A soil gas radon survey was carried out at the southern part of Rajabasa geothermal field, Lampung Indonesia. Survey area included 5.25 km² and chose 56 measurement points ranging 250 - 350 m spacing distance. The radon concentration was measured by Scintrex Radon detector RDA 200.

The result of radon soil gas survey performed high radon concentration in the three manifestations which were included survey area; those are 123 cpm in Gunung Botak hot spring, 145 cpm Kunjir fumarole and 76 cpm Bulakan (Cugung) fumarole. Three manifestations connected by two faults that were the first went from Gunung Botak tended west-southwest to east-northeast direction through Kunjir and the other went from south-southwest to north-northeast across the first line to Bulakan fumarole.

INTRODUCTION

The presence of geothermal manifestations were controlled by structures that were formed in the fracture area, both as the surface and buried faults. Meteoric water entered to the earth through recharged area, then if it contact with the hot igneous rocks at depth caused the temperature increasing to be a hot fluid. It would rise to the surface through the process of convection because of higher temperature and lighter mass.

If the fluid is running up and got the high porosity area with impermeable layer lied on upper part, then it accumulated as a geothermal reservoir. The fluid in the reservoir...
could rise to the surface if there found permeable zones such as faults, fractures or uncomportmity. Fault is a structure that plays an important role in the transfer of geothermal fluid from the reservoir to the surface [1].

So, a permeable zone alike fault to be important to study geothermal field. Nandi Haerudin Department of Geophysics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Lampung University, Lampung, Indonesia. Student of Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. nandithean@yahoo.com, nandithean@unila.ac.id Wahyudi Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. pwahyudi2002@yahoo.com Suprajitno Munadi Institution Of Oil and Gas (LEMGAS), Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resource Republic Indonesia smunadi@yahoo.com, suprajitnorn@lemgas.esdm.go.id Wiwit suryanto Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. ws@ugm.co.id, wiwit@gadjahmada.edu Radon method is cheap, accurate and easy method to detect the presence of permeable zone in the geothermal field.

This method measure the radon radioactivity counting as a parameter to determine the characteristics of study area. Radon method originally used in mineral exploration techniques, especially uranium (238-U). It is the main source of radon (222-Rn). The utility of radon as an indicator of the hidden uranium deposits have been quite widely carry out.

Measurements of radioactivity radon was used in the exploration of geothermal areas adopted from mineral exploration techniques. The anomalous radon concentrations can be observed in the active fault zone because it could provide a conduit for its enrichment and upward migration as in [2]-[3]-[4]. Radon method is mostly used as a device geochemical methods (Geochemistry tools). It began to be popularized in 1984 [5].

The research that using radon gas for geothermal exploration has been carried out by [6] in Mexico to find the source of geothermal energy, and then it was conducted for soil gas radon observation in Las Pailas geothermal area, Costarika [7]. Radon method has been also successful as an effective way to detect hidden faults as in [1]. Then Reference [8] stated that the radon method carried out the geochemical and radon study in Arus and Bogoria geothermal areas to identify permeable zones.

Furthermore, a qualitative analysis of counts of radon in the some geothermal prospects in Mexico was done as in [9]. This method mixed with geoelectric methods for determine fault or fracture zone. Reference [10] stated that In Indonesia, the soil gas
radon has been made for hydrocarbon exploration for the first and has successfully predicted the possibility of a hydrocarbon-containing regions that have or have not been exploited. Previously, this method has been done in some places e.g. China and Mongolia, Ontario, Canada and England [11]-[12]-[13]. Meanwhile, the radon method for geothermal exploration in Indonesia just has been done in Ungaran geothermal field central java as a geochemical tools by [14]. The aim of this study is determining of fault that connect and control three manifestations in the southern part of the Rajabasa geothermal area by radon survey.

II. GEOLOGY SETTING Rajabasa geothermal prospect area is one type of domination hot geothermal field that has not been widely studied. It is located on Rajabasa volcano near Sunda Strait in the southern of Sumatera Island, included in South Lampung Regency, Lampung Province Indonesia (Fig. 1). There found several manifestations such as hot springs around the foot and slopes of Rajabasa volcano i.e. on International Journal of Engineering & Technology IJET-IJENS Vol:13 No:01 76 138501-2929 -IJET-IJENS © February 2013 IJENS I J E N S Sukamandi, Maja, and Gunung Botak, also the large blowing fumarole/solfatara especially on Simpur (Kedaton), Kunjir (Way Merak) and Bulakan (Cugung). The eruptions of Rajabasa is not historically recorded and never shown the eruption, not an explosion nor an effusion.

