



Advances in Electromagnetic Methods for Hydrocarbon Applications

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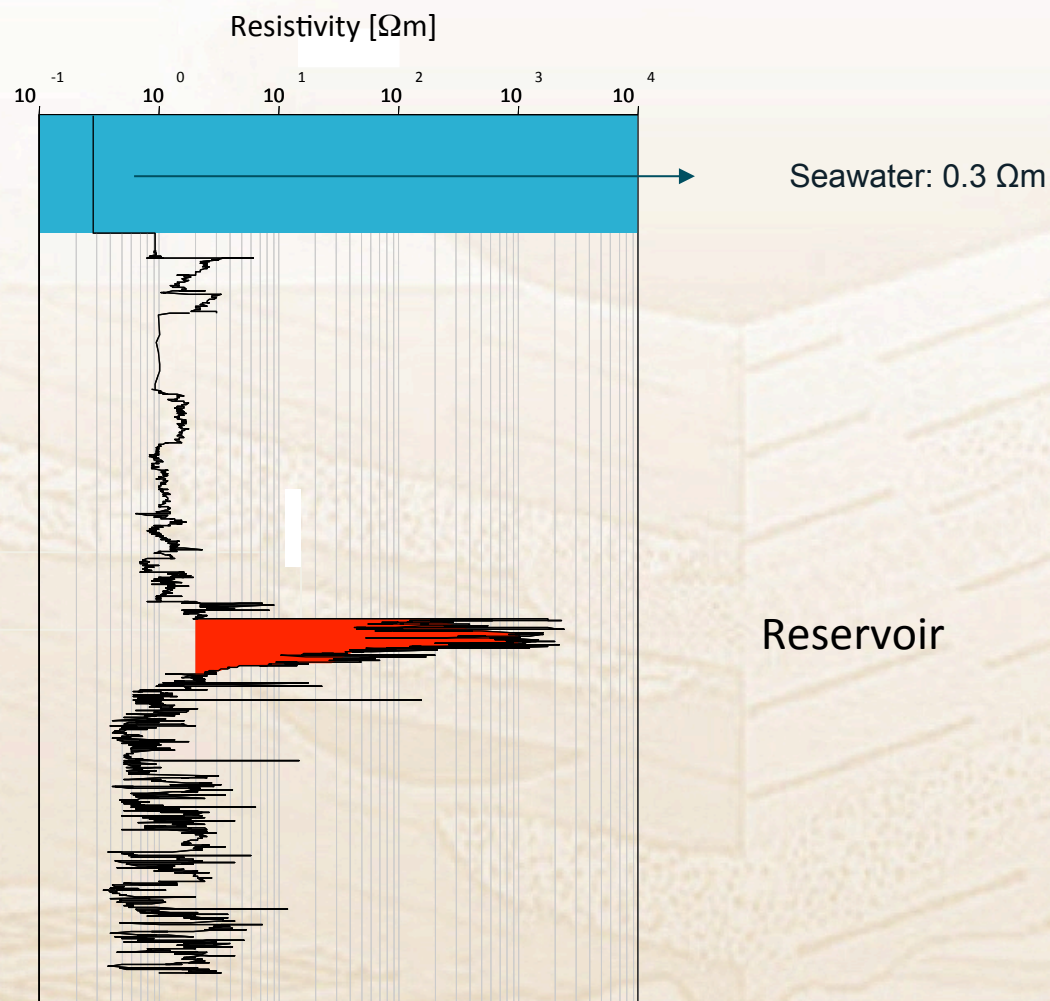
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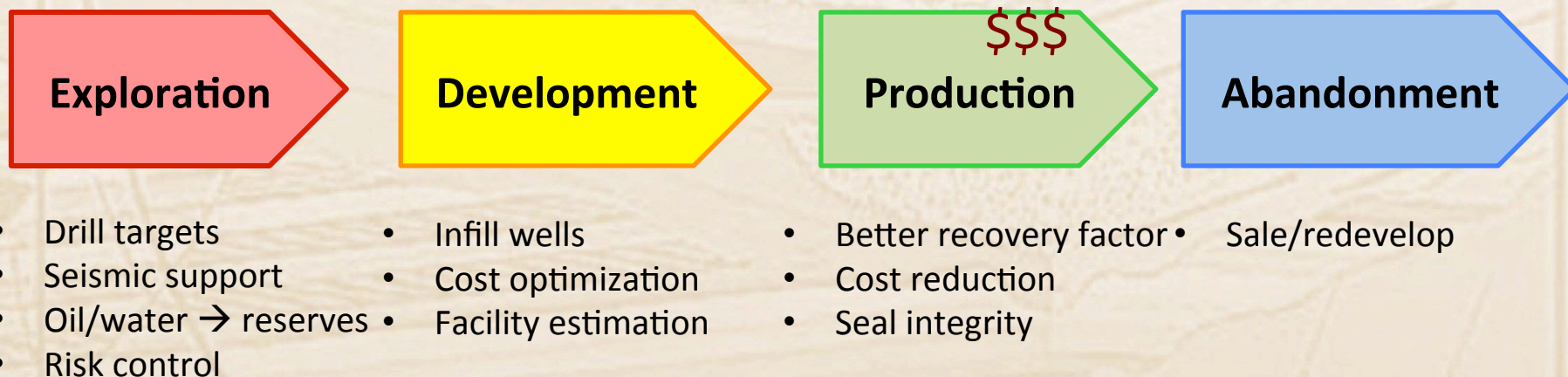
- Give an overview & share a novel idea
- Sliced the EM space
 - Business – reservoir life cycle
 - Technology/methods – borehole; marine; land, airborne
 - NEW applications:
 - shales reserves
 - Reservoir monitoring

Objective >>> Business drivers >>> Methods >>> Future
Hydrocarbons are resistive!





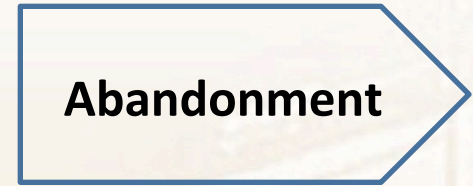
Provide a snapshot of state-of-the-art of EM for hydrocarbon applications



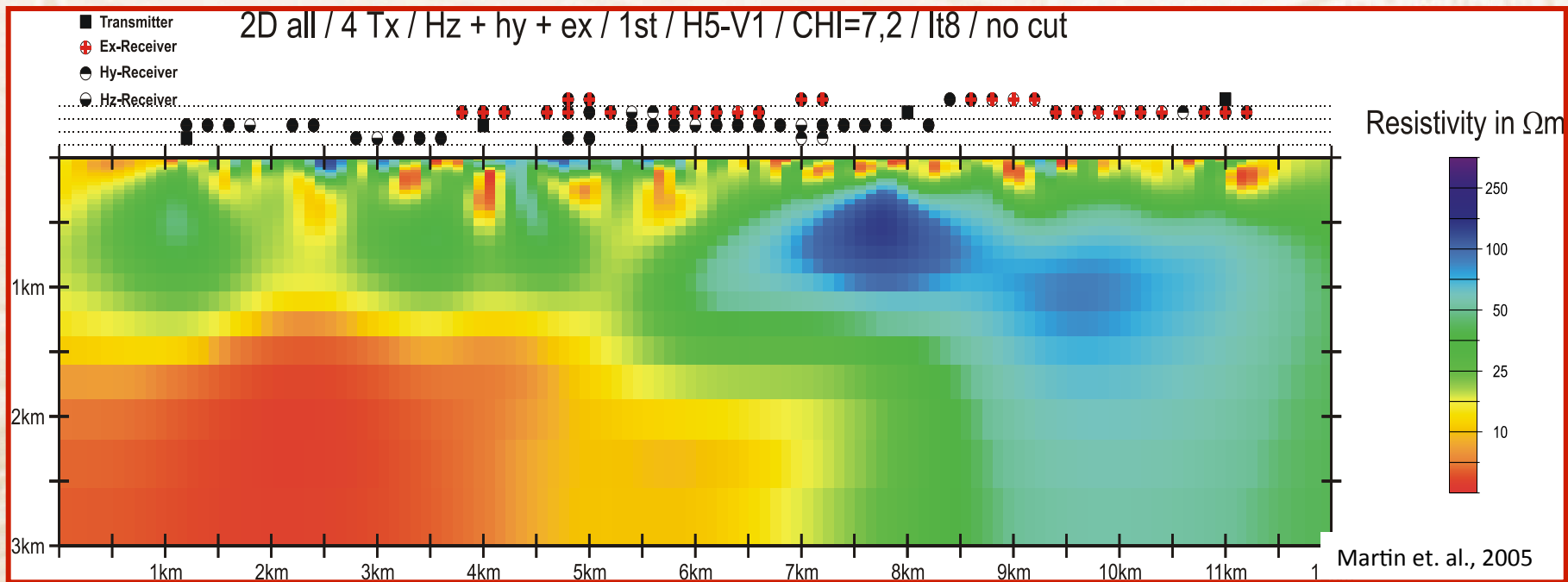


- Provide an update view of EM for oil applications
- What happened in the past 20 years?
 - Science: Little new, mostly implementation
 - Business: HUGE change
 - Borehole – many new tools → new operating decisions
 - Marine – complete new industry
 - Land was shrinking now starting
 - slowly new applications,
 - less technology now than mid 80s
- Hydrocarbon → market driven

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Exploration: drill targets as educated guess



Land 2-D CSEM inversion image for structural imaging



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Development: find sweet spots use calibration



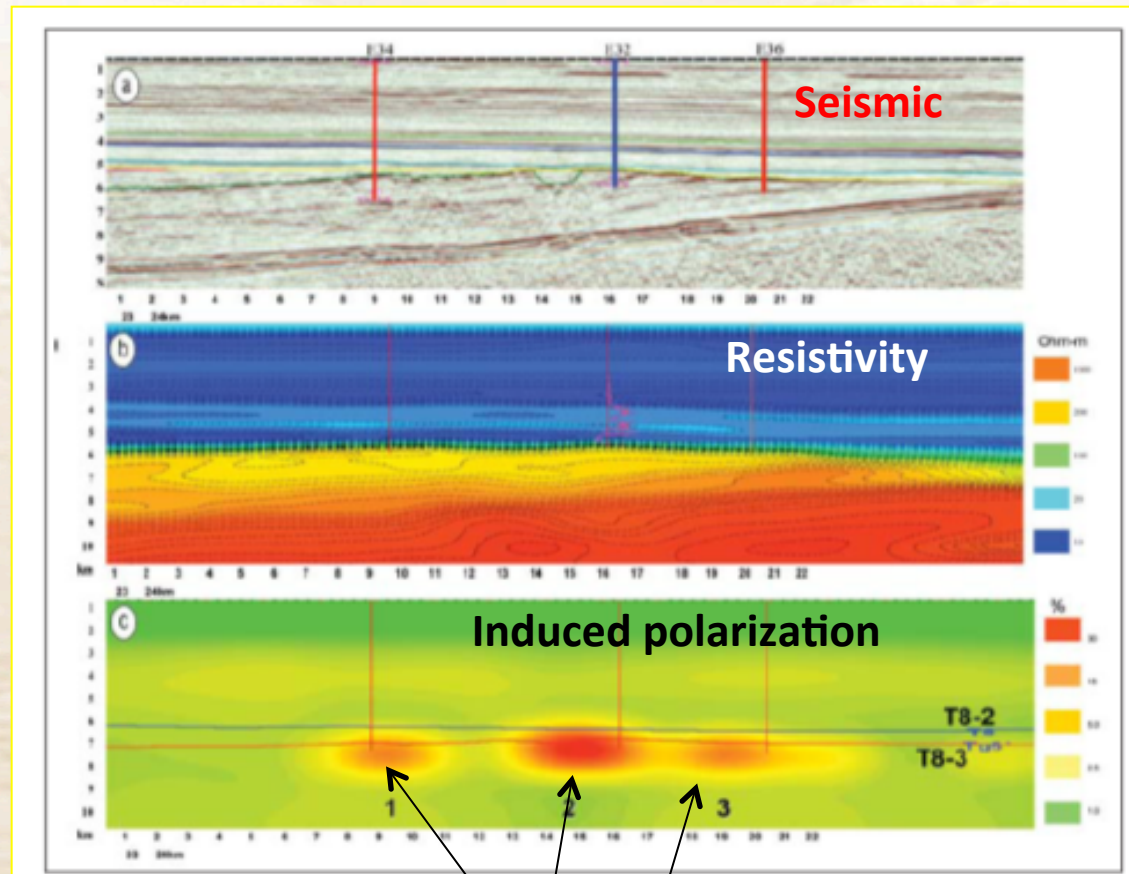
Exploration

Development

Production

Abandonment

LOTEM & IP (induced polarization) for prospect identification



Targets

He et. al., 2007

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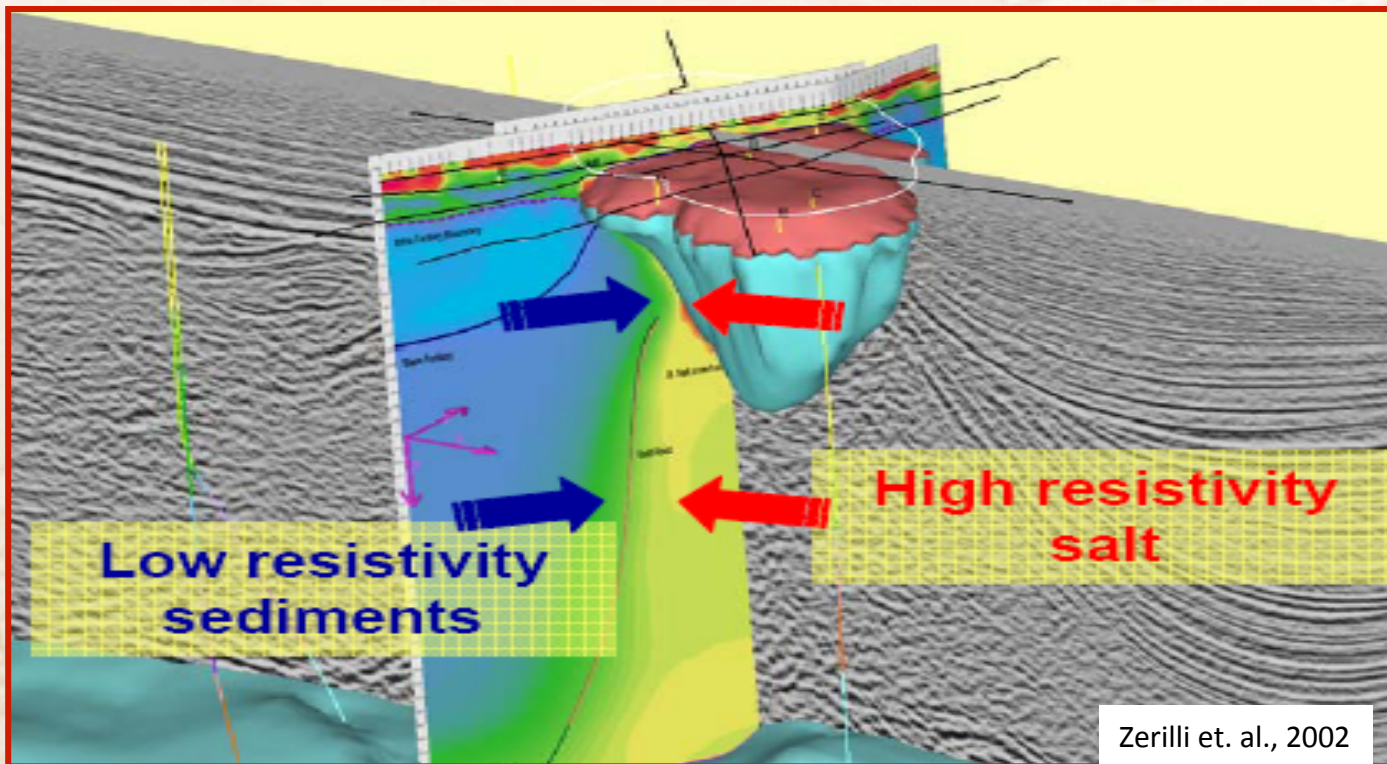
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High density 3-D MT for salt structural imaging



