

# EM: Grounded Sources

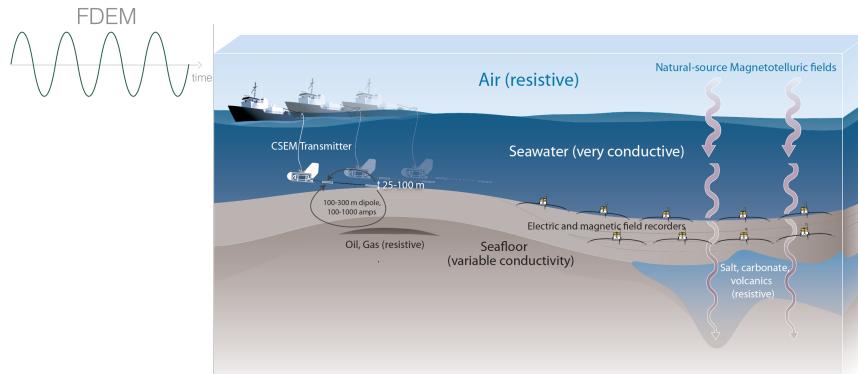


# Outline

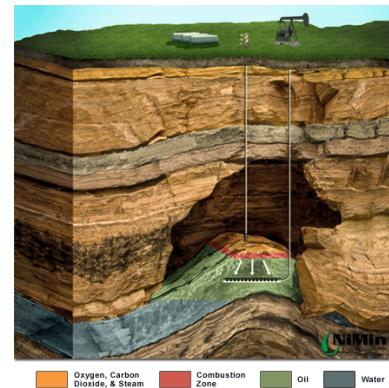
- Basic experiment
- FDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- TDEM: Electric dipole in a whole space
- Currents in grounded systems
- Conductive Targets: currents and data
- Resistive Targets: currents and data
- Case History: Barents Sea
- Synthetic Example: Gradient Array

# Motivational examples

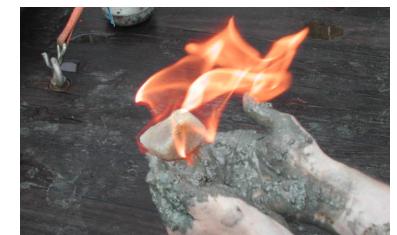
## Marine EM for hydrocarbon



## Oil and Gas

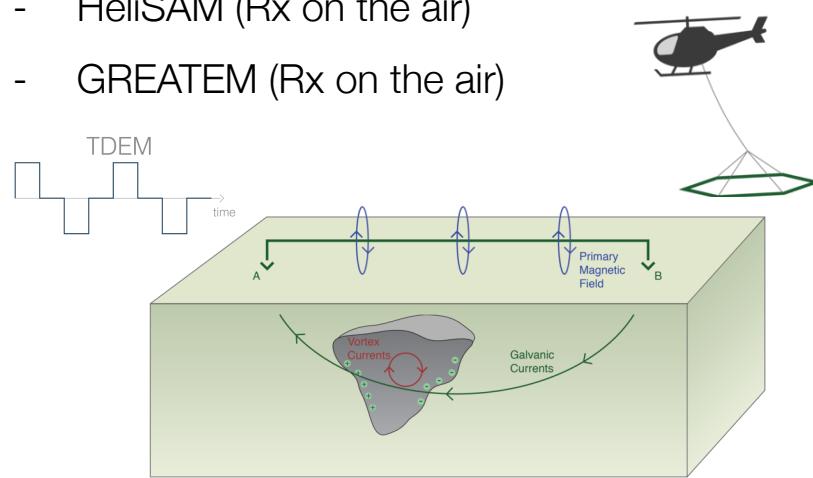


## Gas hydrates



## Galvanic source TEM

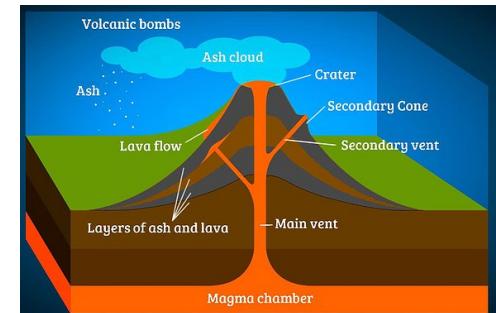
- LoTEM (ground)
- HeliSAM (Rx on the air)
- GREATEM (Rx on the air)



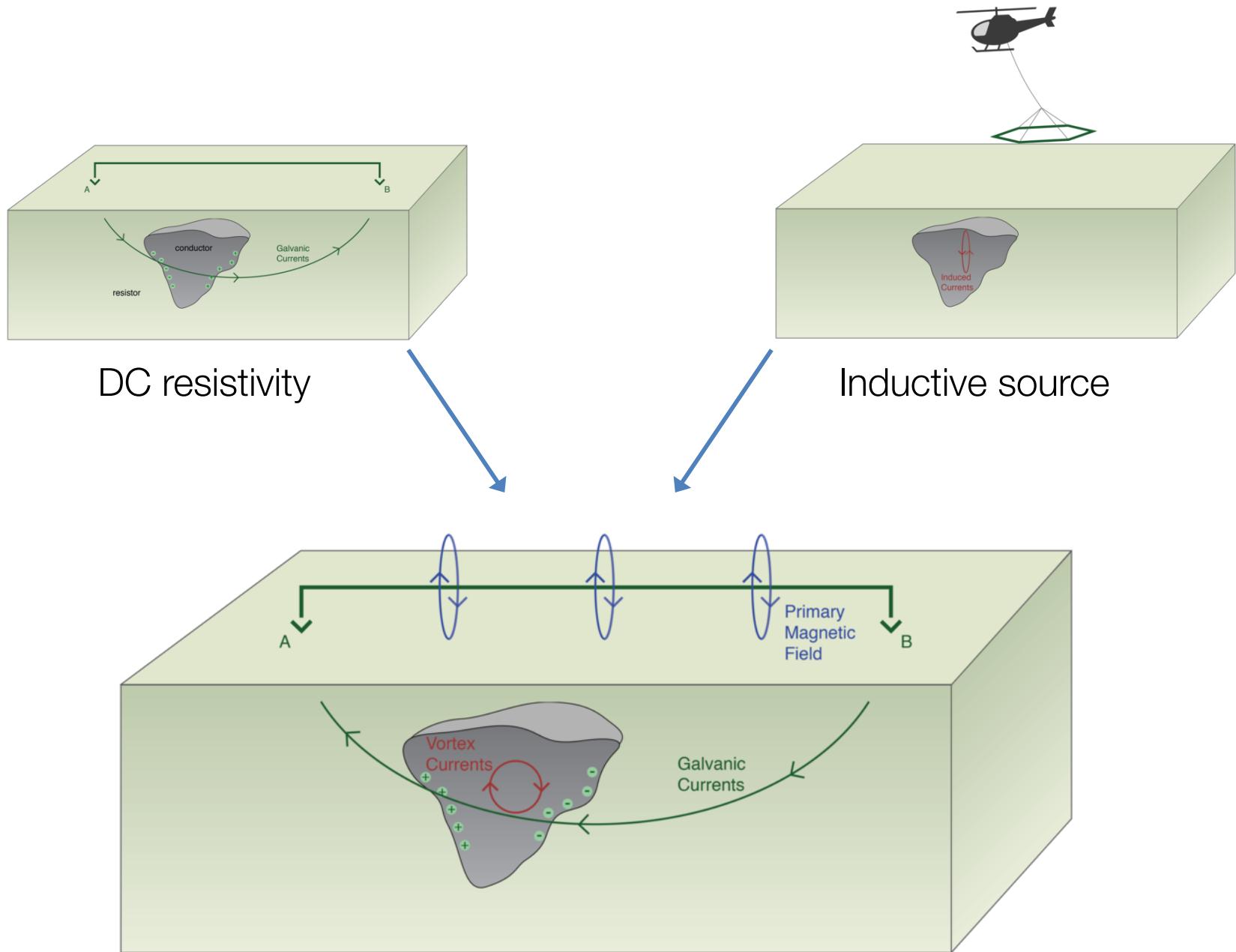
## Minerals



## Volcanoes

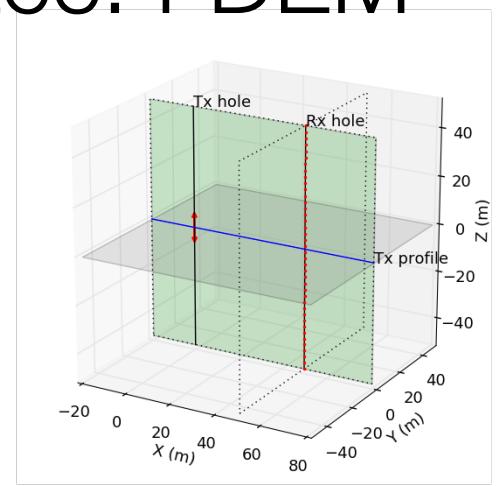


# Basic experiment

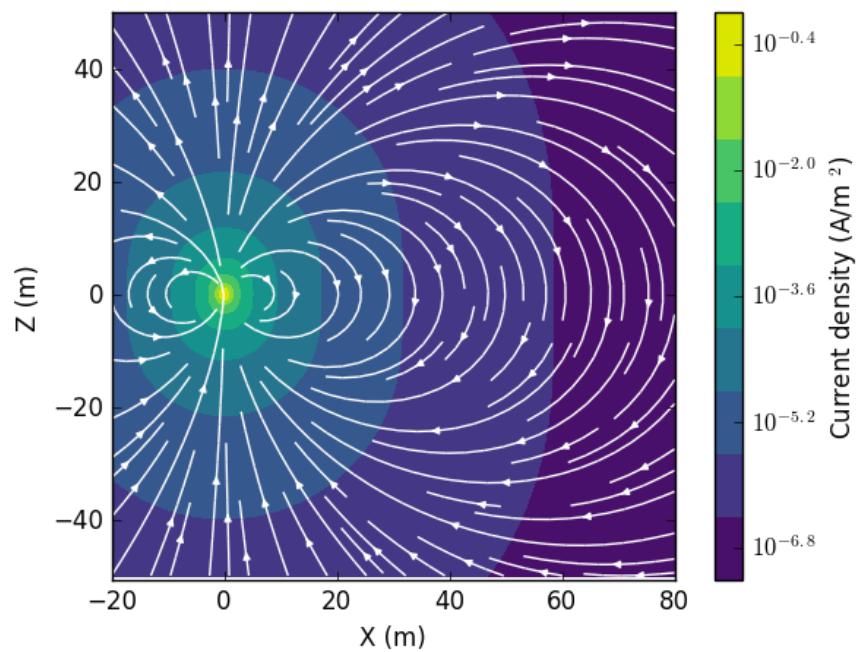


# Electric Dipole in a whole space: FDEM

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



DC current density



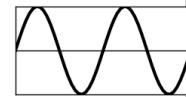
$$\mathbf{E}_{DC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma|\mathbf{r}|^3} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} - \mathbf{m} \right)$$

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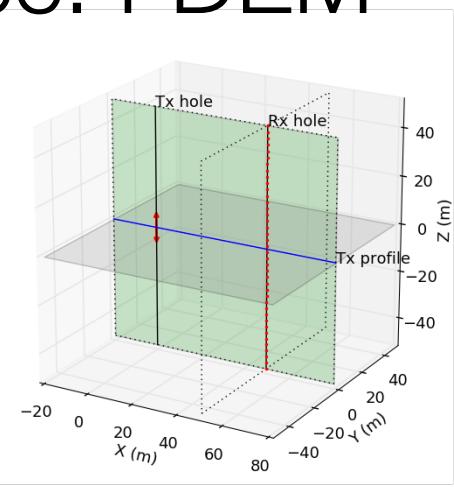
- Geometric decay:  $1/r^3$
- Currents path is geometric for homogeneous earth, but electric field is dependent upon  $\sigma$

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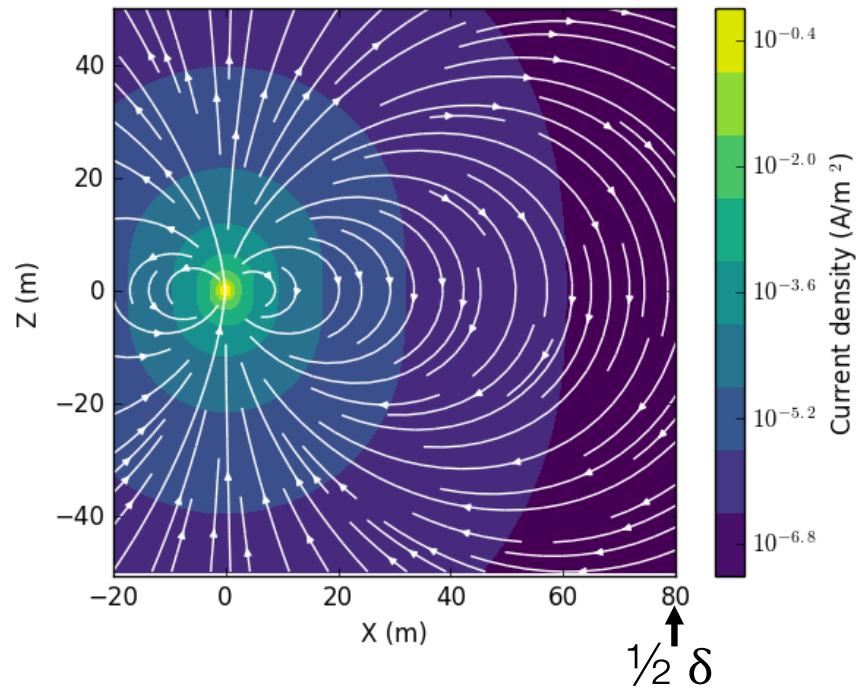
Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .



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

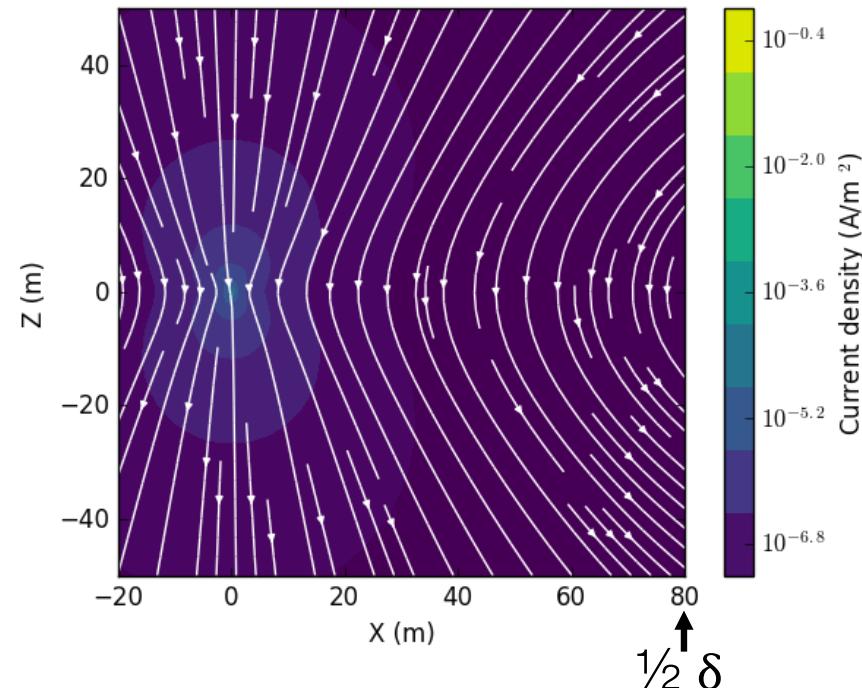


Current density (Real part)



DC + EM induction

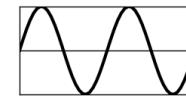
Current density (Imaginary part)



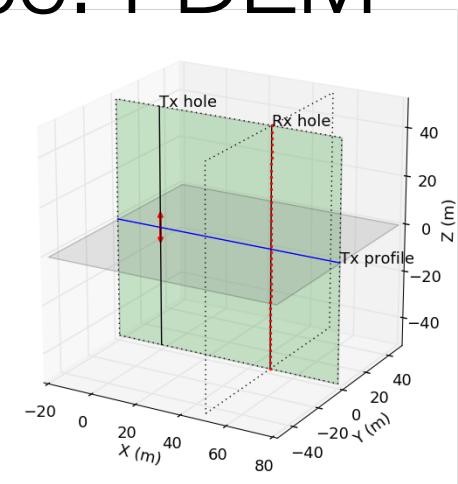
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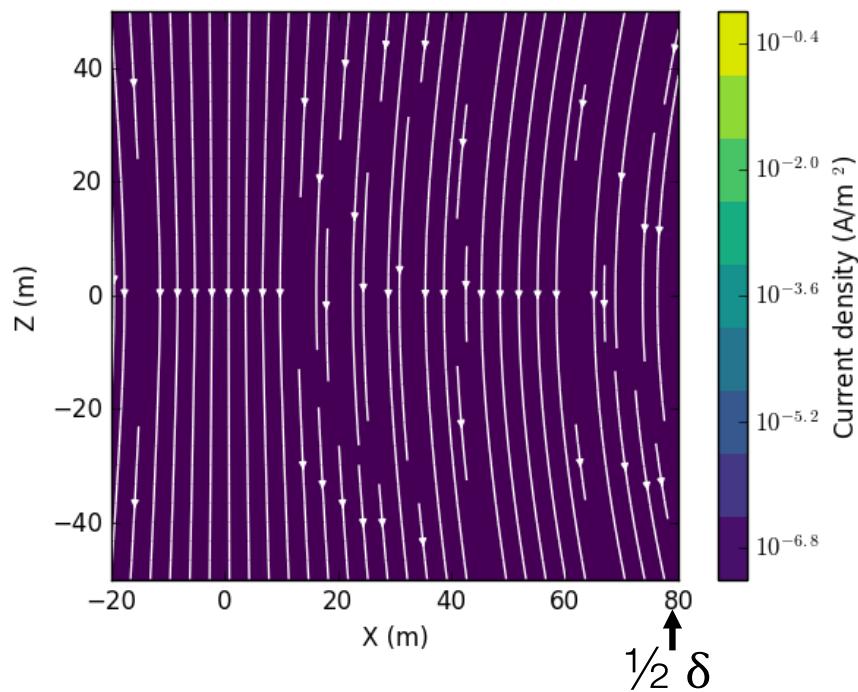
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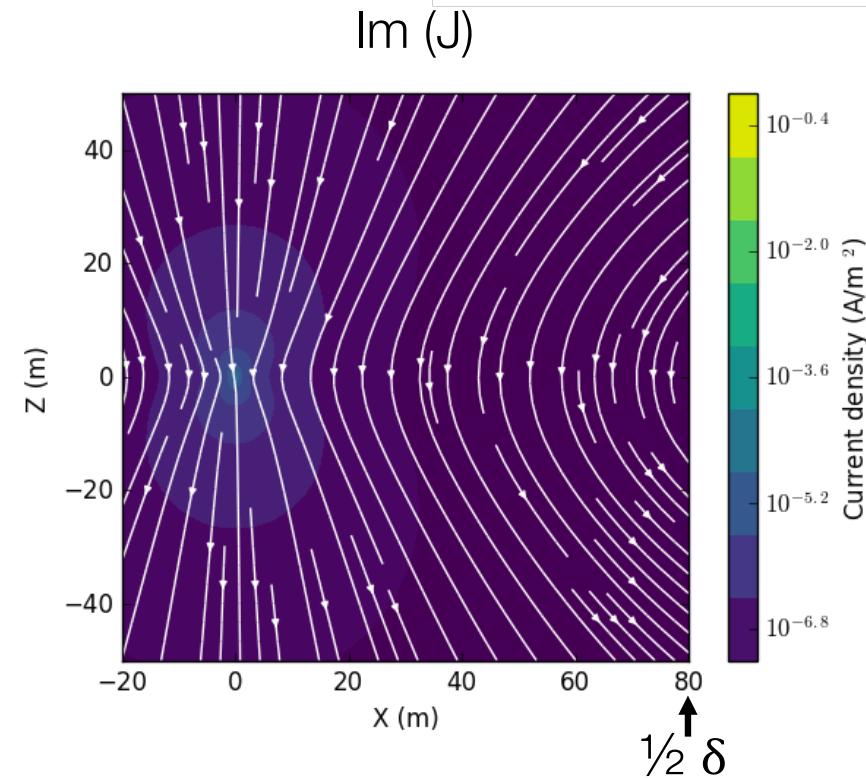
- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 1 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta= 160$  m



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



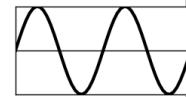
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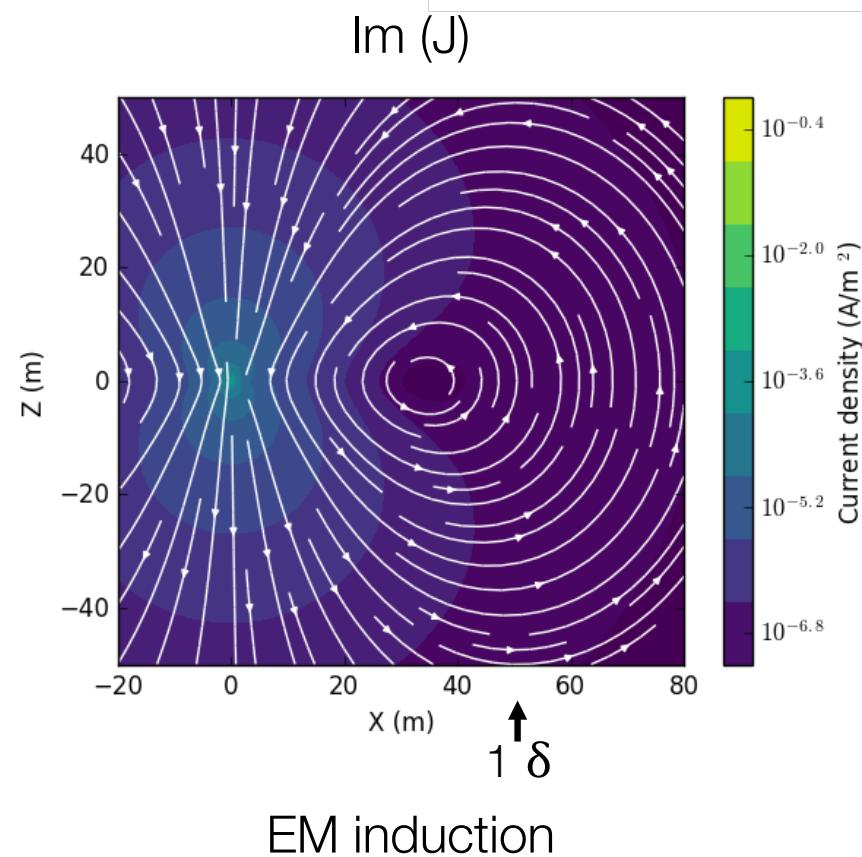
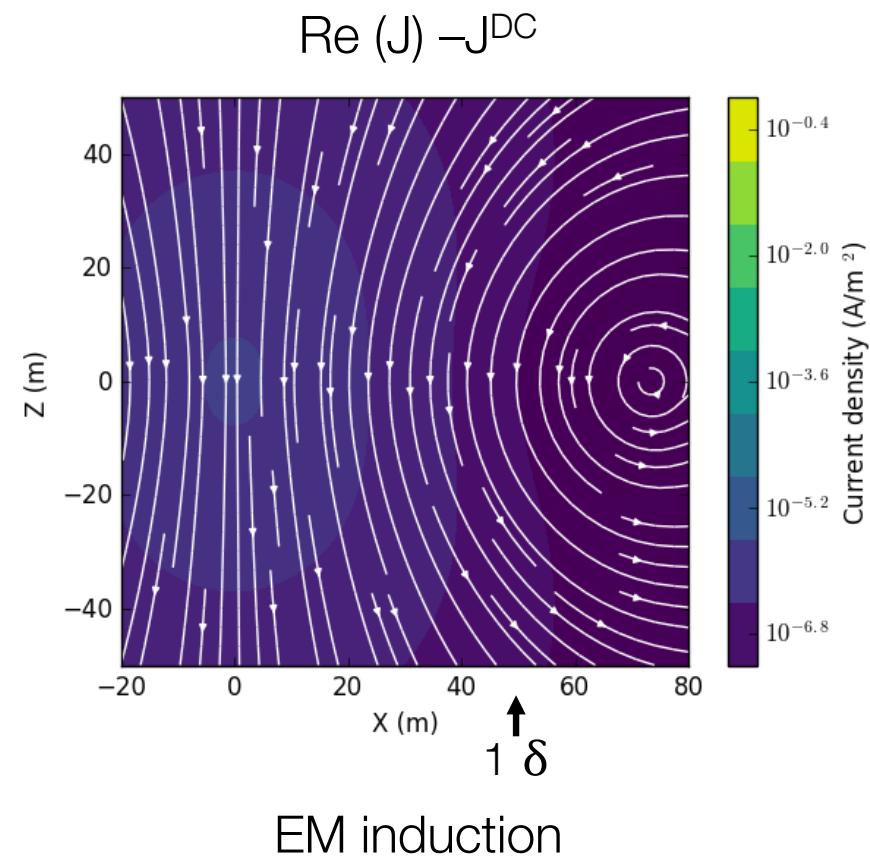
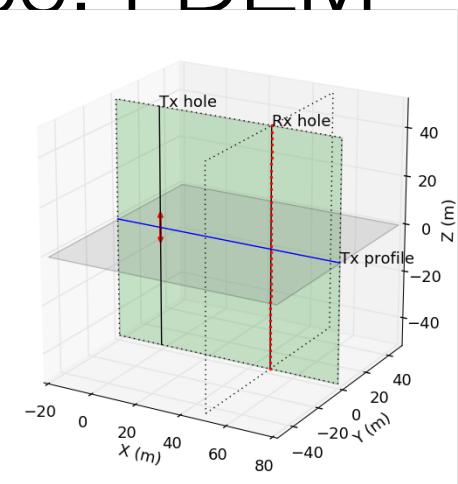
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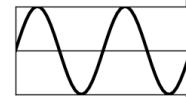


- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 10 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta= 50$  m

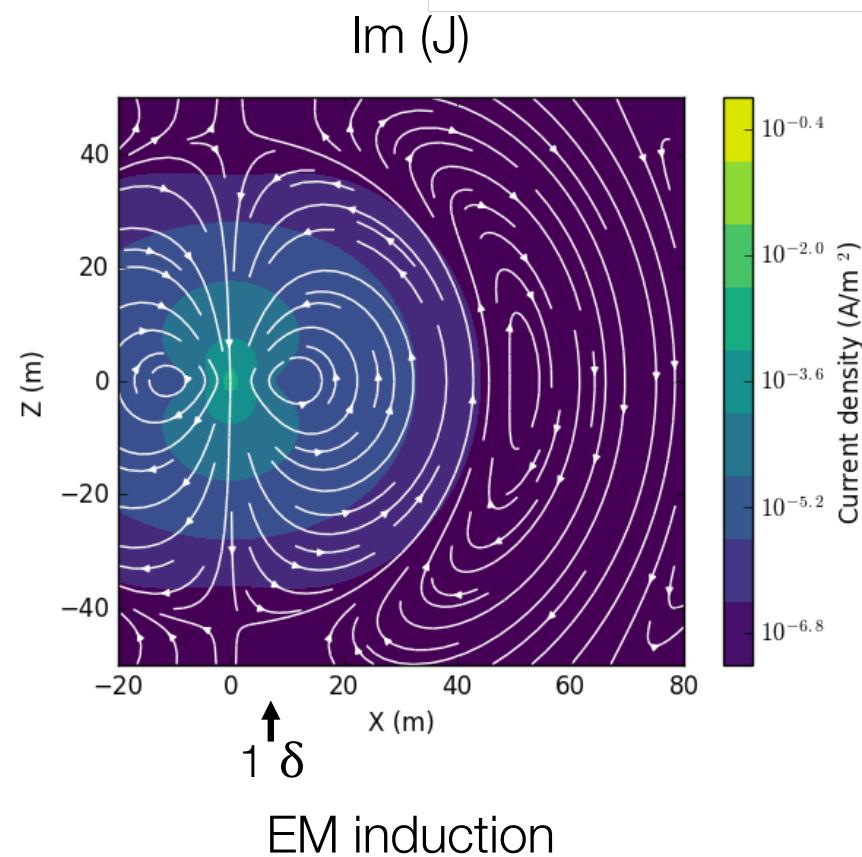
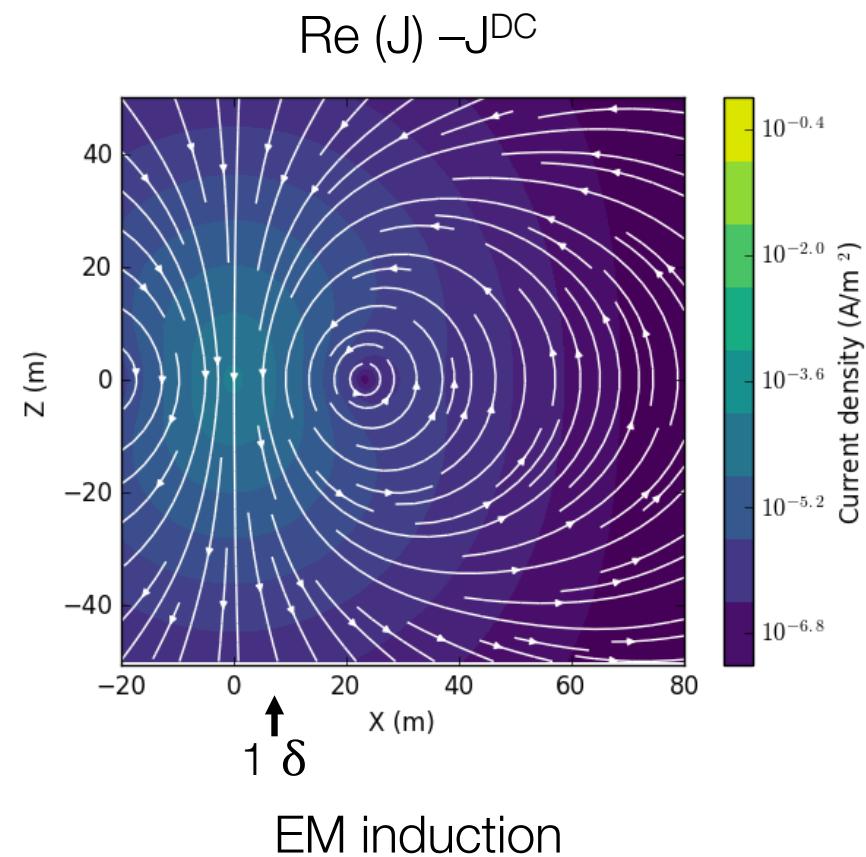
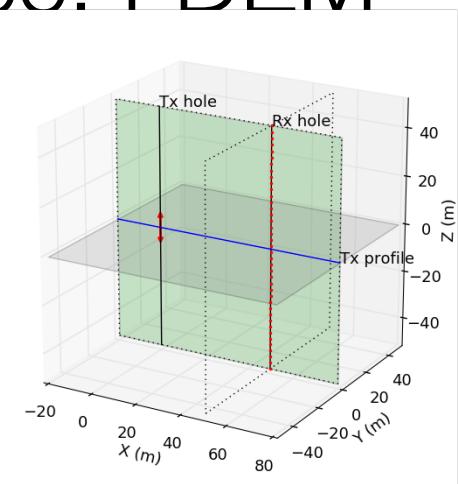


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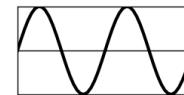


- Electric dipole in a whole space
  - 100 kHz, 0.01 S/m,  $\delta= 16$  m

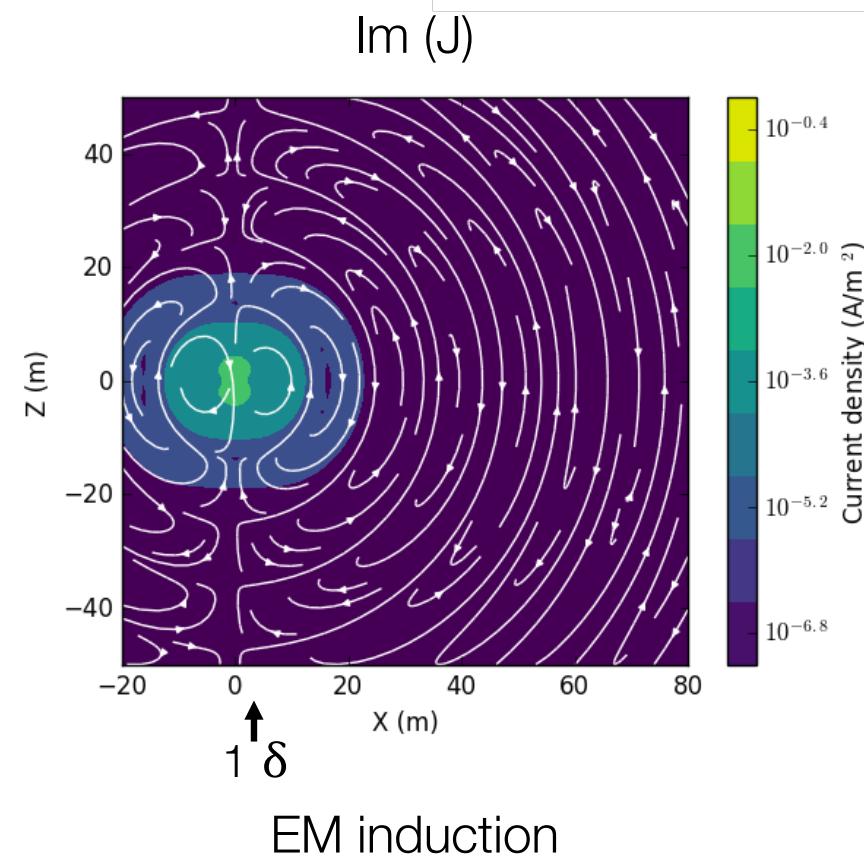
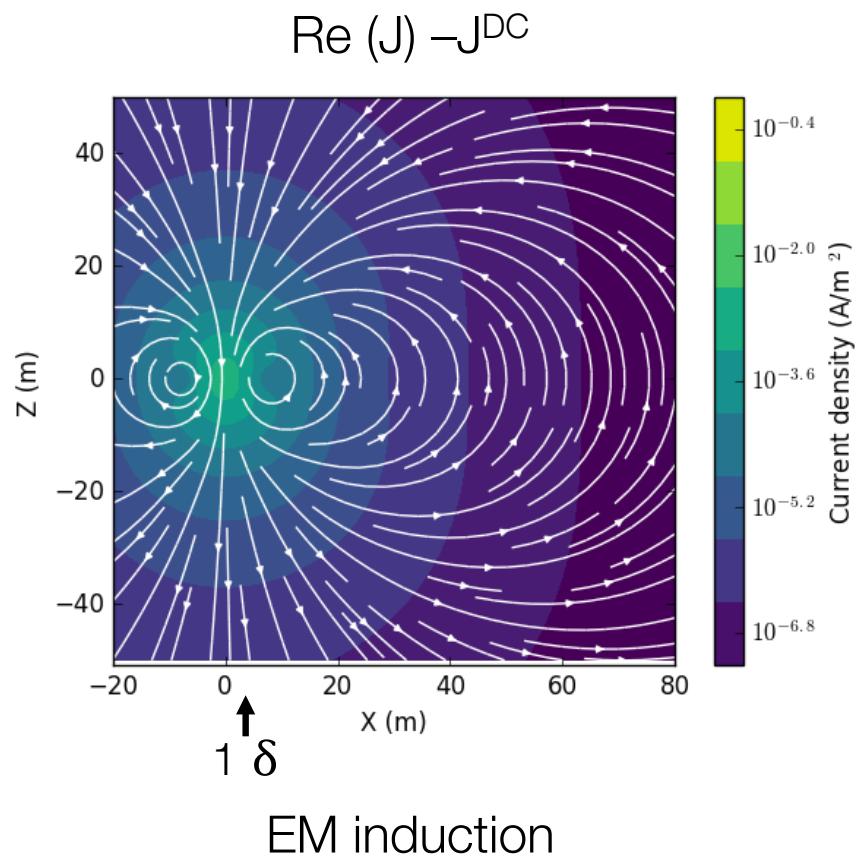
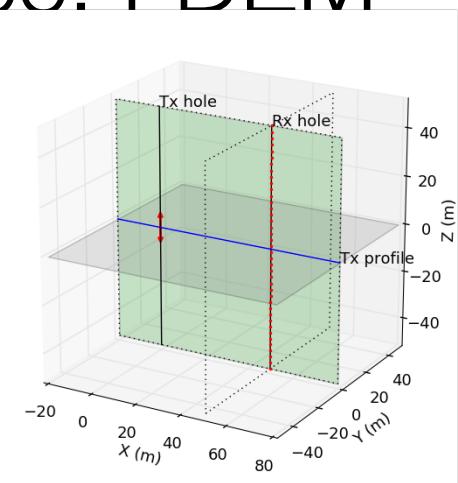


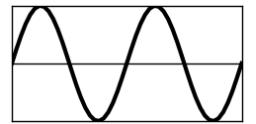
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Skin depth:  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$ .



