

# EM: Grounded Sources

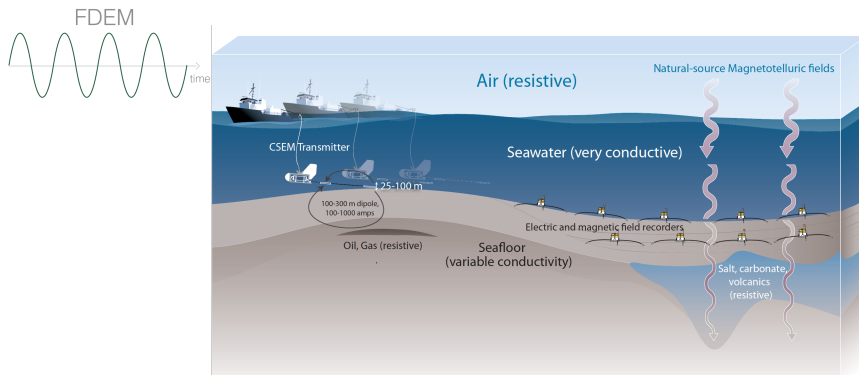


# Outline

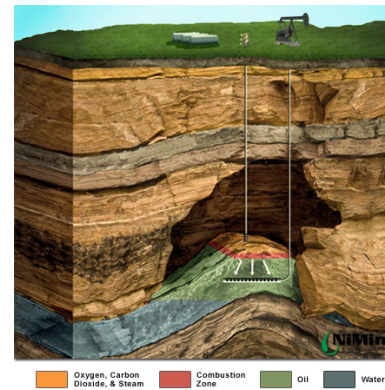
- Basic experiment
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets: currents and data
- Resistive Targets: currents and data
- Case History: Barents Sea
- Synthetic Example: Gradient Array

# Motivational examples

## Marine EM for hydrocarbon



## Oil and Gas

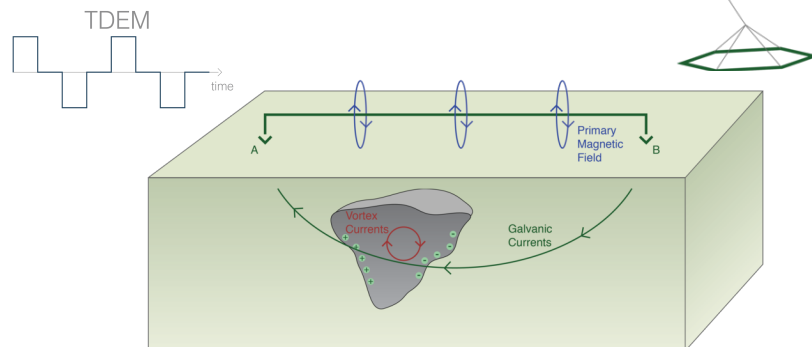


## Gas hydrates



## Galvanic source TEM

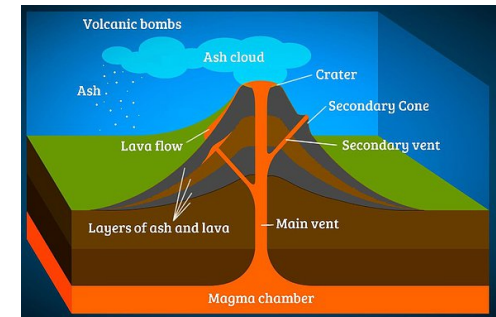
- LoTEM (ground)
- HeliSAM (Rx on the air)
- GREATEM (Rx on the air)



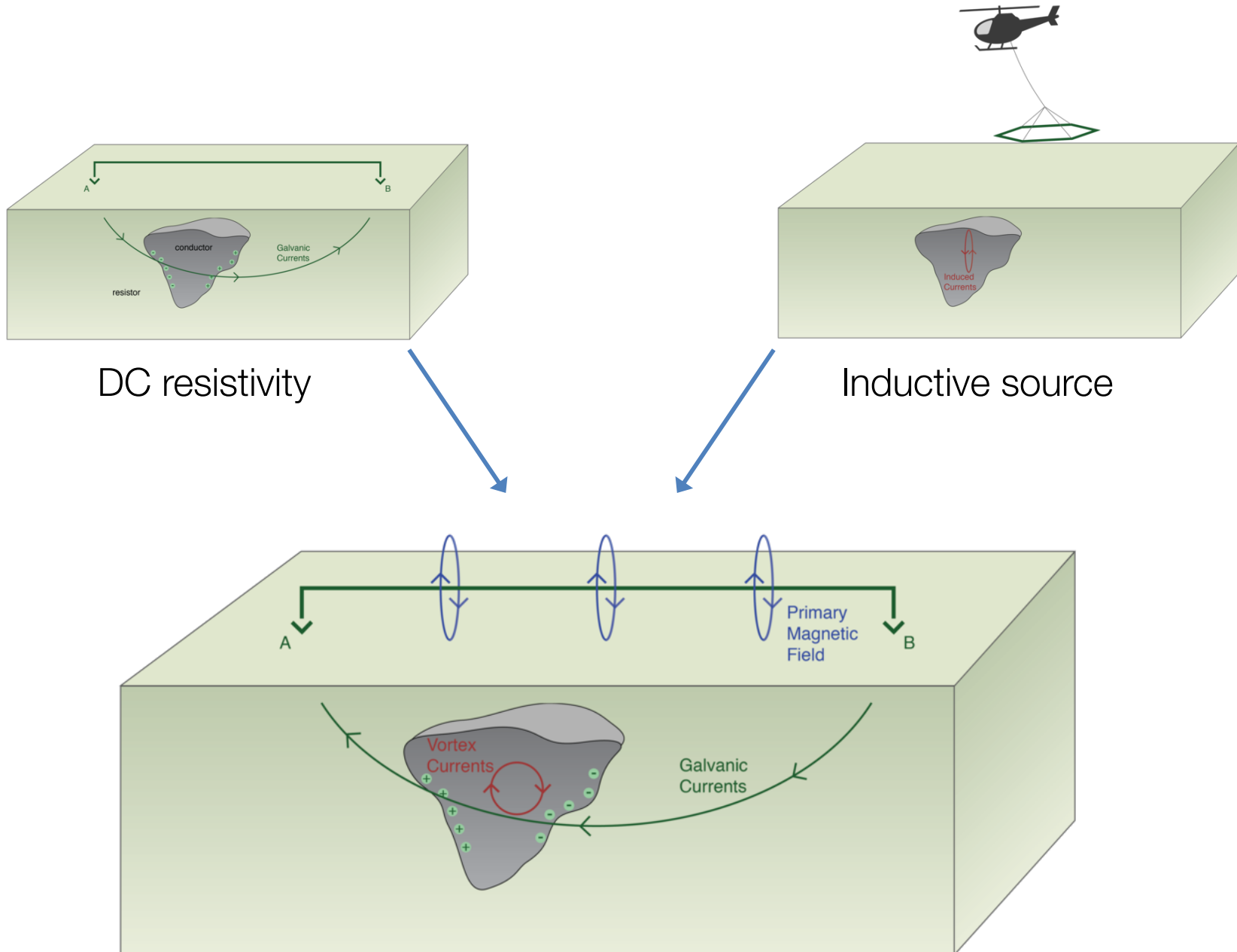
## Minerals



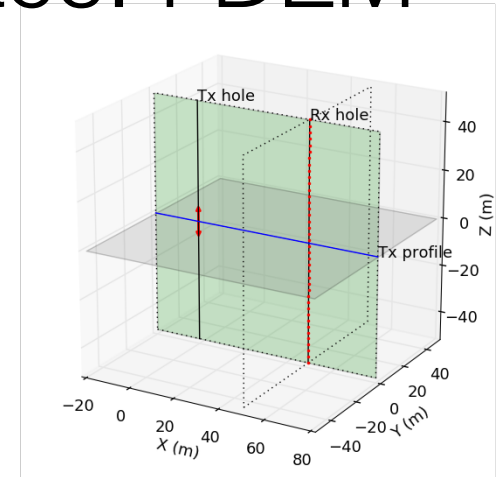
## Volcanoes



# Basic experiment

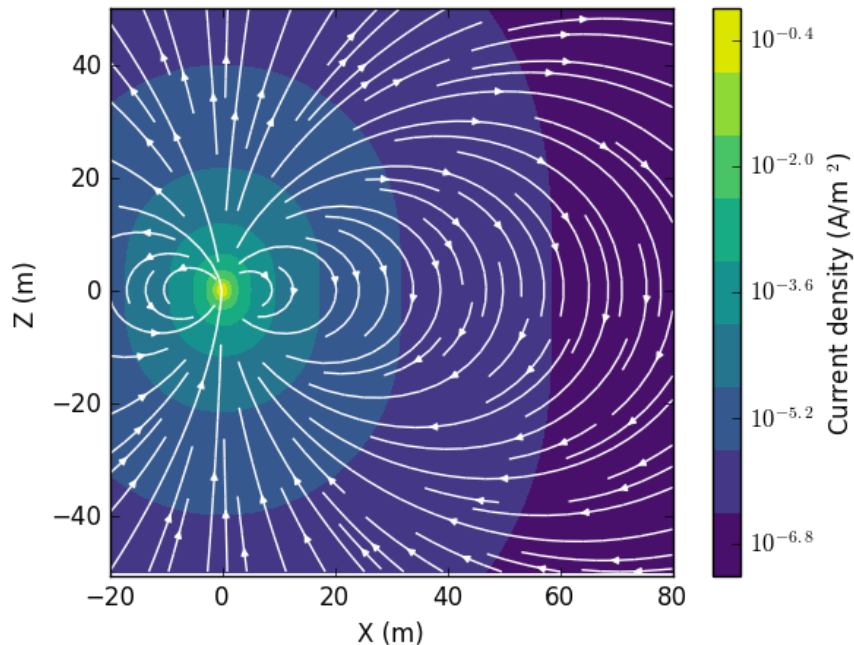


# Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM



- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 0 Hz (DC), 0.01 S/m

DC current density



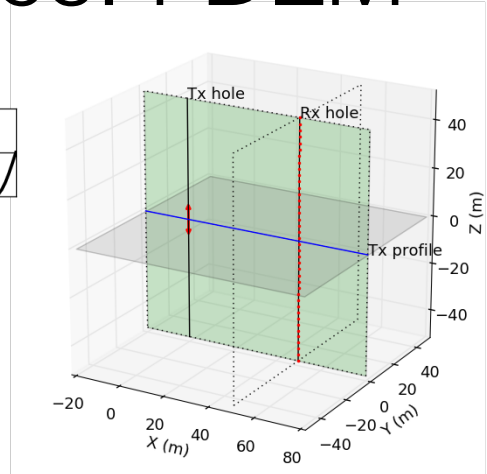
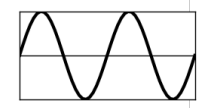
$$\mathbf{E}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m} \right)$$

- Geometric decay:  $1/r^3$
- Currents path is geometric for homogeneous earth, but electric field is dependent upon  $\sigma$

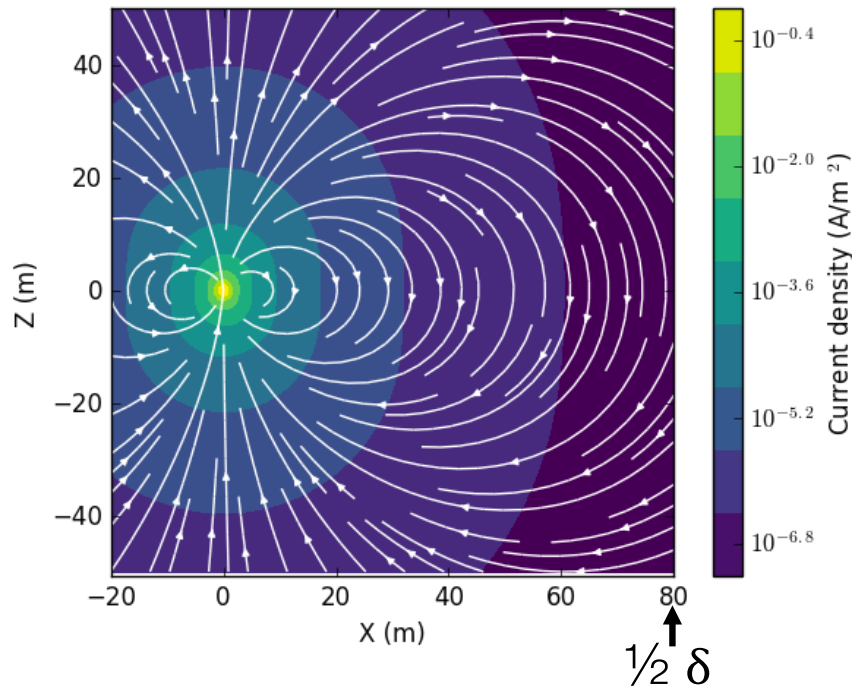
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .



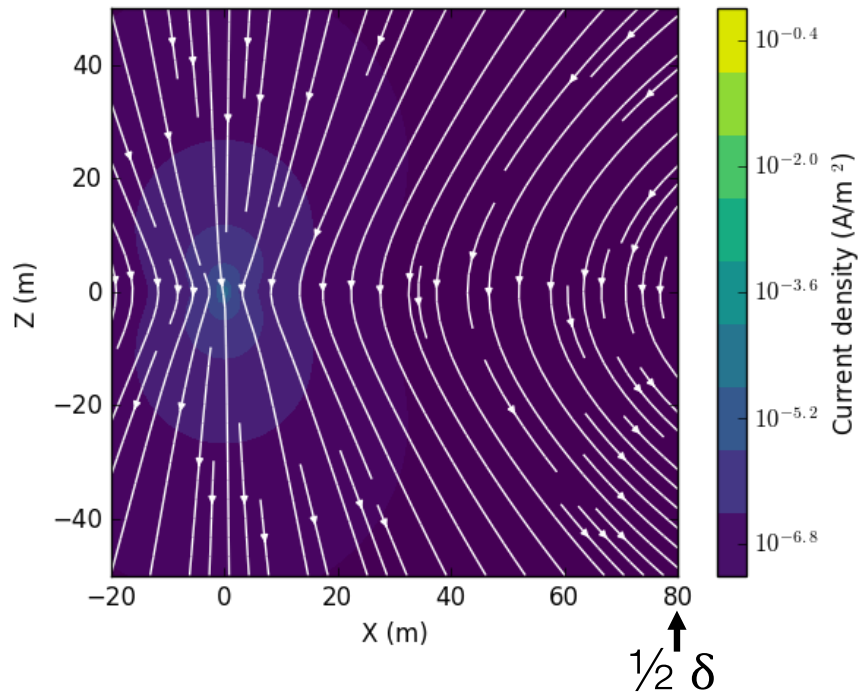
- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 1000 Hz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta = 160$  m

Current density (Real part)



DC + EM induction

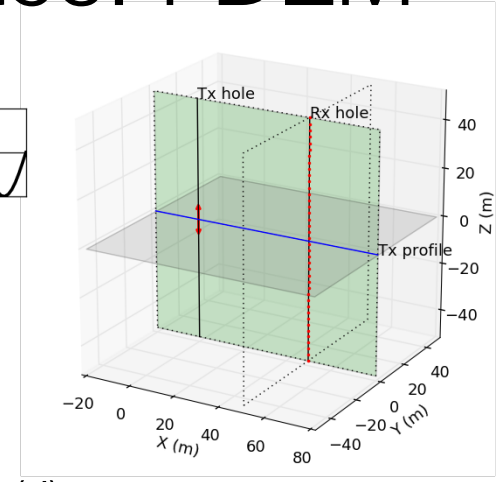
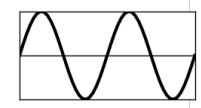
Current density (Imaginary part)



EM induction

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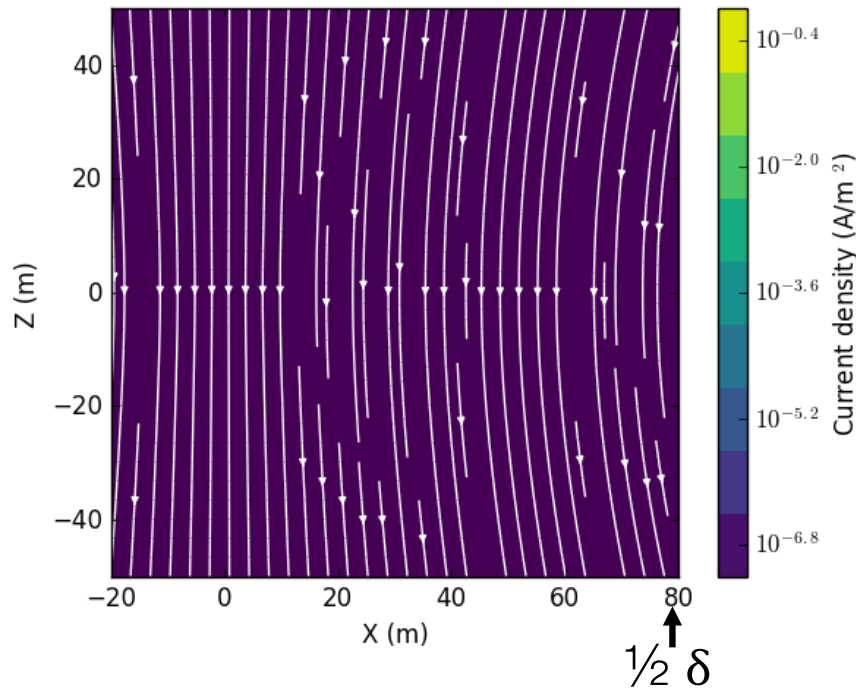
Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .



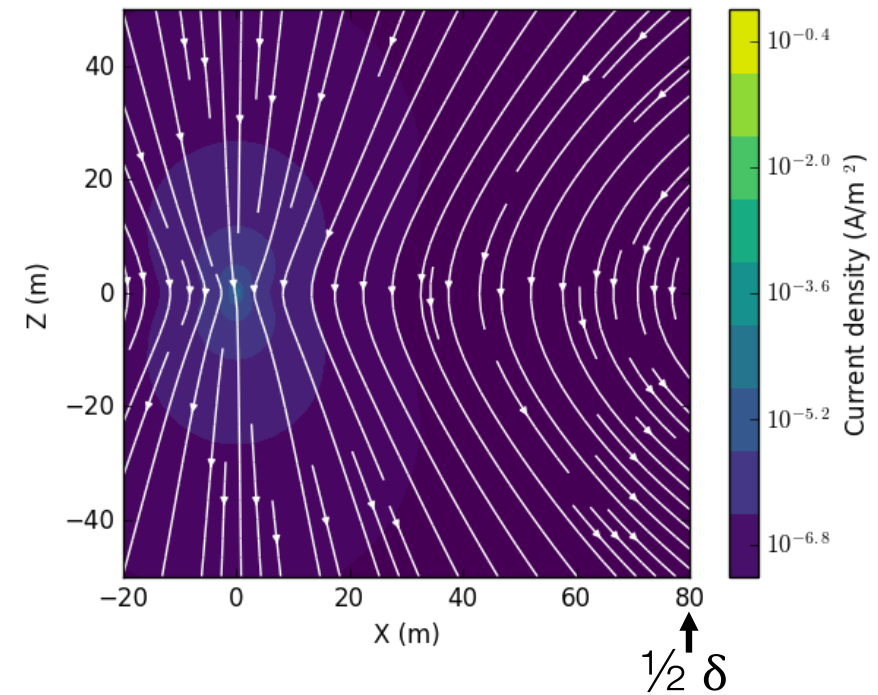
- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 1 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta = 160$  m

Remove DC part  
 $\text{Re}(J) - J^{\text{DC}}$

$\text{Im}(J)$



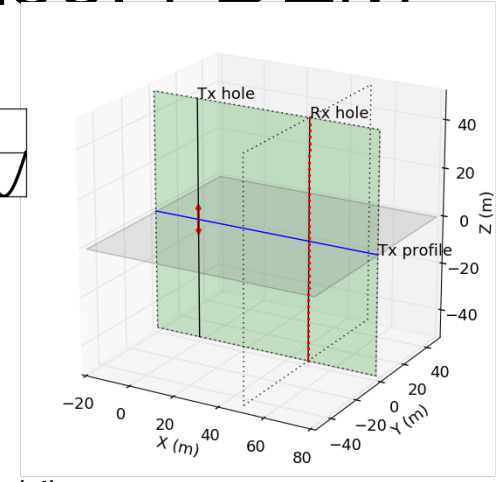
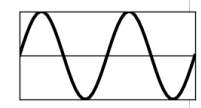
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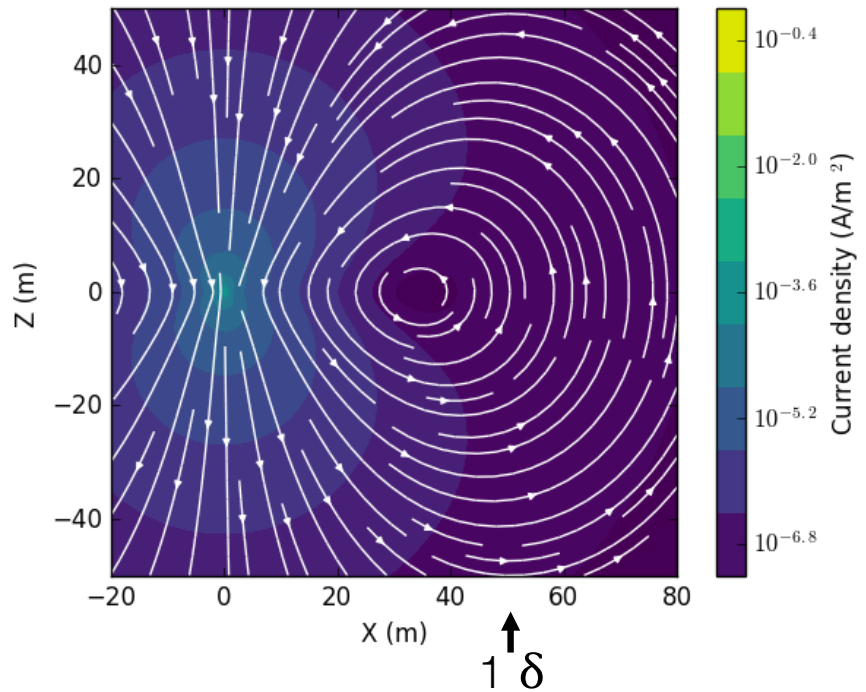
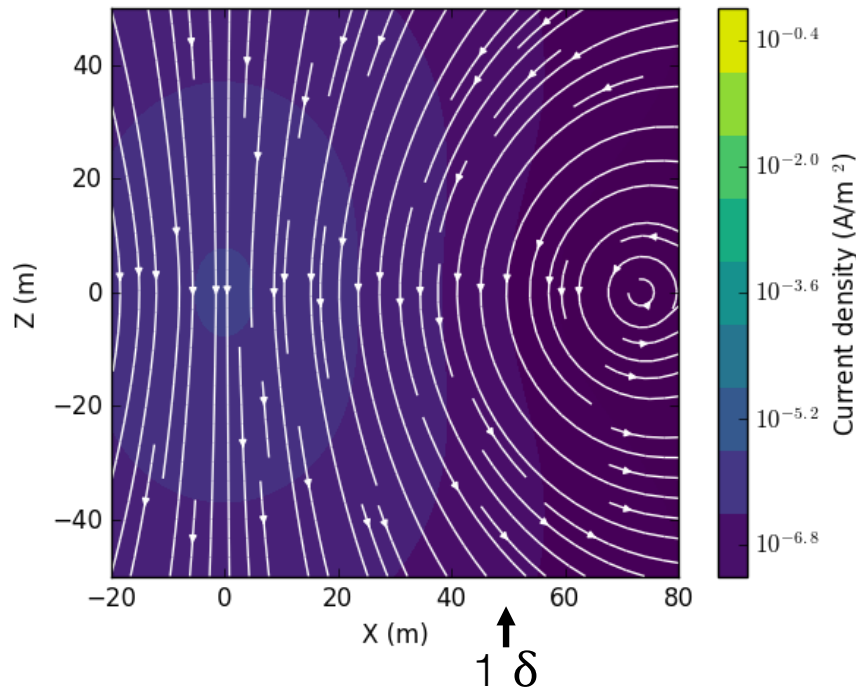
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- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 10 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta = 50$  m

Re (J)  $-J^{DC}$

Im (J)



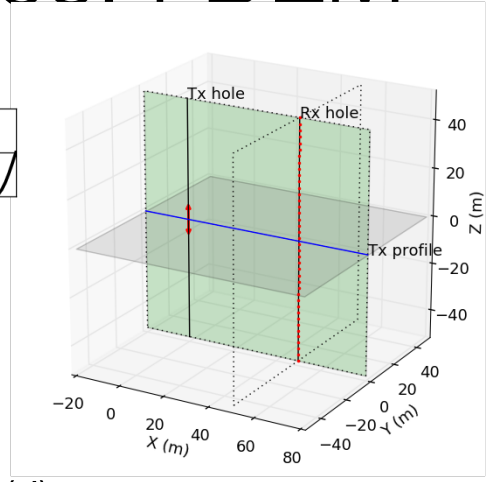
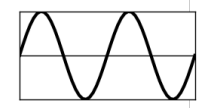
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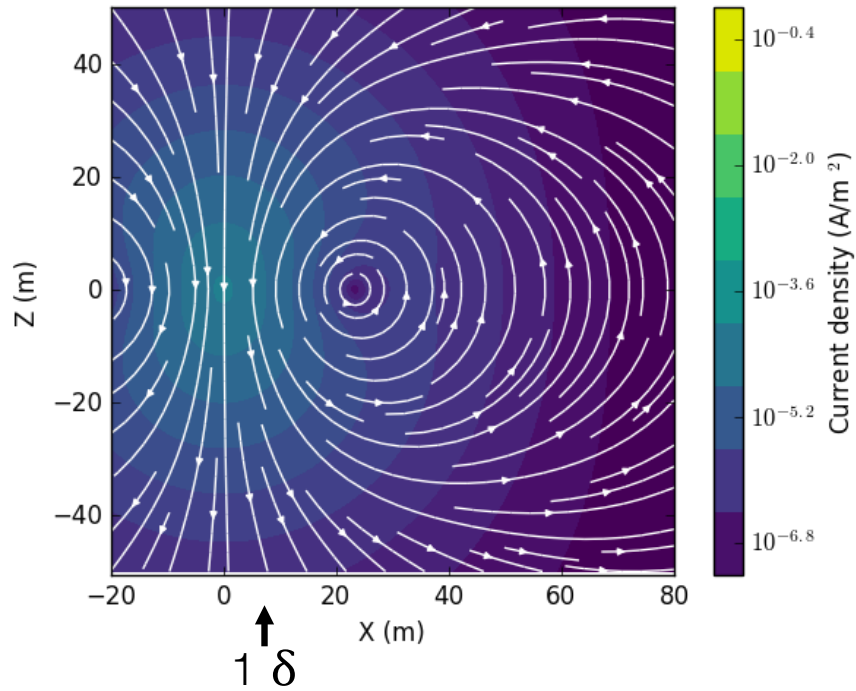
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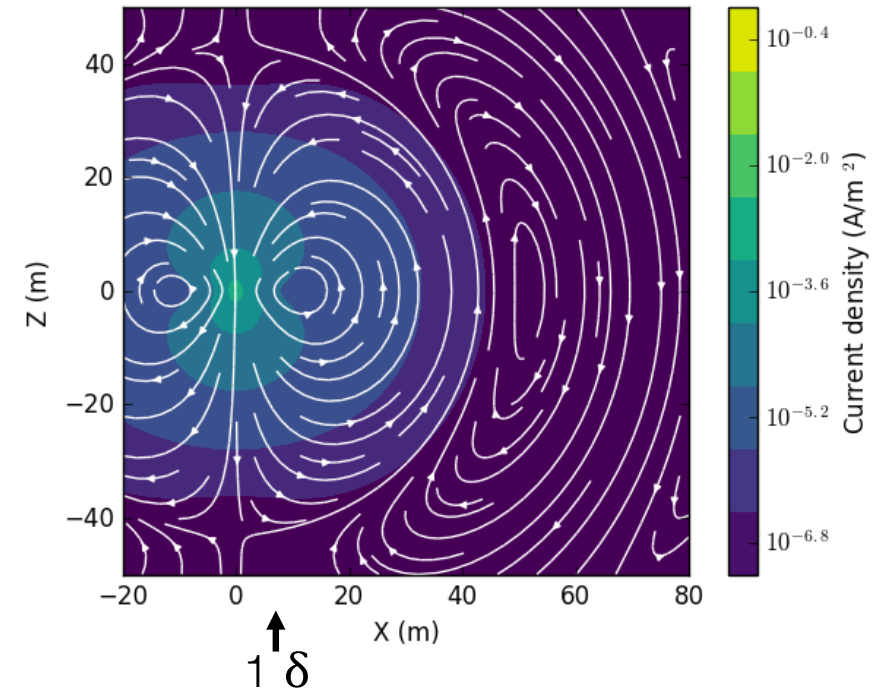
- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 100 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta = 16$  m

Re (J)  $-J^{DC}$

Im (J)



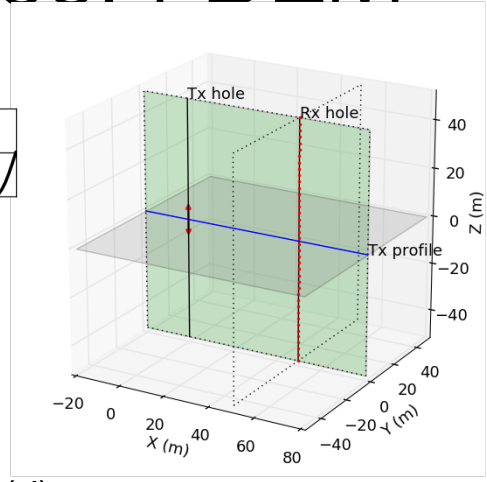
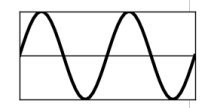
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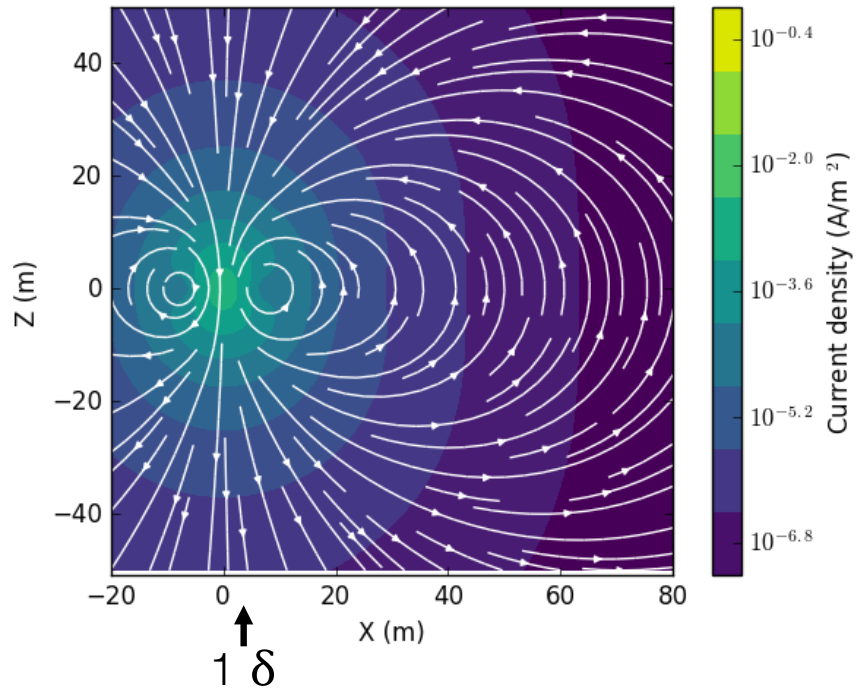
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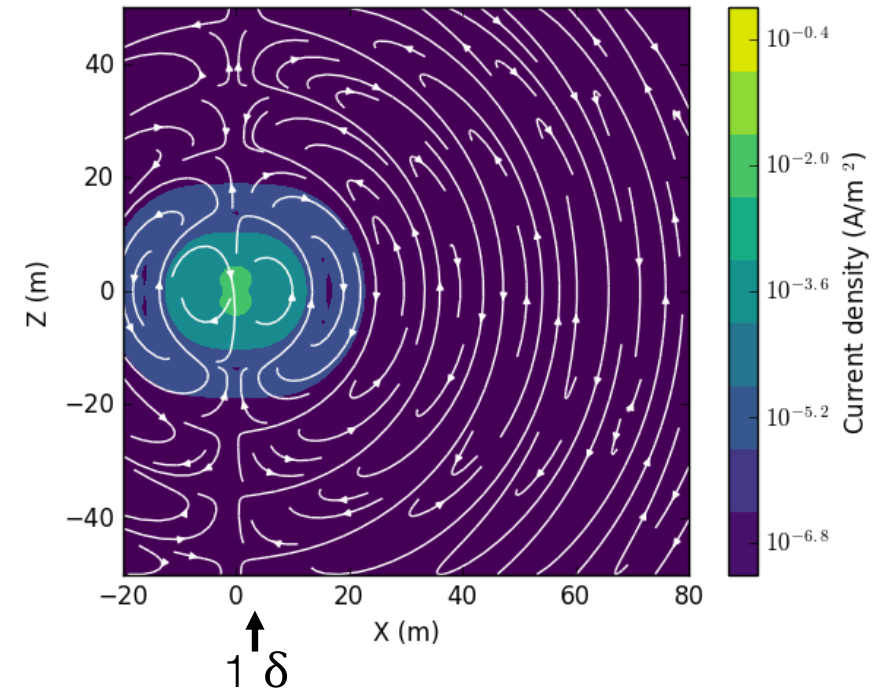
- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 1000 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta = 5$  m

Re (J)  $-J^{DC}$

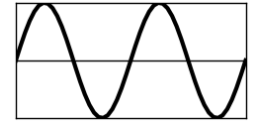
Im (J)



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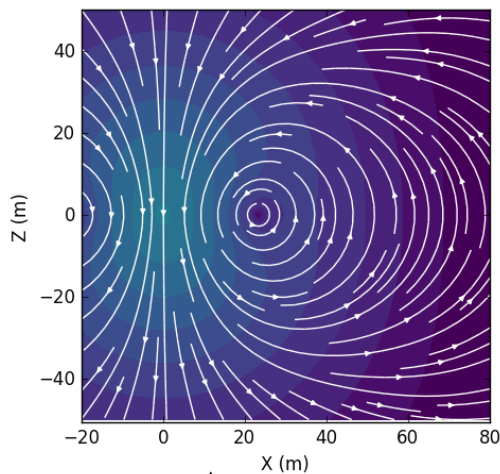


# Summary:

## FDEM Electric Dipole in a whole space

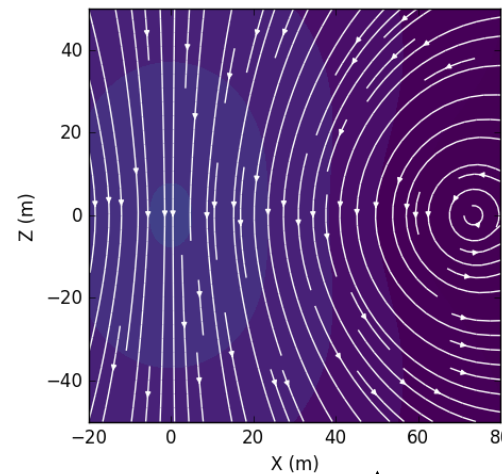
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$

Re (**J**) - **J**<sup>DC</sup>



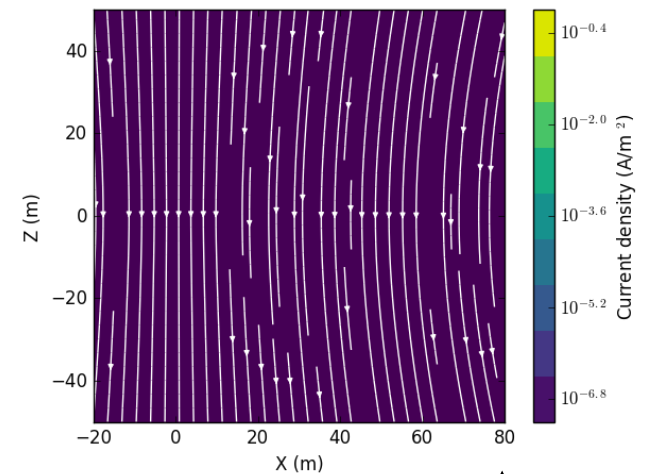
↑  
 $1 \delta$

100 kHz



↑  
 $1 \delta$

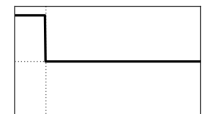
10 kHz



↑  
 $1/2 \delta$

1 kHz

In time...



