

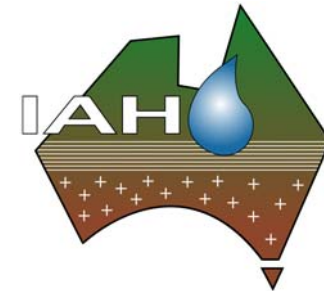
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Geophysical Imaging for aquifer recharge investigation in Western NSW.

**GROUNDWATER
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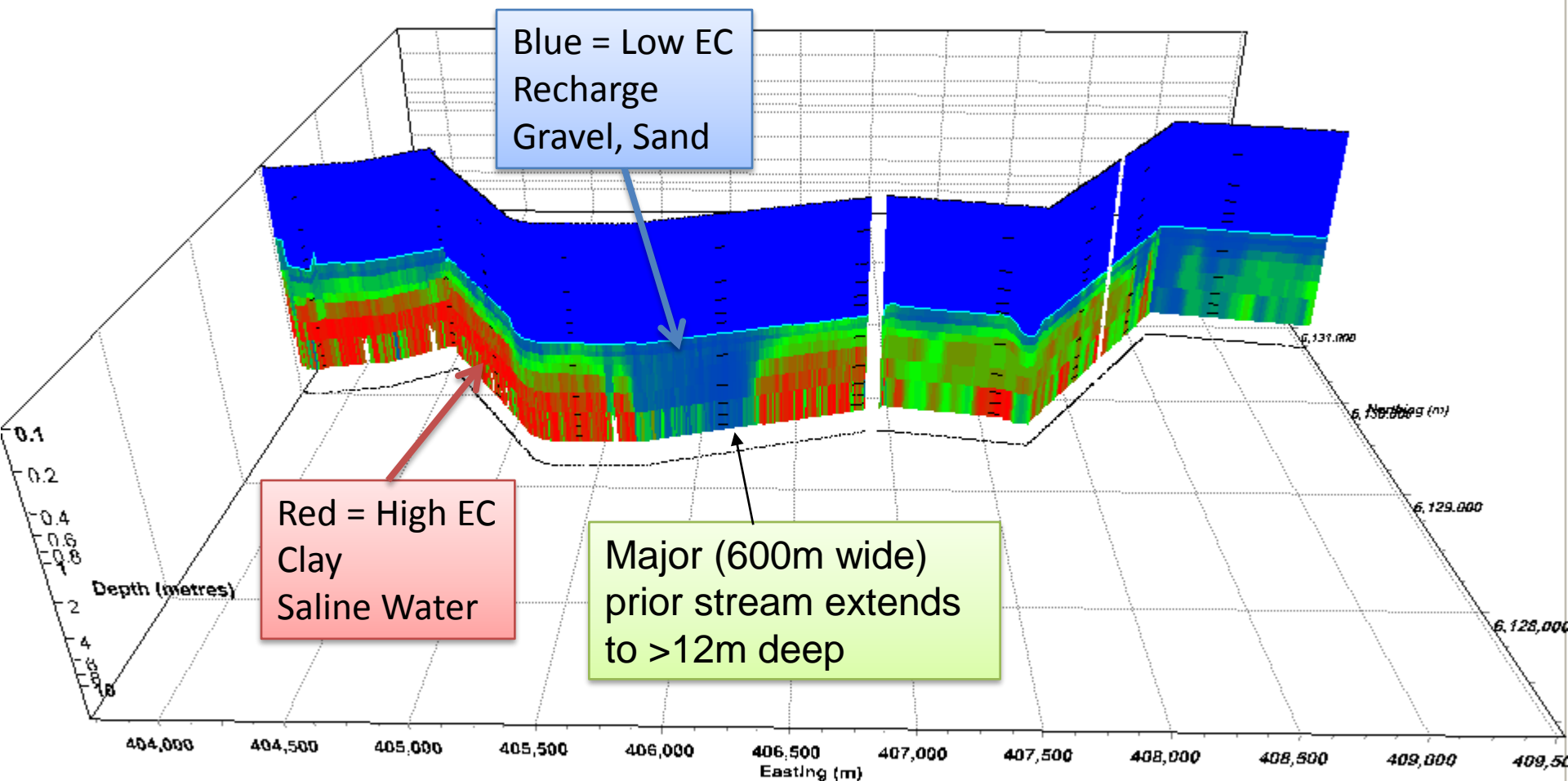
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A palaeochannel beneath an irrigation canal



Log10 Depth Scale 0.1 to 12m



Why use Electrical Conductivity Imaging for Recharge Investigation

- reveal spatial details not observable by any more economically viable means
- EC responds clearly and conclusively to recharge pathways

LOW EC

- Lack of Clays
- Low Saturation
- Fresh pore water
- Impervious fresh rock

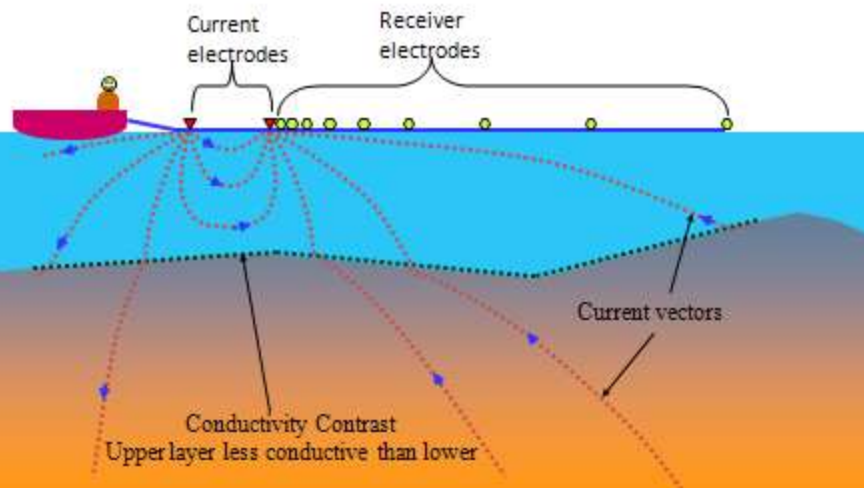
HIGH EC

- Clays
- High Saturation
- Saline pore water
- Weathered rock

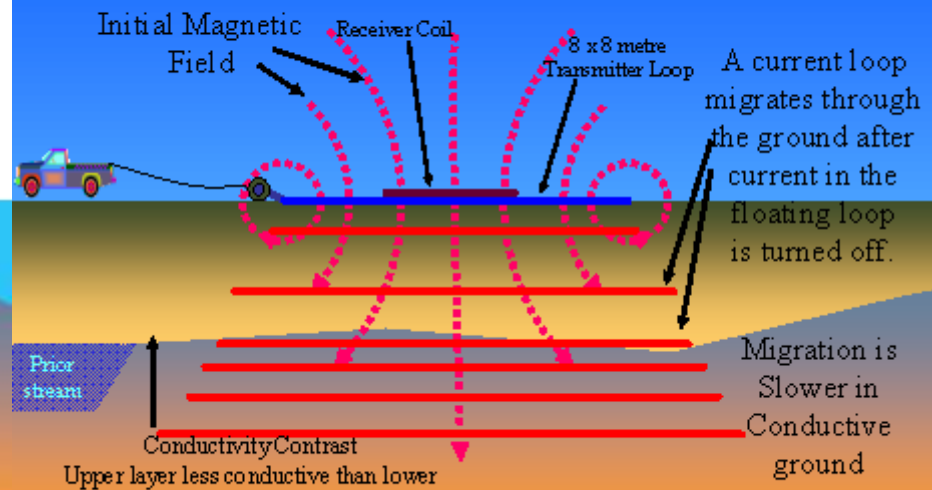
At depths significant to groundwater investigation, EC imaging may be conducted

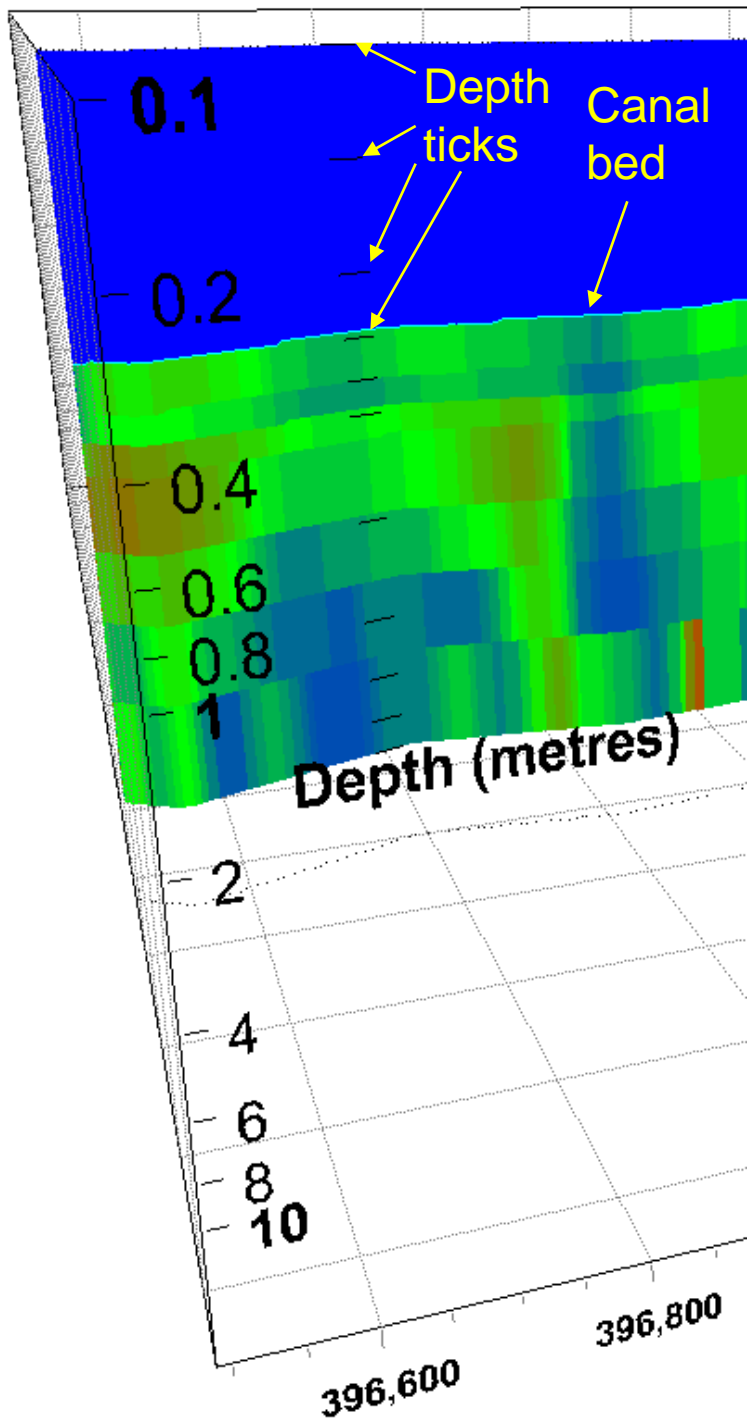
- on water, using geo-electric streamers
- on land, using Transient Electromagnetics (TEM)

An exponentially spaced electrode array for continuous multi-depth acquisition of EC data from watercourses. Electric fields are distorted across conductivity contrast boundaries resulting in variation of voltages at the receiver electrodes.



Towed Transient Electromagnetic System





Identifying
depths on 3D
EC curtain
images

Canal seepage investigation

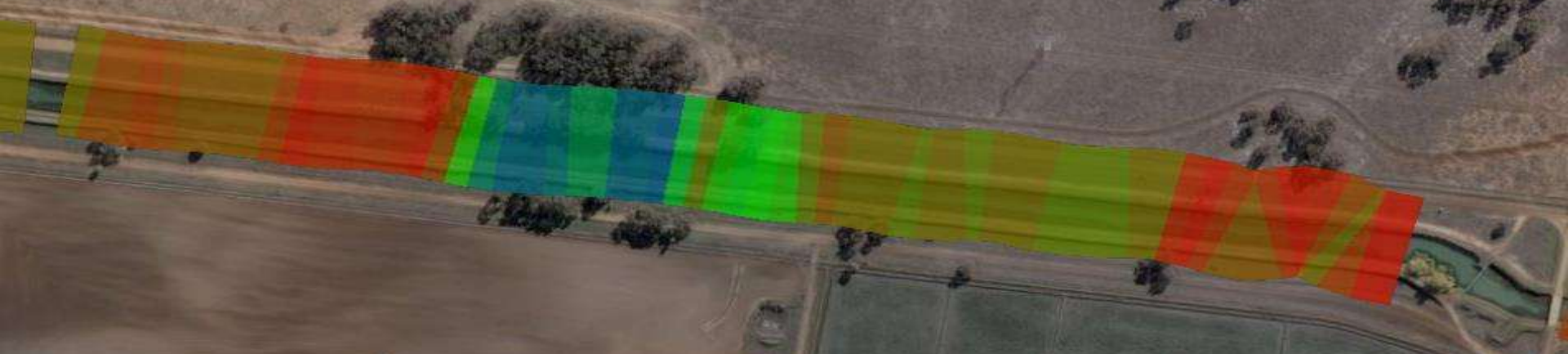


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278 m

Pointer 34°40'41.44" S 146°03'53.72" E

Streaming ||||| 100%

Eye alt 960 m

Seepage Conduits interpreted beneath the CIA using submerged streamer geo-electric data

- Seepage slides from CIA have been removed from the distributed version of this talk for confidentiality reasons

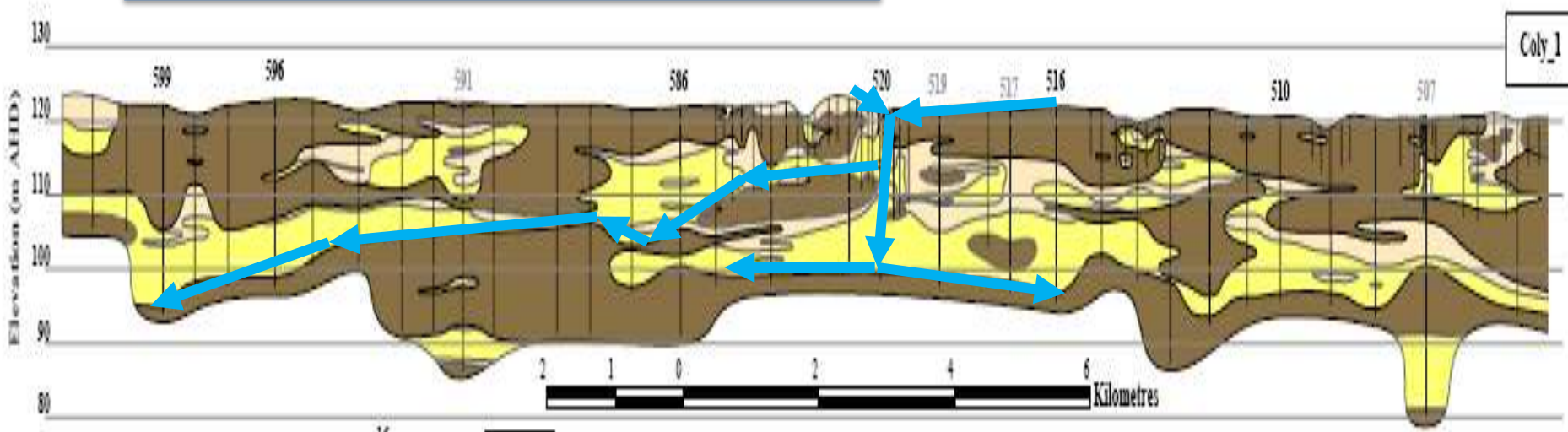
Submerged geo-electric streamers are ideal for canal seepage investigation because they exhibit:

- Good depth resolution under canal beds
- Negligible artifacts from canal depth
- Negligible artifacts from bank proximity



Vertical Section through Murray Basin sediments - Coleambally

Percolation pathways



Modified from **Pucillo, K.** (2005) QUATERNARY PALAEOCHANNEL EVOLUTION AND GROUNDWATER MOVEMENT IN THE COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION DISTRICT OF NEW SOUTH WALES, PhD Dissertation, University of Wollongong.

Rivers

A comparison of sediment
electrical conductivity beneath
inland rivers of the Murray
Darling Basin, Australia

All plotted with a Murray Darling
Basin Composite colour stretch

Dumaresq River



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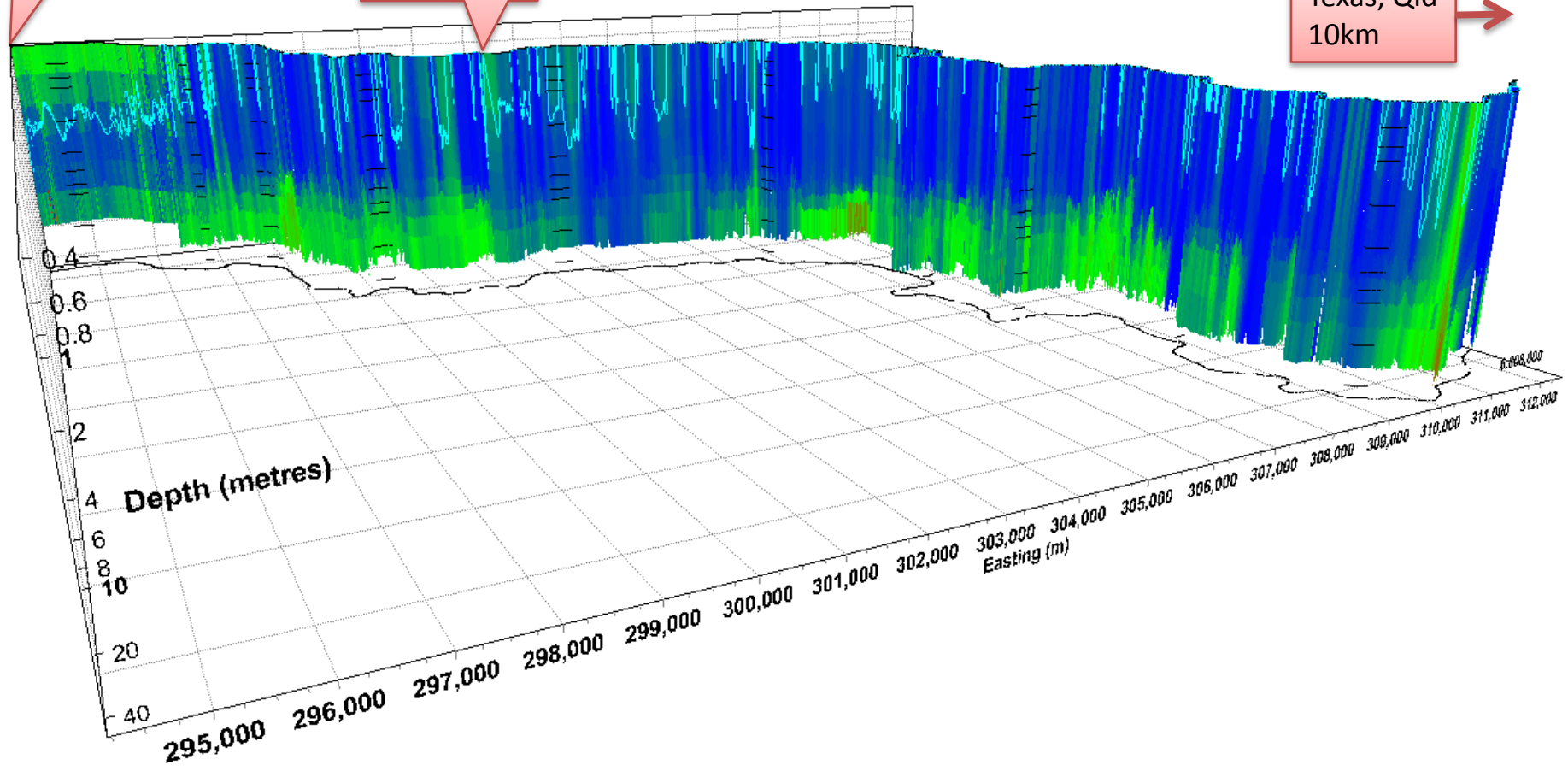


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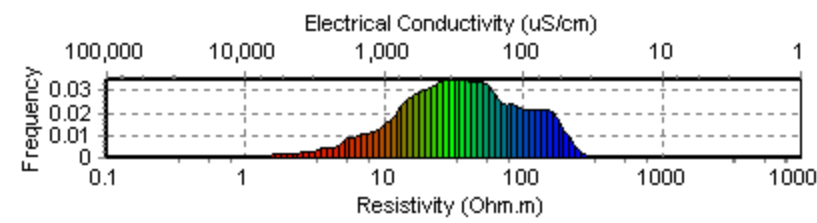
Glenarbon Weir

Cunningham Weir

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10km →

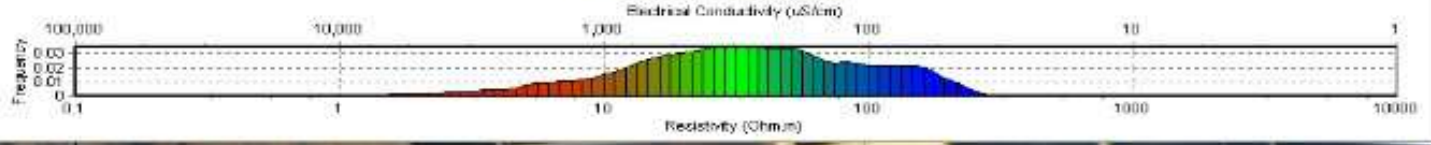


EC and Resistivity Histogram



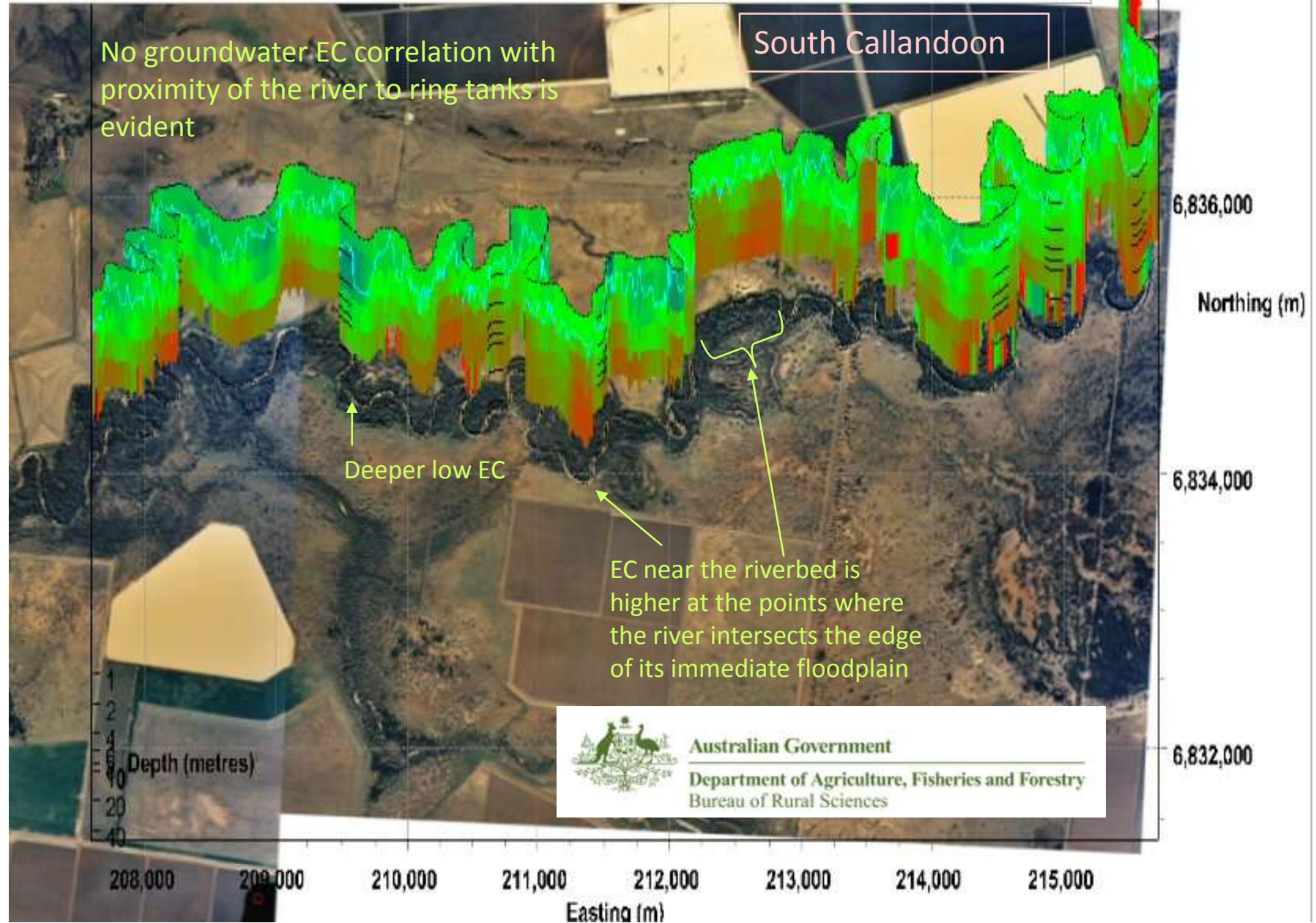
Log10 Depth scale from 0.4 to 50 m

EC and Resistivity Histogram



No groundwater EC correlation with proximity of the river to ring tanks is evident

South Callandoon

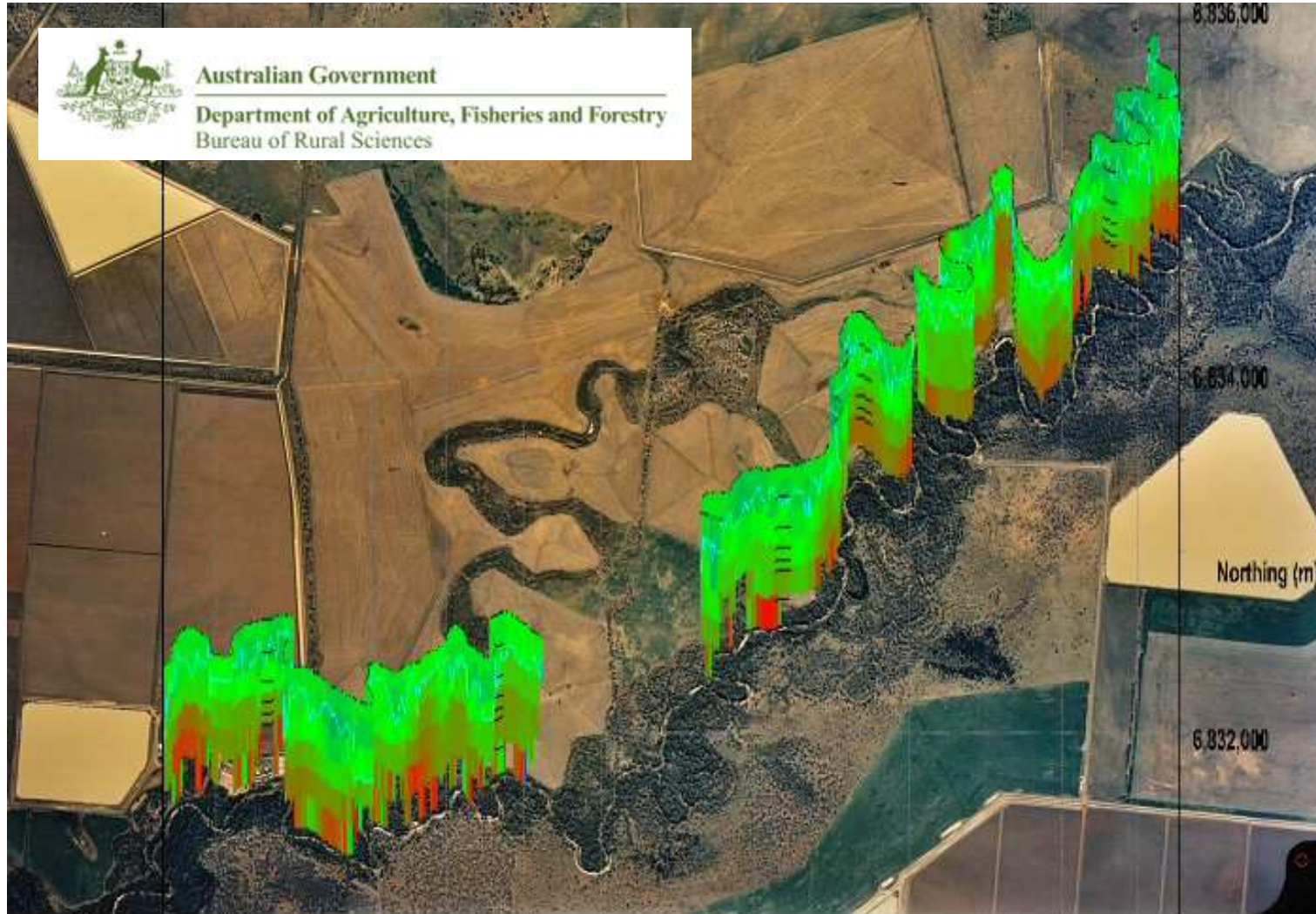


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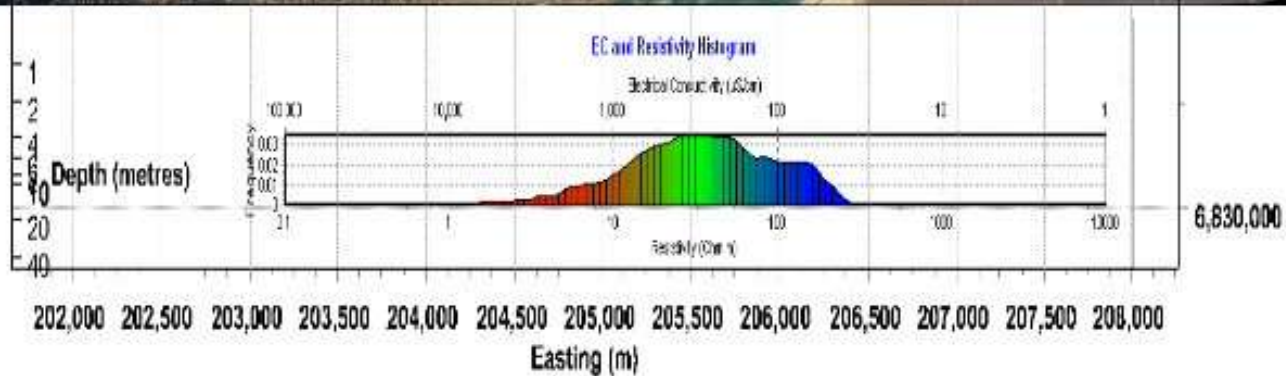


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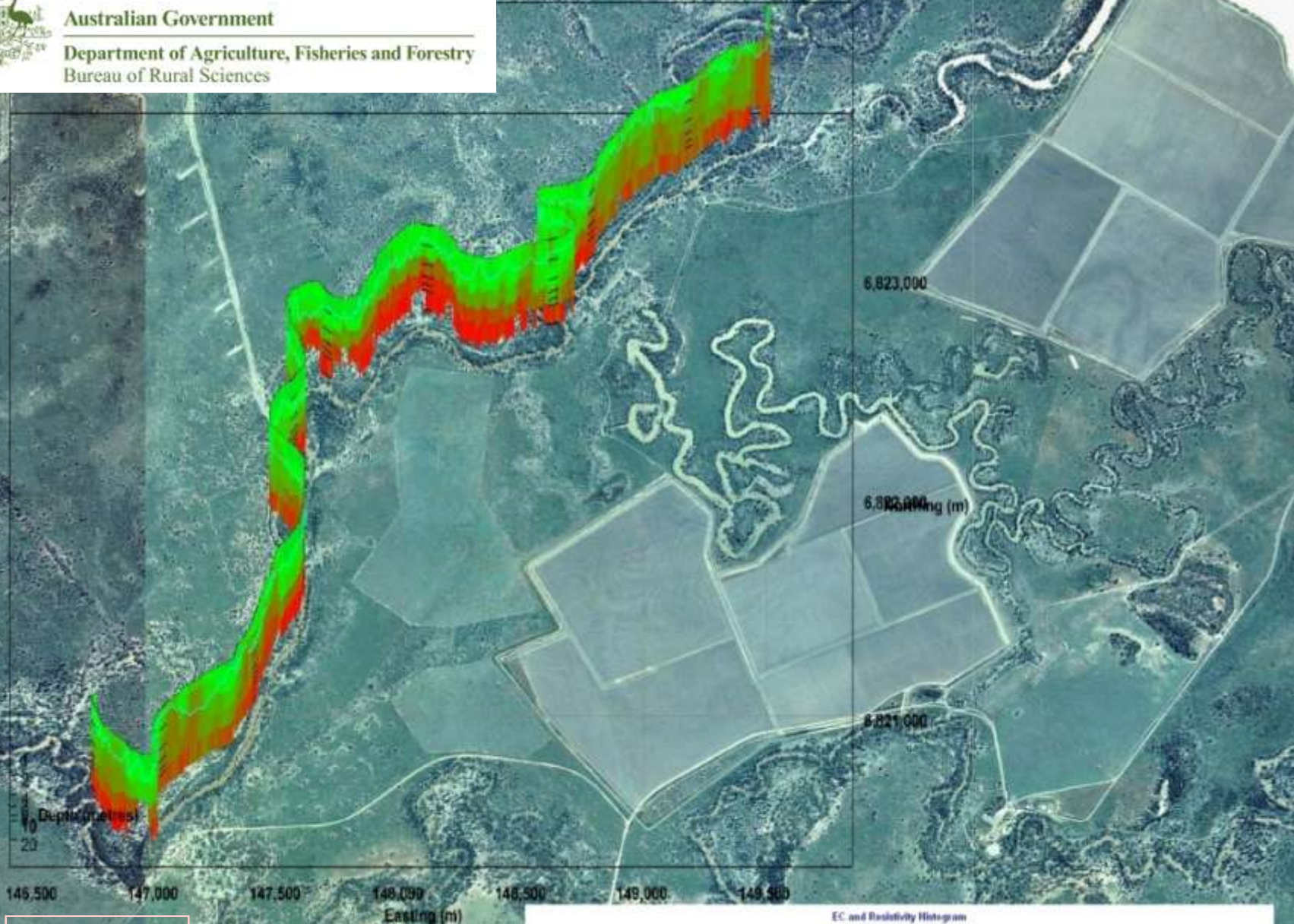
Stuartville



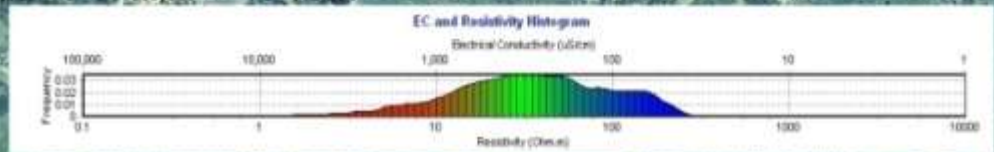


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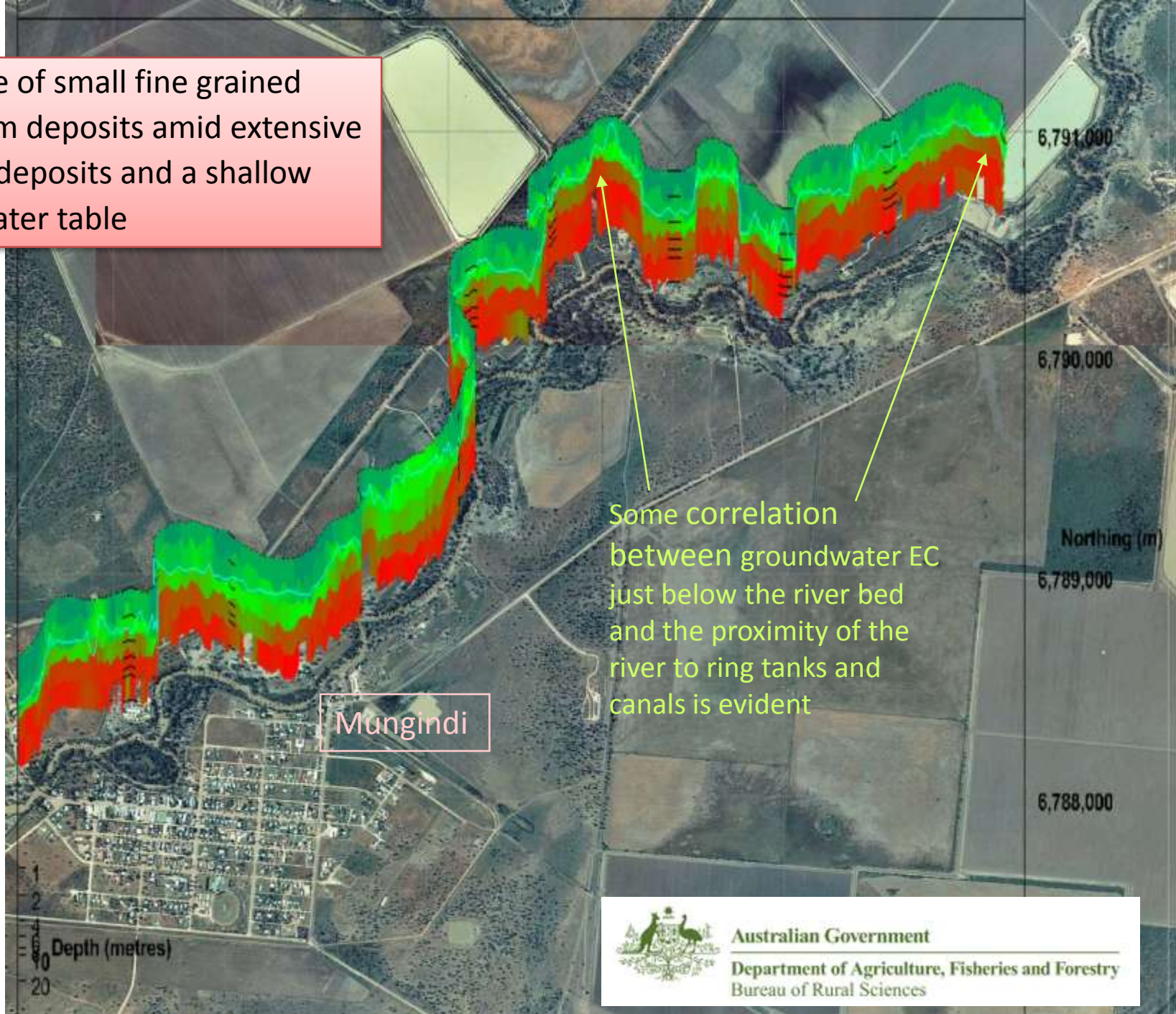
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Kanowna



An example of small fine grained prior stream deposits amid extensive floodplain deposits and a shallow brackish water table



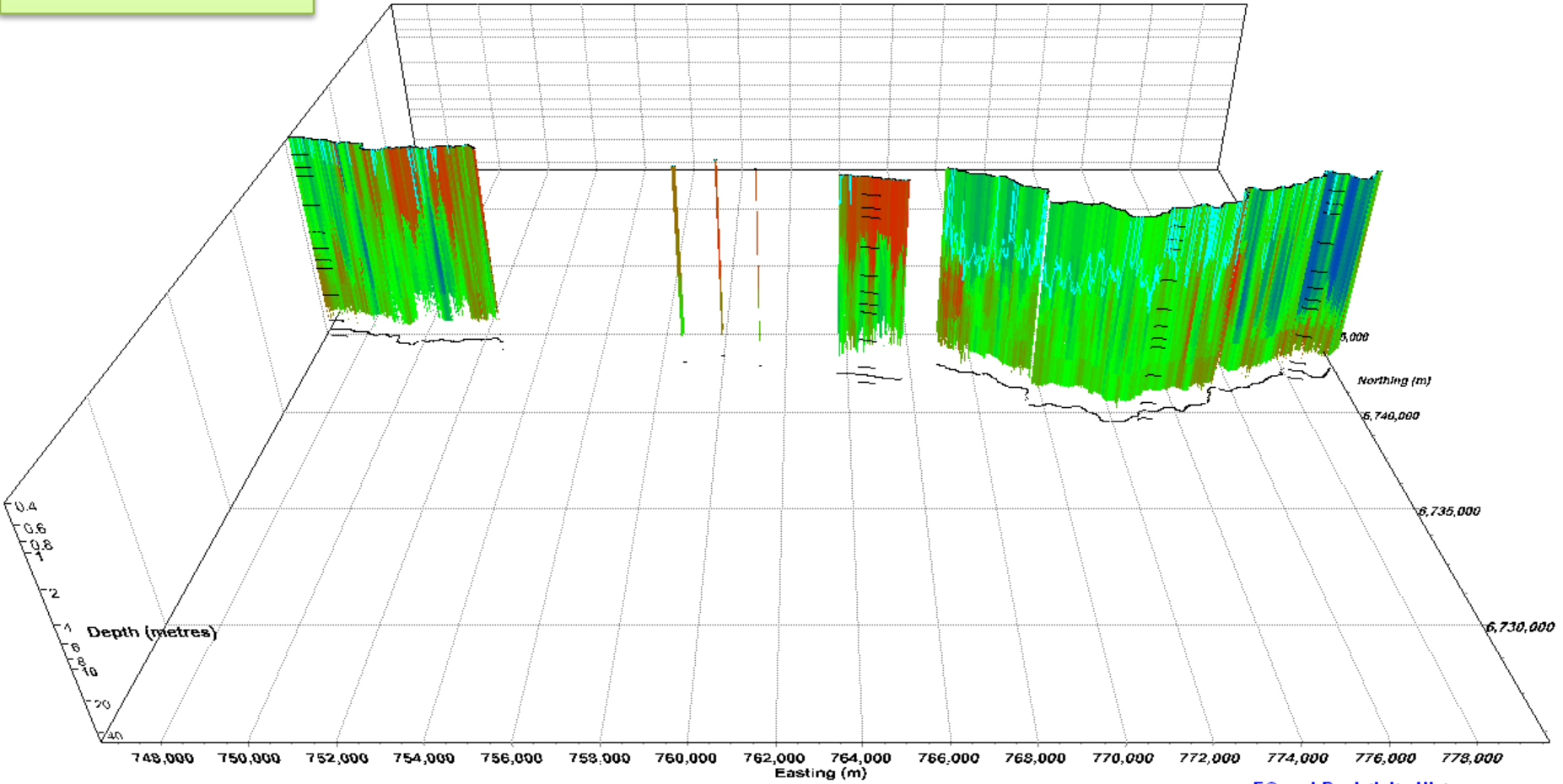
Gwydir River EC
image with
Murray Darling
Basin Composite
colour stretch



