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Perspective on Geothermal Energy in Japan: Beyond Great East Japan Earthquake & Beyond Brittle Project

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2011
3.11
14:46
(Japan Time)

Great East Japan Earthquake
& Tsunami
M. 9.0



Destroyed Train



After Tsumani

2011 年 3 月 29 日 7 午後
11 月 2010 3 月 2011



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38° 36'11.12" N 141° 30'03.88" E 標高 7 m

高度 689 m



3.11 : Tohoku University



Coach on the roof



Fishing Boat on the road

Distribution of Volcano

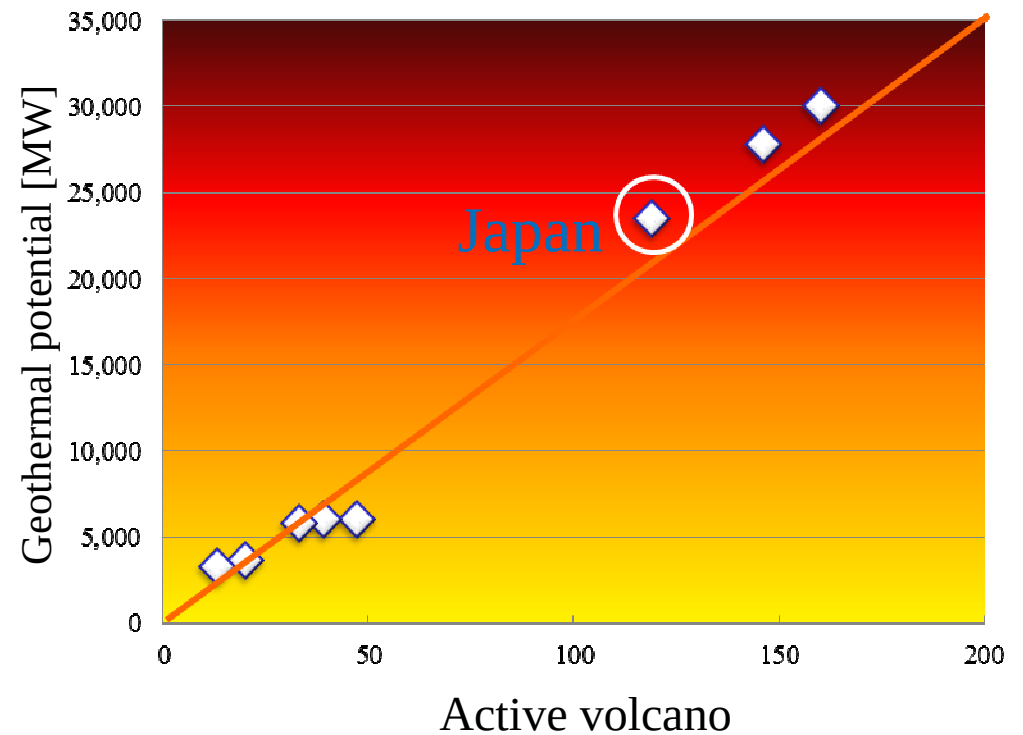


Geothermal Potential

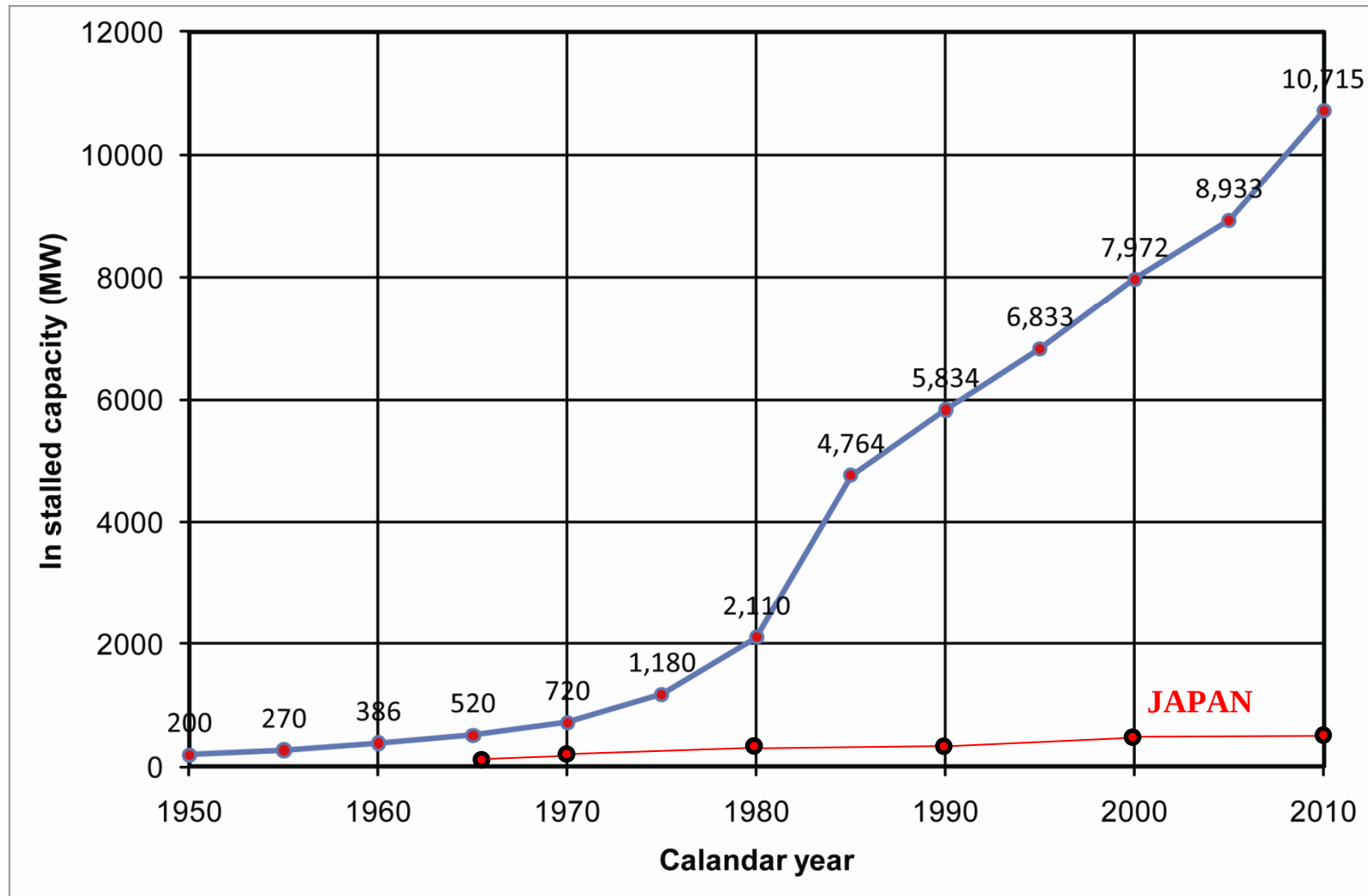
Japan is 3rd

country	Active Volcano	Geothermal Potential [MW]
USA	160	30,000
Indonesia	146	27,790
Japan	119	23,470
Philippine	47	6,000
Mexico	39	6,000
Iceland	33	5,800
New Zealand	20	3,650
Italy	13	3,270

Stefansson (2005)



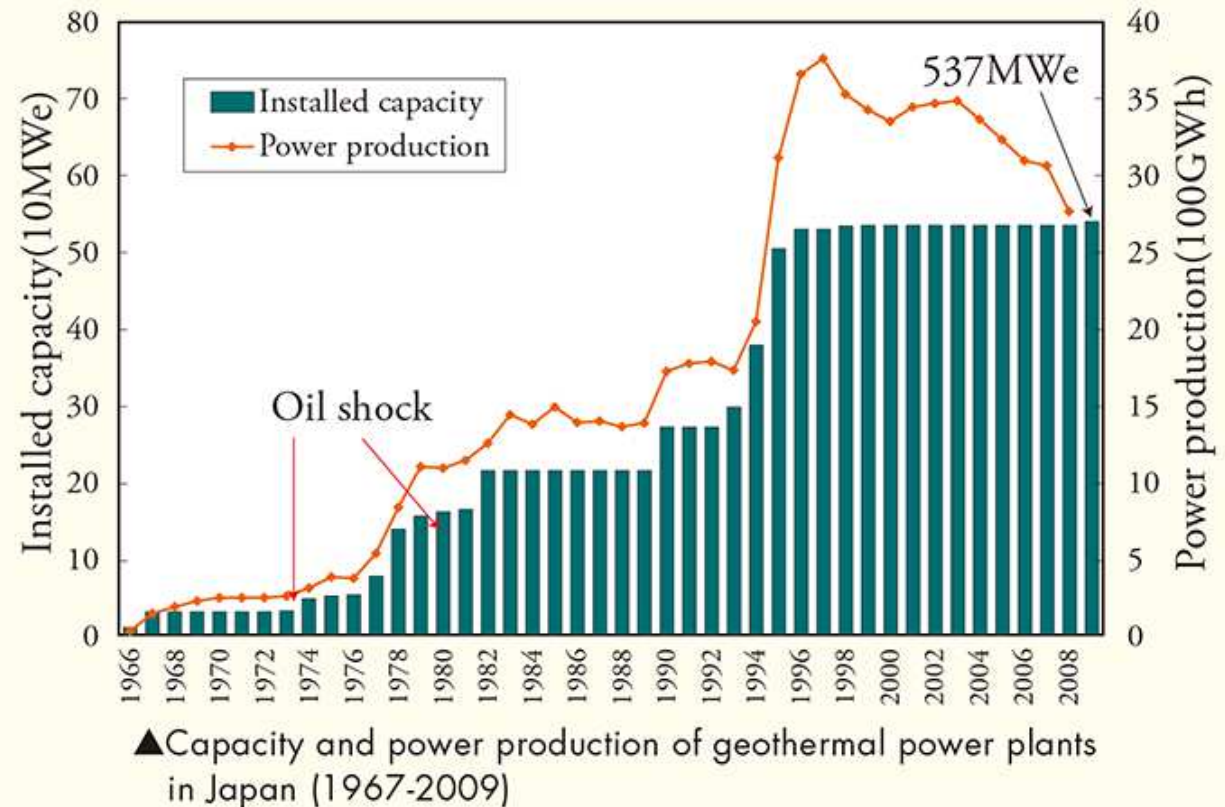
Geothermal Development in the World



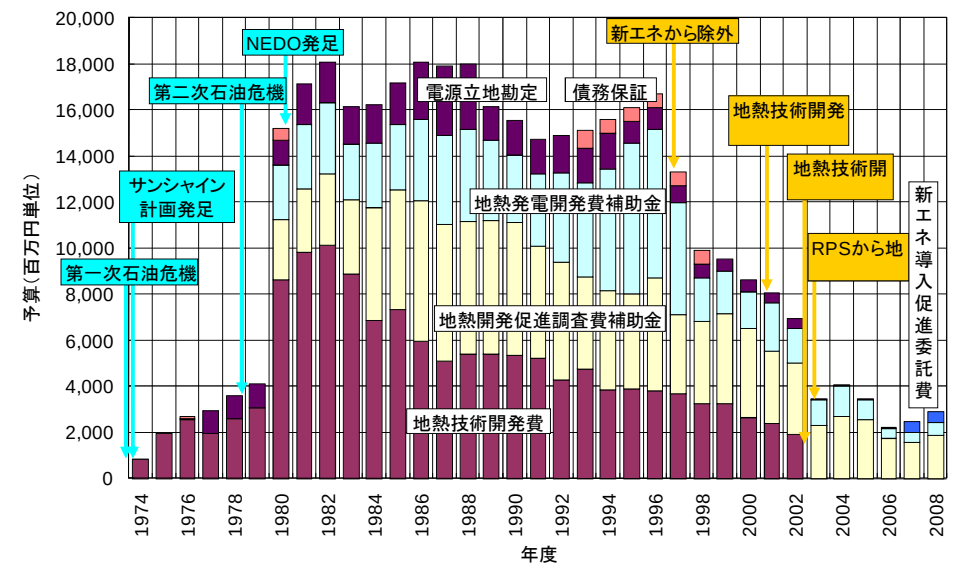
(Lund et al., 2010)

Geothermal fever

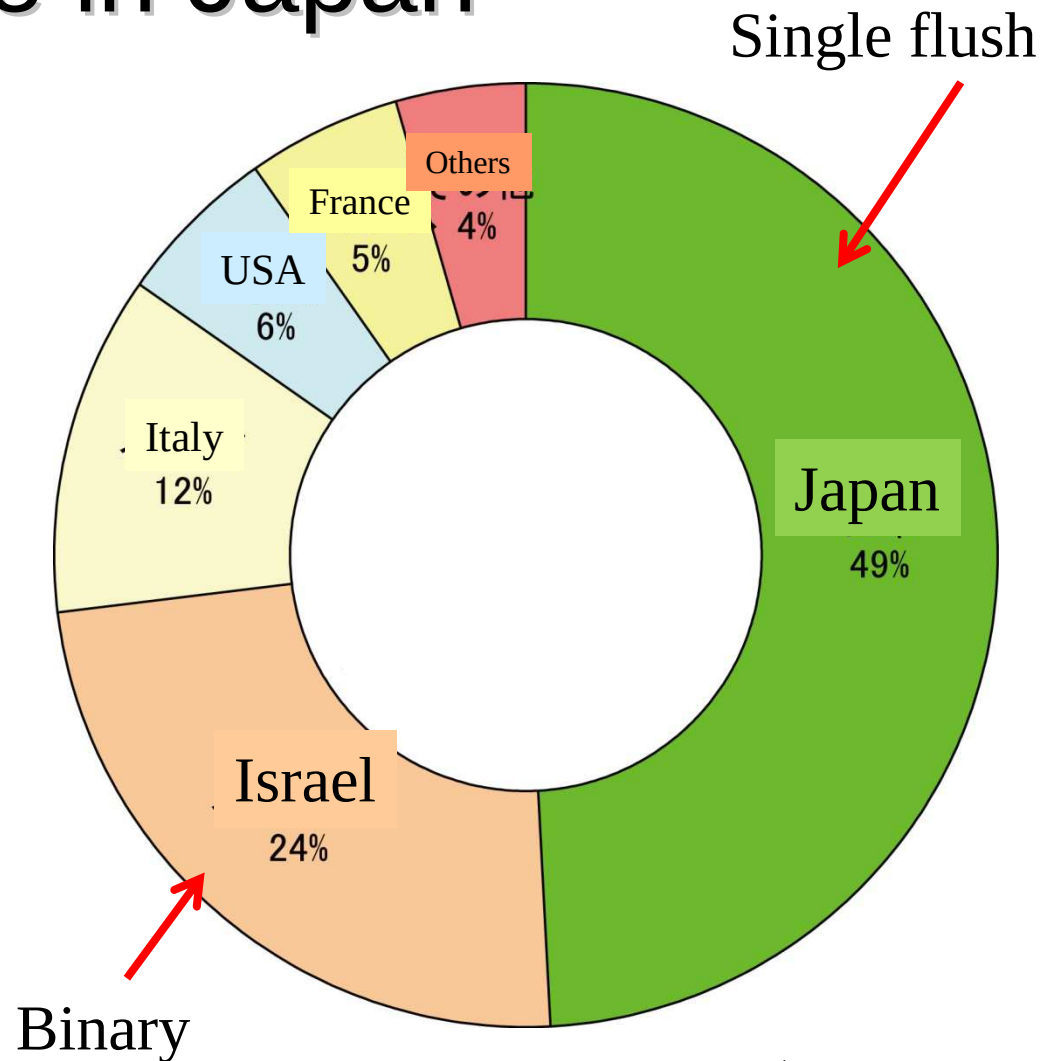
Lost Decade In Geothermal R&D In JAPAN



Last geothermal power plant was only 3.3 MW in remote island since 1999.