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

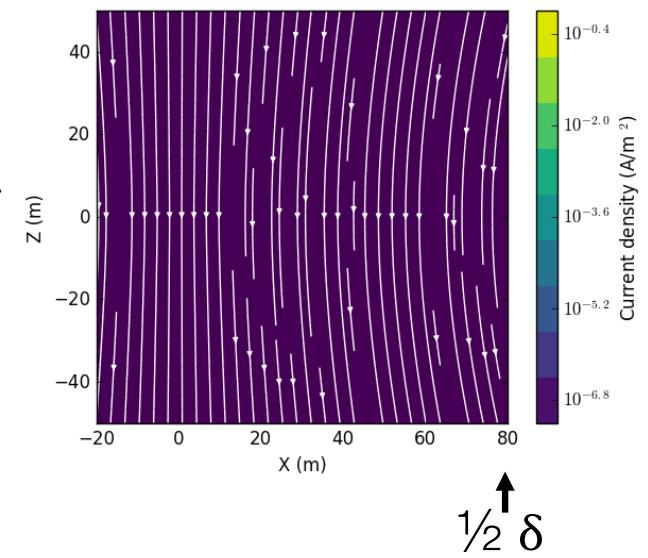
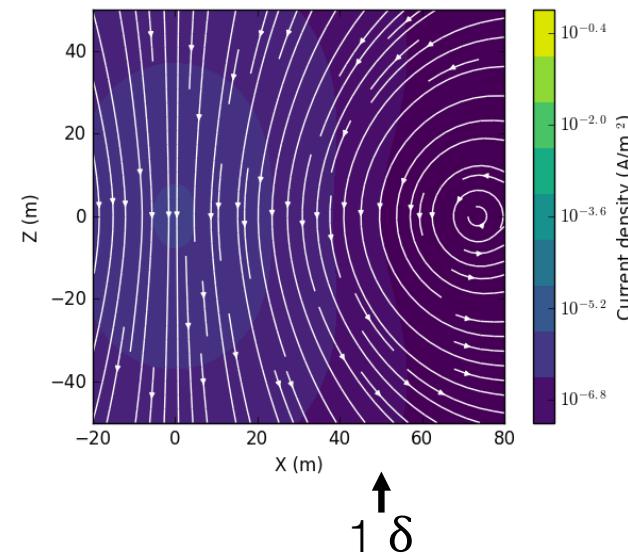
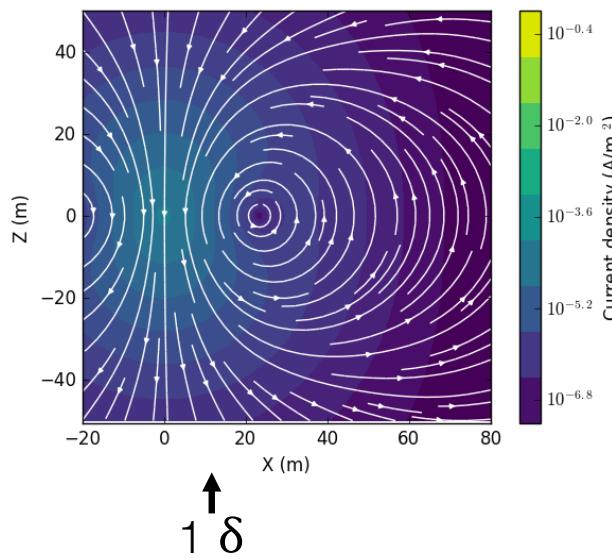




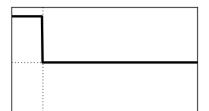
# Summary: FDEM Electric Dipole in a whole space

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

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



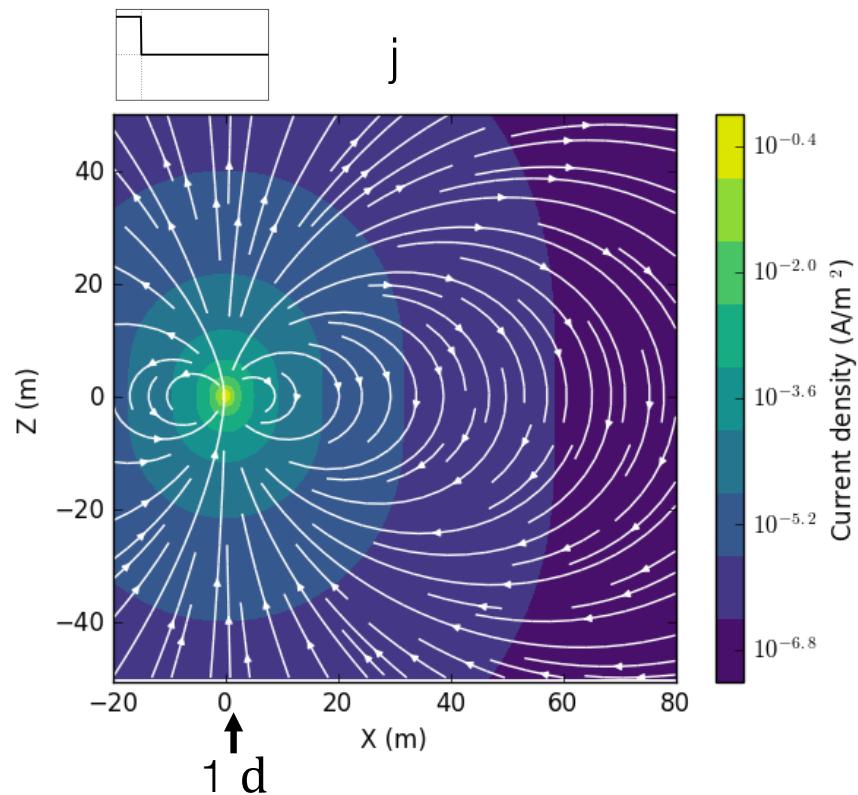
In time...



# Electric Dipole in a whole space: TDEM

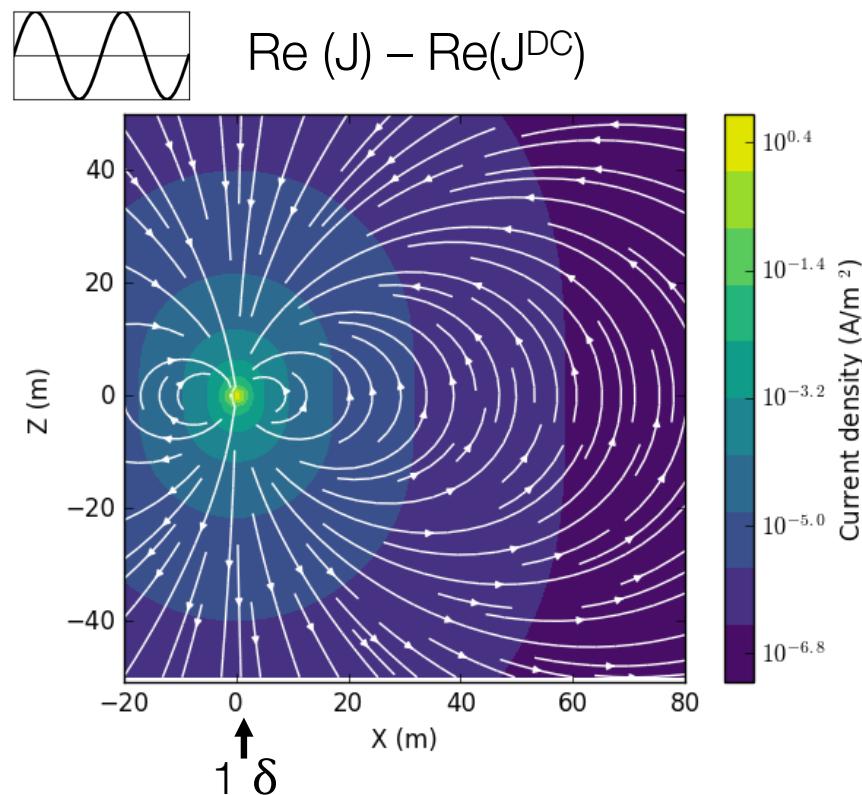
$$t = 10^{-4} \text{ ms}, d = 4 \text{ m}$$

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



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

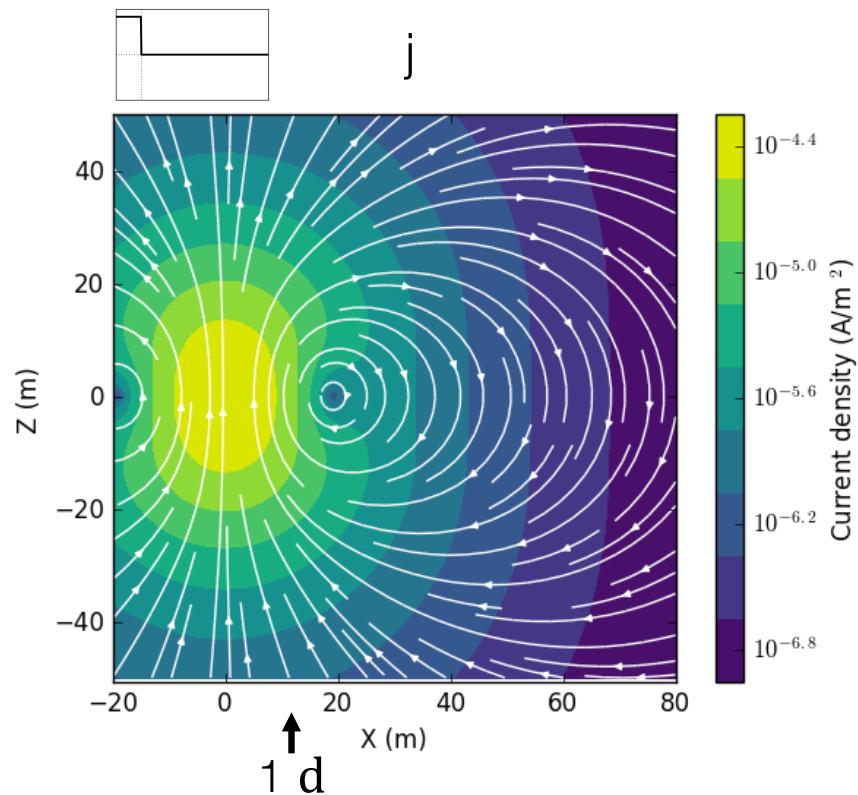
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$



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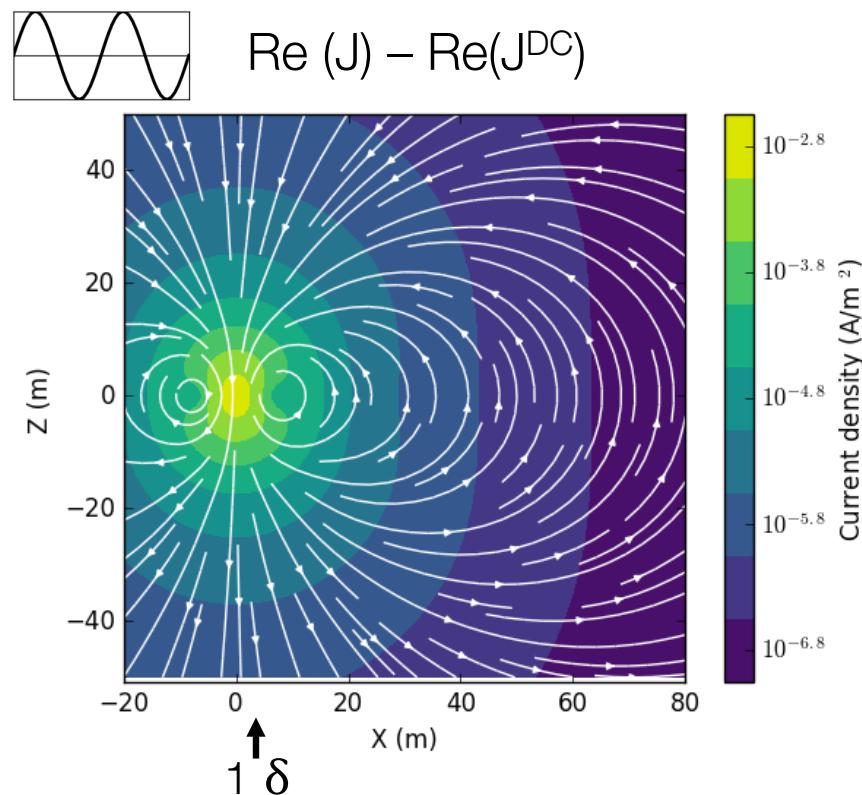
$t = 10^{-3}$  ms,  $d = 13$  m

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



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

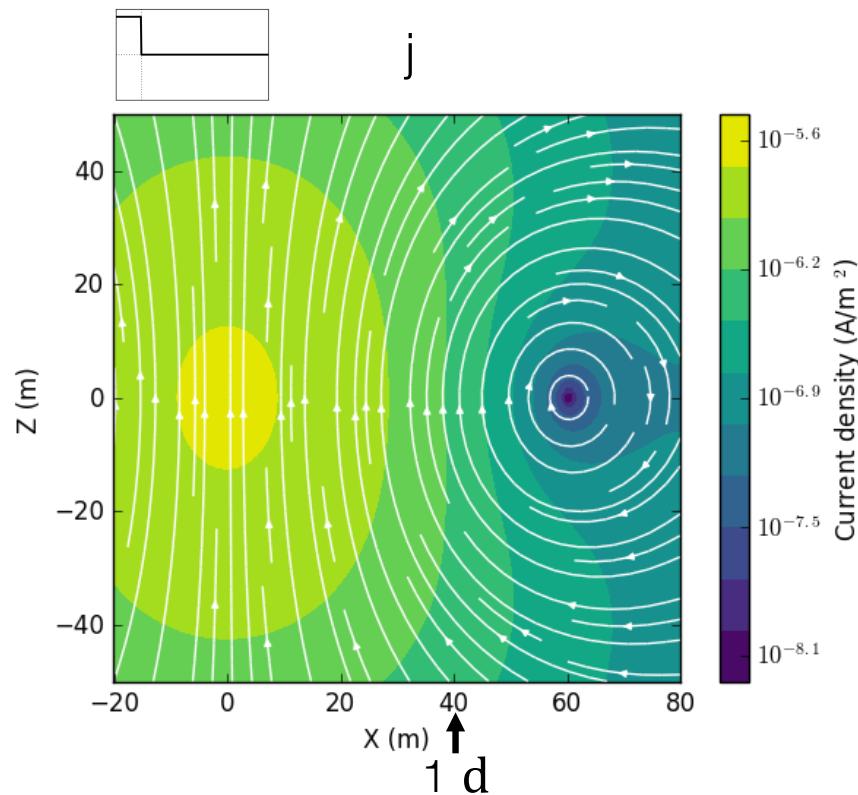
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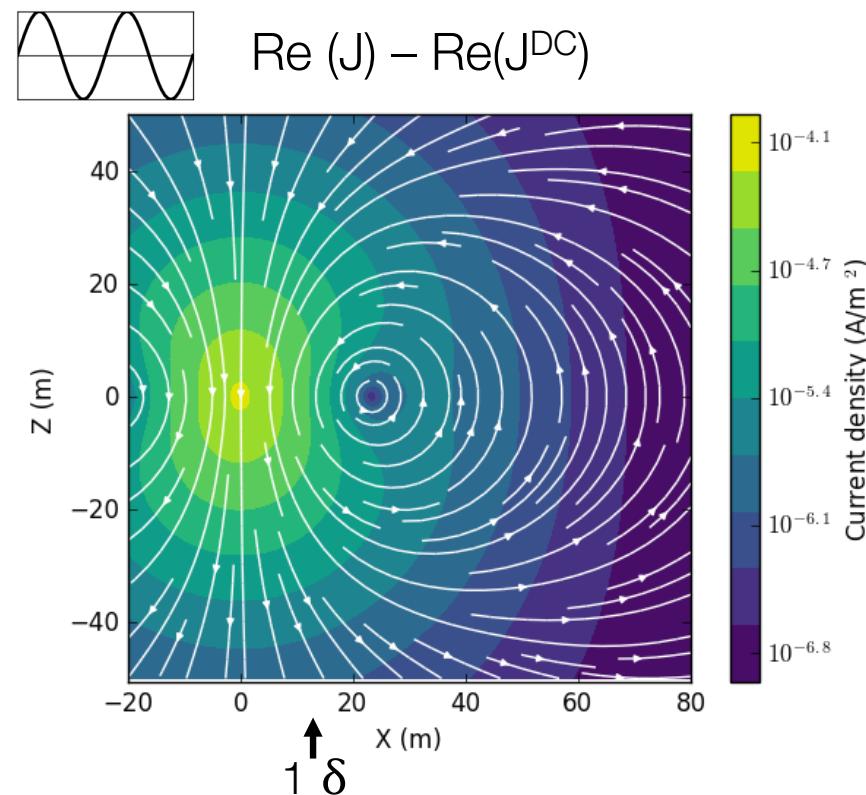
$t = 10^{-2}$  ms,  $d = 40$ m

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



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

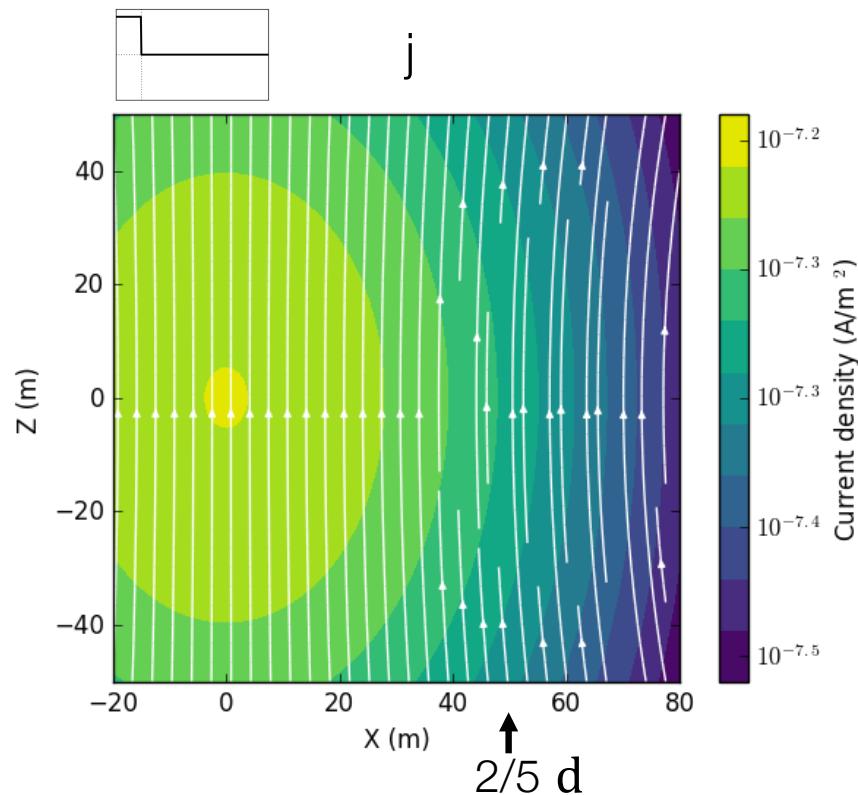
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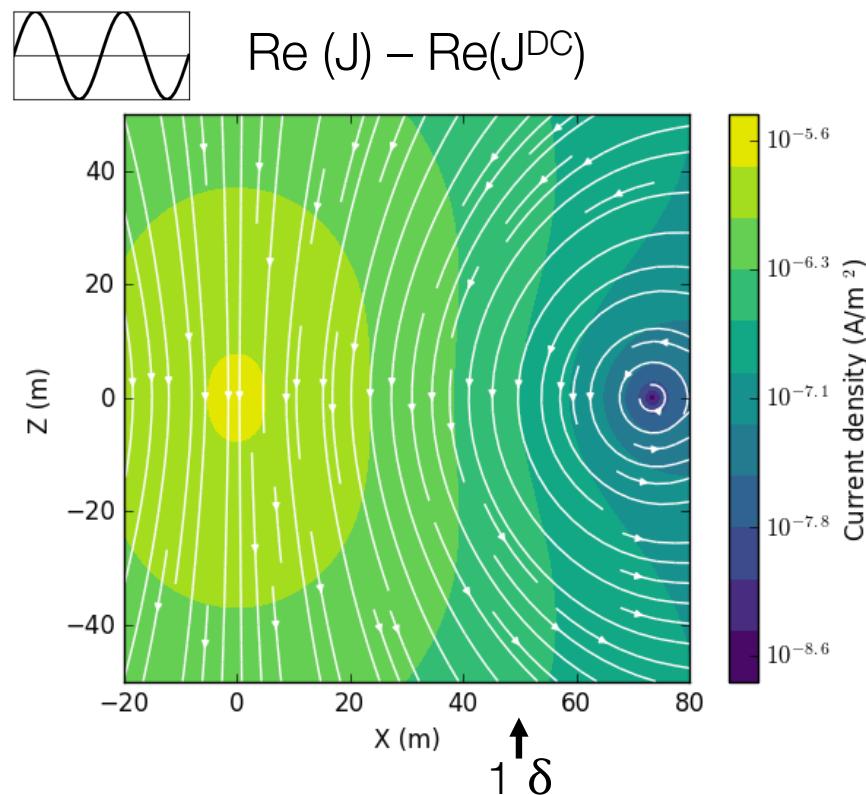
$t=10^{-1}$  ms,  $d = 126$ m

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



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

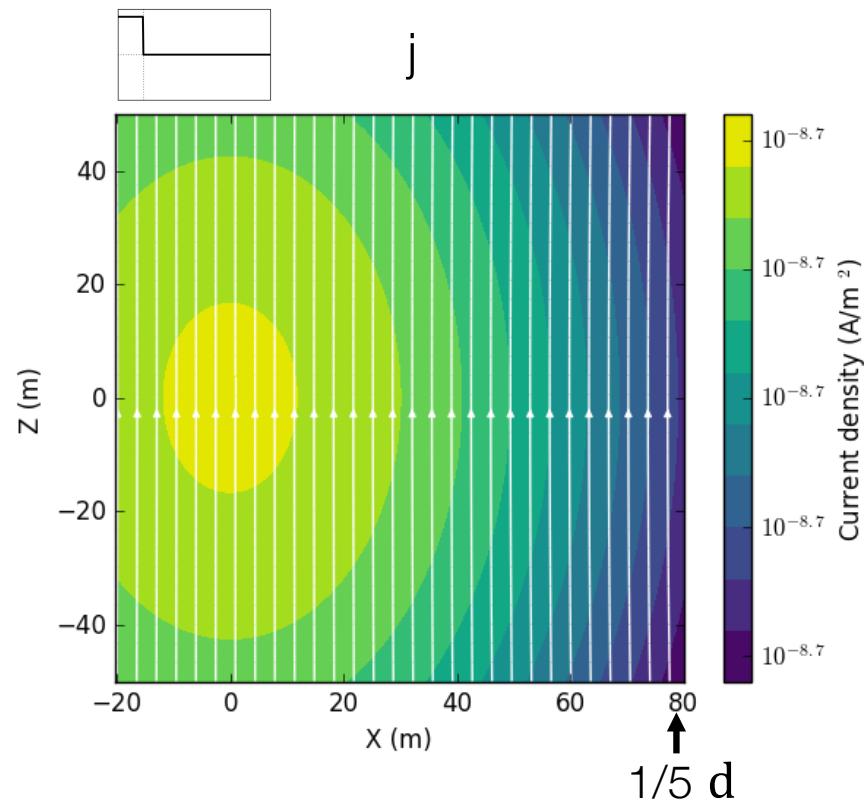
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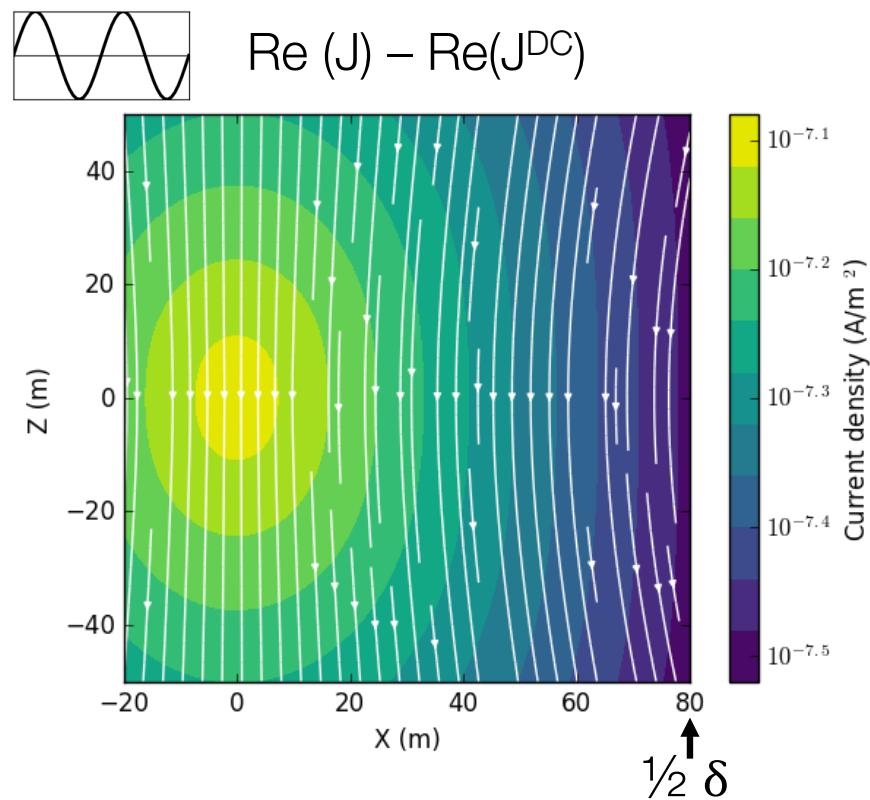
$t=1 \text{ ms}$ ,  $d = 400\text{m}$

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



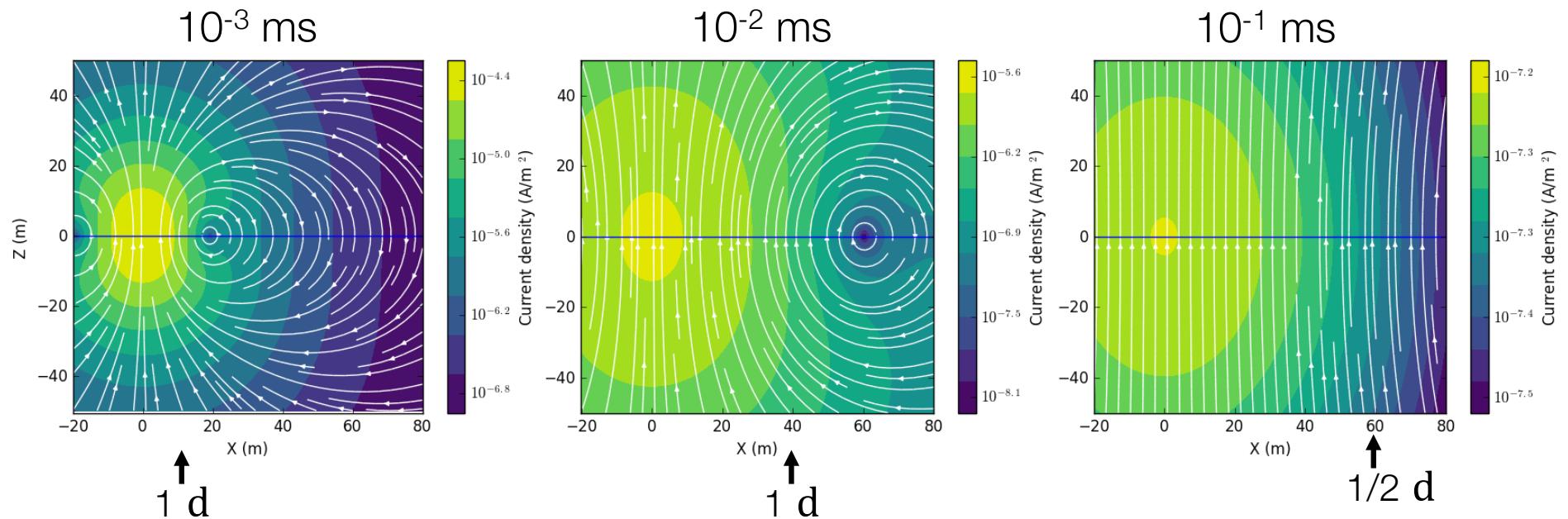
$f=1 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $\delta = 160 \text{ m}$

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



# Diffusing currents

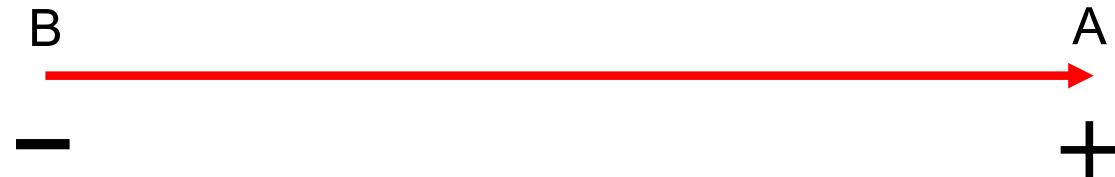
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\mu\sigma}}$$



