Unravelling electrical structure of the mantle with ionospheric, magnetospheric and oceanic sources

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Deep Electromagnetic sounding is a (very) old technique!

XV. The Diurnal Variation of Terrestrial Magnetism.

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believe to be of importance. The results of the calculation point not only to an external source, but to an additional internal source, standing in fixed relationship to the external cause. This we might have expected. A varying potential due to external causes must be accompanied by currents induced in the Earth's body, which, in turn, must affect the magnetic needle. The phase of these currents and their magnitude lead us to form definite conclusions on the average conducting power of the Earth, and it will be seen that there is strong evidence that the average conductivity is very small near the surface, but must be greater further down. In this part of the investigation I had much assistance from my colleague, Professor LAMB.

The first paper on GDS was published 133 years ago!

Long before any other EM/electric method was established or practiced.

Before plate tectonics was proposed or inner/outer core was discovered...

Scope and past reviews

Year of the	Title	Reference
review talk		
1972	Global electrical conductivity of the Earth	Rikitake (1973)
1972	The theory of geomagnetic induction	Price (1973)
1972	Global electromagnetic induction in the moon	Dyal and Parkin (1973)
	and planets	
1972	Global geomagnetic sounding - methods and	Bailey (1973)
	results	
1974	Morphology of slowly-varying geomagnetic	Matsushita (1975)
	external fields - A review	
1974	On the inversion of global electromagnetic	Anderssen (1975)
	induction data	
1974	Analytical solutions to global and local prob-	Hobbs (1975)
	lems of electromagnetic induction in the Earth	
1974	Solar-wind induction and lunar conductivity	Sonett (1975)
1978	The electrical conductivity of the moon	Vanyan (1980)
1984	Global electromagnetic induction	Roberts (1986)
1986	The global conductivity distribution	Parkinson (1988)
1998	Induction studies with satellite data	Olsen (1999)
2010	Deep electromagnetic studies from land, sea,	Kuvshinov (2012)
	and space: Progress status in the past 10 years	
2022	Unravelling the Electrical Conductivity of	This paper
	Earth and Planets – A review	

- This review will cover years from 2012 to present
- Spatial scales from 10³ km to the global
- Space weather / GICs won't be covered
- Planetary studies will not be included (next review?)

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- Governing equations:

 $\mu^{-1}\nabla \times \vec{B} = \sigma \vec{E} + \vec{j}^p$ $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$



Earth's electromagnetic environment



Earth's electromagnetic environment



- Depth of sounding is proportional to the period.
- Simple "plane wave" source assumption at shorter periods.
- Complex and heterogeneous sources at longer periods. Source structure is generally not known.

Earth's electromagnetic environment



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Magnetotelluric / Oceanic tidal sources:

(1)
$$\min_{\sigma} \|d - F(\sigma)\|_2^2 + R(\sigma)$$

Long-period Ionospheric / Magnetospheric sources:

(2) $\min_{\sigma,j^p} \|d - F(\sigma)j^p\|_2^2 + R(\sigma,j^p)$



Data

Data: geomagnetic observatories



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Black indicates gaps

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Data: large-scale arrays

USArray



Schultz et al. 2006 – 2022, OSU, USGS



Geoscience Australia, 2022



Dong et al., 2022



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Swarm: Olsen et al. 2013 CSES: Shen et al. 2018 CryoSat-2: Olsen et al. 2020 GRACE-FO: Stolle et al. 2021

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Data: summary

- Geomagnetic observatories
 - Pros: long quality-controlled time series
 - Cons: uneven sparse coverage





Image: GFZ

Temporary stations (arrays)

Pros: improved local resolution Cons: short time series

AusLAMP





Satellites (CHAMP 2000-2010, Swarm 2013 - present) Pros: accuracy, coverage Cons: space-time aliasing



ESA Swarm satellites

New: satellite platform magnetometers (potentially hundreds of satellites, e.g. CryoSat-2, GRACE-FO) Pros: unprecedented resolution Cons: lower accuracy (1x – 100x nT)

