



Geothermal Exploration in Greece

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Geothermal exploration in Greece

Started in the 70's by
IGME, PPC for high
enthalpy fields for power
generation

Extended to low enthalpy
fields in the 80's for
agricultural applications

Geological mapping
Geochemical investigation
Schlumberger resistivities
Shallow boreholes

⇒ many areas of
geothermal interest all
over the country



Milos island

Active hydrothermal system maintained by Pleistocene volcanic activity

Reservoir fluid

310-323°C boiled seawater at 1-5 km

Geology

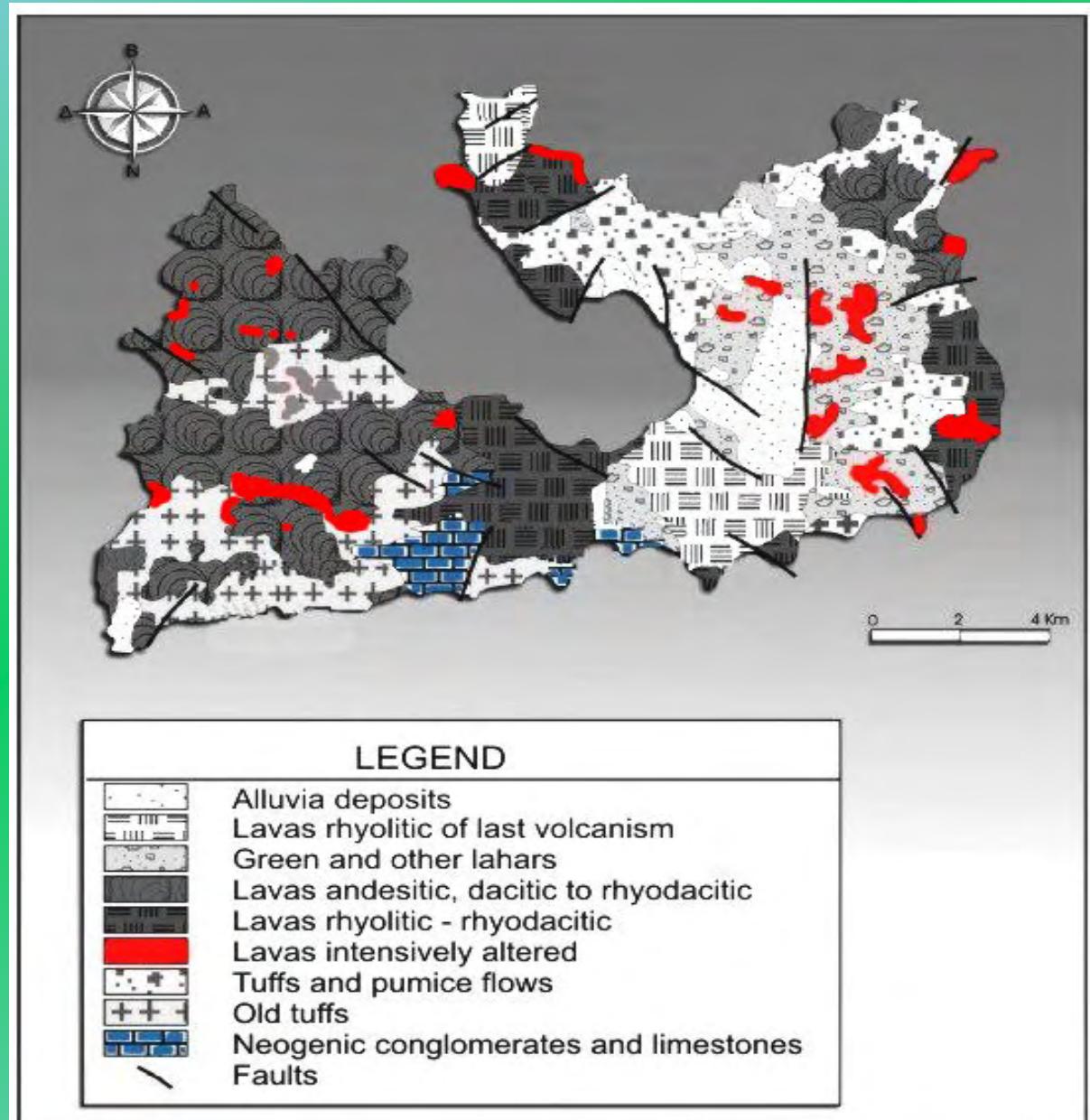
Alluvia / volcanic products
Altered tuffs
Neogene sediments
Metamorphic basement

