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Thermal Prescription 007:

Prescription for computing the amount of fluid that must be converted to vapor in order to cool a x y z block of rock....

1) the heat in the rock block is mostly in the minerals, small amount in pore fluid, but we ignore that in the following calculation.

2) heat in rock, Qrx = (Volume of Rock)\*(density of rock)\*(heat capacity rock)\*

(Tinitial - Tfinal) or Qrx = Vrx \* Drx \* Cprx (Ti - Tf)

eg. 50m cube Vrx = 1.25 10^5 m3 = 1.25 10^11 cm^3

 $Drx = 2.7g/cm^3$ ; Cprx = 0.26 cal/gC

Ti - Tf = 250 - 235 = 15C

therefore  $Qrx = 1.32 \ 10^{12} \ cal.$ 

3) heat of vaporization at 100C 1bar 540 cal/g ...

note that at any given pressure/temperature the heat of vaporization can be scaled from LV dome plot in P-H space by picking at the respective pressure or temperature the H value for liquid and vapor the difference between them is Hvap, eg at 200bars Hv = 580cal/g, Hl = 450 cal/g.

Hvap = 580-450 = 130 cal/g

The value you use needs to be consistent with the depth/pressure. because there is a substantial variation in this phase change heat as one moves along the LV surface toward crit point.

4) Heat required by vaporization of fluid in pores.

Qvap = mass fluid \* Hv;

eg. for a 2 percent porosity in the matrix block filled with liquid

at

a density of 1g/cm3. the total mass in a 50-50-50 block is:

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Mass(fluid) = .02 \times 1 \text{ g/cm3} \times 1.25 \text{ 10^{11} cm^3}
M(f) = 2.5 10^9 g.
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 $Qvap = M(f) Hv = 2.5 10^9 g * 540 cal/g = 1.35 10^{12} cal$ 

5)

Because Qrx = 1.32 10^12 cal. and Qva = 1.35 10^12 cal

the vaporization exactly accounts for cooling the rock by 15C....

Caveats: note I used values at 100C and 1 bar for Hv, because

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Denis --

I shouldn't be spending time on this, but I'm really curious. Did some calcs to test the concepts. Results for 100 m^3 block cooling from hydrodynamic boiling point temperature, 298C, to vapor-dominated system temperature of 243C:

10^12 cc \* 2.7 g/cc \* 0.26 cal/gC \* 55C = 3.86 \* 10^13 cal (heat lost)

Heat required to boil off liquid in same rock block with 2% effective porosity (Qvap at 298C = 341 cal/g)

 $10^{12cc} * 1 \text{ g/cc} * 0.02 * 341 \text{ cal/g} = 6.82 * 10^{12} \text{ cal}$  (heat required)

Additional water required to boil to drop rock temperature from 298C to 243C:

3.86 \*10^13 / 6.82 \* 10^12 = 5.9x 5.9 x 0.02 = .118 .118 - 0.02 ≇ 0.098

In other words, porosity would have to be increased nearly an additional 10% of the total rock volume, or:

The pore water at the initially assumed 2% porosity would have to be replenished and boil nearly six times over.

At the SB-15-D site, which the above is meant to proxy, it seems like temperatures stayed pretty hot-- nearly isothermal at about 320C -prior to the inferred onset of vapor-dominated conditions. This to me would seem to indicate that simple conductive cooling of the rocks from their thermal maximum here can't be invoked to help explain the large amount of heat loss required in going to the vapor-dominated state (in other words, the temperature probably hadn't conductively cooled to nearer the 243C final temperature before a vapor-dominated system began to develop). Another point -- The liquid- to vapor-dominated transition is believed to require very little recharge, so it seems a stretch to recharge and reboil waters in the hypothetical reservoir block six times over, as effective porosity in the block is surely nowhere near 12% (probably, in fact, <2%).

Another observation -- Pruess' 1985 VD model matrix permeability is given as 3 X  $10^{-18}$  m<sup>2</sup>. This is your threshold for convection, so how can he call upon fluid migration within the block as a means to redistribute heat?

I know this is overly simplistic, but it was fun to think about it. Thanks for the tools.

Jeff







Felsite urchins restricted to microgramitorid and some of gramite phases needle-like oxides probably grew rapidly along w/ gtz+Fsp in undercooled capapice of silicic magma URCHIPS - Juhat phase? Jeff will probe greatest greatest greatest in Microgramitoid Probe fsp in DV-2 FSPS CA 5636 WR-geochem jPS

fere are some notes I made on the thin sections I have, some of which are included (circled numbers).

**Cobb Mountain Sequence** 

-----DCV- 1.08 DC - 1.06 RA - 1.11, 1.15 \_\_\_\_ ANDESITE OF FORD FLAT

(exposed on SE flank of Cobb Mtn.)

