

Geothermal Resource Assessment of the Portsmouth Prospect,  
Dominica, West Indies

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## **GEOHERMAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT OF THE PORTSMOUTH PROSPECT, DOMINICA, WEST INDIES**

### **SUMMARY**

The Portsmouth geothermal prospect in Northern Dominica has a high potential for binary power generation that could meet the electricity needs of Northern Dominica and possibly the entire island. The prospect is manifested by several hot springs and a weak solfatara in the vicinity of the town of Glanvillia. Submarine hot springs, with temperatures of up to 248 °F, occur nearby. Chemical geothermometry from the onshore hot springs and gases indicates a minimum resource temperature of 328 °F and a maximum temperature of over 500 °F. Thus, the prospect has the potential to support a larger conventional flash plant should opportunities arise to export power from the island.

The preferred model of the Portsmouth prospect is that the thermal features near Glanvillia represent outflow from a geothermal reservoir underlying either Morne aux Diabes, a volcano to the north, or Mt. Diablotins, a larger volcano to the southeast. Mt. Diablotins is the more likely source, but Morne aux Diabes cannot be ruled out with the available data. A less likely alternative model is that the geothermal resource is confined to a north-northwest trending fault zone that sculpts the western shoreline of Dominica.

### **Binary Development**

With regards to binary generation, the key resource uncertainties are the thickness, permeability, and temperature of the resource beneath Glanvillia. The temperature could be tested with two or three 1000 foot temperature gradient holes. If inadequate temperature is encountered, exploration drilling would probably need to focus on the upper slopes of one of the volcanoes. The gradient holes would be followed up by larger diameter production tests of the resource. For a small binary development, two successful wells drilled to approximately 4000 feet would probably be adequate to demonstrate the feasibility for development.

### **High Temperature Development**

Temperature, permeability, and resource size all represent risks for finding a resource for conventional power generation. An extensive geophysical survey would be required to identify the location of the resource, its potential size, and drilling targets. Three successful production wells would be required to demonstrate adequate resource for a 50 MW development. These wells could be drilled as slimholes to approximately 6000 feet depth.

### **Resource Risks**

In addition to reservoir size and temperature, additional risks that should be addressed include hydrothermal eruptions, shallow well blow-outs, sea water influx, and, for a high temperature development, corrosive fluids near the upflow zone to the system. These are all considered to be moderate risks for Northern Dominica. Hydrothermal eruptions and well blow-outs are a concern in the vicinity of the thermal areas, where boiling is occurring at shallow depths. The presence of submarine springs indicates a risk of sea water influx into the reservoir in response to pressure drawdown. The gas

chemistry suggests a strong influence of magmatic gases, indicating a potential for low pH fluids in the probable upflow area beneath the upper slopes of the volcanic heat source.

### **Comparison to Wotten Waven**

The Portsmouth prospect compares favorably to the Wotten Waven prospect, which is located in the southern portion of the island. Both prospects have similar geothermal settings and potential reservoir temperatures, and the thermal features of both prospects probably represent outflow from high temperature reservoirs. Wotten Waven is a more attractive resource based on heat flow, chemical maturity of fluids, and potential upside. Portsmouth has better access, less risk of hydrothermal eruptions during development, and may have a better reception from the locals because it has been less developed for tourism.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To further evaluate the development potential of the geothermal resource of the Portsmouth Prospect, the following recommendations are offered. These recommendations generally apply to either a binary or high temperature development. In some cases, however, the recommendations are tailored in order to reduce the exploration costs for a smaller, binary development.

**Acquire a Contract Area.** A recommended contract area is provided in Figure 29. The area includes all of the thermal features in northern Dominica, including those offshore and on the western slopes of Mt. Diablotins and Morne aux Diabes.

**Geologic Mapping.** A good geologic map should be developed for the prospective area. This map should show major geologic units, volcanic structures, and faults. The mapping should help establish the potential reservoir rocks and structural targets for the exploration wells. To assist the geologic mapping, remote sensing images and either LIDAR images or aerial photography of the contract area should be obtained. The aerial photography, LIDAR, or overlapping remote sensing images should be used to develop a Digital Elevation Model for the contract area. This model will assist the geologists and geophysicists by ensuring that they can accurately locate themselves in the field and should also help project engineers with the selection and design of roads and locations. Adequate regional geologic maps and air photos may already be available from an agency on Dominica. If not, then the area should be flown so that new aerial photography or LIDAR can be obtained. The acquisition of new images would be more important for a larger conventional development given the larger scope of the exploration project.

**Geochemical Sampling.** The Picard River Hot Spring should be re-sampled in order to confirm the high Na-K-Ca geothermometry. Any new features discovered during geologic mapping and geophysical surveys should also be sampled. Samples should also be obtained from the offshore submarine springs to establish their relationships to the onshore springs near Portsmouth and to the Toucari spring to the north.

**Geophysical Surveys.** An important next step for the exploration of the resource is a geophysical survey to measure the resistivity of the earth in the prospective area. This survey should involve both magneto-telluric (MT) and Time-Domain Electromagnetic (TDEM) stations. The resistivity survey should help resolve the distribution of the low resistivity clay caprock overlying the geothermal system. The

shape and distribution of the low resistivity layer should be integrated into alternative conceptual models of the reservoir in order to identify the highest potential exploration drilling targets. The scope of the resistivity survey can be tailored to the size of the project. For a small, binary plant, the MT and TDEM stations can be minimized to investigate the resistivity profile near Portsmouth. However, if a larger, a high temperature project is envisioned, the MT-TDEM survey should be expanded to investigate the nature of the anomaly along the lower and upper slopes of Mt. Diablotins and Morne aux Diables. The geophysical survey areas for these two alternatives are shown in Figures 35 and 36. Gravity and magnetic surveys are not recommended for this prospect.

Exploration Well Planning. Exploration wells should be drilled following the collection and interpretation of the geophysical data. Like the resistivity survey, the exploration drilling should be tailored to the size and type of project. For a 15 MW binary plant, adequate temperature and resource may be found near the onshore hot springs. To evaluate the temperature conditions near the hot springs, two to three thermal gradient holes could be drilled to a depth of 1000 feet. These wells would yield temperature information only, and would not establish the thickness of the outflow zone or allow the collection of reservoir permeability data. Once the temperature is confirmed, the holes could be followed up by two or three standard sized exploration wells to demonstrate the feasibility of the project. A more risky approach would be to drill two to three 4000 foot slim holes initially near the hot springs. These would be much higher cost and higher risk than the gradient holes, but, if successful, they could accelerate the project schedule.

For a larger, high temperature development, three to five exploration wells are recommended to be drilled after the resistivity anomaly is defined. These wells should incorporate a slimhole well design that will allow the wells to be flow tested. The wells should be targeted to 6000 ft. total depth and would probably be drilled directionally. Without the geophysical results, the siting of drilling locations is difficult. Therefore, the selection of exploration wellsites will have to depend upon the results of the resistivity survey. Four drilling locations would be built in order to prove up a minimum resource area of 3 -5 square kilometers. Three wells would be drilled sequentially. Once a well achieves drilling success, it should be followed up by a second exploration well from a nearby location to confirm the extent of the resource. Three successful slim holes should be adequate to demonstrate the feasibility of a 50 MW project.

Analog Studies. Analog studies are recommended for the geothermal prospects under exploration and development elsewhere in the Lesser Antilles, including those on St. Lucia, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Nevis, and the Soufriere prospect in Southern Dominica. The purpose of the analog studies would be to learn more about the following:

- The relationships of the thermal features to the successful wells.
- Risk of sea water influx during development.
- The applicability of alternative reservoir models to the Portsmouth and Wotten Waven prospects.
- Geothermal exploration activities and results at both Soufriere and Wotten Waven in southern Dominica.

Analog studies of geothermal developments in Iceland would also help to evaluate the risk of sea water influx.

Exploration Costs and Schedule

Whether the initial development is a 15 MW binary plant or a 50 MW conventional plant, the exploration period would probably require 2.5 to 3 years in order to complete the geological and geophysical surveys and the exploration drilling. The power plants could come on line as early as 4 to 4.5 years after the contract area is acquired.

Estimated costs for the exploration period are summarized in the following table.

	Item	15 MW Binary		50 MW Conventional	
		Costs, \$	Total	Costs, \$	Total
<b>Geology</b>	Remote Sensing Images	15,000	75,000	105,000	235,000
	DEM Model			70,000	
	Geologic Mapping	60,000		60,000	
<b>Geochemistry</b>	Geochemistry	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Geophysics</b>	Geophysical Resistivity Survey	200,000	260,000	350,000	410,000
	Geophysical Interpretation	20,000		20,000	
	Integration into Conceptual Models	40,000		40,000	
<b>Gradient Holes</b>	Prepare 3 Locations	300,000	1,500,000		
	Mobilize Drill Rig	200,000			
	Drill 3 1000' Gradient Holes	900,000			
	Measure Downhole Temperatures	100,000			
<b>Exploration Drilling</b>	Construct Roads and 3 Locations	1,350,000	12,550,000	2,800,000	22,300,000
	Mobilize Drill Rig	1,000,000		1,000,000	
	Drill 3 Slimhole Exploration Wells	9,600,000		17,500,000	
	Well Testing and Evaluation	600,000		1,000,000	
<b>Feasibility Study</b>	Preparation of Feasibility Study	120,000	120,000		120,000
		Total	14,530,000	Total	23,090,000

## **INTRODUCTION**

A reconnaissance geothermal survey was carried out on Dominica from 1-5 December, 2008. Geothermal surface manifestations were visited and sampled by David Rohrs and Tim Rossknecht on behalf of Dominica Electricity Services Ltd. (DOMLEC) with logistical support provided by DOMLEC. The purposes of the visit included the following:

1. Sample the geothermal manifestations in the vicinity of Portsmouth and evaluate the geothermal potential of this prospective area;
2. Develop preliminary models for the geothermal system; and
3. Recommend a contract area and propose next steps for the exploration program.

Although the focus of the visit was on the northern prospect near Portsmouth, a hot spring and a fumarole were sampled at the Wotten Waven prospect for comparison purposes. Because this was a quick reconnaissance survey, no attempt was made to study the geology of Dominica.

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## **Previous Work**

Three geothermal prospects have been identified on Dominica, and each potentially hosts a moderate to high temperature geothermal resource (Figure 1). The southernmost area, Soufriere, is under contract to West Indies Power; consequently, this area was not visited during this survey. News releases from last year indicate that West Indies Power plans to begin drilling at Soufriere in early to mid 2009.

The Wotten Waven prospect in the south-central portion of the island has been explored by BRGM since the early 1980's (Iundt, 1985). BRGM is a public French institute involved in the sustainable management of natural resources and the management of surface and subsurface risks. A subsidiary of BRGM operates the Bouillante geothermal power plant on Guadeloupe. A more detailed report on Wotten Waven was prepared by CFG Services in 2005 (Lasne and Traineau, 2005). The Dominican government recently signed financing agreements with agencies of the French government for further evaluation and feasibility studies of the Wotten Waven prospect.

A resource assessment of Dominica was also conducted by Geotermia Italia (1991) as part of a regional study of the geothermal potential in the Eastern Caribbean. Geotermia Italia identified Wotten Waven

and Soufriere as the primary prospects on the island, relegating the geothermal features in the northern part of the island to second priority. However, the evaluation of Portsmouth was cursory and apparently did not include sampling and analysis of the thermal features.

The northernmost prospect, referred to here as the Portsmouth prospect, has received less attention for geothermal exploration and development. The geothermal features are fairly well-known, and have been sampled and studied by students and professors associated with Cal State University, San Bernardino. The primary focus of this university group, however, has been the geology of Dominica. Their work provides the basis of the brief summary on the geology of the prospect provided below.

## **GEOLOGY**

### **Geologic Setting**

Dominica is a young volcanic island in the Lesser Antilles, a chain of volcanic islands that stretches from Grenada northward to the Virgin Islands (Figure 2). These volcanic islands form an island arc associated with the subduction of the Atlantic Plate beneath the Caribbean plate (Figure 3). The general direction of subduction at Dominica is towards the northwest.

As a result of frictional forces and high temperatures in the mantle of the earth, the subducting slab partially melts, generating magma bodies that ascend into the overriding Caribbean plate (Figure 4). These magma bodies form the magma chambers feeding the volcanoes that comprise the islands. Under the right geologic circumstances, a magma chamber can also serve as the heat source for a geothermal system. Generally, geothermal systems in island arc settings are associated with large magma chambers that have a relatively shallow emplacement and a long evolutionary history. Although Figure 3 shows the magma chamber lying within the volcanic pile above sea level, this is probably not the case at Dominica, where the chambers could lie several kilometers below sea level. While geothermal systems can be associated with active volcanoes, most large geothermal systems are associated with extinct volcanoes where the most recent eruptions date at about 100,000 years or younger.

### **Geology of Northern Dominica**

For this evaluation, the geology of Grenada is briefly summarized from information provided by Wayne Abraham (pers. comm., 2009). Wayne cites Lindsay et al. (2005) as being the primary source for his summary on the geology of Dominica. A regional geologic map for the island is provided in Figure 5 (from Roobol and Smith, 2004).

The next phase of exploration will require considerably more geologic study. Of chief importance would be the development of a good geologic map for the prospective area which shows both geologic formations and structures. A structural study would be especially important for identifying drilling targets. To support the development of the geologic map, a good starting point would be a literature search, particularly for the studies performed by the students and staff of CSU, SB.

With nine volcanoes, Dominica has the largest number of volcanoes of any island in the Lesser Antilles. The youngest volcanoes occur in the south, which is considered to be at fairly high risk of volcanic eruptions. Nevertheless, the morphology and age dating of the volcanics in the north have raised concerns that the volcanoes in northern Dominica are dormant and could be subject to future eruptive events. Swarms of earthquakes have been noted in both the northern and southern portions of the island over the past 40 years, and these are likely to be caused by the migration of magma (Public Seismic Network, 2009). An earthquake swarm was recorded in 2003 near Morne Aux Diabes in the north. Thus, both seismic and volcanic activity represent risks to geothermal development, particularly in the south.

Two volcanoes represent potential heat sources for the thermal manifestations at Portsmouth. Morne aux Diabes is a small volcano that forms a peninsula at the northern end of the island. Mt. Diablotins is



a large composite andesitic stratovolcano that lies to the southeast of the thermal features (Figures 5 and 6).

Morne aux Diables is a composite volcano with six prominent andesite/dacite domes. One of the domes is the Cabrit dome, which occurs just northwest of Portsmouth and forms the northern boundary of Prince Rupert Bay. According to Abraham (2009), age dating suggests that main volcano building period occurred between 1.5 and 1 million years ago. A piece of wood found in a pyroclastic deposit on the northeast flank of the volcano has been dated at >26,000 years, probably through the C-14 method (Abraham, 2008, pers. comm.). A cold solfatara, or kaipohan, occurs near the summit of Morne aux Diables, and just offshore and west of the volcano is the Toucari hot spring.

Mt. Diablotins is a much larger composite volcano which dominates the topography of northern Dominica. At 1421 m elevation, it is the highest volcano on Dominica and the second highest in the Lesser Antilles after La Soufriere in Guadeloupe. The volcano is comprised of several superimposed stratigraphic units which probably overlie older Miocene volcanic rocks. During the earliest building phase, the volcano produced andesite lavas and block and ash flows. One lava has been dated at 1.77 million years. More recent activity has been dated at 0.72 million years and could be as young as 22,000 years. The recent volcanic products are predominantly ash falls and ignimbrites. Near the summit of the volcano, at least five andesite/dacite domes have developed.

One thermal feature occurs on the northwest slope of Mt. Diablotins, which is known as the Picard Warm Spring (Figure 1). Another thermal area has been reported on Morne Turner, which is a ridge extending northwest from Mt. Diablotins. However, the Morne Turner feature is likely to be the Picard Warm Spring.

Possible faults are shown on the geologic map in Figure 5. The faults fall into two dominant orthogonal trends, ENE-WSW faults that cut across the island and NNE-SSW faults that sculpt the western shore of the island. The thermal features near Portsmouth may very well be controlled by a fault intersection between NNE trending faults and a possible ENE trending fault that separates Morne aux Diables from Mt. Diablotins. Additionally, the NNE trending faults along the eastern shoreline may link the Toucari hot spring to the Portsmouth springs.

Based on the brief geologic descriptions, both Morne aux Diables and Mt. Diablotins appear to have sufficiently long eruptive histories and young age dates to represent good potential heat sources for a geothermal system in northern Dominica. The host rocks for a geothermal reservoir are likely to consist predominantly of fractured volcanic rocks, although minor limestones may also be present in the stratigraphy based on small exposures of limestones along the western shore of Dominica (Figure 5).

## **THERMAL MANIFESTATIONS**

### **Distribution**

Only one thermal feature, the Penville Cold Soufriere, is clearly geographically associated with Morne aux Diabes (Figures 1 and 7). The Toucari warm spring, which lies offshore just west of Morne Aux Diabes, is possibly related to Morne aux Diabes, but it may also be associated with the springs near Portsmouth.

The majority of thermal manifestations in northern Dominica occur within an area of 1.5 x 2.5 km near the town of Glanvillia, which is just south of Portsmouth (Figures 1 and 8). These features include near boiling hot springs, a small solfatara, and a bicarbonate warm spring. Hot springs offshore, which are presumed to be chloride hot springs, are reported to occur in waters as deep as 70 feet with temperatures up to 248 °F.

The Picard Warm Spring occurs on the northwestern flank of Mt. Diablotins in the upper reaches of the Picard River (Harrell, 2008). Rohrs and Rossknecht visited and sampled a feature on the upper slopes of Mt. Diablotins, which they refer to as the “Snake” hot spring. The location of this spring is uncertain, and it may well be the Picard Warm Spring because the guides mentioned that the feature was in the Picard River.

Detailed descriptions of the thermal features are provided in Appendix A, with summaries provided below.

Penville Cold Soufriere. The Penville Cold Soufriere has the appearance of a fumarolic area, except the manifestations are at ambient temperatures (25-29 °C). Such features are typically known as kaipohans. Abundant gas, with high concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S, is emanating from an area with dimensions of approximately 20 x 20 m. The rocks are highly altered to clay and silica sinter with minor sulfur, and much of the area is devoid of vegetation.

Toucari Hot Spring. The Toucari hot spring lies west of Morne aux Diabes and is visible in the surf just offshore of the road. Unfortunately, no temperature measurements or samples are available from the Toucari hot spring, and thus its chemical nature is unknown.

Gloshaw Warm Spring. Gloshaw is a 110-120 °F bicarbonate warm spring that is flowing from a highly fractured rock face into a small stream.

Balvin Solfatara. Balvin is a weak fumarolic manifestation, or solfatara, that covers an area of about 30 x 30 m. Steam and non-condensable gas are flowing into the shallow local ground water system, raising the temperature of the aquifer to 180-200 °F. Gas is escaping to the surface, allowing samples to be collected with buried funnels. The ground is strongly altered to clay, and the high temperatures inhibit vegetation growth.

Clement Hot Spring. Clement is one of many high temperature chloride springs that are seeping from the hillside just above the town of Glanvillia. This particular spring has a temperature of 162 °F and a relatively low flow rate of only 1-2 gpm. The soil in the area, which is stained red from iron oxide, possesses clay alteration and contains silica mineralization, including quartz crystals.

Mamie's Hot Spring. Before the spring was converted into a spa, Mamie's hot spring may have been similar to the Clement spring. The thermal fluids are now flowing into the bottom of a pool and becoming diluted with local rain and ground water. Temperatures up to 133 °F were measured in 2004.

Picard River Hot Spring. The Picard River Hot Spring occurs just upstream of the mouth of the Picard River. This chloride hot spring has been measured at boiling conditions in the past. No mineralization, alteration, or odor of H<sub>2</sub>S was observed during sampling, but this spring provides the highest Na-K-Ca geothermometry.

Submarine Springs. Several hot springs are issuing from the sea floor just offshore of Portsmouth at depths as great as 70 feet. CSU, SB sampled the submarine springs and provided chemical analyses. The samples are highly contaminated by sea water. Unfortunately, the samples are not suitable for geothermal interpretation, lacking analyses for anions and several major cations. Temperatures have been measured of up to 248 °F (Smith, 2009, pers. comm.), which would be boiling point for the pressures at these depths. The high temperatures would suggest that the springs are likely to be chloride hot springs, possibly similar in composition to the Picard River Hot Spring.

Snake Hot Spring. The Snake hot spring occurs on the upper northwestern slopes of Mt. Diablotins. Because of the dense forest cover, accurately locating the Snake hot spring on the map proved difficult. The guide mentioned that this spring is in the Picard River, and so it is quite likely that this is the same feature as the Picard River Warm Spring mentioned by Harrell (2008). This feature is an acid-sulfate warm spring, measuring 82 °F. Warm waters are flowing at a high rate into the river with blue clay alteration association with pyrite found along the river banks. A faint odor of H<sub>2</sub>S is apparent, but no gas bubbles were observed. The high volume of fluid and the acid sulfate chemistry suggest that these fluids are outflow from a fumarolic area in the vicinity, although the fumaroles may be drowned prior to reaching the surface.

In addition to the samples from the Portsmouth area, a hot spring and a fumarole were sampled in the Wotten Waven prospect for comparison purposes. Both samples were obtained from along the River Blanc, with the fumarole occurring several hundred meters upstream from the hot spring.

Wotten Waven Fumarole. River Blanc hosts a number of impressive, high volume, fumaroles. A fumarole was sampled on the south bank of the river with a temperature of about 216 °F, making the fumarole slightly superheated. In addition to the steam vents, the rocks are highly altered to clay and silica sinter, with minor sulfur deposition. Despite the sulfur mineralization, only a weak odor of H<sub>2</sub>S was noted.

River Blanc Hot Spring. Several boiling hot springs occur just downstream of the bridge in the River Blanc. A fairly low flow rate spring with a temperature of 210 °F was sampled. The water was clear, with a slight odor of H<sub>2</sub>S. Clay alteration was noted in the rocks along the river bank. Minor mineralization on the rocks in the stream bed included silica and a black mineral, possibly MnO<sub>2</sub>.

### **Water Geochemistry**

All of the available spring and fumarole geochemistry obtained during this study are provided in Appendix B. The data include a few analyses from Wotten Waven collected in 2005 (BRMG, 2005). Dr.

Alan Smith of CSU, SB provided geochemical data obtained by students in 2004 and 2007, which are provided in Appendix C. Unfortunately, the CSU, SB data were not analyzed for constituents of interest to geothermal evaluation.

Table 2 provides a smaller data set used for creating chemical plots for the water analyses. The data set includes analyses of the hot spring water and fumarole gases, as well as a chemical analysis of local sea water and steam condensate from the Wotten Waven fumarole. Stable hydrogen and oxygen isotope data were also obtained for the hot springs, fumaroles, sea water, and two local streams.

The water chemistry obtained by Rohrs and Rossknecht during this study is of good quality, as evidenced by good charge balance calculations. However, the hot spring chemistry from the BRGM samples shows poor charge balances, with a considerable excess of anions, probably indicating that the chloride concentrations are too high in the BRGM data. This does not impact the geothermometry, however.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2 and Figure 9, the chemistry of the warm springs can be subdivided into several types on the basis of their Cl-HCO<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations, known variously as neutral chloride, bicarbonate, and acid-sulfate springs. These are all typical manifestations for geothermal systems.

The presence of chloride springs at Portsmouth and Wotten Waven indicates that these two systems host brine reservoirs. Although the springs show a wide range of chloride concentrations because of dilution with low chloride ground waters, the highest temperature springs, which are near boiling, give a good indication that both reservoirs host relatively low salinity brines with 2000 - 4000 ppm chloride. The highest temperature springs are near boiling and are unlikely to have experienced much dilution with cooler fluids.

Table 1. Classification of thermal features sampled in the Portsmouth and Wotten Waven prospects.

Prospect	Thermal Area	Sample ID	Sample Type	Date	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Classification
Portsmouth	Picard R.	DOM-6	Hot Spring	12/2/2008	10	180	Neutral Cl Brine
	Clement	DOM-C	Hot Spring	12/2/2008	100	162	Neutral Cl Brine
	Mamie's	DOM-10	Hot Spring	12/3/2008	100	108	Neutral Cl Brine
	Gloshaw	DOM-5	Hot Spring	12/2/2008	75	110	Bicarbonate
	Balvin	DOM-7	Fumarole	12/2/2008	100	180	Acid Sulfate
	Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	Kaipohan	12/2/2008	1600	Ambient	Acid Sulfate
	Snake	DOM-S	Hot Spring	12/3/2008	1500	82	Acid Sulfate
Wotten Waven	River Blanc Hot Spring	DOM-RB	Hot Spring	12/4/2008	650	210	Neutral Cl Brine
	River Blanc Hot Spring	RB	Hot Spring	2005	650	199	Neutral Cl Brine
	River Blanc Fumarole	DOM-WW	Fumarole	12/4/2008	750	216	Acid Sulfate
	Secret Garden	SG	Hot Spring	2005	900	144	Acid Sulfate

Table 2. Selected data from the Dominica thermal waters used for making plots and interpreting the reservoir chemistry and processes. Data shaded in green are uncertain.

Thermal Area	Sample ID	Date	Classification	Temp, F	pH	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Li	B	SiO2
Picard R.	DOM-6	12/2/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	180	7.13	1570	234	141	11	5.6	43.3	380
Balvin	DOM-7	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	180								
Gloshaw	DOM-5	12/2/2008	Bicarbonate	110	7.84	23	2	23	6	0.1	0.2	102
Clement	DOM-C	12/2/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	162	7.48	1960	118	293	10	7.2	50.5	395
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	ambient								
Snake	DOM-S	12/3/2008	Acid Sulfate	82	3.08	12	2	13	3	0.1	0.2	44
Mamie's	DOM-10	12/3/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	108	7.47	1030	93	97	5	3.8	24.7	182
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	12/4/2008	Acid Sulfate/Condensate	216	3.28						0.2	0.5
WW-Secret Garden	SG	2005	Acid Sulfate	144	3.35	13	2	12	2		0.0	48
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	12/4/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	210	8.52	804	67	49	1	1.9	15.9	186
WW-River Blanc	RB-2	2005	Neutral Cl Brine	159	6.79	360	46	38	5			156
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	2005	Neutral Cl Brine	199	8.31	1331	119	72	1	2.6	28.8	194
Sea Water	DOM-SW	12/3/2008	Sea Water	82	7.87	11100	361	416	1270	0.2	4.6	2
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1	12/3/2008	Stream Water									
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2	12/3/2008	Stream Water									

Thermal Area	Sample ID	Date	Classification	Temp, F	Cl	Br	SO4	HCO3	NH4	<sup>18</sup> O/ <sup>16</sup> O	D/H
Picard R.	DOM-6	12/2/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	180	2890	13	39	133	0	-1.1	-7.3
Balvin	DOM-7	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	180							
Gloshaw	DOM-5	12/2/2008	Bicarbonate	110	23.5	0	2	120	0	-2.7	-5.5
Clement	DOM-C	12/2/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	162	3500	0	15	326	0	-1.2	-7.4
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	ambient							
Snake	DOM-S	12/3/2008	Acid Sulfate	82	9.08	0	123	0	0	-2.3	-4.7
Mamie's	DOM-10	12/3/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	108	1590	7	47	400	0	-0.6	-2.6
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	12/4/2008	Acid Sulfate/Condensate	216	0.138					-4.2	-14.8
WW-Secret Garden	SG	2005	Acid Sulfate	144	10.8	0	107	0		-2.3	-6.3
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	12/4/2008	Neutral Cl Brine	210	1310	5	74	45	0	-0.5	-4.4
WW-River Blanc	RB-2	2005	Neutral Cl Brine	159	595		75	153			
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	2005	Neutral Cl Brine	199	2450	9	46	49		0.0	-4.9
Sea Water	DOM-SW	12/3/2008	Sea Water	82	19100	63	3050	156	1	0.8	6.4
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1	12/3/2008	Stream Water							-2.7	-5.8
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2	12/3/2008	Stream Water							-2.7	-6.1

Notes

- Field Measurement
- Below Detection Limit

The chloride springs have low sulfate concentrations and near neutral pH, and therefore they show no indication of the presence of corrosive acidic fluids, although admittedly these chloride springs may be fairly distal from the central reservoir and any low pH indicators would have been neutralized through water-rock reactions along their flow path.

Only one bicarbonate spring, Glosnow, has been identified in the Portsmouth area. These types of features usually form from the condensation of steam and/or gas into the local ground water system and are further modified through water/rock reactions along their flow path away from the condensation zone. Such fluids are often found along the periphery of the geothermal system and have little application for siting exploration wells. Also, the geochemistry of these fluids has little applicability for interpreting reservoir conditions. Because boiling conditions and solfataras occur in the Portsmouth area, additional undiscovered bicarbonate and/or bicarbonate-sulfate springs probably occur in the area.

A third type of fluid in the Portsmouth area has acid-sulfate chemistry. Only one sample of this type of fluid was obtained in 2008 at the Picard warm spring on the upper slopes of Mt. Diablotins. However, this fluid chemistry would also be associated with the Penville Cold Soufriere on Morne aux Diables and with the Balvin solfatara near Portsmouth. This chemistry results from the condensation of steam and gas into the ground water system, with the acid conditions being formed by the oxidation of  $H_2S$  entrained in the steam to  $H_2SO_4$ . These features are of interest because they generally occur above the boiling geothermal reservoir, and thus may be closer to the higher temperature portion of the system.

### **Water Geochemistry Interpretations**

Standard geochemistry plots, which are used for the interpretation of reservoir conditions and the development of a reservoir model, are presented below using the data in Table 2. The most useful springs for interpreting reservoir conditions are those containing a significant chloride concentration, because these are derived directly from the reservoir brine. The bicarbonate and acid-sulfate springs are indirectly associated with the reservoir fluids, and thus they provide little information regarding reservoir conditions. The chemistry of the fumaroles, both the gas and isotope chemistry, does provide information on reservoir temperatures.