Methodology

Geological mapping
Thermal manifestations
Geochemical investigation
Schlumberger resistivities
Shallow boreholes
Five deep wells

Applications

A few houses / hotels



Santorini island

Active hydrothermal system
maintained by Holocene and
recent volcanic activity

Reservoir fluid

High enthalpy boiled
seawater at 1+ km

Geology

Volcanic products
Metamorphic basement
(limestones)

Methodology

Geological mapping
Thermal manifestations
Geochemical investigation
Schlumberger resistivities
Gravity / magnetic survey
A few shallow boreholes

Applications none



Nisyros island

Active hydrothermal system maintained by Pleistocene volcanic activity

Reservoir fluid
250-350°C boiled seawater at 1-2 km
100-150°C at shallow depth

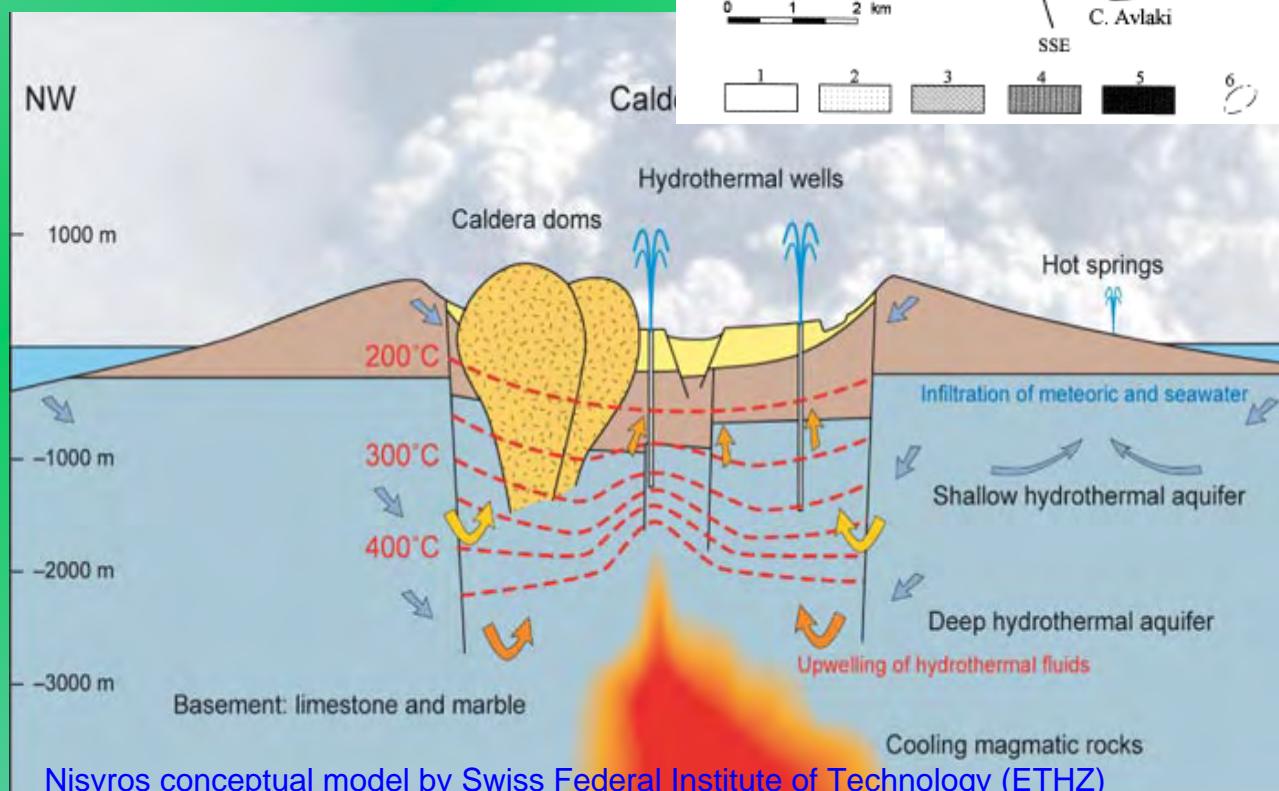
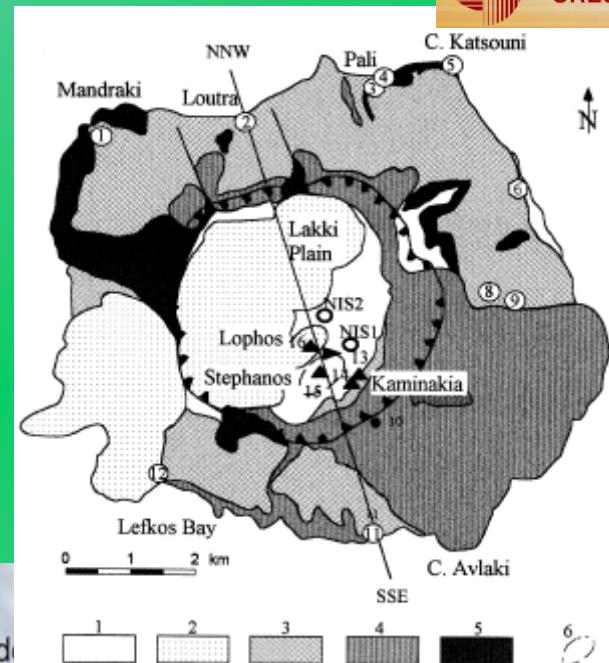
Geology

