

Engineering & Groundwater Geophysics:

Essentials

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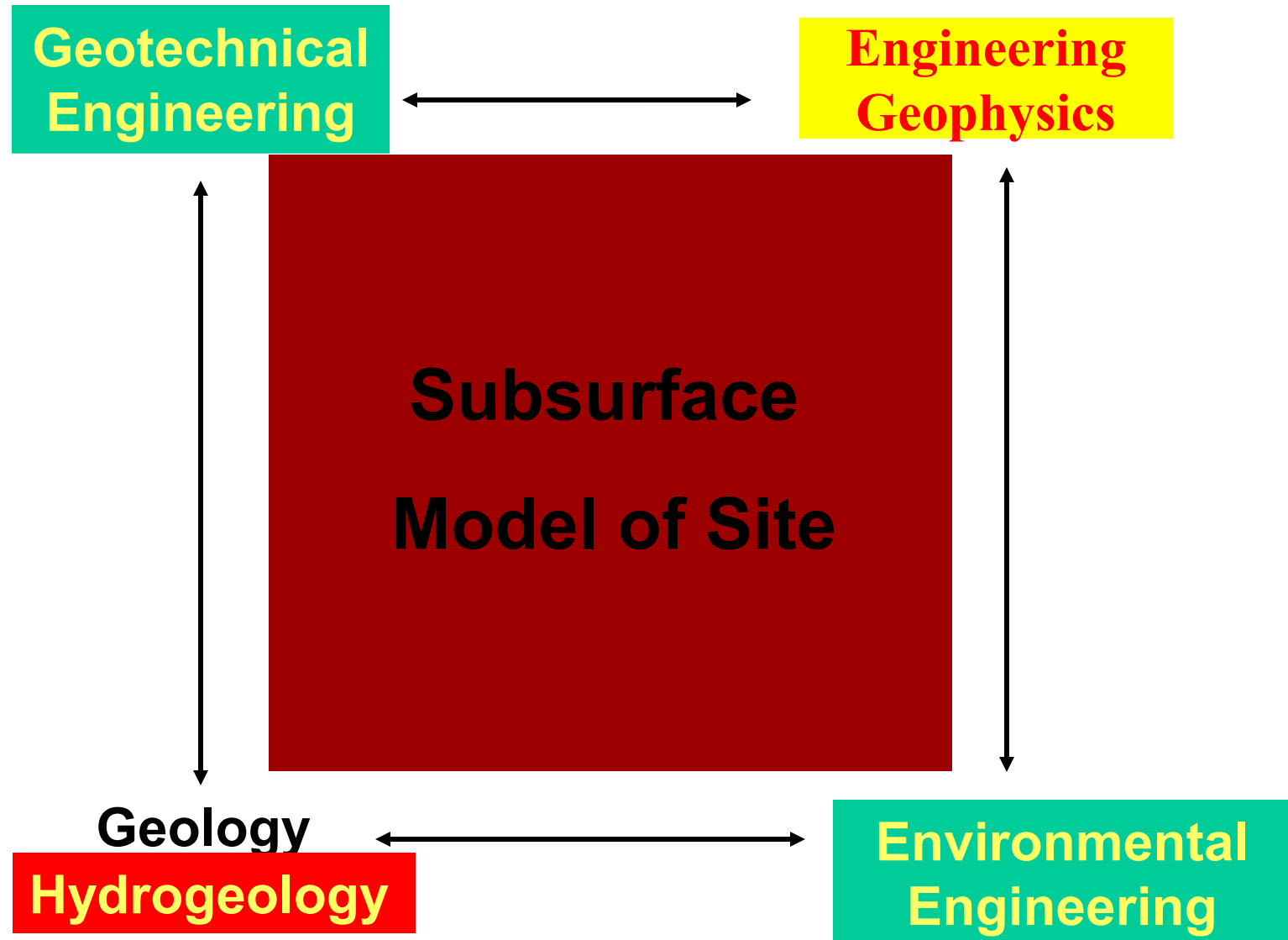


Groundwater

Project Stages

- Pre-feasibility
- Feasibility & design
- Detailed design
- Construction & monitoring
- Rehabilitation/remediation

Geotechnics: Supporting Technical Disciplines

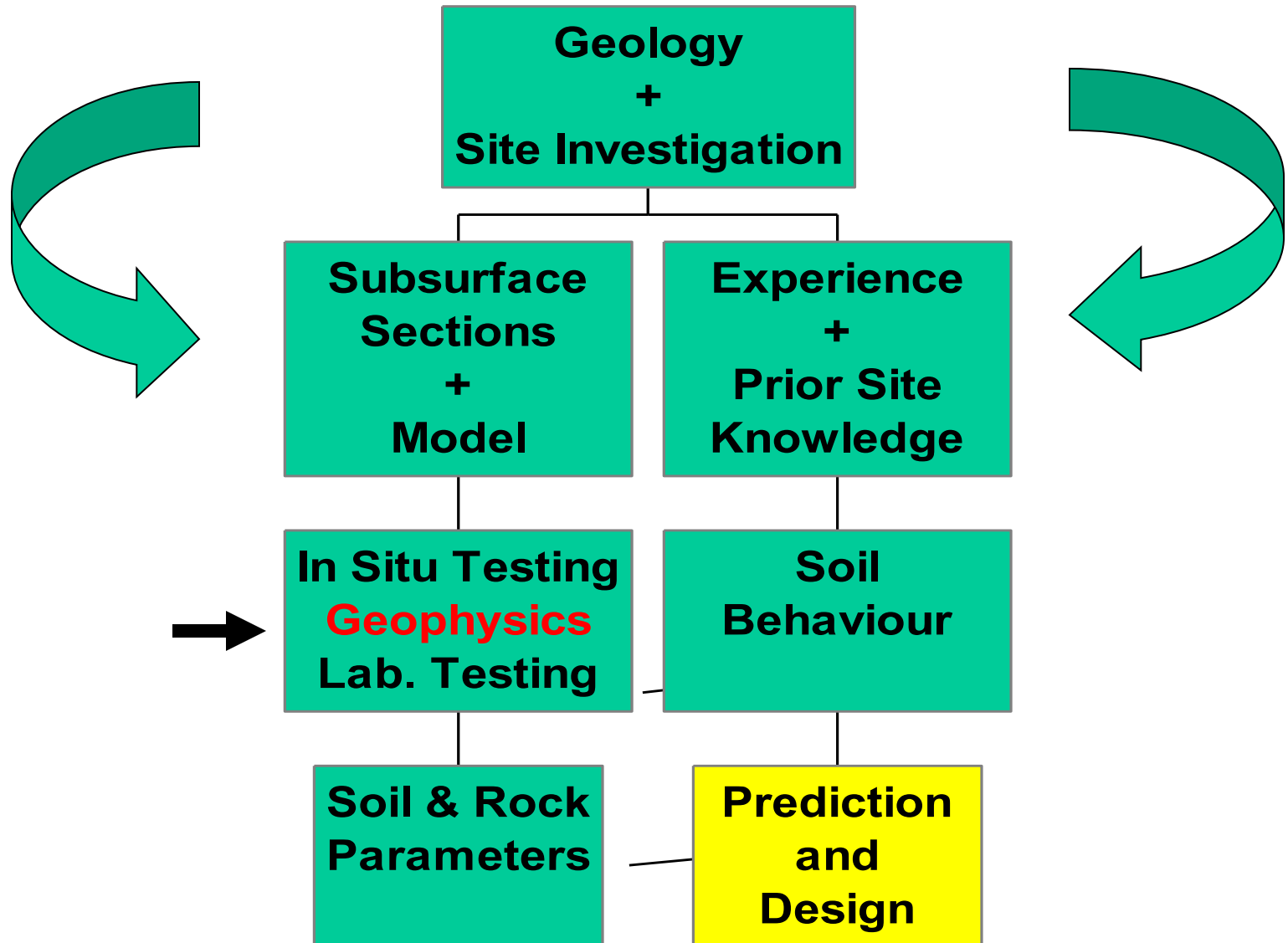


Geotechnics & Geoscience are characterised by:

- Uncertainty- how much?
- Idealization – how much?
- Approximation ($\pm 25\%$ is good but not good enough)

➤ **RISK !**

Prediction & Design



Geophysics is a form of non-destructive in situ testing (**NDT**) whose objective is to provide enhanced subsurface information in a more cost-effective manner than by invasive methods such as drilling.

Site Investigation Objectives & Scope

Site characterisation for a defined purpose:

For example

- **determine nature, thickness, dip & variability of strata**
- **determine relevant physical/chemical properties of strata**
- **determine groundwater level & variations**
- **Establish a geological, hydrogeological & geotechnical model for the site**

Obtain this information in the most technically accurate and economic manner

Scope must accord with purpose not SI budgets!!!!

Site Investigation Components

- *Site Exploration (or testing)* –search for buried features/objects/hazards
- *Parameter Specification* -depth/size/geophysical property/geotechnical property

Site Investigation Phases

- Preliminary
 - assess general site suitability & plan subsequent investigations
 - Methods: geological survey, site inspection, existing logs
- General exploration
 - identify most suitable areas & general site characterisation
 - Methods: simple exploration, sampling and testing
- Detailed
 - Characterise properties of specific subsurface features
 - Methods: carefully selected exploration techniques, sampling and testing

Site Exploration Methods:

- Test Pits
- Boreholes
- Probes (in-situ tests)
- Geophysics (surface & borehole)

Methods applied depend on,

- sampling requirements
- extent of investigation
 - site conditions
 - budgets

***traditional methods of
investigation by drilling***



***“Geophysics
supplements rather
than displaces
traditional methods”***



c. 1959



**Traditional Drilling
Methods – *not much
change***

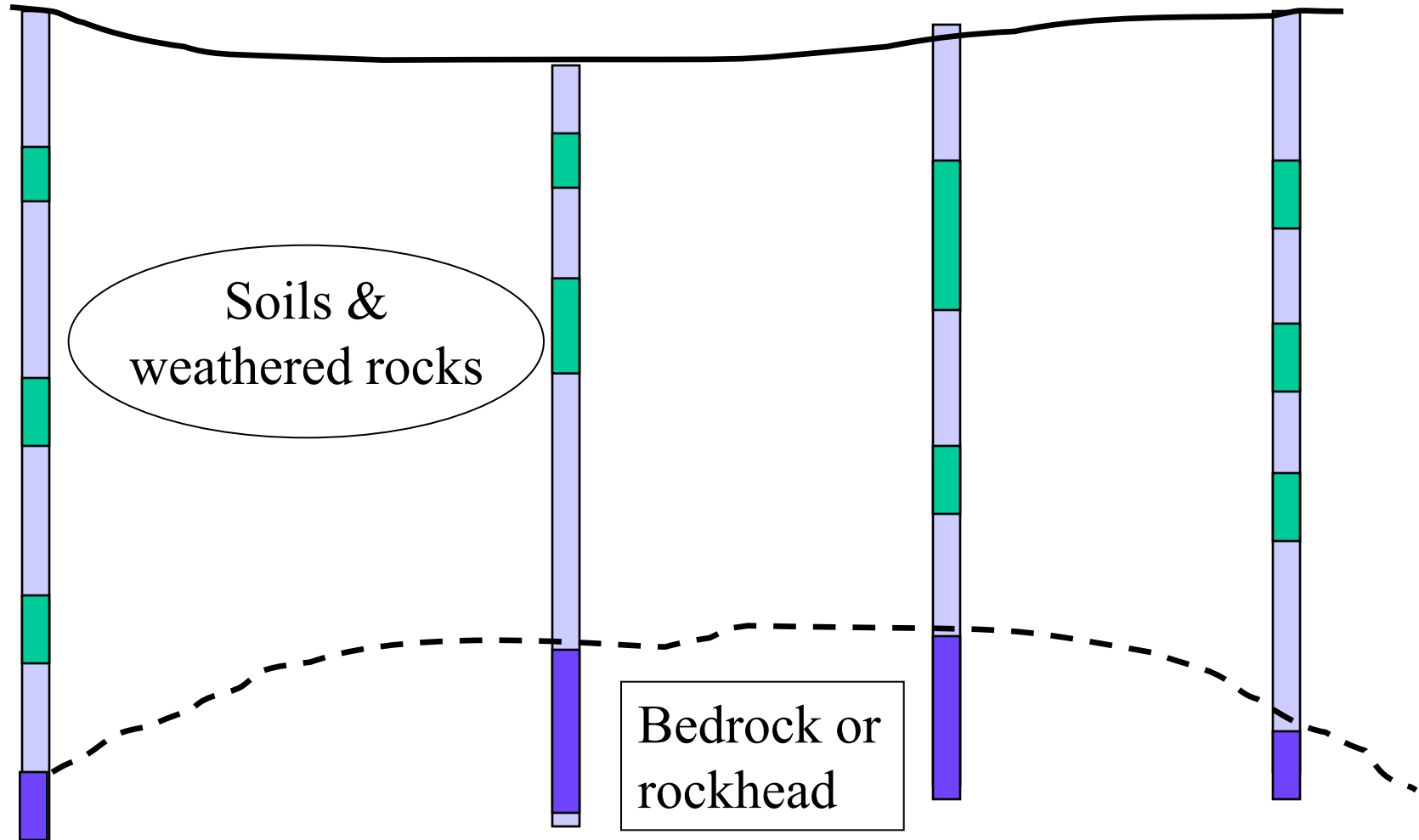
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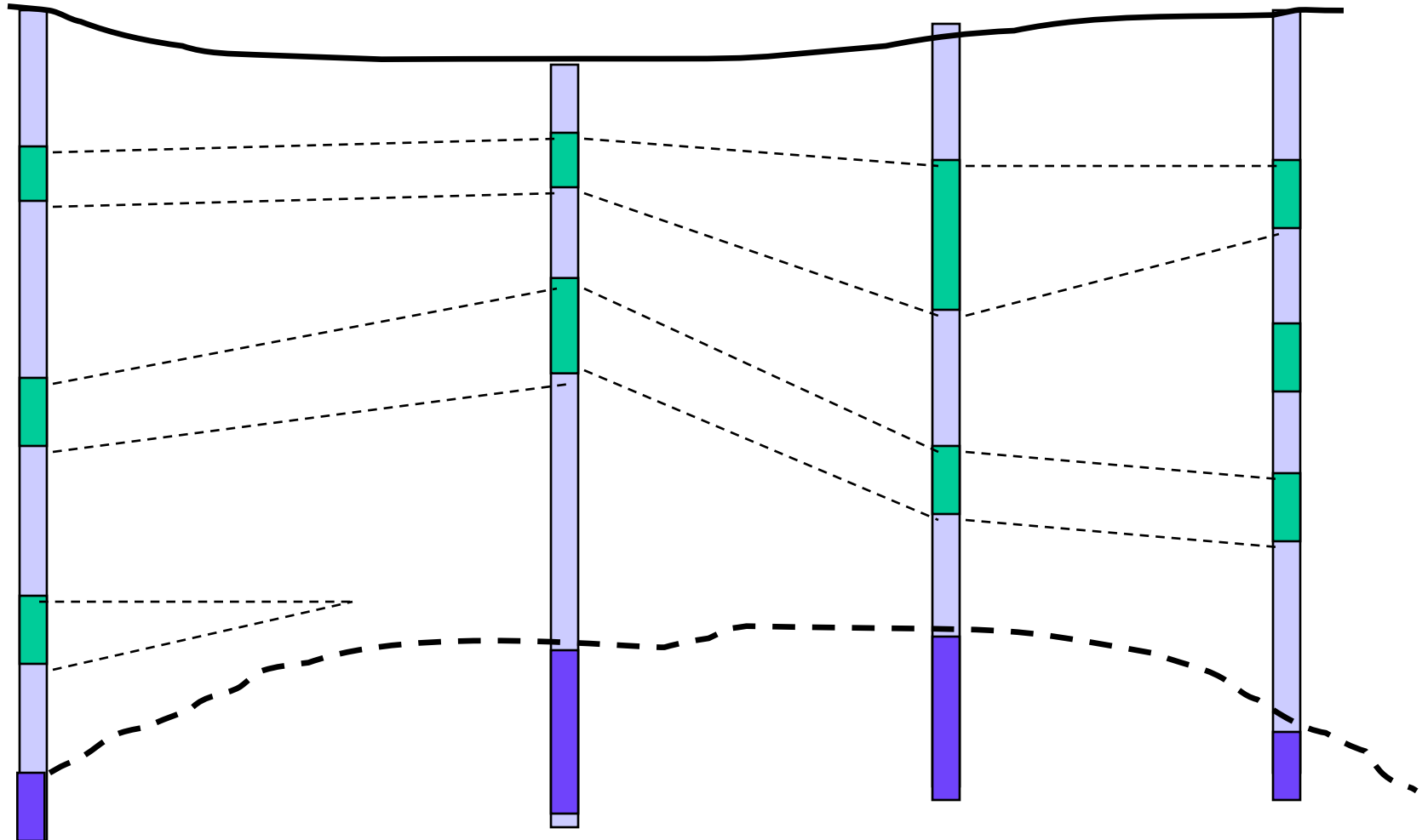
Geological Model: Traditional Approaches

We can still get it very wrong!!!

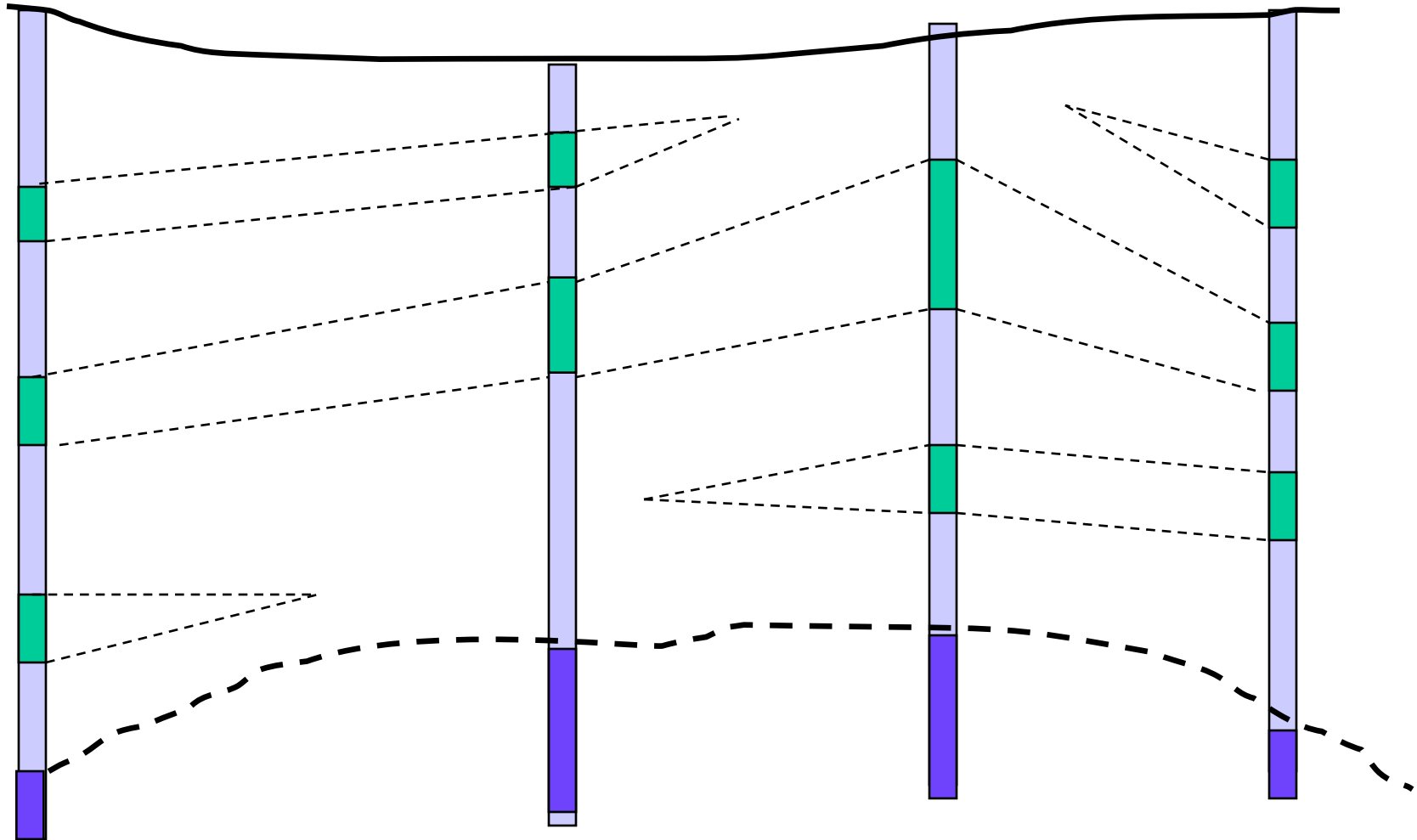
Traditional Site Investigation



GEOLOGICAL MODEL – you can get it very wrong if you start interpolation from the top

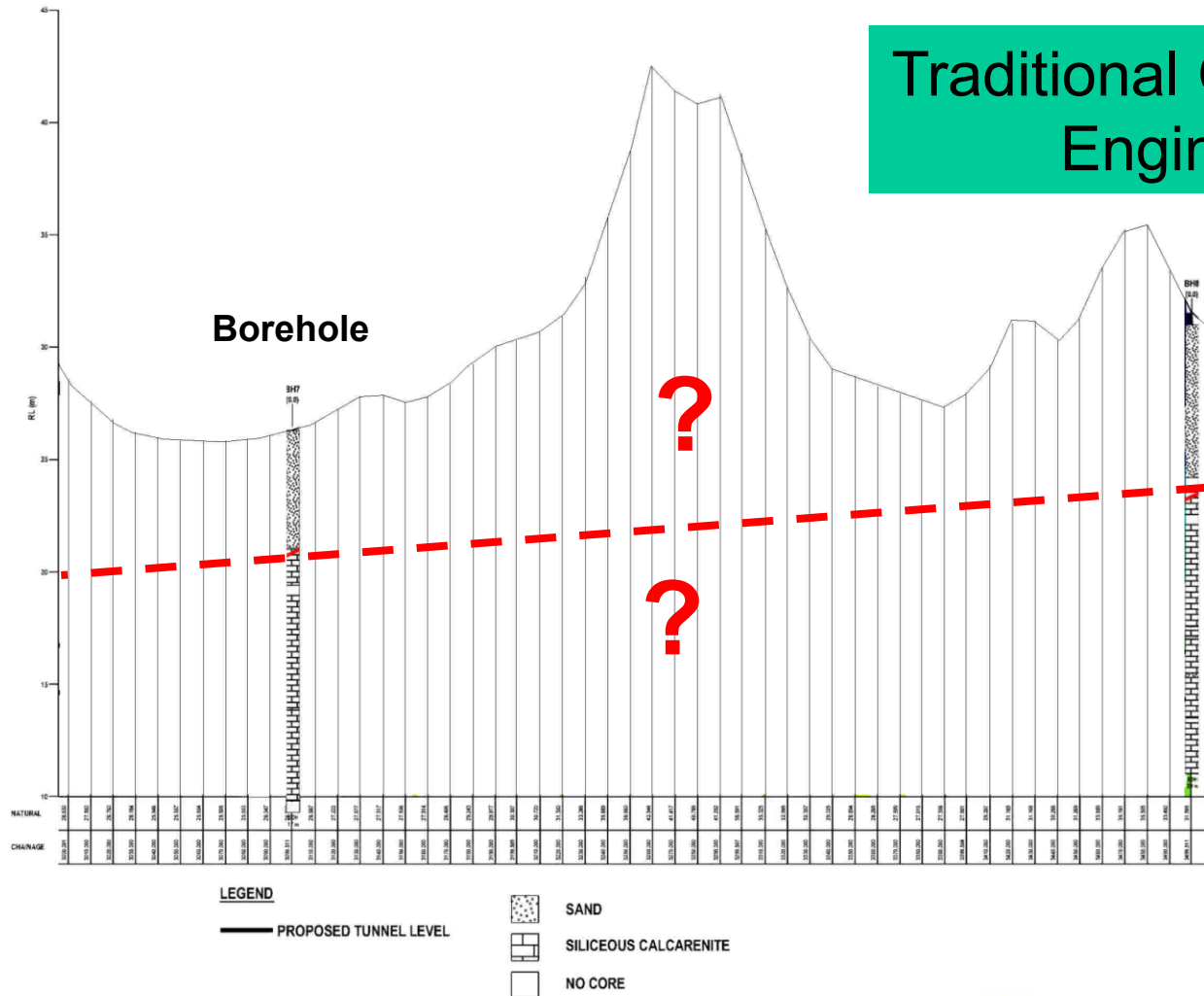


GEOLOGICAL MODEL – better if you start from the bottom but you still no guarantees !!!



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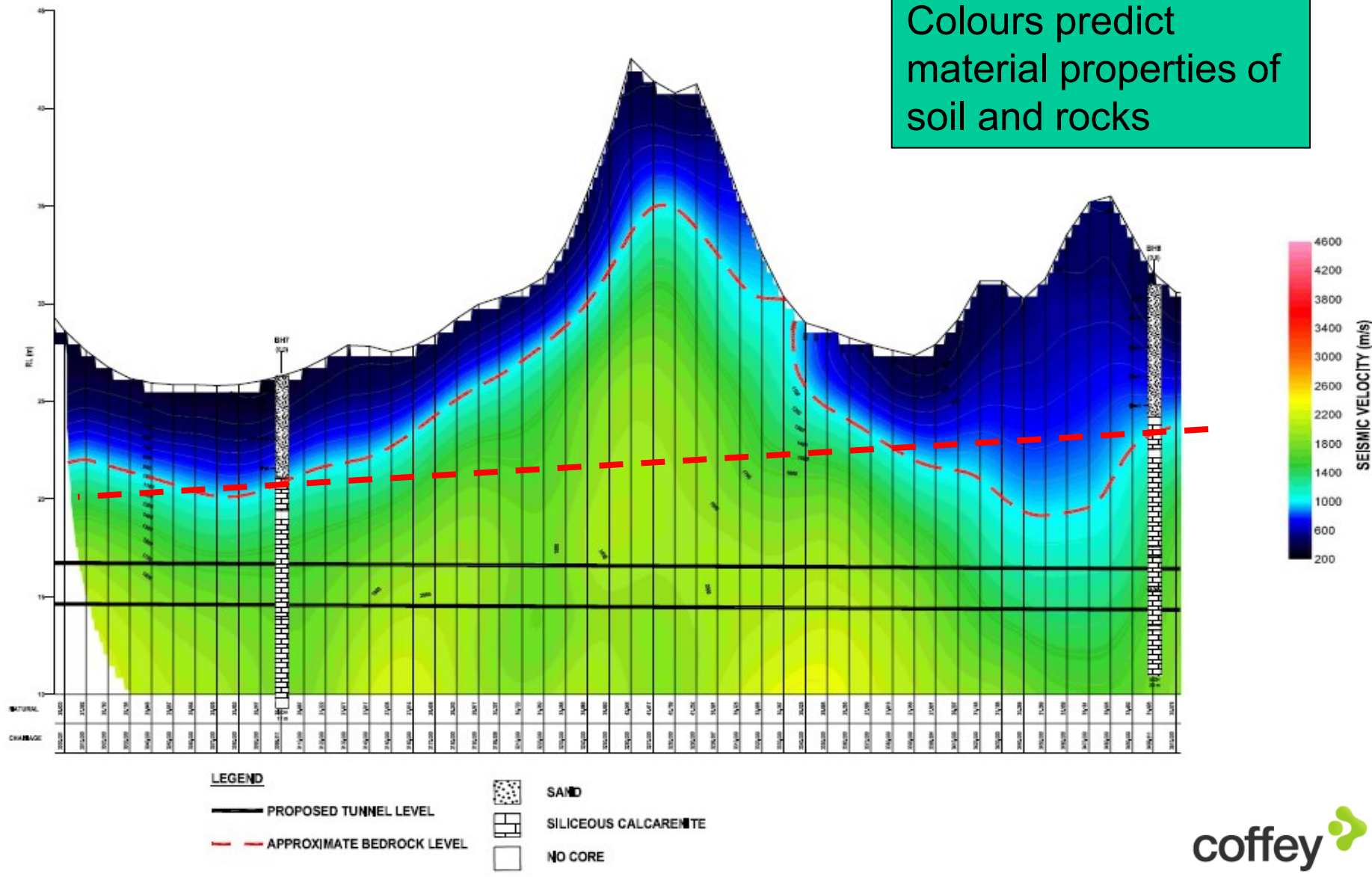
Traditional Geotechnical Engineering



Revision	Description	Drawn	Approved	Date

With Geophysics –
actual soil thicknesses

Colours predict
material properties of
soil and rocks



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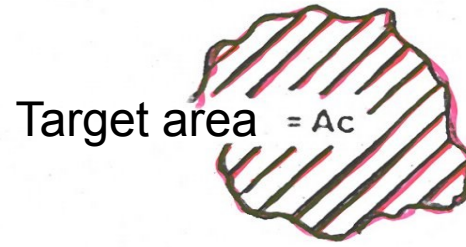


**Traditional Drilling
Methods – *not much
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Traditional Grid Drilling or Sampling



Total Site area = A_s

$$\frac{A_s}{A_c} \approx 10$$

Probability of Detection	$A_s/A_c \approx 10$	$A_s/A_c = 100$	$A_s/A_c = 1000$
100	16	160	1600
98	13	130	1300
90	10	100	1000
75	8	80	800
50	5	50	500
40	4	40	400
30	3	30	300

Advances in Computer Technology

Silliac
c.1959

Speed: 0.03 MIPS
Storage: 2k bytes

Speed: 10,000 MIPS
Storage: 100 Gigabytes

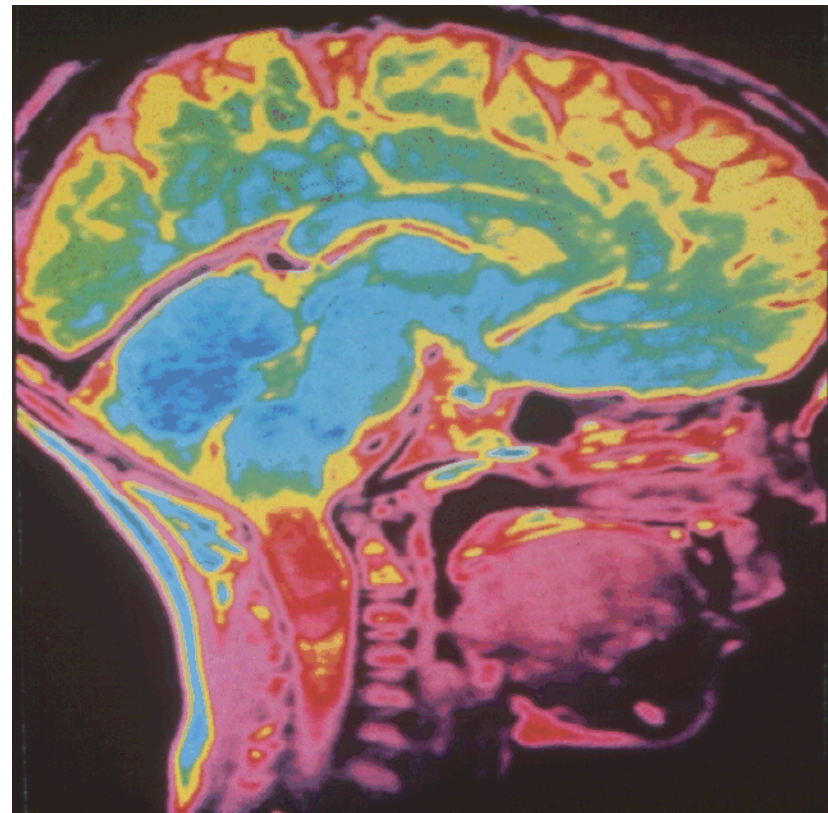


Notebook
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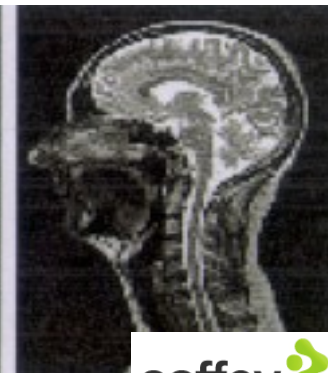


TRADITIONAL ?

NEW ?



Advances in geophysical imaging parallel advances in medical imaging



Investigation
Method

Scale of
Sample

Sample size/
Site size

**Traditional drill
& sample**

mm to m

1: 1,000,000

+ geophysics

m

1 : 10,000

***“Geophysics
enhances ground
knowledge”***

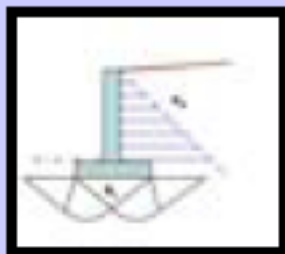


Drilling
& Sampling

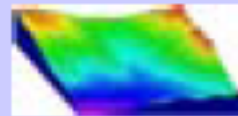


Laboratory
Testing

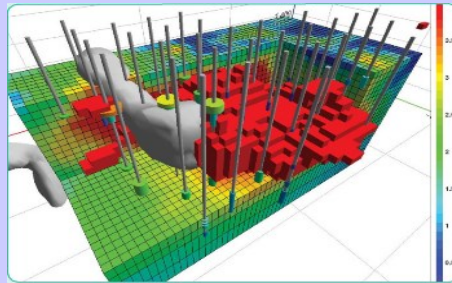
Analytical
Modeling



Geophysics



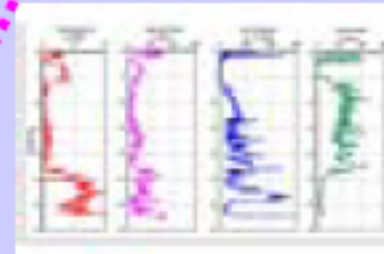
Constitutive Models



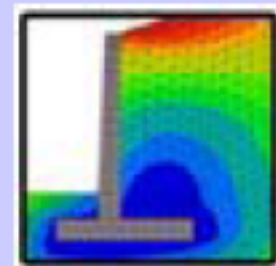
Fully Integrated
Ground Behavior



In-Situ
Testing



Numerical
Simulation

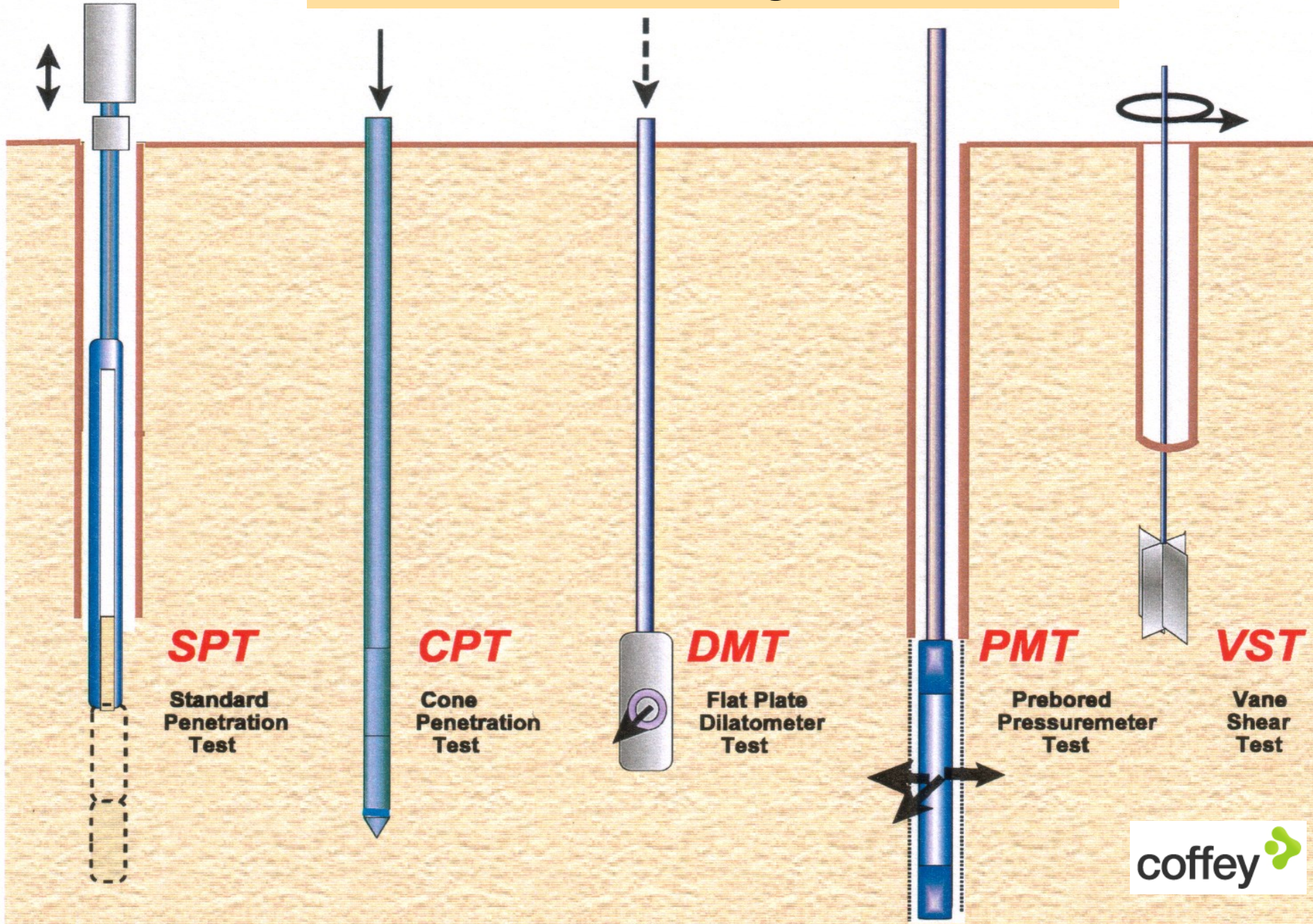


soil & rock
parameter
evaluation

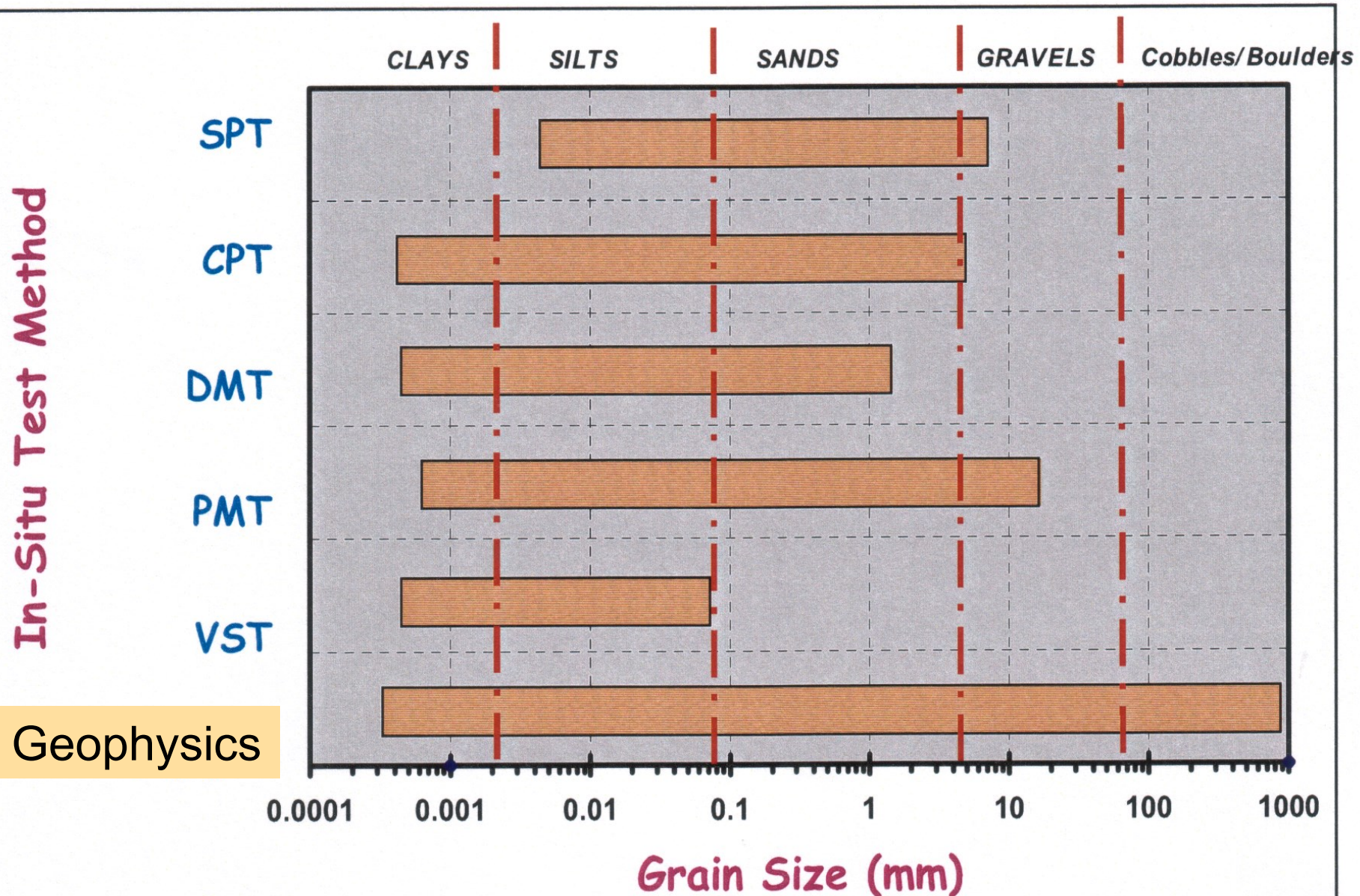
Constitutive Models



In Situ soil testing methods



RELEVANCE OF IN-SITU TESTS TO DIFFERENT SOIL TYPES

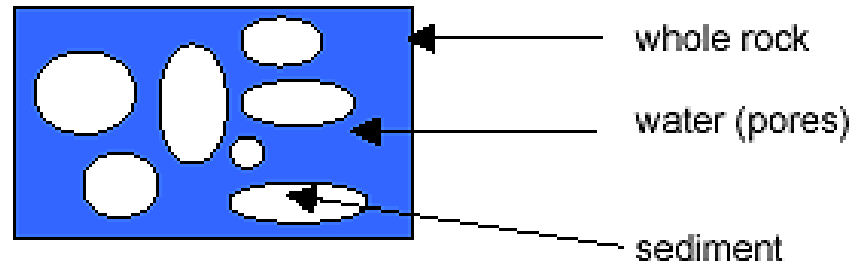


What about groundwater?

