

# Evento finale - Progetto RESBA

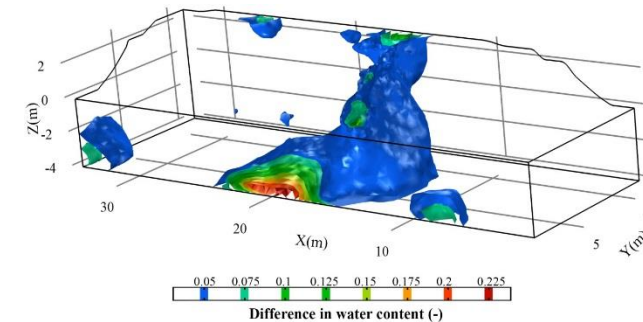


**WP3.4.1: Sviluppo di metodi e tecniche geofisici per la localizzazione, il rilevamento localizzato e la quantificazione delle perdite in una struttura di terrapieno.**

**WP3.4.1: Développement de méthodes et techniques géophysiques pour la localisation, la détection localisée et la quantification des fuites au sein d'une structure en remblai**

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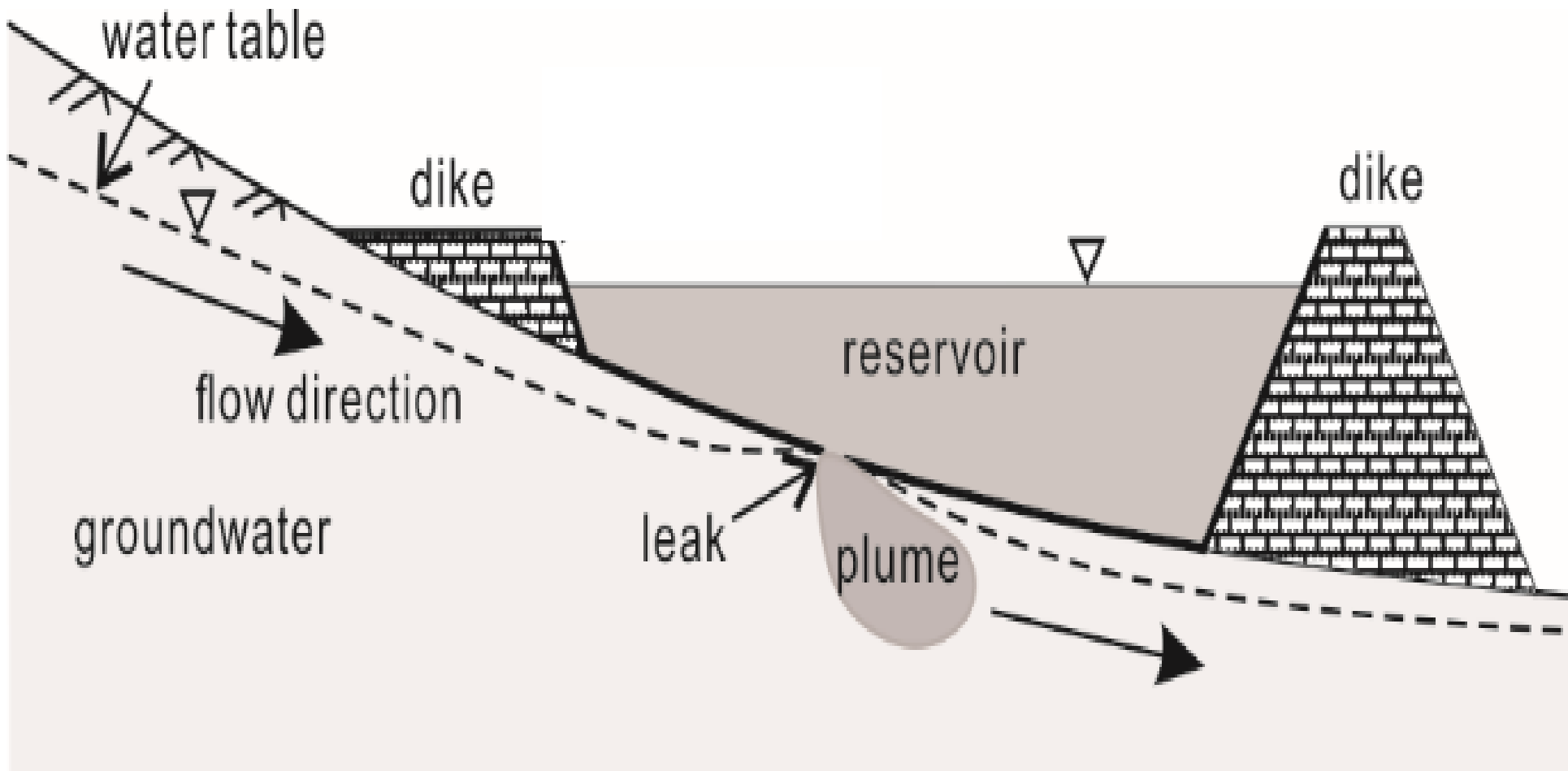
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## But du projet



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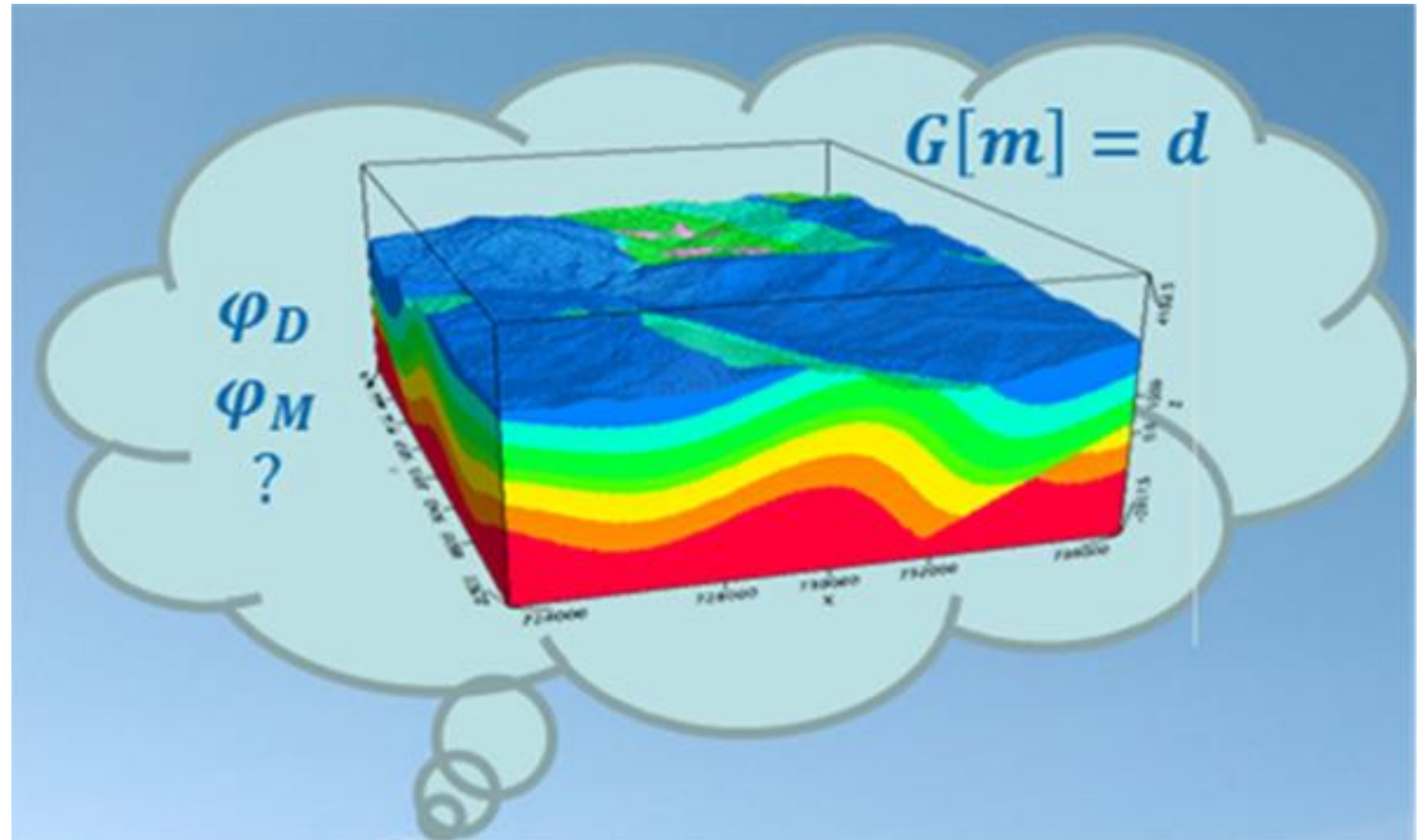
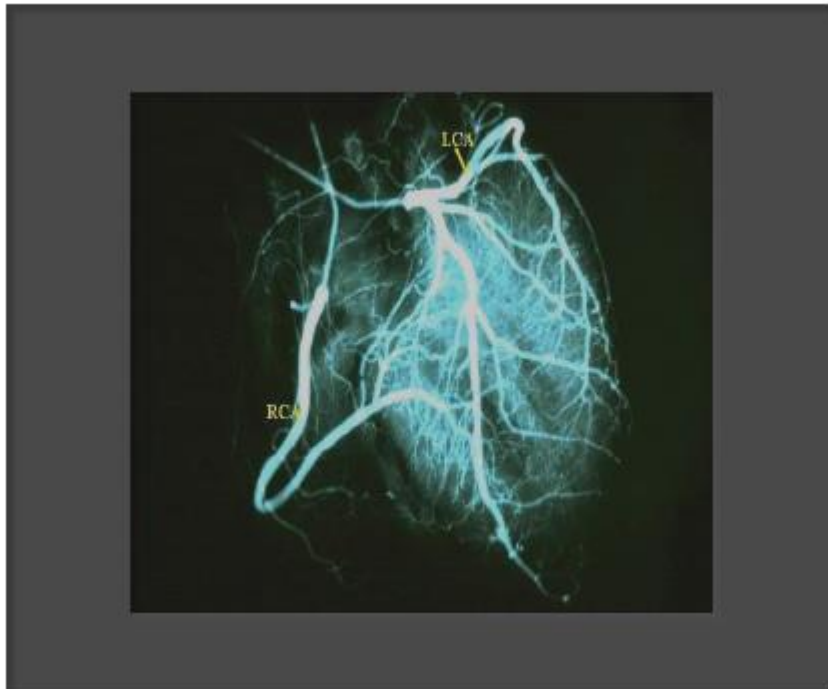
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$d_o$  Données observées

