Induced Polarization

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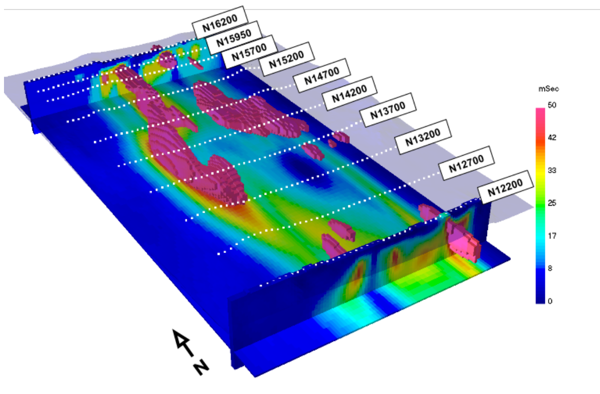
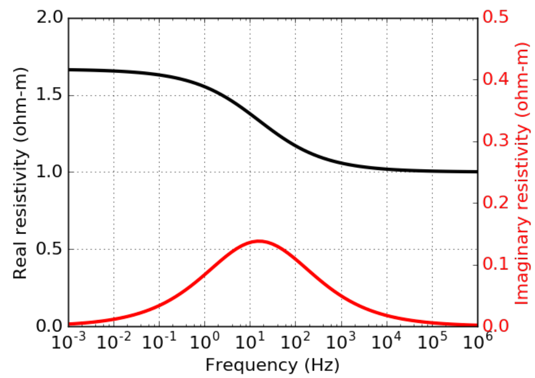
Electromagnetics Fundamentals and Applications

Motivation

Minerals



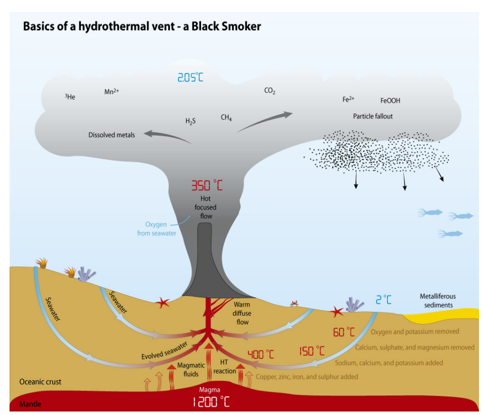
Complex resistivity



Permafrost

Geotechnical

Seafloor massive sulfide



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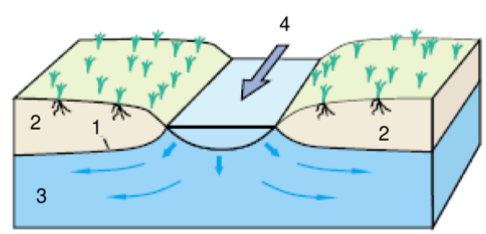
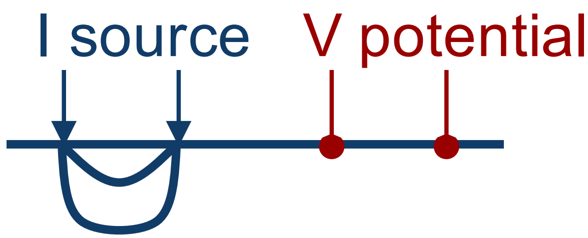


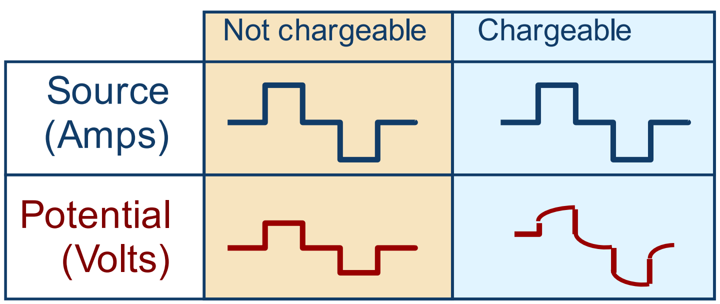
Outline

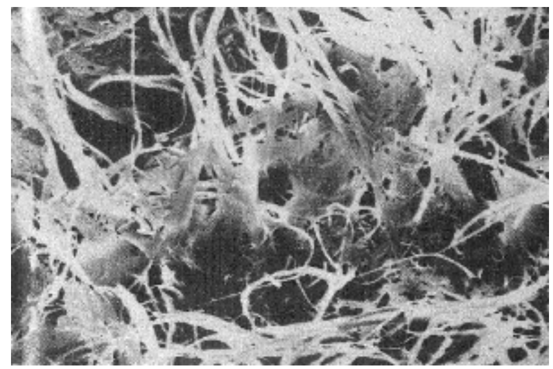
- Sources of IP
- Conceptual model of IP
- Chargeability
- IP data
- Pseudosections
- Two stage DC-IP inversion
- Case history: Mt. Isa
- Example: Landfills

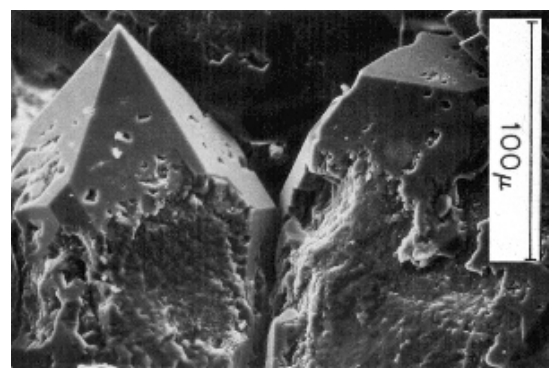
Induced Polarization

- Injected currents cause materials to become polarized
- Microscopic causes → macroscopic effect
- Phenomenon is called induced polarization





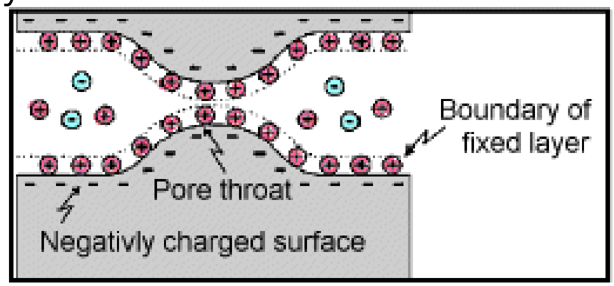




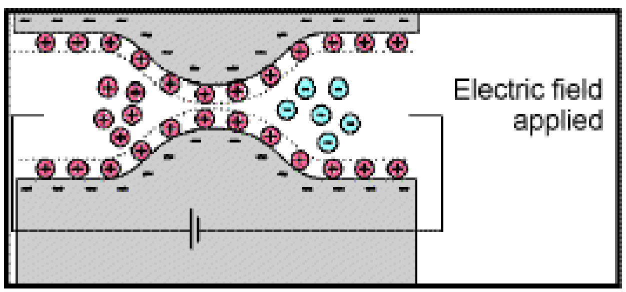
Conceptual Model of IP

Membrane polarization

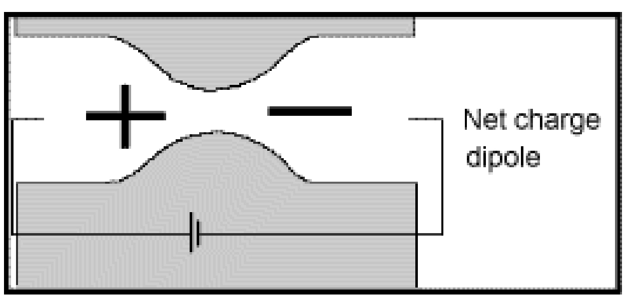
Initially - neutral



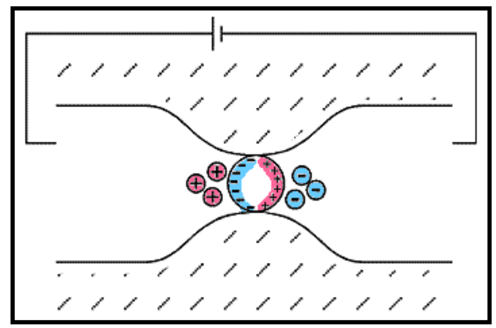
Apply electric field, build up charges

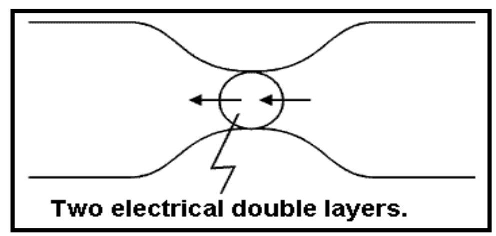


Charge polarization, Electric dipole



Electrode polarization





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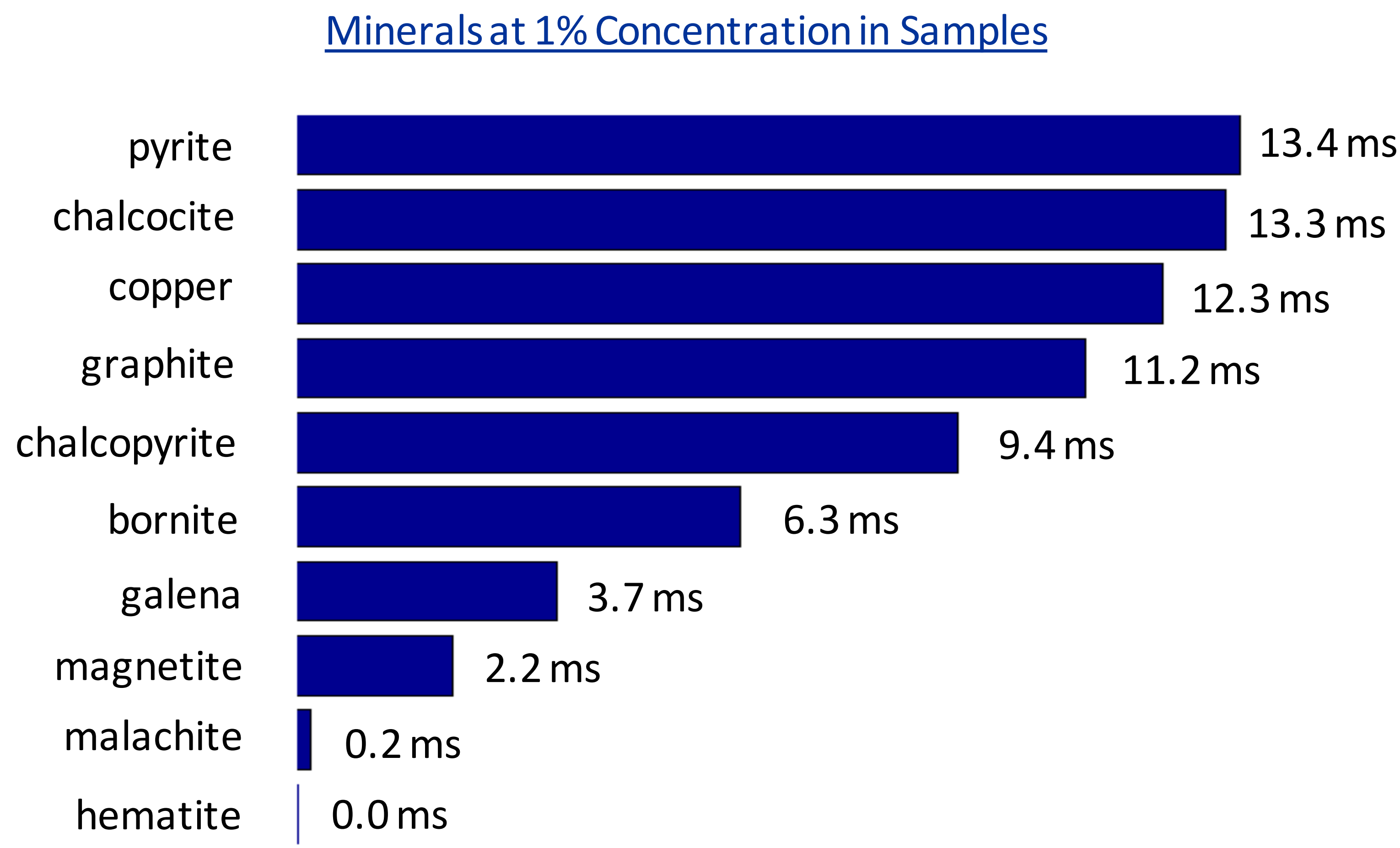

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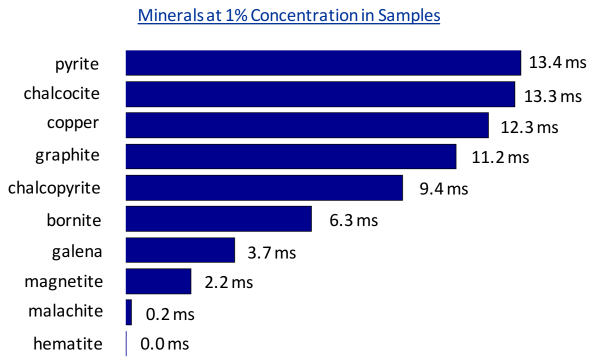

Material type	Chargeability (msec.)
20% sulfides	2000 - 3000
8-20% sulfides	1000 - 2000
2-8% sulfides	500 - 1000
volcanic tuffs	300 - 800
sandstone, siltstone	100 - 500
dense volcanic rocks	100 - 500
shale	50 - 100
granite, granodiorite	10 - 50
limestone, dolomite	10 - 20

Material type	Chargeability (msec.)
ground water	0
alluvium	1 - 4
gravels	3 - 9
precambrian volcanics	8 - 20
precambrian gneisses	6 - 30
schists	5 - 20
sandstones	3 - 12

Chargeability

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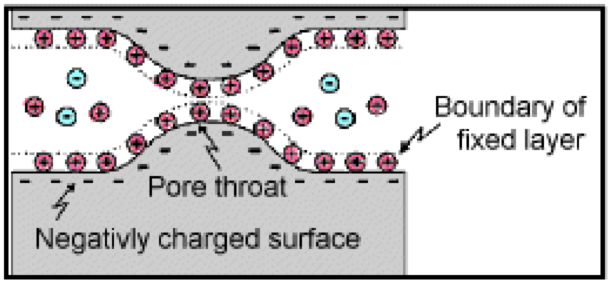

