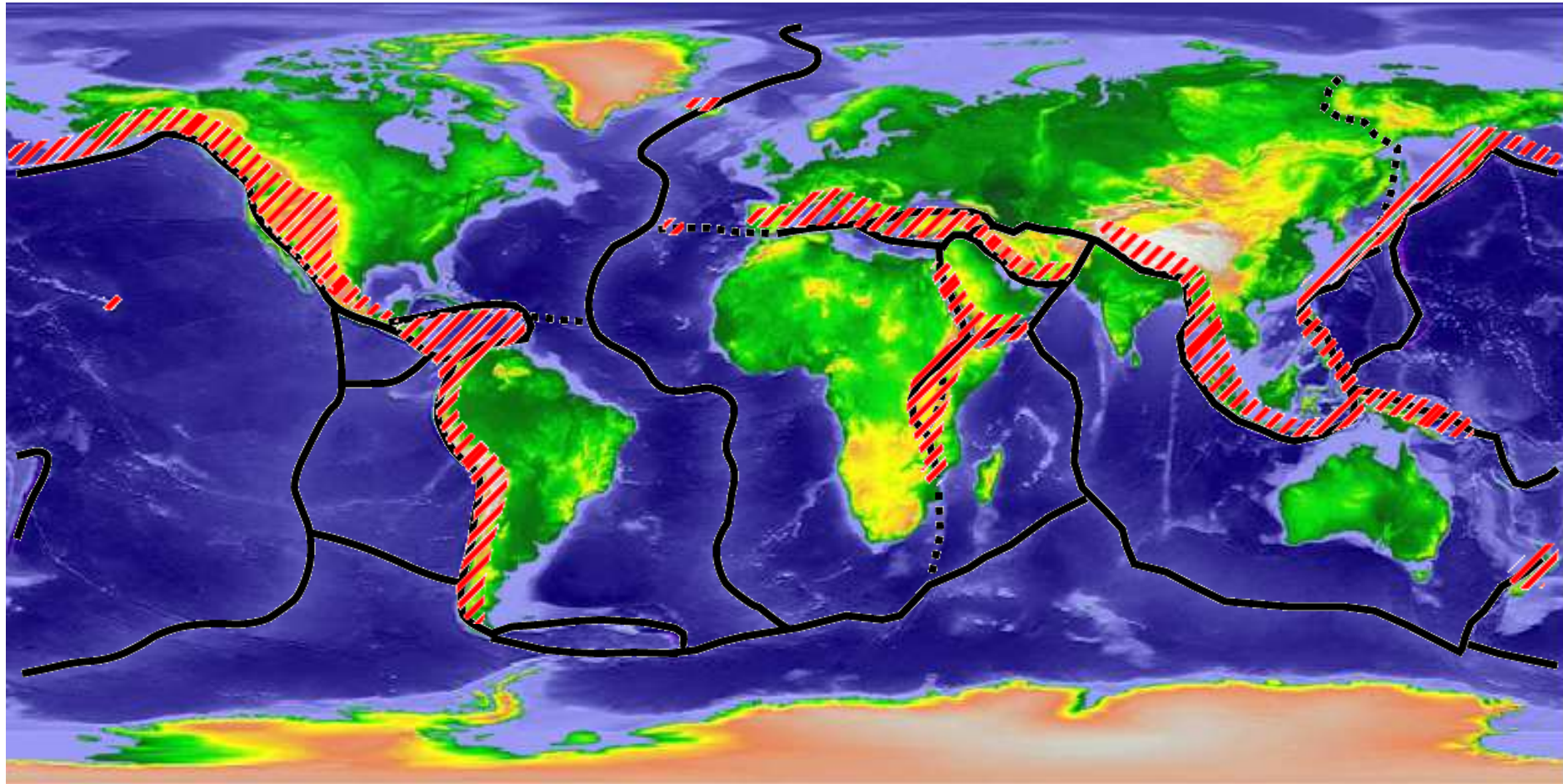
Gradiente geotermico



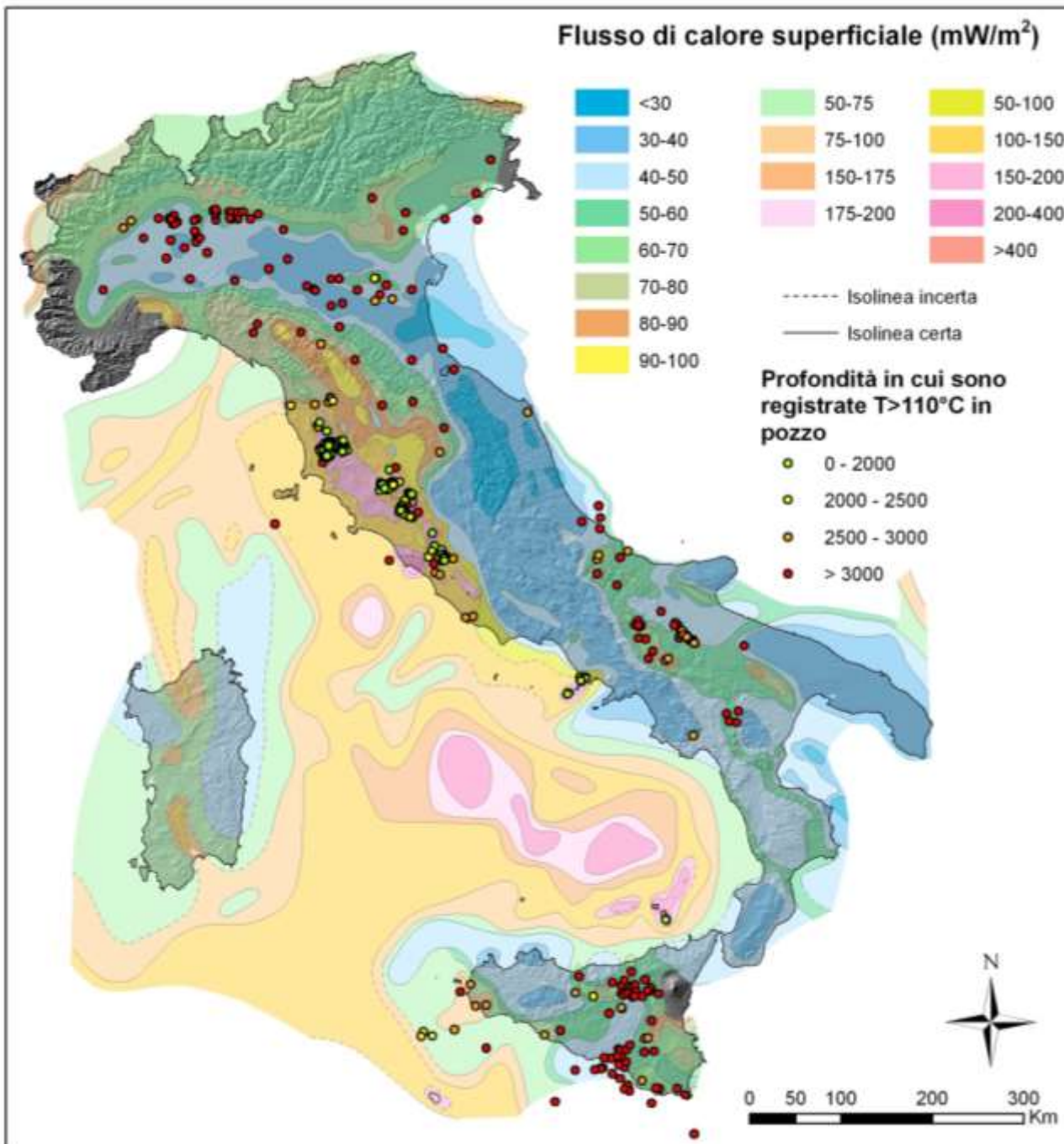
In assenza di circolazione di fluidi il **gradiente geotermico** varia a seconda del contesto geodinamico e geologico dell'area; mediamente varia **1° C ogni 20-40 m** di profondità.

La differenza di temperatura tra le zone profonde, più calde, e quelle superficiali, più fredde, dà origine ad un flusso di calore dall'interno verso l'esterno della Terra. Il **flusso di calore** medio è **65 mWm⁻²** nelle aree continentali e **101 mWm⁻²** nelle aree oceaniche, con una media globale di **87 mWm⁻²**.

Dove?



Aree di interesse geotermico



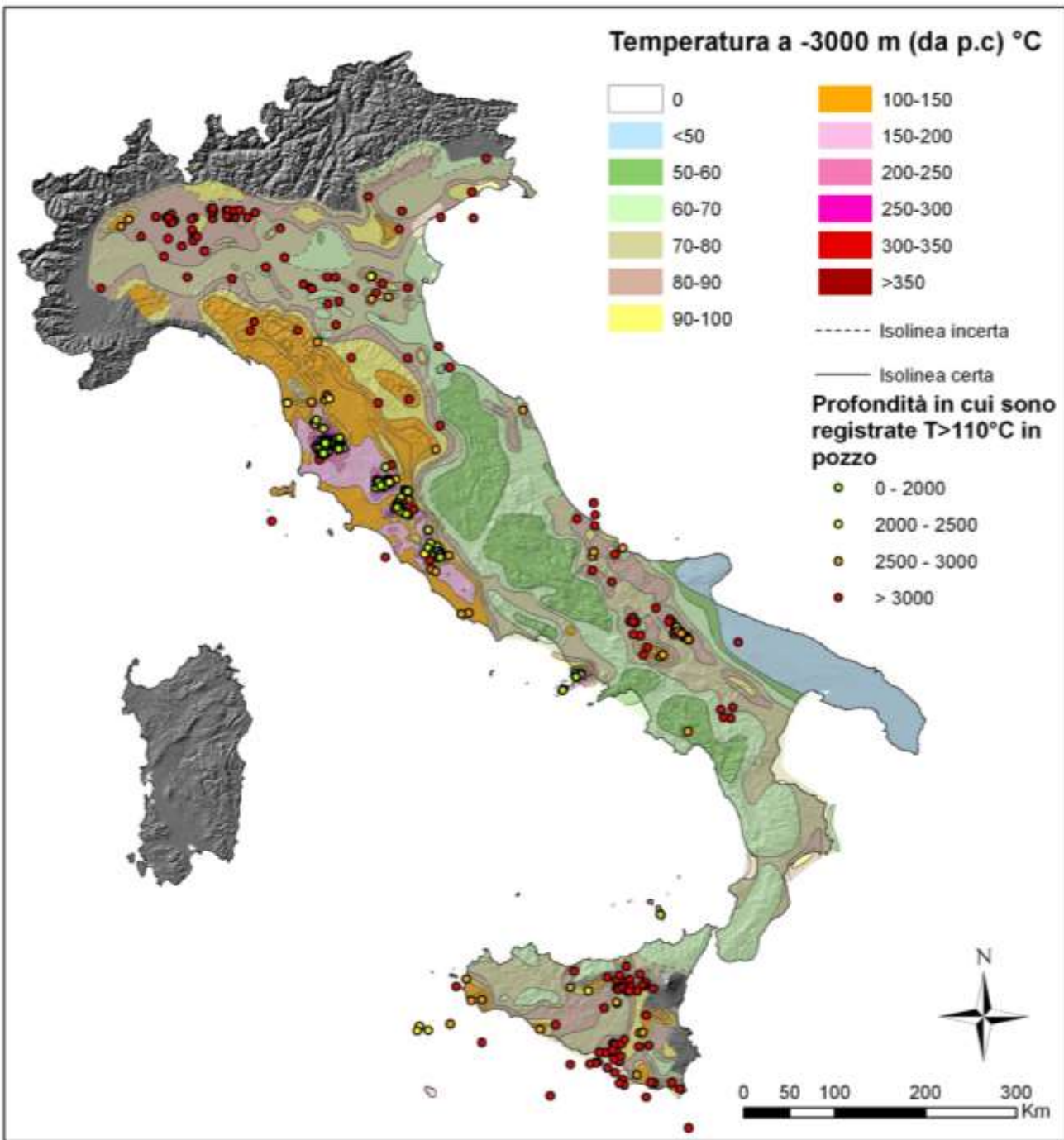
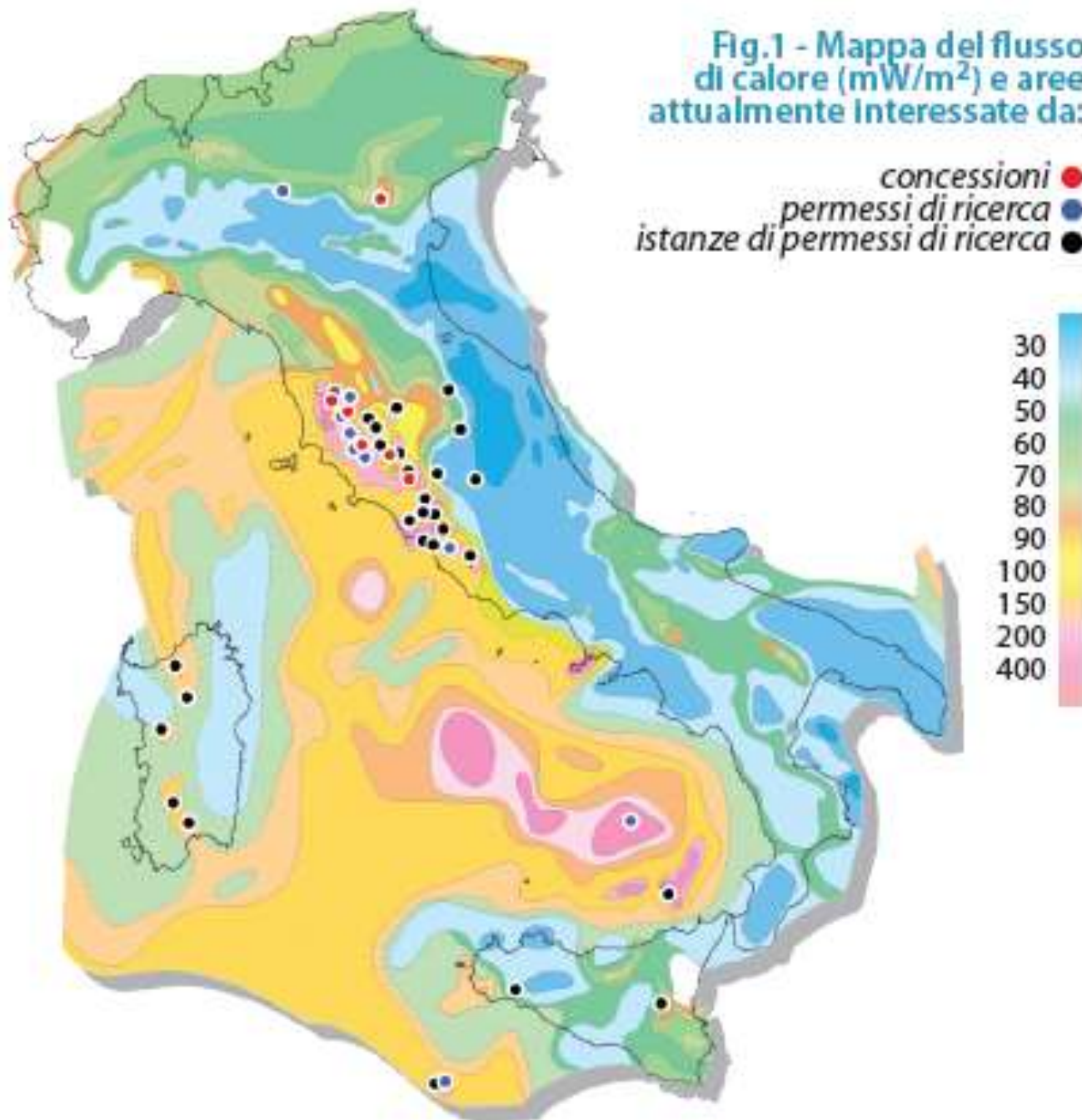


Fig.1 - Mappa del flusso di calore (mW/m^2) e aree attualmente interessate da:

concessioni ●
permessi di ricerca ●
istanze di permessi di ricerca ●



Temperatura del serbatoio *	Fluido	Usi comuni	Tecnologie
>150 ° C Alta entalpia	Acqua o vapore	Generazione energia elettrica Usi diretti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ciclo a vapore secco ▪ Ciclo a singolo flash ▪ Ciclo a doppio flash ▪ Scambiatori di calore
		Generazione energia elettrica	▪ Ciclo binario

L'entalpia è una funzione di stato che esprime la quantità di energia libera di un sistema termodinamico in una trasformazione isobaroentropica (a pressione ed entropia costanti).

