

PAVEMENT MATERIALS

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COURSE HEADS

- **SUBGRADE**
 - NATURAL
 - STABILIZED
- SUBBASE
- BASE COURSE
 - UNBOUND
 - BOUND
- SURFACE COURSES

SEQUENCE

- SUBGRADE
- MATERIAL CLASSIFICATION/IDENTIFICATION
- INVESTIGATION
- MATERIAL EVALUATION
- MATERIAL SELECTION
- CONSTRUCTION OF SUBGRADE
- QA/QC
- POST CONSTRUCTION INVESTIGATION



SUBGRADE INVESTIGATIONS

- **SOIL INVESTIGATIONS ?**
- A COMPLETE PICTURE OF **SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**
 - AS FAR AS POSSIBLE
- **SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**
- SOIL/ROCK STRATA (TYPE, LAYERS, THICKNESS, EXTENT)
 - **TO DEPTH OF SIGNIFICANCE**
- HYDROLOGICAL CONDITIONS
- ENGINEERING PROPERTIES
 - STRENGTH, DENSITY, MOISTURE, COMPRESSIBILITY, STABILITY (FROST, EXPANSION), PERMEABILITY, CAPILLARITY

FIELD EVALUATIONS

- METHODS OF EXPLORATIONS

- EXCAVATIONS

- DRILLING
- TEST PITS

- SAMPLING

- GEOPHYSICAL TESTING

- SURFACE SEISMIC
- ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY

- (DRILLING, SAMPLING, TESTING) (VIDEOS)



Ref. to Geotechnical Site Investigation and
Instrumentation
(Previous Course)

GEOPHYSICAL TESTING

BRIEFINTRODUCTION

WHAT ?

- GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION CONSISTS OF MAKING INDIRECT MEASUREMENTS
- FROM THE EARTH'S SURFACE OR IN BOREHOLE
- TO OBTAIN SUBSURFACE INFORMATION.

WHY ?

- **REQUIREMENT OF GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS**
 - **GROUPING OF THE SUBSURFACE STRATA WITH SIMILAR GEOTECHNICAL PROPERTIES**
 - **STRENGTH**
 - **STIFFNESS**
- **GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION HELPS IN**
- ***RAPID LOCATION AND CORRELATION OF GEOLOGICAL FEATURES***
 - **STRATIGRAPHY**
 - **LITHOLOGY**
 - **DISCONTINUITIES**
 - **GROUND WATER**
- ***IN-SITU MEASUREMENT OF***
 - **MODULLI AND DENSITIES**

HOW ?

- GENERAL TECHNIQUES

- SEISMIC



- ELECTRICAL



- SONIC



- MAGNETIC



- RADAR



- GRAVITY



SEISMIC TECHNIQUES

- **PRINCIPLE**

- DIFFERENCE IN STIFFNESS OF DIFFERENT SOIL/ROCK LAYERS

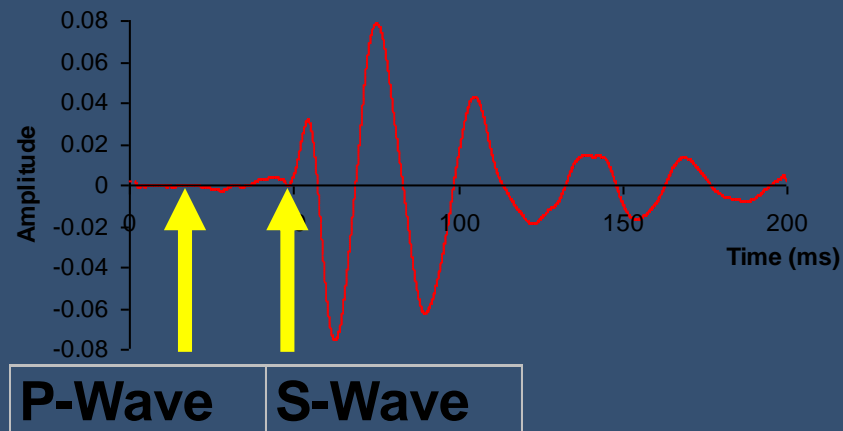
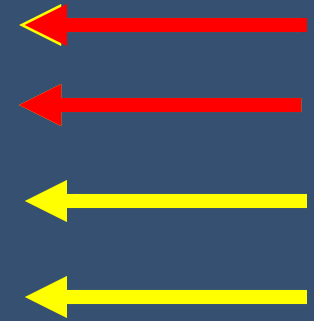
- **PROCEDURE**

- AN ELASTIC WAVE IS GENERATED IN THE GROUND
 - BY IMPACTIVE FORCE (FALLING WEIGHT OR HAMMER BLOW)
 - EXPLOSIVE CHARGE
- RESULTING GROUND MOTION IS MEASURED USING VIBRATION DETECTORS (GEOPHONES)
- TIME ELAPSED WILL HELP TO EVALUATE DIFFERENT WAVE VELOCITIES IN DIFFERENT LAYERS

SEISMIC TECHNIQUES

- WAVE TYPES

- LONGITUDINAL WAVES (P WAVES)
- TRANSVERSE OR SHEAR WAVES (S WAVES)
- RAYLEIGH WAVES
- LOVE WAVES



SEISMIC TECHNIQUES

- METHODS

- REFRACTION



- REFLECTION



- CROSS-HOLE



- DOWN-HOLE

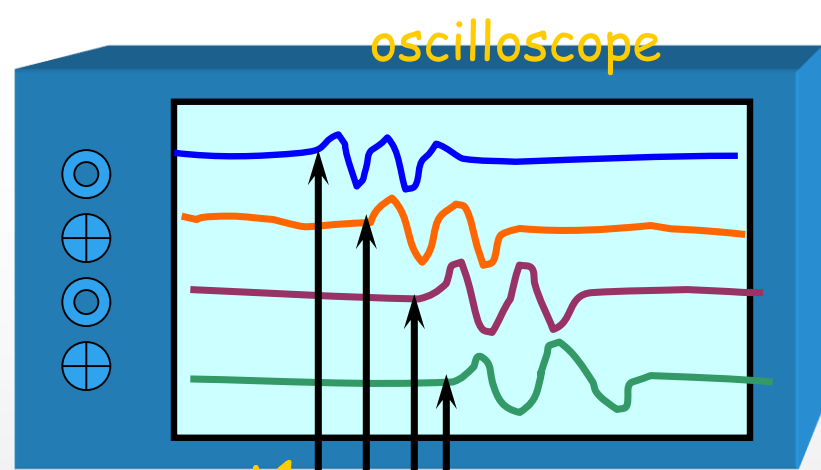
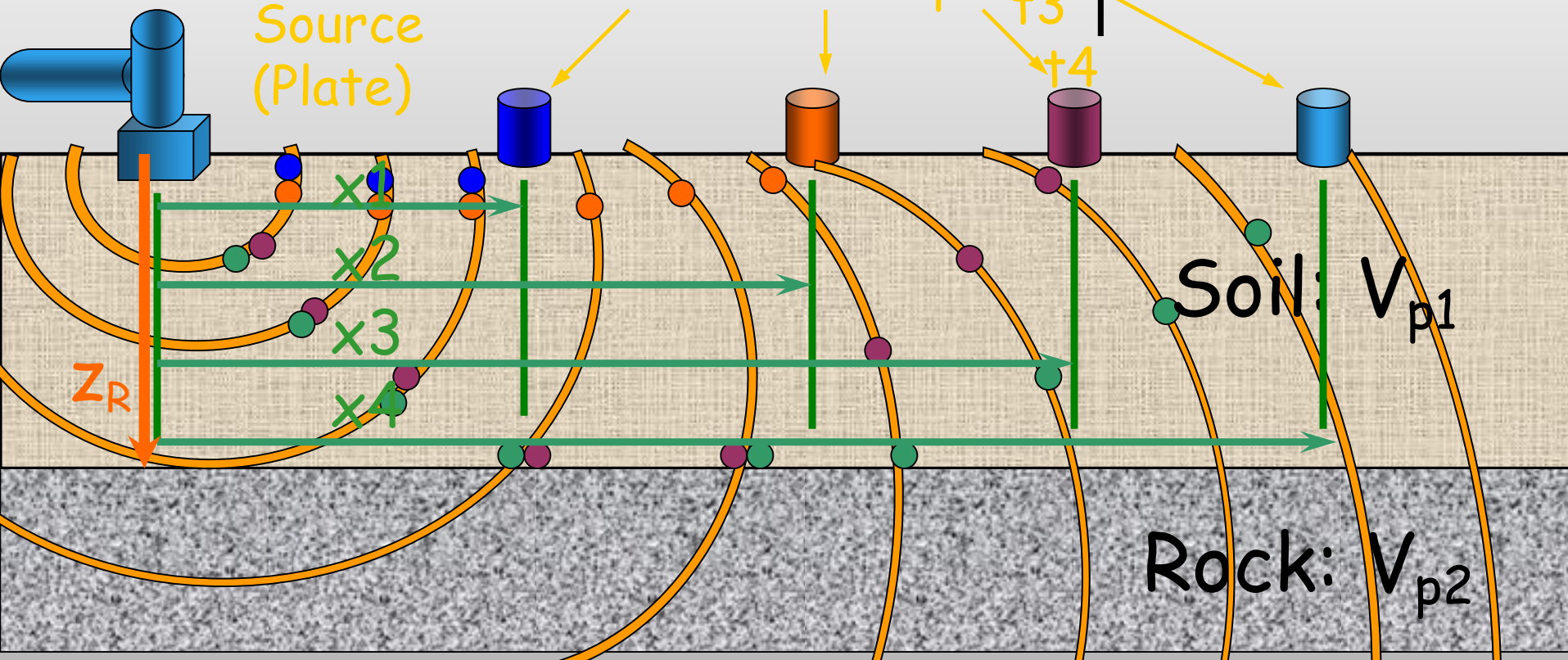


