

A Comparison of Hydrothermal Characteristics of Newly Discovered Çamlidere Geothermal Field and the Kızılcahamam Geothermal Field, Central Anatolia, Turkey

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ABSTRACT

The Galatian Volcanic Complex includes one of the most important geothermal fields in northern Central Anatolia. Among the known of these are Kızılcahamam, Seyhamam, Çamlidere, Çubuk-Meliksah, Beypazari and Ayaş geothermal fields. Among these fields, Çamlidere field has become a research base for Geosciences due to its geological and geomorphologic features. As a result of the drilling conducted by General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration of Turkey (MTA) and IL Bank (ILB) recently, Çamlidere field has been found that there is also thermal water potential in the area. Kızılcahamam geothermal field is located 27 km east to Çamlidere of Ankara province. Using geothermal energy for district heating and for the purpose of bathing and balneology (thermal hotel) is major benefit for the region. This field is characterized by thermal and mineralized springs, travertine deposits, with wide alteration zones. The temperatures of the thermal springs and wells in the Kızılcahamam area is 18-43°C and 67-86°C, respectively. The Çamlidere field is characterized by thermal and mineralized springs, with temperatures in the range 20-28°C and thermal water with temperature of 34-43°C has been produced. The Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam geothermal systems occur in a volcanic terrain, and issue through the faults and fracture zones of the volcanics. Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam geothermal systems is currently being investigated in relation with recharge area and interconnected fault/fracture networks providing conduits for groundwater flow. The thermal waters in Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam are Na-HCO₃ type. Based analysis results of isotops (¹⁸O, ²H, ³H), it can be said that water samples from Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam are of meteoric origin, all thermal waters have low tritium content suggesting a source from high elevations and long residence time. The rainwater infiltrated downward through fractures and fault systems is heated by an intrusive-cupola and then rises to the surface along faults and effective fractures that act as hydrothermal conduits. The obtained results from hydrogeochemistry, during their rise to the surface, Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam thermal waters are inferred to lose some heat due to possible mixing with cold waters along the fracture zones. The potential of the Çamlidere waters must be increased and new drilling's must be performed to increase flow rates and the temperatures of the waters. Thermal waters of this field are estimated to be a potential for district heating. Our work in the area continues to create a hydrothermal model of the both Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam geothermal fields.

1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, geothermal activities in Turkey is growing faster. Eight years ago geothermal activities were virtually nonexistent. Geothermal energy investigations carried out so far have shown that active grabens and some young volcanoes are important from the geothermal energy point of view. In Central Anatolia one of the important grabens is Kızılcahamam Graben (Kurtman and Şamilgil 1975). Many of exploration activities such as drilling and testing were made by MTA, and by private sector. Galatian volcanic complex is one of two important volcanic complexes located in central Anatolia and covers an area of about 7000 km² (Güleç 1994; Toprak et al. 1994; Schumacher 2001; Figure 1). This Volcanic Complex comprises a number of composite volcanic complexes intimately associated with development of a series of sedimentary basins (Güleç 1994; Toprak et al. 1996; Wilson et al. 1997). The northern margin of the Galatian Volcanic Complex is bordered by the Northern Anatolian Fault, and the southern margin is bounded by a continental clastic sedimentary sequence which interingers with the volcanics. The volcanic activity which built up this complex is reported to have started at the end of the Upper Cretaceous, but reached its climax during the Miocene age (Erol 1954; Keller et al. 1992; Tatlı 1975; Erişen and Ünlü 1980; Güleç 1994; Koçyiğit 1991; Gevrek 2000). This Volcanic Complex includes one of the most important geothermal areas (Bilim 2011). Among knowing of these are Kızılcahamam, Seyhamam, Çamlidere, Cubuk-Meliksah, Beypazari and Ayas. Kızılcahamam and Çamlidere are two neighboring districts with significant thermal and mineral water potential. Çamlidere is one of a new geothermal field located 100 km NW of Ankara province. Due to its geological and geomorphologic features, Çamlidere has become a research base for Geosciences. As a result of the drilling conducted by General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration of Turkey (MTA) and IL Bank (ILB 2009) recently, Çamlidere field has been found that there is also thermal water potential in the area. Four artesian wells (AÇT-1, and AÇT-2 wells in Muzrupagacın, and ÇM-1, and ÇM-2 wells in Ahatlar region; see Figure 2) with a depth of between 155.4 to 1367.5 m, a temperature range of 34 – 56.1°C and discharge rate between 9 and 50 l/s was produced.