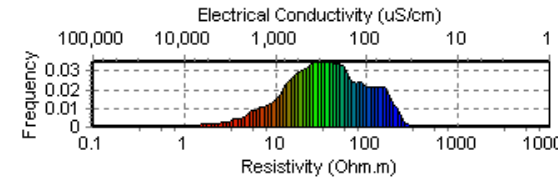
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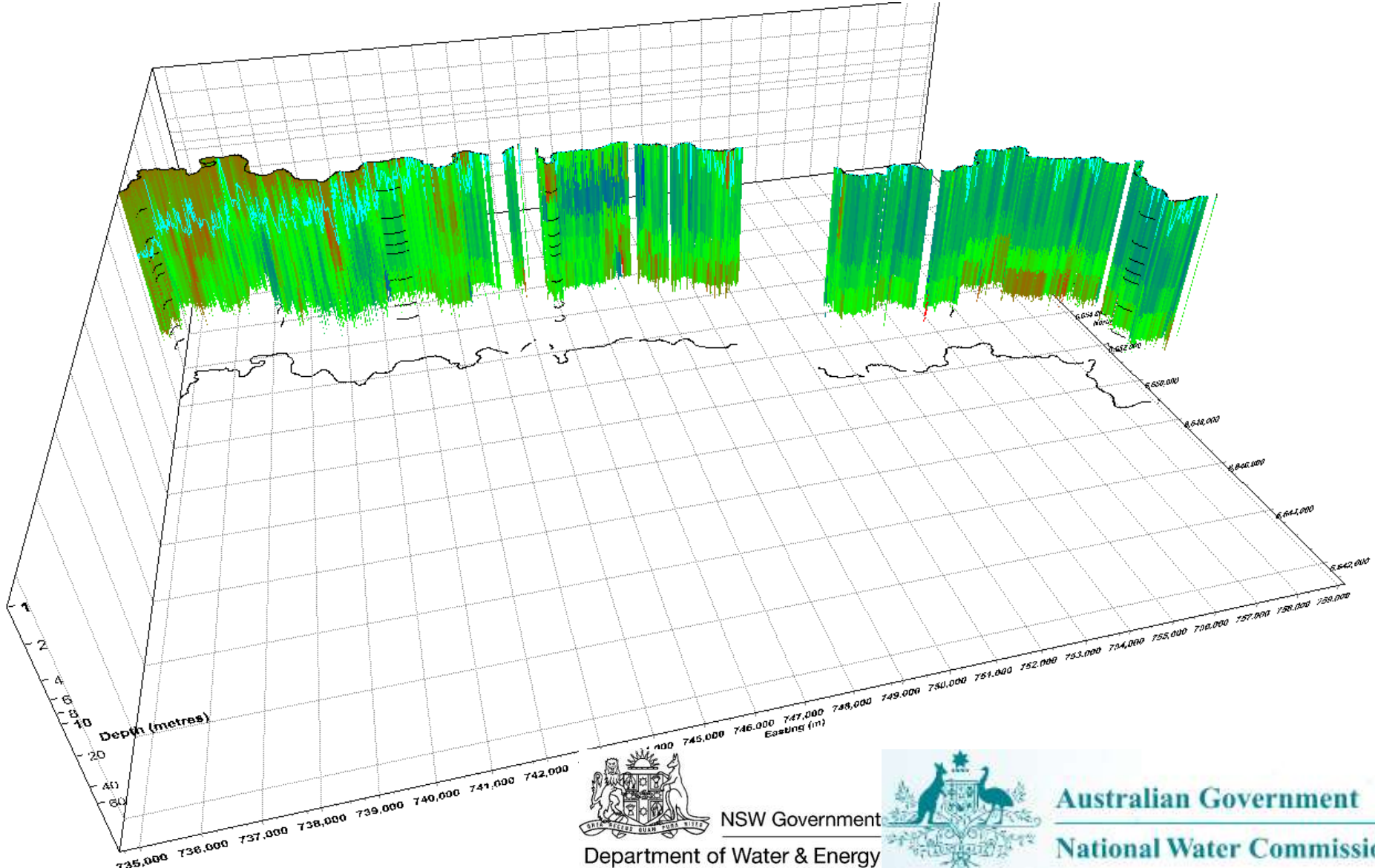
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EC and Resistivity Histogram



Namoi River, Gunidgera Weir (Wee Waa) to Mollee Weir (Narrabri) with Murray Darling Basin Composite Colour stretch

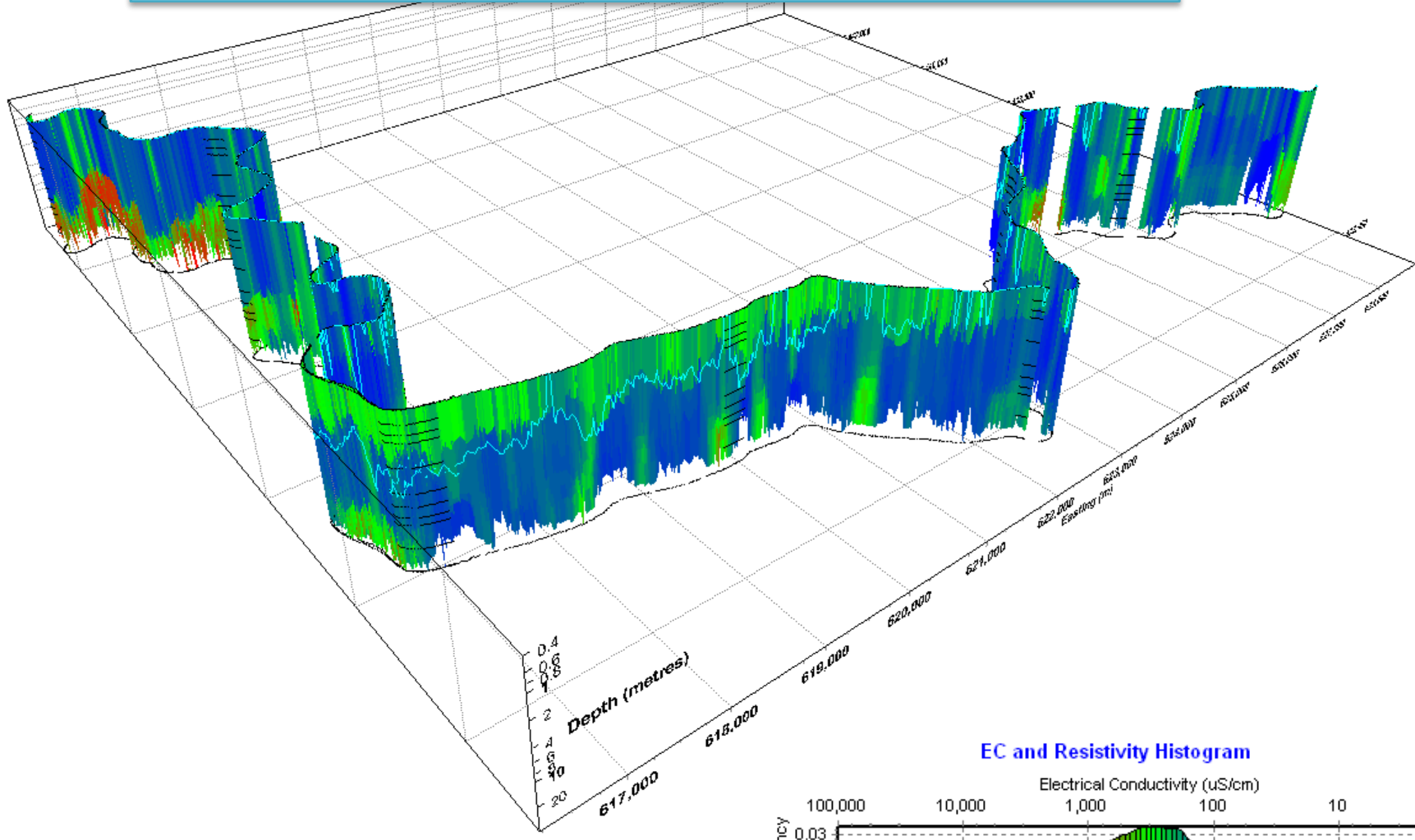


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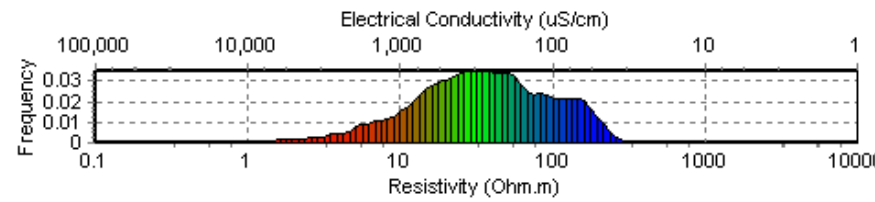


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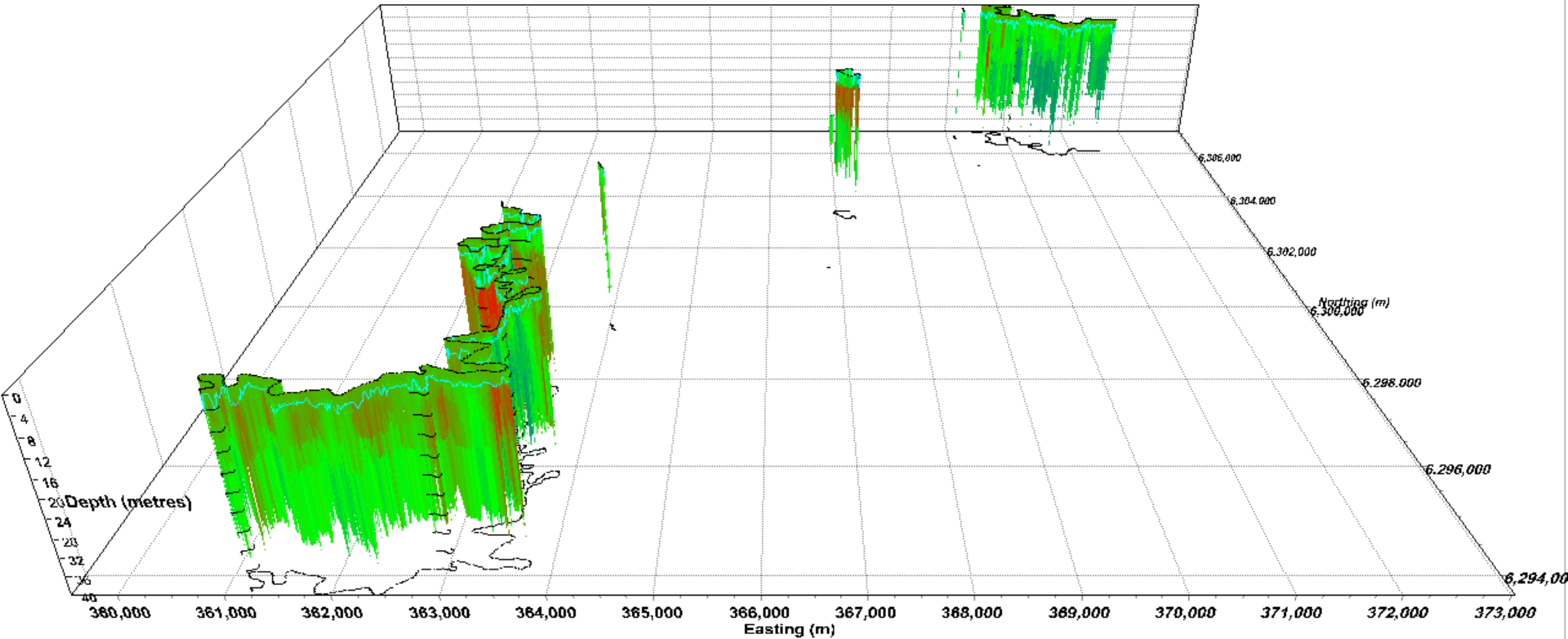
Composite Murray-Darling Basin Colour Stretch



EC and Resistivity Histogram

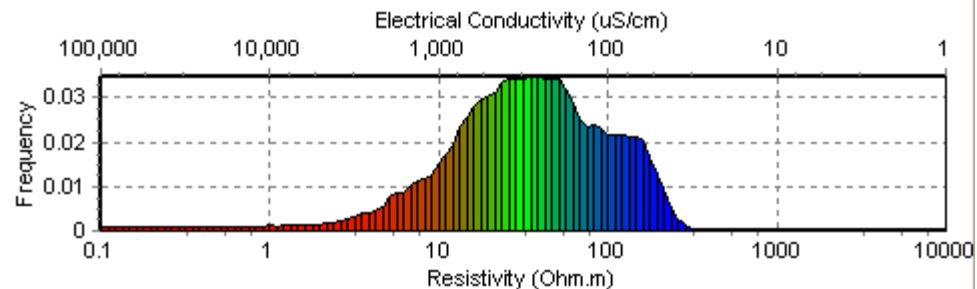


Log10 Depth Scale

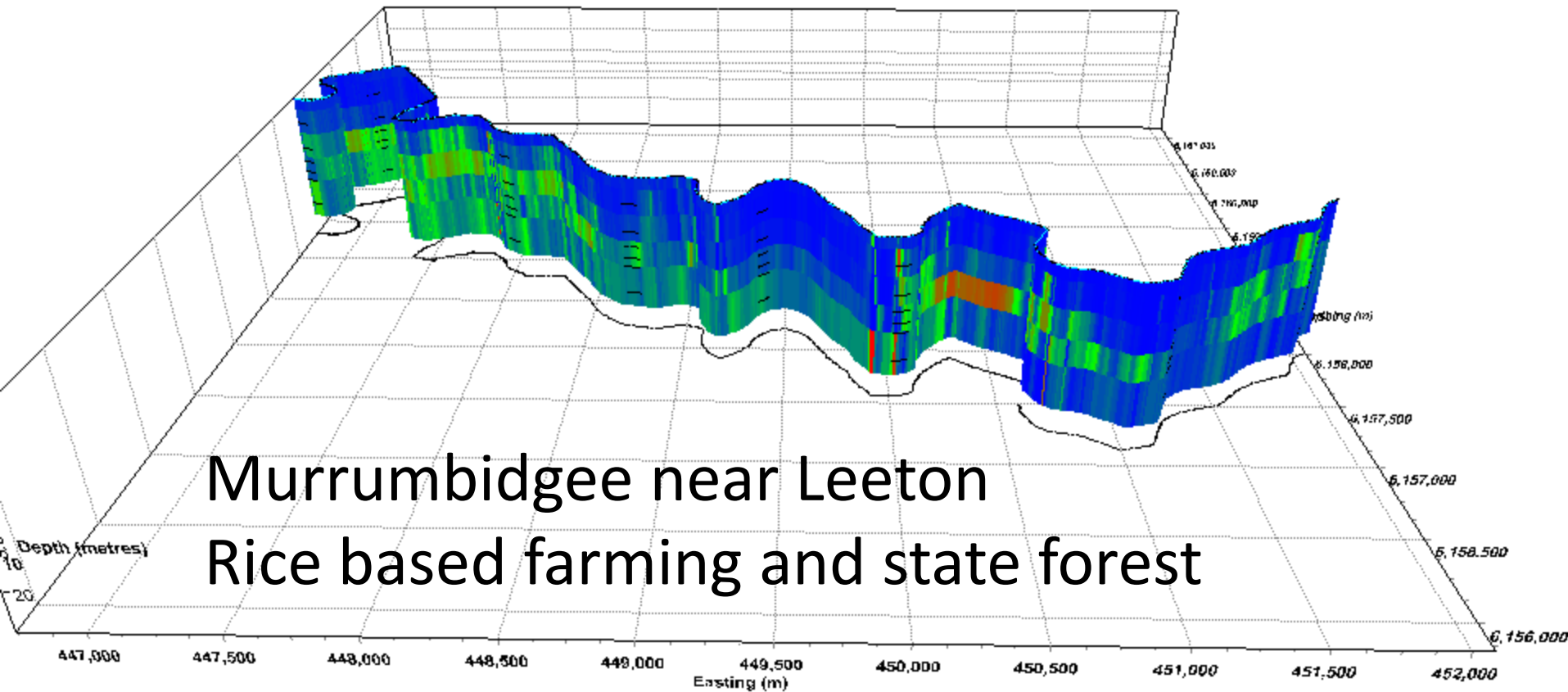


Lachlan River EC
with Composite
Murray Darling
Basin Colour
Stretch

EC and Resistivity Histogram

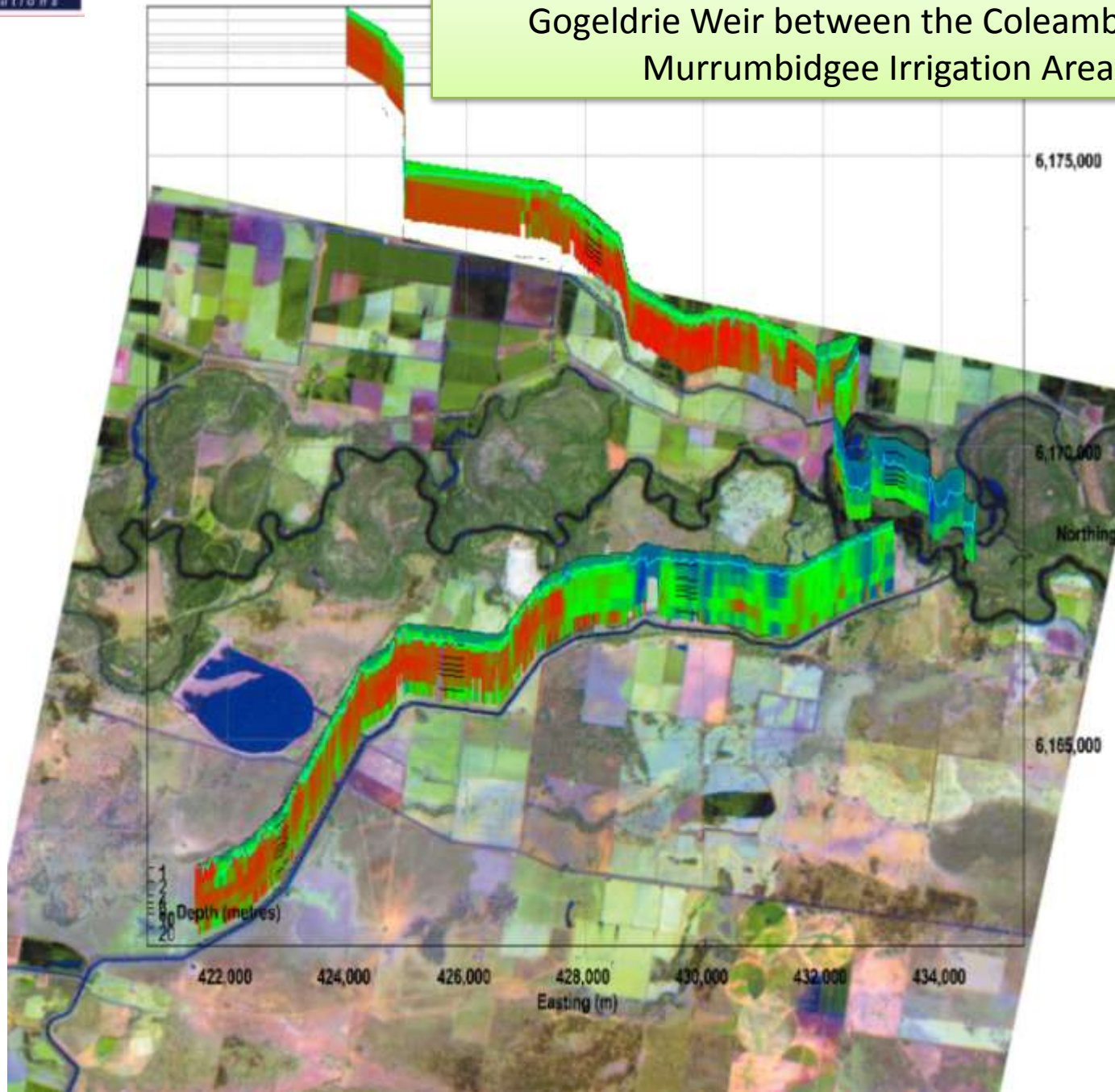


Project: Murrumbidgee River, CIA and MIA Ground/Surface Water Interaction Survey.
Site: Murrumbidgee River upstream of Yanco Wier Client: RiceCRC
Data Provider: Allen Hydrogeophysics JobNum: 1
Survey Equipment: Zonge GDP32, 144m array Survey Date: 19/02/2003

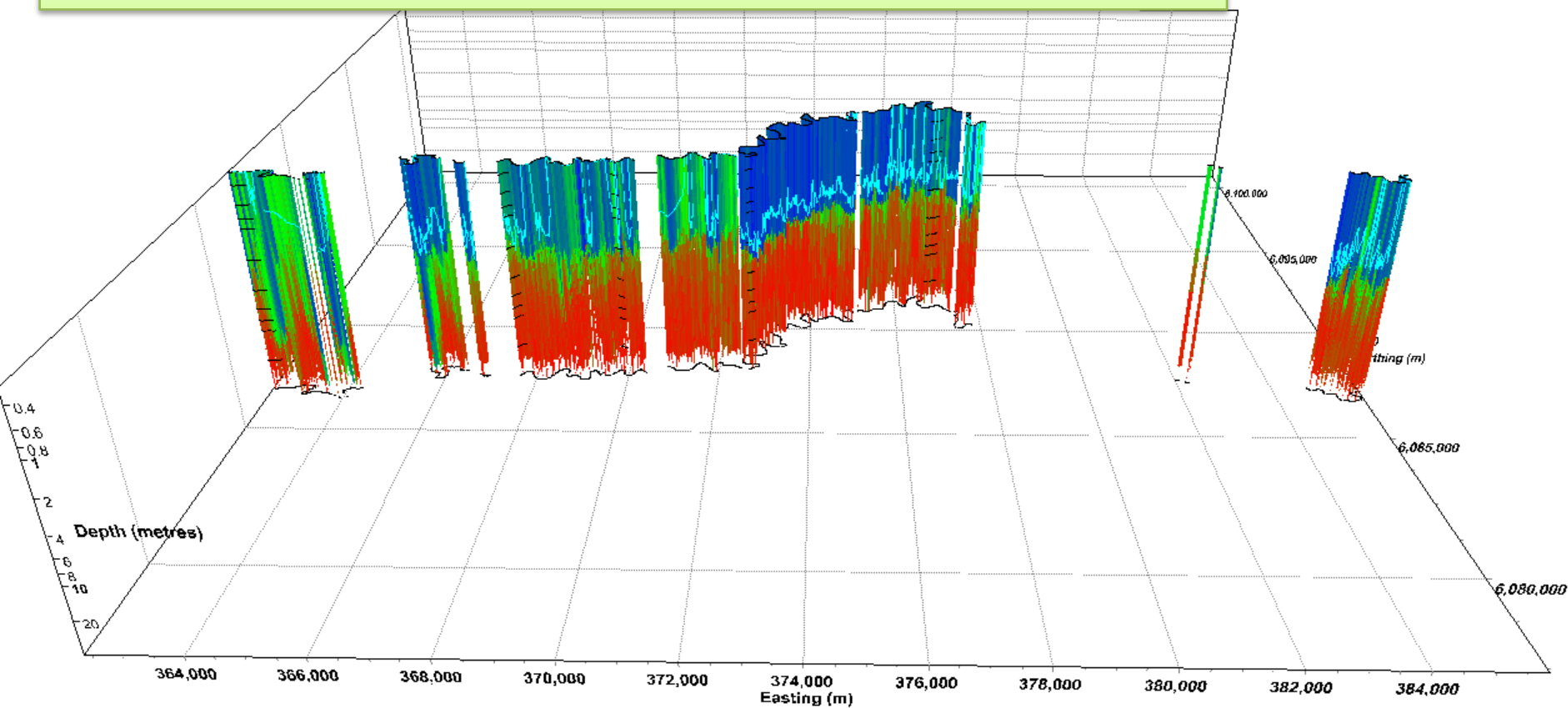




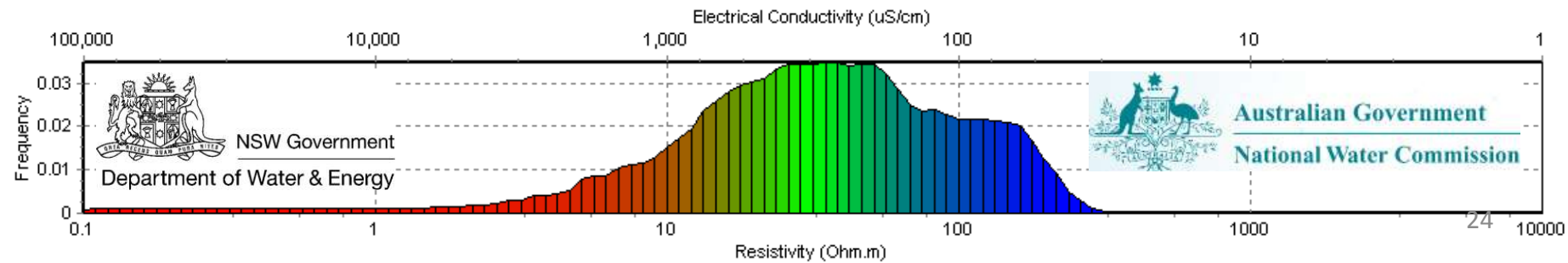
Cross and long section of the Murrumbidgee River at Gogeldrie Weir between the Coleambally and Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas



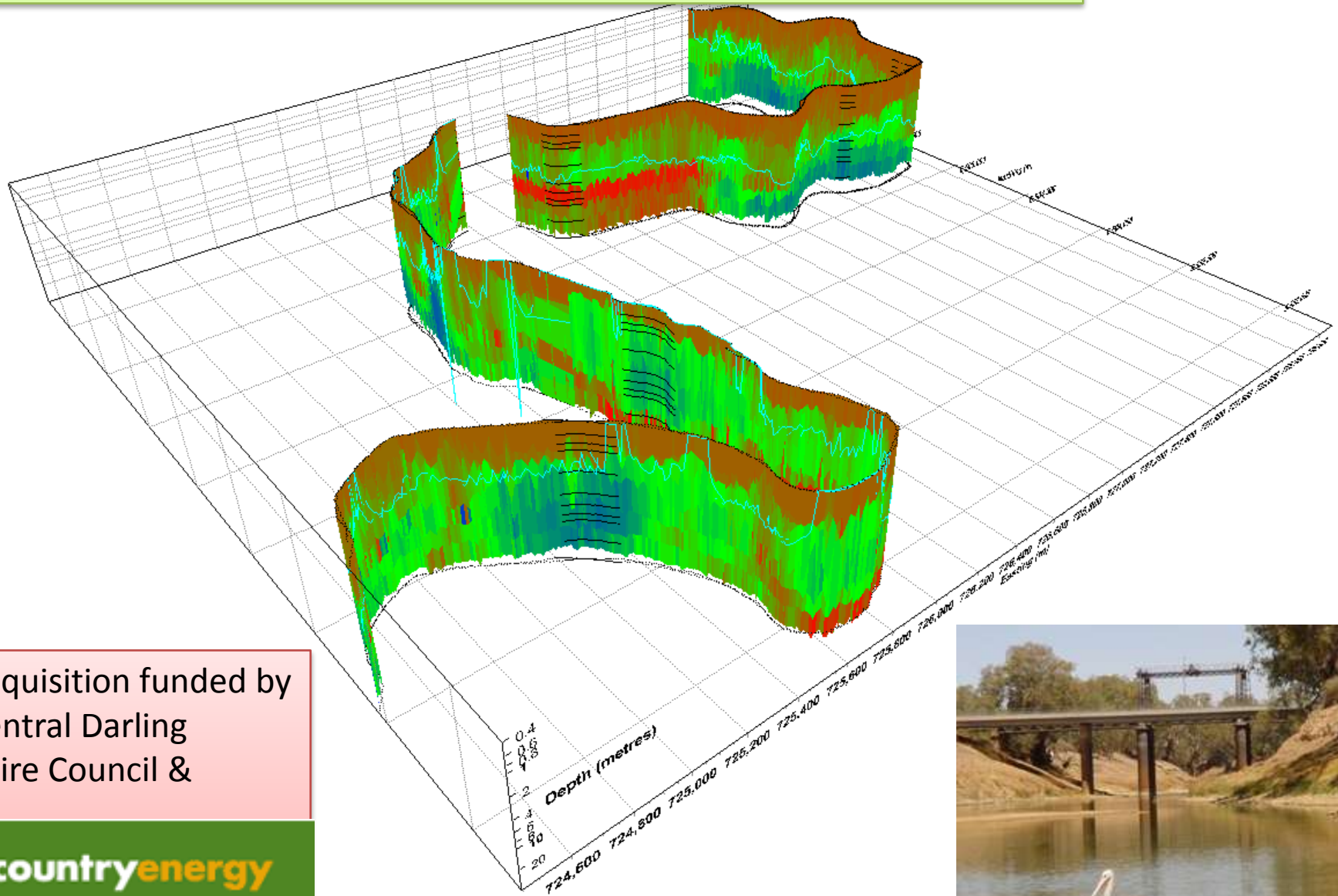
Billabong Creek Geo-electric survey with Murray Darling Basin Composite Colour Stretch and Log10 Depth Scale



EC and Resistivity Histogram



Darling River at Wilcannia Geo-electric survey with Murray Darling Basin Composite Colour Stretch and Log10 Depth Scale



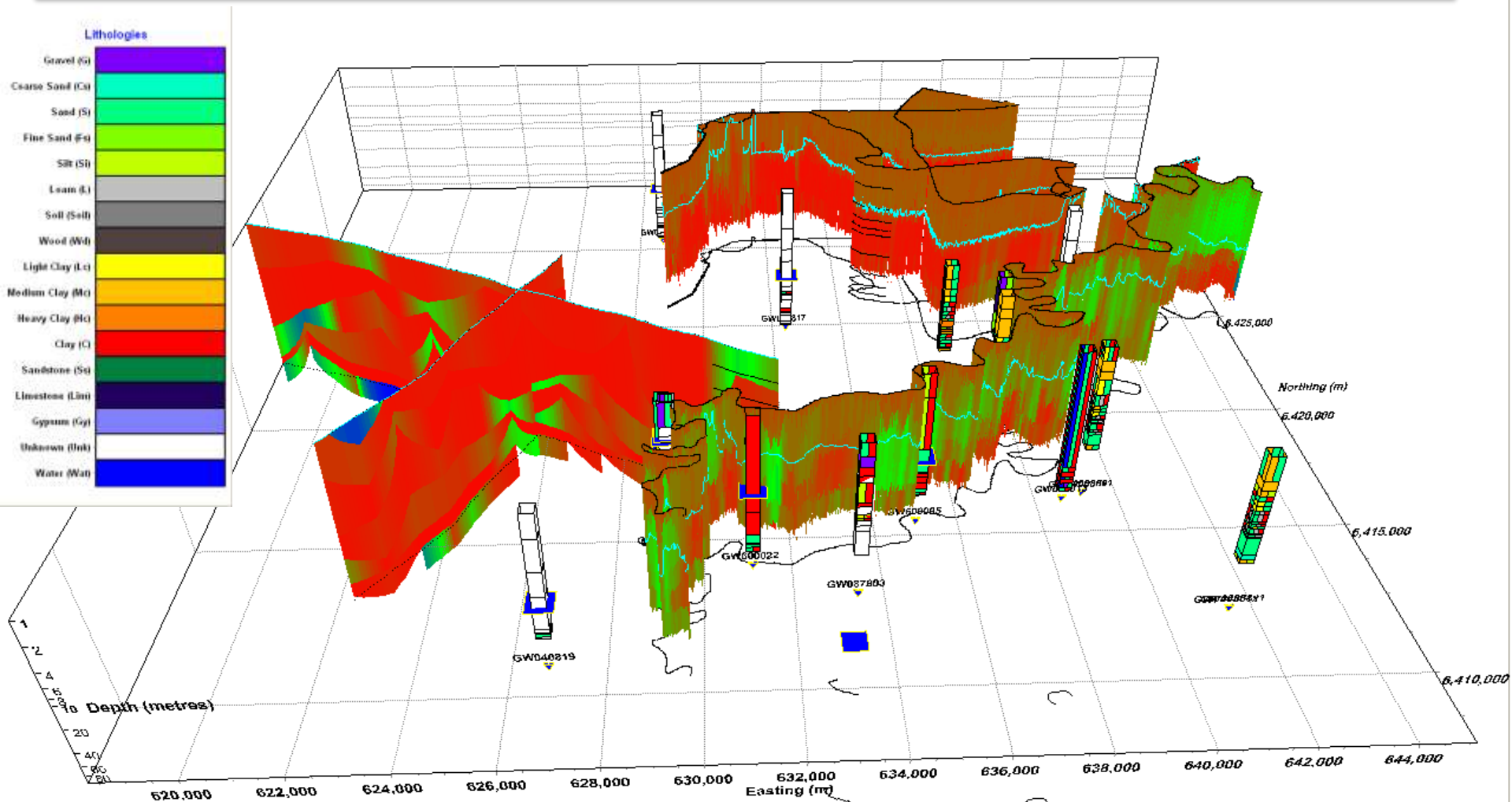
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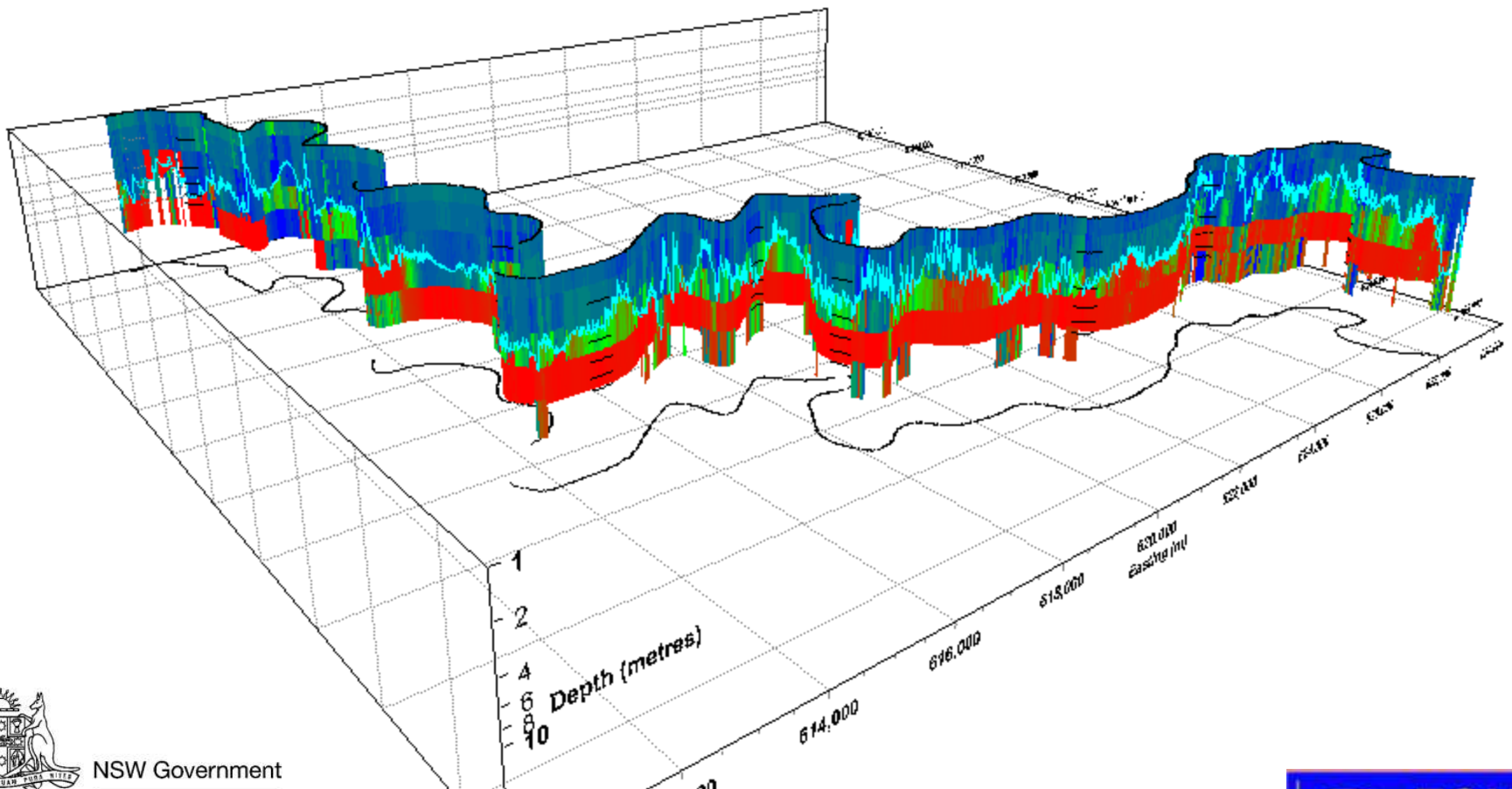
We live here too.



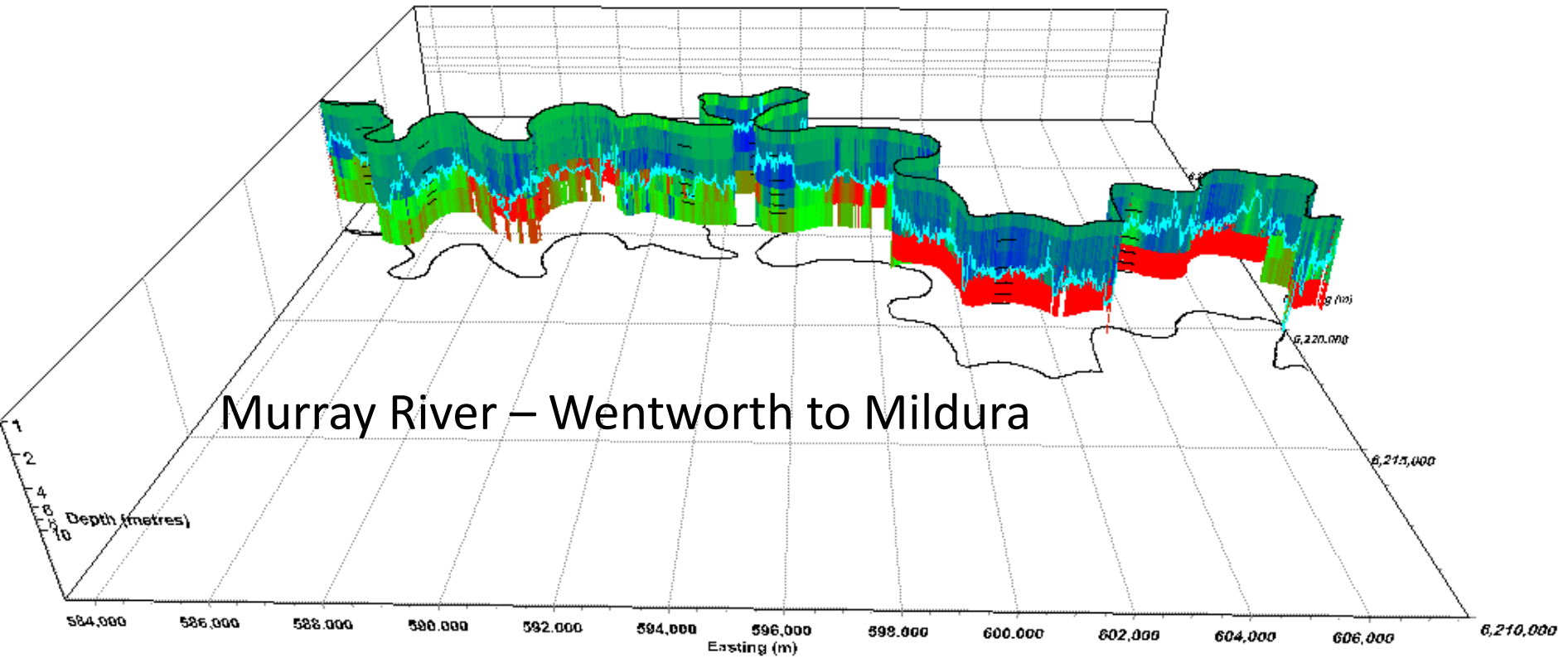
Darling River at Menindee plus Lakes Pamamaroo and Menindee Geo-electric survey with Murray Darling Basin Composite Colour Stretch and Log10 Depth Scale



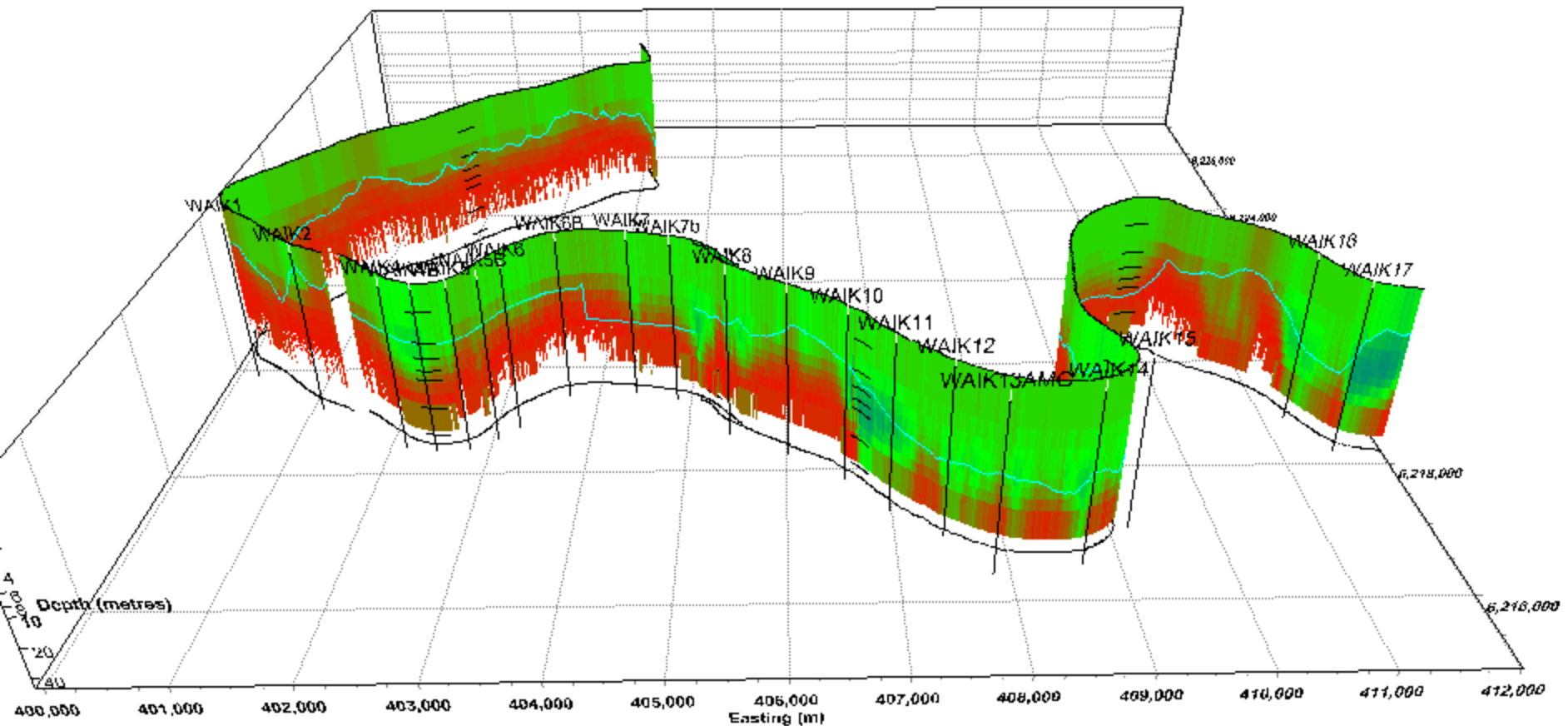
Murray River - 0-60 km upstream of Mildura.
Viticulture and uncleared land above fossil
hypersaline groundwater discharge deposits



Project: Mildura, Buronga and Mallee Cliffs EC Monitoring Trials
Site: Wentworth to Mildura Client: DIPNR
Data Provider: Zonge supplied to National Centre For Groundwater Management JobNum: NCGM2004/4
Survey Equipment: Zonge GDP32 with 160V Tx Survey Date: 12/11/2003



Murray River – Waikerie 1 and 2a salt water interception schemes – South Australia Viticulture and citrus



End of constant colour scheme
river comparison.

