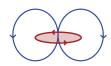
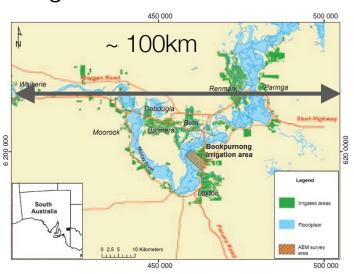
EM: Inductive Sources





Motivation



Large areas to be covered

Rugged terrain

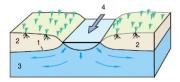


Minerals

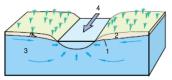


Groundwater

Losing Stream

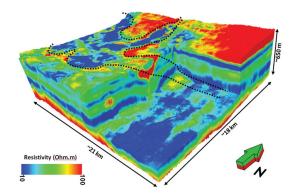




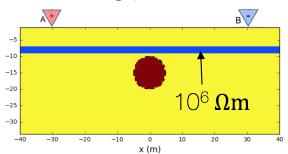


1 - Water table 2 - Unsaturated zone 3 - Saturated zone 4 - Flow direction

High resolution near surface



Shielding problem



Outline

Setup

- Basic experiment
- Transmitters, Receivers

Time Domain EM

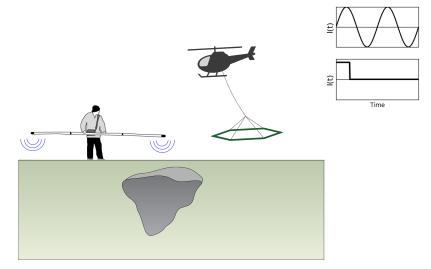
- Vertical Magnetic Dipole
- Propagation with Time
- Case History Groundwater, Minerals

Frequency Domain EM

- Vertical Magnetic Dipole
- Effects of Frequency
- Case History Groundwater, Minerals

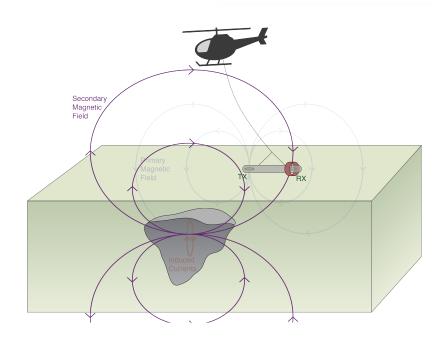
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Basic Experiment

waveform



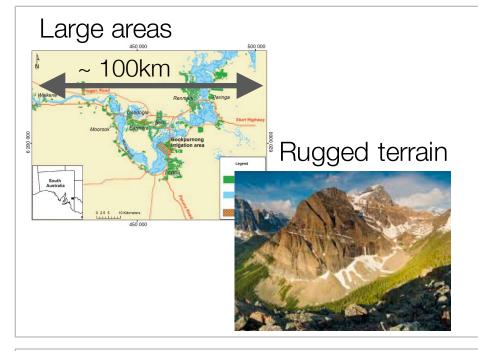
Transmitter:

 Produces a primary magnetic field

• Exciting the target:

- Time varying magnetic fields generate electric fields everywhere
- Producing currents in conductors
- Receiver:
 - Induced currents produce secondary magnetic fields

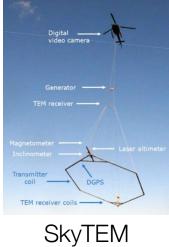
Transmitter



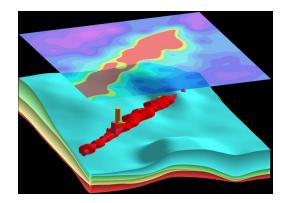
Airborne Survey

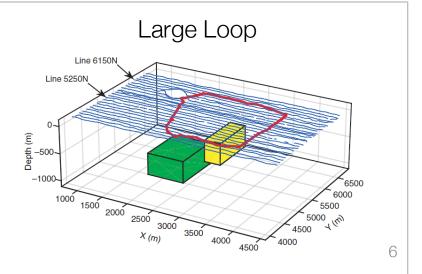


Resolve



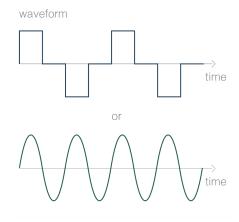
Deep Targets





Transmitter

• Time or frequency?



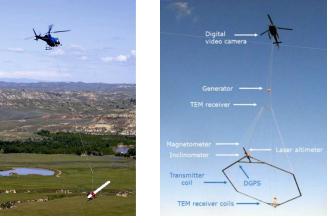
• Key factor is moment

Field

m = I (current) A (area) N (# of turns)

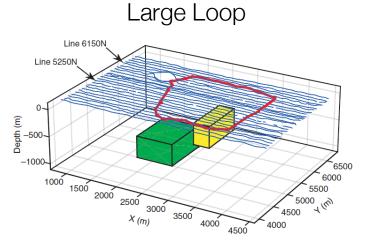
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Primary
Magnetic

Airborne Survey



Resolve

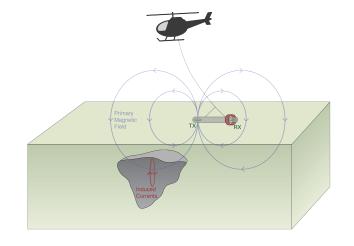




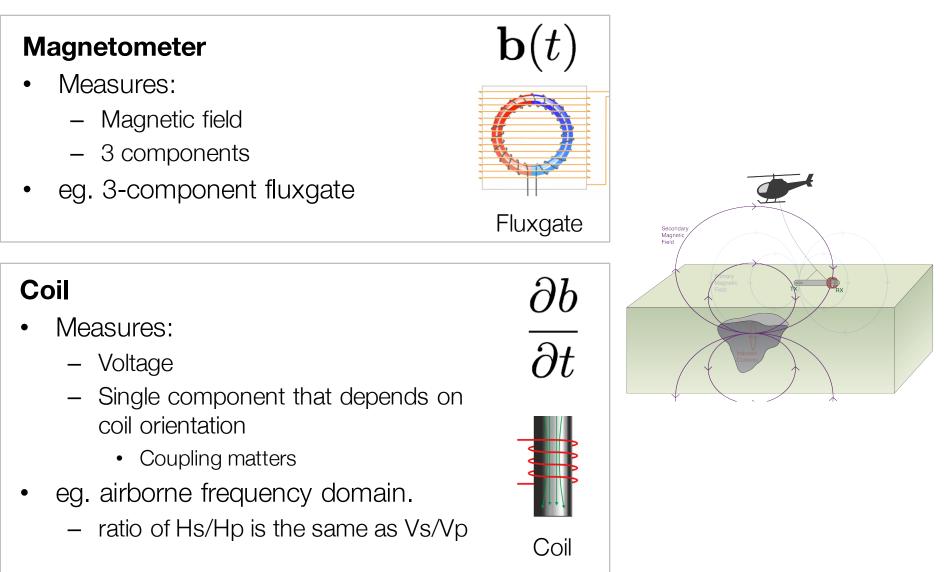
Exciting the target

- Primary field from a loop
- Fields fall off
 - 1/r³ geometric decay
 - Attenuation
- Want to be as close as possible to target
 - Ground based systems
 - Helicopter
 - Fixed wing aircraft
- Always concerned about coupling

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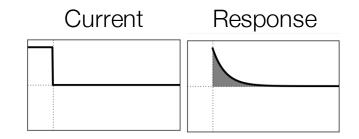


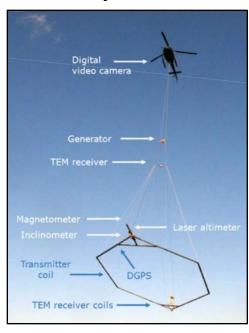
Receiver and Data



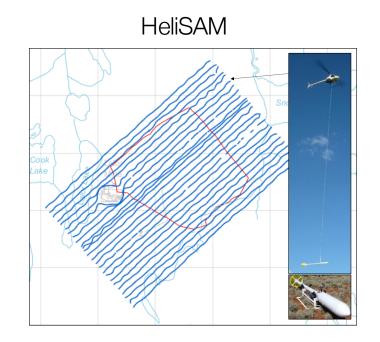
Receiver: Time Domain

- Primary field has off-time
- Measure secondary fields
- Receivers can be mounted on transmitter loop or above it



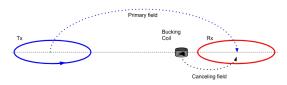


SkyTEM

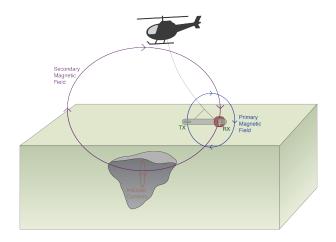


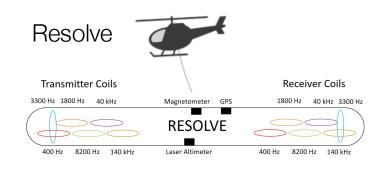
Receiver: Frequency Domain

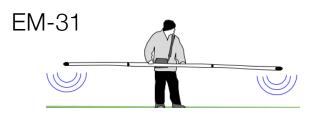
- Primary field
 - always "on"
 - large compared to secondary fields
- Primary removal
 - Compute and subtract
 - Bucking coil



- Main requirement:
 - Know positions of Tx and Rx
 - Keep them in one unit

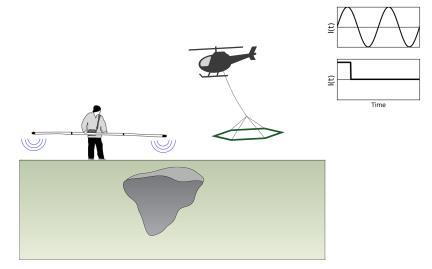




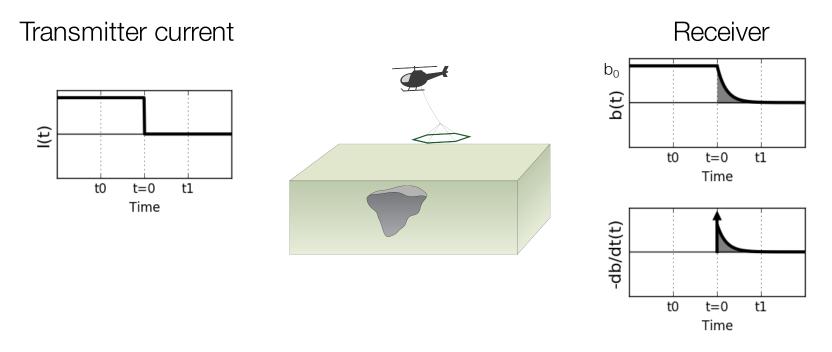


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EM with Inductive Sources: Time Domain



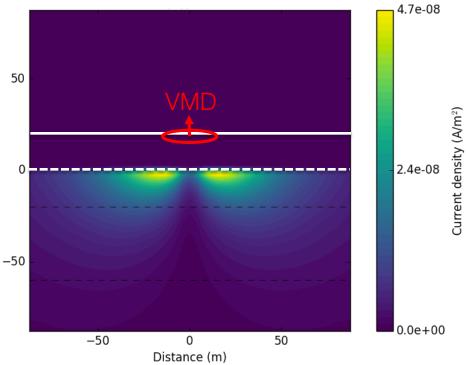
time	b	db/dt
t < 0	b_0	0
t = 0	b_0	$-b_0\delta(t)$
t > 0	secondary	secondary

 $\delta(t)$: Dirac-delta function

Footprint of Airborne EM system

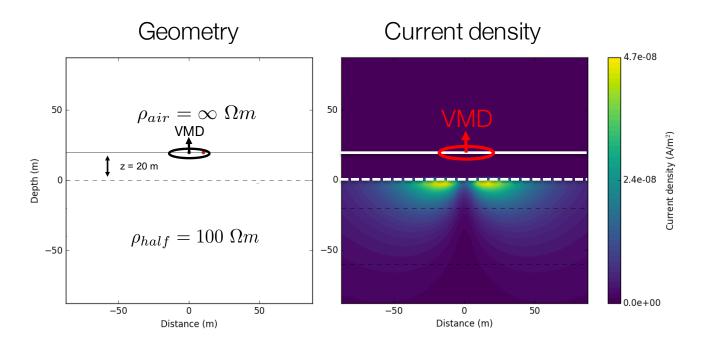
Depth (m)

- What volume of earth is "seen" by the airborne system?
 - Where are the currents?
- Currents depend on
 - Transmitter
 - Waveform: time or frequency
 - Background conductivity
- Simple case: loop source over homogeneous earth



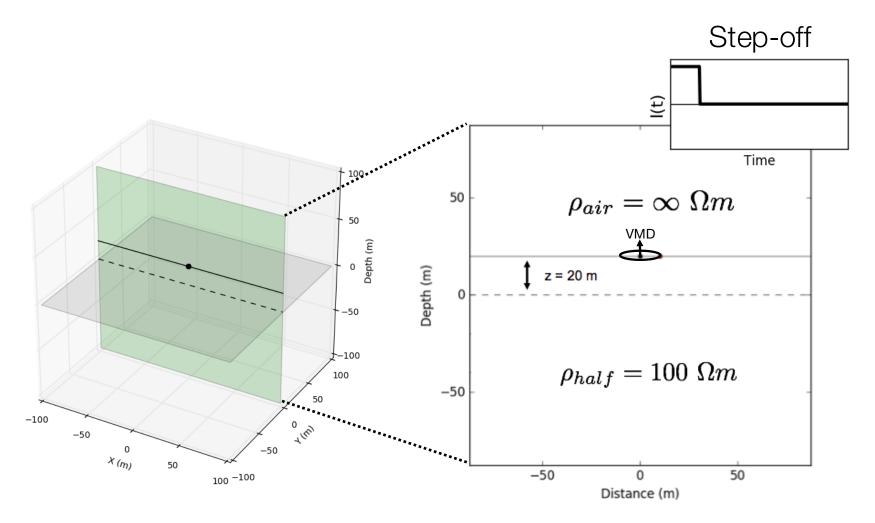
Current density

Vertical Magnetic Dipole (VMD)



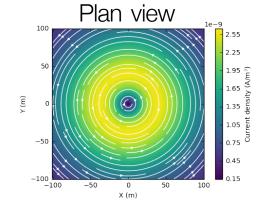
- Some questions
 - Where, and how strong, are the currents?
 - How do they depend upon the conductivity?
 - What do the resulting magnetic fields look like?

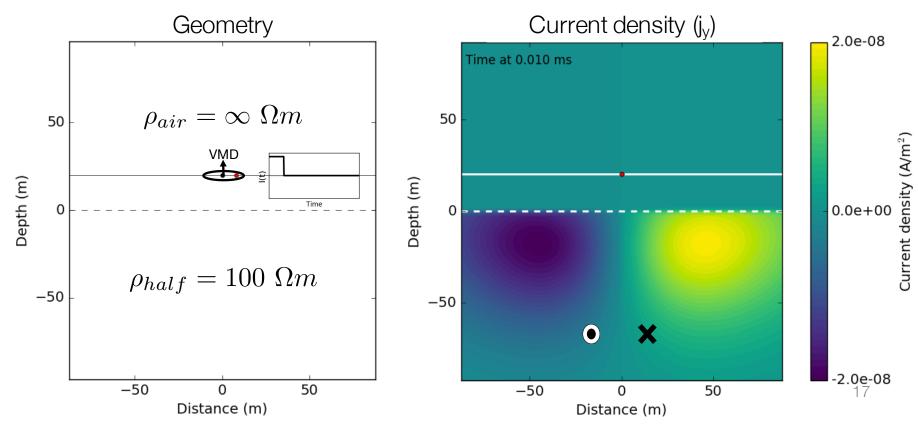
Vertical Magnetic Dipole over a halfspace (TDEM)



Current Density

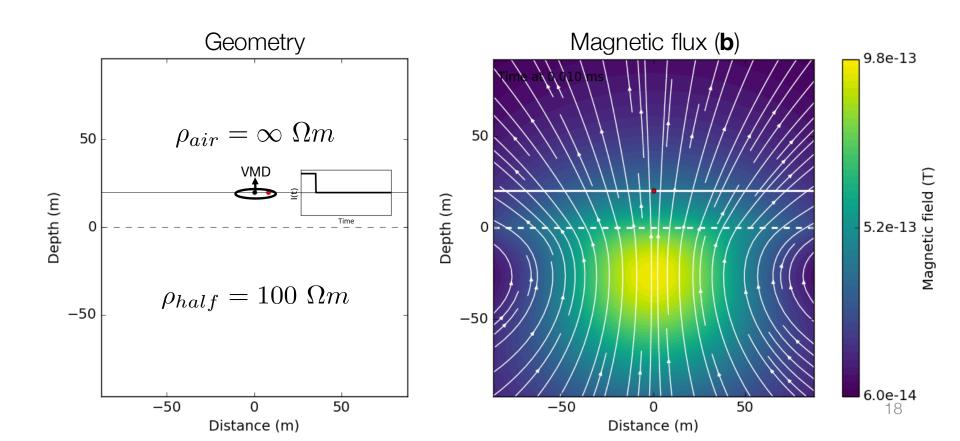
• Time: 0.01ms





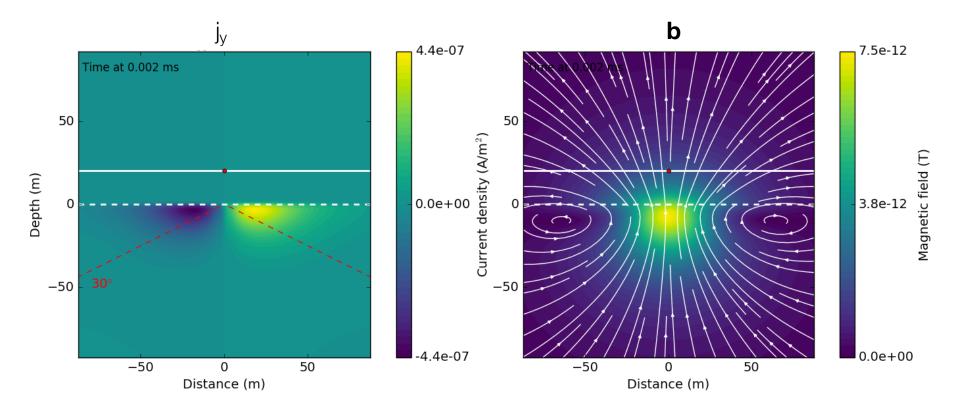
Magnetic flux density

• Time: 0.01ms



• Time: 0.002ms

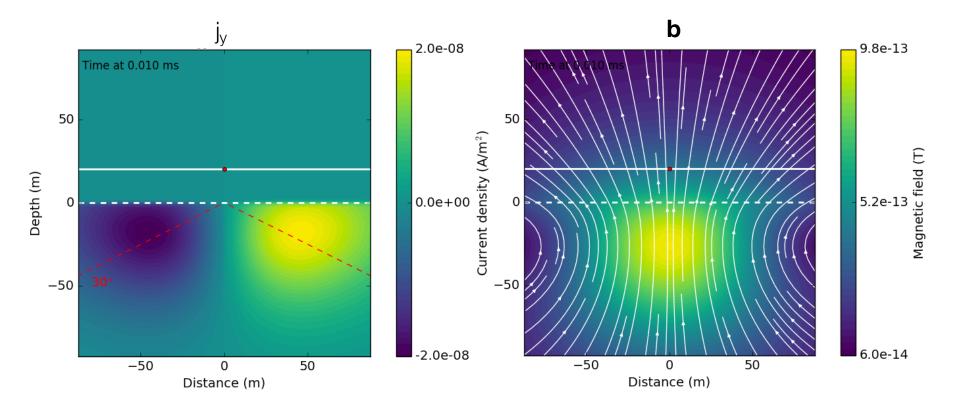
- $d = 1260\sqrt{t\rho}$
- diffusion distance = 18 m



• Time: 0.01ms

$$d=1260\sqrt{t\rho}$$

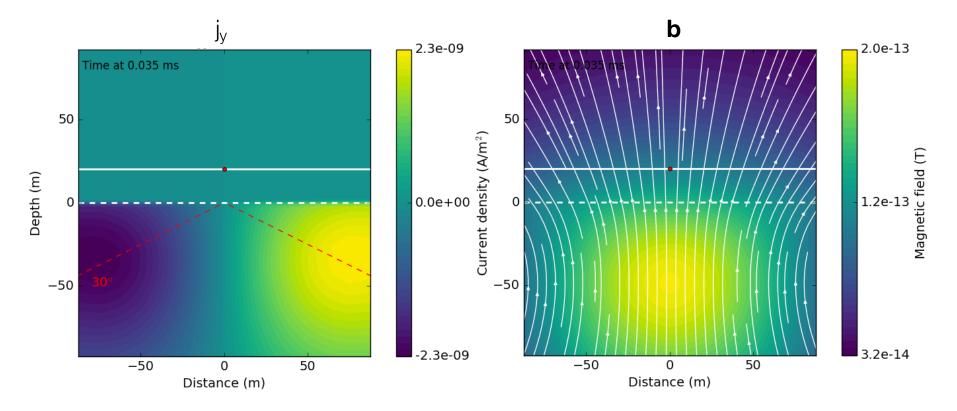
• diffusion distance = 38 m



• Time: 0.035ms

 $d = 1260\sqrt{t\rho}$

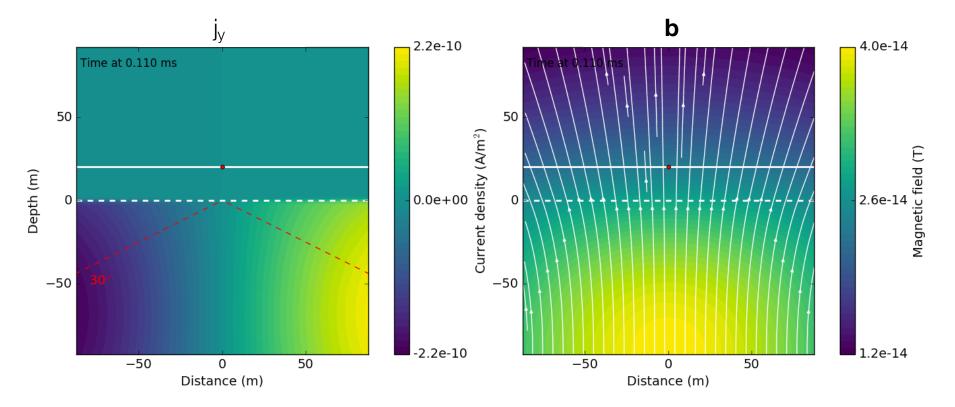
• diffusion distance = 75 m



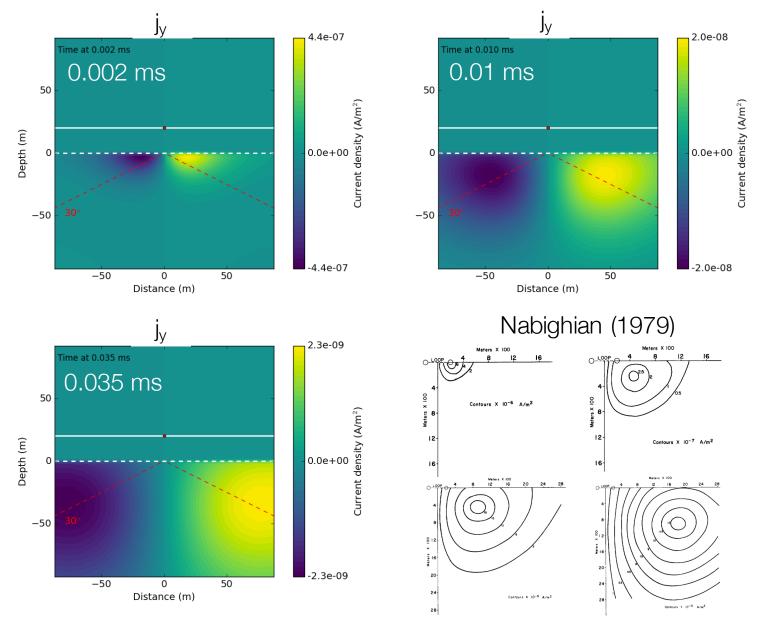
• Time: 0.110ms

$$d=1260\sqrt{t\rho}$$

• diffusion distance = 132 m



Summary: propagation through time



Important points

- Currents flow in same plane as transmitter currents
- Currents diffuse outward downward
- Each transmitter has a "footprint"
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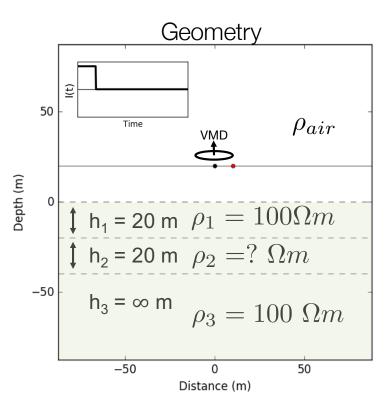
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Layered earth