Seismic Refraction

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Note: $V_{p1} < V_{p2}$

Determine depth
to rock layer, z_R



REFRACTION AND REFLECTION

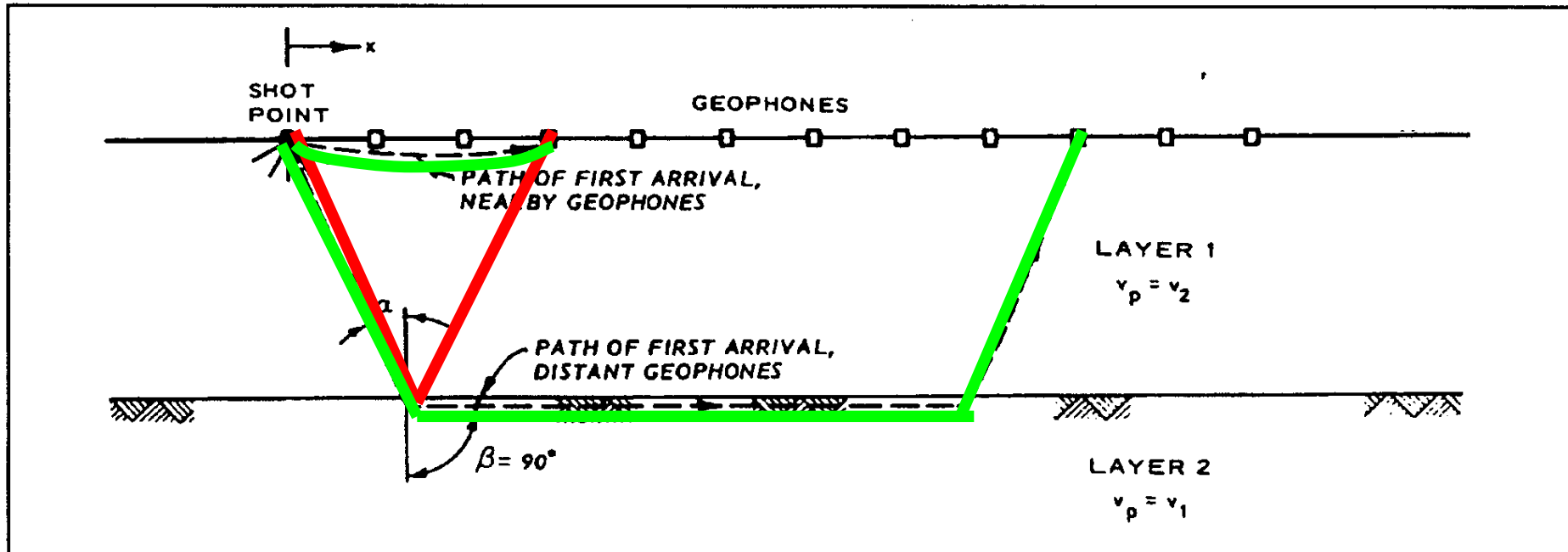
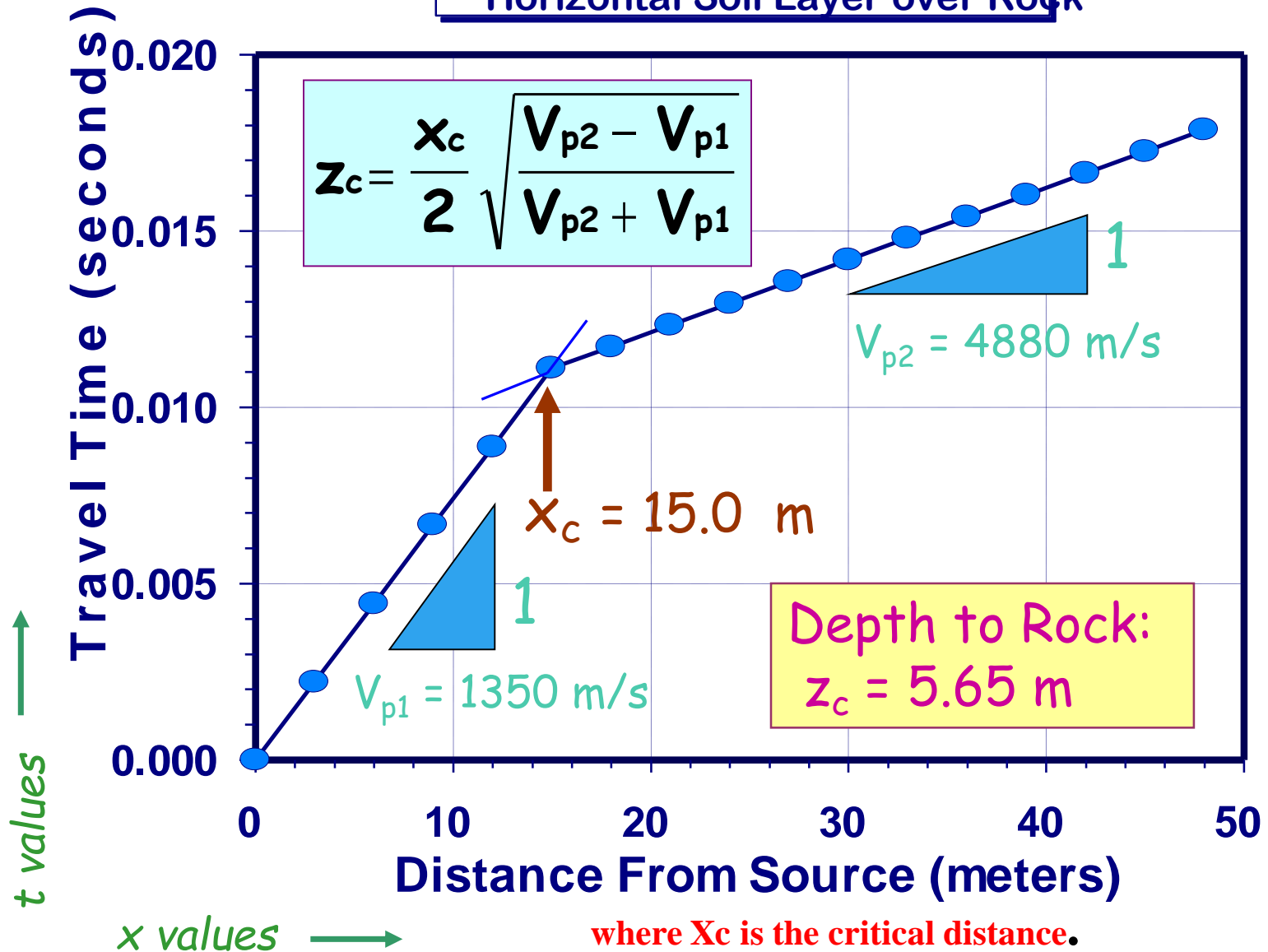


Figure 3-1. Schematic of seismic refraction survey

Refracted Wave
Reflected Wave

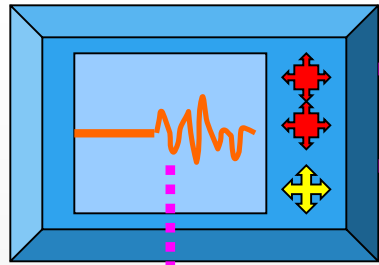
SEISMIC REFRACTION

Horizontal Soil Layer over Rock

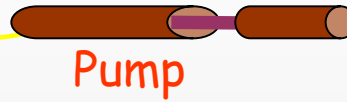


Crosshole Testing

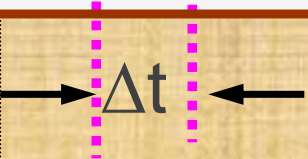
Oscilloscope



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Pump



Shear Wave Velocity:
 $V_s = \Delta x / \Delta t$

Downhole Hammer
(Source)

Test
Depth

packer

Slope
Inclinometer

PVC-cased
Borehole

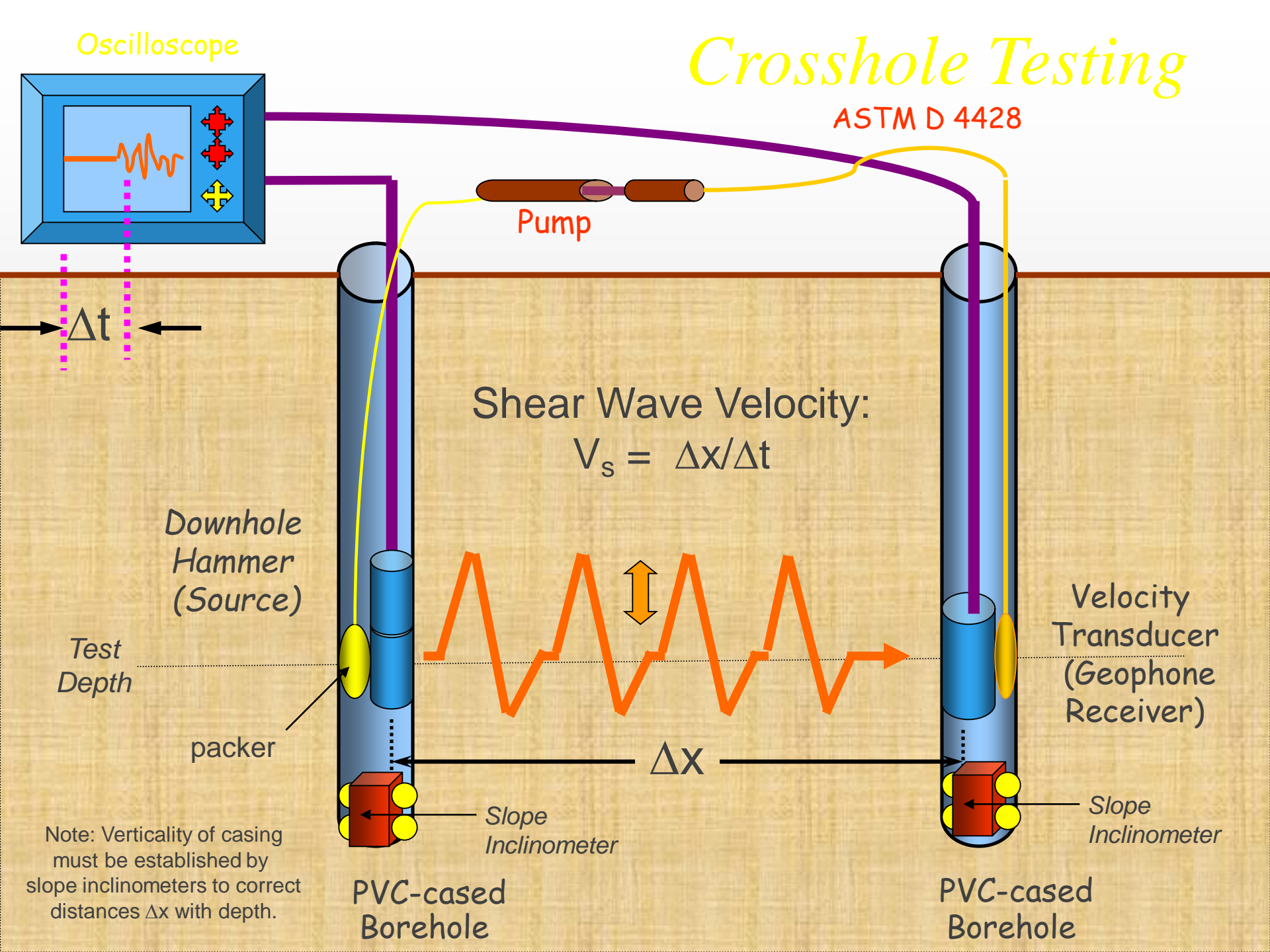
Velocity
Transducer
(Geophone
Receiver)