# Bipole Sources

- Extended line sources

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

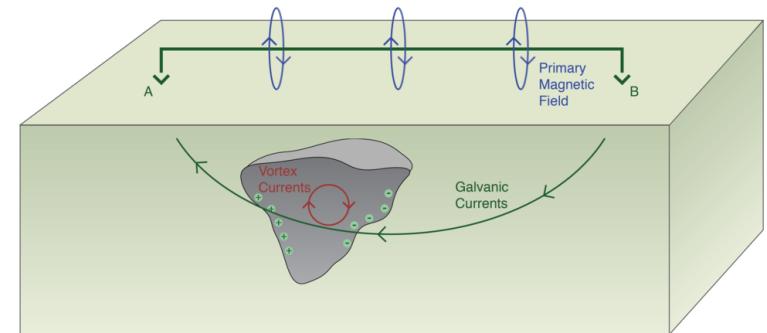


- Crooked line (horse shoe)



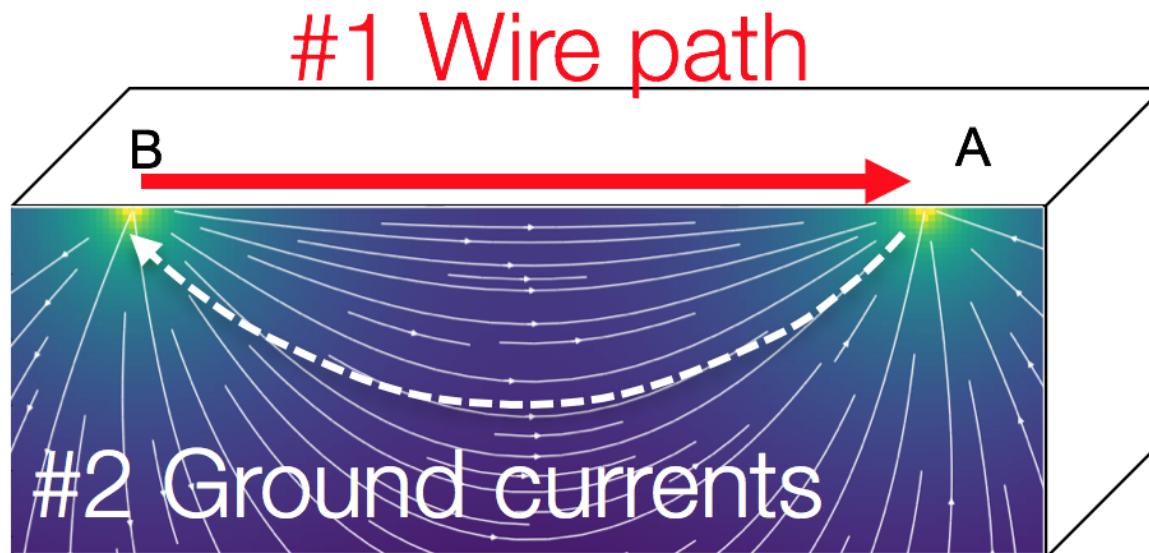
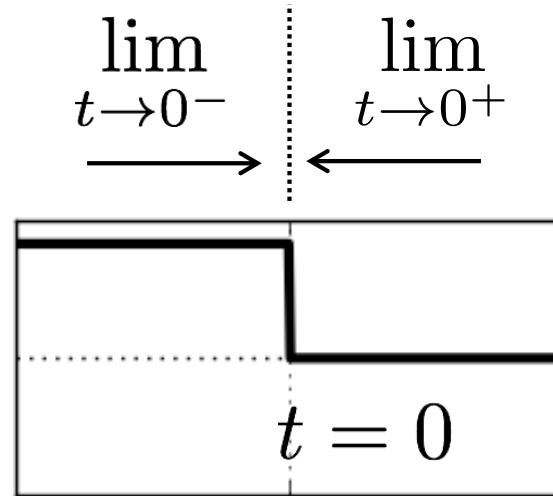
# Grounded Sources: On the surface

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



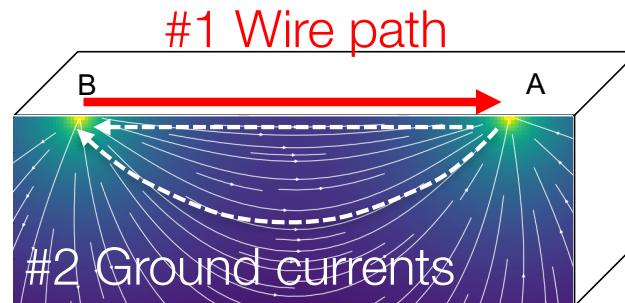
# Currents: Grounded System

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

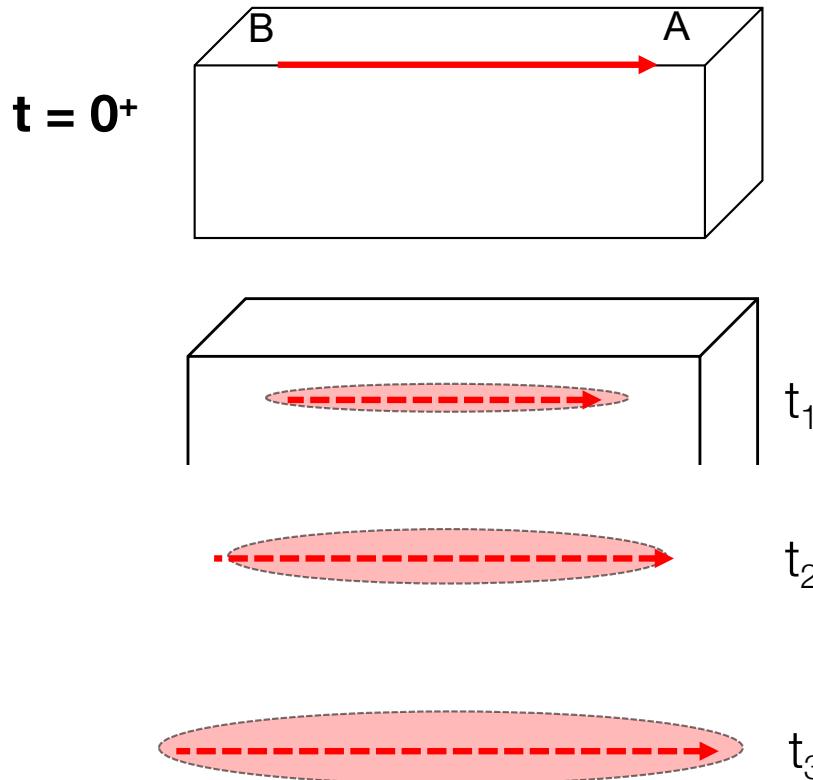


What happens when we shut the system off?

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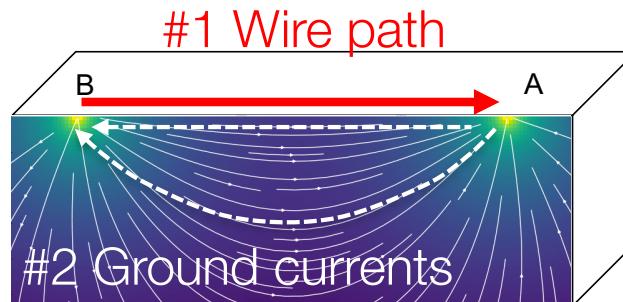


#1 Wire path



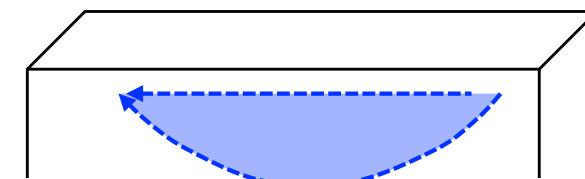
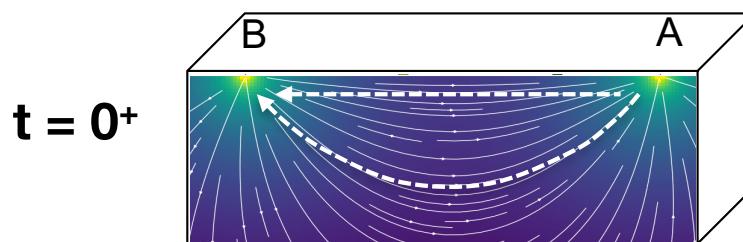
- Immediately after shut off: image current at the surface
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards

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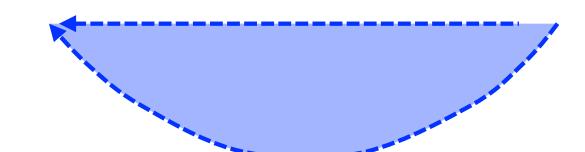


- Immediately after shut off: ground currents are still there
- Successive time: currents diffuse downwards and outwards

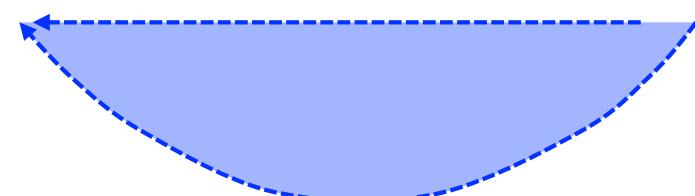
#2 Ground currents



$t_1$



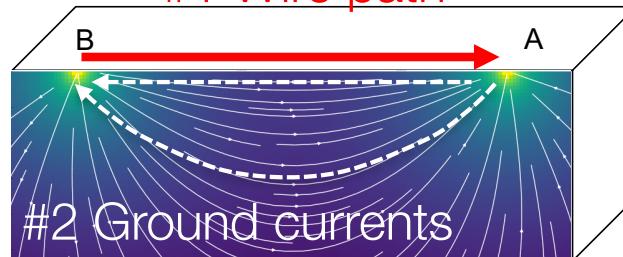
$t_2$



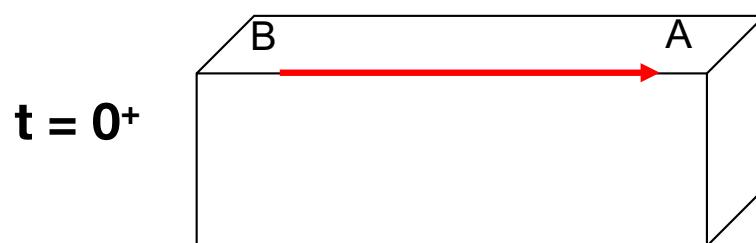
$t_3$

# Currents: Grounded System

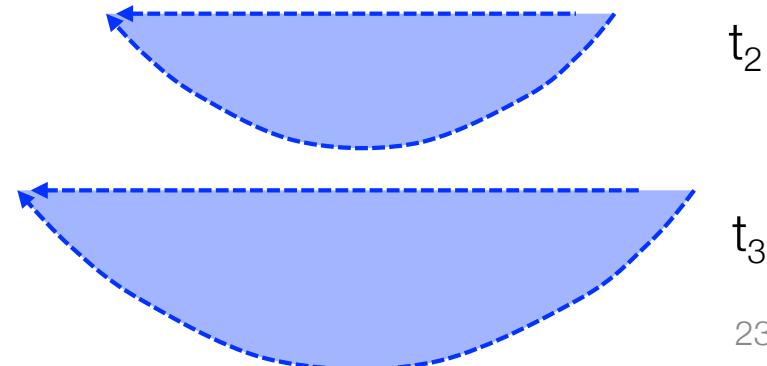
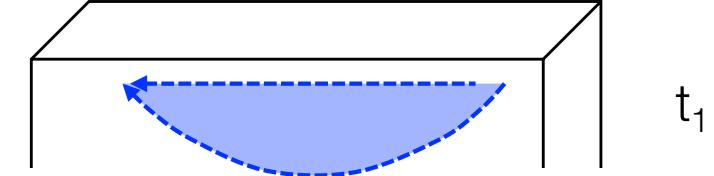
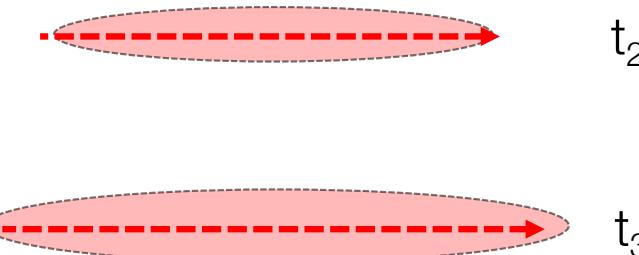
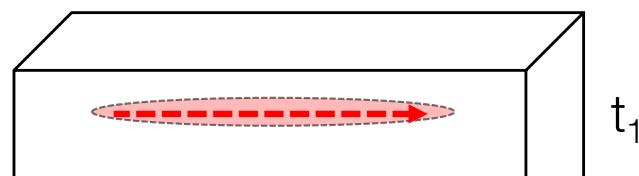
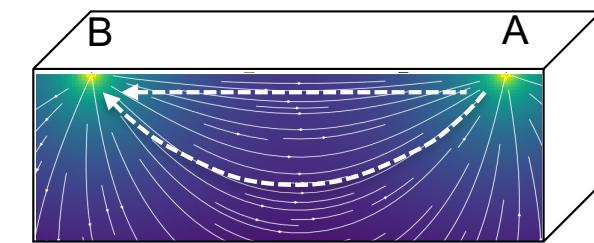
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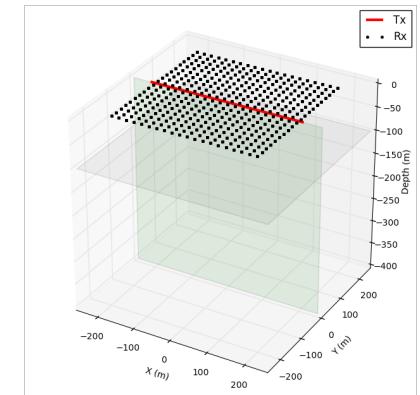


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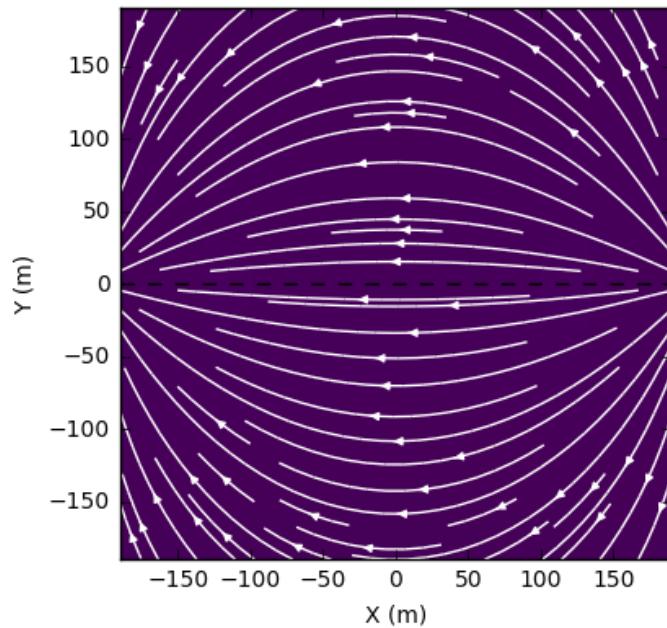


# Grounded Source: Halfspace Currents

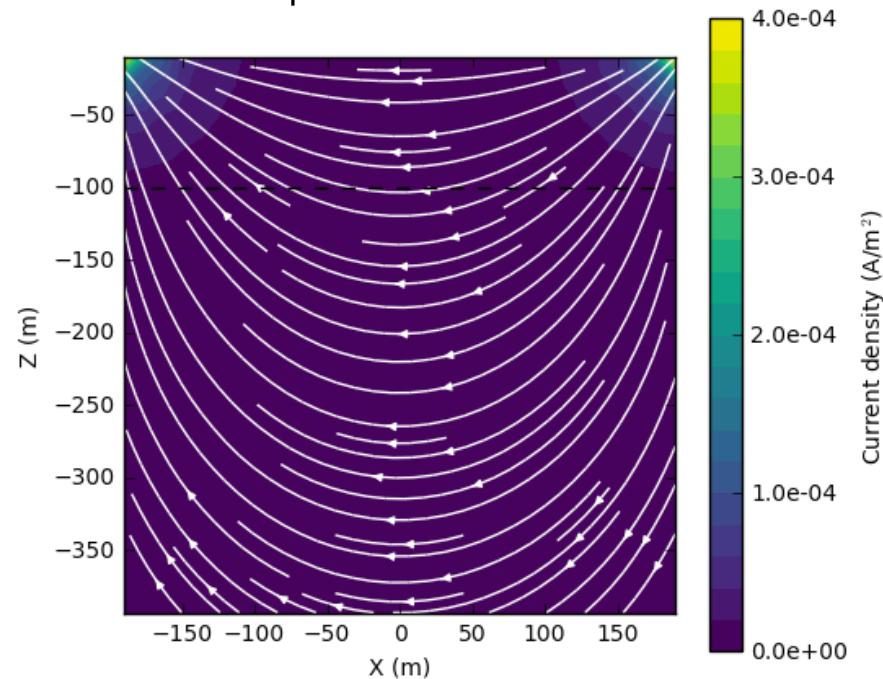
- Parameters:
  - halfspace ( $0.01 \text{ S/m}$ )
  - $t=0^-$ , steady state



XY plane at  $Z=-100 \text{ m}$

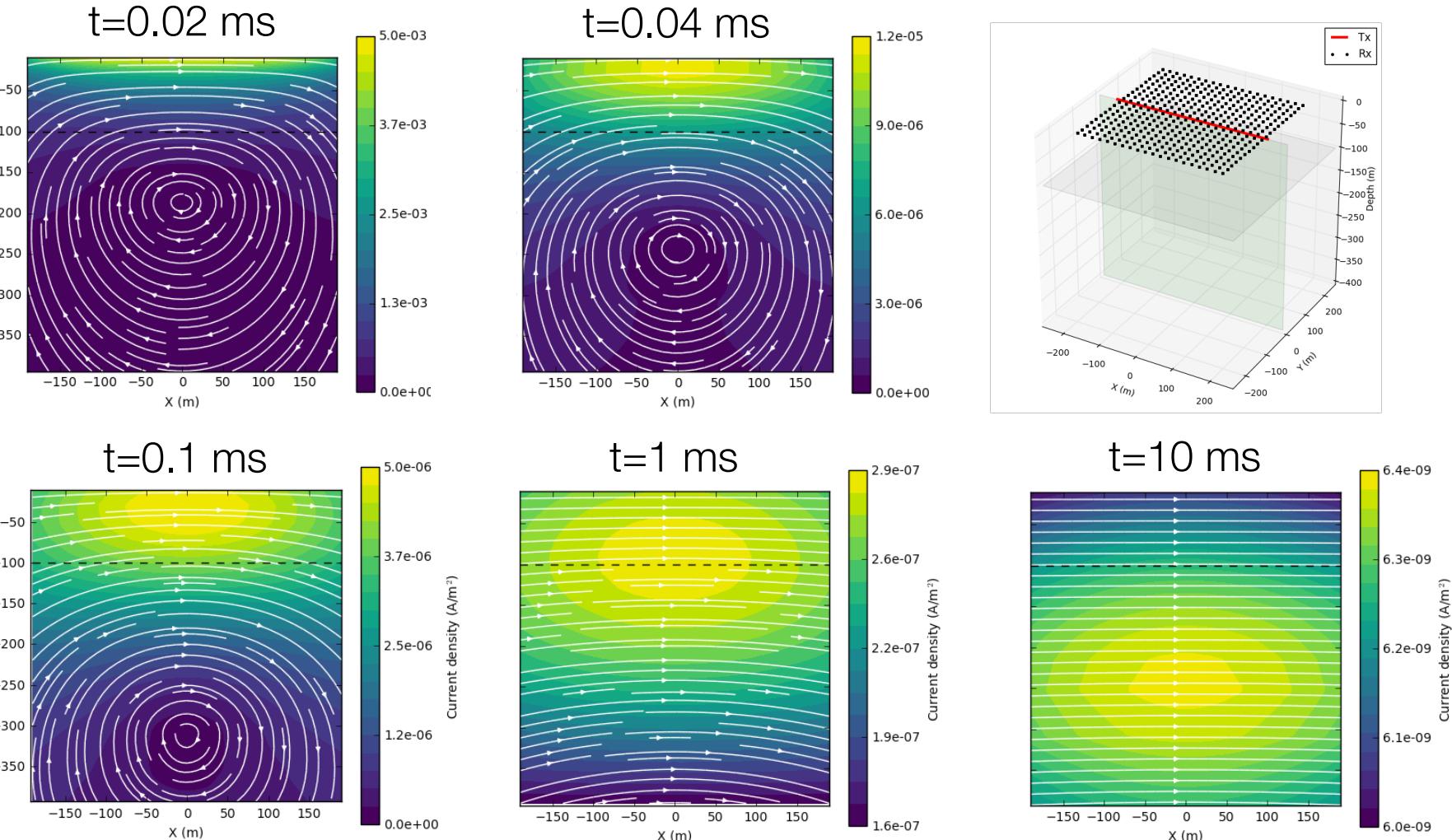


XZ plane at  $Y=0 \text{ m}$



# Grounded Source: Halfspace currents

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

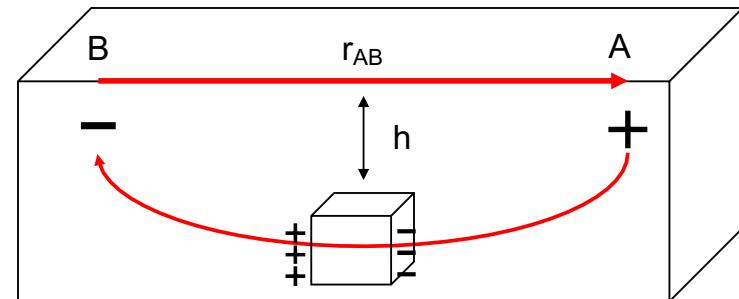


# Grounded sources: with a target

- Block in a halfspace

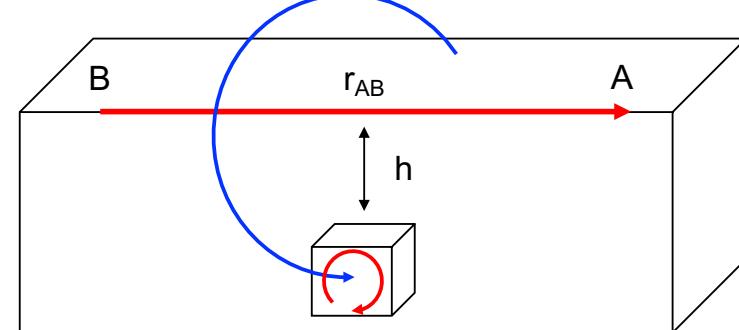
- DC

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



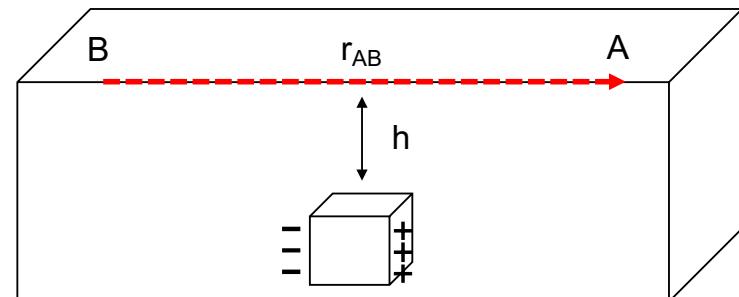
- Vortex currents

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

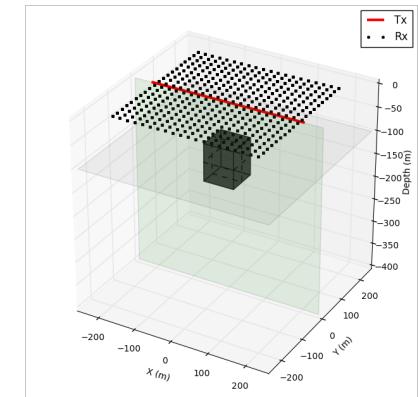


- Galvanic currents

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

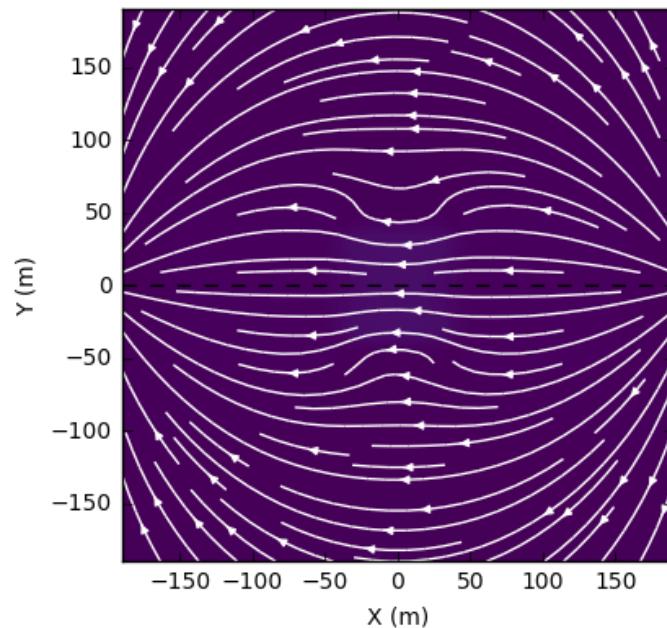


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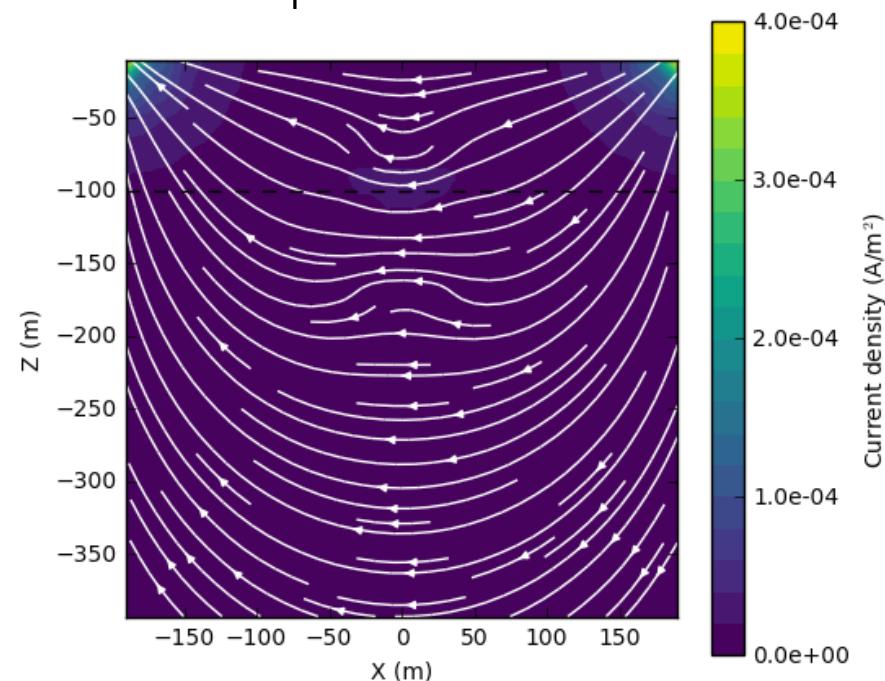


- Grounded wire
  - A conductor ( $1\text{S/m}$ ) in a halfspace ( $0.01 \text{ S/m}$ )
  - **$t=0^-$** , steady state

XY plane at  $Z=-100 \text{ m}$

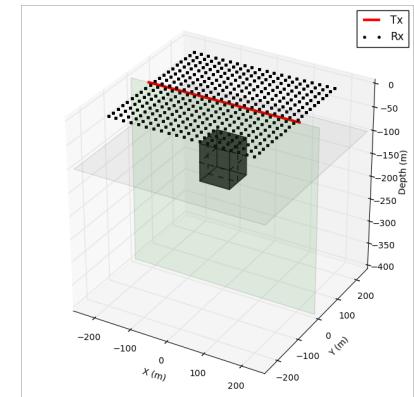


XZ plane at  $Y=0 \text{ m}$

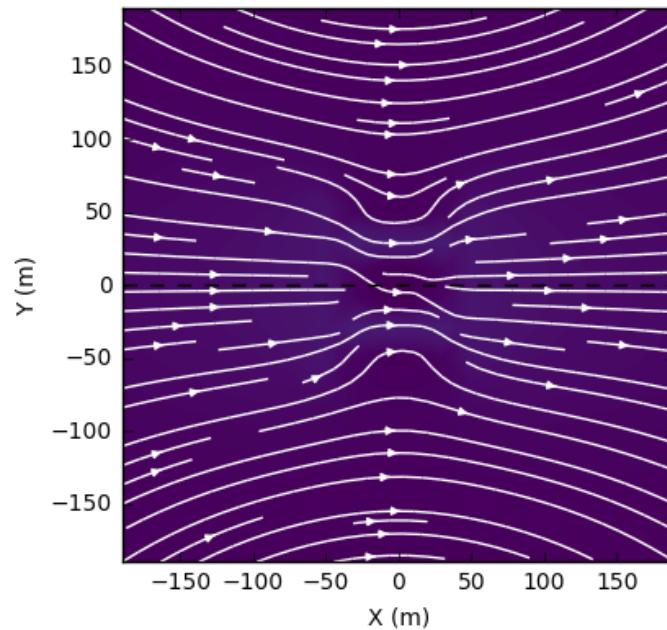


# Conductor: currents

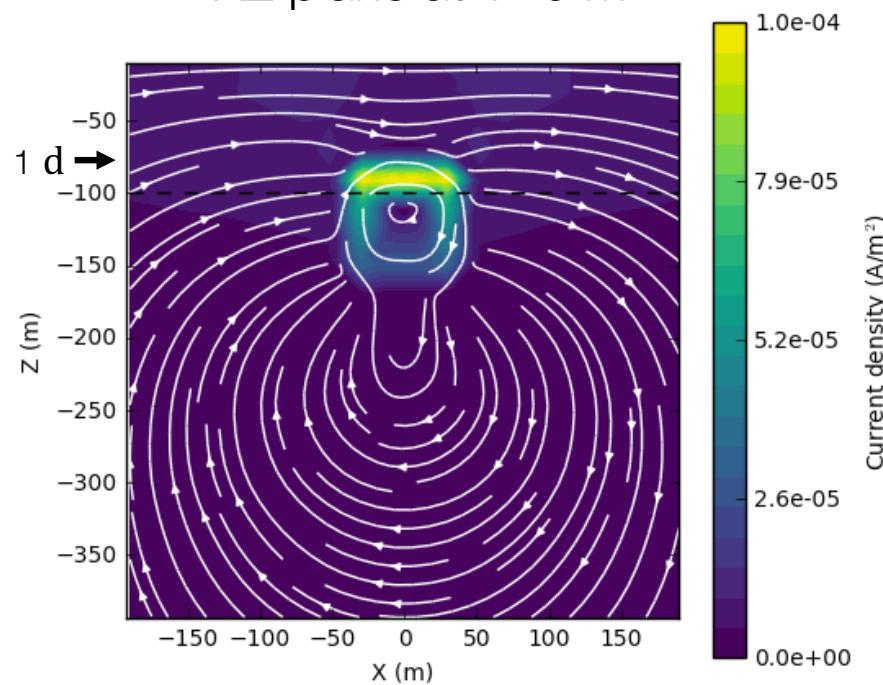
- Grounded wire
  - A conductor ( $1\text{S/m}$ ) in a halfspace ( $0.01 \text{ S/m}$ )
  - **0.04 ms**,  $d = 80 \text{ m}$