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40: AFF- fn. gr. andesite of Ford Flat 5% cpx, 3% plag, <1% of phenocrysts in groundmass of plag and glass (partially altered).

40-1/and 40-2: AFF- fn. gr. andesitic basalt? similar to BK unit at Konocti.

RHYOLITE OF ALDER CREEK

41-1) 41-2, 41-3, 41-4

41: RA- rhyolite of Alder Creek collected on east side of Cobb Mt. near Whispering Pines\substitute for Fraser's chem sample F92-33. quenched matic inclusions

san, plag, qtz, bio, cpx, opx, hb, op; 1-5% gmi groundmass of hb, plag, op and glass.

CL61- RA- glassy rhyolite with san, plag, qtz, bio, pyx, and ilm? phenocrysts, not much evidence of mafic input in this sample.

42: RA?- rhyolite of Alder Creek - may be a separate rhyolite or rhyodacite lava plag, san, qtz, bio. cpx. opx cpx op 1 1000 phenocrysts of plag, opx, and cpx and xenocrysts of sodic plag and gtz.

42-3 gmi

DACITE OF COBB MOUNTAIN

83: DC- dacite of Cobb Mountain from near Unocal drill site near the summit of Cobb Mountain. Substituted for Fraser's chem sample F92-34.

83A: DC- host dacite

sodic plag, san, qtz, bio, hb, opx, cpx, op; 1-15% qmi groundmass of plag, opx, op, and glass, phenocrysts of cpx and opx, and xenocrysts of plag, qtz, and san (rapakivi).

The silicic endmember consists of sodic plag, sanidine, bio, quartz, Fe-rich opx and cpx, and ilm? Hornblende occurs as groundmass grains. The mafic endmember consists of calcic plag, and Mg-rich opx and cpx.

83B1: DC- quenched inclusion and adjacent dacite host.

Dacite host has resorbed but unmantled qtz, sodic plag with very thin fritted margins, and bio partially rimmed by opaques.

Quenched inclusion contains 3 sodic plag with fine-fritted rims and 1 quartz with incipient augite corona.

83B2: DC- quenched inclusion and adjacent dacite host.

Dacite host has resorbed but unmantled qtz, sodic plag with very thin fritted margins, and bio partially rimmed by opaques.

Quenched inclusion contains two sanidine grains, one with fine-fritted rim (plag overgrowth?), the other (bigger) with a partial coarse-grained mantle of plag and fine-fritted texture on both the sanidine and the plag mantle. A sodic plag grain has a thick fine-fritted margin.

83C: DC- dacite host with two small quenched inclusions that are relatively cr. gr. and lack silicic endmember crystals

83D: DC- interlayered dacite host and quenched inclusion-like bands

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84: DC- dacite of Cobb Mountain

san, plag, qtz, bio, cpx, opx, op; 1-15% qmi groundmass of plag, opx, op, and glass, phenocrysts of cpx and opx, and xenocrysts of plag, qtz, and Fe-rich pyx-bio clots. (84-1) 84-3  $\rightarrow$  host + large qmi

CL223: DC- typical Cobb dacite with plag, san (fn.gr. rapakivi), quartz, bio, and pyroxene.

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DACITE OF COBB VALLEY

70: DCV- Dacite of Cobb Valley plag, opx, cpx, op, with minor qtz and san

H75-9B: DCV- Very clean sample of pyroxene dacite plag, opx, cpx, op- much more mafic than DC.

samples

AFF: SCL40 RA: CL61, SCL39, SCL41, SCL42?, SCL167 DC: CL223, SCL83, SCL84, SCL44?, SCL168 DCV: H75-9b, SCL70 \_ F91-17

DCV [F91-17] DCV-plag-opx-minor propaques cpx qtz qmi

2V-2 "hypersolvus" granite graphic granite like Alid quenched by fluid bss Or Na-somidine Or60-80, 1) analyze: plag phono -ano; Husclarse Or de 150 z) anorthoclase, 華 3) san phonor Na matriz granophyre Na-son + qtz 23 anorth + 9tz pl+qtz \* DV-2 ant 870 ~ 100 000 Trs 1 59 Guitlo 2







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gett. Here are some photos and drawings of zoned Plag with EMP analypes. It will give you an idea what I was thinking as far as figures go.

Better run.

Jim







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Figure 6. <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar minimum ages for The Geysers plutonic and volcanic rocks and vein adularia. Note remarkable match for dacite of Cobb Mountain (whole-rock K-Ar) and Geysers granodiorite (biotite <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar incremental-heating plateau). Arrows in lower right corner depict thermal history of adularia according to model 2 (Fig. 7). Ages include estimate errors.



Figure 5. Summary of published and new K-Ar and 40Ar/39Ar total gas age dates for igneous rocks and vein adularia from The Geysers and the Clear Lake volcanic field. Ages include estimated errors.