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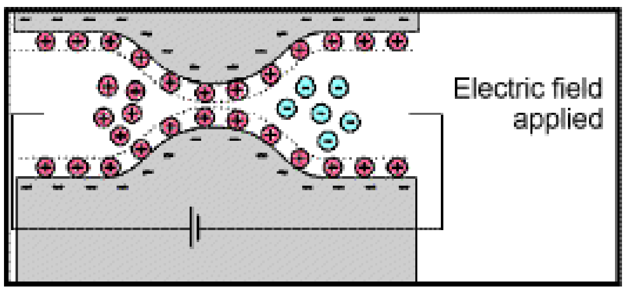

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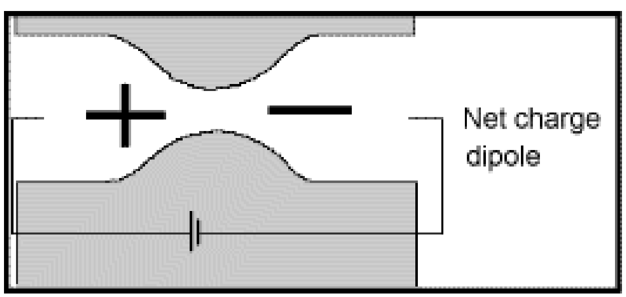
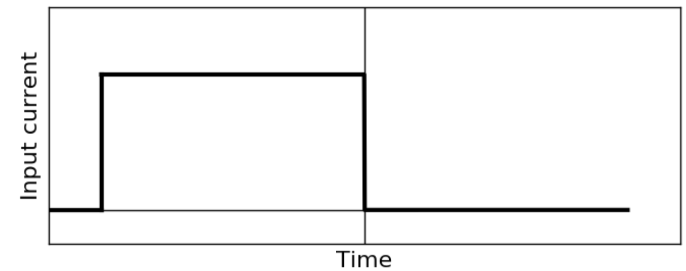
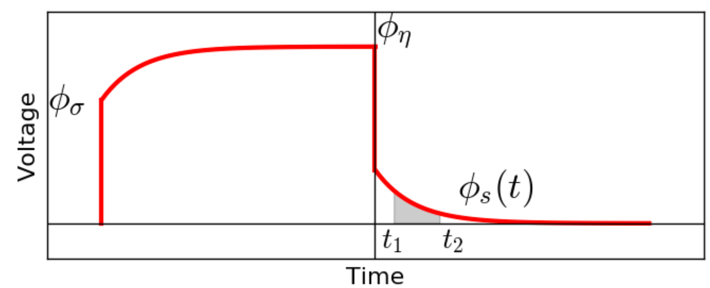


Input current



Measured voltage



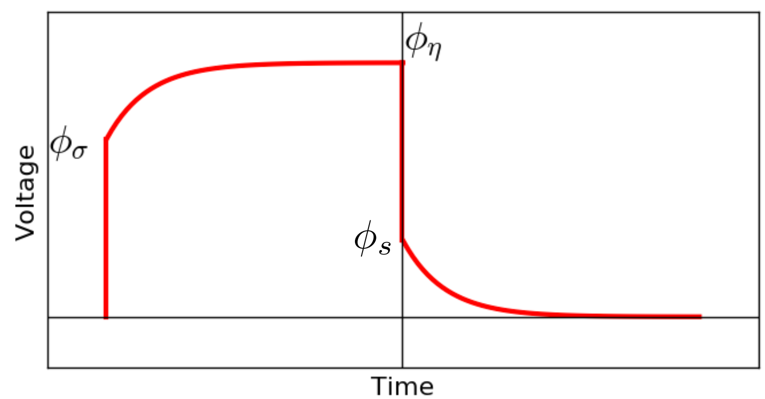
IP data

- Seigel (1959):
  - Introduced chargeability: η
  - Effect reduces conductivity

$$\sigma_\eta = \sigma(1-\eta) \qquad \eta \in [0,1)$$

- Theoretical chargeability data

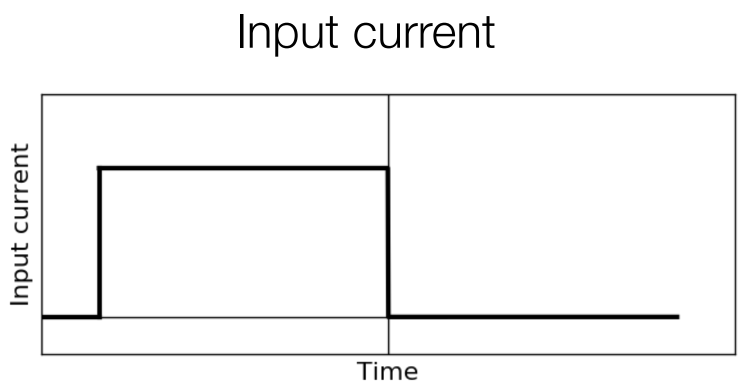
$$d^{IP} = \frac{\phi_s}{\phi_\eta} = \frac{\phi_\eta - \phi_\sigma}{\phi_\eta}$$

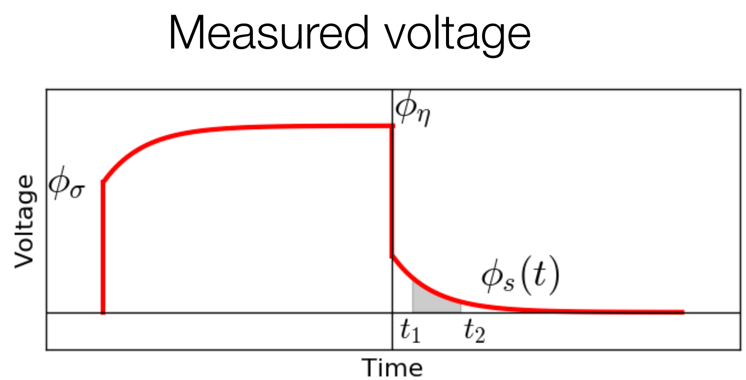


- Not directly measureable

IP data: time domain

- IP decay





- IP datum

Dimensionless: $\eta = \phi_s / \phi_\eta$

Value at individual time channel: $\phi_s(t)$

Area under decay curve: $$M = \frac{1}{\phi_\eta}\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi_s(t)dt$$

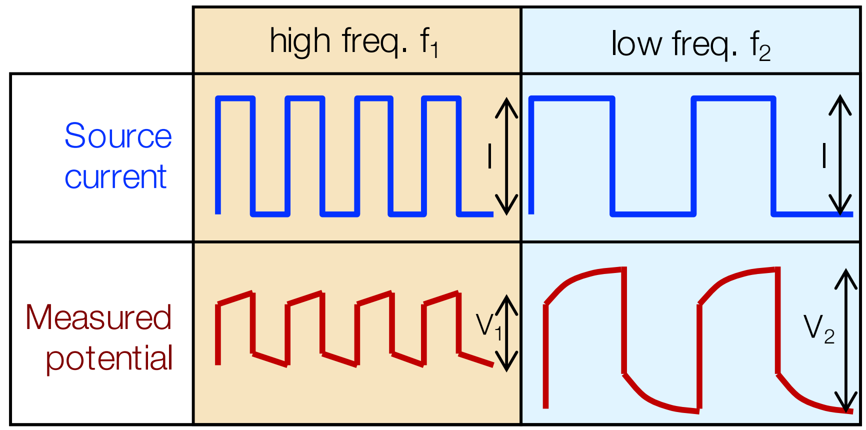
IP data: frequency domain

- Percent frequency effect:

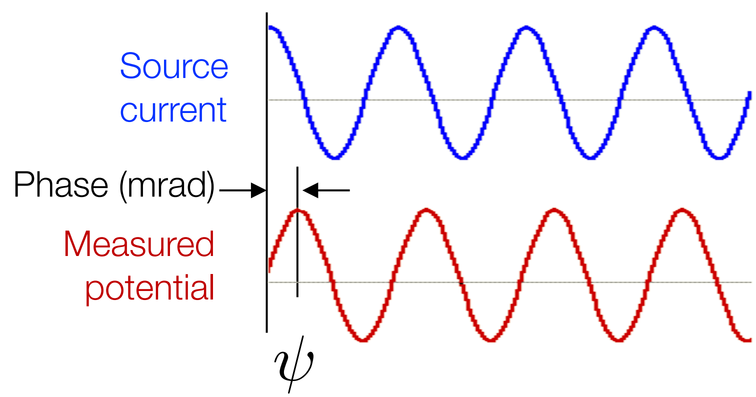
$$PFE = 100(\frac{\rho_{a2} - \rho_{a1}}{\rho_{a1}})$$

ρ_{a1}: apparent resistivity at f_1

ρ_{a2}: apparent resistivity at f_2



- Phase ψ



IP data

- IP signals due to a perturbation (small change) in conductivity

$$\sigma_\eta = \sigma(1-\eta) \qquad\qquad \eta \in [0, 1)$$

- An IP datum can be written as

$$d_i^{IP} = \sum_{j=1}^{M} J_{ij}\eta_j \qquad i = 1, \ldots, N$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial log\phi^i}{\partial log\sigma_j}$$

sensitivities for the
DC resistivity problem

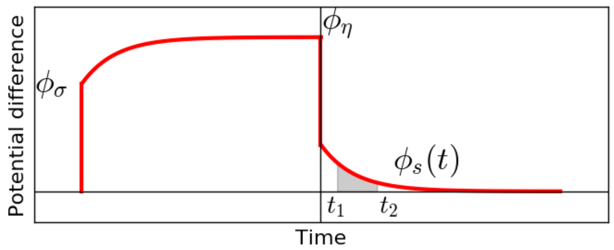
- In matrix form

$$\mathbf{d}^{IP} = \mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\eta}$$

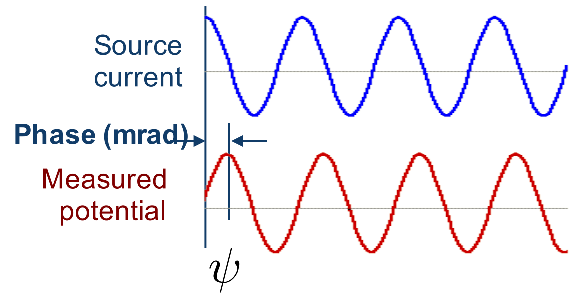
$\mathbf{J}$ is an N×M matrix

Summary of IP data

- Time domain:
  - Theoretical chargeability (dimensionless)
  - Integrated decay time (msec)



- Frequency domain:
  - PFE (dimensionless)
  - Phase (mrad)



- For all data types: linear problem

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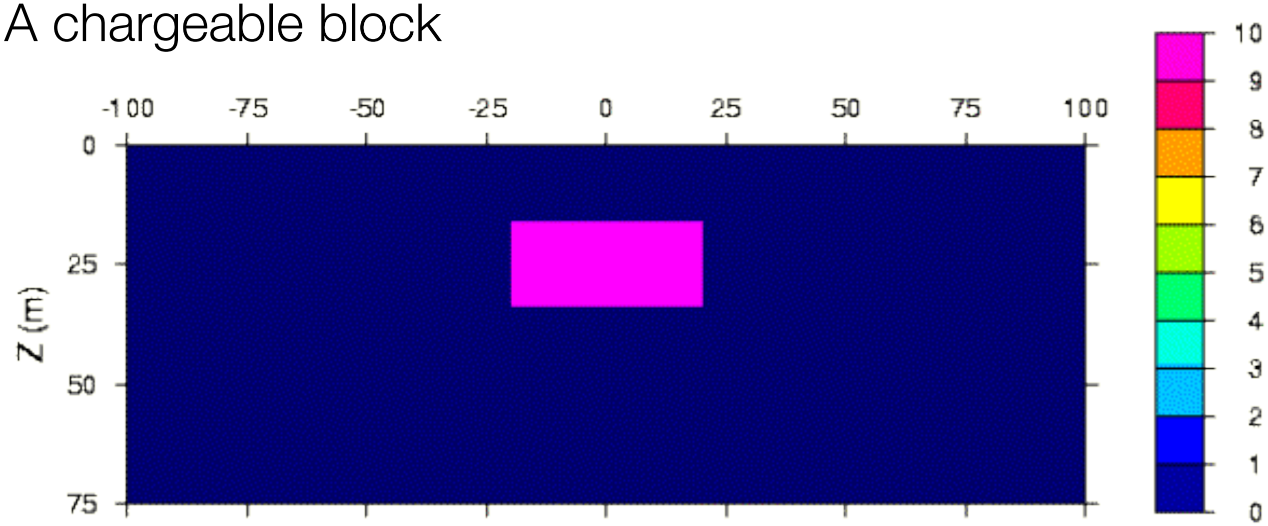
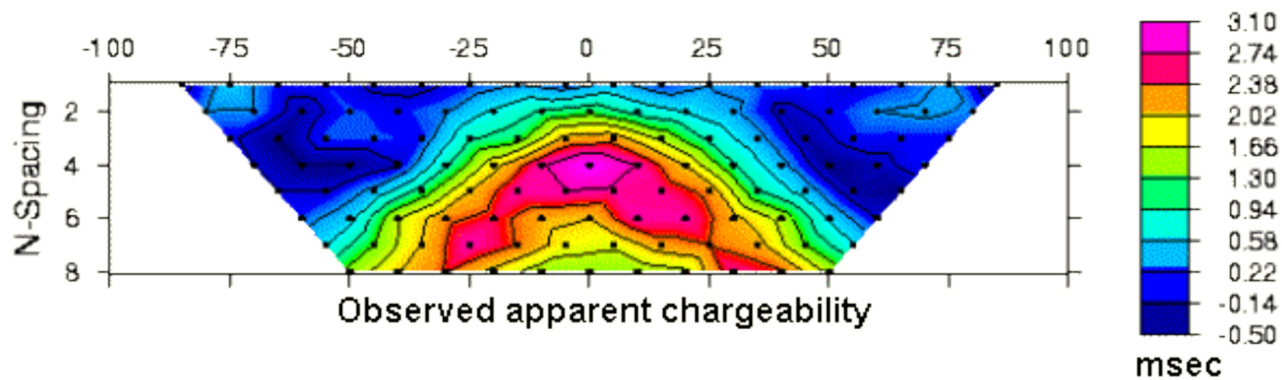
IP pseudosections

