



Technical Information

The data was compiled from data acquired during an airborne electromagnetic survey carried out by CGG using a HELITEM™ Time-Domain Electromagnetic (TDEM) system. The system was mounted on a Eurocopter AS350B3 helicopter (registration G-FRKA) and was carried out between April 17th and April 30th, 2015. The aircraft flight elevation was maintained at a constant ground clearance of 10 m. Aircraft navigation used a 12-channel NovAtel dual frequency GPS. Post-flight differential corrections were subsequently applied to fixate flight path position. A vertically mounted video camera was used to record images of the ground. The radar return was recorded ten times per second using a Sironix unit and the magnetic altitude was recorded ten times per second using a Motorola altitude transducer. The magnetic data were recorded 10 times per second using a Sironix CS-2 cesium-vapor magnetometer.

Survey Area Parameters

Traverse azimuth	45°/225°
Traverse line spacing	250 m
Tie line azimuth	135°/315°
Tie line spacing	1000 m
Aircraft nominal clearance	83 m
EM transmitter nominal clearance	35 m
Magnetic sensor nominal clearance	35 m
EM Receiver nominal clearance	63 m

Electromagnetic System Specifications

Base Frequency	30 Hz
Waveform	Half-sine wave
Pulse width	4 ms
Transmitter Area	700 m ² (2 turns)
Transmitter Core size	12.5 m
Transmitter Loop	30 m diameter
Transmitter Current	1330 A
Coil (dipole moment approximately)	1.54x10 ⁷ Am ² (@1°C)
Windowed data sampling rate	10 Hz
Receiver	3-component induction coil (X, Y, Z)
Filtered response	Voltage (dBFS)
Digital recording	All raw data channels (30 channels)
1 st off time channel	Channel 5 at ~4.169 ms after pulse turn on
Towed transmitter below receiver	

Apparent Conductivity

The apparent conductivity values were derived from selected early, middle and late channels (6, 14 and 22) of the off-time signal, fitted to a homogeneous half-space model. This is performed using a look-up table that contains the response over a range of half-space conductivities and altimeter heights as depicted in the nomogram below.

Electromagnetic Decay Constant

Decay constant (TAU) values are obtained by fitting the data from selected early, middle and late channel ranges (8 to 6, 14 to 17 and 22 to 25) of the off-time signal to a single exponential. The decay constant indicates the relative strength of the conductor. In semi-log space, the slope of the function will reflect the exponential decay rate of the transient field and therefore the strength of the conductivity. A slow rate of decay, reflecting a high conductivity, will be represented by a high decay constant value.

Magnetics

The magnetic field was sampled 10 times per second using a split-beam cesium vapor magnetometer (sensitivity = 0.005 nT) mounted on the transmitter loop below the aircraft. Differences in magnetic values at the intersections of control and traverse lines were analyzed to obtain a mutually leveled set of flight-line magnetic data. The leveled data were then interpolated to a 62.5 m grid. The International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF) values were subtracted from the leveled data to obtain residual magnetic data (April 24th, 2015) that were then removed. Removal of the IGRF, representing the magnetic field of Earth's core, produces a residual component related essentially to magnetic anomalies within Earth's crust.

The first vertical derivative of the magnetic field is the rate of change of the magnetic field in the vertical direction. Computation of the first vertical derivative removes long-wavelength features of the magnetic field and significantly improves the resolution of closely spaced and uncorrelated anomalies. A display of first vertical derivative maps is the coincidence of the zero-value contour with vertical contacts at high magnetic latitudes (Koch, 1965). The first vertical derivative of the magnetic field was calculated by fast Fourier transform on the gridded total magnetic field with a grid cell size of 62.5 m.

References

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