Slope
Inclinometer

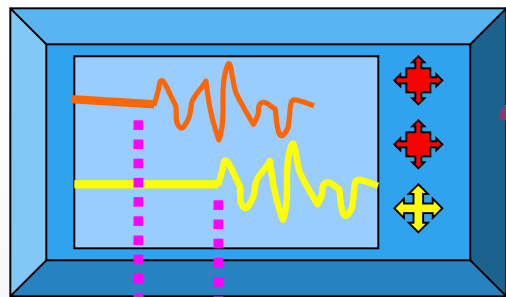
PVC-cased
Borehole

Note: Verticality of casing
must be established by
slope inclinometers to correct
distances Δx with depth.

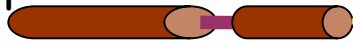
Δx



Oscilloscope



Pump



DOWNHOLE

TESTING

Horizontal Plank
with normal load



Δt



z_1

z_2

Hammer



x

packer

Horizontal
Velocity
Transducers
(Geophone
Receivers)

Test
Depth
Interval

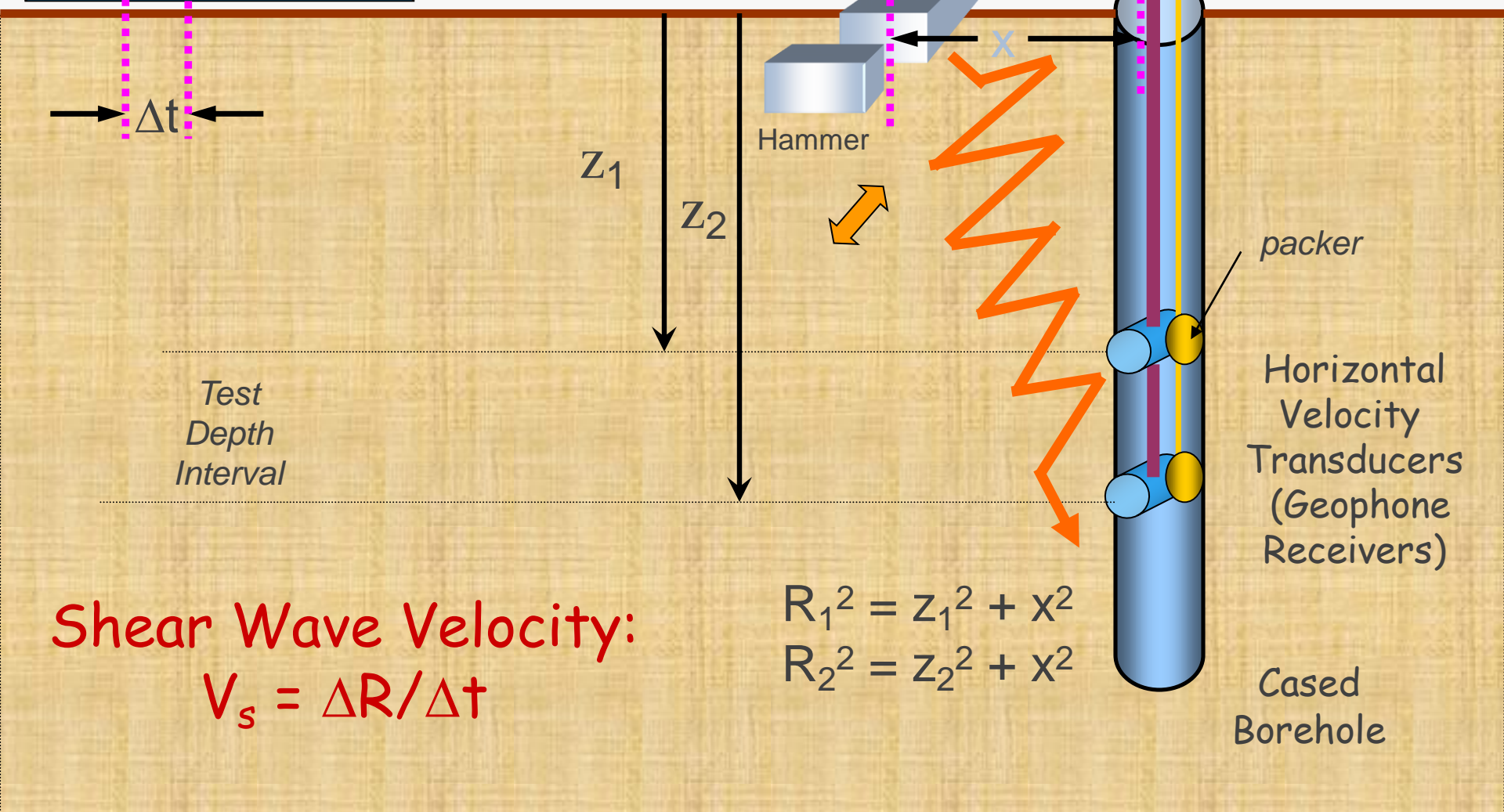
Shear Wave Velocity:

$$V_s = \Delta R / \Delta t$$

$$R_1^2 = z_1^2 + x^2$$

$$R_2^2 = z_2^2 + x^2$$

Cased
Borehole



APPLICATIONS

**Table 4-1
Applications of Selected Geophysical and Other Methods for Determination of Engineering Parameters¹**

Method	Basic Measurement	Application	Advantages	Limitations
Surface				
Refraction seismic	Travel time of compressional waves through subsurface layers	Velocity determination of compression wave through subsurface. Depths to contrasting interfaces and geologic correlation of horizontal layers	Rapid, accurate, and relatively economical technique. Interpretation theory generally straightforward and equipment readily available	Incapable of detecting material of lower velocity underlying higher velocity. Thin stratum sometimes not detectable. Interpretation is not unique
Reflection seismic	Travel time of compressional waves reflected from subsurface layers	Mapping of selected reflector horizons. Depth determinations, fault detection, discontinuities, and other anomalous features	Rapid, thorough coverage of given site area. Data displays highly effective	Even with recent advances in high-resolution, seismic technology applicable to civil works projects is limited in area of resolution
Borehole				
Up/ole/downhole (seismic)	Vertical travel time of compressional and/or shear waves	Velocity determination of vertical P- and/or S-waves. Identification of low-velocity zones	Rapid technique useful to define low-velocity strata. Interpretation straightforward	Care must be exercised to prevent undesirable influence of grouting or casing

APPLICATIONS

Table 4-2
Numerical Rating of Geophysical Methods to Provide Specific Engineering Parameters¹ Engineering Application

Geophysical Method	Depth to Rock	P-Wave Velocity	S-Wave Velocity	Shear Modulus	Young's Modulus	Poisson's Ratio	Lithology	Material Boundaries Stratigraphy	Dip of Strata	Density	In Situ State of Stress	Temperature	Permeability	Percent Saturation	Ground water Table	Ground water Quality	Ground water Aquifers	Flow Rate and/or Direction	Borehole Diameter	Obstructions	Rippability	Fault Detection	Cavity Detection	Cavity Delineation	Location of Ore Bodies	Borehole Azimuth and Inclination	
Surface																											
Refraction (seismic)	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	3	4	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	4	3	2	2	3	0	
Reflection (seismic)	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	3	3	3	0	
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Uphole/downhole (seismic)	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	2	0	
Crosshole (seismic)	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	2	3	3	2	3	0	

(Continued)

¹ Numerical rating refers to applicability of method in terms of current use and future potential:

0 = Not considered applicable

1 = Limited

2 = Used or could be used, but not best approach

3 = Excellent potential but not fully developed

4 = Generally considered as excellent approach; state of art well developed

A = In conjunction with other electrical and nuclear logs

² Methods not included in EM 1110-1-1802.

³ Airborne or inhole survey capability not considered.

