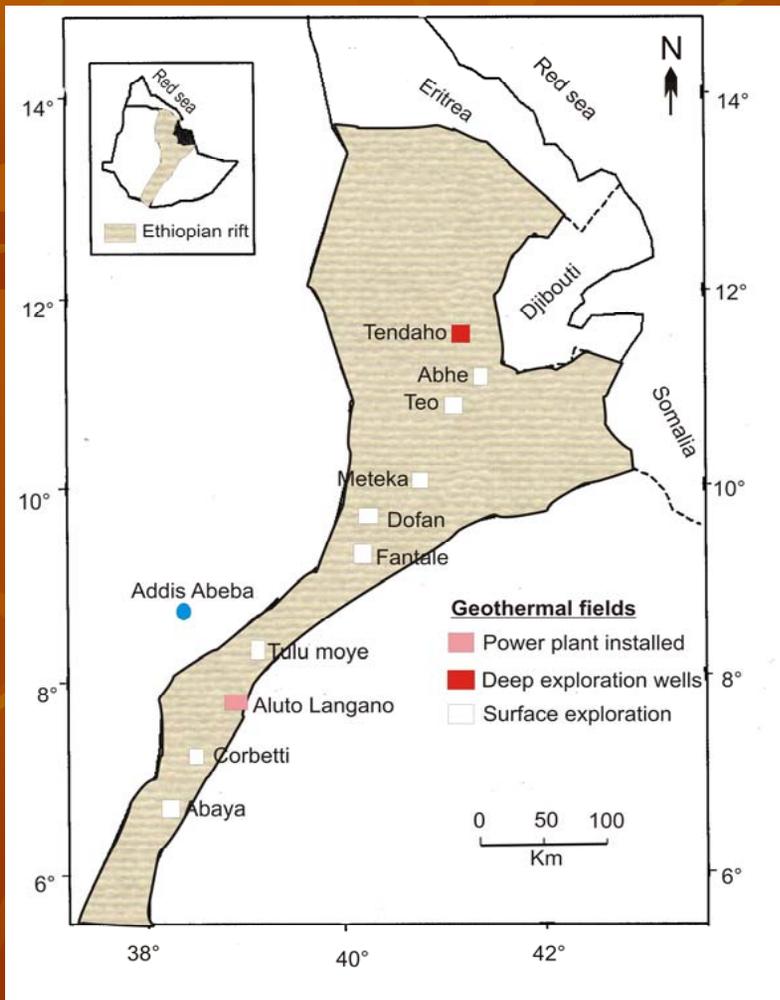


# **An Overview of the Geology of Aluto Langano and Tendaho Geothermal Fields, Ethiopia**



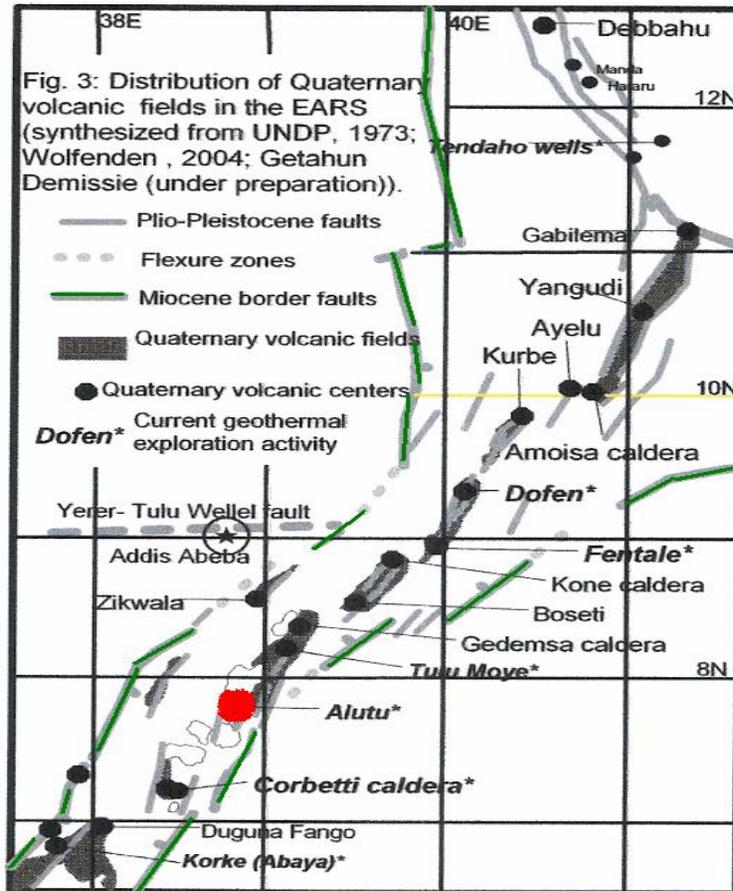
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# Location of Aluto Langano and Tendaho



