Magnetotellurics for Unconventional Resource Monitoring: Disruptive Technology or Damp Squib?

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What happens to sub-surface fluids during Unconventional Energy Resource Development?



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MT vs Microseismics (5 vs 25,000)



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About Paralana

- The Paralana 2 well was stimulated with 3.1 ML of saline fluid at a depth of 3.8 km.
- This, to our knowledge, was the first time that MT had been used as a monitoring technique for a stimulation.



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What was found

MT responses are plotted (left)

superimposed on microseismic cloud, and (right) as a function

Coal Seam Gas

Survey

- MT at 52 sites for 3 months at 651 Hz.
- Developed new processing software to generate MT responses and create spatial 2D time-lapse and temporal site 1D models.

Why MT works

 When a CSG formation is depressurised, fluids migrate through pores and fractures. Moving fluids cause resistivity change

Coal Seam Gas: Spatial Change

Distance (m)

Coal Seam Gas: Temporal Change

