Geothermal Resources for the Eastern United States

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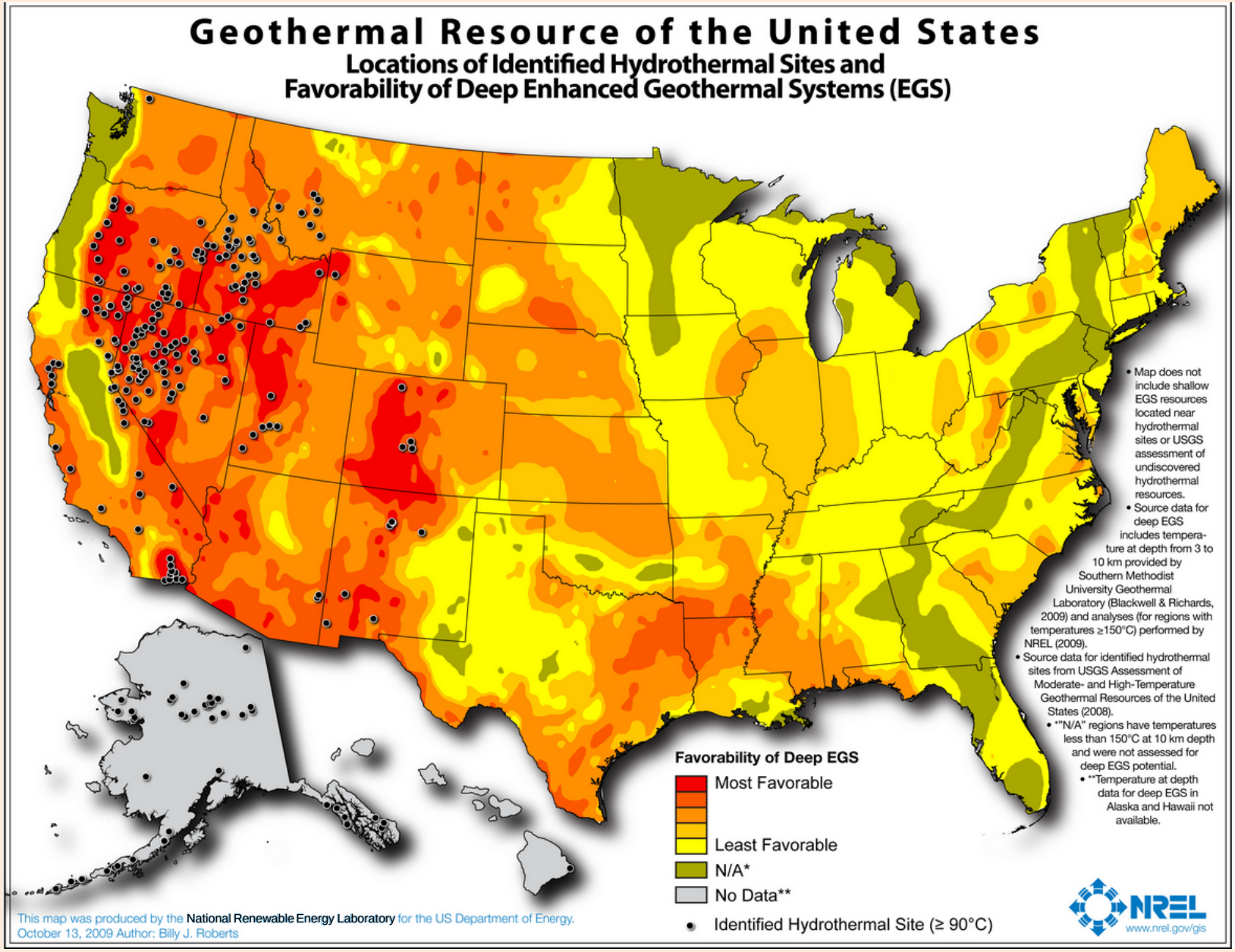
Outline

1. The National Geothermal Data System
2. Contributors and their Contributions
3. What can we do with the Data?

Geothermal Energy Potential



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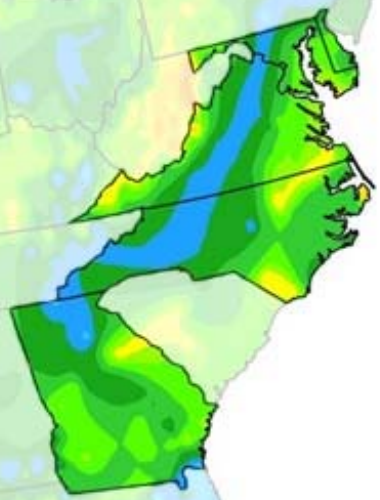

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- Well Data
- Gravity Data
- Geologic Maps
- Thermal Conductivity
- Radiogenic formations
- Thermal Springs
- Aqueous Chemistry
- Rock Chemistry

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WELL NO. 20008
PERMIT #. 222

ACCOMACK COUNTY

WWCR	OWNER	DRILLER	LOCATION (nearest town)	TD	SWL	Y'ld (gpm)	D'd	PT (hrs)	HOLE SIZE (dia. x length)	CASING SIZE (dia. x length)	SCREEN SIZE (dia. and depths)	AQUIFERS (depths)	Bed-rock	PUMP GPM	PUMP D.I.	Com-pleted	RIG	Source of info.	USE	Topo. Exp.	REMARKS*
51	Thornton, Richard	Scott, John	Atlantic	65	12	17				2"x			–			1950	J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	Sept Water, El. 27
52	Thornton, Richard	Scott, John	Atlantic	64	8	17				2"x			–			5/49	J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	El. 25', Sept Water,
53	Long, Pat	Scott, John	Temperanceville	200	30	18	3-4'	3		2"x			–			4/50	J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	El. 27', Sept Water, A-
54	Locato Conquest		Chincoteague	180						2"x			–				J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	El. 5', Sept Water F-
55	Hall, Frederick	Scott, John	Hallwood	265	30	14	3-4			2"x			–	450		4/49	J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	El. 30', A-55, sept wat
56	Gladden, Kai	Scott, John	Hallwood	248	1½	25	3-4'			2"x 84'			–	350		4/48	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25',
57	Roberts, Anna	Scott, John	Hallwood	232	1½	25				2"x	60 mesh		–	350		5/48	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25', A-57
58	Dewey Marshall	Scott, John	Hallwood	240	1½	16⅔	4'	3-4		2"x			–	350		1950	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25', A-58
59	Davis, Henry	Scott, John	Hallwood	237	1½	16⅔	8'	2		2"x			–	16⅔		7/51	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 30', A-59
60	Hall, James A.	Clark, I.B.	Hallwood	186						1½"x		10'-30', 110'-150'	–			1903		usgs			El. 10', D-60
61	Tappin, Melvin	Scott, John	Hallwood	231	1½	25				2"x	60 mesh		–			3/48	J	usgs	Ind.	Flat	El. 25', A-61
62	Nock, Haddy	Scott, John	Hallwood	240	1½	16	4	3		2"x	60 mesh		–			1950	J	usgs	Dom.		El. 25'
63	Seaside Fish Co.		Assateague Is.	412						6"x			–			1935		usgs		Flat	F, Ab., Well under wa
64	Gordy, John B.		Mappsville	130									–				J?	usgs	Dom.		El. 40', A-64
65	Adkins, May		Mearsville	190	1½	2				1½"x			–			1936	J	usgs	Dom.	Flat	A-65, El. 9', F
66	Taylor, George E.	Scott, John	Mears	256	1½					2"x , 1½"x			–			1936	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 8', A-66
67	Groton, Samuel B.		Hallwood	199						2"x			–			1946	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25', A-67
68	Bloxom Auto	Scott, John	Mappsville	255	30		45'	3		2"x			–	16⅔		11/51	J	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25', A-68
69	Flemings Brothers	Ewell, W.	Mears	21	4			6		2"x			–			7/48	DV	usgs	Dom	Flat	El. 25', A-69
70	Natl. Adv. Comm. Aeronau		Wallops Island	147	2½	30				6"x 132'	4½"(132'-147') 16 slot	134'-147'	–	100				usgs	Dom.		El. 9', A-70
71	Linwood, D. Lewis	Scott, John	Mappsville	225	32					2"x			–	16⅔		11/50	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25', A-71, SOFT
72	Jenkins, L.M.	Jenkins, L.M.	Bloxom	23						1½"x			–	1½		7/45	DV.	usgs	DOM	FLAT	EL. 16', A-72
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79	Mason, Short	Scott, J.	Modestown	228	30	16⅔	9	4		2"x			–	75		11/48	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 18', A-79, HARD WA
80	Mears, C.	Scott, J.	Nelsonia	230	29					2"x			–			1951	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25', A-80, SOFT WA
81	Ewell, Abe	Scott, J.	Nelsonia	230	30					2"x			–	15		9/51		usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25, A-81, SOFT WA
82	Taylor, G.R.	Taylor, G.R.	Bloxom	34		50				1¾"x			–			11/48	DV	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 11½'
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84	Pickens, Barnett	Scott, John	Mappsville	228	30	16⅔	6	3		2"x			–	16⅔		10/50	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25', SOFT WATE
85	Poulson, Milton R.		Hopston	40		50				1¼"x			–			5/44	DV	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	A-85, EL. 21', MUSTY ODO
86	Mears, Wm. S.	Mears, Wm. S.	Gargatha	18	4					1¼"x			–			9/36	DV	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 20', SOFT WATE
87	Costin, H.R.	Scott, John	Parksley	220	16	15	5'	2		2"x			–			11/52	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25'
88	Copper, J.L.		Hopkins	100	½	1½				1½"x			–			1914	DV	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 7', A-88
89	Watkinson, Brantley	Porter, W.	Hopkins	123		2				2"x			–				J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 3', A
90	Duncan, Linwood	Porter, W.	Chesconessex	123	2	30				2"x			–				J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 3', D-90
91	Dicks	Porter, W.	Parksley	165	17	200				2"x		20, 60-63, 163-165	–	350			J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	EL. 25, D-91
92	Town	Sydnor	Parksley	65		150				8"x			–			9/47	D	usgs	P.S.		EL. 30, D-92
93	Town		Parksley	165		50				8"x			–					usgs	P.S.		
94	Richardson, Henry J.	Scott, John	Greenbush	220	1					2"x			–	300		7/43	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	ELEV. 3', A-94
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96	Pulley, W.F.		Franklin City	75	0	20				1½"x 71'		20'-75'	–				D	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	ELEV. 3', A-96
97	Black	Porter	~~Chesconessex~~	160	8	20				2"x		18', 150'-160'	–			1951	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	ELEV. 7', D-97
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100	Russell, Milton	Scott, J.	Onancock	123	12	13⅔				2"x			–			10/48	J	usgs	DOM.	FLAT	ELEV. 25',

WWCR — Water Well Completion Report; TD — Total Depth; SWL — Static Water Level; Y'ld — Yield; D'd — Drawdown; PT — Pump Test; DI — Depth of Intake

*REMARKS: E — Electric and/or gamma ray logs available; ✓W — Well sample drill-cuttings available; A — Water analysis available; D — Driller log available; G — Geologic log available; P — Pump test data available; F — Artesian flow (in gpm); Ab — Abandoned

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SHARE DATA

Becoming a data provider to the NGDS is simple. To learn more about contributing your project's data to the DOE Geothermal Data Repository, data interchange formats, and data services follow the links below:

- Contribute to DOE Geothermal Data Repository
- Register Data

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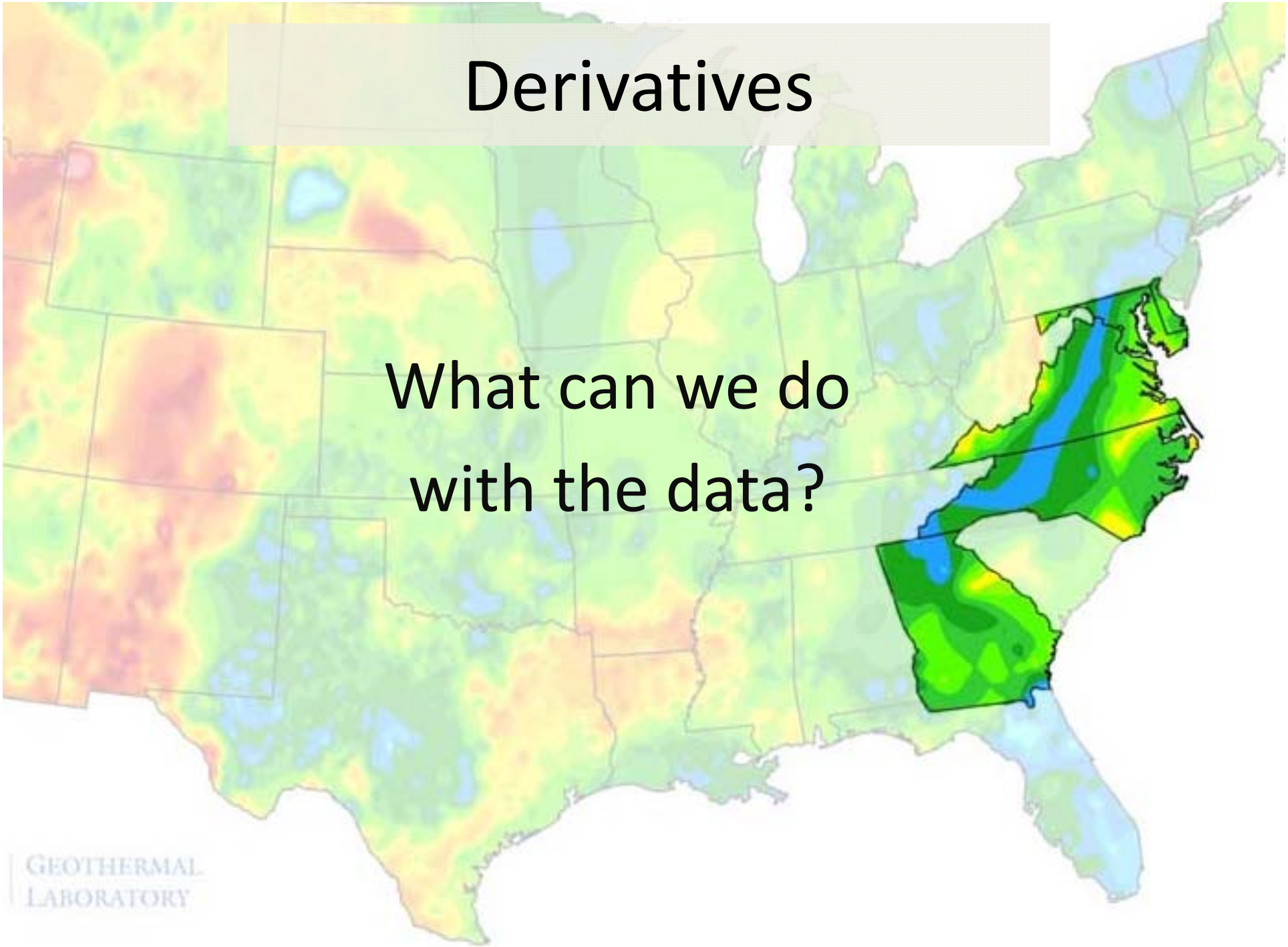
Derivatives

What can we do with the data?