DEFINITION OF POROSITY AND PERMEABILITY

POROSITY:

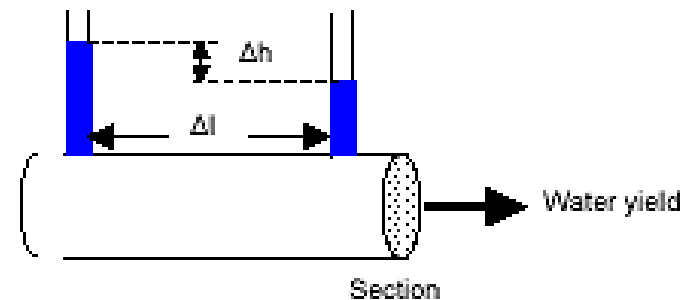
$$\text{Porosity} = \frac{\text{volume of pores}}{\text{volume of rock}}$$



PERMEABILITY:

$$\text{Permeability} = \frac{\text{water yield}}{\text{sample section}} / \text{hydraulic gradient}$$

$$\text{with hydraulic gradient} = \Delta h / \Delta l$$



POROSITY AND PERMEABILITY OF ROCKS

DEFINITIONS

- **POROSITY:**
(unit: %)
- **PERMEABILITY:**
(unit : m/s)

{ *quantity of water, existing in rocks*
= volume of water / volume of rocks

{ *speed of the water, when pushed by pressure*
= yield per unit of hydraulic pressure gradient

NUMERIC VALUES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ROCKS

TYPE OF ROCKS		POROSITY (%)	PERMEABILITY (m/s)
UNCONSOLIDATED (Soft sediments)	gravel	30	10^{-2}
	sand	25	10^{-4}
	clay	50	10^{-12}
CONSOLIDATED sandstone limestone granite, basalt	massive	1	10^{-10}
	fissured / fractured	5	10^{-8}
	weathered	15	10^{-6}

NB: These values are only indicative and largely depend on local conditions

Groundwater impacts can be sudden & dramatic



House collapse over brick sewer

Geotechnical factors must be included in construction risk management systems

**Risk = Hazard x Probability of Occurrence
(Vulnerability)**

Risk cannot be ignored but can be,

managed

minimised

shared

transferred

accepted

Ground Hazards to Construction



*“Geophysics is a component of a **RISK** management system”*

risk = hazard

x

probability of occurrence



Ground Hazards from Buried Infrastructure

Geophysical Response = physical property contrast

x

active volume

x

1/distance ⁿ (or depth ⁿ)

x

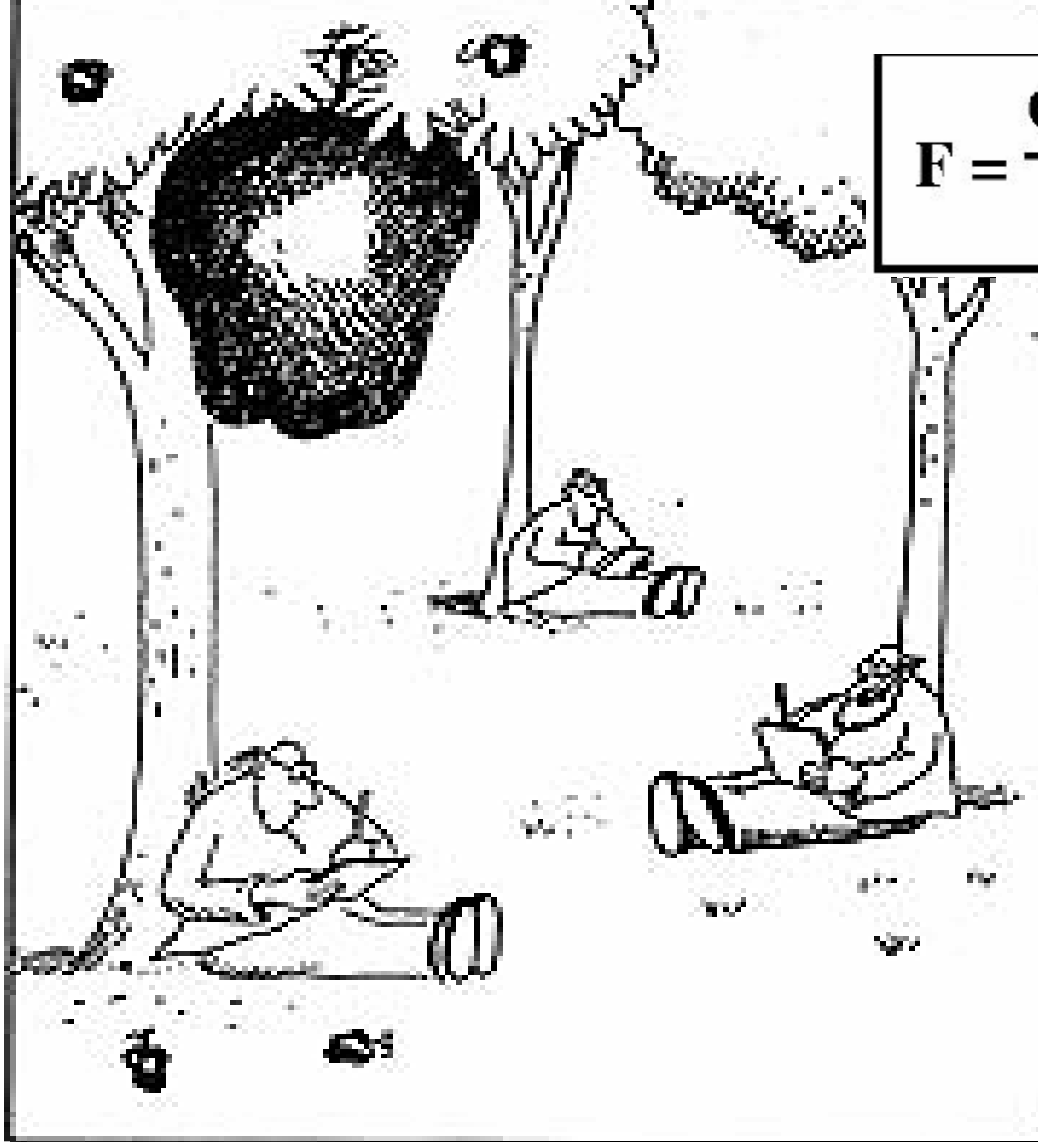
primary field

n = 2 to 5

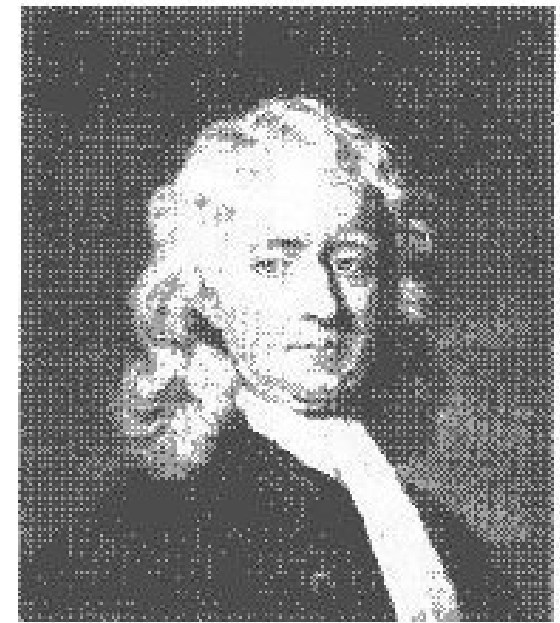
Geophysical Method	Derived Parameter	General Relationships with other properties
Gravity	Density	Density
Magnetics	Magnetisation	Magnetic iron content, rock type
Electromagnetics	Electrical Conductivity	Salinity, saturation, clay content, porosity
Radar	Dielectric constant	Water content, voids
Resistivity	Electrical Resistivity (1/conductivity)	Salinity, saturation, clay content, porosity
Seismic	Seismic velocity, density	Saturation, strength, density, stiffness

Type	Material Property	Order of Magnitude Variation
Geotechnical	Stiffness/strength	6
	Permeability	13
	Density	<1
Geophysical	Electrical conductivity	6
	Seismic velocity	1
	Seismic wave attenuation	4
Structural	Made to specification (e.g. steel)	<<1

Geophysical Method	Examples of Geotechnical Application	Examples of Groundwater Application
Gravity	Paleochannels, voids	Volume of saturated sediments
Magnetics	Dykes and sills	Faults & shears
Electromagnetics	Soil classification	Groundwater contamination, salinity mapping, clays
Radar	Pavement condition assessment	Water filled voids
Resistivity	Unstable mass	Groundwater contamination, salinity mapping, clays
Seismic	Bedrock mapping, rippability	Aquifer mapping
Geophysical Logging	Joints, fracture location	Aquifer location, setting well casing



$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$



$$g = \frac{G m_1}{r^2}$$

"Nothing yet. ...How about you, Newton?"

Gravity

Density of Natural Materials

Material	Density (gm/cm³)
Air	~0
Water	1
Sediments	1.7-2.3
Sandstone	2.0-2.6
Shale	2.0-2.7
Limestone	2.5-2.8
Granite	2.5-2.8
Basalts	2.7-3.1
Metamorphic Rocks	2.6-3.0

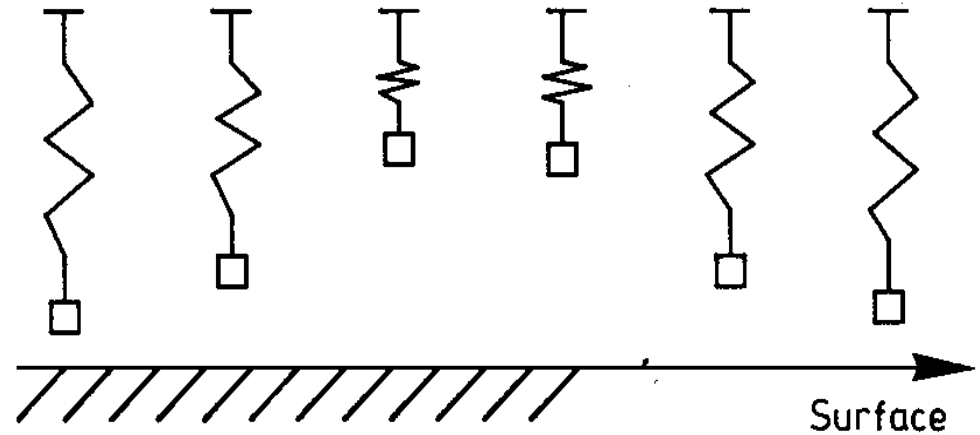
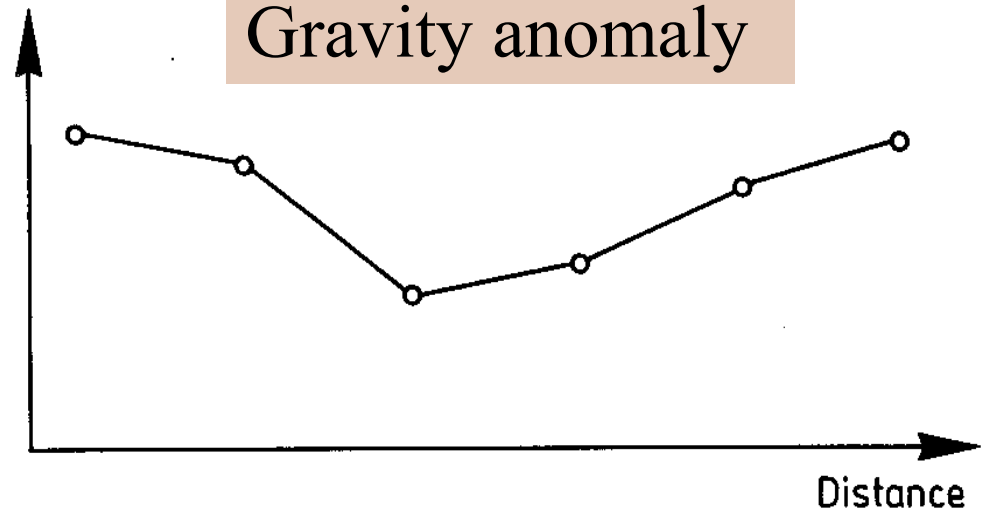
GRAVITY

$$g = \frac{G m_1}{r^2}$$



Gravity anomaly

Δg



ρ_1

ρ_2

$\rho_1 > \rho_2$

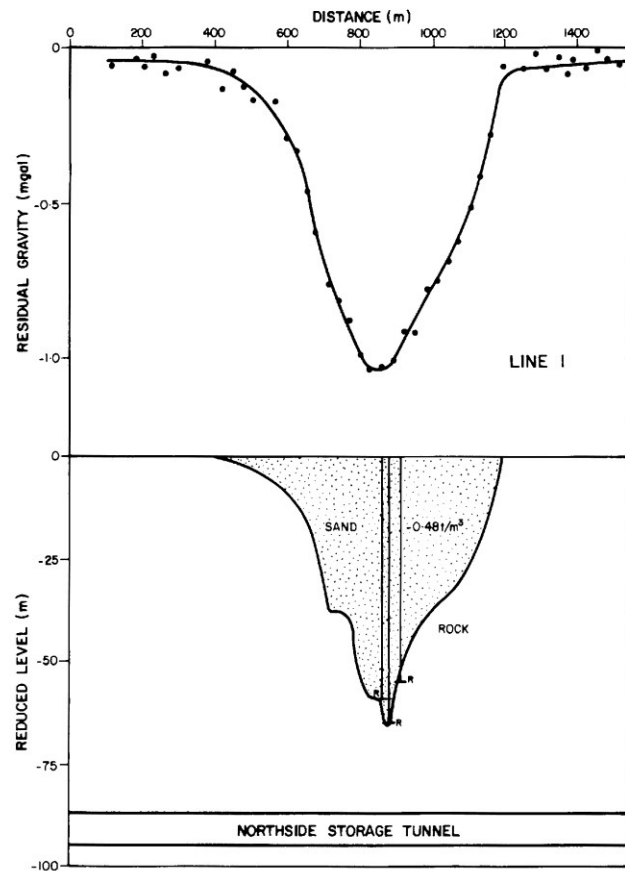
ρ_1, ρ_2 : Density

Low density
region



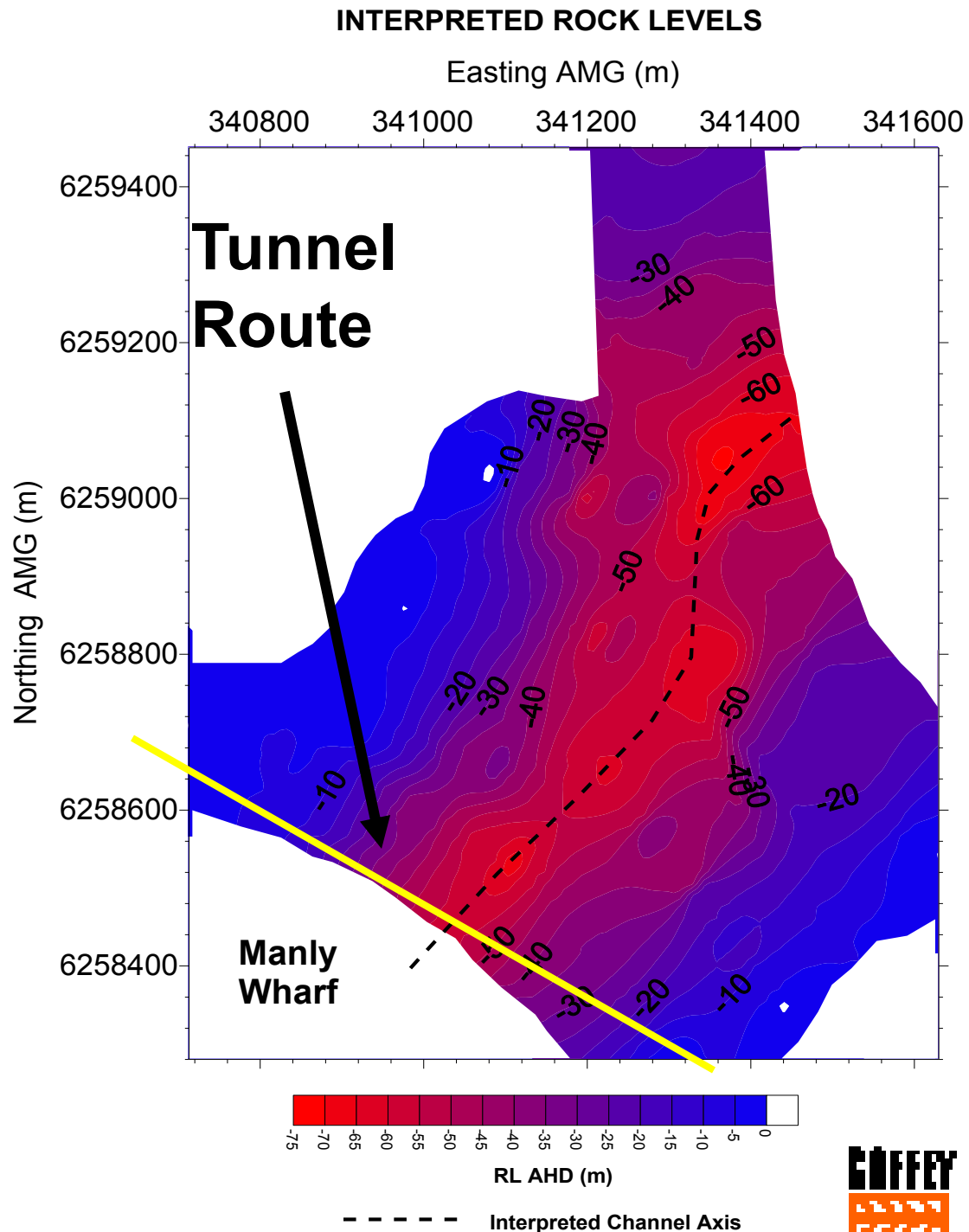
MANLY SAND SPIT

ROCK LEVELS BASED ON GRAVITY INTERPRETATION



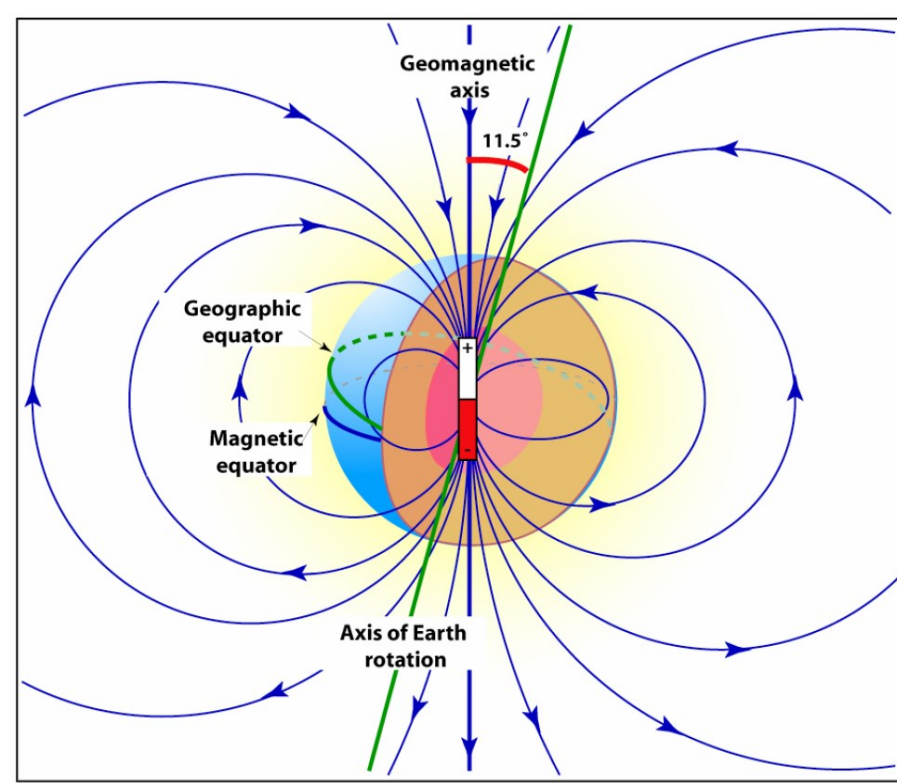
LEGEND

- FIELD DATA
- MODEL DATA
- ▨ INTERPRETED CHANNEL
- ⊥ BOREHOLE SHOWING ROCK DEPTH



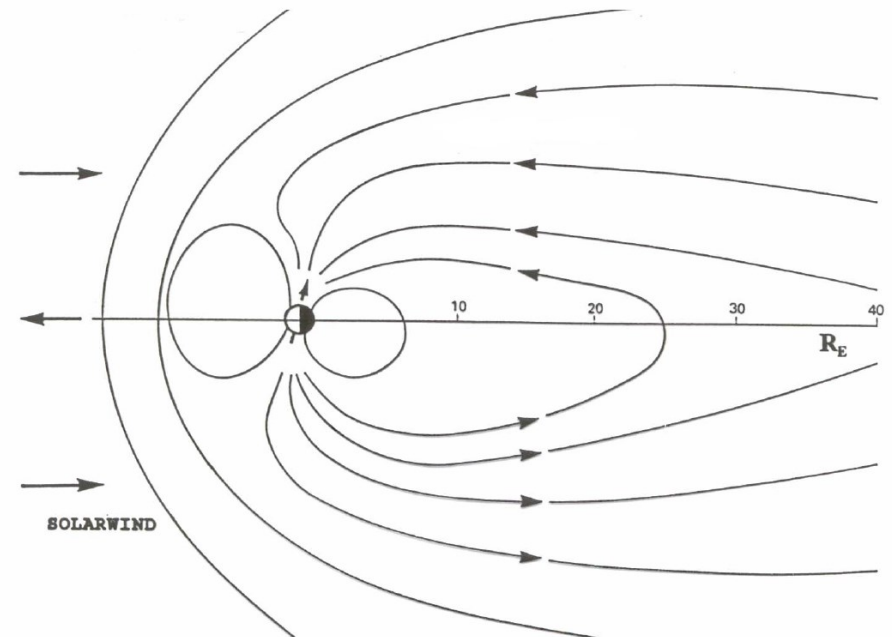
MAGNETICS





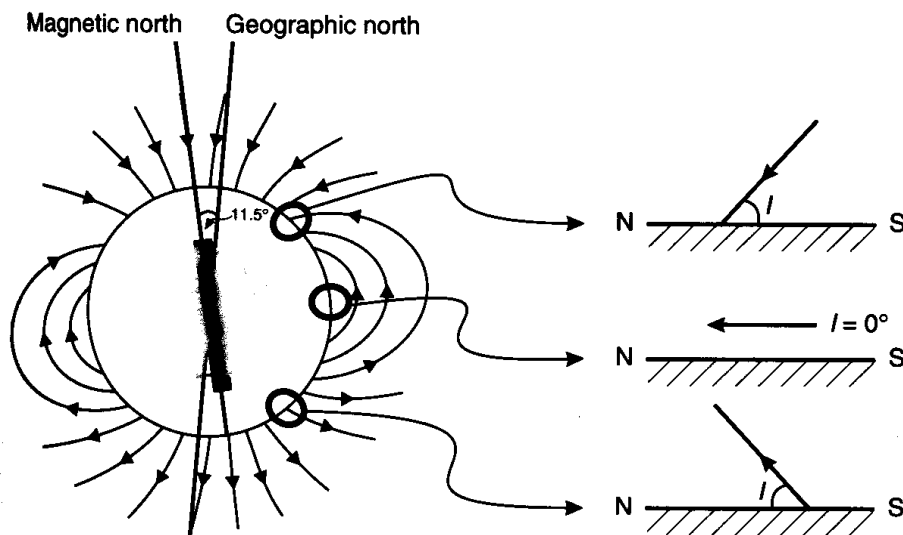
Internal component of the Earth's magnetic field

External component of the Earth's magnetic field



ROCK MAGNETISATION = *INDUCED* + REMANENT

F

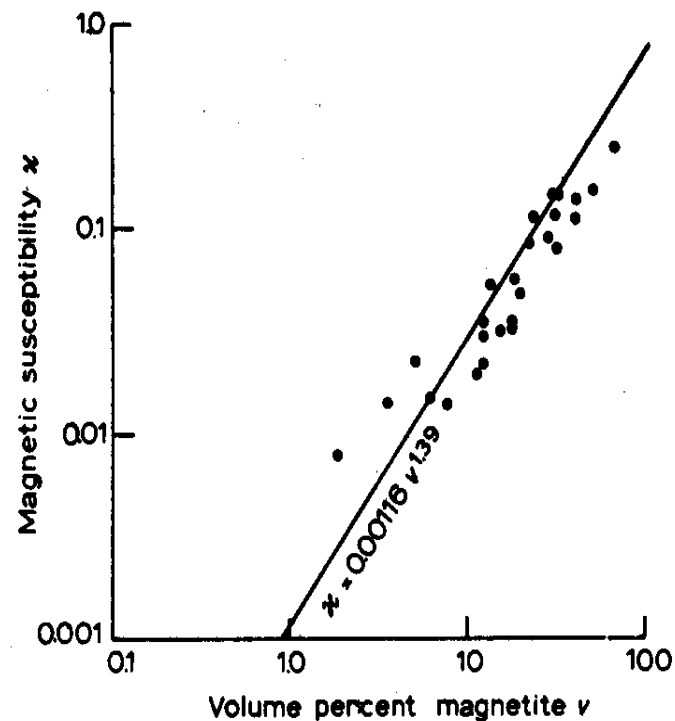


$$\underline{\mathbf{M}} = k \underline{\mathbf{F}}$$

MAGNETIC METHODS

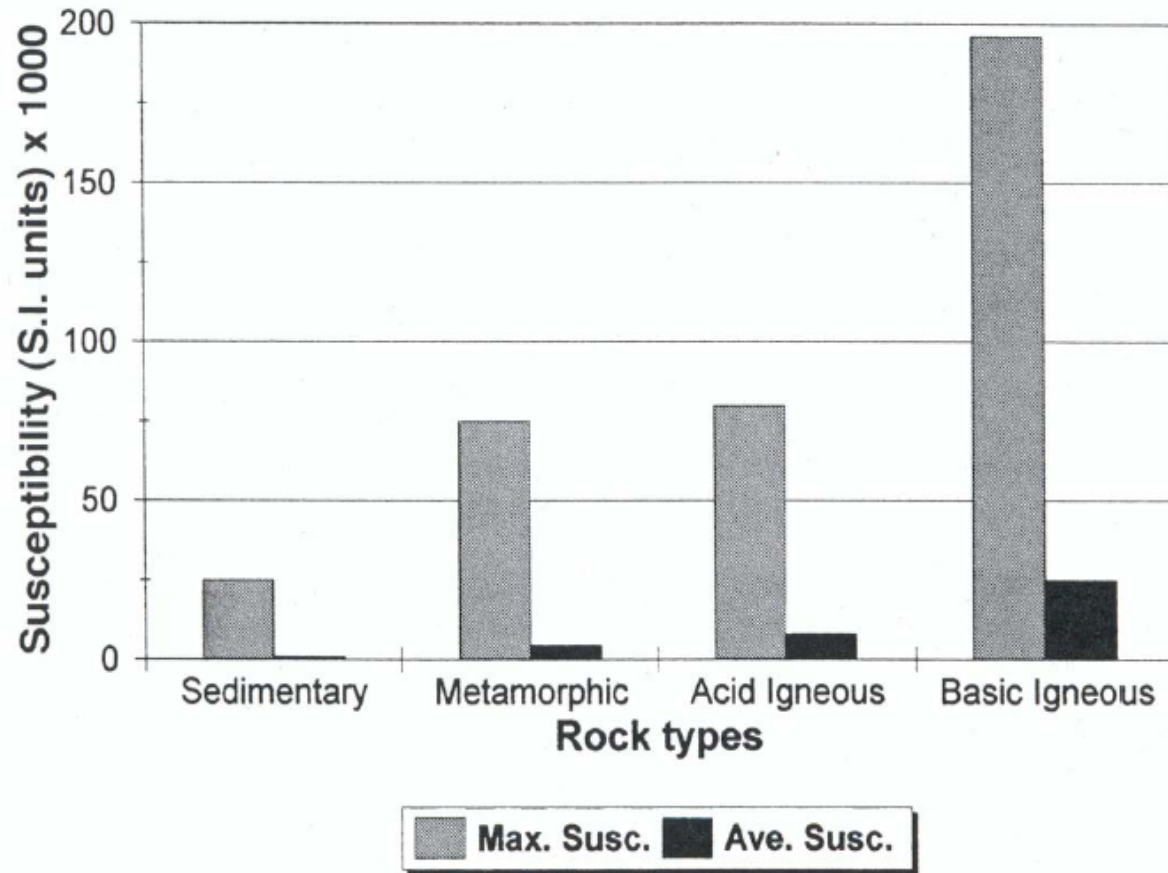
k

**Magnetic
Susceptibility**



Magnetic properties of rocks

Range of magnetic susceptibilities

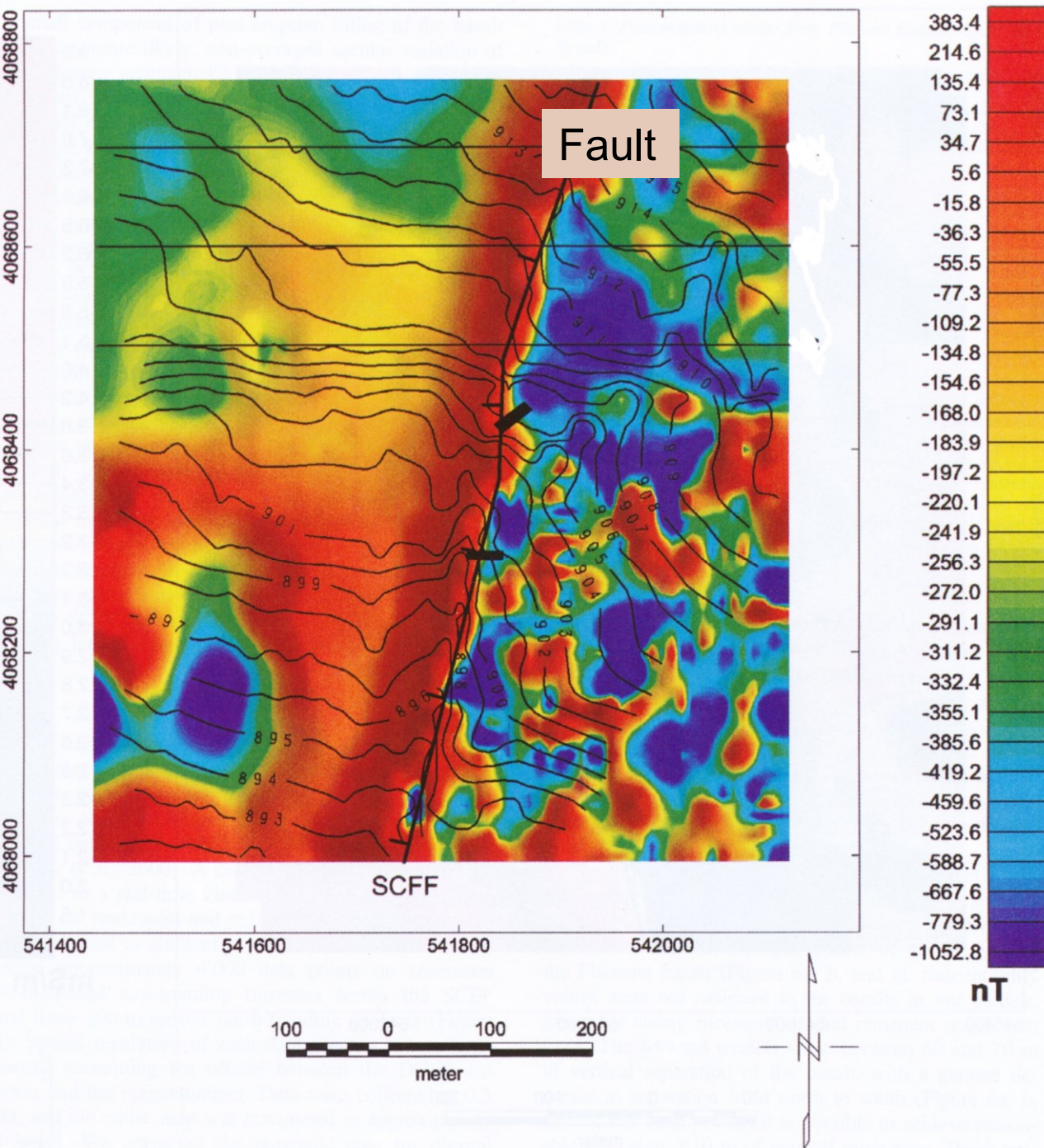


Magnetite content

$$\vec{B} = (1 + k) \mu_0 \vec{H}$$

Magnetic properties of rock depend mainly on the concentration size, shape and dispersion of magnetite

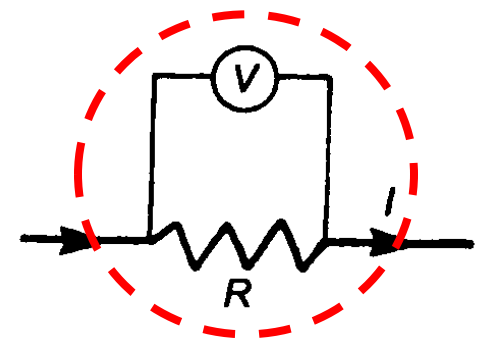
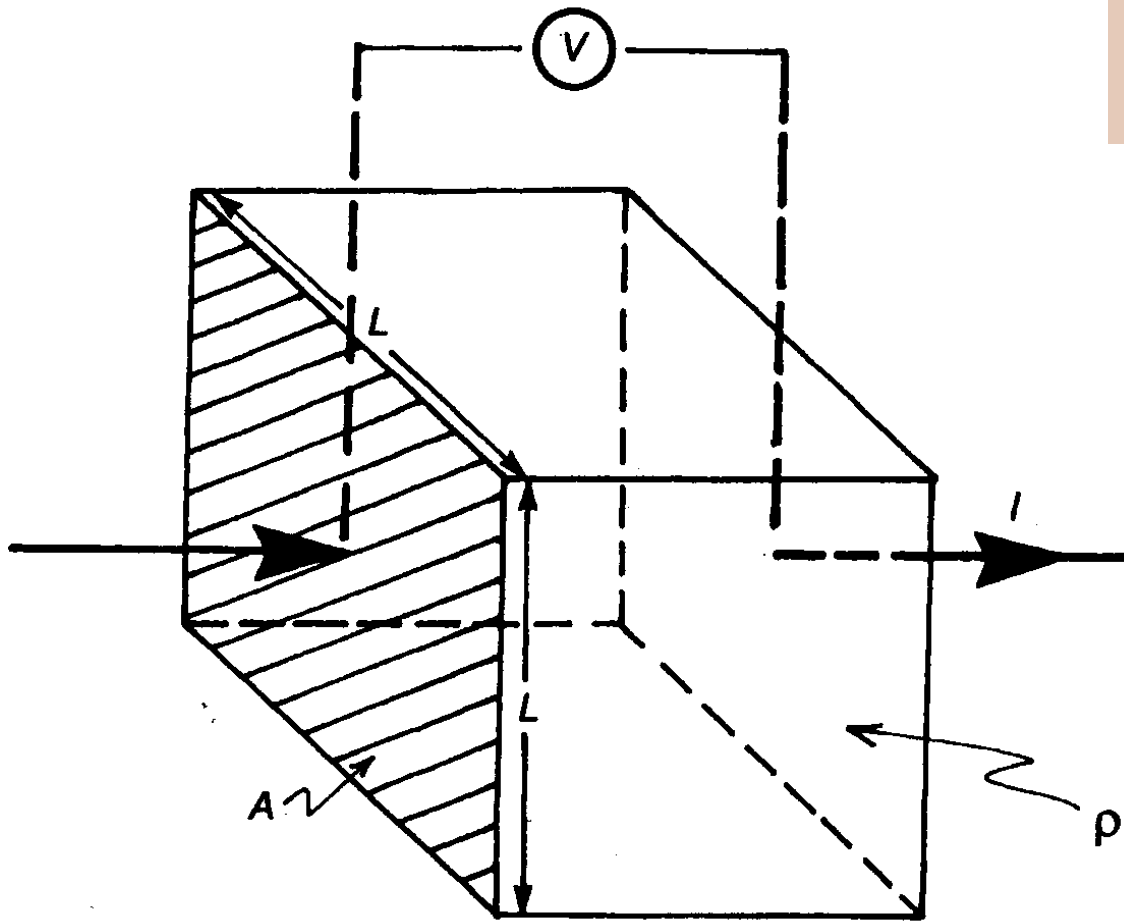
Magnetic map of fault zone



Resistivity

Ohms Law

$$R = V/I$$



RESISTIVITY (ρ)

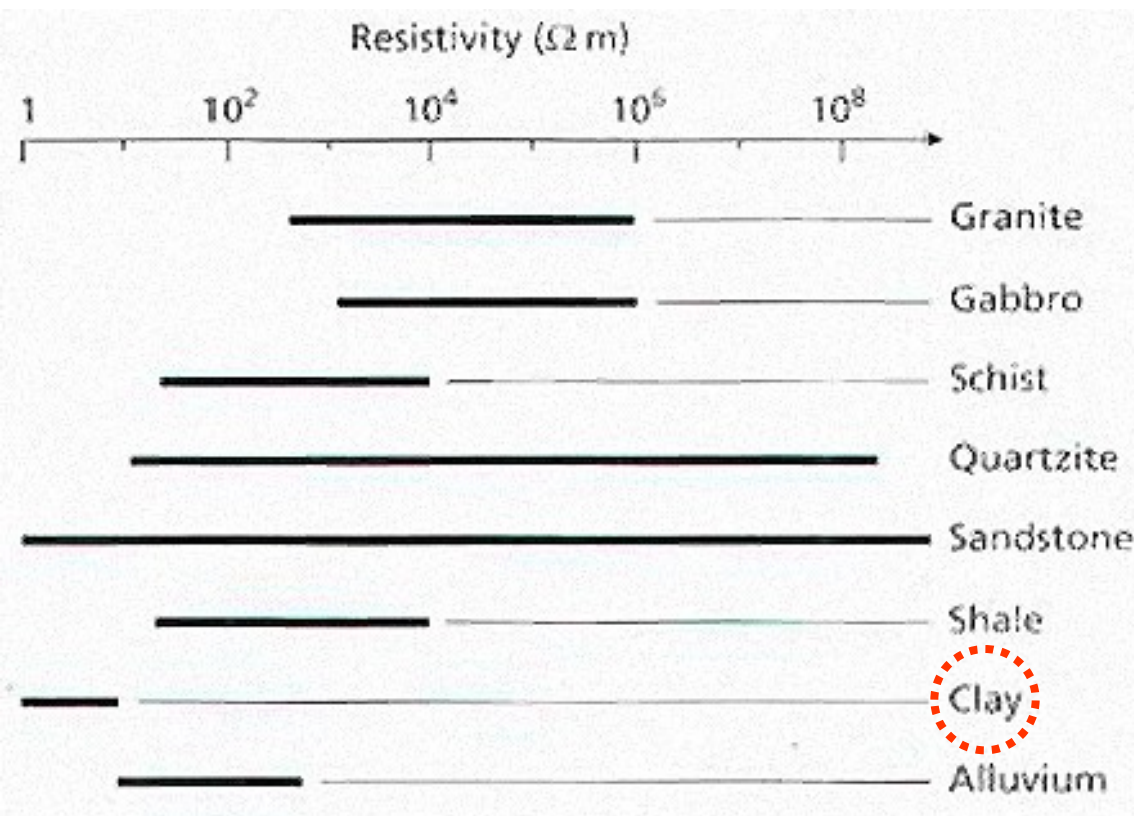
$$\rho = \frac{R A}{L} \text{ ohm-metres}$$

where $R = \frac{V}{I}$ ohms

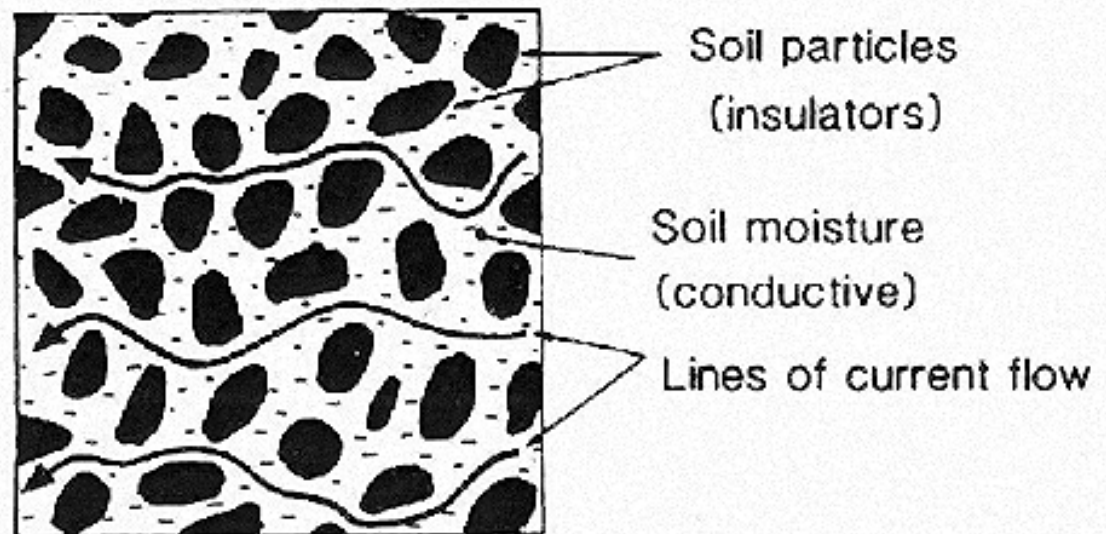
CONDUCTIVITY (σ)

$$\sigma = \frac{G L}{A} \text{ Siemens/metre}$$

where $G = \frac{I}{V}$ Siemens



Electrical resistivity of earth materials



ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF ROCKS

→ THE ELECTRIC CURRENT FLOWS INTO THE GROUND
THANKS TO THE IONS OF SALTS DISSOLVED IN THE WATER



TYPE OF POROSITY	TYPE OF WATER	TYPE OF ROCK	
matrix	free		sand, gravel
fracture	free		limestone, sandstone
adherence	bound		clay

→ THE RESISTIVITY OF ROCKS DEPEND ON:

- THE WATER CONTENT (Porosity)
- THE RESISTIVITY OF THE WATER
- THE CLAY CONTENT
- THE CONTENT IN METALLIC MINERALS

→ VALUES OF RESISTIVITY OF ROCKS:

0.1	ohm.m	SALTED WATER
1	ohm.m	MASSIVE SULPHIDE
10	ohm.m	CLAY
100	ohm.m	SAND, MARL
1 000	ohm.m	DRY SAND, LIMESTONE
10 000	ohm.m	HARD GRANITE, BASALT

CONDUCTIVITY AND SALINITY OF WATERS

- **CONDUCTIVITY** (Siemens) = $1 / \text{resistivity (ohm.m)}$
- **USUAL UNIT** of conductivity = microS / cm

$$\text{Conductivity (microS / cm)} = 10^4 / \text{resistivity (ohm.m)}$$

- **SALINITY** (mineralization): Total Dissolved Salt (TDS)

$$\text{TDS (mg / l)} = 0.7 \times \text{conductivity (microS / cm)}$$

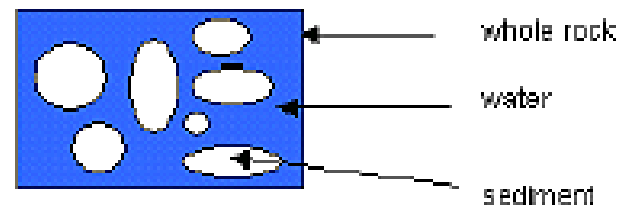
- **NUMERIC VALUES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF WATER:**

Type of water	Resistivity ohm.m	Conductivity microS / cm	Salinity mg / l
<i>very fresh</i>	200	50	35
<i>fresh</i>	20	500	350
<i>salted</i>	10	1 000	700
<i>very salted (sea water)</i>	0.3	30 000	21 000

Usual rule for drinkable water: resistivity > 10 ohm.m \longleftrightarrow conductivity < 0.7 g/l

RESISTIVITY AND POROSITY OF ROCKS

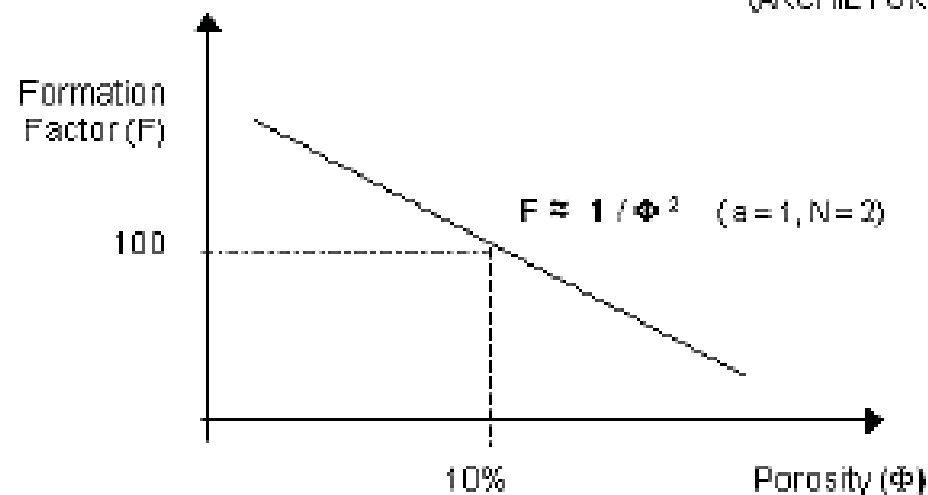
Relation between the resistivity of and the porosity for non clayey rocks



ROCK RESISTIVITY = F x WATER RESISTIVITY

$F = \text{Formation Factor} = a / (\text{porosity})^N$

(ARCHIE FORMULA)



For example :

Water resistivity = 10 ohm.m
 Porosity = 20 %
 Formation factor = 25

} Rock resistivity = 250 ohm.m

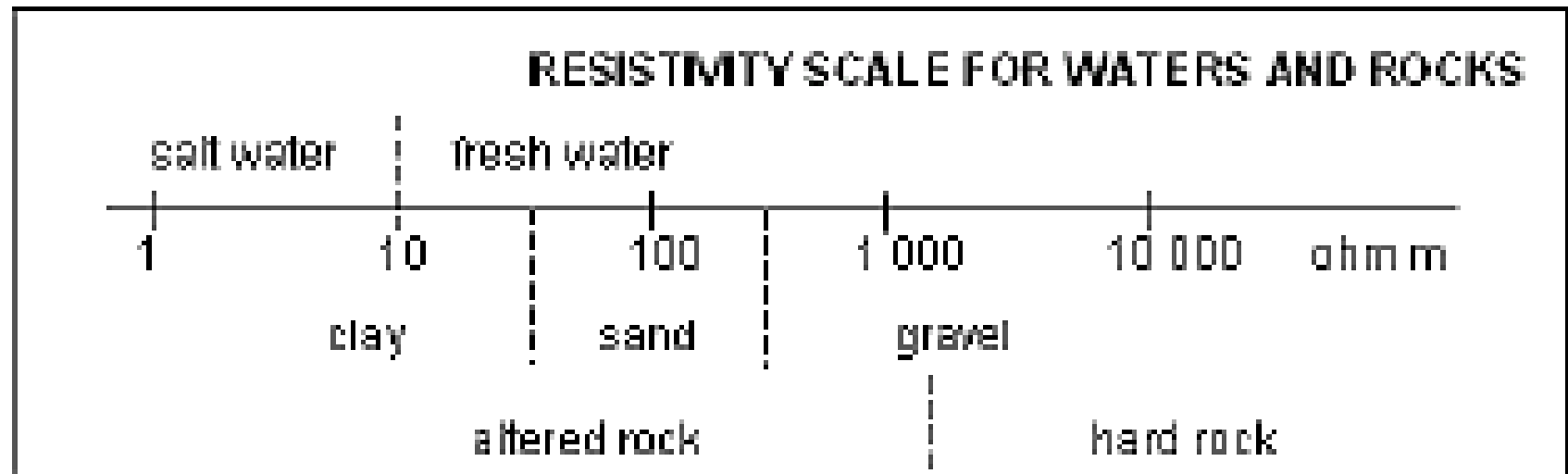
For example :

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This is very site specific and need to be established for each site



Direct Current (DC) Resistivity

Archie's Law for Porous Media w/o clay

$$\rho_e = a \phi^{-m} S^{-n} \rho_w$$

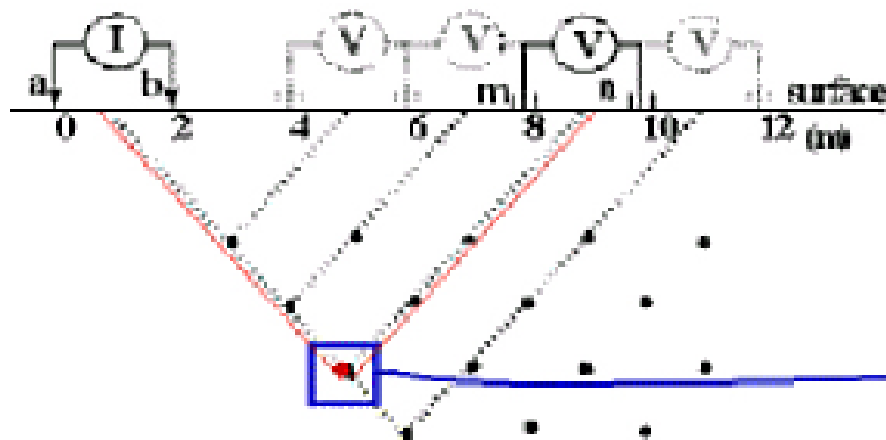
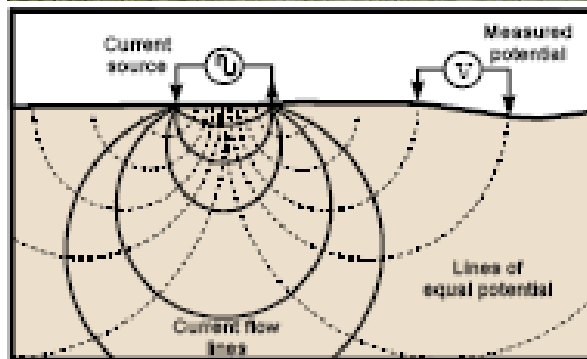
ρ_e = resistivity of the earth

ϕ = fractional pore volume (porosity)

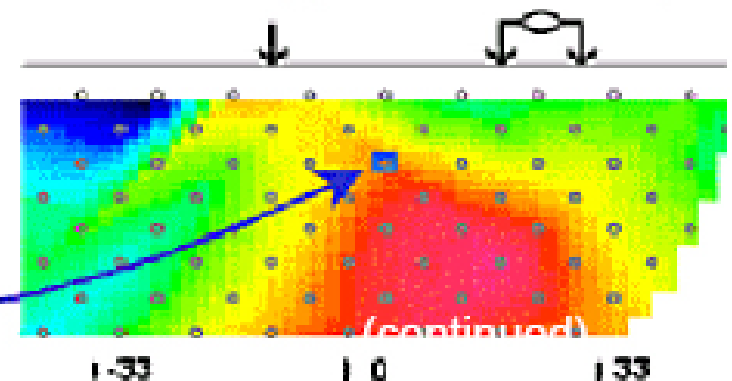
S = fraction of the pores containing fluid

ρ_w = the resistivity of the fluid

n , a and m are empirical constants

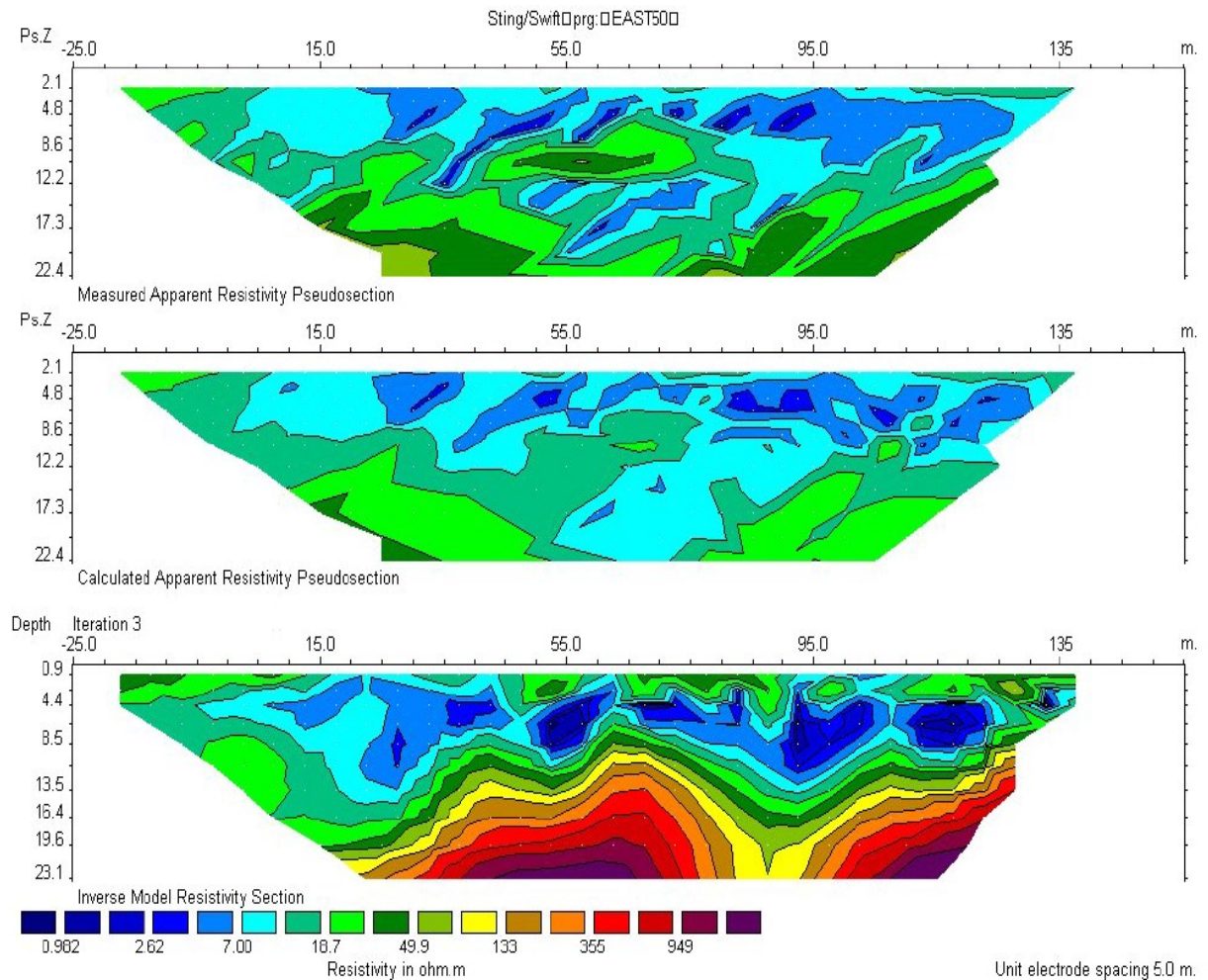


Observed Apparent Resistivity





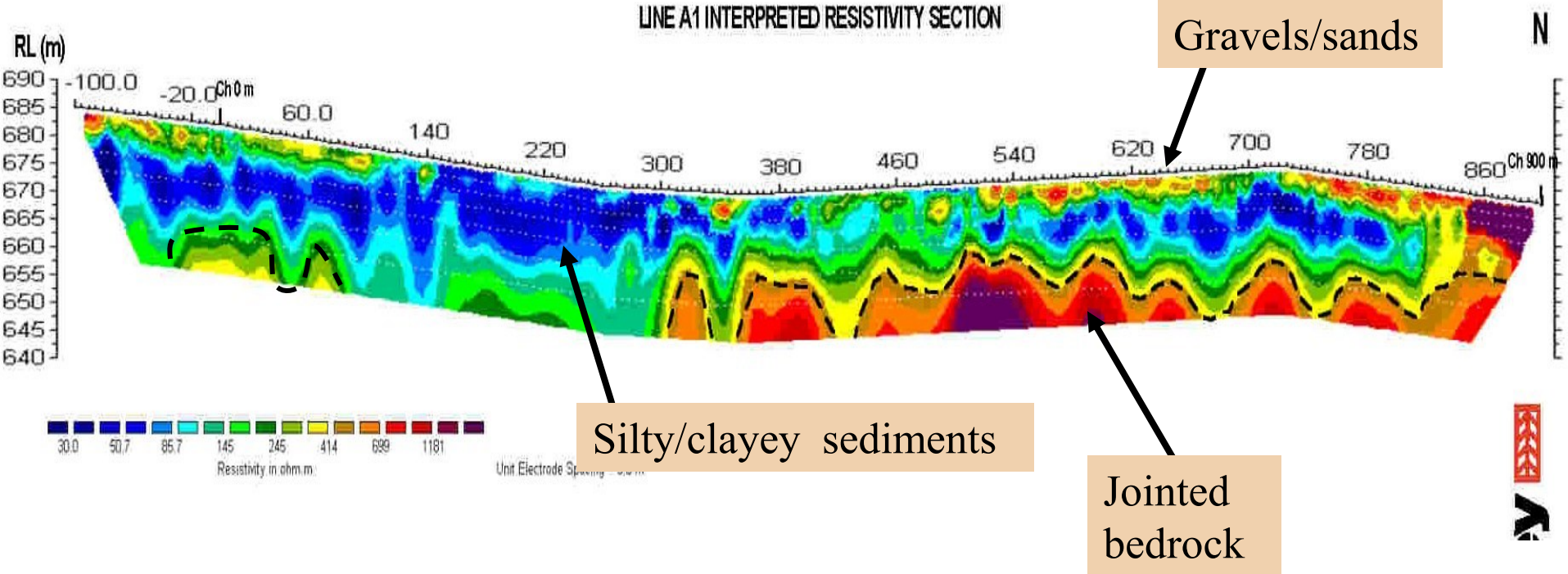
ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY IMAGING



Approx. extent of
buried channel

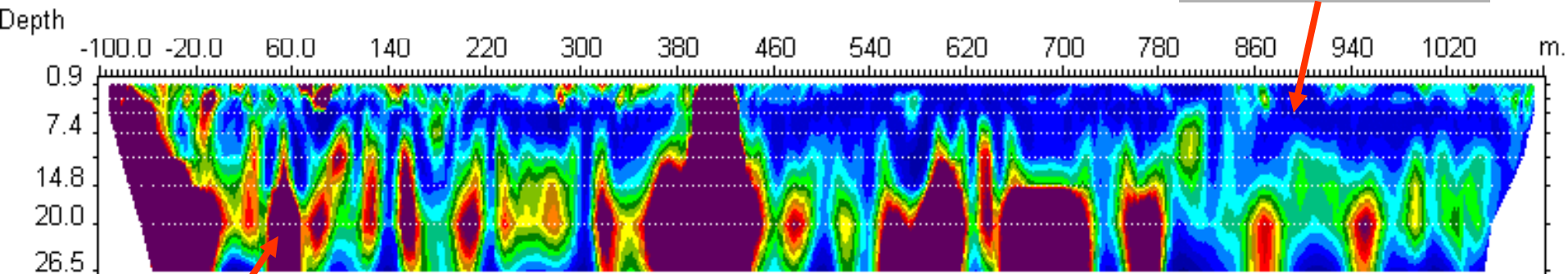


LINE A1 INTERPRETED RESISTIVITY SECTION



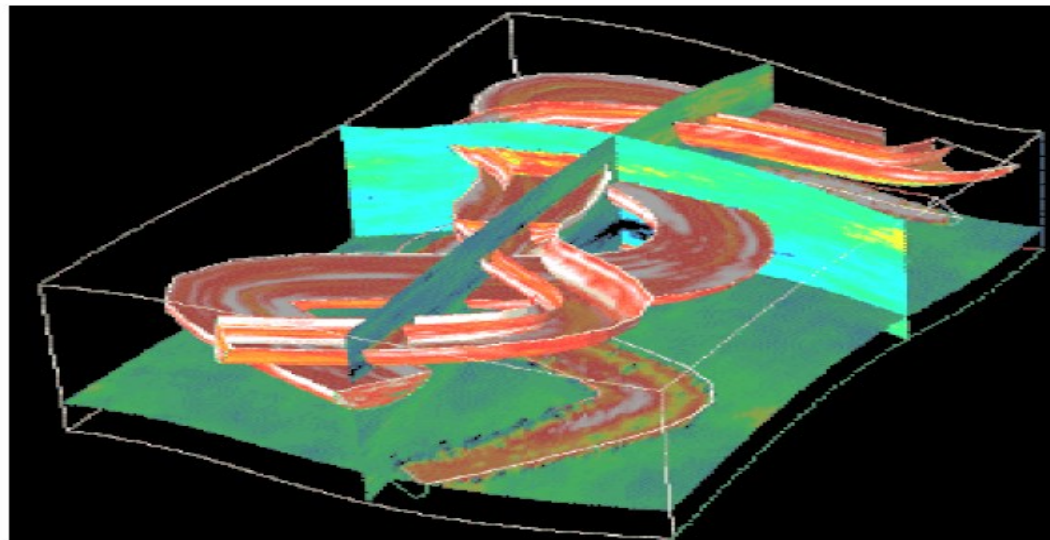
Electrical Resistivity Image Section showing repeated crossings of shallow and deep channels

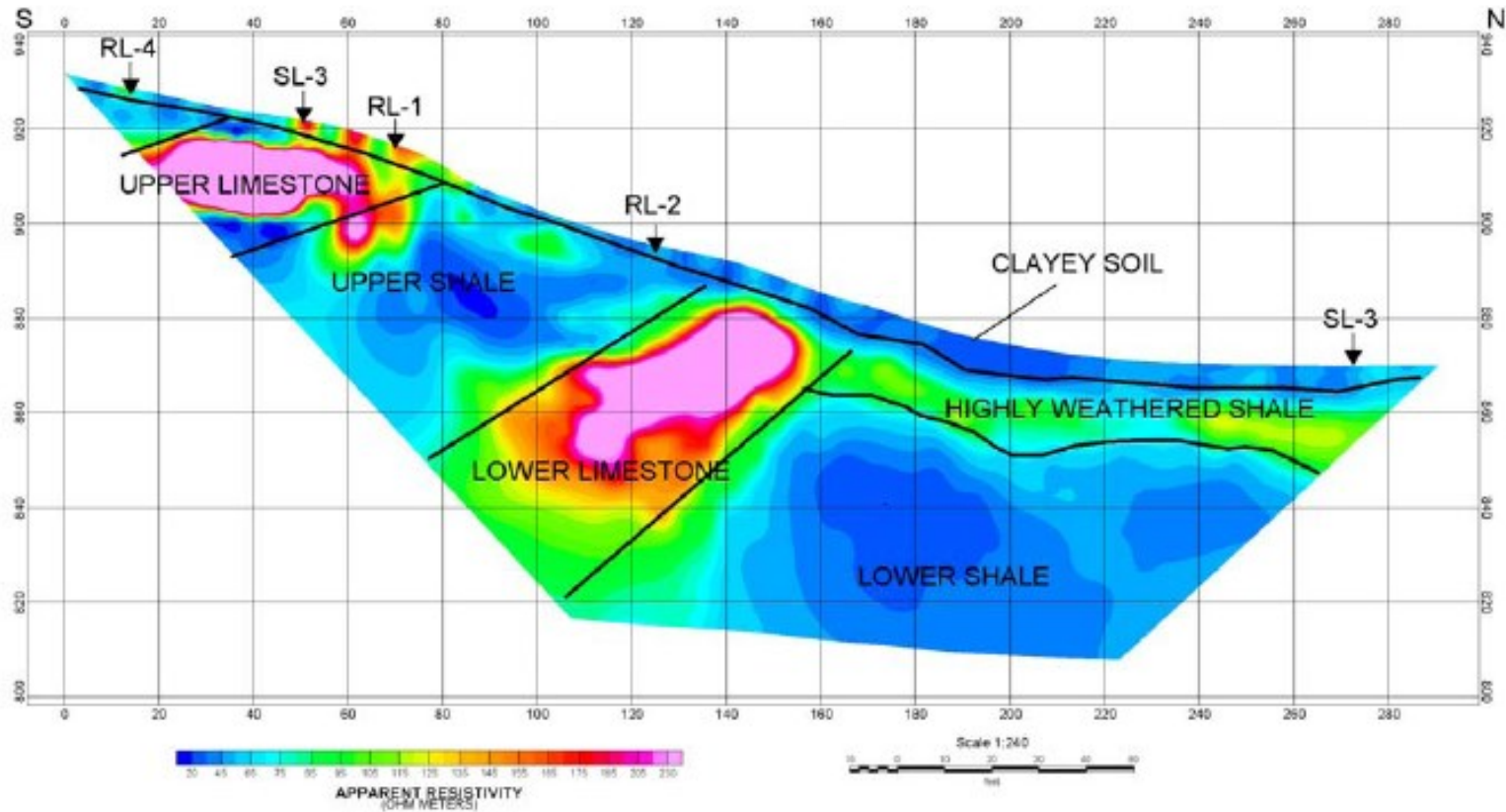
Silts and clays
low resistivity



Sands/gravels
high resistivity

Schematic of
meandering
channels



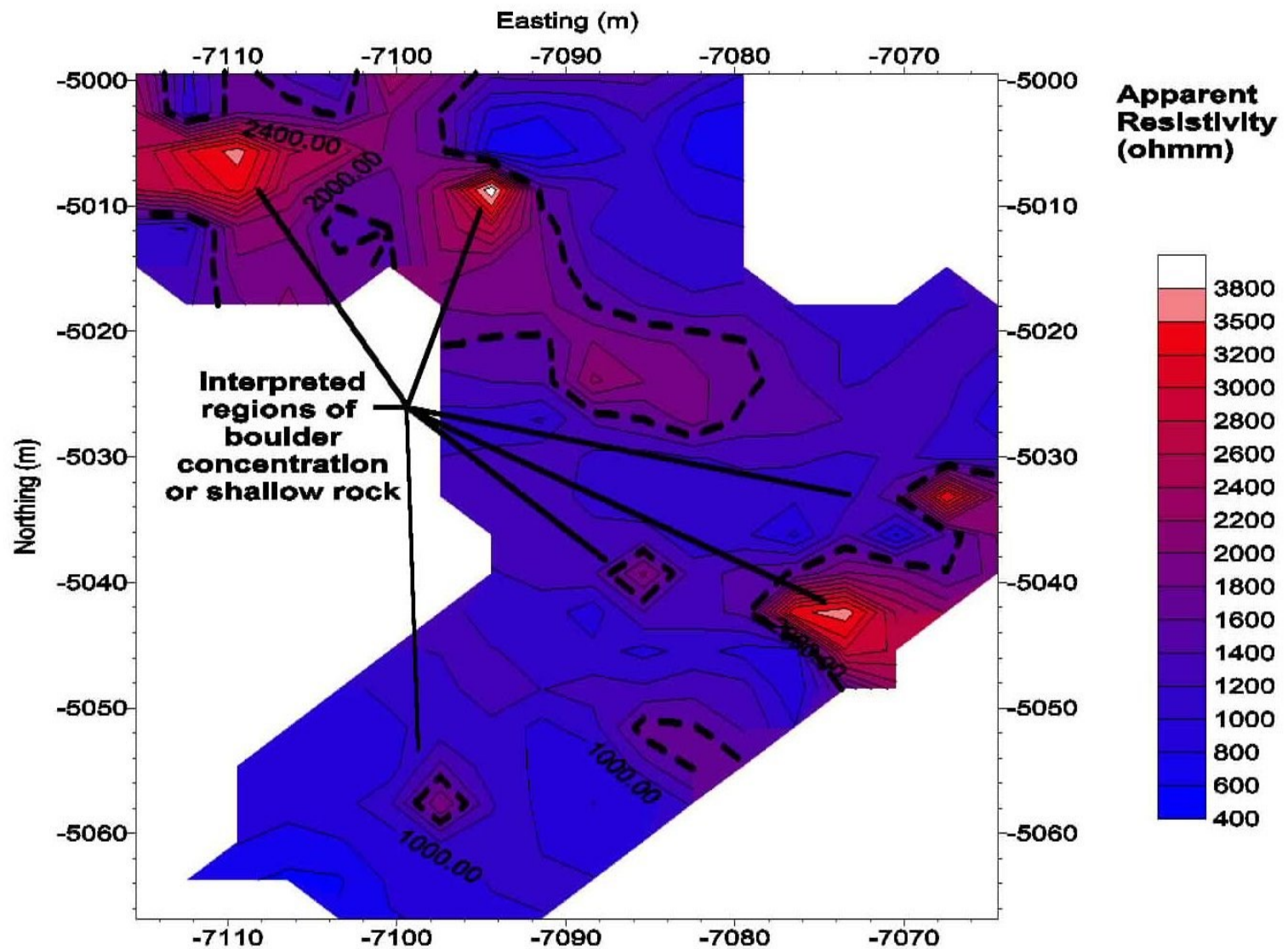


Lithological & soils mapping with Electrical Resistivity Imaging

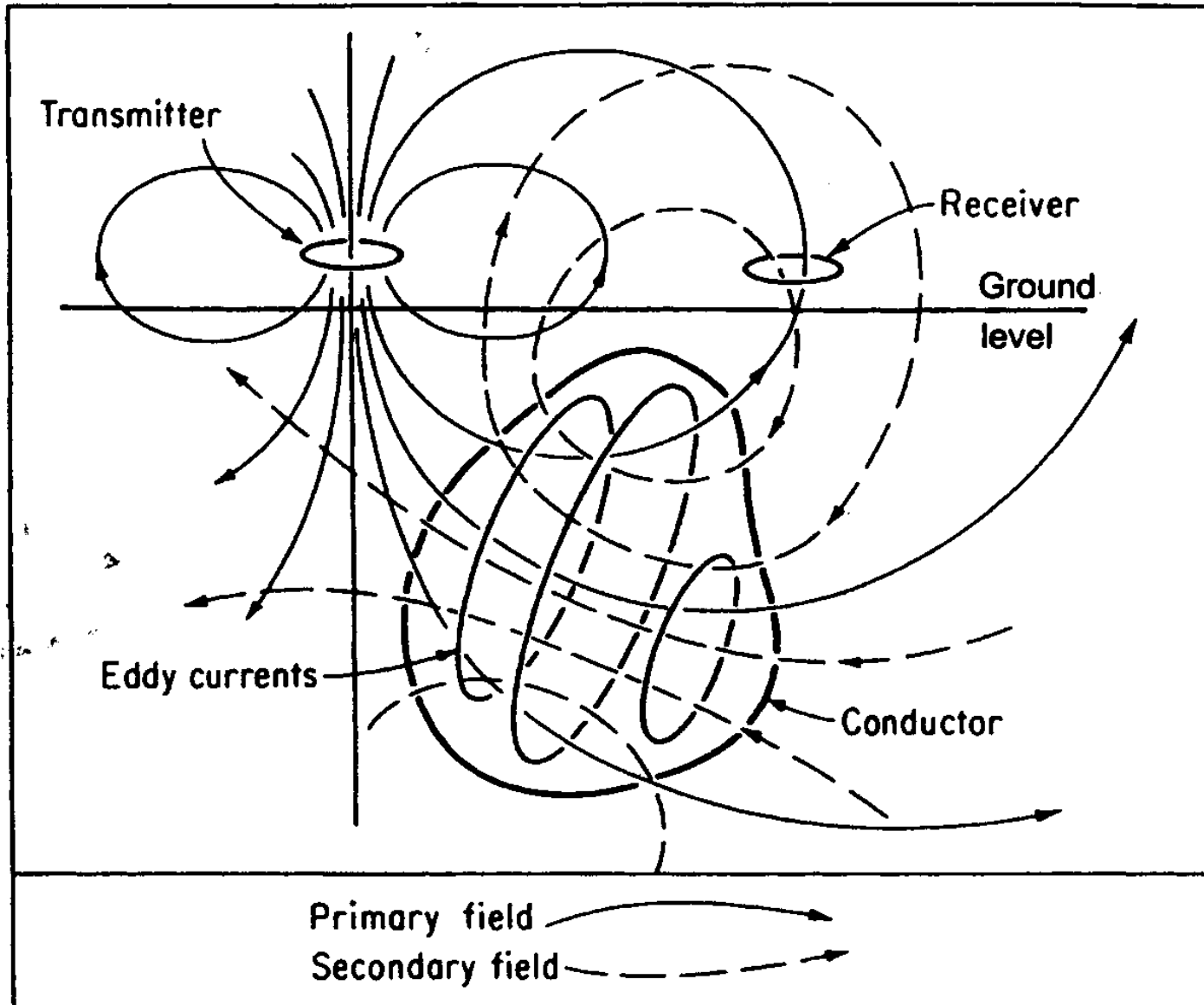
Rock fall hazard



APPARENT RESISTIVITY CONTOUR PLAN (n=5)

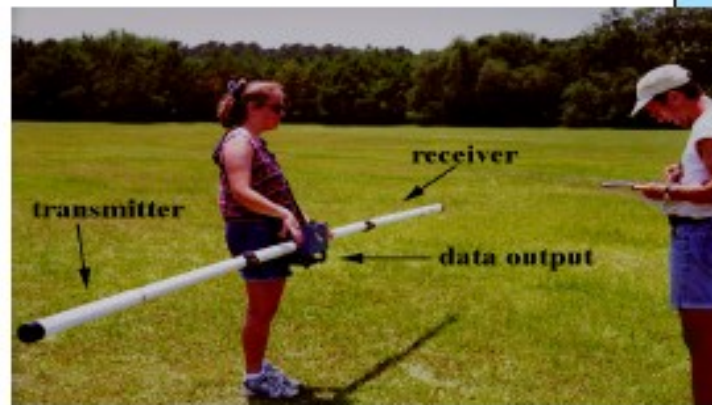
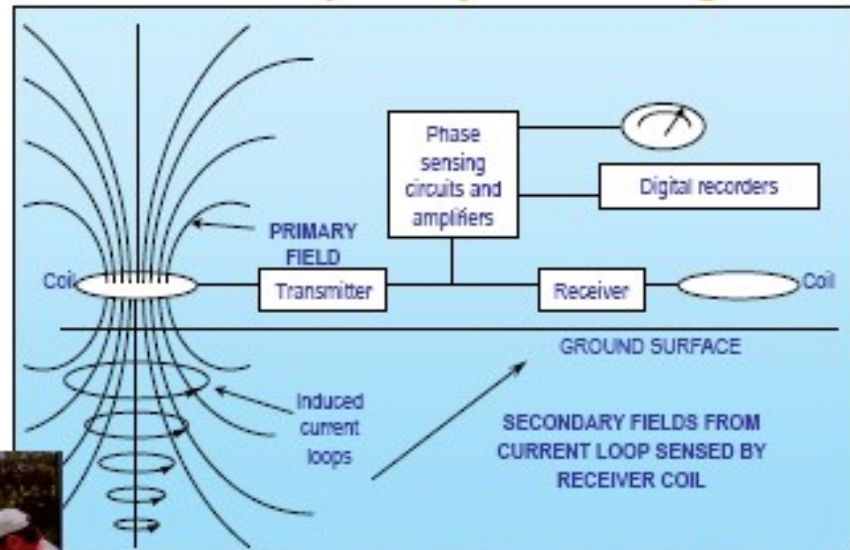


ELECTROMAGNETICS



Electromagnetic Induction (EMI) Surveys

- Active electromagnetic induction techniques
- Applications
 - Profiling
 - Sounding



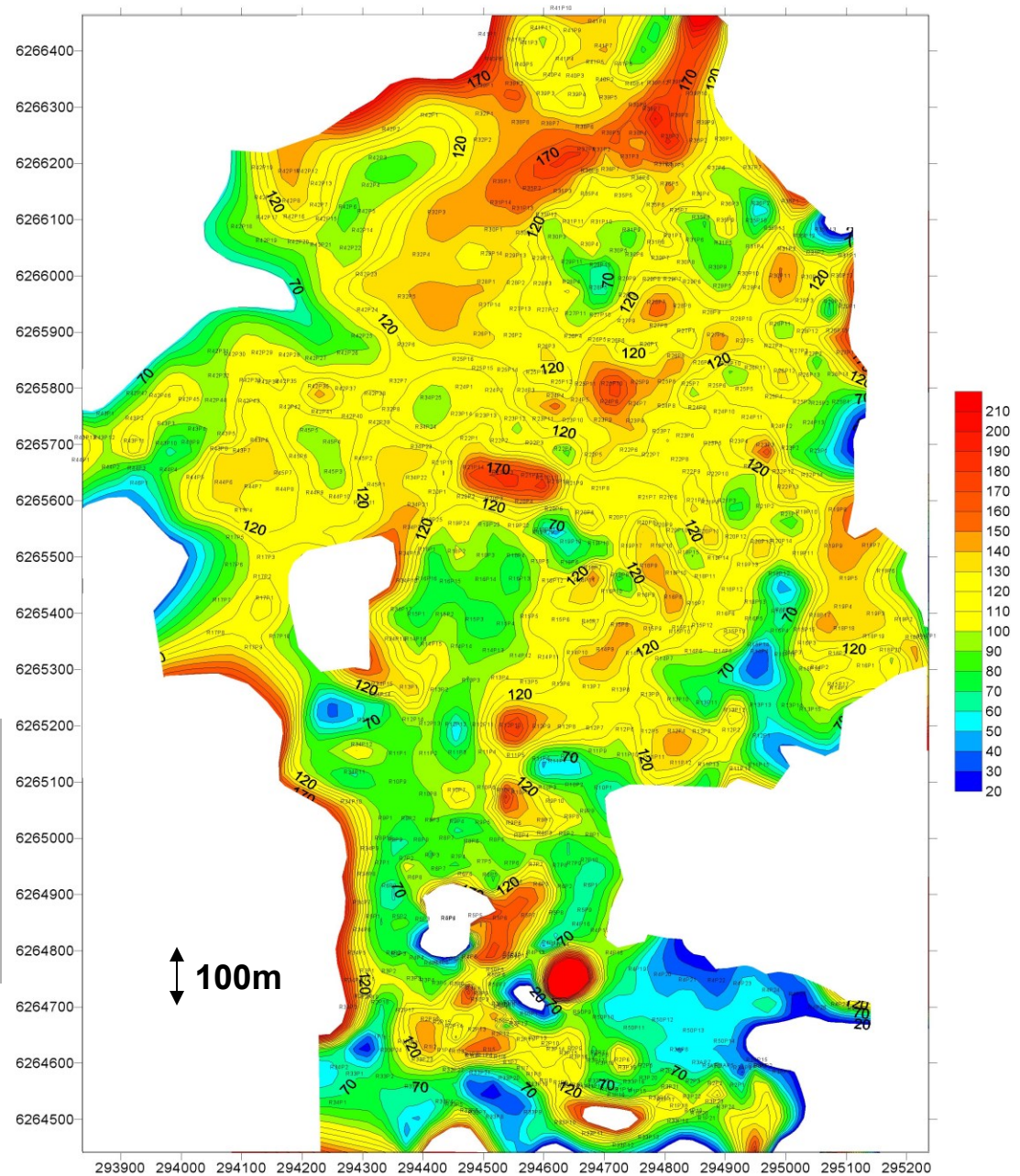
EM-31



EM-34



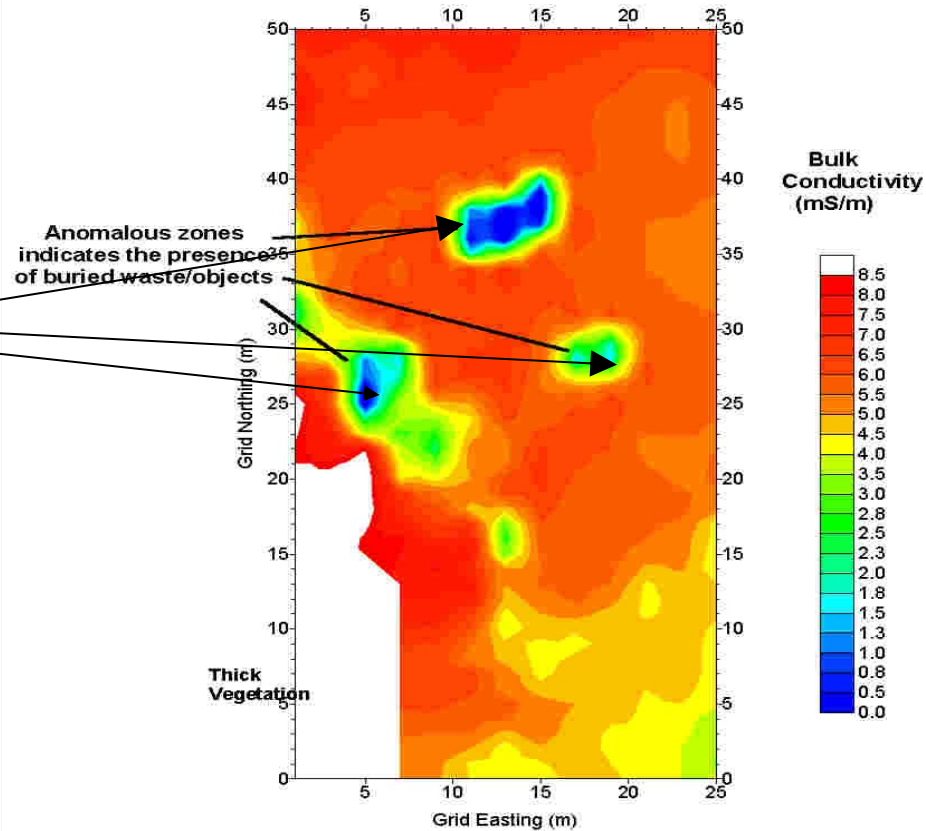
EM31 for salinity & shallow groundwater assessment



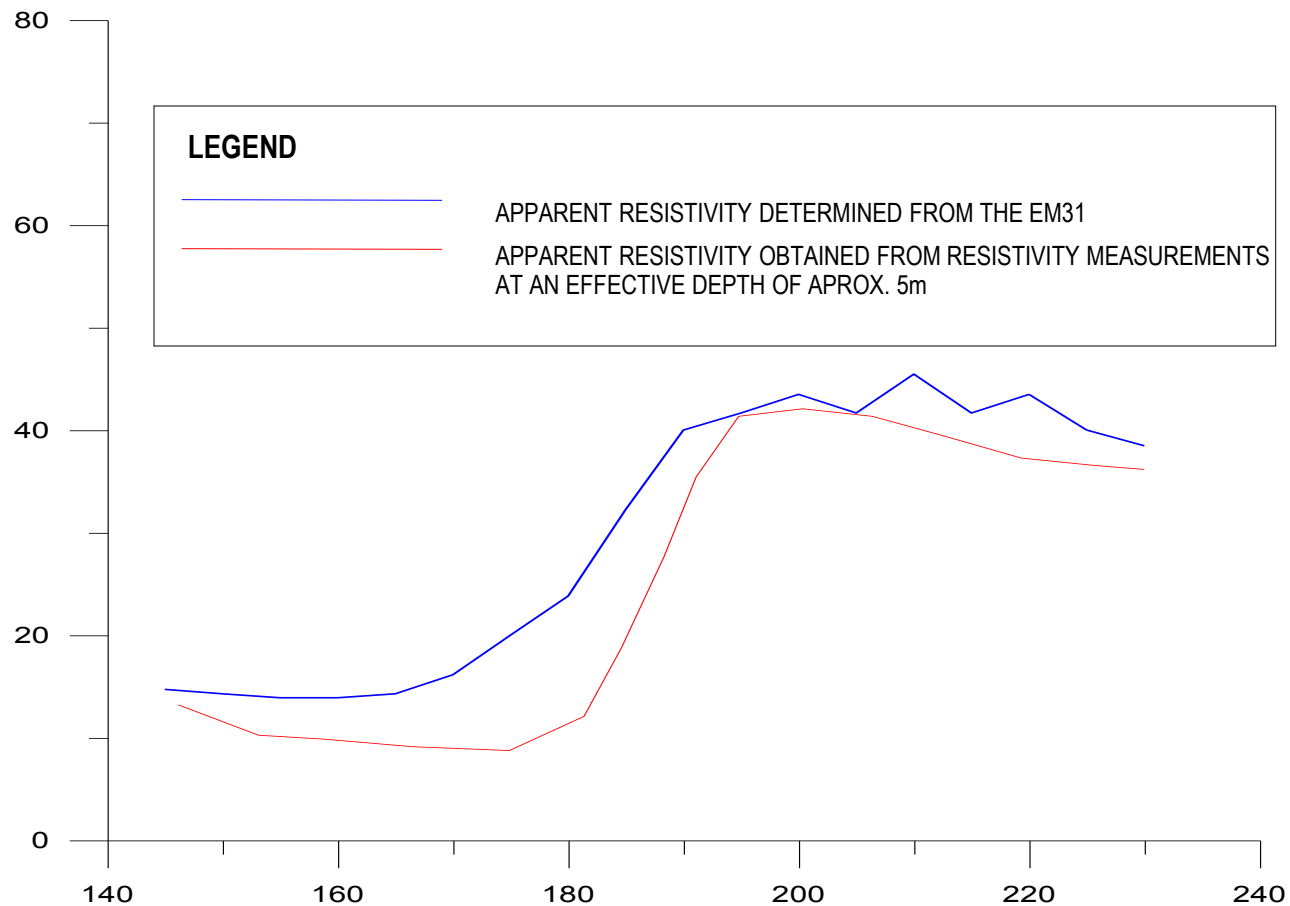
EM location of buried objects

An example illustrating the use of Electromagnetics to screen a possible contaminated site suspected of containing buried waste which showed no surface evidence.