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Production: increase recovery factor; decrease lifting cost



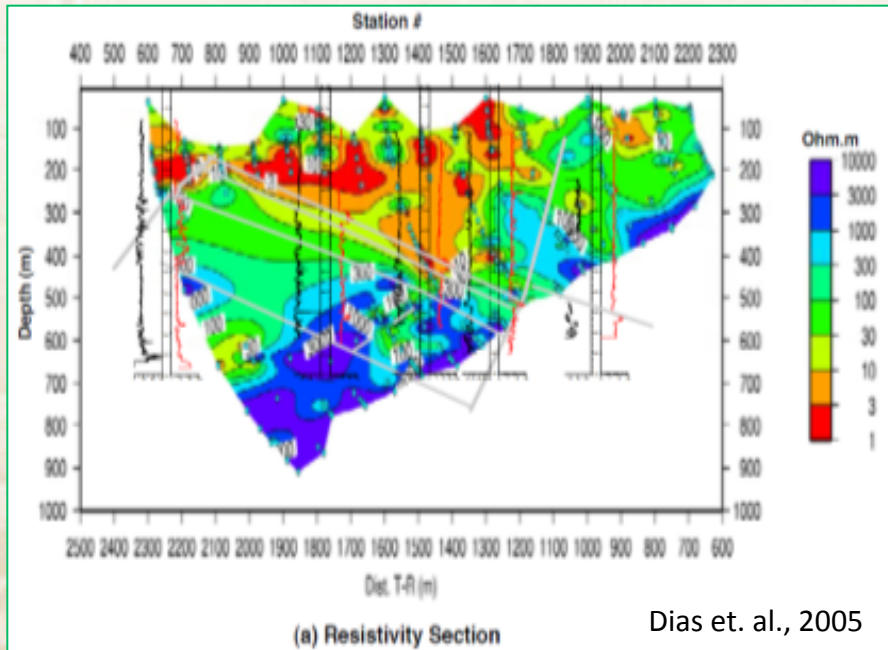
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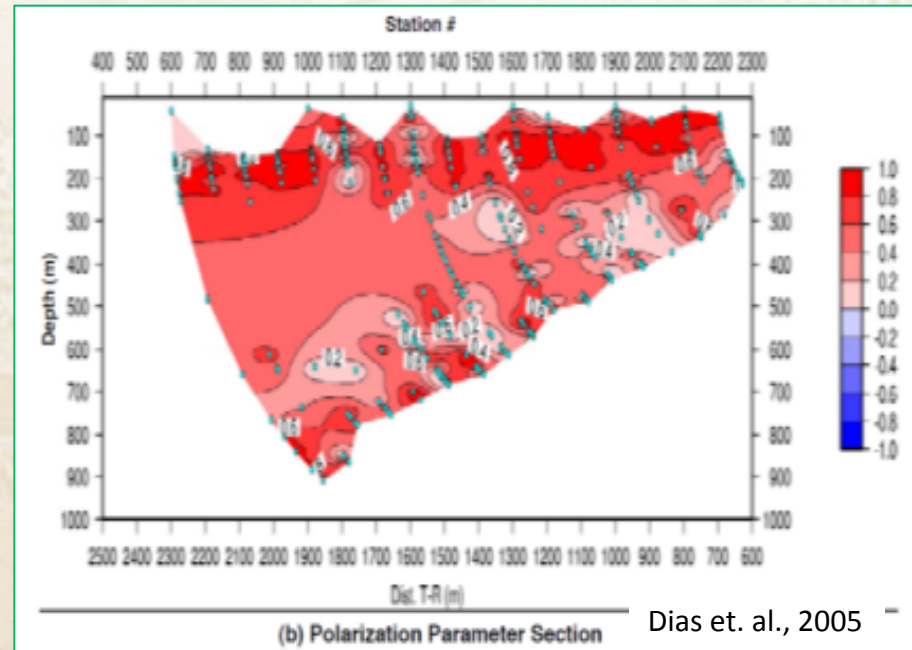
Production

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Steam flood monitoring for reservoir @ 300-700 m depth

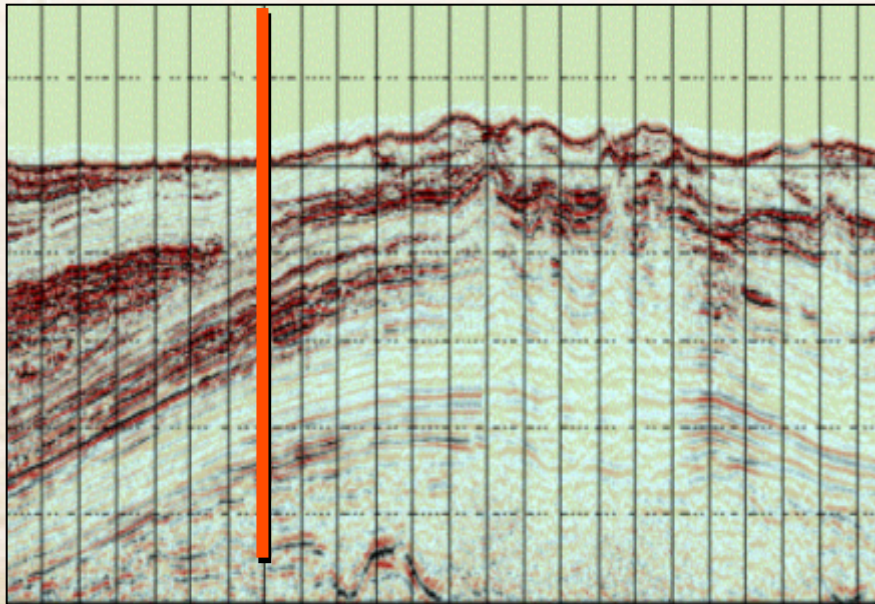
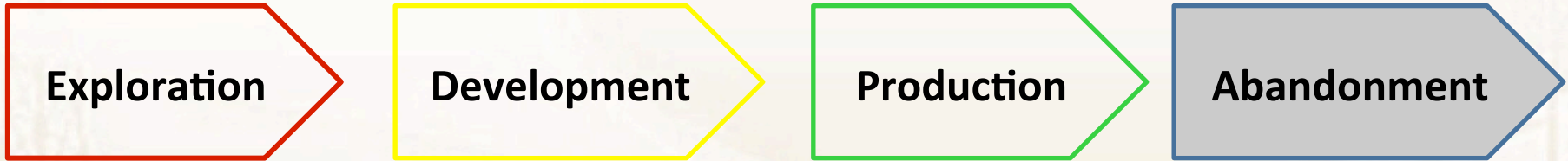


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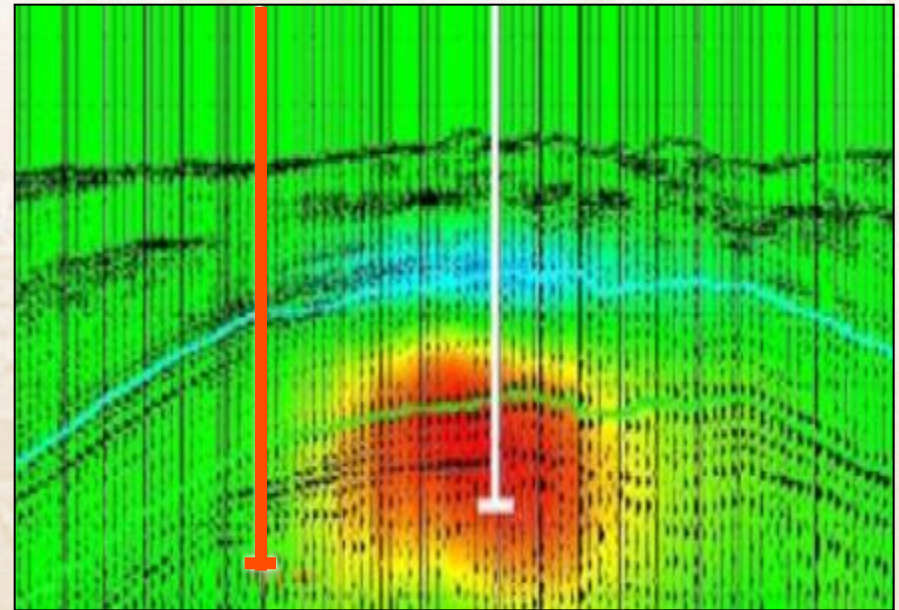


Induced polarization section

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Abandonment: Sale or opportunity?.. Marine example



Initial failure → operator ready to abandon asset



CSEM acquired → leads to up dip discovery



Markets (in Million US \$)

- Borehole > 1, 000
- Marine ≈ 200
- Land ≈ 50
- Airborne ≈ 150

- **NOVEL markets:** small initially, BUT pull through
 - Integration
 - Shale applications
 - Monitoring

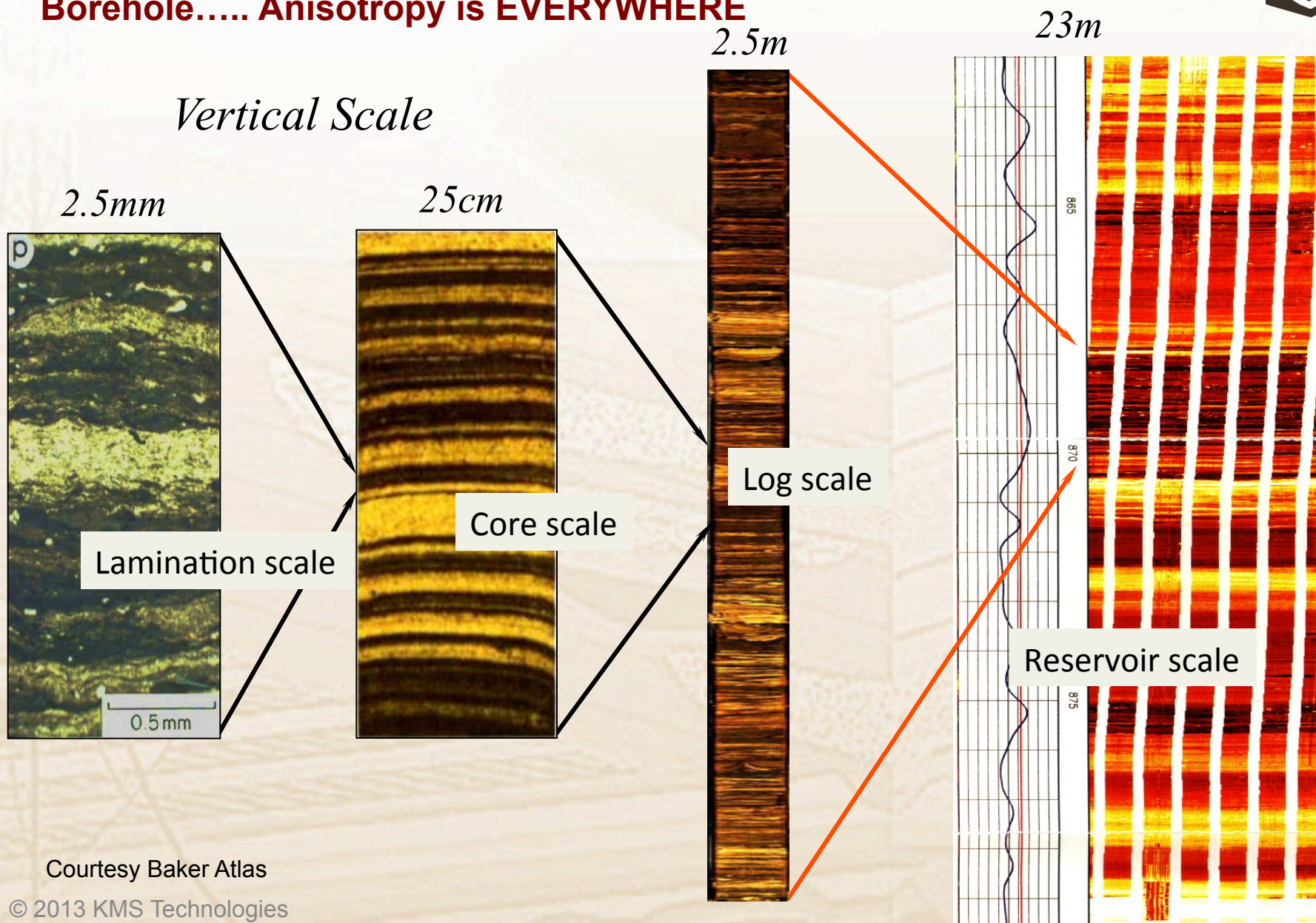
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Methods overview



- **Borehole**
 - 3D induction \$\$\$↑ → calibration, **more reserves**
 - Array induction/resistivity \$\$\$↑ → new generation
 - Inversion --↓
 - Through Casing Resistivity ±
 - Imaging \$\$\$↑ → geologic image
 - Logging-while-drilling \$\$\$↑ → better data, lower cost
 - Geosteering \$\$\$↑ → **more reservoir/ unit cost**
 - Cross-well ±
- **Marine**
 - Marine Controlled Source ElectroMagnetics (CSEM) (frequency) \$\$\$↑ → **drilling decisions**
 - Marine magnetotellurics (MT) \$\$\$↑ → framework knowledge
 - Others (tCSEM™, streamer based E-field mapping etc.)
- **Land**
 - Magnetotellurics \$\$\$↑ **basin exploration**
 - Controlled source EM - reservoir mapping, SUB-BASALT
 - Various EM for statics \$\$\$↑ cost control, enhance seismic
 - CSEM monitoring & shale **Novel**
- **Airborne**
 - VTEM \$\$\$↑ Increased depth → more application
 - Skytem \$\$\$↑

