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### ABSTRACT

We have conducted the research to analyze the resistivity of rocks and minerals under the surface in the area Dolok Marawa Simalungun District. This research aims to determine the types of rocks and minerals under the surface based on the value of resistivity in the village of Dolok Marawa Simalungun Distrik. Determining the type of rocks and minerals under the surface by using geoelectric method were performed using an ARES geoelectric (Automatic Resistivity System) Schulumberger configuration three path and length of path is 155 meter. Resistivity value of rocks and minerals below the surface is processed by using software Res2Dinv to obtain two dimensional cross-section. Research results obtained show that the geoelectric resistivity varies in the range of 0.327  $\Omega\text{m}$  which is groundwater up to 2200  $\Omega\text{m}$  which is a limestone. Type of Under surface mineral Dolok Marawa Village was the most dominating ground water with a resistivity value of less than 10  $\Omega\text{m}$  and predicted that in this research area is still ongoing volcanic activity. The rocks that make up the area is still ongoing volcanic activity. The rocks that make up the area are thought to be clay, silt, andesite, alluvium, sandstone and limestone.

**Keyword :** *Geoelectric Method, Rock Resistivity*

### INTRODUCTION

Indonesia has the abundant natural outcomes under the earth's surface in the form of gold, silver, copper and rock. Rocks is the main constituent natural items and the earth collection of one or more minerals, organic matter and volcanic materials are much needed and used for human life. However the visible outcomes the abundant natural under the earth's surface cannot be observed directly. Information about the earth's subsurface conditions should be known as the type of rocks and minerals. Types of rocks and minerals can be seen by resistance type.

Marawa Dolok Village is one of the villages in the district Silau Kahean Simalungun of North Sumatra Province. Marawa village is a hilly area that has a geographical location 3°10'41" North Latitude and 98°51'53" East Longitude. In District Silau Kahean nature reserves that are high monarch nature reserve is a protected forest. Nature reserve area Dolok High King has a unique natural phenomenon that has hot water. Dolok Marawa a geothermal area that has

spread widely enough hot water. According Henry and friend, (2010) Thehot springs are located in the area Dolok Marawa fault lies in the southeast sea with temperatures of 36.4 °C-66 °C. Based on the geological map of that type of rock found in the area Dolok Marawa is andesite, dacite, basal and piroklasita.

Every rock and mineral has a resistivity that is influenced by the composition of the constituent. Variation of earth resistivity material is shown in Table1.

**Table 1.** Variations of earth material type value detainees.

Type of Materials	Resistivity ( $\Omega\text{m}$ )
Clay/Lempung	1-100
Silt/Lanau	10-200
Marls/Batu Lumpur	3-70
Alluvium (Aluvium)	10-800
Kuarsa	$10-2 \times 10^3$
Sandstone/Batu Pasir	50-500
Limestone/Batu kapur	$50-4 \times 10^2$
Slate	$6 \times 10^2-4 \times 10^7$
Gravel (Kerikil)	100-600
Basalte	$10^2-2.5 \times 10^8$
Lava	$100-5 \times 10^4$
Air tanah	0,5-300
Air laut	0,2
Breksi	75-200
Andesit	100-200
Tufa vulkanik	20-100
Konglomerat	$2 \times 10^3-10^4$
Dry Gravel (KerikilKering)	600-10000

Source :(Telford et al, 1982)

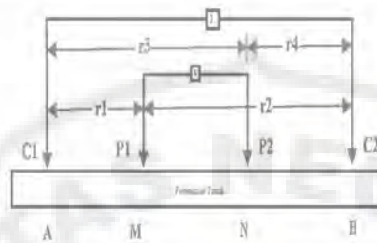
To determine the resistivity of rocks and minerals contained in the subsurface and measuring methods are needed that can measure physical parameters associated with the presence of rocks and minerals under the surface. In the estimation of the state of the earth's subsurface geophysical need a method. One of the geophysical methods that can be used to determine the resistivity of rocks and minerals are the geoelectric resistivity method. Geolistrik resistivity method is a method of studying the nature Geolistrik the electrical resistivity of the rock layers in the earth to a depth of 300m. Resistivity value layer of rock under the soil surface means of an electric current DC (Direct Current) into the ground. The goal is to estimate the electrical properties of the medium or the rock formations below the surface, especially its ability to conduct electricity or inhibit conductivity or resistivity).