1) A chargeable block

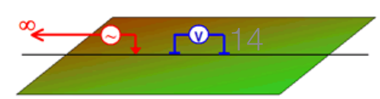


Chargeability model



Observed apparent chargeability

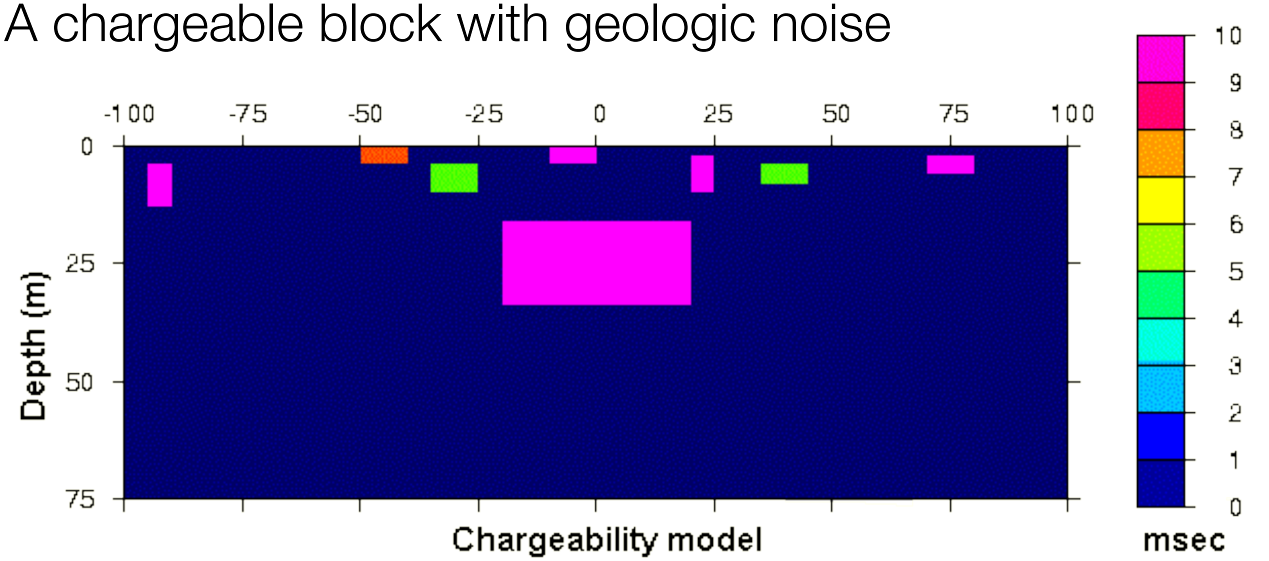
Pole-Dipole

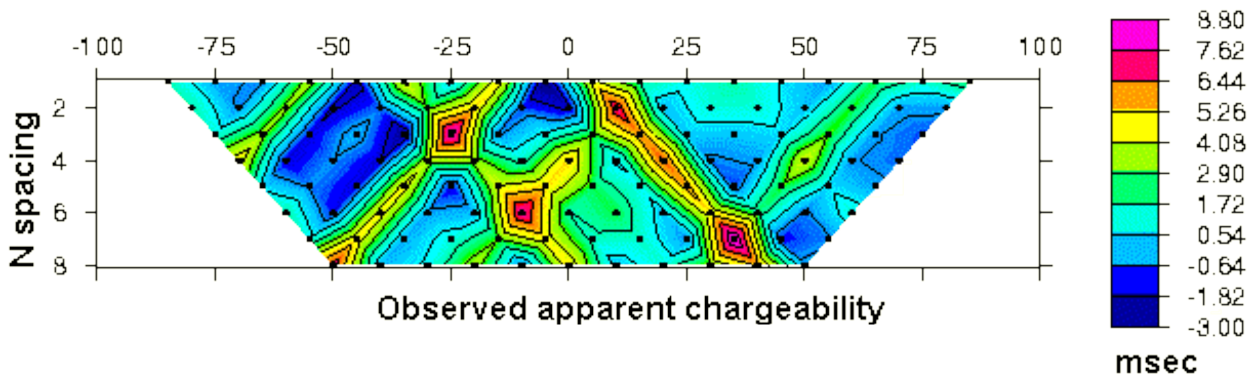


- Pole-dipole; n=1,8; a=10m; N=316

IP pseudosections

2) A chargeable block with geologic noise





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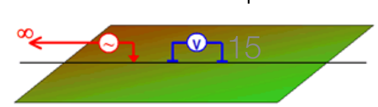

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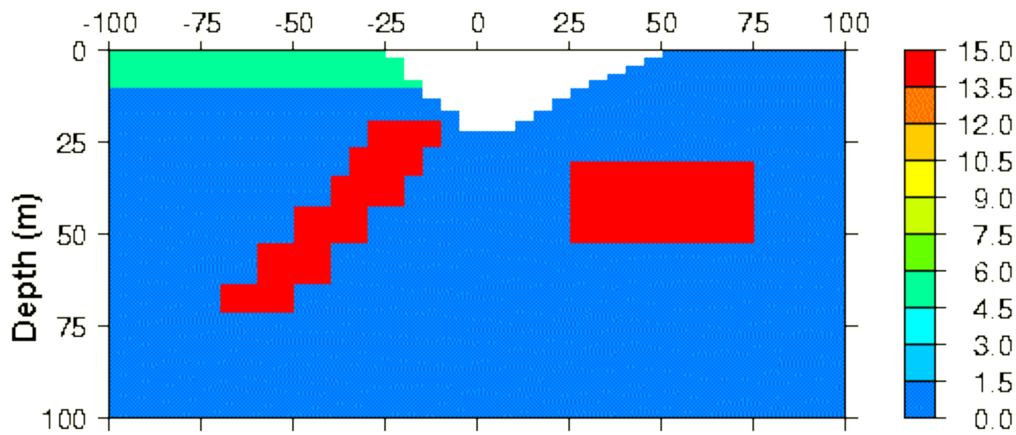
3) The “UBC-GIF model”



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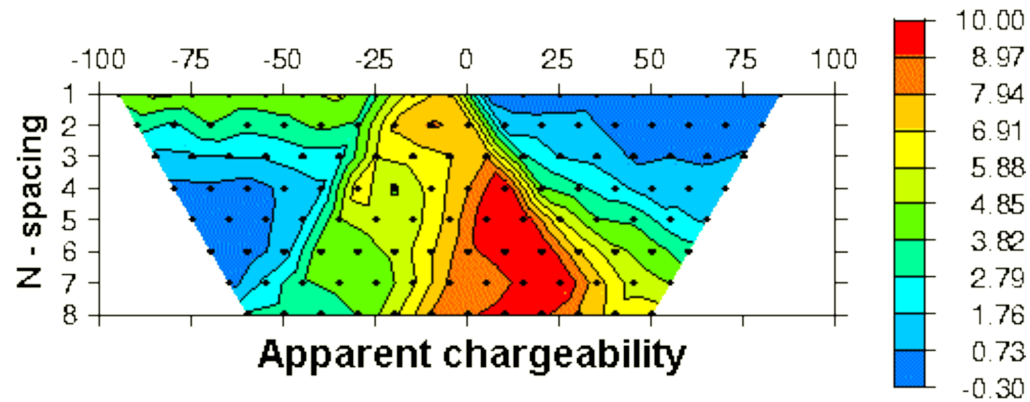
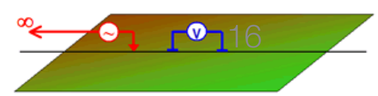
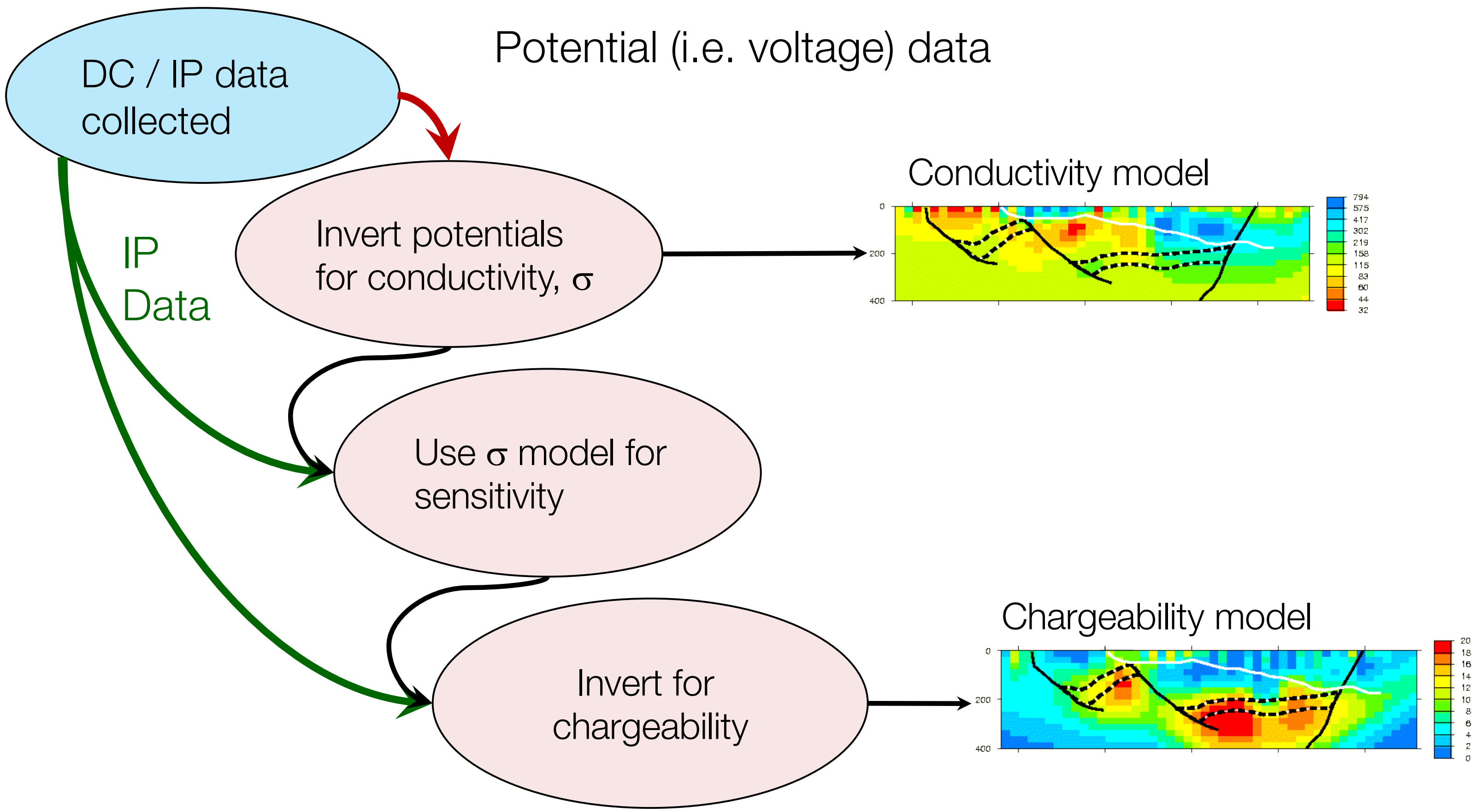