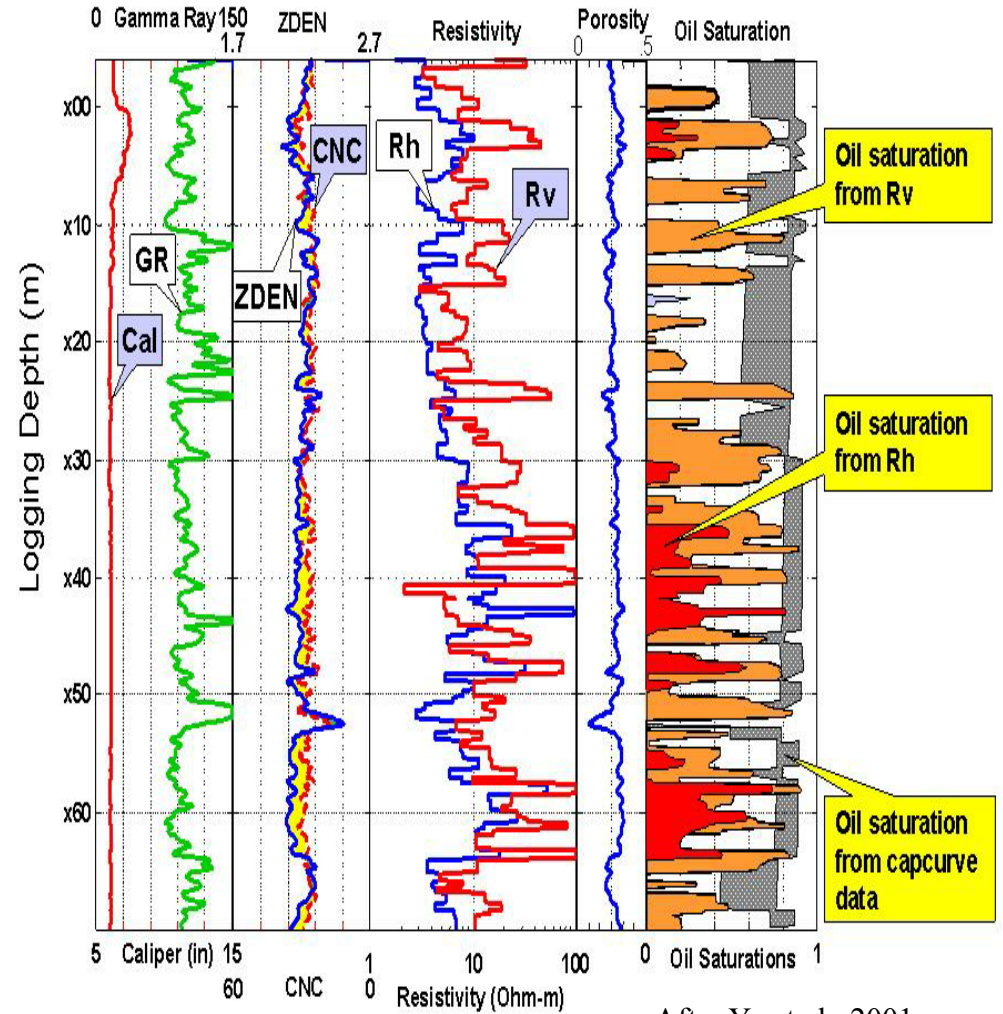
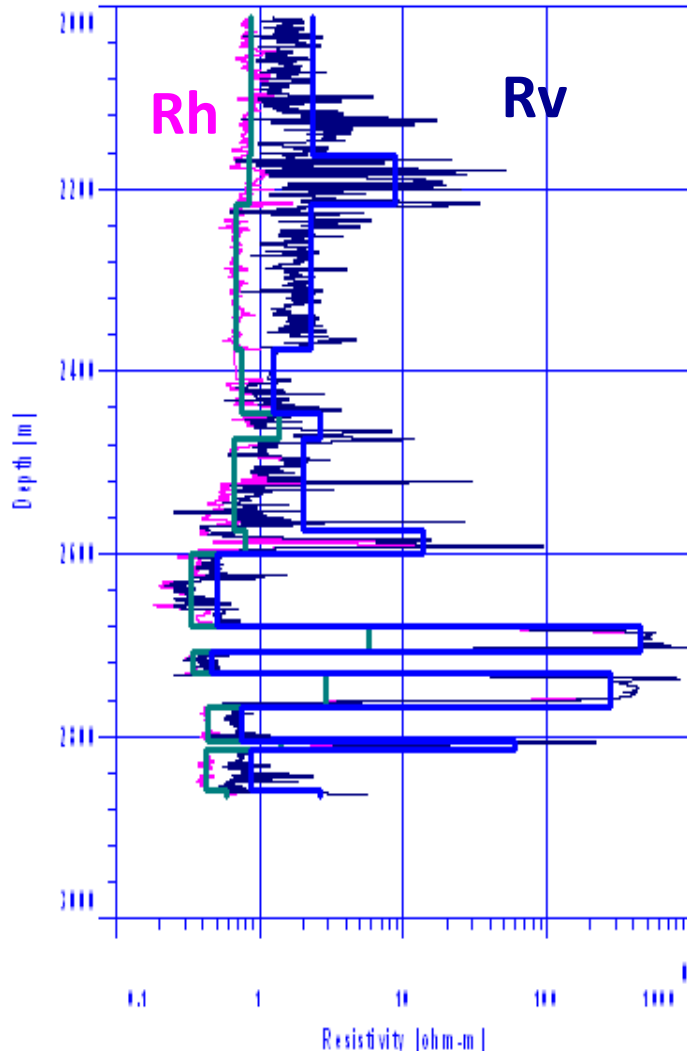
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Borehole..... Anisotropy is EVERYWHERE



Courtesy Baker Atlas

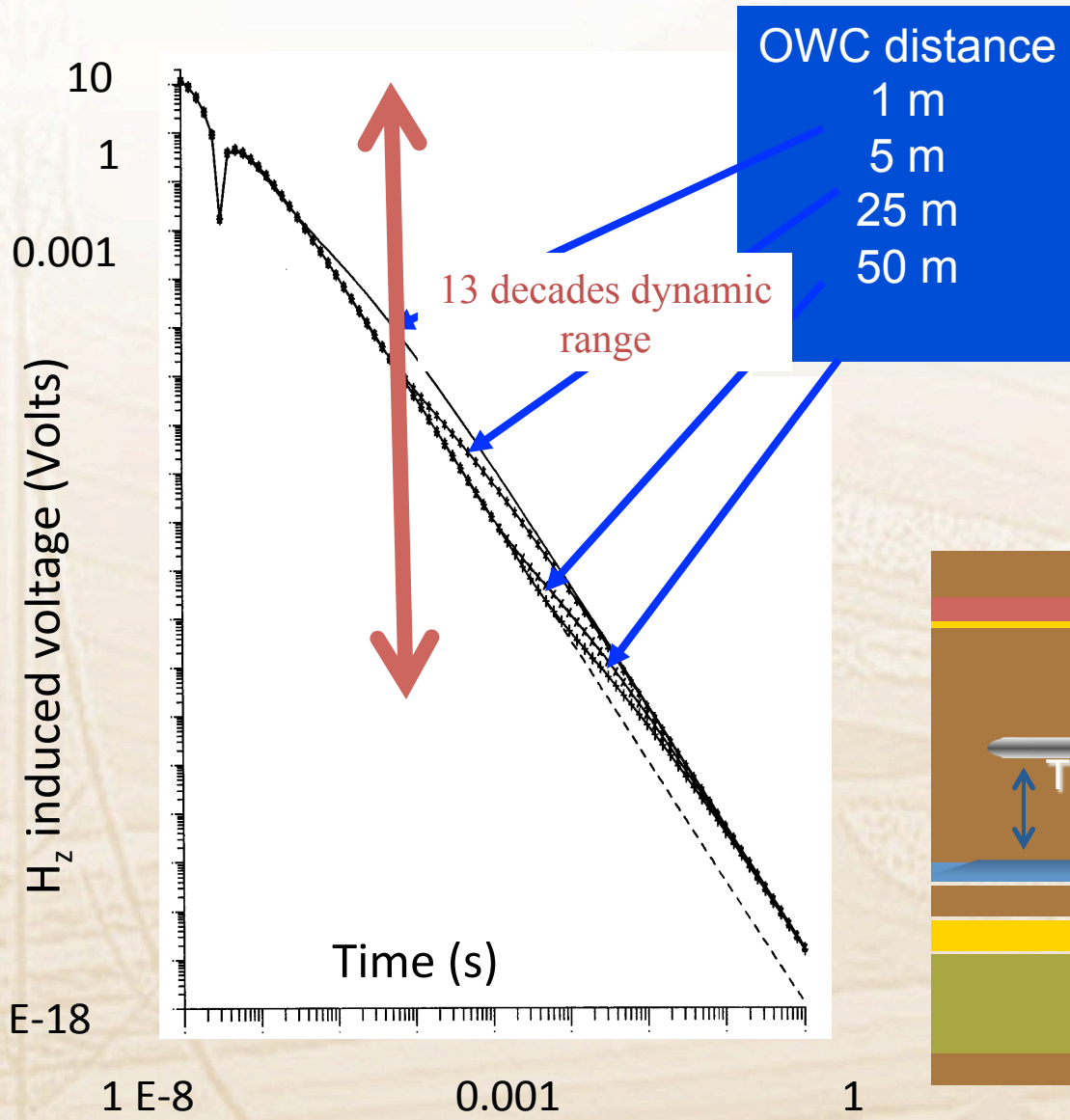
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Borehole..... Anisotropy → more oil; fractures etc

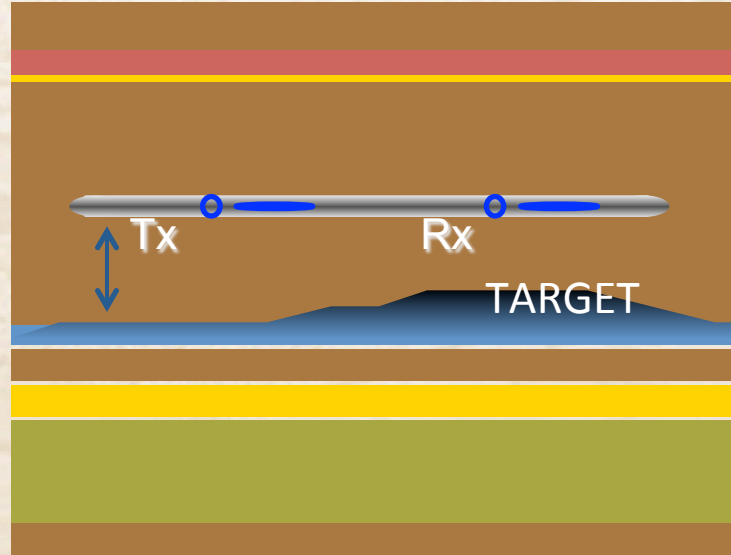


After Yu et al., 2001

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Borehole.... Geosteering.. Directing the well path



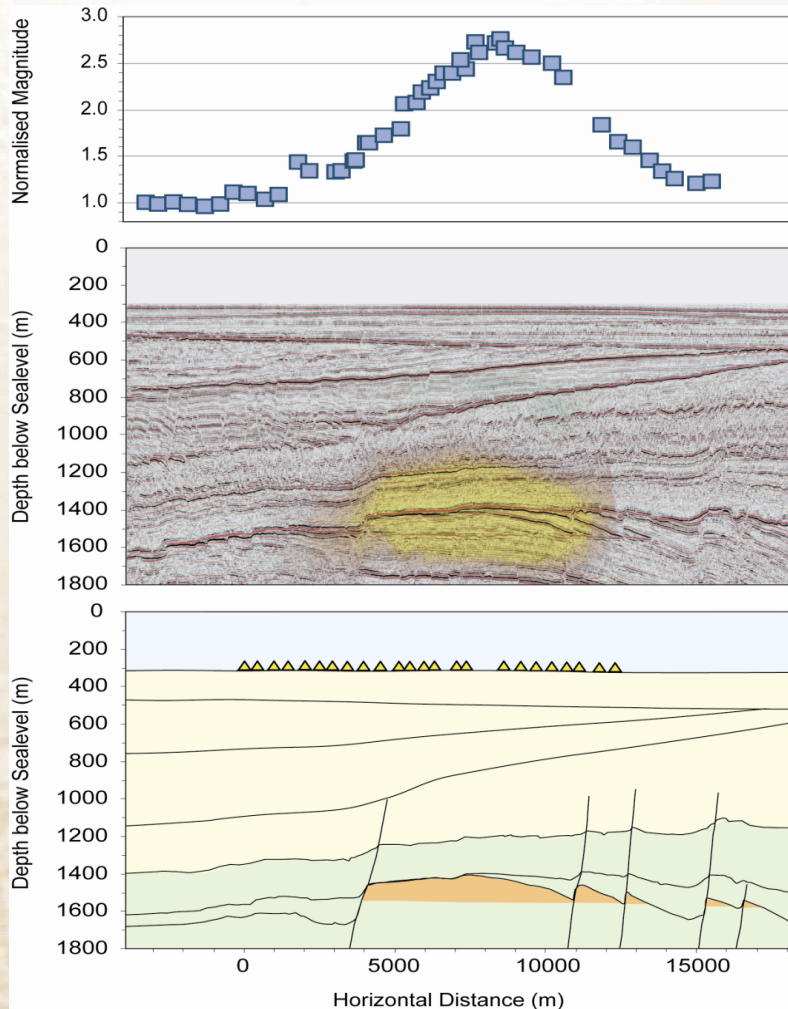
Water coning in a horizontal well





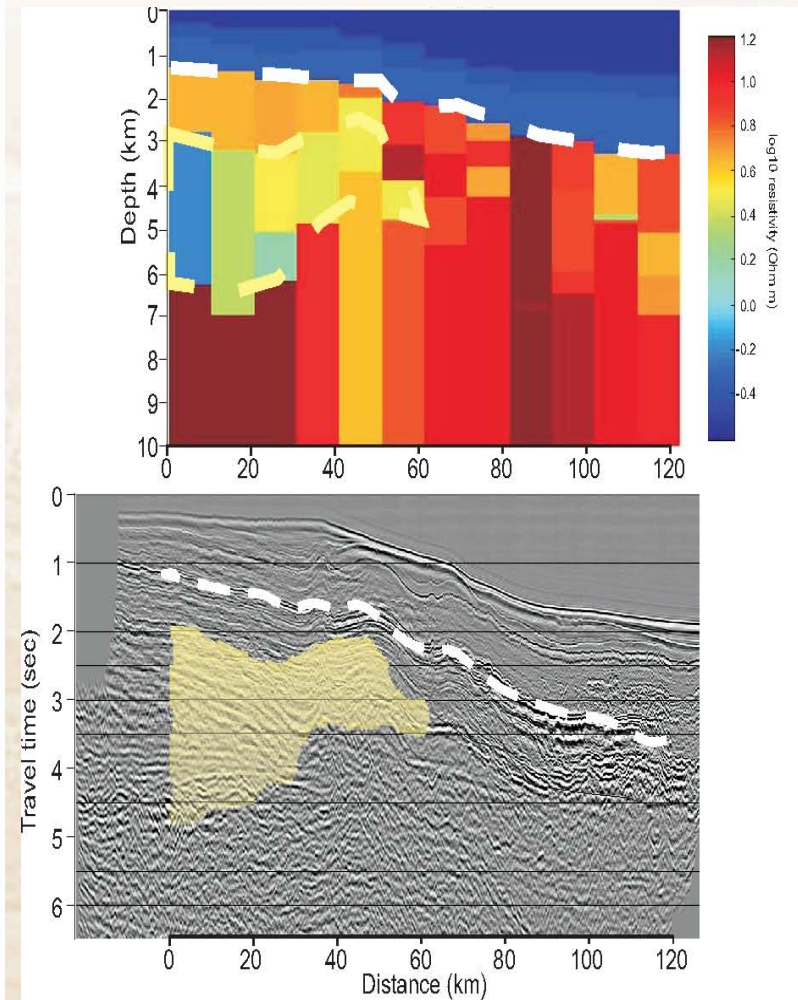
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Methods: Marine