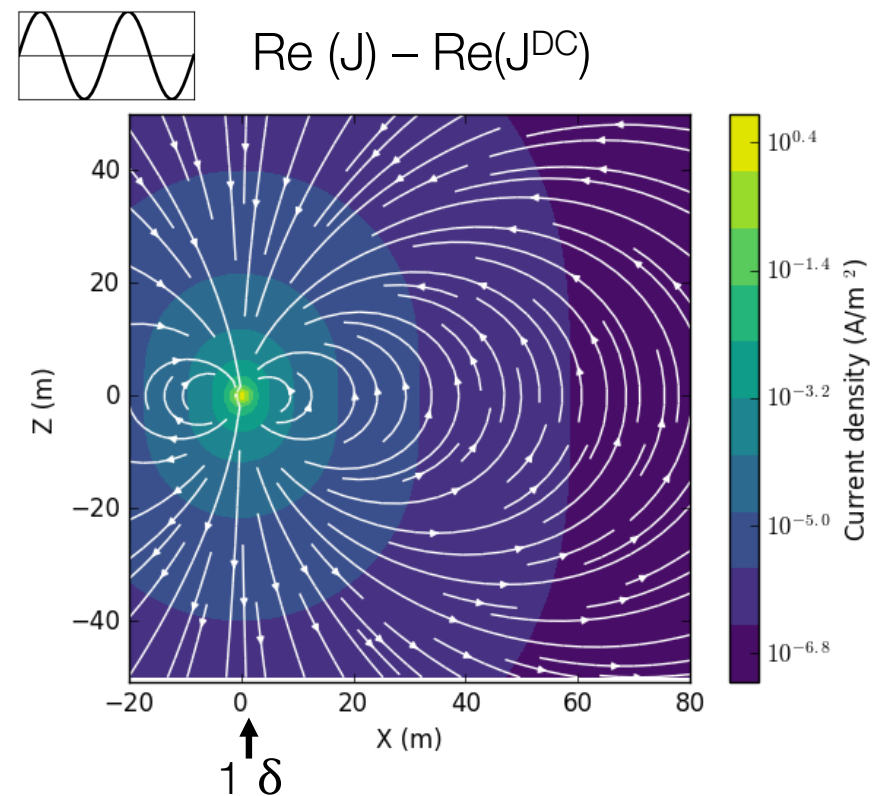
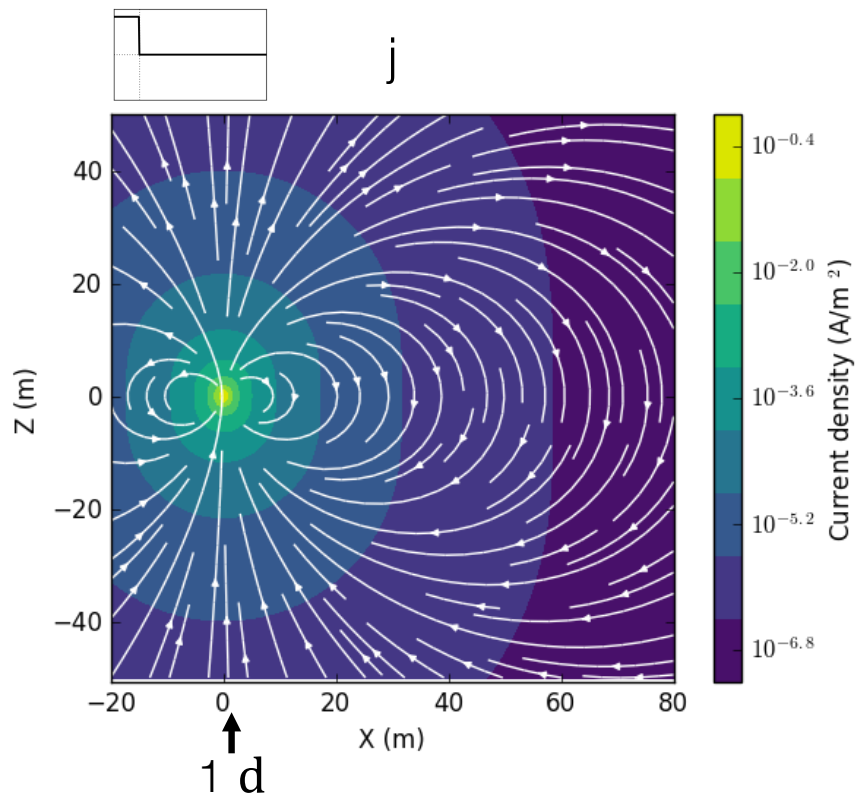
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

$t=10^{-4}$  ms,  $d = 4$  m

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$

$f=10^4$  kHz,  $\delta = 2$  m

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



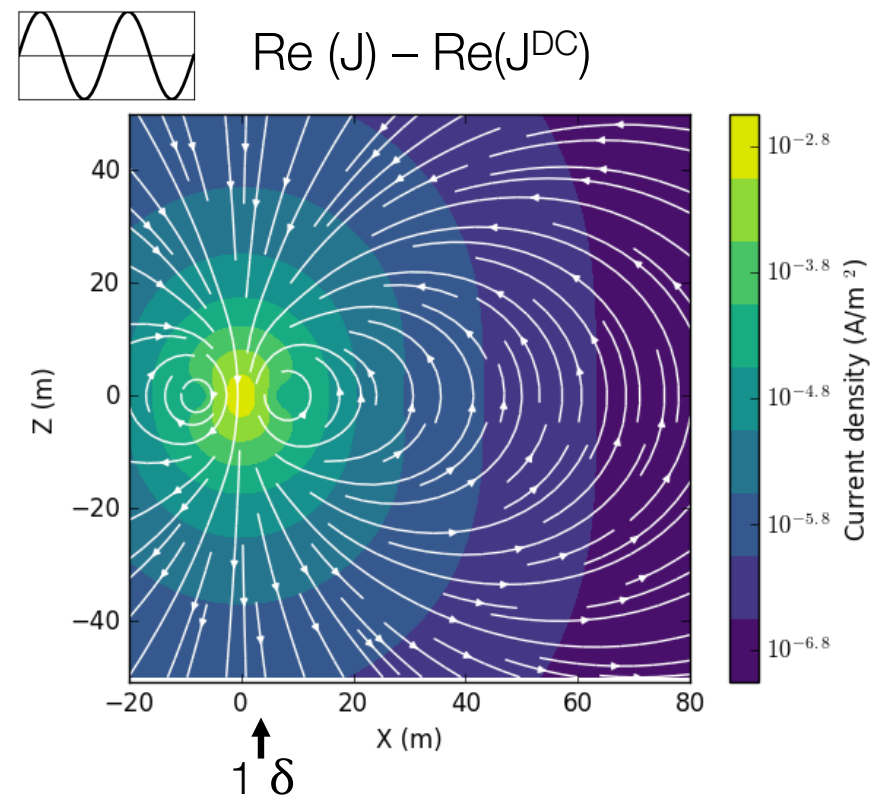
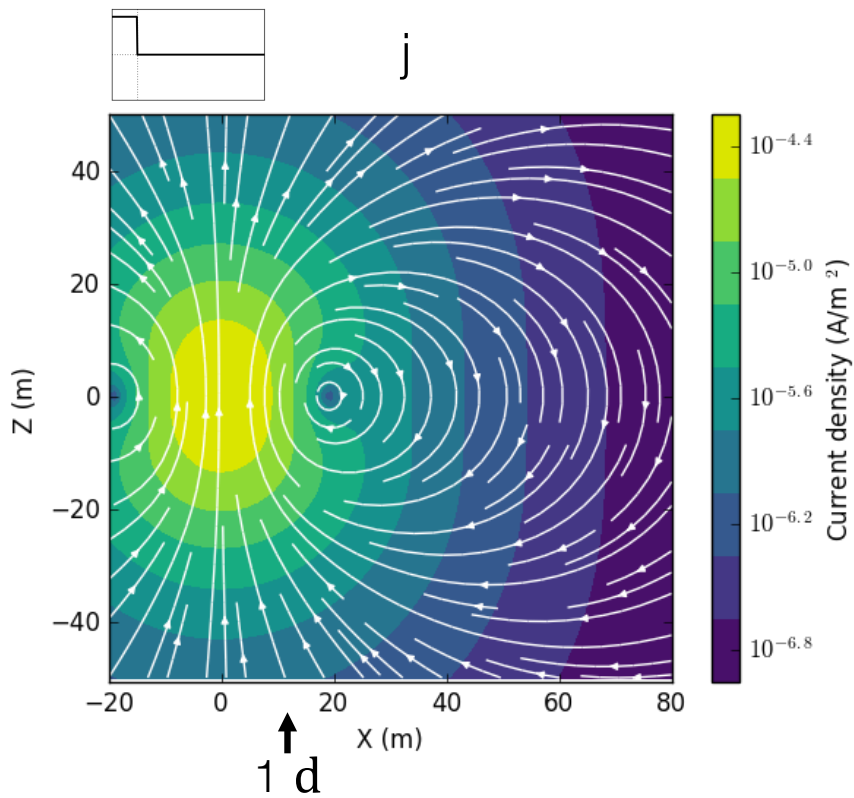
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

$t=10^{-3}$  ms,  $d = 13$  m

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$

$f=10^3$  kHz,  $\delta = 5$  m

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



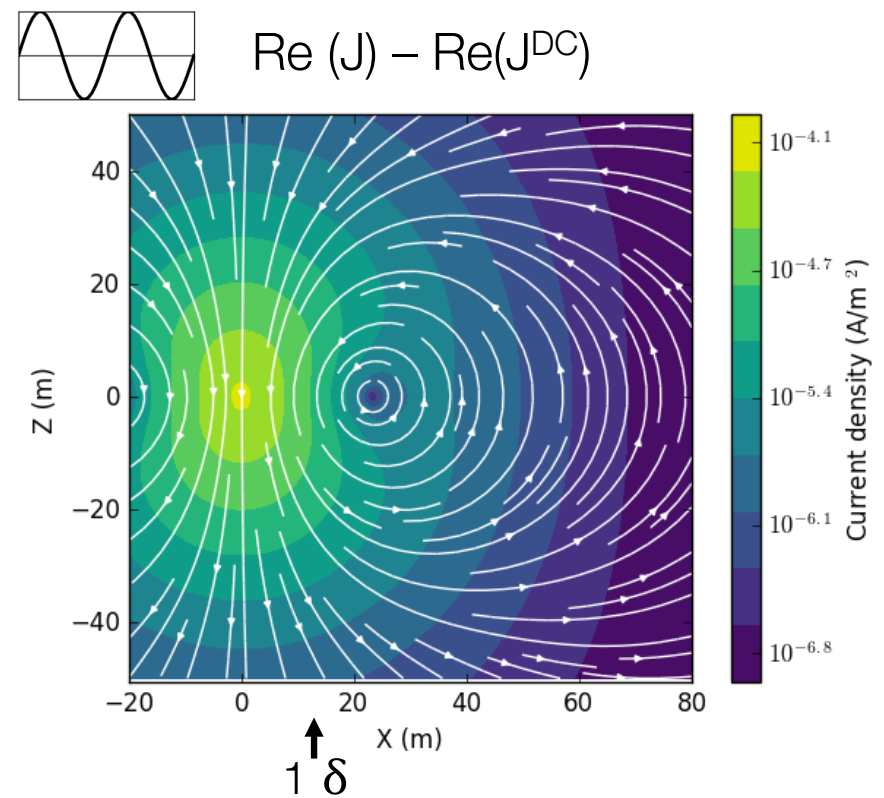
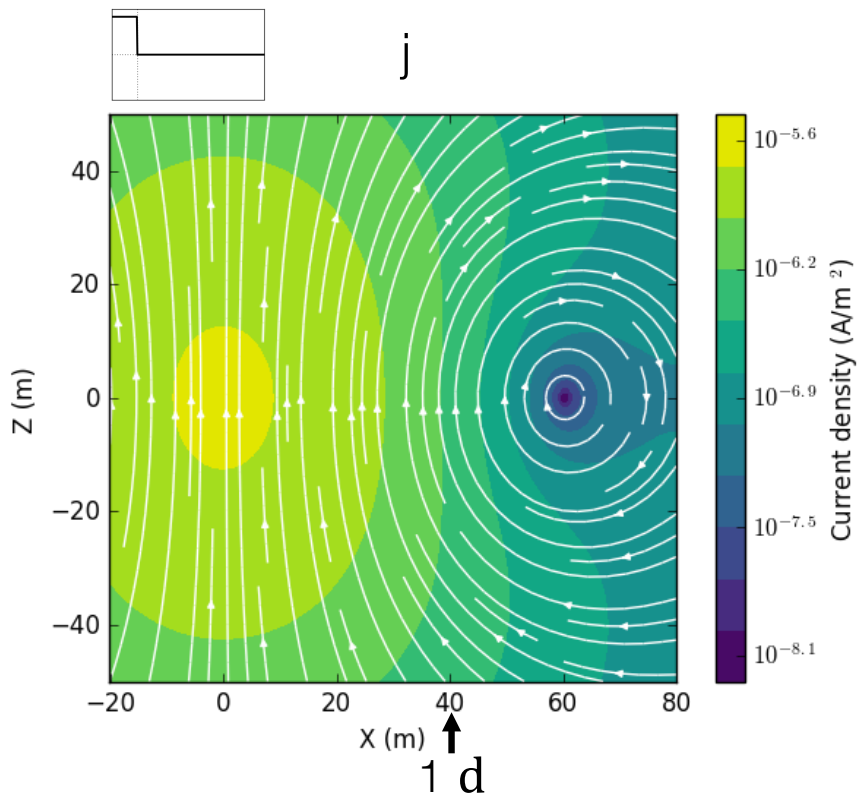
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

$t=10^{-2}$  ms,  $d = 40$ m

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$

$f=10^2$  kHz,  $\delta = 16$  m

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



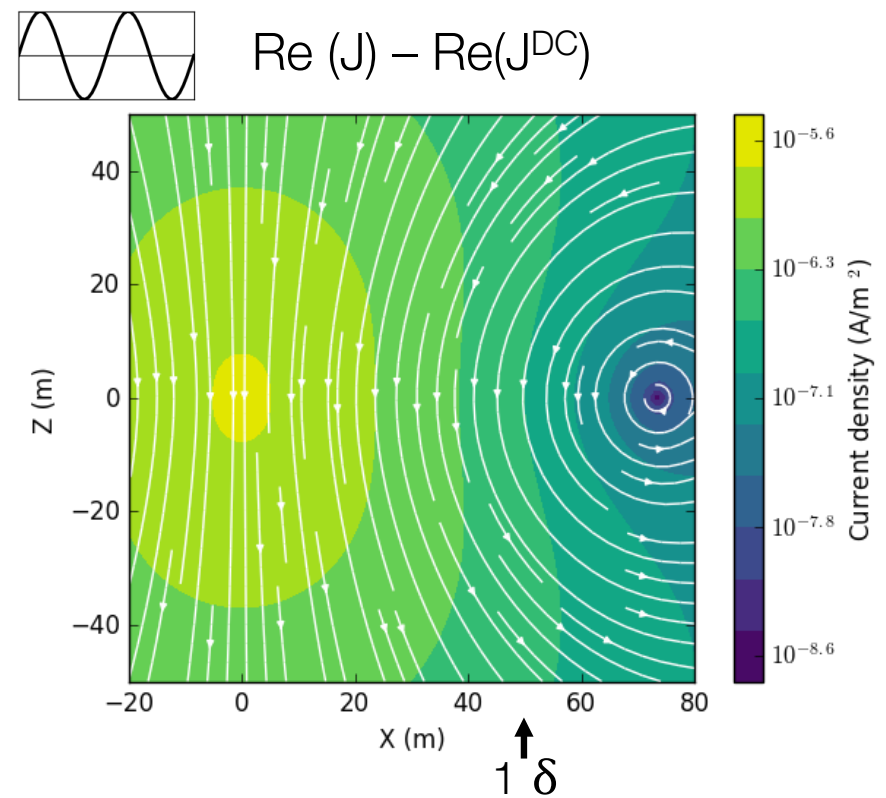
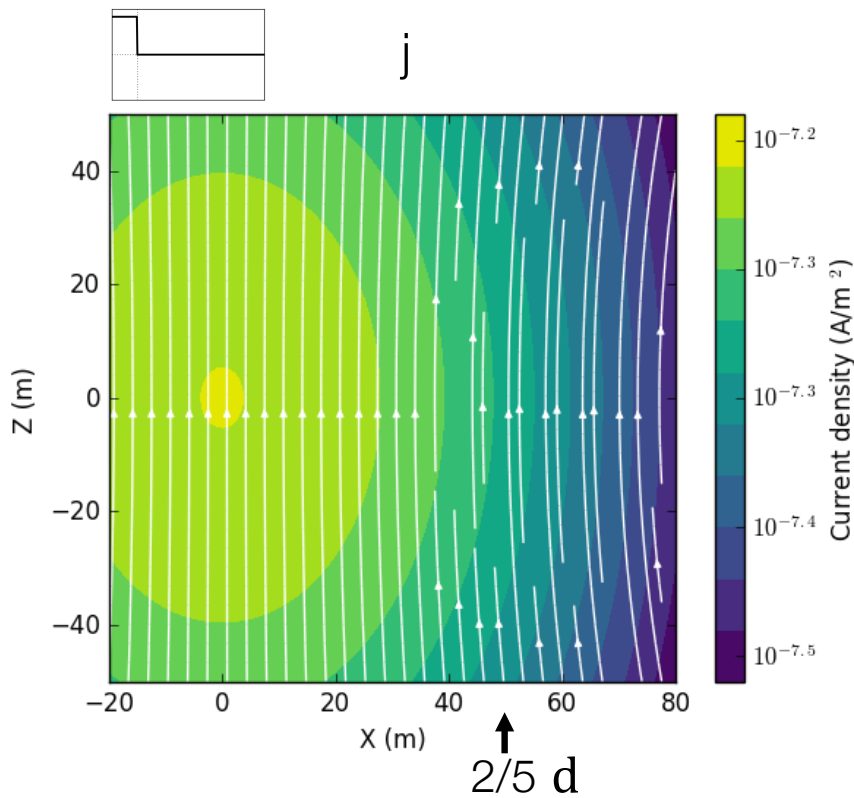
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

$t=10^{-1}$  ms,  $d = 126$  m

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$

$f=10^1$  kHz,  $\delta = 50$  m

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



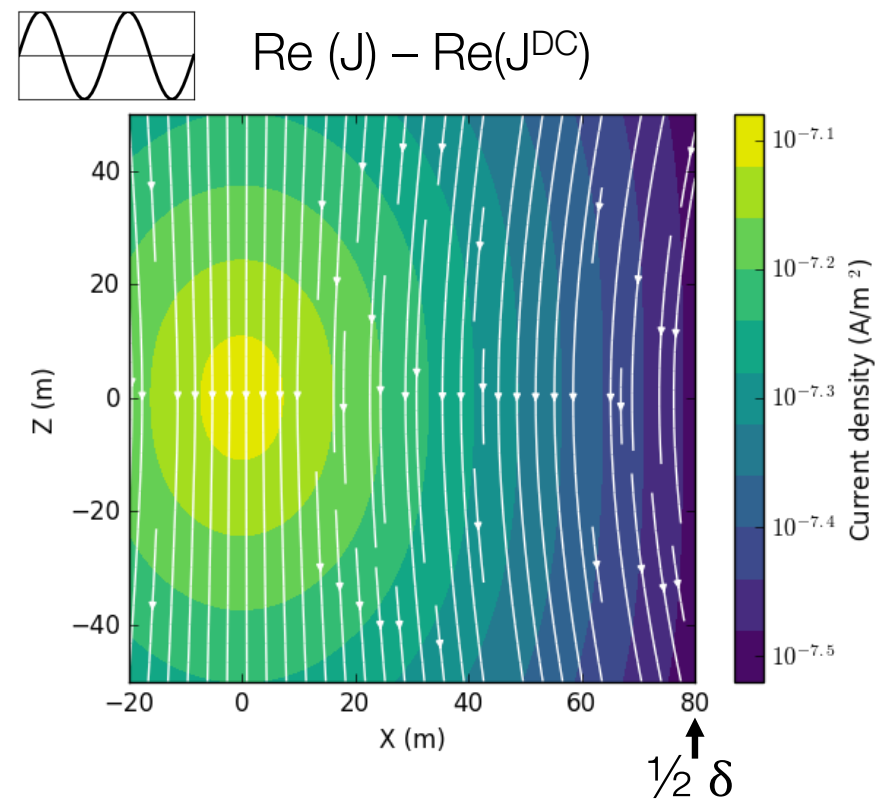
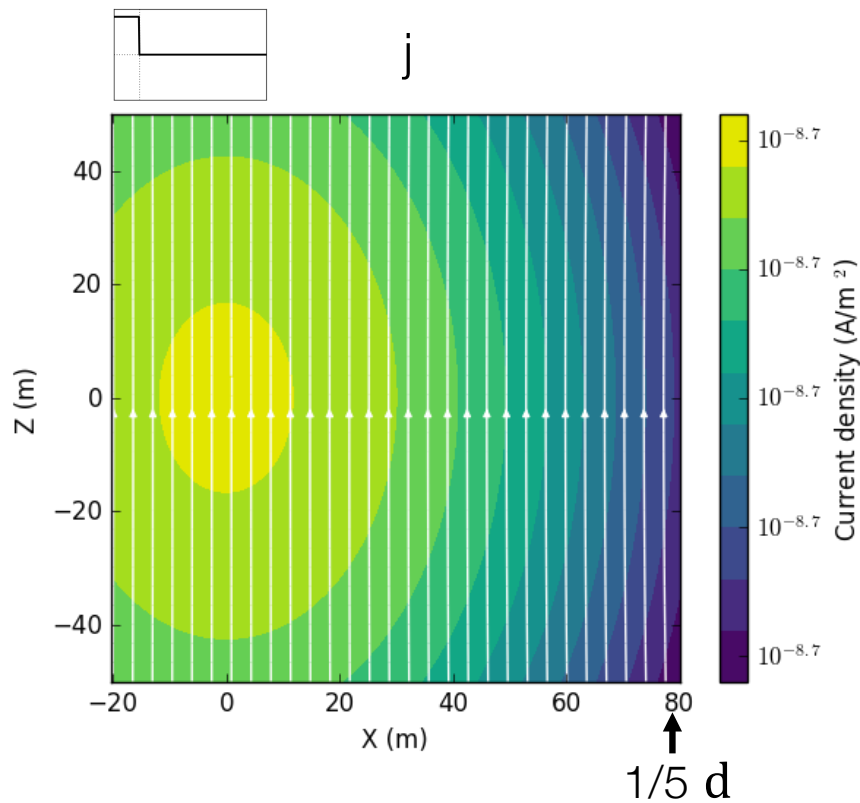
# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

$t=1 \text{ ms}, d = 400\text{m}$

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$

$f=1 \text{ kHz}, \delta = 160 \text{ m}$

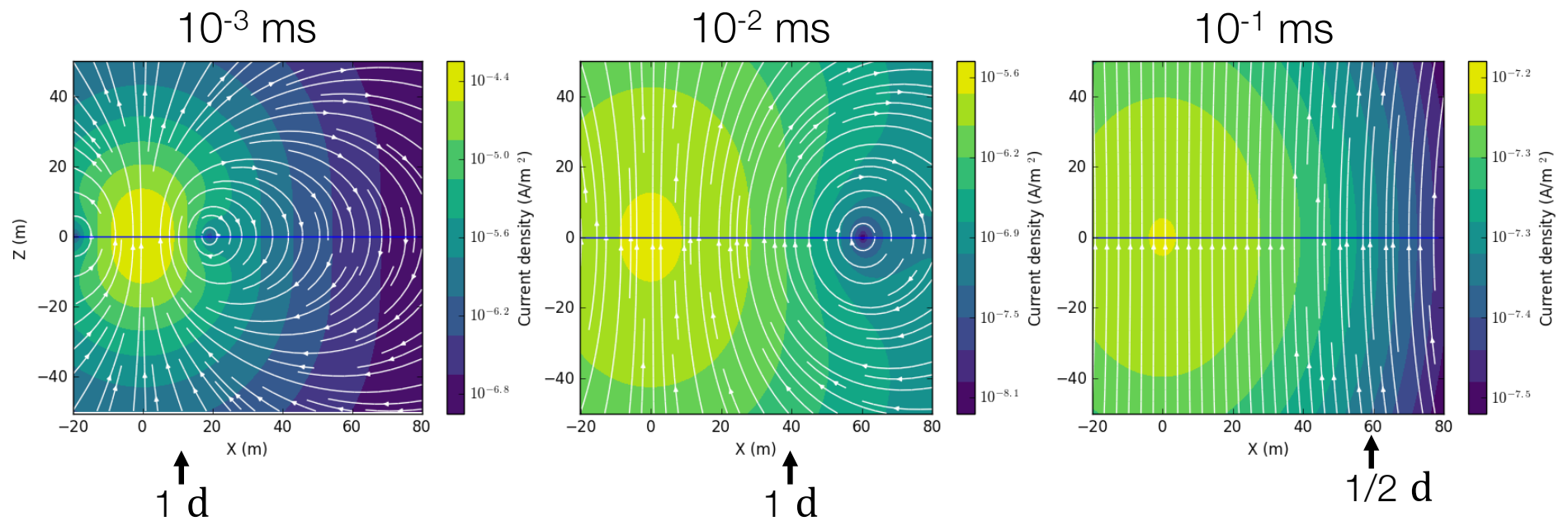
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$





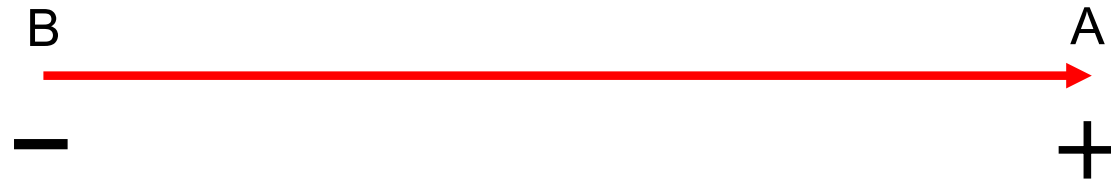
# Diffusing currents

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$



# Bipole Sources

- Extended line sources
  - Grounded term (**galvanic**) + wire path (**inductive**)
  - Straight line

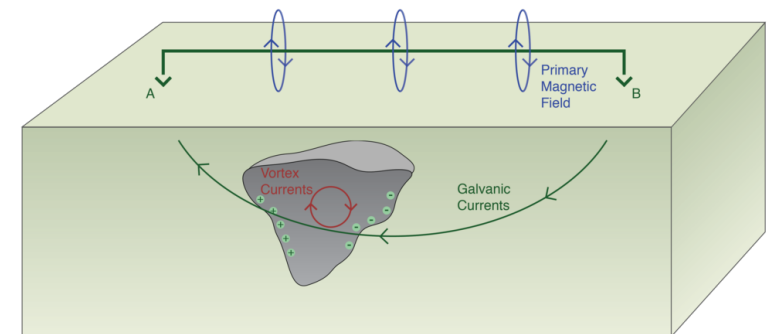


- Crooked line (horse shoe)



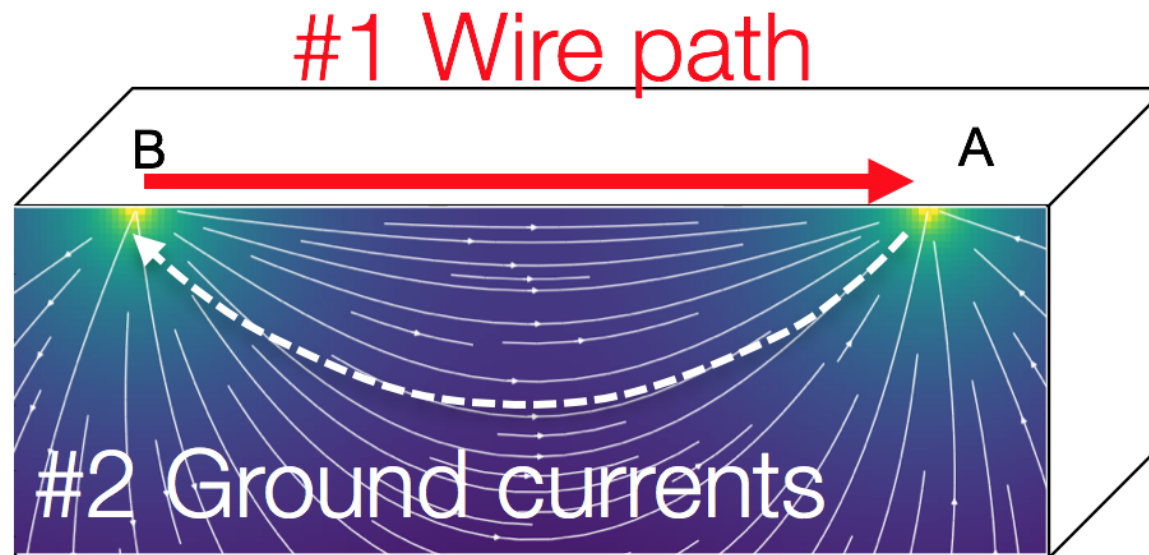
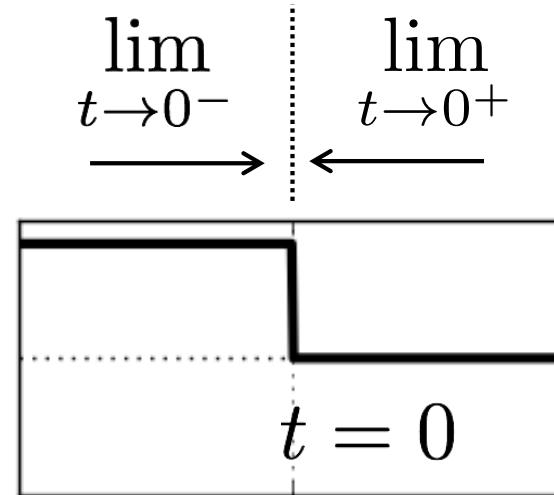
# Grounded Sources: On the surface

