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## INTRODUCTION

Basis: spatial resolution

- seismic and ground penetrating radar
  - related to the wavelength
- electrical and electromagnetic methods
  - depends on the acquisition parameters of the adopted method and interpretation process

Problem      1D  
                  2D  
                  3D  
                  4D → 3D + time

### Natural methods

based on the natural field

- gravimetric m. = change of the gravitational acceleration
- magnetic m. = magnetic prop. of rocks

magnetic: detect the presence of ferro-magnetic materials naturally or not

electrical and electromagnetic: environmental application

seismic: mechanical properties of soil and rock or exploration at great depth.

### Artificial methods

are based on the analysis of the Earth behaviour to propagation of an artificially induced field

- seismic = P and S wave
- Electrical = conductivity / resistivity
- Electromagnetic =  $\sigma$  at different frequency, electrical permittivity

## PLANE WAVE EQUATION

P wave propagation in a cartesian plane  $(x, t)$   
 Generic function

$$G = f(x, t) \rightarrow \text{general form} \rightarrow G = f(at - bx)$$

First and second derivative, respect to the time

$$G' = a f'(at - bx) = \frac{df}{dt}$$

$$G'' = a^2 f''(at - bx) = \frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} \rightarrow f''(at - bx) = \frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2}$$

and respect to the space

$$\frac{df}{dx} = b f'(at - bx)$$

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = b^2 f''(at - bx) \rightarrow f''(at - bx) = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2}$$

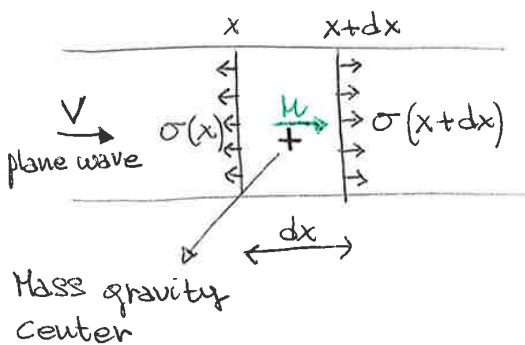
We pose equal the two terms

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} = v^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$$

generic plane wave equation that propagates in homogeneous isotropic elastic material

In an elastic medium



$dx$ : element thickness

$\sigma$ : strain  $\perp$  to the surface  $S$

$w$ : displacement of the center of mass gravity (due to the plane wave)

$$M = \rho dx S$$

$M$ : mass of the element of thickness  $dx$

$\rho$ : density

$S$ : surface

$dx$ : thickness

The  $V = dx S$  is subjected to the stress  $\sigma(x)$  and the stress  $\sigma(x+dx)$  on the 2 opposite surfaces.

## MECHANICAL PARAMETERS

$E$  [Pa] Young modulus

$G$  [Pa] Shear modulus

$k$  [Pa] Dynamic bulk modulus  $k = \frac{\sigma^i}{\Delta V}$

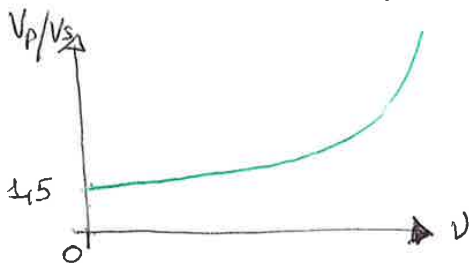
$\nu$  Poisson ratio

$\rho$  [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] Density (of bulk)

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\nu)}{1-2\nu}}$$

If we know the ratio  $V_p/V_s$  we can calculate the  $\nu$

$V_p \uparrow$  if  $k \uparrow$   $\rho \downarrow$   $\nu \downarrow$



The ratio is related to some geological factors:

- lithology and facies
- pore volume and fluid content
- mechanical prop. of components

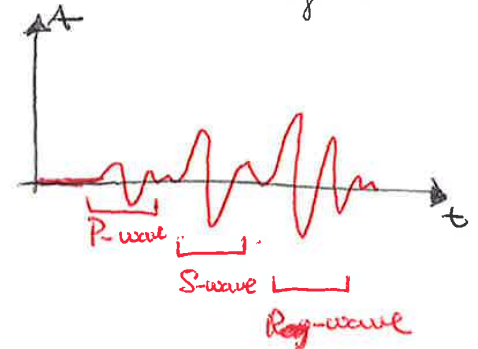
consolidation and water content  $\uparrow$   
 $\Rightarrow V_p/V_s \uparrow$

The sensor that records the wavefront is the SEISMOGRAM.

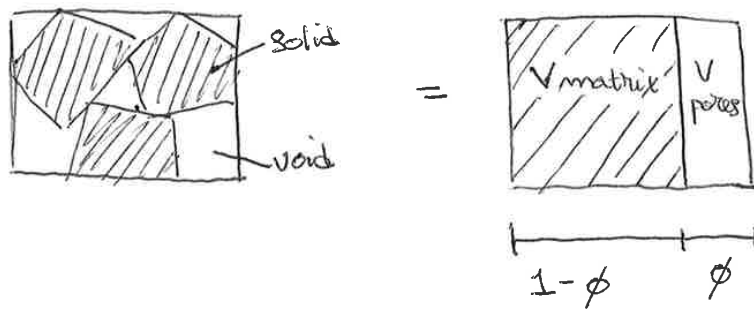
P-waves arrives first, S-waves for second, surface waves (Rayleigh and Love) for third.

The amplitude of the soil vibration decodes, with an exponential law, with distance from the source for two different phenomena:

- geometrical spreading (dispersion)
- intrinsic attenuation (dissipation)



## ROCK DENSITY - EQUIVALENT POROSITY



$\phi$  : porosity  
 $1-\phi$  : solid rock, matrix

- bulk density ( $d$ ) : total density of the considered rock volume including pore
  - matrix density ( $d_m$ ) : mean density of the matrix material without pore
  - pore density ( $d_p$ ) : density of the fluid present in the pore  
 So for a porous rock : *coexist 2 phases*
- $$d = (1-\phi) d_m + \phi d_p S_w$$

If is present a gas phase and a fluid phase

$$d = (1-\phi) d_m + \phi \cdot [S_w d_w + (1-S_w) d_g] \quad \begin{array}{l} S = \text{saturation} \\ \text{coexist 3 phases} \end{array}$$

If is also present a non miscible phase (oil)

$$d = (1-\phi) d_m + \phi \cdot [S_w d_w + (1-S_w-S_o) d_g + S_o d_o] \quad \text{coexist 4 phases}$$

$$S_w = \frac{V_w}{V_{\text{voids}}} \quad \text{water saturation}$$

$$S_o = \frac{V_o}{V_{\text{voids}}} \quad \text{oil saturation}$$

$$S_g = 1 - S_w - S_o \quad \text{gas saturation}$$

## WILLIE'S EQUATIONS OR TIME AVERAGE EQUATION

If the distance source-point is 10 times the wavelength,  
 the wave can be approximate to a plane wave.

IN FLUID  $G = 0$

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{K_g}{\rho}}$$

IN POROUS

$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{G_{sat}}{\rho}}$$

$$G_{sat} \approx (1 - k_{\phi}) G_0$$

$k =$  empiric coeff  $1,5 = e$   
 $G_0 =$  shear modulus of minerals

UNCOMPLETELY SATURATED

$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{G_{sat}}{\rho}}$$

$$G_{sat_{DRY}} \approx G_{sat_{WET}}$$

MIXTURE OF FLUID

Different fluid phases = different bulk moduli

but if the phases are intimately mixed, it's assumed an average value is assumed.