Kızılcahamam geothermal field is located 27 km east to Çamlidere of Ankara province. Using geothermal energy for district heating and for the purpose of bathing and balneology (thermal hotel) is major benefit for the region. The thermal waters in the Kızılcahamam area are located in and around the town of Kızılcahamam and issue through the faults and fracture zones of the volcanic. Drilling studies in the Kızılcahamam field were started in 1984 by MTA. 14 wells have been drilled, ranging from 180-1556 m to test the geothermal system, but none of the wells encountered temperatures exceeding 86°C. Geological, geochemical and geophysical studies have been previously carried out by Keskin 1974; Tatlı 1975; Kutman and Samilgil 1975; Ongür 1976; Kocak 1977; Demirörer 1985; Gürer and Çelik 1987; Güleç 1994; Canik and Pasvanoğlu 1990; Burçak 1999; Pasvanoğlu and Arığün 2001; Kaya et al. 2006; Beyhan 2006).

The study area is located in vicinity of Ankara in district of Çamlidere and Kızılcahamam. The objectives of this work are: (a) a chemical and isotopic characterization of thermal surface manifestations and reservoir fluids of the study area; and (b) the elaboration of a hydrogeological model of the sub terranean flow systems in the area

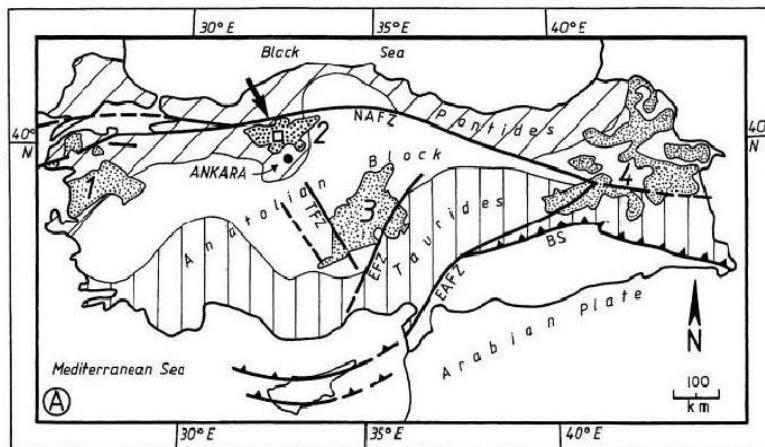


Figure 1: Location of study area. (A) Geological sketch map of Turkey shows the major geotectonic elements such as the pontide and Tauride fold belts and the major fault zones. (NAFZ/EAFFZ : North/East Anatolian Fault Zone; EFZ/TFZ: Ecemis/Tuz Gölü Fault Zone). The dotted areas indicate the major volcanic provinces of West Anatolia(1), Galatian (2), Central Anatolia or Cappadocia(3) and East Anatolia(4) (Schumacher et al. 2001). The arrow indicates the study area.

