

3D Geophysical Imaging of the Subsurface on Multi-Core Machines

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Motivation for Imaging on Multi-Core Machines
 - Controlled Source EM and Magnetotelluric Data Acquisition
- Formulation of the Imaging Problem
 - Large Scale Modeling Considerations
- Case Studies
 - Offshore Brazil
 - Gulf of Mexico (synthetic example)
 - Coso Geothermal Field, Eastern California
- Seismic Imaging
 - 10 to 100X Larger Computational Demands !!!
- Computing Alternatives
 - GPU
 - FPGA
- Conclusions



Marine CSEM & MT Surveying

CSEM

Deep-towed Electric Dipole transmitter

- ~ 100 Amps
- Water Depth 1 to 7 km
- Alternating current 0.01 to 3 Hz
- 'Flies' 50 m above the sea floor
- Profiles 10's of km in length
- Excites vertical & horizontal currents
- Depth of interrogation ~ 3 to 4 km
- Sensitive to thin resistive beds

MT

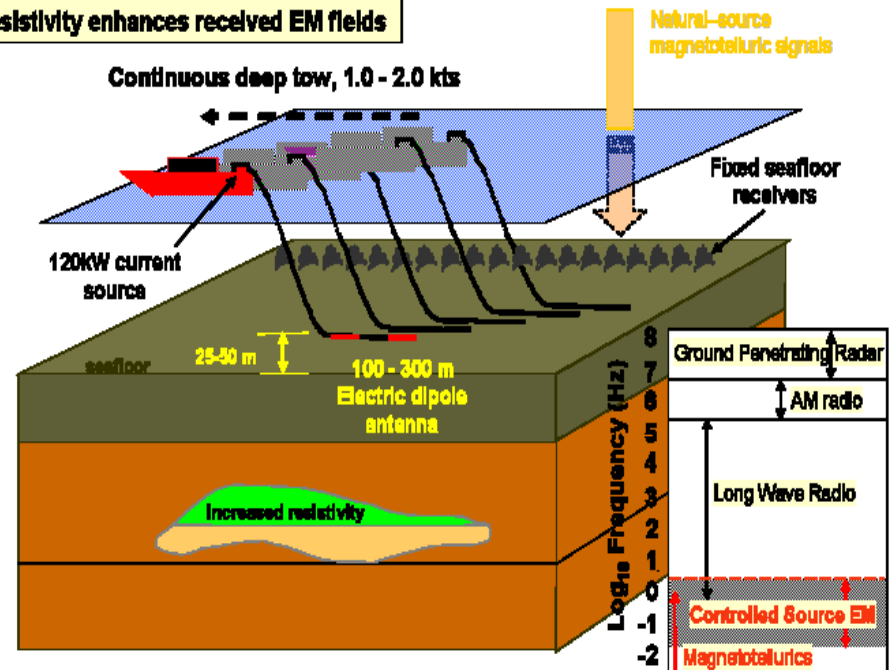
Natural Source Fields

- Less than 0.1 Hz
- Measured with CSEM detectors
- Sensitive to horizontal currents
- Depth of interrogation 10's km
- Resolution is frequency dependent
- Sensitive to larger scale geology

Marine EM Surveying

Basic Principle

Presence of increased subsurface resistivity enhances received EM fields



3D INVERSE MODELING

Minimize:

$$\varphi = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ (d_j^{\text{obs}} - d_j^{\text{p}}) / \varepsilon_j \right\}^2 + \beta \sum_{j=1}^M \left\{ (Z_j^{\text{obs}} - Z_j^{\text{p}}) / \pi_j \right\}^2$$

$$+ \lambda_h \mathbf{m}_h \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{m}_h + \lambda_v \mathbf{m}_v \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{m}_v$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{m}_v \leq \mathbf{m}_h$$

\mathbf{d}^{obs} and \mathbf{d}^{p} are N observed and predicted CSEM data

\mathbf{Z}^{obs} and \mathbf{Z}^{p} are M observed and predicted MT impedance data

ε & π = CSEM and MT data weights

\mathbf{m}_h = horizontal conductivity parameters

\mathbf{m}_v = vertical conductivity parameters

$\mathbf{W} = \nabla^2$ operator; constructs a smooth model

λ_h & λ_v = horizontal & vertical tradeoff parameters

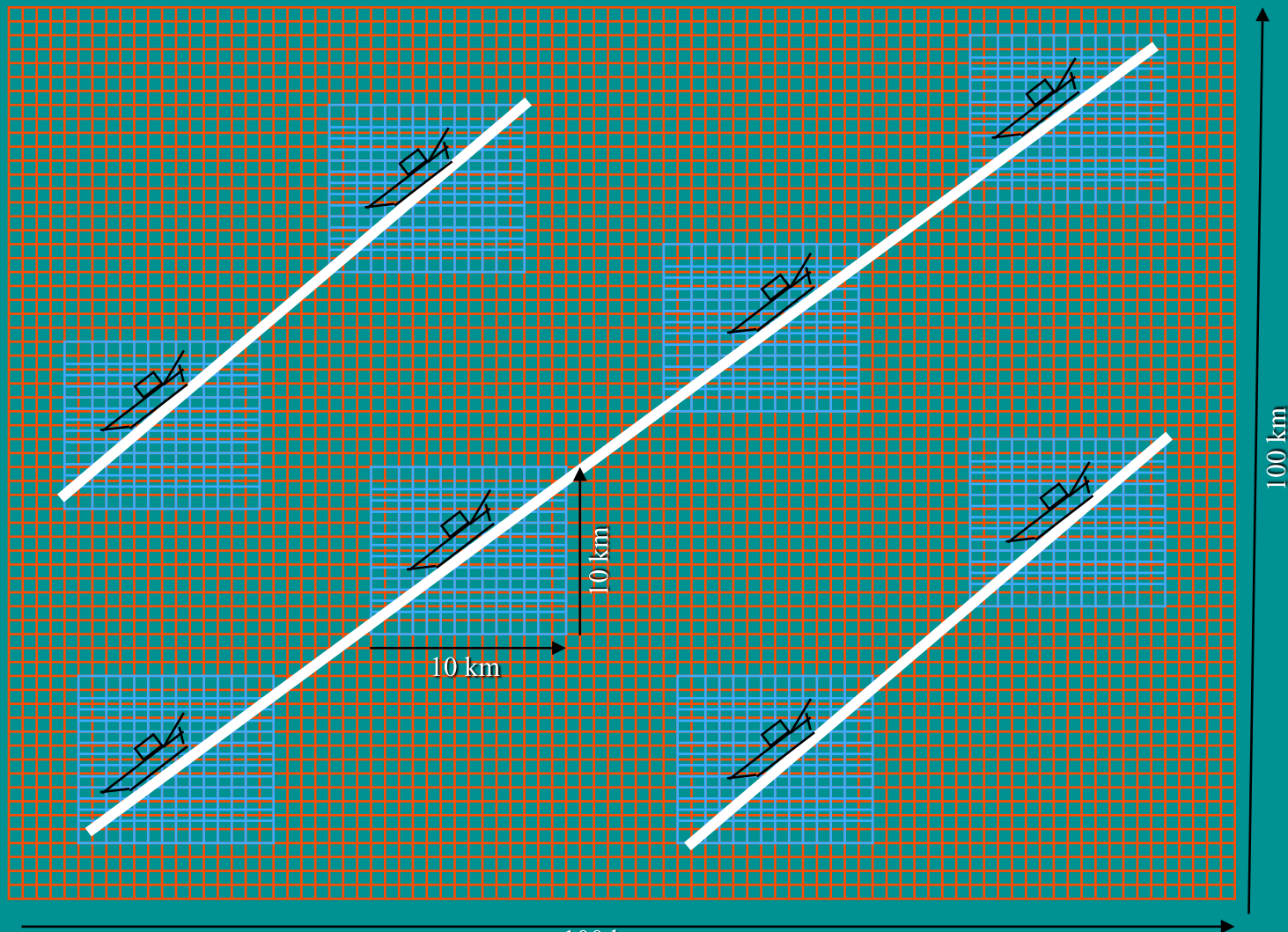
α & β = scaling factors for CSEM and MT data types



