## Induced Polarization





# Motivation



#### Permafrost



#### Geotechnical



## Seafloor massive sulfide

# Basics of a hydrothermal vent - a Black Smoker

#### Groundwater



# Outline

- Sources of IP
- Conceptual model of IP
- Chargeability
- IP data
- Pseudosections
- Two stage DC-IP inversion
- Case history: Mt. Isa
- Example: Landfills

# Induced Polarization

- Injected currents cause materials to become polarized
- Microscopic causes  $\rightarrow$  macroscopic effect
- Phenomenon is called induced polarization



| Not chargeable C     |            | Chargeable |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Source<br>(Amps)     |            |            |
| Potential<br>(Volts) | - <b>-</b> | <b>۔</b> ک |





# Conceptual Model of IP

#### Membrane polarization

Initially - neutral



Apply electric field, build up charges



Charge polarization, Electric dipole



#### Electrode polarization





## Chargeability

#### Minerals at 1% Concentration in Samples



| Material type         | Chargeability (msec.) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 20% sulfides          | 2000 - 3000           |
| 8-20% sulfides        | 1000 - 2000           |
| 2-8% sulfides         | 500 - 1000            |
| volcanic tuffs        | 300 - 800             |
| sandstone, siltstone  | 100 - 500             |
| dense volcanic rocks  | 100 - 500             |
| shale                 | 50 - 100              |
| granite, granodiorite | 10 - 50               |
| limestone, dolomite   | 10 - 20               |

| Material type         | Chargeability (msec.) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ground water          | 0                     |
| alluvium              | 1 - 4                 |
| gravels               | 3 - 9                 |
| precambrian volcanics | 8 - 20                |
| precambrian gneisses  | 6 - 30                |
| schists               | 5 - 20                |
| sandstones            | 3 - 12                |

# Chargeability

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# IP data

- Seigel (1959):
  - Introduced chargeability:  $\eta$
  - Effect reduces conductivity

$$\sigma_{\eta} = \sigma(1 - \eta) \qquad \eta \in [0, 1)$$

• Theoretical chargeability data

$$d^{IP} = \frac{\phi_s}{\phi_\eta} = \frac{\phi_\eta - \phi_\sigma}{\phi_\eta}$$

• Not directly measureable



# IP data: time domain





• IP datum

Dimensionless:

Value at individual time channel:

Area under decay curve:

$$\eta = \phi_s / \phi_\eta$$
$$\phi_s(t)$$
$$M = \frac{1}{\phi_\eta} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi_s(t) dt$$

# IP data: frequency domain

• Percent frequency effect:

$$PFE = 100(\frac{\rho_{a2} - \rho_{a1}}{\rho_{a1}})$$

 $\rho_{a1}$ : apparent resistivity at  $f_1$  $\rho_{a2}$ : apparent resistivity at  $f_2$ 





# IP data

• IP signals due to a perturbation (small change) in conductivity

$$\sigma_{\eta} = \sigma(1 - \eta) \qquad \qquad \eta \in [0, 1)$$

• An IP datum can be written as

$$d_i^{IP} = \sum_{j=1}^M J_{ij} \eta_j \qquad i = 1, \dots, N$$
$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial log \phi^i}{\partial log \sigma_j} \qquad \text{sensitivities for the} \\ \text{DC resistivity problem}$$

• In matrix form

$$\mathbf{d}^{IP} = \mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\eta}$$

 ${f J}$  is an N×M matrix

# Summary of IP data

- Time domain:
  - Theoretical chargeability (dimensionless)
  - Integrated decay time (msec)
- Frequency domain:
  - PFE (dimensionless)
  - Phase (mrad)
- For all data types: linear problem

$$\mathbf{d}^{IP} = \mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\eta}$$







# IP pseudosections



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### 3) The "UBC-GIF model"



## **IP** Inversion



## Example 1: buried prism



• Pole-dipole; n=1,8; a=10m; N=316; ( $\alpha_s$ ,  $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_z$ )=(.001, 1.0, 1.0)



# Example 2: prism with geologic noise



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## Example 3: UBC-GIF model







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## Case history: Mt. Isa

Rutley et al., 2001

# Setup

• Mt. Isa (Cluny propect)





## Question

• Can conductive, chargeable units, which would be potential targets within the siltstones, be identified with DC / IP data?