Apparent chargeability

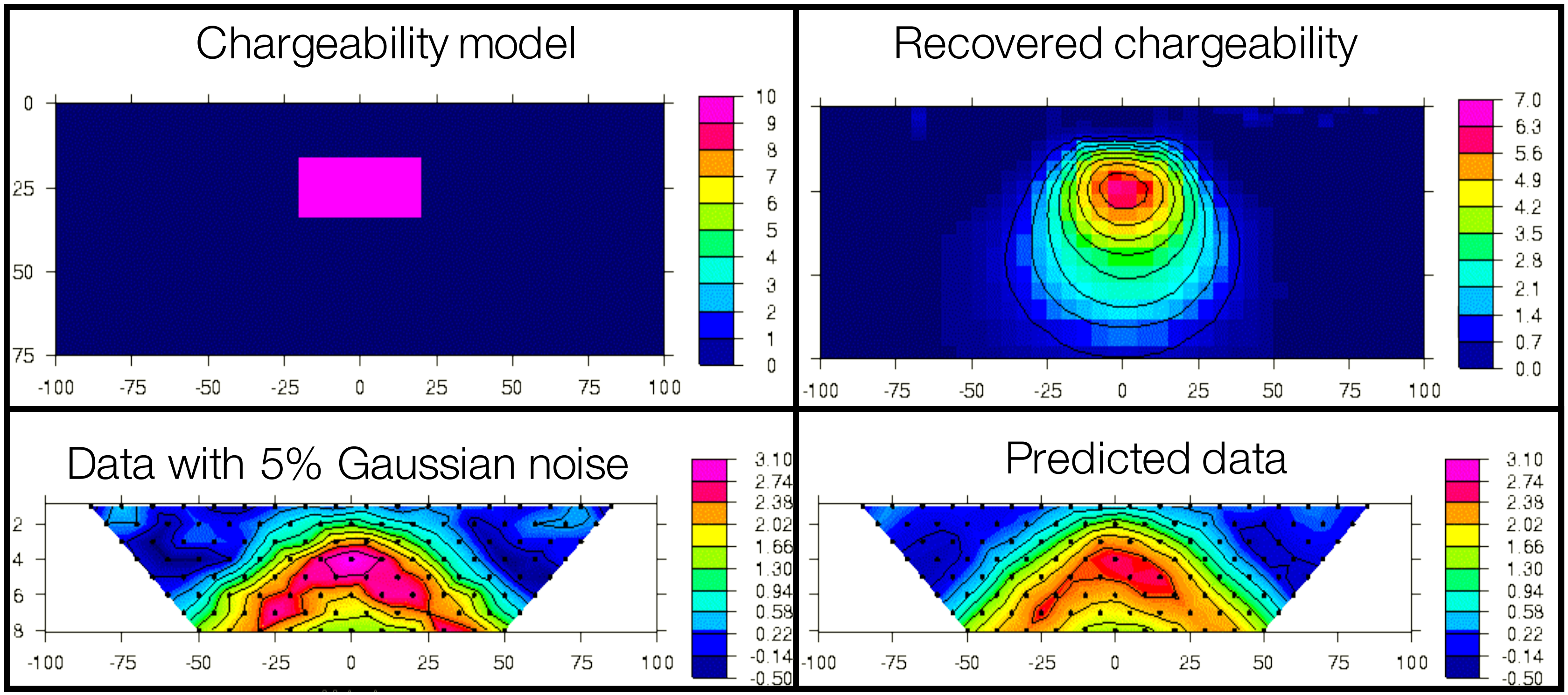
Pole-Dipole



IP Inversion



Example 1: buried prism



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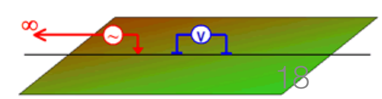
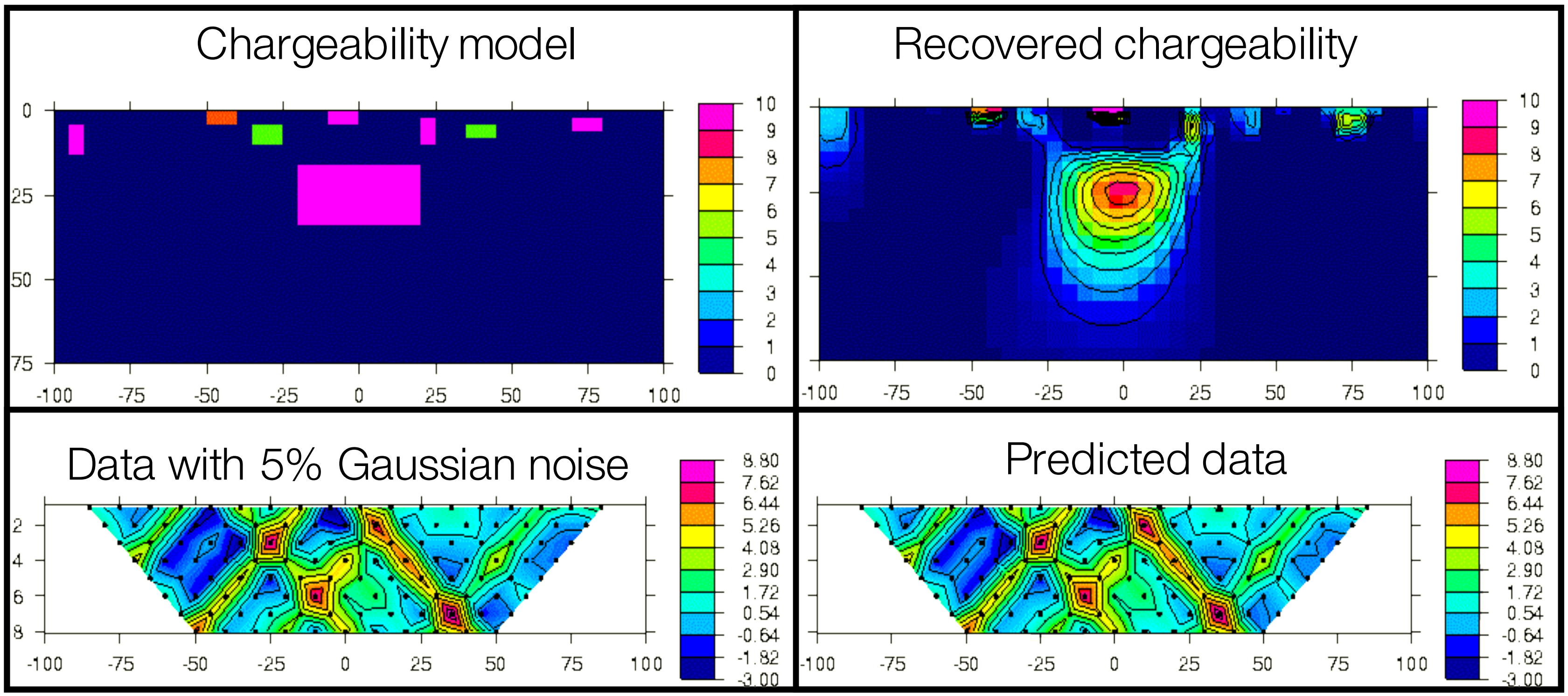
Pole-Dipole



Example 2: prism with geologic noise



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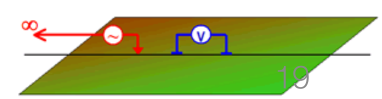

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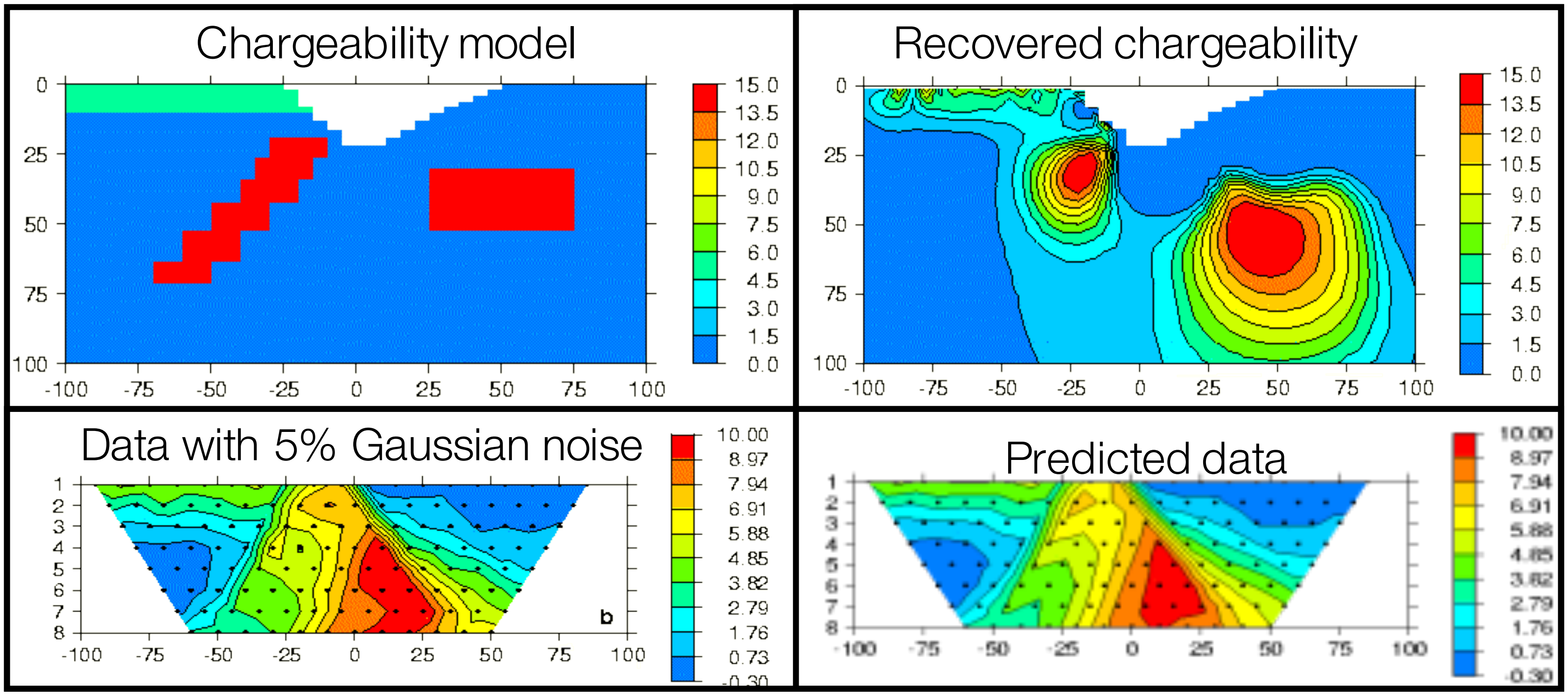

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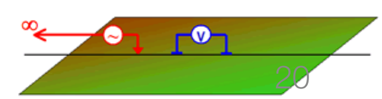

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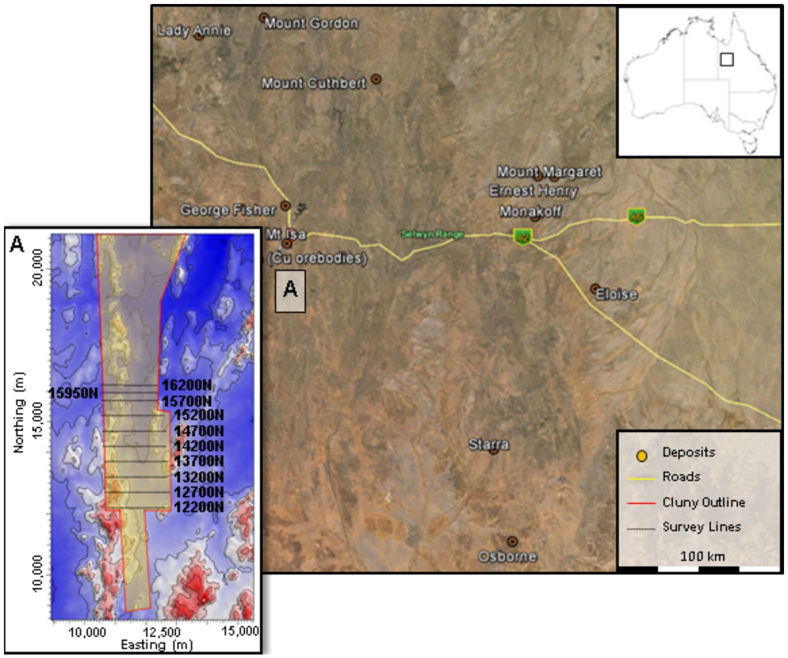
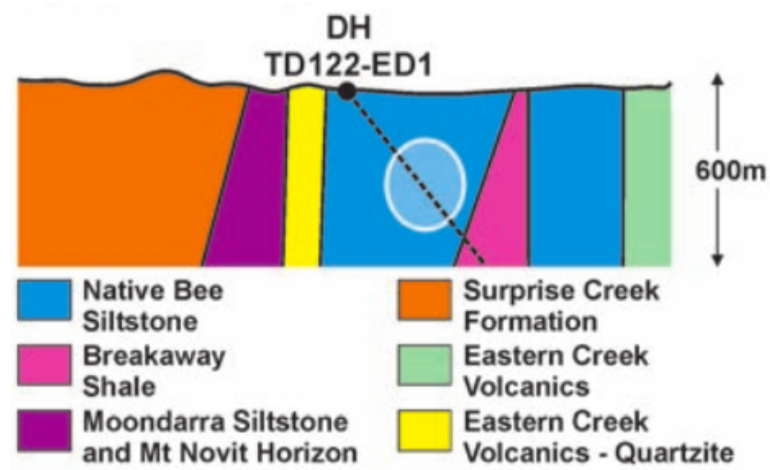
Rutley et al., 2001

Setup

- Mt. Isa (Cluny propect)



- Geologic model

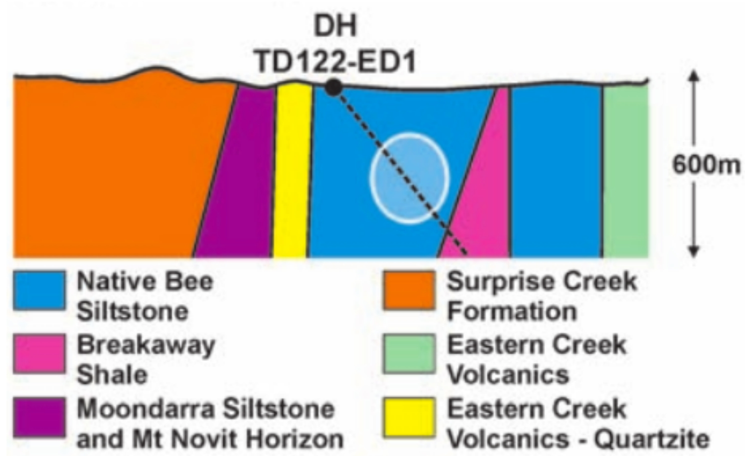


Question

- Can conductive, chargeable units, which would be potential targets within the siltstones, be identified with DC / IP data?