LARGE-SCALE 3D MODELING CONSIDERATIONS

- Require Large-Scale Modeling and Imaging Solutions
 - 10's of million's field unknowns (fwd problem)
 - » Solved with finite difference approximations & iterative solvers
 - Imaging grids 400 nodes on a side
 - » Exploit gradient optimization schemes, adjoint state methods
- Parallel Implementation
 - Two levels of parallelization
 - » Model Space (simulation and inversion mesh)
 - » Data Space (each transmitter/MT frequency - receiver set fwd calculation independent)
 - » Installed & tested on multiple distributed computing systems; 10 – 30,000 Processors
- Above procedure satisfactory except for very largest problems
 - To treat such problems requires a higher level of efficiency
- Optimal Grids
 - Separate inversion grid from the simulation/modeling grid
 - Effect: A huge increase in computational efficiency ~ can be orders of magnitude

Optimal Grids



Ω_m imaging grid

Ω_s simulation grid

— sail lines

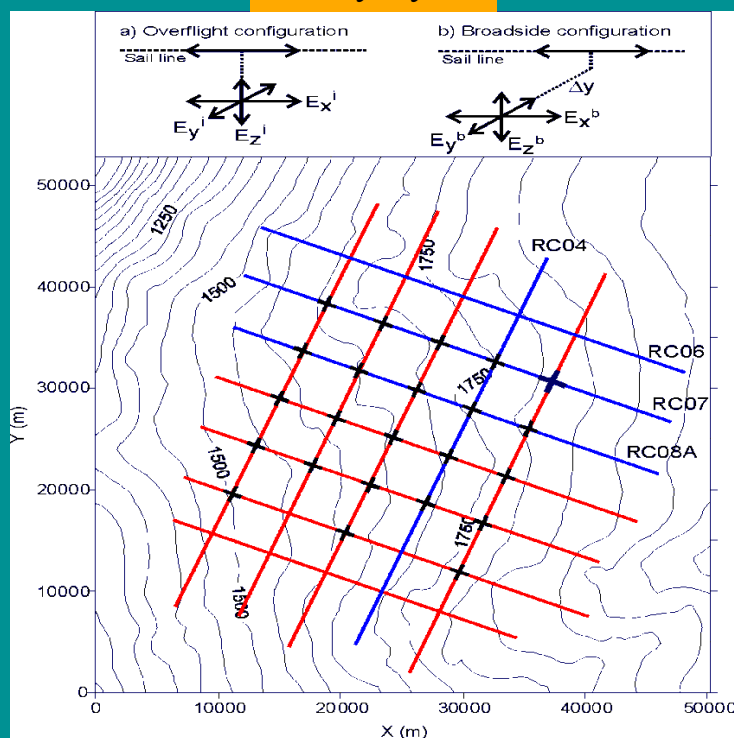


Campos Basin CSEM Survey

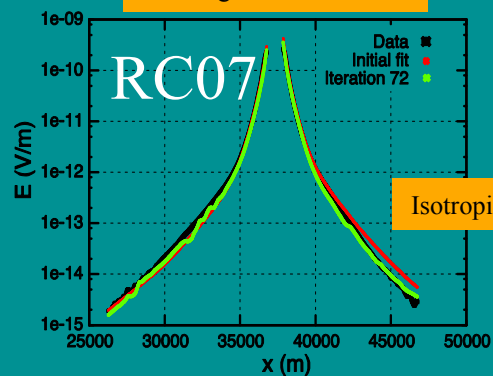
Offshore Brazil

- Study: CSEM Imaging in the presence of electrical anisotropy
- Field Data: 23 detectors, 10 sail lines, 3 frequencies @ 1.25, 0.75, 1.25 Hz
- Image Processing: ~ 1 million data points, 27 million image cells
- Processing Times: 24 hours, 32,768 tasks, IBM Blue Gene (BG/L)
- Conclusions: data cannot be fit using isotropic model, anisotropic model required

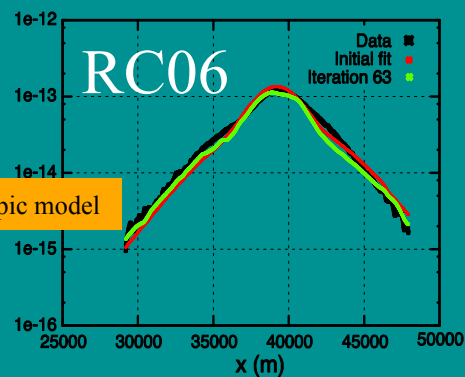
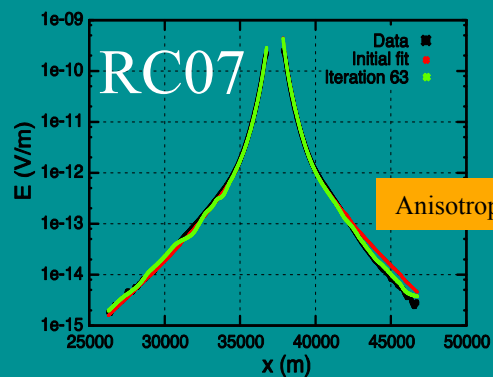
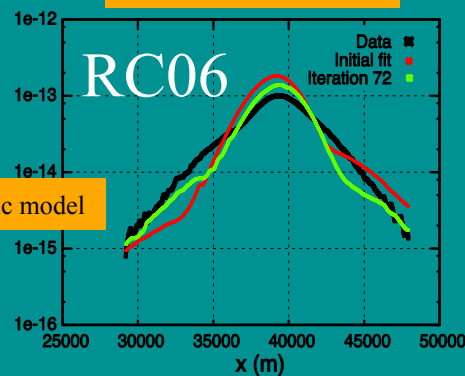
Survey layout