Turbine in geothermal power plant (after 2000) was “Made in Japan”

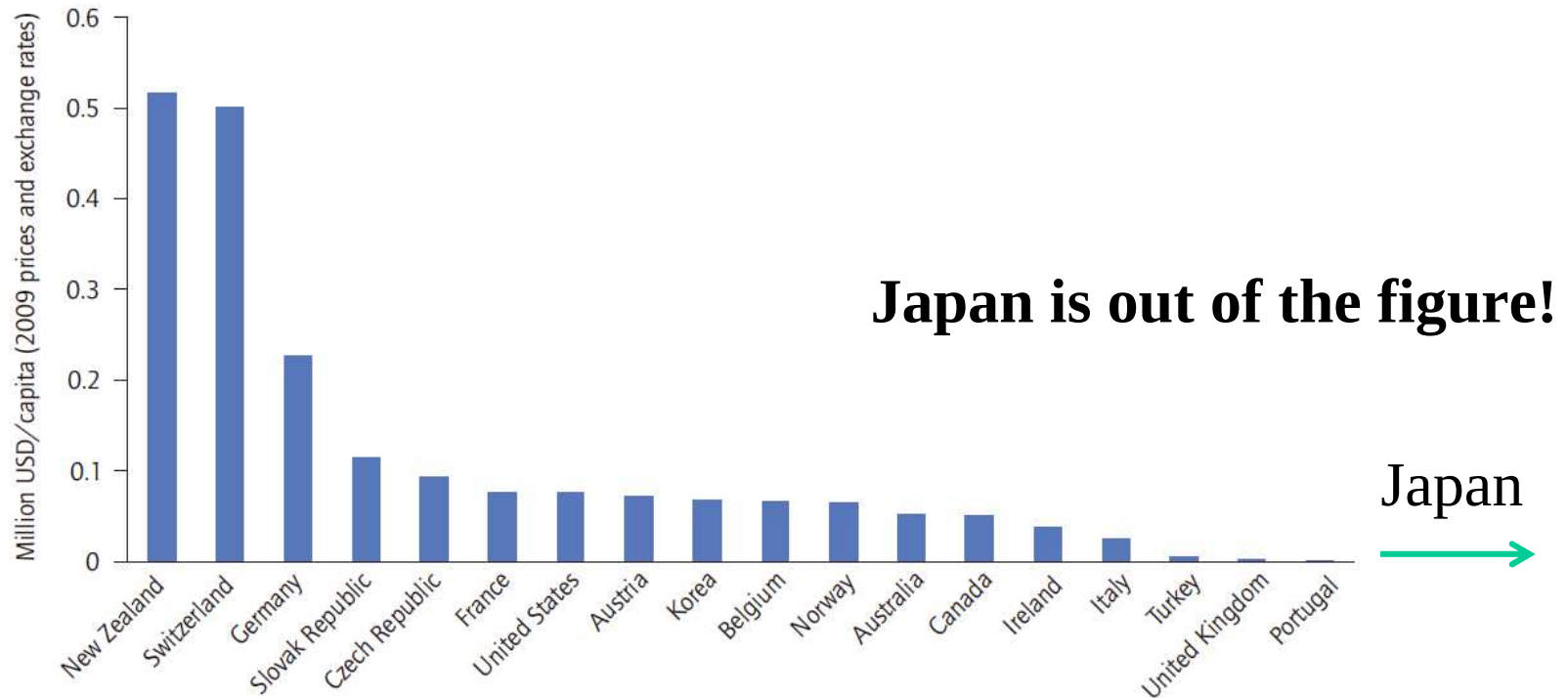


No new domestic geothermal power plants after 1999, but 70% market of single flush type is occupied by three Japanese companies.

(Bertani, 2008)

R&D budget for geothermal per capita

Figure 15: Public RD&D budget for geothermal energy, 2006-09 average
(million USD per capita)



Note: Where available, 2010 estimates are also included. US Recovery Act Spending for geothermal energy in 2009 are not included. IEA countries without geothermal RD&D spending are not included the graph.

Source: (www.iea.org/stats/rd.asp).

(IEA, 2011 Technology Roadmap on Geothermal Heat and Power)



**No. 1
Reactor**

**No. 2
Reactor**

**No. 3
Reactor**

**No. 4
Reactor**

● 北原

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高度 499 m

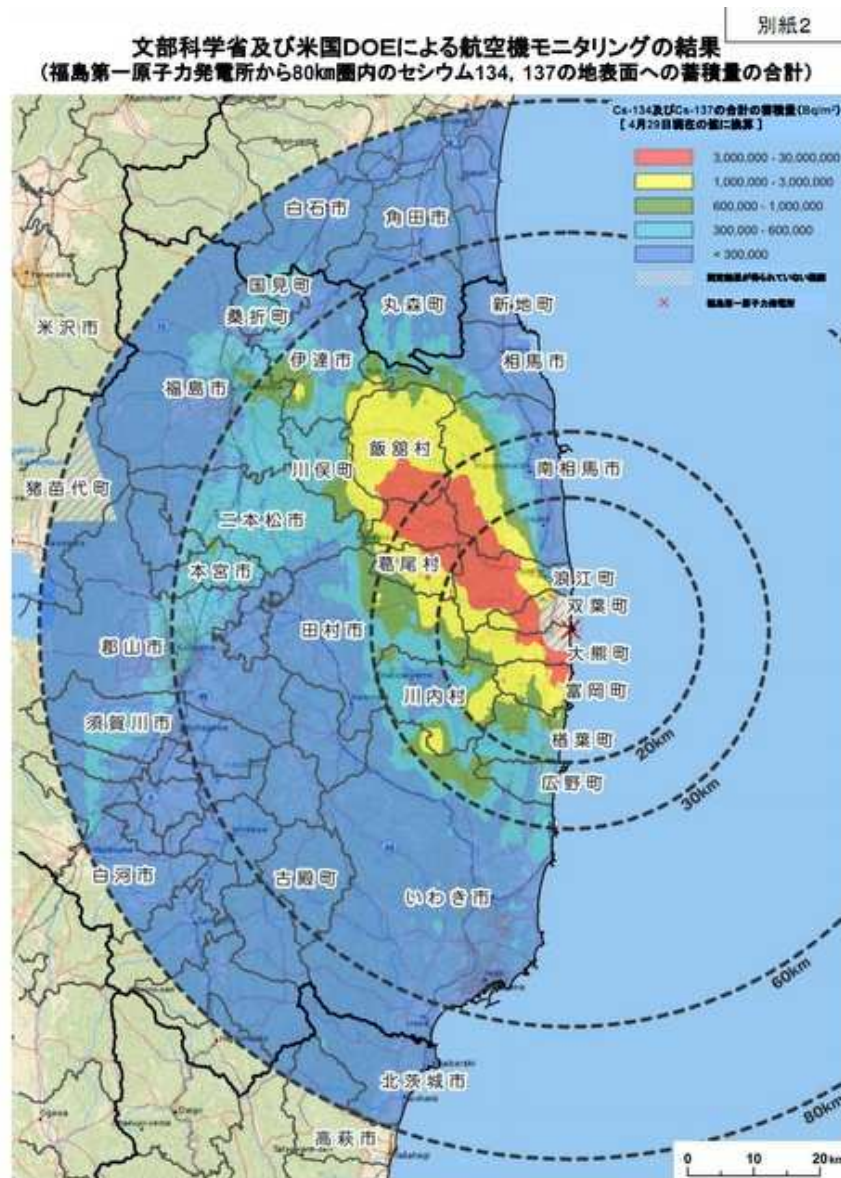
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高度 751 m

Drastic Change after 3.11 !

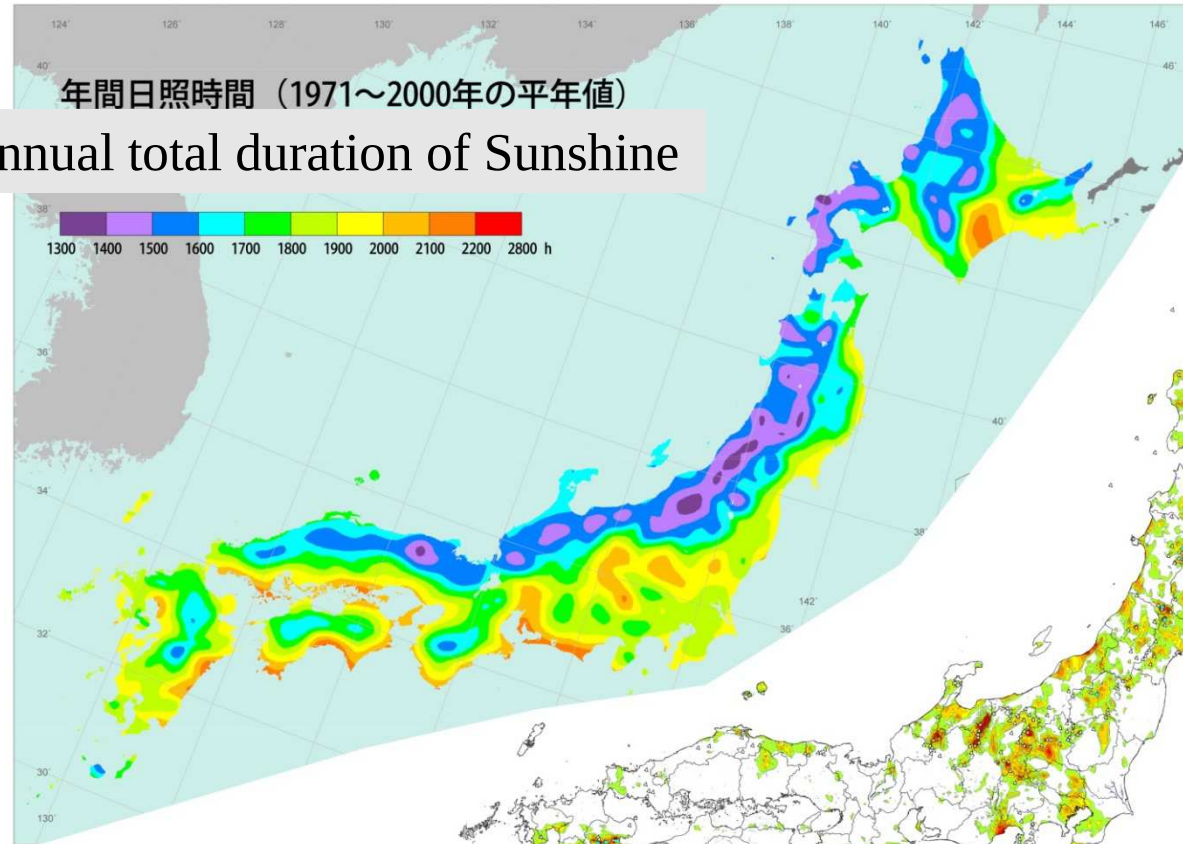


- Even now, more than 100,000 people cannot come back to their own home.
- WHO reported (Nov 2012) there is no statistic increase of cancer due to low level nuclear radiation in generally, BUT some amounts of increase can be estimated for thyroid cancer of children (not clear still now)
- **Geothermal is most promising sustainable and safety energy.**