#### **Single Geothermal Reservoir**

Two ternary plots, N-K-Ca and Cl-Li-B, provide evidence that the onshore thermal manifestations near Portsmouth originate from a single geothermal reservoir, as would be expected given their proximity (Figures 10 and 11). These plots show the relative concentrations of the three elements irrespective of their total salinities. Both plots show a general uniformity in the chemistry for both the Portsmouth area and Wotten Waven, although Wotten Waven shows a slight enrichment in chloride on the Cl-Li-B plot (Figure 11). The similarity in chemistry suggests similar host rocks and temperatures for these two separate geothermal systems.

#### **Source of the Reservoir Water**

To determine the source of water in the geothermal reservoir, Rohrs and Rossknecht collected samples of sea water as well as samples from the thermal features and local streams. These samples were analyzed for the composition of their stable hydrogen and oxygen isotopes. The isotopic data can help

distinguish if the reservoir brine contains meteoric water, sea water, and/or a component of magmatic water from the heat source.

The isotopic data is shown in Figures 12 and 13. The data are somewhat difficult to interpret because the local meteoric waters are fairly similar in isotopic composition to sea water due to Dominica's proximity to the equator. Nevertheless, as is the case with most geothermal reservoirs, the geothermal systems on Dominica contain predominantly meteoric water. This is apparent from the hydrogen and oxygen isotopic composition of the chloride warm springs (Figure 12). The D/H compositions of the fluids are similar to the local rainwater, with a  $\Delta D$  value between -5 to -7 permil. This compares to  $\Delta D$  value of +6.4 permil for the local sea water.

The hot spring waters from both Portsmouth and Wotten Waven show an  $^{18}\text{O}$  enrichment of several permil relative to the local meteoric water. This is a common feature of high enthalpy geothermal fluids that results from water/rock interaction within the reservoir.

BRGM (2004) and Harrell (2008) both remark that the onshore hot springs at Portsmouth and Wotten Waven contain a sea water component. That possibility cannot be entirely ruled out with the data obtained for this study, but the sea water component would have to be very small given the low salinity of the onshore hot springs. Furthermore, the isotope data does not suggest a significant sea water component.

An interesting feature of the isotopic data is the relationship between the Wotten Waven fumarole steam and hot spring H and O isotopic compositions. The proximity of the fumaroles and the hot springs indicate that boiling is probably occurring in the shallow subsurface and that the steam and water samples are closely related. The steam is significantly depleted in both D and  $^{18}\text{O}$  relative to the water (Figure 13). Assuming that the steam is directly derived by boiling of the brine, the hydrogen and oxygen isotopic composition of the water and steam can be applied as a geothermometer. This isotopic fractionation between the steam and water indicates that the steam separated from the water at temperatures near 320 °F. This would suggest that wells drilled in the vicinity of the Wotten Waven thermal features would encounter reservoir temperatures of at least 320 °F.

### Geothermometry

The temperature of the geothermal reservoir can be interpreted from the chloride hot springs through the application of chemical geothermometry. Within the geothermal reservoir, the brine reacts with the host rock of the system and equilibrates to common geothermal minerals, including silica minerals such as quartz, chalcedony and amorphous silica, alkali feldspars, and calcite, among other minerals. The concentrations and relative proportions of  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and Na, K, Ca, Mg, can be applied to estimate the temperature at which the brine equilibrated to these minerals. Of course, the chemistry of the brine has been modified during its migration away from the reservoir towards the surface, but the brine does retain a memory of the geothermal reservoir conditions because the re-equilibration of the fluids to lower temperature conditions is slow.

The chemical geothermometry has been applied to the chloride hot springs at Portsmouth and Wotten Waven, with the results presented in Table 3 for common geothermometers. The Na-K-Ca-Mg chemistry generally provides the best estimate of reservoir temperatures, because the silica geothermometers re-equilibrate more quickly to the lower temperature conditions along the fluid's

outflow path. Na-K-Ca-Mg geothermometers assume that the fluids have been in equilibrium with Na and K feldspar minerals and with calcite. In moderate to high temperature systems, equilibrated brine contains less than 1 ppm Mg. Higher concentrations of magnesium increase the risk that the reservoir has a lower temperature than recorded by the Na-K geothermometer. Often, however, the higher magnesium concentrations are introduced through mixing of reservoir brine with cooler Mg-enriched groundwater.

Figure 14 is a graphic illustration of the NKM geothermometry using the Giggenbach geothermometer. Figure 14 is a ternary diagram plotting the relative concentrations of Na-K-Mg. The curved line labeled "series 1" represents concentrations of Na-K-Mg that are equilibrated to the reservoir temperatures that are marked along the curve, here expressed in degrees centigrade. Under equilibrated reservoir conditions the Mg concentrations are expected to be 1 ppm or less. The hot springs at both Portsmouth and Wotten Waven contain more than one ppm Mg, which is why the springs do not plot on the equilibration line. If the Mg is introduced through mixing with Mg-enriched ground water, then the reservoir temperature can be extrapolated by drawing a line from the Mg corner of the ternary diagram through the sample to where it intersects the equilibration curve. When doing this, the estimated reservoir temperature ranges from 518 °F (270 °C) at the Picard Hot Spring to 383 °F (195 °C) at the Clement hot spring. Mamie's hot spring at Portsmouth and the Wotten Waven hot spring in the River Blanc provide similar NKM geothermometry at 428 °F (220 °C). It should be noted, however, that the Giggenbach geothermometer often slightly over-estimates reservoir temperatures.

If the high Mg concentrations at Portsmouth and Wotten Waven are actually equilibrated to the reservoir temperature, then the NKM geothermometry in Table 3 would provide an estimate of the minimum reservoir temperature for these prospects. In this case the minimum reservoir temperatures are 326 °F for the Clement spring at Portsmouth and 376 °F for Wotten Waven.

Table 3. Geothermometry results for Dominica hot springs (in °F).

Prospect	Sample ID	Sample Type	Cl, ppm	Meas. T	Quartz, No Steam Loss	Chalcedony	Amorphous Silica
Picard R.	DOM-6	Hot Spring	2890	180	447	421	219
Clement	DOM-C	Hot Spring	3500	162	453	428	224
Mamie's	DOM-10	Hot Spring	1590	108	345	305	123
Wotten Waven	DOM-RB	Hot Spring	1310	210	348	308	125

Prospect	Sample ID	Sample Type	Cl, ppm	Meas. T	Na/K			Na-K-Ca	Na-K-Ca-Mg	K-Mg
					Fournier	Truesdell	Giggenbach			
Picard R.	DOM-6	Hot Spring	2890	180	489	455	511	445	373	316
Clement	DOM-C	Hot Spring	3500	162	351	282 (a)	383	344	326	275
Mamie's	DOM-10	Hot Spring	1590	108	407	350	436	381	342	281
Wotten Waven	DOM-RB	Hot Spring	1310	210	396	336	425	376	376	310

(a) Warning: Geothermometer is not necessarily applicable at this temperature



The silica concentration is used to determine a temperature assuming that the fluid has equilibrated with either quartz, a high temperature mineral found in the reservoir, or with chalcedony and amorphous silica, which are silica minerals that typically form at lower temperatures along the outflow path. To establish which silica mineral to apply to the silica geothermometry calculations, either quartz, chalcedony, or amorphous silica, the silica concentrations are plotted against the potassium and magnesium concentrations, as shown in Figure 15. This plot indicates that the fluids are most likely in equilibrium with chalcedony, with an equilibration temperature of 120-160 °C (248-320 °F). This geothermometry reflects the cooling that the fluids have experienced along their flow path from the reservoir.

In summary, the geothermometry of the chloride bearing springs at Portsmouth indicates that reservoir temperatures are very likely to lie in the range of 326-518 °F. Indeed, it is possible that the reservoir temperature at Portsmouth is higher than the temperature at Wotten Waven based on the NKM relationships.

### **Gas Geochemistry**

Samples of non-condensable gas were obtained from the thermal features in the Portsmouth area at the Penville Cold Soufriere and the Balvin solfatara. Samples were also obtained from the Wotten Waven fumarole. BRGM (2005) provides a single gas analysis obtained from the Secret Garden Spring in the Wotten Waven prospect. The gas analyses are provided in Tables 4 and 5 and Appendix 1, which includes analyses of common geothermal gases and He isotopic data. The chemistry can help determine the origin of the gases, while the He isotopic data provide insight as to whether the geothermal system is heated by a magmatic heat source or deep circulation into the earth's crust. Unfortunately, no He isotope data was obtained from the Balvin prospect in the north because of the weak and wispy nature of the gas emanations. Another difficulty with interpreting the gas is that there is very little data to interpret. Thus, the interpretations provided below are somewhat tenuous simply because of the lack of data.

### **Data Quality**

The laboratory analyses of the gas samples obtained by Rohrs and Rosknecht are of high quality. The gas samples show little evidence of air contamination, although a small amount of air contamination probably contributes to the lower  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratio observed in one sample from Wotten Waven (Table 5). The gas sample obtained by BRMG at the Secret Garden Spring is of lower quality. The sample has air contamination, as indicated by the oxygen content of 0.38 mole percent. (In geothermal environments, the reservoir fluids are virtually devoid of oxygen.) Normally, air contamination would be accompanied by high  $\text{N}_2$  and Ar concentrations. The  $\text{N}_2$  from Secret Garden is high, but the sample provides an unusually low Ar content, indicating that the low argon value probably represents a bad analysis.

The main difficulty with interpreting the gas data from the Portsmouth area is that the samples are of gas only. This is also the case with the BRMG sample of the Secret Garden Spring. The lack of the steam component for the Portsmouth features limits the interpretations that can be done with the gas samples. Also, the concentrations of the more soluble gases  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and especially  $\text{NH}_3$  are reduced in the gas samples because of condensation of the steam en route to the surface. Samples of the combined

Table 4. Non-condensable gas analyses for the thermal features on Dominica.

Thermal Area	Sample ID	Date	Classification	Temp, F	NCG in Steam, wt. %	Mole %								% Air	Sum
						CO2	H2S	NH3	N2	Ar	CH4	H2	O2		
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1-a	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	ambient	NM	95.60	0.99	0.00	2.79	0.00	0.65	0.04	0.03	100.07	
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1-b	12/2/2008	Acid Sulfate	ambient	NM	95.70	0.90	0.00	2.80	0.00	0.65	0.04	0.03	100.09	
Balvin	DOM-S	12/3/2008	Acid Sulfate	180	NM	93.90	0.92	0.00	4.85	0.02	0.20	0.13	0.06	100.01	
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW-a	12/4/2008	Acid Sulfate	216	10.9137	96.90	1.73	0.01	0.57	0.00	0.05	0.72	0.06	99.98	
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW-b	12/4/2008	Acid Sulfate	216	11.1932	96.80	1.74	0.01	0.60	0.00	0.05	0.78	0.03	99.98	
WW-Secret Garden	SG	2005	Acid Sulfate	144	NM	93.00	0.97		2.26	0.00	0.04	0.50	0.34	97.11	

Notes

NM-Not measured

Red Number: Below Detection Limit

Table 5. He isotope analyses for the thermal features on Dominica.

Thermal Area	Sample ID	Date	Classification	Temp, F	$\frac{^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}}{(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_{\text{AIR}}}$	He/Ne Air	$\frac{(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_{\text{COR}}}{(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_{\text{AIR}}}$	<sup>4</sup> He (ppm)	<sup>40</sup> Ar (ppm)	Total Ne (ppm)	<sup>20</sup> Ne/ <sup>36</sup> Ar	$\frac{\text{N}_2}{\text{Ar}}$	$\frac{\text{He}}{\text{Ne}}$
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1-a	12/2/2008	Gas	ambient	0.987	1.11	0.759	5.6	10220	17.5	0.461	76.5	0.3
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1-b	12/2/2008	Gas	ambient	5.875	3243.46	5.876	134.2	48	0.1	0.808	665.5	934.1
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW-a	12/4/2008	Gas	216	5.794	1596.80	5.797	221.6	201	0.5	0.642	139.2	459.9
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW-b	12/4/2008	Gas	216	7.803	4367.96	7.805	108.1	70	0.1	0.331	225.0	1258.0

Notes

NM-Not measured

Air Contamination

steam and gas provide the best data for interpretation. A complete sample was obtained from the Wotten Waven fumarole, yielding a gas content in steam of 11 wt. %.

### **Gas Geochemistry Interpretations**

Gas chemistry is always difficult to interpret and explain because of the complicated interrelationships among the gas species. The interpretation is normally done with a series of gas ternary plots and gas grid plots. The ternary plots help establish the origin of the gases, while the gas grids are applied to geothermometry. For this report, the interpretation is being done in a very cursory fashion in order to illustrate some of the key differences between Wotten Waven and Portsmouth.

Standard ternary plots include the following, which are provided in Figures 16 and 17:

- $N_2$ - $CO_2$ -Ar
- $CO_2$ - $H_2$ - $CH_4$

A few examples of gas grid plots are provided in Figures 18-22 and include the following:

- HAR-CAR
- HYCO-CHCO
- HYCO-HYCH
- FT-HSH

The gases obtained from the Wotten Waven fumarole appear to be the most mature and equilibrated and best representative of a geothermal system. The Portsmouth samples are compared to Wotten Waven to show the significant differences in the gas chemistry between the two reservoirs.

Important features to note in these plots are the following:

1. Wotten Waven is depleted in  $CH_4$ , but otherwise appears to be a well-equilibrated sample.  $CH_4$  may have been lost from the fluids along its outflow path.
2. The Penville Cold Soufriere does not have a clear geothermal origin. It is more likely to be representative of gases being derived from a magma body.
3. The gas chemistry of the Balvin solfatara is intermediate between Wotten Waven and the Penville Solfatara. Balvin shows evidence of being enriched in  $CO_2$ .

### **Origin of the Gases**

While the brine chemistry between Portsmouth and Wotten Waven is very similar, the gases are quite different. The  $N_2$ - $CO_2$ -Ar gas plot (Figure 16) shows these differences quite clearly. On this plot, the Wotten Waven fumarole plots in a region that is typical for many geothermal fields. On the other hand, both the Penville Cold Solfatara and the Balvin solfatara are enriched with  $N_2$ , which reflects a stronger magmatic influence. The  $N_2$  enrichment in the BRGM sample from Secret Garden is discounted because of air contamination.

The differences in gas chemistry between Portsmouth and Wotten Waven are also apparent on the  $CO_2$ - $H_2$ - $CH_4$  plot (Figure 17). This plot shows the dissimilarity of the gases between the two fields, with

Wotten Waven being depleted in CH<sub>4</sub>, Penville Cold Soufriere depleted in H<sub>2</sub>, and Balvin enriched in CO<sub>2</sub>. These differences become important when interpreting the gas grid plots.

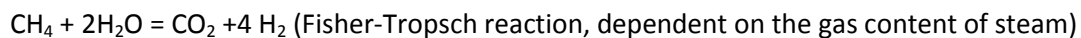
### Gas Geothermometry

One of the most important and reliable plots used for interpreting gas chemistry is known as the HAR-CAR gas grid (Figures 18 and 19). The relative concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and Ar are plotted on this grid. The gas concentrations are sensitive to the oxidation state of the fluid, which is represented by the factor "rH". Giggenbach (1991) recommends that an rH of -2.83 be applied for the oxidation state for equilibrated geothermal fluids associated with andesitic volcanoes. When the data are plotted on the HAR-CAR grid for an rH of -2.83, the Wotten Waven data are very well-behaved (Figure 18). The data plot within the grid, indicating that an rH of -2.83 is appropriate. The Wotten Waven gases provide a geothermometry estimate of 260-285 °C (500-545 °F), and their positions within the grid suggest that the gas may be partly derived from a steam cap.

The Balvin and Penville Cold Soufriere do not plot on the grid. To get these samples onto the grid would require adjustments in their gas concentrations or in the rH of the fluid. For example, the Balvin gas is likely to be enriched with CO<sub>2</sub>. If this enrichment is removed, then the Balvin gas could be shifted onto the water equilibration line, resulting in geothermometry of about 240 °C (464 °F) (Figure 18).

The Balvin and Cold Soufriere samples could also be shifted onto the grid by lowering the rH of the fluid to -3.2 or less (Figure 19). Lowering the rH is equivalent to increasing the oxidation potential of the fluid, which results in lower H<sub>2</sub> concentrations. A lower rH would be quite appropriate for Cold Soufriere, which is another indication that Cold Soufriere is associated with a magmatic system, and not a geothermal system. A lower rH could also apply to Balvin, but is not required. In fact, other gas grid plots indicate that Balvin is more likely to be associated with fluids with an rH of -2.83.

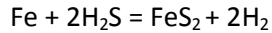
A few other examples of gas geothermometry plots are presented in Figures 20 to 22. These plots generally involve equilibration between the species of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O. The gases are assumed to equilibrate to these reactions:



The HYCO-CHCO plot in Figure 20 re-confirms some of the observations noted earlier. Accounting for the depletion of CH<sub>4</sub> would shift the Wotten Waven gas onto the grid with geothermometry approaching 300 °C (572 °F). Significantly, the Balvin sample already plots on the grid for an rH of -2.83. Accounting for some CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment would shift the Balvin sample onto the grid at slightly lower temperatures, perhaps on the order of 280 °C (536 °F).

Similar results are obtained with the HYCO-HYCH plot in Figure 21. For an rH of -2.83, after accounting for CH<sub>4</sub> depletion, gas geothermometry for Wotten Waven is 275-300 °C (527-572 °F). Balvin plots on the grid and even after accounting for CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment, the gas geothermometry is over 300 °C (572 °F).

A final example of the gas grids is provided by the FT-HSH plot (Figure 22). Two reactions are used to create this grid, the Fischer-Tropsch as shown above and equilibration of H<sub>2</sub>S gas with the hydrothermal mineral pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>), as shown in this equation:



This plot requires an estimate of the gas content of the steam. While this is available for the Wotten Waven samples, the samples from Portsmouth are gas only. Therefore, gas concentrations of 10 and 1 wt. % were assigned to the Portsmouth samples in order to see where the samples would plot on the grid. This plot again indicates that the Wotten Waven fumarole has geothermometry of about 280 °C (536 °F) and a suggestion that the gas originates from a steam cap. The Balvin sample plots on the grid when assigning a gas content of 1-10 wt. %, providing geothermometry of 275-310 °C (527-590 °F). The location of the Balvin sample on the grid indicates that the gas originates from the boiling of water with no indications of a steam cap contribution.

### Summary of Chemical Interpretations

Despite the relatively small number of samples, the analysis of the water and gas chemistry does point out some interesting features of Wotten Waven, Cold Soufriere, and Balvin. These are summarized below.

Wotten Waven. Wotten Waven is a fairly well-equilibrated geothermal system. The gas and brine geothermometry indicates that Wotten Waven hosts a high temperature geothermal system, possibly approaching 300 °C (572 °F) in the upflow area. The Wotten Waven thermal features occur at the distal end of an outflow zone where the fluids are boiling in the shallow subsurface. Isotopic geothermometry indicates that the steam is separating from the brine at a temperature near 320 °F. The gas chemistry also indicates the possibility of a steam cap overlying the brine reservoir.

Penville Cold Soufriere. Even though the gas data is of poor quality for interpretation, some important conclusions can be drawn. The Cold Soufriere is associated with a magmatic system, which is consistent with the interpretation that Cold Soufriere is a drowned summit fumarole. An exploitable geothermal system is unlikely to directly underlie Cold Soufriere.

Portsmouth Thermal Area. The Portsmouth area is similar in many respects to Wotten Waven. The features occur where the outflow plume from a geothermal system encounters the lower slopes of the volcano. Brine geothermometry from the Picard Hot Spring suggests reservoir temperatures of over 500 °F. The gas chemistry, which is of relatively poor quality, is intermediate between Wotten Waven and Cold Soufriere. The high N<sub>2</sub> concentration suggests a stronger magmatic influence than Wotten Waven, but the gas does show some degree of equilibration to geothermal conditions with geothermometry consistent with temperatures of at least 500 °F. The Portsmouth springs could be associated with a heat source underlying either Morne aux Diaboles or Mt. Diablotins. The magmatic component in the gas would increase the risk of encountering acidic fluids near the upflow zone closer to the heat source.

## **GEOTHERMAL MODELS**

Several alternative models can be envisioned for the Portsmouth geothermal system. The hot springs could be outflow from a geothermal reservoir underlying either the Morne aux Diaboles or Mt. Diablotins, or the springs could be associated with upflow along near vertical faults. The generic models of these systems are briefly described below.

### **Geothermal Systems Associated with Andesitic Stratovolcanoes**

Andesitic stratovolcanoes in island arc settings provide a good environment for the development of geothermal systems. A large number of high temperature geothermal systems have been developed for power generation in island arcs in New Zealand, Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. A generalized geothermal model has been developed for such systems by Henly and Ellis (1983). The main features of this model are shown diagrammatically in Figure 23. The geothermal prospects on Dominica possess many of these same features, indicating that this general model should be considered for both the Portsmouth and Wotten Waven prospects.

In this model, the heat source for the geothermal reservoir is the magma chamber underlying the volcano. Steam and gas emanate from the magma chamber and flow towards the surface. In young, active volcanoes the steam and gas can manifest as fumaroles near the summit of the volcano. Within the reservoir, the steam and gas from the magma chamber mix with deeply circulating rain water to form the geothermal brine. This acidic brine reacts with the reservoir rocks, becoming neutralized and enriched with Na, K, Ca and other constituents. Silica concentrations typically equilibrate with the mineral quartz. Where this neutralized brine enters the reservoir is commonly known as the upflow area and is usually the hottest portion of the geothermal system.

Geothermal systems actively convect. The higher temperature, lower density reservoir fluids rise to the surface beneath the slopes of the volcano. As the geothermal fluid ascends to lower pressure conditions, it may boil, resulting in the development of fumaroles along the flanks of the volcano, which is where acid-sulfate fluids can develop. The condensation of steam and gas into the shallow ground water along the volcano's flanks can also result in the formation of  $\text{HCO}_3$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 - \text{SO}_4$  warm springs. As the brine flows further from the reservoir, it intersects the surface along the lower slopes of the volcano, forming chloride warm springs.

### **Forced Convective System Model**

Another possible model that could be applied to the Portsmouth area is based on the deep circulation of near surface waters that become heated and then rise near vertically along a fault system. This type of model is graphically illustrated in Figure 24. Normally, this model is applied to fault-based systems without magmatic heat sources, such as in the Basin-and-Range province in the western United States. However, the coincidence of boiling point hot springs and solfataras at Portsmouth, as well as the postulated NNW trending faults along the western shore, support the possibility that this type of system could underlie the Portsmouth area. Although the probability that this type of system underlies Portsmouth is considered low, it is worth consideration because a different exploration approach could be used to define the reservoir properties.

## **The Portsmouth Models**

Northern Dominica represents a suitable geologic host for an andesite volcano type geothermal system. The difficulty is discerning whether the Portsmouth hot springs are associated with Morne aux Diabes or Mt. Diablotins. Both volcanoes have magma chambers with appropriate ages and evolutionary histories to be a viable heat source. The distribution and type of features fit the general geothermal model for an andesitic stratovolcano (Figure 23), with acid-sulfate features on the upper slopes at Penville Cold Soufriere and Picard Warm Spring and chloride hot springs on the lower slopes near Portsmouth. The high geothermometry of the Picard Hot Spring indicates that the temperatures of the geothermal system could exceed 500 °F.

The competing volcano/outflow models are presented as a map in Figure 25. The geochemistry indicates that the warm springs at Portsmouth could be a brine outflow from a single geothermal reservoir underlying either Morne aux Diabes or Mt. Diablotins (Figure 25). In fact, with the available data, the possibility that Morne Aux Diabes and Mt. Diablotins both host separate geothermal systems cannot be completely ruled out. In this case, the Toucari hot spring would be associated with Morne aux Diabes while the remaining thermal features near Glanvillia are associated with Mt. Diablotins.

A cross section showing the potential temperature distribution for this type of system is shown in Figure 26. This cross section can be applied whether the system underlies Morne aux Diabes or Mt. Diablotins. This model shows a fairly narrow outflow plume towards Portsmouth with temperatures of at least 250 °F beneath Glanvillia, in accordance with the measured temperatures of the submarine springs. At this stage of exploration, the areal extent and thickness of the geothermal system underlying the volcanoes and in the outflow zone cannot be determined. The system can be several kilometers wide, or it can be confined to a narrow fault zone. Geophysical and drilling data would be required to determine the dimensions of the reservoir.

The alternative fault based model is shown as a map in Figure 27 and in cross section in Figure 28. Here the exploitable reservoir is associated with upflow along a narrow NNW- trending sub-vertical fault system along the western shore of Dominica. In this model, the Toucari hot spring is related to the Portsmouth springs. The reservoir brine flows up the fault, and then flows laterally along the fault towards the NNW. Neither Cold Soufriere nor the Picard River Warm Spring would be related to the geothermal reservoir but would be separate features related to the condensation of ascending magmatic steam and gases.

At this point, either model is valid, although the fault-based system is less likely. In order to discriminate between the models, additional information will need to be generated through geophysical surveys and exploration drilling. Shown on the cross sections for both models is the speculative distribution of the clay caprock which is expected to overlie the geothermal system. This clay caprock is formed by the interaction of the geothermal fluids with the overlying meteoric waters to form a relatively impermeable clay layer. The shape of this layer can provide clues as to the distribution and temperature of the reservoir and help guide exploration drilling. More will be said about mapping the clay caprock with geophysics during the discussion of the next steps for exploration.

### **Proposed Contract Area**

Given the large uncertainty in the distribution of resource, a contract area should include all of the prospective acreage associated with the different models. The proposed contract area for northern Dominica is shown in Figure 29. This area includes the western halves of both Morne aux Diabes and Mt. Diablotins, and extends offshore to include the submarine springs in the event that these springs are associated with upflow along near vertical faults.



## **EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE RISKS**

With geothermometry over 500 °F, the Portsmouth prospect has development potential for either a small binary development or a larger conventional power plant. The next sections of the report evaluate risks and next steps in light of both types of developments. The projects envisioned at Dominica include a 15 MW binary power plant fed by 330 °F fluids or a 50 MW conventional flash plant fed by reservoir fluids with temperatures of at least 430 °F.

Incidentally, binary and conventional developments at Portsmouth are not mutually exclusive. With careful planning, both types of developments could be successfully installed at Portsmouth. For example, the development could start with a binary plant on the lower slopes. If a high temperature conventional plant is installed later at higher elevations, the produced liquid could be piped as feedstock to the binary plant.

### **Exploration Resource Risks**

During the exploration stage of the prospect, resource risks fall into three general categories: (1) the risk of adequate reservoir temperature; (2) the risk of adequate reservoir permeability; and (3) the risk of producible fluid chemistry. A fourth risk is whether the resource has sufficient reservoir volume to support a commercial sized geothermal project, which is addressed under development resource risks. Commercial risks related to contract issues, electricity price, exploration and development costs, etc., are handled elsewhere.

Temperature. Adequate temperature is not a significant risk factor for Dominica. The chemical geothermometry for the Portsmouth springs indicates a minimum temperature of 325 °F and a maximum over 500 °F. Therefore, the chance of success that there is adequate temperature for a binary plant is estimated at 90 %.

The minimum temperature to support a flash plant is 430 °F. The brine and gas geothermometry suggests reservoir temperatures could be over 500 °F, although several of the springs provide brine geothermometry of less than 400 °F. The chance of success of achieving commercial temperatures for a flash plant is therefore estimated as 75 %.

The primary issue related to temperature is where to drill. It is possible that adequate temperature for a binary plant underlies the thermal features at Portsmouth. This could be tested with a relatively shallow temperature gradient well targeted to about 1000 feet measured depth. When exploring for a higher temperature system, wells may need to be sited at higher elevations on the upper slope of the volcano. This could impact well deliverability, especially if the system has a depressed fluid level and temperature less than 460 °F. Well deliverability should be taken into account when siting the exploration wells, because low elevation, deviated wells would be favored.

Permeability. Should there be adequate temperature in the reservoir, permeability is not likely to be an issue. The rocks at the surface show ample evidence of fracturing, and the fairly significant amount of leakage from the system supports good reservoir permeability. The chance of success of achieving commercial permeability is estimated at 90 %.

**Fluid Chemistry.** For geothermal fluids, the fluid chemistry risks fall into two categories: (a) corrosive acidic fluids and (b) scaling fluids. Corrosive fluids are generally associated with either low pH fluids deep in the system formed by acidic gases emanating from the heat source or from descending low pH fluids that develop near the surface in the vicinity of fumarolic areas. Deep acid fluids are a bona fide risk at Dominica. The age of the volcanoes and the potentially high temperatures allow for the possibility of acid conditions near the deep upflow centers. Even in this case, however, there would probably be regions of neutral, producible fluids. Acid fluids are very unlikely to occur near the hot springs.

The potential for calcite scaling in the wellbores would be considered low for the high temperature fluids near 500 °F. However, scaling potential usually increases as the reservoir temperature drops, and thus scaling would be a possibility for wells producing to a low temperature binary system. Because the hot springs in the Portsmouth area are not associated with travertine mounds, the calcite scaling potential is considered moderate. Scaling can be mitigated through the design of the production system, either by preventing the flash of the produced fluid in the wellbore or by downhole scale mitigation. While these may increase the cost of the overall project, they would not necessarily result in an unsuccessful project.

A third fluid chemistry element that could impact the success of the project is the non-condensable gas concentration of the reservoir brine. High gas concentrations could impact the performance of the turbine in a flash system or the performance of downhole pumps for a low temperature development. The data available from the thermal manifestations does not provide any information on the gas content of the reservoir fluids. Therefore, the assessment of this risk will require the chemistry of produced fluids from the exploration wells.

Based on the geochemical data that is currently available, there is only a small chance that fluid chemistry would lead to an unsuccessful project.