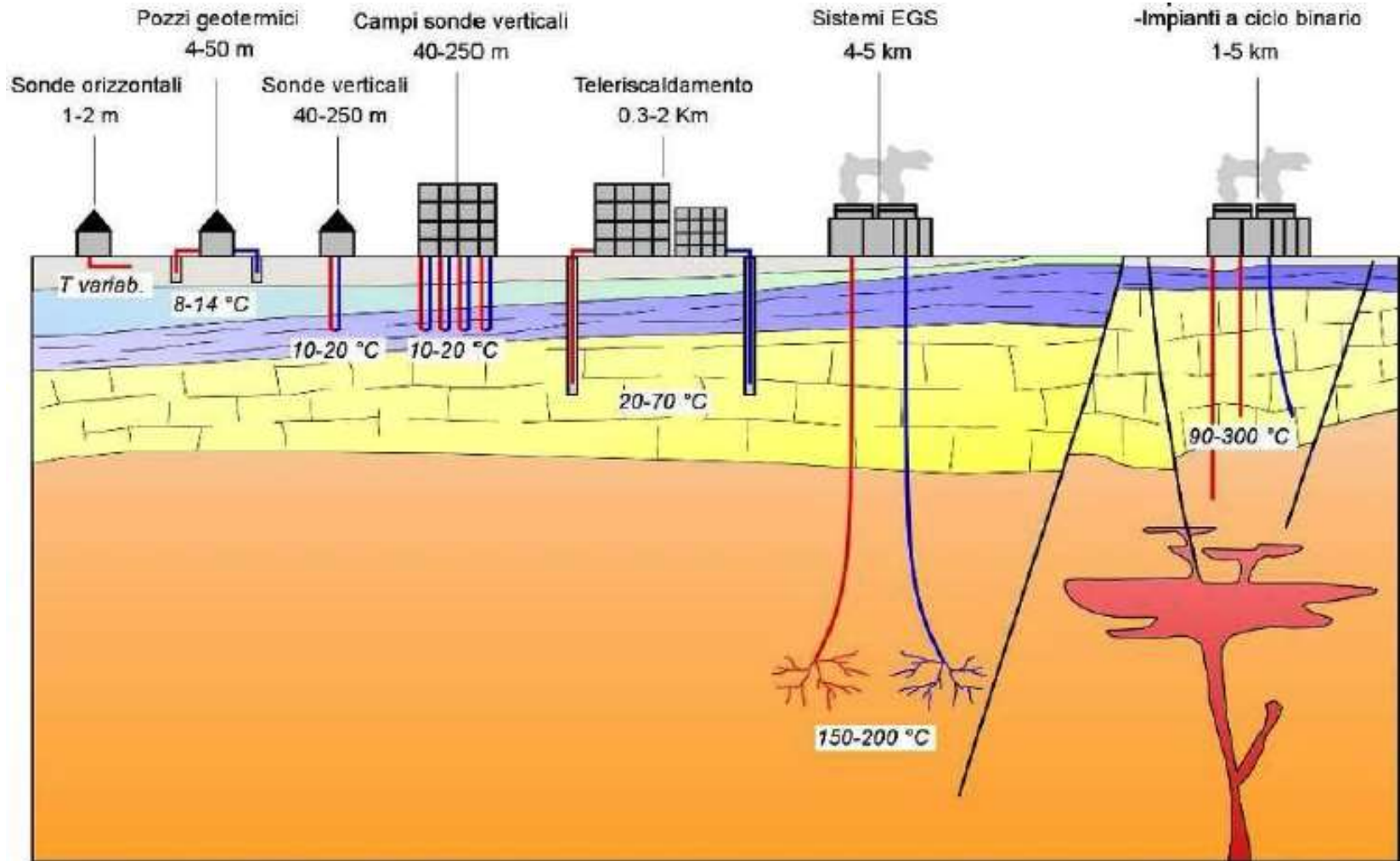
Da Wikipedia, l'enciclopedia libera

* Ai sensi e per gli effetti del Decreto Legislativo 11 febbraio 2010, n. 22

Una denominazione confusa

Geotermia superficiale

Geotermia profonda



Geotermia non convenzionale

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Sistemi
salamoia
calda

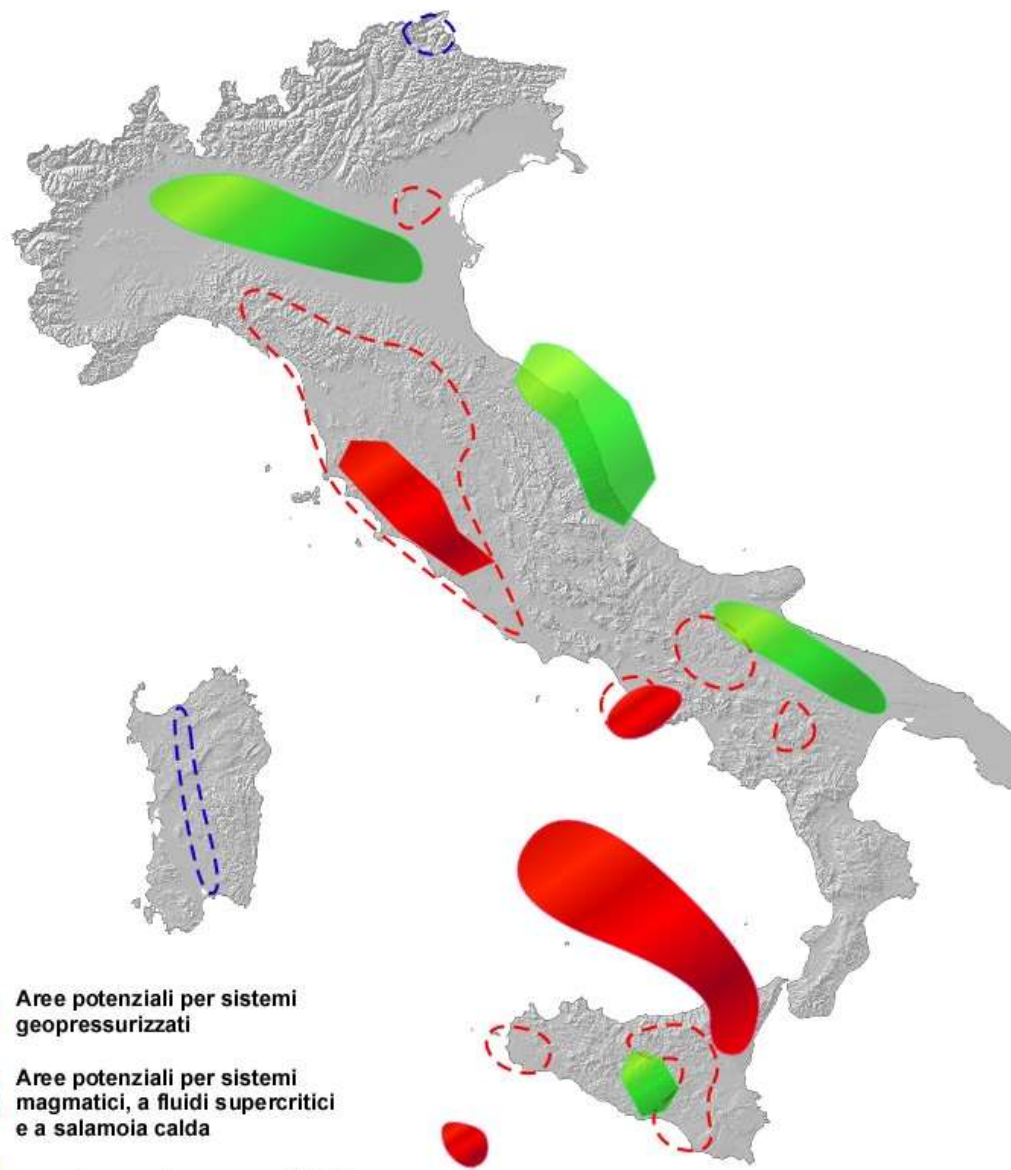
2
Sistemi geo
pressurizzati




3
Risorse
magmatiche

4
Fluidi
supercritici

5
EGS

Geotermia non convenzionale

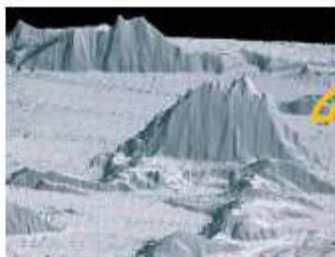


-  Aree potenziali per sistemi geopressurizzati
-  Aree potenziali per sistemi magmatici, a fluidi supercritici e a salamoia calda
-  Aree favorevoli per progetti EGS

Shallow water resources <200 m
(red and orange patterns)

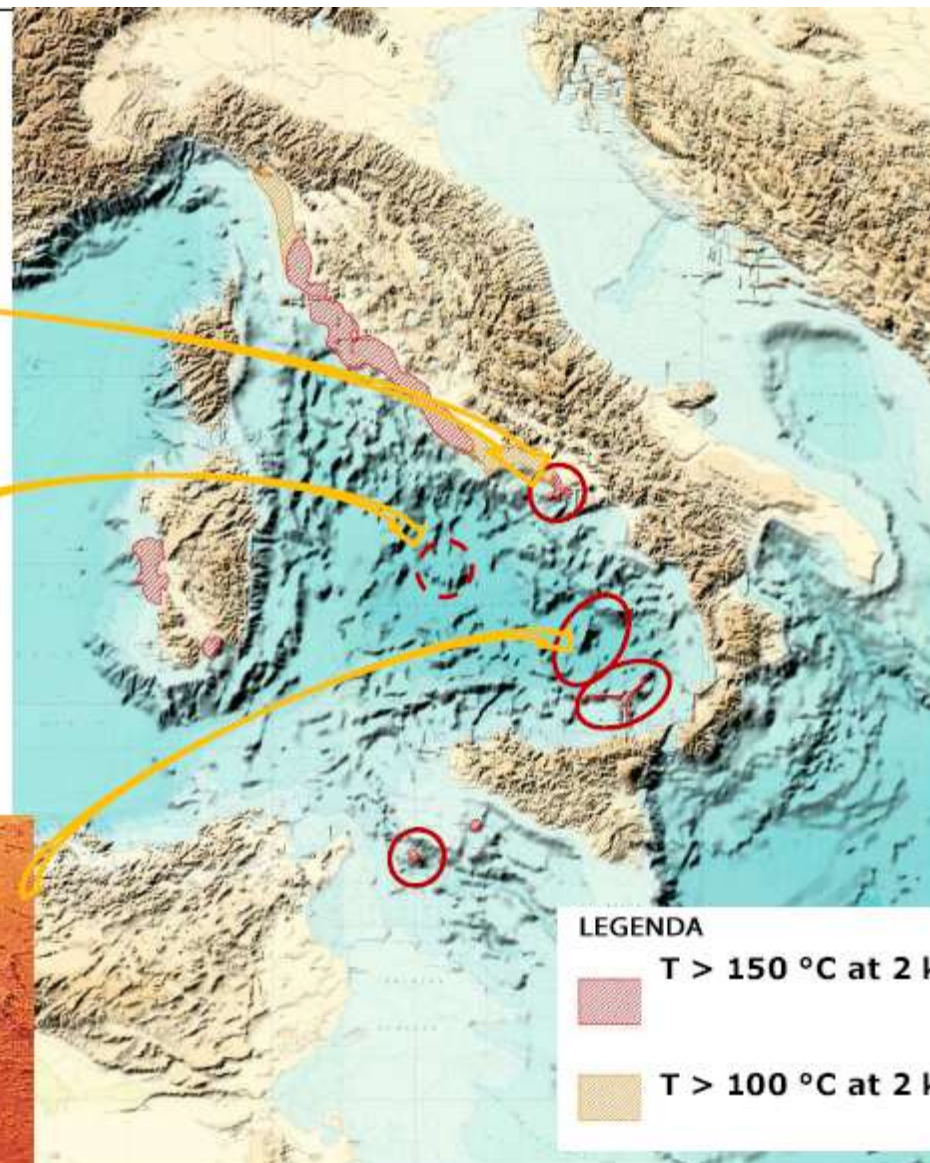
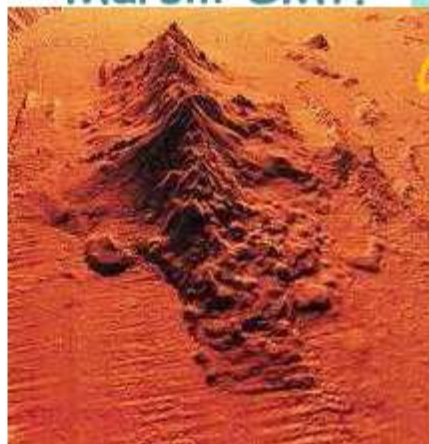
Deep resources (circles)

Campi Flegrei
Deep Drilling
Project



Vavilov SMT.

Marsili SMT.



LEGENDA
T > 150 °C at 2 km
T > 100 °C at 2 km

Produzione di energia

Il calore sotterraneo non viene utilizzato direttamente per la produzione di energia, ma attraverso una massa d'acqua che scambia ed estrae il calore immagazzinato nelle rocce (sistemi idrotermali)

La potenza elettrica è prodotta dalla conversione di energia termica immagazzinata nella massa d'acqua (T da 90°C a 350°C) in energia meccanica attraverso una turbina, direttamente (tecnologia convenzionale flash) o indirettamente (tecnologia binaria), ed infine in energia elettrica grazie al generatore

1 MW_e richiede:

- 7 - 10 t/h di vapore secco
- 30-40 t/h di fluido bifase a $200\text{-}250^{\circ}\text{C}$ (tecnologia flash)
- 400 - 600 t/h di acqua se si utilizzano cicli binari ORC a bassa entalpia ($120\text{-}160^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Larderello: the birthplace of geothermal industry

Before the beginning...



The Devil Valley in Larderello
No exploration activity needed.....

LA STORIA DELLA GEOTERMIA

Proprio **in Italia**, a Larderello in Toscana, nel 1904 è stato ideato per la prima volta l'utilizzo del vapore caldo che usciva spontaneamente dal terreno per la produzione di energia elettrica mediante una turbina.

Ancora oggi l'Italia è **uno dei maggiori produttori di energia geotermica al mondo**: in Toscana oltre trenta impianti forniscono una produzione energetica superiore a 5000 GWh all'anno, che corrisponde a quasi il 2% del fabbisogno nazionale.



