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Introduction

The interaction of the moon with an electromagnetic field is important to passive lunar magnetometer experiments which utilize the natural time-varying interplanetary magnetic field and to lunar experiments utilizing a known electromagnetic source. Electromagnetically, the lunar situation is extremely complex; the lunar sphere, thought to be conductive, is immersed in a conducting plasma permeated by a magnetic field (Schwartz, 1967) and, in all probability, both the lunar body and the surrounding medium are anisotropic and inhomogeneous. The exact problem is quite intractable and more simplified models are necessary in order to interpret data collected in magnetic and electromagnetic experiments. Such models have included a plane wave-plane layered half space model (Ward, Jiracek and Linlor, 1968), a homogeneous sphere in a uniform harmonic magnetic field (Ward, 1969; Ness, 1968) and a two-layered sphere confined by a medium allowing a surface current density and excited by a uniform time-varying magnetic field (Blank and Sill, 1969).

The model we have used is that of a multi-layered sphere excited by a plane electromagnetic field. The layers are concentric and each layer is assumed to have constant electrical parameters chosen according to best estimates (Ward, 1969). Our choice of this model is dictated less by a certainty of its applicability to the real situation than by an acknowledgment

of its possibility. That is, we wish to inquire how layering would affect our concept of the electromagnetic behavior of the lunar sphere and to what extent the possibility of layering should be considered in the design of an experiment to determine the electrical properties of the lunar interior.

The problem of an homogeneous sphere in a plane electromagnetic field is classical and is well reviewed, with references to the original work, in such textbooks as Stratton (1941), Harrington (1961) and Von Bladel (1964). Wait (1951) and Ward (1953, 1959, 1967) have specialized the solution to a uniform time-varying magnetic field. Wait (1961) has presented the theoretical solution for the layered sphere. Our solution generally follows that of Wait (1961) with only slight differences in formulation and the addition of frequency response curves for layered lunar models.

Theoretical Formulation

The geometry is illustrated in Figure 1. The primary plane wave, which is x-polarized and z-traveling, is incident upon a multi-layered sphere of outer radius 1738 km. The layers are numbered from the outside in, beginning with 0 for the external medium and m for the inner core.

With $e^{-i\omega t}$ time dependence suppressed, we seek to solve, in each medium, the following Maxwell equations:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \hat{z} \vec{H}(\vec{x}, \omega) \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \hat{y} \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega) \quad (2)$$

with

$$\hat{\epsilon} = i\omega\mu \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \gamma - i\omega\epsilon \quad (4)$$

Fields which satisfy (1) and (2) may be derived from the two scalar potentials ψ and Φ , which are Transverse Electric (TE) and Transverse Magnetic (TM) respectively, under the condition that ψ and Φ satisfy the scalar Helmholtz equations,

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\Phi = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$k^2 = \hat{\gamma}\hat{\epsilon} = \omega^2\mu\epsilon + i\omega\sigma\mu \quad (7)$$

In terms of the potentials, the fields are given by

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \nabla \times \psi \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{\hat{\gamma}} \nabla \times \nabla \times \Phi \vec{e}_r \quad (8)$$

$$\vec{H}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \nabla \times \Phi \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}} \nabla \times \nabla \times \psi \vec{e}_r \quad (9)$$

where $\vec{e}_r$ is the unit vector in the r direction of the spherical coordinate system with origin at the center of the sphere.

Following Van Bladel (1964), we may expand the primary plane

wave, assumed to be of unit amplitude, in terms of its potentials as

$$\Phi_r = j \left(\frac{\beta_0}{k_0} \right)^{1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-j)^n \frac{(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} j_n(k_0 r) \cos \varphi P'_n(\cos \theta) \quad (10)$$

$$\Psi_r = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-j)^n \frac{(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} j_n(k_0 r) \sin \varphi P'_n(\cos \theta) \quad (11)$$

where j_n is the spherical Bessel function of order n . The solutions for the total potentials in the various layers may be written down using (10) and (11) and the general solution to the Helmholtz equation. For the i th layer, the solution is

$$\Phi^i = j \left(\frac{\beta_i}{k_i} \right)^{1/2} \cos \varphi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-j)^n \frac{(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} P'_n(\cos \theta) \left[a_n^i j_n(k_i r) + b_n^i h_n^{(1)}(k_i r) \right] \quad (12)$$

$$\Psi^i = \sin \varphi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-j)^n \frac{(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} P'_n(\cos \theta) \left[c_n^i j_n(k_i r) + d_n^i h_n^{(1)}(k_i r) \right] \quad (13)$$

where $h_n^{(1)}$ is the spherical Hankel function of the first kind. In the outside medium (layer 0) the only incoming wave is the primary field so that $a_n^0 = c_n^0 = 1$. In the inner core (layer m), finiteness at the origin requires that $b_n^m = d_n^m = 0$. The remaining $4m$ constants (functions of n) may be obtained by the application of the following boundary conditions, which are sufficient to ensure continuity of tangential $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{H}$.

$$\Psi^i = \Psi^{i-1} \Big|_{r=R_i} \quad (14)$$

$$\Phi^i = \Phi^{i-1} \Big|_{r=R_i} \quad (15)$$

