



GEOTHERMAL 2023 REALISING THE AMBITION

Using low carbon, low cost, low risk, high valueadding electromagnetic technology to help in the race to net zero

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The Challenge

Trying to quantify subsurface rock, minerals, gas, fluid, density and temperature conditions for the exploration & production of geothermal and natural resources is difficult because of the following reasons:



Subsurface fluids, porosity, permeability, minerals and temperature are very uncertain and difficult to read as they are dynamic and complex.



The easiest way to read it accurately is through drilling, which is very expensive & environmentally damaging.



The Solution Atomic Dielectric Resonance (ADR)

Using pulsed electromagnetic ADR Technology, we can now determine the existence and location of subsurface natural resources, movements and fluids without the need for invasive drilling.



ADR allows the measurement of subsurface temperature, rock, minerals, fluid and gas conditions from the earth's surface, non-destructively.



Our technology eliminates the need for drilling and therefore reduces the expense and risks associated with it.







How the technology works





- Transmits broadband pulses of radio waves between
 1 to 70 MHz into the ground.
- Detects the modulated reflections returned from the subsurface structures.
- Measures dielectric permittivity (E r) and conductivity of material.
- Analyses spectral content of the returns to help classify materials (energy, frequency, phase).
- Time & frequency domain.
- Time ranges typically 20,000ns, 40,000ns & 100,000ns.
- High speed time domain sampling ~5GS/s
- Stack return signals for improved signal-to-noise 20,000, 100,000.....1million.

Methods: ADR

Propagation proven in underground mine





Wave propagation





- Line of transmitters in Wide Angled Reflection & Refraction (WARR) mode creates beam (Synthetic Aperture Radar, SAR based phased array); separating transmitter (Tx) from stationary receiver (Rx)
- For Stare scans Tx & Rx are stationary
- Profile Scans (P-Scans) move Tx & Rx along scan line to produce 2-D imagery

Depth conversion





- ✓ Our analysis checks for the events every 3.3m along the line (that is 15 columns in X) and every 0.5m vertically (for a total of 400 lines in Y). The values acquired take into account the surrounding, averaging from the previous point.
- ✓ Therefore, every WARR is computed based on 6000 points.

- WARR stands for Wide Angle Reflection and Refraction. These are 50m long lines that serve as Time-Depth calibration for our Stares, and are taken along the trend of the geology. An operator moves the Transmitter Antenna along a straight line and away from the Receiver Antenna, from, for example, 0m to 50m. Longer lines can be used to obtain deeper penetration.
- After that, and by analysing the Two Way Time (TwT) from common points, we can solve a depth-time equation. This is based on principles of Ray Tracing, solving the problem by repeatedly advancing idealized narrow beams called rays through the medium by discrete amounts. Simple problems can be analysed by propagating a few rays using simple mathematics.

Limitations:

- > The manual process can involve intrinsic errors of around 2 to 5%.
- Strong changes in velocity can alter the depth-conversion significantly in unknown geological settings.
- Steeply dipping horizons challenge certain mathematical assumptions of the calculations, decreasing overall precision.
- Therefore, while the order of events will always be correct, the precise depth of the targets or boundaries may be metres away.

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ADR Simulation Model input data





- Geological data provided for Denmark geothermal setting example.
- Transmit ADR wave packet from transmitter (Tx) and record reflections from receiver (Rx).
- Dielectrics of the materials (DC) as indicated in table are theoretical, based on Adrok's experience of similar rock types.
- Reflection from dielectric interfaces will arrive at time.
- 2*(10sqrt(5) + d*sqrt(Er)) * 1e9/3e8, with d the thickness of each layer.

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Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) simulation showing two-way-travel of ADR signal in rock layers





Overlain rock layers from ground level (0m) through the subsurface to depths of 1637m using input data from page 8.

Stage-gated Workflows





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At Adrok, we develop fast, cost-effective, environmentally safe and socially accepted technology to explore for natural resources. We power our equipment using compact, rechargeable batteries. The power we emit is less than 5milliwatts, meaning that our carbon footprint is exceptionally low, non-ionising and non-destructive. Our operations are environmentally harmless.



Case Studies: Repurposing onshore UK oil & gas wells



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- Internal project for Adrok's development of geothermal tools.
- Reprocess 26 V-Bores from two separate Adrok projects:

(1) collected in 2017 for Igas; and (2) collected in 2018 for Cuadrilla and Transgas.

- Project purpose: to assess the geothermal potential at onshore O&G sites using our stare data.
- Focuss on showing the identified geothermal potential via the Energy Gamma toolsets, producing Visual E-Gamma graphs and a comparison with the temperature map of the UK at a depth of 1000m from Busby et al, 2011*.



