CURIE DEPTH AND GEOTHERMAL GRADIENT FROM SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF AEROMAGNETIC DATA OVER UPPER ANAMBRA AND LOWER BENUE BASIN, NIGERIA.

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Introduction

Geothermal energy is that energy generated and stored in the Earth. Thermal energy determines the temperature of matter. Earth's geothermal energy originates from the formation of the planet, radioactive decay of minerals, volcanic activity and solar energy absorbed at the surface. The geothermal gradient, which is the difference in temperature between the core of the planet and its surface, drives a continuous conduction of thermal energy in the form of heat from the core to the surface. Geothermal power is cost effective, reliable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly, but has historically been limited to areas near tectonic plate boundaries.

Geothermal energy has been proposed in Nigeria, as an alternative energy source following the discovery of some major anomalies in the Borno basin (Kwaya et. al. 2004). Prominent geothermal anomalies in Nigeria thought to be of tectonic origin occur mainly in the Borno Basin. Schoenech and Askira (1987), commenting on the NW-SE trend of the anomalies, suggested a correlation with structural features of the basin, that warm anomalies indicate grabens, while cool anomalies, horsts in the crystalline bottom of the basin. Burke (1976), believed the basin is still tectonically active (Kwaya et. al., 2004). Another geothermal anomaly occurrence in the Sokoto Basin is also considered to originate from heat flow due to neotectonics or from

radioactive source known from aeroradiometric surveys results by Hunting Geology and Geosciences, 1976, in the basin (Osazuwa et al., 1981). The radioactive source origin may be the answer for the Sokoto basin since the U-Th occurrences there, is considered traceable under the basin into the large deposit occurring in the Niger Republic where it is being mined. In thermally normal continental regions, the average heat flow is about 60mW/m². Values between 80-100mW/m² are good geothermal source, while values greater than 100mW/m² indicates anomalous conditions (Cull and Conley, 1983; Nwankwo et. al., 2011). The present work is aimed at determining the geothermal anomalies in the basin by estimating the geothermal gradient and heat flow for the area. Source of data

A country-wide airborne geophysical survey started in 2003 which has amassed several thousand flying hours. The survey was conducted in two phases. Phase 1 which involve airborne geophysical work, data acquisition, processing and compilation, was carried out by Fugro Airborne Surveys. This was completed in September 2007 and included 826,000 line-km of magnetic and radiometric surveys flown at 500 m profile spacing, 2 km tie-line spacing and 80 m tenain clearance. A total of 24,000 line-km of time domain electromagnetic surveys, flown at 500 m line spacing and 80 m terrain clearance using the TEMPEST system Phase

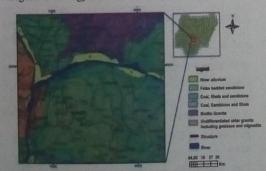
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completed in August 2009, surveyed blocks not covered in Phase 1. It included 1,104,000 line-km of magnetic and radiometric surveys flown at 500 m line spacing and 80 m terrain clearance. These levels of survey are intensive: often a total of seven aircraft of three different types were active at one time. Phase 1 was financed by the Government of The Federal Republic of Nigeria while Phase 2 was supported by the World Bank. Fugro Airborne Surveys carried out the data acquisition and compilation of this research. Data covering the study area was obtained from "The Nigerian Geological Survey Agency., who is mandated to archive all geological and geophysical datasets for the entire country.

Location of the study area

The study area covers the Lower Benue Trough, the Upper part of Anambra Basin and the basement complexes bounding it at the West and Northern edges. The area is bounded by Latitude $7.0^{\circ}N$ to $8.5^{\circ}N$ and Longitude $6.5^{\circ}E$ to $8.5^{\circ}E$. The physiological features recognized in the area are the river Benue, river Anambra and river Okulu. Twelve aeromagnetic maps covered the study area and are numbered, (227, 228, 229, 230, 247, 248, 249, 250, 267, 268, 269 and 270), A total area of 36,300 square kilometers. The study area touches four states majorly, which are Nassarawa at the upper part, Kogi, Enugu and Benue States at the lower part.