Bulk Conductivity Contour Plan Map



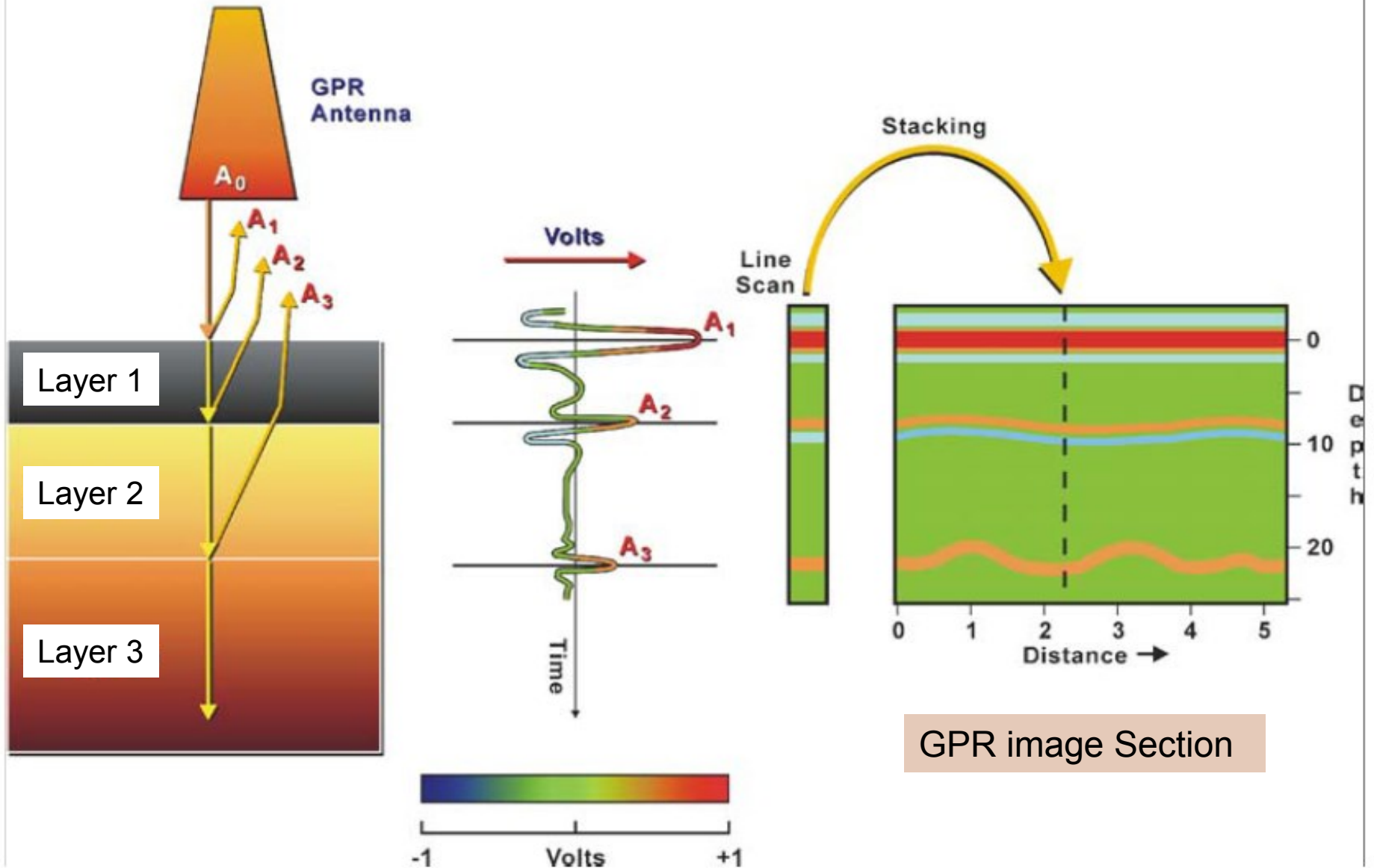
EM and Resistivity results should agree



Ground Penetrating Radar

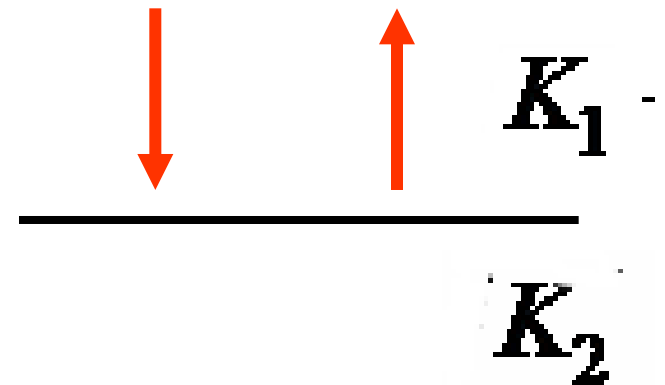


Principles of Ground Penetrating Radar



Radar reflection at soil/rock interfaces

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{K_1} - \sqrt{K_2}}{\sqrt{K_1} + \sqrt{K_2}}$$

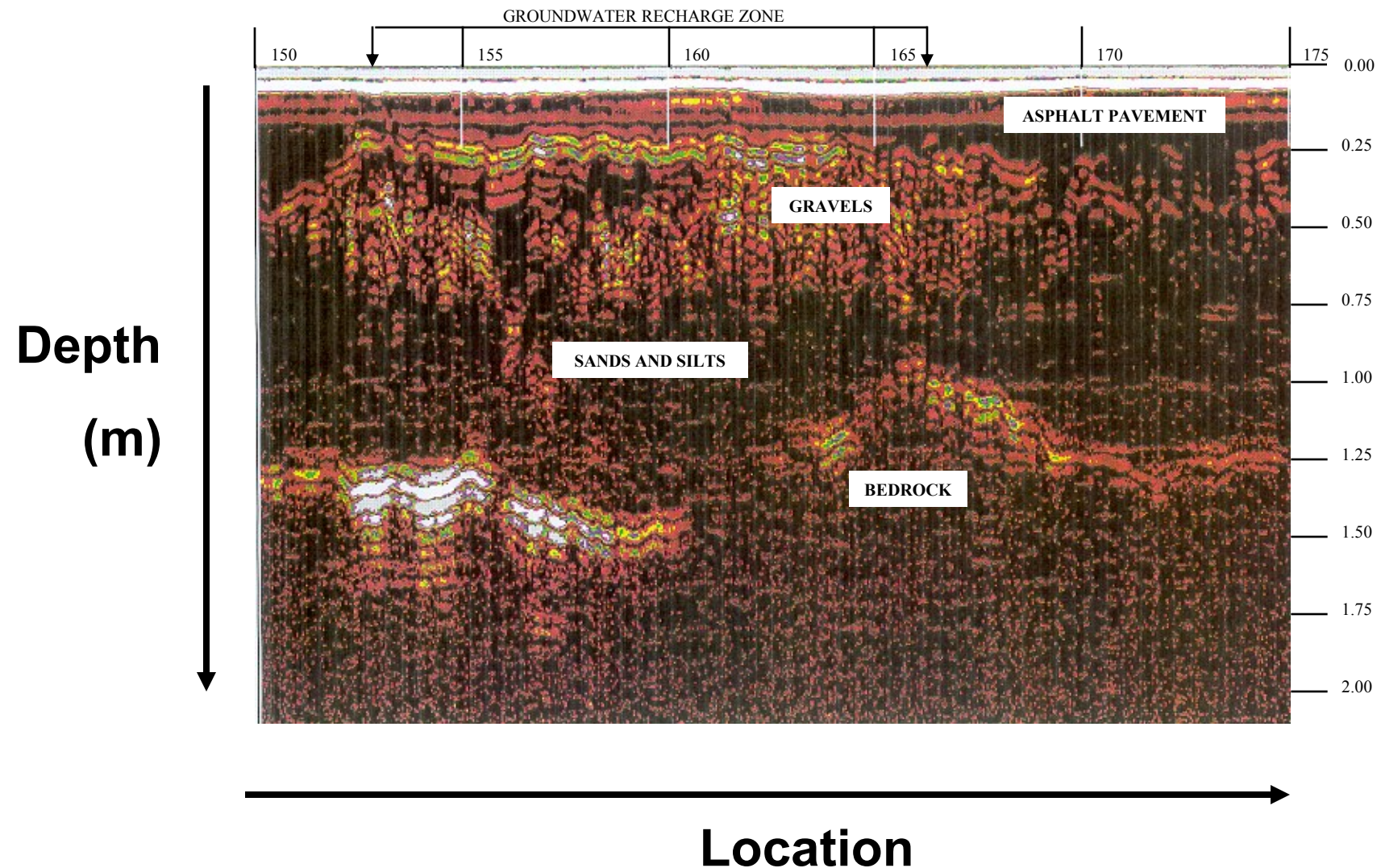


Reflected energy = $R \times$ Incident energy

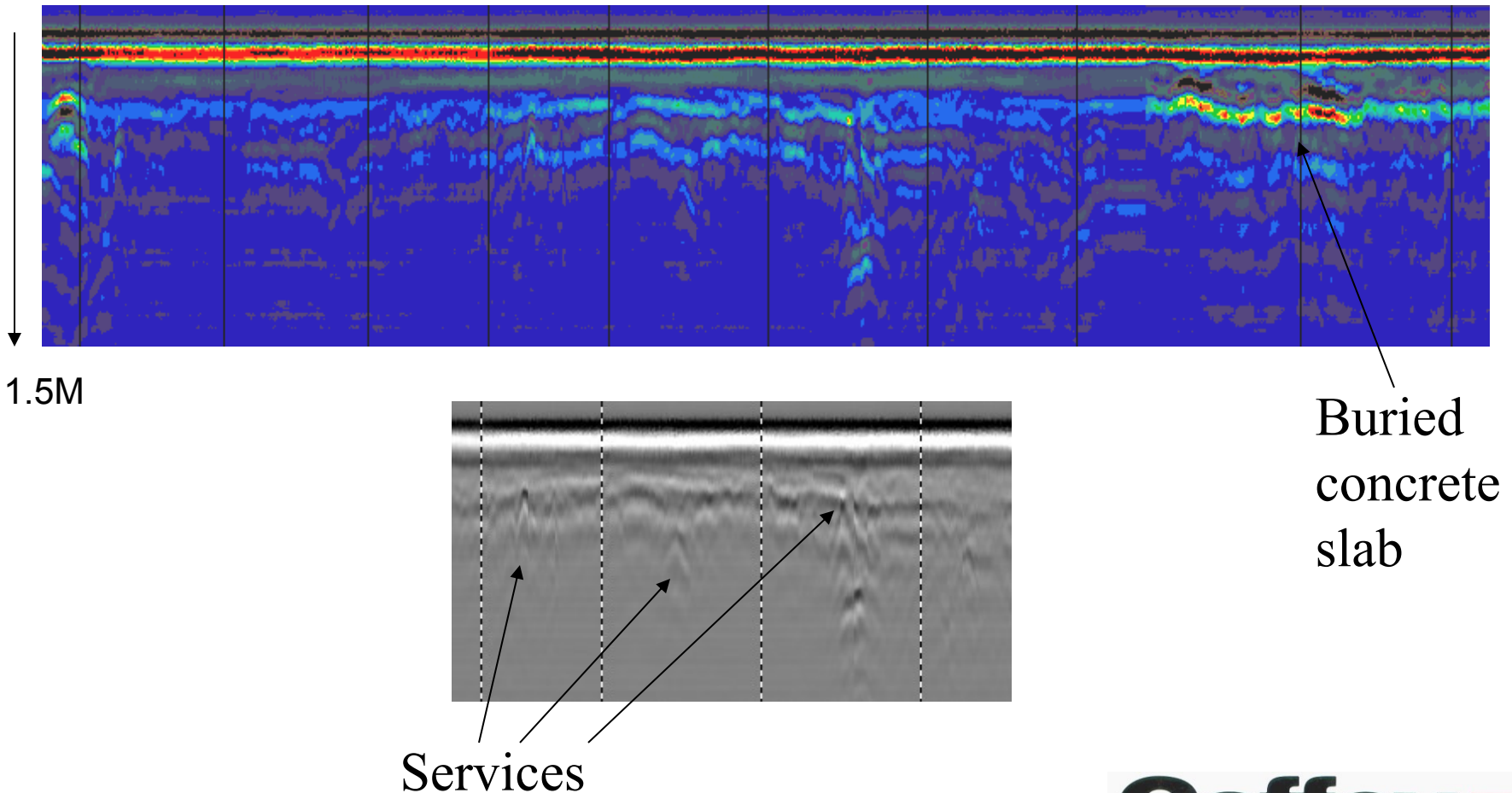
**TYPICAL RELATIVE PERMITTIVITY, ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY, VELOCITY
AND ATTENUATION OBSERVED IN COMMON GEOLOGIC MATERIALS**

	Dielectric Constant	Conductivity	Velocity	Attenuation
MATERIAL	K	σ (mS/m)	v (m/ns)	α (dB/m)
Air	1	0	0.30	0
Distilled Water	80	0.01	0.033	2×10^{-3}
Fresh Water	80	0.5	0.033	0.1
Sea Water	80	3×10^3	.01	10^3
Dry Sand	3-5	0.01	0.15	0.01
Saturated Sand	20-30	0.1-1.0	0.06	0.03-0.3
Limestone	4-8	0.5-2	0.12	0.4-1
Shales	5-15	1-100	0.09	1-100
Silts	5-30	1-100	0.07	1-100
Clays	5-40	2-1000	0.06	1-300
Granite	4-6	0.01-1	0.13	0.01-1
Dry Salt	5-6	0.01-1	0.13	0.01-1
Ice	3-4	0.01	0.16	0.01

A GPR field record – screening an area



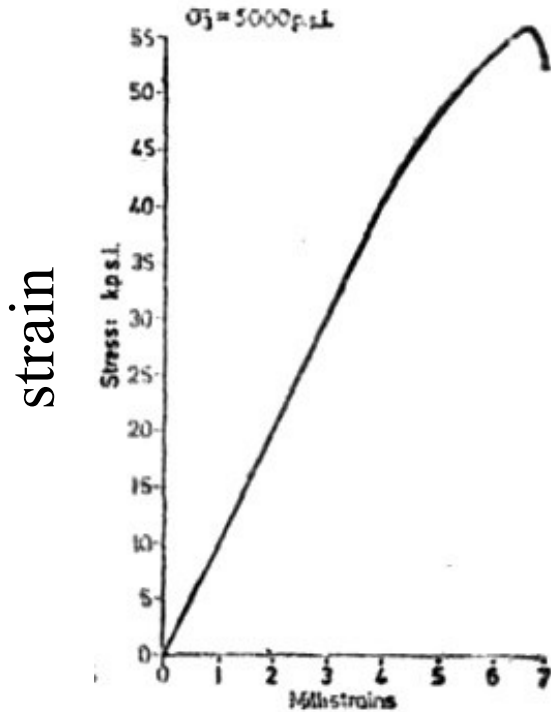
Application of GPR to Buried Services/Objects



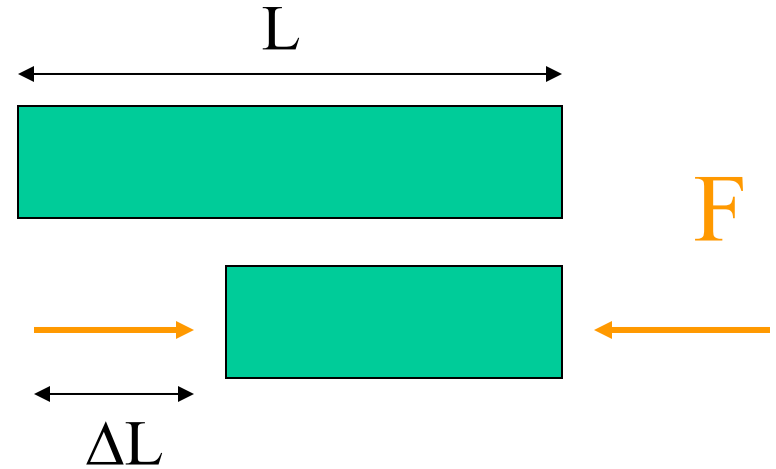
Seismic Wave Propagation



Elastic Materials



strain



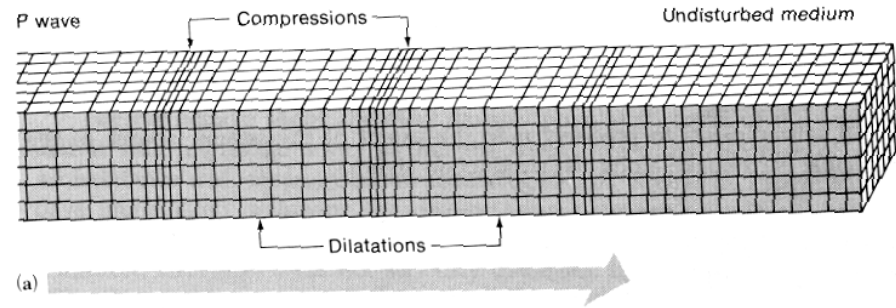
$$F = k * \Delta L / L \quad (\text{Hooke's Law})$$

k = Young's modulus

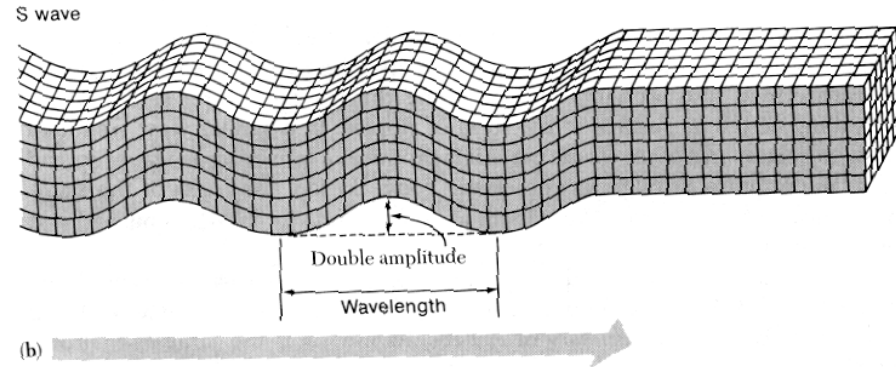
Seismic Waves

Body waves

P

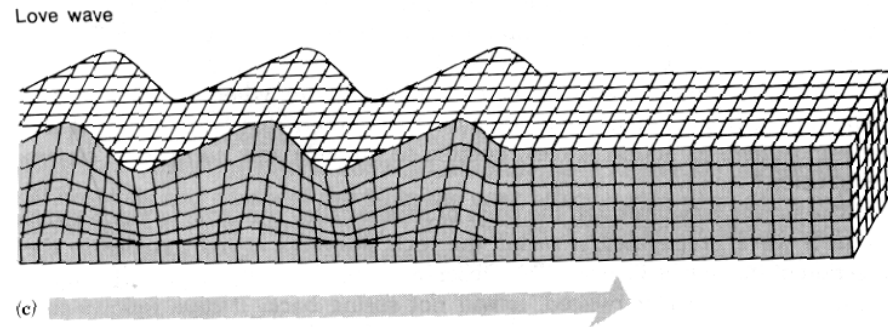


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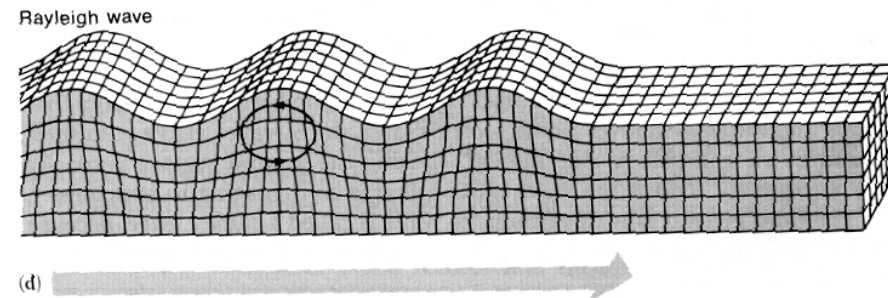
Surface Waves

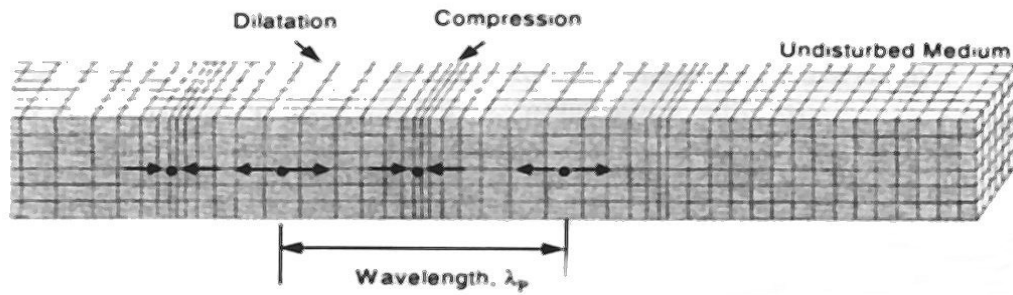
Love



“Ground Roll”

Rayleigh



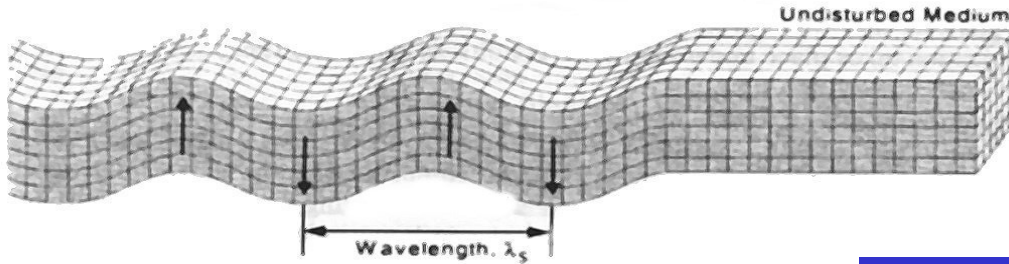


Compression (P) Wave

Body
wave

$$V_p = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{K} + \frac{4}{3}\bar{G}}{\bar{\rho}}}$$

P-Wave

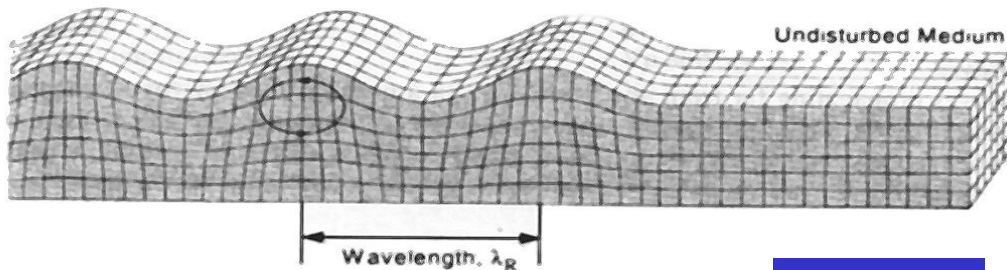


Shear (S) Wave

Body
wave

$$V_s = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{G}}{\bar{\rho}}}$$

S-Wave



Rayleigh (R) Wave

Surface
wave

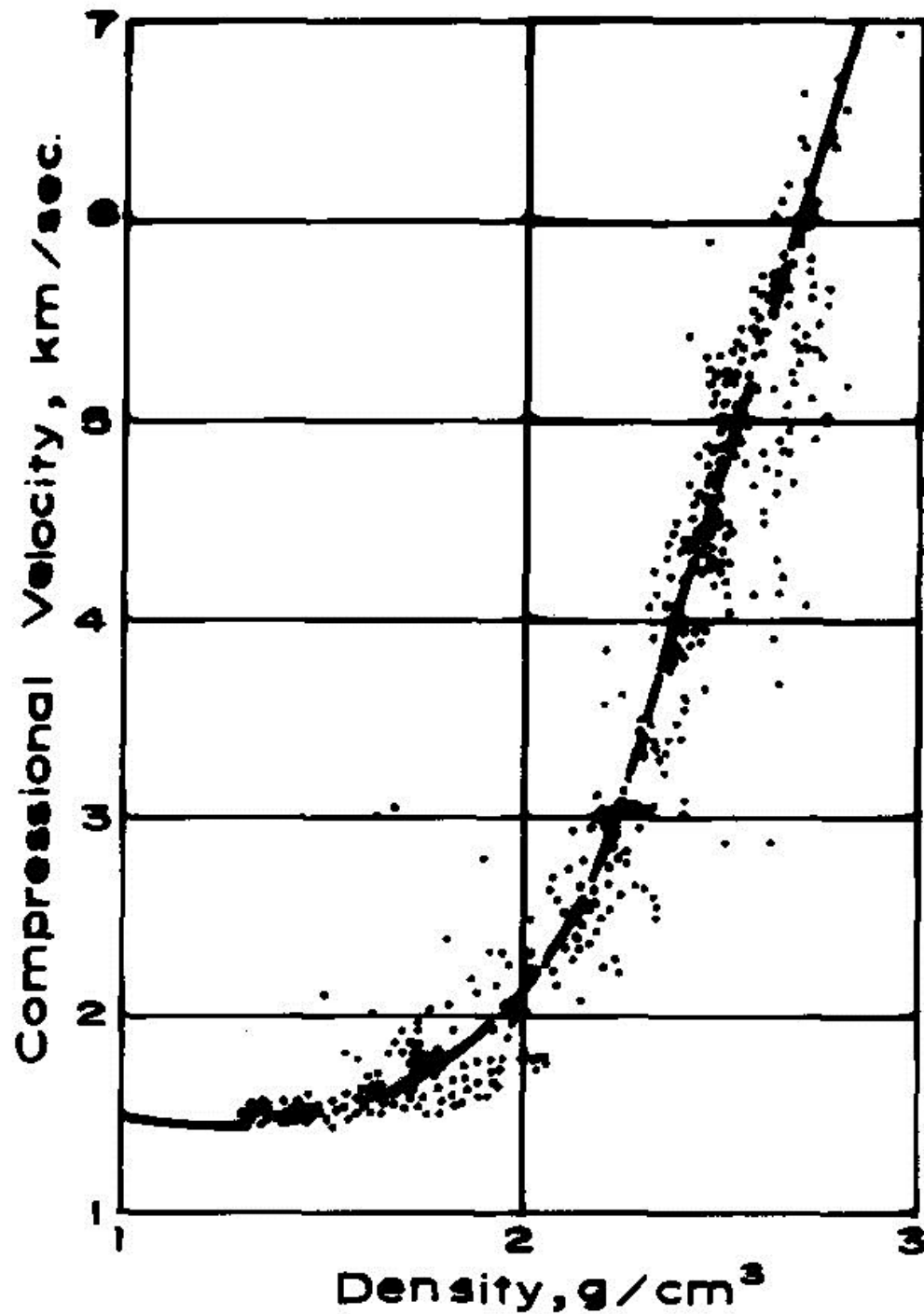
$$V_R = 0.9V_s$$

R-Wave

Table I. COMPRESSIONAL SEISMIC WAVE VELOCITIES (m/s)

<u>VELOCITY</u>	<u>ROCK DESCRIPTION</u>
200 – 400	Soil, unconsolidated surface deposits
400 – 1400	Unconsolidated clays, silts, unsaturated sands, gravels.
1400 – 1800	Saturated sands and gravels; compact clays and silts; completely weathered rocks.
1800 – 2400	Consolidated sediments, probably water saturated; highly weathered/fractured metamorphic and igneous rocks; weathered and or jointed sandstones and shales.
2400 – 3700	Shale, sandstones; weathered and or sheared metamorphic and igneous rocks and limestones.
3700 – 4500	Slightly weathered and or fractured igneous rocks. Limestones. Some very hard sandstone and shale.
4500 – 6000	Unweathered metamorphic and igneous rocks. Some limestones and dolomite.
<p>Vp air ~ 340 m/s</p> <p>Vp water ~ 1370 m/s</p> <p>Vp ice ~ 3200 m/s</p> <p>Vp concrete ~ 3100 m/s – 4600 m/s</p> <p>Vp steel ~ 5200 m/s</p>	

V_p



**Material
Parameters
Sands & Silts**

<u>Geotechnical Classification</u>	<u>SPT N- value</u>	<u>Friction angle, deg</u>	<u>Relative Density (%)</u>
Very Loose	<4	<30	<15
Loose	4 - 10	30 – 32	15 - 35
Medium Dense	10 - 30	32 – 35	35 - 65
Dense	30 - 50	35 – 38	65 - 85
Very dense	>50	>38	85 - 100

<u>SPT N- value</u>	<u>Geotechnical Classification</u>	<u>P-Wave Seismic Velocity (m/s)</u>
0 – 4	Very loose	<350 - 430
4 – 10	Loose	430 - 520
10 – 30	Medium dense	520 - 730
30 - 50	Dense	730 - 1680
>50	Very dense	>1680

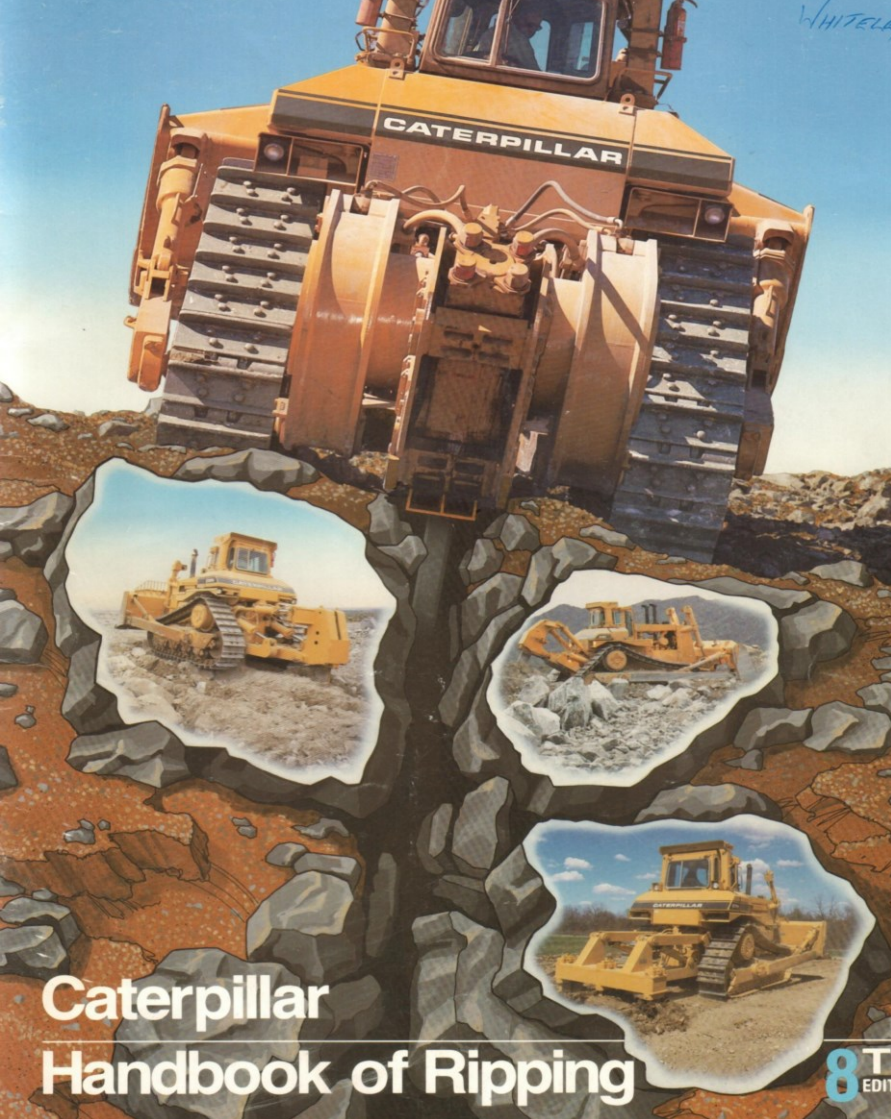


ROCKS *(lab.)*

Unconfined
Compressive
Strength

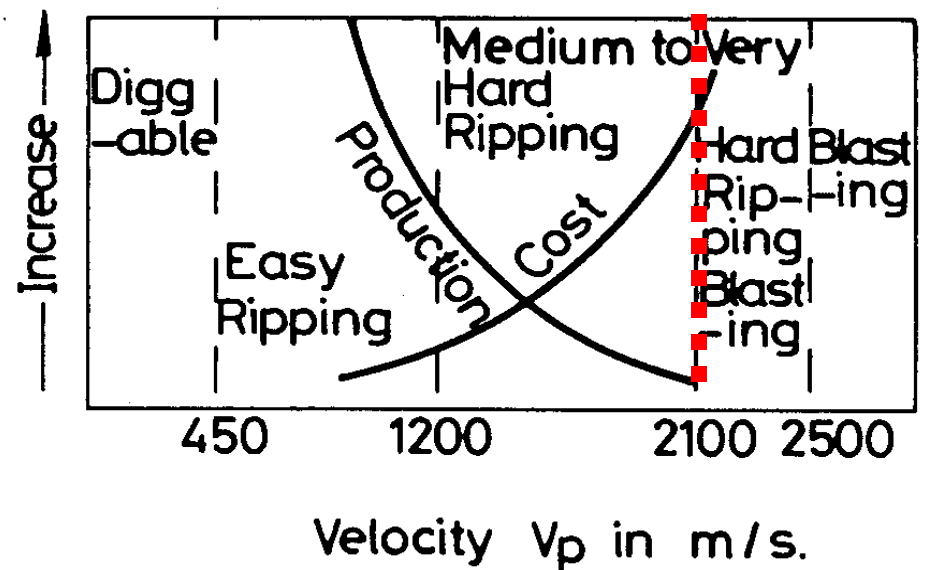
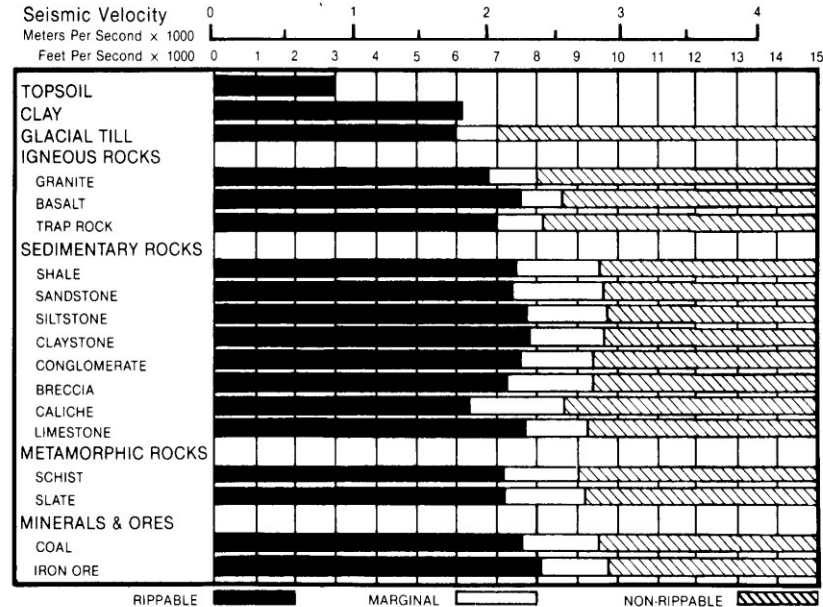


<u>UCS (MPa)</u>	<u>Geotechnical Classification</u>	<u>P- wave Velocity (km/s)</u>
< 10	Low strength rock	< 2.0
10 to 20	Medium strength rock	2.0 – 2.5
20 to 60	High strength rock; stratified, jointed	2.5 – 3.5
> 60	Very high strength rock; stressed	3.5 – 7.0



P-wave velocity & excavation

- D9N Ripper Performance**
- Multi or Single Shank Ripper
 - Estimated by Seismic Wave Velocities



**A major slope excavation
in highly variable materials**

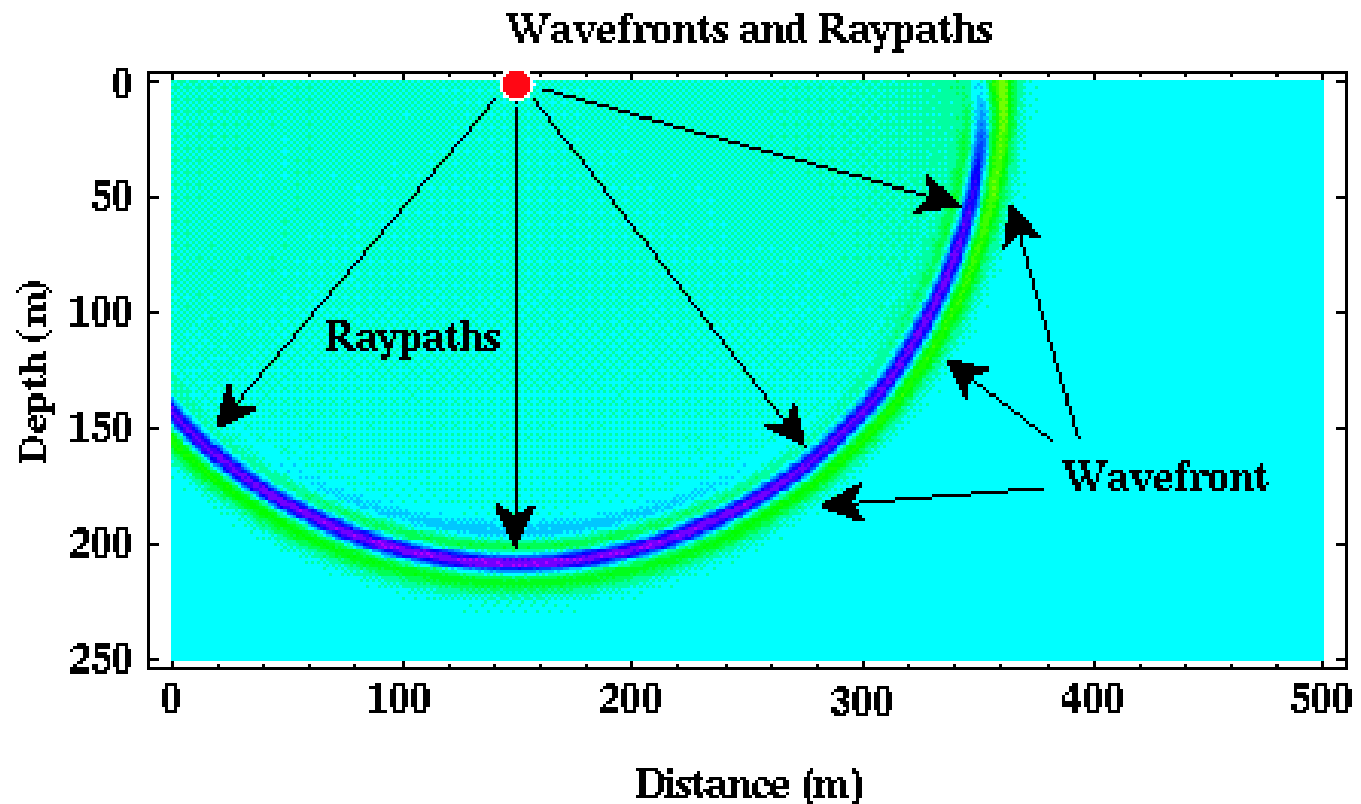


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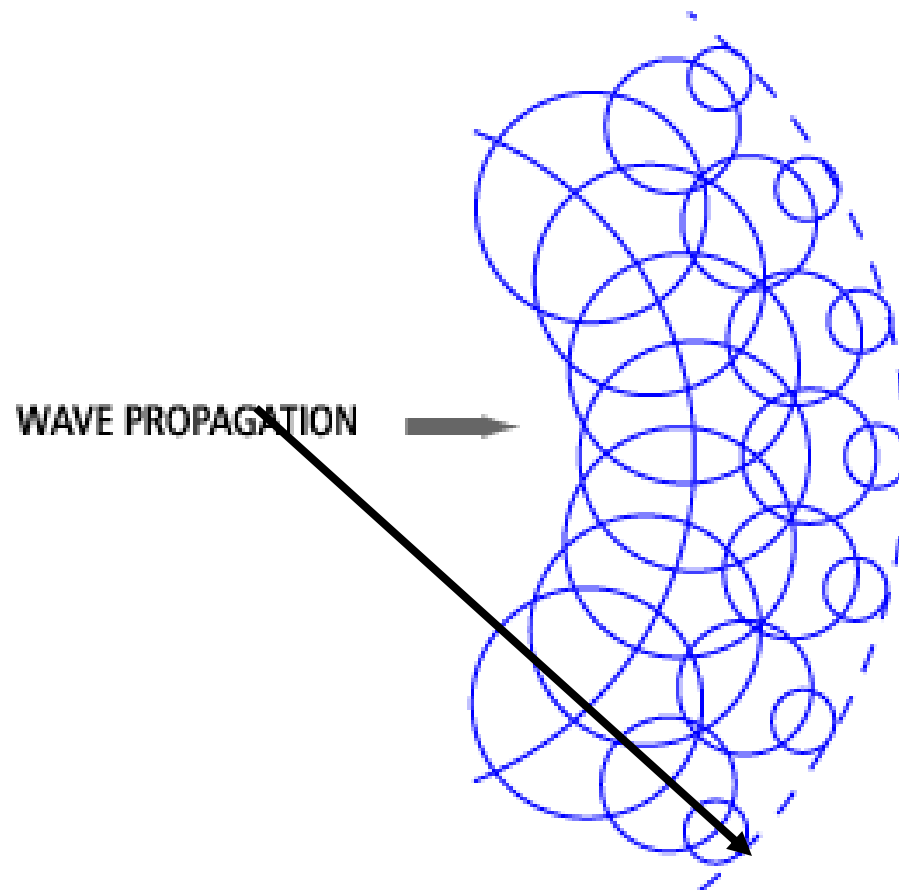
Blasted