### Estimation of Exploration Success

When these chance factors for temperature, permeability, and fluid chemistry are taken together, the chance of success for the exploration phase would be estimated at around 80 % for a binary system. The chance of success for the discovery of a high temperature system is estimated at about 60 %. This assumes that at least two exploration wells are drilled in the prospect. These chance factors should be incorporated into the economic model that supports the Dominica geothermal project.

### **Development Resource Risks**

Assuming that the exploration wells have encountered commercial reservoir temperature, permeability, and fluid chemistry, the next question is whether these results can be duplicated with the development wells for the project. In this phase of the project, three risks need to be evaluated: (a) is the reservoir of sufficient size to support a commercial size development, (b) can adequate permeability be achieved with both the production and injection wells, and (c) will the reservoir experience significant cooling during exploitation because of the influx of cool ground water or sea water?

**Commercial Reservoir Volume.** Ideally the wells and power plant for a 15 MW binary development would be located on the lower slopes of Mt. Diablotins near Glanvillia. For this type of development,

the proven reservoir area would probably have to cover at least 2-4 sq. km., depending upon the thickness of the reservoir. Adequate resource area should be available in the Glanvillia area, especially if the developable resource extends offshore. The main issue would be reservoir thickness, because the outflow zone could be thin. However, in this case the wells could be drilled up slope towards the expected heart of the reservoir. Therefore, the chance of success of commercial reservoir volume for the binary plant is estimated as 85%.

A 50 MW flash plant would require a reservoir area of 3-5 sq. km. Unfortunately, without geophysics or drilling results, there is insufficient data to evaluate the potential size of the system. Therefore, the chance of success for sufficient resource to support a 50 MW development is estimated to be 50 %.

Well Injectivity. Disposing of the produced reservoir fluids will require injection wells because surface disposal directly to the sea is not recommended due to environmental reasons. For a small binary development, these wells would be drilled on the periphery of the production area. Such wells would have a good chance of encountering adequate permeability, although concerns of injection breakthrough to the production wells would need to be addressed.

Assuming that the Portsmouth reservoir fits the model for a volcanic geothermal system, the production wells would be located on the higher slopes of the volcano over the high temperature portion of the reservoir, and the injection wells would be sited at lower elevations in the outflow zone. The margins of geothermal systems generally have lower permeability conditions, and so finding adequate permeability for injection is likely to be more difficult than for a production well. On the other hand, the injected fluids are cooler and denser, and the injection wells are at lower elevations. These conditions provide for a higher differential pressure at the injection zone, which increases the injectivity of the zone. Furthermore, to achieve better permeability, the injection wells could be drilled inward towards the production wells, although this would increase the risk of premature breakthrough of cool injectate to the production wells.

Finally, geothermal projects are rarely unsuccessful because of inadequate injectivity. Consequently, the chance of finding adequate injectivity for a binary or a flash plant is estimated at 95 %.

Cool Influx. Given the fair amount of leakage from the system as manifested by the chloride-bearing hot springs, there is potential that surface waters could invade the reservoir during exploitation, particularly if there is a large drawdown in reservoir pressure. The influx could be either from near surface ground water or from sea water. The submarine springs show that the reservoir already has a good connection to sea water. Unfortunately, the risk of cool influx is very difficult to evaluate and only becomes apparent once the system undergoes exploitation. Cool natural influx can be mitigated by maintaining reservoir pressure through 100 % injection, which would be an advantage of a binary production system. Therefore, the chance of significant cool influx is estimated as 15 % for the binary system. The potential for sea water influx under a flash plant, where there is drawdown of reservoir pressure, would be higher.

Topography. Topography may be another factor that could influence the success of the project. If the reservoir needs to be exploited from high elevation locations in the more rugged upper slopes, this could add significant extra costs to the project. This factor, however, should be addressed separately as a commercial risk rather than a resource risk.

### Estimation of Development Success

The estimation of project success from these development resource factors, including resource volume, injectivity, and cool influx is estimated to be about 75 % for a 15 MW binary plant and 40 % for a flash plant.

### **Other Risk Factors**

Other risks that need to be considered for northern Dominica include risks of well blow-outs, hydrothermal eruptions, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and public perception. These are briefly discussed below.

Well Blow-outs. Exploration wells at both Wotten Waven and Portsmouth are likely to be sited near the thermal manifestations. Both thermal areas contain shallow boiling fluids. Care will have to be taken during the drilling to avoid shallow, uncontrollable blow-outs while penetrating the shallow geothermal aquifers.

Hydrothermal Eruptions. Hydrothermal eruptions are a natural hazard at both Portsmouth and Wotten Waven because of the shallow boiling conditions underlying the thermal areas. Hydrothermal eruption craters have been mapped at Wotten Waven (BRGM, 2005), and such features may be present at Portsmouth. Development of the reservoirs could trigger hydrothermal eruptions, especially if there is significant drawdown in reservoir pressure. These would be a more serious issue at Wotten Waven because of the density of housing in the area, but this risk should also be addressed at Portsmouth.

Volcanic Eruptions. Dominica hosts nine potentially active volcanoes. The youngest volcanoes appear to be in the southern part of the island. Hence, Wotten Waven is more susceptible to damage or disruption from an eruption. Nevertheless, the volcanoes in the northern part of the island may be dormant and subject to eruption. Given the relatively short lifespan of a geothermal development, a volcanic eruption is unlikely to affect either area. Nevertheless, the risk is real and should be addressed in the planning of the development.

Earthquakes. Earthquakes are inevitable for Dominica given its geologic setting. Naturally-occurring swarms of minor earthquakes related to the movement of magma occur both in the north and south. These are more of a nuisance than a risk to the facilities. Nevertheless, the history of large, damaging earthquakes should be reviewed and incorporated into the design of the facilities. After the field goes into commercial operations, injection and production can be expected to trigger an increase in microearthquakes. Usually, these are too small to be felt, but larger ones will occur. Their frequency could become sufficient to disturb the local population.

Public Perception. Given Dominica's cachet as "the nature island", some public perception risks could affect a geothermal project. These are more likely to be an issue at Wotten Waven, where competition for land and geothermal resource could be issues. Some thought may also have to be given to the risks associated with drilling and hydrothermal eruptions. Because the development at Portsmouth would likely have less impact on the community, the public perception risks should be easier to handle. Certainly some thought should be given to public education during the early exploration stage regarding geothermal developments and their impact on the local environment.

### **Comparison of Portsmouth to Wotten Waven**

The geothermometry of the Portsmouth hot springs and gases indicates that the Portsmouth prospect may host a resource that is suitable for either a small binary development or a high temperature flash plant. Clearly, there is upside potential that has not been fully appreciated in earlier geothermal assessments of Dominica. The reason that Portsmouth has been relegated to second priority is probably based primarily upon the more subtle nature of the thermal features. Wotten Waven is hard to overlook simply because its thermal features are more spectacular.

To show how Portsmouth compares to Wotten Waven, some key features are compared in Table 7. From a resource perspective Wotten Waven rates higher on the basis of heat flow and potential size. Heat flow, which is determined from the thermal output of hot springs and fumaroles, can be misleading and is not always a good indicator of reservoir potential. In addition, many thermal features associated with Portsmouth are under water. The heat flow at Portsmouth may be fairly comparable to Wotten Waven when the submarine springs are factored in.

In terms of size, Wotten Waven could be a very large system. Upside models would allow for Wotten Waven to extend to the Desolation Valley and Boiling Lake areas, in which case the reservoir would be very large. Nevertheless, Desolation Valley and Boiling Lake may not be developable because of poor accessibility. In addition, Wotten Waven is much more rugged topographically, which may limit development opportunities. Portsmouth, on the other hand, may be better suited for development given the more gentle topography in the Glanvillia area.

Overall, resource risks are fairly comparable for the two prospects. Both have a risk for hydrothermal eruptions related to drawdown of reservoir pressure. However, given the higher heat flow and mapped hydrothermal eruption craters, Wotten Waven is at higher risk. Portsmouth, on the other hand, has a higher risk for sea water incursion because of its connection to the ocean through the submarine springs. Both areas are at some risk of a volcanic eruption, with the risk being higher in the southern part of the island because of its younger volcanoes.

Public perception is another important risk that deserves mention. Wotten Waven is likely to be more handicapped by this risk than Portsmouth. Wotten Waven has a larger population and a community that is already present within the likely development area. Competition for land may be a constraint, but competition for geothermal resource may also become an issue because of Wotten Waven's destination as a tourist area. Portsmouth is more isolated, has less of a tourist industry, and the development may be sited in areas that do not interfere with the local community.

Table 6. A comparison of key resource features that may impact geothermal development at Portsmouth and Wotten Waven.

	Ports- mouth	Wotten Waven	Import- ance	Explanation
<b>Resource</b>				
Heat Flow		X	Moderate	Discounts submarine springs at Portsmouth
Temperature	X		Moderate	Higher NKC geothermometry at Picard River Hot Spring
Size		X	High	Larger upside if connected to Boiling Lake/Desolation Valley
Maturity		X	Moderate	Based on gas chemistry
Access	X		High	Topography; land status (national parks)
<b>Risks</b>				
Acidic corrosive fluids		X	Low	Based on chemical maturity
Hydrothermal Eruptions	X		Moderate	History at Wotten Waven; Proximity to houses
Sea Water Influx		X	Moderate	No known submarine springs at Wotten Waven
Volcanic Eruptions	X		Moderate	Younger volcanoes to south
<b>Public Perception</b>				
Opposition to Development	X		High	Fewer people, tourists, and spas at Portsmouth

X Represents an advantage

## **NEXT STEPS**

If, after taking into account the exploration and development risks, the economic modeling favors proceeding with the project, the next step is to acquire the contract area as shown in Figure 29. Once the contract area is obtained, further exploration will proceed depending upon whether the initial development is a 15 MW binary plant or a 50 MW flash plant. Alternative exploration/ development schedules are shown in Figures 30 and 31 and estimated exploration costs in Table 7.

## **Phase 2 Exploration Work**

The work presented in this report results from a quick reconnaissance survey of the thermal features. This needs to be followed up with a geologic study and with some additional geochemistry. An important resource for mapping the geology would be a good set of aerial photographs and remote sensing images of the contract area. This phase of the exploration project will also require a good, accurate topographic map that is appropriately referenced to UTM coordinates and latitude and longitude. Good topographic maps will also be an important resource for the geophysicists and construction engineers to help them orient themselves in the field and plan construction projects.

### Topographic Mapping/Aerial Photography

To aid the geologic mapping, remote sensing images and aerial photographs of the contract area should be acquired. These images have two important uses. First, they assist with the geologic mapping and identification of structural features. Second, the images can be used to create a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) that can serve as a topographic map.

Presently, it's unclear if high resolution remote sensing images are available for Dominica. Thus, a satellite may need to be directed over the area to obtain appropriate images. The cost is expected to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The higher cost would allow the acquisition of overlapping images from which a DEM model can be created.

A set of aerial photographs for the contract area would aid the geologic mapping. If a set covering the contract area is available from a government agency, the purchase cost would probably be on the order of \$5,000. A DEM model could be constructed from an existing set of photos; however, appropriate reference locations would have to be ground surveyed at a cost of about \$10,000.

If aerial photos need to be acquired, the cost is expected to be about \$90,000, which would include the mobilization costs for the aircraft. An alternative to aerial photography would be the acquisition of LIDAR images (Light Detecting and Ranging), which would increase the cost of the aerial survey by about \$50,000. The advantage of LIDAR images is that the technique can help filter out the treetops, allowing for the preparation of a better topographic map of the ground surface.

Once appropriate images are available, the construction of the DEM model is expected to cost about \$70,000.

For a smaller binary project with exploration concentrated in the area around Portsmouth, the exploration phase could probably rely on existing topographic maps. However, remote sensing images

and aerial photography would still be valuable. Therefore, the phase 2 costs would be about \$10,000-15,000 to support the geologic work.

If the 50 MW project is pursued, exploration will probably focus on the upper slopes of Mt. Diablotins and Morne aux Diables. In this case, images may need to be acquired to create an adequate DEM model. Costs for this could approach \$170,000 or more.

### Field Geology

The objective of the geologic study is to prepare a geologic map of the contract area that shows the stratigraphy, volcanic units and features, and geologic structures such as faults and lineaments. The mapping of geologic structures is a very important aspect of this study. The structures represent good drilling targets because they often provide high permeability pathways within the reservoir. A regional geologic map is available for the project and is presented in Figure 5. Therefore, a good starting point for a more detailed map would be to obtain maps prepared by students from CSU, SB. This information can be integrated with interpretations from the aerial photography and remote sensing images in the office, and then field checked. The total time to produce the map should be about 4-6 weeks. The map will then need to be compiled in the office and developed as an electronic document, which could take another 2-4 weeks. The field and office work, together with transportation costs and office support, are expected to cost \$40-60,000. This work should be done for either type of development project.

### Field Geochemistry

During the geologic and geophysical exploration phases, it is quite likely that additional thermal features will be discovered. Also, another sample should be obtained from the Picard Hot Spring in order to confirm the high geothermometry. A key question for modeling the geothermal reservoirs concerns the chemistry of the offshore thermal features at Portsmouth. Samples of these submarine features would be valuable for determining if they are part of the same geothermal system. This is particularly true for the Toucari hot spring to the north, which may be unrelated to the Portsmouth features. The onshore and offshore sampling could be done in conjunction with the geologic field work or during the geophysical survey. The costs for this work are estimated at \$25,000, and should be done whether the field is developed for a binary plant or a flash plant.

## **Phase 3 Exploration Work**

### Geophysics

A number of geophysical techniques can be applied to better characterize features of the resource on Dominica, including resistivity, gravity, and magnetic surveys. The highest priority at this stage of the project is a resistivity survey. Gravity and magnetic surveys would likely be affected by near surface rocks. Because of their limited utility for delineating the resource and siting wells, gravity and magnetic surveys are not recommended during this stage of the exploration.

The resistivity surveys measure the electrical conductance of the earth. Around a geothermal system, high conductivities are associated with the clay caprock that overlies the geothermal system. The geothermal reservoir is associated with more resistive rocks that underlie the caprock. The shape and



Table 7. Estimated costs for the exploration phase of the project. Separate cost estimates are provided for a 15 MW binary project and a 50 MW conventional project.

15 MW Binary Development

Exploration Phase		Item	Costs, \$	Subtotal, \$
2	Geology and Geochemistry	Remote Sensing Images	15,000	100,000
		Geologic Mapping	60,000	
		Geochemistry	25,000	
3	Geophysics	Geophysical Resistivity Survey	200,000	260,000
		Geophysical Interpretation	20,000	
		Integration into Conceptual Models	40,000	
4A	Gradient Holes	Prepare 3 Locations	300,000	1,500,000
		Mobilize Drill Rig	200,000	
		Drill 3 1000' Gradient Holes	900,000	
		Measure Downhole Temperatures	100,000	
4B	Exploration Drilling	Construct Roads and 3 Locations	1,350,000	12,550,000
		Mobilize Drill Rig	1,000,000	
		Drill 3 Slimhole Exploration Wells	9,600,000	
		Well Testing and Evaluation	600,000	
5	Feasibility Study	Preparation of Feasibility Study	120,000	120,000
			Total	14,530,000

50 MW Conventional Development

Exploration Phase		Item	Costs, \$	Subtotal, \$
2	Geology and Geochemistry	Remote Sensing Images	15,000	260,000
		Aerial Photography	90,000	
		Digital Elevation Model	70,000	
		Geologic Mapping	60,000	
		Geochemistry	25,000	
3	Geophysics	Geophysical Resistivity Survey	350,000	410,000
		Geophysical Interpretation	20,000	
		Integration into Conceptual Models	40,000	
4	Exploration Drilling	Construct Roads and 4 Locations	2,800,000	22,300,000
		Mobilize Drill Rig	1,000,000	
		Drill 5 Slimhole Exploration Wells	17,500,000	
		Well Testing and Evaluation	1,000,000	
5	Feasibility Study	Preparation of Feasibility Study	120,000	120,000
			Total	23,090,000

distribution of the low resistivity anomaly can be integrated into the conceptual model in order to identify preferred targets for exploration drilling.

The standard interpretation of the resistivity structure associated with a geothermal resource is shown in Figures 32, 33, and 34. Geothermal gases and steam condense into the ground water system above the reservoir. The interaction of this water and the host rock creates a distinctive assemblage of alteration minerals known as an argillic alteration assemblage. This zone of argillic alteration represents a low permeability clay caprock that overlies the geothermal reservoir. An important and abundant mineral that forms in the clay caprock is smectite (also known as montmorillonite). Smectite is a conductive mineral that generally forms between 200 and 400 °F. At higher temperatures, the smectite clay becomes more crystalline and less abundant, allowing the reservoir rocks to be more resistive. The clay caprock tends to be thinner and at higher elevation over the high temperature portion of the system and deepens and broadens along the margins of the system. While the resistivity survey cannot help establish reservoir temperature, the shape of the low resistivity layer can help identify regions that should be avoided as exploration targets.

Figures 26 and 28 show the resistivity anomaly as it may relate to the volcanic/outflow and fault-based models discussed earlier. A broad anomaly would be associated with a broader, higher temperature resource as shown in the volcanic model. The thickness of the outflow zone may be discernable if the outflow zone is sandwiched between low resistivity layers, as shown in Figures 26 and 34. In the fault based model, a narrow vertical upflow would probably be represented as a dome shaped resistivity anomaly as shown in Figure 28.

To map the resistivity structure at Portsmouth, two techniques would be applied. Magneto-tellurics (MT) provides deep soundings that allow for the characterization of the base of the clay caprock and the more resistive body associated with the reservoir. Time-Domain Electromagnetics (TDEM) has a more shallow penetration and is used to map the top and base of the clay caprock and to provide corrections for the MT data.

The geophysical survey for a small binary development can be fairly limited in scope. Here the goal would be to characterize the location and thickness of the outflow zone (or upflow in the case of the fault-based model). The geophysical survey could be localized near the Portsmouth hot springs as shown in Figure 35. This survey would require 50 combined MT-TDEM stations. The cost would be estimated as follows:

Mobilization:	\$ 50,000
MT stations (50 @ \$2500 ea)	\$125,000
TDEM Stations (50 @ \$500 ea)	\$ 25,000
Interpretation	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$220,000

For a 50 MW development, the geophysical survey will have to cover more of the proposed contract area, including the western slopes of both Morne aux Diables and Mt. Diablotins (Figure 36). This would involve 100 combined MT-TDEM stations. More stations would be placed near the upper slopes of the volcanoes, and fewer stations along the distal margins. The cost of this expanded MT-TDEM survey is estimated as follows:

Mobilization:	\$ 50,000
MT stations (100 @ \$2500 ea)	\$250,000
TDEM Stations (100 @ \$500 ea)	\$ 50,000
Interpretation	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$370,000

Although not recommended for Dominica, some geophysical contractors might suggest doing gravity and magnetic surveys. The gravity survey would probably map the high density lavas in the shallow subsurface, but it could be useful for identifying major faults and the intrusive magmatic body at depth. The magnetic survey, whether land based or airborne, would probably only map the near surface hydrothermal alteration and thus would provide little benefit to the exploration effort. Should a gravity survey be considered, the costs would probably be as follows:

Mobilization:	\$ 10,000
Gravity stations (500 @ \$50 ea)	\$ 25,000
Interpretation	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$ 45,000

#### Integrated Geologic Model

After the geophysical data have been processed and interpreted, the interpretation needs to be integrated into the conceptual model of the resource. This is a key step of the exploration process, because the combined geologic, geochemical and geophysical data can often lead to several alternative interpretations of the resource. These interpretations would then be tested through the selection of exploration drilling targets. To develop the alternative models would probably require about 2-4 weeks of work for both the geologist and geophysicist, or a budget of about \$20-40,000.

#### **Phase 4 Exploration Work**

##### Binary Plant

Exploration drilling for a 15 MW binary development could proceed along two different paths after the geophysical survey data are interpreted. A cautious approach would be to initially drill two to three 1000 foot deep thermal gradient holes in the vicinity of the hot springs near Glanvillia. Possible drilling sites for these wells are shown in Figure 35, although the actual locations would depend upon the results of the geophysical survey. The purpose of these holes would be to establish the temperature beneath the thermal features. These wells would probably cost about \$300,000 each because the drilling rig would need to be equipped with a blow-out preventer. If commercial temperatures are discovered, these gradient holes would be followed up by two or three 4000 foot slim holes, which would test the thickness and productivity of the reservoir. Two successful slimholes should be adequate to demonstrate the feasibility of a 15 MW binary plant.

A more aggressive approach would be to drill two or three 4000 foot slimholes and not drill the gradient holes. The primary advantage of this approach would be to accelerate the project schedule. However, this approach is risky, because the resource beneath the hot springs may be too cool and thin to support the binary project. Thus, this approach would be an expensive way to learn that the exploration wells should be sited higher on the slopes of the volcano. For this reason, first characterizing the temperatures in the outflow zone with the gradient holes is preferred.

### 50 MW Flash Plant

Exploration drilling for a 50 MW flash plant would probably require drilling 3-5 wells sited on the upper slopes of either Morne aux Diabes or Mt. Diablotins. The wells would probably be drilled in a pattern similar to that shown in Figure 37. The siting of these wells would depend upon the results of the geophysical survey. Given the current information, the higher temperature portion of the system probably underlies the upper slopes of either Morne aux Diabes or Mt. Diablotins. The geophysics should be completed before building drilling locations, because the geophysics may eliminate one of the volcanoes as a potential heat source. Once the likely reservoir is identified from the geophysics, four drilling locations should be constructed over the extent of the geophysical anomaly. Three successful exploration wells will probably be required to confirm adequate reservoir volume to satisfy the feasibility study for a 50 MW plant. Up to five wells should be planned, because at least one well is likely to be completed outside the reservoir.

The three best targets would be drilled first. If all three are successful, the exploration drilling program would be finished. The fourth and fifth wells would be drilled if the one or two of the first three are unsuccessful. If two of the first three are unsuccessful, the program should be re-evaluated prior to proceeding with the fourth well. If the first three wells are all unsuccessful, then the fourth well would not be drilled.

Because drilling is expensive and risky, the wells should be designed to maximize the information that can be obtained from the wellbore. The wells would probably be drilled directionally. The targeted total depth would be about 6000' so that the wells have a good opportunity to intersect adequate temperature conditions for production. The wells should also be designed for both production and injection tests so that permeability can be measured and samples of the reservoir fluids obtained. Important data to be collected from the wells include the following:

- Drill cuttings for petrographic examination. In the likely event of lost circulation, at least one core should be obtained from near the bottom of each well.
- Static temperature and pressure surveys. Approximately five surveys need to be taken in each well in order to monitor the temperature until the wellbore stabilizes.
- Produced fluids and production rate data. (This might have to wait for the completion of the second well in order to have a site for the injection of produced fluid).
- Permeability measurements under injection. This could include running an injection spinner tool in order to quantify the permeability of the injection zones.

The costs associated with the building four exploration wellsites and drilling up to five exploration wells are estimated as follows:

Roads (8 km new construction and upgrades of existing roads)	\$ 2,000,000
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Locations (4 @ \$200,000 each)	\$ 800,000
Rig mob/demob	\$ 1,000,000
Drilling costs (\$3,500,000 per well)	\$17,500,000
Well testing (\$200,000 per well)	\$ 1,000,000

### **Phase 5 - Resource Feasibility Study**

Once the exploration wells have been adequately tested and evaluated, a Resource Feasibility Study needs to be prepared to support the commitment to field development. This would be done for either the binary plant or the flash plant. In addition to the conceptual model of the field and an assessment of the resource conditions, the feasibility study should include the following:

- Recommended number and placement of production and injection wells;
- Siting of the power plant and associated resource production facilities;
- Design of the power plant;
- Long term full field development plan.

This feasibility study will probably be required in order to obtain financing for the project. Manpower costs associated with producing the feasibility study are estimated to be \$120,000, which would cover two consultants (a reservoir engineer and a geologist) for a three month period.

### **Summary of Exploration Timeline and Costs**

The expected costs for the exploration phase are shown in Table 7. For a binary development, the total cost to complete the geology, geochemistry, geophysics, and exploration drilling is expected to be about \$14,500,000. These costs assume that both thermal gradient holes and slimholes are drilled during the exploration phase.

For a 50 MW development with five slimholes, the exploration costs as are estimated as \$23,000,000.

These costs cover consultant charges, but do not cover the costs associated with DOMLEC and WRB employees. Land acquisition costs for roads and drilling locations are also not included in these figures. The total cost will be very sensitive to the drilling rig rates. Under low oil price conditions, rigs are available at a reasonable cost, which is reflected in these estimates. However, as oil prices rise, rig rates will increase, which could increase the cost of a well considerably.

The timelines for the alternative exploration programs are summarized in Figures 30 and 31. Once the contract area is acquired, the geoscience surveys can begin. Negotiation of the contract for the geophysical survey and mobilization of the equipment takes approximately three months. The field survey period lasts about three months with the results and integrated interpretation provided about three months after the survey ends.

Land acquisition and negotiation of the drilling contract begin after the geophysical data are interpreted and drilling targets selected. Assuming two months for each well, drilling and testing of the wells should be completed before the end of the third year. The feasibility study should be finished soon after well testing is completed, at which point the development project can begin.

This project schedule shows that once the contract area is acquired, a power plant could be up and running within five years. The most likely events that would cause a delay in this schedule would be the time required for land acquisition and to arrange project financing.

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Figure 17. A ternary plot of  $\text{CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{-CH}_4$  for geothermal gases from Dominica. The Wotten Waven gas is depleted in  $\text{CH}_4$ , while the Cold Soufriere gas is depleted in  $\text{H}_2$ .

Figure 18. HAR-CAR gas plot for an rH of -2.83. The Wotten Waven fumarole gases suggest a steam cap contribution and a reservoir temperature of 509 °F (265 °C). Accounting for  $\text{CO}_2$  enrichment in the Balvin gas would bring the gas composition into the grid and provide geothermometry of 464 °F (240 °C).

Figure 19. HAR-CAR gas plot for an rH of -3.2. Cold Soufriere continues to plot off the grid, indicating that this gas originates from a more oxidizing volcanic environment. The Balvin gas would suggest a similar origin but reservoir temperatures near 518 °F (270 °C).

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Figure 22. The FT-HSH gas grid. The Wotten Waven fumarole gas suggests a steam cap contribution and temperature of 617 °F (325 °C). Assuming a gas content in fumarole steam between 1 and 10 wt. %, the Balvin gas originates from boiling water with a temperature between 527-626 °F (275-330 °C). Cold Soufriere plots off the grid, showing no evidence of originating from an equilibrated geothermal reservoir.