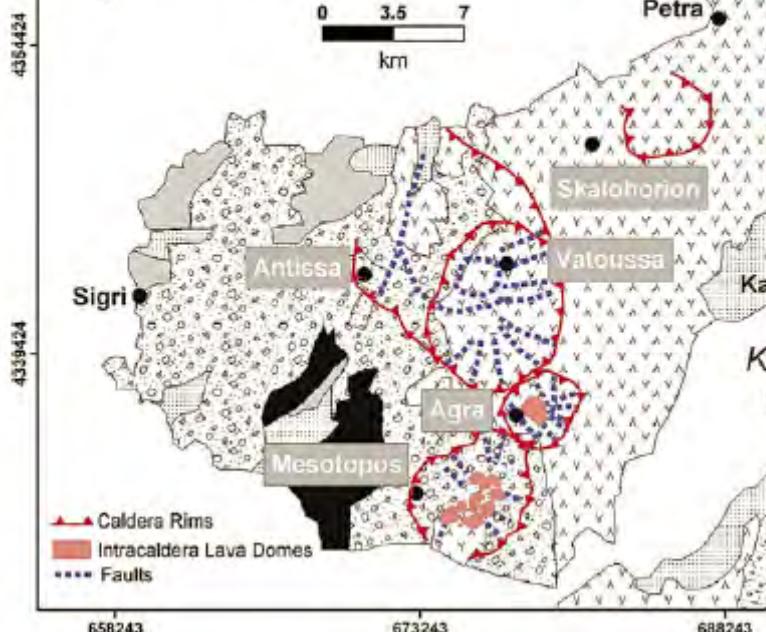
Volcanic products
Metamorphic basement (limestones)

Methodology

Geological mapping
Thermal manifestations
Geochemical investigation
Schlumberger resistivities
Two deep wells