TODAY: DHI standard



After Johnstad et al., 2005

THICK basalt targets ongoing

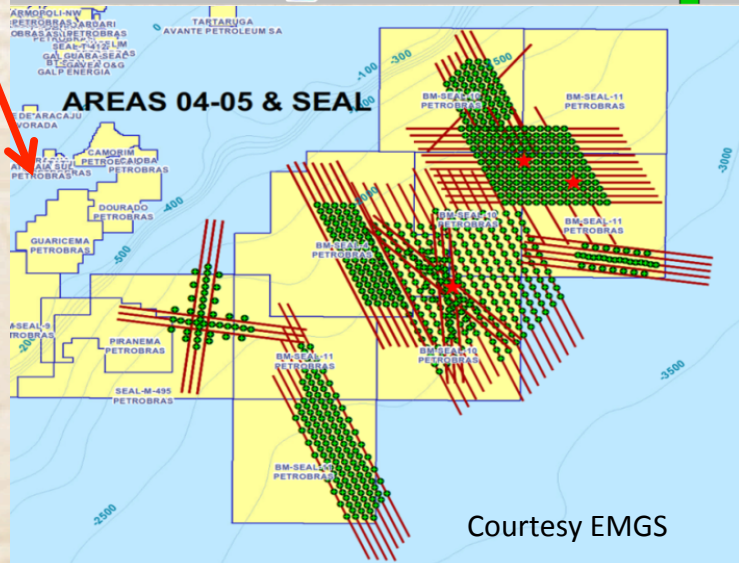
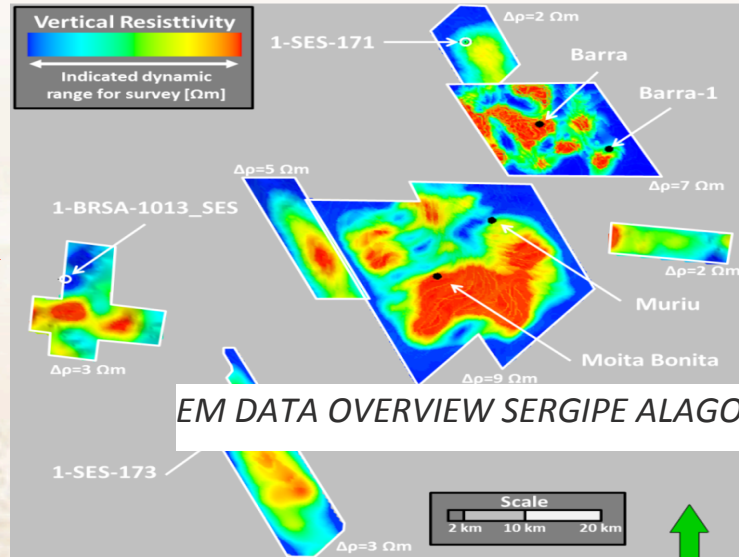
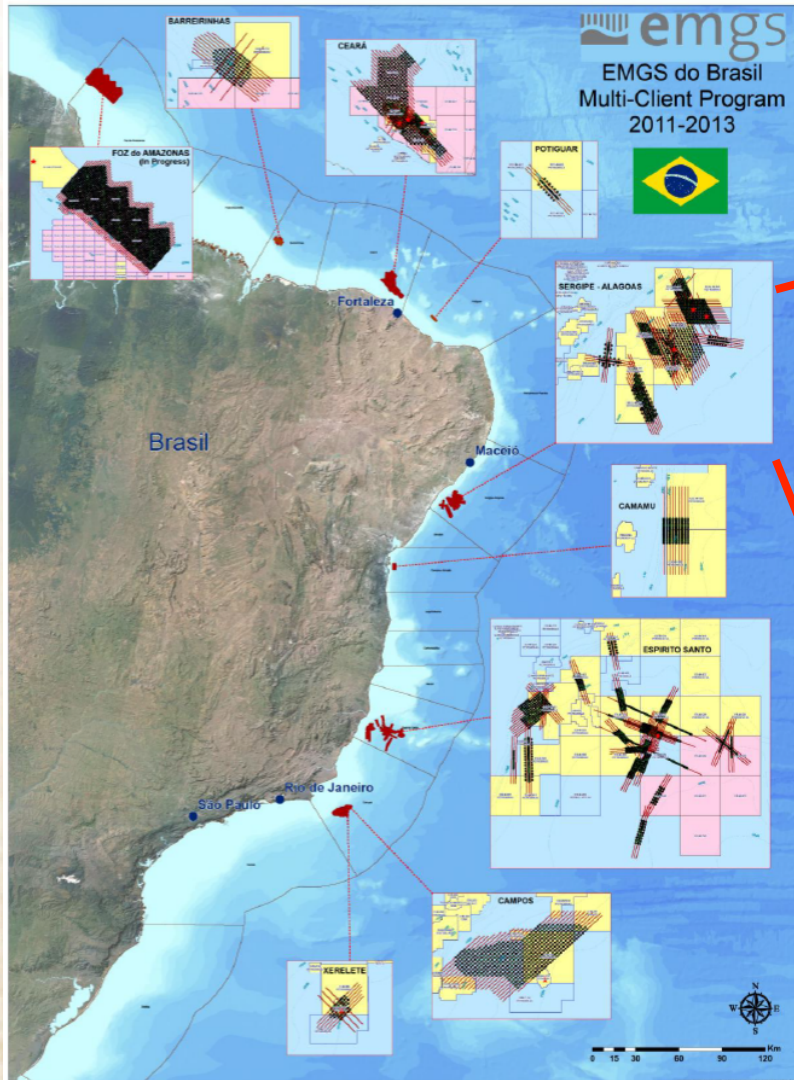


Jegen et al. 2009



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Methods: Marine CSEM.. The trend is 3D: EMGS Brazil – multi-client

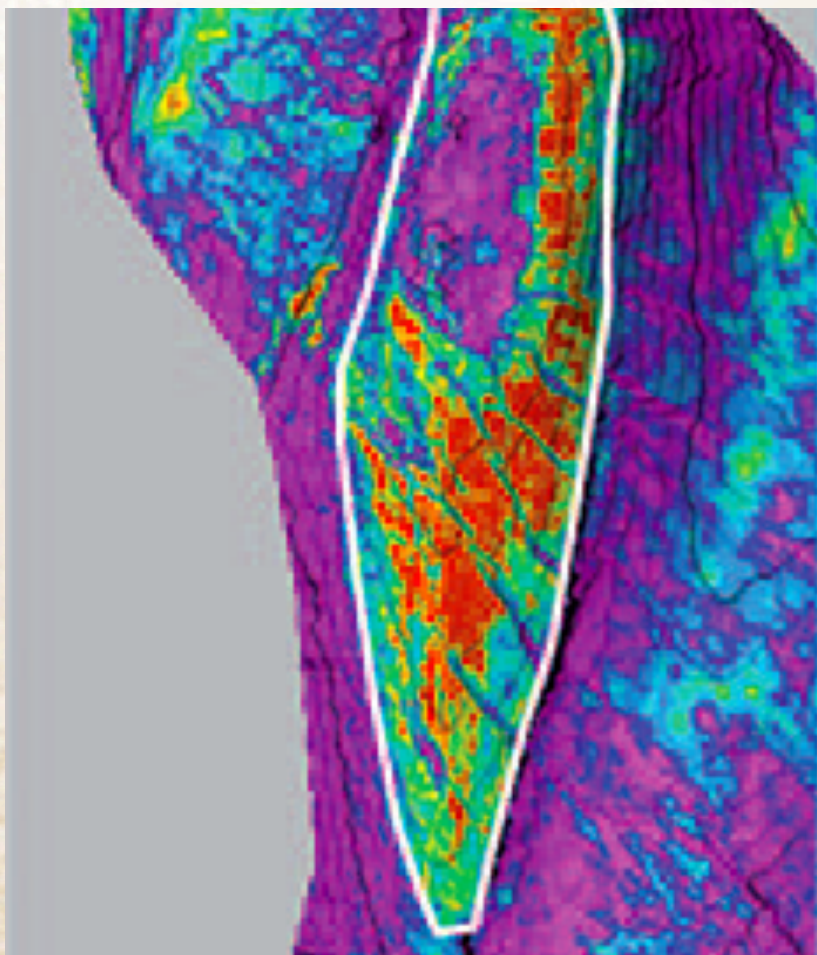


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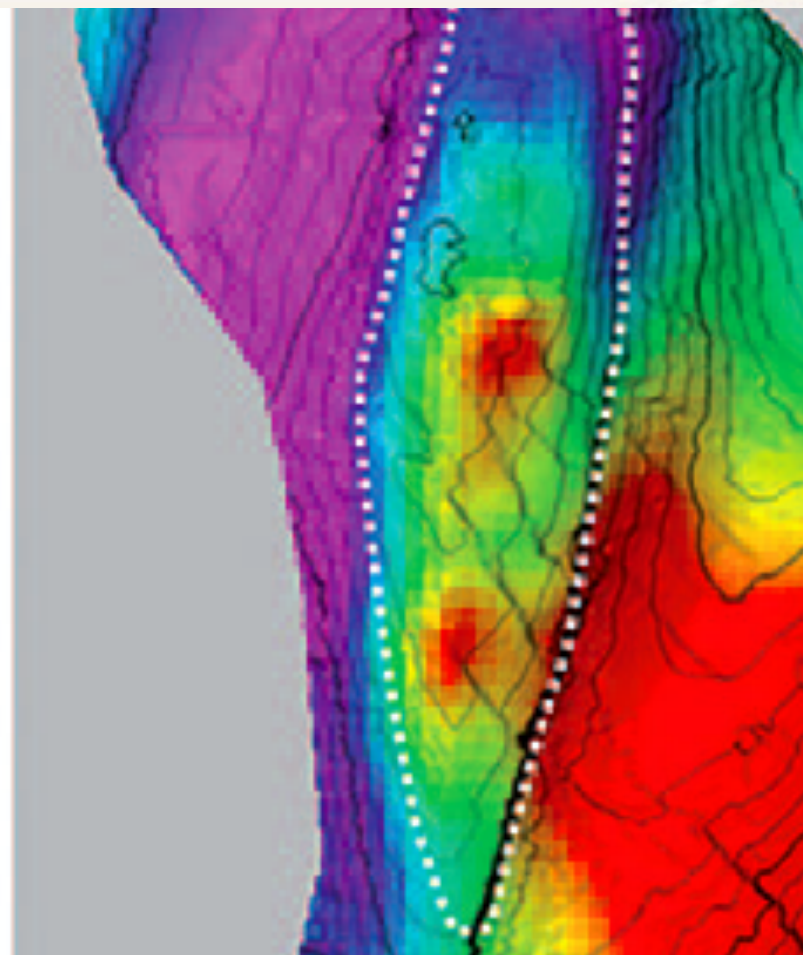
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Methods: 3D marine EM compared to seismic