Methods: Processing & Analysis



The flow diagrams below shows a synopsis of Adrok's processing methodology for this project.

| Time-Depth Conversion | WARR Tracking WARR QAQC by analysing the range of frequencies and by identification of visual anomalies. Dielectric WARR tracking down to 200m at a 1m resolution, then AutoWARR to varying depths. | Phase Correction Completed based on the .DCO. Corrects the signal and produces a more accurate depth model after tracking. | Extraction of time-depth conversion Extraction of the time to depth conversion form the .xlsx file. |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Virtual Borehole Processing | Stare Image Processing Stare QAQC by analysing the noise to signal ratio and by identification of visual anomalies. Merge of those stares with the best signal to noise ratio taken at a single location to boost signal strength. | Harmonics Processing Completed at 128 Pixels per step and 128 per window, with 8192 samples per window for temperature analysis. Produced Energy Gamma, across 32 Harmonics as a .prn in Radamatic. | Conversion to readable files Conversion from .prn Radamatic file to .csv excel file for further analysis. |
| Virtual Borehole Analysis | Bata Analysis on the .csv E-Gamma = Energy-Gamma For temperature analysis, E-Gamma is processed with 8192 samples per window. E-Gamma values for the first 32 Harmonics of each horizon were averaged. Conversion of Time to Depth data using the .DCO file. | | |

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Methods: Averaged E-Gamma Analysis





For each virtual borehole three E-Gamma logs are displayed from left to right.

E-Gamma 1: Shows data within values of 0.25 to 1.

E-Gamma 2: Shows data within values of 0.95 to 1.

E-Gamma 3: Shows data within values of 0.985 to 0.995, also shows the 10m Moving Average in red.

This method of identifying E-Gamma troughs as temperature anomalies is good for targeting hot zones or aquifers, due to the high contrast in temperature with adjacent units. However, the method is not as effective at identifying geothermal gradients.

"Hot zones" are interpreted when the E-Gamma moving average falls below 0.99. This is where we interpret high temperature.

Confidence of ADR derived geothermal potential at scanned sites

High Confidence

Mid Confidence

Low Confidence

H1 – Blacon East 1:





The three graphs in the slide show the same dataset at increased levels of detail. As the signal travel deeper, we needs to look at smaller variations within.

Any areas with outstanding troughs may be indicative of locally increased temperature. We are most interested in the spots where the signal approaches 0.99 after passing it for the first time.

Major Targets:

- **Target 1:** The strongest thermal impact at the site. Thinner than the following one but more intense. Located at 1560-1640m.
- Target 2: Wider but weaker target deeper down from the previous one. The trough seems more relevant, but does not consistently trespass the 0.99 baseline. Located at 1840-2010m.

Minor Targets:

Up to 5 minor targets are found in this site. The first three occur between 560 and 980m. The last occurrence is at 2480-2560m.

Trend Observations:

Overall, this site shows **strong indications of thermal impact**, with well defined troughs and peaks. Most of the Energy Gamma readings are above the baseline.



H21 – Albury Alternative:

Albury Alternative (E-Gamma) Wide Narrow 10m MA 0.95 0.99 0.98 0.99 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00 1.00 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 2200 2400 2600 2800 3000 - F-Gamma Medium Confidence E-Gamma 10 metres Moving Average* **Geothermal Site**

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The three graphs in the slide show the same dataset at increased levels of detail. As the signal travel deeper, we needs to look at smaller variations within.

Any areas with outstanding troughs may be indicative of locally increased temperature. We are most interested in the spots where the signal approaches 0.99 after passing it for the first time.

Major Targets:

Medium Confidence Geothermal Site

- Target 1: The strongest thermal impact at the site However, the moving average does not reach the 0.99 stabilization before the troughs, reducing the confidence on this target. Located at 880-1000m.
- Target 2: Weaker target deeper down from the previous one. The trough seems more relevant, but does not consistently trespass the 0.99 baseline. Located at 1160-1250m.

Minor Targets:

Up to 2 minor targets are found in this site. The first two occur between 600 and 800m. The last occurrence is at 1600-1720m.

Trend Observations: Overall, this site shows moderate indications of thermal impact, with well defined troughs and peaks.





H4 @ 300M – Becconsall: Low Confidence Geothermal Site

Geothermal Site





The three graphs in the slide show the same dataset at increased levels of detail. As the signal travel deeper, we needs to look at smaller variations within.

Any areas with outstanding troughs may be indicative of locally increased temperature. We are most interested in the spots where the signal approaches 0.99 after passing it for the first time.



- No Major Targets: This log does not show any major targets below the relevant baseline.
- 114 **Minor Targets:**

The single target appears before signal stabilisation and is weak, located at 520-600m.