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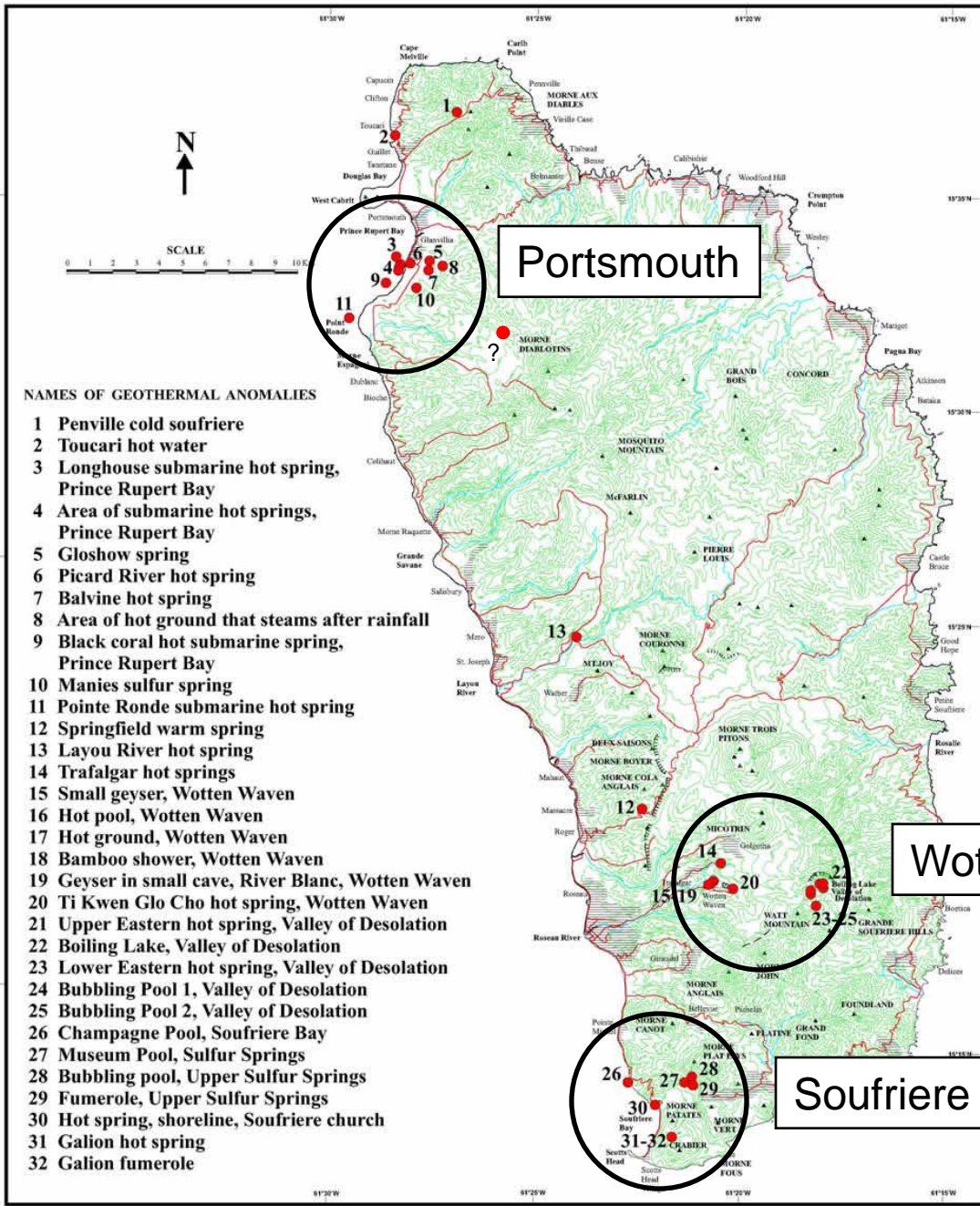




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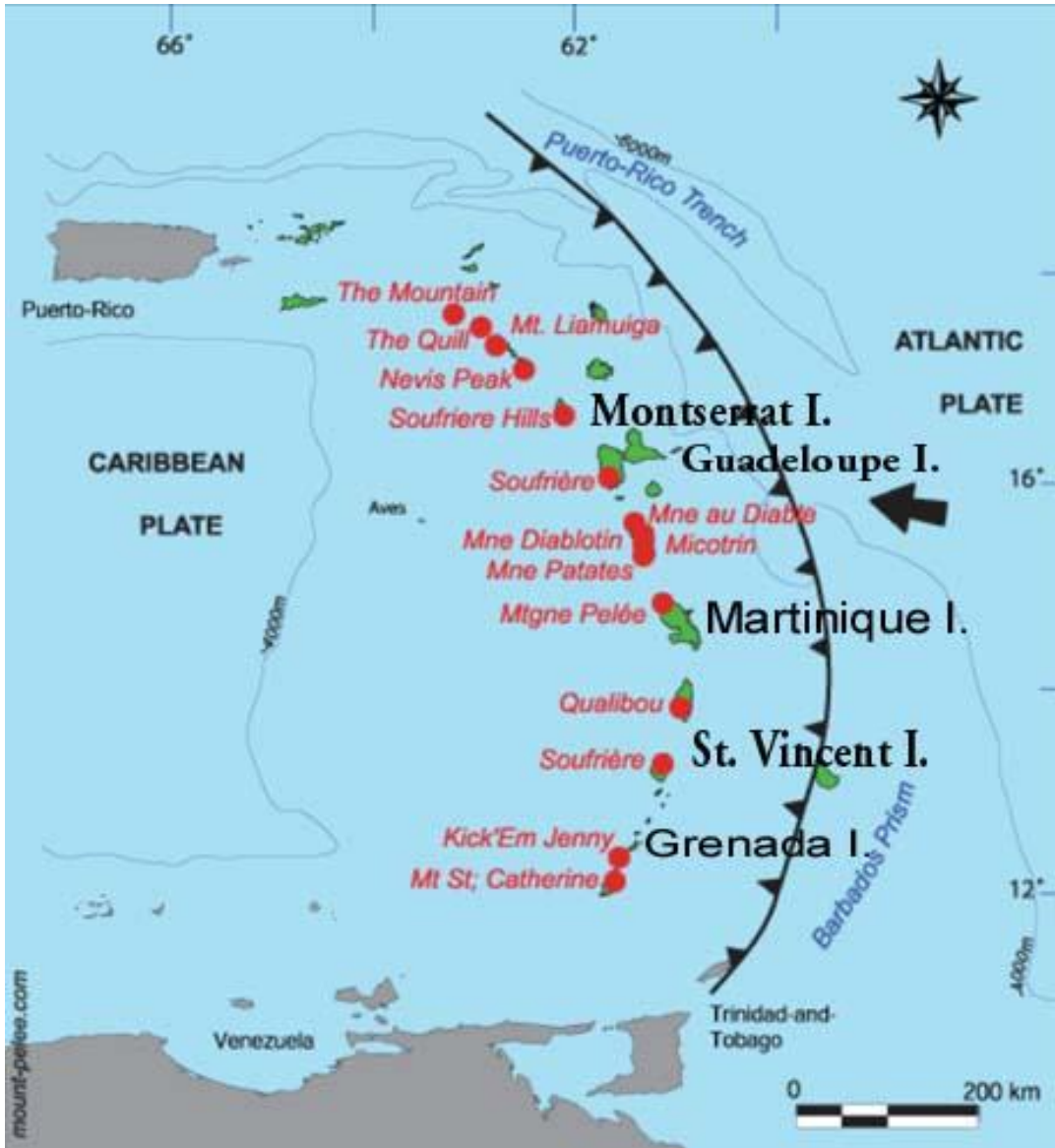


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# Anatomy of a Subduction Zone

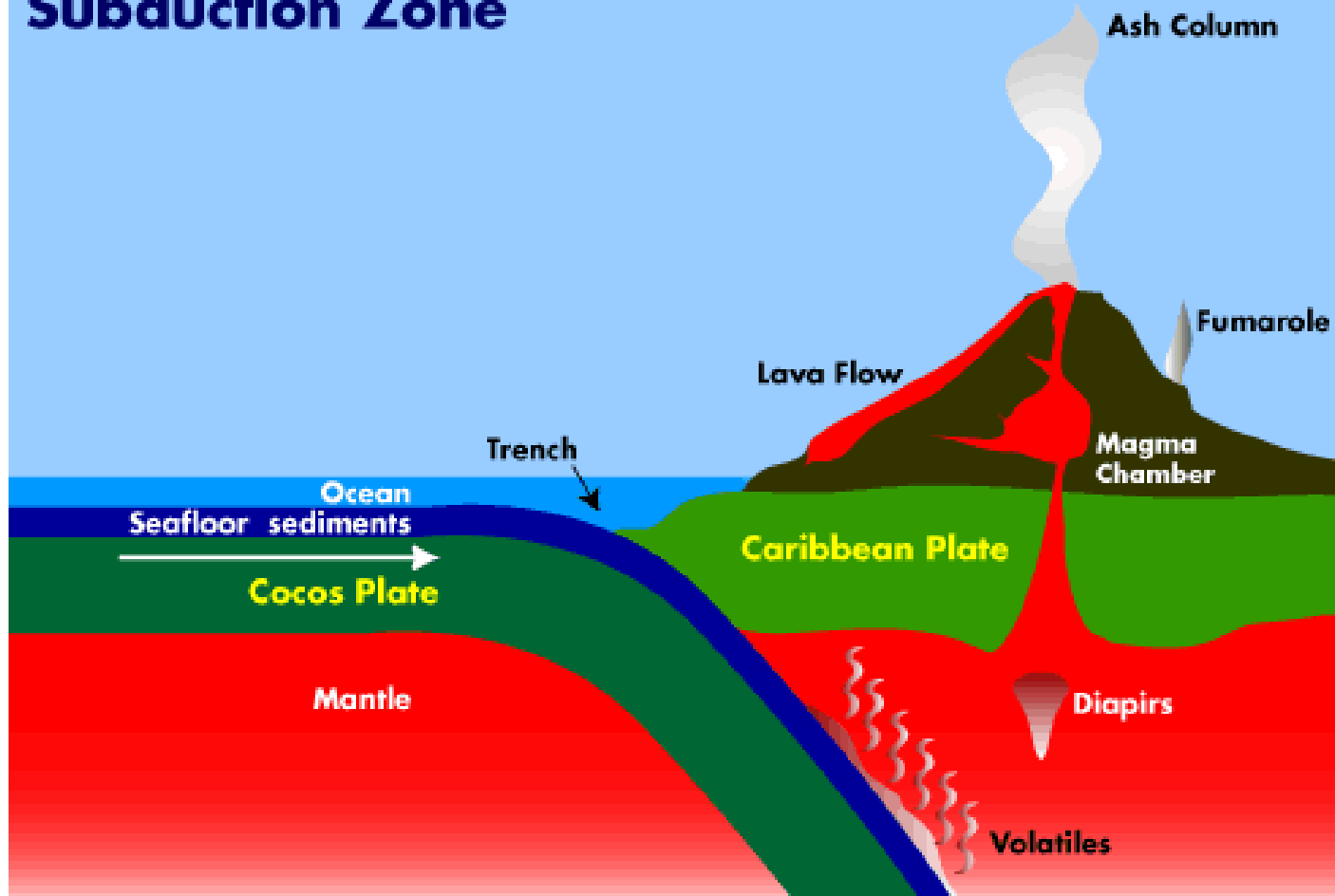


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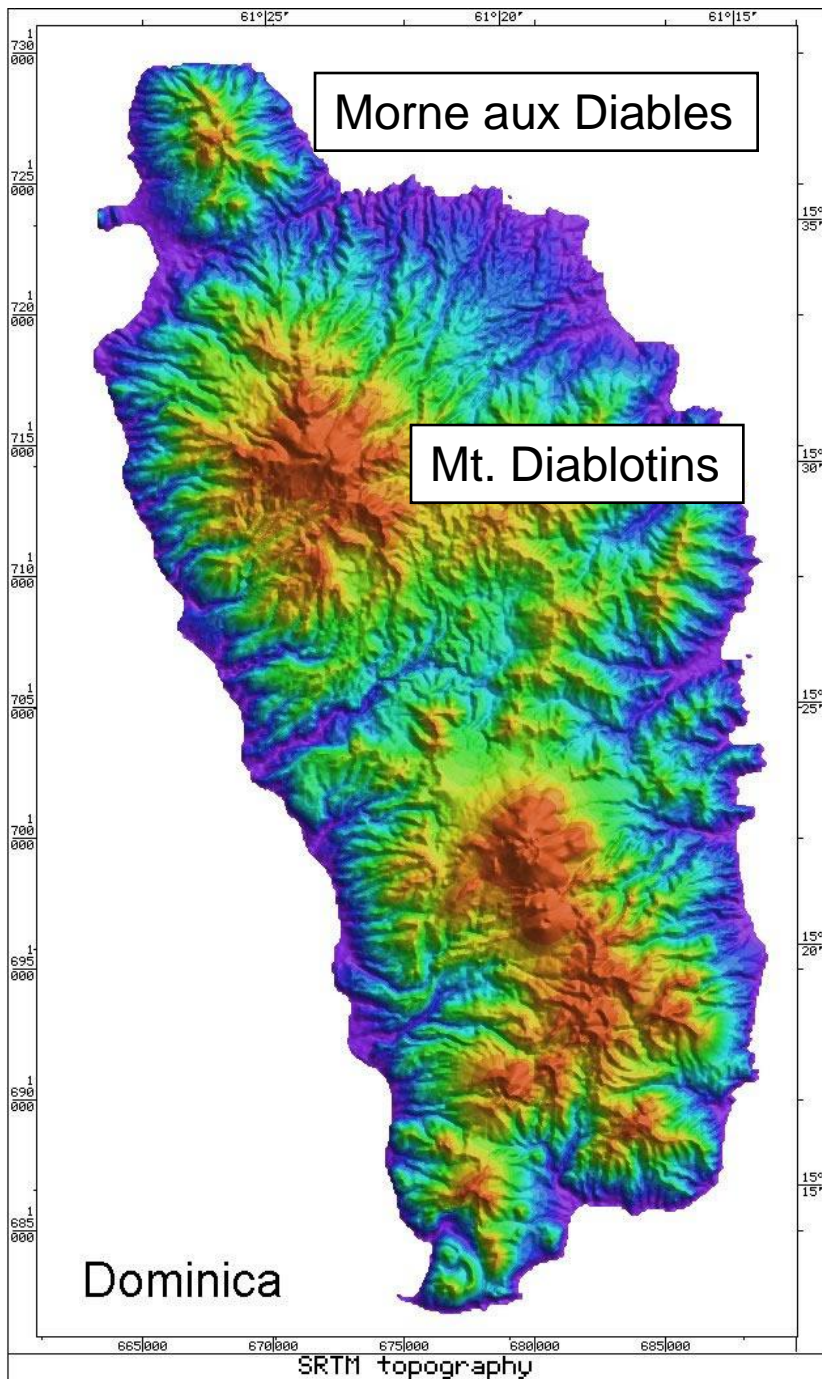


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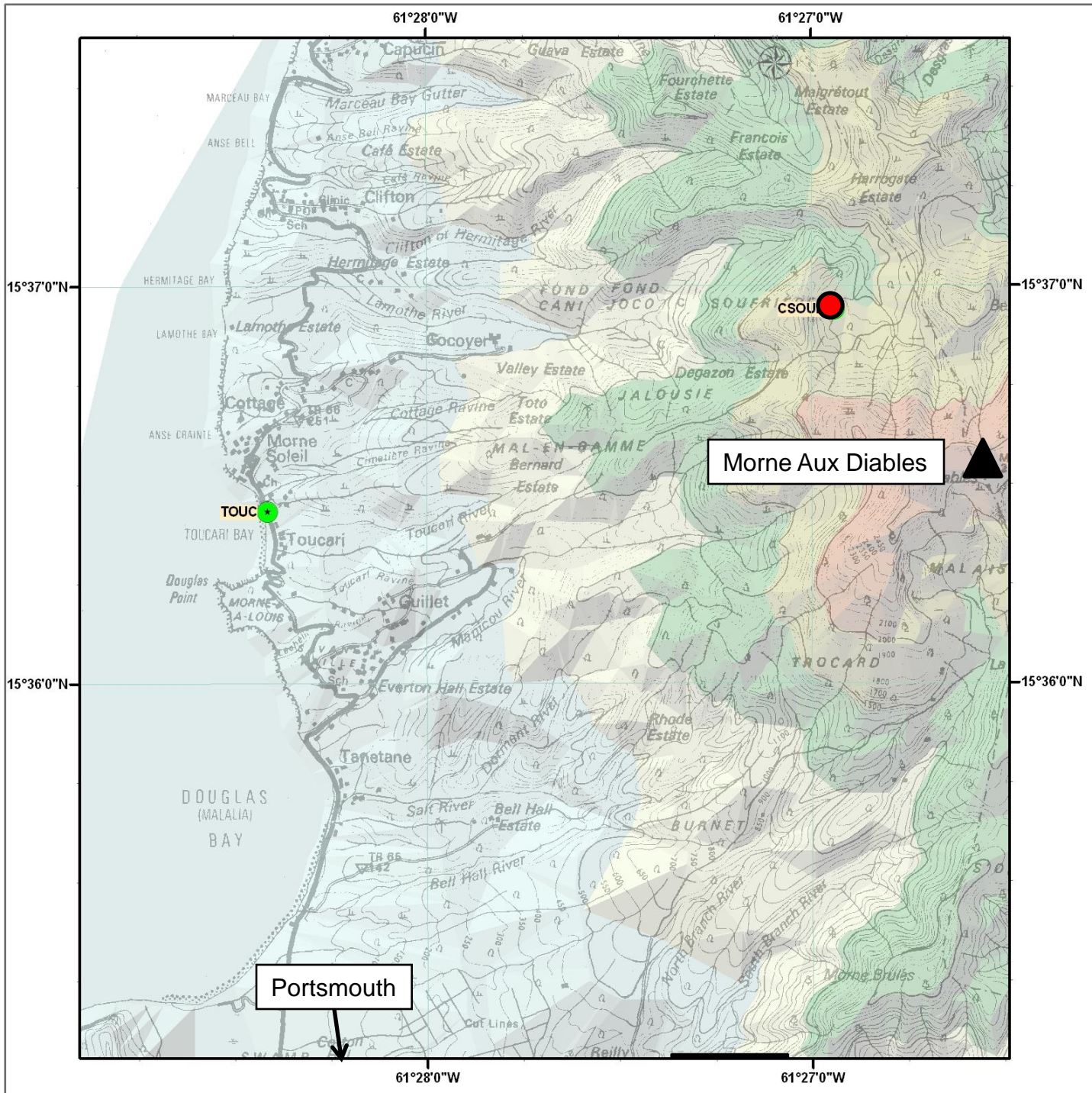


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- Hot Spring

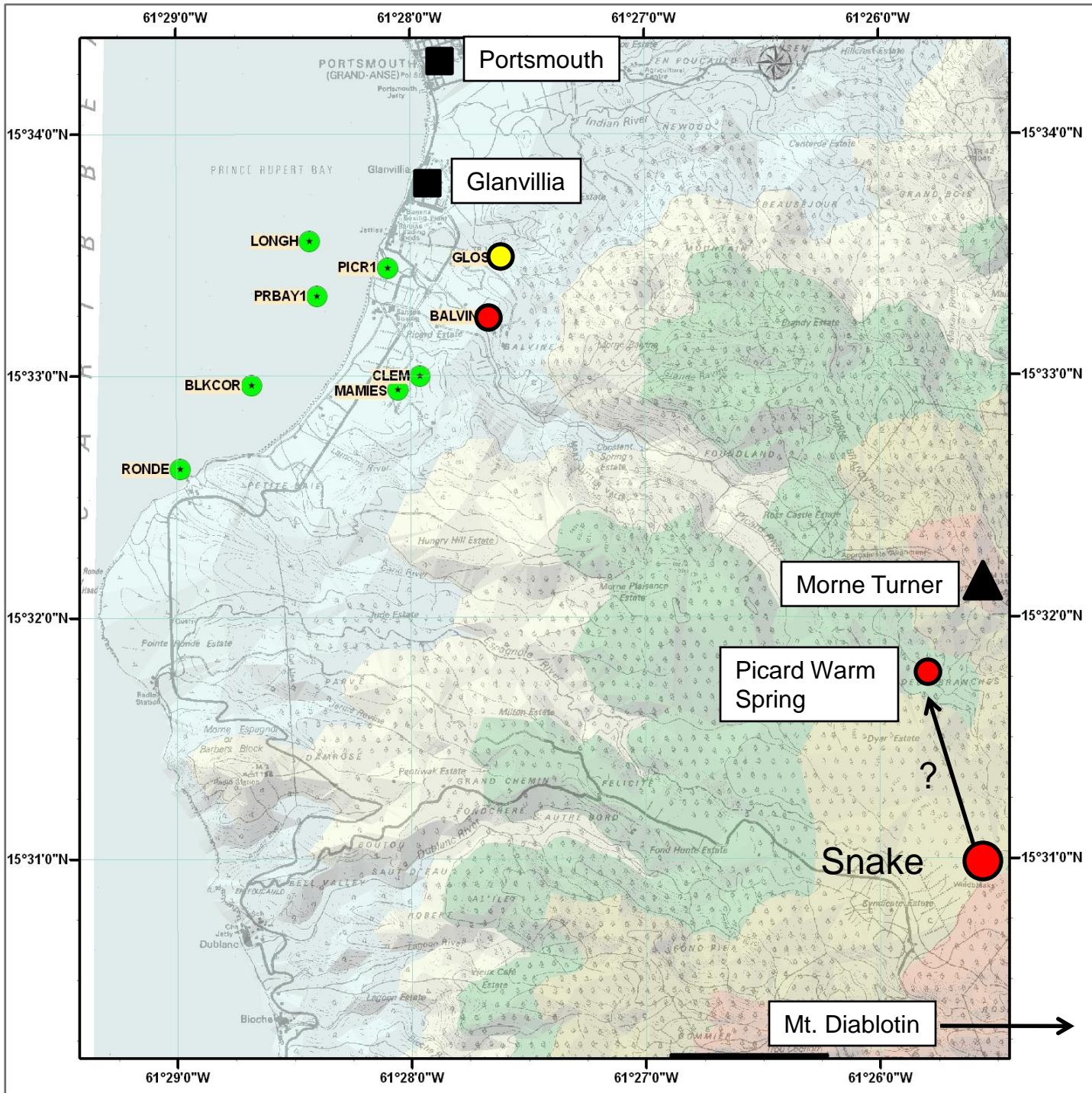


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- Solfatara/H-SO<sub>4</sub> Warm Spring
- HCO<sub>3</sub> Warm Spring
- Cl Hot Spring

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Cl-SO<sub>4</sub>-HCO<sub>3</sub> Plot

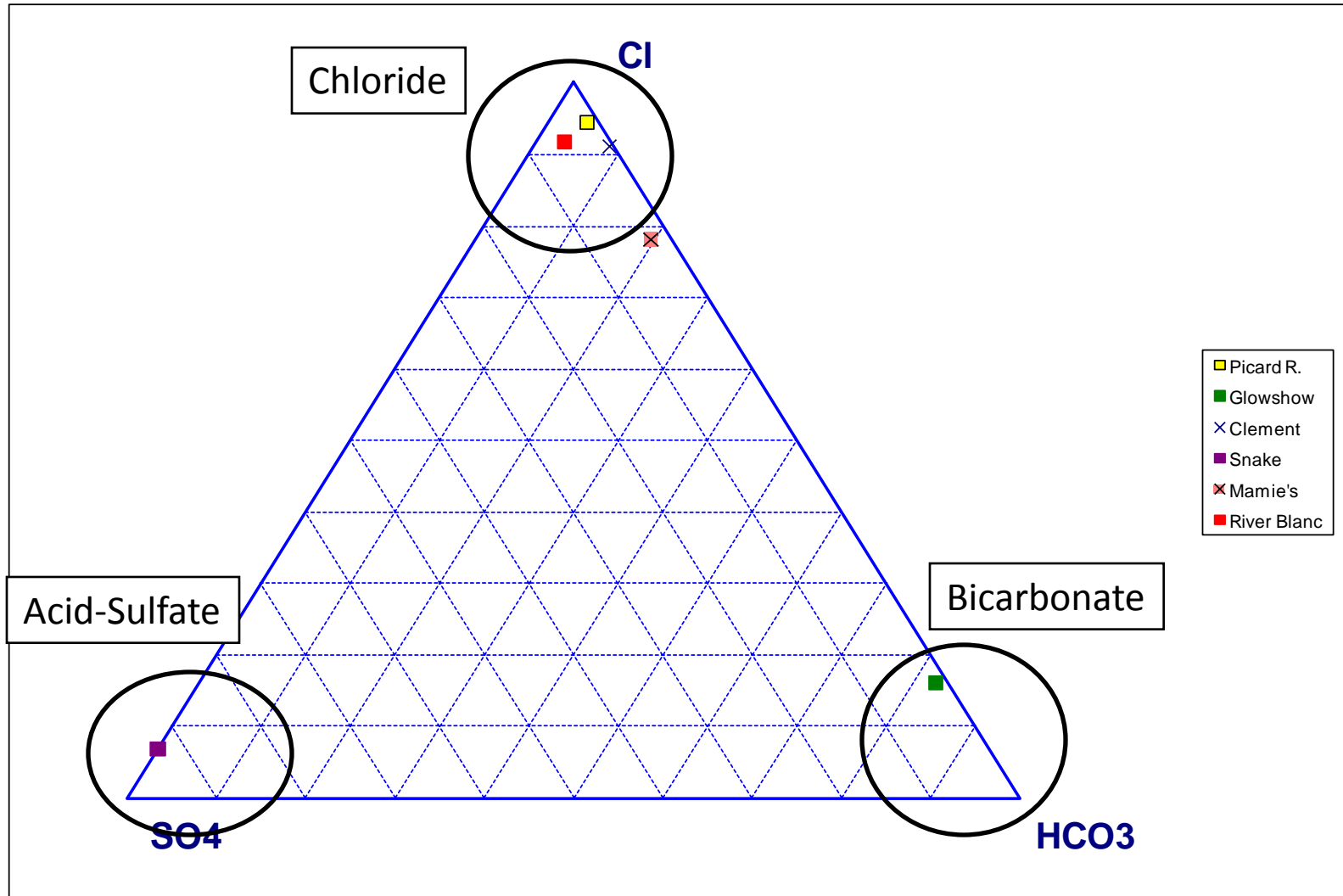


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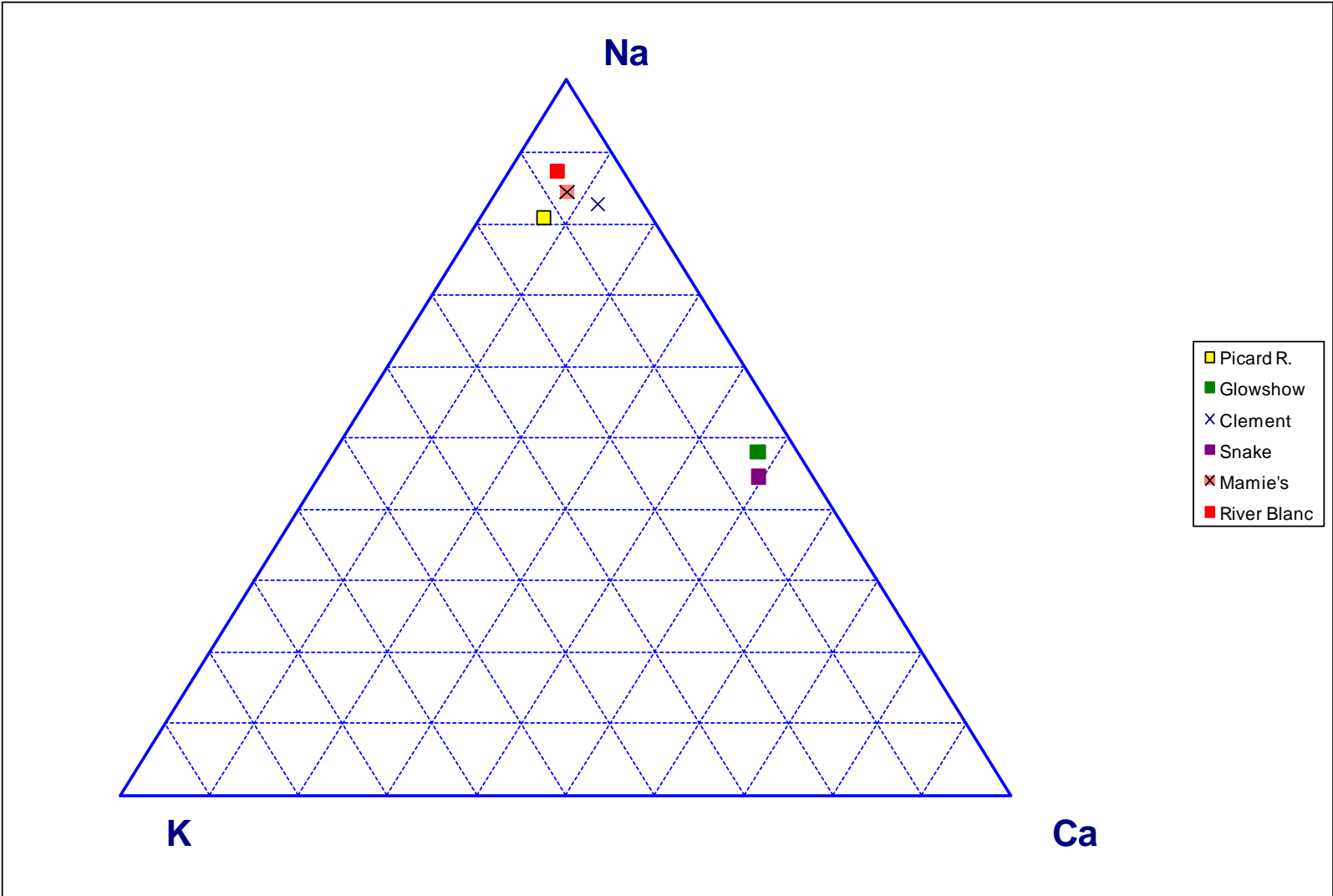