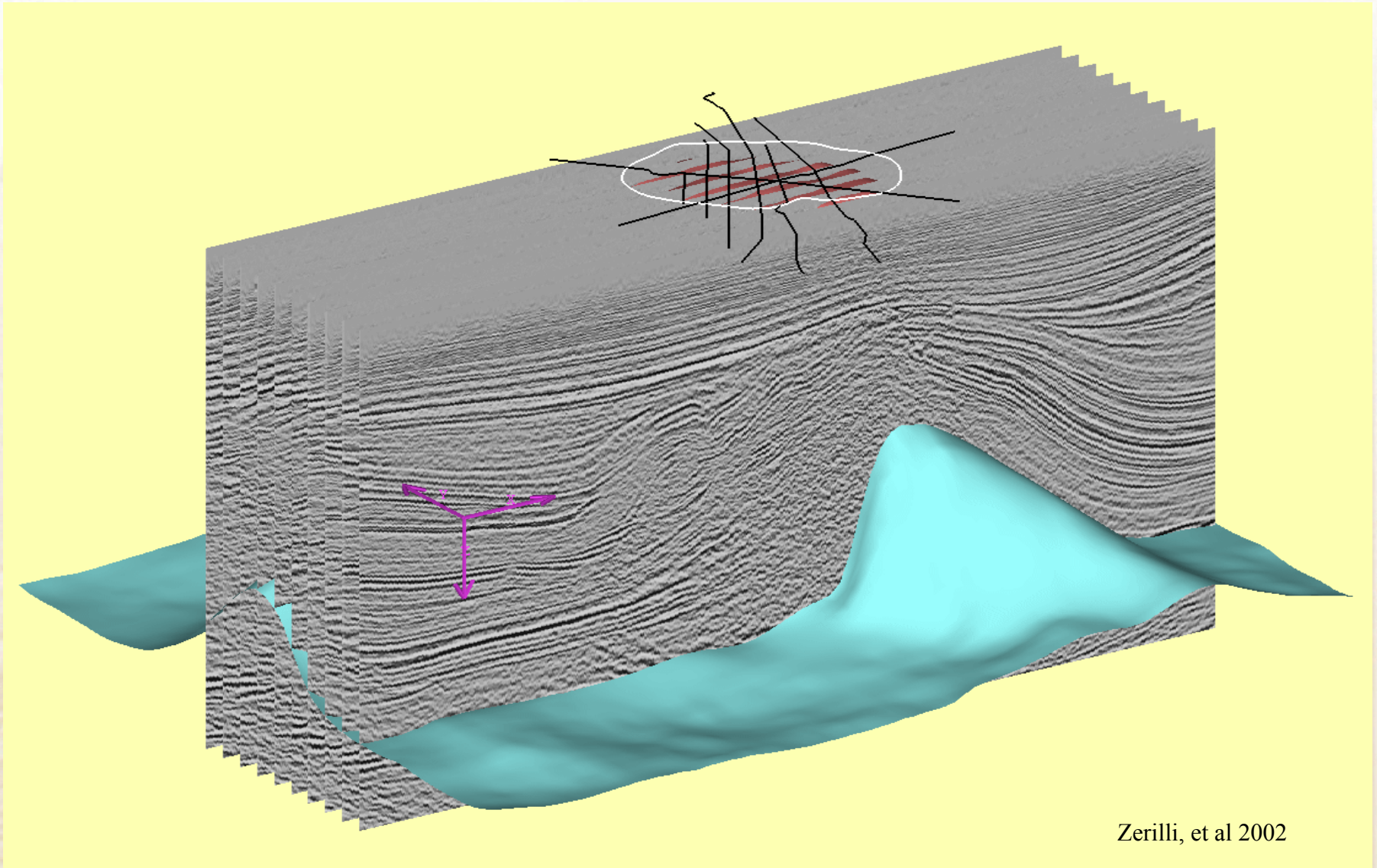
Seismic



3d CSEM



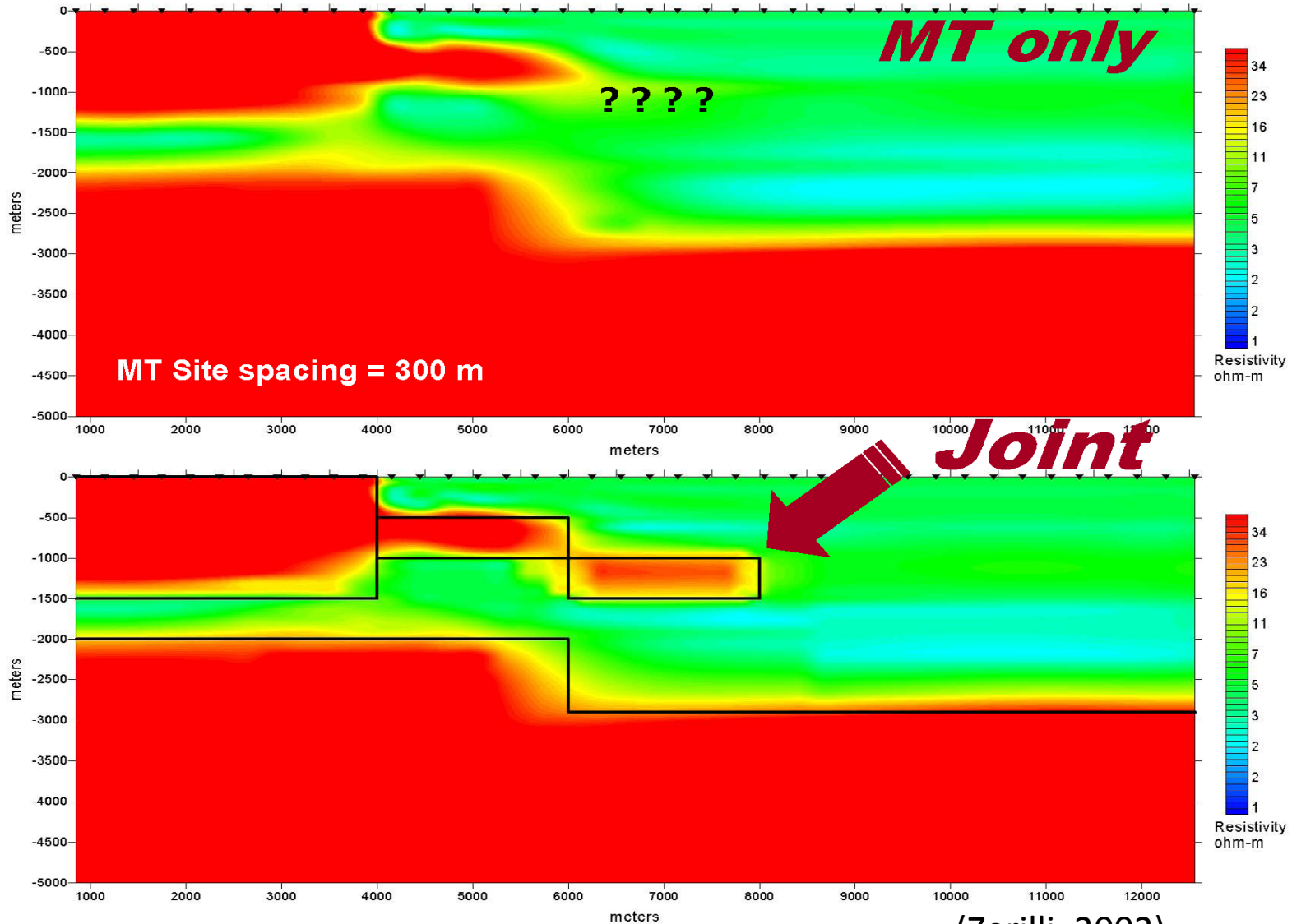
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Land...Dense data ($\Delta x = 50$ m) \rightarrow better images



Zerilli, et al 2002



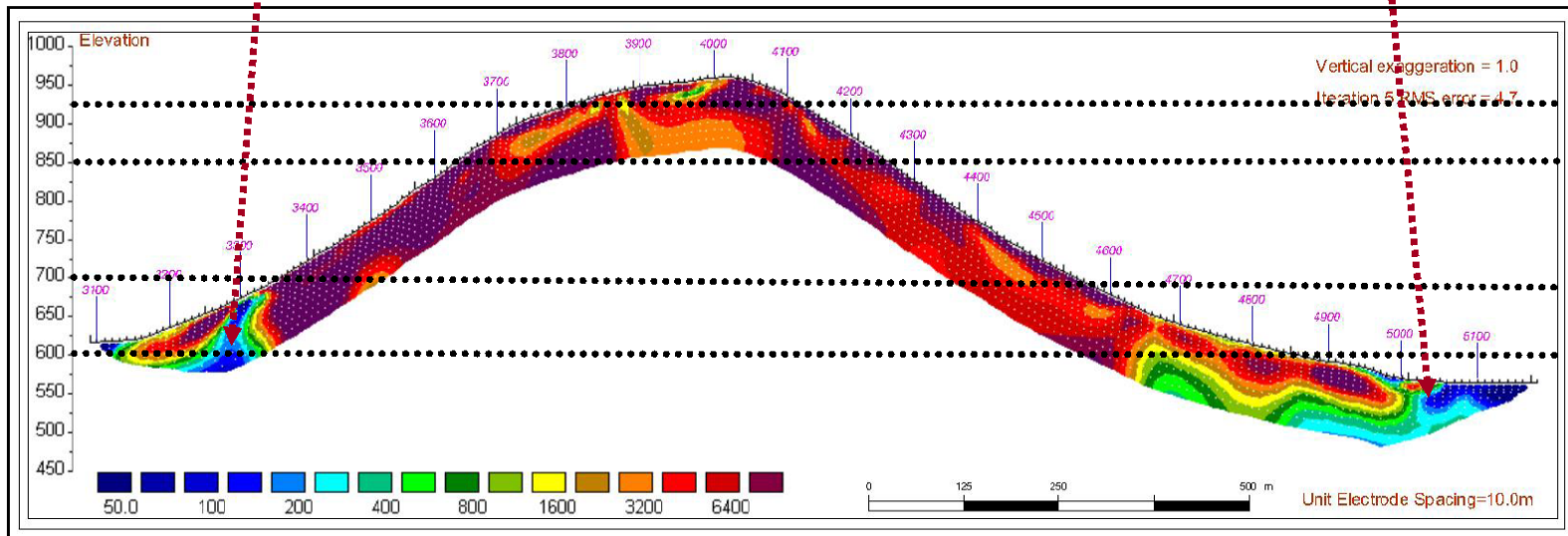
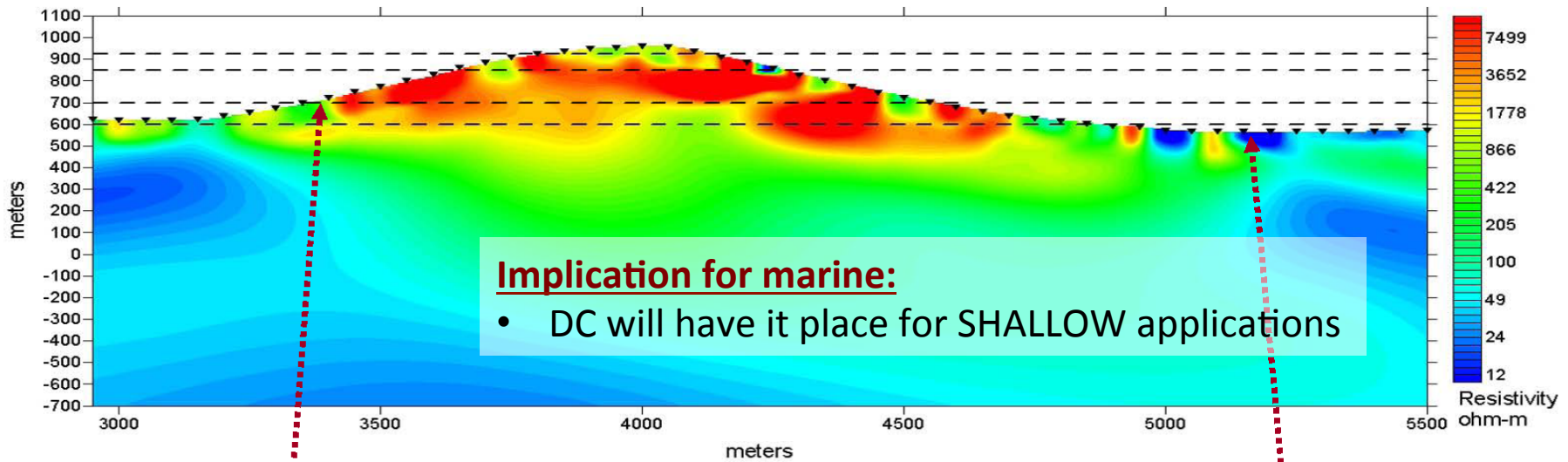
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Land...Joint Seismic/EM tomography



(Zerilli, 2002)



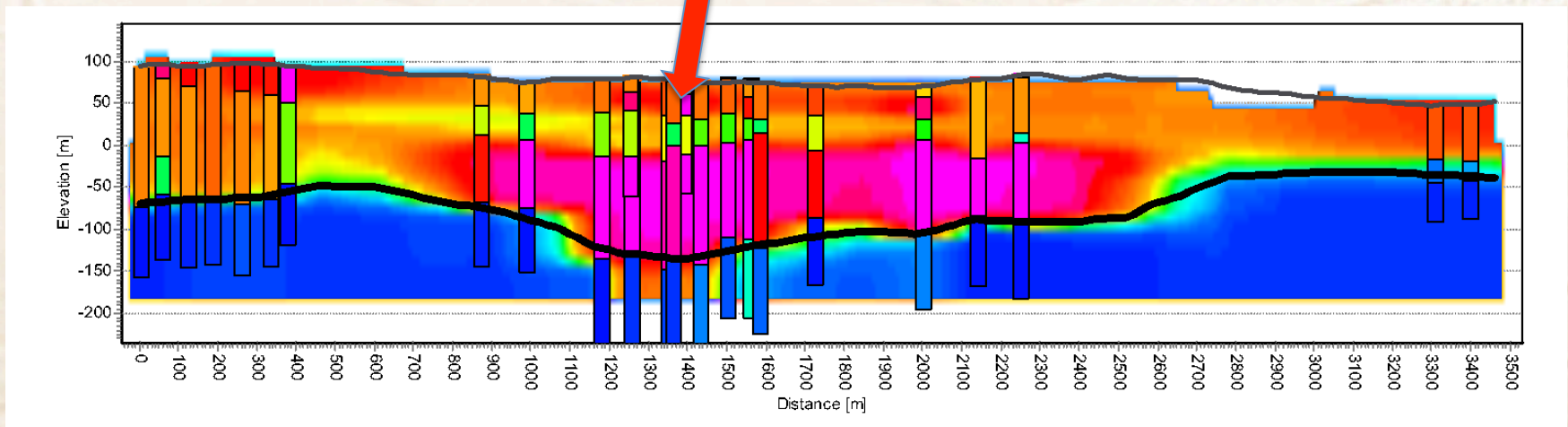
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Land...Using High resolution DC for seismic shot point location



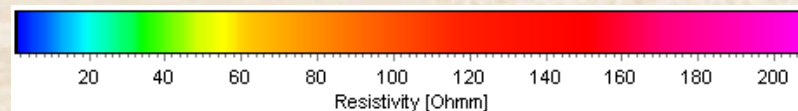
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Airborne & Land: First use of Sky TEM for MT statics



TEM inversion



SkyTEM image



(Zerilli, 2002)

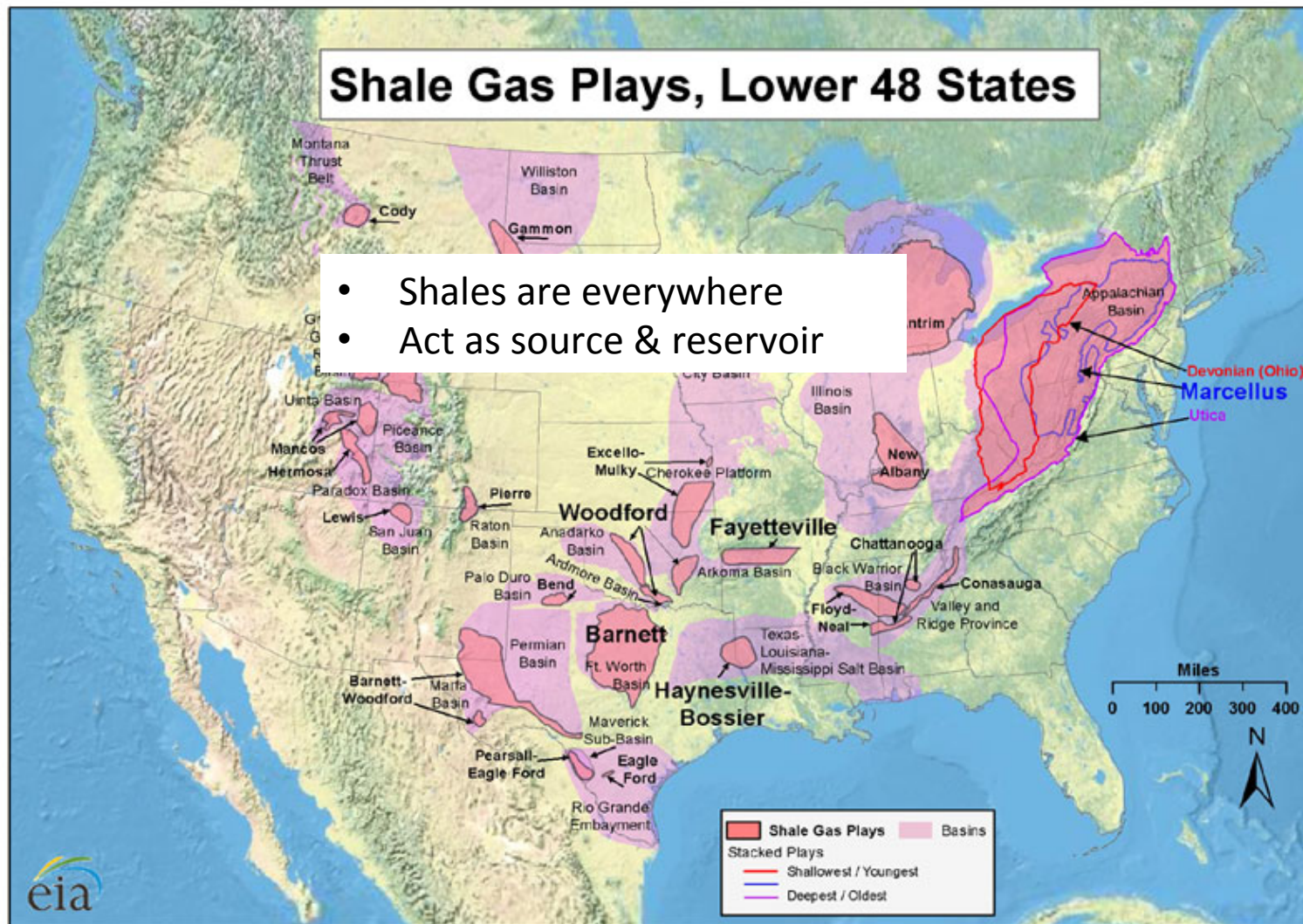


- Borehole: geosteering, look & around bit
- Marine:
 - denser data → images
 - Shallow water
 - Seismic integrated → COST REDUCTION
- Land
 - Integration (seismic, statics etc.).. continuing
 - Shale applications.. novel
 - Monitoring.. in pilot phase



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 - **Shale applications**
 - **Monitoring**

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Future: Shale is in all transgression/regression & turbidite basins





➤ Shale gas/oil

- Oil/gas is inside shales – **Resistor in a conductor**
- Reservoirs are thin – **Thin resistive layer effect – DHI for surface data, 3D induction log for well**
- Low porosity/perm. → fracturing **Larger volume**
- Drilling → horizontal / highly deviated wells - **geosteering**
- Fractures → anisotropy – **3D EM anisotropy**