Properties

Geologic model



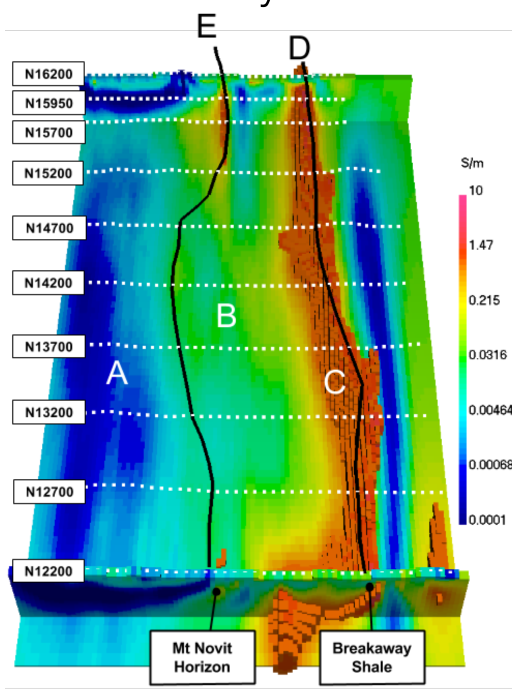
Resistivity and Chargeability

Rock Unit	Conductivity	Chargeability
Native Bee Siltstone	Moderate	Low
Moondarra Siltstone	Moderate	Low
Breakaway Shale	Very High	Low-None
Mt Novit Horizon	High	High
Surprise Creek Formation	Low	None
Eastern Creek Volcanics	Low	None

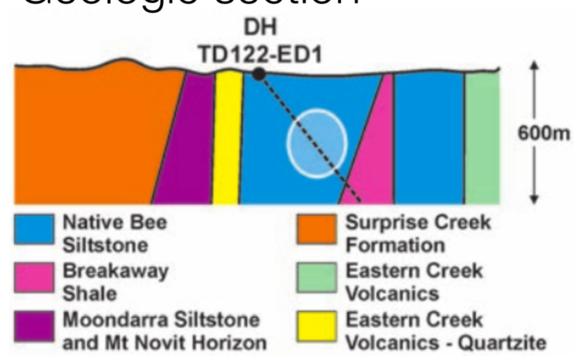
Recap: Synthesis from DC

- Identified a major conductor → black shale unit
- Some indication of a moderate conductor

3D resistivity model



Geologic section



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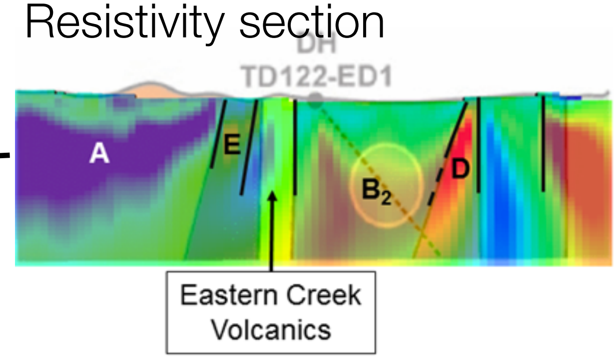
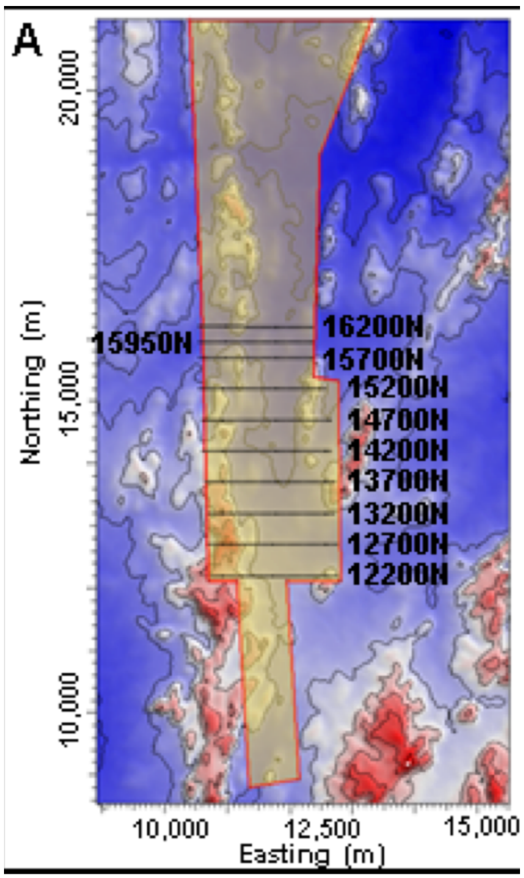


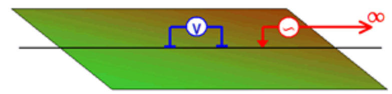
Can a **chargeable**, moderate conductor in the siltstones be identified?

Survey and data

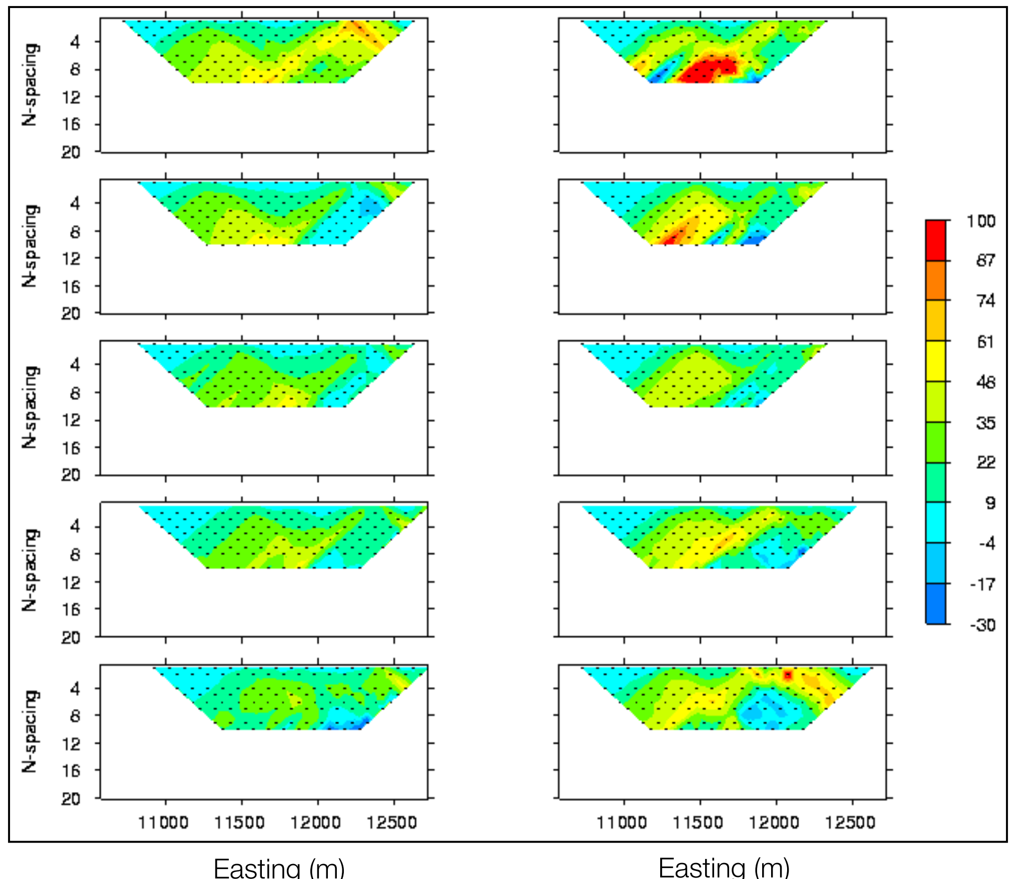
- Eight survey lines
- Two configurations

Surface topography



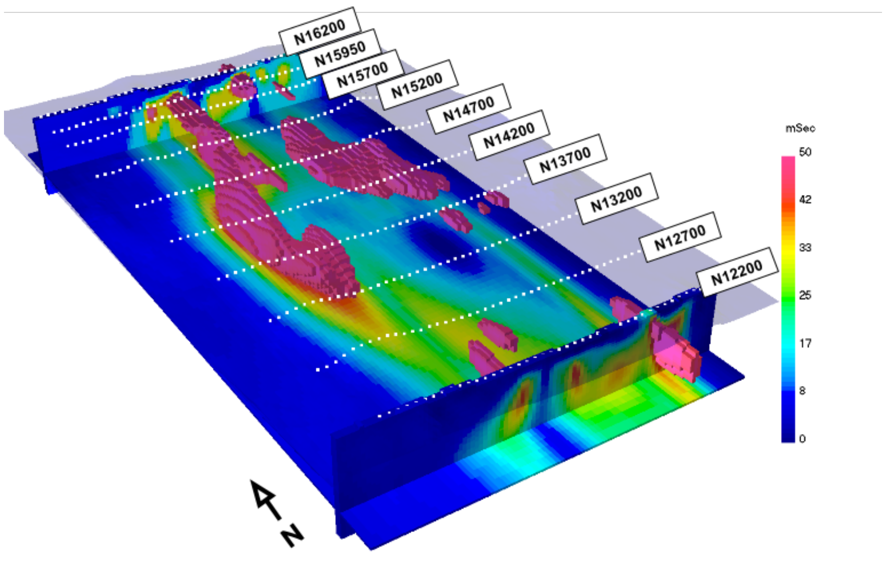


Apparent chargeability, dipole- pole.

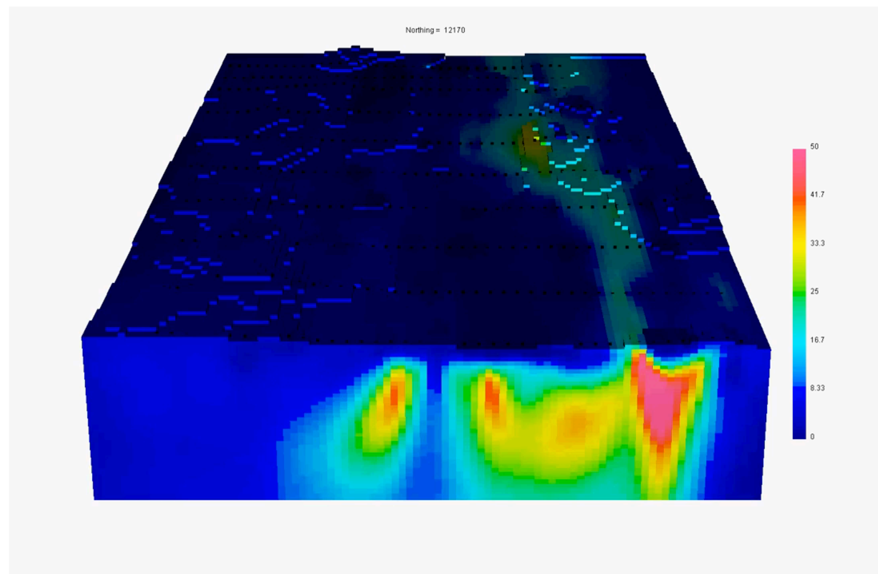


Processing

3D chargeability model



Animation



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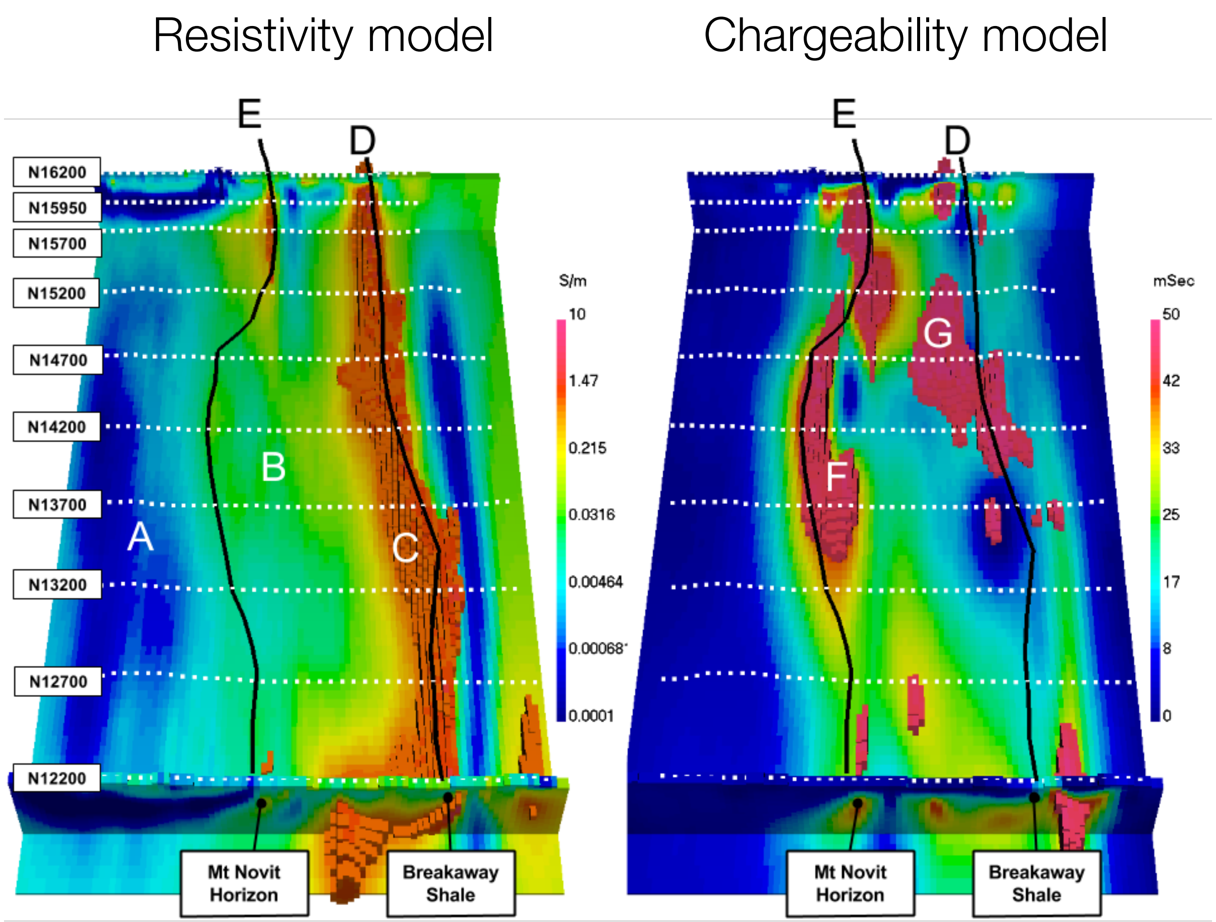


