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"USING ECOSTRESS TO EMPOWER THE ENERGY TRANSITION"



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NEEDS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: A GEOLOGIC PERSPECTIVE







Critical raw materials (e.g. REE, Li) UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.



Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage





Geothermal energy (heat and electricity)

GEOTHERMAL SURFACE MANIFESTATIONS



Conceptual geothermal system with steam extraction for electricity production and surface manifestations source: Geothermal-energy.org

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GT surface manifestations:

Clay alteration

Structures

Surface hotspots

=> Starting point for detailed exploration







ISSUES WITH STATE-OF-ART

- Spaceborne Remote Sensing:
 - Size of anomalies small compared to pixel
 - Wrong overpass time
 - Effect of thermal inertia not captured
 - ⇒ Anomalies due to insolation bigger than due to extra heat flux
- ⇒ Even at sunrise effect still measurable (Coolbaugh et al., 2007) UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.





ECOSTRESS TO THE RESCUE

- Experimental thermal sensor on ISS
- Designed for plant stress
- Ideal to test new approaches:
 - Precessing orbit (different acquisition times)
 - Diurnal time series
 - Suitable pixel size (<100m)





THE GEOHOT PROJECT

- Link with NASA ECOSTRESS Science Team
- 3 Year funding NWO-GO (Started: 2021)
- Objectives
 - O1: Quantify effect overpass time on detections
 - O2: Optimize detections through use of time series
 - = > near-global geothermal anomaly detection tool





STUDY AREAS

Three areas with ground information, airborne TIR surveys and groundbased fumarole monitoring.











(VERY) EARLY RESULTS (1)



Example (geo)thermal anomaly detection in Naivasha, Kenya with ECOSTRESS data

- Daytime detections: strongly influenced by tompography
- Early nighttime: some issues with heat capacity
- Late nighttime: best results (but issues with lake mask)

Source: Soszynska et al. (ongoing work)

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(VERY) EARLY RESULTS (2)



ECOSTRESS thermal anomaly detection results (blue) on GE. Red dots: known fumaroles; Yellow squares: power plants Several unknown hotspots UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

Source: Soszynska et al. (ongoing work)



(VERY) EARLY RESULTS (3)

- Video of multiple acquisitions
- Geolocation issues
- => need solving



Source: Soszynska et al. (ongoing work)



SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- Promising results
- Next steps:
 - Geolocation fix
 - Look at time series
 - Quantify detection "success" with ground/airborne data
 - => near-global geothermal anomaly detection tool



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