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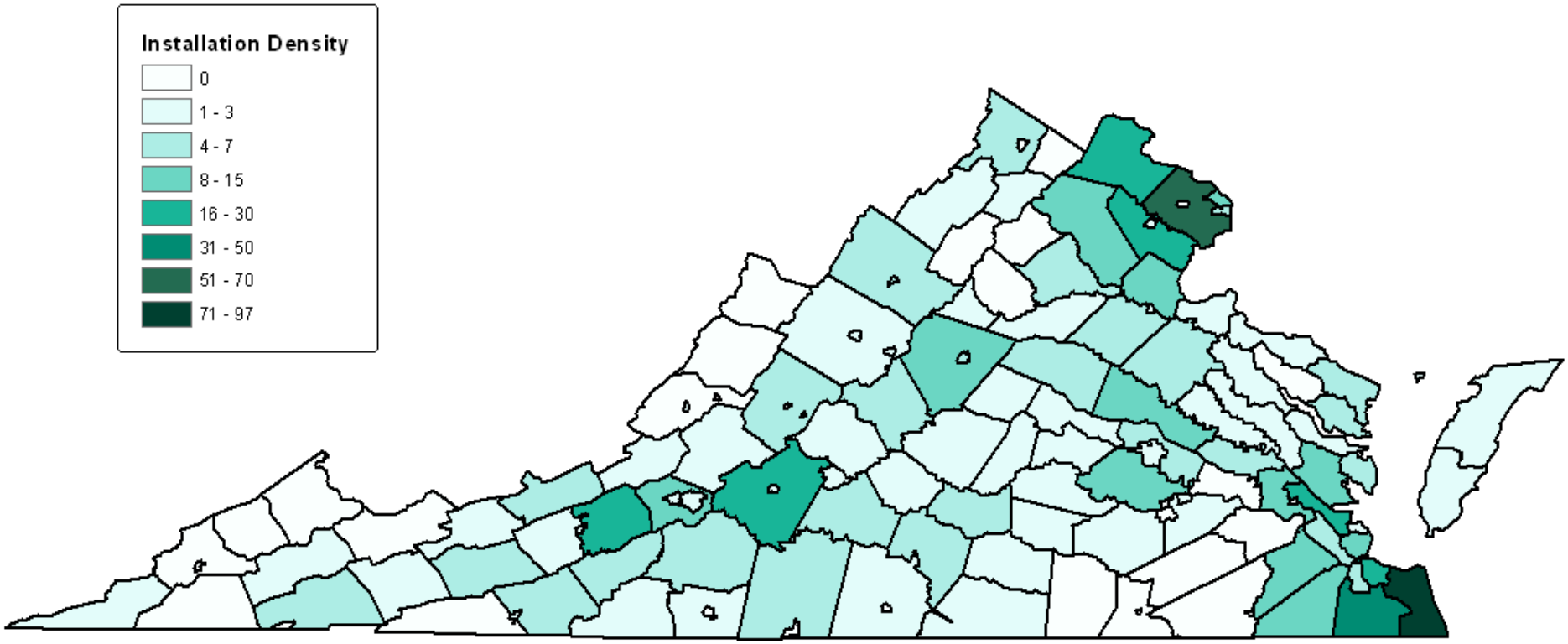
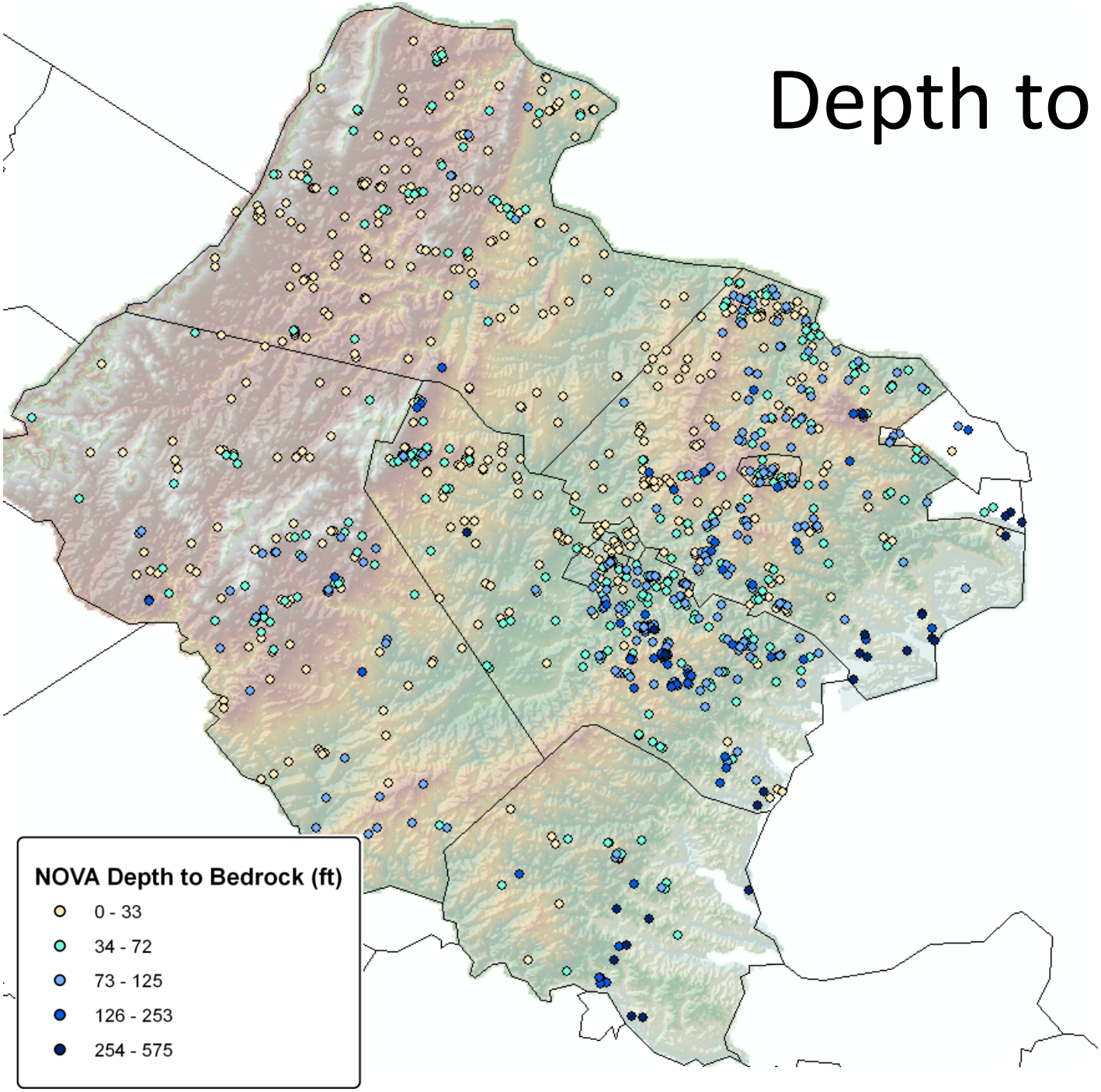
Geothermal Installations



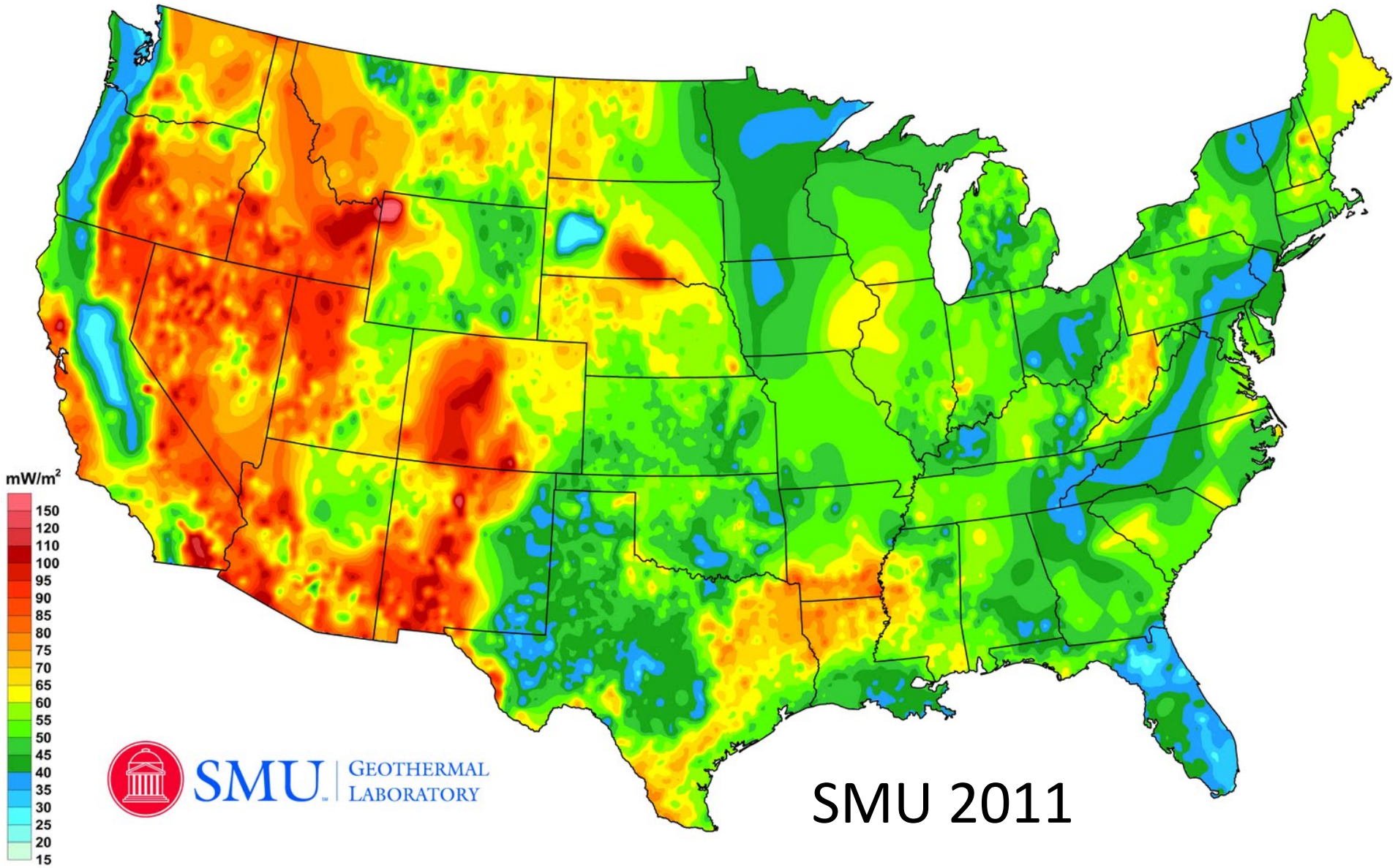
- Weighted county by county statewide
- Data source – rebates, school systems, installing companies

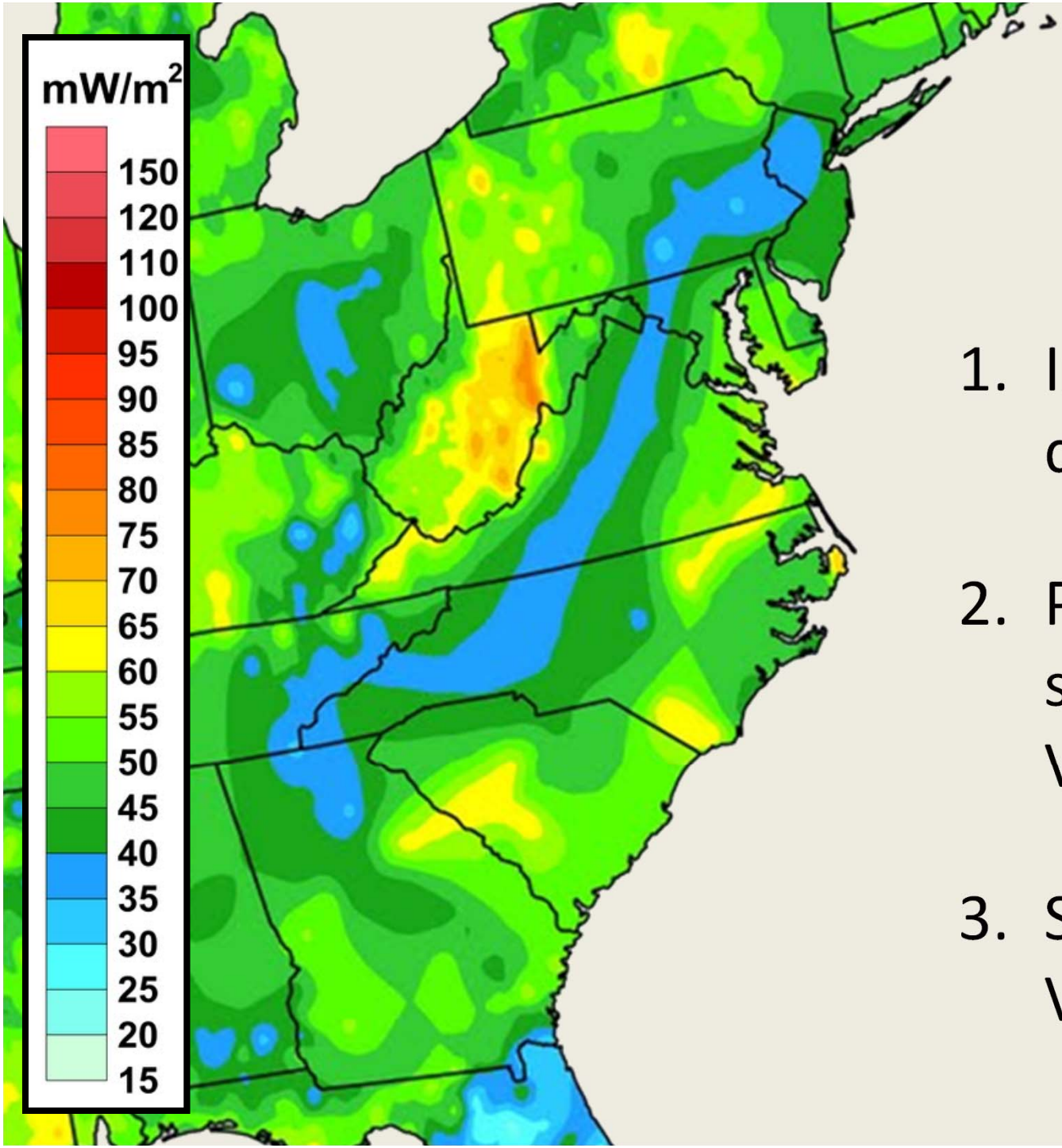
Depth to Bedrock



- Data from DGMR water well database (40,000+ wells statewide)
- Sub-maps target counties of high density installations

