

# Magnetic Susceptibilities and Fault Surface Anomalies. The Study of Land Magnetic Data & Interpretations.

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**Abstract:** The aim of the study is to bring the relationship between crustal magnetism and the reflection of fault surfaces. The land magnetic surveys has been carried along the two nearly linear profiles of 11km length each at a spacing of 1km. The interpretation of data revealed the presence of two faults, thereby indicating the relevance of magnetic susceptibilities towards fault detections. The effect of diurnal variations were analyzed and their anomalous effects was eliminated by the collection and interpretation of base magnetic data. The IGRF data was also collected to analyze the variations produced by total reflective crustal magnetism. In contemporary to this, the bypass filters were applied along with the pole reduction methods to validate the results of the study.

**Key words:** Crustal magnetism, Ground magnetic surveys, Total magnetic intensity, Faults.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The evolution of potential fields was massive for bringing up the information about the earth's interior.[2] [4] [5] [6] [9] [11] [14] [18] [19] However, the geophysical study were comprehensive, the geo-magnetic potential fields were

found applicable to the various research fields including sub surface geological features.[3] [7] [13] [15] The earth's outer core, which produces more than 80% of magnetism, leads the well-mechanized magnetic wave propagations towards the surface and sets our planet earth as a magnet. The magnetic processes in the atmospheric ionosphere brings itself as an external field when described in the context of earth's crustal and main magnetic fields. However, the expertise of methodology can be found immensely significant by the proper numerical interpretation of the magnetic data and to accesses the authentic information about sub-surface features.[1] [12] [17] [20] [21] various scientists, researchers and students have proved the importance of magnetic data for the identification of various earth's surface and sub surface features.[8] [10] [16] The aim of our study is to relate the magnetic data in the earth's faulted structures, as they remain the main incursion of earthquakes and to evaluate the significance of magnetic measurements in the earth system sciences. This study was carried in the southern region of India (Fig.1) in the fields if Dharwar craton.

