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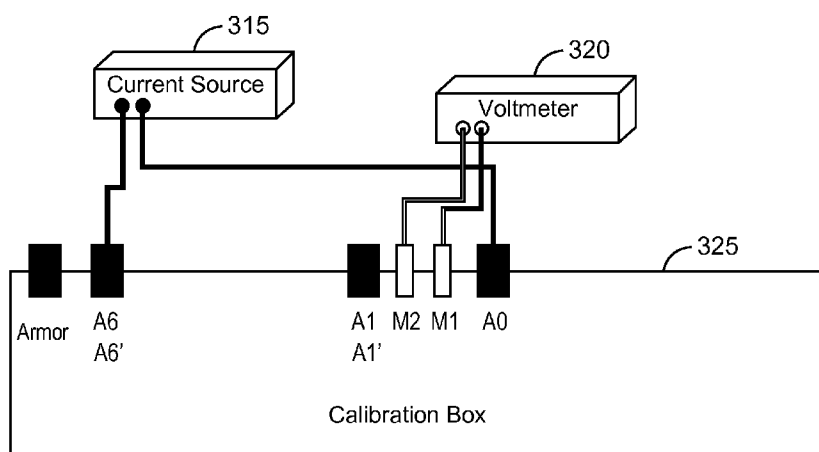


Fig. 3

(57) Abstract: Calibration tools and procedures that provide calibration to galvanic tools can include use of measurement tools to measure resistivity of a calibration box. The resistivity of the calibration box can also be measured by a galvanic tool of interest. The two sets of measurements can be used to calibrate the galvanic tool. Additional apparatus, systems, and methods are disclosed.

PRECISE CALIBRATION FOR GALVANIC TOOLS

Technical Field

The present invention relates generally to apparatus and methods related to
5 measurements and measurement tools.

Background

In drilling wells for oil and gas exploration, understanding the structure and
properties of the associated geological formation provides information to aid such
10 exploration. Measurements in a wellbore, also referred to as a borehole, are typically
performed to attain this understanding. The usefulness of such measurements may be
related to the precision or quality of the information derived from such
measurements.

Many measurement tools need calibration, including an array laterolog tool
15 (LAT). Calibration of the LAT can be performed with the LAT connected to a
calibration box (CB). The calibration box consists of a network of resistors, which
simulates electrical loading of the LAT, corresponding to various formations. The
resistors electrically simulate the corresponding borehole-formation impedance
between all electrode pairs. Usually several different calibration boxes for different
20 borehole-formation conditions should be designed to implement shop calibration of
the LAT. Ideally, the calibration boxes should produce substantially similar results
with the results obtained by using formations, where the results are apparent
resistivity. Apparent resistivity is the resistivity of an electrically isotropic and
homogenous region that corresponds to a measured relationship between applied
25 current and potential difference for a given configuration of electrodes such that the
apparent resistivity can be provided as a product of measured resistance and a
geometric factor.

Once the LAT is connected to the calibration box, unfocussed voltages and
currents ($V^{(u)}$ and $I^{(u)}$) are measured. Unfocused measurements can be focused by

using a software focusing code by which focused measurements ($V^{(f)}$ and $I^{(f)}$) are obtained. By using the focused measurements calibration is performed. Such precision or quality may depend on calibration of the measurement tools.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of an example array laterolog tool, in accordance with various embodiments.

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of an example configuration of a calibration box for an array laterolog tool, in accordance with various embodiments.

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Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of an example calibration box with connections to measure differential voltages, in accordance with various embodiments.

Figure 4 is a schematic diagram of calibration box connections to measure absolute voltages, in accordance with various embodiments.

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Figure 5 is a flow diagram of features of an example method of calibration, in accordance with various embodiments.

Figure 6 is a workflow of an example calibration process for a calibrated array laterolog tool measurement, in accordance with various embodiments.

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Figure 7 is a block diagram of features of a system operable to calibrate a galvanic tool, in accordance with various embodiments.

Figure 8 is a representation of a superposition of all unfocused modes for a structure, in accordance with various embodiments.

Figures 9A-E are representations of focused modes, in accordance with various embodiments.

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Detailed Description

The following detailed description refers to the accompanying drawings that show, by way of illustration and not limitation, various embodiments in which the invention may be practiced. These embodiments are described in sufficient detail to

enable those skilled in the art to practice these and other embodiments. Other embodiments may be utilized, and structural, logical, and electrical changes may be made to these embodiments. The various embodiments are not necessarily mutually exclusive, as some embodiments can be combined with one or more other
 5 embodiments to form new embodiments. The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense.

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a LAT. LATs typically include a central electrode A_0 around a tool body, with current excitation electrodes $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N, A_1', A_2', \dots, A_N'$ and voltage monitoring electrodes $M_1, \dots, M_{2*(N-1)}, M_1', \dots$

10 $M_{2*(N-1)}'$ symmetrically spaced above and below the central electrode along the tool body. (The symbol * is a symbol for multiplication.) The example shown in Figure 1 is a LAT 110 with $N=6$. The LAT 110 drives auxiliary currents between the current excitation electrodes $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N, A_1', A_2', \dots, A_N'$ and the center electrode A_0 to “focus” the current from the center electrode A_0 , i.e., to reduce propagation of the
 15 current in the direction along the tool’s axis until after the current has penetrated some distance into the formation.

As taught herein, a method to calibrate a LAT, such as but not limited to the LAT 110, is presented that takes into consideration the calibration equipment. This method can be used for any galvanic tool. For the sake of simplicity, the calibration
 20 method will be described for a LAT only.

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of a configuration of a calibration box 225 for a LAT tool. The calibration box 225 includes a resistive network 227. This example of a calibration box can be used with the LAT 110 of Figure 1 with $N=6$. It can be seen that calibration box 225 presented in this example has 28 ports. For a calibration
 25 box directed to a LAT, the number of ports can be correlated to the value of N for a given LAT. Each port of the calibration box can be connected to one of an armor, which is a reference, or corresponding electrode pairs of the LAT, that is, the armor

can be connected to one port of the calibration box and each electrode pair can be connected to a different one of the ports of the calibration box.

An example port assignment of the calibration box 225 is shown in Figure 2. Since all the excitation electrodes of the LAT are connected in pairs while all the
 5 monitor electrodes are disconnected, each of the excitation electrode pairs $A_k - A_k'$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$) is connected to a respective single port, while the symmetric monitor electrode pairs M_L and M_L' ($L = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$) are connected to two separate ports, respectively. A_0 is also connected to a single port. It can be seen that each port is connected to all the other 27 ports through the resistor network 227,
 10 resulting in total of 378 resistors in the network 227. As denoted herein, the resistor between port i and j is denoted by $R_{i,j}$. The resistor values $R_{i,j}$ only depend on the borehole and formations and should be determined in the design of the calibration box 225. The current flowing through the resistor $R_{i,j}$ is denoted by $I_{i,j}$, which has a reference direction from port i to port j (or from top to bottom of the resistor, as
 15 shown by the arrow in Figure 2). In order to determine the resistance values of the resistors, for a given excitation current, the electrical responses of the LAT to the network 227 in a lab environment are matched to those of the tool to the formation when working in the down-hole environment. These responses can include the absolute voltage of the electrode M_1 with respect to the armor and the difference
 20 voltages over different monitor electrode pairs M_1 and M_2 ; M_3 and M_4 ; M_5 and M_6 ; M_7 and M_8 ; and M_9 and M_{10} .

A calibration box can be simulated to find apparent resistivities. To find a way to simulate the calibration box as if it is connected to the LAT tool is very important. This can be achieved by first creating circuit formulations and second by
 25 implementing a code to simulate the circuit formulations. By using the implemented code, unfocussed voltage values can be obtained. By using a focusing code, focused

voltages and currents can be determined from the unfocused voltage and current values. Then, apparent resistivities can be calculated by using the focused voltages and currents. This method is based on ideal conditions. It assumes neither soldering effects nor coupling effects in the calibration box. In addition, the values of resistors
 5 in the calibration boxes are not exact. There is an error tolerance associated with these resistance values.

In various embodiments, a method can be implemented to provide a more precise mechanism to find apparent resistivities that takes into account the non-ideal effects discussed above. Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of a calibration box 325
 10 with connections to measure differential voltages, which also depicts how a test can be performed. Calibration box 325 can be structured similar or identical to calibration 225 of Figure 2. This is a basic DC circuit analysis. In this test, the calibration box 325 is excited by a current source 315 rather than being excited by a LAT tool and voltage measurements are performed by using a voltmeter rather than a
 15 LAT tool. In this figure, only mode 0 of fully software focusing is presented. Herein, modes refer to particular current patterns generated.