WOOD'S LAW

$$\frac{1}{k_{gl}} = \sum_i \frac{S_i}{k_i}$$

$k_{gl} =$  effective bulk modulus of fluid mix

$k_i =$  single bulk modulus

$S_i =$  saturation of each gas and liquid phase

es:

water and oil

$$\frac{1}{k} = \frac{S_w}{k_w} + \frac{S_o}{k_o}$$

where  $S_o = 1 - S_w$

water and gas

$$\frac{1}{k} = \frac{S_w}{k_w} + \frac{1 - S_w}{k_g}$$

water, oil and gas

$$\frac{1}{k} = \frac{S_w}{k_w} + \frac{S_{oil}}{k_{oil}} + \frac{(1 - S_w - S_{oil})}{k_g}$$

FRAME BULK MODULUS

$$k_m = \frac{k_{dry}}{k_o}$$

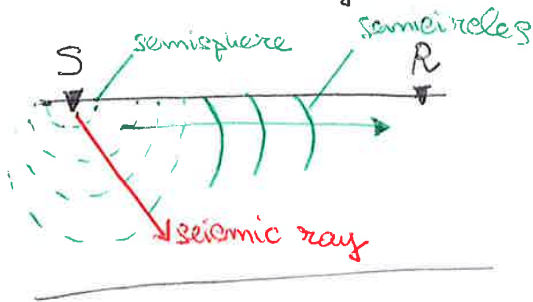
$k_m$ : normalized modulus

$k_{dry}$ : bulk modulus (the entire skeleton) (grains interaction)

$k_o$ : mineral modulus

## BASIC OF SEISMIC REFRACTION METHOD

### Seismic survey



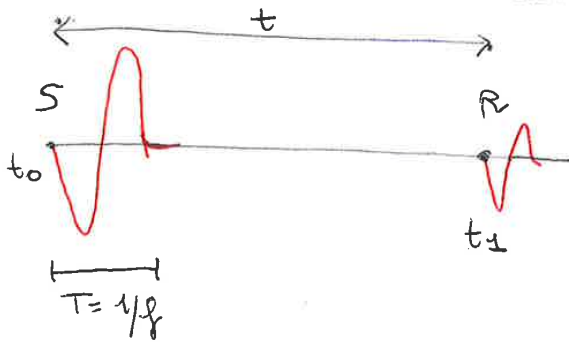
S: source, point of energization  
 Thanks to a shot, the seismic wave starts to propagate in a ELASTIC FIELD (basic assumption)

R: receiver

We consider the intersection between semisphere and vertical surface → semicircles

Seismic ray: as ~~simplification~~ simplification, indicates the wavefront's direction.

Is the ray that starts from the source and it's normal to the wavefront in every instant.



### Peak attenuation

1) the time to arrive to the receiver depends on the distance between S-R

2) energetic attenuation → geometrical → dispersion  
 the energy is distributed on a surface bigger than the previous one  
 ↘ intrinsic + dissipation  
 friction among particles

The energetic attenuation is linked to the amplitude

The amplitude of the wave in a generic instant  $t$  is

$$A(x, t) = \frac{A_0}{x} e^{-[\alpha x]}$$

$A_0$ : amplitude in the instant 0

$x$ : term of geometrical spreading

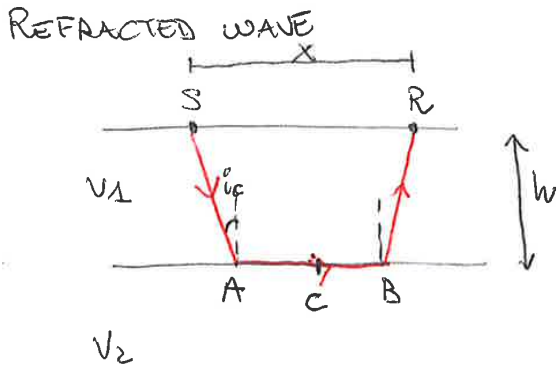
$\alpha$ : attenuation coefficient  $[\frac{1}{m}]$

$\alpha x$ : intrinsic dispersion

$$Q^{-1} \approx 2\alpha$$

quality factor: index of loss of energy in the system





$$t_{\text{refracted}} = \frac{SA}{v_1} + \frac{AB}{v_2} + \frac{BR}{v_1}$$

$$SA = BR = \frac{h}{\cos(i_c)}$$

$$AB = X - 2h \tan(i_c)$$

$$t_{\text{refracted}} = \frac{2h}{v_1 \cos(i_c)} + \frac{X - 2h \tan(i_c)}{v_2}$$

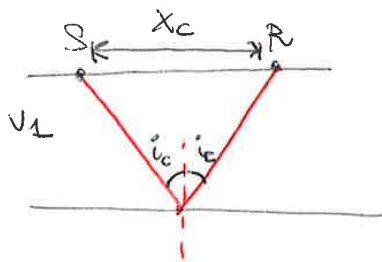
Application of Snell's law

$$t_{\text{refracted}} = \frac{X}{v_2} + \frac{2h}{v_1} \cos(i_c)$$

$$\tan(i_c) = \frac{\sin(i_c)}{\cos(i_c)}; \sin(i_c) = \frac{v_1}{v_2} \Rightarrow v_2 = \frac{v_1}{\sin(i_c)}$$

$$\sin^2(i_c) = 1 - \cos^2(i_c)$$

The minimum angle at which we have the refraction phenomena is the critical angle  $i_c$  and the critical distance  $x_c$

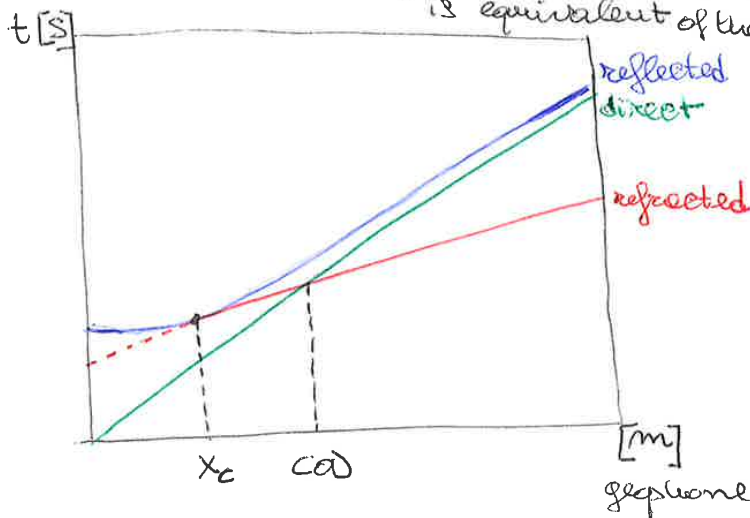


$$t_{x_{\text{crit}}} = \frac{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{x_c}{2}\right)^2 + h^2}}{v_1}$$

for  $x < x_c$  we don't have refraction but only reflection.

### CROSS OVER DISTANCE

for  $x < COD$  the direct waves are the 1<sup>st</sup> to arrive to the receiver. COD is the x at which the traveltime of the refracted is equivalent of the direct  $x < x_c$ : 1) direct



- $x < x_c$ : 1) direct
- 2) reflected
- reflected doesn't exist
- $x_c < x < COD$ : 1) direct
- 2) refracted
- 3) reflected
- $x > COD$ : 1) refracted
- 2) direct
- 3) reflected

if  $x$  is very large, the direct and reflected waves are confused

### DETERMINATION OF THE CROSS OVER DISTANCE

Equalize the wave travel time equation

$$\underbrace{\frac{COD}{V_1}}_{\text{direct}} = \underbrace{\frac{COD}{V_2} + \frac{2hw \sin i_c}{V_1}}_{\text{refracted}} \Rightarrow COD = 2h \cdot \frac{\sqrt{V_2 + V_1}}{\sqrt{V_2 - V_1}}$$

### EXERCISE

$V_1 = 1000 \text{ m/s}$       $h = 10 \text{ m}$

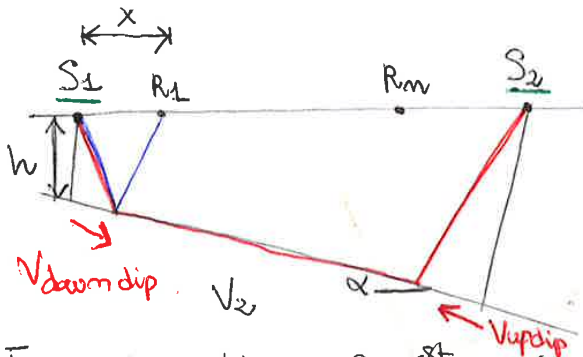
$V_2 = 2000 \text{ m/s}$       $n^\circ \text{ geophones} = 24$       $\begin{cases} 5 \text{ for direct waves} \\ \text{the other for the refracted} \end{cases}$

$COD_t = 2 \cdot 10 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2000+1000}}{\sqrt{2000-1000}} = 20 \cdot \sqrt{3} = 34,64 \text{ m}$      ~~distance total~~  
COD total

$COD = \frac{COD_t}{n_{\text{direct}}} = \frac{34,64}{5} \approx 7 \text{ m}$      distance between every geophone

$X_{\text{total}} = 7 \cdot 24 = 168 \text{ m}$      total survey length

### INCLINED LAYER CASE



At least, 2 bursts, called reciprocal bursts, are needed at the beginning and at the end of the survey.

