EM: Inductive Sources





Motivation



Large areas to be covered

Rugged terrain



Minerals



Groundwater

Losing Stream







1 - Water table 2 - Unsaturated zone 3 - Saturated zone 4 - Flow direction

High resolution near surface



Shielding problem



Outline

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 - at the surface? At depth?. 1D, 2D, 3D?
- Transmitter
 - Location: surface? in the air?
 - Waveform: frequency or time?
 - "Size" and orientation?
- Exciting the target
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 - Geometry of the target (Coupling)
- Receiver and data
 - What fields to measure?
 - What instrument?
- Where to collect data? How many? How accurate?
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Basic Experiment

waveform



• Transmitter:

 Produces a primary magnetic field

• Exciting the target:

- Time varying magnetic fields generate electric fields everywhere
- Producing currents in conductors
- Receiver:
 - Induced currents produce secondary magnetic fields

Transmitter



Airborne Survey



Resolve



Deep Targets





Transmitter

• Time or frequency?



• Key factor is moment

Field

m = I (current) A (area) N (# of turns)

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^5} - \frac{\mathbf{m}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} \right)$$
Primary
Magnetic

Airborne Survey



Resolve





Exciting the target

- Primary field from a loop
- Fields fall off
 - 1/r³ geometric decay
 - Attenuation
- Want to be as close as possible to target
 - Ground based systems
 - Helicopter
 - Fixed wing aircraft
- Always concerned about coupling

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Receiver and Data



Receiver: Time Domain

- Primary field has off-time
- Measure secondary fields
- Receivers can be mounted on transmitter loop or above it





SkyTEM



Receiver: Frequency Domain

- Primary field
 - always "on"
 - large compared to secondary fields
- Primary removal
 - Compute and subtract
 - Bucking coil



- Main requirement:
 - Know positions of Tx and Rx
 - Keep them in one unit







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EM with Inductive Sources: Time Domain



time	b	db/dt
t < 0	b_0	0
t = 0	b_0	$-b_0\delta(t)$
t > 0	secondary	secondary

 $\delta(t)$: Dirac-delta function

Footprint of Airborne EM system

Depth (m)

- What volume of earth is "seen" by the airborne system?
 - Where are the currents?
- Currents depend on
 - Transmitter
 - Waveform: time or frequency
 - Background conductivity
- Simple case: loop source over homogeneous earth



Current density

Vertical Magnetic Dipole (VMD)



- Some questions
 - Where, and how strong, are the currents?
 - How do they depend upon the conductivity?
 - What do the resulting magnetic fields look like?

Vertical Magnetic Dipole over a halfspace (TDEM)



Current Density

• Time: 0.01ms





Magnetic flux density

• Time: 0.01ms



• Time: 0.002ms

- $d = 1260\sqrt{t\rho}$
- diffusion distance = 18 m



• Time: 0.01ms

$$d=1260\sqrt{t\rho}$$

• diffusion distance = 38 m



• Time: 0.035ms

 $d = 1260\sqrt{t\rho}$

• diffusion distance = 75 m



• Time: 0.110ms

$$d=1260\sqrt{t\rho}$$

• diffusion distance = 132 m



Summary: propagation through time



Important points

- Currents flow in same plane as transmitter currents
- Currents diffuse outward downward
- Each transmitter has a "footprint"
- Max resolution controlled by earliest time
- Depth of investigation controlled by latest time

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Layered earth

- 3 layers + air,
- ρ_2 varies



- Four different cases:
 - Halfspace

 $\rho_2 = 100 \ \Omega m$

- Resistive

 $\rho_2 = 1000 \ \Omega m$

- Conductive

 $\rho_2=10\;\Omega m$

- Very conductive $\rho_2 = 1 \ \Omega m$
- Fields
 - j_y off-time
 - **b** off-time

Layered earth currents (j_v)

 $\rho_2 = 100 \ \Omega m$





Layered earth currents (j_v)



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db_z/dt sounding curves










Airborne example: conductive sphere



Summary: airborne example



Some Airborne TDEM Systems



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- Transmitters and receivers
- Decay Curves
- Case History: Ground water