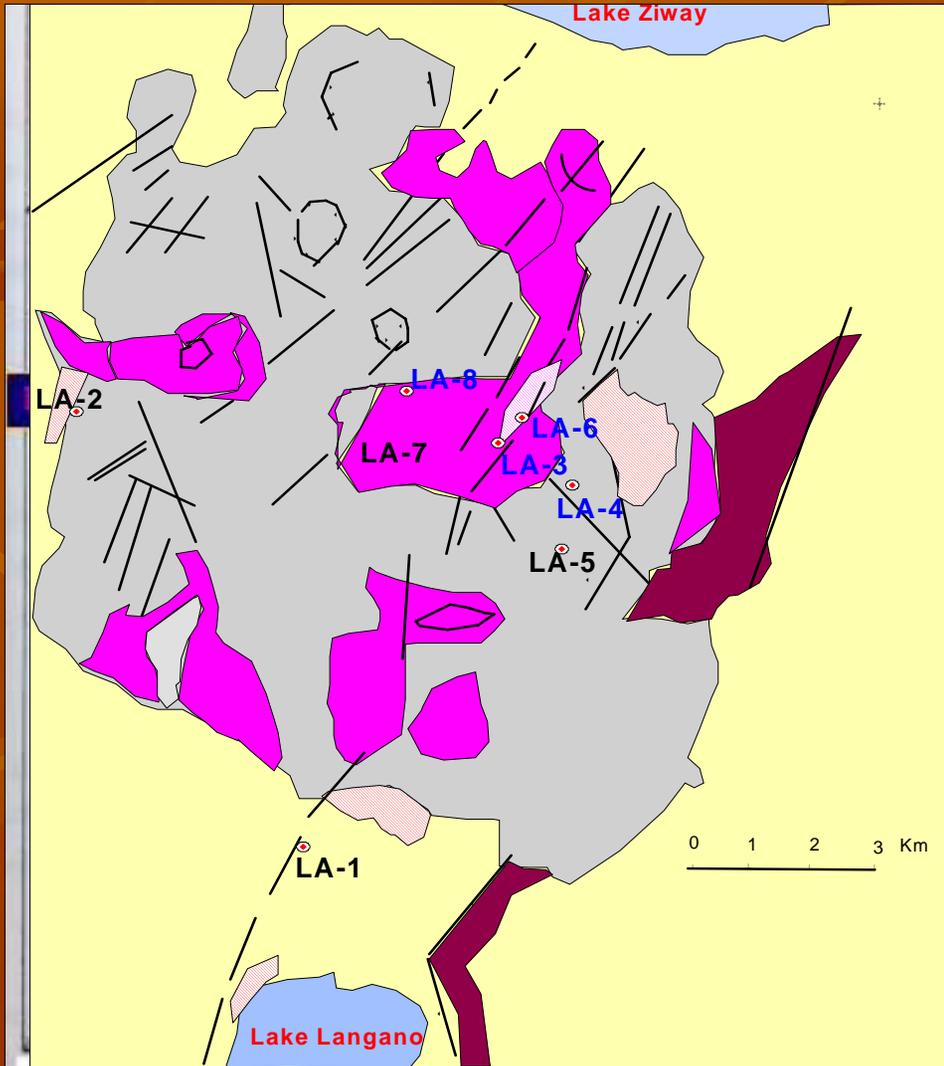
- **Within the Ethiopian Rift**
- **Divided in to**
  - **Main Eth. Rift**
  - **Afar**
- **ALuto Langano**
  - **Main Eth Rift, SE of AA 200km**
- **Tendaho**
  - **Central Part of Afar, 600Km NE of AA**

# Aluto Langano, Regional Geological Set up



- Close to the SE Rift margin
- Along one of Quaternary belt of faults(WFB)
- WFB –Marked by Large Volcanic centers