Overflight electric field

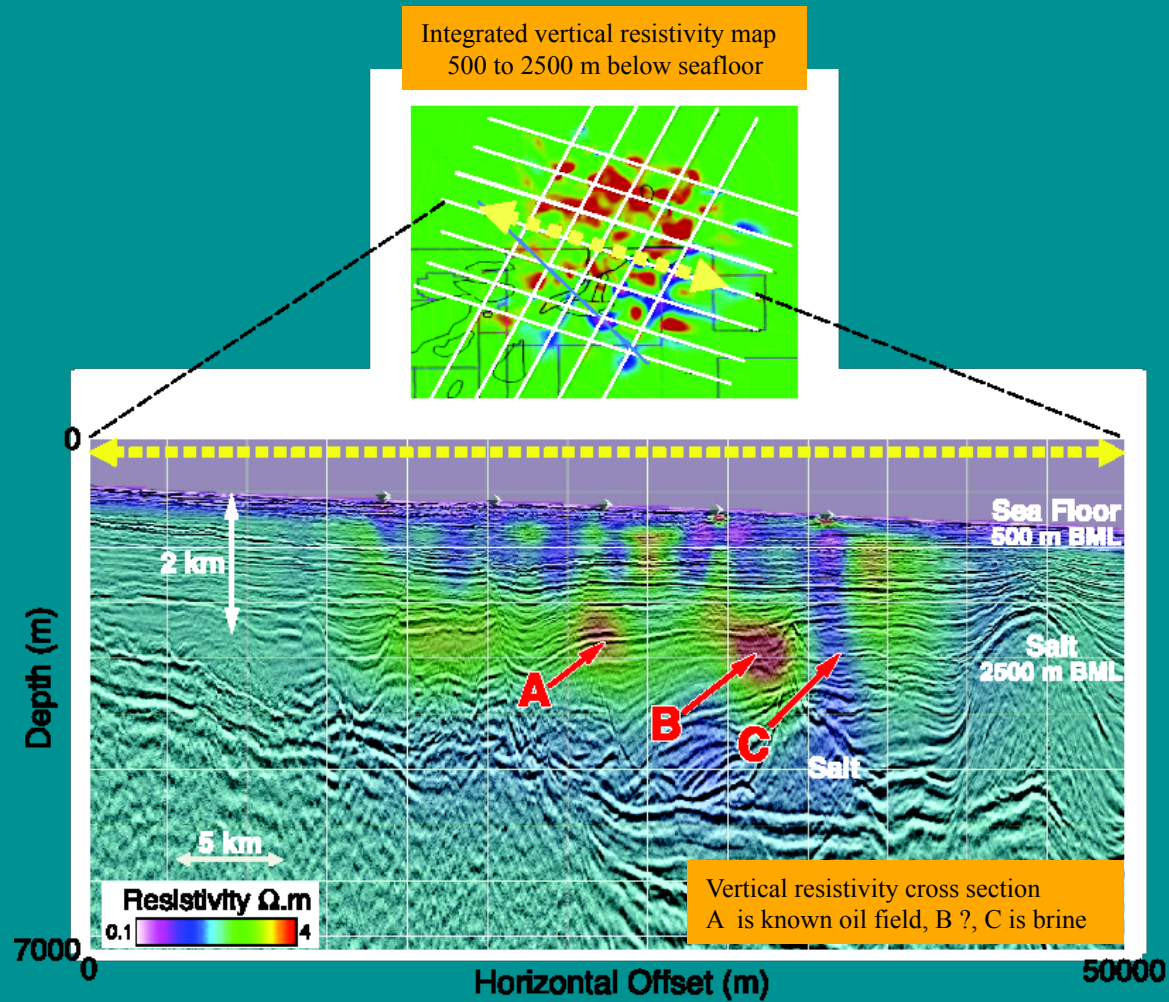


Broadside electric field



3D Vertical Resistivity Imaging

Offshore Brazil

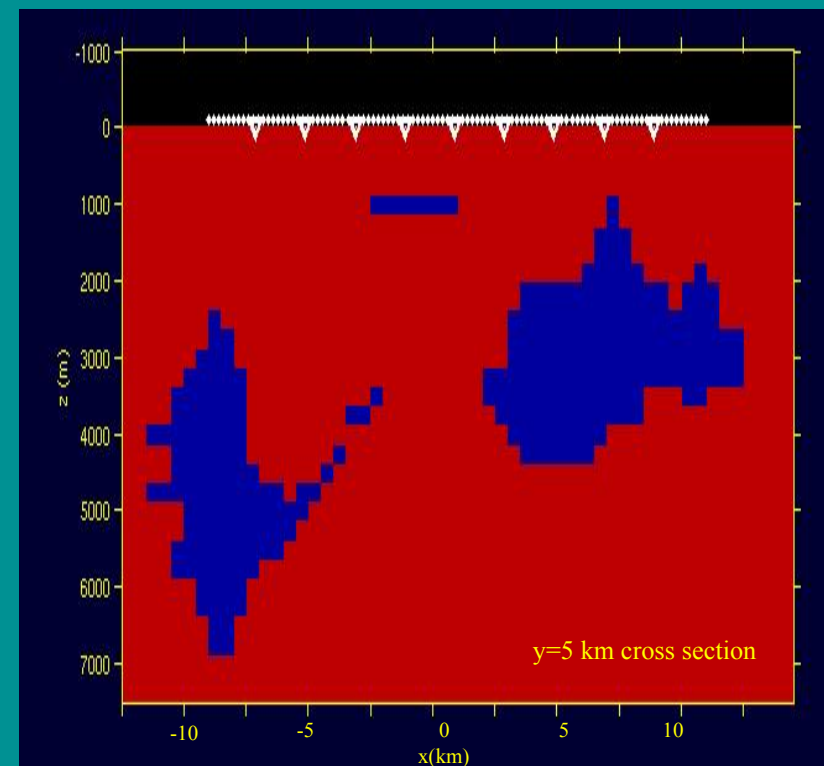
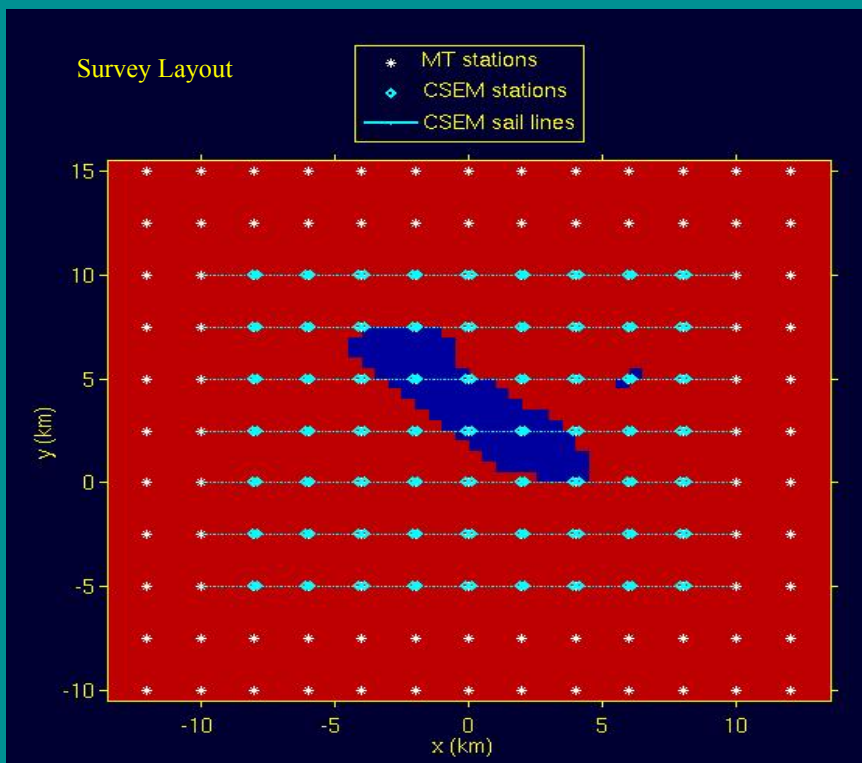


