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This issue features recent advances in the use of geophysics in hydro-geological engineering. Upper right: Coherent 2D inversion of surface NMR data to map aquifer properties. Upper left: Pore size distribution as a function of depth. Center: 3D GPR depth-slice using a 400 MHz antenna shows anomalies in the soil beneath concrete foundation, associated with voids filled with water, soil, or air. Lower right: Schematic drawing of a multi-channel NMR survey.

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President's Message: A Different Kind of SAGEEP This Year

Jonathan Nyquist, President (nyq@temple.edu)

The deadline for SAGEEP abstracts is just around the corner (December 18th) so I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what will be different about our annual meeting this year.

First, the requirements for SAGEEP papers have changed. There has always been a love/hate relationship expressed by SAGEEP contributors. Some academics complain that SAGEEP papers are too burdensome to write, "I can go to AGU or SEG having written no more than an abstract. If I take the trouble to write 10-page paper I am going to submit it to a journal,

not a conference proceeding." Others enthuse, "SAGEEP volumes are absolutely the best source of state-of-the-art case histories!" In truth, many of these studies will never appear in journals because outside of academia there is little incentive to endure the lengthy process of peer-review and revision. Well, our current guidelines can accommodate submissions both long and short. The new "extended abstracts" can be anywhere from a few pages to a full length paper. The only limitation is that the final PDF with figures should be under 4 MB so everything fits a single CD.

Second, planning the technical sessions has been different this year. In the past, the Technical Chair has simply waited for all the papers to arrive and then sorted them into sessions. This year, the SAGEEP planning committee brainstormed to come up with exciting themes for sessions and then encouraged session chairs to invite the experts. General submissions are welcome as always. The invitation process is simply intended to encourage lively, informative sessions, and to recruit new speakers to SAGEEP.

Finally, the venue this year is not your typical hotel and meeting rooms. Keystone is a lovely resort and conference center high in the Rocky Mountains west of Denver (*http://www.keystoneresort.com*). Some of us old-timers are trying to recapture the memories of a wonderful SAGEEP held there in 1996. The site is beautiful, the resort offers a wide variety of restaurants and activities, and off-season rates are very affordable. Although it's springtime in the Rockies, a nearby ski area will still be open for those who want to begin or end their trip taking a run down slopes.

SAGEEP this year will be more than a meeting, it will be a destination!

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Benefits - EEGS has worked hard to increase benefits without passing along big increase in dues. As a member, you receive a Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems (SAGEEP) registration discount big enough to cover your dues. You also receive the Journal of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics (JEEG), the *FastTIMES* newsletter, and full access to the EEGS research collection, which includes online access to all back issues of JEEG, SAGEEP proceedings, and SEG extended abstracts. You get all of this for less than what many societies charge for their journals alone.

Dues Changes - EEGS has worked hard to hold the line against dues increases resulting from inflation and higher costs. Instead, EEGS leadership sought ways to offer yesterday's rates in today's tough economic climate. Therefore, you can continue your EEGS membership without any rate increase if you opt to receive the JEEG in its electronic format, rather than a printed, mailed copy. Of course, you can continue to receive the printed JEEG if you prefer. The new rate for this membership category is modestly higher reflecting the higher production and mailing costs. A most exciting addition to EEGS membership choices is the new discounted rate for members from countries in the developing world. A growing membership is essential to our society's future, so EEGS is urging those of you doing business in these countries to please encourage those you meet to take advantage of this discounted membership category, which includes full access to the EEGS research collection. And, EEGS is pleased to announce the formation of a Retired category in response to members' requests.

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Member get a Member - Finally, since the best way to keep dues low without sacrificing benefits is to increase membership, please make it your New Year's resolution to recruit at least one new EEGS member. If every current member recruited even one new member to EEGS, we could actually consider lowering dues next year!

*As always, seek professional advice when claiming deductions on your tax return.





From the Editor's Desk

Moe Momayez (moe.momayez@arizona.edu)

2009 has been largely a year of growth and change for *FastTIMES*. Looking forward to 2010, our main goals are to broaden the *FastTIMES* audience, and to create closer ties among members of the near-surface geophysics community through web and social networking tools.

In October, the sudden and sad passing of Roger Young (*FastTIMES* Associate Editor) left a huge void in the editorial team and the geophysics community in general. On behalf of everyone at EEGS, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Roger's family, friends and colleagues.

FastTIMES remains the ideal outreach tool to EEGS members, members of the larger near-surface geophysical community, and the "consumer" community with an interest in problems that geophysics might help solve. Per-issue downloads continue to rise. We broke our download record twice over the past year: first in March, topping 15,000 individual downloads and then again in September with well over 25,000. To continue to build on this momentum, I would like to invite you to follow *FastTIMES* on Twitter (eegs_ft) and to share (@eegs_ft) news and information with the near-surface geophysics community.