- Ability to detect target depends on
  - Geometry, conductivity of target & host
  - Geometry of TX
  - Frequency or time
  - Fields and components measured
    - $e$ ,  $b$ ,  $db/dt$
  - Location of Tx and Rx with respect to the target
- Lots of variables...
  - Use an example to highlight important concepts



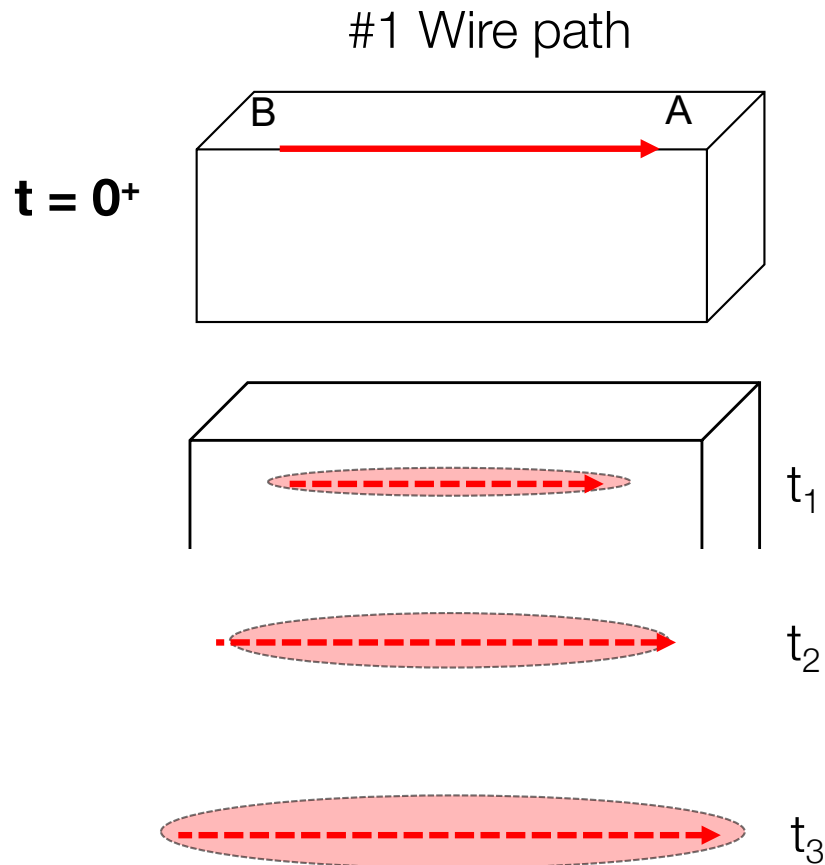
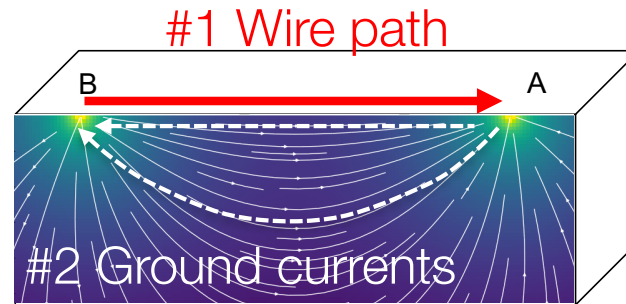
# Currents: Grounded System

- •  $t = 0^-$  Steady state
- $t = 0$  Shut off current
- $t = 0^+$  Off-time



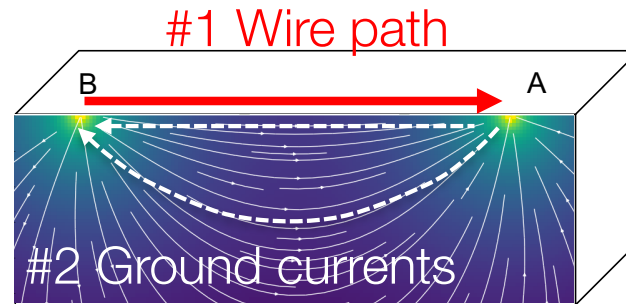
What happens when we shut the system off?

# Currents: Grounded System

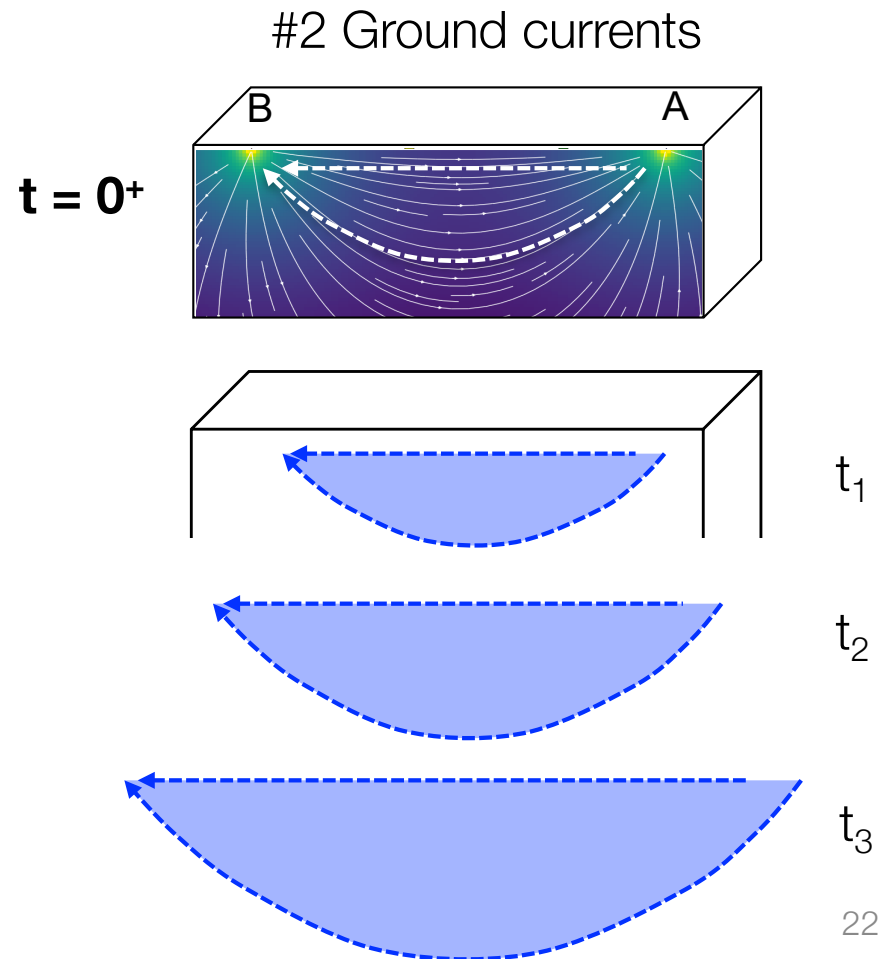


- Immediately after shut off: image current at the surface
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards

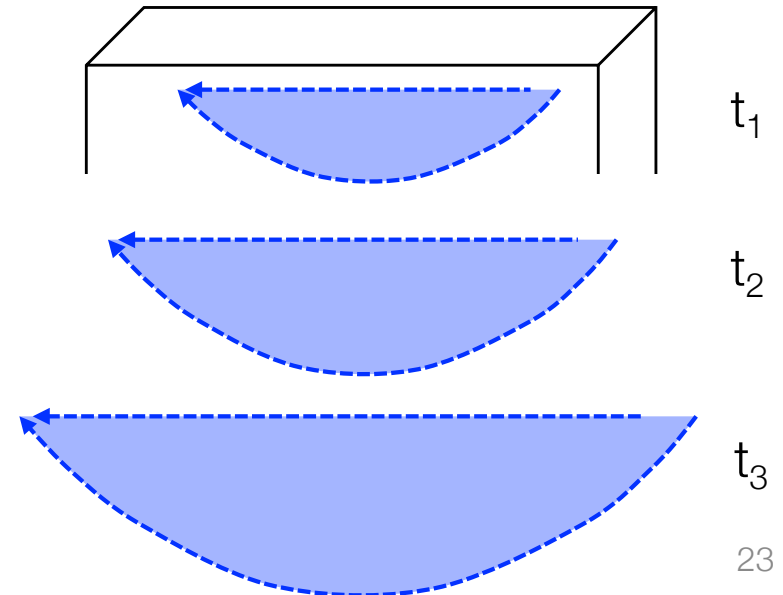
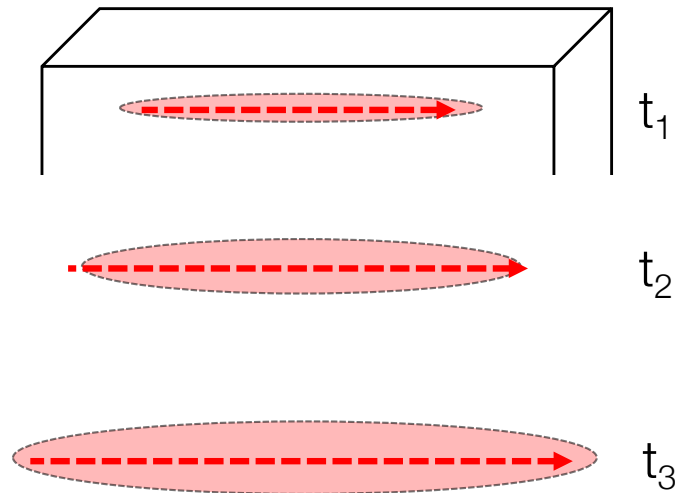
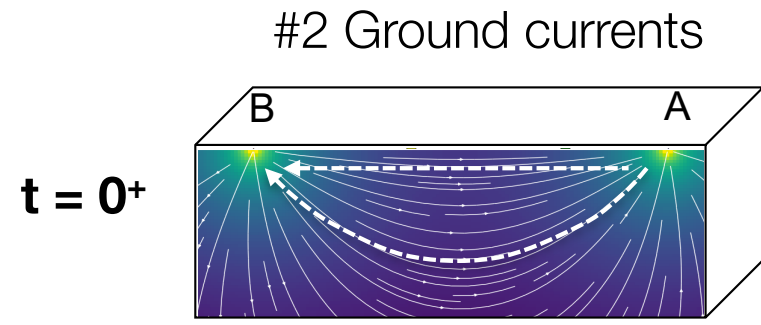
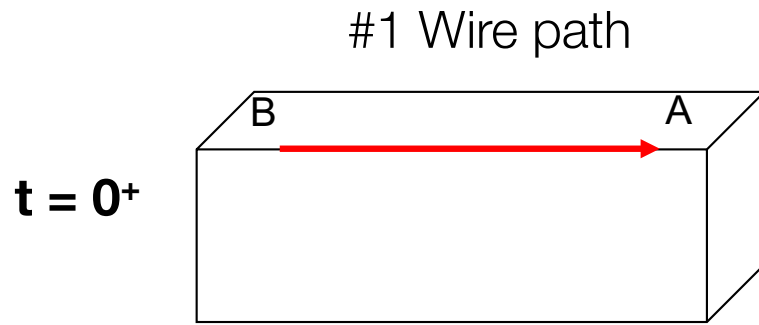
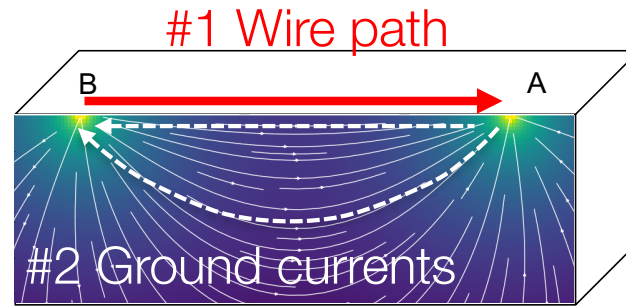
# Currents: Grounded System



- Immediately after shut off: ground currents are still there
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards

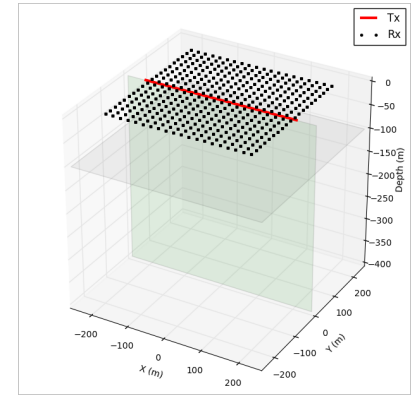


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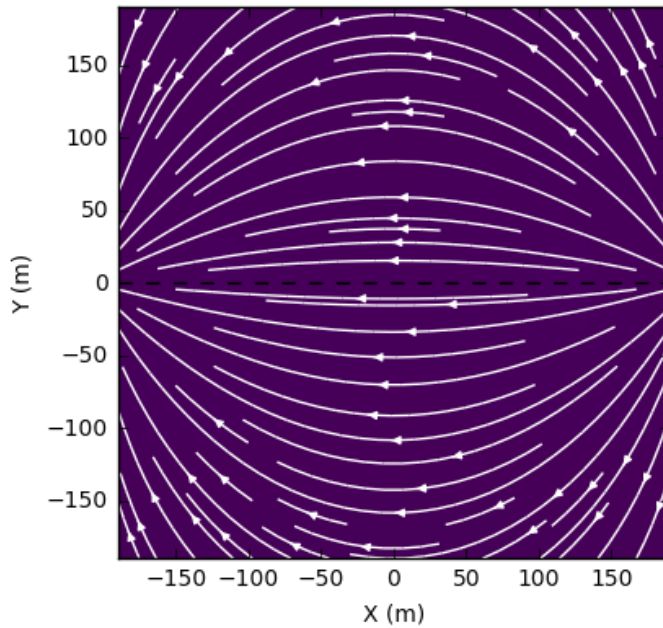


# Grounded Source: Halfspace Currents

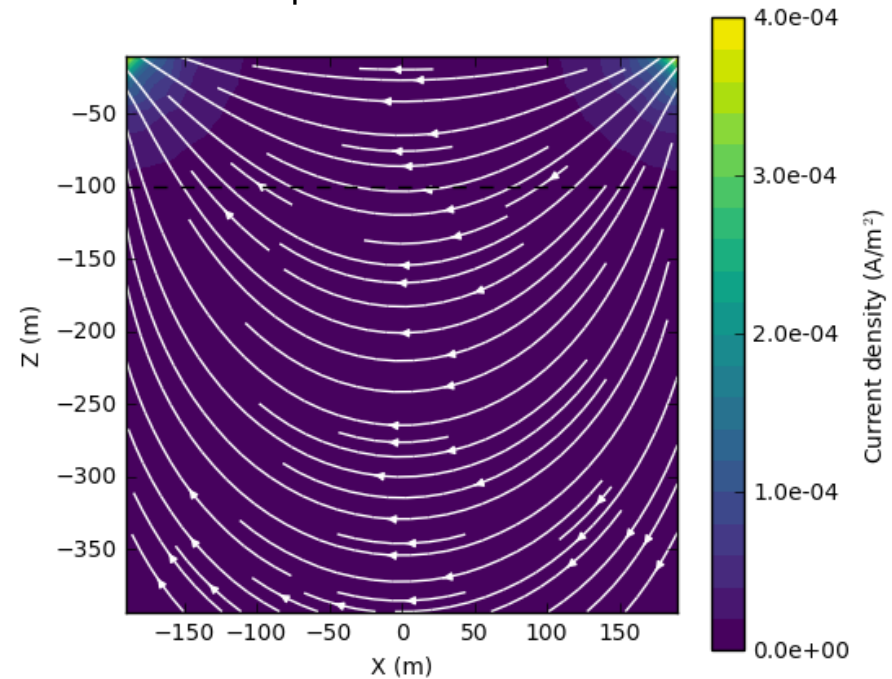
- Parameters:
  - halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - $t=0^-$ , steady state



XY plane at Z=-100 m



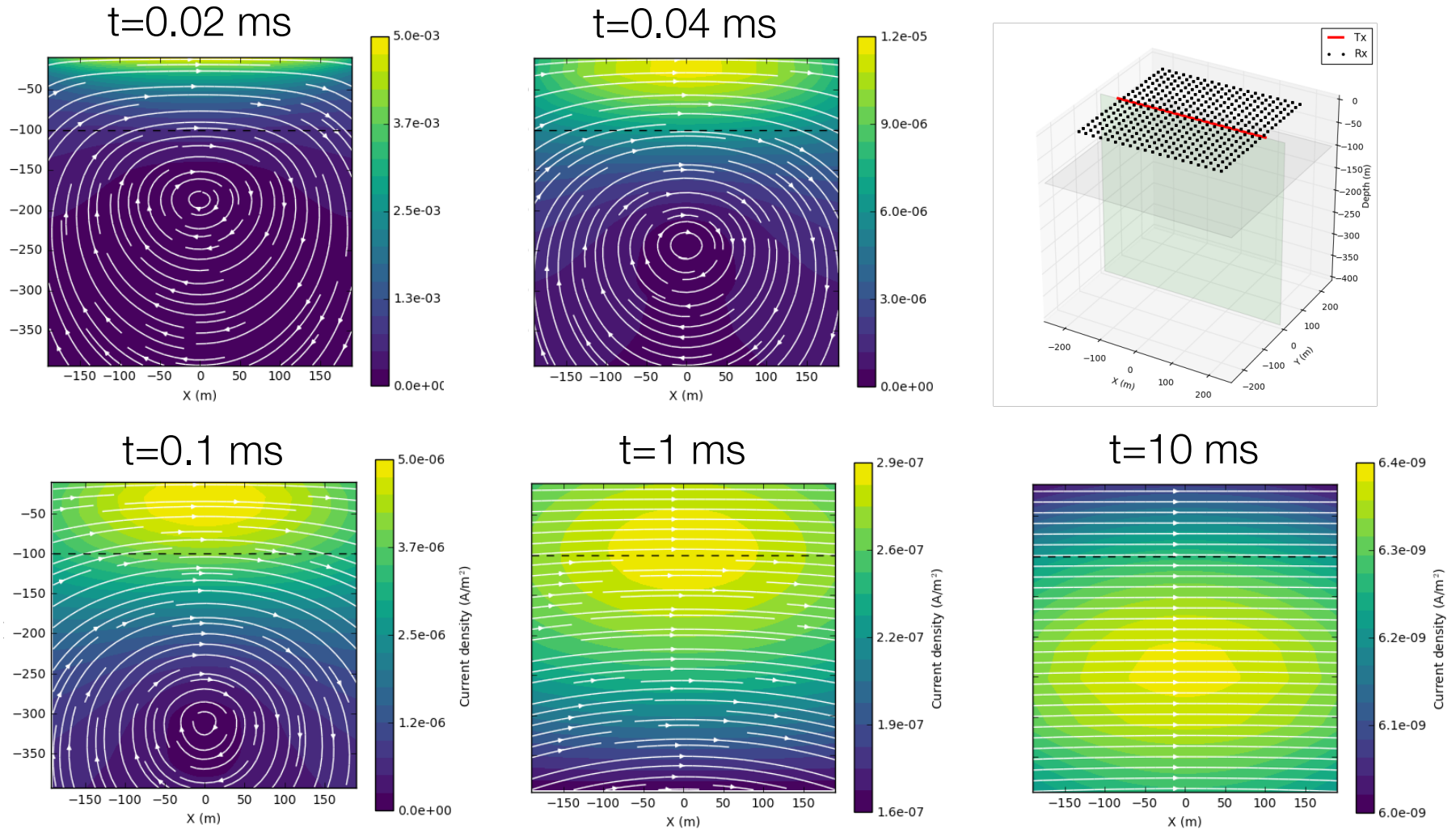
XZ plane at Y=0 m





# Grounded Source: Halfspace currents

- Cross section of currents,  $t = 0.04$  to  $10$  ms

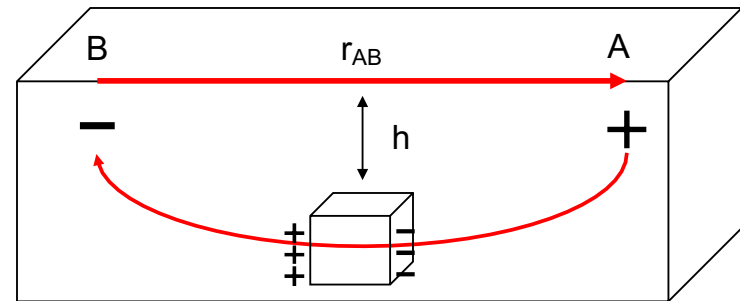


# Grounded sources: with a target

- Block in a halfspace

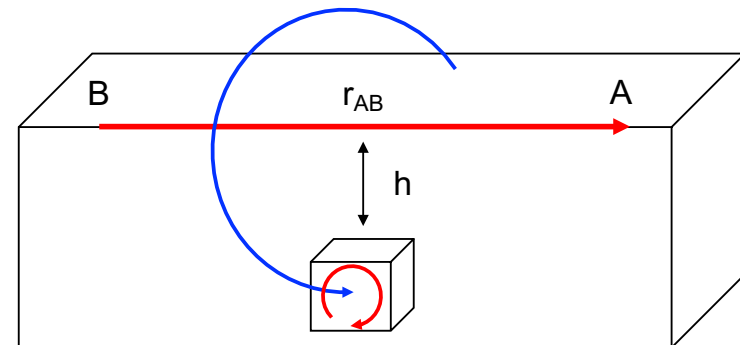
- DC

- Good coupling if  $h < r_{AB}$



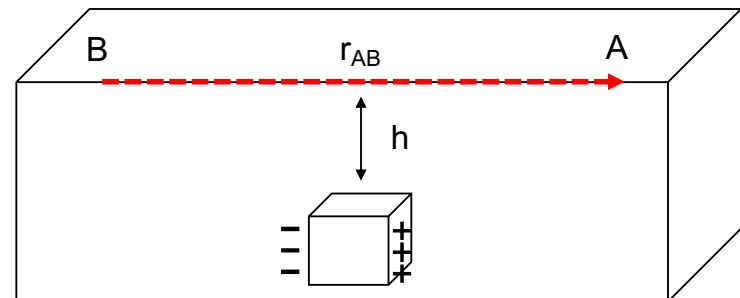
- Vortex currents

- Good coupling (magnetic fields)
    - Good signal for conductor
    - Resistor more difficult



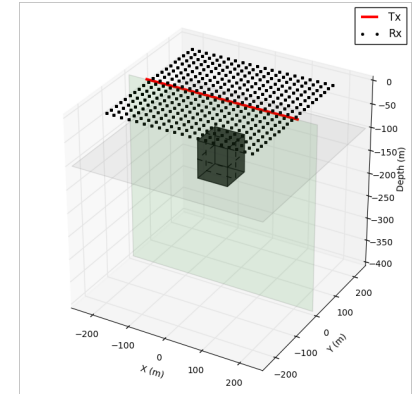
- Galvanic currents

- Good coupling (electric fields)
    - Good signal for conductor and resistor

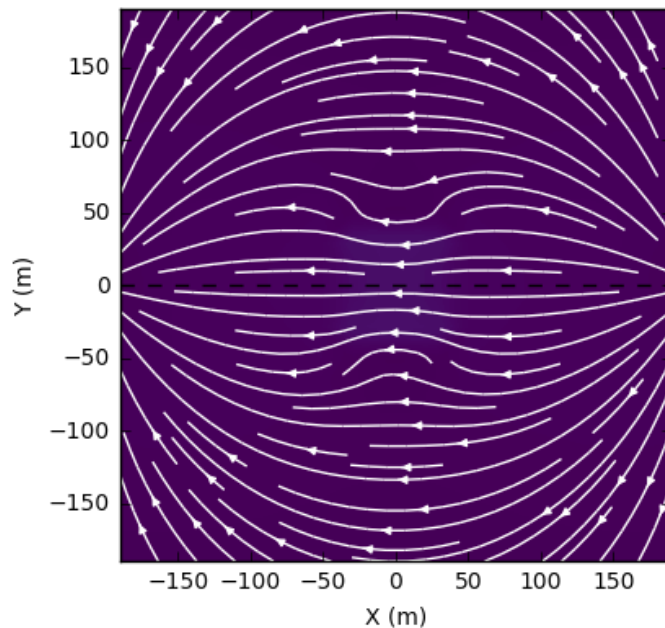


# Conductor: currents

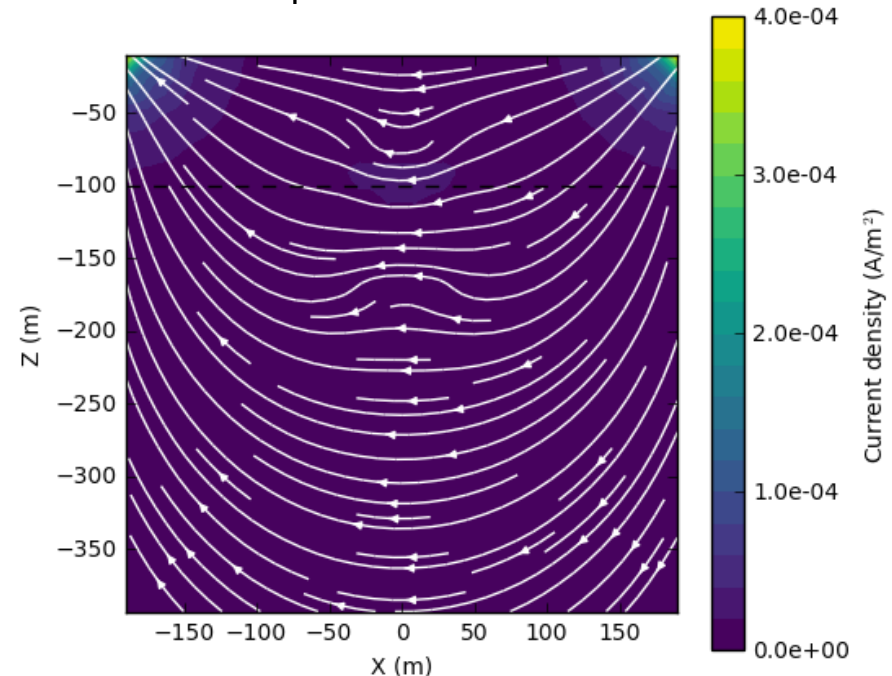
- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - $t=0^-$ , steady state



XY plane at Z=-100 m

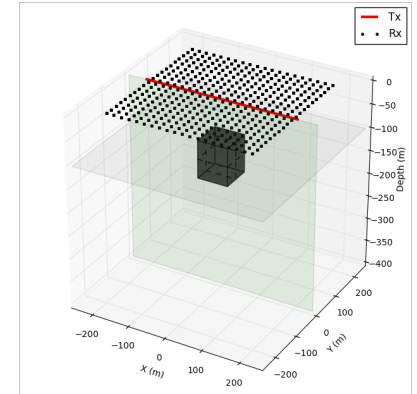


XZ plane at Y=0 m

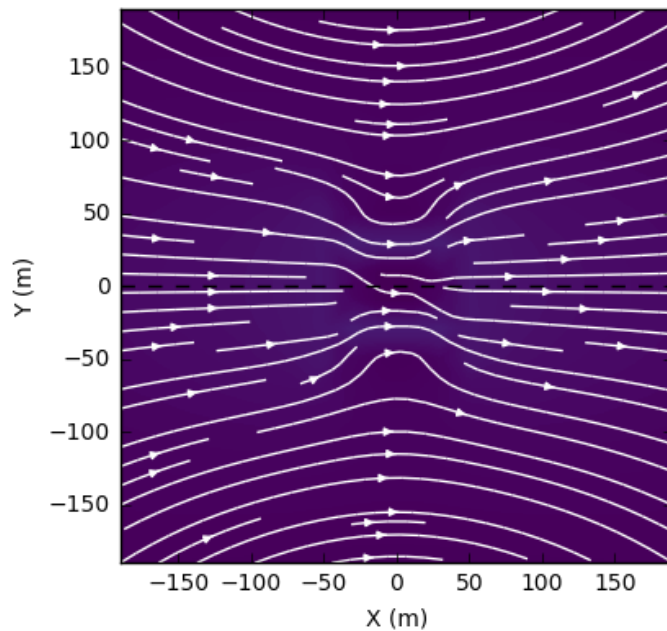


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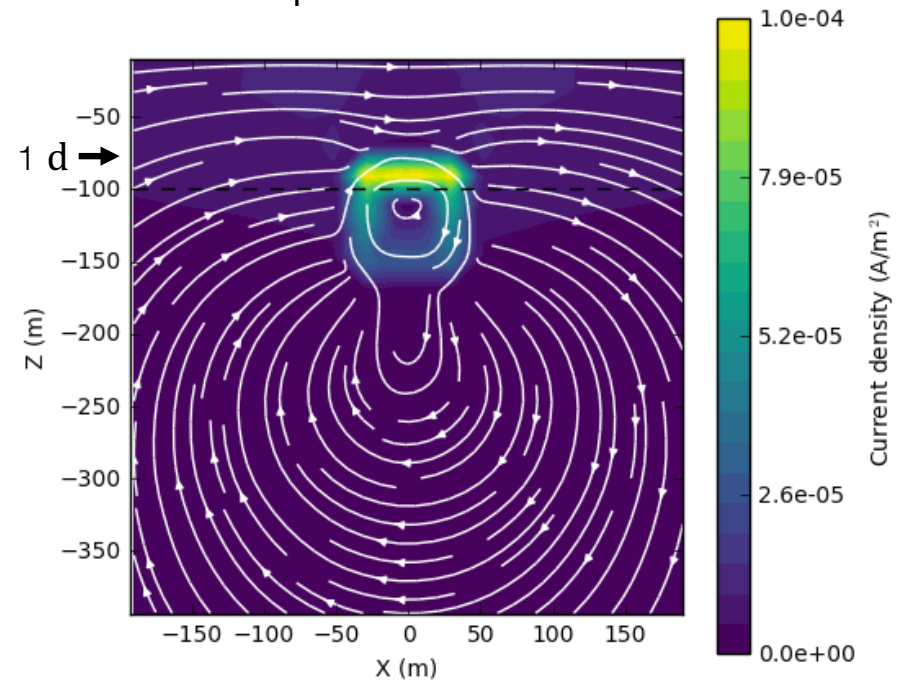
- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **0.04** ms,  $d = 80$  m