# Surface geology, Aluto Langanano

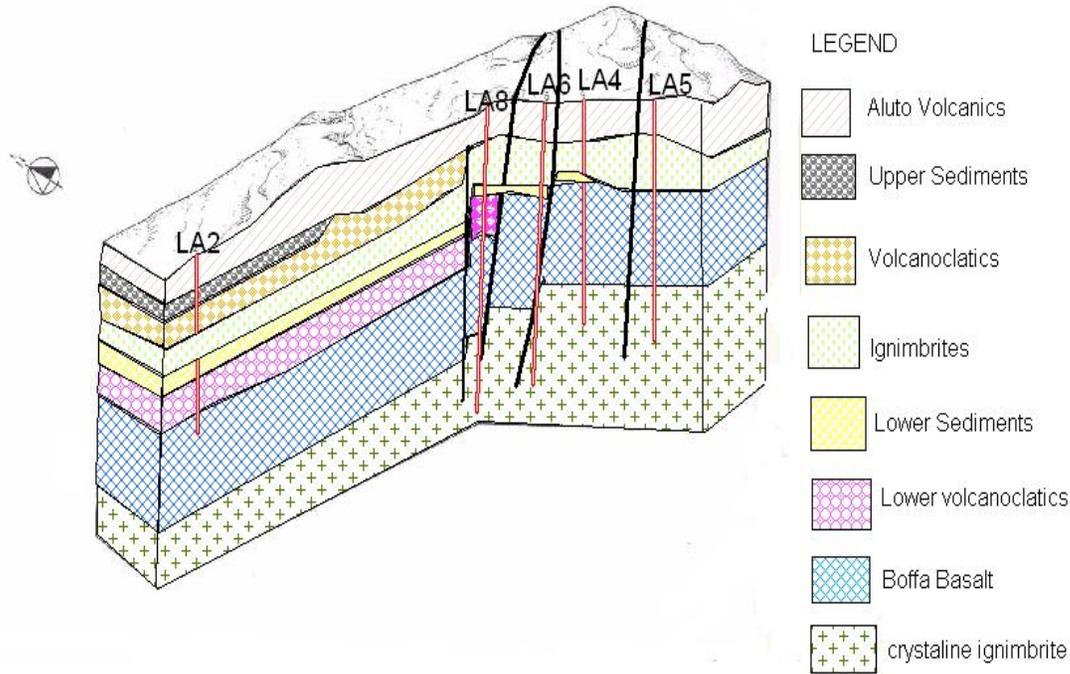


## LEGEND

	Lake Sediments	Age
	Recent Acidic lavas	18-
	Pumice/Pyroclastics	150
	Basic Lavas	thsd
	Hydrothermal Activity	1.6 mys