Applications none





Methodology

Geological mapping

Thermal manifestations

Geochemical investigation

Shallow boreholes

Deeper drilling

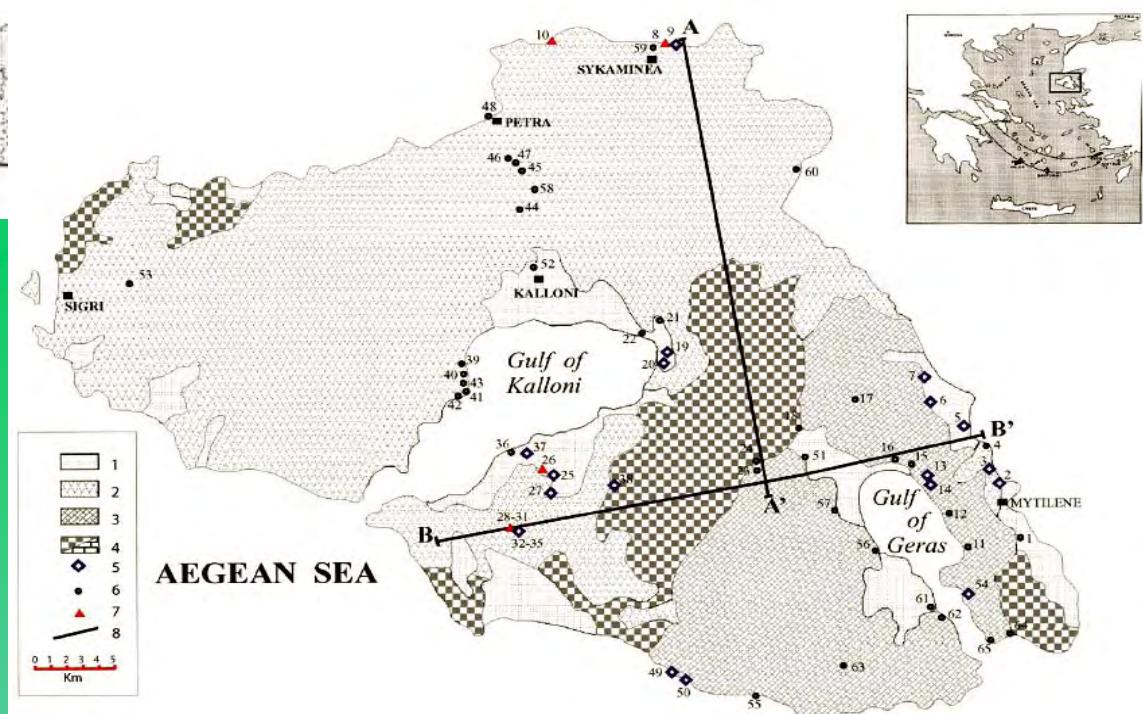
Applications

Greenhouses & spas

Lesvos island

Medium enthalpy
hydrothermal systems heated
by Miocene volcanism

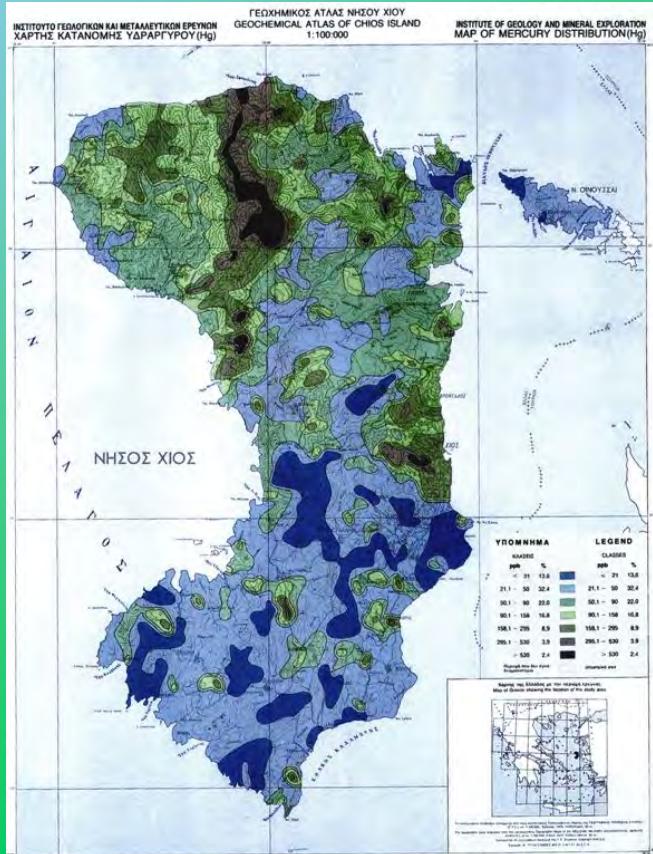
Reservoir fluid
100-120°C saline water at 1+
km



- (1) Pliocene-Quaternary marine and continental sediments,
- (2) Miocene volcanic rocks,
- (3) ophiolitic basement,
- (4) carbonate-phyllite basement,
- (5) cold water,
- (6) thermal water,
- (7) thermal water with associated gas phase