As I sign off on this editorial page, I wish to thank you all: the authors, contributors, corporate sponsors and especially our readership for your support and enthusiasm, and look forward to our interactions in 2010. Best wishes for a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year!



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To keep the content of *FastTIMES* fresh, the editorial team strongly encourages submissions from researchers, instrument makers, software designers, practitioners, researchers, and consumers of geophysics—in short, everyone with an interest in near-surface geophysics, whether you are an EEGS member or not. We welcome

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Memorial: Professor Roger Adams Young

by William E. Doll, President and Chair, EEGS Foundation Board of Directors

EEGS members and the near-surface geophysics community recently lost a good friend and valued colleague, Dr. Roger Young, Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma. On October 13 2009, Roger died peacefully in his sleep after a short illness. He was 66 years old.

Dr. Young was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on June 29, 1943. He attended elementary schools in New York state and Gainesville, Florida and graduated from Gainesville High School in 1961. Dr. Young received a B.S.

in Geology, with High Honors, in 1965 from Wesleyan University, and his M.S. in Geophysics in 1968 from Stanford University.

Roger began his professional career in geophysics at Mobil Oil in Dallas shortly after graduation from Stanford. He married his high school sweetheart, Frances Anne Bovee, on November 3, 1968 in Topanga Canyon, California and they resided in Dallas for a short time before he was drafted into the army in January 1969. He received a direct commission after basic training and served in the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers at the U.S. Army Map Service (then TOPOCOM) and then in Vietnam. After his discharge in early 1972 he and Frances traveled for a number of months in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada before he began graduate studies at the University of Toronto. He received his Ph.D in Physics (Geophysics) in 1979 from the University of Toronto. He was a Research Geophysicist with Phillips Petroleum from 1979 to 1982 and Senior Research Geophysicist from 1982-1986. He was a Senior Research Fellow at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia from 1986-1990. He came to OU's School of Geology and Geophysics as an Associate Professor in 1990. He held positions in, and received awards from many international geophysical societies. He was an active researcher who published numerous papers, and in recent years became best known for his work in near-surface geophysics. Many M.S. and Ph.D. students completed their degrees under his direction. He was Director of the Shell Crustal Imaging Facility for many years. In 2008, he received the Stubbeman-Drace Presidential Professorship, given to outstanding faculty selected on the basis of teaching, willingness to mentor, and dedication to research, creative activity and service. This description of the basis for awarding these Presidential Professorships summarizes Dr. Young's career at OU perfectly.

Roger served EEGS and the near-surface community faithfully for several years. He wrote a training manual and taught an associated short course for EAGE on reflection seismic methods that are widely praised within the near-surface community. He was an at-large member on the EEGS Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006, and led the selection committee for the EEGS/Geonics Early Career Award for its first two years, 2008 and 2009. He also served on the *FastTimes* Editorial Board from 2006 until his untimely death.

Roger loved camping and hiking and particularly enjoyed his field work with students and colleagues. Music, especially classical and international folk music, always gave him great pleasure. He joined Frances in International folk dancing and playing the piano was a lifelong pursuit.

Upon consultation with his family, the school of Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma has established a fund to be dispersed to Roger's wife, Frances, who was stricken earlier this year with ALS. Her subsequent care was Roger's deepest concern, and monies from the fund will help defray the



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cost of home-based health care for Frances. If you would like to donate a monetary gift to this fund in honor of Dr. Young, please make the check payable to **University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc**. and forward to the attention of **Nancy Leonard**, ConocoPhillips School of Geology and Geophysics, 710 Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 East Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73019.







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Success with Geophysics

FastTIMES welcomes short articles on applications of geophysics to the near surface in many disciplines, including engineering and environmental problems, geology, soil science, hydrology, archaeology, and astronomy. In the articles that follow, the authors present the latest applications of geophysical techniques to address hydro-geological issues.

Surface NMR: Recent Advances in the Technology and its Application to Aquifer Characterization in the USA

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Introduction

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) has been used in the Earth Sciences for the past ~50 years to study and quantify the pore-scale physical and chemical properties of water-saturated materials. The NMR measurement consists of placing the sample of materials containing water in a static magnetic field, B0, and then applying a second alternating magnetic field, B1, at a particular "resonant" frequency to stimulate the emission of a third alternating magnetic field from the water itself. The amplitude of the detected magnetic field from the groundwater is directly proportional to the volume of water present (Legchenko and Valla, 2002). Hence, NMR enables direct detection and measurement of water. This ability of direct detection and measurement is unique among established geophysical methods, and it makes the technique especially useful for hydrological investigations (Legchenko et al, 2002).