XY plane at  $Z = -100$  m

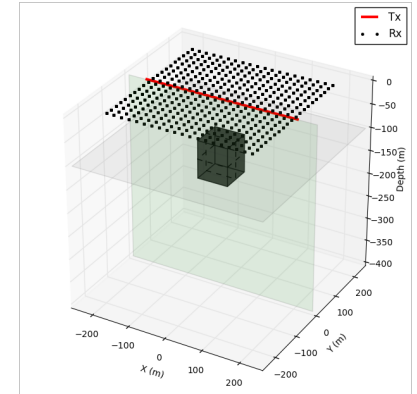


XZ plane at  $Y = 0$  m

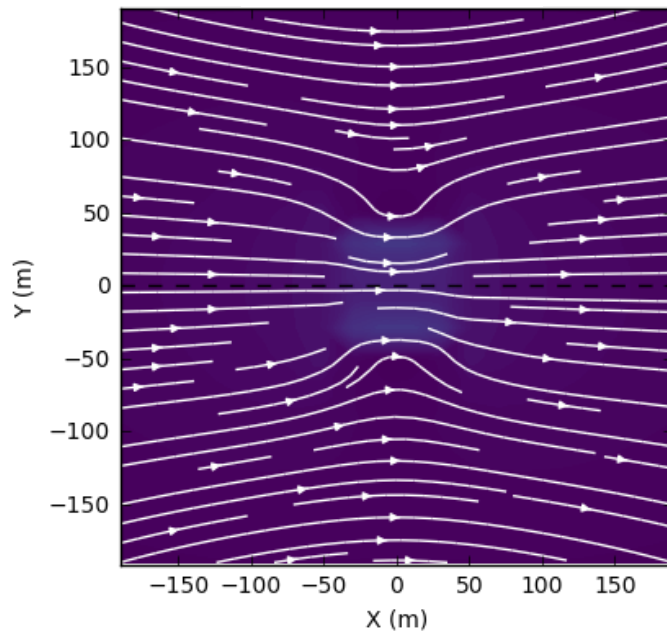


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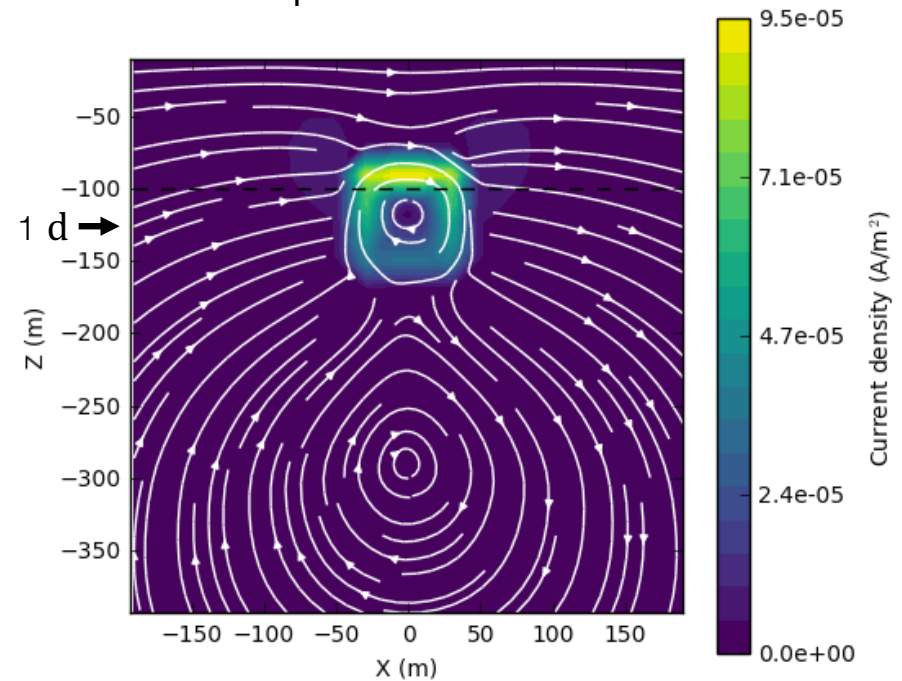
- Grounded wire
  - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **0.1** ms,  $d = 126$  m



XY plane at Z=-100 m

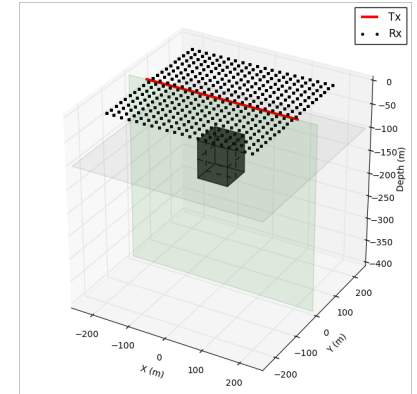


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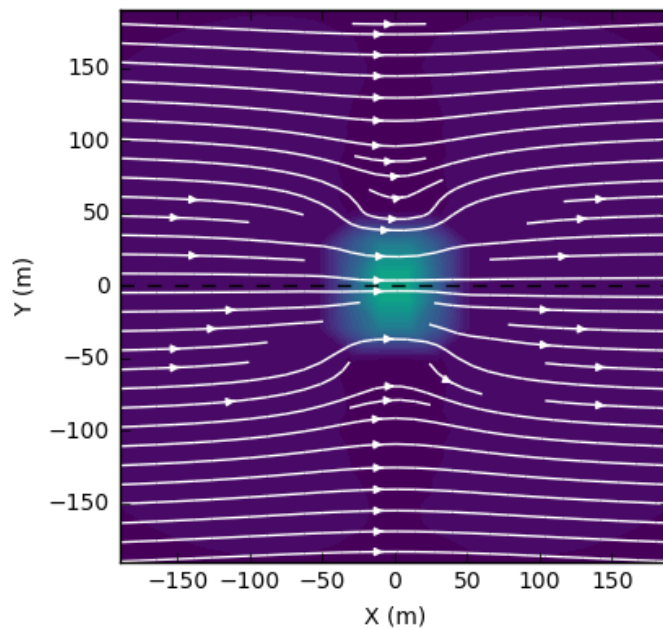


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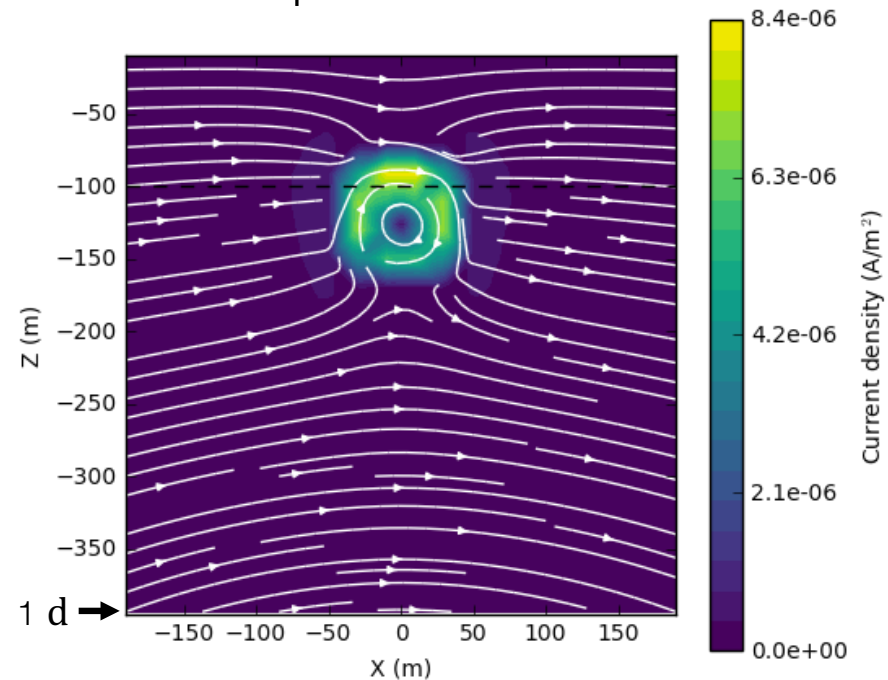
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XY plane at  $Z=-100$  m

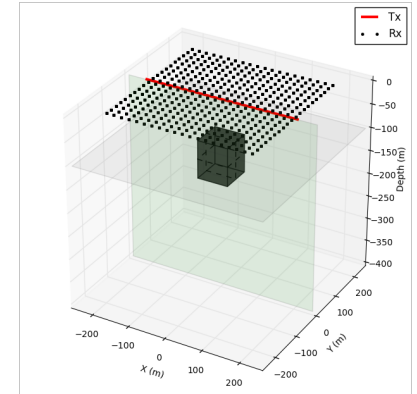


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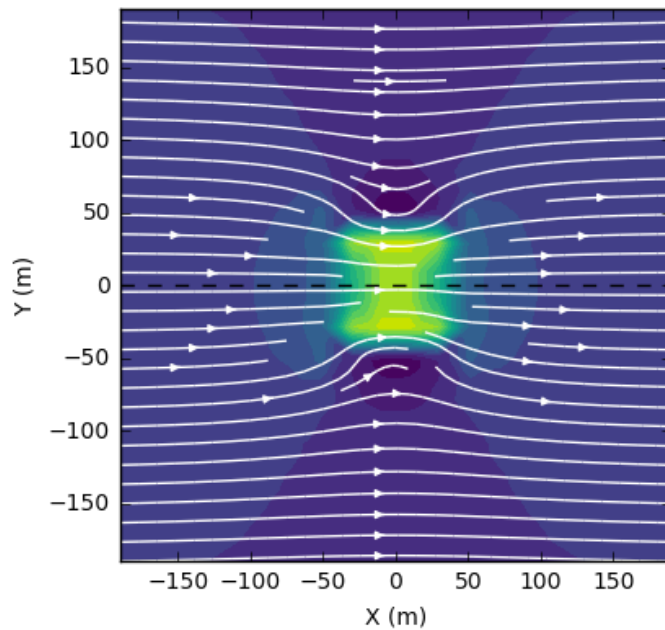


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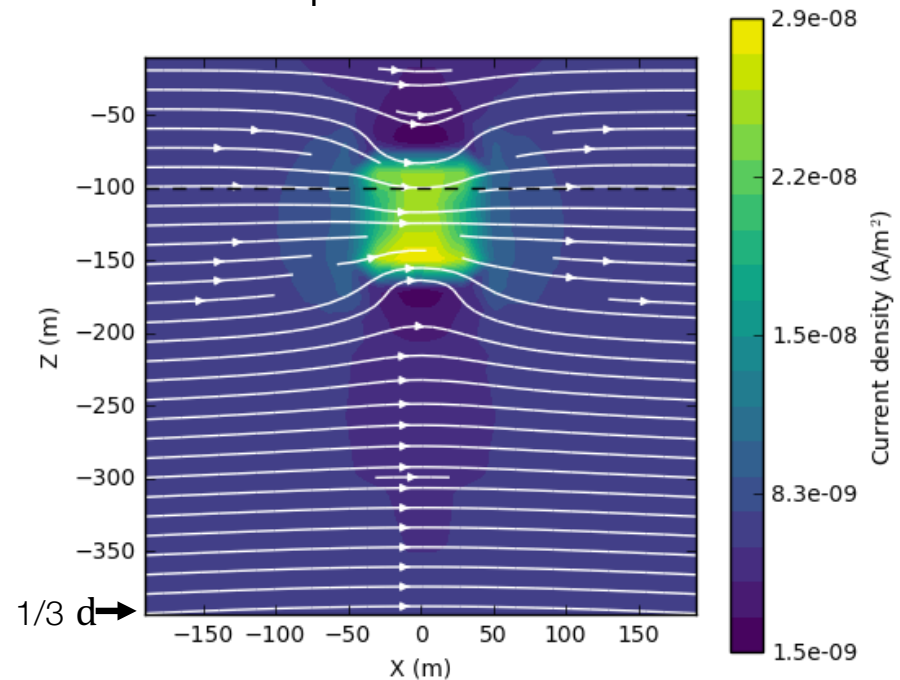
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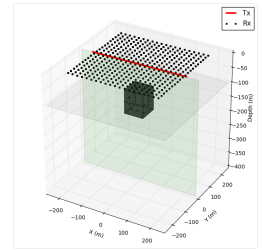
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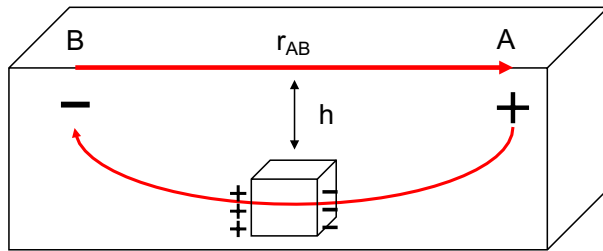
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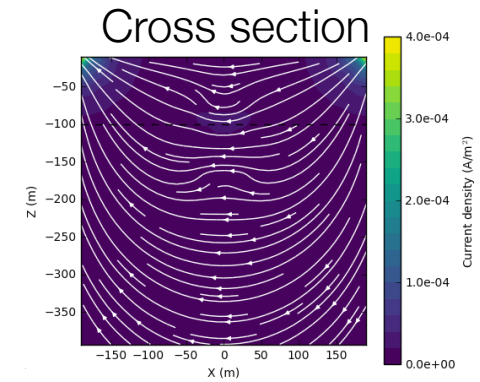
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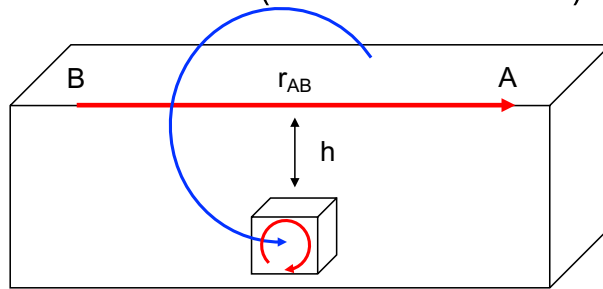
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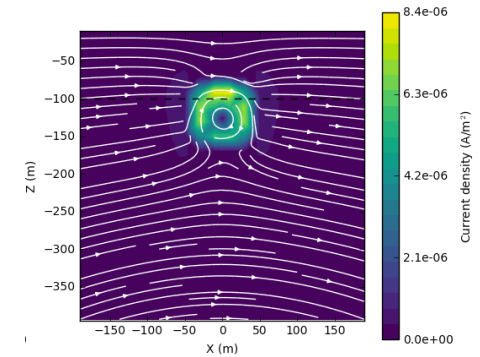
Galvanic current  
 $t = 0^-$



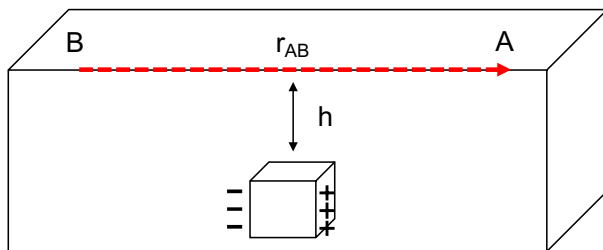
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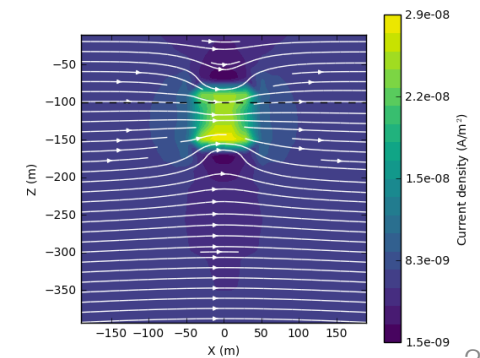
Vortex current  
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EM induction (galvanic current)

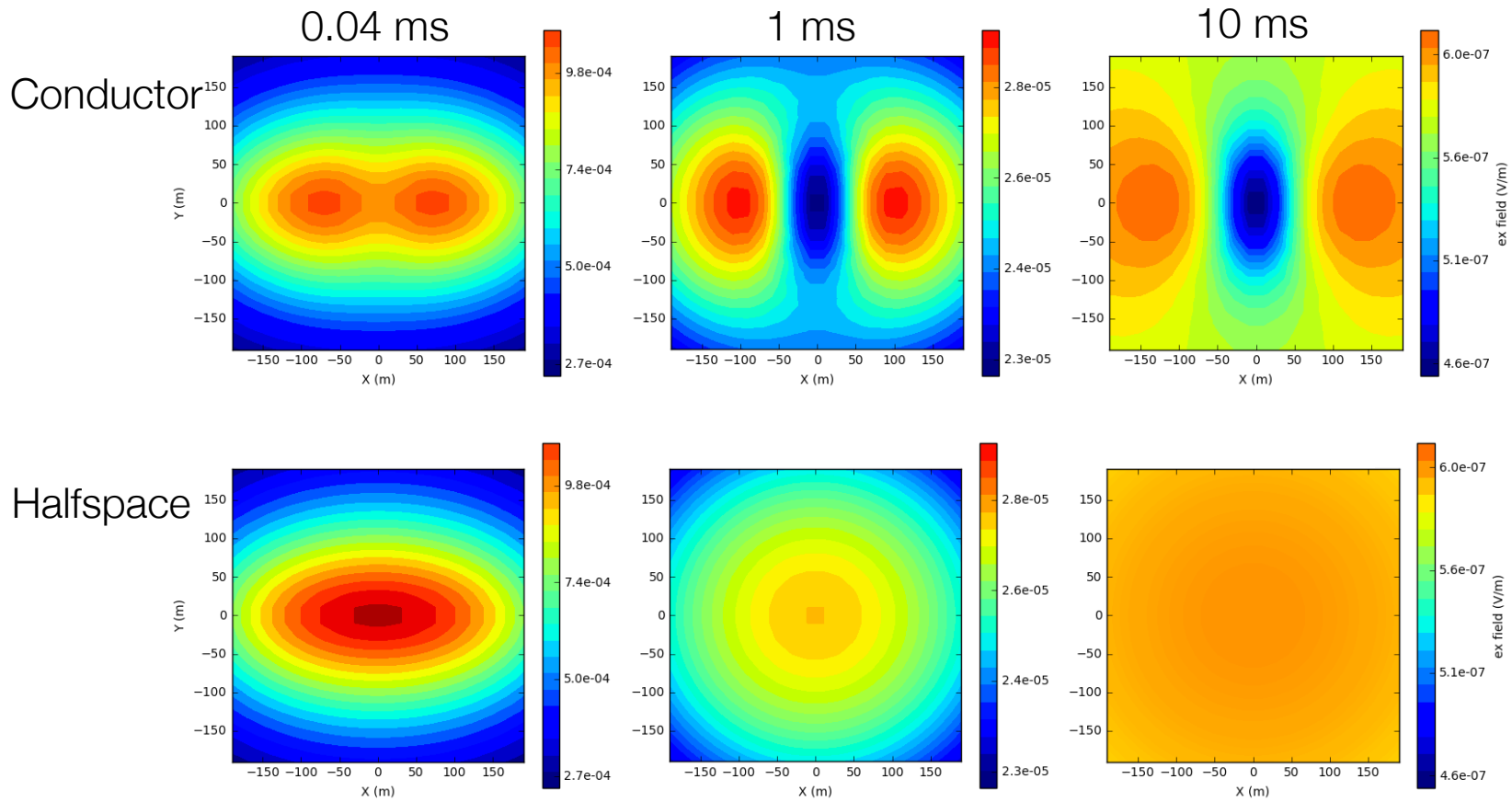
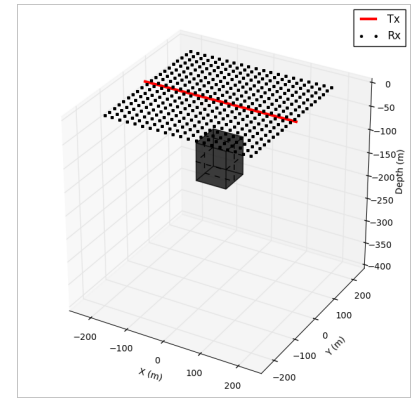
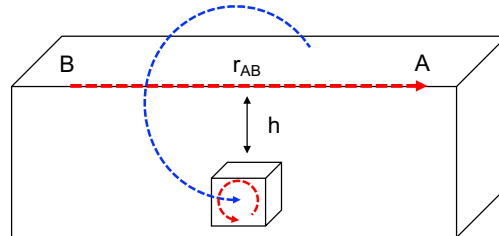
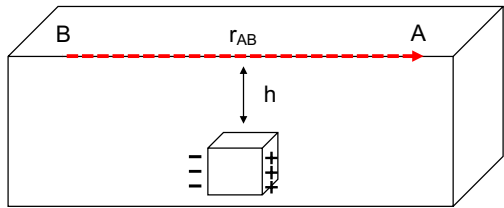


Galvanic current  
 $t = 10 \text{ ms}$

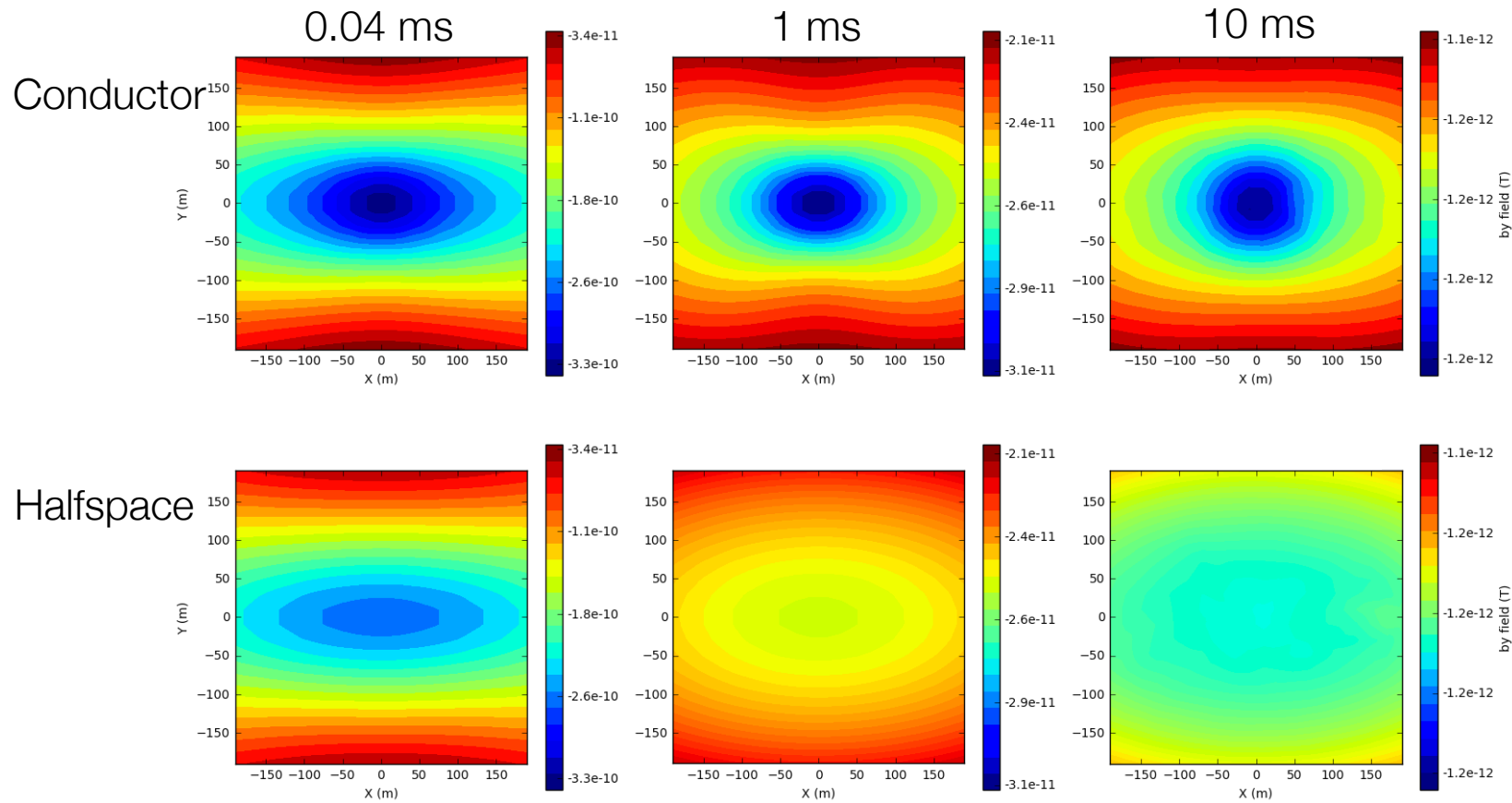
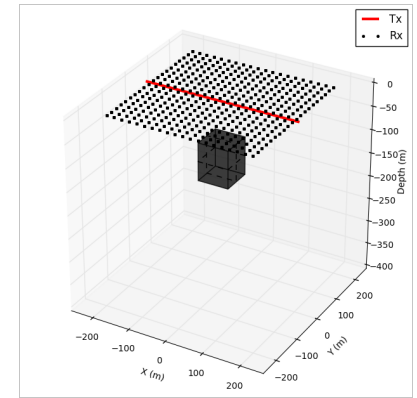
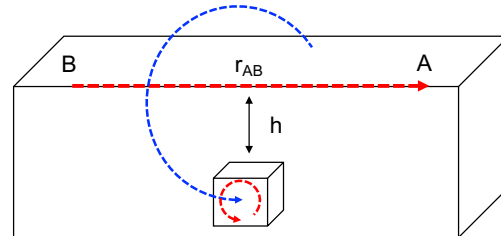
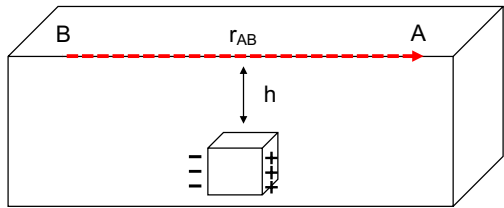




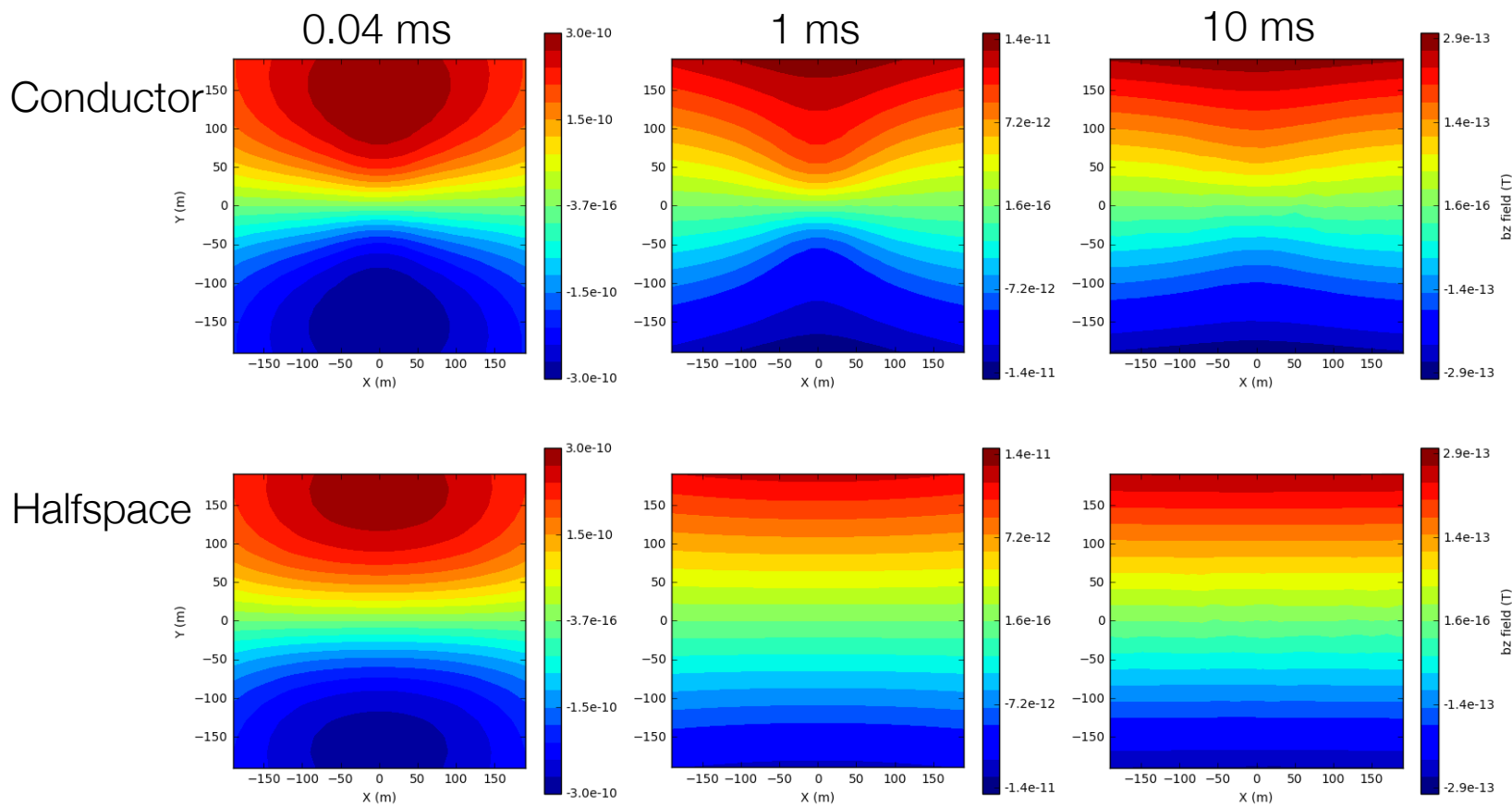
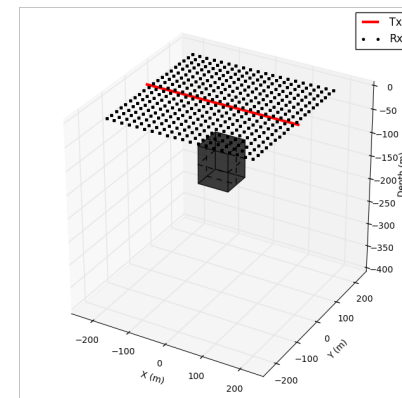
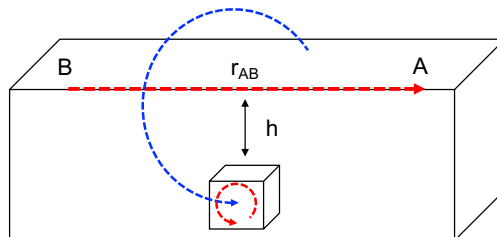
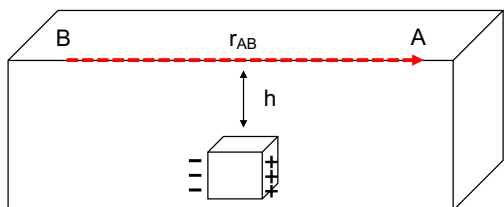
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# Data: $b_y$ field



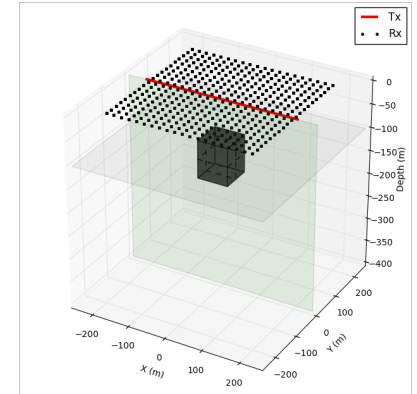
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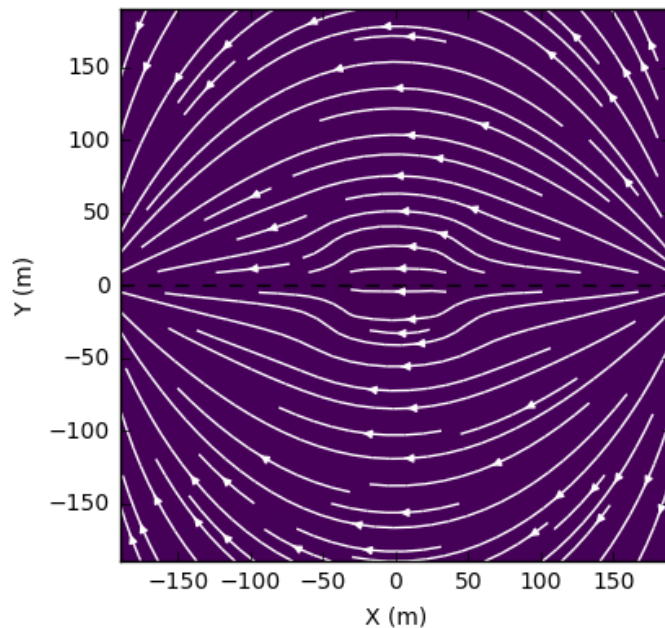
Anomaly: not always bulls-eye

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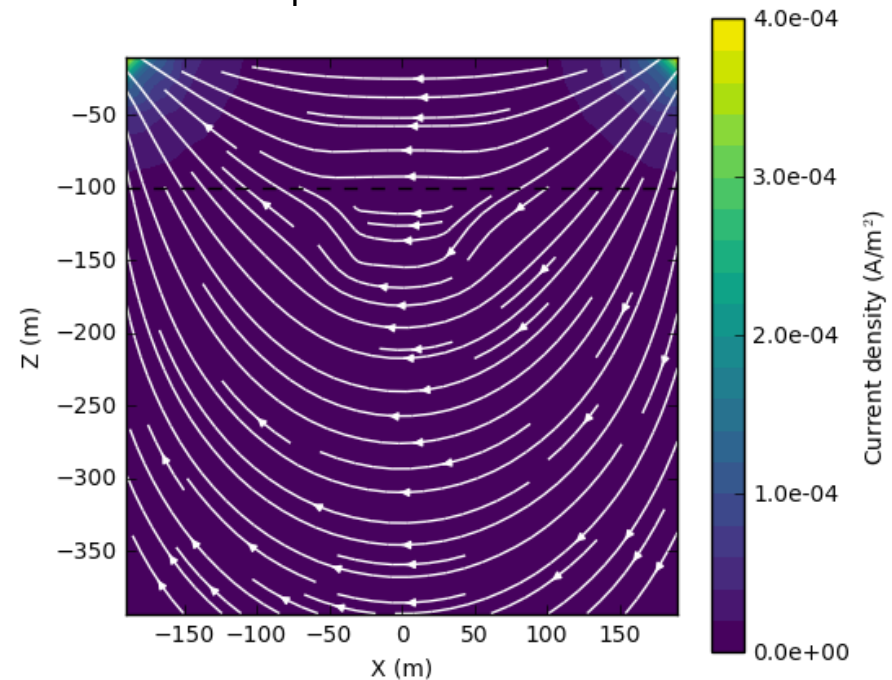
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  - A resistor ( $10^{-4}$  S/m) in a halfspace ( $0.01$  S/m)
  - $\mathbf{t=0^-}$ , steady state