Tohoku (Northeast Japan) 東北

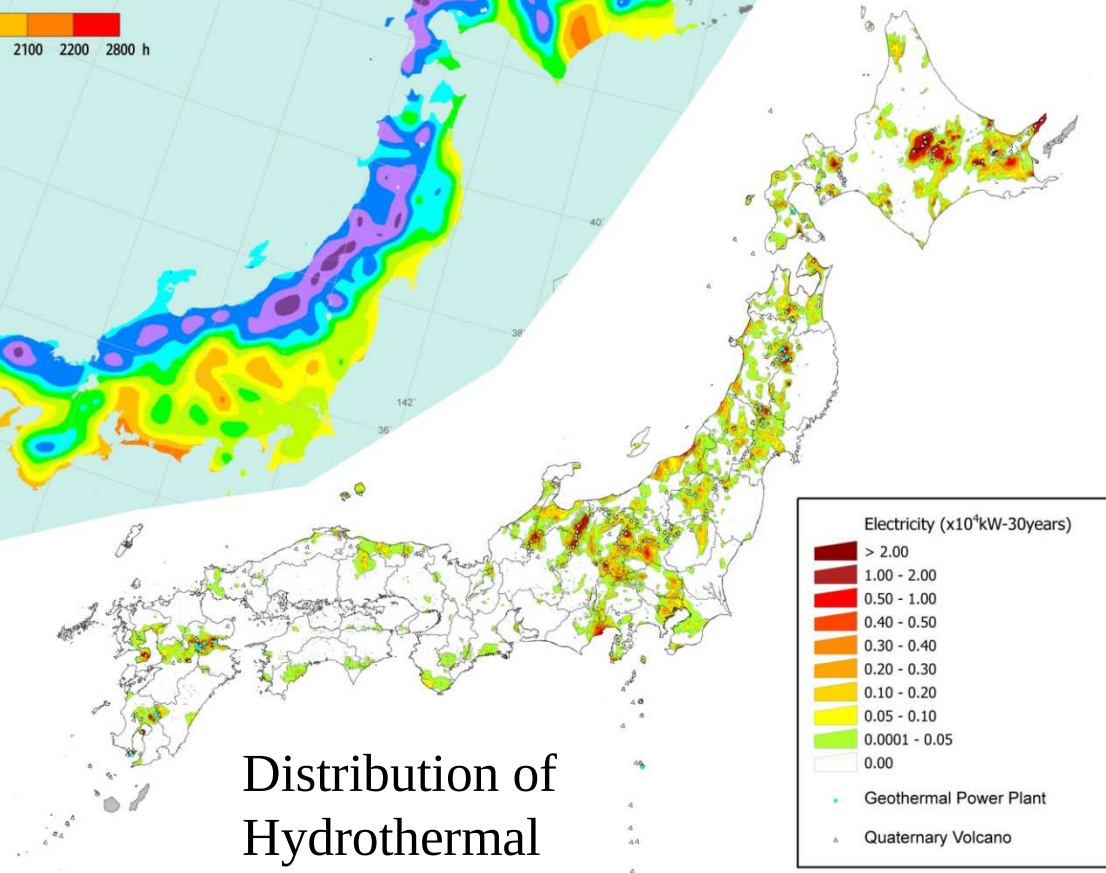
年間日照時間 (1971~2000年の平年値)

Annual total duration of Sunshine



1300 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2800 h

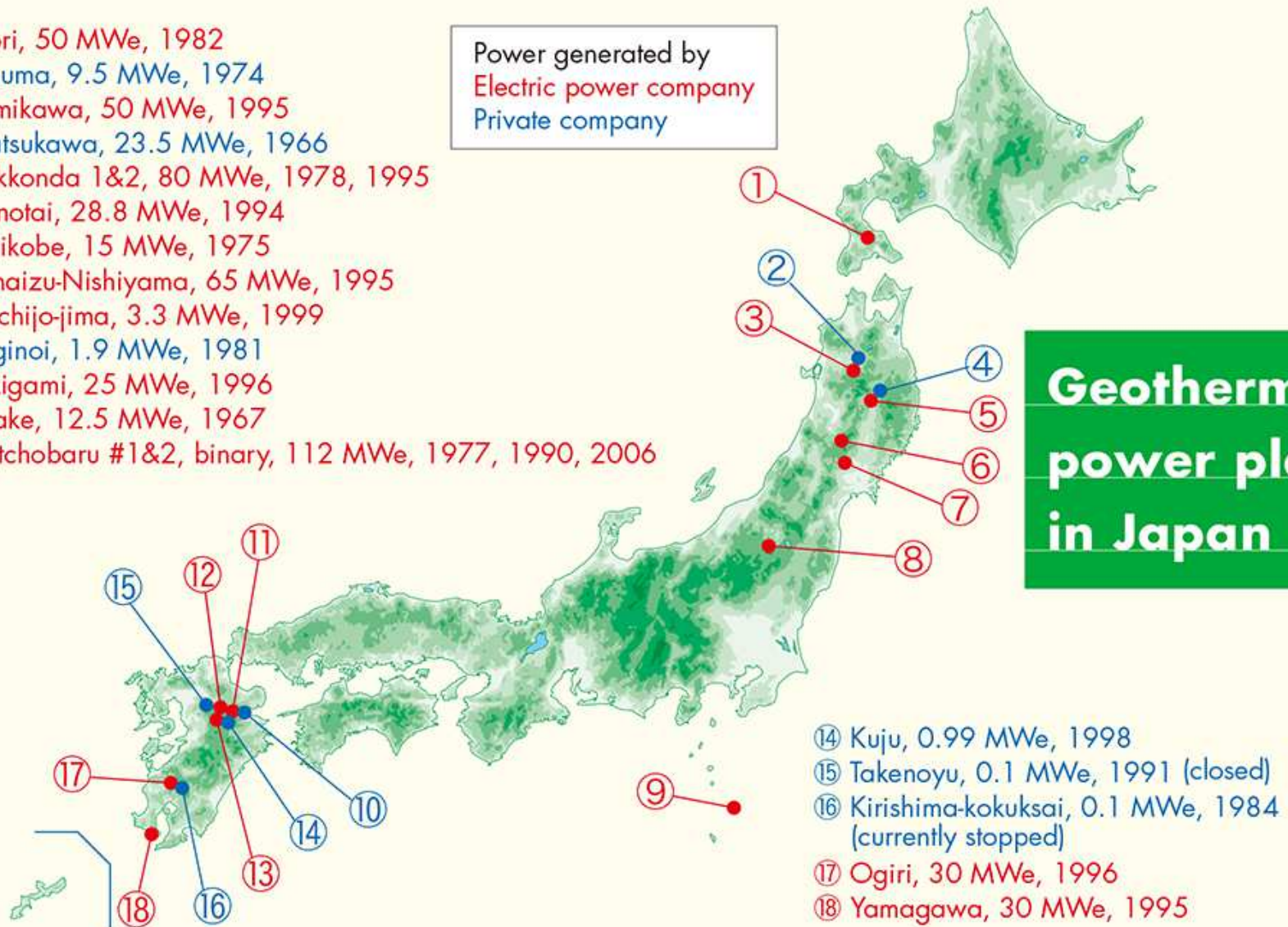
Distribution of
Hydrothermal
potential more
than 53°C



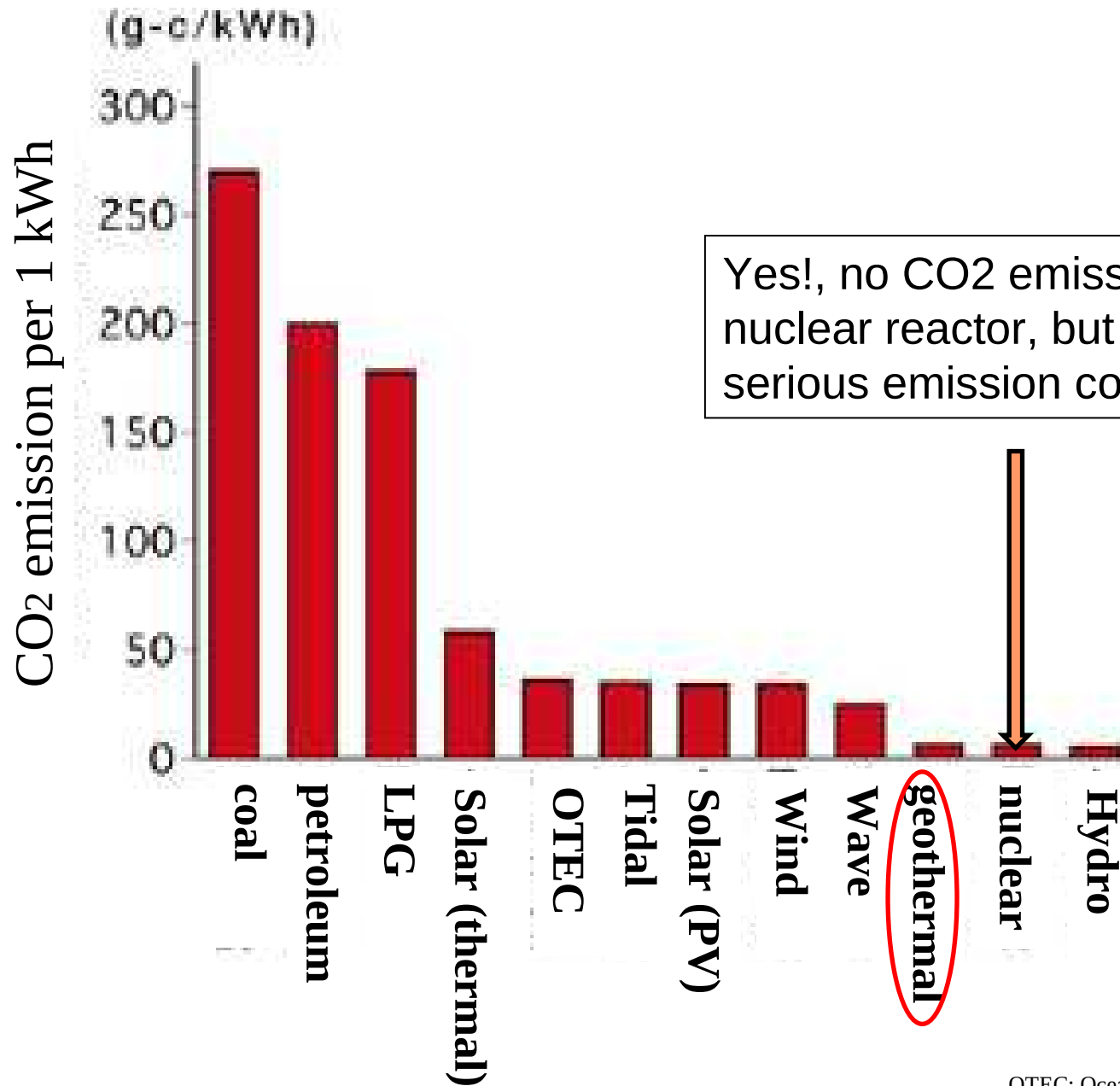
- ① Mori, 50 MWe, 1982
- ② Onuma, 9.5 MWe, 1974
- ③ Sumikawa, 50 MWe, 1995
- ④ Matsukawa, 23.5 MWe, 1966
- ⑤ Kakkonda 1&2, 80 MWe, 1978, 1995
- ⑥ Uenotai, 28.8 MWe, 1994
- ⑦ Onikobe, 15 MWe, 1975
- ⑧ Yanaizu-Nishiyama, 65 MWe, 1995
- ⑨ Hachijo-jima, 3.3 MWe, 1999
- ⑩ Suginoi, 1.9 MWe, 1981
- ⑪ Takigami, 25 MWe, 1996
- ⑫ Otake, 12.5 MWe, 1967
- ⑬ Hatchobaru #1&2, binary, 112 MWe, 1977, 1990, 2006

Power generated by
 Electric power company
 Private company

Geothermal power plants in Japan

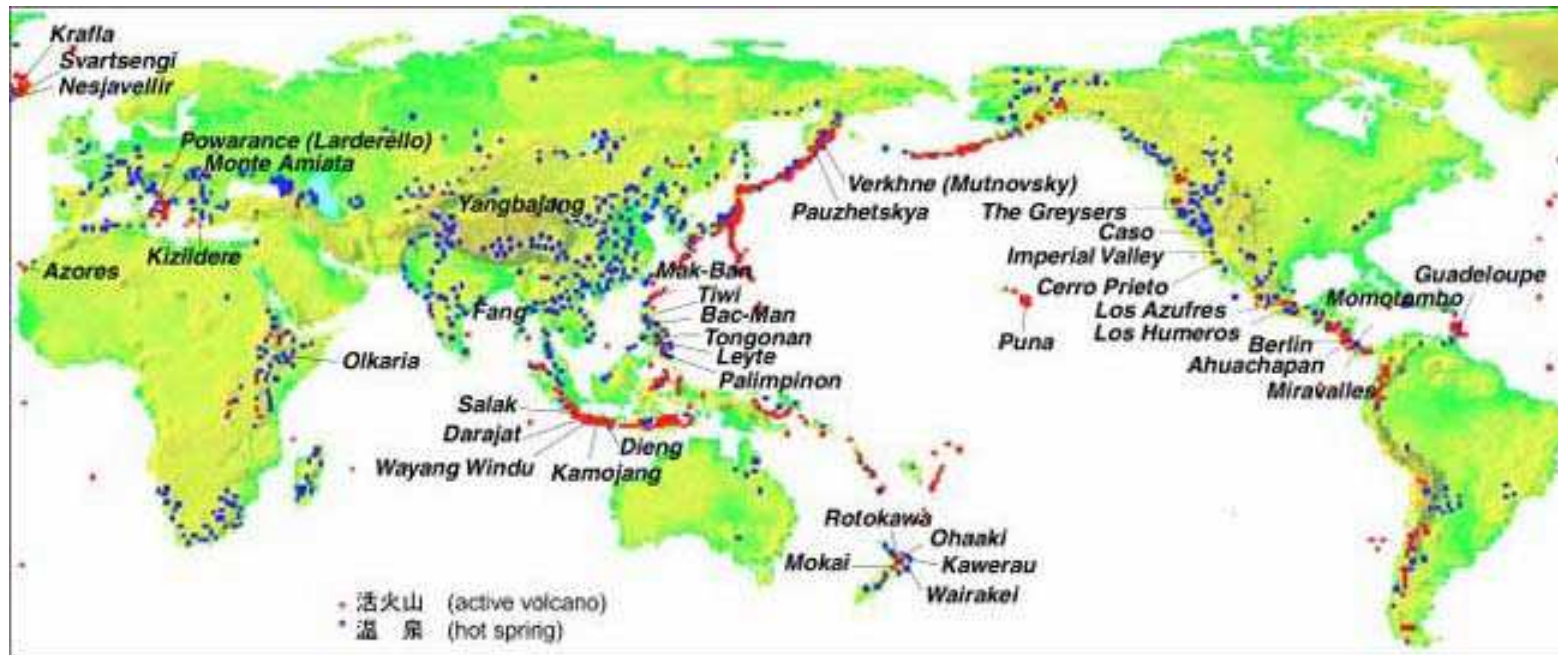


CO₂ emission

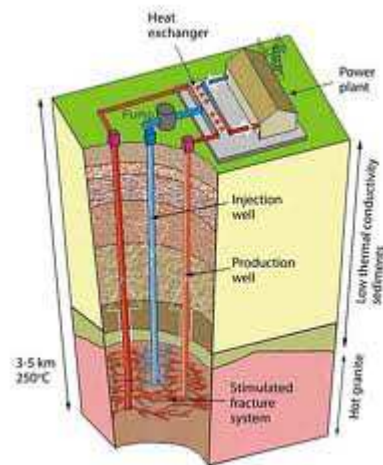


Yes!, no CO₂ emission from nuclear reactor, but we know serious emission comes out!