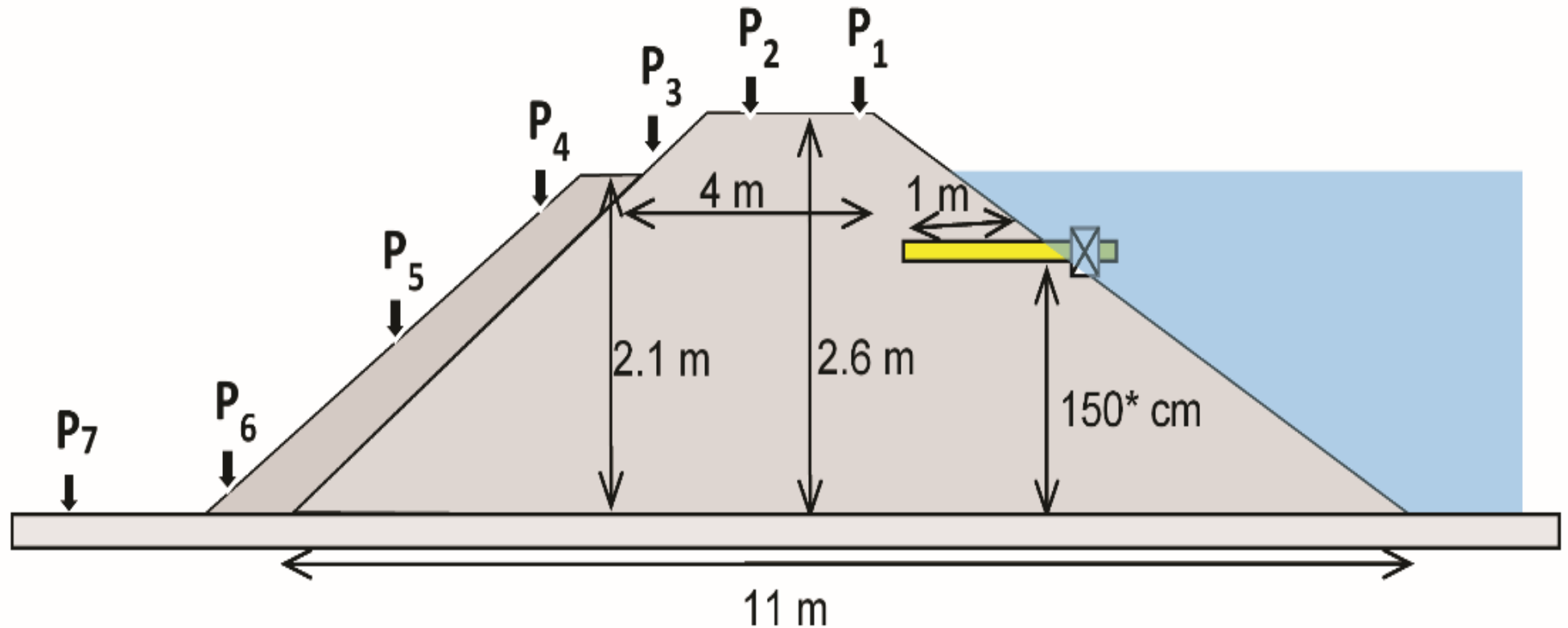
$d_p$  Données prédites

Imagerie médicale



Metodi non intrusivi per individuare le perdite  
Méthodes non-intrusives de localiser les fuites

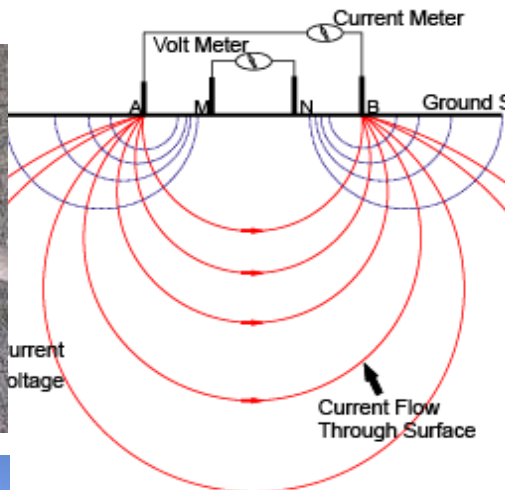
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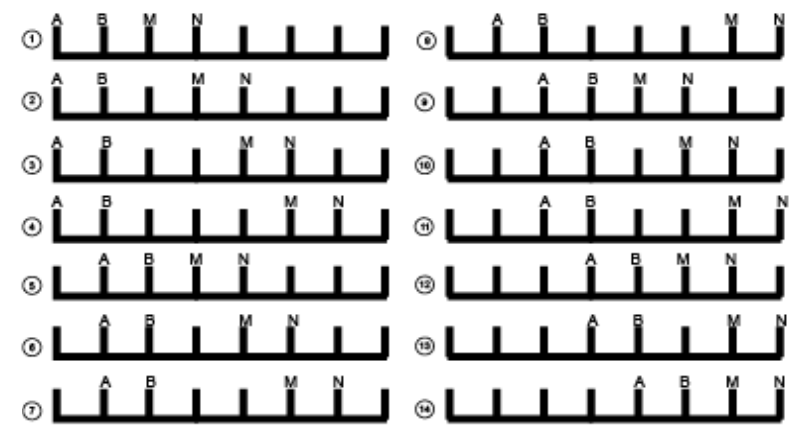
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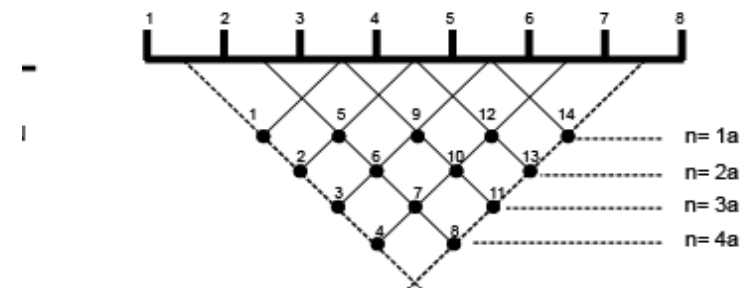
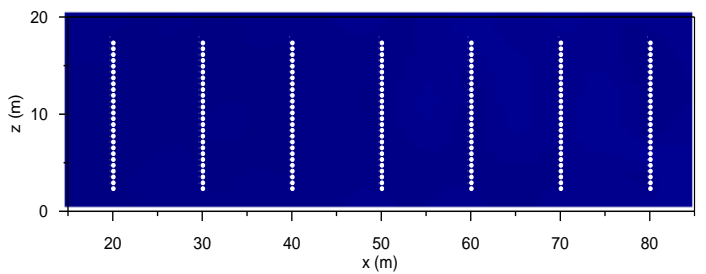
# Principe



