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ABSTRACT

Apparent conductivity-depth estimation of airborne electromagnetic data is generally applied to

identify conductive targets. As the attitude and height of the aircraft change during a flight survey,

the collected data and corresponding apparent conductivity-depth results can be affected. An

improved apparent conductivity-depth algorithm with consideration of height and pitch is developed

herein based on an iterative lookup table. Two sets of tables of Bx - Bz - apparent conductivity are

established in association with the two parameters of pitch and height. The apparent conductivity

result is achieved by looking up two tables iteratively, as the pitch and height parameters are

obtained from looking up one table and are used in looking up the other table. The iterative looking

up ends when the apparent conductivity and the two parameters satisfy the desired precision. The

depth is derived from the apparent conductivity and channel delay time. Tests that employ synthetic

data demonstrate the feasibility of this iterative lookup table method.

Keywords: apparent conductivity-depth estimation, height, attitude, iterative lookup

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