XY plane at  $Z=-100 \text{ m}$

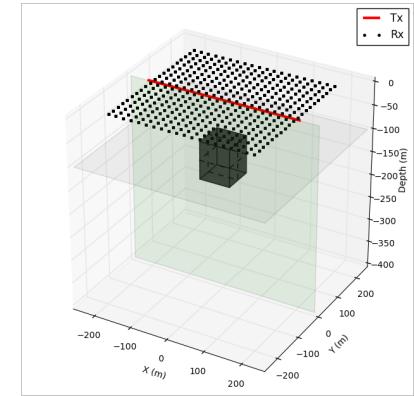


XZ plane at  $Y=0 \text{ m}$

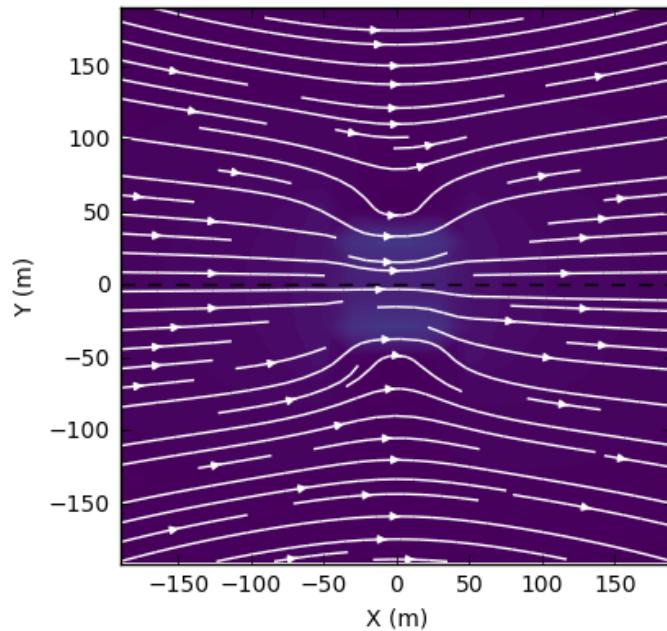


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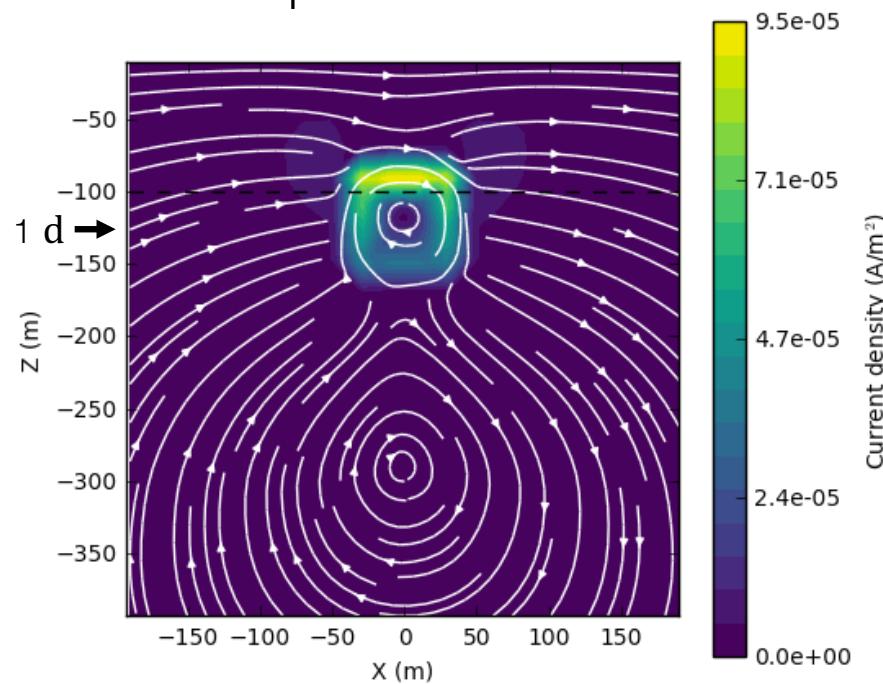
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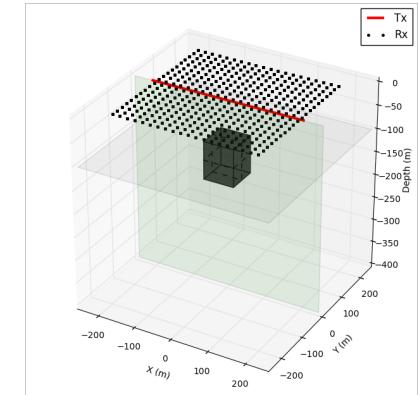
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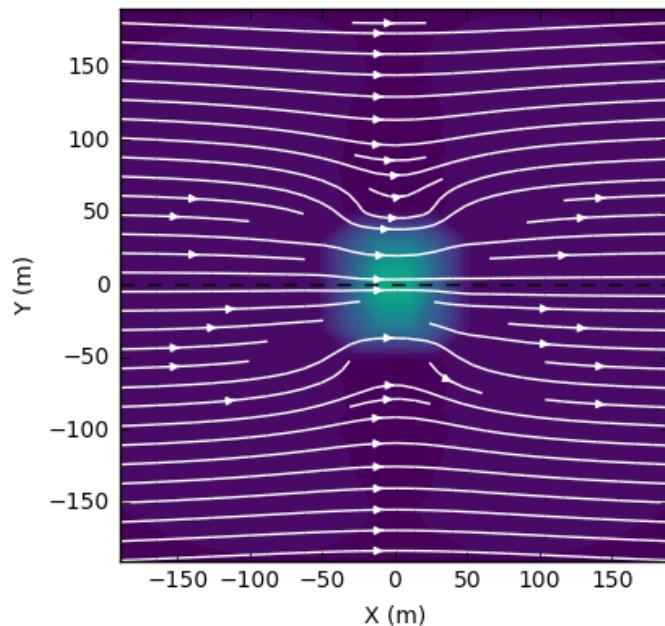


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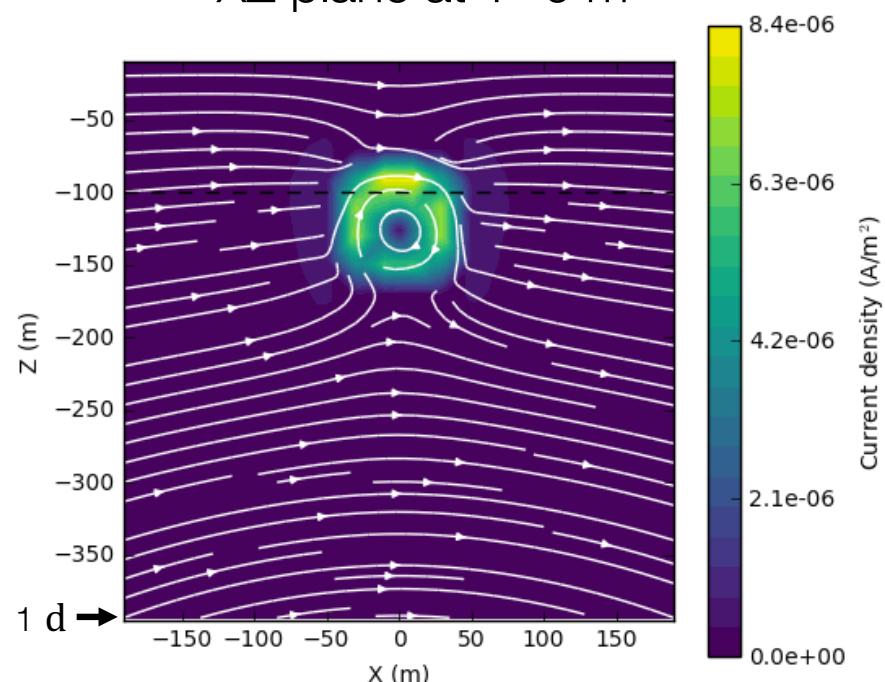


- Grounded wire
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  - $1 \text{ ms}$ ,  $d = 400 \text{ m}$

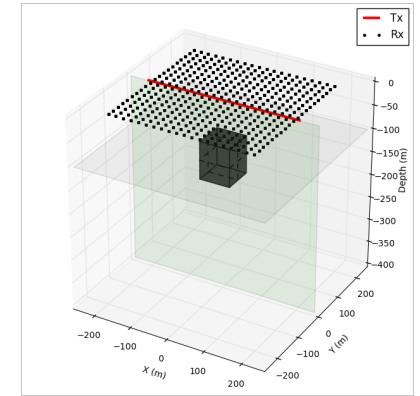
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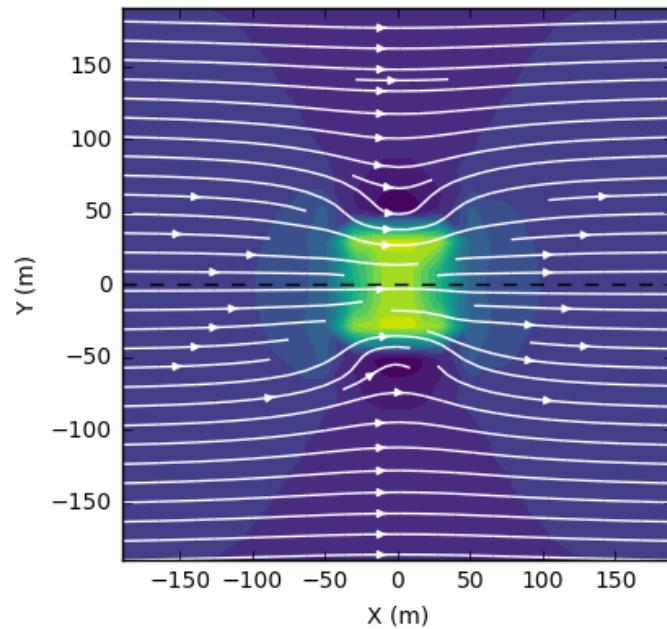


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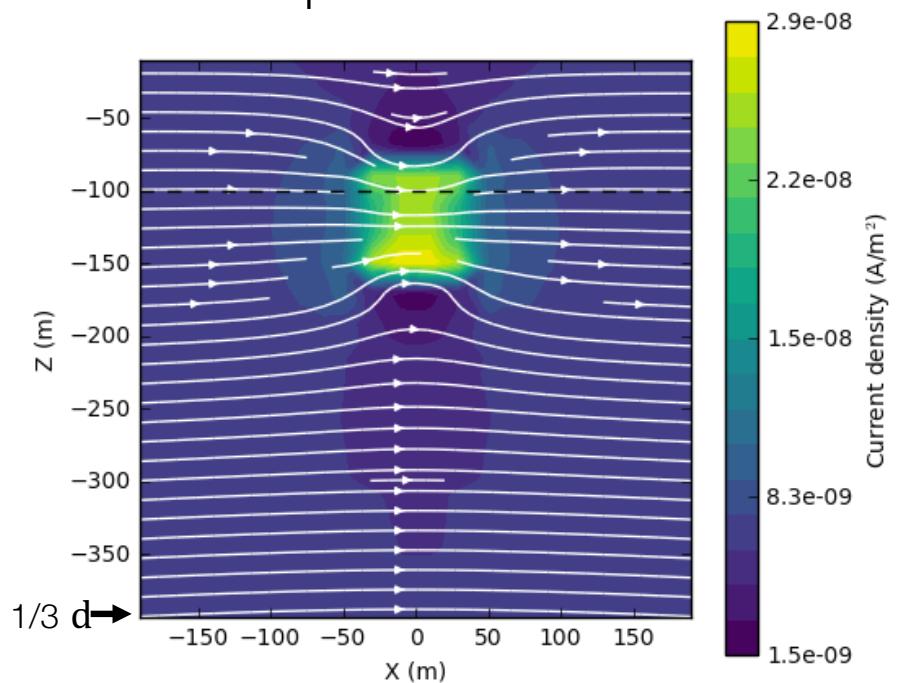


- Grounded wire
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  - **10 ms**,  $d = 1270 \text{ m}$

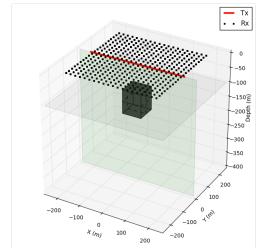
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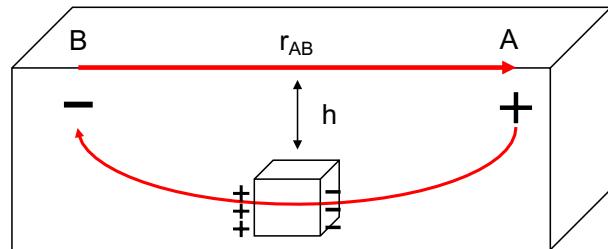
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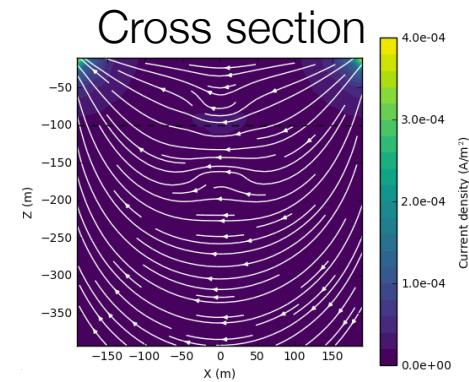
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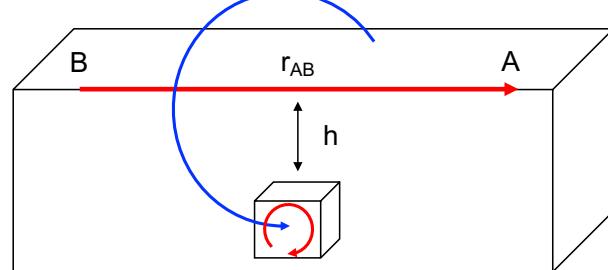
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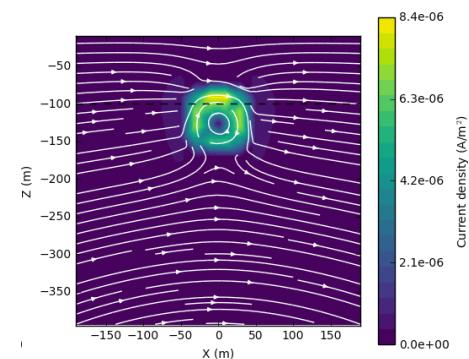
Galvanic current  
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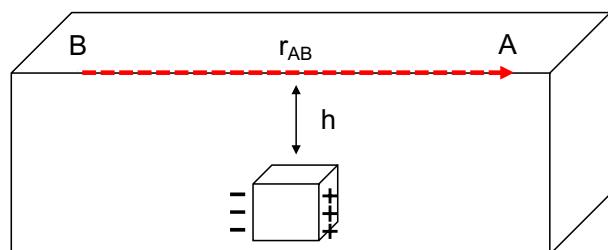
EM induction (vortex current)



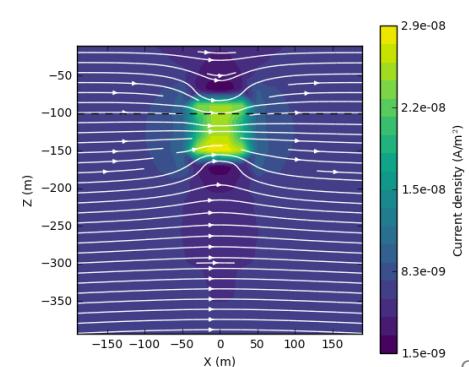
Vortex current  
 $t = 1 \text{ ms}$



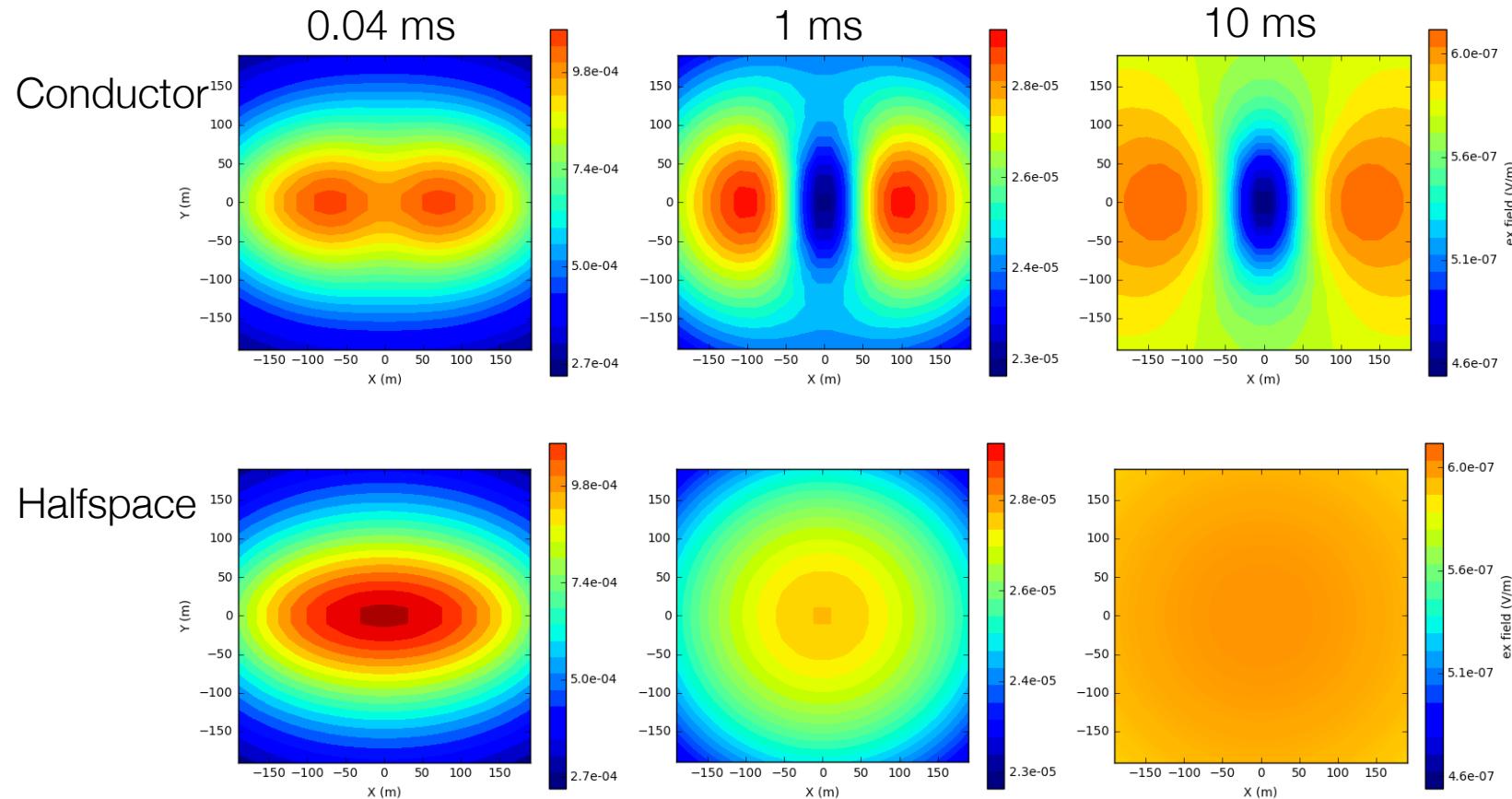
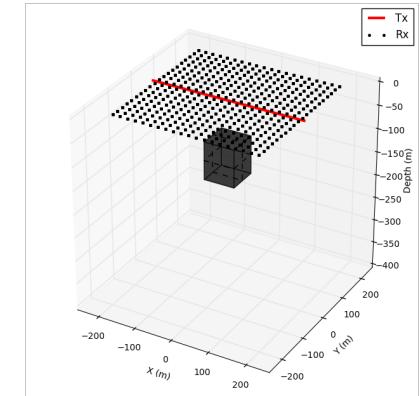
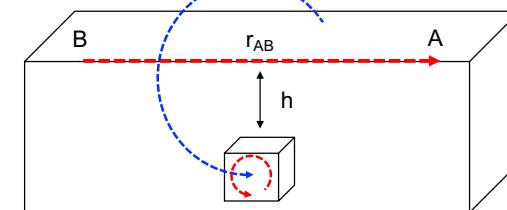
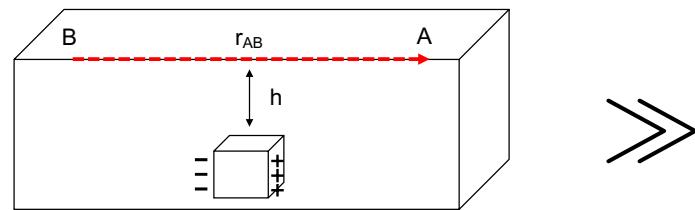
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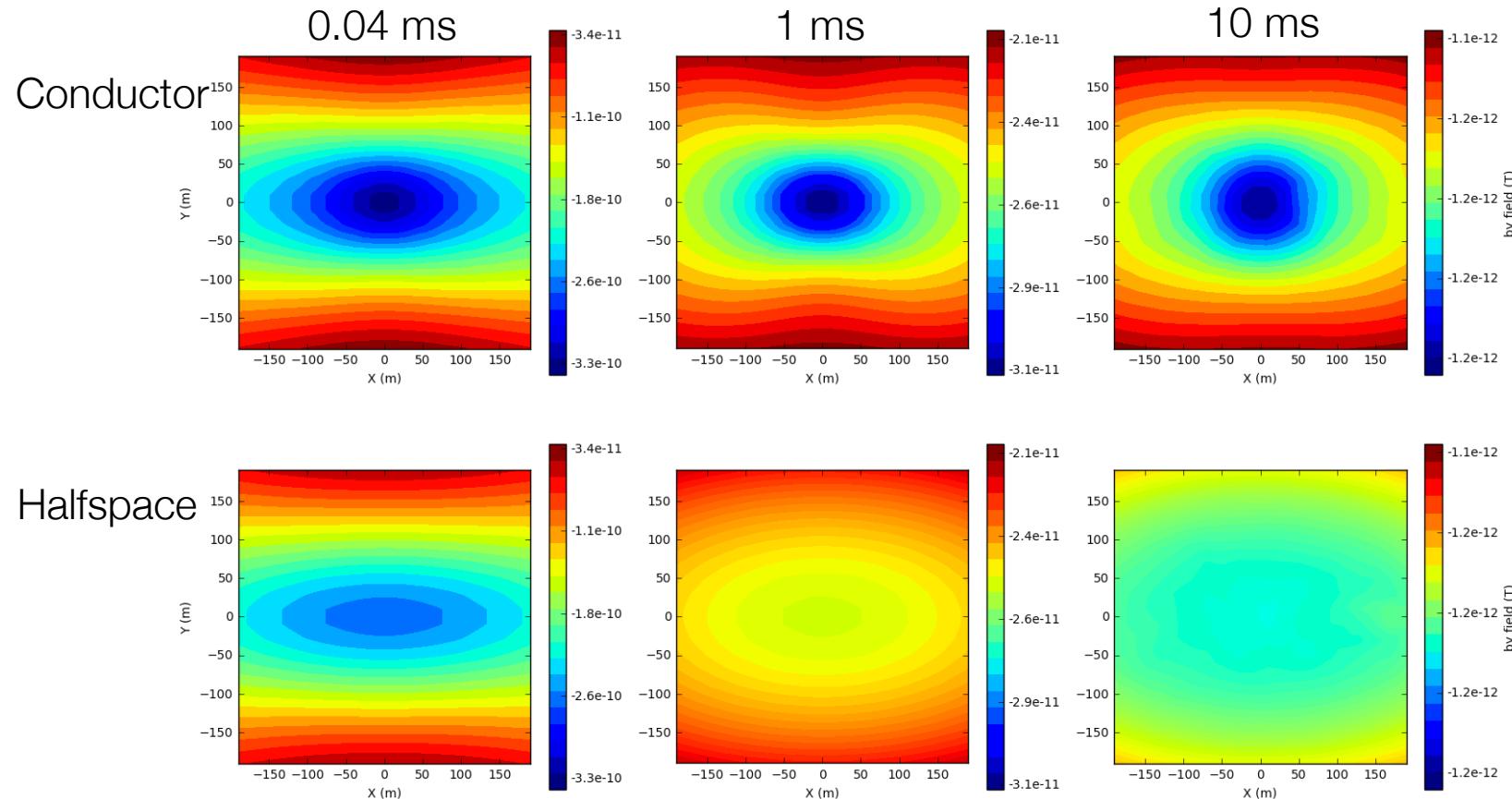
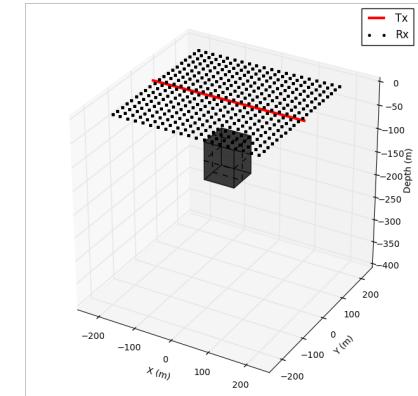
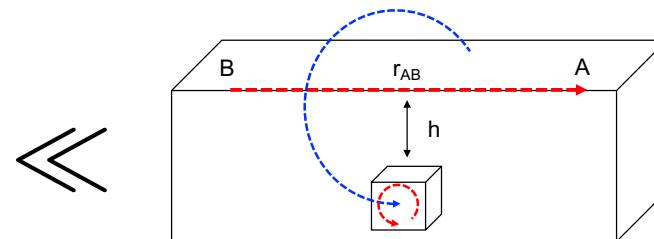
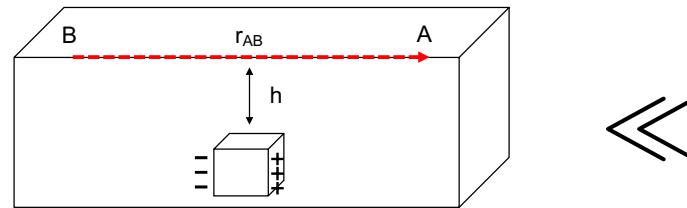
Galvanic current  
 $t = 10 \text{ ms}$



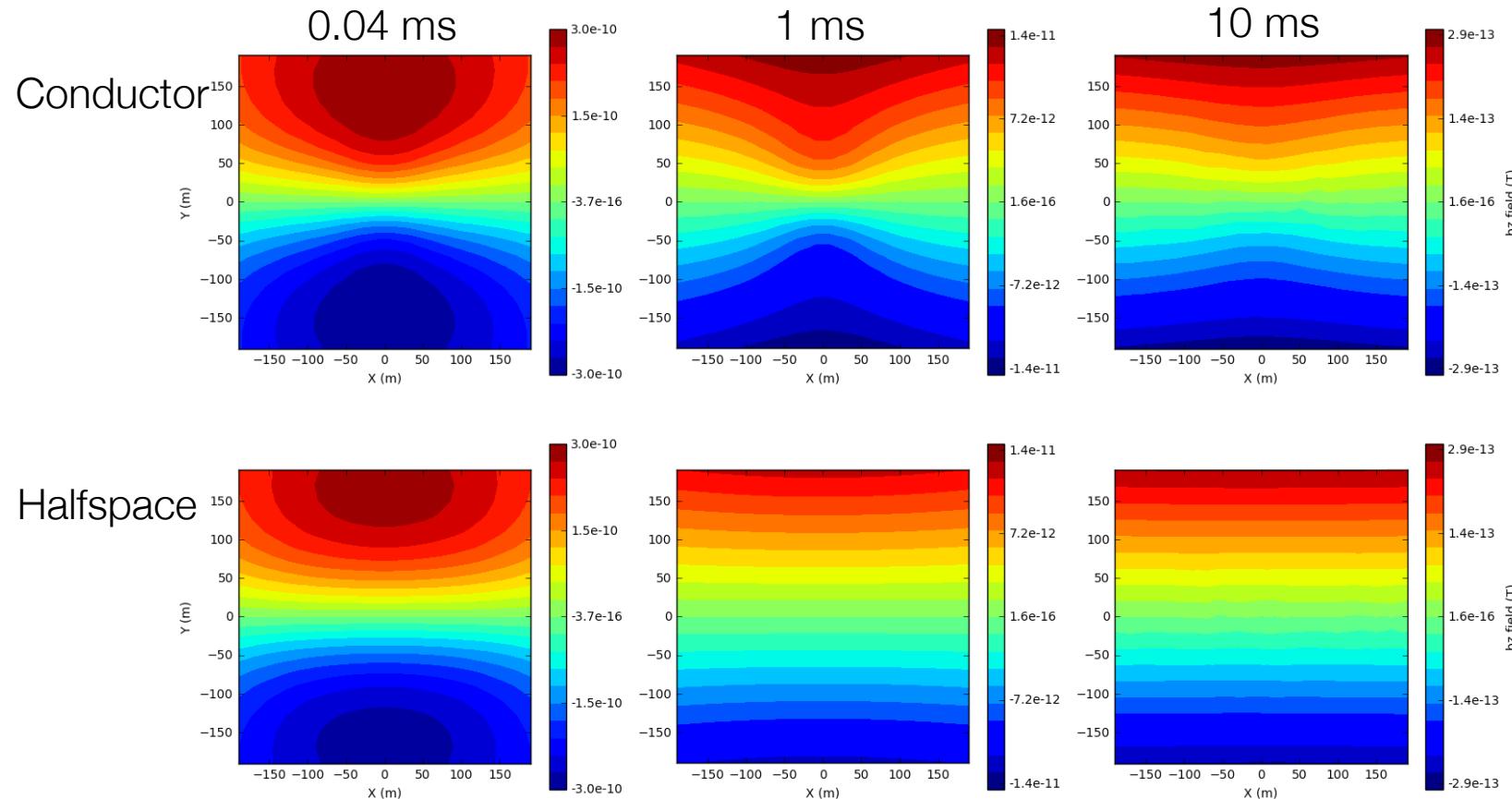
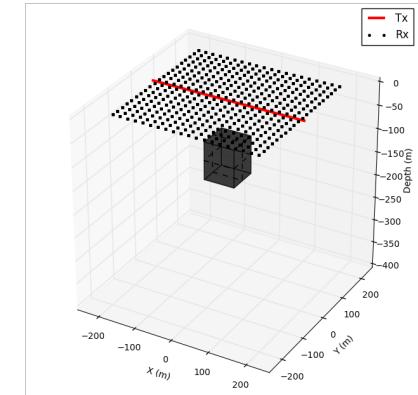
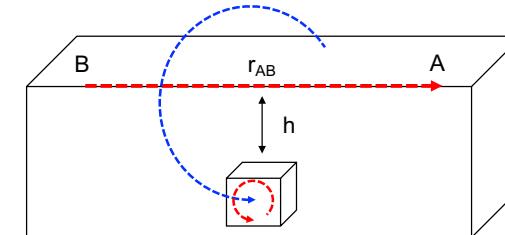
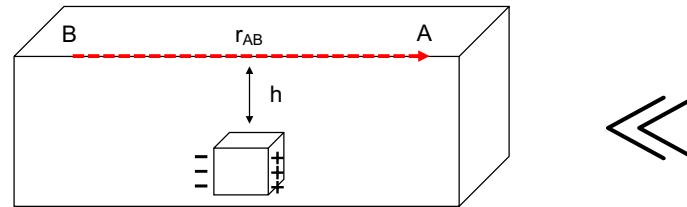
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# Data: $b_y$ field



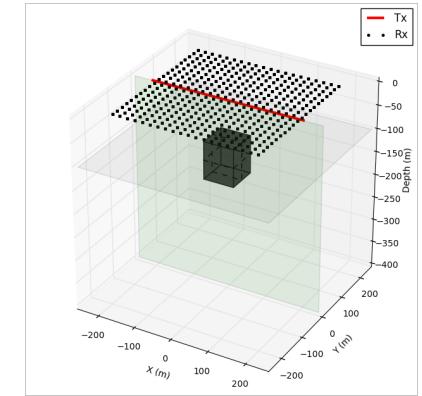
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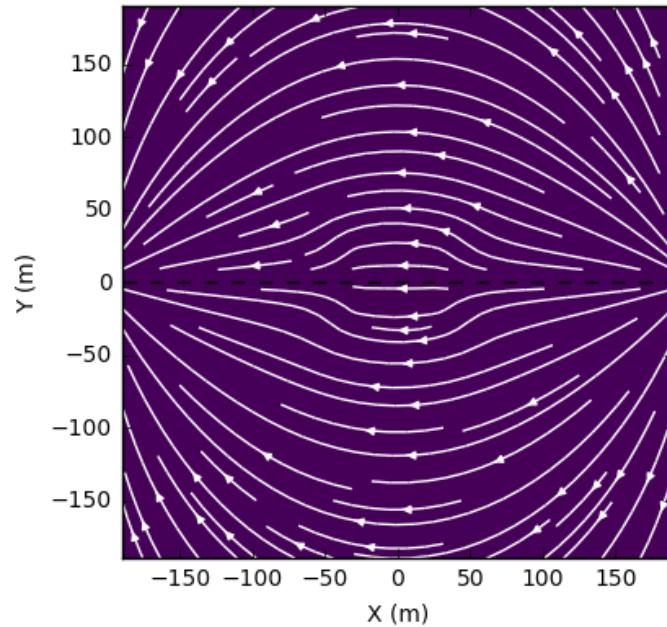
Anomaly: not always bulls-eye

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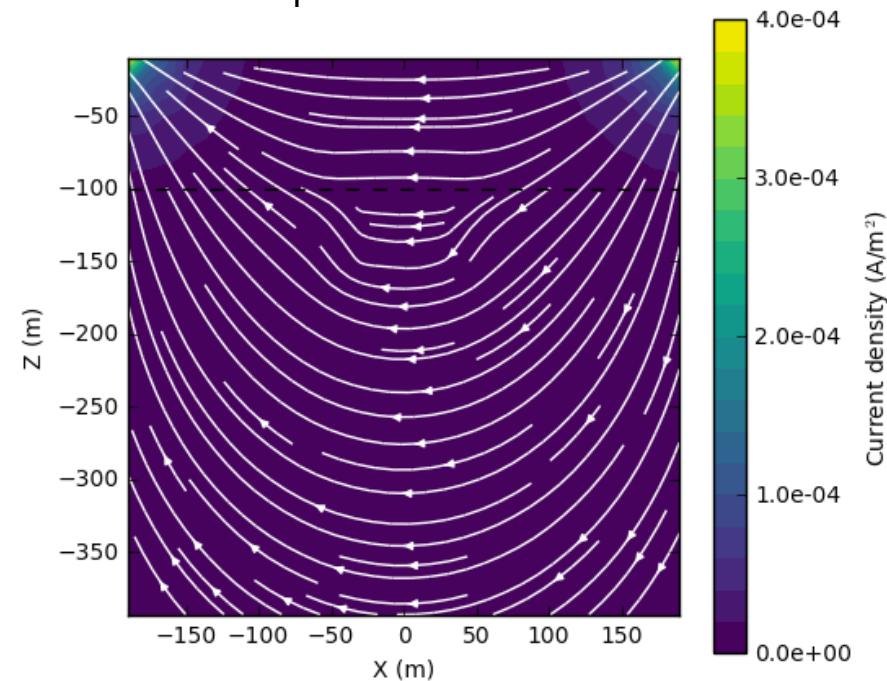
- Grounded wire
  - A resistor ( $10^{-4}$  S/m) in a halfspace (0.01 S/m)
  - **t=0<sup>-</sup>**, steady state