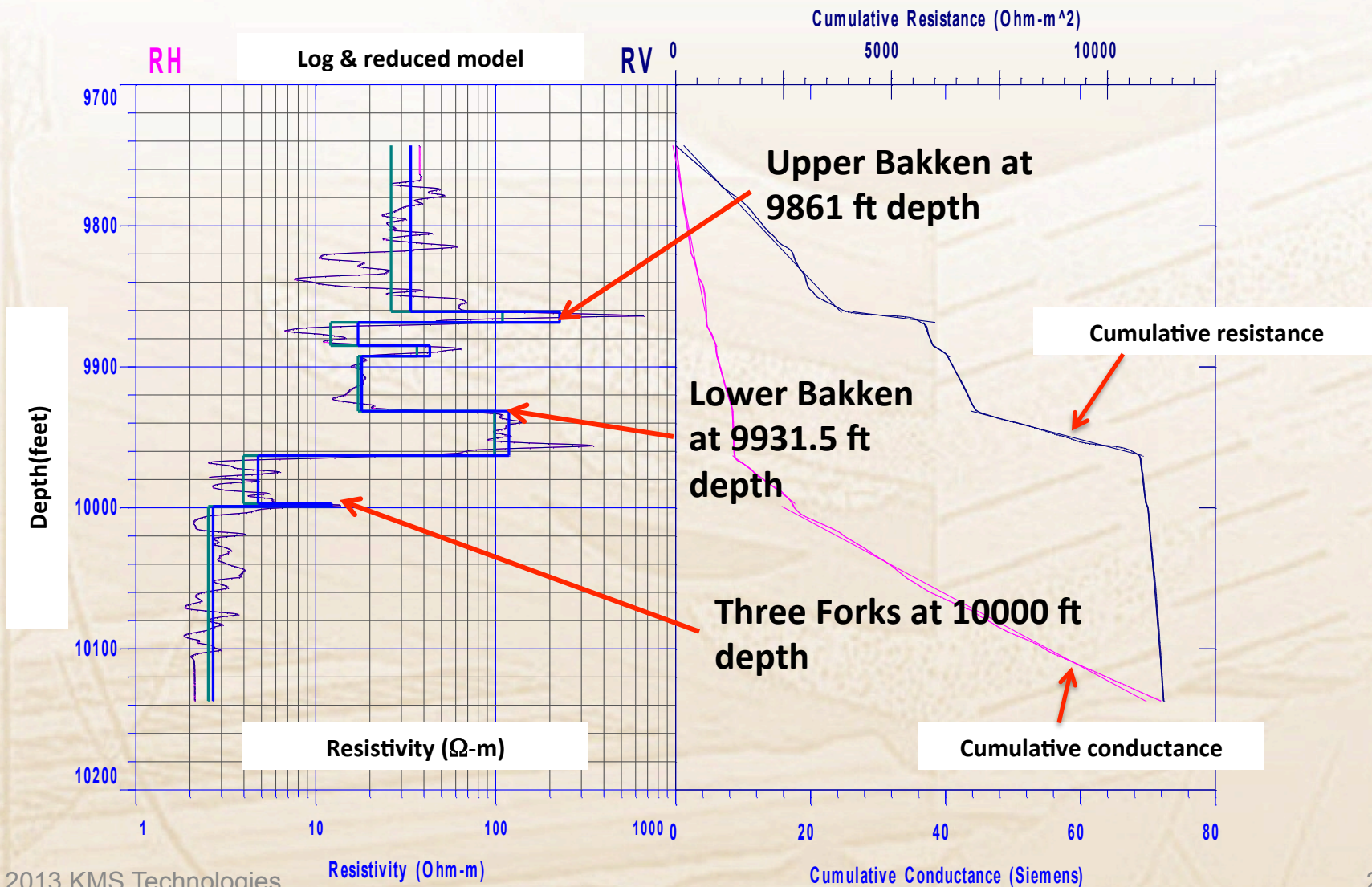
➤ Geothermal

- Heat source & reservoir - **conductors**

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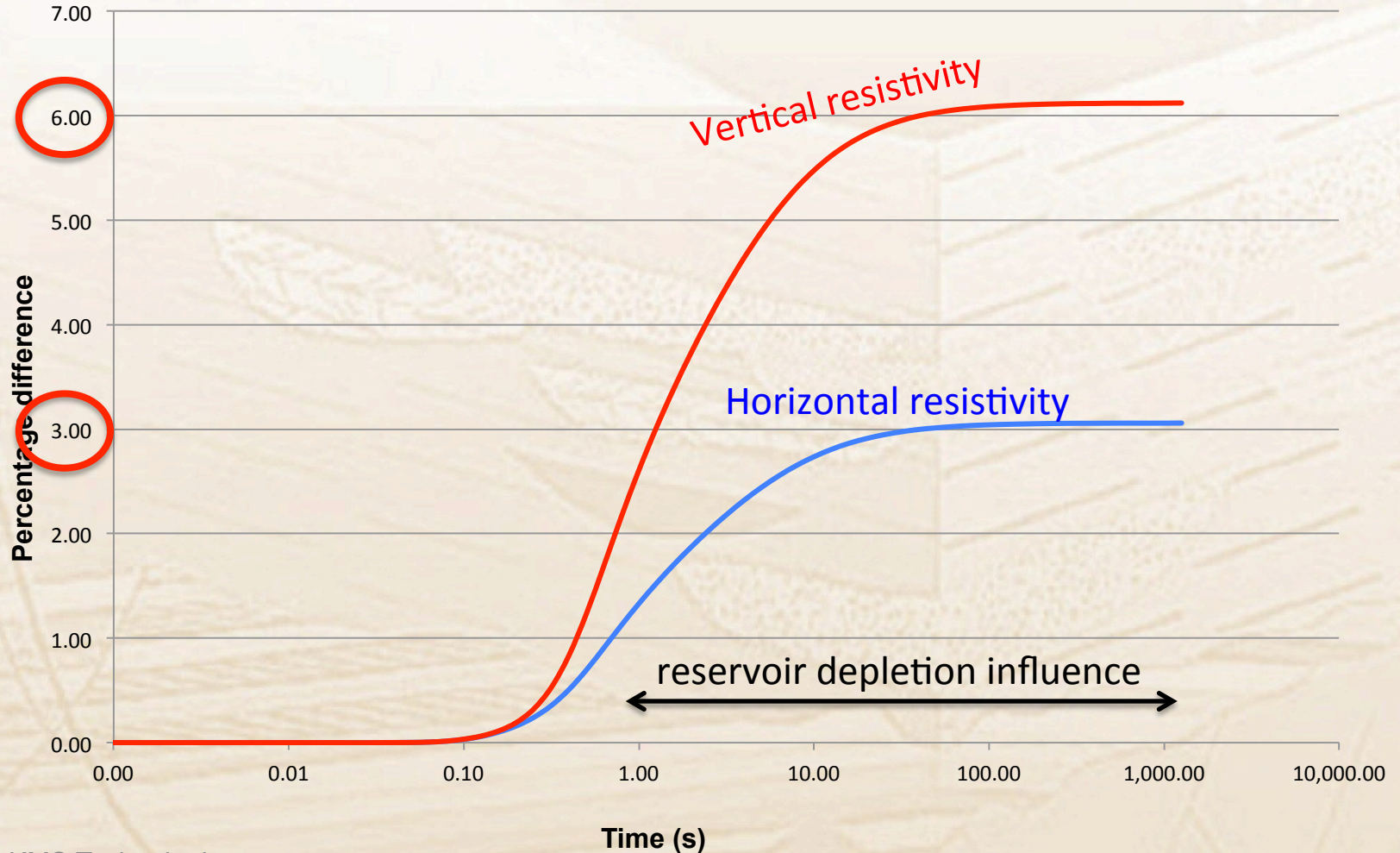
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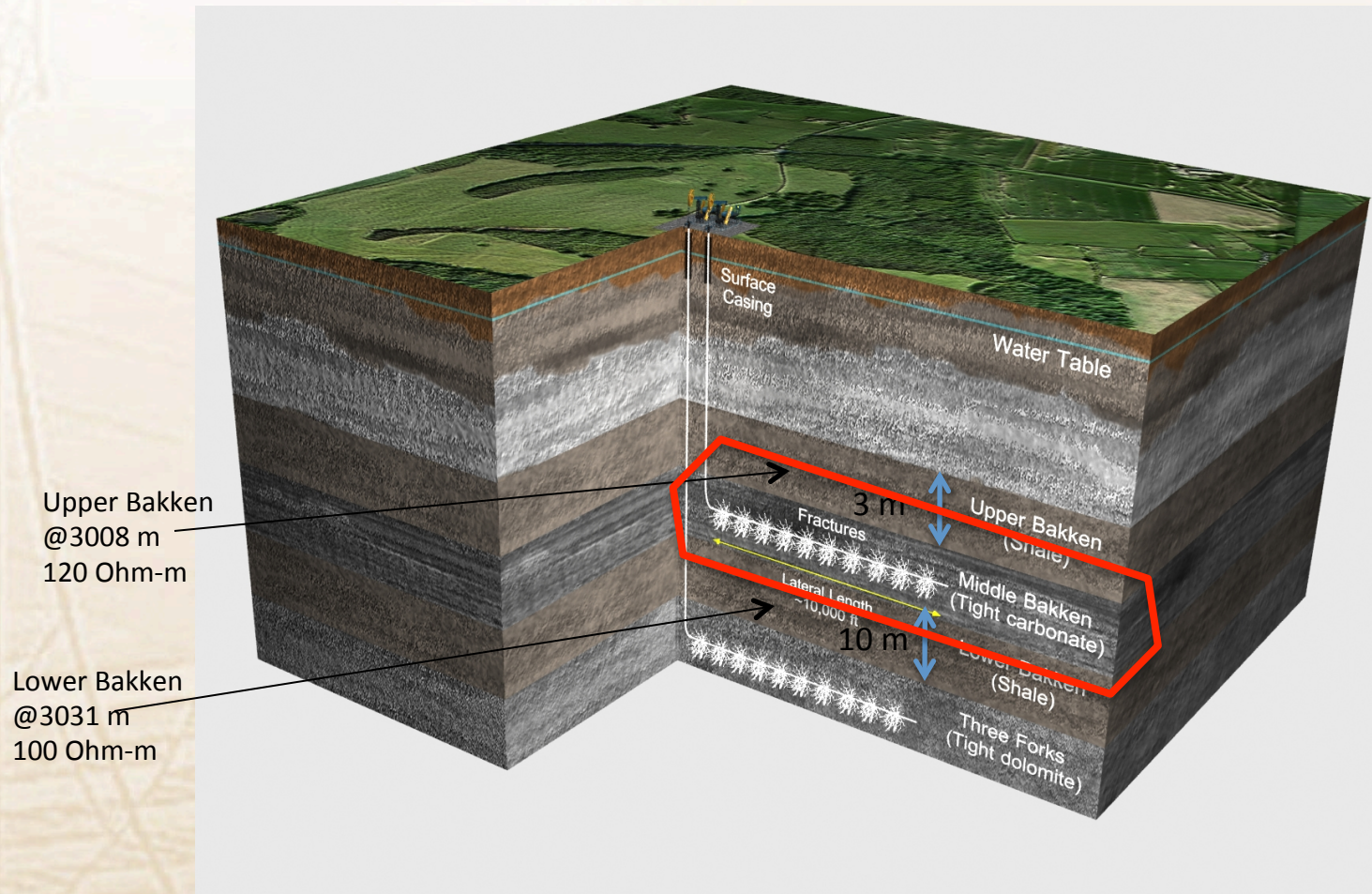
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Future: Shale resources: CSEM time lapse: before & after production



Variations caused by hydrocarbon production



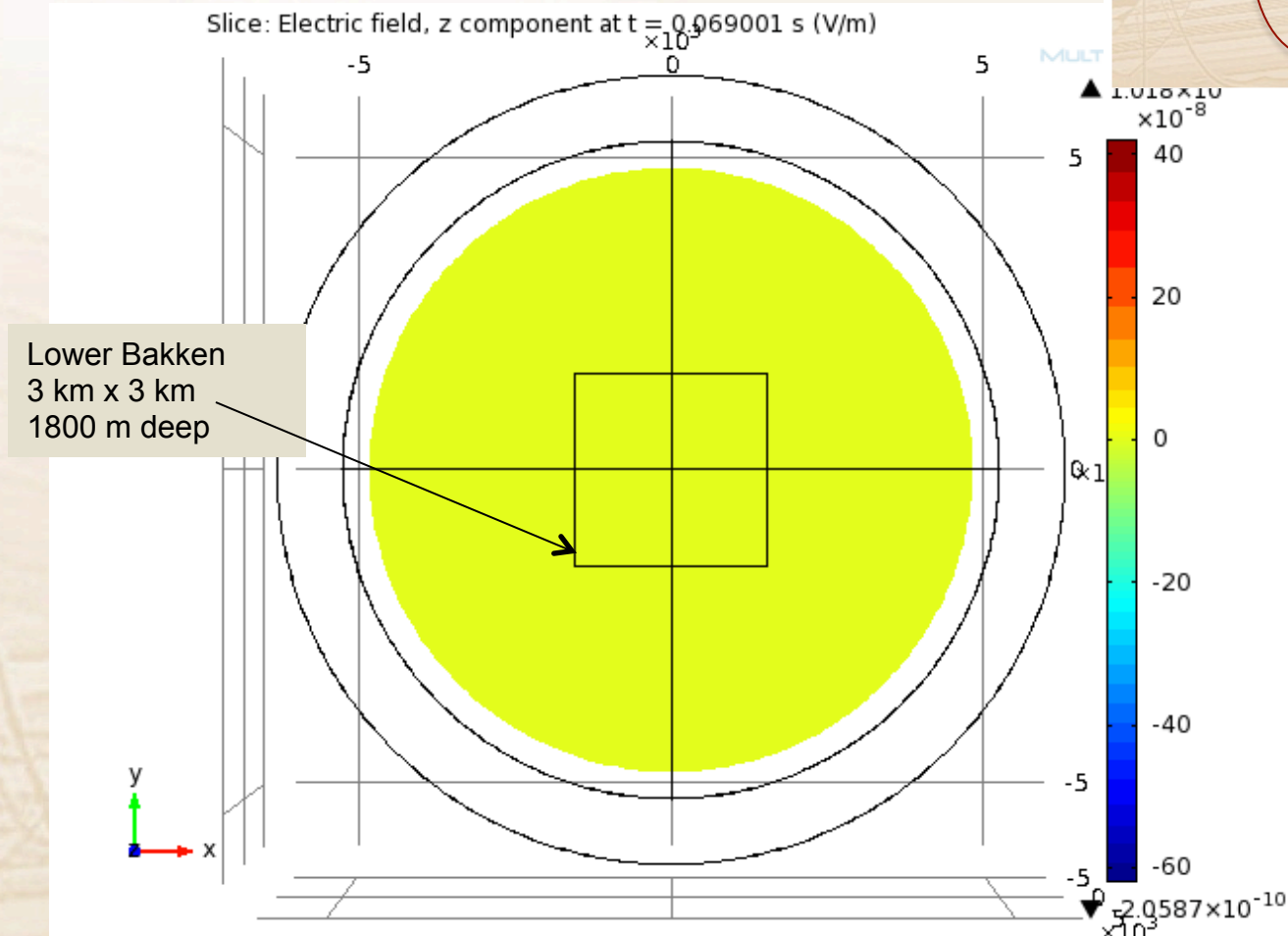
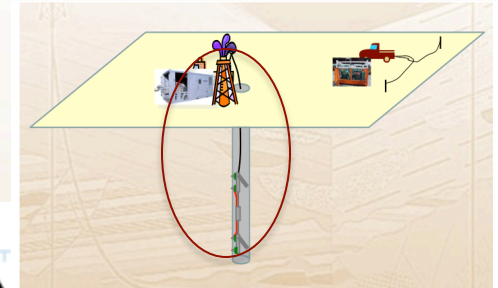
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Future: Shale resources: Bakken simulating FRACTURE monitoring



