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# Fundamentals of Inversion

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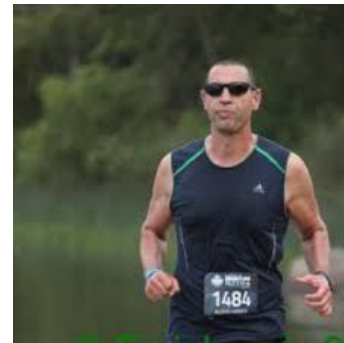
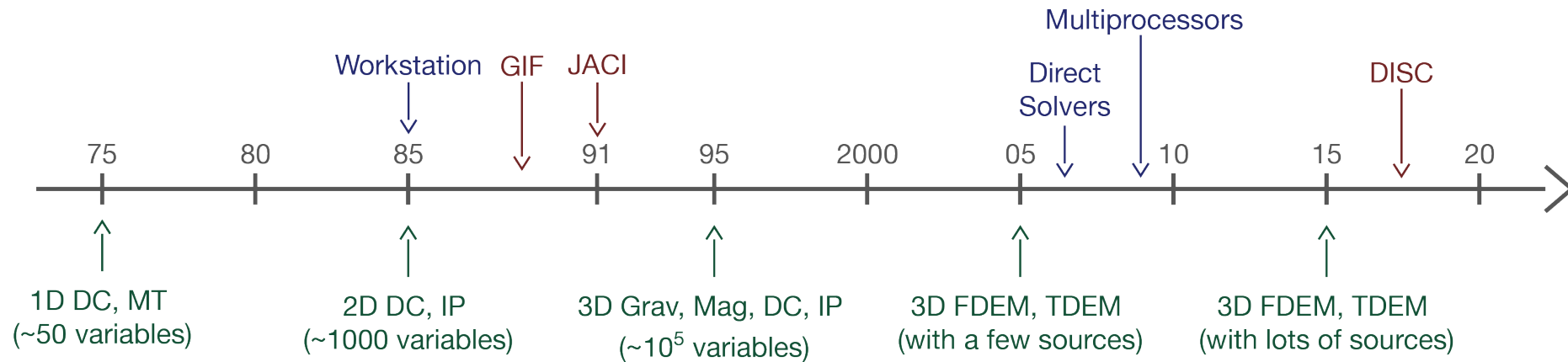


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# Some background and personal perspective

- Doug inspired by Bob Parker, Freeman Gilbert and George Backus: The Geophysical Inverse Problem



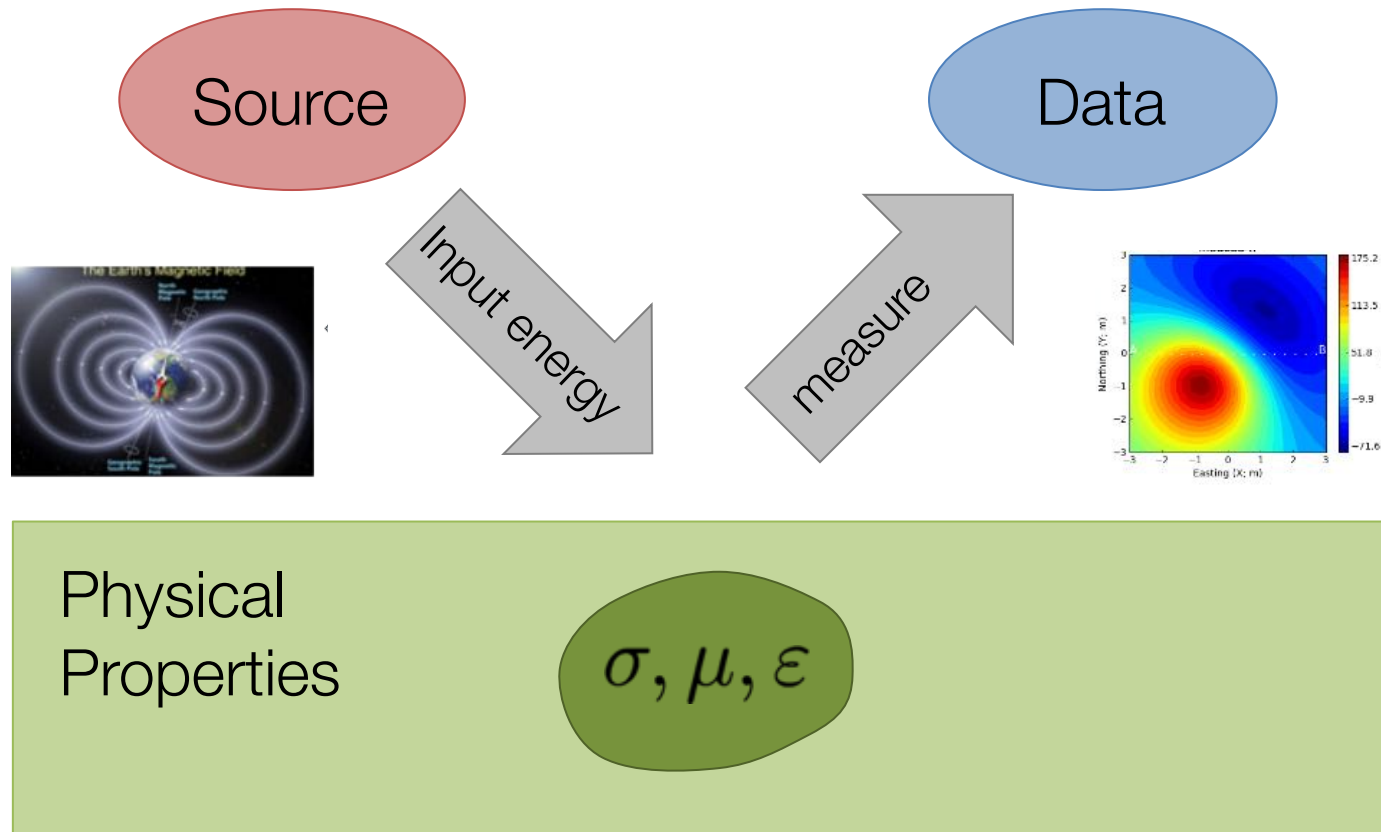
Result: Computing power + advances in inversion methodology → we can now solve most EM geophysics problems

# Outline

- Choices for numerical implementation
- Linear Inverse problem (IP)
- Non-linear inverse problem (DC)
- Including other information
- Summary

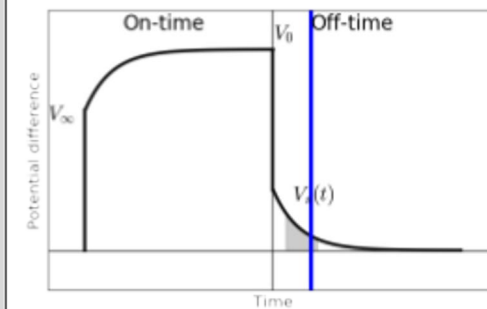
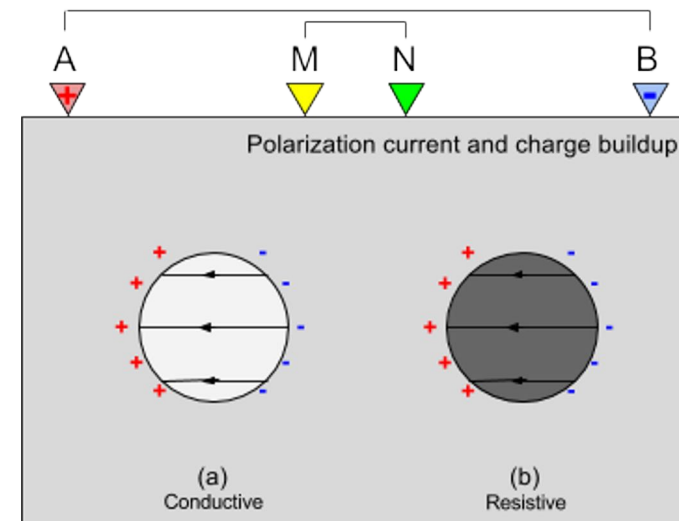
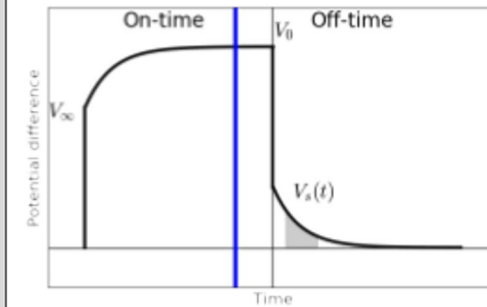
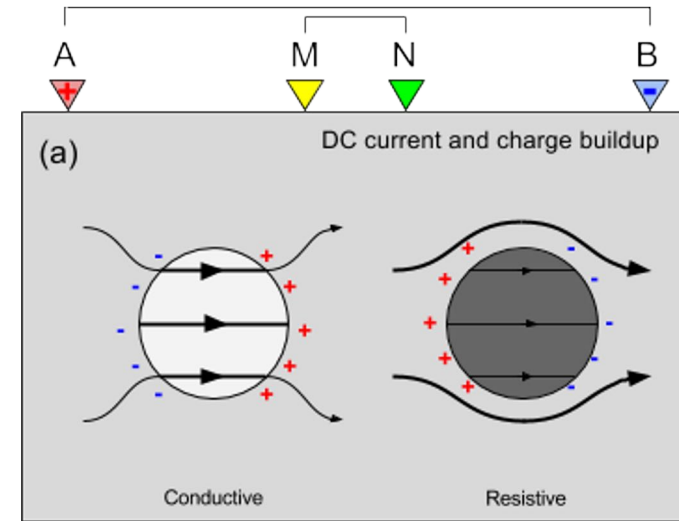
# Generic geophysical experiment?

All require ways to see into the earth without direct sampling



# Survey: DC / IP

- Direct Current (DC) resistivity: sensitive to contrasts in resistivity
- Induced Polarization (IP): sensitive to chargeability
- DC and IP can be acquired in a single survey
- Recovering resistivity from DC data is a non-linear inverse problem
- Recovering chargeability is a linear inverse problem



# Century Deposit: geology + physical properties

## Mineralized sequence:

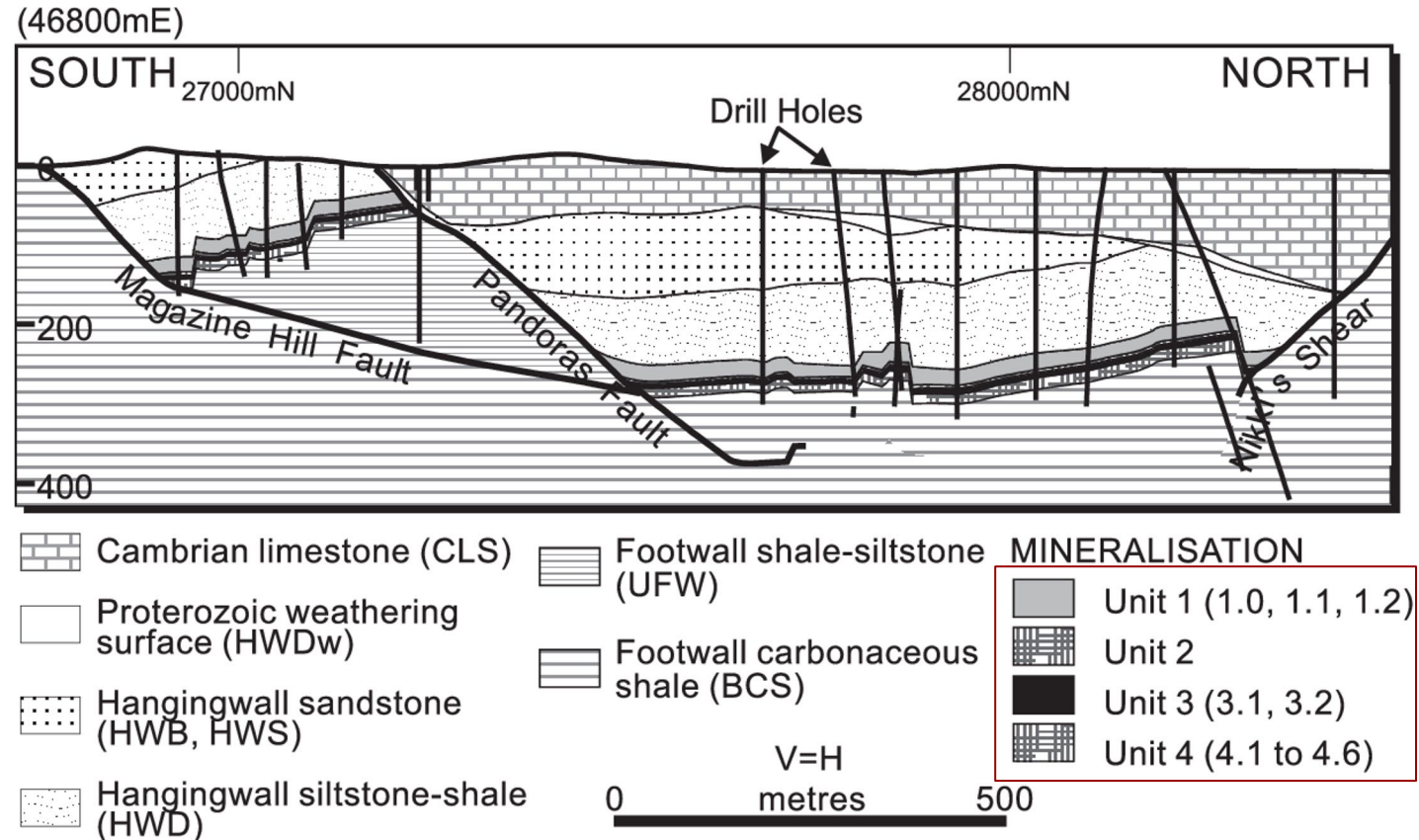
- ~40 m thick
- Pb, Zn within black carbonaceous shales (BCS)

## Resistivity

- Provides structural information (faults)
- Needed input to IP

## Chargeability

- Associated with mineralization

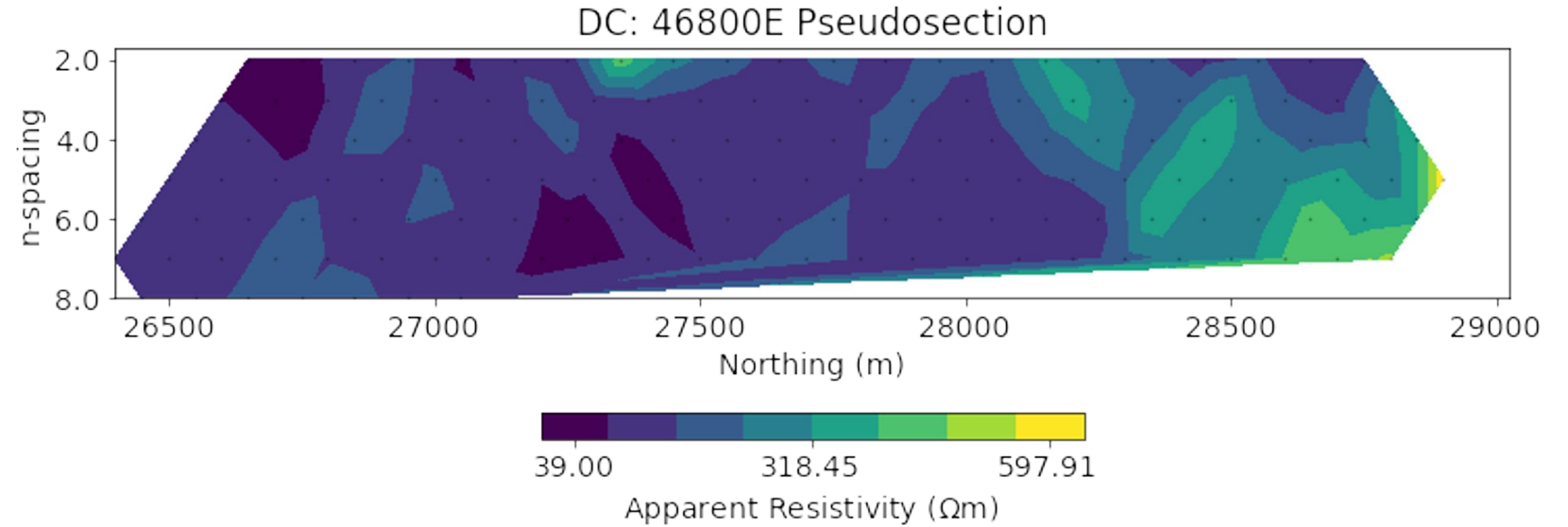


Yaoguo Li circa 1996

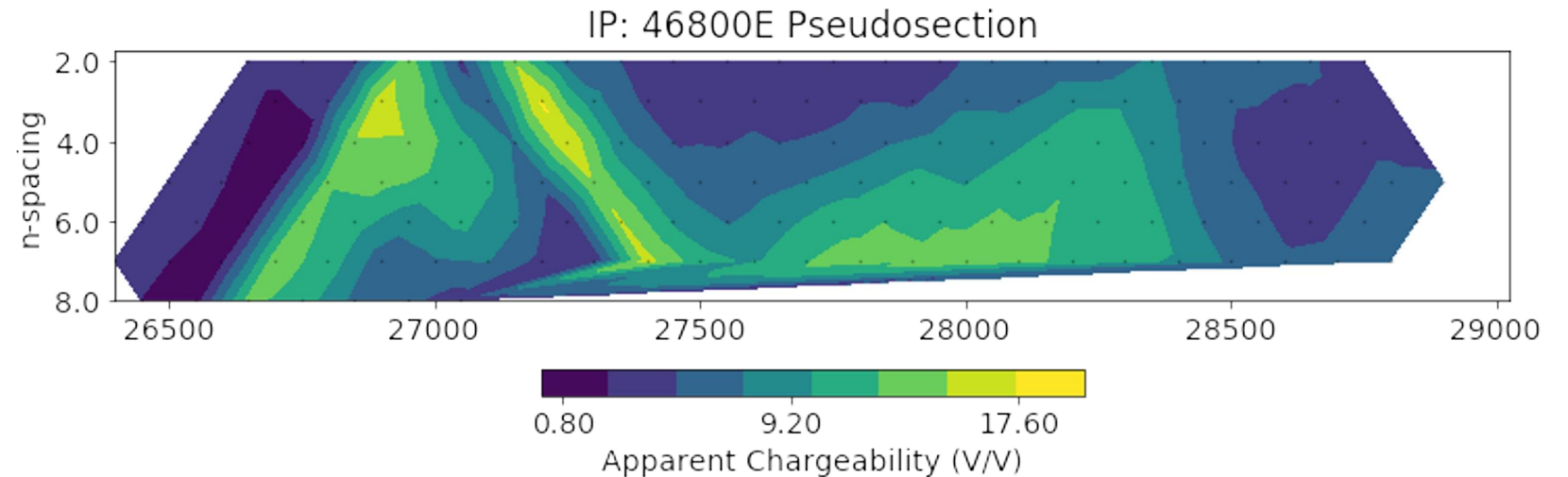


# Century Deposit: DC / IP data

DC Resistivity data



IP data

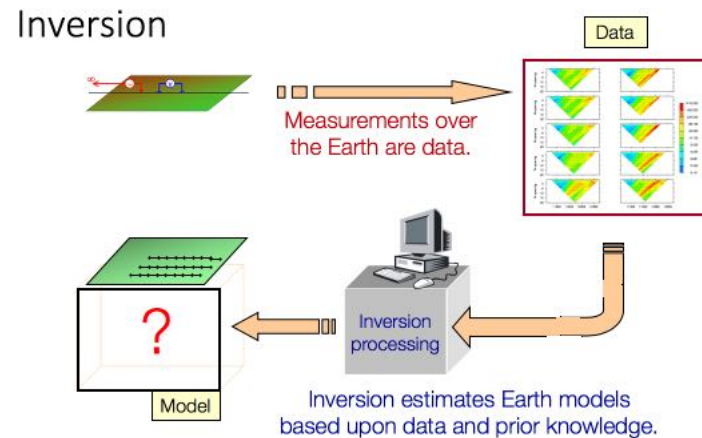
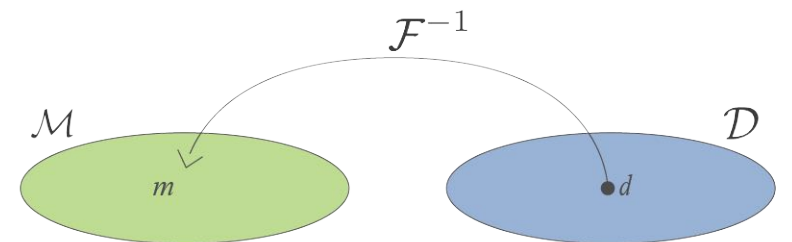
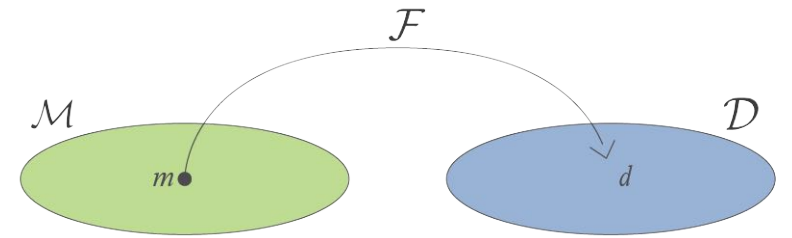


Survey  
dipole – dipole  
a = 100m  
n = 1, 7

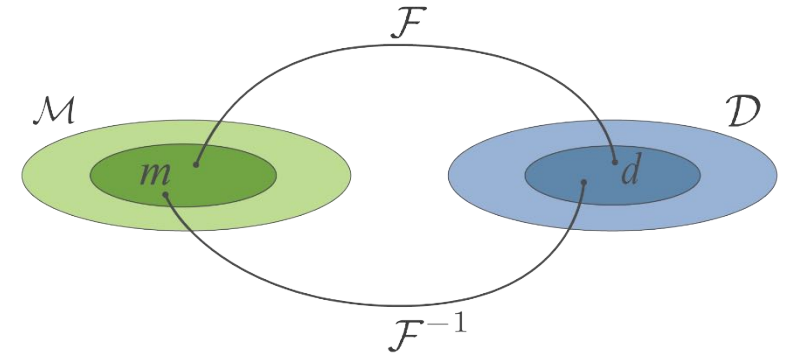
What earth model generated these data?

# Our statement of the inverse problem

- Given observations:  $d_j^{obs}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ 
  - Uncertainties:  $\epsilon_j$
  - Ability for forward modelling:  $\mathcal{F}[m] = d$
- Find the earth model that gave rise to the data.