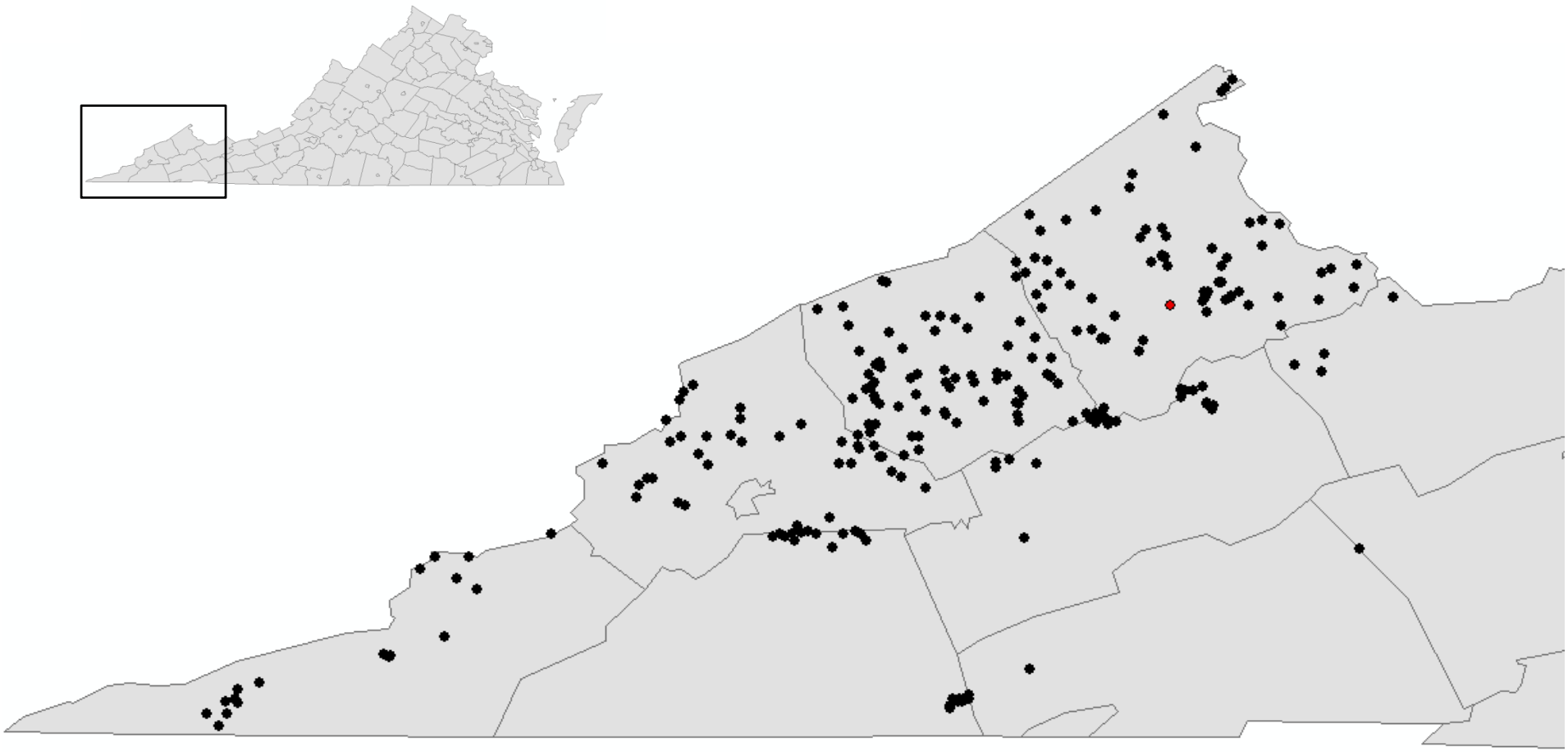
Temperature at Depth and Heat Flow

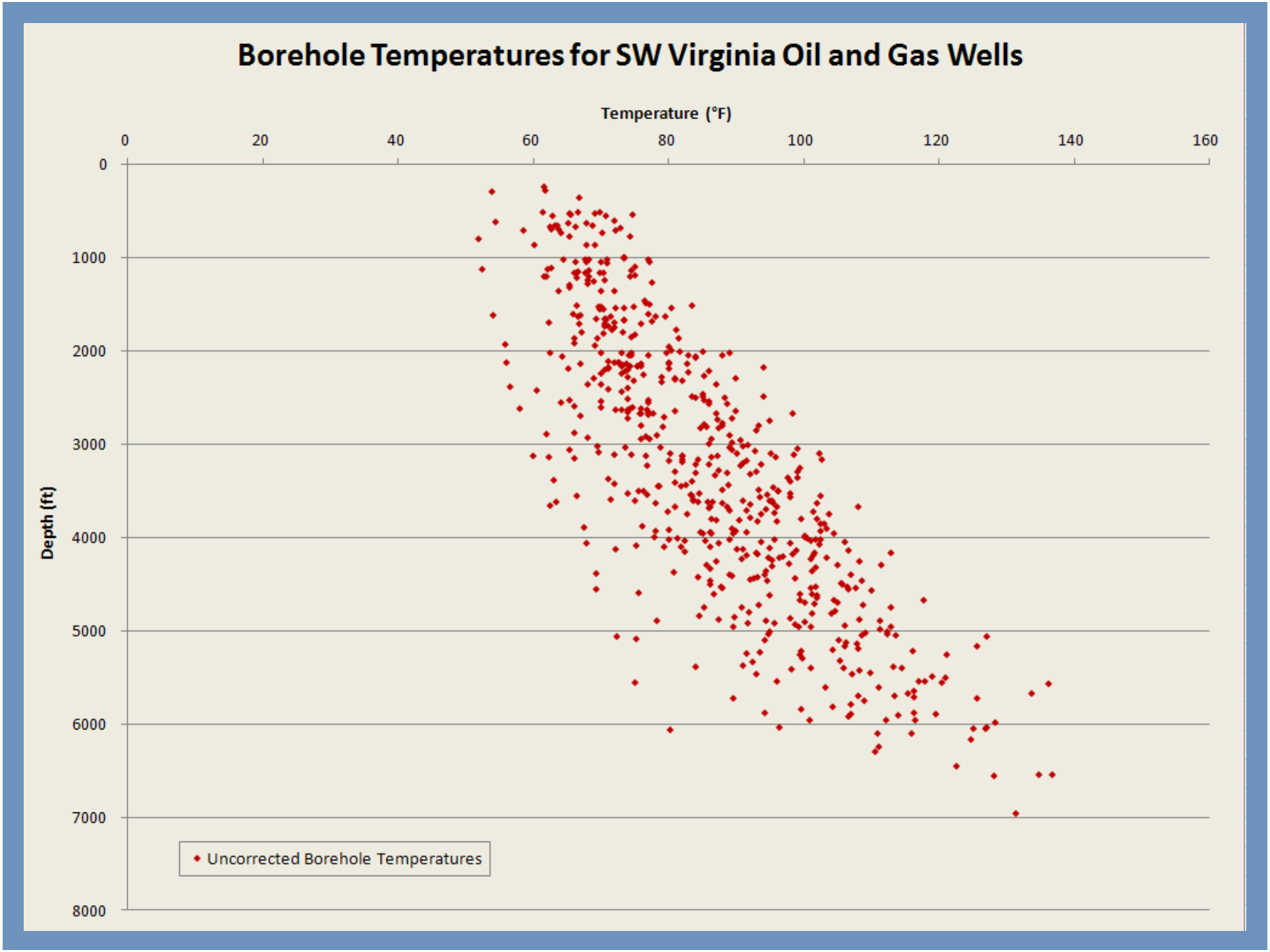




1. Increased data density
2. Primary focus southwestern Virginia
3. Statewide Virginia map?

Distribution of Temperature Data

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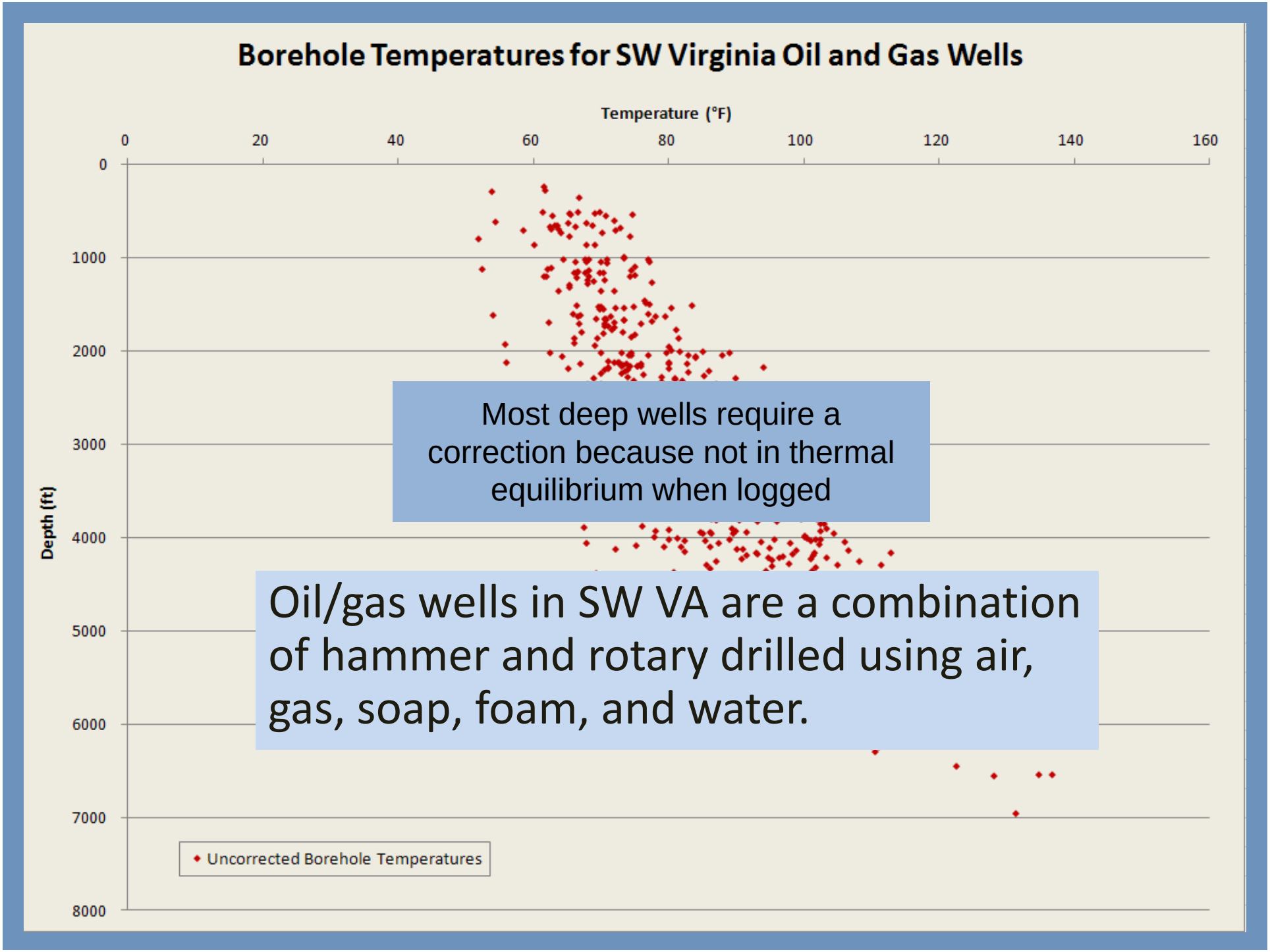
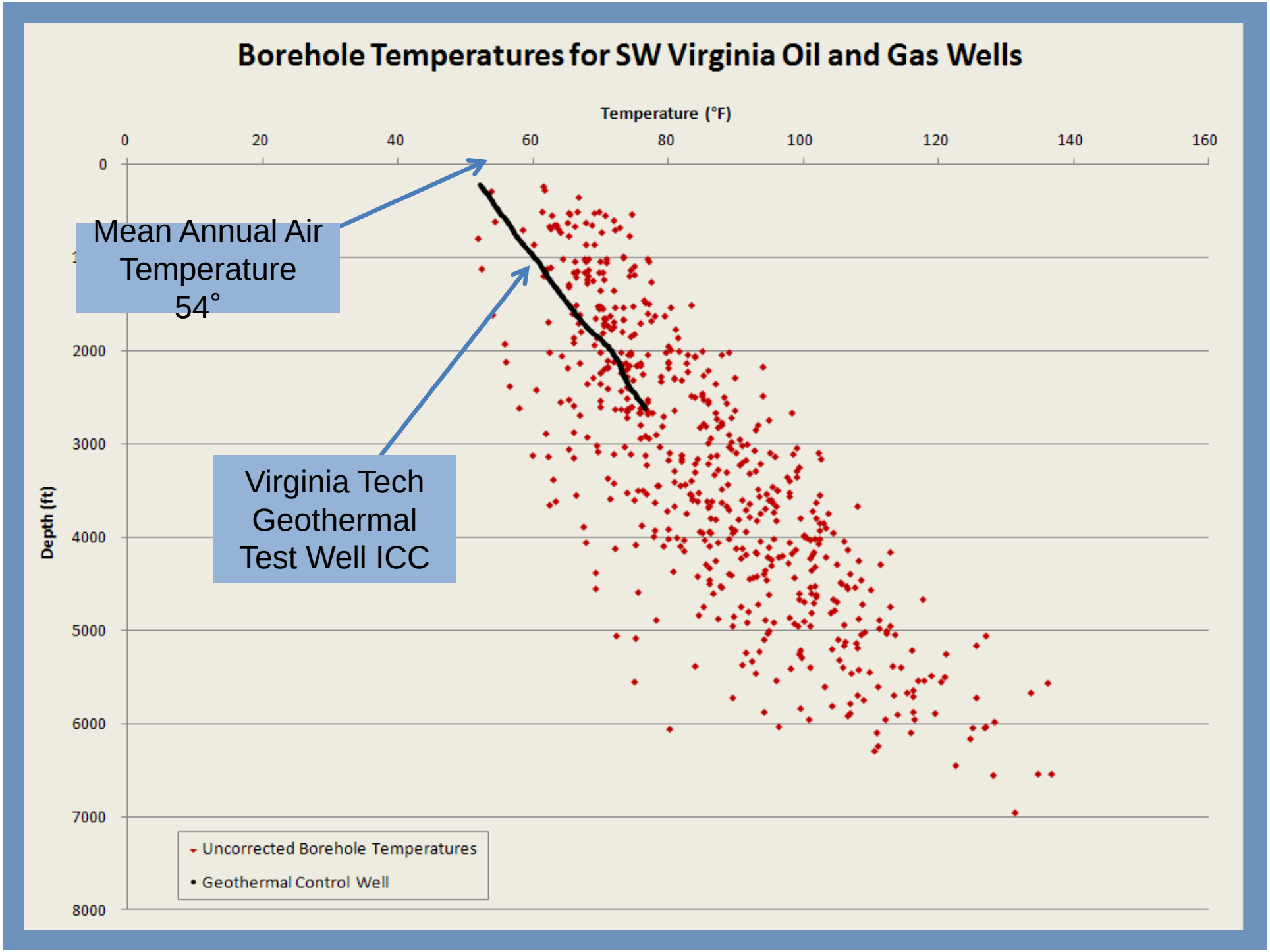
Uncorrected Borehole Temperatures