Geoelectric resistivity method is one of the most common methods used in geoelectric exploration. This method is used to describe the state of the subsurface by studying the electrical resistivity of the rock layers in the earth, where the earth is composed of rocks that have electrical

conductivity varies. In this method, an electric current is passed into the layers of the earth through two potential electrodes. By knowing the current price can be determined, the potential value of the resistivity. According to Loke (1995), the data obtained in the field is the data value of the resistivity of the subsurface. Based on data from inversion calculation is then performed in order to obtain the variation of resistivity of a coating system that is associated with the soil under the surface geological structures (Santoso, 2002).

Based on the resistivity structure of the subsurface of the earth, we can know the type of material in the layer. Geoelectric method can also be used on such hydrogeological investigation and determination of aquifer contamination, mineral investigations, archaeological survey and detection Hot rocks on geothermal investigation (Reynolds, 1997). Geoelectric resistivity method is applied by using an artificial current source injected into the soil through the ends of the electrodes (Telford et al., 1990). Geoelectric resistivity method produces a variety of changes in the value of resistivity (resistivity distribution), both horizontally and vertically. Geoelectric resistivity method is effective when used for shallow exploratory nature. Therefore, this method is seldom used for oil exploration, but more widely used in the field of geology such as the determination of the depth of the bedrock, the melting water reservoir, also in geothermal exploration and environmental geophysics (Team Assistant Geophysics, 2004). Based on geoelectric measurement techniques, there are two measurement techniques: the method of geoelectric resistivity mapping and sounding (drilling). Geoelectric resistivity mapping method is a method that aims to study the sub surface resistivity variations in horizontal. Oleh Therefore, the method used electrodes spaced a fixed distance to all points of the soundings (very point) on the surface geoelectric resistivity sounding bumi. Metode aims to study the variation of resistivity of rock under the earth's surface vertically. In this method, measurements at a point soundings done by varying the electrode spacing. Electrode distance changes made from the small electrode spacing gradually enlarges. Electrode spacing is proportional to the depth of the rock layer is detected. The greater the distance of the electrodes, the deeper layers of rock were detected. In the field measurements, the electrode spacing enlargement can be done if using a geoelectric adequate. In this case, the tool should be able to produce large currents or current that is sensitive enough to detect small potential difference within the earth. Therefore, geoelectric good tool is a tool that can generate an electric current quite large and has a high sensitivity.

If the distance between the two electrodes is not located in a remote place infinitely in Figure 1, the potential to be around the surface will be affected by the two electrodes.



**Figure1.** Potential generated by two current electrodes on the surface of the earth (Telford et al, 1990)

Since the potential is a scalar quantity, so it applies the principle of superposition. So that the potential at a point can be obtained by summing the potential that comes from each electrode current to that point based on Figure 1.

$$\rho = K \frac{\Delta V}{I} \quad (1)$$

with

$$K = 2\pi \left[ \left( \frac{1}{AM} - \frac{1}{BM} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{AN} - \frac{1}{BN} \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (2)$$

Apparent resistivity value depends on the geometry of the electrode arrangement used, which is defined by the factor of geometry  $K$ . There are three main types of configurations of electrodes (Reynolds, 1997), and among these is named after Frank Wenner and Conrad Schlumberger, while the third method is dipole-dipole.

Each method and manner of electrode configuration has advantages, disadvantages and particular sensitivity. Factors of effectiveness and availability of space for exploration into consideration in the selection of type of configuration. These factors into consideration in the selection and configuration type into consideration to lay span and effectiveness of each method. Other factors are also important to note is the lateral sensitivity of their regularities and the depth of penetration.

In Schlumberger configuration, has a current electrode spacing greater than the potential electrodes. Potential electrodes are placed in the middle of the electrode current. Current electrodes movable a distance corresponding to the result of the potential difference was considered small. Based on the measured physical quantities, Schlumberger electrode arrangement aims to determine the electrical potential gradient.

## METHODS

The experiment was conducted in the village of Marawa Dolok district Silau Kahean Simelungun district, geographically in a  $3^{\circ}10'41''$  North Latitude and  $98^{\circ}51'53''$  East Longitude. In this study, the observed parameters are current (I), voltage(V), and the distance of the electrode, while the parameters are calculated apparent resistivity values ( $\rho_s$ ). The stages are carried out in this study areas follows:

### 1. Preparation Phase

In the preparation phase the researchers conducted a study of literature on the theories that support this research, a survey to capture location data to determine the trajectory measurements to be performed. Moreover, at this stage the researchers also prepare the tools and materials needed in the study.