## Properties



## Resistivity and Chargeability

| Rock Unit                | Conductivity | Chargeability |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Native Bee Siltstone     | Moderate     | Low           |
| Moondarra Siltstone      | Moderate     | Low           |
| Breakaway Shale          | Very High    | Low-None      |
| Mt Novit Horizon         | High         | High          |
| Surprise Creek Formation | Low          | None          |
| Eastern Creek Volcanics  | Low          | None          |

# Recap: Synthesis from DC

- Identified a major conductor  $\rightarrow$  black shale unit
- Some indication of a moderate conductor



Can a chargeable, moderate conductor in the siltstones be identified?

# Survey and data

- Eight survey lines
- Two configurations



Apparent chargeability, dipole- pole.





## Processing

#### 3D chargeability model

### Animation



# Interpretation



A: Resistive, Non-chargeable

- B: Moderate conductivity; low chargeabilty
- C: Very high conductivity (> 10 S/m)

**E and F:** High conductivity and high chargeability

G: Other chargeable regions

# Synthesis



A: Surprise Creek Formation

- Resistive, non-chargeable

B: Moondarra and Native Bee siltstones

C: Breakaway Shales

- Very high conductivity

## E and F: Mt Novit Horizon

 High conductivity and high chargeability

G: Other chargeable regions within siltstone complex





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## IP over Landfills

# Landfills: Hazards and Goals

- Pollutants
  - Toxic leachates (mercury, arsenic, cadmium, lead, PVC, solvents)
- Concerns
  - Health
  - Water contamination
  - Construction hazard
  - Devalues property
- Goals
  - Locate abandoned landfills
  - Assess size
  - Characterize the waste
  - Monitor reclamation

#### Nearmont and Congress landfills, Tucson, Arizona







# **Physical Properties**

| Waste Type                   | Description   | Resistivity  | Susceptible  | Chargeable |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Electronic/<br>Technological | Metallic objects, heavy metals in solution                            | Low          | Yes          | Yes        |
| Construction Debris          | Wood, cement, iron<br>rebar, wall board,<br>asbestos, glass, plastics | High         | Frequently   | Weakly     |
| Earth Materials              | Clays, various fill   | Low/Moderate | Occasionally | Yes        |
| Green waste                  | trees, wood clippings etc   | Variable     | No           | Weakly     |

# Traditional Landfill Surveys

Magnetic

DC Resistivity



Near-Surface Electromagnetic





- Most popular surveys have limited success
- IP might be a better diagnostic
- Responsive to: metallic debris, green waste, organic matter, some construction materials

# Ryan Airfield (Eastern Pit)

- Waste material: Mixed solid waste (MSW)
- Observations:
  - Resistivity not correlated with pit margins (non-diagnostic)
  - Chargeability (IP) correlates well with historical pit margins (diagnostic)



# Ryan Airfield (Western Pit)

- Waste material: Construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Waste correlates with region of high resistivity
  - Waste correlates with chargeable region (significant IP anomaly).

Resistivity



# Ryan Airfield (Composite)

## Chargeability isosurface



- Waste material:
  - MSW and construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Well locations picked with aim of **not** intercepting waste
  - Verified by drilling

# Tumamoc Landfill

- Waste material: Construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Low resistivity down-gradient from waste  $\rightarrow$  likely conductive leachate
  - Low resistivity and IP offset from one another
  - IP falls within historic landfill boundaries



# Tucson region: Organic material

- Waste material: green-waste, trees, clippings
- Observations:
  - Resistivity low
  - Weak but elevated IP signature



# Nearmont Landfill

- Waste material: Municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Observations:
  - low resistivity + high IP (ideal "fingerprint")
  - MSW waste confirmed with drilling



# Example: Landfill Monitoring

- Waste material: municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Surveys:
  - 2003: IP survey
  - 2003-2007: 4 year biodegrediation program
  - 2009: Repeat IP survey
- Observations:
  - Reduction in IP anomaly indicates the effectiveness of biodegredation