Figure 1: Geology and Location map of the study area.



Geology of Study area.

The Benue Trough is a major structural feature in the Eastern part of Nigeria and an important element in the tectonic framework of Africa. Te entire Benue Trough is believed to have evolved as a result of the continental separation of Africa and South America (King, 1950) and is variously described as a rift system (Crachley and Jones, 1965), an extensional graben system Stoneley (1966) and Wright (1968), a third failed arm or an aulcogen of a three-armed rift system related to the development of domes associated with hotspots Burke and Dewey (1974); Olade (1978). The Benue Trough and indeed middle and upper Benue Trough, is filled with sedimentation (with average thickness of about 5 km) with varied lithological units (Likkason *et al.*, 2005). The Anambra Basin is located in the southern part of the regionally extensive northeast to southwest trending Benue Trough, it is a synclinal structure consisting of more than 5,000 m thick of sedimentation.

Rock type at the western portion of the study area is identified from Ternary Image as Undifferentiated Older granite, mainly porphyritic granite granitized gneiss with porphyroblastic granite. Rock type at the Northern portion is identified as Biotite gneiss. False bedded sandstone, coal ,sandstone and shale are the lithologic units at the surface within the sedimentary basin. River Alluvium deposition identified along the river channel. Superimposed geological and the location maps show that Undefferenciated granite mainly porphyritic granite granitized gneiss with porphyroblastic granite covers Obajana, Ajaokuta, Itobe in Kogi State. Biotite granite covers Gadabuke, Katakwa, Nyegba in Nasarawa State. Ayingba, Dekina, Ejule, Angba in Kogi State are covered by False bedded sandstone (Ajali Formation). Coal, sandstone and shale formation identified around Otukpa, Abejukolo and Ofugo in Kogi State: Abaji in FCT; Udegi and Amaku in Nasarawa State and areas in Benue and Enugu States.

The rivers identified from ternary image were revealed from superimposed maps as river Niger and river Benue. River Niger truncates older granite situated at the western side of the study area. This implies that flow of the river in this area is structurally controlled. A suspected major fault on this lithology allows the passage of the river. This is evident by the same rock lithology at both side of the river.

Method

Curie point depth estimation is based on the spectral analysis of magnetic anomaly data. The basic 2-D spectral analysis method was described by Spector, and Grant (1970). They estimated the depth to the top of magnetized Nigerian Journal of Technological Ress

rectangular prisms (Zt) from the slope of the log power spectrum. Bhattacharyya and Leu (1975a, 1975b, 1977) further calculated the depth of the centroid of the magnetic source bodies (Z₀). Okubo et. al. (1985) developed the method to estimate the bottom depth of the magnetic bodies (Zb) using the spectral analysis method of Spector, and Grant (1970). Following the method presented by Tanaka et al. (1999), it was assumed that the layer extends infinitely in all horizontal directions. The depth to a magnetic source's upper bound is much smaller than the magnetic source's horizontal scale, and the magnetization M(x, y) is a random function of x and y (Blakely, 1995) introduced the power-density spectra of the total-field anomaly $\vartheta_{\nabla T}$:

$$\begin{split} & \Re_{\nabla T}(K_{x,}k_{y}) = \vartheta_{m}(k_{x},k_{y}) X F(k_{x},K_{y}) \ (1) \\ & F(k_{x},K_{y}) = 4\pi^{2}c_{m}^{2}|\emptyset_{m}|^{2}|\emptyset_{f}|^{2}e^{-2[k]Zt}(1-e^{-[K](Z_{b}-Z_{t})})|_{1} - e^{-[K](Z_{b}-Z_{t})}|^{2} \ (2) \end{split}$$

where ϑ_m is the power-density spectra of the magnetization, C_m is a proportionality constant, and ϕ_m and ϕ_f are factors for magnetization direction and geomagnetic field direction, respectively. The equation can be simplified by noting that all terms except $Ø_m$ and Øfare radially symmetric which are constant. If M(x, y) is completely random and uncorrelated, then $\vartheta_m(k_x, k_y)$ is a constant radial average of $\vartheta_{\nabla T}(K_x, k_y)$ becomes:

$$\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{AT}\llbracket k \rrbracket = A e^{-2\lfloor k \rfloor Z t} \left(\left\lfloor 1 - e^{-\lfloor K \rfloor (Z_b - Z_t)} \right\rfloor^2 \right) (3)$$