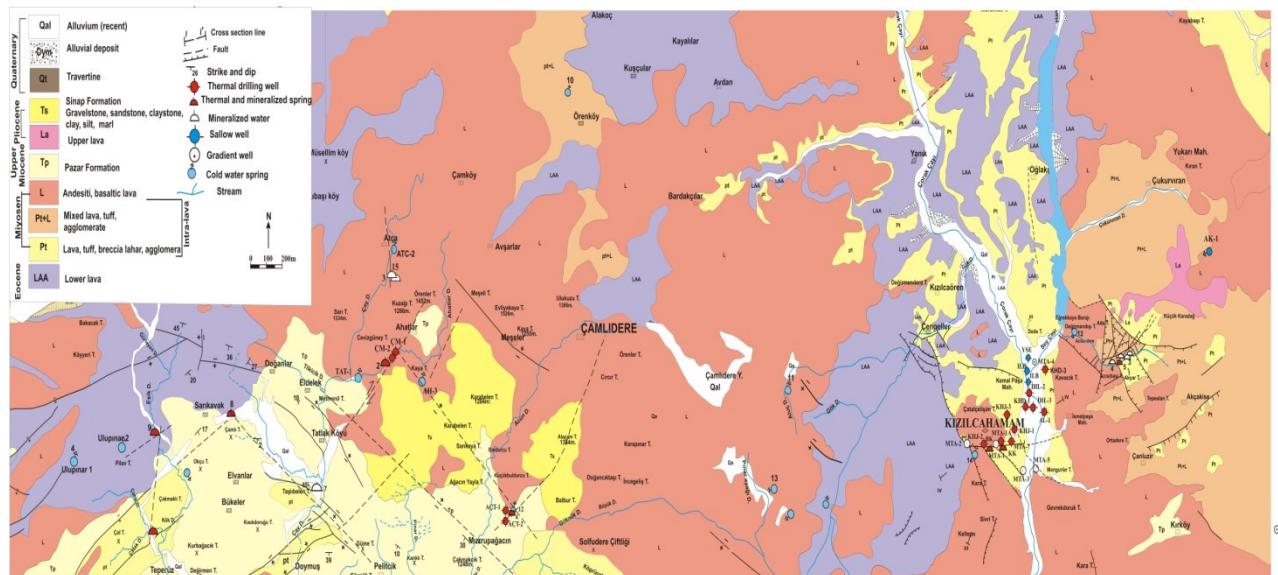


Figure 1. Geological map of the study area

2. GEOLOGY

The study area is within the Anatolian tectonic belt of Turkey. The basement beneath the province consists of Paleozoic schists and Permo-Triassic limestones. The Lower Cretaceous limestone and Upper Cretaceous flysch facies and limestone lie over the Paleozoic basement, and are overlain by the Galatian Volcanic Province (Güleç 1994; Gevrek 2000). The dominant rock type in the study area is volcanic type. The earliest lava flow took place in Paleocene- Eocene age called as lower lava of AA-type plateau basalt. The thickness of the lower lavas range between 250 to 400 m and are of fissure eruption .They show tectonic and cooling fractures and cavities. AA lavas are overlain by so called intra-lava level of Upper Miocene age over which unconformably comes Sinap Formation of Pliocene age. Intra-lava represent eruptions from single centered volcanos and are made up of lava flows and pyroclastic volcanic material. Pyroclastic material is widely observed in the study area and is composed of lahar volcanic breccia, tuffs, and aglomerates (Figure 2) of 150 to 200 m thickness. Intra-lava level is in the complex situation with Miocene age of Pazar Formation and shows very little permeability. Following the exploration of the volcano cones, the lava flows became dominant. The lavas are of andesitic and basaltic composition, and at some localities, they show silicified – lava character (Figure 2).This unit is compact with no porosity. Intra-Lava to the East of Kızılcahamam and west of Çamlıdere are interfingering with the Pazar Formation and in the North with the diatomaceous clays. According to the fish remnants obtained from these clays, they are of Upper Miocene, with variable thickness up to 500 m (Erişen and Ünlü 1980).

Intra-lavas are overlain by the Pliocene acidic lavas flows and domes of the Upper lavas. The Upper lavas are the last units around Kızılcahamam. The Upper lavas have altered, mainly they are rhyolites, trachites and glassy tuff observed in the northeast part of Kızılcahamam, in Acisu creek. The Pazar Formation of Upper Miocene age have 600 m thickness and is composed of carbonate-cemented conglomerate sandstone, tuffit, marl siltstone and agglomerates. This formation is of low porosity, bedded and whitish –

yellow in color. Pliocene sediments are overlying the lava horizontally and they are in the shape of stream reservoir and composed of gravelstone, sandstone, clay alternate, silt and marl. Quaternary deposits (travertines and old and recent alluviums) at the top are unconformably covers the Galatian Volcanic Complex. There are many faults in the area improved depending on the North Anatolia Fault due to Alpine orogeny. Gravity faults, which strike dominantly in the ENE–WSW direction, are observed in the study areas. These faults, is a product of compressional tectonics.

3. BACKGROUND ON THE INVESTIGATED GEOTHERMAL FIELDS

Major thermal and mineral water sites of the Kızılcahamam graben are Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere summarizes the number of wells drilled, maximum and minimum drilled depths, measured down hole temperature ranges, total discharge rate, aquifer and cap rocks, present use, and references for Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere system(Table 1). Based on field observations, Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere geothermal fields show lithological continuity. They have similar cover and reservoir rocks and heating source. The general hydrogeologic setting of the Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere areas is summarized by Koçak (1977), Özmutaf (1984), Öktü (1985), Gevrek and Aydin (1988), Gevrek (2000), Özbeğ (1988), Hacısalıhoğlu (1999), Taka (2001), Pasvanoğlu and Arığün (2001), Canik (2004). In the study area, the sedimentary units of the Miocene Pazar Formation are generally impermeable and thus seal pressured aquifers underneath the impermeable units are mostly altered tuffs, clay, marl and unfractured lavas. Intercalated lavas are also generally impermeable in the study area, yet in some places they show fractures with water fill. Therefore, they overall are termed as low permeability units. The lower lava unit in the study area is generally fractured and permeable. Thus, it has good aquifer characteristics, being a good target for thermal water drilling. The lower lavas with permeable characteristics have made the percolation of thermal water in the area possible.