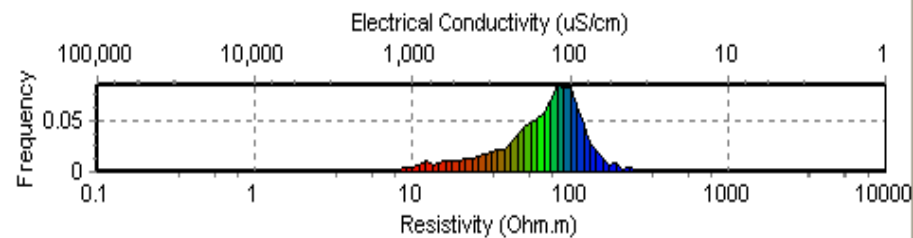
Macquarie River

Geo-electric and associated run-of-
river data



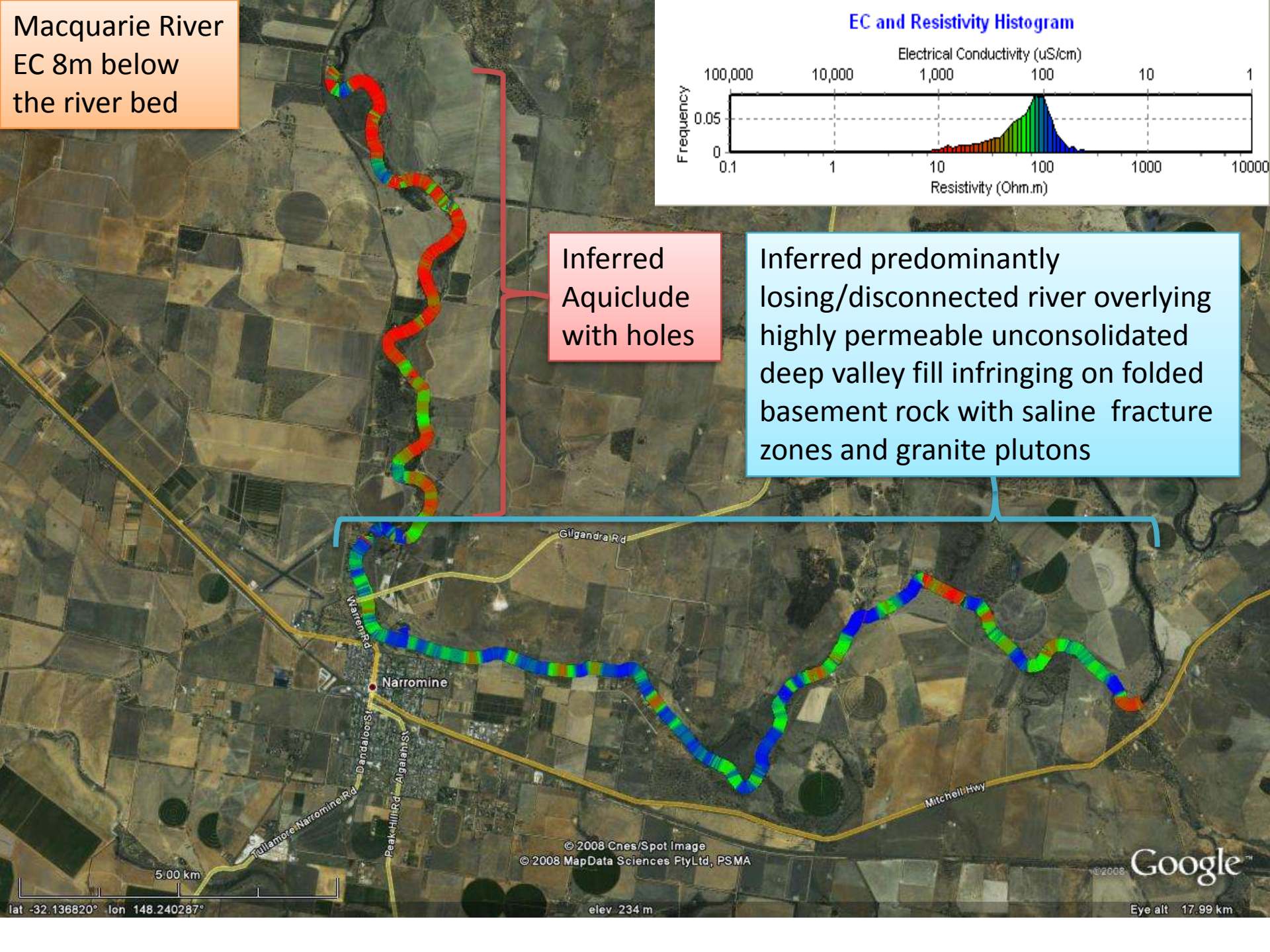
Macquarie River
EC 8m below
the river bed

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Inferred
Aquiclude
with holes

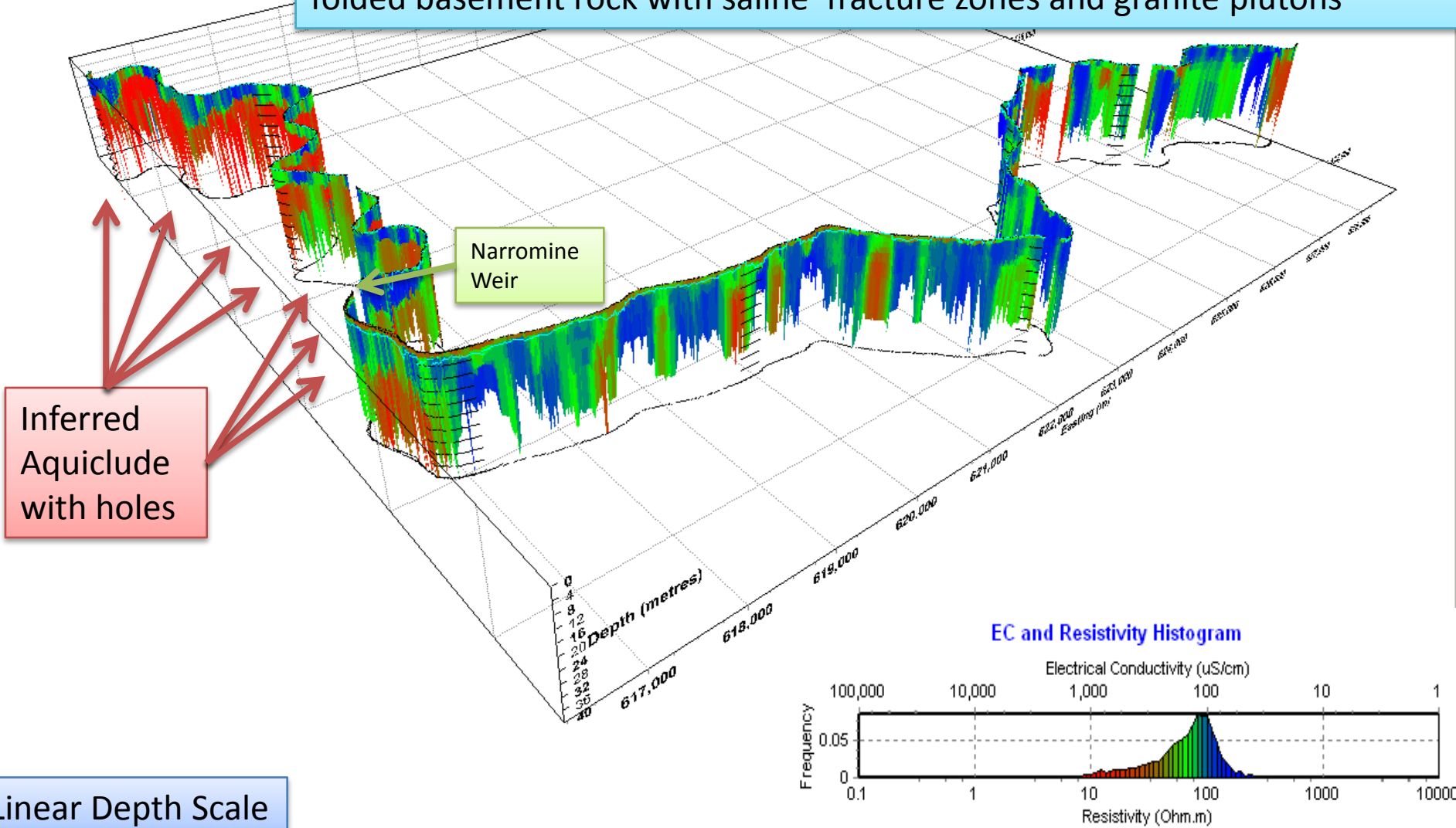
Inferred predominantly
losing/disconnected river overlying
highly permeable unconsolidated
deep valley fill infringing on folded
basement rock with saline fracture
zones and granite plutons



Macquarie River Interpretation Summary

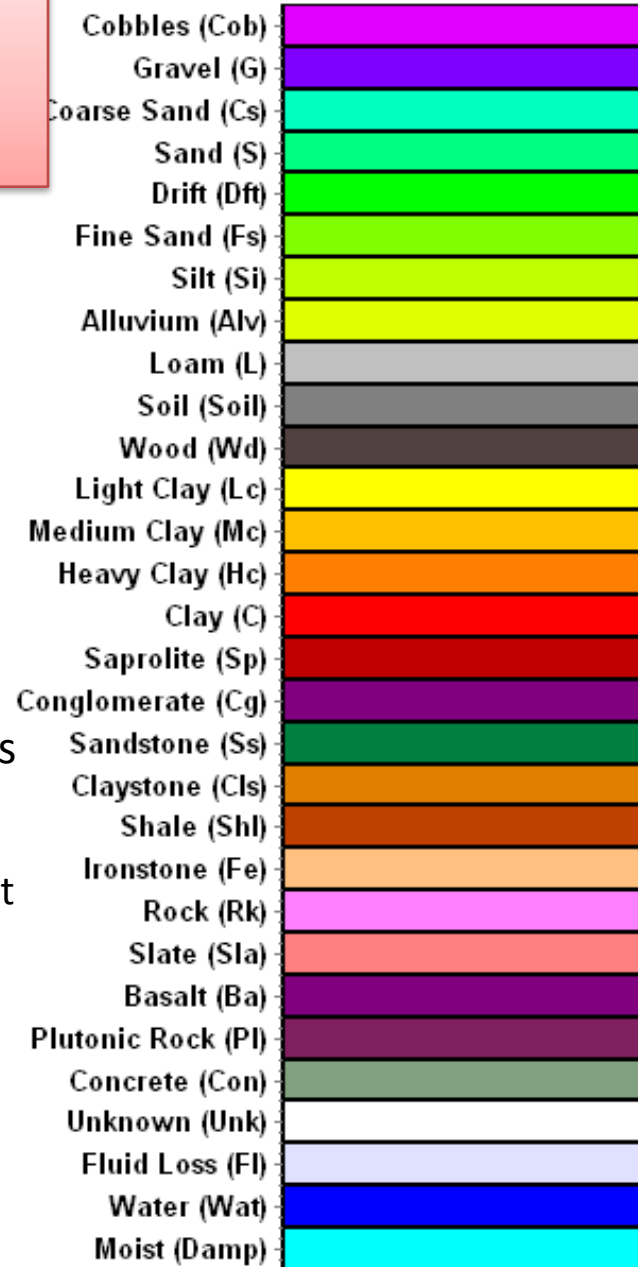
Project: NSW Losing/Disconnected Rivers Investigation
Site: Macquarie River - Turkey Farm Reserve to Brummagen Creek Client: NSW DWE
Data Provider: Groundwater Imaging Pty Ltd JobNum: 1
Survey Equipment: RIP924, 100m streamer, sonar and water pH, Temp and EC loggers Survey Date: 1/07/2008

From the weir upstream - Inferred predominantly losing/disconnected river overlies highly permeable unconsolidated deep valley fill infringing on folded basement rock with saline fracture zones and granite plutons



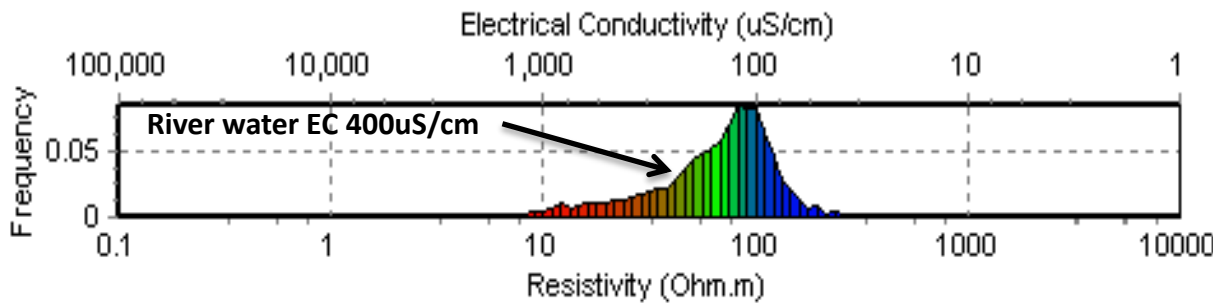
Macquarie Modelled Resistivity Images - Key

Lithologies



EC histogram and colour stretch for the entire Macquarie River dataset.

EC and Resistivity Histogram

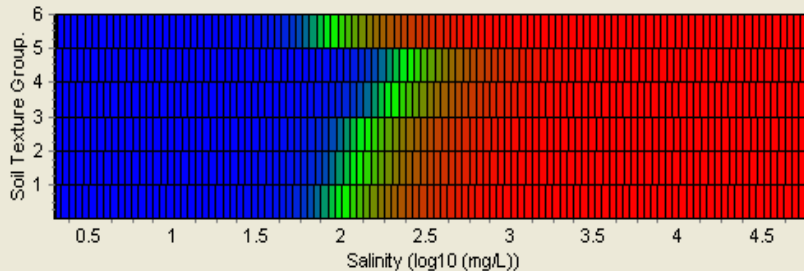


Lithologies encountered in drillers logs near the Macquarie River

EC, Salinity, and Soil Texture relationship for the Macquarie River dataset

SATURATED SOIL EC as a function of Salinity and Texture

6: Water
5: Sands <10%Clay
4: Sandy Loams 10-25% Clay
3: Loams 25-30% Clay
2: Clay Loams, Light Clay 30-45% Clay
1: Medium, Heavy Clays >45% Clay



and using a Salinity conversion factor mg/L / uS/cm of 0.64.
After Slavich & Petterson - Aust J. Soil Res., 1993, 31, 73-81

Comparison with Tempest data and Geological Maps



Photo sourced from <http://www.fugroairborne.com/service/tempest.php>

The 8m deep geo-electric depth slice has been superimposed over various datasets. Due to river incision, direct comparison of Tempest depths and Geo-electric depths is not appropriate. Due to river incision, the 8m geo-electric depth slice should correspond most directly to the 15-20m Tempest depth interval.

Lachlan Fold Belt
and GAB Geology
beneath the
Macquarie River
Palaeovalleys

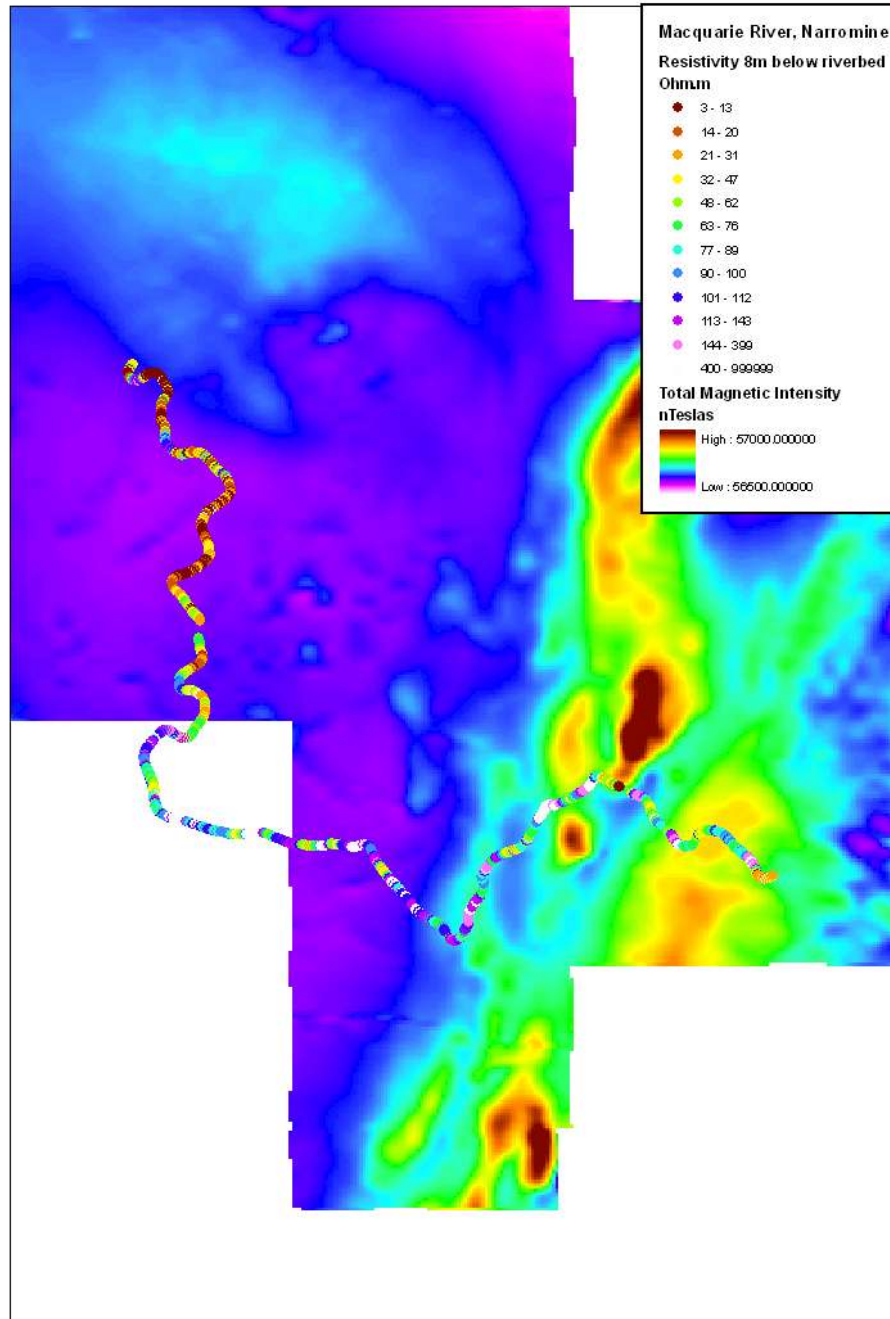


Source: Eastern Lachlan Orogen
Geosciences Database Version 2.
Sept 2006.
NSW Dept. of Primary Industries.

Beware – the level of
detail presented here
smoothes over
features detected
under the river. In
places, it can be
assumed that the
new information
presented in the
Tempest survey and
this report will result
in modification of
this map.

Macquarie River
Geo-electric
Resistivity at 8m
below the river bed
superimposed over
Fugro-Tempest Total
Magnetic Intensity

TMI colour
stretch is linear

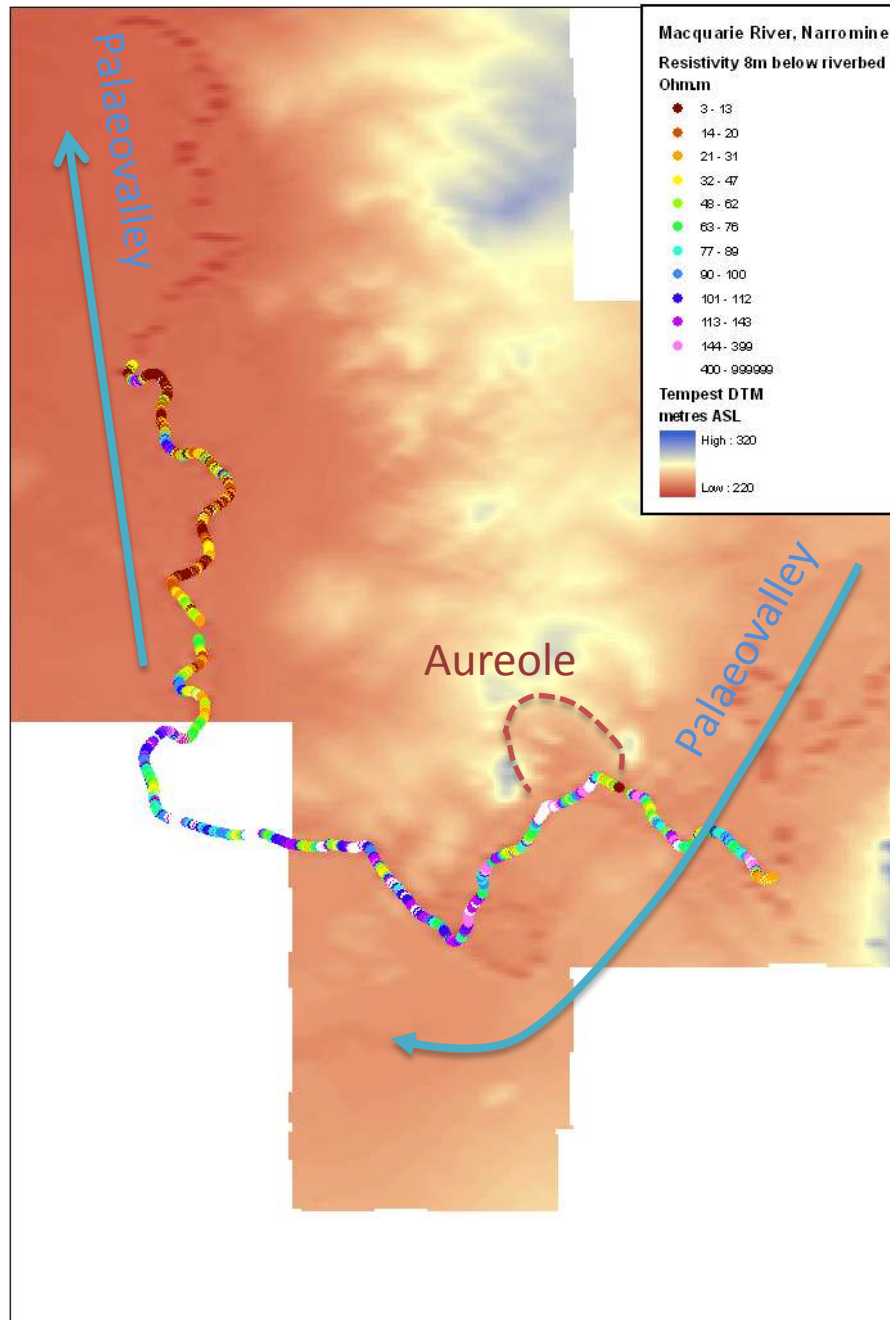


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The TMI data principally indicates deep structures of the basement rock. The significance of these will be explained using the other datasets. The level of smoothing of this TMI data precludes identification of the depth of features evident.

Macquarie River
Geo-electric
Resistivity at 8m
below the river bed
superimposed over
Fugro-Tempest
Digital Terrain Model

DTM colour
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Subsurface valleys
are indicated by
slight broad
topographic lows
(ie. transition from
peneplain to
depositional plain).
An aureole around a
small granite north
of the river is
evident as a sharp
topographic high.

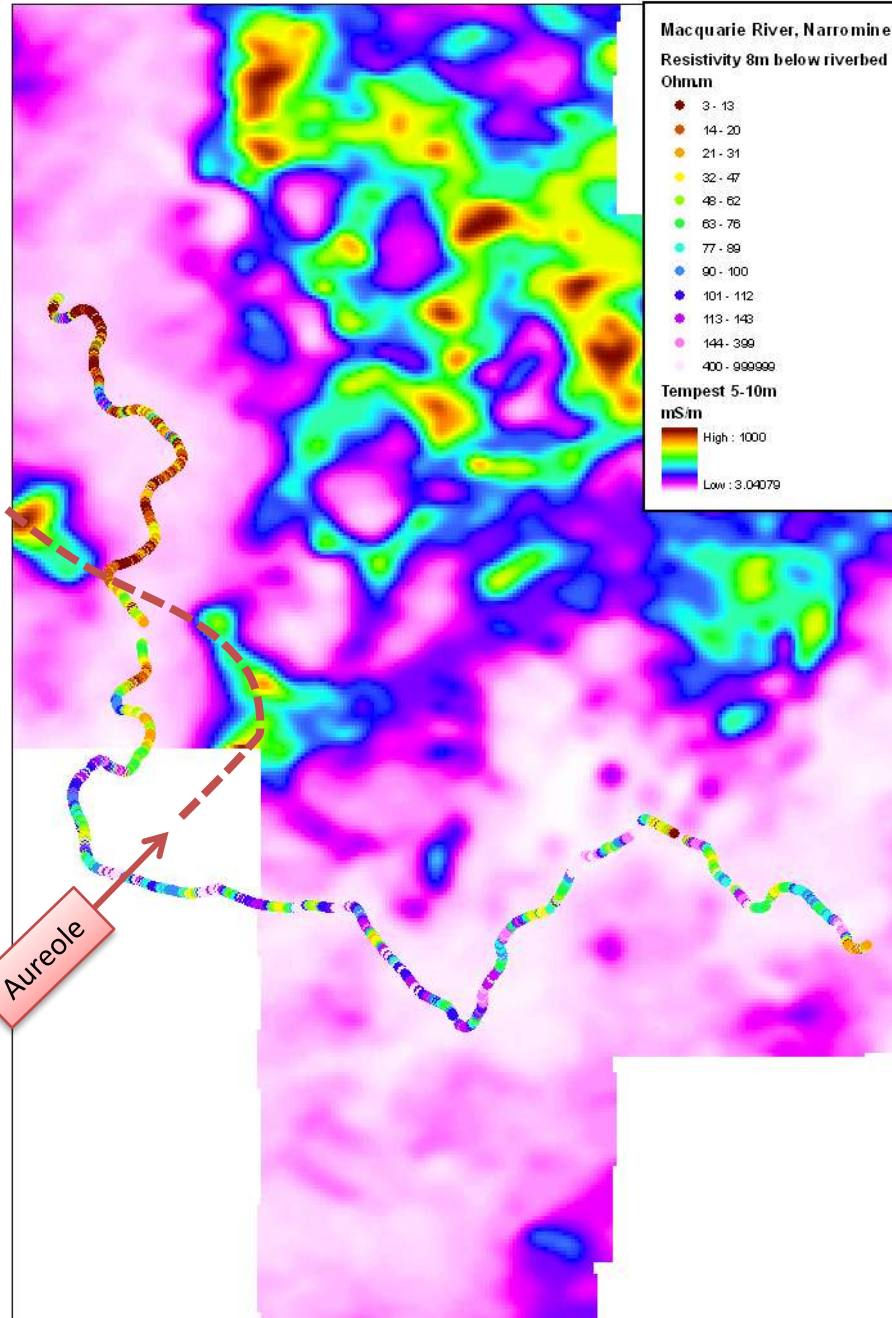
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 5-10m depth

Tempest colour stretch is equal area.

No attempt to standardize the Tempest and Geo-electric colour scales has been made because they are drastically different.

When comparing depths beware that the river is incised sharply 6 to 12 metres deep.

Horizontal smoothing of the Tempest data has blurred most of the details evident in the geo-electric data.



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The River at
Narromine turns
north and crosses
over the aureole of a
granite (shown). This
is a very shallow
feature indicating
that the buried
northern valley is
relatively shallow
and confined at this
point.

The 0-5m deep Tempest data
is not shown because its
altitude correction and
horizontal smoothing is badly
affected by river incision.

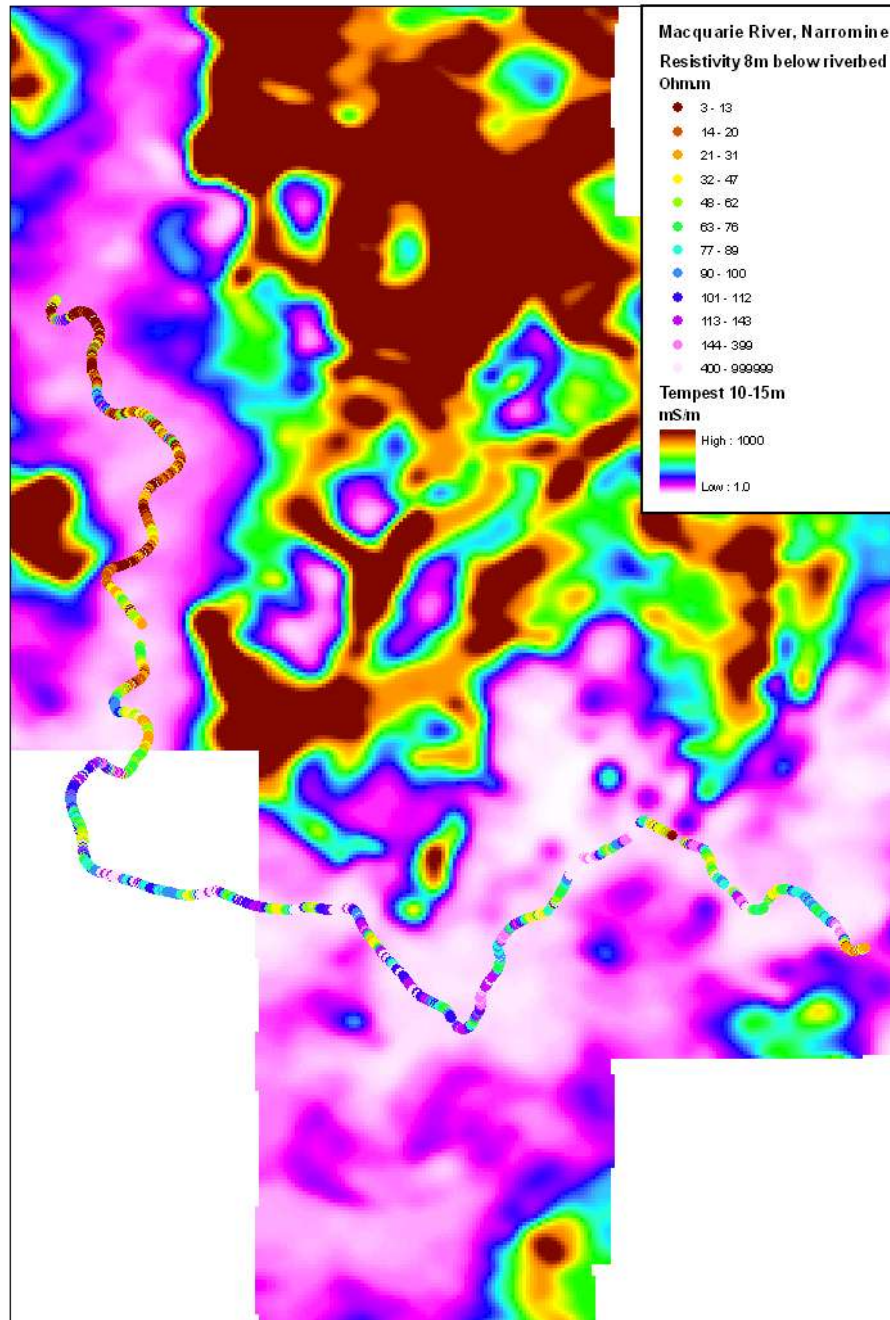
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 10-15m depth

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Tempest reveals
Lachlan Fold Belt
regolith weathering
and wider shear
zones. Resistive
poorly weathered
fold belt rocks and
more recent
freshwater and
gravel filled
palaeovalleys are
represented by low
conductivity but
can only be
differentiated by
their geometry.

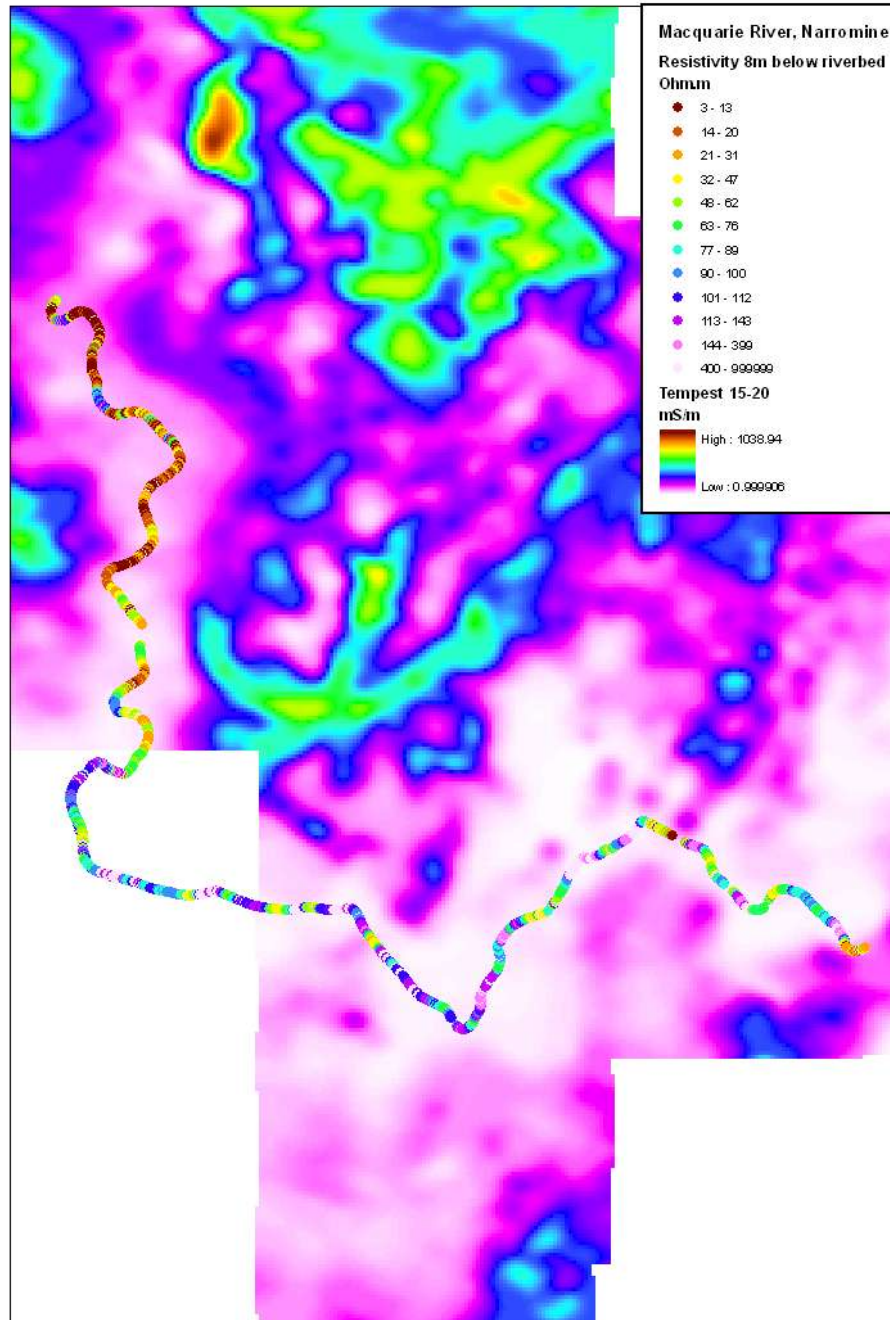
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 15-20m depth

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The discontinuous
aquiclude evident
in geo-electric
data north of
Narromine Weir is
presented in the
Tempest data as a
slight increase in
the valley
conductivity.

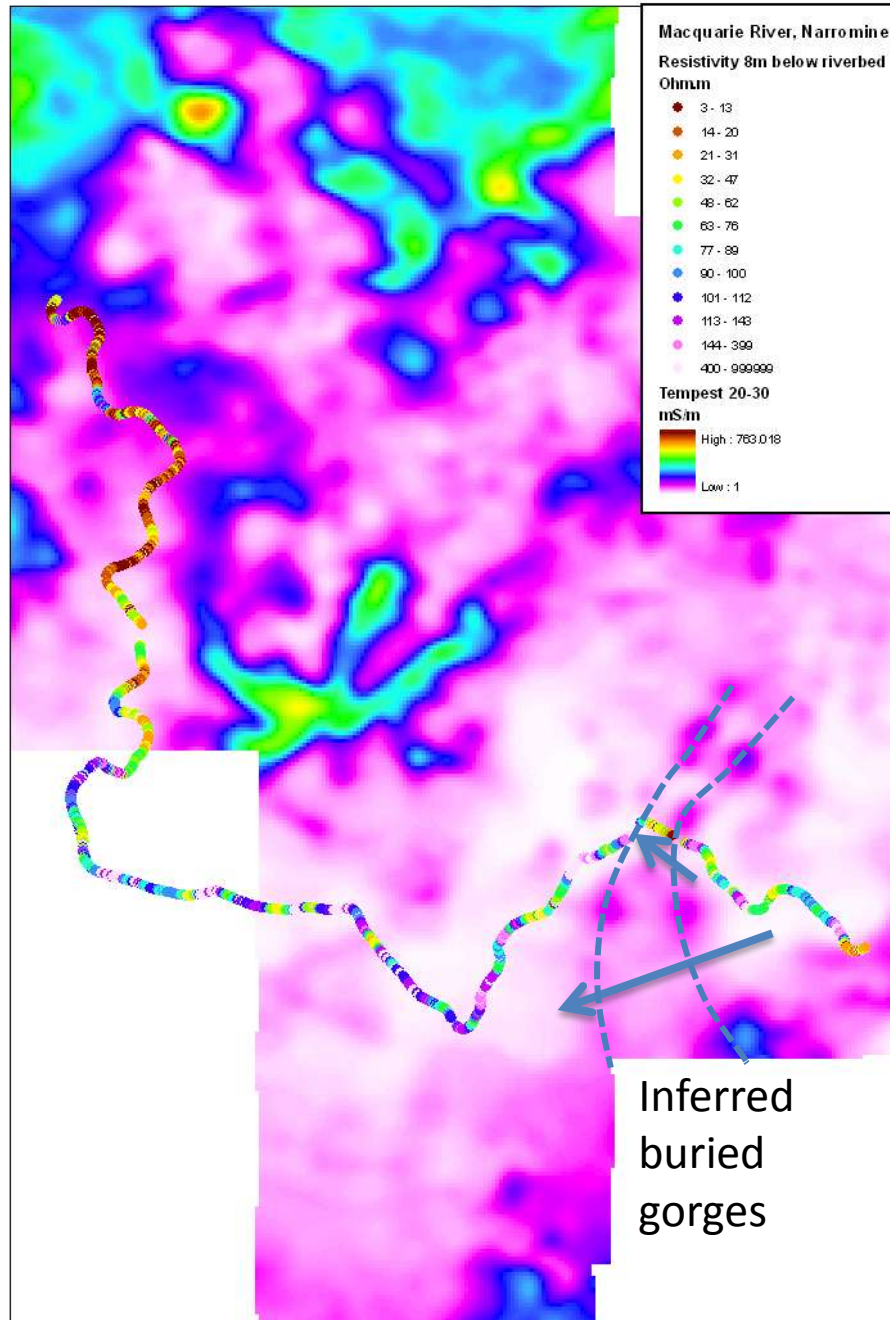
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 20-30m depth

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The upper reaches of the geo-electric survey cross Tempest conductivity trends suggesting that the underlying palaeovalley passes through a gorge.

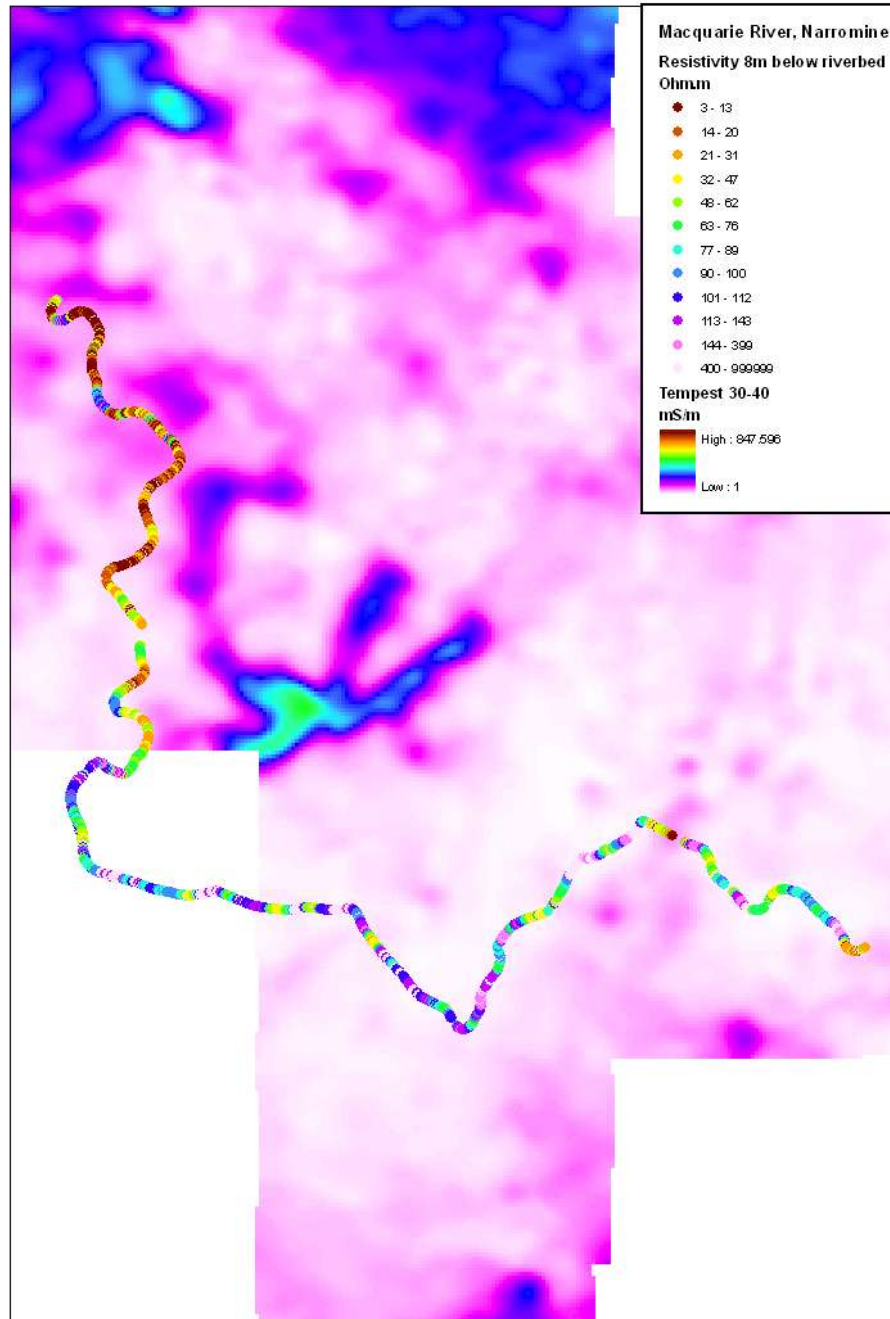
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 30-40m depth

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By 30m deep,
Tempest is
observing a
combination of
relatively fresh
basement rock and
gravel valley fill
both of which
appear to have
similar resistivity.
Dominant features
are basement
conductors of little
significance to this
study.

