

Using advanced CSEM for reservoir monitoring & geothermal applications



SPEAKER

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Reservoir monitoring is gaining increasing importance for hydrocarbon and geothermal reservoirs to improve recovery factors and understand fluid movement including fluid induced reservoir changes. Similar, it can be applied to monitoring volcanoes' magna movements and aid for volcano eruption prediction.

In order to see variations at percentage level much more detailed attention is required at all data handling stages. During acquisition, more effort is required to obtain long term stable transmitter and receiver site including not only daily monitoring of contact resistance but also controlling them during the acquisition process to better than 1%. Because of the large dynamic range of the signal highly accurate reference level with active adjustment before the transmitted signal is necessary. When processing the data, a feedback loop between filter selection and noise suppression in the reservoir signal band allows you to optimize the filter and to reduce their effect on the anomaly itself. When modeling for a sedimentary environment, anisotropy is the biggest cause for error and misinterpretation. It can be derived before the survey from exiting logs using end members derived from the log based on the interaction of the layers on reservoir scale. We are using real field measurements for feasibility and as potential misinterpretation examples to illustrate the severance of these issues. ”

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