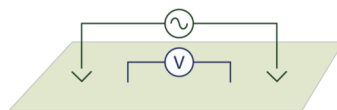


EM: Grounded Sources

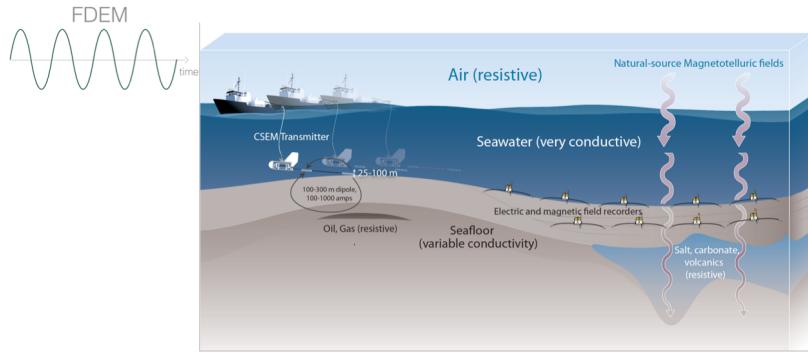


Outline

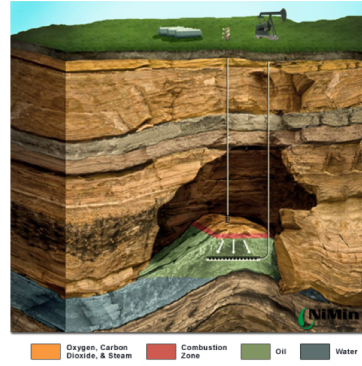
- Basic experiment
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets
- Resistive Targets
- Case History: Deccan Traps
- Marine CSEM: Overview
- Case History: Offshore Hydrocarbon De-risking
- Case History: Methane hydrates
- DC/EM Inversion

Motivational examples

Marine EM for hydrocarbon



Oil and Gas (EOR)

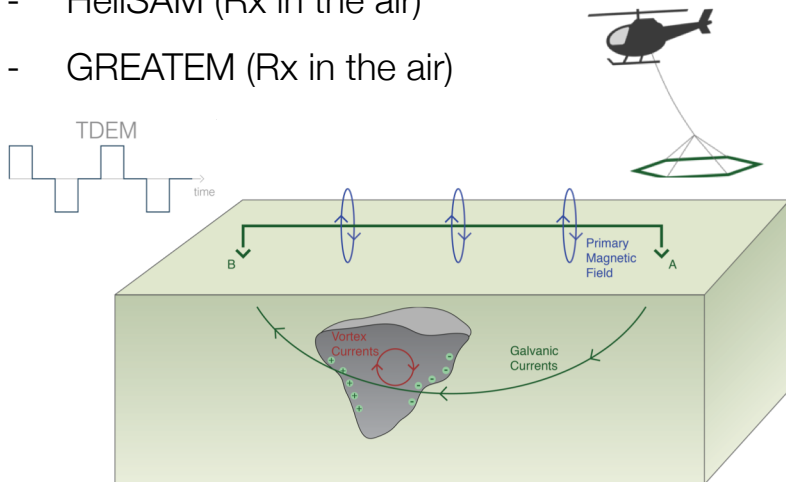


Methane hydrates



Galvanic source TEM

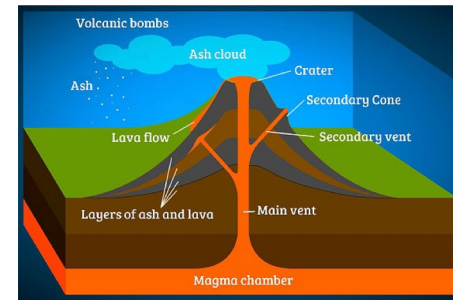
- LoTEM (ground)
- HeliSAM (Rx in the air)
- GREATEM (Rx in the air)



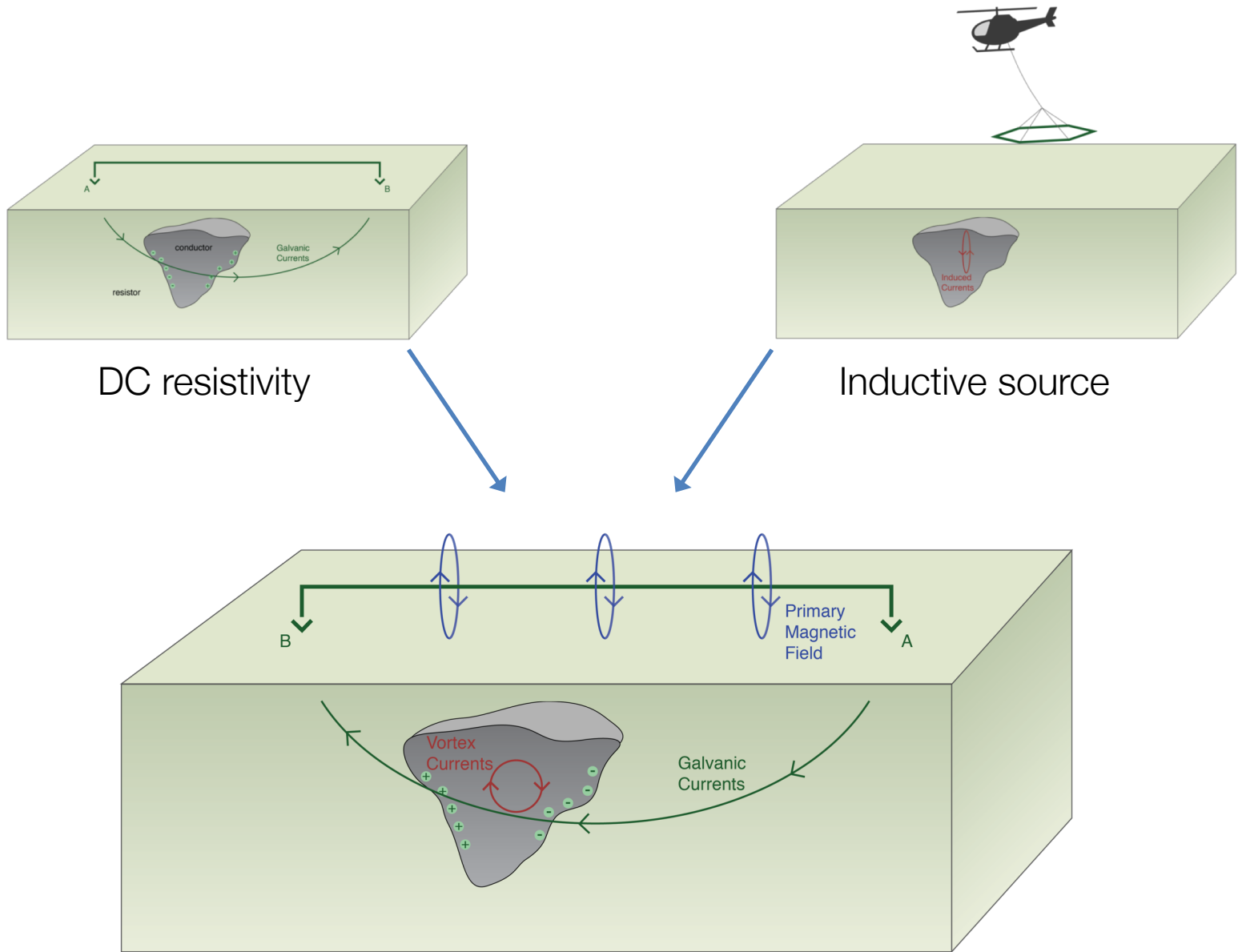
Minerals



Volcanoes

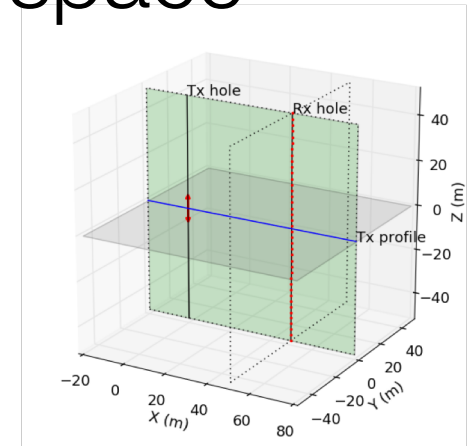


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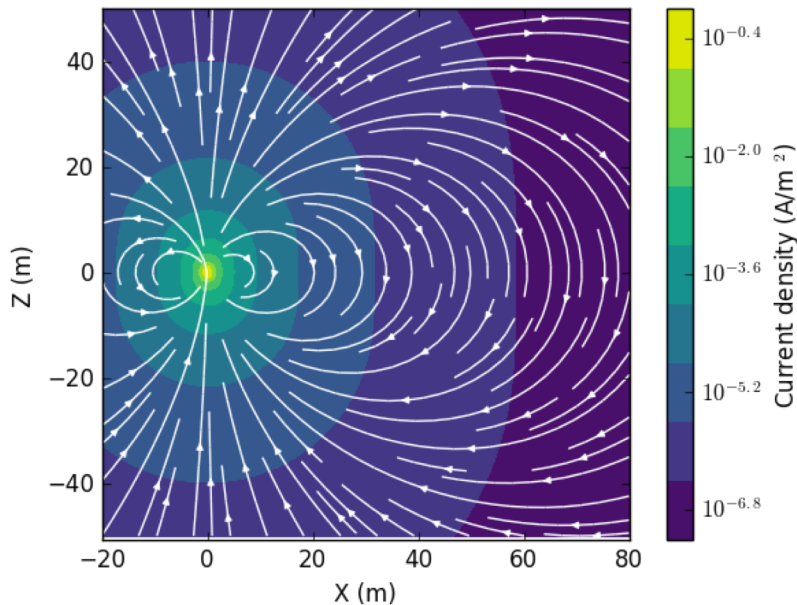


Electric Dipole in a whole space

- Electric dipole in a whole space
 - DC, 0.01 S/m



DC current density

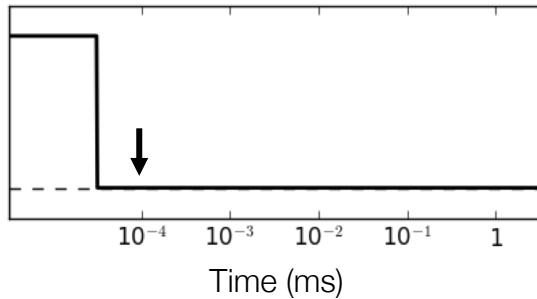


$$\mathbf{E}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m} \right)$$

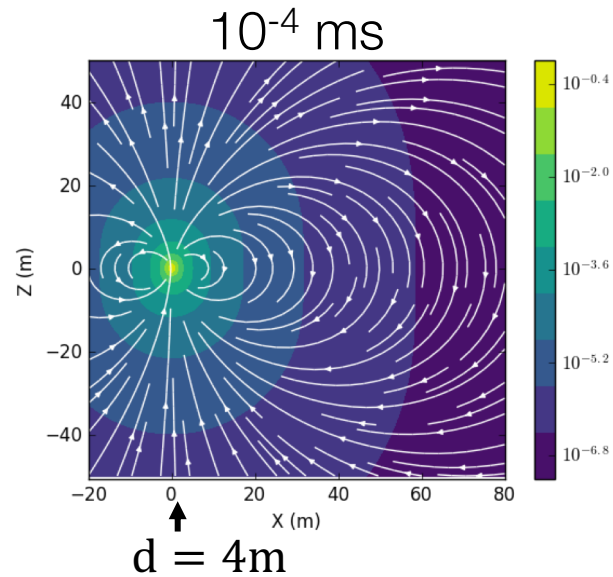
$$\mathbf{J}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m} \right)$$

- Geometric decay: $1/r^3$
- Current path is geometric for homogeneous earth
- Electric field is dependent upon σ

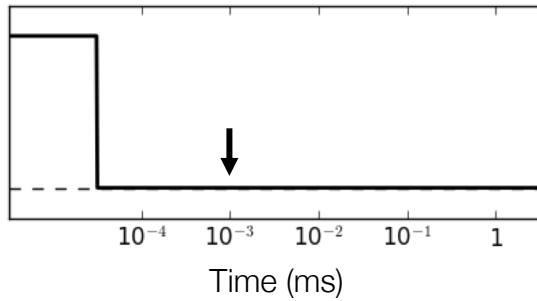
Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM



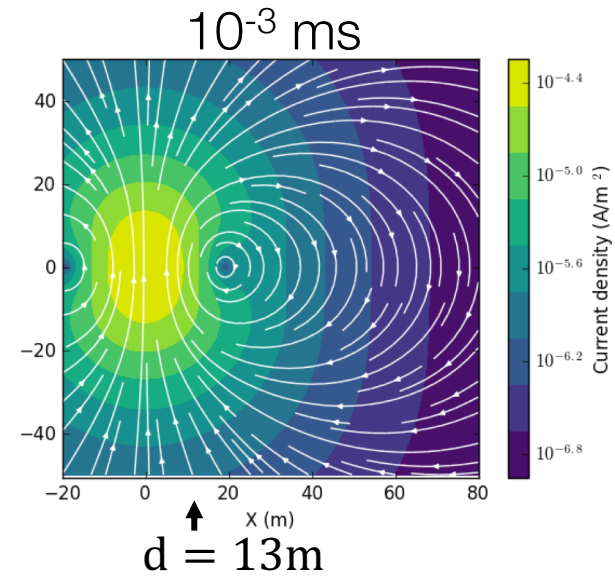
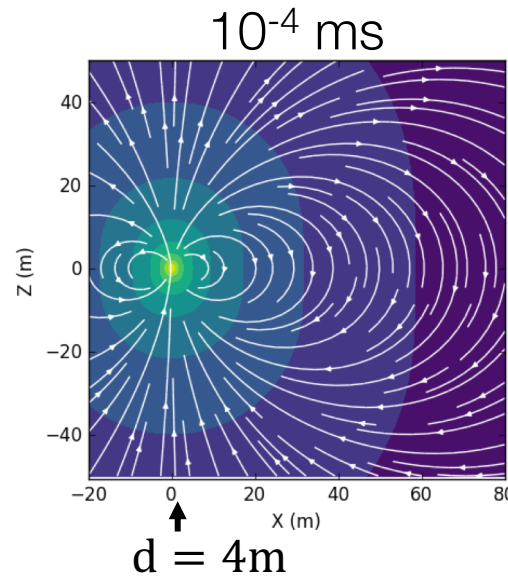
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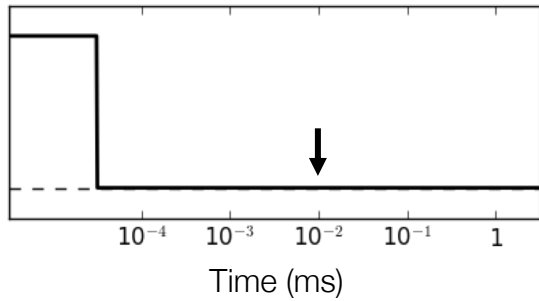
Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM



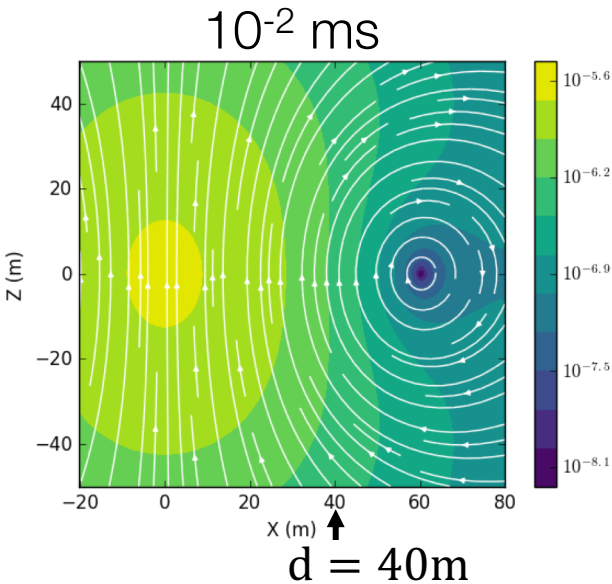
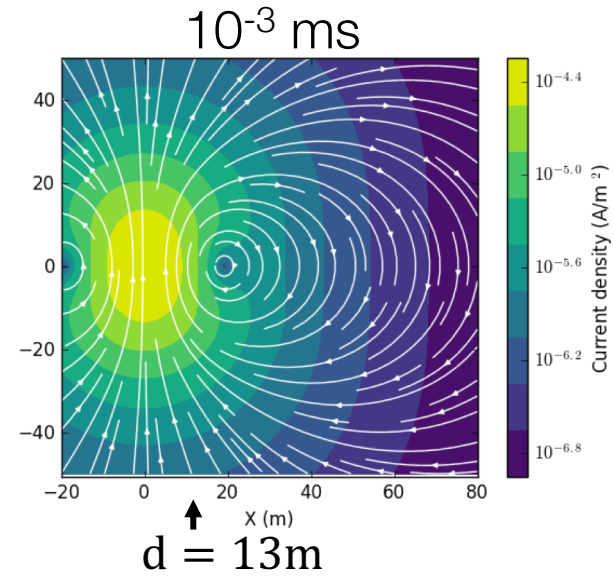
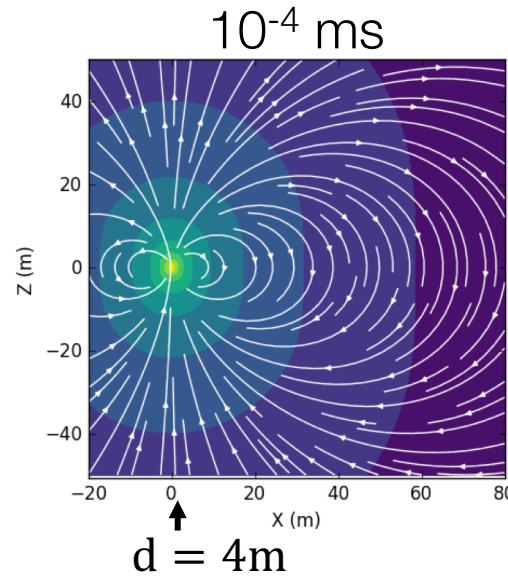
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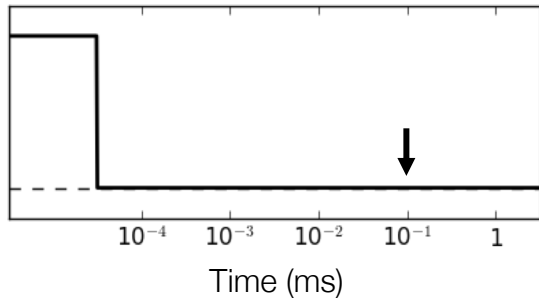
Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM



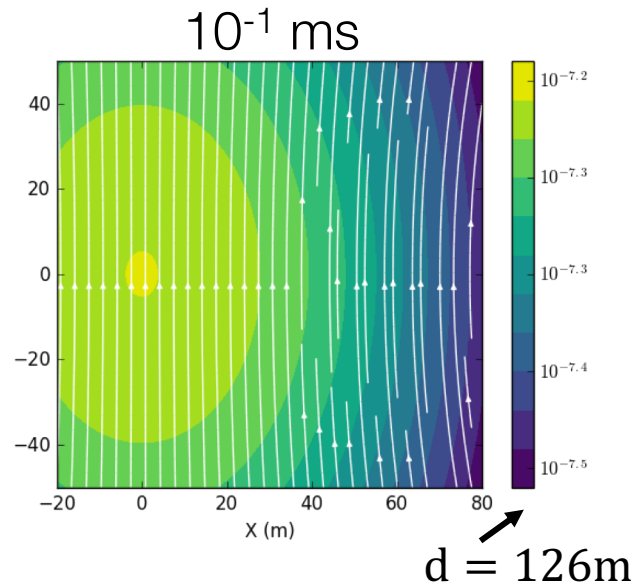
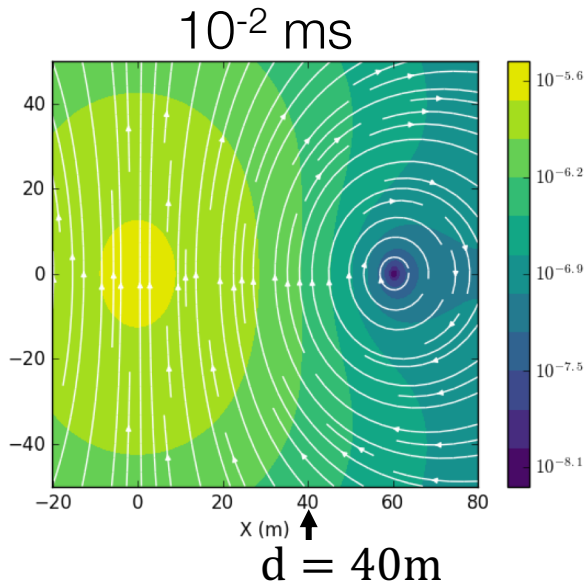
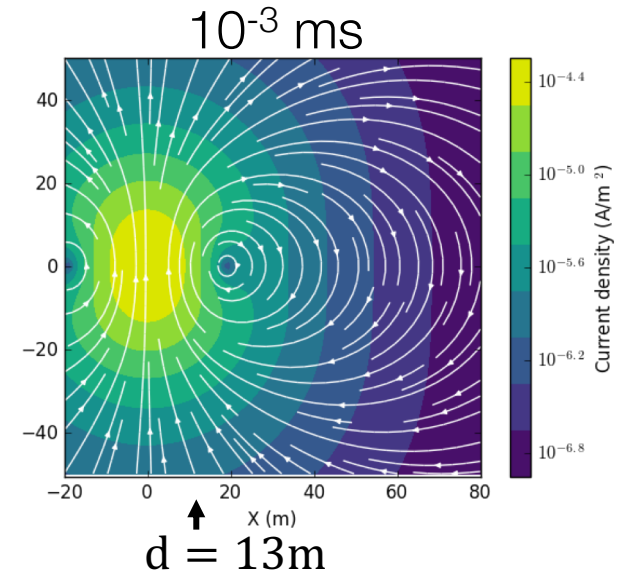
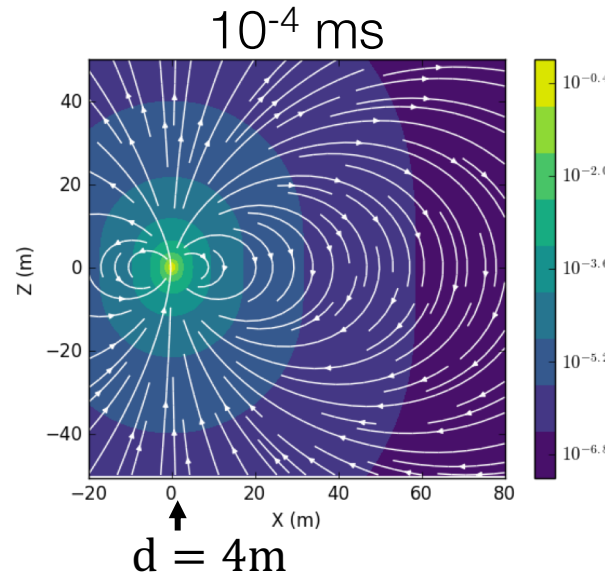
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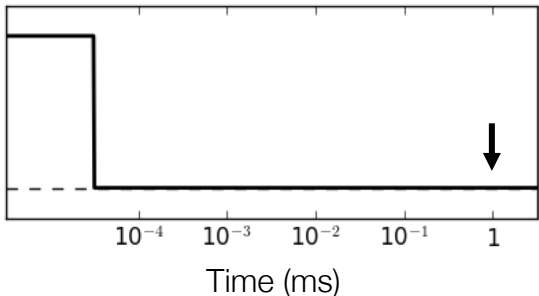
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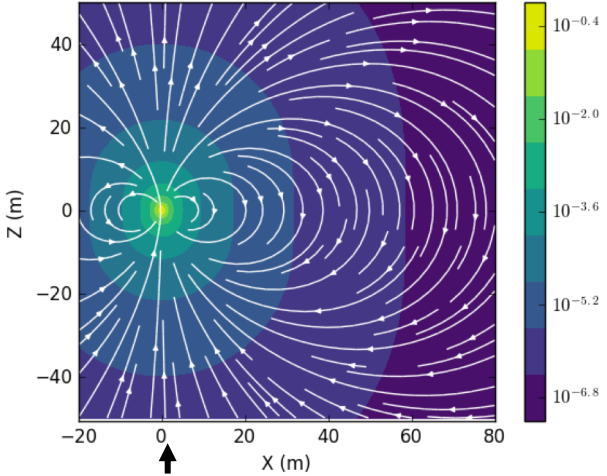
Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM



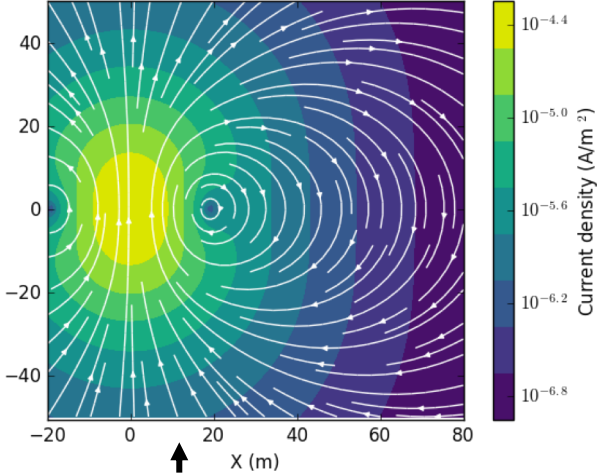
Diffusion distance

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

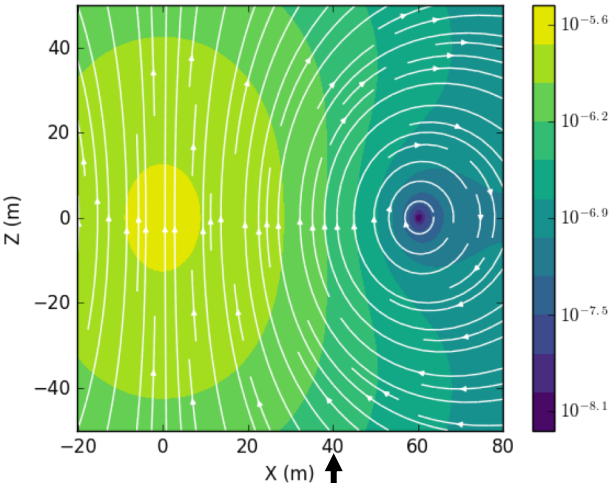
10^{-4} ms



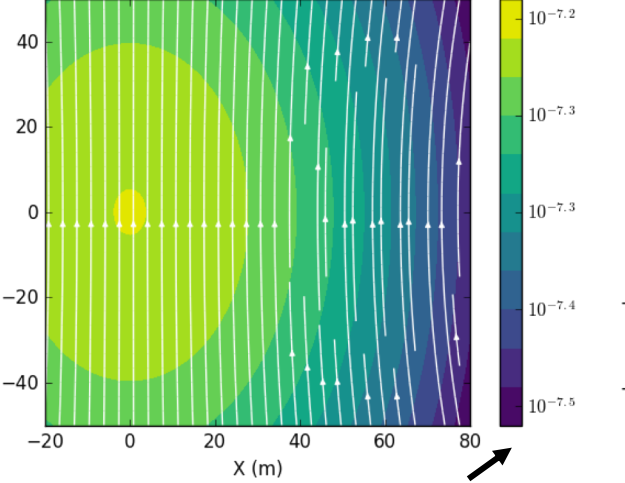
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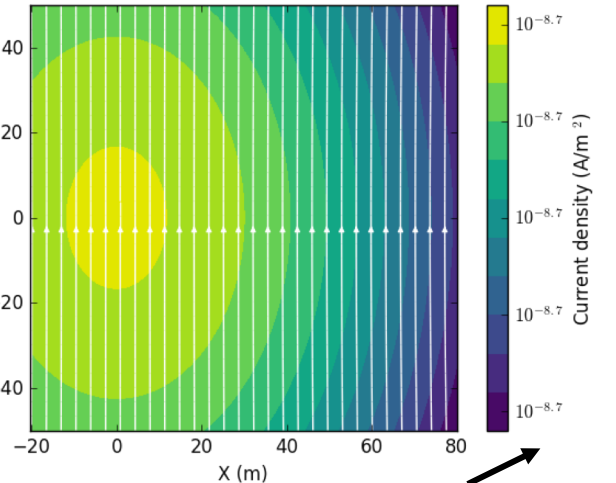
10^{-2} ms



10^{-1} ms

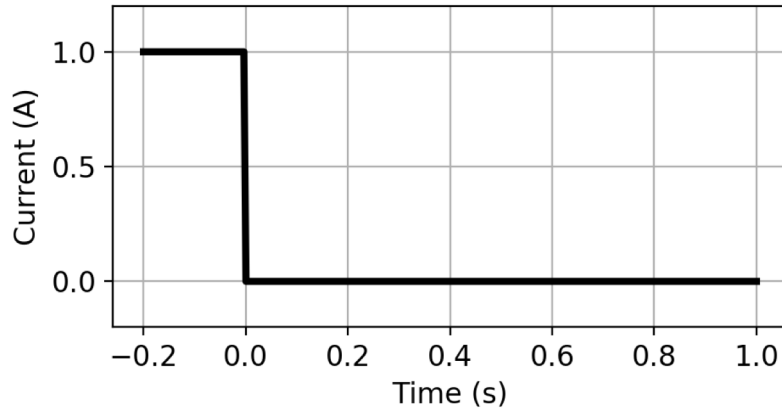


1 ms



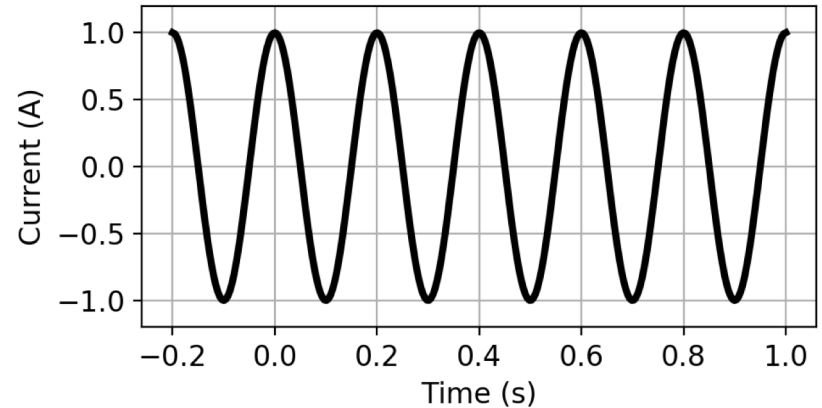
TDEM vs. FDEM

Step-off



- Waveform: Shut off
- No primary
- Measure in “Off-time”

Harmonic



- Waveform: harmonic
- Primary always on
- Data partitioned into
 - Real (In-phase)
 - Imag (Quadrature)

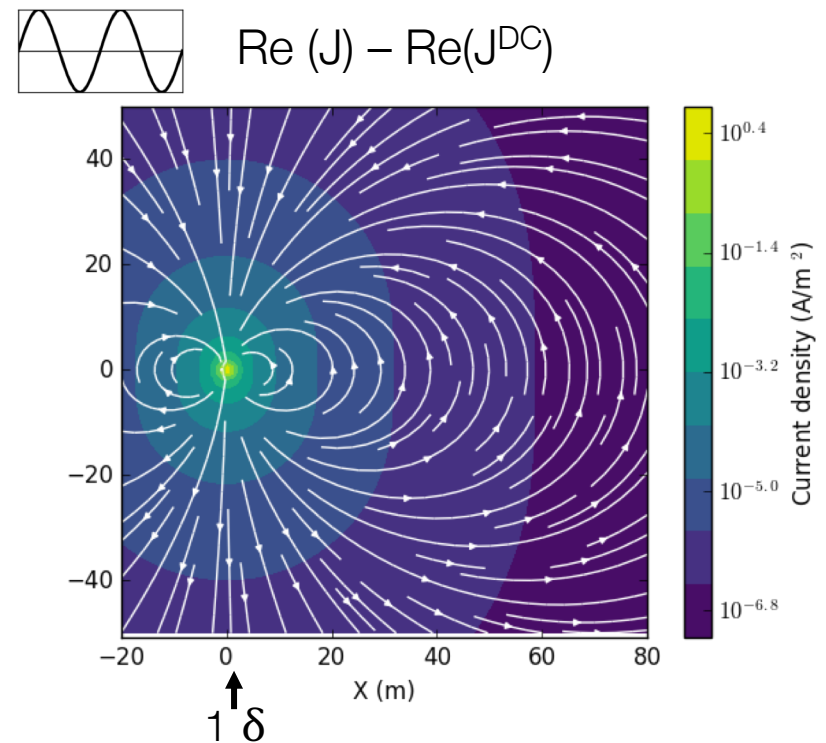
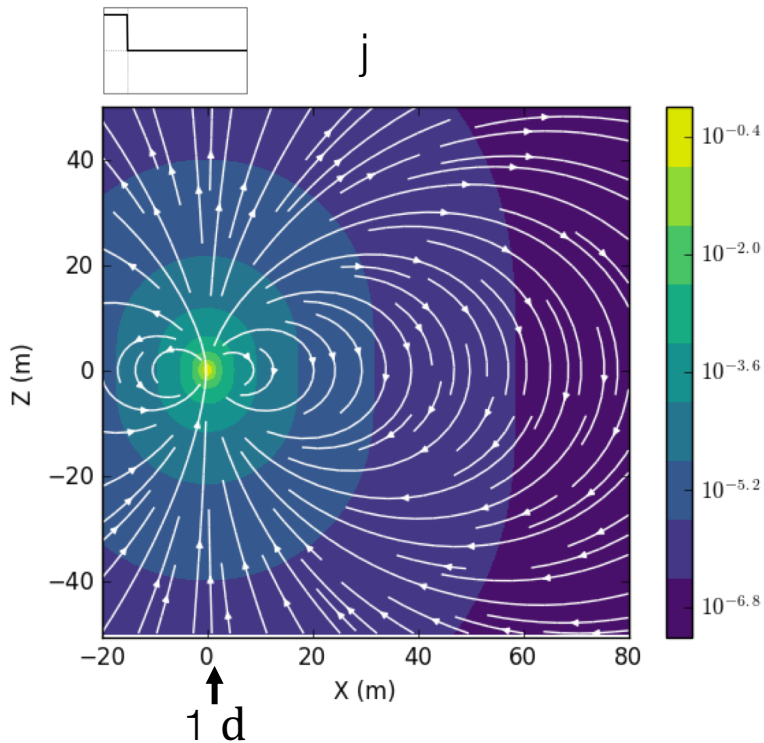
Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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

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

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

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



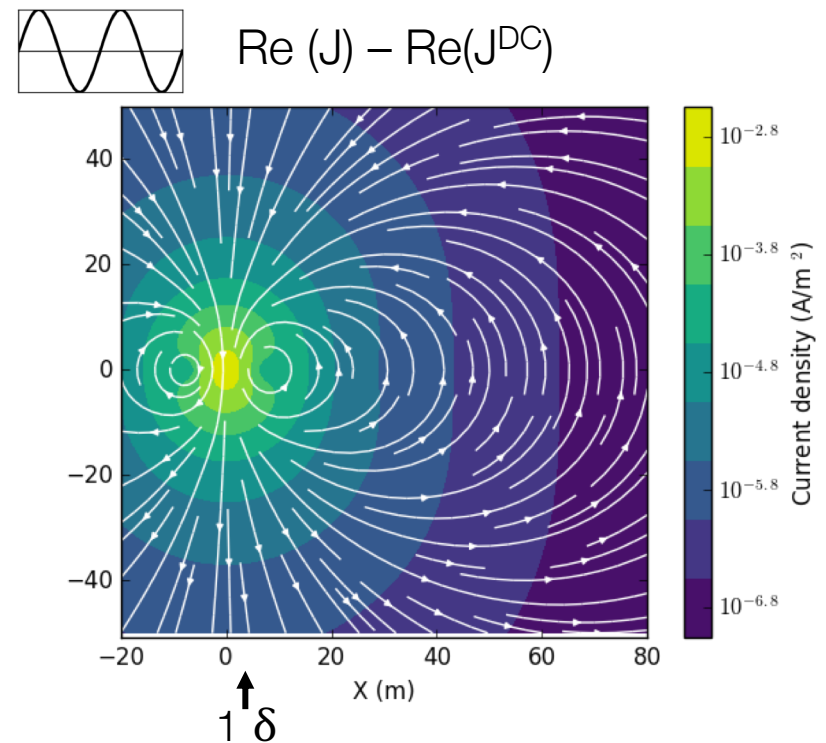
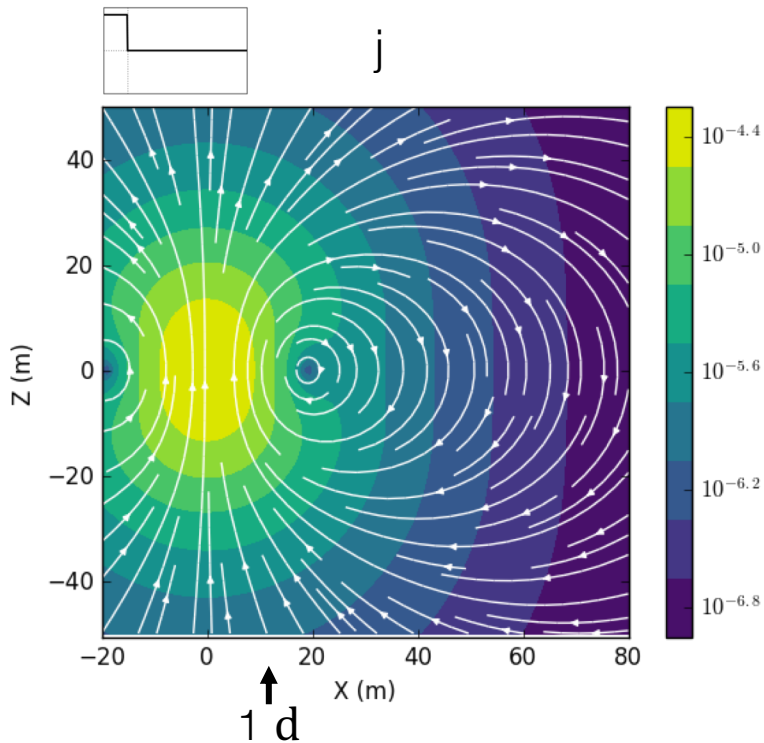
Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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

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

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

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



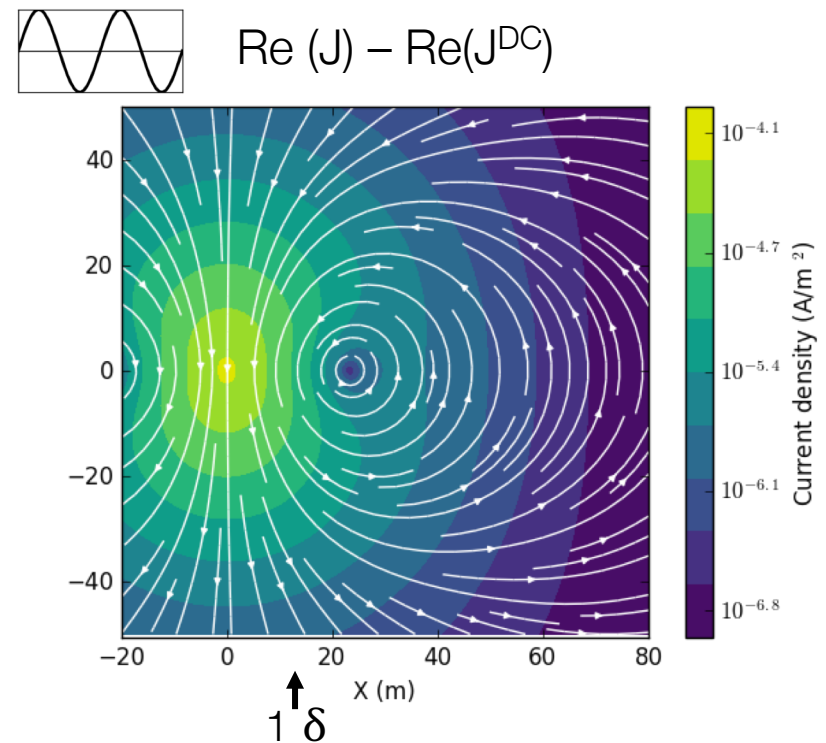
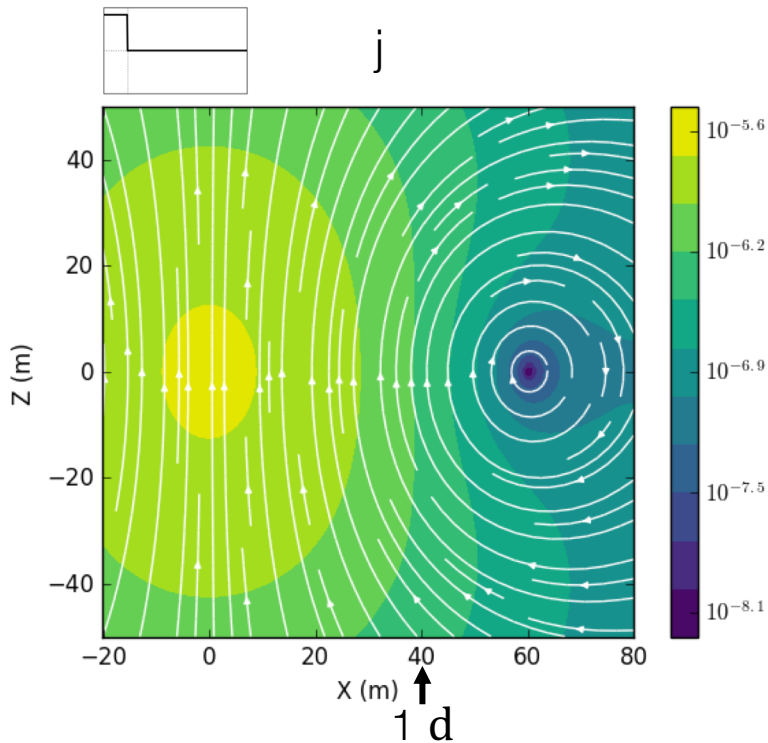
Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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

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

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

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



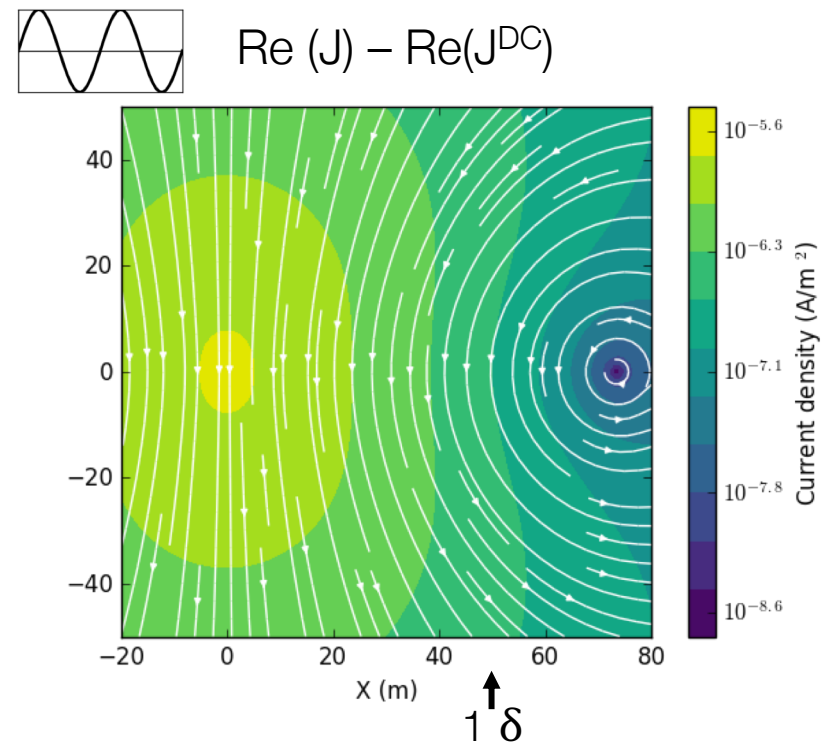
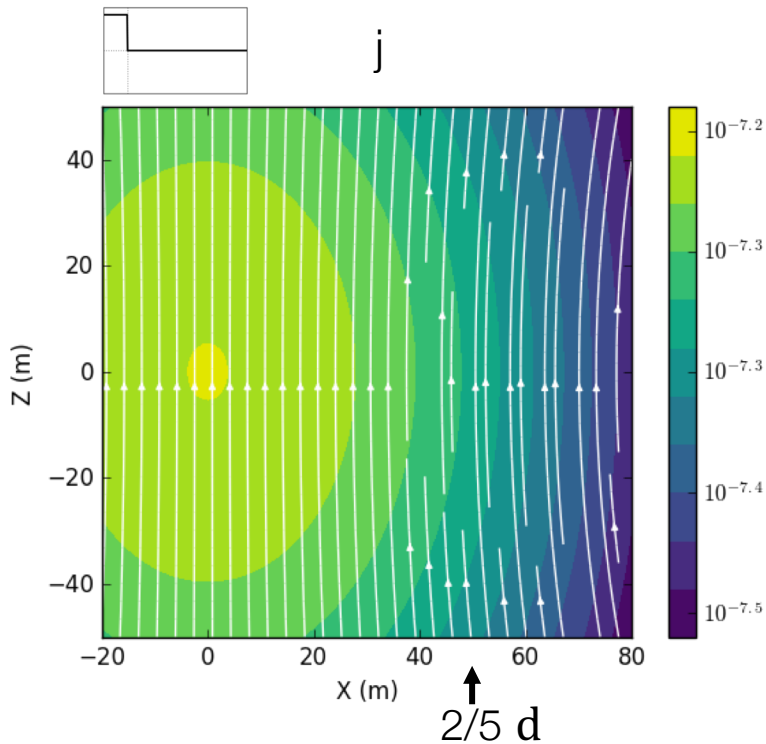
Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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

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

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

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



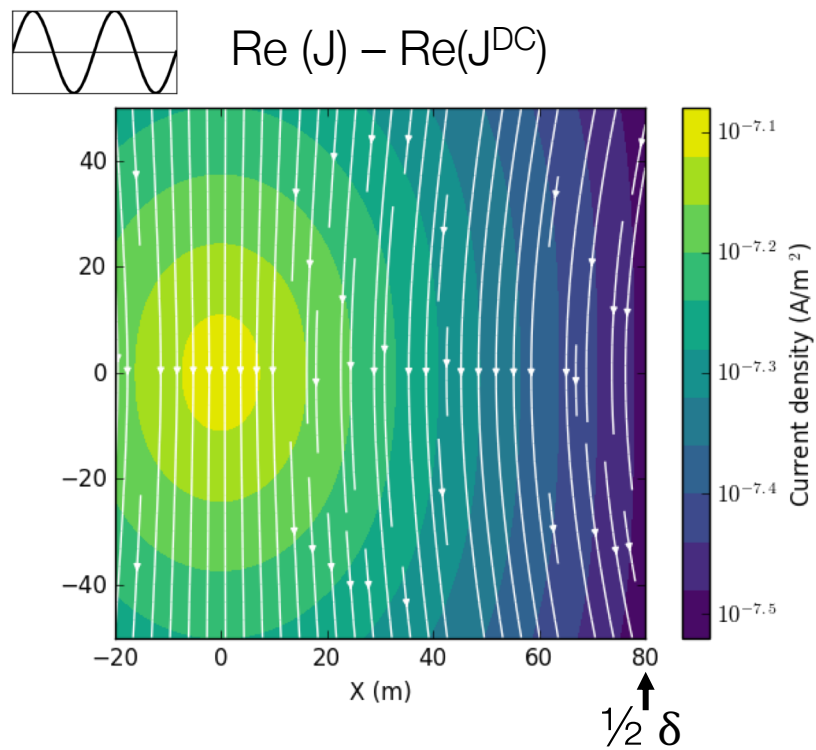
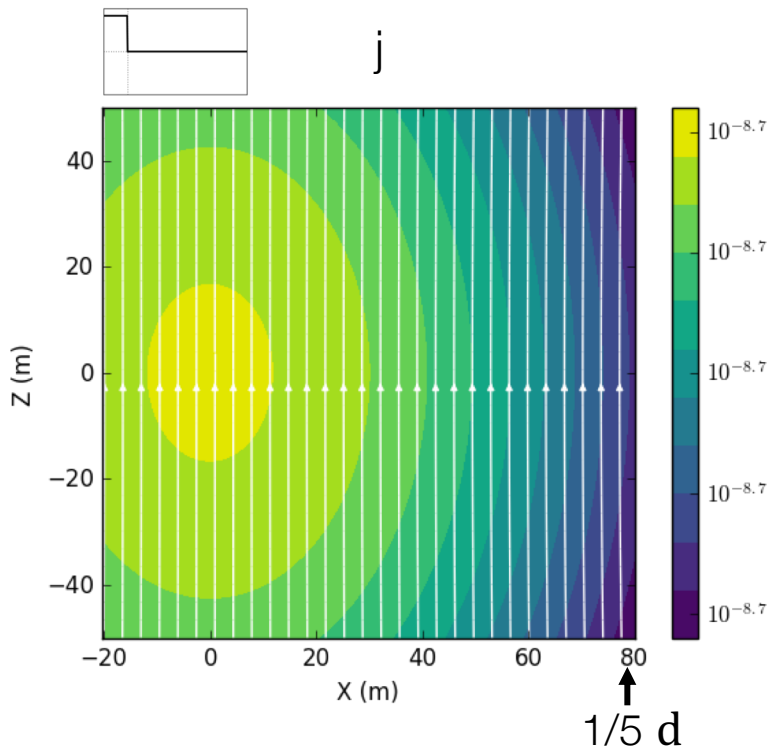
Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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

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

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

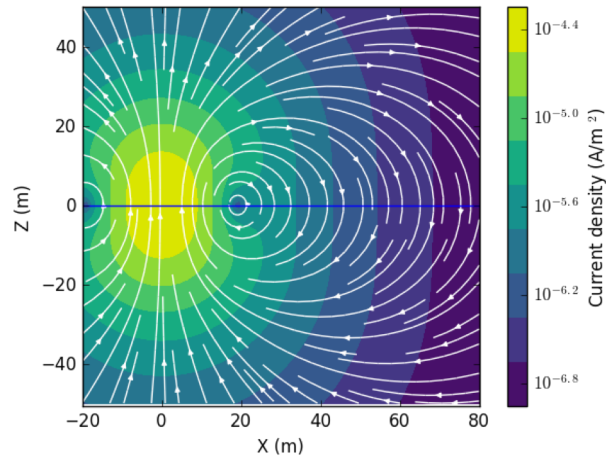
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