From the time of 1<sup>st</sup> arrivals of the direct and refracted waves, the direct and the conjugated diachronous waves are constructed.

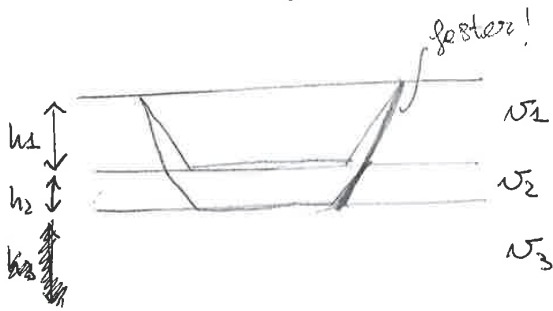
There are two intercept times; the inclination of the first stretches of straight line allows to obtain the value of speed of the direct wave.

The inclination of the two straight section relative to the arrivals of refracted waves allow us to estimate

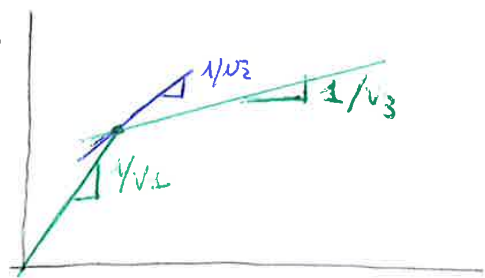
2 apparent velocities

$V_{\text{up dip}}$ : rising the refract horizon  
 $V_{\text{down dip}}$ : descending " " "

## Hidden layer



$$v_1 < v_2 < v_3$$

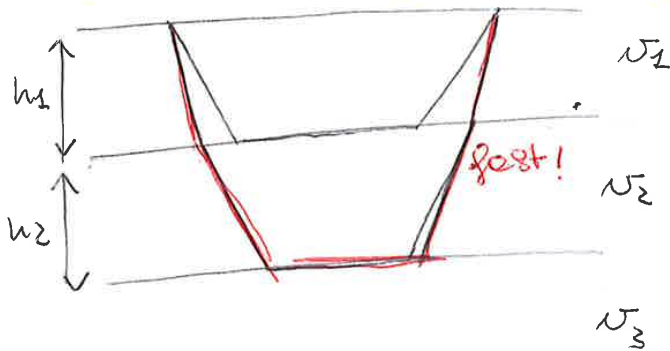


The reflected waves from the 3<sup>rd</sup> layer arrives before than the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer waves! (they are faster!)

The wave spend little time to pass through the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer because it's thin and arrives directly to the 3<sup>rd</sup> layer

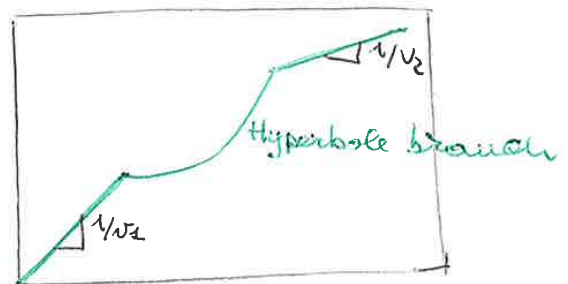
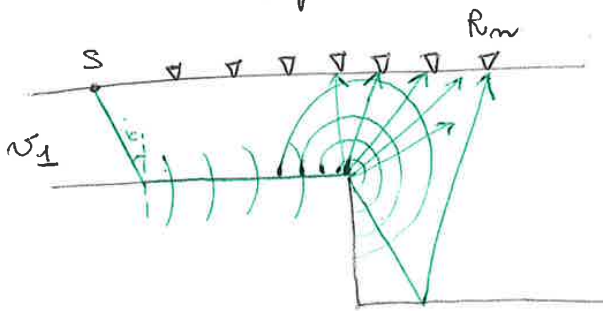
we observe the refraction of the second layer only for 1:3 geophones → in the tomogramme is difficult notice the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer velocity.

**PITFALL CASE**  
 $v_1 > v_2$  but  $v_2 < v_3$



The resulting tomogramme is the same because the wave that travel with  $v_3$  is faster than the wave with ~~velo~~  $v_2$  and arrives first at the receiver

## Vertical step

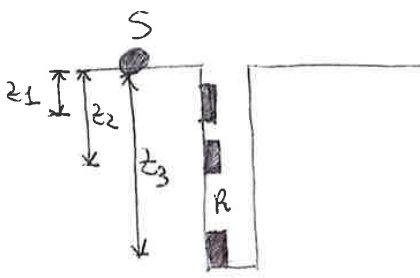


$v_2$

The phenomena of diffraction ~~occure~~ occurs where there are discontinuity in the mechanical properties like a vertical step.

The diffraction is based on the Huygens' principle: every point of a wavefront is a generator of new wavefront. It happens on the ~~edge~~ <sup>edge of the</sup> step.

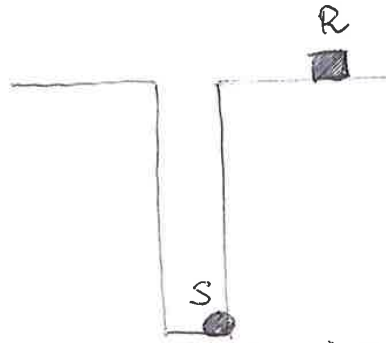
# DOWN HOLE TEST



- Source on the surface
- receivers are moved along the borehole



DOWN HOLE TEST



- a single receiver is close to the borehole's head
- the source is moved along the borehole



UP-HOLE TEST

Source: shot of an hammer surface

Receivers: clamped mechanically or with pneumatic system

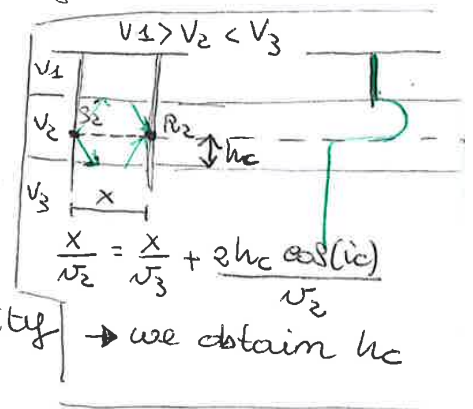
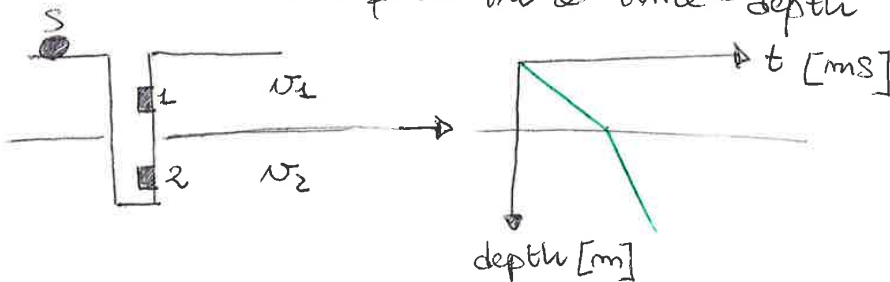
Each geophones record waves and the first arrival is picked

## DATA ACQUISITION

- a series of receivers along the borehole (only P waves)
- a single triaxial geophone (P and S waves)

## RESULTS

The results are plot in a time-depth diagram



## LIMITS

- the result is the average wave velocity
- lower accuracy than cross hole test

\* Pitfall case (inversion of velocity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> layer): when is detect the measure of velocity in the slowest layer, the seismic ray can be birefracted at the interface of layers 1-2 or 2-3. In this way can't be sure to measure a direct wave.  $h_c$  is the minimum distance below which the birefracted waves arrives first

For that they are not affected by <sup>geom.</sup> attenuation. We can imagine that tube waves propagate along the interface water (in the hole) - ground. In the case of holes without casing, the tube waves are related to the shear waves of the geological unit.