Surface NMR is a particular type of NMR measurement designed for non-invasive detection and characterization of groundwater. In surface NMR, also known as magnetic resonance sounding (MRS). the static field, B0, is the Earth's magnetic field. The resonant frequency for water in the Earth's field ranges from about 1 kHz to 3 kHz, depending on the intensity of the Earth's magnetic field. The applied alternating magnetic field, B1, is generated by routing an alternating current through a large loop of wire arranged on the surface of the Earth (Figure 1). The diameter of the loop can range from 10m to 200m depending on the intended



Figure 1. Multi-channel surface NMR applications include the use of reference coils to cancel local noise sources, and 2D surface NMR.

depth of investigation. We typically use circular, square or figure-eight shaped loops (Legchenko and Valla, 2002) (Walsh, 2008). The same loop, or another nearby loop, is used to detect the very small alternating magnetic field produced by the groundwater.



We can stimulate signals from groundwater at different depth levels by transmitting at different transmitter power levels. The relationship between transmitter output power and signal amplitude for a given subsurface location is actually not linear but sinusoidal. The received signals from groundwater at shallow depths are maximized using lower transmitted power, whereas the received signals from groundwater at greater depths are maximized using larger transmit power. The NMR measurement is repeated over a wide range of power levels and a linear inversion is performed on the entire data set to isolate the NMR signals arising from different portions of the subsurface. Once localized, the water content is estimated directly from the initial amplitude of the localized NMR signal(Walsh 2008).

The relaxation behavior (or decay rate) of the detected signal contains additional information on the pore size and its distribution, and hence provides an indication of hydraulic conductivity. The T2 relaxation rate, typically expressed in milliseconds (ms), is governed to a first order by interactions between individual water protons and the pore surfaces (Legchenko and Valla, 2002). As the pore size gets larger, the volume to surface area increases and the rate at which water protons collide with pore walls decreases. Hence, in non-magnetic geology, the exponential decay constant T2 is generally proportional to the pore volume/surface ratio, which in turn is proportional to the pore diameter (Roy et al., 2009).

Recent Technological Developments

The past 4 years have seen a rapid advance in surface NMR instrumentation, data processing methods, and field applications.

Multi-channel surface NMR

The advent of multi-channel surface NMR instrumentation, and the development of multi-channel data processing methods, have greatly enhanced the utility of the surface NMR method and improved its prospects for widespread use in hydrology (Walsh 2008). A particularly important advancement is the development of multi-channel data acquisition and processing methods for canceling noise. Typical detected NMR signal levels range from a few nanovolts (nV) to a few microvolts (µV). Noise sources such as nearby power lines, machinery and lightning can easily dominate the NMR signals of interest. Multi-channel surface NMR instruments enable the use of dedicated reference coils to record noise processes concurrently, and the use of adaptive signal processing algorithms to cancel the noise on the primary detection coil in post processing (Figure 1). Figure 2 shows an example of the level of noise cancelation that is possible, even typical, using this approach.



Figure 2. Example of noise cancellation using a reference coil and adaptive signal processing. Blue: the surface Free Induction Decay (FID) NMR signal before noise cancellation. Red: the same surface FID NMR signal after noise cancellation.

Multi-channel surface NMR instrumentation has also enabled time-efficient, high-resolution 2D and 3D imaging methods. A 2D surface NMR data set is acquired by laying out a series of overlapping surface



loops along a linear transect, as shown in the lower portion of Figure 1, and transmitting and receiving on various coincident and displaced combinations of loops. The entire set of data is inverted to isolate the NMR signals arising from different 2D locations in the subsurface. These 2D-isolated signals are then analyzed to develop images of NMR signal and aquifer properties in 2 dimensions. An example from a recent 2D surface NMR survey in Texas is shown in Figure 3.

Instrumentation Sensitivity and Speed

Recent advances in surface NMR technology have achieved "dead-times" of measurement less than 10ms. Until recently, the standard dead-time of commercial NMR instruments was on the order of 40ms, which prevented the detection of fast relaxing NMR signals from water in silty-clayey sediments, as well as some NMR signals from water in magnetic sediments (Legchenko and Valla, 2002)(Walsh, 2008). In addition, a new commercially available surface NMR instrument has achieved a receiver input noise density of 300 pV/rt(Hz), bringing the instrument noise level close to the resistive noise of the coil itself. which is the theoretical lower limit for detection.

Advances in Inversion Methods

1D and 2D inversion methods continue to improve and to extract more and better information from each NMR data set. Commercial and



Figure 3. Coherent 2D inversion of aquifer properties under a dry riverbed, in south Texas. The red areas in the plots represent the2-D distribution of (from top to bottom) water content, movable water and a measure of the uncalibrated relative hydraulic permeability of the water in the subsurface in the riverbed (Walsh 2008).

non-commercial surface NMR processing software packages now incorporate subsurface electrical conductivity information to compensate for field attenuation and phase shifts. Multi-exponential analysis



(similar to borehole NMR logging) provides direct information on pore-size distribution (Figure 4). Recently developed single-step, all-linear inversion methods have shown increased in spatial resolution and stability (Müller et al., 2009).