# Summary

• Resistivity may not be a good indicator of waste



# Summary

• Chargeability may be a more consistent indicator of waste



## Case History: Mapping a landfill, Demark

Gazoty et al., 2012



# Setup

Horlokke area, Denmark



- Landfill
  - Years: 1968-1978
  - 100m x 100m
  - Sludge from waste treatment plant
  - Estimated volume: 65,000m<sup>3</sup>

## Containment

- No membrane
- No leachate capture
- No isolation system
- Current state
  - Landfill: hydrocarbons, iron, inorganics
  - Contaminant plume
    - 500m to west; depth (50-60 m)
    - Chlorinated compounds

# Setup



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- Horlokke landfill
  - Located on an outwash plane (low topography)
  - Clay layer: top 2-3m
  - Waste layer: 6-8m thick
- General geology
  - Gravel and sand with interbedded clay
  - Water level: 2-3m depth
  - Sand layers below landfill host regional aquifer
- Aquifer is used for drinking water
  - Watershed is west of the site
  - No risk currently
  - Concern if watershed shifts east due to climate change

# Objectives





- Delineate the boundaries and depth of the current landfill
- Locate the leachate plume
- Identify lithologies
  - Aquitards
  - Clay-rich sandy layers
  - Deep silt/clay lens

# Properties



#### Physical properties

|             | Resistivity | Chargeability | Gamma |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| sand/gravel | High        | Low           | Low   |
| clay/till   | Low         | High          | High  |
| sand        | High        | Low           | Low   |
| landfill    | High (?)    | High          | (?)   |

# Survey

#### Study area



Time domain IP (TDIP)



Data (chargeability):  

$$M_{i} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{DC}} \cdot [t_{i+1} - t_{i}]} \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{i+1}} V_{\text{ip}} dt$$

- Well logs:
  - 25 boreholes, ~85 m depth
  - Gamma logs (white dots)
  - Induction and resistivity logs

- DC-IP survey:
  - 11 lines (each ~410 m)
  - Gradient array
  - Input current: 4sec on and 4sec off
  - 20 time gates (8 per decade)

# Processing / Inversion

- Cole-Cole inversion:
  - Laterally constrained inversion (LCI)
  - Invert for Cole-Cole parameters



Recovered Cole-Cole sections:



# Interpretation: Delineating the landfill



Location map





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#### **Estimated volume**

Using 100 mV/V cutoff: 50,000m<sup>3</sup> From historic record: 65,000m<sup>3</sup>

# Interpretation: Clay layer (Aquitard)

Resistivity and chargeability sections



| Formation | Resistivity       | Chargeability | Gamma |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Clay      | Low<br>(60 ohm m) | High          | High  |

#### Interpretation

• Creek overlays the clay layer (acts as aquitard)





# Interpretation: Clay-rich sandy layer

Resistivity and chargeability sections



| Formation                | Resistivity | Chargeability             | Gamma |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Clay                     | Low         | High                      | High  |
| Clay-rich<br>sandy layer | High        | Moderate<br>(50-100 mV/V) | High  |





# Interpretation: Silt/clay lens



| Formation                | Resistivity | Chargeability             | Gamma |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Clay                     | Low         | High                      | High  |
| Clay rich<br>sandy layer | High        | Moderate<br>(50-100 mV/V) | High  |
| Silt/clay<br>lens        | Low         | High                      | High  |





# Interpretation: Lithology



Location map



Geologic interpretation



# Interpretation: Lithology

1000

100

10



Resistivity cut-off volume (<100  $\Omega$ m)



Location map



Geologic interpretation



# Synthesis: delineating the leachate

1000

100

10

Resistivity and chargeability sections



Resistivity cut-off volume (<100  $\Omega$ m)





Contaminated plume section



Geologic interpretation



# Summary

- Found boundaries for the waste
- Estimated volume for the waste
- Delineated the leachate plume
- Lithology of the background
  - Aquitard
  - Clay-rich sandy layer
  - Clay lens





# End of IP

