

use of this model. A later section entitled Resistivity mapping describes the method further, including the effect of using it on anomalies caused by discrete conductors such as sulfide bodies.

Geometric interpretation

The geophysical interpreter attempts to determine the geometric shape and dip of the conductor. This qualitative interpretation of anomalies is indicated on the map by means of interpretive symbols (see EM map legend). Figure II-1 shows typical DIGHEM anomaly shapes and the interpretive symbols for a variety of conductors. These classic curve shapes are used to guide the geometric interpretation.

Discrete conductor analysis

The EM anomalies appearing on the electromagnetic map are analyzed by computer to give the conductance (i.e., conductivity-thickness product) in mhos of a vertical sheet model. This is done regardless of the interpreted geometric shape of the conductor. This is not an unreasonable procedure, because the computed conductance increases as the electrical quality of the conductor increases, regardless of its true shape. DIGHEM anomalies are divided into six