Summary: Dipole in a whole space

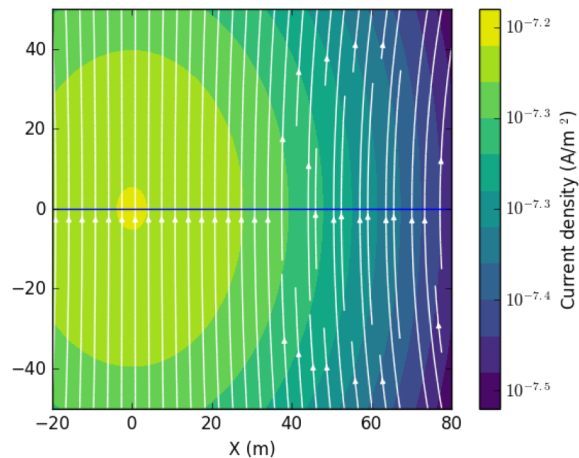
Currents diffuse into the earth

Early time
High frequency



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

Late time
Low frequency



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

Bipole Sources

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

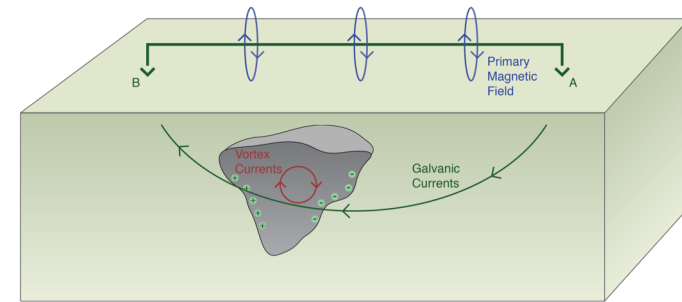


- Crooked line (horse shoe)



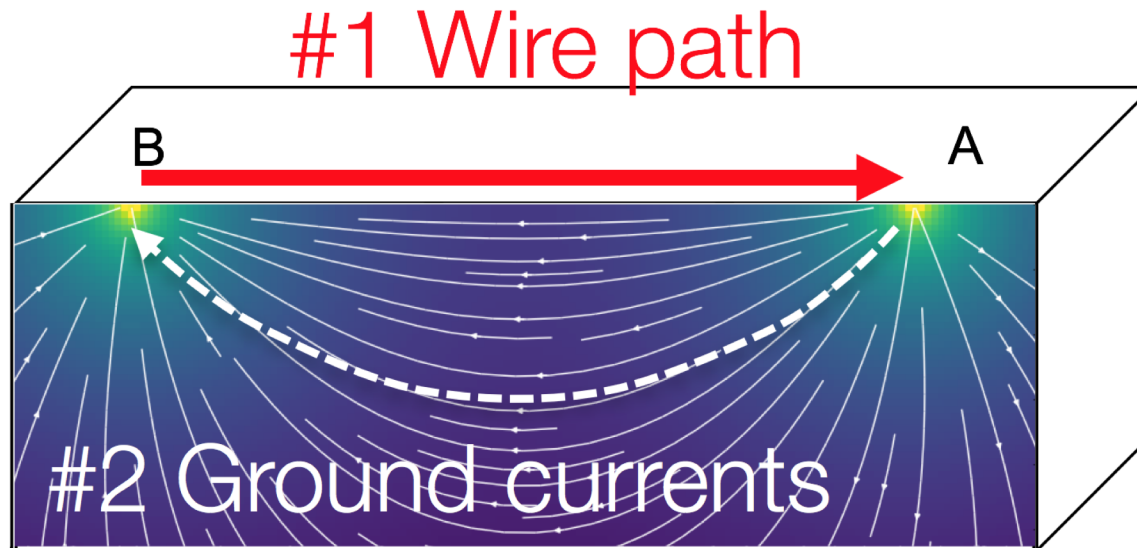
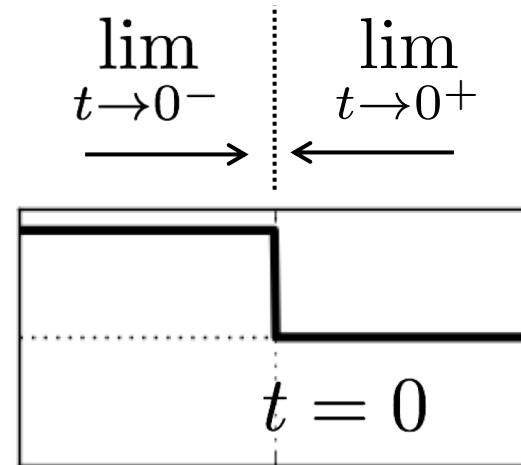
Grounded Sources: On the surface

- 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



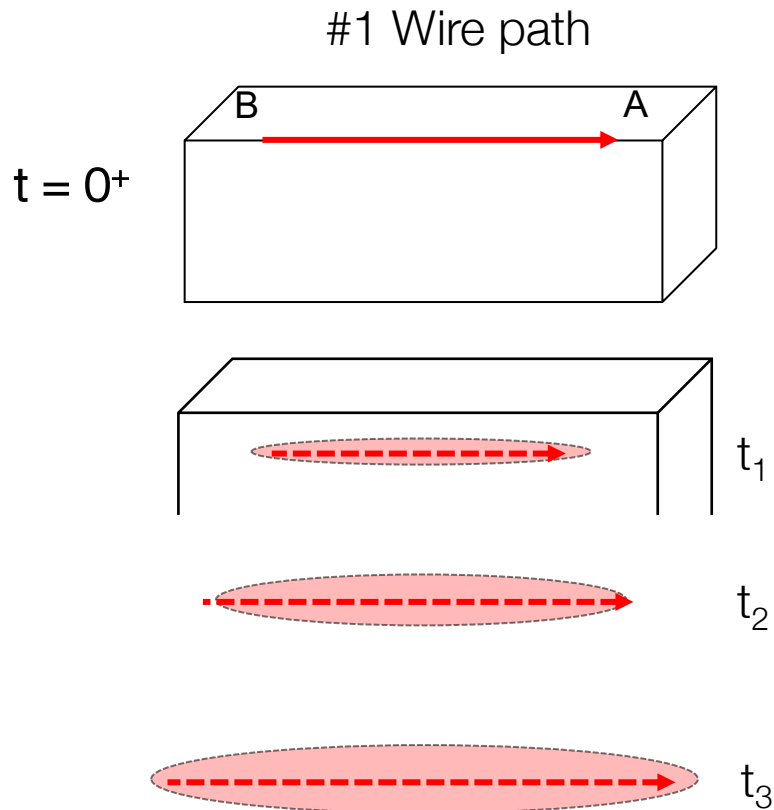
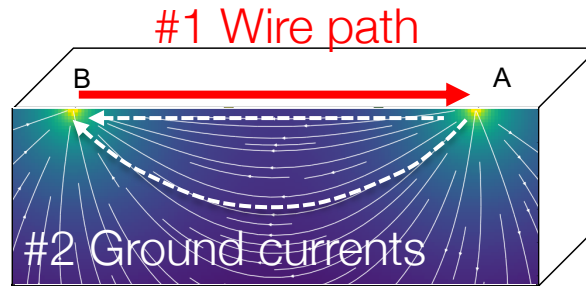
Currents: Grounded System

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



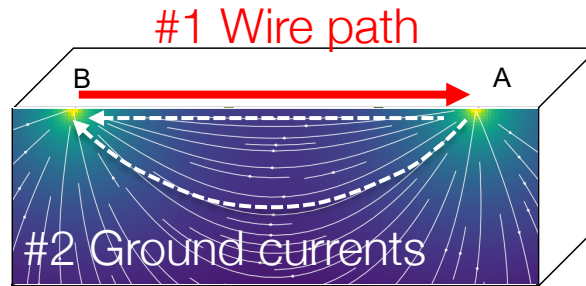
What happens when we shut the system off?

Currents: Grounded System

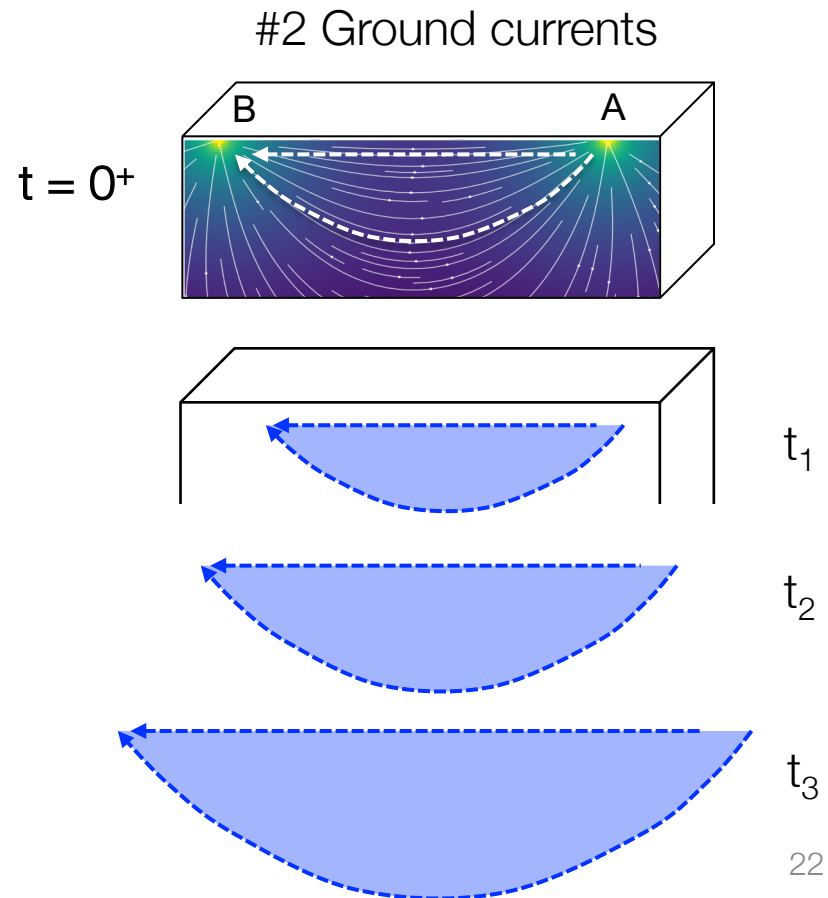


- Immediately after shut off: image current at the surface
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards

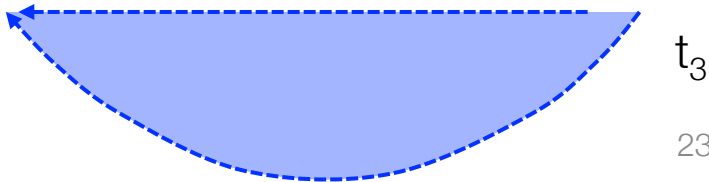
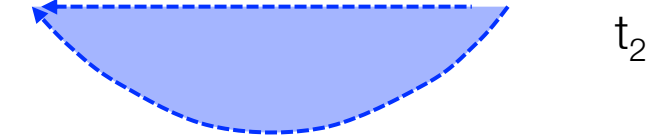
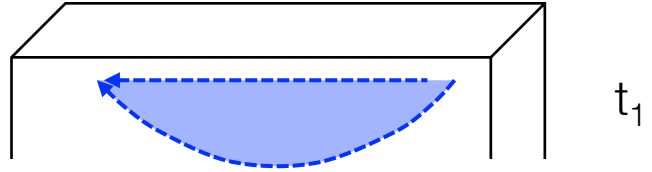
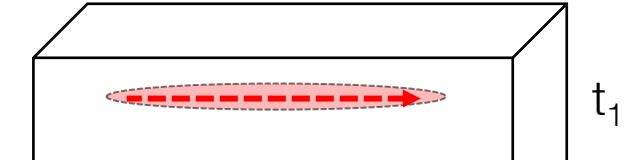
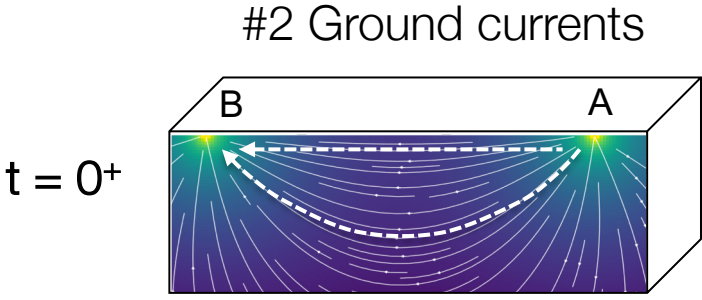
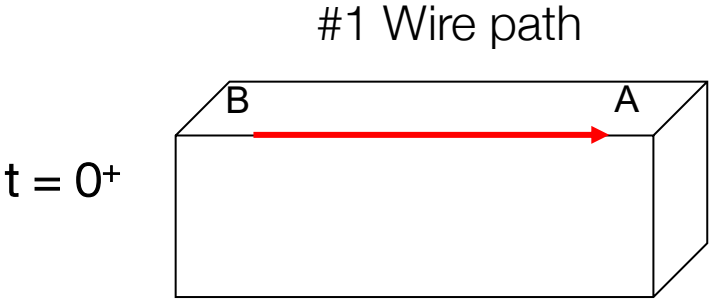
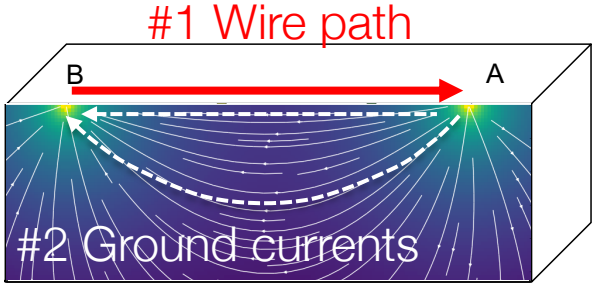
Currents: Grounded System



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

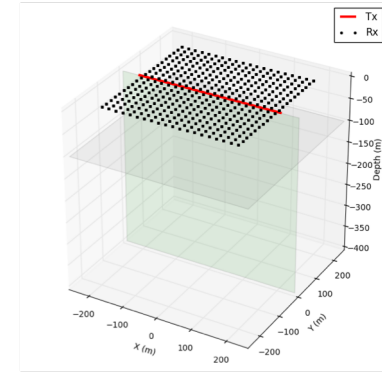


Currents: Grounded System

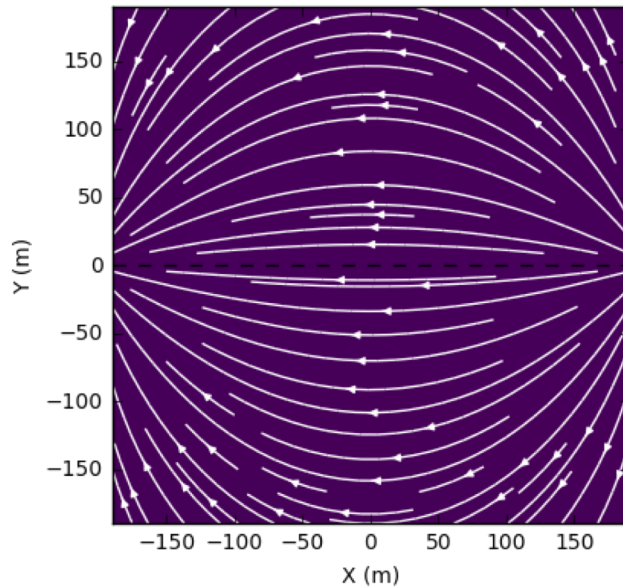


Grounded Source: Halfspace Currents

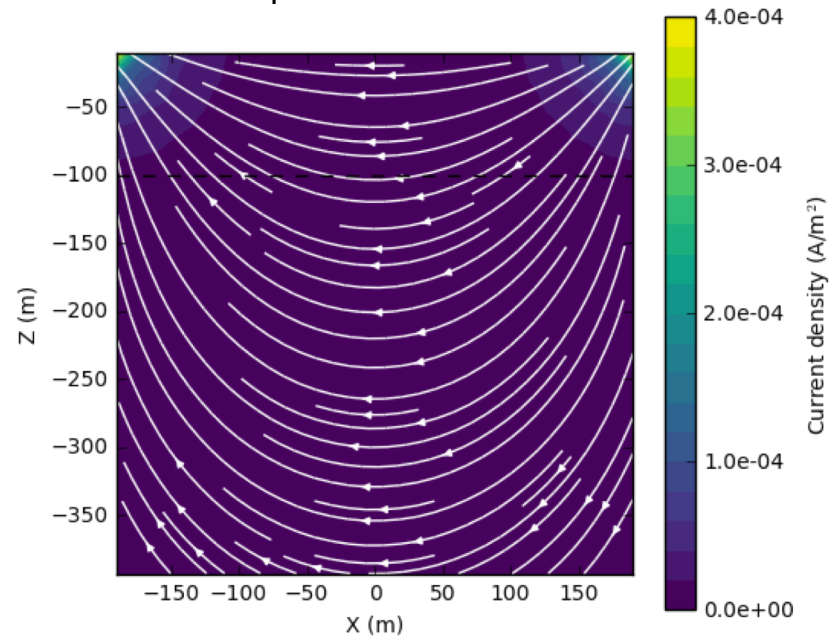
- Parameters:
 - halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - $t=0^-$, steady state



XY plane at Z=-100 m

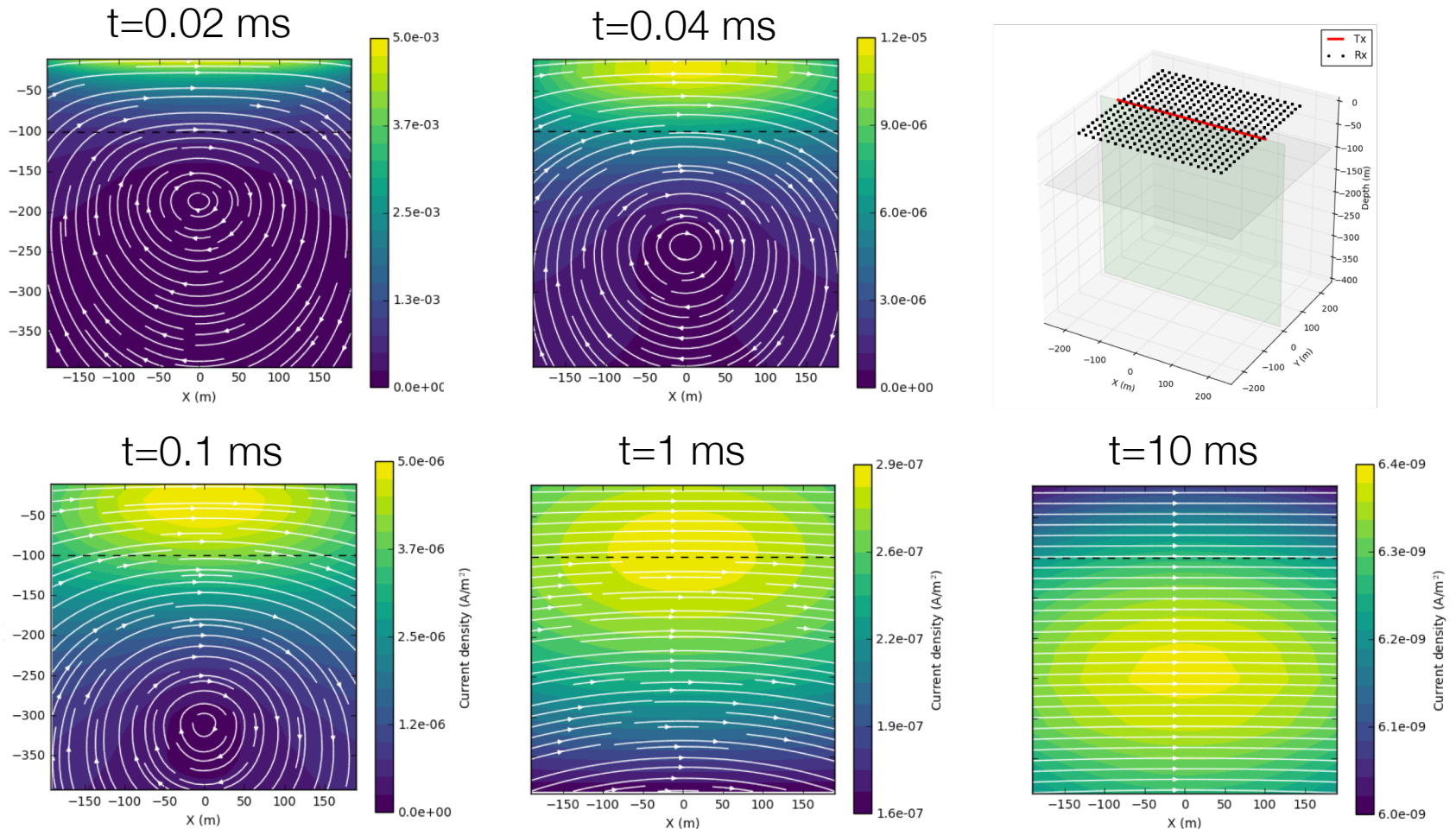


XZ plane at Y=0 m



Grounded Source: Halfspace currents

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

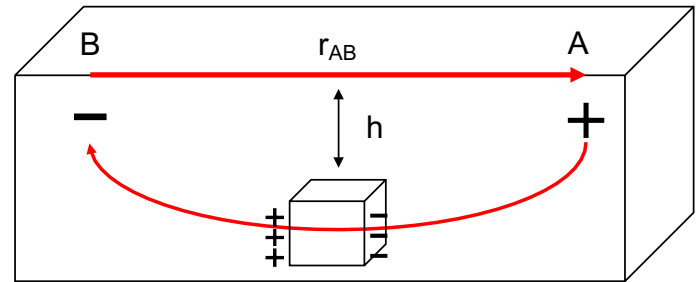


Grounded sources: with a target

- Block in a halfspace

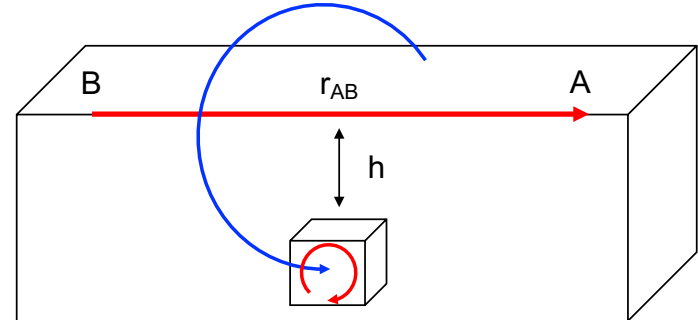
- DC

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



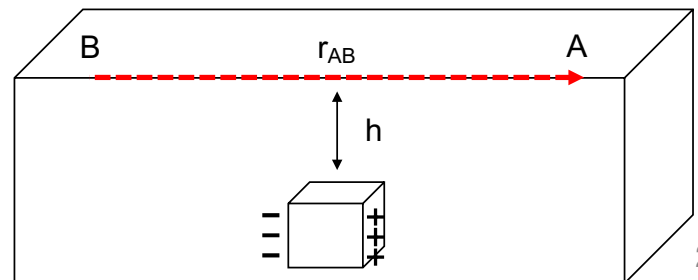
- Vortex currents

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



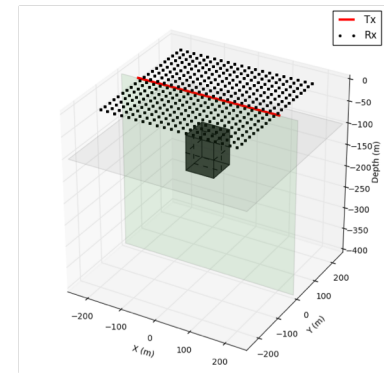
- Galvanic currents

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

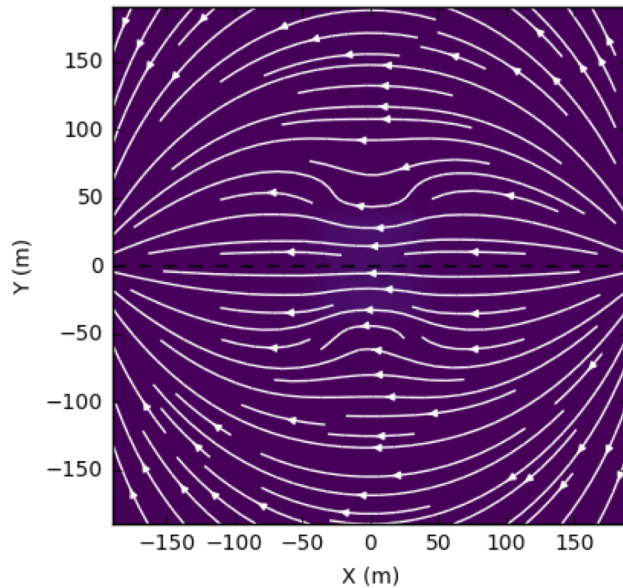


Conductor: currents

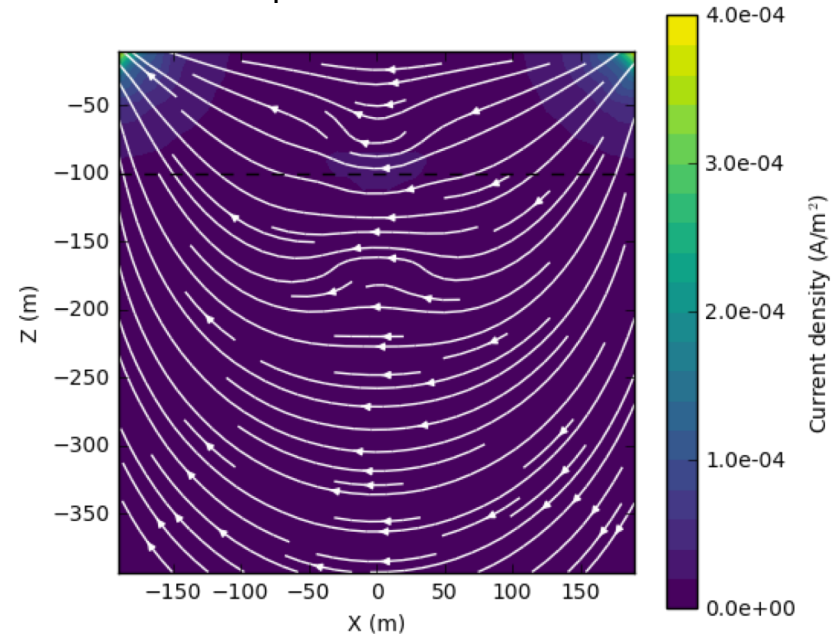
- Grounded wire
 - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - $t=0^-$, steady state



XY plane at Z=-100 m

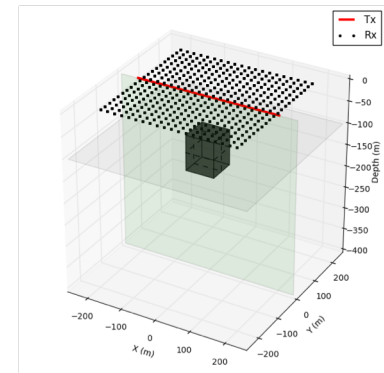


XZ plane at Y=0 m

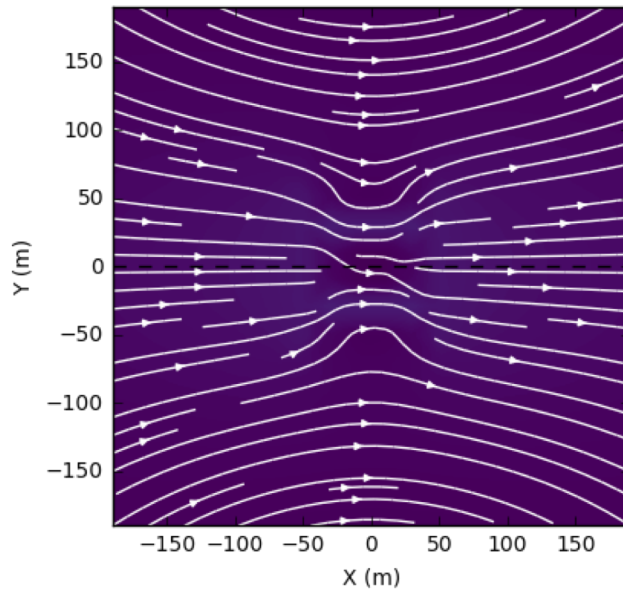


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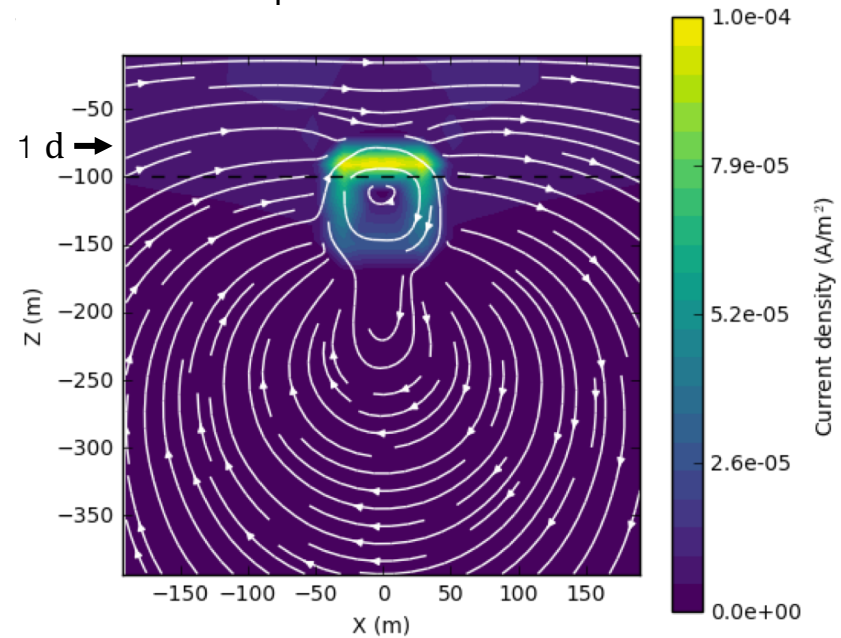
- Grounded wire
 - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - 0.04 ms, $d = 80$ m



XY plane at $Z = -100$ m

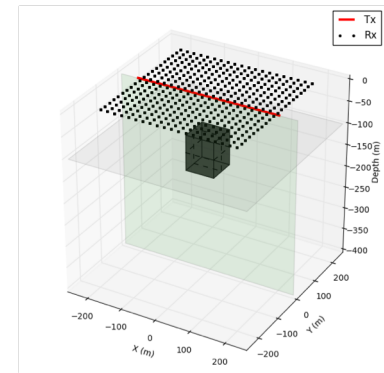


XZ plane at $Y = 0$ m

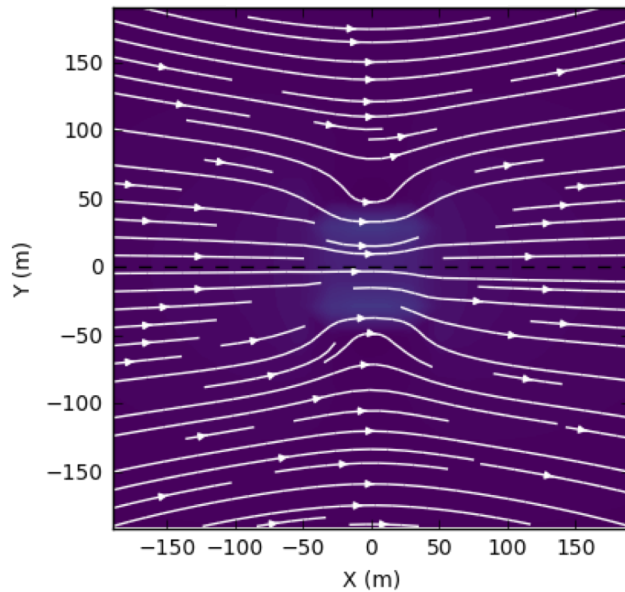


Conductor: currents

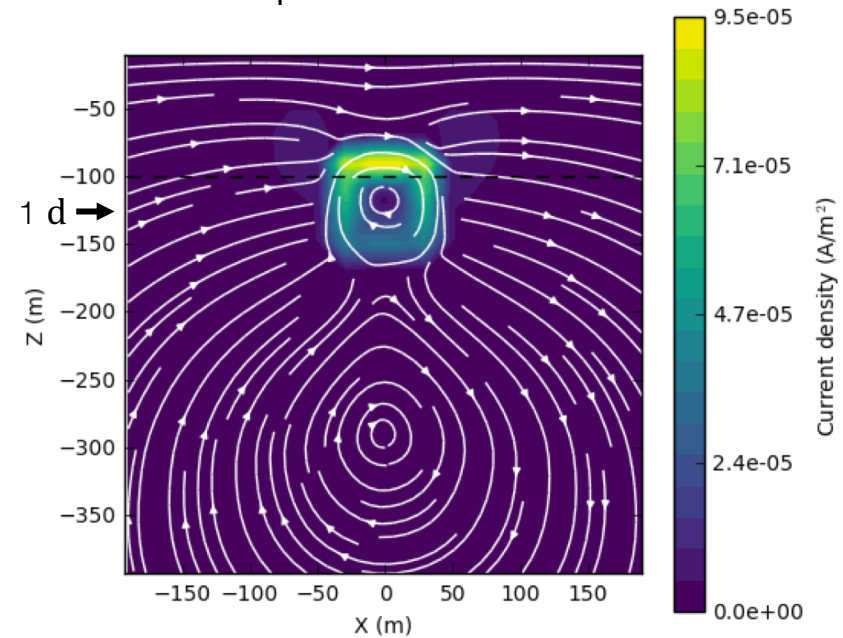
- Grounded wire
 - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - 0.1 ms, $d = 126$ m



XY plane at $Z=-100$ m

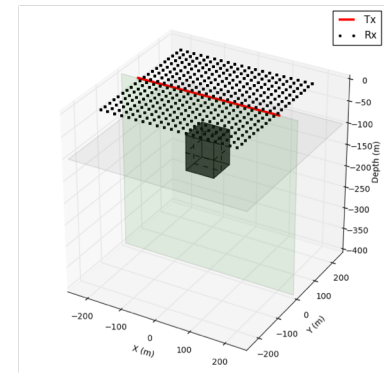


XZ plane at $Y=0$ m

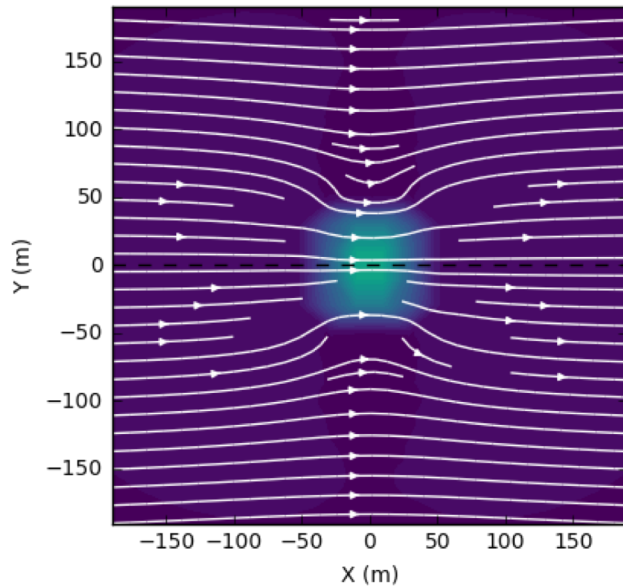


Conductor: currents

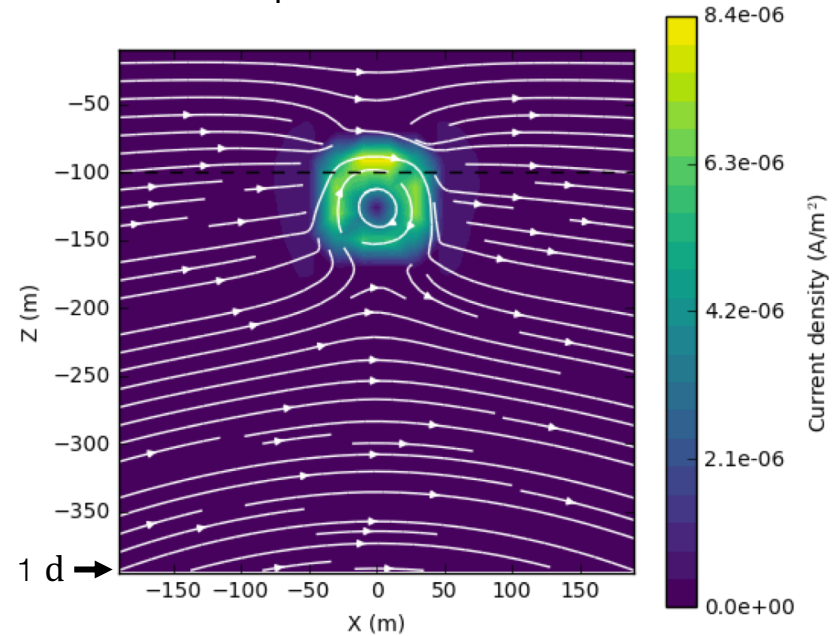
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 - A conductor (1 S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - 1 ms, $d = 400$ m



XY plane at $Z = -100$ m

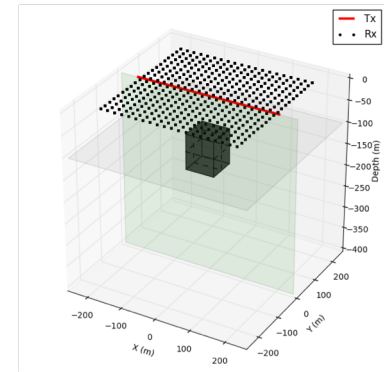


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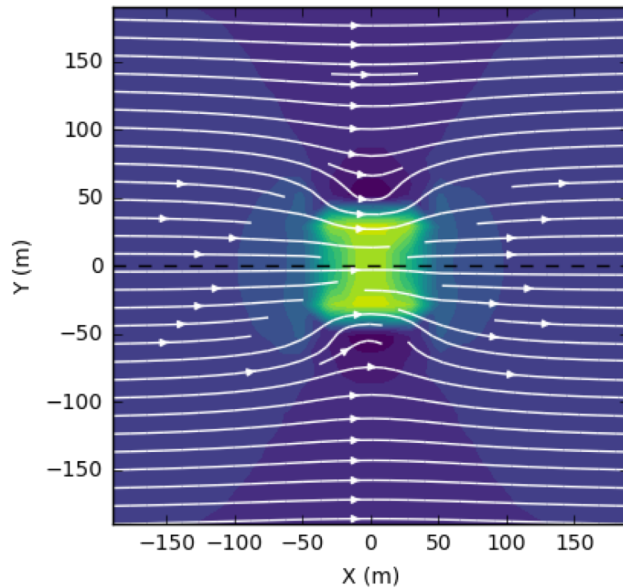


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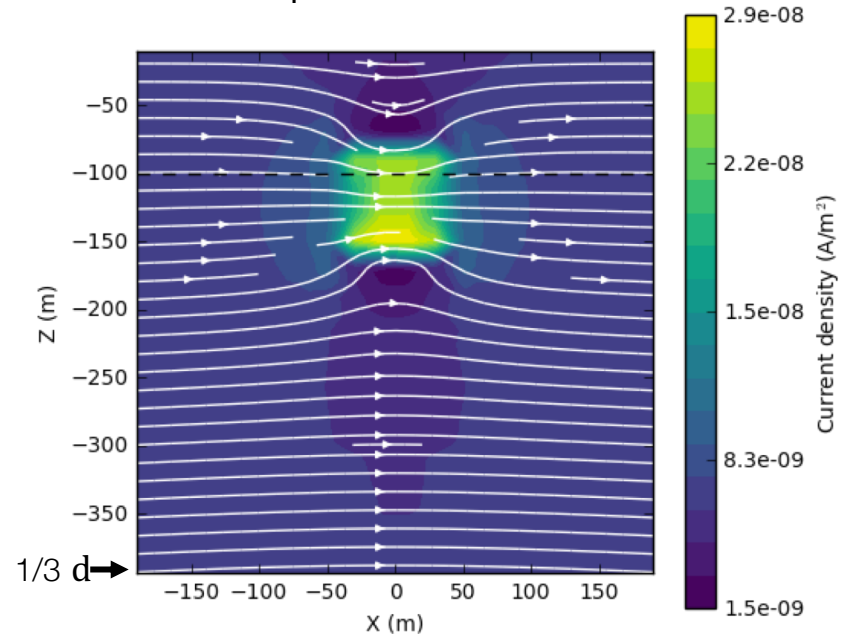
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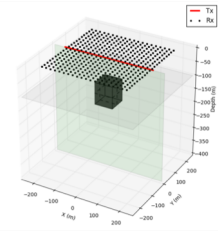
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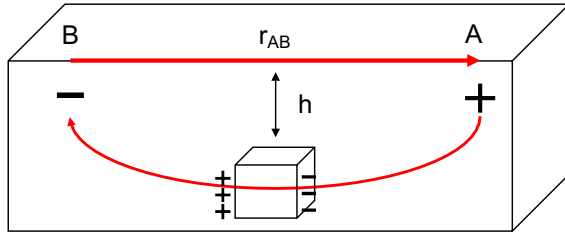
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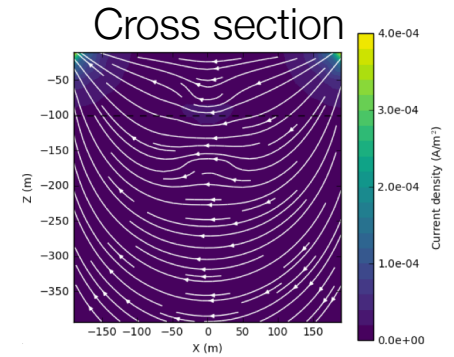
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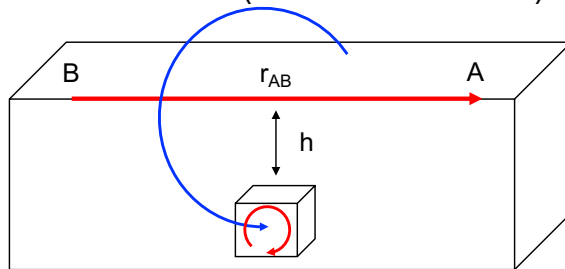
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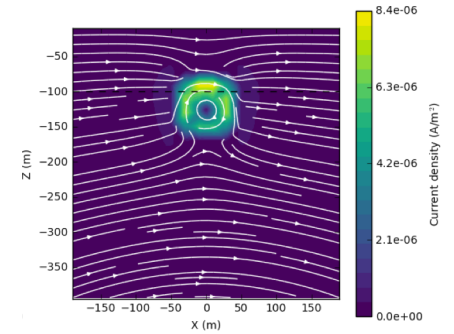
Galvanic current
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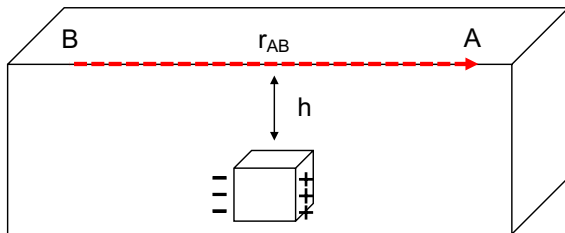
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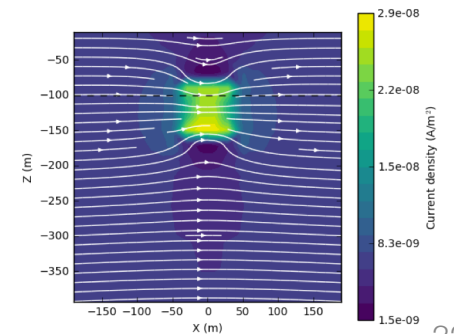
Vortex current
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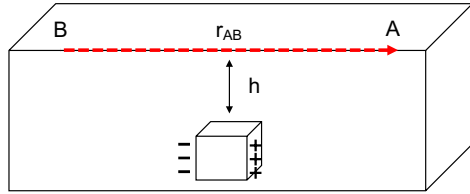
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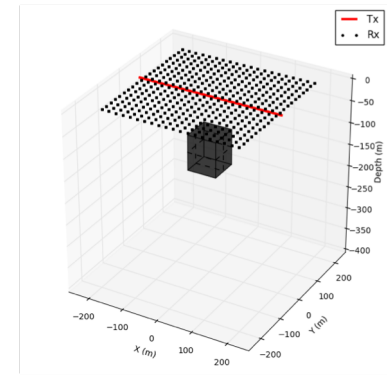
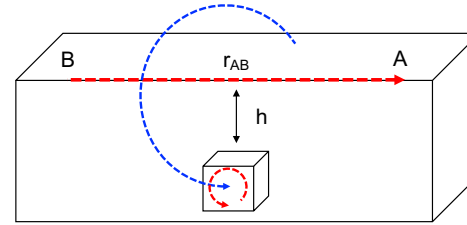
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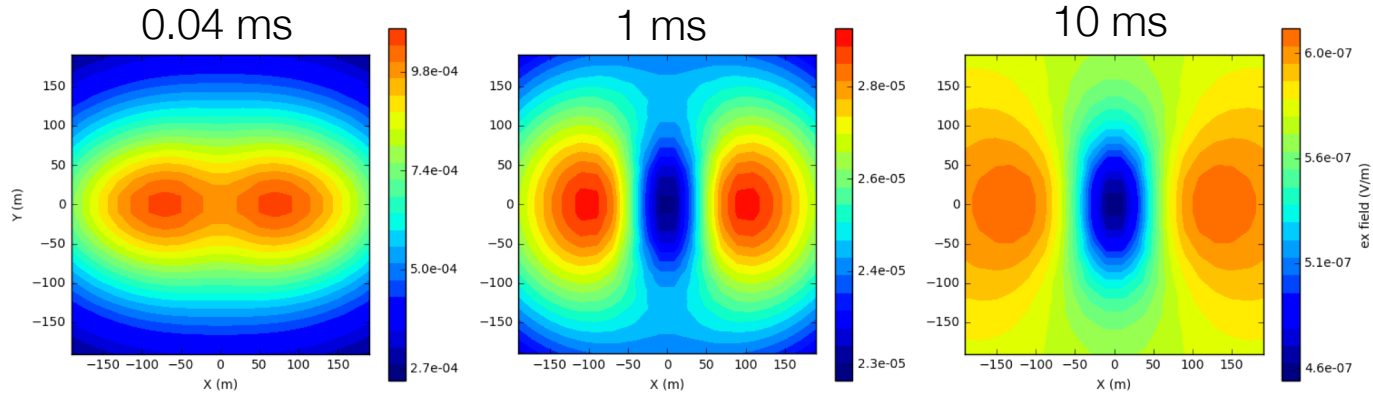
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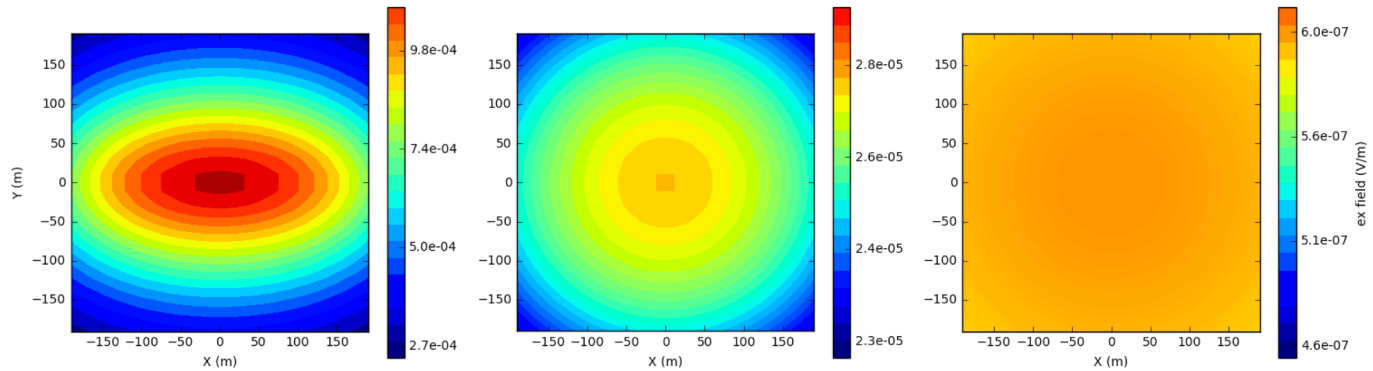
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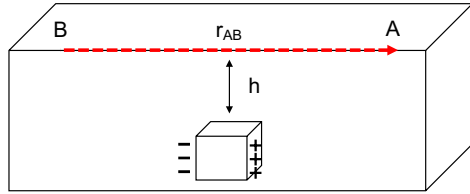
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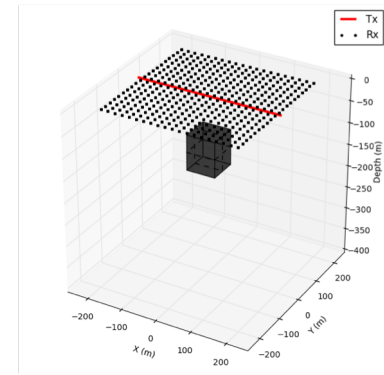
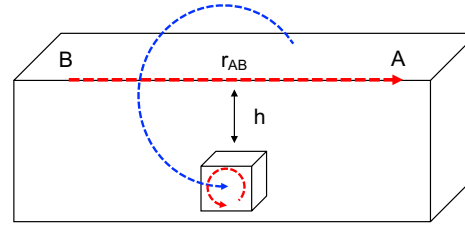
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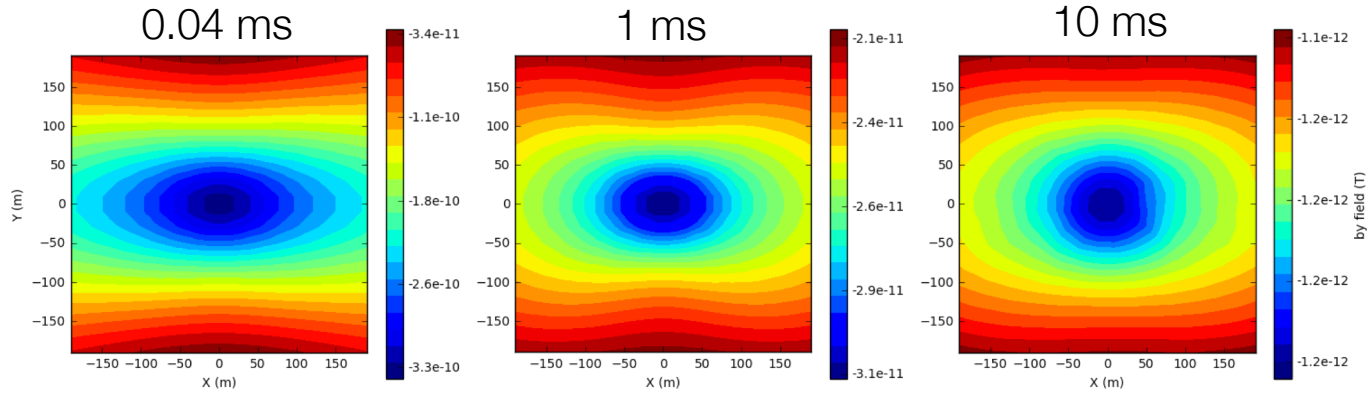
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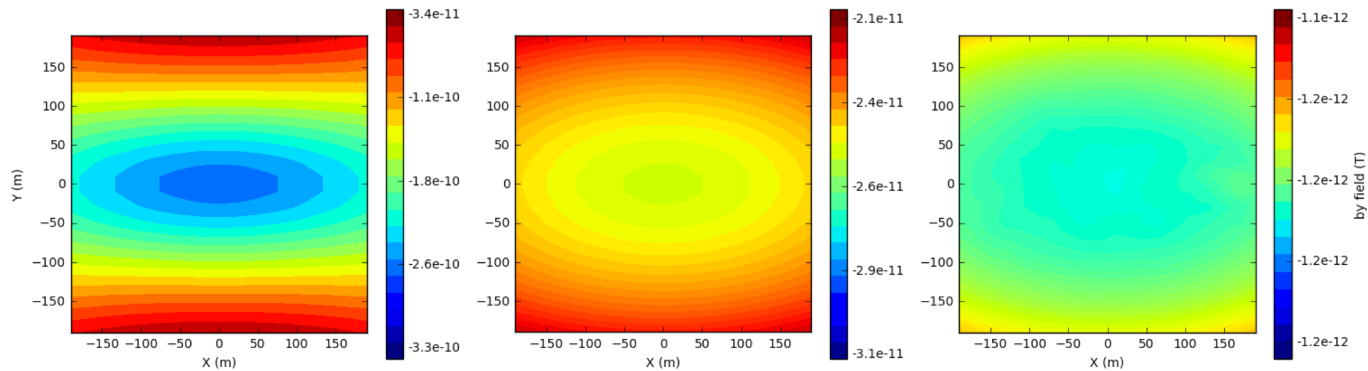
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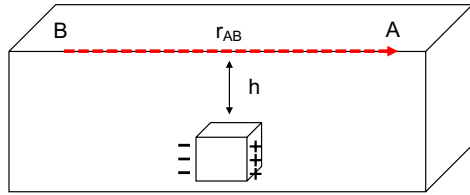
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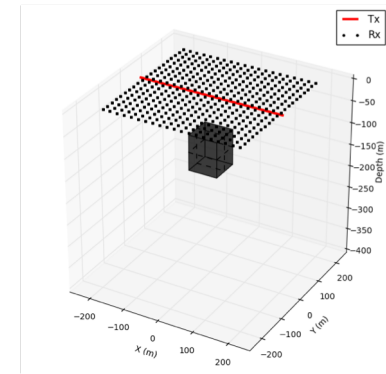
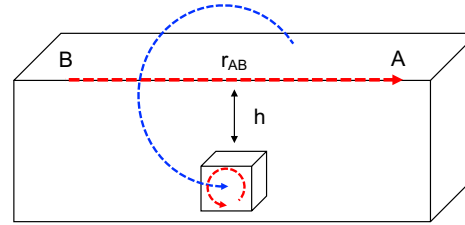
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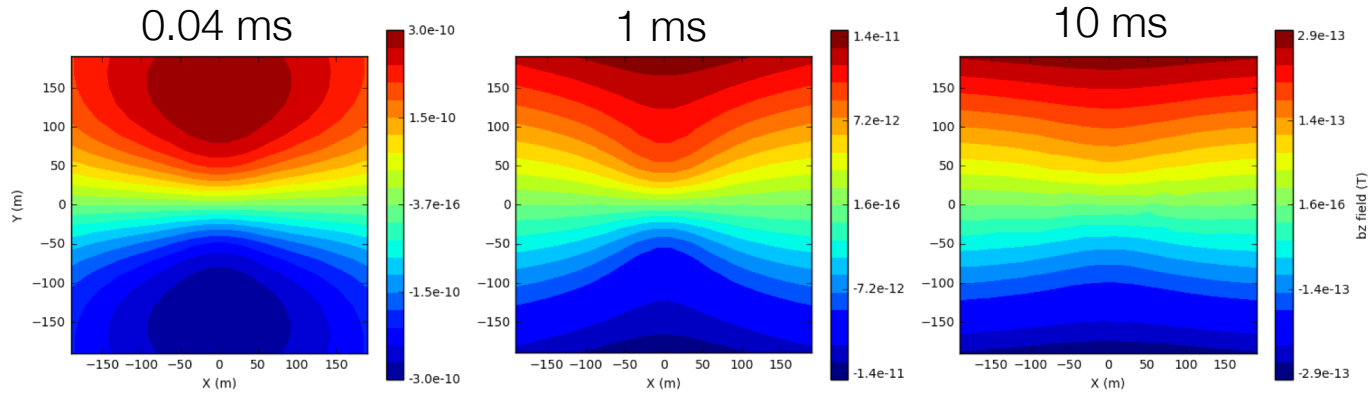
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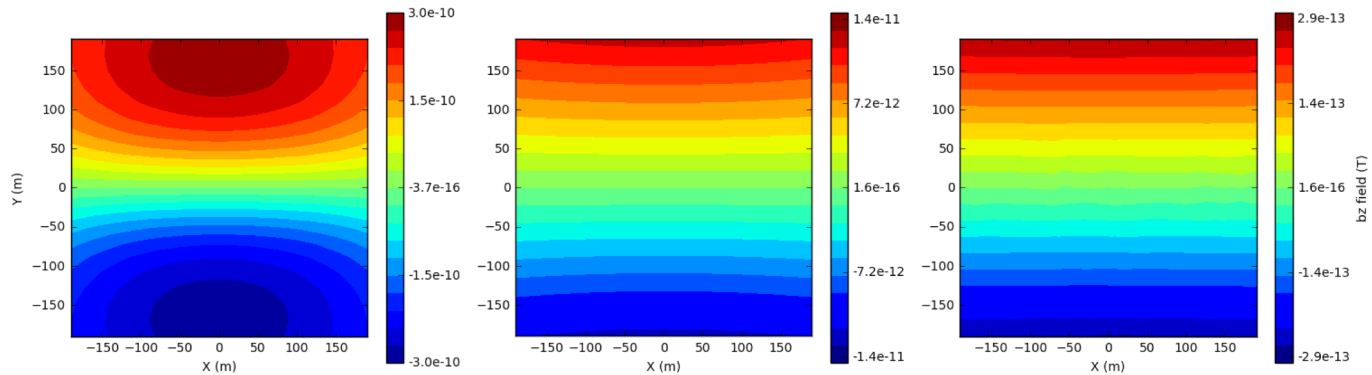
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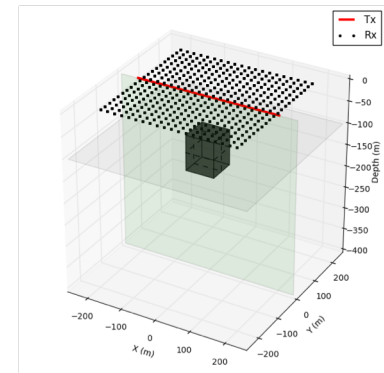


