

I INTRODUCTION

The basic equipment required for an Induced Polarization survey consists of a transmitter, a receiver, wire and electrodes.

Most time domain induced polarization transmitters transmit square waves with equal "on" and "off" times. Polarity is automatically changed between the pulses. The waveform shown below indicates how the current is usually transmitted. The pulse times range from 1 to 8 seconds.

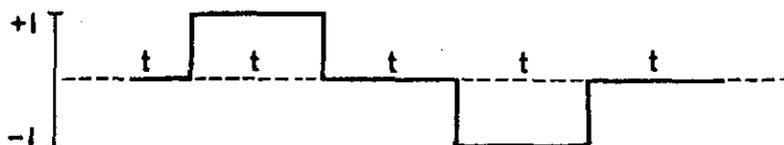


FIGURE 1A

The transmitter is powered by batteries (portable type units) or a motor driven generator. Scintrex manufactures various time domain induced polarization transmitters ranging in power from 25 watts to 15 kW. The choice of a transmitter depends on various factors such as: the electrode spacings to be employed, contact resistance and the resistivity of the subsurface. The IPR-8 receiver is designed for use with any time domain induced polarization transmitter.

The IPR-8 time domain induced polarization receiver is of the state-of-the-art design, packaged in a rugged and portable manner. Using integration and automatic normalization, it measures the characteristics of an induced polarization decay curve set up by overvoltage and other effects occurring in rocks. When induced polarization effects (such as due to metallic-non metallic interfaces in rocks) occur, the waveform received at the receiver is not the same square wave as transmitted by the transmitter. The waveform shown below indicates the sort of wave distortion which is caused by the induced polarization phenomena.

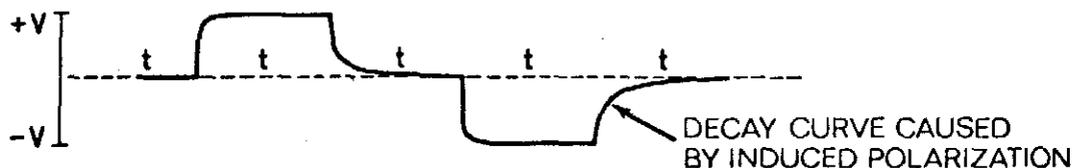


FIGURE 1B