Joint CSEM - MT Imaging

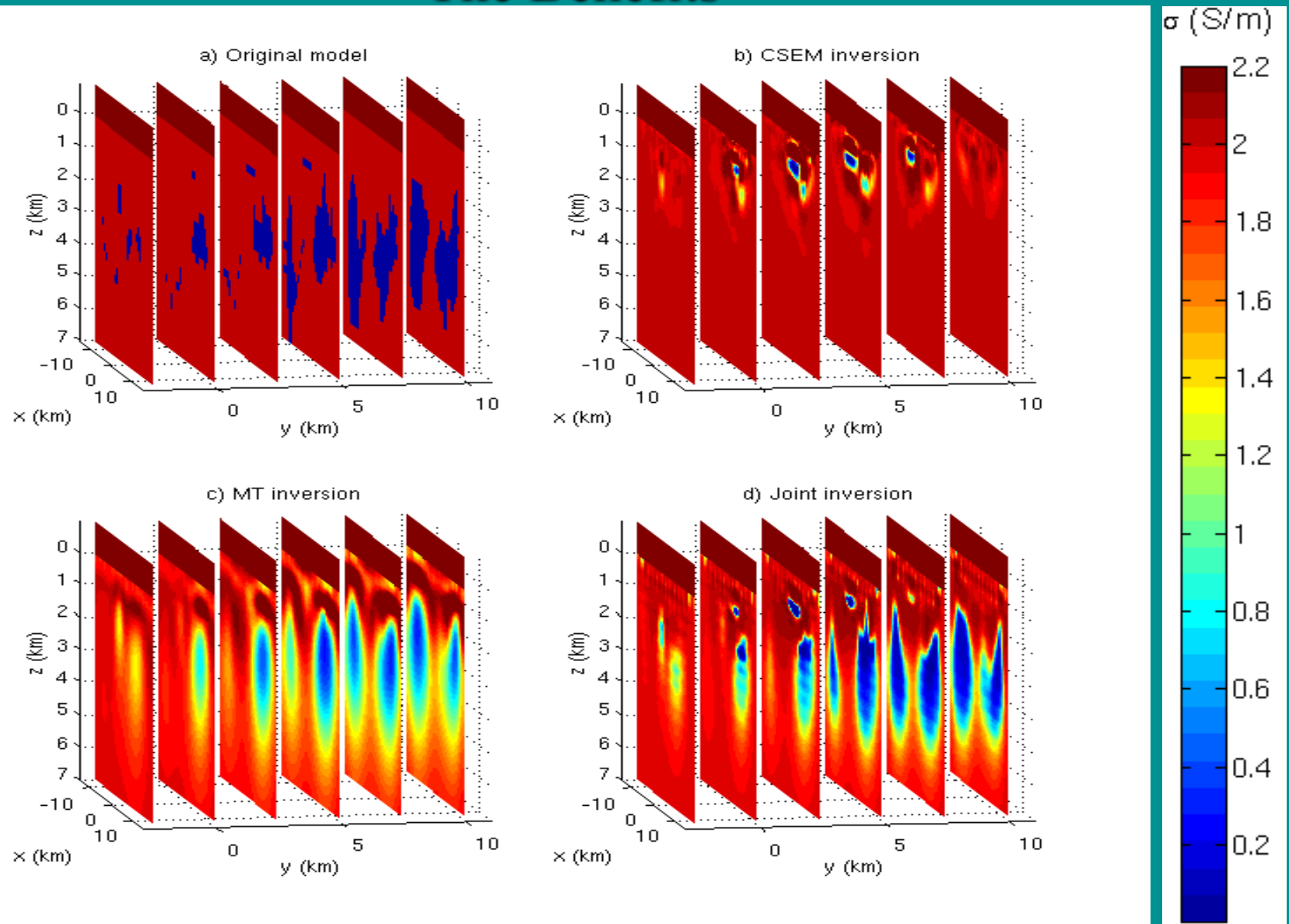


Mahogany Prospect, Gulf of Mexico

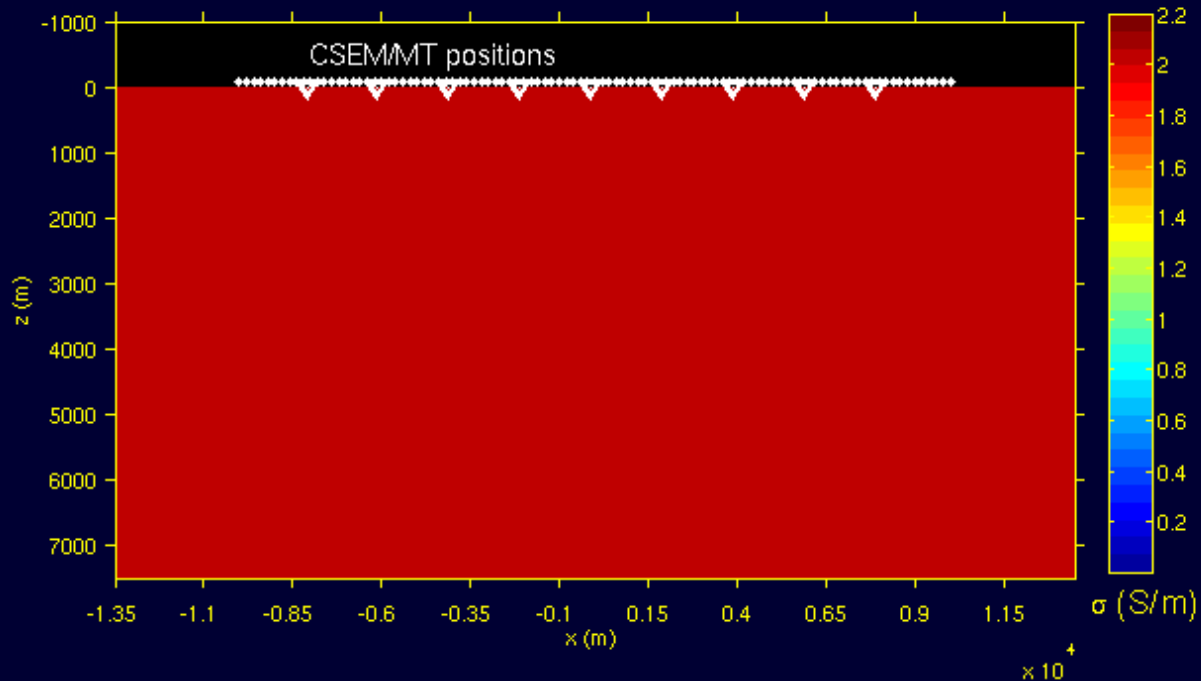
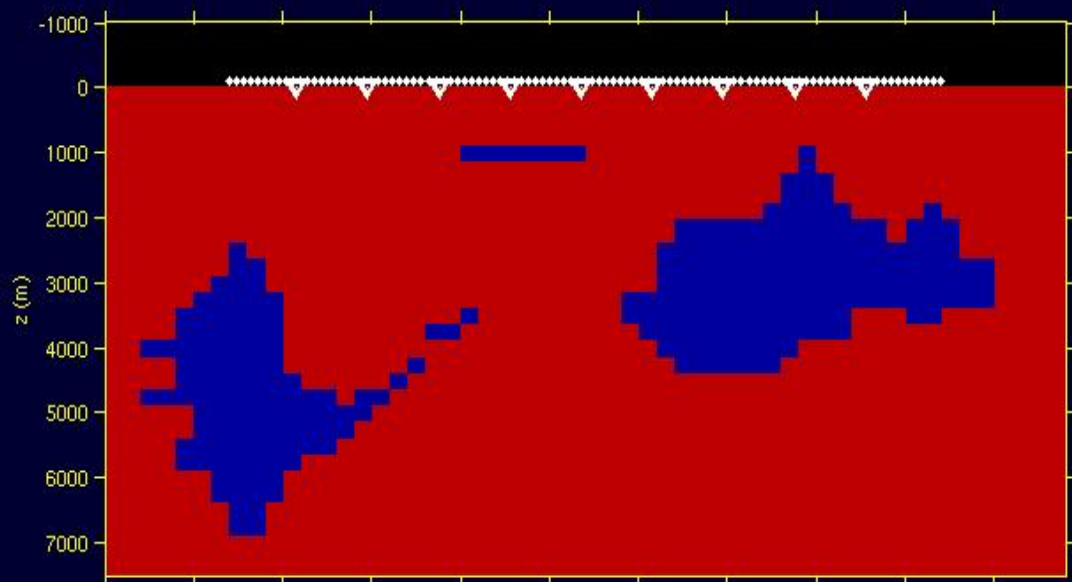
- Study: 3D Imaging of oil bearing horizons with complex salt structures present
- Simulated Example: 100 m thick reservoir, 1 km depth, salt below reservoir
- Model: 0.01 S/m salt, 2 S/m seabed, 0.05 S/m reservoir, 3 S/m seawater
- MT Data: 7,436 data points, 143 stations & 13 frequencies 0.0005 to 0.125 Hz
- CSEM Data: 12,396 data points, 126 stations & 2 frequencies 0.25 and 0.75 Hz
- Starting Model: Background Model without reservoir or salt
- Processing Times: 5 to 9 hours, 7,785 tasks, NERSC Franklin Cray XT4 System