<http://www.statoil.com/en/NewsAndMedia/News/2011/Pages/XXX16Oct2011.aspx>

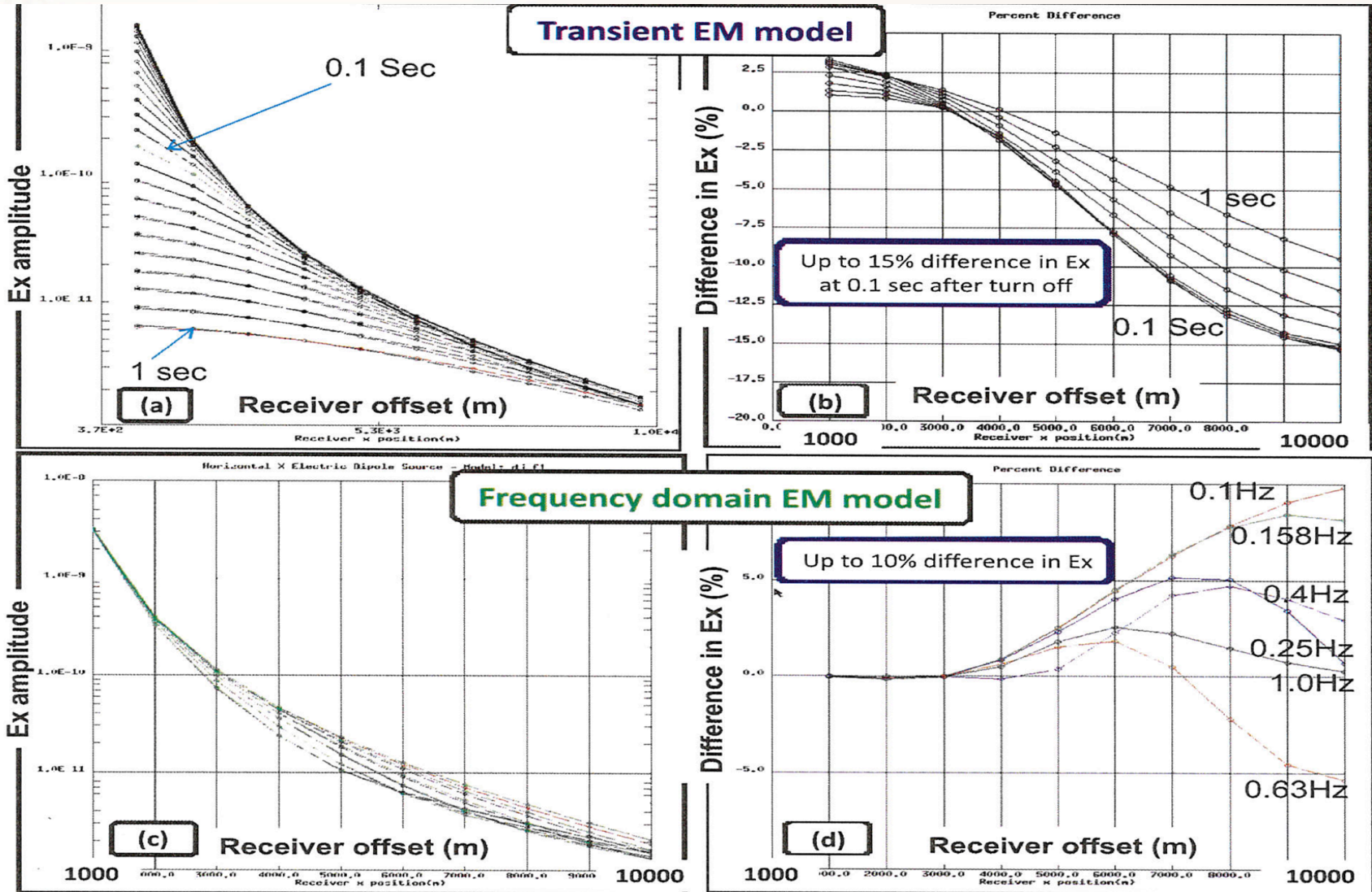


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Bakken simulating PRODUCTION monitoring
Borehole-to-surface, Rx at reservoir level

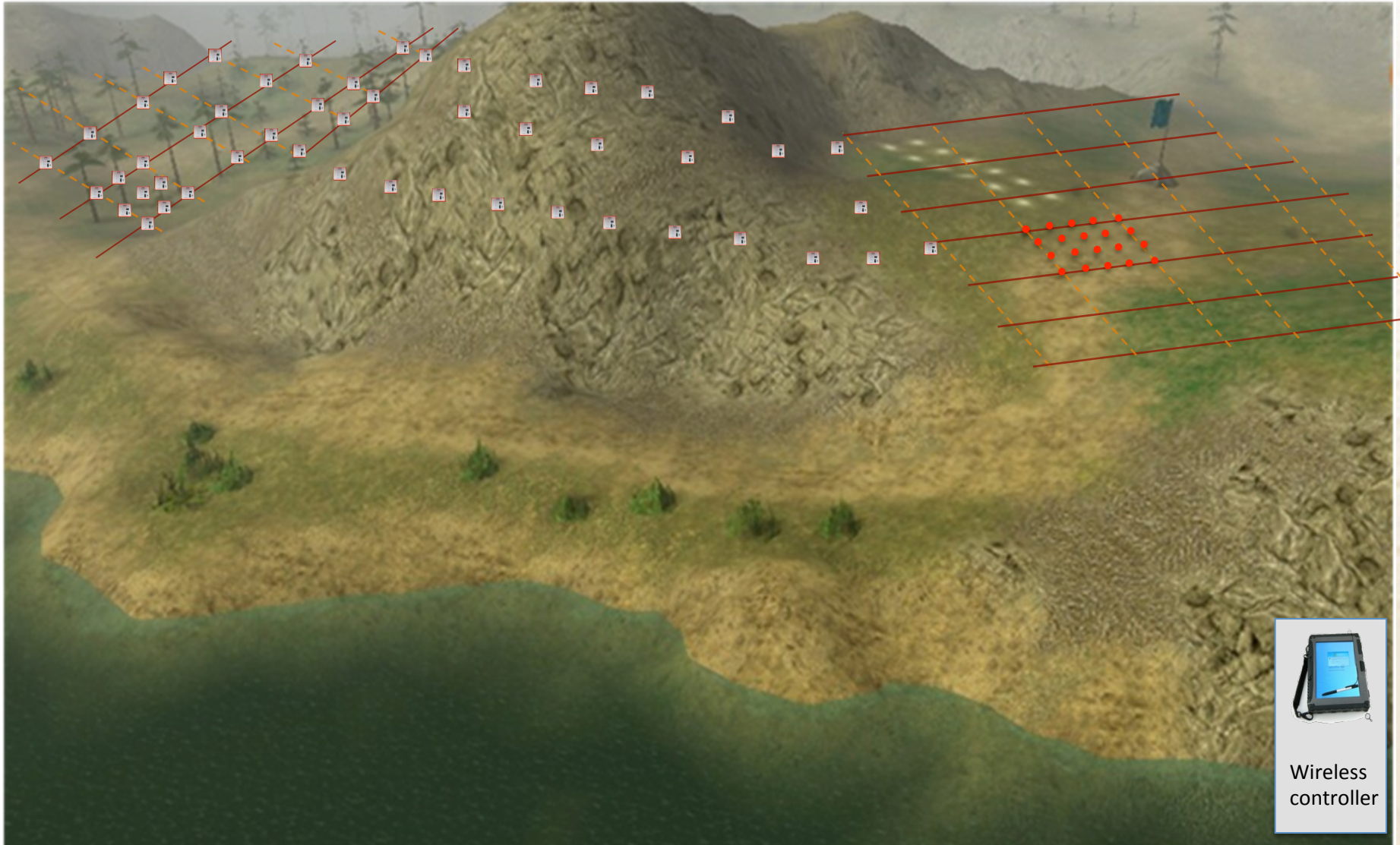




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Future: Shale resources: Chevron Haynesville study



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Future: Shale resources: New ARRAY acquisition → better images



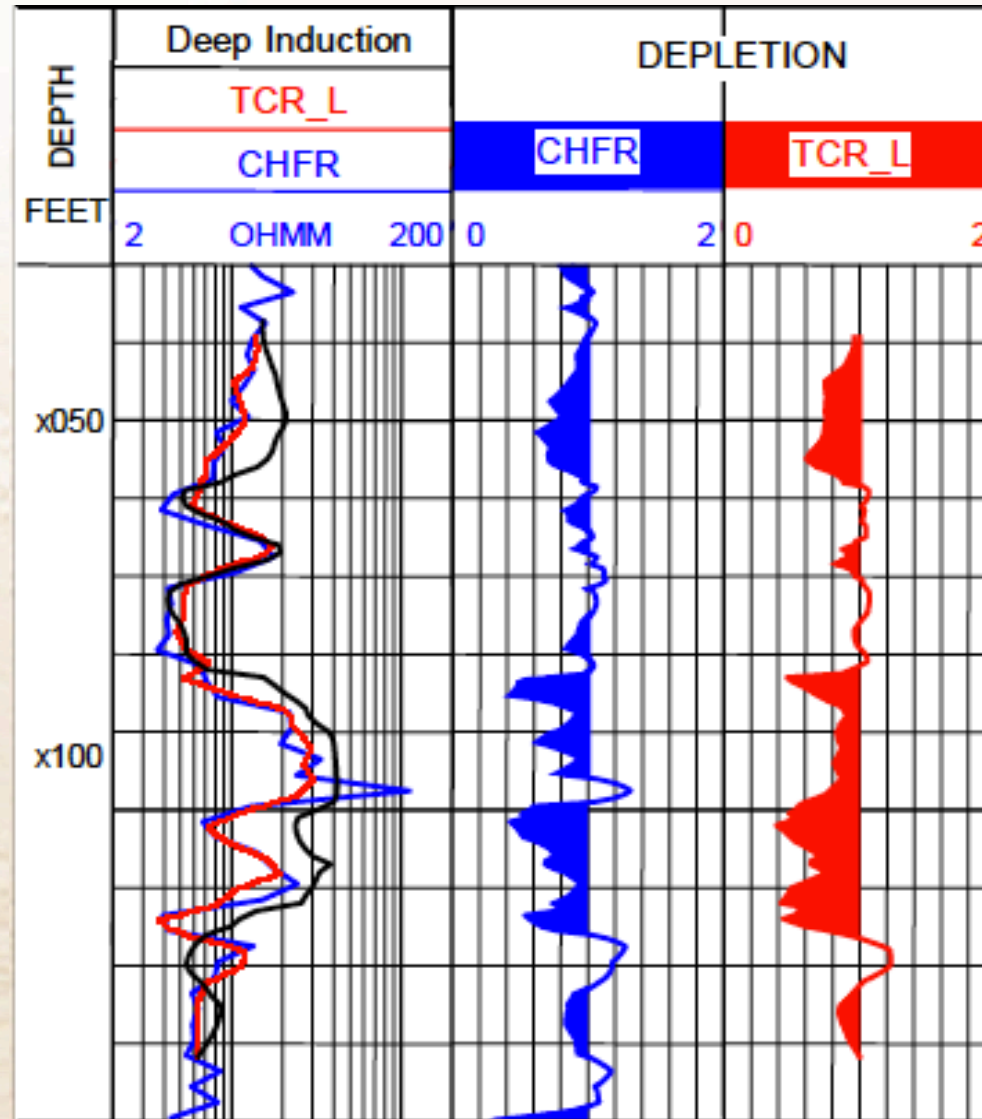
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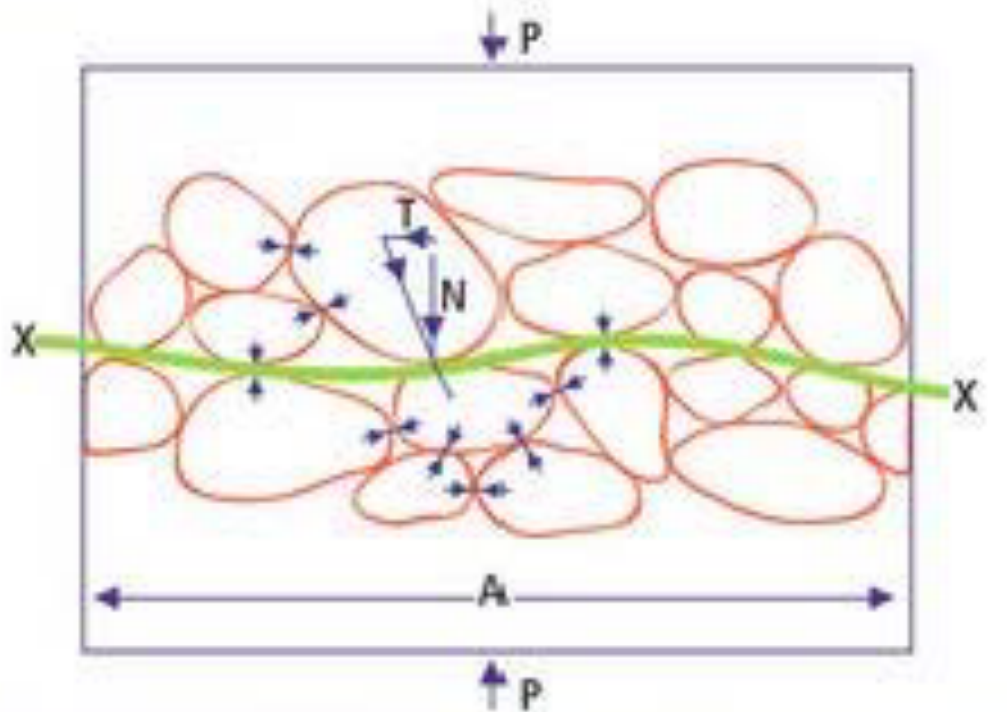
- **Wireless**
- True array system
- Large dynamic range
- High bandwidth



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Future: Monitoring: DO WE HAVE RESISTIVITY CHANGES



Zhou et al., 2002)



- Overburden & fluid stress in balance
- When fluid pressure too high → quick sand
- Seal BRITTLE → porosity reduction → resistivity increase
- Seal FRACTURE → porosity increase → resistivity increase
- Microseismic signature from fracturing
- EM responds to fluid movements →
- EM signature from brittle & fracturing