Modelling and Inversion

Modelling and inversion

- Modelling benchmark study by Kelbert et al. 2014:
 - Tested 7 codes
 - Many new codes since then...
- FD: Zhang et al. 2019 (ModEM-based)
- FE: Grayver et al. (2019); Yao et al. (2022)
- IE: Chen et al. 2021; Kruglyakov and Kuvshinov 2022
- Spectral-FE: Velimsky et al. 2018 (frequency domain), Velimsky et al. 2019 (TD)

- Derivation of general adjoint operators (essential for 3-D inversion):
 - Egbert and Kelbert 2012
 - Pankratov and Kuvshinov 2010, 2014

Multi-scale grids and regional modelling

Yao et al. 2022

Zhang et al. 2019 (ModEM)



Chen et al. 2022 (Nested-IE)





Grayver et al. 2019





3-D MT modelling in a sphere

- Uniform planetary fields (Fainberg et al. 1983).
- Described by degree 1 Spherical Harmonic functions.
- Reproduces plane wave impedance in a relevant period range.
- No tippers due to non-zero B_r .



3-D MT modelling in a sphere

- Alternative source model based on a sheet current \vec{J}^{ext} flowing in ϑ -direction placed above the Earth's surface + plus two rotated orthogonal polarizations (Kruglyakov and Kuvshinov, 2022).
- Radial (vertical) field is zero for any 1-D model, thus it can be used to compute tippers.



Large-scale MT / GDS



Inversion of tippers from AWAGS data







Wang et al. 2014

Inversion of tippers from AWAGS data

Cicchetti, Grayver et al. 2022













Inversion of USArray



Murphy et al. 2023; Kelbert et al. 2019

> 1500 stations in total, regional Cartesian models, merged posteriori

Inversion of USArray

Yang and Egbert 2021

~500 stations, decimated array, Cartesian



Inversion of USArray

Munch and Grayver 2023, EPSL

1300 stations, nominal array resolution, Spherical





Oceanic sources



Oceanic sources: motivation

- Upper mantle below oceans is a key to understanding many geodynamic processes: MOR and subduction, plumes, etc...
- Marine MT is possible, but very expensive.
- Satellite-detected tidal magnetic signals appear the only source for global sounding of sub-oceanic mantle.

Motional induction

• pre-Maxwell's equations (in frequency domain):

 $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -i\omega\mu\vec{H}$ $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}$

• The current term consists of conduction and extraneous terms:

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E} + \underbrace{\sigma(\vec{u} \times \vec{B}^{main})}_{\text{current induced}}$$



Reworked after Tyler 1997

Example: electric current due to M2 tide

• This animation shows electric currents induced by the M2 semi-diurnal lunar tide (as given by the TPXO model of G. Egbert) calculated as:

$$\vec{J}^{ext}(\vec{r},\omega_{M2}) = \sigma_s(\vec{r}) \left[\vec{u}_{M2}(\vec{r},\omega_{M2}) \times \vec{B}^{\mathrm{main}}(\vec{r}) \right]$$

Electric current due to semi-diurnal tide (12 hr 25 min). Time: 0.00 hours



Sounding upper mantle below the oceans with tides

 Principal lunar semidiurnal M₂ (Period = 12.42 hours)



 Sensitivity to the conductivity of lithosphere (σ_L) and asthenosphere (σ_A) (LAB thickness is fixed to 70 km)



Use of tidal signals for conductivity imaging

Studies on mantle conductivity with tidal signals:

- Schnepf et al. 2015: sensitivity study to the upper mantle conductivity.
- Grayver et al. 2016: global ocean mantle conductivity profile from satellite M2 magnetic signals
- Grayver et al. 2017: Joint inversion of tidal and magnetospheric sources.
- Zhang et al. 2019: constraints on pacific LAB from observed seafloor tidal signals.
- Martinec et al. 2021: 3-D modelling study with realdata validation.
- Sachl et al. 2022: 3-D inversion of tidal magnetic signals (synthetic study).

Mapping global tidal signals:

- Sabaka et al. 2015: mapped satellite magnetic signals due to the M2 tide globally (CI approach).
- Gayver and Olsen 2019: Extraction of M2, O1 and N2 constituents (sequential approach).
- Sabaka et al. 2020: M2, O1, N2 mapped (Cl approach)
- Saynisch-Wagner et al. 2021: mapped several constituents using Kalman-filter approach

- Average conductance of the ocean and marine sediments is equivalent to that of the entire upper mantle.
- Complex non-linear effect due to ocean and marine sediments in a wide range of periods.