# Inverse problem



- Non-unique
- Ill-conditioned

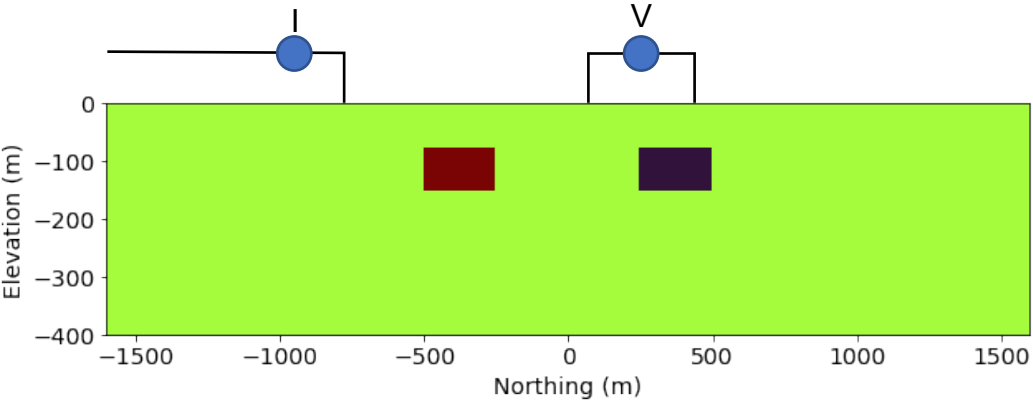


The Inverse Problem is ill-posed

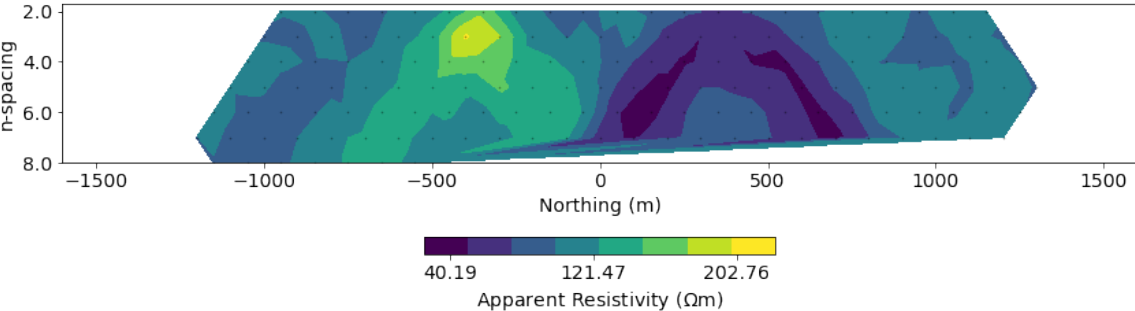
Any inversion approach must address these issues

# Example of extreme non-uniqueness

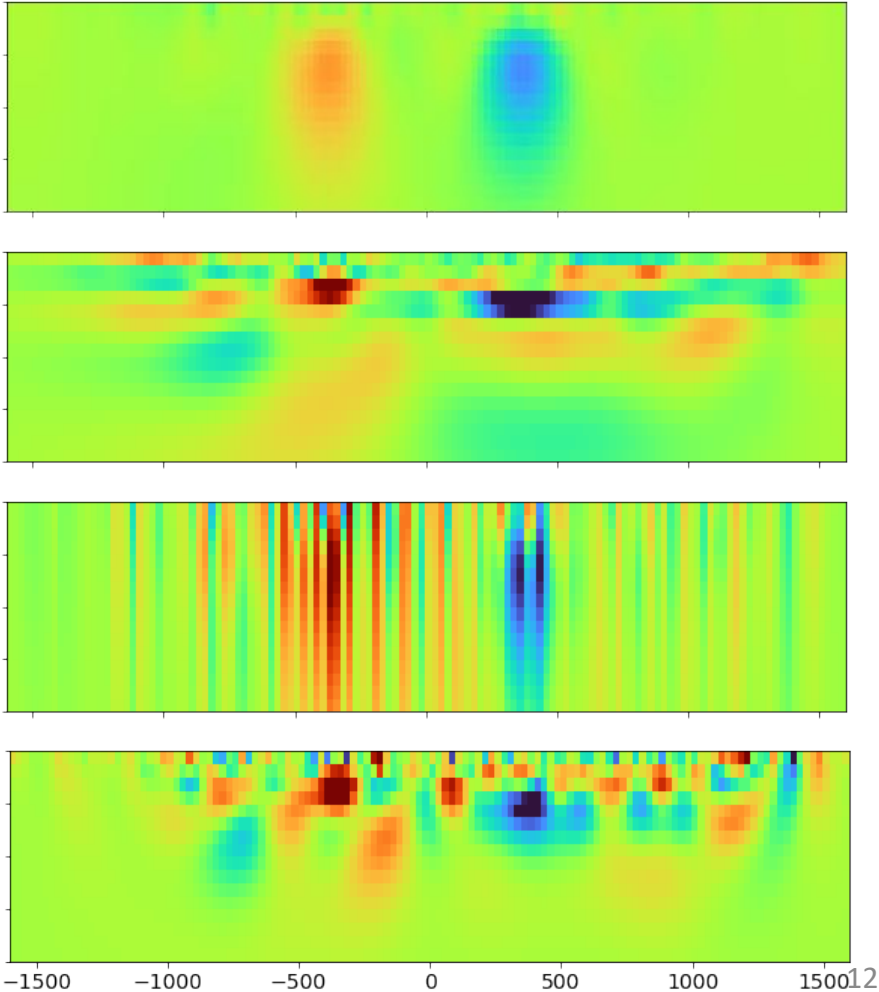
DC experiment



Data



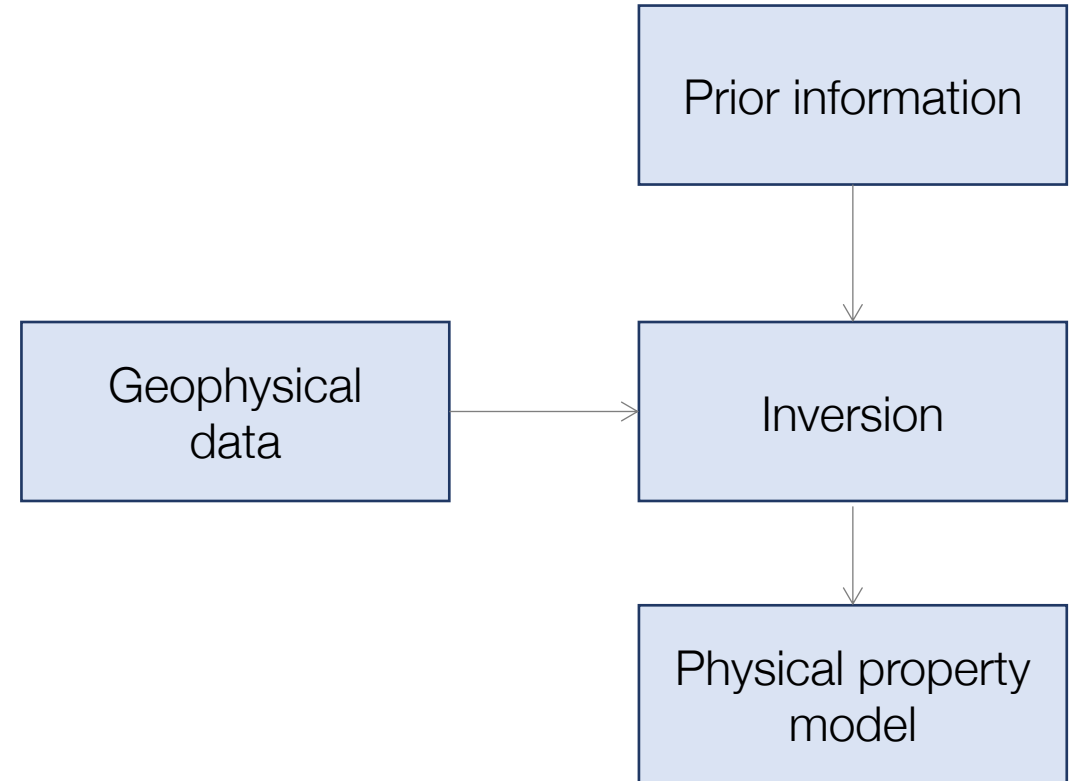
Recovered models



# Constraining the inversion

What information is available?

- Geologic structure
- Geologic constraints
- Reference model
- Bounds
- Multiple data sets
- Physical property measurements



How do we achieve our goal?

# Need a Framework for Inverse Problem

Tikhonov (deterministic)

Find a single “best” solution by solving optimization

$$\text{minimize } \phi = \phi_d + \beta\phi_m$$

$$\text{subject to } m_L < m < m_H$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_d: \text{ data misfit} \\ \phi_m: \text{ regularization} \\ \beta: \text{ trade-off parameter} \\ m_L, m_H: \text{ lower and upper bounds} \end{array} \right.$$

Bayesian (probabilistic)

Use Bayes' theorem

$$P(m|d^{obs}) \propto P(d^{obs}|m)P(m)$$

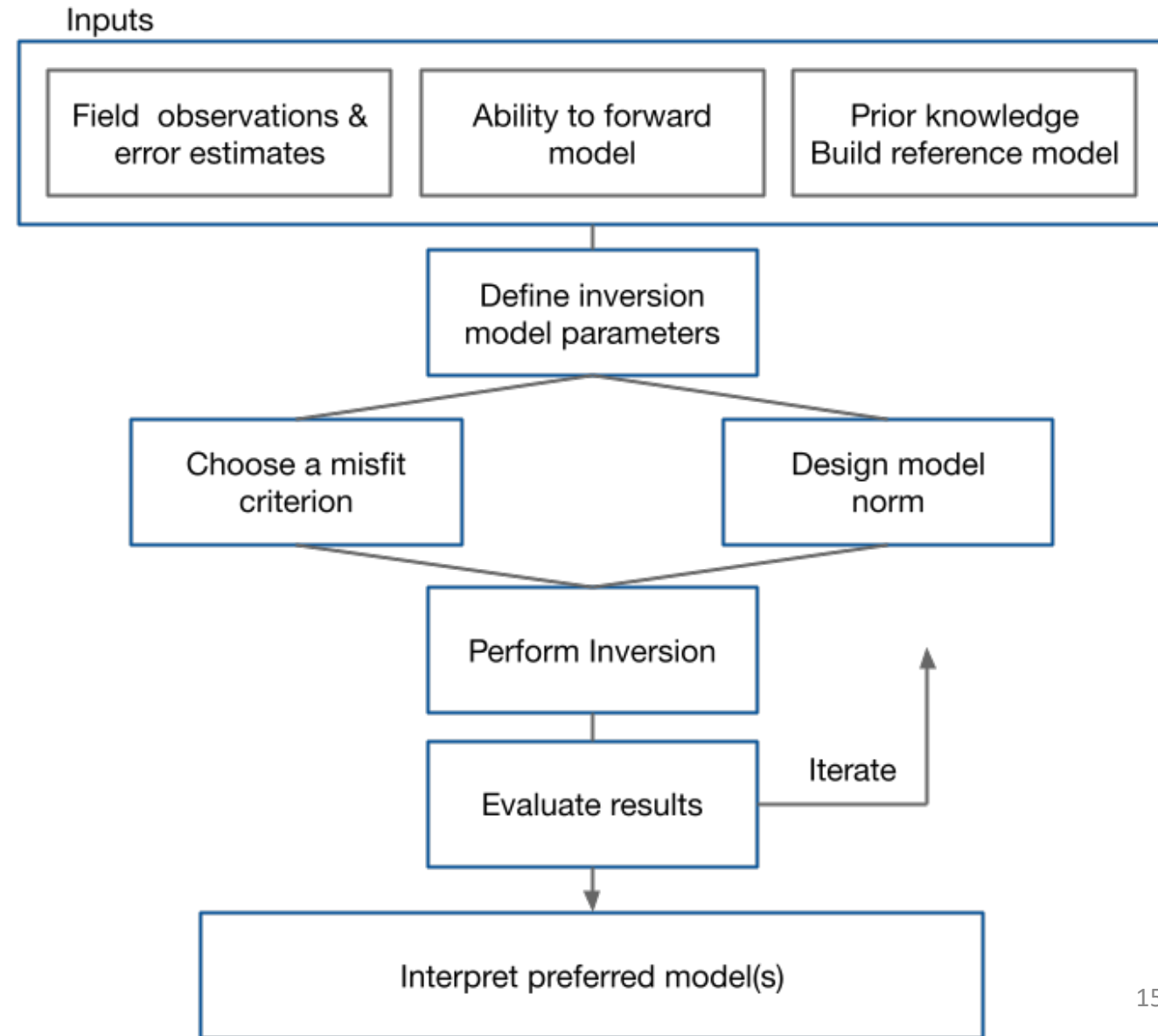
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(m): \text{ prior information about } m \\ P(d^{obs}|m): \text{ probability about the data errors (likelihood)} \\ P(m|d^{obs}): \text{ posterior probability for the model} \end{array} \right.$$

Two approaches:

- (a) Characterize  $P(m|d^{obs})$
- (b) Find a particular solution that maximizes  $P(m|d^{obs})$   
(MAP: (maximum a posteriori) estimate)

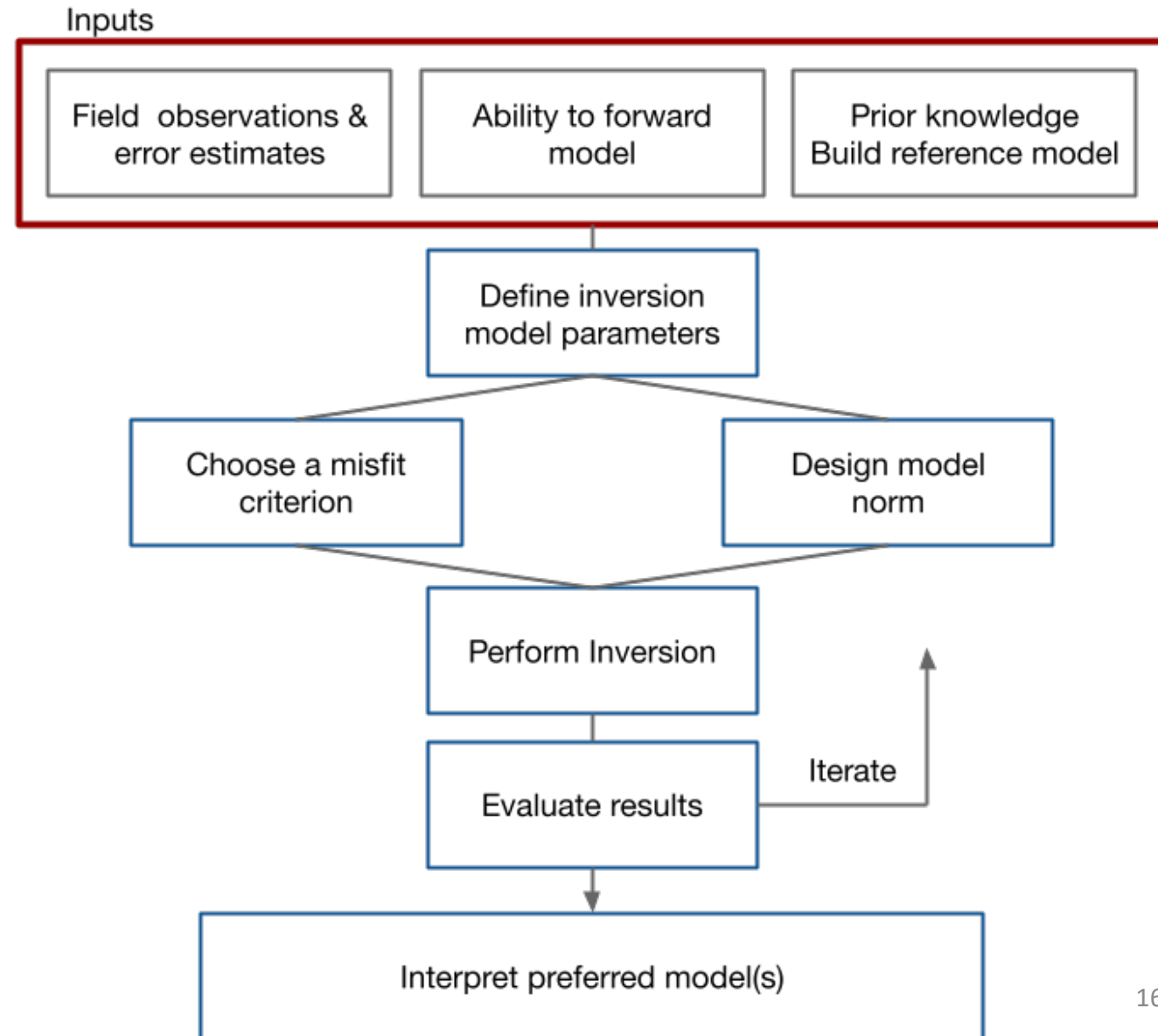
# Flow chart for the inverse problem

- Many components to achieving a quality result
- Success is in the details
- Evaluate each step in the box critically before going on



# Starting up

- Survey and observations
- What processing has been done?
- Normalization of data
- Ability for forward model
- Assemble geologic, petrophysical information
- Build a reference model
- What is the question you want answered from the inversion?





# Forward modelling approaches

Maxwell's equations can be solved as:

- Integral equation (IE)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}) + \int_V G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_s) \sigma_a(\vec{r}_s) \vec{E}(\vec{r}_s) dv_s$$

- Differential equation (DE)

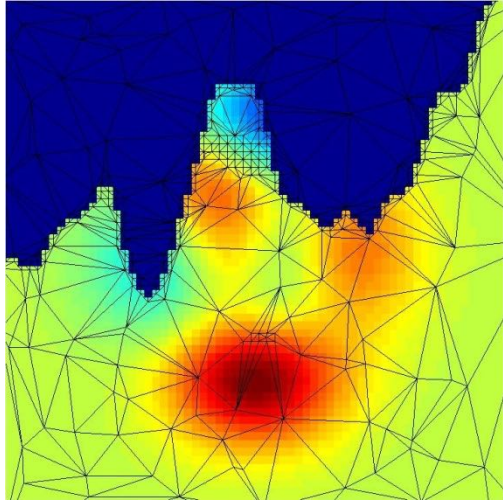
$$\nabla \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \vec{E} + \omega \sigma \vec{E} = -\omega \vec{J}_s$$

# Desired qualities for a mesh

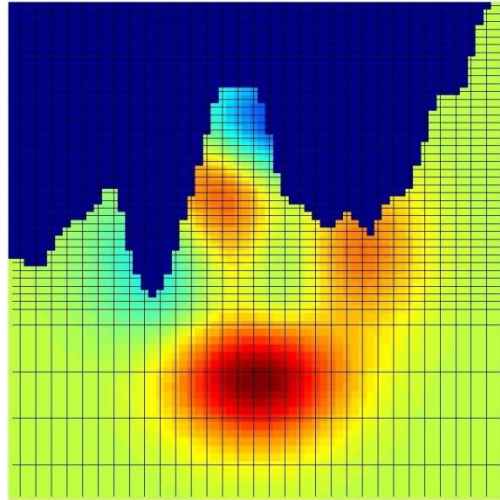
- Conform to structure being modelled
- Small number of cells to reduce computation time
- Be able to discretize equations on the mesh
- “Easy” to solve (sparse matrices)
- Visualize fields and models

# What type of mesh?

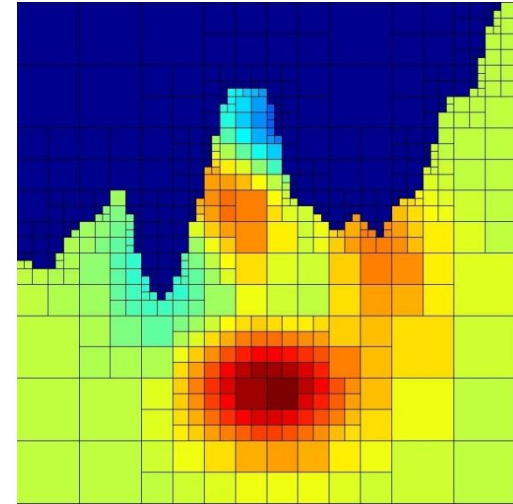
Unstructured



Structured



Semi-structured




To consider:

- Complex geometry
- Matrix size / sparsity
- Visualization
- Complexity of generating
- Ease of programming
- Discretizing to “infinity”
- Cell size / element size changes

# Solving differential equations

Problems on unstructured or structured meshes can be solved using

- Complexity
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- Finite Difference Method (FDM)
  - Finite Volume Method (FVM)
  - Finite Element Method (FEM)

# Solving the forward problem

$$A(m)u = q$$

Methodology depends on  $A$

- **Small:** use SVD or back-slash (and equivalent)
- **Intermediate:** direct solver  $A = LL^T$  or  $A = LU$
- **Very big:** iterative techniques

E.g. Airborne TDEM

- Forward problem: 1000 Tx, 50 timesteps  $\rightarrow$  50,000 solves
- Inversion: 20 GN iterations and using CG solver  $\rightarrow$  20,000,000

Forward problem must be efficient; need lots of processors for big problems

# Sanity checks for forward modelling

- Test numerical results against a (semi-) analytic solution (eg. halfspace, sphere)
- Estimate numerical modelling errors (this can be useful later when assigning “uncertainties” in the inversion)
- Forward model your reference model and see how they match the data. Check: Normalization errors? Coordinate system? ...

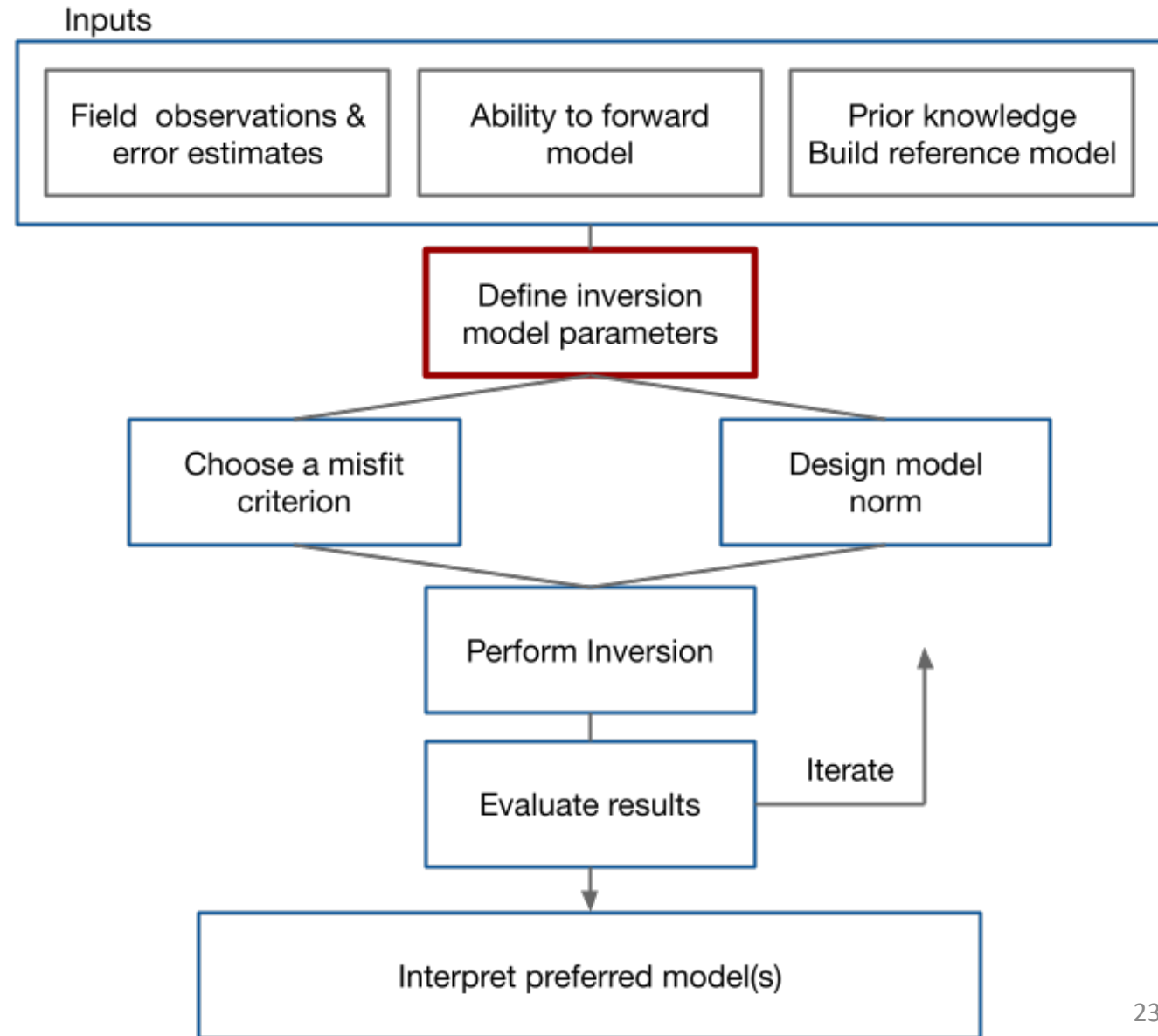
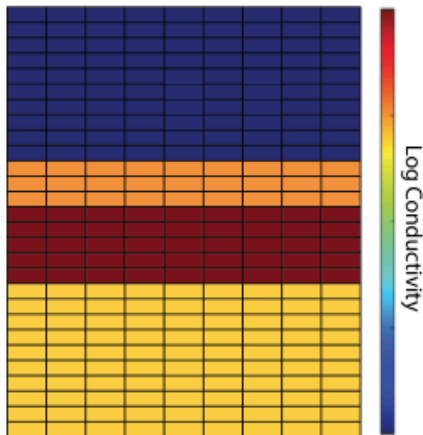
# Inversion model parameters

- In the forward problem

$$d = \mathcal{F}[m]$$

$m$  is our sought function  
(conductivity, density, ....)

- Inverse problem: we have options  
(eg log sigma, parametric ....)