JOINT CSEM-MT IMAGING: The Benefits



Joint CSEM - MT Imaging Mahogany Prospect Gulf of Mexico



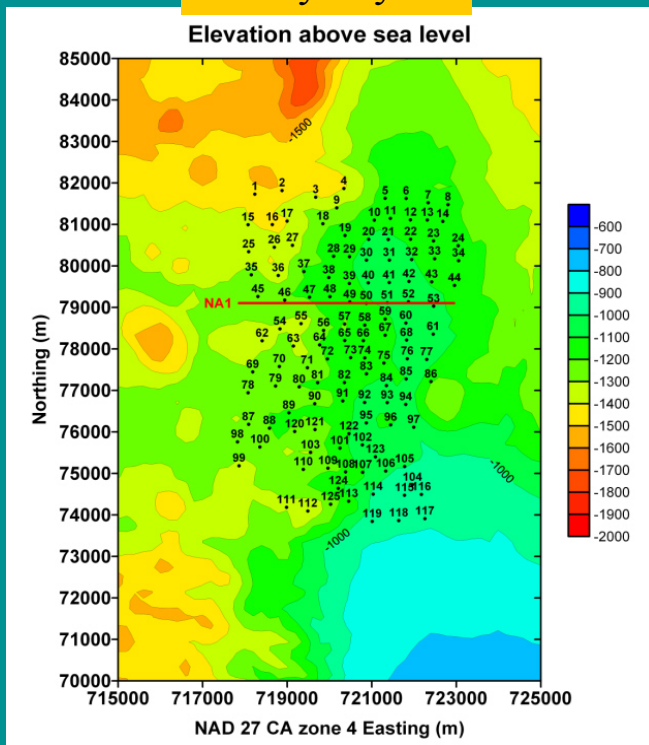
MT Imaging for Geothermal Resources

The Coso Field

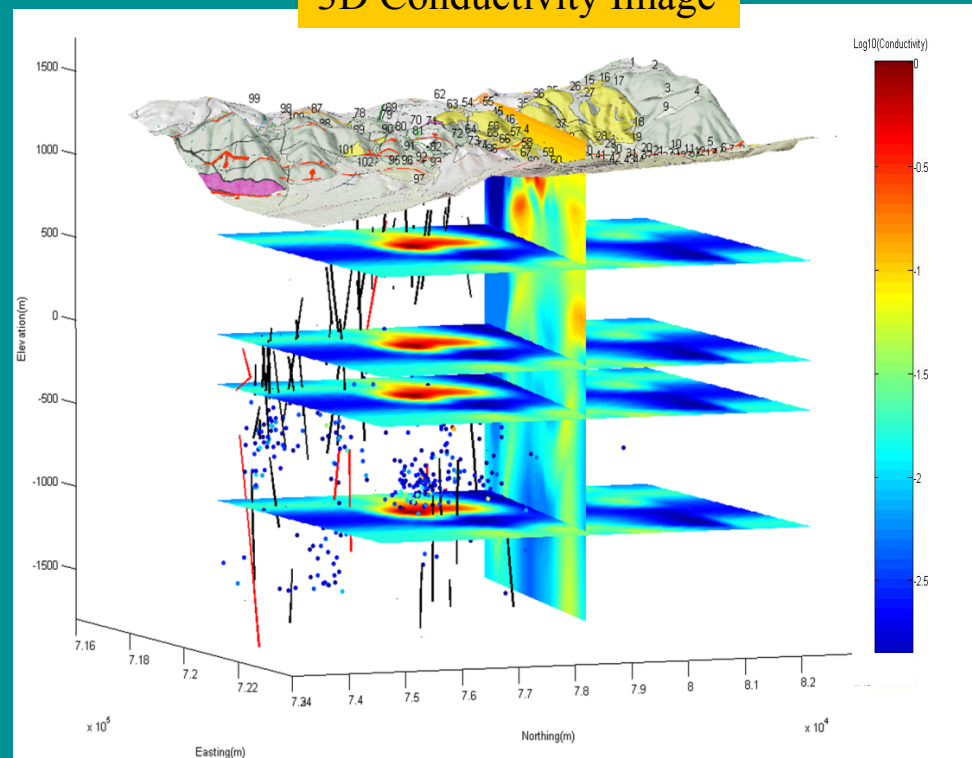


- The reservoir is located in Eastern California, Southern End Owens Valley
- Over 120 MT soundings acquired over the eastern flank of the field
- High density profile along the line NA1
- Remote referencing used to suppress noise from western US power grid
- The data span a frequency range from 100 to 0.001 Hz.
- Run on 512 Cores : NERSC Seaborg Machine IBM SP2 Processors

Survey Layout



3D Conductivity Image



Seismic Imaging:

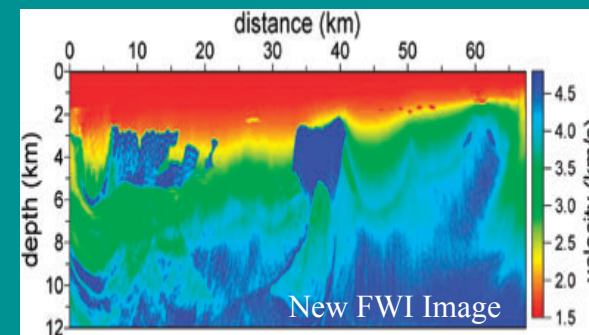
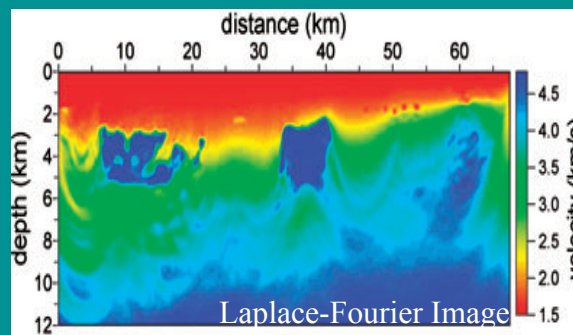
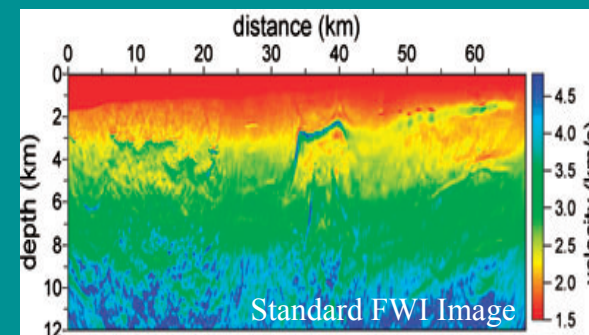
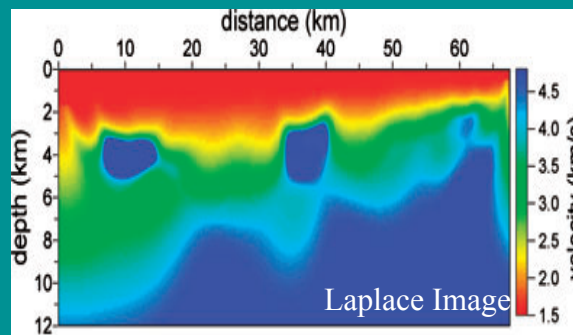
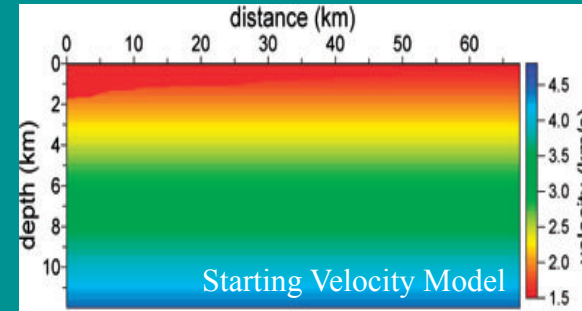
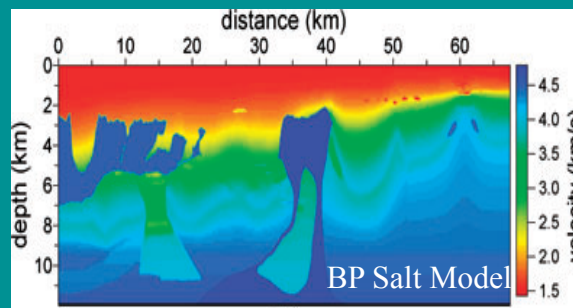
10 to 100X
Computational
Demands

Laplace-Fourier Domain

337 shot gathers
151 detectors/shot
maximum offsets 15km

$s = 10.5$ to 0.5
 $\Delta = 0.5$

$s = 10.5$ to 0.5
 $f = 6$ to 0.5
 $\Delta = 0.5$



Taken from Shin & Cha, 2009



Computing Alternatives

- Multi-Core Geophysical Imaging
 - Multiple Imaging Experiments
 - » Necessary to reduce model uncertainty
 - » Never exhaust the modeling possibilities & scenarios
 - Costly !!!
 - » Millions of Dollars Computing Expenses Incurred Yearly
- Cheaper and Faster Way to Compute ??
 - New Hardware & Computing Architectures
 - » GPU's
 - » FPGA's
 - Painful Process to Migrate to New Platforms

Geophysical Inverse Modeling

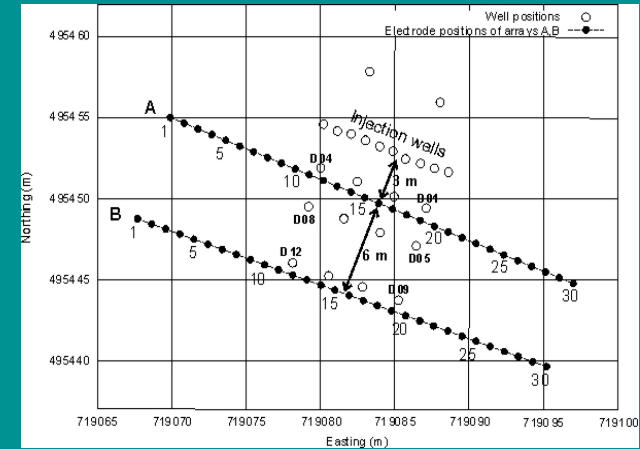
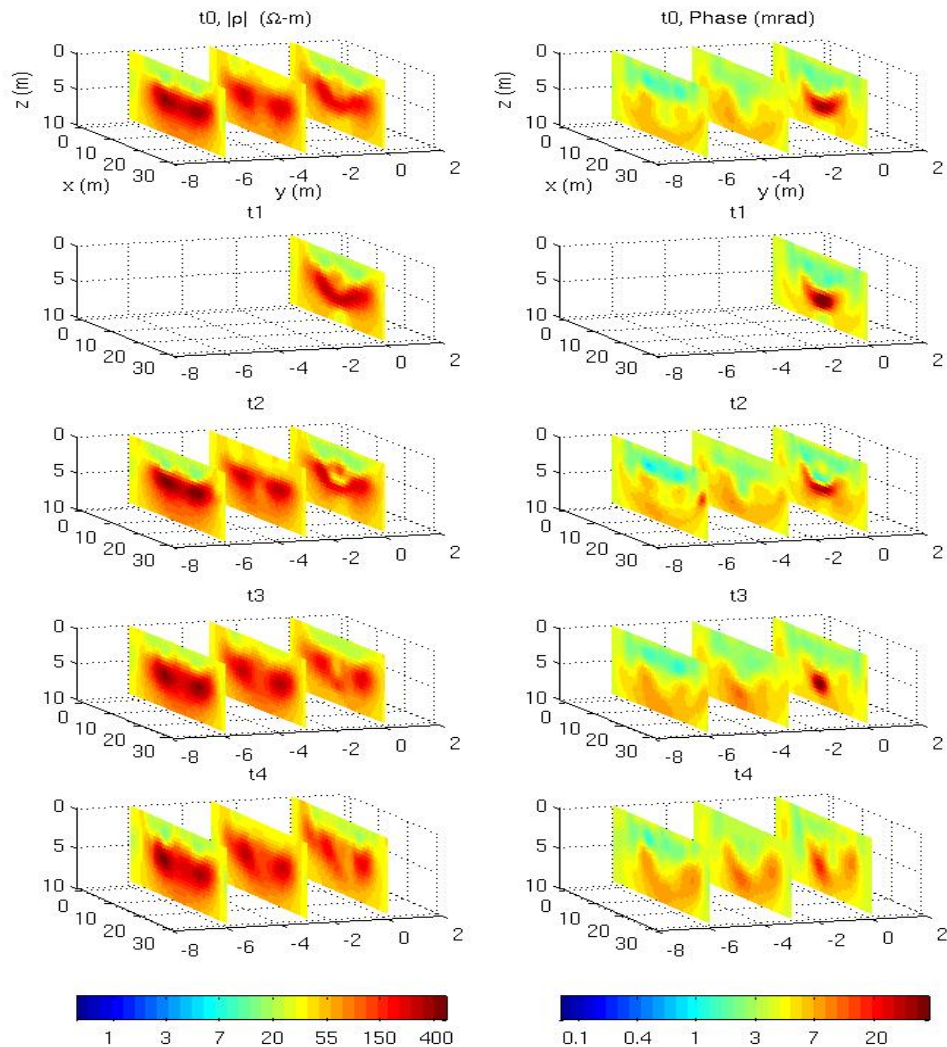
GPU Platforms