1904: first experiment



1913: first 250 kW unit

The pioneering stage



Power plants

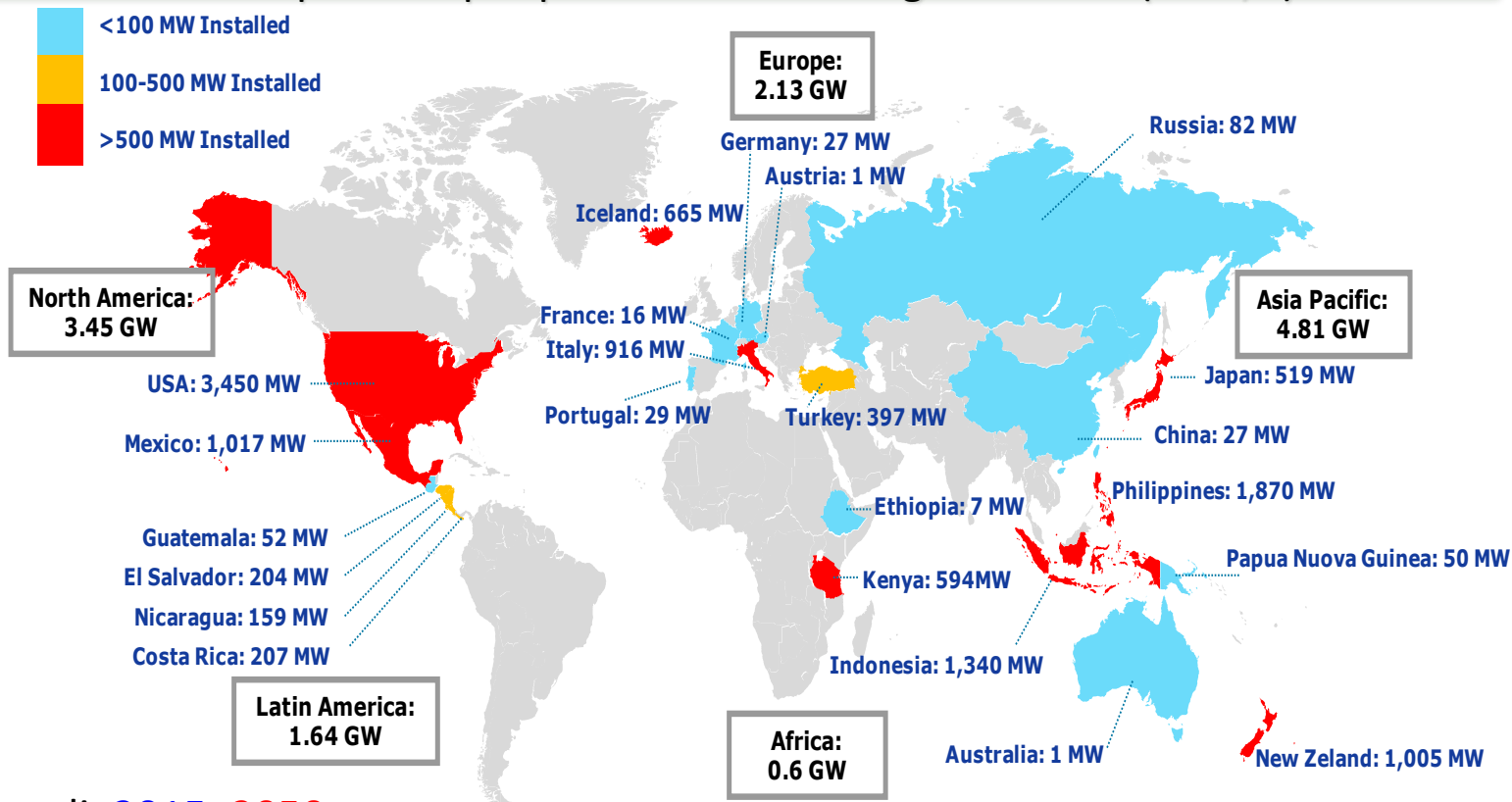


CANTIERI DI PERFORAZIONE GEOTERMICA



Prospettive di sviluppo

2015 Geothermal Installed Capacity (MW)



Valori attuali, 2015, 2050

Corrisponde a 10.7 GW nel 2010, 18.5 GW nel 2015 e 140 GW nel 2050

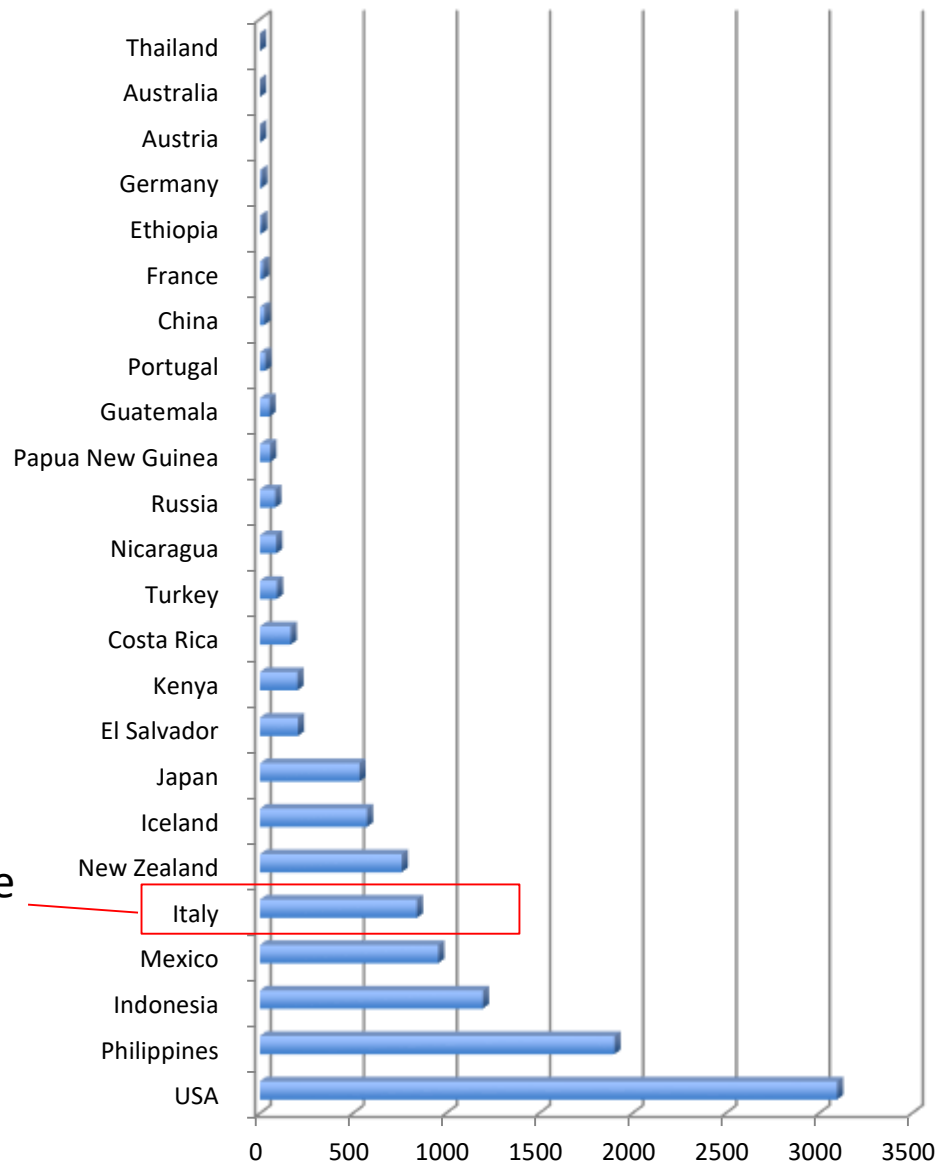
Da Bertani, WGC 2010

Produzione di energia



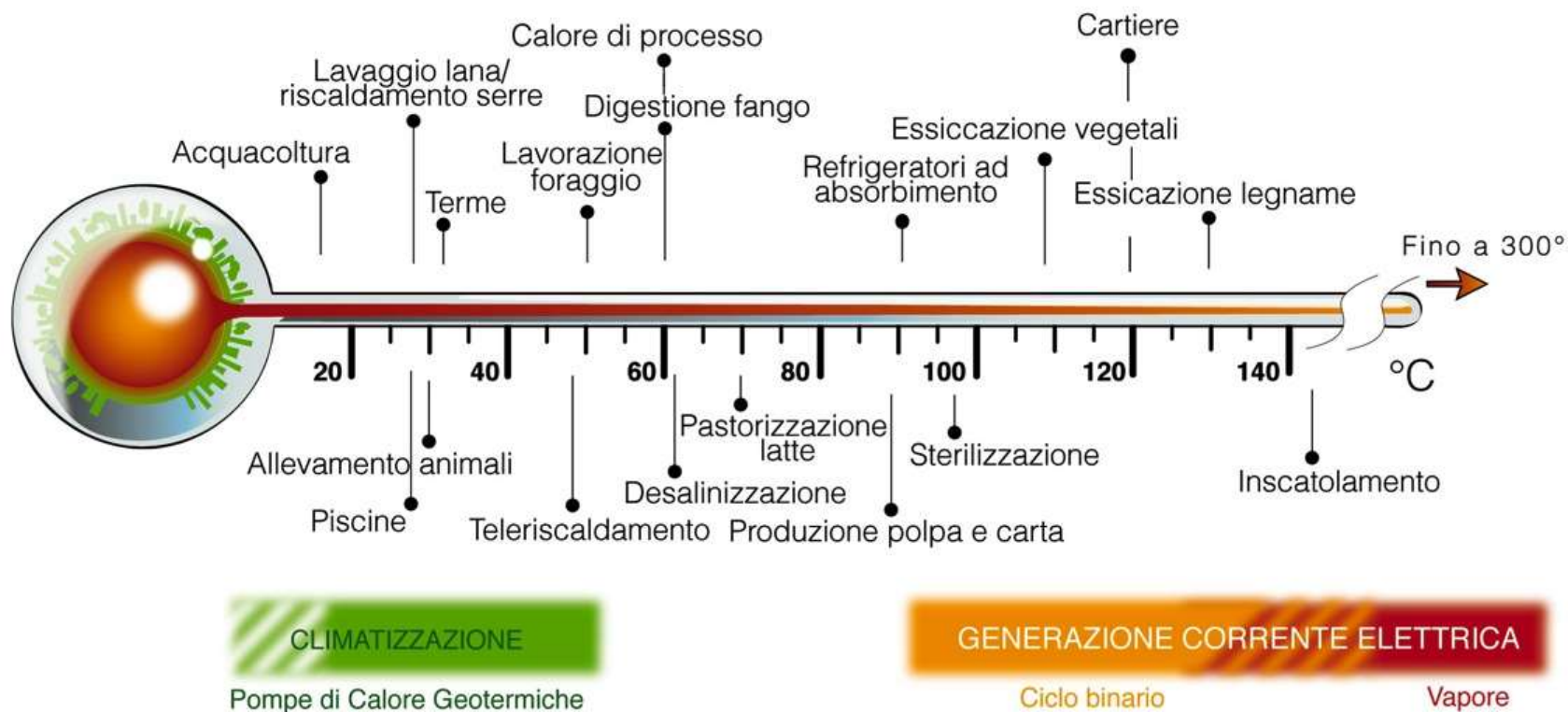
La generazione geotermoelettrica italiana corrisponde a:

- 8,5 % di quella mondiale,
- 1,9 % della generazione nazionale
- 30 % dei consumi elettrici della Toscana.



Geotermia: opportunità?

USI DEL CALORE GEOTERMICO

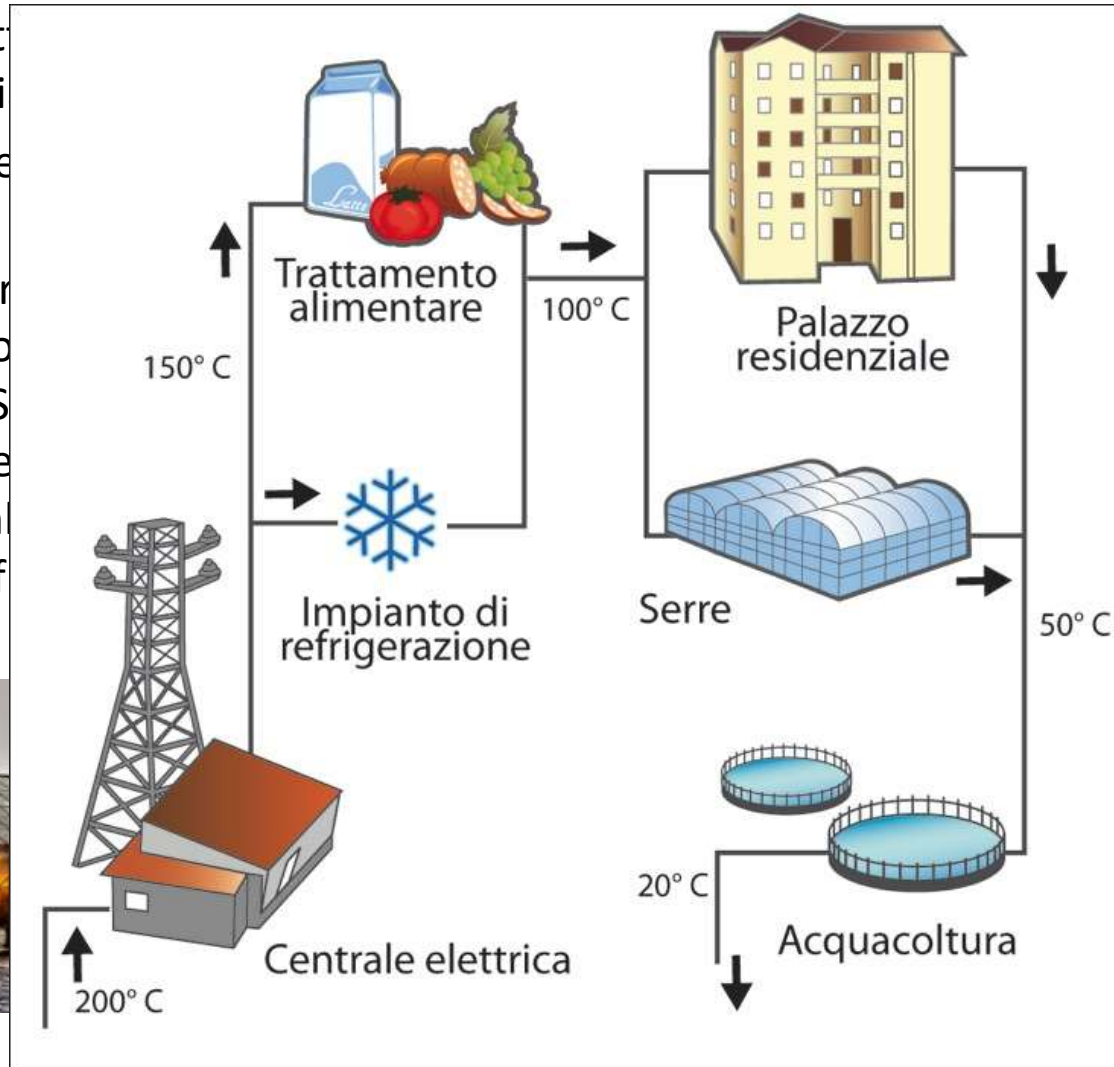


Ampio spettro di usi

sito web: www.vigor-geotermia.it

Uso diretto del calore

- L'uso diretto dell'energia
- Generalmente nei processi agricoli ed
- La maggior parte delle risorse geotermiche naturali. Si può essere o olio come portatore il f



utilizzo

e nei processi

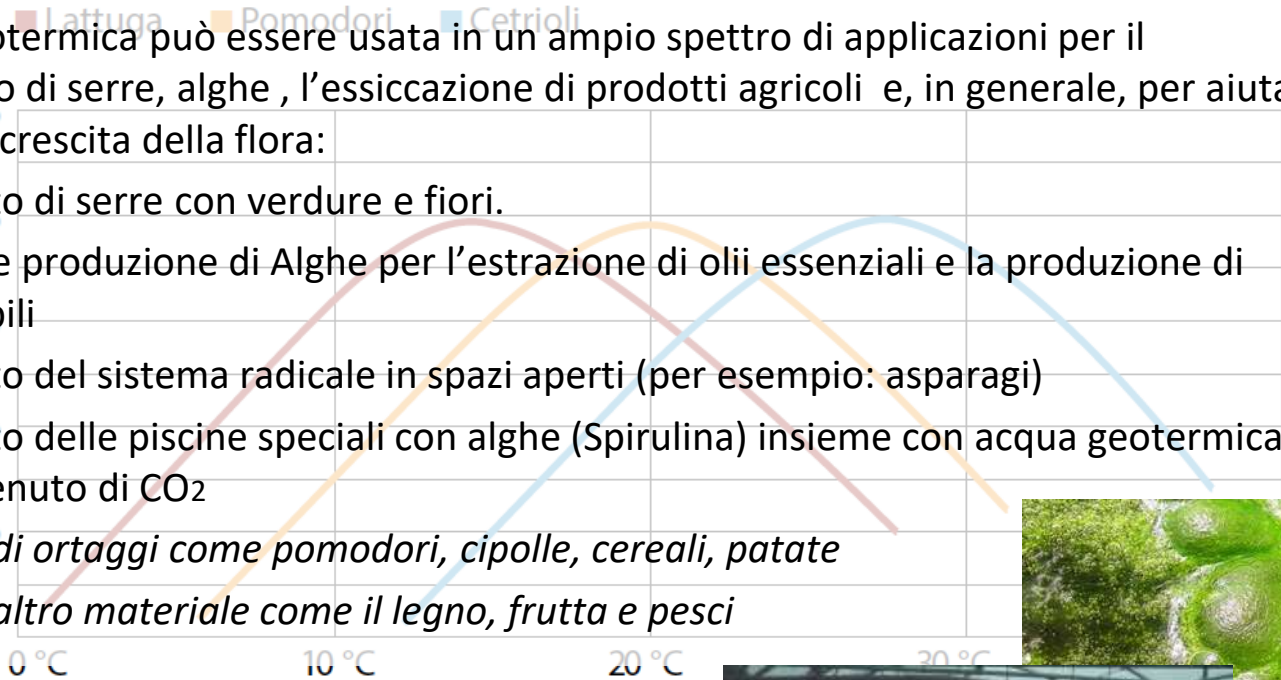
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Agricoltura

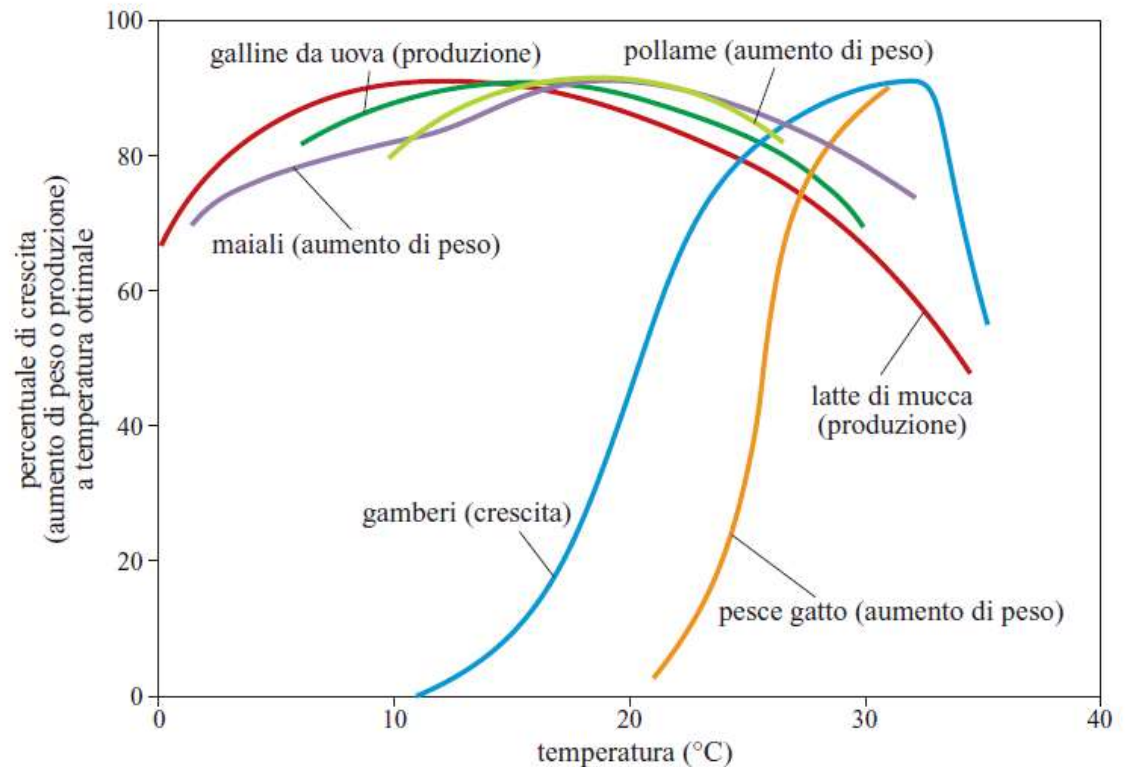
- La risorsa geotermica può essere usata in un ampio spettro di applicazioni per il riscaldamento di serre, alghe, l'essiccazione di prodotti agricoli e, in generale, per aiutare ed accelerare la crescita della flora:

- Riscaldamento di serre con verdure e fiori.
- Coltivazione e produzione di Alghe per l'estrazione di olii essenziali e la produzione di biocombustibili
- Riscaldamento del sistema radicale in spazi aperti (per esempio: asparagi)
- Riscaldamento delle piscine speciali con alghe (Spirulina) insieme con acqua geotermica a un elevato contenuto di CO₂
- *Essiccazione di ortaggi come pomodori, cipolle, cereali, patate*
- *Essiccazione altro materiale come il legno, frutta e pesci*



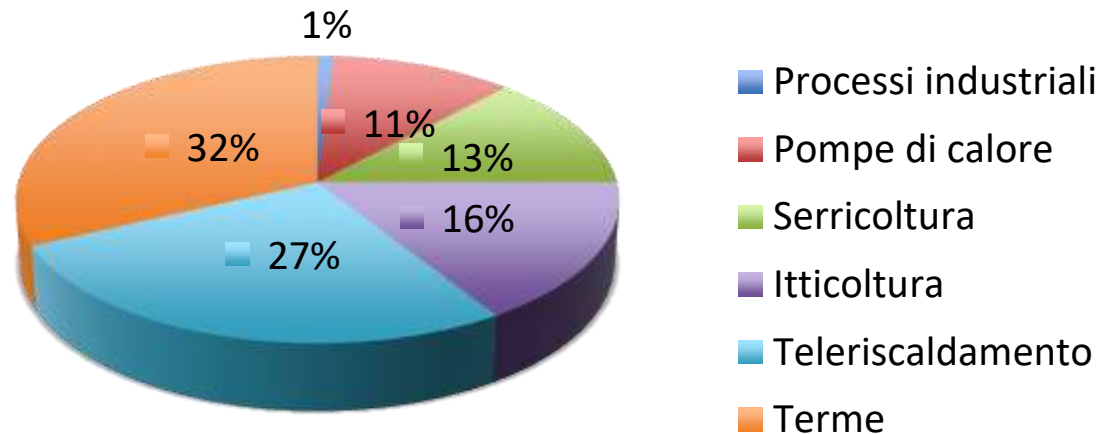
Uso diretto del calore

Effetti della variazione di temperatura sulla crescita e la produzione animale (*Beall e Samuels, 1971*)



Uso diretto del calore in Italia

- Nonostante l'Italia possa vantare un importante *know how* geotermico, gli usi diretti dell'energia geotermica sul territorio nazionale sono poco sviluppati
- La mancanza di un censimento ufficiale degli impianti e di chiare regole per la loro classificazione ed utilizzo rende peraltro difficile valutare la reale situazione e monitorarne lo sviluppo.