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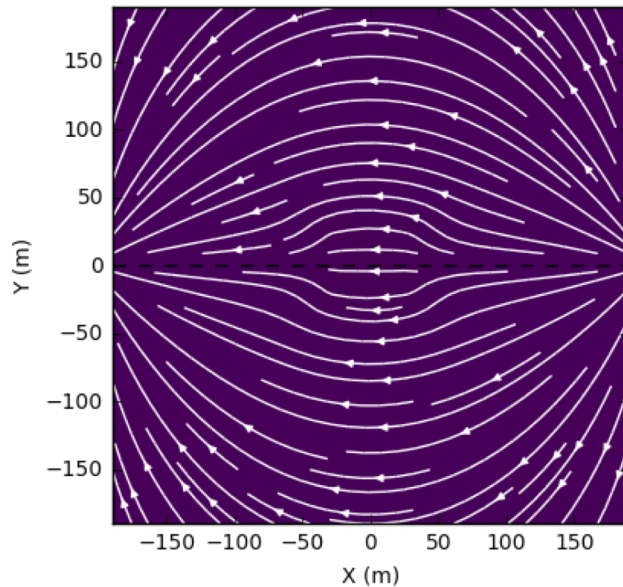


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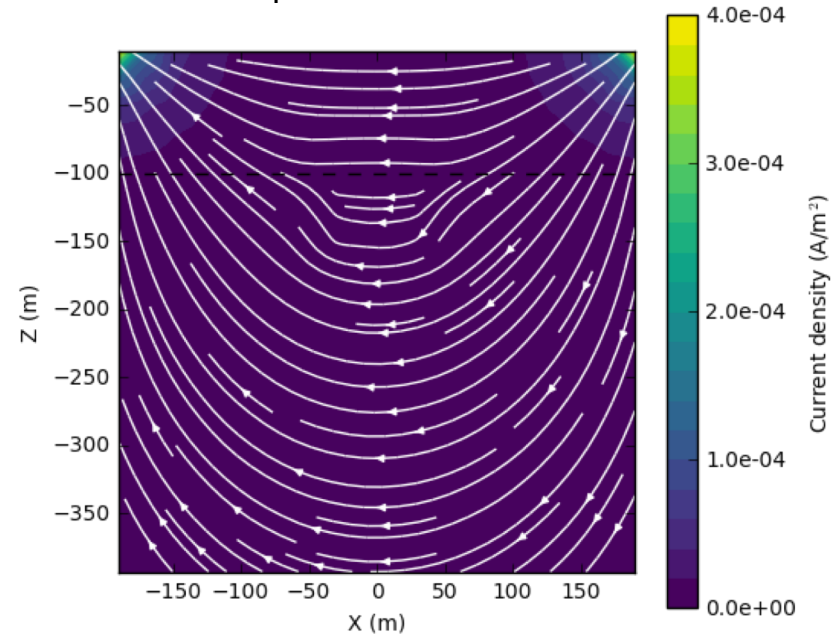
- Grounded wire
 - A resistor (10^{-4} S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - $t=0^-$, steady state



XY plane at $Z=-100$ m

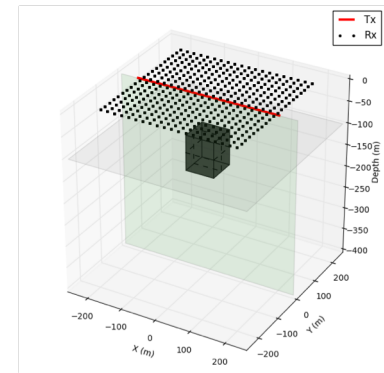


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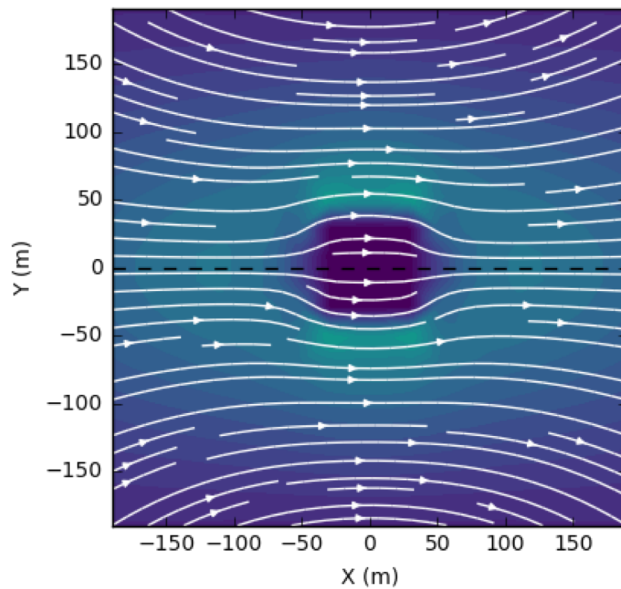


Resistor: currents

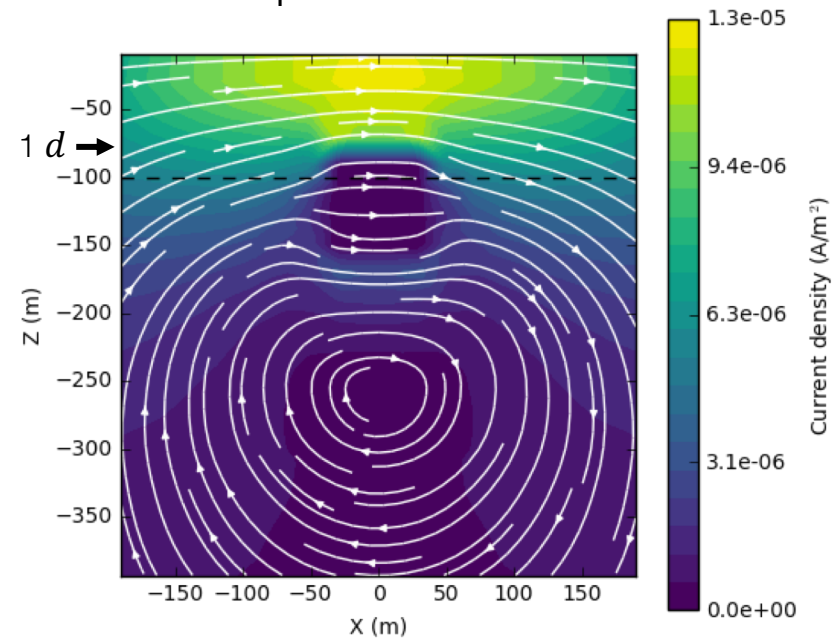
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 - 0.04 ms, $d = 80$ m



XY plane at $Z=-100$ m

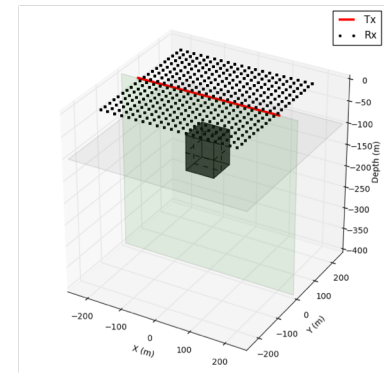


XZ plane at $Y=0$ m

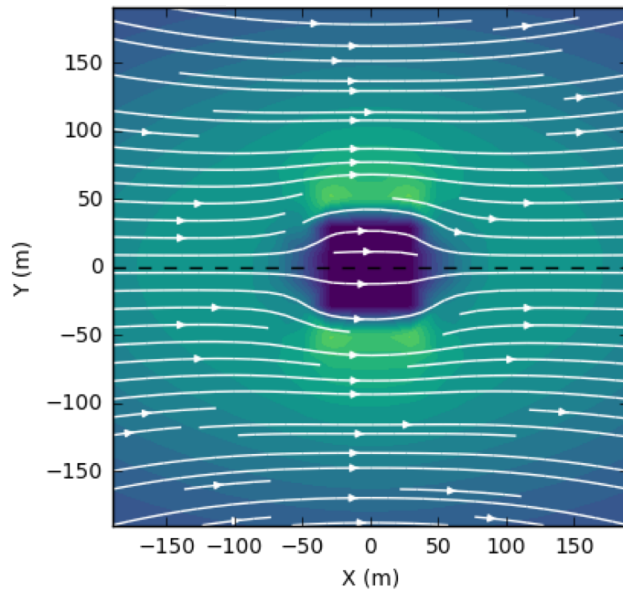


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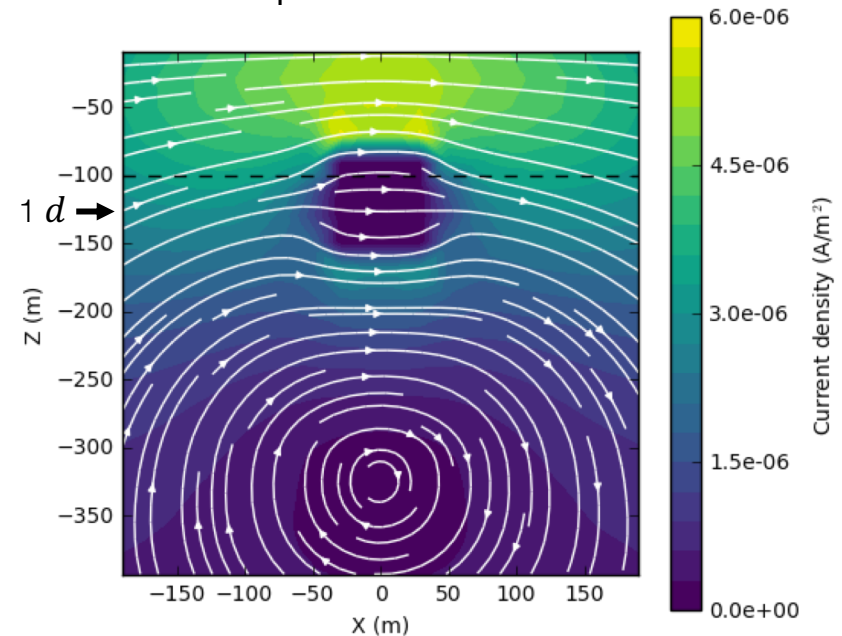
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 - 0.1 ms, $d = 126$ m



XY plane at $Z = -100$ m

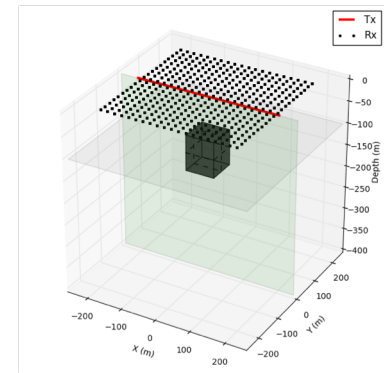


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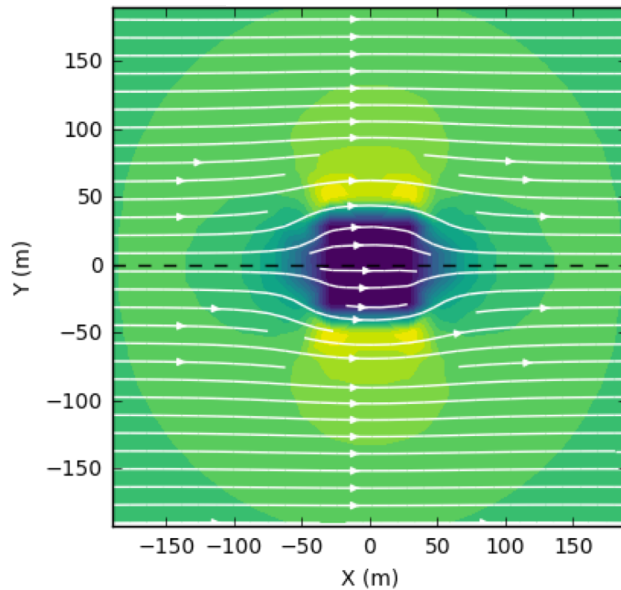


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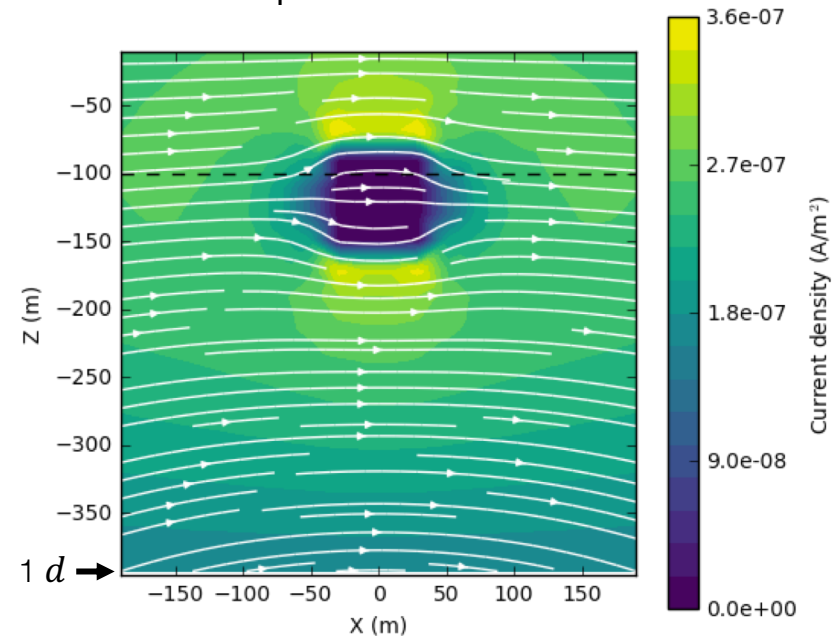
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 - A resistor (10^{-4} S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
 - 1 ms, $d = 400$ m



XY plane at $Z = -100$ m

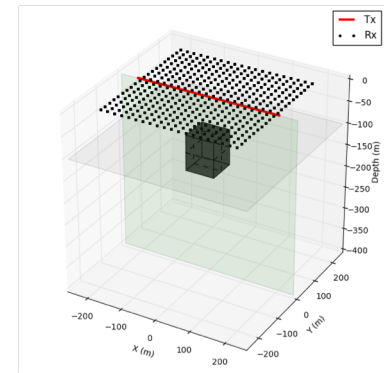


XZ plane at $Y = 0$ m

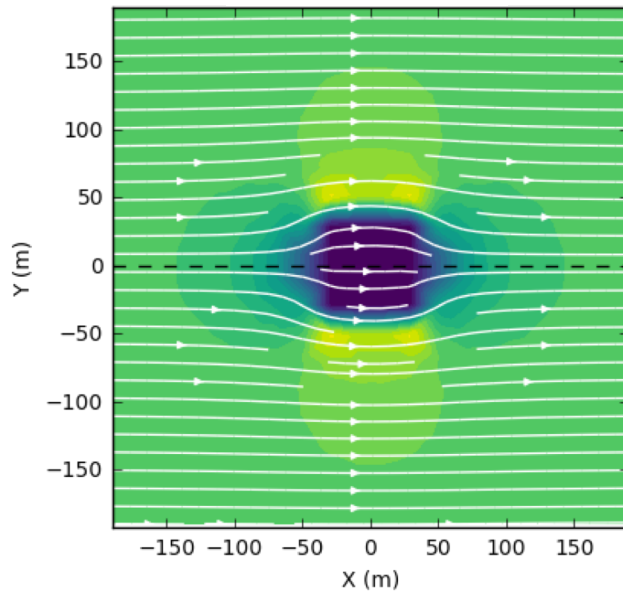


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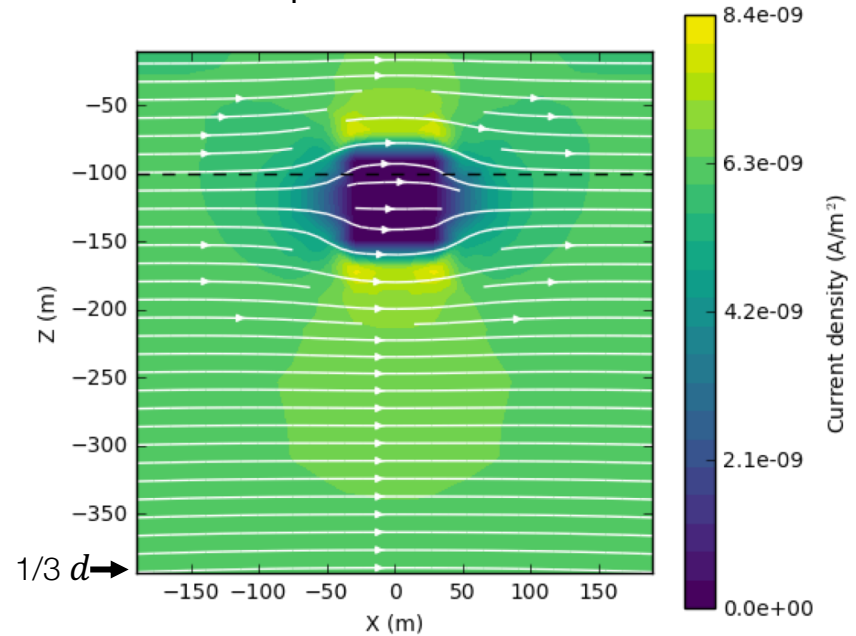
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 - 10 ms, $d = 1270$ m



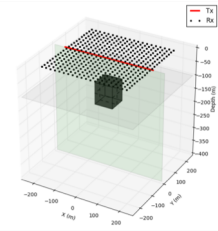
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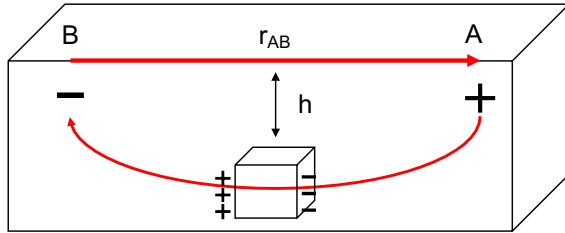
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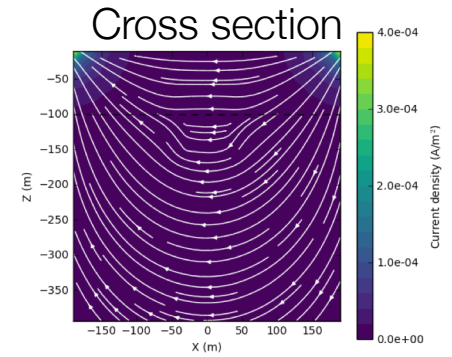
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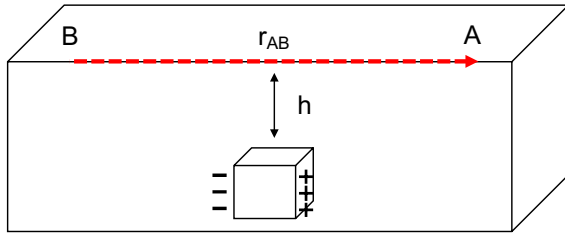
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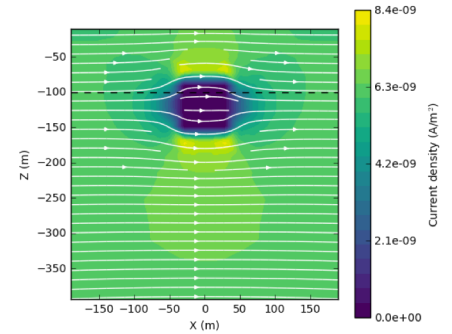
Galvanic current
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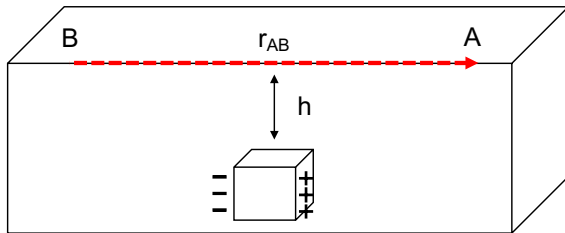
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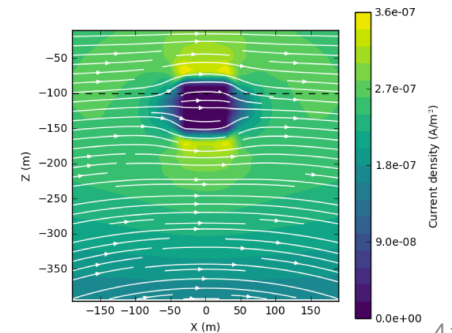
Galvanic current
 $t = 1 \text{ ms}$



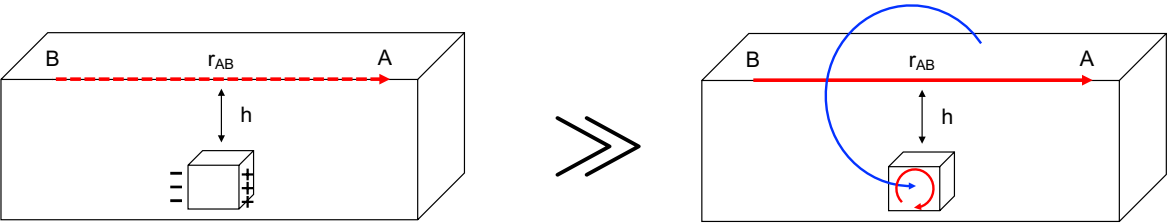
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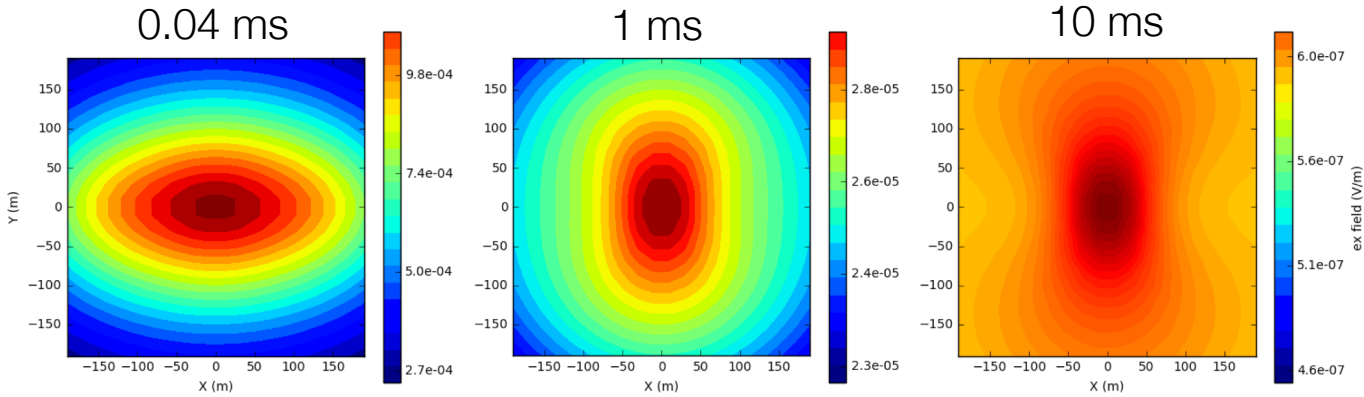
Galvanic current
 $t = 10 \text{ ms}$



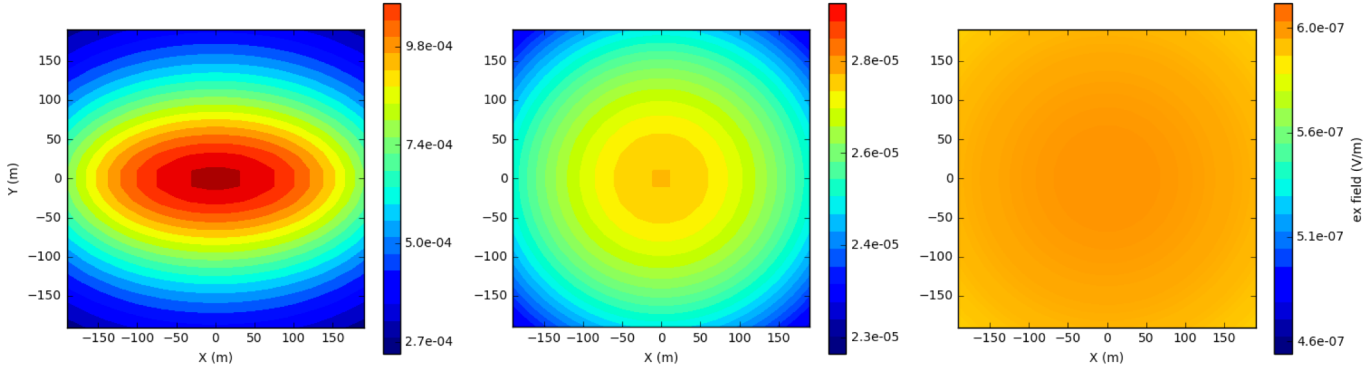
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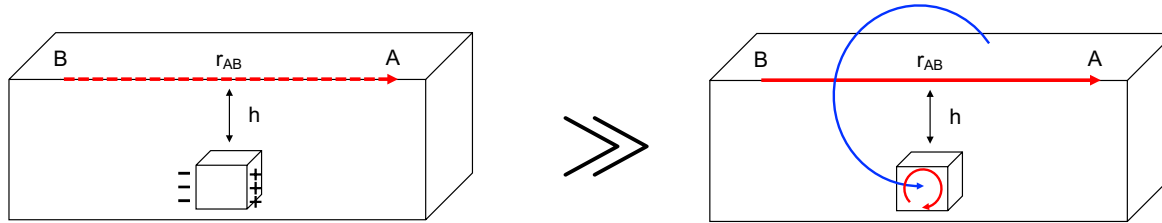
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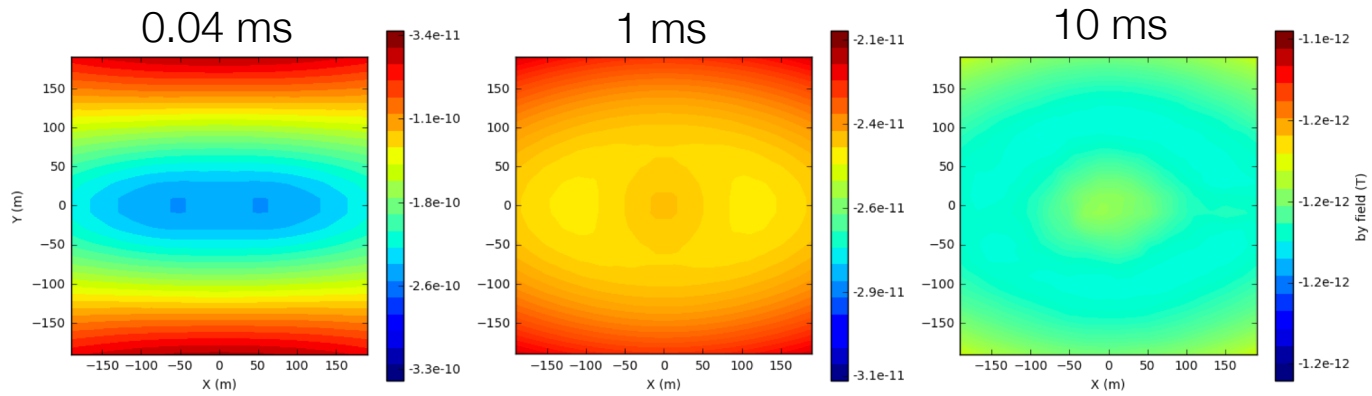
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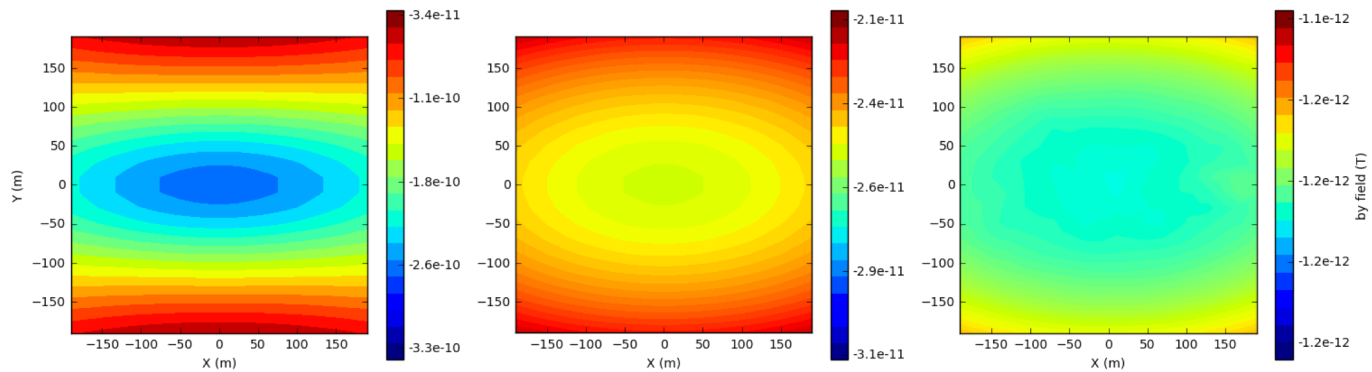
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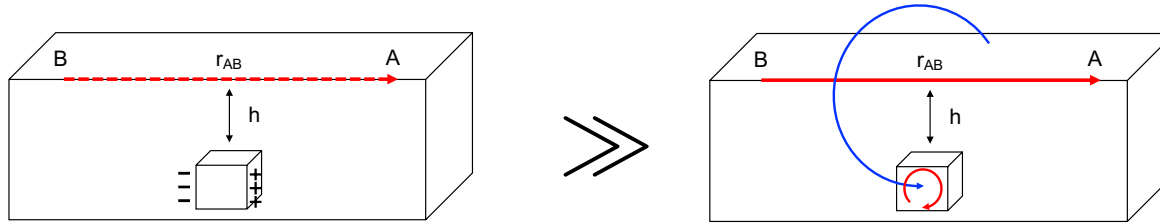
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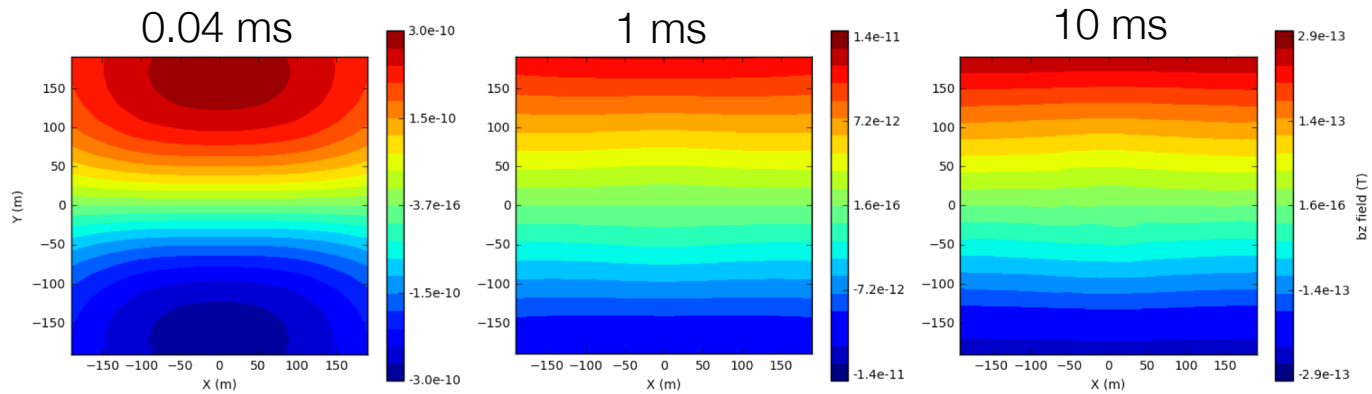
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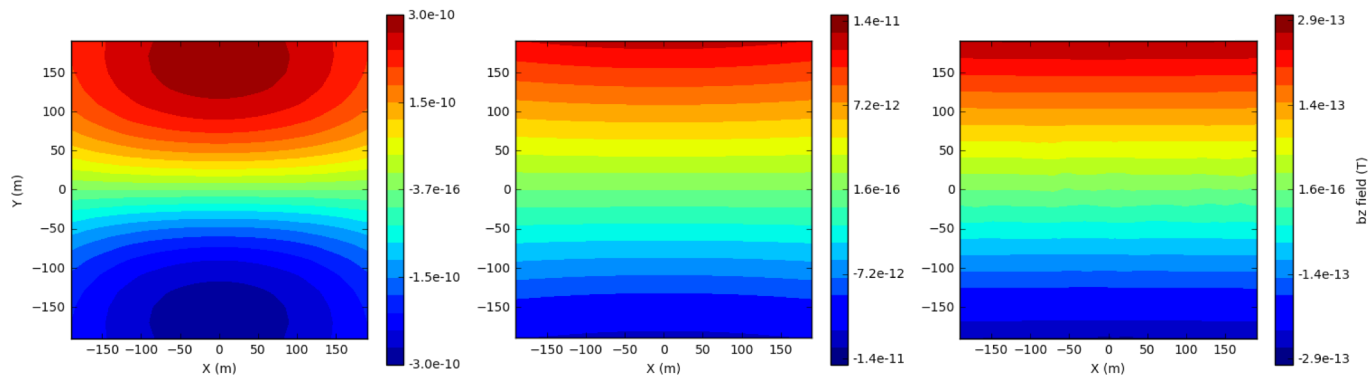
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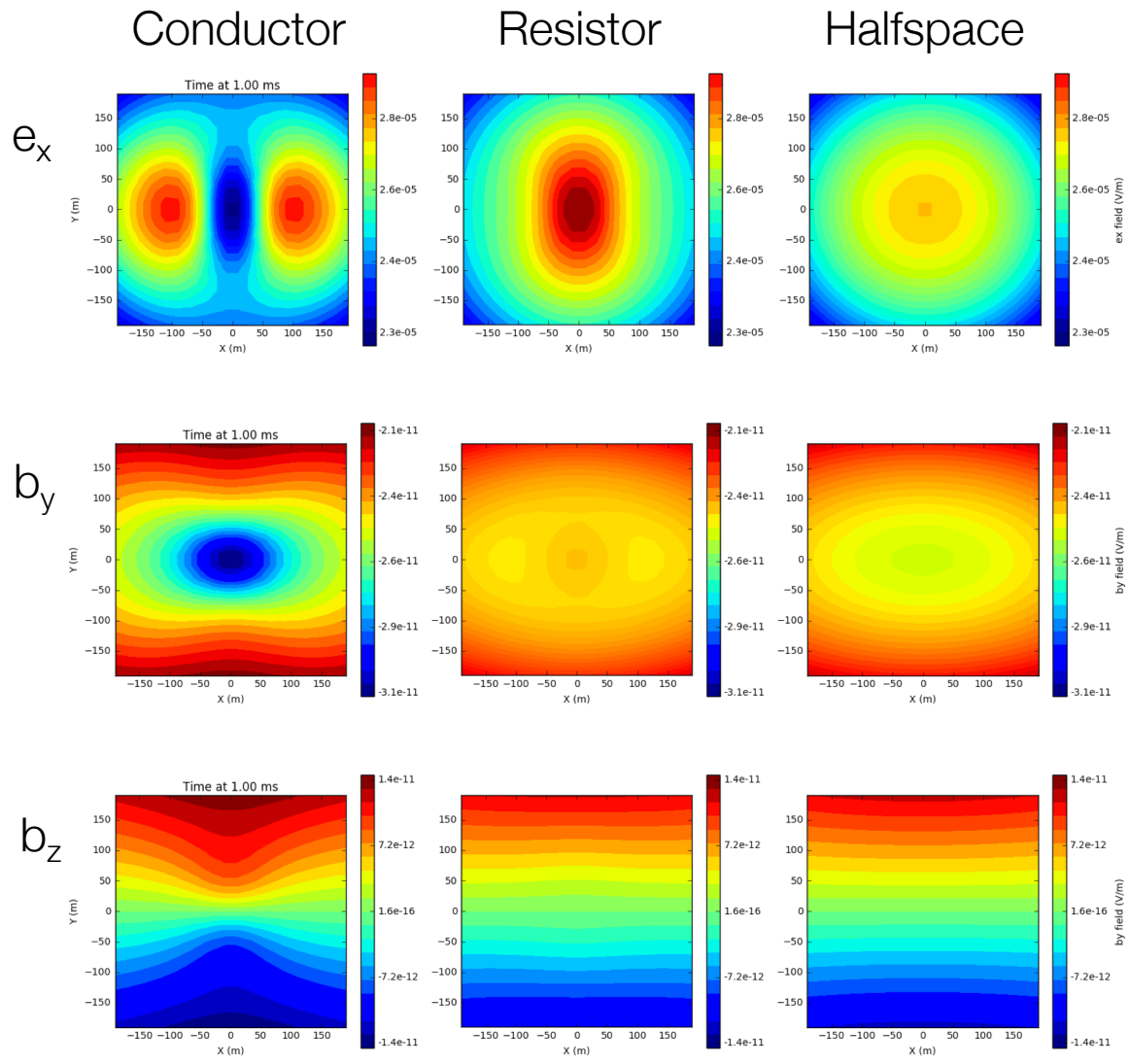
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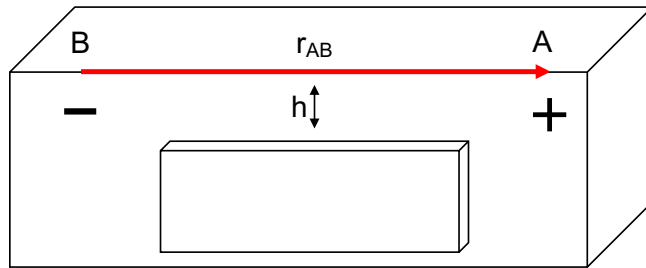


Data summary

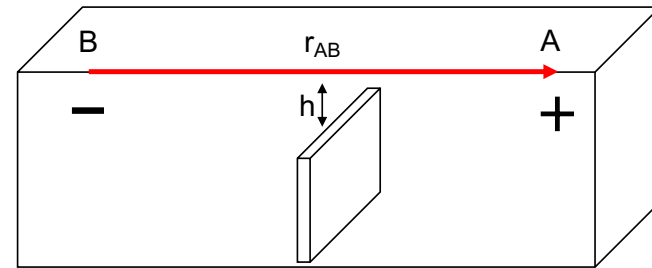


Geometric Complexities

- 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

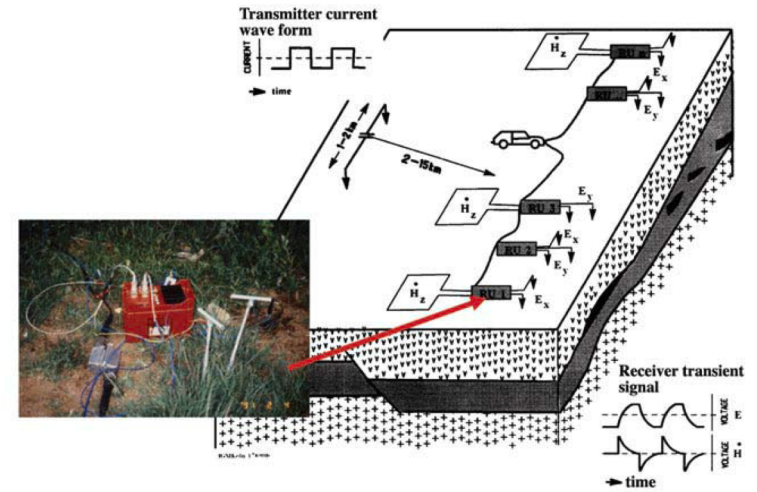
Grounded Sources: Summary

- Basic experiment
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets
- Resistive Targets

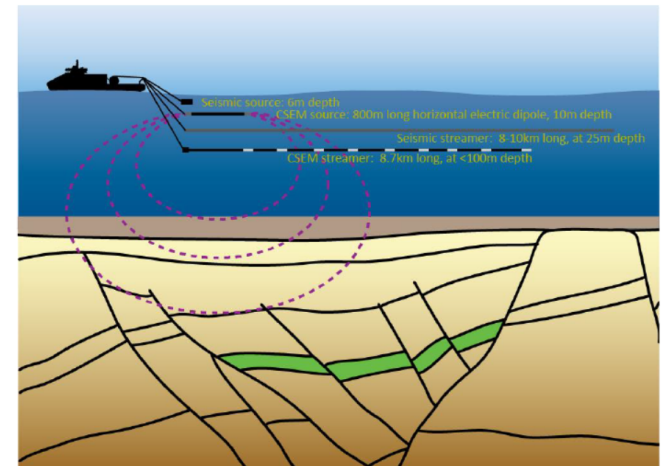
- Case History: Deccan Traps
- Case History: Offshore Hydrocarbon De-risking
- Marine CSEM: Overview
- Case History: Methane hydrates
- DC/EM Inversion

Grounded sources: two examples

- Land EM
 - Large offset time domain system
 - Looking for sediments below basalts



- Marine EM (towed Tx, Rx array)
 - Multiple transmitters, frequencies
 - Looking for a resistive target