Figure 8 is a representation of a superposition of all unfocused modes for a structure for $N=6$. Each pair of arrows is one mode, which makes a total of 6 modes in this case. Figures 9A-E are representations of focused modes. Each figure is a
 20 separate mode. For mode 1, current flows from electrode A_0 to electrodes A_2 and A_2' , from electrode A_1 to electrode A_2 , and from electrode A_1' to A_2' , without current being directed to flow to electrodes A_3 , A_3' , A_4 , A_4' , A_5 , and A_5' , A_6 , and A_6' . For mode 2, current flows from electrode A_0 to electrodes A_3 and A_3' , from electrode A_1 to electrode A_3 , from electrode A_1' to A_3' , from electrode A_2 to
 25 electrode A_3 , and from electrode A_2' to A_3' , without current being directed to flow to electrodes A_4 , A_4' , A_5 , and A_5' , A_6 , and A_6' . For mode 3, current flows from

electrode A₀ to electrodes A₄ and A₄', from electrode A₁ to electrode A₄, from
 electrode A₁' to A₄', from electrode A₂ to electrode A₄, from electrode A₂' to A₄',
 from electrode A₃ to electrode A₄, and from electrode A₃' to A₄', without current
 being directed to flow to electrodes A₅, and A₅', A₆, and A₆'. For mode 4, current
 5 flows from electrode A₀ to electrodes A₅ and A₅', from electrode A₁ to electrode A₅,
 from electrode A₁' to A₅', from electrode A₂ to electrode A₅, from electrode A₂' to
 A₅', from electrode A₃ to electrode A₅, from electrode A₃' to A₄', from electrode
 A₄ to electrode A₅, and from electrode A₄' to A₅', without current being directed to
 flow to electrodes A₆ and A₆'. For mode 5, current flows from electrode A₀ to
 10 electrodes A₆ and A₆', from electrode A₁ to electrode A₆, from electrode A₁' to A₆',
 from electrode A₂ to electrode A₆, from electrode A₂' to A₆', from electrode A₃ to
 electrode A₆, from electrode A₃' to A₆', from electrode A₄ to electrode A₆, and from
 electrode A₄' to A₆', from electrode A₅ to electrode A₆, and from electrode A₅' to
 A₆'. In a downhole measurement at a drilling site, mode 1 provides the shallowest
 15 measurement probing into the formation, and so on such that mode 5 of these modes
 provides the deepest measurement probing into the formation.

In Figure 3, the current source 315 is connected to port 2 (A₆ and A₆') and
 port 18 (A₀) of the calibration box 325. A voltmeter 320 is connected to ports
 associated with M₁ and M₂ to measure the differential voltage M₁ - M₂. Similarly,
 20 all other differential voltages can be measured by using the voltmeter 320. For mode
 0, there are 10 differential voltages to measure.

All measurements may be performed at one current excitation. For example, all measurements can be performed based on 1 Amp excitation. It is expected that 1 Amp excitation can be used to achieve the best quality measurement. Note that if the current excitation used causes saturation of voltage levels, reduction in current can be made. On the other hand, in the case of a voltage reading being lower than the minimum of the voltmeter specifications, then the current can be increased. The power consumption of individual resistors in parallel can be tracked to avoid damaging the resistors due to excessive temperature values.

Steps for differential measurements may be performed in the following manner. First, a current source can be connected between A_0 and A_6 of calibration box. The current can be set to 1A, although the current can be larger or smaller as explained above. Second, a voltmeter can be connected between M_1 and M_2 of the calibration box, and a measurement can be made. Third, the measured value can be stored in a table. Fourth, the first three steps can be repeated for all measure electrode pairs, except that $\{M_1, M_2\}$ can be replaced with $\{M_3, M_4\}$, $\{M_5, M_6\}$, ..., $\{M_9, M_{10}\}$, $\{M_1', M_2'\}$, ..., $\{M_9', M_{10}'\}$ one at a time. The first three steps and the repeating of the steps in the fourth step for the calibration box correlated to a LAT with $N=6$ results in a total of 10 measurements. Fifth, steps one through four can be repeated for different excitation electrodes by replacing A_0 with $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_5$ one at a time. The total number of measurements becomes a total of $10 \times 6 = 60$ measurements.

Figure 4 is a schematic diagram of calibration box connections to measure absolute voltages. When the current source 315 and the voltmeter 320 are connected as shown in Figure 4, the reading of the voltmeter 320 is an absolute voltage of at the port associated with M_1 . The reading is absolute with respect to the armor that is a reference. Similarly, the absolute voltages of all ports for the other measure electrodes can be determined.

Steps for absolute measurements may be performed in the following manner.

First, a current source can be connected between A_0 and A_6 of the calibration box.

The current can be set to 1A, although the current can be larger or smaller as

explained above. Second, a voltmeter can be connected between M_1 and the armor of

5 the calibration box and a measurement can be made. Third, the measured value can

be stored in a table. Fourth, the first three steps can be repeated for all measure

electrodes by replacing M_1 with $M_2, M_3, \dots, M_{10}, M_1', \dots, M_{10}'$ one at a time,

providing a total of 20 measurements at this point in the procedure. Fifth, steps one

through four can be repeated for different excitation electrodes by replacing A_0 with

10 $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_5$ one at a time. The total number of measurements becomes a total of
 $20 \times 6 = 120$ measurements.

Considering the total of differential and absolute measurements, there are $60 +$

$120 = 180$ measurements. These measurements produce unfocussed voltages and

currents. Similar to the simulation method, by using focusing code, focused voltages

15 and currents can be determined from the unfocused voltages and currents. Then,

apparent resistivities are calculated by using focused voltages and currents.

Each CB can be constructed to simulate the effects of borehole having a

diameter filled with a fluid having a resistivity and a homogeneous formation outside

the borehole. For example, a CB can simulate the effects of an 8-inch diameter

20 borehole filled with a $0.1 [\Omega\text{-m}]$ fluid with a homogeneous formation outside the

borehole. The different CBs simulate formations of specific resistivities, that is, each

CB can be constructed for a specific resistivity. However, the laterolog does not read

the boxes at their nominal values but at the apparent values. CBs, each for a

resistivity different from that of the other CBs, can be used for all five modes. Table

25 1 shows apparent resistivity of five CBs determined by the voltmeter test for modes
 1-5.

Calibration Box Results	Shallowest				Deepest
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	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3	Mode 4	Mode 5
Box for $R_T = 10^0 \Omega\text{-m}$	0.820621	1.05023	1.243296	0.970032	0.795631
Box for $R_T = 10^1 \Omega\text{-m}$	8.793979	8.36109	8.127405	8.601088	9.431293
Box for $R_T = 10^2 \Omega\text{-m}$	53.78969	50.02404	54.69983	76.25556	116.9417
Box for $R_T = 10^3 \Omega\text{-m}$	71.80612	84.14414	104.0745	168.42	319.6817
Box for $R_T = 10^4 \Omega\text{-m}$	64.90152	76.64908	95.35073	154.6906	292.1281

Table 1

A calibration scheme of a LAT to be used in a downhole operation can be performed in the following manner. The downhole operation can be realized with the LAT operated in a wireline logging tool or a measure-while-drilling (MWD) tool
 5 such as a log-while-drilling (LWD) tool. A voltage offset V_0 , a current offset I_0 , and a calibration constant C can be solved from a set of three equations that also involve the apparent resistivities from three CBs such as used in the derivation of the boxes, shown Table 1. The three equations follow from the use of three or more CBs. The equations to be solved for each mode have the following form:

$$10 \quad R = C \frac{V - V_0}{I - I_0}$$

For each of the five modes of operation of the LAT, the procedure can be repeated.

Steps for coefficient calculation can be performed in the following manner. First, voltages and currents of electrodes for three calibration boxes can be read for all raw unfocused operational modes of the tool. Second, these measurements can be
 15 used as input to a software focusing algorithm to generate final focused voltages and focused currents for each of the five focused modes. For each mode i , there should be three focused voltages V_1^i , V_2^i , V_3^i and three focused currents I_1^i , I_2^i , I_3^i . Third, the calibration coefficients for each mode of the five focused modes can be calculated. The calculation can be conducted beginning with choosing mode

resistance from reference values of three CBs using Table 1, naming them as R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 . Temporary values C^i , V_0^i and I_0^i can be calculated as:

$$C^i = \frac{R_1 \times (R_2 - R_3) \times I_1^i + R_2 \times (R_3 - R_1) \times I_2^i + R_3 \times (R_1 - R_2) \times I_3^i}{(R_2 - R_3) \times V_1^i + (R_3 - R_1) \times V_2^i + (R_1 - R_2) \times V_3^i}$$

$$I_0^i = \frac{R_1 \times I_1^i \times (V_3^i - V_2^i) + R_2 \times I_2^i \times (V_1^i - V_3^i) + R_3 \times I_3^i \times (V_2^i - V_1^i)}{(R_2 - R_3) \times V_1^i + (R_3 - R_1) \times V_2^i + (R_1 - R_2) \times V_3^i}$$

$$5 \quad V_0^i = \frac{R_2 \times R_3 (I_2^i - I_3^i) \times V_1^i + R_1 \times R_3 (I_3^i - I_1^i) \times V_2^i + R_1 \times R_2 (I_1^i - I_2^i) \times V_3^i}{R_1 \times (R_2 - R_3) \times I_1 + R_2 \times (R_3 - R_1) \times I_2 + R_3 \times (R_1 - R_2) \times I_3}$$

The first – third procedures can be repeated for the remaining 5 modes.