- 3 layers + air,
- ρ_2 varies



- Four different cases:
 - Halfspace

 $\rho_2 = 100 \ \Omega m$

- Resistive

 $\rho_2 = 1000 \ \Omega m$

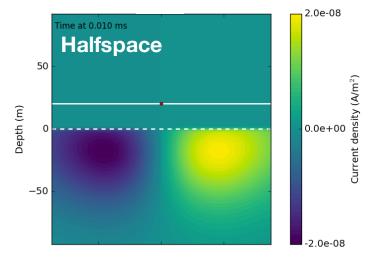
- Conductive

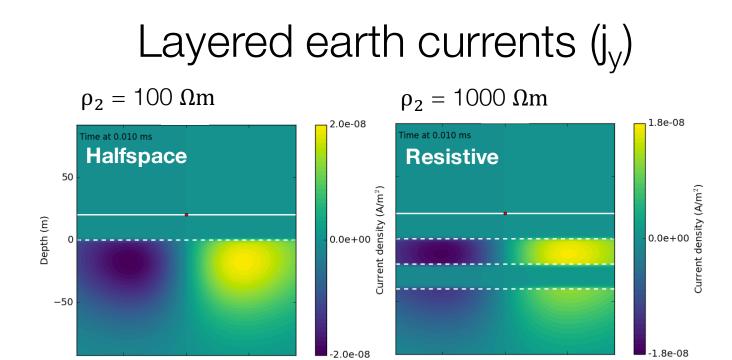
 $\rho_2=10\;\Omega m$

- Very conductive $\rho_2 = 1 \ \Omega m$
- Fields
 - j_y off-time
 - **b** off-time

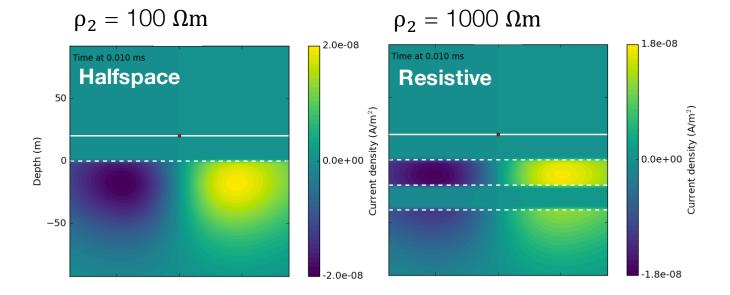
Layered earth currents (j_v)

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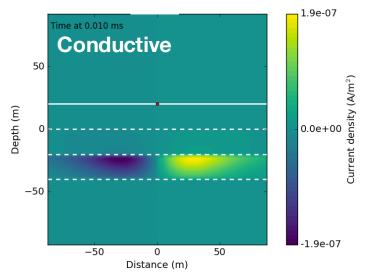


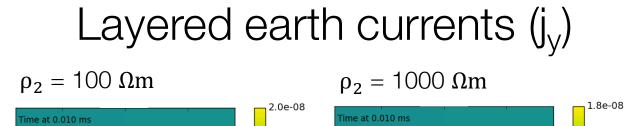


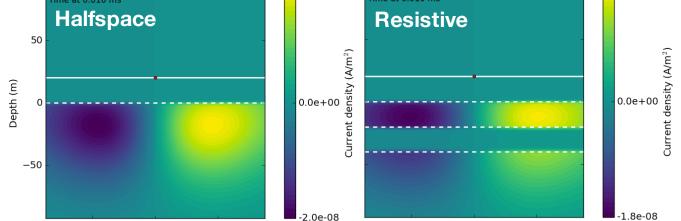
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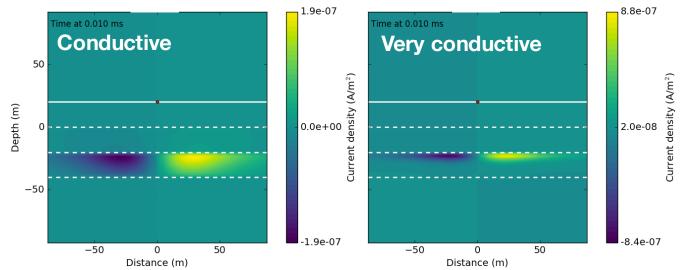


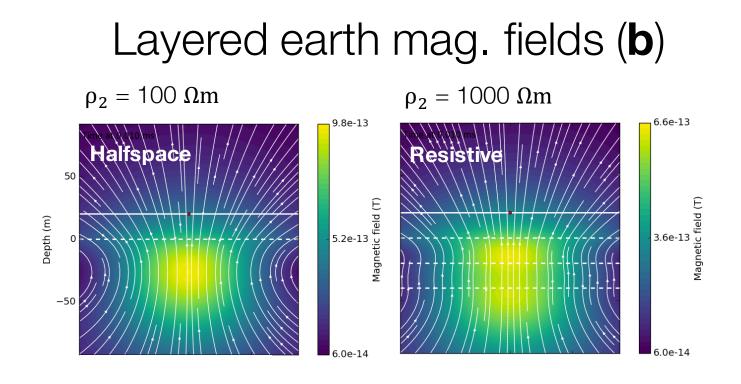


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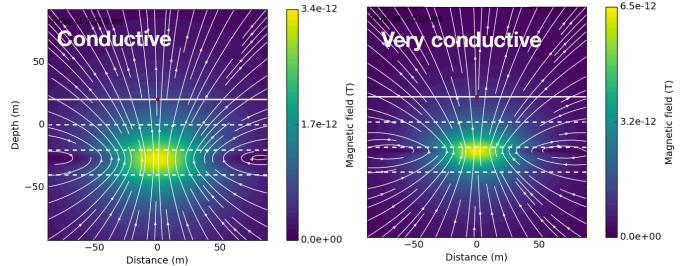
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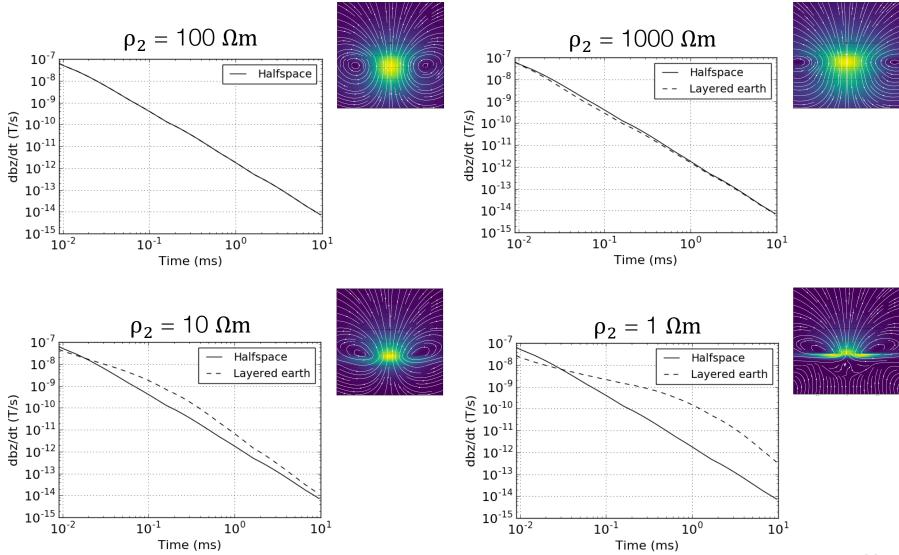


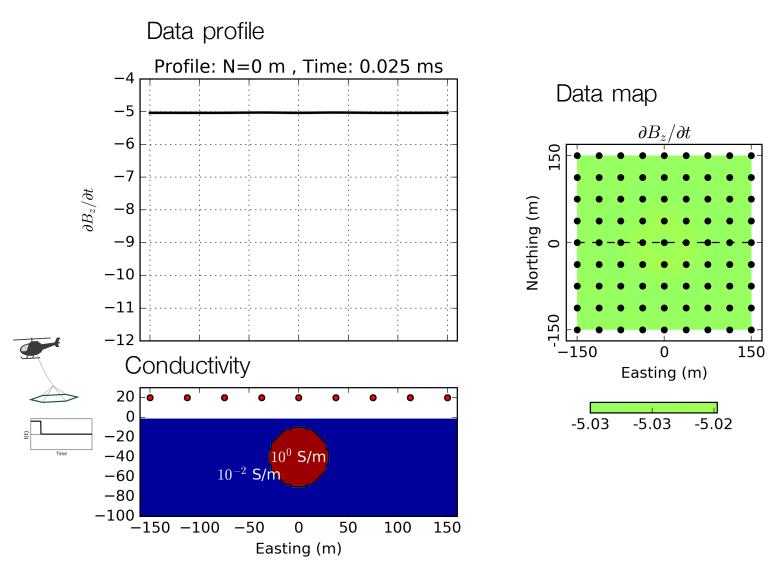
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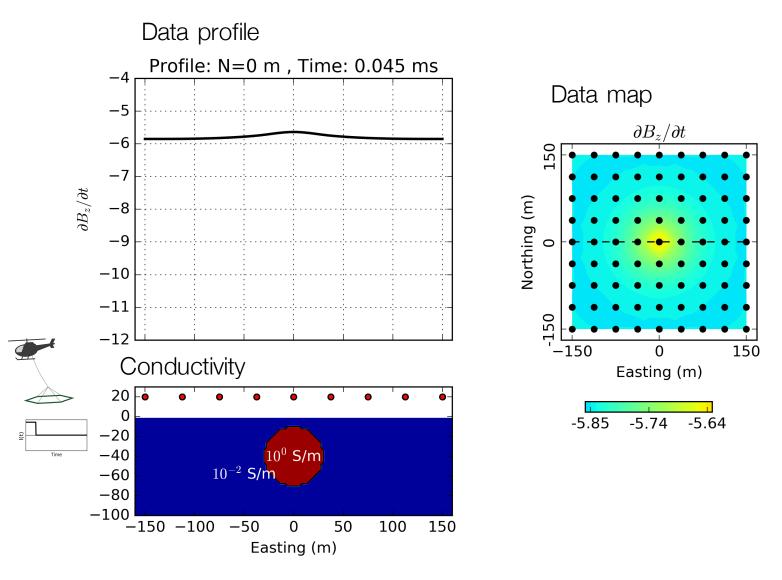
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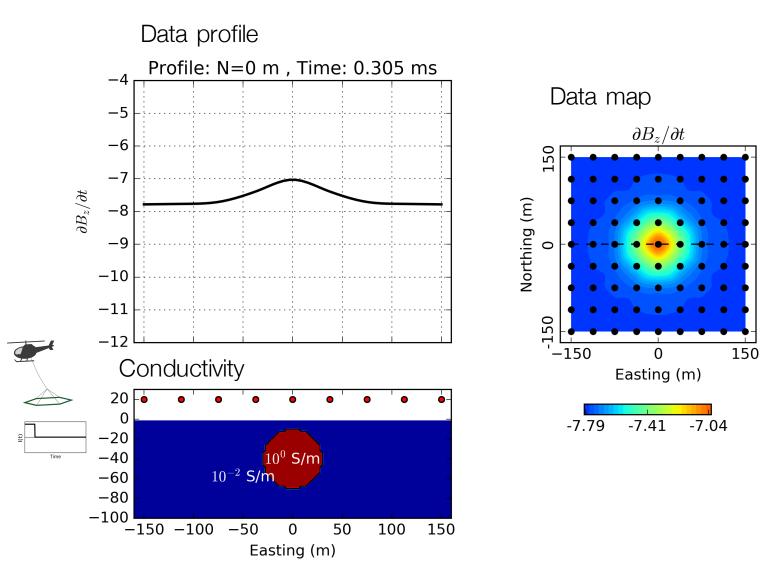


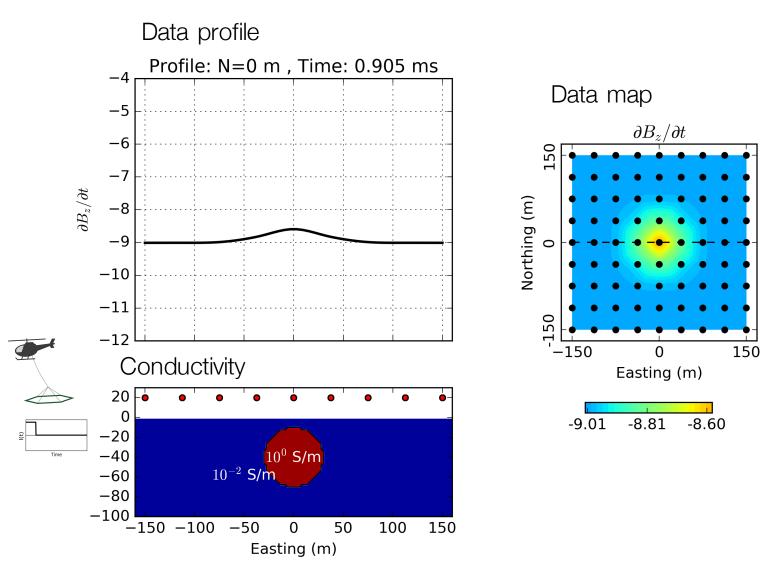
db_z/dt sounding curves



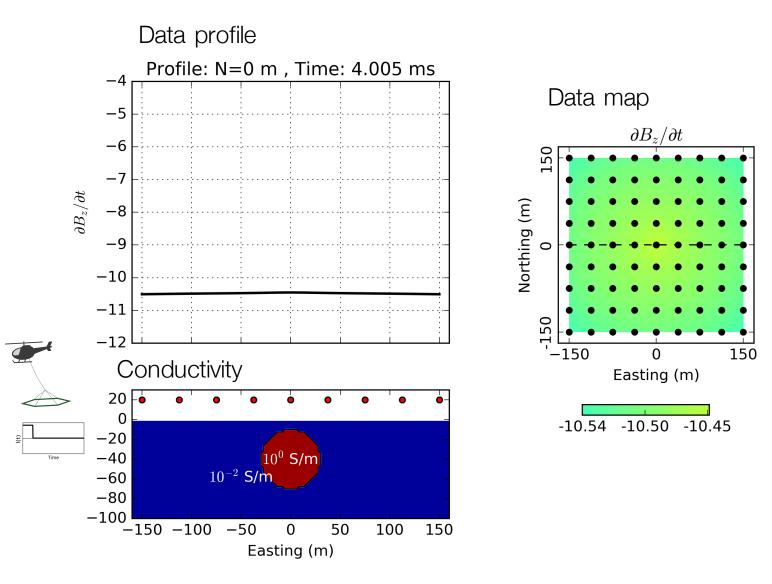




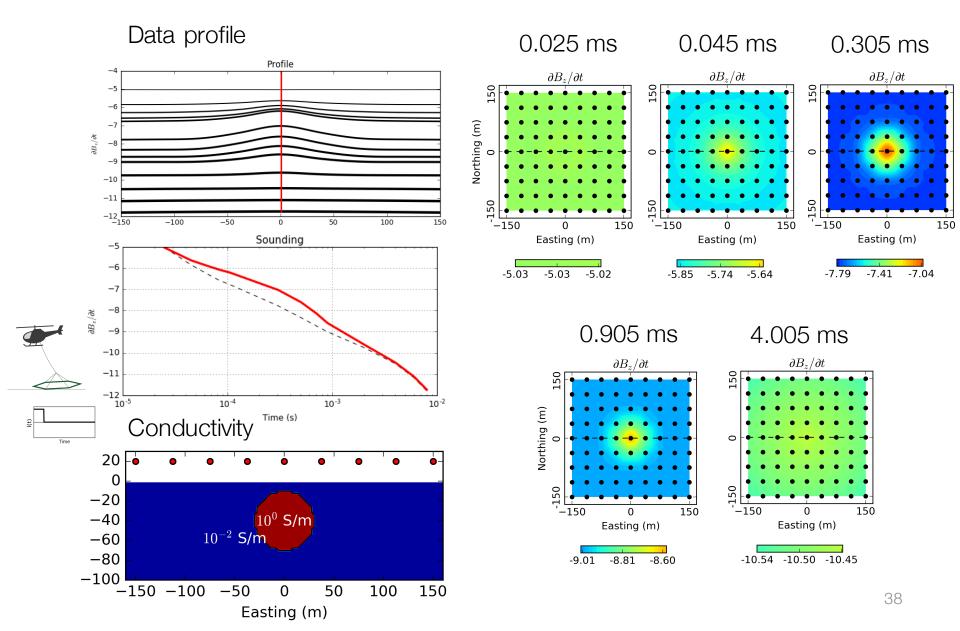




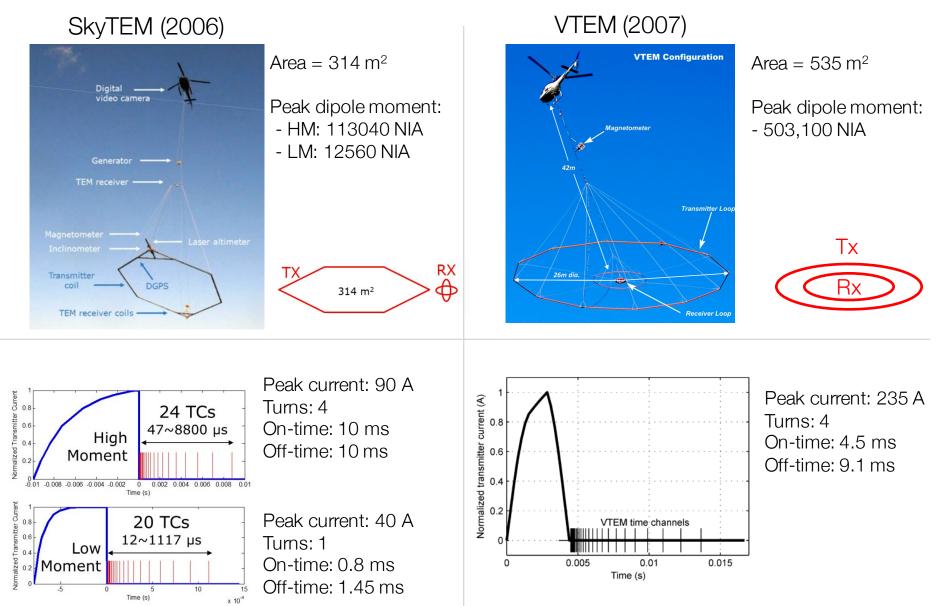
Airborne example: conductive sphere



Summary: airborne example



Some Airborne TDEM Systems



Outline

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Time Domain EM

- Vertical Magnetic Dipole
- Propagation with Time
- Effects of Background Conductivity
- Transmitters and receivers
- Decay Curves
- Case History: Groundwater, Minerals

Frequency Domain EM

Questions

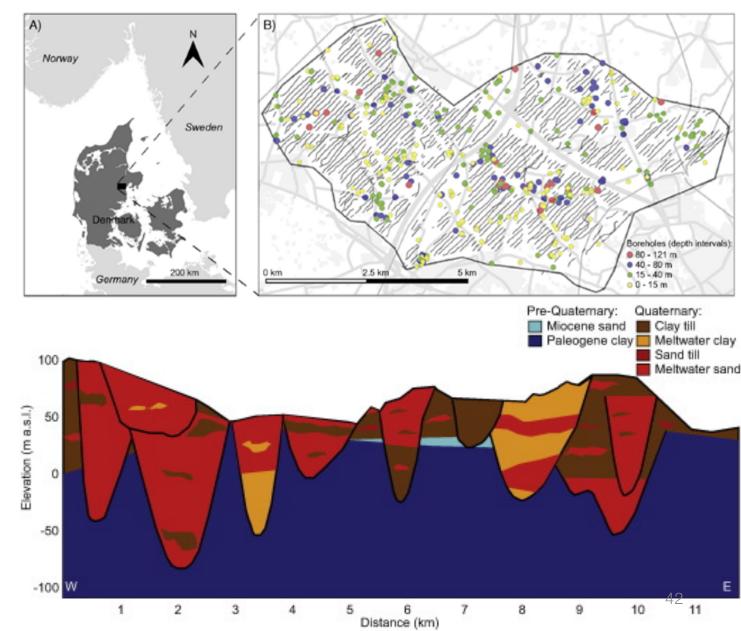
Case History: Kasted

Vilhelmsen et al. (2016)

Setup

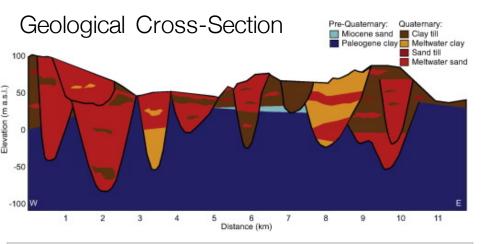
A) Survey Area: Kasted, Demark

B) Borehole locations



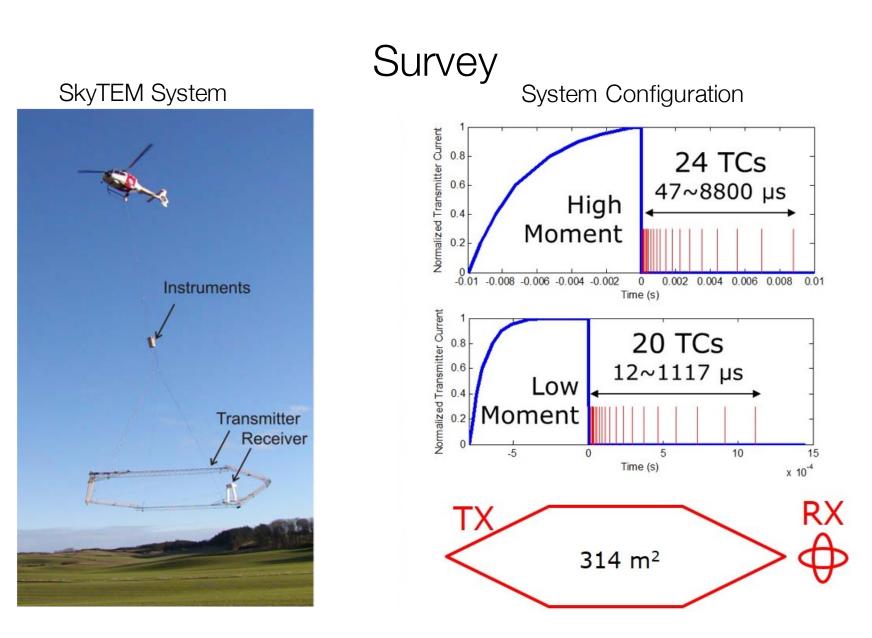
Local Geology: W-E cross-section

Properties



Geological Units	Resistivity (Ωm)
Palaeogene Clay	1-10
Clay Till	25-60
Sand Till	>50
Meltwater Sand and Gravel	>60
Glaciolacustrine Clay	10-40
Miocene Silt and Sand	>40
Miocene Clay	10-40
Sand	>40
Clay	1-60

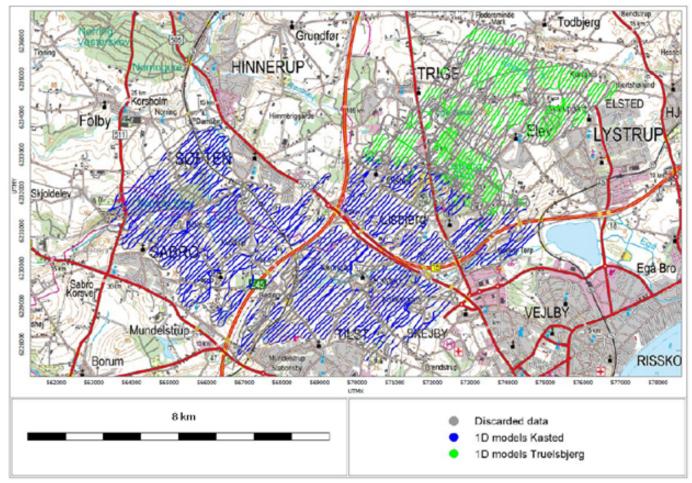
- Buried valleys with clays beneath
- Infill (water-bearing): coarse sand and gravel
- Clays are conductive (1-40 Ωm)
- Water-bearing sands and gravels are more resistive (>40 Ωm)



- Low moment (LM) used to image near surface structures
- High moment (HM) used to image deeper structures

Data

Blue: data used for Kasted study



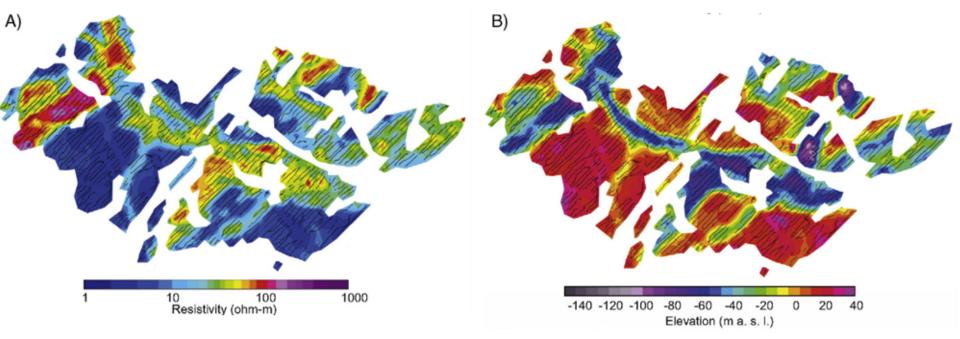
- 333 line km of data, 100 m line-spacing
- Data points with strong coupling to cultural noise were removed (~30%)

Processing (inversion)

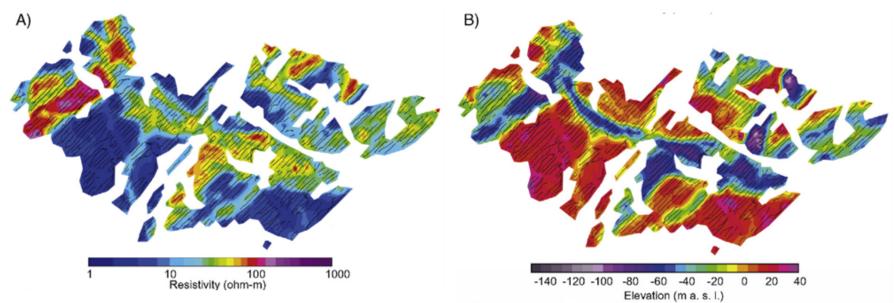
- Spatially constrained 1D inversion \rightarrow quasi-3D approach
- 9,500 soundings were inverted using 25 layers



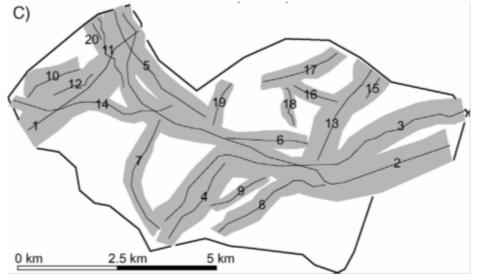
Approximate depth to the top of Paleogene clay layer



Interpretation

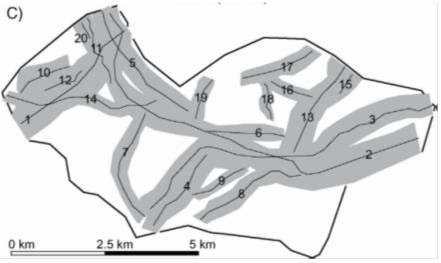


Delineation of valley structures

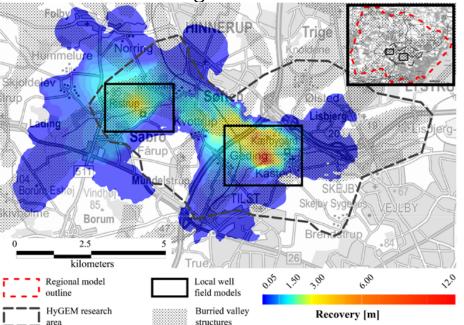


- Inversion results used to construct geological model.
- Delineated 20 buried and cross-cutting valley structures.