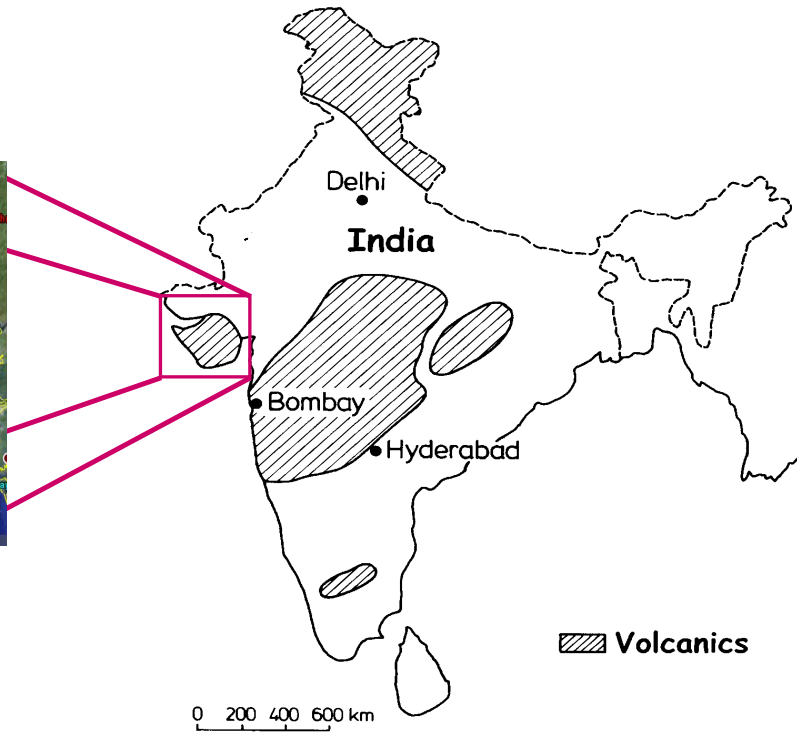


Case History: Mesozoic sediments beneath Deccan traps, India

Strack and Pandey, 2007

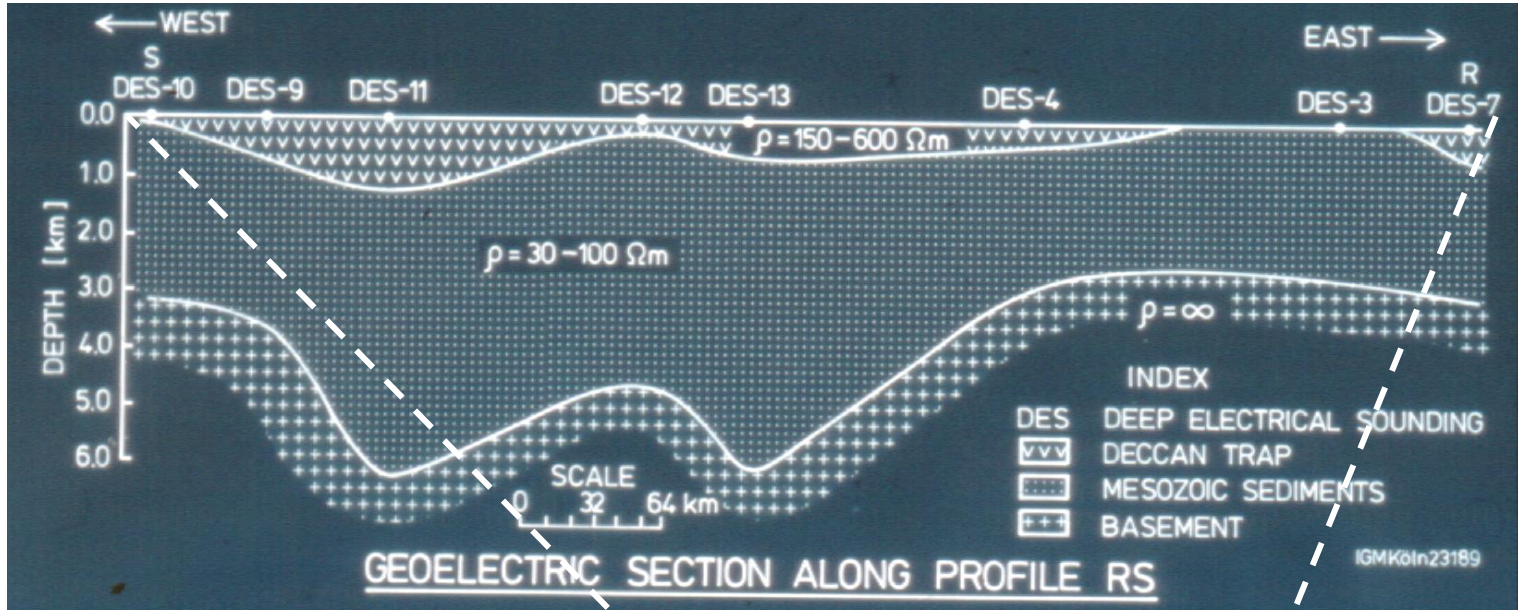
Setup

Location map



Previous DCR survey (ONGC)

Resistivity section



- Sediments exist but unclear where and how thick. Interpretation weak

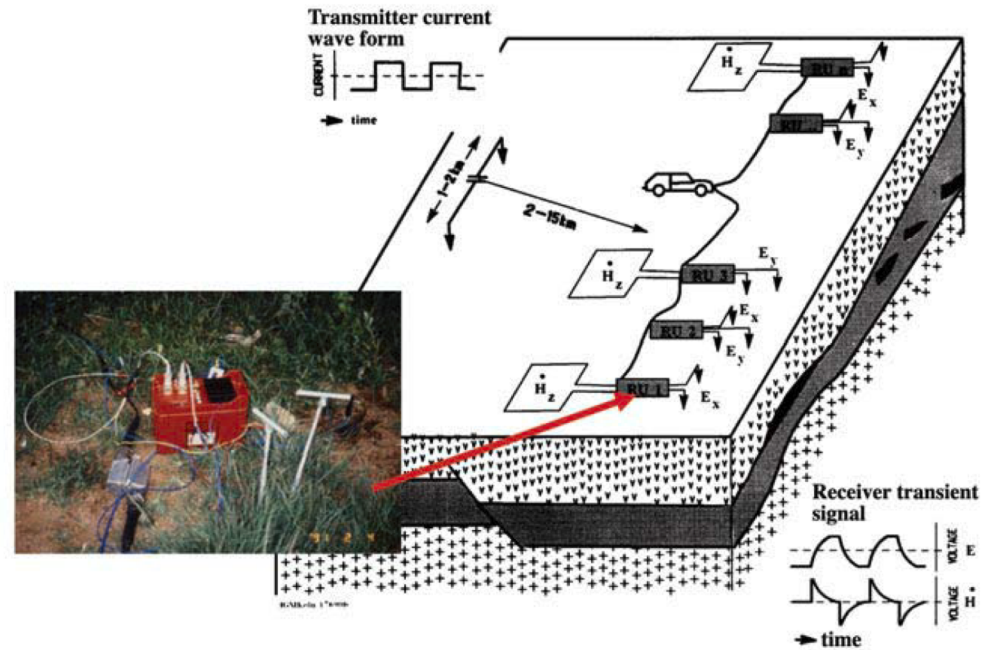


Survey

Map

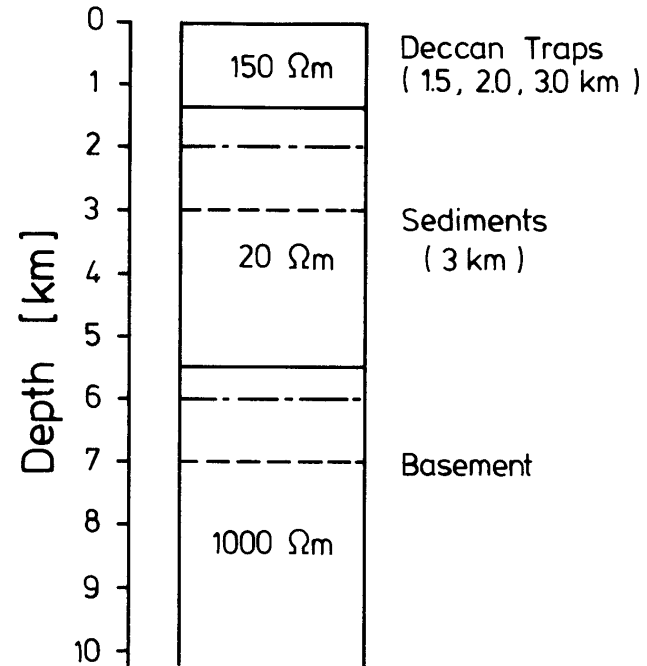
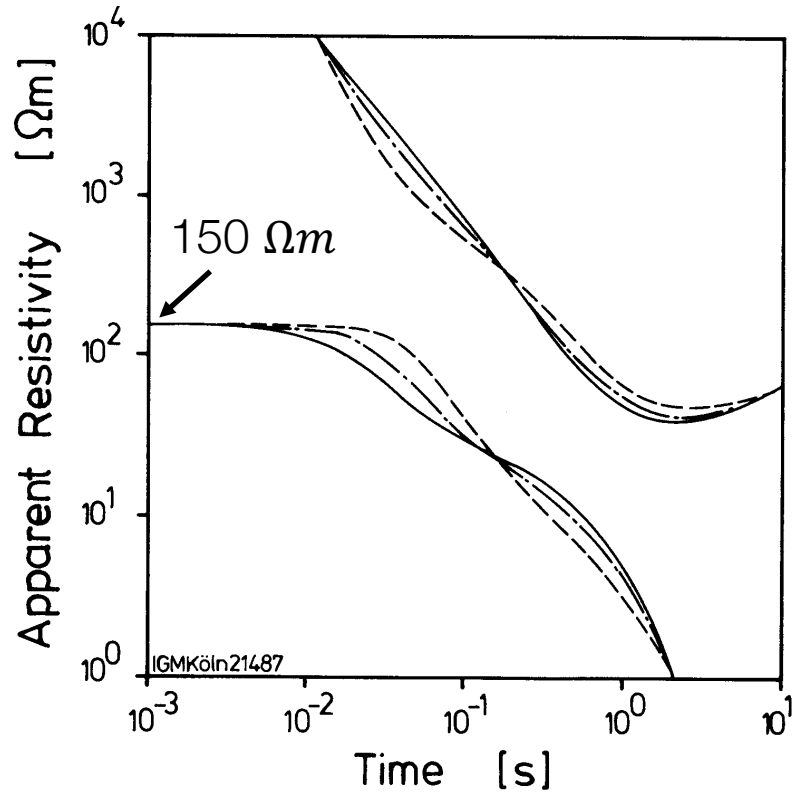


Long offset time domain EM (LOTEM)



- Rx component: E_x , E_y , and H_z
- # of Tx: 10
- Tx current: 400 A (full-duty cycle)

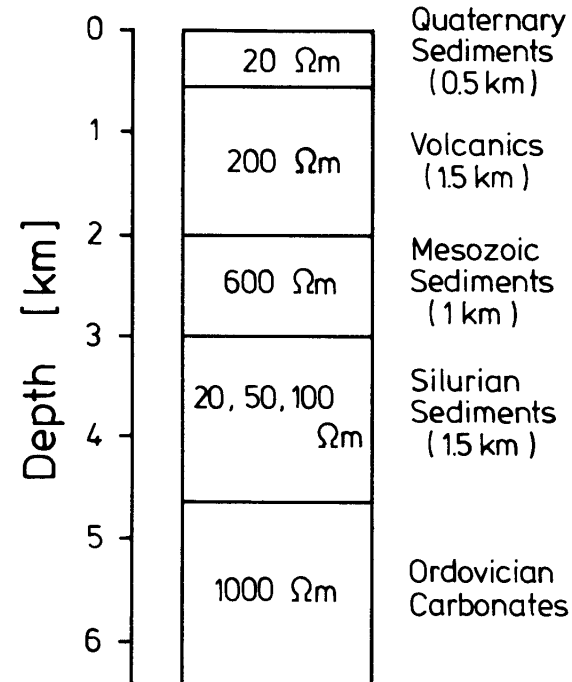
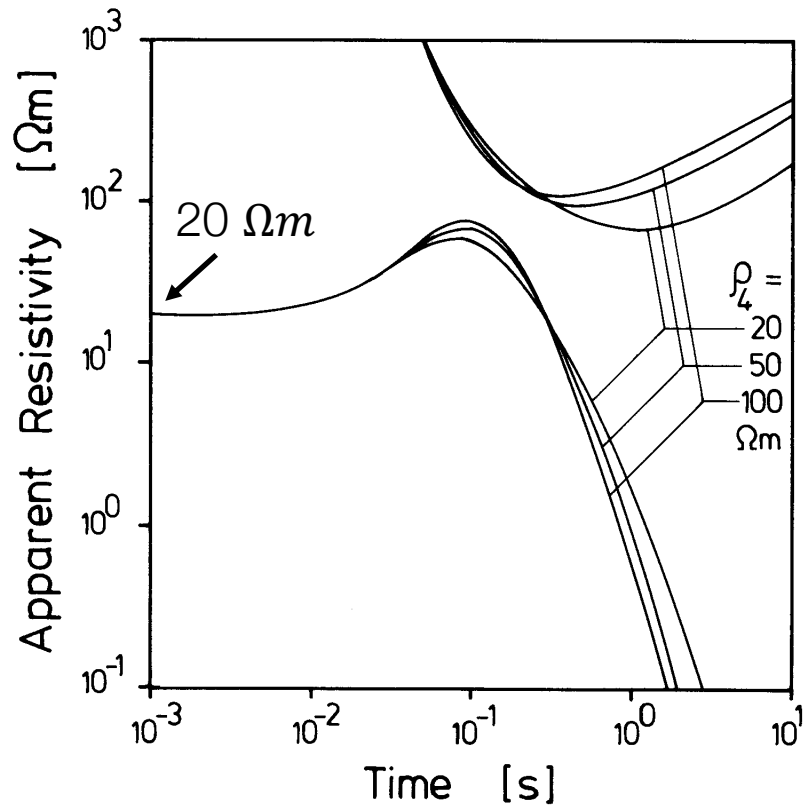
Survey design: basalt thickness



Varied : 1st layer thickness
Offset : 10 km

- Apparent resistivity changes with varying thickness of Deccan Traps: 1.5, 2 and 3 km

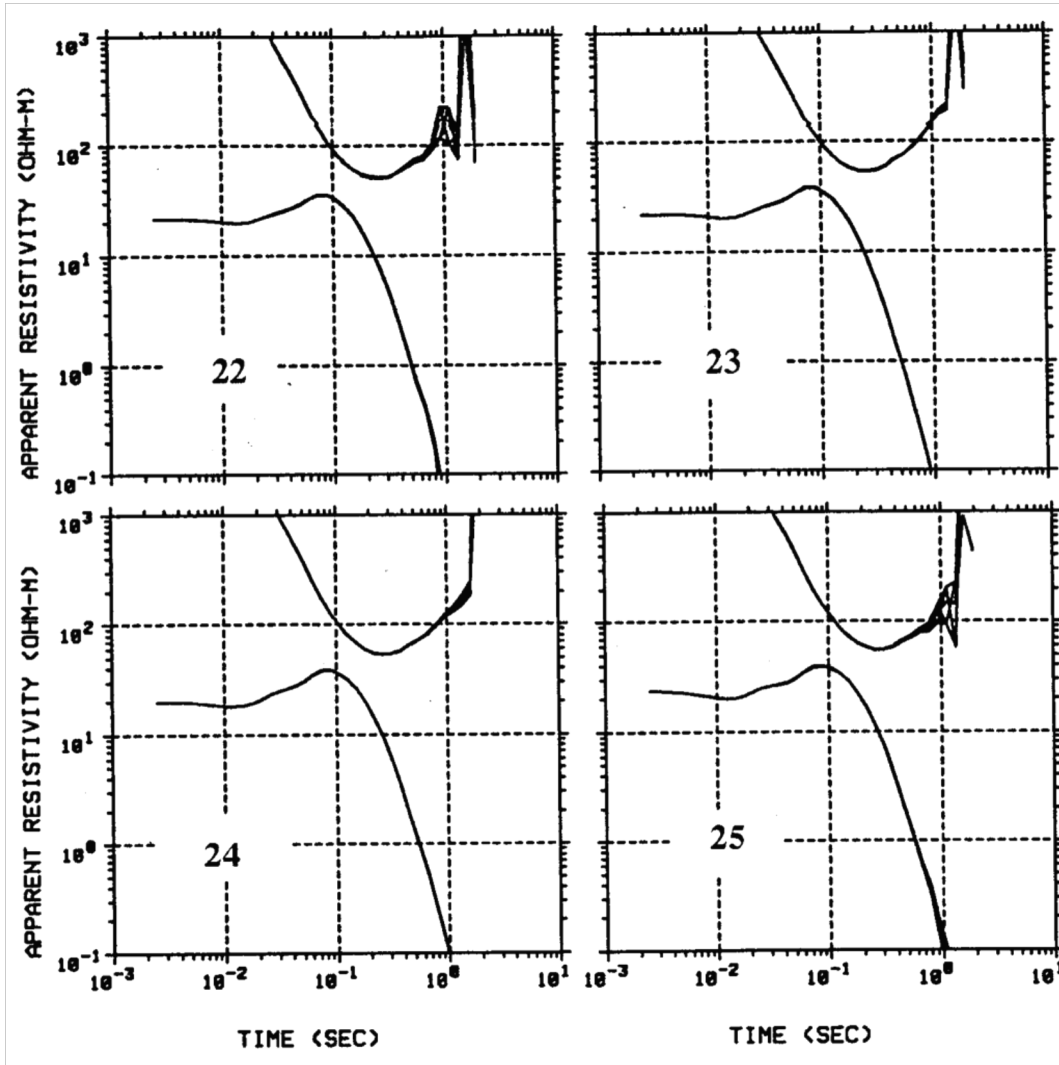
Survey design: sediment resistivity



Varied : 4 th layer resistivity
Offset : 9 km

- Apparent resistivity changes with varying resistivity of Silurian Sediments

Data



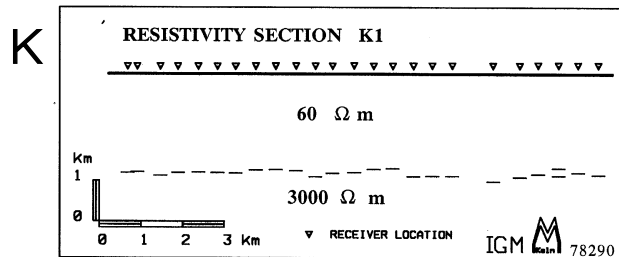
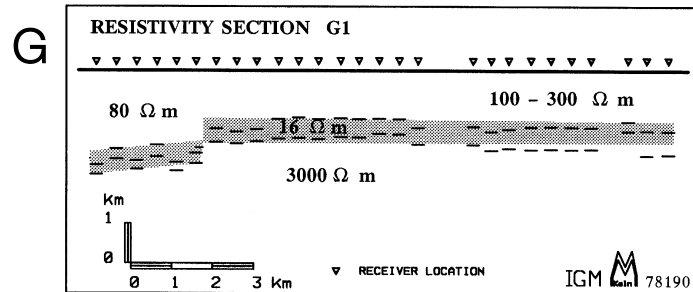
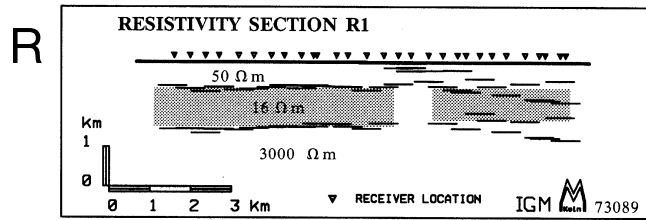
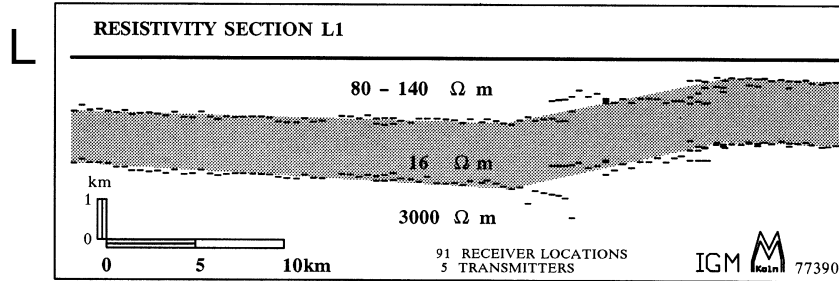
- Stacked data
- Time range: 1ms-10s
- High S/N ratio until 1s
- Similar to synthetic data

Processing

1D inversions (stitched)

Location map

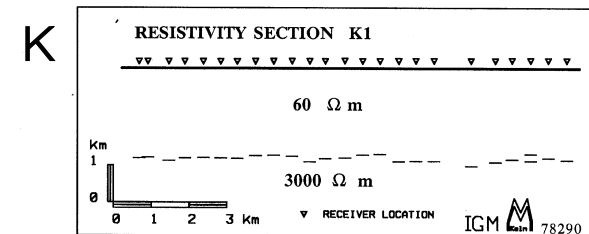
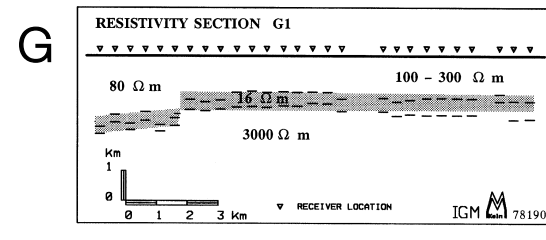
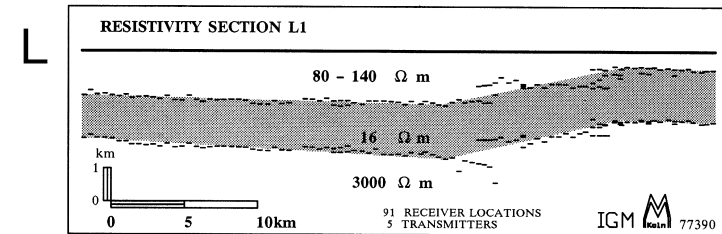
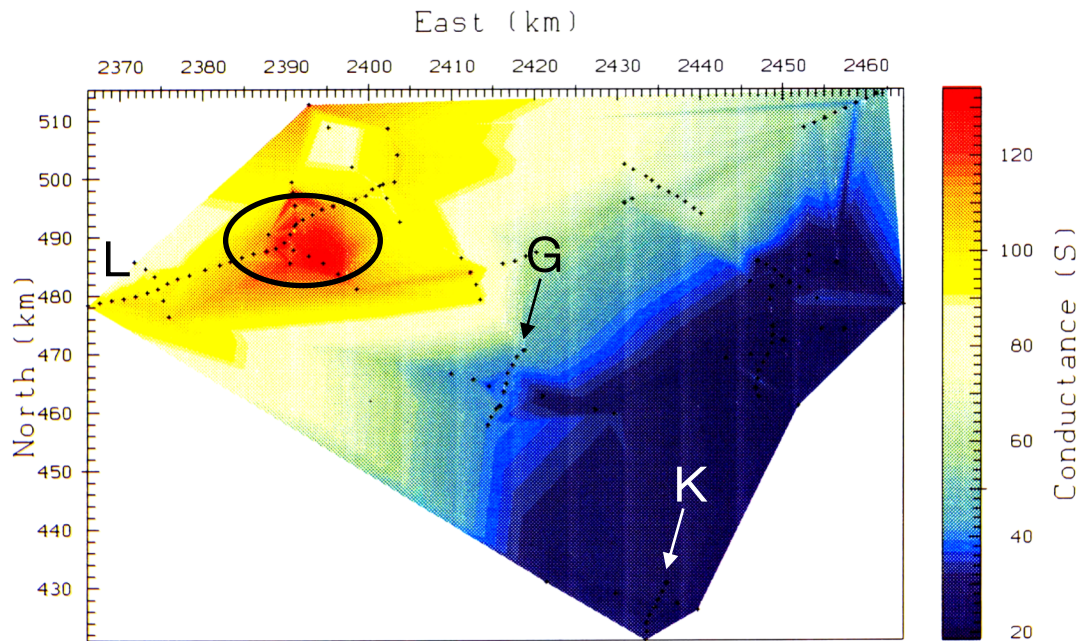
Thickness decreases



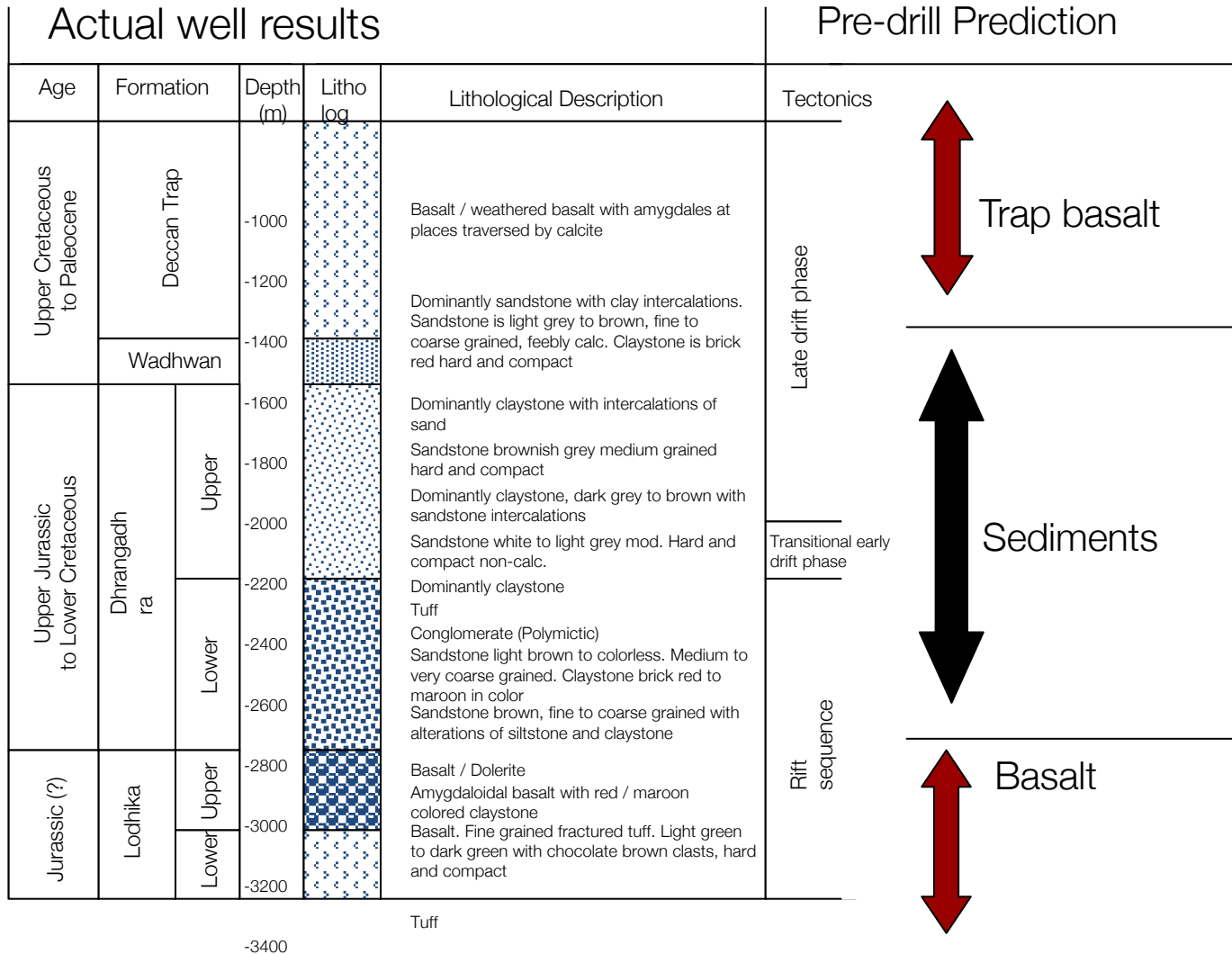
The sediment thickness:

- Largest at L
- Smallest at K

Interpretation: sediment conductance and drill target



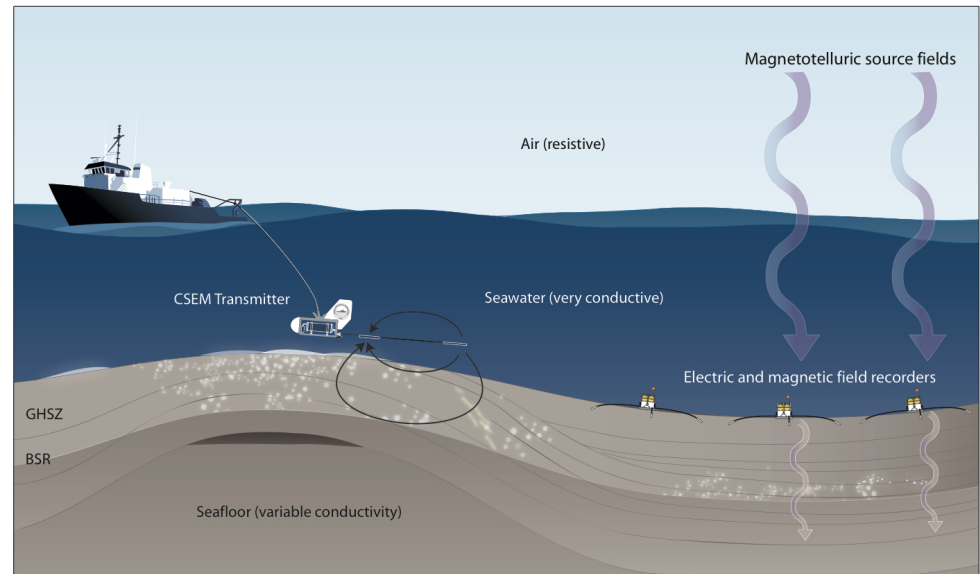
Synthesis



Controlled-Source Marine EM (CSEM)

Application areas

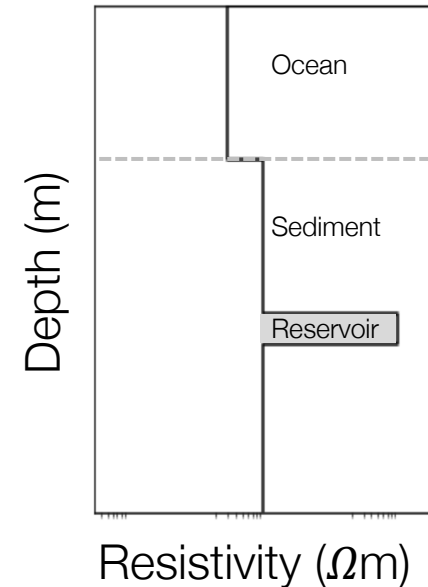
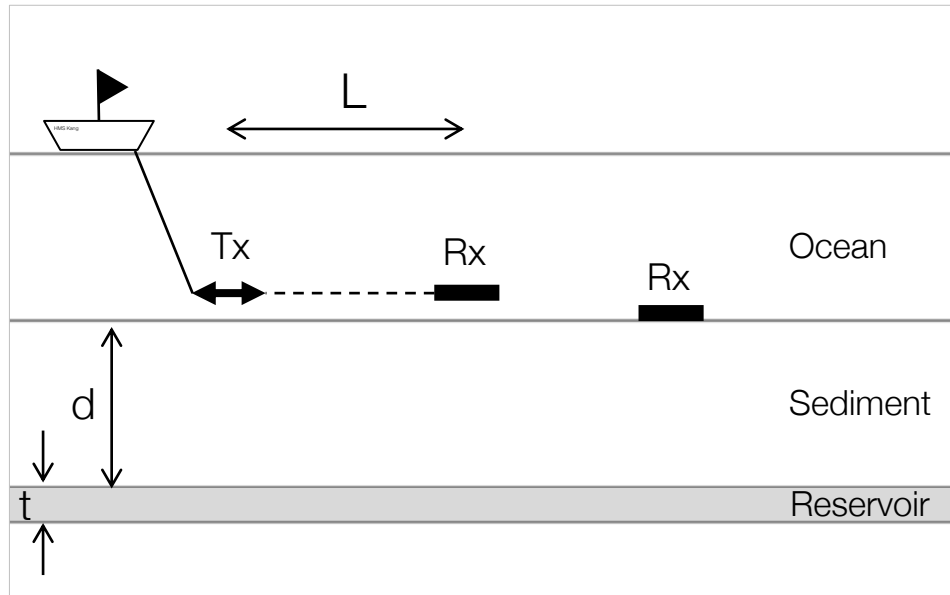
- Oil and gas
- Submarine massive sulfide (SMS)
- Methane hydrates
- Tectonic studies
- Offshore UXO
- Offshore groundwater



Application with physical properties

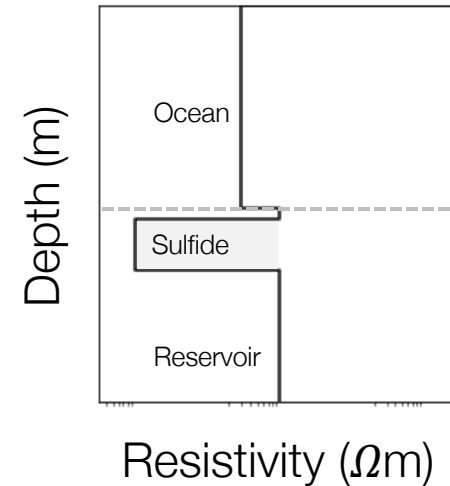
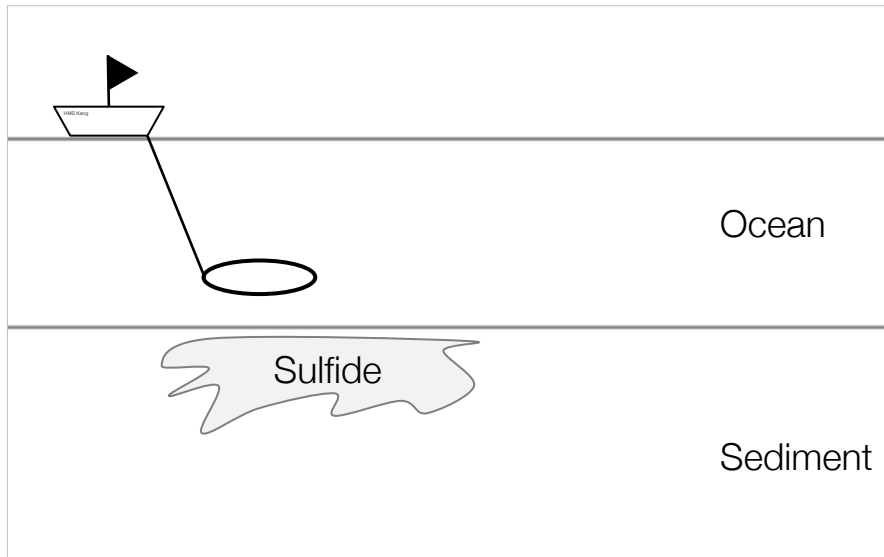
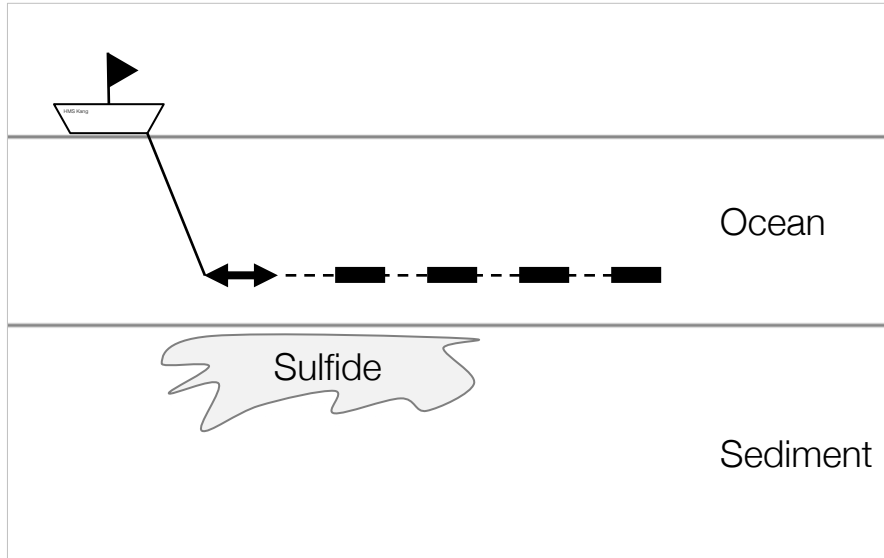
	ρ (Ωm)	σ (S/m)
Seawater	0.25-0.31 (15-3 °C)	3.3-4
Freshwater	100-1000	0.001-0.01
Sediment	1-5	0.2-1
Hydrocarbon	~100	~0.01
Hydrate	2000 (0 °C)	0.005
Massive sulfides	0.01-1	1-100

Resistive target: hydrocarbons



- Finding resistor: grounded source
- Deep target
 - Long offset between Tx and Rx
 - Depth of investigation $\sim 1/3$ $Tx - Rx$ offset

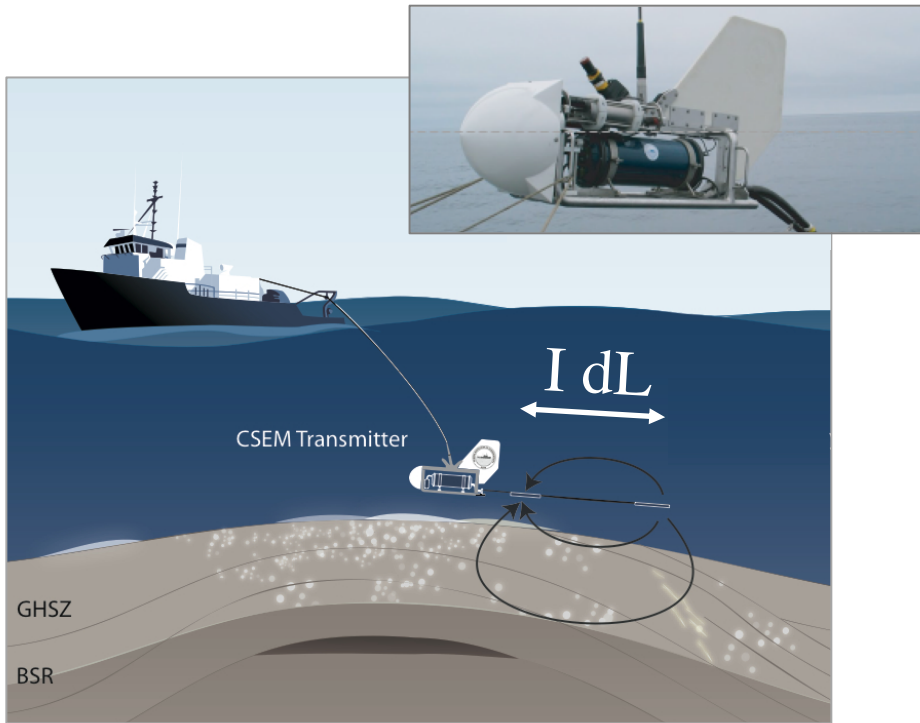
Conductive Target: Massive sulfide



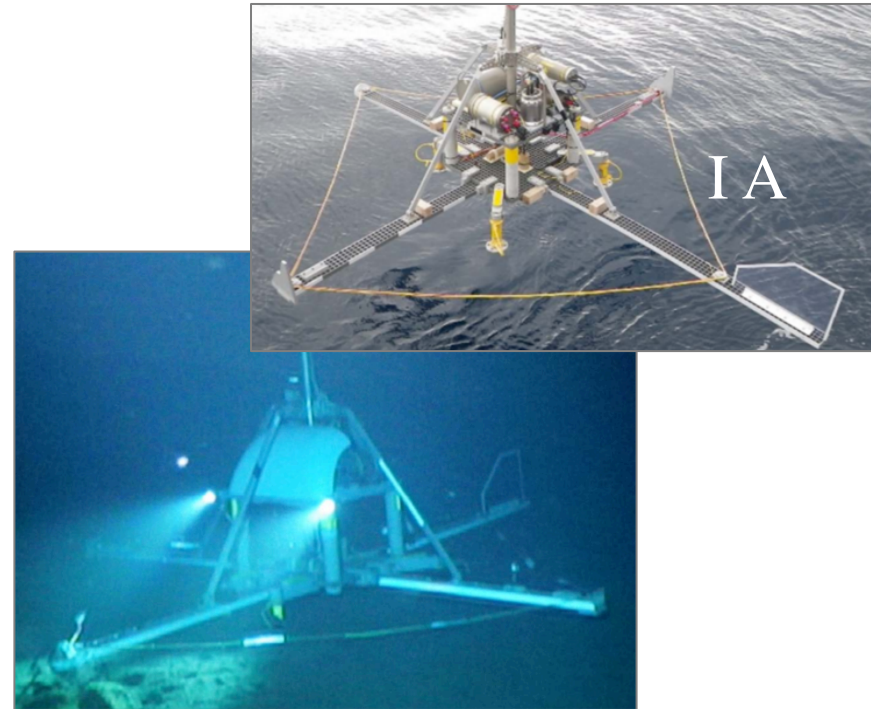
- Galvanic source
 - Towed E-field receivers
- Inductive source
 - Towed on ROV
 - db/dt sensors (coil)

Transmitters

Galvanic (Scripps: SUESI)



Inductive (Waseda Univ., GEOMAR)



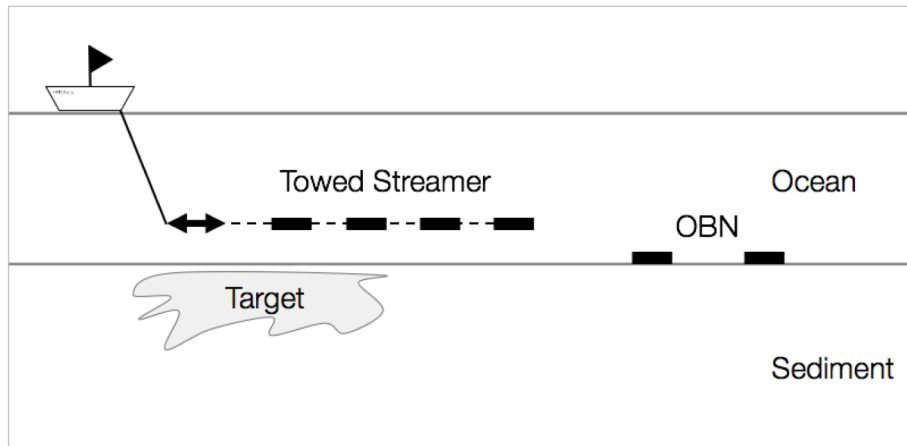
Geometric Decay $\frac{1}{r^3}$

EM Attenuation $\delta = 500 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$

Receivers

Data

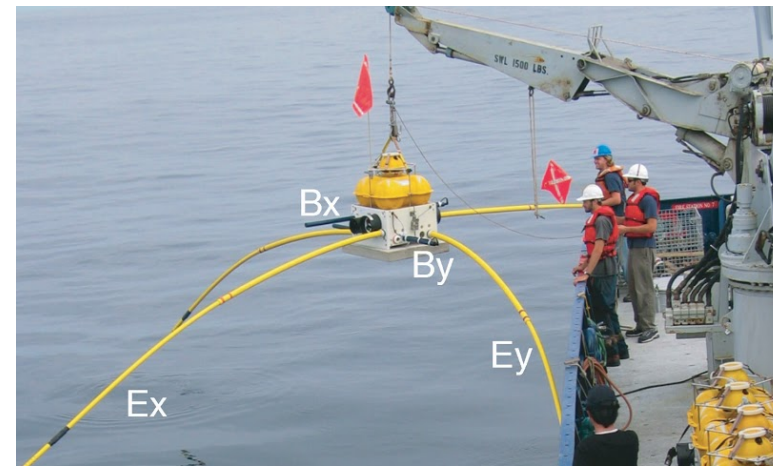
- E_x , E_y , (Recently: E_z)
- B_x , B_y , B_z



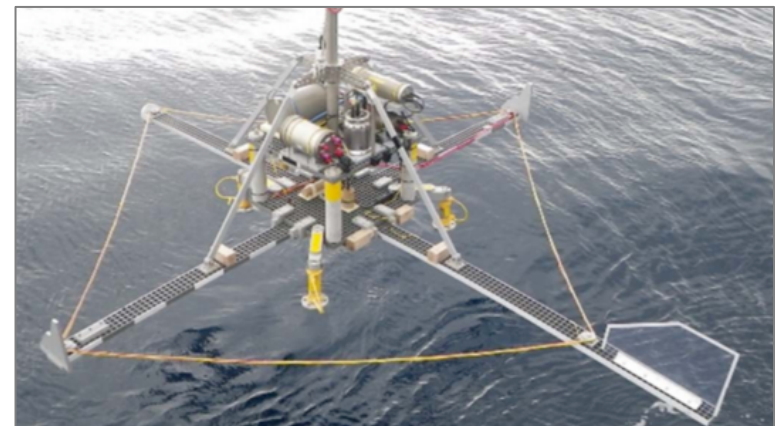
Common Systems

- Scripps: Vulcan and Porpoise
- PGS
- EMGS

Ocean Bottom Nodes (Scripps, EMGS)

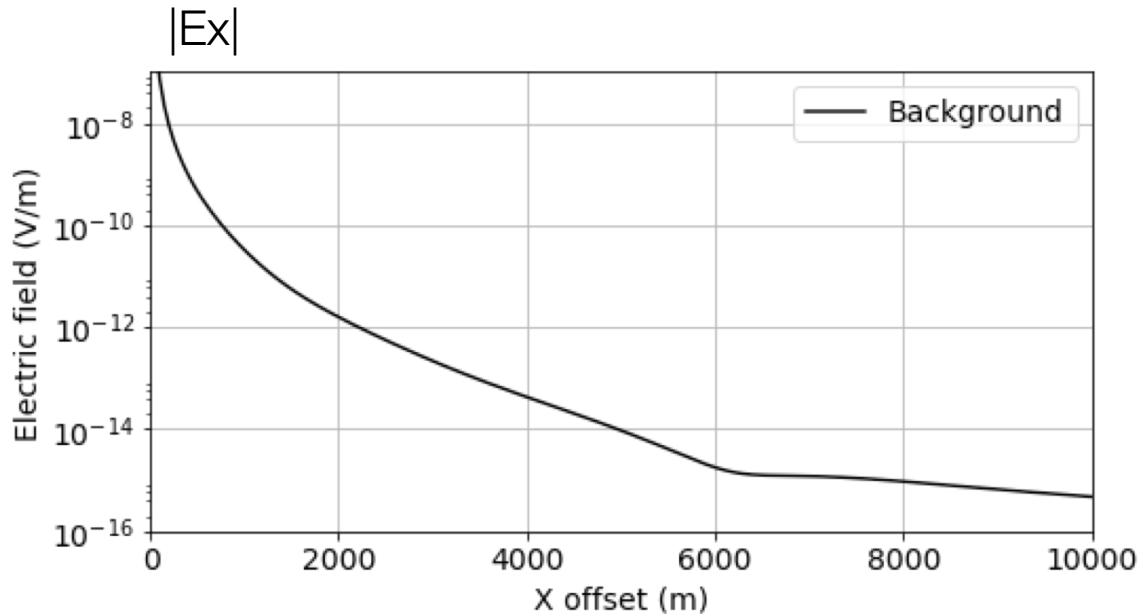
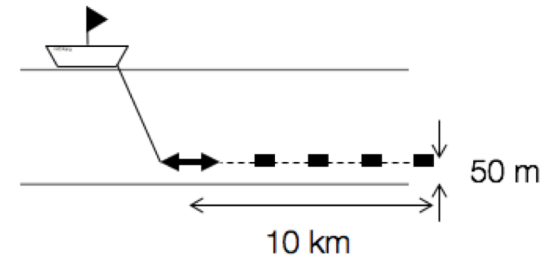


Inductive Loop (Waseda Univ)

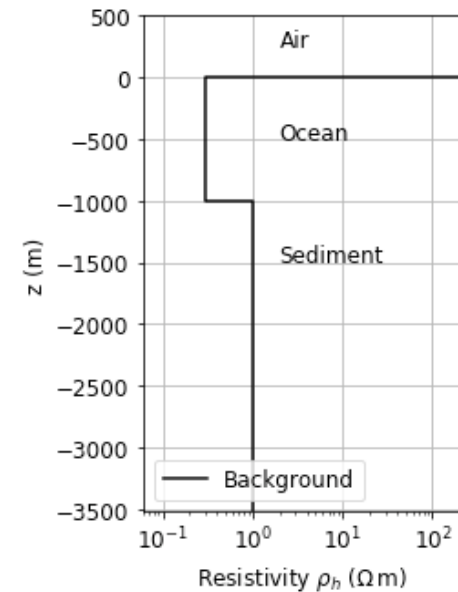


Marine CSEM: Hydrocarbons

- Towed electric dipole streamer
 - Long offset range (500m-10 km)
 - Frequency: 0.5 Hz

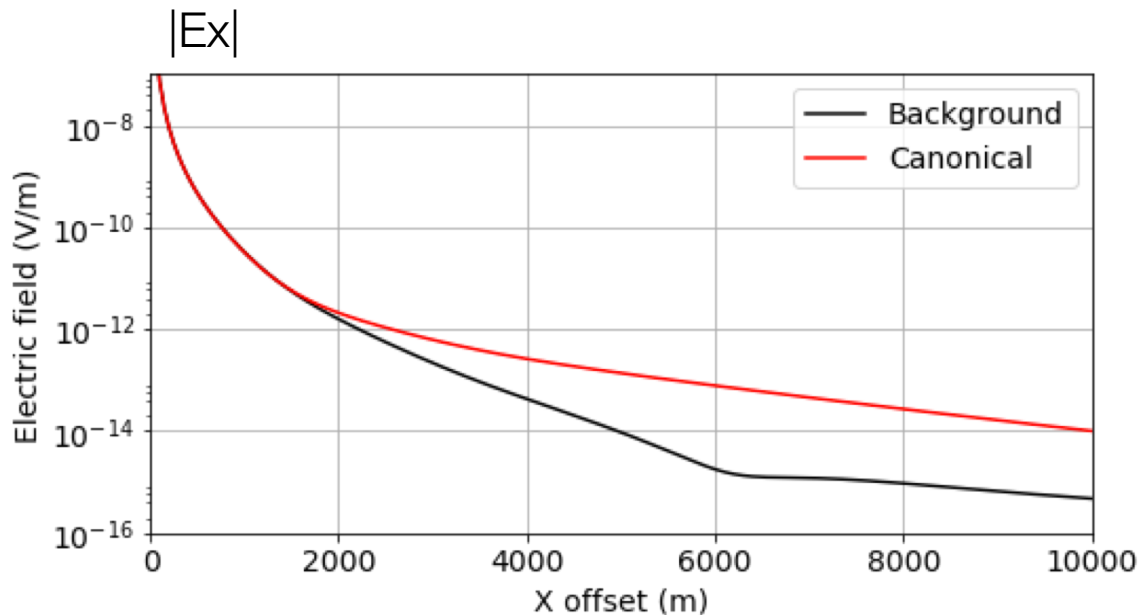
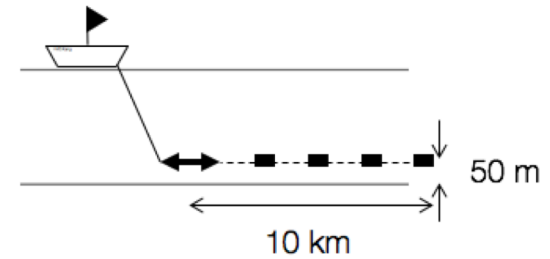


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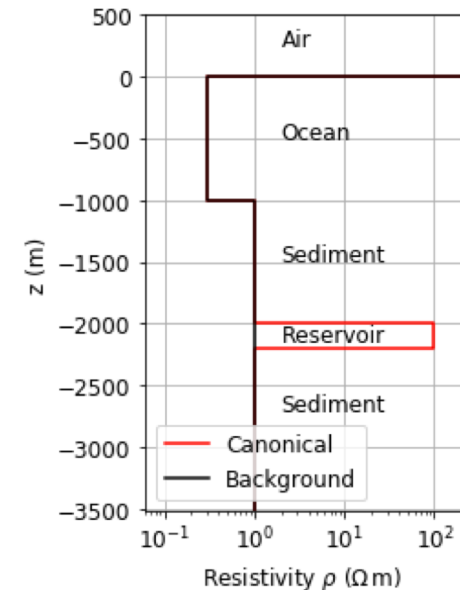


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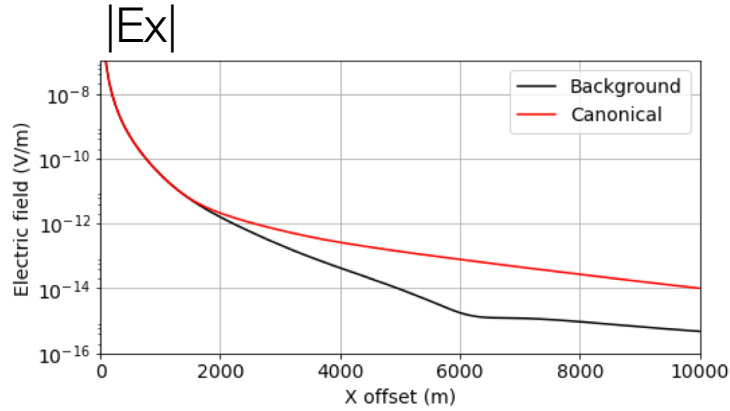
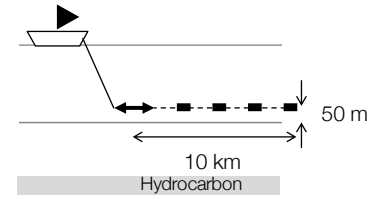


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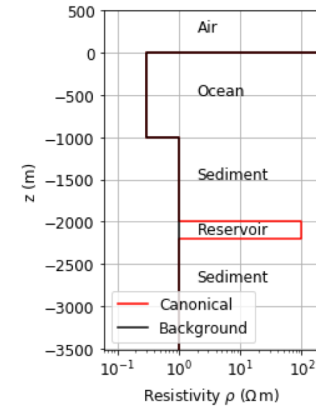


Hydrocarbon reservoir: significant signal
How do we understand the response?