Table 2 is an example of apparent resistivity of the CBs before and after calibration.

		No Calibration		% error	
Box Value		Calibration	Calibrated	NoCal	% error Cal
1 Ωm (Cal Point #1)					
mode 1	0.820621193	0.816853798	0.820621193	0.459090681	0
mode 2	1.050229921	1.045775122	1.050229921	0.424173696	0
mode 3	1.243295766	1.236381804	1.243295766	0.556099543	0
mode 4	0.970031855	0.966716778	0.970031855	0.3417493	0
mode 5	0.795631296	0.792704364	0.795631296	0.367875389	1.25586E-13
10 Ωm (Test Point #1)					
mode 1	8.793979182	8.665982575	8.537753401	1.455502732	2.91365008
mode 2	8.36109039	8.3630732	8.231039066	0.023714729	1.555434973
mode 3	8.127405389	8.179124963	8.197099161	0.636360206	0.857515636
mode 4	8.601088485	8.611660931	8.543710199	0.122919856	0.667104939
mode 5	9.431293048	9.442112708	9.429975972	0.114720851	0.013964955
100 Ωm (Cal Point #2)					

mode 1	53.78969314	45.93968367	53.78969314	14.59389153	0
mode 2	50.02404024	50.52270497	50.02404024	0.996850174	1.98856E-13
mode 3	54.69982773	54.14500267	54.69982773	1.014308599	0
mode 4	76.25556424	76.81665071	76.25556424	0.735797417	0
mode 5	116.9416951	118.5351571	116.9416951	1.362612364	0
1k Ωm (Test Point #2)					
mode 1	71.80612323	58.01013289	74.75949827	19.21283272	4.112984946
mode 2	84.14414219	87.00521487	84.47255736	3.40020423	0.390300692
mode 3	104.0745134	102.0141546	102.1463101	1.9796958	1.852714165
mode 4	168.4200153	168.564021	166.4916489	0.085503894	1.14497461
mode 5	319.6817061	323.3901675	321.1900889	1.160048047	0.471838946
10k Ωm (Cal Point #3)					
mode 1	64.90151522	52.04600149	64.90151522	19.80772511	0
mode 2	76.64907663	79.33344574	76.64907663	3.502154527	1.29781E-13
mode 3	95.35073229	95.3959874	95.35073229	0.047461735	1.04326E-13
mode 4	154.6905757	156.7830172	154.6905757	1.352662552	0
mode 5	292.128053	293.538352	292.128053	0.482767397	0

Table 2

The first column in Table 2 is the theoretical value, which is provided from Table 1. The second column includes apparent resistivities if no calibration is applied, whereas the third column includes those with the calibration applied. The fourth column is percent relative error of no calibration with respect to theoretical value. The fifth column is percent relative error of calibrated apparent resistivity with respect to theoretical value. Three of the five calibration boxes are used as calibration points, which are so denoted in Table 2. These calibration boxes are 1 Ω m, 100 Ω m and 10k Ω m calibration boxes. As expected, for the calibration points, the calibrated value and the theoretical value are equal. Thus, percent relative error is 0. In the 1k Ω m test case so denoted in Table 2, calibration works well for mode 1. The error was 19.2% before calibration. It is reduced down to 4.1% by calibration. Calibration

slightly deteriorates for 10 Ω m test case so denoted in Table 2.

Figure 5 is a flow diagram of features of an embodiment of an example method 500 of calibration. At 510, resistivity of a calibration box is measured using an array laterolog tool coupled to the calibration box. At 520, resistivity of the calibration box is measured using a current source and a voltmeter. At 530, the array laterolog tool is calibrated using both the resistivity measured using the array laterolog tool and the resistivity measured using the current source and the voltmeter.

Method 500 can include operating the calibrated array laterolog tool downhole in measurement of formation resistivity; measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the calibrated array laterolog tool coupled to the calibration box after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole; and re-calibrating the array laterolog tool using both the resistivity measured using the array laterolog tool after operating the calibrate array laterolog downhole and the resistivity measured using the current source and the voltmeter. The array laterolog tool can be operated downhole at a drilling site in a wireline logging tool or a MWD tool such as a LWD tool.

Methods similar to or identical to method 500, when measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and the voltmeter, can include measuring differential voltages, measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference, or measuring both differential voltages and absolute voltages with respect to a reference for multiple generations of current, providing a set of unfocused voltages and currents; generating a set of focused voltages and currents from the unfocused voltages and currents; and calculating apparent resistivities using the focused voltages and currents. Measuring differential voltages can include: generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool; measuring differential voltage between a pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool; repeating generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the

selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and measuring differential voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current. Measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference can include: generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool; measuring voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode; repeating the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and measuring voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

Methods similar to or identical to method 500 and expansions of these methods, when measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and the voltmeter, can include measuring apparent resistivity. Such methods can further include: measuring apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes using the current source and the voltmeter; and determining a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes. Such methods can include measuring the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes using the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the array laterolog tool and calculating voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of operational modes.

Figure 6 is a workflow of an embodiment of an example calibration process for a calibrated LAT measurement. At 610, a LAT is connected to a calibration box.

At 620, $V^{(u)}$ and $I^{(u)}$ that correspond to the calibration box are obtained from the tool measurement. At 630, software focusing is performed on the $V^{(u)}$ and $I^{(u)}$ from the tool measurement. At 640, $V^{(f)}$ and $I^{(f)}$ are obtained from the software focusing on the LAT measurement for calibration. At 605, a voltmeter test is performed. For example, a voltmeter test may be performed as described above. At 615, $V^{(u)}$ and $I^{(u)}$ that correspond to the calibration box are obtained from the voltmeter test. At 625, software focusing is performed on the $V^{(u)}$ and $I^{(u)}$ from the voltmeter test. At 635, $V^{(f)}$ and $I^{(f)}$ are obtained from the software focusing on the voltmeter test data. The actions at 605, 615, 625, and 635 may be conducted in a manner similar to or identical to procedures associated with Figures 3 and 4, as taught herein. At 645, an apparent resistivity (Ra) table is determined for calibration. At 650, calibration is conducted. The calibration can use the results obtained at 645 and at 640. At 655, calibrated tool measurements are determined on downhole data. The downhole data may be acquired from operation of a wireline logging tool or a MWD tool such as a LWD tool.

The calibration methods taught herein are robust and reliable. The methods take into account all of the non-ideal effects, including soldering effects, coupling effects and error tolerances of resistors in the calibration boxes. They provide more precise calibration than conventional calibration. Though the discussions above dealt with LATs, embodiments of the calibration method are applicable to other galvanic tools.

One of more portions of the features associated with Figure 5 and/or Figure 6 may be combined to generate additional embodiments to calibrate a galvanic tool. In addition, a machine-readable storage device can have instructions stored thereon, which, when performed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations, the operations comprising a method associated with any of Figures 1-6 or combinations

thereof. Further, a machine-readable storage device, herein, is a physical device, which is a non-transitory device, that stores data represented by physical structure within the device. Examples of machine-readable storage devices include, but are not limited to, read only memory (ROM), random access memory (RAM), a magnetic
5 disk storage device, an optical storage device, a flash memory, and other electronic, magnetic, and/or optical memory devices.

In various embodiments, a system comprises a processor unit and a memory unit operatively coupled to the processor unit, where the memory unit has instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by the processor unit, cause the system to
10 perform operations according to a method associated with any of Figures 1-6 or combinations thereof. The system can include a galvanic tool. The galvanic tool may be a LAT. Various components and/or features associated with the system can include a number of additional structures or structures arranged to conduct additional actions related to a galvanic tool and/or calibration of the galvanic tool.

15 In various embodiments, a system, labelled as system 1 for this discussion, can comprise: a calibration unit including one or more calibration boxes correlated to an array laterolog tool, the array laterolog tool operable downhole at a drilling site and capable of coupling to the one or more calibration boxes to provide array laterolog tool data to measure resistivity of the respective calibration box to which it
20 is coupled; a current source; a voltmeter operable in conjunction with the current source and the voltmeter to provide measurement data to determine resistivity of the respective calibration box; a memory arranged to store the measurement data and the array laterolog tool data, the memory being a non-transitory machine-readable storage device having instructions stored thereon, which, when performed by the system,
25 cause the system to perform operations; and a processor operatively coupled to the memory to execute the instructions and arranged to control calibration of the array laterolog tool from use of both the array laterolog tool data and the measurement data. The array laterolog tool can be operated downhole at the drilling site in a wireline logging tool or a MWD tool such as a LWD tool.