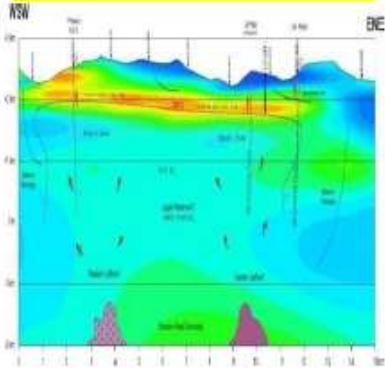
Stime UGI, WGC2010

ESPLORAZIONE

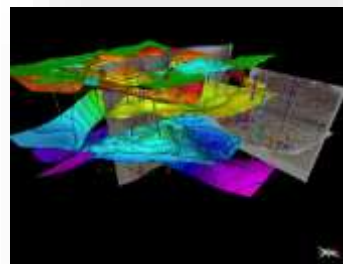
PERFORAZIONE
POZZI

COSTRUZIONE
IMPIANTI

ESERCIZIO &
MANUTENZIONE
IMPIANTI



Valutazione, mitigazione e monitoraggio ambientale



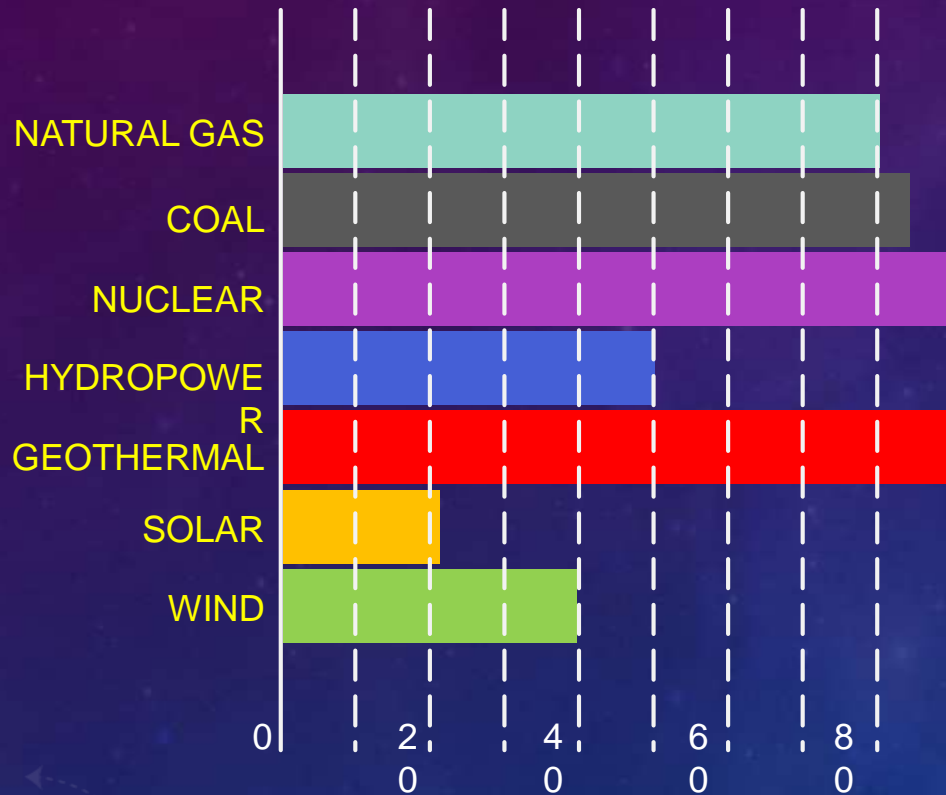
GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AS A SOURCE OF ELECTRIC POWER AND HEATING

Geoscience Department,
Padua University

Antonio Galgaro

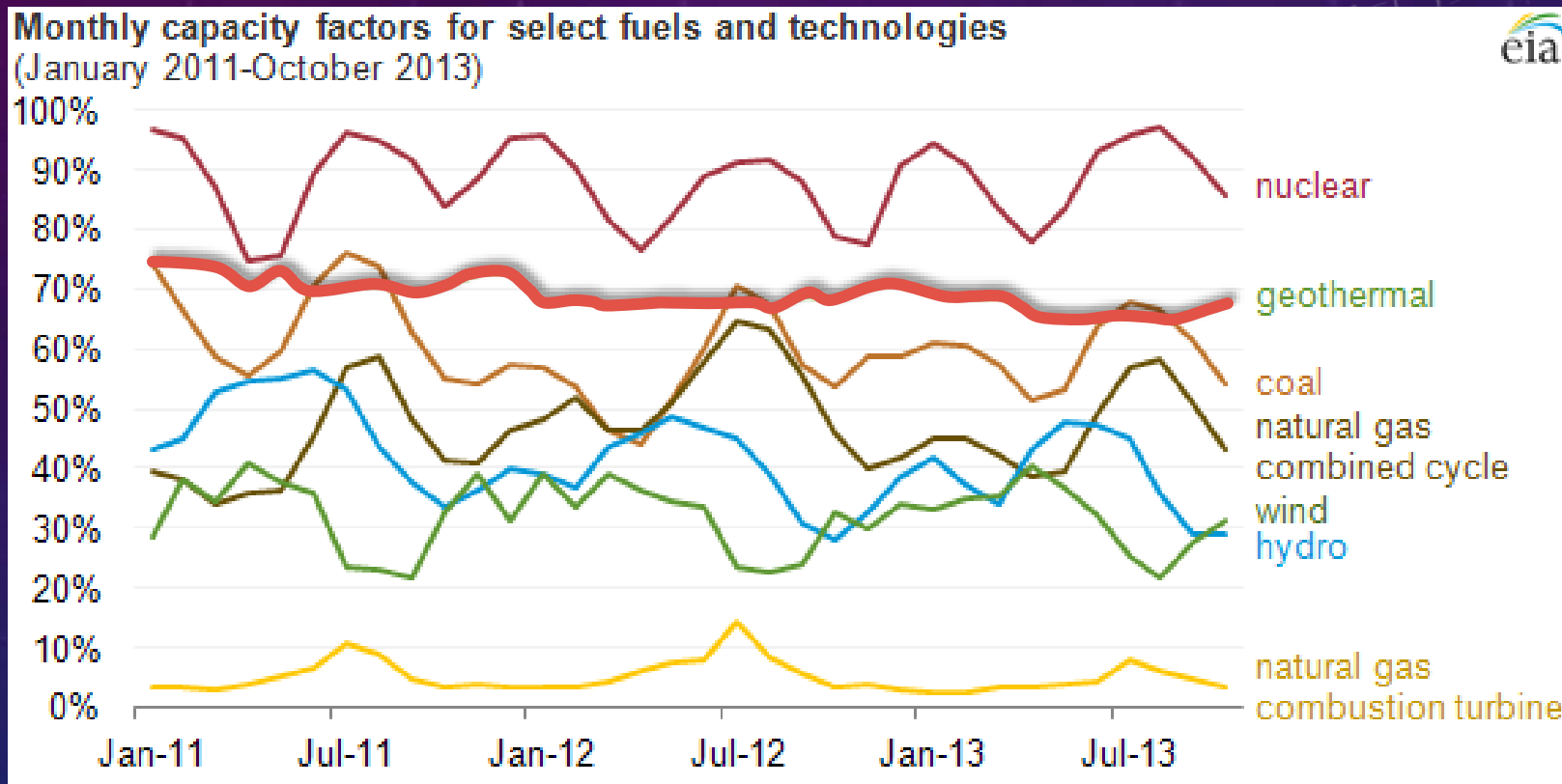
An overview of the financial cashflow,
project management, geothermal resource assessment

WHY GEOTHERMAL?



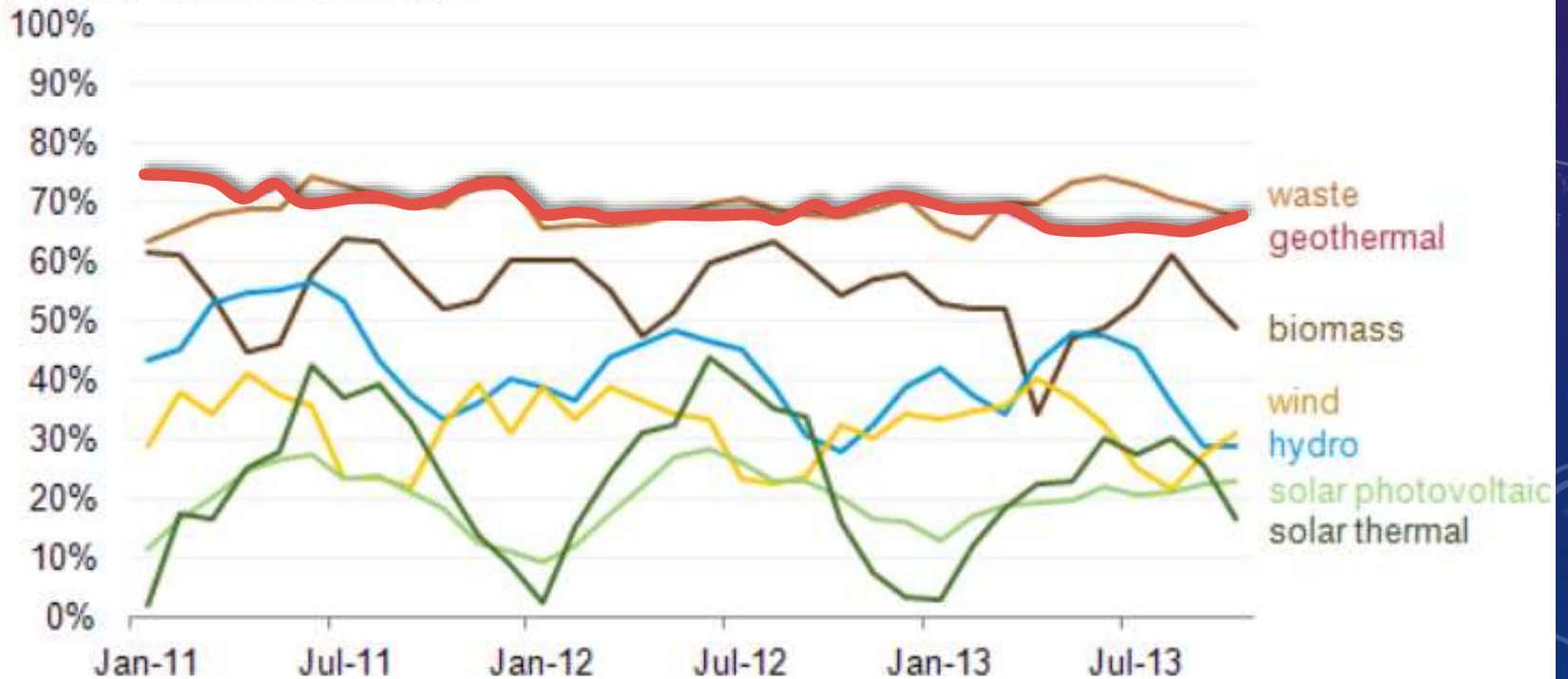
HIGHEST CAPACITY FACTOR
AMONG ALL THE FUEL
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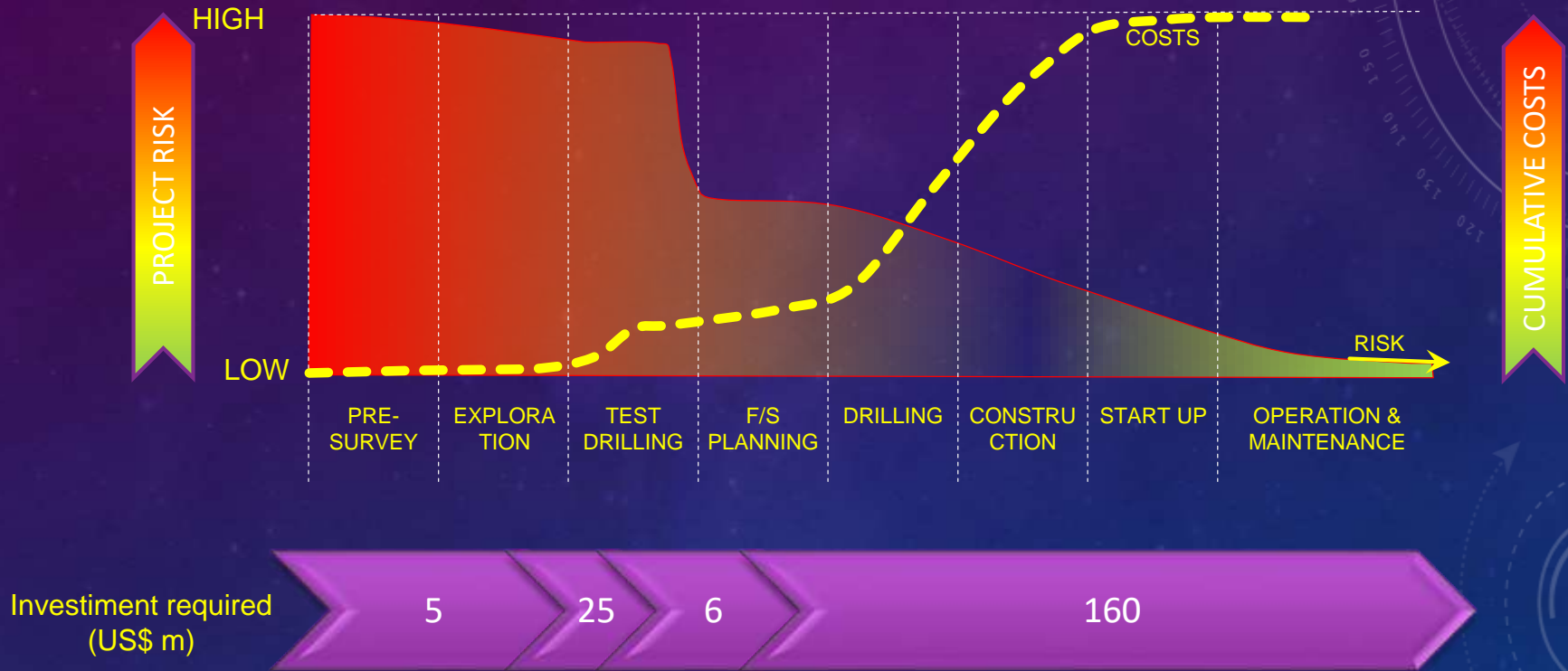
WHY GEOTHERMAL?