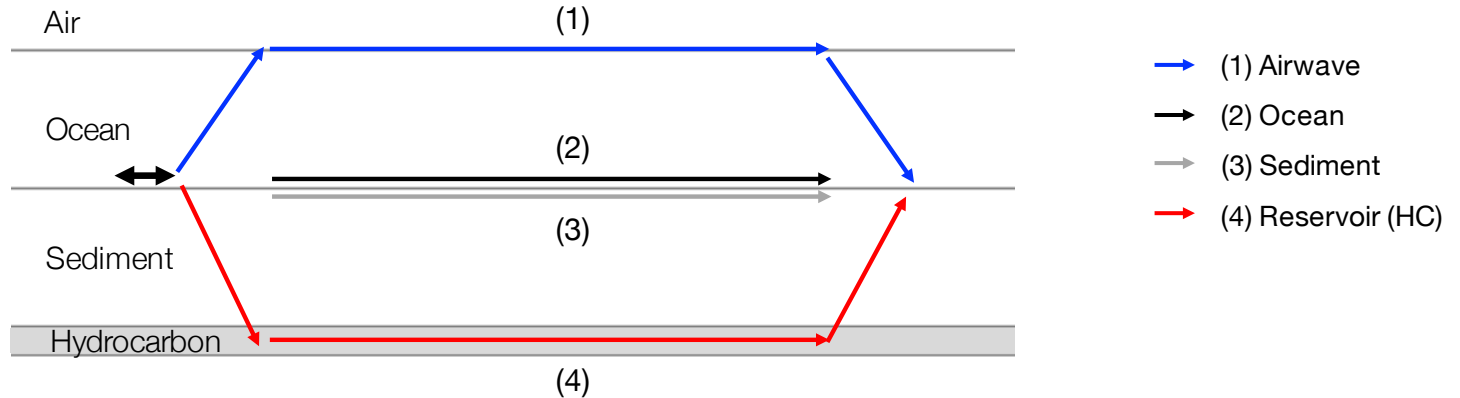
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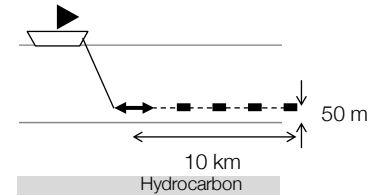
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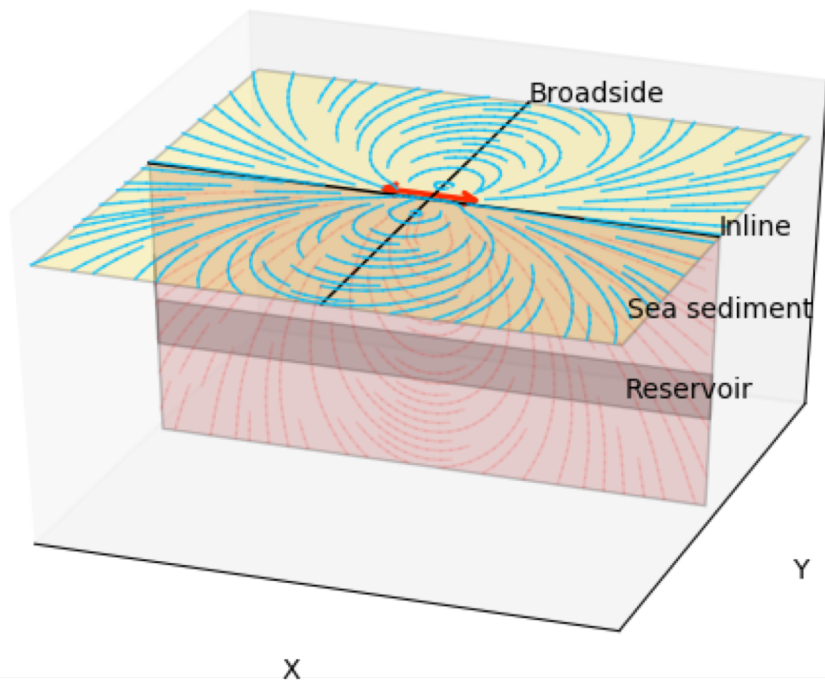
Ray paths



Which fields to examine?



Fields from a dipole

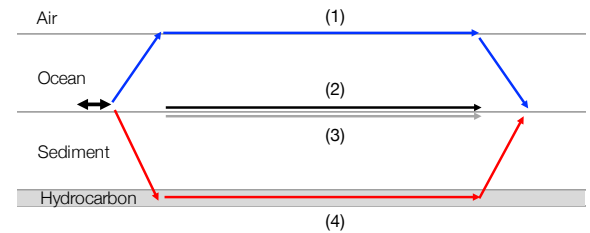


Focus on:

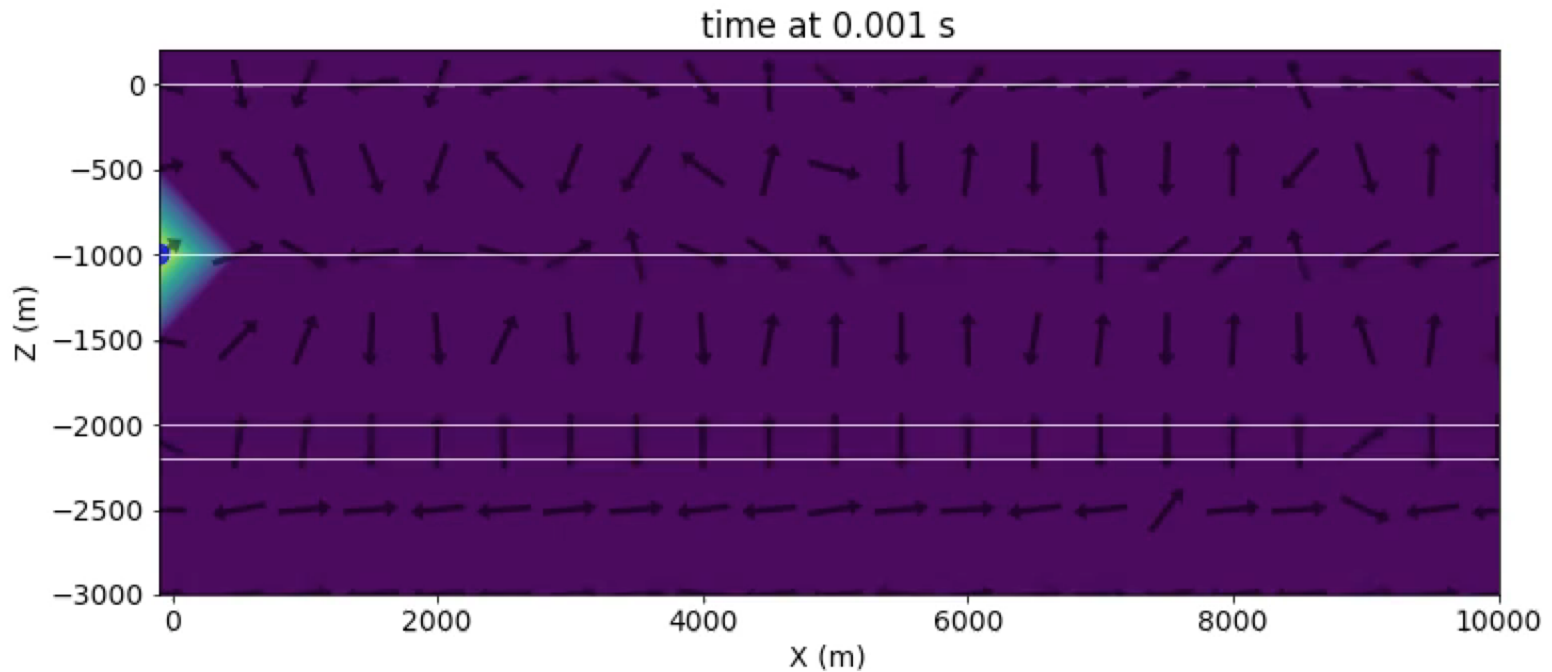
- Inline electric field
- Inline poynting vector (energy propagation)

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$$

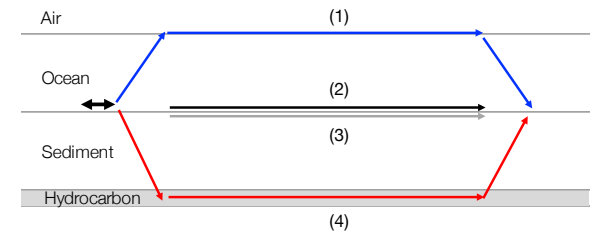
Electric field



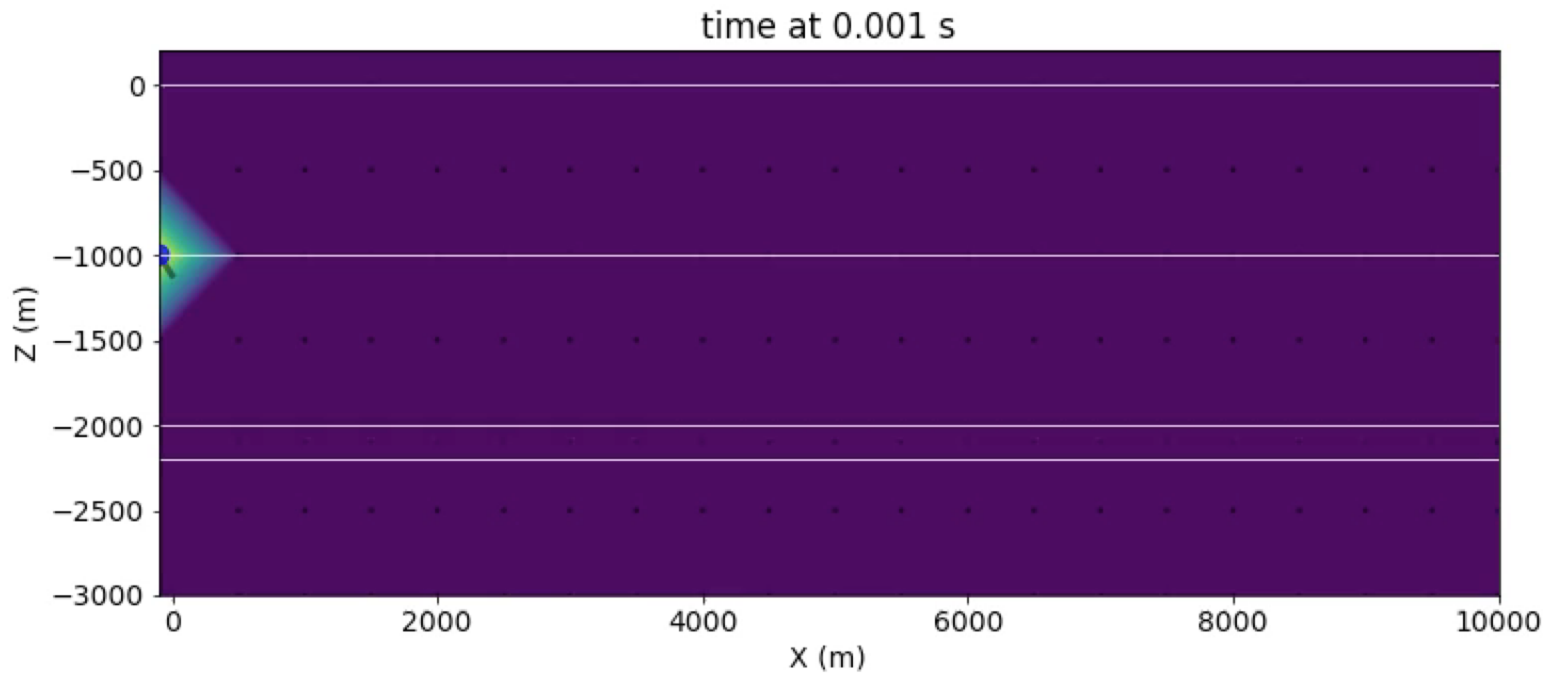
On XZ plane (HED source in x-direction)



Poynting vector



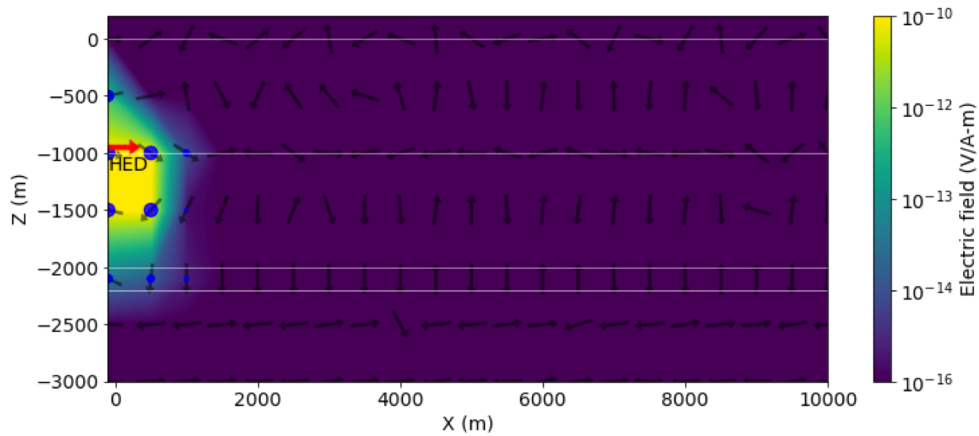
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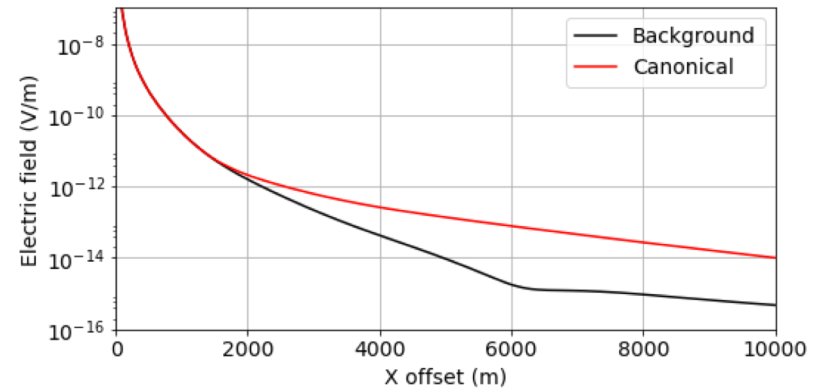
$$\text{Poynting vector: } \bar{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Fields at time: 0.016s

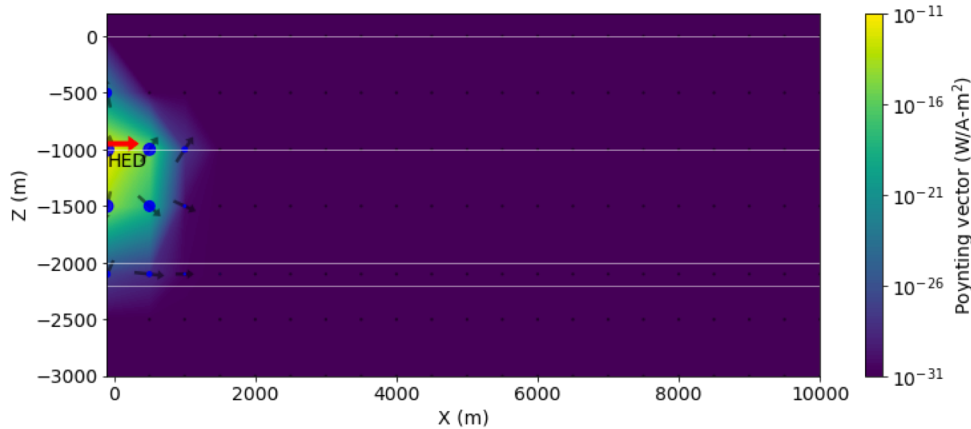
E-field



|Ex|



Poynting vector

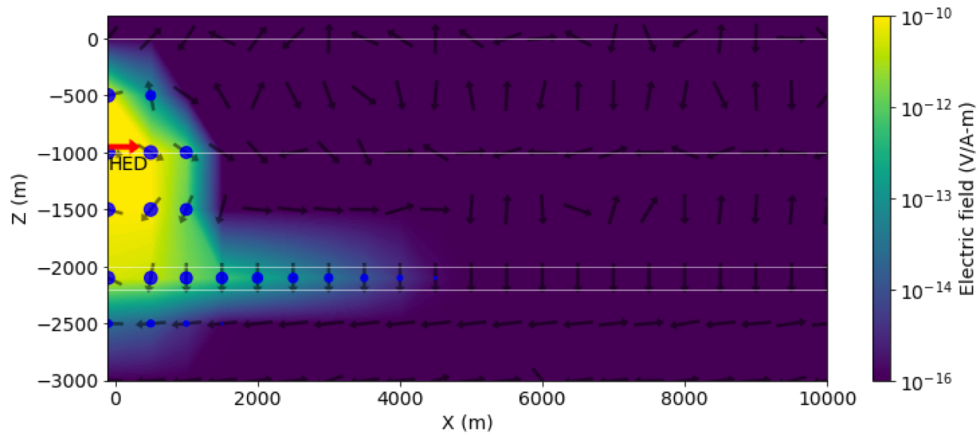


Peak velocity

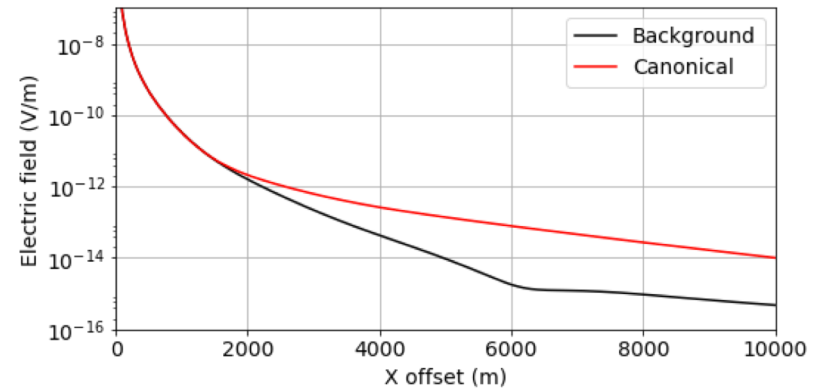
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{2\mu t}}$$

Fields at time: 0.03s

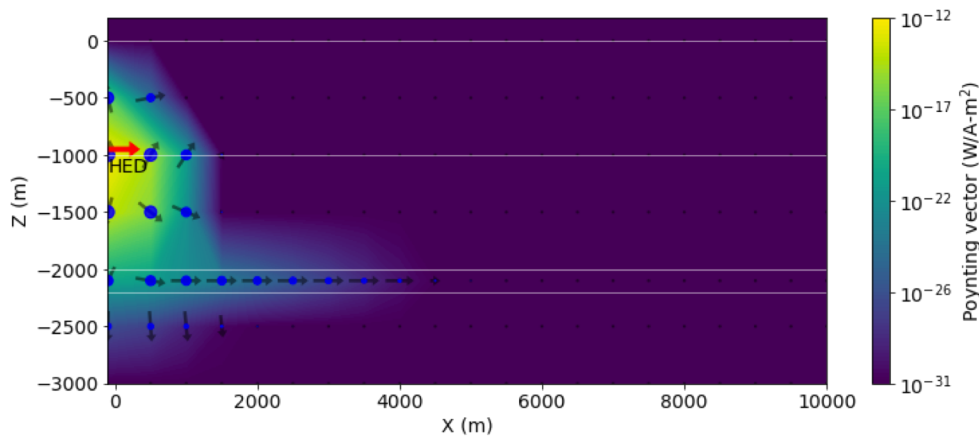
E-field



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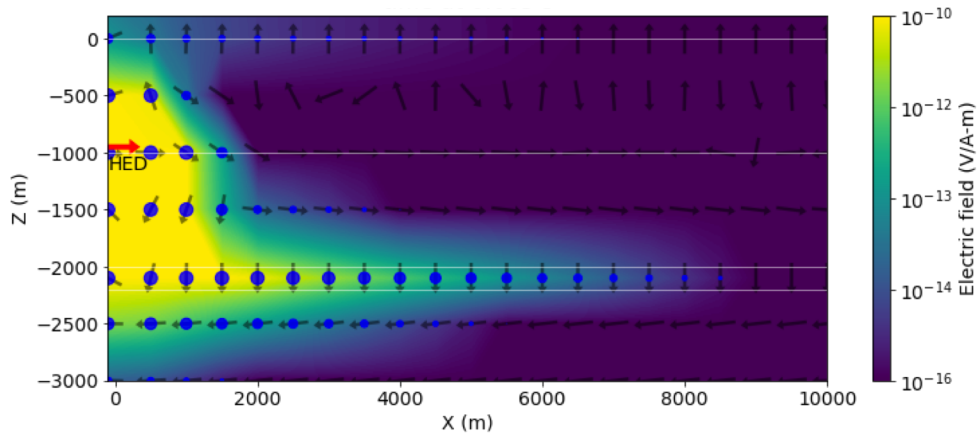


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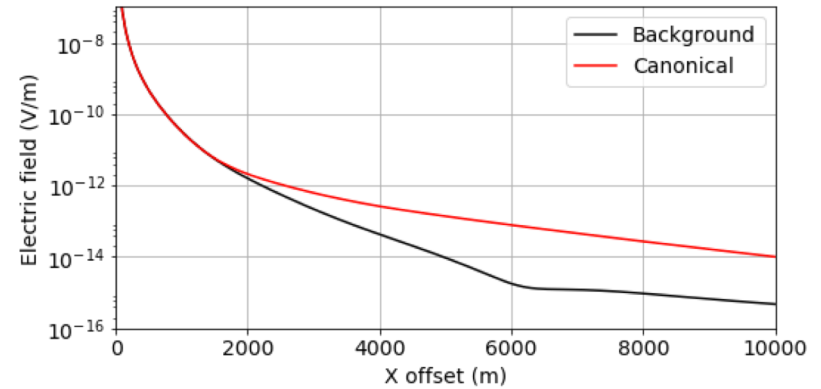
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Fields at time: 0.08s

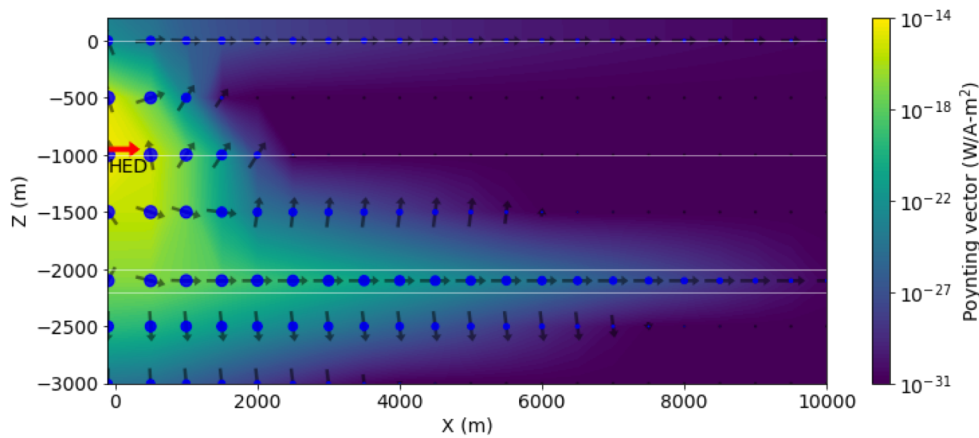
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Poynting vector

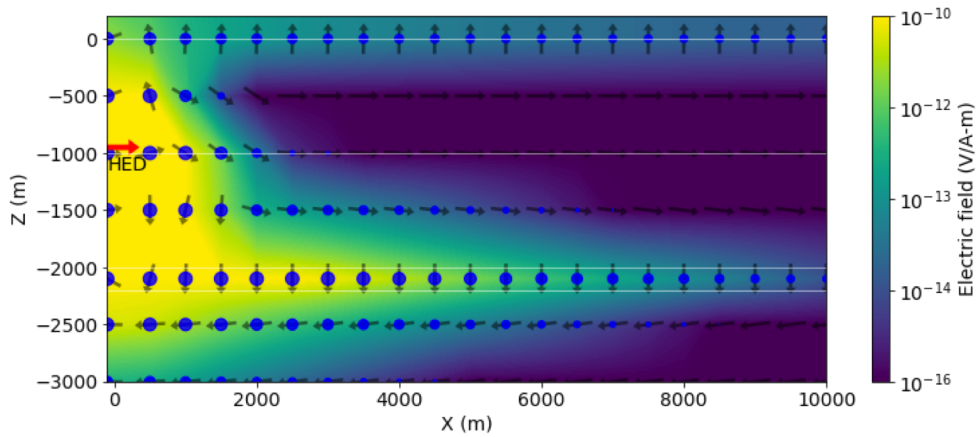


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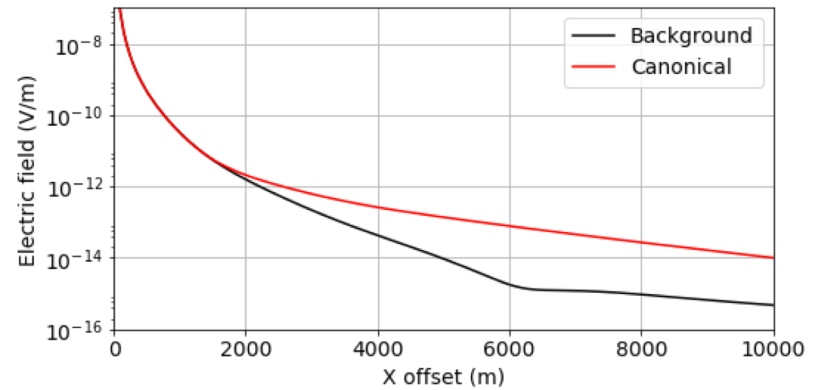
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Fields at time: 0.10s

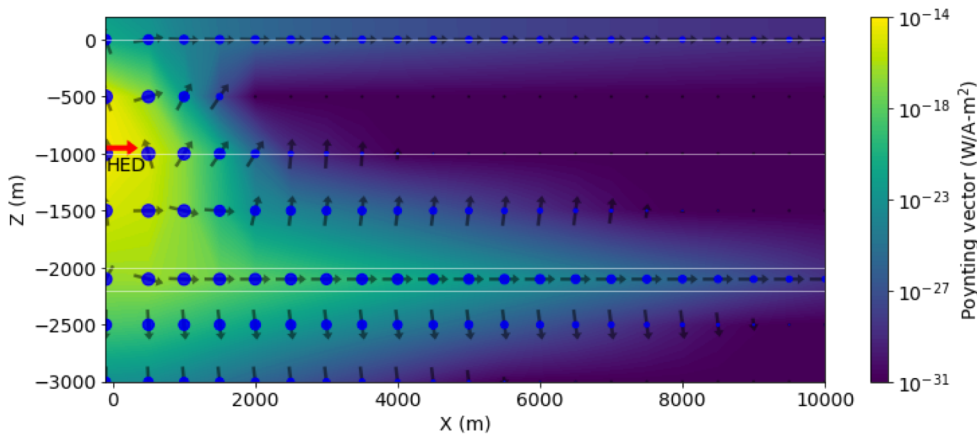
E-field



$|E_x|$



Poynting vector

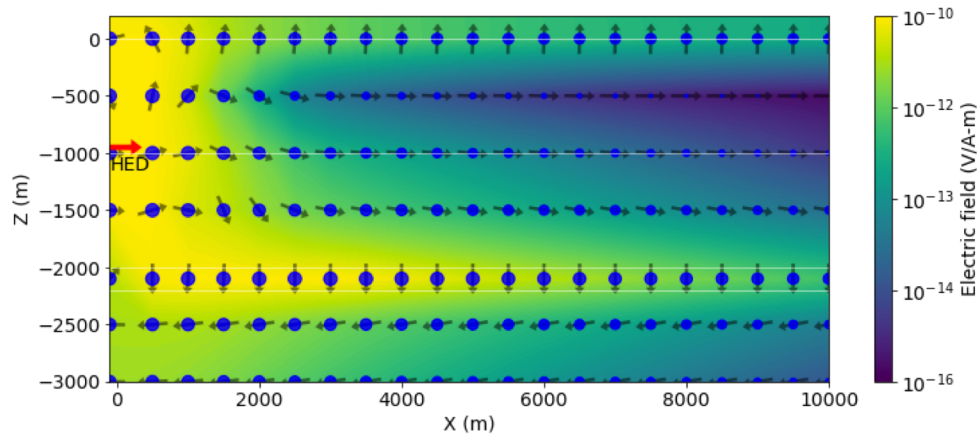


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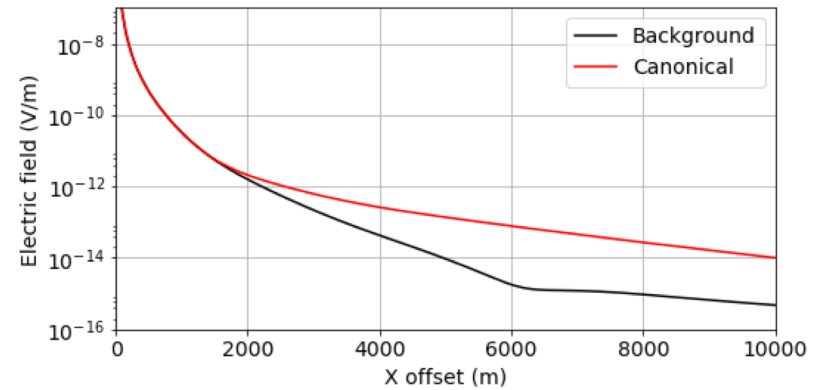
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Fields at time: 0.32s

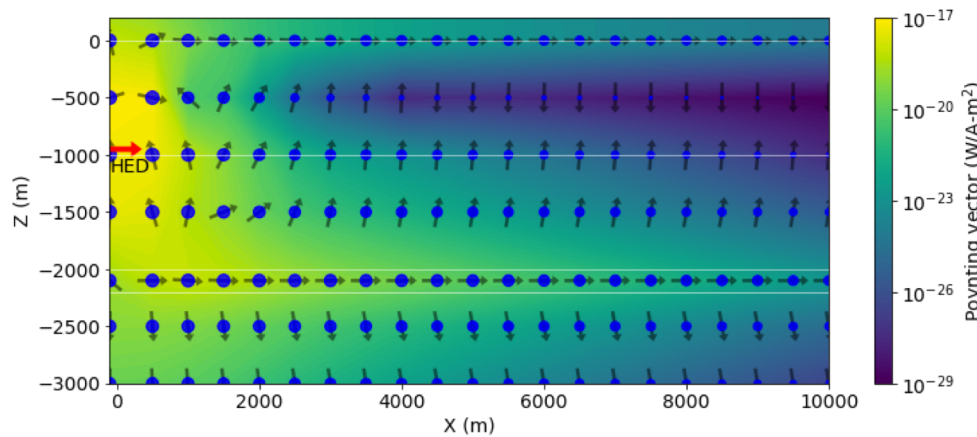
E-field



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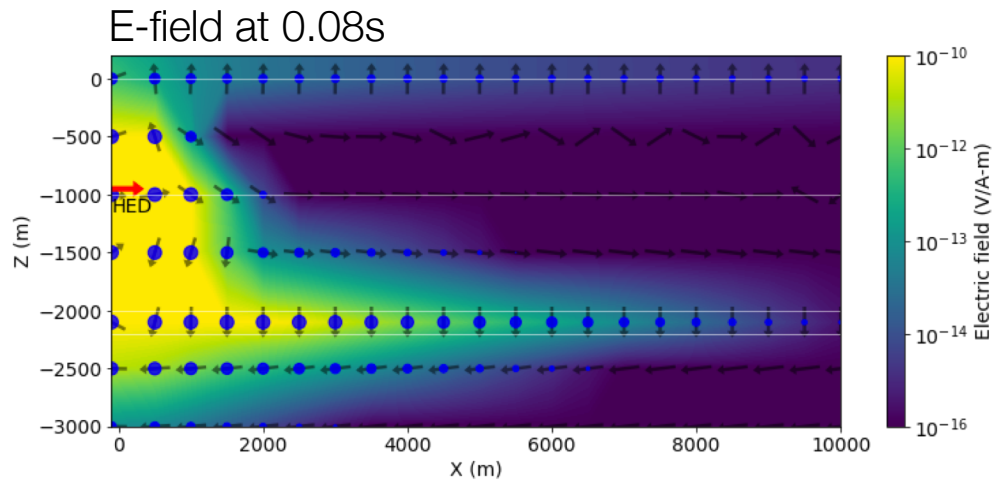


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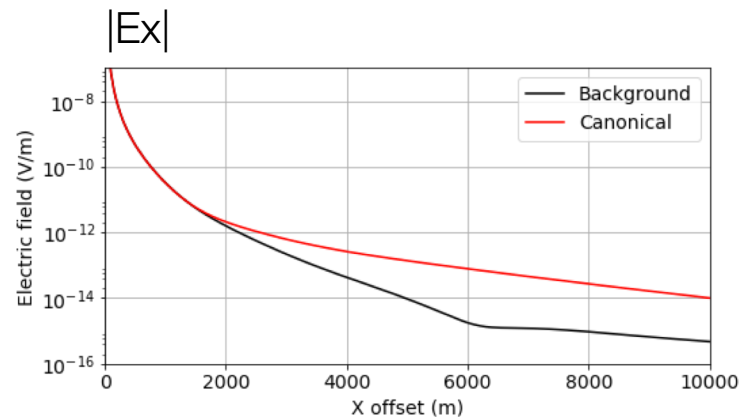
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Amplitude vs offset

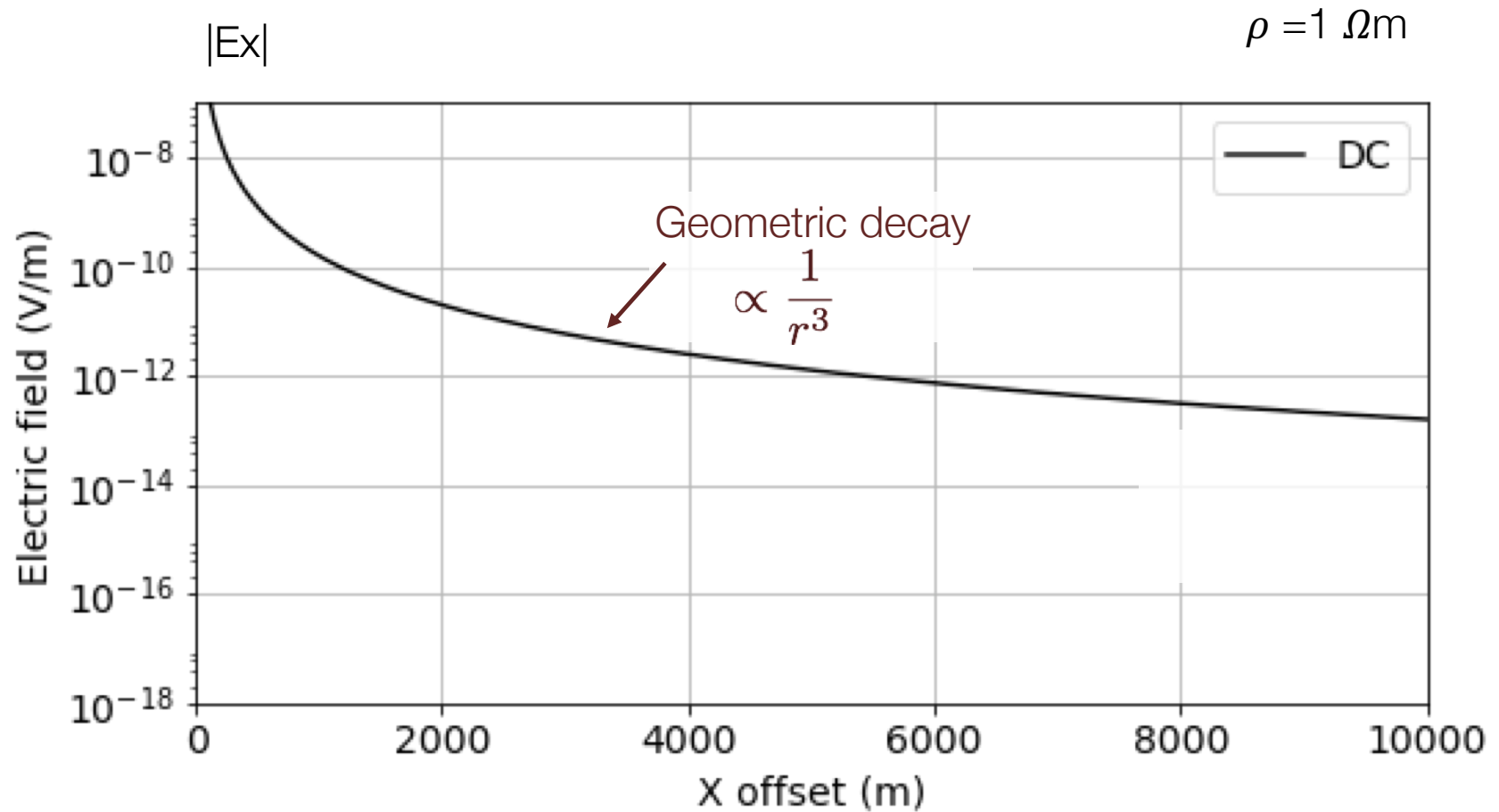
- Time snapshots tell us about
 - where energy is travelling
 - something about propagation speed



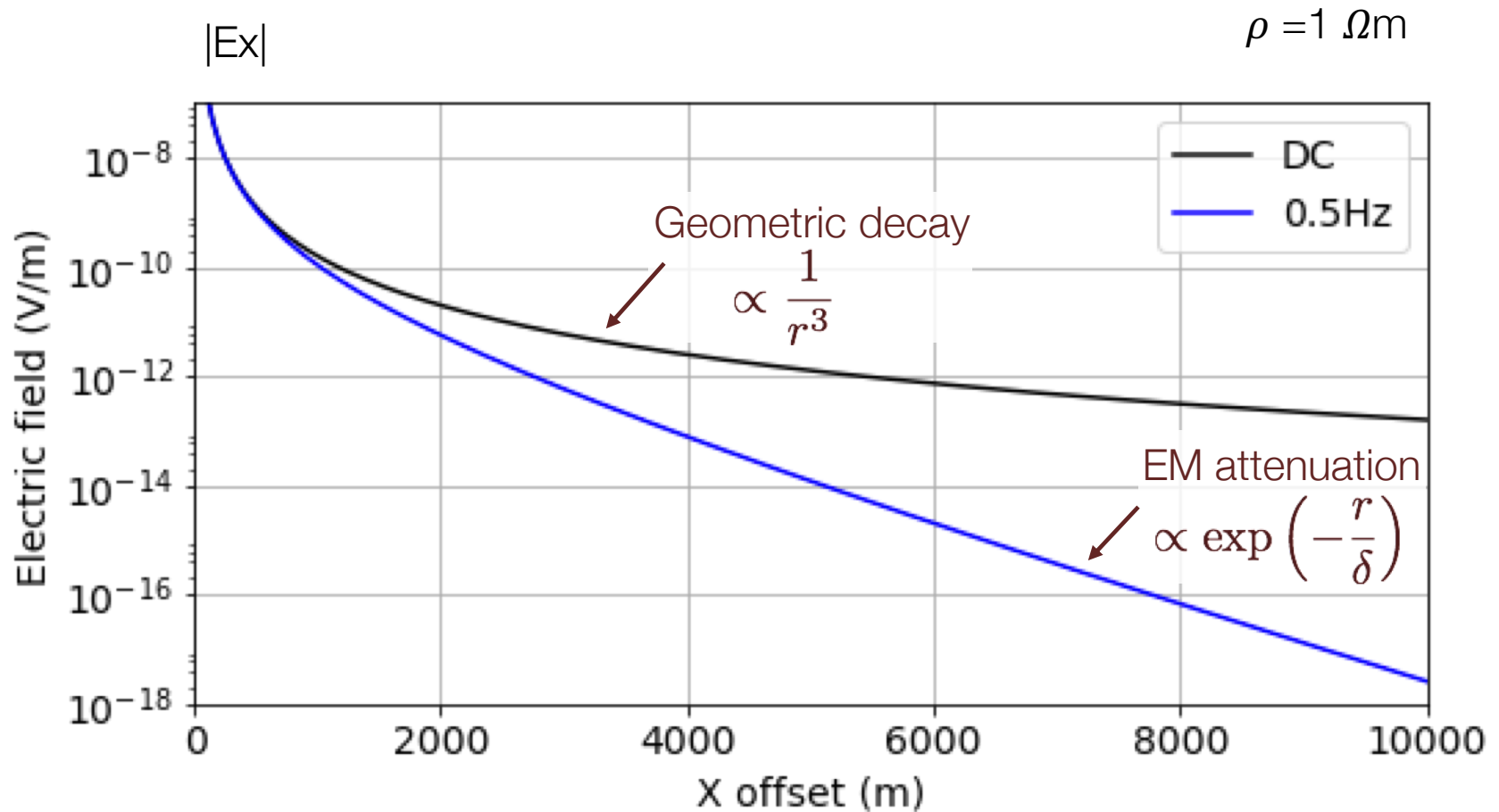
- What about amplitudes?
- Work in frequency domain



Amplitude: Electric dipole in a wholespace

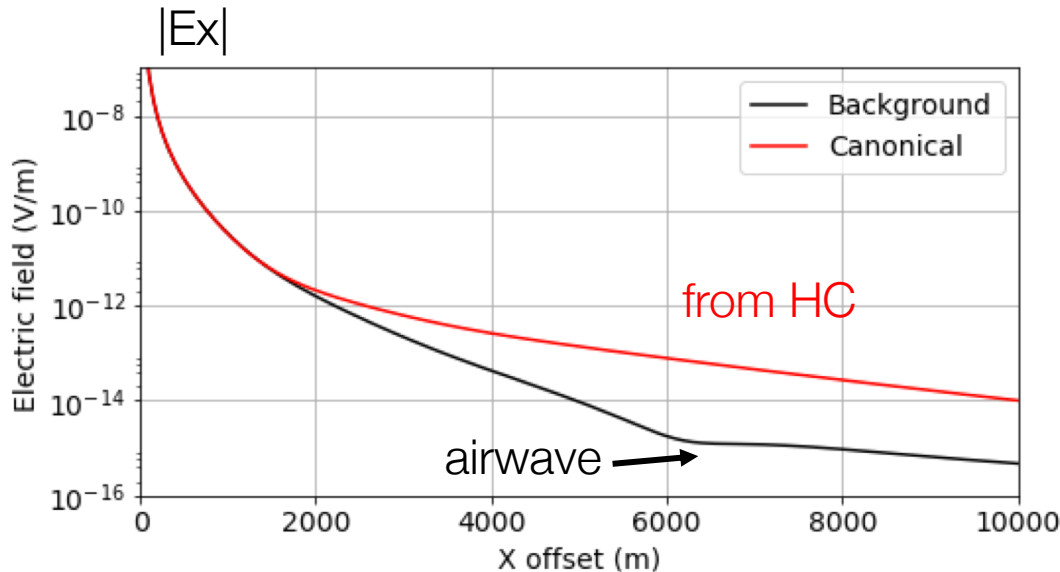
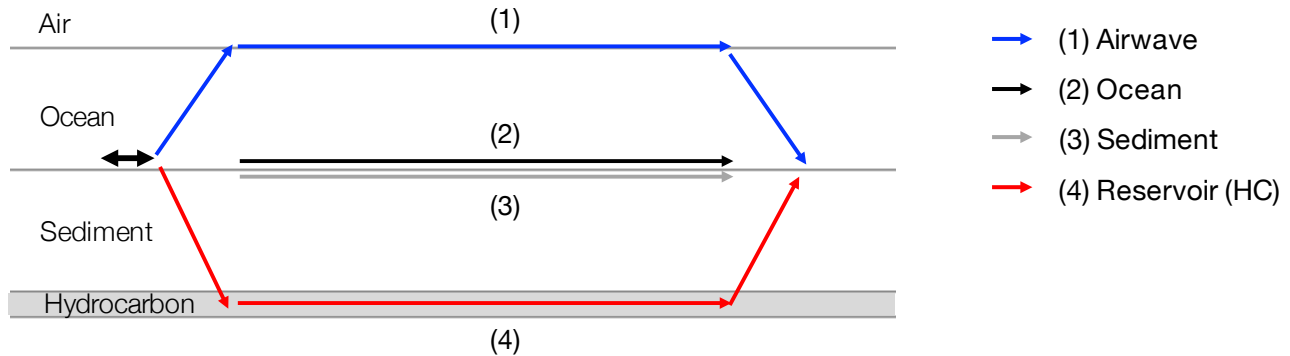