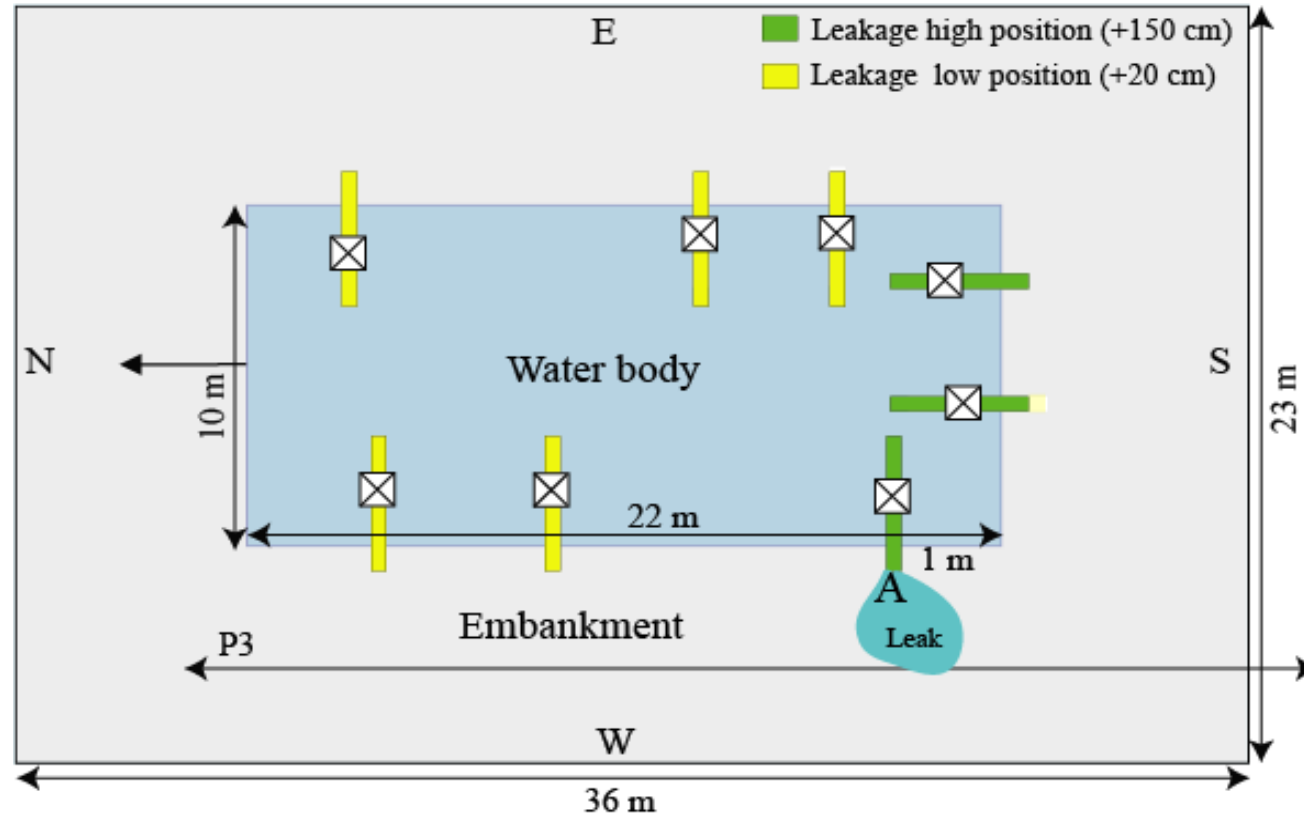
## Acquisition multiélectrodes



## Time-lapse

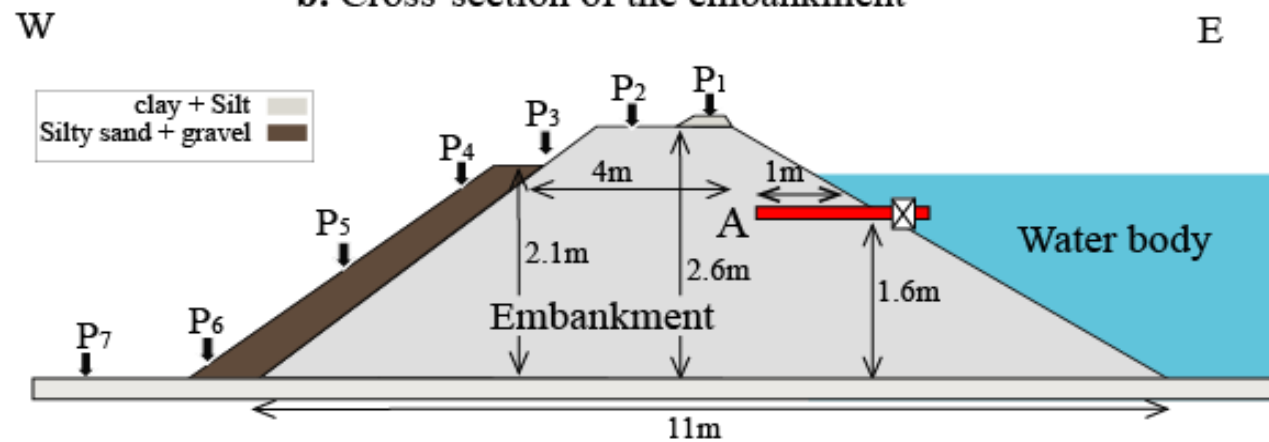


a. Sketch of the basin

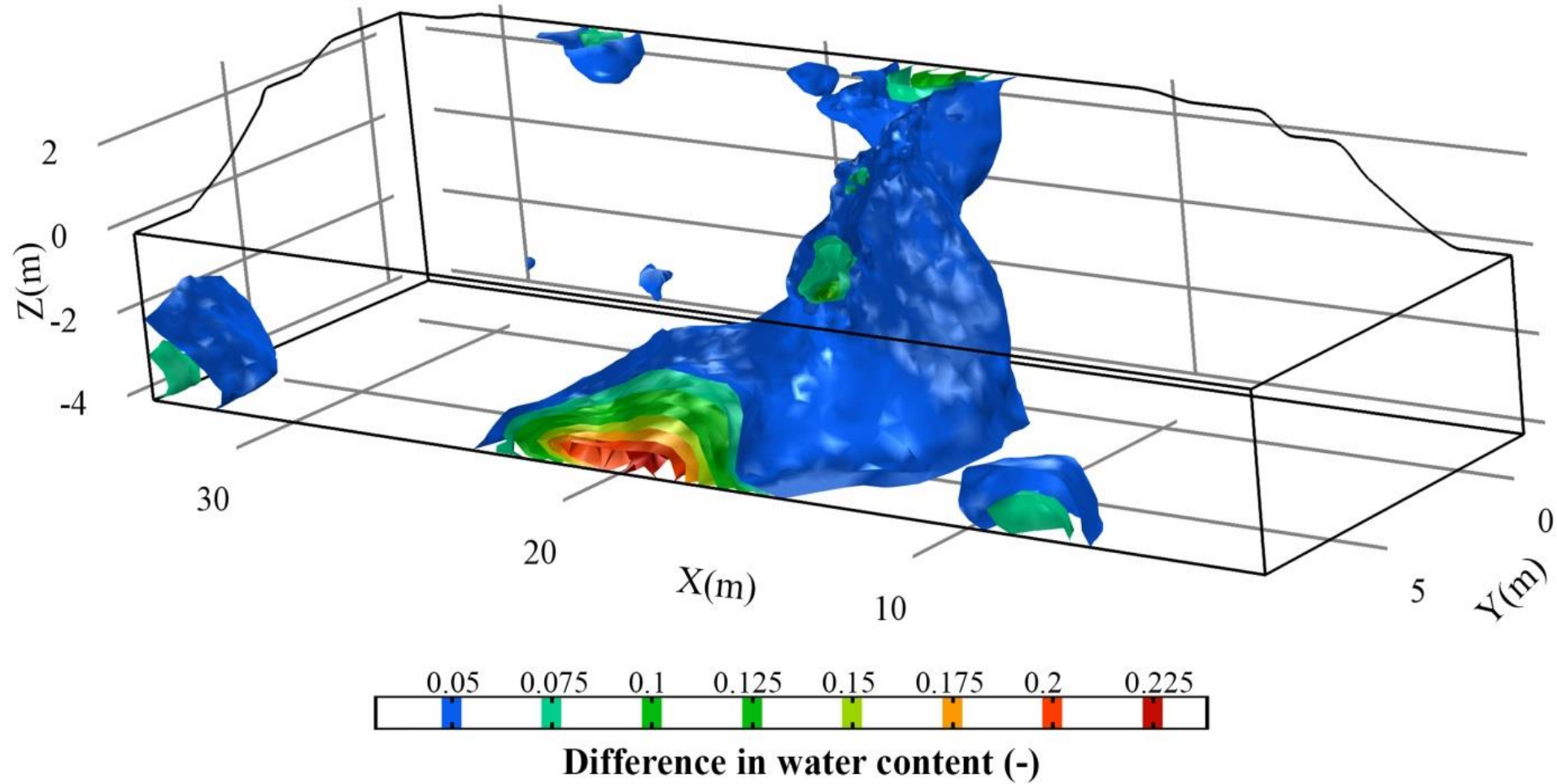


Création d'une fuite

b. Cross-section of the embankment



# Imagerie spatio-temporelle de la fuite



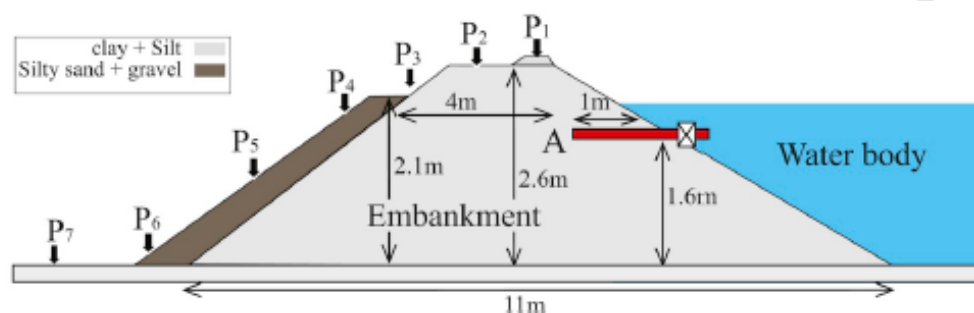
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Détecter la fuite en réservoir



