

3D crustal fluid distribution by magnetotellurics around Naruko volcano

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We have carried out wideband magnetotelluric measurements in order to map the distribution of fluids and melts under the volcanic arc in the NE Japan around the Naruko volcano. The area has several Quaternary calderas, such as Naruko, Onikobe, Sanzugawa and Mukaimachi calderas. The area has also high shallow seismicity and has one of the largest intraplate earthquakes, M7.0, in 2008 near the Kurikoma volcano. Thus the area is thought as a good test field to study the relation of fluids and volcanoes and intraplate earthquakes. We have 224 sites in total with average site spacing of ~5km. From the three-dimensional modelling we have imaged (1) subvertical conductors which shallows towards the active volcanic zones under Onikobe, Naruko and Sanzugawa calderas, and (2) seismic activities over the resistive zones above the crustal conductors, which implies earthquake triggering by fluid migration into the brittle crust.

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