Blasted

Seismic body waves in a uniform half-space

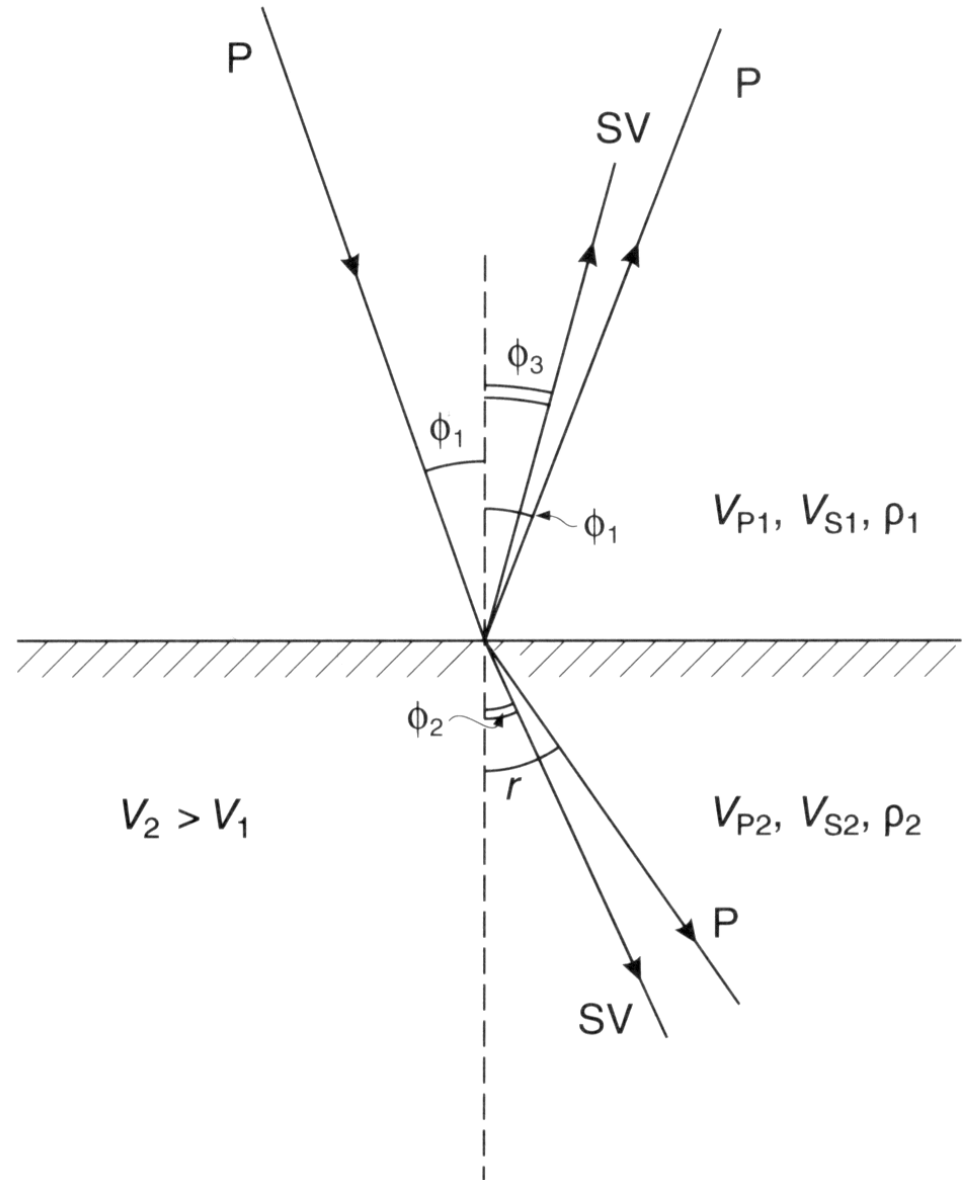


Huygen's Principle

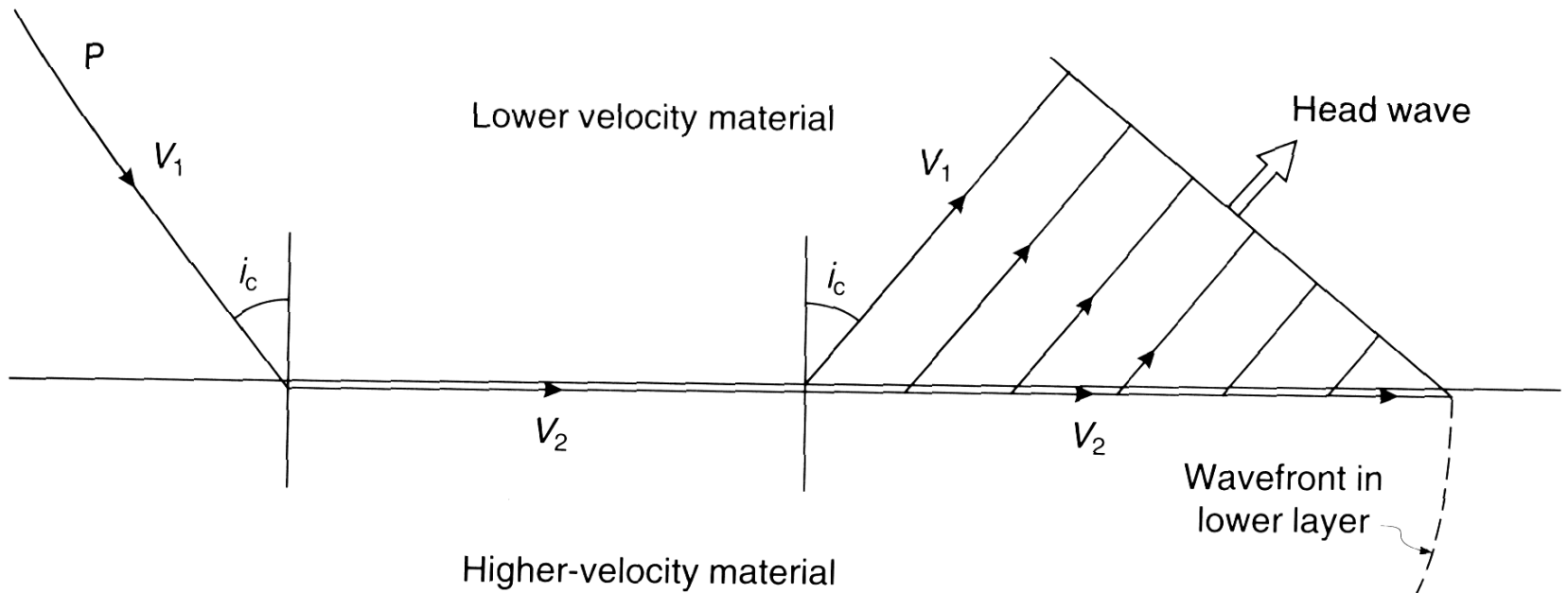


Snell's Law

$$\frac{\sin \phi_1}{V_{p1}} = \frac{\sin \phi_2}{V_{p2}} = \frac{\sin \phi_3}{V_{s3}}$$



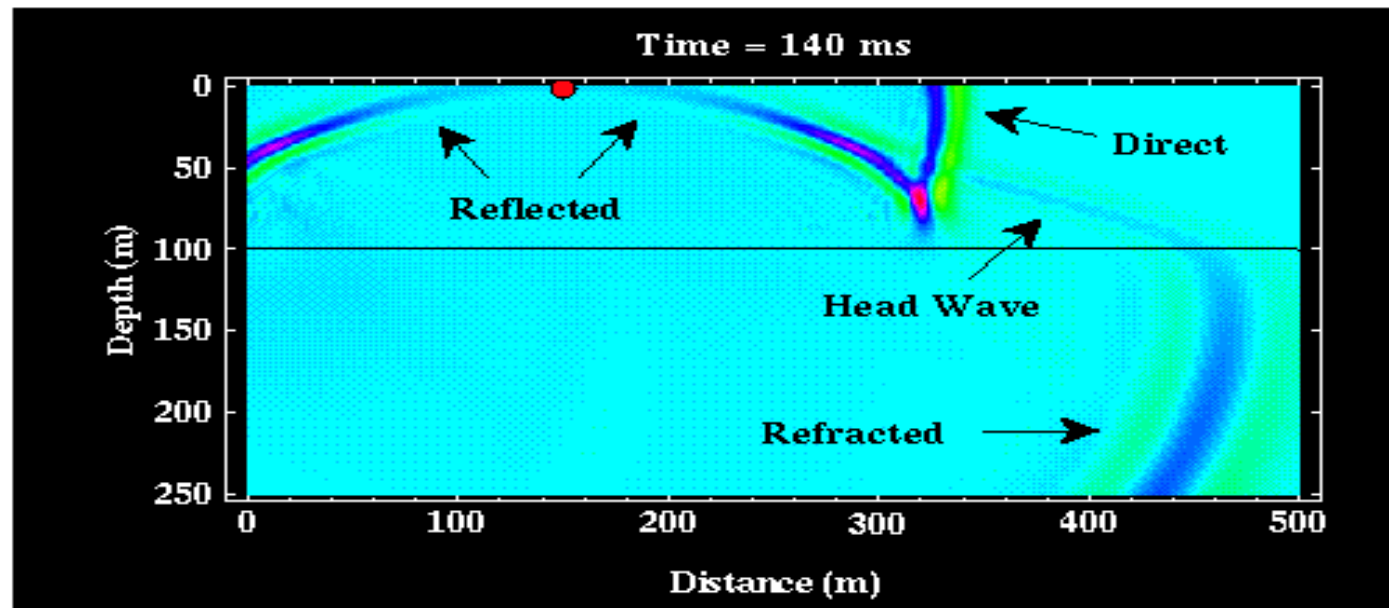
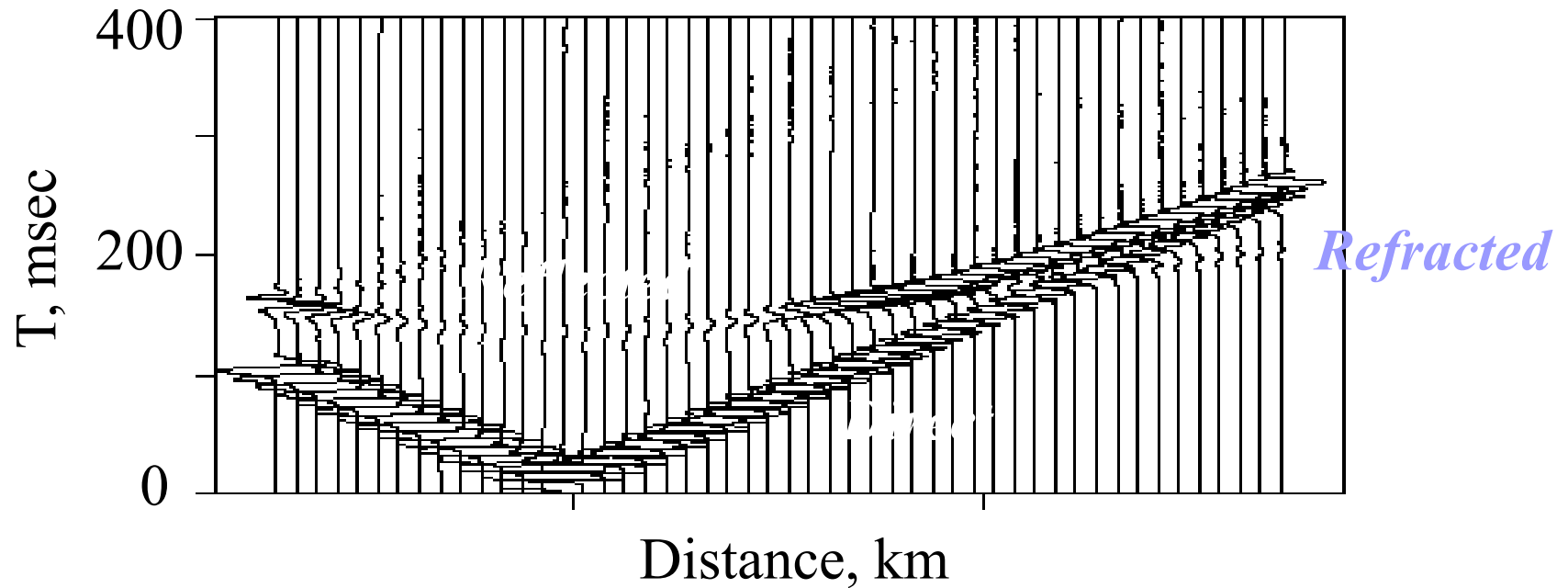
Critical Refraction



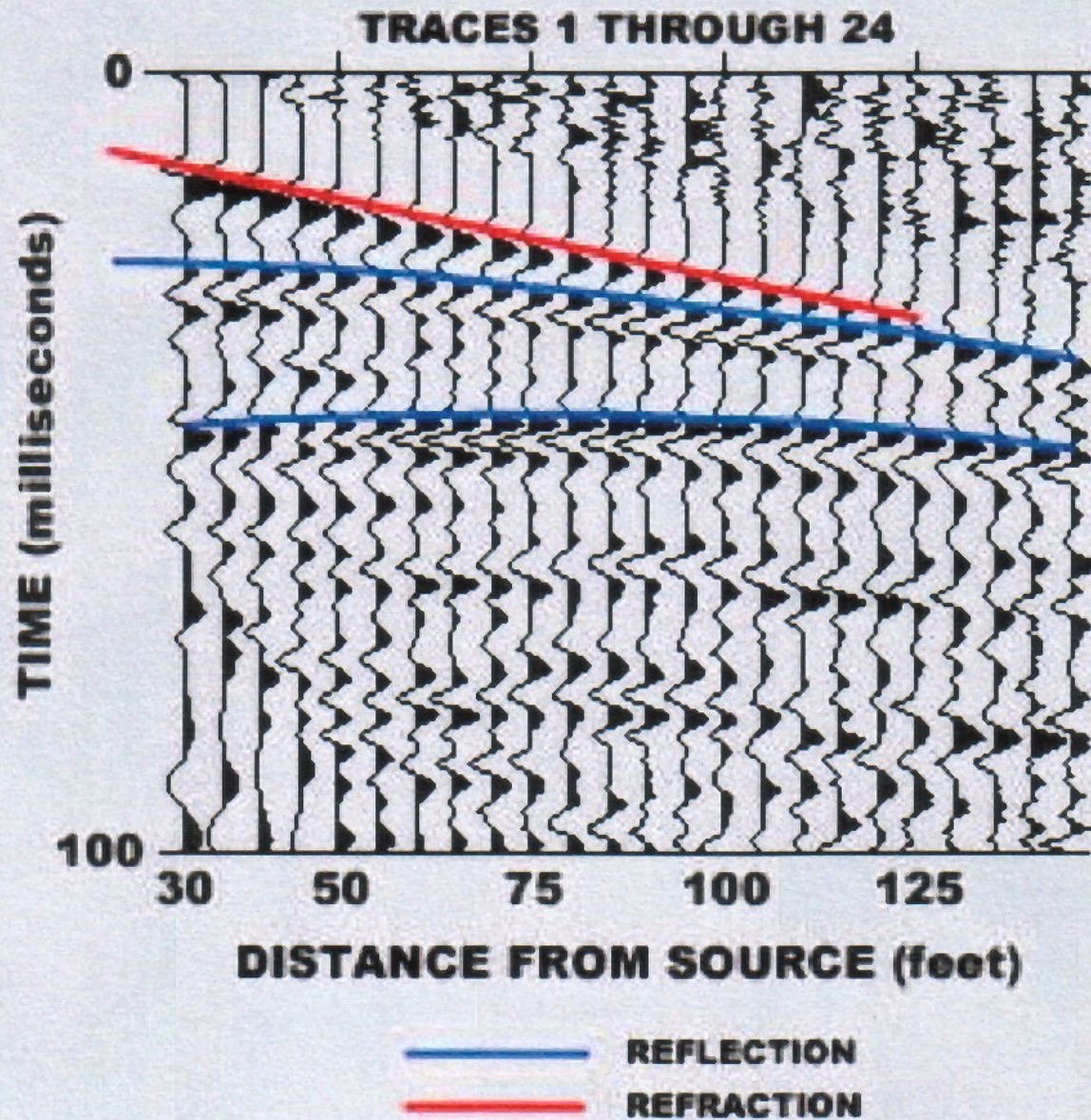
$$\frac{\sin i_c}{V_1} = \frac{\sin (90^\circ)}{V_2}$$

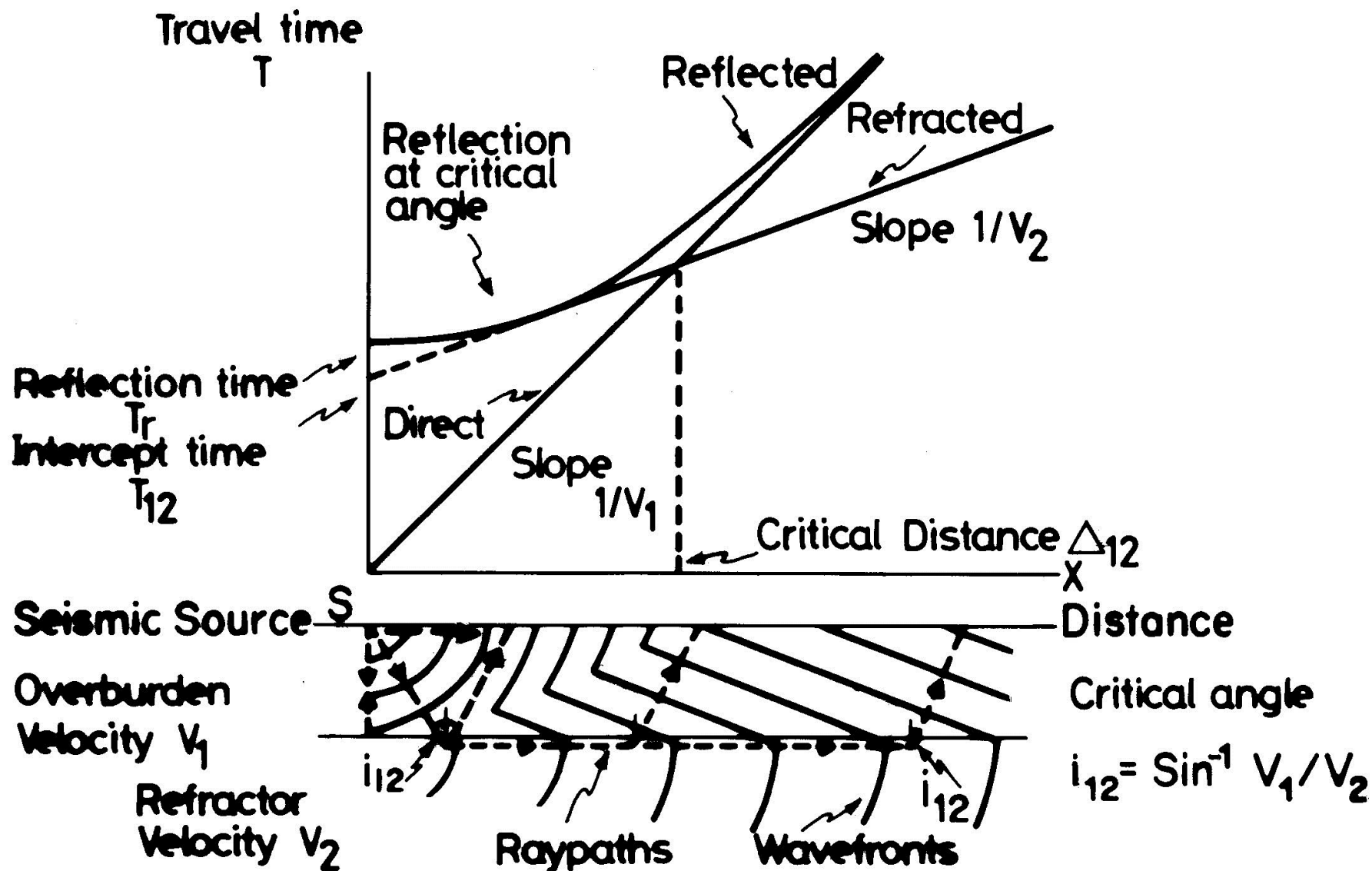
$$\sin i_c = \frac{V_1}{V_2}$$

Reflection & Refraction



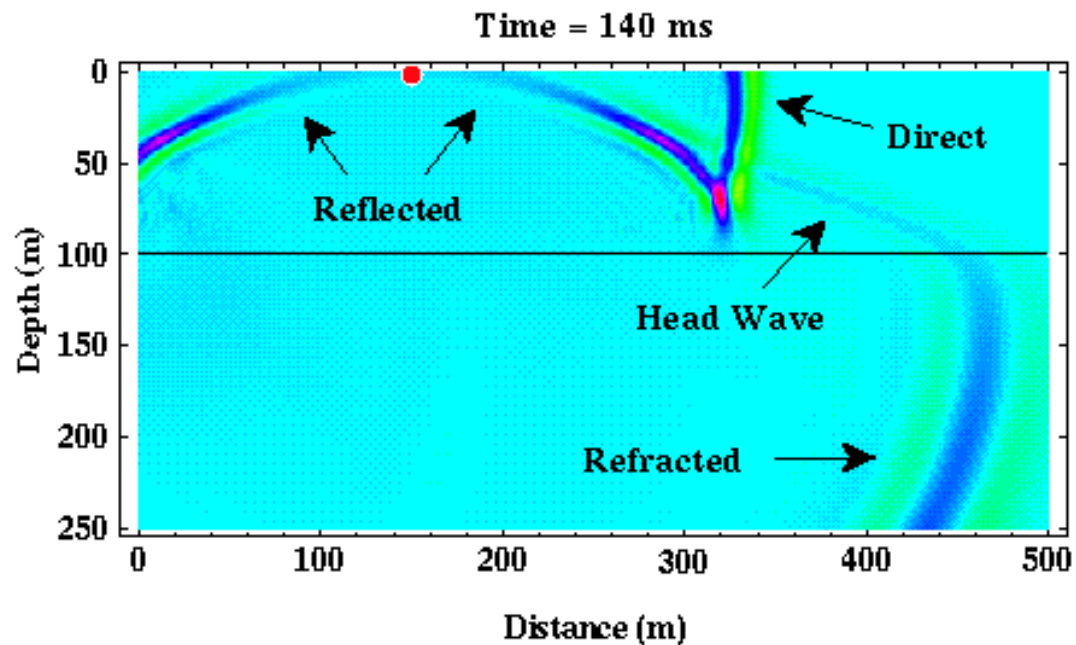
24 Channel Seismic Field Record



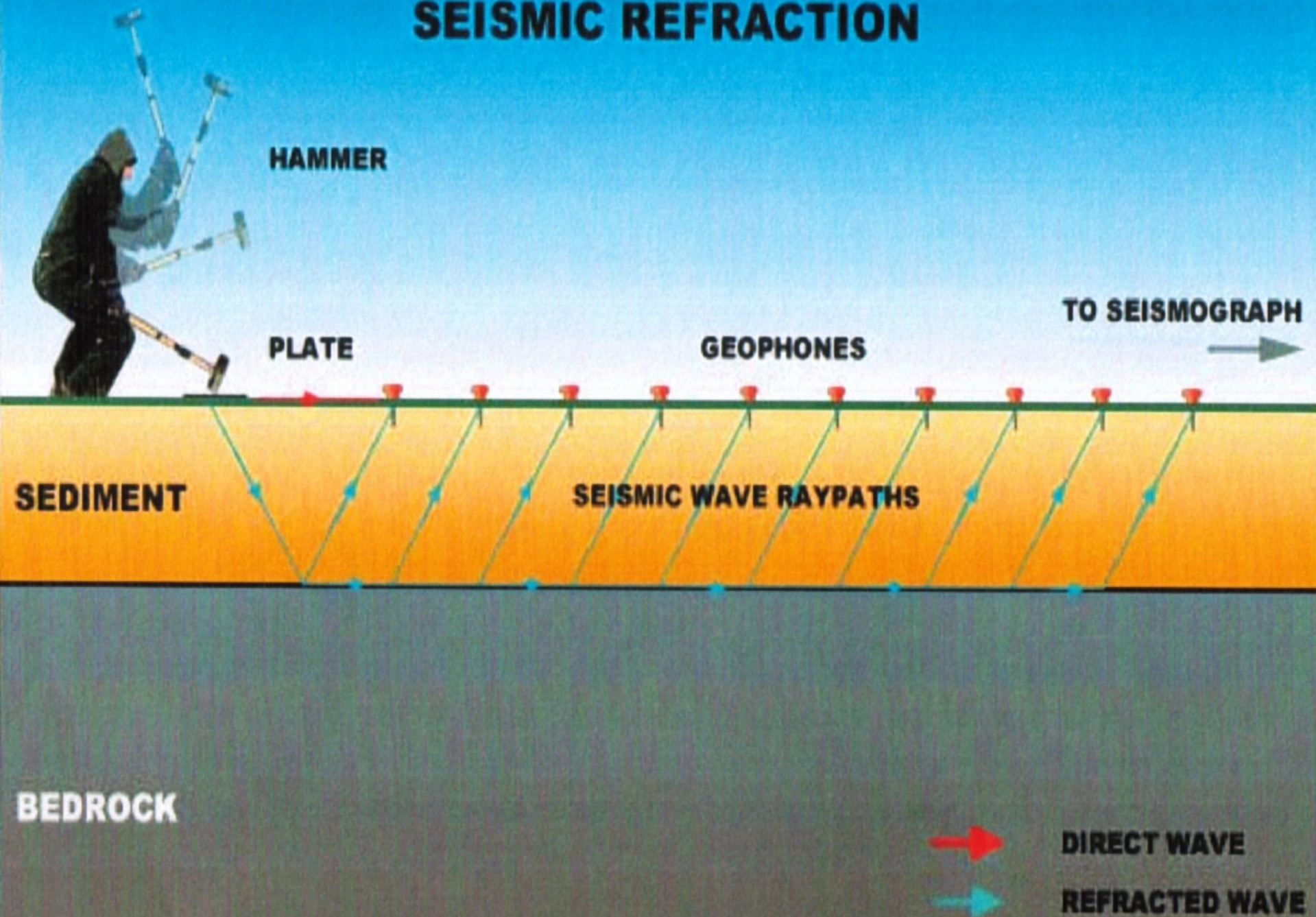


Seismic Refraction

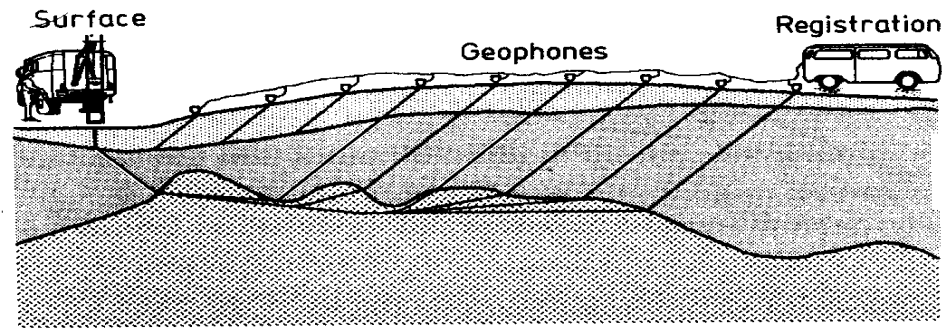
Waves passing from slow to fast medium



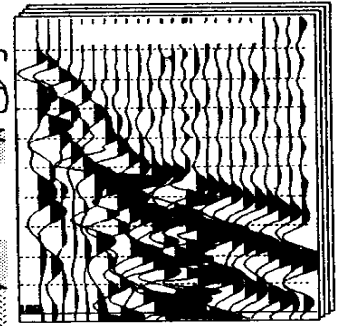
SEISMIC REFRACTION



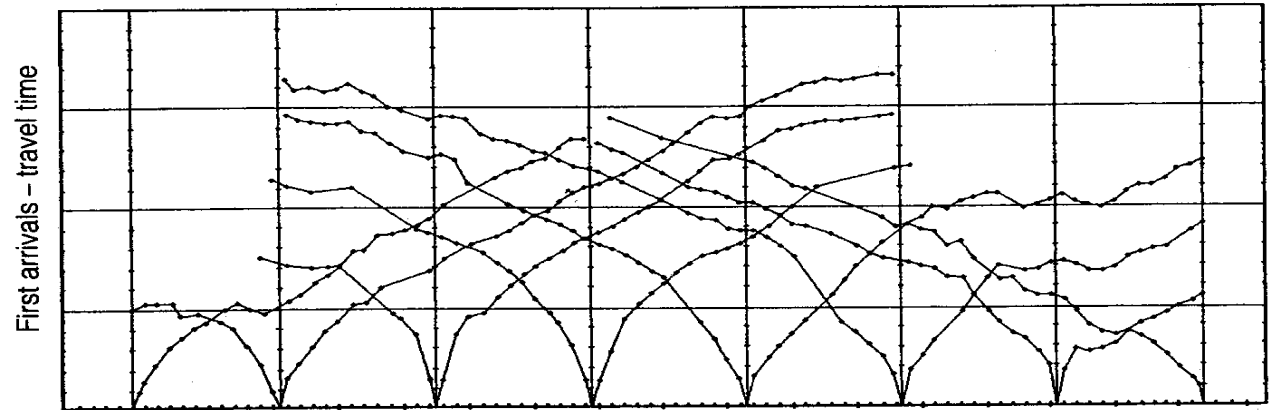
Seismic refraction



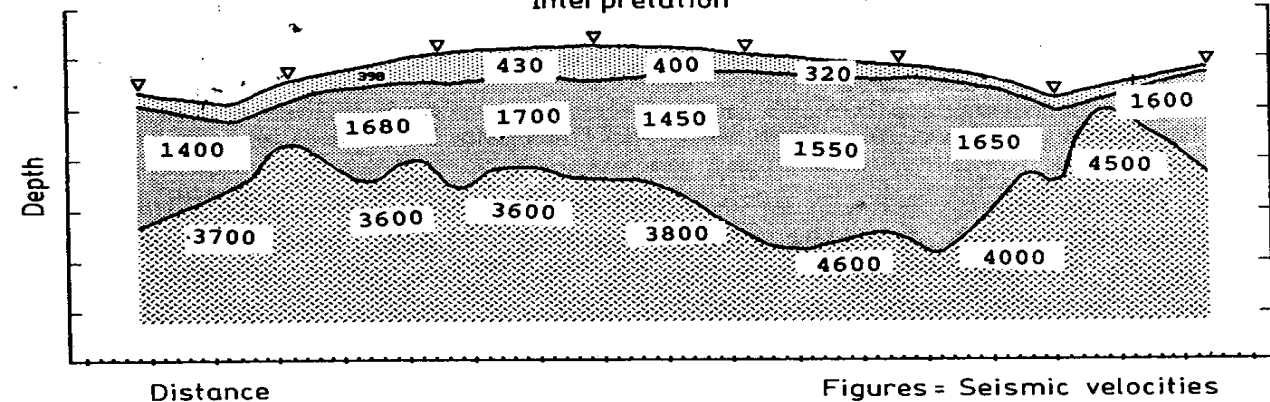
Seismograms



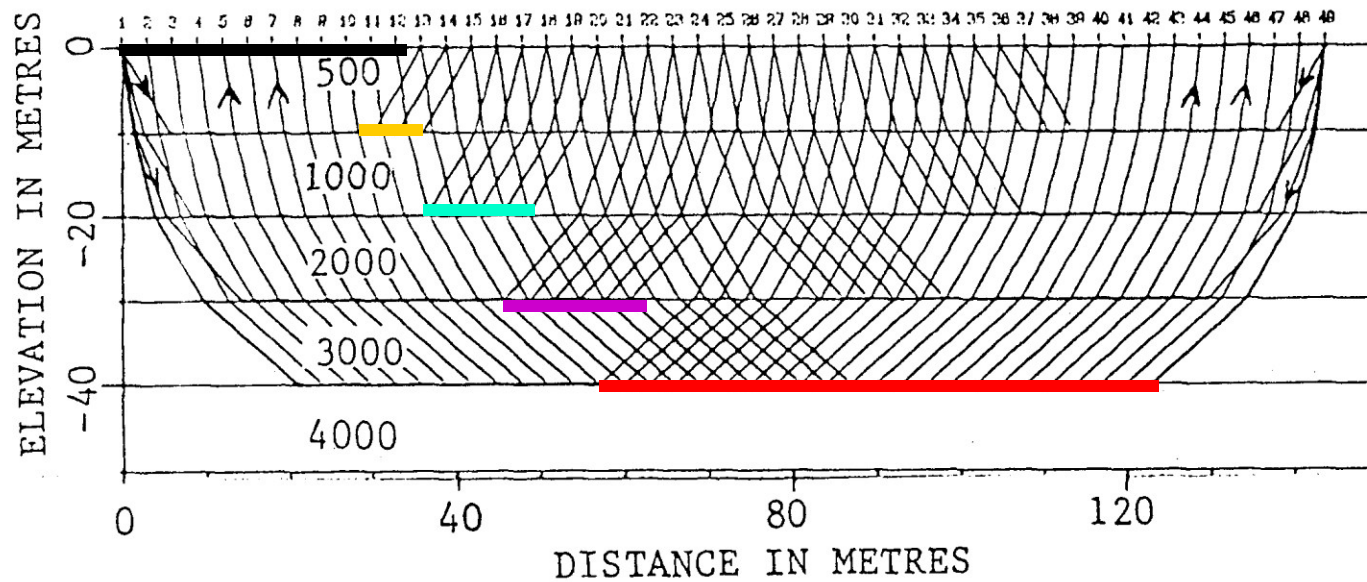
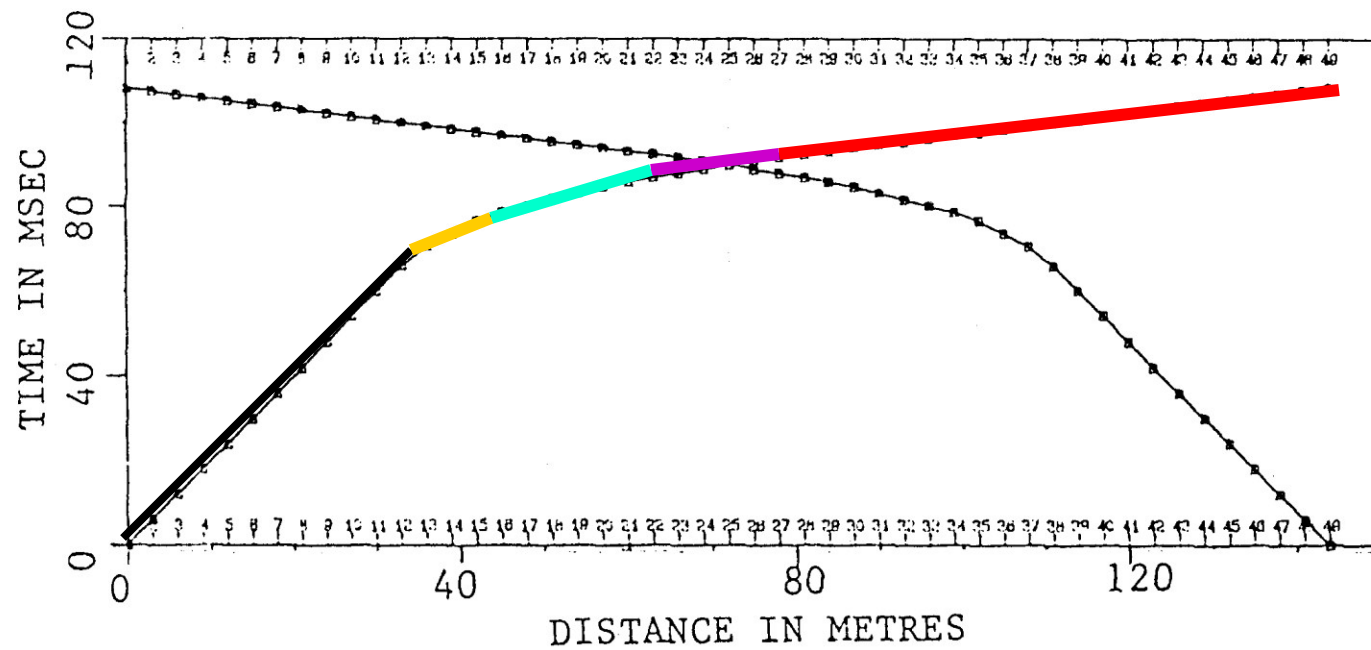
Travel time curve

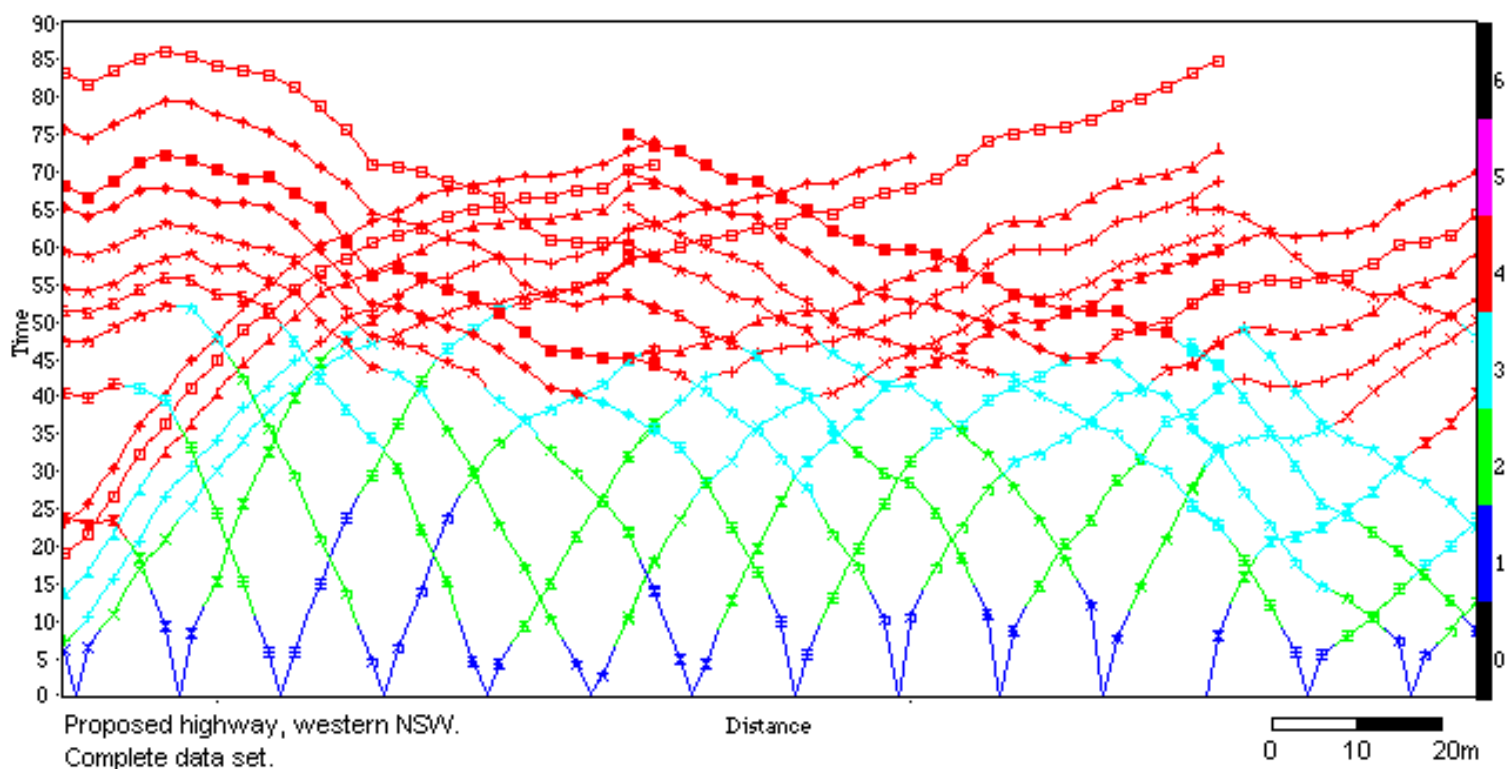


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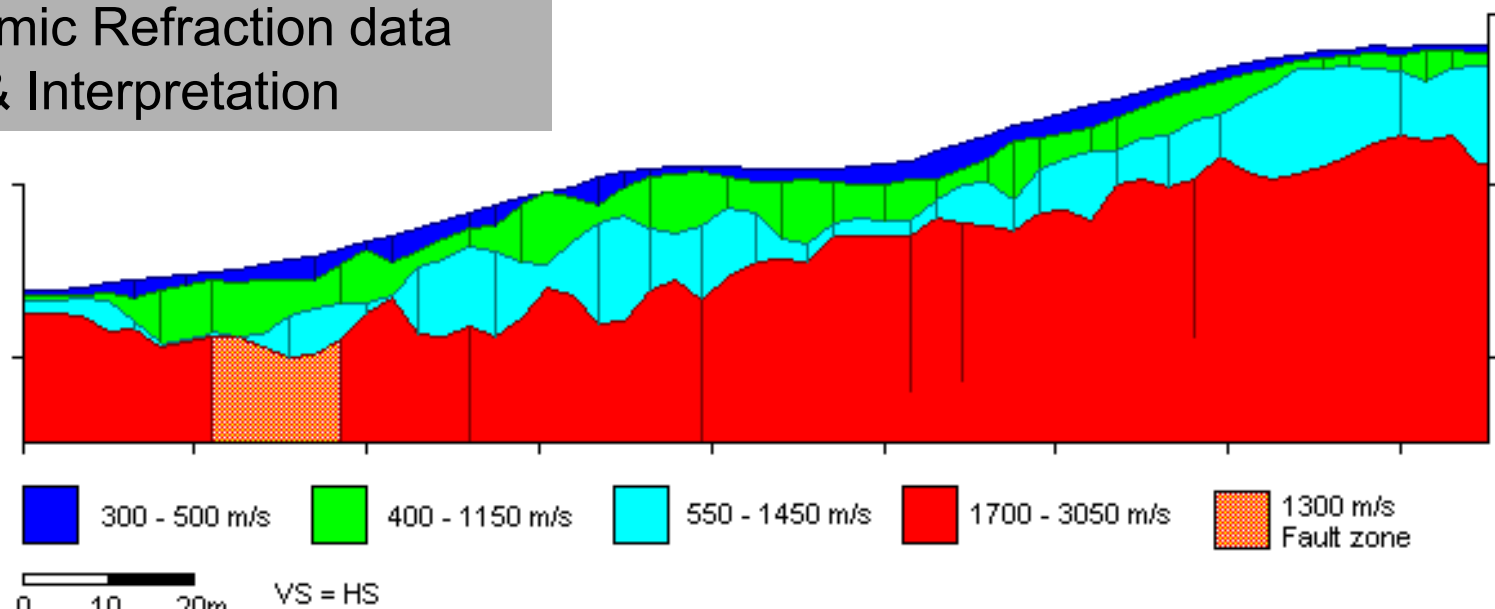