- Structures (NNE-SSW, NW-SE)
- 8 wells drilled

# Subsurface geology, Aluto langano



**Thickness**

**700M**

**800m**

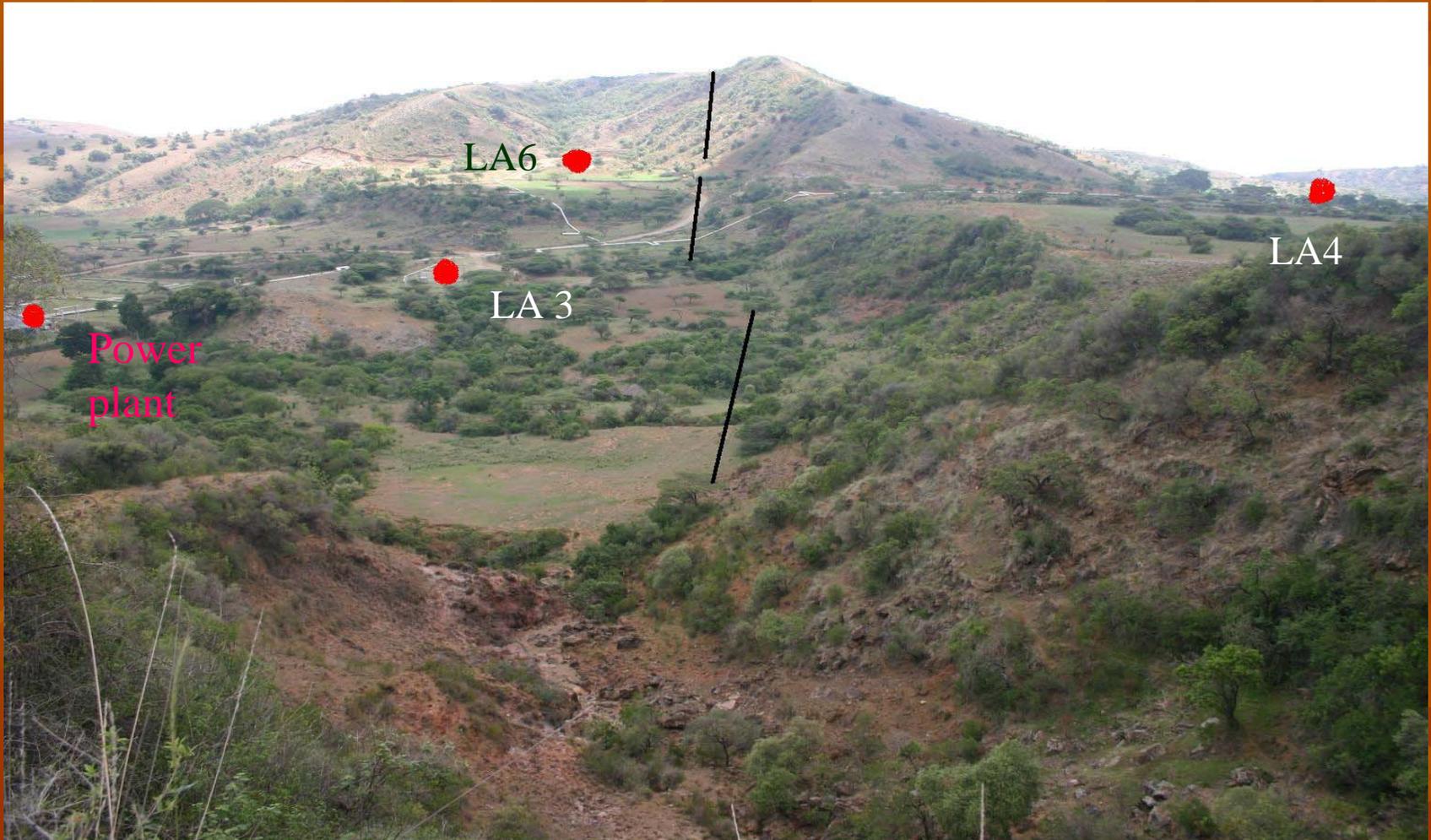
**>1000m**

**Major Fault Zones**

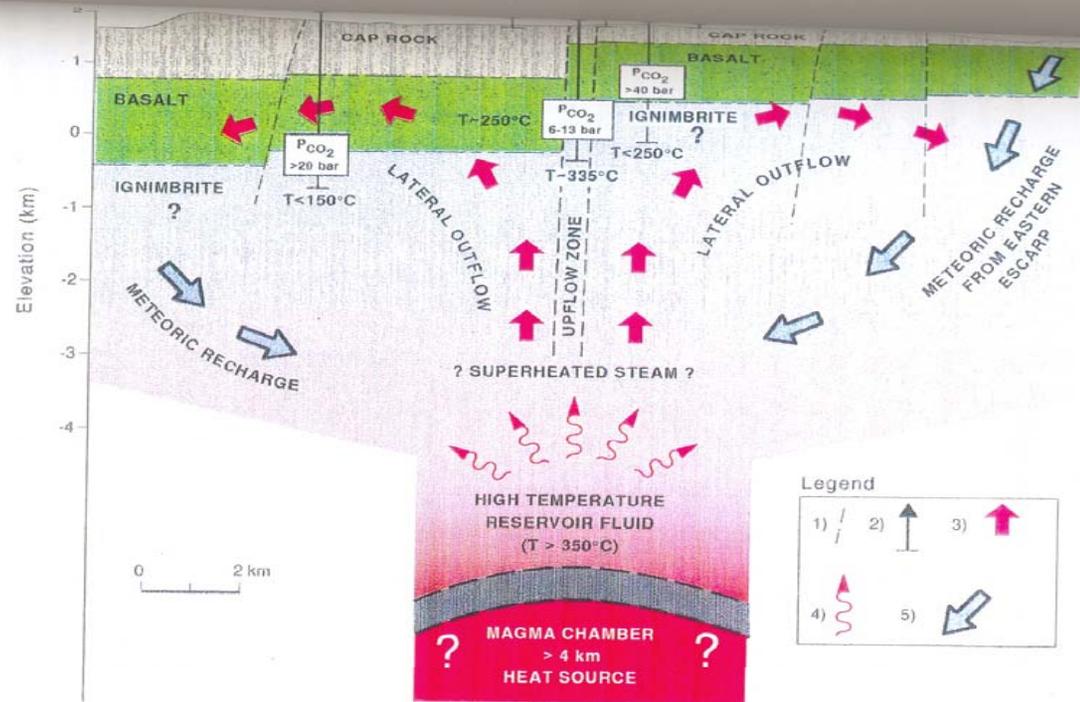
# Hydrothermal Alteration

- **Boffa basalts- High intensity of alteration**
- **High temperature minerals, Epidote, Prehenite and Garnet are Stable in the hottest part of the productive wells**
- **Fluid inclusion studies – A recent heating up of the Geothermal Fluid in LA3, LA6**