Most deep wells require a correction because not in thermal equilibrium when logged

Oil/gas wells in SW VA are a combination of hammer and rotary drilled using air, gas, soap, foam, and water.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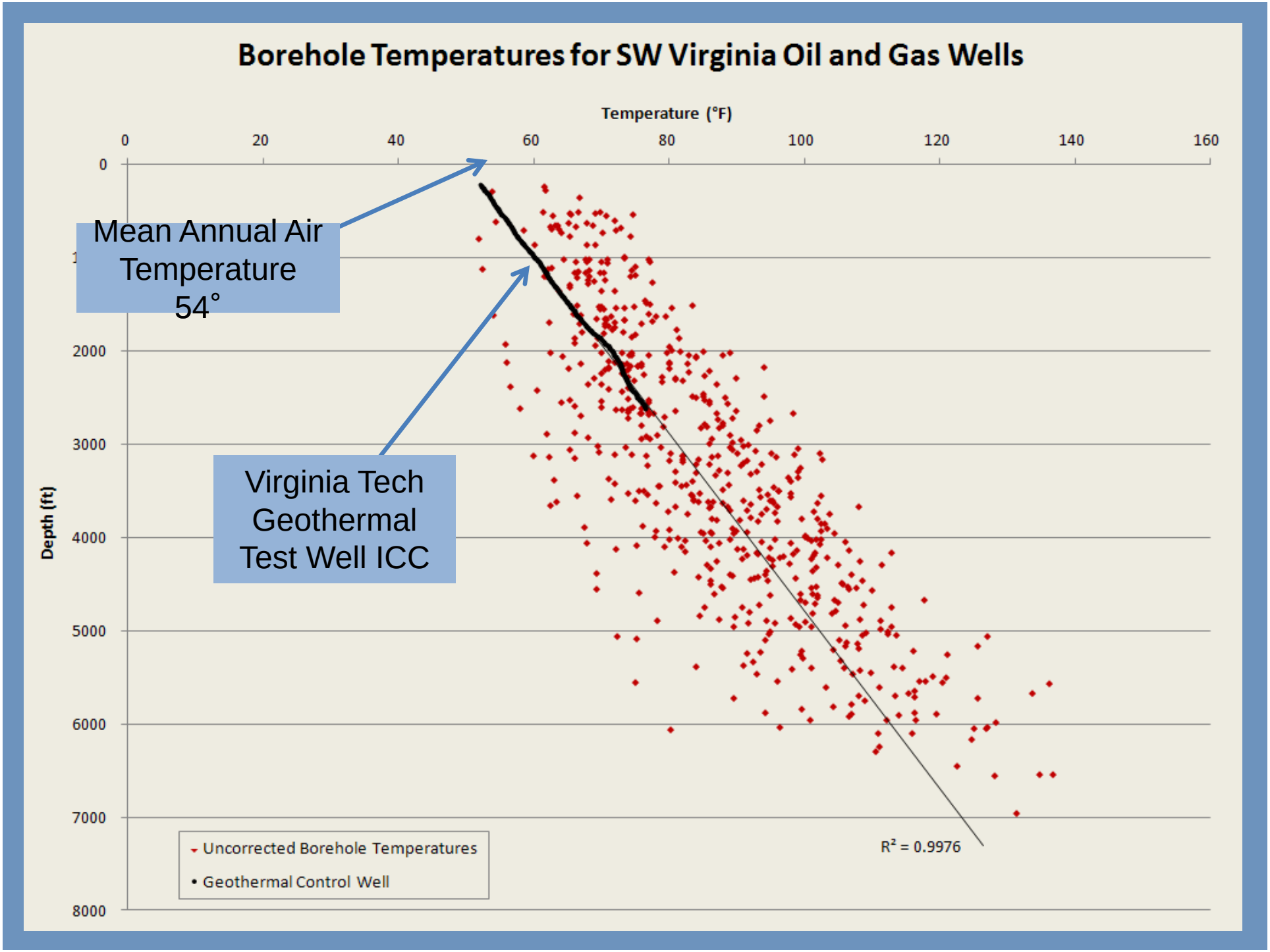
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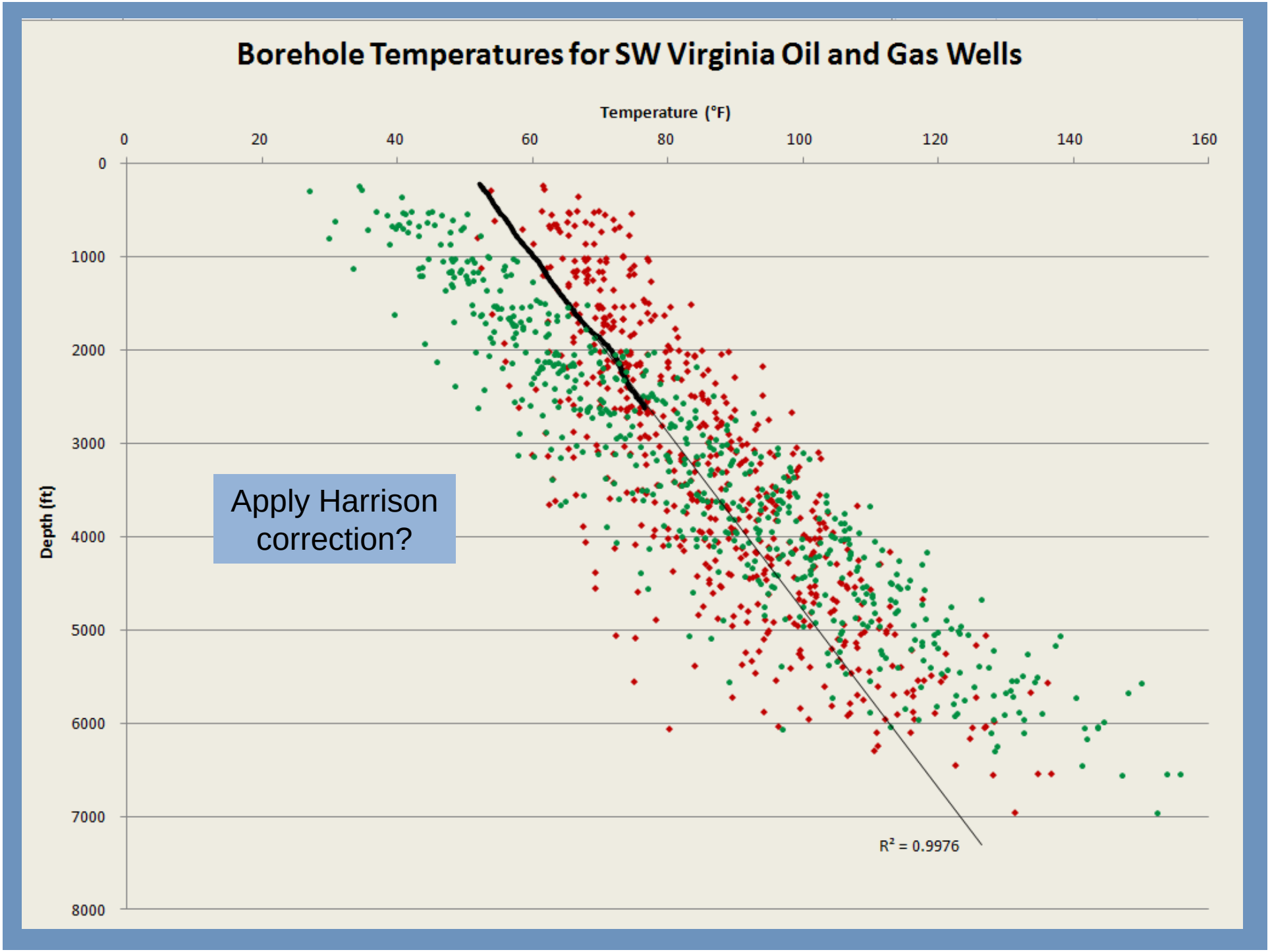
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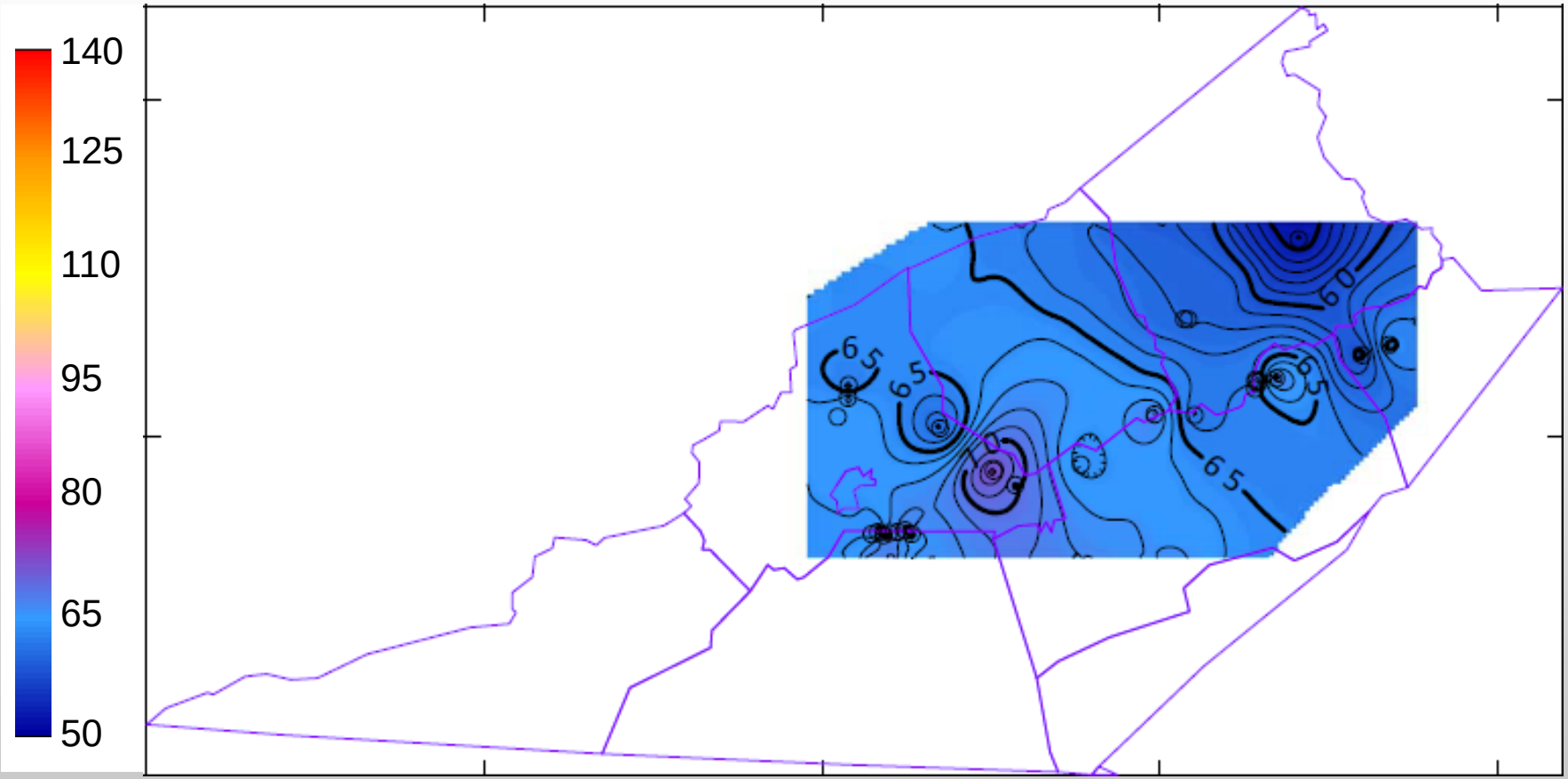
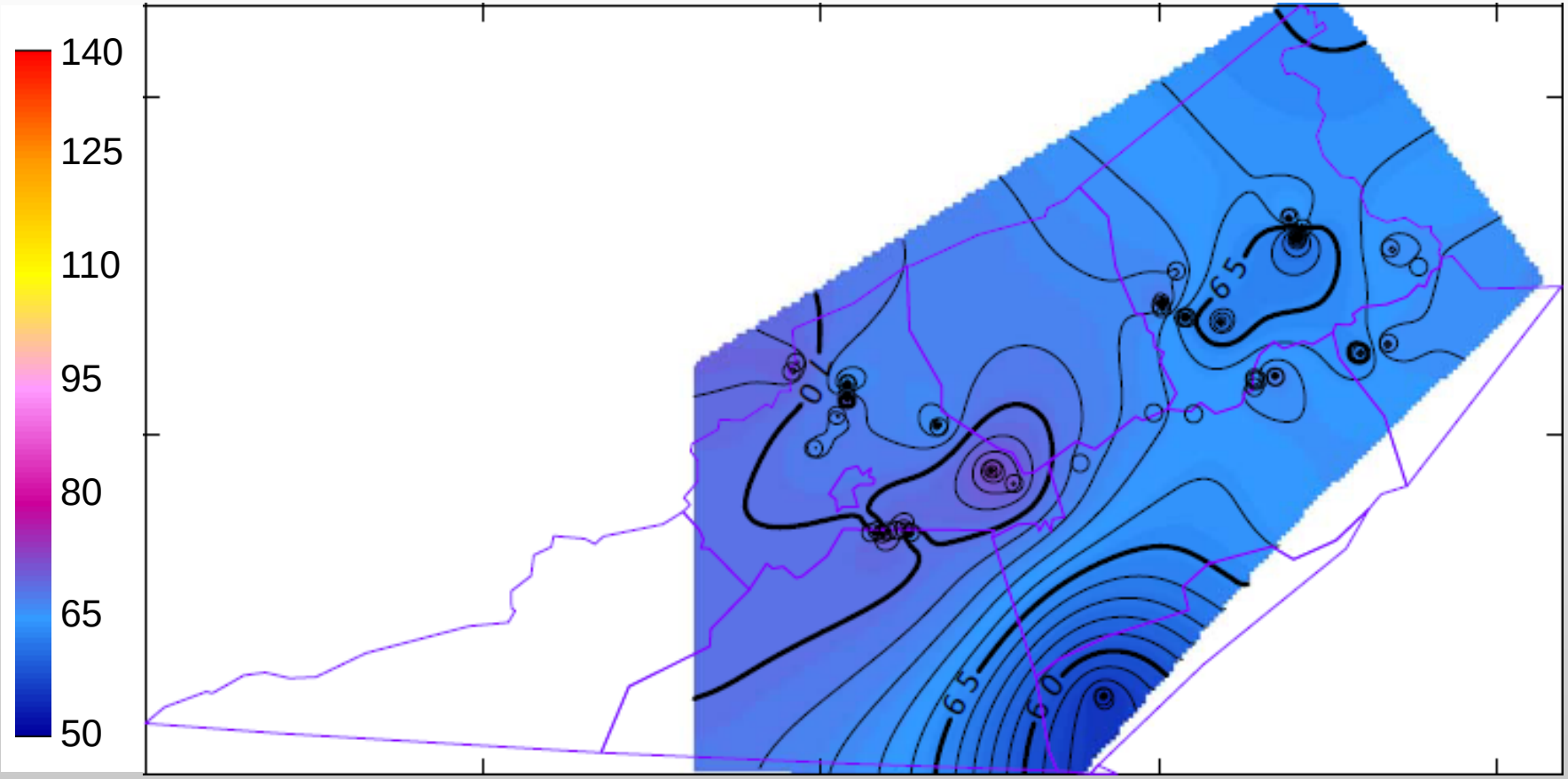