# Inversion as an optimization problem

- Find a single “best” solution by solving optimization

$$\text{minimize } \phi = \phi_d + \beta\phi_m$$

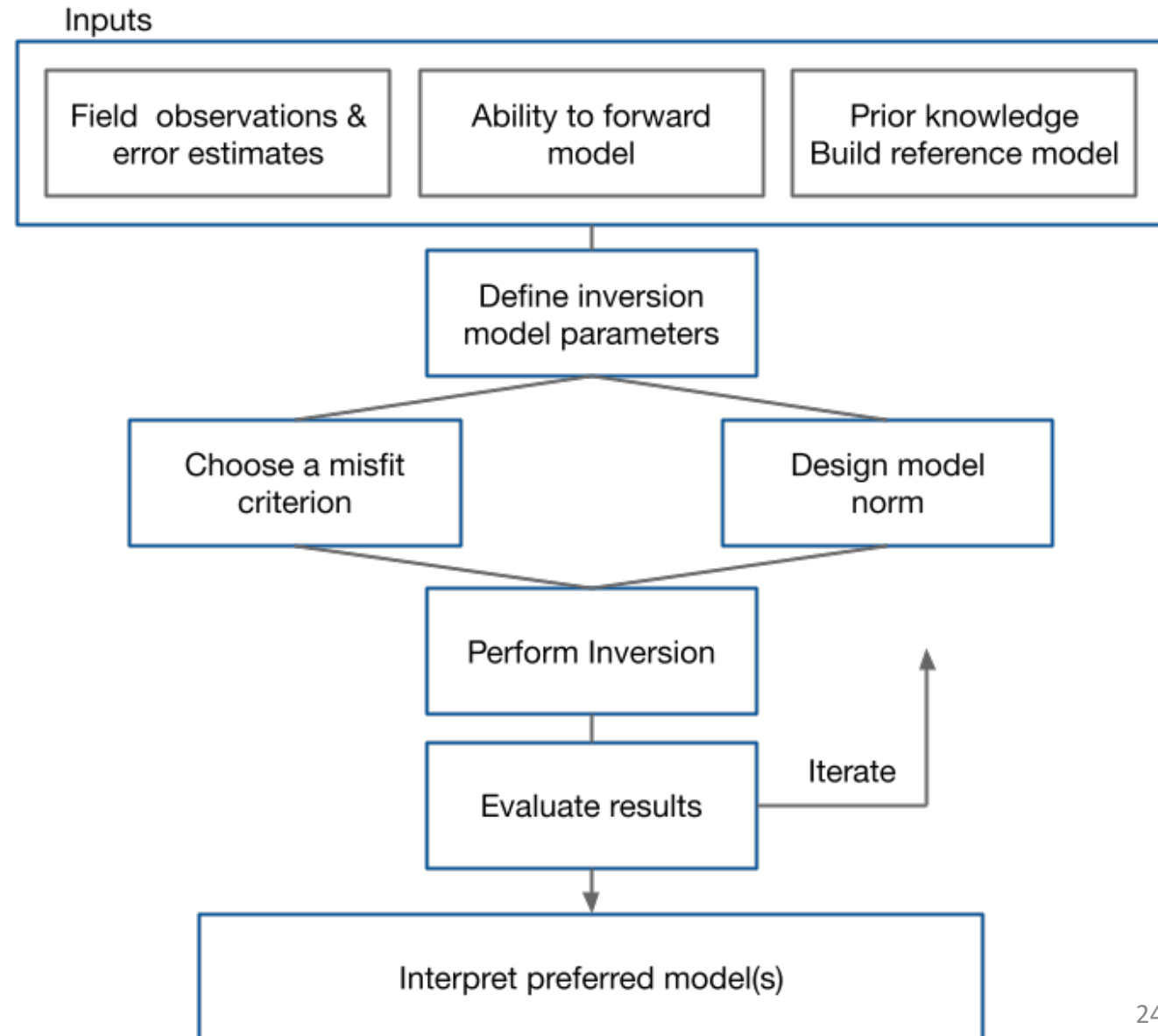
$$\text{subject to } m_L \leq m \leq m_U$$

$\phi_d$  : data misfit

$\phi_m$  : model norm

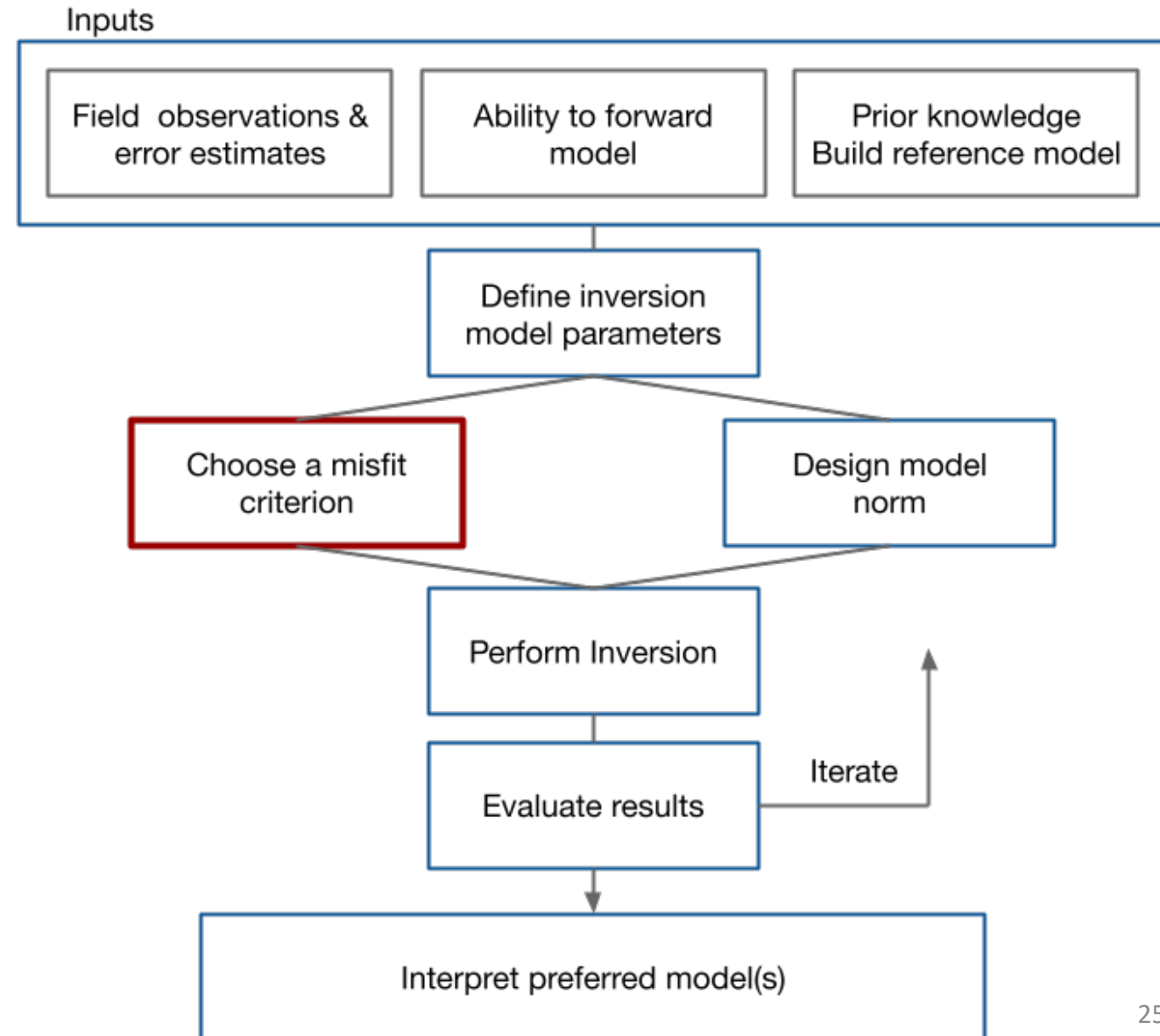
$\beta$  : trade-off parameter

$m_L, m_U$  : lower and upper bounds





# Flow chart for the Inverse problem



# Dealing with uncertainties

Observed datum

$$d_j^{obs} = F_j(m) + n_j$$

Noise  $n_j$  includes

- Modelling errors
  - dimensionality errors (1D v. 3D)
  - incomplete physics
  - discretization errors
- Noise on data
  - instrument / sensor noise
  - survey parameter errors
  - wind ...

True statistics of “noise” is complicated.  
In practice, assume errors are Gaussian

$$\mathcal{N}(0, \epsilon_j)$$

# Dealing with uncertainties

Consider random variable,  $x_j \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

Define  $\chi_N^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N x_j^2$  Chi-squared statistic with N degrees of freedom

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Expected value: } E(\chi_N^2) = N \\ \text{Variance: } \text{Var}(\chi_N^2) = 2N \\ \text{Standard deviation: } \text{std}(\chi_N^2) = \sqrt{2N} \end{array} \right.$$

# Misfit function

Crucial steps for any misfit: (1) Specify the metric used  
(2) Determine target misfit

We use  $L_2$  norm (least squares statistic)

$$\text{Define data misfit: } \phi_d = \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{F_j(m) - d^{obs}}{\epsilon_j} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Define } \mathbf{W}_d = \mathbf{diag}(1/\epsilon_1, \dots, 1/\epsilon_N)$$

$$\phi_d = \|\mathbf{W}_d(F[\mathbf{m}] - \mathbf{d}^{obs})\|_2^2$$

$$E[\phi_d] \simeq N$$

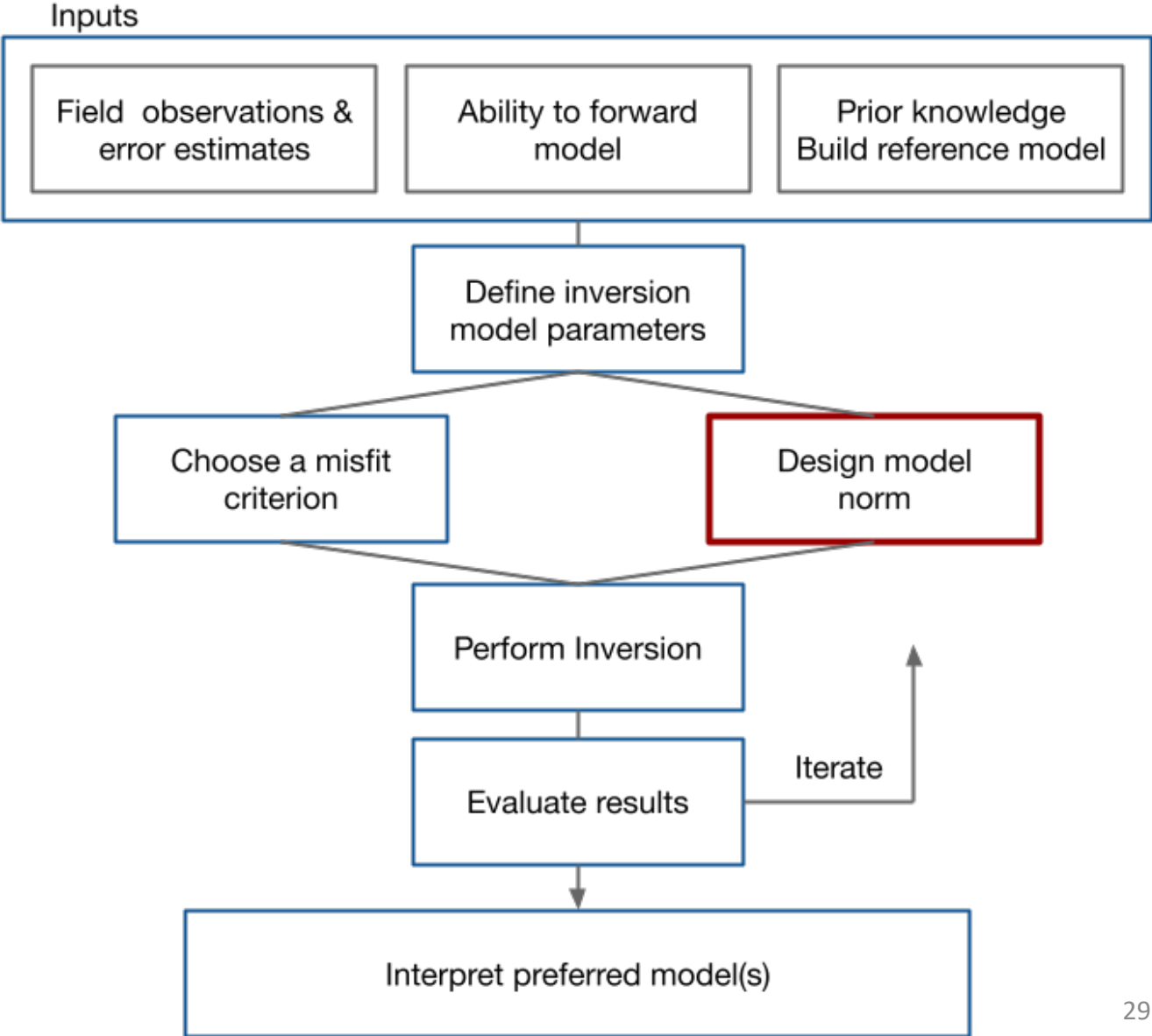
$\phi_d$  is now a  $\chi_N^2$  variable

Reality: we do not know uncertainties

Try:

$$\epsilon_j = \% |d_j^{obs}| + \text{floor}$$

# Flow chart for the Inverse problem



# Model norms

First define our model norms as functions and then discretize

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Smallest model:  $\phi_m = \int (m - m_{ref})^2 dx$

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Flattest model:  $\phi_m = \int \left(\frac{dm}{dx}\right)^2 dx$

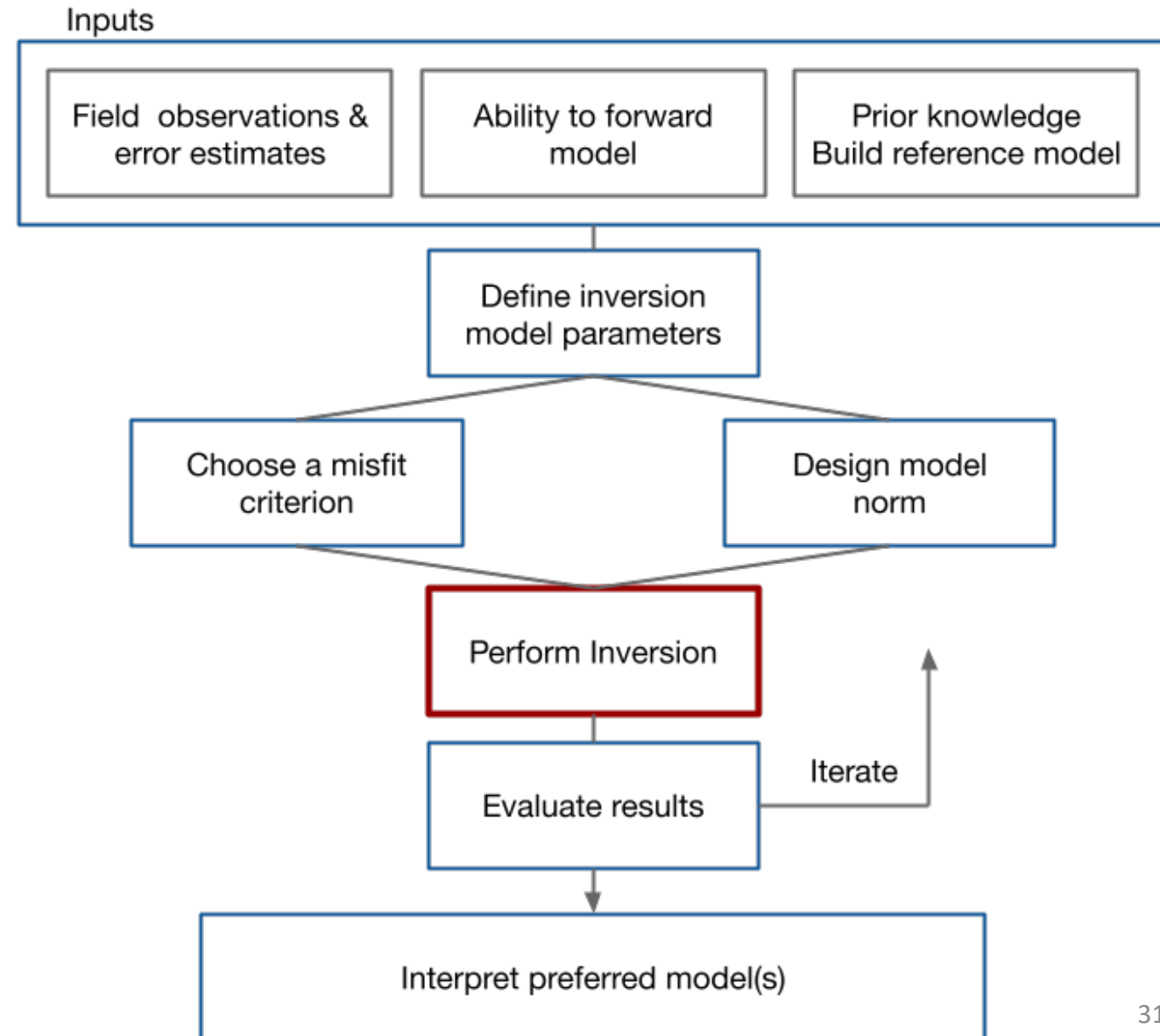
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Combination:  $\phi_m = \alpha_s \int (m - m_{ref})^2 dx + \alpha_x \int \left(\frac{dm}{dx}\right)^2 dx$

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Discretize:  $\phi_m = \alpha_s \|\mathbf{W}_s(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})\|_2^2 + \alpha_x \|\mathbf{W}_x(\mathbf{m})\|_2^2$

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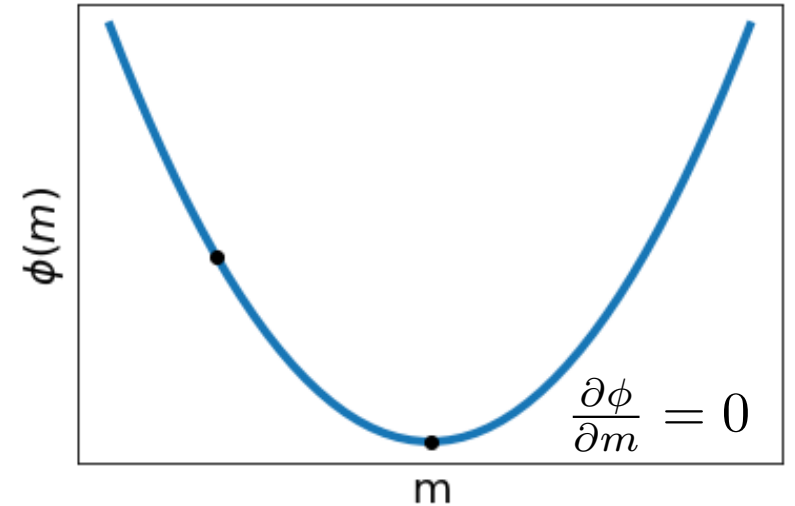


# Perform inversion: Linear Forward problem

$$\text{Linear problem } \mathcal{F}[m] = d \rightarrow \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{d}$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}^{obs})\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbf{W}_m(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})\|^2$$

Quadratic objective function (for a single variable)



$$\mathbf{g} = \nabla_m \phi \quad \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{W}_d^\top \mathbf{W}_d (\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}^{obs}) + \beta \mathbf{W}_m^\top \mathbf{W}_m (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})$$

$$\mathbf{g} = 0 \quad (\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{W}_d^\top \mathbf{W}_d \mathbf{G} + \beta \mathbf{W}_m^\top \mathbf{W}_m) \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{W}_d^\top \mathbf{W}_d \mathbf{d}^{obs} + \beta \mathbf{W}_m^\top \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{m}_{ref}$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M} \text{ is full rank} \\ \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^M \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

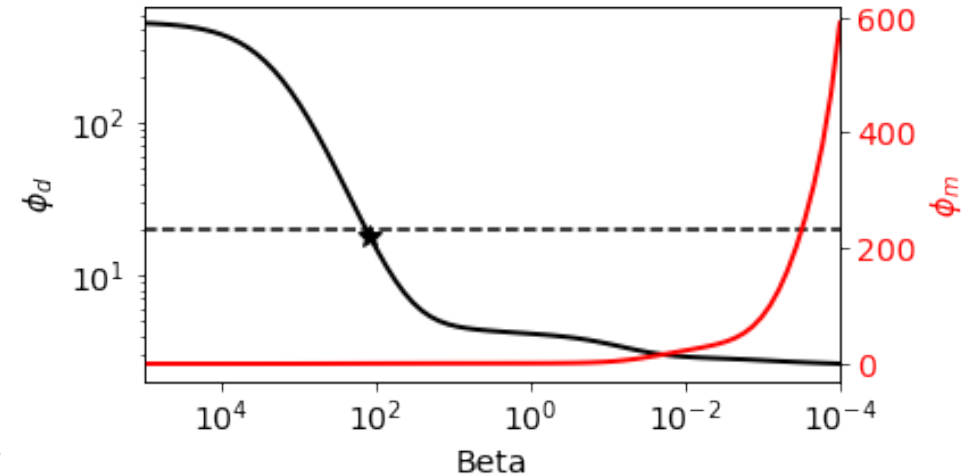


# Role of beta

$$\phi(m) = \phi_d(m) + \beta\phi_m(m)$$

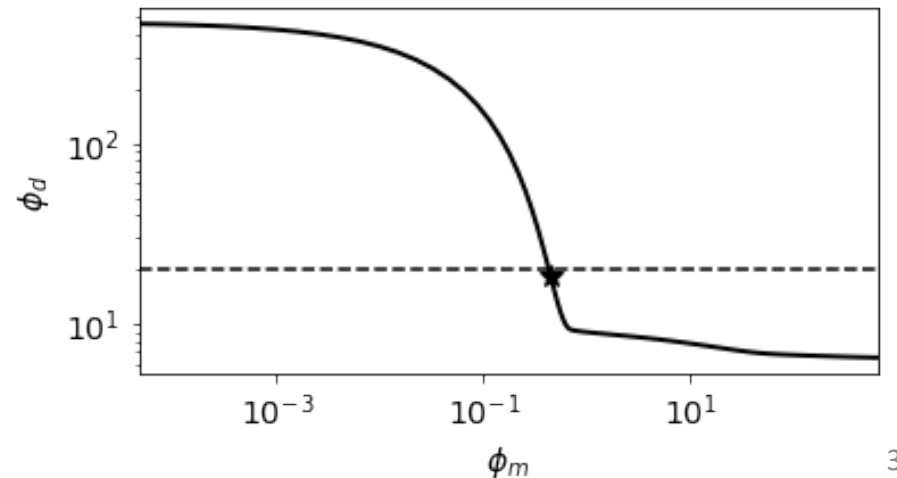
$$\beta \rightarrow 0 : \phi \sim \phi_d$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \infty : \phi \sim \phi_m$$



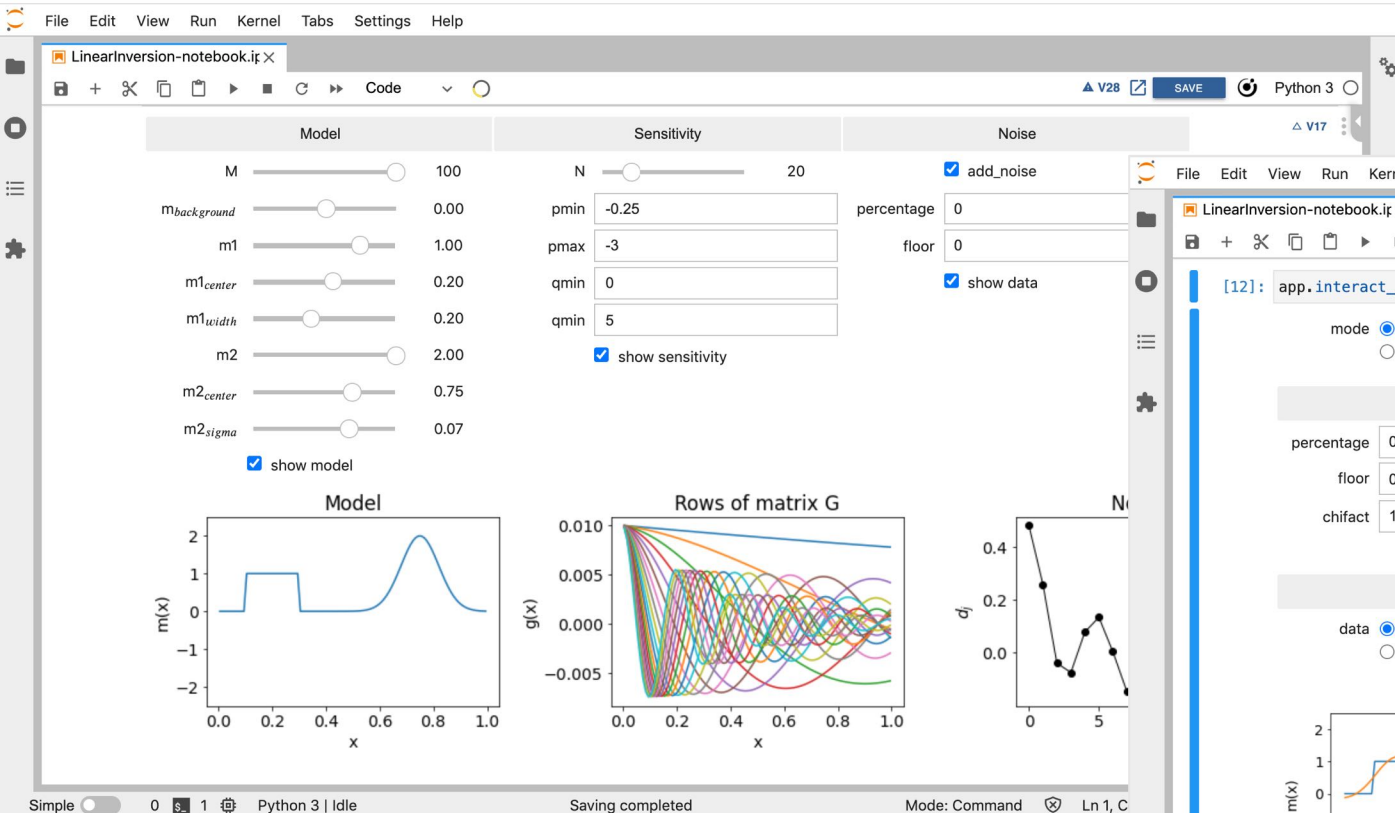
## Tikhonov Curve

- Desired misfit  $\phi_d^* \simeq N$
- Choose  $\beta$  such that  $\phi_d(m) = \phi_d^*$