30 Systems similar to or identical to systems that perform processed as taught

herein can be implemented or applied in number of situations using a variety of components. For example, a system labelled as system 2 similar to or identical to system 1, can have operations where the operations include: operation of the calibrated array laterolog tool downhole in measurement of formation resistivity; measurement of resistivity of a first calibration box of the one or more calibration boxes from use of the calibrated array laterolog tool coupled to the first calibration box after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole; and re-calibration of the array laterolog tool from use of both the resistivity measured from use of the array laterolog tool after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole and the measurement data.

A system labelled as system 3 similar to or identical to system 1, can have operations where the operations include measurement of resistivity of the respective calibration box from use of the current source and the voltmeter that includes: measurements of differential voltages, measurements of absolute voltages with respect to a reference, or measurements of both differential voltages and absolute voltages with respect to a reference for multiple generations of current, such that a set of unfocused voltages and currents is provided; generation of a set of focused voltages and currents from the unfocused voltages and currents; and calculation of apparent resistivities from the focused voltages and currents.

A system labelled as system 4 similar to or identical to system 3, can be arranged wherein measurements of differential voltages can include: generation of current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool; measurement of differential voltage between a pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool; repetition of generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and measurement of differential

voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repetition of the generation of current.

A system labelled as system 5 similar to or identical to system 3, can be arranged wherein measurements of absolute voltages with respect to a reference can include: generation of current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool; measurement of voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode; repetition of the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and measurement of voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repetition of the generation of current.

A system labelled as system 6 similar to or identical to any of systems 1 to 5, can be arranged wherein the operations can include operation of the voltmeter in conjunction with the current source to provide measurement data to determine apparent resistivity of the respective calibration box and to measure apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes from use of the current source and the voltmeter; and determine a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the respective calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes.

A system labelled as system 7 similar to or identical to system 6, can be arranged wherein the operations include measurement of the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes from use of the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the array laterolog tool and calculation of a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of

operational modes. Features of any of system labelled 1-7 or other combinations of features, as taught herein, may be appropriately combined into a system according to the teachings herein.

Figure 7 is a block diagram of features of an example embodiment of a system
5 700 operable to calibrate a galvanic tool, as described herein or in a similar manner. The system 700 can include the galvanic tool 710, which can be a LAT as shown in Figure 7 having excitation electrodes 712 and monitor electrodes 714. The system 700 can be configured to operate in accordance with the teachings herein.

The system 700 can include a processor 702, a memory 705, an electronic
10 apparatus 765, and a communications unit 735. The processor 702 can be realized as a processor or a group of processors that may operate independently depending on an assigned function. The memory 705 can be structured to include a database. One or more of the processor 702, the memory 705, and the communications unit 735 can be arranged to operate to control operation of the excitation electrodes 712 and to
15 perform operations on the signals collected by the monitor electrodes 714 to calibrate the LAT 710. A processing unit 720, optionally structured as a dedicated unit to control calibration of the LAT 710, may be implemented as a single unit or distributed among the components of the system 700 including electronic apparatus 765. The processor 702 and the memory 705 can operate to control activation of a
20 selected excitation electrode of excitation electrodes 712 to generate a current. The processor 702 and the memory 705 can operate to control selection of the monitor electrodes 714 in the LAT 710 and to manage processing schemes. The processor 702, the memory 705, and other components of the system 700 can be structured, for example, to operate similar to or identical to the processing components discussed
25 herein or similar to or identical to any of methods discussed herein.

The system 700 can also include a bus 727, where the bus 727 provides
electrical conductivity among the components of the system 700. The bus 727 can include an address bus, a data bus, and a control bus, each independently configured or in an integrated format. The bus 727 can be realized using a number of different
30 communication mediums that allows for the distribution of components of the system

700. Use of the bus 727 can be regulated by the processor 702. Bus 727 can include a communications network.

The LAT 710 can be coupled directly to a calibration box 725 during a calibration procedure as taught herein. The LAT 710 can be disconnected from the calibration box 725 such that a current 715 and a voltmeter 720 can be coupled directly to the calibration box 725 at appropriate times during the calibration procedure. Alternatively, a switch may be used to connect the calibration box 725 to the LAT 710 or to the current source 715 and the voltmeter 720 at appropriate times. Different calibration boxes may be disposed in 700 as calibration box 725, having a different resistivity network to simulate different formation resistivities. The calibration boxes 725 can be disposed in the system 700 with a switch to select the calibration box to be used. Alternatively, connection to calibration boxes can be implemented using bus 737 appropriately calibrated.

In various embodiments, the peripheral devices 745 can include additional storage memory and other control devices, such as various switches, which may operate in conjunction with the processor 702 and the memory unit 730. The system 700 can include display unit(s) 755, which can be used with instructions stored in the memory unit 730 to implement a user interface to display results of a calibration procedure and/or monitor the operation of the galvanic tool 710 and/or components distributed within the system 700.

Although specific embodiments have been illustrated and described herein, it will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that any arrangement that is calculated to achieve the same purpose may be substituted for the specific embodiments shown. Various embodiments use permutations and/or combinations of embodiments described herein. It is to be understood that the above description is intended to be illustrative, and not restrictive, and that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description. Combinations of the above embodiments and other embodiments will be apparent to those of skill in the art upon studying the above description.

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Claims

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method comprising:
 measuring resistivity of a calibration box using an array laterolog tool coupled
 to the calibration box;
 measuring resistivity of the calibration box using a current source and a
 voltmeter; and
10 calibrating the array laterolog tool using both the resistivity measured using
 the array laterolog tool and the resistivity measured using the current source and the
 voltmeter.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method includes:
15 operating the calibrated array laterolog tool downhole in measurement of
 formation resistivity;
 measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the calibrated array laterolog
 tool coupled to the calibration box after operating the calibrated array laterolog
 downhole; and
20 re-calibrating the array laterolog tool using both the resistivity measured using
 the array laterolog tool after operating the calibrate array laterolog downhole and the
 resistivity measured using the current source and the voltmeter.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein measuring resistivity of the calibration box
25 using the current source and the voltmeter includes:
 measuring differential voltages, measuring absolute voltages with respect to a
 reference, or measuring both differential voltages and absolute voltages with respect
 to a reference for multiple generations of current, providing a set of unfocused
 voltages and currents;
30 generating a set of focused voltages and currents from the unfocused voltages

and currents; and

calculating apparent resistivities using the focused voltages and currents.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein measuring differential voltages includes:

5 generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

measuring differential voltage between a pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool;

10 repeating generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

15 measuring differential voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference includes:

20 generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

measuring voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode;

25 repeating the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port

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mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

measuring voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of
5 current.

6. The method of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and the voltmeter includes measuring apparent resistivity and the method further includes:

10 measuring apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes using the current source and the voltmeter; and

determining a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the method includes measuring the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes using the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the array laterolog tool and calculating voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of
20 operational modes.

8. A non-transitory machine-readable storage device having instructions stored thereon, which, when performed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations, the operations comprising:

25 measuring resistivity of a calibration box using an array laterolog tool coupled to the calibration box;

measuring resistivity of the calibration box using a current source and a voltmeter; and

30 calibrating the array laterolog tool using both the resistivity measured using the array laterolog tool and the resistivity measured using the current source and the

voltmeter.

9. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of claim 8, wherein the operations includes:

5 operating the calibrated array laterolog tool downhole in measurement of formation resistivity;

measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the calibrated array laterolog tool coupled to the calibration box after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole; and

10 re-calibrating the array laterolog tool using both the resistivity measured using the array laterolog tool after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole and the resistivity measured using the current source and the voltmeter.

10. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of claim 8, wherein
15 measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and the voltmeter includes:

measuring differential voltages, measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference, or measuring both differential voltages and absolute voltages with respect to a reference for multiple generations of current, providing a set of unfocused
20 voltages and currents;

generating a set of focused voltages and currents from the unfocused voltages and currents; and

calculating apparent resistivities using the focused voltages and currents.

25 11. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of claim 10, wherein measuring differential voltages includes:

generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

30 measuring differential voltage between a pair of ports mapped to a monitor

electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool;

repeating generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

measuring differential voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

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12. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of claim 10, wherein measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference includes:

generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

measuring voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode;

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repeating the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

measuring voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

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13. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of any one of claims 8 to 12, wherein measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and

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the voltmeter includes measuring apparent resistivity and the method further includes:

measuring apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes using the current source and the voltmeter; and

5 determining a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes.

14. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of 12, wherein the operations include measuring the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes using
10 the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the array laterolog tool and calculating a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of operational modes.

15. A system comprising:
15 a calibration unit including one or more calibration boxes correlated to an array laterolog tool, the array laterolog tool operable downhole at a drilling site and capable of coupling to the one or more calibration boxes to provide array laterolog tool data to measure resistivity of the respective calibration box to which it is coupled;
20 a current source;
a voltmeter operable in conjunction with the current source and the voltmeter to provide measurement data to determine resistivity of the respective calibration box;
a memory arranged to store the measurement data and the array laterolog tool data, the memory being a non-transitory machine-readable storage device having
25 instructions stored thereon, which, when performed by the system, cause the system to perform operations; and
a processor operatively coupled to the memory to execute the instructions and arranged to control calibration of the array laterolog tool from use of both the array laterolog tool data and the measurement data.