Based on the Geomorphology, the Rajabasa volcanism began with constriction period of pre-Rajabasa composite that was followed by crush period of the cone to shape the pre-Rajabasa caldera. From the pre-Rajabasa caldera depression, The present Rajabasa volcano appeared along with cone of flank eruption. It considered as the second crush period [15]. Some preliminary researchs relating to the exploration of Rajabasa geothermal prospects area have been done innitially by [16] but it was processed manually and unpublished. They mapped the geology of Rajabasa volcano relating to the structure and geological hazards that could occur in this region. The result of study is a geological map of Rajabasa volcano (Fig. 2) and the conclusion exposed that there were not existence geological hazards related to volcanology aspect.

They also stated that Bulakan area was suspected as the heat source of the Rajabasa geothermal system. Geological mapping based on the structure of volcanic rocks and geological events was developed in that area as in [17]. The structure pattern developing in this complex area was influenced by regional structures such as Lampung Fault which closely associated to sliding of the Semangko fault. Reference [18] showed a
preliminary investigation by the geochemical and geophysical resistivity method in manifestations zone of Rajabasa geothermal prospect.

The results showed that the hot springs water tends sulfate type except Kalianda and Maja (bicarbonate type) and Gunung Botak (chloride type). By this result, source of geothermal tends to southern part. The Geoelectric measurements conducted in Sukamandi and Simpur geothermal manifestations at northern Rajabasa in sequence year to located geothermal reservoir as in [19]-[20]. It founded a dispersion pattern of low anomalous at 450 m depth, but it is to saw retel sri vsloaio. Itcu e ground water aquifer.

Geothermal reservoir temperature was estimated by geotermometer Na-K is 212.08 oC and has a potential power about 12.5 MW/km2 including the middle level of reservoir. Reference [21] claimed that they conducted a study to investigate geomagnet for describing of the fault system. This study not cover the entire area of geothermal prospect Rajabasa.

The data were dominantly taken in the northern Rajabasa volcano while in the southern were very less and almost nil. Beside that, the geological reference is the regional geology, not detil geological reference. Then the same data proceed to determine the magnetic permeability of the geothermal reservoir system by [22].

The geomagnetic research covered entire area of Rajabasa geothermal was carried out in 2011 and 2012 [23]-[24]. It result the 3D model of Rajabasa reservoir. Fig. 1. Study Area in Lampung Province Map (inset Sumatera Island) Fig. 2. Geology Map of Rajabasa Geothermal field (modified from Budiardjo, 1995) International Journal of Engineering & Technology IJET-IJENS Vol:13 No:01 77 138501-2929 IJET-IJENS © February 2013 IJENS I J E N S Radon Migration Mechanism in Subsurface The migration of radon from subsurface is divided into two main mechanisms i.e. diffusion and convection. These mechanisms determined a distance of radon atom that moved before undergoing radioactive decay. Diffusion Processes Diffusion is the mechanism of radon release from mineral grains due to differences in the concentration of the substance; radon moves from areas whose a greater concentration in to lower concentration areas.

Diffusional Movement is one of the major mechanisms of radon release from mineral grains (emanation), which is caused by a concentration gradient. Diffusion essentially occurs where the radon relatively moves to the fluid in the rock. The Diffusion coefficient depends on parameters such as porosity, permeability and fluid content of various media.
Radon gas that was formed from radium decaying would escape from the minerals rock, then diffuses in the crevices of rocks and soil formed part of the soil gas. Radon gas which was in the near earth's surface would escape into the atmosphere and to be part of the air, so that radon gas to be tenuous near surface because it seemingly always pumped out into the air and there was a gradient density of radon gas.

Radon gas which is closer to the earth's surface tenuous than below depth which is originally the radon gas come from. Thus, the general diffusion of radon gas will occur continuously from depth of subsurface to the earth's surface. Convection Process. Convection is transport mechanism fluid (liquid or gas) to move and "bring" a radon.