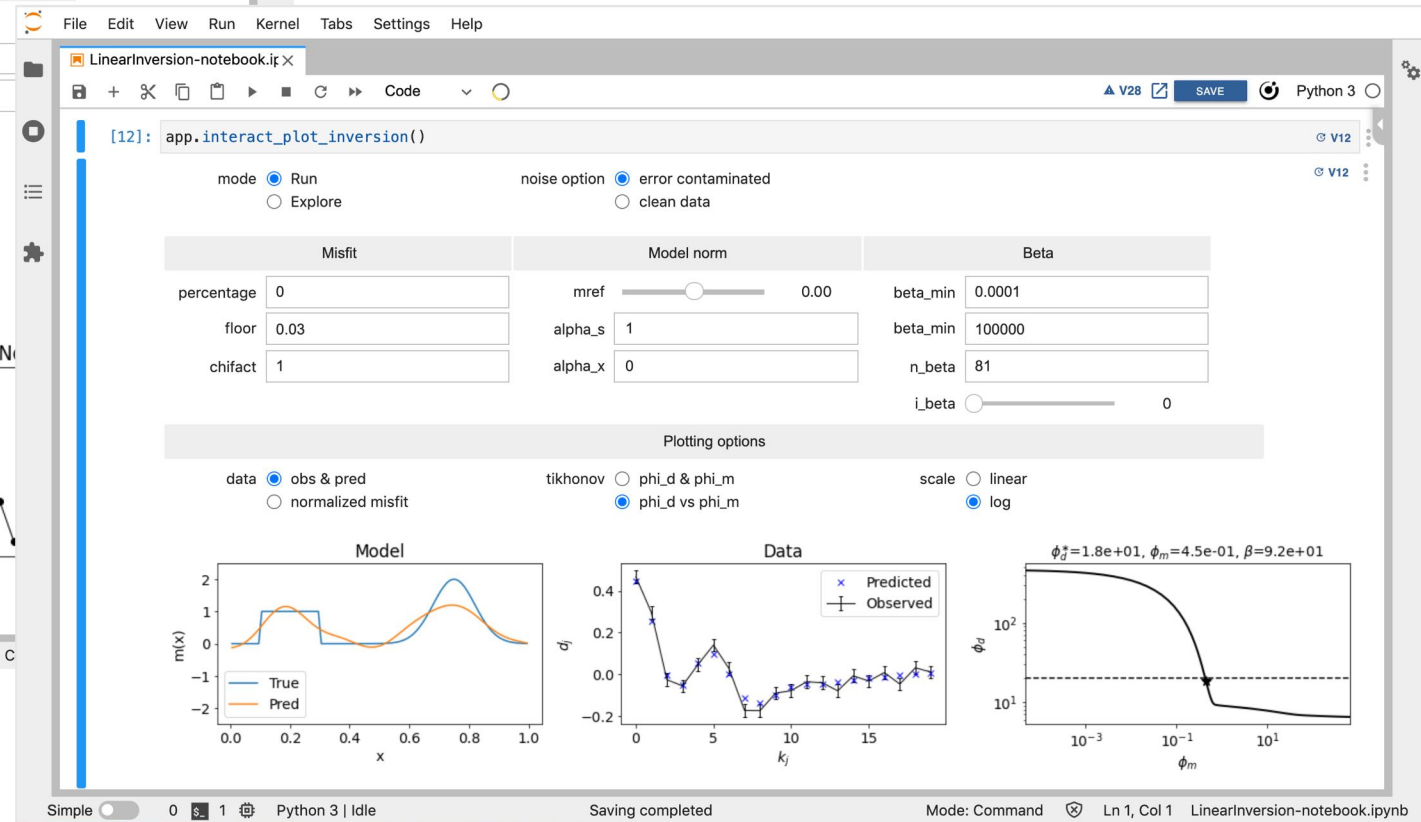


# Linear inversion app (demo)

## Develop survey



## Run inversion



# Linear IP problem

Linear model for IP (Seigel, 1959)

- Chargeability:  $\eta$
- Effect increases resistivity

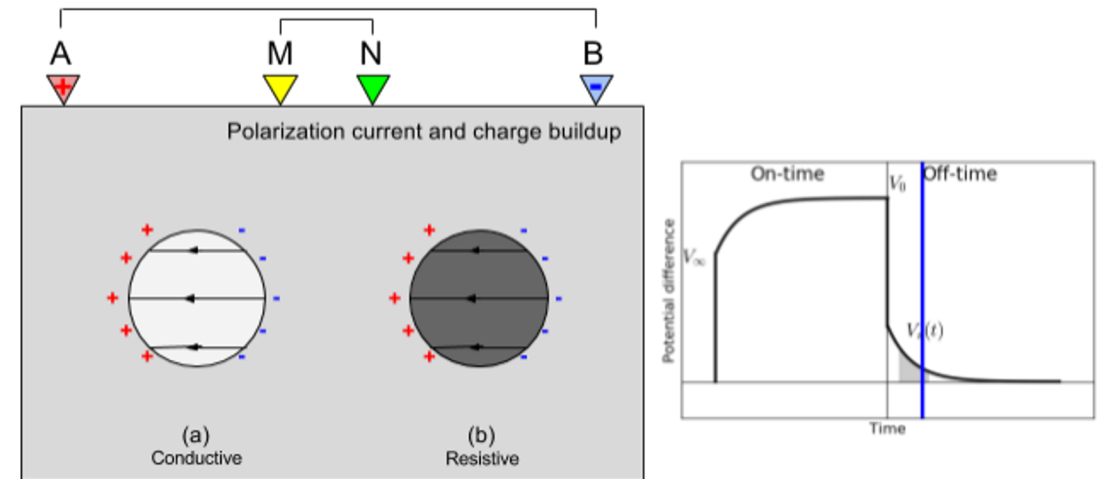
$$\rho_{\eta} = \rho \frac{1}{1 - \eta} \quad \eta \in [0, 1)$$

An IP datum can be written as:

$$d_i^{IP} = \sum_{j=1}^M J_{ij} \eta_j \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Where  $J_{i,j}$  are the sensitivities for the DC problem

$$J_{i,j} = \frac{\partial \log \phi^i}{\partial \log \rho_j}$$



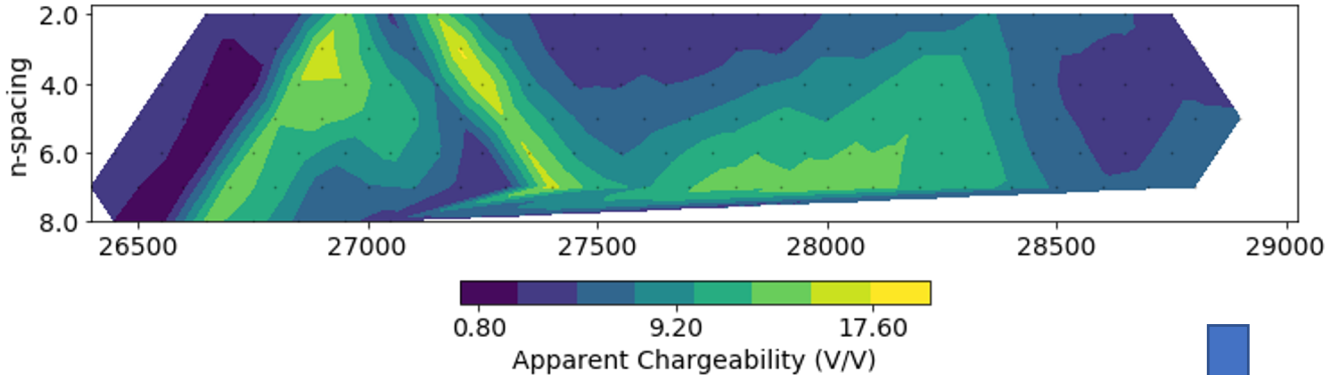
Governing linear equation

$$\mathbf{d}^{IP} = \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\eta}$$

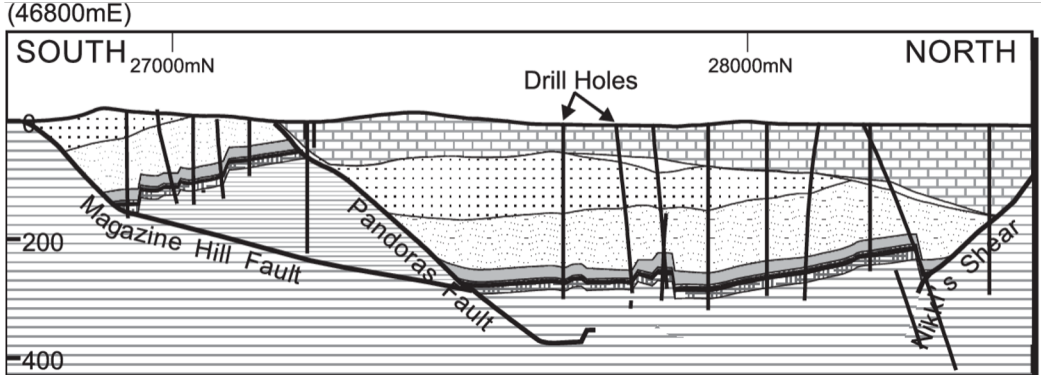
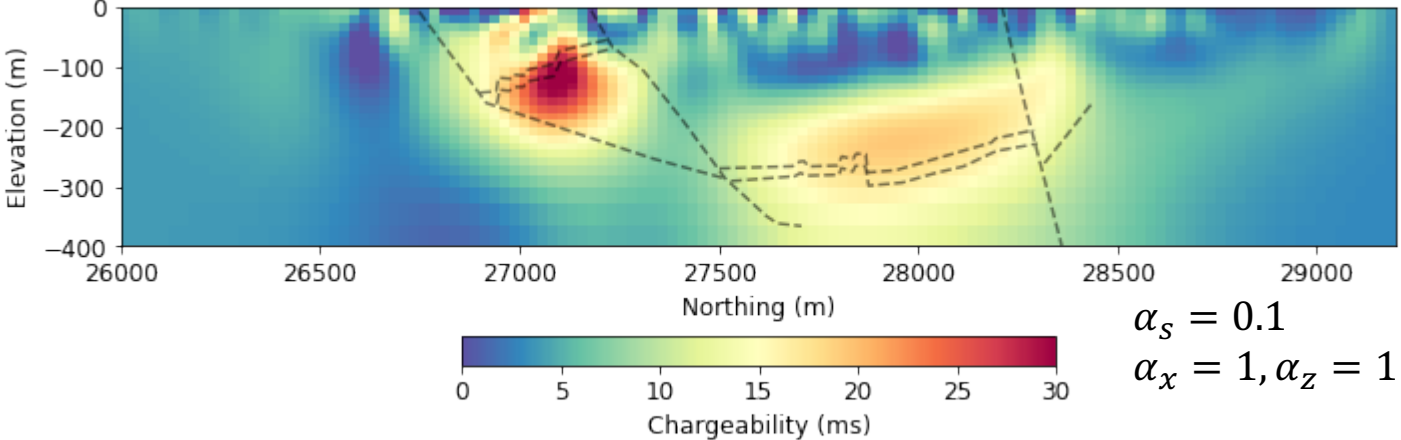
# Field example: IP Century deposit

IP data

IP: 46800E Pseudosection



Recovered chargeability (without positivity)



# Non-linear inversion

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- Inverse problem

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$$\phi_d = \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{\mathcal{F}_j(m) - d_j^{obs}}{\epsilon_j} \right)^2$$

- For linear problem:  $d = Gm$

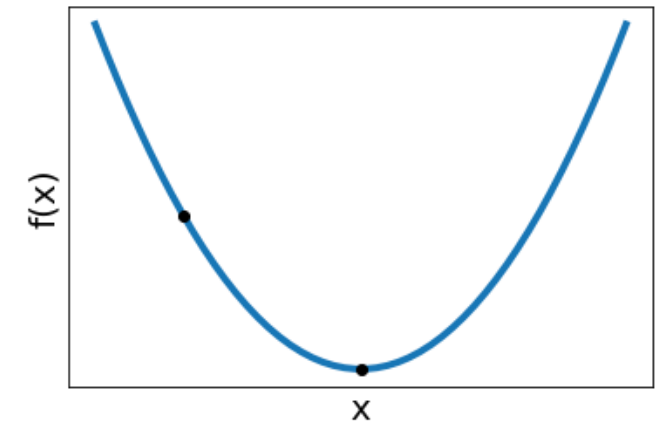
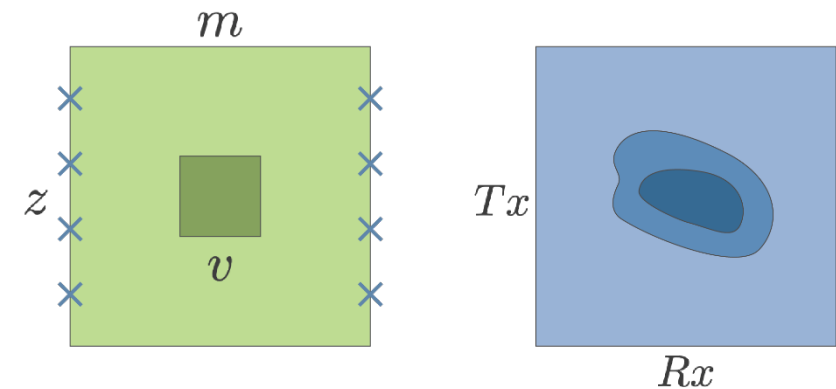
- And quadratic regularization:  $\int_v (m - m_{ref})^2 dv$
- This is quadratic so we can solve in one step

- Problem becomes non-linear if:

(i)  $\mathcal{F}[m]$  is non-linear

(ii)  $\phi_d$  is not  $l_2$  (e.g.  $\sum \left| \frac{\mathcal{F}_i[m] - d_i}{\epsilon_i} \right|$ )

(iii)  $\phi_m$  is not quadratic



# Non-linear optimization

- Single variable  $x$ : minimize  $f(x)$

$f(\cdot)$ : function

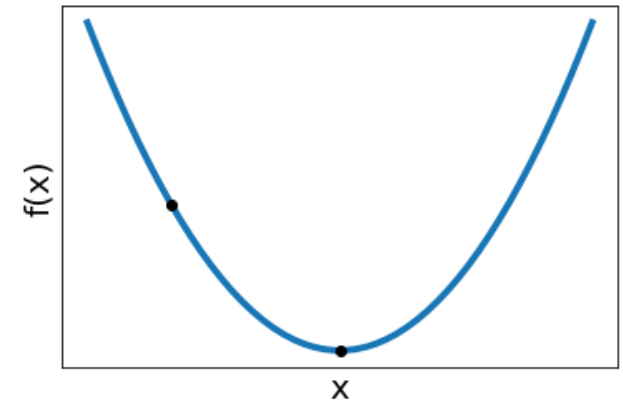
- Case I:  $f$  is quadratic

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 3x + 9 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x - 3\right)^2$$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x - 3\right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = 6$$

- Suppose

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x - 3\right)^2 + ax^3 + bx^4$$



Minimum:  $f'(x) = 0$   
 $f''(x) > 0$

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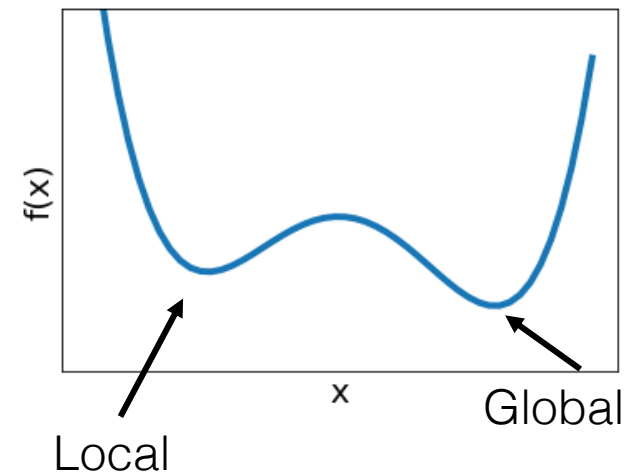
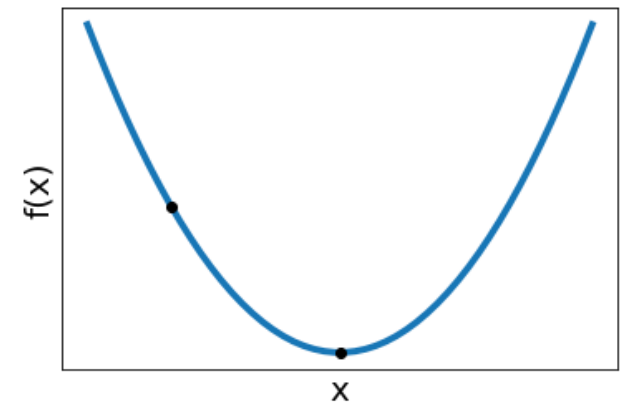
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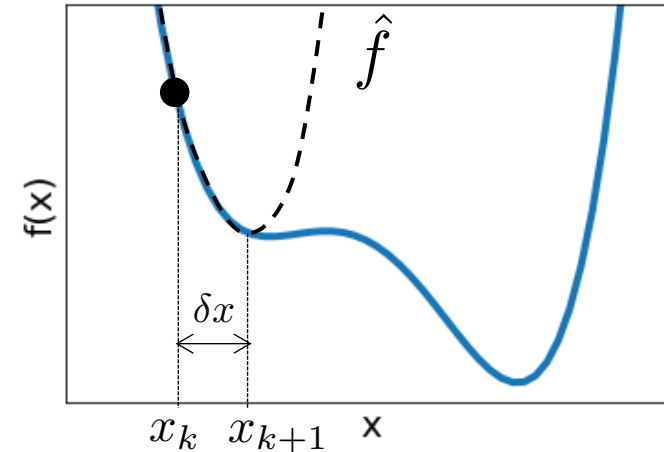




# Non-linear optimization

- Newton's Method

- Begin with  $x_k$
- Solve a local quadratic for  $\delta x$
- $x_{k+1} = x_k + \delta x$



Local Quadratic:  $\hat{f}(x_k + \delta x) = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)\delta x + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_k)\delta x^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3)$

$\delta x$  that minimizes  $\hat{f}(x_k + \delta x)$



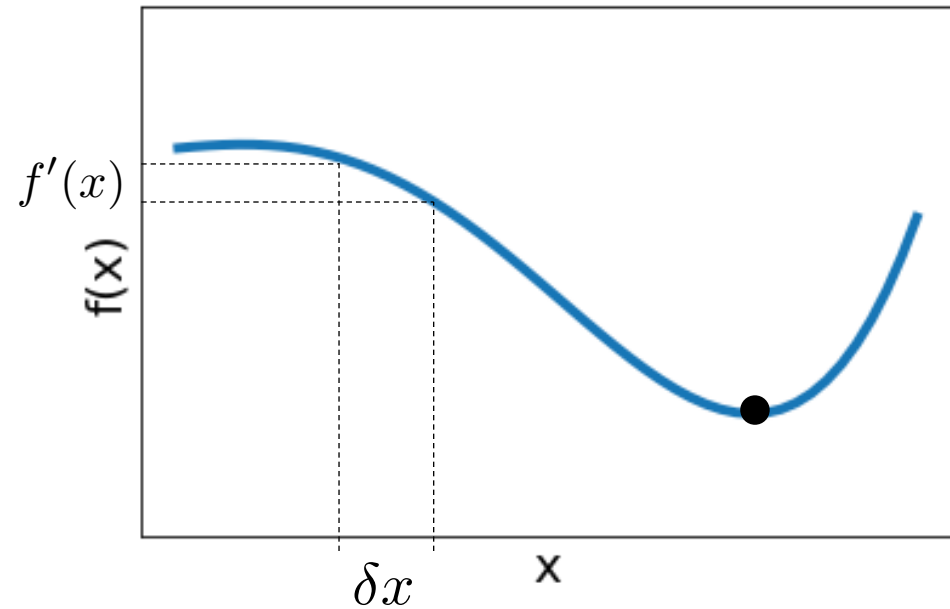
$$f''(x_k)\delta x = -f'(x_k)$$
$$\text{or } \delta x = -\frac{f'(x_k)}{f''(x_k)}$$

# Convergence conditions

$$f'(x) < \text{tolerance}$$

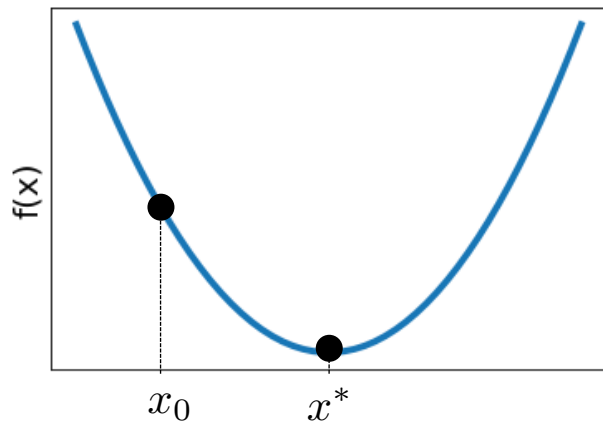
$$\|\delta x\| < \text{tolerance}$$

$$f''(x) > 0$$



# Summary: Newton's method

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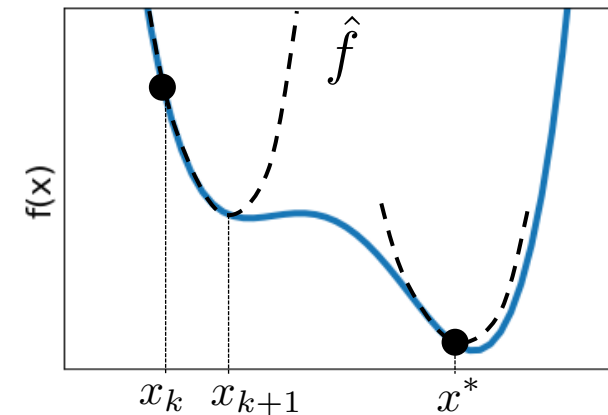


$$f''(x)\delta x = -f'(x)$$

$$x^* = -\frac{f'(x)}{f''(x)}$$

Solution in one step

## Non-linear



$$f''(x_k)\delta x = -f'(x_k)$$

$$\delta x = -\frac{f'(x_k)}{f''(x_k)}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha\delta x \quad \alpha < 1$$

Iterate to convergence

# Multivariate functions

Minimize  $\phi(m)$   $m \in \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_M\}$

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Taylor expansion

$$\phi(m + \delta m) = \phi(m) + (\nabla_m \phi(m))^T \delta m + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_m \nabla_m \phi(m) \delta m + \mathcal{O}(\delta m^3)$$

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Note similarity to single variable

$$f(x + \delta x) = f(x) + f'(x) \delta x + \frac{1}{2} f''(x) \delta x^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3)$$

# Define

Gradient:  $g(m) = \nabla_m \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial m_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial m_M} \end{pmatrix} \quad g \in \mathbb{R}^M$

Hessian:  $H(m) = \nabla_m \nabla_m \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_1 \partial m_M} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_2 \partial m_1} & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_2 \partial m_M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_M \partial m_1} & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_M \partial m_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_M^2} \end{pmatrix} \quad H \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$

Symmetric

$H_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial m_i \partial m_j}$

Minimum defined:

$$g(m^*) = 0$$

$H(m^*)$  is positive definite

# Finding a solution

(i) Begin with  $m^{(k)}$

(ii) Solve  $H(m^{(k)})\delta m = -g(m^{(k)})$       c.f.  $\{f''(x)\delta x = -f'(x)\}$

(iii)  $m^{(k+1)} = m^{(k)} + \alpha\delta m$

# Our inversion

Minimize:  $\phi(m) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs}\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|m\|^2$

Gradient:  $g(m) = \nabla_m \phi = J^T (\mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs}) + \beta m$

Hessian:  $H(m) = \nabla_m g(m) = J^T J + \underbrace{(\nabla_m J)^T (\mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs})}_{\text{neglect}} + \beta$

Sensitivity:

$$\nabla_m \mathcal{F}(m) = J$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_i[m]}{\partial m_j}$$

Final

$$H \delta m = -g \quad \rightarrow$$

$$(J^T J + \beta) \delta m = -(J^T \delta d + \beta m)$$

$$\delta d = \mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs}$$

# General algorithm:

$$\text{minimize } \phi = \phi_d + \beta\phi_m$$

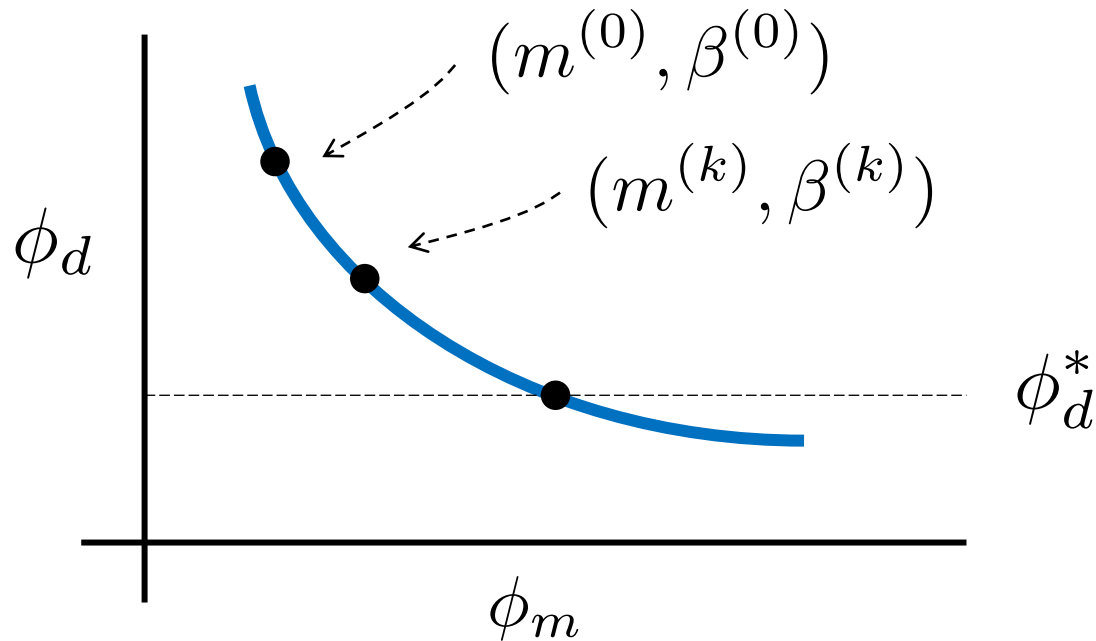
Initialize  $m^{(0)}, \beta^{(0)}$

until convergence

$$H\delta m = -g$$

$$m^{(k+1)} = m^{(k)} + \alpha\delta m \quad (\text{line search})$$

$$\beta^{(k+1)} = \frac{\beta^{(k)}}{\gamma} \quad (\text{cooling})$$



- Many variants:
- Solving system
  - Cooling rate
  - .....