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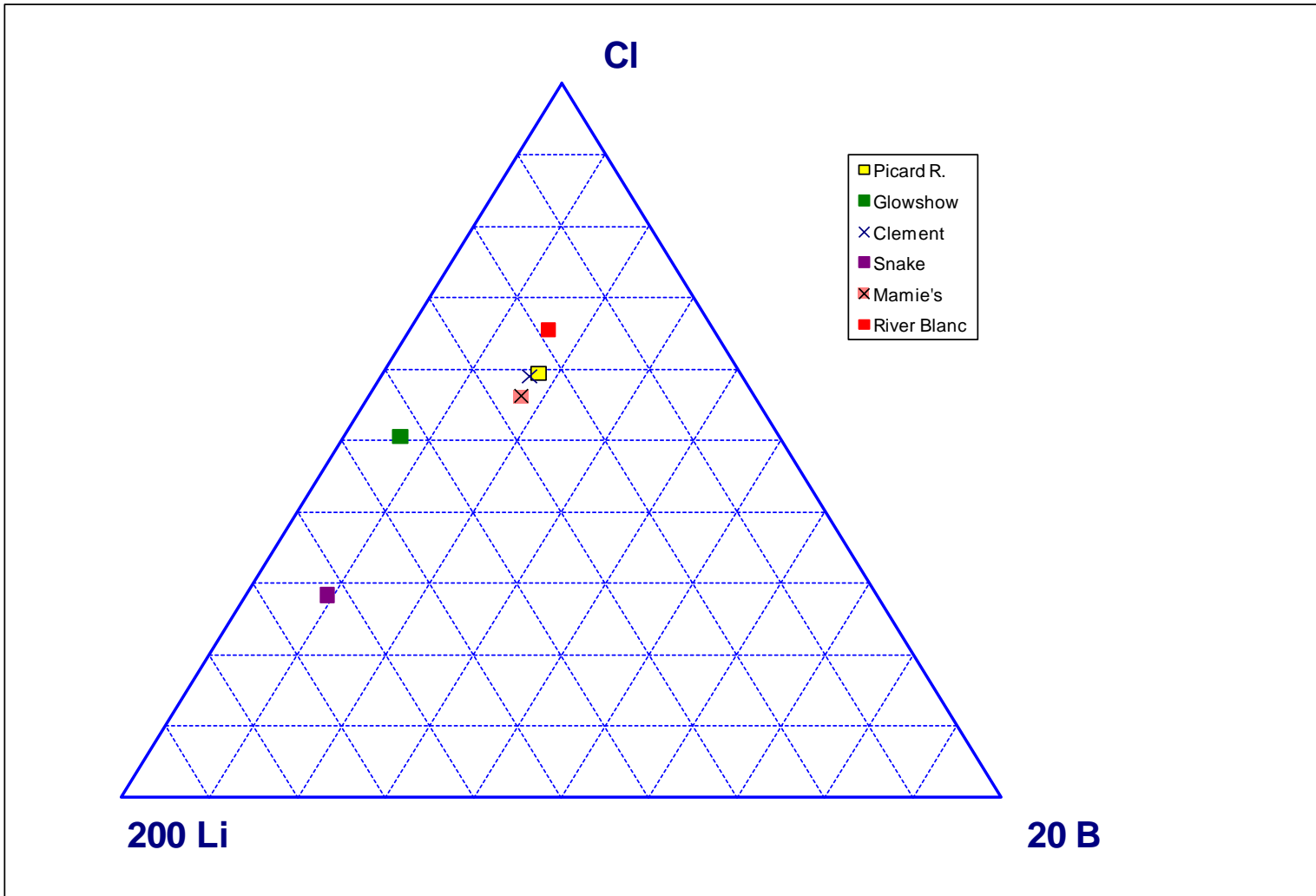
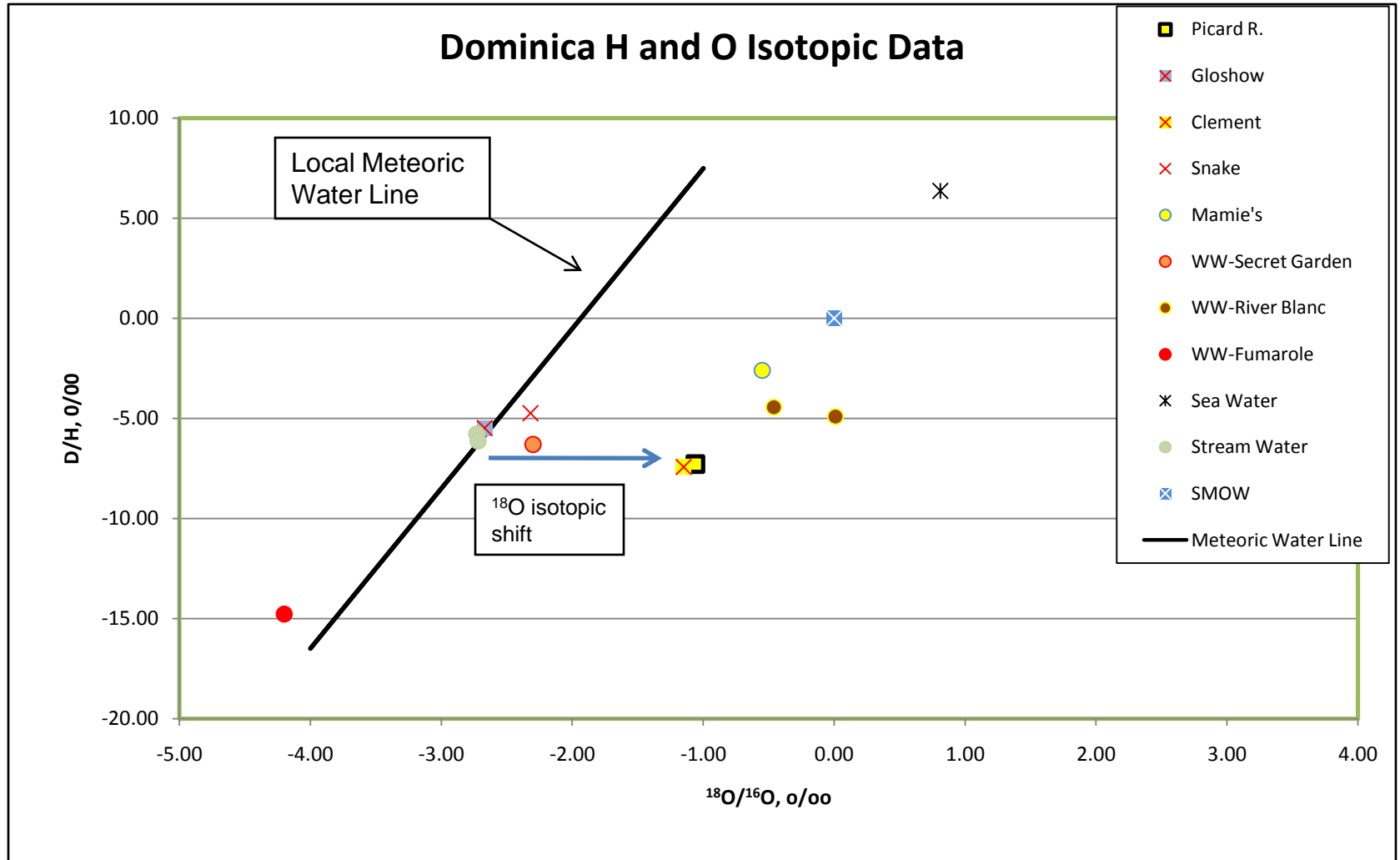


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2008 H and O Isotopic Data



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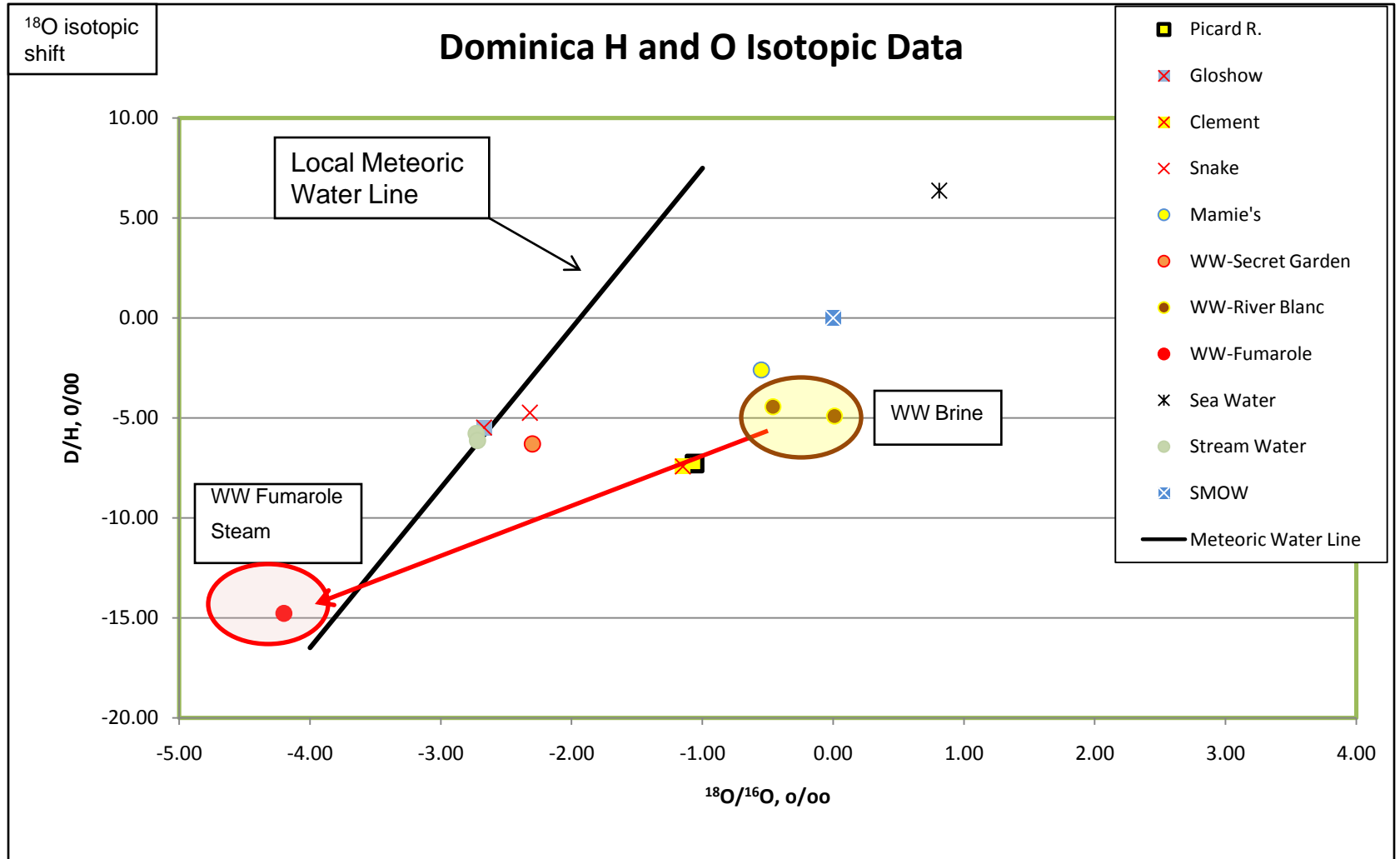


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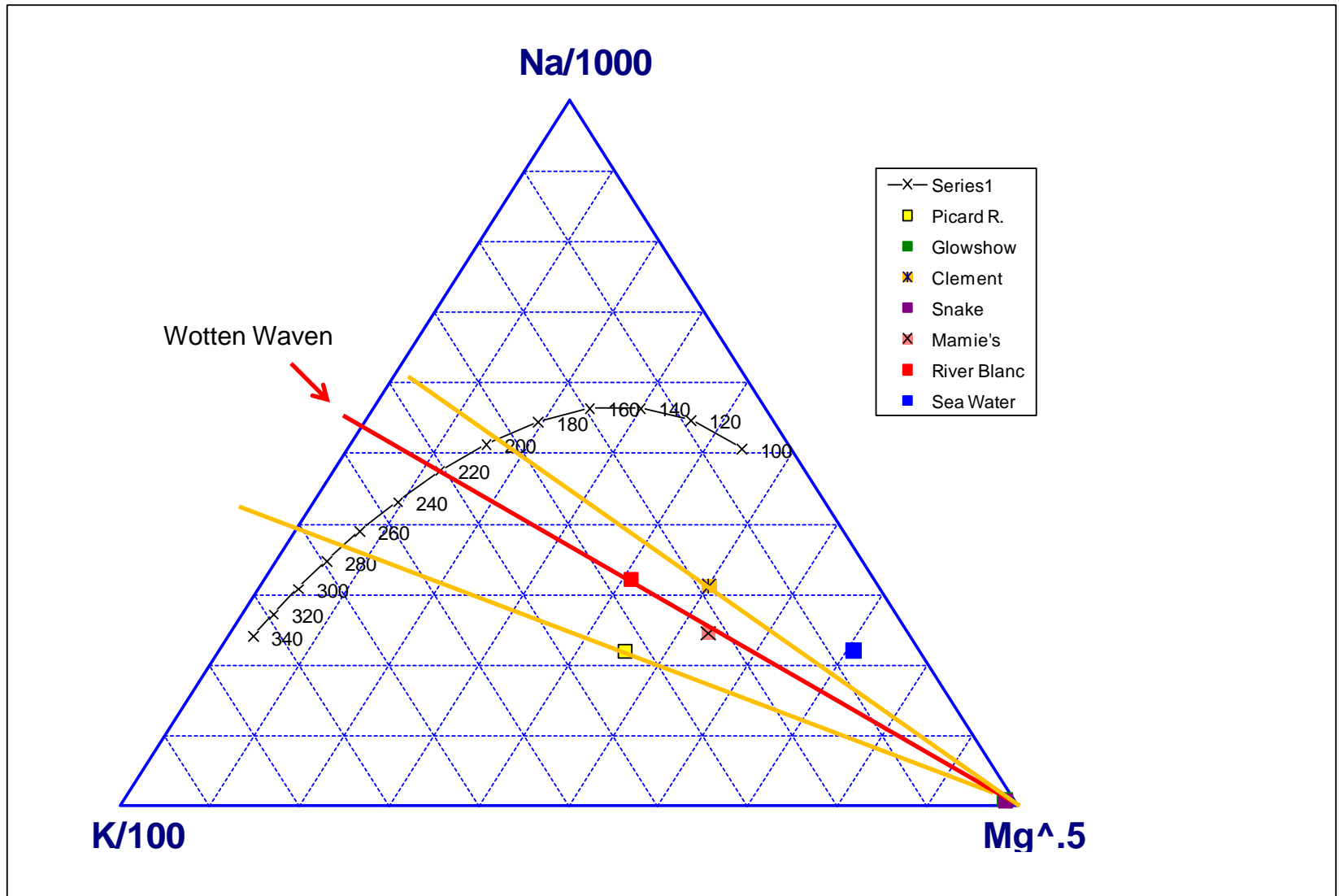




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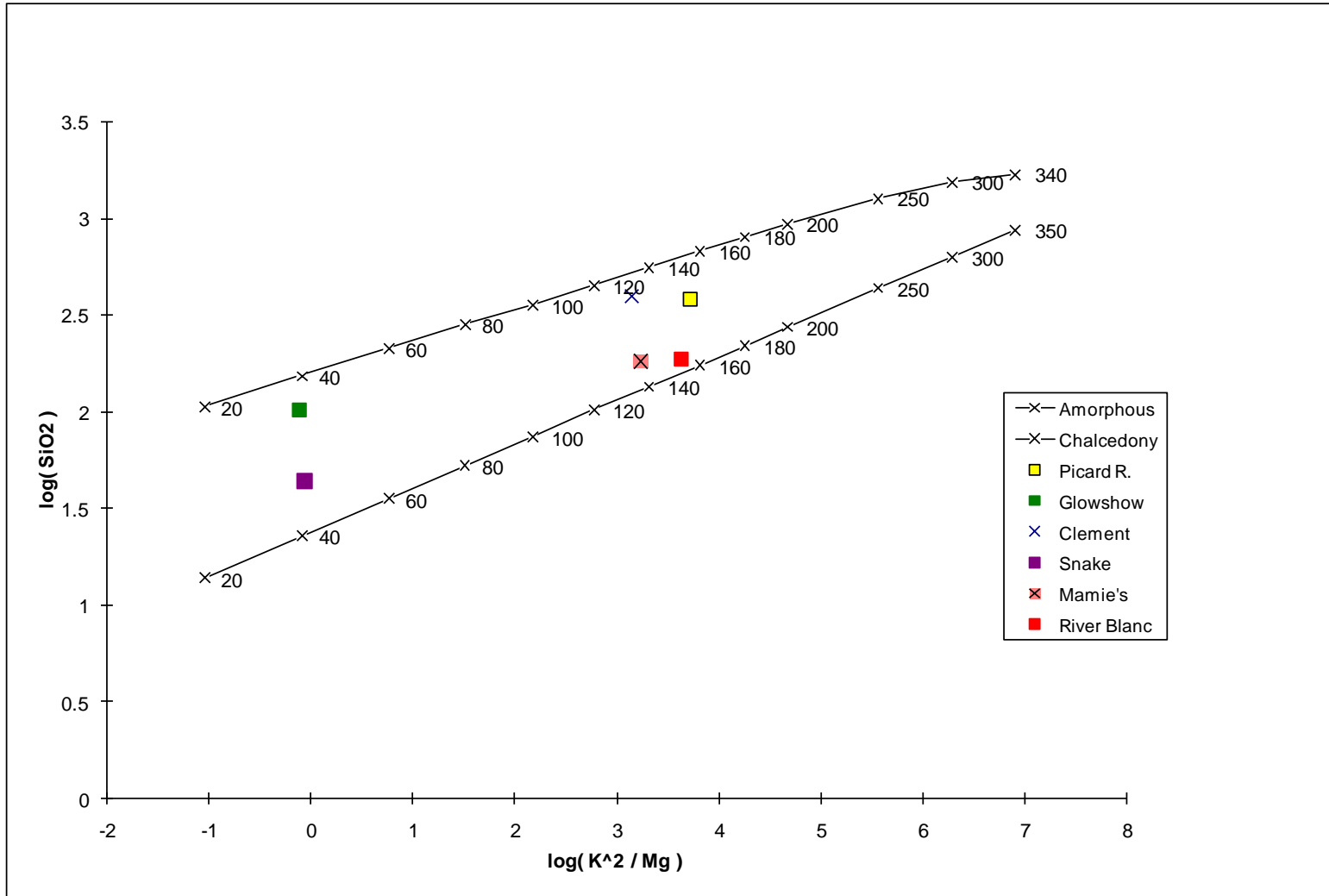


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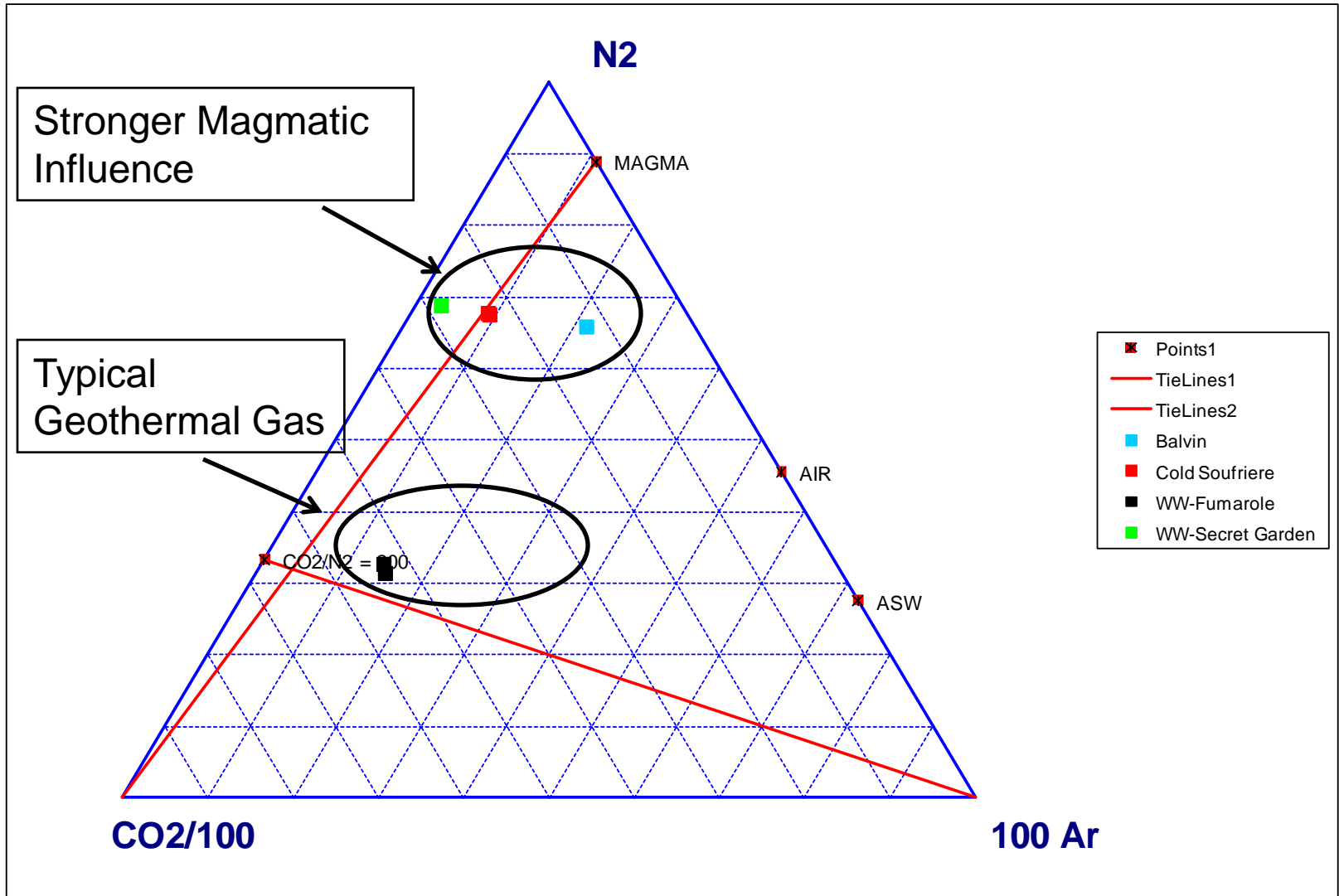


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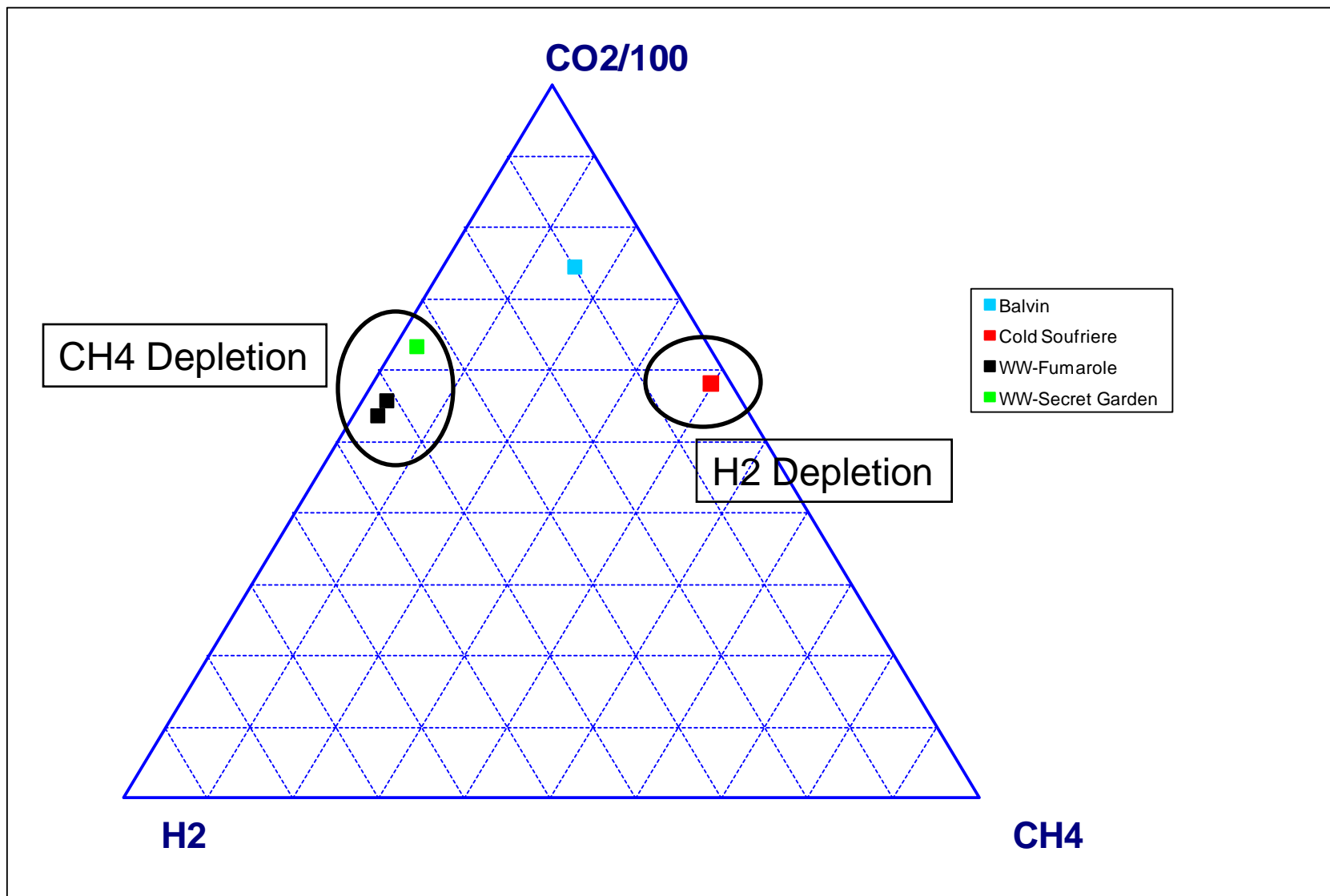


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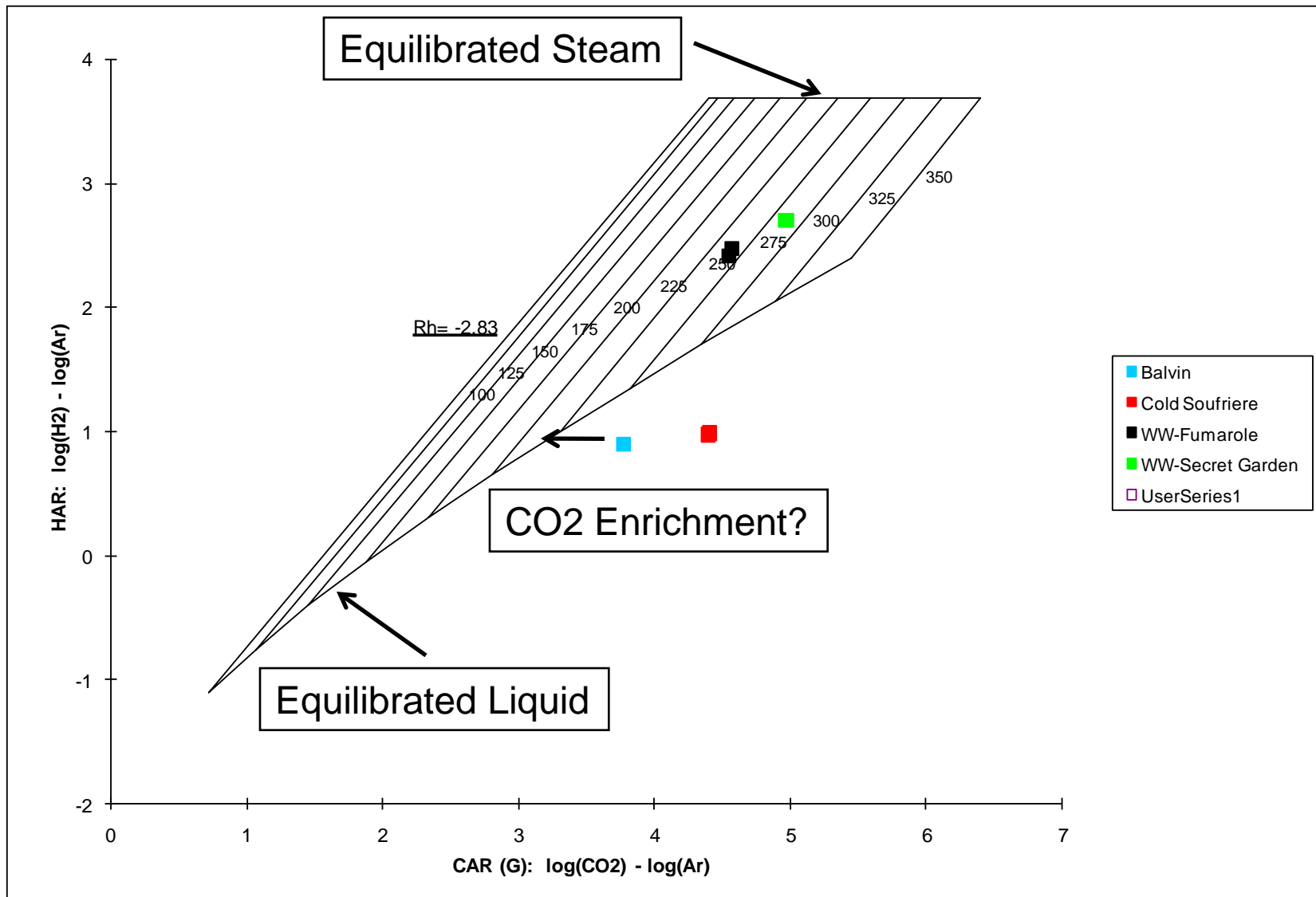


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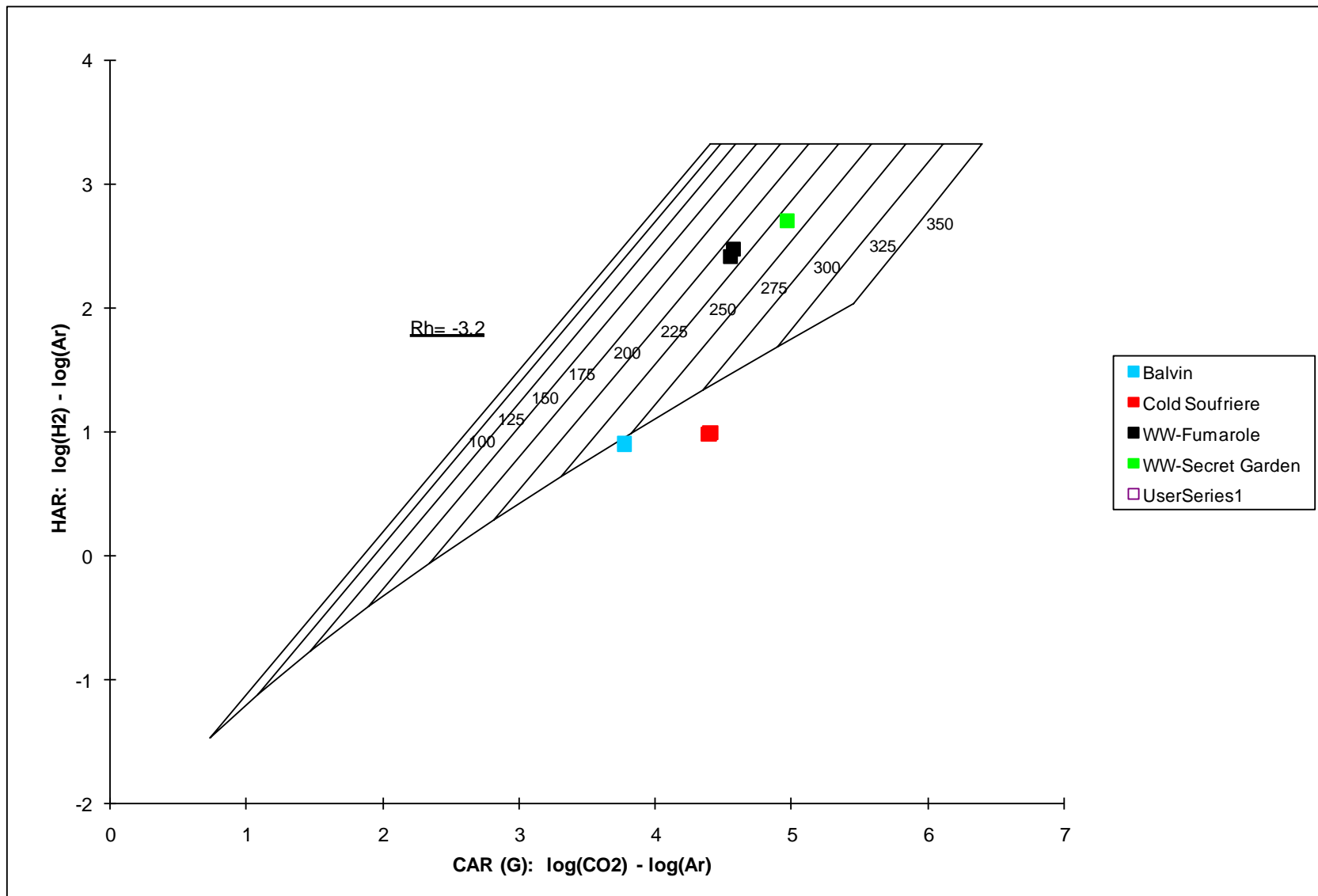