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16. The system of claim 15, wherein the operations include:
operation of the calibrated array laterolog tool downhole in measurement of formation resistivity;
measurement of resistivity of a first calibration box of the one or more calibration boxes from use of the calibrated array laterolog tool coupled to the first calibration box after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole; and
re-calibration of the array laterolog tool from use of both the resistivity measured from use of the array laterolog tool after operating the calibrated array laterolog downhole and the measurement data.
17. The system of claim 15, wherein the operations include measurement of resistivity of the respective calibration box from use of the current source and the voltmeter that includes:
measurements of differential voltages, measurements of absolute voltages with respect to a reference, or measurements of both differential voltages and absolute voltages with respect to a reference for multiple generations of current, such that a set of unfocused voltages and currents is provided;
generation of a set of focused voltages and currents from the unfocused voltages and currents; and
calculation of apparent resistivities from the focused voltages and currents.
18. The system of claim 17, wherein measurements of differential voltages include:
generation of current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;
measurement of differential voltage between a pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool;

repetition of generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

- 5 measurement of differential voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repetition of the generation of current.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein measurements of absolute voltages with
10 respect to a reference includes:

generation of current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

- 15 measurement of voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode;

- 20 repetition of the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

- 25 measurement of voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repetition of the generation of current.

20. The system of any one of claims 15 to 19, wherein the operations include operation of the voltmeter in conjunction with the current source to provide measurement data to determine apparent resistivity of the respective calibration box
30 and to:

measure apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes from use of the current source and the voltmeter; and

- 5 determine a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the respective calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the operations include measurement of the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes from use of the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the array laterolog tool and
10 calculation of a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of operational modes.

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electrode pair of the array laterolog tool, for each pair of ports mapped to a monitor electrode pair of a plurality of monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool;

repeating generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

measuring differential voltage between each pair of ports mapped to respective monitor electrode pairs of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

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12. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of claim 10, wherein measuring absolute voltages with respect to a reference includes:

generating current between a port mapped to a central electrode of the array laterolog tool and a port mapped to a selected excitation electrode of a plurality of excitation ports of the array laterolog tool;

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measuring voltage between a port mapped to a monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool and the reference, for each port mapped to a monitor electrode of a plurality of monitor electrodes of the array laterolog tool for the generated current between the port mapped to the central electrode and the port mapped to a selected excitation electrode;

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repeating the generation of current with the port mapped to the central electrode replaced with a port mapped to an excitation electrode other than the port mapped to the selected excitation electrode, for each port mapped to an excitation port of the plurality of excitation ports; and

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measuring voltage between the reference and each port mapped to a respective monitor electrode of the array laterolog tool, for each repeating of the generation of current.

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13. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of any one of claims 8 to 12, wherein measuring resistivity of the calibration box using the current source and

the voltmeter includes measuring apparent resistivity and the operations further include:

measuring apparent resistivities of two or more additional calibration boxes using the current source ~~and the voltmeter; and~~

- 5 determining a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant from the apparent resistivities measured from the calibration box and the two or more additional calibration boxes.

14. The non-transitory machine-readable storage device of 13, wherein the
10 operations include measuring the apparent resistivities of the calibration boxes using ~~the current source and the voltmeter for each of a number of operational modes of the~~ array laterolog tool and calculating a voltage offset, a current offset, and a calibration constant for each of the number of operational modes.

- 15 15. A system comprising:

a calibration unit including one or more calibration boxes correlated to an array laterolog tool, ~~the array laterolog tool operable downhole at a drilling site and~~ capable of coupling to the one or more calibration boxes to provide array laterolog tool data to measure resistivity of the respective calibration box to which it is

- 20 coupled;

a current source;

a voltmeter operable in conjunction with the current source and the voltmeter to provide measurement data to determine resistivity of the respective calibration box;

- a memory arranged to store the measurement data and the array laterolog tool
25 data, the memory being a non-transitory machine-readable storage device having instructions stored thereon, which, when performed by the system, cause the system to perform operations; and

- a processor operatively coupled to the memory to execute the instructions and arranged to control calibration of the array laterolog tool from use of both the array
30 laterolog tool data and the measurement data.

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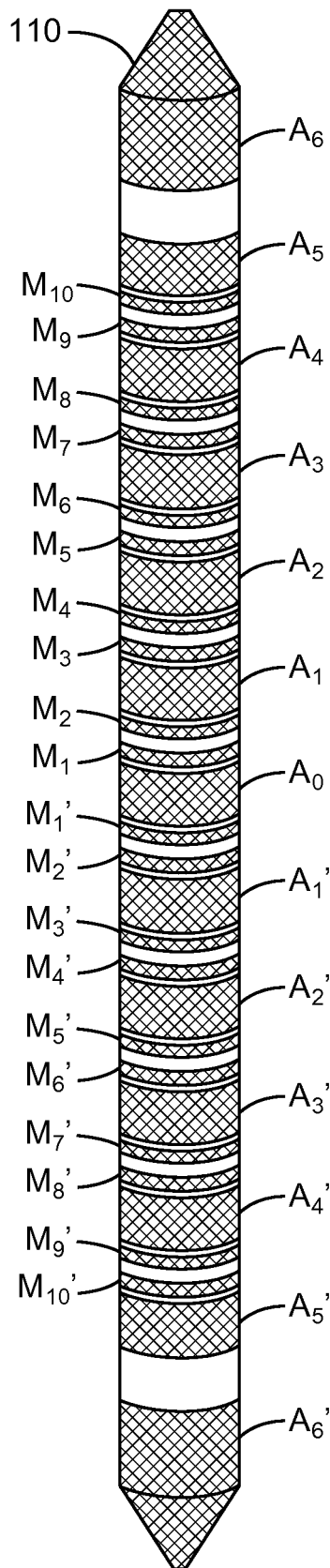
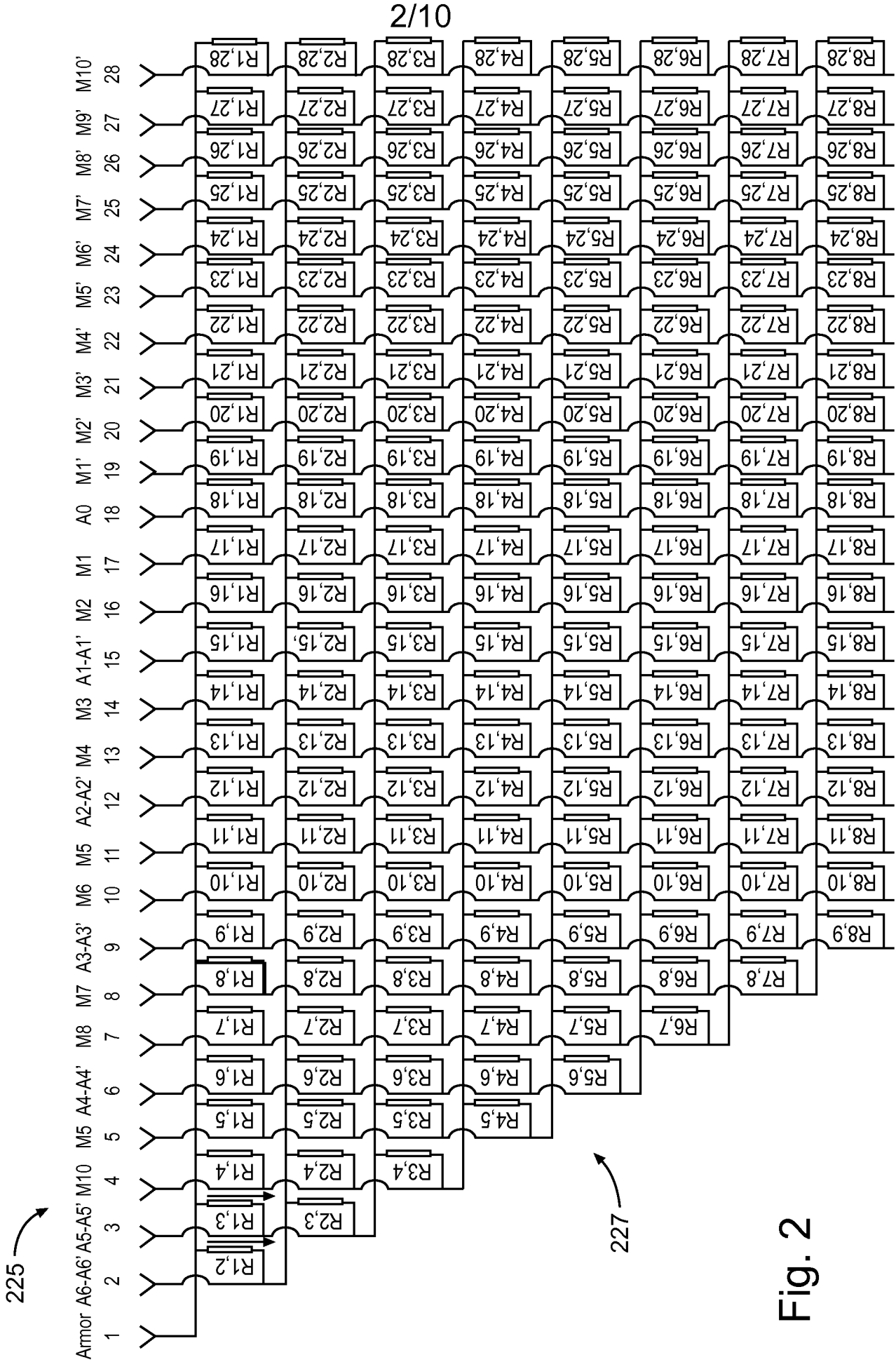