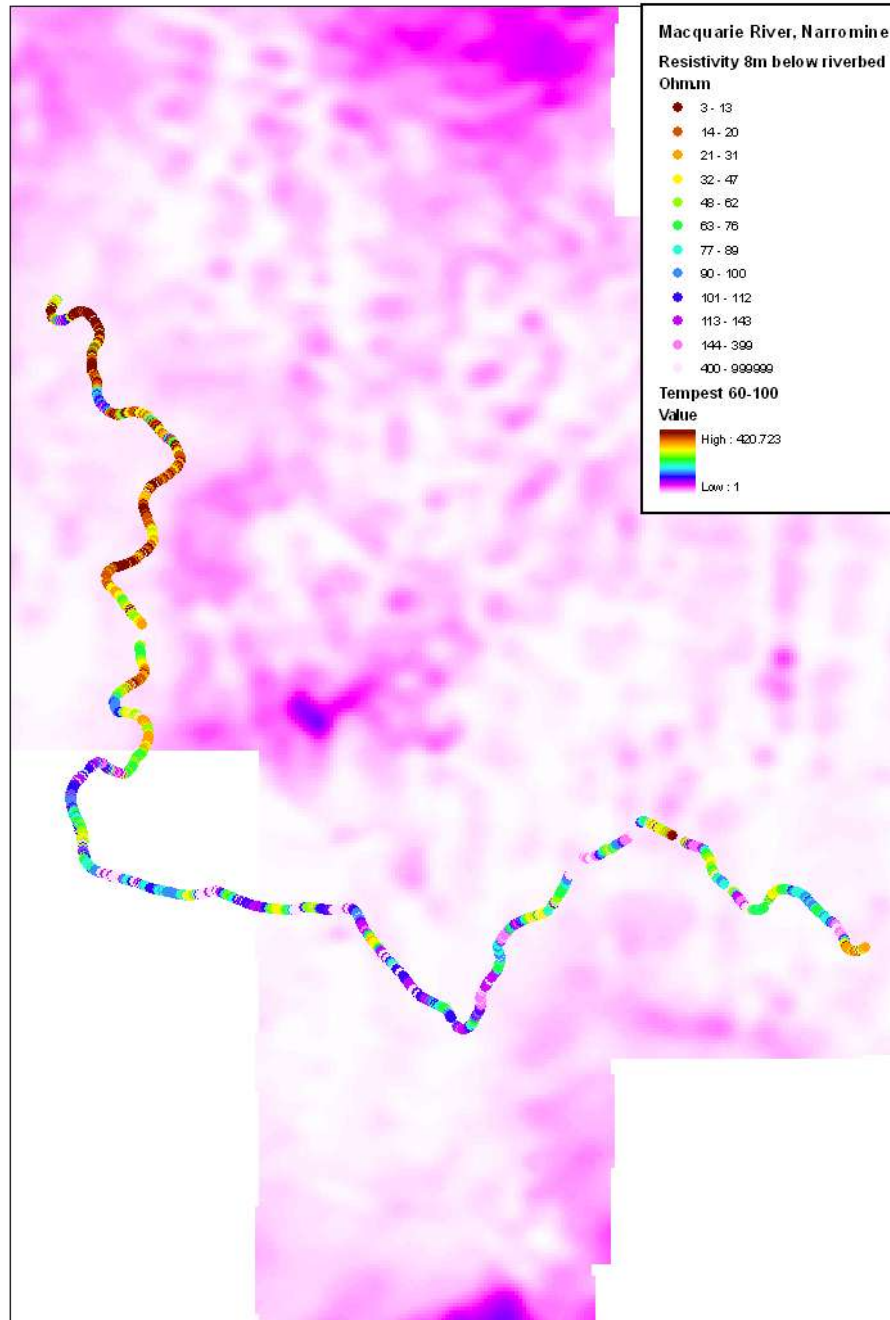
Macquarie River Geo-electric Resistivity at 8m below the river bed superimposed over Fugro-Tempest EC at 60-100m depth

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1. Turkey Farm Reserve to Mack Reserve



The Macquarie River at Mack Reserve – photo courtesy of Rob Brownbill

Macquarie River –
Turkey Farm Reserve to
Macks Reserve.

Geo-electric EC data 8m
below the river bed



Inferred 300m wide
palaeochannels

A high EC aquiclude is dominant
north of the Aureole shown. As fine
sediment deposition occurs behind
constrictions rather than just
beyond them, it is suggested that a
very recent reversal of flow
direction has occurred in this valley.
The aquiclude is dissected in places
by inferred 300m wide gravelly
palaeochannels as shown.

From adjacent drillhole logs,
however, it is not completely clear
what component of the aquiclude is
sapolite and what is alluvial.

Evidence of a metamorphic aureole
around a granite (to the south) indicates
that basement is shallow here and the
Macquarie Palaeovalley is constricted

The aquiclude pinches out here

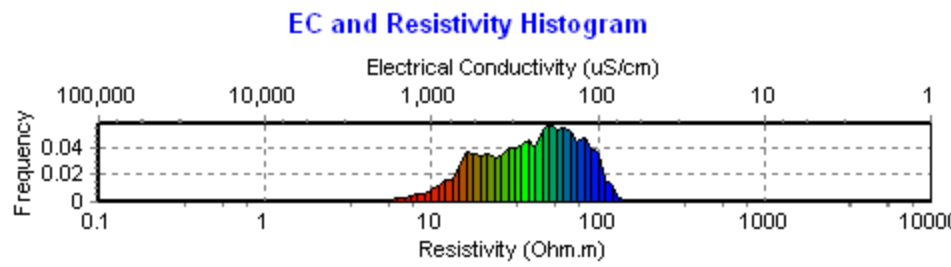
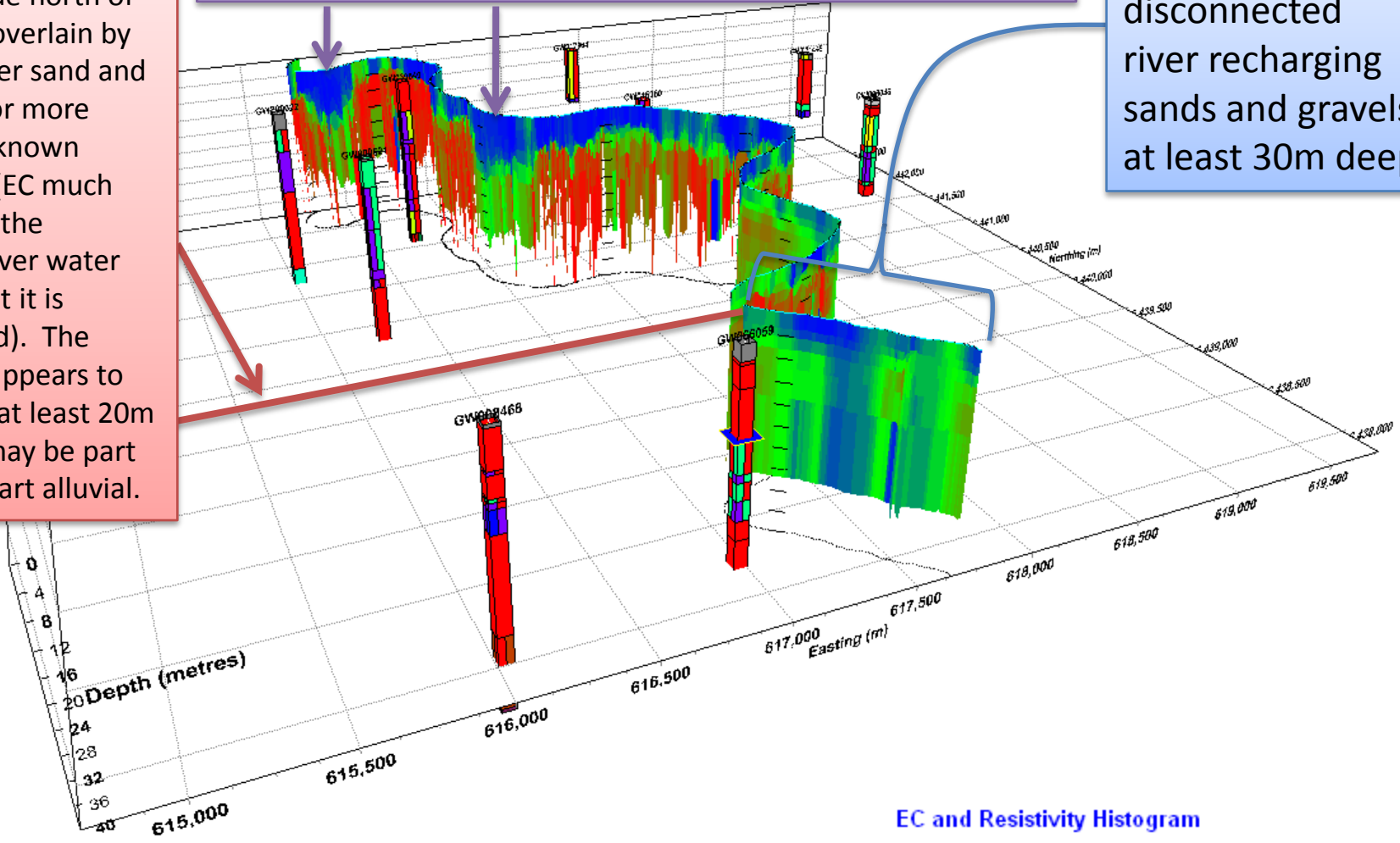
Macquarie River - Turkey Farm Reserve to Macks Reserve.

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Gravel filled channels (see drill logs) incise clay substrate

Inferred losing/disconnected river recharging sands and gravels at least 30m deep

An aquiclude north of this line is overlain by inferred river sand and gravel 4m or more deep of unknown saturation (EC much lower than the overlying river water suggest that it is unsaturated). The aquiclude appears to extends to at least 20m deep and may be part saprolite, part alluvial.



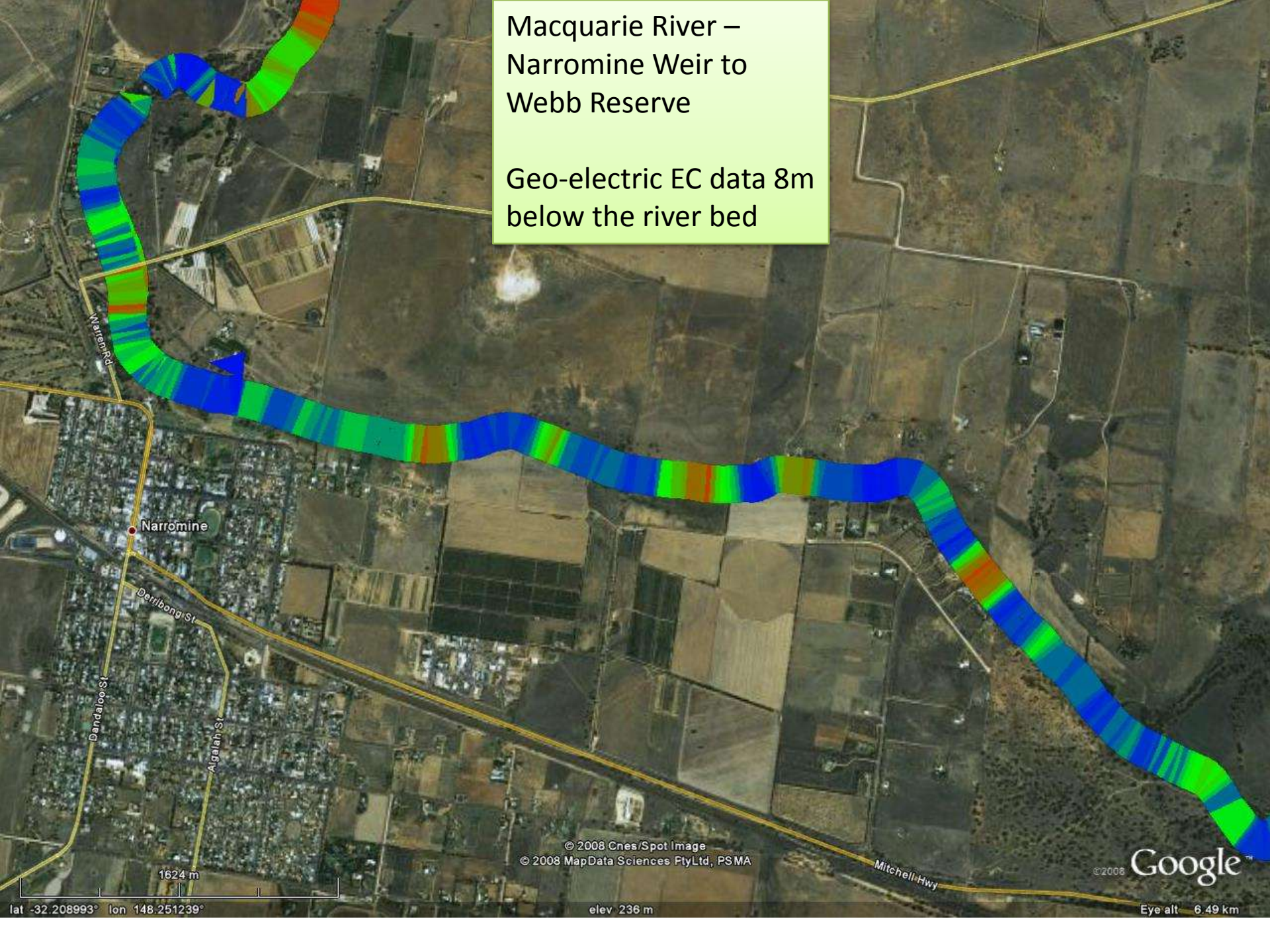
Linear Depth Scale

3. Narromine Weir to Webb Reserve



Macquarie River –
Narromine Weir to
Webb Reserve

Geo-electric EC data 8m
below the river bed



Narromine

Warriner Rd

Deribong St

Dandaloo St

Algalah St

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1624 m

lat -32.208993° lon 148.251239°

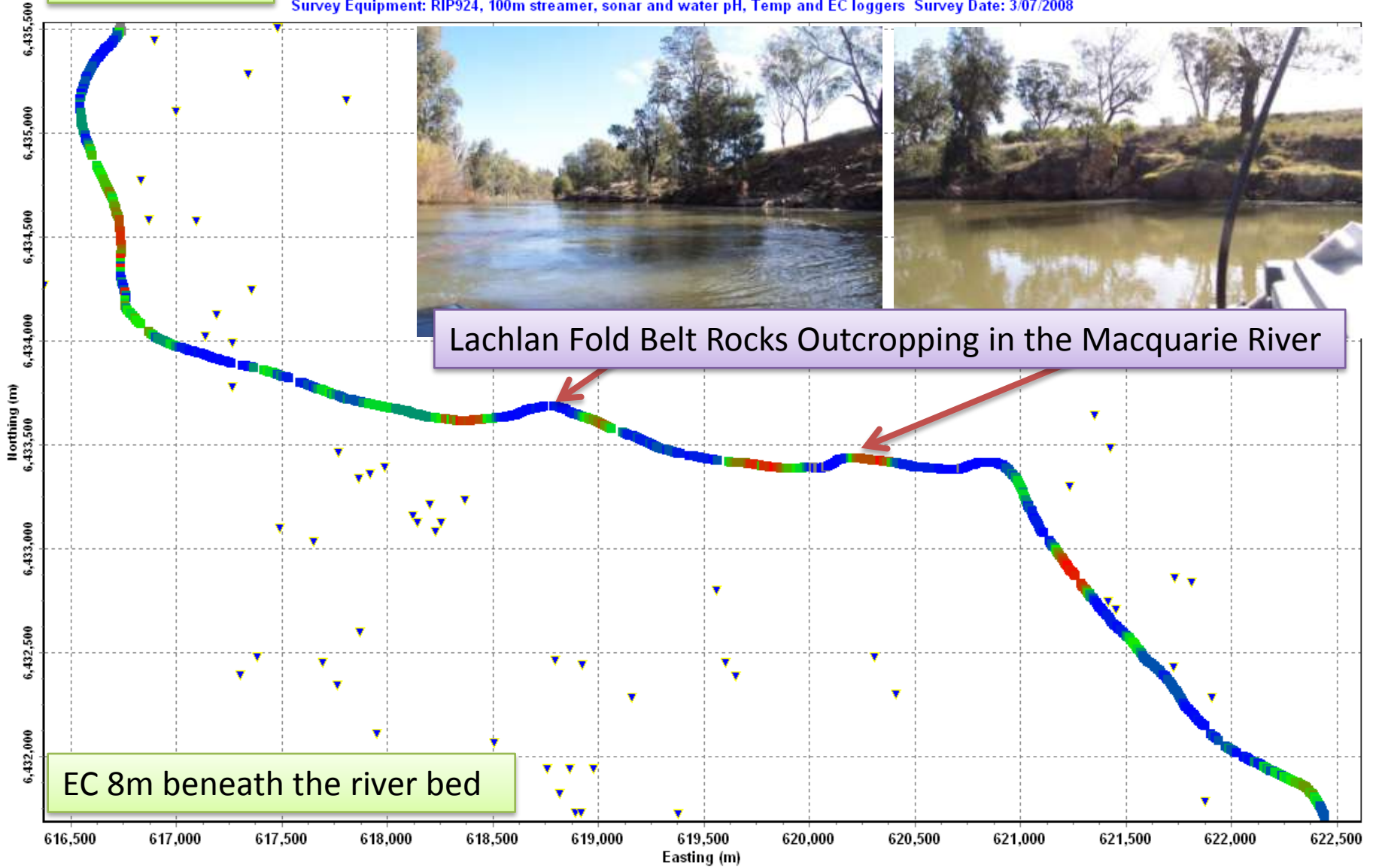
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Macquarie River –
Narromine Weir to
Webb Reserve

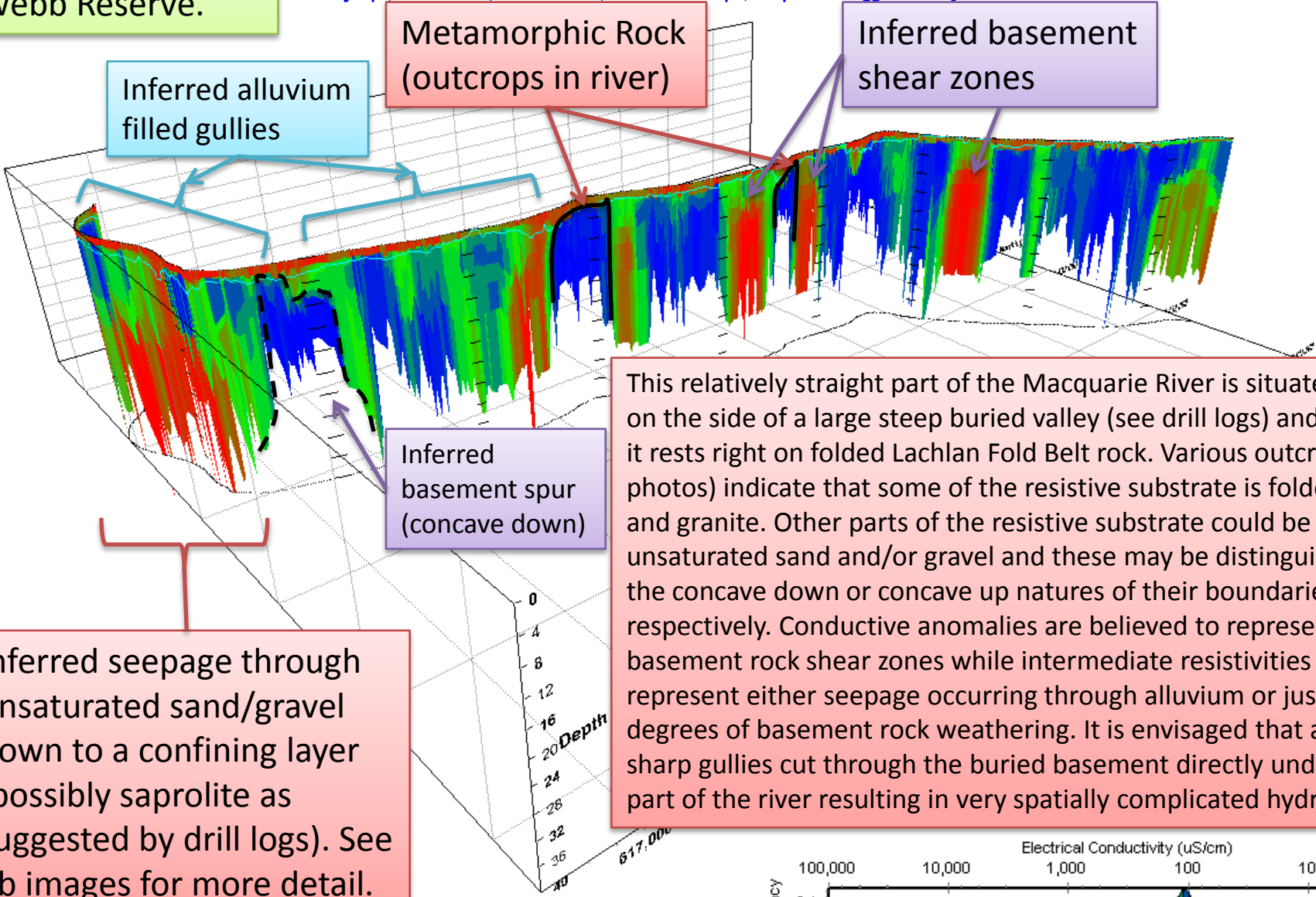
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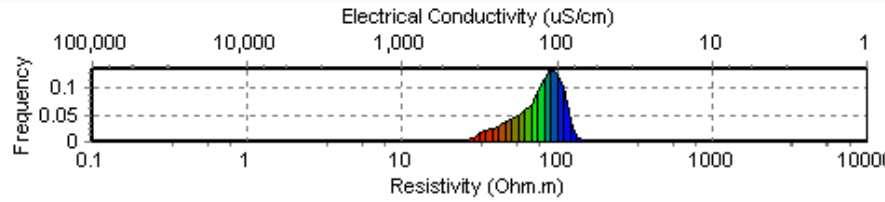
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This relatively straight part of the Macquarie River is situated right on the side of a large steep buried valley (see drill logs) and much of it rests right on folded Lachlan Fold Belt rock. Various outcrops (see photos) indicate that some of the resistive substrate is folded rock and granite. Other parts of the resistive substrate could be unsaturated sand and/or gravel and these may be distinguished by the concave down or concave up natures of their boundaries respectively. Conductive anomalies are believed to represent basement rock shear zones while intermediate resistivities could represent either seepage occurring through alluvium or just various degrees of basement rock weathering. It is envisaged that a series of sharp gullies cut through the buried basement directly under this part of the river resulting in very spatially complicated hydrogeology.

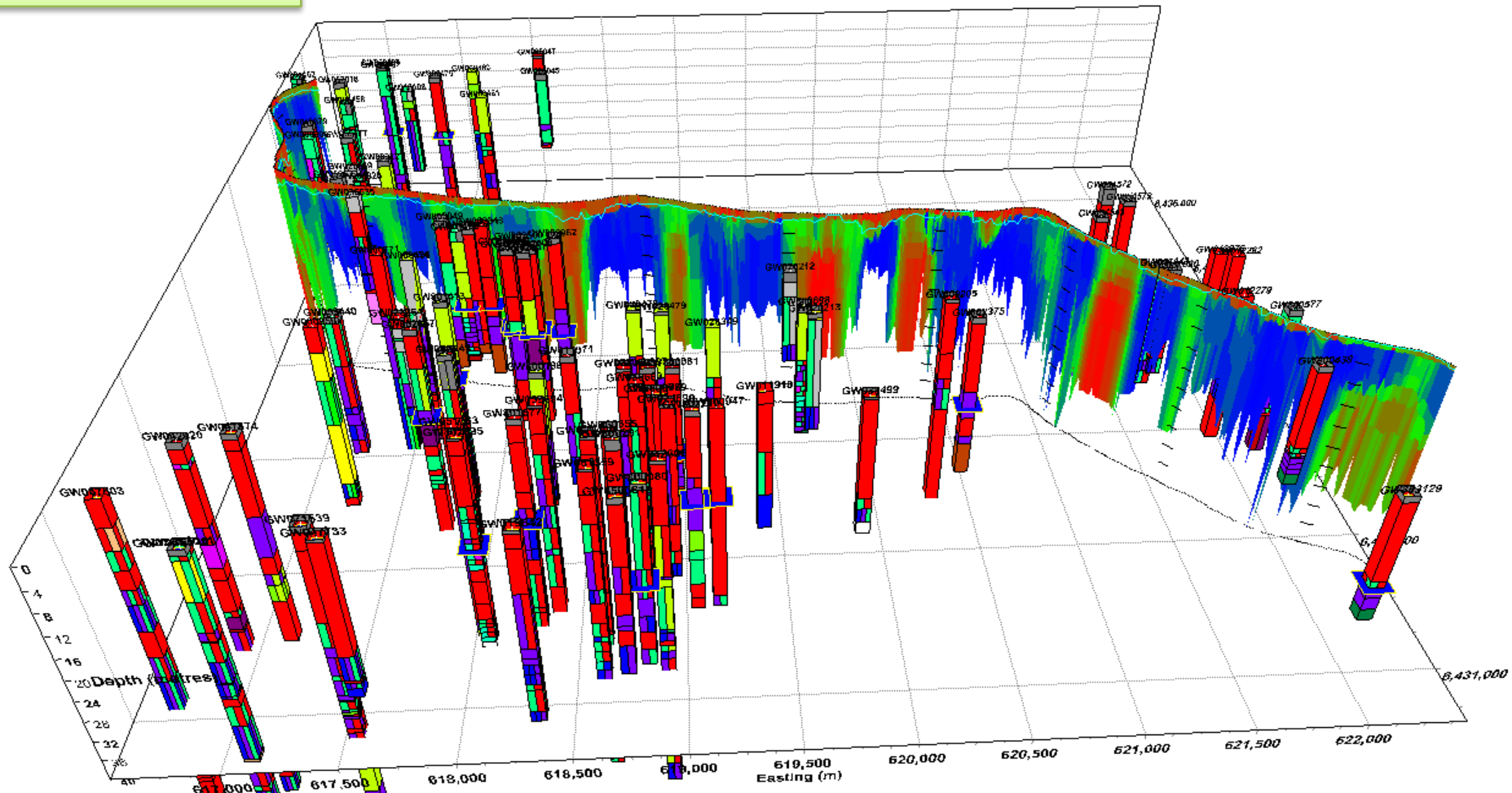
Inferred seepage through unsaturated sand/gravel down to a confining layer (possibly saprolite as suggested by drill logs). See 3b images for more detail.



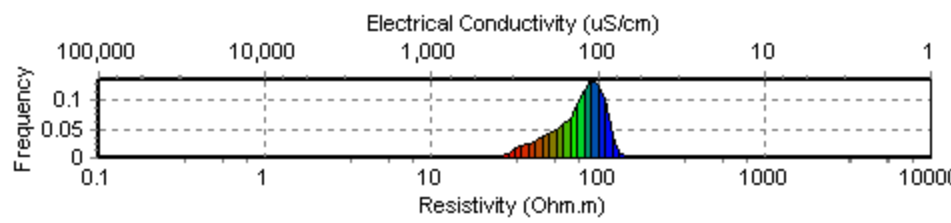
Linear Depth Scale

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EC and Resistivity Histogram

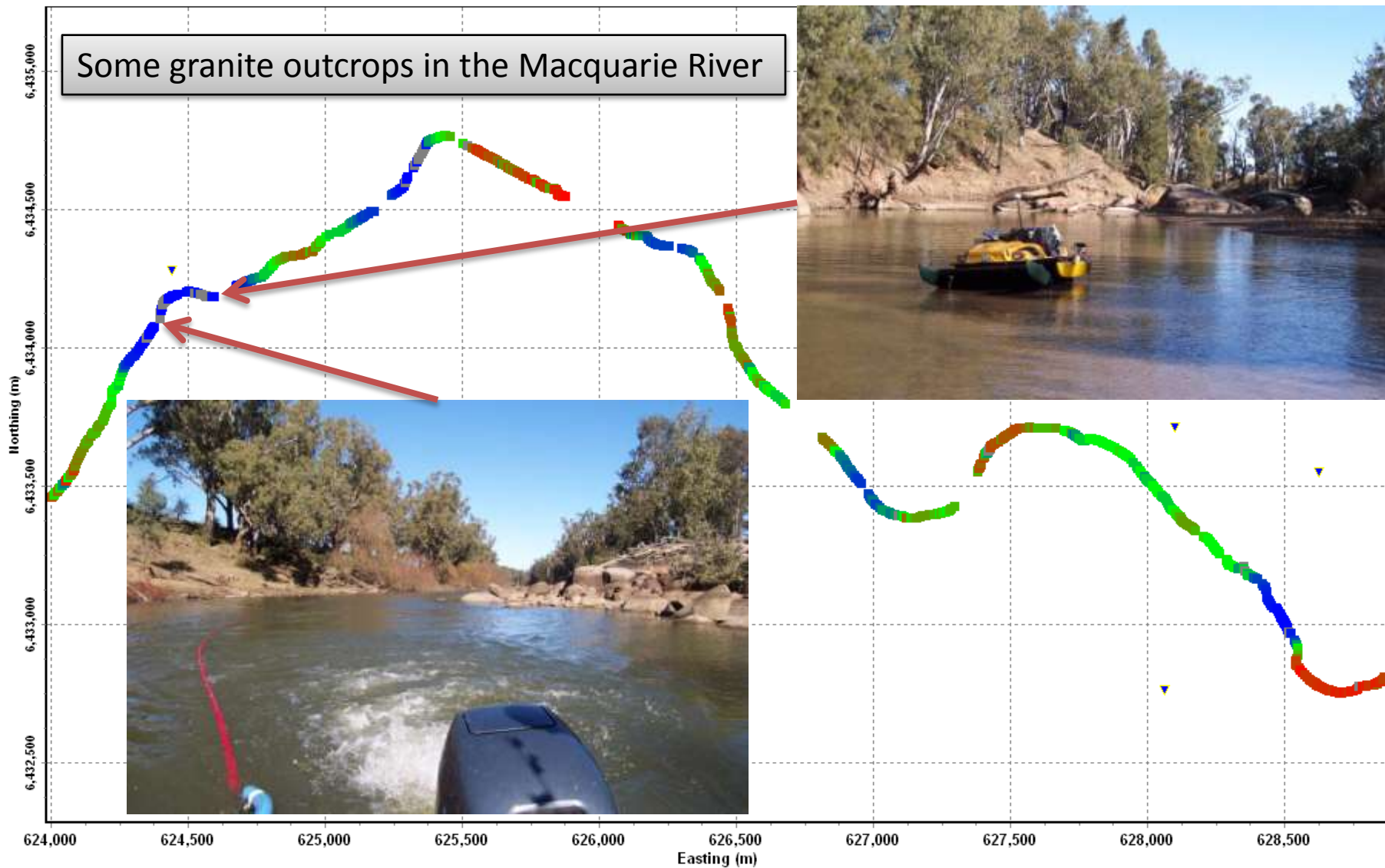


Linear Depth Scale

4. Webb Reserve to Brummagen Creek



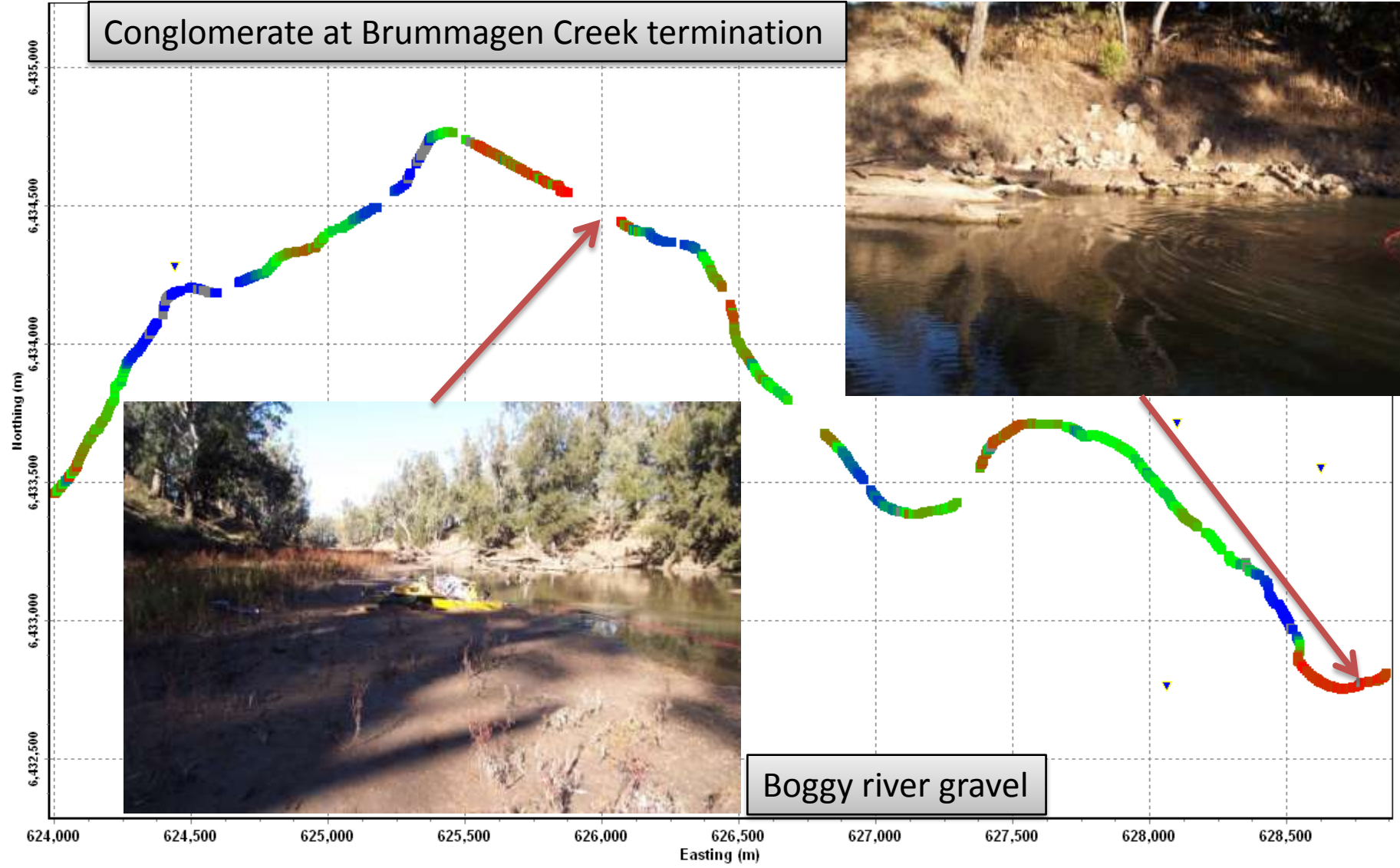
Some granite outcrops in the Macquarie River



Conglomerate at Brummagen Creek termination



Boggy river gravel



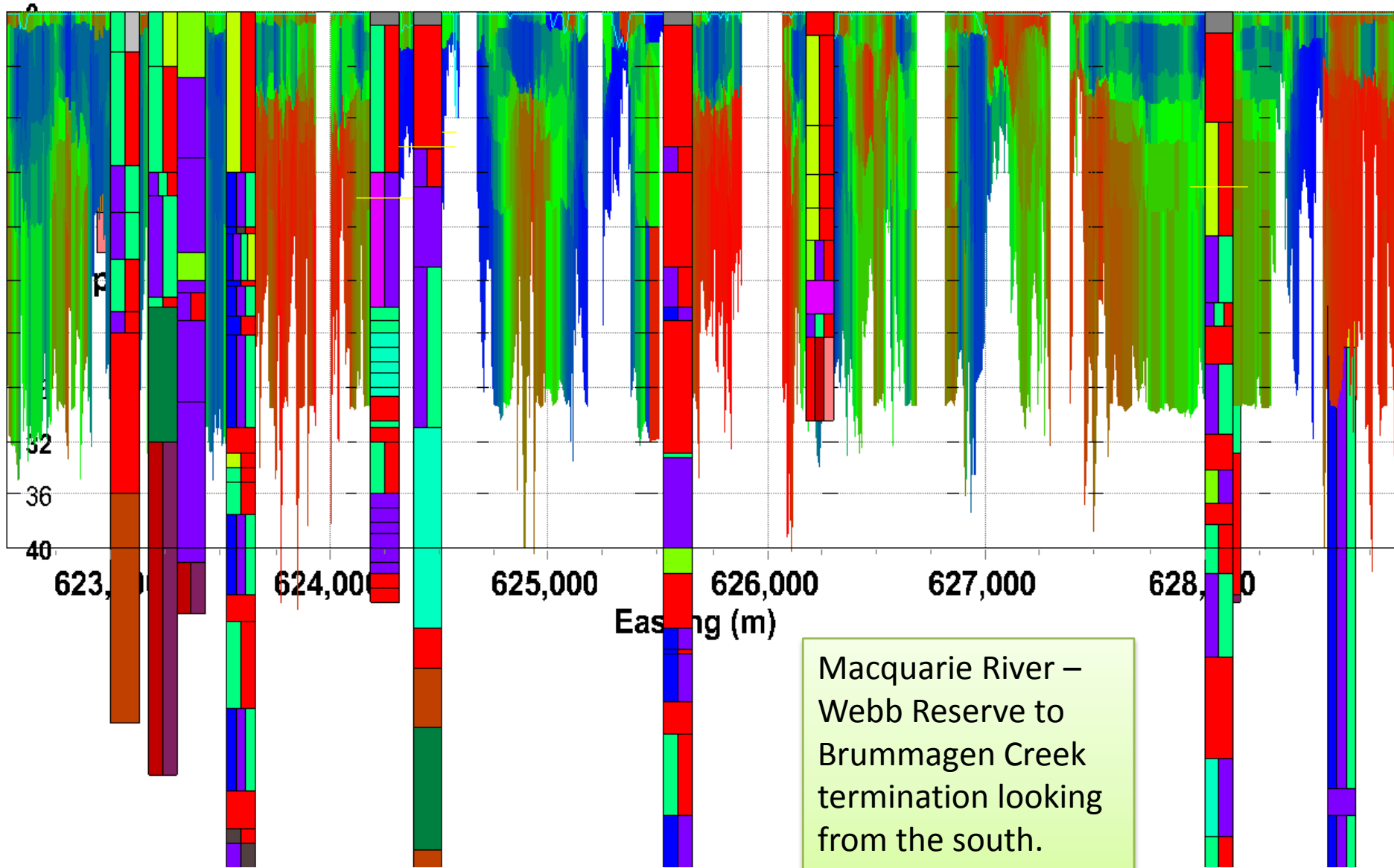
Conglomerate at Brummagen Creek

It is suggested that this cobble cementation at Brummagen Creek is the result of mixing of river water with brackish groundwater inflow driven by flow along a fault co-incident with the creek.