 $\bar{S}_{mantle} \cong 17,000$ Siemens*

----- 410 km

From Grayver 2021, G3

Table 1Open Data Sets of Electrical Conductivity of the Ocean and Marine Sediments

Source	Lateral resolution	Ocean conductivity	Sediment lateral resolution	Sediment conductivity
This study	0.1°-0.25°	3-D ^a	5″ ^b	3-D
Reagan et al. (2019)	0.25°	3-D ^c	N/A	N/A
Tyler et al. (2017)	1°	3-D ^d	N/A	N/A
Grayver et al. (2016)	1°	2-D ^e	N/A	N/A
Alekseev et al. (2015)	0.25°	Uniform σ = 3.0 S/m	1 ^{of}	$0.5 \text{ S/m} (\text{water depth} \le 500 \text{ m})$
				0.7 S/m (water depth > 500 m)
Everett et al. (2003)	1°	Uniform σ = 3.2 S/m	1^{of}	$0.8 \text{ S/m} \le 7,000 \text{ m.b.s.l.}$
				$0.02 \text{ S/m} > 7,000 \text{ m.b.s.l.}^{g}$

Note. "N/A" stands for not available.

^aSee Table 2 for more information on data sources. ^bGlodSed 5-arc-minute grid by Straume et al. (2019). ^cWorld Ocean Database 2018 (Boyer et al., 2013). ^dWorld Ocean Database 2013 (Boyer et al., 2013). ^eDepth-averaged conductivity based on World Ocean Atlas 2013 (Locarnini et al., 2013; Zweng et al., 2013). ^fLaske (1997). ^g"m.b.s.l." stands for meters below sea level.



Marine sediments conductance



0	500	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500
				Conductance (S)			

4000

Depth-averaged conductivity of the ocean



5.0 1000 Depth 2000 3.0 2.5 0 2.0 3000 -80 20 40 80 -60-40 -2060 0

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Handling complex (unknown) sources

Magnetic field representation and GDS responses

Above the ground and in the source-free region,

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = 0.$$

Therefore, \vec{B} is a potential field and can be written as

$$\vec{B} = -\nabla V. \tag{15}$$

By virtue of Gauss' law of magnetism, $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$. Thus, a scalar potential V satisfies the Laplace's equation,

$$\nabla^2 V = 0. \tag{16}$$

Magnetic field representation and GDS responses

allow us to write the magnetic field above the Earth as

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r},\omega) = \vec{B}(\vec{r},\omega)^{\text{ext}} + \vec{B}(\vec{r},\omega; \sigma)^{\text{int}}$$

or in the component form

Where:

$$B_{r} = -\sum_{n,m} n \varepsilon_{n}^{m}(\omega) \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{n-1} S_{n}^{m}(\theta,\phi)$$

+
$$\sum_{k,l} (k+1) \iota_{k}^{l}(\omega; \sigma) \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{k+2} S_{k}^{l}(\theta,\phi),$$

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$$\sum_{n,m} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n}$$

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$$S_n^m(\theta,\phi) = P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta) \exp(\mathrm{i}m\phi)$$

Magnetic field representation and GDS responses

Magnetic field within a conductive body (slightly below the surface, assuming 1-D radial conductivity):

$$B_{r}(\vec{r}_{a},\omega;\sigma) = \sum_{n,m} (2n+1)n\epsilon_{n}^{m}(\omega) \frac{Z_{n}}{i\omega\mu_{0}a - nZ_{n}} S_{n}^{m}(\theta,\phi), \qquad (1)$$

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Here, $Z_n \equiv Z_n(r, \omega; \sigma)$ is the spectral impedance of a spherical conductor (e.g. Srivastava 1966).

Assuming that the external inducing field is described by a **single** spherical harmonic S_n^m and noting that $Z_n = -i\omega\mu_0 C_n$, the local C_n response becomes:

$$C_n = \frac{a}{n(n+1)} \frac{\partial_{\theta} S_n^m}{S_n^m} \frac{B_r}{B_{\theta}}.$$

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*Only mid geomagnetic latitude observatories (5°-56°) are used.