■ Geothermal Power Plant in the world



Cooper Basin
Hot Dry Rock



GPP is not only active continental margin,
Granite is heat source.

Electricity

USA	16.6
Philippine	10.3
Indonesia	9.6
Mexico	7.0
Italy	5.5
Iceland	4.6
New Zealand	4.1
JAPAN	3.1
Kenya	1.4
El salvador	1.4
24 countries	67.2

GWe

Direct Use

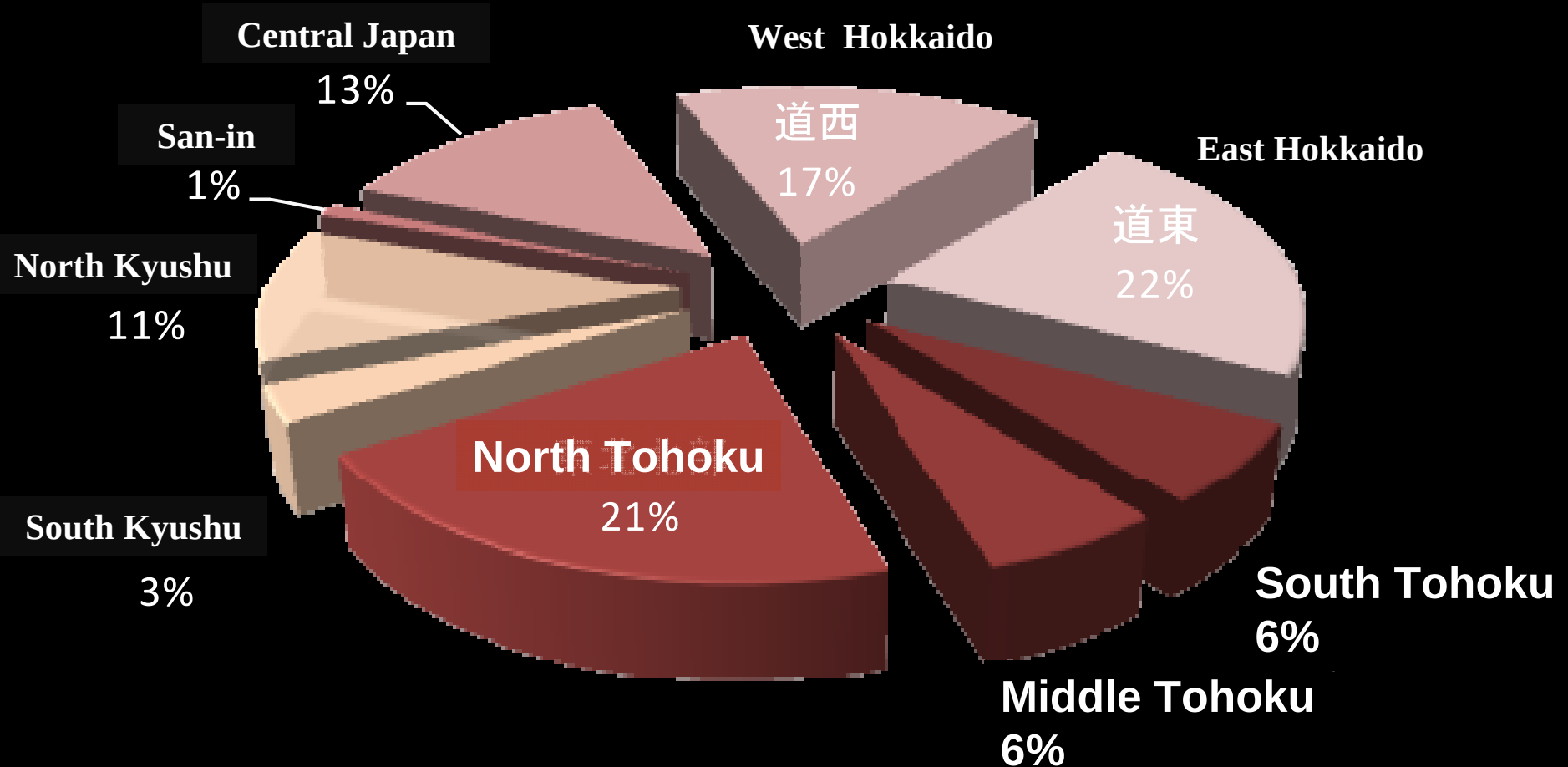
China	74.2
USA	56.5
Sweden	45.4
Turkey	36.7
JAPAN	25.6
Norway	25.2
Iceland	24.4
France	13.0
Germany	12.8
Holland	10.7
(78 countries)	438

GWth

Conventional geothermal resources

43% in Tohoku

Liquid dominated Geothermal Resources



Exploration of Geothermal Resources

Heat Source(熱源)

Of course, we need heat!

Fluid(流体)

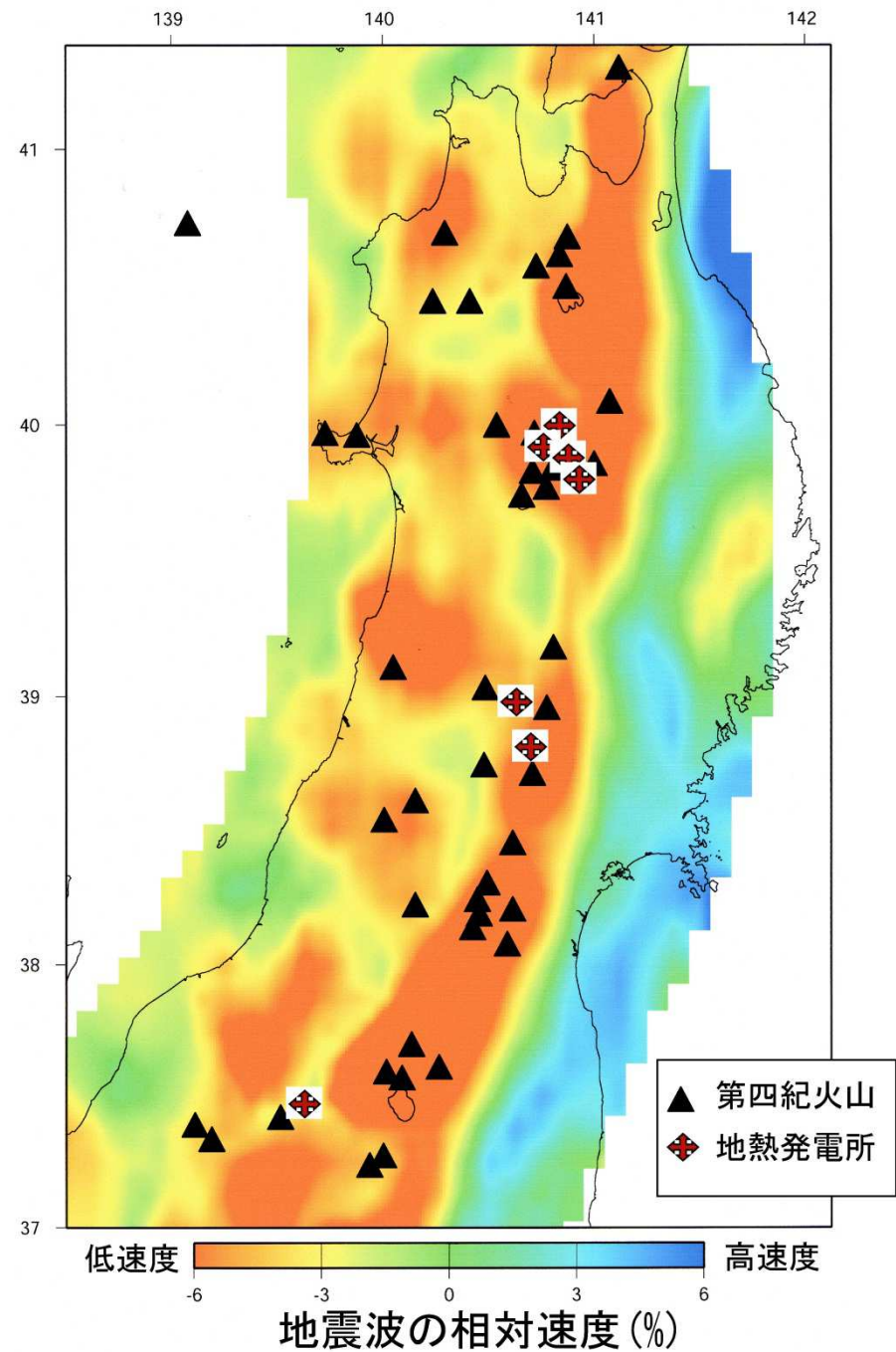
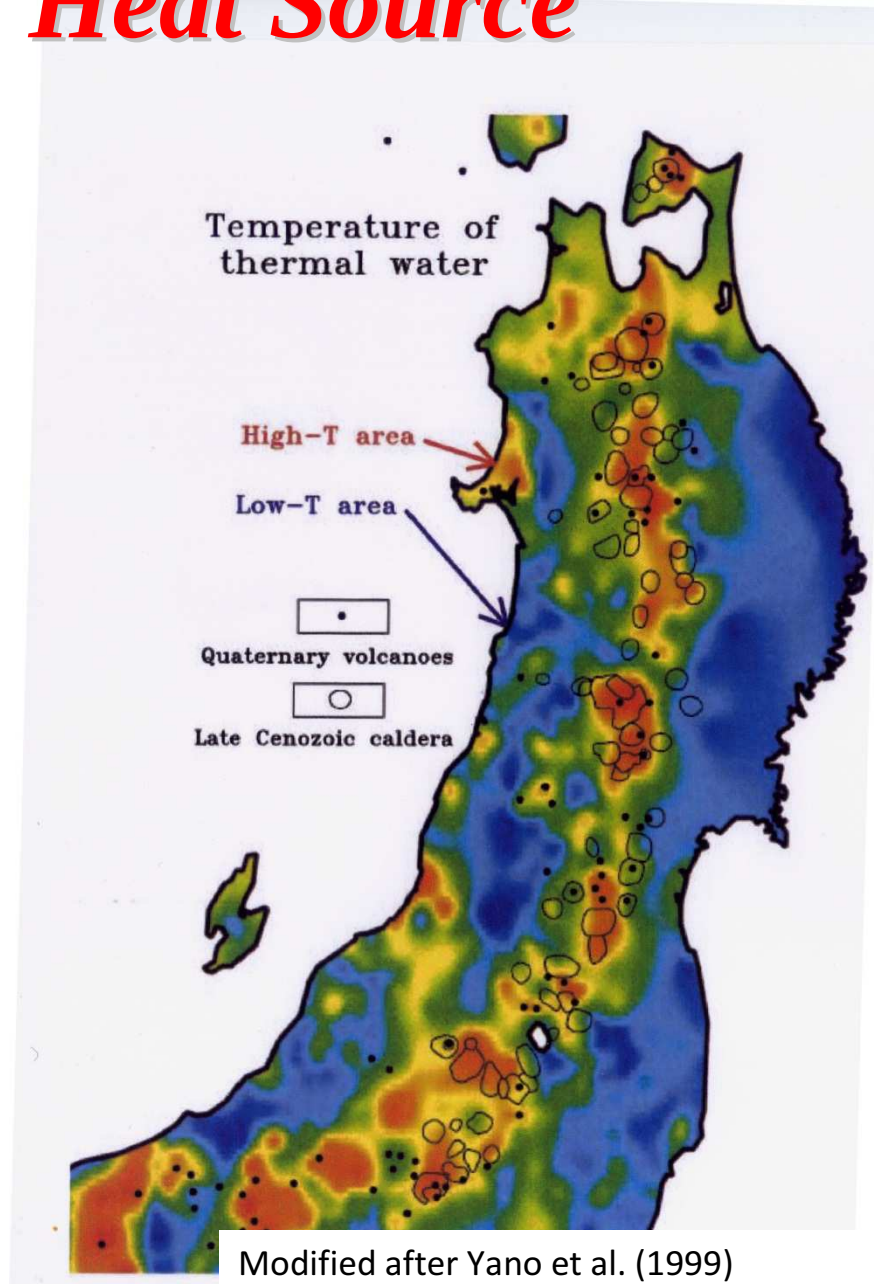
Carrier of heat is fluid

Fracture(亀裂)