2000 feet above sea level

Temperature at Depth



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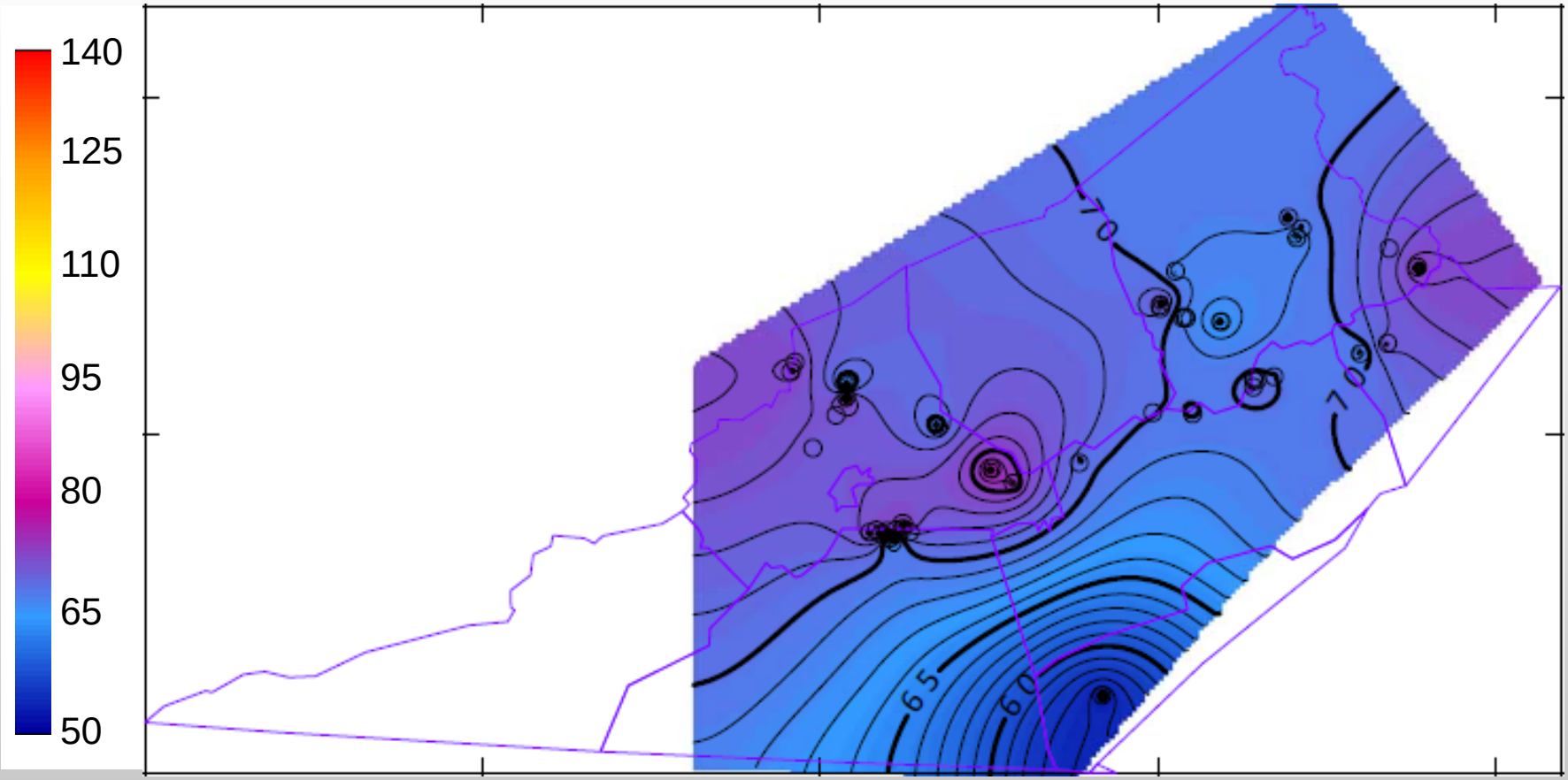

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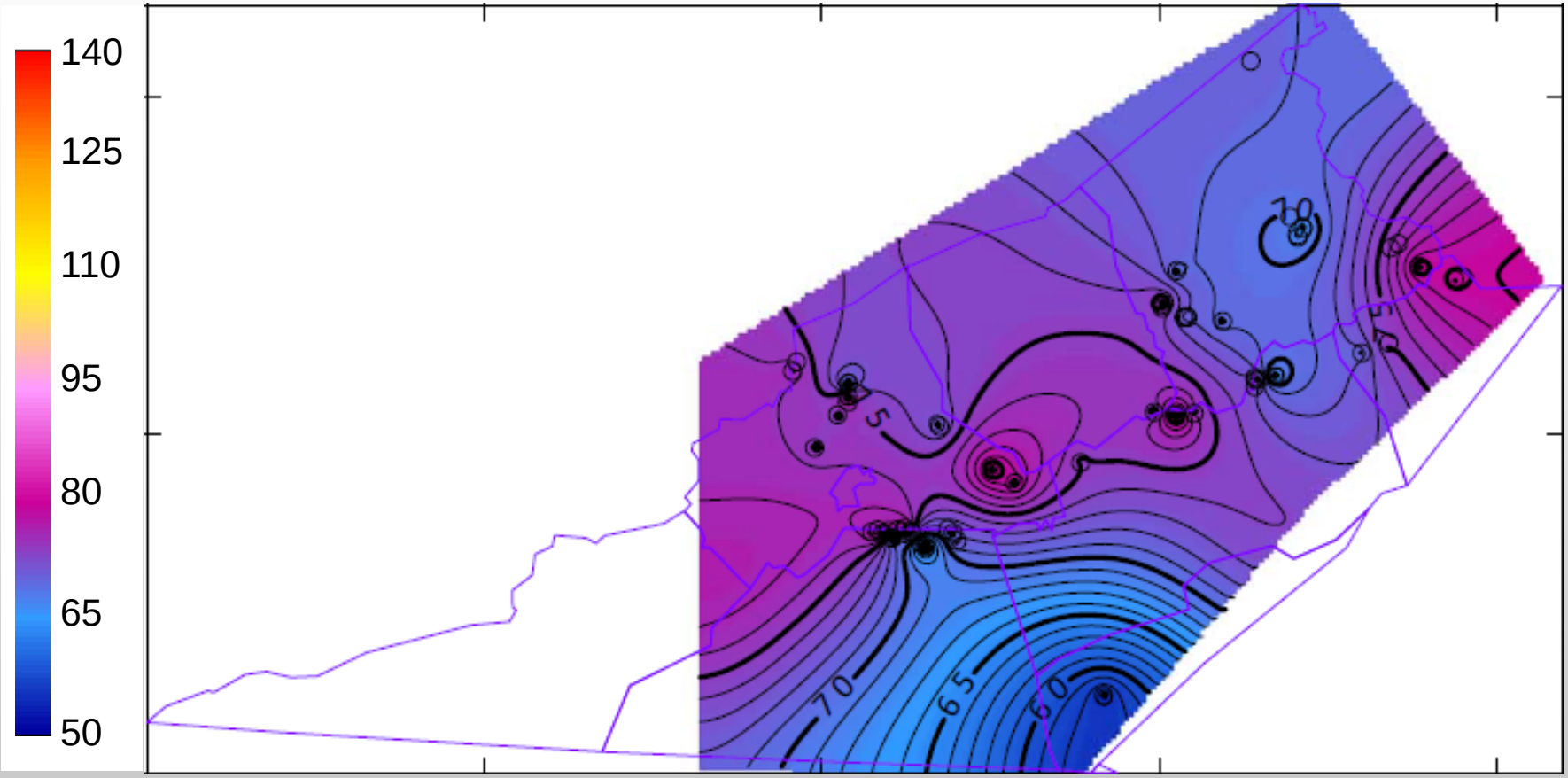