A: Resistive, Non-chargeable

B: Moderate conductivity; low chargeabilty

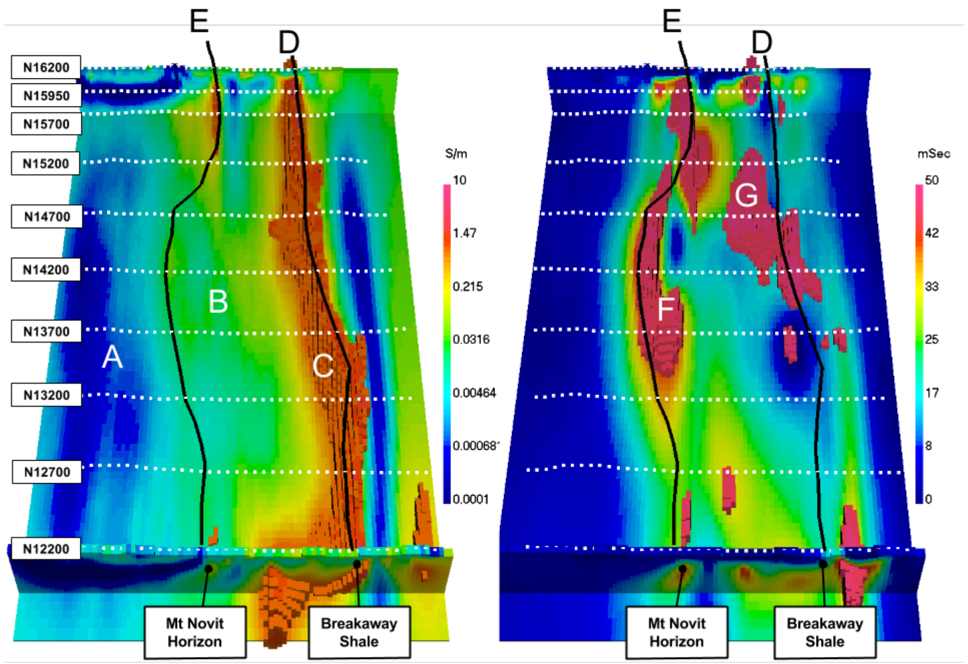
C: Very high conductivity (> 10 S/m)

E and F: High conductivity and high chargeability

G: Other chargeable regions

Synthesis

Resistivity model   Chargeability model



A: Surprise Creek Formation

- Resistive, non-chargeable

B: Moondarra and Native Bee siltstones

C: Breakaway Shales

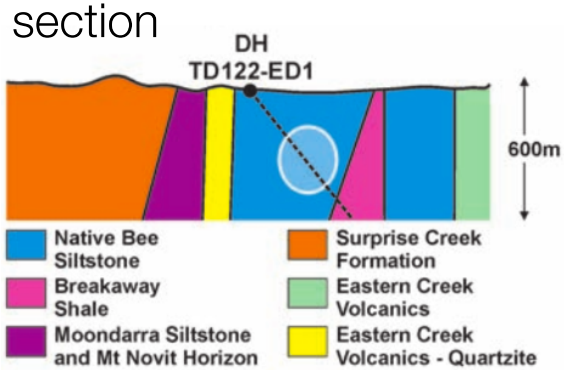
- Very high conductivity

E and F: Mt Novit Horizon

- High conductivity and high chargeability

G: Other chargeable regions within siltstone complex

Geologic section



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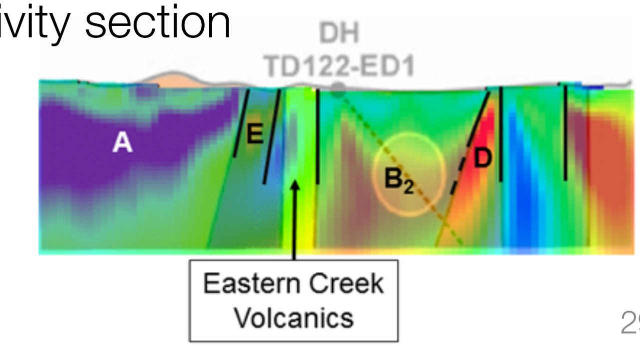

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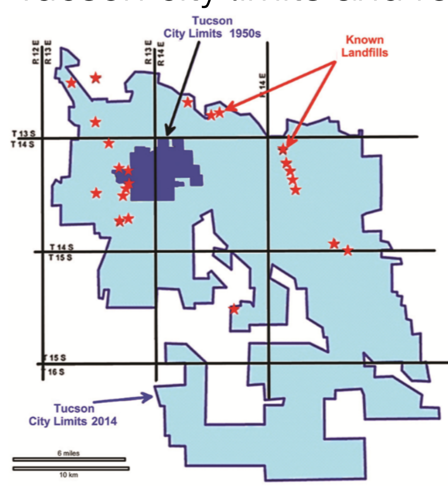
IP over Landfills

Landfills: Hazards and Goals

- Pollutants
  - Toxic leachates (mercury, arsenic, cadmium, lead, PVC, solvents)
- Concerns
  - Health
  - Water contamination
  - Construction hazard
  - Devalues property
- Goals
  - Locate abandoned landfills
  - Assess size
  - Characterize the waste
  - Monitor reclamation

Nearmont and Congress landfills, Tucson, Arizona

Tucson city limits and regional landfills



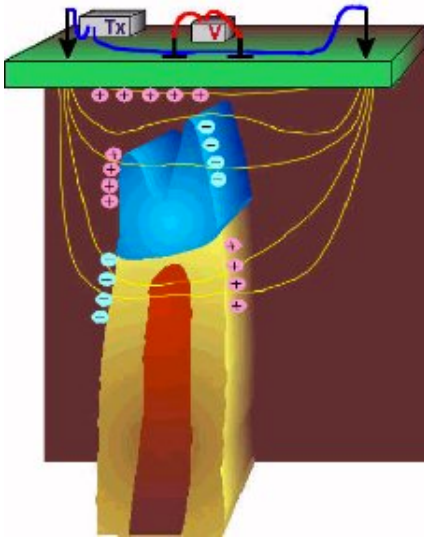
Physical Properties

Waste Type	Description	Resistivity	Susceptible	Chargeable
Electronic/ Technological	Metallic objects, heavy metals in solution	Low	Yes	Yes
Construction Debris	Wood, cement, iron rebar, wall board, asbestos, glass, plastics	High	Frequently	Weakly
Earth Materials	Clays, various fill	Low/Moderate	Occasionally	Yes
Green waste	trees, wood clippings etc	Variable	No	Weakly

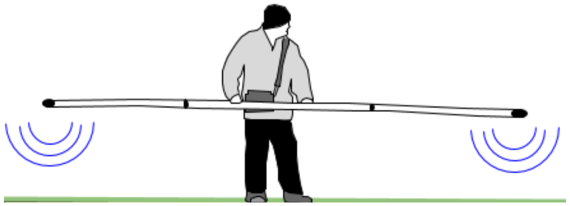
Traditional Landfill Surveys

Magnetic

DC Resistivity



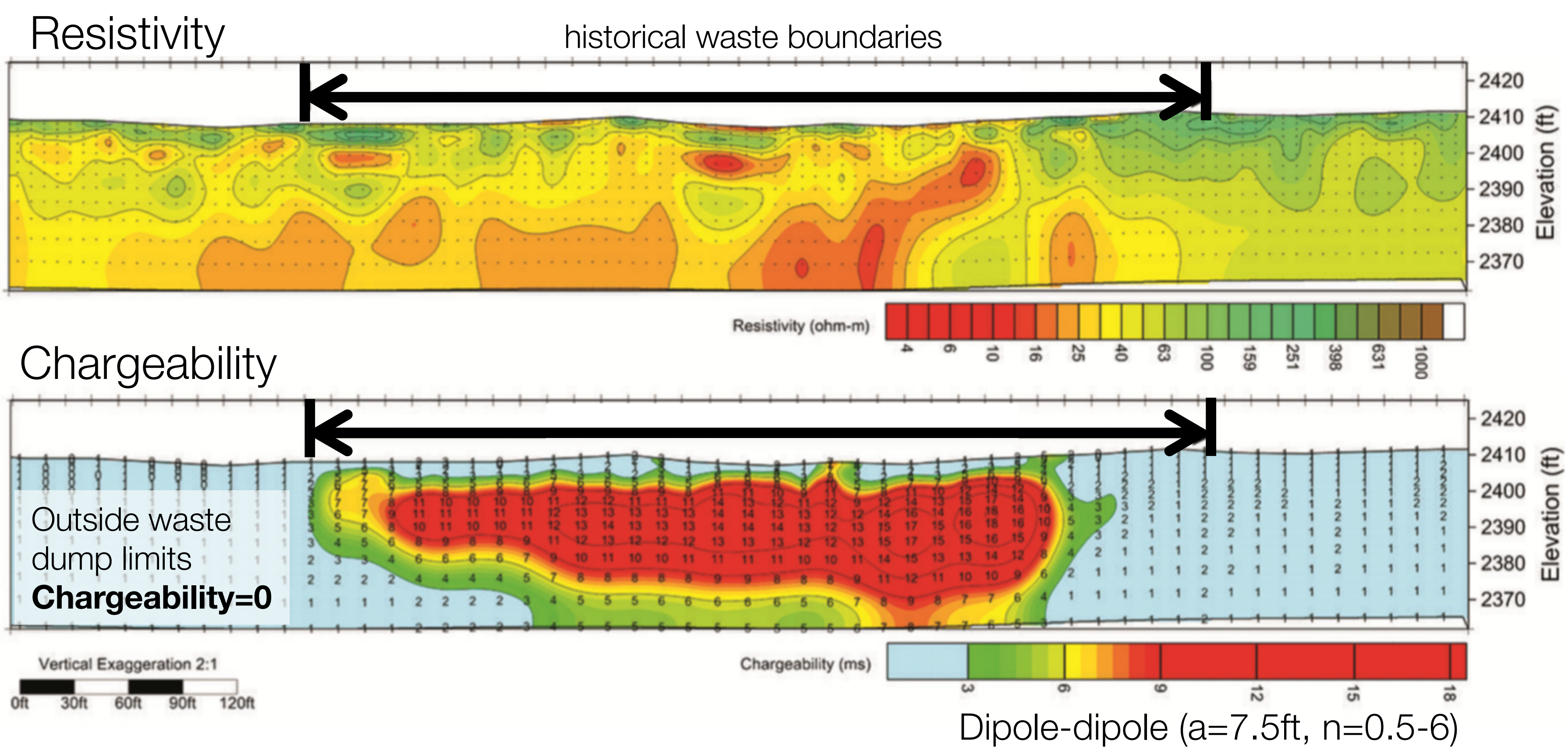
Near-Surface Electromagnetic



- Most popular surveys have limited success
- IP might be a better diagnostic
- Responsive to: metallic debris, green waste, organic matter, some construction materials

Ryan Airfield (Eastern Pit)

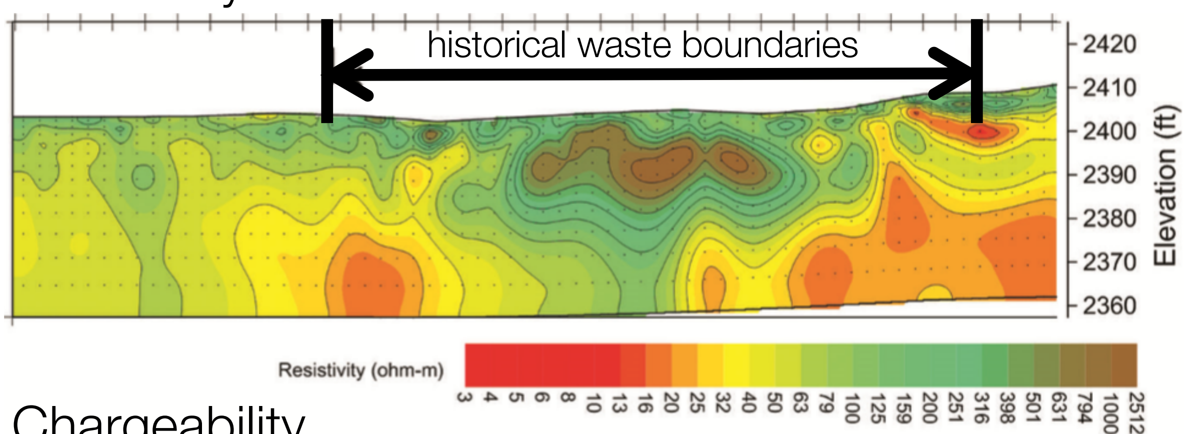
- Waste material: Mixed solid waste (MSW)
- Observations:
  - Resistivity not correlated with pit margins (non-diagnostic)
  - Chargeability (IP) correlates well with historical pit margins (diagnostic)



Ryan Airfield (Western Pit)

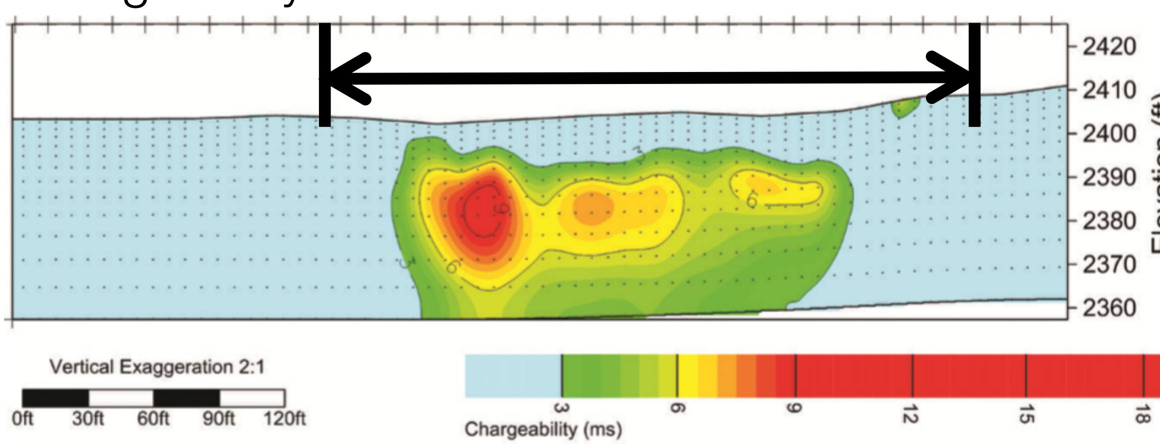
- Waste material: Construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Waste correlates with region of high resistivity
  - Waste correlates with chargeable region (significant IP anomaly).