Monthly capacity factors for select renewable fuels and technologies
(January 2011-October 2013)

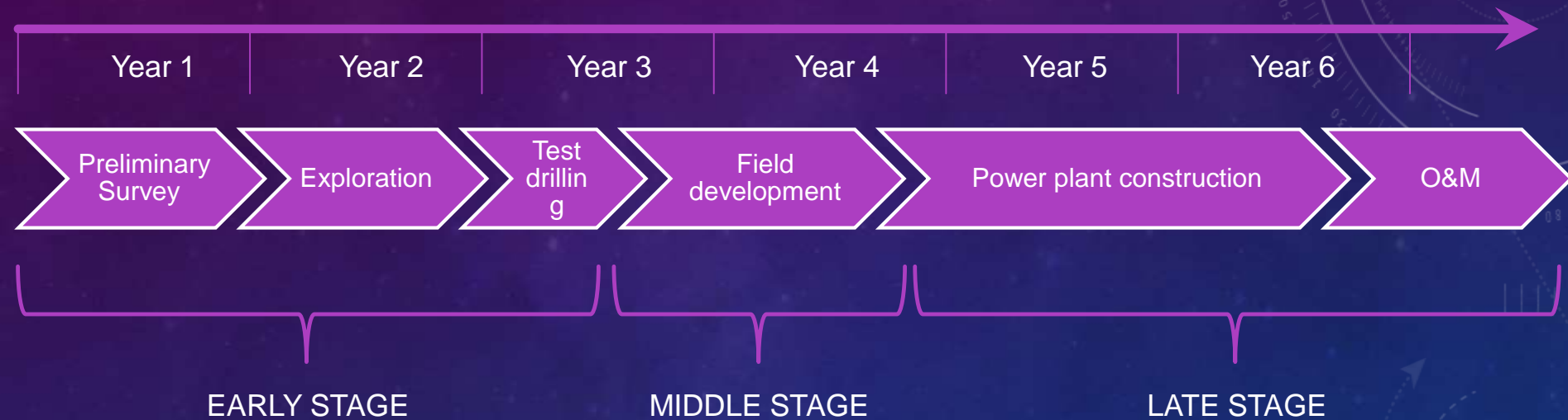


Planning and Financing Power Generation

FINANCING A TYPICAL MEDIUM SIZE PROJECT (50 MW)

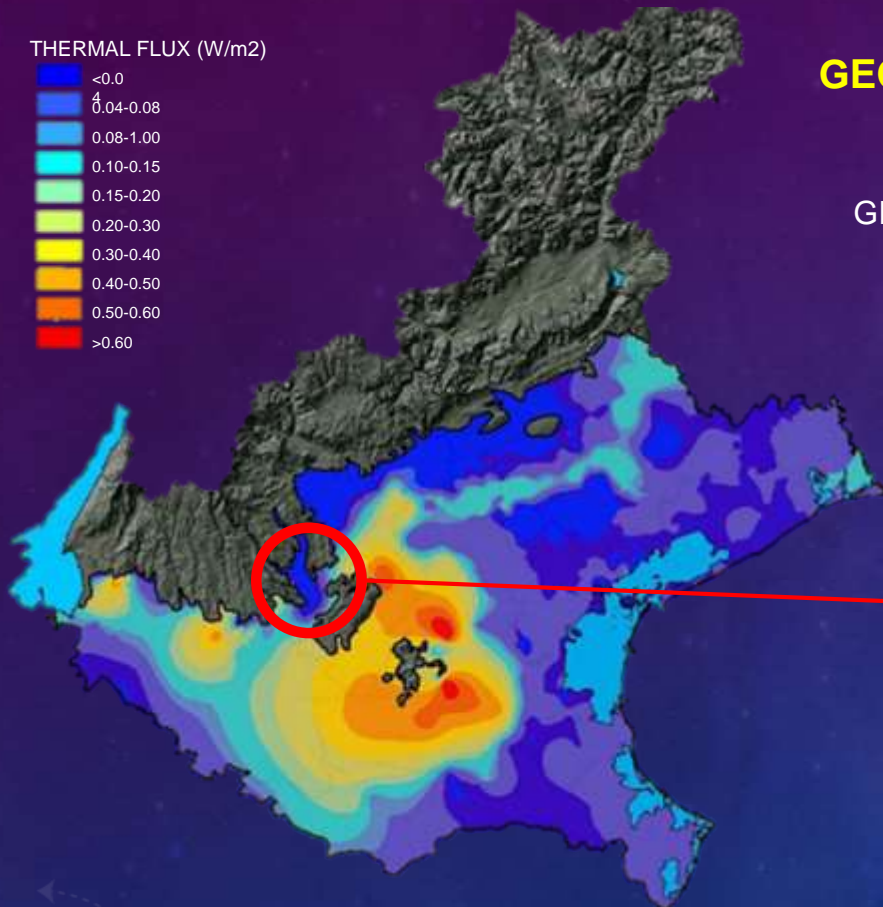


Models of Geothermal Development



Planning and Financing Power Generation

THERMAL FLUX (W/m²)



GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL FROM STRIGE PROJECT

GEOSCIENCE DEPARTMENT subsidized by REGIONE VENETO

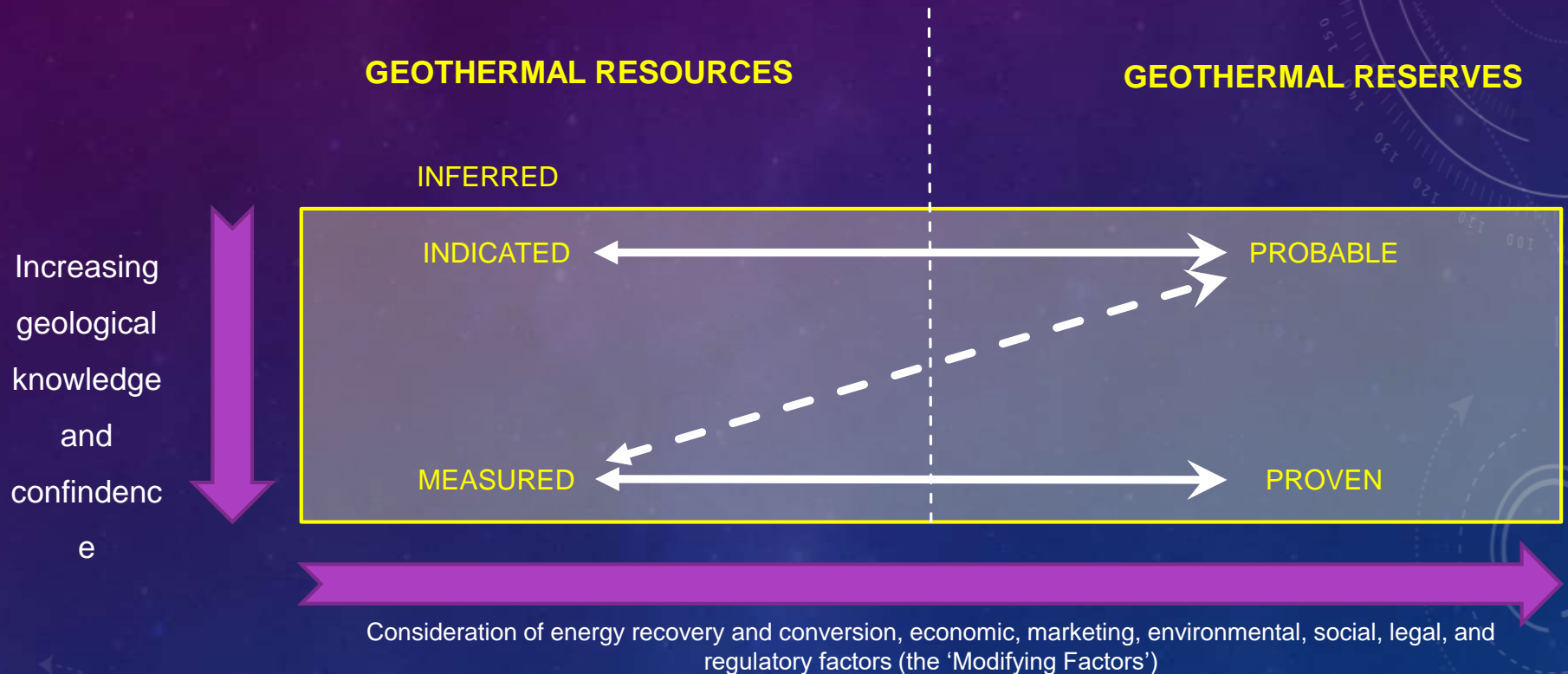
This area is located between two main geothermal anomalies and in front of the pre-Alps thrust

It might potentially be very interesting.

At the moment a lack of data could suggest further analysis

Geothermal Reporting Code

According to the Australian Geothermal Reporting Code Committee, 2010



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	Exploration Results	Geothermal Resource			Geothermal Reserve	
		Inferred	Indicated	Measured	Probable	Proven
Commerciality	No implications regarding commerciality.	Commerciality not yet established. Probably feasible with current or future technology, prevailing and/or more favourable market conditions.			Commercial. Feasible with existing technology and prevailing market conditions.	
Definition	Data from exploration that is of material value to Geothermal Resource estimation, but which in itself is insufficient to define a Geothermal Resource category.	The Recoverable Thermal Energy within an area/ volume that has enough direct indicators of Geothermal Resource character or dimensions to provide a sound basis for assuming that a body of thermal energy exists, estimating temperature and having some indication of extent.	The Recoverable Thermal Energy within a more reliably characterised volume of rock than the Inferred Geothermal Resource. Sufficient indicators to characterise temperature and chemistry, although with few direct measures indicating extent.	The Recoverable Thermal Energy within a drilled and tested volume of rock within which well deliverability has been demonstrated, with sufficient indicators to characterise temperature and chemistry and with sufficient direct measurements to confirm the continuity of the reservoir.	That part of an Indicated Geothermal Resource for which commercial production for the assumed lifetime of the project can be forecast, or: That part of a Measured Geothermal Resource for which commercial production for the assumed lifetime of the project cannot be forecast with sufficient confidence to be considered a Proven Geothermal Reserve. The chance of occurrence is 'more likely than not'.	Applies directly to production satisfying all Modifying Factors. Directly related to that part of a Measured Geothermal Resource for which commercial production for the stated lifetime of the project can be forecast with a high degree of confidence.
Correlation with Probabilistic Estimates					-P50	-P90
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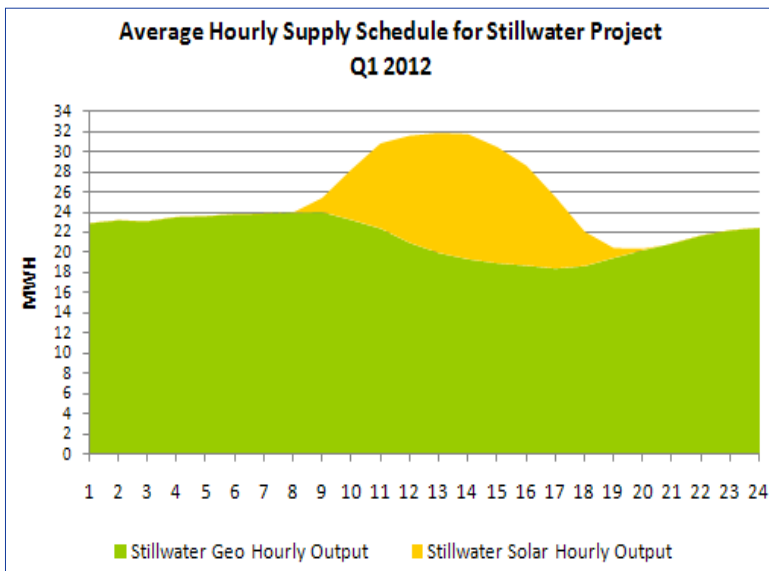
Is it possible a second exponential growth?

HYBRID PLANTS = FUTURE ?



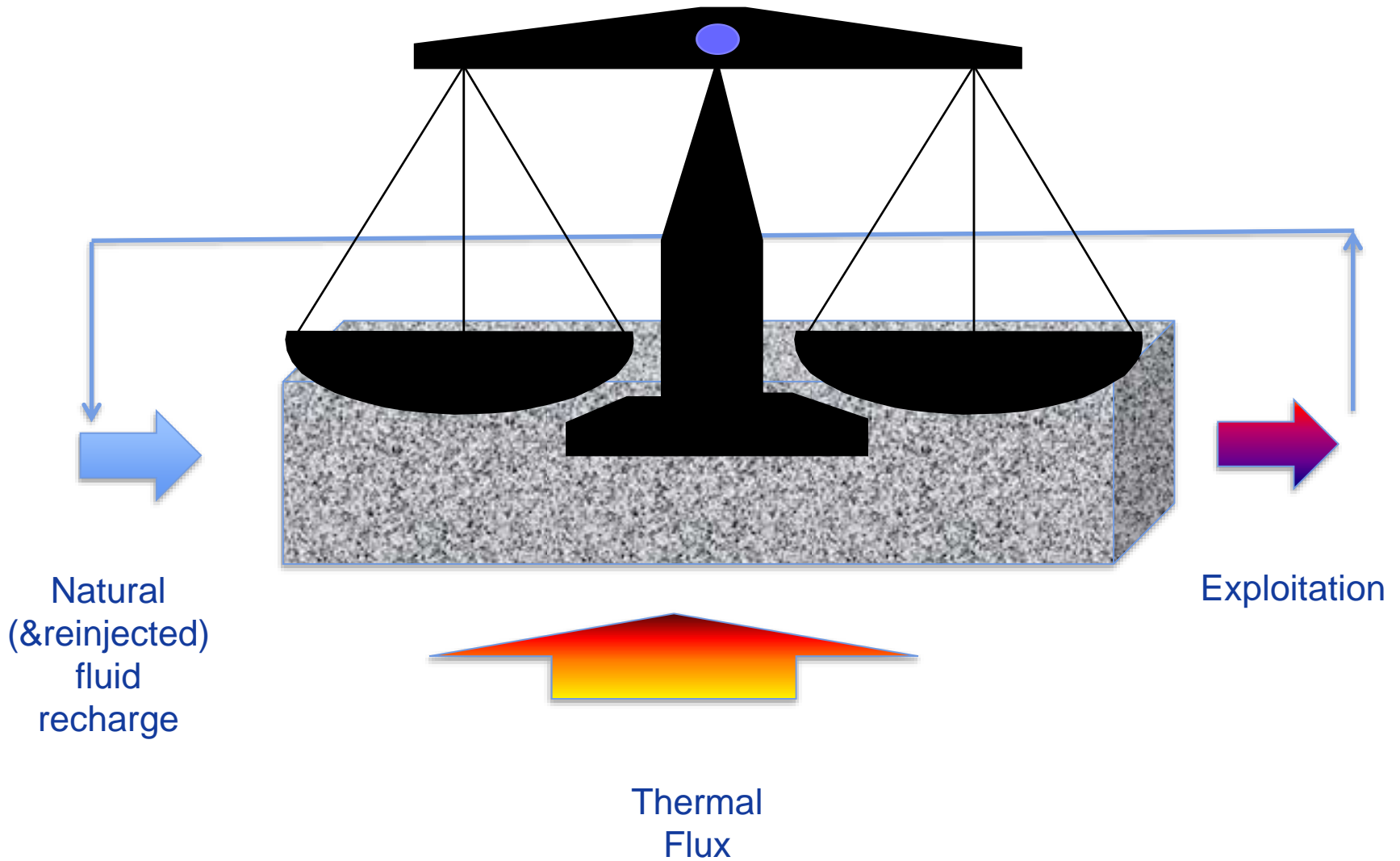
- World's first solar/geothermal hybrid project combines the continuous generation capacity of the medium enthalpy geothermal binary cycle with the peak capacity of solar power thus allowing for synergies to be explored.
- Integrates 26 MW of solar photovoltaic capacity to EGPNA's operating 33 MW Stillwater Geothermal Project
- Consists of over 89,000 polycrystalline silicon PV panels built on 240 acres. It will generate enough energy to meet the needs of 16,000 American households.

In 2012, this state-of-the-art plant won EGPNA the Geothermal Energy Association Honor Award for Technology Advancement which recognizes companies that develop innovative or pioneering technology to further geothermal development.