XY plane at Z=-100 m

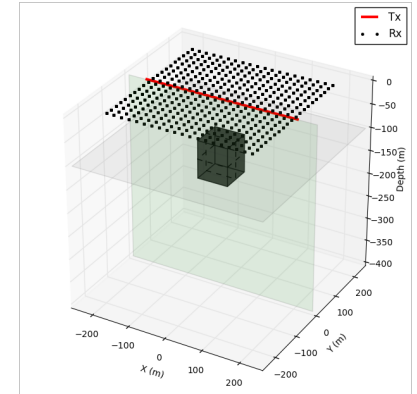


XZ plane at Y=0 m

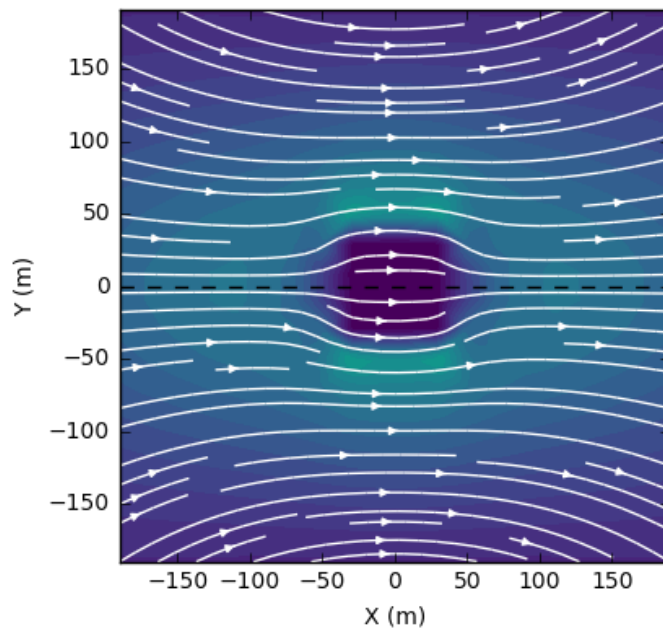


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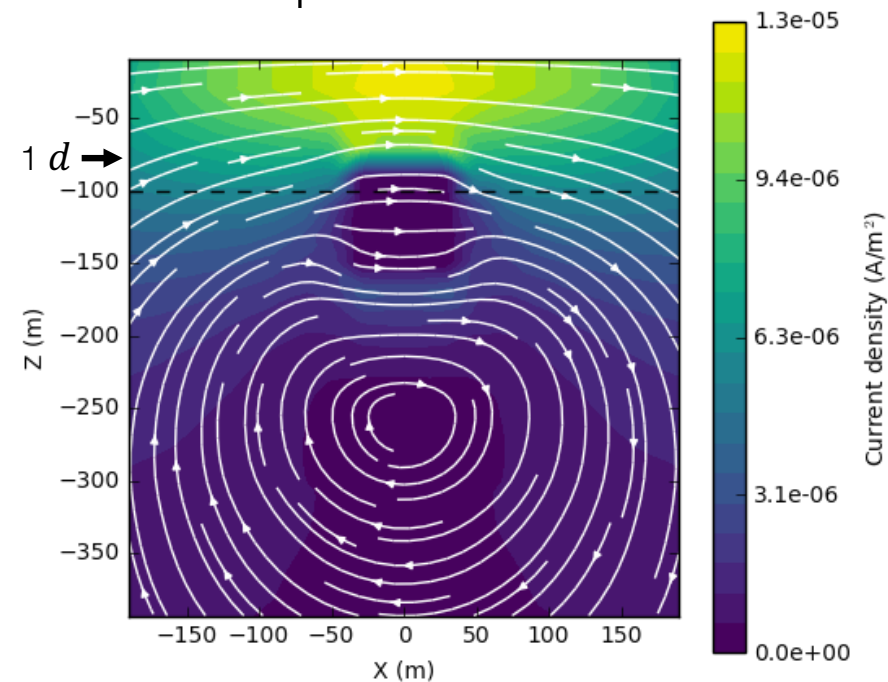
- Grounded wire
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  - **0.04** ms,  $d = 80$  m



XY plane at  $Z = -100$  m

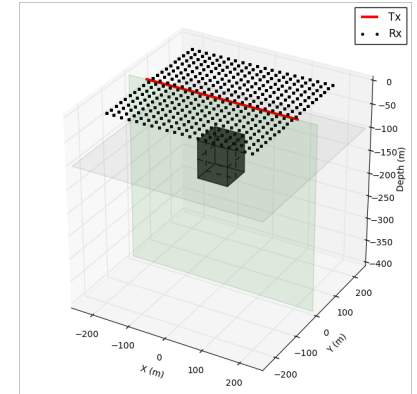


XZ plane at  $Y = 0$  m

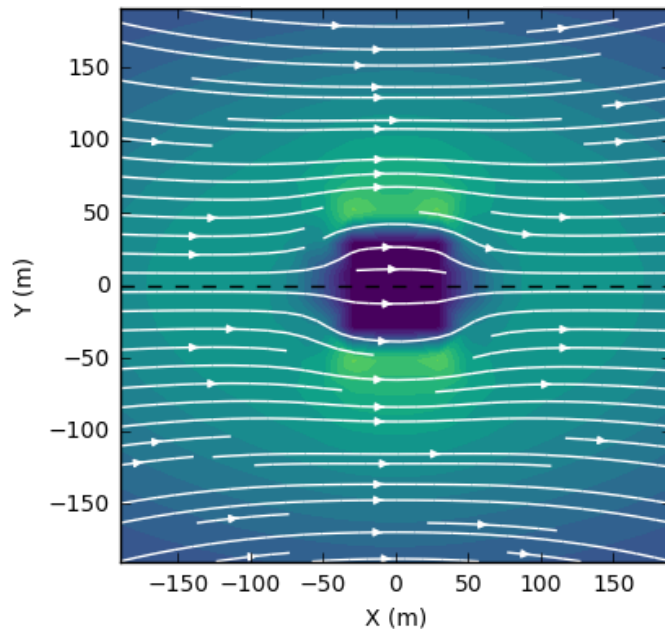


# Resistor: currents

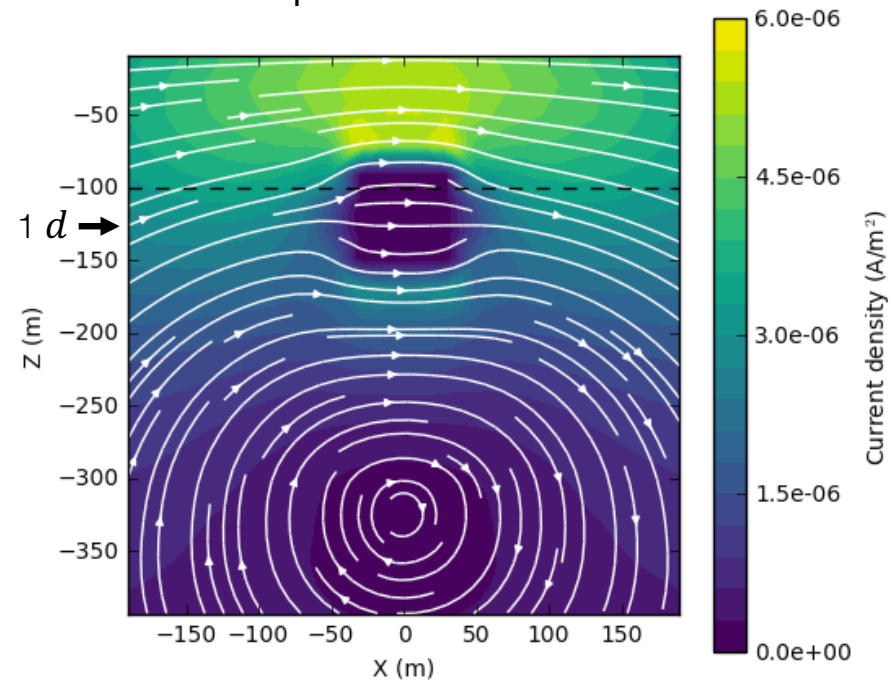
- Grounded wire
  - A resistor ( $10^{-4}$  S/m) in a halfspace ( $0.01$  S/m)
  - **0.1** ms,  $d = 126$  m



XY plane at  $Z = -100$  m

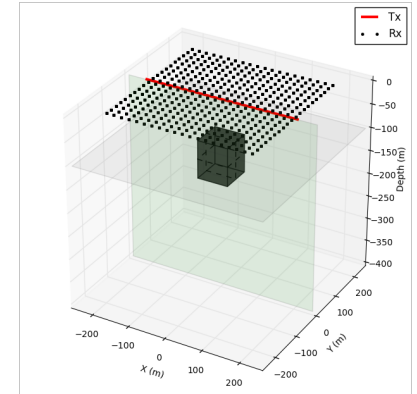


XZ plane at  $Y = 0$  m

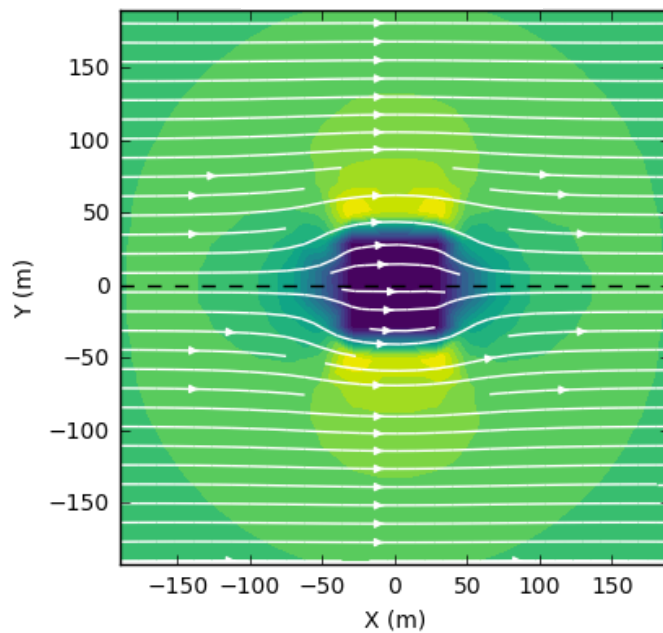


# Resistor: currents

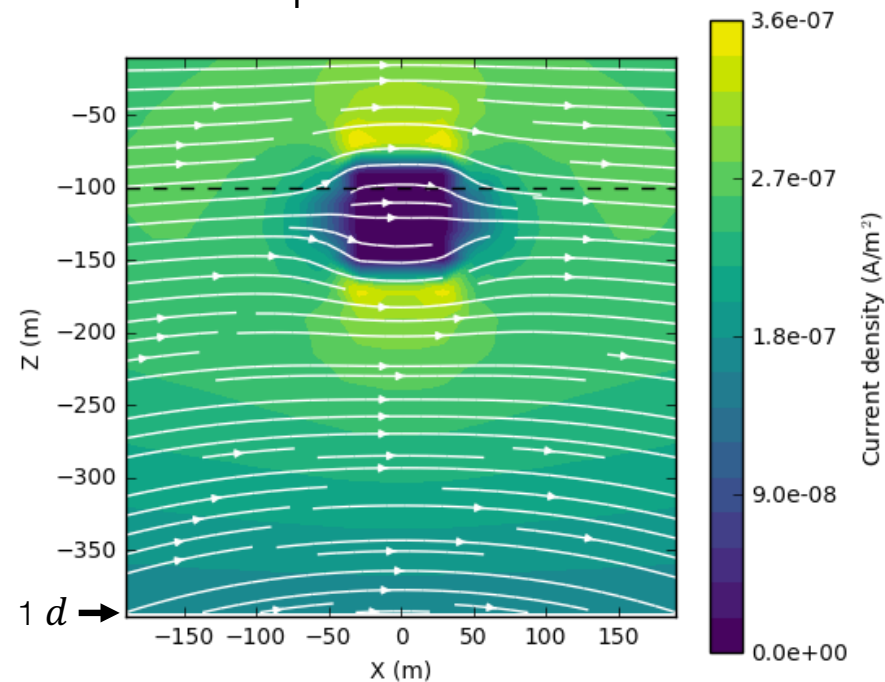
- Grounded wire
  - A resistor ( $10^{-4}$  S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **1** ms,  $d = 400$  m



XY plane at Z=-100 m

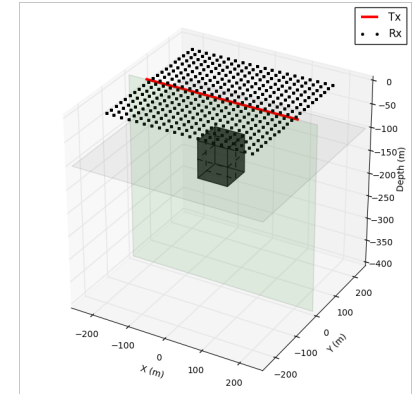


XZ plane at Y=0 m

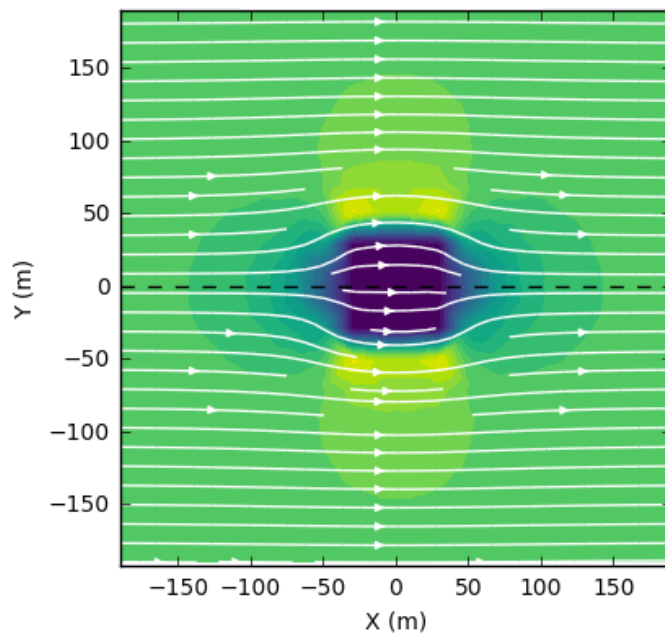


# Resistor: currents

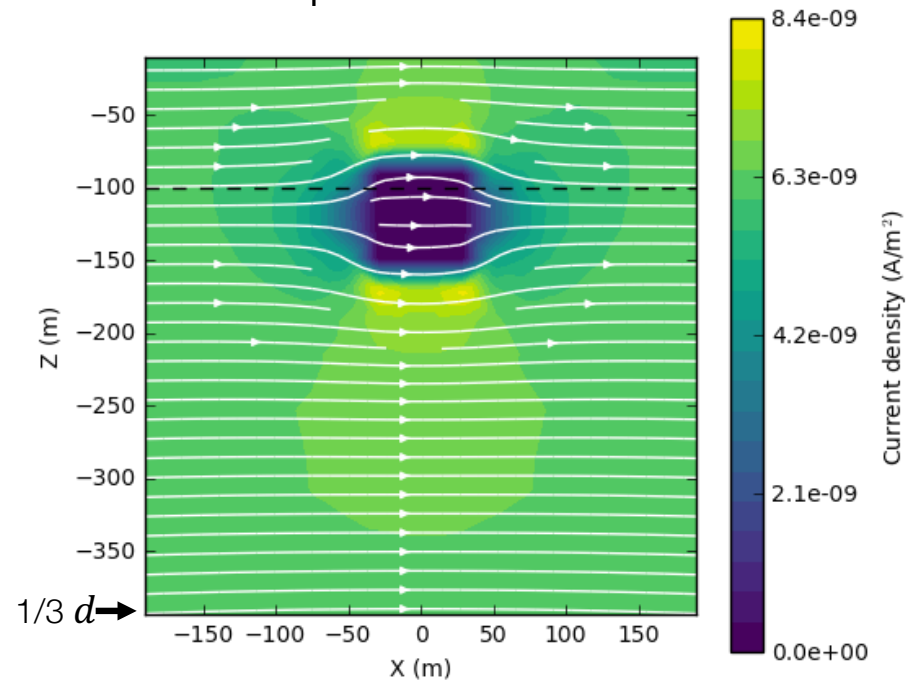
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  - A resistor ( $10^{-4}$  S/m) in a halfspace ( $0.01$  S/m)
  - **10** ms,  $d = 1270$  m



XY plane at  $Z = -100$  m

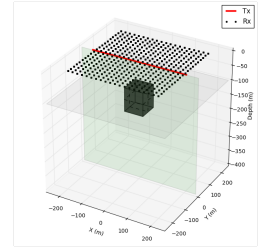


XZ plane at  $Y = 0$  m

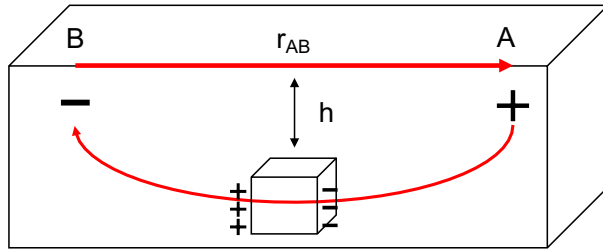




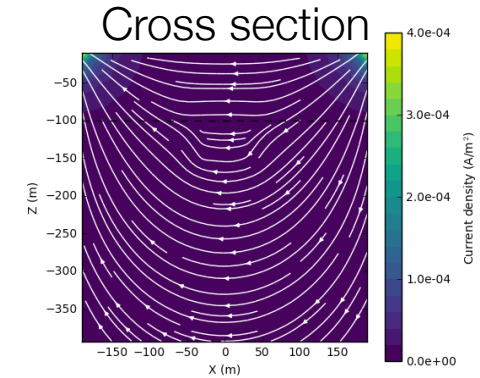
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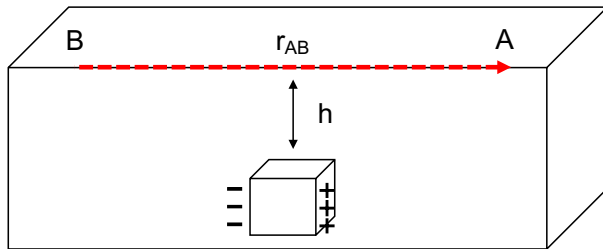
DC (galvanic current)



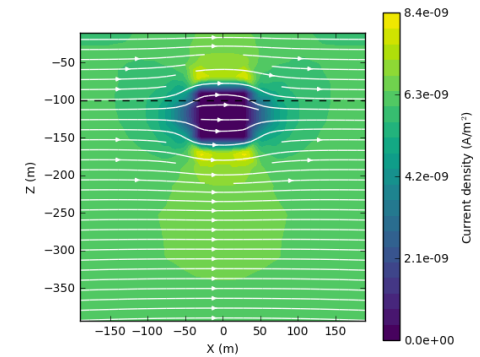
Galvanic current  
 $t = 0^-$



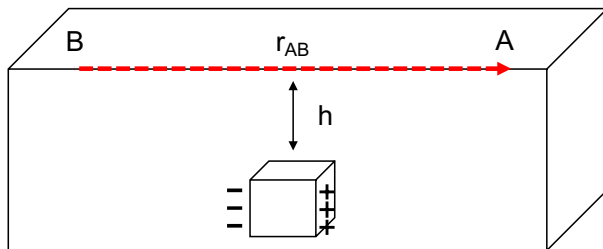
EM induction (galvanic current)



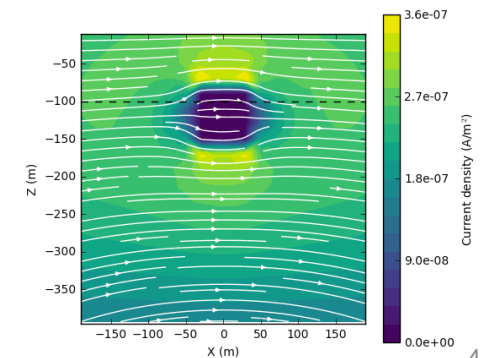
Galvanic current  
 $t = 1 \text{ ms}$



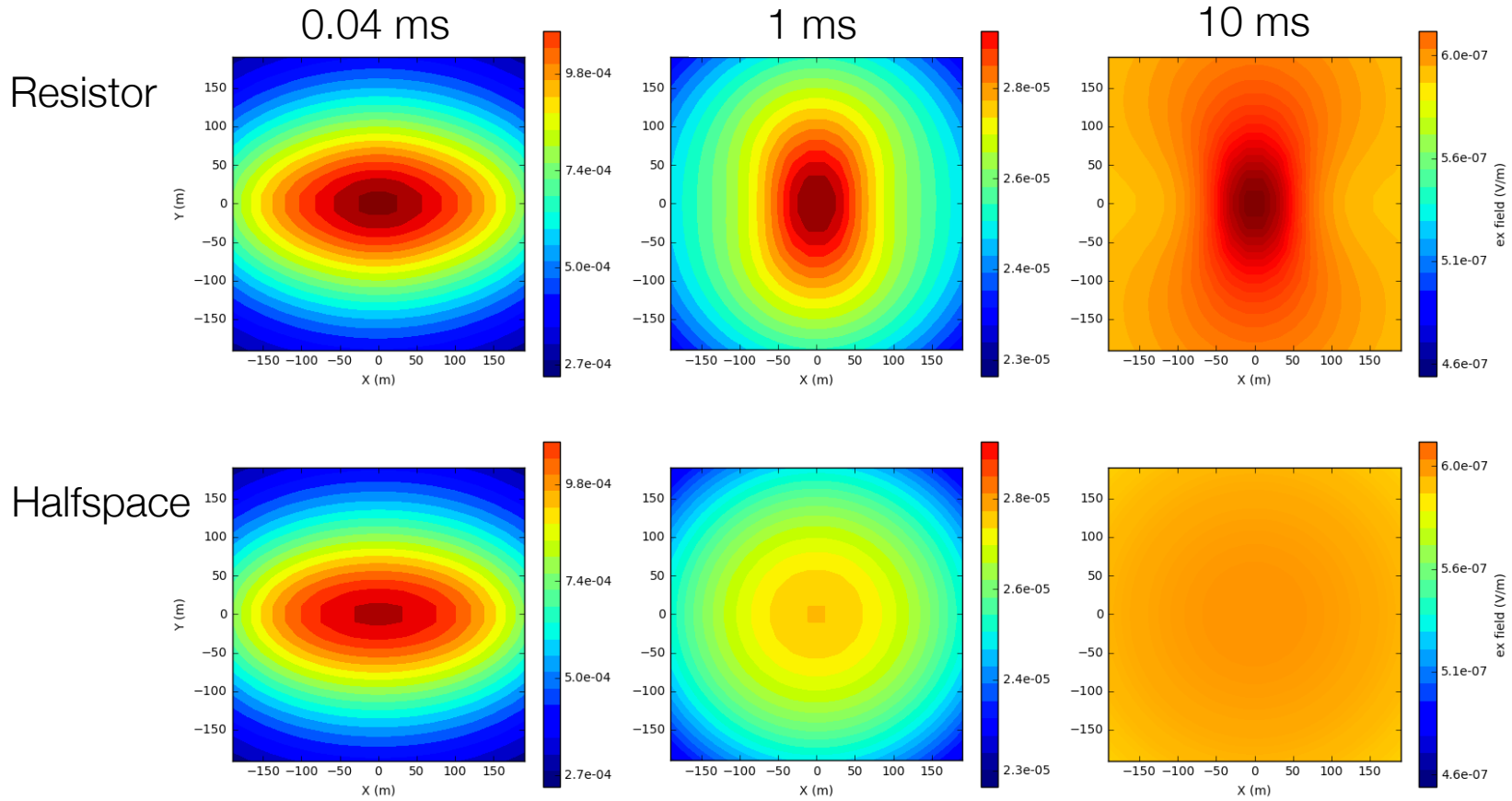
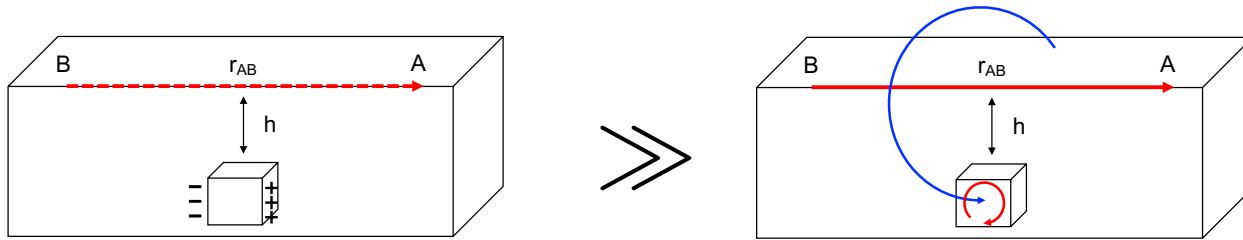
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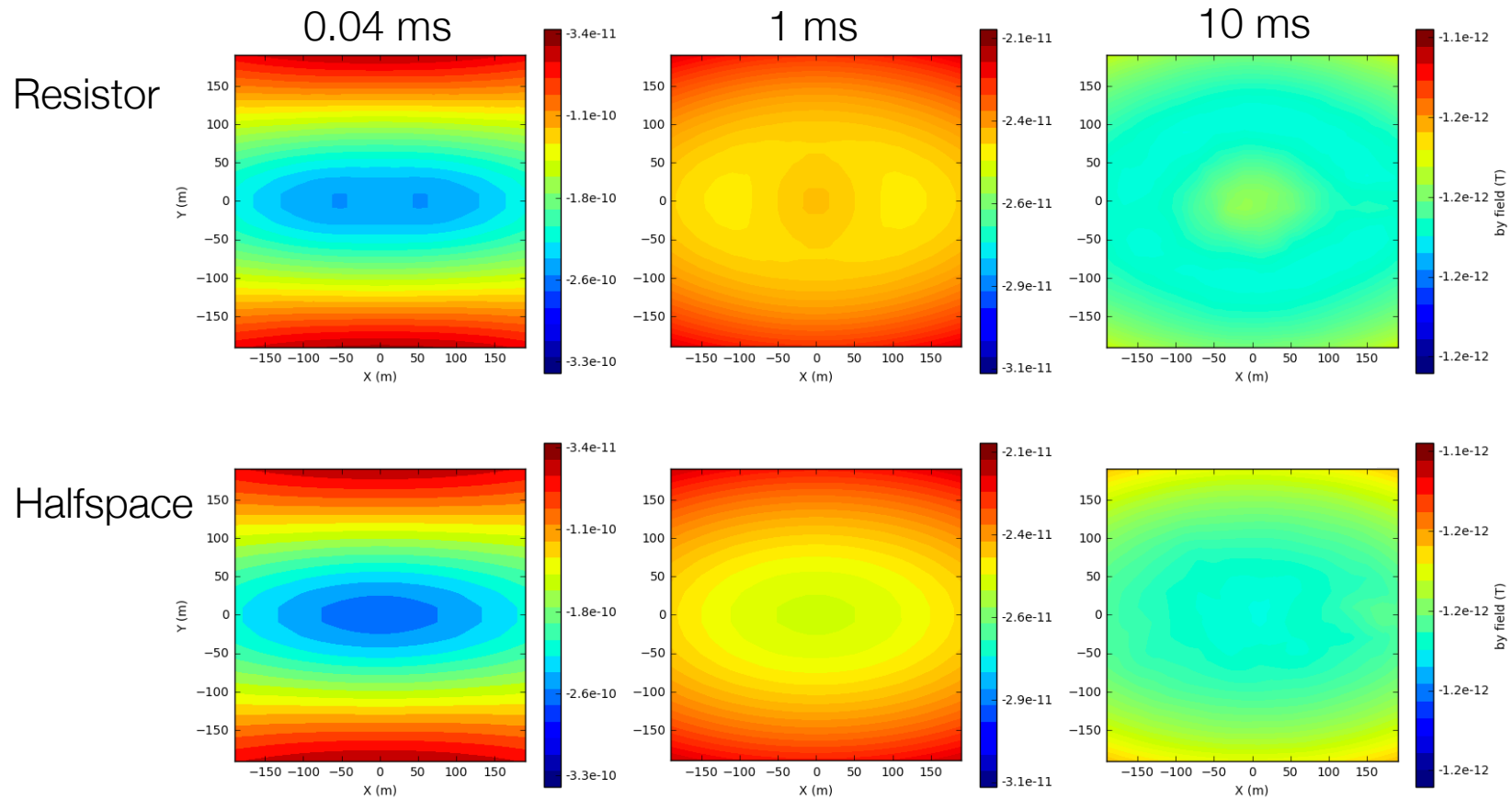
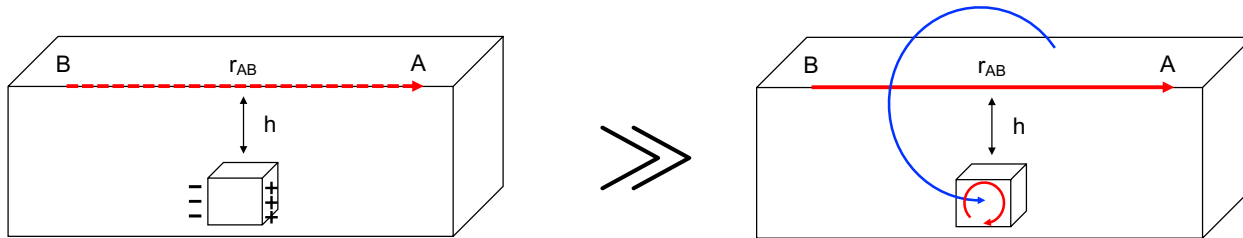
Galvanic current  
 $t = 10 \text{ ms}$



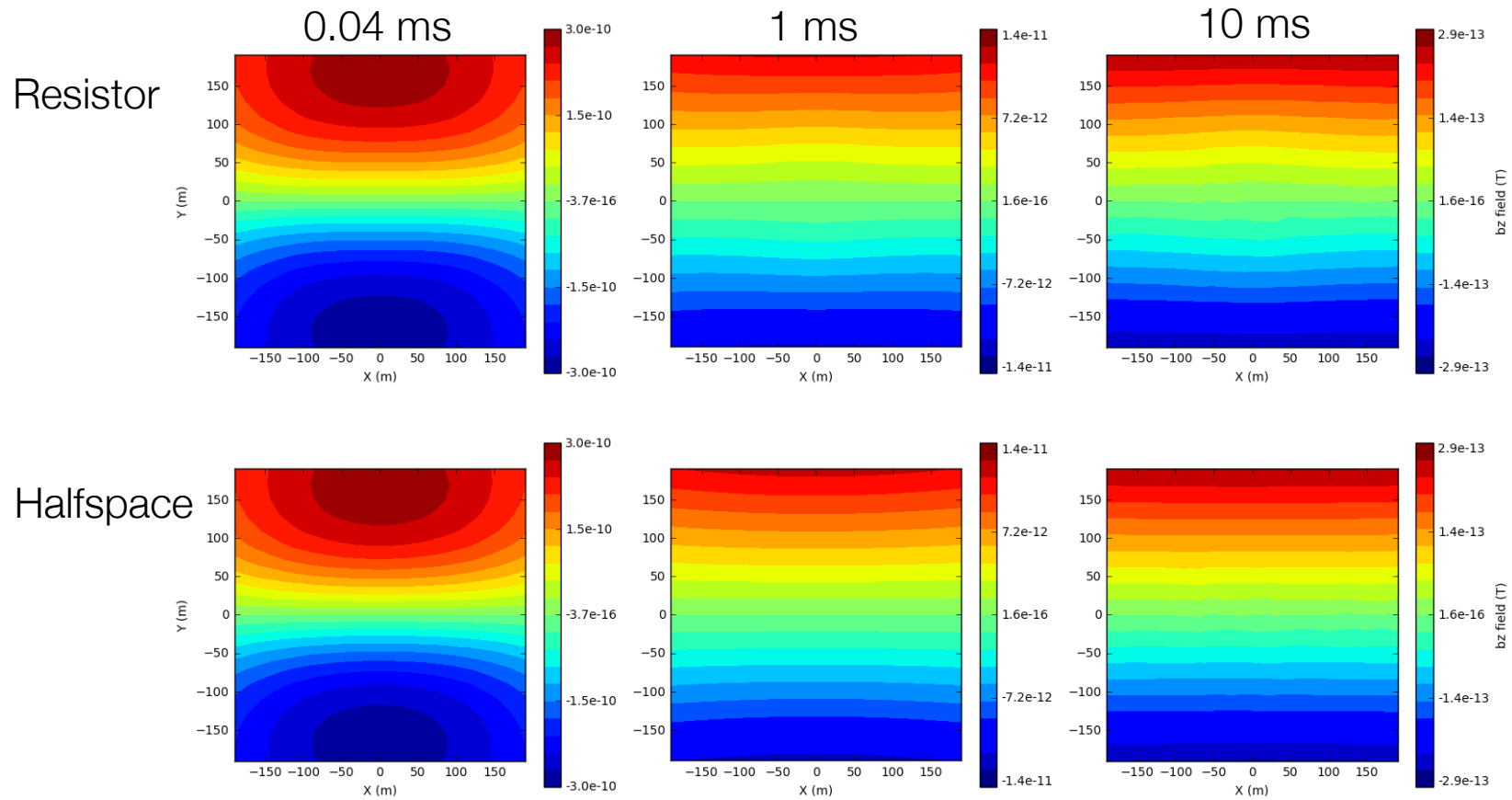
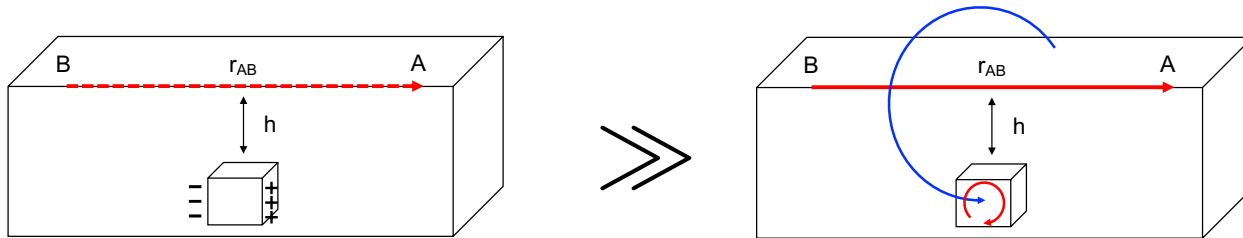
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# Data: $b_y$ field