Resistivity



Resistive waste within landfill

Chargeability

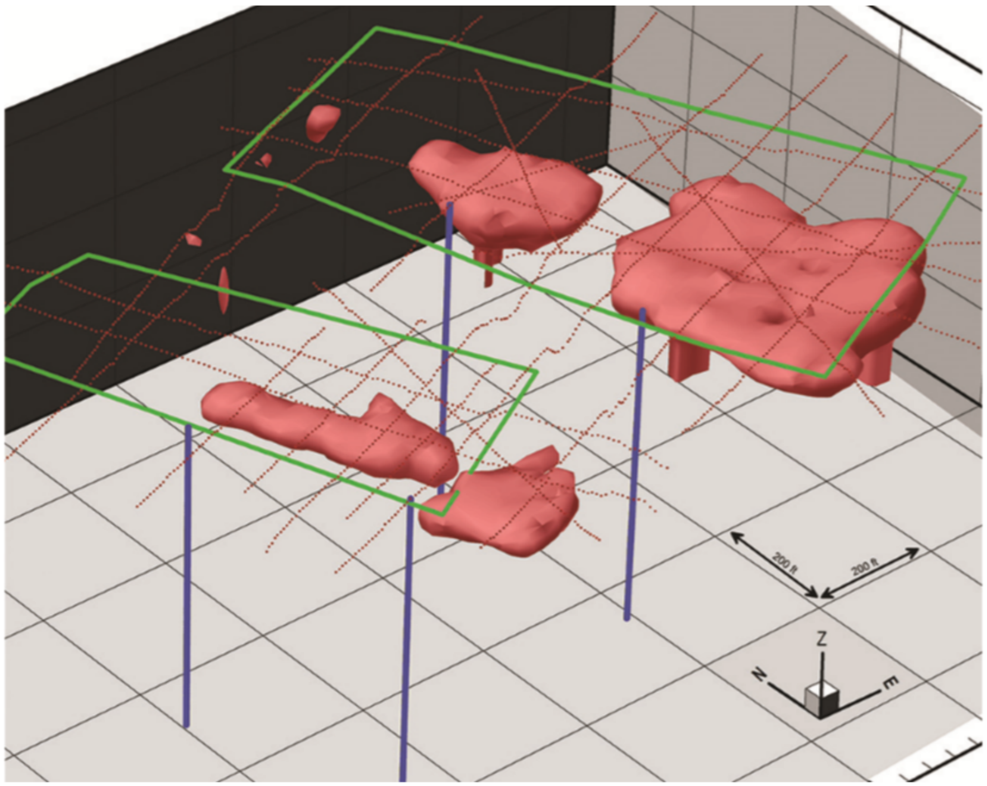


IP correlates with landfill

Dipole-dipole (a=7.5ft, n=0.5-6)

Ryan Airfield (Composite)

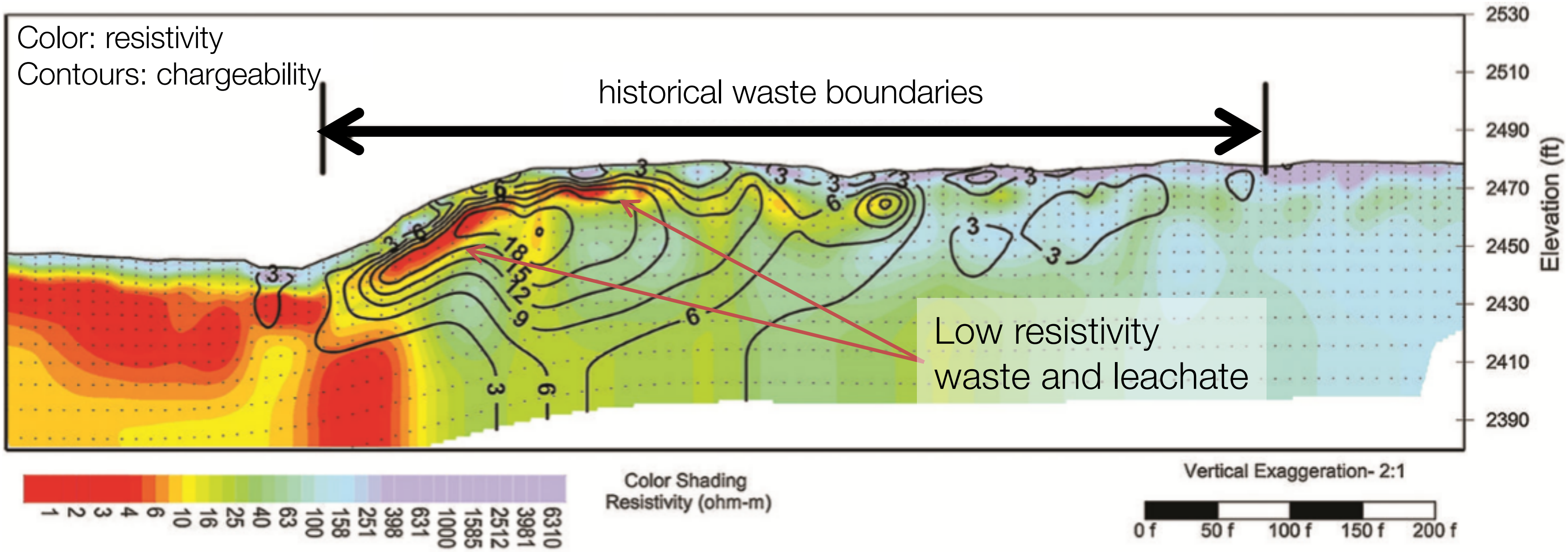
Chargeability isosurface



- Waste material:
  - MSW and construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Well locations picked with aim of **not** intercepting waste
  - Verified by drilling

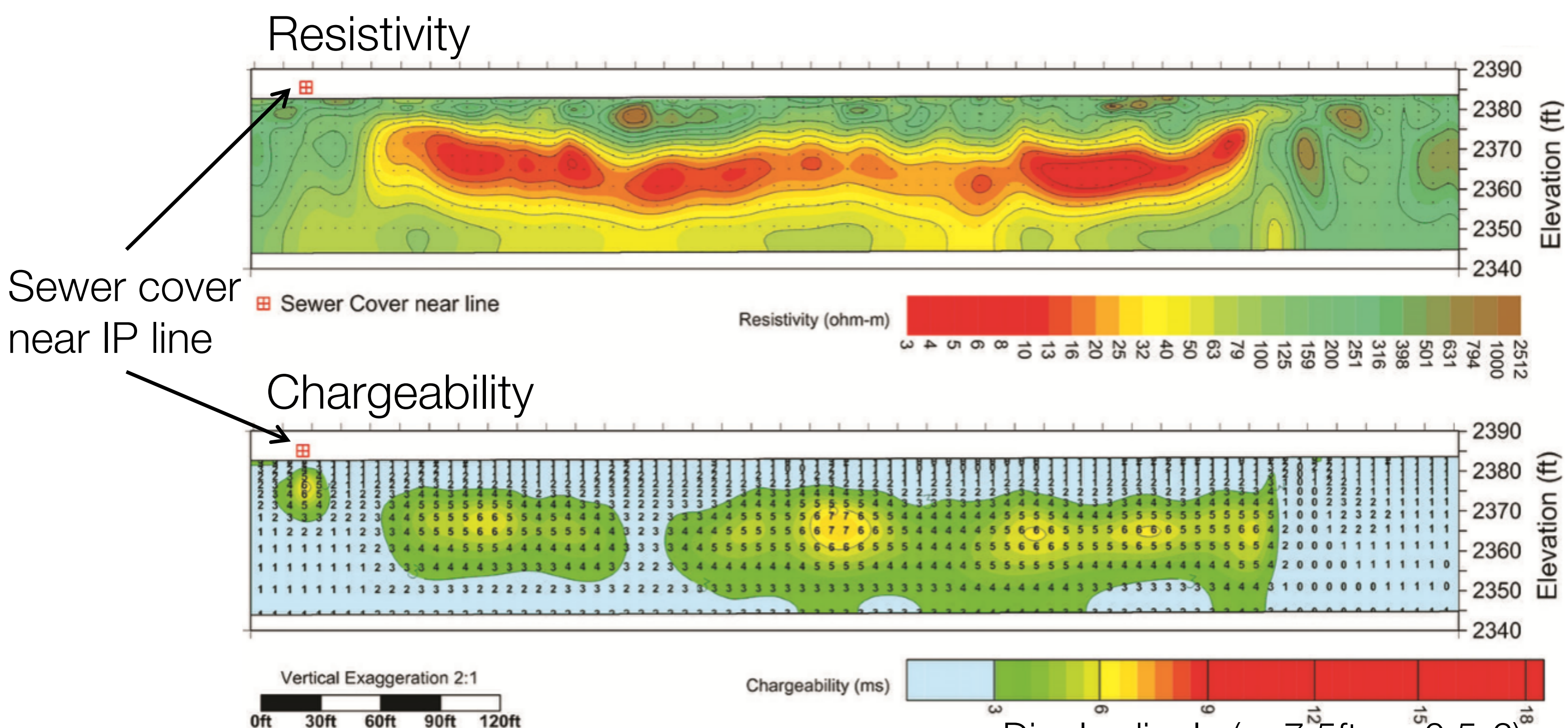
Tumamoc Landfill

- Waste material: Construction / demolition
- Observations:
  - Low resistivity down-gradient from waste → likely conductive leachate
  - Low resistivity and IP offset from one another
  - IP falls within historic landfill boundaries



Tucson region: Organic material

- Waste material: green-waste, trees, clippings
- Observations:
  - Resistivity low
  - Weak but elevated IP signature

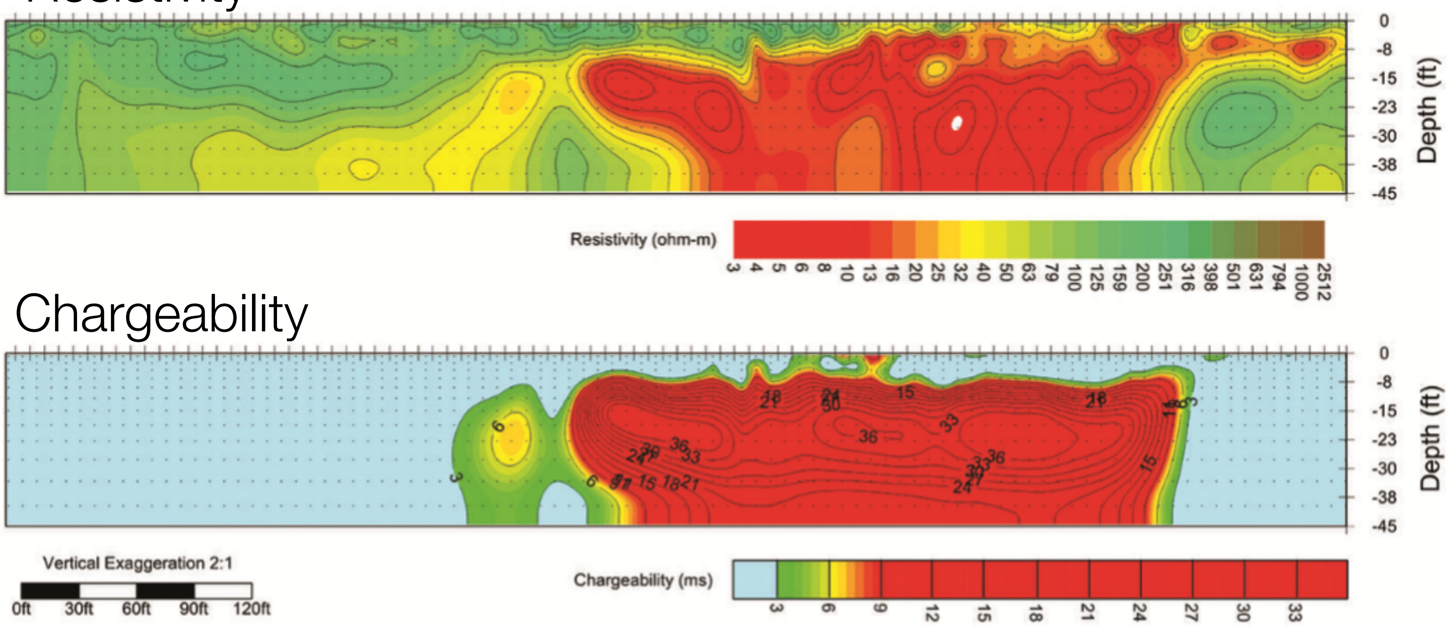


Dipole-dipole (a=7.5ft, n=0.5-6)

Nearmont Landfill

- Waste material: Municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Observations:
  - low resistivity + high IP (ideal “fingerprint”)
  - MSW waste confirmed with drilling

Resistivity

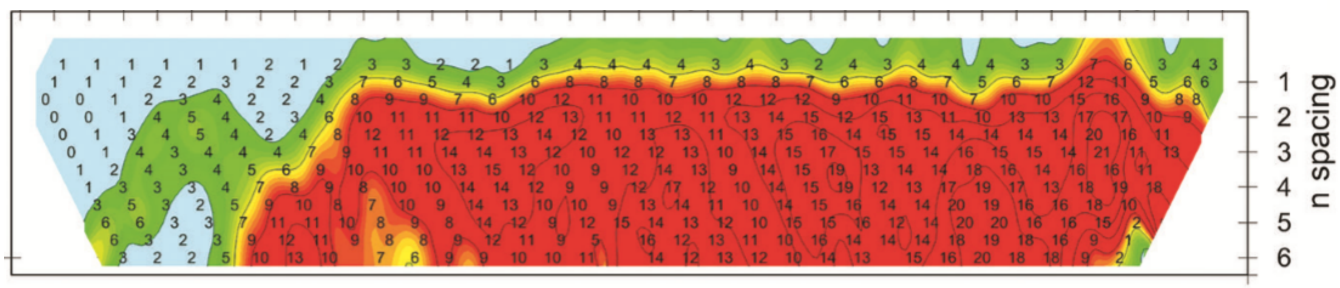


Dipole-dipole (a=7.5ft, n=0.5-6)

Example: Landfill Monitoring

- Waste material: municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Surveys:
  - 2003: IP survey
  - 2003-2007: 4 year biodegrediation program
  - 2009: Repeat IP survey
- Observations:
  - Reduction in IP anomaly indicates the effectiveness of biodegredation

