Geophysical solutions to enhance MAR siting and monitoring

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Managed Aquifer Recharge



Non-invasive imaging

Geophysical scanner



Geophysical image









Transient Electromagnetics

Ground-based



Towed



Airborne







Transient Electromagnetics

Ground-based



- deep penetration
- inexpensive
- poor data density





- shallow penetration
- inexpensive
- dense data coverage

Airborne



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- expensive
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The value of geophysics



Building hydrological interpretations

- Rapid hydrogeological characterization
- Fill data gaps between boreholes
- Capture key structural controls of groundwater systems







The tTEM system



Mapping specifications

- 25 km/h driving speeds (terrain permitting)
- >100 hectares or >75 kms mapped per day
- ~100 m depth penetration\
- ~3-5 m lateral resolution







Field-scale characterization



Aquifer delineation











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Aquifer delineation (regional scale)









Monitoring TEM









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Takeaways

- Geophysical methods well-suited to define key structural controls on groundwater systems
- Enhance prediction of water flow, retention, protection
- Non-invasive solutions at multiple scales