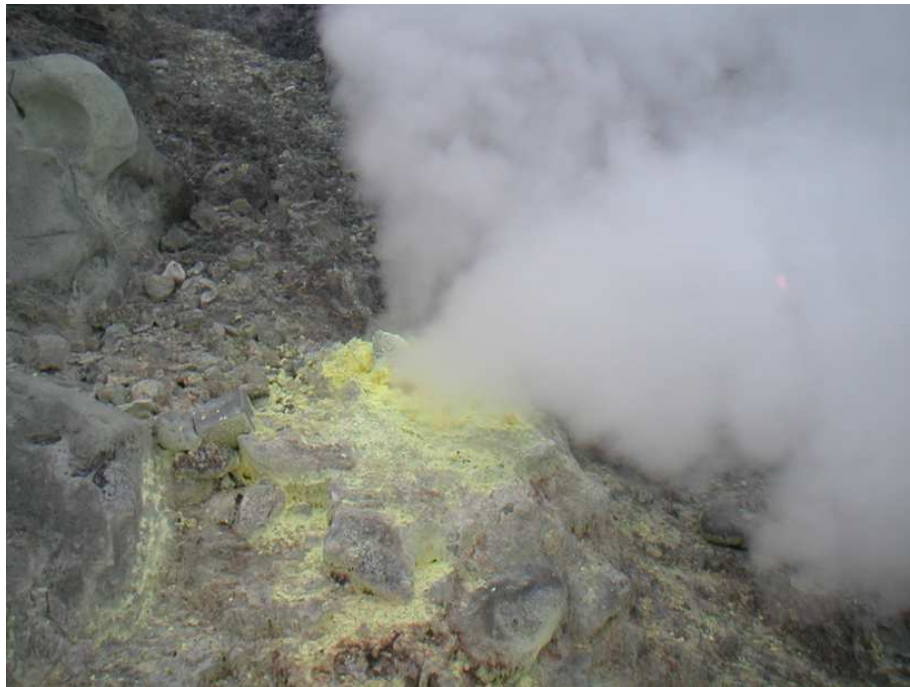
Fluid pathway is Fracture



Heat Source



Geothermal Fluid



Chemical Reactions

Dissolution

Precipitation

Equilibrium

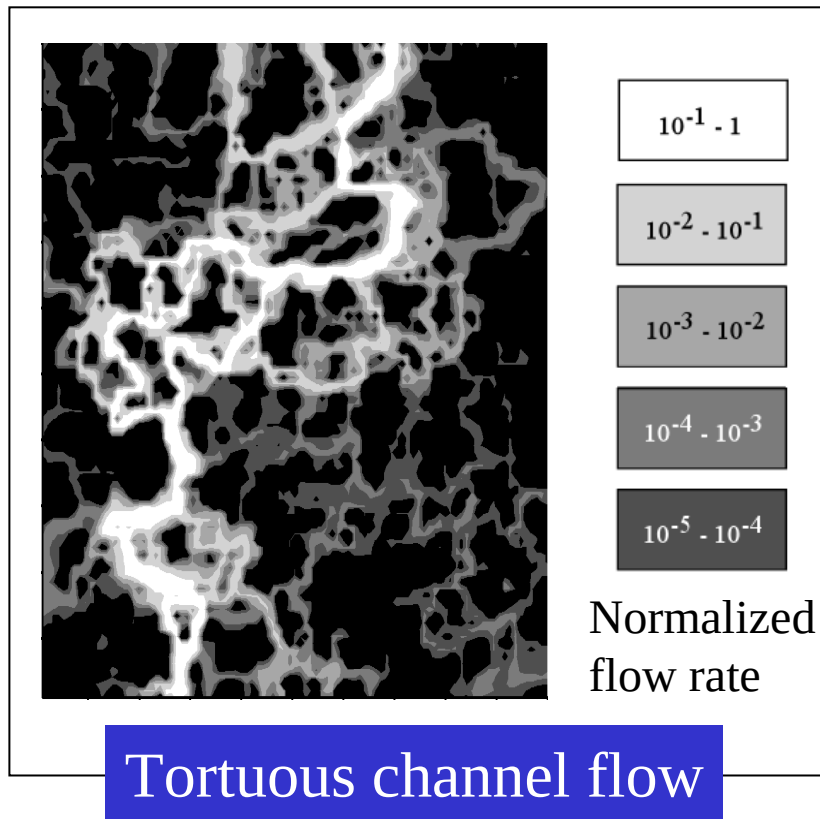
Kinetics

State of Equation

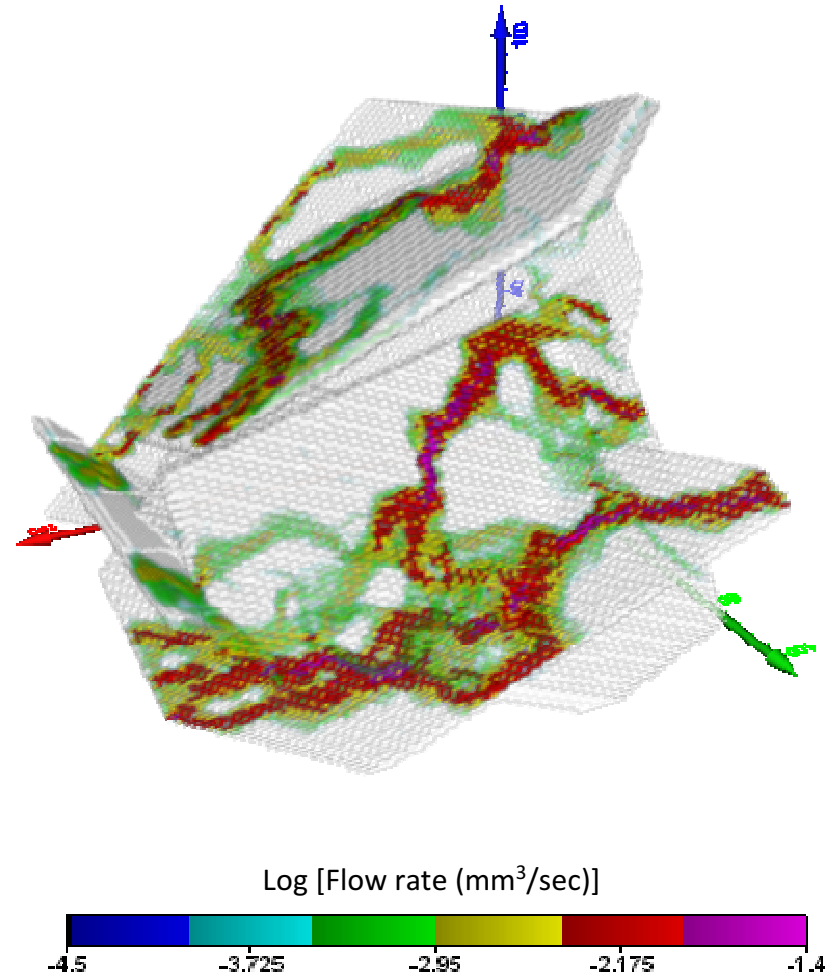
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Fluid flow through *Fracture*

Preference (Channeling) Flow



3D model



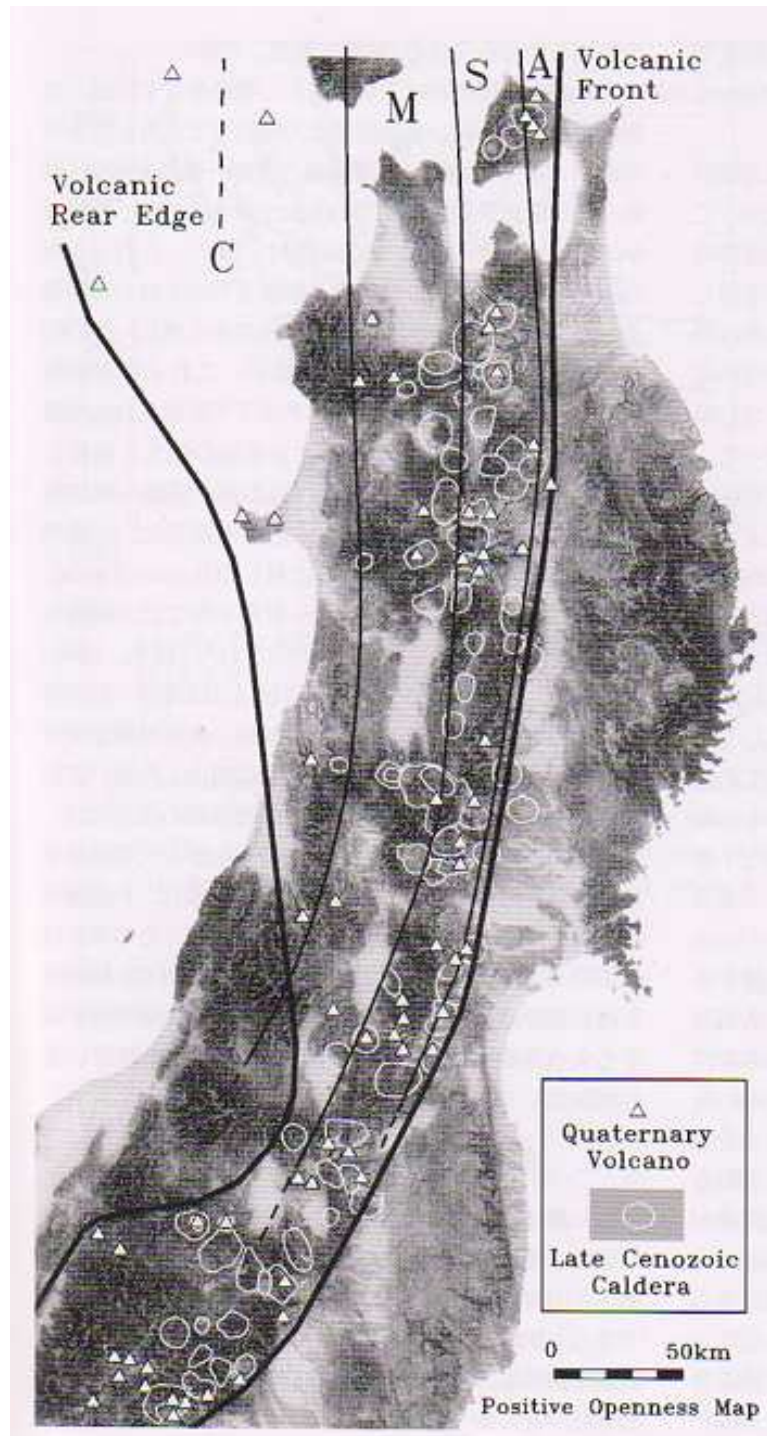
八丁原地熱発電所 Hacchobaru GPP in Kyushu



Table 1. Long-term power density achieved in some exploited geothermal fields (after Grant, 1996).

Field	Area (km ²)	MWe	MWe/km ²	Reservoir Temp.(°C)	
Larderello	180	400	2.2	250	Italy
Wairakei	15	150	10	250	NZ
The geysers	78	1000	13	250	USA
Ahuachapan	7	45	7	240	El Salvador
Tiwi	13	240	18	280	Philippine
Hatchobaru	3	110	37	260	Japan

***Japan: Area is small, but density is great.
(maybe Chinese Taipei is the same setting....)***



Not so large,
but so many

Moderate size based on geology:
.....10–30 MWe

Caldera Structure

吉田ら(2005)

Geothermal Energy

- Issues
- Geothermal Energy Politics

Principal Four Issues

● *High Cost*

Very long lead time (10-15 years), and high risk development due to uncertain of subsurface

● *National Park*

82 % of Geothermal Resources is in National Park

● *Coexistence with ONSEN (hot spring)*

ONSEN owners do not necessarily like side-effects
(worth case: decrease or worst case: exhaust of hot water)

● *Induced Seismicity*

Scientifically uncertain problems, and Japanese people is now very sensitive in terms of “earthquake” and “seismic”

A photograph of a natural hot spring pool, likely in a desert environment. The water is a milky, light greenish-brown color, indicating mineral content. The pool is surrounded by light-colored, sandy or silty ground. In the upper right, there's a small, dark, circular object, possibly a rock or a piece of debris. The overall scene is arid and rocky.

Principal Four Issues

- **High Cost**
- **National Park**
- **Onsen**
- **Induced Seismicity**

● High Cost 固定価格買取制度

FIT: Feed-in Tariff

		JPY/1 kWh	NT\$ / 1kWh	Duration
PV	< 10 kW	42	13.13	10 yr
	$\geq$ 10 kW	42	13.13	20 yr
Wind	< 20 kW	57.75	18.05	20 yr
	$\geq$ 20 KW	23.1	7.22	20 yr
Geothermal	< 15 MW	42	13.13	15 yr
	$\geq$ 15MW	27.3	8.53	15 yr
small scale Hydro	< 200 kW	35.7	11.16	20 yr
	200 - 1000 kW	30.45	9.52	20 yr
	1000 - 30,000 kW	25.2	7.88	20 yr
Biomass	several resources	17.85 - 40.95	5 - 12	20 yr
				1 NTD = 3.2 JPY

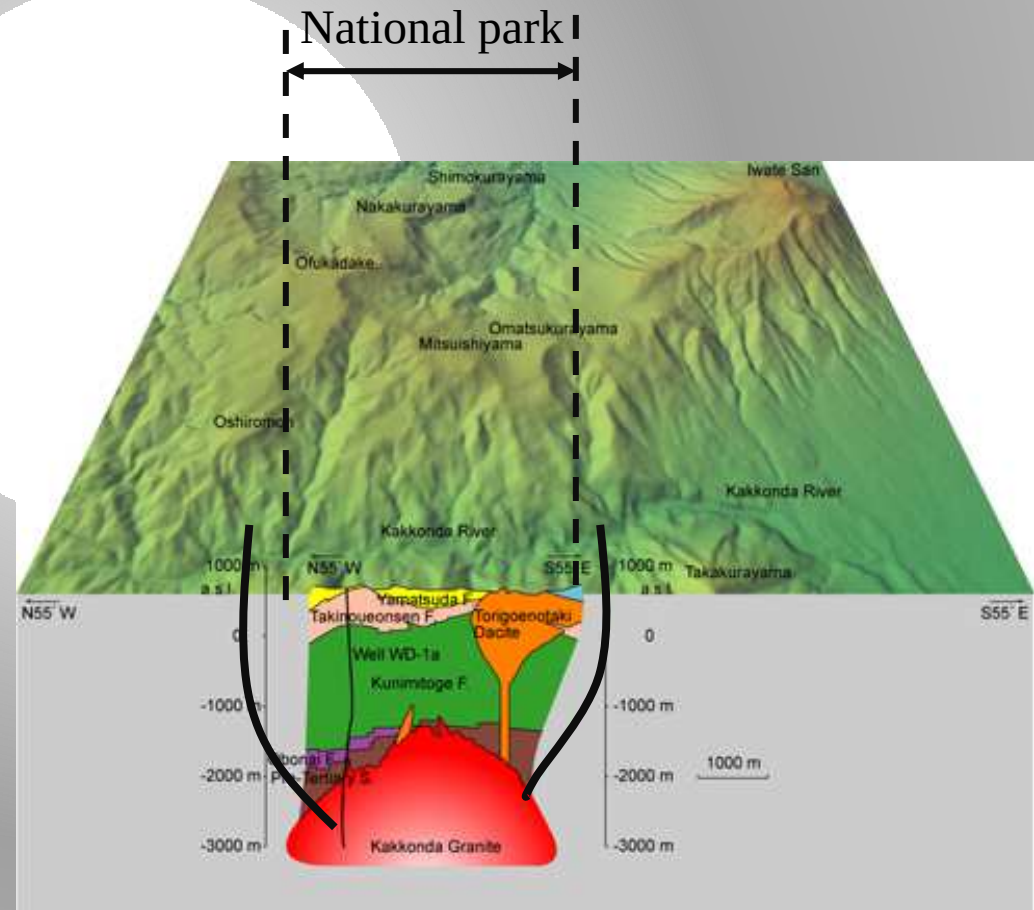
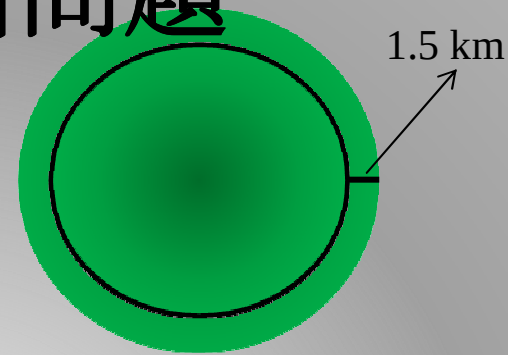
● National Park 国立公園問題

Ministry of Environment
permitted geothermal
development in National
Park after 3.11

Incline drilling from outside
of national park

and/or

Small scale (<3 MW) plant
is available.