After Carlson, 2013

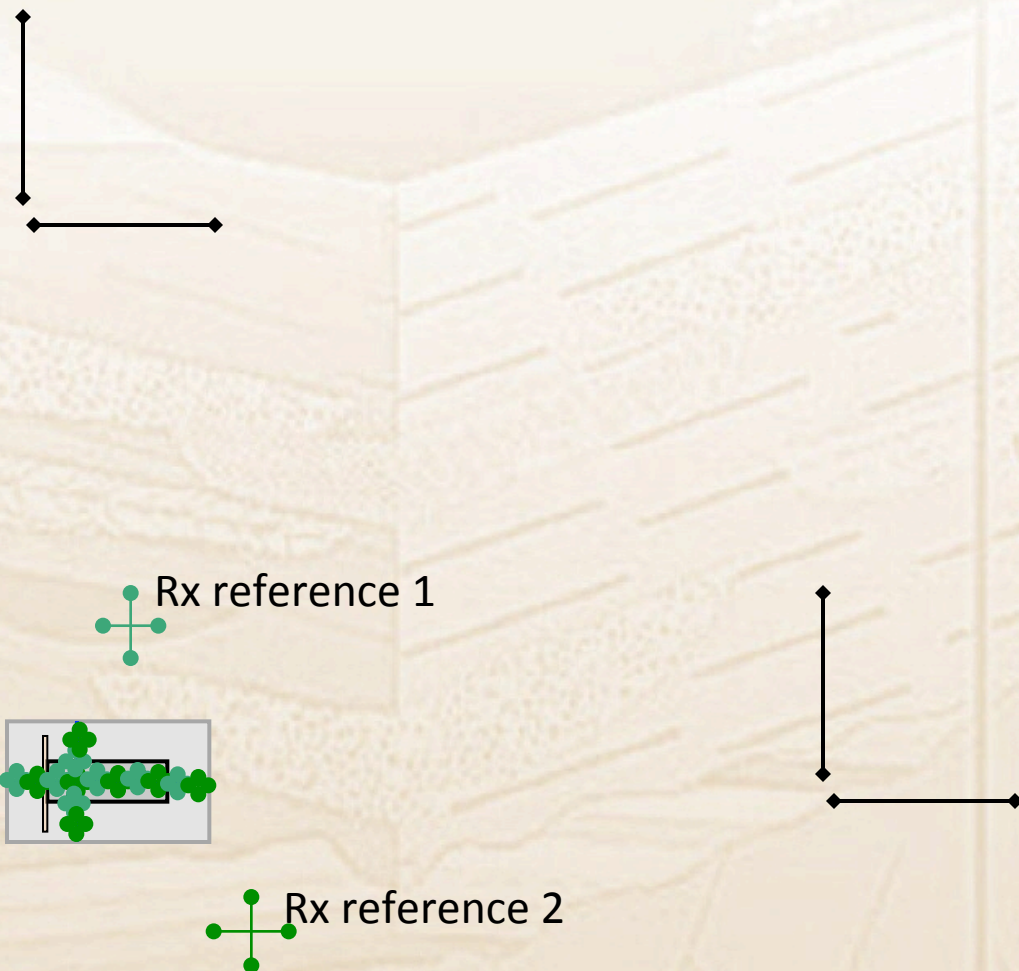
Introduction >>> Technologies >>> Summary

MONITORING survey layout: transmitter & receivers



- Transmitters only for baseline
- Consecutive survey may use subset transmitters

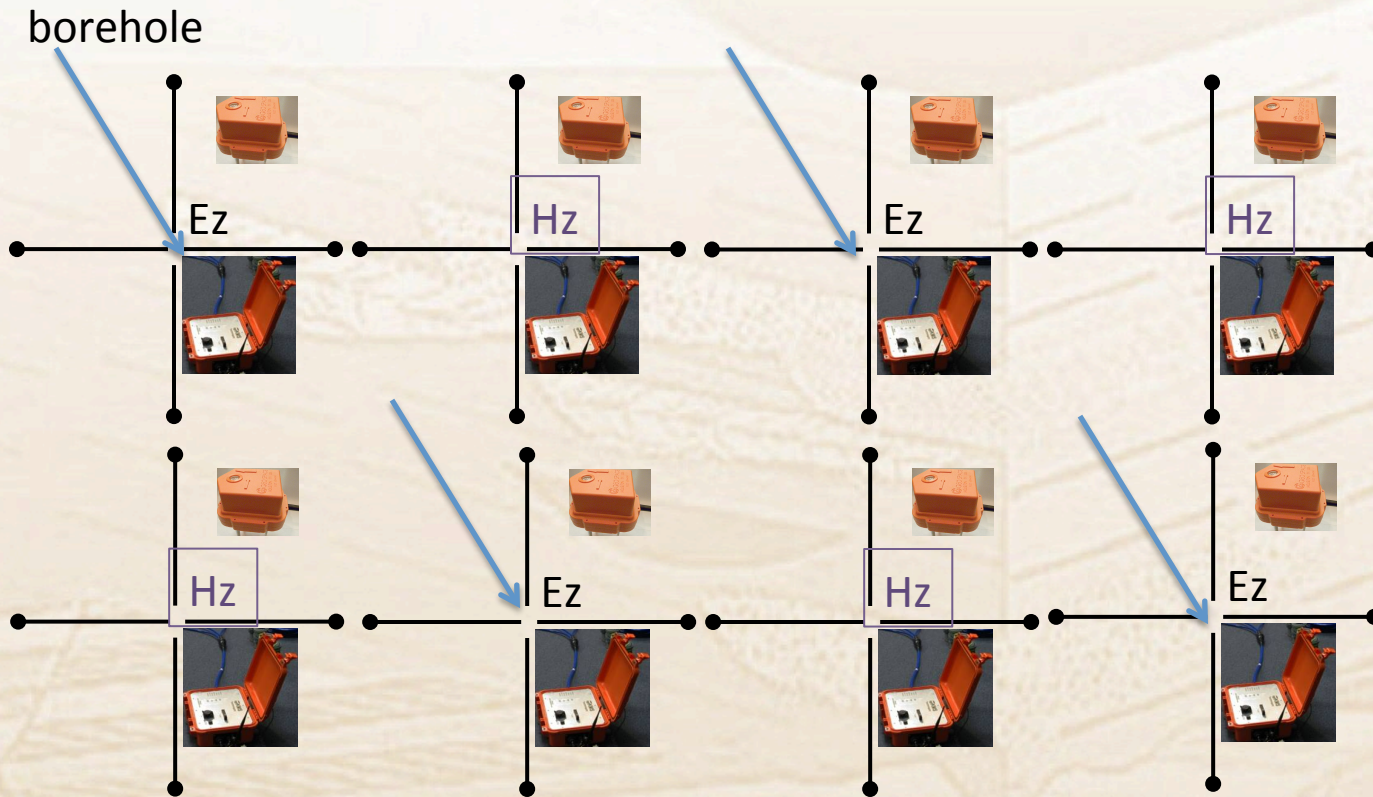
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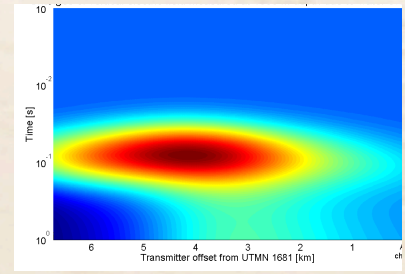
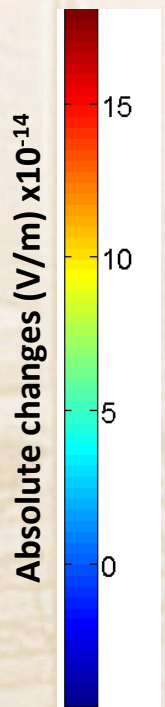
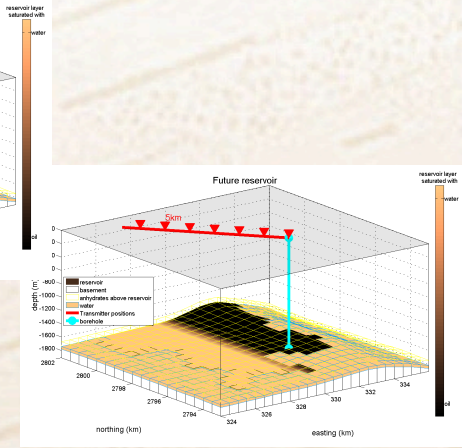
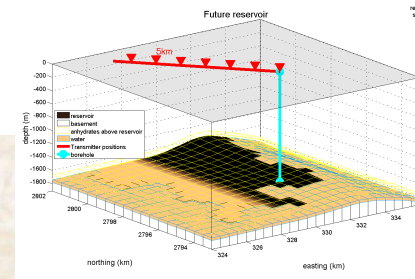
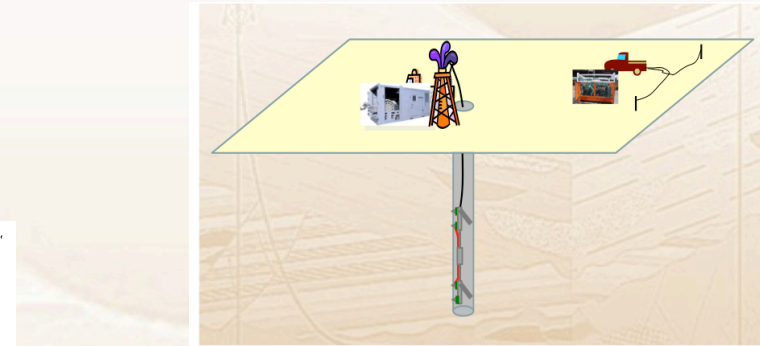
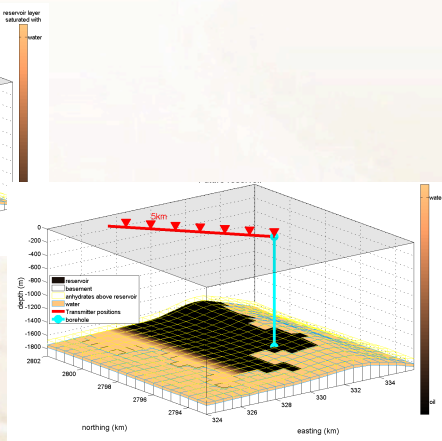
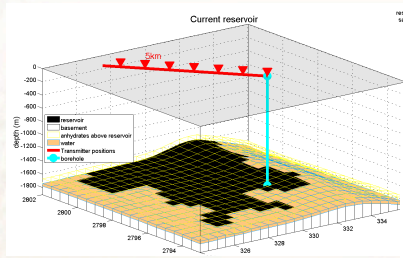
PTTEP PILOT layout for KMS820 receivers

**2 electric fields E_x, E_y ; alternate E_z in shallow borehole or H_z ;
3c geophone/microseismic every site.**

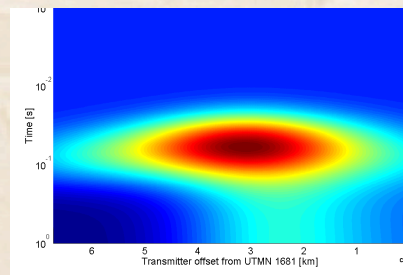


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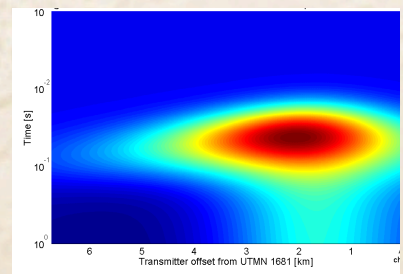
Future: Monitoring: Ghawar field: ADD BOREHOLE: Integration!



Period of 5 years



After Colombo et al. 2010



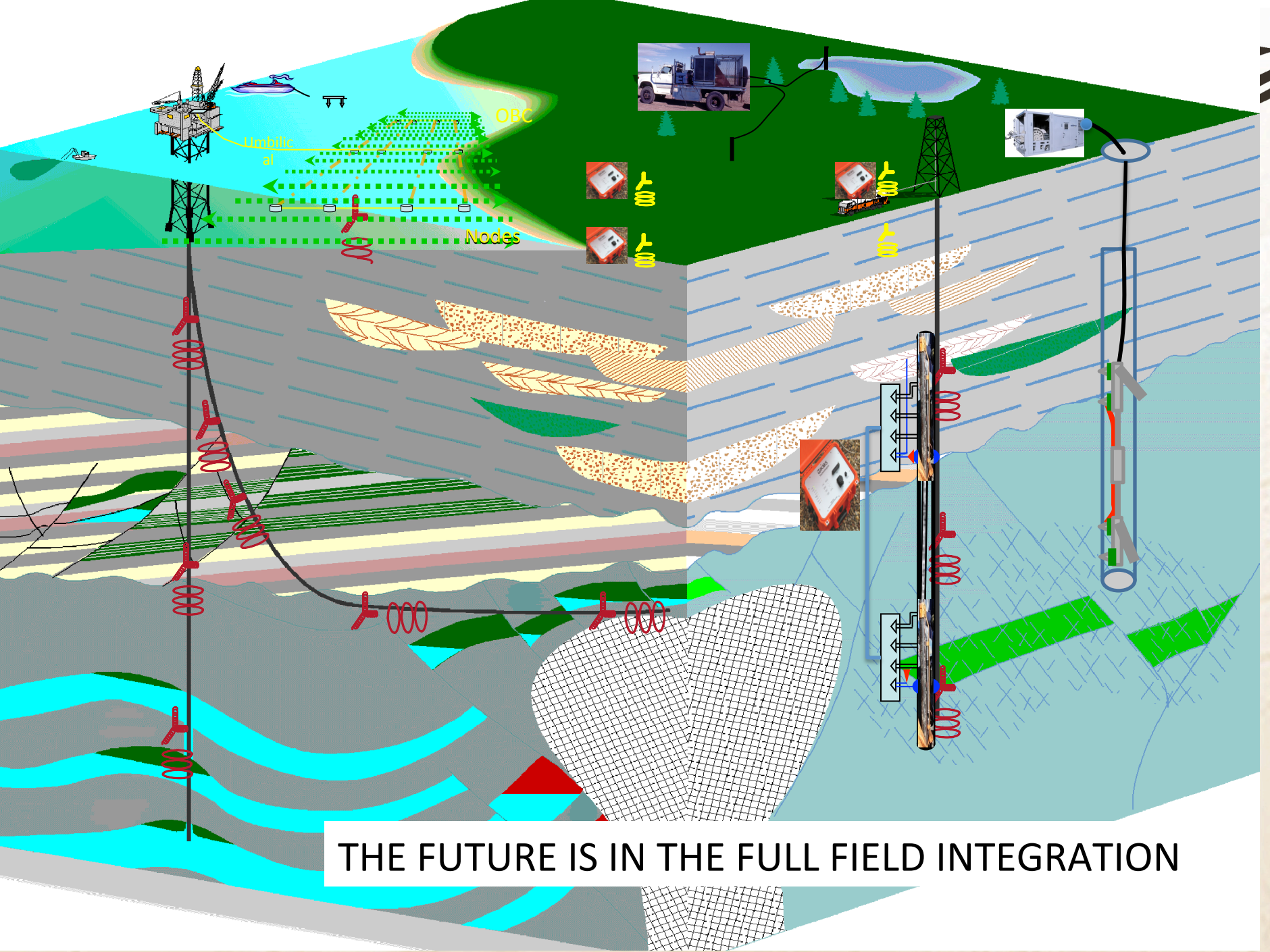


- We can make TENSOR measurements
 - Borehole
 - Surface and surface-to-borehole
- 3D inductions is available from all logging contractors.
- Marine EM success has confirmed EM use.
- Lower cost novel hardware is becoming available



Summary

- Electromagnetics has potential in shale gas/oil development
- We need NEWEST methods
 - Land CSEM,
 - E & H measurements,
 - 3D induction logs,
 - surface to borehole integration,
- TODAY: we can measure the data from the surface & borehole
- Calibrate with borehole
- Dense data → get better resolution & compare with seismic
- → **PILOT studies are needed!**



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