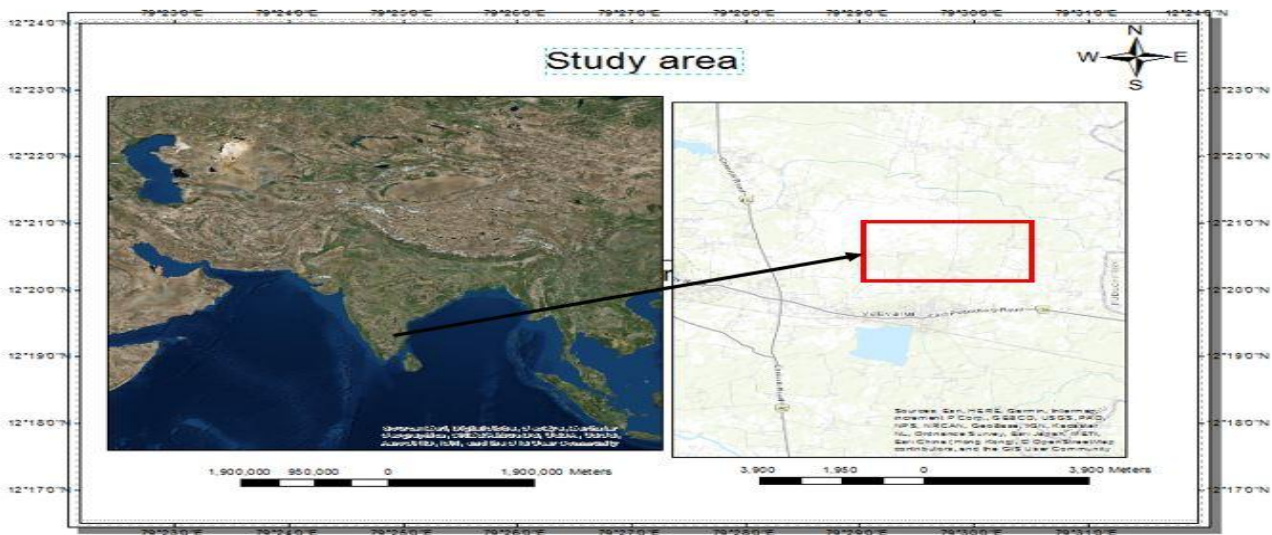


Figure 1: The map represents the study area and  represents the survey location

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II. DATA AND METHODS

The land magnetic data was collected by two proton procession magnetometers, a walking type and a base station. The base station was set fixed in the eastern side of the survey line without the presence of noise that would have created by the electrical materials like electric lines or any other metals. The base magnetometer was processed by measuring the magnetic intensities after every 15 minutes to examine the fluctuations caused by the external magnetic field. The survey line for walking magnetometer was drawn linear or nearly linear on the topographical sheets and the magnetic intensities were taken at an interval of 150mts. The survey line was chosen based on least noise in the region and all the areas like cities were avoided to be the part of this survey. The procedures has been repeated twice

along the profiles named as P1 and P2 of 11km length each and 1km apart from each other. However, the direction of the two profiles were same so that they will follow the parallel distance between them (Fig 2). In contemporary to this data, the IGRF data was also collected and processed for interpretation mechanisms. In addition to this, all the relevant data like topography, lithology and elevations were collected to evaluate the validity of magnetic data's. The diurnal corrections were applied in order to bring the accurate total magnetic intensities. The low and high pass filters, reduction to pole and vertical derivatives were found useful in bringing up the signal of abrupt magnetic anomalies and thereby delineating faulted subsurface. The noise created by the features other than the land have been eliminated by the various magnetic interpretations in Geosoft oasis montaj.