Figure 4. Multi-exponential analysis yields information on the pore size distribution vs. depth, and improved estimation of bound water, free water and total water content. This is useful for identifying zones of both high and low permeability. In this example from Nebraska, a low-permeability zone at around 40m separates productive aquifers above and below.

Advances in Pulse Sequences

Commercial surface NMR instruments now include software for measuring and estimating two different forms of NMR relaxation (T2* and T1). Most recently spin echo pulse sequences have been applied to the difficult problem of detecting water in sediments and formations with high magnetic susceptibility, and initial results are promising (Roy et al., 2009).



Advances in Pulse Sequences

NMR technique is a unique measurement environment, wherein the substance under investigation can be manipulated by the user at the atomic level, using a variety of means to illuminate the substances makeup. As in previous uses of NMR (e.g. chemistry and medical Magnetic Resonance Imaging) we can expect advancements in new ways of exploiting this phenomenon to extract hydrologically relevant information, and to develop new and better field techniques for acquiring data.

Trends for Application to Aquifer Characterization in the USA

In 2007, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Central Platte Natural Resources District, central Nebraska, USA, and the Nebraska Environmental Trust, initiated a four year study to test the applicability of the surface NMR or Magnetic Resonance Sounding (MRS) technique to gather information on aquifer characteristics for sub-regional groundwater models. A primary goal of the study is to calibrate the MRS systems, thus providing an effective low cost alternative to aquifer tests. It is envisioned that NMR will generate large data sets of aquifer properties in a more efficient manner than expensive and time intensive aquifer pump tests.

The research underway Dawson County in near Lexington, Nebraska (Figure 5) is a first attempt to apply the NMR technique to directly support the development of groundwater models in the high plains aguifer. The hydrological goal is to characterize the hydrogeology of the Quaternary alluvial and underlying Tertiary Ogallala Group aquifers that occur within the Platte River Valley.

Complementary data used to evaluate and to calibrate the NMR were derived from constant discharge aquifer tests, borehole flow meter tests, lithologic descriptions, borehole geophysics, and time-domain electromagnetic



Figure 5. Location of the study area and the Dawson County, Nebraska Groundwater model in central Nebraska.

soundings (Abraham et al., 2008). The NMR-derived hydraulic conductivity data were compared to hydraulic conductivity data from a constant discharge pumping tests of the alluvial and Ogallala Group aquifers. The NMR-derived hydraulic conductivity data were also compared well to conductivity estimates based on data from a borehole flow meter test (Anderson et al., 2009) (Figure 6). Further research is under way to beter understand the relationships between the borehole flow meter tests and the surface NMR This research, to be released as a USGS Scientific Investigation Report in 2011, will document an integrated NMR, surface geophysical, borehole geophysical, borehole flow meter and



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Figure 6. Plot of the results of the lithologic logs, borehole geophysics, surface Time Domain Electromagnetic (TDEM), Surface NMR of MRS, and the borehole flow meter at a test site within the Dawson Country, Nebraska Groundwater model (Abraham, et al. 2008) (Anderson et al., 2009).

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Don't Mess with a Geophysicist's House: A Case Study of Ground Penetrating Radar for Concrete Moisture Mapping and Void Detection in the Saturated Soil Beneath the Concrete Foundation

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Site Background

The subject residence is located in the northwest part of Houston, Texas. The house is 8 years old. The homeowner replaced the carpets in the living room with wood one year after they moved in.

The wood floor started showing discoloring within 3 months right after they were installed (Figure 1).

The plumbing inspection results indicated that inspection of pipes revealed no leak at the house. A flooring company visited the living room and took some moisture readings for reconnaissance purposes. Approximate locations of the readings and values are shown in Figure 1. An engineering company was contracted to evaluate the moisture problem in the living room. However, results from the plumbing and engineering studies neither pinpoint the source of the moisture specifically nor the conditions of the concrete slab and the soil beneath it. To address the problem, the homeowner hired his own geophysical company to perform ground penetrating radar surveys in the living room.



Figure 1. GPR study area showing the discolored portion of the wood floor with dashed black lines. Location of moisture readings are shown with green stars. Moisture readings 10 and 11 are background whereas 18 and 25 are high-moisture areas. Dashed-yellow lines show two post-tension cables embedded into the concrete at about 3 inch. Red circles are excavation points.

Clayey soil is present throughout the area where the subject residence is located. This type of soil expands when it gets wet, and shrinks as it dries.