At low frequency the  $c$  (tube wave velocity) can be determined by  $\hookrightarrow$  hole without case

$$c = \frac{V_f}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\rho_f V_f^2}{\rho_s V_s^2}}}$$

$V_f$ : velocity of elastic waves in the fluid (1500 m/s)

$V_s$ : S-wave velocity in the formation

$\rho_f$ : density of the fluid

$\rho_s$ : density of the formation

$$V_f = \sqrt{\frac{k_f}{\rho_f}} = 1500 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_s = \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho_s}}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{V_f}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{k_f}{G}}}$$

$G$ : shear modulus of the formation

$k_f$ : effective bulk

modulus of fluid mix  
= 2,25 GPa

know  $c$  to calculate  $G$

For hard rock with S wave velocity in the range 1200 - 3200 m/s the variation of tube wave velocity is very little  $\rightarrow$  pay attention!  $\Rightarrow$  In hard rock it's difficult to estimate  $G$ .

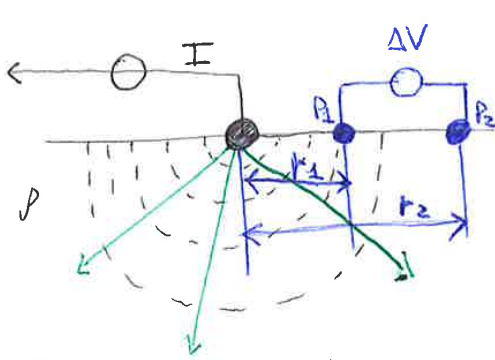
Offset source - head of borehole: with zero offset different phenomena can be superimposed.

~~with~~ hydrophones are able to detect only P waves and tube waves, NOT S WAVE, but ~~as~~ they can detect some shear mechanical properties. For that the plot wave velocity - depth has only P waves; the covered area is just a triangle due to the disposition source - receiver.

## DATA PROCESSING TOMOGRAPHY

- 1) each source send a signal to all the receivers  
→ traveltimes' picking.
- 2) Build a mesh ~~of~~ in the interested area (area between the two boreholes). THE NUMBER OF CELLS MUST BE LOWER THAN THE EXPERIMENTAL DATA TO HAVE A GOOD ~~MATHEMATICALLY~~ ELABORATION (MATHEMATICALLY ROBUST)
- 3) A STRAIGHT RAY PROPAGATION IS ASSUMED. (simplified approach, in the reality the distribution is curvilinear) THE VELOCITY IS CONSTANT IN EACH CELL.  
Supposed a velocity distribution,  
4) Solve the forward modeling: it compute the ray tracing and the theoretical traveltimes, (given a discretization in cells of the region) ~~supp~~ It's a synthetic model
- 5) Solve the inverse problem: starting from the collected data, it computes the velocity distribution. (traveltime)
- 4) Is given a discretization in cells of the region. A velocity distribution is supposed  
the model computes the ray tracing and the theoretical travel time.

## Electrical field with a single current electrode



- current flow
- - - equipotential surface
- current electrode

The second electrode is an infinity distance far away from the 1<sup>st</sup> one. The 2<sup>nd</sup> electrode closes the circuit.

$$V = RI \quad R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

$$\rho = R \frac{A}{L}$$

$$V = \frac{\rho I}{2\pi r}$$

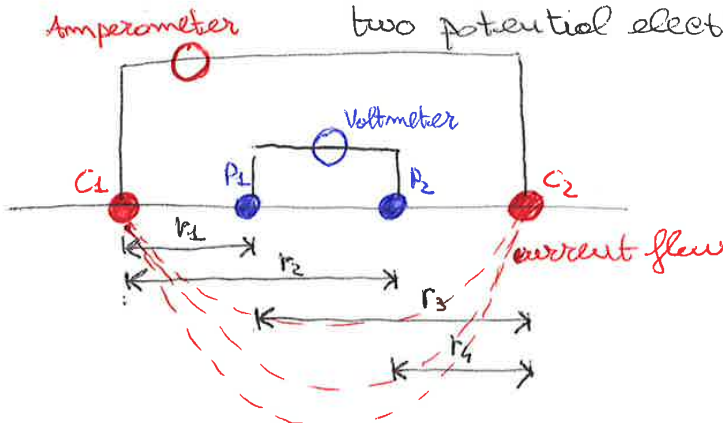
→ the potential is related to the current by the constant  $R$

● potential electrode

○ voltmeter

$$\Delta V = V_1 - V_2 = \frac{\rho I}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

Electrical field : two current electrodes (current injection)  $C_1, C_2$   
two potential electrodes (voltage measurement)  $P_1, P_2$



Generic formula

$$\rho = K \frac{\Delta V}{I}$$

→ geometrical factor depending on the array (distance between the 4 electrodes)

$$\Delta V = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 = \frac{\rho I}{2\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{r_4} - \frac{1}{r_3} \right) \right]$$

## ELECTRICAL ARRAYS

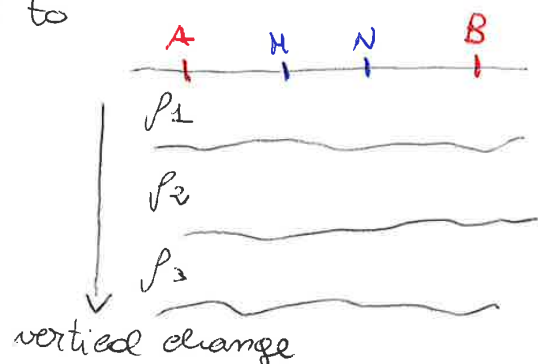
1) WENNER - SCHLUMBERGER

2) DIPOLE - DIPOLE

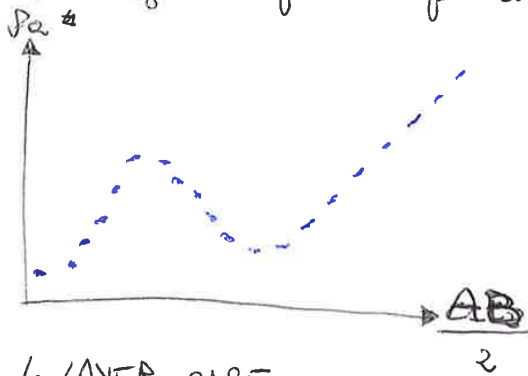
1) The potential dipole are internal to the current one (AB)

- is more sensitivity with depth  
→  $\rho$  vertical changes

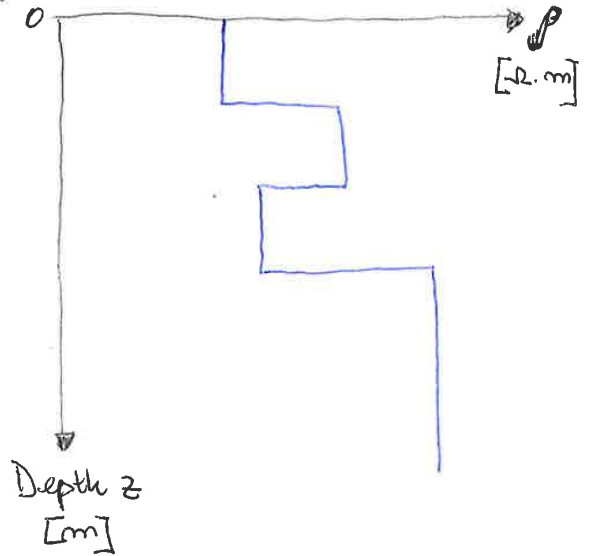
- is less sensitive to the noise



To transform  $\rho_a$  in  $\rho$  <sup>→ here!</sup> an inversion procedure is used.



inversion  
↔



4 LAYER CASE

$$\rho_a = f \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4 \\ h_1, h_2, h_3 \end{array} \right.$$

The inversion procedure provides 'infinite' solutions  
Some known parameters are required to ~~reduce~~ reduce the possible number of solutions.

In conclusion

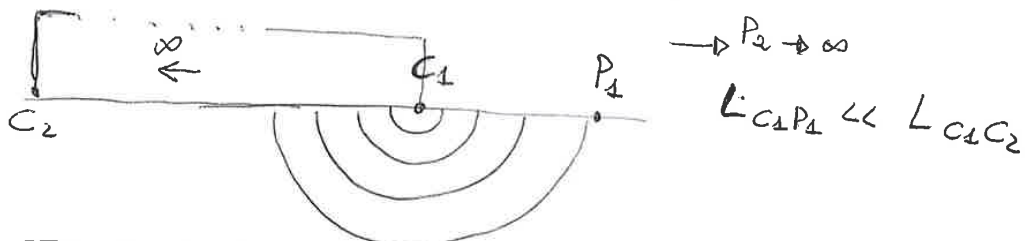
- weaver: electrodes are equally spaced (distance =  $a$ )

$$\rho = k \frac{V}{I} \quad \text{where } k = \pi a$$

- schlumberger:  $\frac{AB}{2} \geq 4 \frac{MN}{2}$  to be sure to do a good survey

3) Pole - Pole: only one electrode of current and one electrode of potential. The 2<sup>nd</sup> current electrode is an  $\infty$  distance as <sup>well as</sup> the potential one.

