

## Geothermal Resource Evaluation of the Tatun Volcano Group (TVG) Area, Northern Taiwan, inferred from multi-geophysical methods

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# Introduction

Crust (solid)

Oceanic \$8km Continental\$32km

Lithosphere.

Mantle (solid

Lower Mantle

Outer Core (liquid)

Inner Core (solid)

Asthenosphere

200°C - 1000°C

932°C - 1652°C

1600°C - 4000°C

4,030°C - 5,730°C

5,500℃

2,250k

2,18,0 km

## What is geothermal energy?

- Geothermal energy is the heat from the earth
- The heat increase with depth
- Geothermal energy is exposed to the surface as a result of Earth's cooling mechanism (Convection process)
- The geothermal tends to be strongest along tectonic plate boundaries









# Geological background



- The TVG multi-vent volcano group covers an area of approximately 400 km<sup>2</sup> on the northern tip of Taiwan.
- The TVG is composed of more than 20 Quaternary-age volcanoes.

Most of Taiwan is currently undergoing crustal shortening Northern Taiwan is experiencing extensional deformation.





#### Tatun Volcano Group (TVG)





# Purpose

- Locating the heat source of the TGV geothermal system.
- Estimate the boundaries of the TGV geothermal system
- => Create a design for a field survey/field investigation
- □ Reevaluate the viability of developing the TVG geothermal system.
- □ Provides an updated conceptual model of the TVG



## The basic principle of Magnetic Survey

The magnetic survey is to investigate subsurface geology on the basis of the anomalies in the earth's magnetic field resulting from the magnetic properties of the underlying rocks



North Pole



#### **Physical Conditions and Bowen's Reaction Series**

#### BOWEN'S REACTION SERIES





### **Airborne Magnetic Survey**

#### The field survey was completed in 2013









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ITRI, 2015



# Results & Discussion





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## Conclusions

- NE-SW trending faults define the major trend of recent volcanic activity and the extent of the geothermal system
- Kan-Chiao Fault is the boundary of TVG in the South-East
- Clay-cap located at 300-700m depth within Matsao area.
- Provide 2 cross-sections using borehole data and magnetic data



#### Geothermal system (volcanic type conceptual model )



- Clay cap: Low permeability (smectite and illite zone) low resistivity (<10  $\Omega$ m)
- Reservoir: High permeability zone consists of fluid (related to high-temperature mineral low resistivity but slightly higher than clay cap (10-60 Ωm)
- **Basement or host rock:** higher resistivity  $(>100 \ \Omega m)$

The main target for MT (Magnetotelluric) investigation

Proper MT can delineate the geothermal system model and guide well target zone.

Johnston et al. (1992) and Cumming (2009)



## Current work





Raw MT

data







+ geology +geochemistry

Resource Assessment & Well targeting

• Time-series analysis

Advanced

processing

Future work

- Static-shift correction (TEM/TDEM)
- 1D, 2D, 3D modeling. Inversion

• Conductive clay cap

Geophys. Assessment

- Boundary of the reservoir
- Top of the reservoir
- Analysis of geological structure, fracture/permeable zone



# **Thanks for your attention!**



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## How to measure the resistivity of the Earth with MT



$$\rho_{\rm a} = \frac{1}{\omega \mu_0} \left| \frac{E_x}{H_y} \right|^2$$

- $\rho_a \rightarrow \text{Apparent Resistivity } (\Omega.m)$
- $\delta \rightarrow$  depth of penetration (m)
- $E_x \rightarrow$  electric field component (V/m)
- $H_v \rightarrow$  magnetic field components (A/m)
- $\mu \rightarrow$  magnetic permeability of the medium (H/m)

$$f \rightarrow$$
 frequency (Hz)

- $\omega \rightarrow$  angular frequency (rad/s)
- $\mu_r$  = Relative Permeability (usually 1)

$$\mu_{o}$$
 = Permeability Constant =  $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ 

Skin Depth = 
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{a}}{\pi f \mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{a}}{\pi f \mu_{r} \mu_{o}}} = 500 * \sqrt{\rho_{a}/f}$$