Purpose of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Surveys

The purpose of the GPR study was three-folded: 1) to determine whether there were water and/or sewer pipes crossing the living room; 2) to locate potential leaks and/or moisture distribution of the slab due to leaking; 3) to locate voids within the concrete foundation and/or soils underlying the concrete.



GPR Instrumentation and Survey Design

GSSI SIR-2000 GPR system was used during the surveys with antennas of 1500 and 400 MHz, whose ranges have depth penetration of up to 1 feet and 8 feet, respectively, depending on the conductivity of the concrete slab and the underlying soil. A schematic map of the living room is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Schematic site map showing 3D GPR survey design.

The 1500 MHz antenna was used with a hand-held cart system to collect three-dimensional (3D) GPR data (Figure 3). 26 profiles of GPR data with six (6) inch spacing were collected.

The 400 MHz antenna was used with a cart system to collect 3D GPR data (Figure 4). 15 profiles of GPR data with one (1) foot spacing were collected. It should be noted that this survey's baseline (X =0, Y=0) starts 3 feet to the east of the 1500 MHz surveys

GPR is the general term applied to techniques that employ radio waves in the 1 to 1000 megahertz (MHz) frequency range, to map near-surface structures and



Figure 3. Picture showing the 1500 MHz GPR survey in the living room. The GPR data was collected at every 6 inch.





Figure 4. Picture showing the 400 MHz GPR survey in the living room. The GPR data was collected at every one foot.

man-made features. The GPR system consists of a transmitter and receiver antennas, and a colored display unit. Depth penetration of the radio waves is limited by the antenna chosen (larger antennas generate lower frequencies which offer greater penetration) and the conductivity of the soil.

The ability of a GPR system to work successfully depends upon two electrical properties of the subsurface, electrical conductivity and relative dielectric permittivity (i.e. dielectric constant). Dielectric constant is a dimensionless measure of the capacity of a material to store charge when an electric field is applied.

The value of the dielectric constant ranges between 1 (for air), and 81 (for water). The dielectric constant for concrete varies from about 5 when dry to 10 when saturated.

Thus, differences in dielectric constant of subsurface materials along distinct boundaries, such as moist and dry concrete and pipes embedded within the concrete slab, can cause highly significant reflections in the radar signal, which are recorded and displayed by the system.

In summary, GPR radar reflections occur when GPR waves encounter a change in velocity due to dielectric contrast. The bigger the change in concrete and/or soil properties the more signal is reflected.

Data Preparation and Processing

GPR surveys with 1500 and 400 MHz antennas were completed on August 7, 2008 and October 12, 2008, respectively. Two different baselines for the surveys were established due to different sizes of the antennas and their logistics. The direction of the profiles was from east to west. The length of the GPR profiles for the 1500 MHz survey was about 12 feet with 6 inch profile spacing. The length of the GPR profiles for the 400 MHz survey was about 15 feet with one foot profile spacing. Both surveys included the moisture free and moisture affected areas of the living room.

Upon completion of the survey, the data was transferred into a laptop computer and the x and y coordinates of each data point were determined. The data was then processed using GSSI's RADAN software.

The presentation of the 1500 and 400 MHz GPR data is in color to provide rapid visual recognition of the GPR anomalies. In the color mode the GPR data is displayed in a color-amplitude format, and a color is assigned to a specific positive or negative value of the recorded signal. In this study, red and yellow colors on the GPR profiles correspond to the highest amplitude positive pulse. Therefore, when it appears on the radar record, it means that there is a strong reflection where yellow and red colors are observed due to a high dielectric contrast. Dark blue could also represent a "strong" negative reflection and similar high dielectric contrast.



Dielectric constants of 6 and 20 were used for the concrete pad and the underlying soil, respectively, and these numbers were calibrated with known subsurface targets, i.e., the concrete thickness (6 inch) and soil depth (2 feet).

Discussion of 1500 and 400 MHz GPR Data

3D GPR results for the1500 MHz surveys are given in Figure 5, which shows a 3 inch depth-slice view of the entire study area. The map view displays two significant linear GPR anomalies shown with red and yellow colors. These anomalies trend in the north-south direction and are labeled as PTC-1 and PTC-2, whose sources are caused by ferrous materials within the concrete. In fact, a ³/₄ inch post-tension cable was observed on the concrete foundation outside the study area. PTC-1 anomaly appears to lose its high-amplitude strength in the middle of the study area. In other words, the integrity of the post-tension cable appears to be compromised. A very significant anomaly is also shown with light brown and yellow colors to the west of PTC-1 anomaly. This anomaly is outlined with a dashed-black line on the map (top) view of Figure 5. The geometry of this anomaly is quite correlative with the observed moisture- affected areas of the wood floor (see Figures 1 and 5). A void anomaly immediately beneath the concrete slab is also located in the 2-D section of Figure 5.



Figure 5. 3D GPR data for 1500 MHz survey showing a depth-slice view at 3 inch into the concrete foundation.