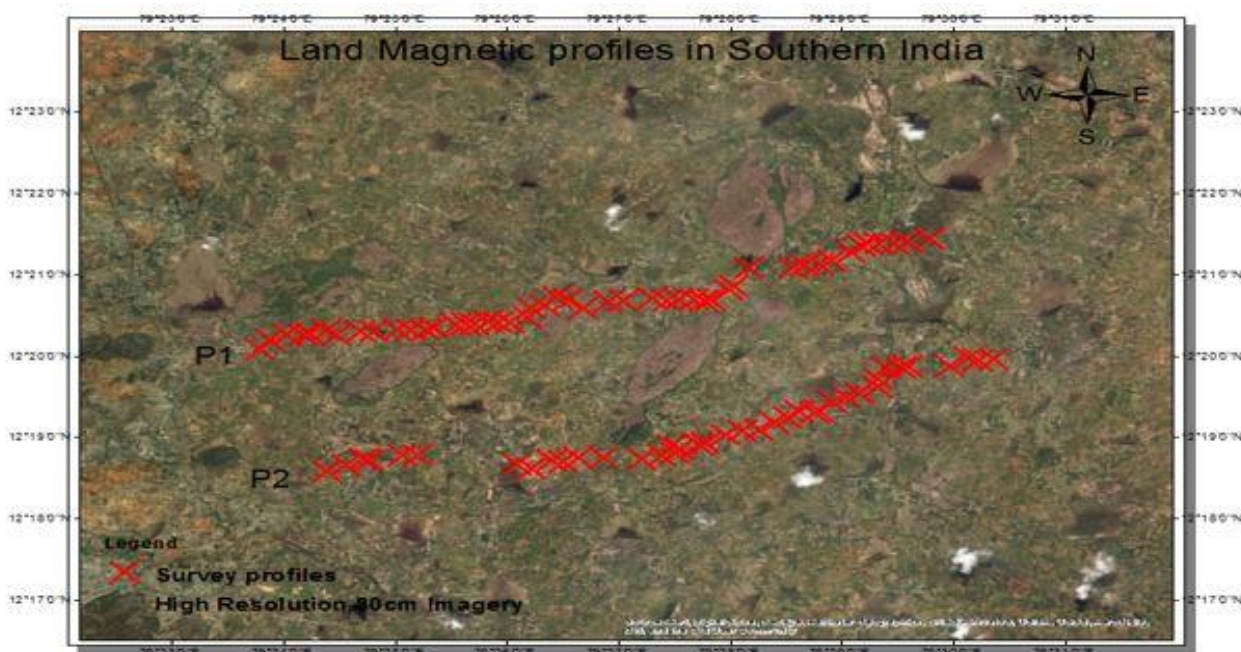


Figure 2: P1 and P2 represent the survey lines in cross reds.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The base station data have been processed to evaluate the effect of sun's activity and the diurnal corrections were then plotted in a graph. The diurnal variations of the magnetic base data of profile (P1) show the intensities from 40175nt-40260nt. However, the diurnal variations of P2 were found varying from 40620nt- 40670nt (Fig 3). The IGRF data plotted for P1 show little variance in the overall magnetic field and was seen around 41180nt while the IGRF data at the second survey show little more variance of 41188nt-41203nt and was later correlated for survey data interpretations(Fig 4). The magnetic processing of data in grid analysis of P1 show the variance in the anomalies thereby indicating the changes of interior from whole of the survey profile.