### 2. Planning Phase

The authors designed the stage measurements to be performed in the field. This study selected three measurement trajectory as the trajectory measurement area. This determination is made by considering the conditions of the study area.

### 3. Implementation Phase

Measurements using geoelectric method performed by injecting current through current electrode. Arrangement of electrodes arranged according Schumberger configuration manually through ARES (Automatic Resistivity Meter). Path length measurement in this study is 155 meters to the distance between the electrodes is 5 meters.

### 4. Data Processing and Data Analysis

The authors conducted a phase of processing the data obtained using statistical software v3.57 Res2Din and data analysis, with the help of surfer 8 in order to obtain a conclusion.

## RESULTS

### First Path

About 20 yards from the blue crater at position  $97^{\circ}38'6,65''$  East Longitude until  $4^{\circ}18'34,82''$  North Longitude and  $97^{\circ}38'2,43''$  East Longitude, at an altitude 435 meter from the surface of the sea, with a path length is 155 meter (the distance between the electrodes 5 meters), as far north pole 470 from the line, has a value of pseudo resistivity ( $\rho_s$ ) that

varies from  $0.327\Omega\text{m}$  to  $1053\Omega\text{m}$ . Cross section images of subsurface resistivity contour first path can be seen in Figure 2.

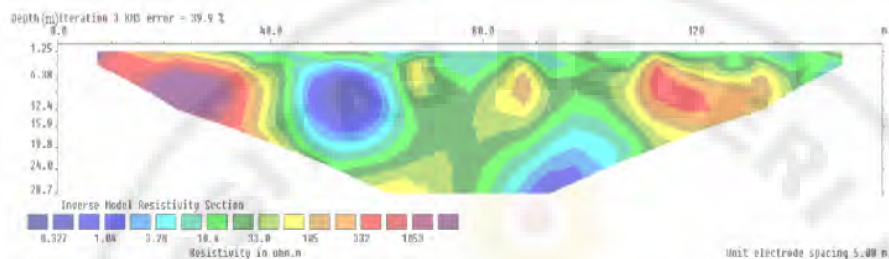


Figure 2. Cross-section contours of resistivity Path1

Based on cross-sectional resistivity contour first path (Figure 2) it can be seen that the cross section of the subsurface first path is composed of several types of minerals with resistivity values respectively  $0.327\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $1.04\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $3.28\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $10.4\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $33\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $105\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $332\Omega\text{m}$ , and  $1053\Omega\text{m}$  are visualized by different colors on each resistivity thus estimated as in Table 2.

Table 2. Tabel type resistivity contour mineral based first path.

NO	Resistivity ( $\Omega\text{m}$ )	Color	Depth (m)	Type of minerals
1	0,327		6,38-28,7	Ground Water
2	1,04		6,0-28,7	Ground Water
3	3,28		1,25-28,7	Ground Water
4	10,4		1,25-28,7	Lempung
5	33		1,25-28,7	Lanau
6	105		1,25-28,7	Andesit
7	332		1,25-16	Sandstone
8	1053		1,25-14	Limestone/Gamping

### Second Path

About 15 meters away from the heat source at the position  $4^{\circ}18'30,82''$  North Latitude and  $97^{\circ}38'5,49''$  East Latitude until  $4^{\circ}18'34,62''$  North Latitude and  $97^{\circ}38'2,30''$  East Latitude, at an altitude of 428 meters above sea level, with a path length 155 meter (the distance between the electrodes 5 meters), as far north pole 700 from the line, has a value of pseudo resistivity ( $\rho_s$ ) that varies from  $1.89\Omega\text{m}$  to  $1988\Omega\text{m}$ . Cross-section images of subsurface resistivity contours of the second path can be seen in Figure 3.

Based on cross-sectional contour of the resistivity of the path (Figure 3) it can be seen that the cross section of the subsurface third path is composed of several types of rocks with resistivity values respectively  $1.09\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $5,11\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $13,8\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $37,3\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $101\Omega\text{m}$ ,  $272\Omega\text{m}$ ,

736  $\Omega\text{m}$  and 1988  $\Omega\text{m}$  are visualized by different colors on each resistivity thus estimated as shown in Table 3