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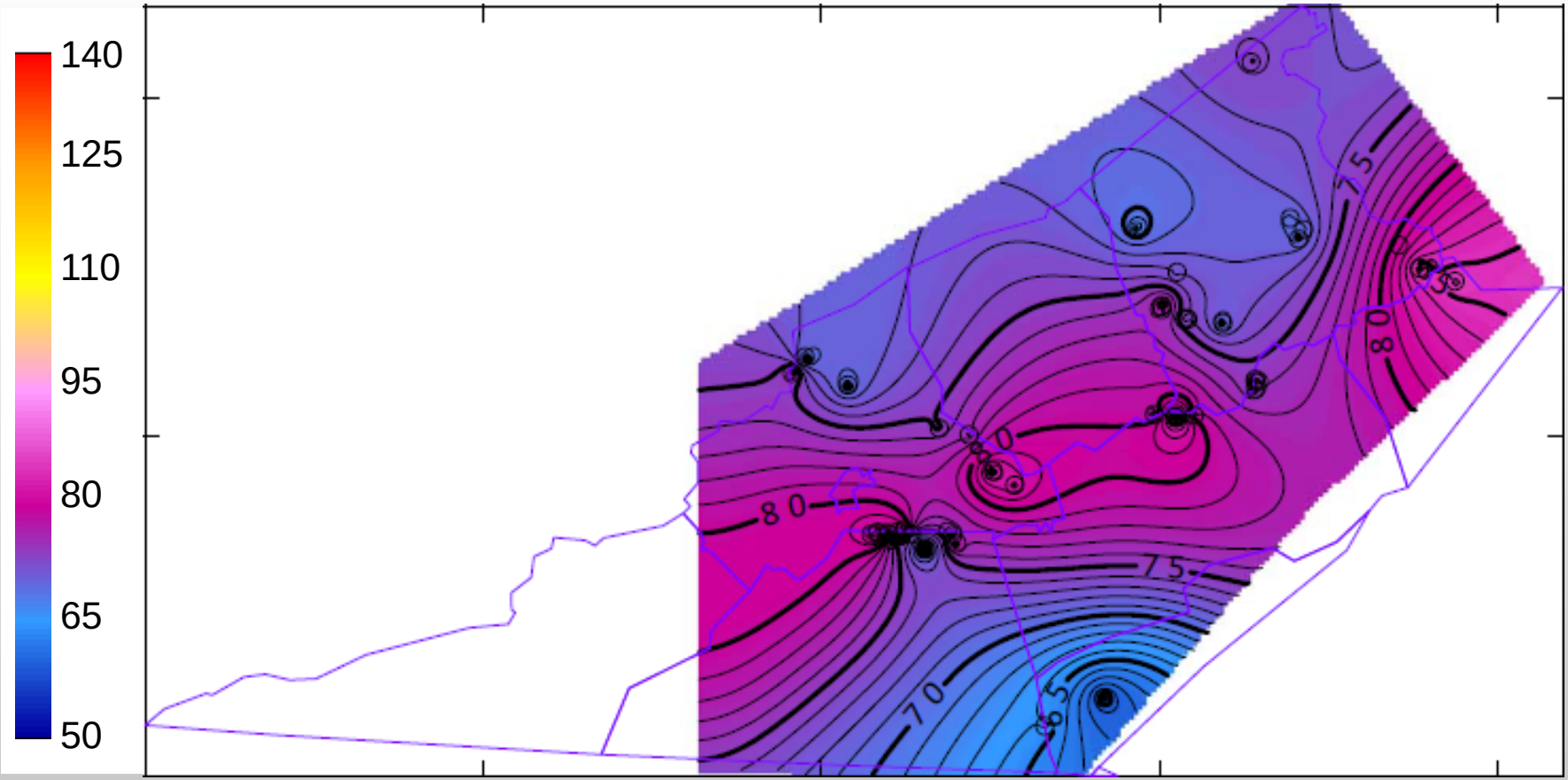

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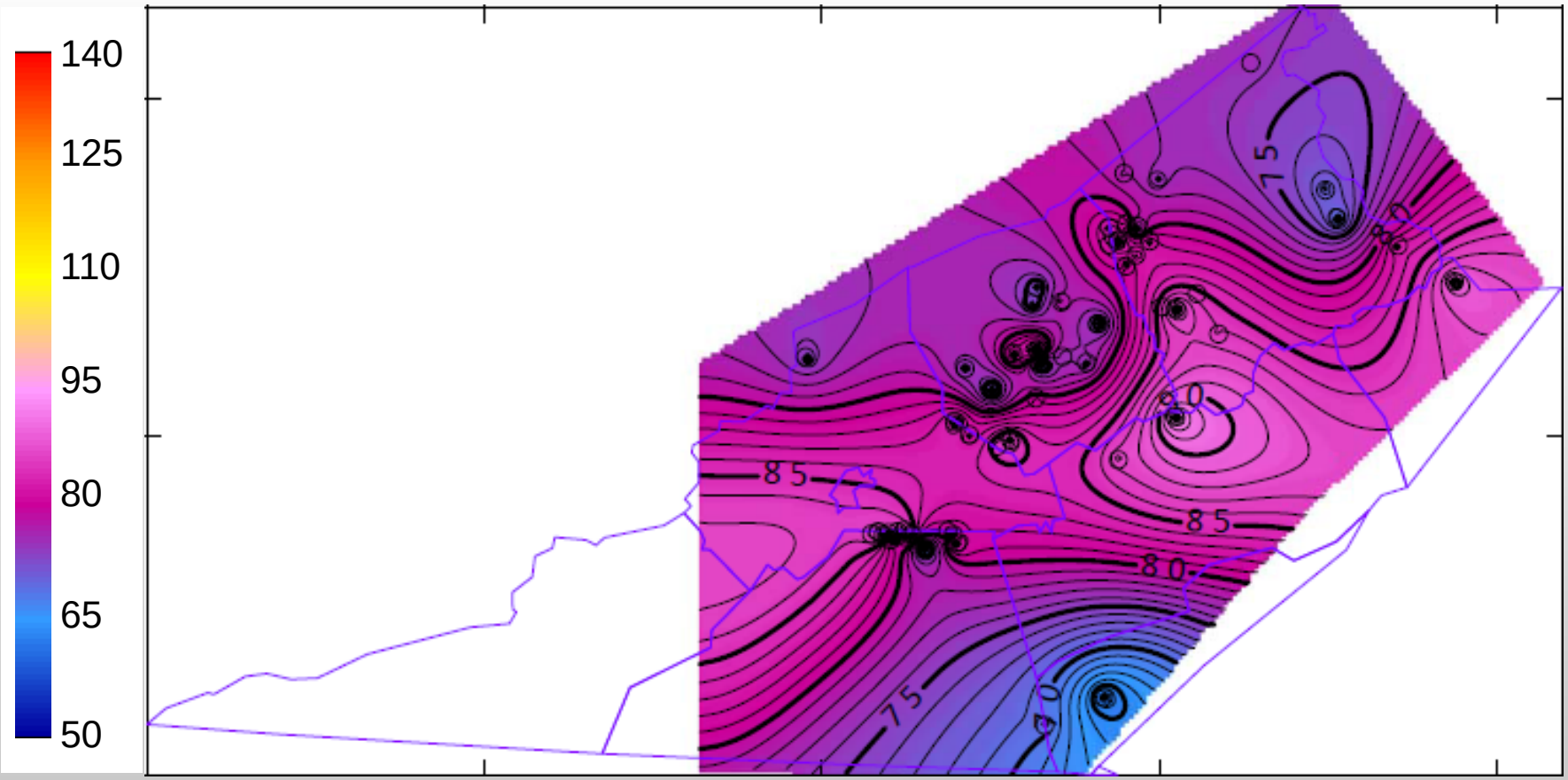

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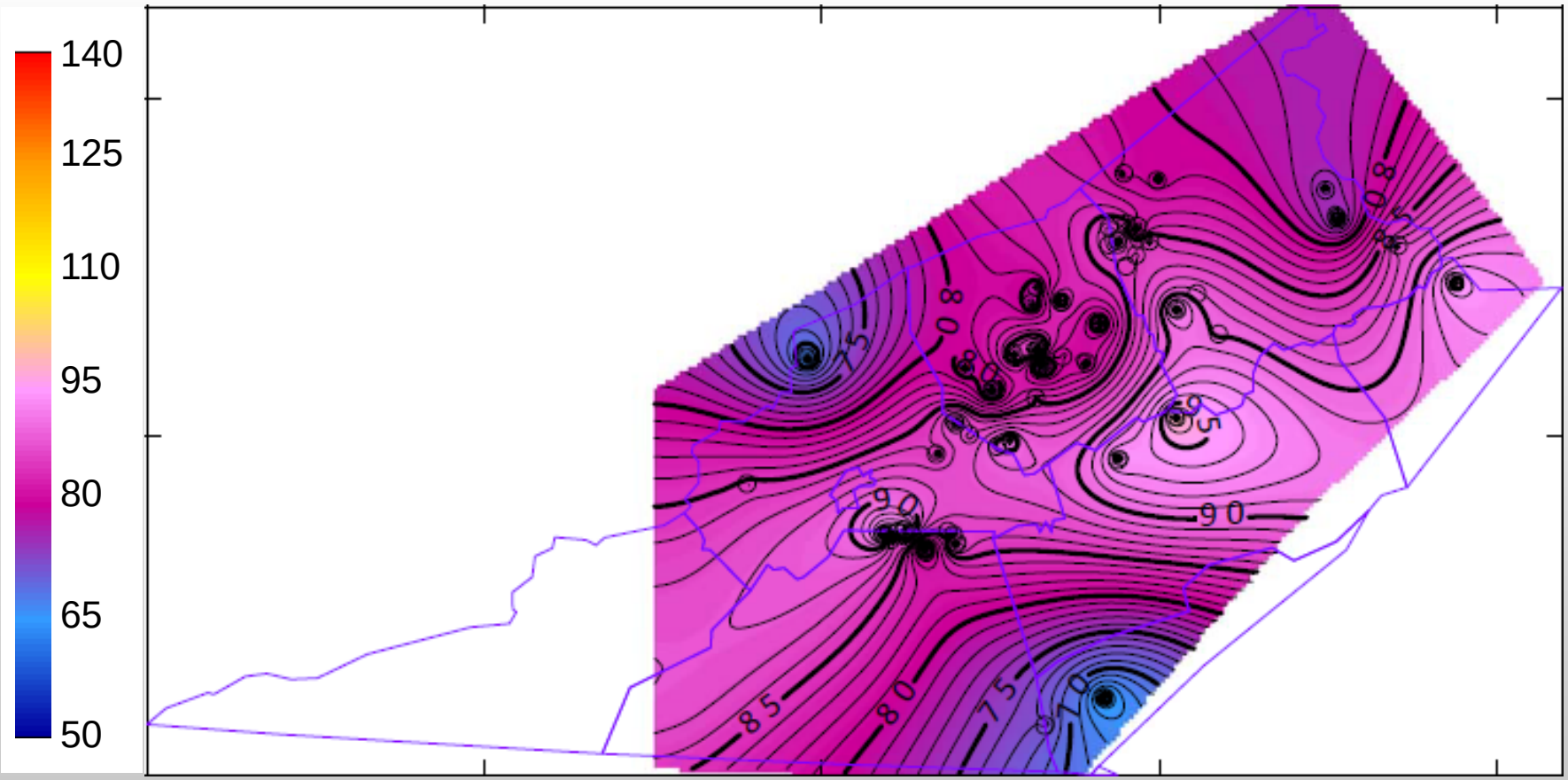

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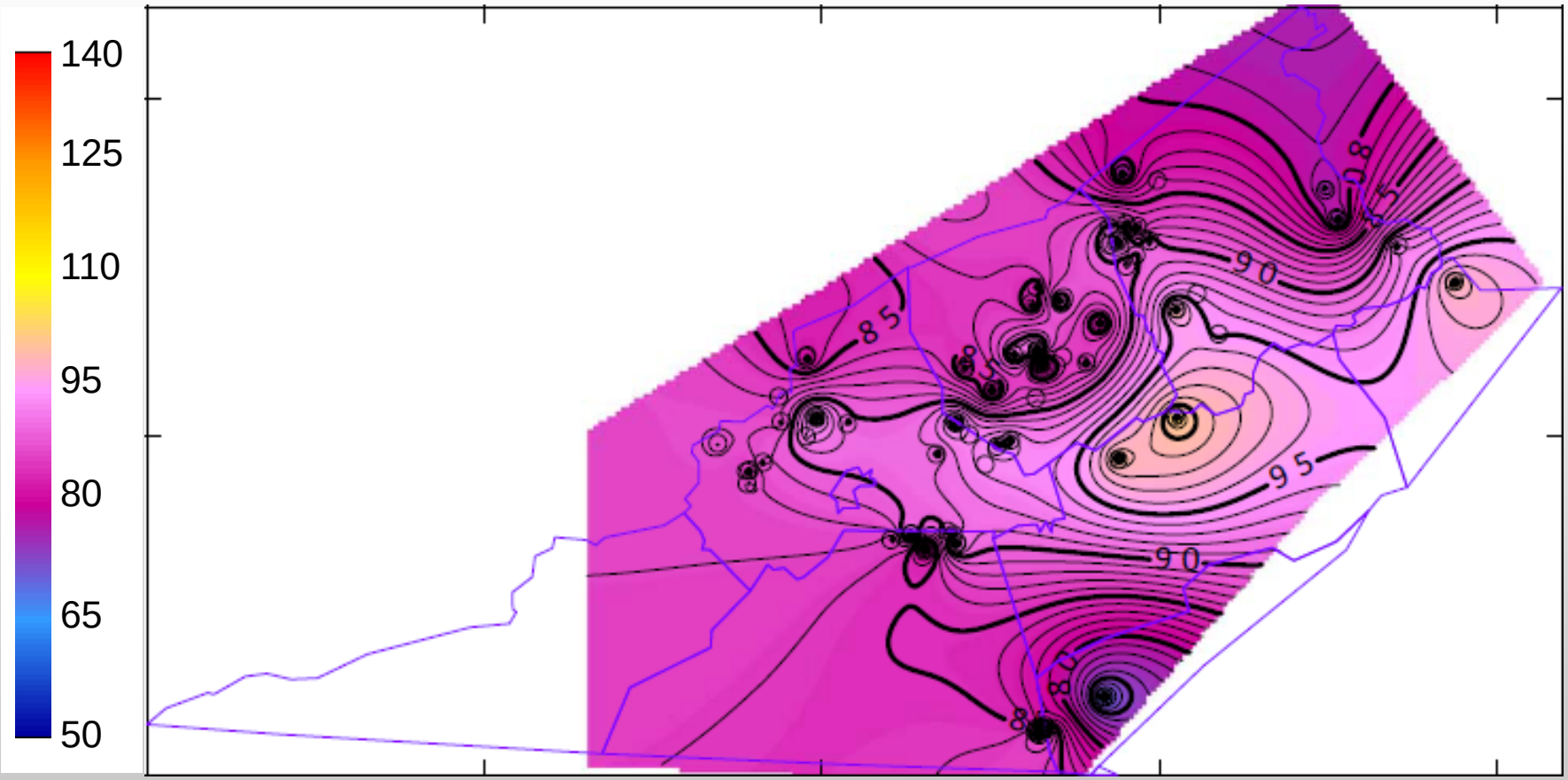

