



Characterisation of Fracture Permeability in mid-Taiwan Mountainous Region:



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Project outline and specific research focus



- How to identify fractures that are **significant hydraulic conductors** ?
- What **factors** govern flow and transport in such fractured system ?
- How can changes in this fractured system be quantified ?



Where is the probable conductive pathway of ground-water ?





Procedure of in-situ downhole investigation







Checklist for quick identification of conductive pathway

Target zone could be dominated by coarse-grained rock where is...

- I. Low in gamma-ray response in contrast to the average
- II. High in short normal-resistivity relatively to the long one
- III. Longer sonic travel-time, and/or larger porosity (acoustic-velocity derived)
- IV. Discernible openings confirmed by televiewer imaging

Thecklist for identification of conductible segments in borehole					
Depth of interval	Criterion				Predominate lithologic type
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15.9m to 17.4m	0	0	0	0	regolith (saprock)
24.0m to 25.5m	x	\circ	\circ	0	shale
32.7m to 34.2m	x	0	0	0	sandstone/shale interbedding
43.9m to 45.4m	×	х	×	0	sandstone/shale interbedding
64.7m to 66.2m	0	0	×	0	sandstone
72.5m to 74.0m	0	х	\bigcirc	х	sandstone (mud-filled)
82.5m to 84.0m	×	х	×	х	sandstone (mud-filled)







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Determination of formation permeability by packer-test





Real-time monitoring system developed by Sinotech





Hydraulic conductivity (K) vs. Depth



Hydraulic conductivity (on a logarithmic scale) with respect to different types of rock against depth

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Hydraulic conductivity (K) vs. Porosity and Aperture

Vm

Hydraulic Conductivity v.s.

1. Porosity (intra-aggregate pores) obtained from sonic log

 Aperture ratio (<u>inter-aggregate void</u>) defined as fracture spacing / sealed-off interval between packers, 1.5 m)

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- 3. Porosity x Aperture ratio
- 4. Porosity x (Aperture ratio)³



Comparison of criteria for identifying conductive fracture





Conclusions and outlooks

- How to identify fractures that are significant hydraulic conductors ?
- → It is necessary, and sufficient, to jointly consider lithologic characteristics and fracture related properties.
- What **factors** govern flow and transport in such fractured systems ?
- → The flow of groundwater in the mountain area is proportionally regulated by the intra-aggregate pores and the inter-aggregate voids (aperture).
- How can changes in this fractured system be quantified ?
- → <u>A simple linear relationship was obtained between K</u> and Porosity x (Aperture ratio)3.



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