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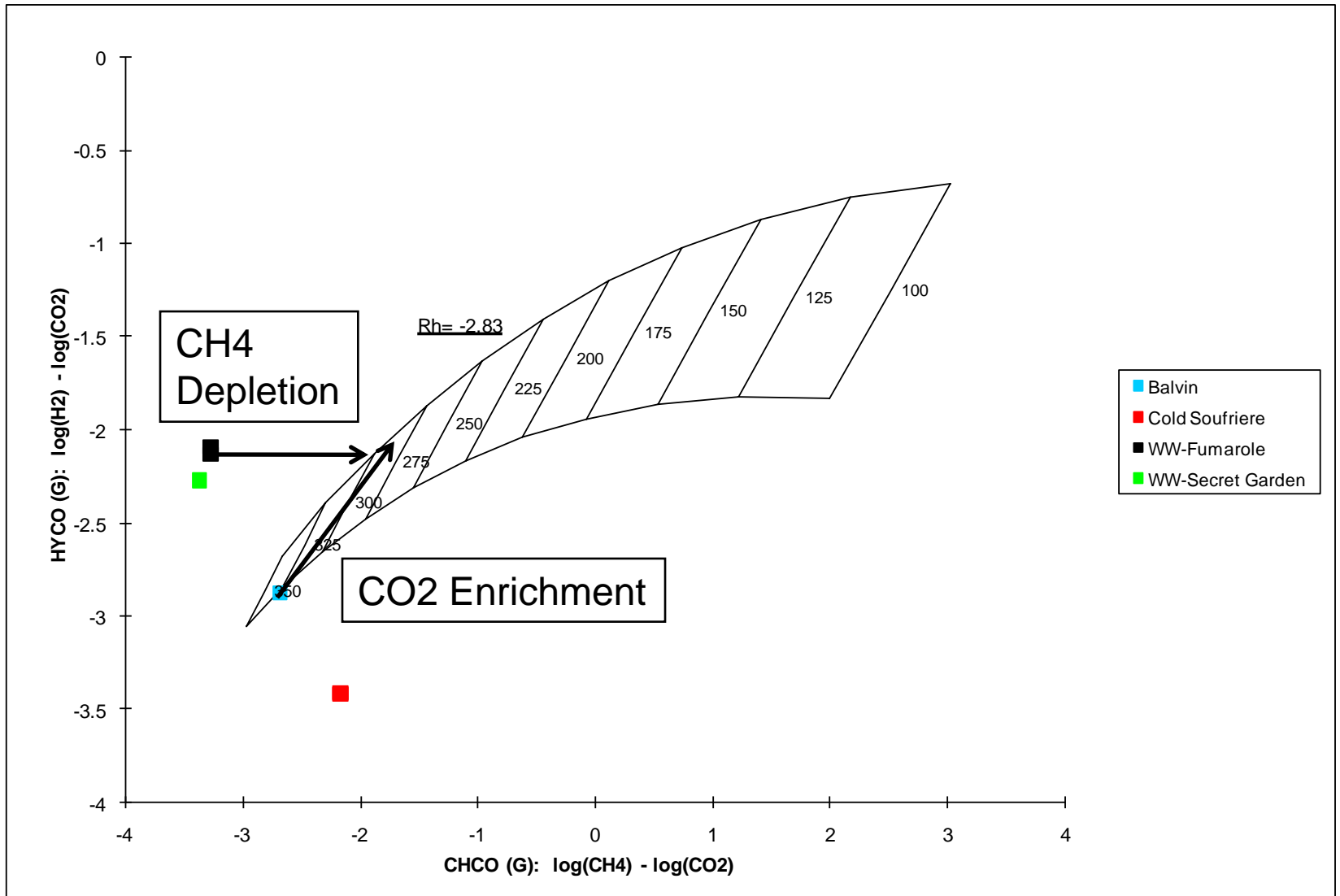


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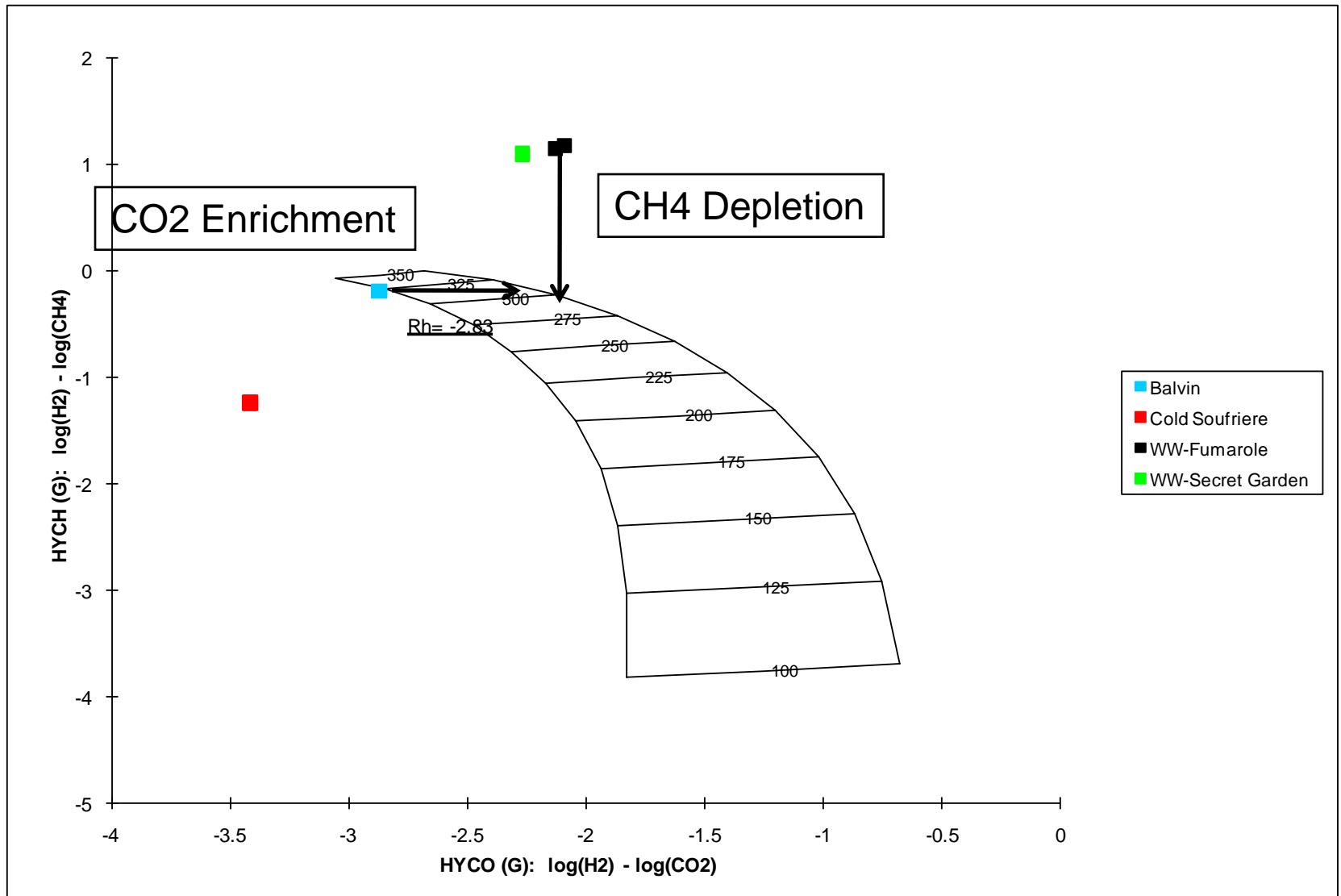
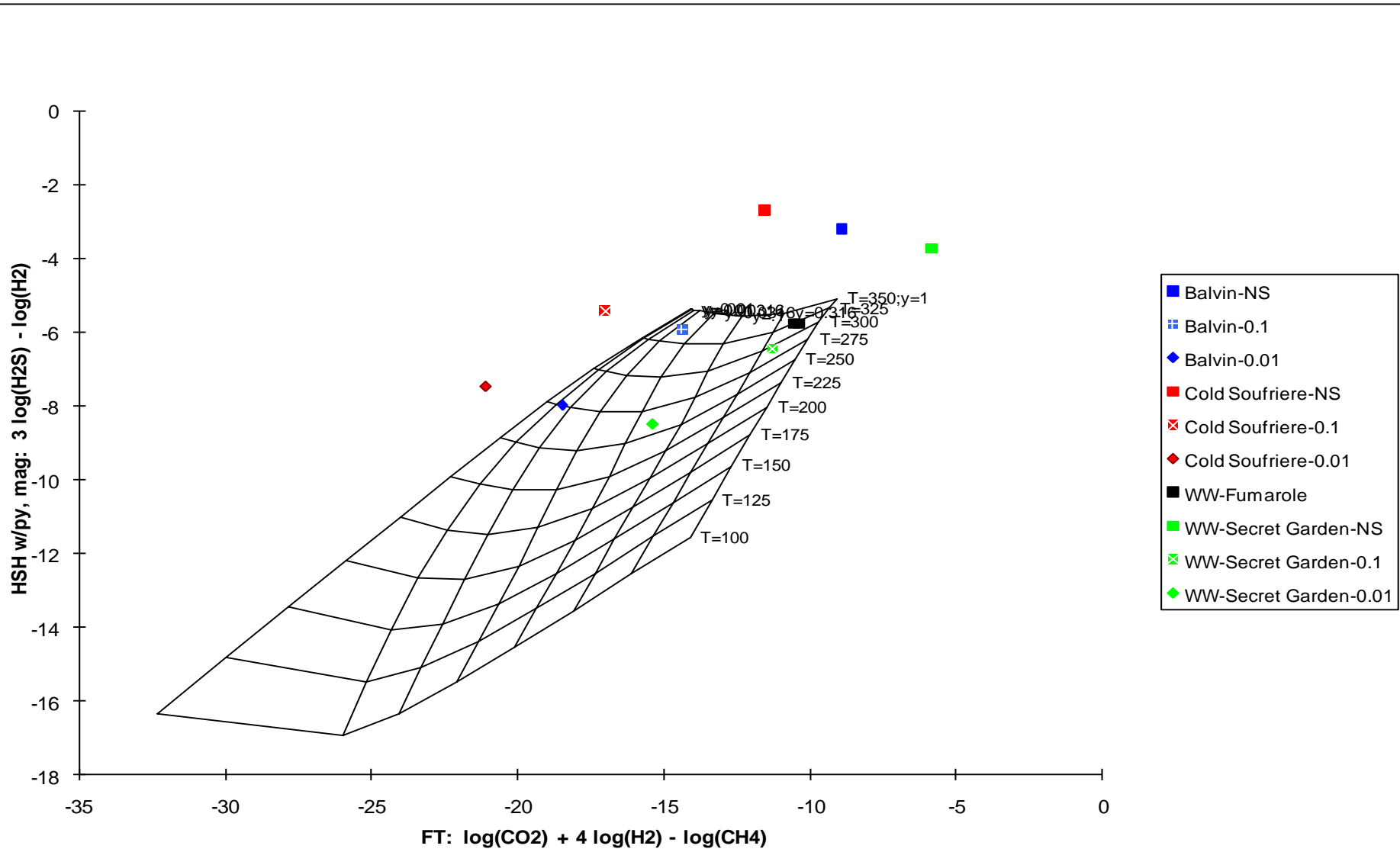


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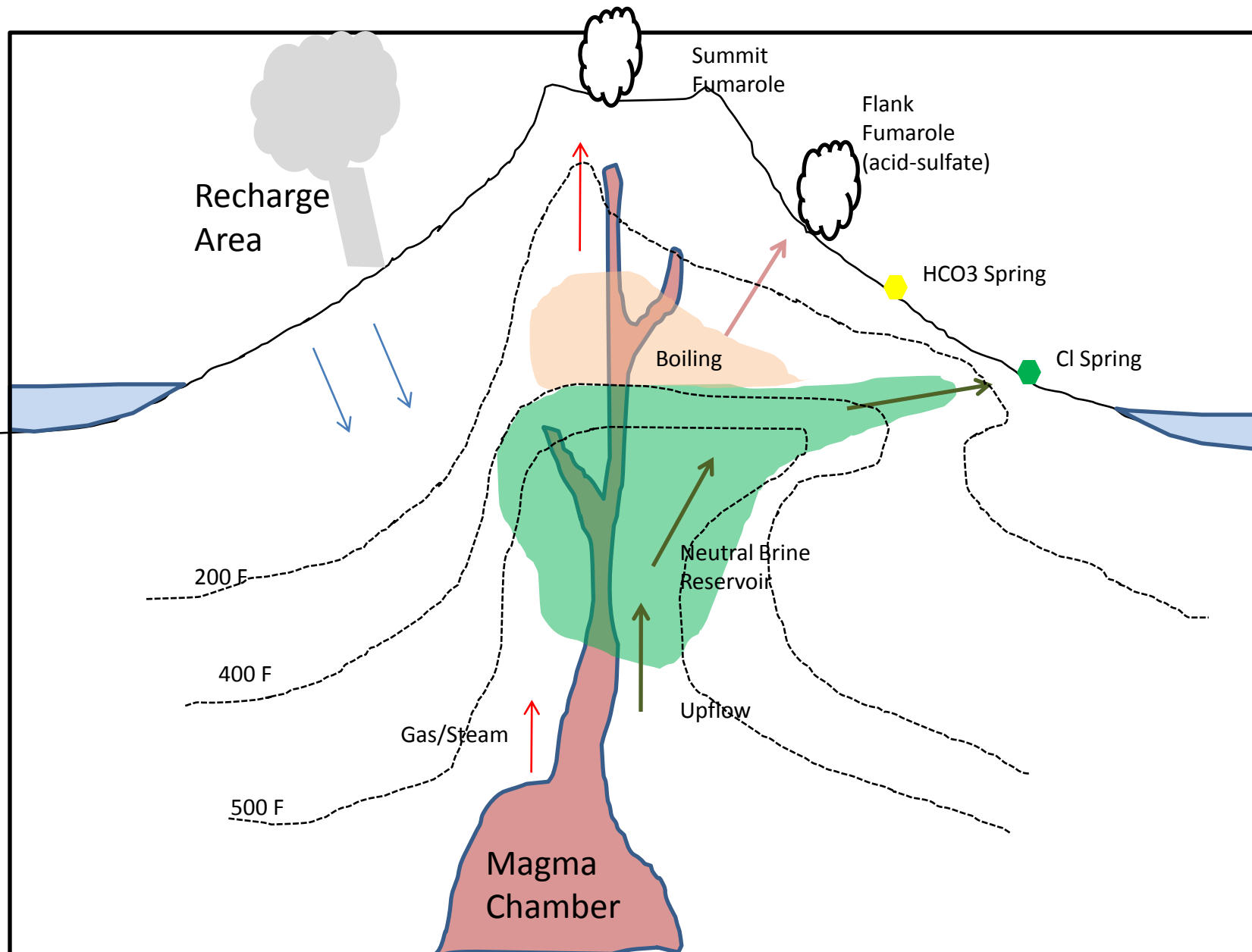


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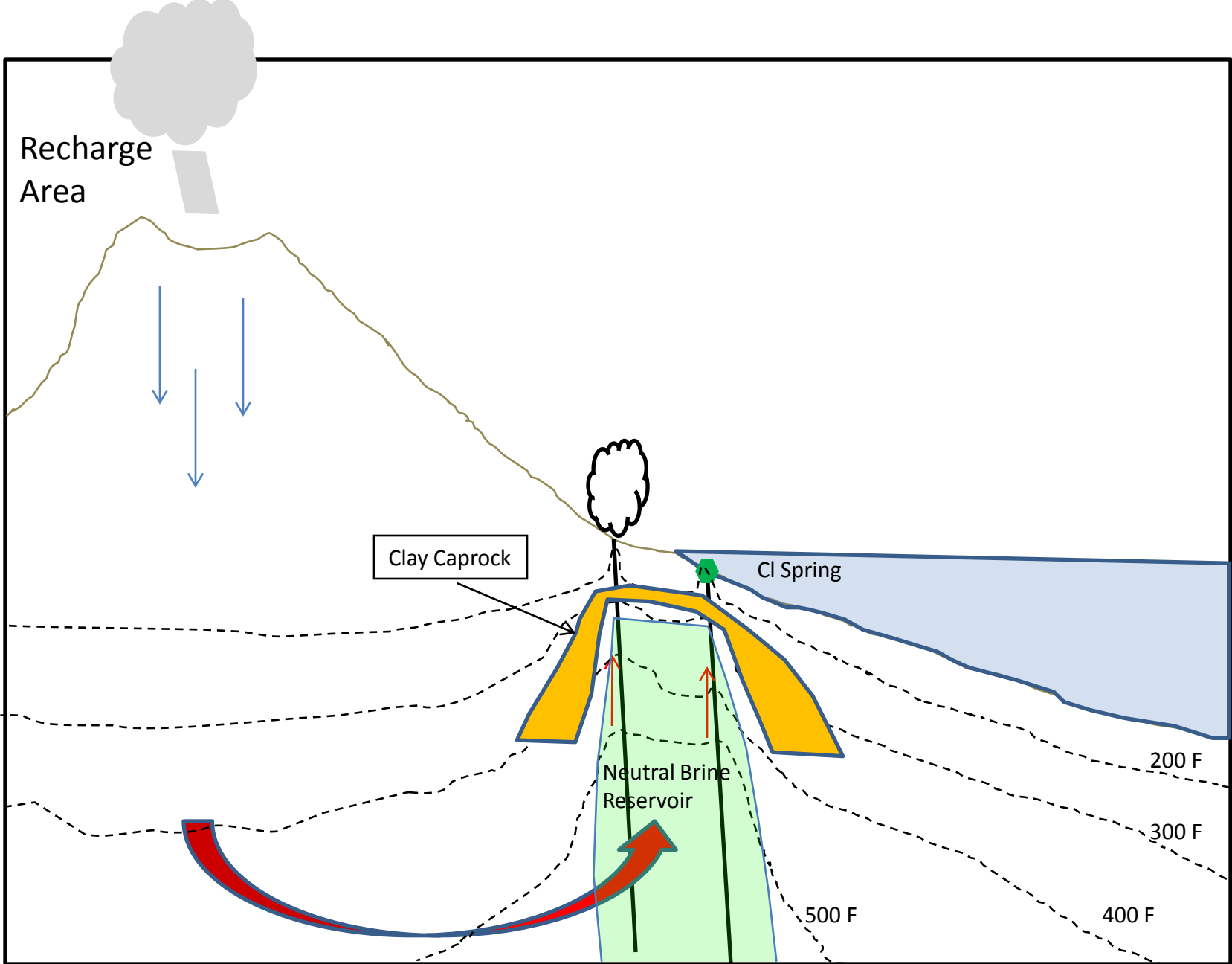


Figure 24 - Fault-based Geothermal Model

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Volcano/Outflow Models

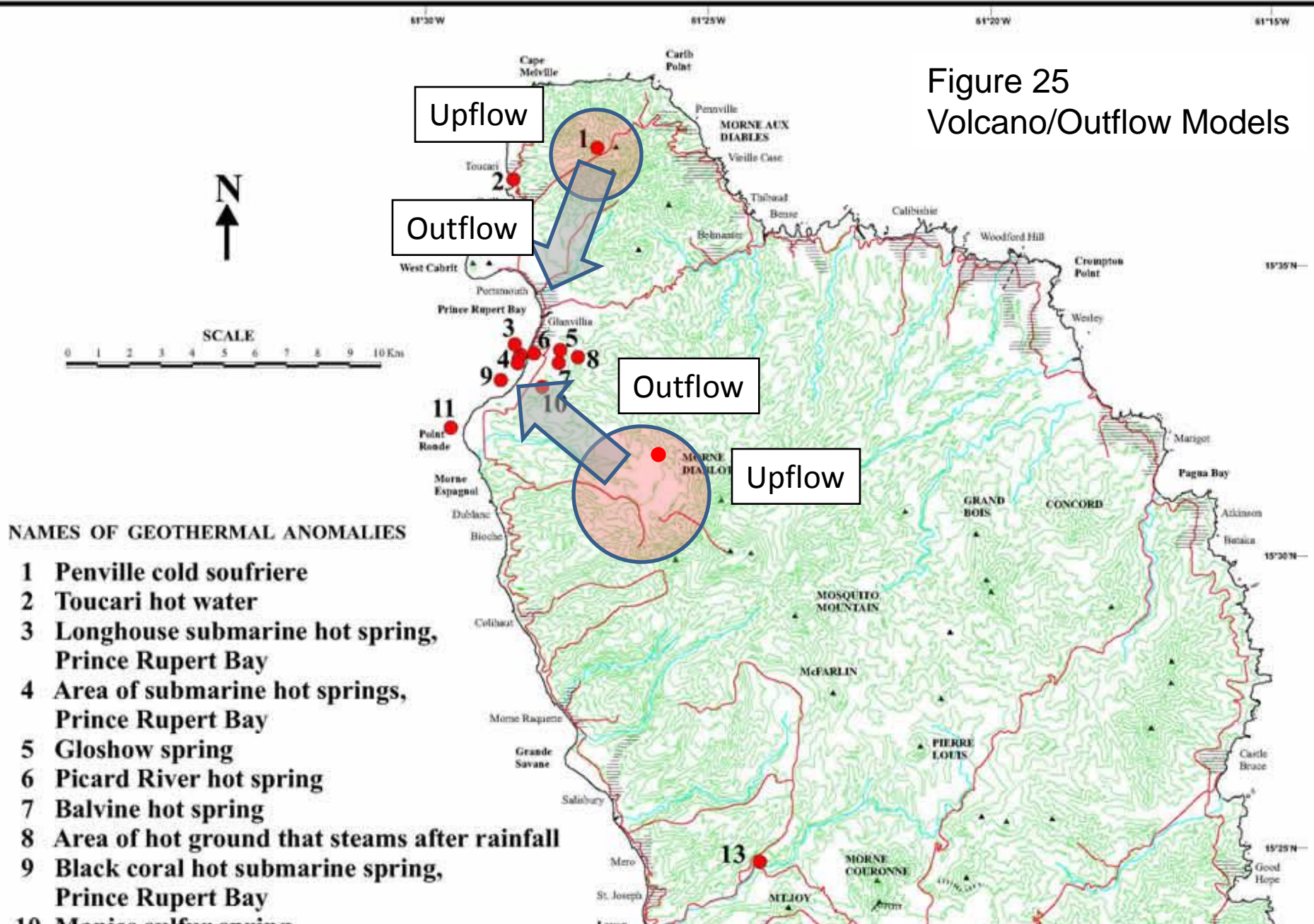
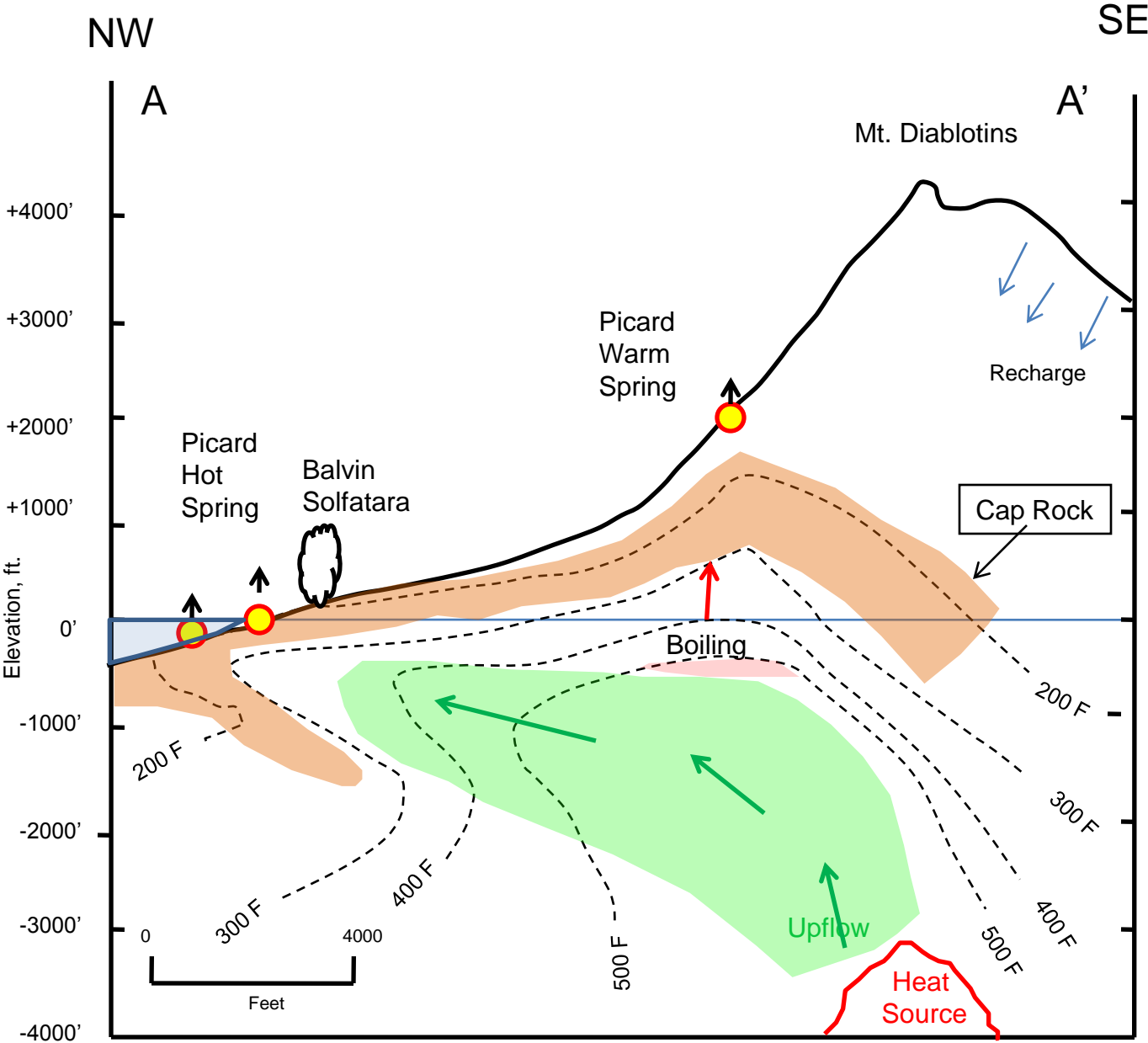


Figure 26  
Volcano/Outflow  
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2:1 Vertical Exaggeration