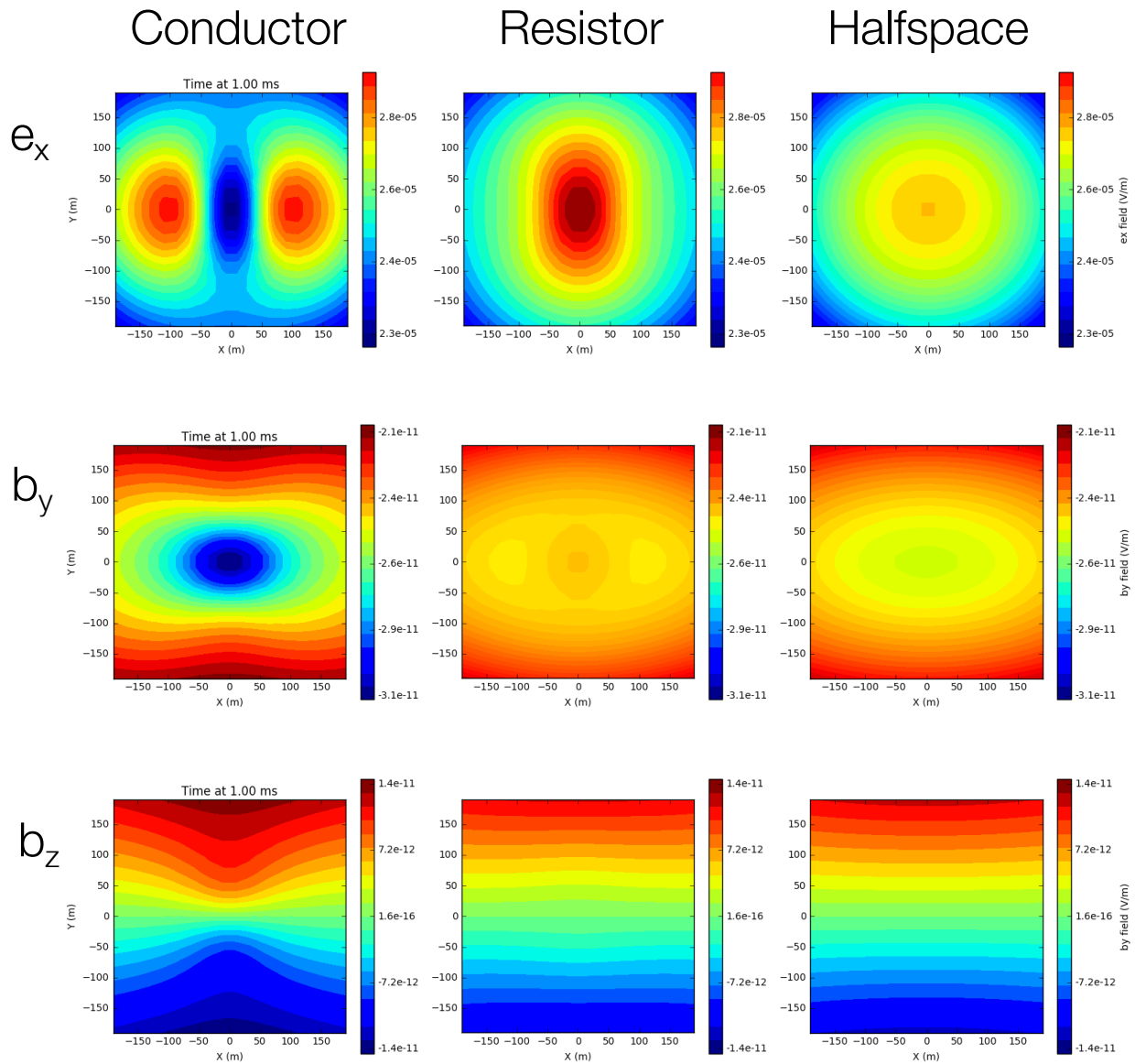


# Data: $b_z$ field



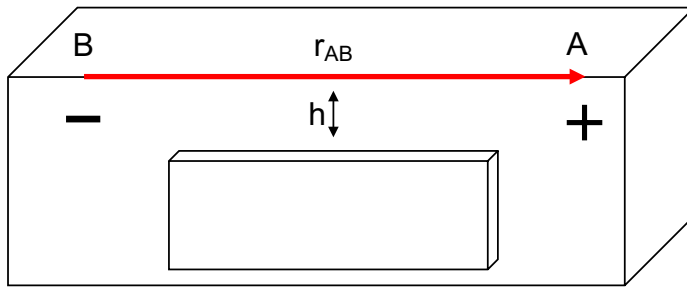
# Data summary

$t = 1\text{ms}$

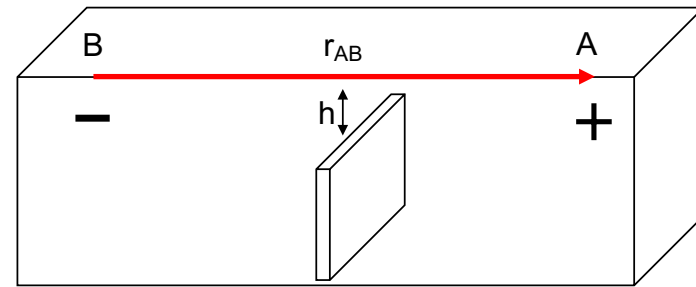


# Geometric Complexities

- Coupling: Back to finding thin plates...



- DCR: good coupling
- EM: good coupling



- DCR: poor coupling
- EM: poor coupling

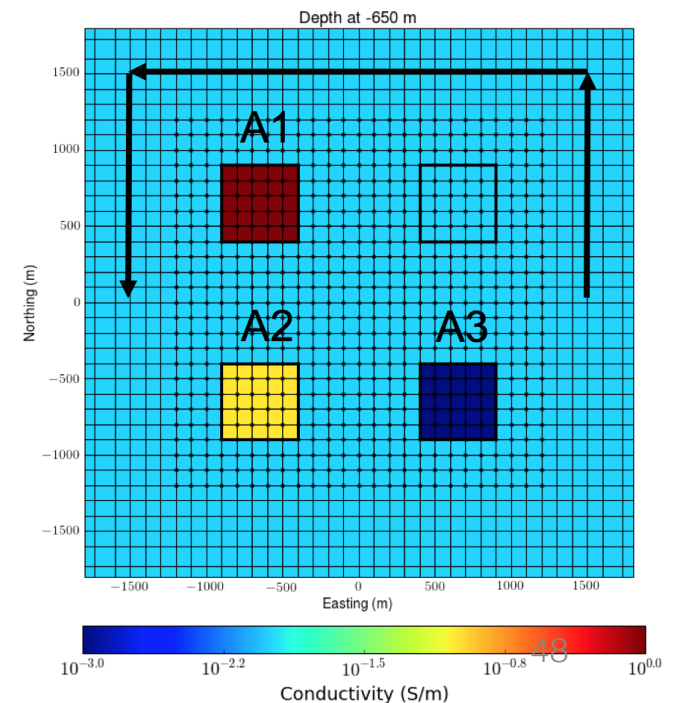
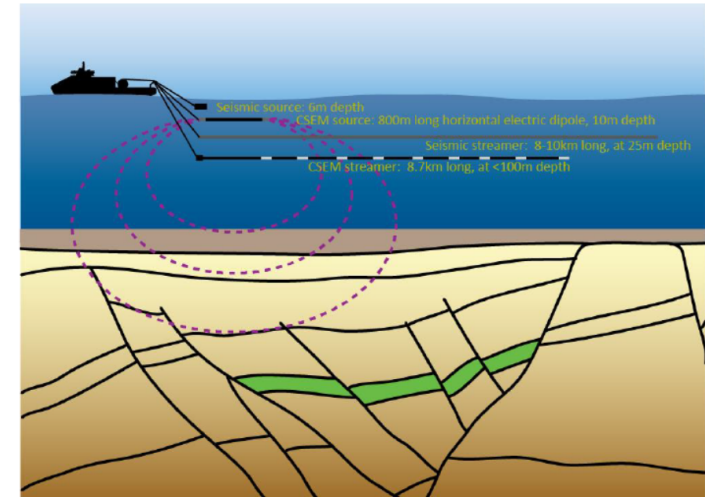
- Arbitrary target requires multiple excitation directions
- Forward simulations necessary

# Grounded Sources: Summary

- Basic experiment
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets: currents and data
- Resistive Targets: currents and data
  
- Questions
- Case History: Barents Sea
- DC/EM Inversion

# Grounded sources: two examples

- Marine EM (towed Tx, Rx array)
  - Multiple transmitters, frequencies
  - Looking for a resistive target
- DC/EM inversions (gradient array)
  - Single transmitter
  - Traditionally only DC data used
  - Wires have a large EM effect (contaminates “DC data”)
  - EM signal contains useful information...



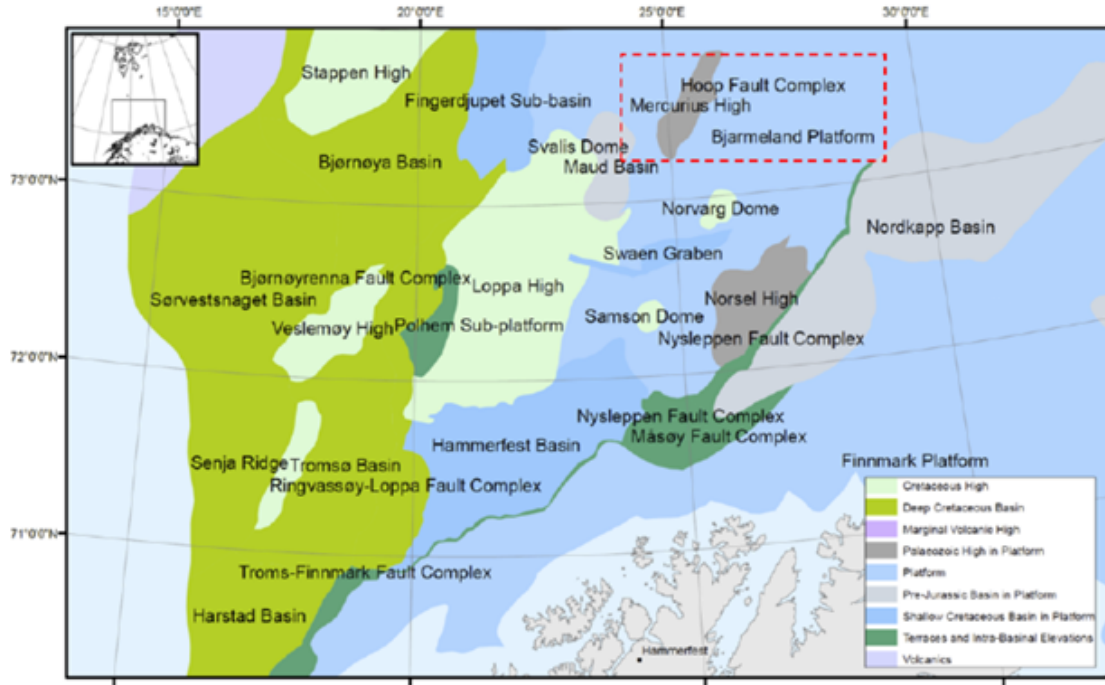


# Case History: Barents Sea

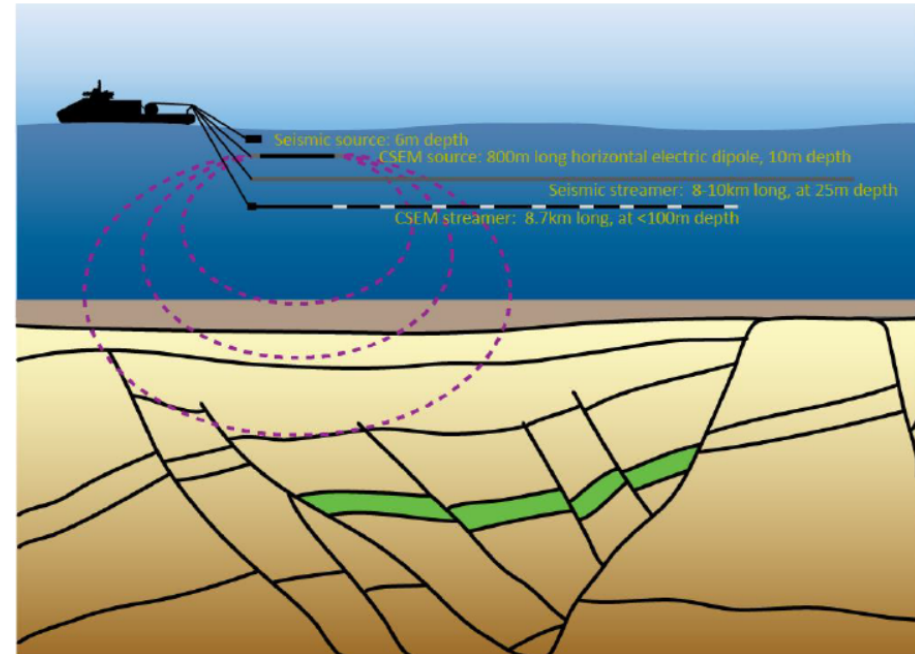
Alvarez et al., 2016. Rock Solid Images

# Setup

## Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea

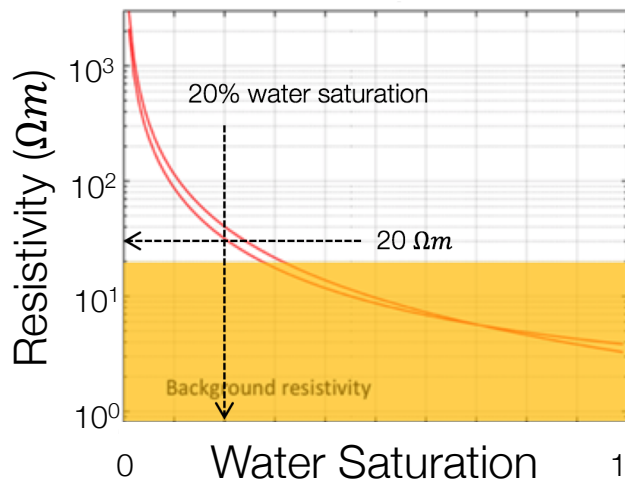
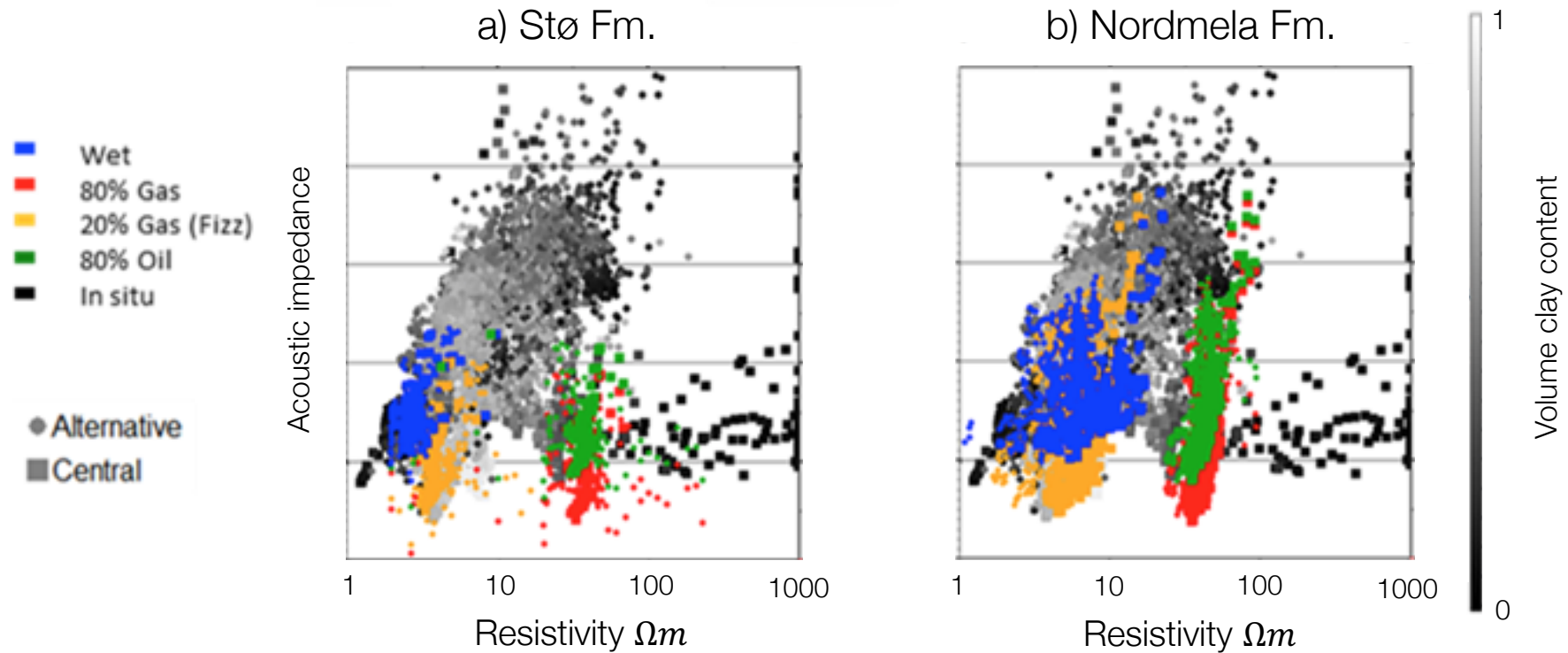


## Marine CSEM



- Known hydrocarbon reservoirs within the Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea.
- Seismic can locate oil and gas reservoirs but cannot always determine hydrocarbon saturation (in particular fizz gas)
- Seismic, borehole and CSEM data used to characterize reservoir
  - fluid, porosity, clay content, and hydrocarbon saturation

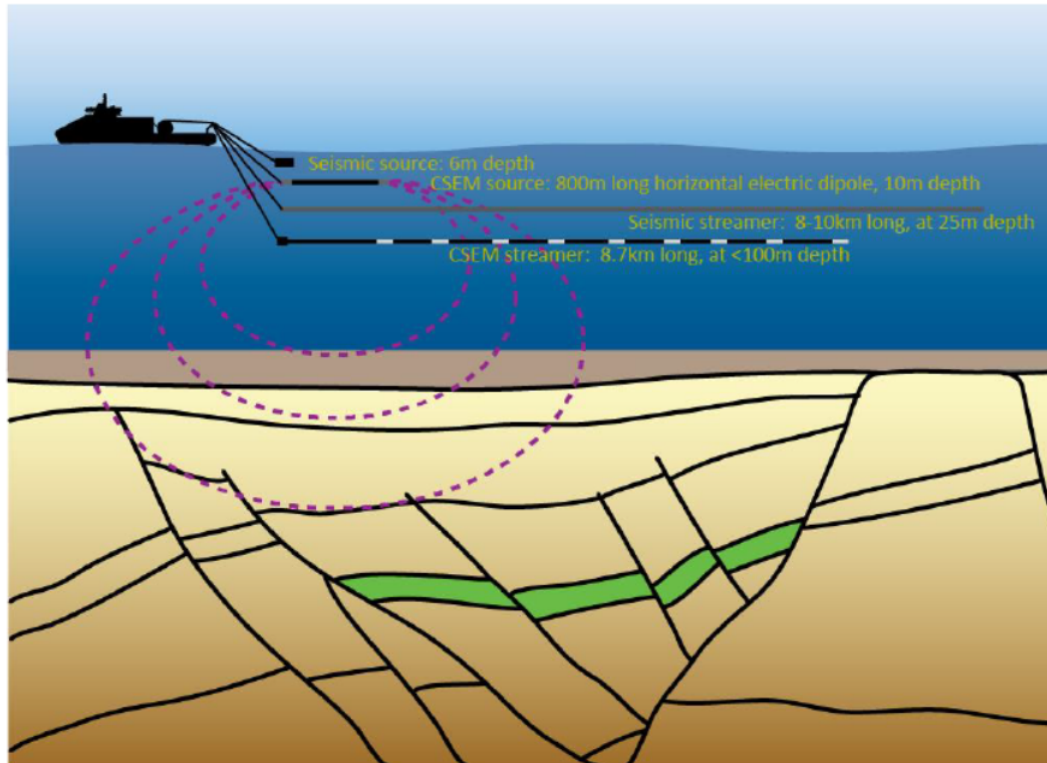
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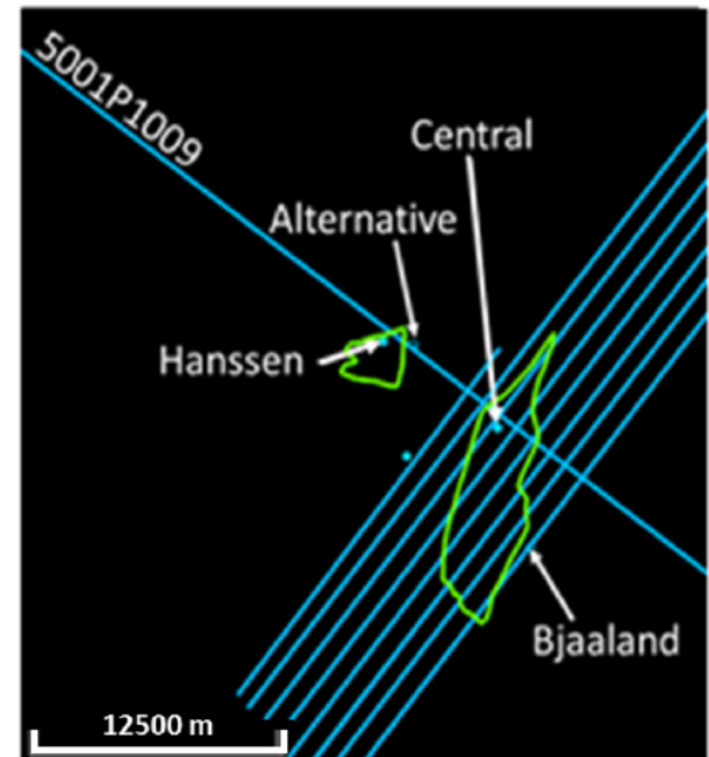
- Highly hydrocarbon-saturated reservoir (< 20% water-wet) significant resistivity
- CSEM can differentiate high from low quality reservoirs

# Survey

Towed CSEM and 2D seismic



Survey lines

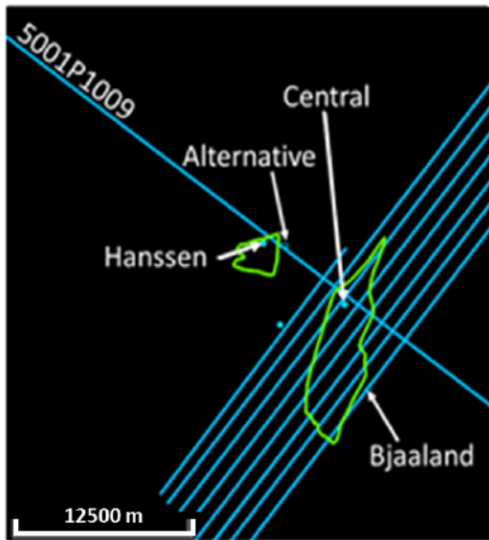


- 6 lines of 2D seismic and towed streamer CSEM data.
- 72 receivers collected CSEM data
  - offsets from 31m to 7.8 km
- CSEM frequencies: 0.2 Hz to 3 Hz.

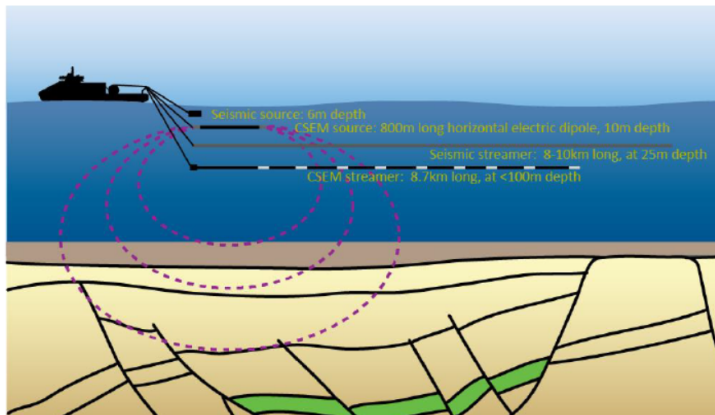
Alternative	Control well, productive
Central	Control well, dry
Hanssen	Validation well
Bjaaland	Validation well

# CSEM Data

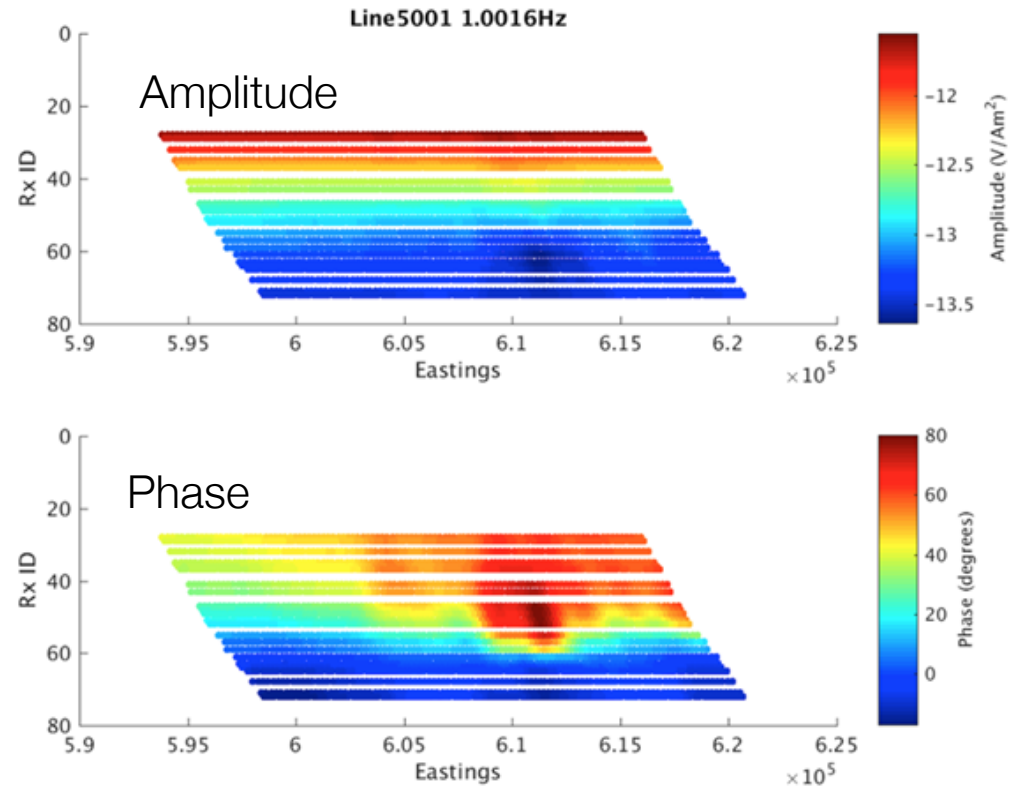
## Survey lines



## Towed-streamer EM



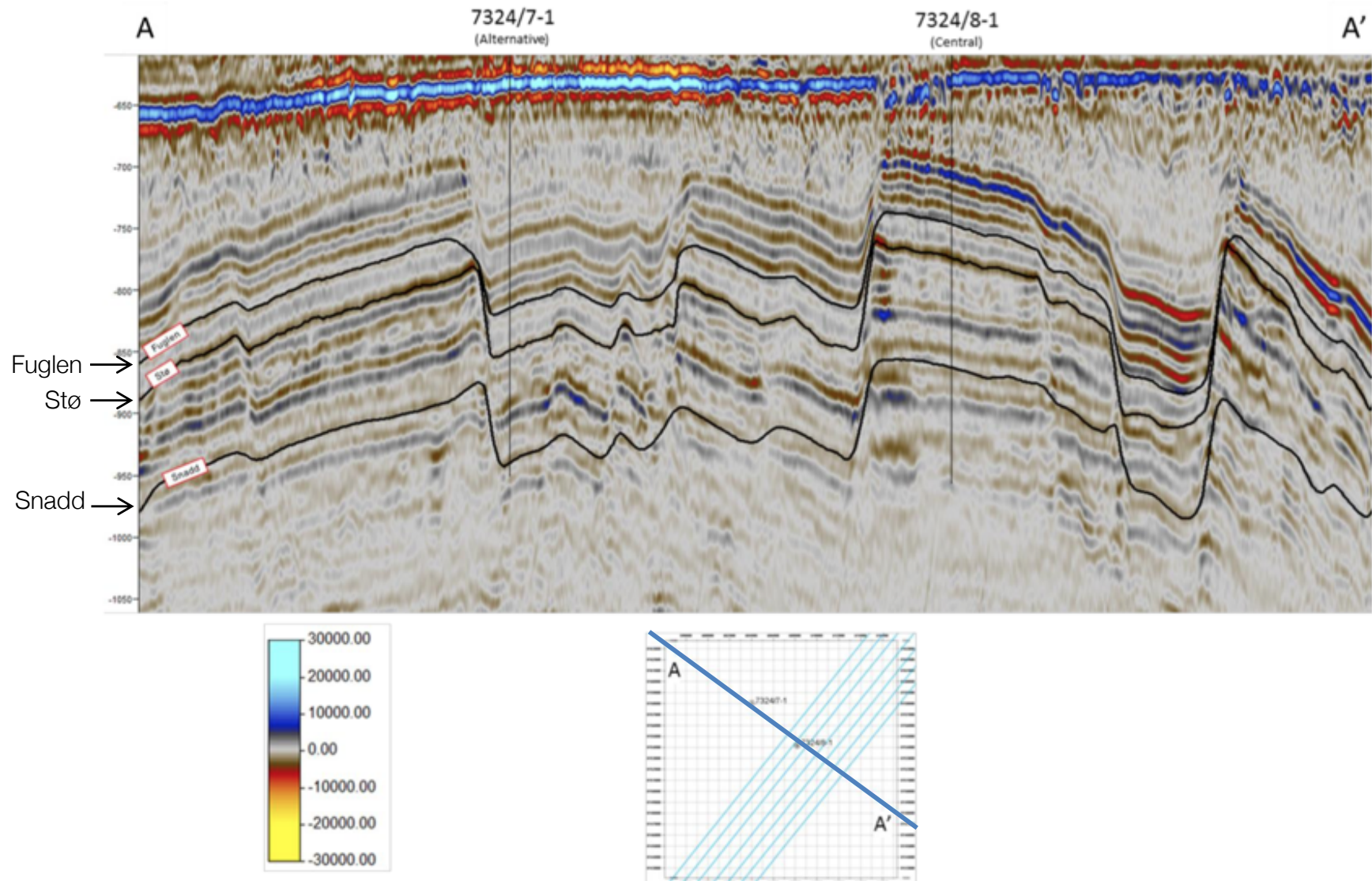
## CSEM data over central reservoir (1 Hz)