Chios island

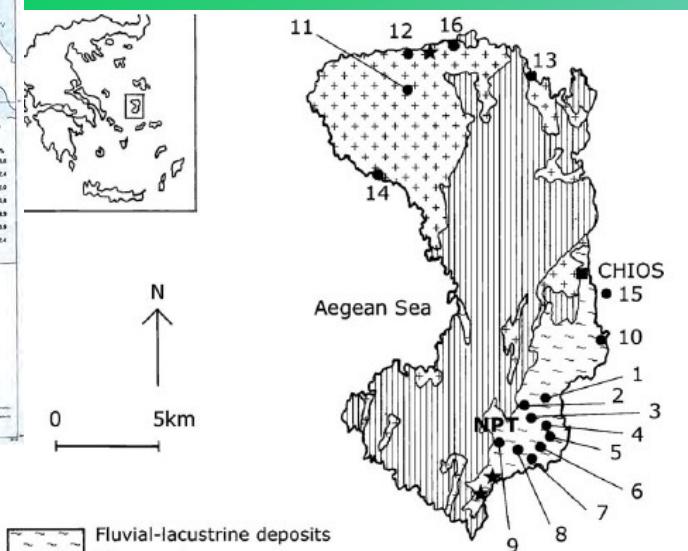
Reservoir fluid
140-150°C boiled
seawater



Medium enthalpy
hydrothermal systems heated
by Miocene volcanism

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Applications
none



- Fluvial-lacustrine deposits (Neocene)
- Limestone, dolomites (Triassic, Jurassic)
- Clastic rocks (Silurien-Devonien)
- Volcanic rocks (Miocene)
- Sampling sites