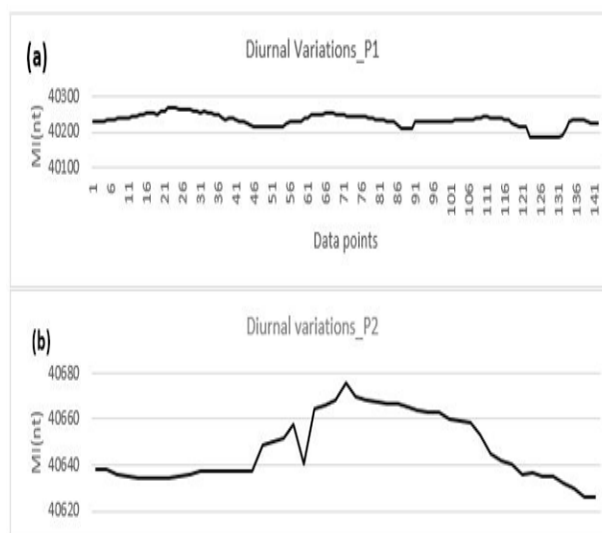


Figure 3: a) represents the diurnal variations of P1 and b) represents P2

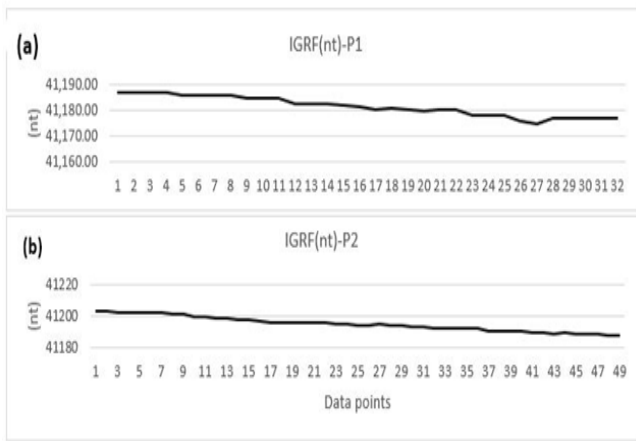


Figure 4: a) represents the IGRF variations of P1 and b) represents P2

The grid analysis of general data show magnetic lows varying from 1052.8nt to the maximum of 21.1nt (Fig 5a). However, the maximum magnetic lows were found until the 8kms of survey profile 1 from east to west and minimum low's towards the last phase of west at 45.7nt to 21.1nt. The lows were indicating the presence of faults, which are produced by the intense shearing at the fault lines due to tectonic stresses. The results were examined further by using the bypass filters to see the changes produced by them. The low pass filters used (Fig 5b) show the change behavior of the gridded data especially at the western extent of P1 and can be due to the rock discrepancies in the area like joints or surface rock fractures. However, the high pass filters (Fig 5c) validates the output of main gridding and show maximum correlations with the results. The P2 data interpretations and gridding (Fig 6a) show less anomaly variations from the ground interior but validates the presence of major fault in the region. However, the low pass filter (Fig 6b) and high pass filter (Fig 6c) of P2 show variance of magnetic low's and high's when compared to the main gridded data of P2. The P2 show maximum total magnetic intensities varying from 710.7nt to 68nt low and a minimum proportion of 1058.8nt- 806nt.

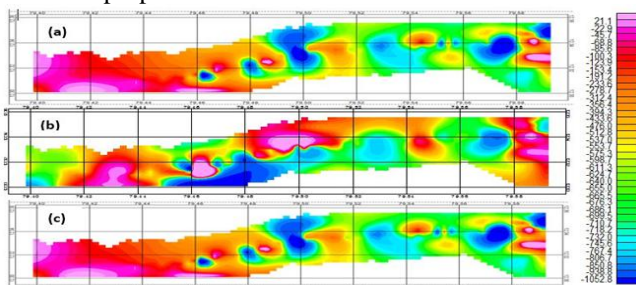


Figure 5: a) Gridding of total magnetic intensity for P1. b) Low pass filter. c) High pass filter

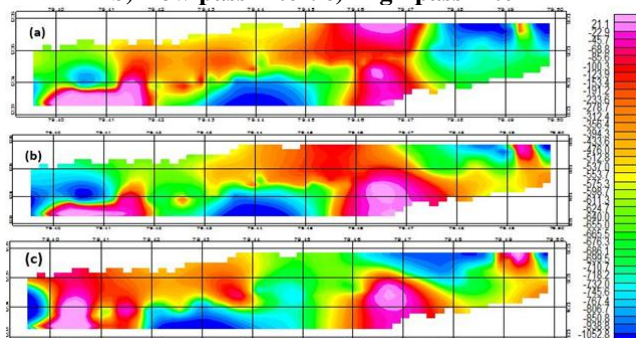


Figure 6: a) Gridding of total magnetic intensity for P1. b) Low pass filter. c) High pass filter

The profile data was then represented in the graphical format by applying the significant filters like RTP and certain vertical derivatives. The P1 show much fluctuations at two points which was then related by the fault locations and a little variance at the starting phase of P1 from the east and was considered as the lithological contacts (Fig 7a). The interpretations and representations of P2 (Fig 7b) validates the presence of the same features/faults and litho-contacts on the graph. The upward and downward continuation of both the profiles were plotted in a single graph (Fig 7c), thereby validating our results and show the presence of one major fault in the area other than the minor fault magnetic reflexes and litho contacts.

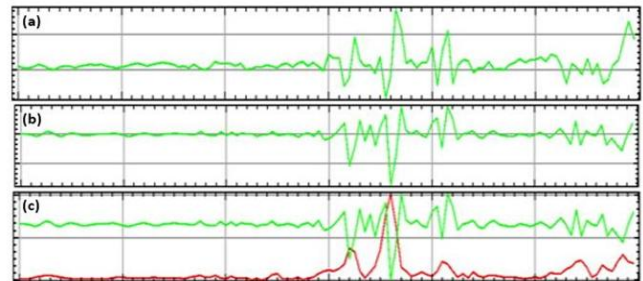


Figure 7: a) Anomaly curve of P1, b) Anomaly curve of P2 c) Comparison of anomaly curves

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The modelling of magnetic data based on geophysical techniques demonstrate the significance towards the identification of sub-surface faults. The earth system scientists can bring a lot of information about the geological structures that are deep beneath and are the major incursion to the earthquake shakes. The study can be highly useful in identifying the sub-surface contradictions that can be analyzed, modelled and remedial measures can be taken to align our infrastructures not against the nature but with the nature to save the precious live.

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