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Questions

Case History: Kasted

Vilhelmsen et al. (2016)

Setup

A) Survey Area: Kasted, Demark

B) Borehole locations



Local Geology: W-E cross-section

Properties



Geological Units	Resistivity (Ωm)
Palaeogene Clay	1-10
Clay Till	25-60
Sand Till	>50
Meltwater Sand and Gravel	>60
Glaciolacustrine Clay	10-40
Miocene Silt and Sand	>40
Miocene Clay	10-40
Sand	>40
Clay	1-60

- Buried valleys with clays beneath
- Infill (water-bearing): coarse sand and gravel
- Clays are conductive (1-40 Ωm)
- Water-bearing sands and gravels are more resistive (>40 Ωm)



- Low moment (LM) used to image near surface structures
- High moment (HM) used to image deeper structures

Data

Blue: data used for Kasted study



- 333 line km of data, 100 m line-spacing
- Data points with strong coupling to cultural noise were removed (~30%)

Processing (inversion)

- Spatially constrained 1D inversion \rightarrow quasi-3D approach
- 9,500 soundings were inverted using 25 layers



Approximate depth to the top of Paleogene clay layer



Interpretation



Delineation of valley structures



- Inversion results used to construct geological model.
- Delineated 20 buried and cross-cutting valley structures.

Synthesis



MODFLOW-USG groundwater model



- 3D geologic model incorporated into MODFLOW-USG groundwater modeling tool
- Extracted water from 2 wells.
- Downdraw between the two wells correlated with the resistive valley structures

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- Induction principles are the same for
 - TDEM: Time domain EM
 - FDEM: Frequency domain EM



Vertical Magnetic Dipole over a halfspace (FDEM)



Current Density



 Currents in the earth flow in planes parallel to the Tx





Secondary Magnetic Flux Density

• Frequency = 10 kHz



Effects of Frequency

- Frequency at 100 kHz
- Skin depth = 16 m
- Currents are concentrated at surface

$$\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$$



Effects of Frequency

- Frequency at 10 kHz
- Skin depth = 50 m
- Currents diffusing downward and outward

$$\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$$



Summary: Effects of Frequency



 $\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$

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 - Secondary B imag

Current density (J_y imag)

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Current density (J_y imag)



Current density (J_y imag)



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 $\rho_2 = 10 \ \Omega m$



Current density (J_v imag)



 $\rho_2 = 10 \ \Omega m$

Depth (m)



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B_z sounding curves



Back to the "shielding" problem





Resistivity models (thin **resistive** layer)

Currents and measured data at MN





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Shielding: DC with conductive layer

A+ в A+ в A+ в 500 **Ω**m -5 -5-10 -10-10 Resisitivity (ohm-m Ωm € ^{−15} × ^{−20} -15 -15 -20 -20 Ωm -25 -25 -25 -30 -30 -30 -40 -20 40 -10 20 30 -40 -30 40 30 x (m) x (m) x (m)

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Case History: Bookpurnong

Viezzoli et al., 2009

Setup

Irrigation Area

Geoscience Australia project

• Characterizing river salination



Properties

Location map for salinity measurements



Unit	Conductivity
Saline water	High, 3 - 5 S/m
Fresh water	Low, 0.01 S/m

Conductivity from salinity measurements



Survey

Resolve system (2008)



Flight lines



Horizontal Co-planar (HCP) frequencies:

- 382, 1822, 7970, 35920 and 130100 Hz

Vertical Co-axial (VCA) frequencies: - 3258 Hz Horizontal Co-planar



Horizontal Co-planar (HCP) data



Processing: 1D inversion

4s/Hp

1.6



Data fit





Interpretation

Conductivity model (stitched) RESOLVE (depth = 8.6 m) $imes 10^{6}$ 6.2 0.5 -osing Stream 6.199 Conductivity (log(S/m)) 0 (m) 6.198 Mouthing 6.197 -0.5 Gaining Stream -1 6.196 -1.5 6.195 -2 4.6 4.62 4.58 4.59 4.61 4.63 Easting (m) $imes 10^5$