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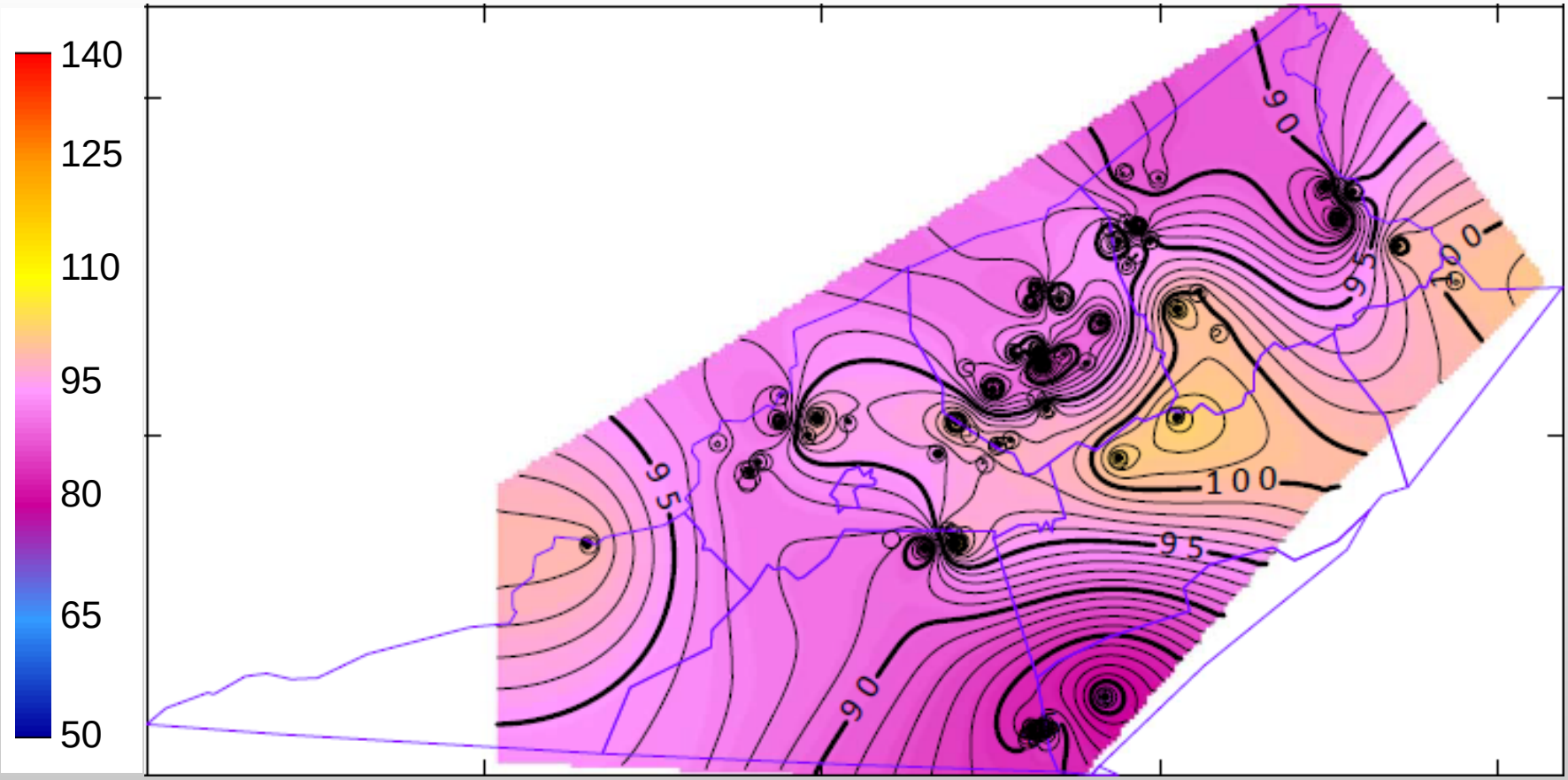

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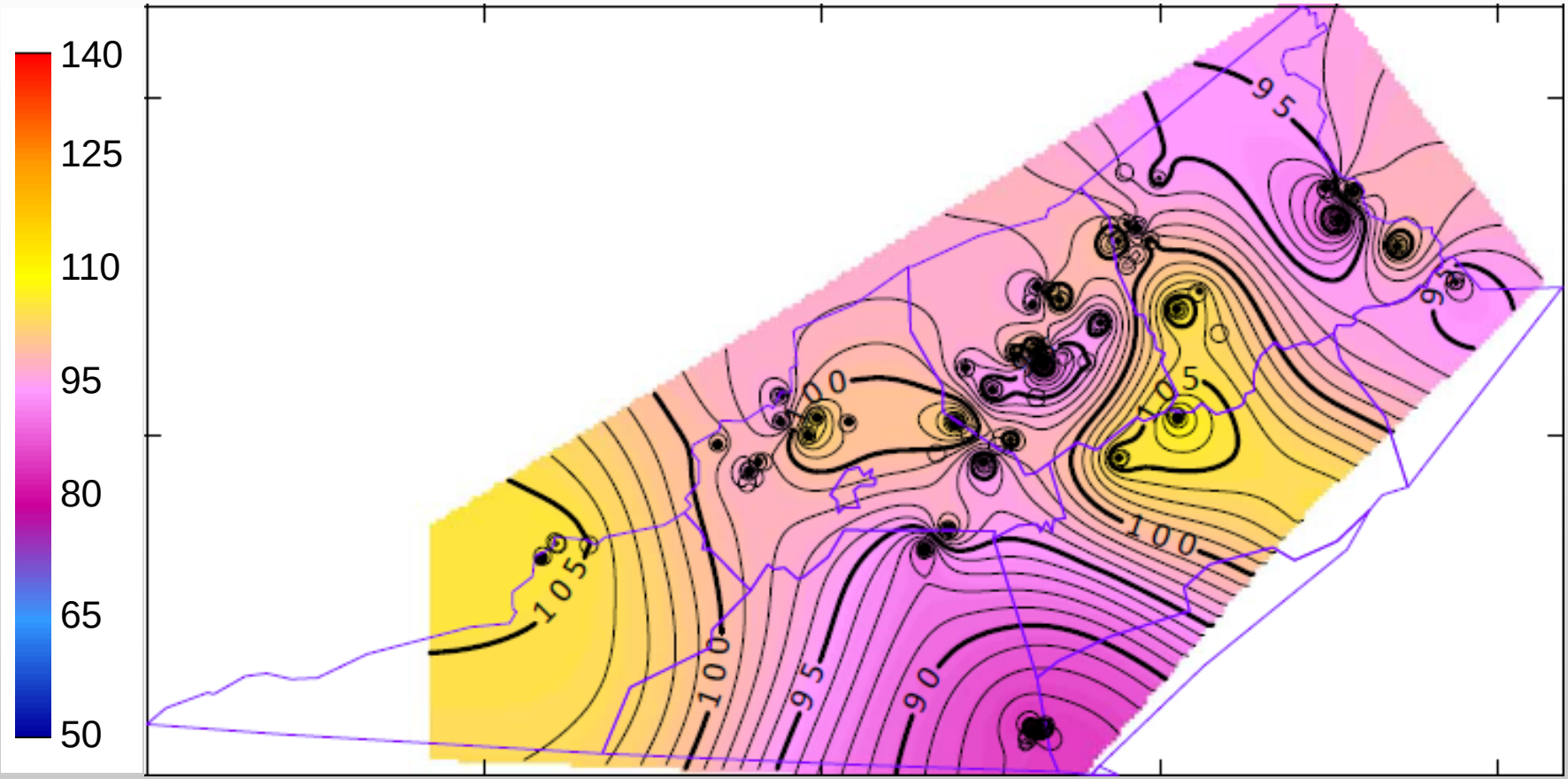

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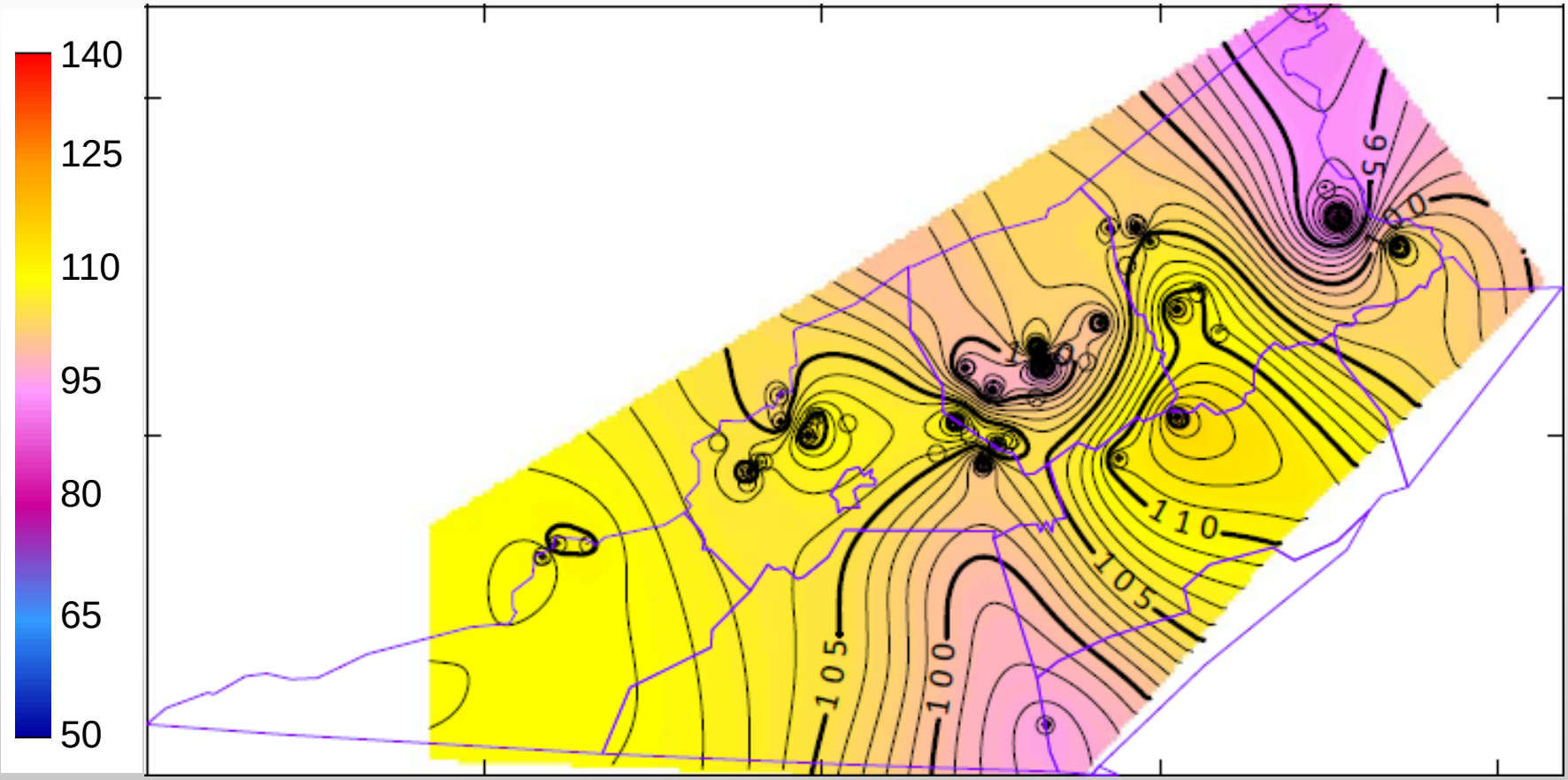

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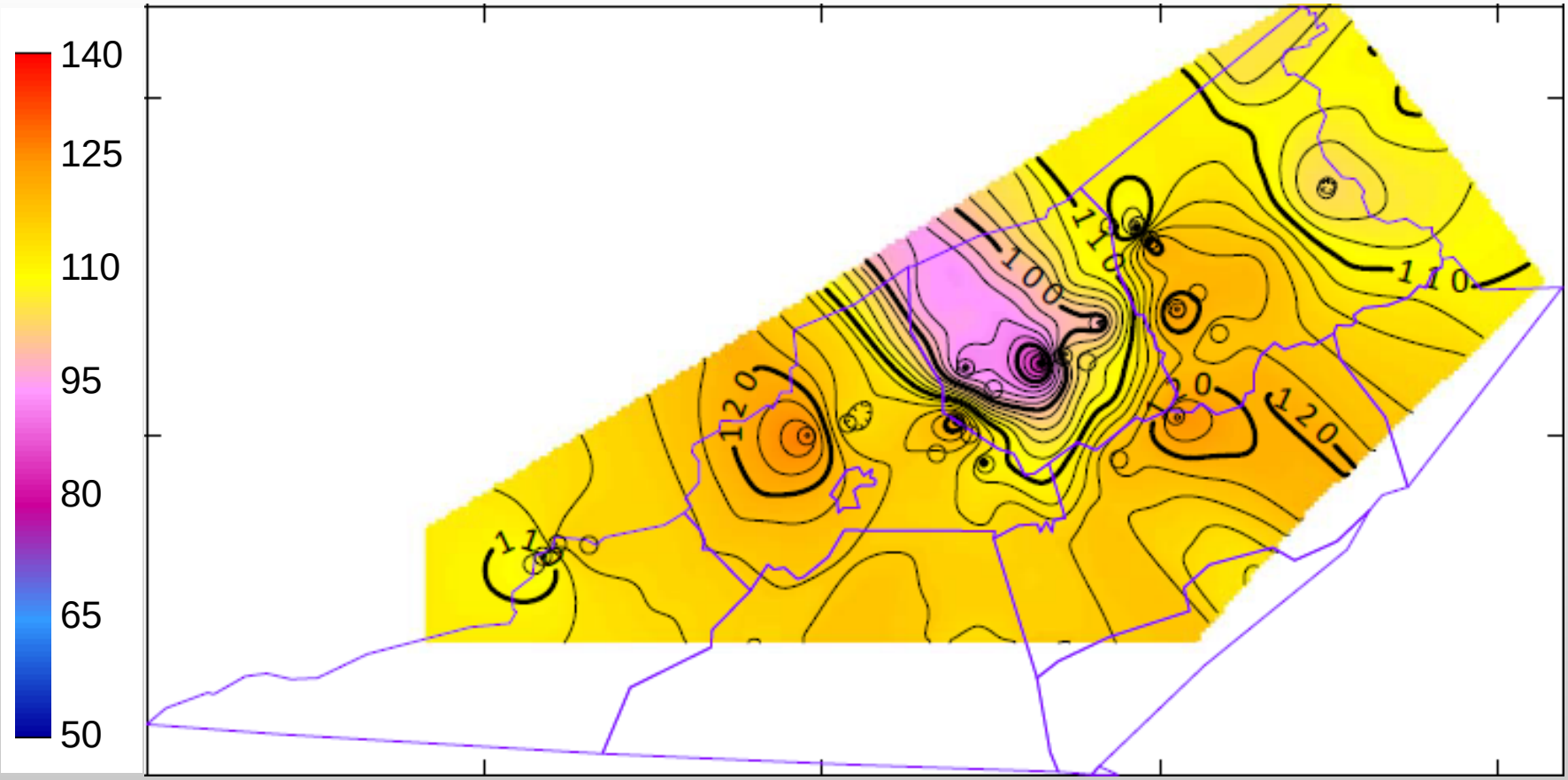

