

International PhD Course in HYDROGEOPHYSICS

Hydrogeophysical **Data Fusion**





Overview

So far we have covered individual techniques but we need to think about how we can combine the geophysical results.

We also need to have a means of integrating the geophysical measurements with hydrological models.

We will illustrate approaches to these problems using two case studies.

Case Study 1

Investigating flow and transport in unsaturated sandstone under natural and forced (tracer) loading



Case Study - Objectives

Determination of effective hydraulic properties that control the transport of solutes in the unsaturated zone of the sandstone aquifer

Case Study - Methods

Combination of cross-borehole resistivity and radar tomography applied to monitor changes due to natural and forced (tracer) input







Response to natural inputs – resistivity



Comparison of net monthly rainfall and fractional change in 0 - 0.82 m depth 'layer' resistivity using 03-May-00 as reference

Response to natural inputs – radar ZOP



$$\sqrt{\kappa} = (1 - \phi)\sqrt{\kappa_s} + \theta\sqrt{\kappa_w} + (\phi - \theta)\sqrt{\kappa_a}$$



Response to natural inputs – radar MOG

























Tracer Test

Changes in resistivity from 3-D ERT surveys







Tracer Test – 3D ERT response

Changes shown as isosurface of 7.5% change from background ERT image

H-E4

0

H-E3



Tracer Test – changes in solute concentration

Changes in concentration from 3-D ERT and 2-D radar surveys

Resistivity:

$$\rho = a \varphi^{-m} \left(\frac{\theta}{\phi}\right)^{-n} \rho_w$$

Dielectric constant:

$$\sqrt{\kappa} = (1 - \phi)\sqrt{\kappa_s} + \theta\sqrt{\kappa_w} + (\phi - \theta)\sqrt{\kappa_a}$$

$$\frac{C_t}{C_0} = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_t} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa_0} + \phi(\sqrt{\kappa_s} - \sqrt{\kappa_a}) - \sqrt{\kappa_s}}{\sqrt{\kappa_t} + \phi(\sqrt{\kappa_s} - \sqrt{\kappa_a}) - \sqrt{\kappa_s}} \right)^n$$

Tracer Test – changes in solute concentration

Changes in concentration from 3-D ERT and 2-D radar surveys





Tracer Test – modelling tracer response

Approximately 66,000 nodes

3-D solution of the Richards Equation

Comparison of model response with the geophysical data



Tracer Test – modelling tracer response

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Tracer Test – modelling tracer response



Comparison of simulated and measured tracer movement - comparing movement of the centre of mass

Case study 2

Combined resistivity/ radar investigation of lithology





UK Groundwater Forum

Using other data sources

Our inversions often need a regularisation operator, e.g.

$$\Psi = \Psi_d + \Psi_m$$
$$= \left\| W_d (F(\mathbf{m}) - d) \right\|^2 + \alpha \left\| W_m (m - m_0) \right\|^2$$

Can we use existing information to help set W_m ?

Can we use the covariance matrix based on well log data?



Linde, Binley, Tryggvason, Pedersen and Revil (under review)



EM logs – geostatistics for ERT constraints



ZOP profiles – geostatistics for radar constraints





Combining multiple data sources

We could try formulate the inverse problem in terms of our hydrological variable, e.g. moisture content θ

$$\Psi = \Psi_d + \Psi_m$$
$$= \left\| W_d \left(F(\theta) - d \right) \right\|^2 + \alpha \left\| W_m \left(\theta - \theta_0 \right) \right\|^2$$

Now the forward model would produce the equivalent radar velocity and/or transfer resistance for a given moisture content

This would need a reliable petrophysical model, which we may not have

Combining multiple data sources

Alternatively we could try to run a joint inversion so that the different geophysical images are *structurally similar*

Gallardo & Meju (2003) proposed a cross gradient approach for combining DC resistivity and seismic data

Combining multiple data sources In their approach we try to minimise the operator



In areas where the gradients are in the same or opposite direction (or where one of the gradients is zero) τ will be zero (and the pixels structurally similar)

Gallardo (2006)



The stochastic regularisation reveals four zones with different behaviour of the ERT – radar parameters



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Taking petrophysical models for conductivity and permittivity we can look at what ranges of parameters of these models are valid



We can then compare this zonation with the independent core log data



Summary

We can use geophysical data with hydrological models to explore possible hydrological properties that are consistent with the geophysical response.

So far this kind of approach has only been done as independent operations but joint operations are likely to appear.

We can improve our regularisation operators with a priori information, e.g. well logs.

Methods are now available to jointly invert datasets to ensure structural of petrophysical similarity.