Trend Observations:

There is only a single low-confidence minor target, this is not a prospective location.

Discussion: Integration of results





Integration of all the sites analysed with the data and model from Busby et al, 2011 and a comparison between the areas of high temperature at 1000m depth to the geothermal potential derived from ADR readings. This is presented with a vectorized version of the Watson et al, 2020* maps derived from the Busby et al 2011** models.

The panel above summarizes the targets found at each site, with brighter red for targets that meet the baseline, and more transparent red for very low confidence targets. Each site also has a mark (star, circle or bar) that indicates the overall geothermal confidence level.

* Watson, Sean & Falcone, Gioia & Westaway, Rob. (2020). Repurposing Hydrocarbon Wells for Geothermal Use in the UK: The Onshore Fields with the Greatest Potential. Energies. 13. 3541. 10.3390/en13143541.
 ** Busby J, Kingdon A, Williams J. The measured shallow temperature field in Britain. Q J Eng Geol Hydrogeol. 2011;44:373–87.

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Mid Confidence

Low Confidence

High Confidence

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Discussion: North-West panel





Discussion: North-East panel





This is a panel cross-section in NE England, around Gainsborough. It shows how the Energy Gamma derived temperature prognosis changes eastwards.

Firstly, the ADR results show medium confidence, but then as it approaches Gainsborough, located in a thermal high, the confidence increases. On the easternmost site, the confidence reduces again. That location is not far away from a thermal low.

The prognosis closely matches the validation provided by the Busby et al, 2011 geothermal maps, as shown in the vectorized version of the Watson et al, 2021 maps.



*Map vectorized from Watson et al, 2020

Discussion: South England panel





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This is a panel cross-section in SE England, north of Brighton. It shows how the Energy Gamma derived temperature prognosis changes eastwards.

The location with highest confidence and greatest thermal prognosis is H19, and it's close to the thermal high in the model. H22 to H18 are closer to a northern thermal low, and have lower confidence in the ADR interpretation. For the western sites, as the sites approach a western thermal high, the confidence and thermal impact grow as well.

The prognosis closely matches the validation provided by the Busby et al, 2011 geothermal maps, as shown in the vectorized version of the Watson et al, 2021 maps.



Conclusions: ADR geothermal assessment



25km

Confidence of ADR derived

Considering the ADR prognosis into a regional scale in context with the thermal model at 1000m depth (Watson et al, 2020), we can see strong correlation.



Sites near the thermal highs are invariably of high confidence, while sites in blue low-thermal areas display much less confidence on the ADR prognosis. This provides examples of **true positives** (south of Liverpool, west of Sheffield and east of Brighton) as well as **true negatives** (around Preston and north of Brighton).

The ADR thermal prognosis technique can be used as a regional geothermal exploration tool.



Sheffield_____

Sheffield

20km

Case Studies: NE England





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- There are two different geological settings within this NE England project that have a large impact on the geothermal scenarios that may be encountered.
- Science Central & Bishop Auckland are both situated within successions of Carboniferous Limestones and Sandstones. This means that the geothermal setting is likely to be a deep aquifer related to heat transfer from the many granite batholiths in NE England.
- Drilling at Science Central has confirmed a high geothermal gradient of 39°C/km (13°C/km higher than the UK average), with a potential reservoir in the Fell Sandstone at 1418m deep (Younger, 2016)*. Unfortunately, our Science Central V-Bores have an end depth of 1368m, so we cannot analyse the Fell Sandstone as a potential hot sedimentary aquifer.
- There has been no deep drilling at Bishop Auckland, therefore this is a blind sites. We can make assumptions on the geological settings based on the BGS geology maps.
- Rookhope & Eastgate are both situated directly above the Weardale Granite, which drilling has pinpointed at depths of 390m & 270m, respectively. The Weardale Granite is expected to be a strong source of heat in the area, with post-drilling logging at Eastgate showing temperature of 46.2°C at 995m (10-15°C higher than the UK average).
- Significant volumes of hot saline water was also encountered during drilling at Eastgate, particularly at 410m depth (PB Power, 2005)**.

* Younger, P.L., et al., 2016. Geothermal exploration in the Fell Sandstone Formation (Mississippian) beneath the city centre of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology, 49(4), pp.350-363.

** PB Power & University of Newcastle, 2005. Eastgate Geothermal Exploration Borehole, Final Report. British Geological Survey, NY93NW97.



Geological Setting

Case Studies: NE England



This project was undertaken by Adrok as a technology capability demonstration for onshore subsurface geothermal heat identification. The data was previously collected during April & November 2014. Adrok has reprocessed the data in July 2021 using the latest tools and workflows, with a focus on 4 geothermal sites across North-East England; Science Central, Bishop Auckland, Eastgate & Rookhope.