According to [25], 222-Rn element can not be taken from the depth to the surface only by diffusion alone, but also be done by the convective motion in the fluid carrier, so that 222-Rn can carry information about the geological environment that lies in the depths up to the surface. Convective transport mechanism should be highlighted because that can be used to explain how radon can migrate at a significant distance.

This migration in the subsurface can be considered to have lateral and vertical components that can be represented by the both lateral flow of groundwater and soil gas vertical motion. An important concept of convection introduced by [26] which stated that radon brought to the surface by convection. A generated convection cells by subsurface temperature gradient (either in water gas or soil gas) caused the hot fluid move up and cold fluid conversely move down.

This is because the hot fluid has a lighter mass/density than cold fluid. Movement of soil gas was induced and enhanced by heating result in density declining. It is also dependent on temperature and soil permeability, which determined how far radon can be transported. Reference [27] considered for the case of a thermal gradient "normal" 30 °C/km that result a vertical distance convection through 100 m can be reached for air or water in the sand (hydraulic conductivity, $K > 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{cm/s}$) and as far as 300 m for $K > 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm/s}$. They also concluded that in higher areas permeability than it’s normal, fluid convection induced by thermal subterrestrial is a potential transport mechanism. In Reference [28] stated that radon was transported by convective fluid could detectable over 100 m distance, as long as the velocity fluid is higher than 100 m per day (0.12 cm/s).
In depth of the earth of the geothermal area, a fluid derived from meteoric water was contact with magmatic rocks caused fluid heated and reacts (physically or chemically) with elements in magmatic rocks such as uranium. The hot fluid below the surface moves upward due to a temperature gradient towards the surface whose lower temperature, but the it was trapped in the reservoir due to the impermeable caprock layer. High pressure fluid heated that uranium or radium containing could moved up to the earth’s surface through cracks or faults.

Because radon is a daughter element produced constantly by Radium through radioactive decay in uranium chain, it can be explained by simply how radon rises to the surface. Radon as an Exploration Methods There are three isotopes of radon is often occur in nature i.e. 222-Rn (radon) with a half-life time of 3825 days, 220-Rn (thoron) with a half-life of 54.5 seconds and 219-Rn (actinon) with a half-life of 4 seconds.

Radon chosen as an exploration tool because of a suitable half-life and its source in the form of magmatic rocks derived from the decay of 238-U series while thoron decay series derived from thorium. Radon is a unique element in the chain of radioactive uranium decay which very different from other radioactive properties. It is able to be detected in very low concentrations. So, this became a basis for the highly sensitive geochemical methods [5].

In addition, there are several other reasons why radon is used as a tracer element as in [9]-[29]: (i) To represent the thermodynamic activity. It is transported to the surface by geothermal gas in place where the thermodynamic activity is high. (ii) To indicate active faults and fractures. It moved faster when passing through open fractures or fracture. (iii) No correction required for the geochemical composition.

As a noble gas, it is mixed with no other elements in the field. (iv) To show recent geothermal activity because the new radon generated every 20 days. Radon also can be used to refer high permeability and high heat flow areas because it is a noble gas and easily soluble in water. High values of total radon counts on surface will be taken to indicate fracture zones or cracks where the isotopes can migrate to the surface faster.

In the system of hydrothermal geothermal field, the natural liquid (a mixture of steam, gas and liquid fluid) forced to the surface in the convective process. This situation inspired the utility of 222-Rn as a natural tracer. High temperature fluid carried 222-Rn by convection to the surface through cracks and crashed in the rocks along the fault.

Radon in geothermal fluids is a function of the distribution of porosity and cracks in geothermal reservoir. Locations where radon achieve surface faster, it could be an

III. METHOD

The radon concentration was measured with radon detector (RDA-200, Scintrex). Soil gas was circulated through to detector by hand pump, replacing the air in the detection cell. The radon concentration was measured by an alpha- scintillation radon counter with soil gas pumped directly into a scintillation chamber. 