The electrical current can be approximated by hemispherical surfaces



Is sensitive to the vertical and longitudinal variation of  $\rho$



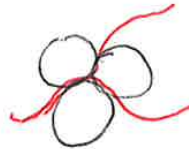
One example is the clay. For it the conductivity is mainly affected by ~~the~~ surface phenomena.

In porous media the electrical conductivity depends on

- porosity of medium
- water saturation
- salinity
- ionic mobility
- temperature

In fractured rocks the electrical conductivity depends on

- density of fractures
- tortuosity of the electrical paths inside the fractures.



### THEORIES AND MODELS DESCRIBING ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF ROCKS

- 1) Model of Archie for saturated rock
- 2) Model for unsaturated rock
- 3) Effect of clay particles

1) The model of Archie is an empirical relationship for sandy soil (non clayey soil). The model assumes that the electrical resistivity of the soil skeleton is negligible (to be avoided)

$$\sigma_m = a \phi^m \cdot \sigma_f$$

SATURATION CONDITION

$\sigma_m$ : el. cond. of the sand

$\sigma_f$ : el. cond. of the pore water

$\phi$ : porosity

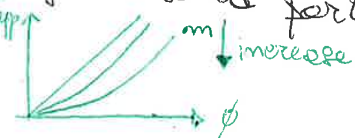
$a, m$ : experimental parameters depending on the shape of the solid particles

$m$  is the cementation exponent.

- unconsolidated sand
- consolidated sandstone

$$m = 1,3$$

$$1,8 < m < 2,0$$



$m$  keeps into account the grains disposition that is the tortuosity of porosity channel of the sample  $\rightarrow$  is a index of E.C.!

$m \uparrow$  if grain sphericity  $\downarrow \rightarrow$

Model of Waxman-Smits  $\rightarrow$  unsaturated porous media with surface conductivity

$$\sigma_m = \phi^m S_w^m \left( \sigma_f + \frac{BQv}{S_w} \right)$$

surface conductivity  $\rightarrow$  CEC  
Cation Exchange Capacity

### ELECTRICAL PERMITTIVITY

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

$\epsilon_r$  = relative electrical permittivity

$\epsilon$  = absolute value of permittivity

$\epsilon_0$  = permittivity in vacuum ( $8,85 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{F}{m}$ )

$\epsilon_r$  varies from 1 = vacuum to 81 = water

So high water content, high  $\epsilon_r$  value!

For  $f \geq 1$  MHz we can write

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \cdot \mu}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{in seismic} \\ v_p = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\rho}} \end{array} \right)$$

$\mu$  = magnetic permeability

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Henry/m}$$

If I rewrite  $v$  equations in terms of relative values:

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \cdot \mu_0 \mu_r}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} \sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r}}$$

$$= \underbrace{v_{\text{vacuum}}}_{\frac{c}{\mu_r}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r}}$$

where  $c = 3 \cdot 10^8$  m/s  
speed of light

In most of rocks  $\mu \approx 1$  so

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$\epsilon_r$   $\rightarrow$   $\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}$ ! **CRIM: COMPLEX REFRACTIVE INDEX MODEL**

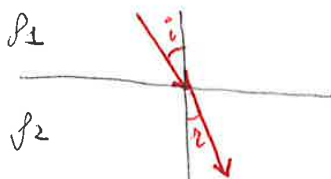
$$\sqrt{\epsilon_r} = (1-\phi) \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{sil}}} + \phi \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{fluid}}} S_w \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Same for density} \\ \text{in seismic} \end{array} \right)$$

So I can rewrite in

$$\frac{1}{v_{\text{bulk}}} = (1-\phi) \frac{1}{v_{\text{sil}}} + \frac{\phi S_w}{v_{\text{fluid}}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{similar to the} \\ \text{Willie's law} \end{array} \right)$$

At the interface between two different media, the current lines are refracted according to:

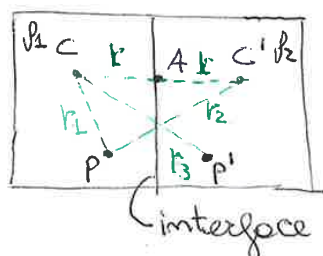
$$\frac{\tan(i)}{\tan(r)} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}$$



if  $\rho_1 > \rho_2$  the current flow tends to diverge with respect to the normale behaviour.

if  $\rho_2 > \rho_1$  the current flow tends to converge.

### ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL OF 2-HALF SPACES



The interface is considered as a semi-reflecting surface with a reflection coeff. = k

C = intensity current source I

C' = image point

$$V_p = \frac{I \rho_1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{k}{r_2} \right)$$

$$V_{p'} = \frac{I \rho_2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1-k}{r_3} \right)$$

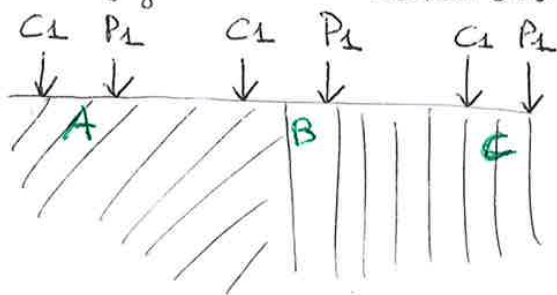
At the point A  $V_p = V_{p'}$  and  $r = r_1 = r_2 = r_3$

→ we calculate k from  $V_p = \frac{I \rho_1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1+k}{r} \right) = \frac{I \rho_2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1-k}{r} \right) = V_{p'}$

Now we know  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  and we can calculate the potential trend in each point.

The image source theory can be performed with

- a combination pole-pole array configuration in boreholes
- a semi-Wenner array (pole-pole array) to study discontinuity both vertical and horizontal. 3 different configuration based on the interface position



**A**  $\frac{\rho_a}{\rho_1} = 1 + \left[ \frac{k a}{(2s-a)} \right]$

**B**  $\frac{\rho_a}{\rho_1} = 1 + k$

**C**  $\frac{\rho_a}{\rho_1} \approx k^* \left[ 1 - \frac{k a}{(2s+a)} \right]$

$$k^* = \frac{1+k}{1-k}$$

At the interface layer 1 - layer 2 a new reflection - transmission phenomena occurs.

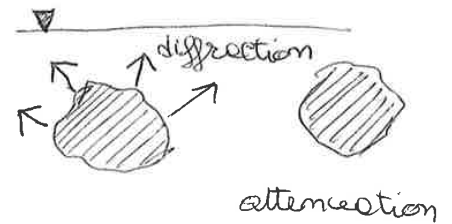
→ For each interface there is a scattering phenomenon, that is a loss of energy.

e.m. impedance:  $Z = \rho v \rightarrow Z = f(\epsilon, \mu)$

$R = \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}$  REFLECTION COEFFICIENT

So we have to keep into account:

- loss of energy for attenuation that is an intrinsic parameter
- loss of energy for diffraction of the different materials



### ELECTROMAGNETIC METHODS: FREQUENCY DOMAIN INVESTIGATION

The e.m. techniques can be classified in

FEM: frequency domain, use one or more frequencies  
 $i(t) = i_0 \sin(\omega t)$   
 $\hookrightarrow f$

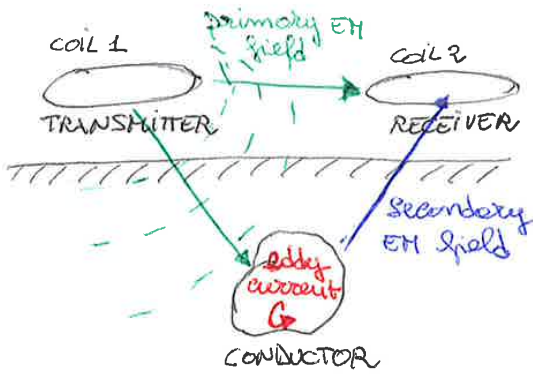
TEM: time domain, the measurements are a time function.  
 IS observed the signal behaviour during the time.