XY plane at  $Z=-100$  m

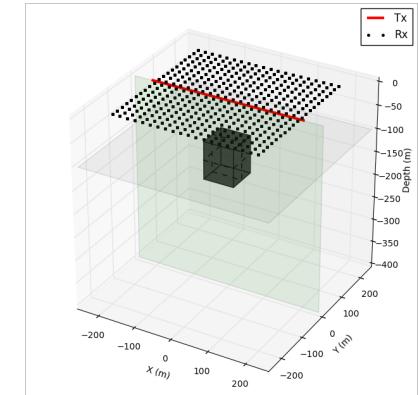


XZ plane at  $Y=0$  m

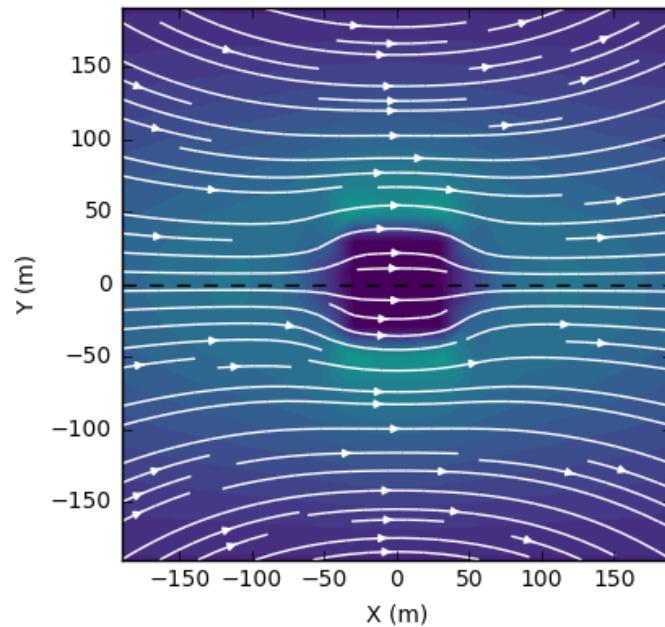


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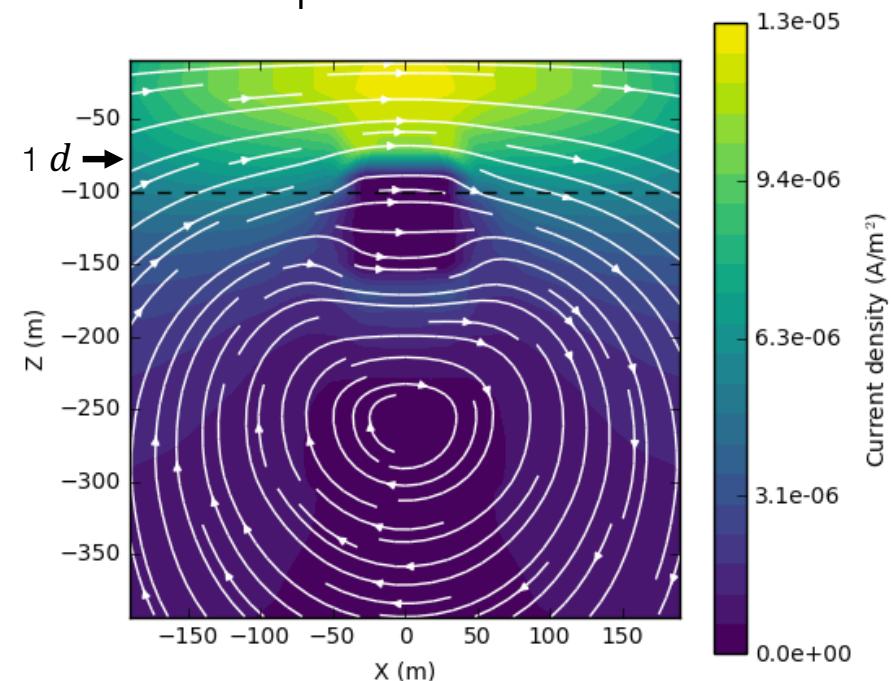
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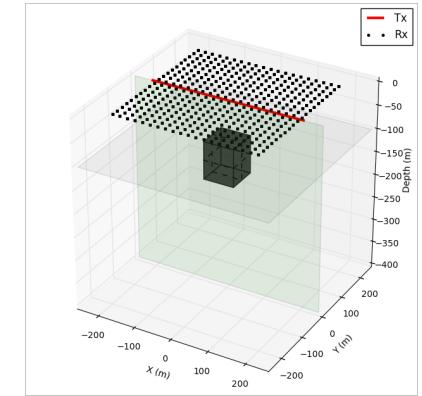


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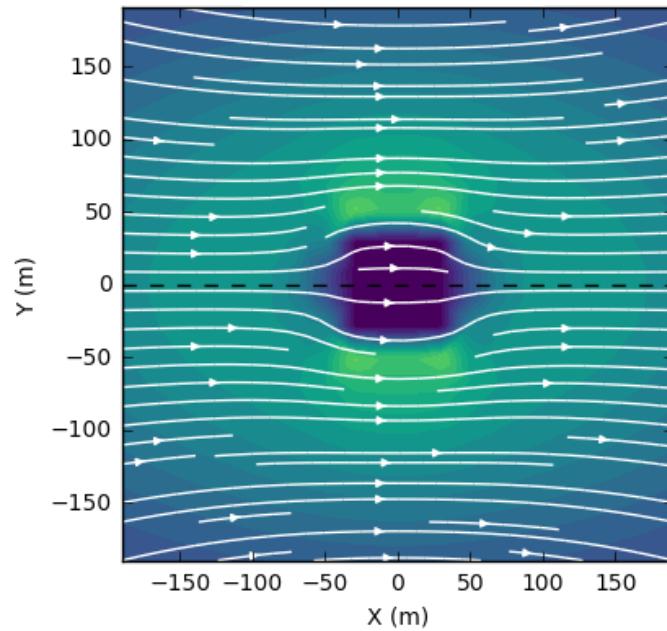


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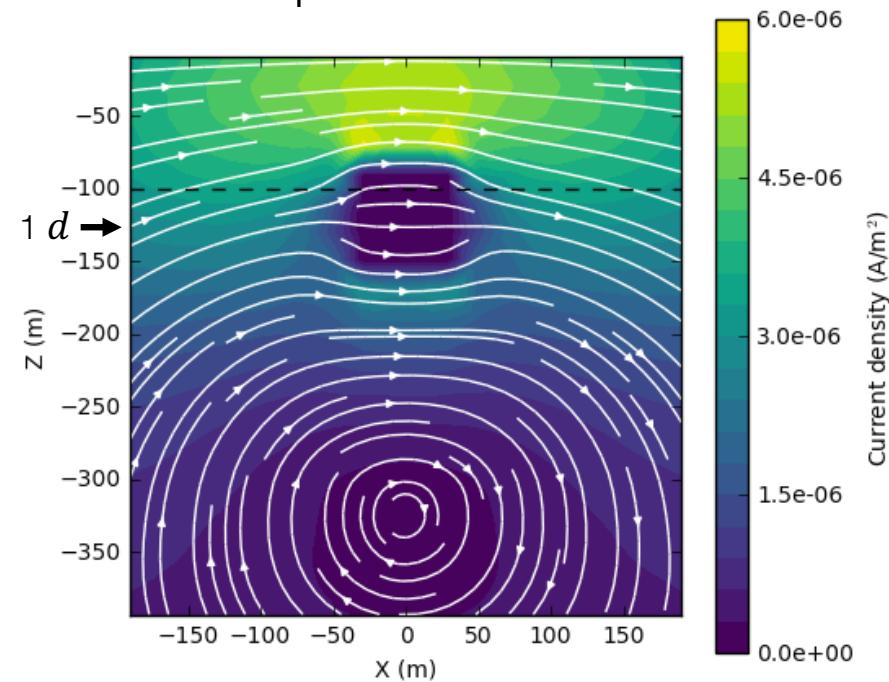
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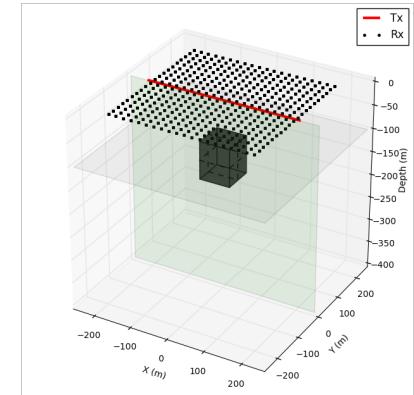


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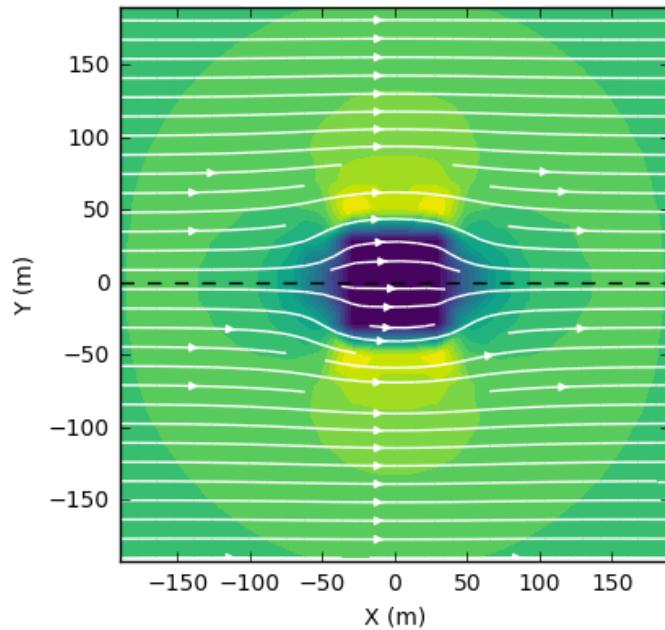


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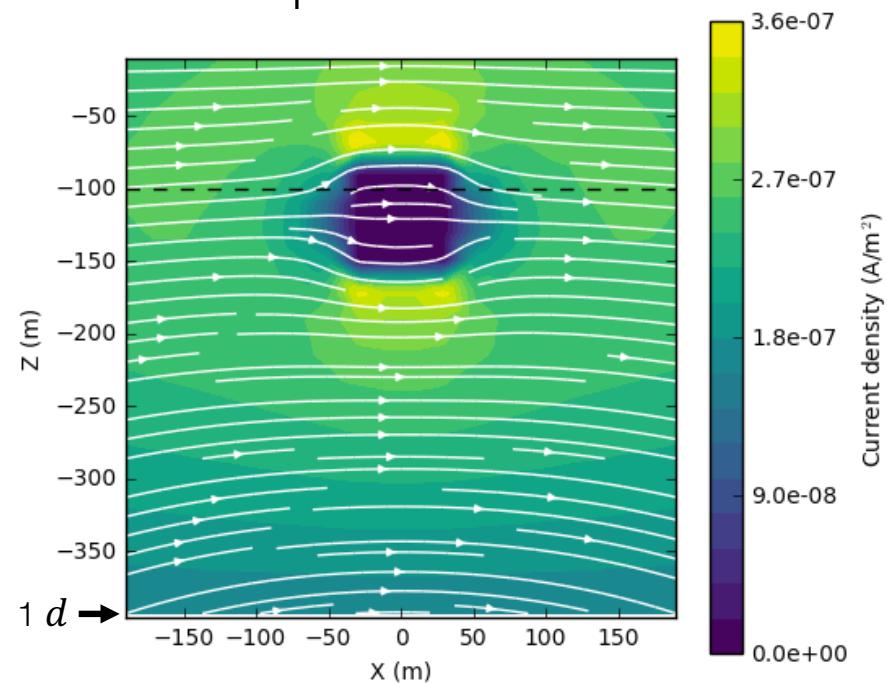
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XY plane at  $Z=-100$  m

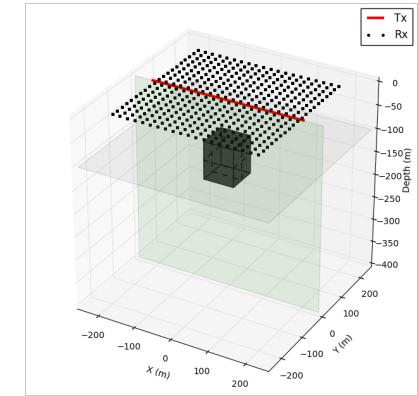


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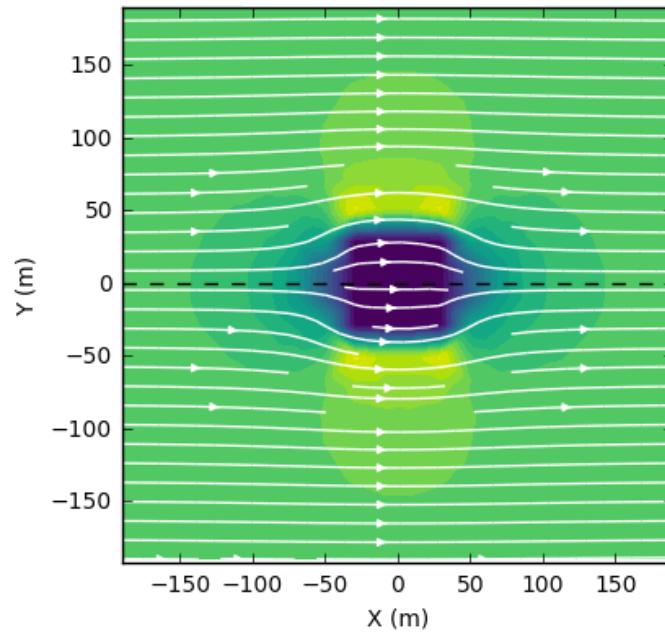


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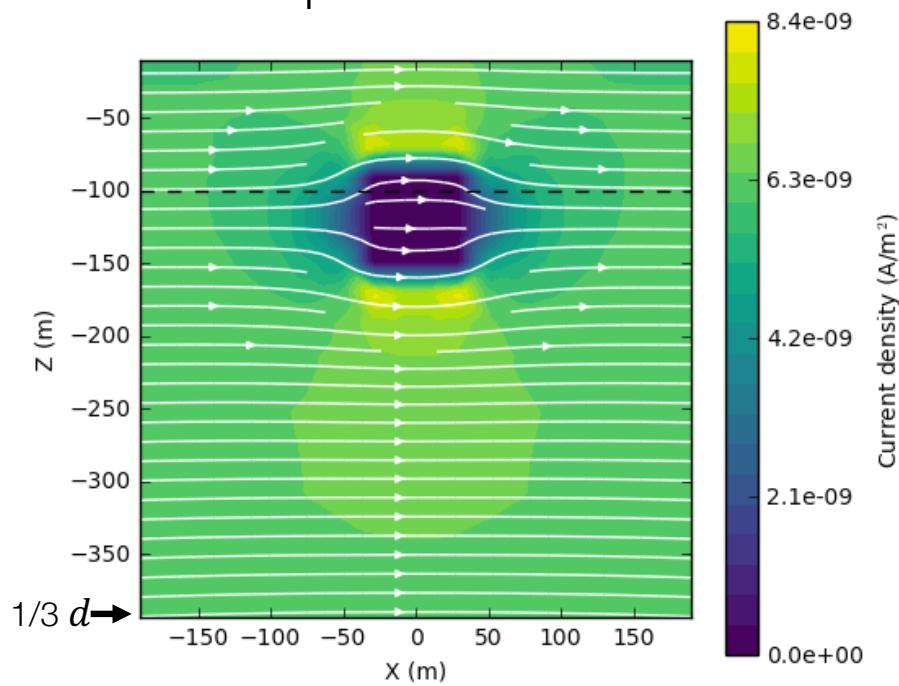
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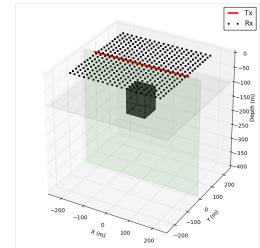
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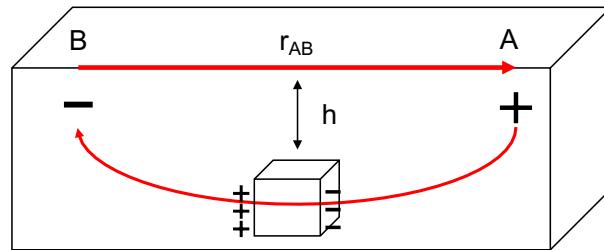
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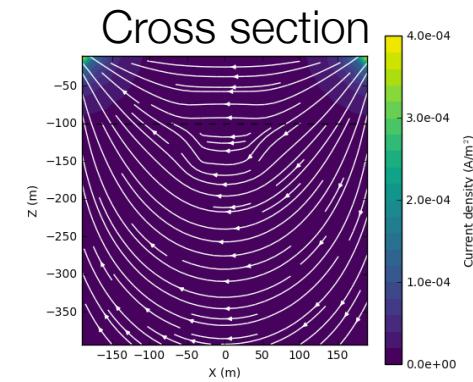
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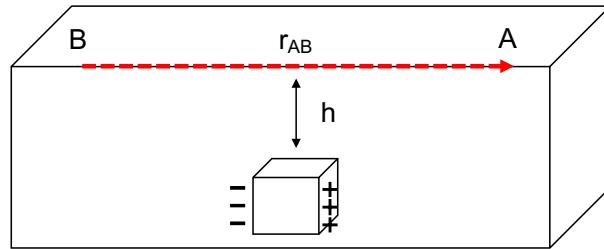
DC (galvanic current)



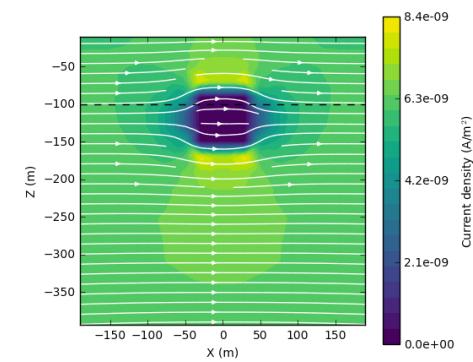
Galvanic current  
 $t = 0^-$



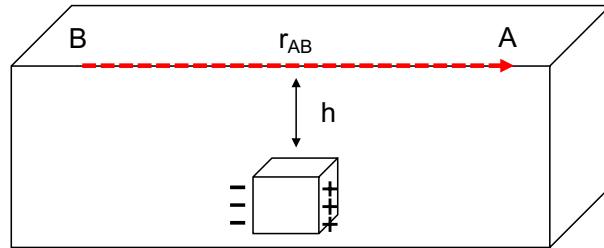
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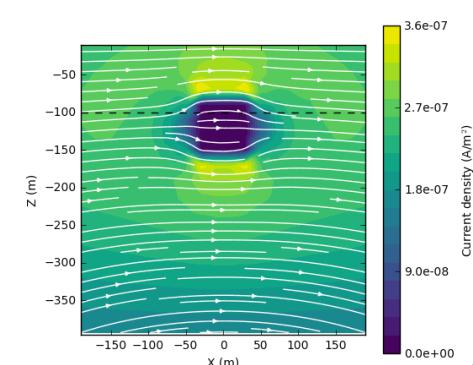
Galvanic current  
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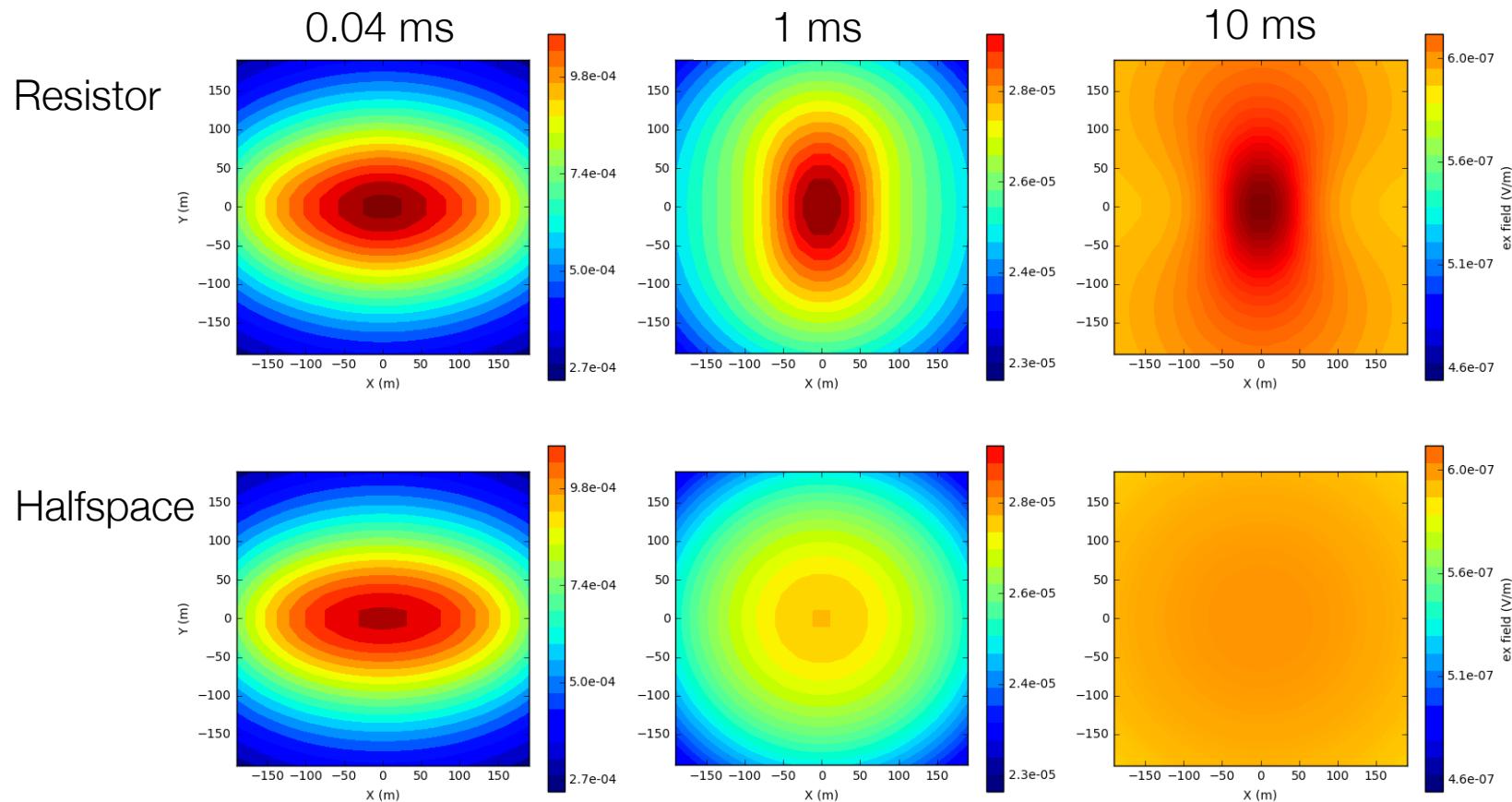
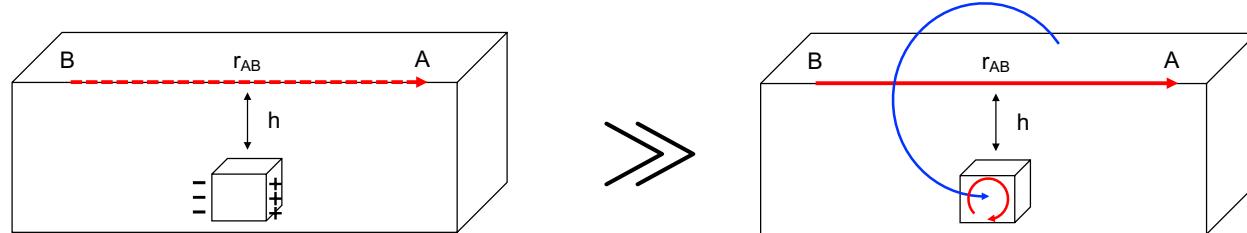
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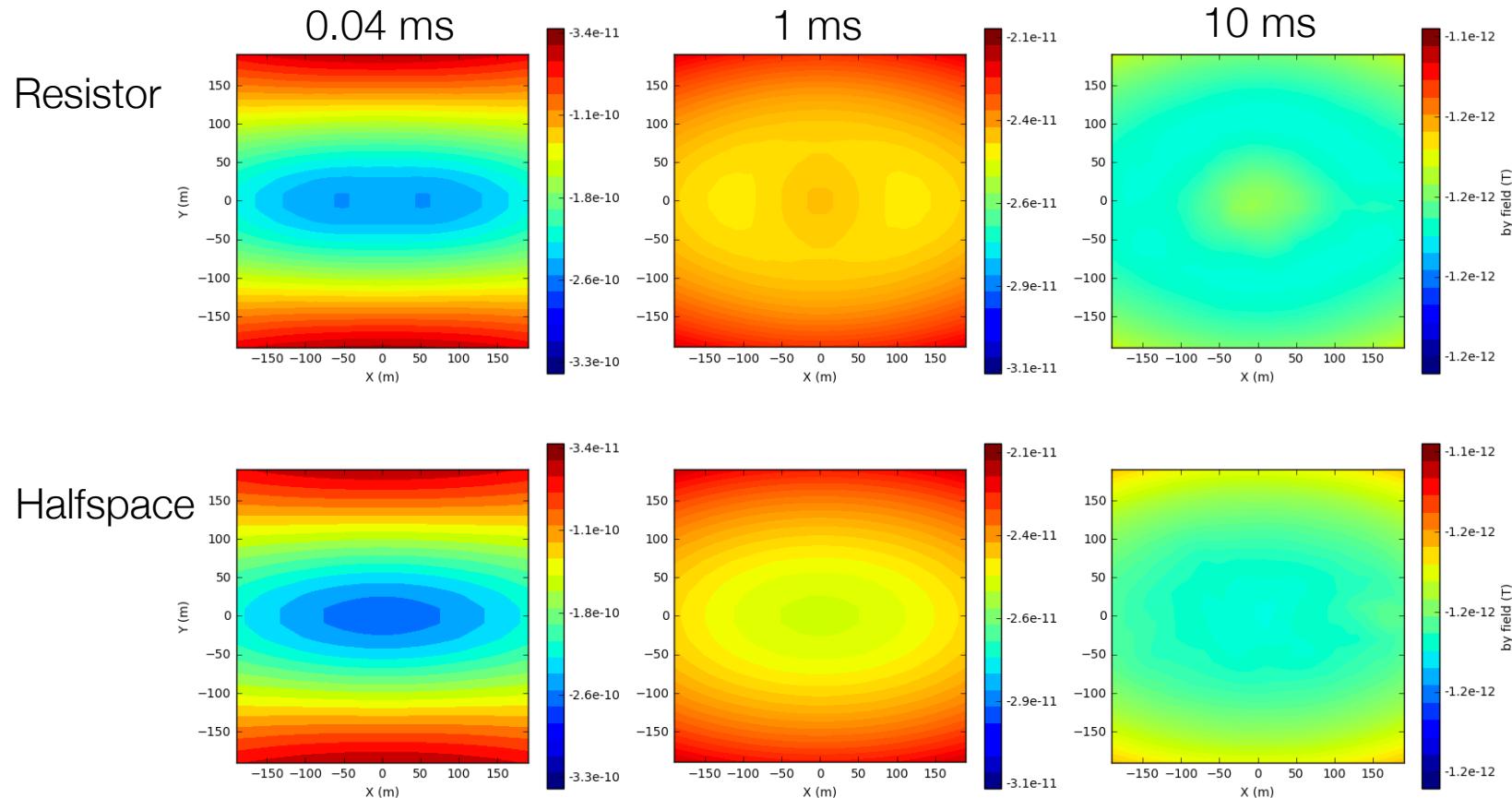
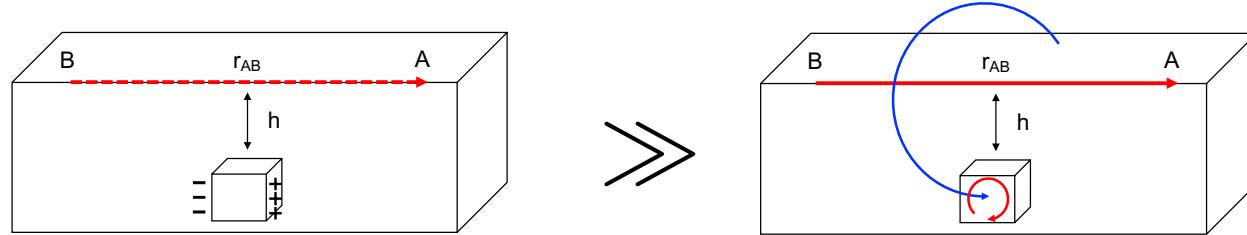
Galvanic current  
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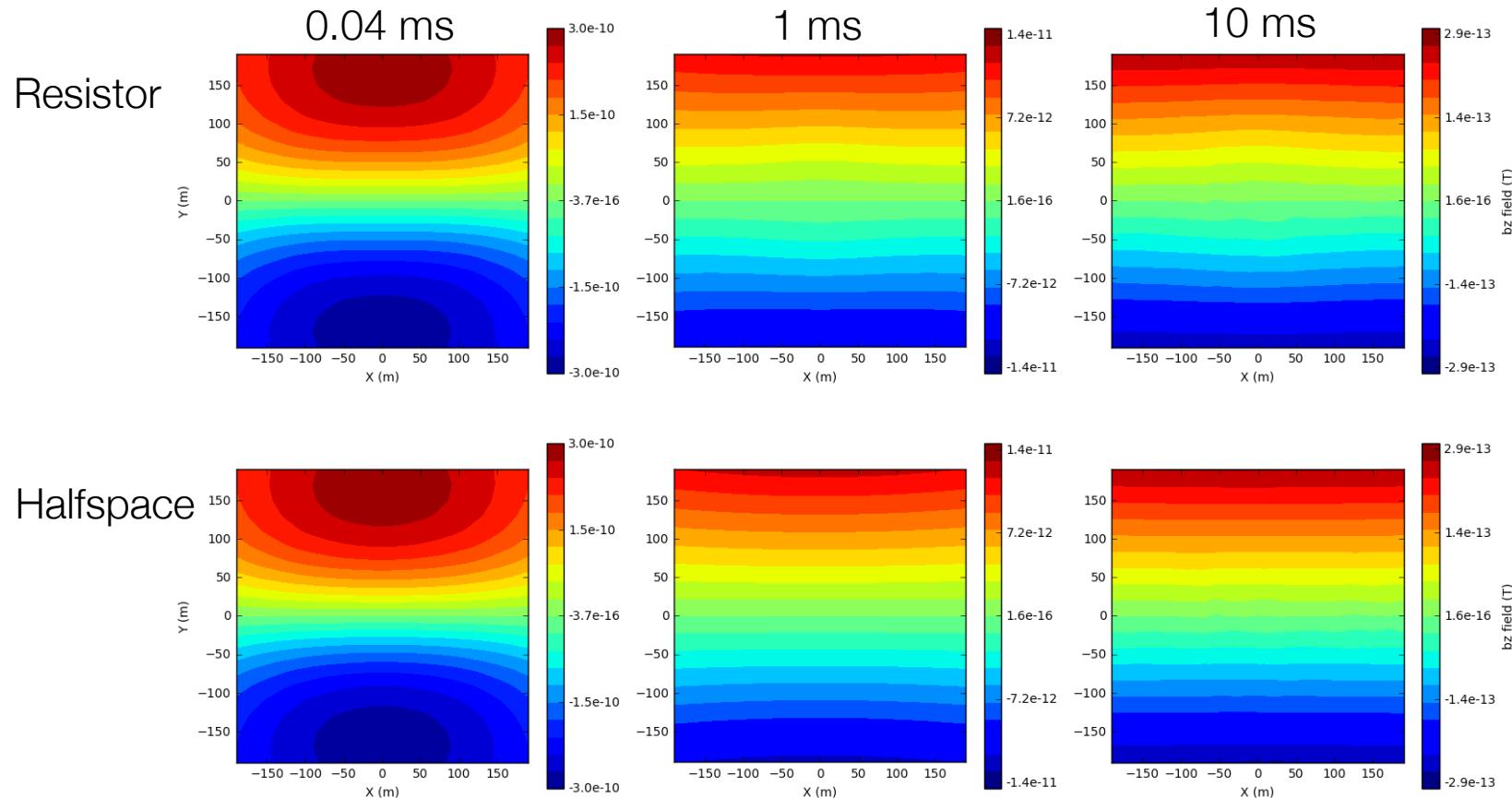
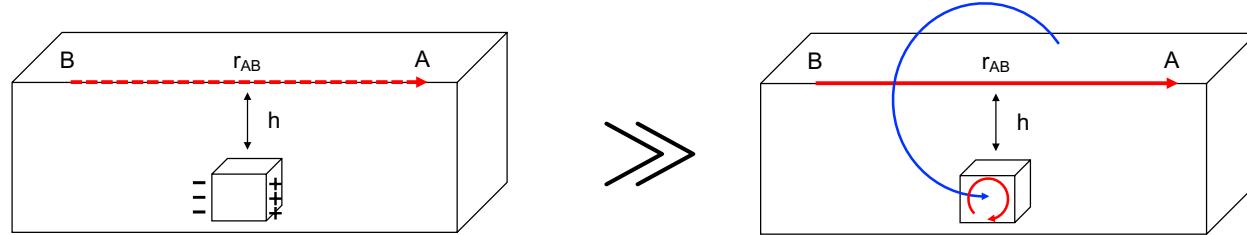
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# Data: $b_y$ field

