

#### The Department of Mineral Resources Engineering at TUC in support of Oil & Gas exploration

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#### Crete - TUC













#### A view of the facilities





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#### Vital Statistics

# Staff 20 Professors 18 Scientific Personnel About 10 Teaching Assistants Over 10 Researchers



#### Vital Statistics 2

Student Enrollment

 about 80 undergraduate per year
 about 15 graduate per year

 Student Graduation

 about 40 graduate per year



#### **Department Organization**

Division of Exploration and Positioning
 Division of Mining Technology

 Mining Technology Labs and Units
 Petroleum Technology Labs and Units

 Division of Mineral Exploitation



#### **Department Organization**

 Inorganic and Organic Geochemistry and Organic Petrography Lab -Applied Geophysics Lab - Petrology and Economic Geology Lab -Geodesy and Geomatics Lab - Geostatistics Unit Economic Geology Unit

#### Inorganic and Organic Geochemistry



#### **Petrology and Economic Geology**





#### **Geodesy and Geomatics**



# GPS Reference Station





## Geostatistics Unit Example: Satellite data

Daily column ozone map with missing data due to limited coverage. *Source:* NASA, Giovanni online data system

Reconstructed ozone map with Dire-ctional Gradient – Curvature method





#### Geostatistics Unit Example: Remote sensing data

Rainfall data from Indonesia, January 2007. *Source:* NASA, Giovanni online data system

Block of data artificially removed to create a gap over a hot-spot area



Žukovič and Hristopulos, Phys. Rev,. E, 2009; Int. J. Appl. Earth Obs. Geoinformation, in review http://www.mred.tuc.gr



#### Geostatistics Unit Example: Remote sensing data

#### Data reconstruction using Universal Kriging

Data reconstruction using *our Gradient – Curvature* Monte Carlo algorithm



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#### **Department Organization**

- Division of Mining Technology: – Engineering Geology Lab
  - Rock Mechanics Lab
  - PVT and Core Analysis Lab
  - Mine Design Lab
  - Drilling Engineering Unit
  - Chemistry and Technology of Hydrocarbons Unit
  - Quality Control Health and Safety in the Mineral Industry



#### **Drilling Engineering Unit**



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# Laboratory of Engineering Geology





#### **Rock Mechanics Lab**





#### Specimen Preparation, Rock Mechanics Lab





# Rock Testing, Rock Mechanics Lab











#### Rock Testing, Rock Mechanics Lab

- Measurement of mechanical properties
- Stability analysis of structures in geomechanics (tunnels, slopes, wellbores, etc).
- FEM solutions of stress-strain problems in
  - geomechanics.





#### **PVT and Core Analysis Lab**





#### **Department Organization**

 Applied Mineralogy Lab Ceramics and Glass Technology Lab Coal Gasification Lab -Ore Processing Lab Management of Mining Waste Unit



#### **Applied Mineralogy Lab**



#### 2 XRD units



# **Typical Equipment**

#### XRF, XRD, SEM

- Atomic Absorption
- Load Frames (Rock, Concrete Testing)
- Climatic Chamber
- Field / Lab Seismographs
- GPS units





#### **Ties with the Industry**

 Ties with the industry are very good

 Every year about 50 students get summer jobs with the industry (mining, industrial minerals, geotech works, other)
 Small percentage of our graduates are unemployed (a large number is employed in other industries, however)





#### **Ties with Peers**



- Cooperation Agreement with the Petroleum Engineering Department of the University of Stavanger in Norway.
- Research collaboration with Heriot-Watt University, Robert Gordon University, University of Houston, and the Canadian Geological Survey.
- Research collaboration with other institutions such as Virginia Tech, Universite Laval, etc.



#### **Overall Picture**











#### Thank you



