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QUANTITIES MEASURED BY THE IPR-8

Figure 2 shows the different parameters measured by the IPR-8. The usual measurements are V_p , the received primary voltage and "M", a parameter related to the transient curve. The V_p measurement is used in resistivity calculations while M is the chargeability (induced polarization) parameter. In addition, absolute values of the self-potential (SP) can be measured.

In all cases, the M quantity measured by the IPR-8 is the mean value of the transient voltage over a selected time interval to which the following normalizations have been applied:

- normalization for the length of the integration interval
- normalization for the primary steady state voltage (V_p)
- normalization for curve shape
- normalization for number of pulses

The units of the quantities measured are, therefore, dimensionless and are normally expressed in "millivolts per volt".

In the various modes of operation the transient voltage following the interruption of the primary current pulse is either integrated over one long period of time or sliced into either 3 or 6 slices. By using 6 slices, a good record of the decay curve shape can be obtained. The 3 slice mode gives some curve shape information and provides an economical standard mode in which to operate. The centre slice of this mode is reasonably close to the measurement made by the Scintrex IPR-7 and other receivers of the "Newmont Type", while the first and last slices can be used for a rapid check of curve shape. A more precise relationship is, however, presented later in this section.

Figure 2 shows the actual times used. For the receiver to operate, the transmitter timing may be any time period of one second or greater (i.e. $t \geq 1$ second) although transmitter and receiver timings of 2 seconds are considered normal for most surveys. Equal on and off timing assures the best noise rejection as the signal is averaged over the longest possible time, and the automatic self-potential adjustment is made closest to the reading time.

With the receiver set at $t = 1$ second, the decay ($\delta/2$) from the current-off time to the commencement of the measurement is 65 milliseconds and the slice width (δ) is 130 milliseconds. With the receiver set at $t = 2$ seconds the delay is 130 milliseconds and the slice width is 260 milliseconds. Fuller information on the programs is available from the tables in Figure 2.