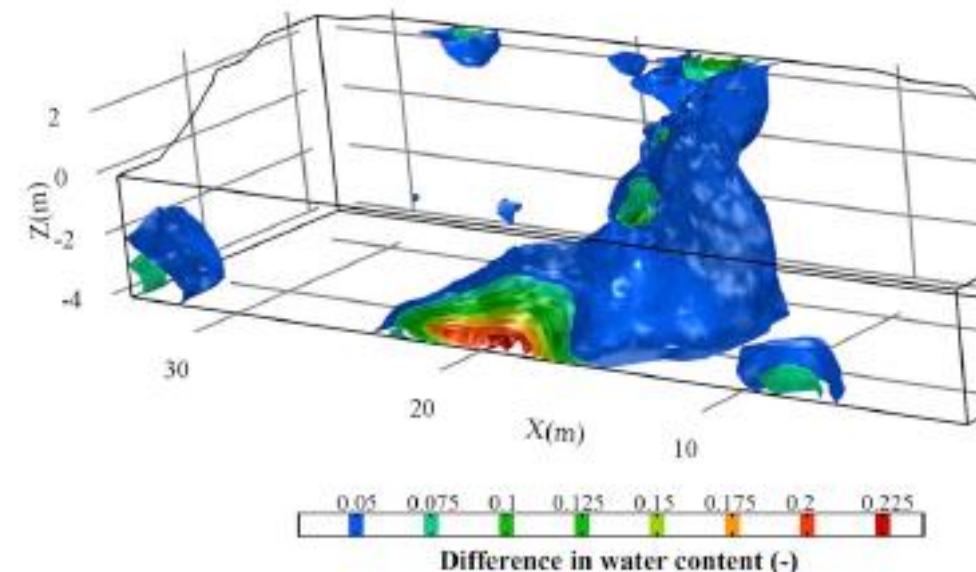
## Induced polarization tomography applied to the detection and the monitoring of leaks in embankments

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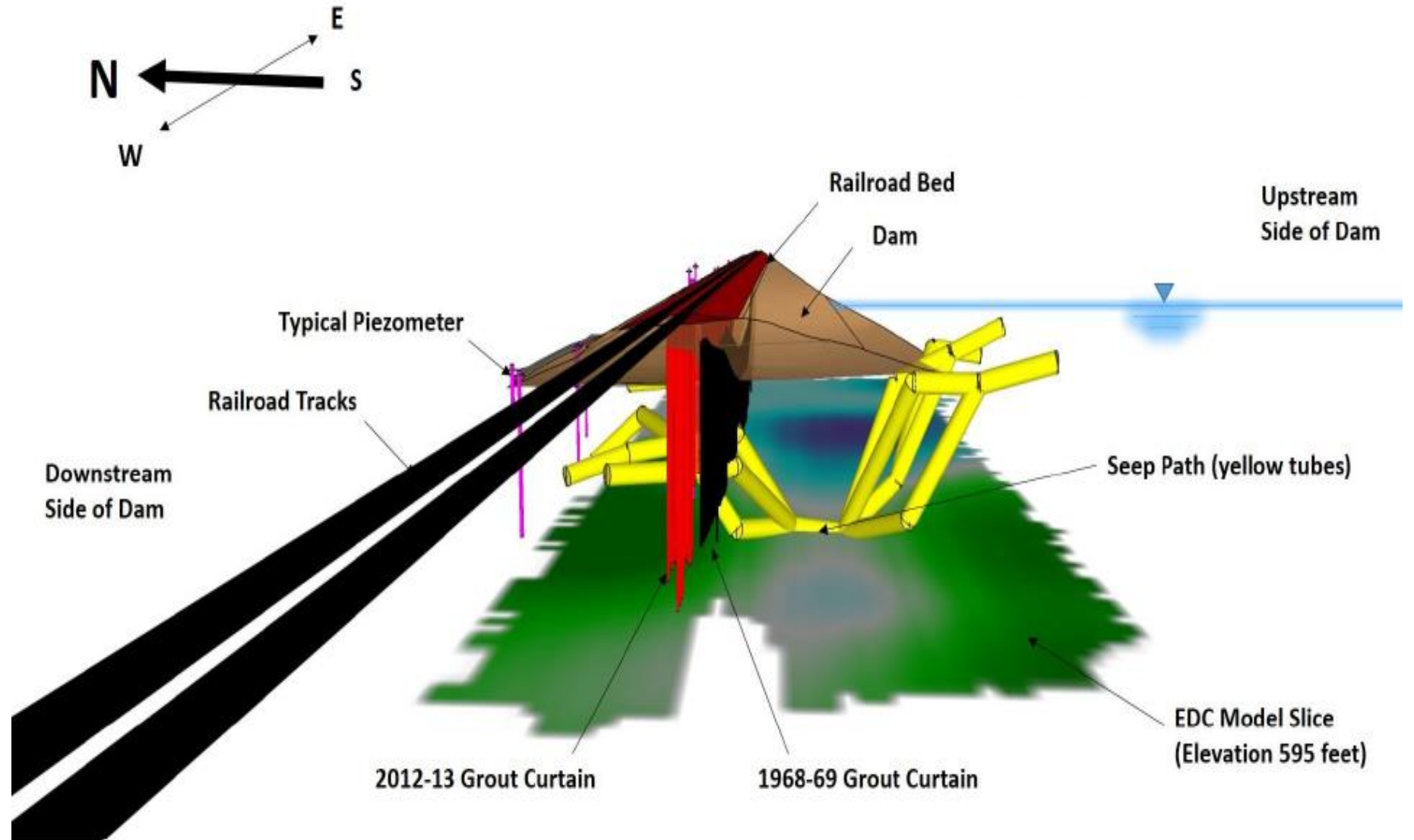
### ABSTRACT

During an induced polarization survey, both electrical conductivity and chargeability can be imaged. Recent petrophysical models have been developed to provide a consistent picture of these two parameters in terms of water and clay contents of soils. We test the ability of this method at a test site in which a controlled artificial leakage can be generated in an embankment surrounding an experimental basin. 3D tomography of the conductivity and normalized chargeability are performed during such a controlled leakage. Conductivity and induced polarization measurements were also performed on a core sample from the site. The sample was also characterized in terms of porosity and cation exchange capacity. Combining the 3D survey and these laboratory measurements, a 3D tomogram of the relative variation in water content (before leakage and during leakage) was estimated. It clearly exhibits the ground water flow path through the embankment from the outlet of the tube used to generate the leak to the bottom of the embankment. In addition, a self-potential survey was performed over the zone of leakage. This survey evidences also the projection of the ground water flow path over the ground surface. Both methods are found to provide a consistent picture. A 2.5D time lapse tomography of the electrical conductivity and normalized chargeability was also performed and evidences the position of the preferential flow paths below the profile. These results confirm the ability and efficiency of induced polarization to provide reliable information pertaining to the detection of leakages in dams and embankments.