K is wave number and A a constant, if k is less than the thickness of layer we can approximate to:

$$ln\vartheta_{AT}\left([K]^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = lnB - [K]Z_t \tag{4}$$

where B is a constant. We could estimate the upper bound of a magnetic source Zt by fitting a straight line through the high-wavenumber part of a radially averaged power spectrum $ln \vartheta_{AT} \left([K]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$ Equation (3) can be rewritten as:

 $\vartheta_{AT}([K])^{\frac{1}{2}} = Ce^{-[K]Z_0} \left(e^{-[K](Z_t - Z_0)} - e^{-[K](Z_b - Z_0)} \right)$ (5) where C is a constant. At long wavelengths, Eq. (4) can be rewritten as:

$$\vartheta_{AT}([K])^{\overline{z}} = Ce^{-[k]z_0} (e^{-[K](-d)} - e^{-[K](d)}) \approx Ce^{-[k]z_0} 2[k]d$$

where 2d is the thickness of the magnetic source. From Eq. (5), it can be concluded that:

$$\ln\left\{\frac{\vartheta_{AT}([K])^{\frac{1}{2}}}{[K]}\right\} = \ln D - [K]Z_0$$

where D is a constant. The centroid of the magnetic source Z_0 can be estimated by fitting magnetic source through the low-wave a straight line through the low-wave number part of the radially averaged frequency-scaled

$$\ln\left\{\frac{\vartheta_{AT}(|\kappa|)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|\kappa|}\right\}$$

From the slope of the power spectrum, the upper bound and the centroid of a magnetic body can be estimated. The lower bound of the magnetic source can be derived (Okubo et al. 1985) and (Tanaka et al., 1999) as

$$Z_b = 2Z_0 - Z_t \tag{9}$$

Since Zb is the lower bound depth of the magnetic body, it suggests that ferromagnetic minerals are converted to paramagnetic minerals due to temperature of approximately 580 C. Therefore, the obtained bottom depth of the magnetic source, Zb, was assumed to be the Curie point depth. In order to relate the Curie point depth (Zb) to Curie point temperature (580 C), the vertical direction of temperature variation and the constant thermal gradient were assumed. The geothernal gradient (dT/dz) between the Earth's surface and the Curie point depth (Zb) can be defined by Eq. (8) (Tanaka et al, 1999; Stampolidis et al., 2005; Maden, 2010):

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta Z} = \frac{580^{\circ}\text{C}}{Z_b} \tag{10}$$

Further, the geothermal gradient can be related to the heat flow by using the formula (Turcotte and Schubert (1982); Tanaka et al., 1999):

$$q = \gamma \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T} = \frac{580^{\circ}C}{7}$$
(11)

where k is the coefficient of therma conductivity.From Eq. (11), the Curie point depth is inversely proportional to heat flow.

Estimate of Curie point depth for the study area

The magnetic anomalies measured on the Earth's surface, in which the IGRF field base been removed, result from underlyme magnetic materials due to susceptibility. The inclination and the declination of the Earth main field dominate the magnetic anomalies of the induction field. The correction of reductive to pole (RTE) is often applied to the magnine anomalies to obtain corrected maps in anomalies to a the international state of the international stat magnetic anomaly values induced by Nigerian Journal of Technological Research

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inclination of 90° and the declination of 0° . Thus, the anomaly values in corrected maps are with respect to magnetic materials, which lie vertically below.