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**Table 3-1
Typical/Representative Field Values of V_p , ρ_b and ν for
Various Materials**

Material	V_p (m/s)	$\rho_{b,dry}$ (mg/m ³)	ν
Air	330		
Damp loam	300-750		
Dry sand	450-900	1.6-2.0	0.3-0.35
Clay	900-1,800	1.3-1.8	~0.5
Fresh, shallow water	1,430-1,490	1.0	
Saturated, loose sand	1,500		
Basal/ lodgement till	1,700-2,300	2.3	
Rock			0.15-0.25
Weathered igneous and metamorphic rock	450-3,700		
Weathered sedimen- tary rock	600-3,000		
Shale	800-3,700		
Sandstone	2,200-4,000	1.9-2.7	
Metamorphic rock	2,400-6,000		
Unweathered basalt	2,600-4,300	2.2-3.0	
Dolostone and limestone	4,300-6,700	2.5-3.0	
Unweathered granite	4,800-6,700	2.6-3.1	
Steel	6,000		

LIMITATION

- **IN CASE OF SATURATED MEDIA ?**
- **WAVES WILL PASS THROUGH WATER (1500 M/S) AND NOT THROUGH THE SOIL STRUCTURE**

ELECTRICAL TECHNIQUES

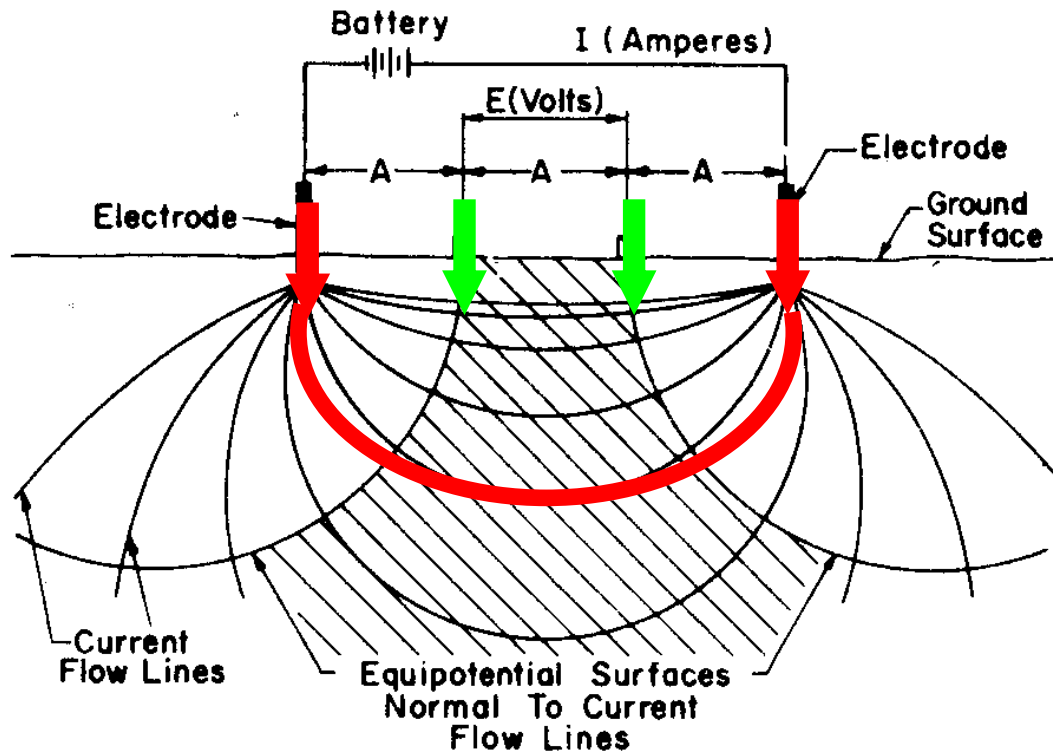
- **PRINCIPLE**

- DIFFERENCE IN ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY OF DIFFERENT SOIL/ROCK LAYERS

- **PROCEDURE**

- AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT IS MADE TO FLOW THROUGH THE GROUND UNDER AN ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL
- RESULTING APPARENT RESISTIVITY OF THE GROUND IS MEASURED.

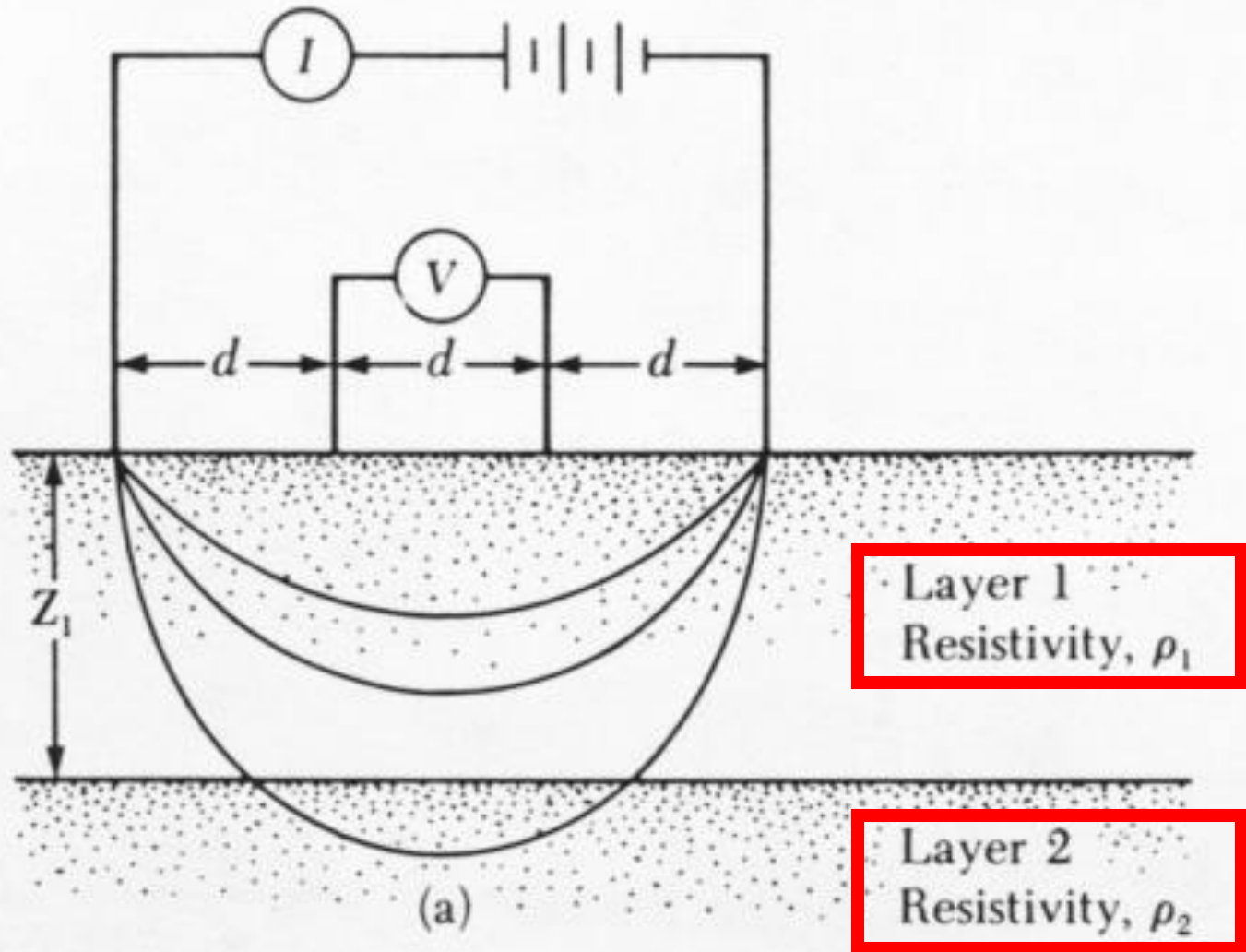
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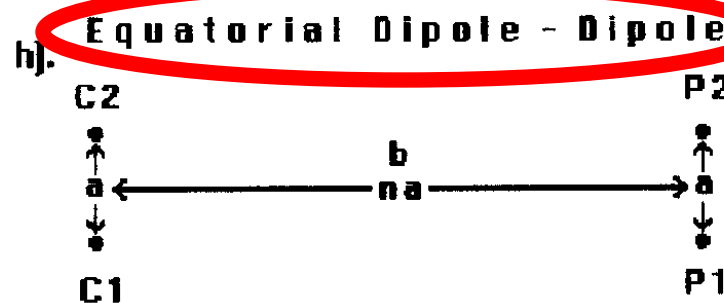
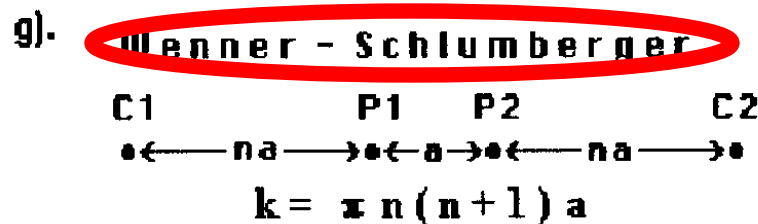
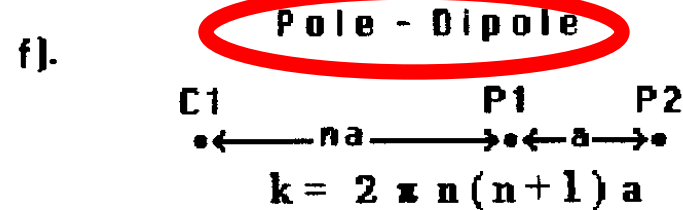
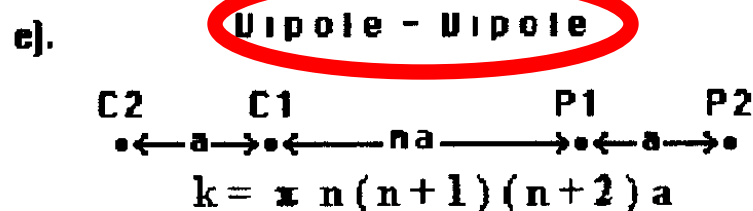
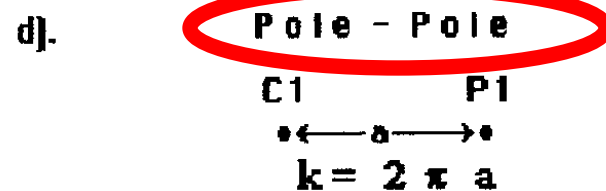
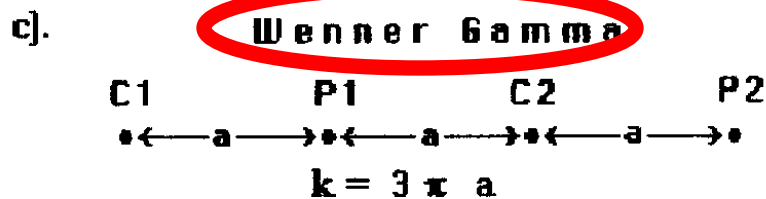
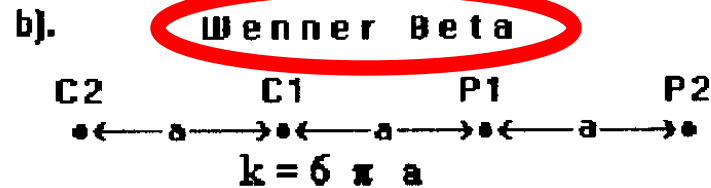
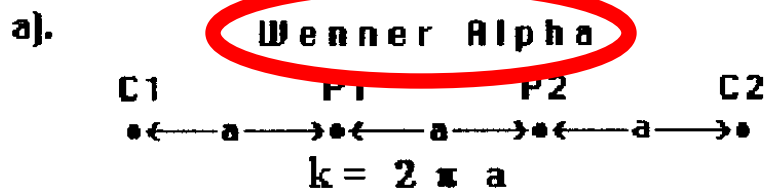


$$\text{Apparent Resistivity, } \rho_s = \frac{2\pi AE}{I}$$

Fig. 1.2 Diagram showing theory of earth resistivity methods.
(After U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.)