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3D GPR results for the 400 MHz surveys are given in Figure 6, which shows a 2.5 foot depth-slice (top view) of the entire study area. The map view displays two linear moderate-to-high amplitude anomalies in the north-south directions. The majority of these anomalies are shown with the yellow color, which is caused by dielectric contrast (low dielectric vs. high dielectric values) within the soil underlying the concrete foundation. Source of these anomalies are not known: but they could be caused by voids filled with partly water and soil. However, there are high amplitude zones (red color) within the anomalies shown with the yellow color. The red areas are probably caused by voids filled with air. It should be noted that two linear anomalous features are approximately located beneath the post-tension cables embedded within the concrete. This correlation between the linear anomalies in the soil and the location of linear PTC anomalies within the concrete is either coincident or they are somehow related. A deeper 4-foot depth-slice does not indicate the presence of the two linear GPR anomalies or any other significant subsurface targets within the soil underlying the concrete foundation (Figure 7).



Figure 6. 3D GPR data for 400 MHz survey showing a depth-slice view at 2.5 feet. EX-1, 2 and 3 are excavation locations along the foundation.

Three locations (EX-1, EX-2 and EX-3) were excavated next to the foundation on October 8, 2008. These locations are along the foundation next to the southern and western walls of the living room (see Figures 1, 2 and 6). The EX-1 and EX-2 locations did not reveal any void or wet zone beneath the foundation; however, the EX-3 location revealed a void beneath the foundation (Figure 8). As soon as



2.5 feet depth is reached, the excavation hole was filled with ground water flowing from the soil underlying the foundation. The height of the water reached to 4 inch on October 8, 2008. A 3 feet long stick was pushed into the void with little resistance from the soil. This observation correlates well with the presence of the high-amplitude GPR void anomaly at EX-3 location. The hole was filled with dirt and covered, and the location was visited back on October 27, 2008. The water height in the hole reached one inch on this visit (Figure 9).

The fluctuations on the water height beneath the foundation could be explained by the local monthly participation (Houston: Bush Intercontinental Airport Participation Data, 2008) where the subject resi-



Figure 7. 3D GPR data for 400 MHz survey showing a depth-slice view at 4 feet.

dence is located nearby (Figure 10). Based on this data, the area received 12.07 inch rain during the month of September (Hurricane Ike visited Houston on September 12, 2008). The water height on the excavation was measured about 4 inch on October 8, 2008. The area received 8.67 inch rain during the month of October. The water height on the excavation was about one inch on October 27, 2008.

Conclusions

1500 MHz GPR results revealed significant anomalies within the concrete:

· A void was detected at the bottom of the concrete foundation



• Two embedded post-tension cables were located at a depth of 3";

• One of the post-tension cables did not have a strong amplitude anomaly compared to the other one. This may indicate that the integrity of the PTC is somewhat compromised;

• A low to moderate amplitude anomaly is observed to the west of the compromised PCT. The shape of this anomaly correlates well with the discolored, moisture-affected areas of the wood floor. This correlation suggests that the cause of the anomaly could be the moisture leaks through the concrete foundation from the disintegrated PTC (see Figure 5);



Figure 8. Picture showing the EX-3 excavation in the south wall of the foundation.



Figure 9. The void in the soil underlying the foundation at EX-3 location. Pictures are taken in October 8 and 27, 2008, respectively. Decrease in water height could be tied up to local monthly participation (see Figure 10). The top of the void is about 2 feet below the concrete pad. The material above the soil appears to be hardened clay or grade materials.

400 MHz results located significant anomalies within the soil underlying the concrete foundation:

• Two linear GPR anomalies were detected at a depth of 2.5 feet from the surface of the concrete foundation. These anomalies are mostly moderate in amplitude. However, they show areas of high amplitude as well. These anomalies trend in the north-south direction, and approximately located beneath the PTCs;

• The GPR data do not show any significant anomaly at a depth of 4 feet;



• Three locations (EX-1, EX-2 and EX-3) were excavated along the foundation outside the living room. EX-1 and EX2 locations did not reveal any wet soil or water, as expected because there were no GPR anomalies, beneath the concrete foundation; however, EX-3 excavation was chosen to be next to one of the linear GPR anomalies, and it did show a significant void beneath the foundation. The other linear anomaly was not tested because the location was covered with the concrete patio.

Visual inspection of the surface conditions next to the foundation in the vicinity of the void indicated ponding conditions, which may have resulted in (over the years), saturated soil conditions along the faulted foundation and forced the water under the slab through a created void.

A French Drainage system was installed along the foundation in order to decrease the saturated soil conditions, and the wood floor was replaced with the ceramic tile.