# Panoramic View of the productive wells



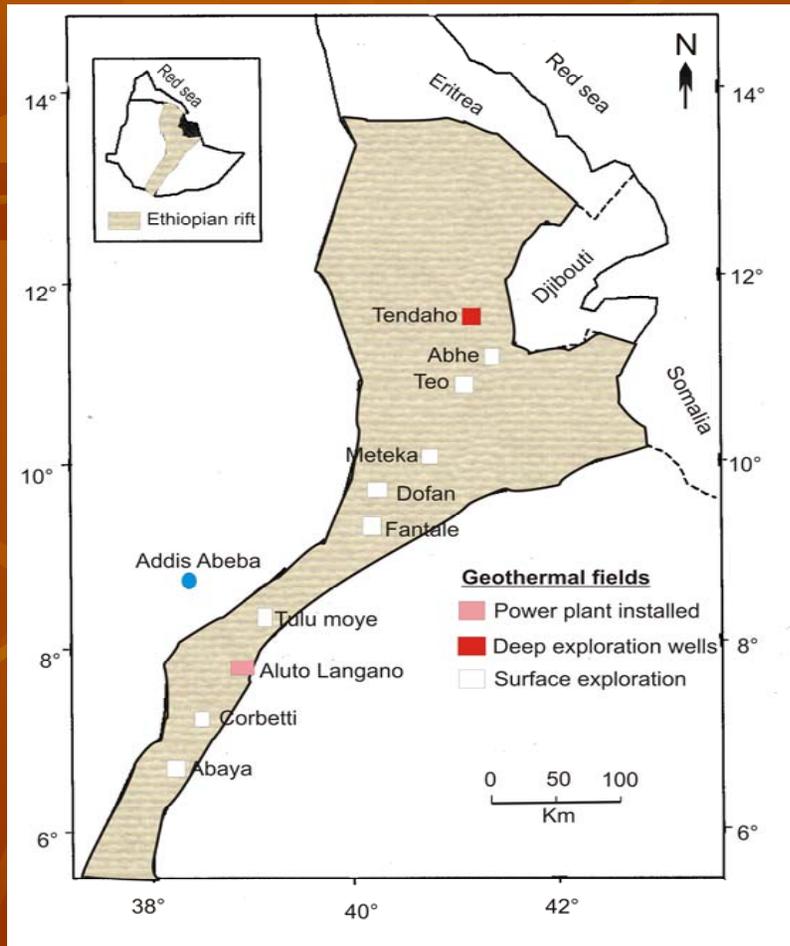
# Gescientific model, Aluto Langano



**Figure 51.** Schematic diagram of the conceptual model of the Aluto-Langano geothermal system. 1 = Fault; 2 = Deep well; 3 = Hot water; 4 = Steam; 5 = Meteoric water.

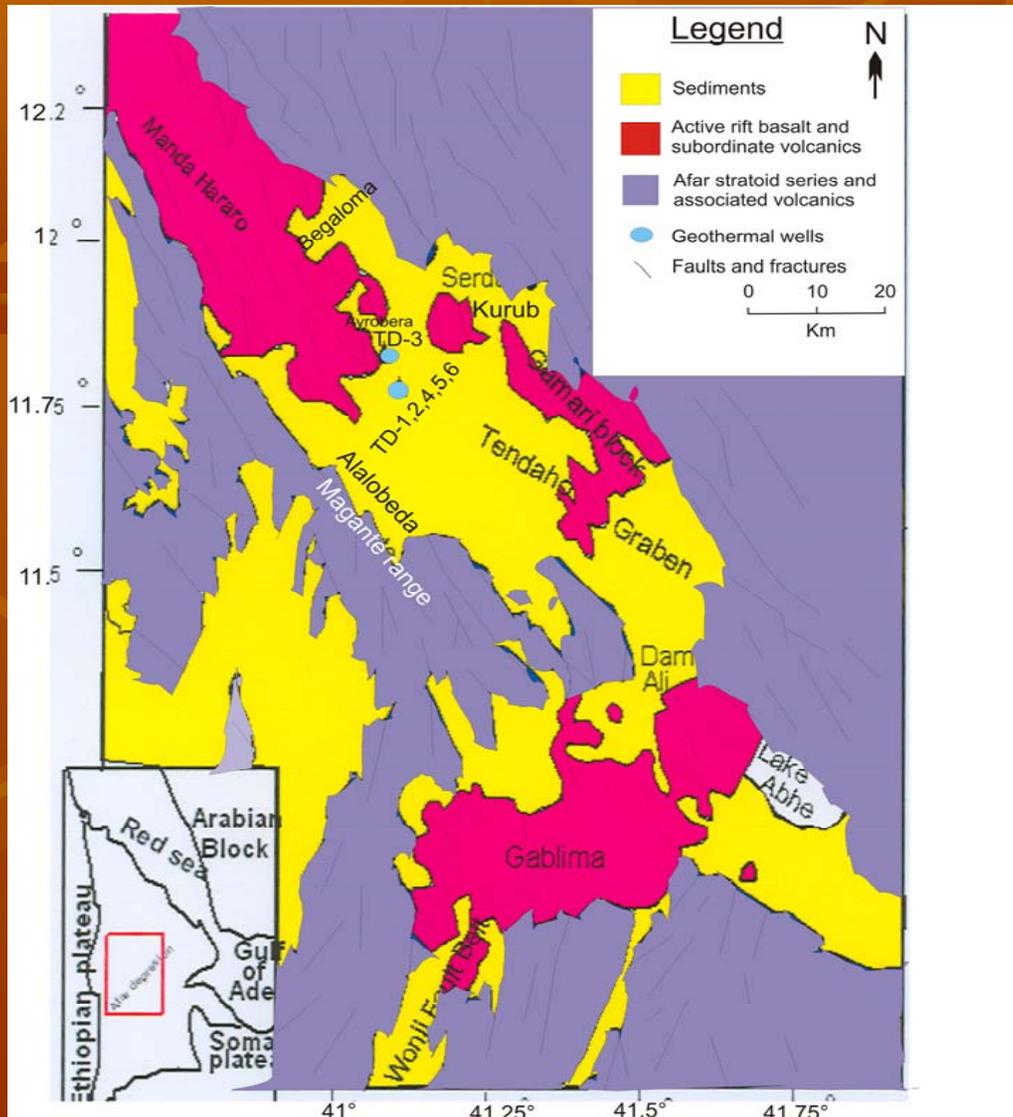
An upflow along the major fault zone, Lateral migration