APPARENT RESISTIVITY





$k = \text{Geometric Factor}$

Figure 2. Common arrays used in resistivity surveys and their geometric factors.

DIFFERENT MODELS

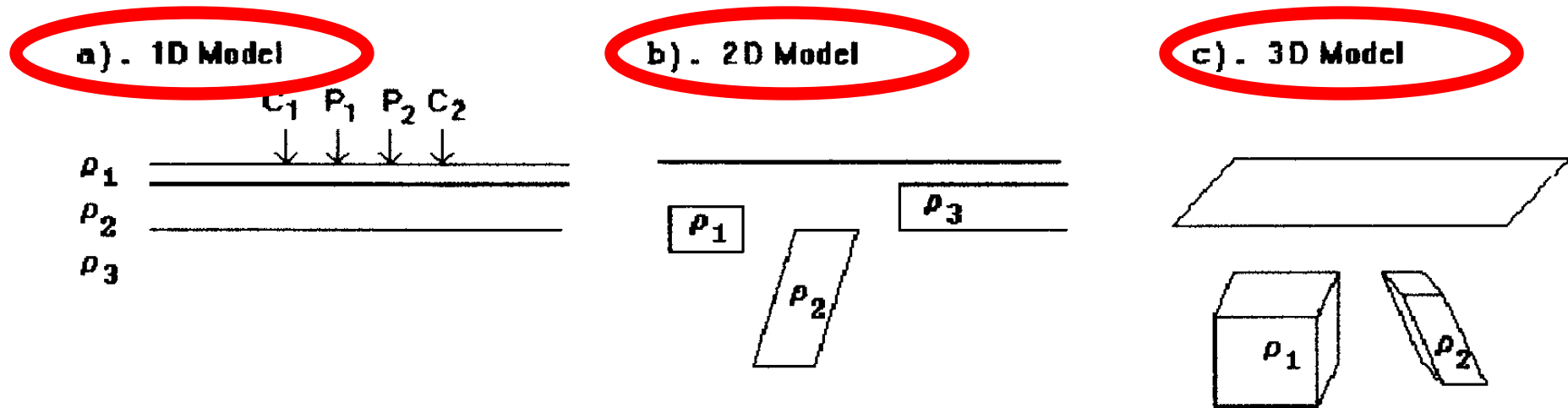
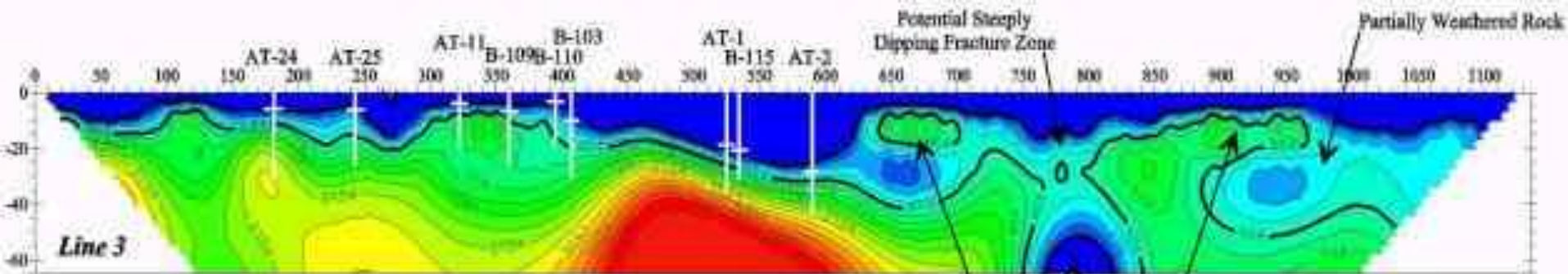
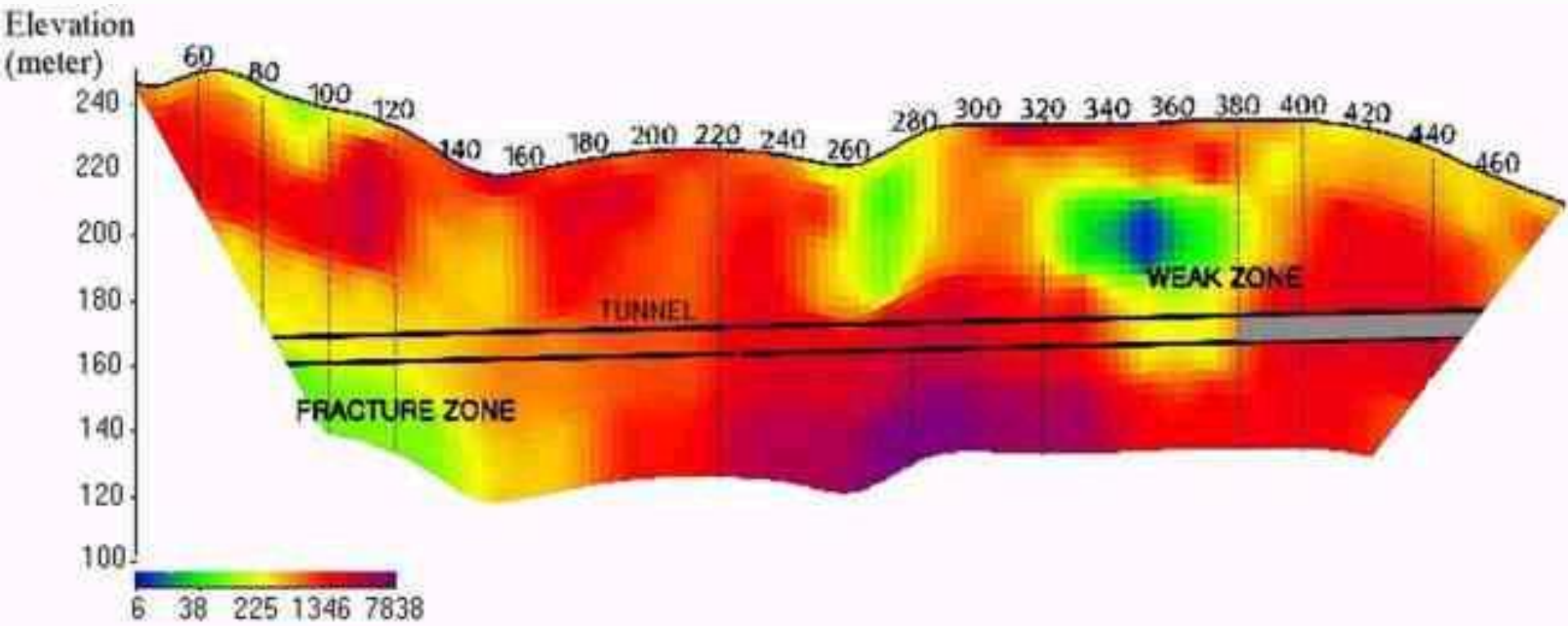
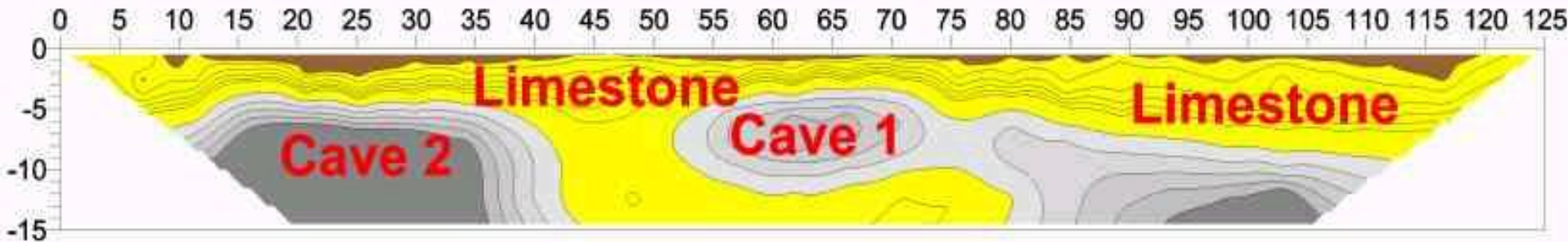
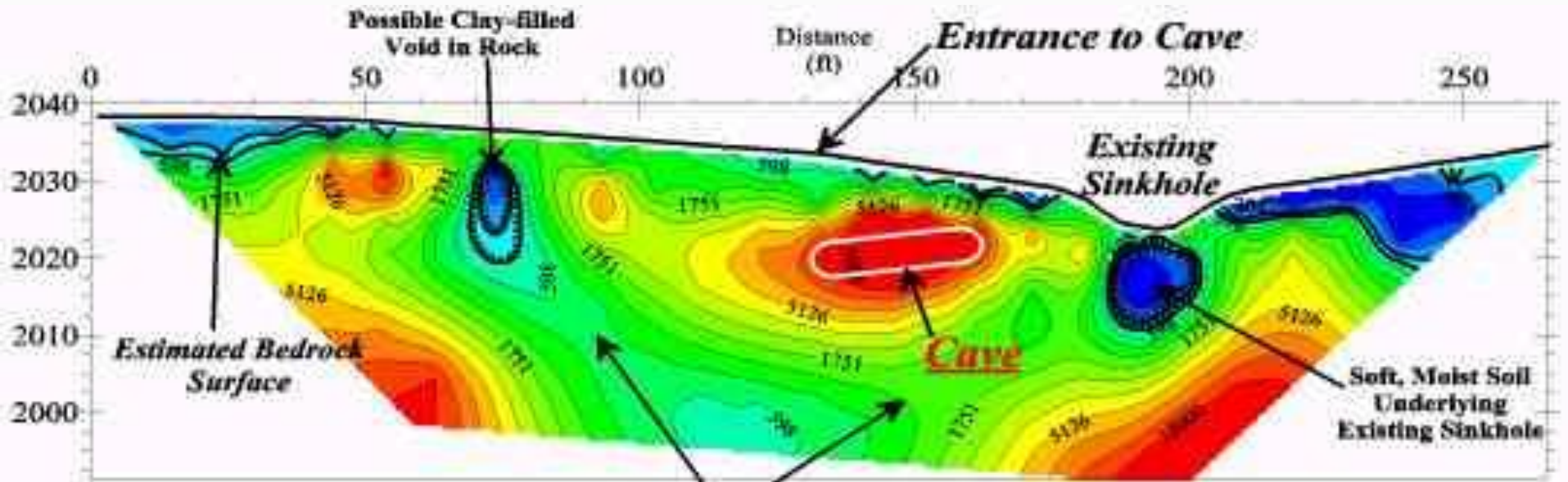


Figure 3. The three different models used in the interpretation of resistivity measurements.