Before



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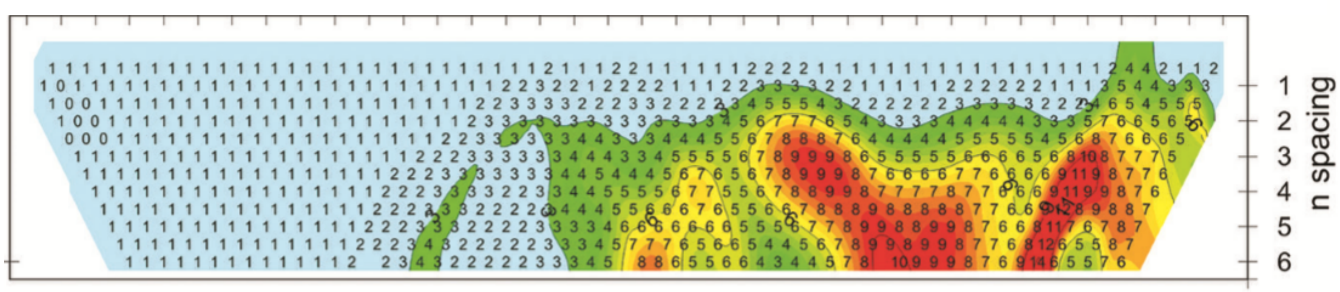
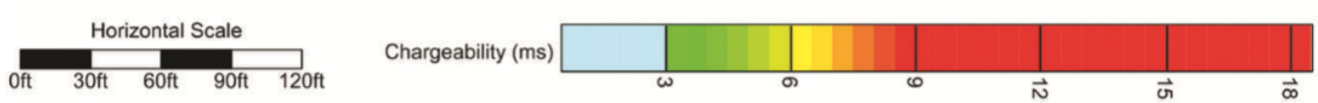
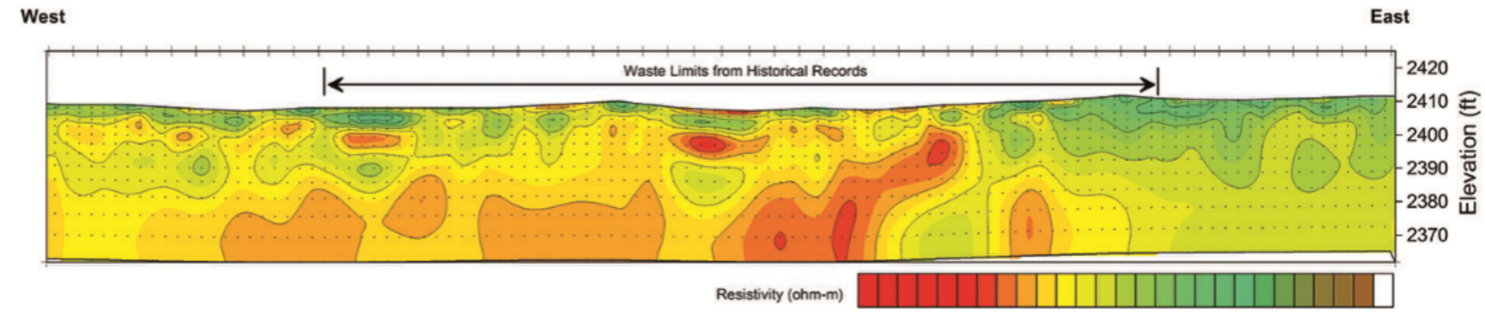




Summary

- Resistivity may not be a good indicator of waste

Mixed Waste



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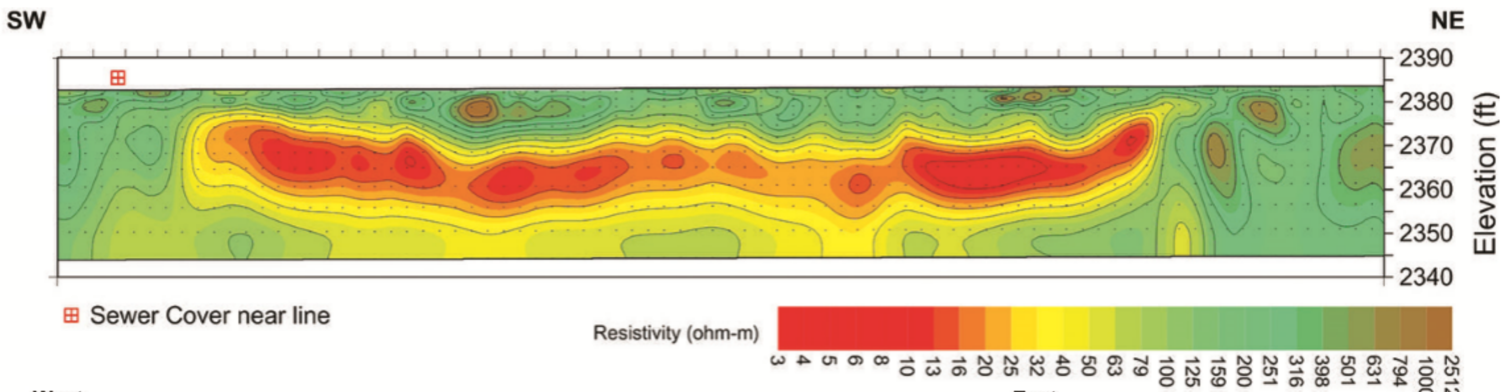

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Demolition
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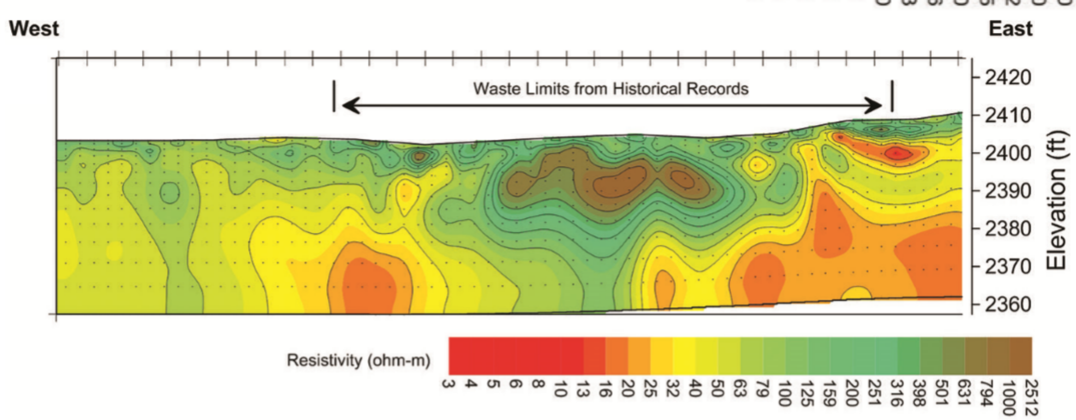
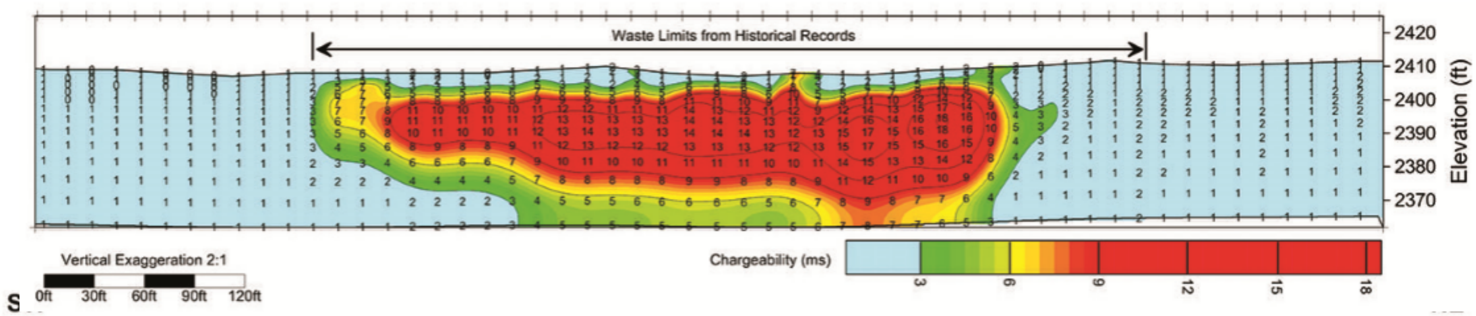


Summary

- Chargeability may be a more consistent indicator of waste

Mixed Waste



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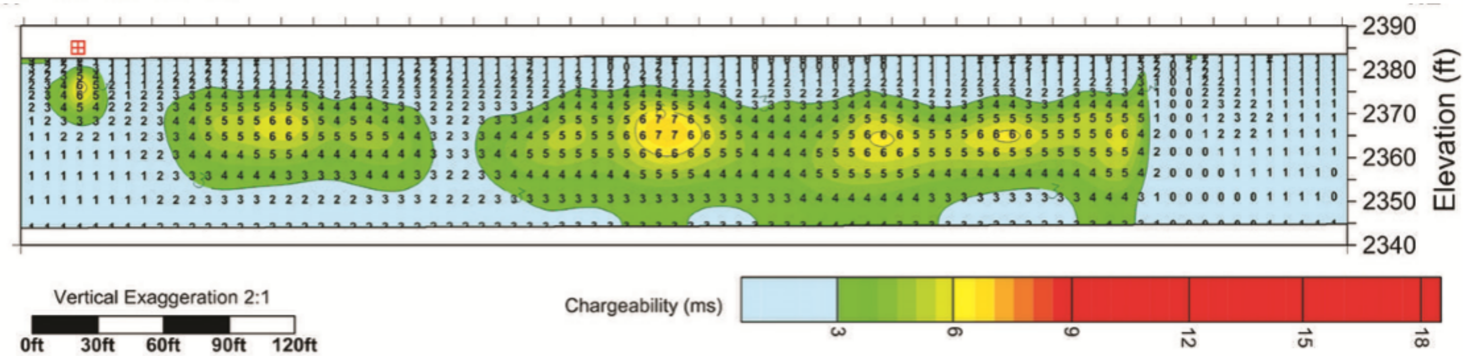

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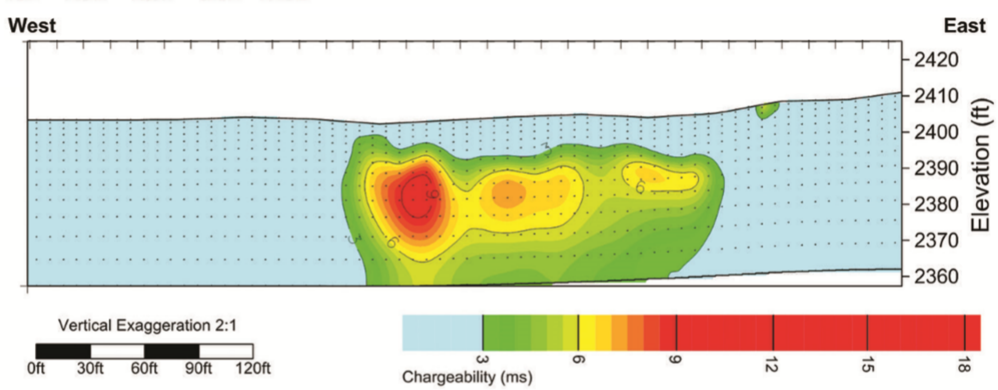

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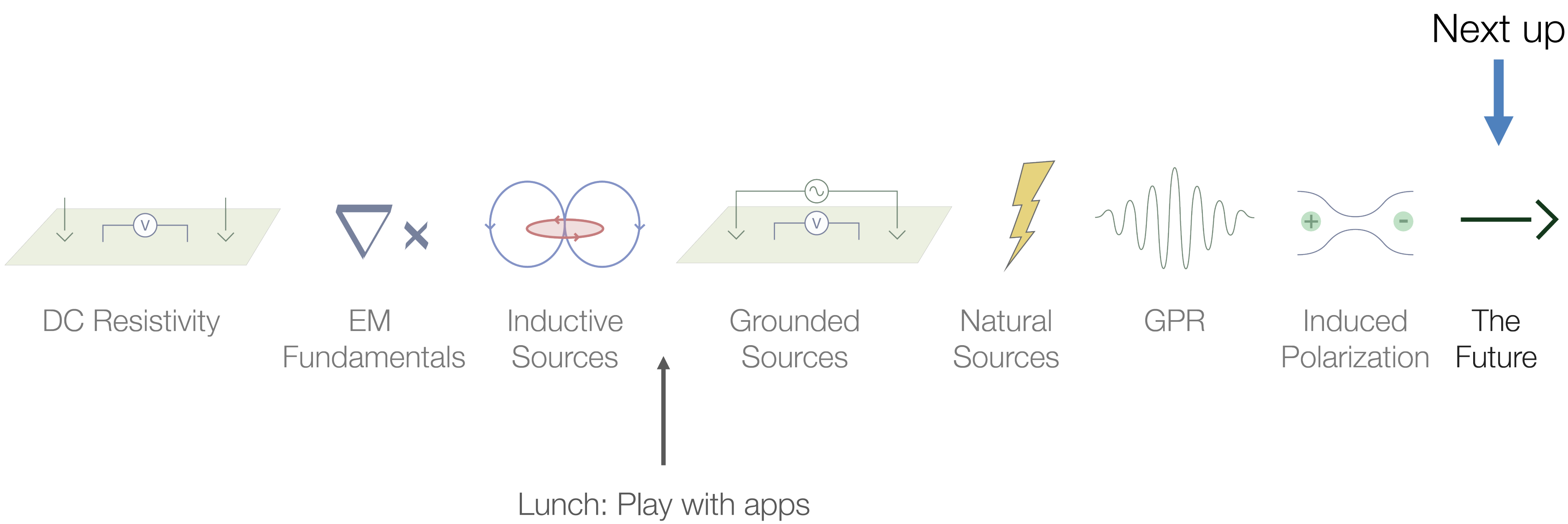

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