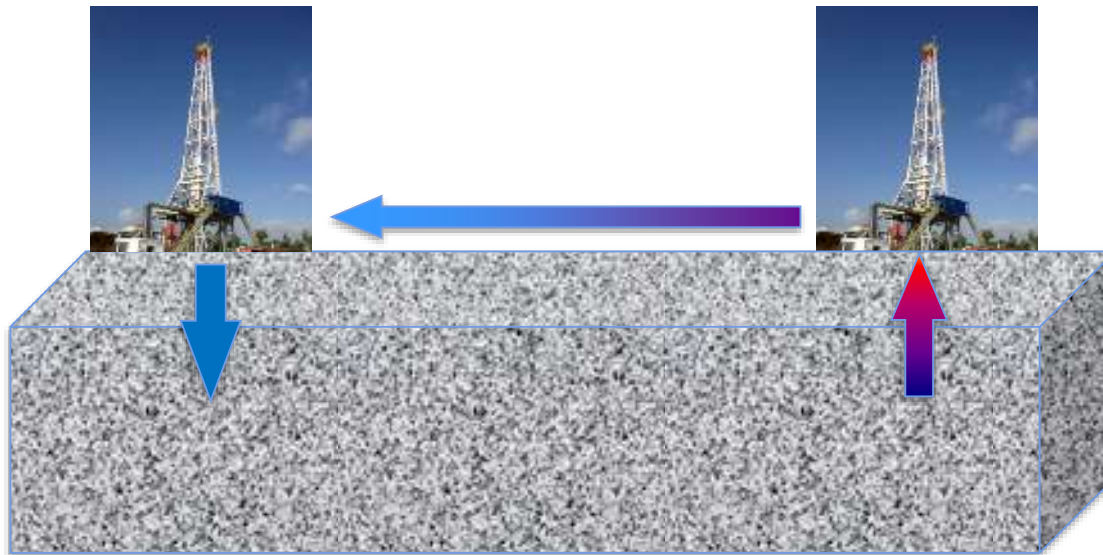


Stillwater Solar Geothermal Hybrid Project

Sustainable Development

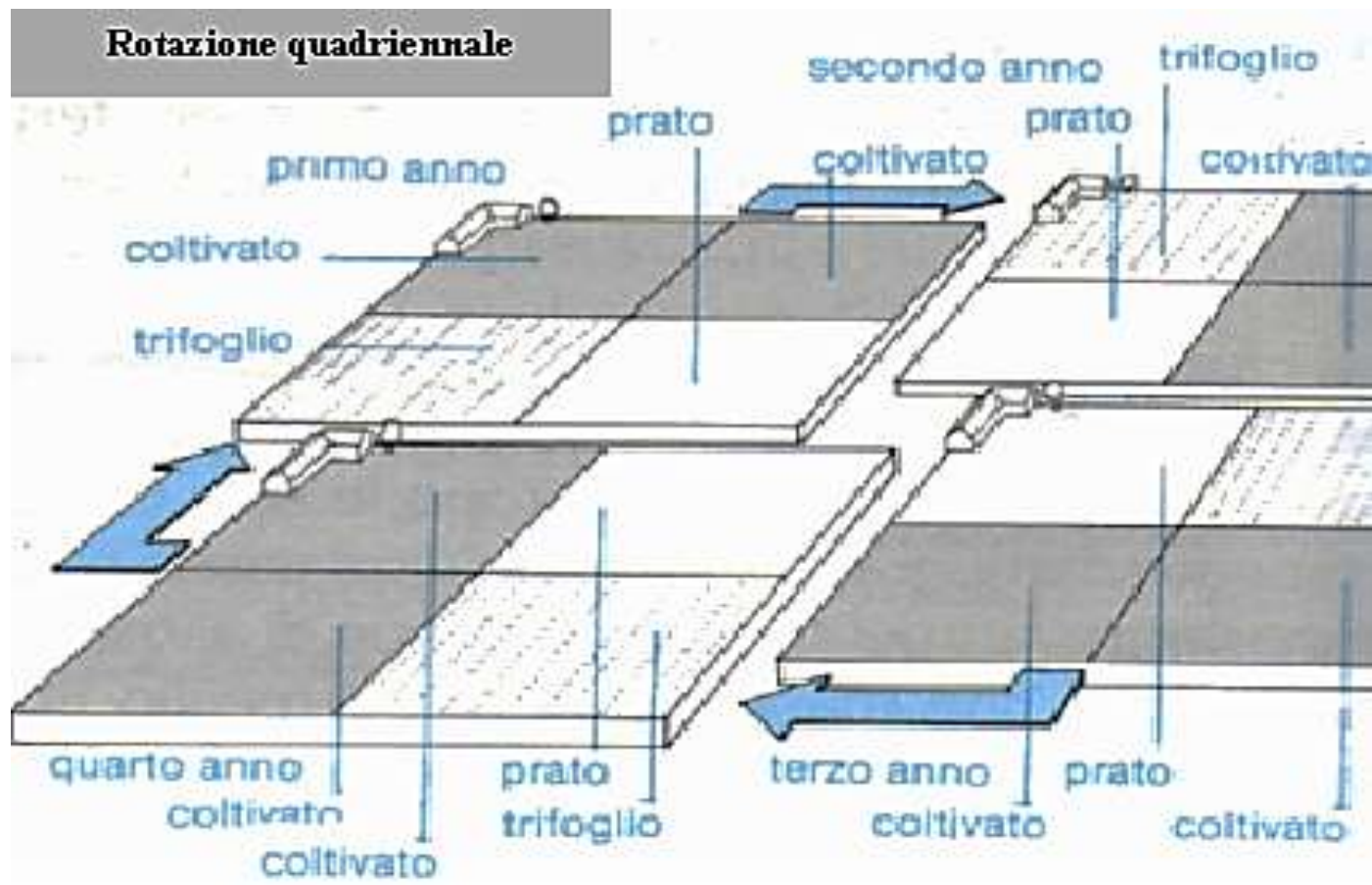


Sustainable Development



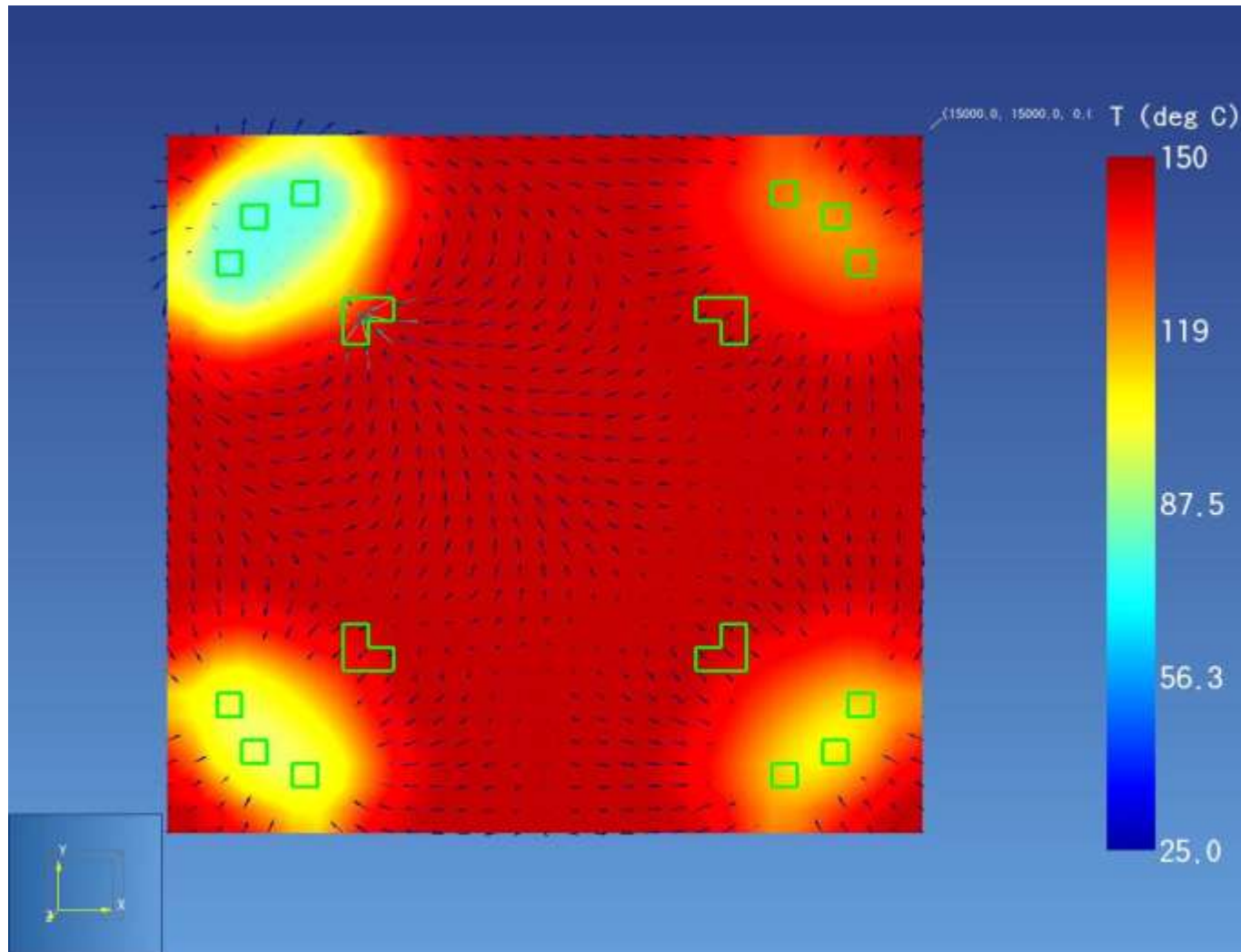
Un pozzo produttivo ed uno di reiniezione, utilizzando l'acqua come mezzo di scambio per asportare il calore contenuto nella roccia

Sustainable Development

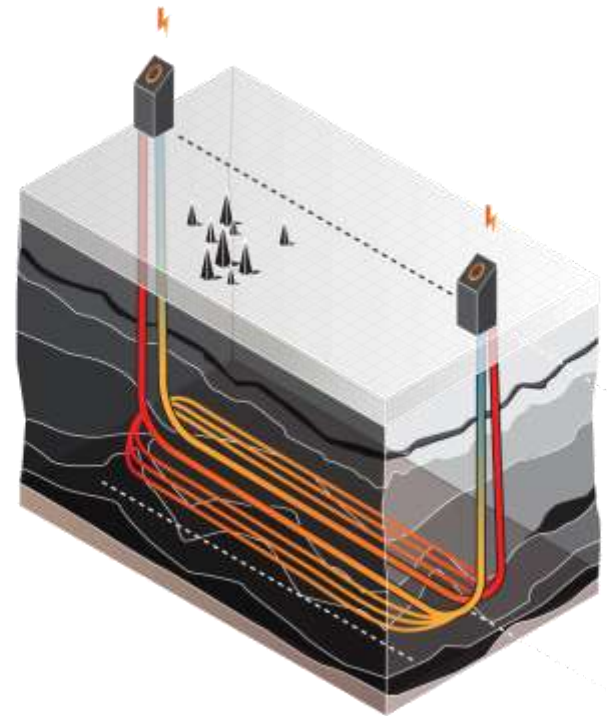
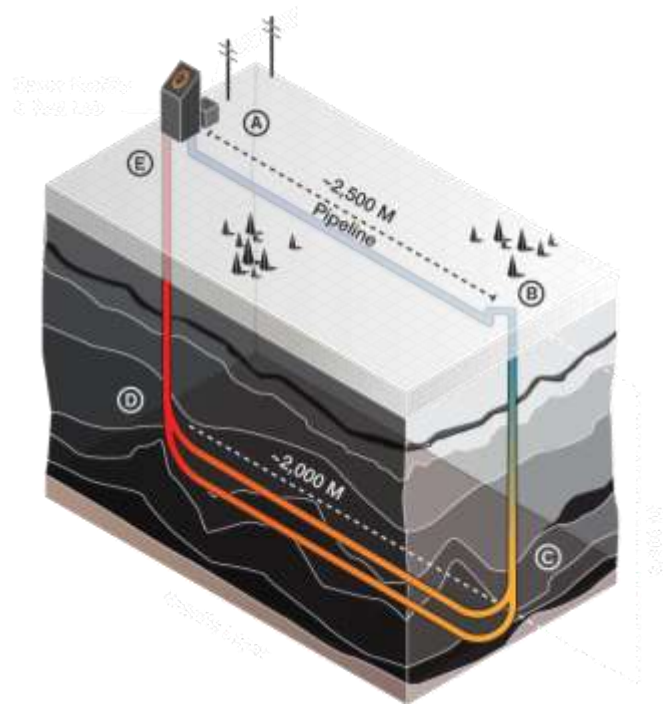


Un nuovo modello di approccio è possibile, basandosi sul concetto della rotazione agraria: sfrutto alternativamente zone diverse di una area più vasta, tenendo a riposo le altre, e consentendone il resupero in termini di sostanze nutritive..

Sustainable Development



.. ipotizzo quindi un sistema più complesso, con quattro gruppi di pozzi produzione-reiniezione, su un'area vasta, con sfruttamento a rotazione di 50 anni, posso raggiungere un approccio di sviluppo sostenibile, estraendo costantemente **150 MW elettrici** da un area di **15x15 km²**...



Operational Objectives

Phase 1 - Drilling



Phase 2 - Surface Pipeline & Facilities



Phase 3 - Testing



Technical Objectives

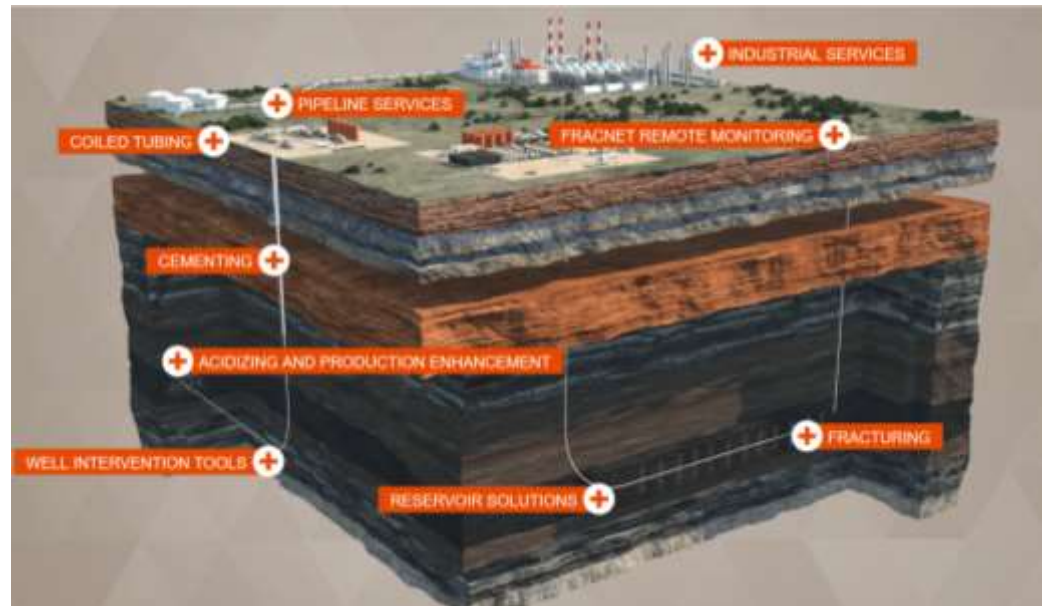
Drill and intersect a multilateral Eavor-Loop™ with two laterals



Seal the Eavor-Loop™ while drilling

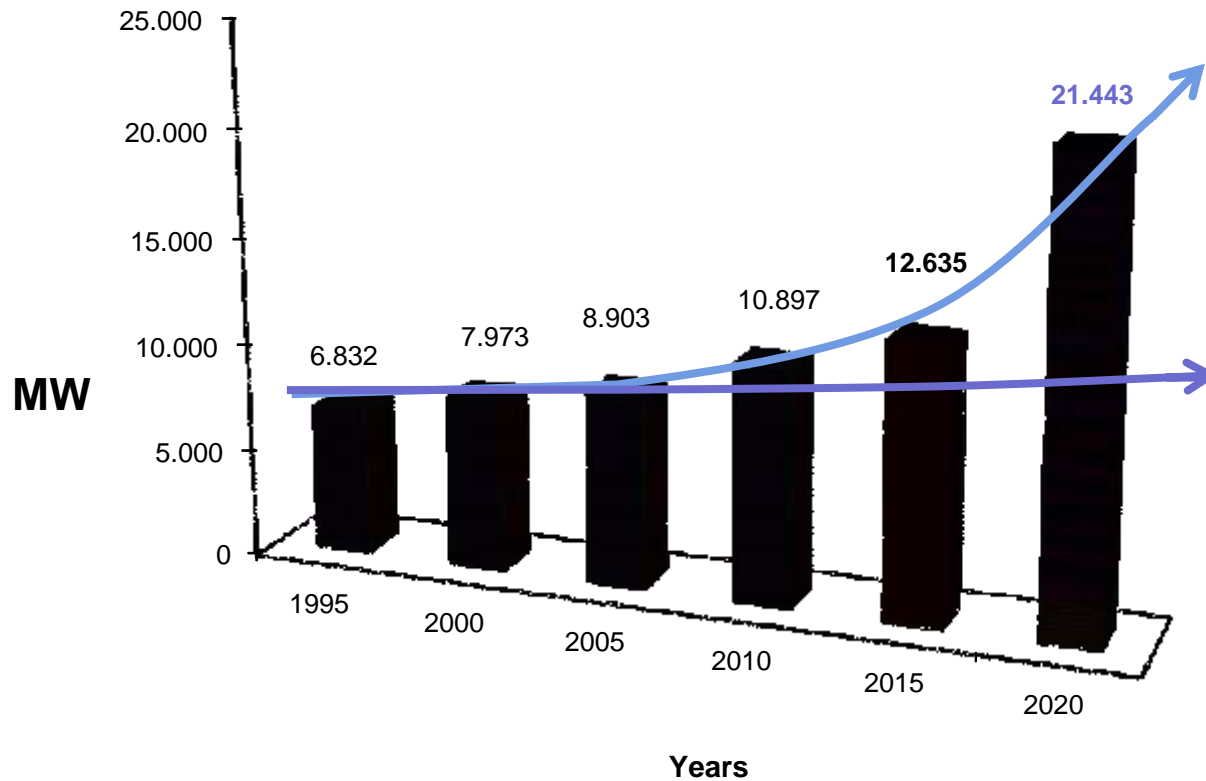


Validate the thermodynamic performance and demonstrate thermosiphon



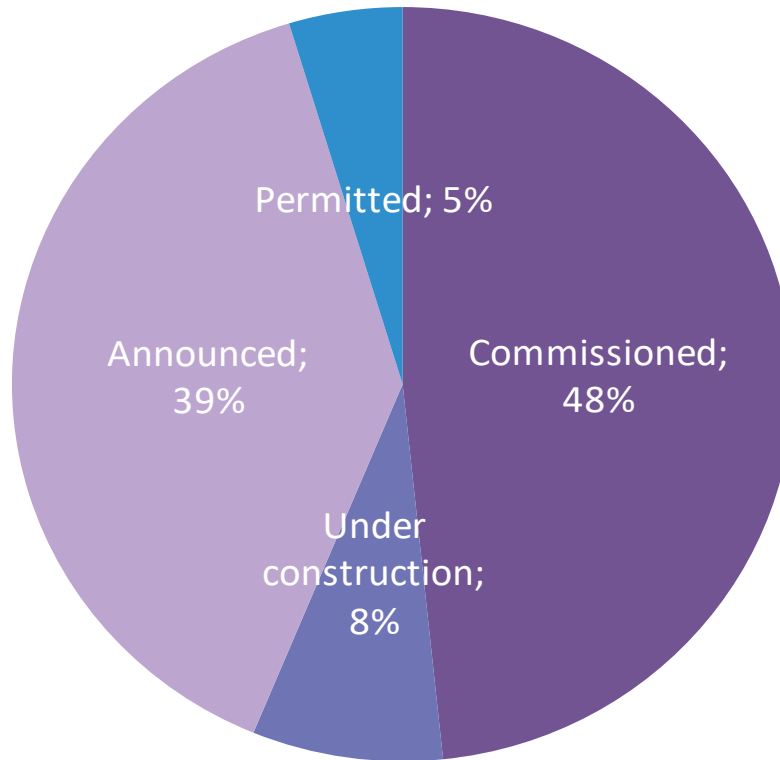
The World Geothermal Electricity Trend

World Geothermal Electricity








The World Geothermal Electricity Trend

The global
project pipeline
totals
20 GW
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Top 5 Countries: installed capacity > 1 GW

	COUNTRY	2010 MW	2010 GWh	2015 MW	2015 GWh
	USA	3,093	16,603	3,450	16,600
	PHILIPPINES	1,904	10,311	1,870	9,646
	INDONESIA	1,197	9,600	1,340	9,600
	MEXICO	958	7,047	1,017	6,071
	NEW ZEALAND	628	4,055	1,005	7,000



Top 5 Countries: incremental capacity > 100 MW



COUNTRY	2015 MW	2015 GWh	NEW MW	NEW GWh
KENYA	594	2,848	392	1.418
USA	3,450	16,600	352	
TURKEY	397	3,127	306	2.637
NEW ZEALAND	1,005	7,000	243	2.945
INDONESIA	1,340	9,600	143	