The primary goal is to use E-Gamma and Adrok's Temperature Neural Network to identify the high geothermal gradients and potential gothermal systems that are expected to be present across the four sites. A secondary goal will be to map the Weardale Granite in Eastgate and Rookhope.



The final conclusions are that **Science Central and Eastgate have the best Geothermal Potential**. Science Central has an enhanced geothermal gradient (60°C at 1350m) that may host a high enthalpy system. Eastgate hosts a hot hydrothermal zone at 350-750m within fractures in the Weardale Granite.

A future survey should have two main priorities:

- Repeatability studies at Science Central, Eastgate & Rookhope.
- Deeper V-Bores at Science Central, targeting the potential aquifer in the Fell Sandstone.



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Validation: Eastgate E-Gamma Heat







3D Surfaces: Heat & Flow Integration





- Integrating the thermal impact surfaces/block with the resultant flow surfaces gives an idea for the location of high heat flow, where there could be a presence of hot saline fluids.
- The primary regions of overlapping heat and flow from surfaces is located from 80-140m depth BSL, in sites LF-05 to LF-12.
- From these sites, the highest thermal impact zone is along the profile from LF-09-LF-12, which includes LF-10.
- Overall, the 3D surfaces for thermal impact and resultant flow suggest high heat flow potential from 80-140m depth BSL in sites LF-09 to LF-12.
- We are able to create these 3D models and surfaces when we have a high data density

Repeatability: NE England, 2021 & 2022 scans









The vast majority of results have displayed good repeatability, with 75% of the individual E-Gamma results, 100% of the site averaged E-Gamma results and 50% of the Top 20 E-Gamma Trough results showing good repeatability. This leads to very good repeatability in the final geothermal interpretations.

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Case Studies: New Zealand

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The Wairakei Geothermal Field is a well established, producing geothermal zone that sits above the Taupo Volcanic Zone, that is known to have high geothermal potential, so we should expect ADR to be able to identify these geothermal zones. The data collection programme was completed successfully during May 2015.





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Data Collected

Introduction: Geological Background

- The Wairakei-Tauhara field is an active zone of the Lau-Havre extensional back arc basin, formed by the subduction of the Pacific plate beneath the Australian plate.
- The field is underlain by a combination of NE-SW to ENE-SW striking faults (*Fig 1*) which, with the associated fracture networks, form important pathways for circulation of hydrothermal fluids.
- The primary reservoir unit is the Wairakei Ignimbrite (Wk) which formed 320-340ka (*Fig 2* and *Fig 3*). The Wairakei Ignimbrite is up to 50m thick, however, the lateral extent is not fully understood. The Wairakei Ignimbrite has good permeability near the Wairakei powerplant. This is overlain by the Waiora Formation (Wa), which is a sequence of volcaniclastics mixed with sandstones and mudstone (*Fig 2*). There are many Andesitic and Rhyolitic layers within the Waiora Formation.



Figure 1: Digital Terrain Map of the Wairakei-Tauhara Field showing drill holes (circles) and faults (red). Rosenburg et al. 2009.





Geological Background

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Figure 3: 2D interpretation of structural elements at Wairakei. Rosenburg et al. 2009.

Conclusions: New Zealand ADR Geothermal potential





- Both TH11 and WK271 E-Gamma plots generate high confidence thermal impact to 2000m and 1450m, respectively.
- Onset of TH11 thermal impact zones coincides with a large step increase in the drill hole temperature to >200°C.
- All four thermal impact zones in WK271 correlate perfectly to increases/peaks in the drill hole temperature.
- Overall, the high thermal impact in TH11 and WK271 are representative of the high geothermal potential in the Wairakei Geothermal Zone, with geothermal gradients up to 125°C/km.









The differences in the ADR signal from UK to NZ reflects the different geothermal gradients of 38°C/km in NE England's Weardale Granite to 125°C/km in

Taupo Volcanic Zone

Summary of geothermal applications



- Pulsed electromagnetic ADR waves can identify change in temperature using dielectrics, conductivity and energy reflections from return signals.
- Case Studies presented from onshore UK & New Zealand.
- The field measurements show encouraging potential for the technology to be applied as a pre-drilling tool in onshore geothermal plays around the world, given the ease of survey deployment and low environmental footprint.
- We acknowledge that this technique for geothermal exploration is still in its infancy and requires more work to explain the scientific relationships for full-scale commercialisation.
- Solution: Is this method picking up changes in temperature, or changes in water, or a mixture of both?
- We do not (and cannot) claim to fully understand why it works at this stage, but the case studies we have worked on have shown consistent matches to reality. Further research is needed for geothermal applications. We are currently seeking partners for collaboration.

Become part of the solution



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