2-D MODELS

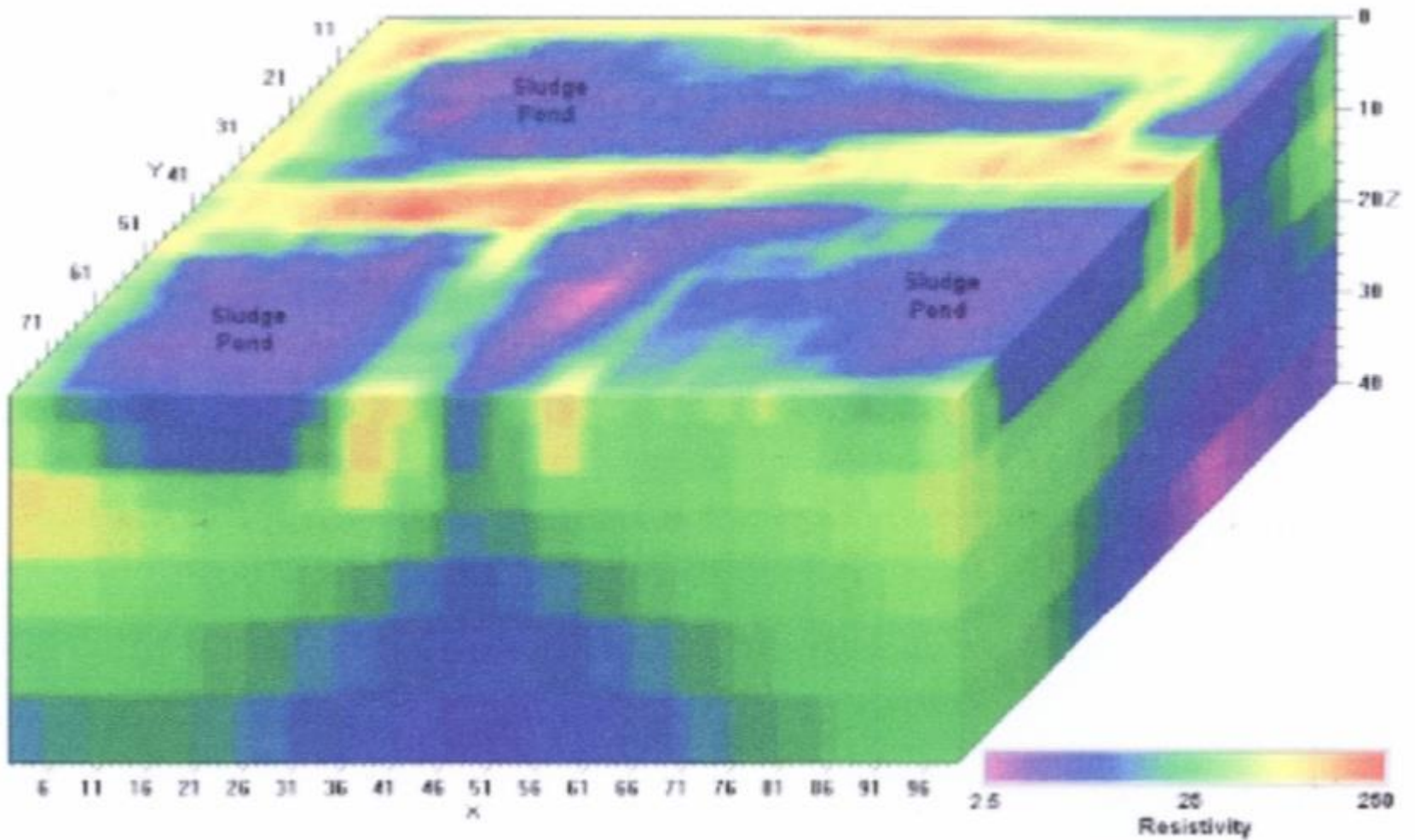


2-D MODELS



3-D MODEL

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Table 4-1 (Continued)

Method	Basic Measurement	Application	Advantages	Limitations
Surface (Continued)				
Electrical resistivity	Electrical resistance of a volume of material between probes	Complementary to refraction seismic. Quarry rock, ground water, sand and gravel prospecting. River bottom studies and cavity detection	Economical nondestructive technique. Can detect large bodies of "soft" materials	Lateral changes in calculated resistance often interpreted incorrectly as depth related; hence, for this and other reasons, depth determinations can be grossly in error. Should be used in conjunction with other methods, e.g., seismic

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Table 1. Resistivities of some common rocks, minerals and chemicals.

Material	Resistivity ($\Omega \cdot m$)	Conductivity (Siemen/m)
Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks		
Granite	$5 \times 10^3 - 10^6$	$10^{-6} - 2 \times 10^{-4}$
Basalt	$10^3 - 10^6$	$10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$
Slate	$6 \times 10^2 - 4 \times 10^7$	$2.5 \times 10^{-8} - 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$
Marble	$10^2 - 2.5 \times 10^8$	$4 \times 10^{-9} - 10^{-2}$
Quartzite	$10^2 - 2 \times 10^8$	$5 \times 10^{-9} - 10^{-2}$
Sedimentary Rocks		
Sandstone	$8 - 4 \times 10^3$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4} - 0.125$
Shale	$20 - 2 \times 10^3$	$5 \times 10^{-4} - 0.05$
Limestone	$50 - 4 \times 10^2$	$2.5 \times 10^{-3} - 0.02$
Soils and waters		
Clay	1 - 100	0.01 - 1
Alluvium	10 - 800	$1.25 \times 10^{-3} - 0.1$
Groundwater (fresh)	10 - 100	0.01 - 0.1
Sea water	0.2	5
Chemicals		
Iron	9.074×10^{-8}	1.102×10^7
0.01 M Potassium chloride	0.708	1.413
0.01 M Sodium chloride	0.843	1.185
0.01 M acetic acid	6.13	0.163
Xylene	6.998×10^{16}	1.429×10^{-17}

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

- A GPR works on the principle of measuring a contrast in 'Dielectric Constant' of different materials
- The equipment consists of an Antenna which sends a signal into the ground and a receiver which receives back the reflected signal
- The signals could be reflected from different interfaces; for e.g. soil horizons, the groundwater surface, soil/rock interfaces, man-made objects, or any other interface possessing a contrast in dielectric properties.

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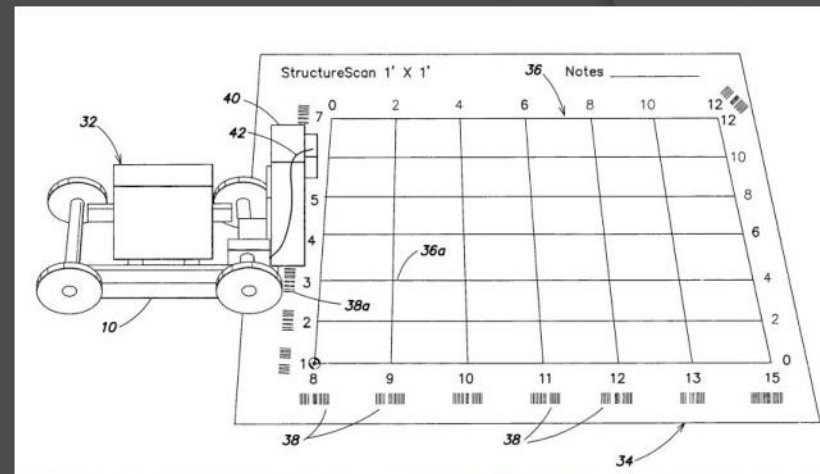


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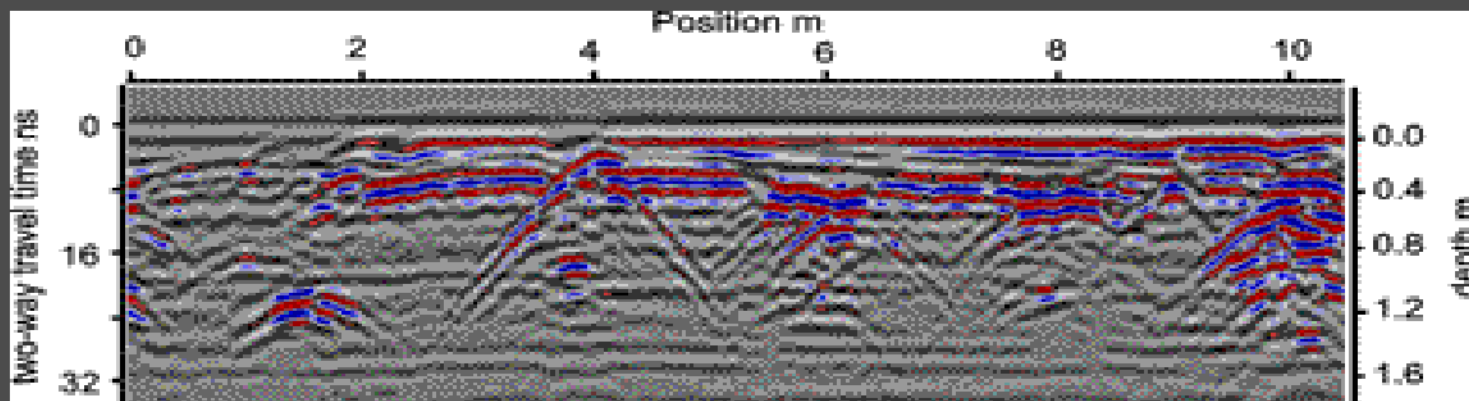
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