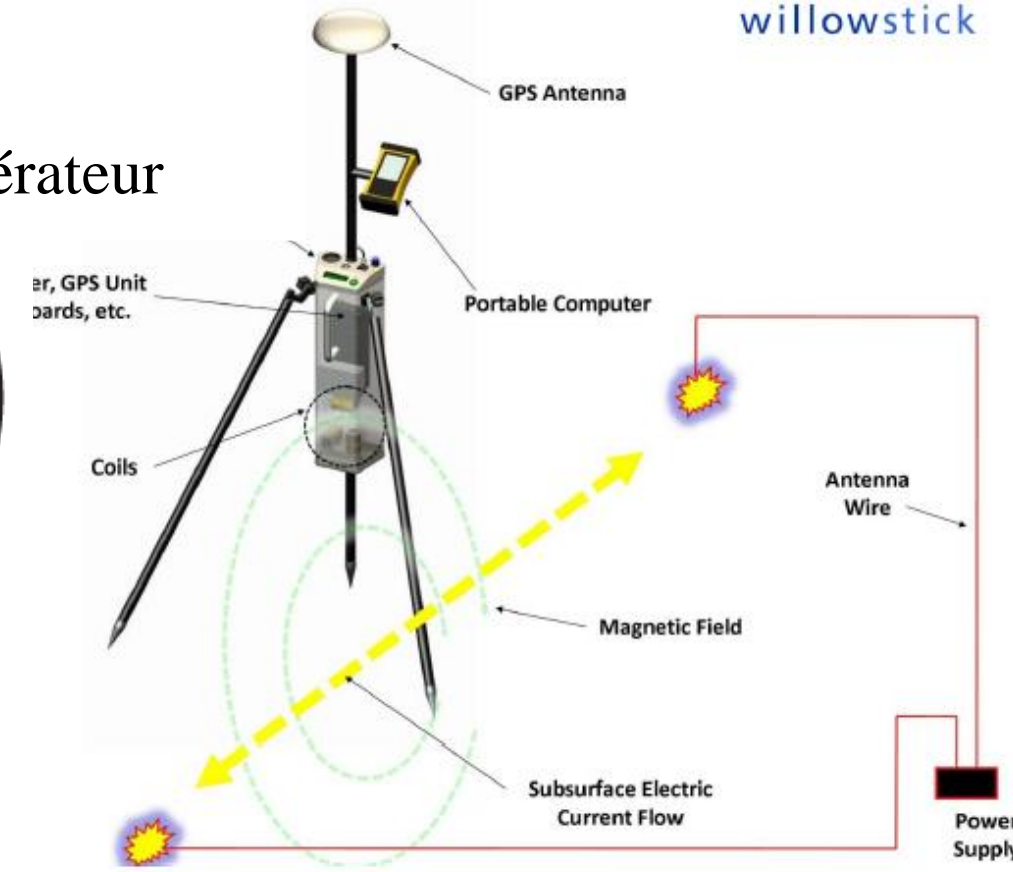
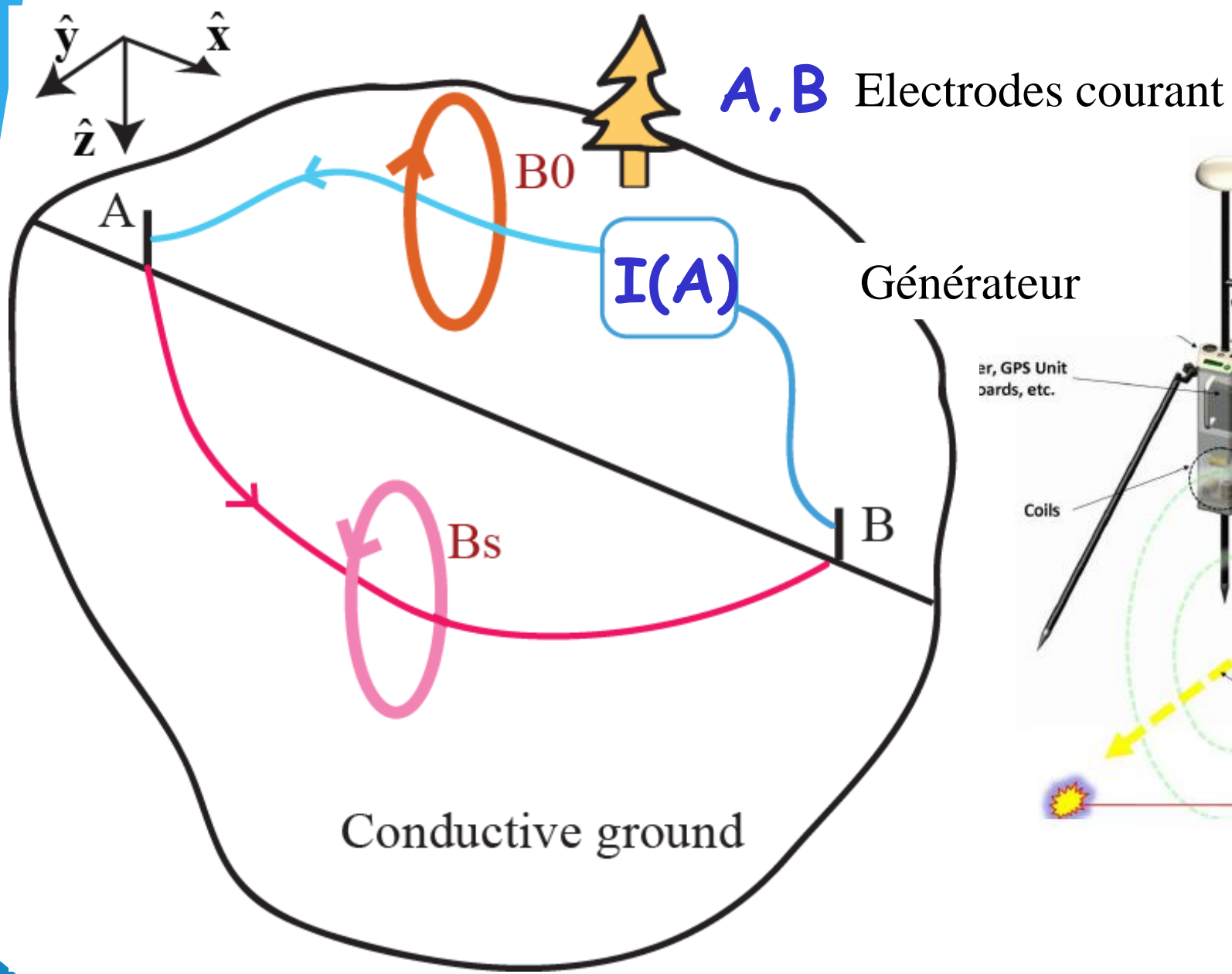




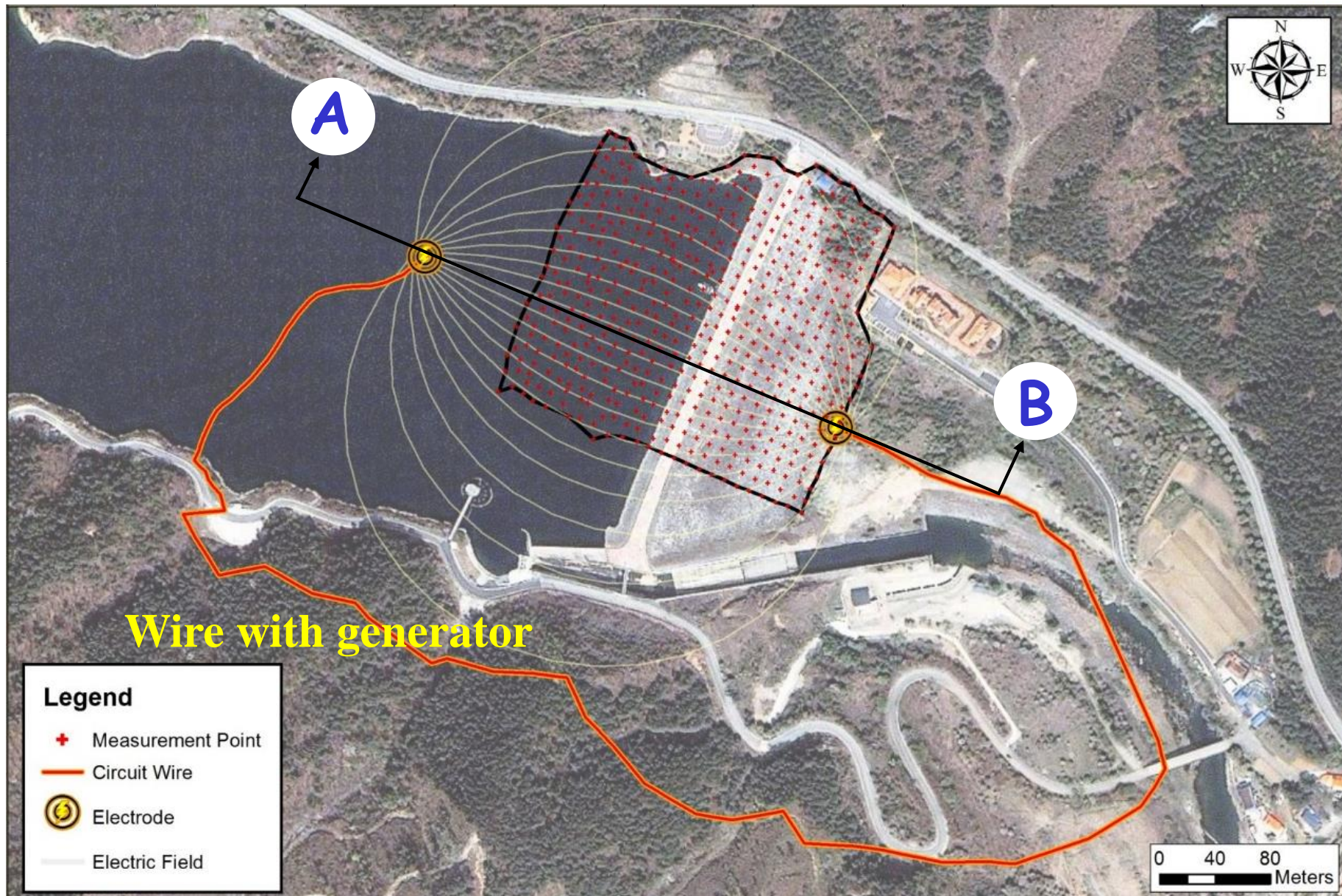
## 2. Imagerie de magnétorésistivité de la fuite