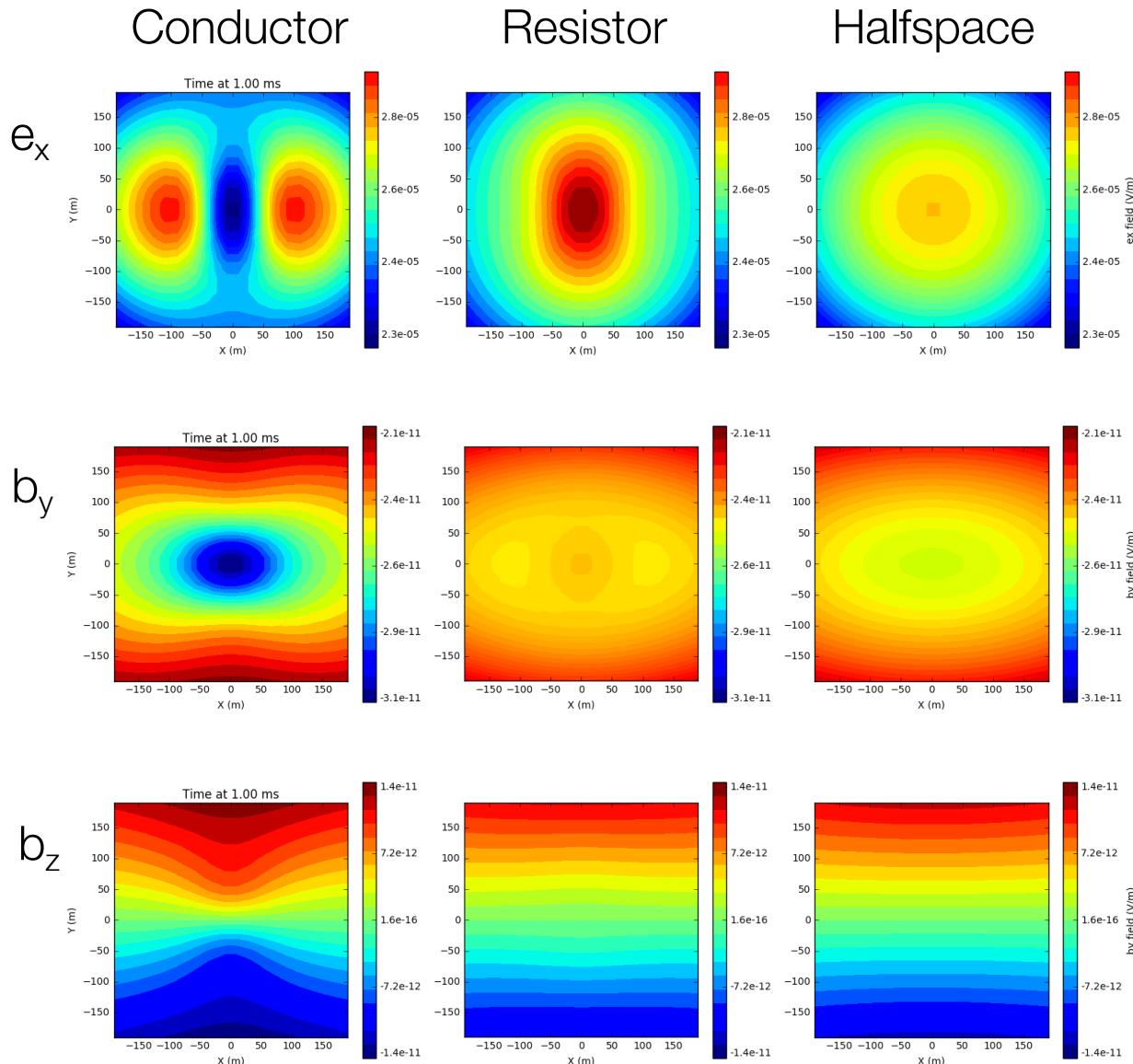


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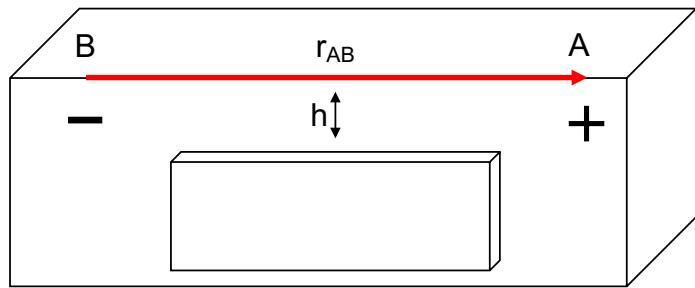
# Data summary

$t = 1\text{ms}$

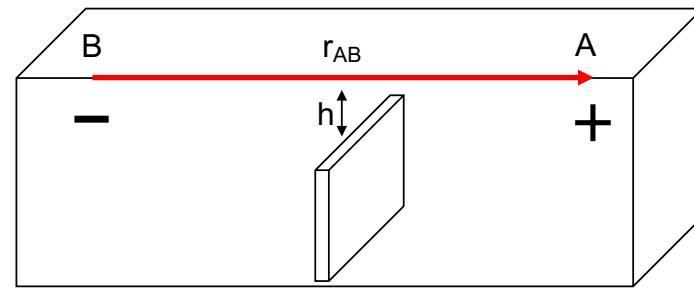


# Geometric Complexities

- Coupling: Back to finding thin plates...



- DCR: good coupling
- EM: good coupling



- DCR: poor coupling
- EM: poor coupling

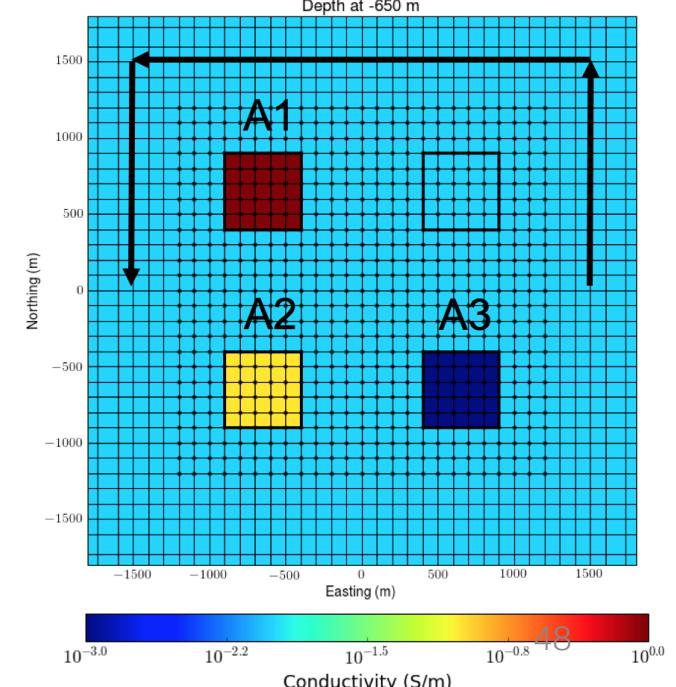
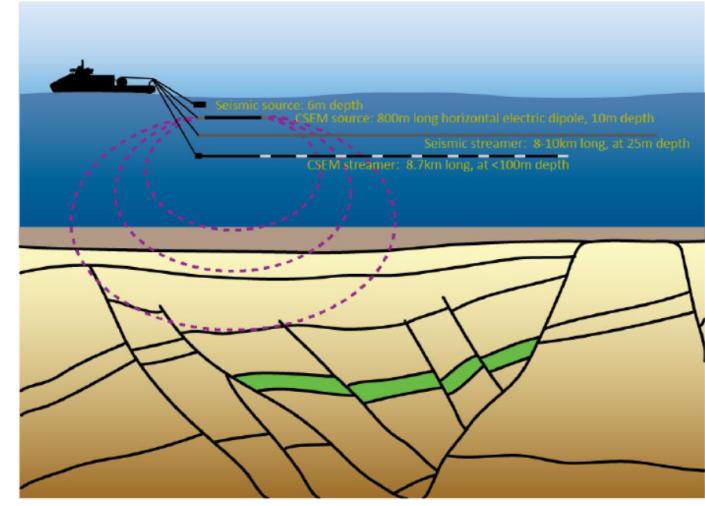
- Arbitrary target requires multiple excitation directions
- Forward simulations necessary

# Grounded Sources: Summary

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

# Grounded sources: two examples

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

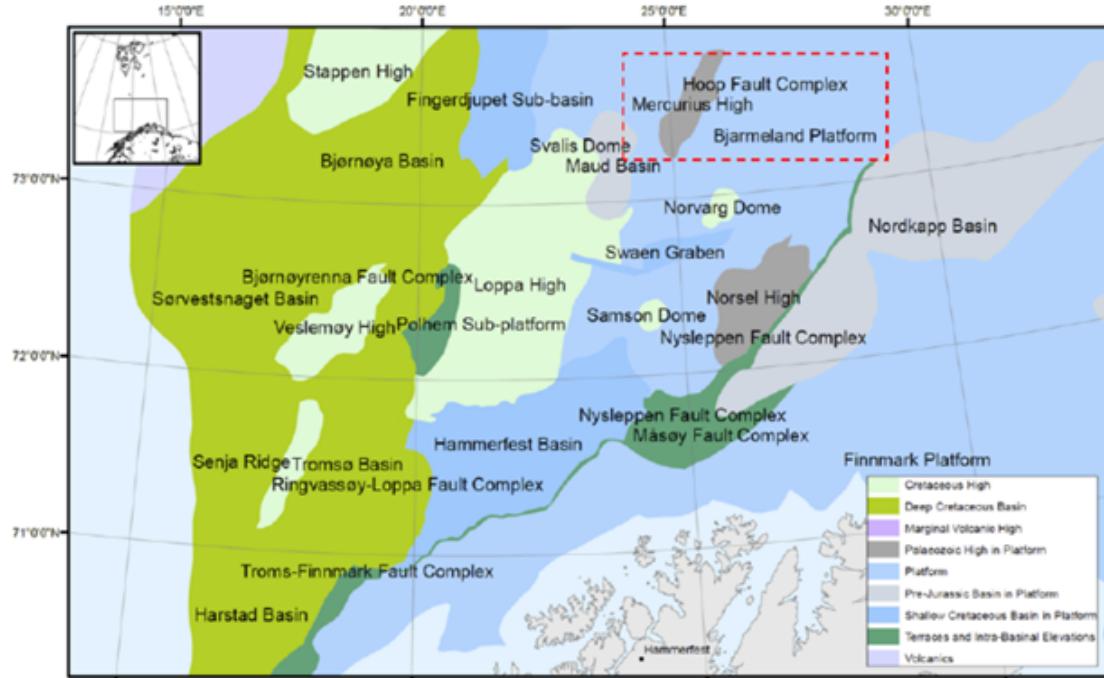


# Case History: Barents Sea

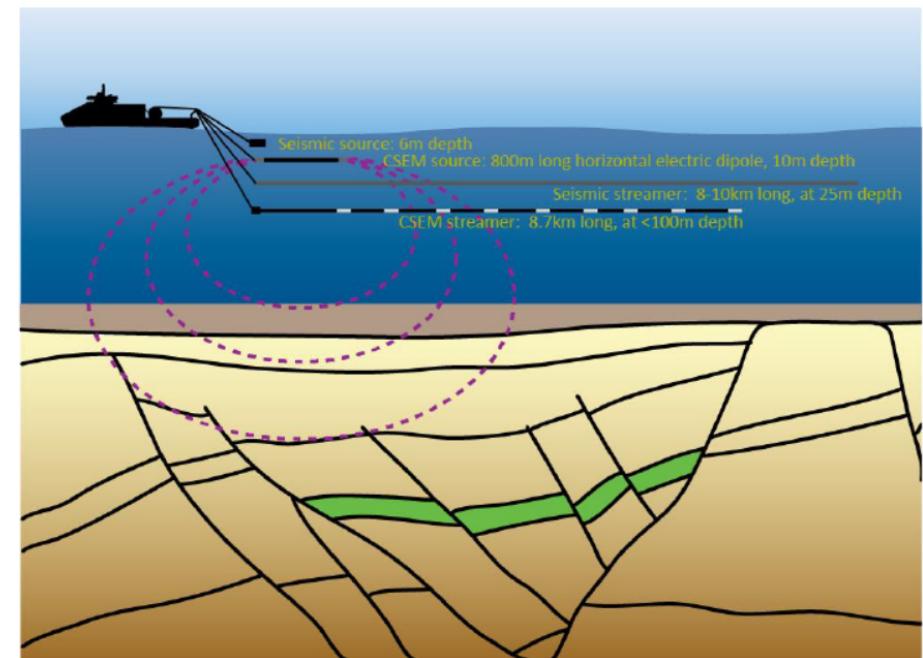
Alvarez et al., 2016. Rock Solid Images

# Setup

## Hoop Fault Complex, Barents Sea

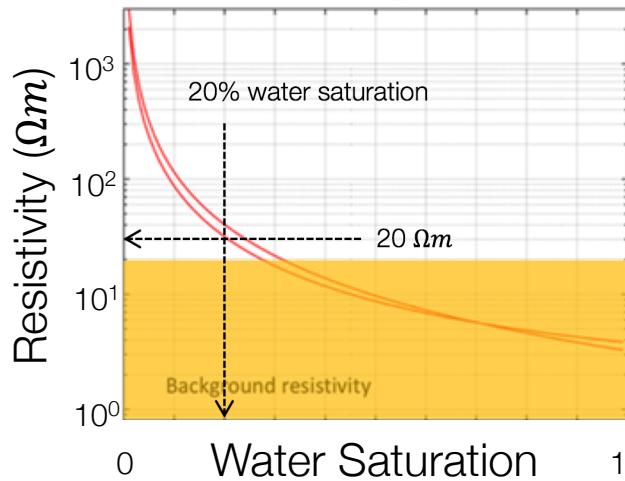
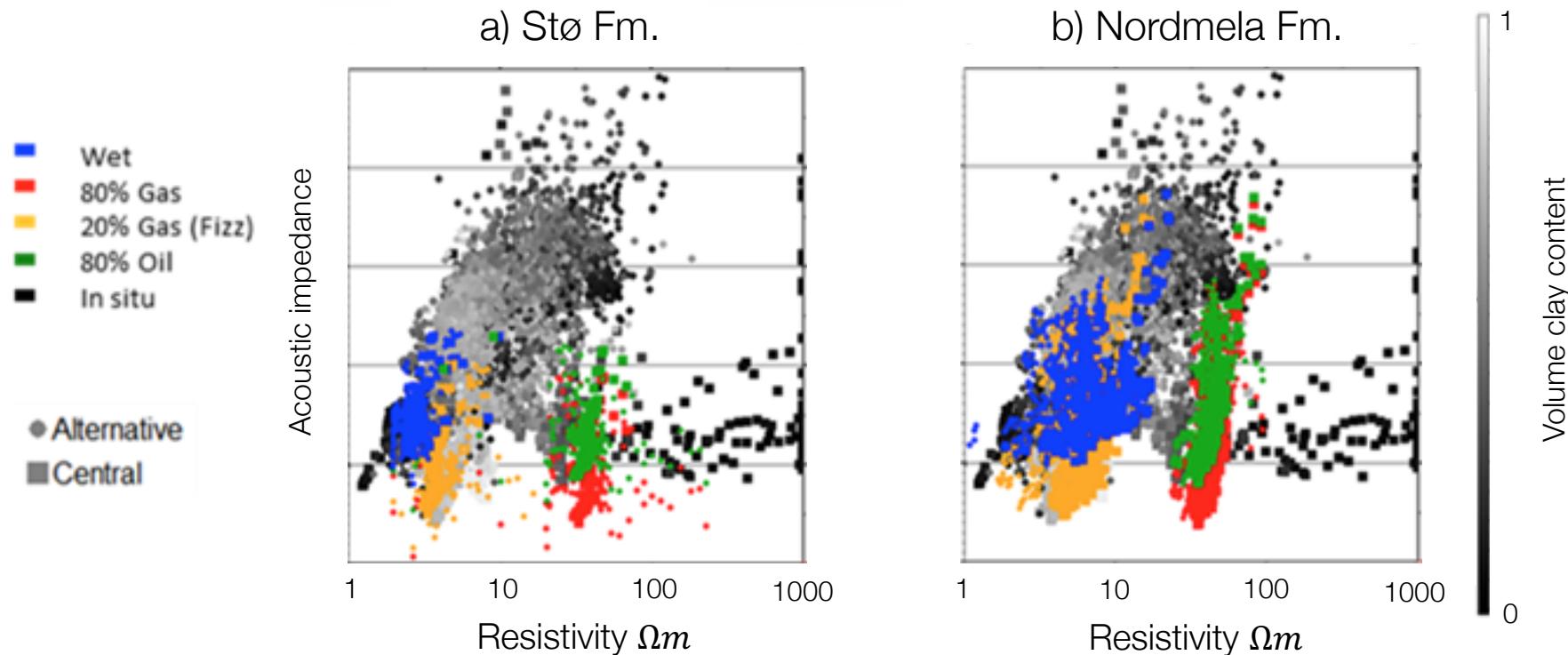


## Marine CSEM



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

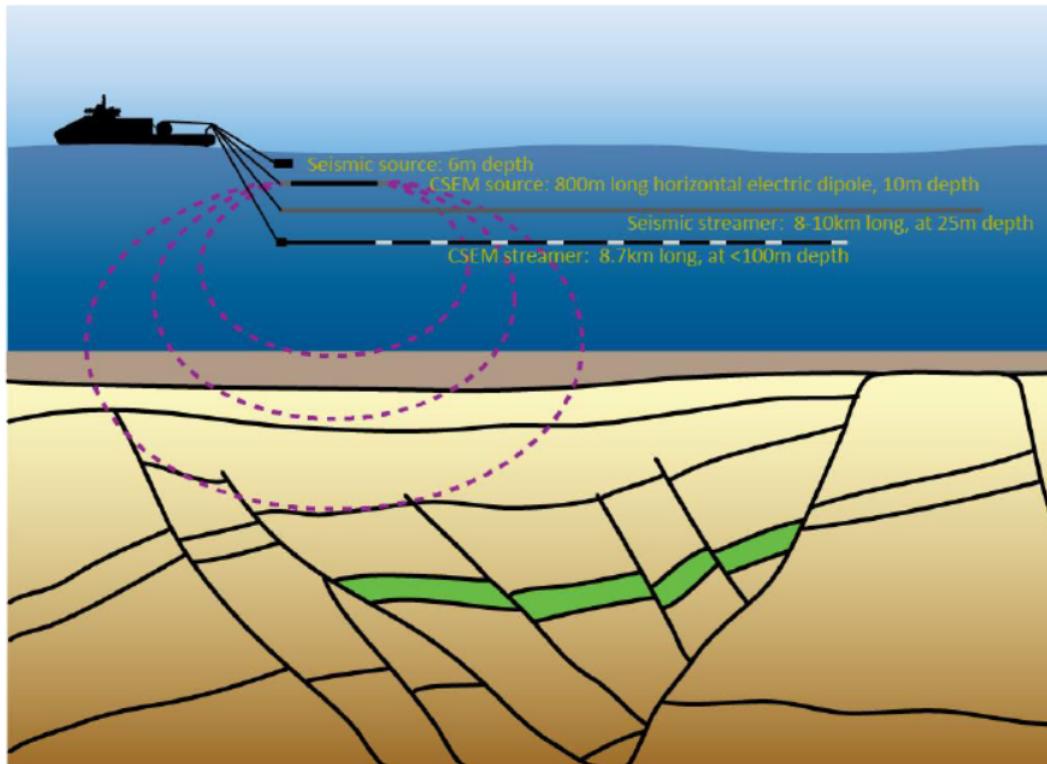
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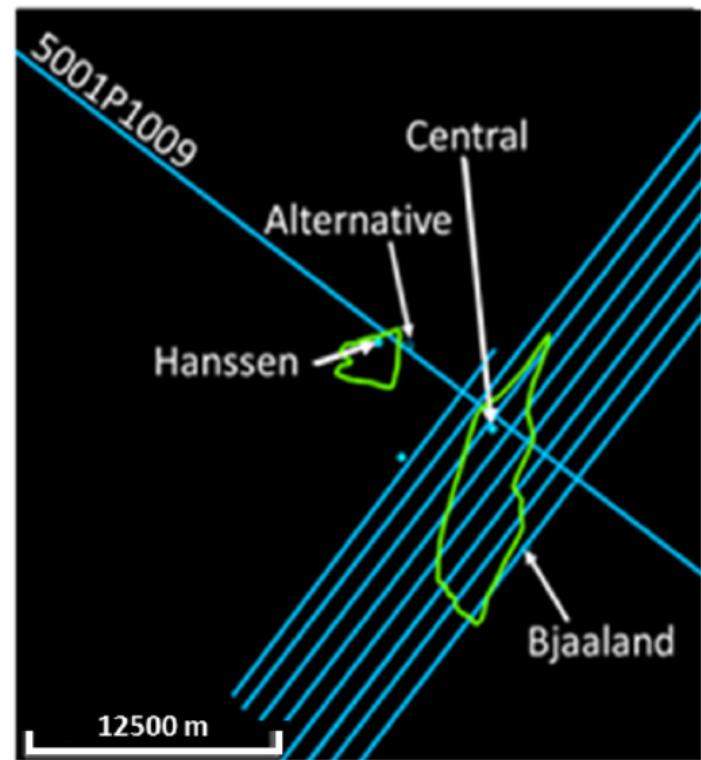
- Highly hydrocarbon-saturated reservoir (< 20% water-wet) significant resistivity
- CSEM can differentiate high from low quality reservoirs

# Survey

Towed CSEM and 2D seismic



Survey lines

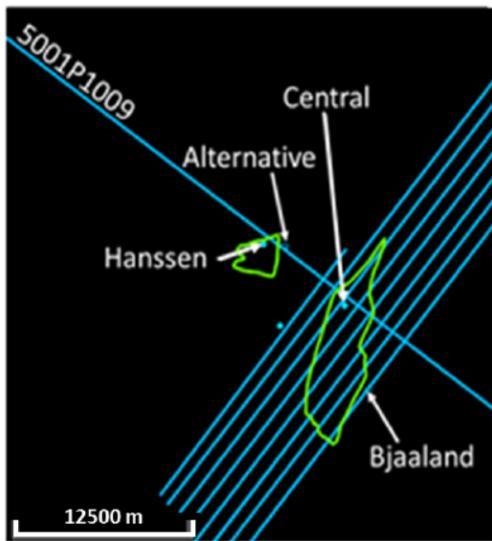


- 6 lines of 2D seismic and towed streamer CSEM data.
- 72 receivers collected CSEM data
  - offsets from 31m to 7.8 km
- CSEM frequencies: 0.2 Hz to 3 Hz.

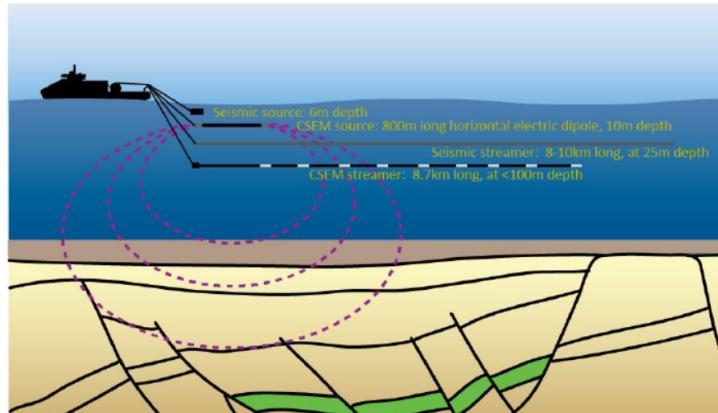
Alternative	Control well, productive
Central	Control well, dry
Hanssen	Validation well
Bjaaland	Validation well

# CSEM Data

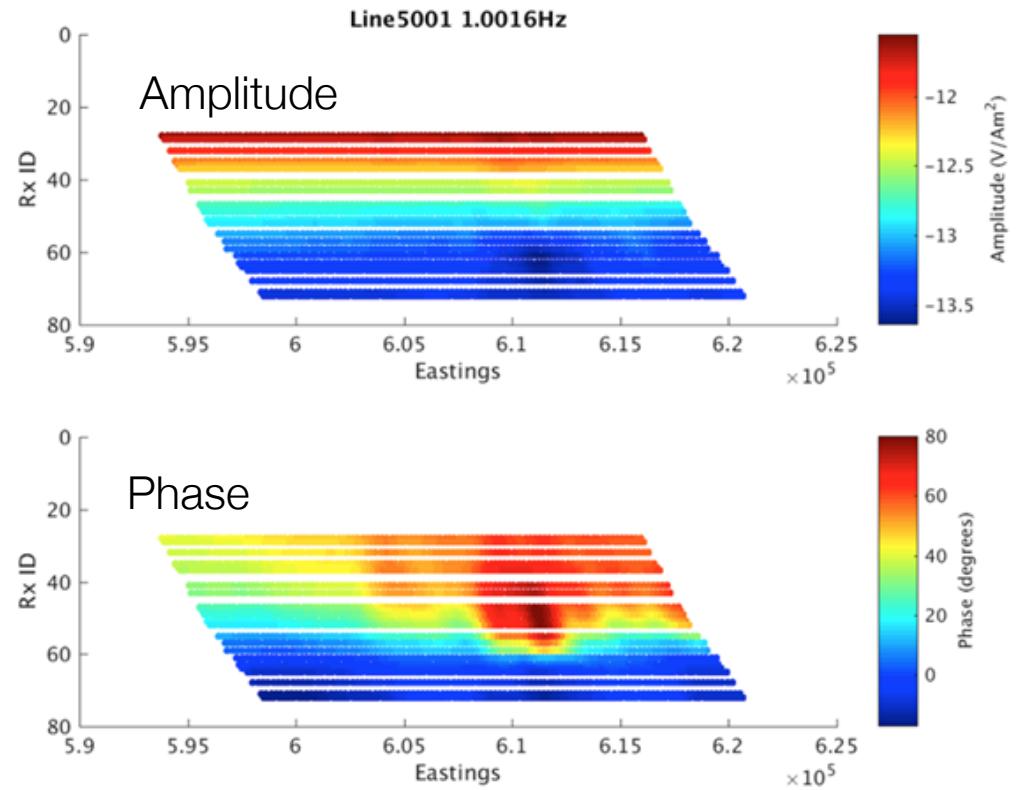
Survey lines



Towed-streamer EM



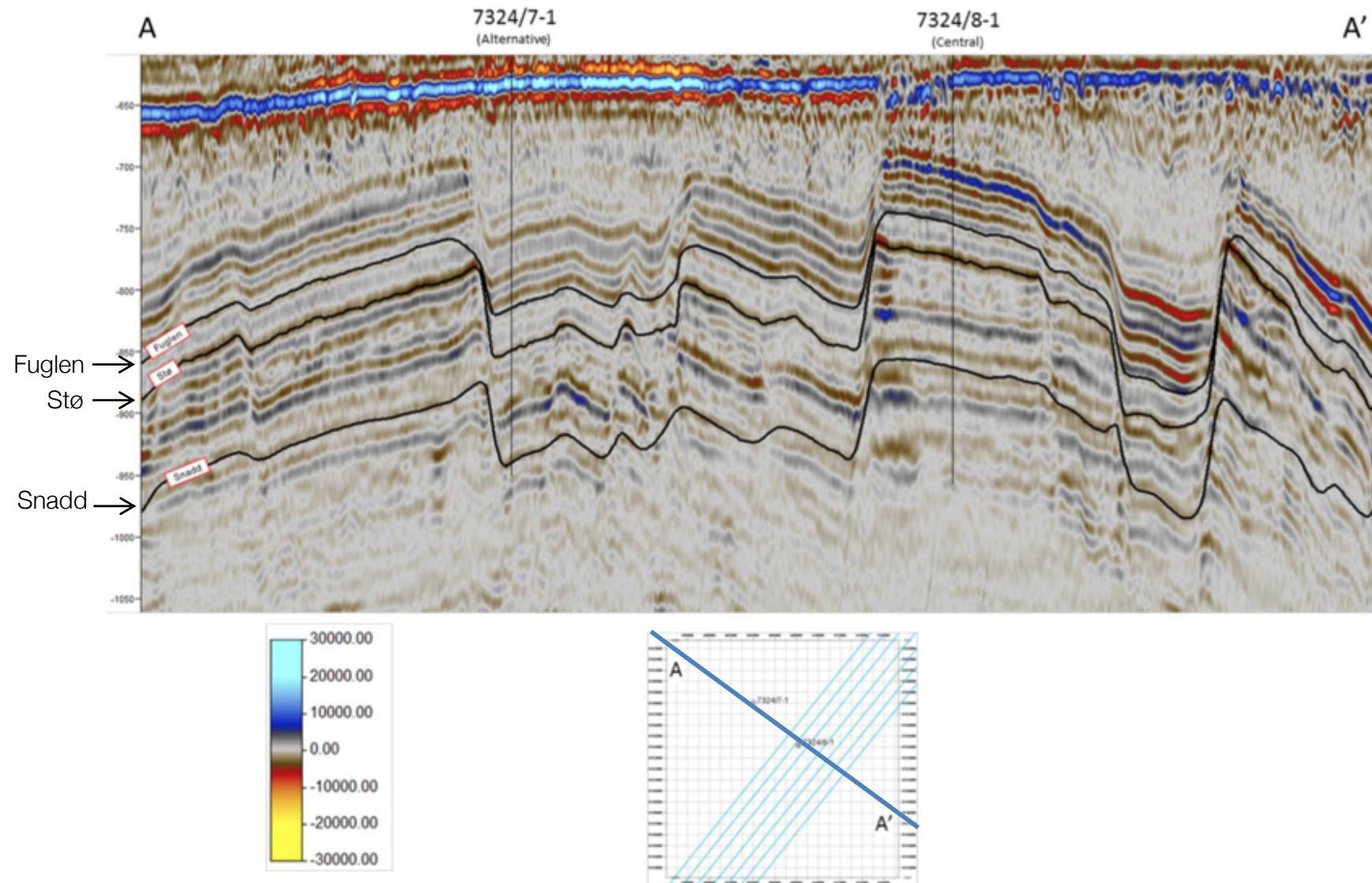
CSEM data over central reservoir (1 Hz)