We love ONSEN(温泉)



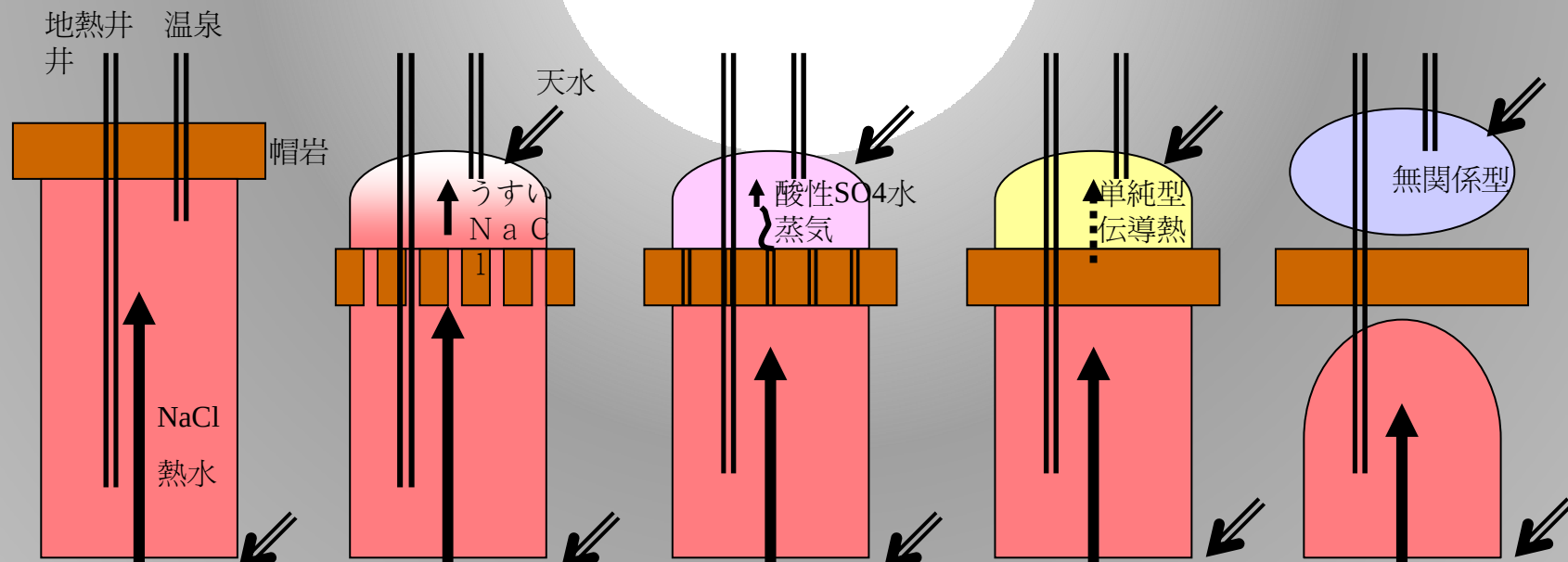
● Coexistence with ONSEN (hot spring)

ONSEN power generation (100-300 kW):
powered by low temperature ($< 100^{\circ}\text{C}$) hot water

**ONSEN owners have economical benefit
(save energy and save money)**



Science base assessment





Principal Four Issues

- **Feed-In Tariff**
- **Environmentally Friendly Techniques**
- **Several activities**
- **New Research Needed**



JBBP

Japan Beyond Brittle Project

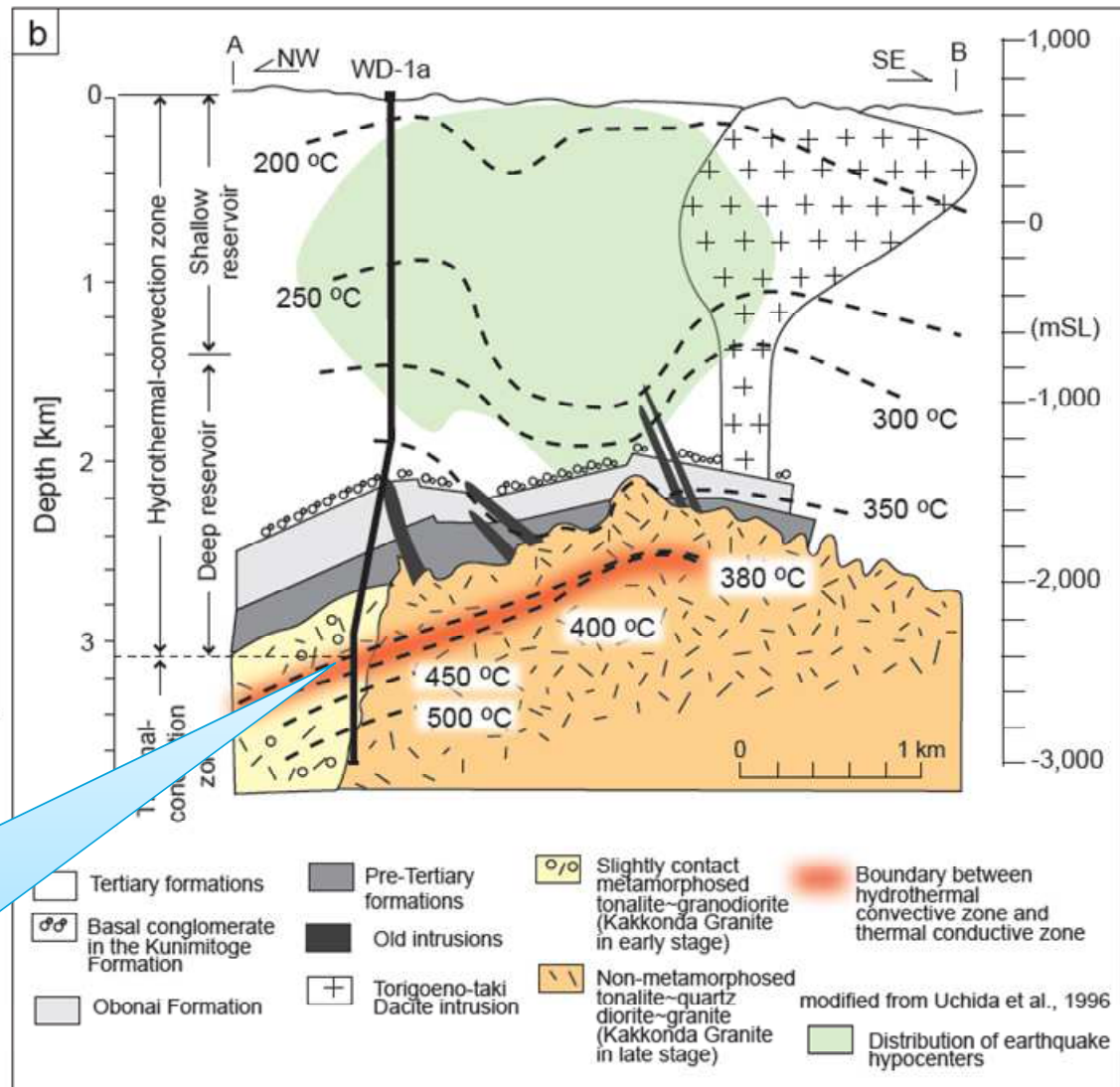
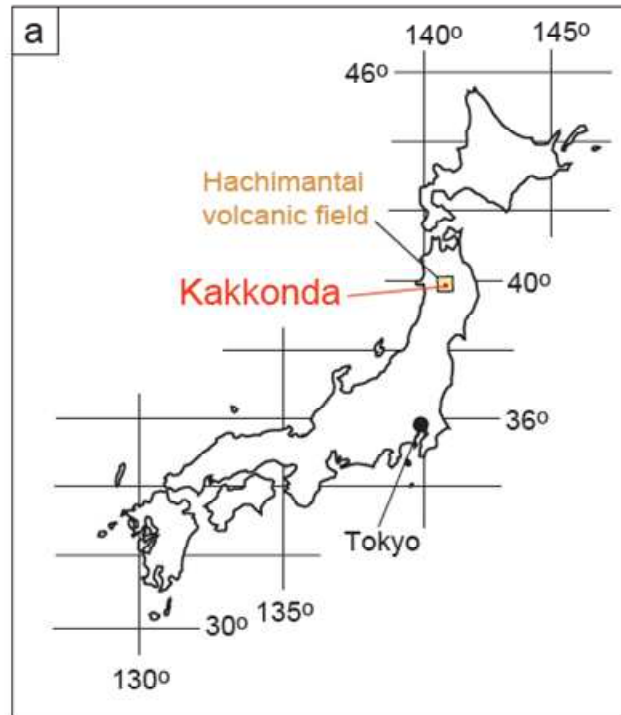




EGS

Enhanced Geothermal System

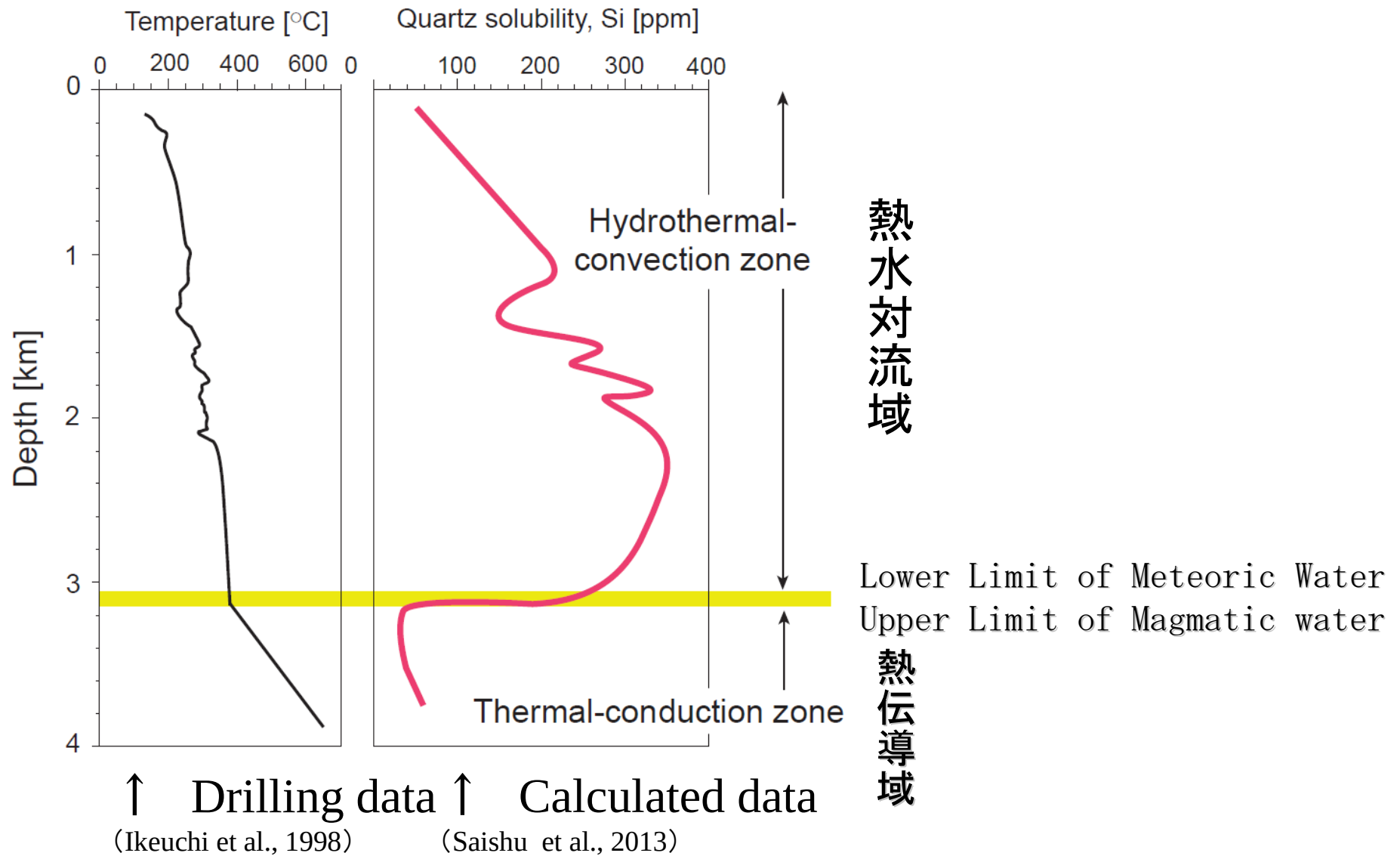
Deeper and Hotter
with economically reliability