- Main computational bottleneck:
Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiplication (SpMV) in iterative Krylov solvers
- Krylov solvers used for solving the forward modeling problem
- Non-contiguous memory access limits performance of SpMV
- Proper memory alignment is key to achieving high SpMV performance

GPU Iterative Krylov Solvers Implemented Thus Far

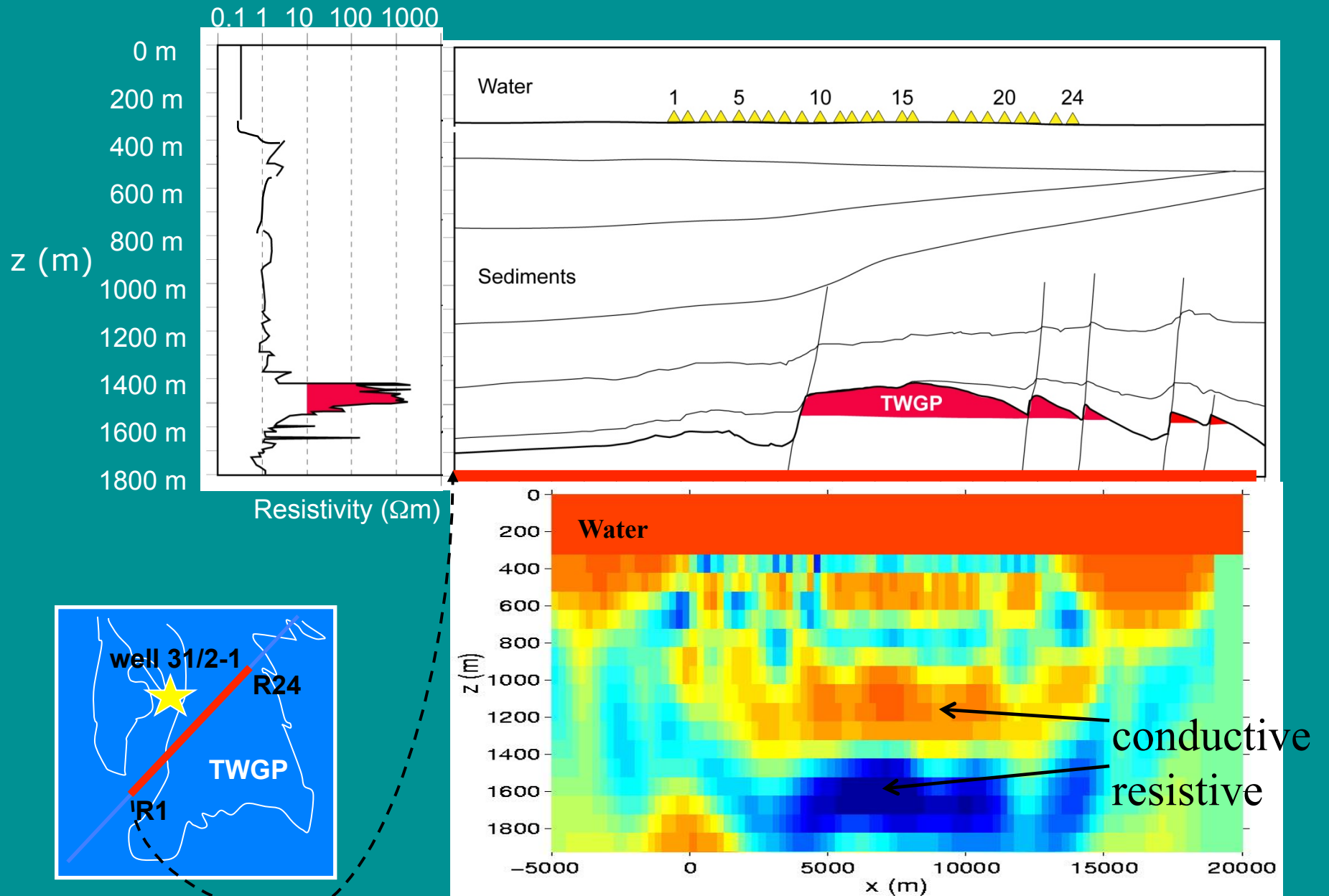
- QMR (Quasi-minimum-residual) and BiCG (BiConjugate Gradient) methods for complex-symmetric matrices:
- Needed for methods:
 - CSEM: Exploration and environmental studies
 - MT: Crustal studies, geothermal
 - SIP: Environmental studies
 - Seismic problem in Laplace-Fourier domain

Environmental Imaging Problems



SIP method (spectral induced polarization) provides indirect information about hydrological subsurface properties

CSEM Imaging



QMR Solver Performance

- GPU computing speed-up achieved on Dirac (NVIDIA Tesla C2050) compared to CPU-performance (Intel Nehalem 2.4 GHz, 8MB cache, Quad core with 8 cores per node):

1 - 40

Other Krylov Solvers Implemented:

- CG-solvers for modeling problems involving real arithmetic: For example needed for electrical resistivity tomography
- 3D-Poisson problem on 158 x 110 x 165 grid
 - CG-solver 1 (our own implementation): 9 sec
 - CUSP-BiCG solver: 21 sec
 - CUSP-CG solver: 15 sec
 - AZTEC CPU solution: 42 sec

Challenges

- Limited memory on GPU. In CPU-world we can just increase number of CPUs for solving big problems
- In GPU-world: “Parallelize” GPUs ?
- Preconditioning methods needed for some geophysical modeling problems
- Efficient co-processing: Available CPUs should not stay idle

Conclusions

- 3D Imaging on Multi-Core Machines
 - demonstrated need for energy exploration
 - 1000's to 10000's compute cores
 - expensive
- Computing Alternatives Being Investigated
 - GPU's & FPGA's
 - 40 CPU's \approx 1 GPU
 - many technical issues to be resolved for large scale imaging

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Joint Imaging of EM and Seismic Data

■ Issues

– Rock Physics Model

- » links attributes to underlying hydrological parameters
- » too simplistic
- » difficult or impossible to define robust/realistic model

– Differing Resolution in the Data

- » EM data 10x lower resolution compared to seismic

– RTM & FWI of Seismic Data

- » requires very good starting velocity model
- » velocity can be difficult or impossible to define
- » huge modeling cost due to very large data volumes

(10,000's of shots; 100,000's traces per shot)



Joint Imaging of EM and Seismic Data

■ A way forward

– Abandon Rock Physics Model

- » assume conductivity and velocity structurally correlated
- » employ cross gradients: $t = \nabla\sigma \times \nabla v$
- » $t = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla\sigma \parallel \nabla v$; $\nabla\sigma = 0$ and/or $\nabla v = 0$

– Equalize Resolution in the Data

- » treating seismic and EM data on equal terms
- » Laplace-Fourier transform seismic data – Shin & Cha 2009

$$\hat{g}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} g(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$g(\hat{s})$ and s are complex



Acoustic Wave Equation

Propagating Wave

Time Domain

$$\left[\frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] p(x, y, z, t) = -s(t).$$

Fourier/Frequency Domain

$$\left[-\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] p(x, y, z, \omega) = -s(\omega).$$