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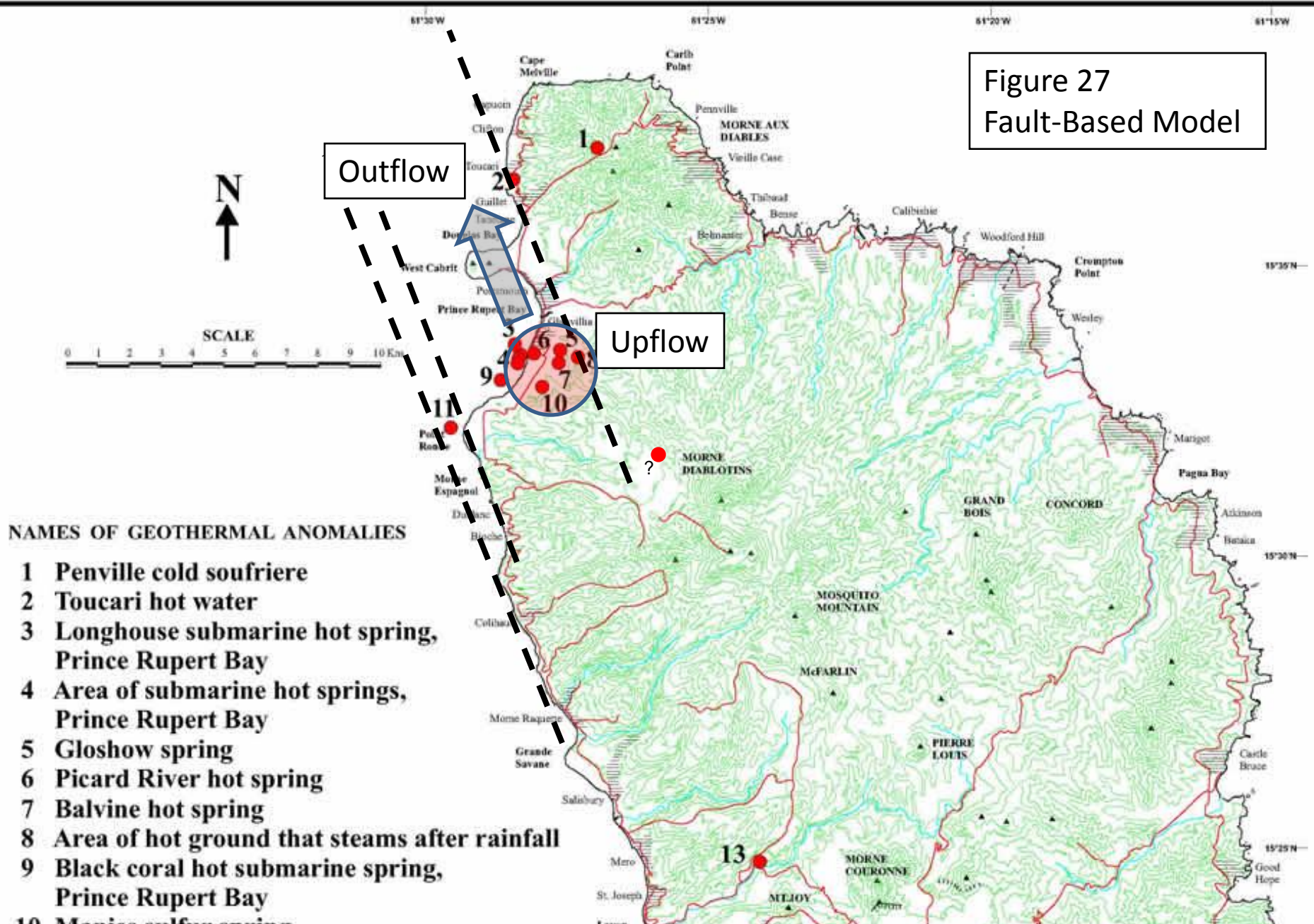
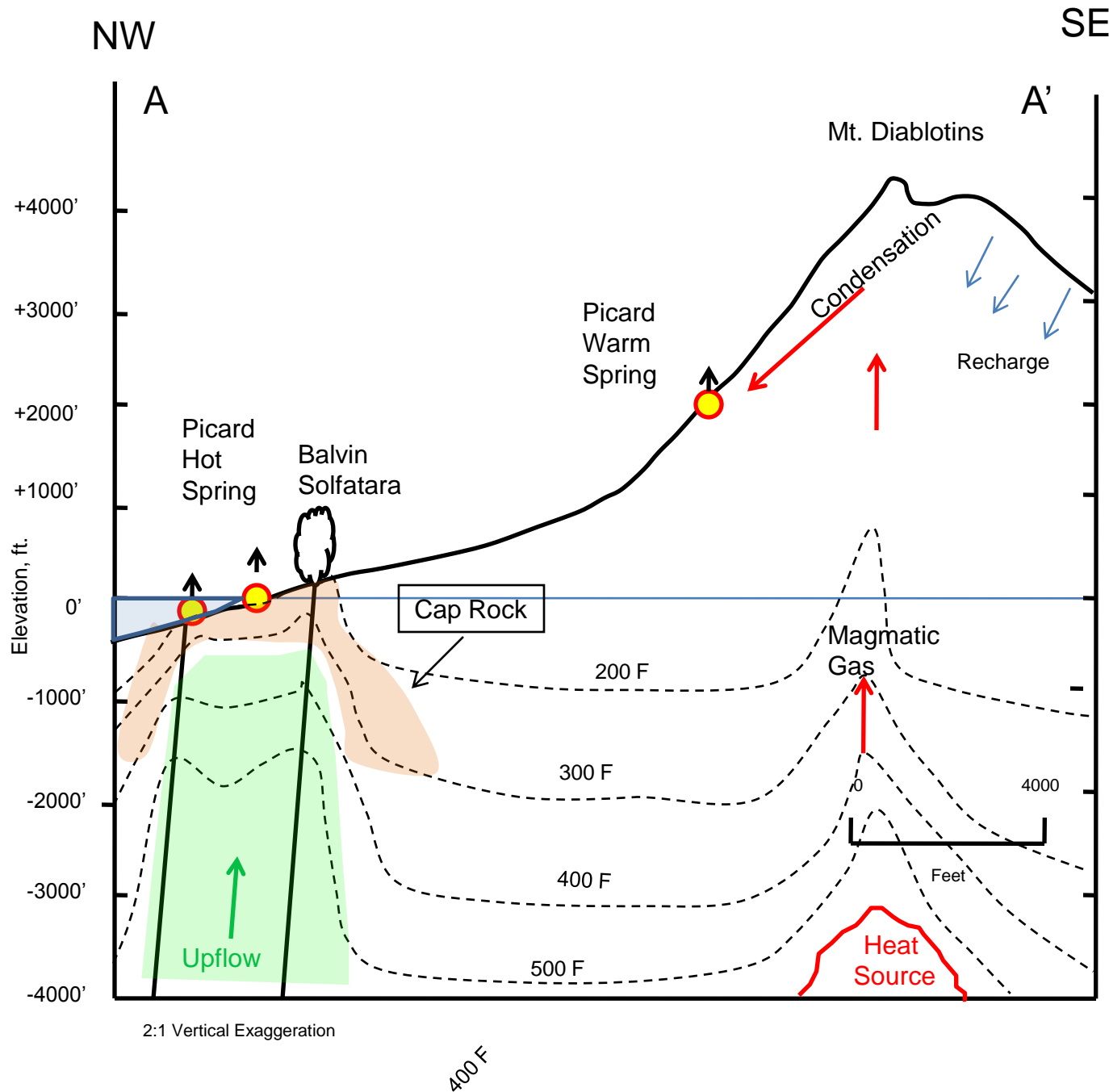
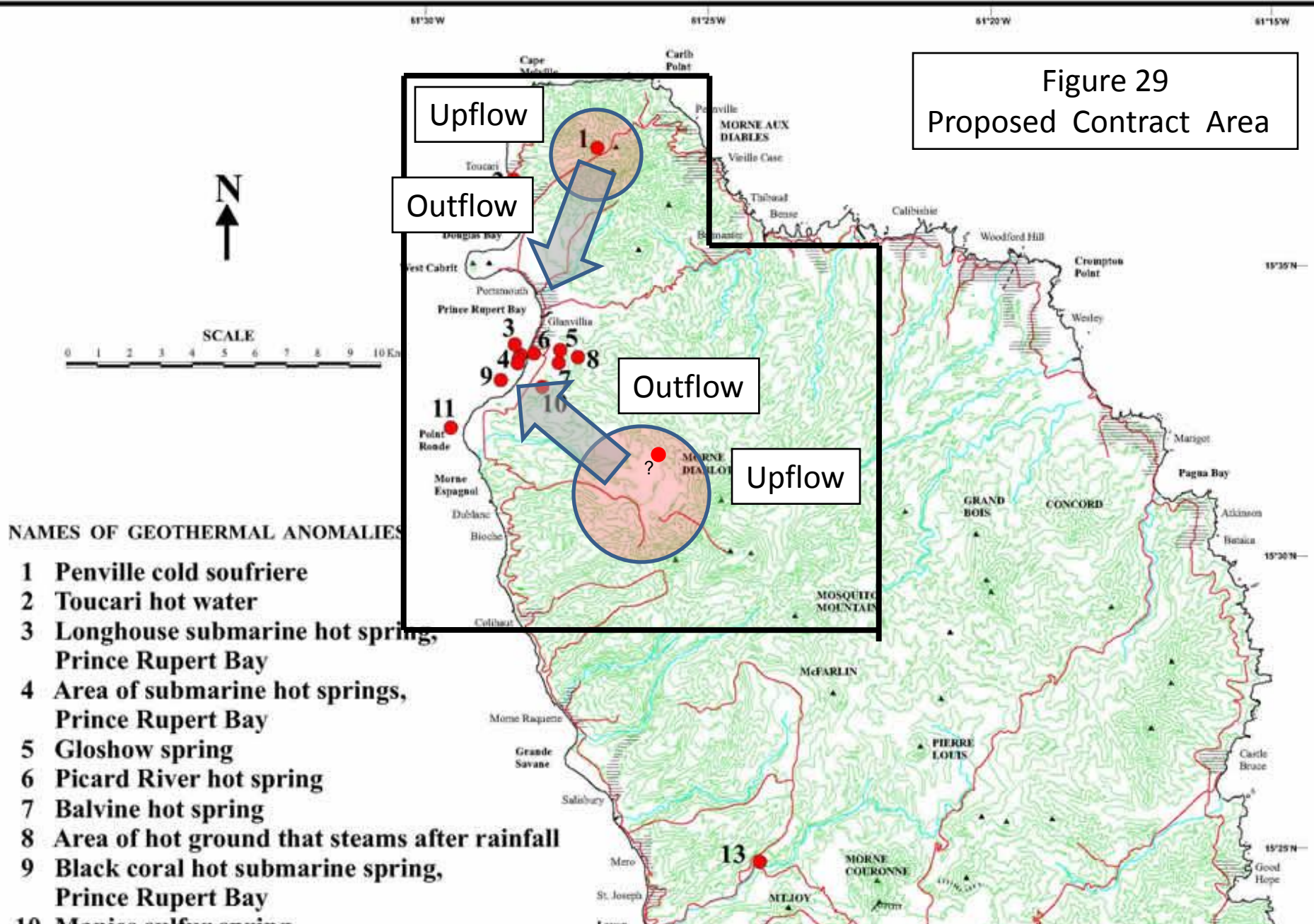


Figure 28  
Fault-Based  
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Figure 29  
Proposed Contract Area







# Figure 31. Schedule for 50 MW Conventional Development

















Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4				Year 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
<b>Acquire Contract Area</b> 																					
<b>Geol &amp; Geochem</b>																					
<b>Geophysics</b>																					
Negotiate Contract																					
Fieldwork/Results																					
Integration/Well Targets																					
<b>Drill 3-5 Exploration Wells</b>																					
Acquire Land																					
Build Roads & Locations																					
Negotiate Contract																					
Mobilize Rig																					
Drill Wells																					
Test and Evaluate																					
Feasibility Study																					
<b>Field Development</b>																					
Roads and Locations																					
Drill 12 Wells																					
Build Power Plant																					
Commission and Start-up																					
																					

Figure 32 - Basic Conceptual Model

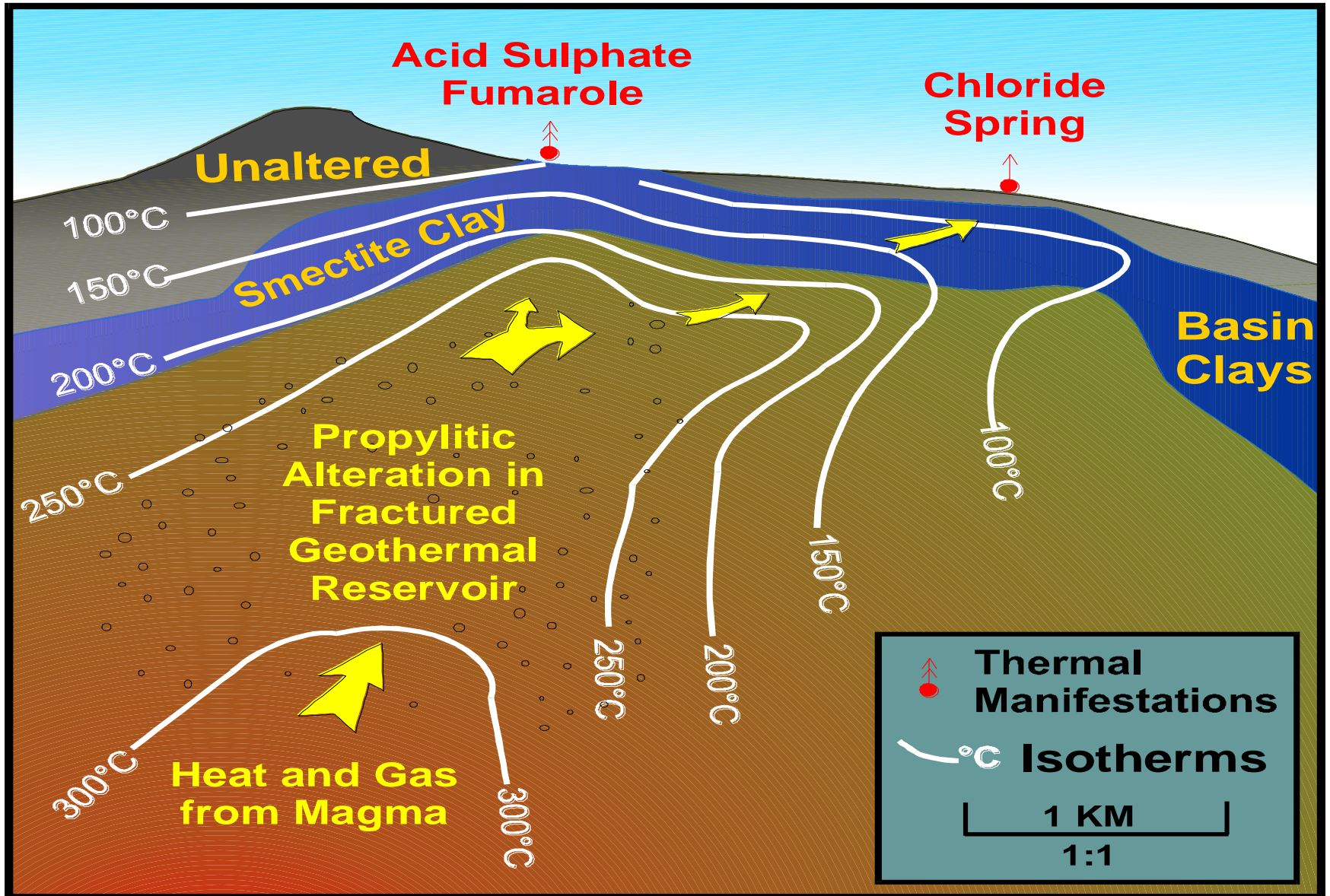


Figure 33 - Resistivity Interpretation for Basic Model

Clay cap resistivity often  $< 10$  ohm-m

Propylitic zone resistivity typically  $> 20$  ohm-m

Low resistivity zone is shallowest over system and deeper and thicker on the margins

Beware of non-geothermal resistivity lows

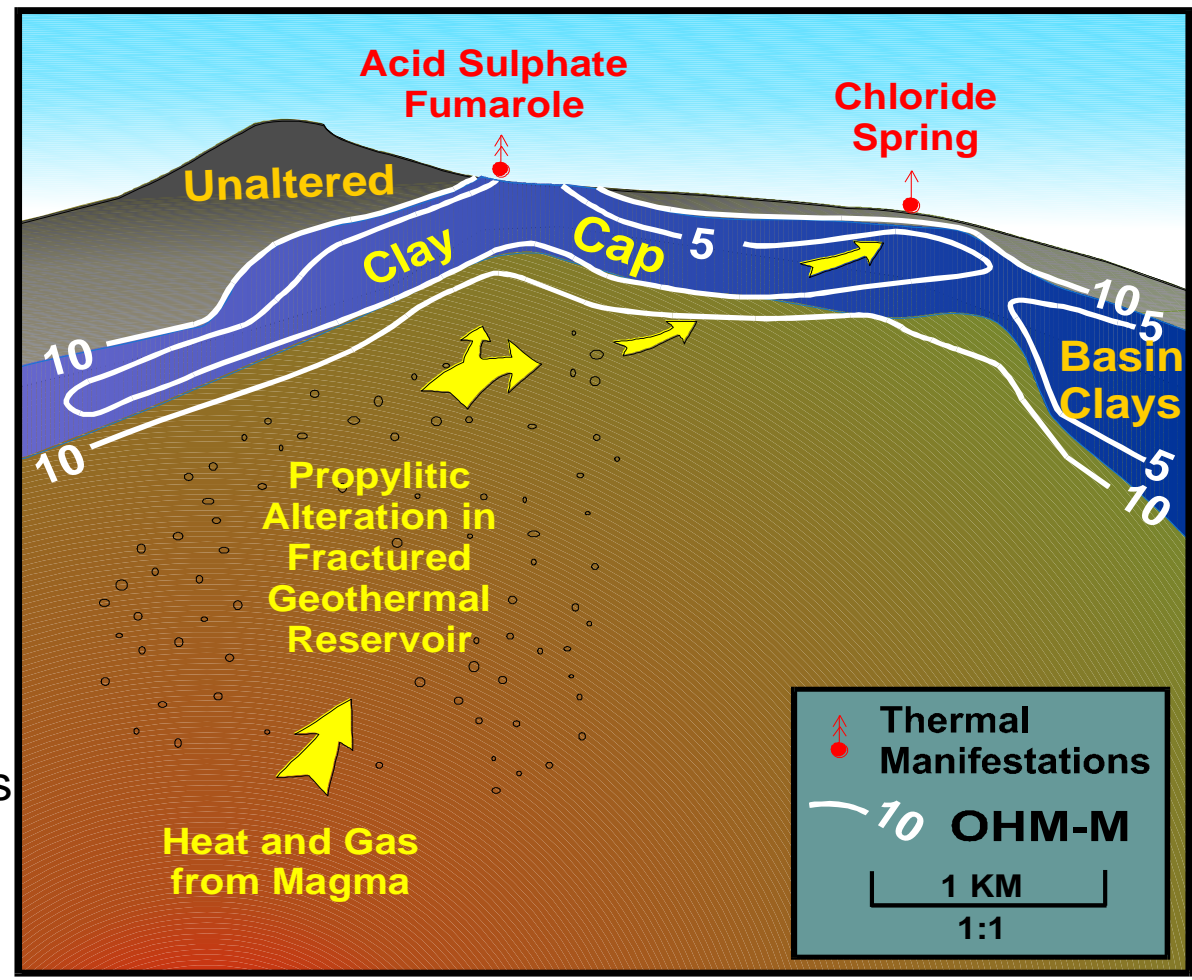
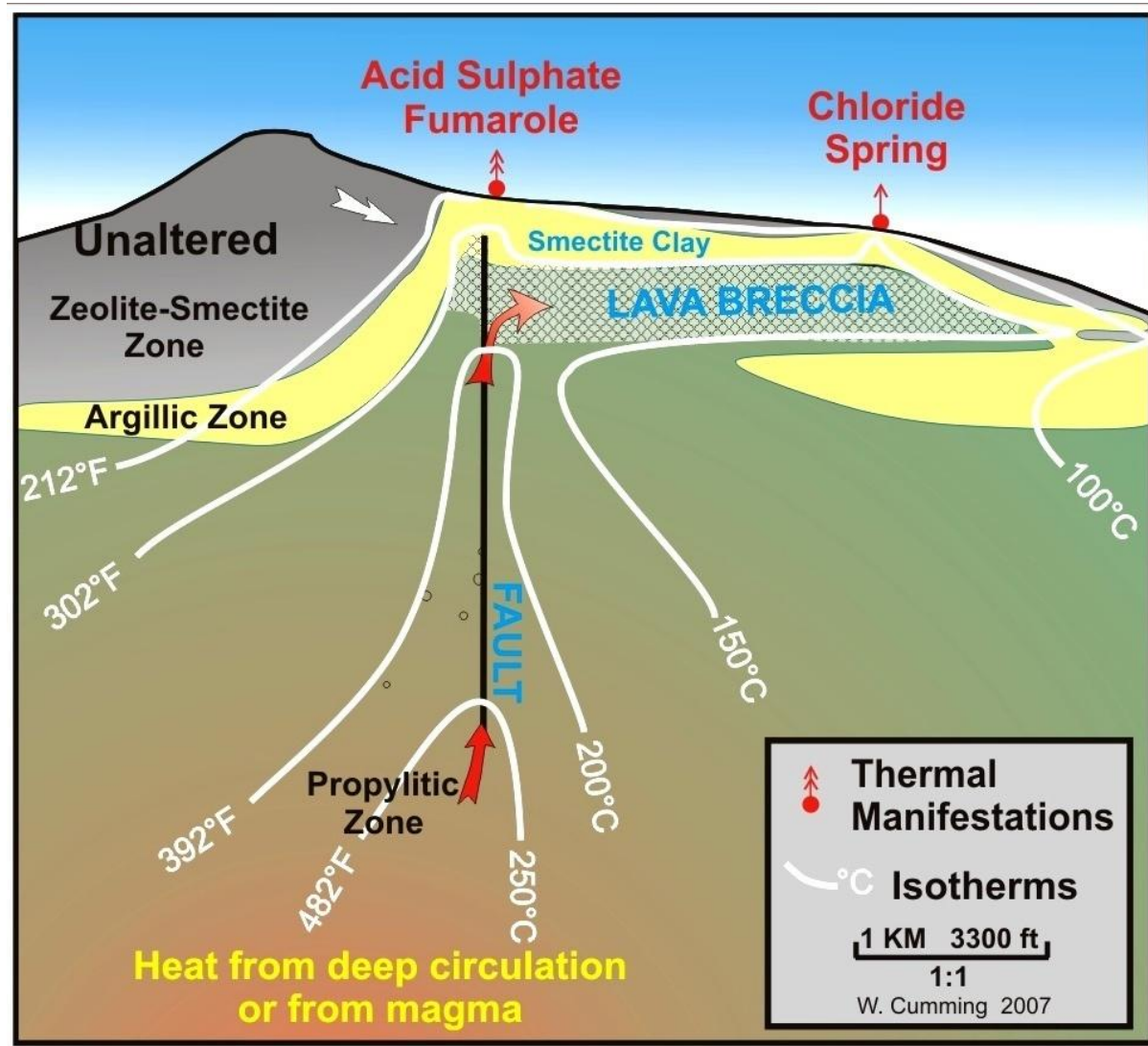


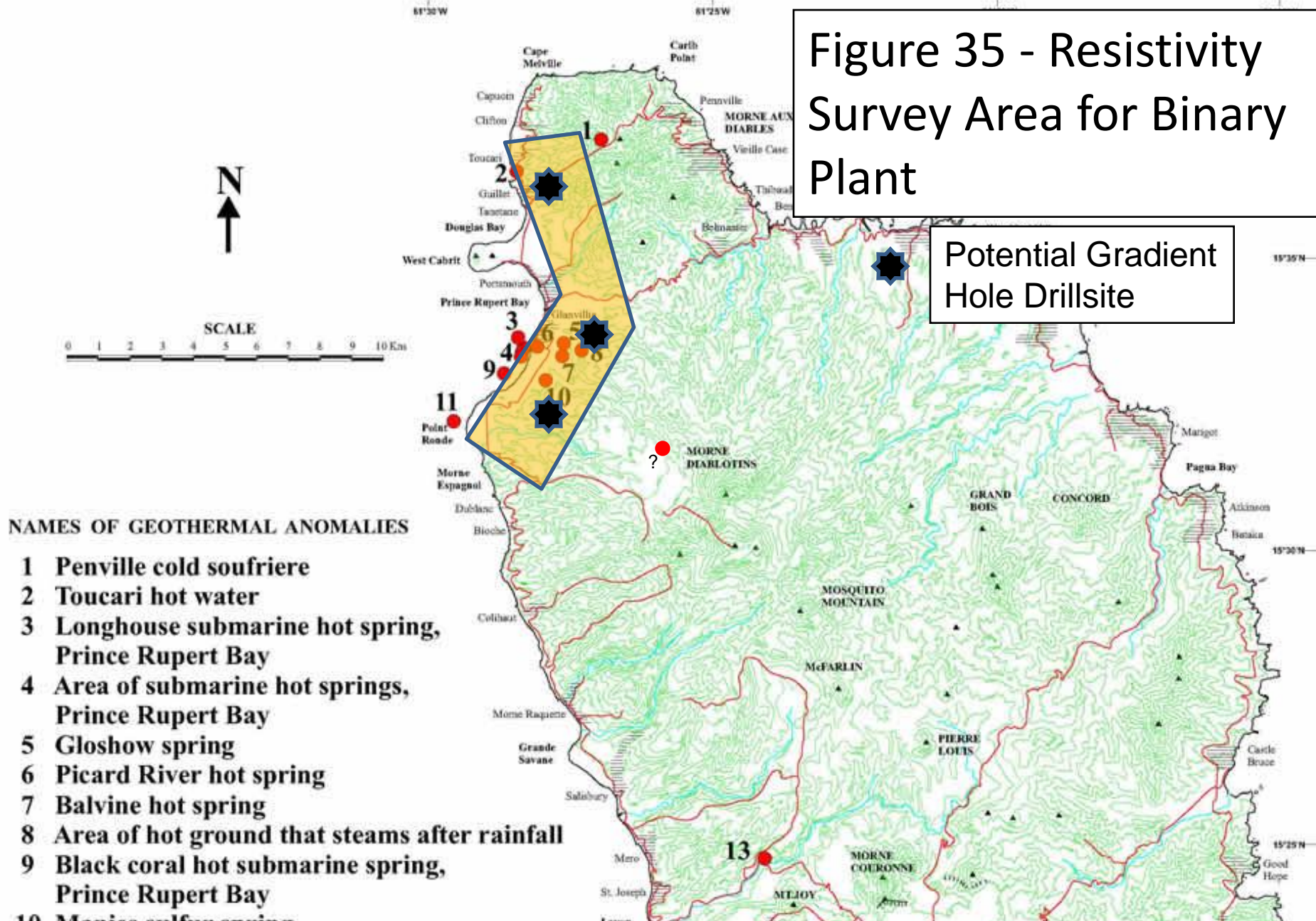
Figure 34 – Alternative Model for Upflow Along a Fault with Lateral Outflow



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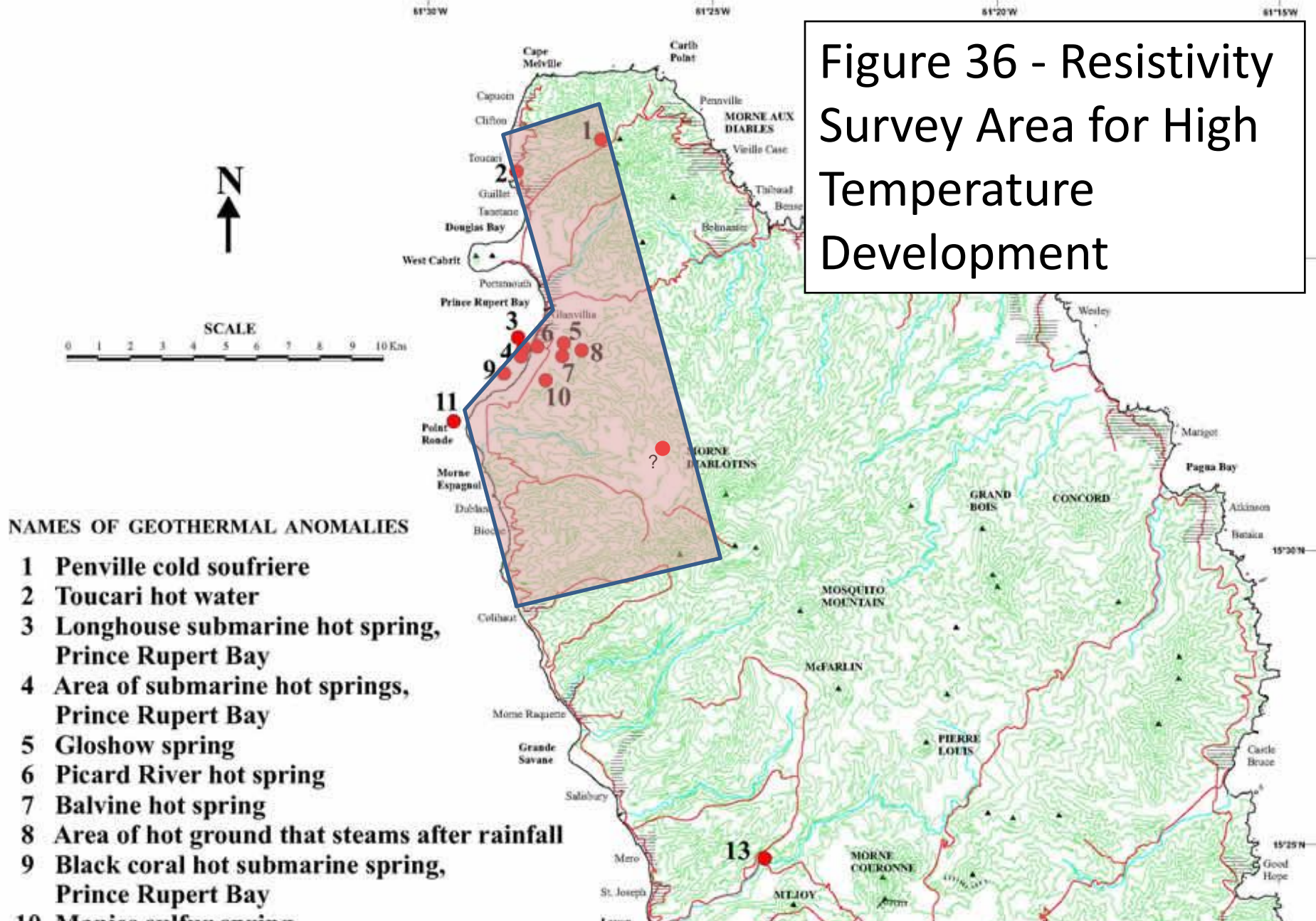
Figure 35 - Resistivity Survey Area for Binary Plant

Potential Gradient Hole Drillsite

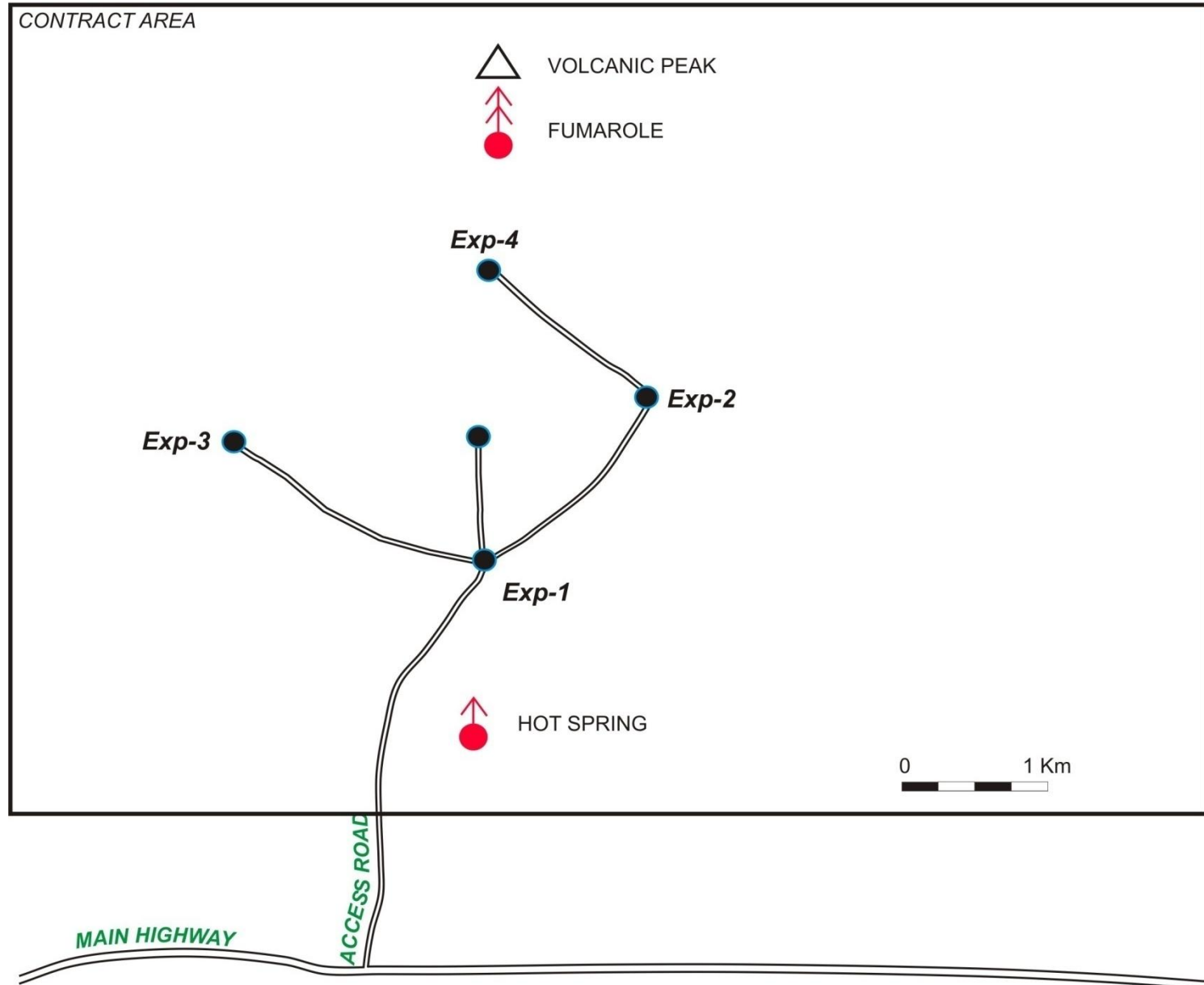


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Figure 36 - Resistivity Survey Area for High Temperature Development



# Figure 37. Hypothetical Exploration Drilling Program





Area : Portsmouth, Near mouth of Picard River	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Picard River	DOM-6
	SK: Mouth of Picard River	6

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R &R	N15°33.667'	W61°27.547'	10	180	1	6.5	2366
SK	N15°33'39.8"	W61°27'32.8"		214*			

**Description:**

Hot spring issuing along shore of Picard River near mouth of river to ocean. Associated with weakly steaming ground. Clear water, no odor of H<sub>2</sub>S. No alteration or mineralization noted. Flow rate difficult to estimate. Some contamination with river water to be expected, although we tried to isolate the seep from the stream. SK noted a temperature of 101 C (probably erroneous, because it's unlikely to be superheated), indicating that the spring has been at boiling conditions.