- Significant phase response over Central reservoir

# Seismic data

Seismic section: Line 5001

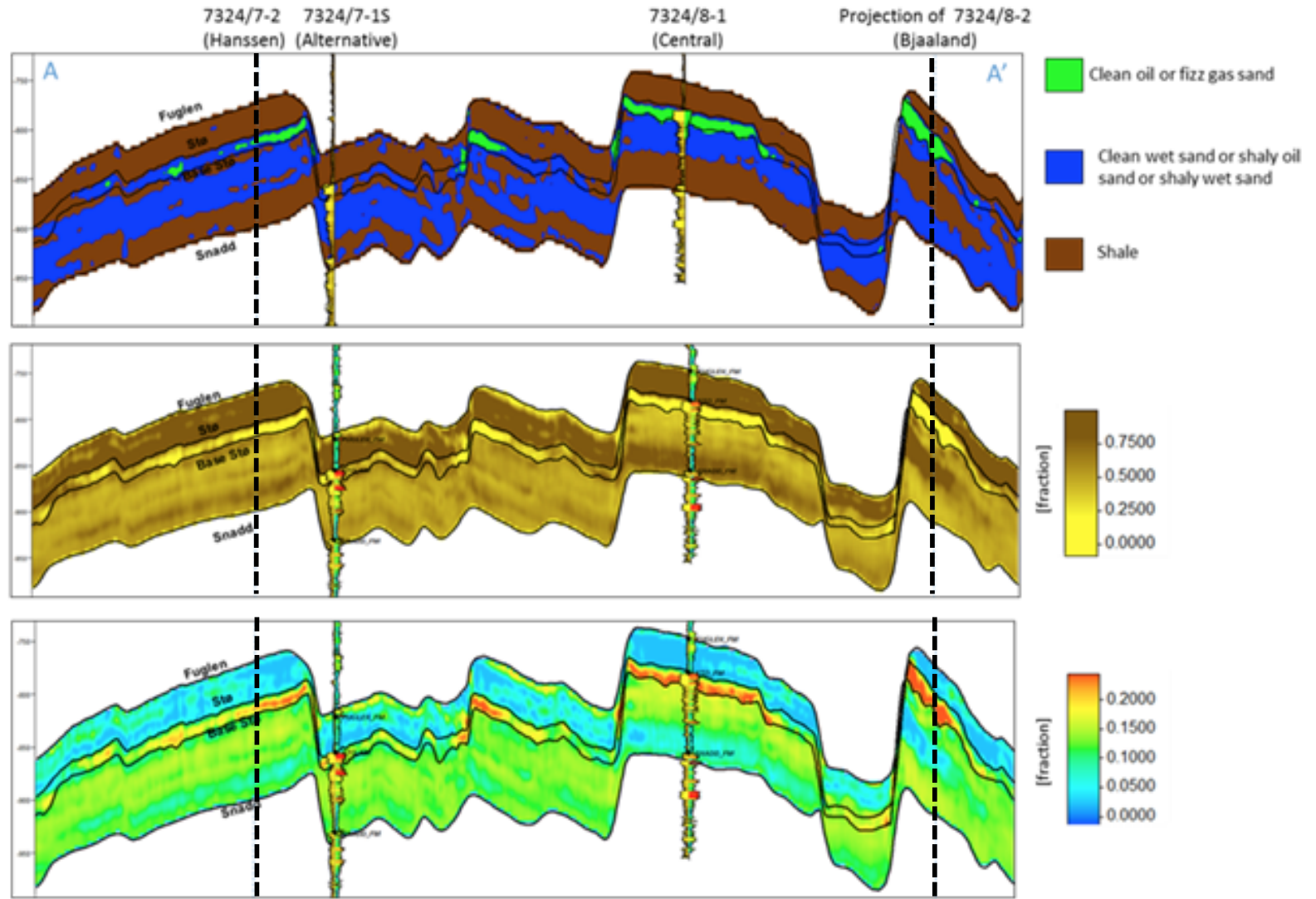


# Well-Log and Seismic Inversion

Litho-fluid  
Facies

Clay Content

Total Porosity



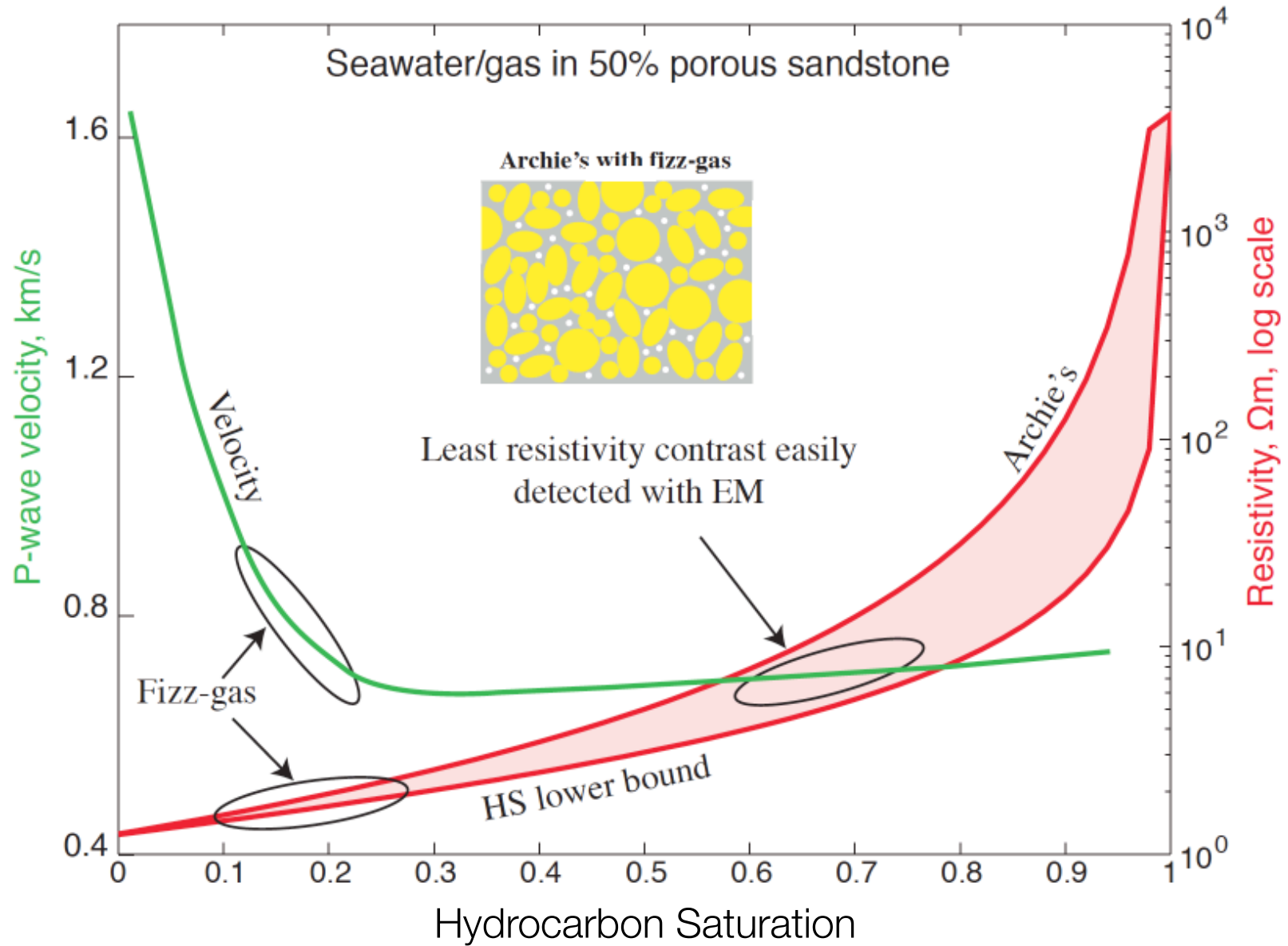
**Hanssen**  
Validation well

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# Revisiting physical properties

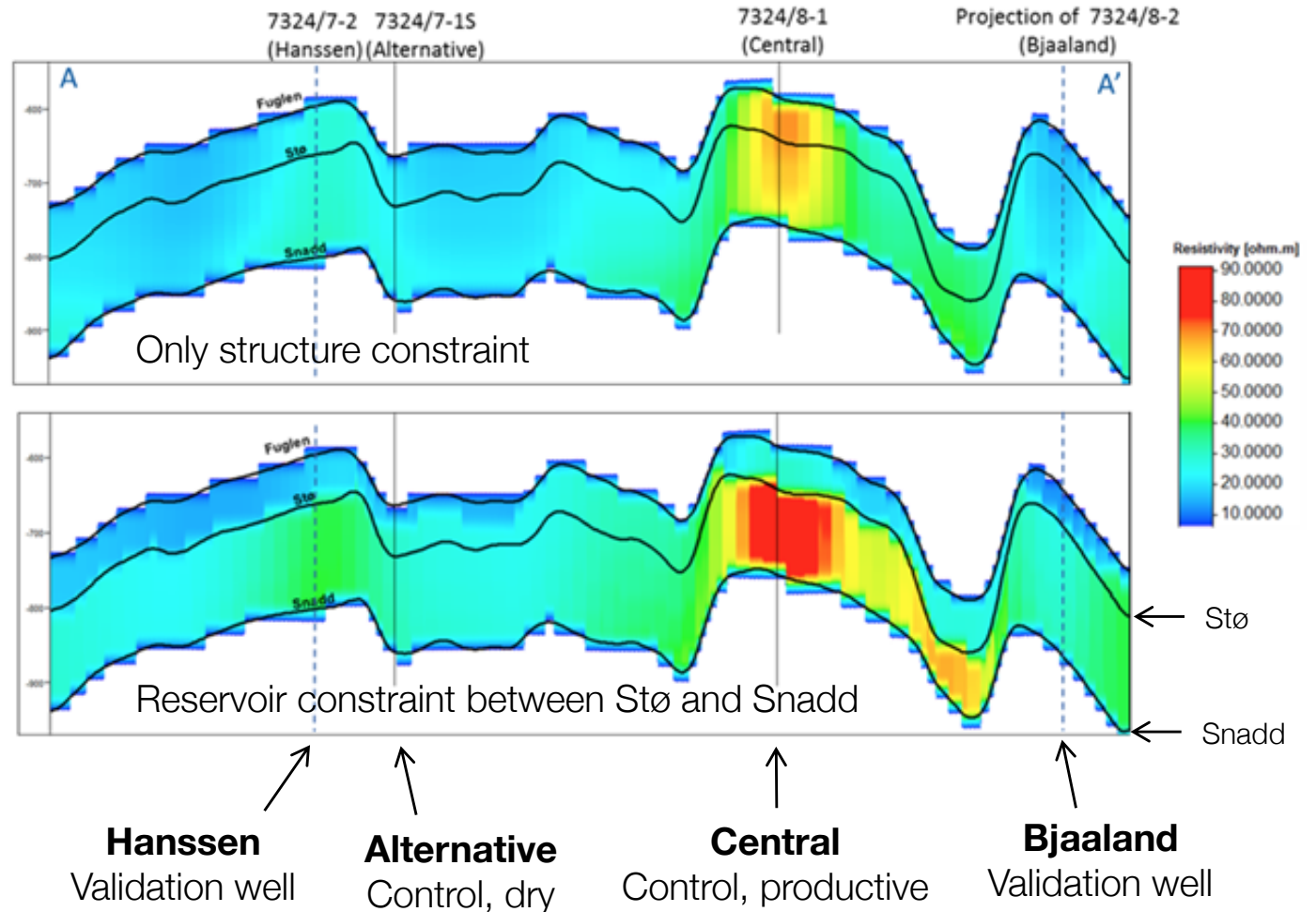
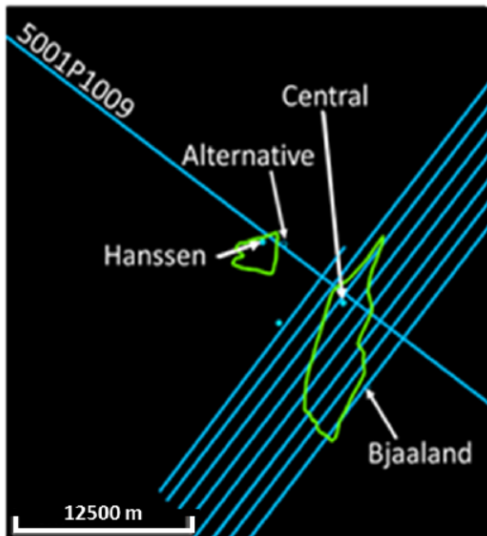




# Processing: CSEM Inversion

Vertical resistivity section along profile line 5001

Survey lines



- Inversion shows strong resistor at 'Central' and a secondary resistor at 'Hanssen'.

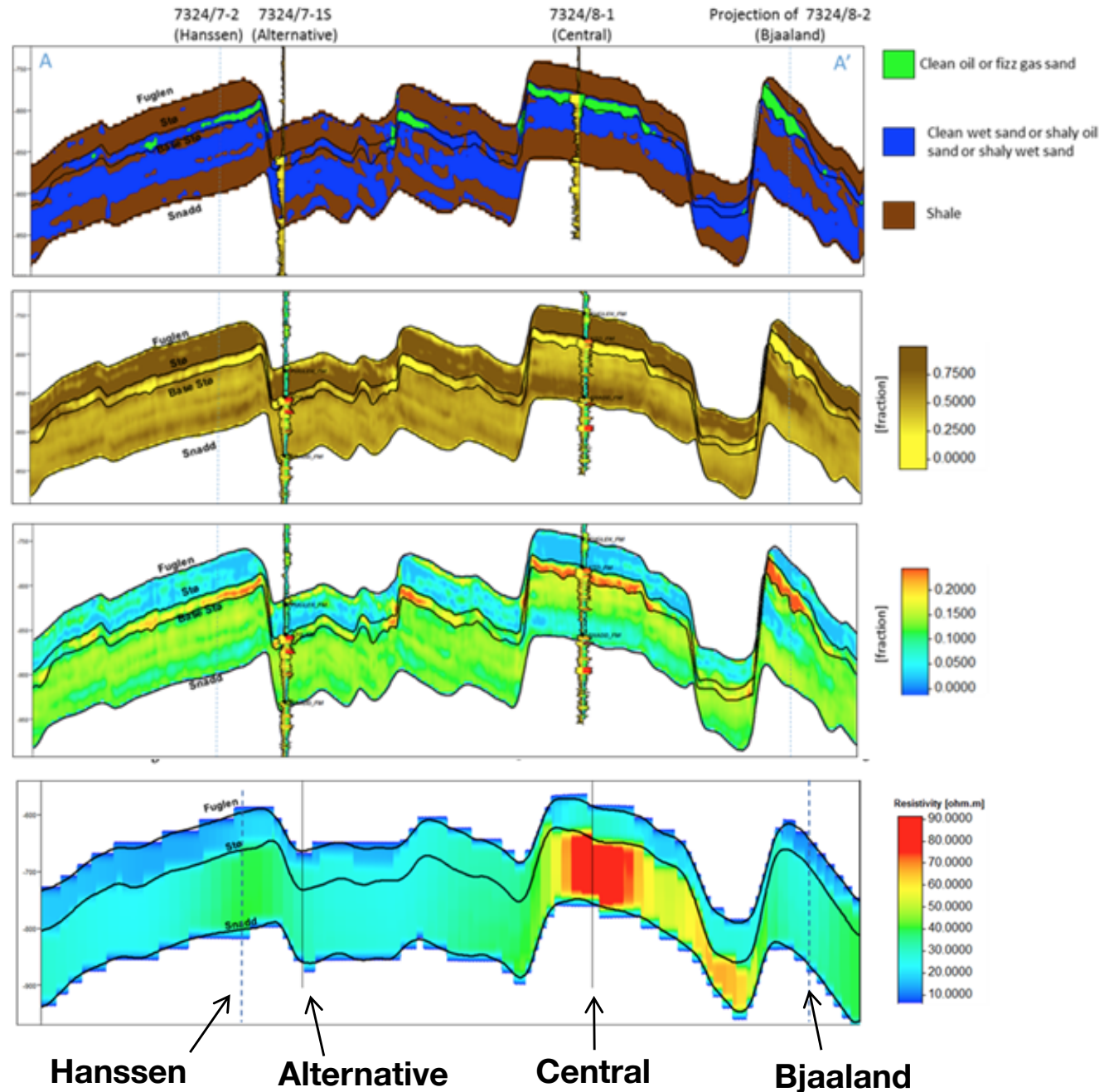
# Processing: Multi-physics Approach

Litho-fluid  
Facies

Clay Content

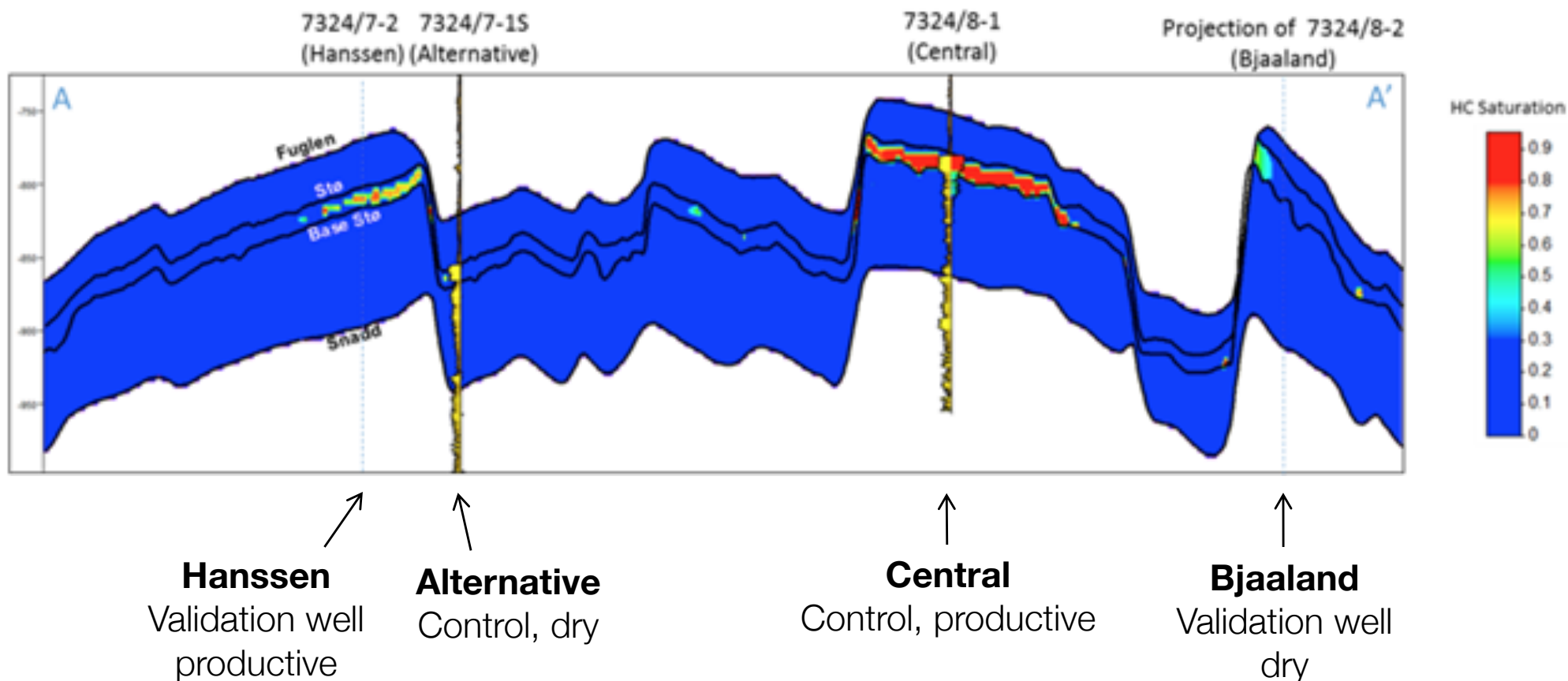
Total Porosity

Resistivity



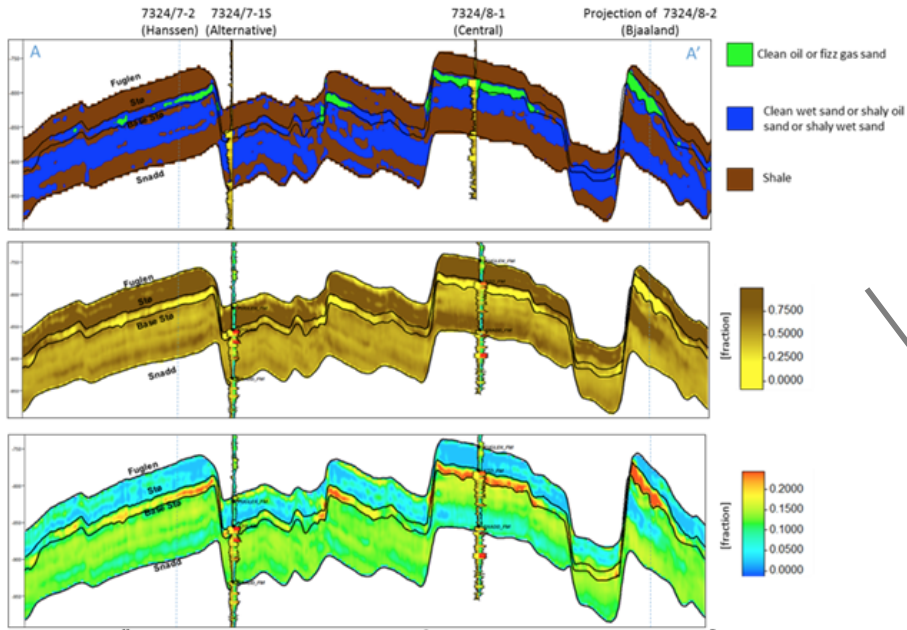
# Interpretation

Final hydrocarbon saturation model

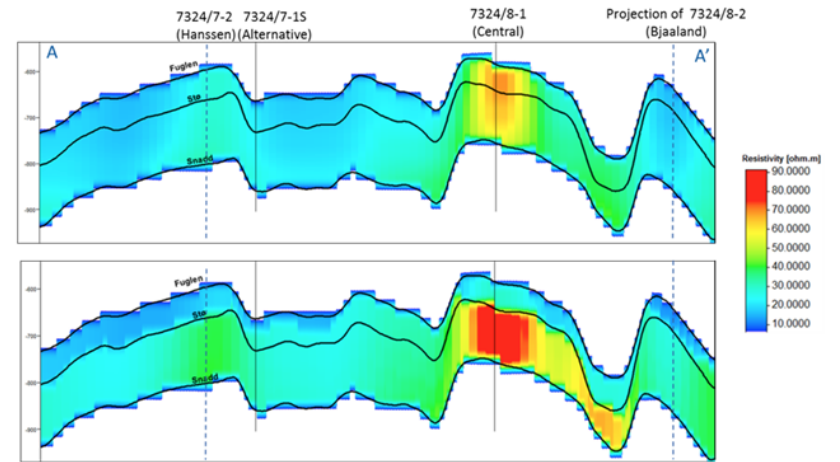


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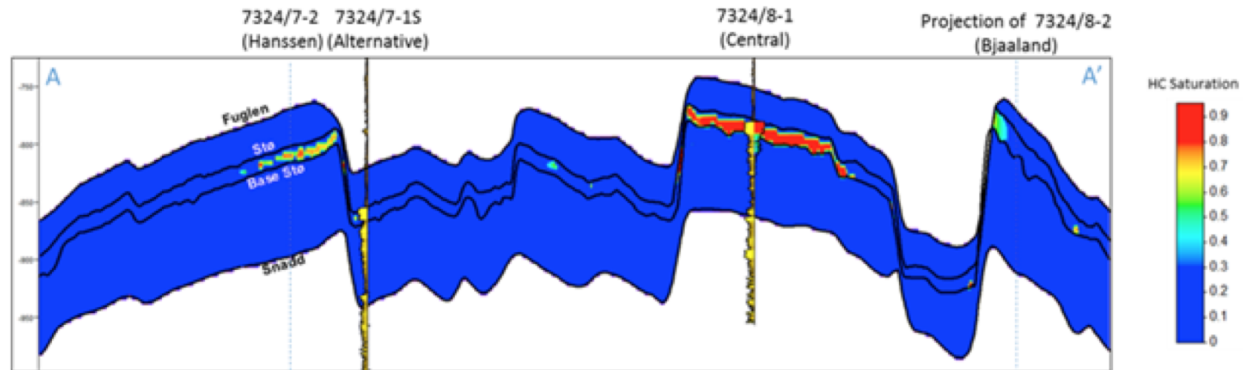
## Seismic



## EM



## Hydrocarbon saturation



**Hanssen**  
Validation well  
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**Alternative**  
Control, dry

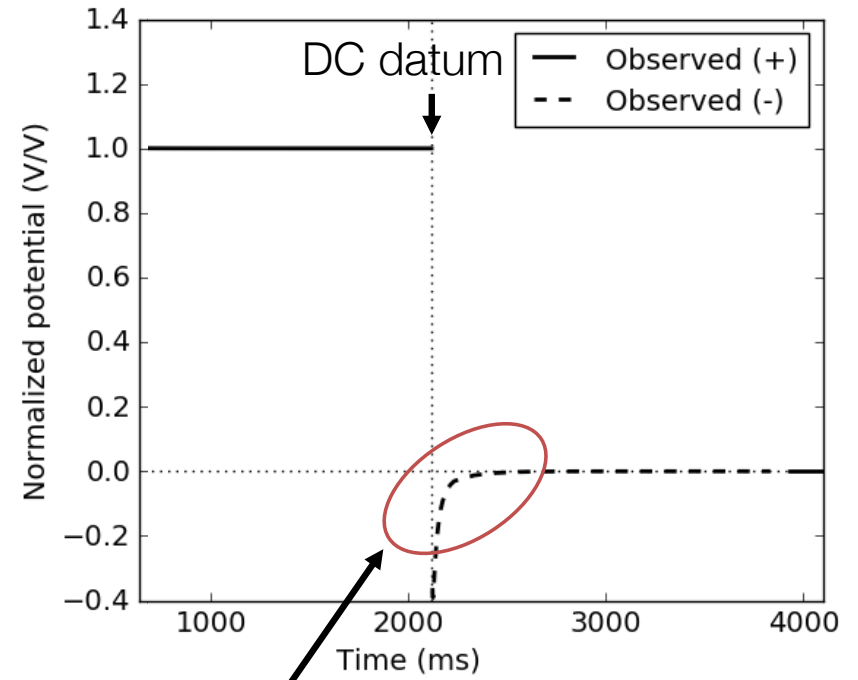
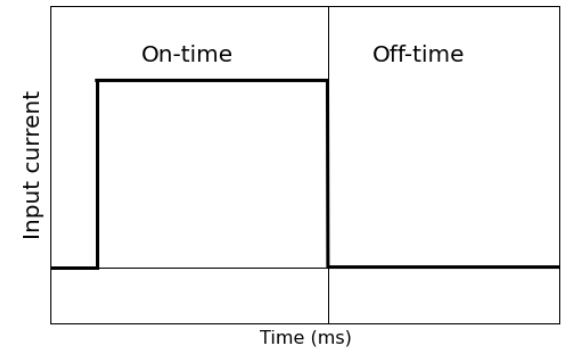
**Central**  
Control, productive

**Bjaaland**  
Validation well  
dry

# DC/EM Inversion

# DC/EM: Goals

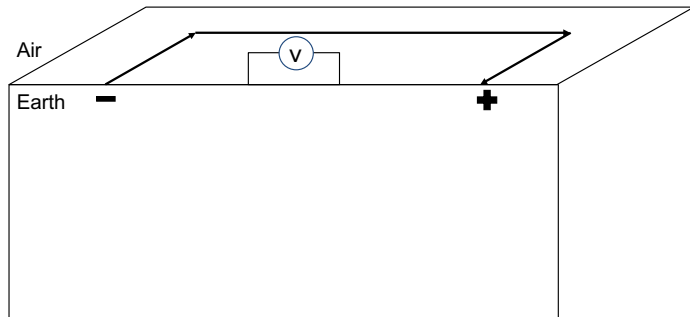
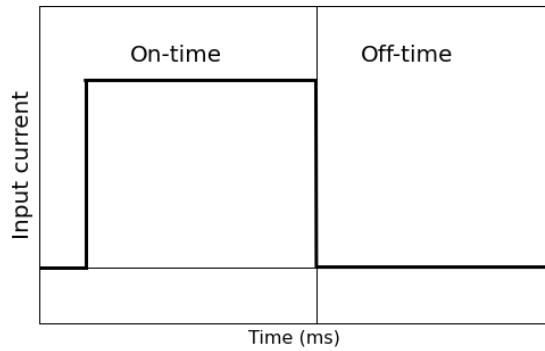
- Standard DCR time domain waveform
- Compare:
  - Inversions from DC data
  - Inversions from EM data
- Illustrate the value of data which is often discarded
- Numerical example from a gradient array



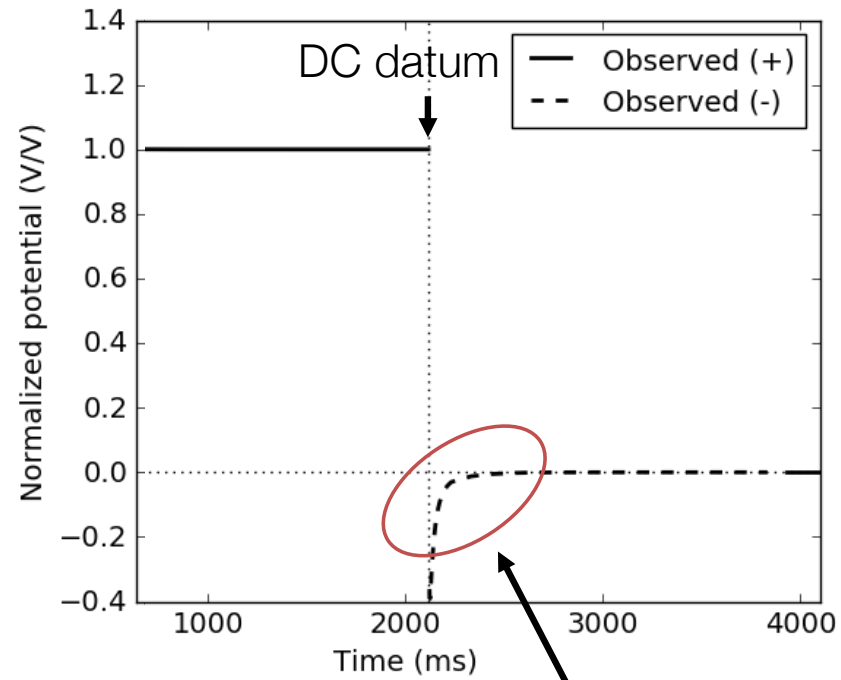
EM portion  
Generally considered noise

# Survey and Data

## Transmitter



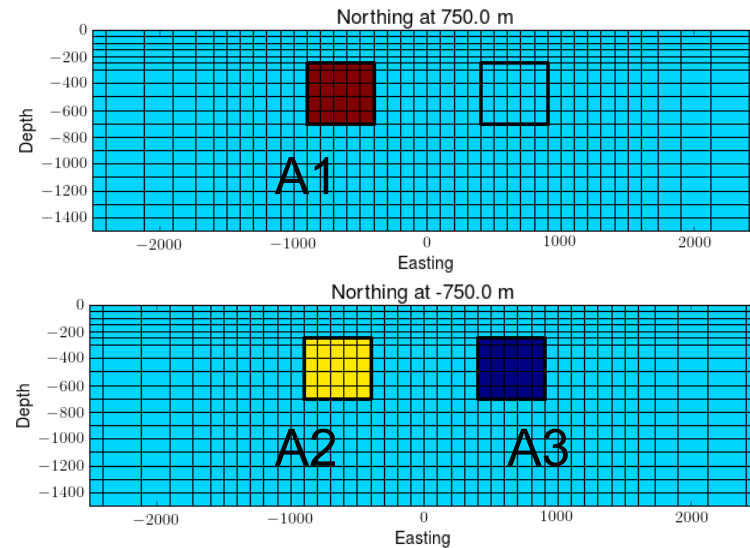
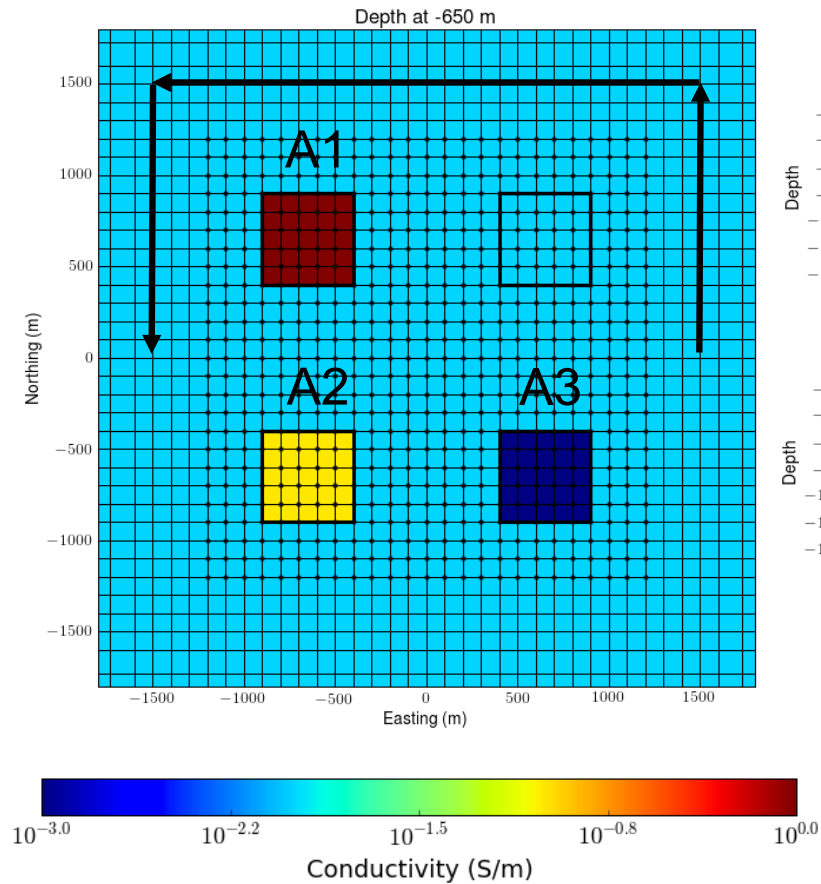
## Measured Voltage