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Figure 2. Generalized geologic map of the Geysers area, emphasizing the pre-Tertiary rocks.







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FRACTURING IN THE NORTHWEST GEYSERS, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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#### ABSTRACT

Fracturing in the northwest Geysers is discussed in terms of both geologic mapping and measurements of fracture trends in oriented core. Faults of importance to the geothermal system include thrust faults followed in time by northesa trending faults with apparent right lateral offset and then northwest trending faults with apparent normal displacement. Measurements of fracture orientations in core show trends perpendicular to the least principal stores as well as fracturing apparently controlled by libbologic variables. Fracturing in The Geysers is complex, and different areas of the steam field may be dominated by fractures of different origins, and orientations.

#### INTRODUCTION

The nature, distribution, and orientation of fractures in The Geysers vapor-dominated geothermal field are of obvious importance in exploration and development drilling, reservoir modeling, and planning fluid injection strategies for enhanced steam production. McLaughlin (1981) and Niclson and Brown (1990) briefly summaized previous fracture studies at The Geysers in the context of prior and and modern stress regimes.

The Geysers is located in a region of active strike-slip faulting often associated with the San Andreas fault zone. Within this region, the greatest horizontal principal stress is oriented abour NBOE, and the least horizontal principal stress about NBOW. The corresponding intermediate principal stress is approximately equal in magnitude to the greatest horizontal principal stress and has a verifical orientation (Oppenheimer, 1986). Oppenheimer fauther demonstrated that this stress system has been responsible for historical scismic activity in The Geysers geothermal system.

Beali and Box (1989), McNitt et al. (1989), and Thompson and Gunderson (1989) concur that major steam-producing fractures in netargraywacke host rocks at The Geysers are of random orientation with many being subhorizontal to borizontal. Niclson and Brown (1994) proposed that the flat fractures formed by collapse when underlying felsic magna withdrew. These same authors also invoked a structural-arch model to account for the fact that shallow-dipping fractures remained open in spite of the weight of the overlying rock column.

Within the local structural framework of the Northwest Geysers steam field (Fig. 1), this paper discusses the nature and orientation of fractures and their mineralized analogues (veinlets) in drill cores from three



Figure 1. Generalized geologic map of the Northwest Geysers

geothermal wells. Two of these cores, from the field's relatively impermeable caprock in wells Prati S and Prati State 24 (Fig. 1), are oriented. The third, but unonrented core was retrieved from the upper portion of the productive steam reservoir in well Prati State 12. Detailed descriptions of the Prati S and Prati State 12 cores can be found in a companion paper (Hulen et al., this volume).

GEOLOGIC MAPPING

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Figure 1 is a simplified geologic map of the Northwest Geysers area, abstracted from detailed mapping completed by one of us (Walters) between 1985 and 1980, each of the faults and contacts shown on the map was carefully field-traced. The map's interpretive aspects, such as fault offsets, are based on field relationshops combined with subsurface data from geothermal wells.

Faults of several ages and styles are exposed in the Northwest Geysers . The oldest are local shears within

# SOUTH EAST GEYSERS STEAMFIELD













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GEOLOGIC MAP, TOP OF THE GEVISERS FLUTON (convex-upward curved surface)





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TOTAL BOROSILICATE (WT.7) IN THE GEYSERS PLUTON AND ADJACENT HORNFELS

ELEVATION (-)914 m [-3000 Ff]



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TOTAL BOROSILICATE (WT. 7) IN THE GEYSERS PLUTON AND ADJACENT HORNFELS

ELEVATION (-)15924 m [-500074]















CROSS SECTIONS THROUGH THE GEYSERS PLUTON SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF BOROSILICATES

<b>e</b>	WT% TOURMALINE <u>PLUS FERROAXINITE</u> >8-16	 Top of steam
	>4-8	study wells
	>2-4	 Top of steam reservoir in
	<i>±</i> 2	all wells (smoothed contours)

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re 4. Cross sections through The Geysers field showing the distribution of  $\delta^{18}$ O values in per mil with respect top of the steam reservoir and the felsite. All values were contoured in this figure. See Figure 3 for cross secocations.







 $* \ge 10 \text{ psi pressure indrease during drilling}$ 

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Slides 11 and 12 (substitute--illustrations corresponding to the actual slides are not available). Generalized map and cross sections illustrating close correlation of The Geysers geothermal system and a deeply concealed, Plio-Pleistocene, felsic intrusive complex (the "felsite"; Schriener and Suemnicht, 1981). Data from Unocal et al., 1989. In the Northwest Geysers, where our lithologic, structural, and alteration research have been concentrated since 1990, the outer limits of the present-day steam field closely correspond with the boundaries of a high-temperature alteration halo developed under liquid-dominant conditions around and above the felsite immediately prior to evolution of the current steam field.