Synthesis



MODFLOW-USG groundwater model



- 3D geologic model incorporated into MODFLOW-USG groundwater modeling tool
- Extracted water from 2 wells.
- Downdraw between the two wells correlated with the resistive valley structures

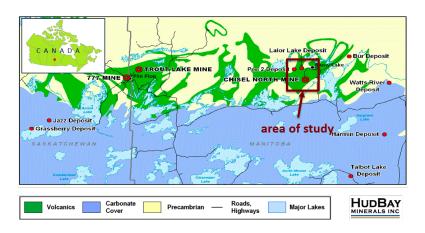
Case History: HeliSAM at Lalore

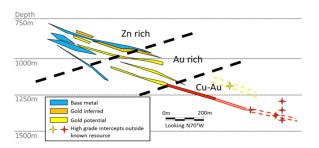
Yang & Oldenburg, 2016

Setup

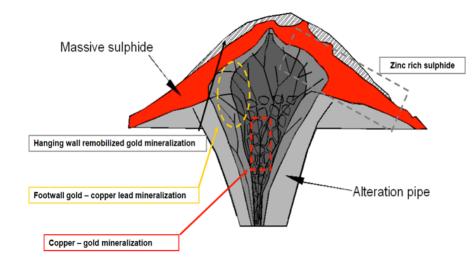
Geological framework

- Zinc-rich massive sulfides (Cap)
- Cu-Au sulfides: (stringers) within pipe
- Disseminated sulfides around deposit





Typical cross-section

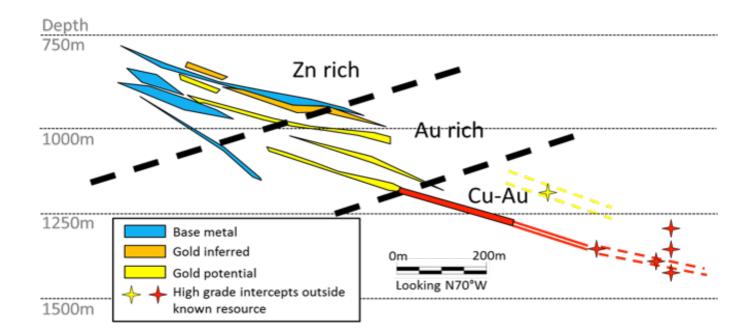


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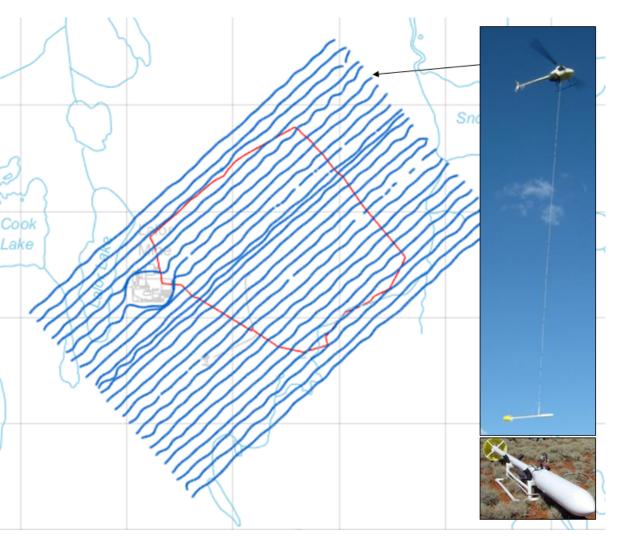
- Find deposits
- TDEM to find deeper off-hole targets

Properties

Rocks/minerals	Resistivity
volcanics	~1000 Ωm
sulfides	~ 1 Ωm



Survey: HeliSAM



Transmitter: (Red)

- Ground loop (~2km)
- Waveform: 7.5 Hz, 50%
- Ramp turn-off 0.4ms

Receiver:

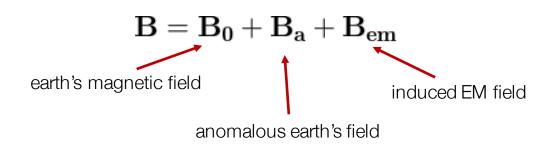
- Cesium Vapor Mag
- 16 Time Ch: 0.42-27 ms

Flight lines: (Blue)

- 100 m spacing,
- Data every 5 m

Data

• Measure total field



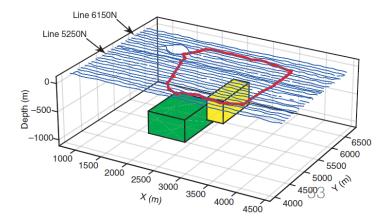
- Project secondary fields onto $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0$

$$\Delta |\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{B}_a + \mathbf{B}_{em}| - |\mathbf{B}_0|$$
$$\approx (\mathbf{B}_a + \mathbf{B}_{em}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0$$

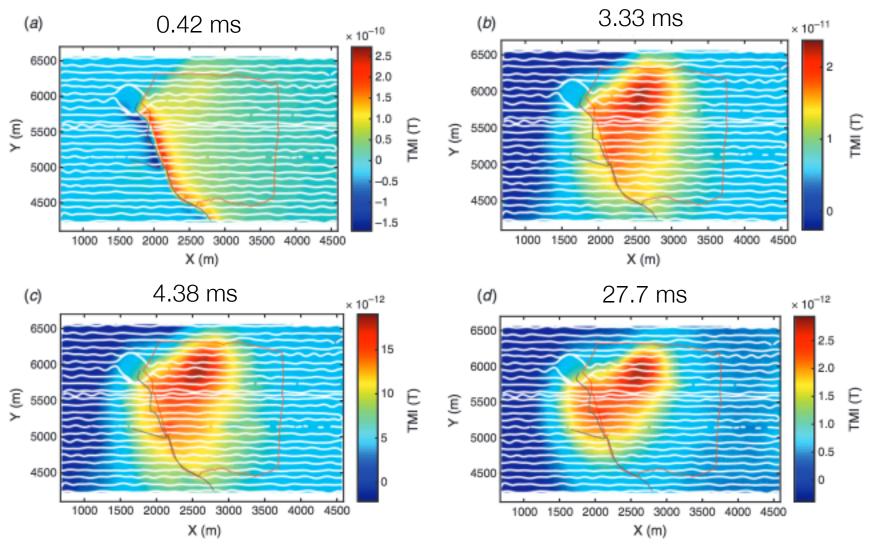
- Change polarity on TX
- Subtract to obtain HeliSAM data

 $\Delta |\mathbf{B}| \approx \mathbf{B_{em}} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{B}_0}$



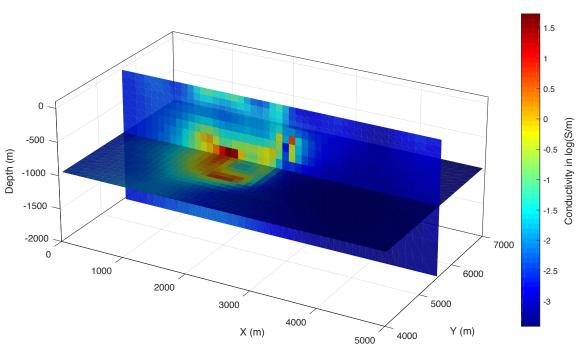


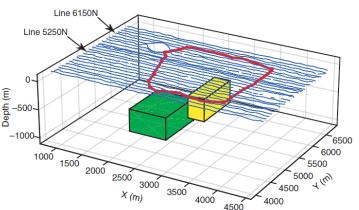
Data



Processing: Inversion of Late Time Data

- Discard early time data
 - Contaminated by infrastructure
- Invert Time Ch 8-16 (4.44-28 ms)
- Inversion needs a "warm start"
 - Maxwell used to generate 2 prisms

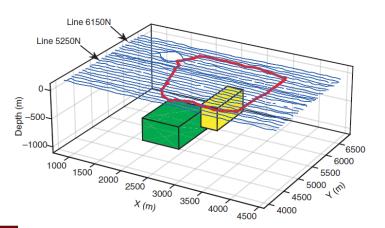


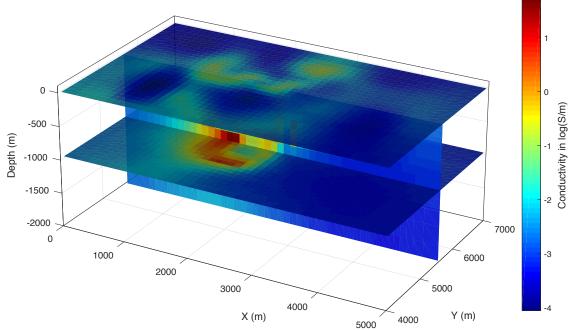


• Image deep structure

Processing: Inversion of Late Time Data

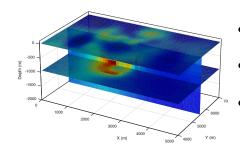
- Discard early time data
 - Contaminated by infrastructure
- Invert Time Ch 8-16 (4.44-28 ms)
- Inversion needs a "warm start"
 - Maxwell used to generate 2 prisms





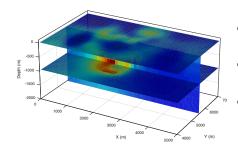
- Image deep structure
- See near surface conductive features

Processing: Inversion of Early Time Data

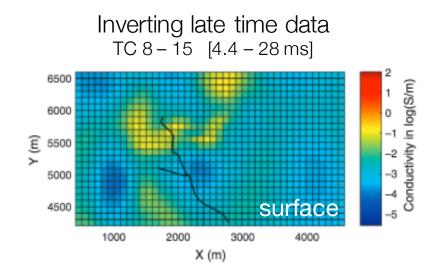


- Late-time inversion sees deep structure
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- What is the effect of throwing away the early time data?

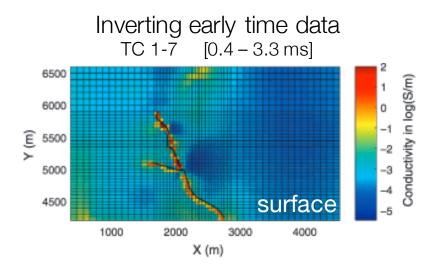
Processing: Inversion of Early Time Data



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- Some conductive features near surface
- What is the effect of throwing away the early time data?



• erroneous near surface structure

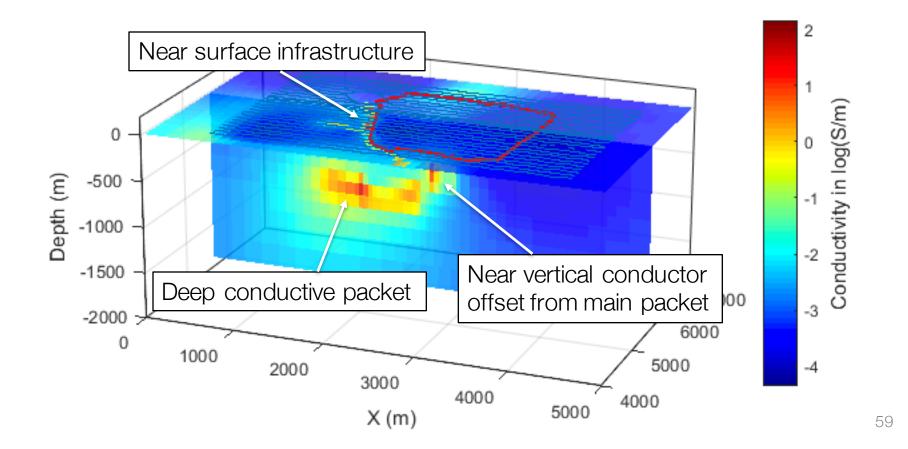


• information about infrastructure and near-surface conductivity

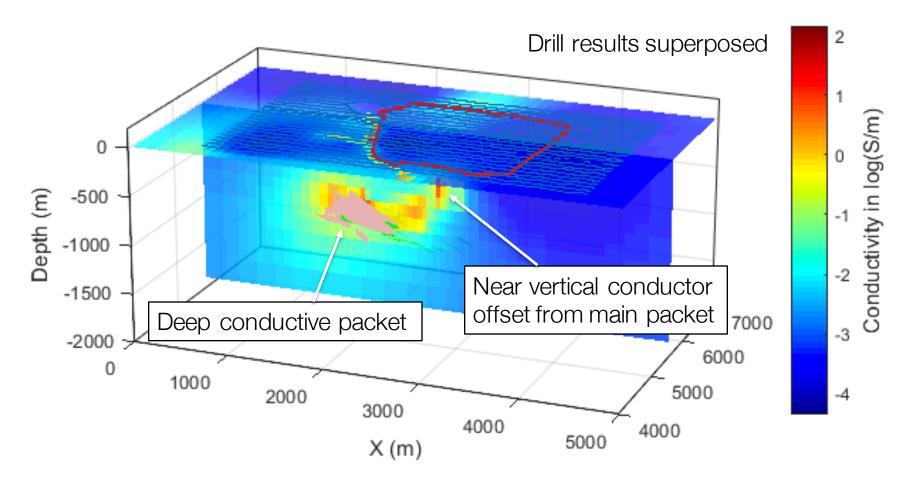
Processing: Inversion of all time channels

Starting and reference model:

- High conductivity from early time inversion
- Two conductive blocks

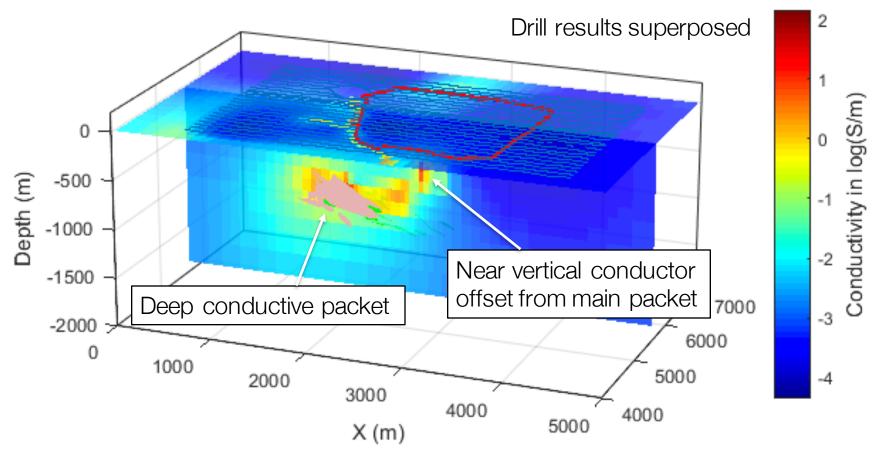


Synthesis



- Imaged main known conductive bodies
- Second conductor: recently drilled and contained sulfides (argillite)

Takeaways



- Early time data:
 - constrain near surface structure infrastructure
 - Improved inversion for late time
- Warm start of inversion was necessary for deep conductors

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Time Domain EM

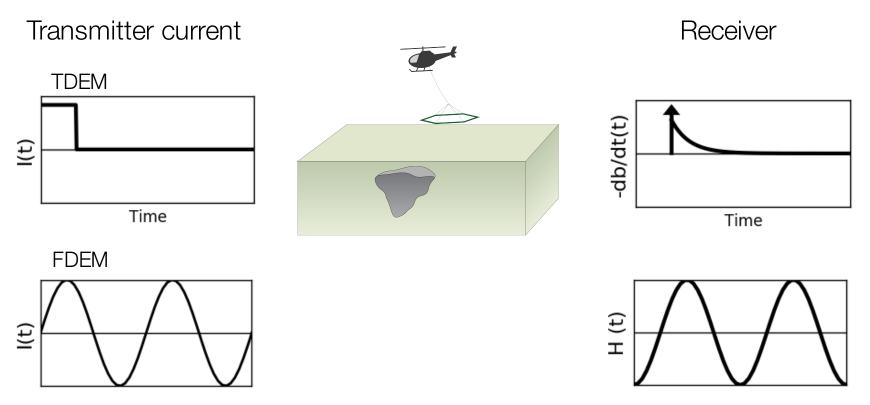
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Frequency Domain EM

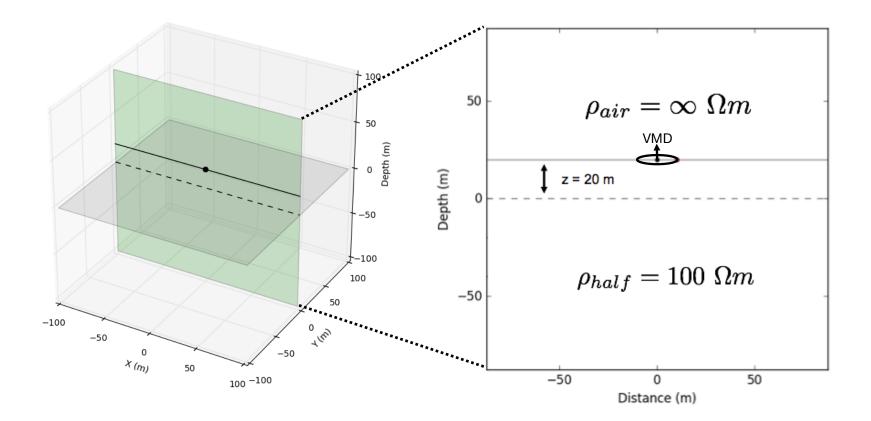
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EM with Inductive Sources

- Induction principles are the same for
 - TDEM: Time domain EM
 - FDEM: Frequency domain EM



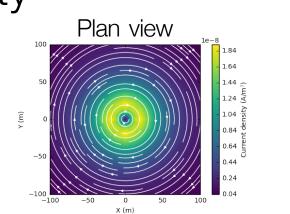
Vertical Magnetic Dipole over a halfspace (FDEM)

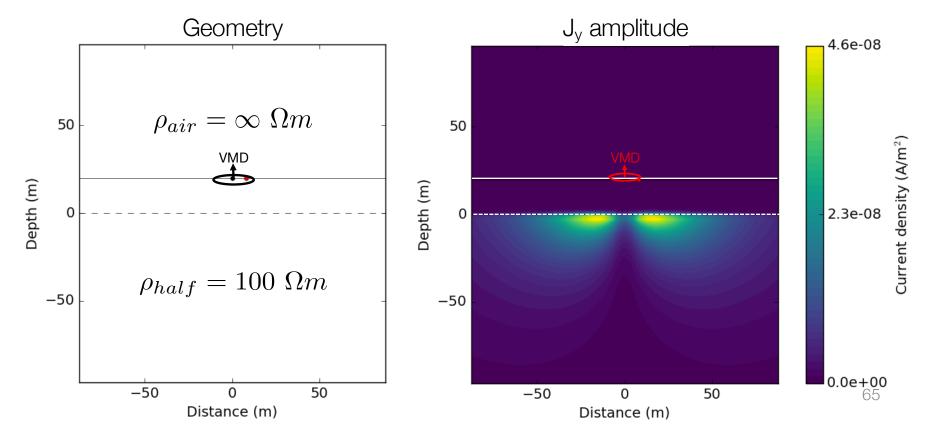


Current Density



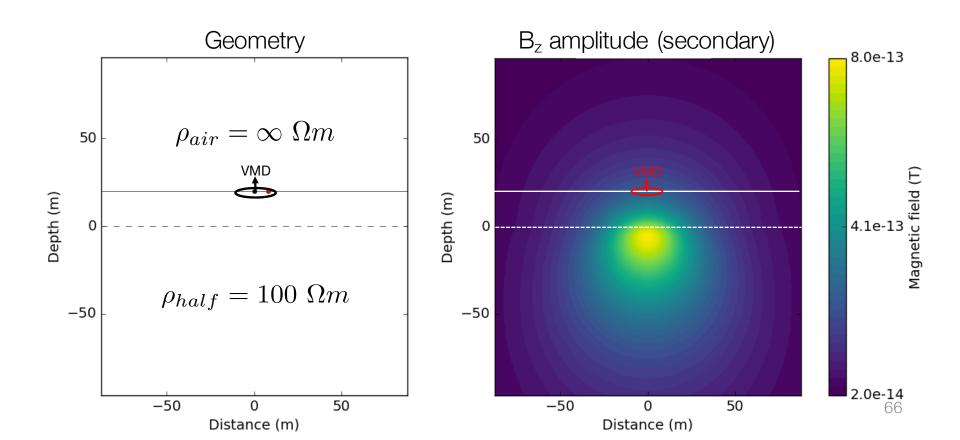
• Currents in the earth flow in planes parallel to the Tx