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<u>April</u>	69.4	+0.9	1.46"	-2.14"			
May	77.8	+2.0	4.57"	-0.58"			
<u>June</u>	84.5	+3.2	2.06"	-3.29"			
<u>July</u>	84.9	+1.3	1.09"	-2.09"			
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Geophysics is a discipline that utilizes a suite of high resolution tools that will play an increasing role in clean and contaminant hydrogeologic investigations to obtain high quality and cost effective subsurface Geophysics at the Beach May 24-26, 2010 Orange County, CA

information to make better informed management decisions.

Who should attend: The symposium is intended for technical professionals, public agency and regulatory agency staff, university staff, responsible parties, case managers, and anyone else interested in the latest geophysical tools and technologies for application to hydrogeologic problems.

Geophysics at the Beach includes the following optional program elements:

May 24 – Basic and Advanced Borehole Geophysics Short Course

May 25 - Geophysics at the Beach Symposium

May 26 - Geophysics at the Beach Field Demonstration in the surf, sand, and grass on the Pacific Ocean

Check the GRA website for updates such as the program agenda and registration form - <u>http://www.grac.org/geophysics.asp</u>

Call for Abstracts

Topics for May 25th Symposium

This call for papers is for oral or poster presentation at the May 25th Symposium. This symposium will provide the opportunity to discuss many factors related to state-of-the-art geophysics practices, current research, practical application of geophysics through case studies, and discussions of the value of geophysics information, through one full day of technical sessions. Topics under consideration include the following:

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Geophysics Applications for Alluvial, Fractured Rock, and Carbonate Aquifer Systems Geophysics Applications for Water Quality Evaluation Geophysics Applications for Groundwater Characterization and Monitoring in Urban/Suburban Environments Applications for Monitoring Groundwater Supply, Quality, and Recharge Quantitative Incorporation of Geophysics into Hydrogeologic Conceptual Models and Groundwater Simulation Models Geophysics Applications for Deep Wastewater Disposal and CO2 Sequestration Borehole Geophysics for Groundwater Evaluations Understanding the Value of Geophysical Information Monitoring Remedial System Performance with Geophysics Contamination Characterization with Geophysics High Resolution Geophysics for Site Characterization Mapping Salt Water Intrusion with Geophysics Other Topics Related to Surface and Borehole Geophysics

Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract for a Paper or Poster Presentation

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Indicate the preferred presentation method (paper or poster) and the topic of the abstract.

Abstracts must be one page in length or less, and should be titled and include all contributing authors' names and affiliations. Please identify the name of the person who will be presenting the paper or poster, and add biographical sketches of the authors as a second page. The sketches should be 50 words or less in paragraph form, and full mailing and e-mail addresses and phone and fax numbers must be included. Margins should be 1-inch top, bottom, and right side and 1¹/₄-inch left margin. The text should be single-spaced, 10-point size, Times-Roman font, with no pagination, footers and headers. Paragraphs should be justified.

Major headings should be 12-point bold; minor headings should be 10-point italicized not bolded. There should be one blank line above and below all headings, except above major headings, which should have two blank lines.

Graphics should not be used in Abstracts.

By virtue of submitting an abstract, the submitter(s) grants GRA the right to publish any accepted abstract or the right to decline any abstract. **Please submit your abstract by email to: Mary Megarry, Groundwater Resources Association of California,** <u>mmegarry@nossaman.com</u> no later than **December 15, 2009.** The Symposium Committee will review abstracts and make final selections.

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March 15-18, 2010, Bochum, Germany

We all would like to invite you to the 70th annual conference of the German Geophysical Society (DGG) in Bochum (<u>http://www.dgg2010.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en</u>). It will take place at the Ruhr-University Bochum from 15th to 18th of March 2010.

In the heart of the Ruhr Area, Bochum had its time of prosperity sparked by coal mining and the iron and steel industry. Today still evidence of that industrial period may be found everywhere throughout the city. The famous Deutsches Bergbaumuseum which is also widely known beyond Bochum treats the topic of the industrial times in the Ruhr Area. After coal mining was ceased in the 1970s, today service industries and high technology are of importance and the Ruhr-University plays an exceptional role in local urban developement. The high quality of life that the region offers between urban liveliness and rural quietness may be one reason why the Ruhr Area will host the European Capital of Culture in 2010.

In 1965, the Ruhr-University Bochum was the first German university built after World War II. With its 20 faculties gathered on one campus it evolved to one of the biggest universities in Germany with a very high reputation in research matters. The special architectural concept well integrates the campus into its surrounding nature and at the same time allows for a very close interdisciplinary cooperation and research between the faculties. These excellent conditions may be one reason for the university's numerous Collaborative Research Centres ("Sonderforschungsbereiche" SFB) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). In geosciences the SFB 526 "Rheology of the Earth" is of importance, where geodynamic processes from upper crust to the subduction zone and controlling material propties are examined. Geophysical aspects such as rock physics, earthquakes, geodynamics of the lithsphere as well as numeric modelling and visualization will be central topics of the conference. Also the role of geophysics for future energy supply will be focused on. A social programme and several excursions complete the conference.