Methods are divided in:

- passive methods: utilizes the natural ground signal
- active methods: an artificial transmitter is used.  
 Can be in the near field or in the far field

The aim is to map the conductivity/resistivity of the subsoil.

## INTERACTION E.M. FIELD - GROUND ; E.M. INDUCTION



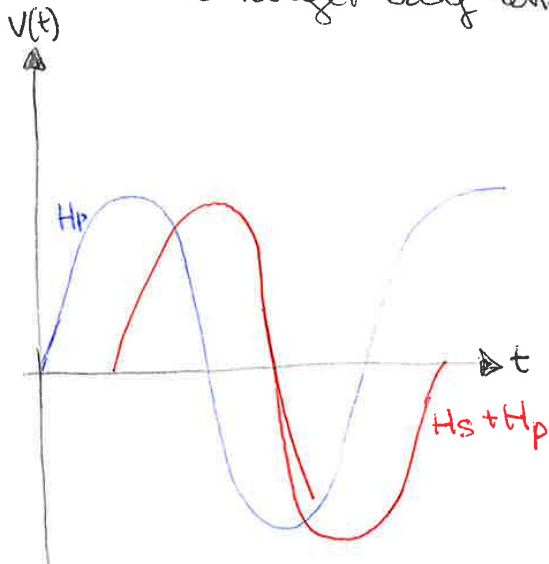
TRANSMITTER coil : generates the primary e.m. field that propagates in the ground and in the atm

If the subsurface is homogeneous there is no difference between the field propagated both in atmosphere and in the ground (only slight reduction in amplitude)

CONDUCTIVE ANOMALY: when the primary e.m. field meets a conductor in the ground, it is induced an alternating current (called Eddy current) within the conductor. The eddy current generates their own SECONDARY E.M. FIELD which propagate to the COIL 2 - THE RECEIVER

So the RECEIVER arrives:

- the primary magnetic field induced by the transmitter
  - the secondary e.m. field induced by the conductor
- this is what I want to study because it comes from the target body underground.



- primary e.m. field  $H_p$
- secondary e.m. field  $H_s$
- + primary e.m. field  $H_s + H_p$

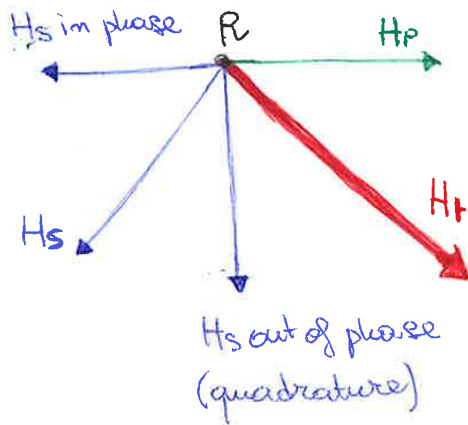
The measured response at the receiver will differ in phase and in amplitude relative to the unmodulated  $H_p$ .

This difference reveals the presence of the conductor.

From the  $H_s$  it is possible to know the

- shape
- conductivity of the conductor
- depth

At the receiver the situation is these



$H_p$  : primary m. field

$H_s$  : secondary m. field in 2 forms:

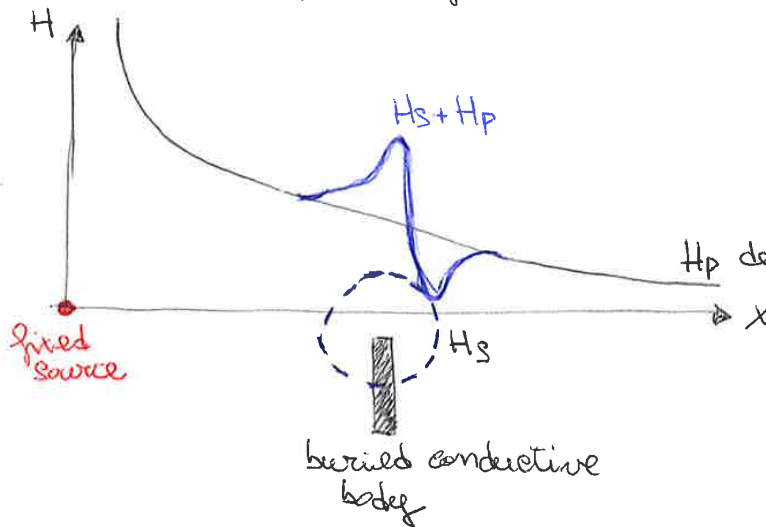
- $H_s$  in phase, shifted of  $180^\circ$  respect to  $H_p$
- $H_s$  out of phase, shifted of  $90^\circ$  respect to  $H_s$

$H_r$  : resultant of the primary and secondary m. field.

$H_s$  in phase : more sensitive to  $\mu \rightarrow$  inductance

$H_s$  out of phase : more sensitive to  $\sigma \rightarrow$  resistivity.

Example : response of a vertical conductive body



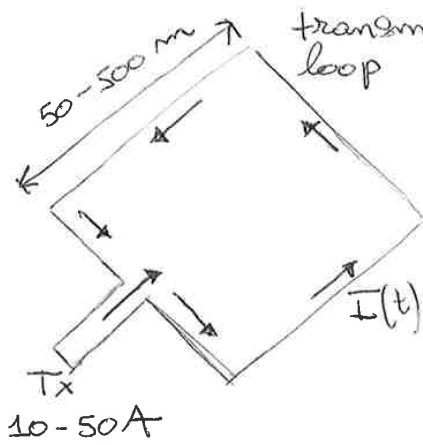
The receiver (coil) is moved

$H_p$  decrease with the distance

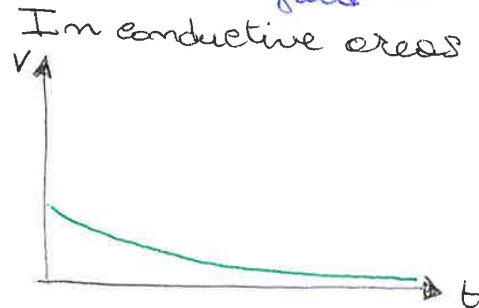
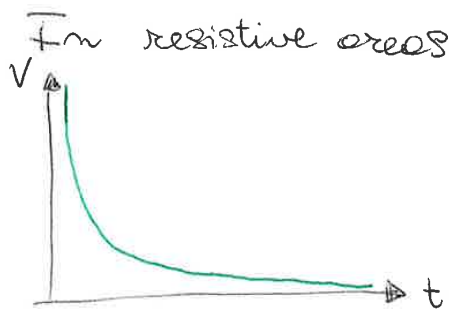
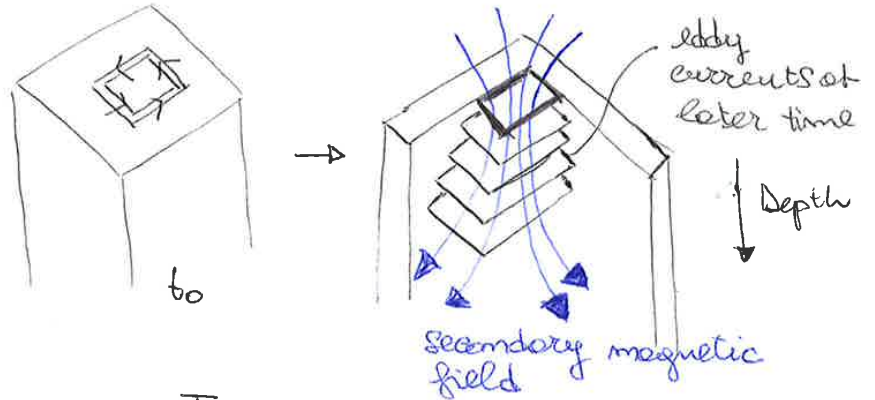
### EQUIPMENT USING SMALL LOCAL SOURCE

Small distance source - receiver ; they are portable and are moved along a transect. The distance can vary from 1 m up to 20-40 m.