The depth simulations suggest that the optimal square window dimension is about 10 times the estimated depth (Chiozzi *et al.*, 2005). Thus, the map was subdivided into square subregions of 50 km by 50 km. These subregions are shifting with respect to each other in increments of 27.5 km. The 2-D FFT power spectrum method (Eqs. (3) and (6)) was applied to each subregion. Z_0 , the centroid depth of magnetic sources, and Z_0 , the top depth of magnetic sources, were derived from the slopes of the longest and second-longest wavelengths of the frequency-scaled power

spectrum $ln\left\{\frac{\vartheta_{AT}([K])^{\frac{1}{2}}}{[K]}\right\}$ and the radially

averaged power spectrum $ln \vartheta_{AT}([K]^{\frac{1}{2}})$ respectively. An example of the estimates in a sub-region is shown in Fig. 3.

Results and interpretations

The IGRF corrected TMI map Figure 2, the positive anomaly belts are shown around the western edge of the map which are the old granites rocks of the western parts of Nigeria and the northern edge that represent the young granitic rocks of the central part of Nigeria, other area with positive anomaly around Ayangba and Ankpa down to Otukpo through within the sedimentary region indicate basement susceptibility, regions that shows mixture of negative and positive mixed up are regional geology from orogeny and metaniorphism. The negative anomaly predominantly with the low edge of the study area except some isolated point around kotonkarfi and udegi.

Figure 2: IGRF filtered Magnetic Intensity Map of the study area around the igneous rocks at the north and western edge

Curie point depth (Z_b) map of the study area have shown that the depth varies from 32 km at the western edge to 15 km at the northern part. At the western part the depth varies from 15 km down to 20 km while at the central part around udegi depth ranges from 24 km to 29 km. At the southern edge depth ranges between 25 km to a maximum of 32 km.

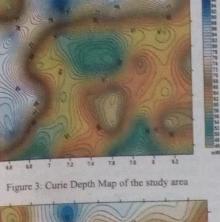
The geothermal gradient map of the study area Fig (4) contour values ranges from 32°C/km to 80°C/km. The highest geothermal gradient is observed around Katakwa at the northern edge, which host the young granites, where the geothermal gradient ranges from 72 °C/km to 78 °C/km. Low geothermal gradient are at the lower edge of the study area below Idah and Ankpa. Prominent of the note is that at central part of the study area whose values ranges from 38°C/km to 42 °C/km. The low curie depth (15 Km to 25 Km) with high thermal gradient (72 to 78 km) around Katakwa indicates activities of young granitic rock of central Nigeria resulting in noticeable temperature change.

The heat flow values obtained from equal (11) using average thermal conductivity of $y = 2.978 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ (Wu *et. al.*, 2013) shown in Fig (5) agrees with the values from curie point depth and geothermal gradient. The high heat flow obtained at the north around Katakwa 86 W/m² to 98mW/m² and around Lokoja (84 W/m² to 90 W/m²) at the western edge. This anomalous high heat flow level was observe.