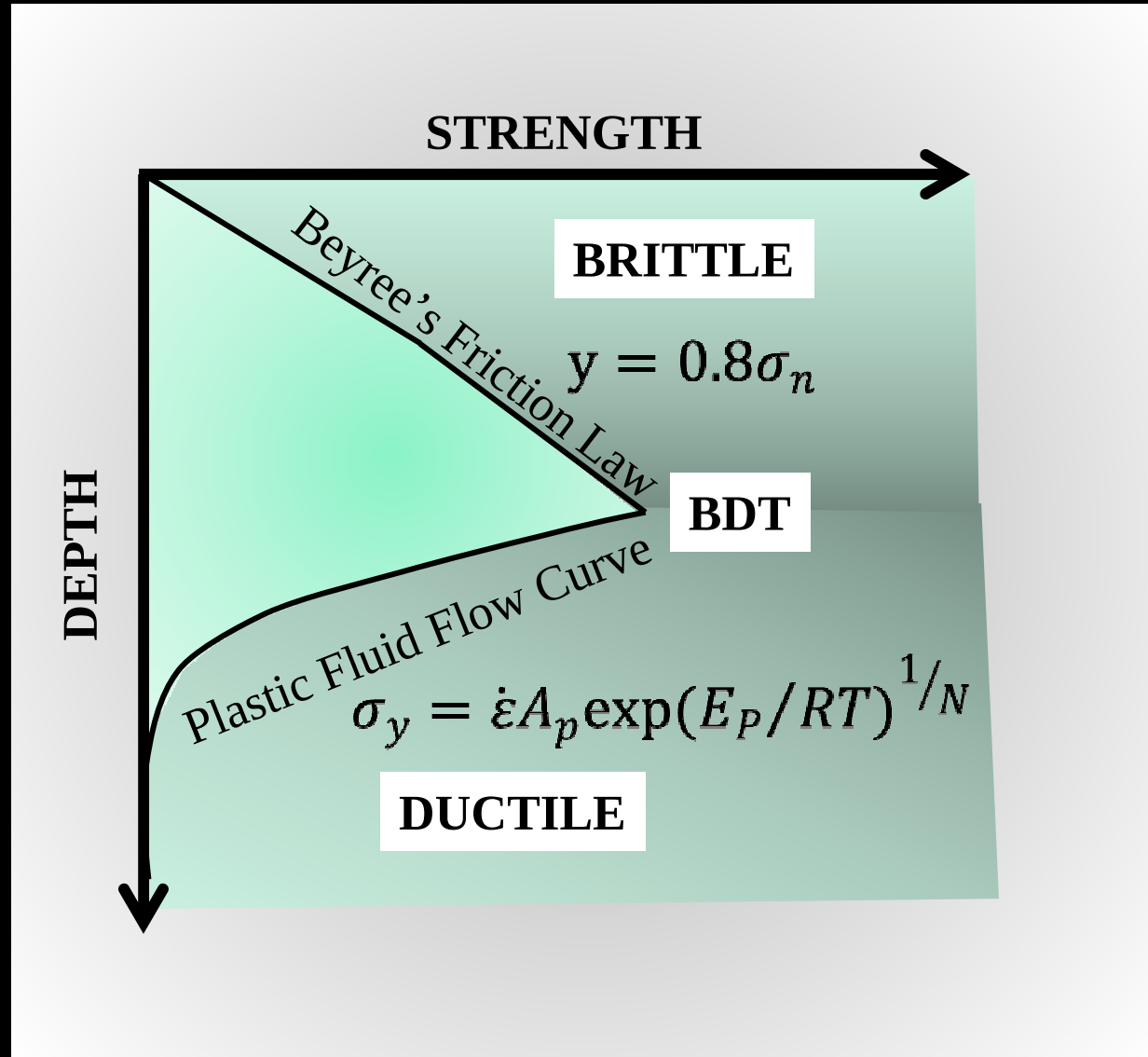
The well WD-1a

Drilling over the boundary of hydrothermal-convection zone and heat conduction zone (380 °C, 24 MPa)

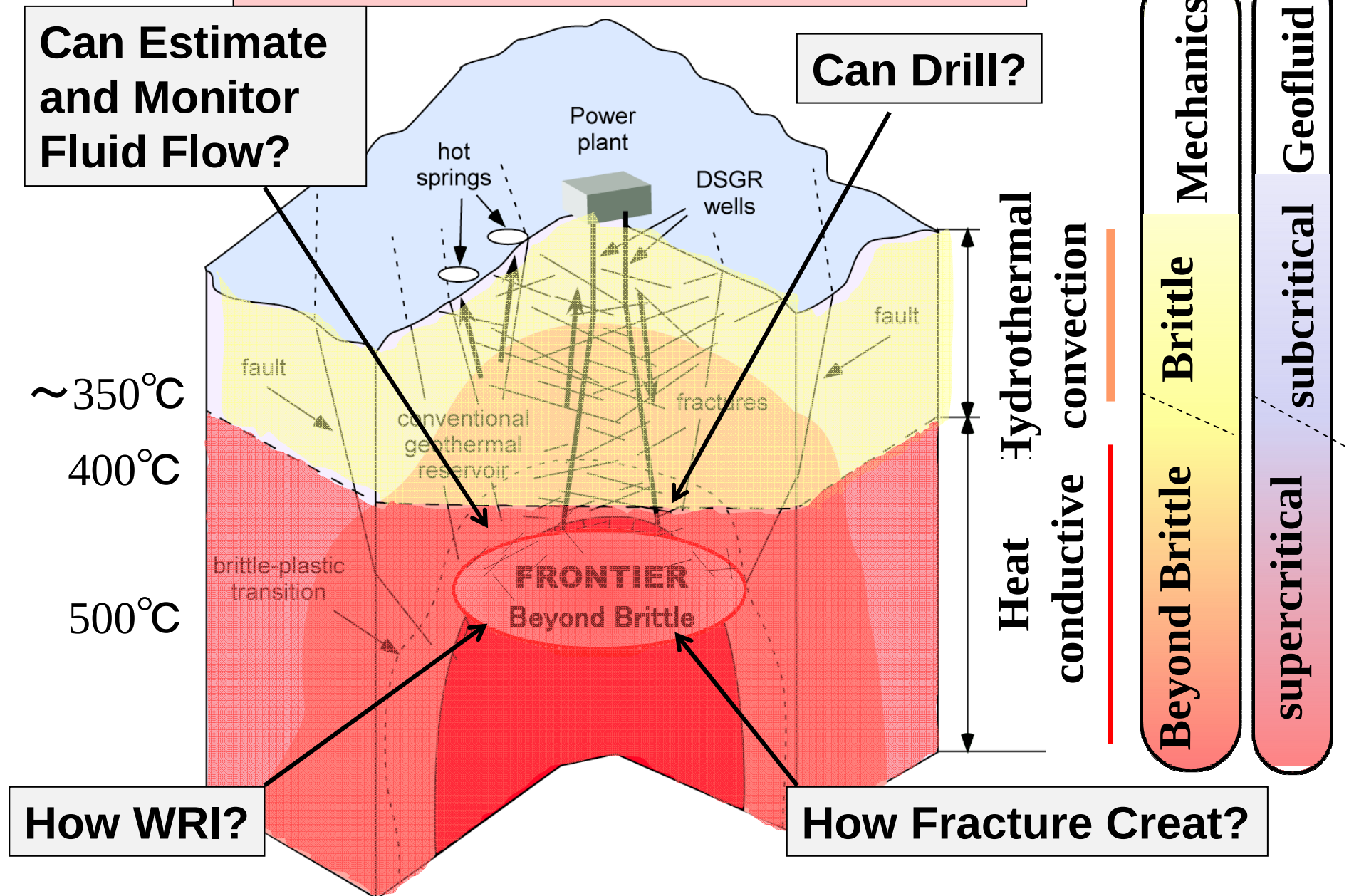
Permeability gap in the Earth's crust



Classical Definition of B-BDT-D



Geothermal Frontier

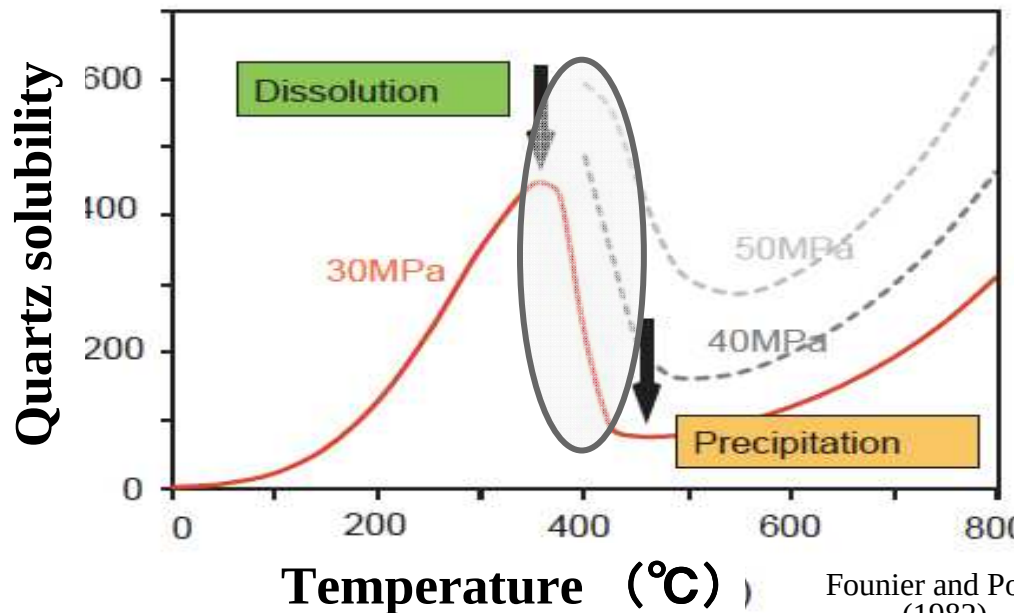


Beyond Brittle - Estimated future

- High enthalpy (High energy extraction)
- Weak water-rock Interaction (Prohibit silica scale)
- Universal Design (Site independent design)
- Low Risk for Induced Seismicity (Ductile Rock Mass)

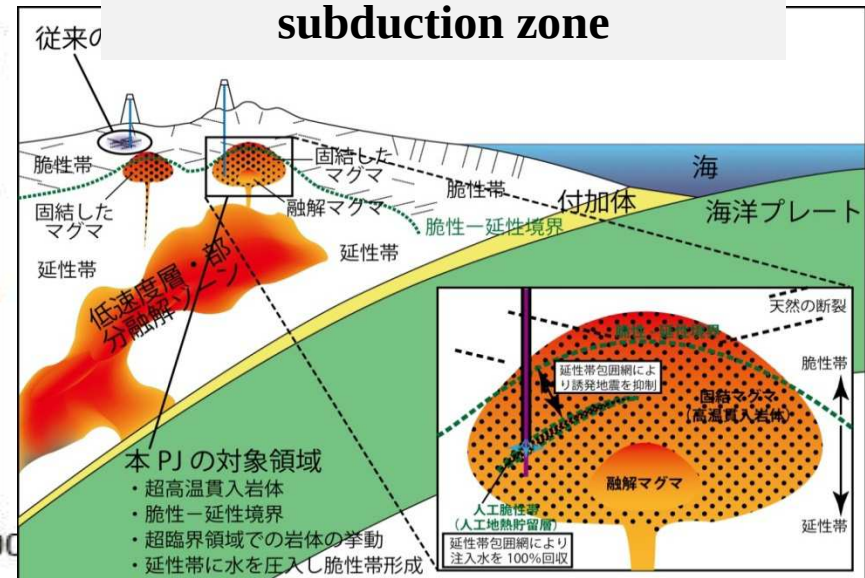
Aseismic zone due to ductile behavior

Drastic change of silica solubility in supercritical condition (380-430°C)

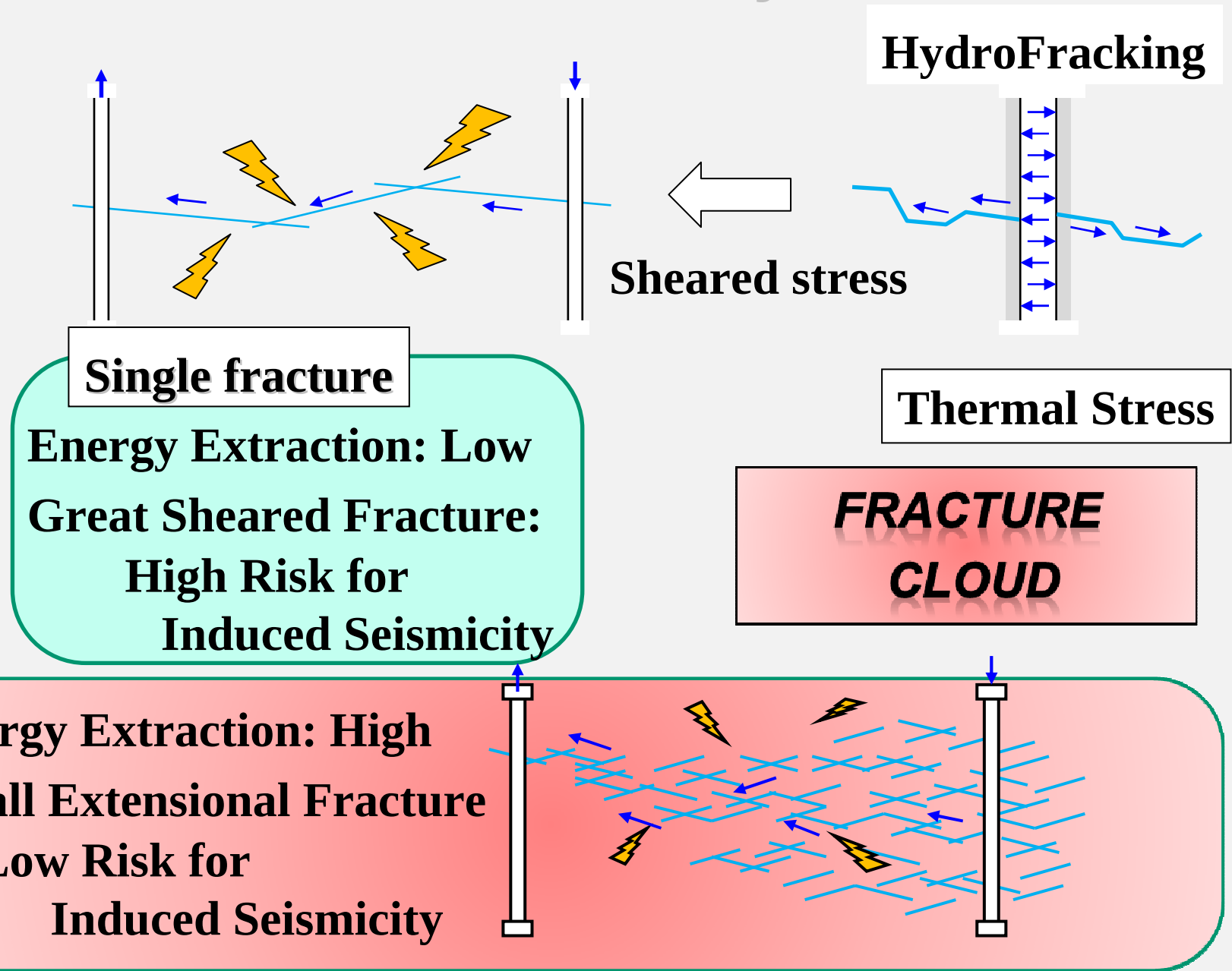


Fournier and Potter (1982)