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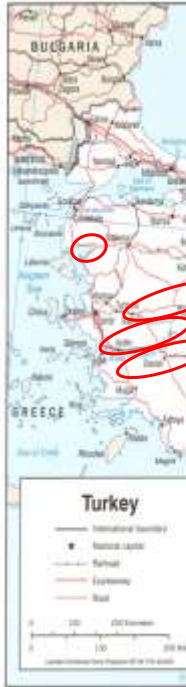
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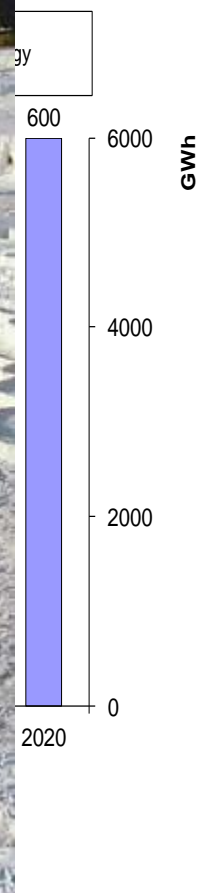
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14 new Units for western Anatolia valleys

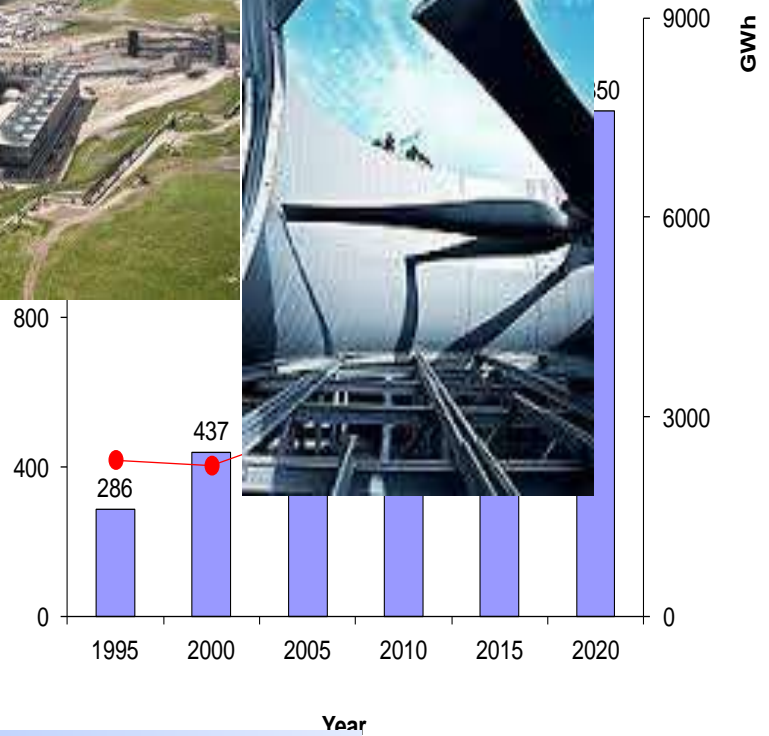
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Triple Flash, Fuji, 132 MW, Nga Awa Purua, Rotokawa

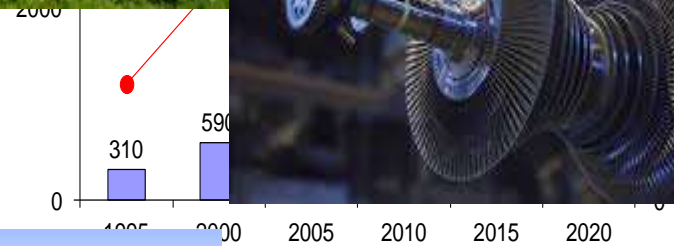
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INDONESIA

Installed Capacity • Produced Energy

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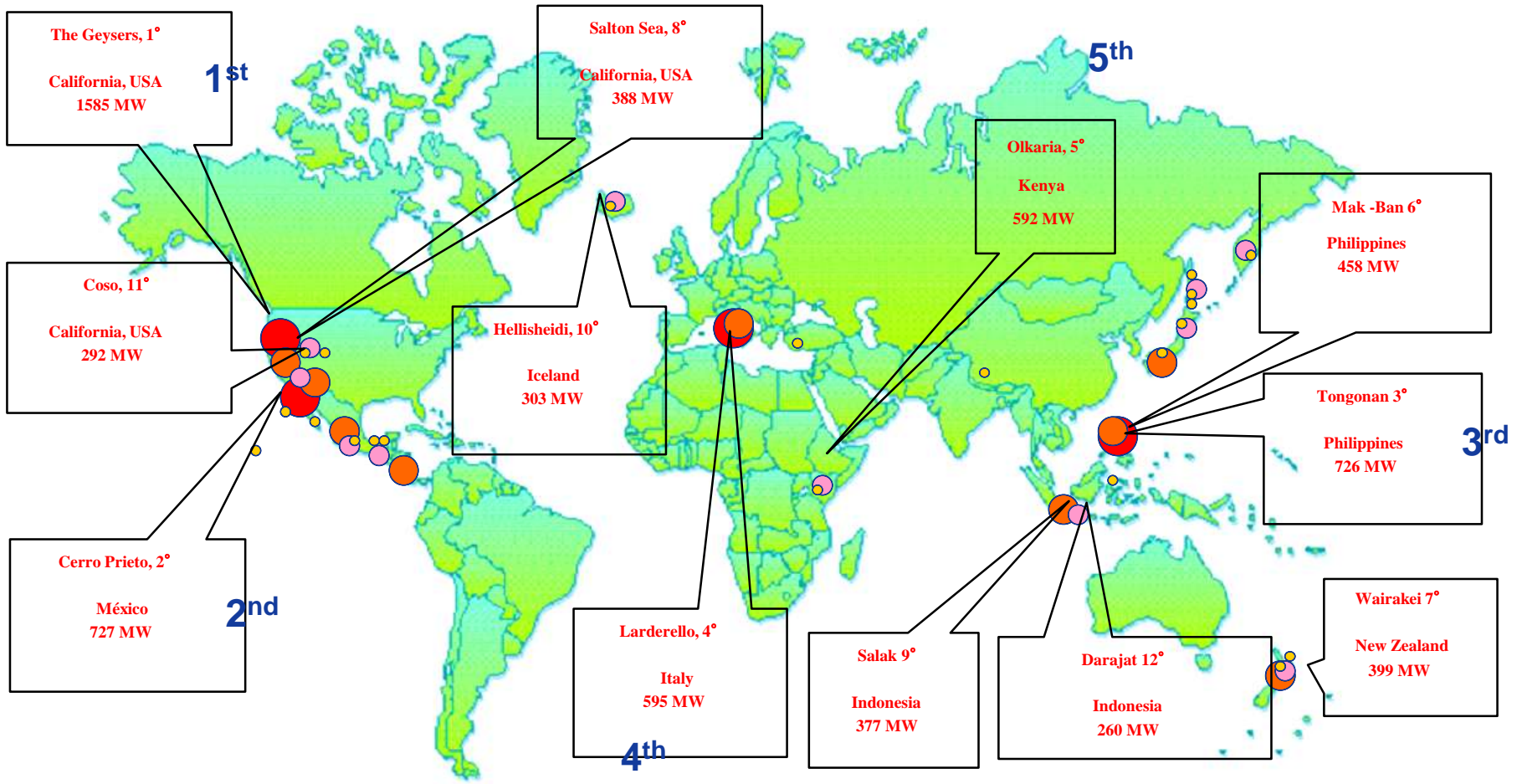
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Ulu Belu plant, 2x55 MW, single flash, Toshiba.

2015 Top Dozen of Geothermal Fields



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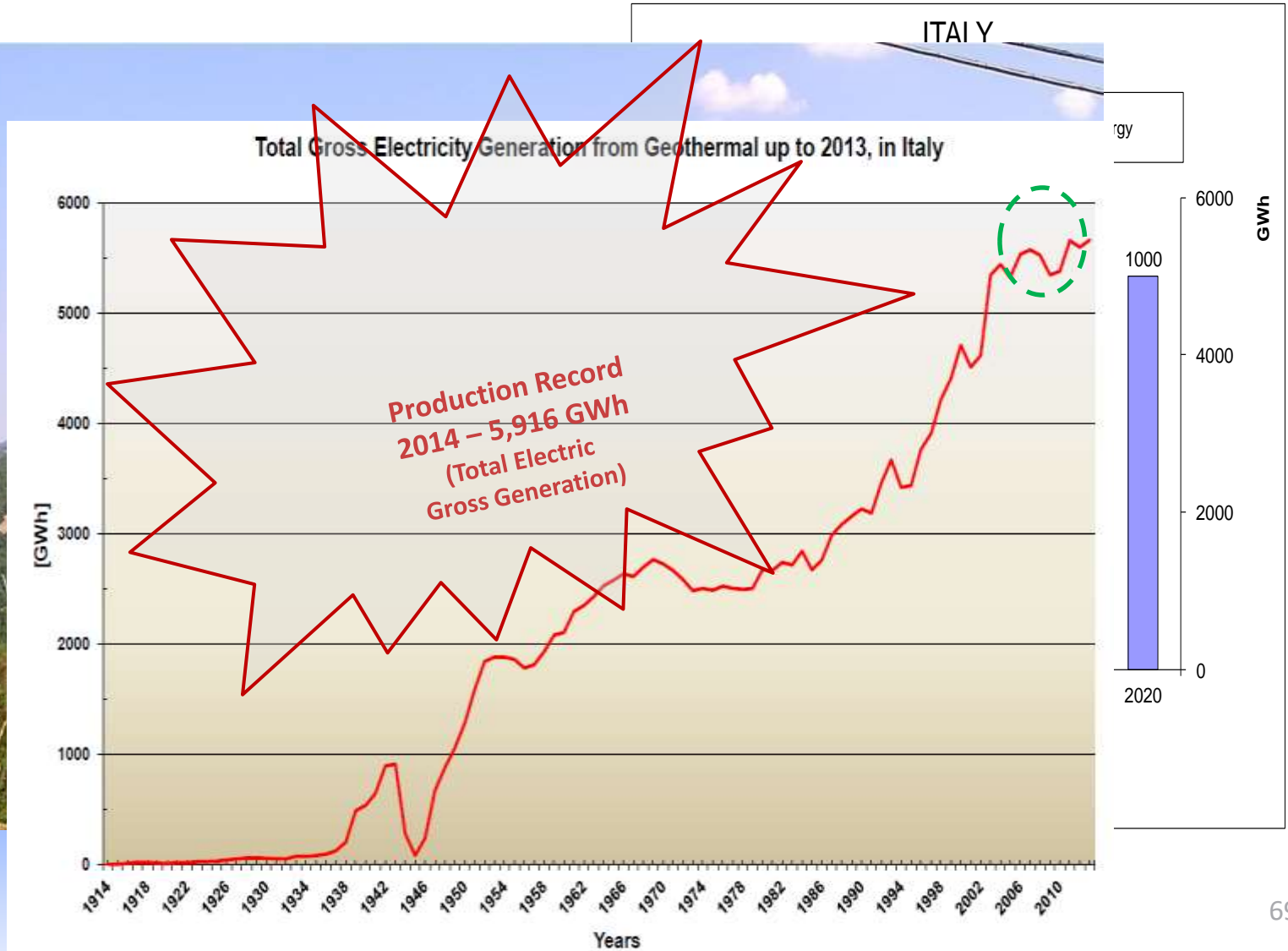
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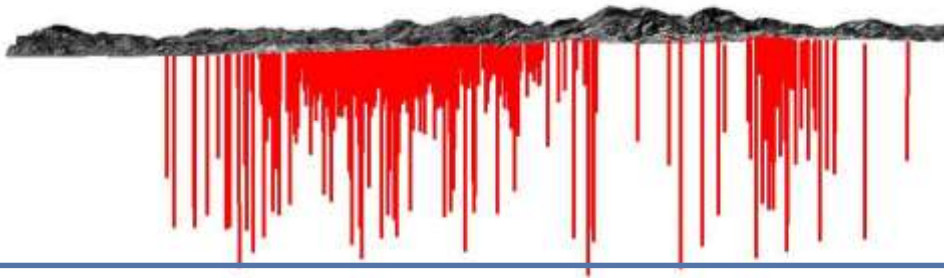
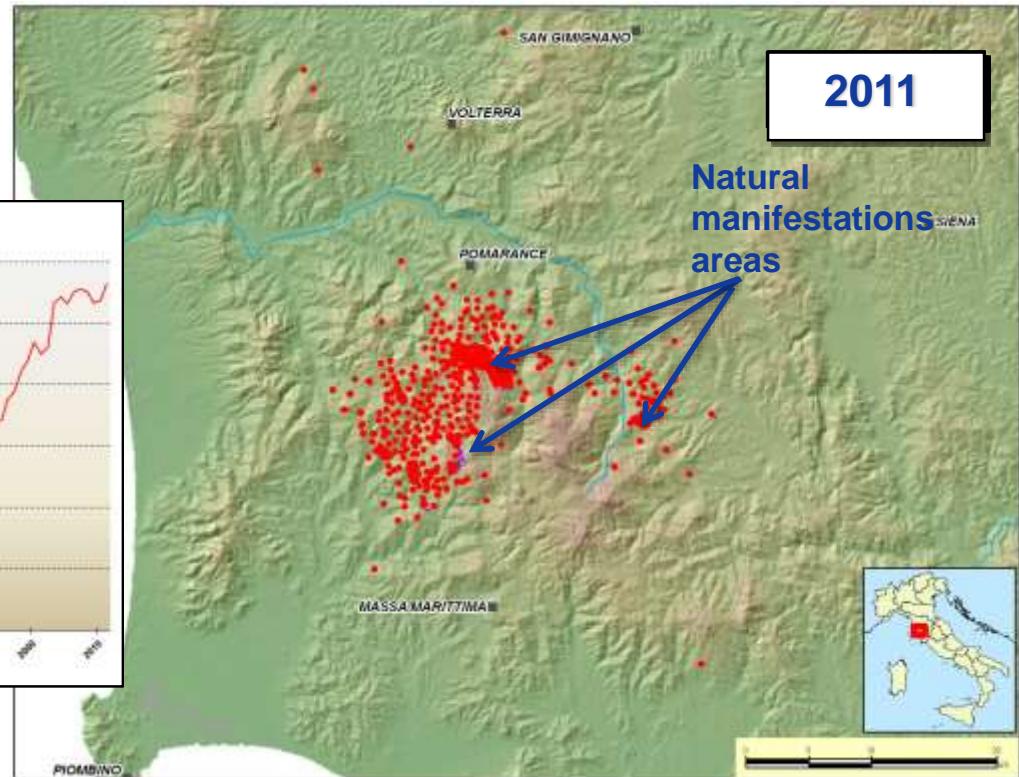


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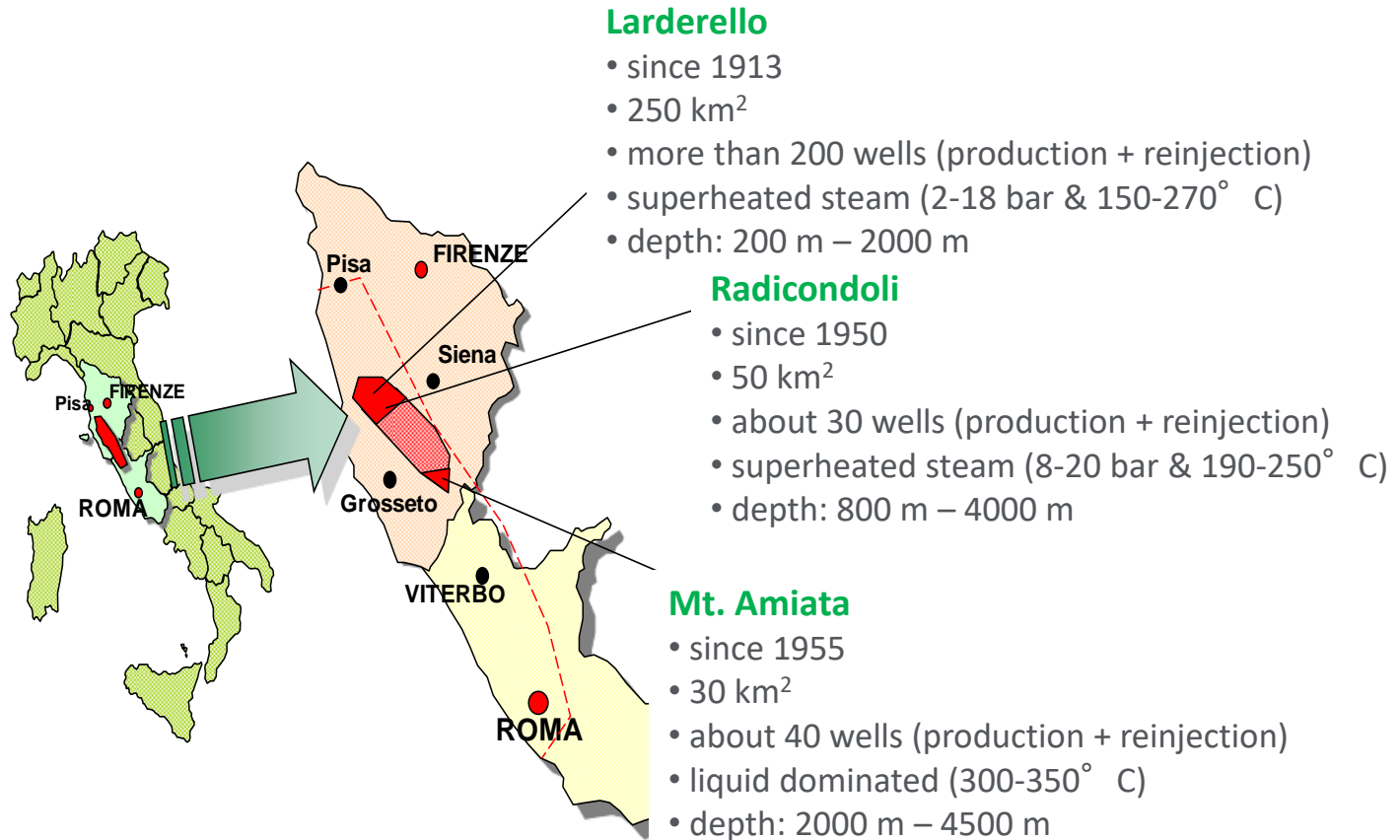


New production record in 2011: 5815 GWh
Research and development in geothermal energy

Geothermal power generation in Italy

Where and its characteristics

Currently **Enel Green Power** is the only that produces electricity from geothermal sources in Italy.