# Tendaho Geothermal Field



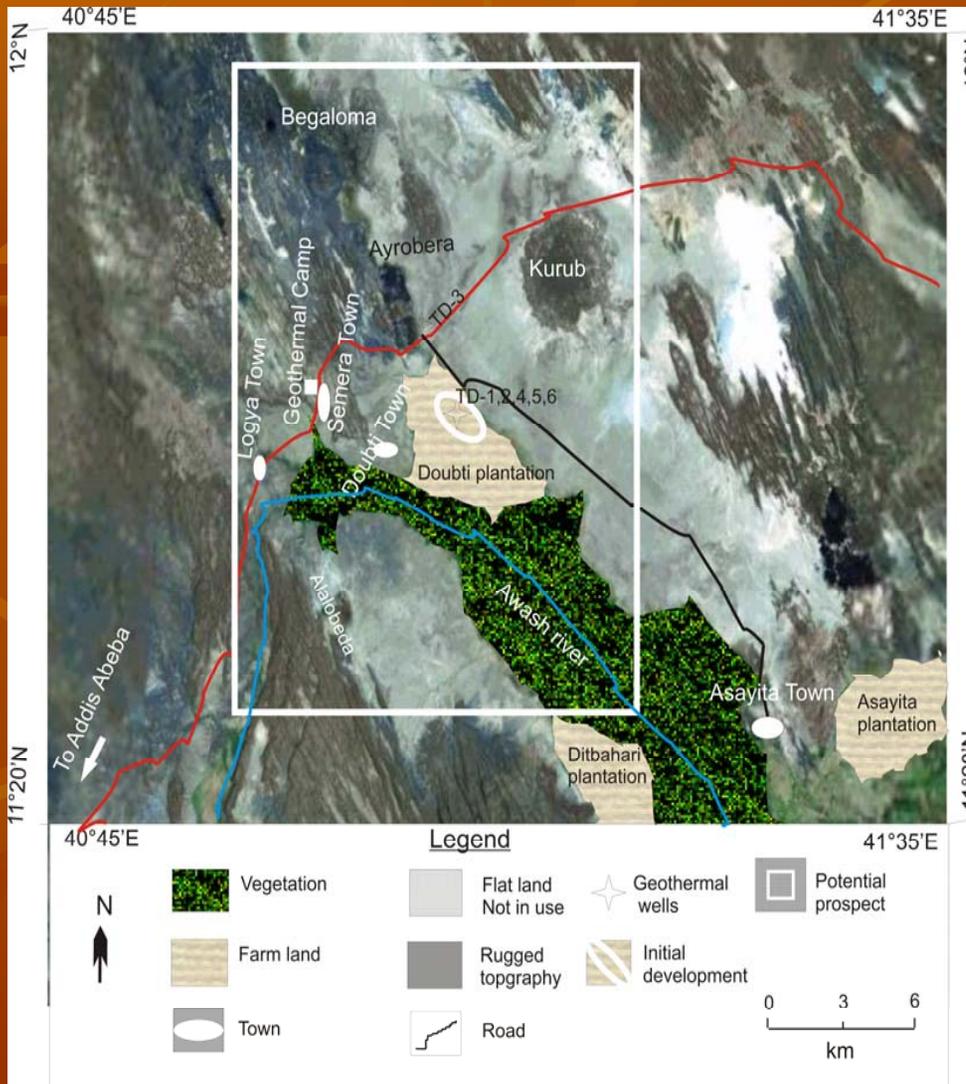
- NE Ethiopia- 600km
- Afar depression

# Surface geology, Tendaho



- Hosts Afar triple junction
  - Surface Geology
    - Sediments (siltstone, sandstone)
    - Active rift volcanics (Basalt and other volc)
    - Afar stratoid series (Maily, basalts)
- Recent Volc – Manda Hararo