Secondary Magnetic Flux Density

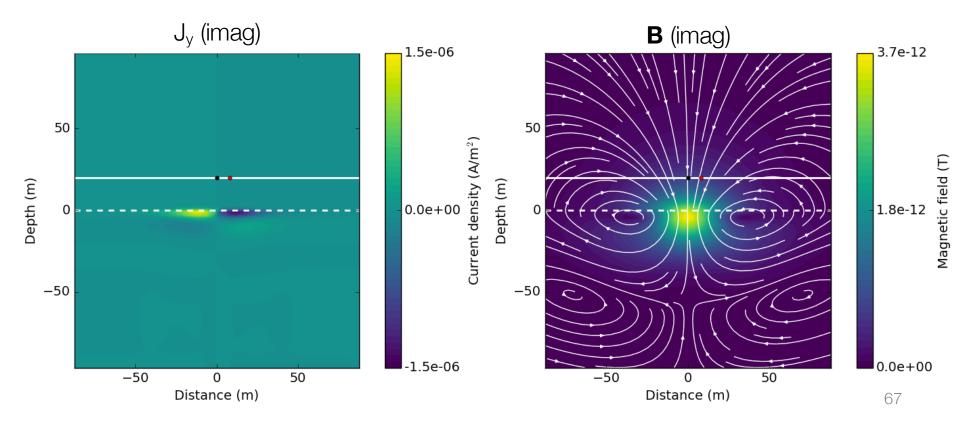
• Frequency = 10 kHz



Effects of Frequency

- Frequency at 100 kHz
- Skin depth = 16 m
- Currents are concentrated at surface

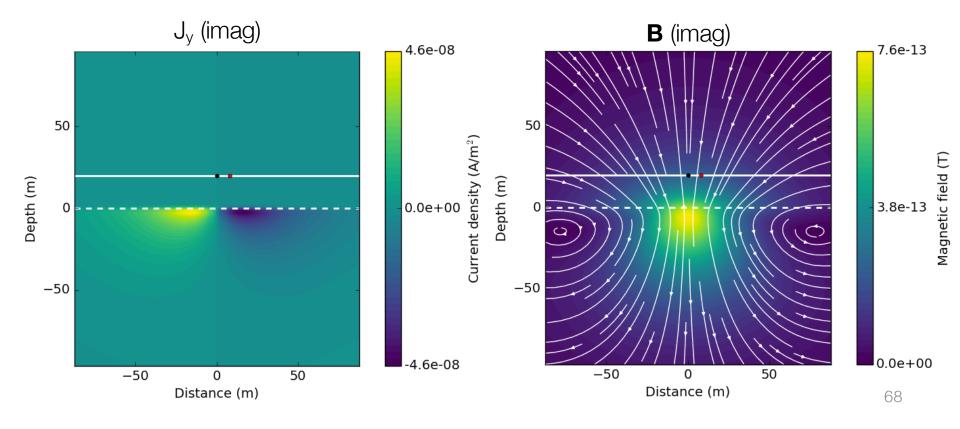
$$\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$$



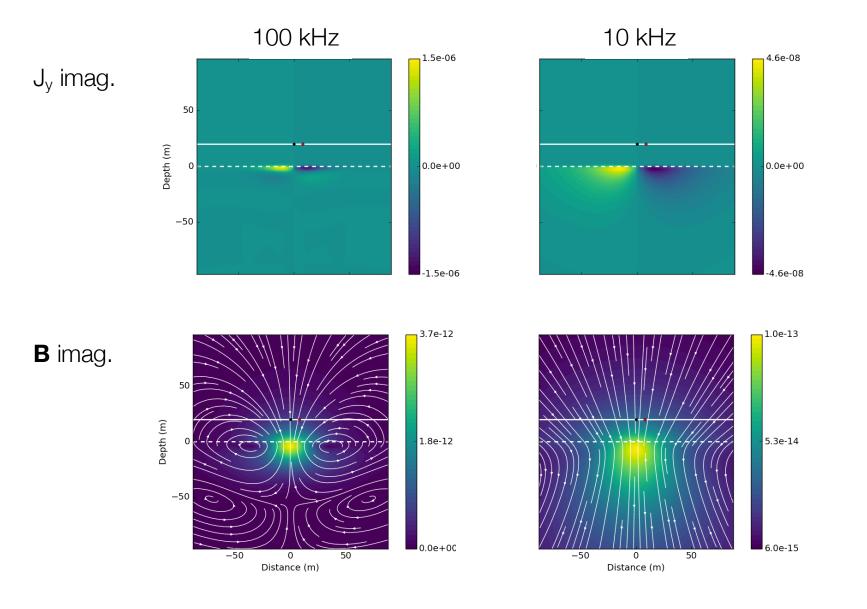
Effects of Frequency

- Frequency at 10 kHz
- Skin depth = 50 m
- Currents diffusing downward and outward

$$\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$$



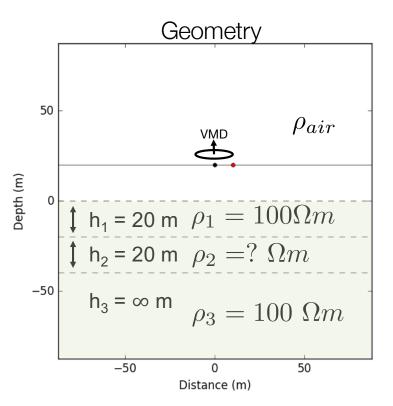
Summary: Effects of Frequency



 $\delta = 503 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$

Layered earth

- 3 layers + air,
- ρ_2 varies



- Four different cases:
 - Halfspace

 $\rho_2 = 100 \ \Omega m$

- Resistive

 $\rho_2 = 1000 \ \Omega m$

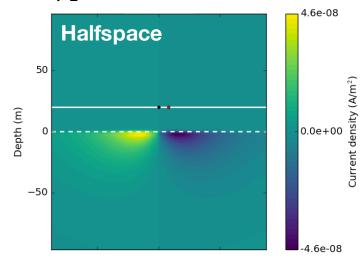
- Conductive

 $\rho_2=10\;\Omega m$

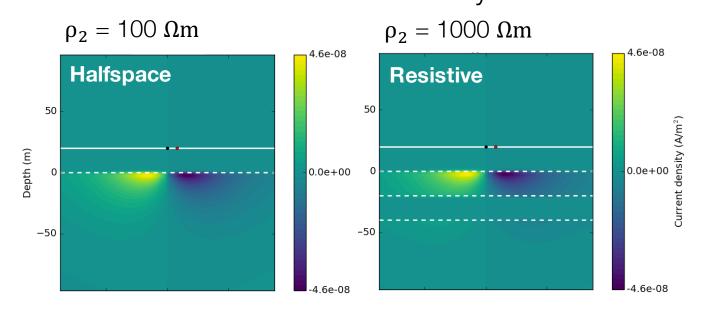
- Very conductive $ho_2 = 1 \ \Omega m$
- Fields
 - J_y imag
 - Secondary B imag

Current density (J_y imag)

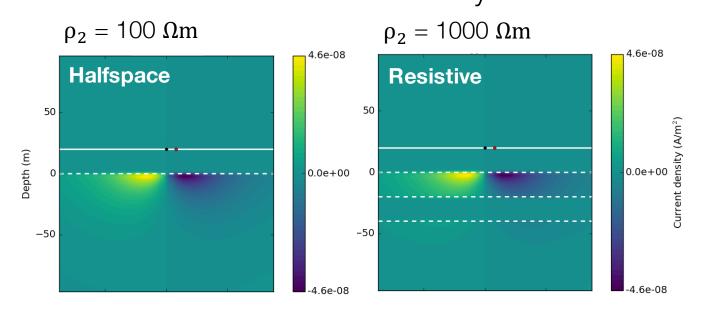
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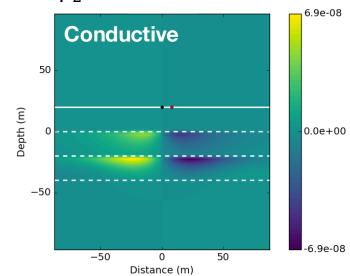
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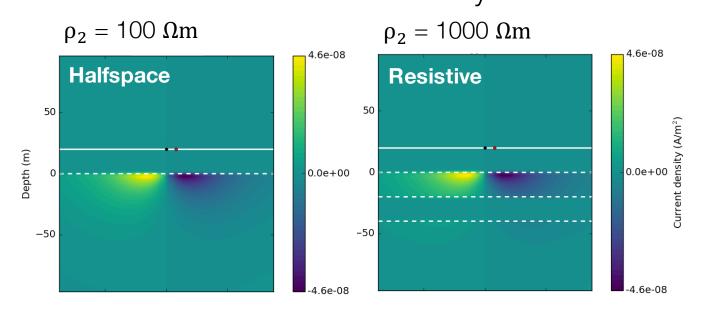
Current density (J_y imag)



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Current density (J_v imag)



 $\rho_2 = 10 \ \Omega m$

 $\rho_2 = 1 \Omega m$ 6.9e-08 1.8e-07 Conductive Very conductive 50 50 Current density (A/m²) Depth (m) 0.0e+00 0 0.0e+00 0 -50 -50 -6.9e-08 -1.8e-07 -50 0 50 50 -50 0 Distance (m) Distance (m)

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-50

0

Distance (m)

50

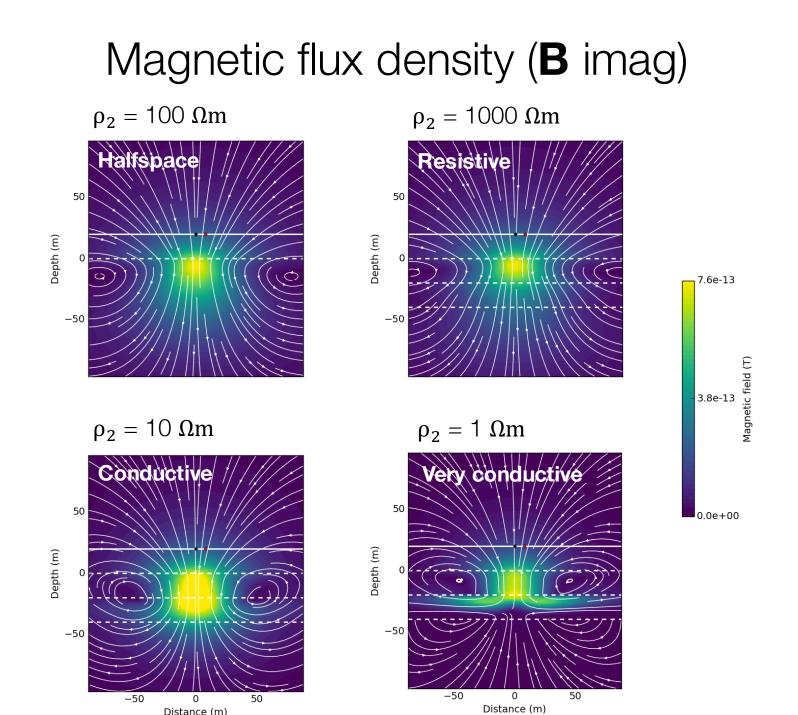
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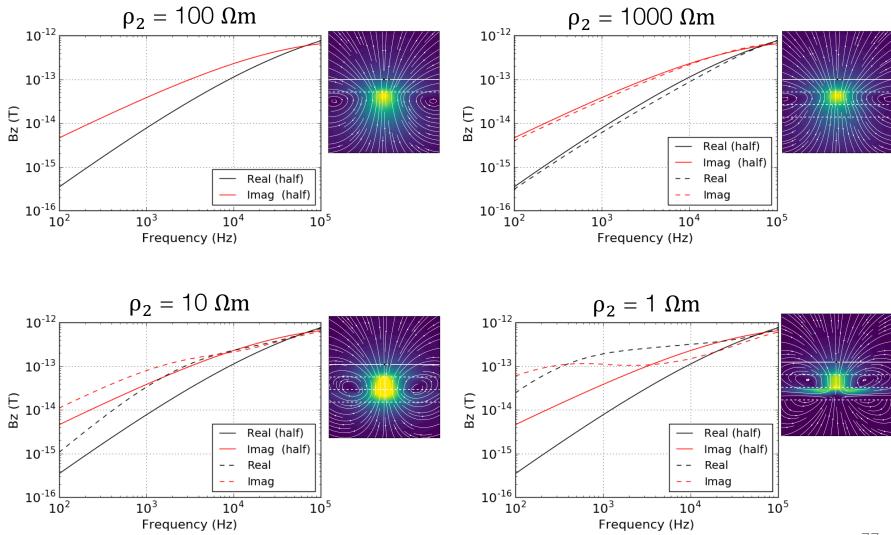
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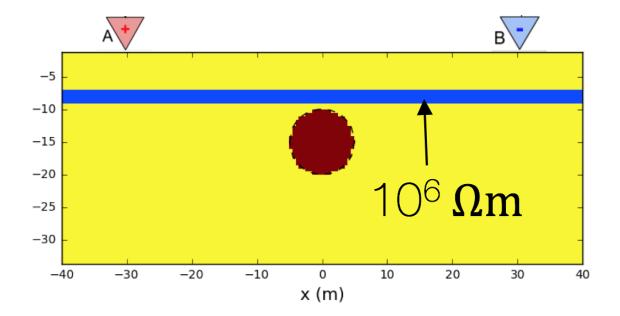
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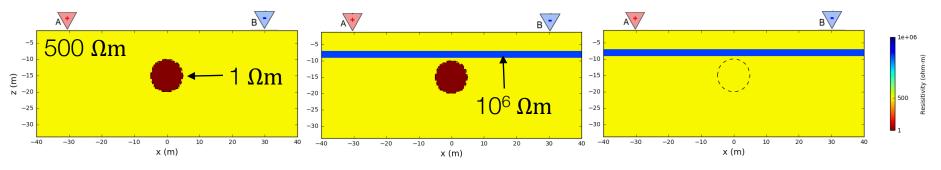


B_z sounding curves



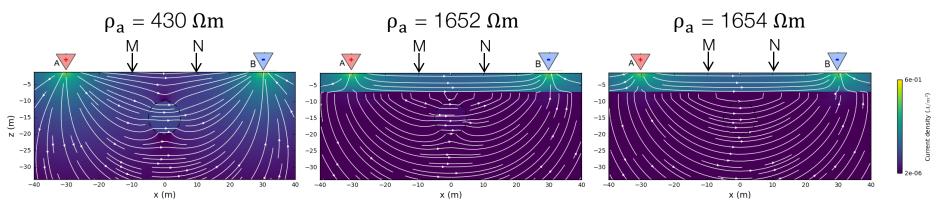
Back to the "shielding" problem

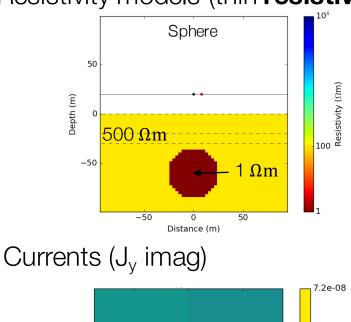




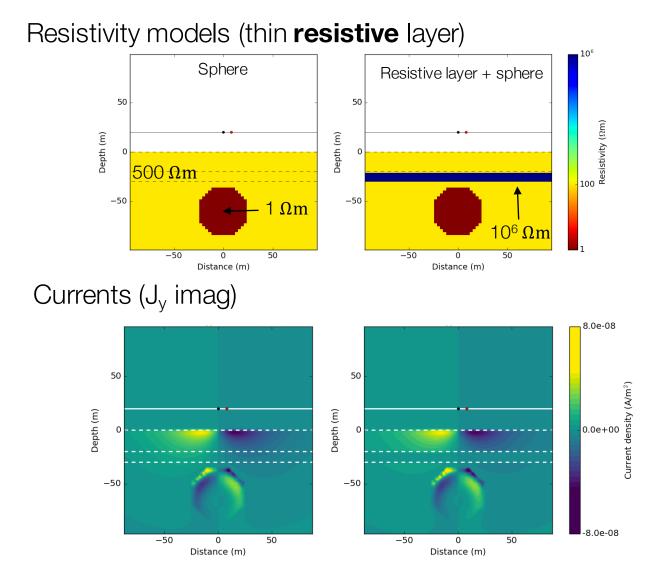
Resistivity models (thin **resistive** layer)

Currents and measured data at MN

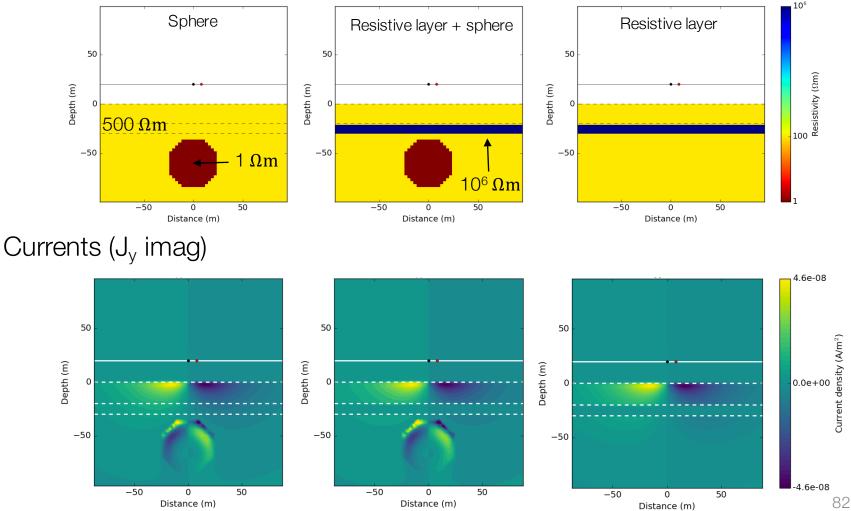


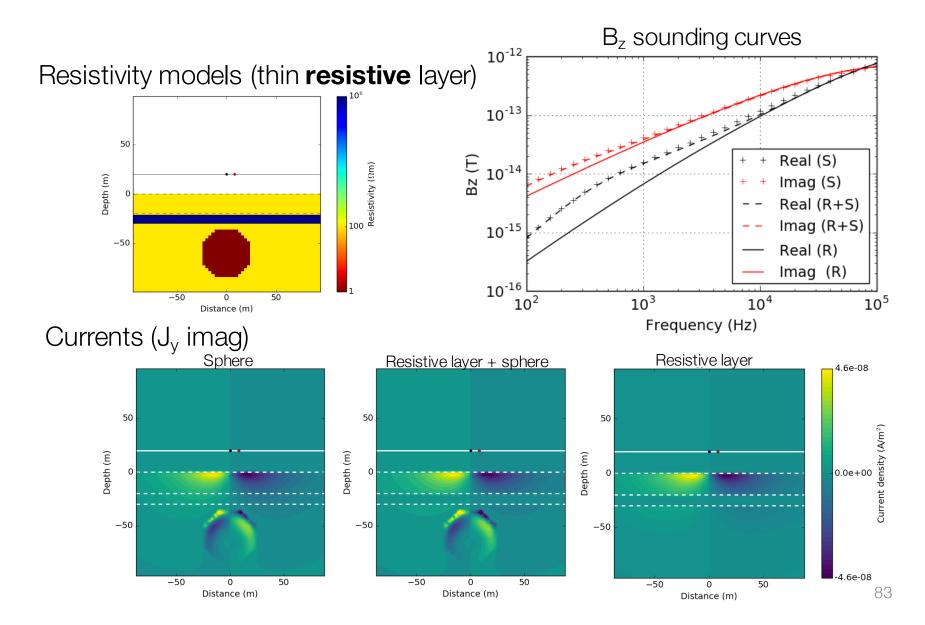


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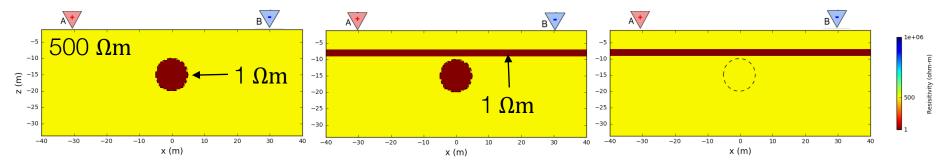
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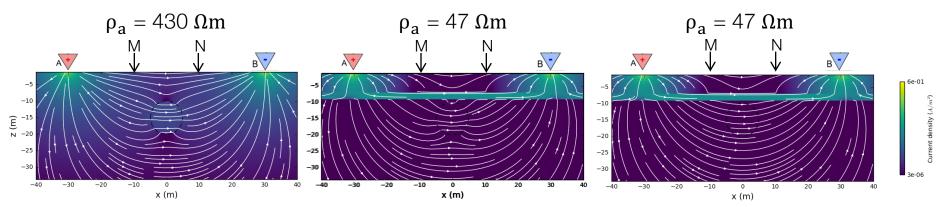


Shielding: DC with conductive layer

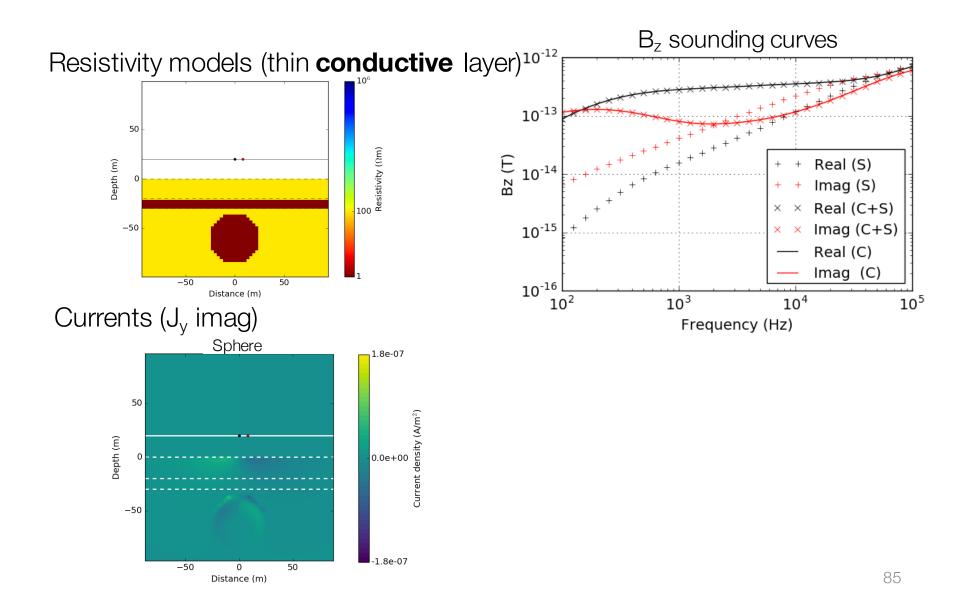
Resistivity models (thin **conductive** layer)



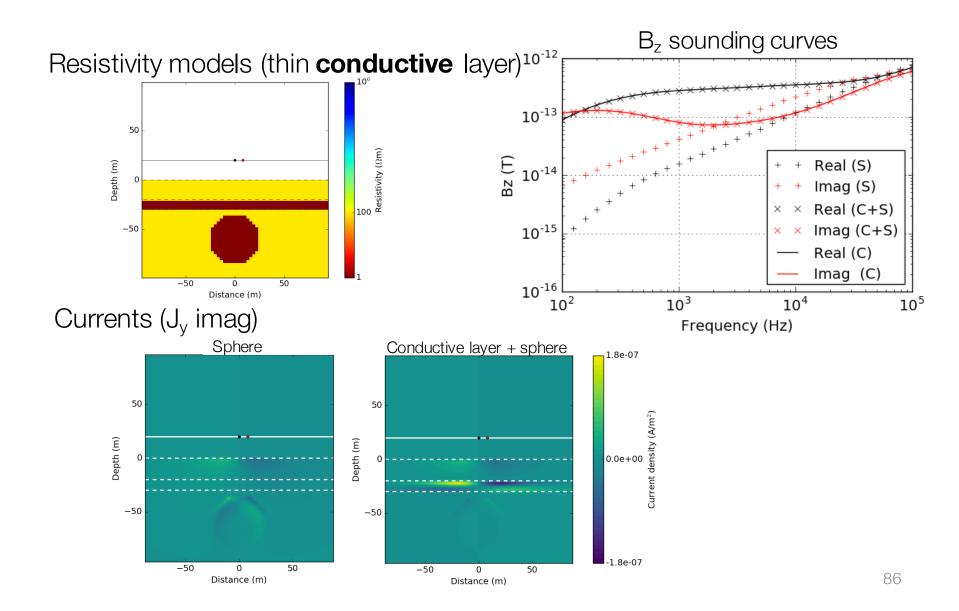
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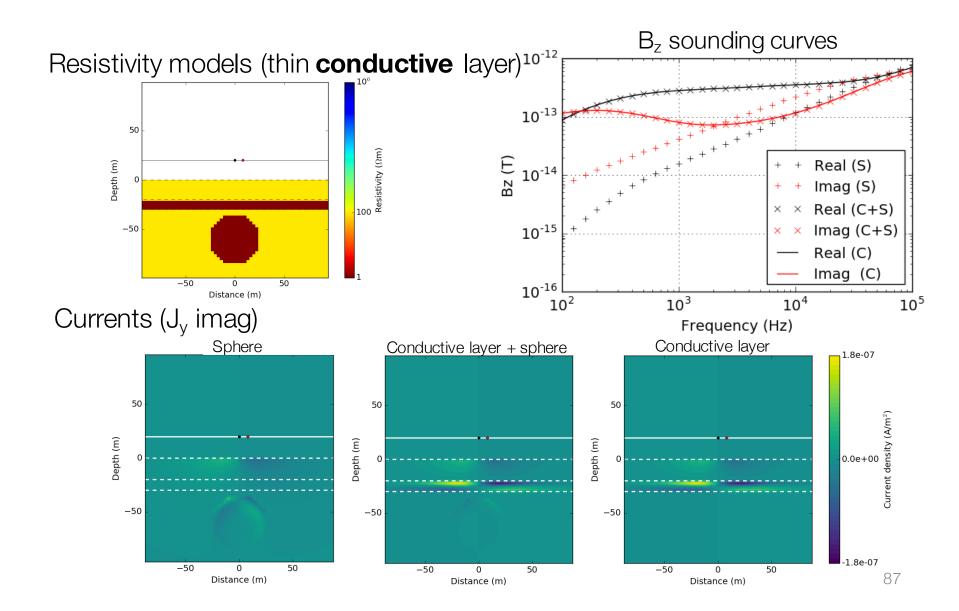
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Questions

