# GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN CALIFORNIA

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## Geothermal Heat Pumps for HVAC

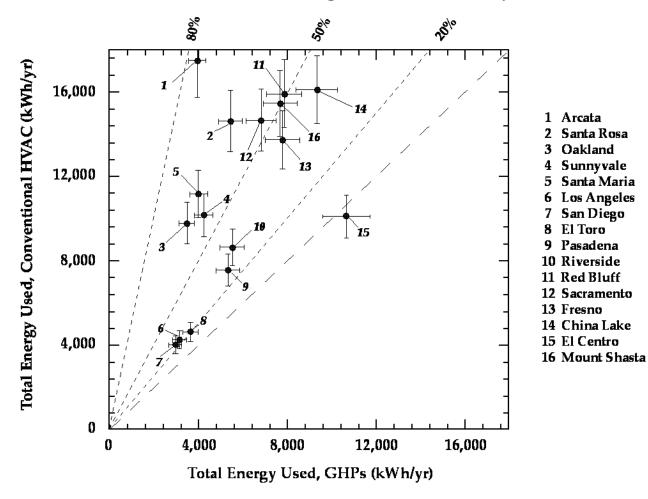
An existing technology that:

Provides substantial reduction in energy use (44% statewide).

Santa Rosa Oakland Sunnyvale

Santa Maria Los Angeles San Diego El Toro

Needs incentives for market growth to offset upfront costs.



## Innovations for Geothermal Power Production

### **Technological advances in geothermal power:**

- 1. Hybrid geothermal/solar thermal and geothermal/PV.
  - Improved efficiency; seasonal responsiveness; firming
  - Maximize transmission line use, land use
- 2. Combined technologies for Distributed Generation.
  - Optimize the mix of RE for local use at lowest cost
- 3. Enhanced geothermal systems.
  - Major advances in improving flow with minimal impact
  - Potential for CA is between 32 GW and 67 GW (USGS)

#### How to advance commercialization:

- 1. Improve efficiency of permitting process
- 2. Make more flexible the PPA system
- 3. Develop incentives that encourage multiple or hybrid technologies