Magnetics















#### The Elura Compendium D. W. Emerson



Estimated Average Bulk	l Completely	ll Slightly	Fresh	IV Sulphide Ore			v	
Elura Orebody Zones	Country Rock	Country Rock	Rock	Si Py		Po	Gossan	
Lithology	quartz kaolin sericite rock	quartz mus siltston	covite e	semi massive to dissem siliceous	massive pyritic	massive pyrrhotitic	limonite	
Weathering	intense	very slight	none	none	none	none	intense	
Porosity, %, Total (Effective)	12 (7)	2 (0.3)	< 1		≪< 1		20 (11)	
Permeability. cm/sec.	10 <sup>-3</sup> to 10 <sup>-4</sup> (fair to poor)	$10^{-3}$ to $10^{-5}$ within 80 m $10^{-7}$ (impermeable) of ore (:; jointing), $10^{-7}$		ole)	10 <sup>-1</sup> to 10 <sup>-2</sup> (good)			
Dry Bulk Density gm/cc.	2.3	2.7	2.75	3.7	4.5	4.4	3.0	
Water Saturation, Sw%	50+(?)	100	100	0	0	0	≪50 (?)	
Resistivity ohm m	10-20	500±	1500±	35	0.3	0.1	300±	
Percent Frequency Effect (IP)	very small	minor	minor	220	25	15	small (?) at depth	
Magnetic Susceptibility, cgs x 10 <sup>6</sup>	20	30	30	10	70	3000±	50	
Koenigsberger Ratio, Q <sub>n</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5±	3	
Velocity, V <sub>p</sub> , m/sec	1200 - 4000	5000	5500		5600		4000 sur- face, 4300	



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later workers. Electromagnetic measurements are briefly discussed. A full discussion of the integrated approach is contained in a further paper (Blackburn, 1980). All discussions and results are those presented in 1974.

#### **Aeromagnetic Interpretation**

Previous aeromagnetic surveys (e.g. Thomson, 1953 and Richardson & Keating, 1947) have produced very small (up to 40 nanoTesla [nT]) anomalies over the Cobar ore bodies.

During May, 1972, a low level (90 m) reconnaissance aeromagnetic survey was flown for the Electrolytic Zinc Company of A'asia Ltd. over their Cobar license. Results were accurate to 1 nT. Of fifteen selected anomalies only one, the Elura prospect was substantiated by later ground reconnaissance magnetics. The other anomalies were due to



bodies are small and thus easily masked by the effects of topographic irregularities, moderate variations in the thickness and composition of the overburden and regional anomaly trends due to relatively deep-seated masses.

Yungul (1956) illustrates the small magnitude of gravity anomalies obtained even on compact spherical ore masses (Figure 3). It is therefore imperative that the overall survey accuracy be maintained to an extremely high precision.

From December, 1973, until March, 1974, 374 stations were occupied with a Worden gravity meter. Readings were





Total intensity air magnetic profile over the Elura prospect

FIGURE 2

Comparison of theoretical and observed total field magnetic anomalies for a spherical source



## The magnetic coordinate system:



# Various types of magnetic measurements:

Can measure directions, D and I

Can measure the total field, **F** 

Can measure the components, (X, Y, Z)

Sensors are either total field or vector.

Can measure only the high frequency variations

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# Nuclear precession magnetometers:

## **Proton precession magnetometer (PPM)**

Lamor precession frequency fis proportional to the magnitude of the magnetic field B

Upon removal of the polarizing field, the proton precesses about Earth's field

$$\omega = \gamma_p B$$
$$f = \frac{\gamma_p}{2\pi} B$$



A proton has a magnetic

moment as well as spin

angular momentum



A strong polarizing magnetic

field aligns the proton at a

high angle to Earth's field

The gyromagnetic ratio of the proton is the ratio of magnetic moment to spin angular momentum:

$$\gamma_p = 2.675 \times 10^8 \text{ radians } \mathrm{T}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$$

$$B_{\text{Earth}} = 2\pi f / \gamma_p \quad (23.4859 \text{ nT/Hz})$$

# Nuclear precession magnetometers - PPM:

The PPM is simple and gives an intrinsically calibrated measurement of total field. However, it is power hungry, it takes about several seconds to integrate a signal, and has a resolution of around 1 nT.





## **Nuclear precession** magnetometers:

We can estimate the gyromagnetic ratio by considering the charge on the spinning proton or electron as being distributed in a circular circuit:

The current in this circuit is then charge times velocity divided by circumference:  $I = \frac{qv}{2\pi r}$ 

The magnetic dipole of a single loop is current times area:

$$D_M = IA = \frac{qv}{2\pi r}\pi r^2$$

Cancelling *pi-r* and multiplying by *m/m* where *m* is the mass of the proton or electron:

The second term *mvr* is just angular momentum, so the ratio of dipole moment to angular momentum is  $\frac{D_M}{mvr} = \gamma = \frac{q}{2m}$ 



## **Nuclear precession** magnetometers:



 $\gamma_e = 1.761 \times 10^{11} \text{ radians } \mathrm{T}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ Alkali vapor magnetometers use Zeeman splitting.