- GPR surveys conducted on gridded areas
- Transmitter send Short impulses of high-freq EM wave
- Receiver antenna recives back the reflected waves to ascertain relative changes in dielectric properties of subsurface materials
- Depth of exploration is soil dependent (up to 30 m in dry sands; only 3 m in wet saturated clay)



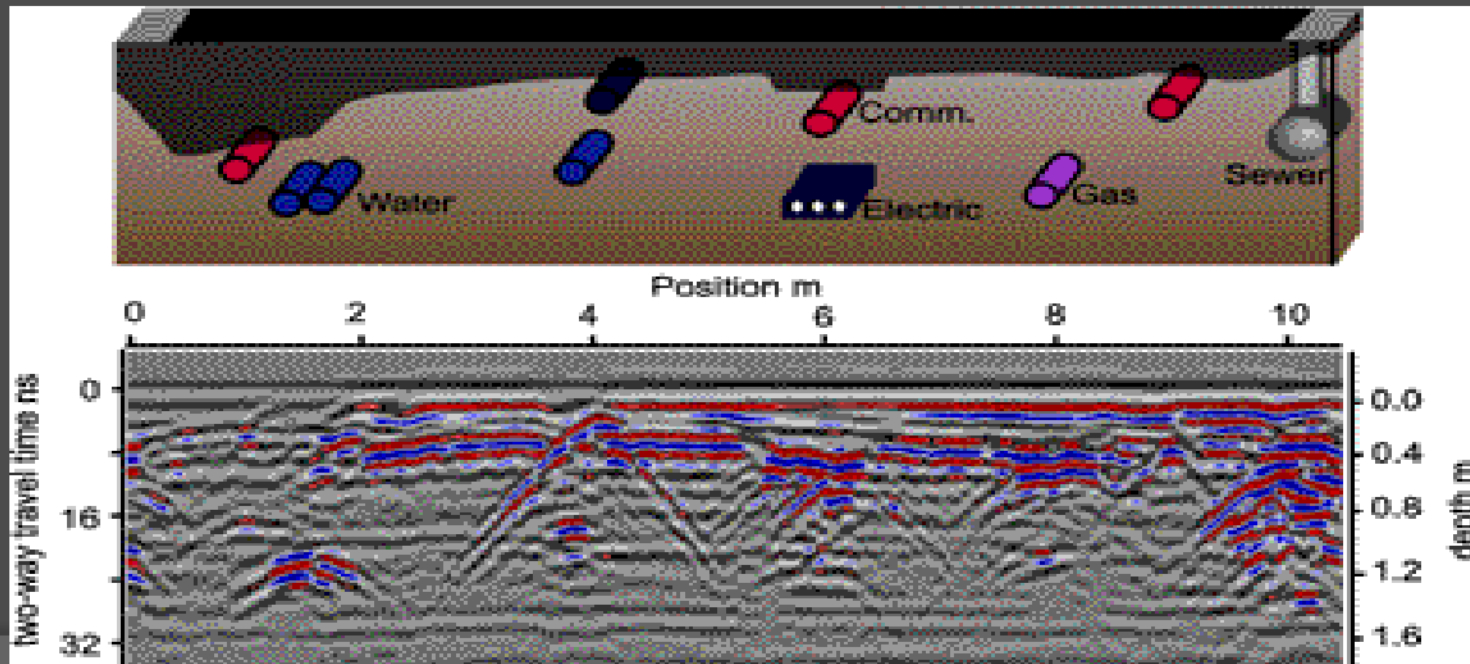
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- Results
Locating Underground utilities



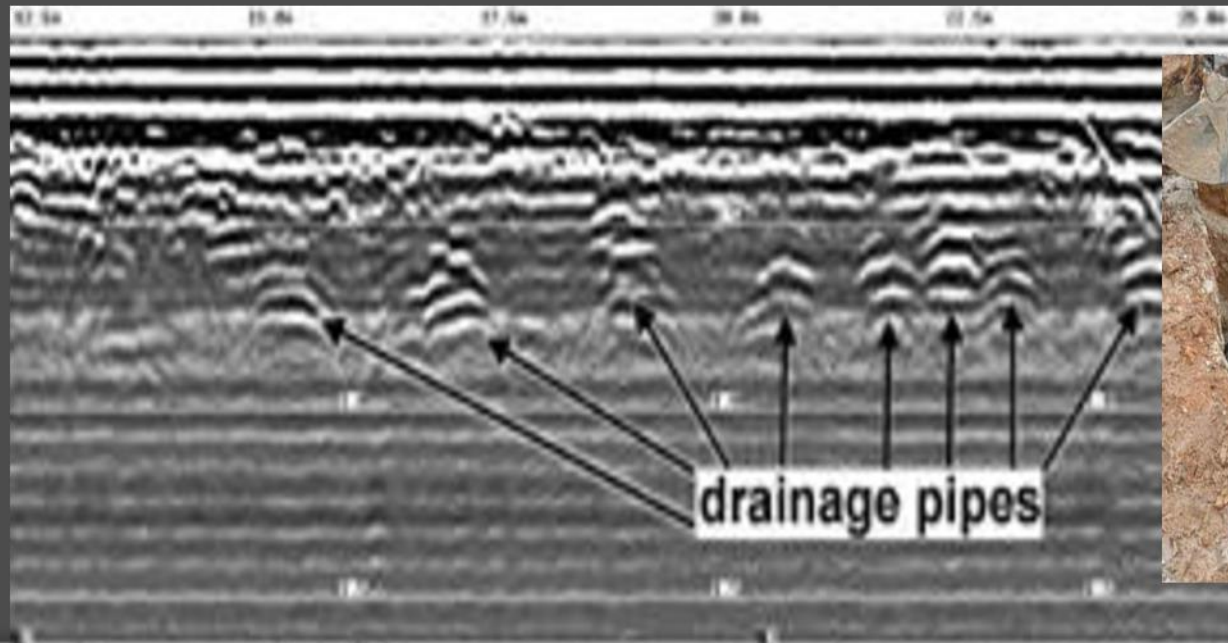
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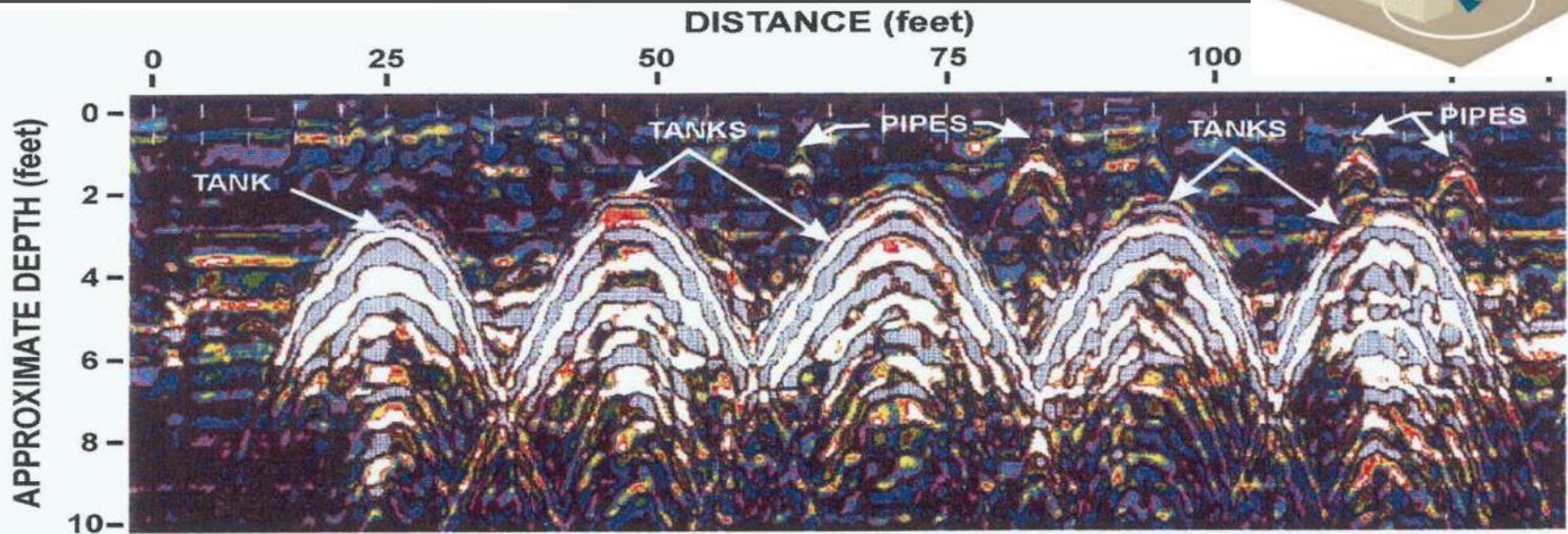
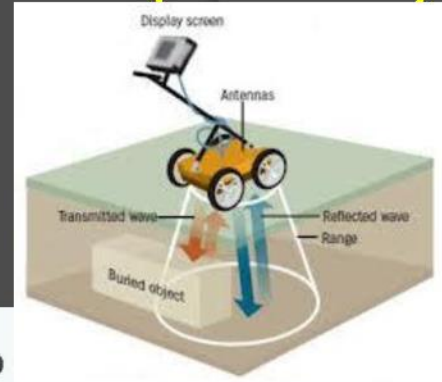
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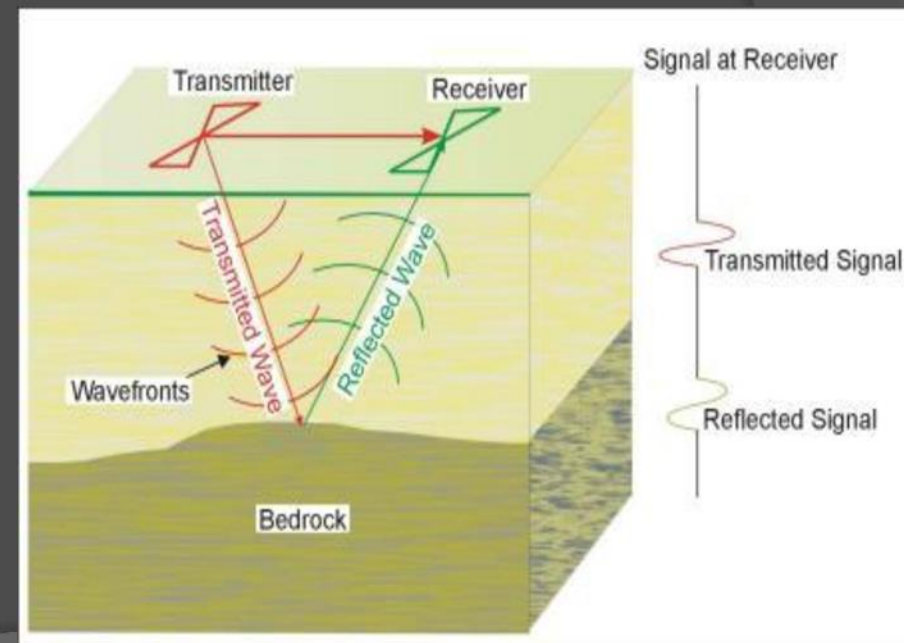
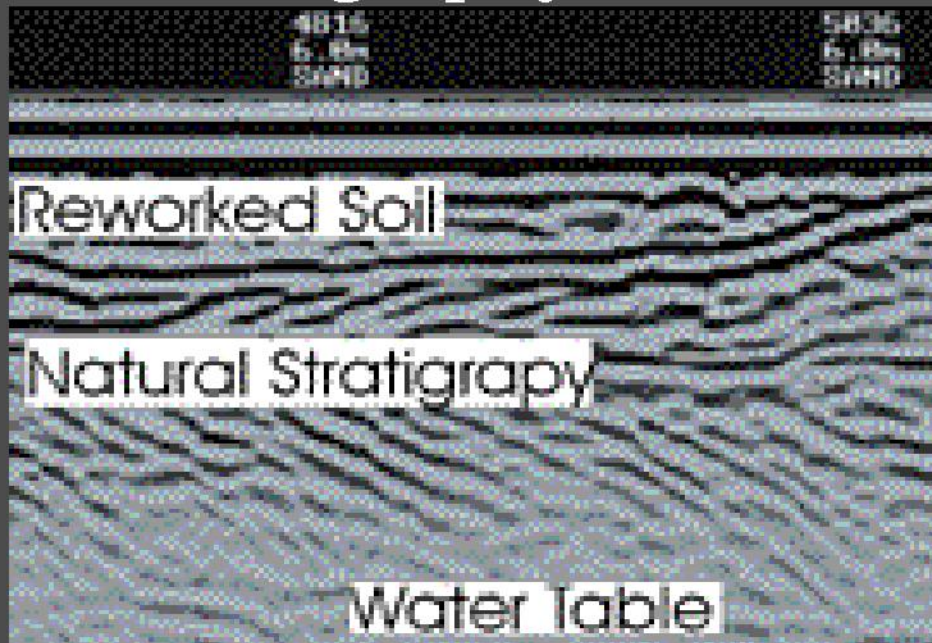
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Locating Buried Objects