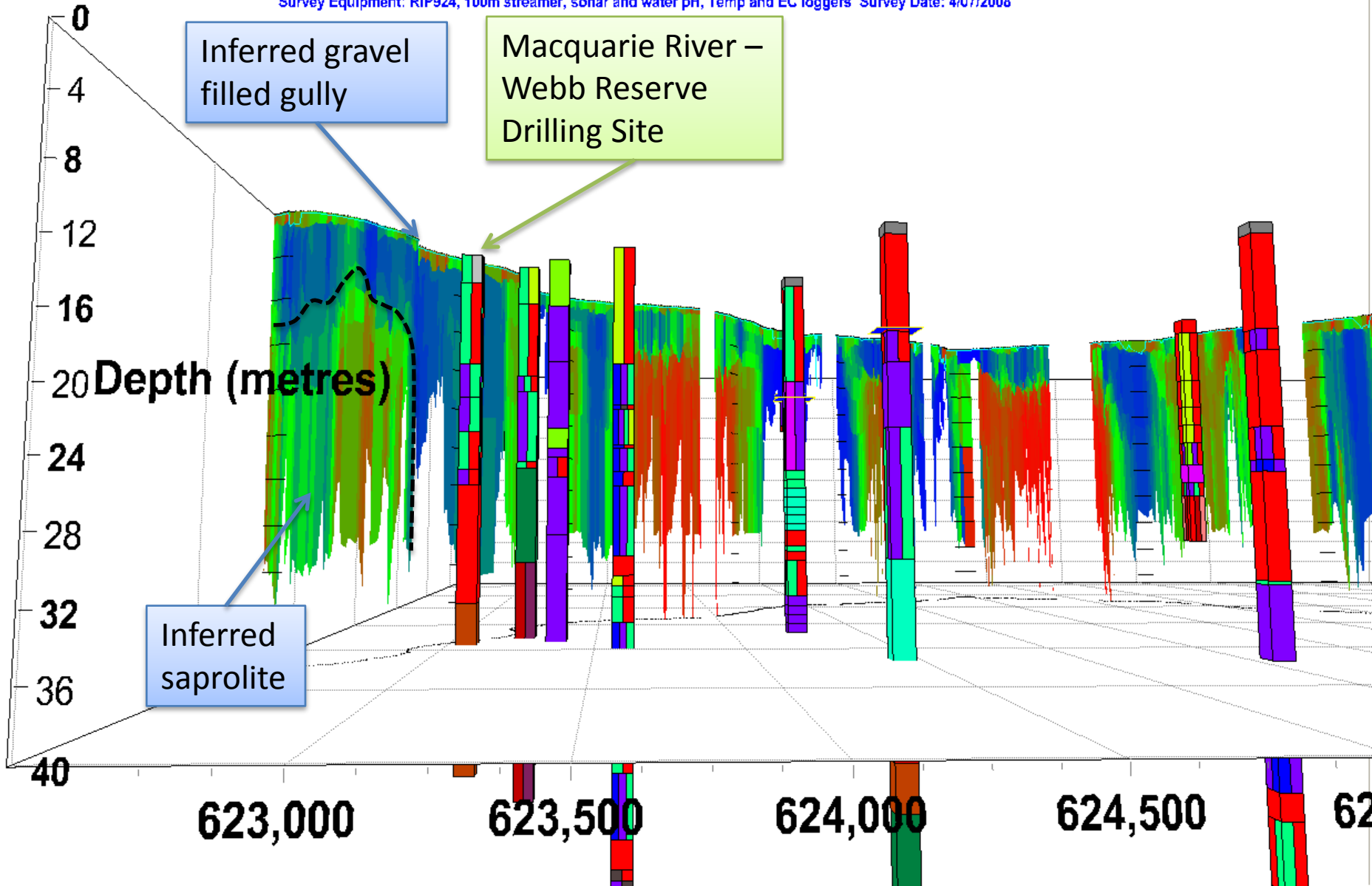


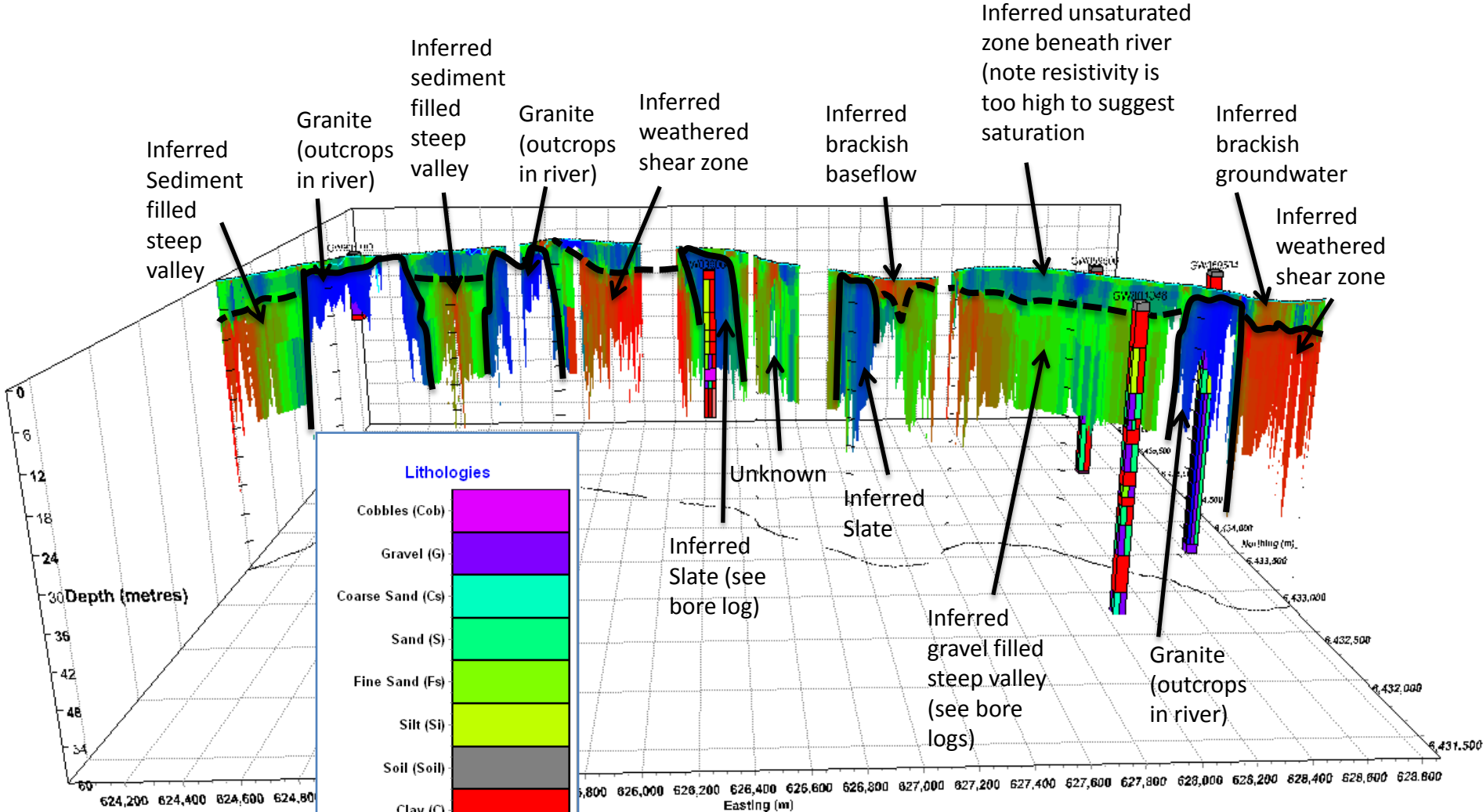
Lithologies

Cobbles (Cob)	
Gravel (G)	
Coarse Sand (Cs)	
Sand (S)	
Fine Sand (Fs)	
Silt (Si)	
Loam (L)	
Soil (Soil)	
Wood (Wd)	
Clay (C)	
Saprolite (Sp)	
Conglomerate (Cg)	
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Slate (Sl)	
Plutonic Rock (Pl)	
Water (Wat)	



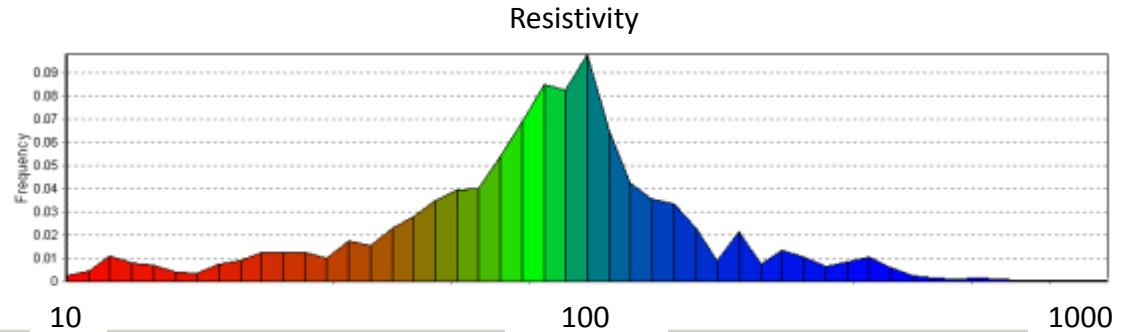
Linear Depth Scale





Lithologies

Cobbles (Cob)	[Color]
Gravel (G)	[Color]
Coarse Sand (Cs)	[Color]
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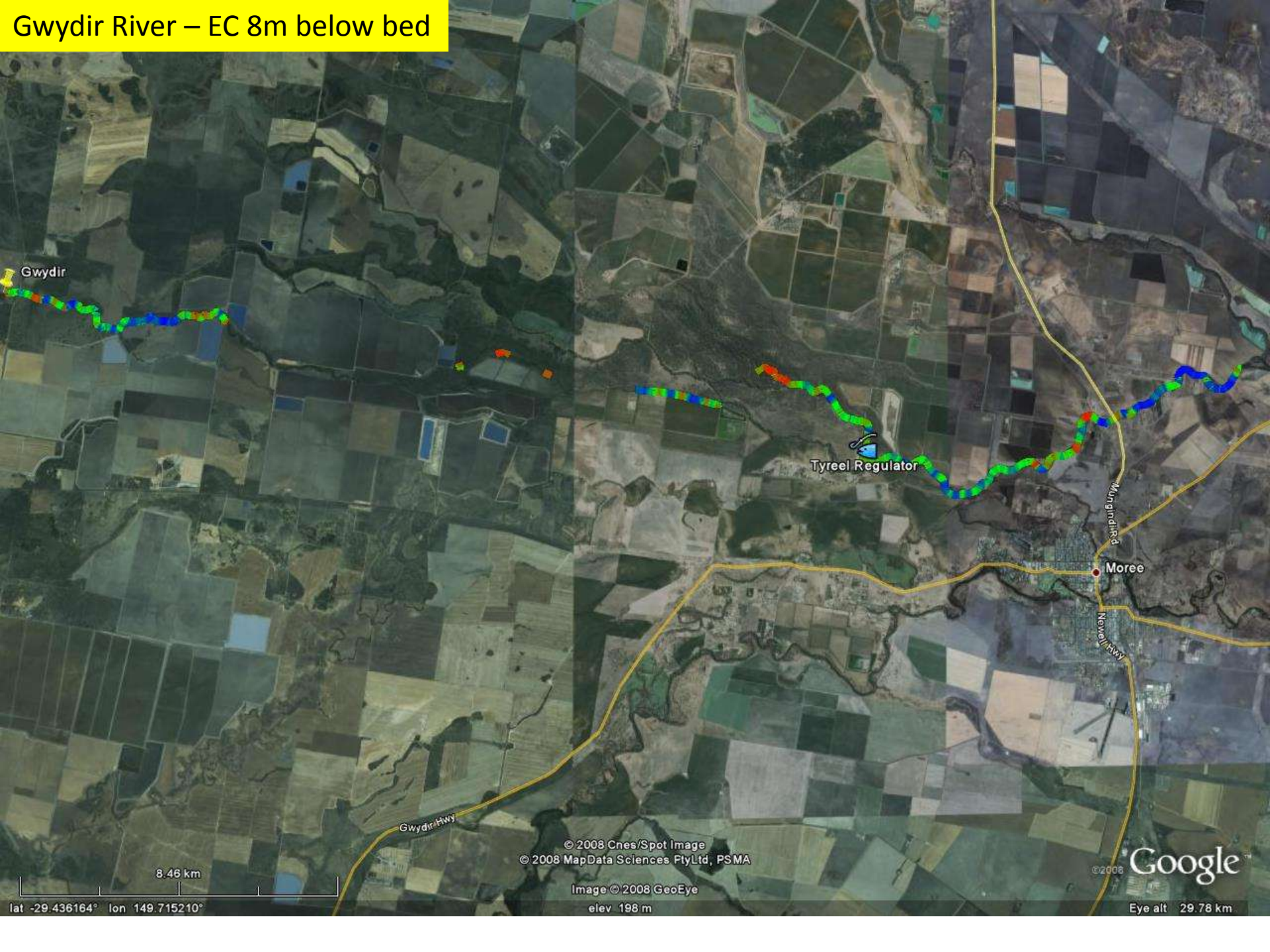
Macquarie River – Webb Reserve to Brummagen Creek termination.



Lower Gwydir River

Geo-electric and associated run-of-
river data

Gwydir River – EC 8m below bed



Gwydir

Tyreel Regulator

Moree

Gwydir Hwy

Mungindie Rd
Newell Hwy



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elev 198 m

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Eye alt 29.78 km

Gwydir River – EC 8m below bed

Brageen Crossing
Drilling Site

Old Gwydir
(North Arm)

Gwydir
South Arm

Gwydir Raft
(log jam)

Ginham
(Gwydir
north arm)

Yarraman Bridge
Drilling Site

Gwydir
River

Gwydir
River

Weamatong

Carnee

Crossing

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Tyreel

Tyreel

Tyreel Regulator

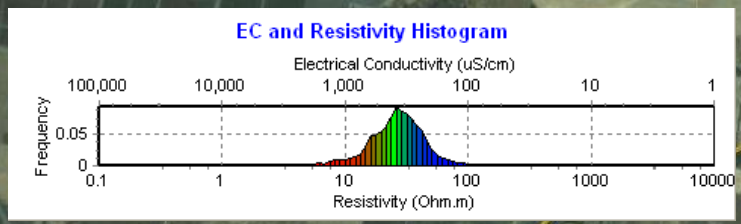
Tyreel

Booloroo
Regulator

The Big
Leather

Tyreel Regulator
and Weir

Weamatong
Crossing



8.46 km

lat -29.331209° lon 149.632913°

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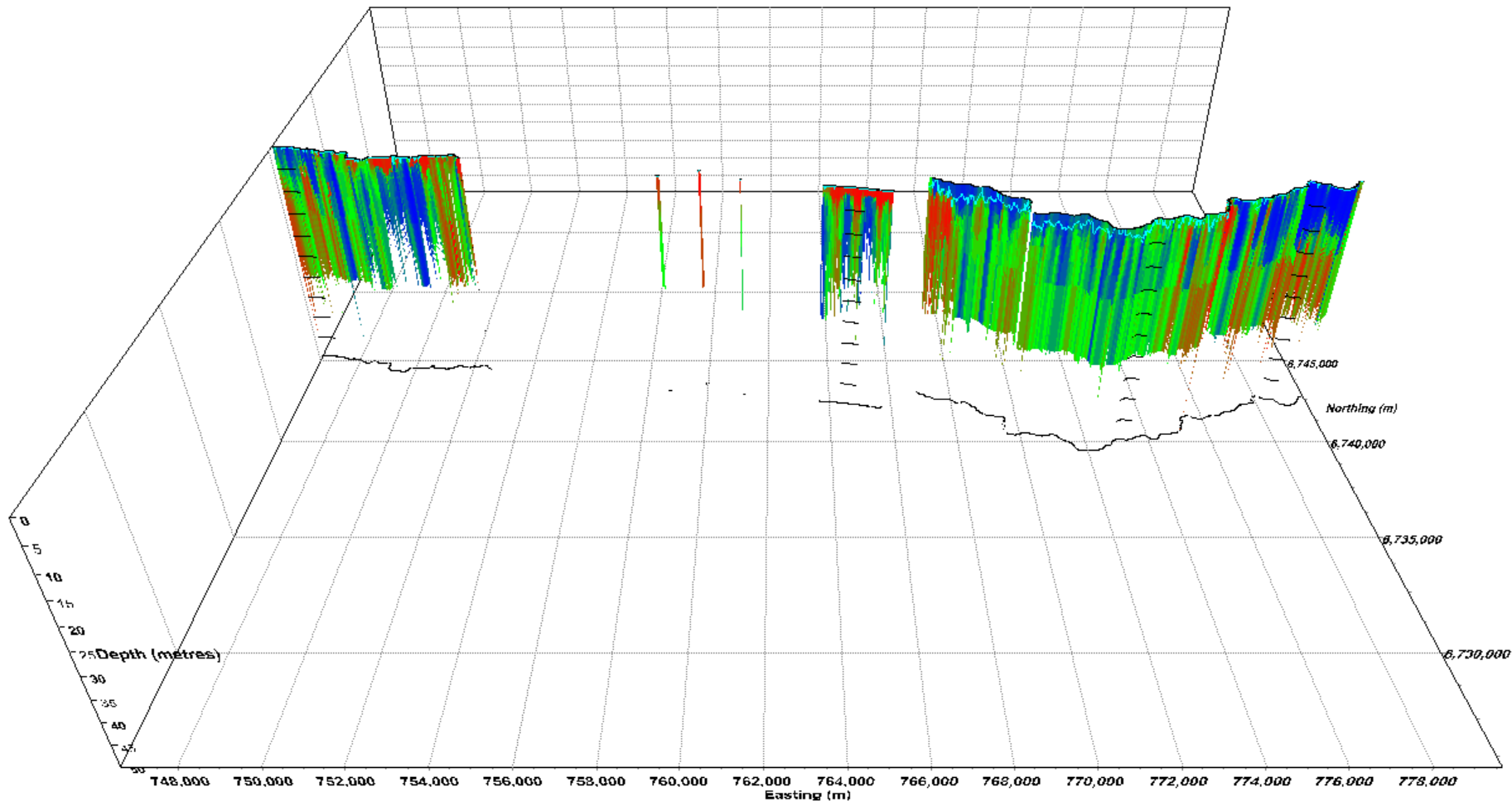
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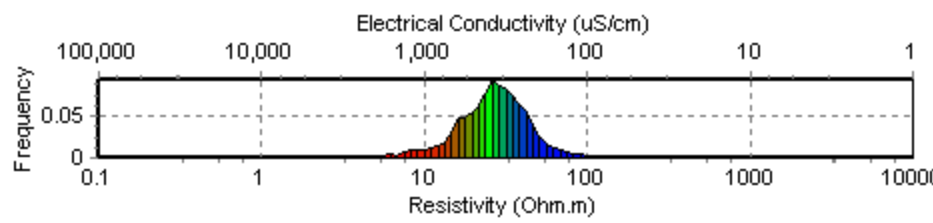
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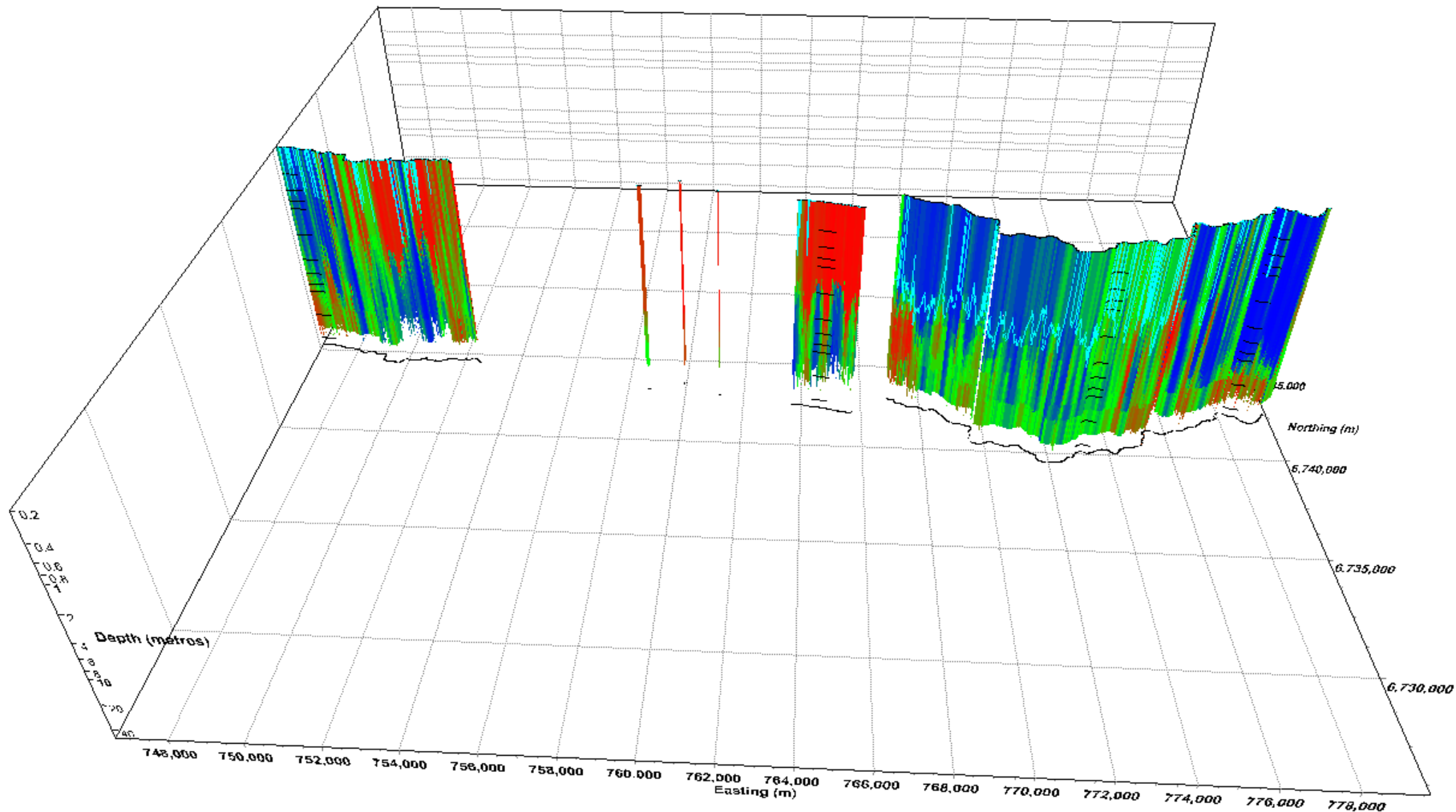
EC and Resistivity Histogram



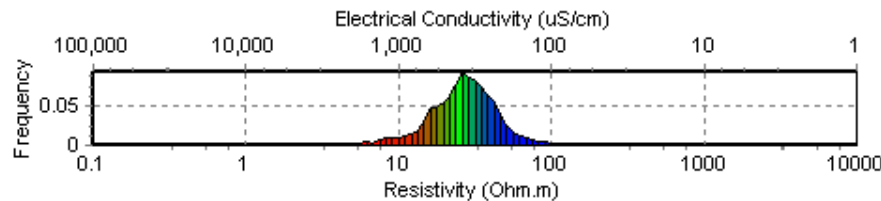
Linear Depth Scale 0 to 50m

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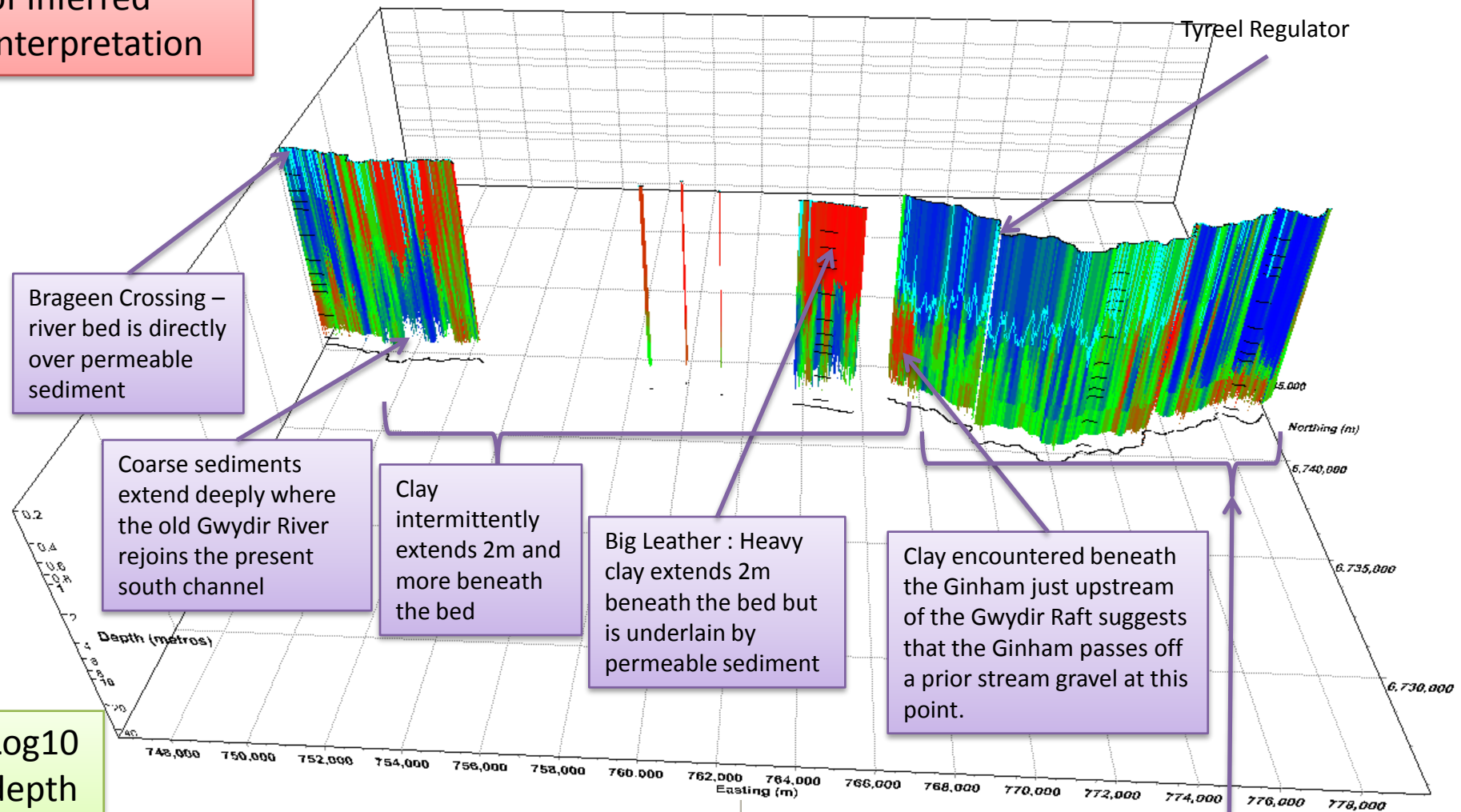
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Log10 depth scale 0.2 to 50m

Lower Gwydir River Summary of Inferred interpretation

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Brageen Crossing – river bed is directly over permeable sediment

Coarse sediments extend deeply where the old Gwydir River rejoins the present south channel

Clay intermittently extends 2m and more beneath the bed

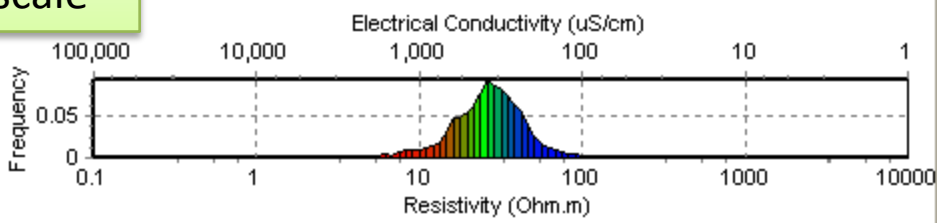
Big Leather : Heavy clay extends 2m beneath the bed but is underlain by permeable sediment

Clay encountered beneath the Ginham just upstream of the Gwydir Raft suggests that the Ginham passes off a prior stream gravel at this point.

River bed is in direct contact with permeable sediment extending generally to a depth of 12 to 15 m and underlain by either clay or moderately permeable sediment as indicated.

Log10 depth scale

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Gwydir Photos



Crossing suspended logs in the Gwydir South Branch north of Morcott



Gwydir Survey – Yarraman Bridge



Gwydir Survey – Crossing clay bed just downstream of Yarraman Bridge



Weamatong Crossing (just downstream of Brageen Crossing)



Upstream of Brageen Crossing



Gwydir south branch –
Tyreel north of Morcott



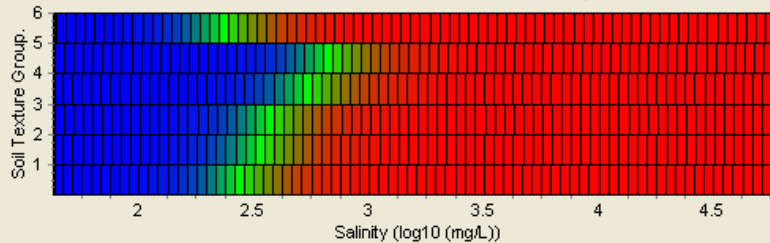
Gwydir Raft,
the Gingham

Lower Gwydir Modelled Resistivity Images - Key

Lithologies encountered in drillers logs near the Gwydir River

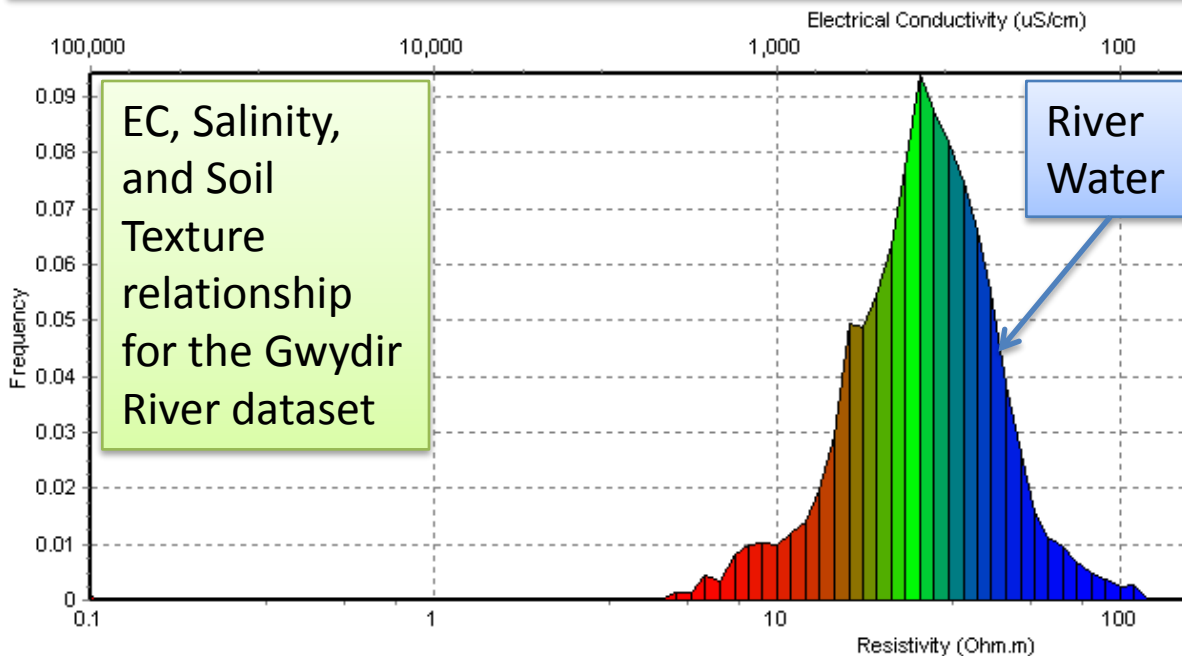
6: Water
5: Sands <10%Clay
4: Sandy Loams 10-25% Clay
3: Loams 25-30% Clay
2: Clay Loams, Light Clay 30-45% Clay
1: Medium, Heavy Clays >45% Clay

SATURATED SOIL EC as a function of Salinity and Texture



and using a Salinity conversion factor mg/L / uS/cm of 0.64.
After Slavich & Petterson - Aust J. Soil Res., 1993, 31, 73-81

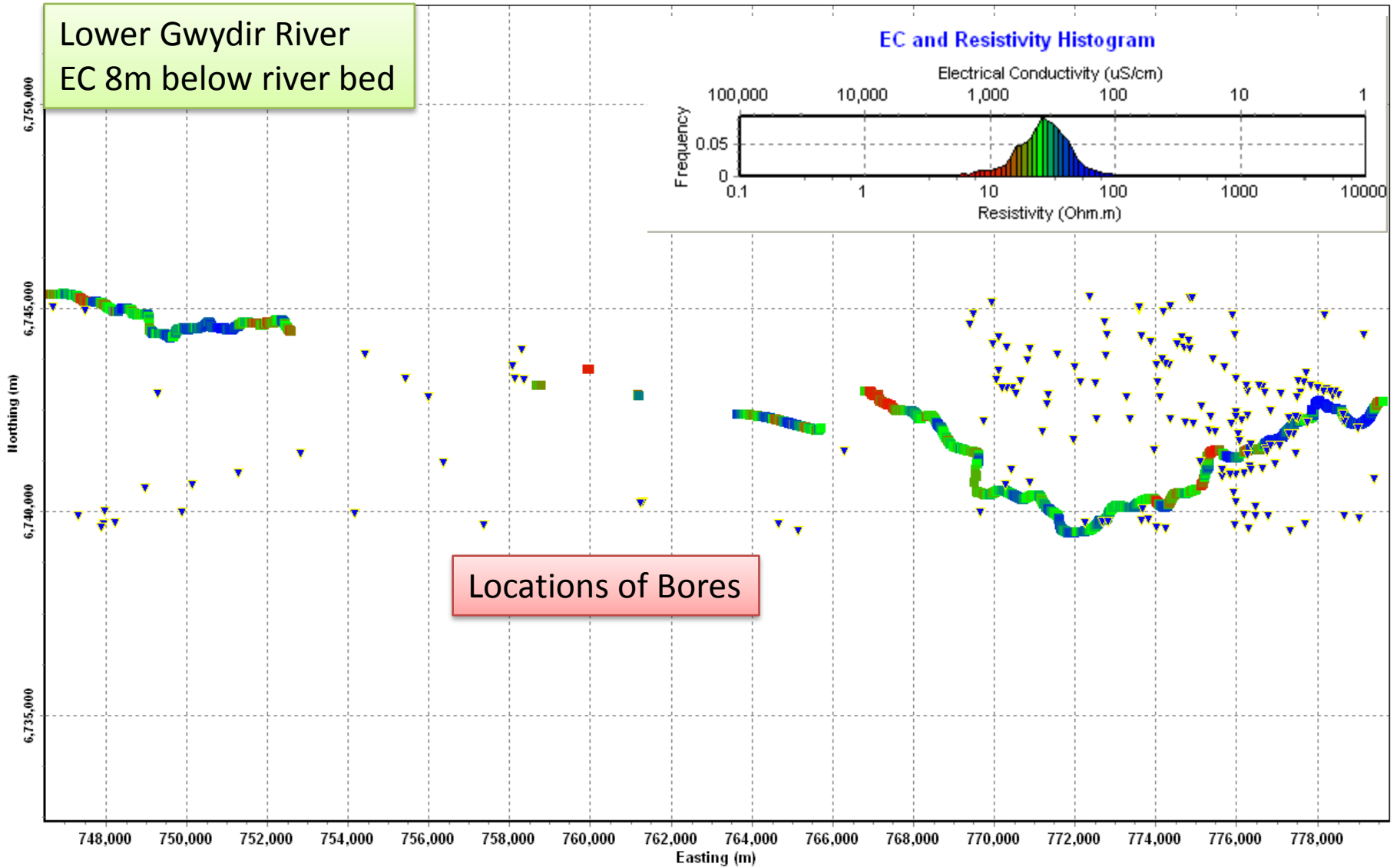
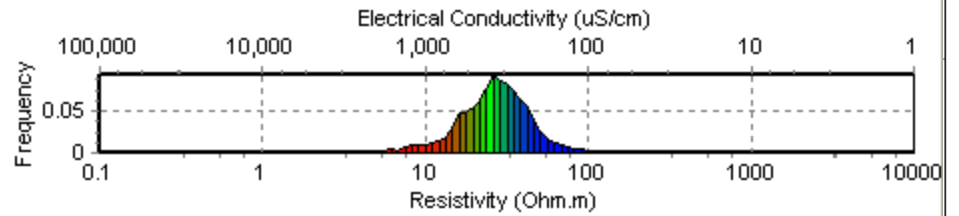
EC histogram and colour stretch for the entire Gwydir River dataset.



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- Shale (Shl)
- Limestone (Lim)
- Ironstone (Fe)
- Rock (Rk)
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- Quartz (Q)
- Unknown (Unk)
- Water (Wat)
- Moist (Damp)

Lower Gwydir River
EC 8m below river bed

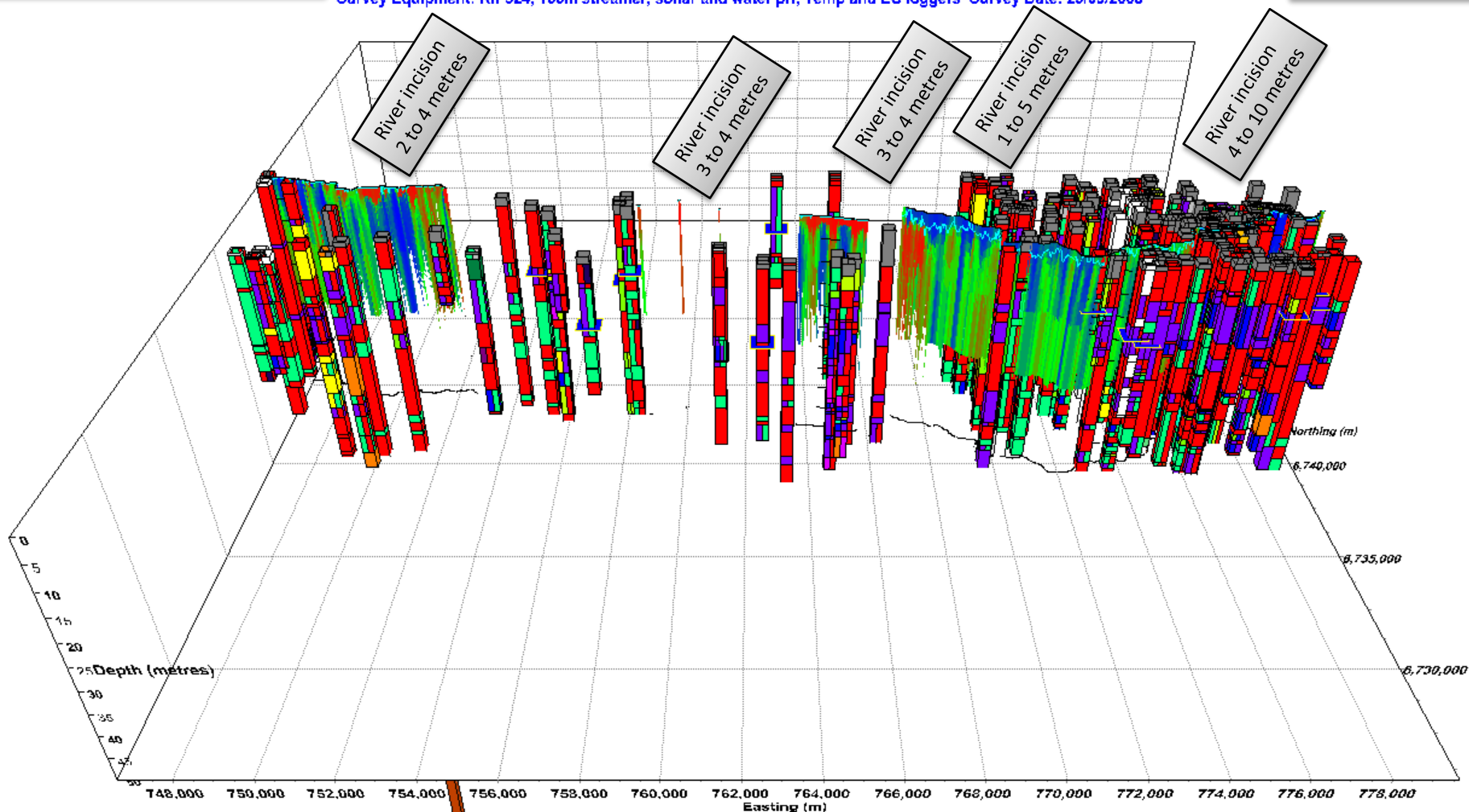
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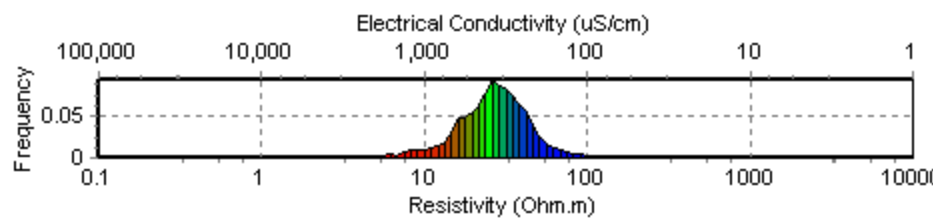
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Lithological Log Graphics



EC and Resistivity Histogram



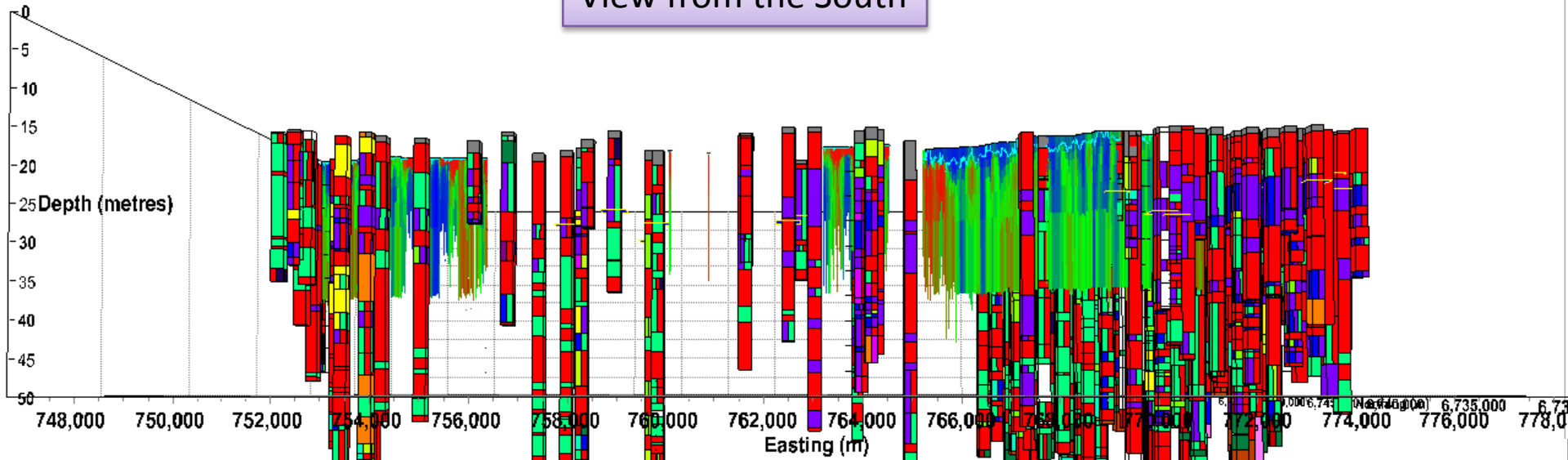
Linear Depth Scale 0 to 50m

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Lithological Log Graphics

View from the South

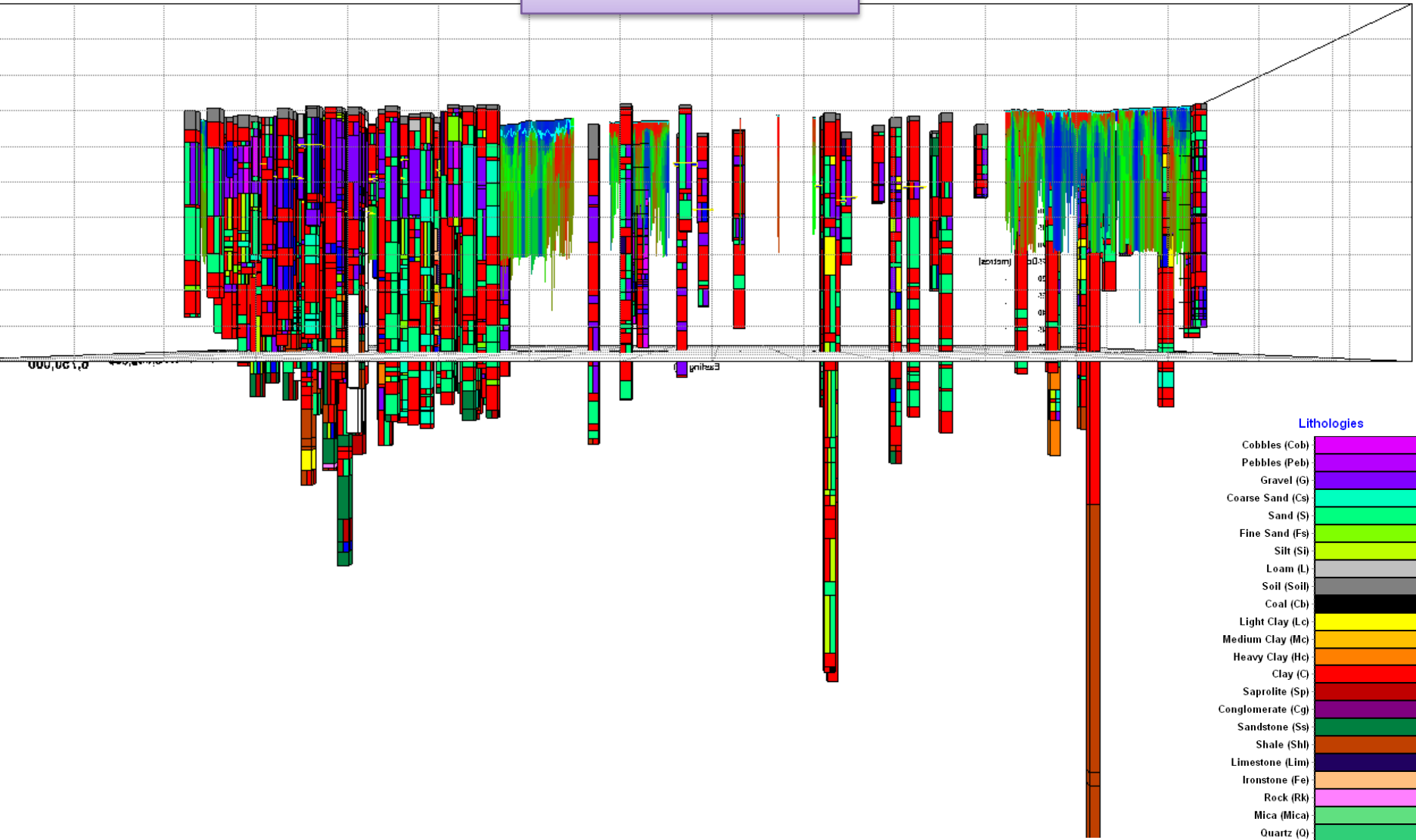


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Linear Depth Scale 0 to 50m

River incision 2 to 10m

View from the North



Lithologies

Cobbles (Cob)	Light Blue
Pebbles (Peb)	Light Green
Gravel (G)	Light Yellow
Coarse Sand (Cs)	Light Orange
Sand (S)	Light Red
Fine Sand (Fs)	Light Purple
Silt (Si)	Light Blue-Gray
Loam (L)	Light Green-Gray
Soil (Soil)	Light Yellow-Gray
Coal (Cb)	Black
Light Clay (Lc)	Light Blue-Gray
Medium Clay (Mc)	Light Green-Gray
Heavy Clay (Hc)	Light Yellow-Gray
Clay (C)	Light Red-Gray
Saprolite (Sp)	Light Purple-Gray
Conglomerate (Cg)	Light Blue-Gray
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Shale (Shl)	Light Yellow-Gray
Limestone (Lim)	Light Red-Gray
Ironstone (Fe)	Light Purple-Gray
Rock (Rk)	Light Blue-Gray
Mica (Mica)	Light Green-Gray
Quartz (Q)	Light Yellow-Gray
Unknown (Unk)	White
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Moist (Damp)	Light Green