# Nuclear precession magnetometers:



+1/2 energy level deplopulated by optical pumping. Polarized light only couples to +1/2. Cell goes transparent.

+1/2 level repopulated by RF signal proportional to magentic field. Cell starts absorbing light and goes dark.

# Nuclear precession magnetometers:

Rather than sweep through the radio frequencies, cesium magnetometers are run as a feed-back circuit.

























# fiberglass tape

# 1 m cord

# light rope

### Data are stored as LIFO



# Data











## **Tracing a Mutiny by Slaves Off** South Africa in 1766

**By SHARON LaFRANIERE** Published: August 24, 2005

### **Correction Appended**

STRUIS BAY, South Africa, Aug. 20 -After years of painstaking research and sophisticated surveys, Jaco Boshoff may be on the verge of a nearly unheard-of discovery: the wreck of a Dutch slave

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ship that broke apart 239 years ago on this forbidding, windswept coast after a violent revolt by the slaves.





Guy Tillim for The New York Times

On the other hand, he may have discovered a wire fence covered with beach sand.

Mr. Boshoff, a 39-year-old marine archaeologist with the government-run Iziko Museums, will not find out until he starts digging on this deserted beach on Africa's southernmost point, probably later this year.

After three years of surveys

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### A spatial view of Earth's magnetic field:







1838: Magnetic storm seen on telegraph cables.

1859: Carrington event, largest solar storm recorded.

1989: Geomagnetic storm takes out Quebec power.

2012: Carrington-sized solar flare narrowly misses Earth.

DIAGRAM Nº 2.

Barlow, 1849, currents in UK telegraph cables.

Particles from the sun and magnetic storms inject particles into the ring current. The size of the ring current generated by solar activity is measured using the Dst index ("disturbed storm time"). Because the effect of the ring current is to *reduce* Earth's main field, storms go negative.



### Magnetic storms are tied to the 11-year solar cycle, but not too strongly.



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### This Week's Solar Flare Illuminates the Grid's Vulnerability

By PETER BEHR of **ClimateWire** Published: June 9, 2011

A massive **<u>burst of solar wind</u>** that erupted from the sun Tuesday is expected to deliver only a "glancing blow" to the Earth's vulnerable magnetic field, NASA officials said yesterday. But it will preview what some experts call a potentially



existential threat to the power grids of the United States and other nations, and the populations that depend on them.

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Antti Pulkkinen, who leads NASA's "Solar Shield" satellite-based detection system at the Goddard Space Flight Center, said the cloud of ionized particles from Tuesday's violent "coronal mass ejection" will largely miss Earth, giving some North American residents a glimpse of the aurora borealis, or northern lights, this weekend. "It will not be a major event [for] the power grid," he said.

However, NASA spacecraft detected a much larger eruption last weekend on the backside of the sun headed away from Earth, generating a much faster-moving cloud.

"If this event was on a collision course with the U.S., we would have had a major space weather event," Pulkkinen said. "In this regard, we got lucky."

The next peak cycle of sunspot activity is predicted for 2012-2014, bringing with it a greater risk of large geomagnetic storms that can generate powerful rogue currents in transmission lines, potentially damaging or destroying the large transformers that manage power flow over high-voltage networks.

"Geomagnetically-induced currents on system infrastructure have the potential to result in widespread tripping of key transmission lines and irreversible physical damage to large transformers," a 2009 <u>report</u> (pdf) by the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) and the Energy Department says.

#### Agreement on the seriousness of the threat, but not the solution

In the worst-case scenario, the stockpile of spare transformers would fall far short of replacement needs. Urban centers across the continent would be without power for many months or even years, until new transformers could be manufactured and delivered from Asia. The transformers are not made in the United States.

"If the solar storm of 1921, which has been termed a one-in-100-year event, were to occur today, well over 300 extra-high-voltage transformers could be damaged or destroyed, thereby interrupting power to 130 million people for a period of years," Joseph McClelland, director of the Office of Electric Reliability at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said at a May 31 House Energy subcommittee hearing on the issue.

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## A Drill to Replace Crucial Transformers (Not the Hollywood Kind)



Scott Dalton for The New York Times

CenterPoint Energy workers installed emergency replacement transformers on Wednesday in Texas City, Tex., near Houston. By MATTHEW L. WALD

Published: March 14, 2012

The electric grid, which keeps beer cold, houses warm, and city traffic from turning to chaos, depends on about 2,100 high-voltage transformers spread throughout the country.

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But engineers in the electric business and officials with the <u>Department of Homeland</u> <u>Security</u> have long been concerned that transformers are vulnerable to disruptions from extreme weather like <u>hurricanes</u>, as

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well as terrorist and computer attacks and even electrical disturbances from geomagnetic, or so-called solar, storms. One such storm, in 1989, blacked out the entire province of Quebec, and this week, a transformer fire of unknown origin blacked out parts of Boston.

And while replacing transformers is not technically difficult, it is a logistical and time-consuming nightmare that can take up to two years.

So this week the industry and the government have been carrying out an emergency drill unlike any that electrical engineers can remember, to explore how quickly the country could recover from a