Losing Stream







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Synthesis

Hydrological model

Conductivity model (stitched)



End of Inductive Sources



Case History: Wadi Sahba

Colombo et al. 2016





Setup



• Oil and gas exploration in the Middle East: Major structures to stratigraphic traps and low relief structures

Challenges for processing seismic data

Example seismic sections



Distance

• Strong effects from near surface anomalies even after static corrections

Properties

P-velocity and conductivity:

$$v_p = g(\phi)$$
 v_p : P-velocity
 $\sigma = f(\phi)$ ϕ : porosity

- Poor seismic data:
 - strong scattering effects probably caused by flower faults
 - velocity inversions (high to low v_p)
- From previous multi-physics analyses:
 - strong structural similarity between the inverted resistivity, and the existing seismic results

Geologic map





Flower faults





Survey

System Configuration





- Peak Tx current: 1200 A
- Dipole moment: 1.7x10⁶ A-m²
- Stacked TEM curve spacing: ~2.7 m
- Total soundings: ~1.6 million

Comparisons: airborne and ground EM



EM data

Apparent resistivity map



Comparison: EM and Seismic data



21 km

Processing: EM inversion

Conductivity model



- 1D inversion for each sounding location
- Lateral constraint is used

Cooperative inversion: Seismic + EM

• How EM can help seismic tomography inversion?

Velocity (v_p): high to low (significant challenge) Conductivity (σ): high to low

 \mathbf{m}_s : Slowness $v_p = g(\phi)$ $\sigma = f(\phi)$ ϕ : porosity \mathbf{m}_{σ} : Conductivity $\psi(\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{s}},\mathbf{m}_{\sigma}) = \psi_m(\mathbf{m}_s) + \frac{1}{\lambda_1}\psi_d(\mathbf{m}_s) + \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\psi_x(\mathbf{m}_s,\mathbf{m}_{\sigma}) + \frac{1}{\lambda_3}\psi_{rp}(\mathbf{m}_s,\mathbf{m}_{\sigma})$ $\|
abla \mathbf{m_s} imes
abla \mathbf{m}_{\sigma}\|_2^2$ Gallardo and Meju, 2004

Cooperative inversion: Seismic + EM

 V_p depth slices at 340 m below sea level





Static correction

Estimated statics on plan map





Static corrected sections



Time

Distance

Pre-stack depth migration

• Impact of the improved v_p model to a pre-stack depth migration:

 $v_{\rm p}$ cross sections at A-A'



Cross sections at A-A'



Interpretation and Synthesis



Common image gathers



Interpretation and Synthesis



3D prestack depth migration co-rendered with EM



Common image gathers



- High resolution near surface conductivity from EM improves velocity model
- Helps seismic imaging:
 - Static correction
 - Pre-stack depth migration

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

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Definition: a munition that was armed, fired and remains unexploded

Sources:

- Regions of military conflict
- Munitions/bombing ranges •
- Avalanche control •

Countries Significantly Impacted by UXOs



Various Types of UXO

- Landmines
- Bombs
- Bombies (from cluster bombs)
- Rocket-propelled grenades (RPG)
- Hand-held grenades
- Mortars





How do we find UXO?





Magnetic Surveys: Locate Anomalies

- Analogue data
- Flag anomaly locations





Ferrex

- Digital data
- Look for magnetic dipoles





TM4

Magnetic Survey: Dig Anomalies





Répagar

Digital UXO Location and Classification

Problem

- Most anomalies are not UXO
- Digging every anomaly is expensive

Goal

- Classify anomalies
- Dig only UXOs

Strategy

- Need more information than provided by magnetics
- UXO: composed of steel
 - conductive and magnetic
 - Use electromagnetics



Fundamental Physics: EM Survey

- Controlled source generates primary magnetic field
- Primary field induces eddy currents within UXO
- Eddy currents decay over time
- Eddy current produce a secondary field
 which decays over time



Fig. 260 Electromagnetic induction (EMI) survey for UXO location.