Linear Depth Scale 0 to 50m

River incision 2 to 10m

Gwydir River - Weamatong to Carnee

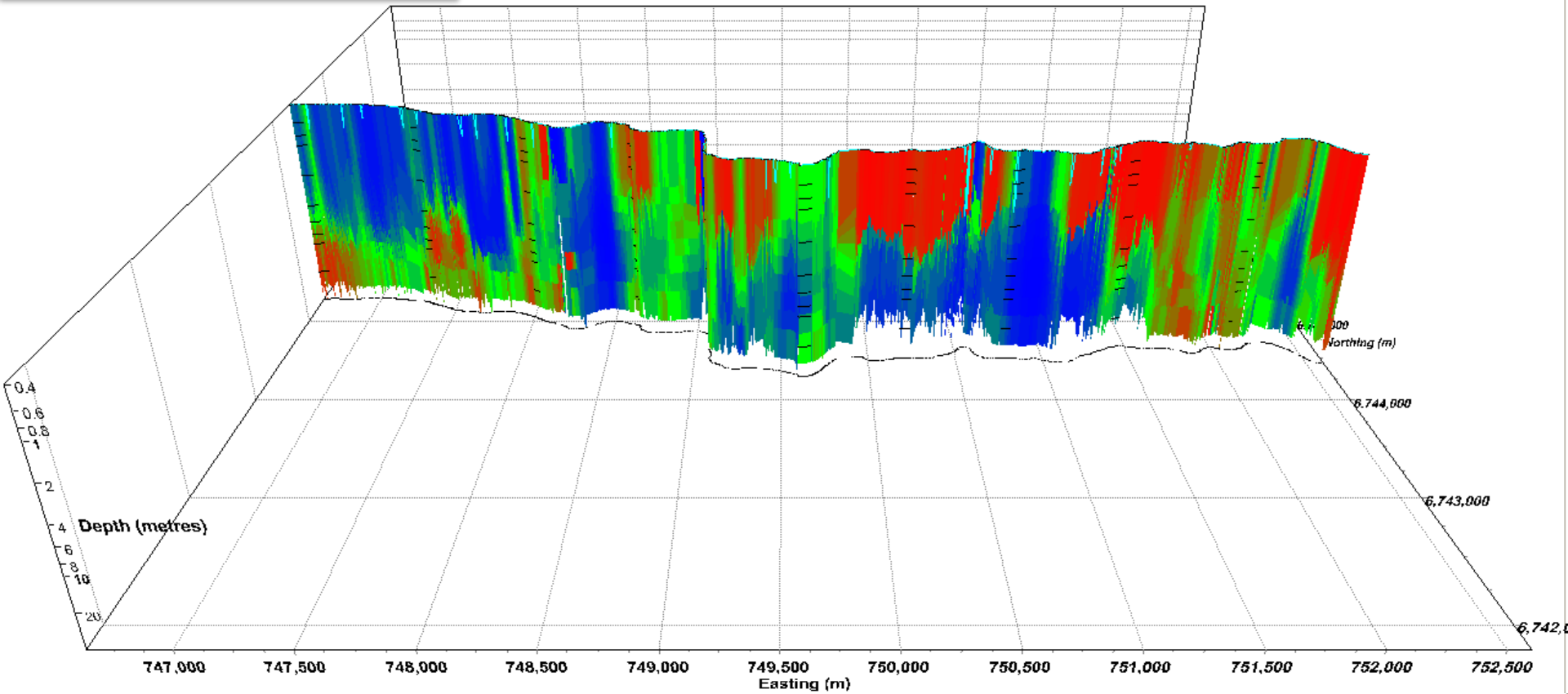


Brageen Crossing

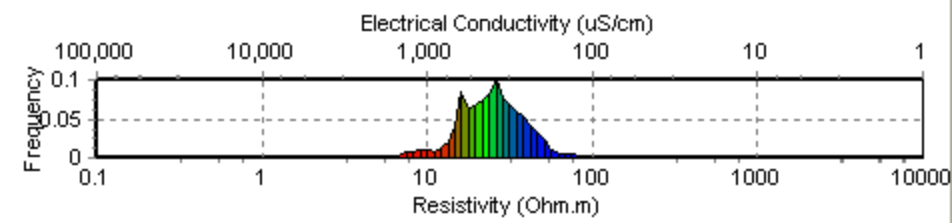


Numerous Yellow and Red Bellied Black Snakes were encountered

Gwydir River -Weamatong
to Carnee (Morcott)



EC and Resistivity Histogram



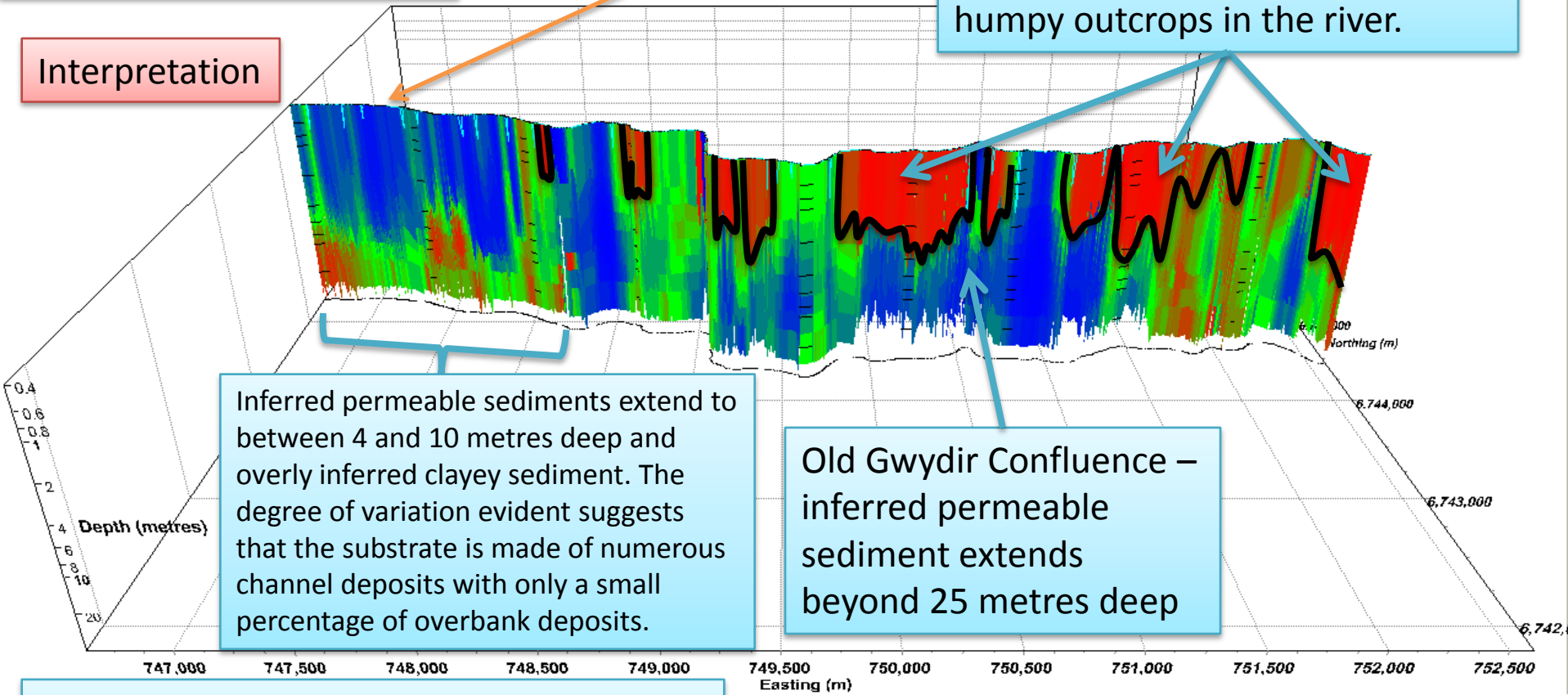
Log10 Depth Scale

Gwydir River -Weamatong to Carnee (Morcott)

Brageen Crossing

An intermittent thin (typically 2m) veneer of heavy clay is evident as humpy outcrops in the river.

Interpretation



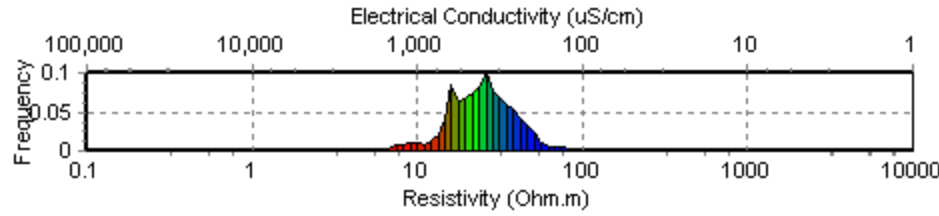
Inferred permeable sediments extend to between 4 and 10 metres deep and overly inferred clayey sediment. The degree of variation evident suggests that the substrate is made of numerous channel deposits with only a small percentage of overbank deposits.

Old Gwydir Confluence – inferred permeable sediment extends beyond 25 metres deep

The water table in this vicinity is claimed by farmers to be beyond the depth of this survey however even the maximum resistivity observed here suggests that sub-river sediment is at least very moist.

Log10 Depth Scale

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Gwydir River - Tyreel

From the Western boundary of Tyreel to the Tyreel Regulator



The Gwydir Raft

Gwydir River – Tyreel – EC 8m below the river bed

Tyreel Western Boundary

Short survey

Sounding

Gwydir North Arm, Gingham
40m wide deep channel

Gwydir Raft

Sounding

The Big Leather, Gwydir South Arm

Gwydir South Arm
3 to 5m wide channel

Tyreel Regulator

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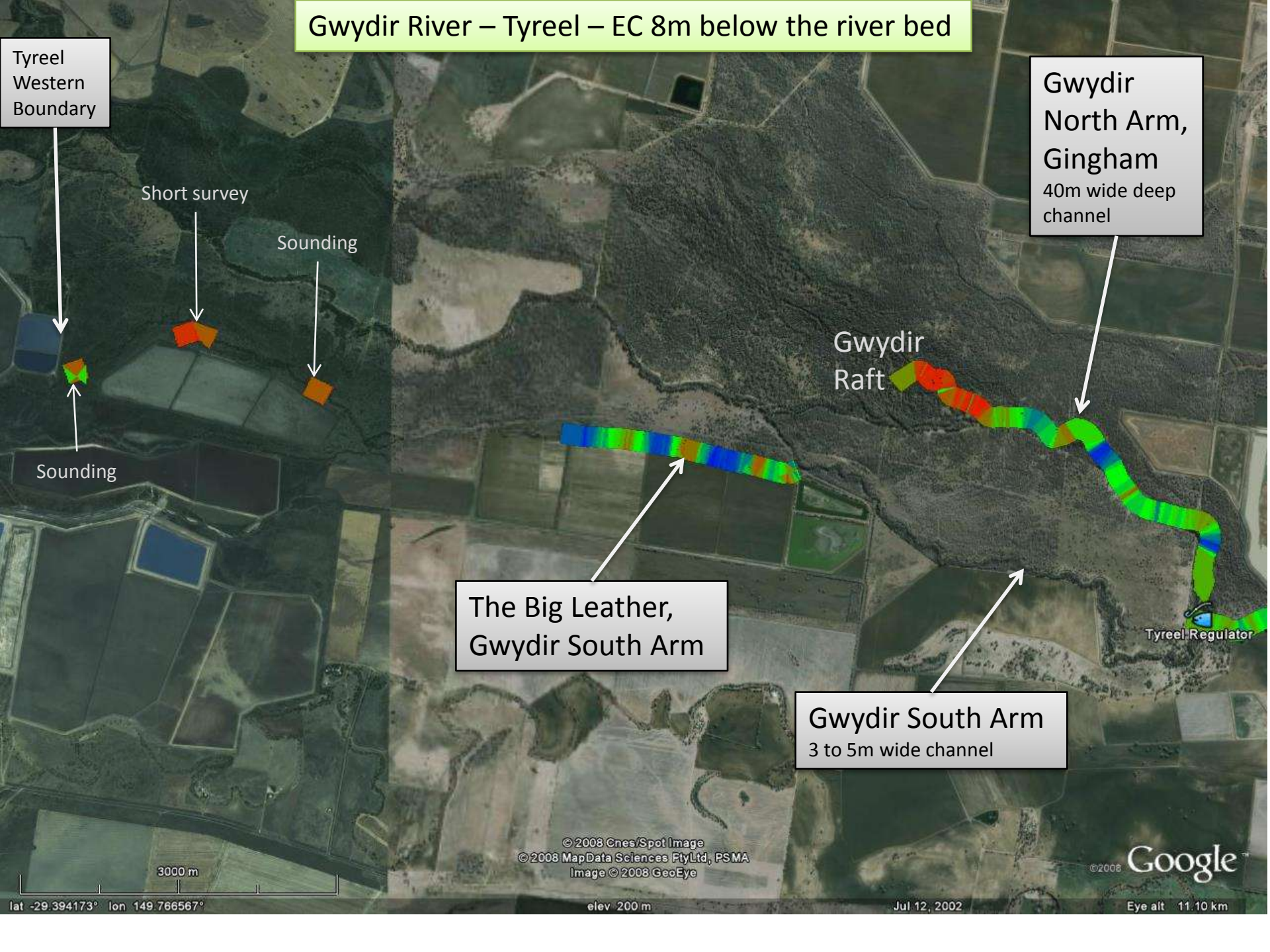
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elev 200 m

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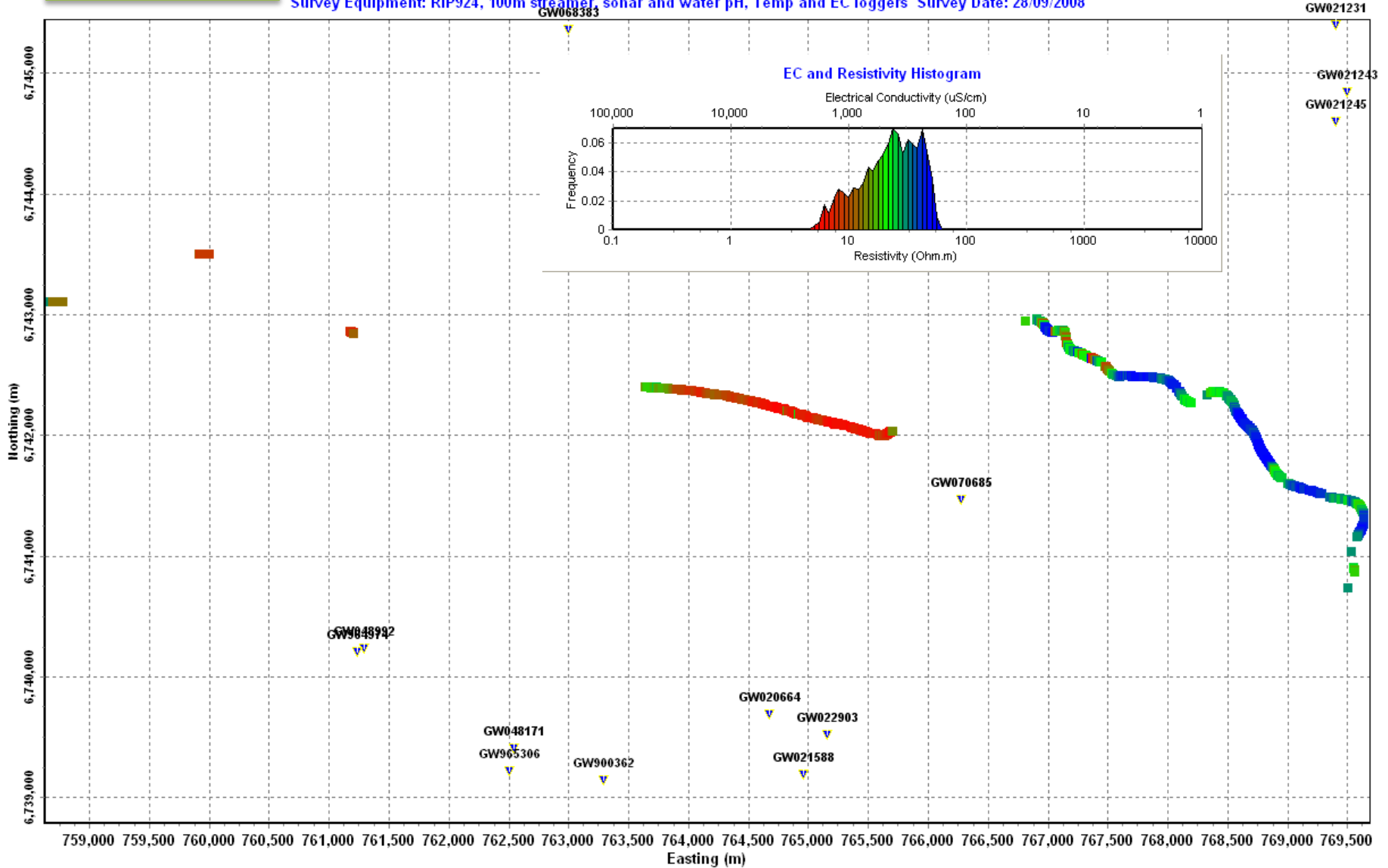
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Gwydir River Tyreel Station

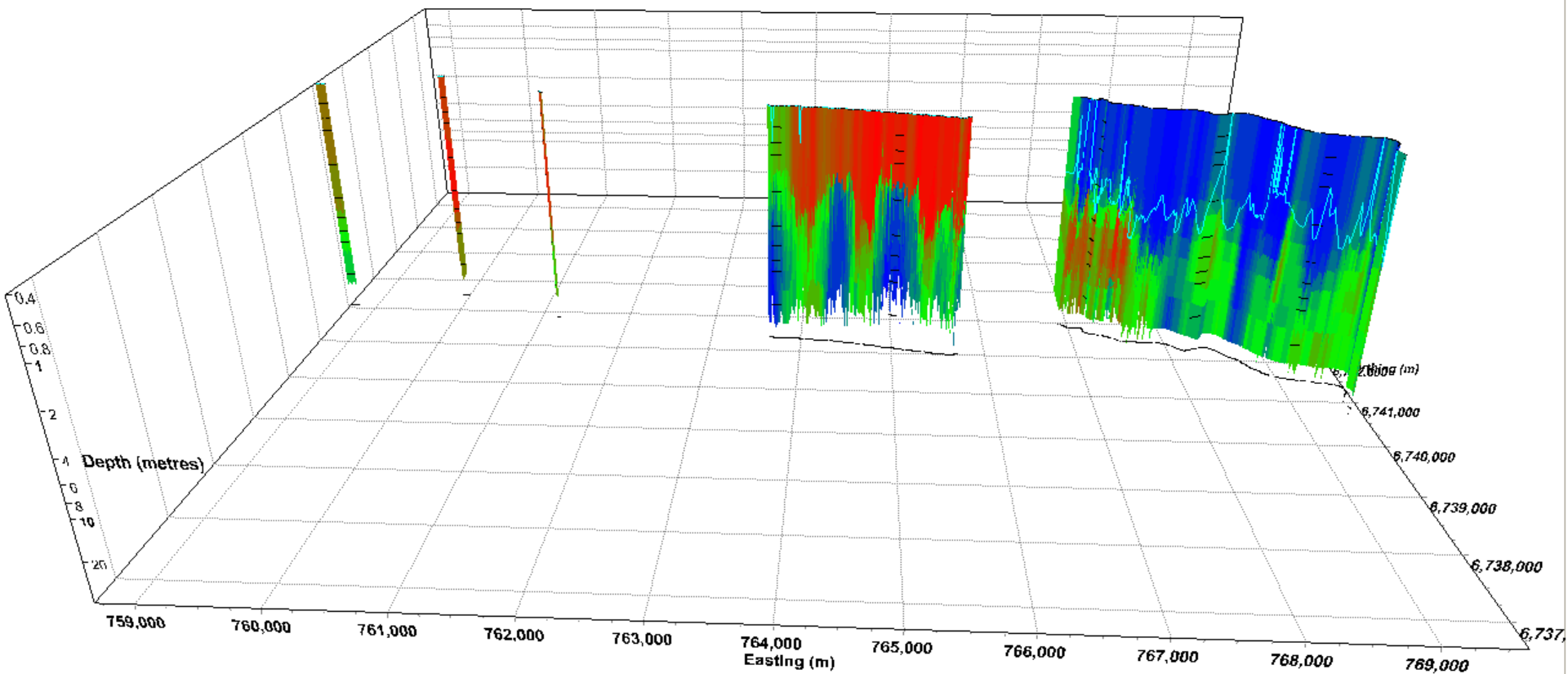
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EC 1m below the river bed

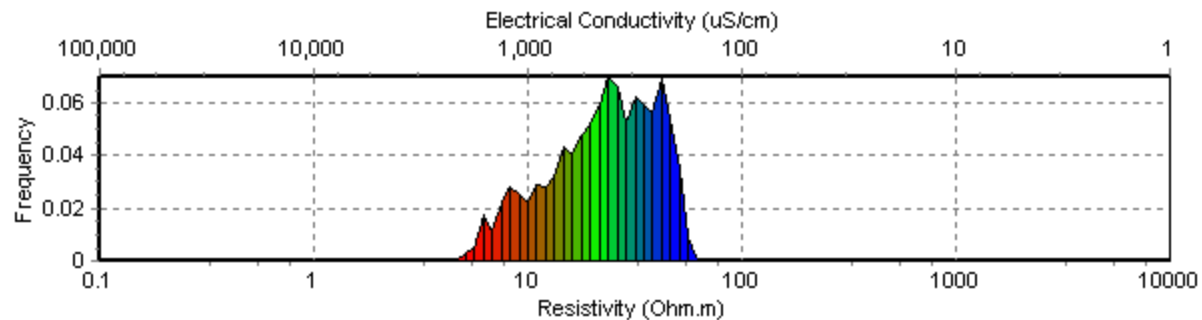


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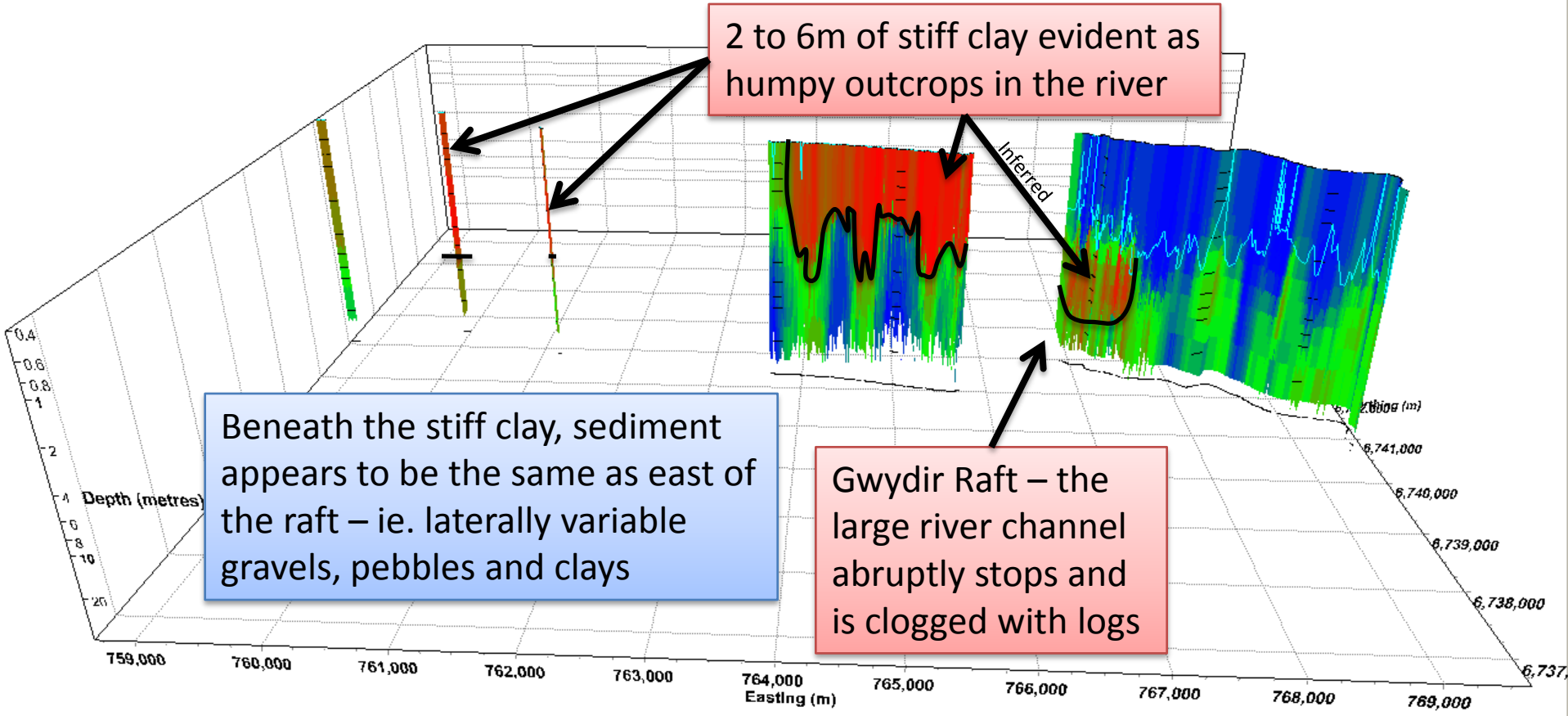


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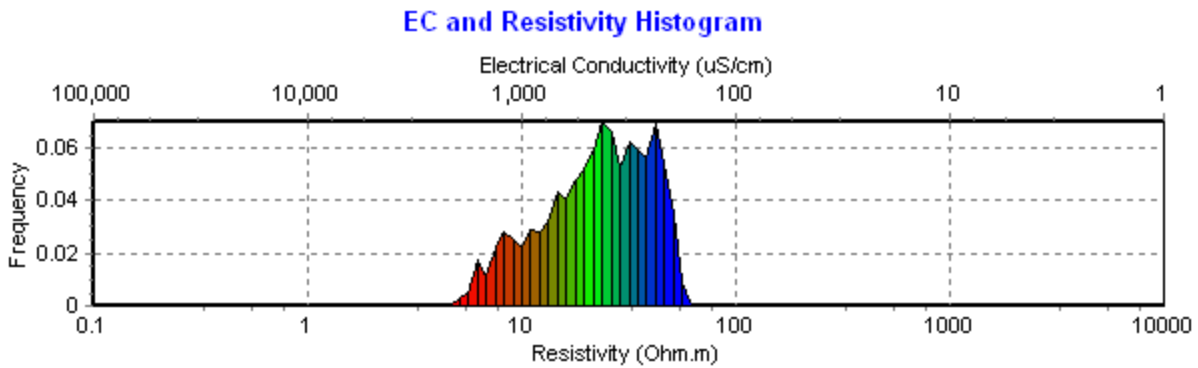


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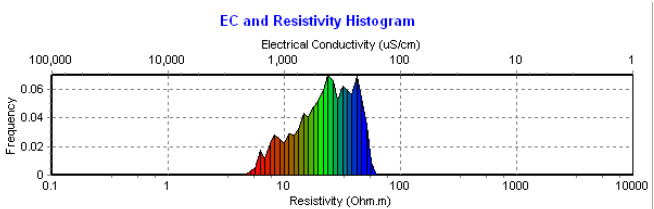
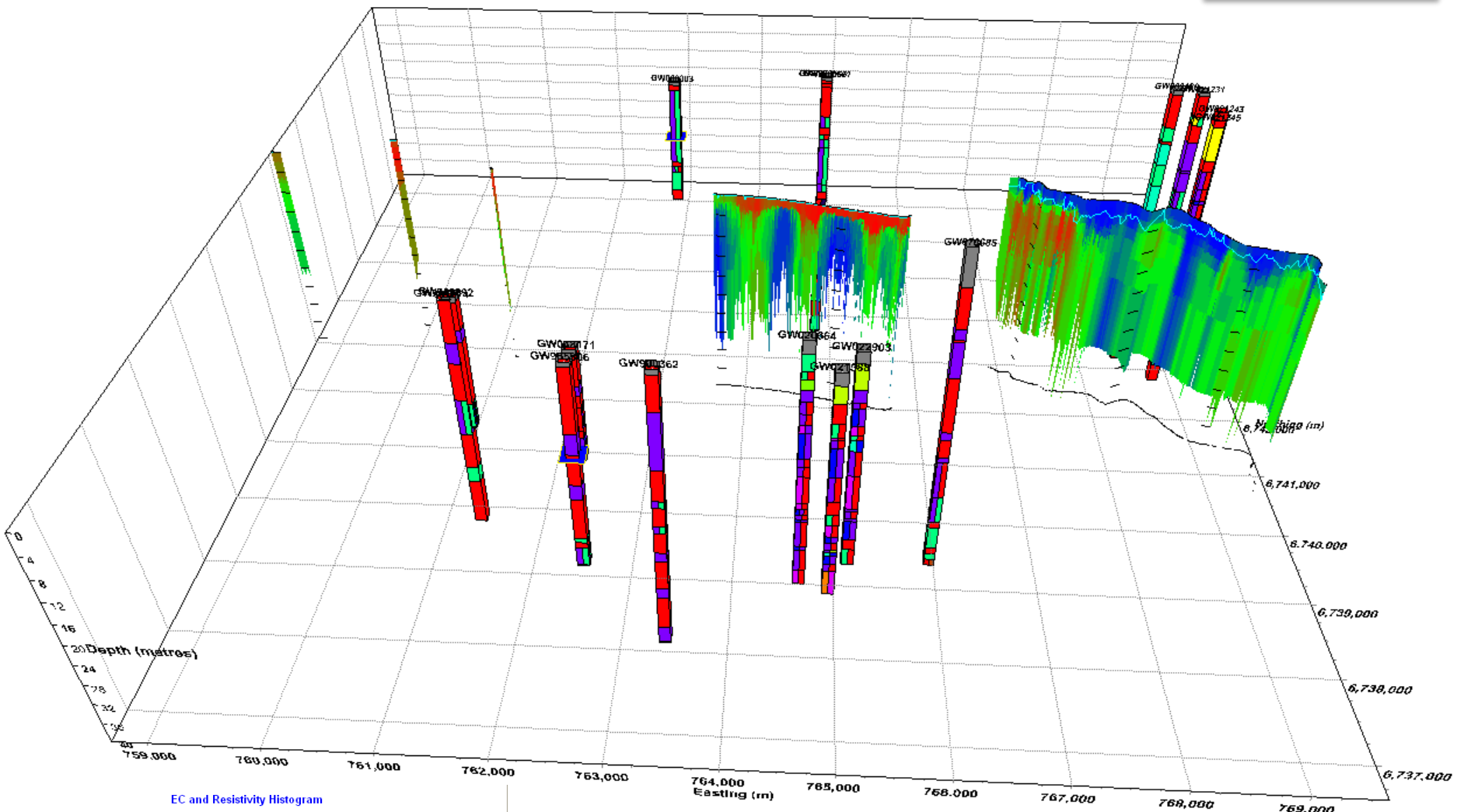
River sourced recharge in this vicinity is inferred to be either very high (through the gravel and pebble rich sediment) or non-existent (through the stiff clay).



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River incision
1 to 5 metres



Gwydir River – Tyreel Weir to Booloroo Weir



Clay obstruction downstream of Yarraman Bridge

Gwydir River – Tyreel Weir, Yarraman Bridge, Boolooroo Weir – EC 8m below the river bed

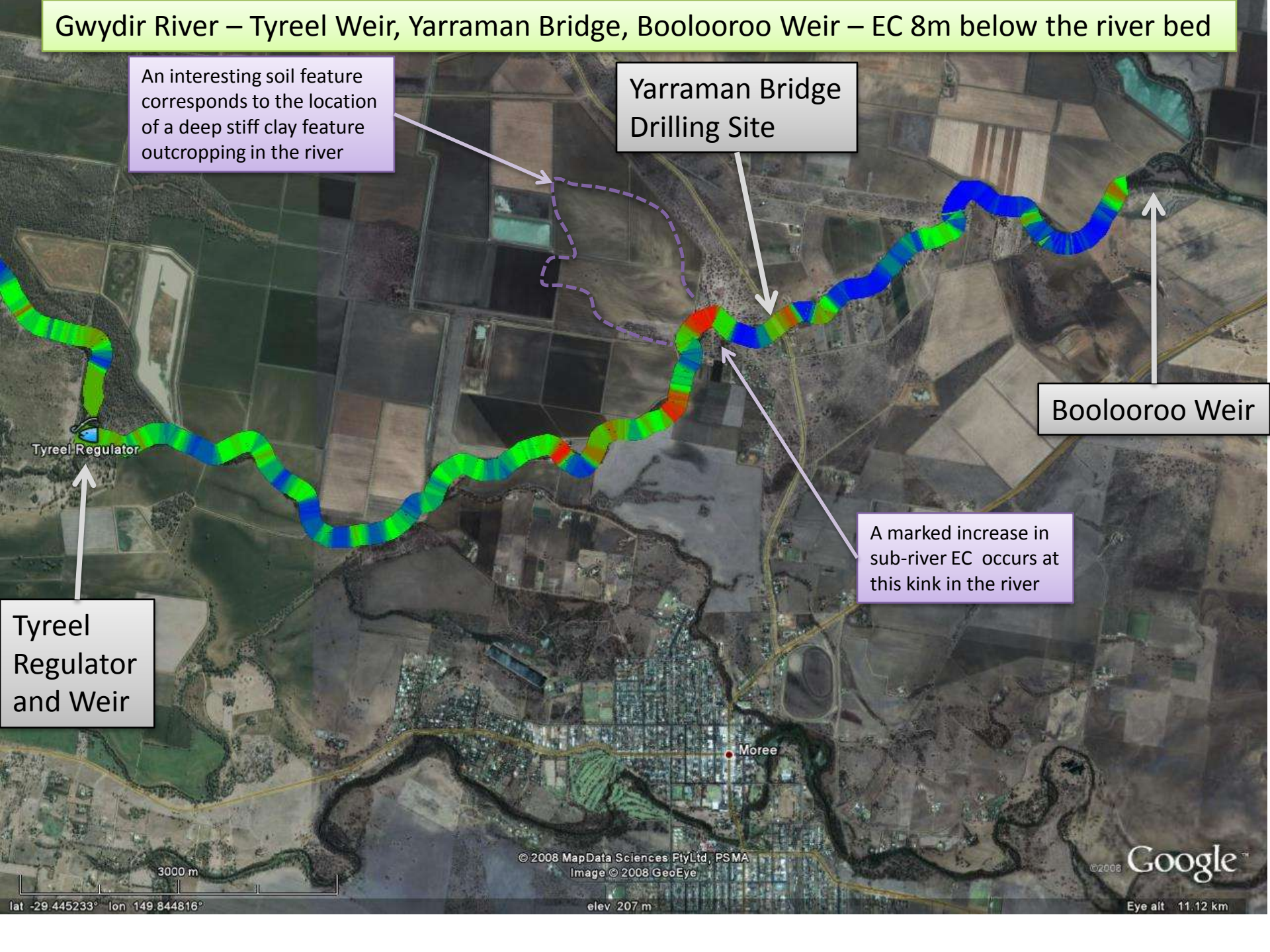
An interesting soil feature corresponds to the location of a deep stiff clay feature outcropping in the river

Yarraman Bridge
Drilling Site

Boolooroo Weir

A marked increase in sub-river EC occurs at this kink in the river

Tyreel Regulator
and Weir



Gwydir River

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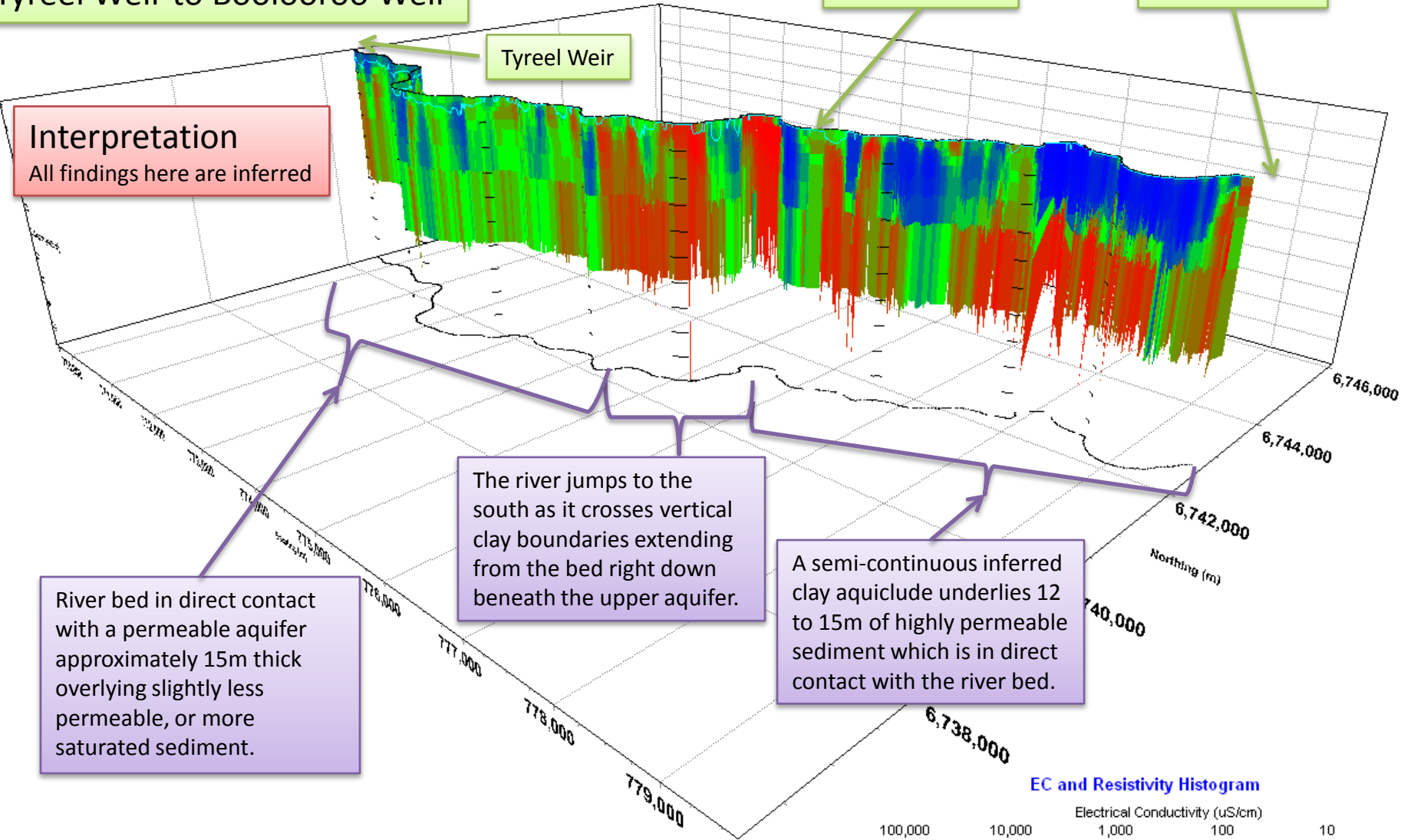
Tyreel Weir to Boolooroo Weir

Yarraman Bridge

Boolooroo Weir

Tyreel Weir

Interpretation
All findings here are inferred



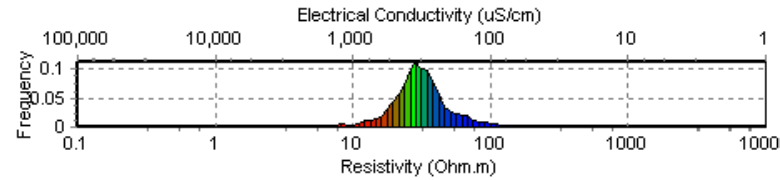
River bed in direct contact with a permeable aquifer approximately 15m thick overlying slightly less permeable, or more saturated sediment.

The river jumps to the south as it crosses vertical clay boundaries extending from the bed right down beneath the upper aquifer.

A semi-continuous inferred clay aquiclude underlies 12 to 15m of highly permeable sediment which is in direct contact with the river bed.