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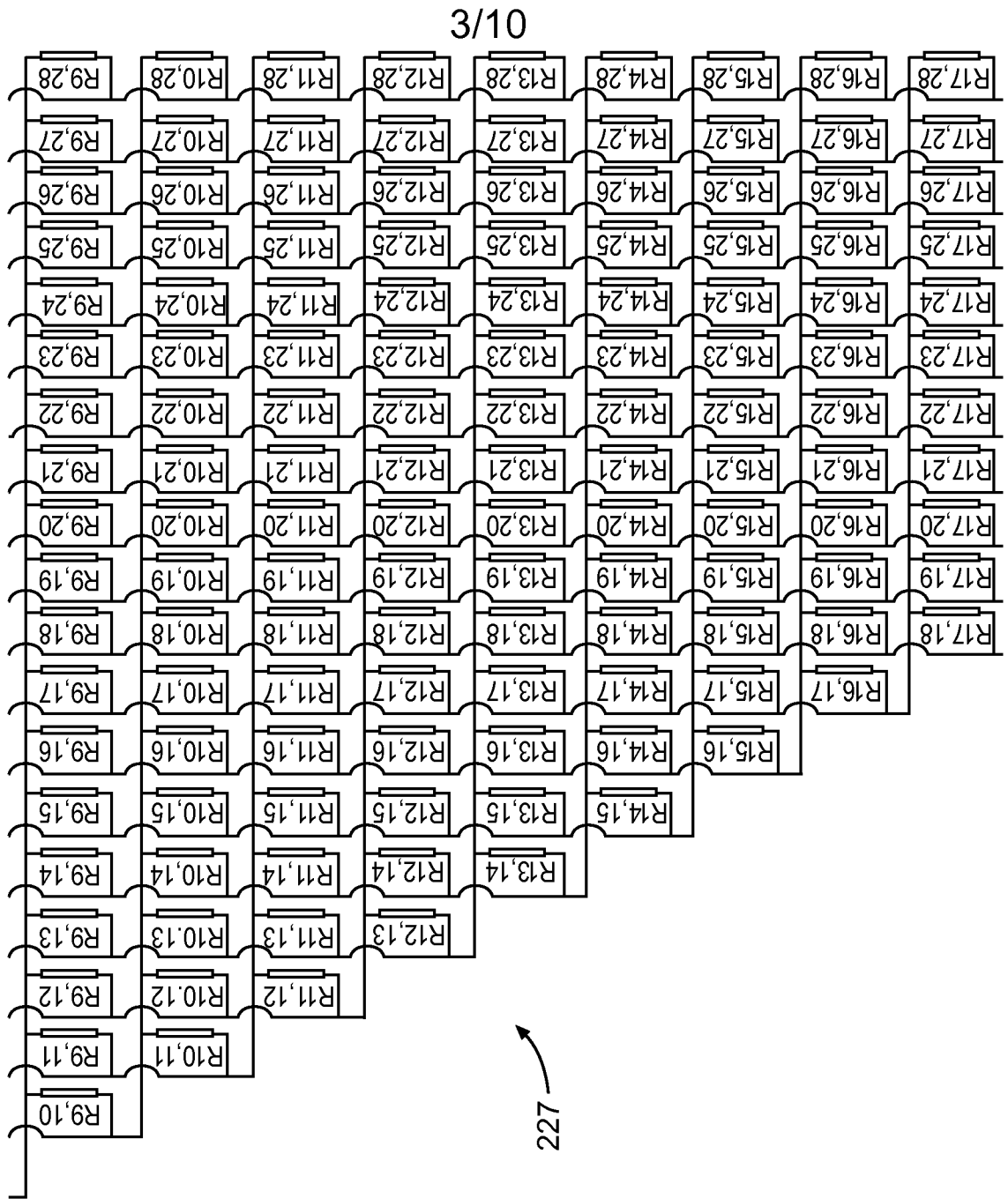


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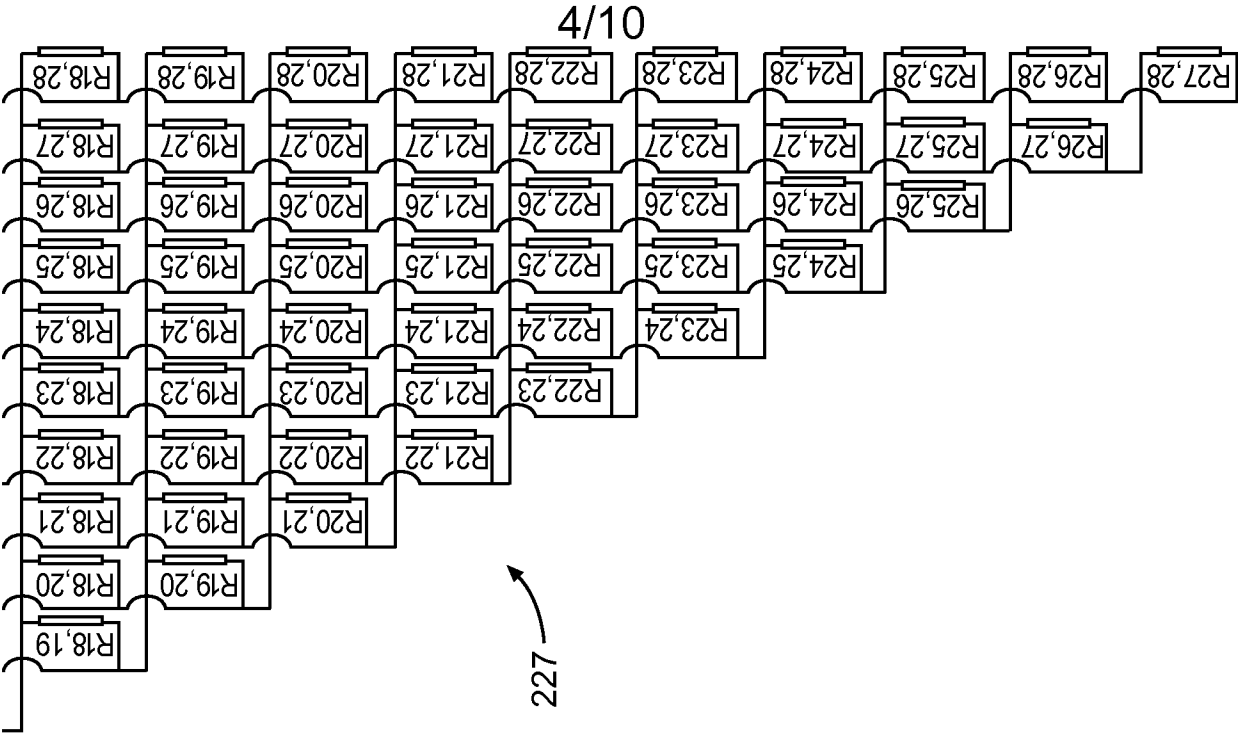