GPR Survey to Locate Underground Storage Tanks

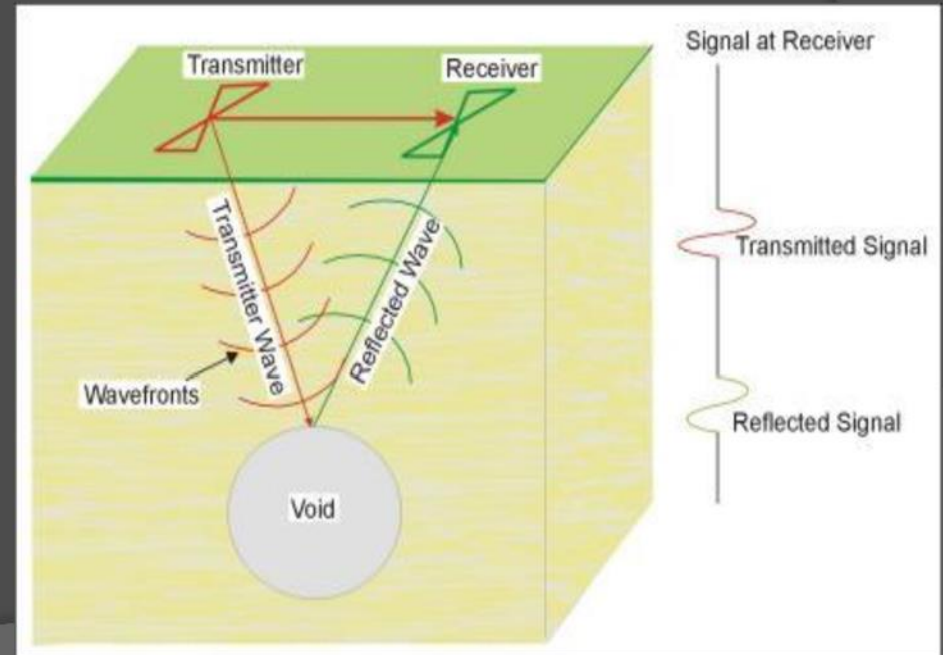
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- Results
Stratigraphy



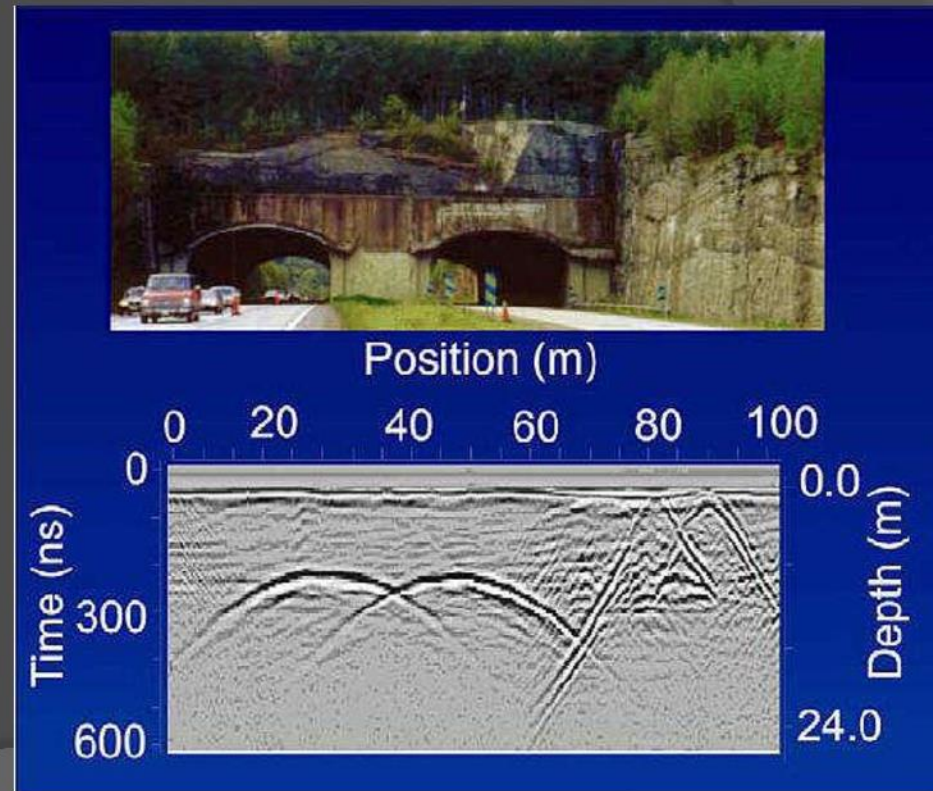
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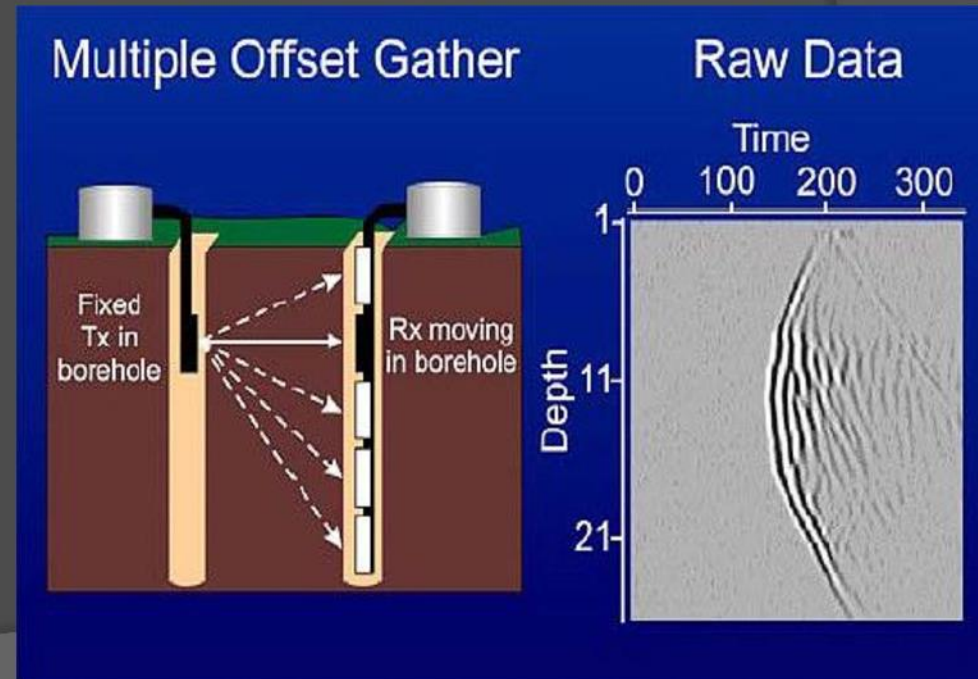
- Results
Infrastructure Imaging



Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

- Results
Infrastructure Imaging

- Transillumination measurement between two boreholes
- Variations in travel time and signal amplitude indicate structure changes between the transmitter and receiver



Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

- Results
Horizontal Profiling



The image features a light gray gradient background with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered in the corners. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The text 'THANK YOU...' is centered in a black, serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

THANK YOU...