Case History: Bookpurnong

Viezzoli et al., 2009

Setup

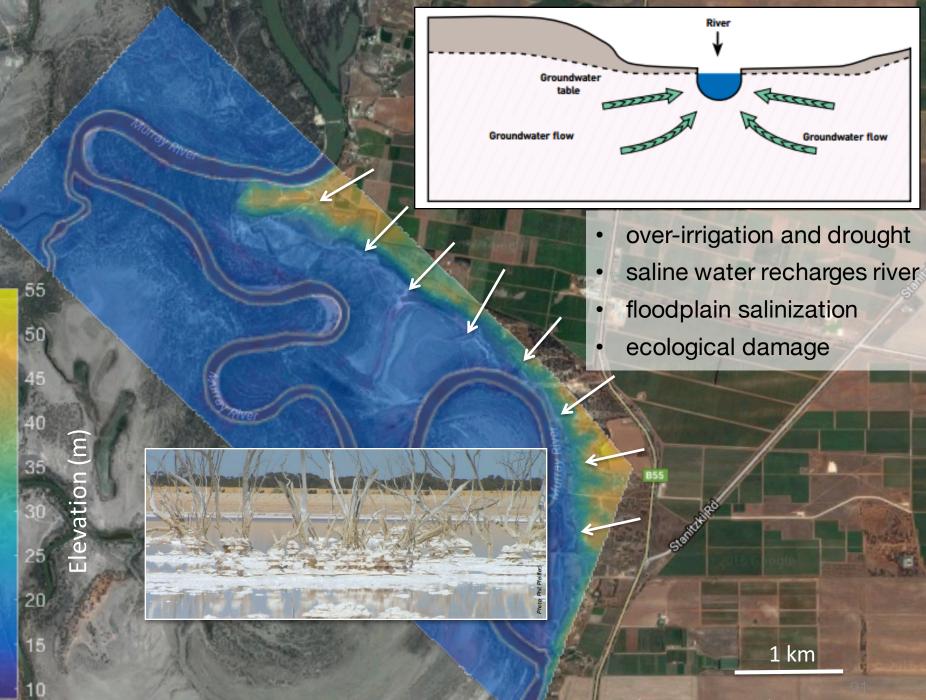
Bookpurnong Irrigation Area

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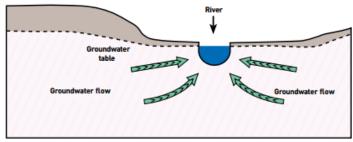
Murray River Floodplain

1 km

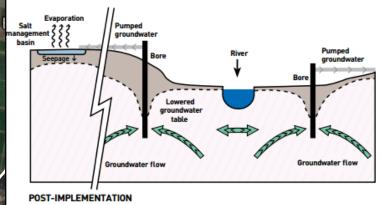
Harts



Source of image: Murray-Darling Basin Commission



PRE-IMPLEMENTATION



salt interception wells (commissioned 2006)



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Stanting

20

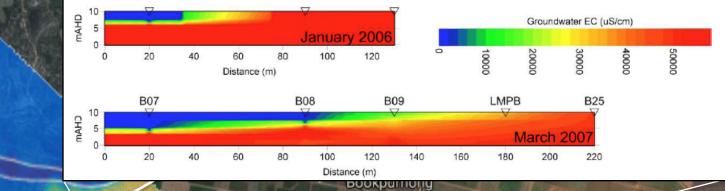
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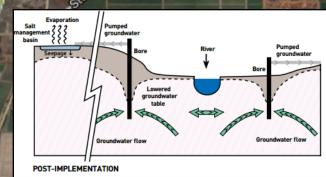
Elevation (m

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50



- pumping freshened shallow water near the river
- impractical to drill and sample the entire floodplain
- use airborne EM to quickly survey large areas



groundwater salinity measurement section

55

50

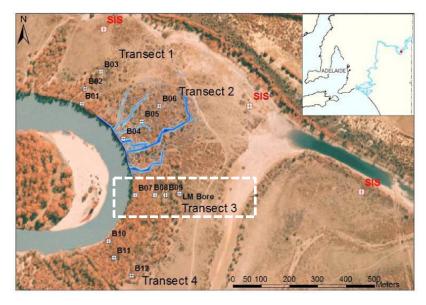
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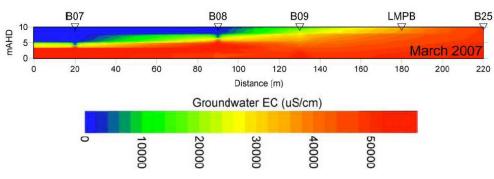
Properties

Location map for salinity measurements



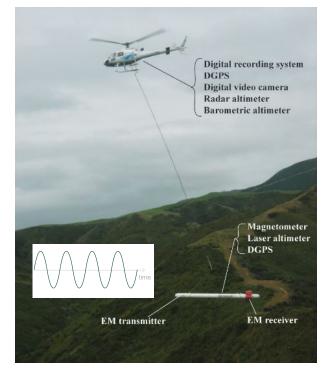
Unit	Conductivity	
Saline water	High, 3 - 5 S/m	
Fresh water	Low, 0.01 S/m	

Conductivity from salinity measurements

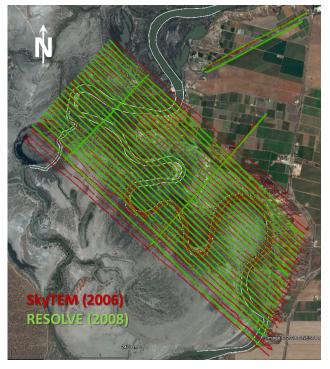


Survey

Resolve system (2008)



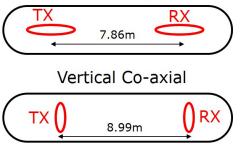
Flight lines



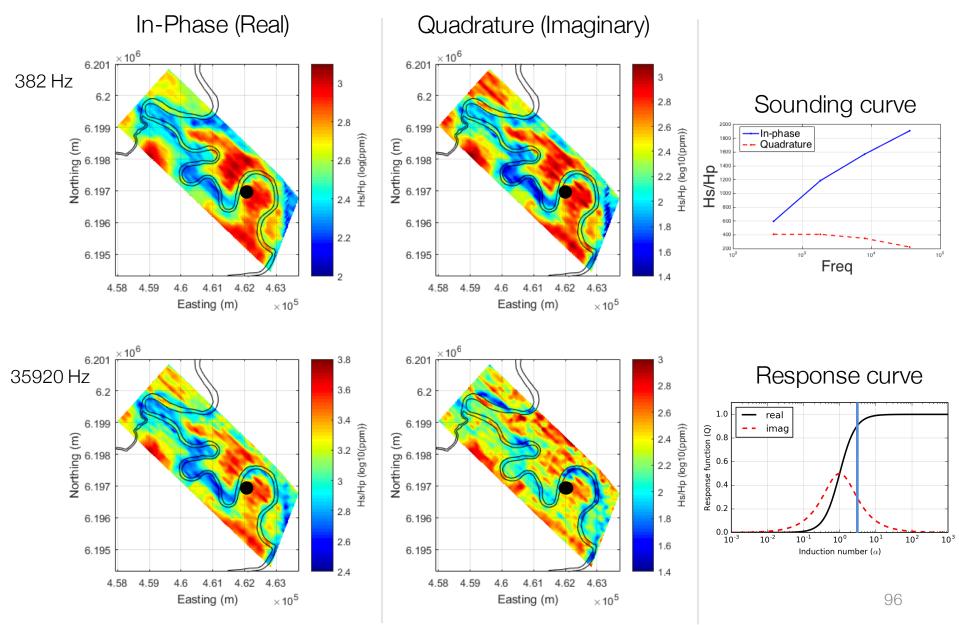
Horizontal Co-planar (HCP) frequencies:

- 382, 1822, 7970, 35920 and 130100 Hz

Vertical Co-axial (VCA) frequencies: - 3258 Hz Horizontal Co-planar



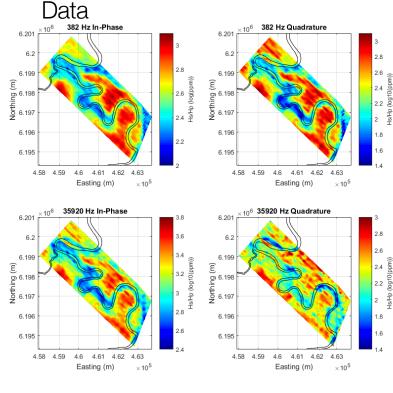
Horizontal Co-planar (HCP) data



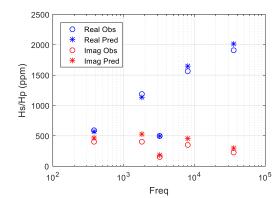
Processing: 1D inversion

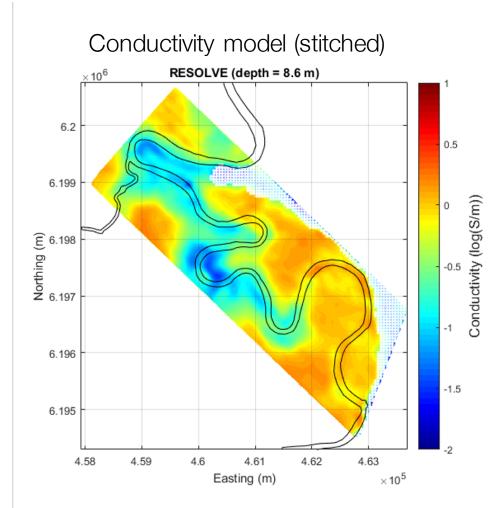
4s/Hp

1.6



Data fit

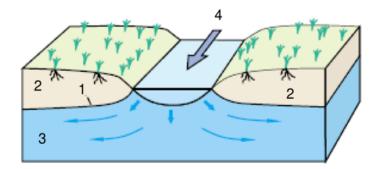




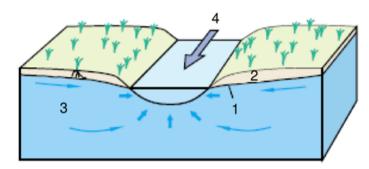
Interpretation

Conductivity model (stitched) RESOLVE (depth = 8.6 m) $imes 10^{6}$ 6.2 0.5 -osing Stream 6.199 Conductivity (log(S/m)) 0 (m) 6.198 Mouthing 6.197 -0.5 Gaining Stream -1 6.196 -1.5 6.195 -2 4.6 4.62 4.58 4.59 4.61 4.63 Easting (m) $imes 10^5$

Losing Stream





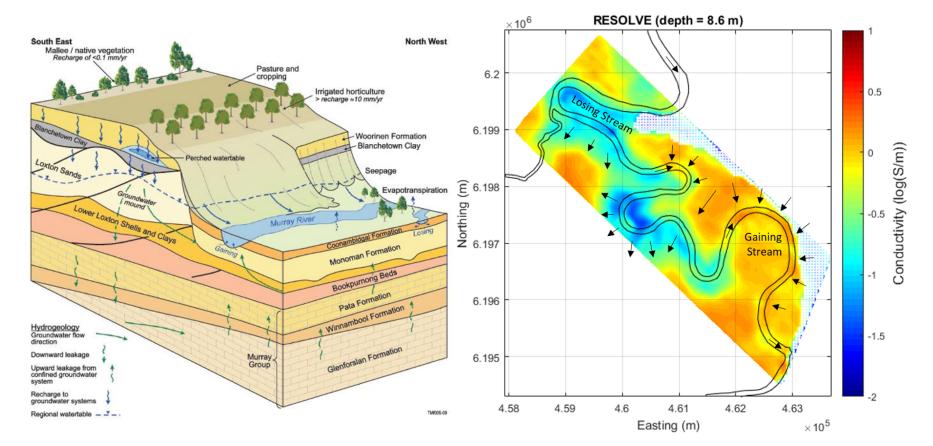


1 – Water table2 – Unsaturated zone3 – Saturated zone4 – Flow direction

Synthesis

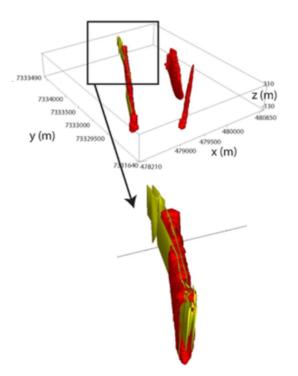
Hydrological model

Conductivity model (stitched)



Case History: VTEM survey over the West Plains orogenic gold region

McMillan et al, 2014

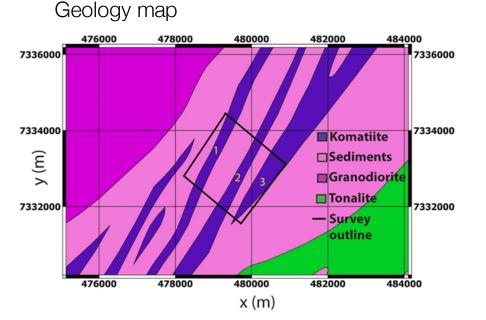


Setup

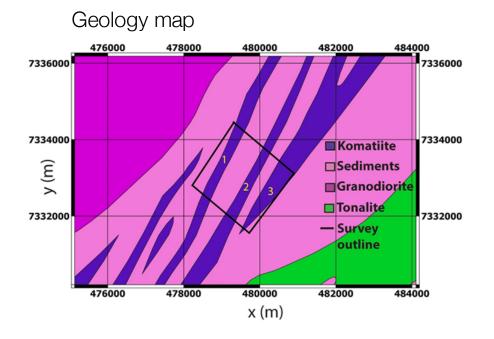


- Ultramafic komatiite units
 - steeply dipping
 - gold mineralization
- Area covered by thin layer of glacial material (outcrops scarce)
- Geology map from regional mag. survey
 - Low resolution; No dip information about the komatiite units

How do we image thin, dipping conductors in 3D?

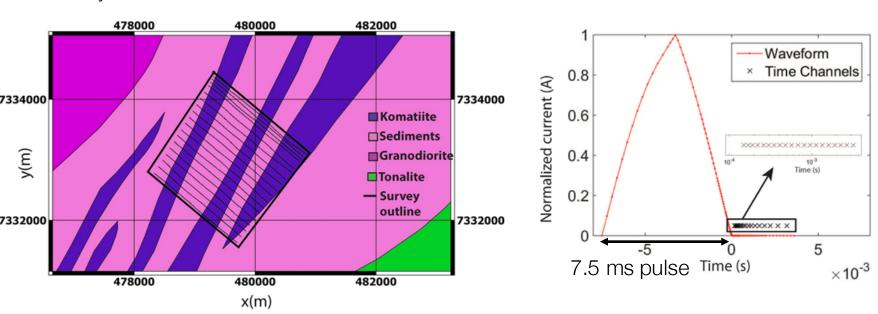


Properties



Units	Conductivity	Susceptibility
Komatiite	High	Moderate
Sediments	Moderate	Low
Granodiorite	Low	Low-Moderate
Tonalite	Low	Low-Moderate

Survey: VTEM



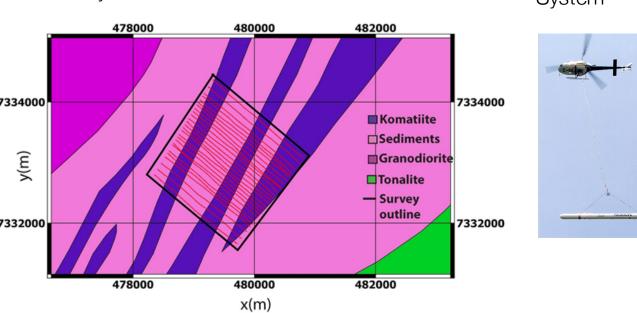
Current waveform

• VTEM (2003) system

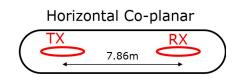
Survey lines

- Line spacing: 120 m; except several lines in the North part (60 m)
- Line direction: 310 degree
- Transmitter diameter: 18.5 m
- Measured component: dBz/dt (26 time channels from 110-6340 µs)

Survey: RESOLVE



System

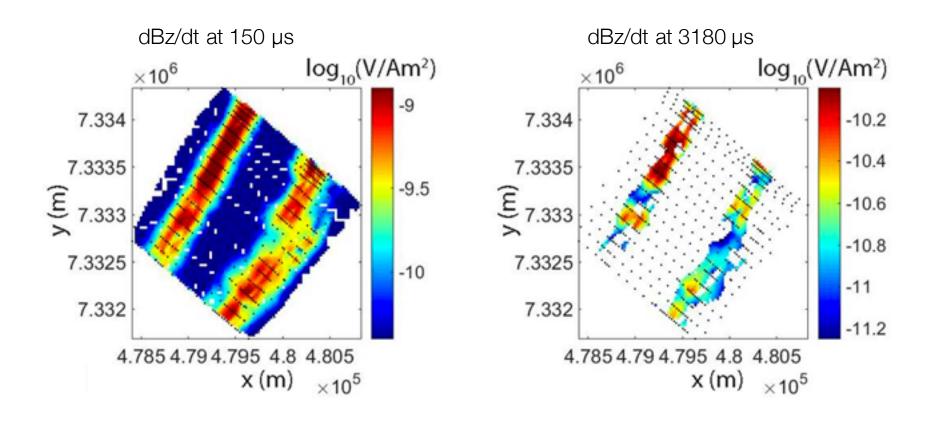


• RESOLVE (2005) system

Survey lines

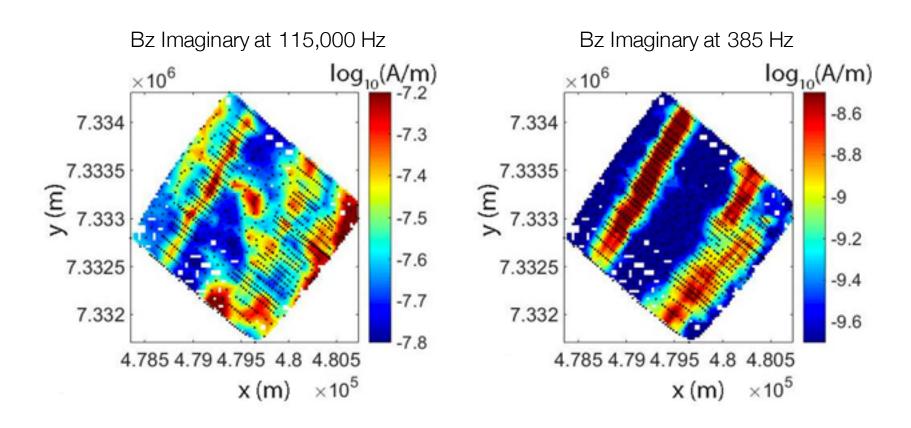
- Line spacing: 60 m
- Line direction: 310 degree
- Co-planar: 385-115,000 Hz (5 frequencies)

Data: VTEM



- At 150 µs: strong conductivity anomalies
- Noise level: 5x10⁻¹² V/Am² (values below blanked-out)

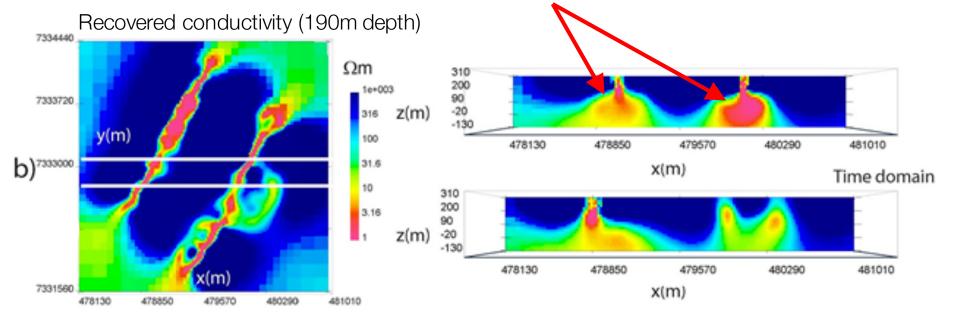
Data: RESOLVE



- 115,000 Hz data contains near-surface information
- 385 Hz data similar to the VTEM data at 150 μs

Processing: VTEM

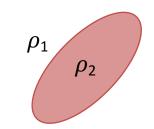
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 - Starting model: 1000 Ωm
- Image conductors
- Smooth regularization blurs conductors at depth

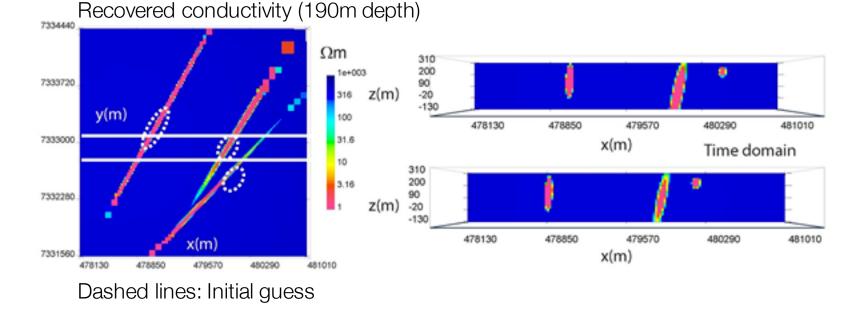


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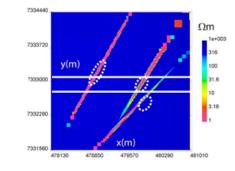
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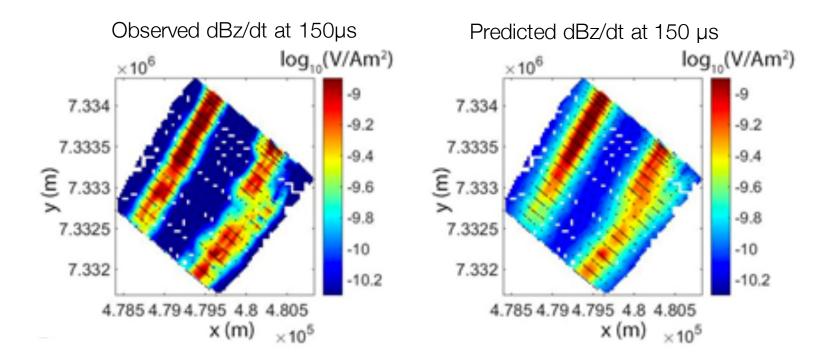
- Parametric inversion
 - Parameterize dipping conductors as Gaussian ellipsoids
 - Invert for:
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 - · Shape and location of ellipsoid





Processing: VTEM

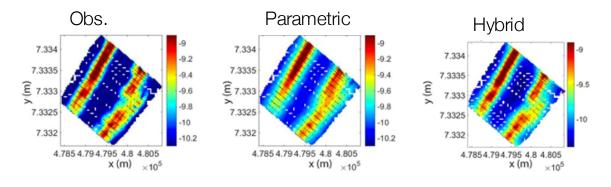




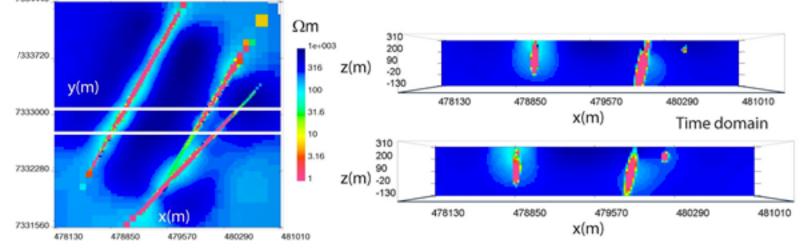
Parametric inversion too simple to explain heterogeneous earth