EM portion  
Generally considered noise

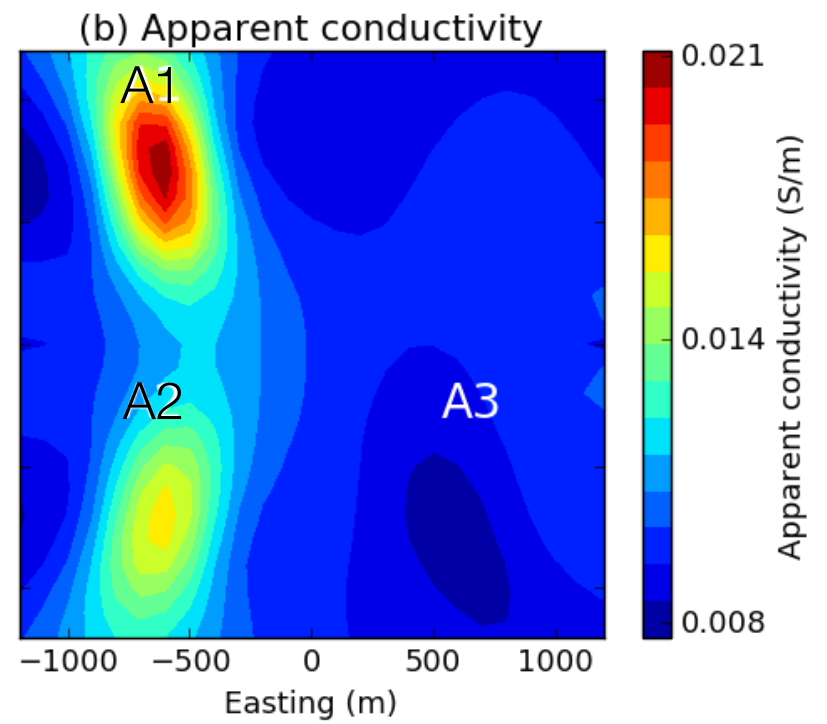
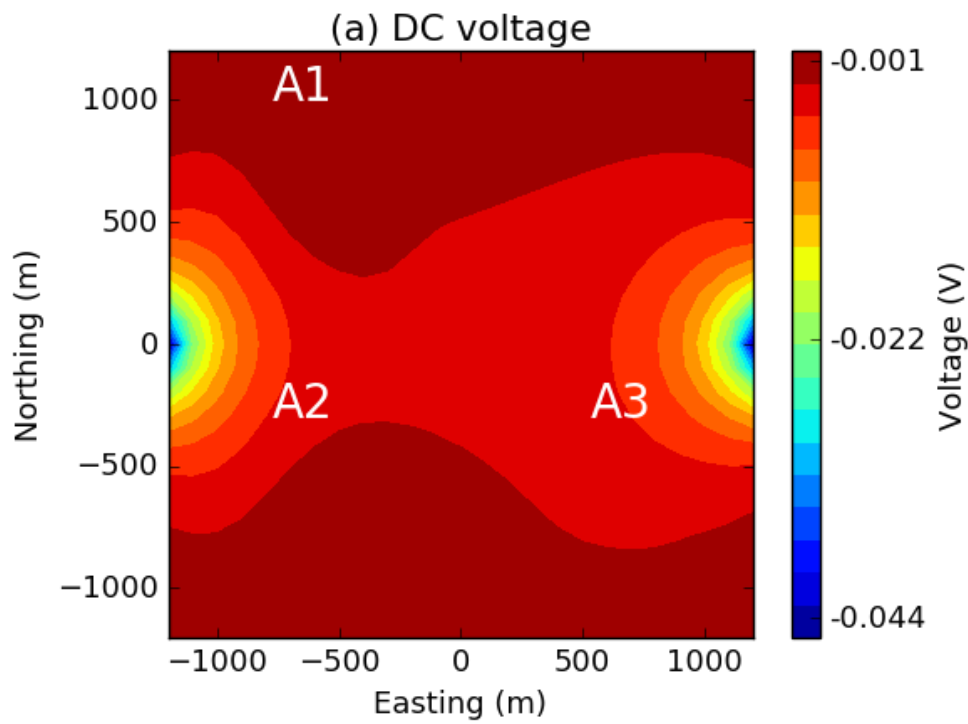
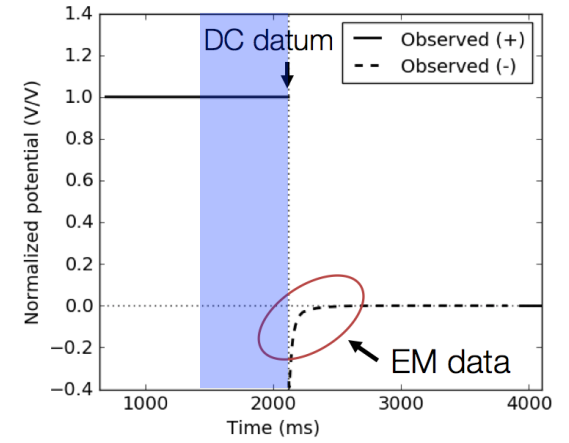
# Gradient array

- Model
  - A1: high conductivity
  - A2: moderate conductivity
  - A3: resistive
- Survey
  - 200m bi-pole (625 data)
  - times: 1-600ms



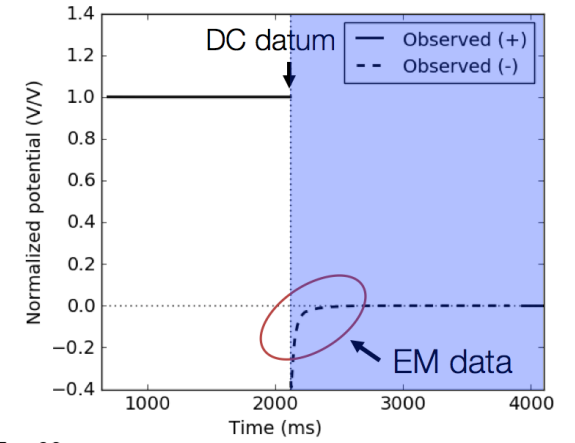
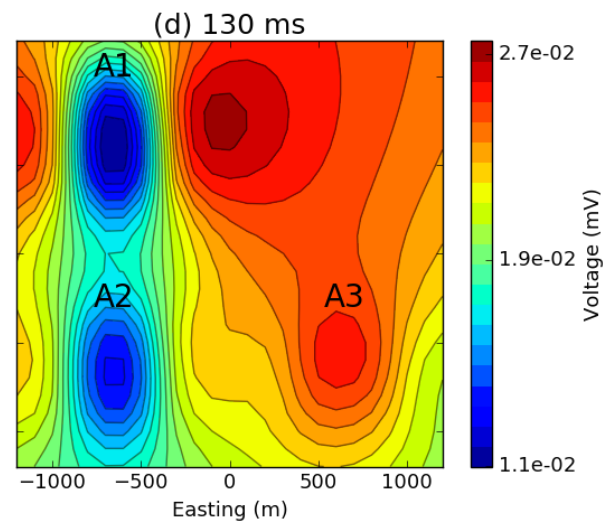
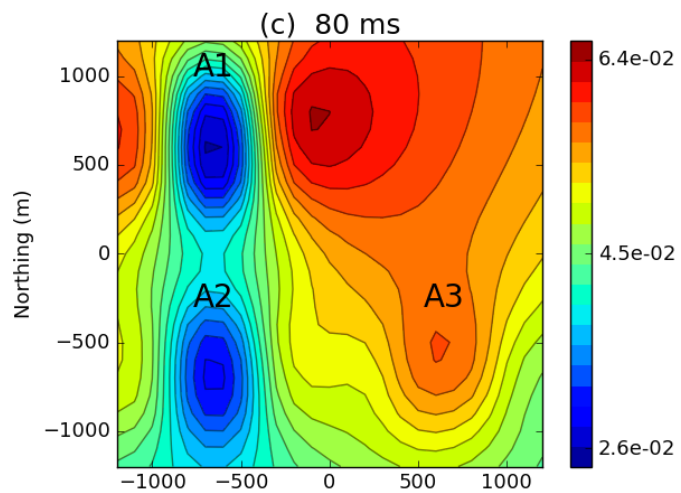
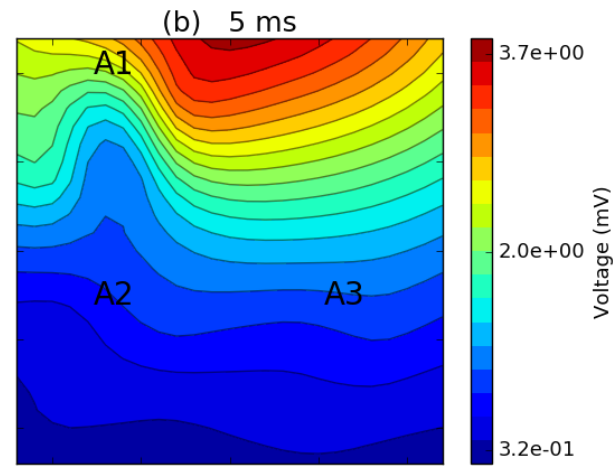
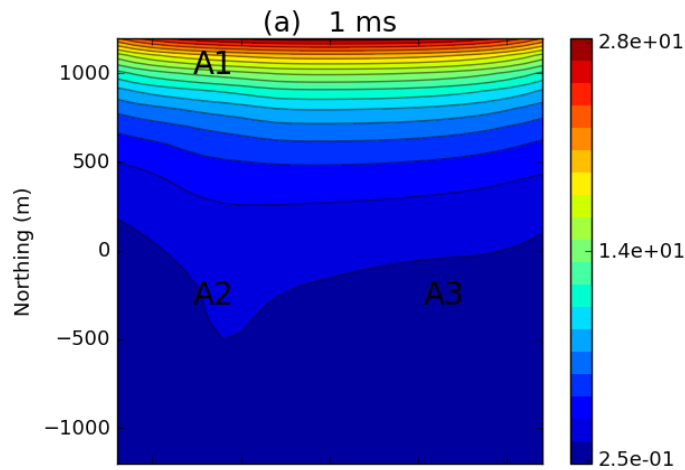


# DC data



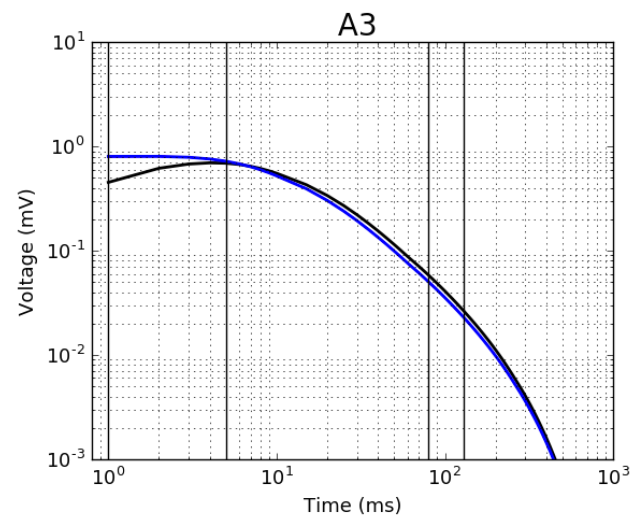
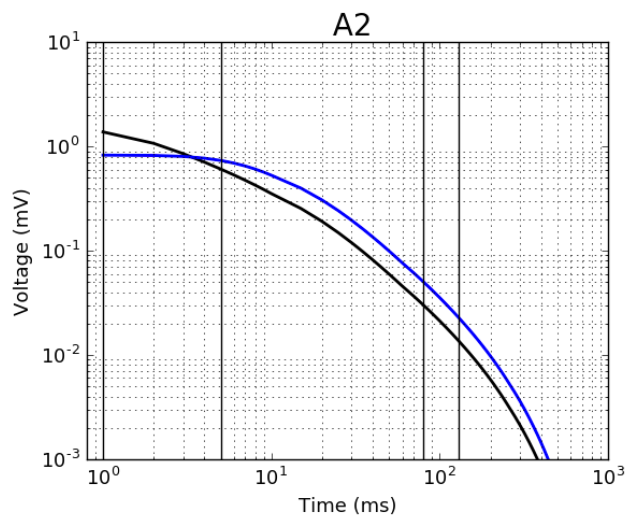
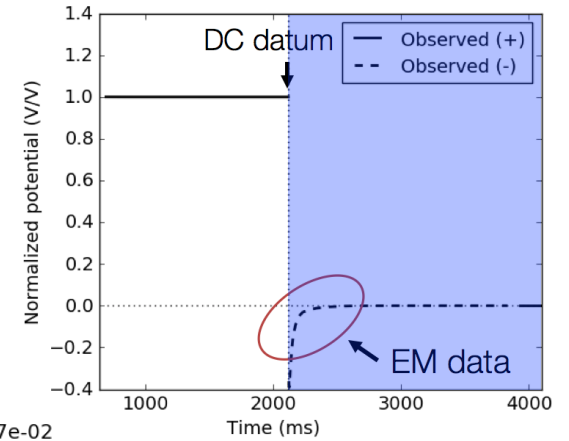
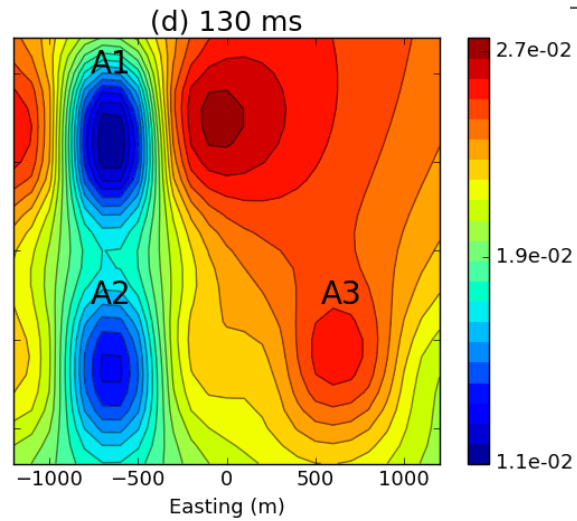
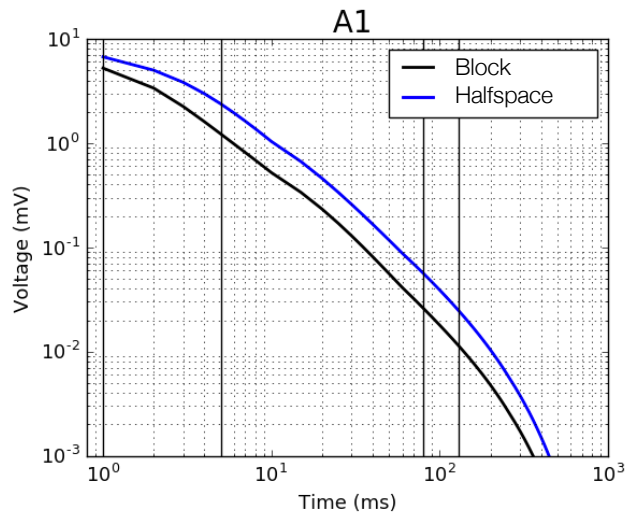
# Off-time data

- TDEM data



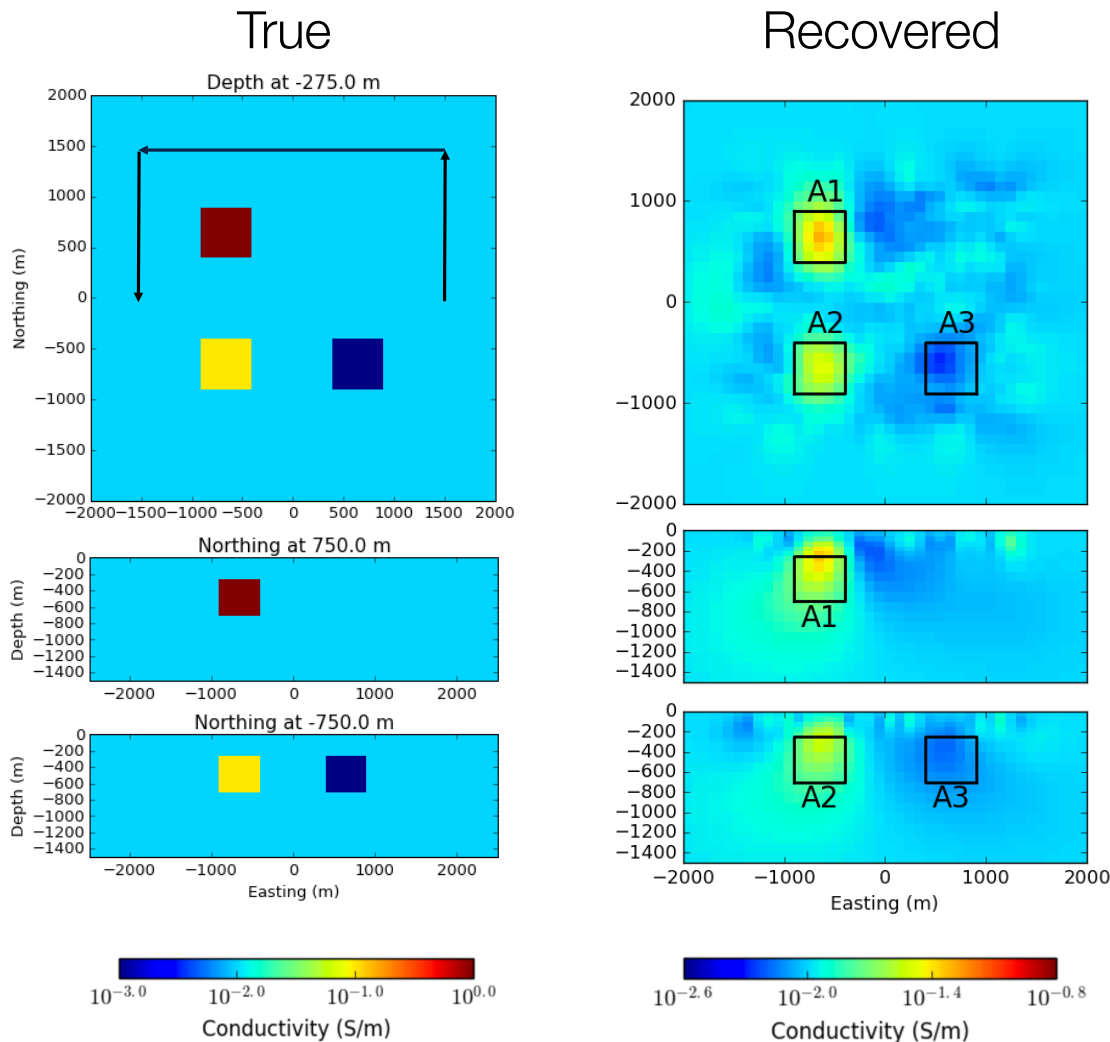
# Off-time data

- $E_x$  Decay curves at A1-A3

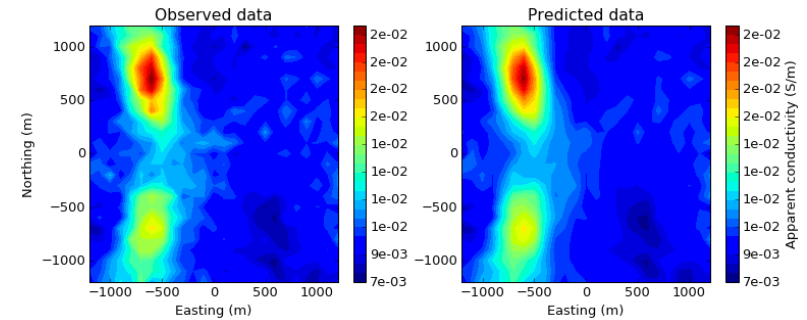


# DC inversion

- Recovered 3D conductivity



## Apparent conductivity

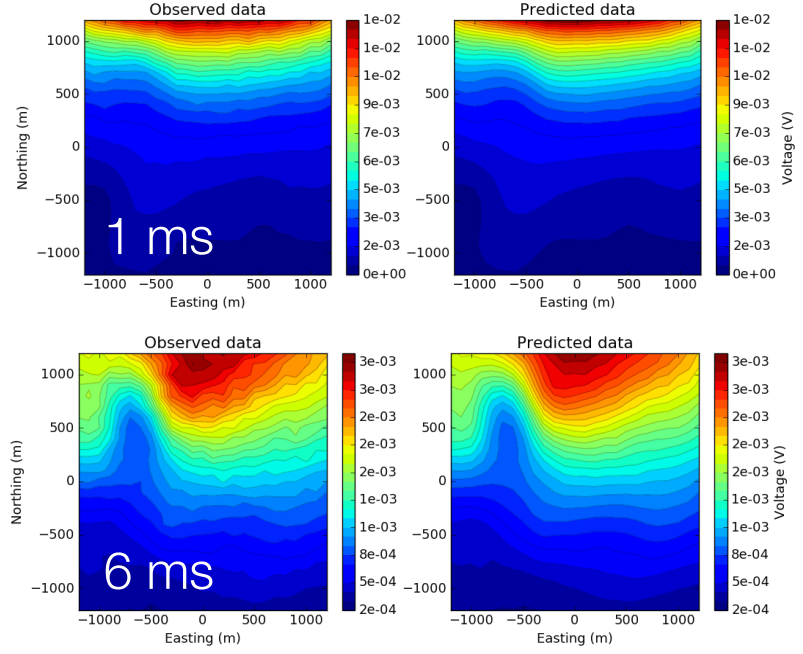
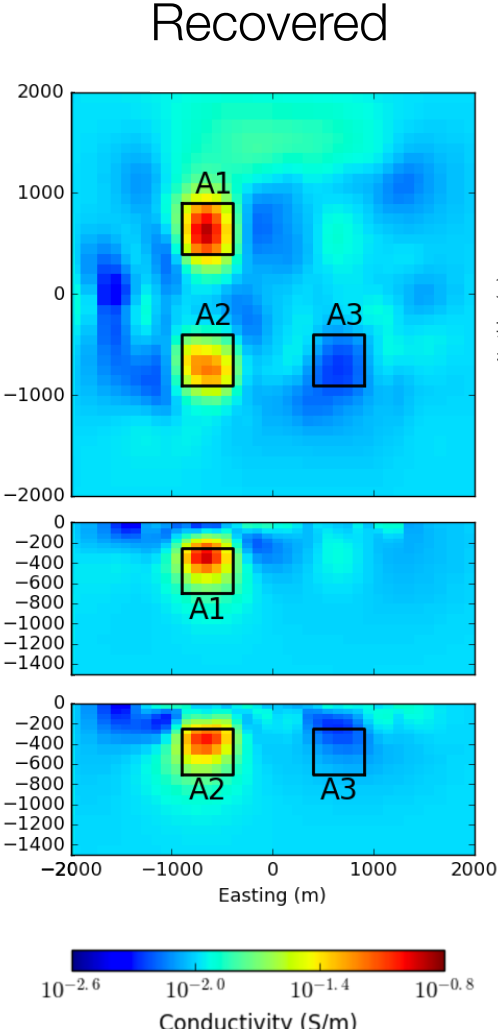
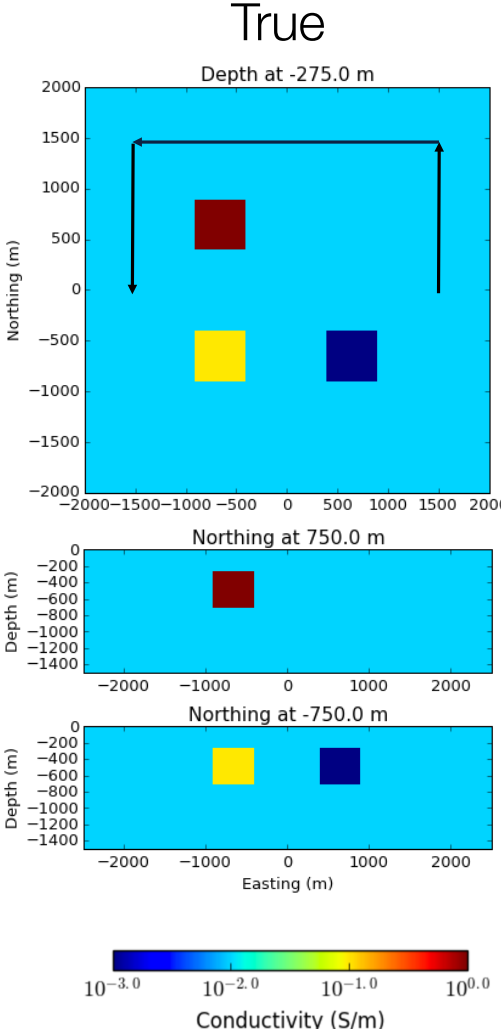


- Depth weighting
  - Compensate for high sensitivity near surface (similar to mag.)

$$\frac{1}{(z - z_0)^3}$$

# EM inversion

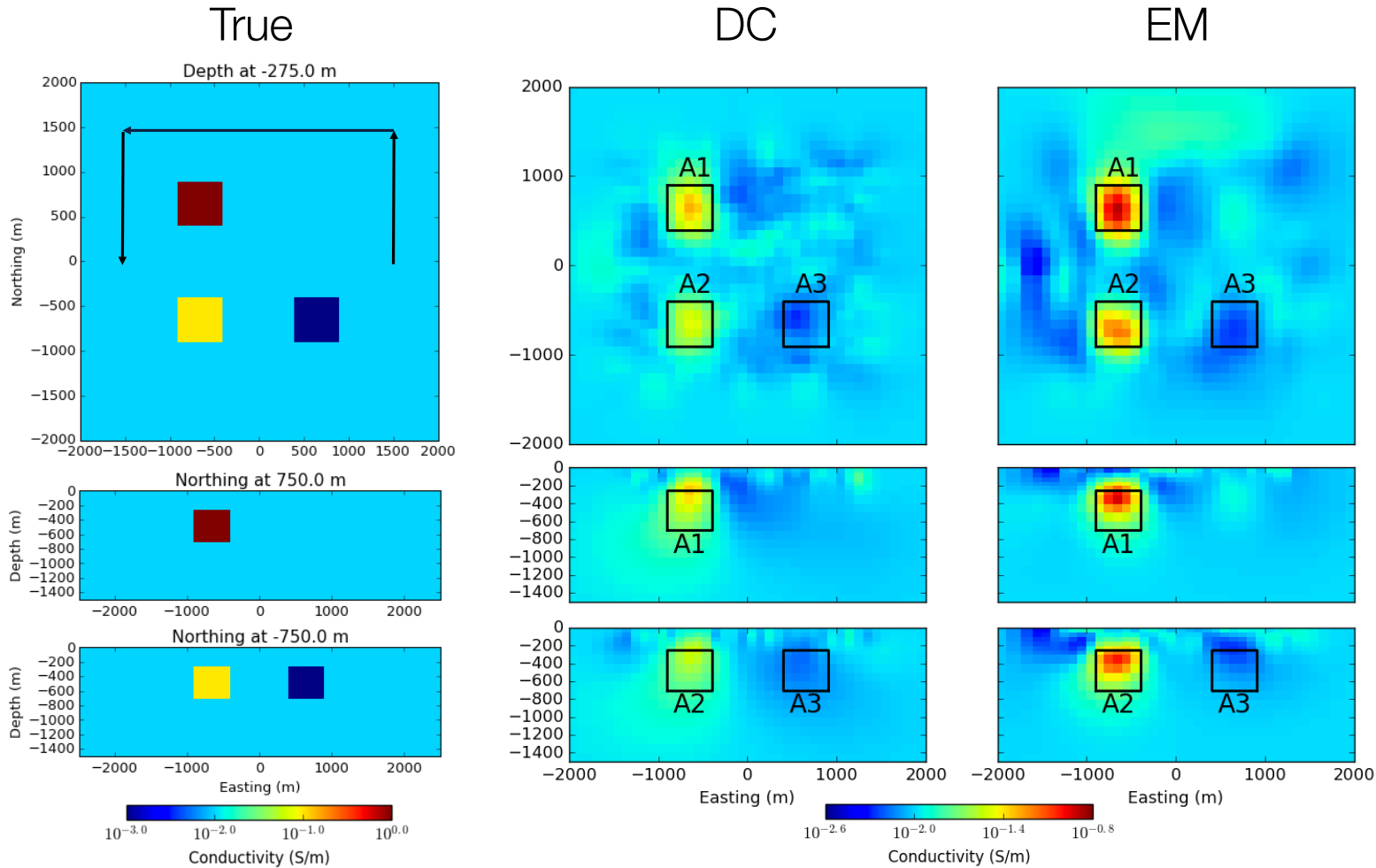
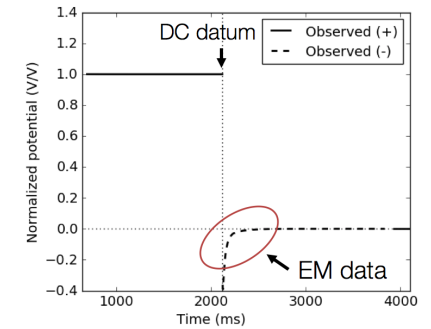
- Recovered 3D conductivity



- No depth weighting

# Conductivity models

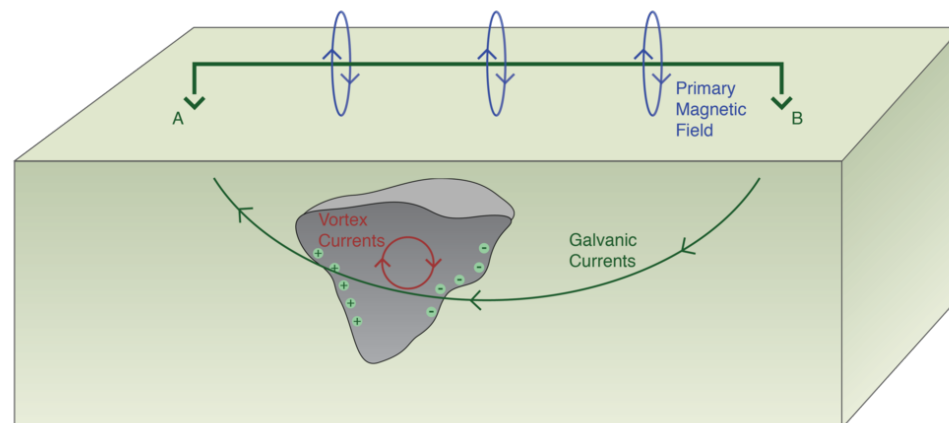
- True, DC, and TEM conductivities



EM data contain signal

# Summary

- Basic experiment
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets: currents and data
- Resistive Targets: currents and data
- Case History: Barents Sea
- DC/EM Inversion



# End of Grounded Sources

- Introduction to EM
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