Seismic
refraction uses
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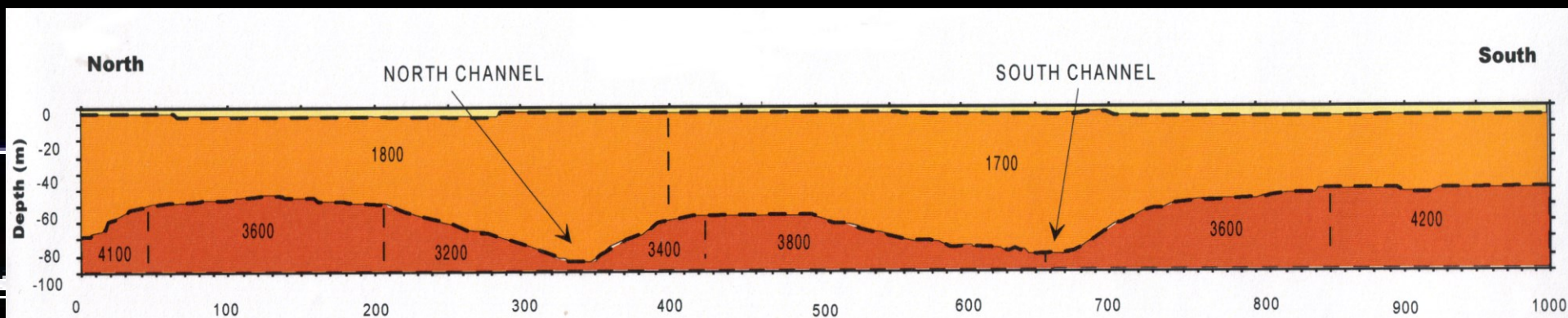
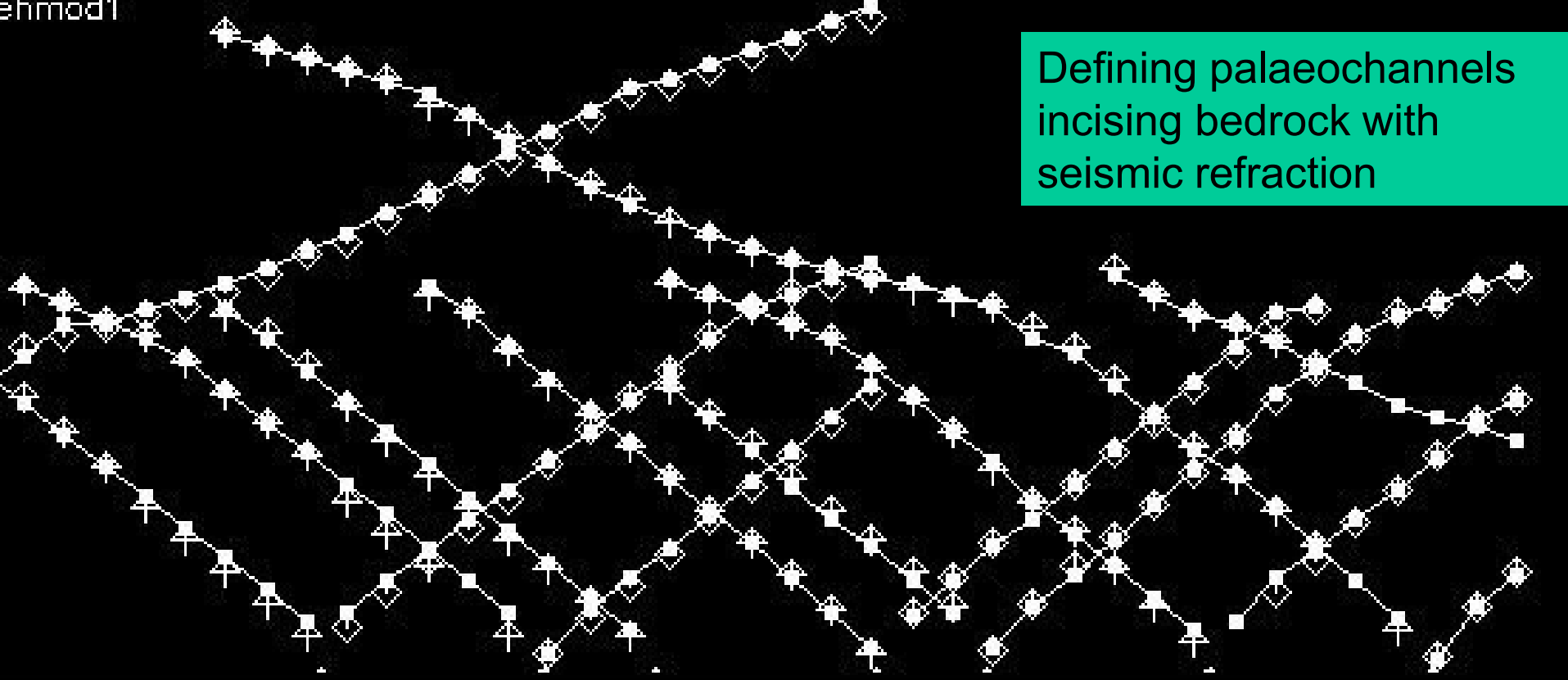




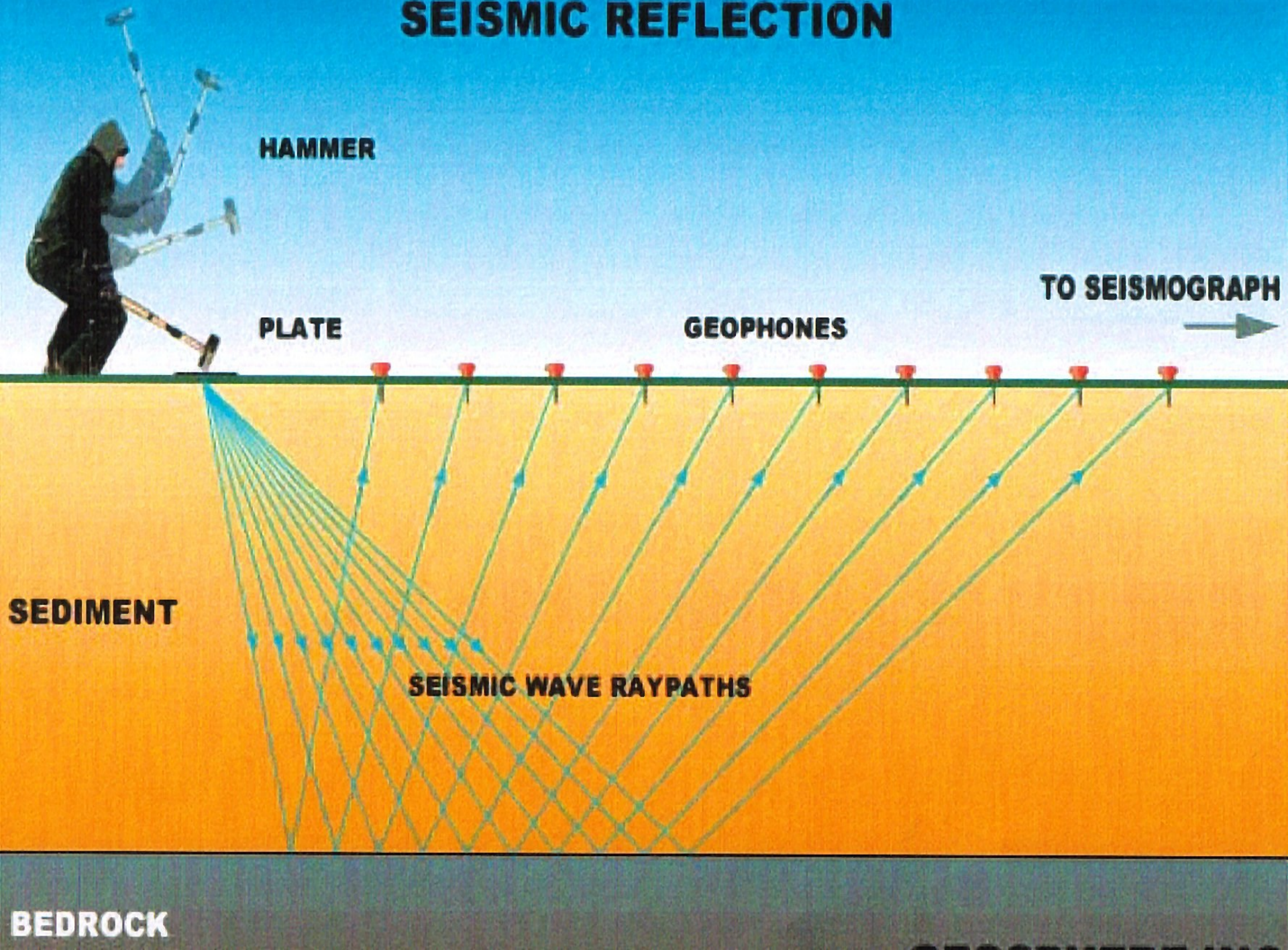
Seismic Refraction data set & Interpretation



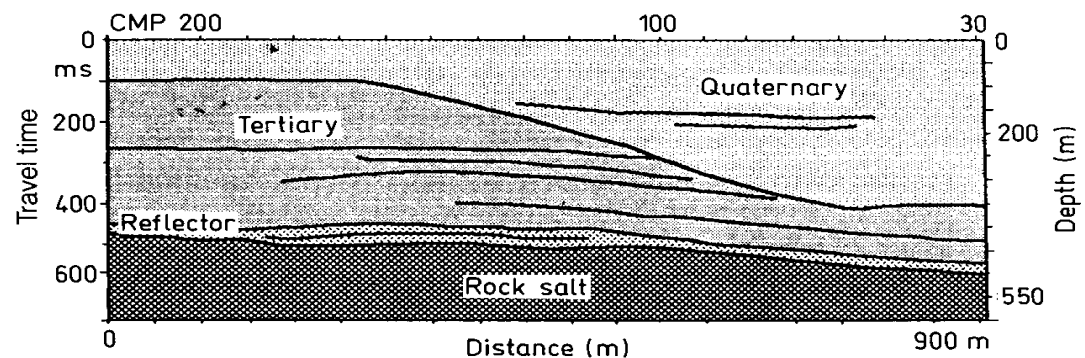
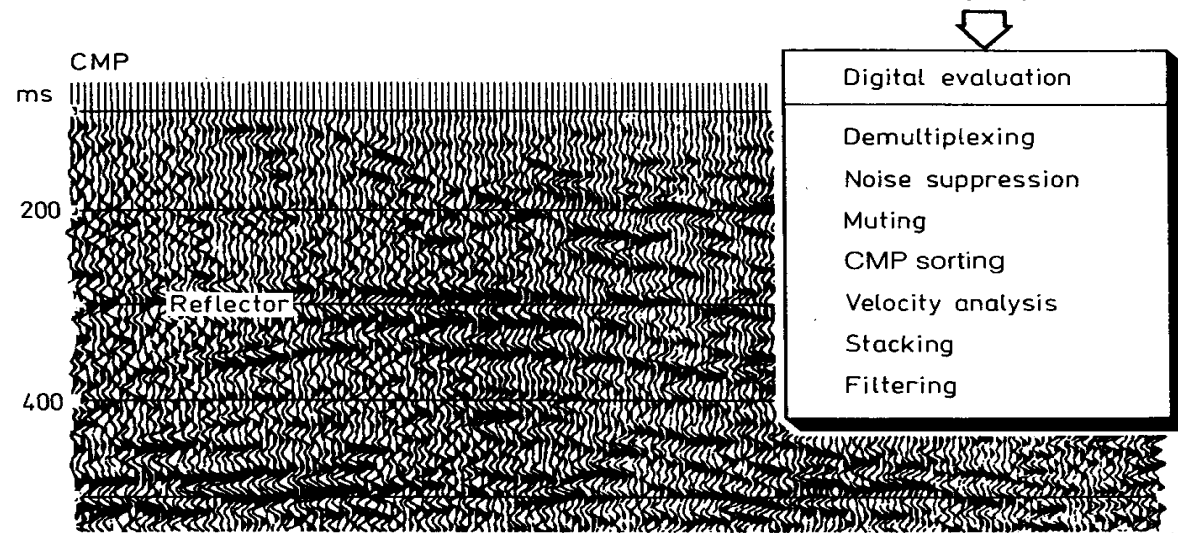
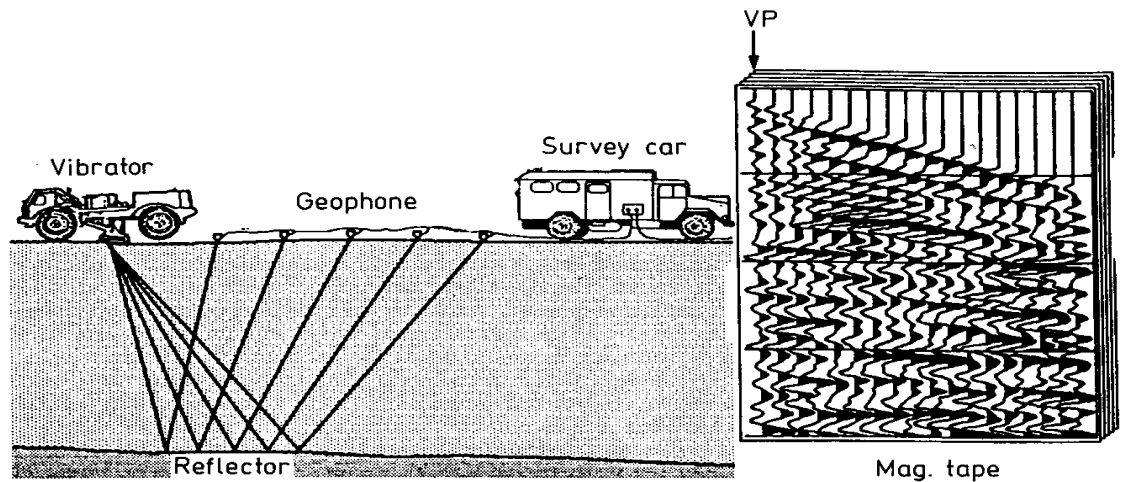
Defining palaeochannels
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SEISMIC REFLECTION



Seismic Reflection uses reflected waves



Field set-up for shallow seismic reflection

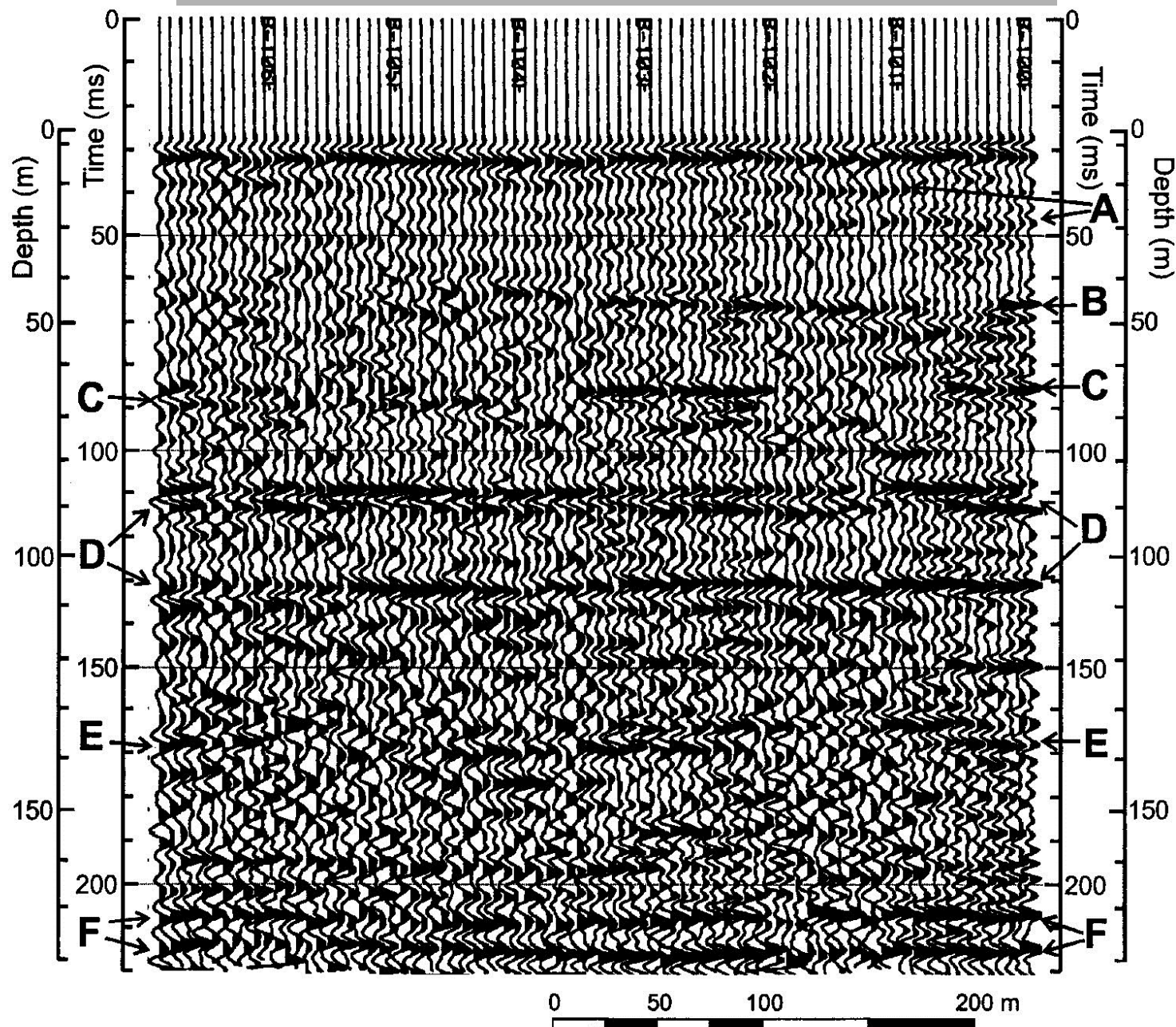
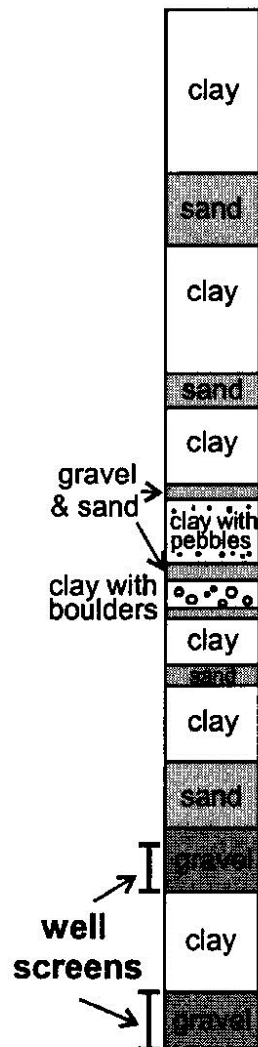


TRACING SHALLOW AQUIFERS WITH SEISMIC REFLECTION

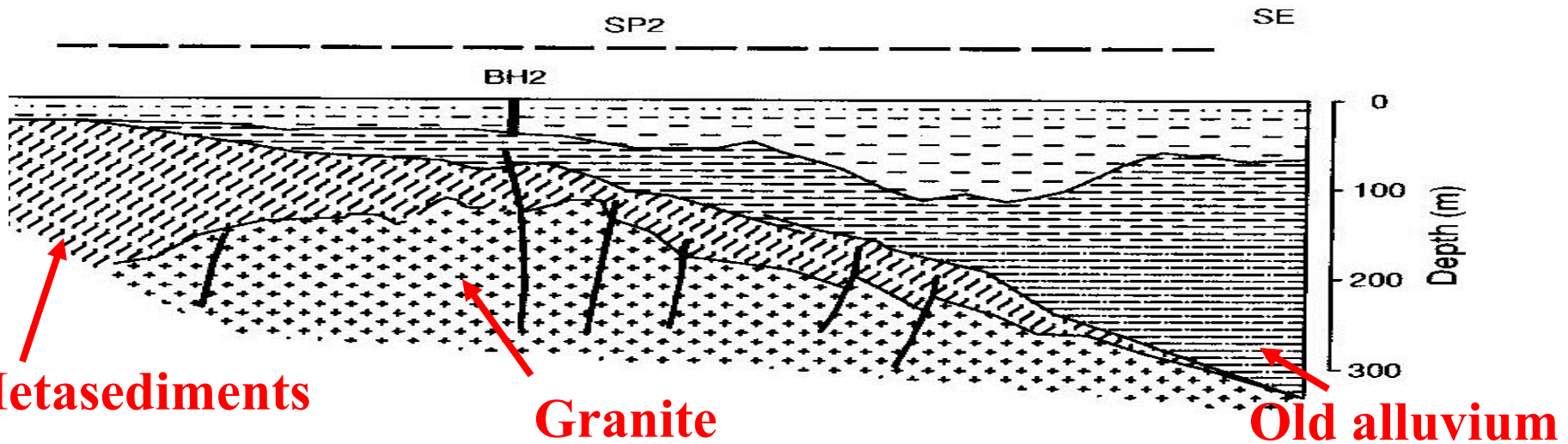
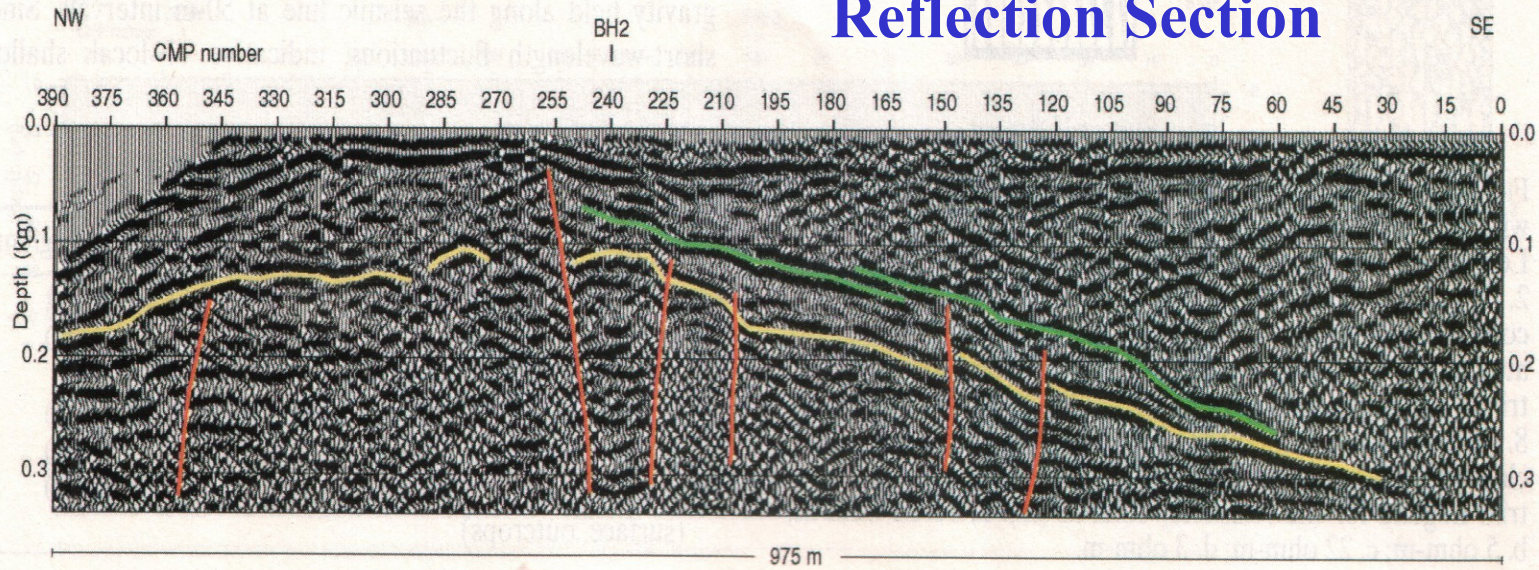
Alluvial sequence, Bangkok