Environmental sustainability

Plant design innovation

- Design and construction of a specific plant, know as AMIS[®] (*Abbattimento Mercurio e Idrogeno Solforato*) for the abatement of H₂S (hydrogen sulphide) and Hg (mercury) from the gases emitted during power plants operation



Architectural innovation

- New design solution and criteria for minimizing visual impact of the power plants in order to make geothermal presence more acceptable to the local community



Innovation also possible to reduce environmental impact

Environmental Sustainability



New design criteria finalized to minimize the visual impact



Reduction of gas emission AMIS
(process for H₂S and Hg removal)

Abatement

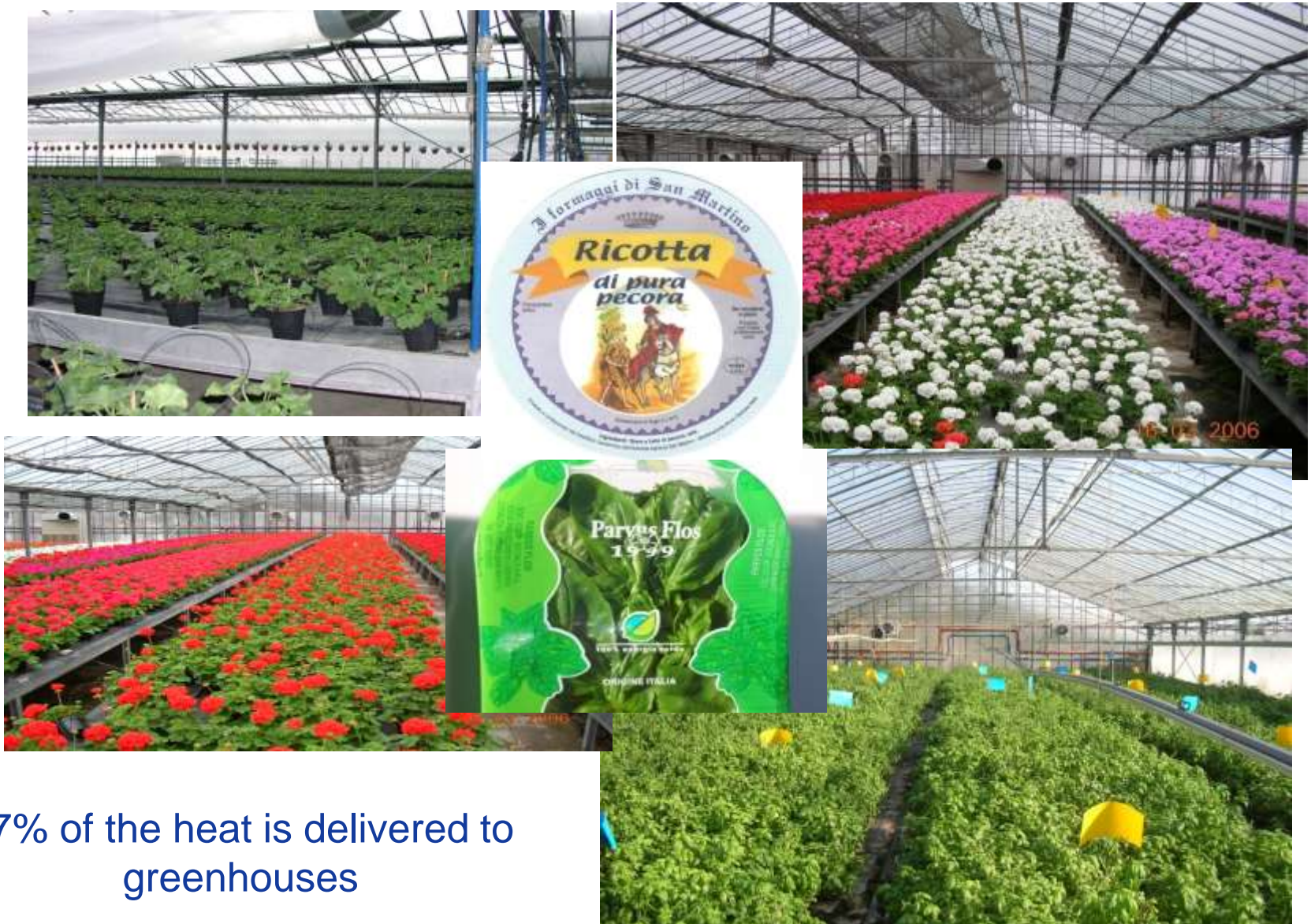
✓ Hg

>90%

✓ H₂S

70-80%

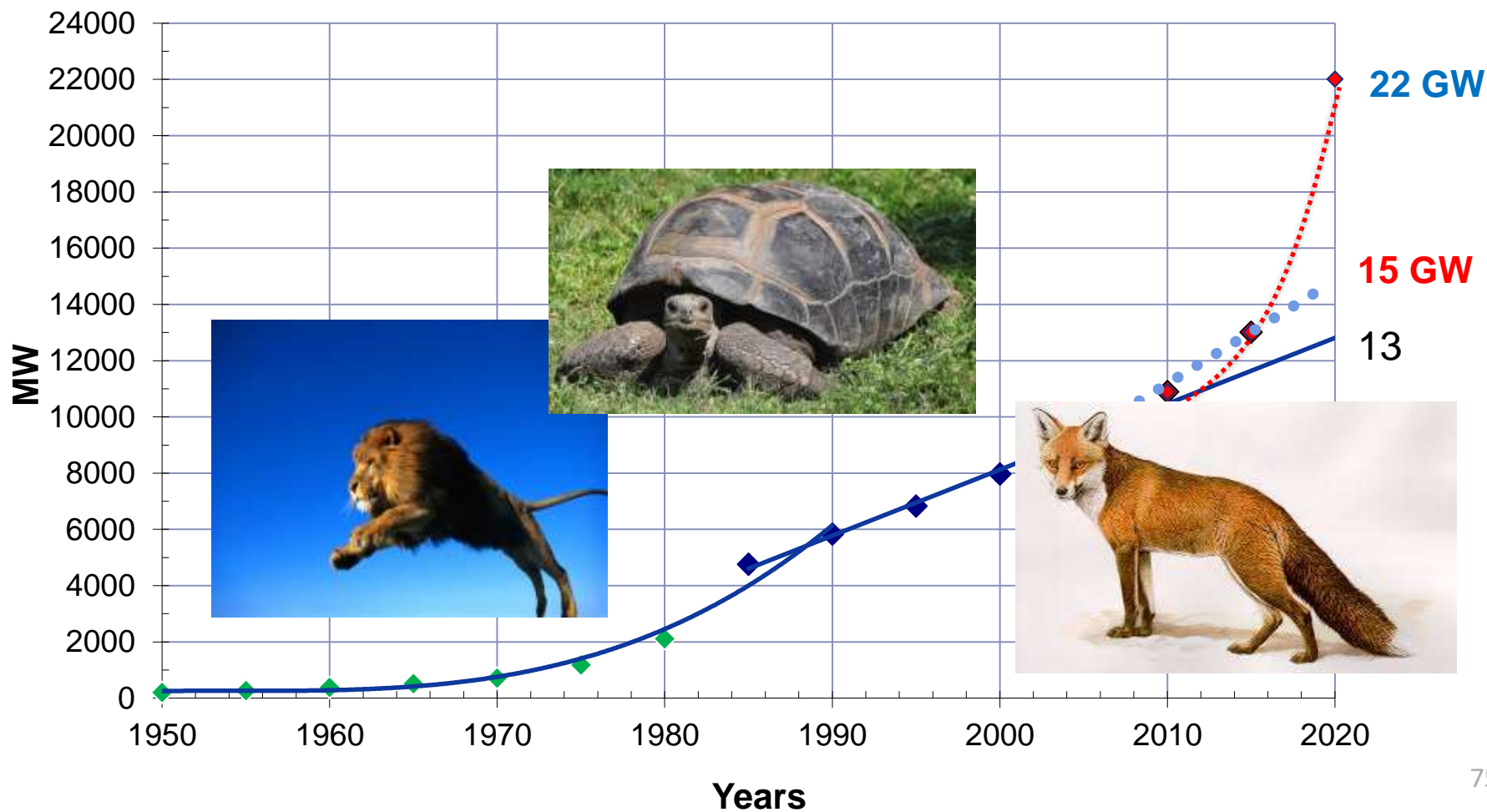
Direct use promotion



37% of the heat is delivered to greenhouses

Looking to the future

Medium and long term



Global Geothermal Power Market

Key Barriers and Actions Needed

Barrier	Description	Actions Needed
Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geothermal resource availability • Well productivity & field capacity • Presence of earthquakes-volcanic activity near the resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&D activity: technology improvements to identify the resource and to exploit geothermal resources at different temperatures • Coordination of activities to share exploration results (i.e. public databases providing location of resources)
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation for construction and operations • Air emissions & noise pollution • Visual impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of activities to address permitting issues • Technological solutions (i.e. Enel development of AMIS technology) • Architecture solutions
Project economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High initial investment costs • High O&M costs • Financial support and incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination at EU, national and regional levels to support and regulate the sector, providing visibility • Support bank financing
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misleading information • Lack of knowledge • Local hostile institutions / environmental associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of consensus through information and communication • Improvement of the relationship with communities
Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trend of energy demand • Competition from other renewable sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning of geothermal projects with grid access • Support to distributed generation/smart grids



Is it possible a second exponential growth?

Binary plants



water dominated reservoir, at very
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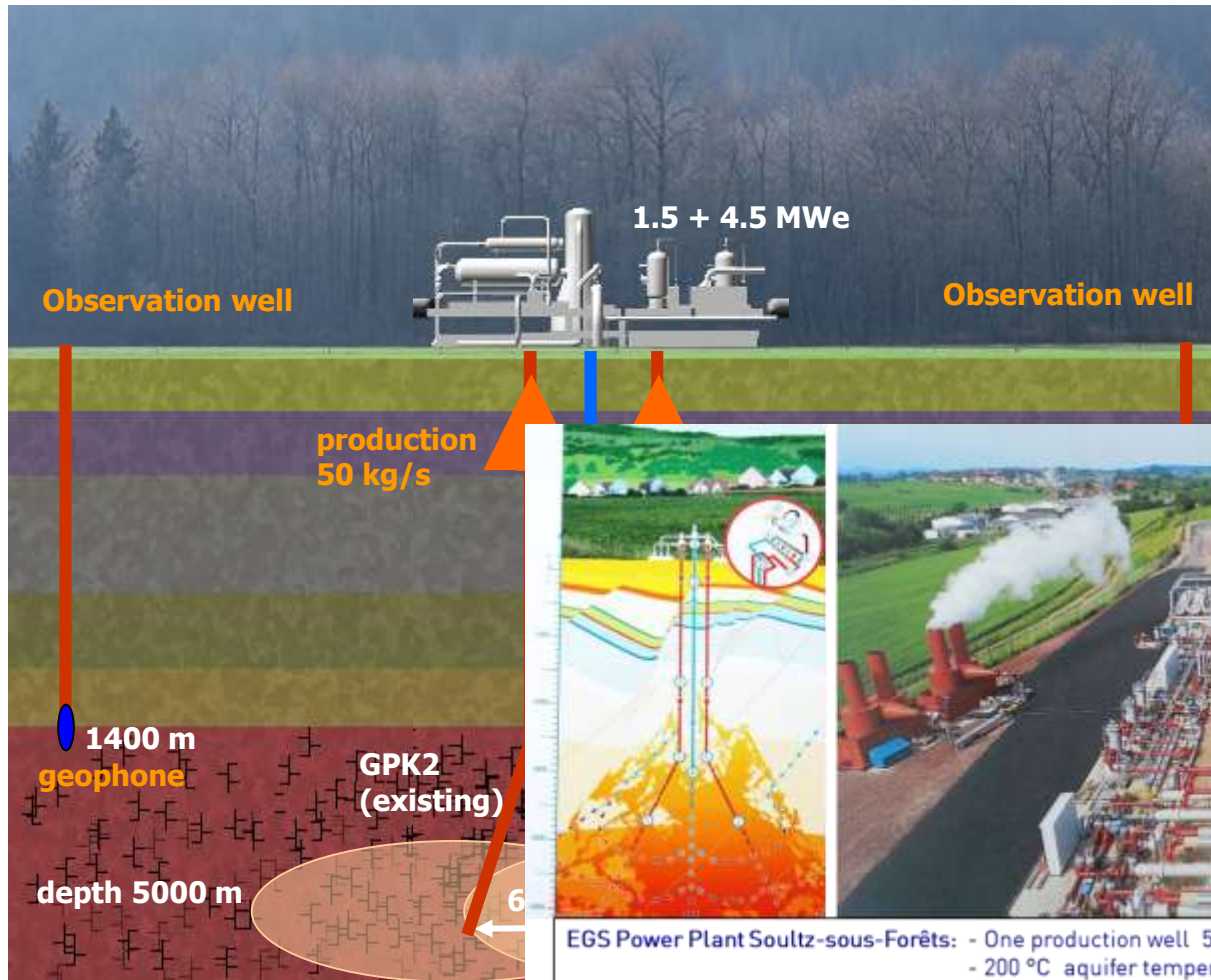
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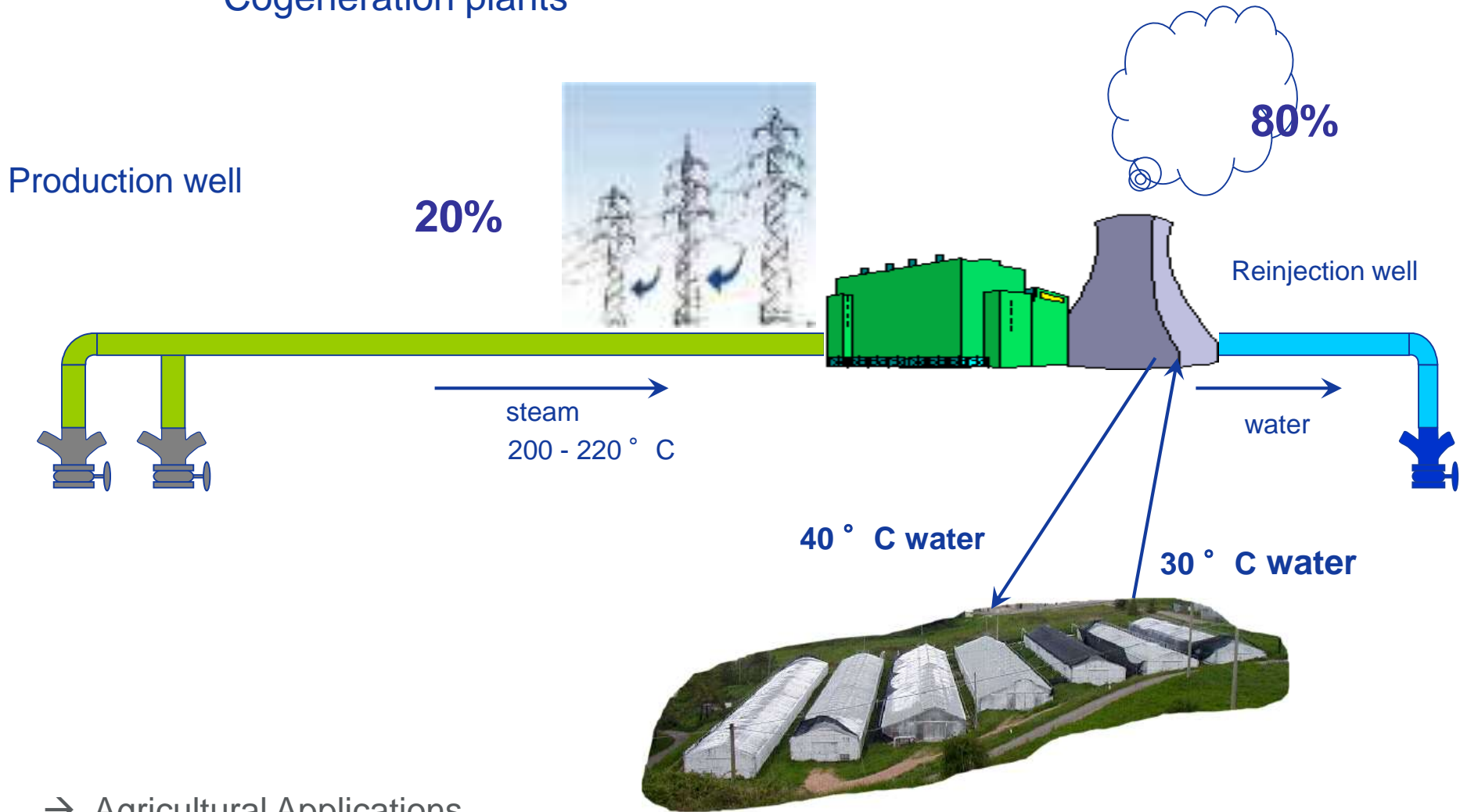
EGS plants



Enhanced Geothermal System:
European Soutz project

- EGS Power Plant Soutz-sous-Forêts:
- One production well 5000 m (in operation)
 - 200 °C aquifer temperature
 - 2 injection wells (in operation)
 - Organic rankine cycle process with 1.5 MWe

Is it possible a second exponential growth? Cogeneration plants



→ Agricultural Applications

Geothermal advantages

Geothermal energy can change the face of the world



Reykjavik on 1933, when only 3% of the houses used geothermal energy for heating



Reykjavik today: "Europe's lung" for its low level of air pollution, now that 99.8% of houses are connected to the geothermal district heating system

Geothermal
Energy:

**FIRE
WITHOUT
SMOKE**