Fundamental Physics: EM Survey

- UXO responses modeled as magnetic dipoles
- Dipoles decay with time
- Rate of decay is indicative of the type of object
- UXOs have characteristic early, mid and late-time decay behaviours


Dipole Model and Polarization Tensor

UXO response modeled as dipole:

$$\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{s}}(t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{3\mathbf{r} \big[\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{m}(t) \big]}{r^5} - \frac{\mathbf{m}(t)}{r^3} \right]$$

- m(t) is dipole moment (decays with time)
- m(t) depends on:
 - Orientation of the inducing field 1.
 - The polarization tensor 2.

 $\mathbf{m}(t) = \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{p}}$

The polarization tensor L:

$$\mathbf{L}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} L_1(t) & 0 & 0\\ 0 & L_2(t) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & L_3(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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Field and UXO coordinate systems

Objects and Polarization Tensors

- Polarization tensor characterizes decay and provides information about dimensionality
- Sphere:
 - Polarization strength independent of primary field direction
 - $\circ \quad L1 = L2 = L3$
- UXO:
 - o Cylindrical in shape
 - Stronger polarization along primary axis
 - L1 > L2 = L3
- Non-UXO:
 - o Arbitrary shape
 - Polarization different along different orientations
 - $\circ \quad L1 \neq L2 \neq L3$



UXO Classification in Practice

- Survey area and pick targets
- Collect high-resolution data over a target
- Recover the elements of the polarization tensor
- Use the polarization tensor to infer information about the object's shape
- Match the recovered polarization tensor to those of object stored in a library to classify



To carry out inversion for polarization tensor need data:

- multiple transmitters (orientations)
- multiple components of data

Common Systems

Sensor	Geometry	Time channels
EM-61	0.4 © 0.2 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5	$t_{min} = 0.2 ms$ $t_{max} = 1.5 ms$ N = 4
MetalMapper	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 10 ms$ N = 42
TEMTADS	1 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 y (m) x (m)	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 20 ms$ N = 115
MPV	g 0.04 N -0.04 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.2 y (m) 0.2 0.2 x (m)	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 20 ms$ N = 32
BUD	B 0 3 B 0 2 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2	$t_{min} = 0.1 \text{ ms}$ $t_{max} = 1.5 \text{ ms}$ N = 45

EM-61

MetalMapper

TEMTADS

MPV

BUD

Survey Design

Line and Station Spacing:

- Depends on dimensions and depth of targets and system being used.
- Insufficient sampling makes locating and classifying targets more challenging.

Excitation Orientation

- To recover polarization tensor, target must be polarized from as many angles as possible.
- May require multiple passes with single transmitter or use of multi-transmitter system.

Time Channels

• Sufficient time-channels required to characterize decay behaviour.



Example: Metal Mapper Data



- Polarizations indicate a cylindrical object
- Predicted data using recovered polarization tensor fits the observed data
- Recovered polarizations match those of a 37 mm projectile

Summary

- UXO are compact conductive permeable objects
- EM is ideal survey
- Requires multiple transmitters
 and receivers
- Processing yields polarization curves
- Discrimination



Field Example: Pole Mountain

History

- Periods of military use 1897-1961
- Many types of munitions (explosive projectiles, mortars, small arms)
- Land reclamation currently not possible

Goals:

- Test classification algorithm on different objects
- Determine dig/no dig list for targets

Location of Pole Mt., Wyoming, US Laramie Pole Mt. Chevenne U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS Populated Places USFS Boundary MAHA DISTRICT imited Access MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM FIGURE Local Road SITE LOCATION MAP Minor Ros

Field Example: Pole Mountain

EM61-MK2:

- Efficient over rugged terrain
- Single Tx and Rx loops
- Located 2,368 anomalies

Metal Mapper:

- Multiple Tx and Rx loops
- Cued interrogation data over anomalies
- Data used for classification and prioritize dig list

EM61-MK2 (locate anomalies)



Metal Mapper (cued interrogation)



Field example: Pole Mountain

- All 2,368 TEM anomalies were dug to verify
- 1,829 correctly identified as clutter or assigned to no dig through classification
- Only 453 non-munition items dug before all 160 munition items dug.
- 99% of munition items located within first ~300 digs
- Correctly identified all types of munititons.