# Summary

$$\phi(m) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs}\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|m\|^2$$

Linear

$$d = Gm$$

$$(G^T G + \beta) \delta m = -(G^T d + \beta m)$$

Non-linear

$$d = \mathcal{F}[m]$$

$$(J^T J + \beta) \delta m = -(J^T \delta d + \beta m)$$

$$\delta d = \mathcal{F}[m] - d^{obs}$$

$$m^{(k+1)} = m^{(k)} + \alpha \delta m$$

All understanding from linear problems is valid for nonlinear problems

# DC resistivity

Governing PDE: electrostatic Maxwell's equations

- Faraday's law

$$\nabla \times \vec{e} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \vec{e} = -\nabla \phi$$

- Ampere's law

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = I\delta(r)$$

- Ohm's law

$$\vec{j} = \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{e}$$

Governing PDE

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \phi = -I\delta(r)$$

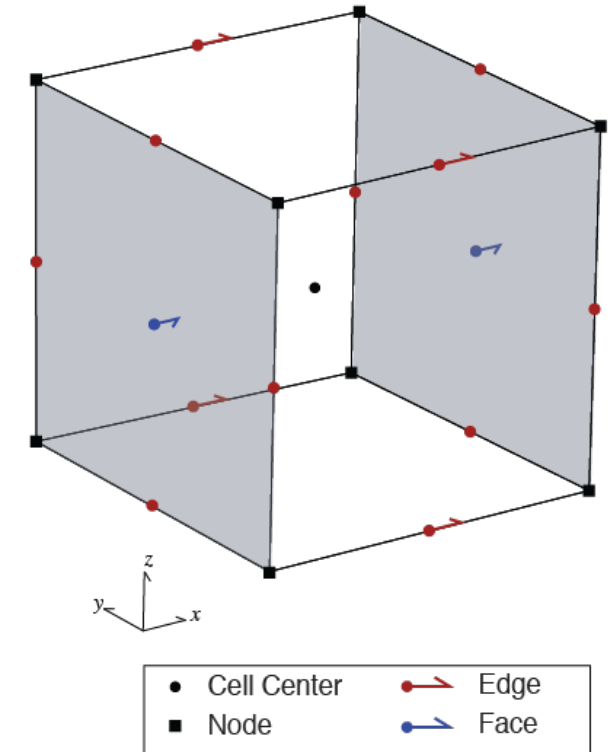
# DC inversion

- Forward modelling

- Nodal discretization for  $\phi$
- Neumann boundary conditions  $\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{e} = 0 \mid_{\partial\Omega}$
- Discrete equations  $\underbrace{\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{M}_\sigma^e \mathbf{G}}_{\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{m})} \phi = \mathbf{q}$

- Inversion

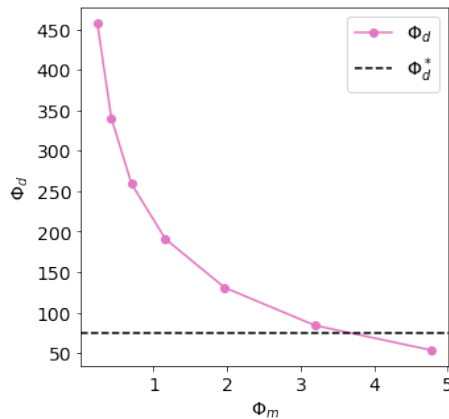
- Invert for log resistivity (ensures positivity):  $\mathbf{m} = \log(\rho)$



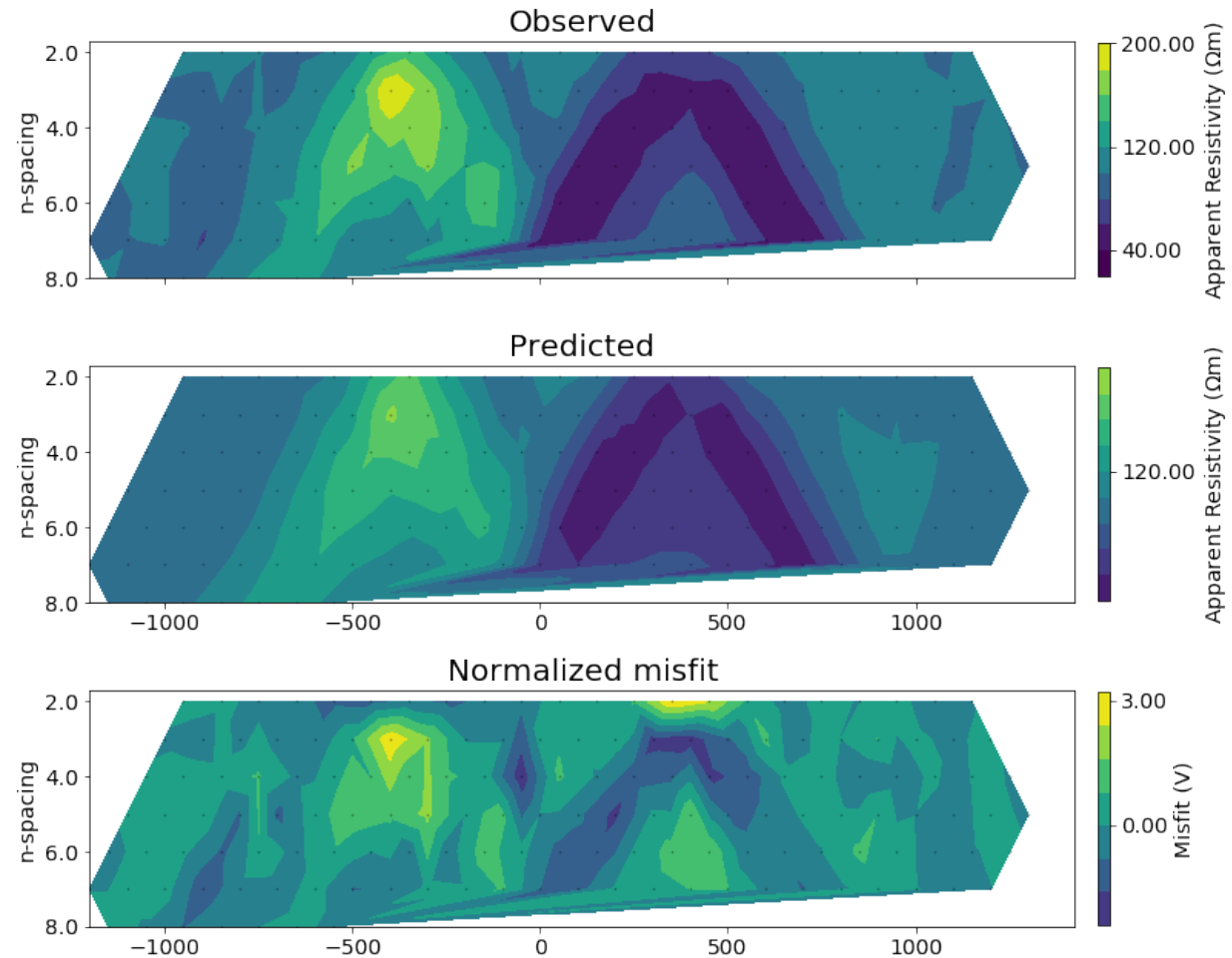
# Evaluate results

Same as for linear problem

- Plot Tikhonov curve and some resulting models

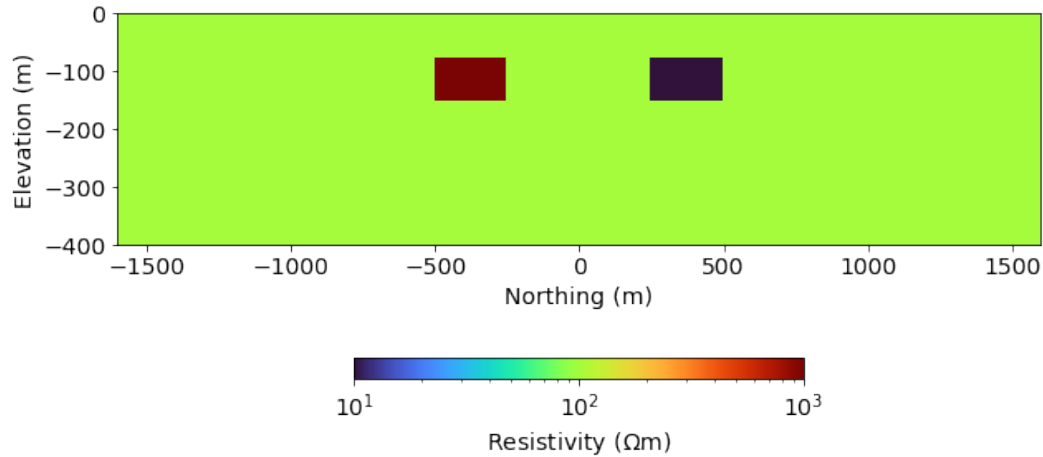


- Misfit
- Evaluate models

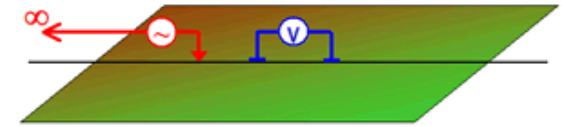


# Example 2D DC resistivity

True resistivity model

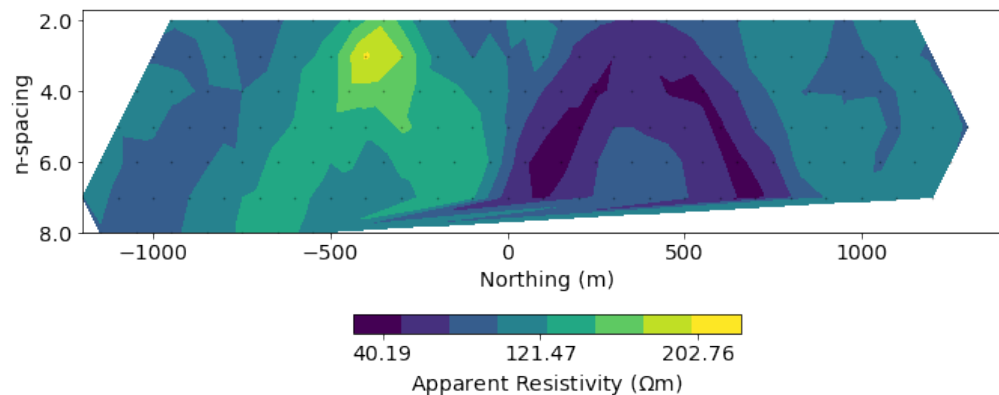


Pole-Dipole

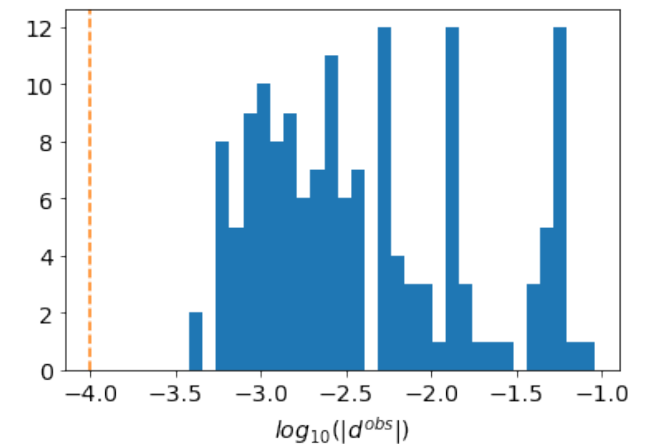


- Pole-dipole array
  - n-spacing = 8
  - Electrode-spacing = 100 m
  - # of data = 151
- 5% Gaussian noise added

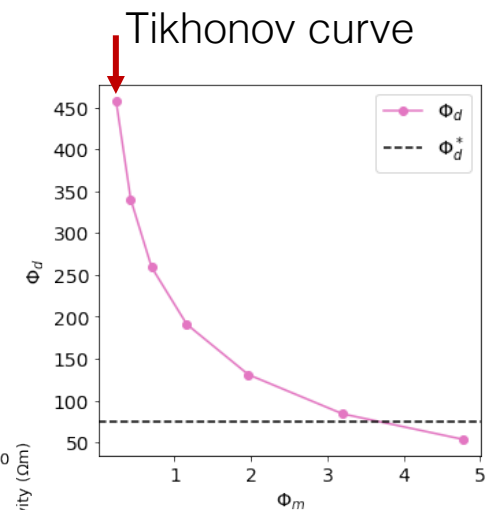
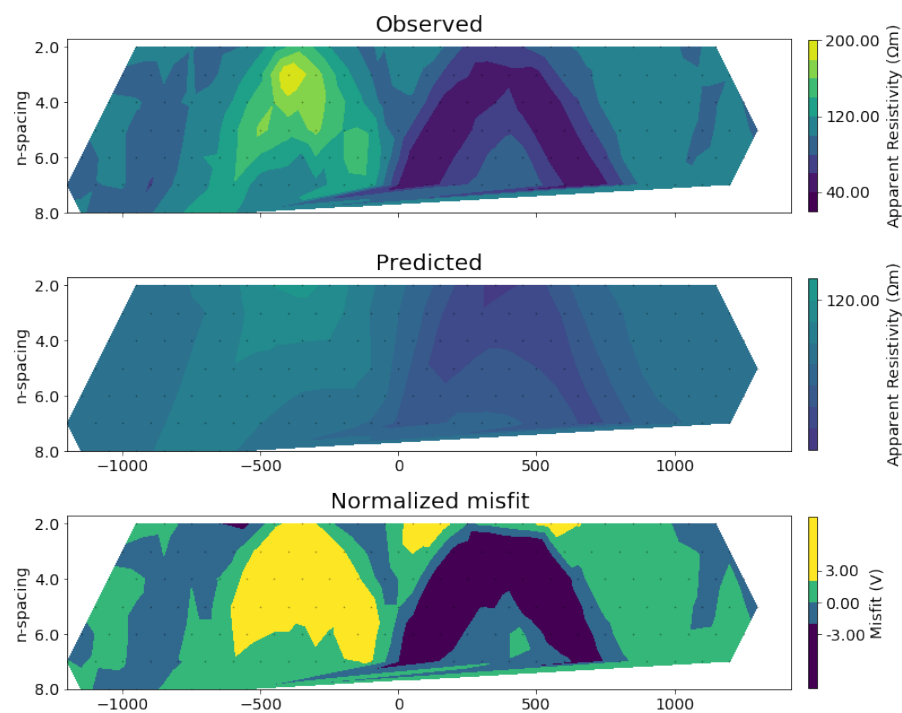
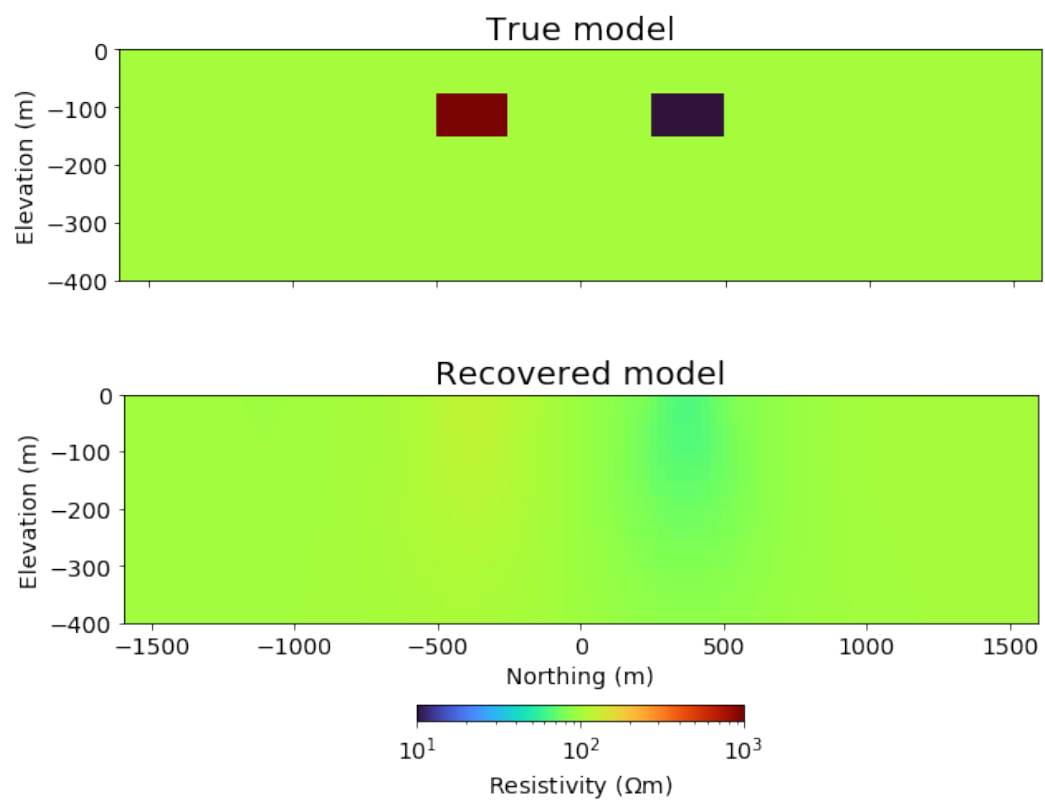
Apparent resistivity pseudo-section



Log10 (Voltage)

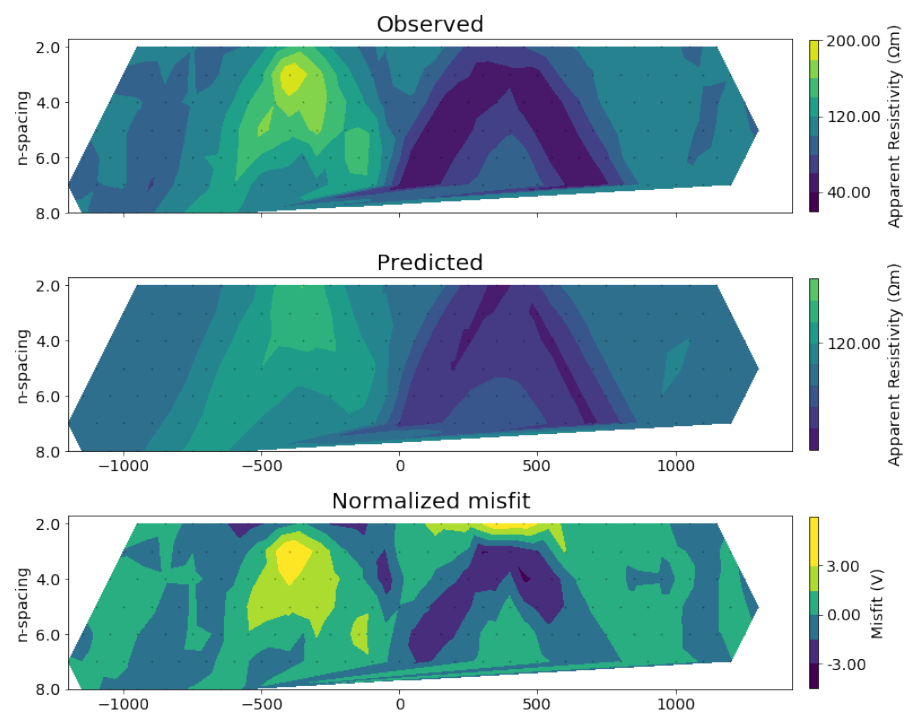
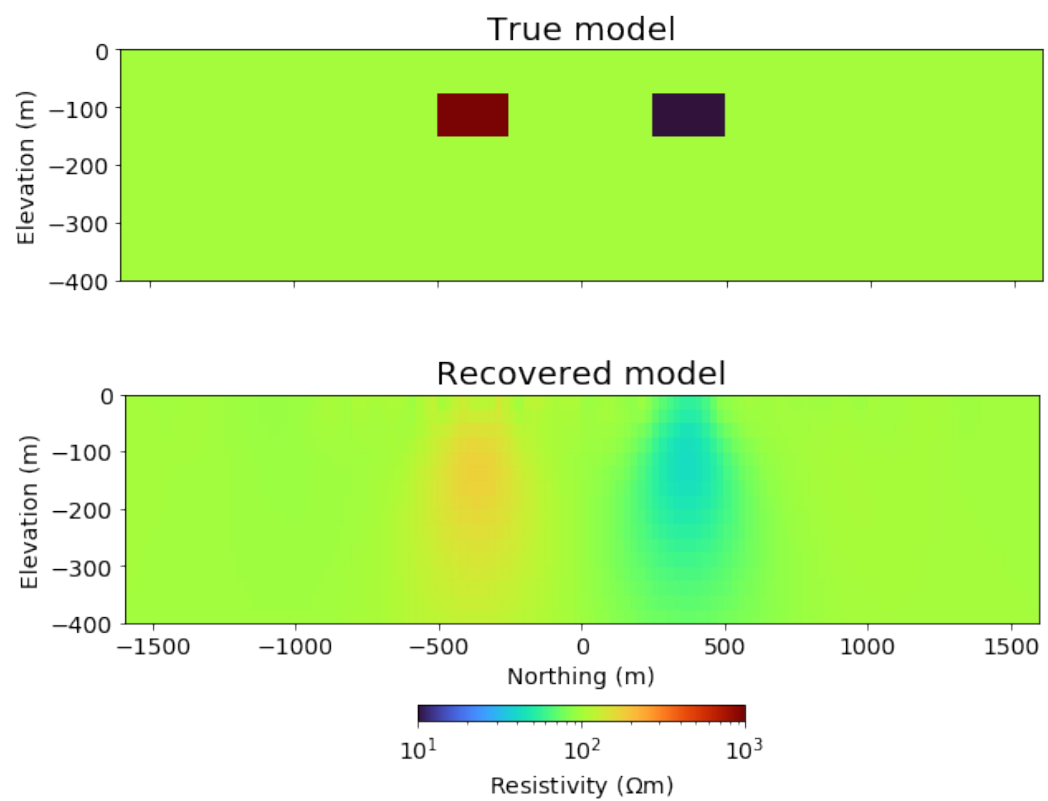


# DC inversion: iteration 1

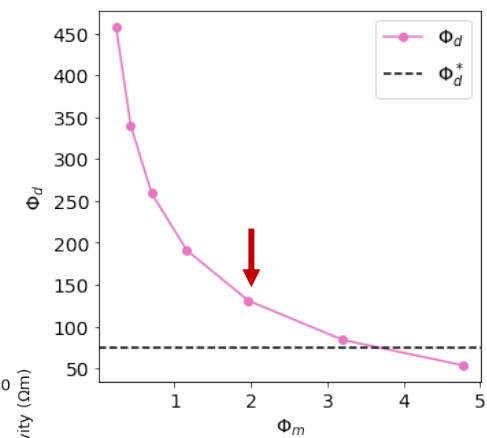


$$\alpha_S = 0$$
$$\alpha_x = 1, \alpha_z = 1$$

# DC inversion: iteration 5

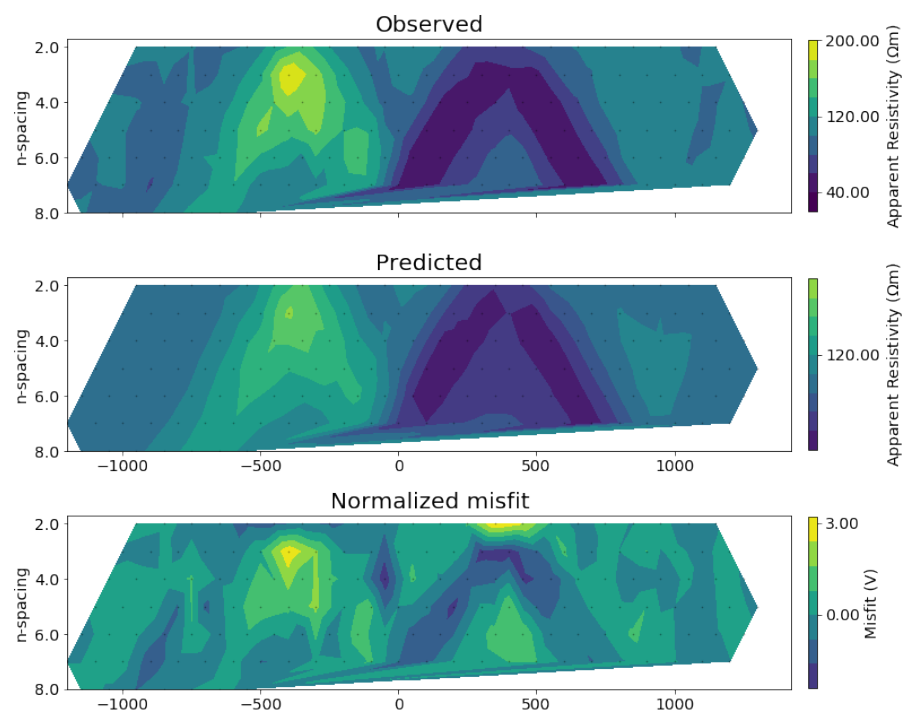
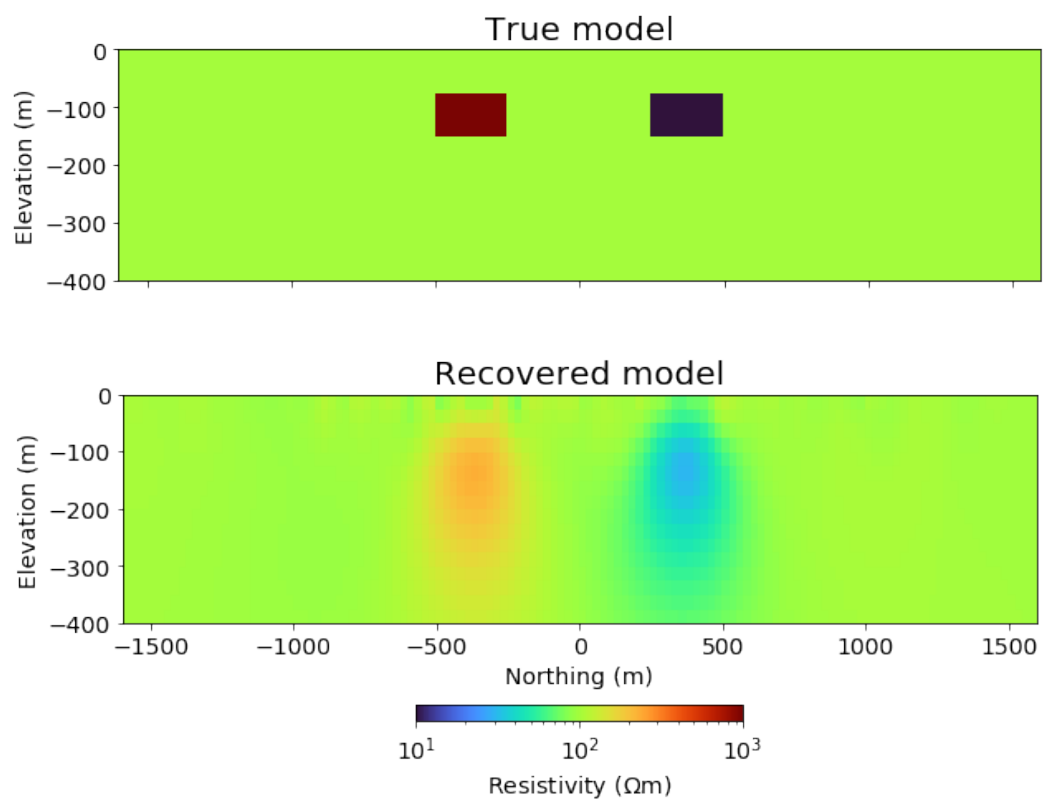