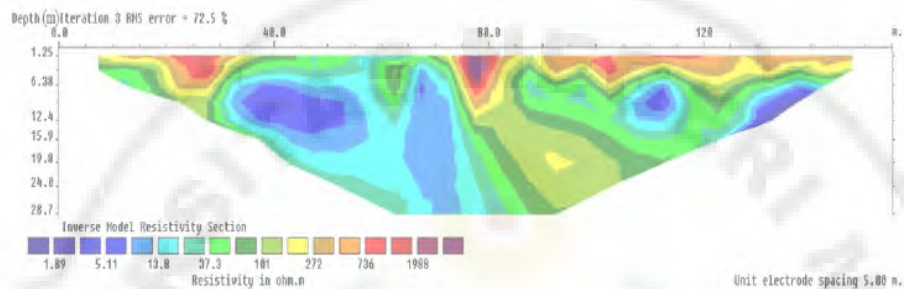


Figure 3. Cross-section contours of resistivity Path 2

Table 3. Mineral based table type resistivity contours second path

No	Resistivity ( $\Omega\text{m}$ )	Color	Depth (m)	Type of minerals
1	1,09		6,36-15,9	Ground Water
2	5,11		2,56-28,7	Ground Water
3	13,8		1,25-28,7	Lempung
4	37,3		1,25-28,7	Lanau
5	101		1,25-28,7	Andesit
6	272		1,25-28,7	Sandstone
7	736		1,25-16	Aluvium
8	1988		1,25-6,38	Limestone/Gamping

### Third Path

About 15 meters away from the heat source at position 4018'31.14 "North Latitude and 97038' 3.93" East Longitude, at an altitude of 431 meters above sea level, with a path length of 155 meters (the distance between the electrodes 5 meters), as far north pole 700 of the line, has a value of pseudoresistivity ( $\rho_s$ ) that varies from 3.60  $\Omega\text{m}$  to the cross-section contour resistivity  $\Omega\text{m}$ . Gambar 2200 under the track surface can be seen in Figure 4.

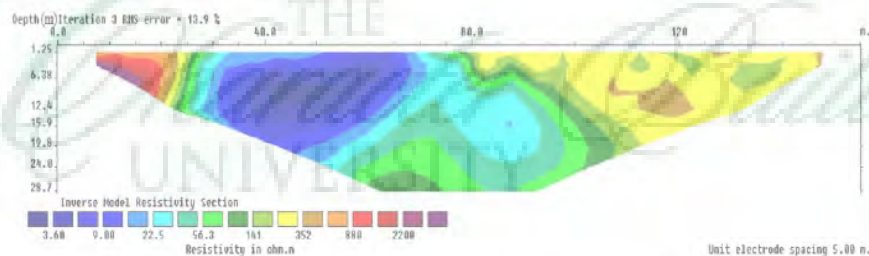


Figure 4. Cross-section contours of resistivity Path 3.



Based on cross-sectional resistivity contour third path (Figure 4) it can be seen that the cross section of the subsurface consists of several types of rocks with a resistivity value of 3.60  $\Omega m$  respectively, 9.00  $\Omega m$ , 25.5  $\Omega m$ , 56.3  $\Omega m$ , 141  $\Omega m$ , 352  $\Omega m$ , 880  $\Omega m$  and 2200  $\Omega m$  are visualized by different colors on each prism type that can be estimated as shown in table 4. The following

**Table 4.** Type of mineral based on third path contour.

No	Resistivity ( $\Omega m$ )	Color	Depth (m)	Type of minerals
1	3,60		3,76-15	Ground Water
2	9,00		1,25-22	Ground Water
3	25,5		1,25-24	Lempung
4	56,3		1,25-28,7	Lanau
5	141		1,25-28,7	Andesit
6	352		1,25-28,7	Sandstone
7	880		1,25-19,8	Limestone/Gamping
8	2200		3,8-9,3	Limestone/ Gamping

## DISCUSSION

From the two-dimensional inversion results obtained using Res2D in vertical cross-section in the form of subsurface resistivity value based on the image colors will vary depending on the value indicated in Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3. In Figure 2D inversion results show a resistivity value of each rock as seen from the color image of cross section of the structure the surface layer. The distribution of subsurface resistivity values indicated by the color image on the results of data processing. To determine the types of layers of rocks and minerals below the surface of is used to match reference table for resistivity value in the can with rocks and minerals areas shown in Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4.