Table 1: Well informations for Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere geothermal systems

| Geothermal System | NWD | MMDD | TDR (l/s) | Reservoir Rocks | Cap Rocks | Present Use | Well Temperature | Heat Source |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------|--|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| Kızılcahamam Geothermal System | 14 | 180-1556 | 95 | Faults and fractures of lower lava unit (andesite and basalts), agglomerates | Miocene Pazar Formation Altered tuff, clay, marl, silt, unfractured lavas | Spa, Green house heating and District heating | 67-86°C (Well head) | Geothermal gradient |
| Çamlıdere Geothermal System | 4 | 155.4 -1367.5 | 9-50 | Faults and fractures of lava (andesite and basalts), agglomerates | Pliocene Sinap and Miocene Pazar Formations Altered tuff, claystone, marl, silt, unfractured lavas | - | 34 -56°C (Well head) | Geothermal gradient |

NWD: Number of well drilled (m), MMDD: Maximum and minimum depth(m), TDR: Total discharge rate (l/s)

However, due to compression and intense tectonism, fracture aquifers may be formed within the volcanic rocks (Canik 2004). Moreover, the alluvium of gravel, sand and clay is thermal water aquifer in the Kocaçay valley. The flow of springs is much more in faulting zone. The production and gradient wells in Kızılcahamam field indicated that only the Kızılcahamam fault zone has reservoir properties (Gevrek 2000). Since 1984 up to 2013 a total of 14 exploration and production wells with a depth of 180-1556 m have been tripped by the Kızılcahamam Municipality to test the geothermal system, but none of the wells encountered temperatures exceeding 86°C. In 1986, five gradient wells were drilled in the area to determine the temperature distribution and to detect the presence of possible fault zones and hot water. Although the geothermal gradients were relatively high in the MTA-3, -4, -5 and -6 wells, none of the gradient wells encountered geothermal fluids (Gevrek et al. 1988; 2000). Still in the Kızılcahamam geothermal area a total of 8 production wells (MTA-1A and MTA-7, KHJ-1, KHJ-3, IHL-2, IHL-3, AL-1 and KHD-1) are used for a purpose of heating and thermal spas. While a total of 95 l/s flowrate and average temperature of 76°C can be produced, due to pressure drop in the production wells, in 2012 a total of 70 l/s were produced.

At Acısu Creek which is located about 4 km northeast of Kızılcahamam, there are numerous hot springs mostly emanate from the large fractures and fault zones and are of different discharge and temperature ranges. For those hot springs, 4 under operation for bottling. One of these four springs belongs to the municipality and is called Kızılcahamam Çamlıklı mineralized water, and the other three belongs to private (As-Koop) Company. Mineral water spring has a temperature of 18°C with a total flowrate of 0.353 l/s. The spring is emanating from a fault at Acısu hill (Pasvanoğlu and Arığün 2001). CO₂ is also emanating and at discharge reddish-brownish ironoxide deposits are observed. The thermal waters in the Çamlıdere field are located around the town of Çamlıdere and issue through the faults and fracture zones of the volcanic.

These thermal springs with their temperatures changes between 20°C and 28°C are basically clustered in different areas. Ahatlar, Murupağacın, Atça, Tatlık and Sarıkavak are important thermal waters in the area. In the Çamlıdere geothermal field, thermal water (Except Muzrupağacın) is used in an uncontrolled manner and waters from well and springs flow out of control since wells have not been opened with appropriate drilling techniques.

The geological, and geophysical studies, aimed towards the determination of the geothermal potential of Çamlıdere field, were first started by the MTA, IL Bank (2009), Canik (2004; 2005), Beyhan and Toy (2006), and by Muratcay (2006). With temperature of 23-27°C and discharge of 0.01-0.1 l/s, the Ahatlar main spring is the most important hot water spring of the area (Canik 2004; Beyhan and Toy 2006). In the Ahatlar region, two artesian waters (ÇM-1 and ÇM-2) have been obtained from IL Bank wells in 2009. At ÇM-1 well, the flowrate is 46 l/s at 34°C from 103 m depth. ÇM-2 well is penetrated water with 9 l/s and 43°C at 274 m. This spring is issue from N45°W strike slip fault within Ahatlar stream. Southeast of the Çamlıdere the Muzrupağacın spring has a

temperature of 24.5°C and discharge of 0.5 l/s. Artesian waters have been obtained from two (AÇT-1 and AÇT-2) MTA wells (MTA 2012). At AÇT-1 well, the discharge is 10 l/s at 43°C from 1020 m depth. AÇT-2 well are penetrated water with 7 l/s and 56°C at 1367.50 m.

Atça mineral water W-NW of Çamlıdere (Özgür et al. 1999), is another mineral water springs which is taken from two shallow (6-7 m depth) wells. This spring waters were taken from two shallow wells. The flow rate of the mineral water is 3.5 l/s (Canik 2004, 2005) with a temperature of 13°C and CO₂ gas is also emanating with water.