Tikhonov curve

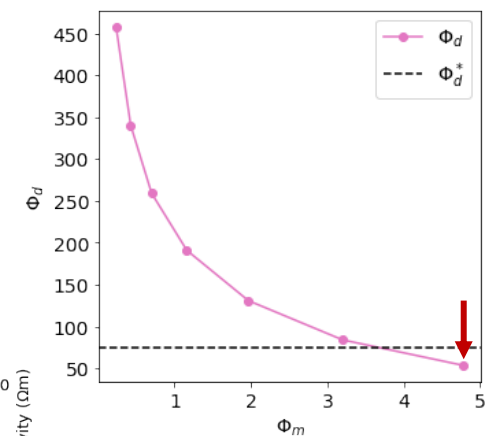


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# DC inversion: iteration 7



Tikhonov curve

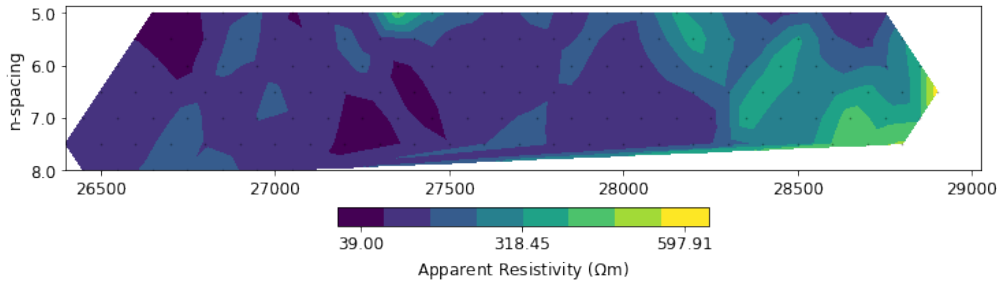


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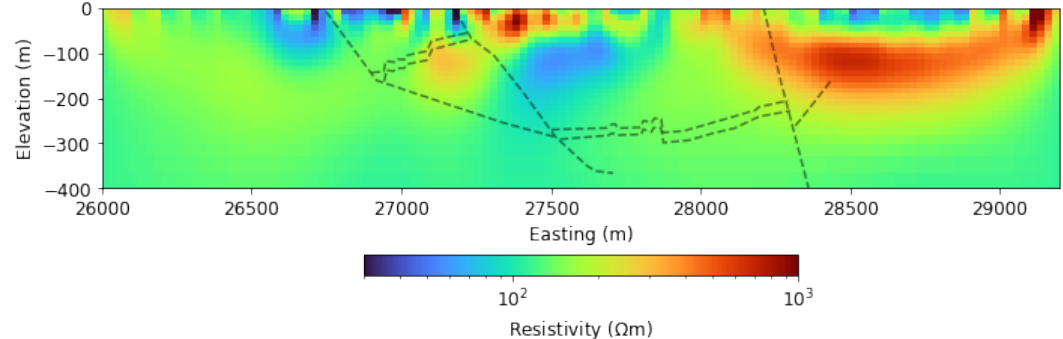


# DC resistivity: Century

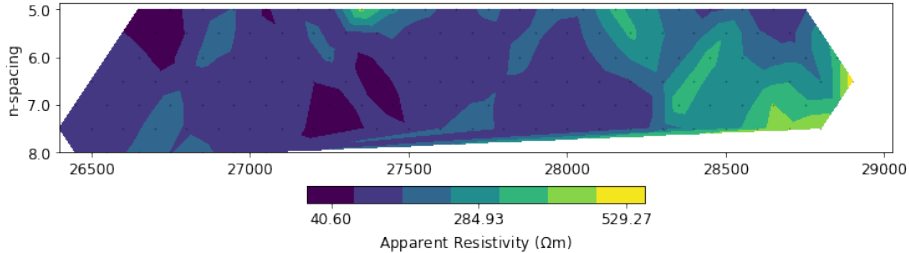
observed data



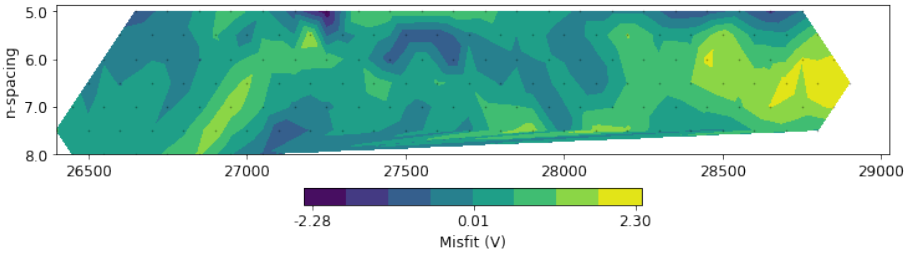
resistivity model



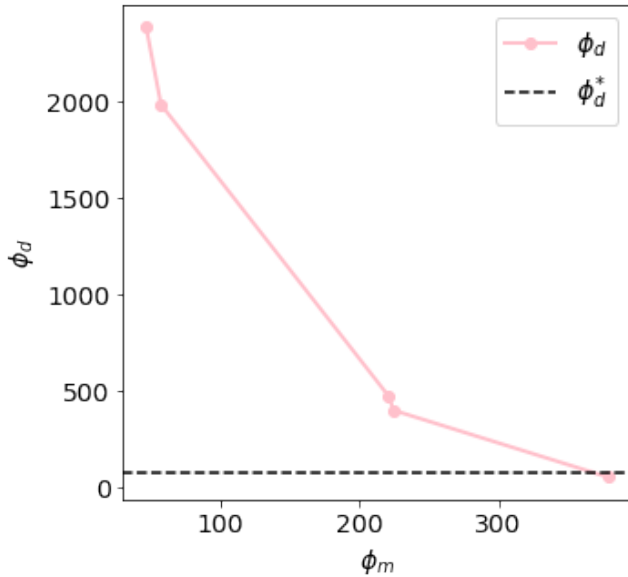
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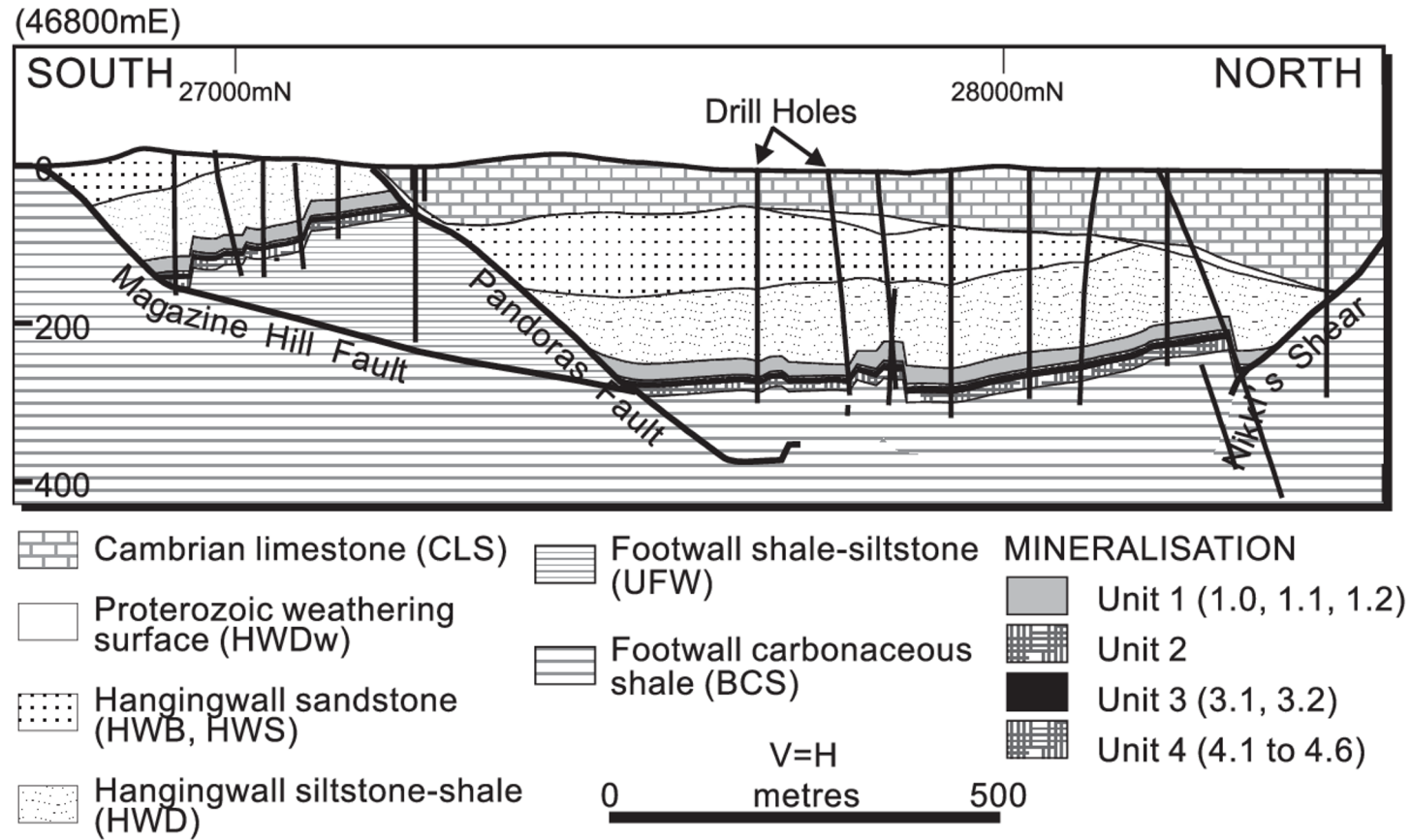
normalized misfit



Tikhonov curve

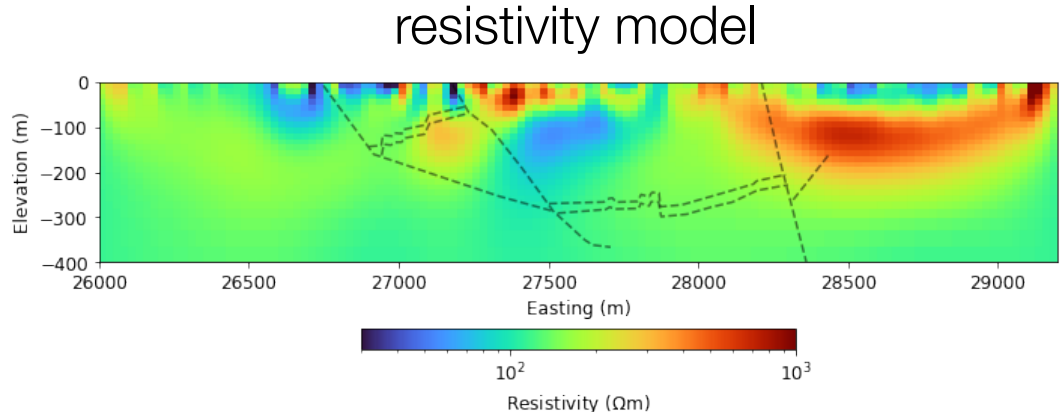
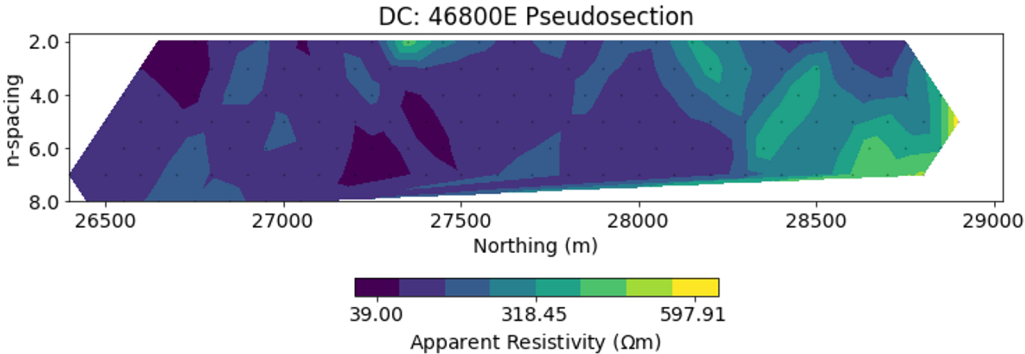


# Century deposit

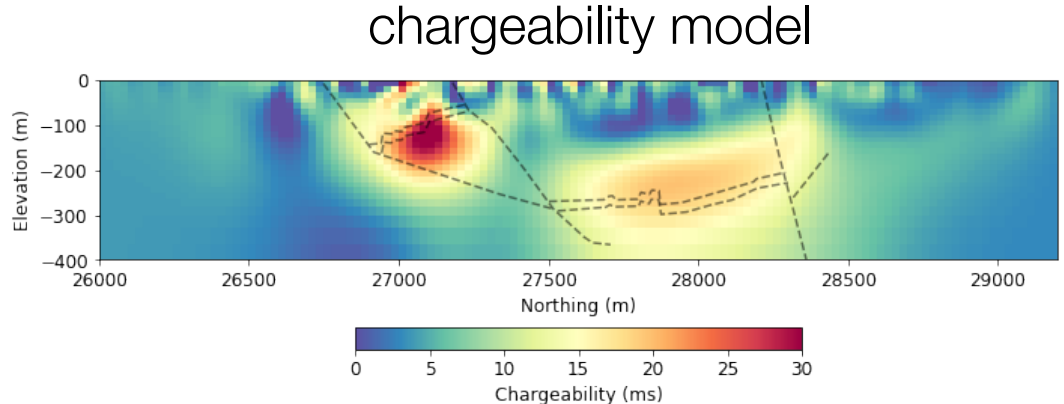
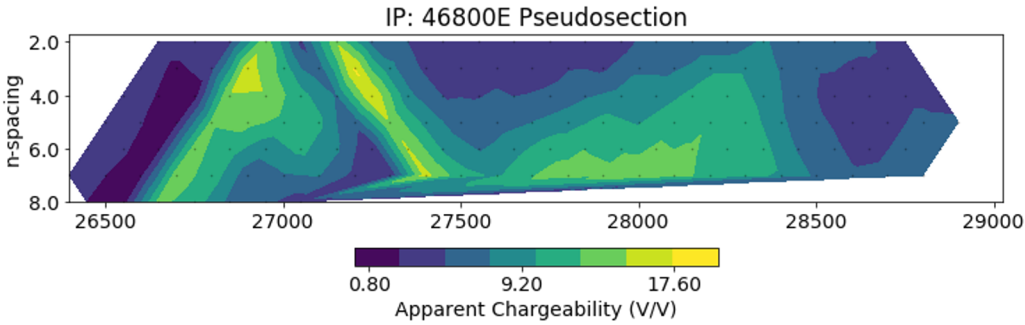


# DC/IP Inversion is a 2-step process

## Step 1: invert DC data



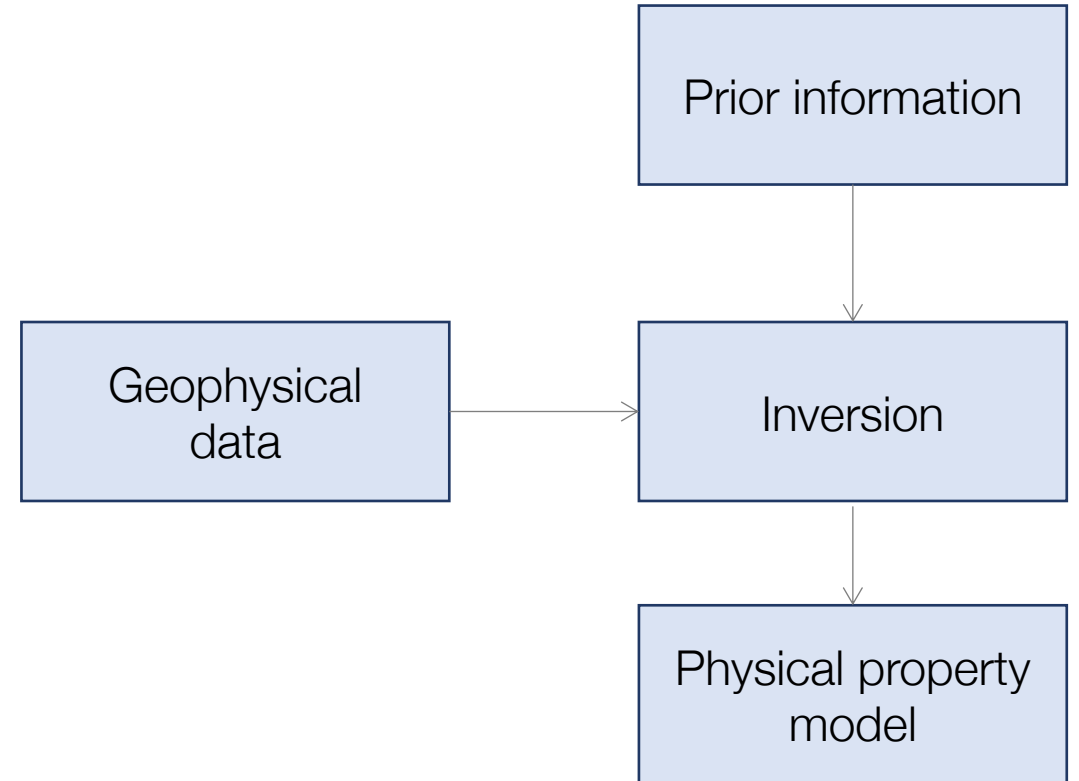
## Step 2: invert IP data using sensitivities from recovered model in Step 1



# Constraining the inversion

What information is available?

- Geologic structure
- Geologic constraints
- Reference model
- Bounds
- Multiple data sets
- Physical property measurements



# Constraining the inversion

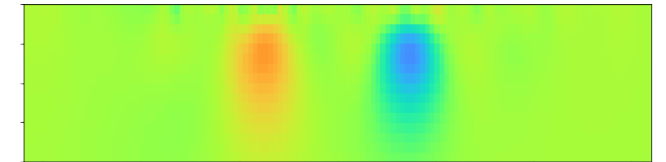
## Generic model norm

$$\phi_m = \alpha_s \int_V w_s (m - m_{\text{ref}})^2 dV + \alpha_x \int_V w_x \left( \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dx} \right)^2 dx + \alpha_z \int_V w_z \left( \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dz} \right)^2 dz$$

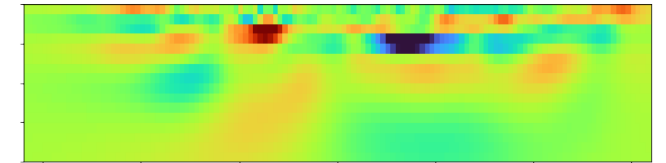
## Exploring the standard model norm

- Alpha weightings
- Weightings  $w$ 's
- Reference model
- Combinations offer great flexibility

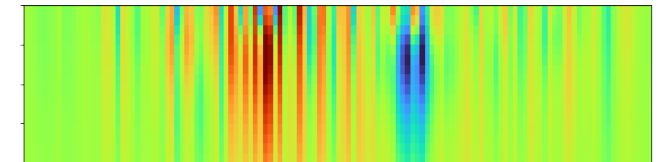
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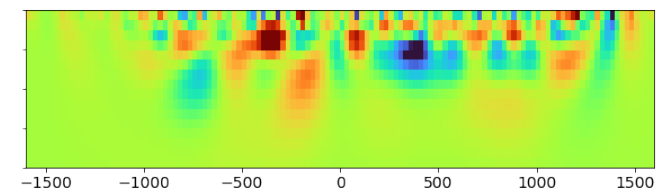
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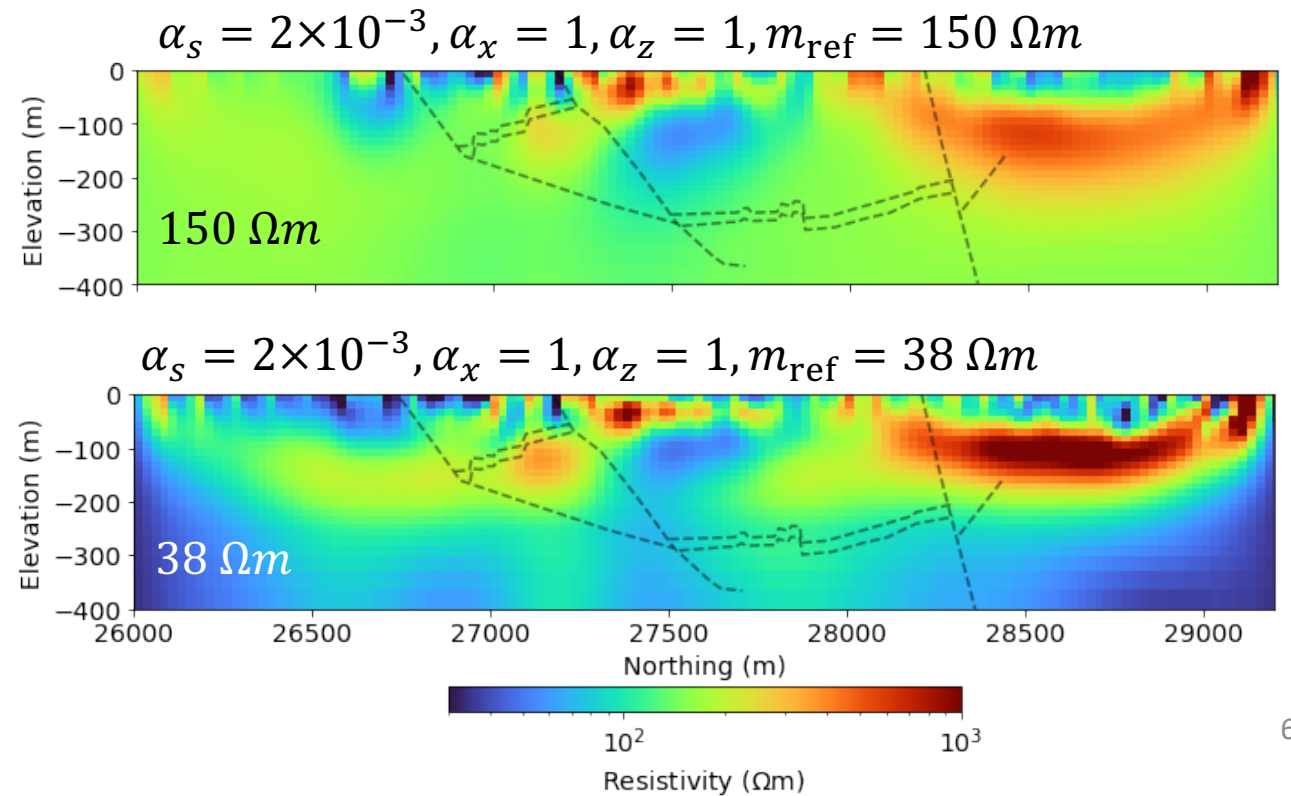


# Reference model and its uses

## Generic model norm

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- Simple or complex
- Used in derivative terms or not
- w's used to attach confidence in the reference model
- Can be used to
  - incorporate additional information
  - Hypothesis testing
  - Depth of investigation for survey



