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In 1975, the U. S. Geological Survey made seventy Schlumberger resistivity soundings in the Upper Raft River Valley and in parts of the Raft River Valley. These soundings compliment the seventy nine soundings made previously in the Raft River Valley (Zohdy and others, 1975) and bring the total number of soundings to 149. This work was done as part of a hydrogeologic study of the area.

Plate 1 shows the location, number, and azimuth of all 149 Schlumberger sounding stations. The location of the new stations are shown with solid circles, whereas the location of the previous stations (Zohdy and others, 1975) are shown with open circles. The new stations are numbered from 201 to 270. In the following, we present the data and interpretation of only the new soundings (Raft #201 through Raft #270).

The maximum symmetric electrode spacing, $AB/2$, used for some of the soundings reached 4,877 metres (16,000 feet). For a few soundings, (#202, #211, #214, #254, and #267) standard Schlumberger apparent resistivities were calculated for standard Schlumberger electrode spacings ($AB/2$) that are larger than the maximum possible symmetric spacing for the given location of these soundings. This was done by making measurements with asymmetric electrode spacings then using a correction formula. For example, with one current electrode remaining stationary at 1,829 metres

(6,000 feet), the second current electrode was moved to larger spacings of 2,438 metres (8,000 feet) and 3,048 metres (10,000 feet), respectively. The Schlumberger apparent resistivity at the larger electrode spacings was calculated from the formula

$$\bar{\rho}_s(B0) = B0^2 \left[\frac{2\pi}{MN} \cdot \frac{\Delta V}{I} \cdot (0.3048) - \frac{\bar{\rho}_s(A0)}{A0^2} \right],$$

where

$\bar{\rho}_s(B0)$ = Schlumberger apparent resistivity at the larger electrode spacing B0, in ohm-metres,

B0 = distance from center of potential electrodes, O, to farthest current electrode, B, in feet,

A0 = distance from center of potential electrodes, O, to nearest current electrode, A, in feet,

ΔV = potential difference measured with asymmetric array, in millivolts,

I = intensity of electric current, in milliamperes,

0.3048 = conversion factor from feet to metres,

$\bar{\rho}_s(A0)$ = last Schlumberger apparent resistivity measured with the symmetric array at $AB/2 = A0$, in ohm-metres.

This formula was derived by the senior author and theoretically is valid for horizontally layered laterally homogeneous media. In practice, errors in measurements are not substantially magnified provided that:

- a) The subsurface is laterally homogeneous,
- b) the asymmetric measurements are made to extend an ascending portion of the sounding curve, and
- c) the ratio of $B0/A0 \leq 1.7$.

For extending descending portions of a sounding curve, the limiting ratio of B_0/A_0 should be made smaller, for example about 1.3.

All the sounding curves were automatically processed and interpreted (Zohdy, 1973 and 1975) as shown in the graphs given in the appendix.

Each graph shows the following:

- (1) Field data designated by a segmented solid-line curve with diamond symbols for observed data.
- (2) A continuous-dashed curve which represents:
 - (a) The continuous "field" curve which is generally obtained by maintaining the position of the last segment and shifting each of the previous segments, up or down so that the last point on each segment coincides with the corresponding point on the following segment (Zohdy and others, 1973).
 - (b) The digitized curve at the rate of six points per logarithmic cycle. Although the individual digitized points are not depicted on the dashed curve (to avoid cluttering the graphs) they were computed using a subroutine in a computer program for bicubic spline functions (Anderson, 1971). The digitized data from the continuous dashed curve were then fed into the automatic interpretation program (Zohdy, 1973) to obtain the best fitting theoretical sounding curve for a horizontally layered medium. The automatic interpretation program used here was slightly modified from the one referred to in the above reference. The modifications are identical to those

used in another program recently written for inverting Wenner sounding curves (Zohdy and Bisdorf, 1975a).

- (3) The theoretical best fitting sounding curve plotted as (+) signs.
- (4) The detailed layering for which the theoretical curve is calculated.
- (5) The D.Z. (Dar Zarrouk) curve for the detailed layering. The ordinate values for the D.Z. curves are shifted upward or downward by one logarithmic cycle or they are plotted on a separate sheet of graph paper (as for Raft #250) to avoid cluttering the graphs. The D.Z. curves can be used to obtain equivalent and simpler solutions containing fewer number of layers. In addition, they can be used to impose certain constraints on the layer thicknesses and resistivities (Zohdy, 1974).

All these graphs were generated on a graphic plotter. The plotter-driving subroutines were developed by G. I. Evenden of the U.S. Geological Survey.

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APPENDIX

RAFT RIVER VALLEY, IDAHO.
SCHLUMBERGER SOUNDINGS.
STATION LOCATION, NUMBER, AND AZIMUTH.

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #201

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

100

10

1

10

20

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #202

Computed from measurements
made with an asymmetric array+

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #203

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #204

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #205

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #206

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #207

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #208

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #209

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

100

10

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #210

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #211

Computed from measurements
made with an asymmetric array

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #212

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

10

100

1
10

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

100

1000

10000

RAFT #214

Computed from measurements
made with an asymmetric array

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #216

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #217

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

100

10

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #219

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #220

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #222

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #223

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #224

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

100

10

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #226

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #227

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #228

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #229

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, 0.2-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #231

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #232

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

10

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #233

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

10

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

100

1000

RAFT #234

10000

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #235

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #236

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #237

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

10

100

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #240

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #242

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #243

1000

10000

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

100

10

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #244

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #246

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

Dar Zarrouk curve is on next page.

RAFT #250

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

Dar Zarouk curve for RAFT #250

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #252

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #253

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #254

Computed from measurements
made with an asymmetric array

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #258

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

1000

10

100

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #260

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #261

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #262

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RAFT #263

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #264

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #267

Computed from measurements
made with an asymmetric array

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

1

10

100

1000

10000

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RAFT #268

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES

10

100

1000

RAFT #269

AB/2, DEPTH, DZ-DEPTH, IN METRES

RESISTIVITIES IN OHM-METRES