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	Table:1	Curie point	depth, Ocotherman	gradient, and Heaat Geothermal	Heat
	Tuor	-		radient(⁰ c/km)	Flow(nW
	2210	LAT	Curie-Point(km)	25.43859649	63.59649
NO	LONG	8.5	22.8	22.46283672	56.15709
1	6.5 6.625	8.375	25.82042541	31.56285708	78.90714
1	6.875	8.375	18.37602973	38.67806706	96.69516
2	7.125	8.375	14.99557874	30.0415066	75 1027
3	7.375	8.375	19.3066216	33.21181646	75.10376 83.02954
4	7.625	8.375	17.4636639	29.30272457	73.25681
5	7.875	8.375	19.79338128	30.90964782	77.27411
6 7	8.125	8.375	18.76436779	25.88510843	64.71277
8	8.375	8.375	22.40670545	34.49061245	86.22653
9	6.625	8.125	16.81616993	28.93637826	72.34094
10	6.875	8,125	20.04397353	22.55027133	
11	7.125	8.125	25.72031136		56.37567
12	7.375	8.125	24.91527006	23.27889678	58.19724
13	7.625	8.125	24.91180425	23.28213541	58.20533
14	7.875	8.125	24.11284644	24.05356835	60.13392
15	8.125	8.125	24.29022741	23.8779156	59.69478
16	8.375	8.125	23.22794496	24.96992313	62.42480
17	6.625	7.875	18.58943871	31.20051171	78.00127
18	6.875	7.875	24.71039646	23.47190183	58.67975
19	7.125	7.875	23.57693056	24.60031846	61.50079
20	7.375	7.875	27.80205802	20.86176497	52.15441
21	7.625	7.875	28.55557989	20.31126674	50.77816
22	7.875	7.875	21.30217014	27.22727291	68.06818
23	8.125	7.875	23.11797447	25.08870319	62.72175
24	8.375	7.875	20.19386189	28.72159883	71.80399
25	6.625	7.625	16.81833912	34.48616394	86.21540
26	6.875	7.625	18.01633956	32.19299892	80.48249
27	7.125	7.625	24.94045214	23.25539235	58.13848
28	7.375	7.625	21.45003067		67.59897
29	7.625	7.625	20.31915801	27.03958838	
30	7.875	7.625	22.45676247	28.54448987	71.36122
31	8.125	7.625	23.72594636	25.82740948	64.56852
32	8.375	7.625	23.72394036	24.44581098	61.11452
33	6.625	7.375	22.41017126	25.88110521	64.7027
34	6.875	7.375	16.28994471	35.6047863	89.0119
35	7.125	7.375	25.03825565	23.164553	57.9113
36	7.375	7.375	25.24428451	22.97549767	57.4387
37	7.625	7.375	23.30056638	24.89209878	62.23024
38	7.875		20.30642562	28.56238764	71.4059
39	8.125	7.375	27.25369246	21.28151996	53.2037
40	8.375	7.375	20.19676228	28.71747422	71.7936
41	6.625	7.375	21.2567342	27.28547079	68.2136
42	6.875	7.125	26.59566355		54.5201
43	7.125	7.125	30.43042512	21.80806653	54.5201
44	7.375	7.125	21.1913271	19.05987175	47.6496
45	7.625	7.125	21.58389045	27.36968748	68.4242
46	7.875	7.125	28.71155173	26.87189325	67.1797
47	8.125	7.125	30.83467867	20.20092837	50.5023
48	8.375	7.125	25.82042541	18.80999008	47.0249
		7.125	26.0027346	22.46283672	56.1570 55.7633

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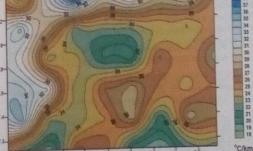


Figure 4. Geothermal Gradient Map of the study area

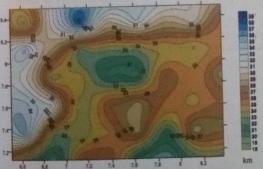


Figure 5: Heat Flow map of the study area.

Correlation of Geothermal gradient and ternary map.

The ternary map of the study area Figure 6, which is obtained by combining the potassium, thorium and uranium concentration of the area shows a striking correlation between the region where the high geothermal gradient is observed and where the potassium and uranium concentrations are high at the northern edge of the area which host the Biotite granite equally at the western edge of the study area around Lokoja which host undifferentiated old granites of western Nigeria,

shows relatively high concentration of potassium and thorium. This indicate that the source of high geothermal values in this region can be traced to the contents of the geological structures.



Figure 6: Ternary map of the study area

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Conclusion

The IGRF removed Aeromagnetic data of lower Benue and upper part of Anambra basins was employed to the Curie point depth (Z_b) from spectral analysis, estimates obtained shows that the curie point depth for the area ranges from 14 km to 30 km with the maximum value obtained around Idah and Otukpa while the minimum value is obtained at the upper part of Gadabuke this curie point depths indicate depth of the bottom of magnetic source. The values for the Thermal gradient (table 1) varies from 36° c/km to 78° c/km figure (6) with the high values occurring at the Northern end and the Western end of the study area where outcrop of magnetic rocks are observed on the geology map figure (1). High heat flow values observed where Curie point depths are shallow, which are located at two geometric basement highs at the western and northern parts. Correlating the heat flow and geothermal results with the ternary map figure (8) it is observed that high geothermal and heat flow values occur within regions with high concentration of both potassium and Thoriun concentrations

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