Yellow Tubes represent the centers of preferential electric current flow

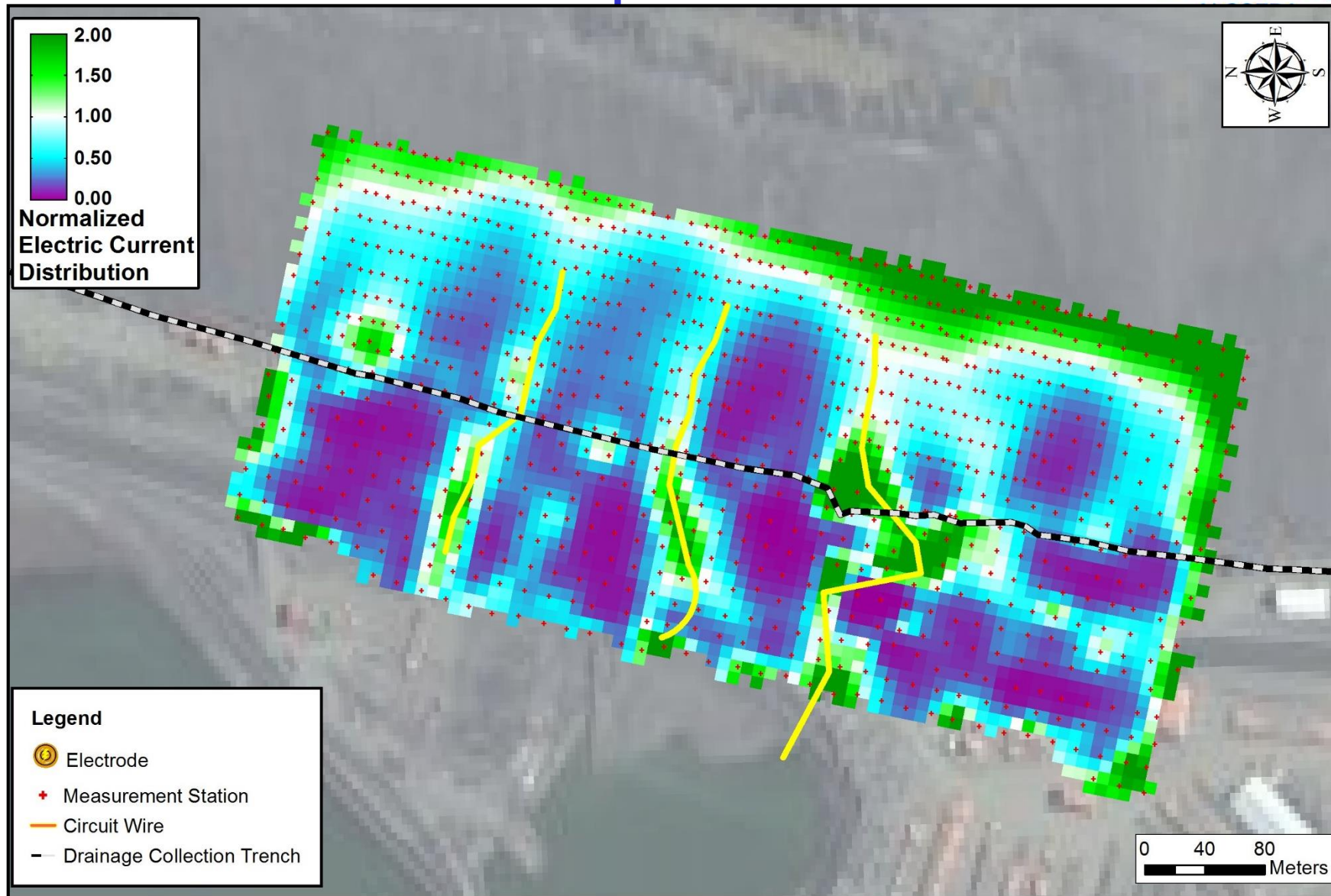


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# Localisation en 3D des fuites dans une digue



Détecter et localiser la fuite en réservoir par le champ magnétique  
Rileva e localizza la perdita nel serbatoio tramite il campo magnetico

## Magnetometric resistivity: a new approach and its application to the detection of preferential flow paths in mine waste rock dumps

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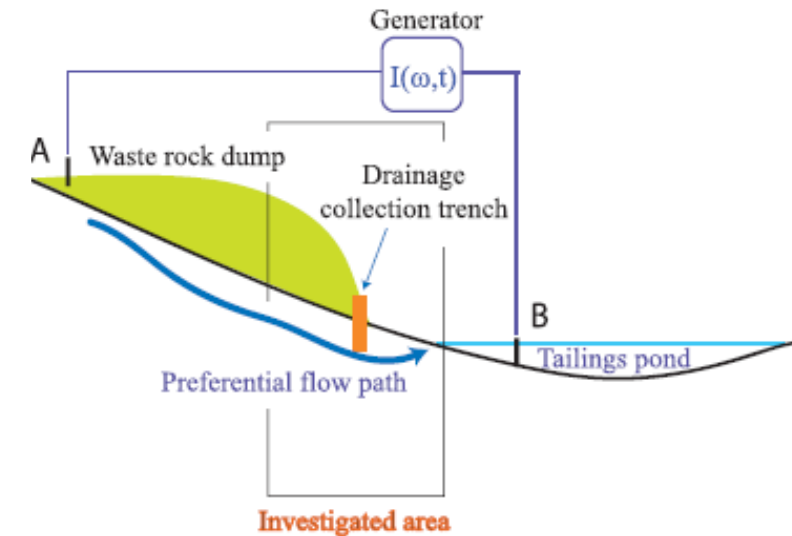
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### SUMMARY

The injection of a low frequency electrical current in the ground between two electrodes A and B generates a magnetic field that can be measured at the ground surface with sensitive mag sensors. The map of the magnetic field, measured at the frequency of the injected current, is used to determine the paths of the current through the ground. When the current is channelled along preferential conductive paths, the MagnetoMetric Resistivity (MMR) method can be used to detect these paths. Conductive current paths can be associated with preferential paths of groundwater when the two electrodes A and B are in the direction of the flow and the flow path is highly electrically conductive with respect to the background. We first re-derive the background equations for the magnetic field in MMR. Then, we provide the kernel problem using Biot and Savart law to connect the components of the observed magnetic field in terms of electrical current paths. To illustrate how the method works, we derive five synthetic models to test the sensitivity of the method to the properties of the conductive targets channelling the electrical current. The targets are characterized by different shapes, sizes, depths, and conductivity contrasts with the background. Then, we proceed with a study for which the MMR method is used to identify and map preferential groundwater paths by-passing a mine waste rock dump drainage collection trench into the tailings pond. In this case, the conductivity of the flow paths is much stronger than the background conductivity due to the high mineralization of the ground water along these paths. The method underpins the 3-D architecture of these flow paths.

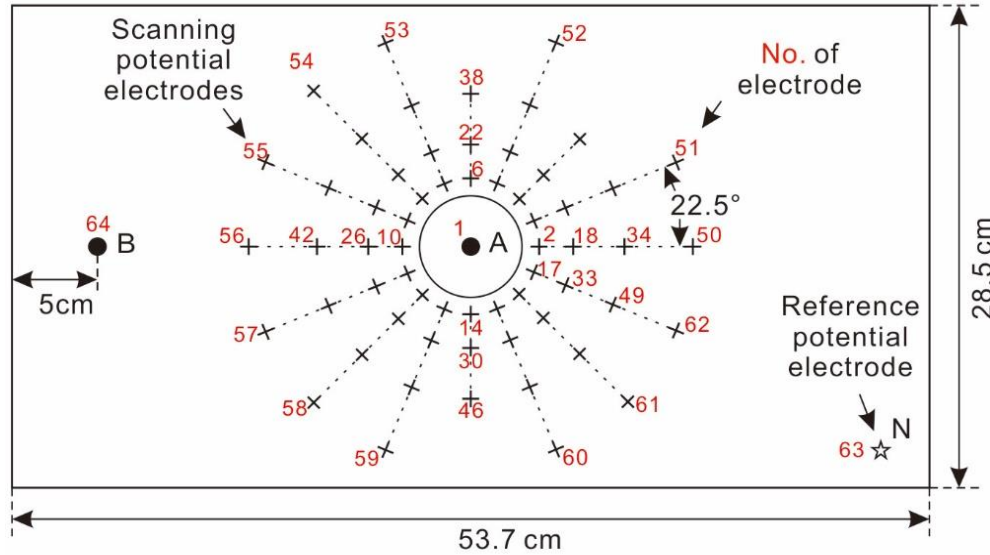
**Key words:** Electrical properties; Hydrogeophysics; Electromagnetic theory; Magnetic anomalies; modelling and interpretation; Tomography.