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- Solution? Acknowledge the source is complicated and invest into methods that can handle complex and more realistic sources.

Handling complex sources

- Spatial parameterization:
 - General basis using spherical harmonics (Olsen 1999, Schmucker 1999, Püthe and Kuvshinov 2014, Guzavina et al. 2019)
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Sq current system for a magnetically quiet day



Guzavina et al. 2019

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Equivalent current system



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Separable non-linear least squares (SNLS):

(1) $\min_{\sigma,j^p} \|d - F(\sigma)j^p\|_2^2 + R(\sigma,j^p)$

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- 1) Assume a fixed σ_0 , then eq. (1) becomes a linear problem for j^p
- 2) Solve linear problem for source estimate \tilde{j}^p
- 3) Use source estimate \tilde{j}^p to solve a non-linear problem for $\tilde{\sigma}$.
- 4) Go to step (1) and use new $\tilde{\sigma}$

Solving SNLS problem: Alternating approach

- Koch and Kuvshinov 2013: ionospheric Sq signals, regional 3-D inversion
- Püthe et al. 2015: generalization to arbitrary sources, 3-D
- Guzavina et al. 2019, Munch et al. 2020: inversion of ionospheric Sq + magnetospheric signals
- Zhang et al. 2022: Sq inversion, physics-based parameterization
- Grayver et al. 2021: formulation in time domain, incorporation of satellites

Solving SNLS problem: Variable Projection

$$\phi(t) = -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left(c e^{-\alpha t^2} \right) = 2c(\alpha - 2\alpha^2 t^2) e^{-\alpha t^2}$$



Variable Projection is the most efficient and consistent way to solve SNLS problems

Figure B.1. Convergence of different inversion techniques on the wavelet fitting problem. Left: trajectories of inversion schemes in the parameter space for the wavelet fitting problem. The background

color shows the data misfit in logarithmic scale. Right: data misfit as a function of iteration.

Min, J. and Grayver A., 2023, "Simultaneous inversion for source field and mantle electrical conductivity using the Variable Projection approach", Earth, Planets and Space, *accepted*

Ionospheric sources: case studies



Inversion of daily variations



Koch and Kuvshinov 2015

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Guzavina et al. 2019

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Zhang et al. 2022, Egbert et al. 2021

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Deep geomagnetic sounding by Sq variations in Europe: A 3-D inversion based on the regional-to-local transfer functions

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Regionality of mantle conductivity inferred from geomagnetic daily variation analysis

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Magnetospheric sources



Global average conductivity profiles: examples



Present status of global 3-D models

- Resolution is still very low
- Insufficient data coverage



Semi-global studies





Matsuno et al. 2017

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log(sigma/sigma1D)

Semi-global studies

Yuan et al. 2020



Zhang et al. 2020

P10 source assumption







Semi-global studies



P10 source assumption

Combining sources



Multi-source inversions:

- Matsuno et al. 2017: MT + RC
- Grayver et al. 2017: Tides + RC
- Zhang et al. 2019: Tides + MT
- Munch et al. 2020: Sq + RC
- Chen et al. 2022: MT + Sq + RC
- Rigaud et al. 2022 (poster): MT + Sq + RC

 All studies are 1-D (some with 3-D forward operator to model ocean/sediments)

Conclusions and outlook

Some highlights of the past decade

- Data:
 - Satellite constellations (Swarm + platform mags)
 - Regular large-scale ground arrays (US, AU, CN)
 - More often open data
- Modelling and inversion:
 - Modern parallel codes; multi-resolution grids; multi-source inversions
 - New 1D reference models, low-resolution global 3-D models.
- EM sources:
 - Oceanic tidal sources (we have data and tools)
 - New approaches for working with complex ionospheric/magnetospheric sources
 - Retirement of the Z/H method (hard/impossible to discern source effects from conductivity variations in 3-D inversion)

Some challenges for next decade(s)

- Data:
 - Integrating satellite and ground observations
 - Still lack of (open) data...
- Modelling and inversion:
 - 3-D inversion of multi-source data (MT + global TFs + tides + Sq)
 - Interpretation: what do our models mean and what do we learn from them?
- EM sources:
 - Need to better understand external sources (build bridges to Magnetosphere/lonosphere physics communities)