Damped Diffusive Wave

Laplace/Fourier Domain

$$\left[\frac{s^2}{v^2} + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] \hat{p}(x, y, z, s) = -\hat{s}(s).$$

similar to physics & similar resolution with EM fields

$$\text{skin depth: } \delta = \frac{v}{s_r}$$



JOINT IMAGING FORMULATION

$$\varphi = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \left(d_{em_j}^{obs} - d_{em_j}^p \right) \varepsilon_j \right\} + \beta \sum_{l=1}^M \left\{ \left(\hat{d}_{s_l}^{obs} - \hat{d}_{s_l}^p \right) \chi_l \right\} \\ + \lambda_{em} \sigma^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \sigma + \lambda_s \nu^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \nu + \tau \sum_{i=1}^{m_c} \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{t}_i$$

d_{em}^{obs} and d_{em}^p are N observed and predicted EM data

\hat{d}_s^{obs} and \hat{d}_s^p are M observed and predicted Laplace-Fourier seismic data

ε and χ = EM and seismic data weights

σ = m conductivity parameters

ν = m acoustic velocity parameters

$\mathbf{W} = \nabla^2$ operator; constructs a smooth model

λ_{em} and λ_s = conductivity & velocity tradeoff parameters

α and β = scaling factors for EM and seismic data types

\mathbf{t} are m_c cross gradient structural constraints; τ is a penalty parameter

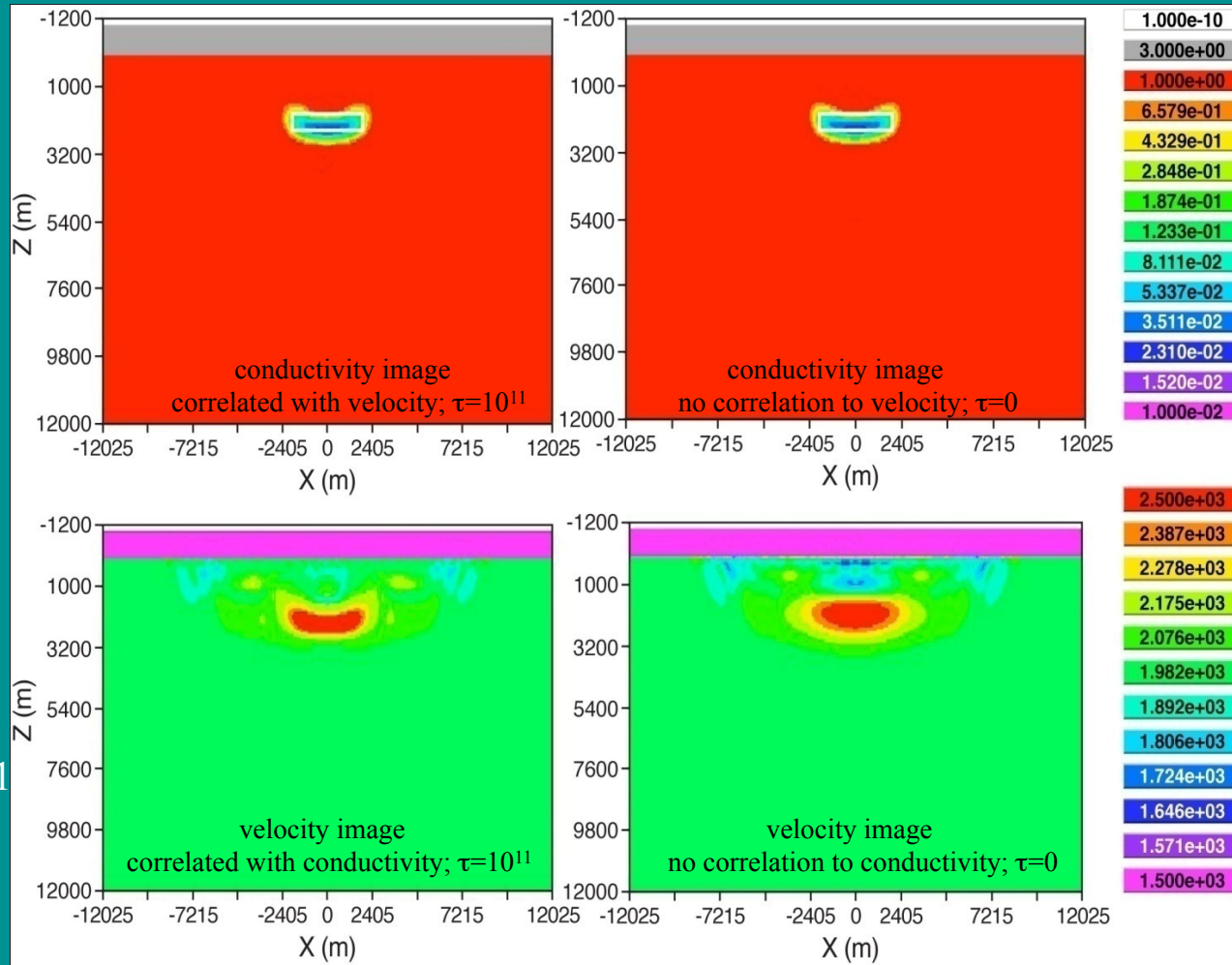


Initial Results

marine example

$f = 0.25$

$s = 5, 4, 3, 2, 1$
 $f = 0$

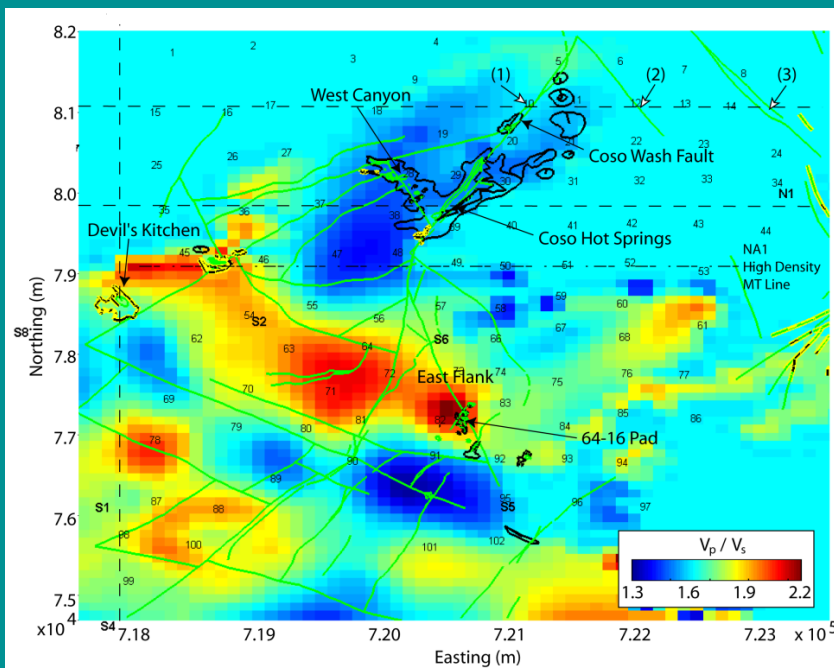


CSEM
16 km max. offsets
17 shots
161 detectors/shot

seismic
12-16 km offsets
85 shots
121-161
detectors/shot

Correlations with MEQ Data

Vp/Vs Ratio Map
700 m below the surface



Conductivity Map
700 m below the surface