Southwest of the Çamlıdere a bout 17 km the Tatlak mineral water spring has a temperature of 22.5°C and discharge of 1 l/s. There is also another two thermal water springs which are located southwest of Çamlıdere. These thermal springs are Sarıkavak İlçesi and Sarıkavak Uyuz thermal springs. Temperature and the flowrate of these waters are 25 and 27°C with 0.05 -1 l/s respectively. In addition to these thermal and mineral waters, a few cold springs are present in and around Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere. Surface manifestations, exploration and production wells show that the Kızılcahamam geothermal field is a fractured system with low-temperature fluids (Gevrek 2000; Pasvanoğlu and Arığün 2001).

4. WATER CHEMISTRY

4.1 Hydrochemical characteristics of the two geothermal fields

The water samples were analyzed with a month of sampling. The temperature, pH and EC measurement were conducted in the field at the discharge points. Total 29 chemical analytical results of waters were selected and used to comment on hydrogeology and geochemistry. Eleven thermal and mineral water samples from Kızılcahamam, 11 samples from Çamlıdere geothermal field. Also 3 cold water samples (2 from springs and one from stream) done from Kızılcahamam and 4 cold springs from Çamlıdere field. The pH values for thermal waters are between 6.0 (Kızılcahamam, no 3) and 7.80 (Çamlıdere, no 3 and 9), but those for cold spring range from 6.68 (Çamlıdere, no 11) to 9.80 (Çamlıdere, no 13). The TDS value for Kızılcahamam thermal waters range 1807 to 4249 mg/L, with the cold water having a maximum TDS value of 387 mg/l. Çamlıdere thermal waters attain a maximum TDS value of 3266 (sample 1). Higher TDS concentration in Kızılcahamam thermal water than in Çamlıdere thermal water probably reflect longer circulation and residence times. The dominant anion of thermal waters of Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere is HCO₃⁻ varying from 210 (Çamlıdere, no 8) to 2276 (Kızılcahamam, no 5) mg/l. They also show high concentrations of Na with maximum value of 1000 (Kızılcahamam, no 4 and 5) mg/l and 771 (Çamlıdere, no 1) mg/l respectively.

The cold waters attain a maximum HCO₃⁻ value of 262 mg/l (Çamlıdere, sample no 11). Cold waters in Kızılcahamam and Çamlıdere are mainly dominated by Ca²⁺, Na⁺, and HCO₃⁻, and their ion contents are low. The concentrations of major ions in both fields also vary, reflecting the processes governing their mineralization. Thus, cold groundwater with low salinity typically has a HCO₃-Ca/Na composition because of its meteoric origin. In contrast, thermal waters are saline, characterized by a dominant HCO₃/Cl-Na/Ca composition (Figure 3). The alkali-bicarbonate nature of the thermal waters in both fields is also well displayed on a Piper diagram in Figure 3 is typical for waters where groundwaters dissolve CO₂ arising from deep gas exsolution (Güleç 1994). The Piper diagram shows that cold water samples from a small group on the far left of the central diamond (10, 12, 13), which is separate from the other samples because of its lower chloride and sulfate contents.

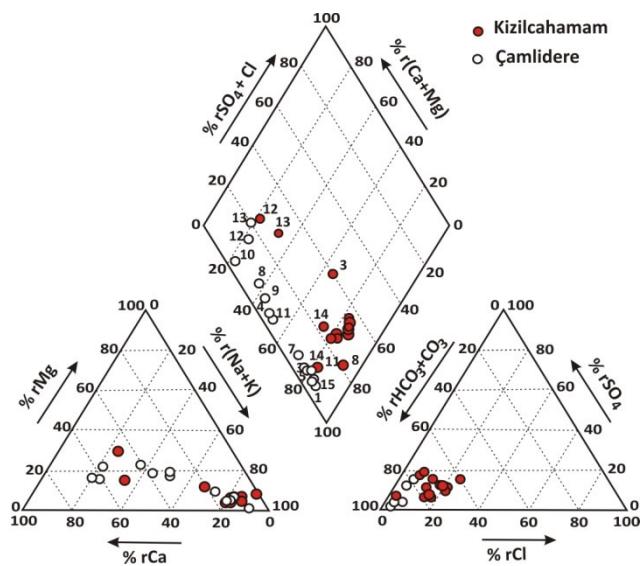


Figure 3: Piper diagram

This group is the least mineralized of all the samples tested. Na⁺ in waters is derived from dissolution of Na-bearing salts or alteration of feldspars in ultrabasic rocks and schists. Clay minerals also enhance exchange of Na with Ca. High bicarbonate concentrations are due to reaction of CO₂-rich waters and limestone during the circulation of meteoric waters. The Cl⁻ concentration (107-486 mg/l) is relatively rich in the Kızılcahamam water samples taken from fields to reservoirs, which can be explained by dissolution of rock units or as a result of circulation for a long residence time with rocks. It has high Na⁺, K⁺, B, and Cl, which indicates strongly that the water is in contact with silicic rocks. K-gain during the rise of fluid could be related to K-alkaline volcanism in the region (Pasvanoğlu 2013). The ion contents of deep groundwater in Çamlıdere are more variable than those in