NPT: Nenita, Patrika, Thimiana

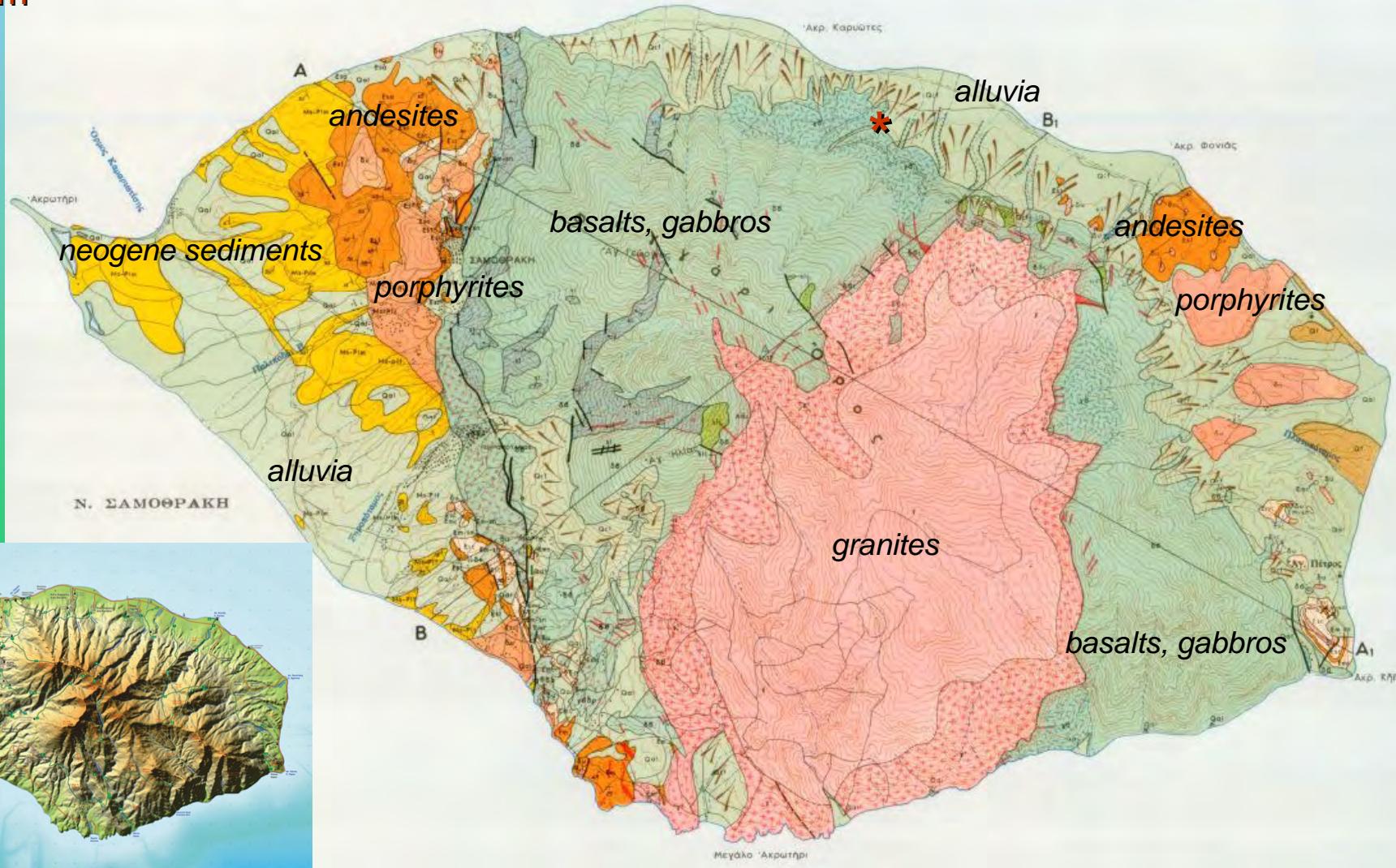
Samothraki island

Medium enthalpy
hydrothermal systems
heated by Miocene
volcanism

Reservoir fluid
 $>100^{\circ}\text{C}$ saline water

Methodology
Geological mapping

Applications
spas



Alexandroupolis Basin

High heat flow basin (Oligocene / lower Miocene volcanism)

Reservoir fluid

120-140°C meteoric water at 1,5-2 km

area/well	depth	°C
Aristino	: 200-465	30-92
Tychero	: 400	38

Methodology

Geological mapping

Thermal manifestations

Geochemical investigation

Shallow boreholes

Applications

Spas & space heating



Nestos Basin and Xanthi/Komotini Basin

High heat flow basins

Reservoir fluid

120-150°C meteoric water at 2-3 km

area/well	depth	°C
N.Kessani	: 300-400	75-80
Sappes	: 250-400	38-40
L.Mitrikou	: 450	40
Magana	: 200-400	40-65
Eratino	: 550-650	65-75
	1700	115
	3000-4000	127-178

Applications

Greenhouses, soil heating, fish farming,
space heating & spas

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Local Schlumberger Resistivities