Processed seismic reflection section

A.I.T. Borehole



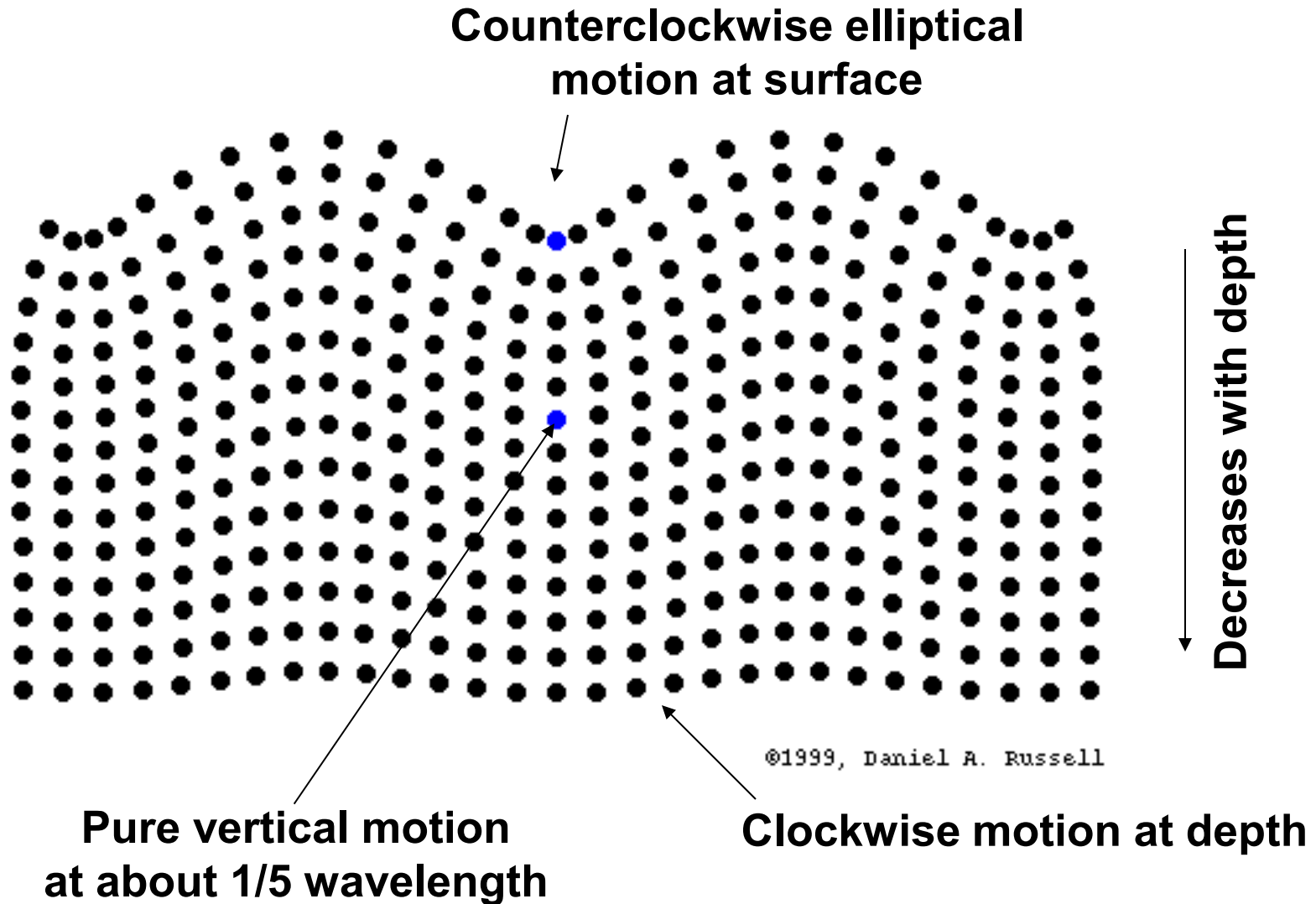
CDP Seismic Reflection Section



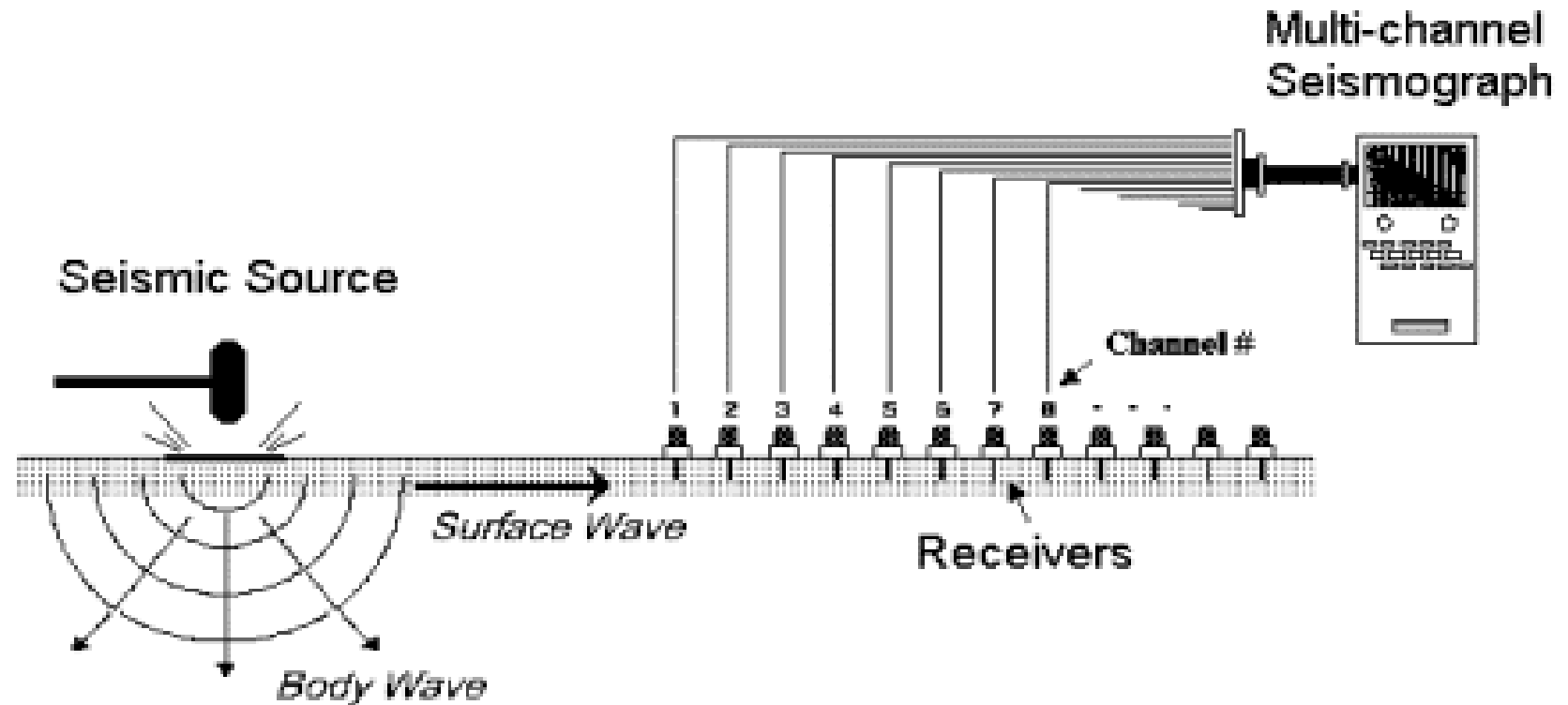
Surface Wave Seismic

**Multi-channel Analysis of surface
Waves (MASW)**

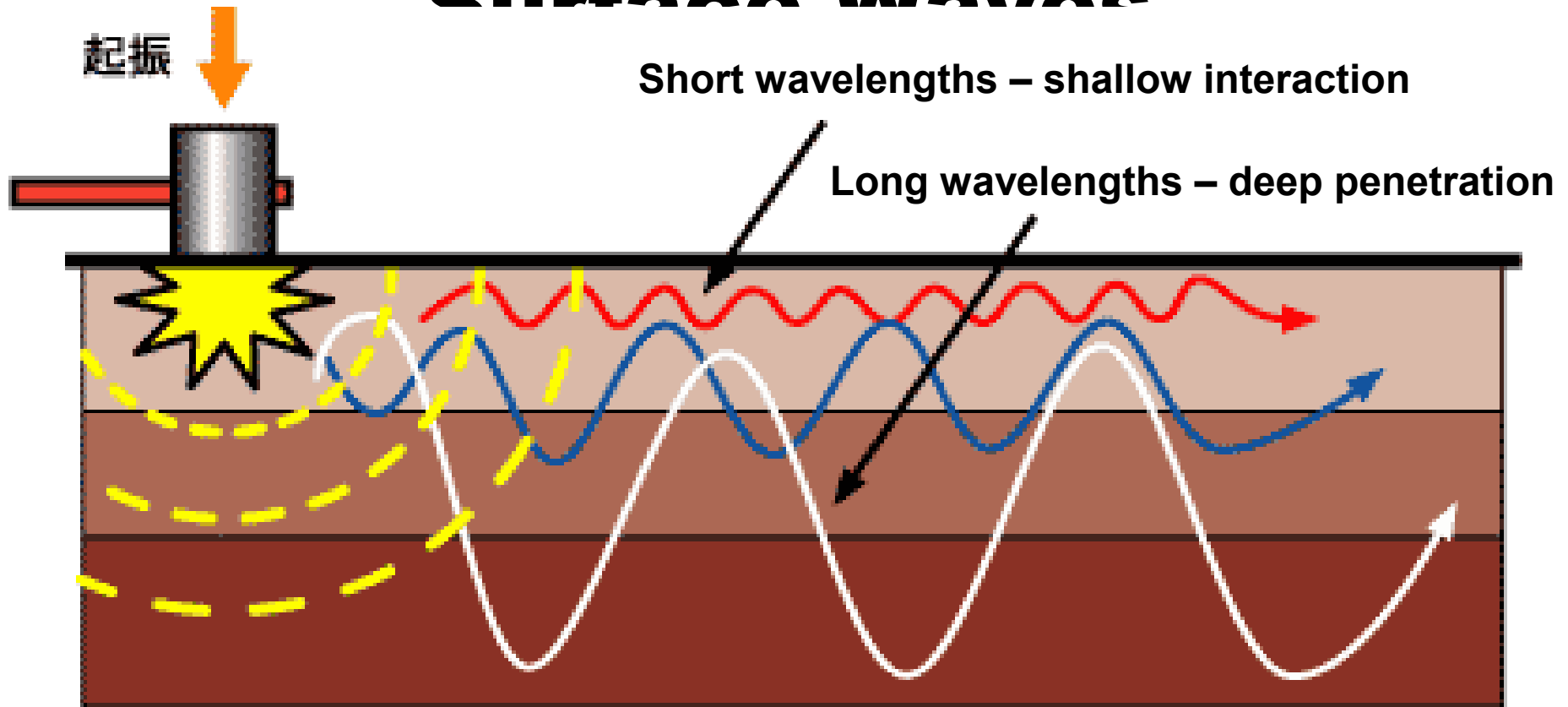
Rayleigh (R) wave motion



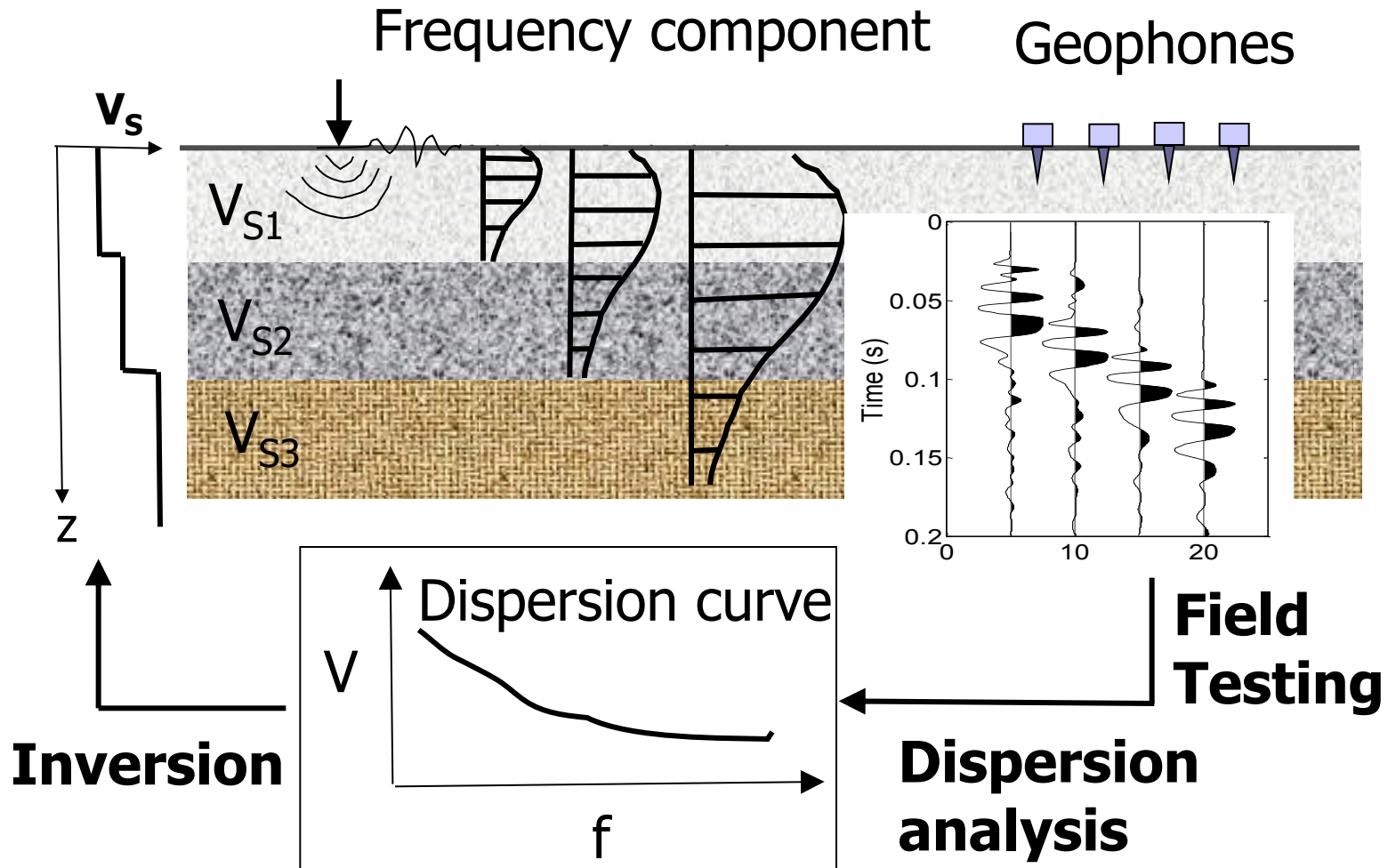
The MASW Method



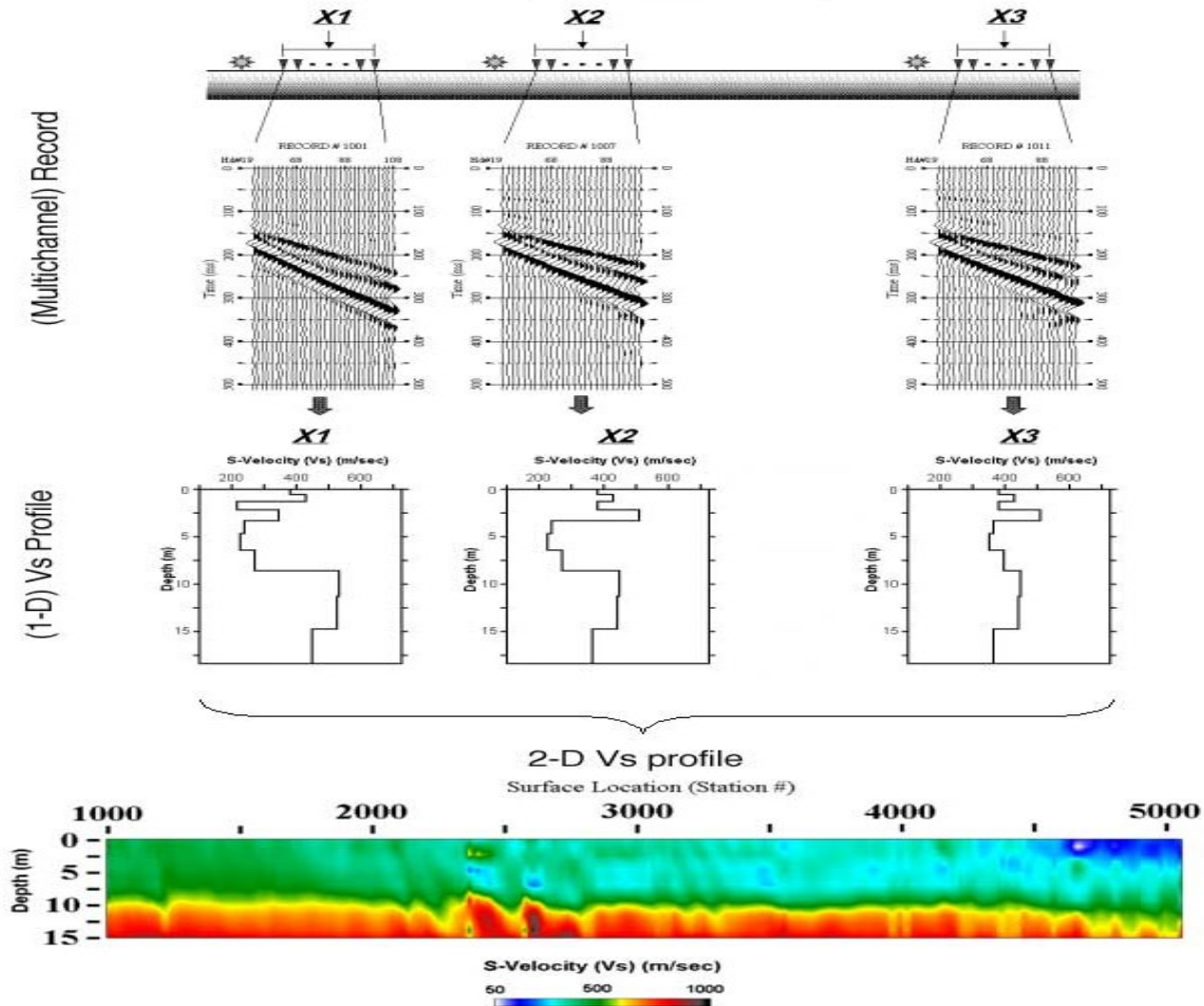
Layering effects on Surface Waves



Basic Principle of Surface Wave Method

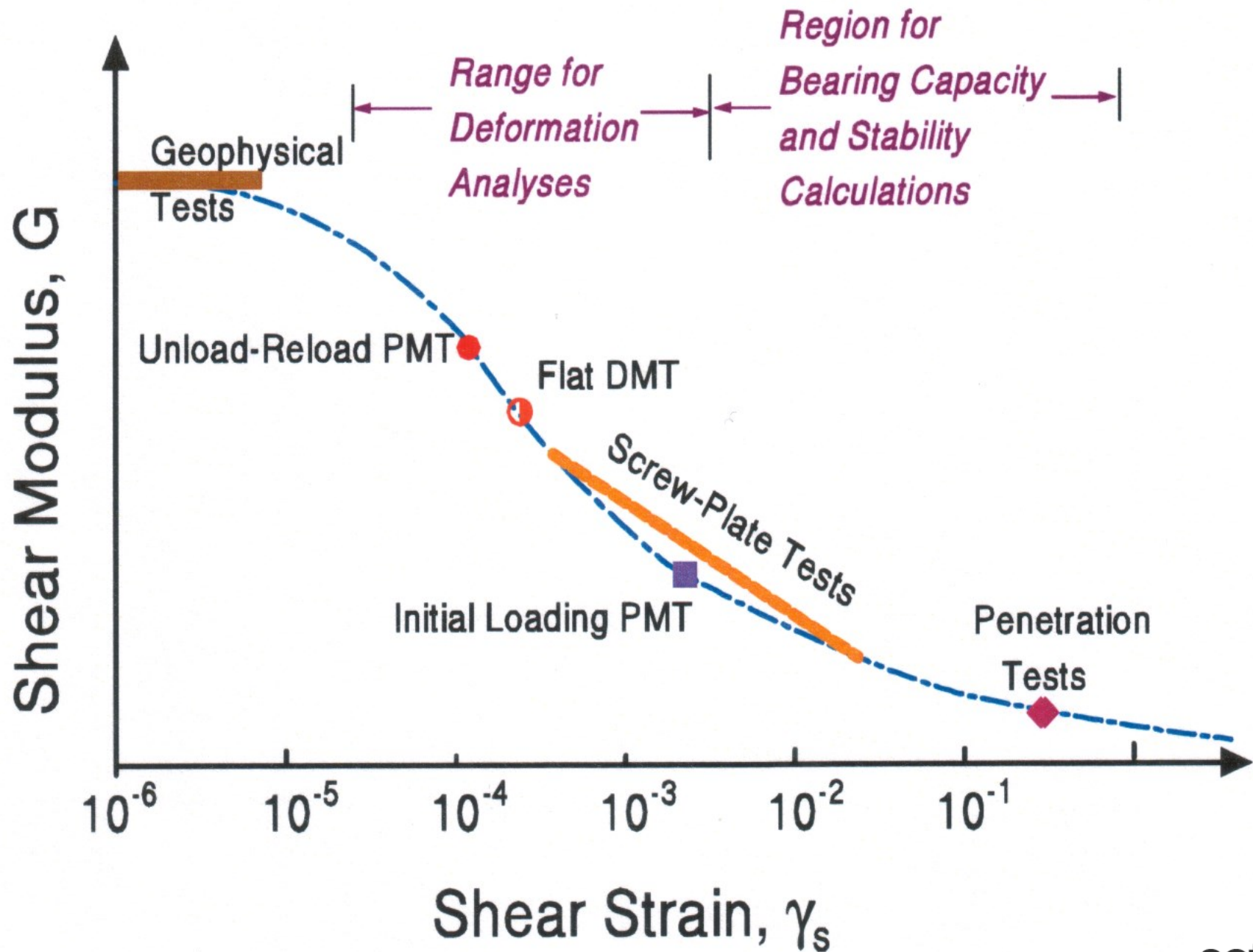


MASW Sections

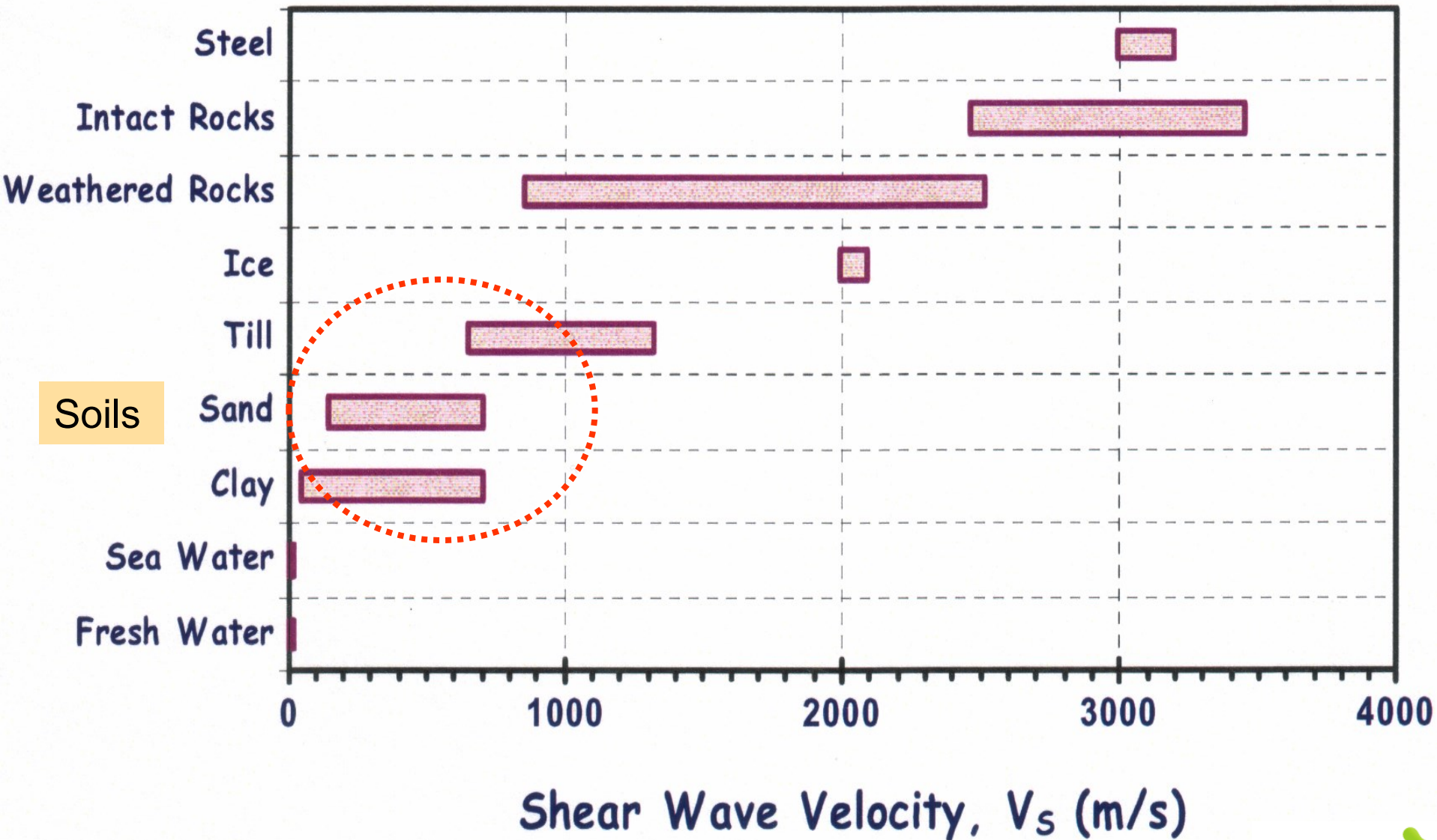


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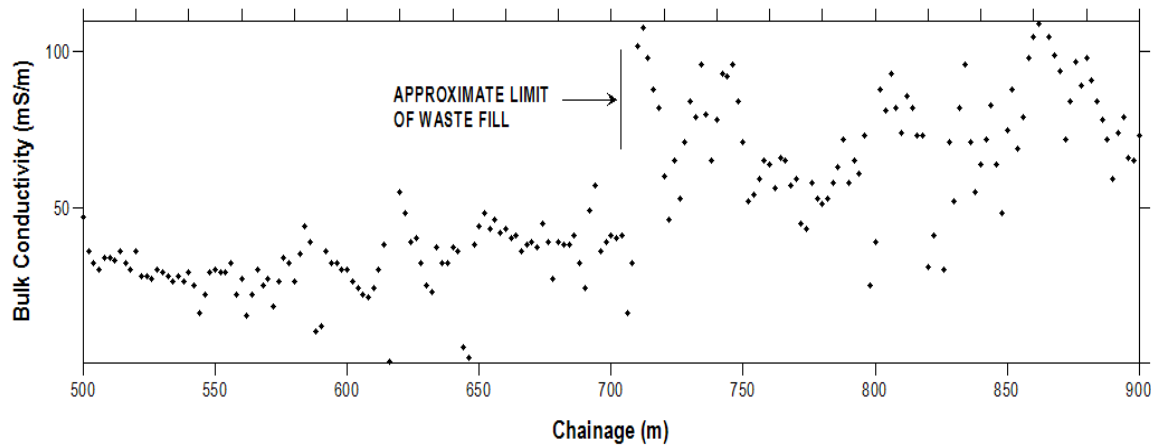


S - Wave Velocities



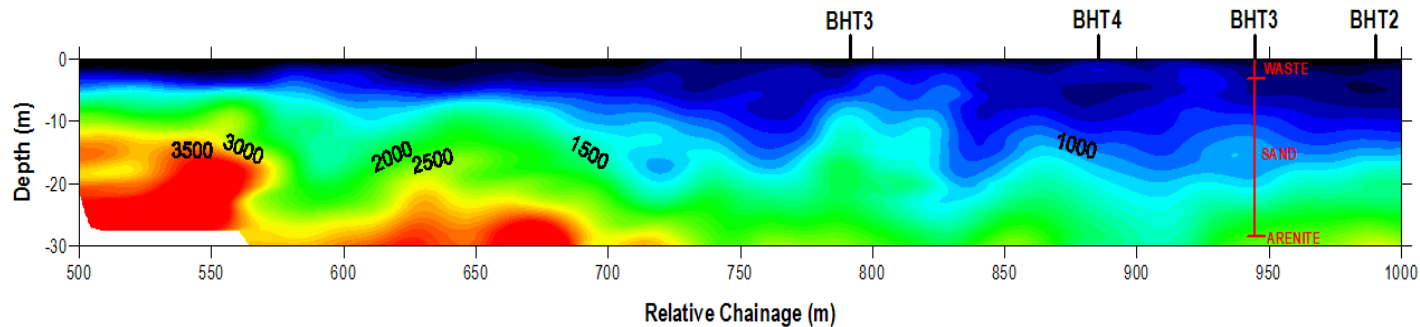
<u>Geotechnical Classification</u>	<u>S-Wave Seismic Velocity (m/s)</u>
Very soft soils	<100
Soft soils	100 to 300
Stiff soils	200 to 500
Very Stiff soils	500 to 900
Rock	>900

EM31

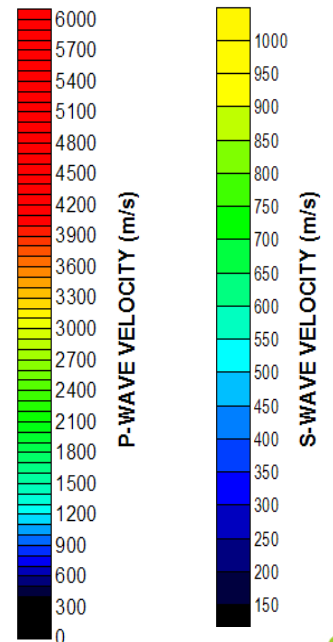
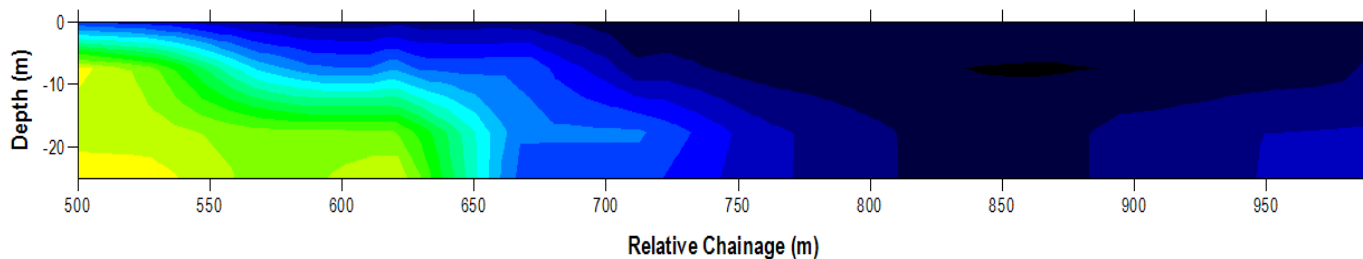


Combined EM & Seismic Technologies

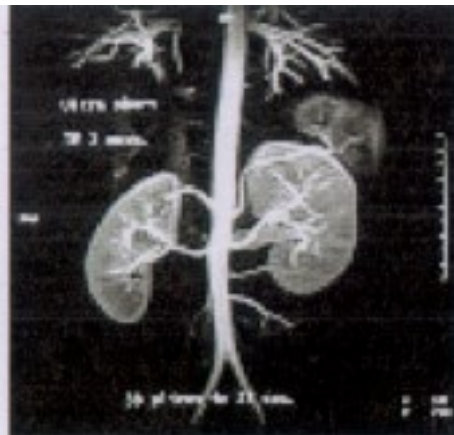
Interpreted Seismic Refraction Section (P-Wave Velocity)



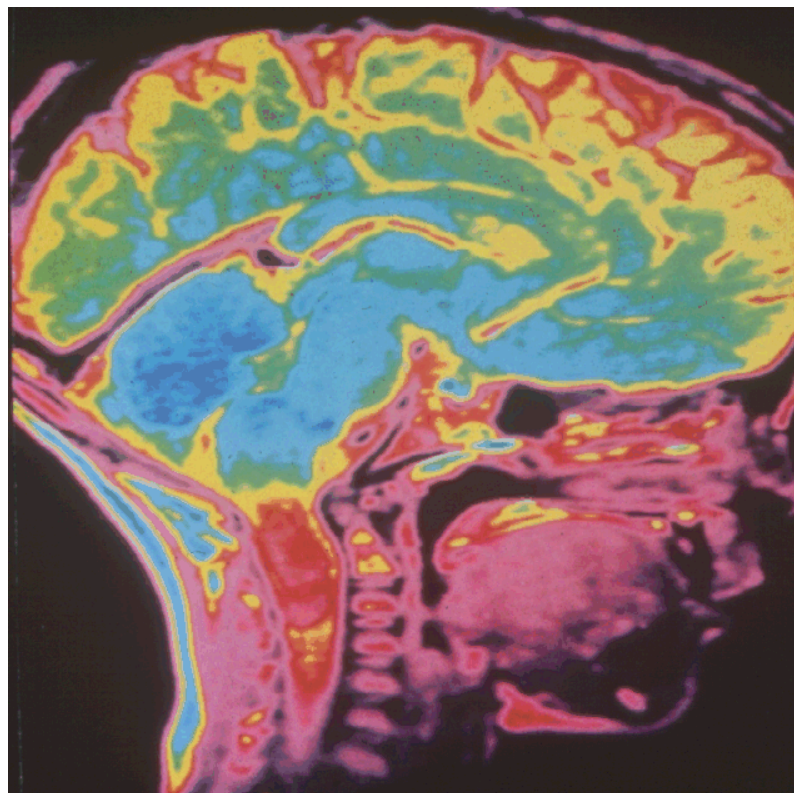
Interpreted MASW Section (S-Wave Velocity)



Seismic Tomographic Imaging from boreholes

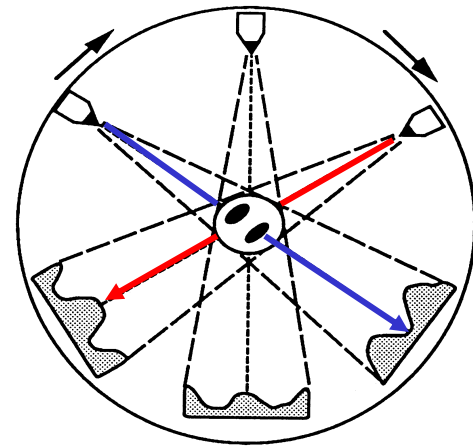


MEDICAL IMAGING WITH COMPUTER AIDED TOMOGRAPHY (CAT or CT scanning)

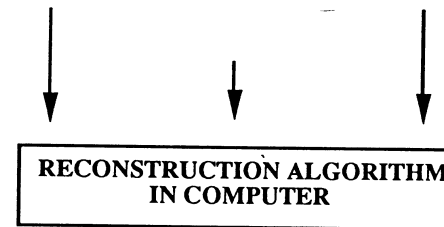




ROTATING X-RAY TUBE WITH FAN-BEAM



INTENSITY PROJECTIONS

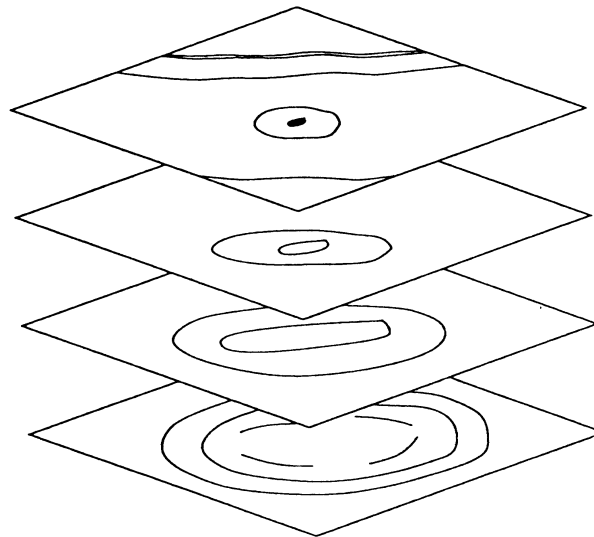
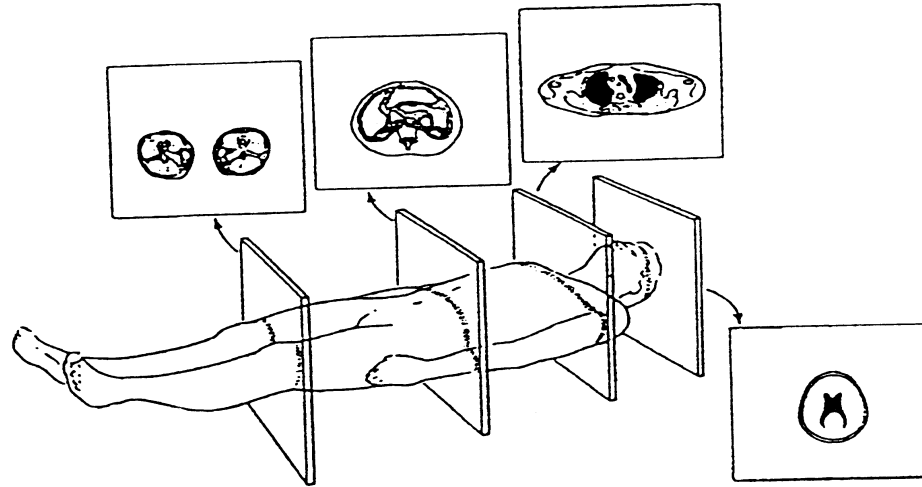


**ADVANCED
PROCESSING**

RECONSTRUCTED CROSS-SECTION

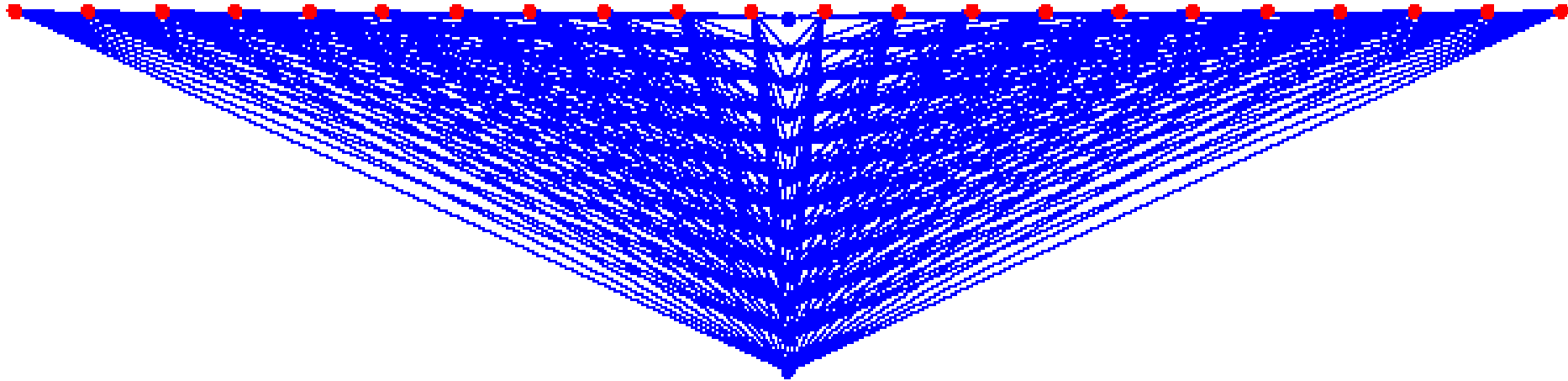


A 3D IMAGE IS CONSTRUCTED FROM A SERIES OF SLICES IN 2D IMAGE PLANES



Single Borehole - Site Uniformity Seismic (SUBS) Test

Seismic raypath section – uniform earth



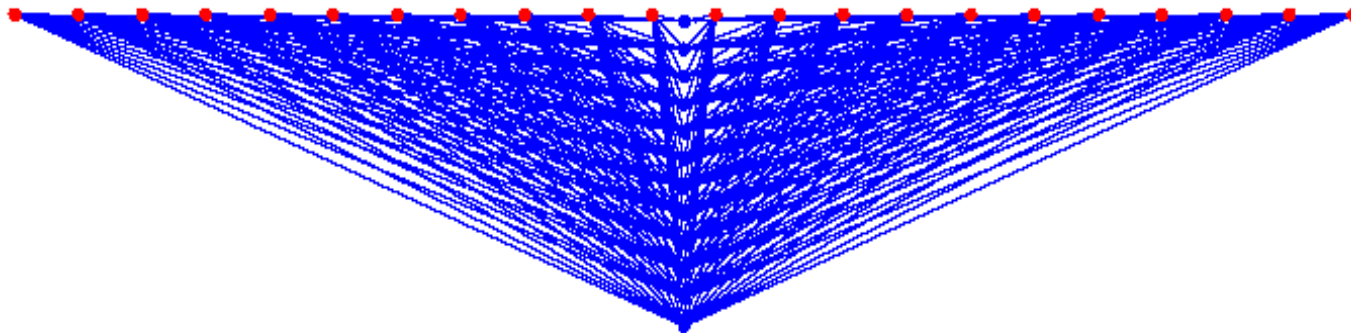
SUBS

- extends the radius of investigation of borehole
- is calibrated at the borehole with a Vertical Seismic Profile (VSP)

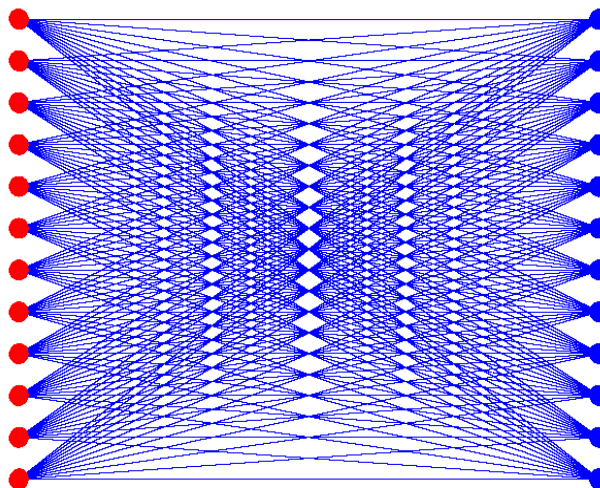
Deploying the borehole seismic array



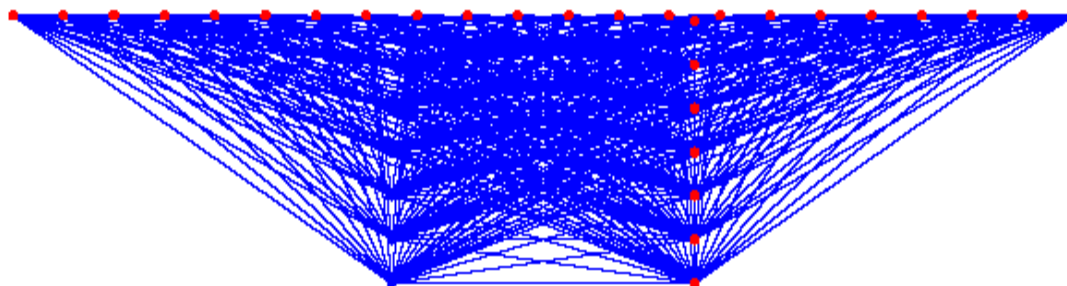
**SUBS
only**



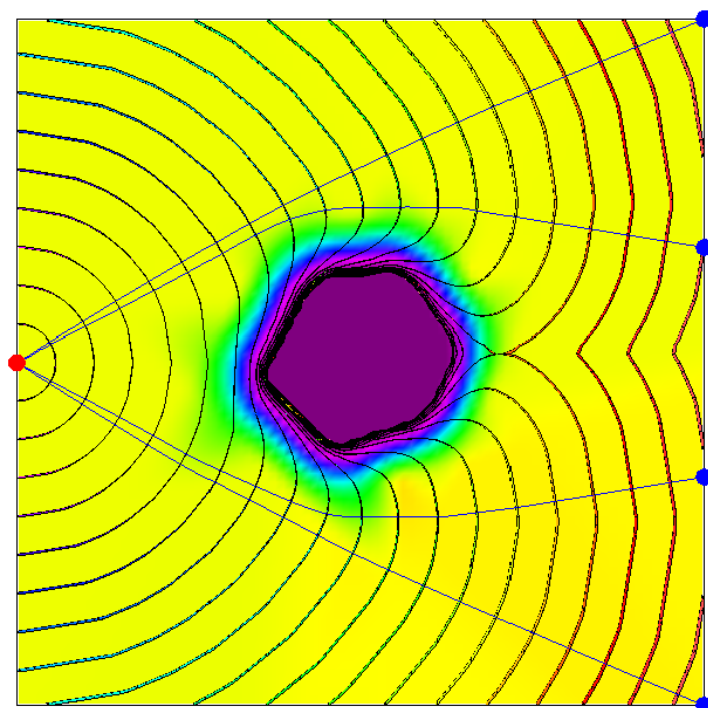
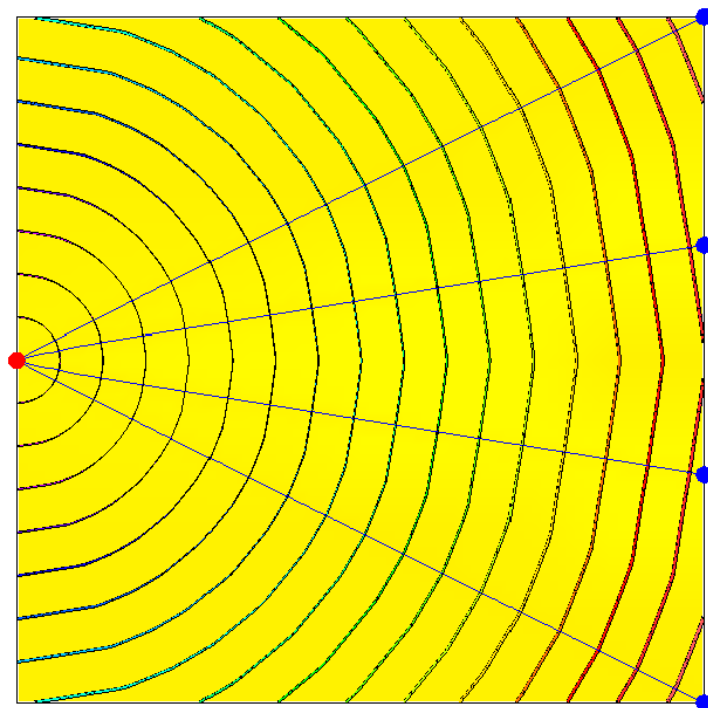
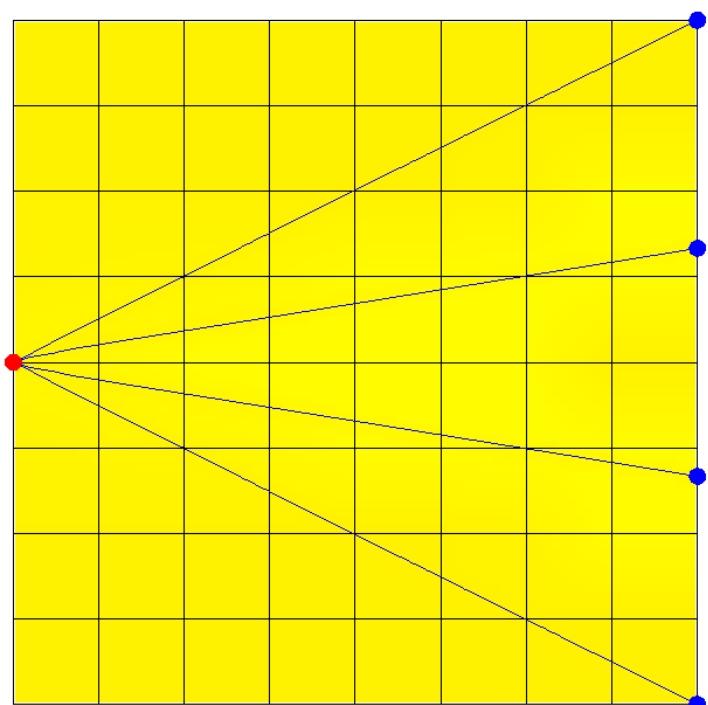
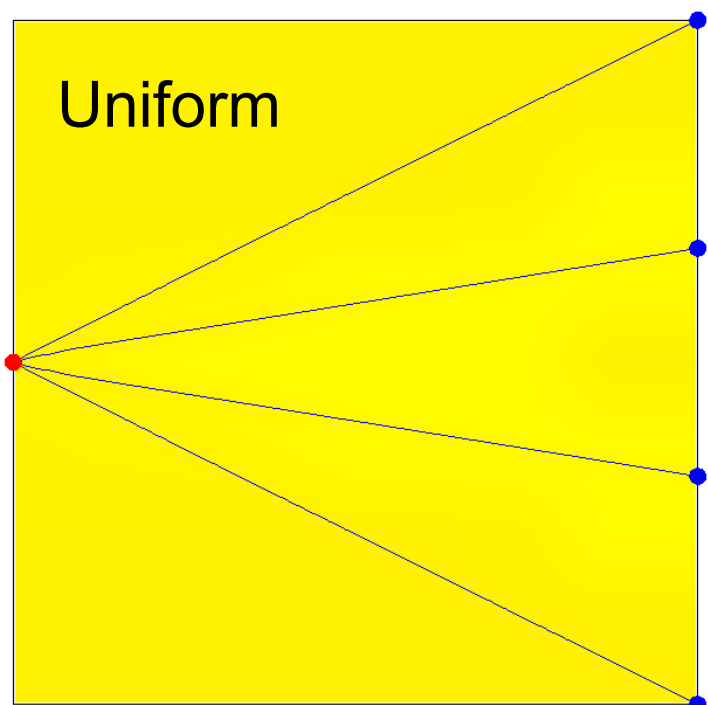
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**SUBS +
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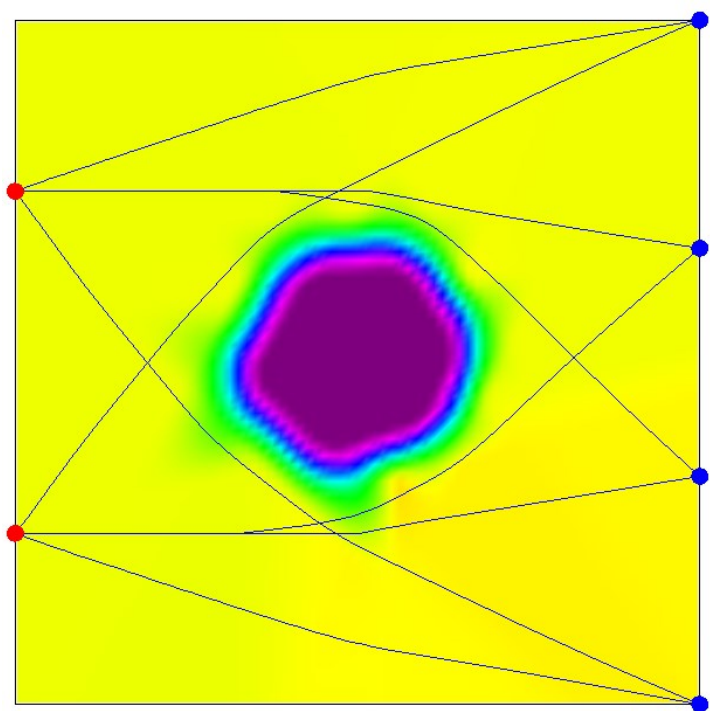
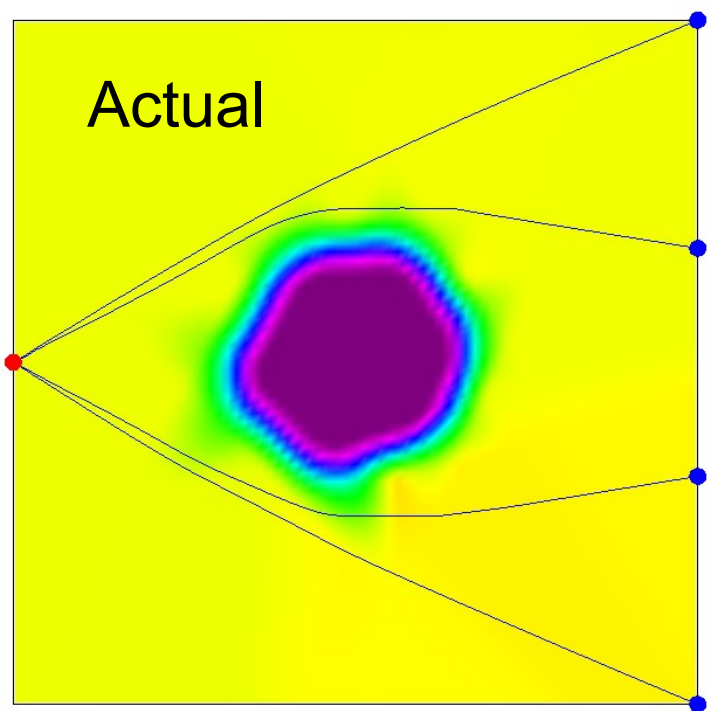


Uniform

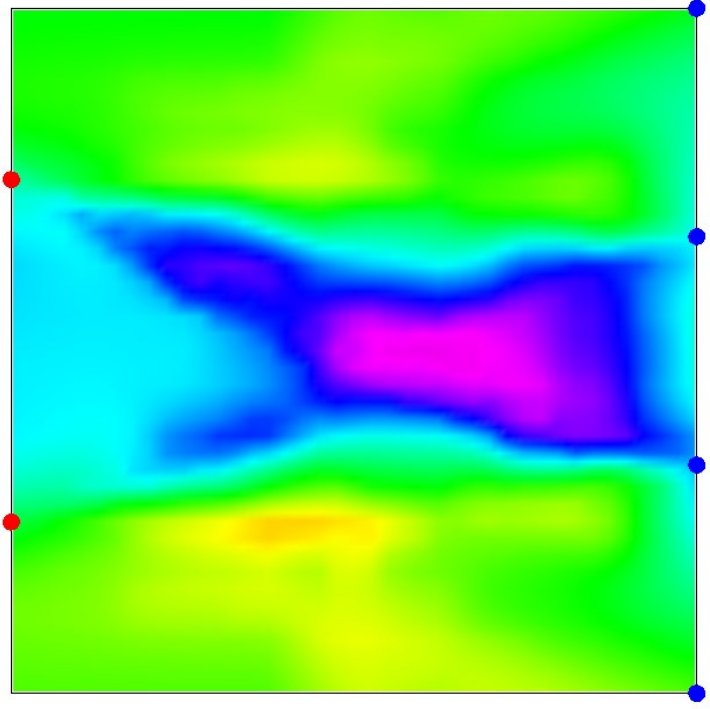
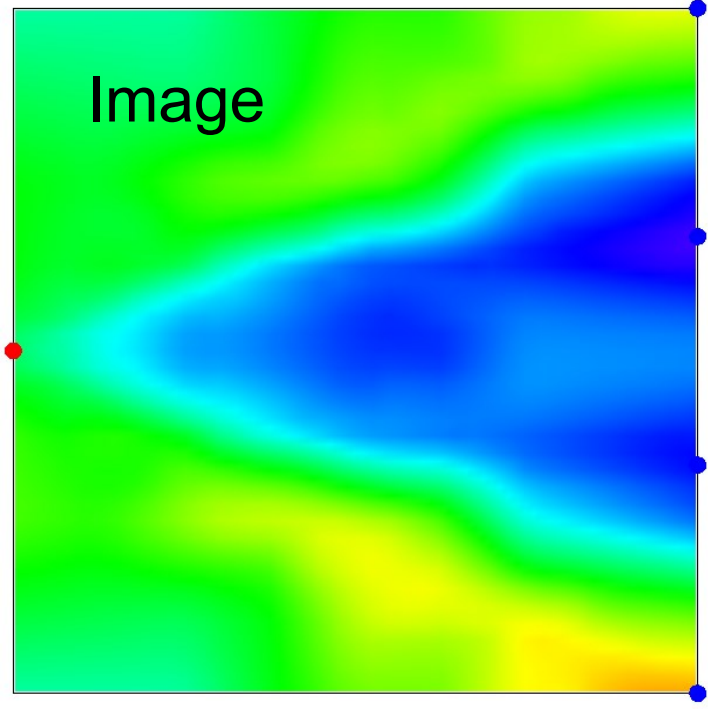