Kizilcahamam. This is probably due to the greater variety of mixing extents between cold and thermal groundwater in the field. Low Cl^- concentration in this type of waters is attributed to mixing of ascending thermal waters with cold groundwater. All thermal waters in both Kizilcahamam (7-19 mg/l) and Çamlıdere contain high (2-7 mg/l) values of boron. High boron content is attributed to deep water circulation. Its source could be the Neogene volcanism.

The Na-K-Mg diagram of Giggenbach (1988) can be used to determine the maturity of water samples as well as to obtain Na/K and Mg/K geothermometer temperatures. Figure 4 shows Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere analyses plotted on Na-K-Mg diagram showing fields of two distinct clusters, one made up of Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere thermal water (Except no 8 and 9), samples away from the Mg corner and a second consisting of Çamlıdere thermal waters (4, 8 and 9 samples) and all cold water plot near the Mg corner below the partial-equilibrium line in the field of immature waters. The high relative concentration of Mg in these spring samples suggests that they are immature waters that are not in equilibrium with the host rock.

There are two probable reasons for the observed difference in the positions of the two clusters, and for the proximity of the Çamlıdere waters to the Mg corner: (1) mixing of deep immature thermal waters with shallow cold meteoric waters; (2) circulation of hot water through evaporitic formations and alteration zones (Giggenbach 1988). The high Cl^- content, relatively low SO_4^{2-} content and low temperature indicate that the most probable mechanism is mixing of deep immature thermal waters with shallow cold ground water, i.e. they are not in chemical equilibrium with the host rocks.

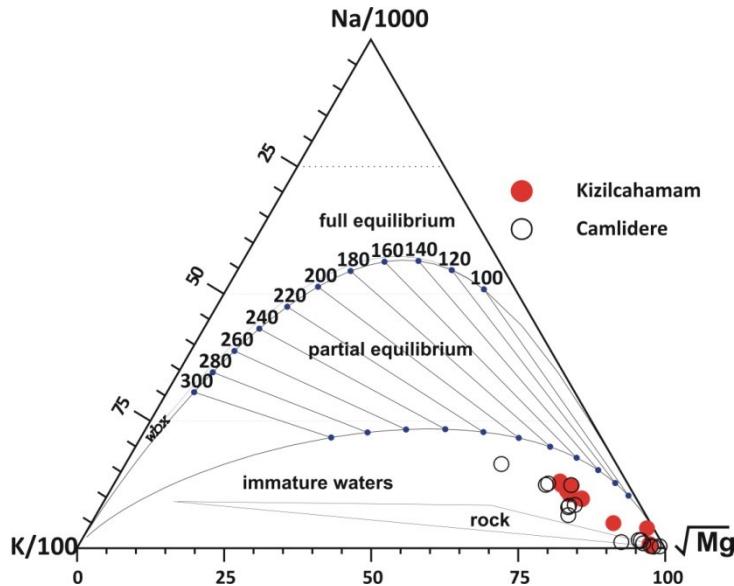


Figure 4: Giggenbach diagram for the study area

4.2 Geothermometers

Chemical composition of the spring's water is used to estimate the reservoir temperature. For this reason the solubility and Exchange reactions of various solid phases must be taken into account. Application of the Na-K and K-Mg geothermometers yielded inconsistent and unrealistic estimates, as might be expected considering the lack of equilibrium between the water and rocks (Figure 4).

Hence, we applied silica geothermometry (quartz and chalcedony) developed by Arnorsson (1983) to the concentrations obtained for Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere estimate the temperature before mixing occurred. The estimates obtained from quartz geothermometers (90-129°C Kizilcahamam, and 91-150°C for Çamlıdere samples) are not the same (Table 2). On the other hand, chalcedony temperatures (72-109°C for Kizilcahamam, and 73-130°C for Çamlıdere samples) are lower than the quartz temperatures. Mixing of hot, silica-rich geothermal water with cold, silica-deficient, shallow groundwater maybe the reason for lower reservoir temperatures indicated by SiO_2 geothermometers.