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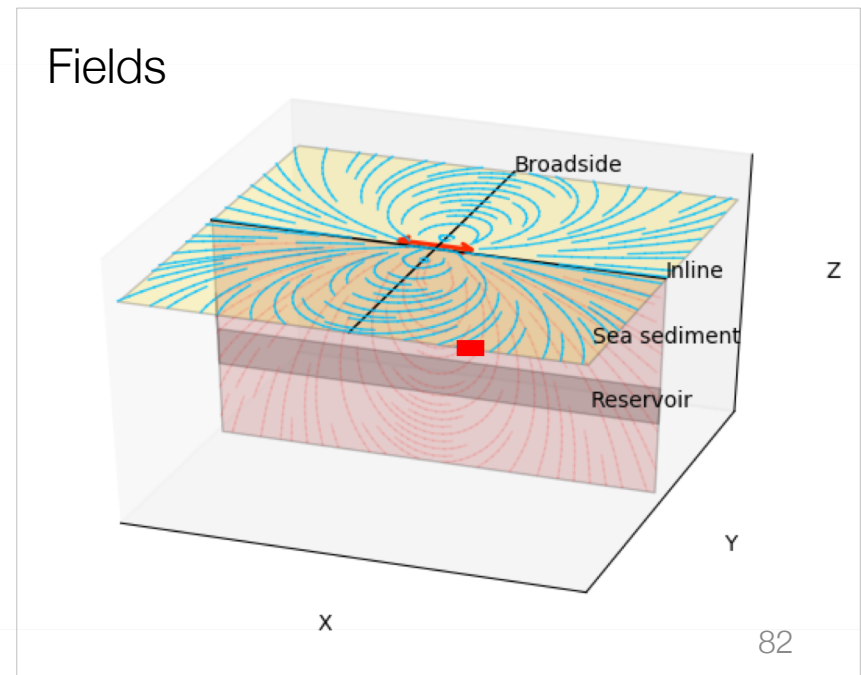
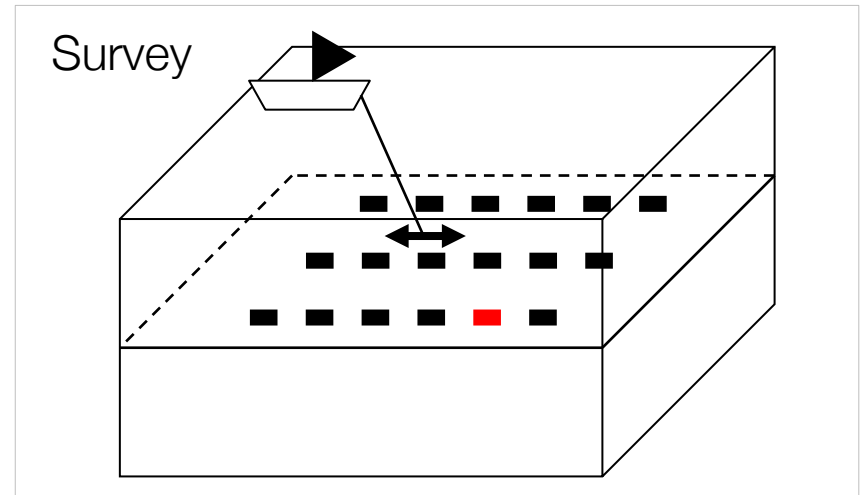
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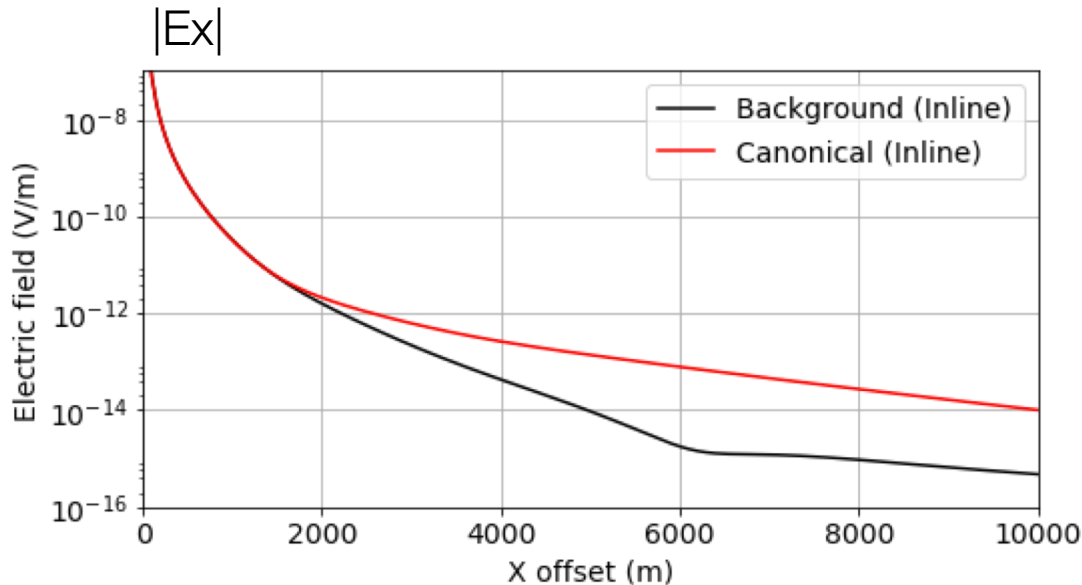
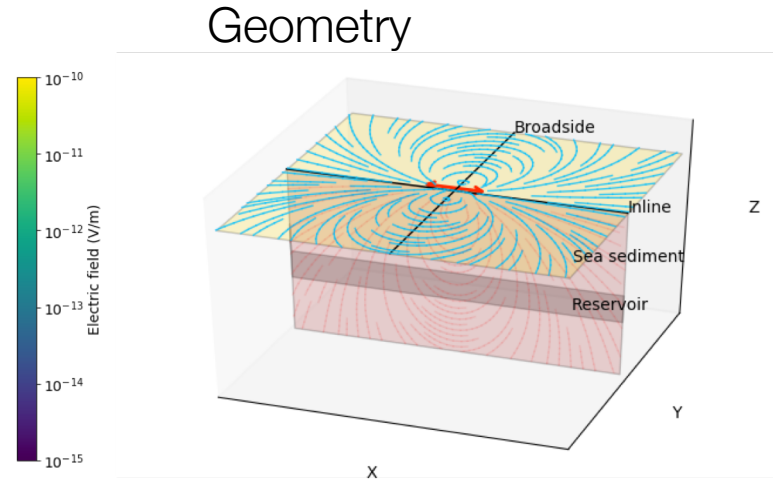
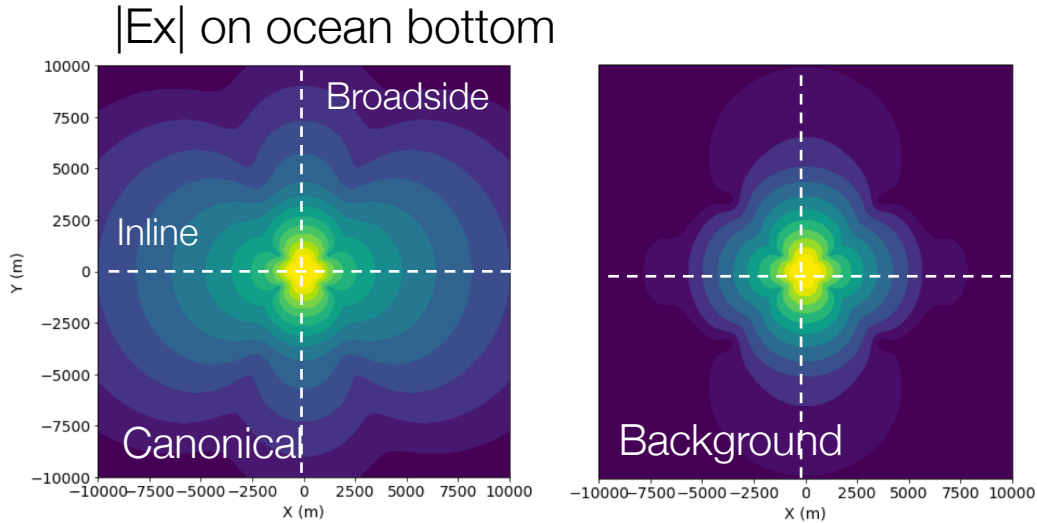
- Short offset (<2km):
 - geometric decay ($1/r^3$)
- Intermediate offset (2-6 km):
 - skin effects + HC
- Large offset (6-10 km):
 - airwave + HC

General CSEM

- Fields are 3D: All three components exists
 - E_x, E_y, E_z
 - B_x, B_y, B_z
- Inline (E_x, E_z, B_y)
 - Electric field crosses the HC layer boundary
 - Galvanic dominates
- Broadside (E_x, B_y, B_z)
 - No vertical electric field (no charge build up)
 - Inductive dominates

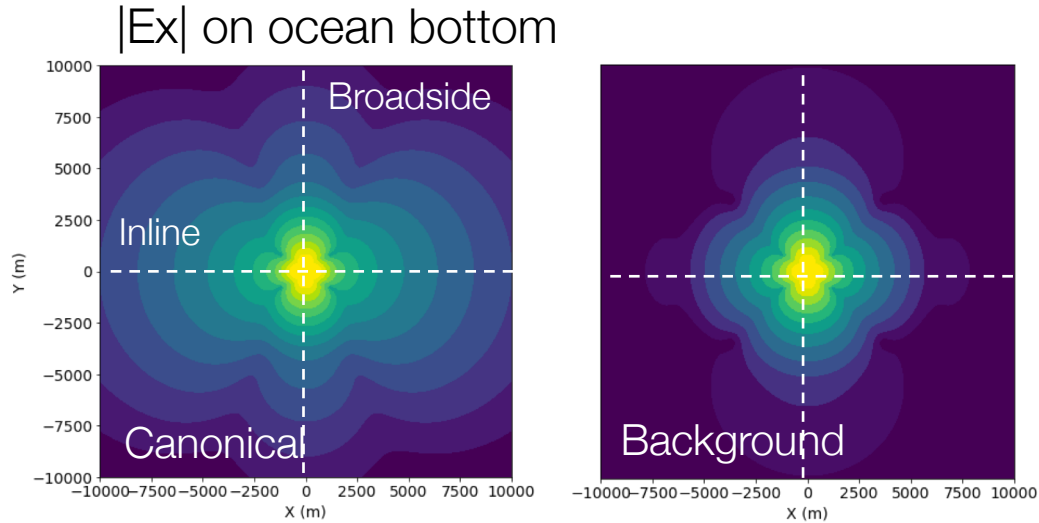


Measured data: inline and broadside

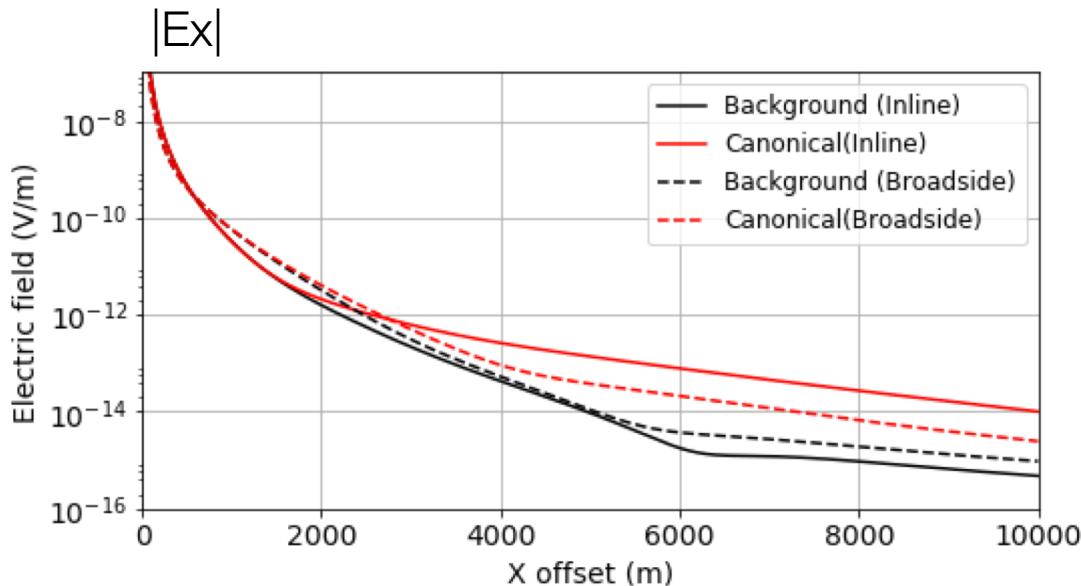
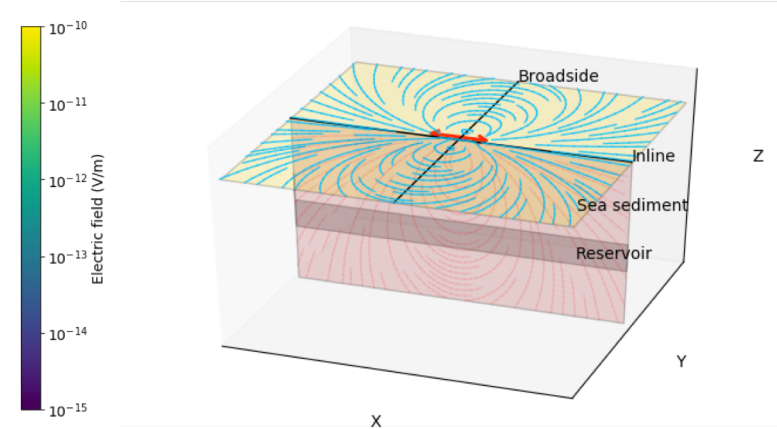


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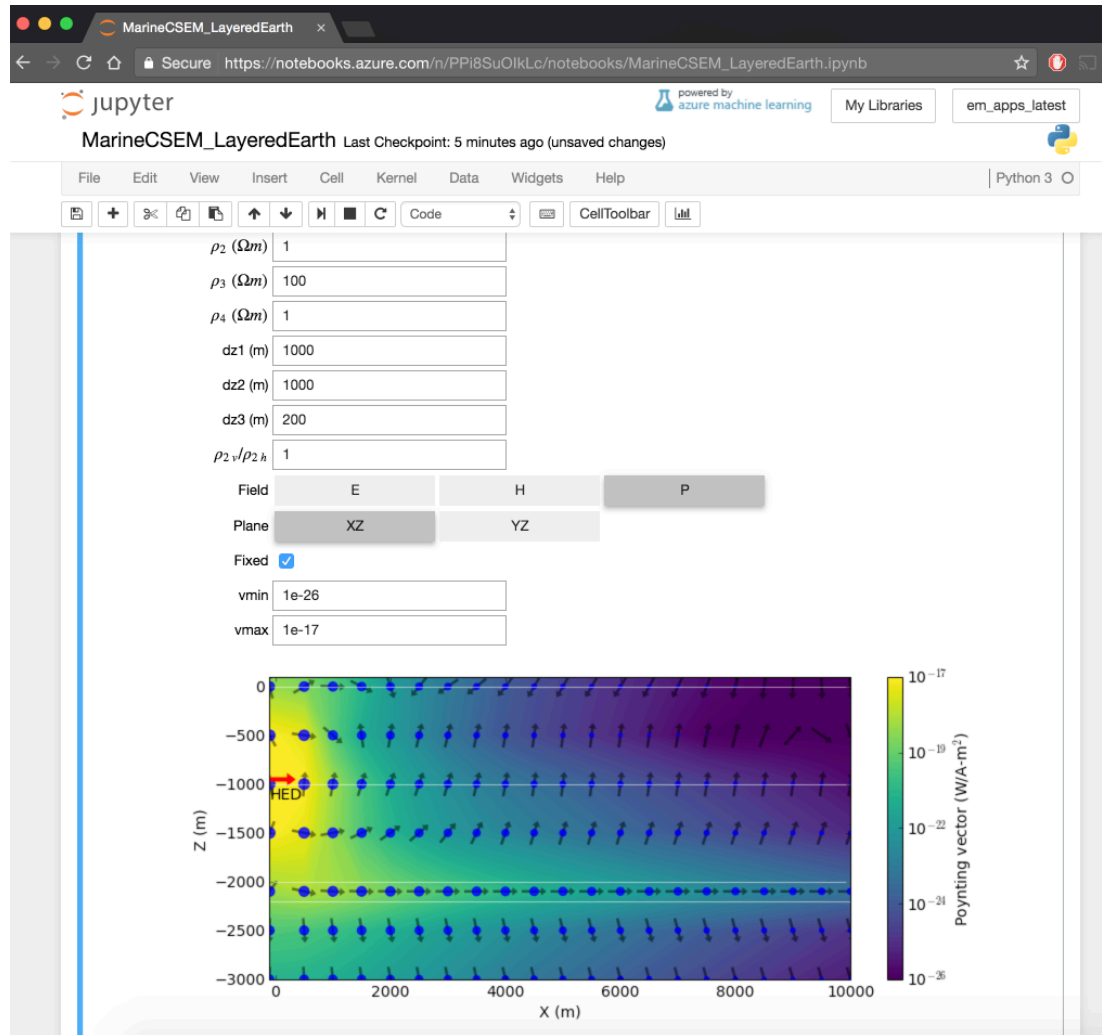
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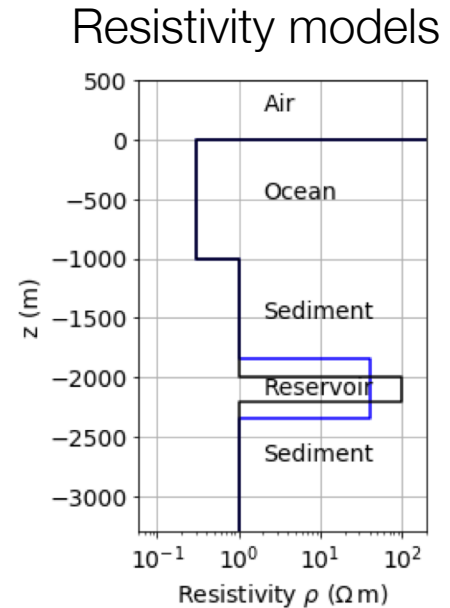
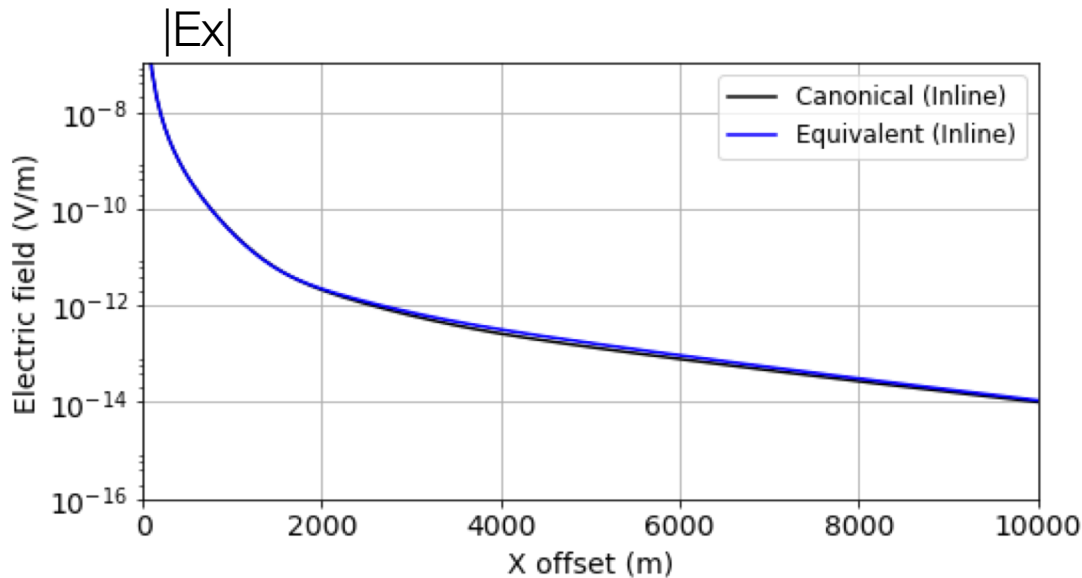
- Inline $|E_x|$
 - Significant signal from reservoir
- Broadside $|E_x|$
 - Anomaly is smaller than inline

Marine CSEM App

- Simulate Marine CSEM
 - 4 layers
 - E, H Fields
 - Poynting vector

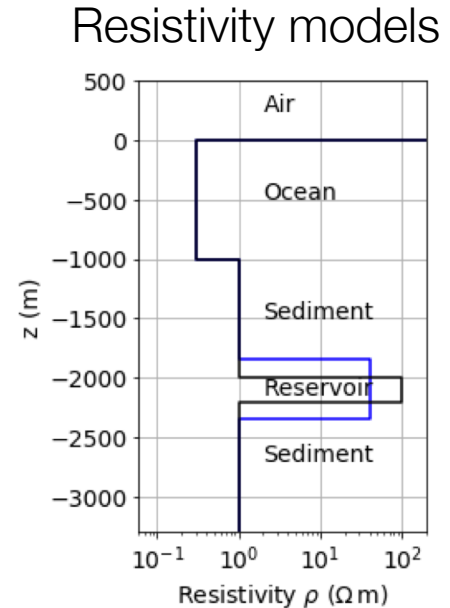
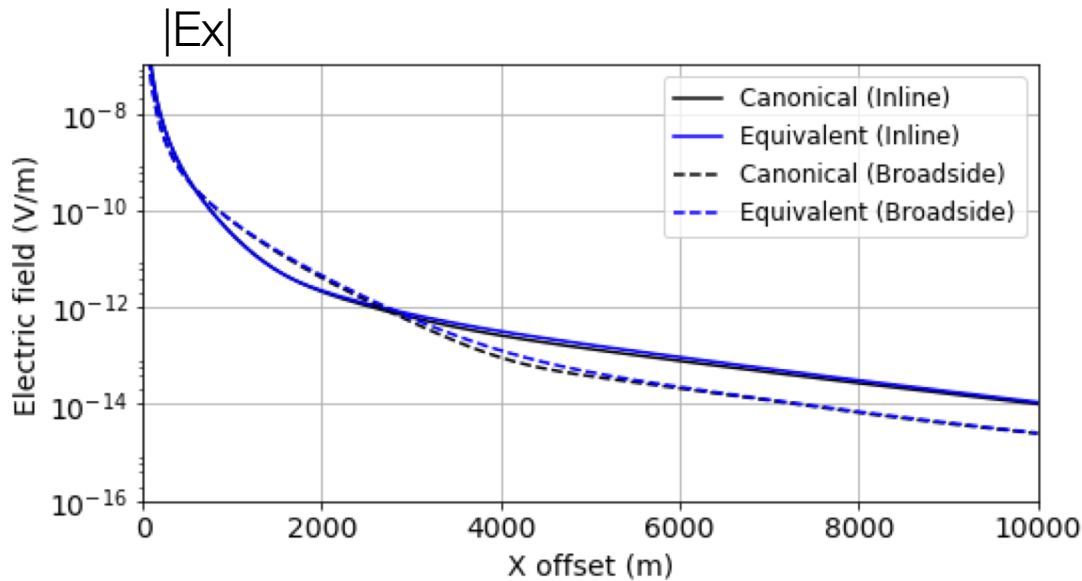


Equivalence: resistivity-thickness product



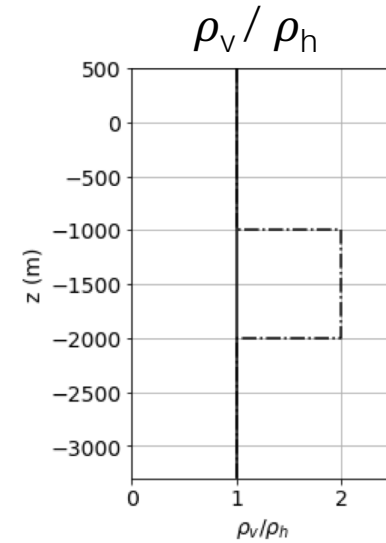
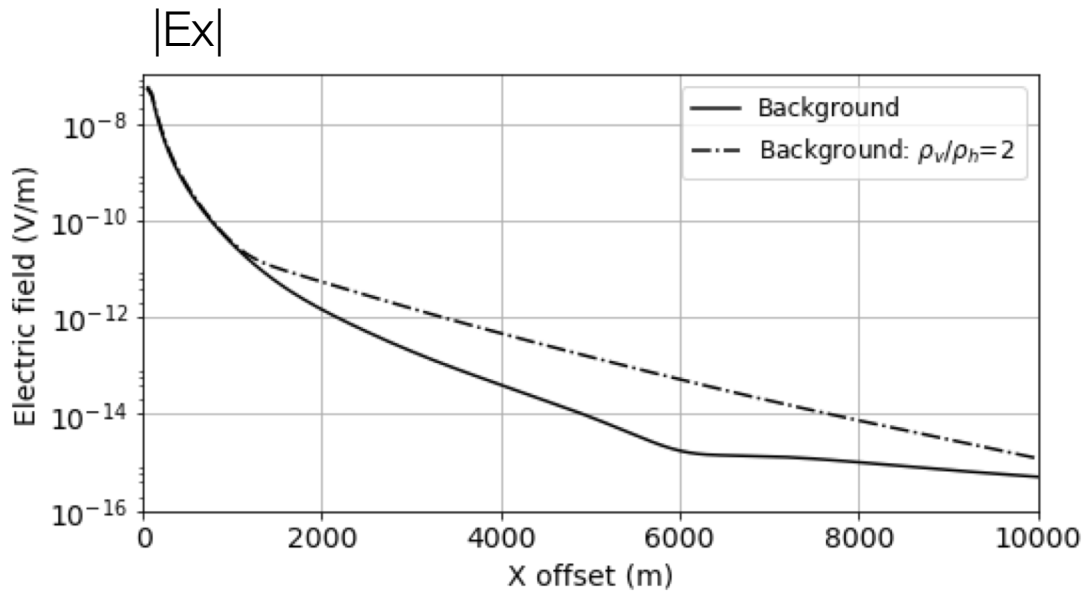
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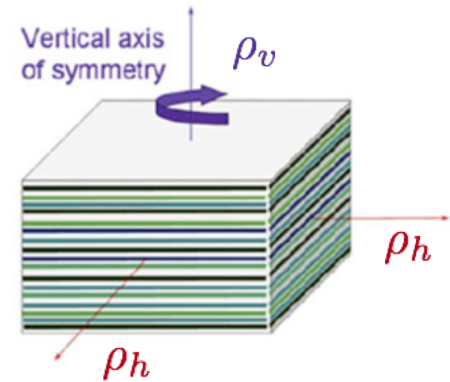


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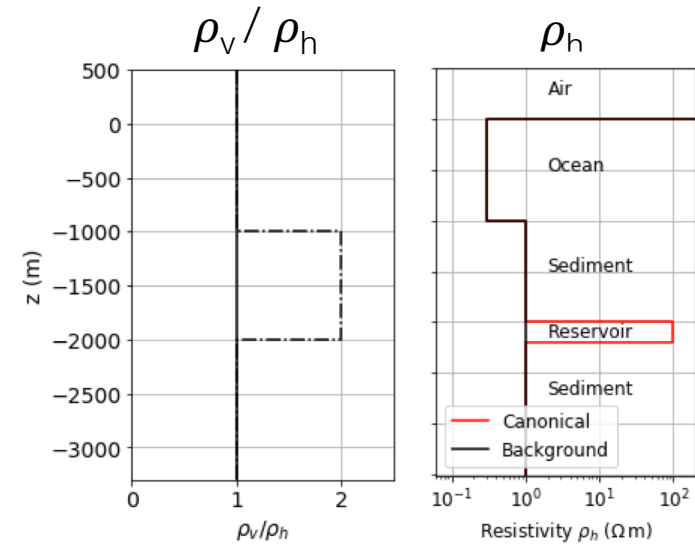
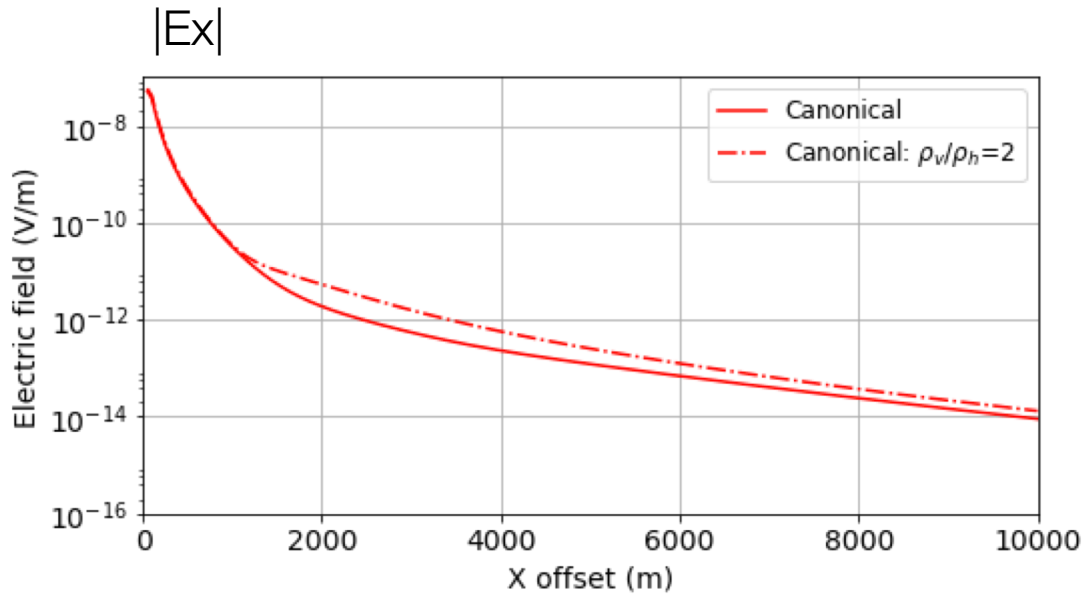
Anisotropy



- Sediment could have vertical anisotropy
- $\rho_v > \rho_h$: $|E_x|$ larger at far offsets

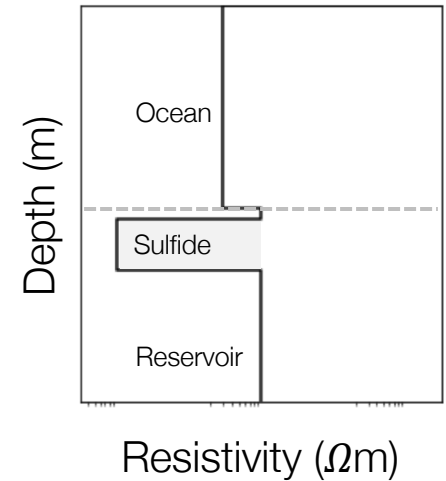
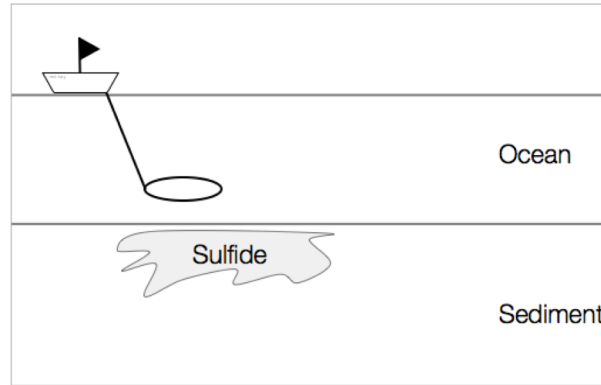
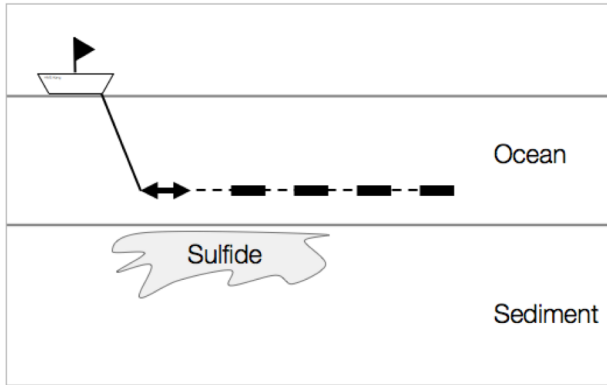


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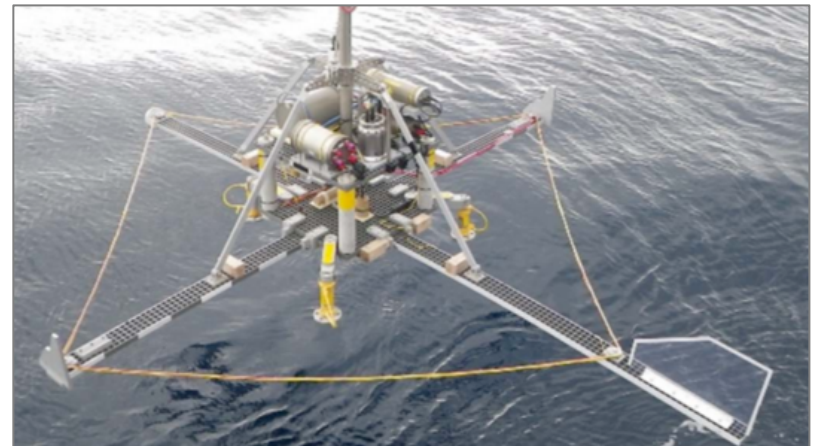
- Significant impact to signal from reservoir
 - need to account for this when interpreting marine CSEM data

Finding conductors



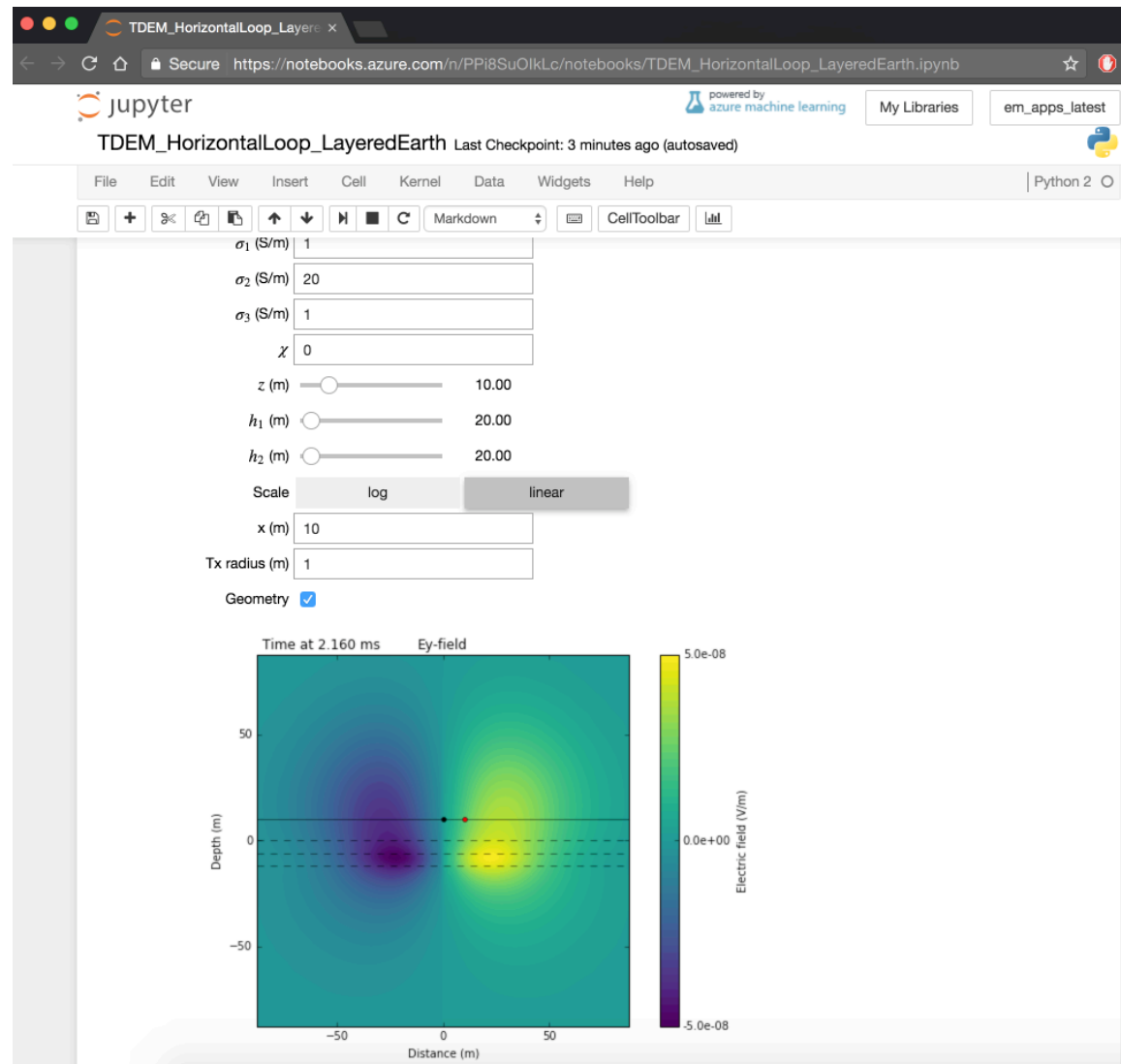
Source: towed

- Galvanic source
- Inductive source
- Receivers: (towed)
 - E-field
 - B-field



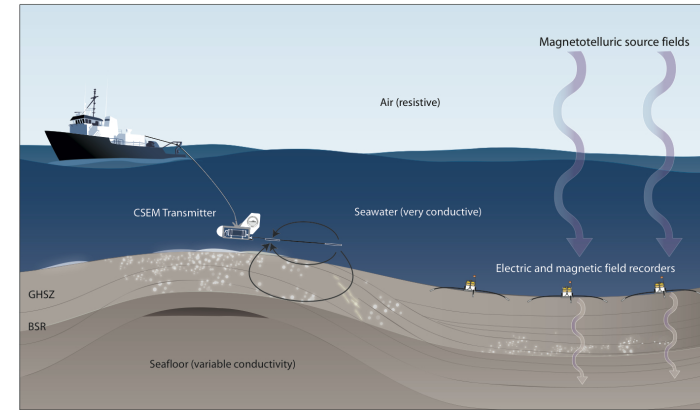
TDEM Horizontal Loop App

- TDEM
 - 4 layers
 - Fields, currents
 - Plot time decays



Summary

- Generic CSEM survey
- Wave and energy propagation
- Transmitters: galvanic or inductive
- Receivers: E-field, B-field: fixed or moving
- Canonical hydrocarbon example
- Useful for finding conductors or resistors
 - Hydrocarbons
 - Gas hydrate
 - Sea floor massive sulfides
 - Sea floor UXO
 - Near surface geologic structure
 - Fresh water aquifers



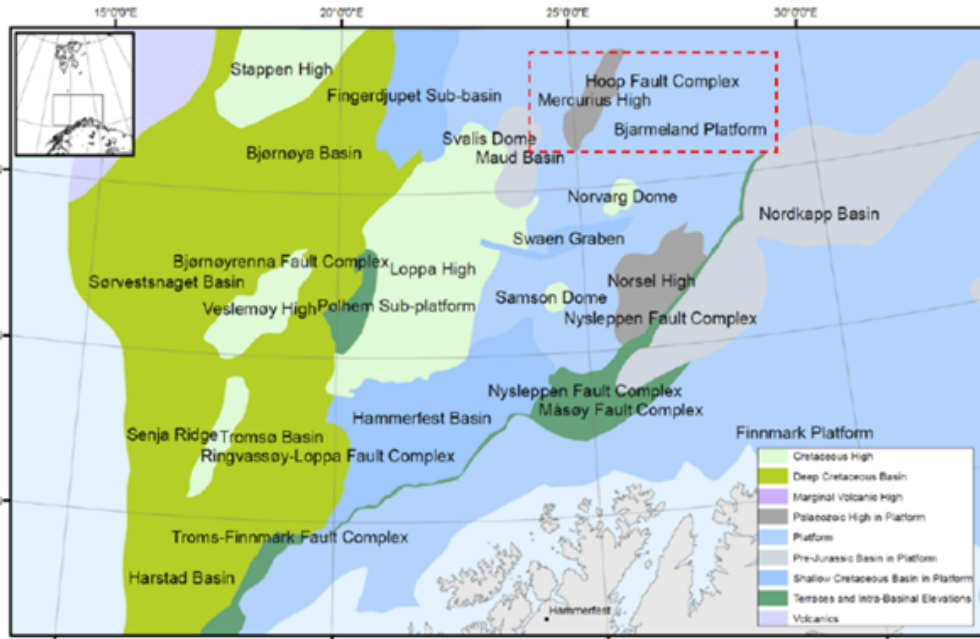
Case Histories: Hydrocarbon De-risking Gas Hydrates

Case History: Barents Sea

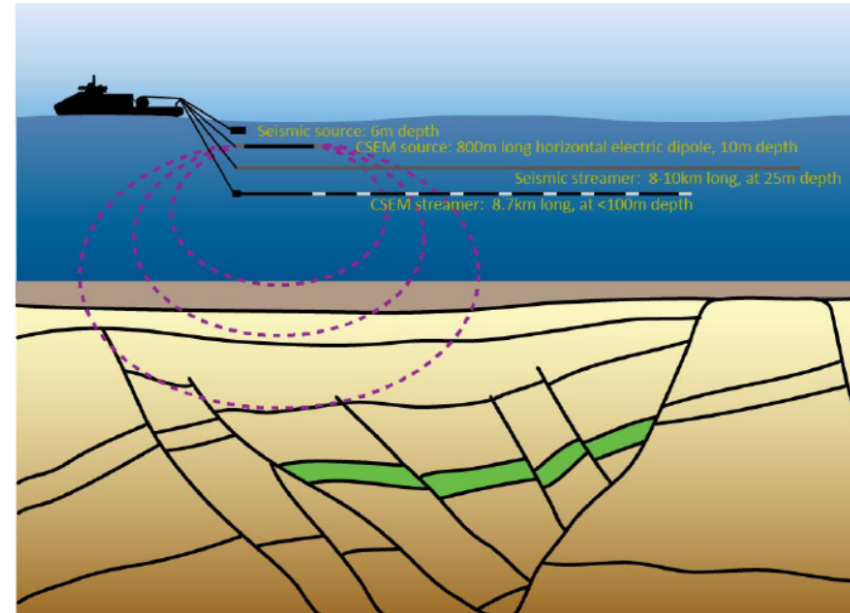
Alvarez et al., 2016. Rock Solid Images

Setup

Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea



Marine CSEM

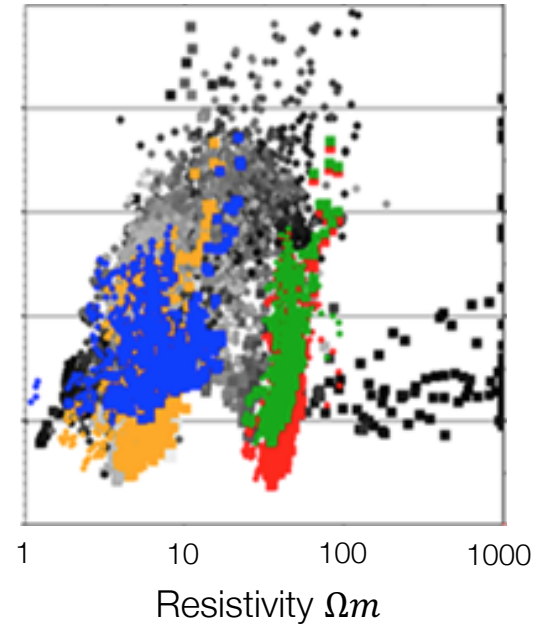
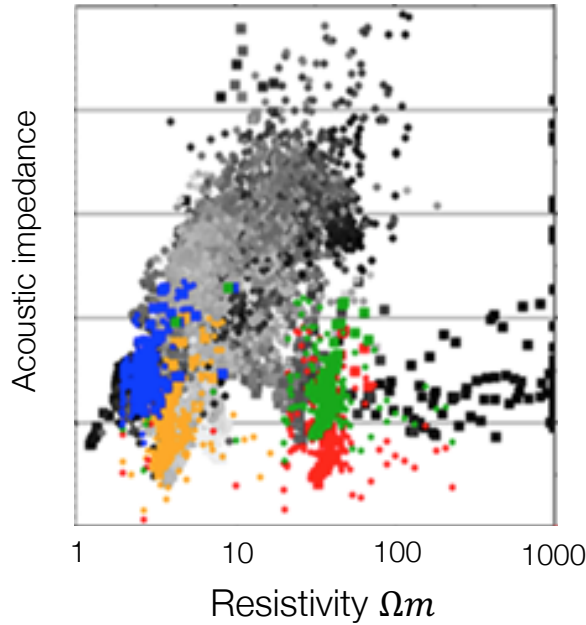
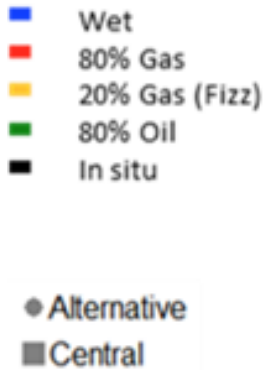


- Known hydrocarbon reservoirs within the Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea.
- Seismic can locate oil and gas reservoirs but cannot always determine hydrocarbon saturation (in particular fizz gas)
- Seismic, borehole and CSEM data used to characterize reservoir
 - fluid, porosity, clay content, and hydrocarbon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

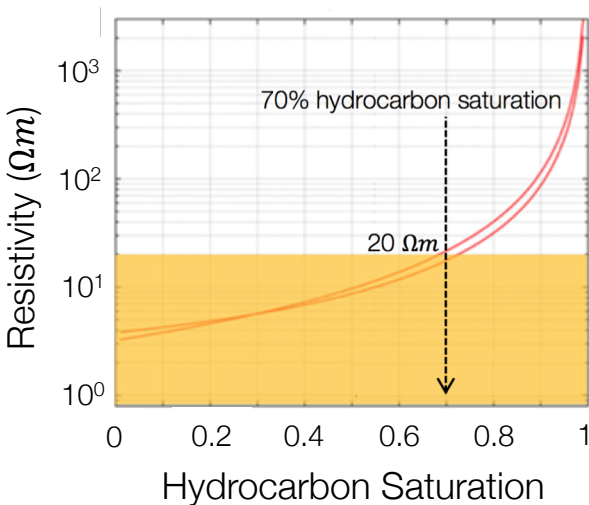
Properties

a) Stø Fm.

b) Nordmela Fm.



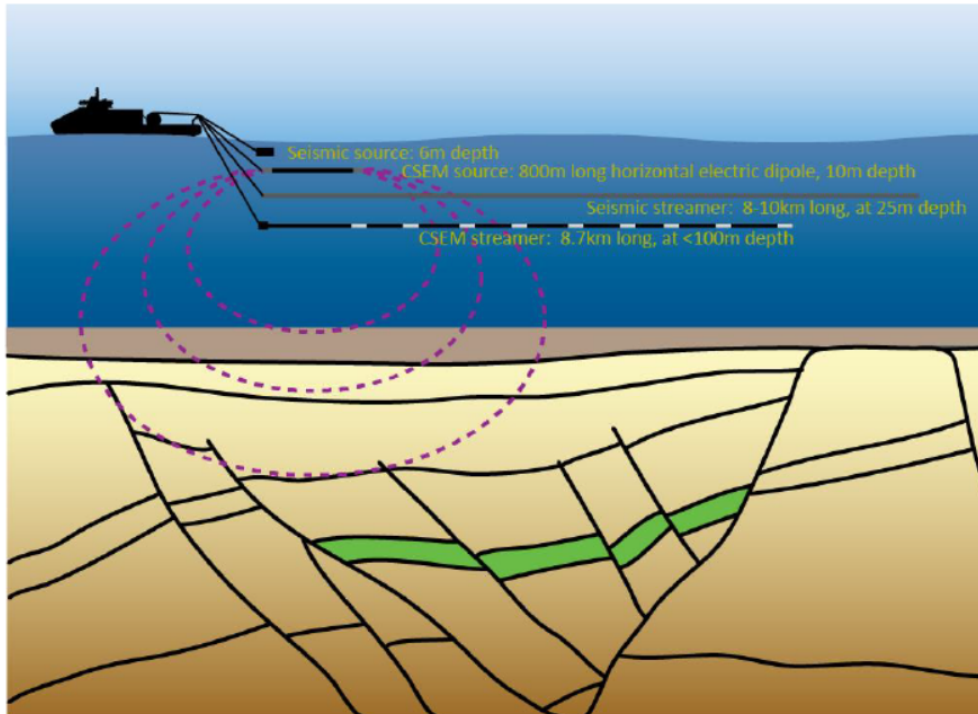
Volume clay content



- Highly hydrocarbon-saturated reservoir (< 30% water-wet) significant resistivity
- CSEM can differentiate high from low quality reservoirs

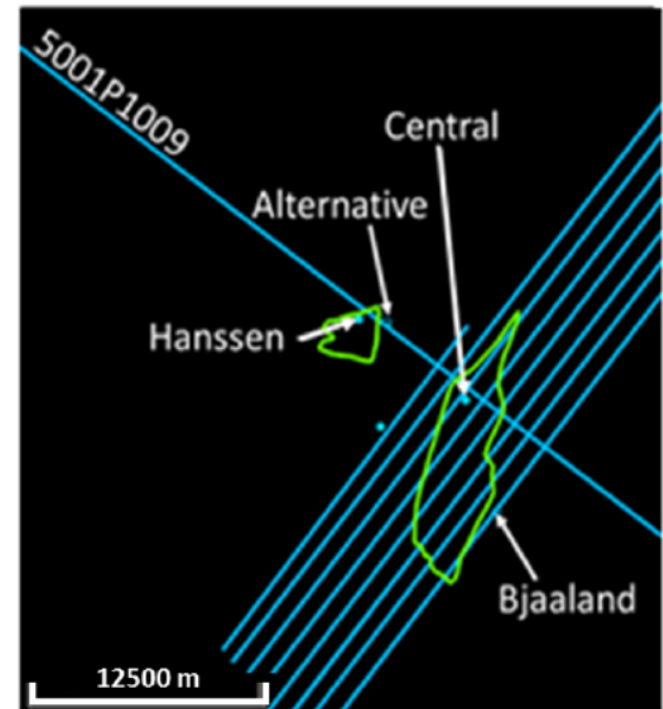
Survey

Towed CSEM and 2D seismic



- 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.