Glückauf!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Bochum at the anniversary conference of the German Geophysical Society in 2010.

Yours Wolfgang Friederich and Jörg Renner (local organizing committee).





4th International Conference on Environmental and Engineering Geophysics June 14~17, 2010, Chengdu, China

The Near-Surface Geophysics and Geohazards

First Announcement

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Conference Summary

Geohazard is a kind of natural hazards. In recent years, Geohazards occurred frequently in China and caused serious dangers to people's lives and property. As a branch of geophysics, near-surface geophysics is mainly applied in the detection and assessment rock-soil slopes, ground deformation, mine disasters, and water resource deterioration. The geophysical techniques are non-intrusive, cost-effective, large-scale or small-scale, and can remotely acquire three-dimensional, and even four-dimensional representations of underground media. Due to the broad application of geophysical techniques in the environmental and engineering fields, they are of great significance for the sustainable development of human society.

Having successfully convened the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd International Conference on Environmental and Engineering Geophysics in 2004, 2006, and 2008, respectively, we are once again pleased to be hosting the 4th International Conference on Environment and Engineering Geophysics in Chengdu, China, June 14-17, 2010. It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in this exciting event and to enjoy the hospitality of Wuhan.

This conference is designed to be a wonderful opportunity for all attendees to share your knowledge, experience, and friendship. We

strongly believe that you will find great value in your participation in the conference and exhibits. Please do not miss this historic opportunity to present your work.

Invited speakers

Invited distinguished geophysicists and researchers from the Unite States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Asia will present their studies.

Conference topics

The entire spectrum of near-surface geophysical methods and applications.

Call for papers

This conference will offer an opportunity to all geophysicists and engineers to present recent achievements including case studies and theoretical studies in related techniques, software and instruments. The manuscript should not exceed 6 pages (including figures) with an abstract of about 300 words.

Manuscripts should be submitted via email to <u>yechengming@cdut.edu.cn</u>.

The deadline for the manuscripts is December 31, 2009.

Publication of Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published by an American publisher and be delivered to the International Citation Institution.

Venue and time

The conference will be held on the campus of Chengdu University of Technology, Chengdu, China, June 14-17, 2010.

Registration

Delegate Rate: USD \$200; Student Rate: USD \$150; 5% off for early birds (early bird deadline is April 30, 2010). Registration includes: icebreaker, keynote session, oral and poster presentations, exhibits, conference program book, Proceedings volume, and all conference lunches and dinners. Registration will begin on September 1, 2009. You may register via E-mail or fax.

Hotels

Accommodations during the conference are available on the campus of Chengdu University of Technology. Hotels near the campus are also available.

Social program

Hospitality Suites: Tour of modern and antique places in the city of Chengdu which offer culture, hospitality and gastronomy in original surroundings and downtown shopping.

Language

The working languages of the conference will be English and Chinese.

Post-session trip

The post-session trip will be designed to visit ruins of Wenchuan Earthquake Park.





Ruins of Wenchuan Earthquake Park

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Deadline: March 31, 2010

All interested practitioners and researchers are invited to participate in a Surface Wave Benchmarking Symposium organized by the Geophysical Engineering Committee of the Geo-Institute of ASCE. The goal of the symposium is to document the state of different protocols, such as MASW, SASW and ReMi, for analyzing the surface wave data. The organizing committee invites all participants to contribute to the benchmarking exercise by analyzing a surface wave data set collected at a well-characterized site. The participants can also provide written papers for inclusion in a symposium that will be organized as part of the Geo-Risk Conference to be held in 2011. The deadline for contributing to this symposium is March 31, 2010.

Further detail and raw data collected with various methods can be downloaded from the following website: <u>http://saswbench.ce.ufl.edu</u>. Please forward any questions regarding the event to Dr. Dennis Hiltunen at <u>dhilt@ce.ufl.edu</u>.

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Induced polarization (time and frequency domains, development of the theory, field/lab and inversion of IP datasets) for contaminant plume investigations and permeability tomography For further details see <u>http://www.epa.gov/oamrtpnc/q0900194/index.htm</u>. The potential candidates can contact André Revil at <u>arevil@mines.edu</u> and Dale Werkema at <u>werkema.d@epa.gov</u>. The work will be performed at the Colorado School of Mines under the supervision of André Revil (dept of Geophysics, <u>http://www.andre-revil.com</u>) and co-supervision of Burke Minsley (USGS, <u>bminsley@usgs.gov</u>) and Dale Werkema (EPA). The candidate is expected to have excellent skills in numerical modeling.

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