High geotherm Island Arc and subduction zone



Estimated Fractures in 'Beyond Brittle'



**12-17 March 2013
Tohoku University**

**International Continental Drilling Program
Japan Beyond Brittle Project**



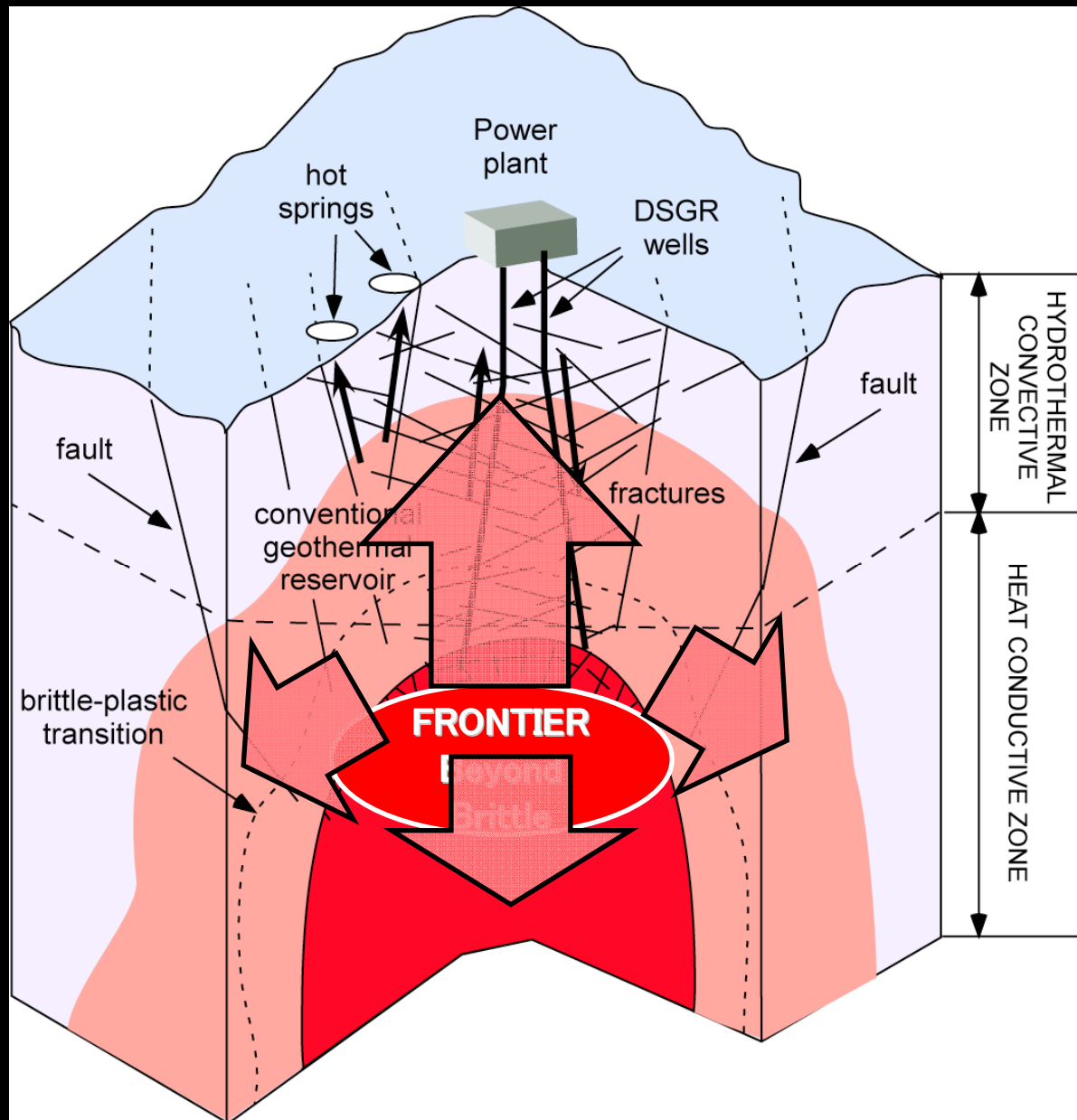
Science & Technology

EGS:

Enhanced or
Engineered
Geothermal
System

Deep structure
of Volcano

Mechanisms of
Earthquake



Geothermal Frontier

Deeper Extension of
Deep-Seated G.R.

Type 1

350-400°C

- High Performance & Sustainability
- Low Silica Scale
- Cost effective

Realistic

Isolated Fracture Cloud
in Ductile Rock Mass

Fracture
Cloud

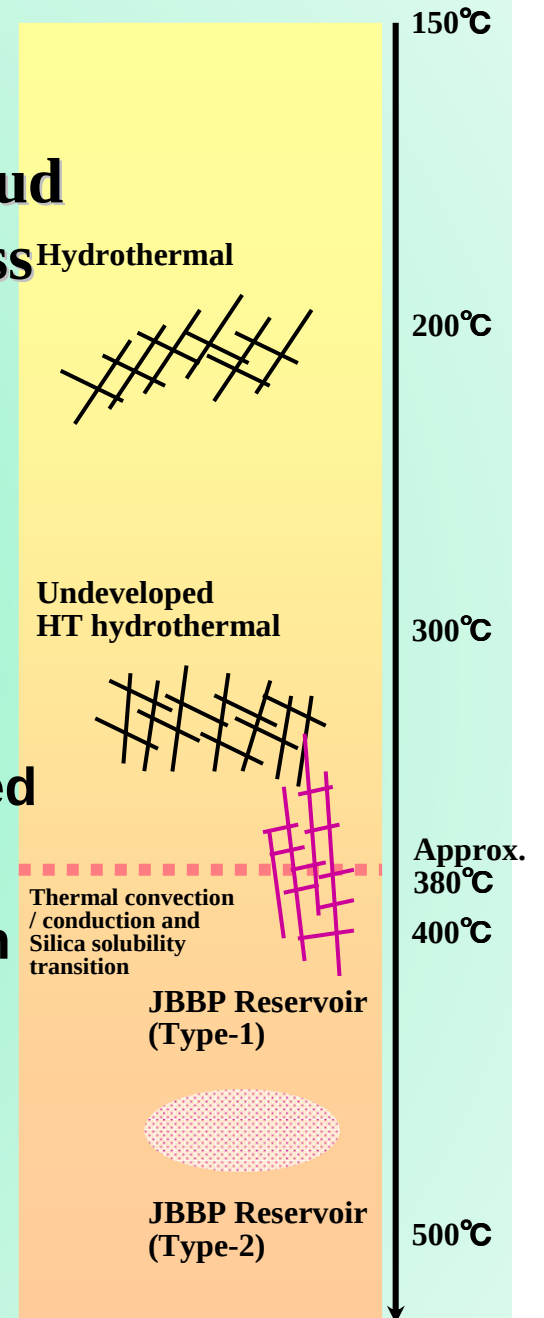
Type 2

500°C

- High Enthalpy
- Universal Design
- Low Risk for Induced Seismicity
- Deep far from Onsen

Science Dream

Beyond Brittle



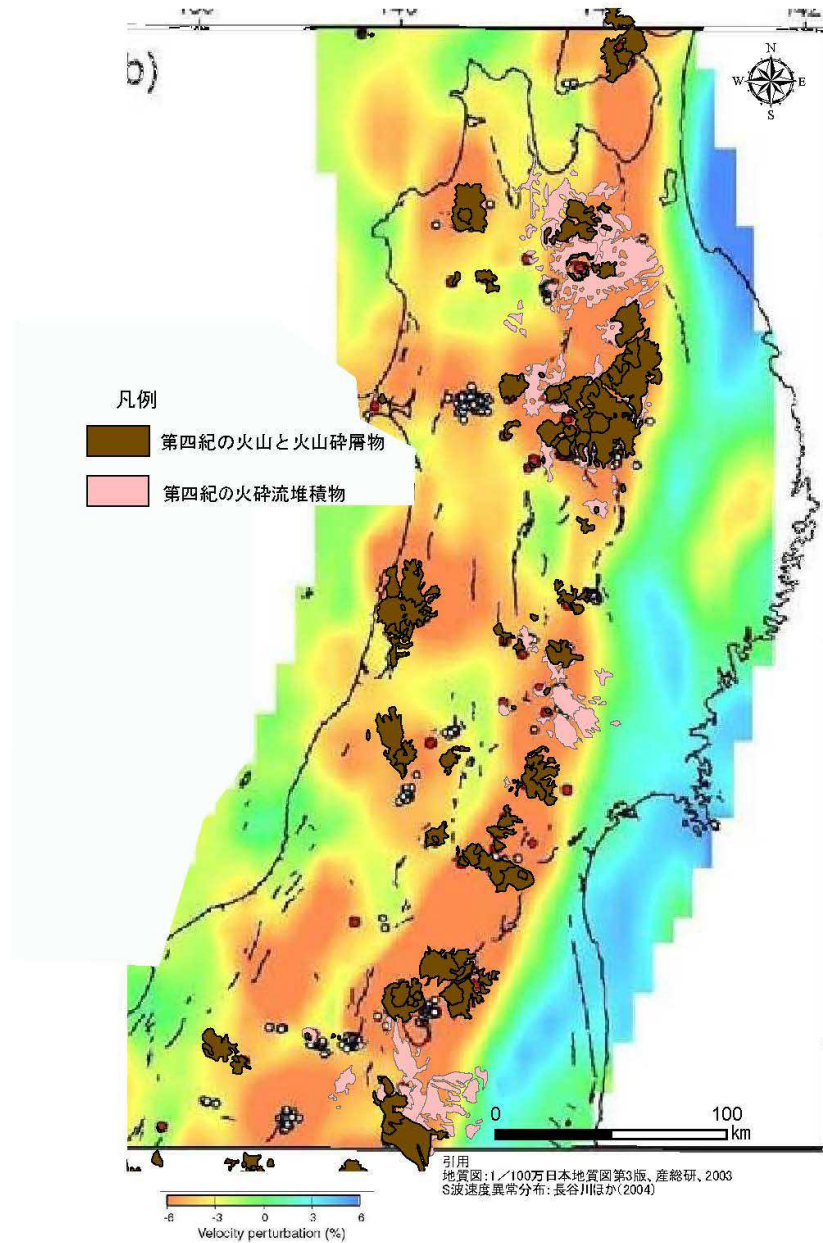


Geo thermal 地 熱

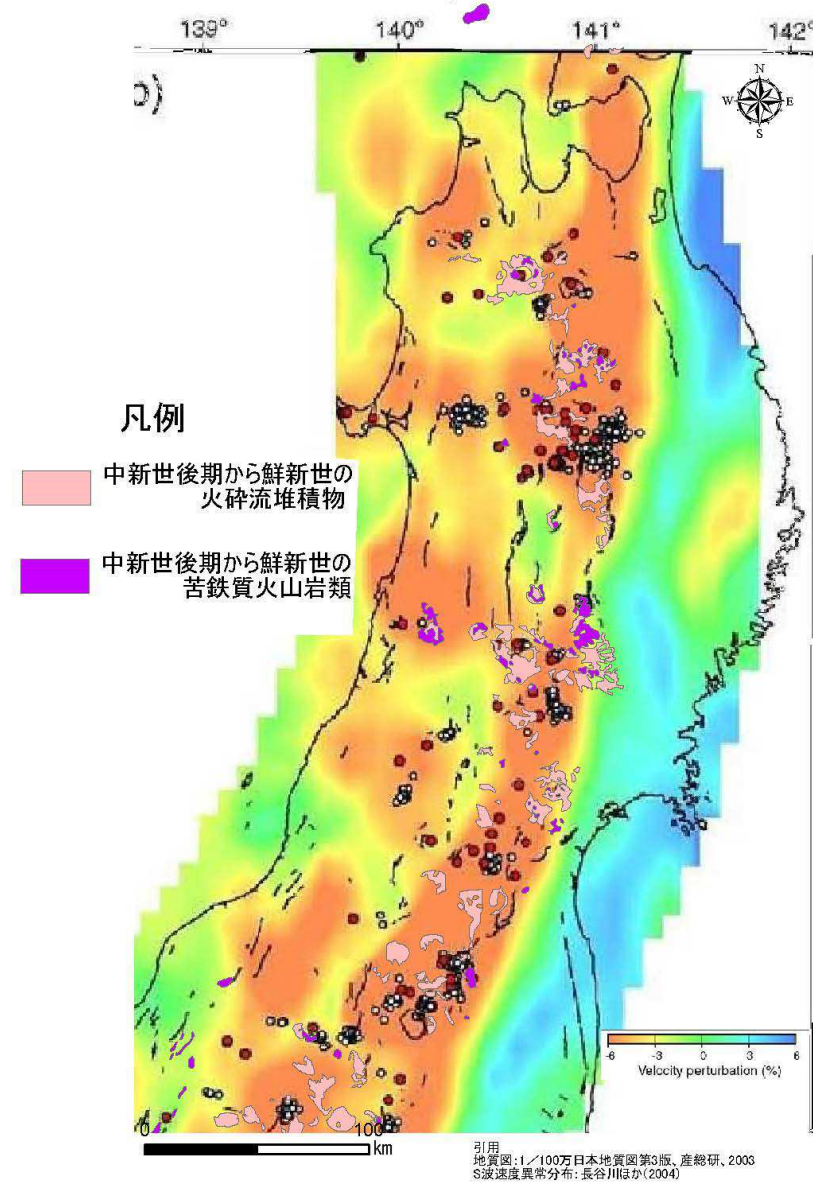
*Highly candidate
for sustainable
(safety) energy in Japan*

ホットフィンガー

第四紀火山



中新世後期から鮮新世火山



日本の地熱地質の特徴

高温である

地質単元が比較的小さいが、地熱地帯は数多くある

既存地熱発電所

200°C-300°Cの熱水を利用(平均250°C)
深度1000-2000 m (平均1500 m)

350°C以上を使う商業井戸はない

地熱フロンティア

超臨界領域(374°C, 22MPa)

深度2500-3000 m

力学的には、脆性領域(Brittle)から延性(Ductile)へ遷移

BDT: Brittle Ductile Transition

フロンティアはBeyond Brittle (脆性の向こう側)