# Use of a reference model for depth of investigation

## Background to DOI

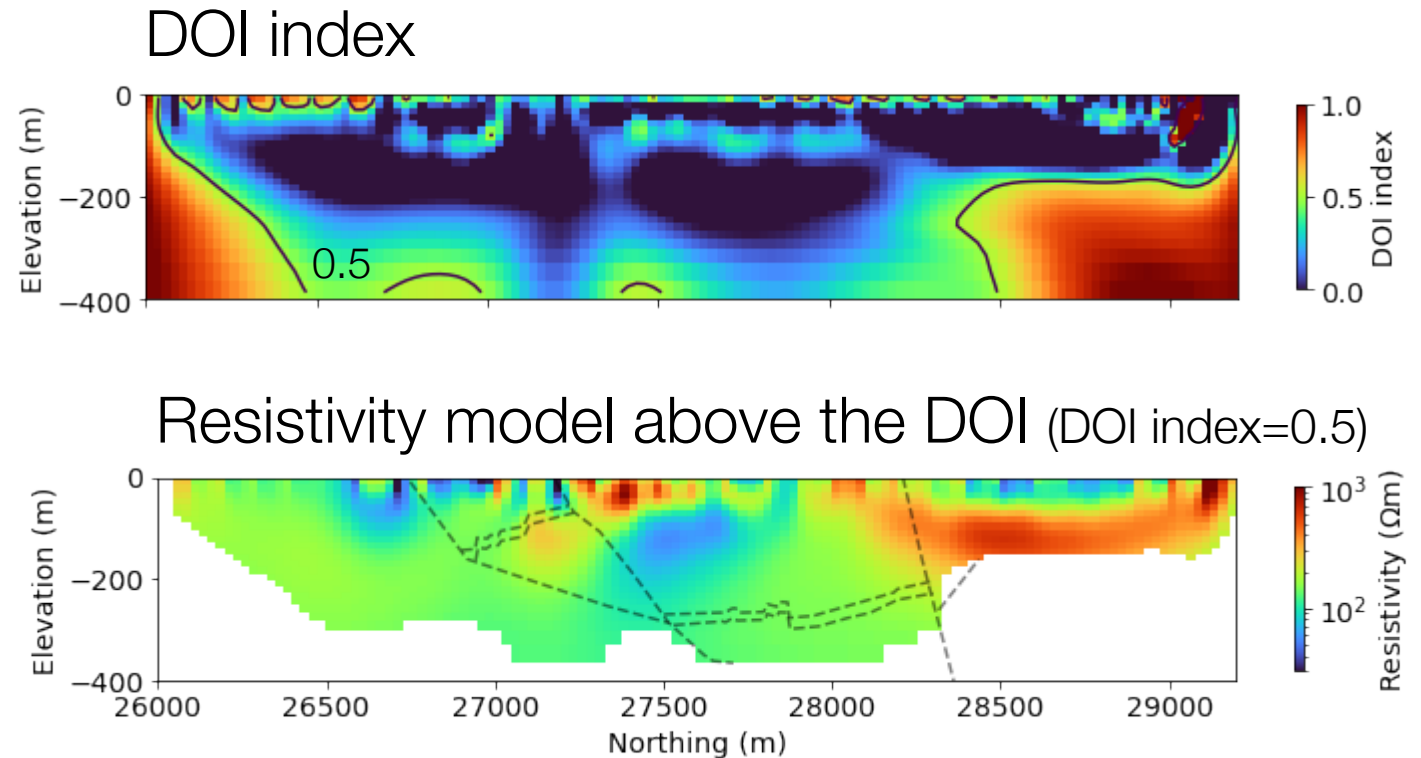
$$\text{doi index} = \frac{m^1 - m^2}{m_{ref}^1 - m_{ref}^2}$$

$m_1$ : recovered model with  $m_{ref}^1$

$m_2$ : recovered model with  $m_{ref}^2$

(Oldenburg and Li, 1999)

## Example from Century deposit



# Use weighting functions

$$\text{model norm: } \phi_m = \alpha_s \int_v \underline{w_s} (m - m_{\text{ref}})^2 dv + \alpha_x \int_v \underline{w_x} \left( \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dx} \right)^2 dx + \alpha_z \int_v \underline{w_z} \left( \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dz} \right)^2 dz$$

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- Incorporate confidence in model or derivative
- Hypothesis testing
- Used to incorporate sensitivity weighting
- Important for potential fields
- Generate more realistic models

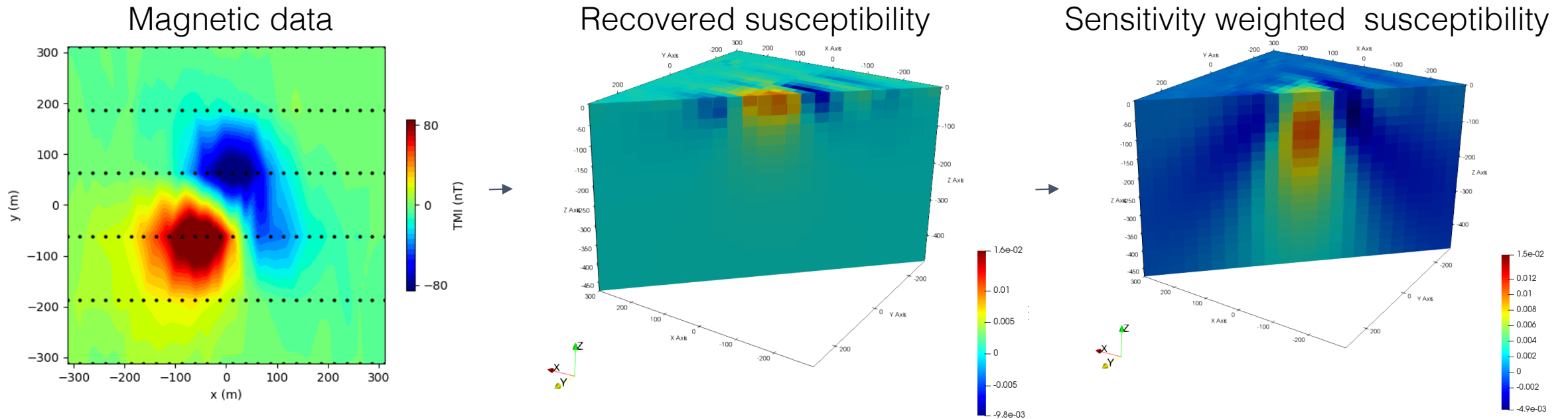


# Sensitivity weighting

Consider  $Gm = d$  and minimize  $\|m\|^2$

Easiest way to generate signal is to locate  $m$  where  $G$  is large.

In magnetics this produces a module with susceptibility at the surface

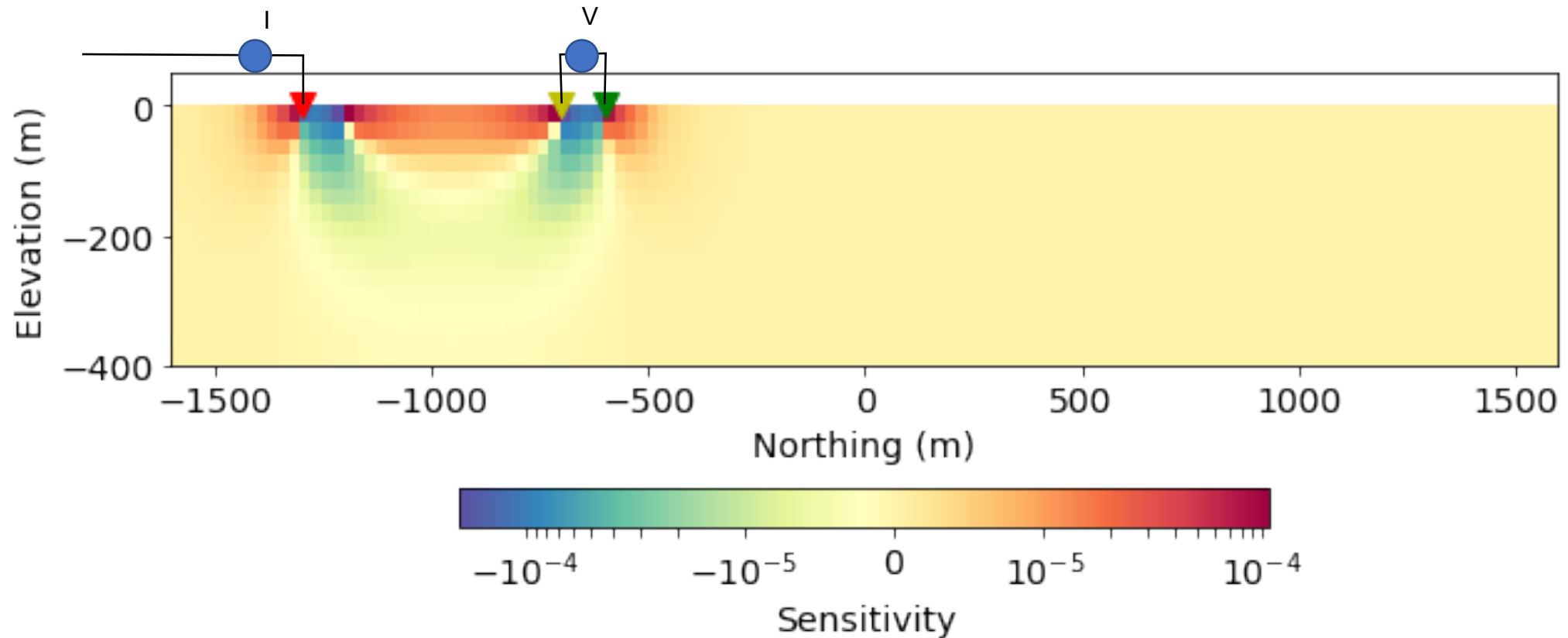


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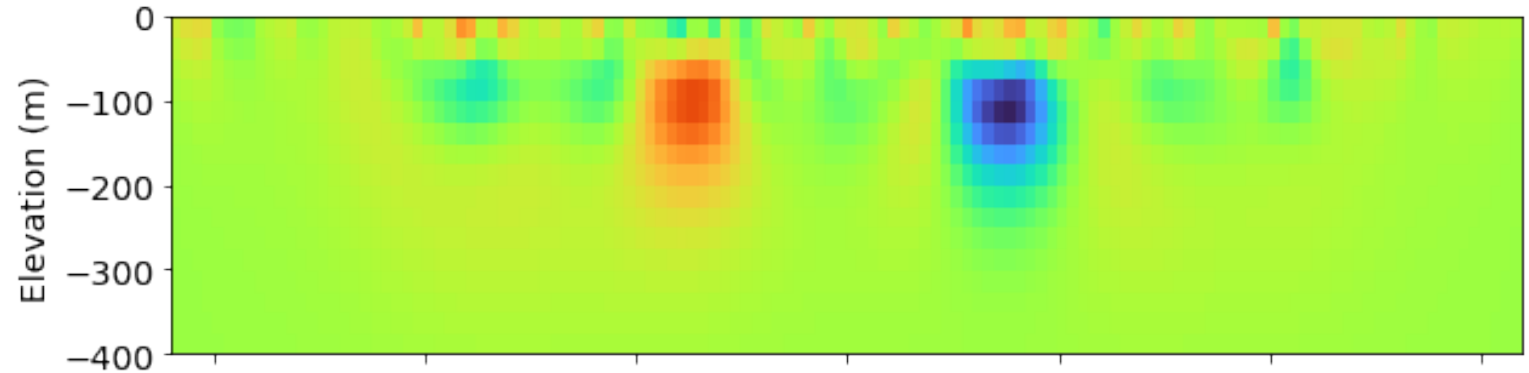
Sensitivity in a DC experiment



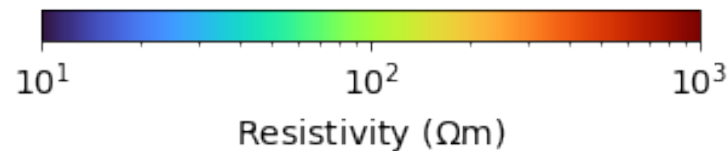
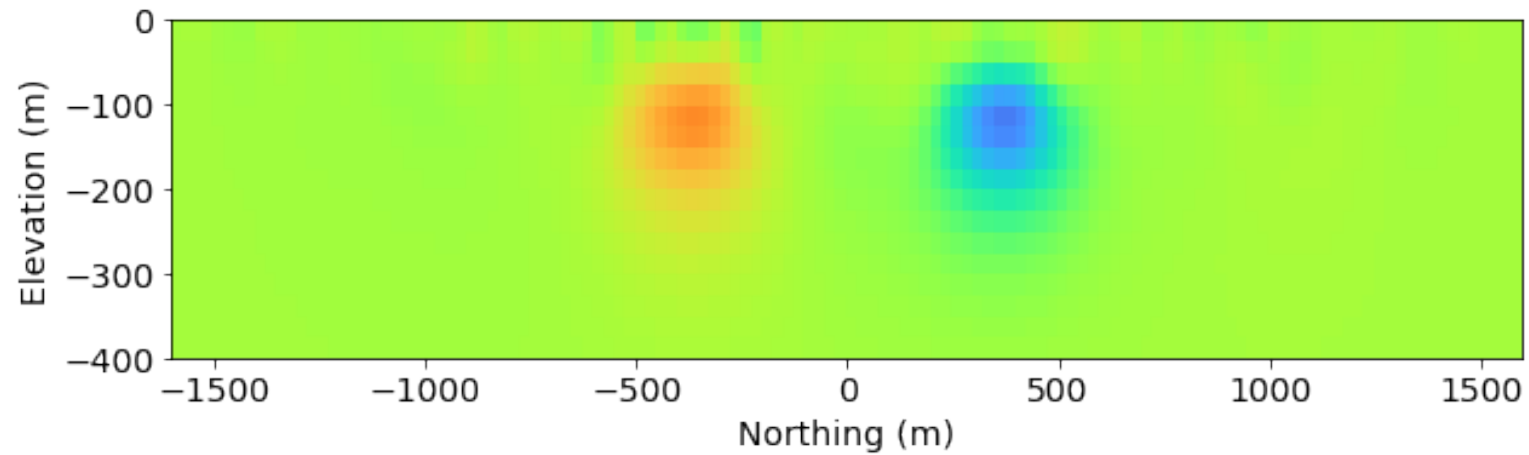
# Sensitivity weighting for DC

$$w_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \sqrt{J_{ij}^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} i\text{-th datum} \\ j\text{-th model} \end{array}$$

Without sensitivity weighting



With sensitivity weighting



# Bound Constraints

- Physical property bounds in each cell

$$\mathbf{m}_L \leq \mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_U$$

- Projected Gradient Gauss-Newton (Kelly, 1999; Haber, 2015)
  - At each GN iteration

$$\delta\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}\delta\mathbf{d} + \alpha\mathbf{g}$$

**H**: Hessian for cells not at the bounds

**g**: gradient for cells at the bounds

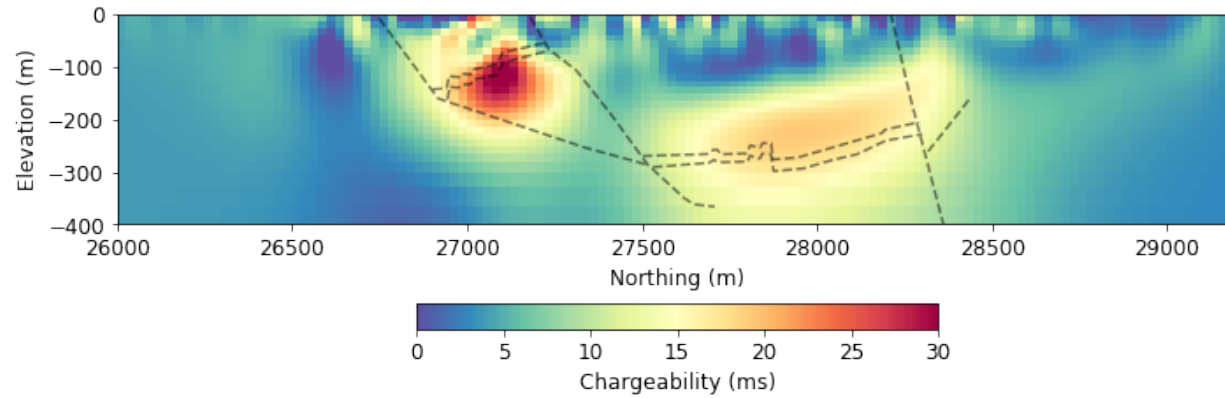
$\alpha$ : scalar

Positivity  $\mathbf{m} \geq 0$

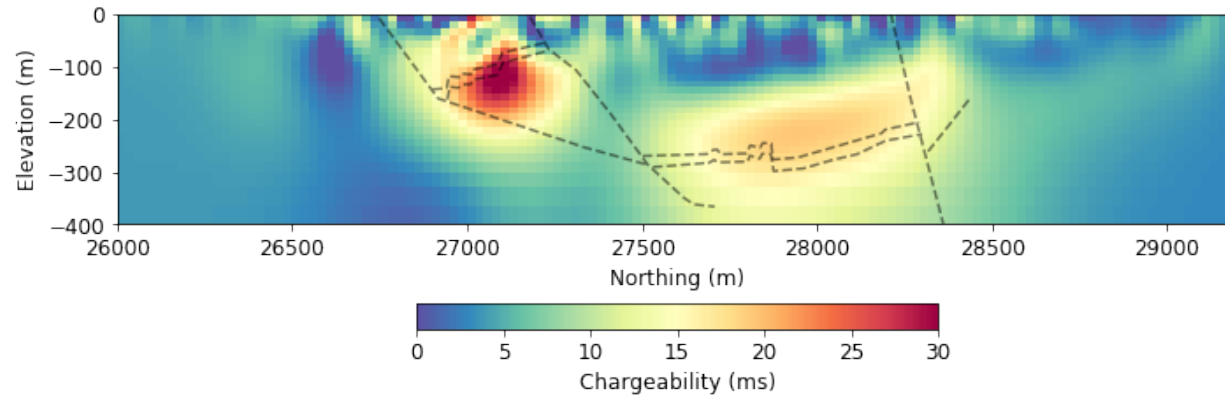
# Enforcing positivity

Chargeability model

without positivity

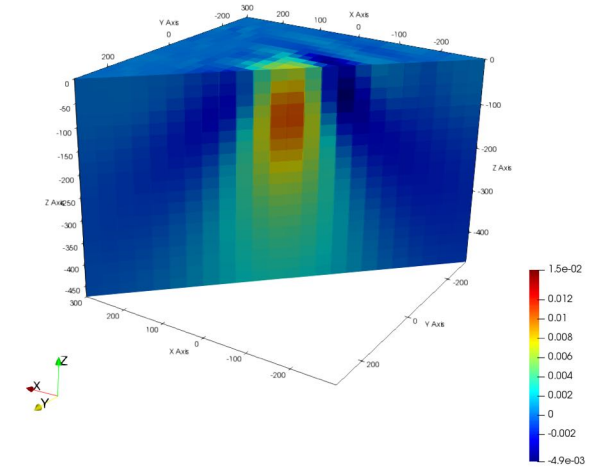


with positivity

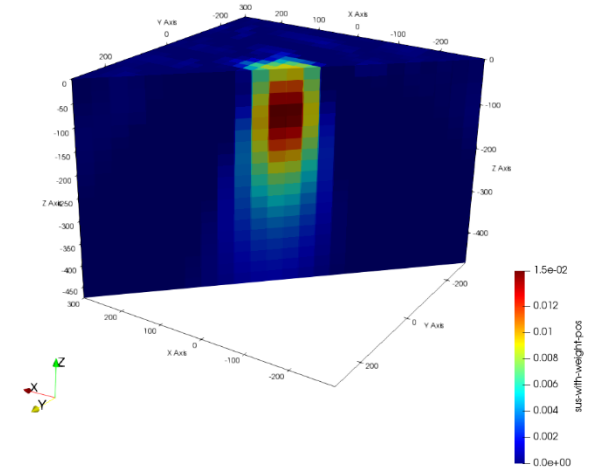


Susceptibility model

without positivity

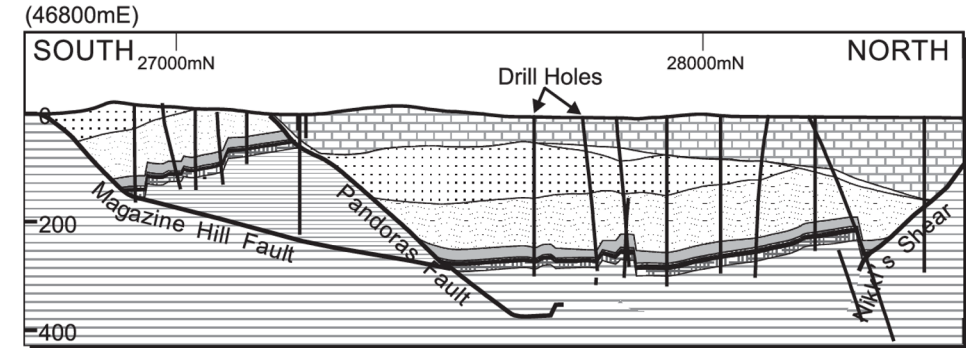
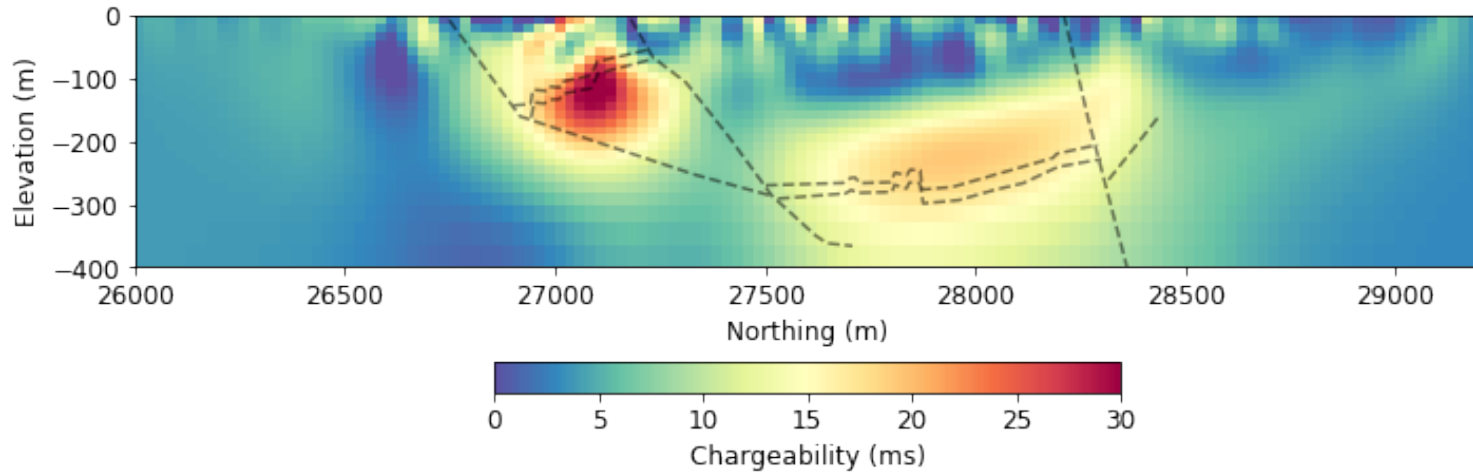


with positivity



# Structural information

- Body is at about the right depth but it is still smoothed out
- Want a solution that produces a thin mineralized zone
- Makes the faults more distinct



We can do this by altering the model norm

$$\phi_m = \alpha_s \int_V w_s |m - m_{\text{ref}}|^{p_s} dV + \alpha_x \int_V w_x \left| \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dx} \right|^{p_x} dV + \alpha_z \int_V \left| \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dz} \right|^{p_z} dV$$

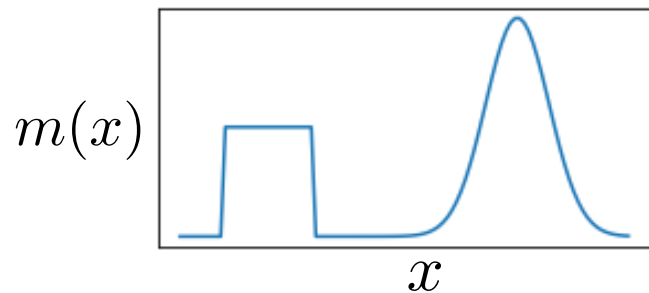
# Why L<sub>p</sub>?