Processing: Hybrid Inversion

• Voxel inversion using parametric inversion result as initial and reference model



Recovered conductivity (190m depth)



Interpretation: VTEM

z (m)

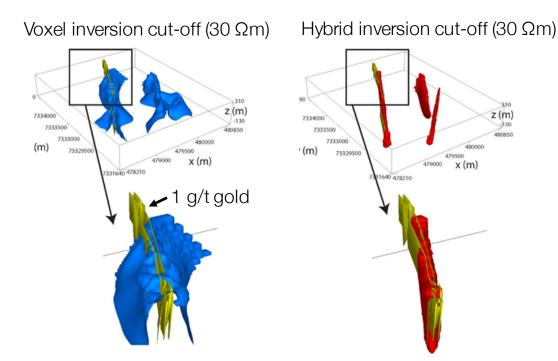
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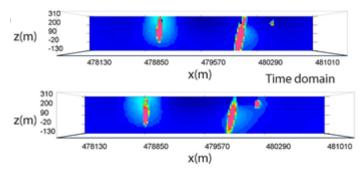
x (m)

479500

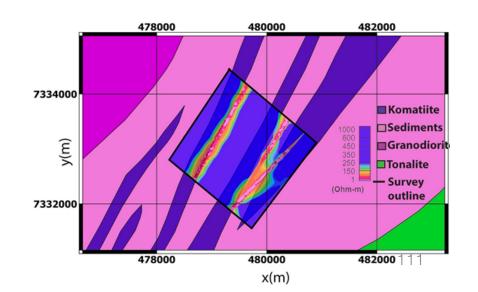
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Hybrid inversion: vertical sections

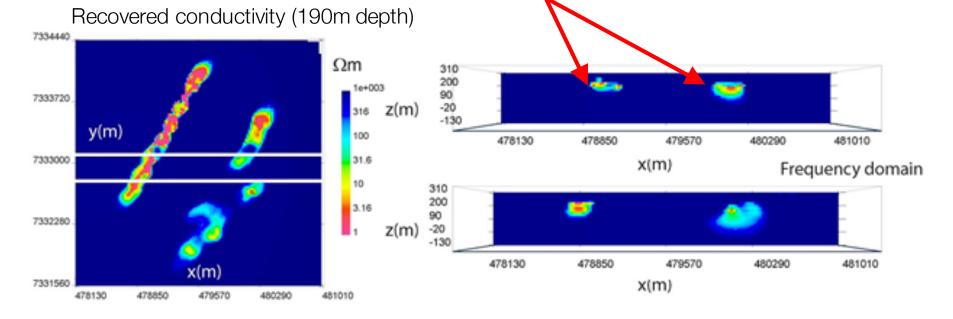


- Voxel inversion: blurs • conductors at depth
- Hybrid inversion •
 - Dips recovered
 - Tighter boundary of the komatiite
 - Good agreement with gold grade



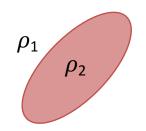
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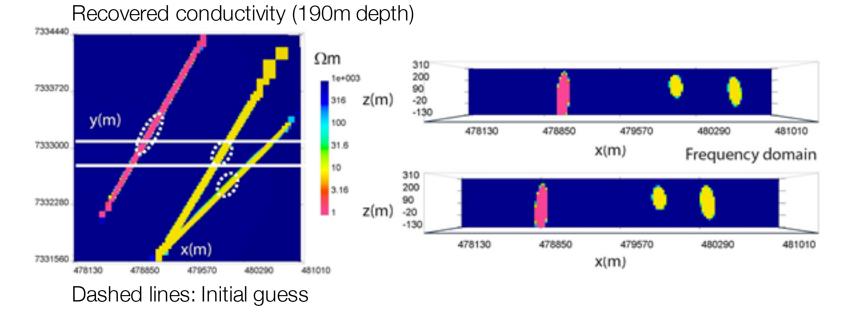
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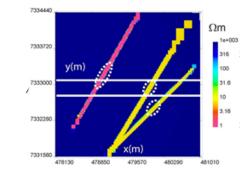
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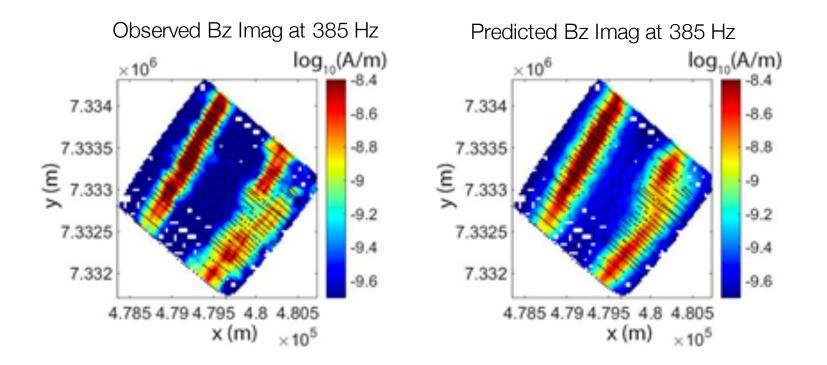
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 - · Shape and location of ellipsoid





Processing: RESOLVE

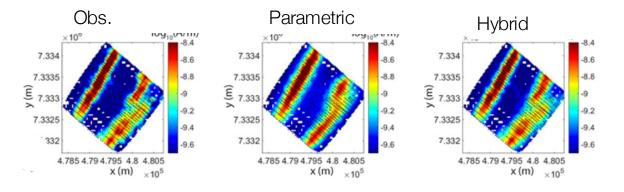


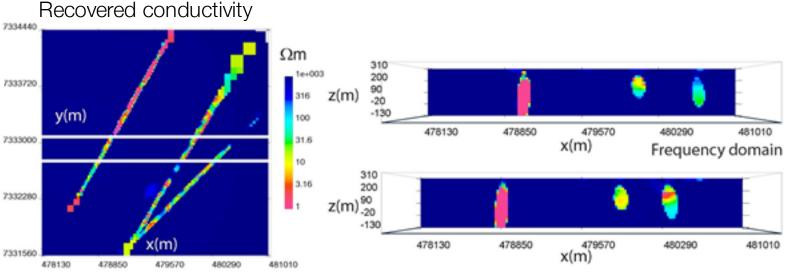


Parametric inversion too simple to explain heterogeneous earth

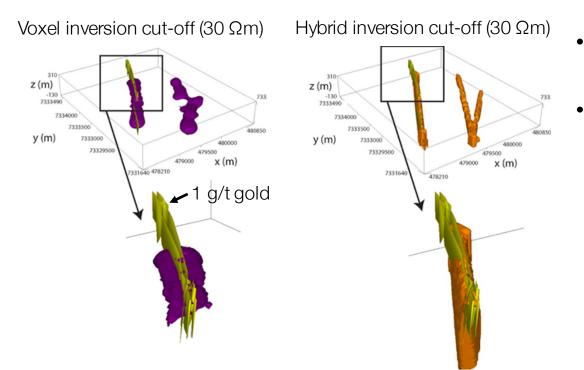
Processing: Hybrid Inversion

• Voxel inversion using parametric inversion result as initial and reference model



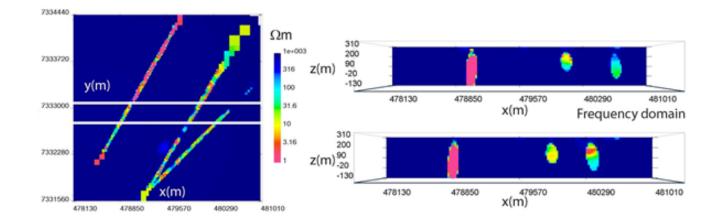


Interpretation: RESOLVE

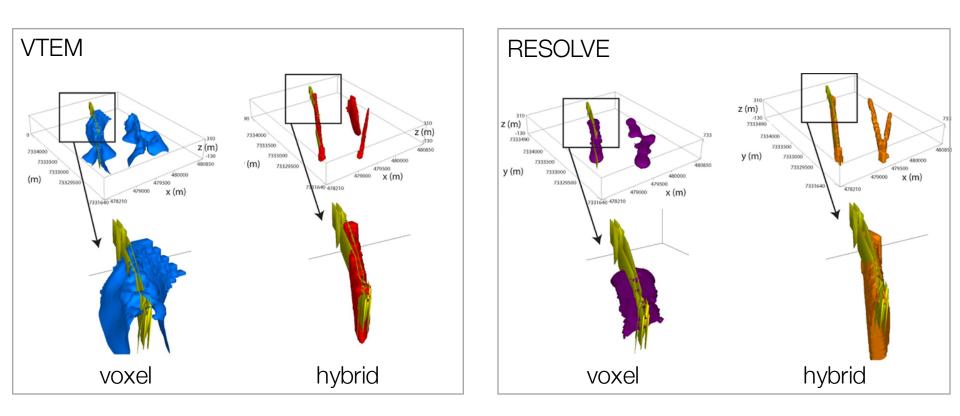


Hybrid inversion

- Voxel inversion: blurs thin conductors
- Hybrid inversion
 - Dips recovered
 - Tighter boundary of the komatiite
 - Good agreement with gold grade



Synthesis



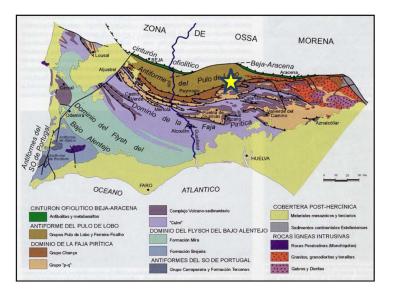
- TDEM and FDEM survey sensitive to conductors
- Hybrid inversion beneficial for imaging thin, dipping conductors

Case History: La Magdalena

Granda et al., 2016

Setup

Geological setting

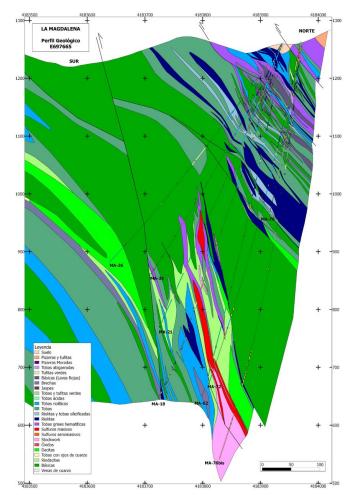


- Volcano-Sedimentary (VS) mineralization
- Thin, steeply dipping veins

Goal: Find deposits

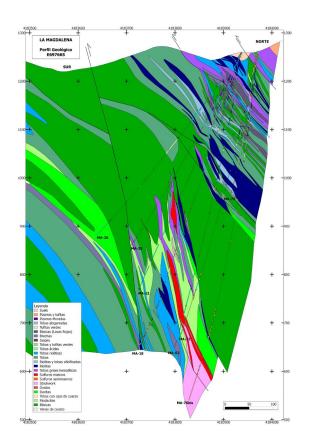
Use borehole TDEM to find deeper, off-hole targets

Typical cross section



Properties

Rock type	Resistivity	Density	Mag sus
Sulfide bodies	Low (<10 Ωm)	High (> 4g/cc)	Low
Host Rock (VS)	High		Low



Surveys: Strategic Campaigns

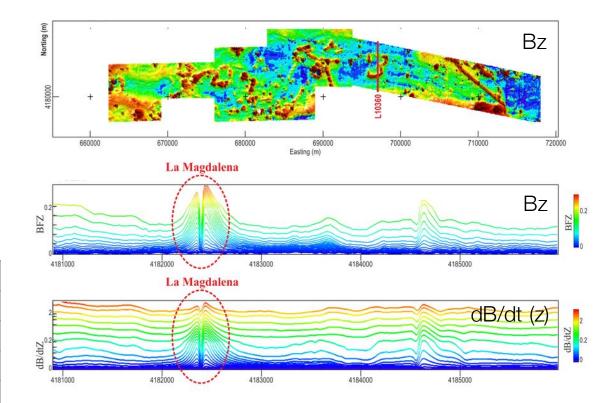
Goal	Survey	Detail
Find potential targets	VTEM	350 km ²
Evaluate continuity of mineralization	Mise-a-la-Masse	Single current in ore body
Methodological Tests	ERT	Pole-dipole along a single line
	Surface TEM: Turam configuration	
	Surface TEM: Slingram configuration	
Find off-hole conductors	Borehole TDEM	Surface transmitter Borehole receivers

Initial Discovery: VTEM

- VTEM airborne survey
 - 350 km² area
 - N-S lines,100m 200m spacing
 - Measure:
 - dB/dt (x, z)
 - Bz, Bx
 - Mag.

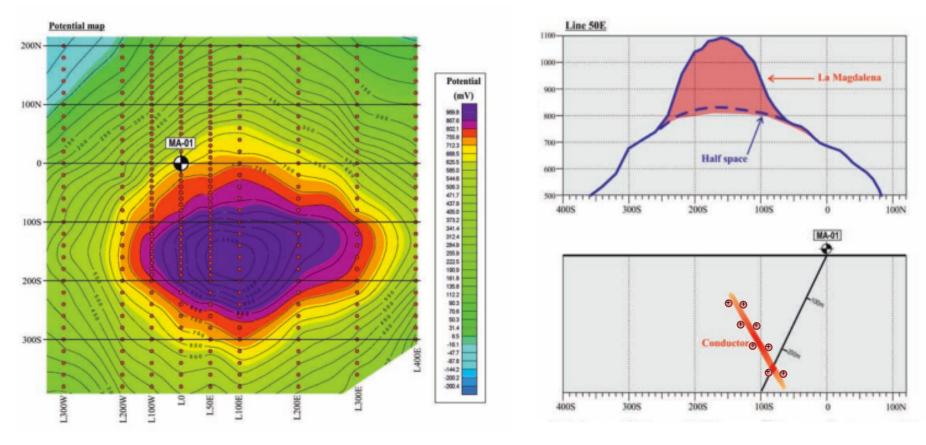
Survey Parameters

Sensor height	50 m
TX radius	17.5 m
Current Peak in TX	234 A
Magnetic Moment in TX	900.437 nIA
Z oriented RX radius	0.6m
Z oriented RX # turns	100
X oriented RX radius	0.16m
X oriented RX # turns	245



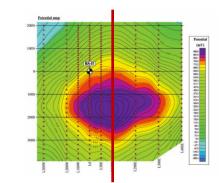
Evaluation: Mise-a-la-masse

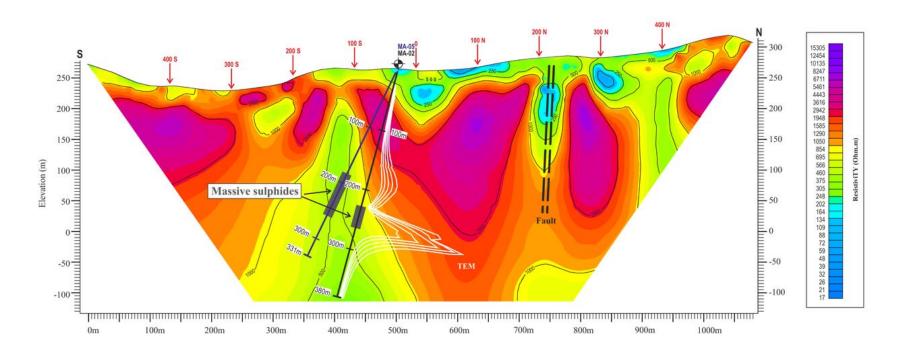
- Electrode coupled to massive sulphides at 230m
- Measure potentials (gradient mode) on surface



Methodological Test: ERT

- Pole-dipole
 - a = 20m and n = 40





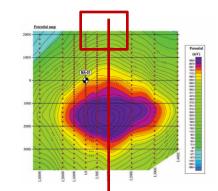
Results: found a moderately low resistivity region, not as low as anticipated 124

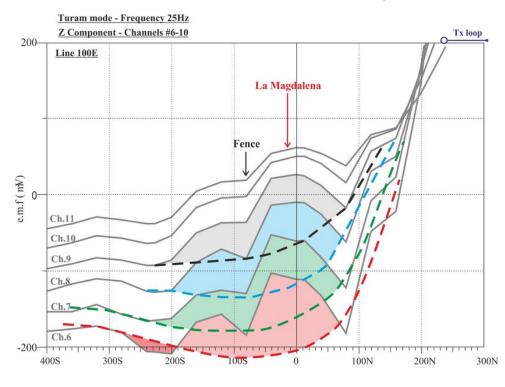
Survey

Methodological Test: Turam

- Ground based, fixed loop: Turam
- PROTEM induction coil
 - RX Equivalent area: 100 m²
- TX located several hundred meters north of mineralization
 - (ensure good EM coupling)

Specification	Turam
TX Loop size	700 m x 400 m
TX-RX synchronization	Crystal
Current pulses	15.5 A
T/O time	295 µs
Measured parameters	dBdt (z, x)
Base frequency	Hi: 25 Hz MD: 6.25 Hz
Measurement mode	Off time



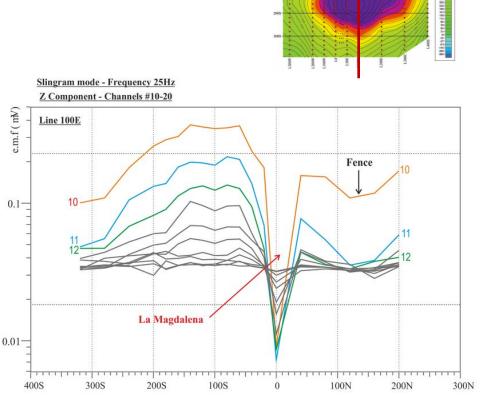


Results: Strong detectability. 125

Methodological Test: Slingram

- Ground based, moving loop: Slingram
- PROTEM induction coil
 - RX Equivalent area: 100 m²

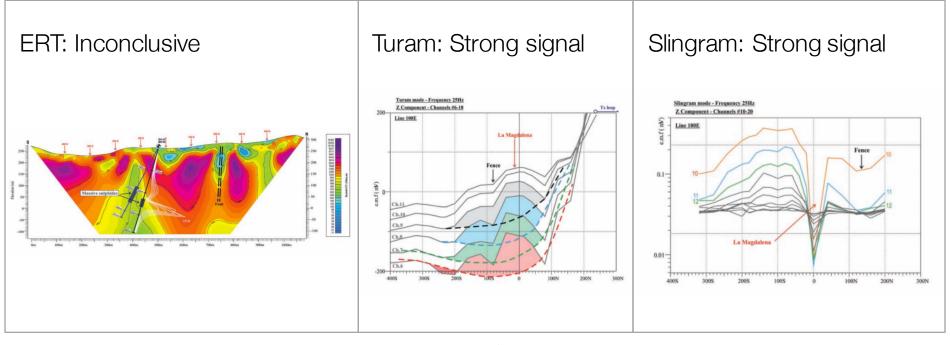
Specification	Turam	Slingram
TX Loop size	700 m x 400 m	100 m x 100 m
TX-RX synchronization	Crystal	Ref. Cable
Current pulses	15.5 A	22 A
T/O time	295 µs	75 µs
Measured parameters	dBdt (z, x)	dBdt (z, x)
Base frequency	Hi: 25 Hz MD: 6.25 Hz	Hi: 25 Hz MD: 6.25 Hz
Measurement mode	Off time	Off time



Characteristic plate-like conductor. Dipping north

Results: Strong detectability. 126

Methodological Test: Final choice Turam





Survey

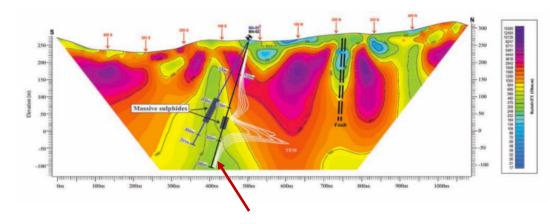
Borehole TDEM

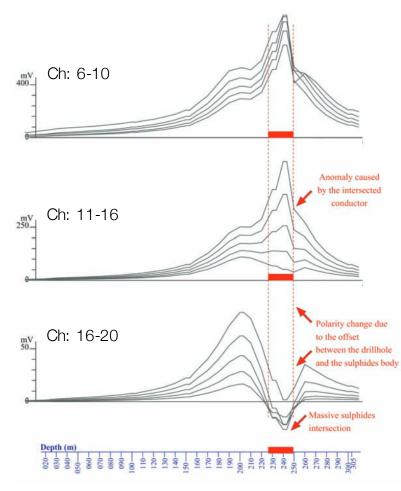
db/dt (z)

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PROTEM system

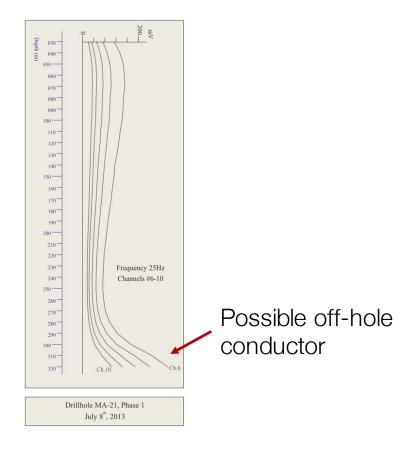
- TEM-67 transmitter
- BH-43-3D probe (3-components)
- Base Frequencies: Hi (25 Hz), MD (6.25 Hz)





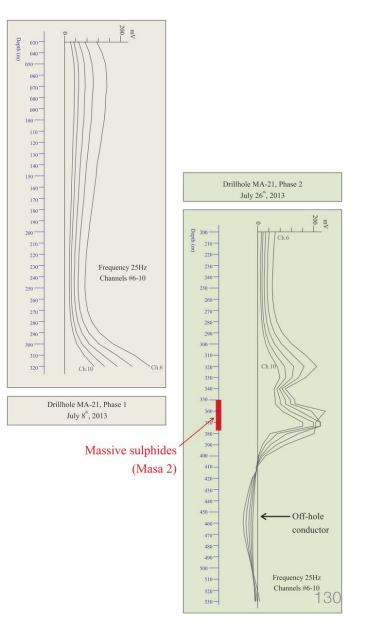
Borehole TDEM: Discovery of Masa 2

- Borehole TDEM carried out using multiple drillholes
- MA-21 drilled to 320m (Phase 1)
 - Did not intersect mineralization
 - Indicate an off-hole conductor



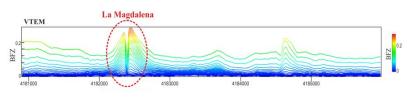
Borehole TDEM: Discovery of Masa 2

- Borehole TDEM carried out using multiple drillholes
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 - Did not intersect mineralization
 - Indicate an off-hole conductor
- MA-21 drilled to 520m (Phase 2)
 - Mineralization 350-370m



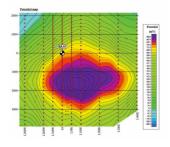
Synthesis

• VTEM: initial discovery

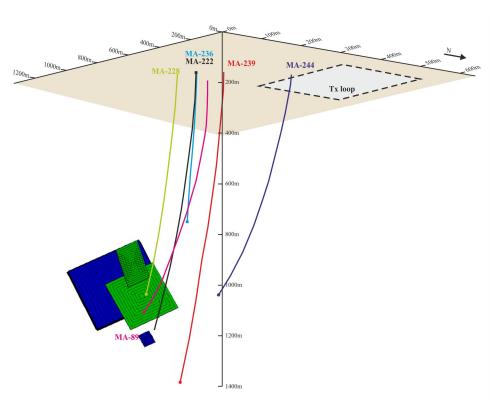


Borehole TDEM: find off-hole conductors

• Mise a la Masse: evaluation

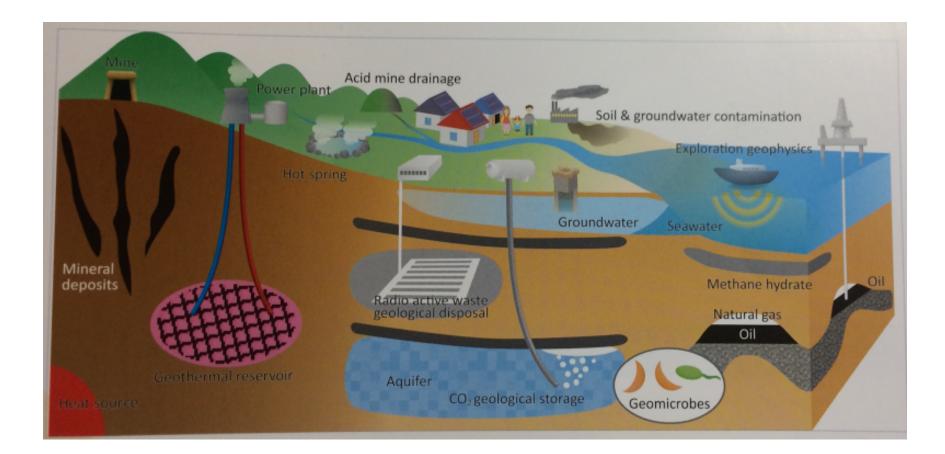


- Ground surveys: methodological tests
 - ERT
 - Turam
 - Slingram



An example from DISC Tokyo

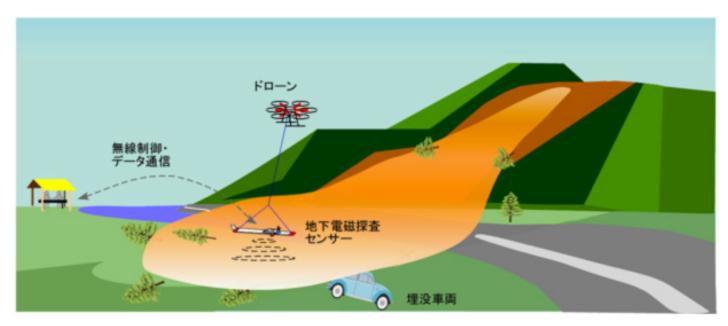
DISC Tokyo...