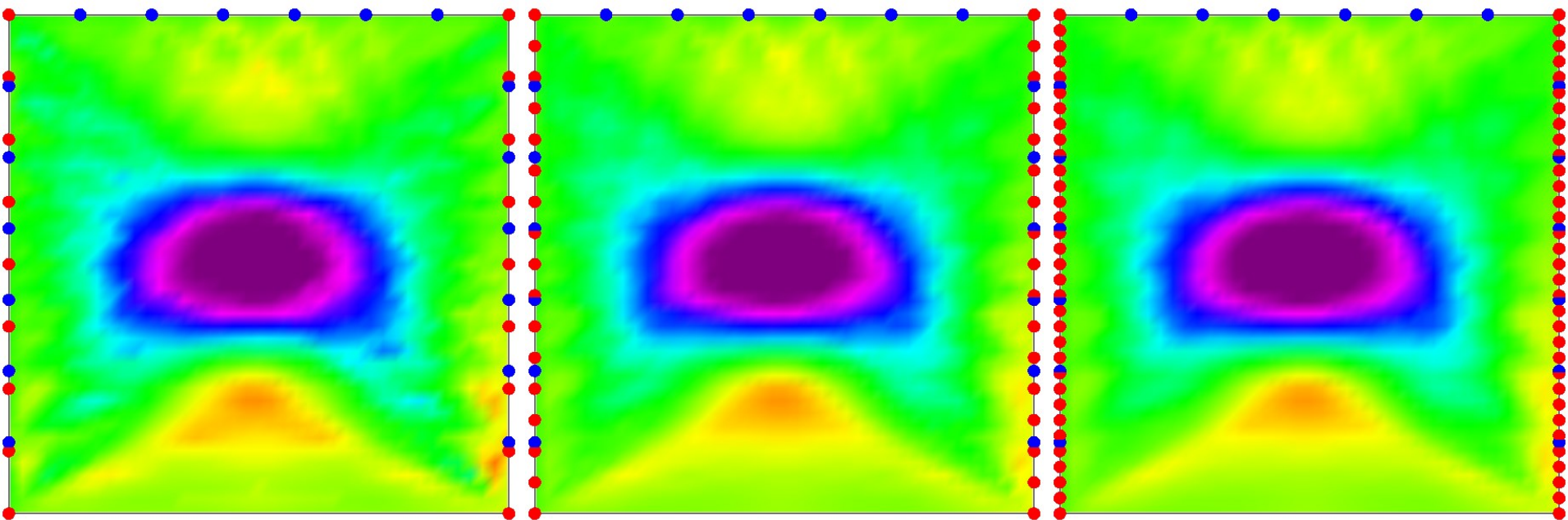
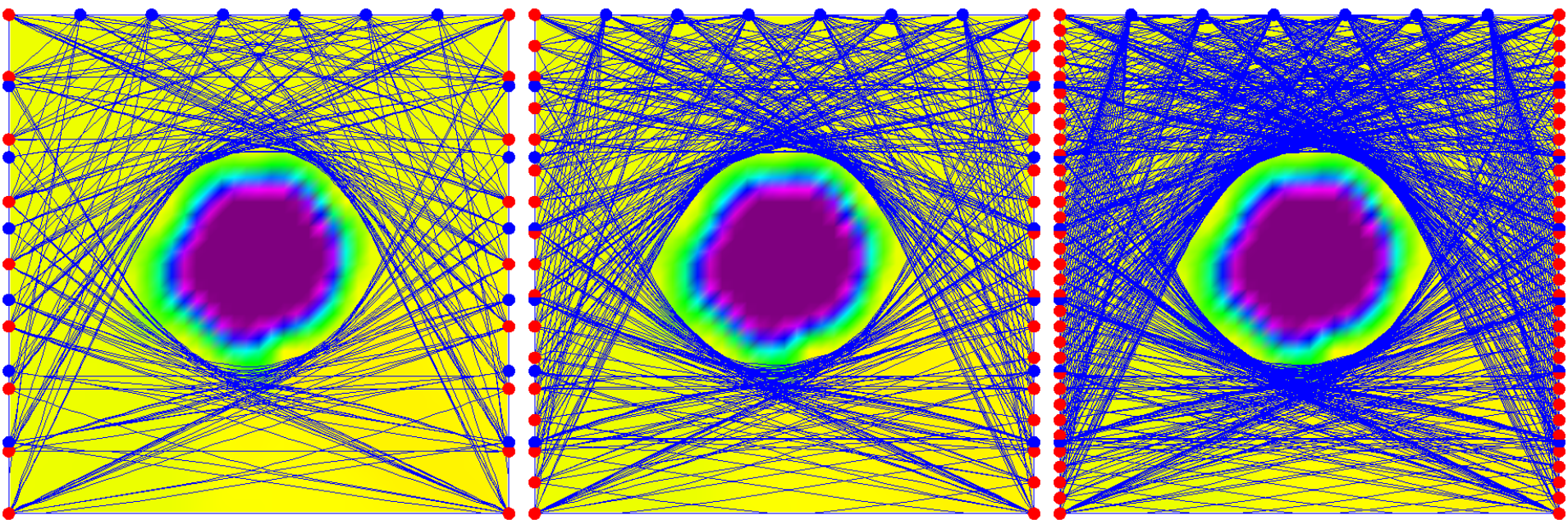
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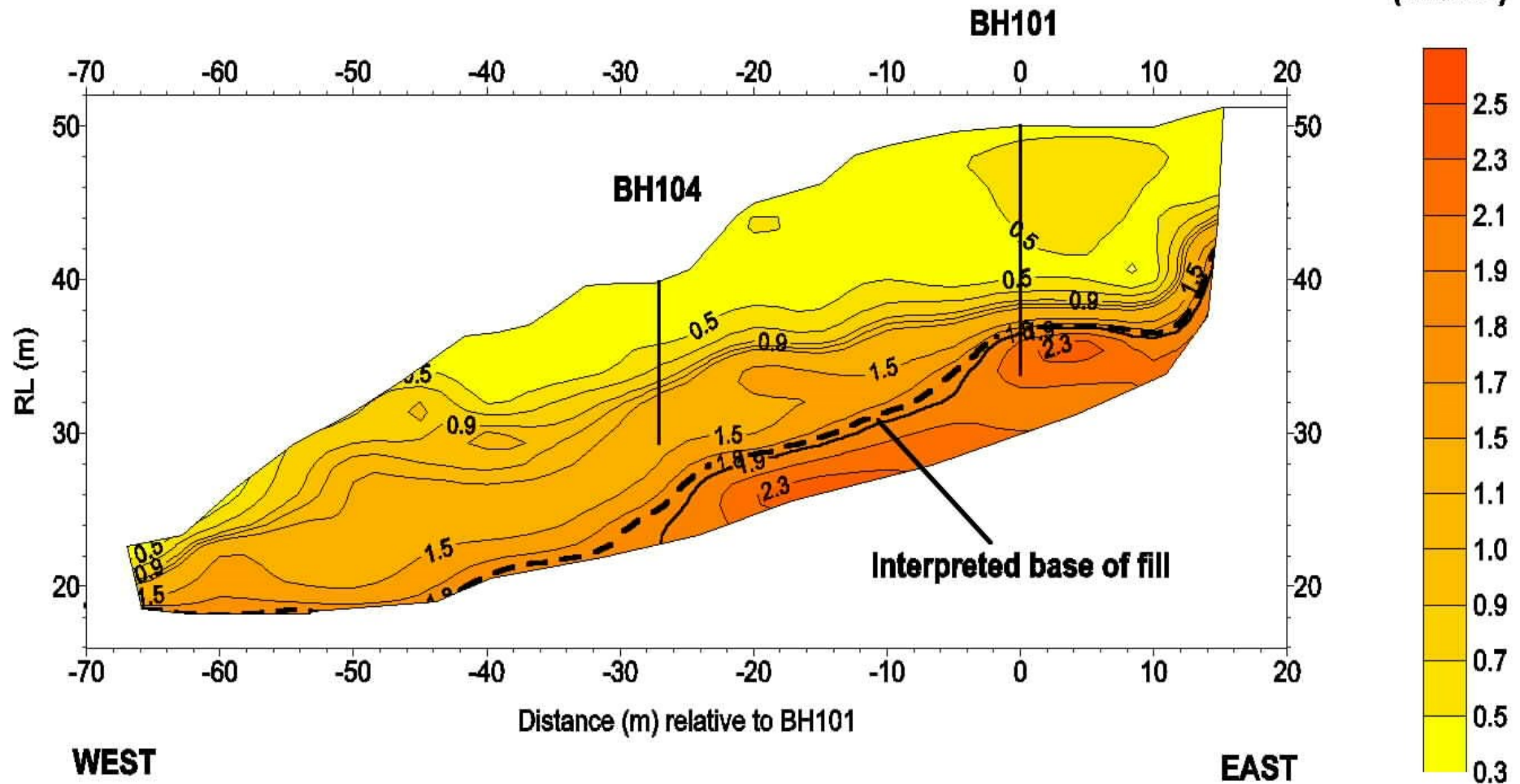


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SEISMIC TOMOGRAPHIC IMAGE SLOPE STABILITY ASSESSMENT



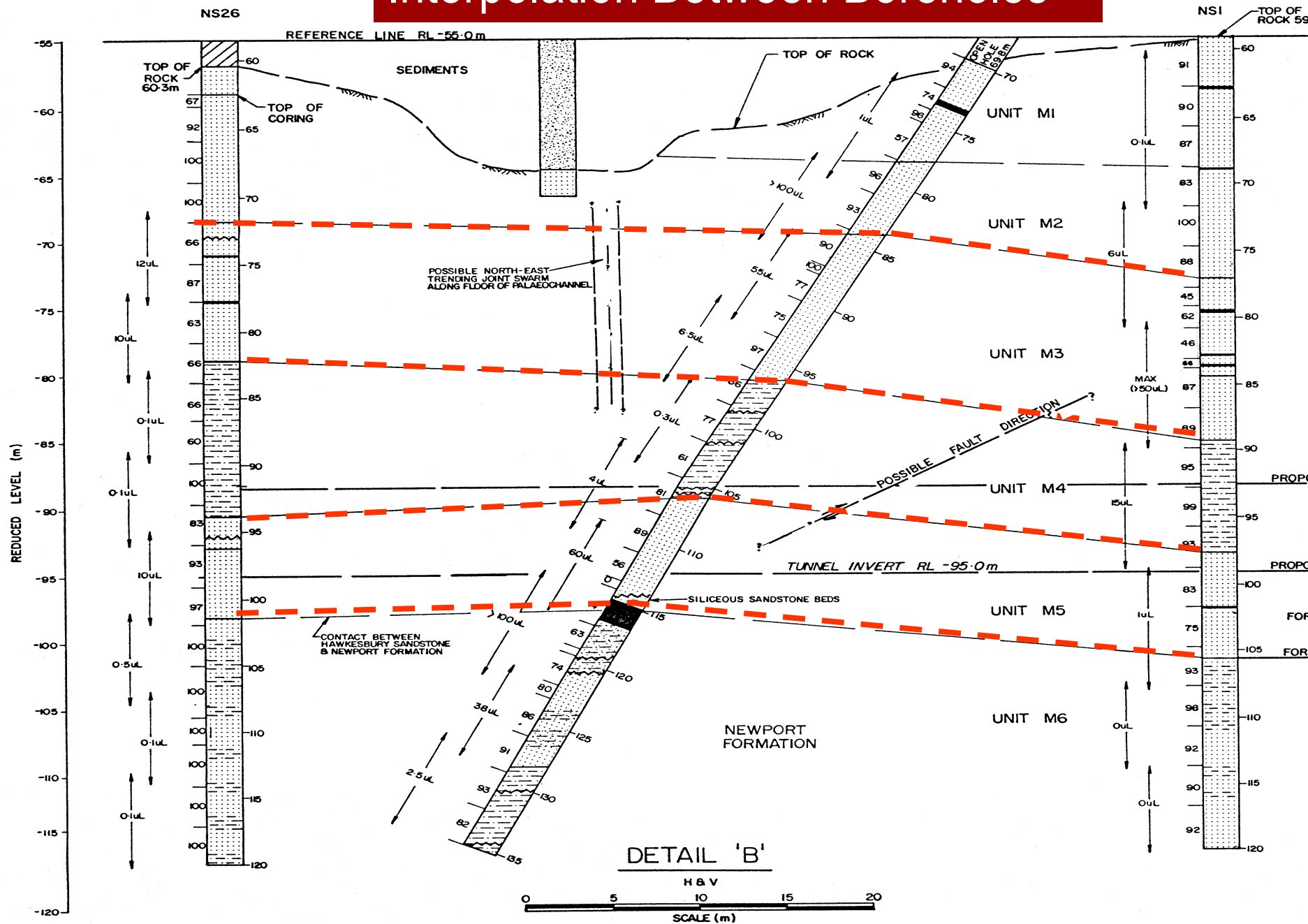


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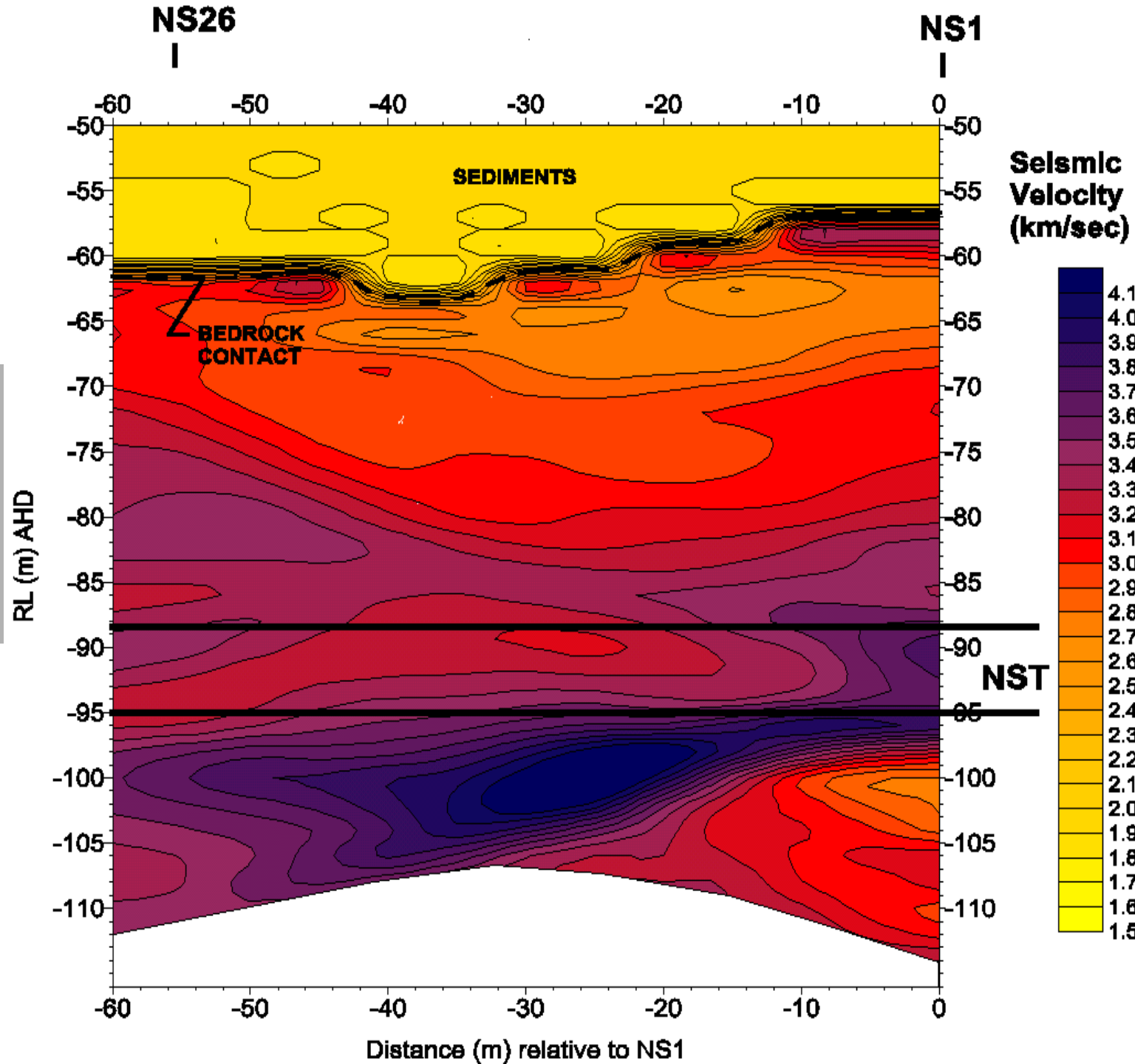
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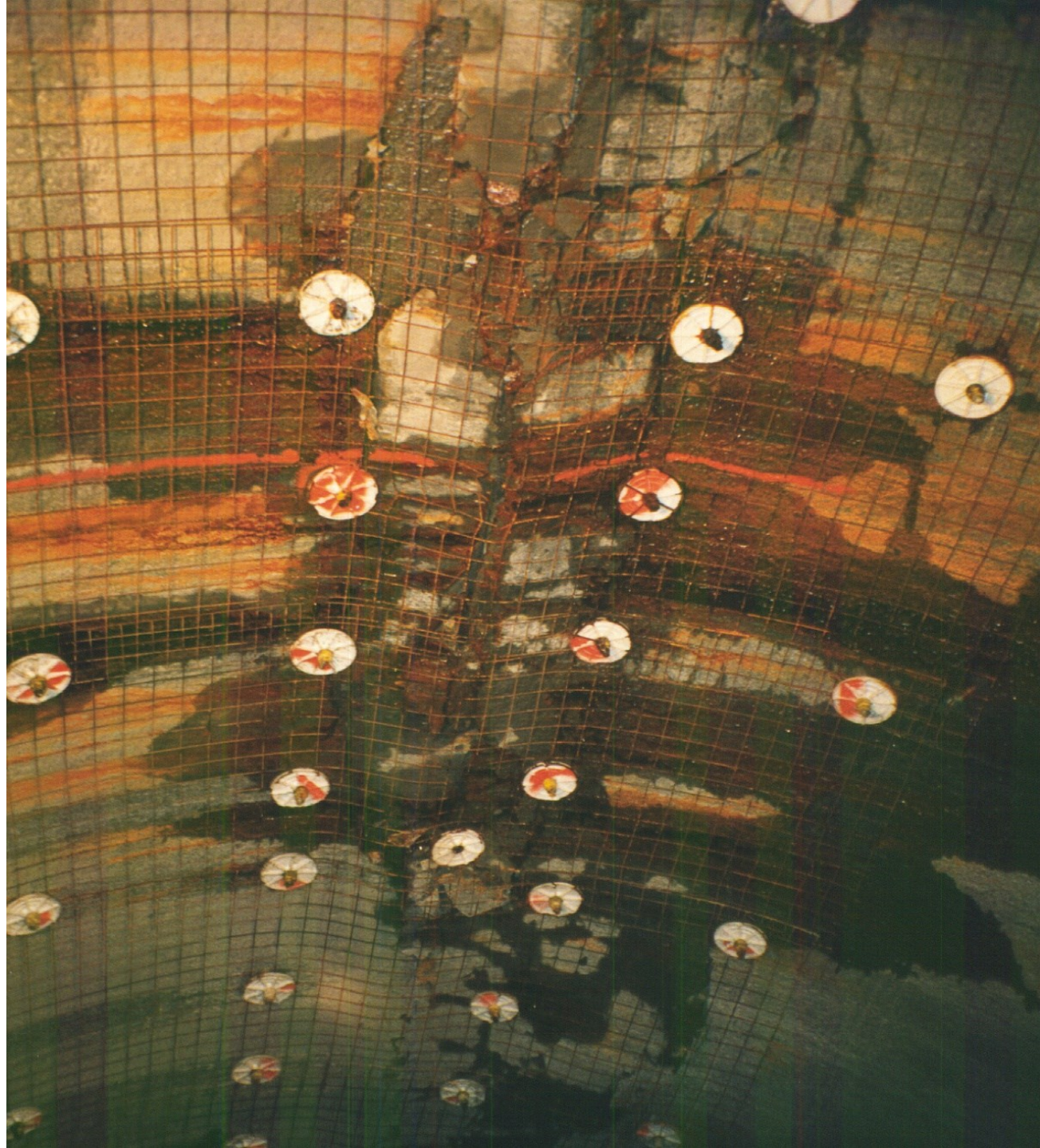
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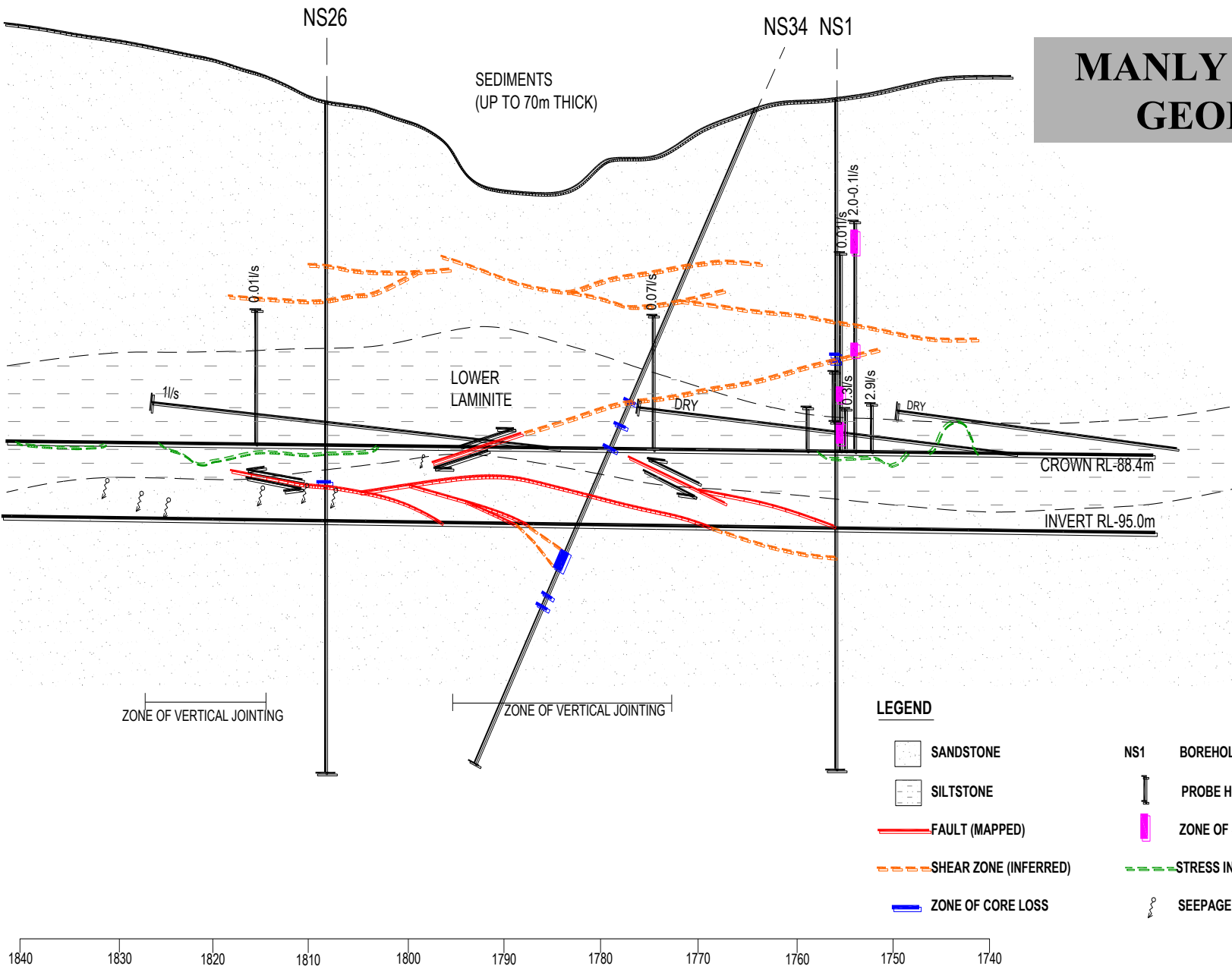
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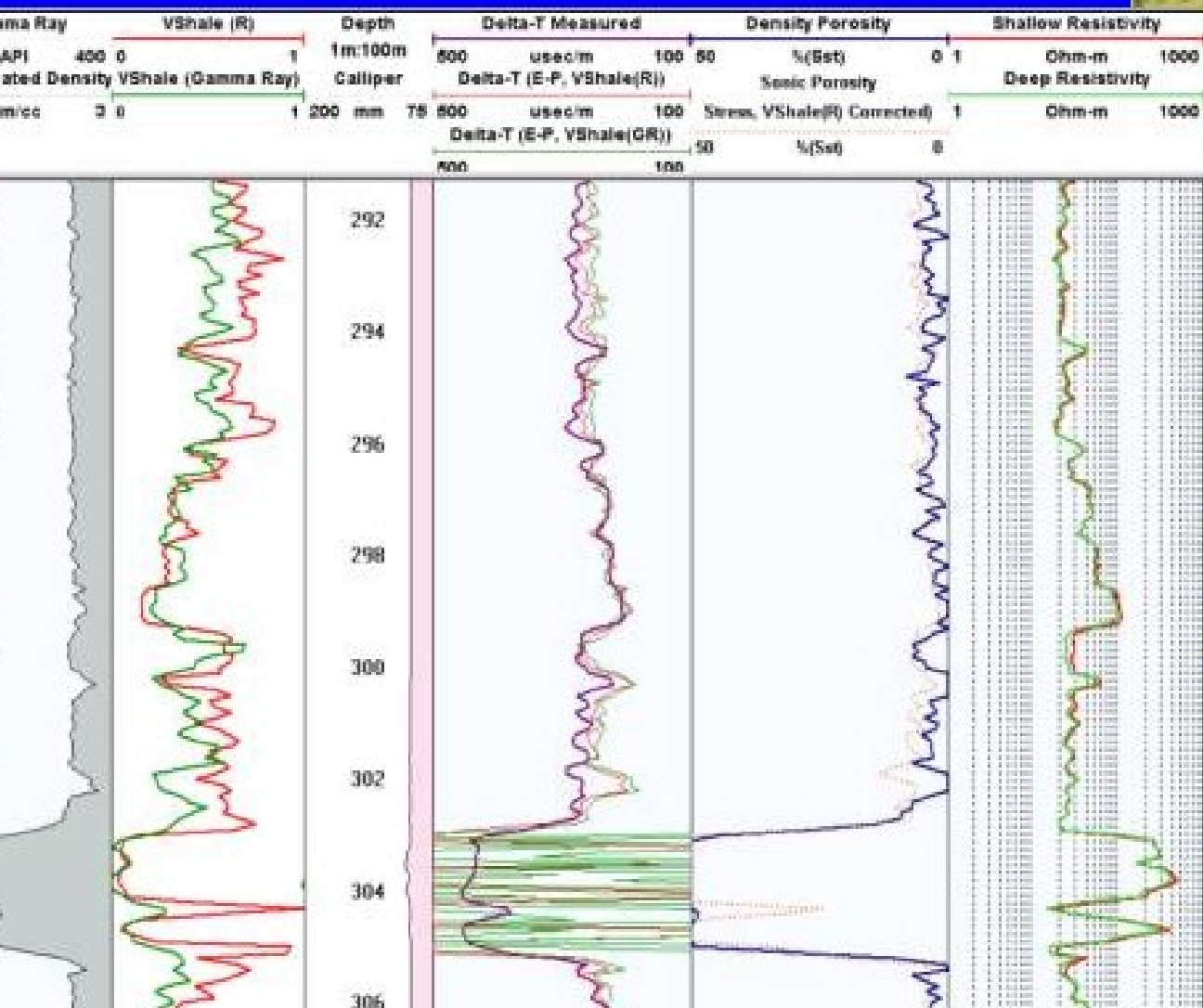
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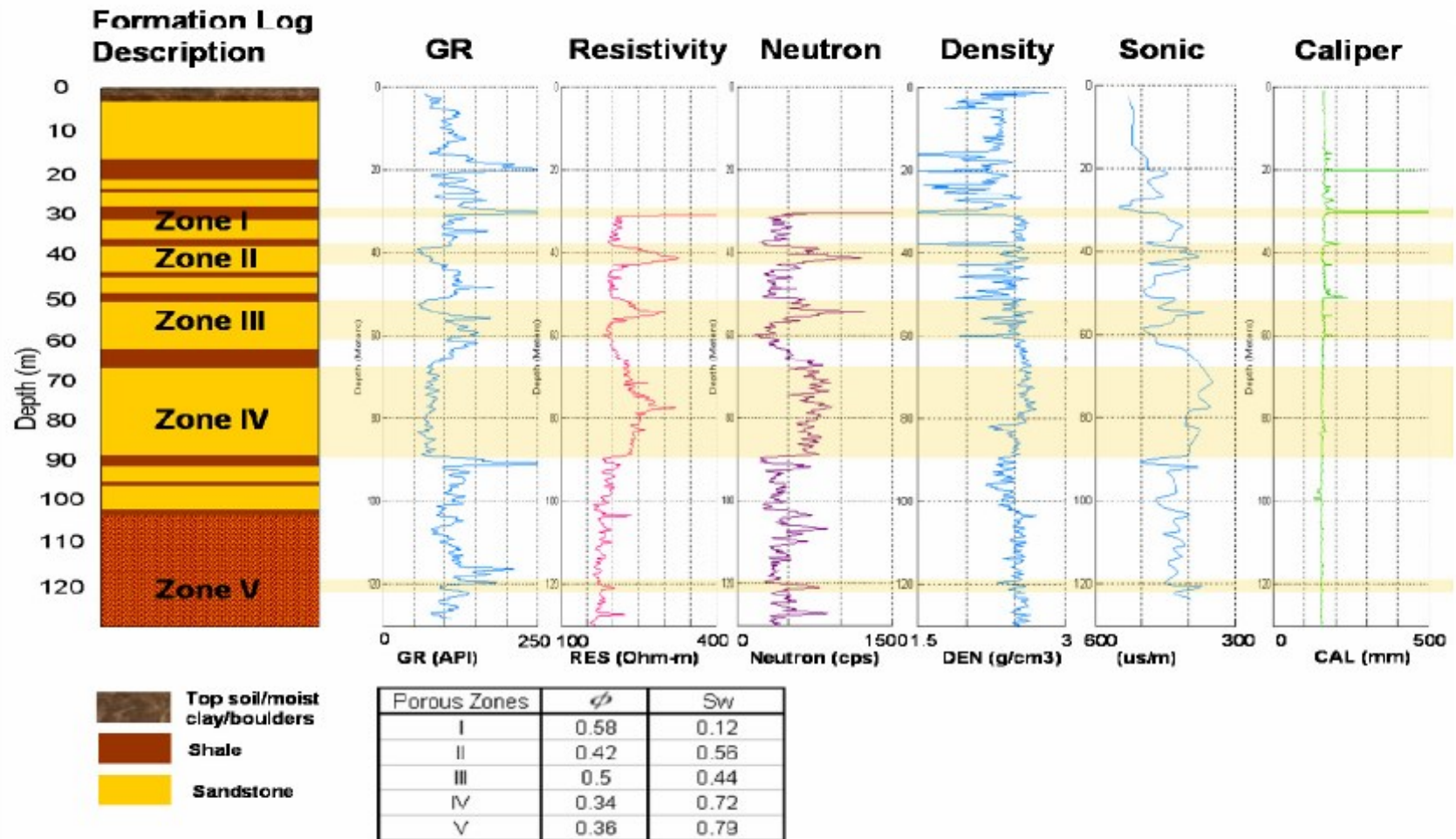
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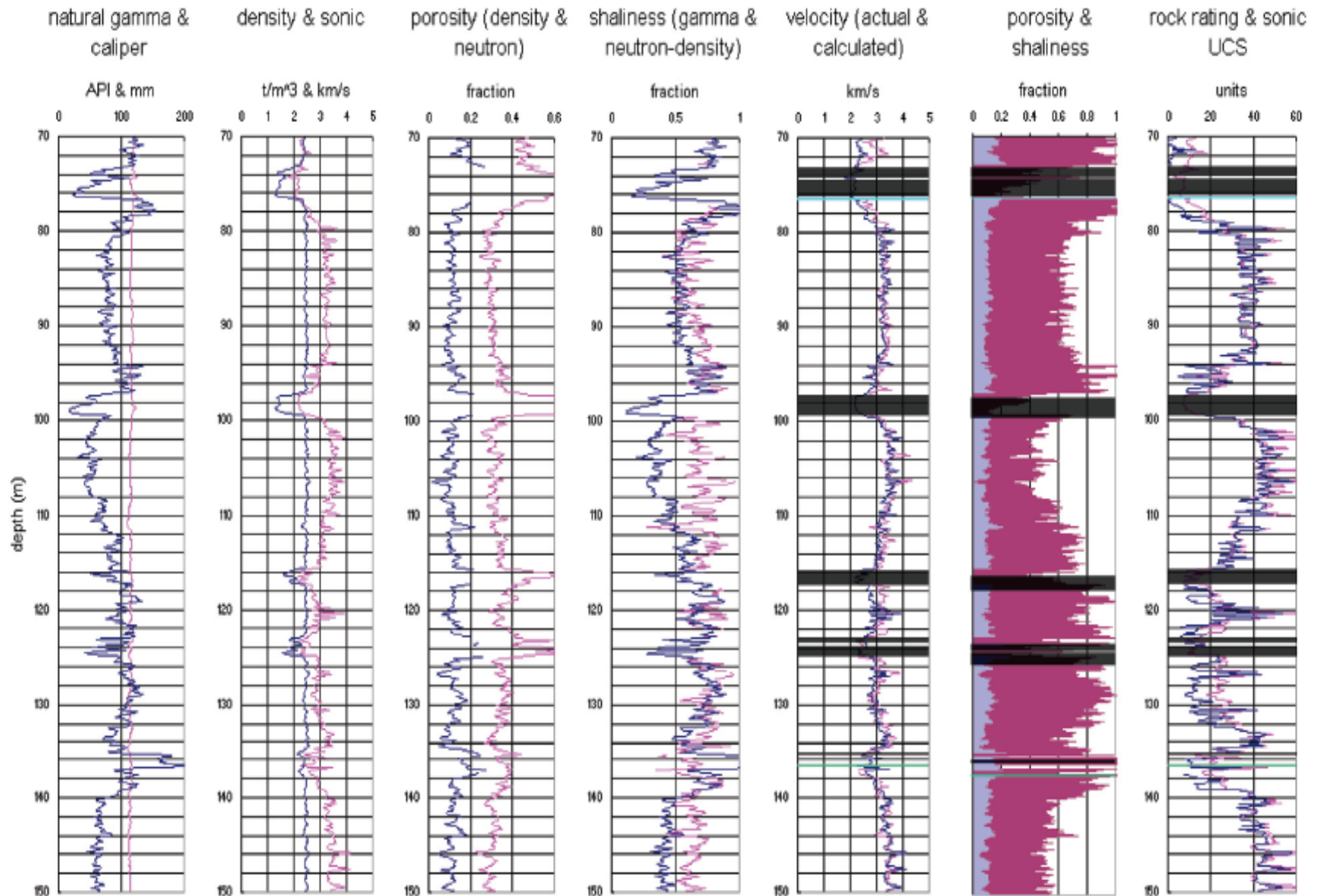
Geophysical or Wireline Logging



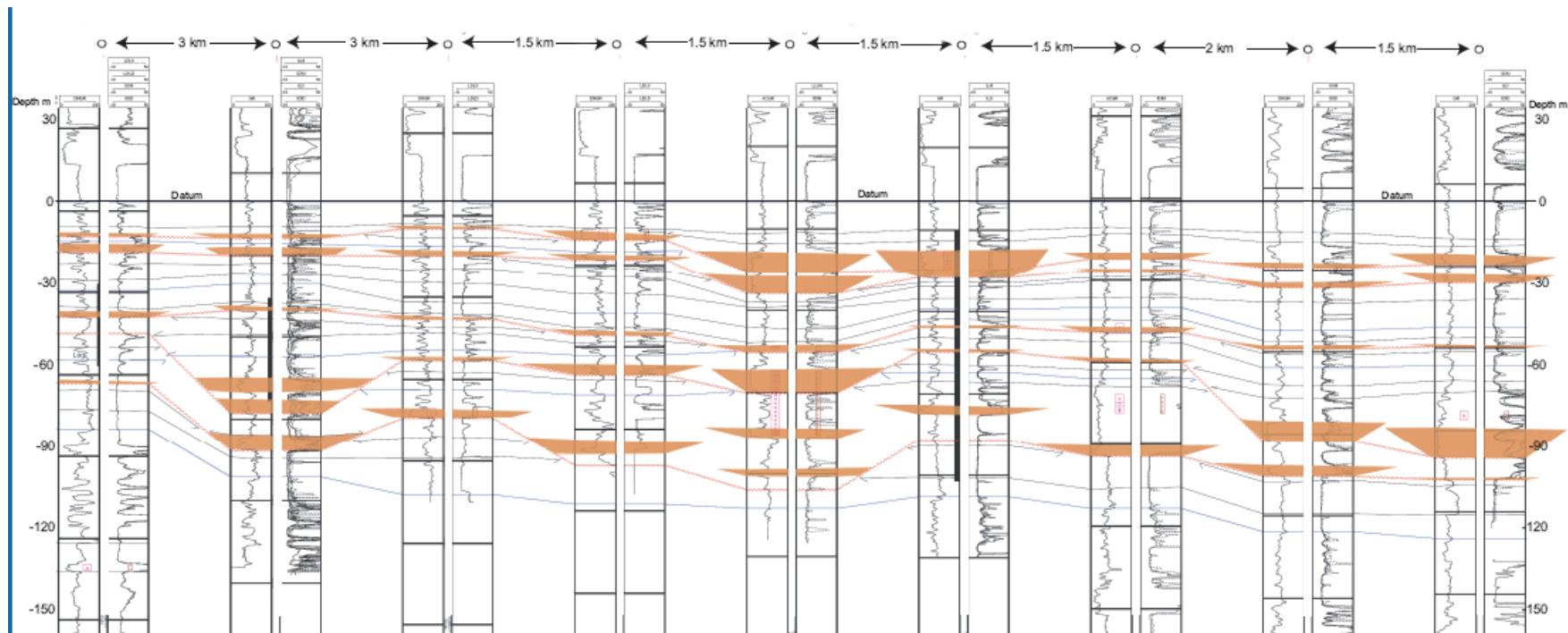
Stratigraphic correlation and formation parameter determination – different geophysical logs in the same borehole



Quantitative Geophysical Log Analysis – Formation parameter determination



Stratigraphic correlation – the same geophysical logs in different boreholes



 Incised valley fill/
fluvial channel

Designing Geophysical Survey/ Testing Programs

Functions and Operations Flowchart for Geophysical Surveys

INITIATION/SURVEY

- o Problem
- o Budget
- o Site Information
- o Deadline and Timing
- o Monitoring

Client

- o Initial Physical Model
- o Method (s) selection
- o Survey Procedures
- o Contractor Selection
- o Supervision

Geophysicist

- o Field Operations

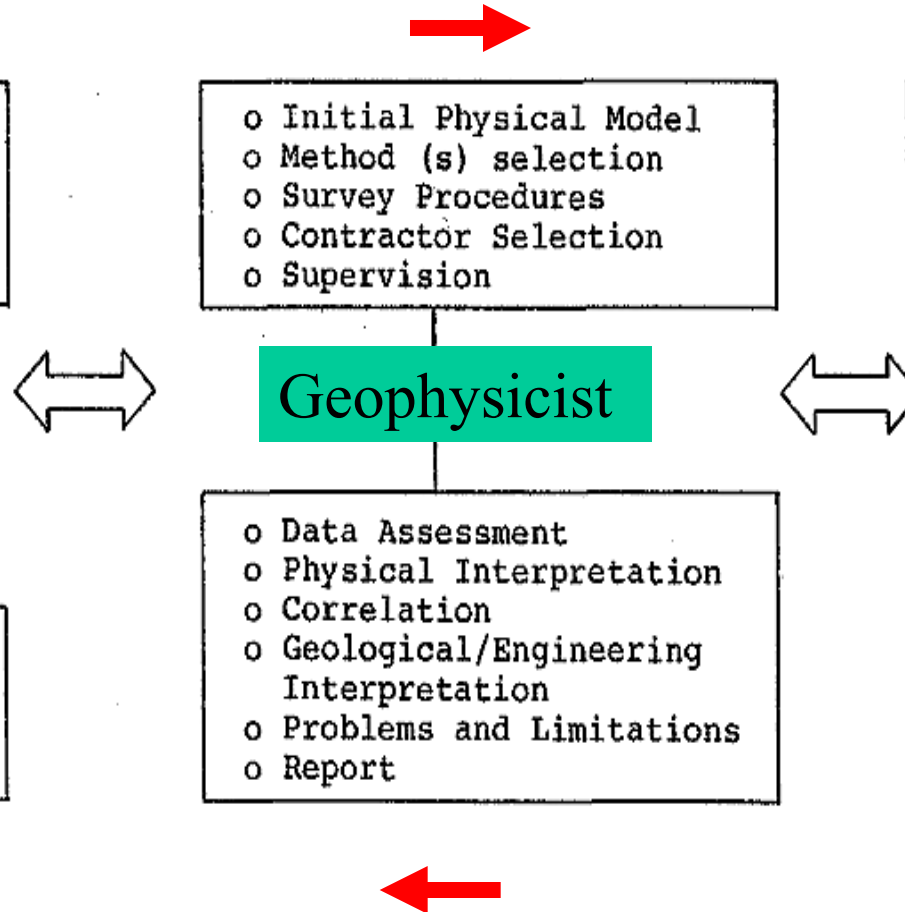
Field Crew

COMPLETION/EVALUATION

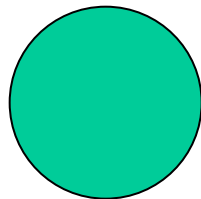
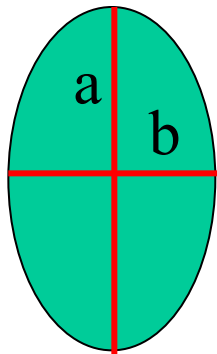
- o Critical Evaluation
- o Integration
- o Decisions

- o Data Assessment
- o Physical Interpretation
- o Correlation
- o Geological/Engineering Interpretation
- o Problems and Limitations
- o Report

- o Field Data
- o Operations Report



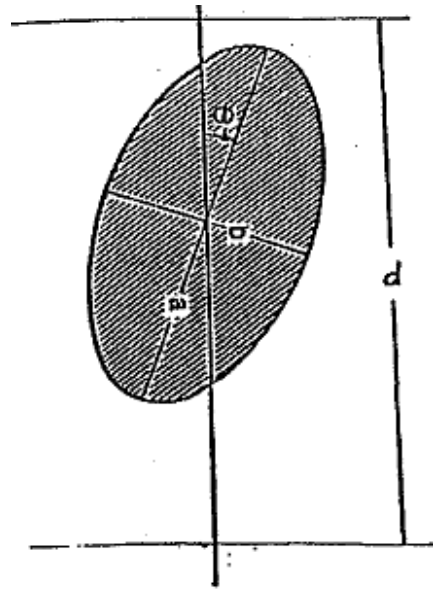
Various Elliptical Targets



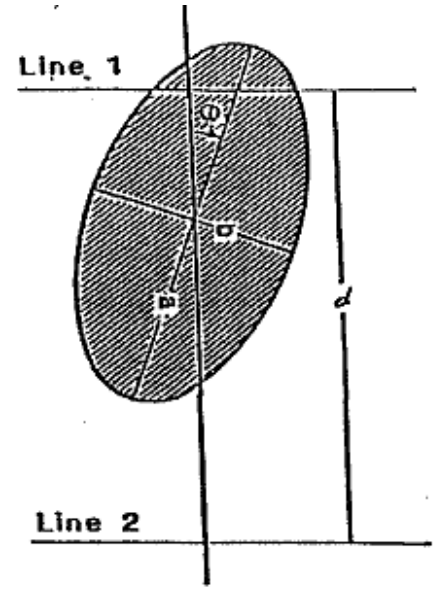
<u>Ellipticity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Common Targets</u>
0.1-0.2	Elongate or two-dimensional	Contact, fault, shear, dyke, channel, buried-pipe, tunnel.
0.3-0.5	Lenticular	Alluvial deposits, caverns, landfill, old mine workings.
0.6-1.0	Equidimensional	Engineering site, water table, sedimentary layers, weathering and bed-rock surface, intrusive stock.

$$\text{Ellipticity} = b/a$$

Geophysical profiling of elliptical targets with parallel survey lines

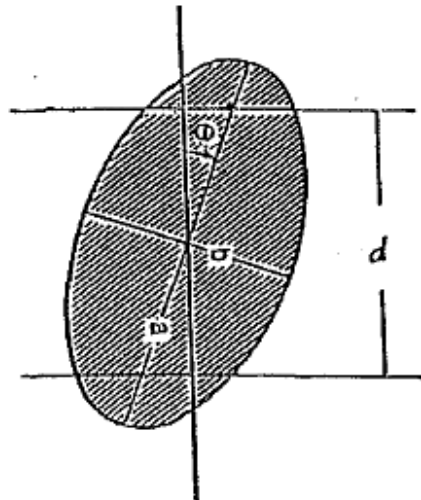


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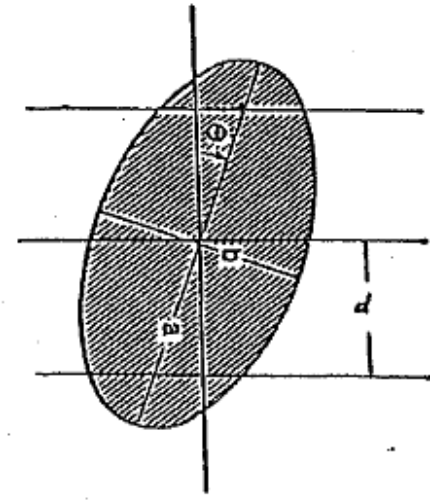


Detected

d/a = relative line spacing



Confirmed



Delineated

Assessing Search Efficiency

C = cost index

$$C = N/P$$

where, N = number of line-km of geophysical data gathered per sq. km of area covered.

P = probability of detection (0 impossible, 1 certain).

However,

$$N \propto \frac{1}{\frac{d}{a}}$$

where d/a = relative line spacing.

A cost factor (K) may be further defined as,

$$K = \frac{a}{pd}$$

and from this a search efficiency index may be defined,

$$E = \frac{\text{Detection probability}}{\text{Cost Factor}}$$

$$= p^2 d/a$$

Search efficiencies for **detection** of a buried elliptical target of unknown orientation with geophysical profiling