# Aerial View (Tendaho)



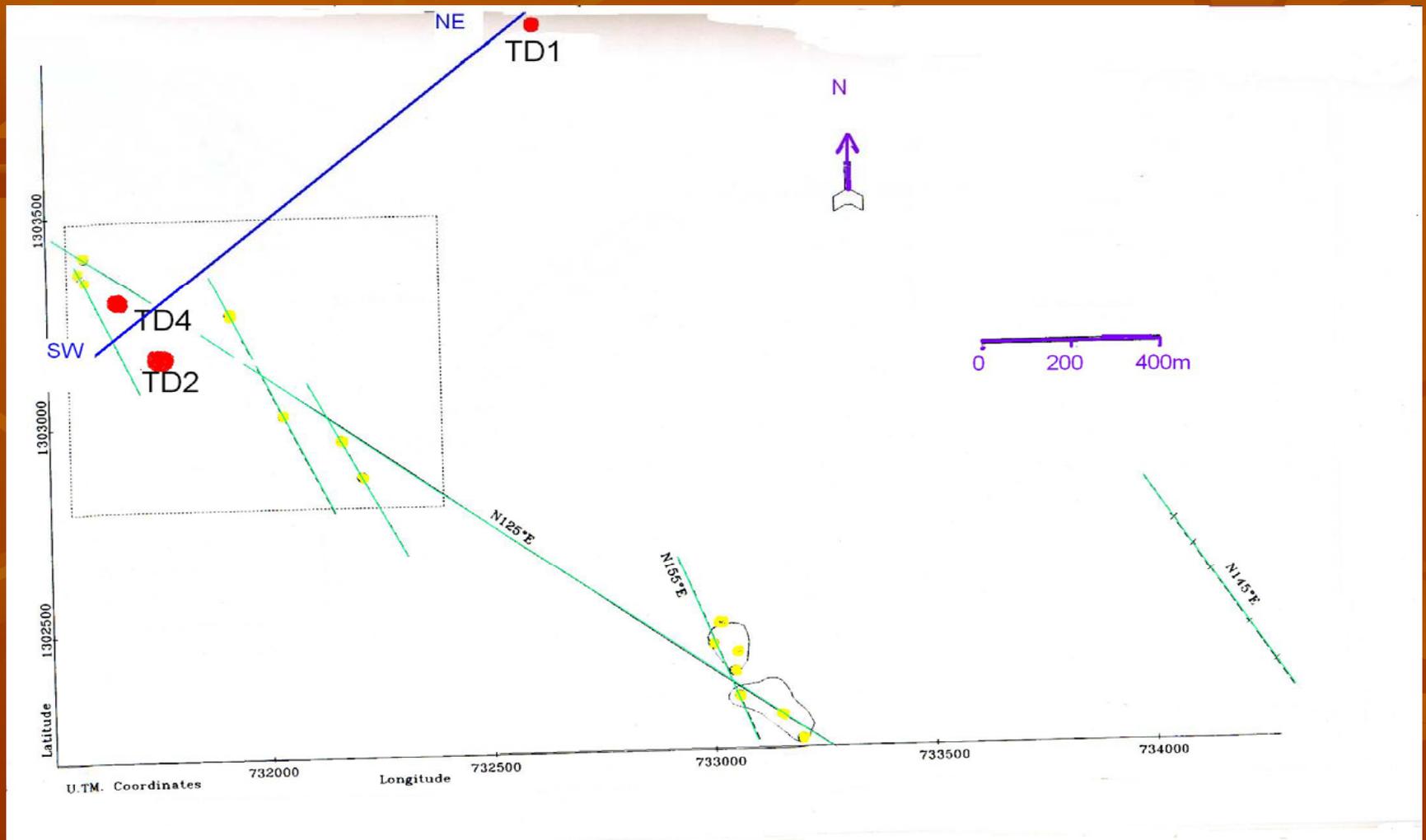
- Pot. Pros > 300Km
- Three Potenential Sites
  - Ayrobera
  - Dubti
  - Alalobeda
- Heat Source( injected magma)
- Wide Spread thermal Activity
- Fumaroles, mud pools and hot springs

# Thermal manifestations (Tendaho)

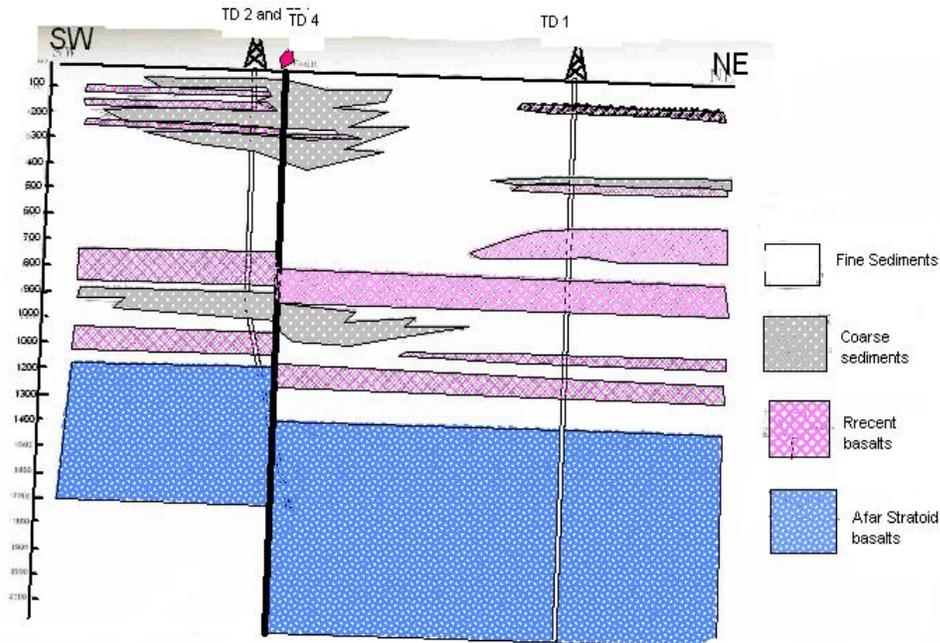


Geysering hot springs and Sinter deposition at surface and cavity walls

# Subsurface crosssection, Tendho



# Subsurface Geology, Tendaho



Permeability

(Primary)

Fine sed(low)