Shallow boreholes



Strymon Basin

High heat flow basin

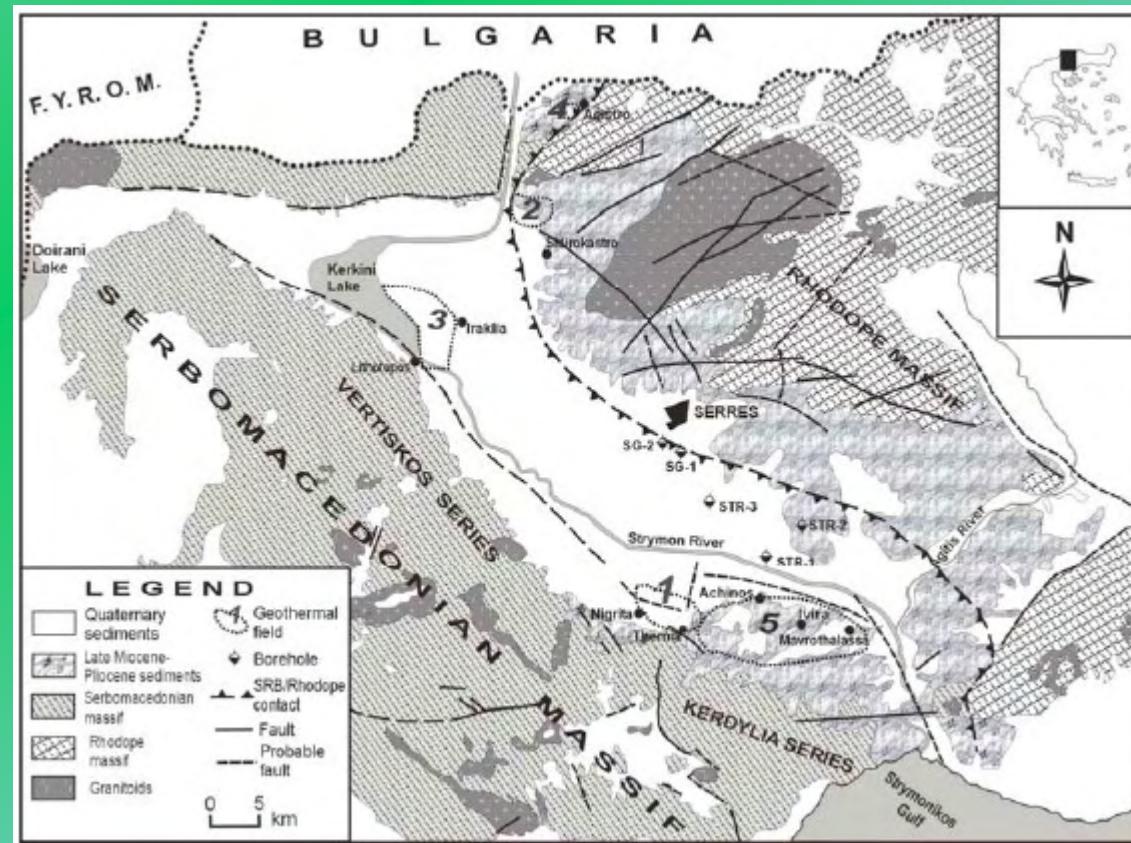
Reservoir fluid

100-140°C meteoric water at 3-4 km

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<u>area/well</u>	<u>depth</u>	<u>°C</u>
Agistro	: 70-130	40-47
Sidirokastro	: 10-450	40-65
Iraklia	: 300-450	40-62
Nigrita	: 100-400	40-65
Ivira	: 450-550	40-50
SG-1&2	: 500	20
STR-2&3	: 2678-3144	89-96
STR-1	: 2884-3651	106-135



Applications

Greenhouses, agricultural & spas

Other Basins

High heat flow basins

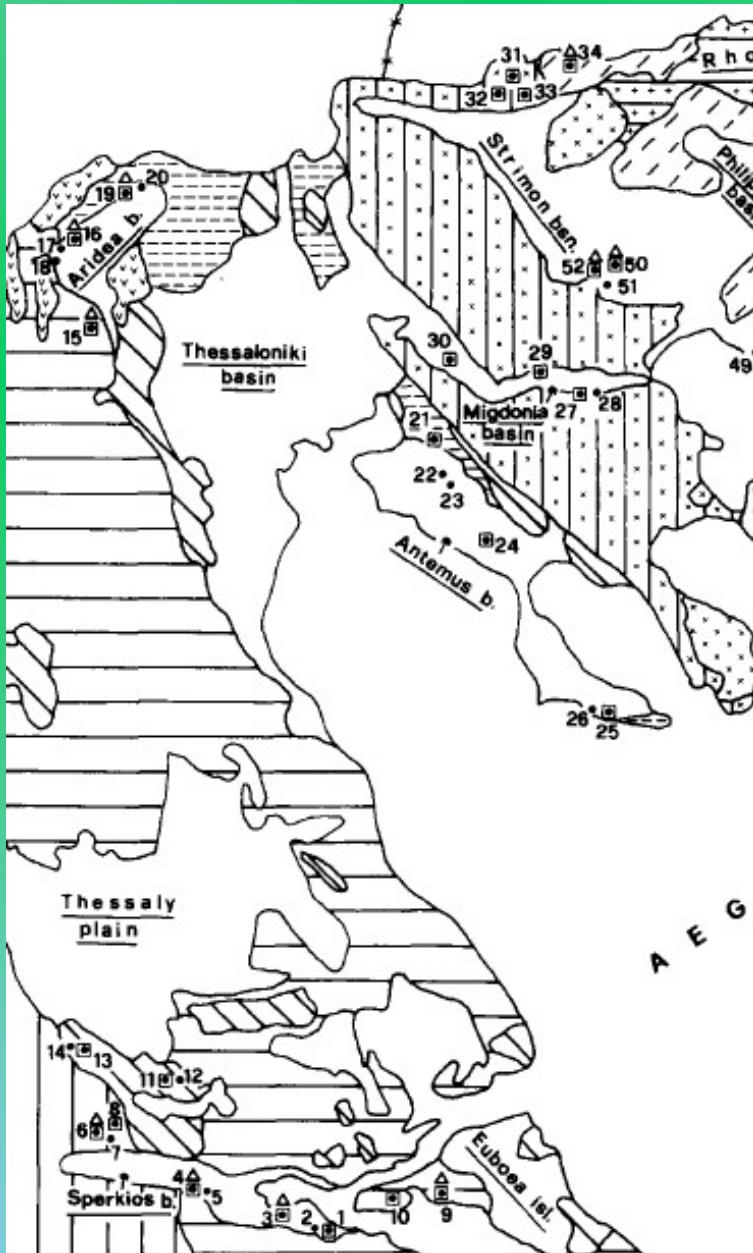
<u>Basin</u>	<u>SiO₂ or K/Mg temperature</u>
Mygdonia	80-100 °C
Anthemous	100-130 °C
Aridea	60-85 °C
Sperchios	80-120 °C

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