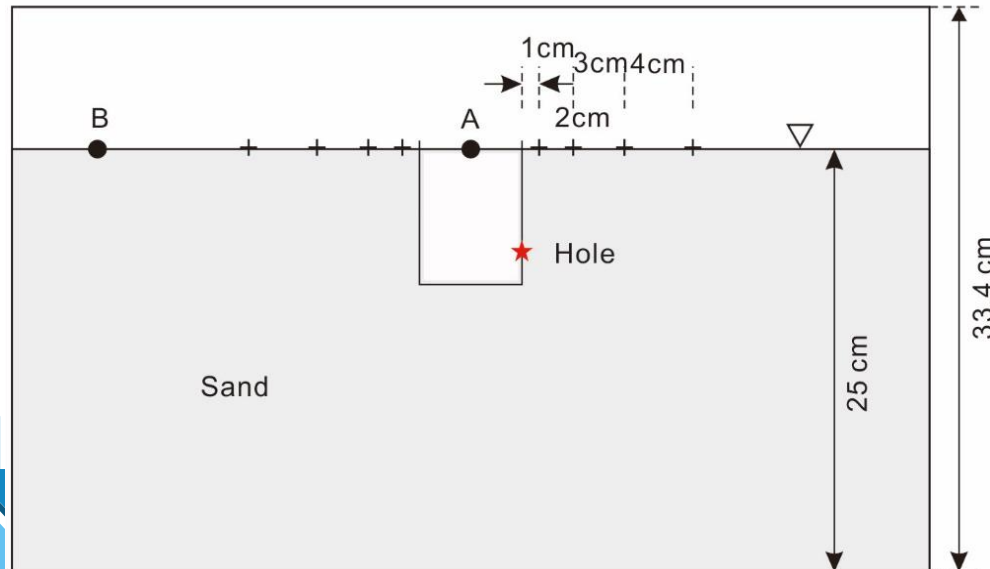
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}_c(\mathbf{r}') \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} d\tau' \\ &= \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int \mathbf{J}_c(\mathbf{r}') \times \nabla' \left[ \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \right] d\tau', \end{aligned}$$