- Significant phase response over Central reservoir

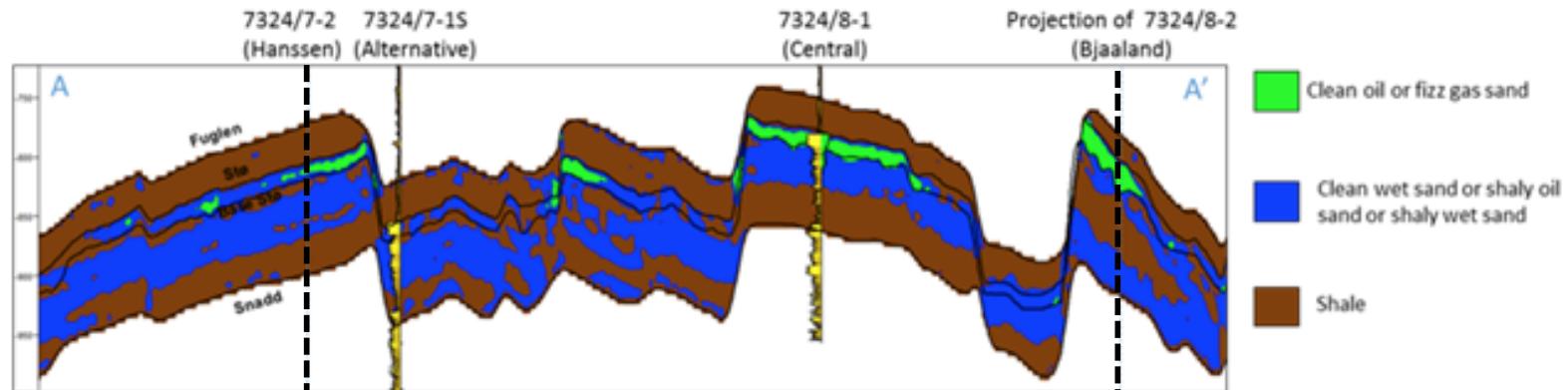
# Seismic data

Seismic section: Line 5001

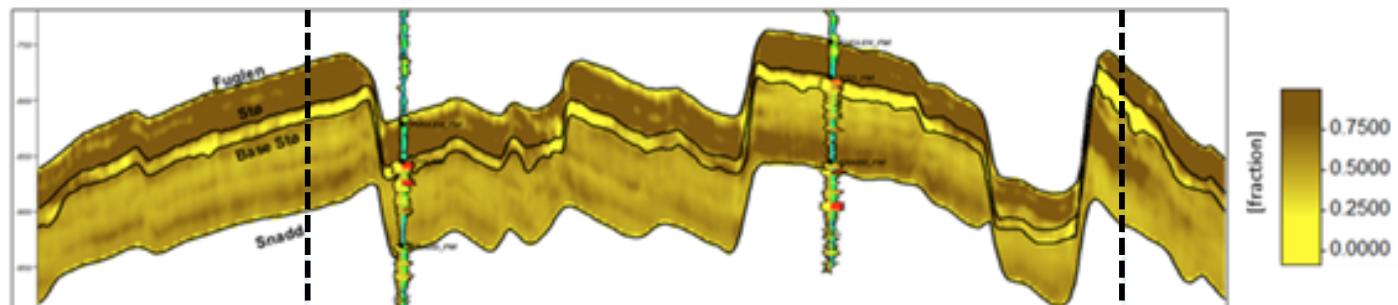


# Well-Log and Seismic Inversion

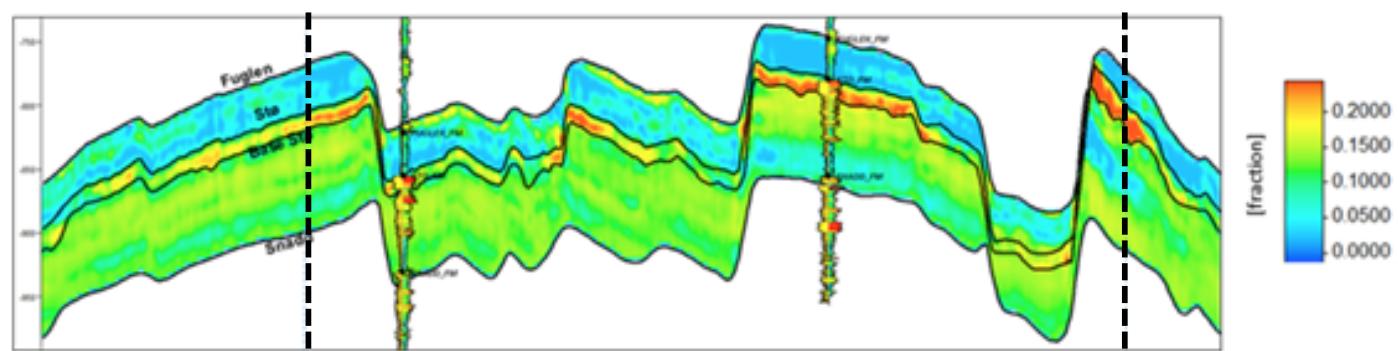
Litho-fluid  
Facies



Clay Content



Total Porosity



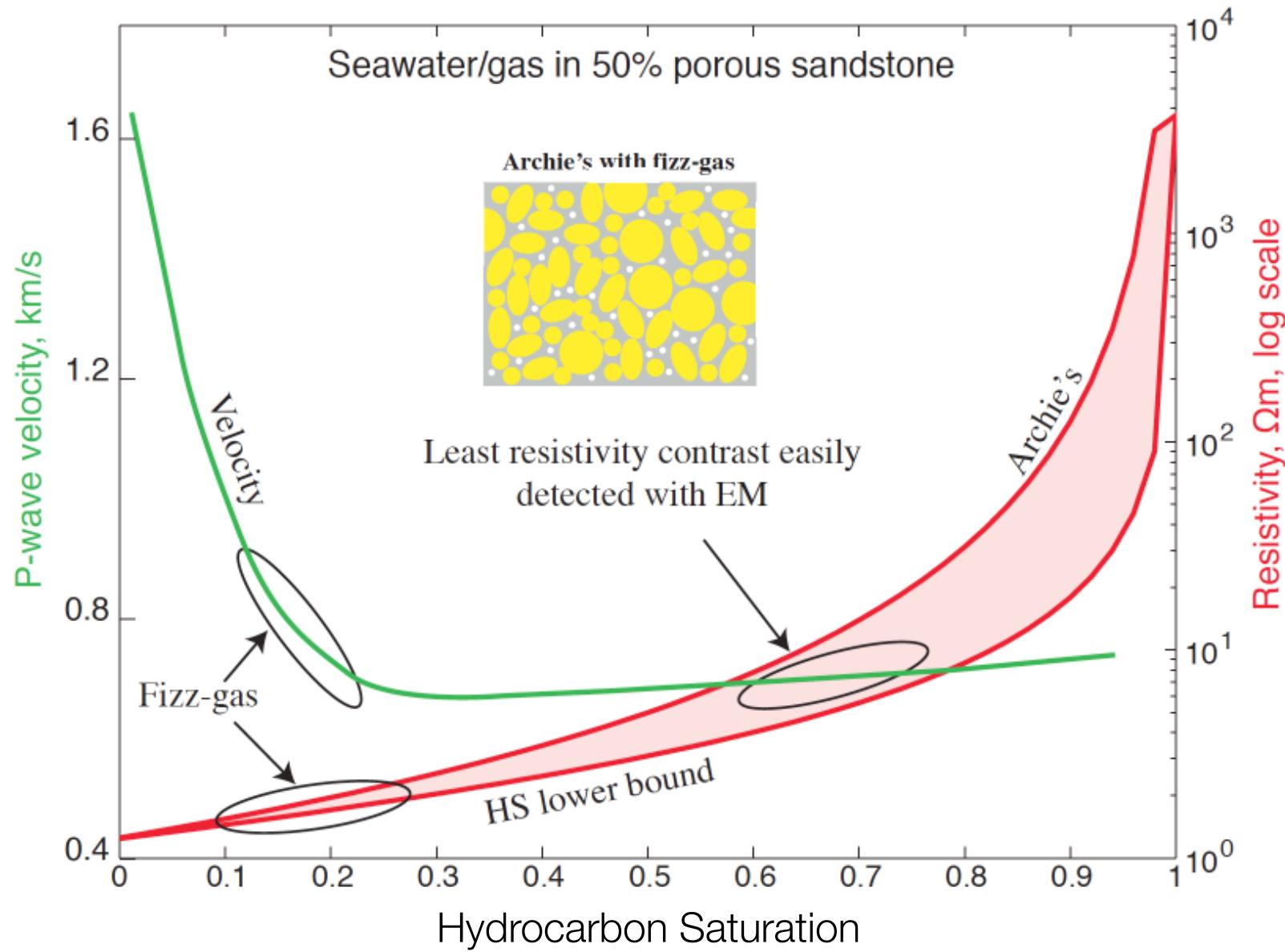
**Hanssen**  
Validation well

**Alternative**  
Control, dry

**Central**  
Control, productive

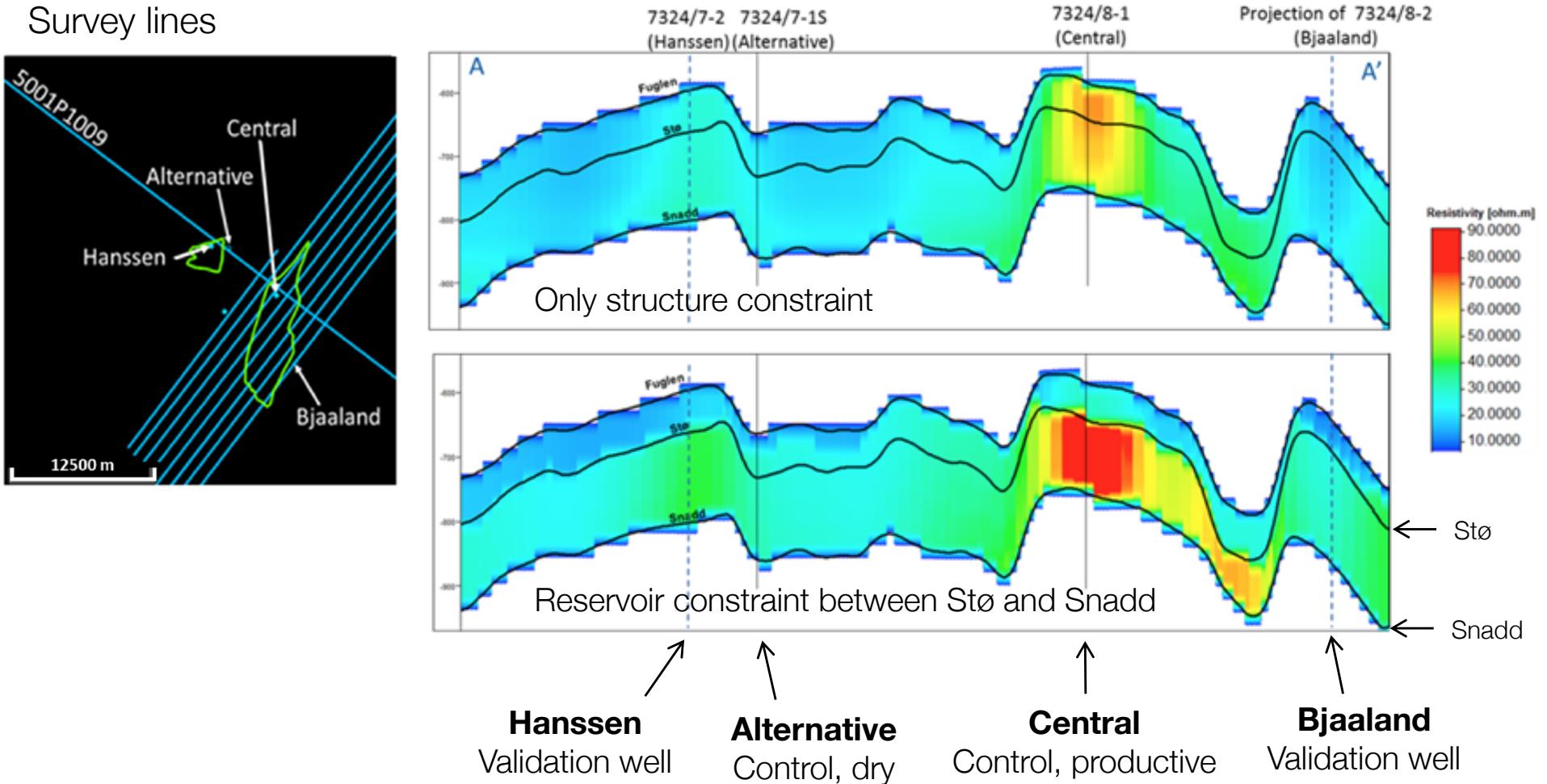
**Bjaaland**  
Validation well

# Revisiting physical properties



# Processing: CSEM Inversion

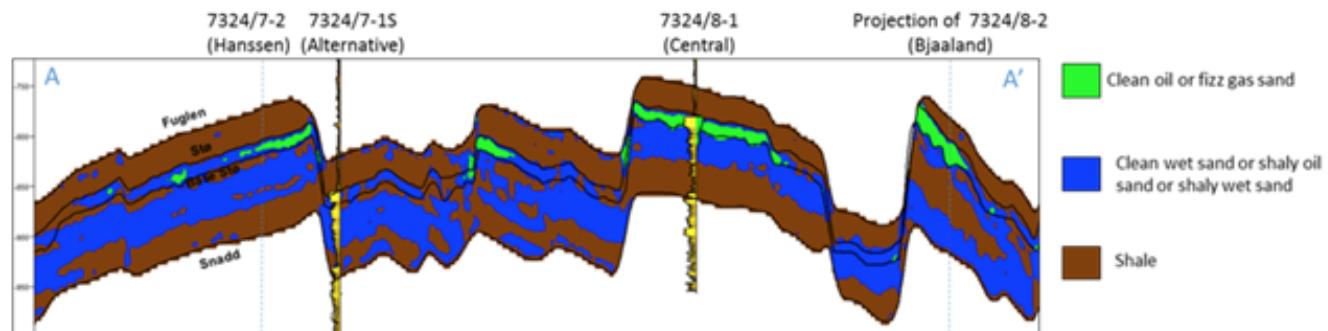
Vertical resistivity section along profile line 5001



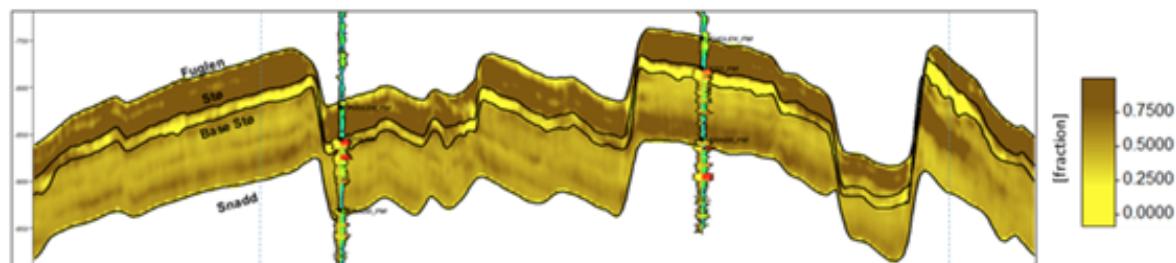
- Inversion shows strong resistor at 'Central' and a secondary resistor at 'Hanssen'.

# Processing: Multi-physics Approach

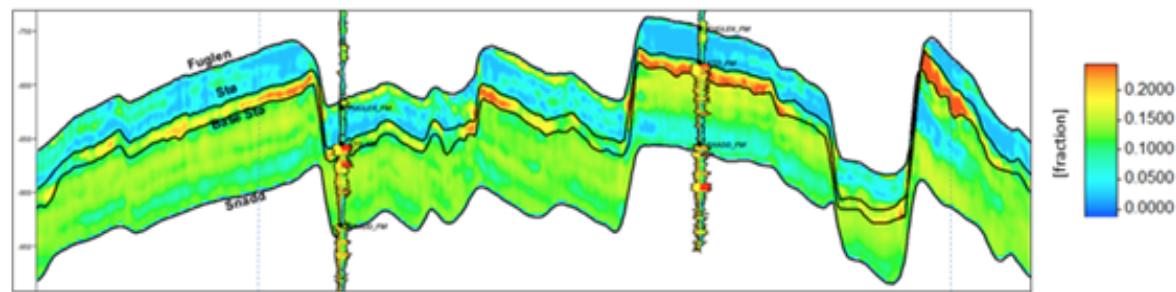
Litho-fluid  
Facies



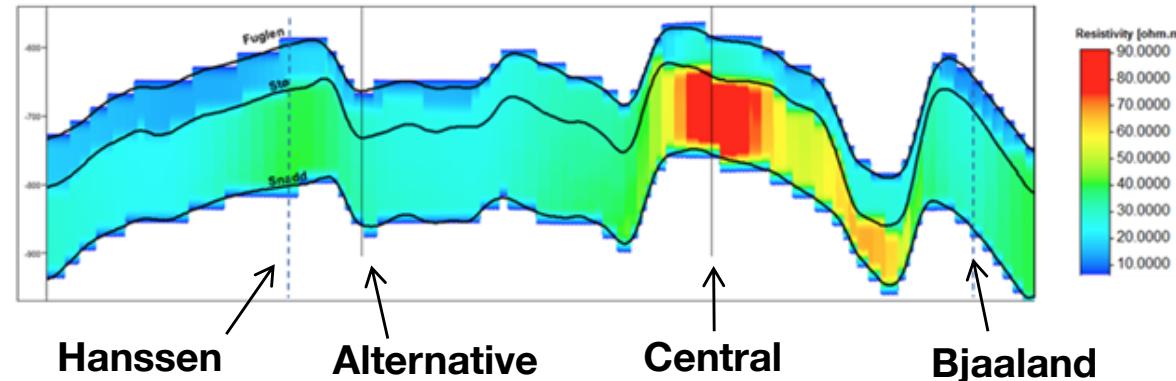
Clay Content



Total Porosity

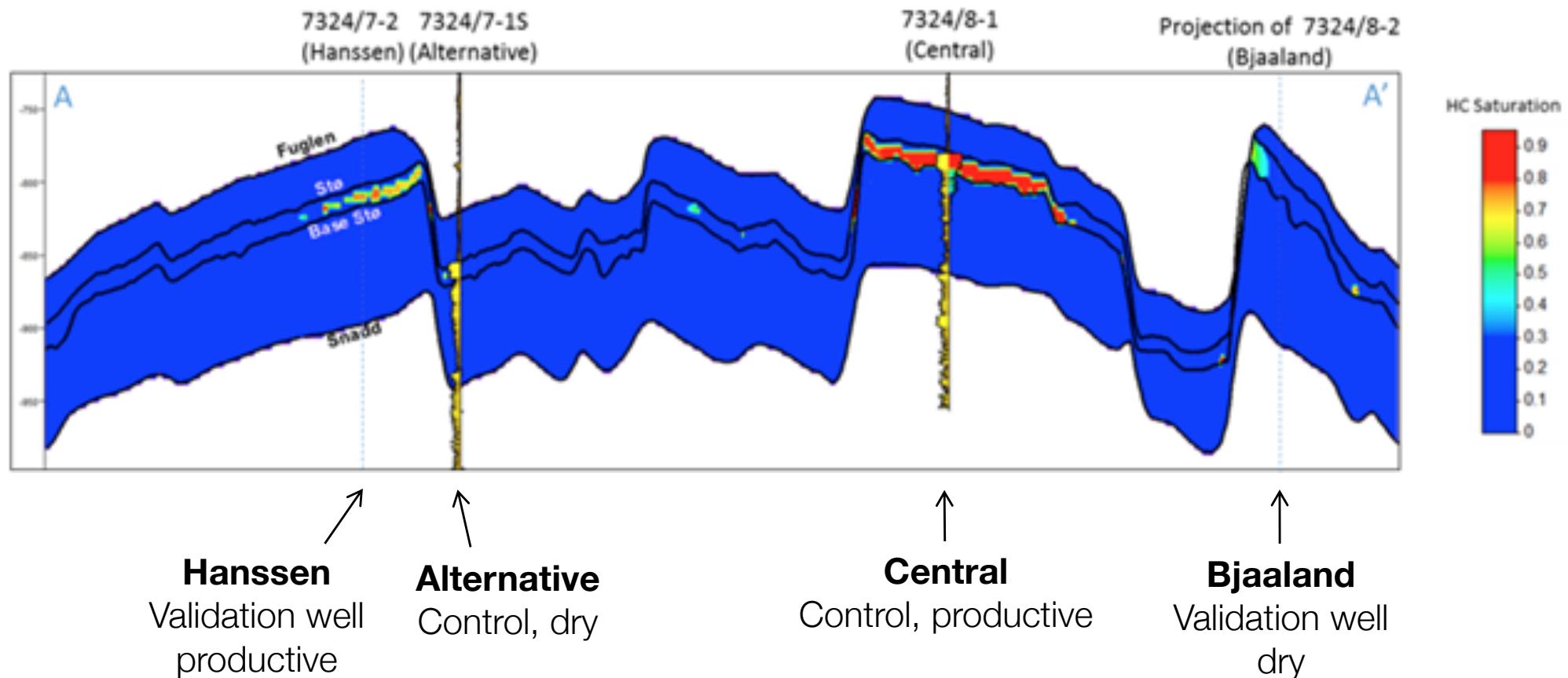


Resistivity



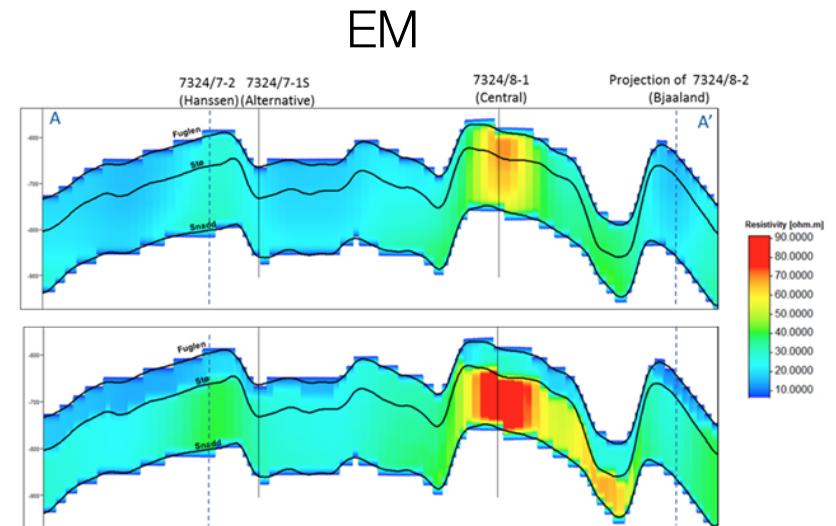
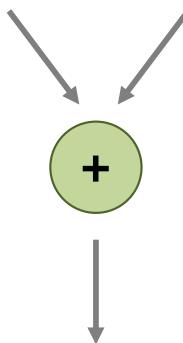
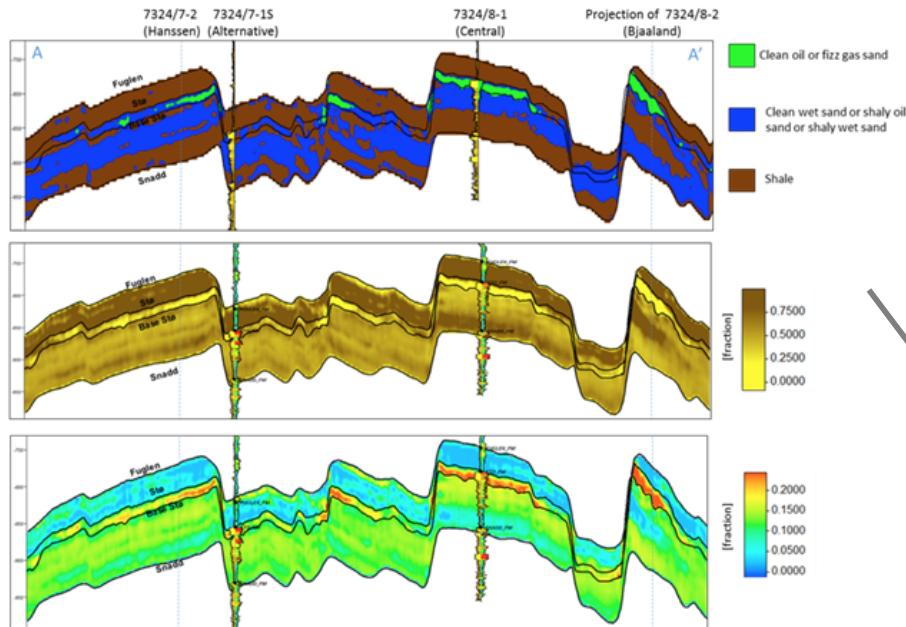
# Interpretation

Final hydrocarbon saturation model

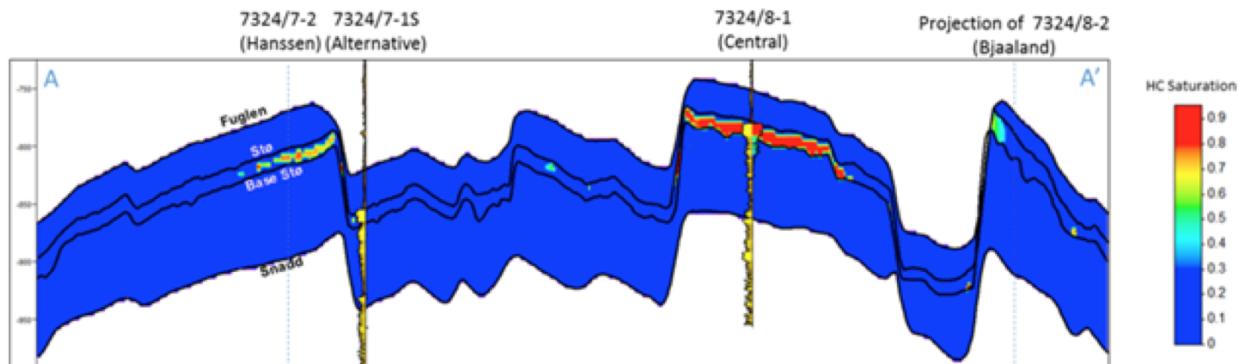


# Synthesis

## Seismic



## Hydrocarbon saturation



**Hanssen**  
Validation well  
productive

**Alternative**  
Control, dry

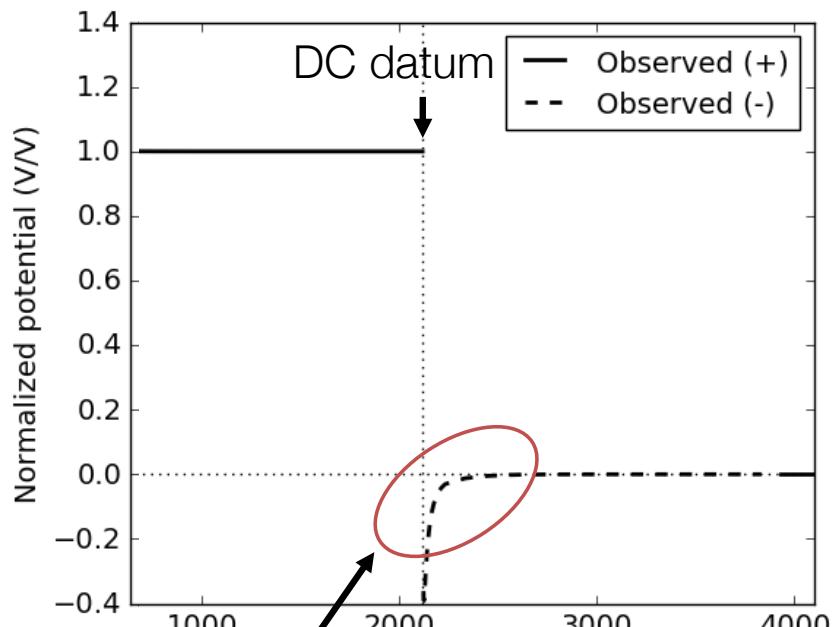
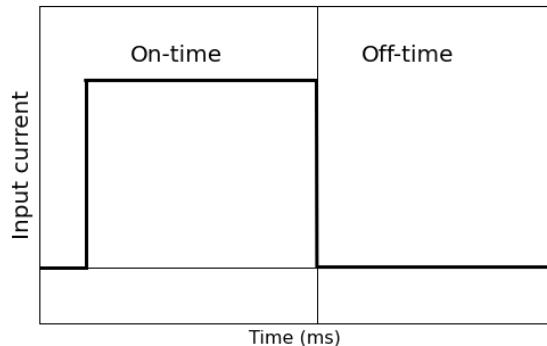
**Central**  
Control, productive

**Bjaaland**  
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dry

# DC/EM Inversion

# DC/EM: Goals

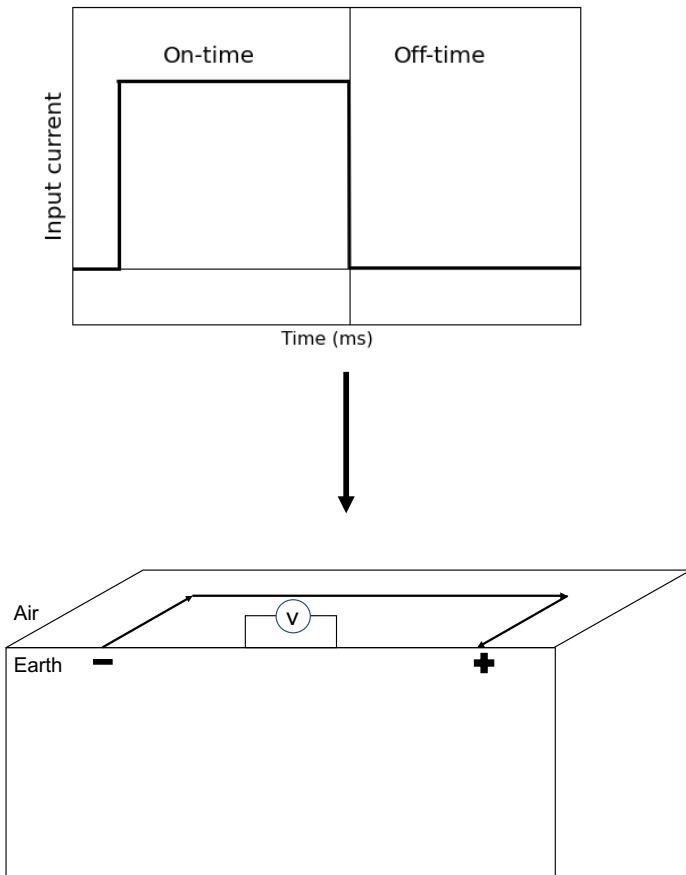
- Standard DCR time domain waveform
- Compare:
  - Inversions from DC data
  - Inversions from EM data
- Illustrate the value of data which is often discarded
- Numerical example from a gradient array