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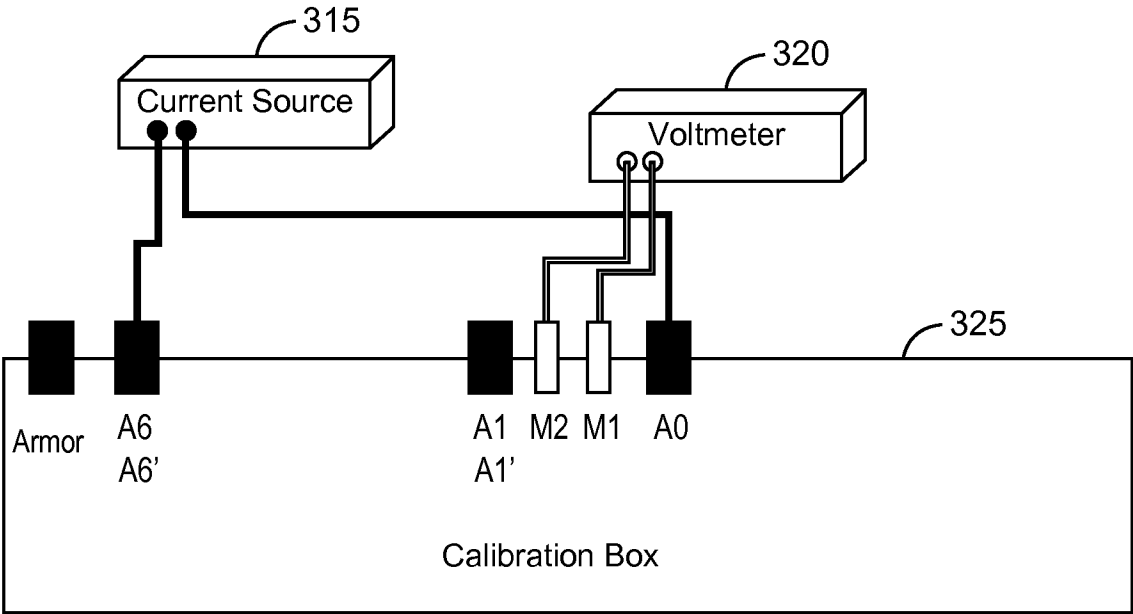


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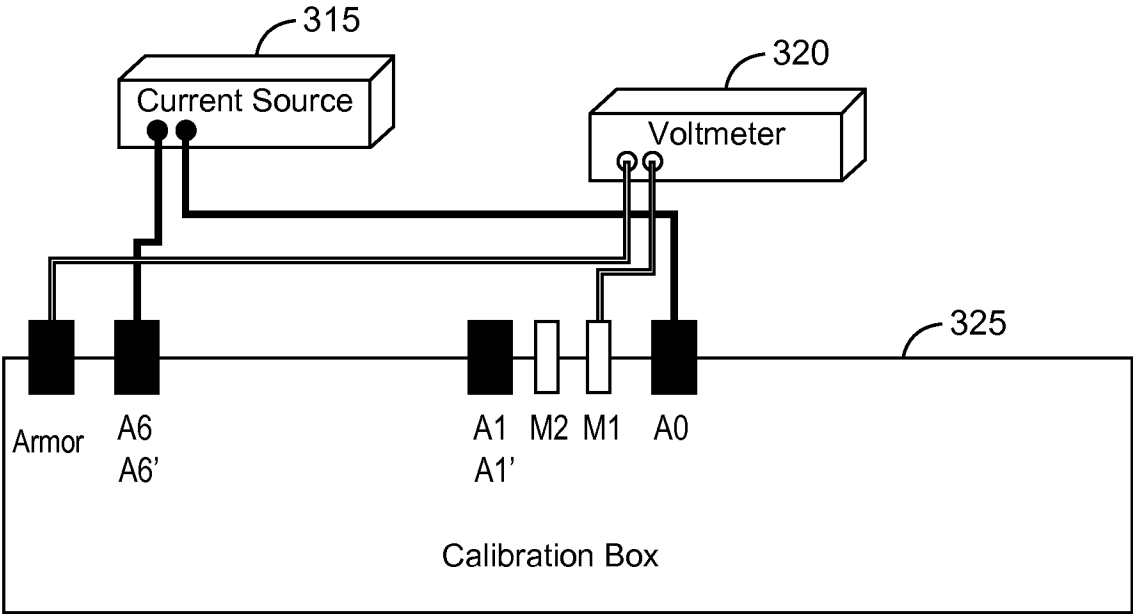


Fig. 4

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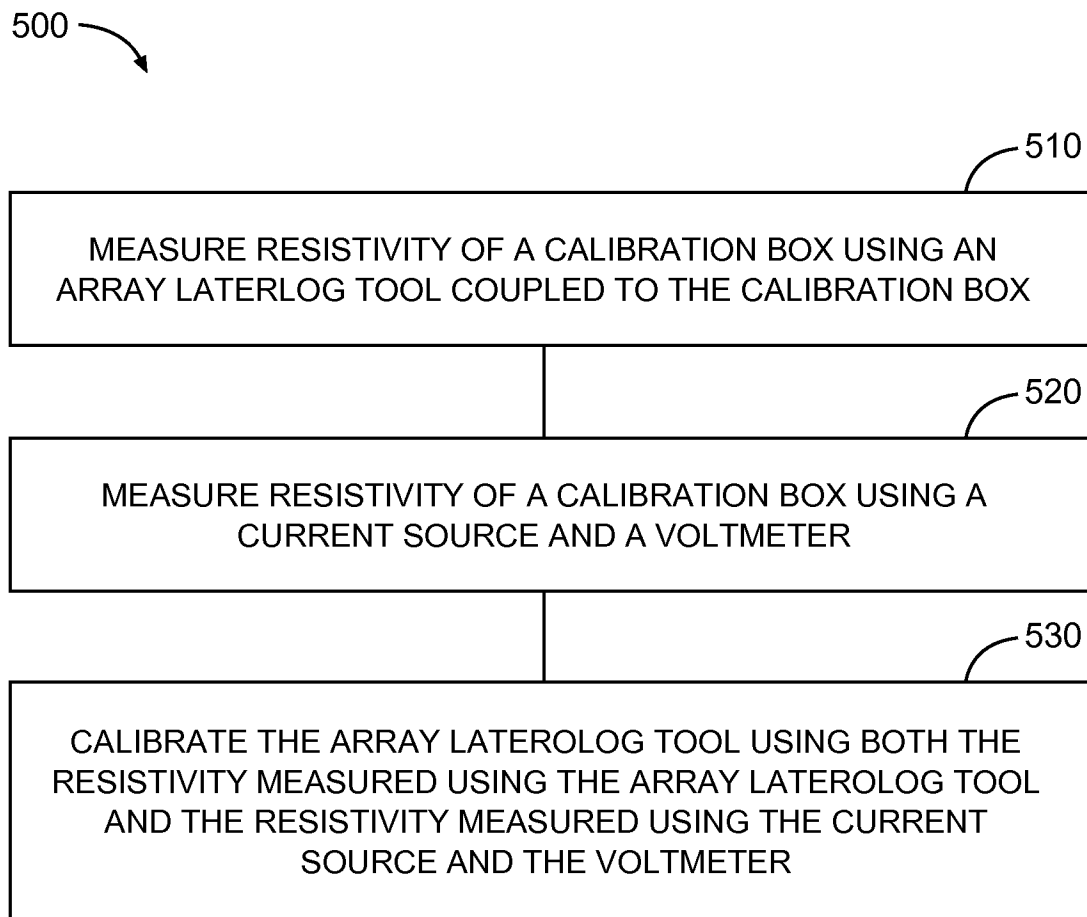


Fig. 5

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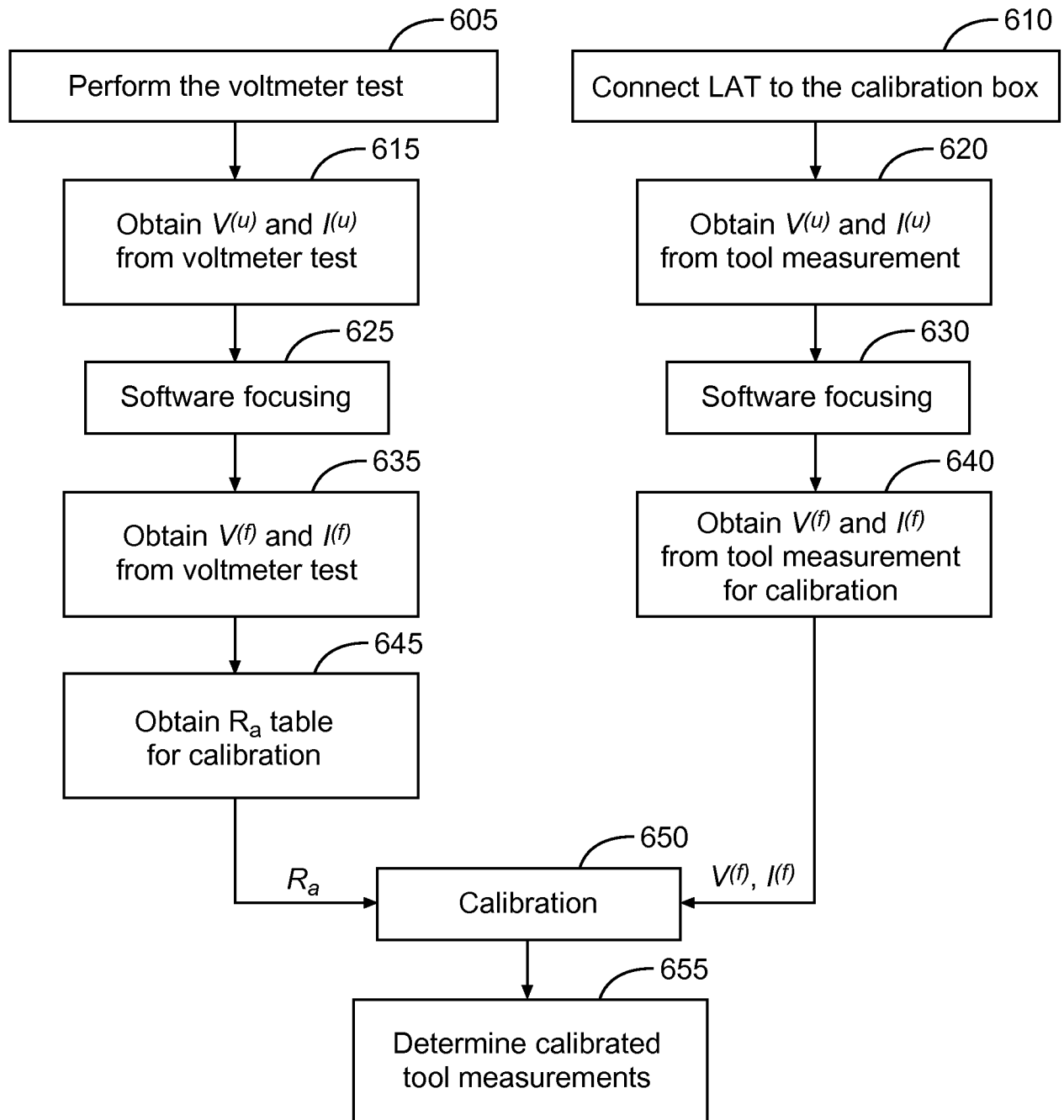