# 3. Méthode de mise-a-la-masse

(a) Top view

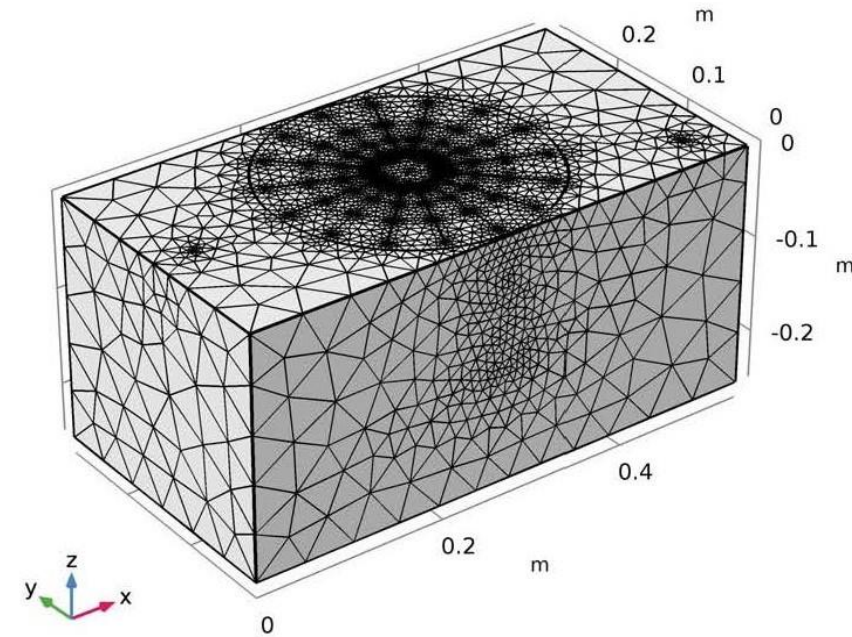


(b) Vertical section crossing A and B

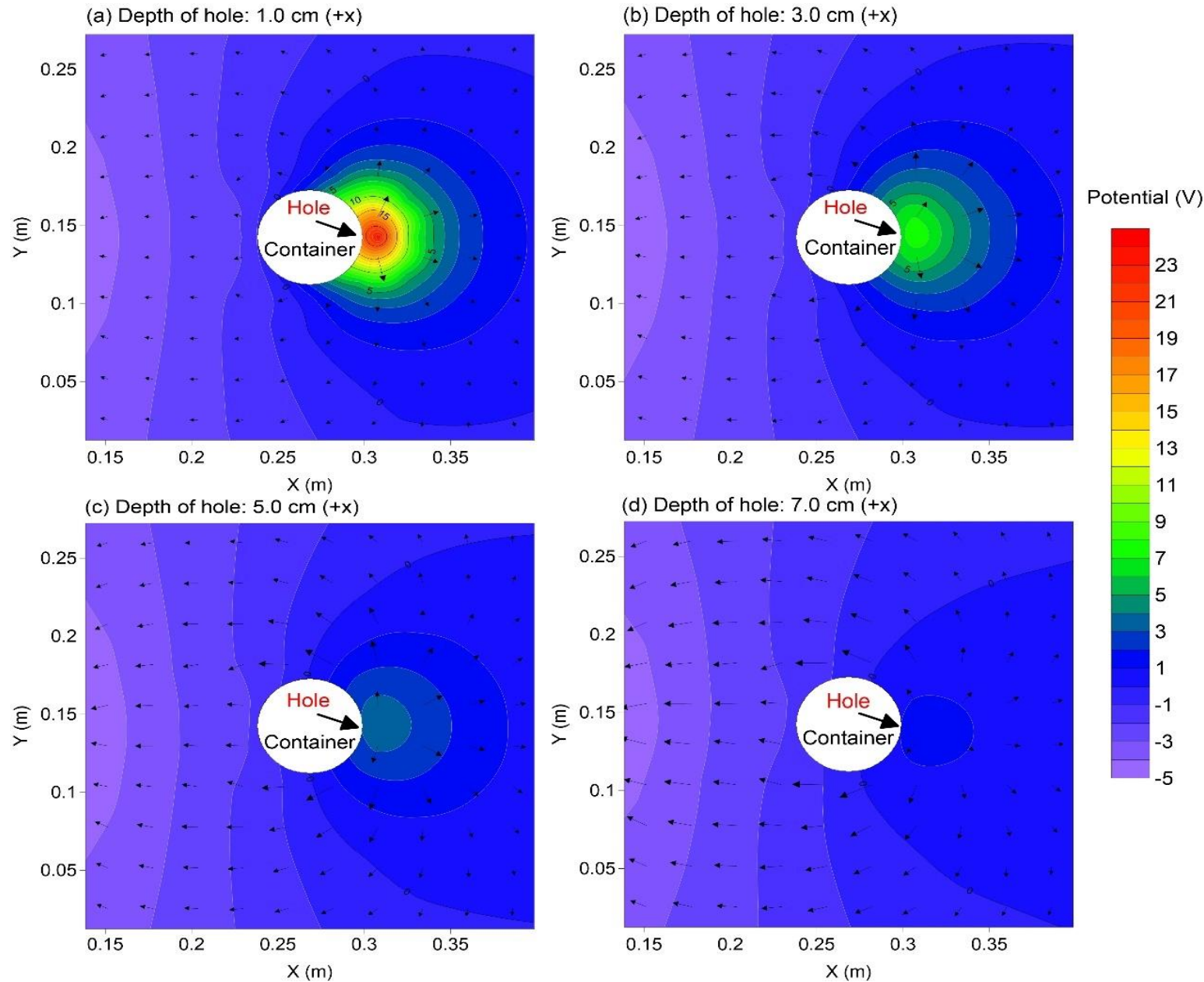


Expérience en laboratoire

Esperimento di laboratorio



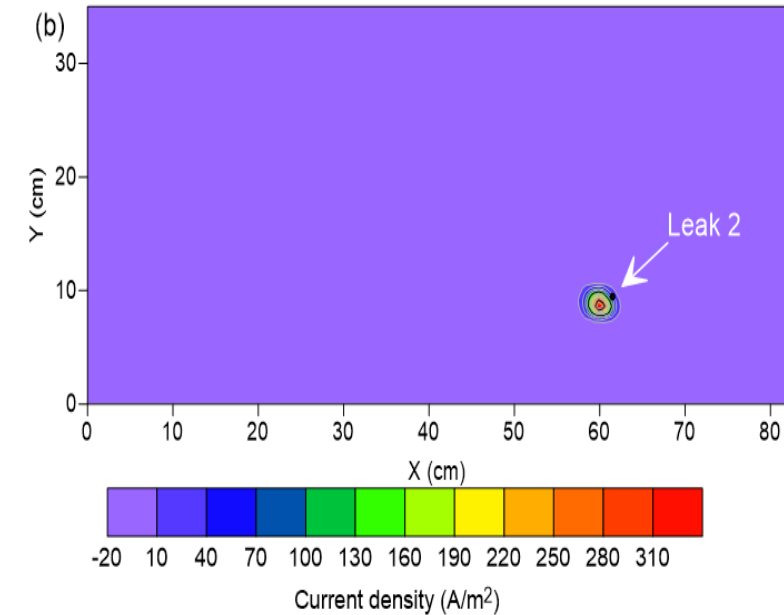
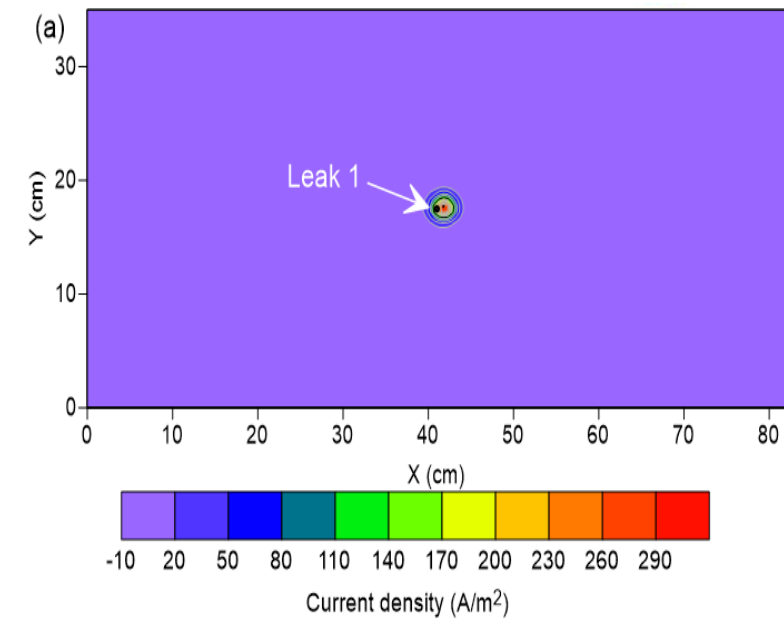
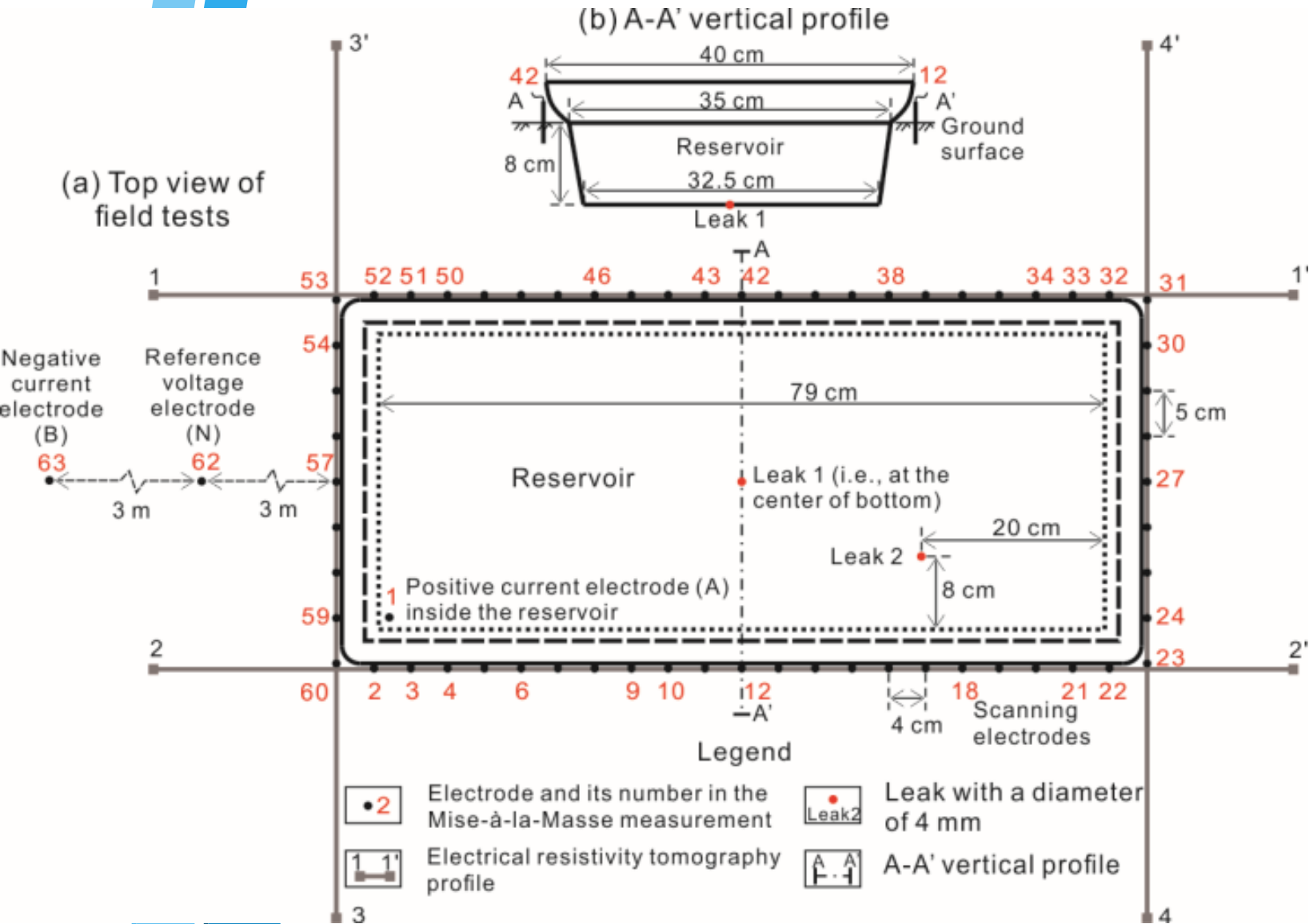
Modelisation par éléments finis



Misura al di fuori  
 del giacimento  
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 del potenziale

Mesure à  
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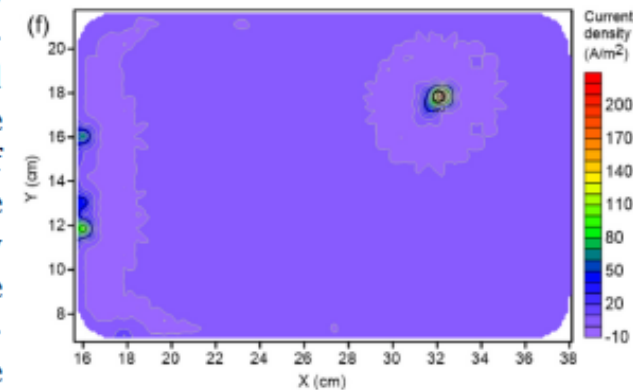
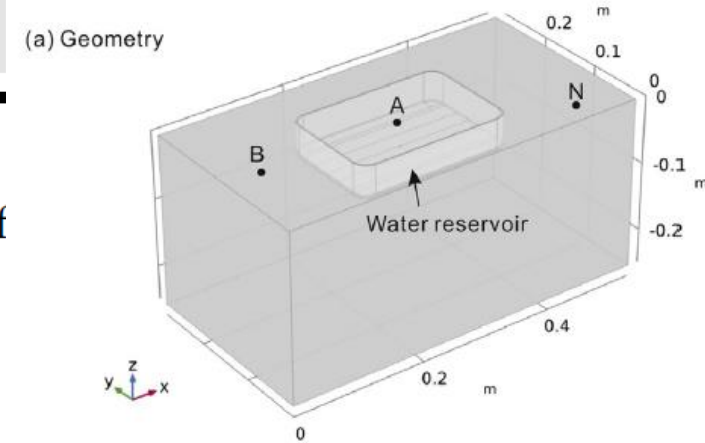
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## Application of the Mise-à-la-Masse method to detect the bottom leakage of water reservoirs

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### ABSTRACT

Leakages of reservoirs are responsible for the loss of water resources and the spread of contaminants. We develop a methodology to detect leaks located at the bottom side of a reservoir with the minimally invasive mise-à-la-masse method, which involves the potential electrodes located at the ground surface around the reservoir and the current source and sink placed in and out of the reservoir, respectively. This method allows localizing the secondary current distribution associated with leakage using the distribution of potential recorded on a set of electrodes during the mise-à-la-masse experiment. An initial model based on the distribution of root mean square values between the observation and the simulation data is first given to the inversion algorithm. The Tikhonov regularization, which includes a weighting matrix and a minimum support function, is used to strengthen the detection resolution of the leak. 29 sandbox experiments show that the proposed method and inversion algorithm can localize a single leak. For a leak with a crack shape, the inversion algorithm detects the location of the leak with a small bias. When the leak lasts, a conductive zone may occur below the leak due to the increase of water content or ionic strength of the pore water. The occurrence of such a conductive body could affect the localization of the leak because the conductivity distribution may not be well-resolved. The effect is analyzed using synthetic experiments. The results show that the bias between the real leak and inversion results increases with the position and size of the undetected conductive zone. Two small-scale field tests were conducted to test the performance of the mise-à-la-masse method. The two leaks are properly identified. This study provides an efficient approach to detect the bottom leakage of reservoirs.



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