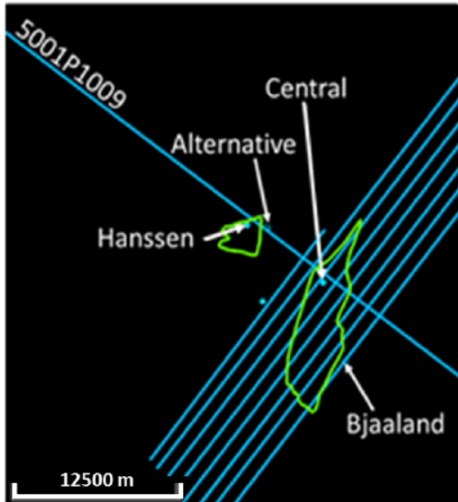
Survey lines



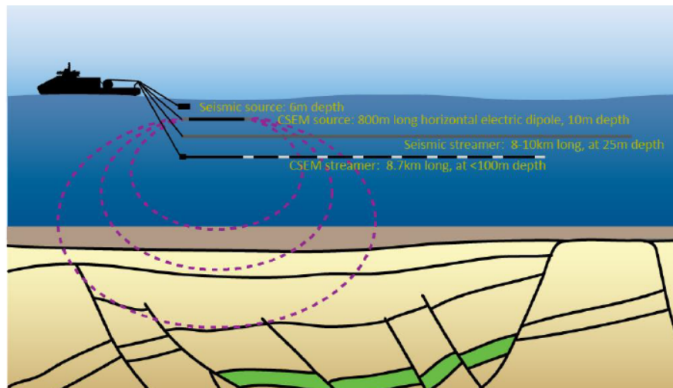
Alternative	Control well, dry
Central	Control well, productive
Hanssen	Validation well
Bjaaland	Validation well

CSEM Data

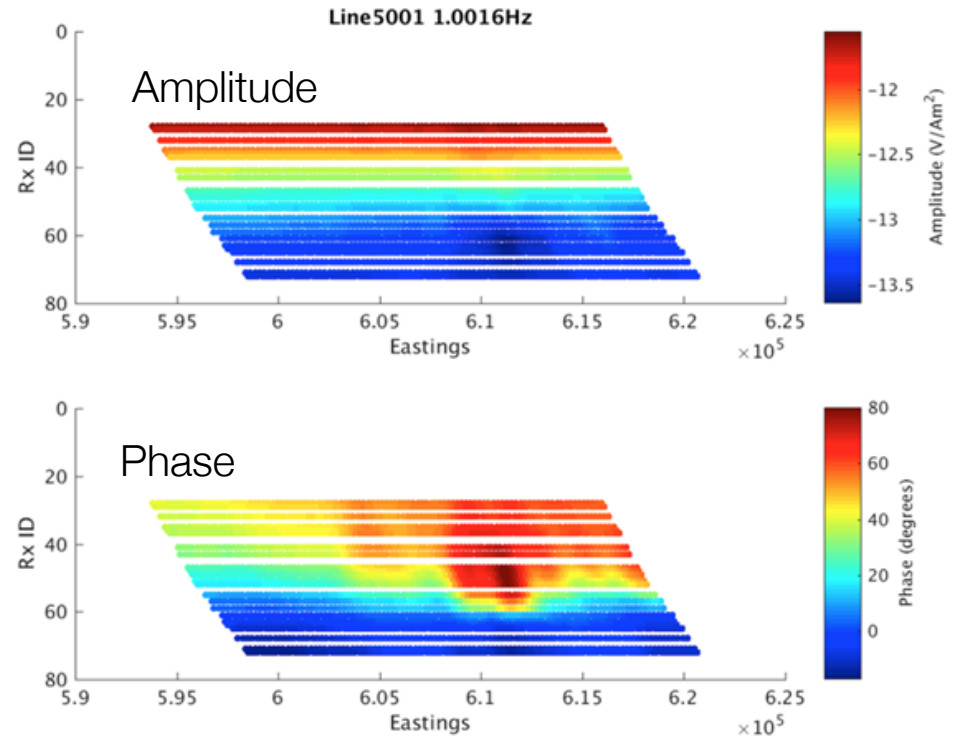
Survey lines



Towed-streamer EM



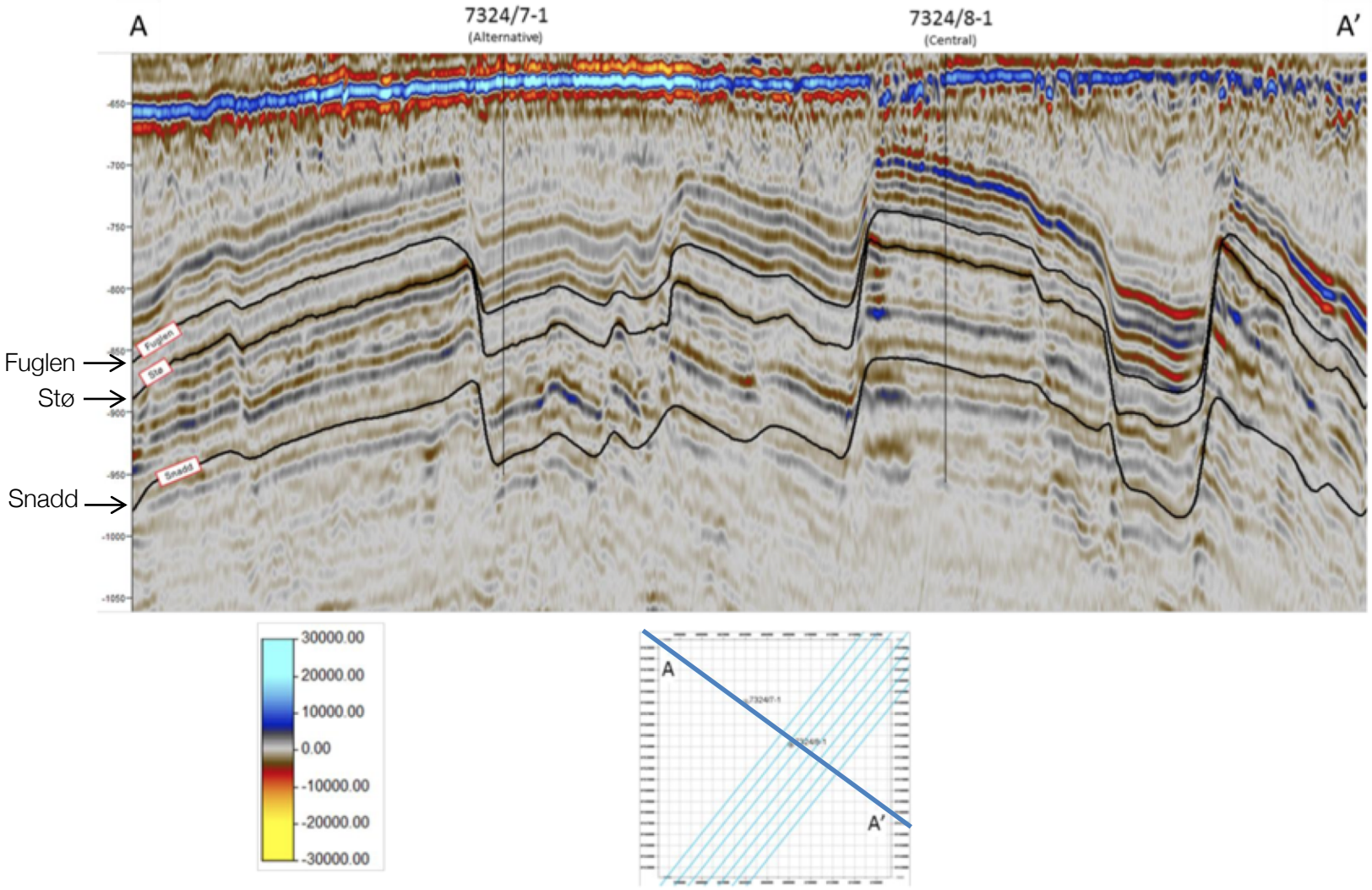
CSEM data over central reservoir (1 Hz)



- Significant phase response over Central reservoir

Seismic data

Seismic section: Line 5001

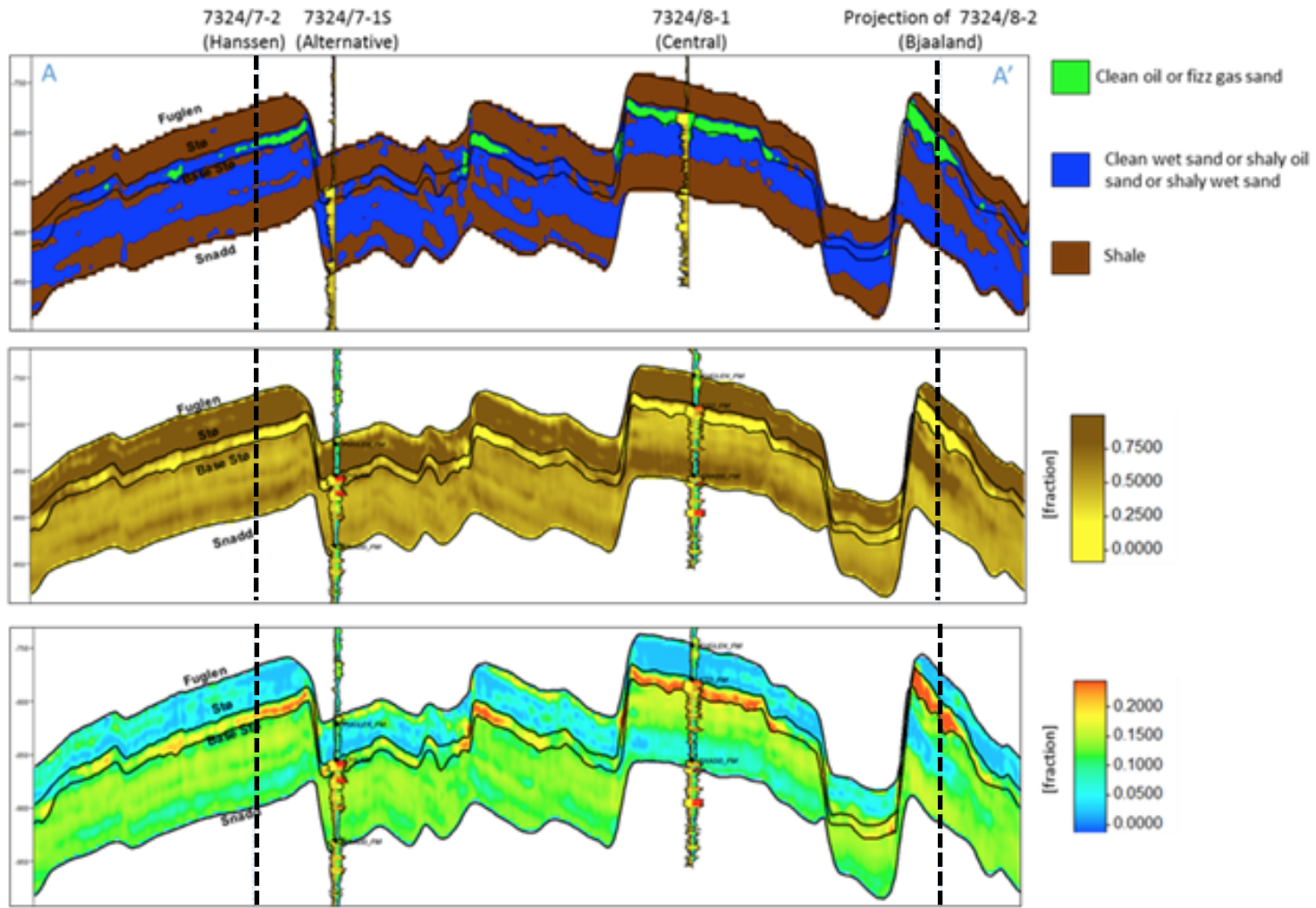


Well-Log and Seismic Inversion

Litho-fluid
Facies

Clay Content

Total Porosity



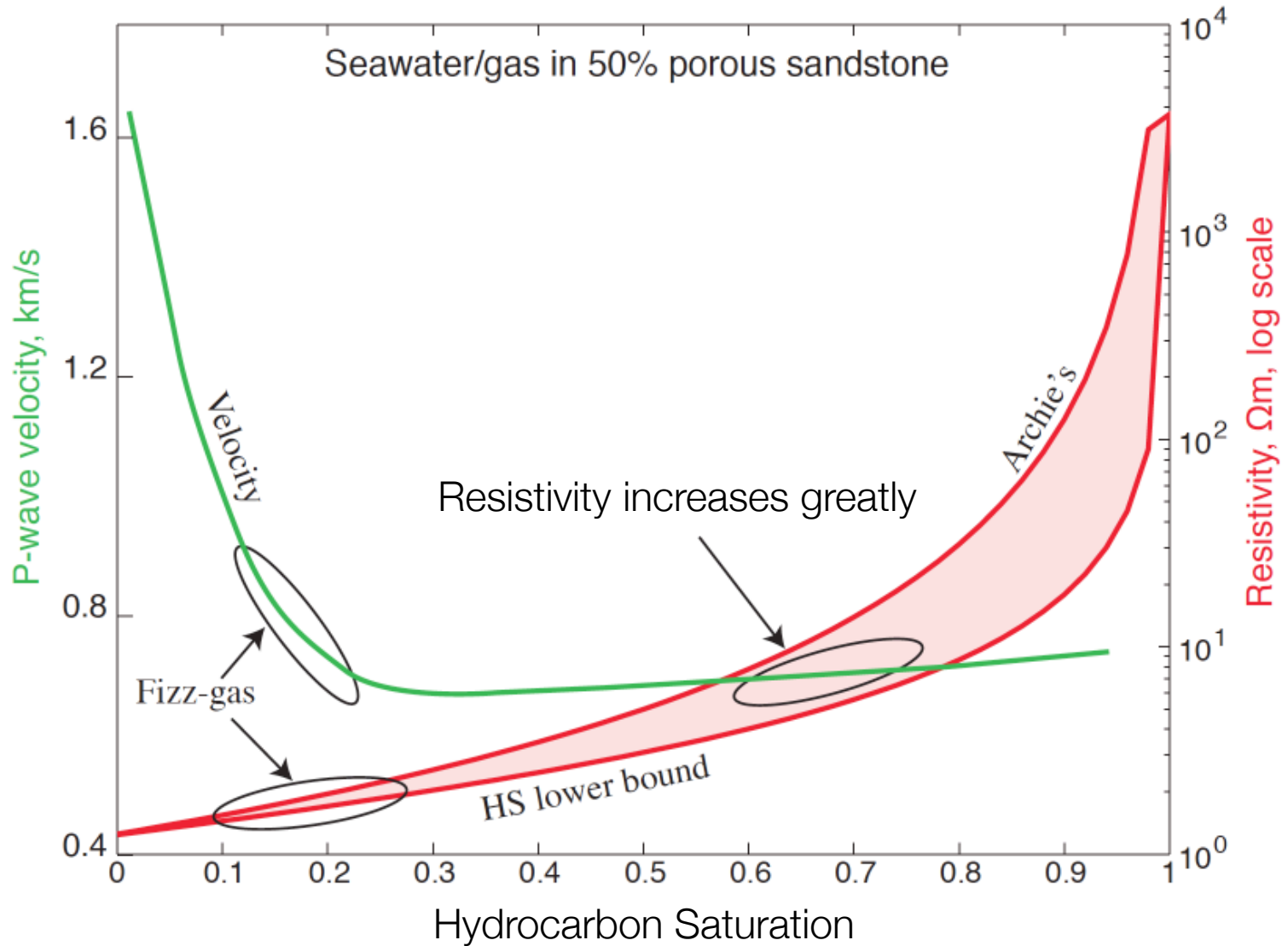
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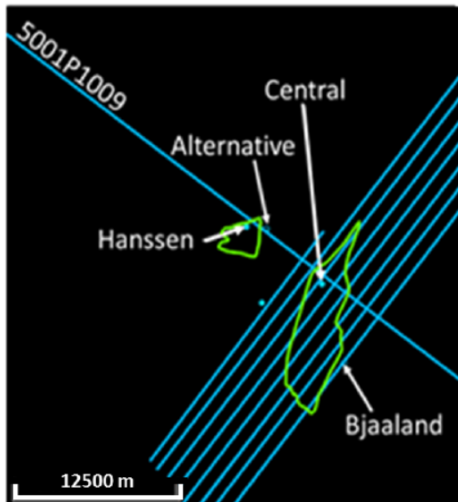
Bjaaland
Validation well

Revisiting physical properties

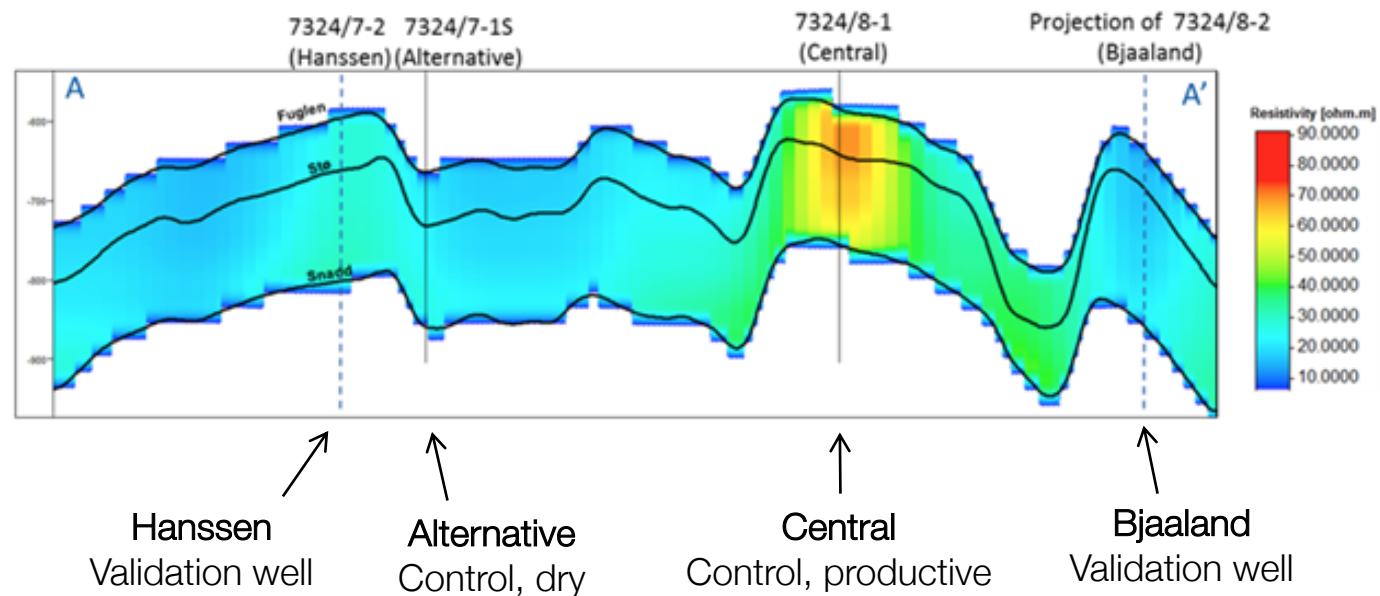


Processing: CSEM Inversion

Survey lines



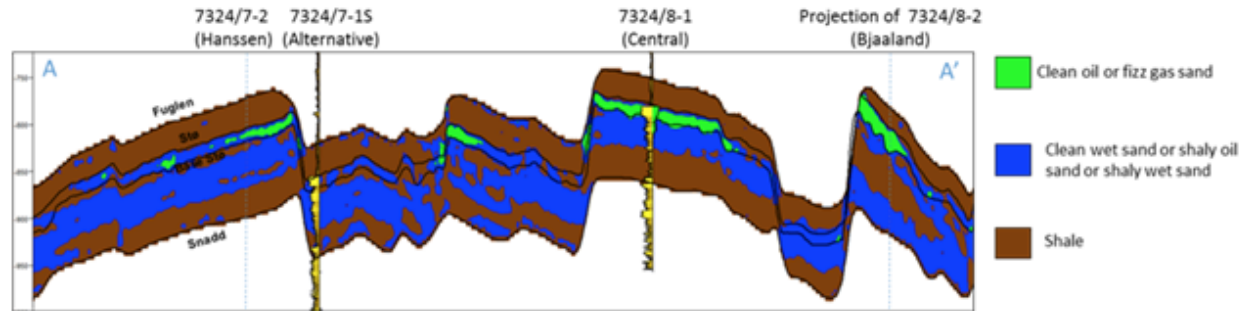
Vertical resistivity section along profile line 5001



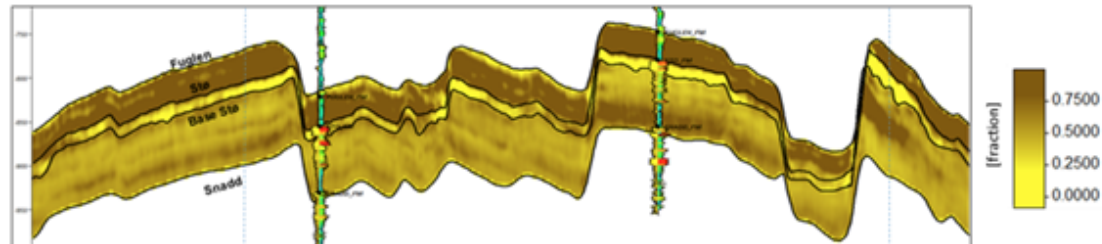
- Inversion shows strong resistor at Central and a secondary resistor at Hanssen.

Processing: Multi-physics Approach

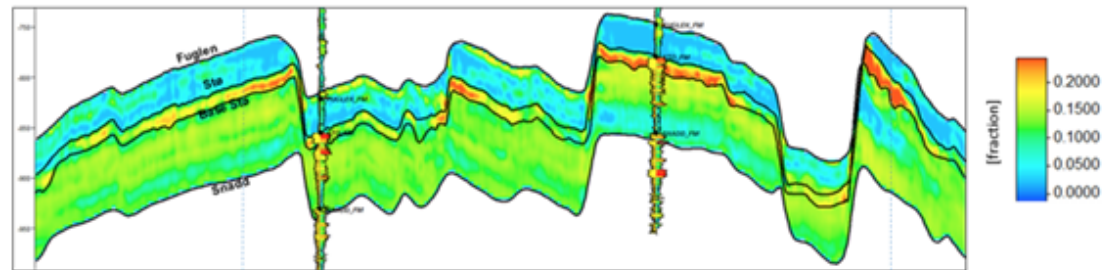
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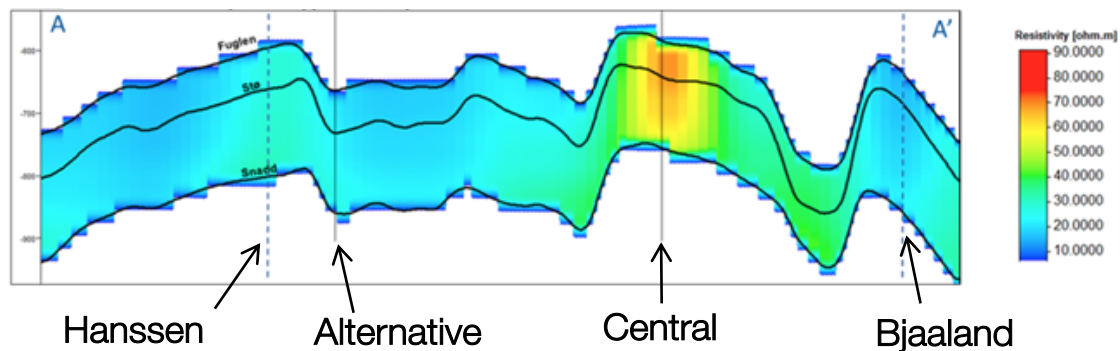
Clay Content



Total Porosity

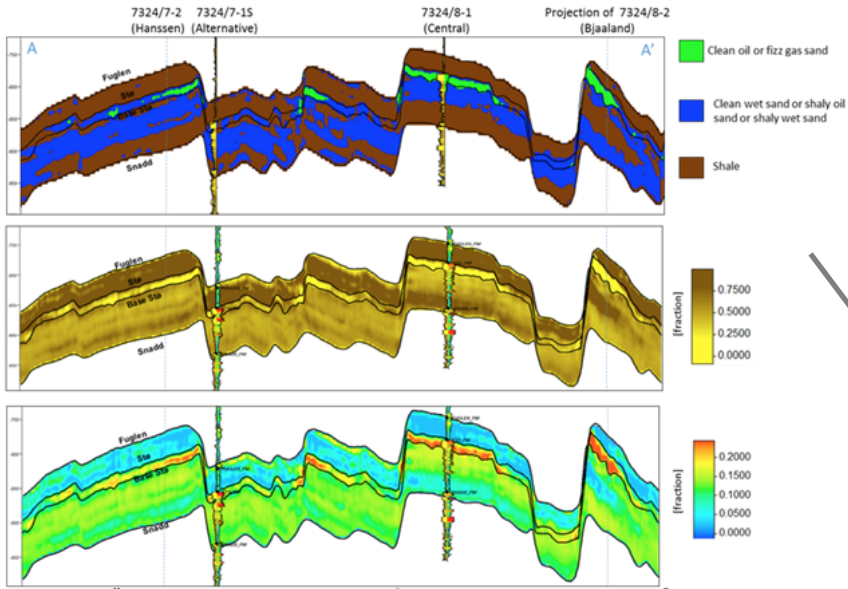


Resistivity

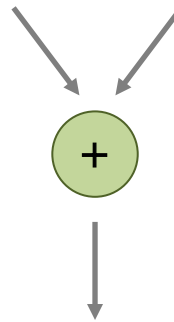
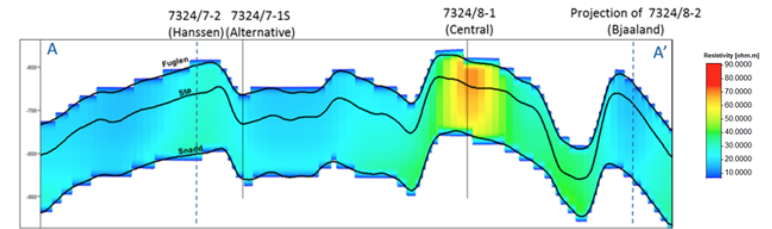


Interpretation & Synthesis

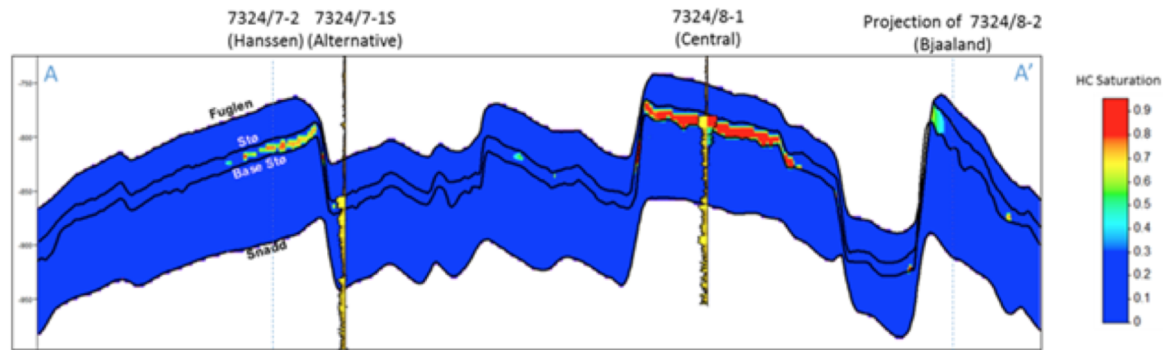
Seismic



EM



Hydrocarbon saturation



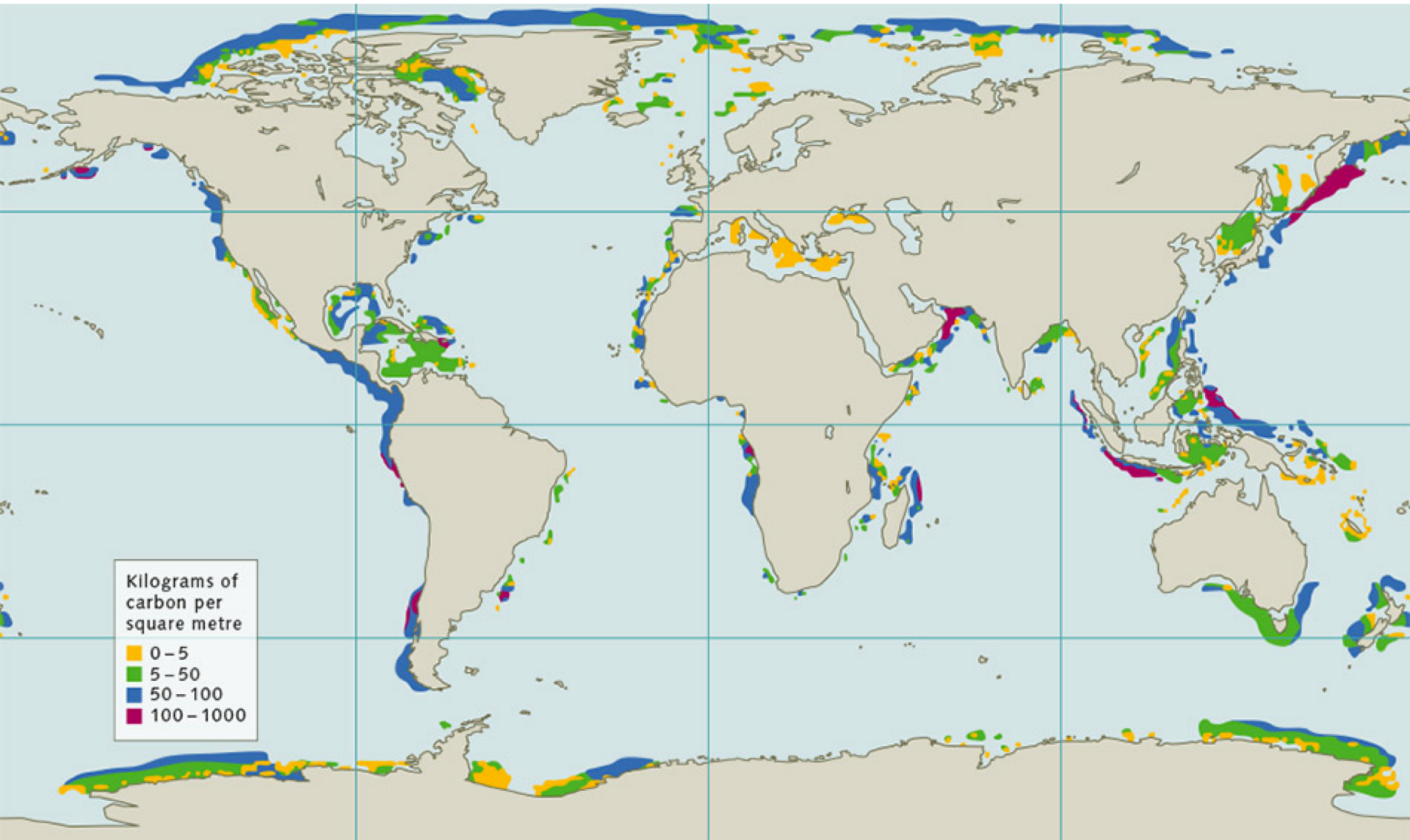
Hanssen
Validation well
productive

Alternative
Control, dry

Central
Control, productive

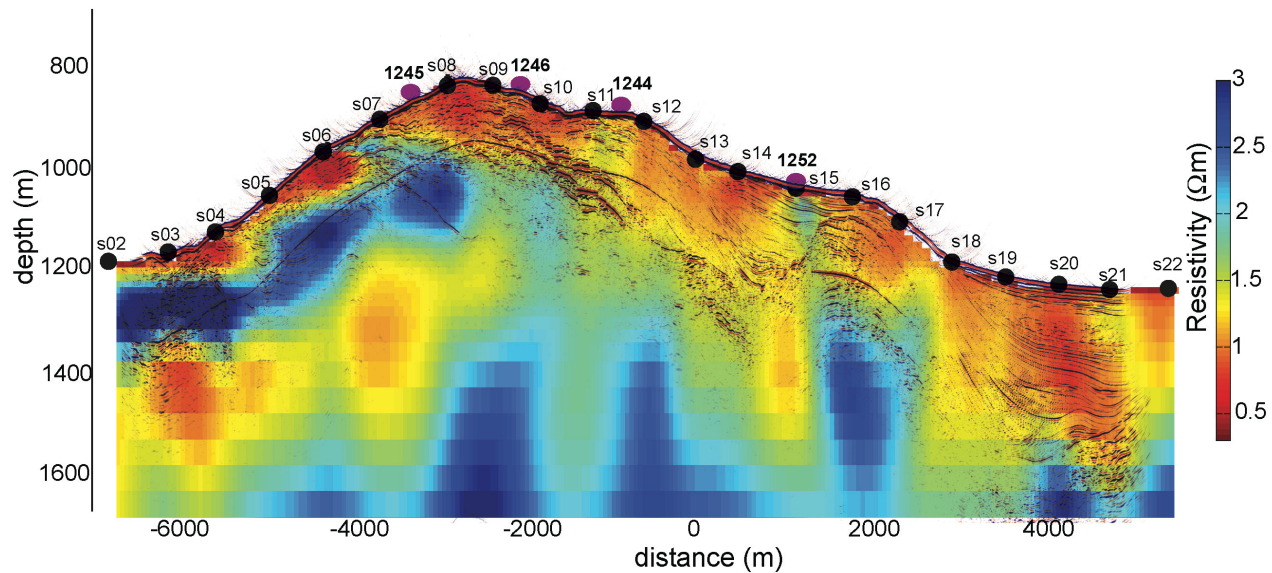
Bjaaland
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dry

Methane Hydrates

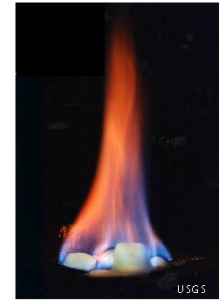


Case History: Hydrate Ridge offshore Oregon, USA

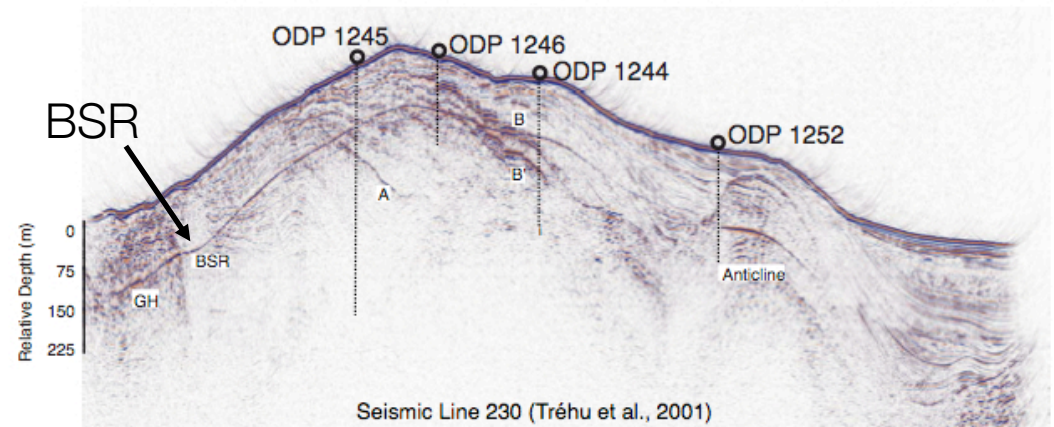
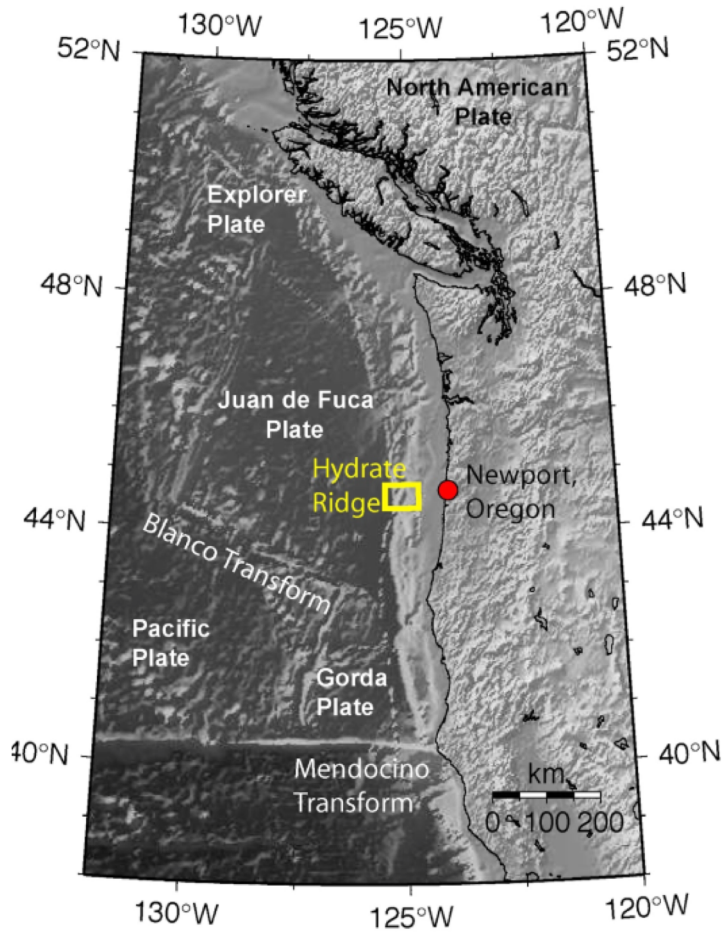
Weitemeyer et al. 2011



Setup



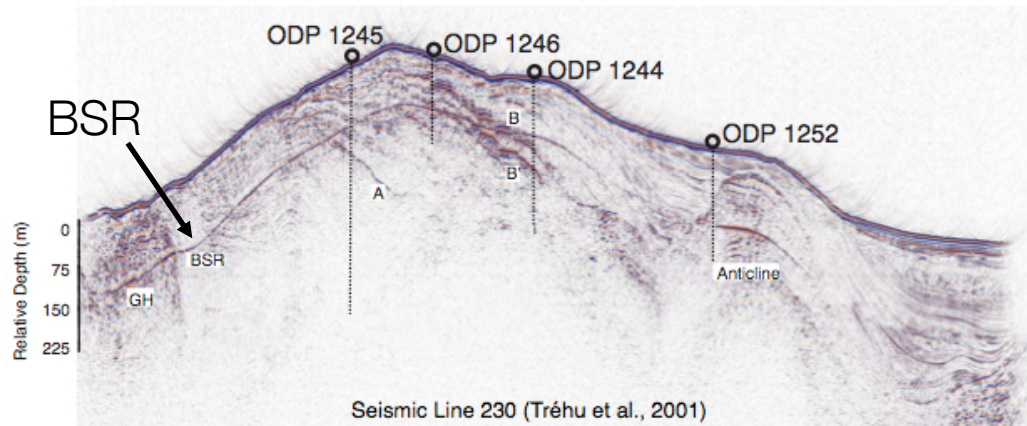
Hydrate Ridge, offshore Oregon



- On the accretionary complex of the Cascadia subduction zone
- Bottom simulating reflector (BSR)
 - Obtained from seismic reflection data
 - Acoustic impedance contrast between hydrate and free gas

Questions

- Can existing marine CSEM techniques be adapted to map methane hydrates?
- Can resistive regions identified by CSEM be corroborated with other geophysical and geological data?



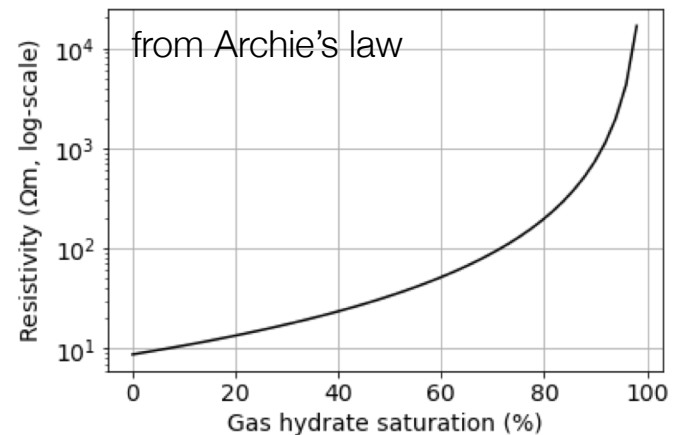
Properties

Types of hydrate



	Resistivity (Ωm)
Seawater	0.25-0.31 (15-3°C)
Freshwater	100-1000
Sediment	1-5
CH ₄ hydrate	20,000 (at 0°C)
Basement	~10-20

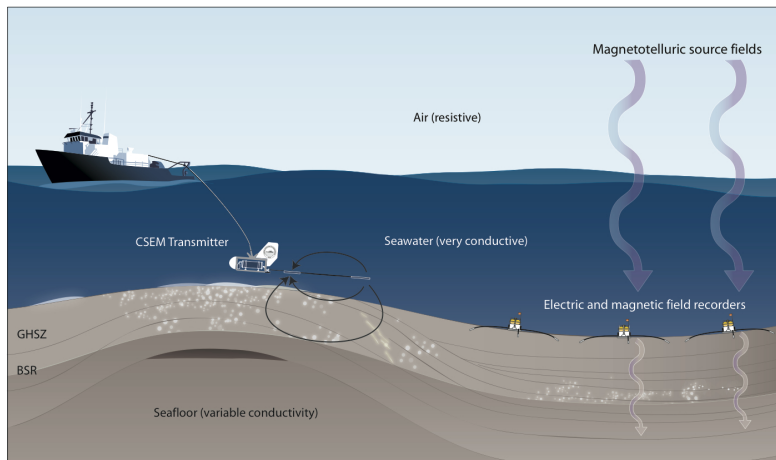
Resistivity vs. Hydrate saturation



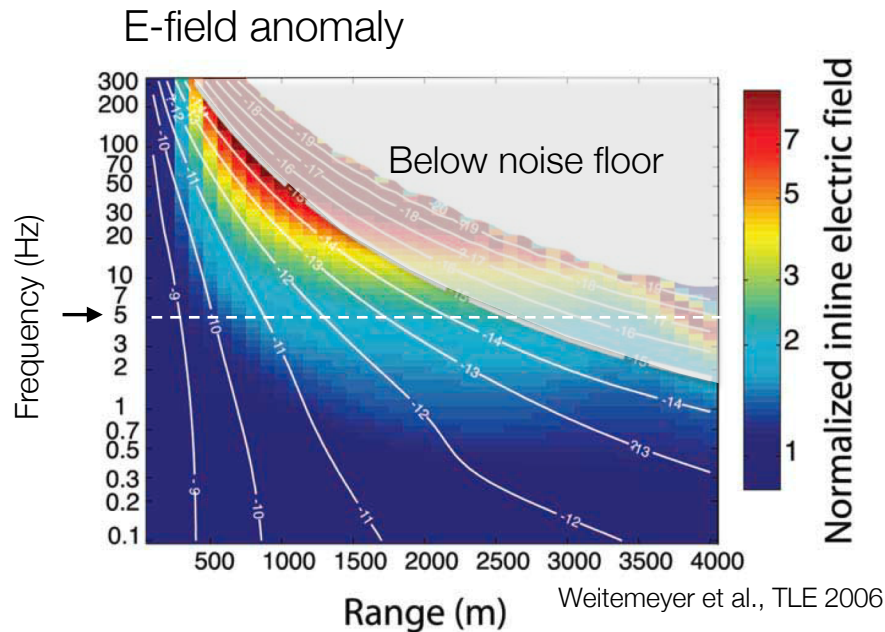
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Survey design

Marine CSEM survey

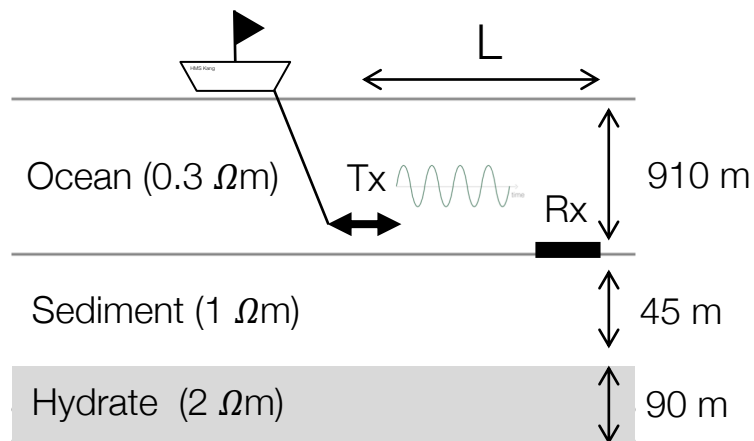


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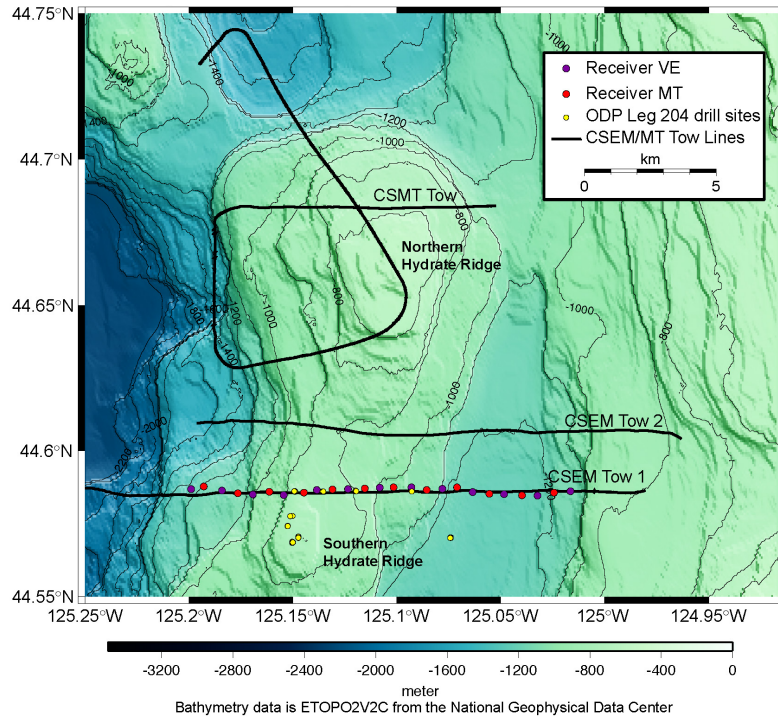
Weitemeyer et al., TLE 2006

- Tx frequency: 5 Hz
- Range of offset: 0 - 3 km
- Noise level: 10^{-15} V/A-m²

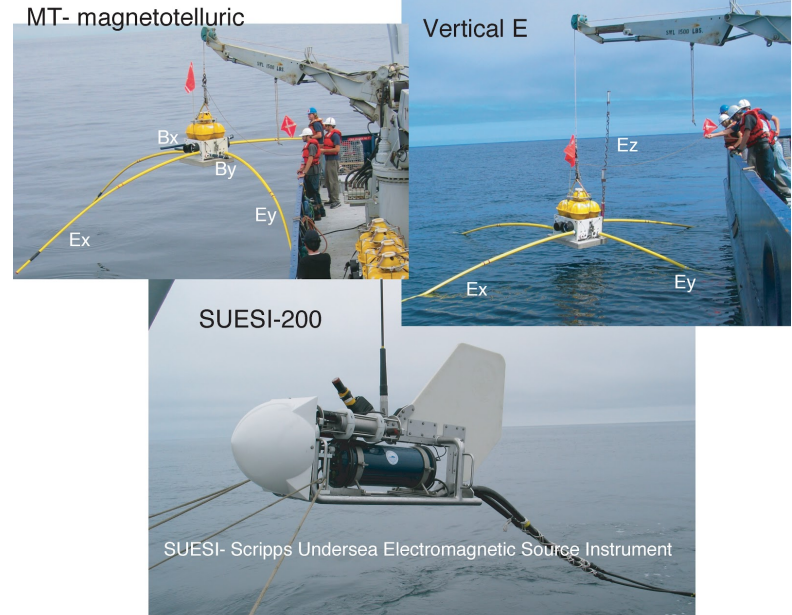


Survey

Geometry



Transmitter and receivers

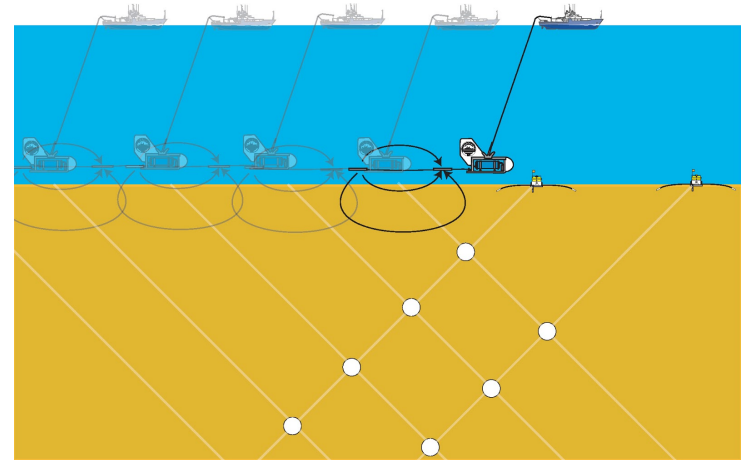
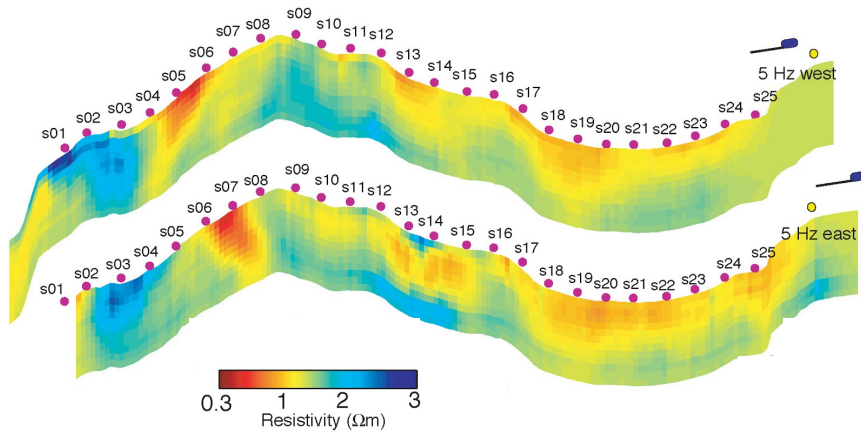


from Weitemeyer 2008 PhD Thesis

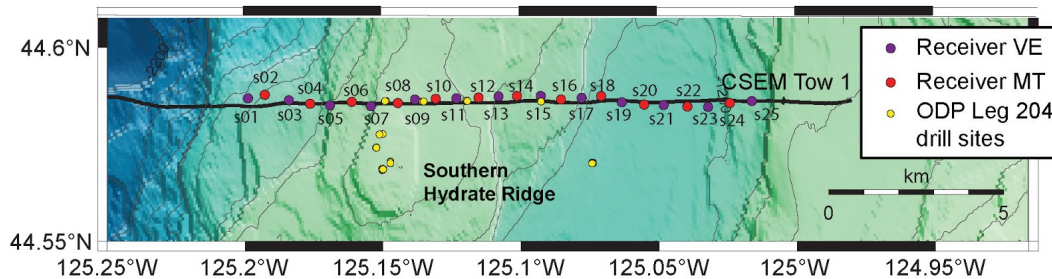
- CSEM (5Hz)
 - Receivers deployed on ocean bottom (MT and Ez)
 - 2 tow lines
- CSMT (0.1 Hz)
 - Tow line further away from receivers

Processing: pseudo-section

Pseudo-section (apparent resistivity)



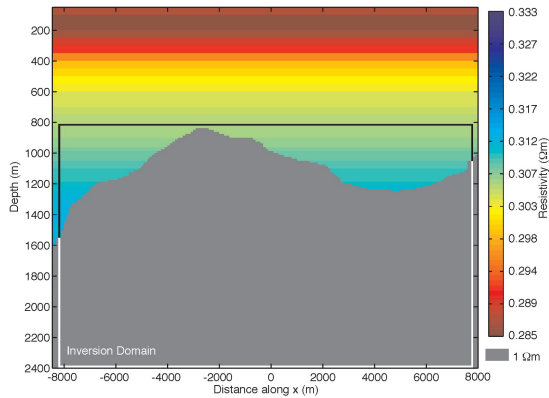
Survey geometry



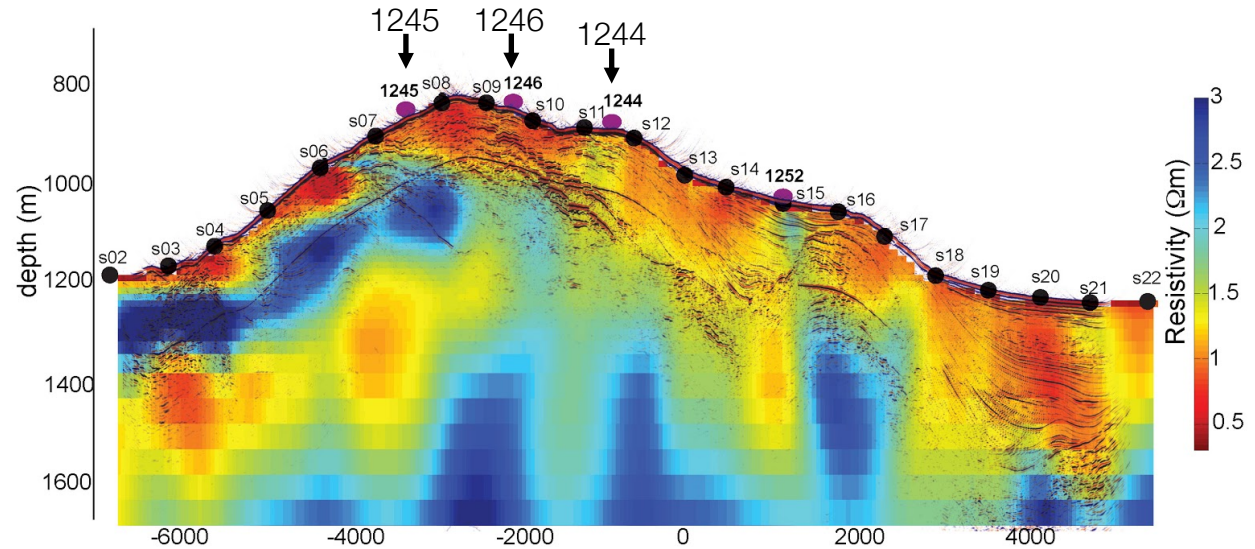
- pseudo-section:
 - fixed ocean resistivity
 - find effective subsea resistivity