Based on Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4 that the resistivity distribution depth of 1.25 m to 28.7 m depth in the field area of about 155 m<sup>2</sup> with three path consisting of 8 layers with resistivity values ranging from 0.327-2200  $\Omega m$  as seen in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Resistivity and Type of minerals the third path

First Path			Second Path			Third Path		
Resistivity ( $\Omega m$ )	Type of Minerals	Depth (m)	Resistivity ( $\Omega m$ )	Type of Minerals	Depth (m)	Resistivity ( $\Omega m$ )	Type of Minerals	Depth (m)
0,327	Ground water	6,38-28,7	1,09	Ground water	6,36-15,9	3,60	Ground water	3,76-15
1,04	Ground water	6,0-28,7	5,11	Ground Water	2,56-28,7	9,00	Ground Water	1,25-22
3,28	Ground water	1,25-28,7	13,8	Lempung	1,25-28,7	25,5	Lempung	1,25-24
10,4	Lempung	1,25-28,7	37,3	Lanau	1,25-28,7	56,3	Lanau	1,25-28,7
33	Lanau	1,25-28,7	101	Andesit	1,25-28,7	141	Andesit	1,25-28,7
105	Andesit	1,25-28,7	272	Sandstone	1,25-28,7	352	Sandstone	1,25-28,7
332	Sandstone	1,25-16	736	Aluvium	1,25-16	880	Gamping	1,25-19,8

1053	Batu stone	1,25-14	1988	Gampingstone	1,25-6,38	2200	Gampinstone	3,8-9,3
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The results of the retrieval and processing of data from the first to the third path can be found rock layers making up. Prediction of rock types in the area supported by measurements of resistivity values obtained results and geological conditions of the area. The data obtained will be analyzed using surfer 8 and will be taken by the depth to overall path measurements. Threemeasurement pointswhichcandescribe thepathrock typesinthe areaanddescribethe distribution of rockperdepth. The depththat will be displayedis thedepth5meters, 10 meters, 15 meters, 20meters, 25meters and28 metersfrom theresistivity( $\Omega m$ ) whichwill be discussedin Figure 6.

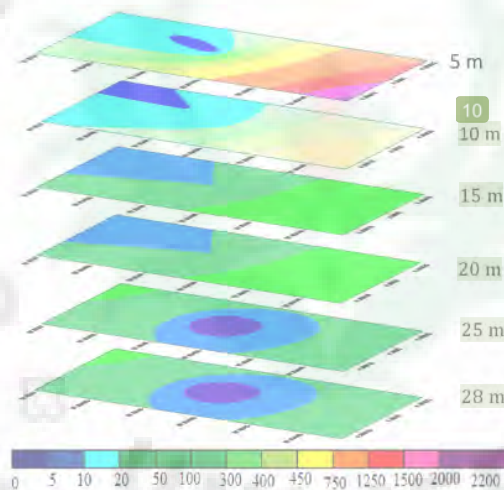


Figure 5. Results of contour depth of 5 meters to 28 meters.

Analysis of rocks and minerals below the surface of that are at depths of up to 28.7 meters around the path shown in Figure 5. The measurements that showed that most of the types of minerals found in the groundwater below the surface is the pick the resistivity values between 0,327-10  $\Omega m$ , where very low resistivity values can be found to a depth of 28.7 meters. According Widarto in Farid M (2008), highly conductive zones will only be formed when there is a fluid, especially water, in conditions of high heat. According Lenat (1999) further increase the temperature of the lower resistivity of the rock. The presence of hot water and high porosity and high permeability rocks would constitute some of the requirements for the low value of resistivity of rocks. As a source of heat for the highly conductive zone is predicted that the volcanic activity is still ongoing under penelitan. Hasil area is supported by the presence of a heat source in the form of a crater appeared blue around the sites.

## 2 CONCLUSION

From the results of the processing, analysis, and interpretation of the data in the study can be concluded as follows:

1. Based on the results obtained using geoelectric method resistivity varying prices ranging between  $2200 \Omega\text{m}$  to  $0,327\Omega\text{m}$ .
  - The firstPath, has a value between  $0.327$  resistivity  $\Omega\text{m}$  to  $1053\Omega\text{m}$ .
  - The secondPath, has a value between  $1,89$  resistivity  $\Omega\text{m}$  to  $1988\Omega\text{m}$ .
  - The thirdPath, has a value between  $3.60$  resistivity  $\Omega\text{m}$  to  $2200\Omega\text{m}$ .
2. The type of subsurface mineral marawa Dolok village was the most dominating groundwater with values less resistivity  $\leq 10\Omega\text{m}$  and predicted that in this research area is still ongoing volcanic activity.
3. Based on the values obtained resistivity rock types found in the study area is clay, silt, andesite, alluvium, sandstone and limestone.

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