Coarse  
Medium-High

Low

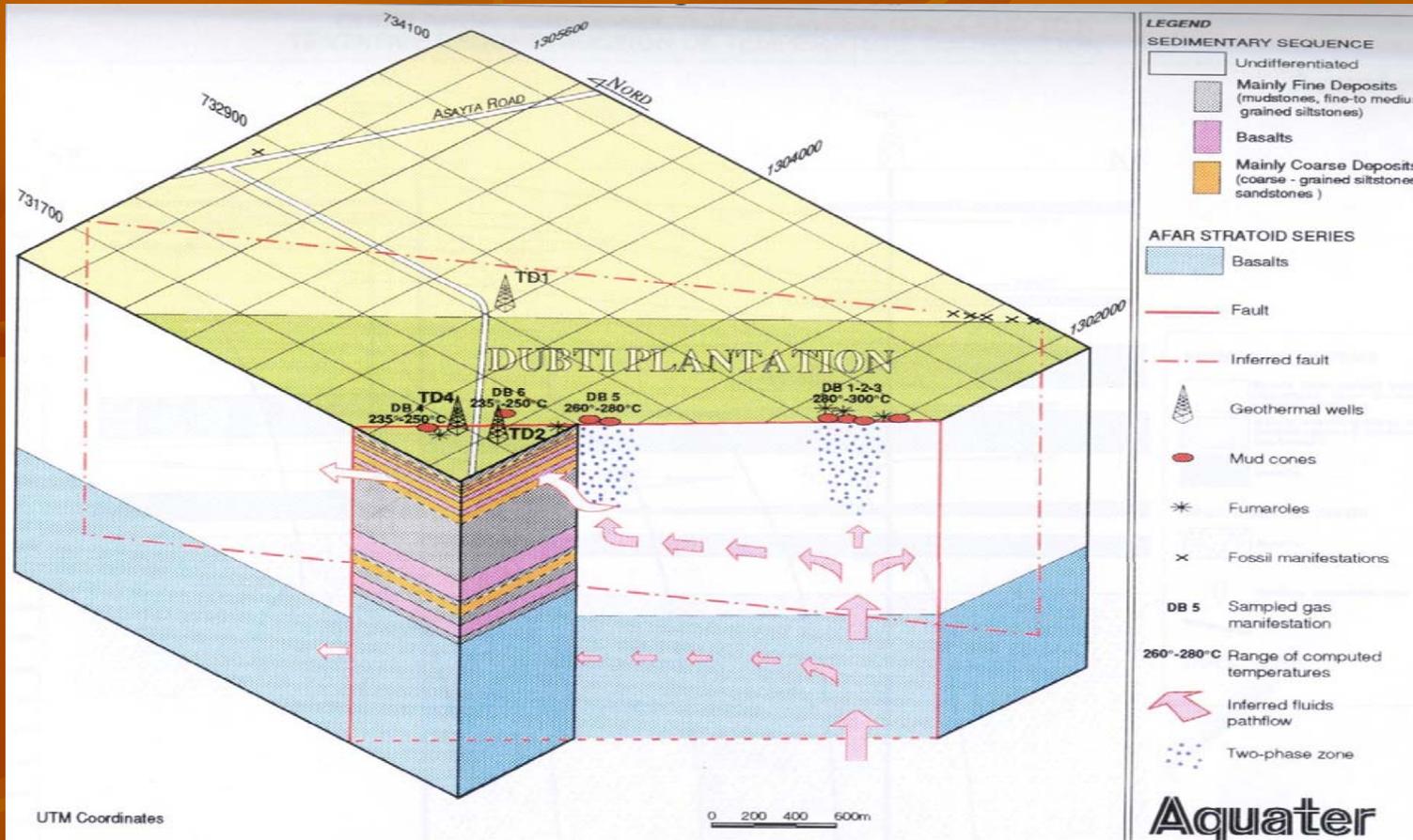
Upper thick sedimentary successioin (siltstone,sandstone and recent basalt)

Lower unit (Afar Stratoid Basalts)

# Subsurface Hydrothermal Alteration, Tendaho

- The fine grained sediments have low int. of alt
- Interbedding coarse sed and basalts are altered
- Afar stratoid basalts are generally altered
- In the hotter part of the productive wells high temp. mineral assoc (wairakite, epidote, prehenite and garnet)
- Fluid inclusion data indicated recent heating in TD1 and stable conditions in TD2,4,5 and 6

# Geoscientific Model, Tendaho



Afar Stratoid series—Poor primary and secondary permeability (TD1/TD2)

May have better secondary permeability SE of TD1/TD2

SE to NE migration of hot geoth fluid

Potential Coarse sedimentary reservoir at deeper levels towards SE

# Comparison

<b>Aluto</b>	<b>Tendaho</b>
Acidic Volcanism	Basaltic Volcanism
Fault controlled reservoir	Fault/primary reservoir
Deep reservoir rocks	Deep/shallow res.rocks
Heat source(magmatic cha)	Heat source(basaltic dykes
Med-Hard rocks(slow penetration)	Soft rocks(High penetration)

# Conclusions

- In Aluto, reservoir rocks are fractured ignimbrites at depth
- The Aluto resource has NNE-SSW trending linear configuration close to LA3/LA6
- Directional drilling along this zone would result in maximized production
- Coarse sedimentary facies could be encountered at deeper levels towards SE of TD4
- Directional drilling in SE would encounter better reservoir rocks