- small depth 1-4 m,  $f = 20 \text{ kHz}$
  - intermediate depth 4-6 m,  $f = 10 \text{ kHz}$
  - high depth penetration 20-50 m,  $f = 300 \text{ Hz}$
- $\uparrow$  depth  $\downarrow f$   
 $\rightarrow$  concept of skin depth



transmitter Max current injected 50 A  
 The bigger the loop, the greater the investigation depth.



Decay in time means decay of depth of investigation

The diffusion velocity is

$\mu$ : magnetic permeability

$$v = 2 \left( \frac{1}{\pi \sigma \mu t} \right)^{0,5}$$

and the distance of propagation is

$$d = \left( \frac{2t}{\sigma \mu} \right)^{0,5}$$

connection between time and depth.  
 If I can observe for longer, I can go deeper!

and the skin depth is

$$\delta = \left( \frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma} \right)^{0,5}$$

if  $f$  express  $\omega = 2\pi f$  in function of period  $T$ ,  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ ,  $\delta$  can express  $\delta$  in function of time

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \left( \frac{T}{\sigma \mu} \right)^{0,5}$$

$\delta \downarrow$  if  $\sigma \uparrow$

TDEM can be used in topographically rugged areas

EH FIELD : in TDEM there aren't interference in the tip because measurements ~~are~~ take place during the absence of energization → accurate vertical surveys also lateral surveys.

DEPTH : In TDEM the investigation depth is not linked to the skin depth but only to the power delivered by the transmitter and to the electrical noise of the receiver.

SURVEY : in TDEM is not necessary to move electrodes to go deeper. The depth depends only on the coil configuration.



## BASIC EQUATIONS AND PARAMETERS

- $\vec{D}$  electric displacement [ $C/m^2$ ]
- $q$  charge volumic density [ $C/m^3$ ]
- $\vec{E}$  electric field intensity [ $V/m$ ]
- $I$  electric current intensity [ $A$ ]
- $\vec{J}$  electric current density [ $A/m^2$ ]
- $\vec{H}$  magnetic field intensity [ $A/m$ ]
- $\vec{B}$  magnetic field flux [ $T$  or  $Wb/m^2$ ]

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{div } \vec{D} &= q \\ \text{div } \vec{B} &= \phi \text{ zero} \\ \text{curl } \vec{H} &= \vec{J} + \frac{d\vec{D}}{dt} \\ \text{curl } \vec{E} &= -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Maxwell's equations}$$

+ curl = rotore

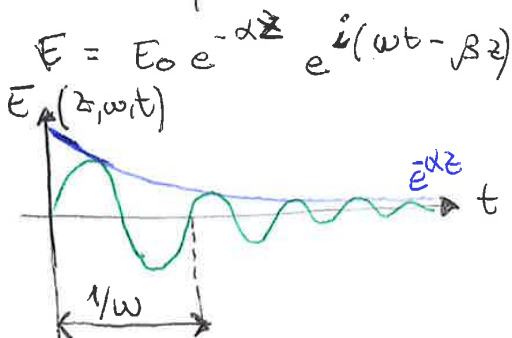
these equations clearly show that the fields  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  are linked and that when exists a time-varying-  $\vec{E}$  field there will be also a time varying  $\vec{H}$  field.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J} &= \sigma \vec{E} \\ \vec{D} &= \epsilon \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} &= \mu \vec{H} \\ \text{div } \vec{D} &= \phi \quad (\sigma > \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \vec{H} &= \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} \\ &= \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{the 2} \\ \text{fields} \\ \text{are } \perp \end{array} \right\}$$

can be  $\mu \epsilon \ll \mu \sigma \rightarrow 10^{-17} \ll 10^{-12}$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

The two equations have the same solution in form of:



$\alpha$ : dissipation factor [ $1/m$ ]  
 $\beta$ : propagation factor [ $rad/m$ ]

$$\frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \lambda \rightarrow \text{wave length [m]}$$

$$\frac{\omega}{\beta} = v \text{ velocity [m/s]}$$

$z$  = depth

DATA PROCESSING

FUNCTION

COMPONENTS

2) move start-time : main bang (interaction of reflection with the ~~receiver~~ receiver → the signal enters in the ground.)  
 → eliminate useless time before the main bang

4) gain setting : recover information by multiplying amplitude for a linear growing function.

1) de-wow : is eliminated the noise with low frequency thanks to a ~~low~~ high-pass filter.

3) time cut : a lot of data from a certain point on are useless because are only noise; they are cut to make the process faster.

5) Band pass filtering : an antenna of 100 MHz will emits a signal in the range of  

$$100 - \frac{100}{2} \leq \text{signal} \leq 100 + \frac{100}{2}$$
 the central frequencies are usefull, all that's out of the band is cut and it's cut with a band pass filter.

6) Background removal : average ~~off~~ <sup>traces</sup> on rows, from every <sup>traces</sup> row is subtracted the average of the signal. The main bang is always the same on every column due to electronics and physics.

7) Assembling the <sup>required</sup> GPR profiles, according to the GPR coordinates  
 On most of medium  $\mu_r \approx 1$  so the velocity can be expressed as  

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$
 is a approximated, simplified velocity

Also in GPR method the EM waves are attenuated ~~for~~ for  
 - geometrical spreading → spherical divergence  
 - intrinsic ~~attenuation~~ ~~attenuation~~ ~~attenuation~~

Now it's demonstrated that if I know  $\epsilon_1$  and  $R$  I can calculate  $\epsilon_2$ .

I define  $e_i = \sqrt{\epsilon_i}$

$$R = \frac{e_1 - e_2}{e_2 + e_1}$$

$$\rightarrow R e_1 + R e_2 = e_1 - e_2$$

$$R e_1 - e_1 = -(R e_2 + e_2)$$

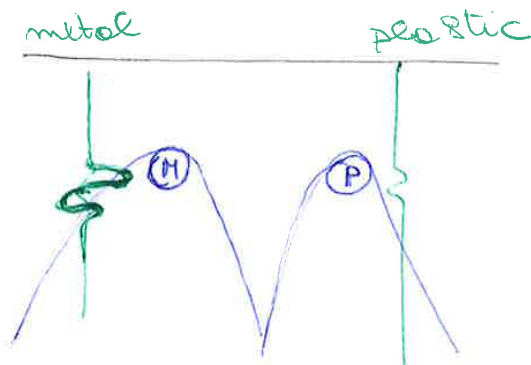
$$(R-1) e_1 = -e_2 (R+1)$$

$$\rightarrow e_2 = -\frac{R-1}{R+1} e_1$$

When  $R = 1$  the material is like a MIRROR and all the signals are reflected.

ex: metal  $\sigma = 10^{-4}$   $\epsilon = 1 \rightarrow$  MIRROR  
 plastic  $\sigma = 10^4$   $\epsilon = 3$

In the radarogram



Interpolating the arrival times is obtained an hyperbole called DIFFRACTION HYPERBOLA. Is the response of the object to pulses.

Plastic is more transparent to EM pulse.

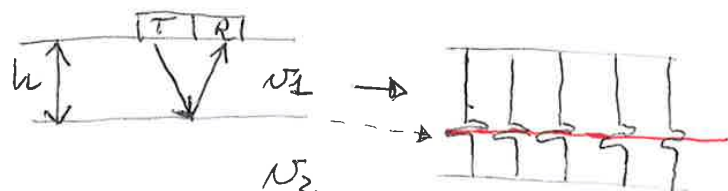
R-T rules are true if

- $\theta_{incident} \leq 20^\circ$
- $t_2 \ll h_2$  (thickness of the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer)  $\rightarrow$  if not THIN LAYER THEORY

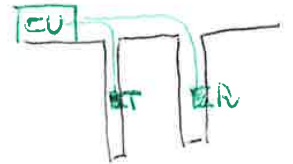
Reflector parallel to the ground surface