The rather fast equilibrating K-Mg geothermometer (Giggenbach, 1988) can be used for all samples. The resulting equilibrium temperatures are listed in Table 3, which shows that the SiO_2 and the K-Mg equilibrium temperature are not the same, namely between 98 to 106 °C for Kizilcahamam, and between 68 to 127 °C for Çamlıdere samples. These temperatures are similar to those obtained from the chalcedony geothermometer, temperatures, but lower than those of quartz geothermometer. The thermal waters derive from conductive heating and geothermal gradient. These waters seep into the subsurface system along fault and fracture zones, get heated and discharge at the surface. Another heat source may be due to regional volcanic activity.

4.3 Evaluation of isotopic data

Isotopic compositions of waters in the study area have not been investigated before. The isotopic concentration and ratios of (^{18}O), (^2H), and (^3H) of the waters from springs and wells in the Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere fields was used to interpret the circulation of the groundwater system, its recharge-discharge and the hydrogeologic character of the aquifers. The relationship between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and δD values are plotted on Figure 5, which also shows the worldwide meteoric line(WMWL) ($\delta\text{D} = 8\delta^{18}\text{O} + 10$) of Craig (1961) and the Konya meteoric water line(KMWL) ($\delta\text{D} = 8\delta^{18}\text{O} + 16$) of Şentürk (1970). On the $^{18}\text{O}-^2\text{H}$ diagram (Figure 5), all the

thermal waters from Kızılıcahamam and Çamlıdere plot close to the global meteoric water line indicate that they are likely to be of meteoric origin.

Table 2: Geothermometer results for the study area

| No | T°C | TQ1 | TQ2 | TC1 | TC2 | TK-Mg |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Kızılıcahamam | | | | | | |
| 1 | 77.6 | 105 | 105 | 78 | 81 | 98 |
| 2 | 77 | 103 | 112 | 85 | 88 | 98 |
| 5 | 32 | 90 | 101 | 72 | 76 | 102 |
| 6 | 72 | 113 | 120 | 95 | 96 | 106 |
| 7 | 76 | 113 | 120 | 95 | 96 | 106 |
| 8 | 81 | 111 | 118 | 93 | 94 | 104 |
| 9 | 78 | 125 | 129 | 106 | 106 | 104 |
| 10 | 70 | 115 | 122 | 97 | 98 | 103 |
| 11 | 70 | 128 | 132 | 109 | 109 | 103 |
| Çamlıdere | | | | | | |
| 1 | 42 | 115 | 121 | 97 | 97 | 127 |
| 2 | 23 | 149 | 148 | 128 | 126 | 68 |
| 4 | 25 | 91 | 101 | 73 | 77 | 69 |
| 5 | 40 | 139 | 140 | 119 | 117 | 103 |
| 6 | 37 | 113 | 119 | 94 | 96 | 101 |
| 7 | 21 | 128 | 132 | 109 | 109 | 108 |
| 8 | 28 | 111 | 118 | 92 | 94 | 68 |
| 9 | 28 | 112 | 119 | 93 | 95 | 87 |
| 14 | 27 | 150 | 149 | 130 | 127 | 107 |

TQ1: Quartz no steam loss; TQ2: Quartz steam loss (Arnorsoon 1983); TC1: Chalcedony no steam loss TC2: Chalcedony steam loss; TK-Mg: (Giggenbach 1988)

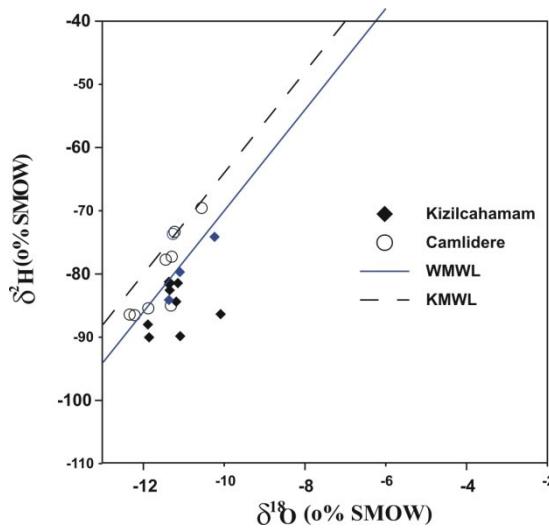


Figure 5: Oxygen-18 deuterium diagram

It is suggested that the rainwaters percolated downward through faults and fractures are heated by geothermal gradient and then rise to the surface along permeable zones that act as hydrothermal conduits. Both thermal waters from Kızılıcahamam and Çamlıdere show ¹⁸O shift from the meteoric water line indicating that their isotopic composition is affected by water-rock interaction process,

evaporation and different rock types of aquifer. It is noticeable that Kizilcahamam thermal waters represent more negative oxygen-18 values than Çamlıdere thermal waters.