Processing: 2.5D inversion

Initial model

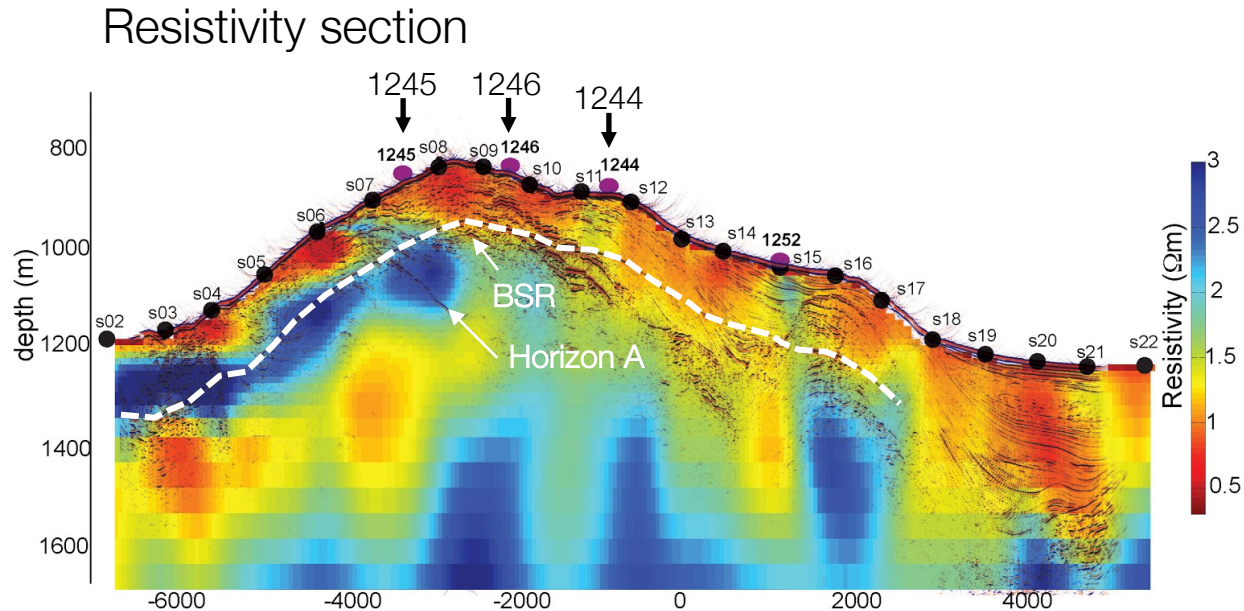


Resistivity section



- Variable ocean σ
 - assign conductivity from CTD data (conductivity, temperature, depth)
- Significant near surface resistivity structure on the west
- Seismic image overlaid on the resistivity

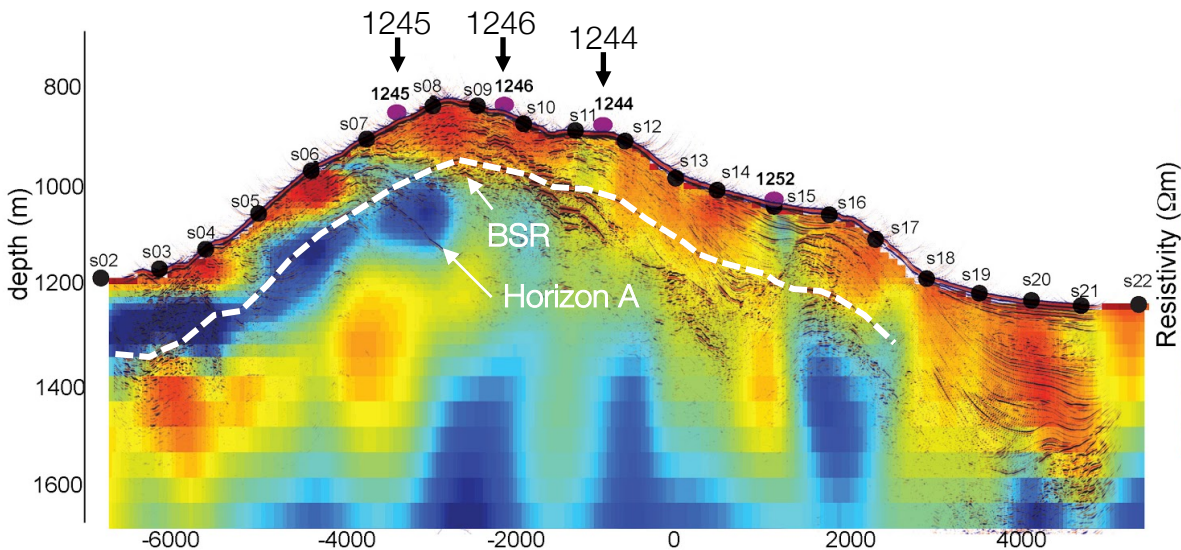
Interpretation: 2.5D inversion



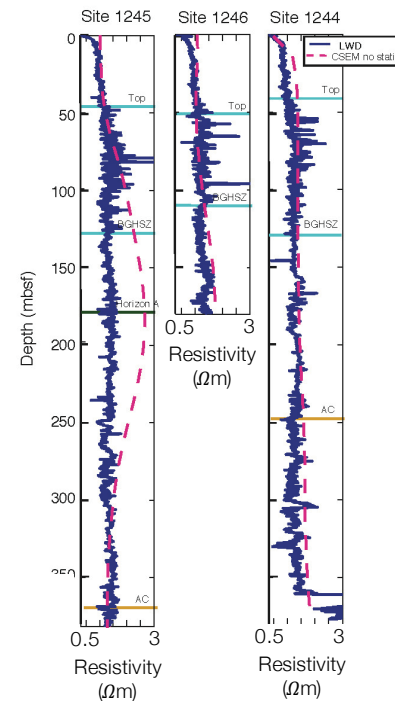
- Resistors are imaged near BSR
- Hydrate stability
 - Above BSR: hydrate
 - Below BSR: free gas

Interpretation / Synthesis

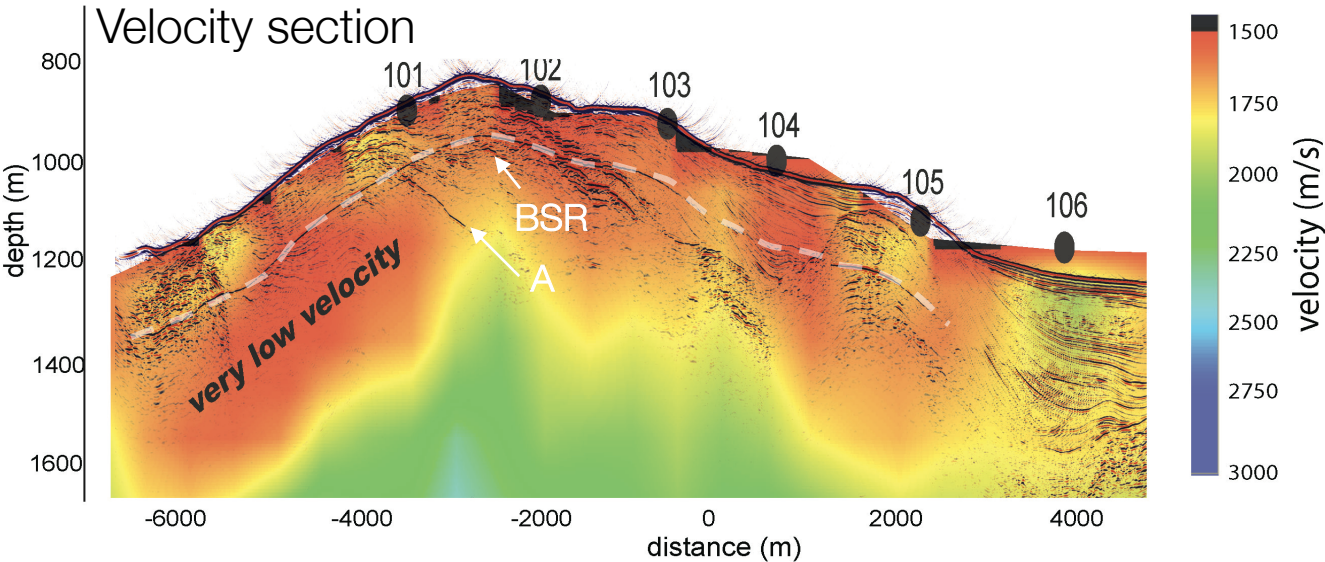
Resistivity section



Well-logs



Velocity section

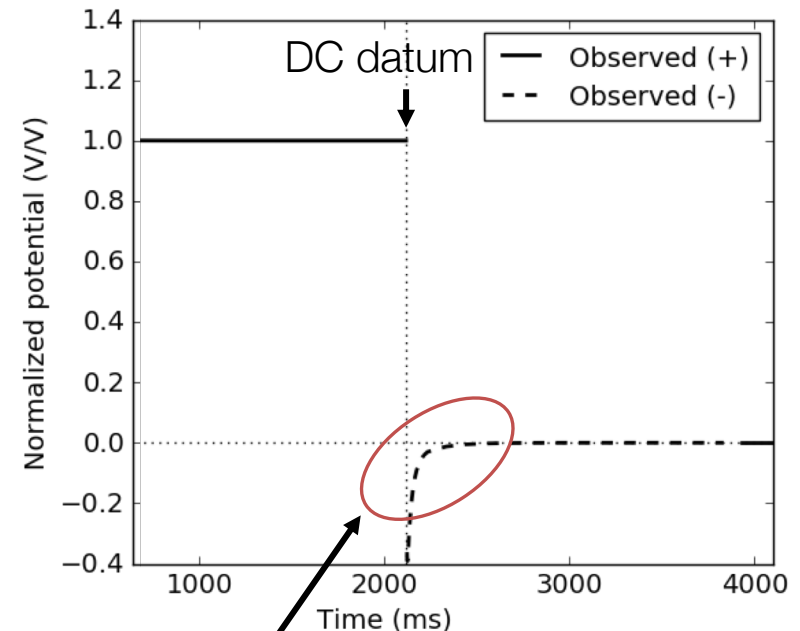
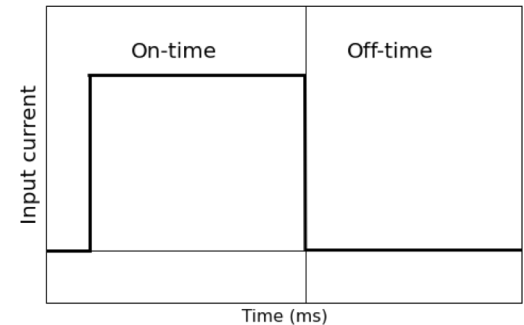


Hydrate	ρ	V_p
Free gas	High	Low
Solid	High	High

DC/EM Inversion

DC/EM: Goals

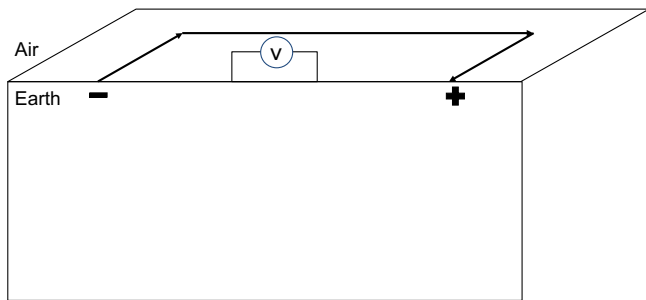
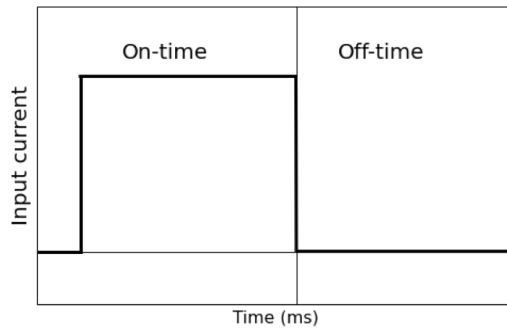
- Standard DCR time domain waveform
- Compare:
 - Inversions from DC data
 - Inversions from EM data
- Illustrate the value of data which is often discarded
- Numerical example from a gradient array



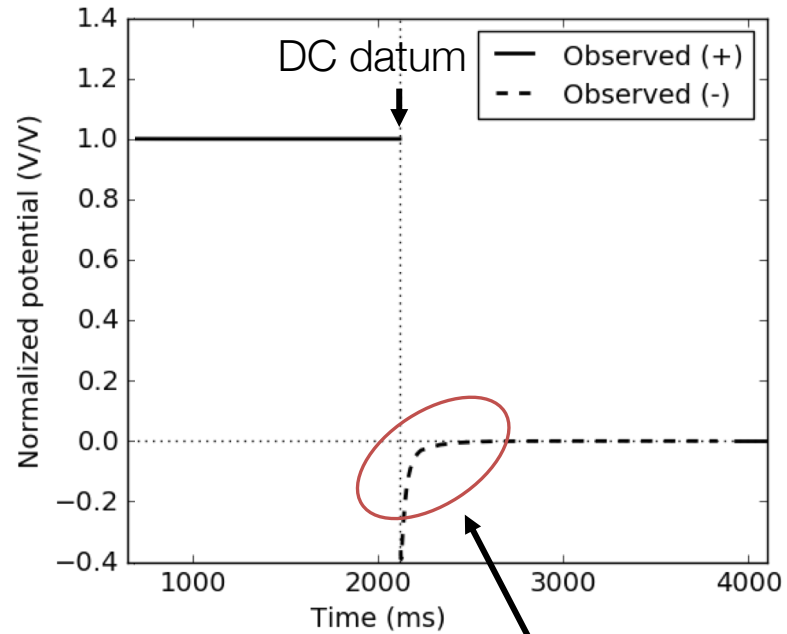
EM portion
Generally considered noise

Survey and Data

Transmitter



Measured Voltage



EM portion
Generally considered noise

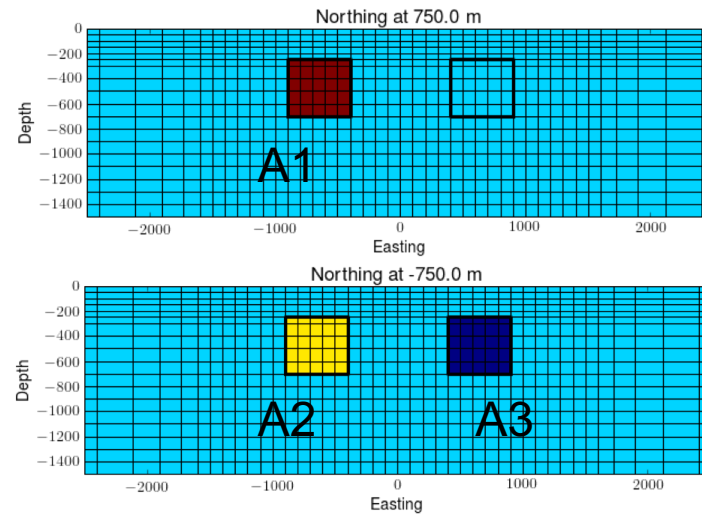
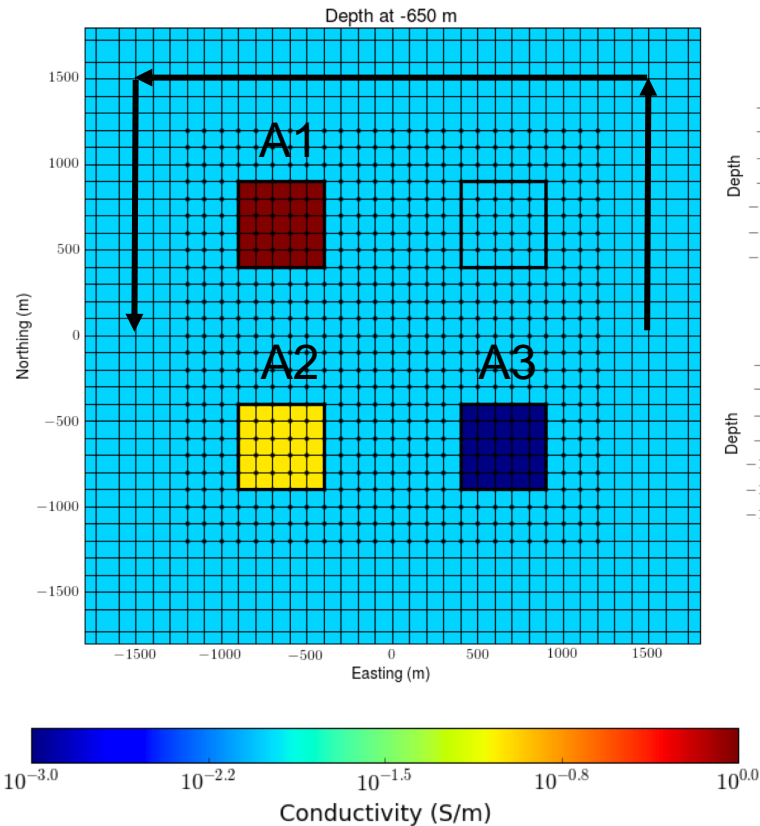
Gradient array

- Model

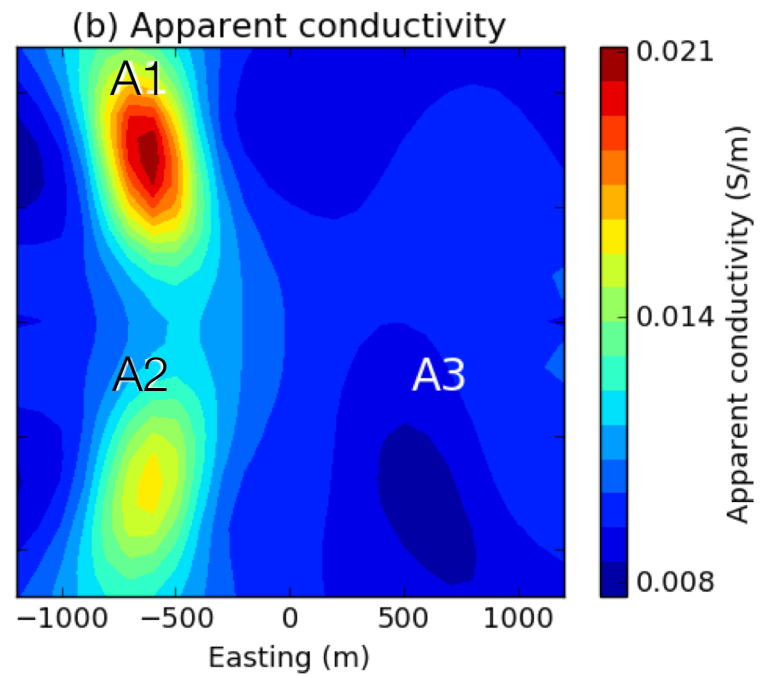
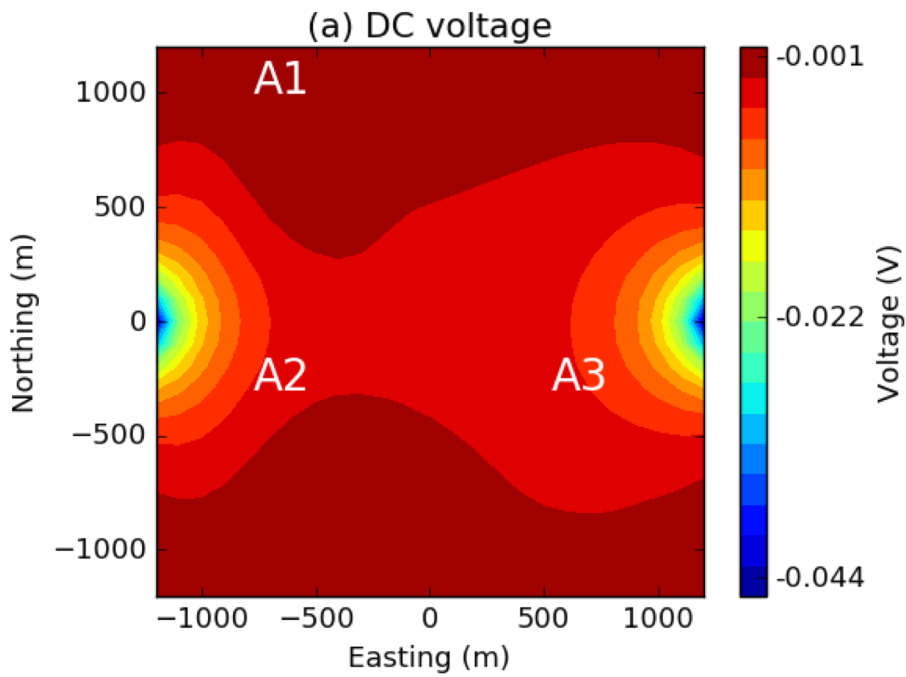
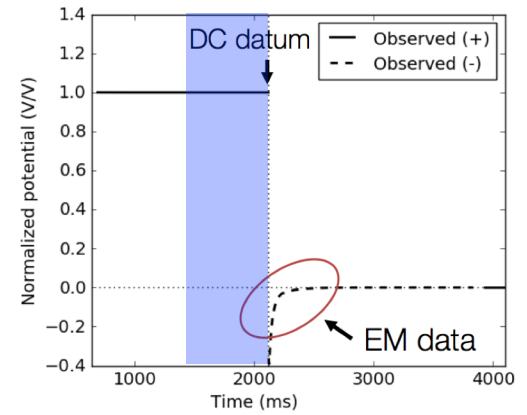
- A1: high conductivity
- A2: moderate conductivity
- A3: resistive

- Survey

- 200m bi-pole (625 data)
- times: 1-600ms

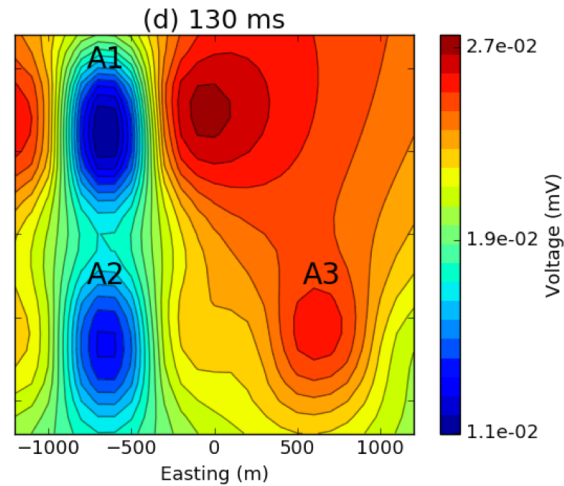
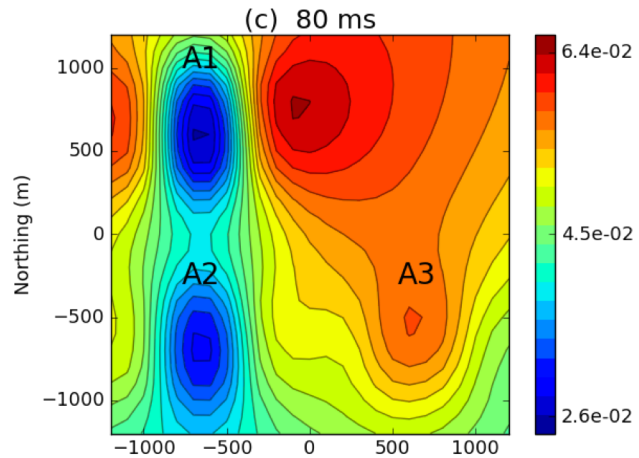
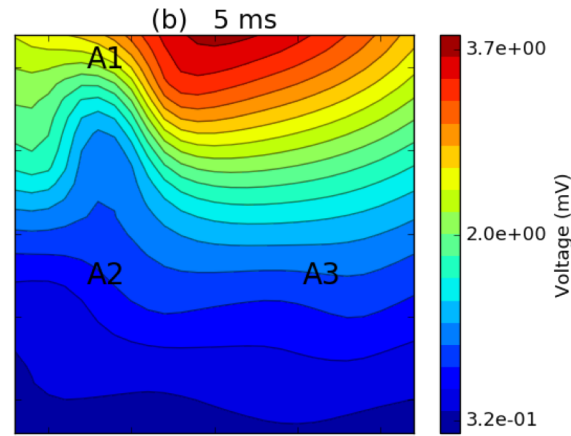
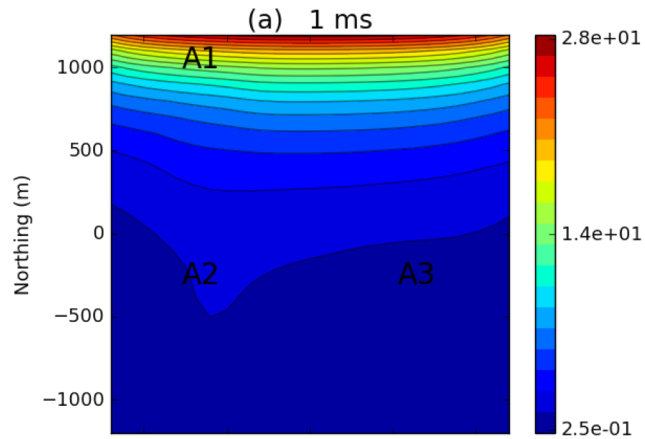
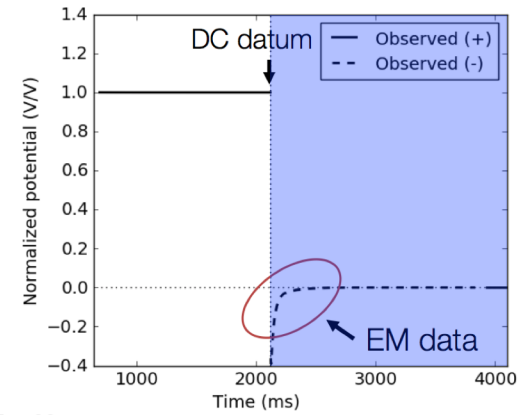


DC data



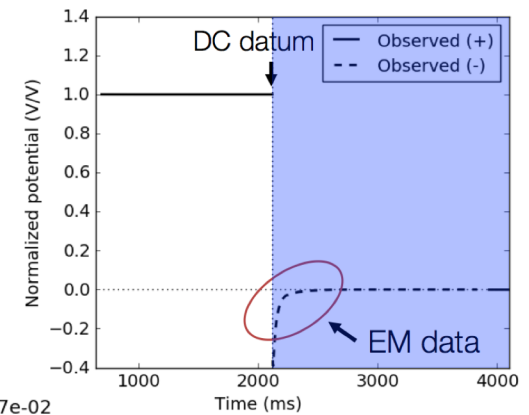
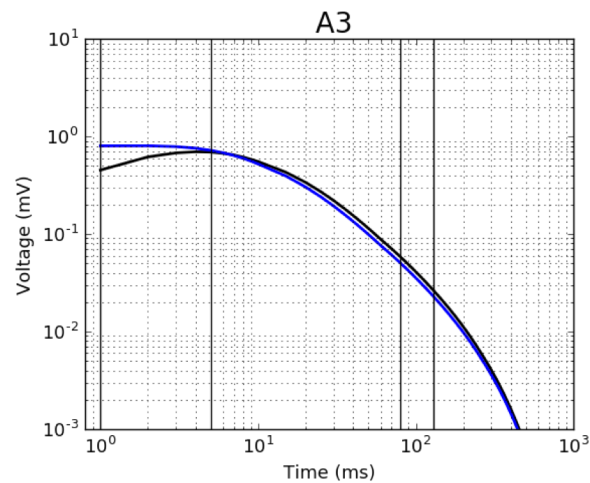
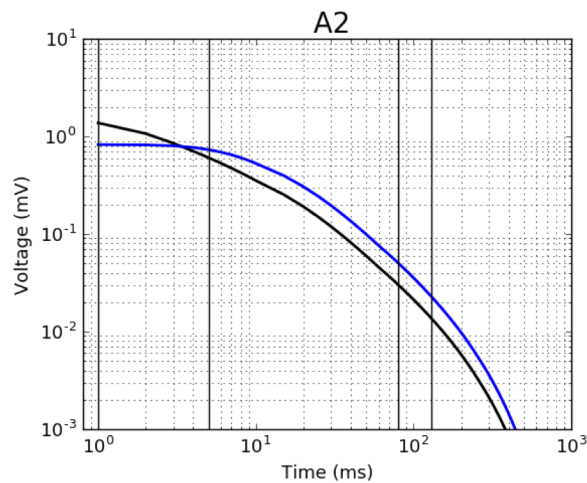
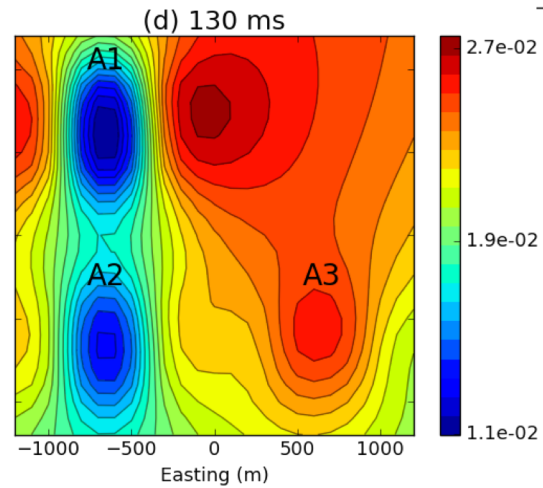
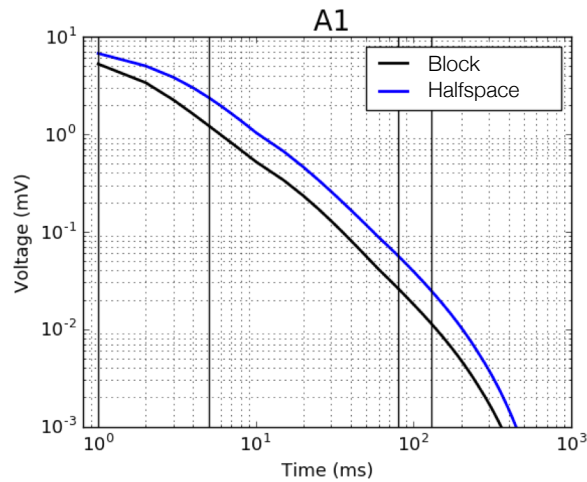
Off-time data

- TDEM data



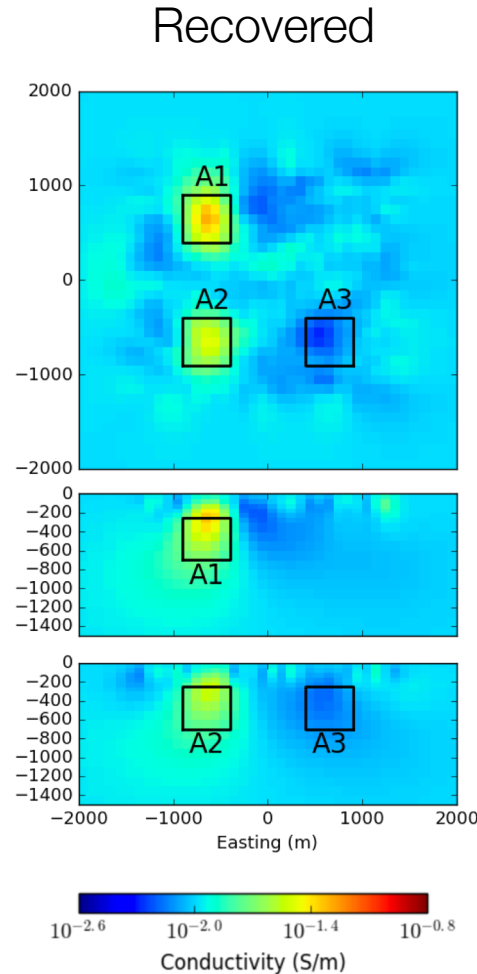
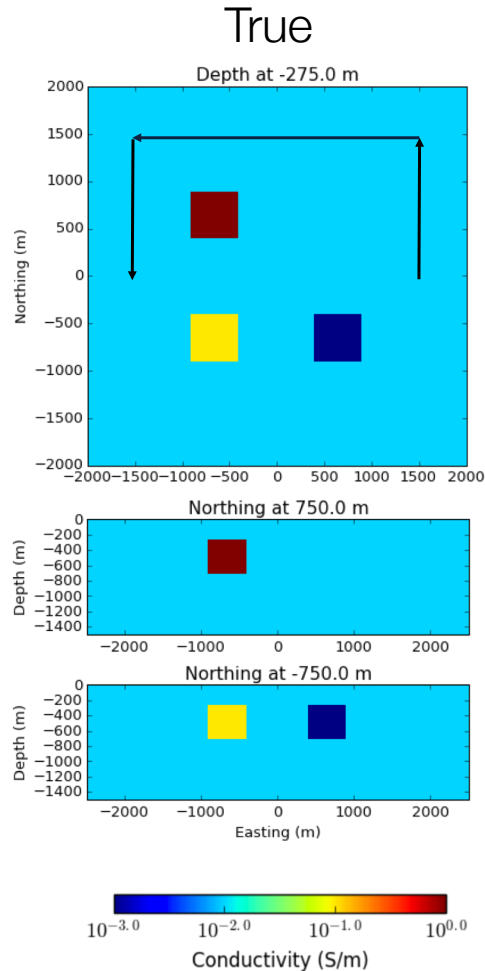
Off-time data

- E_x Decay curves at A1-A3

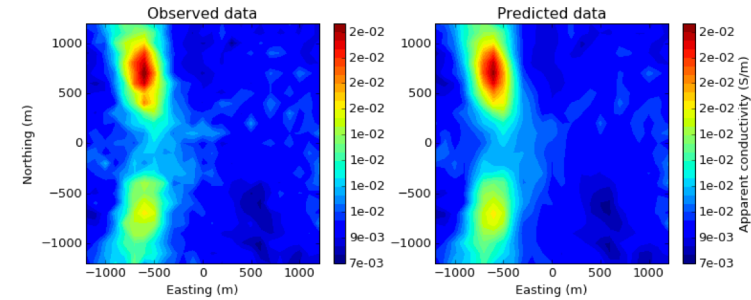


DC inversion

- Recovered 3D conductivity



Apparent conductivity

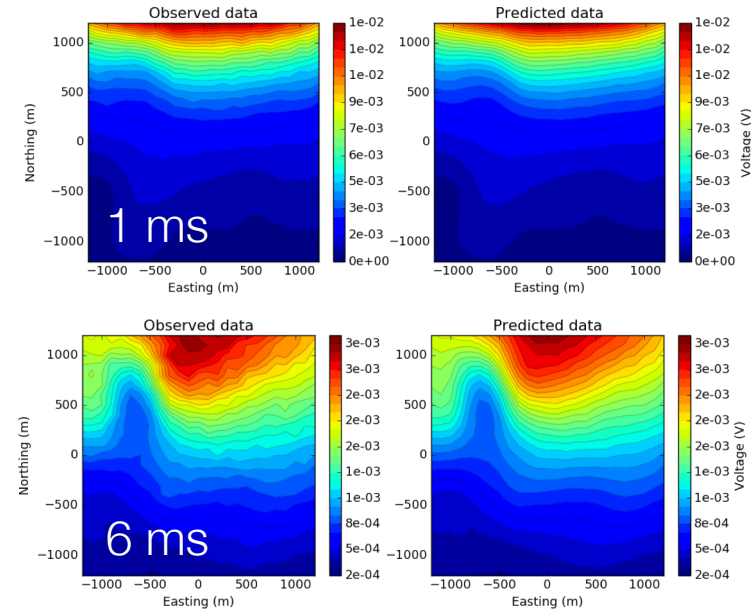
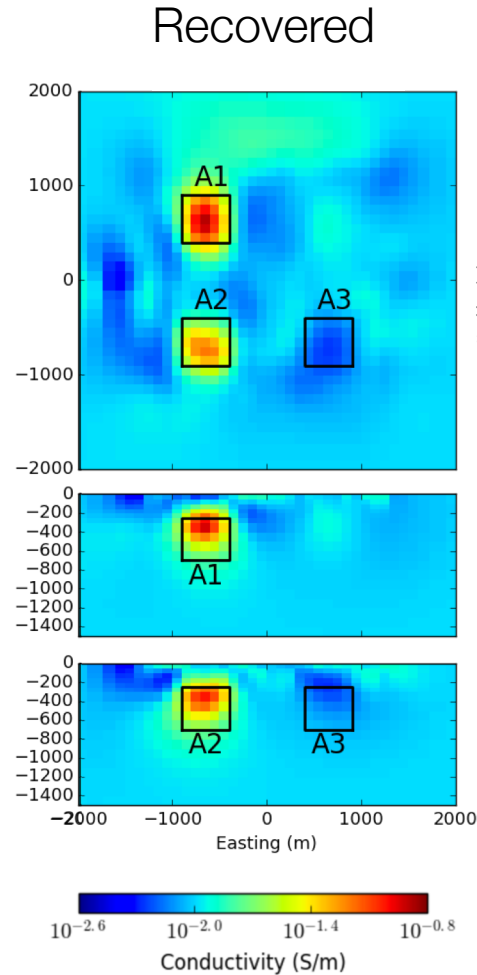
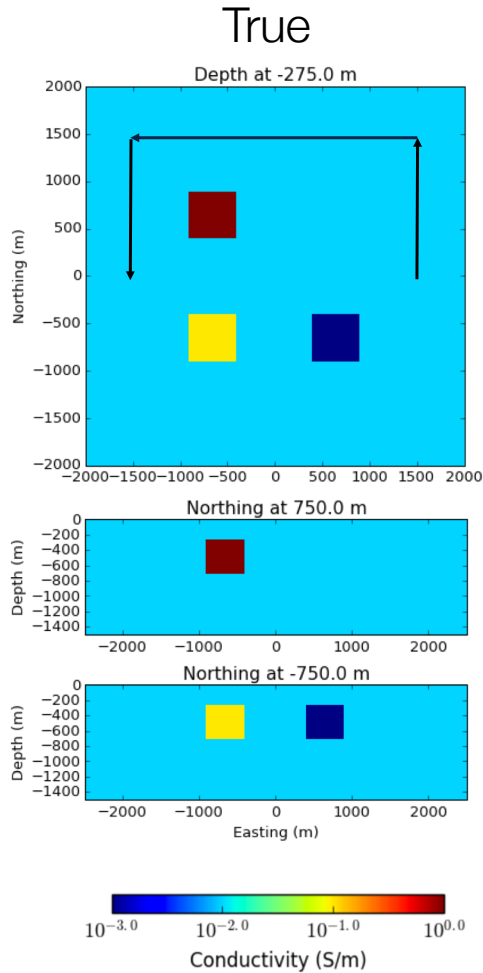


- Depth weighting
 - Compensate for high sensitivity near surface (similar to mag.)

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

EM inversion

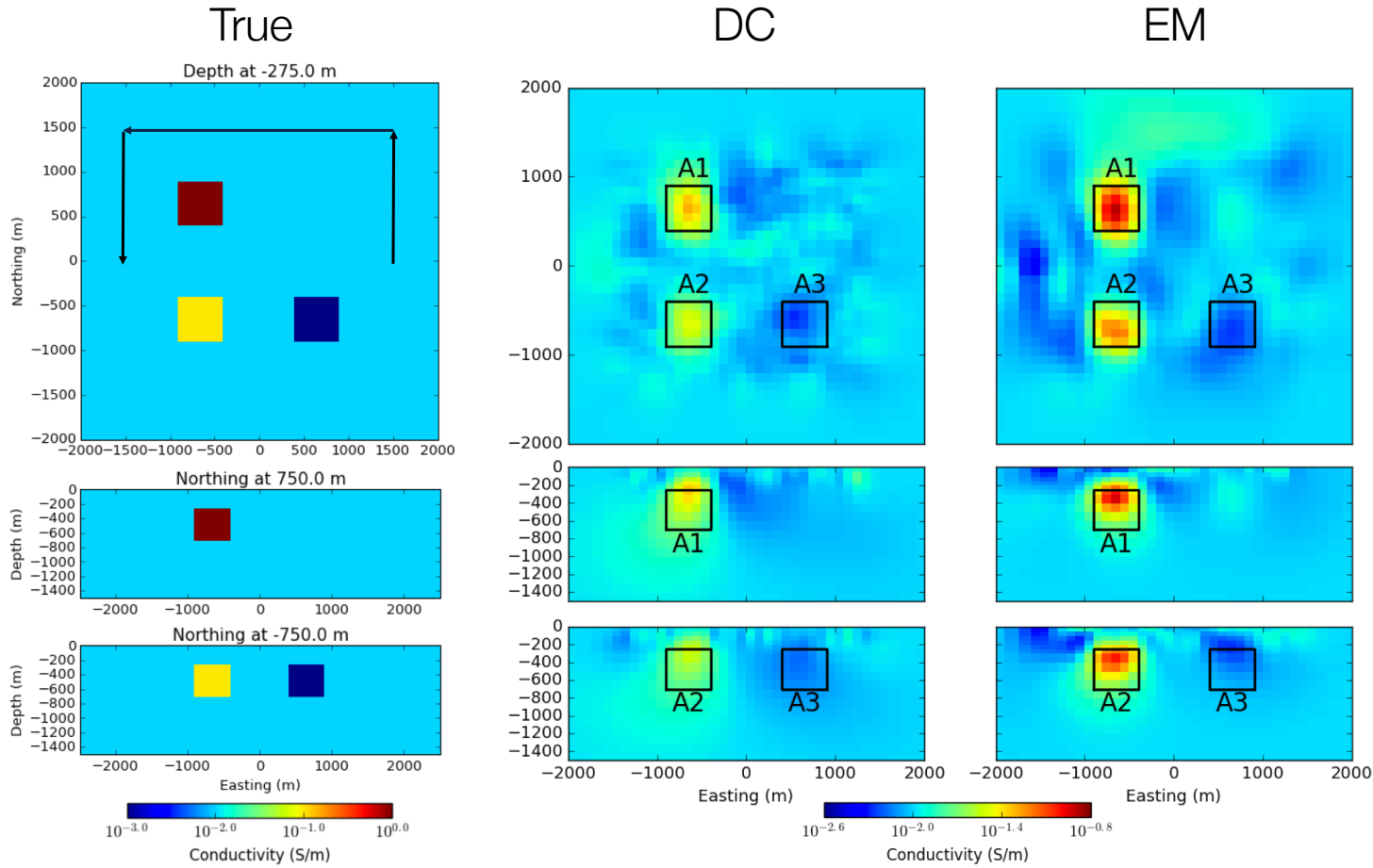
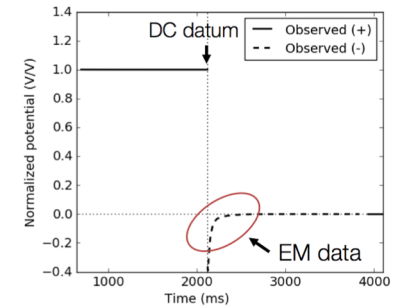
- Recovered 3D conductivity



- No depth weighting

Conductivity models

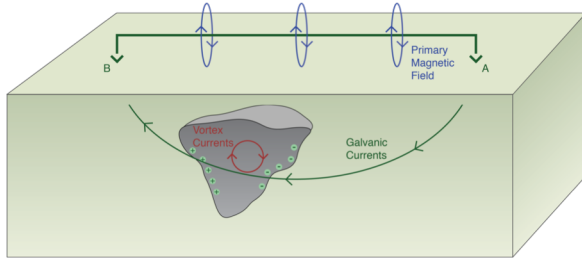
- True, DC, and TEM conductivities



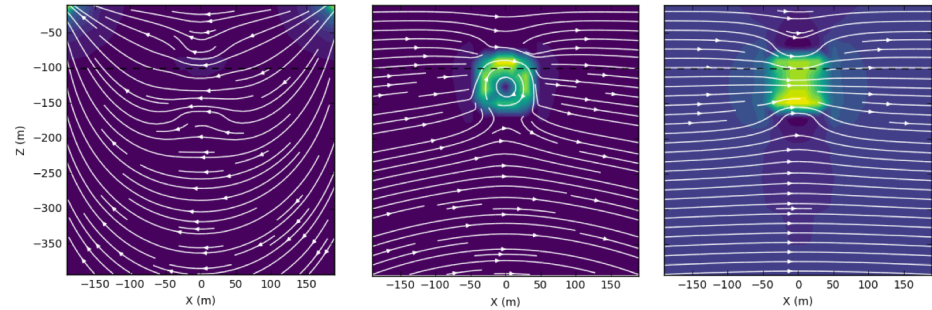
EM data contain signal

Summary

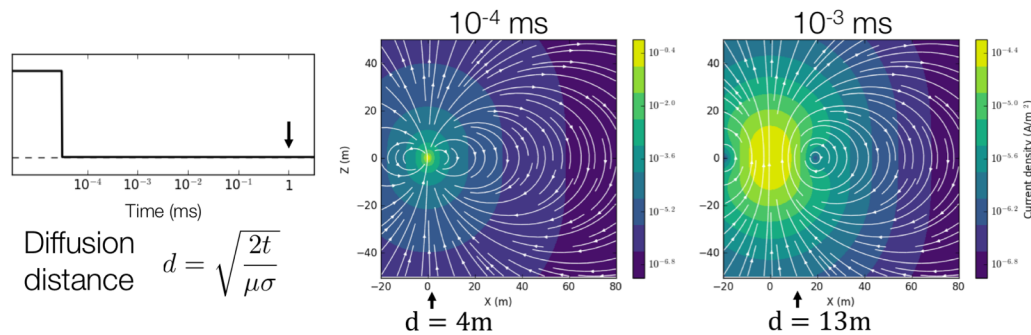
Basic Experiment



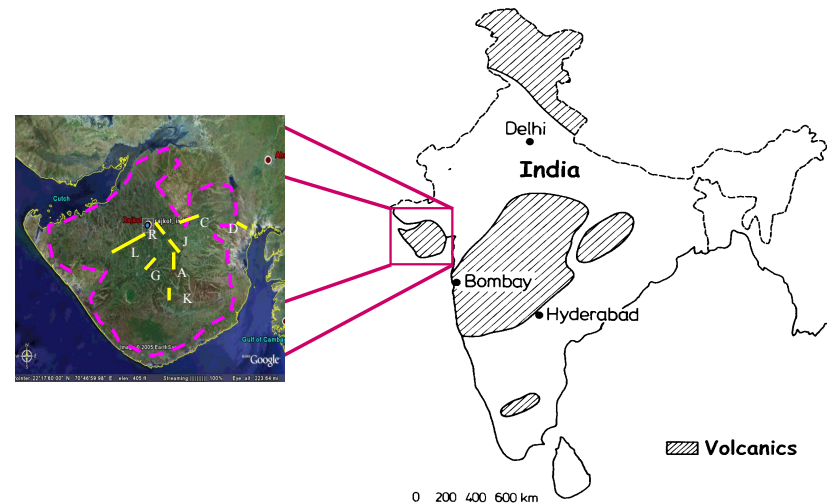
Grounded sources with a target



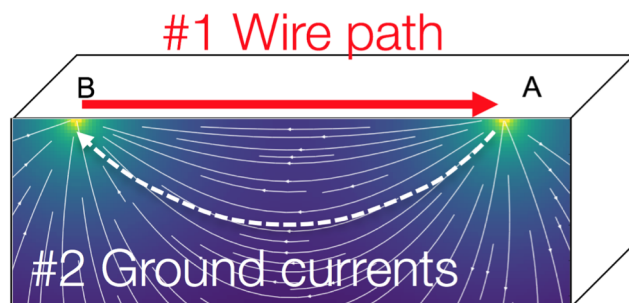
Electric dipole in a whole space



Case History: Deccan Traps

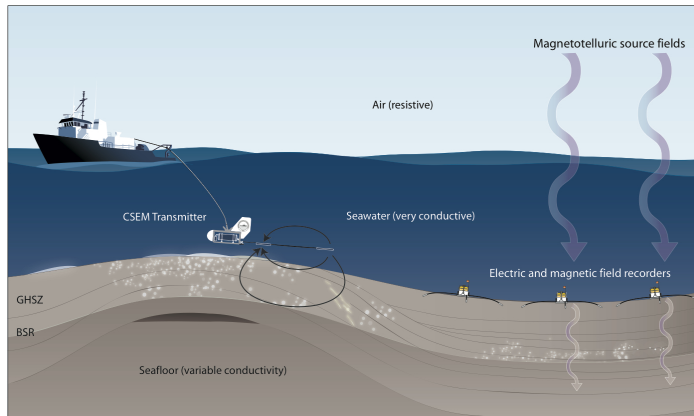


Currents: Grounded system

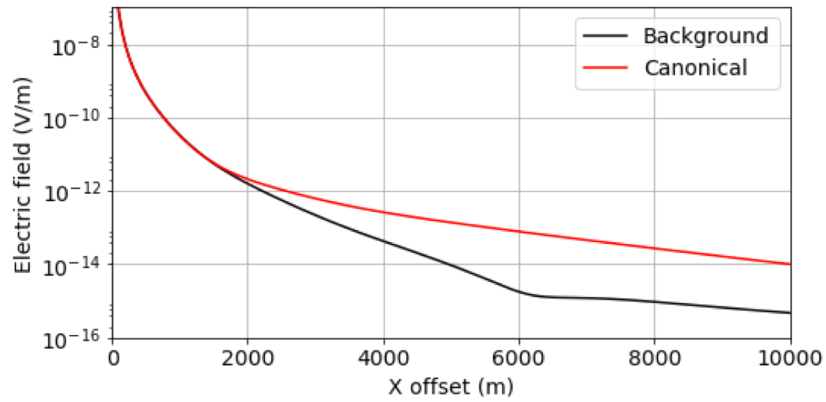


Summary

Marine CSEM



Marine CSEM for hydrocarbons



End of Grounded Sources