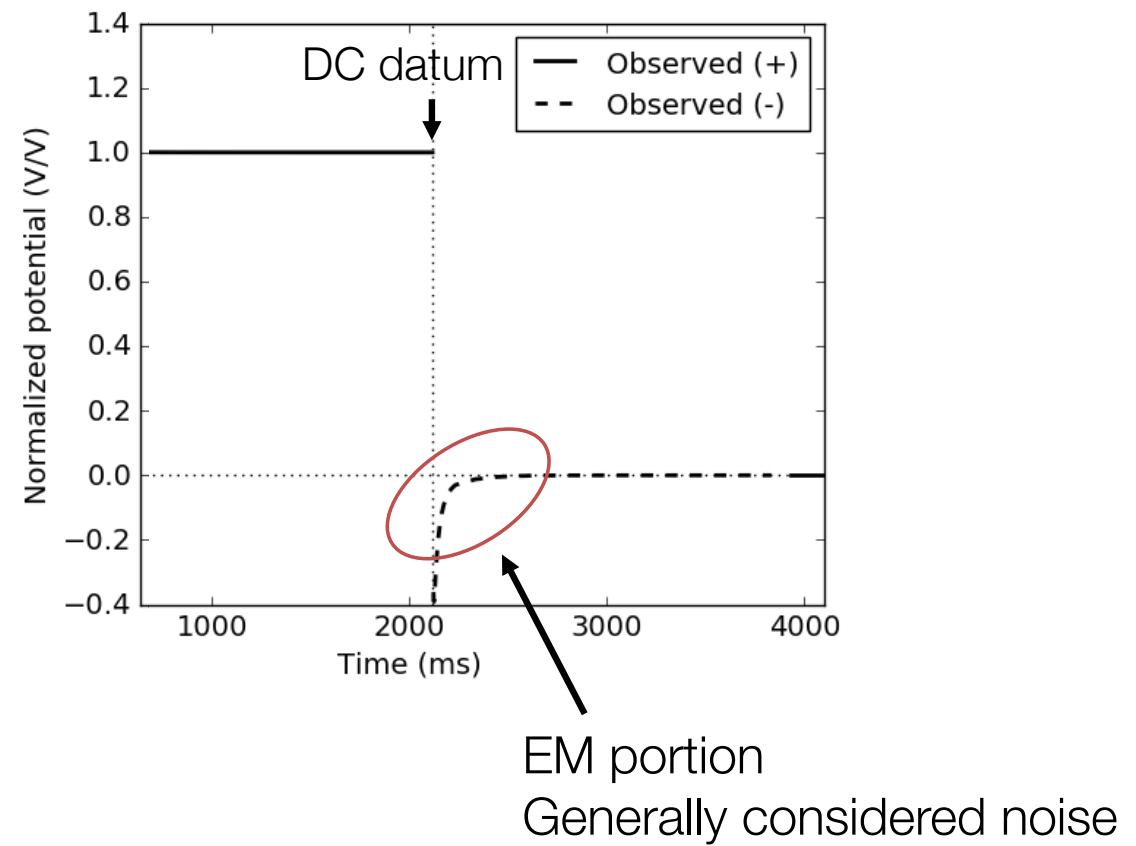
EM portion  
Generally considered noise

# Survey and Data

## Transmitter

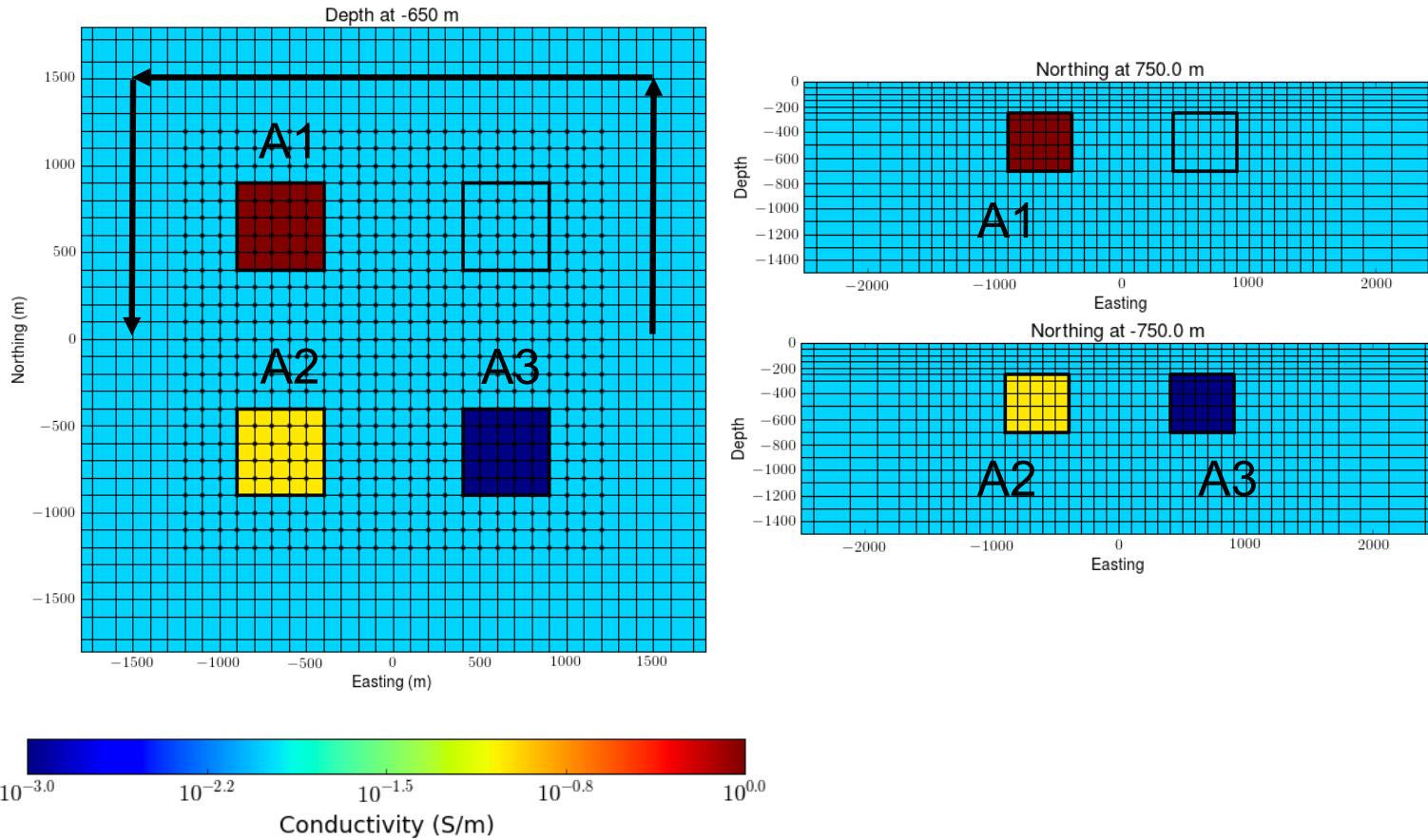


## Measured Voltage

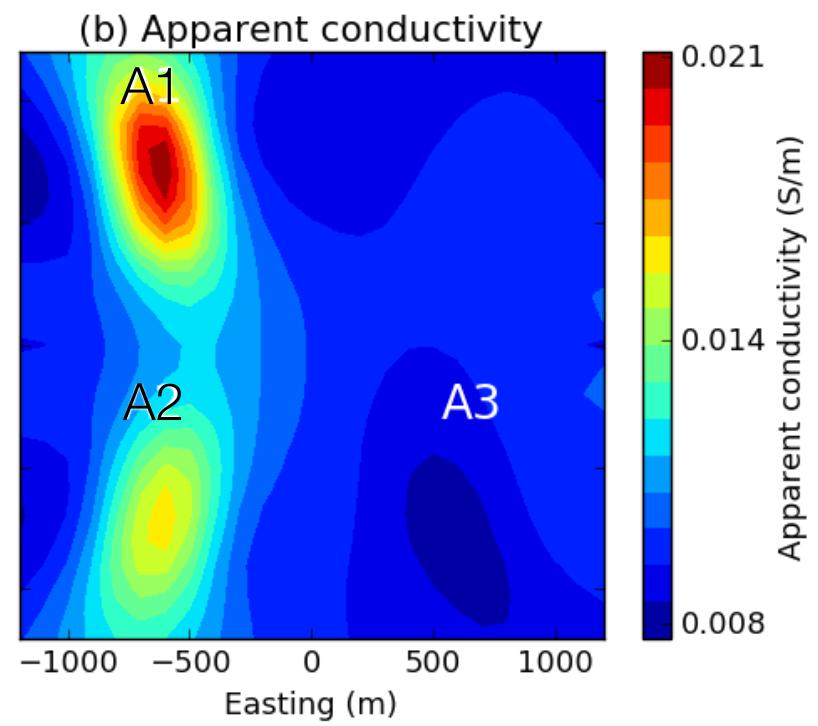
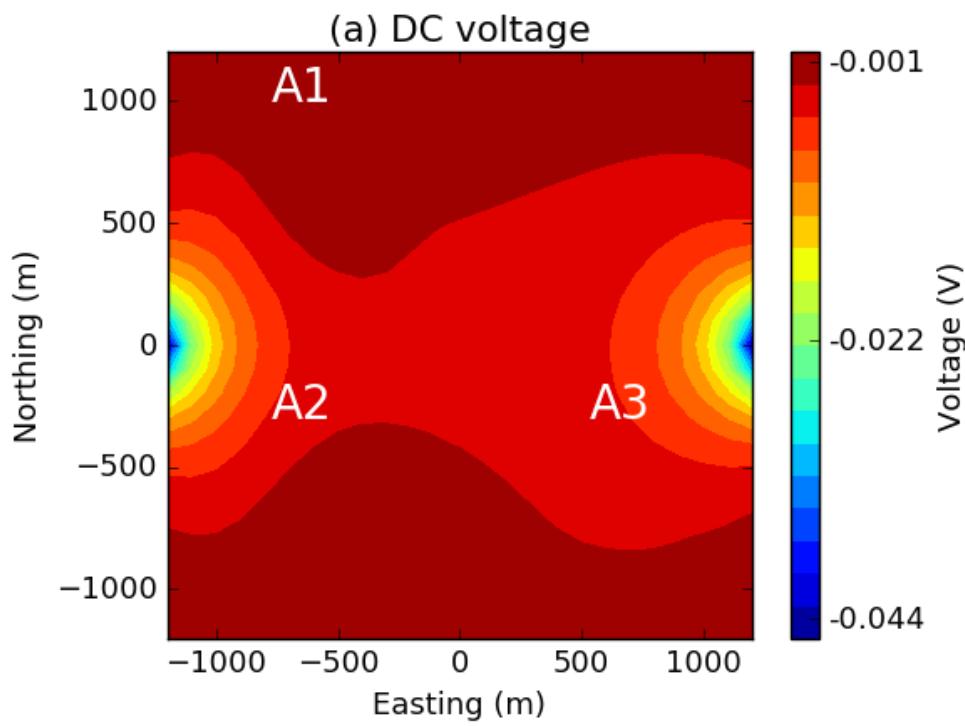
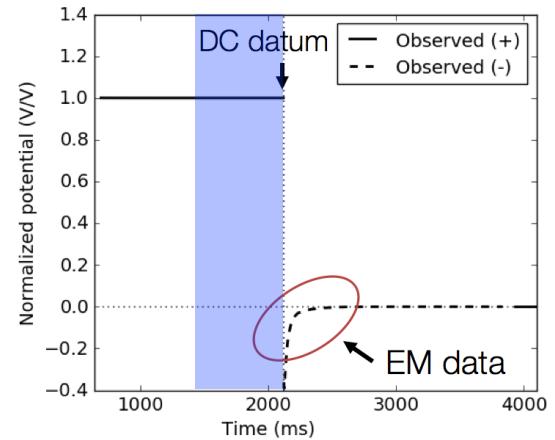


# Gradient array

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

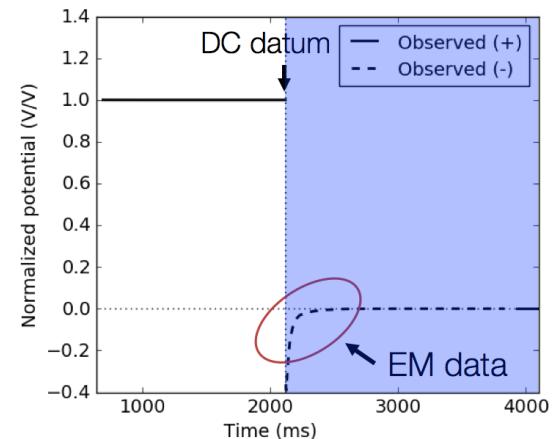
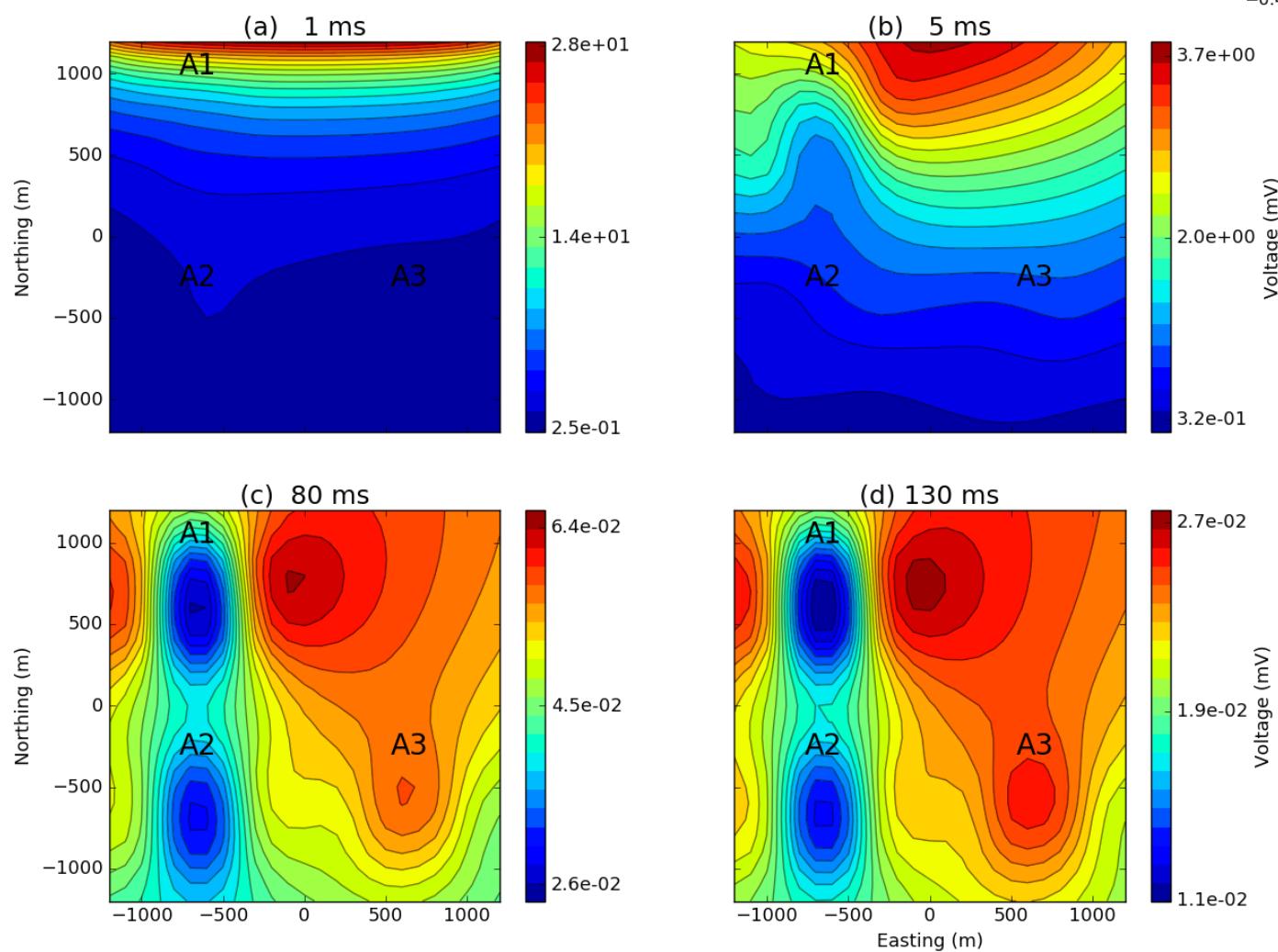


# DC data



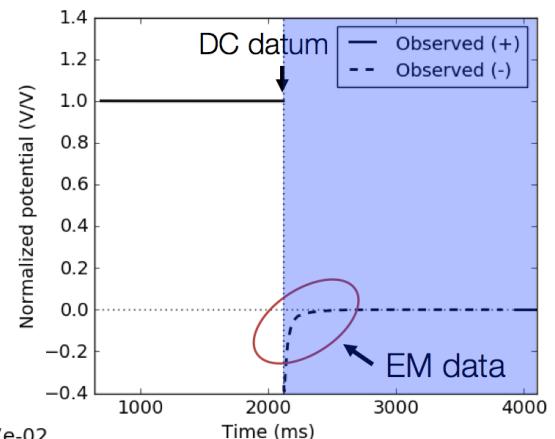
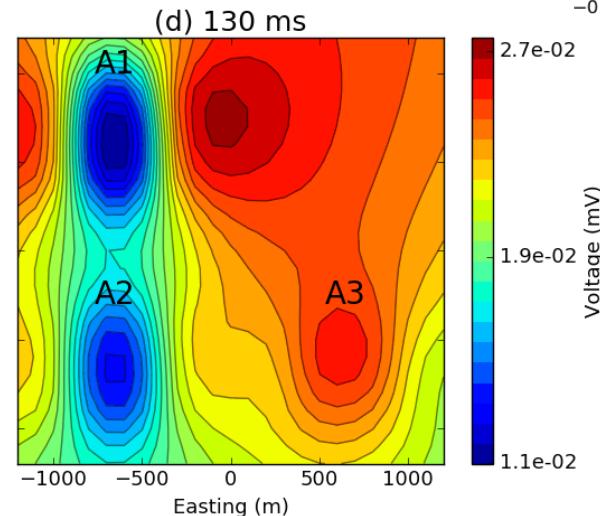
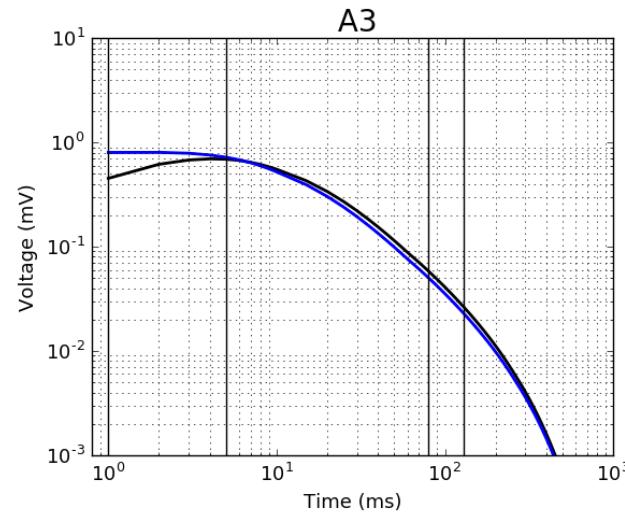
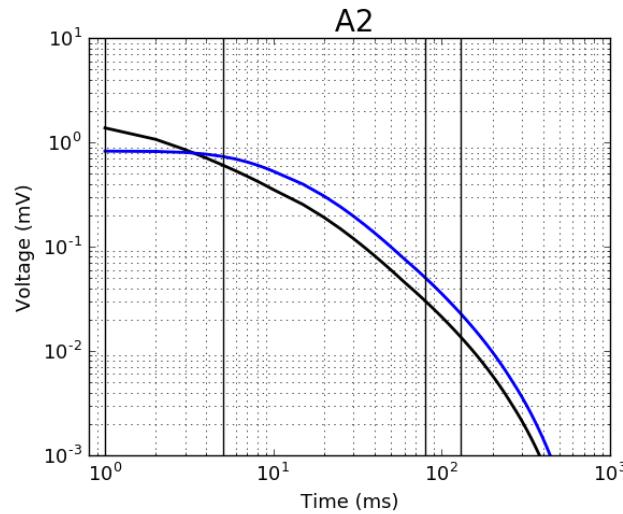
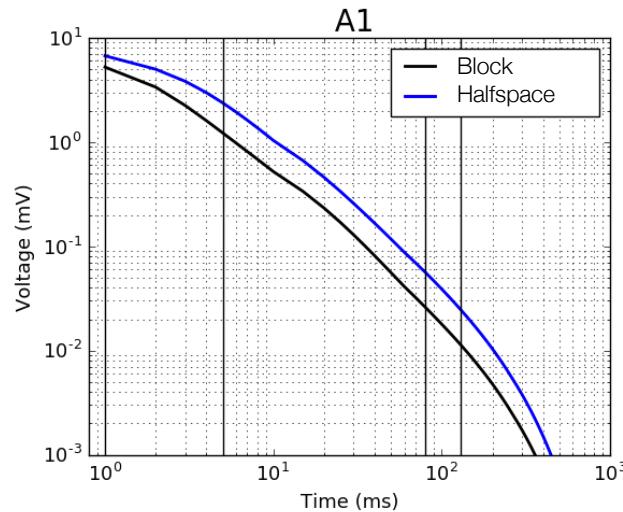
# Off-time data

- TDEM data



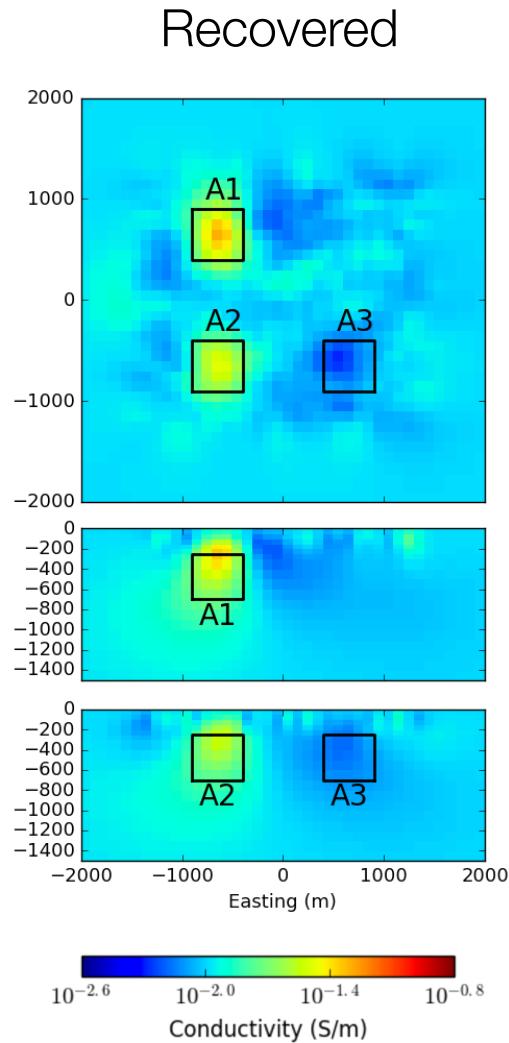
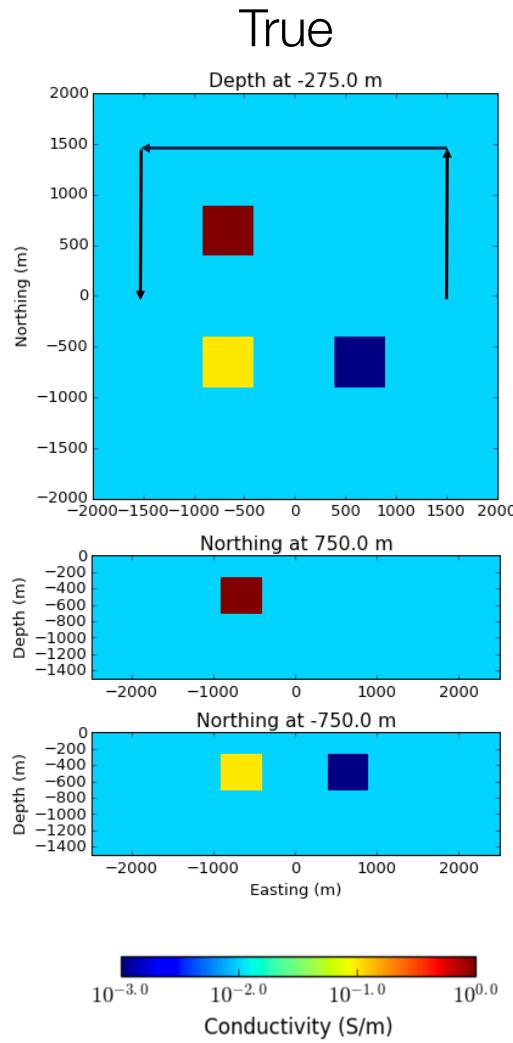
# Off-time data

- $E_x$  Decay curves at A1-A3

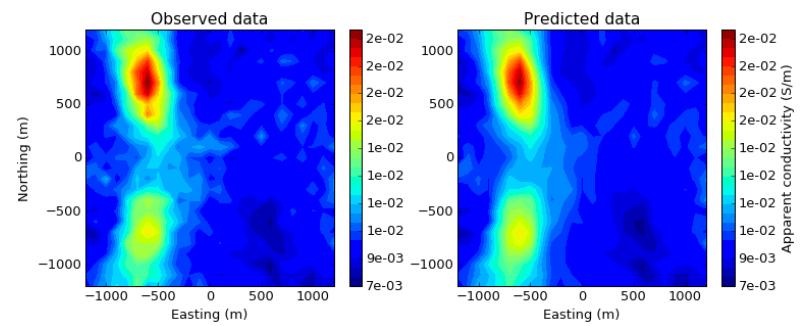


# DC inversion

- Recovered 3D conductivity



Apparent conductivity

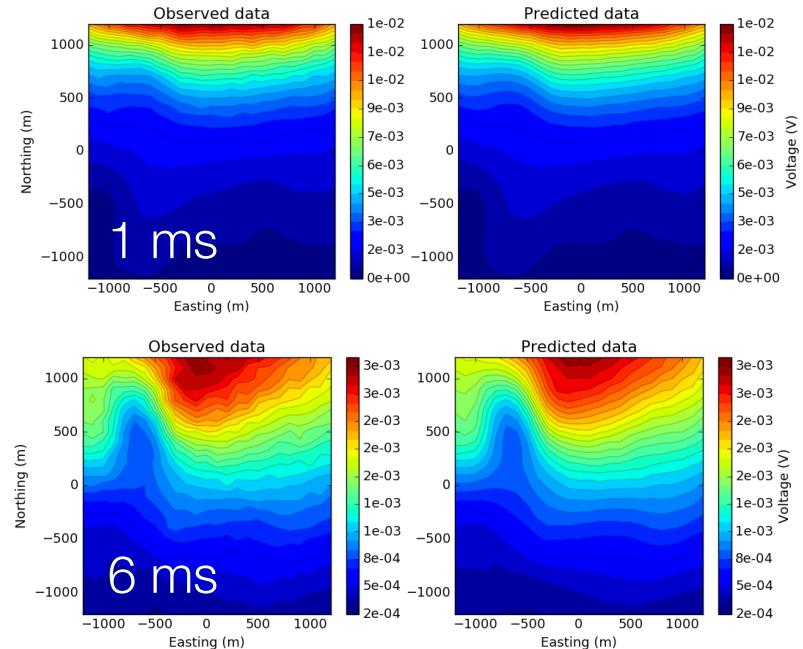
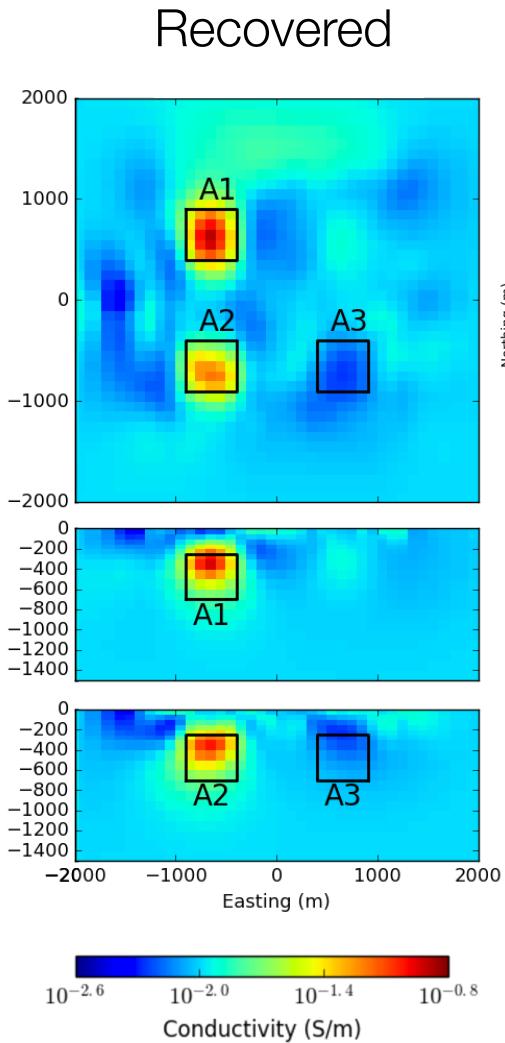
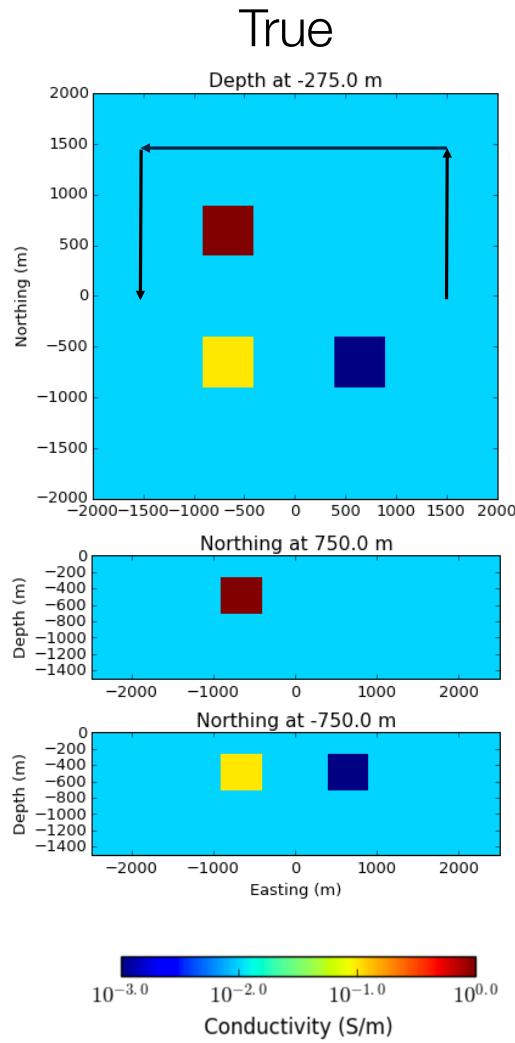


- Depth weighting
  - Compensate for high sensitivity near surface (similar to mag.)

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

# EM inversion

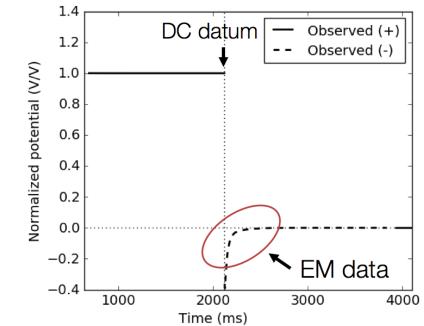
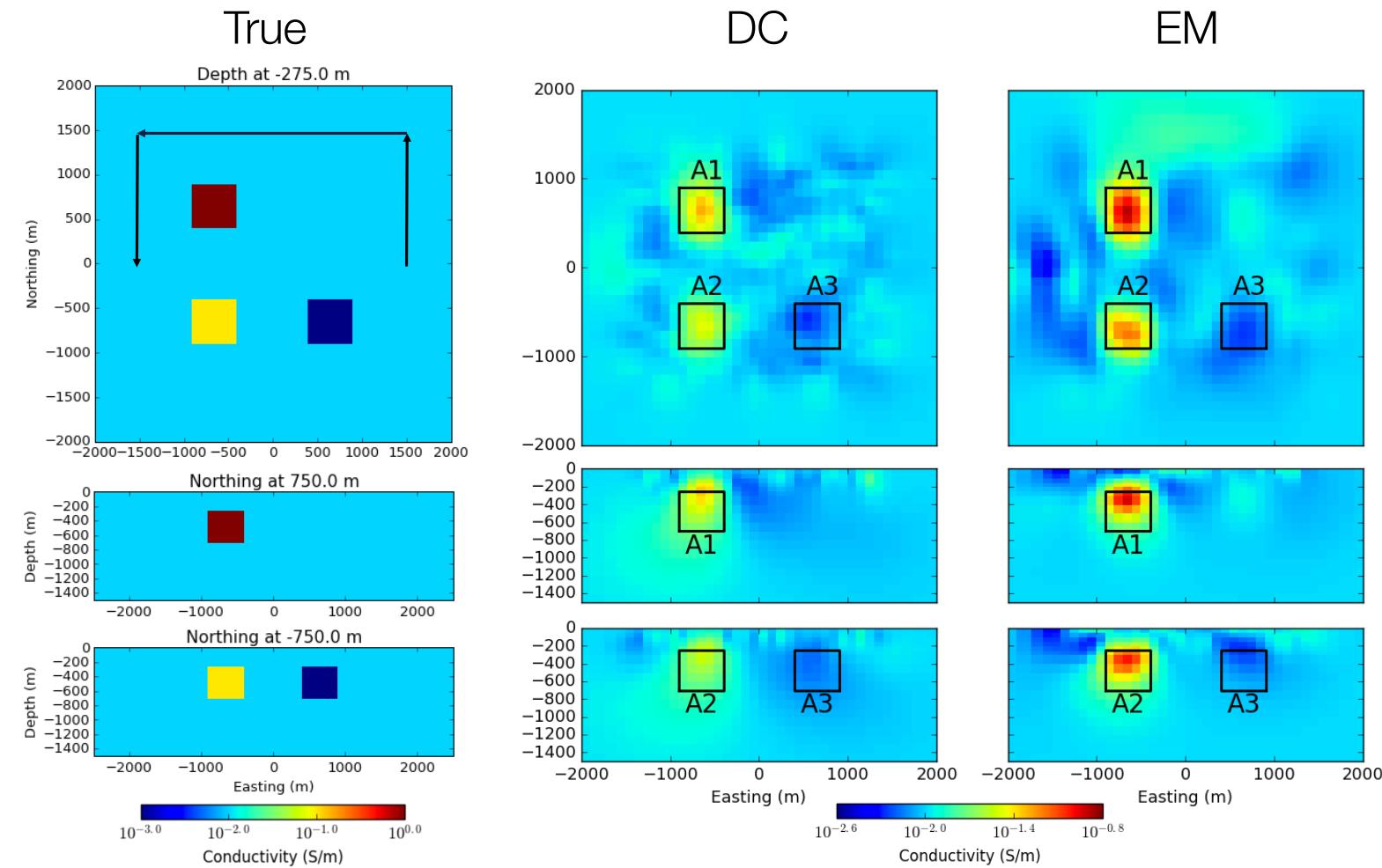
- Recovered 3D conductivity



- No depth weighting

# Conductivity models

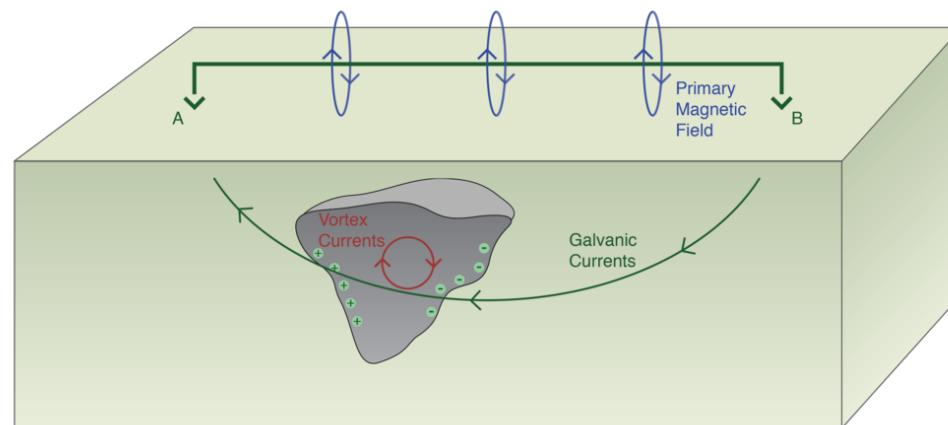
- True, DC, and TEM conductivities



EM data contain signal

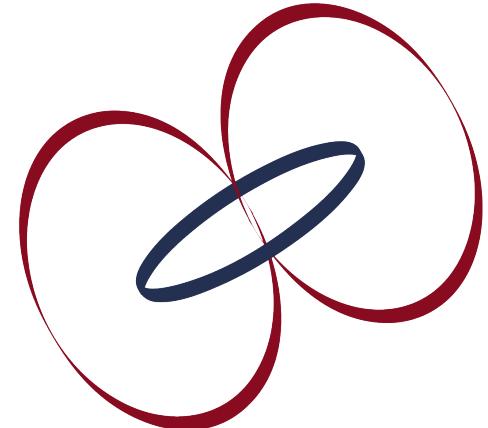
# Summary

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



# End of Grounded Sources

- Introduction to EM
- DCR
- EM Fundamentals
- Inductive sources
  - Lunch: Play with apps



Next up



- Grounded sources
- Natural sources
- GPR
- Induced polarization
- The Future

# End of Grounded Sources

Next up... Natural Sources