Linear depth scale from 0 to 50m

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Gwydir Video – Access at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1tCiC1CDRk> (Compressed)



**Recharge Survey using
EC imaging beneath the
Lower Gwydir River**

www.GroundwaterImaging.com

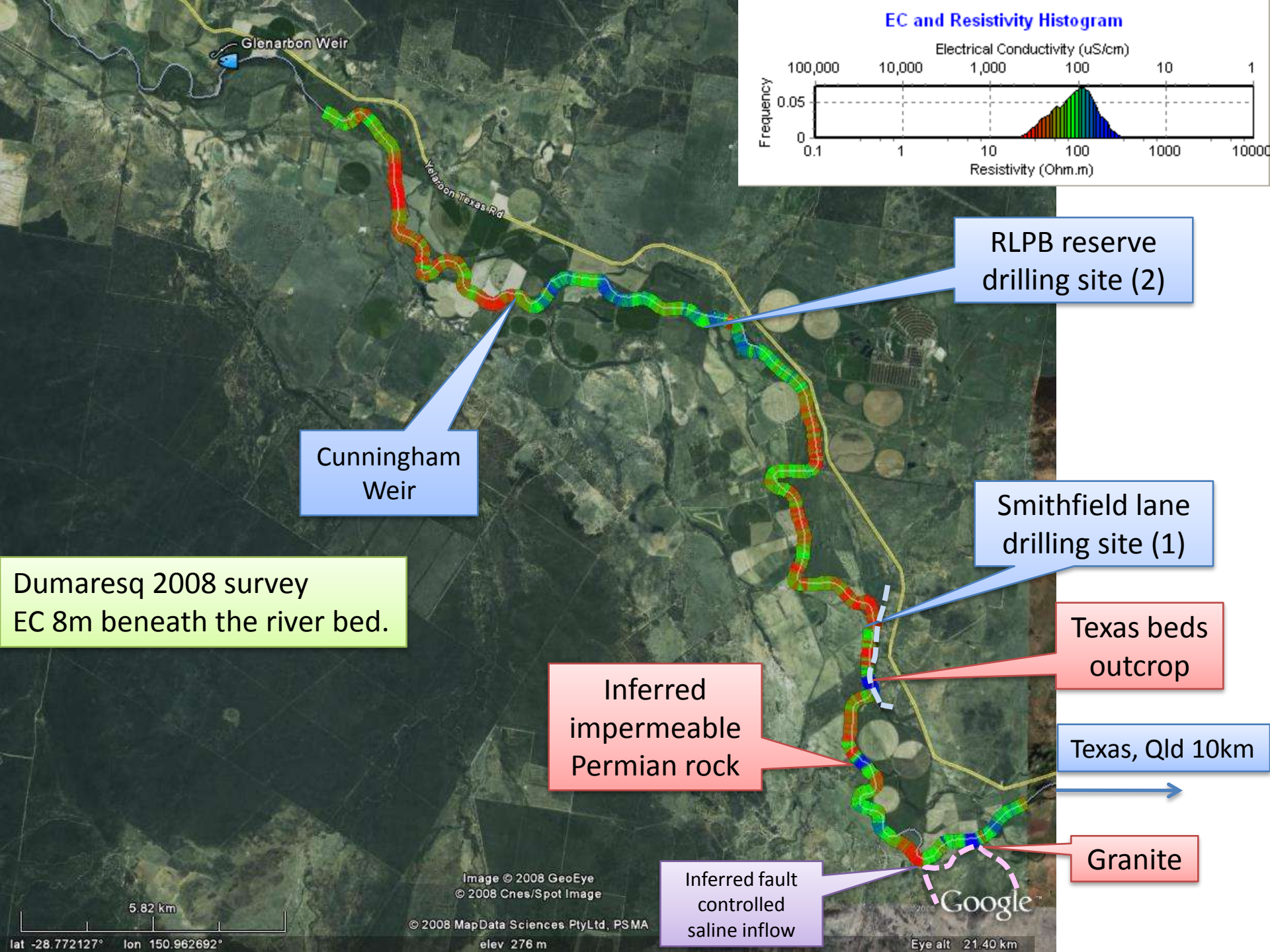
2 minutes

by M. Toft
& D. Allen

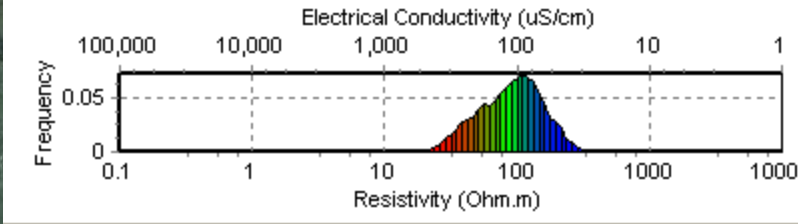
Dumaresq River

A photograph of the Dumaresq River. The river flows from the right side of the frame towards the center. The left bank is a wide, sandy area with some sparse vegetation. The right bank is rocky and lined with trees. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Geo-electric and associated run-of-
river data



EC and Resistivity Histogram



Glenarvon Weir

Yelarbon Texas Rd

RLPB reserve drilling site (2)

Cunningham Weir

Smithfield lane drilling site (1)

Dumaresq 2008 survey EC 8m beneath the river bed.

Texas beds outcrop

Inferred impermeable Permian rock

Texas, Qld 10km →

Granite

Inferred fault controlled saline inflow

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elev 276 m

Google

Eye alt 21.40 km

5.82 km

lat -28.772127° lon 150.962692°

Dumaresq Modelled Resistivity Key

Lithologies encountered in drillers logs near the Dumaresq River

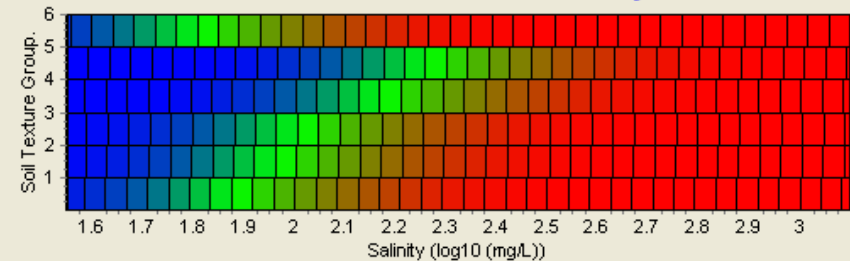
Lithologies



EC, Salinity, and Soil Texture relationship for the Dumaresq River dataset

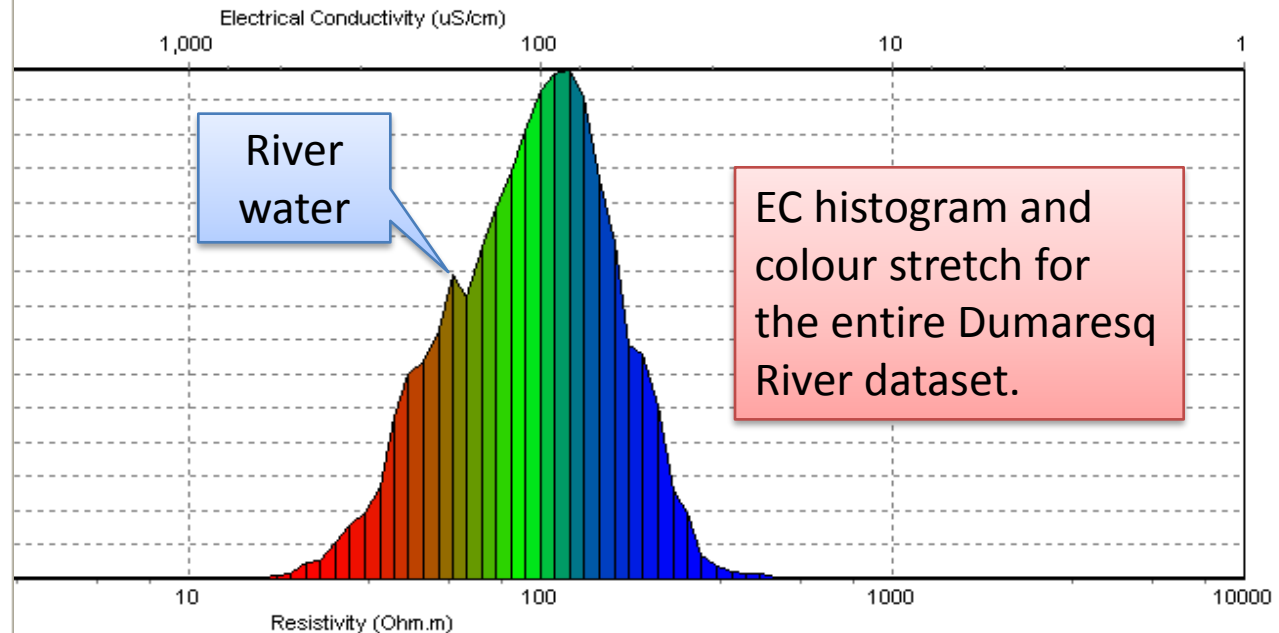
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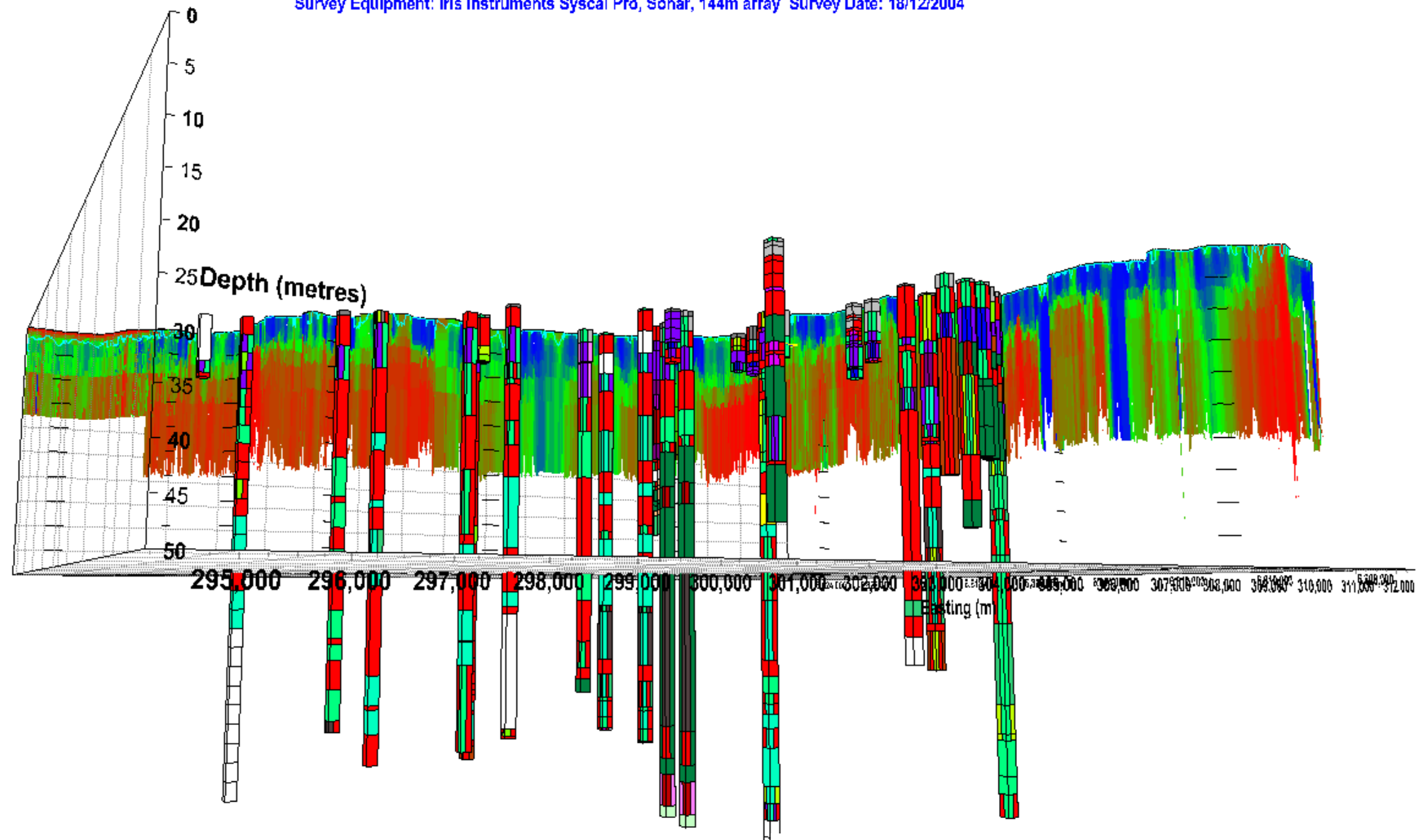
and using a Salinity conversion factor $\text{mg/L} / \mu\text{S/cm}$ of 0.64.
After Slavich & Petterson - Aust J. Soil Res., 1993, 31, 73-81

EC and Resistivity Histogram

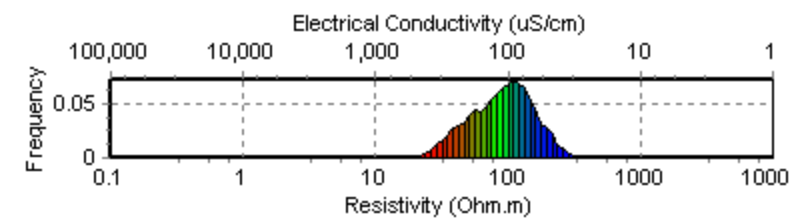


EC beneath the Dumaresq River

Project: Border Rivers Surface/Ground Water Interaction Survey.
Site: Glenarvon - Dumaresq River Client: Bureau of Rural Sciences
Data Provider: Allen Hydrogeophysics JobNum: 046606
Survey Equipment: Iris Instruments Syscal Pro, Sonar, 144m array Survey Date: 18/12/2004



EC and Resistivity Histogram



River incision: 4 to 12 metres
Linear depth scale 0 to 50 m

Dumaresq River EC
Upper Tarwoona

EC Depth Slice 8m beneath river bed

Smithfield lane
drilling site (1)

Texas Beds
(Permian)
outcrop in
river

Inferred
Permian
basement
rock

Permian
Granite
Tor

Old Tarwoona
Homestead

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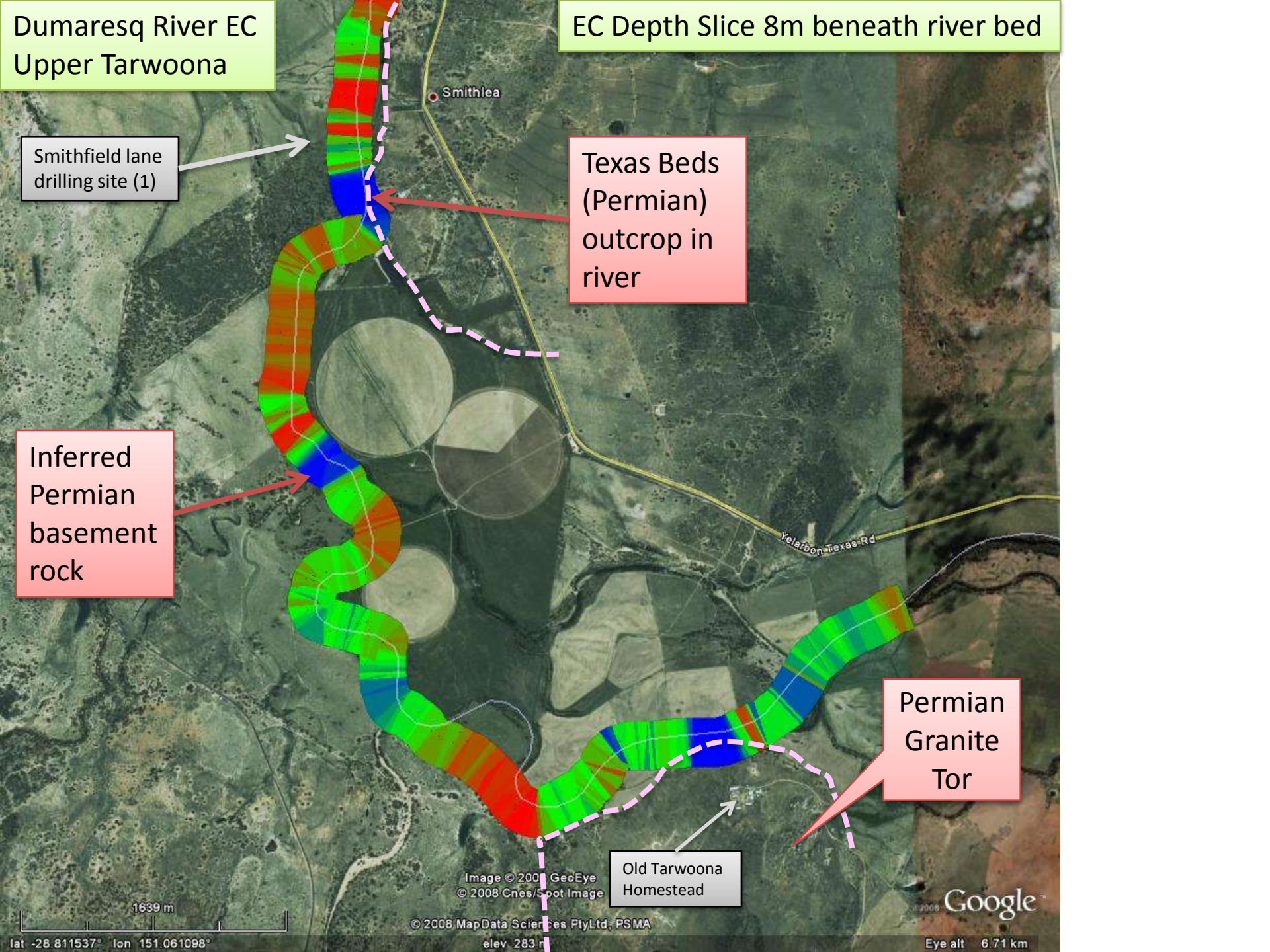
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1639 m

lat -28.811537° lon 151.061098°

elev. 283 m

Eye alt 6.71 km

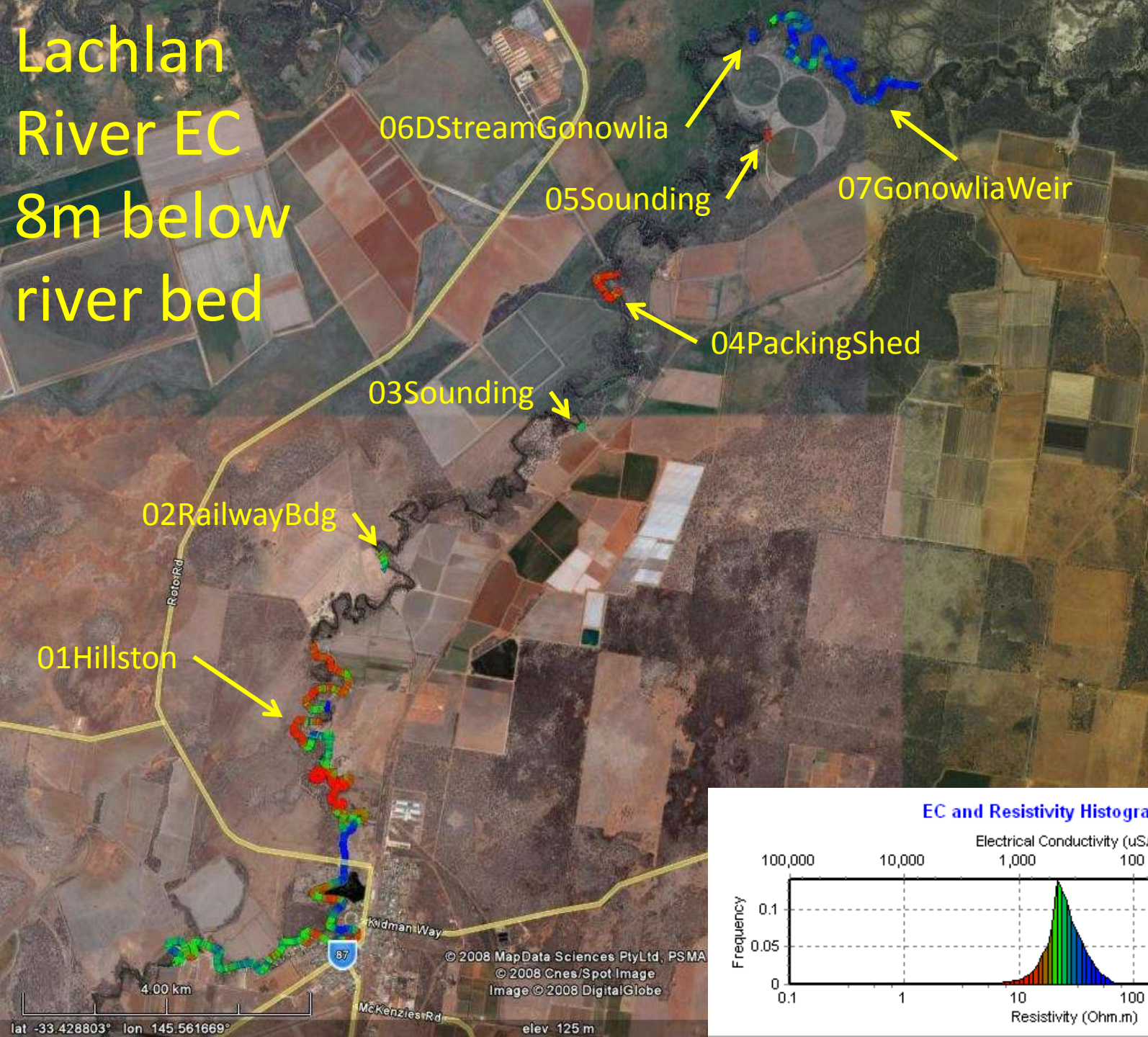


Lachlan River

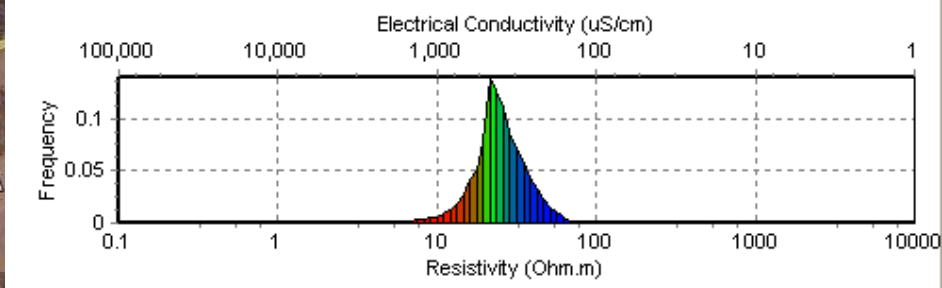
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river data



Lachlan
River EC
8m below
river bed

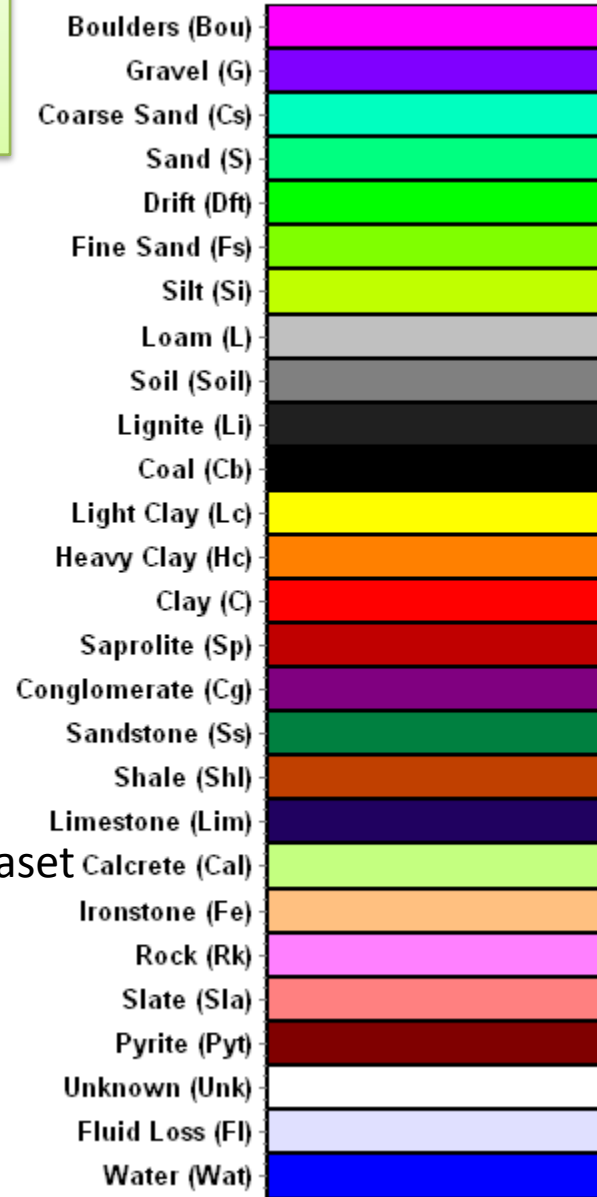


EC and Resistivity Histogram



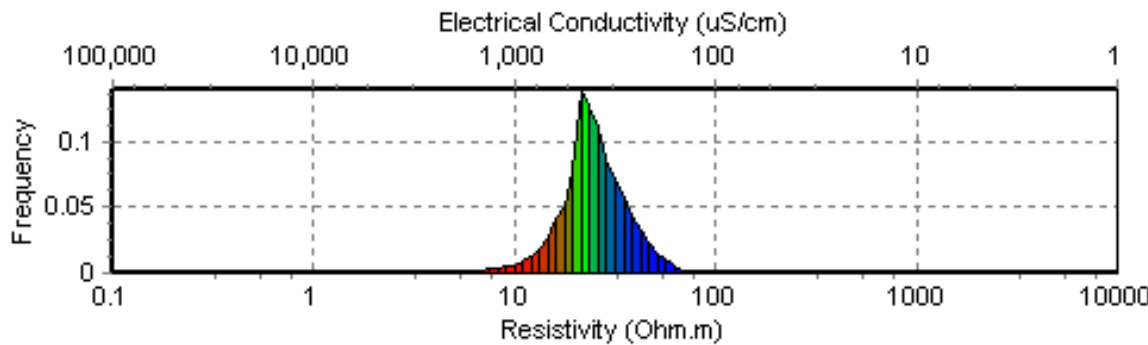
Lachlan Modelled Resistivity Images - Key

Lithologies



EC histogram and colour stretch for the entire Lachlan River dataset.

EC and Resistivity Histogram

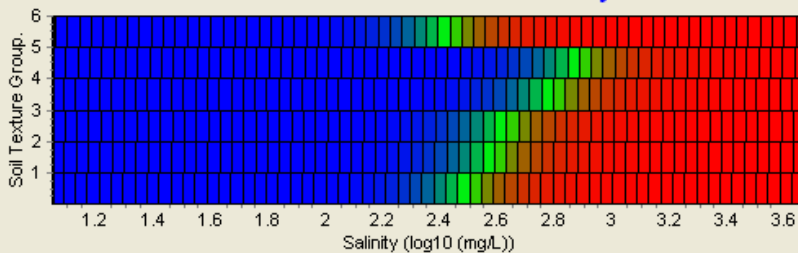


Lithologies encountered in drillers logs near the Lachlan River

EC, Salinity, and Soil Texture relationship for the Lachlan River dataset

SATURATED SOIL EC as a function of Salinity and Texture

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Hillston Weir Pool

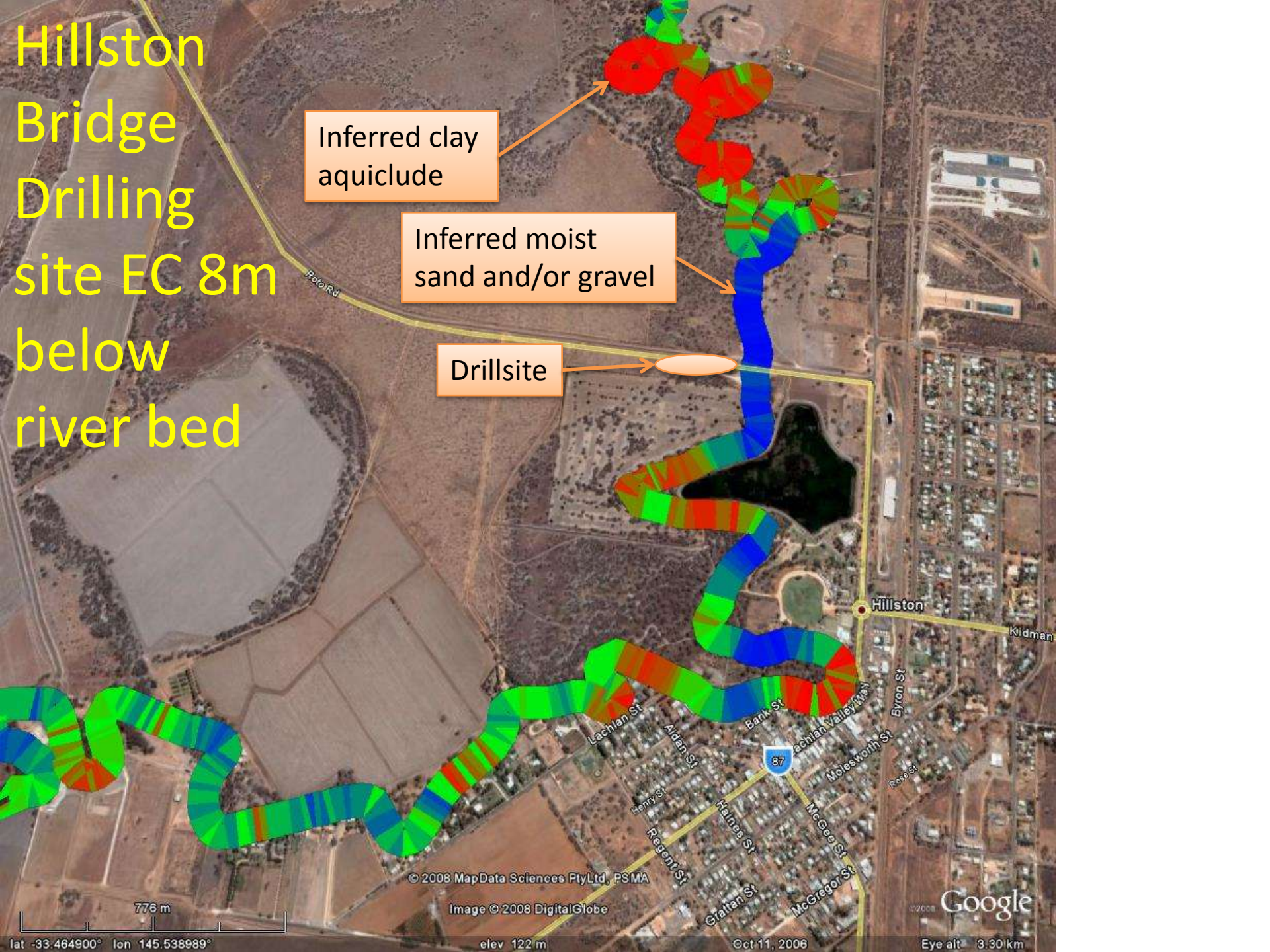


Hillston
Bridge
Drilling
site EC 8m
below
river bed

Inferred clay
aquiclude

Inferred moist
sand and/or gravel

Drillsite



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lat -33.464900° lon 145.538989°

elev 122 m

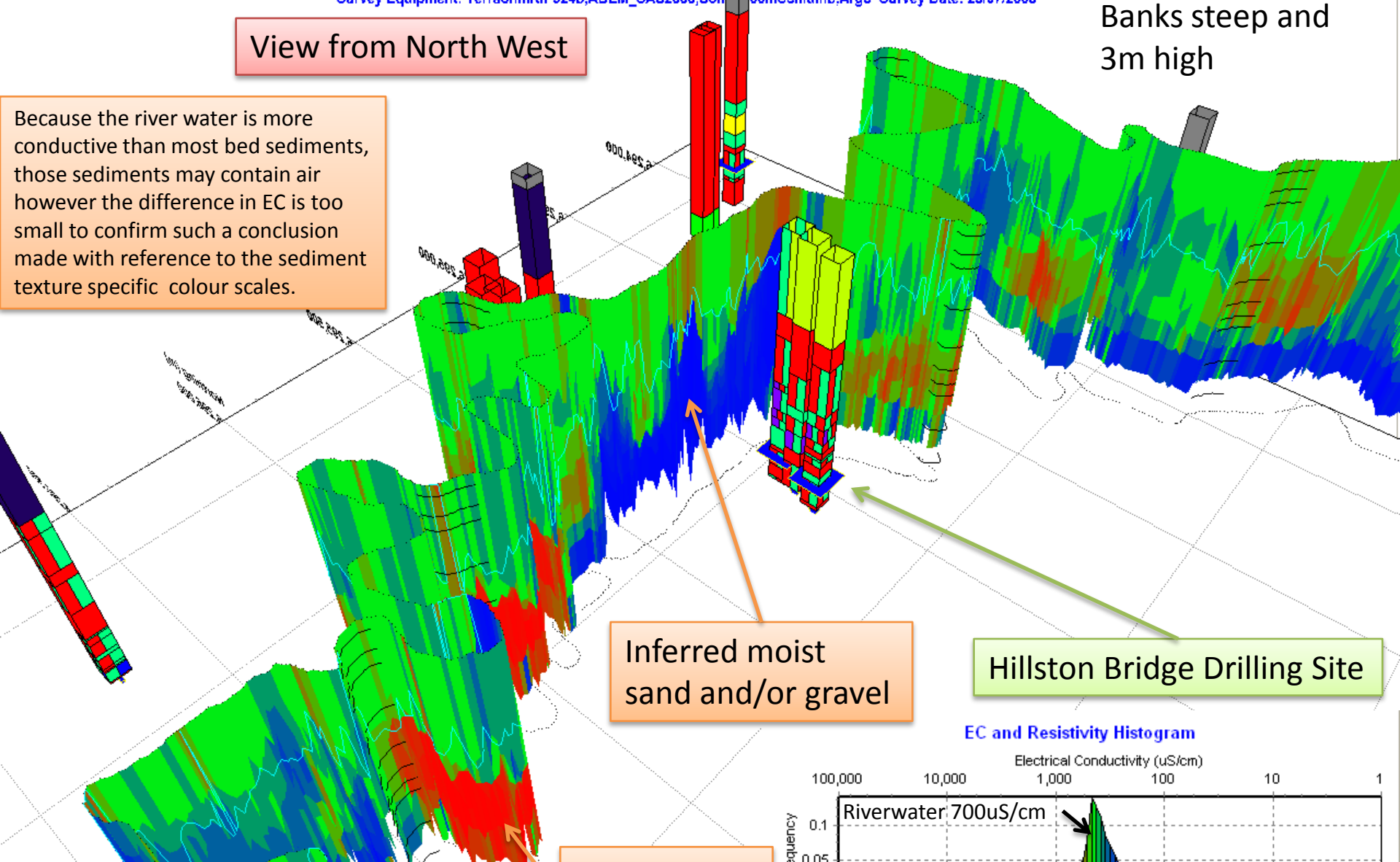
Oct 11, 2006

Eye alt 3.30 km

River incision:
 Banks steep and
 3m high

View from North West

Because the river water is more conductive than most bed sediments, those sediments may contain air however the difference in EC is too small to confirm such a conclusion made with reference to the sediment texture specific colour scales.



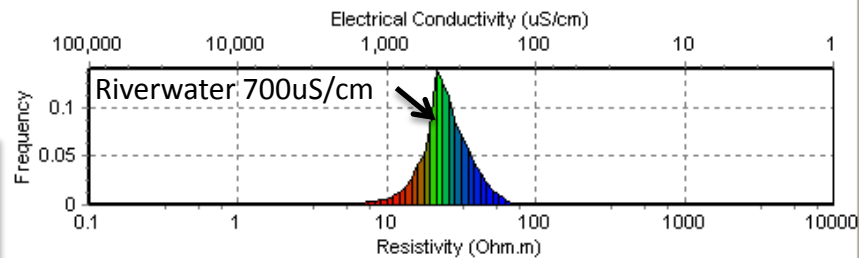
Inferred moist sand and/or gravel

Hillston Bridge Drilling Site

Log10 Depth Scale

Inferred clay aquiclude

EC and Resistivity Histogram



07GonowliaWeir

+ 06DStreamGonowlia & 05Sounding



EC 8m
below
river bed

07GonowliaWeir

06DStreamGonowlia

Gonowlia Weir Drilling Site

05GonowliaWeir

920 m

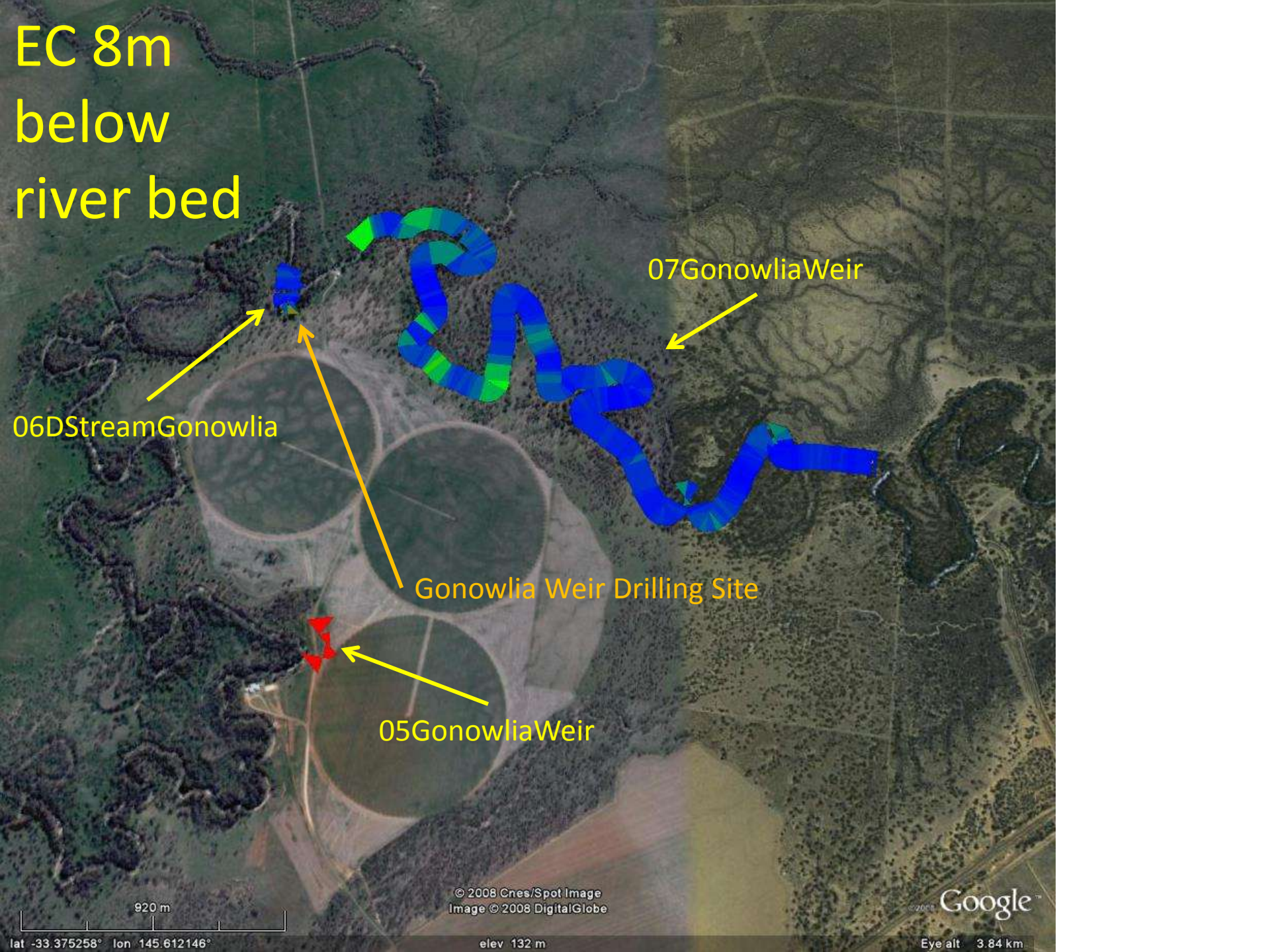
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lat -33.375258° lon 145.612146°

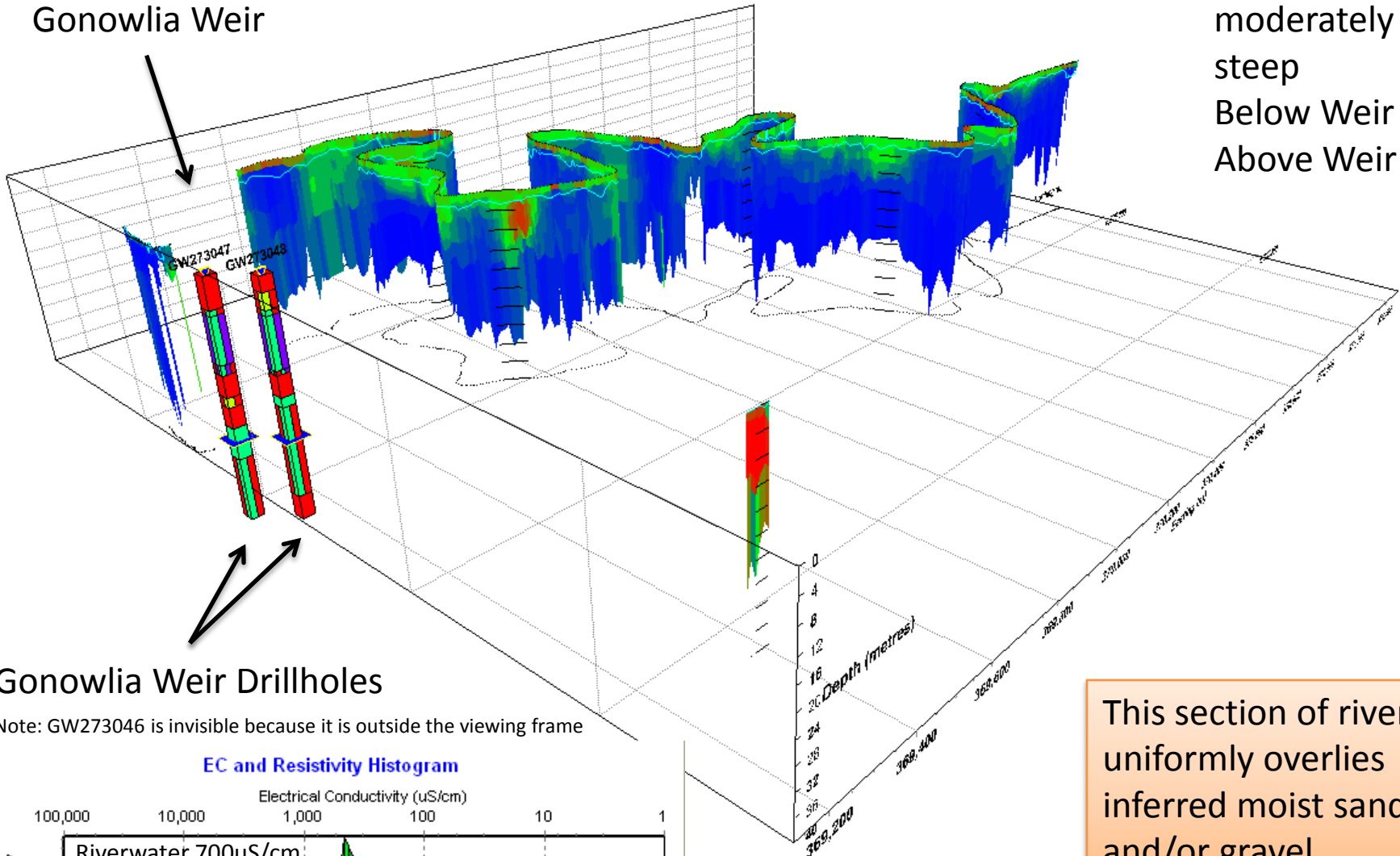
elev 132 m

Eye alt 3.84 km



River incision:
Banks
moderately
steep
Below Weir - 4m
Above Weir - 2m

Gonowlia Weir

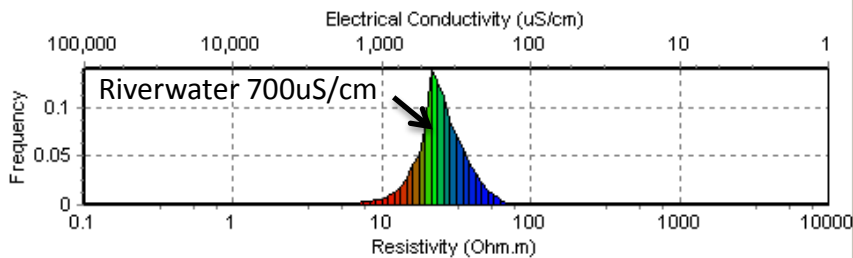


This section of river uniformly overlies inferred moist sand and/or gravel

Gonowlia Weir Drillholes

Note: GW273046 is invisible because it is outside the viewing frame

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Billabong Creek - Jerilderie

A yellow motorboat is parked on a muddy bank next to a creek. The boat has a grey cooler on the back and a red rope attached to its stern. The background shows a wooded area with bare trees and a body of water.