Notes: R &R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.





Area : Portsmouth	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Balvin	DOM-7
	SK: Balvin	7

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R &R	N15°33'27.9"	W61°27'7.1"	100	180			
SK	N15°33'28.1"	W61°27'6.2"		190-201			

Description: Solfatara, with weak gas emissions, in area of dead vegetation caused by hot ground. Probably a weak, drowned fumarolic area. Area of hot ground is about 30 m x 30 m. Gas is bubbling up through 180 F pool of ground water. Moderate odor of H<sub>2</sub>S. Clay alteration. Attempted to take samples of gas for gas chemistry analysis and He analysis. Unable to get sufficient gas for He analysis. Area has been used for heat exchange experiments by local house owner (Angus). Note: could be a dangerous area to walk on because the soil cover may be fairly thin.

Notes: R &R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.



Area : Portsmouth	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Gloshow spring	DOM-5
	SK: Gloshow spring	5

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R	N15°33'49.5"	W61°27'9.0"	75	110		6.5	28
SK	N15°33'42.4"	W61°27'4.2"		118			

Description: Bicarbonate warm spring issuing into creek from a highly fractured rock face. Possible fault zone with approximate orientation of N 45 W, dipping 70° to the north. Weak argillic alteration, but no mineralization, other than possible white calcite coating on some rocks in stream bed. Very faint H<sub>2</sub>S odor.

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.



Area :	Feature Name	Sample #
Portsmouth	R&R: Clement	DOM-C
Apparently not visited by SK.		

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R	N15°33'13.1"	W61°27'24.8"	100	162	1-2	6	3300
<p>Description: Slightly cloudy pool of hot water located just behind a laundromat. Small amount of gas bubbling in the pool, but no smell of H<sub>2</sub>S. Probably only one of many small springs in the local vicinity. Blue clay alteration, together with orange iron oxide deposits. Silica mineralization noted, including quartz crystals in the nearby alluvium.</p>							

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.



Area : Portsmouth	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Mamie's Hot Spring	DOM-10
	SK: Manie's Sulfur Spring	10

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R	N15°33'9.8"	W61°27'30.4"	100	108		7.2	1435
SK	N15°33'0.4"	W61°27'19.4"		133			

Description: Succession of concrete pools in hot spring resort. We sampled the hottest, upstream one. Unsuitable for bathing, so less chance of contamination, but still mixed with ground water. Water comes in from bottom of pool, and so no direct access to source. Water has a greenish color in the pool, but sample appeared clear. Local soil is clay altered with iron oxide staining. Not far from Clement spring, and is part of the same spring complex.

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rosknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
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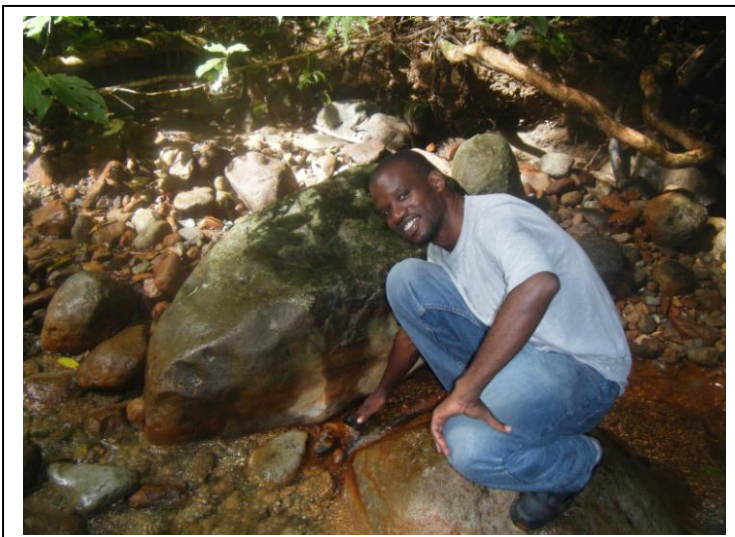


Area : Morne Aux Diabes	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Cold Soufriere	DOM-1
	SK: Penville cold soufriere	1

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R &R	N15°37'9.7"	W61°27'23.6"	1600	ambient			
SK	N15°37'9.7"	W61°26'23.6"		81			

Description: Abundant cold gas manifestations (Kaipohon) in a summit crater of Morne Aux Diabes. Wide area of clay alteration and silica sinter. Strong H<sub>2</sub>S odor (up to 17 ppm at just above vents). Sulfur deposition. No thermal features. Looks like a drowned summit fumarole. Samples taken for gas analysis and He isotope analysis.

Notes: R &R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.



Area :	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Snake	DOM-S

Not visited by SK. Apparently, this feature was only recently discovered.

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R	N15°33'9.8"	W61°27'30.4"	1500	82	high	3.5	<28

Description: Long hike in national forest to impressive acid-sulfate manifestation in Picard River. Location is approximate. High volume of warm acid sulfate water flowing into river under artesian pressure. Other smaller seeps scattered about the area. Blue clay/pyrite alteration observed on banks of river. Orange iron oxide deposited on stream bed. Noticeable odor of H<sub>2</sub>S, but no gas observed coming to the surface. Has the appearance of being near a fumarolic manifestation, but uncertain where the steam and gas is coming to the surface. These acid sulfate waters appear to have been swept some distance from the source.

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rosknecht, 2008; SK = Smith and Kirkley, 2004  
Elevations are approximate.



Area : Wotten Waven	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: Wotten Waven	DOM-WW1
	CFG	River Blanc

CFG also refers to this location as Station 30. They took no samples here.

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R	N15°19'5.5"	W61°20'13.1"	750	216	high		
CFG	N15°19.099'	W61°20.237'	750	205			

Description: Region of impressive fumarolic features along River Blanc. Upstream of bridge. Most fumaroles were saturated steam spitting out some rain water. We found dry steam coming from beneath a ledge. Estimated temperature of 216 F. Area has abundant clay alteration, some silica sinter, rare sulfur. H2S odor is weak. Fairly dangerous place to sample. Lots of hot ground, steam, and the banks are unstable.

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; CFG = report by CFG Services on Wotten Waven, 2005  
Elevations are approximate.



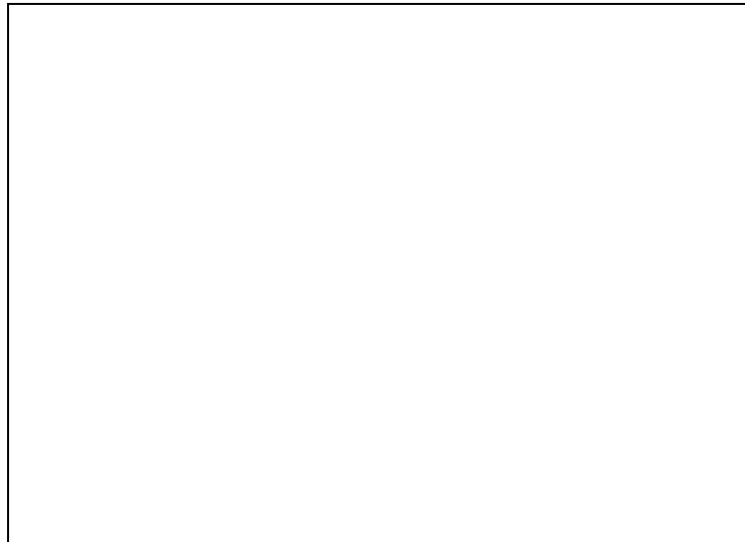
Area : Wotten Waven	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R: River Blank Hot Spring	DOM-RB
	CFG	River Blanc-3

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R			650	210	1	8.5	1204
CFG			650	199			

Description: Boiling hot spring issuing from beneath a boulder into River Blanc. Just downstream of bridge and not too far from fumarolic area. Other, higher rate boiling springs in the near vicinity, but more difficult to sample. Slight odor of H<sub>2</sub>S. Black mineralization on rocks (MnO<sub>2</sub>?) along with minor silica. Clay alteration noted in rocks along river bank. Difficult and dangerous hike upstream. Very slippery.

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; CFG = report by CFG Services on Wotten Waven, 2005  
Elevations are approximate.





Area :	Feature Name	Sample #
	R&R:	Not Sampled
	CFG	Secret Garden

CFG also refers this location as being Station 21. River Camelia, Secret Garden Spa. Site of their sole gas sample.

R&R visited this site; observed abundant gas issuing into pool of acid-sulfate fluids. Not a fumarole and not boiling conditions.

Sampler	Location			Field Measurements			
	Latitude	Longitude	Elev., ft	Temp, °F	Flowrate, gpm	pH	Cl, ppm
R & R							
CFG	N15°18.977"	W61°20.303'	900	144			

Description: (from CFG) Large solfatara area in the river bed with fumaroles, steaming ground, steam vents, hot springs, mud pools. Strong hydrothermal alteration with abundant native sulphur, black-coloured Fe-sulphides, clay material, silica,...

Notes: R & R = Rohrs and Rossknecht, 2008; CFG = report by CFG Services on Wotten Waven, 2005  
Elevations are approximate.

**Appendix B. Analyses for Water and Gas Samples Obtained from the Portsmouth and Wotten Waven Prospects.**

Prospect	Thermal Area	SampleID	Sample Type	Data Type	Date	Elev., ft	Classification
Portsmouth	Picard R.	DOM-6	Hot Spring	Water	12/2/2008	10	Neutral Cl Brine
Portsmouth	Balvin	DOM-7	Fumarole	Gas	12/2/2008	100	Acid Sulfate
Portsmouth	Gloshaw	DOM-5	Hot Spring	Water	12/2/2008	75	Bicarbonate
Portsmouth	Clement	DOM-C	Hot Spring	Water	12/2/2008	100	Neutral Cl Brine
Portsmouth	Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	Kaipohan	Gas	12/2/2008	1600	Acid Sulfate
Portsmouth	Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	Kaipohan	Gas	12/2/2008	1600	Acid Sulfate
Portsmouth	Snake	DOM-S	Hot Spring	Water	12/3/2008	1500	Acid Sulfate
Portsmouth	Mamie's	DOM-10	Hot Spring	Water	12/3/2008	100	Neutral Cl Brine
Wotten Waven	WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	Fumarole	Steam/Gas	12/4/2008	750	Acid Sulfate
Wotten Waven	WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	Fumarole	Steam/Gas	12/4/2008	750	Acid Sulfate
Wotten Waven	WW-Secret Garden	SG	Hot Spring	Water/Gas	2005	900	Acid Sulfate
Wotten Waven	WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	Hot Spring	Water	12/4/2008	650	Neutral Cl Brine
Wotten Waven	WW-River Blanc	RB-2	Hot Spring	Water	2005	650	Neutral Cl Brine
Wotten Waven	WW-River Blanc	RB-3	Hot Spring	Water	2005	650	Neutral Cl Brine
	Sea Water	DOM-SW	Sea Water	Water	12/3/2008	0	Sea Water
	Stream Water	DOM-MWS1	Stream Water	Water	12/3/2008	1500	Stream Water
	Stream Water	DOM-MWS2	Stream Water	Water	12/3/2008	1300	Stream Water

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## lyses for Water and Gas Samples Obtain

Thermal Area	SampleID	Temp, F	pH (field)	pH						
					Na	K	Ca	Mg	Li	Sr
Picard R.	DOM-6	180	6.5	7.13	1570	234	141	11	5.6	1.1
Balvin	DOM-7	180								
Gloshow	DOM-5	110	6.5	7.84	23	2	23	6	0.1	0.1
Clement	DOM-C	162	6	7.48	1960	118	293	10	7.2	2.4
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	ambient								
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	ambient								
Snake	DOM-S	82	3.5	3.08	12	2	13	3	0.1	0.1
Mamie's	DOM-10	108	7.2	7.47	1030	93	97	5	3.8	0.7
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	216								
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	216								
WW-Secret Garden	SG	144	3.35		13	2	12	2		0.1
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	210	8.5	8.52	804	67	49	1	1.9	0.4
WW-River Blanc	RB-2	159	6.79		360	46	38	5		
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	199	8.31		1331	119	72	1	2.6	0.6
Sea Water	DOM-SW	82	7	7.87	11100	361	416	1270	0.2	7.5
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1									
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2									

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## lyses for Water and Gas Samples Obtain

Thermal Area	SampleID	Concentrations in parts per million								
		Ba	Fe	B	SiO2	As	Mn	Cl	F	Br
Picard R.	DOM-6	0.7	0.1	43.3	380	1.2	0.9	2890	0.3	12.6
Balvin	DOM-7									
Gloshow	DOM-5	0.0	0.1	0.2	102	0.0	0.0	24	0.0	0.2
Clement	DOM-C	0.4	0.1	50.5	395	1.6	3.4	3500	0.1	0.2
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1									
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1									
Snake	DOM-S	0.0	0.5	0.2	44	0.0	0.1	9	0.3	0.2
Mamie's	DOM-10	0.1	0.1	24.7	182	0.7	0.0	1590	0.1	6.5
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW			0.2	0.5			0.1		
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW									
WW-Secret Garden	SG	0.0	0.9	0.0	48		0.0	11		0.1
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	0.0	0.1	15.9	186	0.4	0.0	1310	0.4	5.4
WW-River Blanc	RB-2				156			595		
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	0.0		28.8	194	0.8	0.0	2450	1.0	9.1
Sea Water	DOM-SW	0.0	0.265	4.6	2	0.004	0.0047	19100	0.76	62.7
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1									
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2									

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lyses for Water and Gas Samples Obtain

Thermal Area	SampleID						sumcat	sumani	balance	180/160
		SO4	HCO3	HCO3 Alk	NH4	TDS				
Picard R.	DOM-6	39	133	133	0		83	85	-2%	-1.06
Balvin	DOM-7						0	0	#DIV/0!	
Gloshow	DOM-5	2	120	120	0		3	3	2%	-2.67
Clement	DOM-C	15	326	326	0		105	104	0%	-1.15
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1						0	0	#DIV/0!	
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1									
Snake	DOM-S	123	0	0	0		2	3	-61%	-2.32
Mamie's	DOM-10	47	400	400	0		53	52	1%	-0.55
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW						0	0	-200%	-4.20
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW									
WW-Secret Garden	SG	107	0	0			1	3	-59%	-2.30
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	74	45	45	0		40	39	1%	-0.46
WW-River Blanc	RB-2	75	153				19	21	-9%	
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	46	49				65	71	-9%	0.01
Sea Water	DOM-SW	3050	156	156	1		617	605	2%	0.81
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1									-2.73
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2									-2.72

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lyses for Water and Gas Samples Obtain

Thermal Area	SampleID	D/H	NCG in Steam, wt. %	Mole %						
				CO2	H2S	NH3	N2	Ar	CH4	H2
Picard R.	DOM-6	-7.28								
Balvin	DOM-7		NM	93.90	0.92	0.00	4.85	0.02	0.20	0.13
Gloshow	DOM-5	-5.48								
Clement	DOM-C	-7.43								
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1		NM	95.60	0.99	0.00	0.00	2.79	0.65	0.04
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1		NM	95.70	0.90	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.65	0.04
Snake	DOM-S	-4.74								
Mamie's	DOM-10	-2.60								
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	-14.78	10.9137	96.90	1.73	0.01	0.00	0.57	0.05	0.72
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW		11.1932	96.80	1.74	0.01	0.00	0.60	0.05	0.78
WW-Secret Garden	SG	-6.30		93	0.97		0.001	2.26	0.04	0.5
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB	-4.44								
WW-River Blanc	RB-2									
WW-River Blanc	RB-3	-4.90								
Sea Water	DOM-SW	6.37								
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1	-5.78								
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2	-6.13								

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Thermal Area	SampleID	O2	% Air	Sum	$(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})$	He/Ne Air	$(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_c$	$^4\text{He}$ (ppm)	$^{40}\text{Ar}$ (ppm)	Total Ne (ppm)
					$(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_A$		OR $(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_A$			
Picard R.	DOM-6									
Balvin	DOM-7		0.06	100.01						
Gloshow	DOM-5									
Clement	DOM-C									
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1		0.03	100.07	0.987	1.11	0.759	5.6	10220	17.5
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1		0.03	100.09	5.875	3243.46	5.876	134.2	48	0.1
Snake	DOM-S									
Mamie's	DOM-10									
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW		0.06	99.98	5.794	1596.80	5.797	221.6	201	0.5
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW		0.03	99.98	7.803	4367.96	7.805	108.1	70	0.1
WW-Secret Garden	SG	0.34		97.111						
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB									
WW-River Blanc	RB-2									
WW-River Blanc	RB-3									
Sea Water	DOM-SW									
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1									
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2									

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## Isotopes for Water and Gas Samples Obtained

Thermal Area	SampleID	<sup>20</sup> Ne <sup>36</sup> Ar	<u>N<sub>2</sub></u> Ar	<u>He</u> Ne
Picard R.	DOM-6			
Balvin	DOM-7			
Gloshow	DOM-5			
Clement	DOM-C			
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	0.461	76.5	0.3
Cold Soufriere	DOM-1	0.808	665.5	934.1
Snake	DOM-S			
Mamie's	DOM-10			
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	0.642	139.2	459.9
WW-Fumarole	DOM-WW	0.331	225.0	1258.0
WW-Secret Garden	SG			
WW-River Blanc	DOM-RB			
WW-River Blanc	RB-2			
WW-River Blanc	RB-3			
Sea Water	DOM-SW			
Stream Water	DOM-MWS1			
Stream Water	DOM-MWS2			

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Geochemistry data from CSU,SB (Smith, 2009, pers. comm.). Values reported in parts per billion.

Location	Sample	Date	Al	Co	Cr	Cs	Cu	Fe	Ga
Balvine	204-60	2.2004	177400	64.63	16600	3.743	8987.2	158517	64.925
Balvine	804-11	8.2004		9.28	21.4	2.74	337	21470	13.9
Balvine	606-88	6.2006	47500	9.488	6.776	3.502	92.718	27226	1.541
Balvine	607-73	6.2007	362630	150.13	2511	10.049	1376.6	201382	94.959
Gloshow	S-15	6.2003	12	0.11	1.23	0.264	5.1		
Gloshow	607-74	6.2007	207.8	0.32	2.16	0.167	3.5	258	0.073
Manies	S-13	6.2003	27.2	0.09	0.37	526.349	4	9	0.019
Site #1 vent	204-73	2.2004		11.68	0.58	198.945	21.6	35	0.589
Site #1 vent	606-83	6.2006	21.69	0.936	1.138	134.065	1046.534	3.2	0.191
Site #2 vent	606-86	6.2006	31.841	1.073	0.817	201.597	423.496	1	0.255
Site #1 10'	606-155	6.2006	25.345	0.377	0.892	1.04	16.211	11.4	0.244
Site #1 20'	606-156	6.2006	29.51	0.14	1.08	0.35	41.4	1.5	0.229
Site #1 30'	606-157	6.2006	40.596	0.115	0.975	0.348	40.938	3.9	0.177
Site #1 40'	606-158	6.2006	47.243	0.128	0.806	0.315	55.474	5	0.2
Site #1 50'	606-159	6.2006	39.896	0.269	0.772	0.429	78.684	19.5	0.212
Site #1 60'	606-160	6.2006	51.374	0.175	0.849	0.366	100.724	7.3	0.217
Site #1 70'	606-161	6.2006	40.988	0.374	0.941	0.389	122.545	5.4	0.193
Site #1 80'	606-162	6.2006	25.632	0.395	0.848	0.787	22.135	0.9	0.16
Site #1 3m	607-19	6.2007	26.3		0.58	0.295	12.9	6	0.705
Site #1 6m	607-20	6.2007	25.7		0.49	0.295	7.4		0.71
Site #1 9m	607-21	6.2007	27.6	0.06	0.54	0.297	5.8		0.596
Site #1 12m	607-22	6.2007	29.2	0.08	0.64	0.28	4.3	9	0.52
Site #1 15m	607-23	6.2007	23	0.14	0.64	0.27	8.2	7	0.55
Site #1 18m	607-24	6.2007	24.1	0.09	0.57	0.296	4.3	6	0.555
Site #1 20m	607-25	6.2007	27.3	0.11	0.6	0.384	6.2	7	0.642
Site #2 3m	607-63	6.2007	21.5	0.11	0.54	0.421	5.6		0.537

<b>Location</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Al</b>	<b>Co</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Cs</b>	<b>Cu</b>	<b>Fe</b>	<b>Ga</b>
Site #2 6m	<b>607-64</b>	6.2007	48	0.16	0.6	0.343	5.9		0.508
Site #2 9m	<b>607-65</b>	6.2007	20.8	0.14	0.58	0.373	6.9	4	0.588
Site #2 12m	<b>607-66</b>	6.2007	24.2	0.07	0.55	0.408	5.8		0.532
Site #2 seafloor	<b>607-67</b>	6.2007	27.4	0.12	0.57	0.453	6.3		0.585
PRB SW	<b>204-SW</b>	2.2004	23	0.8	0.93	0.455	9.5	17	0.293
PRB SW	<b>607-70</b>	6.2007	22.5	0.08	0.53	0.325	5.4		0.531

Geochemistry data from

Location	Sample	K	La	Mn	Ni	Pb	Rb	Sr	Th
Balvine	204-60	11000	4.565	1940	106.9	15.25	35	100	4.815
Balvine	804-11	7510	5.87	365.6	44.2	21.3	17.9	98	0.351
Balvine	606-88	10610	3.724	295.305	24.44	11.583	16.9	108.507	0.91
Balvine	607-73	20946.3	23.436	2013.2	42.5	36.66	76.5	444	7.624
Gloshow	S-15				5.8	0.77	6.1	220	
Gloshow	607-74	2360	0.024	2.7	1.4	0.14	4.8	75	
Manies	S-13	109000	0.016			0.46	726	865	0.016
Site #1 vent	204-73	478000	0.645	290	940.9	4.23	485.6	8830	
Site #1 vent	606-83		0.018	250.77	1921.211	4.424	342.138	7510.064	0.033
Site #2 vent	606-86	562000	0.077	114.06	1441.452	7.067	382.838	7844.753	0.013
Site #1 10'	606-155	432700	0.029	12.979	1091.285	10.108	118.562	7693.766	0.012
Site #1 20'	606-156	380300	0.017	34	115	5.85	112		0.03
Site #1 30'	606-157	339300	0.027	18.667	100.792	4.87	118.562	7484.538	0.08
Site #1 40'	606-158	509000	0.009	4.52	123.27	6.228	116.225	7482.426	0.009
Site #1 50'	606-159	483400	0.016	19.908	144.288	7.406	120.165	7698.907	
Site #1 60'	606-160	467300	0.008	7.1	198.573	3.459	117.806	7594.17	0.001
Site #1 70'	606-161	481100	0.009	22.489	326.447	20.825	114.774	7578.281	0.035
Site #1 80'	606-162	506000	0.004	5.83	675.436	6.868	113.879	7476.307	0.022
Site #1 3m	607-19	542672	0.011	2.6		2.52	151.7	10551	
Site #1 6m	607-20	532304		2.2		1.86	152.6	10576	
Site #1 9m	607-21	531402		2.1		1.55	145.8	9958	
Site #1 12m	607-22	543426	0.01	2.1		0.73	150.5	10091	
Site #1 15m	607-23	577865		2.1		0.78	145.7	9730	
Site #1 18m	607-24	555817		1.8		0.45	146.6	9778	
Site #1 20m	607-25	562791		2.3		0.62	152.8	7094	
Site #2 3m	607-63	593216		2.7		0.54	144.2	9333	

<b>Location</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>La</b>	<b>Mn</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>Rb</b>	<b>Sr</b>	<b>Th</b>
Site #2 6m	<b>607-64</b>	597675		1.6		0.26	130.5	8506	
Site #2 9m	<b>607-65</b>	574814		1.3	1.1	0.21	147.2	9517	
Site #2 12m	<b>607-66</b>	591076	0.013	2		0.24	146.4	9569	
Site #2 seafloor	<b>607-67</b>	555403		2.2		0.28	144	5907	
PRB SW	<b>204-SW</b>	536000	0.032	1.2	7.2	0.27	142.9	9.767	0.047
PRB SW	<b>607-70</b>	588501	0.014	1.9		0.15	150.9	5611	

Geochemistry data from

<b>Location</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Ti</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Zn</b>	<b>S</b>
Balvine	<b>204-60</b>	198.988	3.362	708.7	20.8	196.7	
Balvine	<b>804-11</b>	244	0.5652	224.3	12.4	153	
Balvine	<b>606-88</b>	26.93	0.077	44.605	9.041	499.09	
Balvine	<b>607-73</b>	300.869	6.096	1359.4	31.64	715.7	1722011
Gloshow	<b>S-15</b>	10.269	0.124	5.5		11	
Gloshow	<b>607-74</b>	4.059	0.114	9.4		7	8058
Manies	<b>S-13</b>	19.605	0.011			10.3	
Site #1 vent	<b>204-73</b>	9.013	4.115	7.2	0.1	300.2	
Site #1 vent	<b>606-83</b>	6.398	2.806		0.387	2112.152	
Site #2 vent	<b>606-86</b>	5.797	3.212		0.232	1516.635	
Site #1 10'	<b>606-155</b>	4.962	2.516		0.11	314.797	
Site #1 20'	<b>606-156</b>	5.53	3		0.106	67.5	
Site #1 30'	<b>606-157</b>	4.186	2.965		0.117	67.251	
Site #1 40'	<b>606-158</b>	4.227	3.024		0.213	99.931	
Site #1 50'	<b>606-159</b>	4.705	2.913		0.037	156.348	
Site #1 60'	<b>606-160</b>	5.255	3.015		0.109	221.647	
Site #1 70'	<b>606-161</b>	5.096	2.907		0.281	429.952	
Site #1 80'	<b>606-162</b>	4.885	2.443	0.33	0.101	286.7	
Site #1 3m	<b>607-19</b>	14.921	3.253		0.06	51.6	594470
Site #1 6m	<b>607-20</b>	15.873	3.291		0.07	40.6	586737
Site #1 9m	<b>607-21</b>	15.72	3.266		0.07	61.9	590081
Site #1 12m	<b>607-22</b>	17.925	3.353		0.07	46.4	603392
Site #1 15m	<b>607-23</b>	18.408	3.397		0.07	29.7	635414
Site #1 18m	<b>607-24</b>	17.619	3.352		0.08	50.8	611017
Site #1 20m	<b>607-25</b>	18.891	3.436		0.07	35.3	643435
Site #2 3m	<b>607-63</b>	15.355	3.294		0.07	10.1	704701

<b>Location</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Ti</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Zn</b>	<b>S</b>
Site #2 6m	<b>607-64</b>	13.451	3.51		0.05	4.2	751532
Site #2 9m	<b>607-65</b>	14.988	3.421		0.07	10.3	698137
Site #2 12m	<b>607-66</b>	15.168	3.362		0.08	7.4	724856
Site #2 seafloor	<b>607-67</b>	13.075	3.237		0.07	14.5	679079
PRB SW	<b>204-SW</b>	22.594	3.384		0.1	15.1	
PRB SW	<b>607-70</b>	16.355	3.4		0.07	4.6	701148