### **EM:** Grounded Sources





# Outline

- Basic experiment
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets: currents and data
- Resistive Targets: currents and data
- Case History: Barents Sea
- Synthetic Example: Gradient Array

# Motivational examples



#### Marine EM for hydrocarbon

#### Oil and Gas (EOR)



#### Gas hydrates



#### Galvanic source TEM

- LoTEM (ground)
- HeliSAM (Rx on the air)
- GREATEM (Rx on the air)



#### Minerals



#### Volcanoes





Electric dipole in a whole space
0 Hz (DC), 0.01 S/m

#### DC current density





$$\mathbf{E}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m}\cdot\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m}\right)$$

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- Geometric decay: 1/r<sup>3</sup>
- Current path is geometric for homogeneous earth, but electric field is dependent upon σ

Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .

- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 1000 Hz, 0.01 S/m, δ= 160 m



Current density (Real part)



Current density (Imaginary part)







- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 10 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta$ = 50 m



 $\text{Re}(J) - J^{\text{DC}}$ 



Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .

- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 100 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta$ = 16 m







# Summary: Electric Dipole in a whole space

 $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ 

 $\operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{J}^{\operatorname{DC}}$ 



In time...

f=10<sup>4</sup> kHz,  $\delta$  = 2 m  $t=10^{-4}$  ms, d = 4 m  $d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$  $Re(J) - Re(J^{DC})$  $10^{-0.4}$  $10^{0.4}$ 40 Current density (Nm <sup>3</sup>) 0.2-01 Current density (Am <sup>2</sup>) 20 20 (m) Z z (m) 0 -20 -20 -40-40 $10^{-6.8}$  $10^{-6.8}$ **1** d 20 40 80 -2020 40 60 80 -2060 0 **†** 1 δ X (m) X (m)



t=10<sup>-2</sup> ms, d = 40m f=10<sup>2</sup> kHz,  $\delta$  = 16 m  $d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$  $Re(J) - Re(J^{DC})$  $10^{-5.6}$  $10^{-4.1}$ 40 40 Crutent density (A/m <sup>2</sup>) Current density (A/m <sup>2</sup>), -01 20 20 (m) Z z (m) 0 0 -20 -20 -40-40 $10^{-6.8}$  $10^{-8.1}$ 40 X (m) 20 60 80 -2020 40 60 -200 0 80 1 1δ X (m) d

t=10<sup>-1</sup> ms, d = 126m f=10<sup>1</sup> kHz,  $\delta$  = 50 m  $d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$  $Re(J) - Re(J^{DC})$  $10^{-7.2}$  $10^{-5.6}$ 40 40 Current density (A/m <sup>2</sup>) Crutent density (A/m <sup>2</sup>) 20 20 (m) Z Z (m) 0 0 -20 -20 -40-40 $10^{-8.6}$  $10^{\circ}$ -2020 40 60 -2020 40 60 0 80 0 80 **↑** 2/5 d 1 1δ X (m) X (m)

t=1 ms, d = 400m  $d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$ j  $10^{-8.7}$ 40 40 Current density (Am <sup>3</sup>) 20 20 Z (m) z (m) 0 0 -20 -20 -40-40-20 20 40 60 80 -200 X (m) 1/5 d



### Diffusing currents

 $d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$ 



# **Bipole Sources**

- Extended line sources
  - Grounded term (galvanic) + wire path (inductive)
  - Straight line



- Crooked line (horse shoe)



# Grounded Sources: On the surface

- Ability to detect target depends on
  - Geometry, conductivity of target & host
  - Geometry of TX
  - Frequency or time
  - Fields and components measured
    - e, b, db/dt
  - Location of Tx and Rx with respect to the target
- Lots of variables...
  - Use an example to highlight important concepts



- $t = 0^-$  Steady state
  - t = 0 Shut off current
  - $t = 0^+$  Off-time





What happens when we shut the system off?



#### #1 Wire path



- Immediately after shut off: image current at the surface
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards



#### #2 Ground currents

- Immediately after shut off: ground currents are still there
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards





# Grounded Source: Halfspace Currents

- Parameters:
  - halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **t=0**<sup>-</sup>, steady state

XY plane at Z=-100 m







### Grounded Source: Halfspace currents

• Cross section of currents, t = 0.04 to 10 ms



# Grounded sources: with a target

- Block in a halfspace
  - DC
    - Good coupling if  $h < r_{AB}$

- Vortex currents
  - Good coupling (magnetic fields)
  - Good signal for conductor
  - Resistor more difficult
- Galvanic currents
  - Good coupling (electric fields)
  - Good signal for conductor and resistor





- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **t=0**<sup>-</sup>, steady state



XZ plane at Y=0 m 4.0e-04 -503.0e-04 -100Current density (A/m<sup>2</sup> -150(m) z -2002.0e-04 -250-300 1.0e-04 -350-150 - 100100 150 -500 50 0.0e+00 X (m)



- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **0.04** ms, d = 80 m







- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **0.1** ms, d = 126 m







- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - 1 ms, d = 400 m









- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **10** ms, d = 1270 m











Steady State (galvanic current)



EM induction (vortex current)



EM induction (galvanic current)



Galvanic current t = 0<sup>-</sup>

Vortex current t = 1 ms

Galvanic current

t = 10 ms

















-50

-150 E

### Data: b<sub>z</sub> field











- Grounded wire
  - A resistor (10<sup>-4</sup> S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **t=0**<sup>-</sup>, steady state







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#### DC (galvanic current)



#### EM induction (galvanic current)



EM induction (galvanic current)



Galvanic current t = 10 ms

Galvanic current t = 1 ms

Galvanic current

t = 0-

### Data: $e_x$ field







# Data: by field







### Data: b<sub>z</sub> field







### Data summary

#### t = 1ms







# Geometric Complexities

• Coupling: Back to finding thin plates...



- DCR: good coupling
- EM: good coupling



- DCR: poor coupling
- EM: poor coupling
- Arbitrary target requires multiple excitation directions
- Forward simulations necessary

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- Case History: Barents Sea
- DC/EM Inversion

### Grounded sources: two examples

- Marine EM (towed Tx, Rx array)
  - Multiple transmitters, frequencies
  - Looking for a resistive target

- DC/EM inversions (gradient array)
  - Single transmitter
  - Traditionally only DC data used
  - Wires have a large EM effect (contaminates "DC data")
  - EM signal contains useful information...



### Case History: Barents Sea

Alvarez et al., 2016. Rock Solid Images

### Setup



- Known hydrocarbon reservoirs within the Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea.
- Seismic can locate oil and gas reservoirs but cannot always determine hydrocarbon saturation (in particular fizz gas)
- Seismic, borehole and CSEM data used to characterize reservoir
  - fluid, porosity, clay content, and hydrocarbon saturation





- Highly hydrocarbon-saturated reservoir (< 30% water-wet) significant resistivity
- CSEM can differentiate high from low quality reservoirs

### Survey

#### Towed CSEM and 2D seismic



- 6 lines of 2D seismic and towed streamer CSEM data.
- 72 receivers collected CSEM data
  - offsets from 31m to 7.8 km
- CSEM frequencies: 0.2 Hz to 3 Hz.

#### Survey lines



Alternative	Control well, dry
Central	Control well, productive
Hanssen	Validation well
Bjaaland	Validation well

### CSEM Data

#### Survey lines



Towed-streamer EM





Significant phase response over Central reservoir

### Seismic data

Seismic section: Line 5001



### Well-Log and Seismic Inversion

Litho-fluid Facies

Clay Content

Total Porosity



### Revisiting physical properties



### Processing: CSEM Inversion



• Inversion shows strong resistor at Central and a secondary resistor at Hanssen.

### Processing: Multi-physics Approach

Litho-fluid Facies

Clay Content

Total Porosity

Resistivity



### Interpretation & Synthesis

Seismic



#### Hydrocarbon saturation



### DC/EM Inversion

# DC/EM: Goals

- Standard DCR time domain waveform
- Compare:
  - Inversions from DC data
  - Inversions from EM data
- Illustrate the value of data which is often discarded
- Numerical example from a gradient arrary



### Survey and Data

Transmitter

Measured Voltage



# Gradient array

- Model
  - A1: high conductivity
  - A2: moderate conductivity
  - A3: resistive

- Survey
  - 200m bi-pole (625 data)
  - times: 1-600ms



### DC data







### Off-time data



• TDEM data









### Off-time data



(mV) 1.9e-02 Voltage

1.1e-02

 $10^{3}$ 

• E<sub>x</sub> Decay curves at A1-A3



# DC inversion

• Recovered 3D conductivity

#### Apparent conductivity



- Depth weighting
  - Compensate for high sensitivity near surface (similar to mag.)







# EM inversion

• Recovered 3D conductivity







• No depth weighting

# Conductivity models

#### True, DC, and TEM conductivities ullet

True

Depth at -275.0 m

Northing at 750.0 m

0

Northing at -750.0 m

0

Easting (m)

Conductivity (S/m)

1000

1000

 $10^{-1.0}$ 

2000

2000

 $10^{0.0}$ 

2000

1500

1000

500

Ö

-500 -1000

-1500

-200 -400

-600 -800 -1000

-1200-1400

-200 -400 -600 -800

-1000 -1200 -1400

-2000

-2000

 $10^{-3.0}$ 

-1000

-1000

 $10^{-2.0}$ 

Depth (m)

Depth (m)

Northing (m)



EM data contain signal



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### End of Grounded Sources