EM Geophysics using Drone Technology: AIST

Setup:

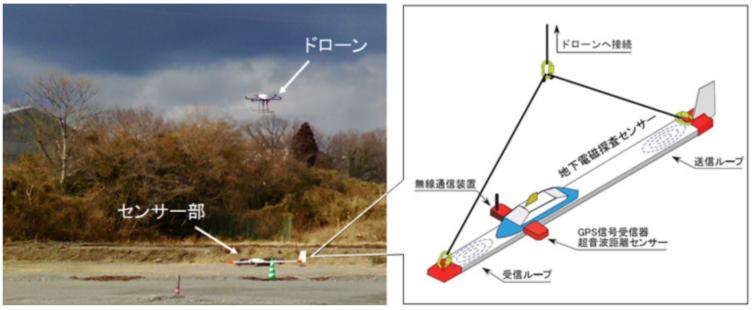
- Develop FDEM system for a drone
- Application: near surface geophysics problems
- Example: find automobiles buried in a landslide



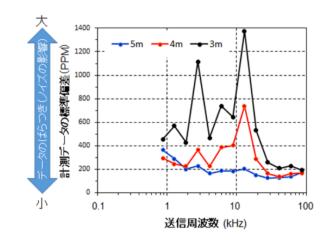
Exploration image of buried vehicles at the site of sediment-related disasters by developed system

Survey equipment

Drone EM system



- System must be removed from the noise of the drone
- Sensor located 5 meters below drone



Data acquisition



System must be close to the ground (primary field 1/r³)

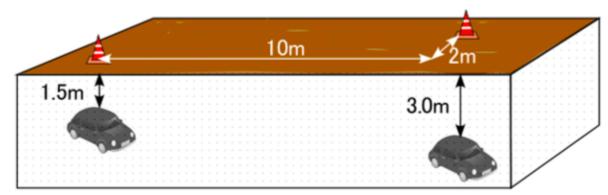


Fig. 4 Arrangement of the burial vehicle experiment site of the construction laboratory site Two buried mini vehicles are buried in the ground of 1.5 m depth and 3.0 m depth, respectively.

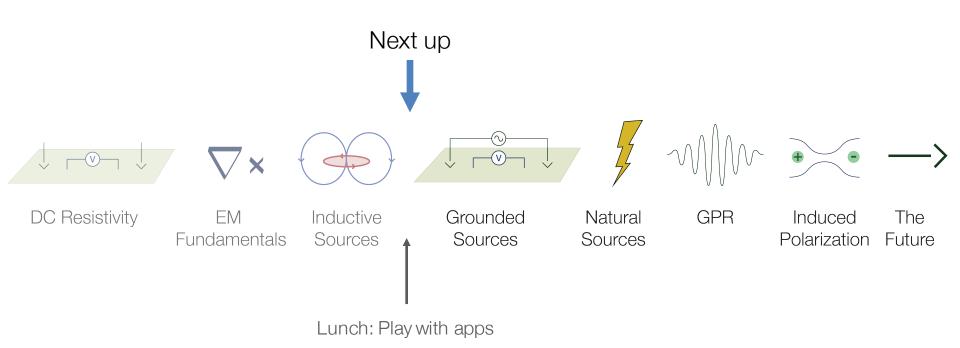
Data and interpretation

- In-phase and quadrature phase data recorded at multiple frequencies.
- Metallic objects have high induction number
- Signal is mostly in the In-phase part
- Plot amplitude: both cars imaged



Fig. 6 Exploration data by precision drone navigation measurement (measurement frequency 60

End of Inductive Sources



Additional Material

- Tutorial on UXO
- Case Histories:
 - Pole Mountain (UXO)
 - Wadi Sahba (Hydrocarbons)
 - Austria (Landslides)

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

Definition: a munition that was armed, fired and remains unexploded

Sources:

- Regions of military conflict
- Munitions/bombing ranges •
- Avalanche control •

Countries Significantly Impacted by UXOs



Various Types of UXO

- Landmines
- Bombs
- Bombies (from cluster bombs)
- Rocket-propelled grenades (RPG)
- Hand-held grenades
- Mortars





How do we find UXO?





Magnetic Surveys: Locate Anomalies

- Analogue data
- Flag anomaly locations



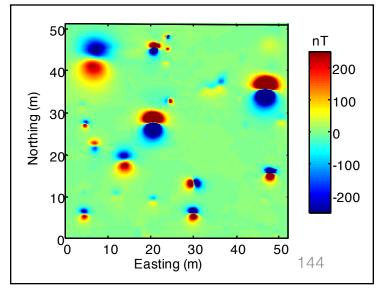


Ferrex

- Digital data
- Look for magnetic dipoles



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Magnetic Survey: Dig Anomalies





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Digital UXO Location and Classification

Problem

- Most anomalies are not UXO
- Digging every anomaly is expensive

Goal

- Classify anomalies
- Dig only UXOs

Strategy

- Need more information than provided by magnetics
- UXO: composed of steel
 - conductive and magnetic
 - Use electromagnetics



Fundamental Physics: EM Survey

- Controlled source generates primary magnetic field
- Primary field induces eddy currents within UXO
- Eddy currents decay over time
- Eddy current produce a secondary field which decays over time

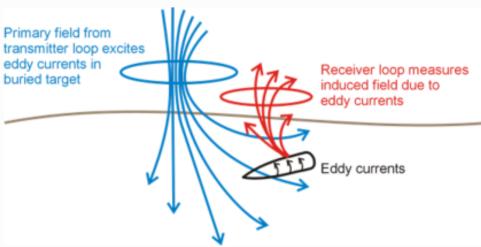
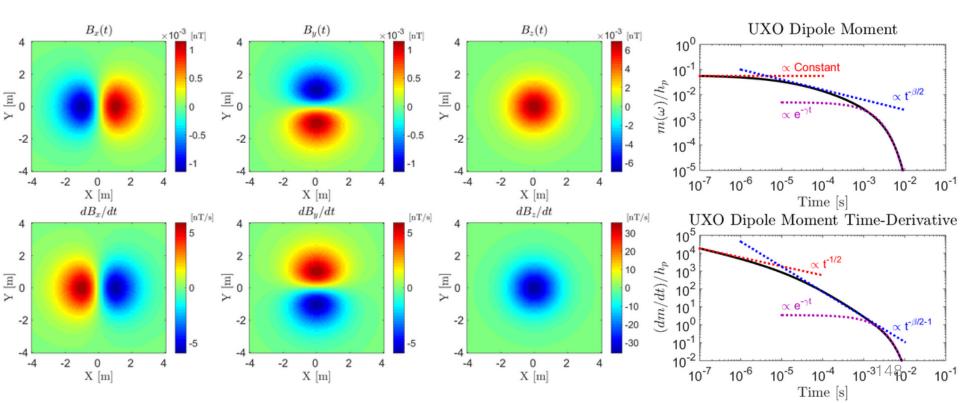


Fig. 260 Electromagnetic induction (EMI) survey for UXO location.



Fundamental Physics: EM Survey

- UXO responses modeled as magnetic dipoles
- Dipoles decay with time
- Rate of decay is indicative of the type of object
- UXOs have characteristic early, mid and late-time decay behaviours



Dipole Model and Polarization Tensor

• UXO response modeled as dipole:

$$\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{s}}(t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{3\mathbf{r} \big[\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{m}(t) \big]}{r^5} - \frac{\mathbf{m}(t)}{r^3} \right]$$

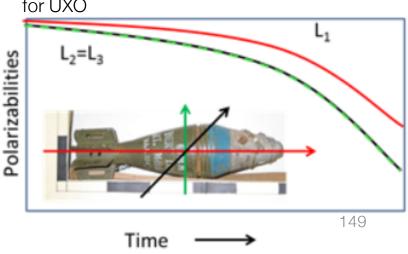
- m(t) is dipole moment (decays with time)
- m(t) depends on:
 - 1. Orientation of the inducing field
 - 2. The polarization tensor

 $\mathbf{m}(t) = \mathbf{A^T} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{h_p}$

• The polarization tensor L:

$$\mathbf{L}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} L_1(t) & 0 & 0\\ 0 & L_2(t) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & L_3(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

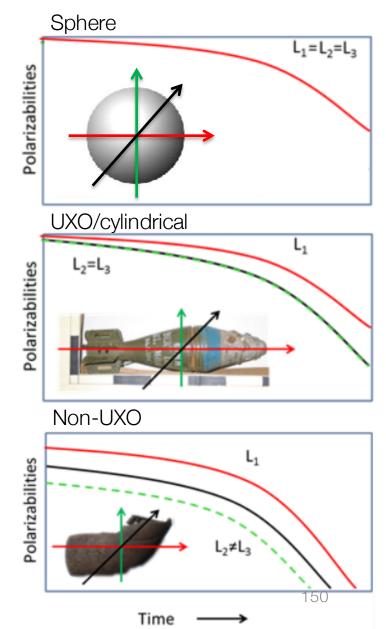
Field and UXO coordinate systems \hat{z}



Primary (L1) and secondary (L2,L3) polarizations for UXO

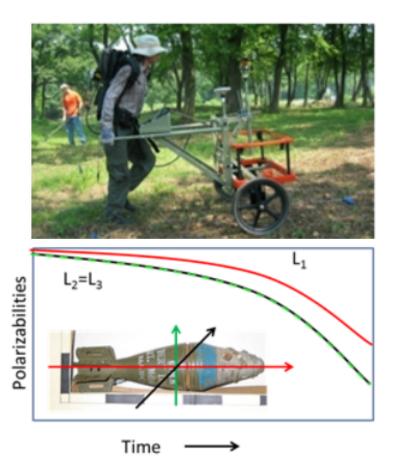
Objects and Polarization Tensors

- Polarization tensor characterizes decay and provides information about dimensionality
- Sphere:
 - Polarization strength independent of primary field direction
 - $\circ \quad L1 = L2 = L3$
- UXO:
 - o Cylindrical in shape
 - Stronger polarization along primary axis
 - L1 > L2 = L3
- Non-UXO:
 - o Arbitrary shape
 - Polarization different along different orientations
 - $\circ \quad L1 \neq L2 \neq L3$



UXO Classification in Practice

- Survey area and pick targets
- Collect high-resolution data over a target
- Recover the elements of the polarization tensor
- Use the polarization tensor to infer information about the object's shape
- Match the recovered polarization tensor to those of object stored in a library to classify



To carry out inversion for polarization tensor need data:

- multiple transmitters (orientations)
- multiple components of data

Common Systems

Sensor	Geometry	Time channels
EM-61	0.4 © 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5	$t_{min} = 0.2 ms$ $t_{max} = 1.5 ms$ N = 4
MetalMapper	1 8 0.5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 10 ms$ $N = 42$
TEMTADS	1 0.5 -0.5 -1 0.5 -0.5 -1 0.5 -0.5 y (m) x (m)	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 20 ms$ N = 115
MPV	g 0.04 N 0.04 0.2 0.1 y (m) -0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2	$t_{min} = 0.1 ms$ $t_{max} = 20 ms$ N = 32
BUD	0.3 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 x (m)	$t_{min} = 0.1 \text{ ms}$ $t_{max} = 1.5 \text{ ms}$ N = 45

EM-61

MetalMapper

TEMTADS

MPV



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Survey Design

Line and Station Spacing:

- Depends on dimensions and depth of targets and system being used.
- Insufficient sampling makes locating and classifying targets more challenging.

Excitation Orientation

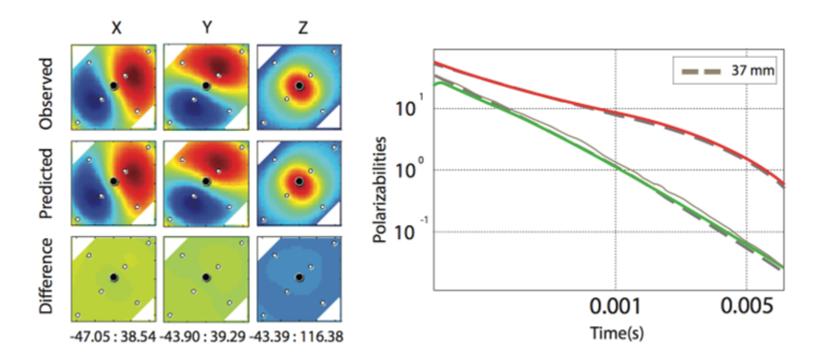
- To recover polarization tensor, target must be polarized from as many angles as possible.
- May require multiple passes with single transmitter or use of multi-transmitter system.

Time Channels

• Sufficient time-channels required to characterize decay behaviour.



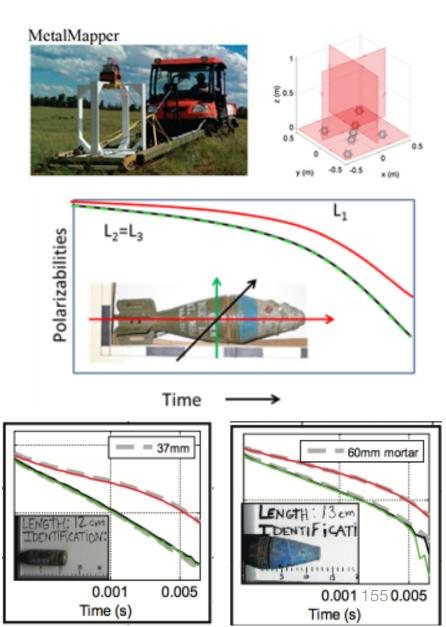
Example: Metal Mapper Data



- Polarizations indicate a cylindrical object
- Predicted data using recovered polarization tensor fits the observed data
- Recovered polarizations match those of a 37 mm projectile

Summary

- UXO are compact conductive permeable objects
- EM is ideal survey
- Requires multiple transmitters
 and receivers
- Processing yields polarization curves
- Discrimination



Field Example: Pole Mountain

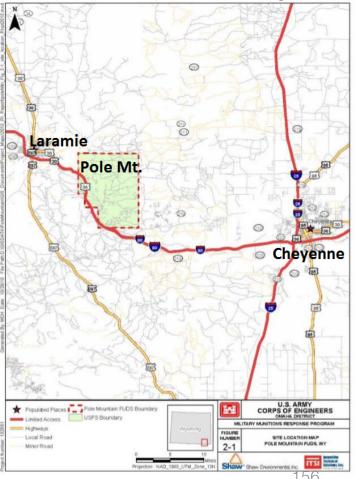
History

- Periods of military use 1897-1961
- Many types of munitions (explosive projectiles, mortars, small arms)
- Land reclamation currently not possible

Goals:

- Test classification algorithm on different objects
- Determine dig/no dig list for targets

Location of Pole Mt., Wyoming, US



Field Example: Pole Mountain

EM61-MK2:

- Efficient over rugged terrain
- Single Tx and Rx loops
- Located 2,368 anomalies

Metal Mapper:

- Multiple Tx and Rx loops
- Cued interrogation data over anomalies
- Data used for classification and prioritize dig list

EM61-MK2 (locate anomalies)

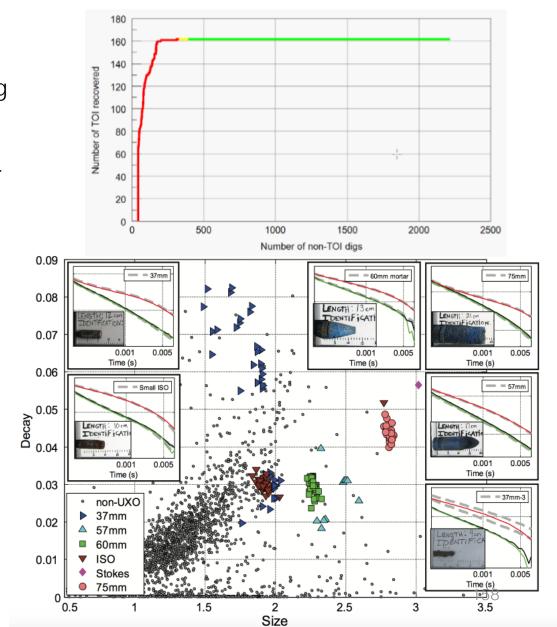


Metal Mapper (cued interrogation)



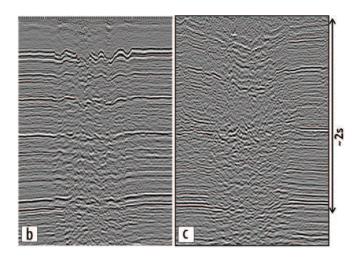
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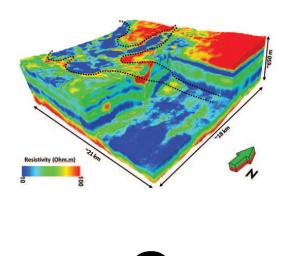
- All 2,368 TEM anomalies were dug to verify
- 1,829 correctly identified as clutter or assigned to no dig through classification
- Only 453 non-munition items dug before all 160 munition items dug.
- 99% of munition items located within first ~300 digs
- Correctly identified all types of munititons.



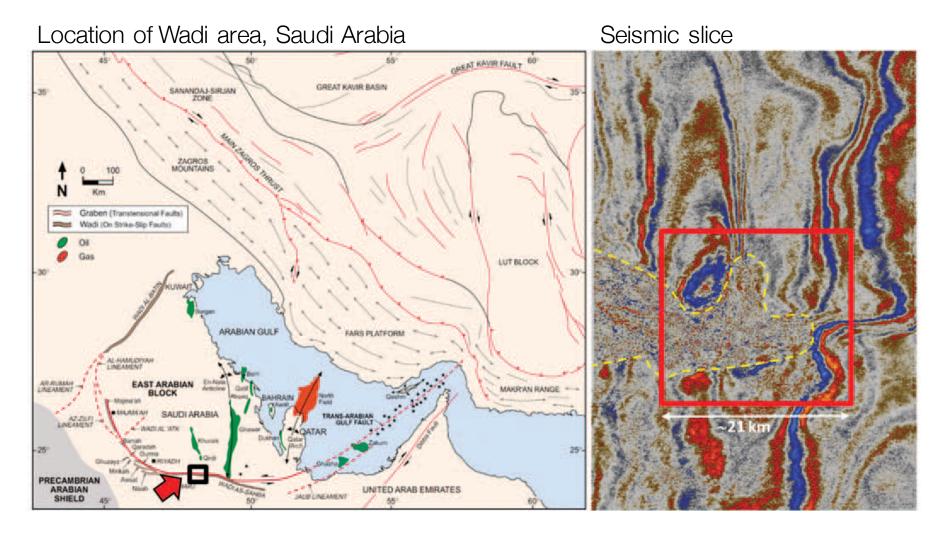
Case History: Wadi Sahba

Colombo et al. 2016





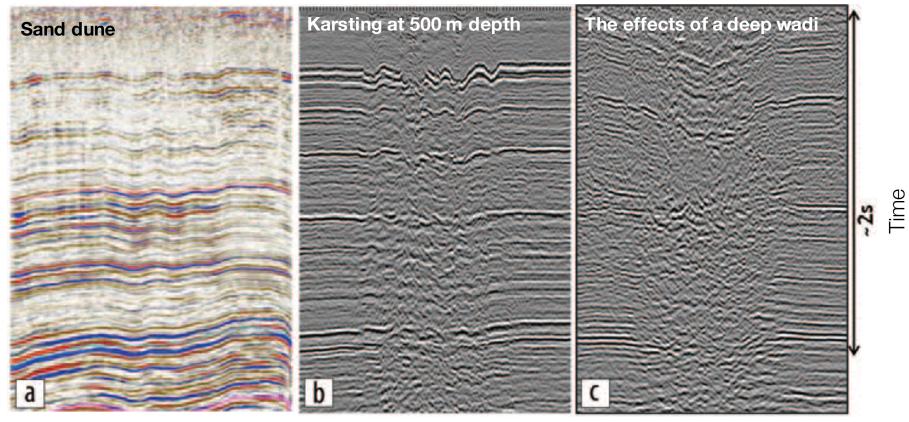
Setup



 Oil and gas exploration in the Middle East: Focus is now stratigraphic traps and low relief structures

Challenges for processing seismic data

Example seismic sections



Distance

• Strong effects from near surface anomalies even after static corrections

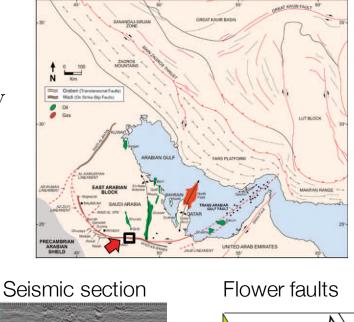
Properties

• P-velocity and conductivity:

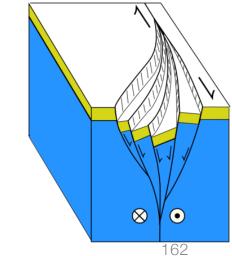
$$v_p = g(\phi)$$
 v_p : P-velocity
 $\sigma = f(\phi)$ ϕ : porosity

- Poor seismic data:
 - strong scattering effects probably caused by flower faults
 - velocity inversions (high to low v_p)
- From previous multi-physics analyses:
 - strong structural similarity between the inverted resistivity, and the existing seismic results

Geologic map



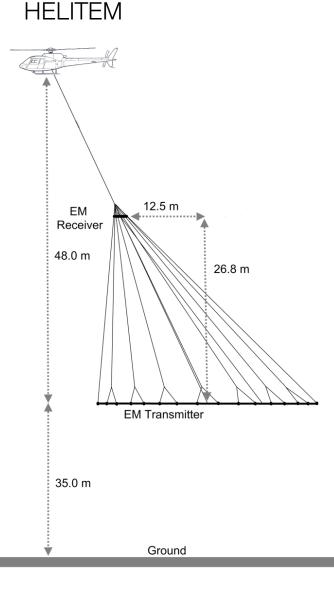
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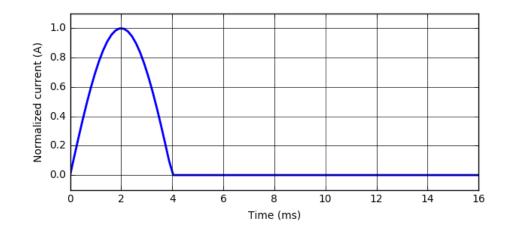