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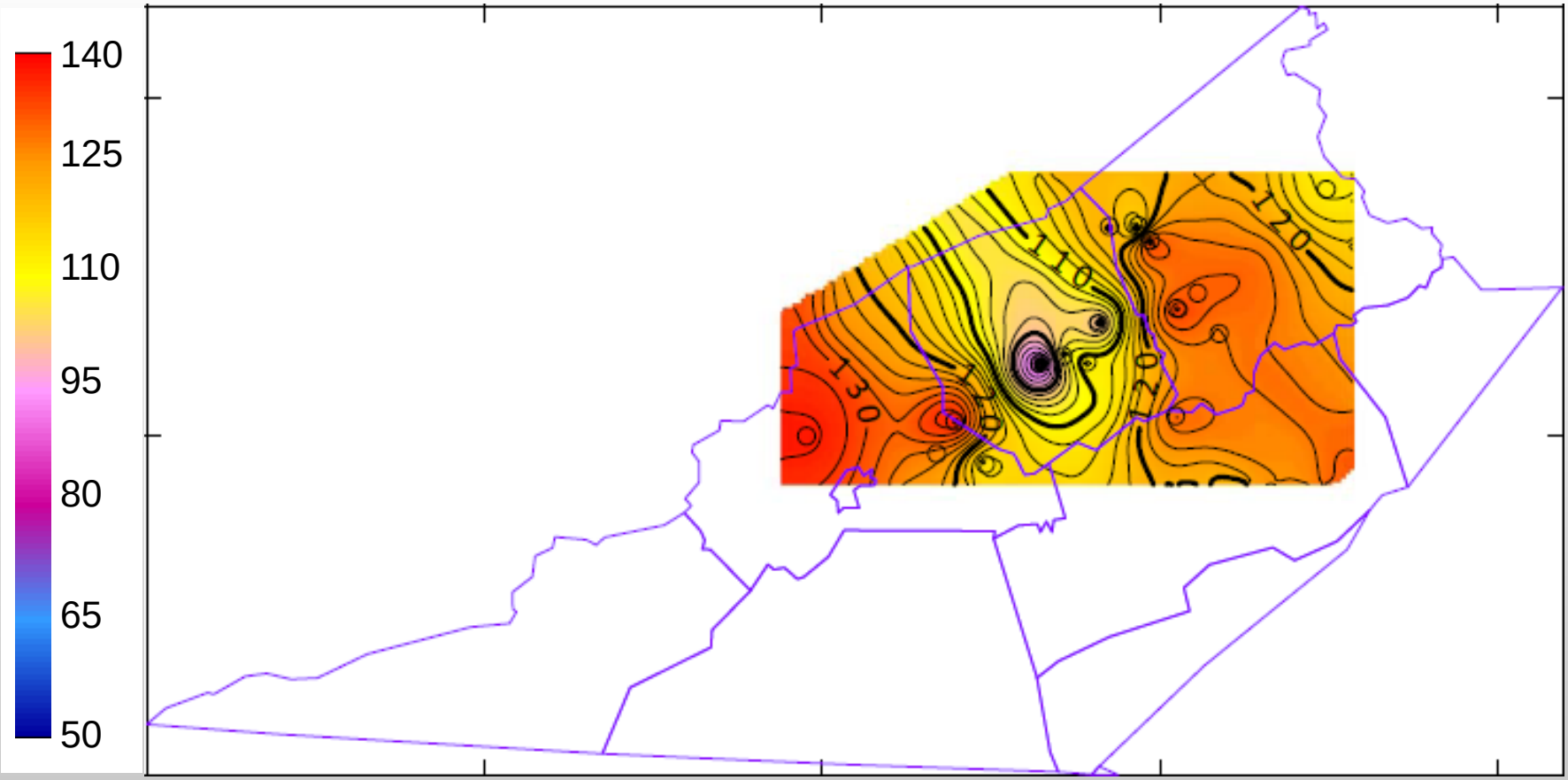

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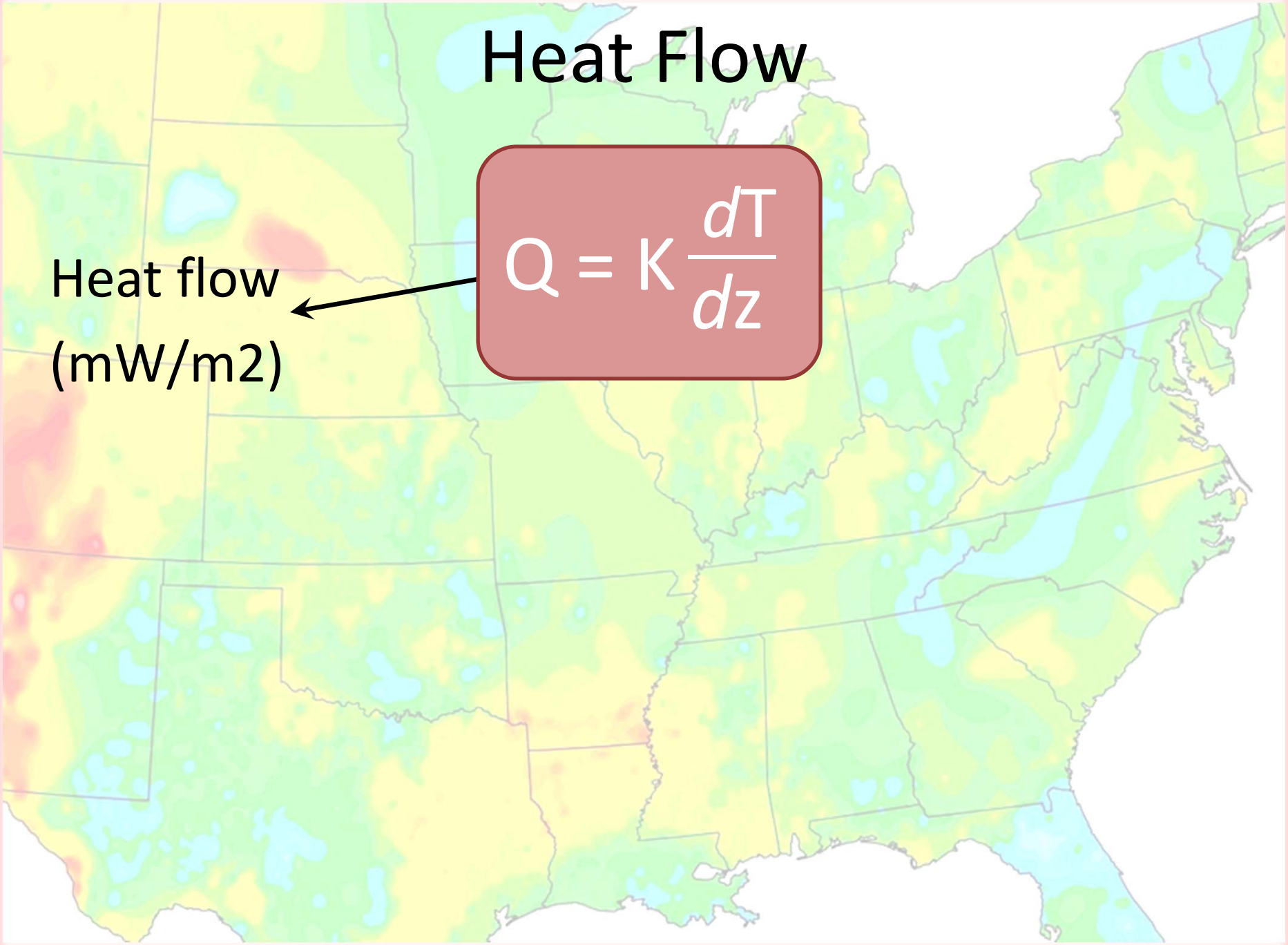

$$Q = K \frac{dT}{dz}$$

Heat flow
(mW/m2)

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<u>Thermal Conductivity</u>

(ability of a material to conduct heat)

1. Identify down-hole stratigraphy
2. Assign generalized thermal conductivity per unit
3. Calculate weighted mean thermal conductivity per well

Heat Flow

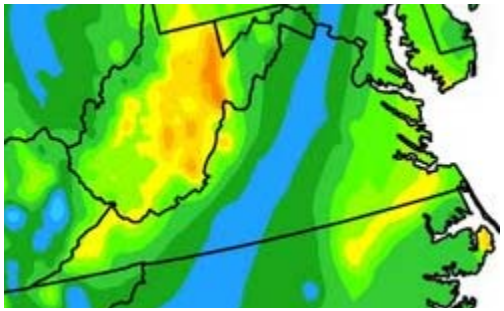
$$Q = K \frac{dT}{dz}$$

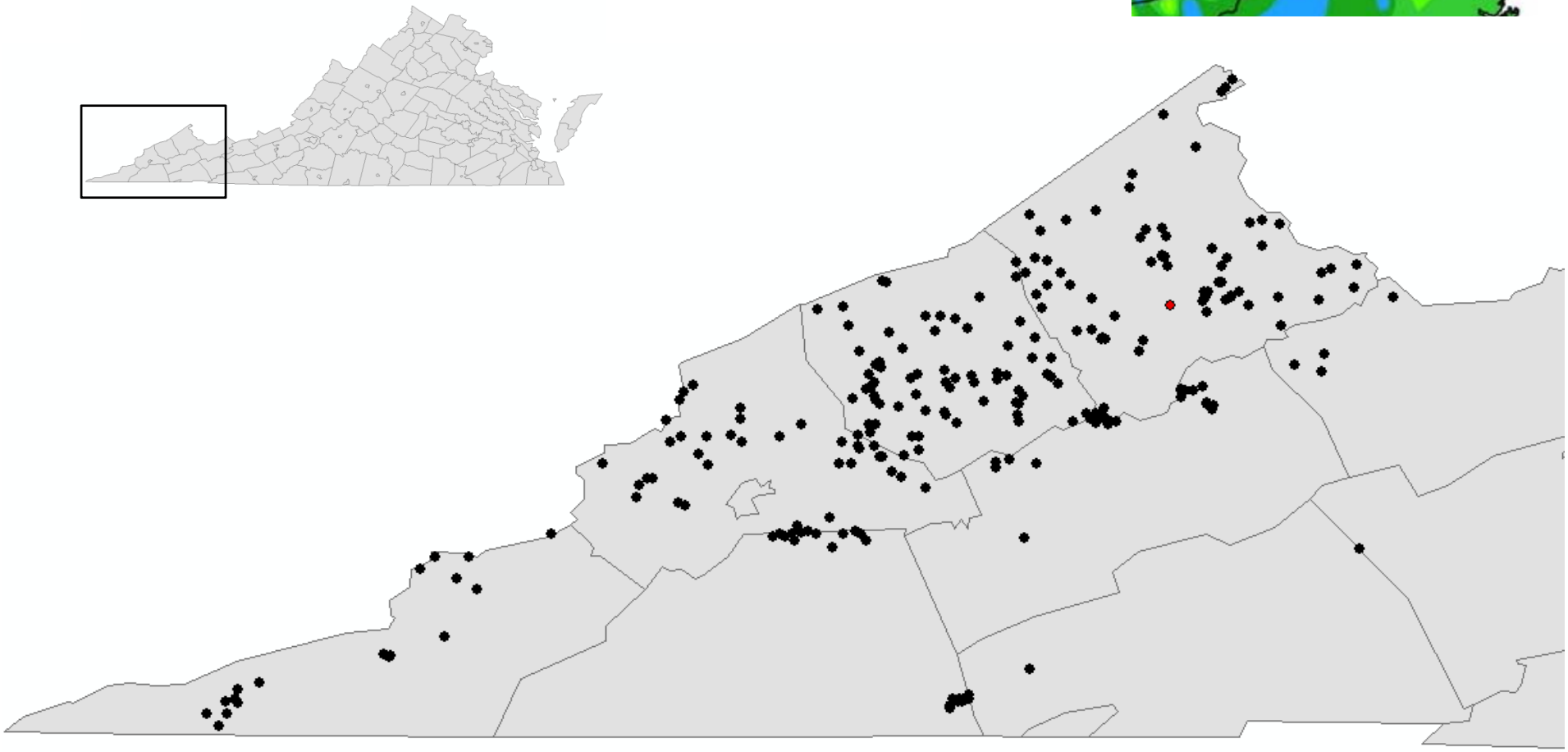
<u>Thermal Gradient</u>

(Δ Δ depth)

1. Calculate thermal gradient per well
2. Use mean annual air temperature as an anchor

Heat Flow Data





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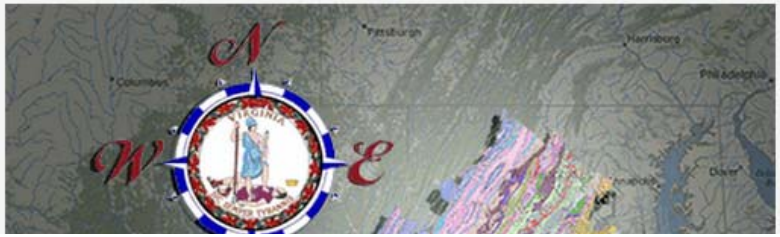

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