You can see in the radarogram the reflected pulse on a horizontal line at the time (two way travel time)

$$twt = \frac{2h}{v_1}$$

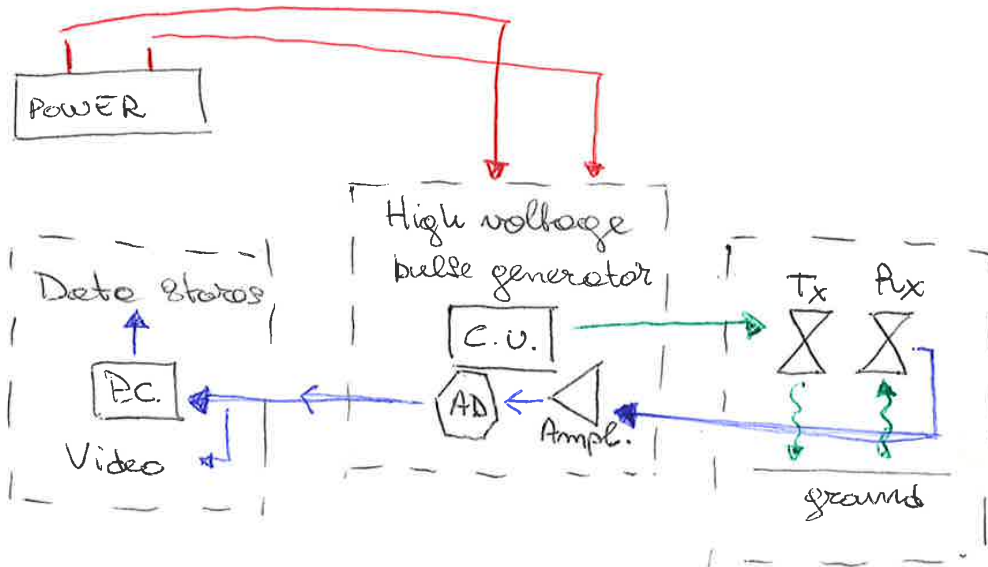


two boreholes: moving T and R at the same time in 2 different boreholes.  
 moving only R to do a GPR TOPOGRAPHY

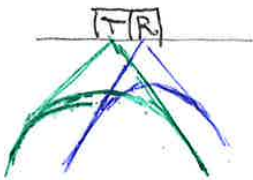


CRITH ROW  $\sqrt{\epsilon} = (1-\phi)\sqrt{\epsilon_s} + \phi\sqrt{\epsilon_f}$

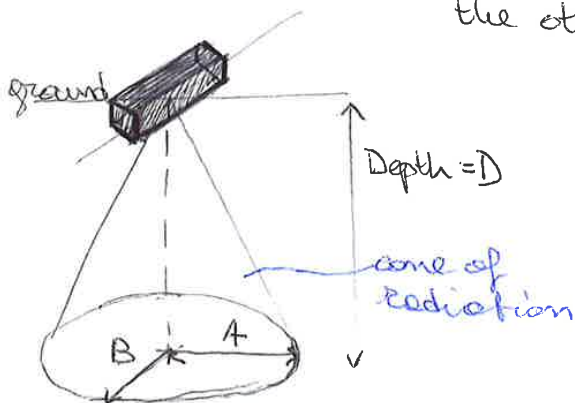
OUTLINES OF THE INSTRUMENTS



Antenna: emits EM energy in a cone of radiation; the receiving antenna gathers the return signal in a similar cone. This is the reason why the antenna can "see" out of it's vertical.



- The antenna can be
- monostatic configuration: 1 dipole to transmitting and receiving
  - bistatic conf.: 2 dipoles, one transmits the other receives



the footprint becomes bigger with the increasing depth and depends on characteristics of the soil and  $f$

$$A = \frac{\lambda}{4} + \frac{D}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r + 1}}$$

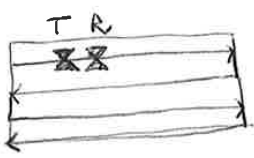
$$B = \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} f}$$

$\Delta t \rightarrow$  according to the Shannon's law  $\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{2f_{max}}$  <sup>better</sup>  $\rightarrow \Delta t \leq \frac{1}{6f_{max}}$

$T \rightarrow$  related to the depth  $T \geq 4 \frac{D}{v_{max}}$

The survey proceeds with parallel lines and eventually orthogonal lines. Don't turn the antenna to not lose the geosition references.



## ELECTRICAL METHODS

$$R = \frac{V}{I} \text{ [ohm]} ; R = \rho \frac{L}{A} \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{V}{I} \frac{L}{A} \Rightarrow \rho = k \frac{V}{I}$$

$$\Delta V = \Delta V_1 - \Delta V_2 = \frac{I \rho}{2\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{r_3} - \frac{1}{r_4} \right) \right]$$

Archie's model - saturated soil  
- unsaturated "

$$\phi_{bulk} = \phi \phi^m \sigma_f$$

$$\sigma_{bulk} = \phi \phi^m \sigma_f S_w^m$$

Uns. soil + clay presence

$$\sigma_{bulk} = \sigma_f \theta (a\theta + b) + \sigma_s$$

Waxman and Smith

uns. soil + surface phen.

$$\sigma_{bulk} = \phi^m S_w^m \left( \sigma_f + \frac{BQ}{S_w} \right)$$

Formation factor  $F = \frac{\rho_o}{\rho_w} = \frac{1}{\phi^m} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_{bulk}}$

$$\sigma_{surf} = \frac{BQ}{F}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_2} \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \rightarrow v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

CRIM Complex refractive index model

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_r} = (1 - \phi) \sqrt{\epsilon_{soil}} + \phi S_w \sqrt{\epsilon_w}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{v} = \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{v_{soil}} (1 - \phi) + \phi S_w \frac{1}{v_w}$$

REFLECTION COEFF.  $k = \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1}$

IMAGE SOURCE THEORY  $\Delta V = \frac{I \rho_1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{k}{r_2} \right) \Delta V' = \frac{I \rho_2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1 - k}{r_3} \right)$

## ELECTROMAGNETISM

SKIN DEPTH  $\delta = \left( \frac{2}{\mu \sigma \omega} \right)^{0.5}$

REFLECTION COEFF.  $R_C = \frac{I_2 - I_1}{I_1 + I_2}$

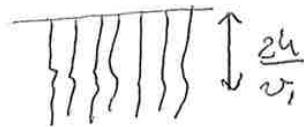
MAXWELL'S EQ.

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \times E = -\mu \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times H = \sigma E + \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} E = E_0 e^{j\omega t} \\ H = H_0 e^{j\omega t} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla^2 E = \mu \sigma j\omega E - \mu \omega^2 \epsilon E \\ \nabla^2 H = \mu \sigma j\omega H - \mu \omega^2 \epsilon H \end{cases}$$

$(\sigma \leftrightarrow) | \mu \omega |$

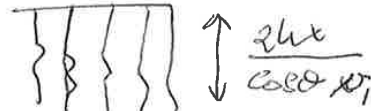
REFLECTOR PARALLEL

$$twt = \frac{2h}{v_1}$$



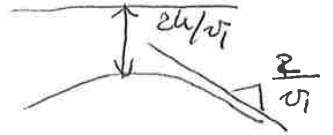
INCLINATED REFLECTOR

$$twt = \frac{2hx}{\cos \theta v_1}$$

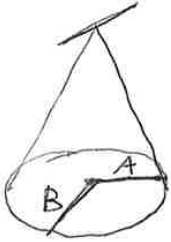


POINT LIKE OBJECT

$$twt = \frac{2h \sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + h^2}}{v_1}$$



FRESNELL'S ELLIPSE



$$A = \frac{b}{4} + \frac{D}{\sqrt{8r+1}}$$

$$B = \frac{A}{4}$$

minimum resolutions

$$\Delta x = \sqrt{\frac{bD}{2}}$$

$$\Delta z = \frac{b}{4}$$

N° OF SAMPLE

$$N = \frac{T}{\Delta t} + 1$$

## LABWORK 2

seismic\_raypath.m

### ① Exercise of ray tracing in a heterogeneous medium

The code implement equation for ray-path in a medium where velocity gradually changes with depth according to the function

$$V = v_0 + cz$$

$v_0 = \text{surface } v$   
 $c = \text{constant}$   
 $z = \text{depth}$

The code

models 20 rays; each ray is continuously refracted along the ray path  
 1<sup>st</sup> figure = ray tracing → in the figure it's recreate the coordinates traveltime - distance from the source  
 2<sup>nd</sup> " = wavefronts

labwork2.m

plot the traveltimes of direct, reflected, refracted waves

### ① 2 layers

The wavefront are not longer spherical surfaces and traveltimes (T) depend on the curvature of the ray path

$$T(l) = \int_0^l \frac{dl}{v(l)} \sim \text{curvature}$$



we can reconstruct traveltime from the curvature

### ② labwork2.m

plot the traveltimes of direct, reflected and refracted waves  
 3 layers

$$v_1 < v_2 < v_3$$