Survey

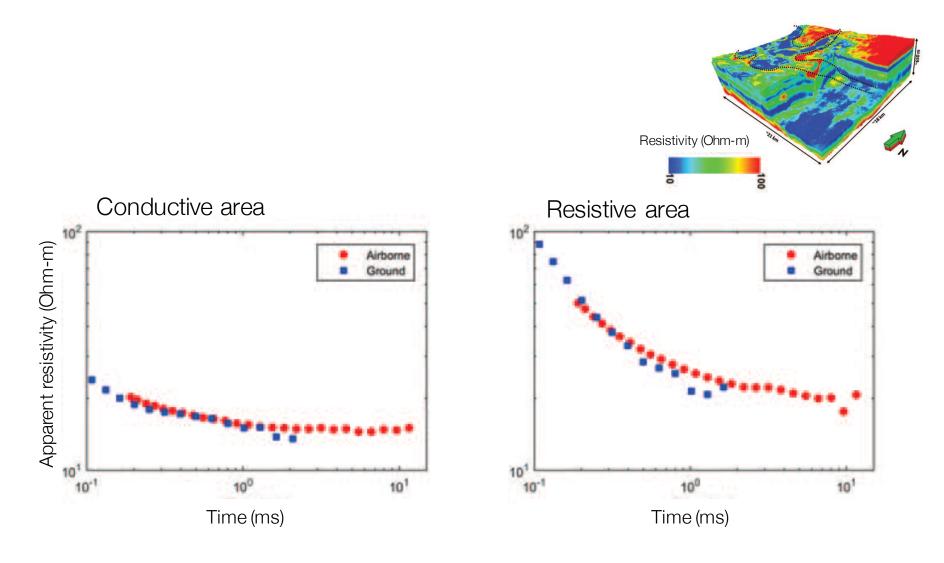
System Configuration





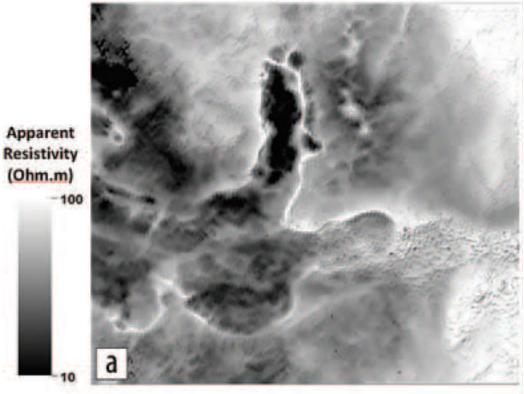
- Peak Tx current: 1200 A
- Dipole moment: 1.7x10⁶ A-m²
- Stacked TEM curve spacing: ~2.7 m
- Total soundings: ~1.6 million

Comparisons: airborne and ground EM

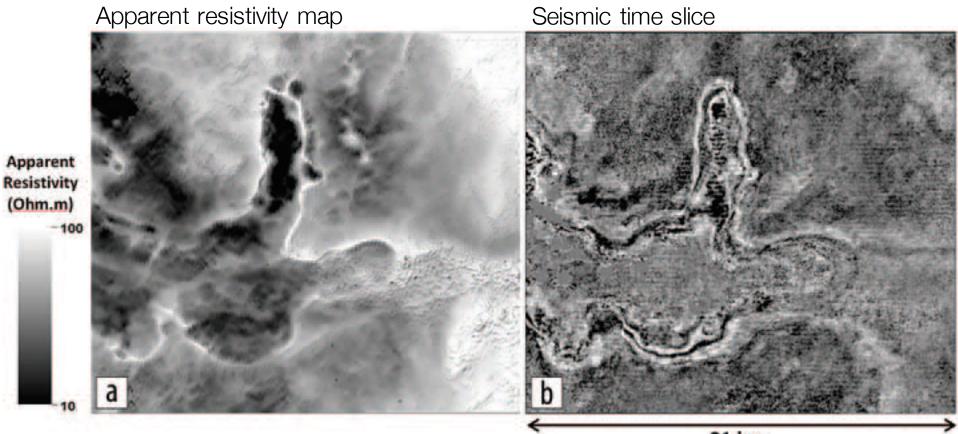


EM data

Apparent resistivity map



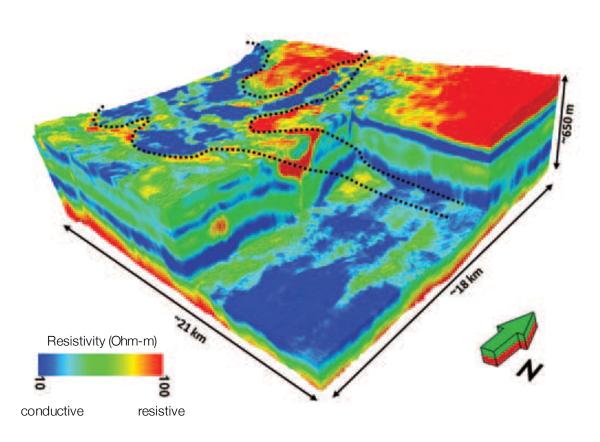
Comparison: EM and Seismic data



21 km

Processing: EM inversion

Conductivity model



- 1D inversion for each sounding location
- Lateral constraint is used

Cooperative inversion: Seismic + EM

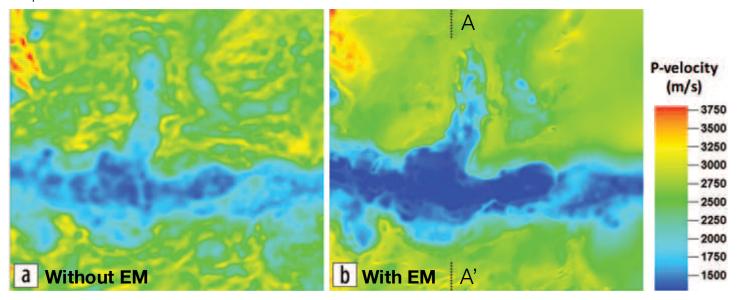
• How EM can help seismic tomography inversion?

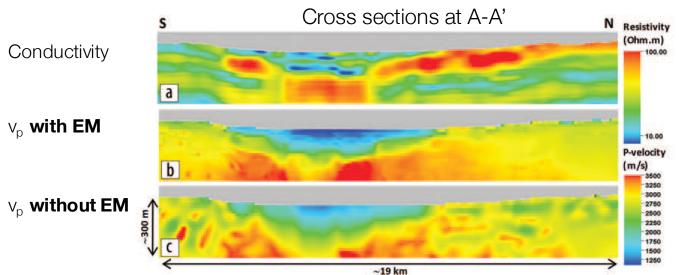
Velocity (v_p): high to low (significant challenge) Conductivity (σ): high to low

 \mathbf{m}_s : Slowness $v_p = g(\phi)$ $\sigma = f(\phi)$ ϕ : porosity \mathbf{m}_{σ} : Conductivity $\psi(\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{s}},\mathbf{m}_{\sigma}) = \psi_m(\mathbf{m}_s) + \frac{1}{\lambda_1}\psi_d(\mathbf{m}_s) + \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\psi_x(\mathbf{m}_s,\mathbf{m}_{\sigma}) + \frac{1}{\lambda_3}\psi_{rp}(\mathbf{m}_s,\mathbf{m}_{\sigma})$ $\|
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abla \mathbf{m_\sigma}\|_2^2$ Gallardo and Meju, 2004

Cooperative inversion: Seismic + EM

 V_p depth slices at 340 m below sea level

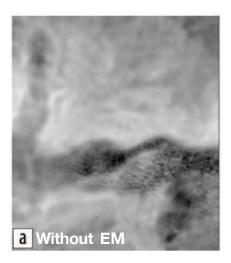


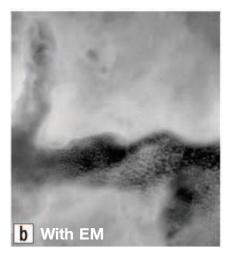


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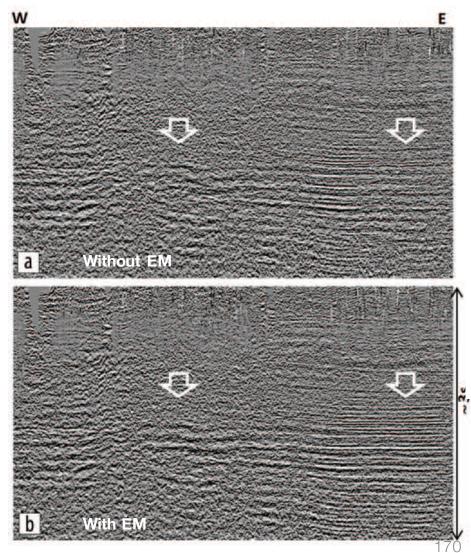
Static correction

Estimated statics on plan map





Static corrected sections



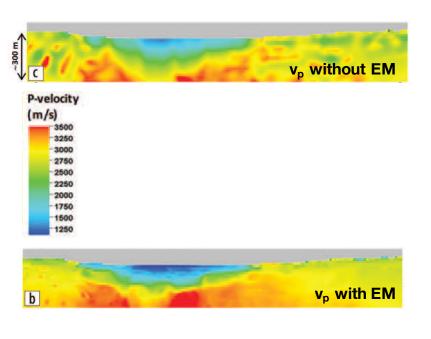
Time

Distance

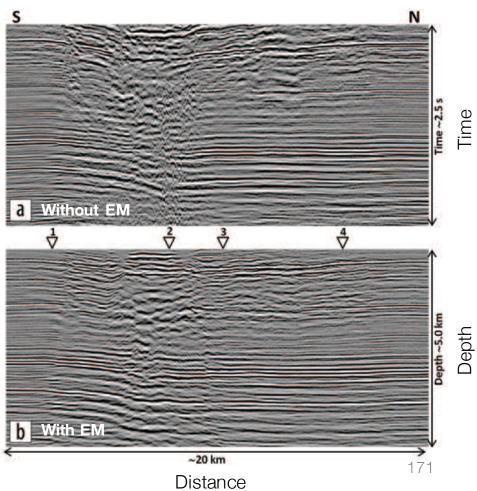
Pre-stack depth migration

• Impact of the improved v_p model to a pre-stack depth migration:

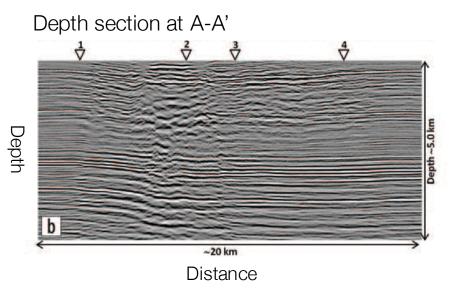
 $v_{\rm p}$ cross sections at A-A'



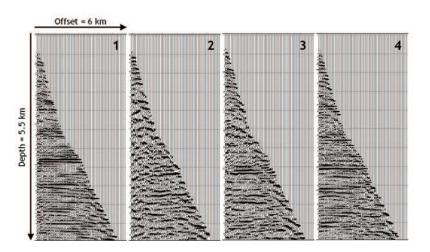
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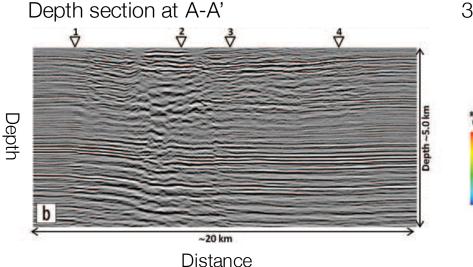
Interpretation and Synthesis



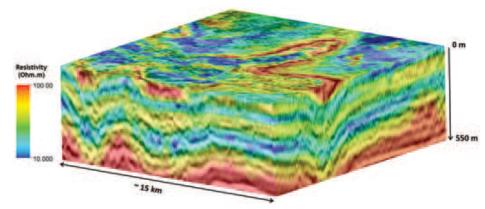
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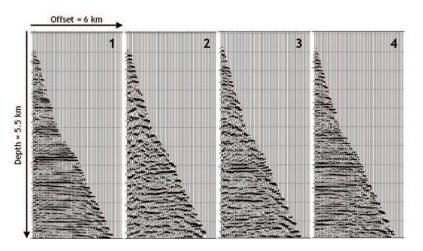
Interpretation and Synthesis



3D prestack depth migration co-rendered with EM



Common image gathers



- High resolution near surface conductivity from EM improves velocity model
- Helps seismic imaging:
 - Static correction
 - Pre-stack depth migration

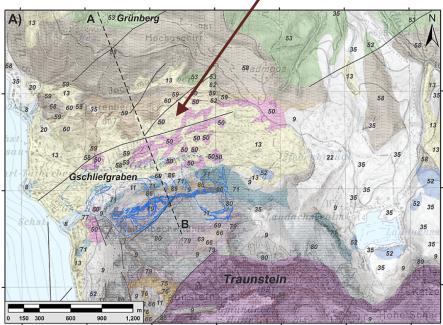
Case History: Airborne geophysical mapping for landslide investigation

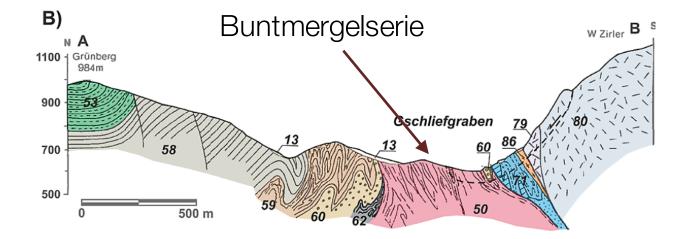
Supper et al., 2013



Setup

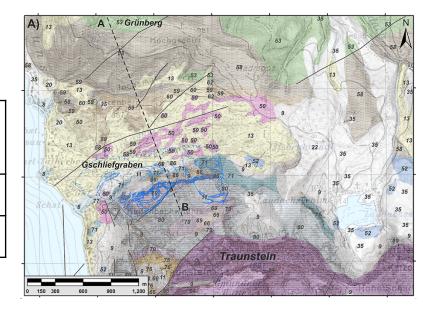
- Gschliefgraben area: most prominent recent landslide of Austria
- Clay layers absorb water → become a plane of weakness and result in a landslide
- SafeLand Project: evaluate airborne geophysics

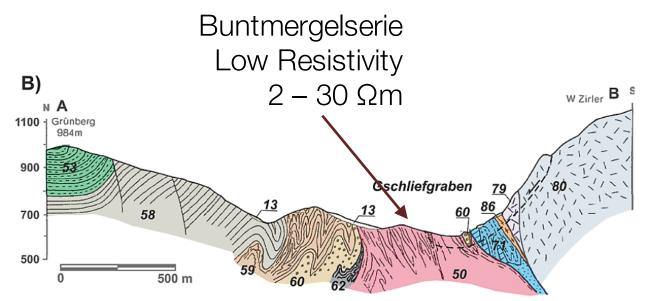




Properties

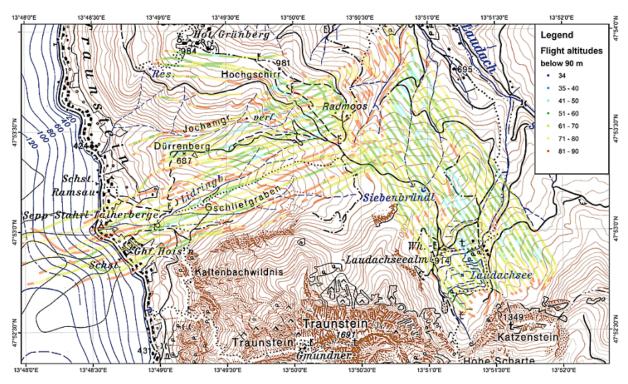
Deformed variegated marl, claystone, (target unit)	2 – 30 Ωm	
Claystone, marl	50 – 100 Ωm	
Intermediate Sandstone	> 150 Ωm	

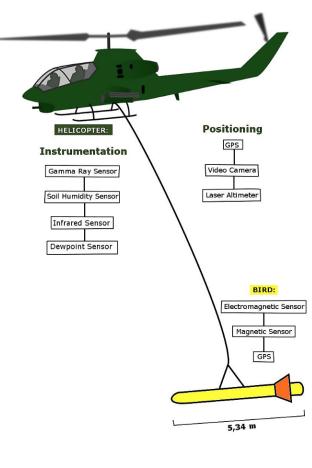




Survey

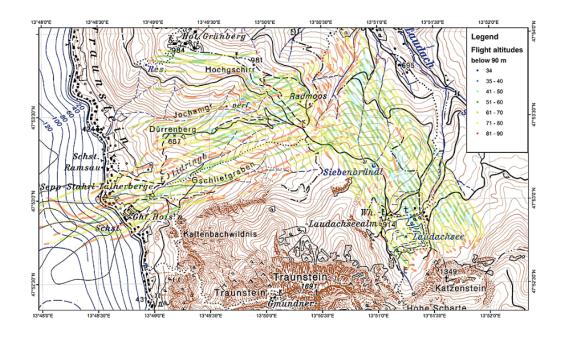
- Multiple airborne sensors
 - Airborne EM
 - Gamma Ray
 - Magnetics
 - Passive Microwave

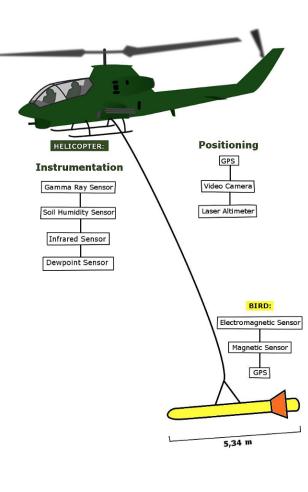




Survey: Airborne EM

- Frequency domain system
 - Frequencies: 340 Hz, 3200 Hz, 7190 Hz and 28 850 Hz
- Sensor height needs to be < 90 m
- Rough topography → flown only uphill (2x flight time)





Data & Processing

• Data inverted in 1D

15.1 - 20

20.1 - 25

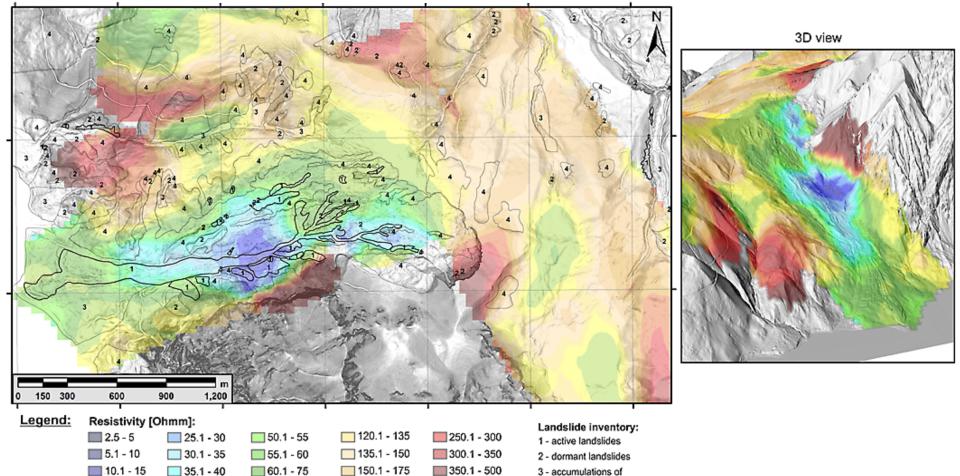
40.1 - 45

45.1 - 50

75.1 - 100

100.1 - 120

resistivity 0 - 2m below surface



500.1 - 750

750.1 - 1000

175.1 - 200

200.1 - 250

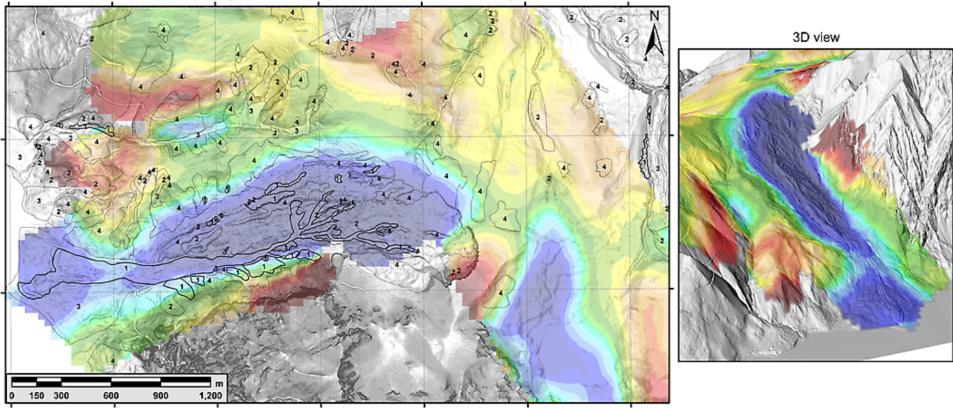
inactive earthflows

4 - inactive (old) landslides

Data & Processing

• Data inverted in 1D

resistivity 20m below surface



Legend:	Resistivity [Ohmm]:			
	2.5 - 5	25.1 - 30	[1] 50.1 - 55	<u> </u>	250.1 - 300
	5.1 - 10	🔲 30.1 - 35	55.1 - 60	<u> </u>	300.1 - 350
	🔲 10.1 - 15	🔲 35.1 - 40	60.1 - 75	📃 150.1 - 1 75	350.1 - 500
	🔲 15.1 - 20	🔲 40.1 - 45	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	500.1 - 750
	20.1 - 25	[1] 45.1 - 50	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	750.1 - 1000

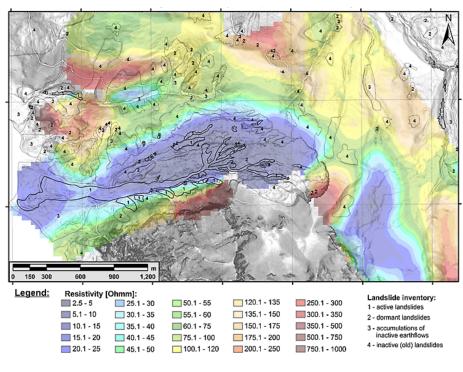
Landslide	inventory:
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- 1 active landslides
- 2 dormant landslides
- 3 accumulations of inactive earthflows
- 4 inactive (old) landslides

Interpretation

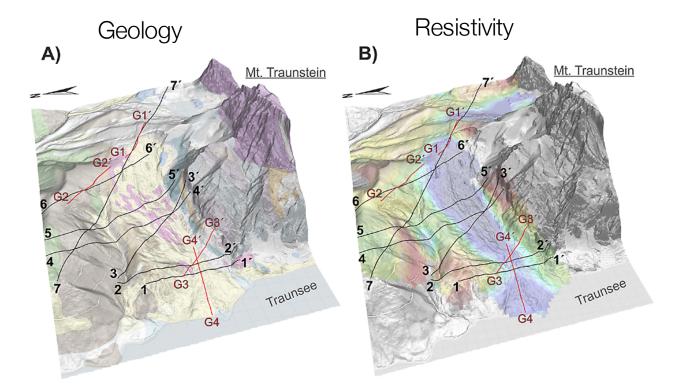
- 2 30 Ωm contour delineates the Buntmergelserie
 - landslide inventory map shows recent landslides are associated with Buntmergelserie
 - Low resistivities show this is most incompetent unit
- Buntmergelserie: highly tectonised
 - Anti-synclinal fold
 - Strongly west-east dipping axis

resistivity 20m below surface

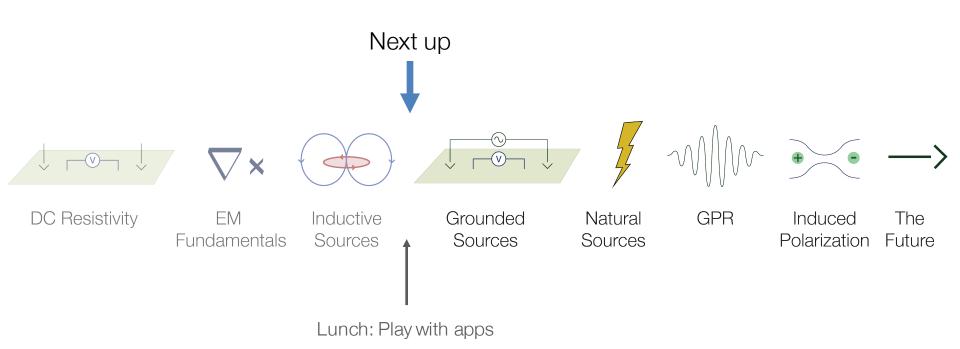


Synthesis

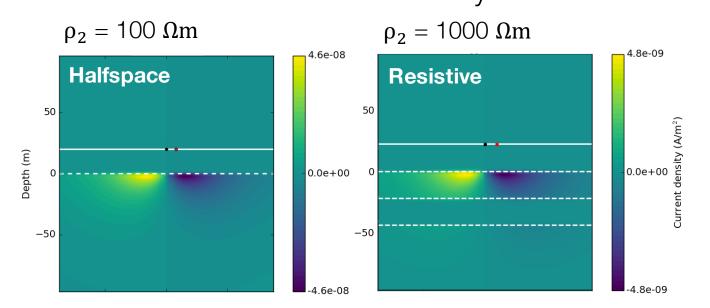
- Airborne EM provided better understanding of the spatial and depth structure of geologic units
- Available model for landslides was significantly improved
 - helped to design proper location of sensors for early warning network for the Gschliefgraben area



End of Inductive Sources



Current density (J_v imag)



 $\rho_2 = 10 \ \Omega m$

50

0

-50

Depth (m)

 $\rho_2 = 1 \Omega m$ 4.8e-09 4.8e-09 Conductive Very conductive 50 Current density (A/m²) 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0 -504.8e-09 -4.8e-09 50 -50 0 -50 0 50 Distance (m) Distance (m)

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