It suggests that thermal waters below Çamlıdere have likely mixed with more cold groundwaters ratio enriched than Kizilcahamam thermal waters. This is also confirmed by water chemistry and temperatures of these waters. However, they are affected by fluid-rock interaction and the differences in the ratios of Cl-B, and Li concentrations between Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere imply that there are different subsurface temperatures and host rock in both areas. Cold waters from Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere areas are characterized by low chloride. In addition, tritium values suggest that water comes from shallow circulating and are recharged by recent, low-altitude precipitation.

5. CONCLUSION

The Kizilcahamam and Çamlıdere (Ankara) geothermal systems occur in a volcanic terrain, with interconnected fault/fracture networks providing conduits for water flow. According to previous research (Pasvanoğlu and Arığün, 2001), the two geothermal fields belong to low temperature-convection system with different reservoir temperature. (Figure 6) For both thermal provinces, thermal waters have been cooled and mixed with different quantities of shallow cold groundwater during their ascent to the surface. Therefore, they are different in hydrochemical type and compositions. Based on the main constituents, Çamlıdere thermal waters can be classified as NaHCO_3 , and Kizilcahamam thermal waters can be classified as NaHCO_3 and CaHCO_3 type, with high concentrations of B, Li, and Cl.

Conservative elements indicate that the types of analyzed waters have similar origin, and the difference in concentration is due to the dilution of thermal water with shallow groundwater. Long circulation of meteoric waters within the basement rocks is indicated by low tritium values in the thermal waters. Surface and cold waters are of Ca-Na- HCO_3 type and represent shallow circulating groundwaters with low TDS and EC. From the schematic geological profile illustrating the flow patterns of the two geothermal fields (Figure 6), the recharge origin of thermal water is precipitation, and concentration of heat depends on groundwater transport processes in the fault and fracture zones in bedrock, where the main heat source is located. Rainfall in the mountain areas penetrates through deep fault and fracture zones, flowing downwards to join with deep circulating water and absorbing heat from the surrounding rocks. The thermal groundwater is then transported upwards into the shallow groundwater system in Quaternary sediments, along fault and fracture zones in the basin. Regional geological structure is thus the dominant control on the formation of the geothermal fields. Çamlıdere geothermal field has low temperature geothermal system, and geothermal energy can be used district and green house heating as well as health and turistic purposes.

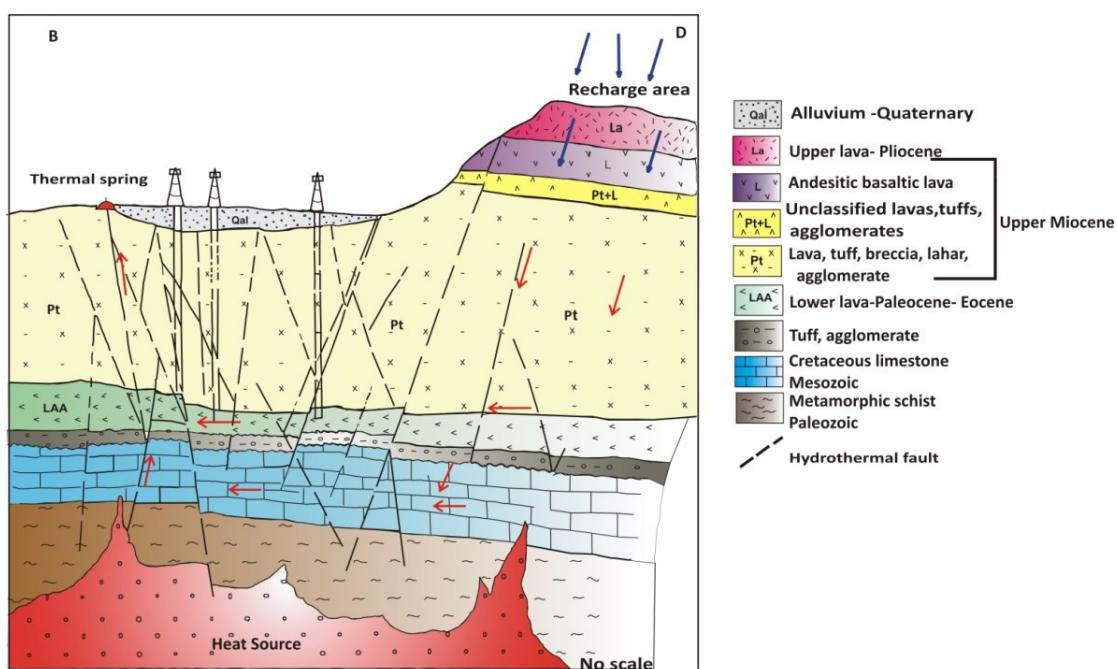


Figure 6: Conceptual model for both geothermal area

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