- Work so far we have used L<sub>2</sub> norms

$$\phi_m = \int m^2(x) dx \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Discretize}} \quad \phi_m = \sum_{i=1}^M m_i^2 v_i$$

- General L<sub>p</sub>-norm

$$\phi_m = \sum_{i=1}^M |m_i|^p v_i \quad 0 \leq p \leq 2$$



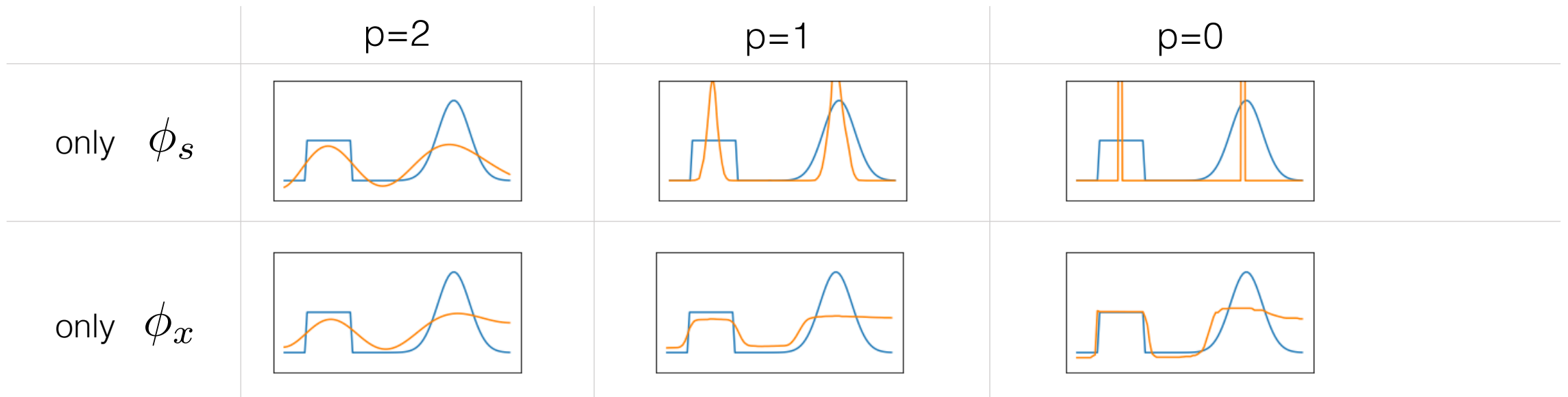
	p=2	p=1	p=0.5	p=0
$\phi_m$	69	55	54	100

# General character

$$\phi_m = \sum_{i=1}^M |m_i|^p v_i$$

- Geometric character
  - $p=2$ : all elements close to zero
  - $p=1$ : sparse solution, # of non-zero elements are  $\leq$  # of data
  - $p=0$ : minimum support, model with the fewest number of elements

- 1D problem





# General Lp objective function

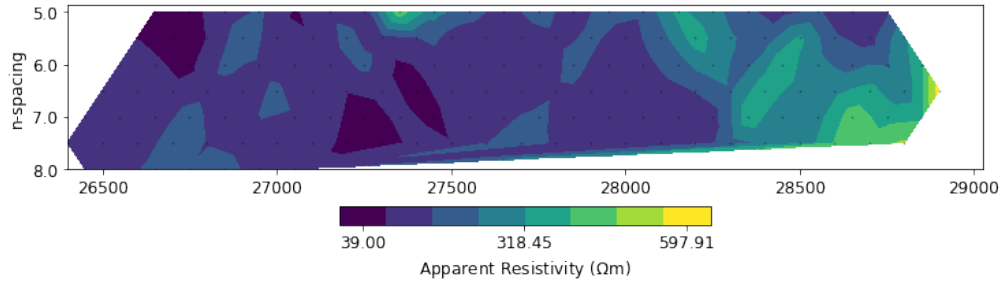
Each component of a 3D objective function can have its own Lp-norm

$$\phi_m = \alpha_s \int_V w_s |m - m_{\text{ref}}|^{p_s} dV + \alpha_x \int_V w_x \left| \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dx} \right|^{p_x} dV + \alpha_z \int_V \left| \frac{d(m - m_{\text{ref}})}{dz} \right|^{p_z} dV$$

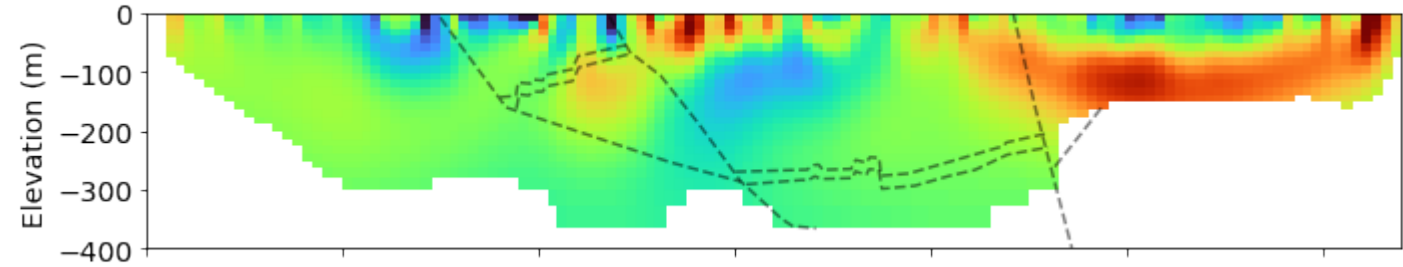
$$0 \leq p_j \leq 2$$

# Lp inversion of DC data

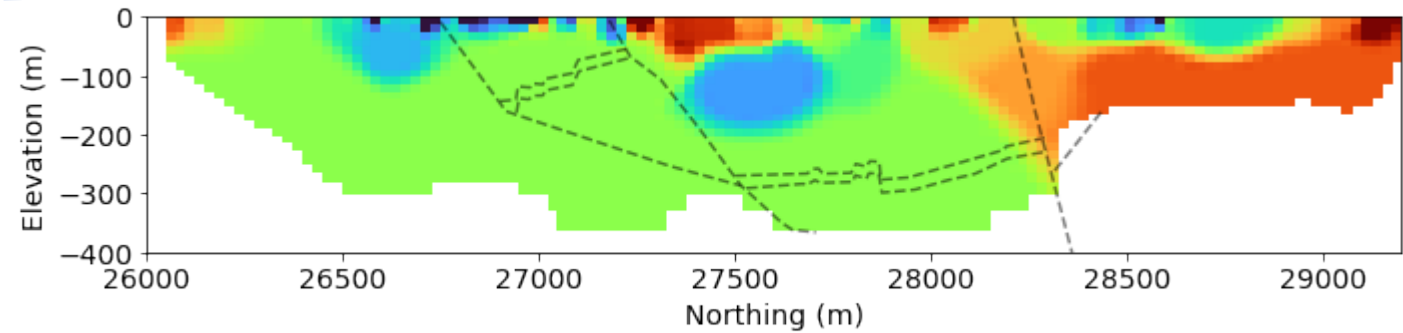
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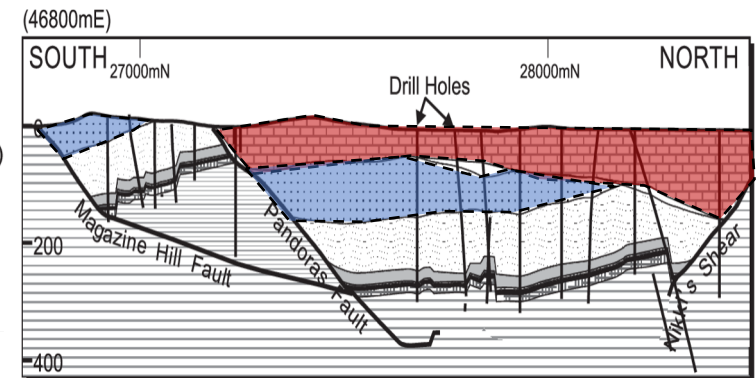
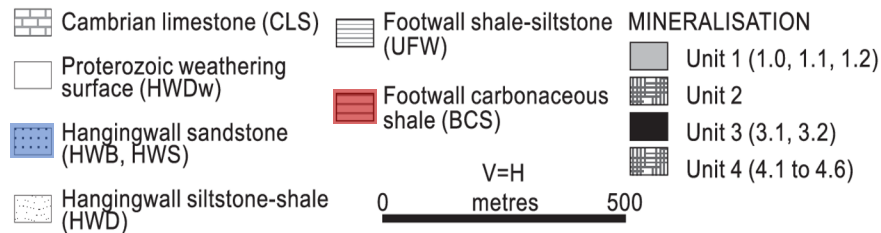
Resistivity  $\rho_s = \rho_x = \rho_z = 2$



$\rho_s = \rho_x = \rho_z = 0$

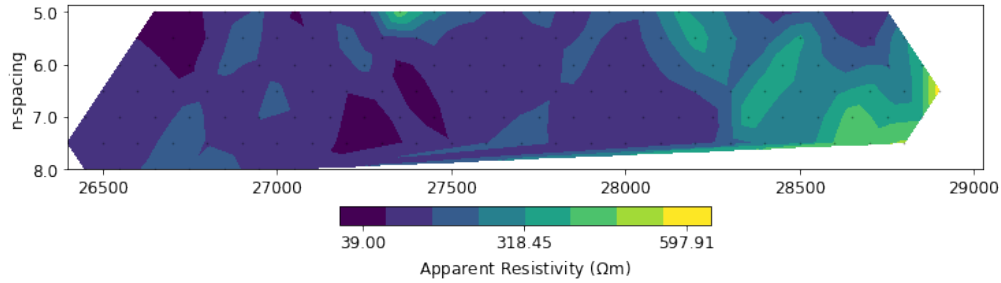


Fournier and Oldenburg, 2019

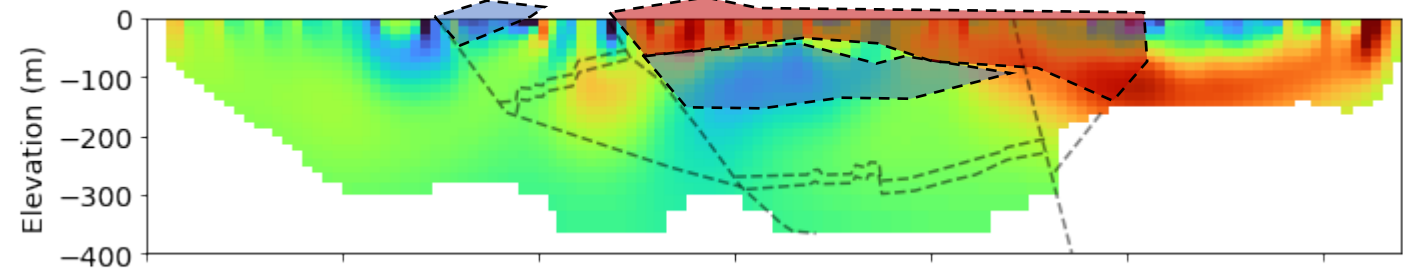


# Lp inversion of DC data

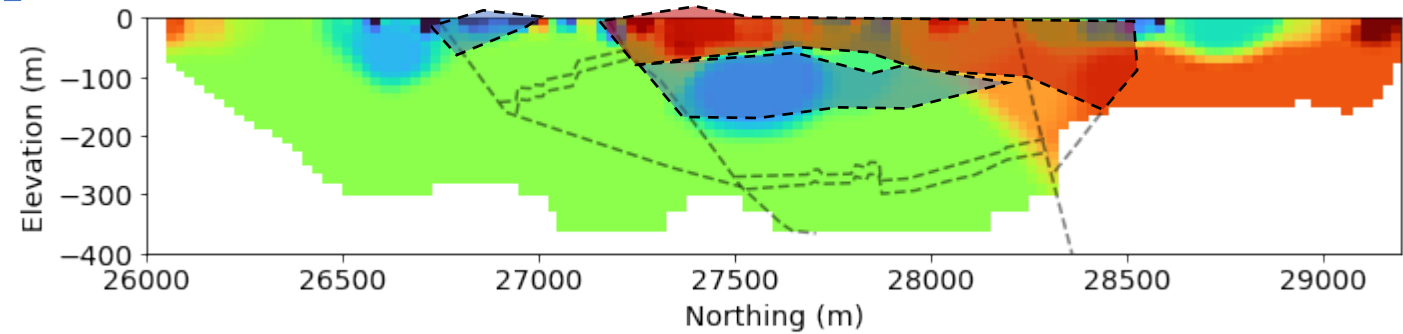
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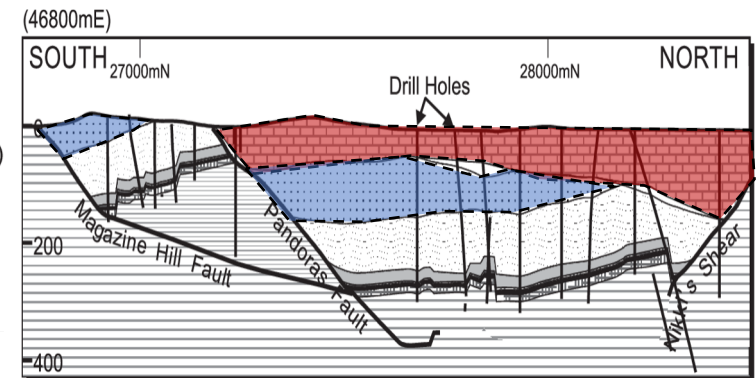
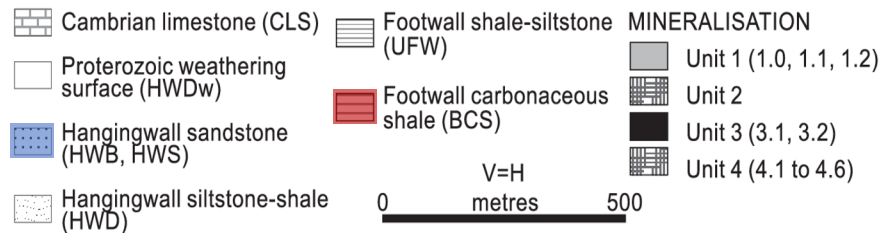
Resistivity  $\rho_s = \rho_x = \rho_z = 2$



$\rho_s = \rho_x = \rho_z = 0$

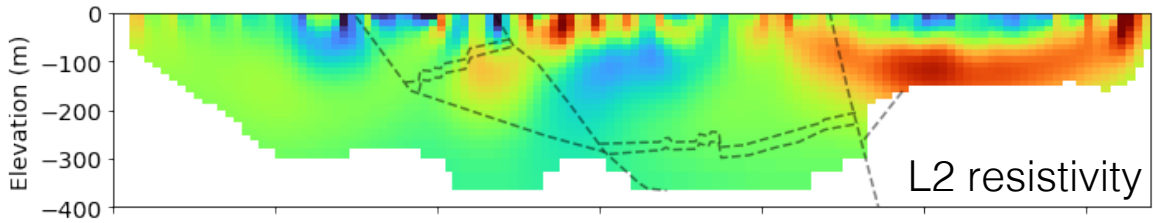


Fournier and Oldenburg, 2019



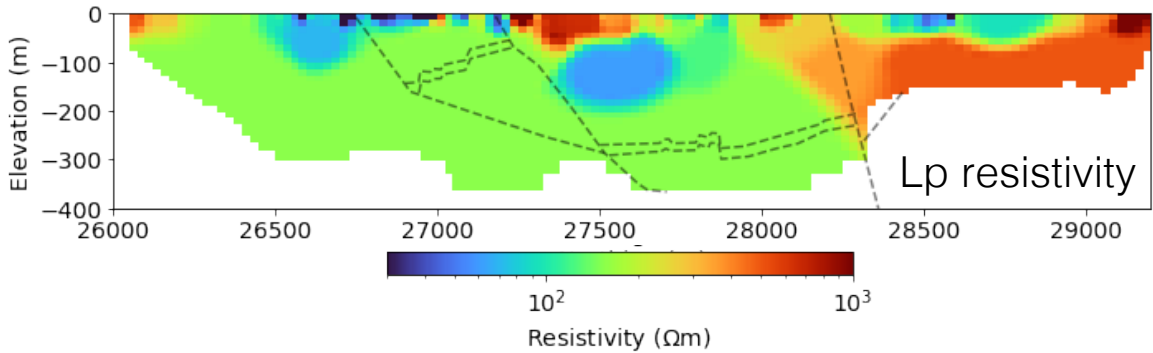
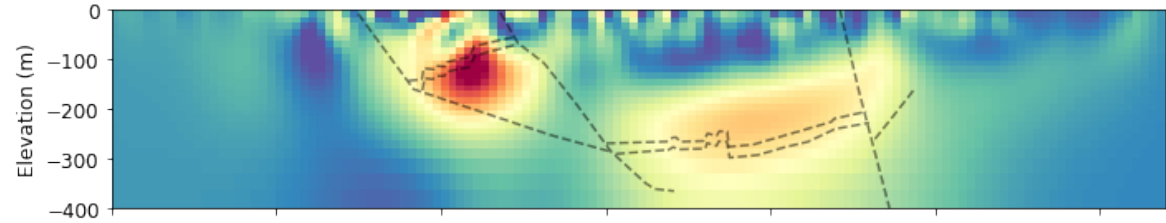
# Lp inversion of IP data

Resistivity model (L2)

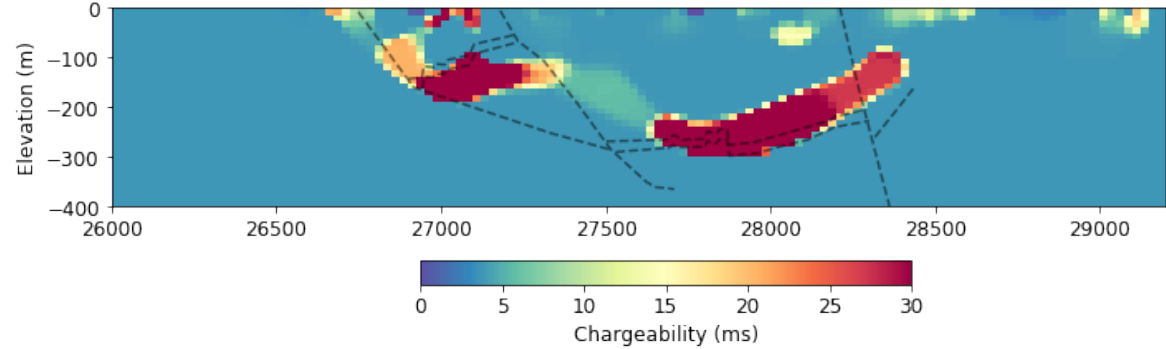


$$p_s = p_x = p_z = 2$$

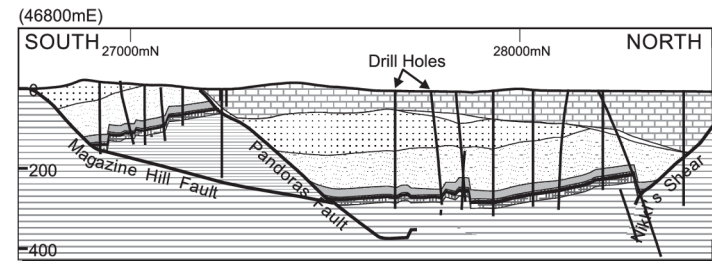
Chargeability models



$$p_s = p_x = p_z = 0$$



[Fournier and Oldenburg, 2019](#)

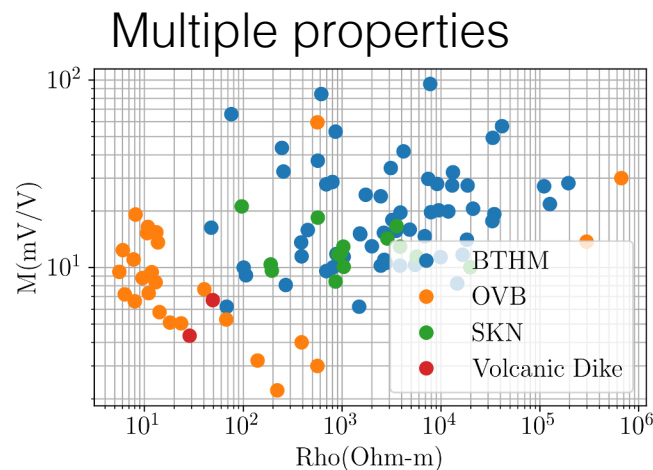


# What other information is available?

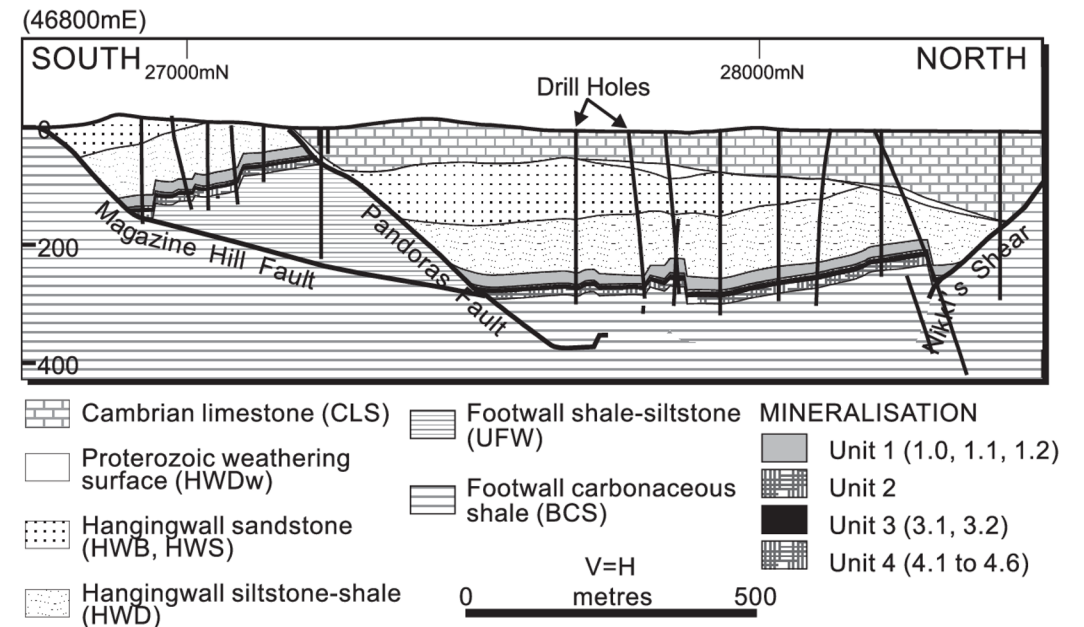
Petrophysics: each rock units each with range of physical properties

Geology: Lithology from drill holes

- Petrophysics
- Well-logs



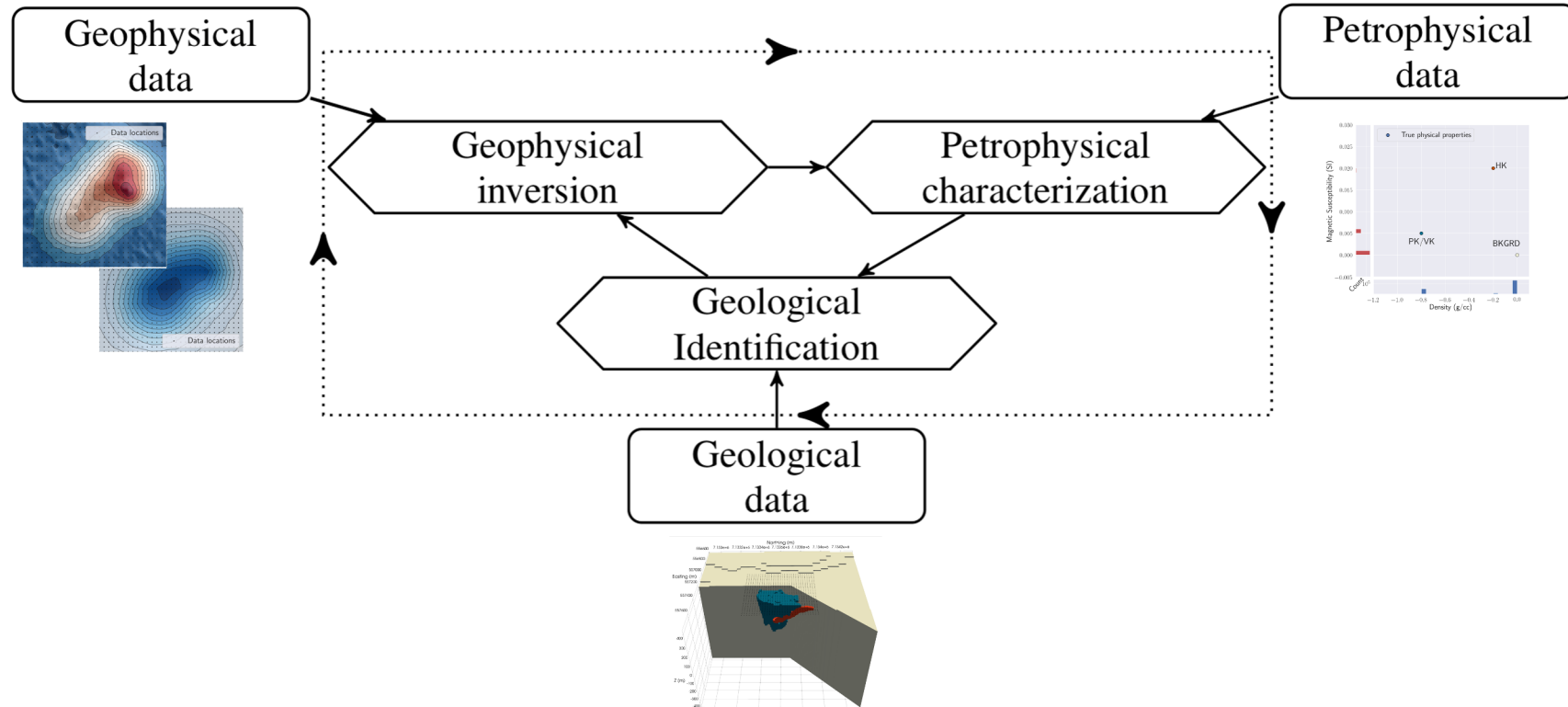
Drill cores



# Linking Geophysics, Petrophysics and Geology



[Astic and Oldenburg, 2020](#)



Petrophysical characterization and geological identification are encoded in model norm.

$$\Phi_s(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \|W_s(\Theta, z_i^*)(\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m}_{ref}(\Theta, z_i^*))\|_2^2$$

# Thank you!

- SimPEG:

<https://simpeg.xyz/>

- Inversion resources:

[curvenote.com/@geosci/inversion-module](https://curvenote.com/@geosci/inversion-module)