Fig. 6

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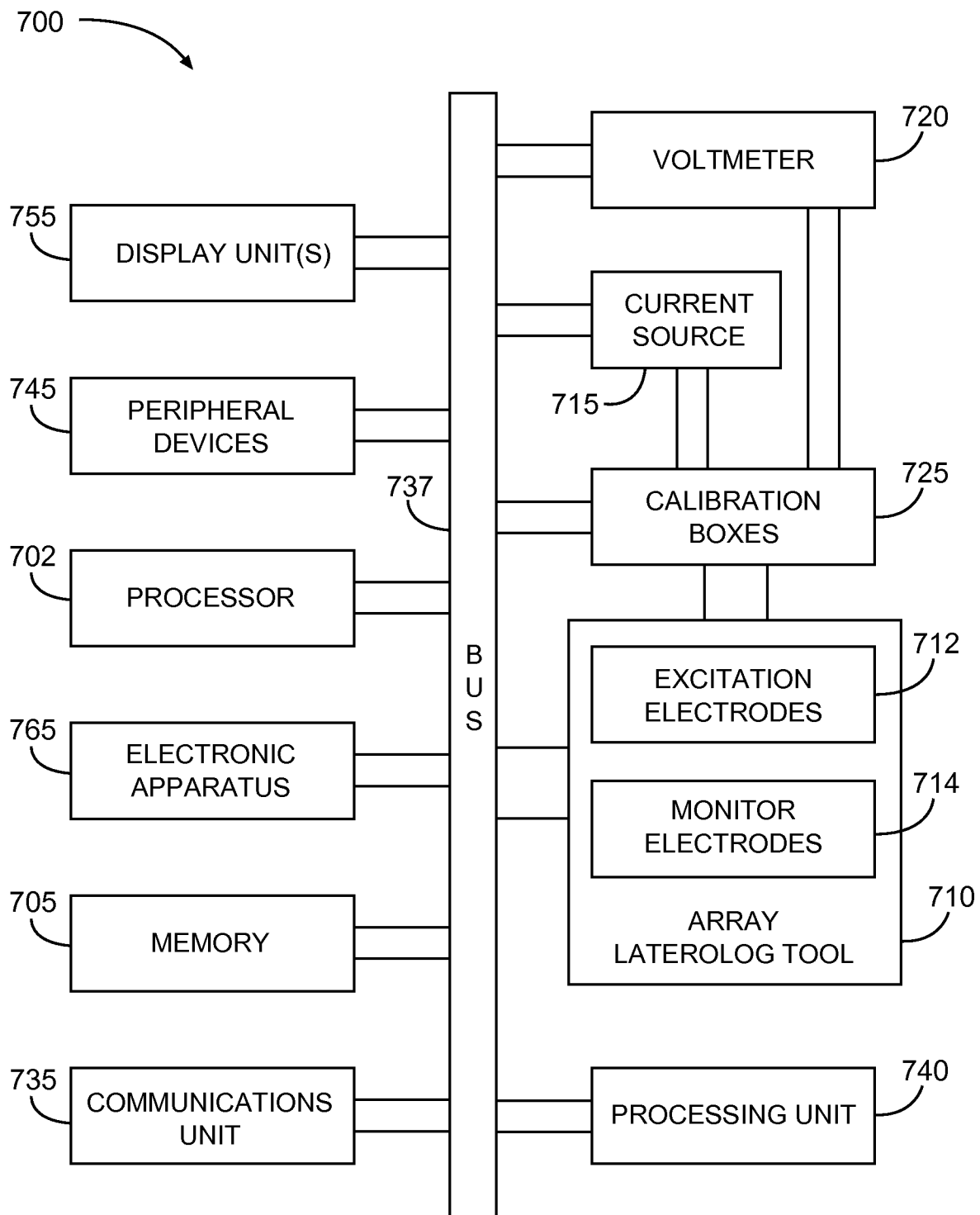


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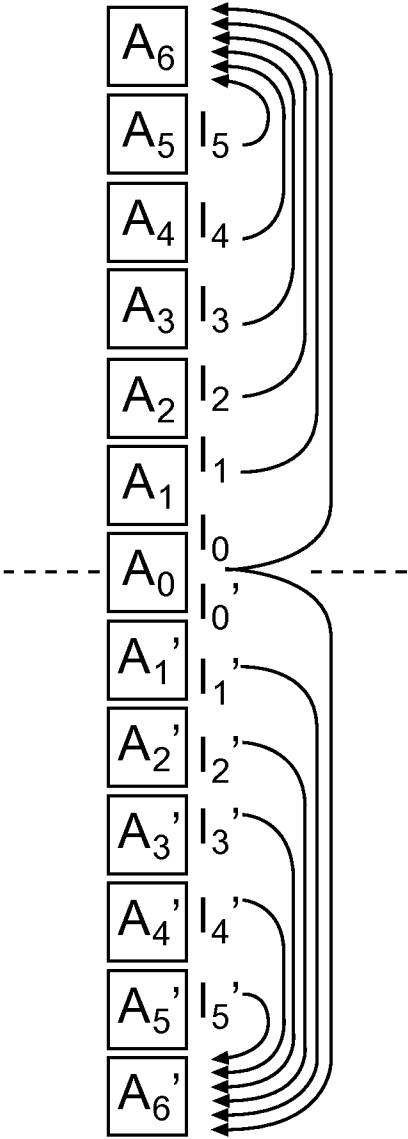


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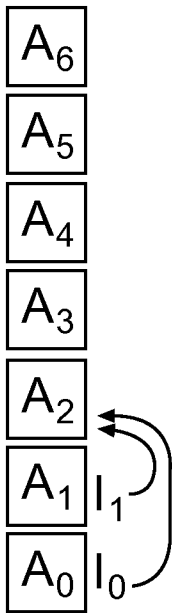


Fig. 9A

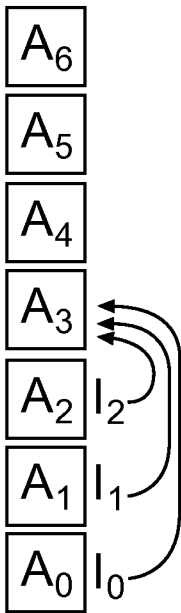


Fig. 9B

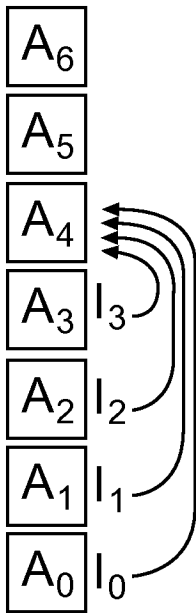


Fig. 9C

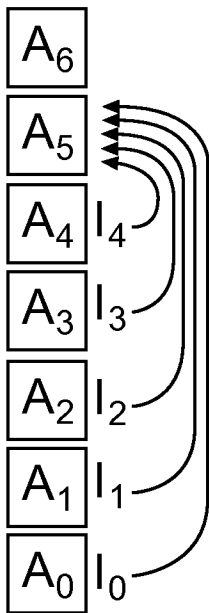


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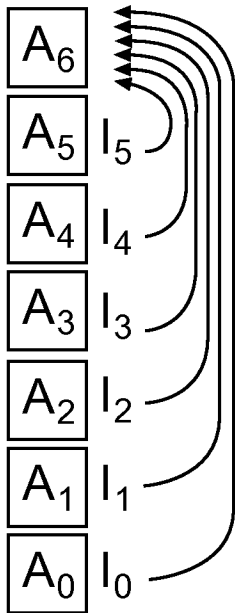


Fig. 9E

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