When the alpha-particles produced during radon decay impact to the ZnS(Ag) layer in the scintillation counter, an energy pulse is created in the form of photons, measured by a photo-multiplier and a counter. By means of alpha emission, the concentration of radon was calculated from three counts in each sequentially 2 minute. IV. RESULT Survey area included 5.25 km2 and choosed 56 observations point with range 250 - 350 m spacing distance. The data covered three manifestation i.e. Gunung Botak, Kunjir and Bulakan (Cugung). Minimum Value of concentration radon is 11 cpm, Maximum is 382 cpm and background is 24 cpm. Survey found the high concentration in manifestation zones that are 76 cpm in Bulakan, 382 cpm western near Bulakan, 145 cpm in Kunjir and 123 cpm in Gunung Botak. Threshold value is calculated using the geometric mean value (average) plus the standard deviation. Standard deviation value obtained 59 cpm.

It is used to identify the concentration anomalies within soil gas data [30]. In Bulakan, The value is smaller than 2 other manifestations, but still higher than standard deviation value. That could be caused of the thick clay overburden.

TABLE I RADON COUNTING IN SOUTHERN PART OF RAJABASA GEOTHERMAL FIELD

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Contour Map of Radon Concentration of Rajabasa Geothermal Field

The radon and background counting processed using radical software (Scintrex) by the following formula: (1) where: RG = Radon Gas C1 ′ = C1 - cell background C2 ′ = C2 - cell background C3 ′ = C3 - cell background. The result displayed as a countur map that showed in fig. 3. The data presented by kontur map that showed high anomaly made two strigth lines.

The fist, went from Gunung Botak tended west-southwest to east-northeast direction (N 600 E) through Kunjir and the other went from south-southwest to north-northeast (N 800 E) across the fist line to Bulakan (Fig. 3). That were define as a fault which connected and controled geothermal manifestations. The faults passes fluid from the geothermal reservoir in depth to the surface.

The value of high radon anomalies may be indicate an enlarged permeability where radon is rapidly migrating to the surface before it decay into daugther products. Faults supports gas transportation because it increase the permeability of the rock and assist geothermal fluid stream up to the surface. Furthermore, the fluid from deep sources migrating upward through the fault depends also on other factors including the level of cracking rock and soil capability to absorb water through the rocks. In order to decribe clearly, it displayed on the 3D contur map (fig. 4).

Furthermore, contour map overlayed on the geology map that showed a little diference fault with geolgy map performed. Budiardjo et. al. performed the suspect fault connected directly three manifestation in a strigth line, but radon survey result described they connected by two fault. Position of Kunjir manifestation from GPS Garmin 's measurement shifted to south from geology performance (fig. 5).

To determine the faults in the geothermal field by ground geological survei is extremely difficult. This is due to the complexity of the forces that shape the structure of the volcano area. The geological analysis expected three manifestations conected with fault that formed a straight line is resulting from the assumption that the manifestations controlled by the presence of faults. Meanwhile the radon released on suface from
depth provided clearer description that fault is exist in this area.

We would find some difficulty when the areas with high radon concentrations is few (e.g. only two) or more but do not form a line lined. It should be supported by other data or methods to strengthen existence of the fault and its direction in this area. The image from SRTM remote sensing is one which recommended. It could show the detail structure image and direction trending. Fig. 4. The 3D Radon Map of Rajabasa V.

CONCLUSION Radon survey at southern part of Rajabasa geothermal field result 11 cpm of minimum, 382 cpm of maximum and 24 cpm of background radon concentration value. High radon concentration found in three manifestation including survey area i.e. 123 cpm in Gunung Botak, 145 cpm in Kunjir and International Journal of Engineering & Technology IJET-IJENS Vol:13 No:01 80 13850 1-2929 -IJET-IJENS © February 2013 IJENS IJ E N S 76 cpm in Bulakan.

Three manifestation connected by two fault that The fist, went from Gunung Botak tended west-southwest to east-northeast direction (N 600 E) through Kunjir and the other went from south-southwest to north-northeast (N 80 E) accros the fist line to Bulakan. The fist, went fromGunung Botak tended west-southwest to east-northeast direction (N 600 E) through Kunjir and the other went from south-southwest to north-northeast (N 80 E) accros the fist line to Bulakan. Remote sensing method is recommended to construct. By Remote sensing method, we could see overview the image structure on surface and its direction.

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