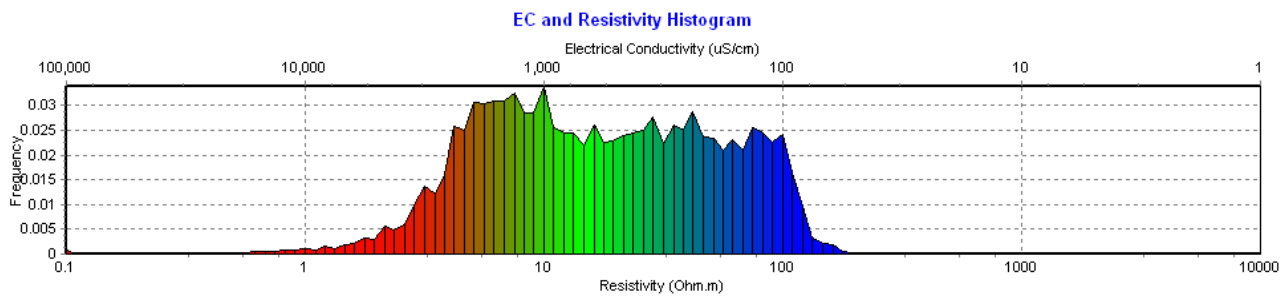
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Modelled Resistivity Images - Key

EC histogram and colour stretch for the entire Billabong Creek dataset.

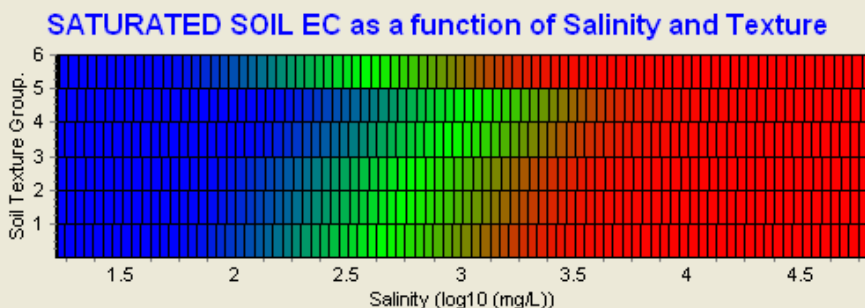


Lithologies encountered in drillers logs near Billabong Creek



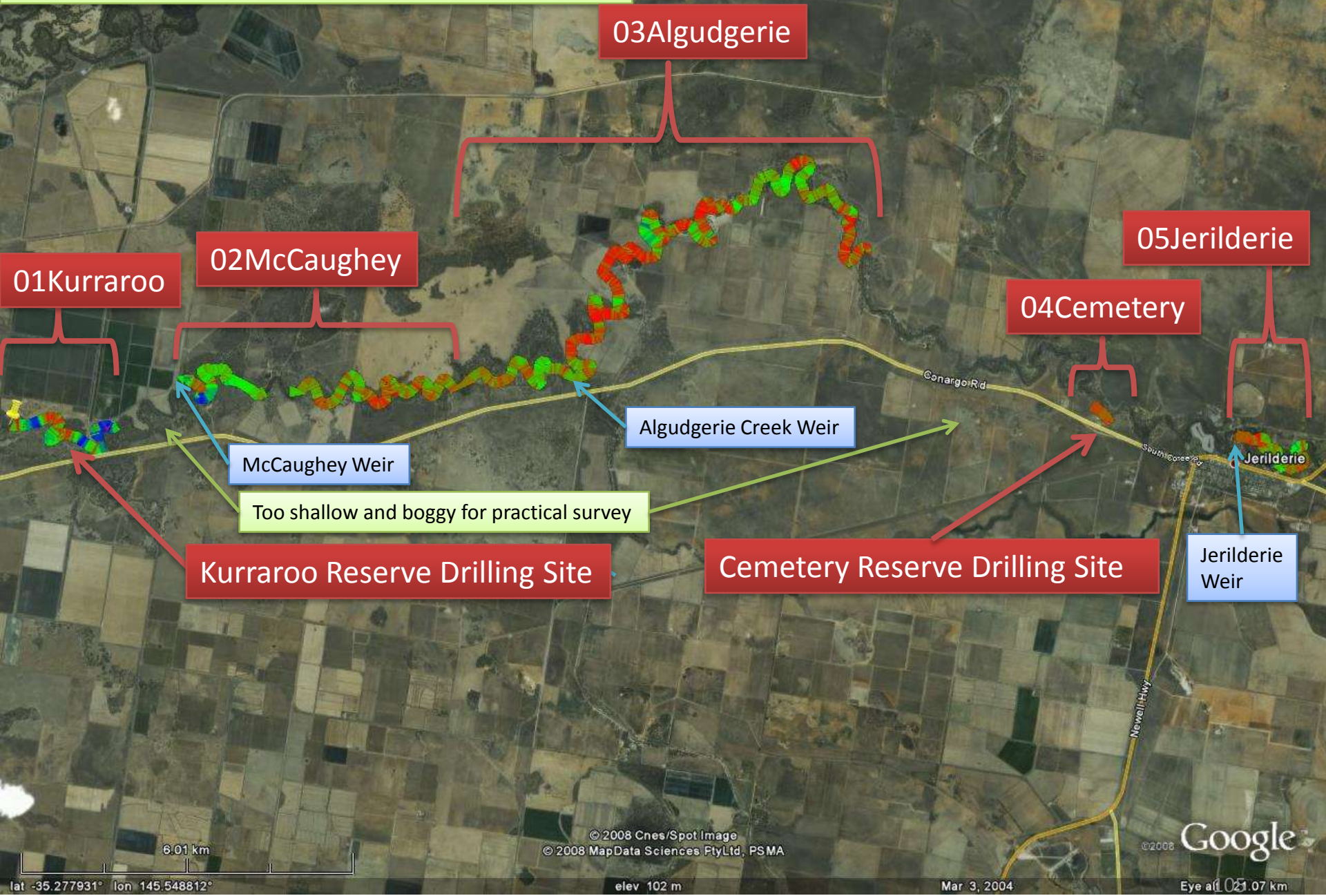
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and using a Salinity conversion factor mg/L / uS/cm of 0.64.
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EC 8m below Billabong Creek Bed



Too shallow and boggy for practical survey

Kurraroo Reserve Drilling Site

Cemetery Reserve Drilling Site



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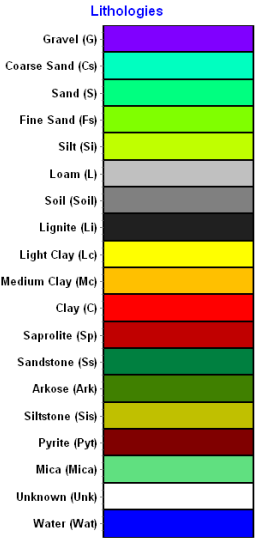
elev 102 m

Mar 3, 2004

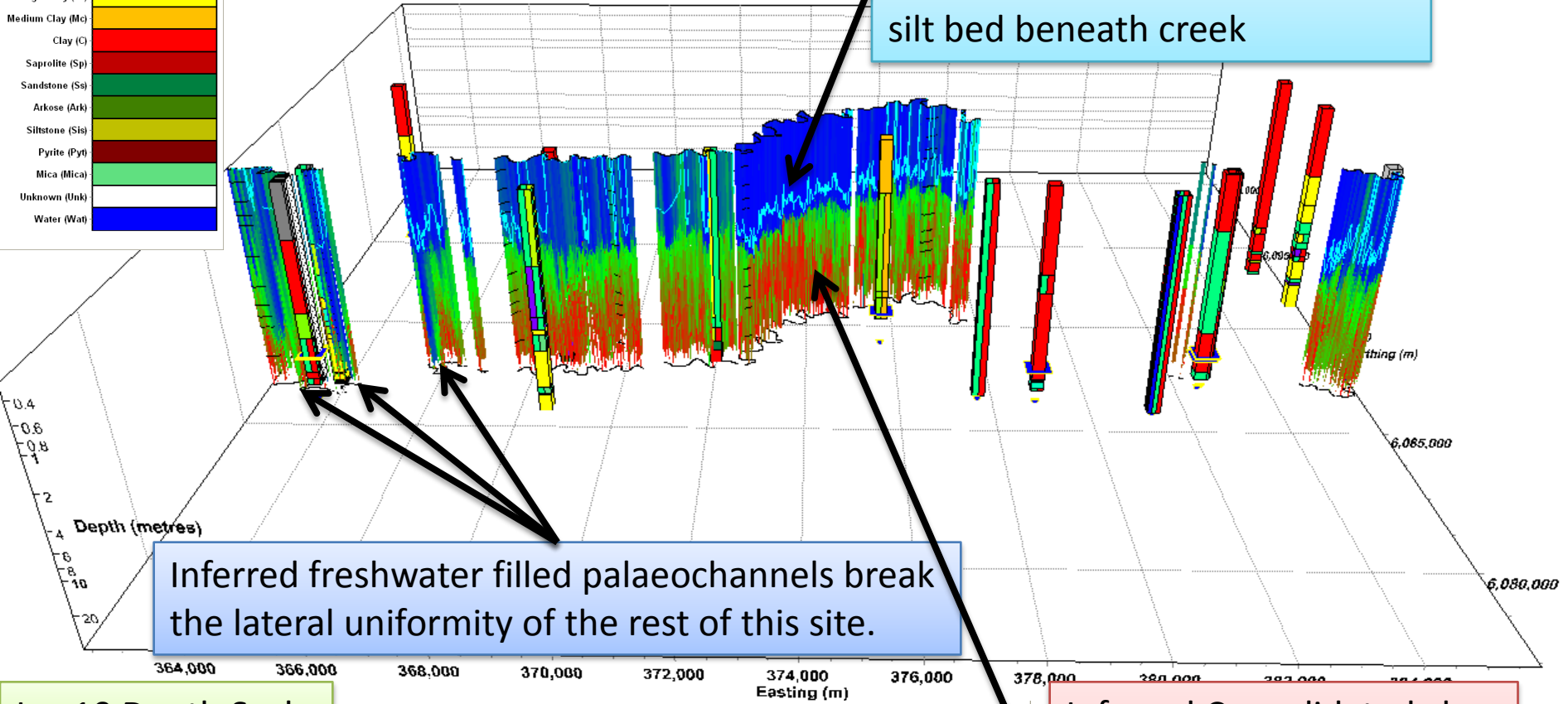
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Eye alt 0.07 km

Project: NSW Losing/Disconnected Rivers
 Site: Billabong Creek - Kurraroo - to Jerilderie Client: NSW DWE
 Data Provider: Groundwater Imaging Pty Ltd JobNum: 1
 Survey Equipment: TerraohmRIP924b, ABEM_SAS2000, Sonar, 100m Schlumb, Argo Survey Date: 26/07/2008

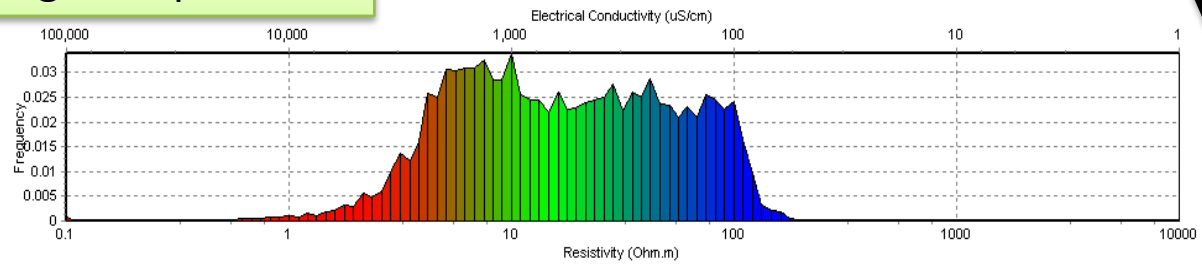


Inferred 1m thick freshwater filled unconsolidated silt bed beneath creek



Log10 Depth Scale

EC and Resistivity Histogram



Inferred Consolidated clay and sandy clay containing old saline water:
 Green = partially saturated
 Red = fully saturated

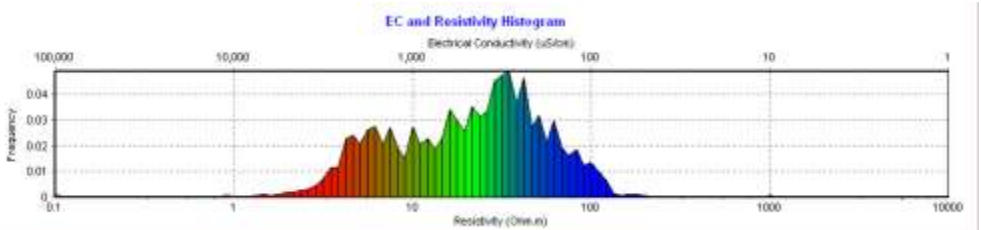
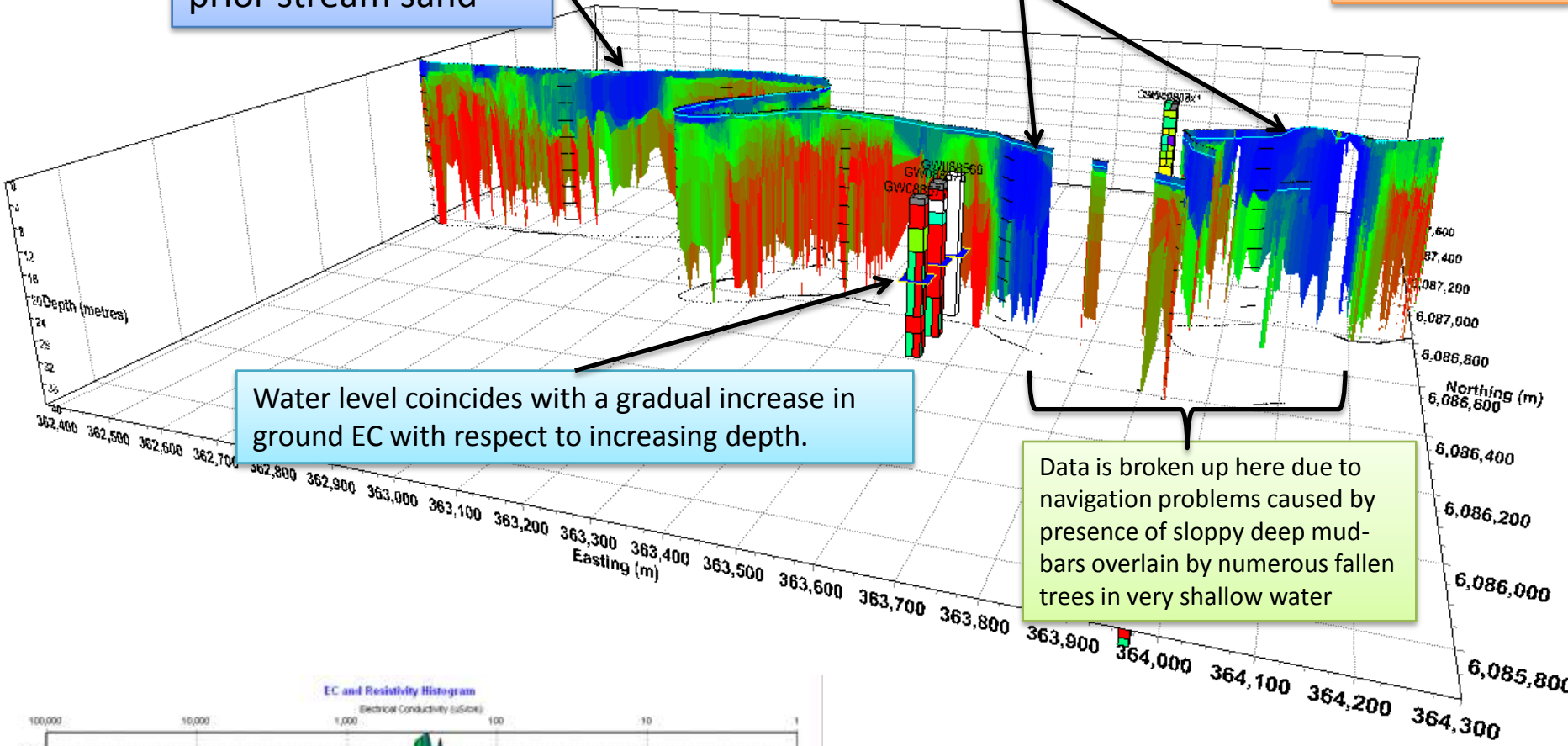
River incision:
 banks here are
 gently sloping and
 rise about 2 metre
 above the water
 which ranges from
 about 10 cm deep
 to 1m deep.

Inferred prior streams more than
 30 metres deep containing fresh
 water below 12 metres.

Inferred 12m deep
 prior stream sand

Water level coincides with a gradual increase in
 ground EC with respect to increasing depth.

Data is broken up here due to
 navigation problems caused by
 presence of sloppy deep mud-
 bars overlain by numerous fallen
 trees in very shallow water



Aquifer continuance imaging beneath the Namoi River, Mollee Weir to Gunidgera Weir

by David Allen, National Centre for Groundwater Management, UTS,
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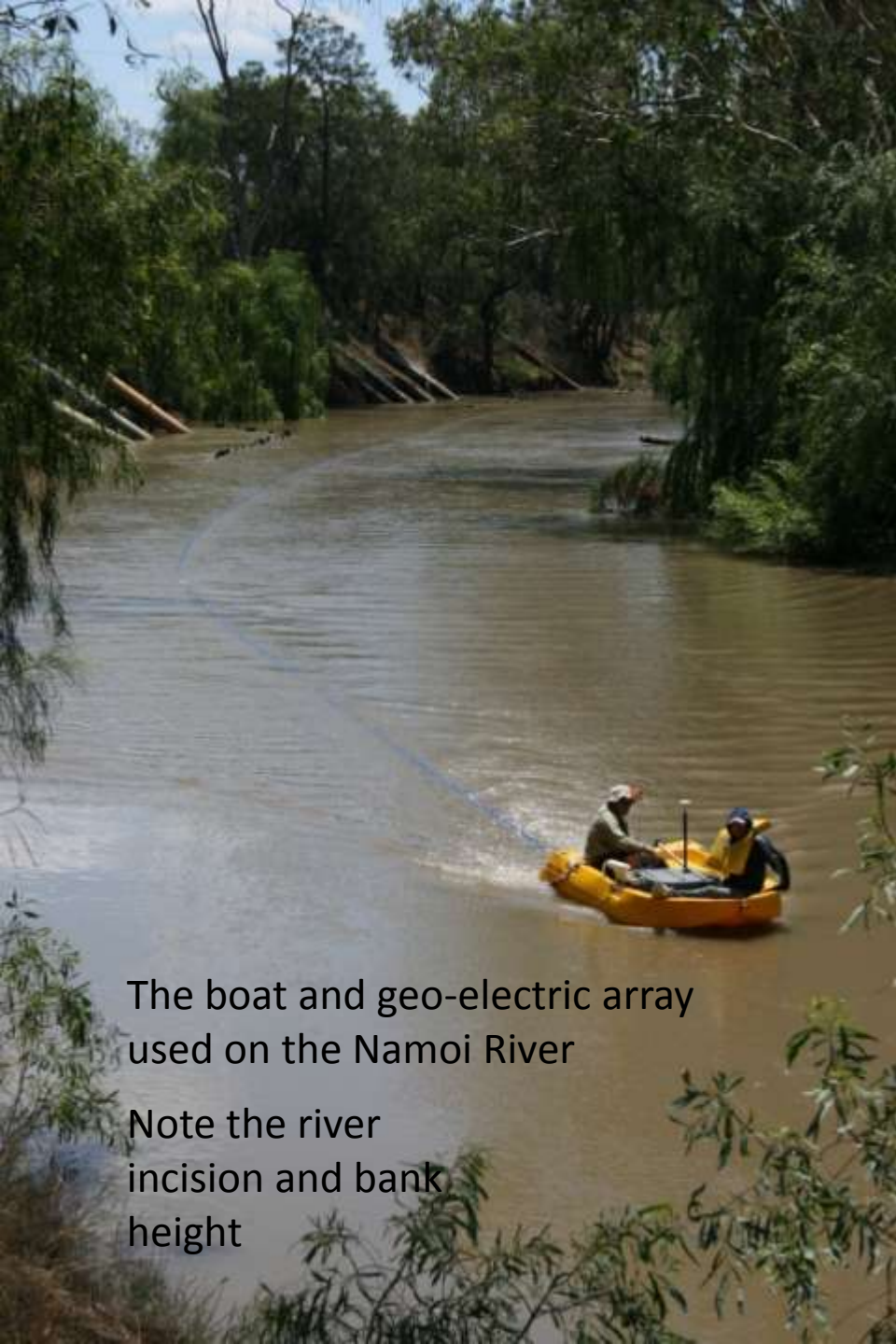


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The boat and geo-electric array
used on the Namoi River

Note the river
incision and bank
height

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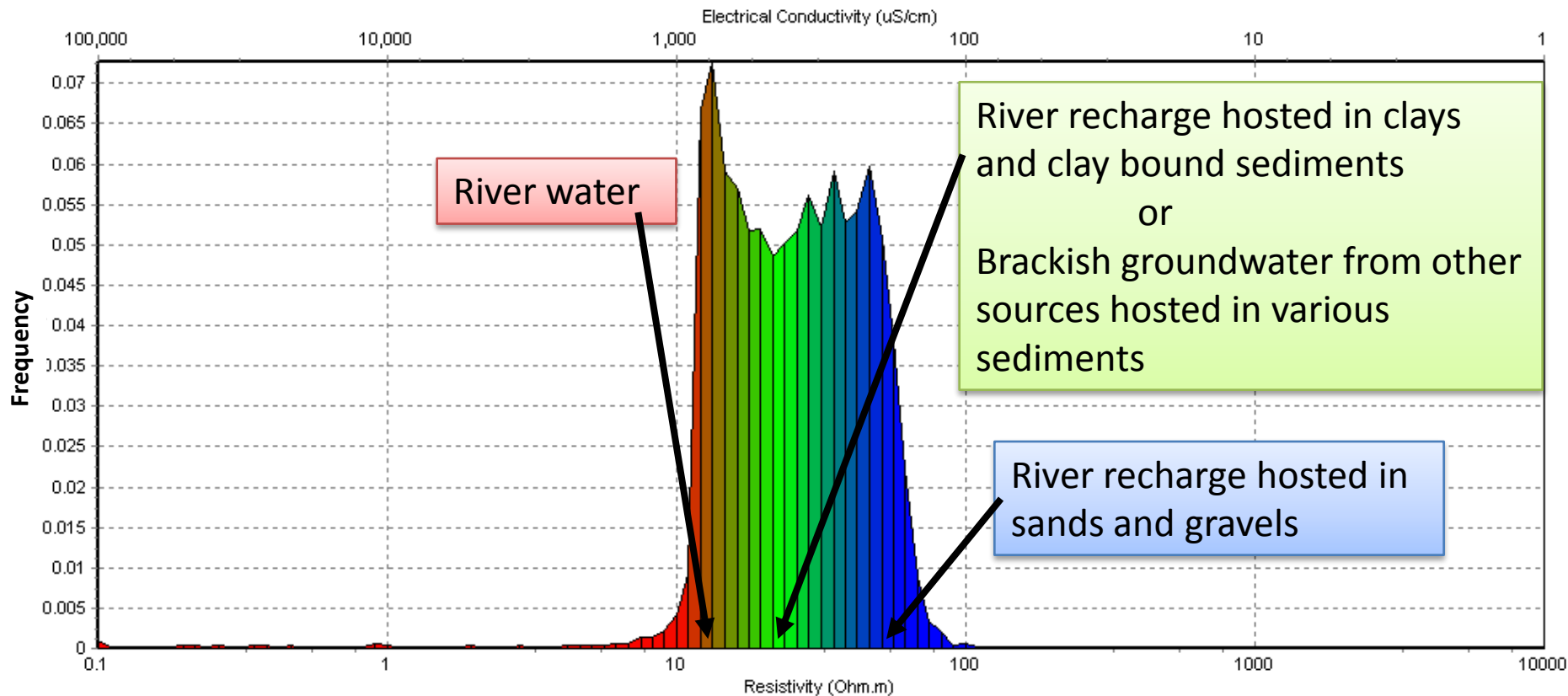
Apparent resistivity

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Flood recharge mound

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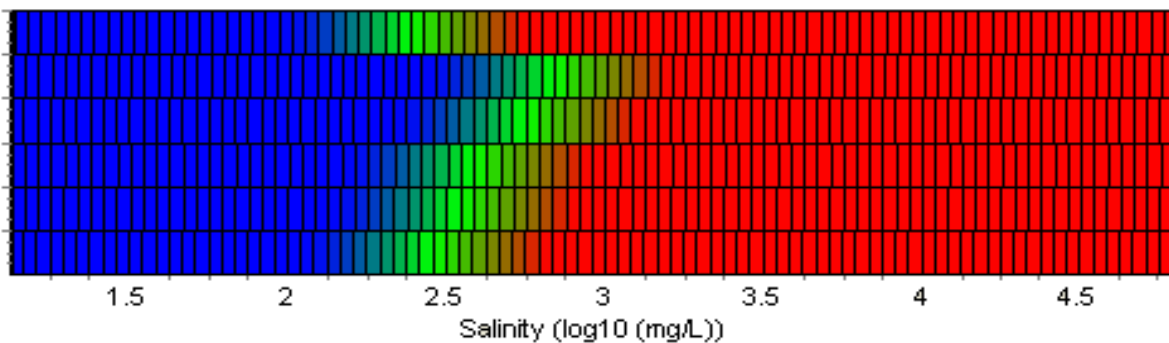
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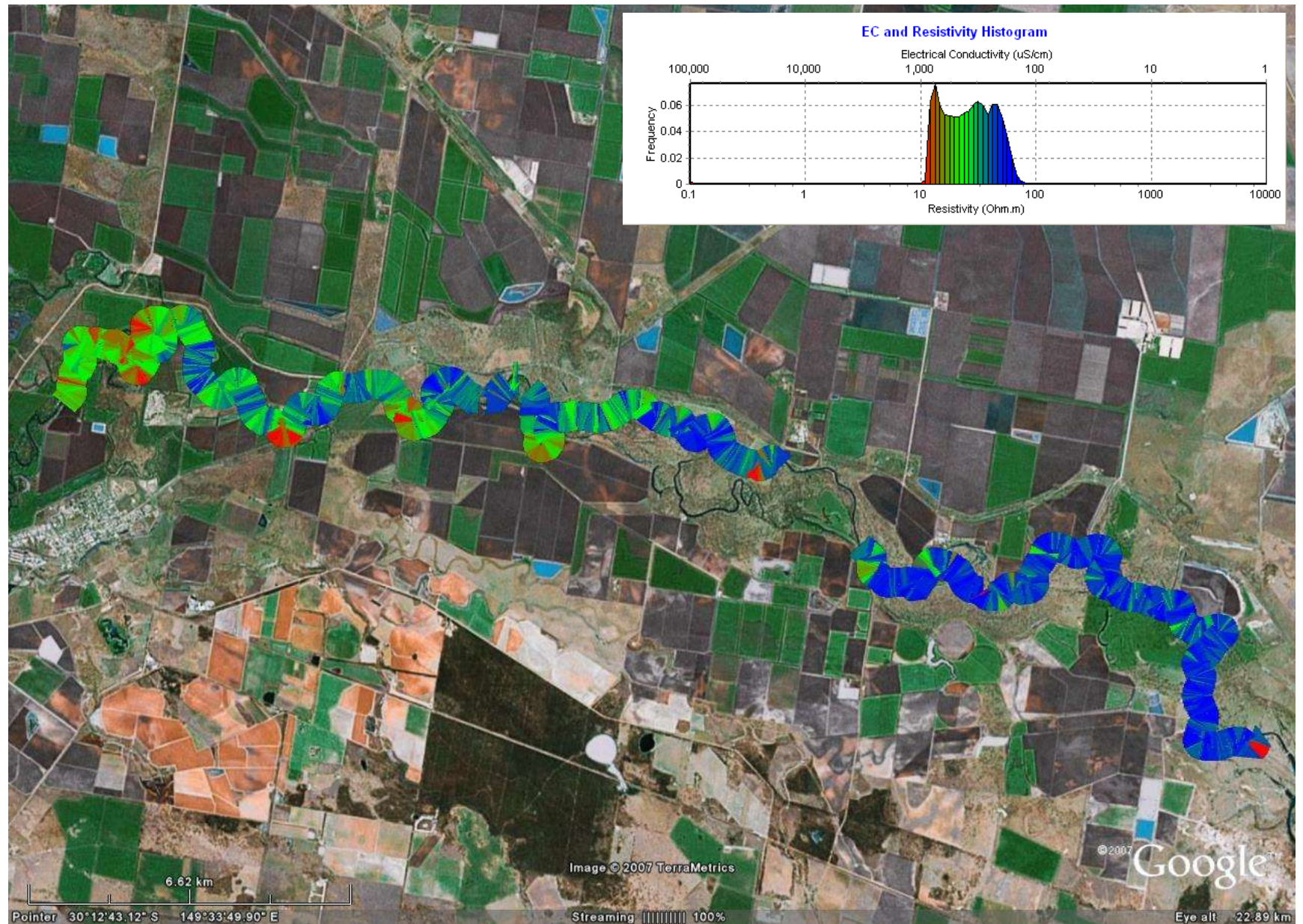
Sediment texture group

100% WATER (NO SEDIMENT)
SANDS <10% Clay
SANDY LOAMS 10-25% Clay
LOAMS 25-30% Clay
CLAY LOAMS, LIGHT CLAYS 30-45% Clay
MEDIUM, HEAVY CLAYS >45% Clay

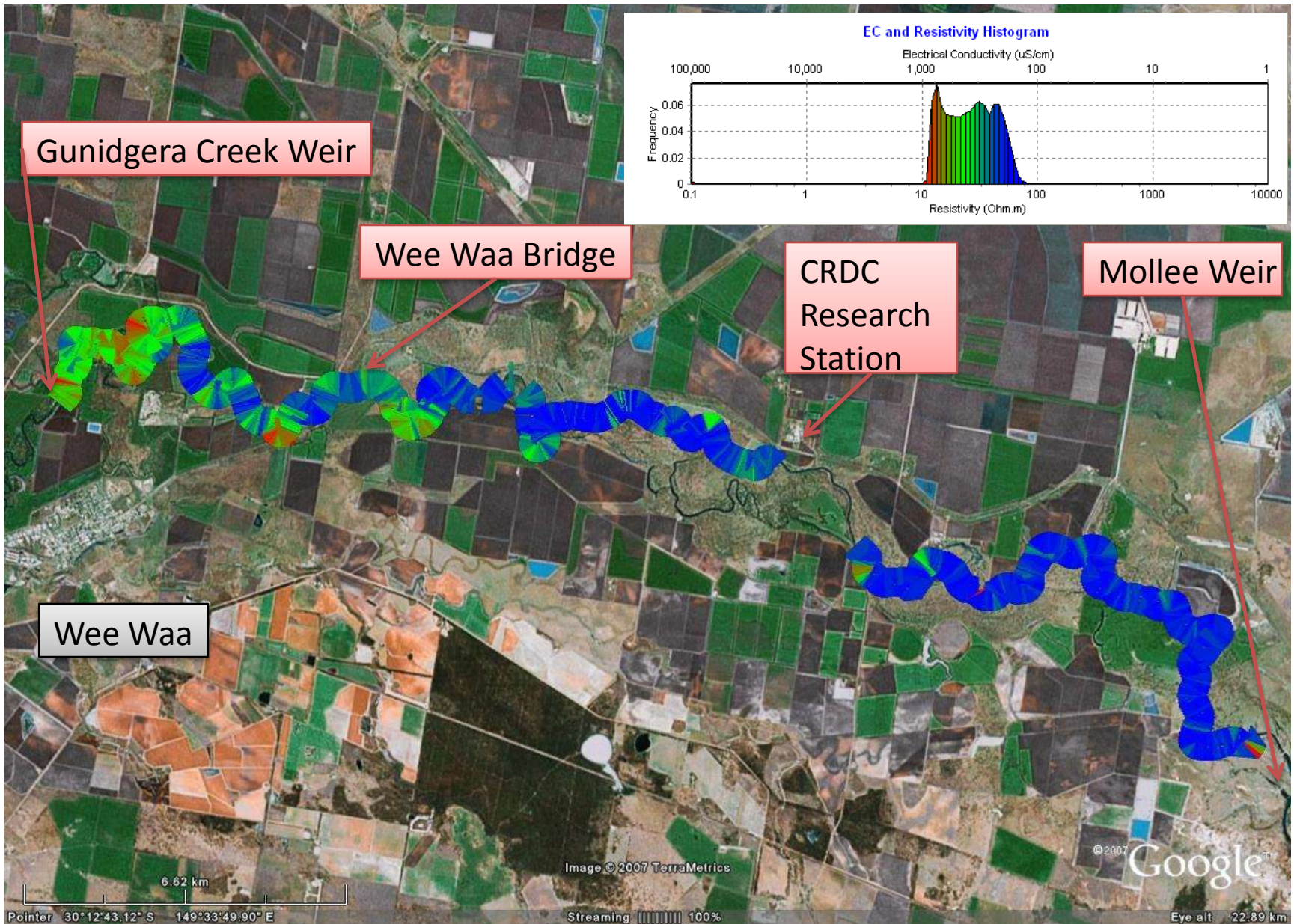
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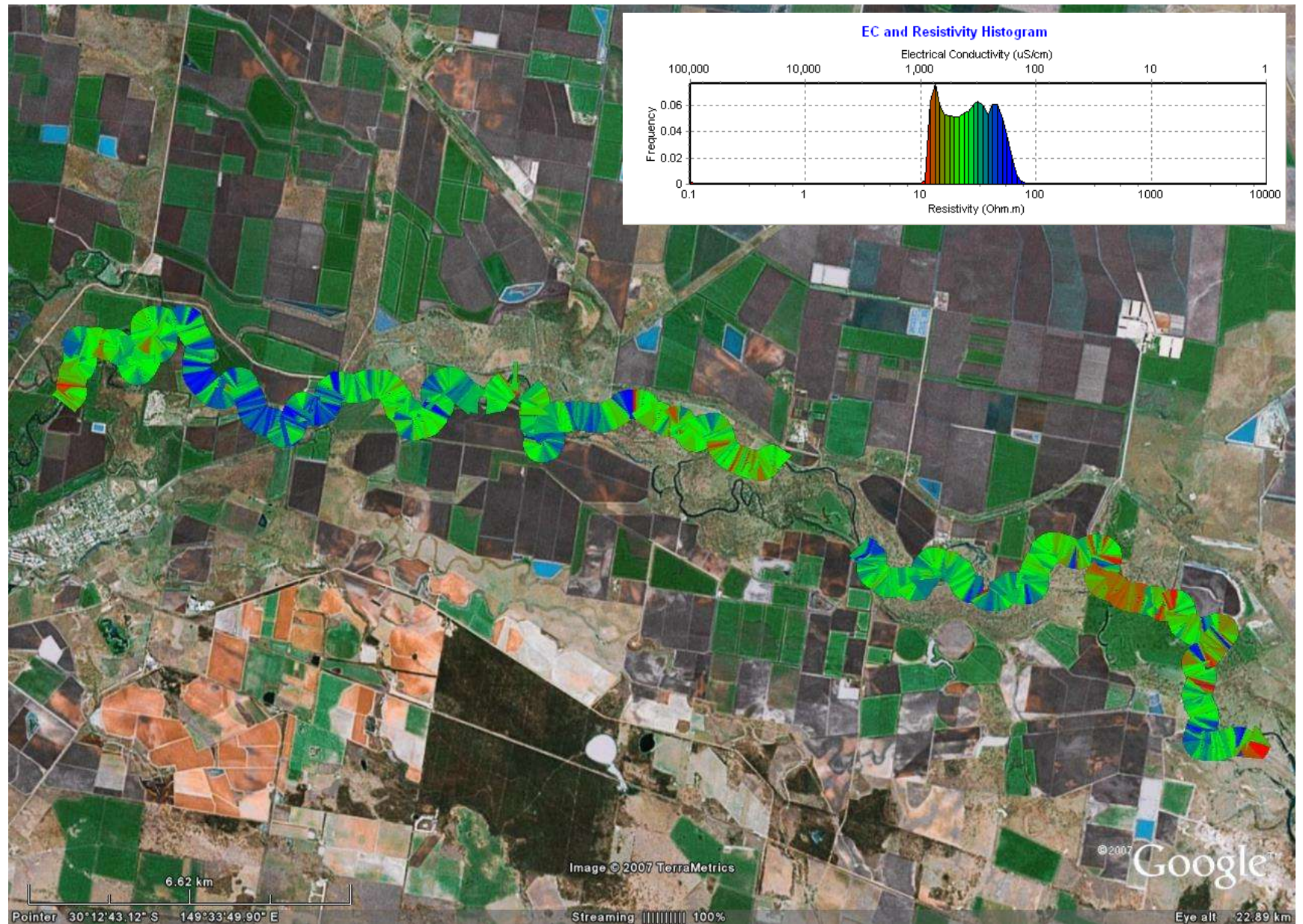
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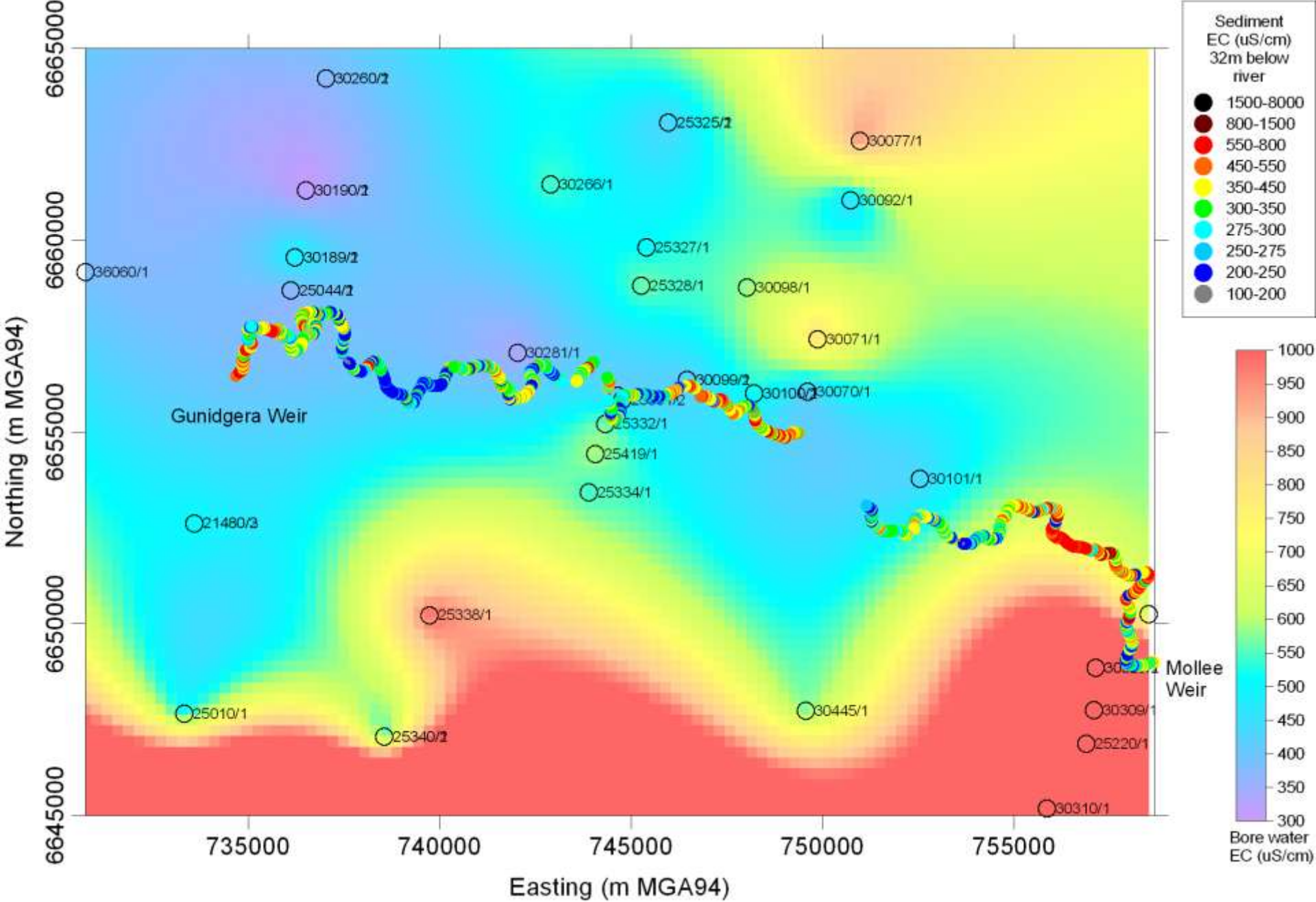
EC data at a depth of 1m below river bed



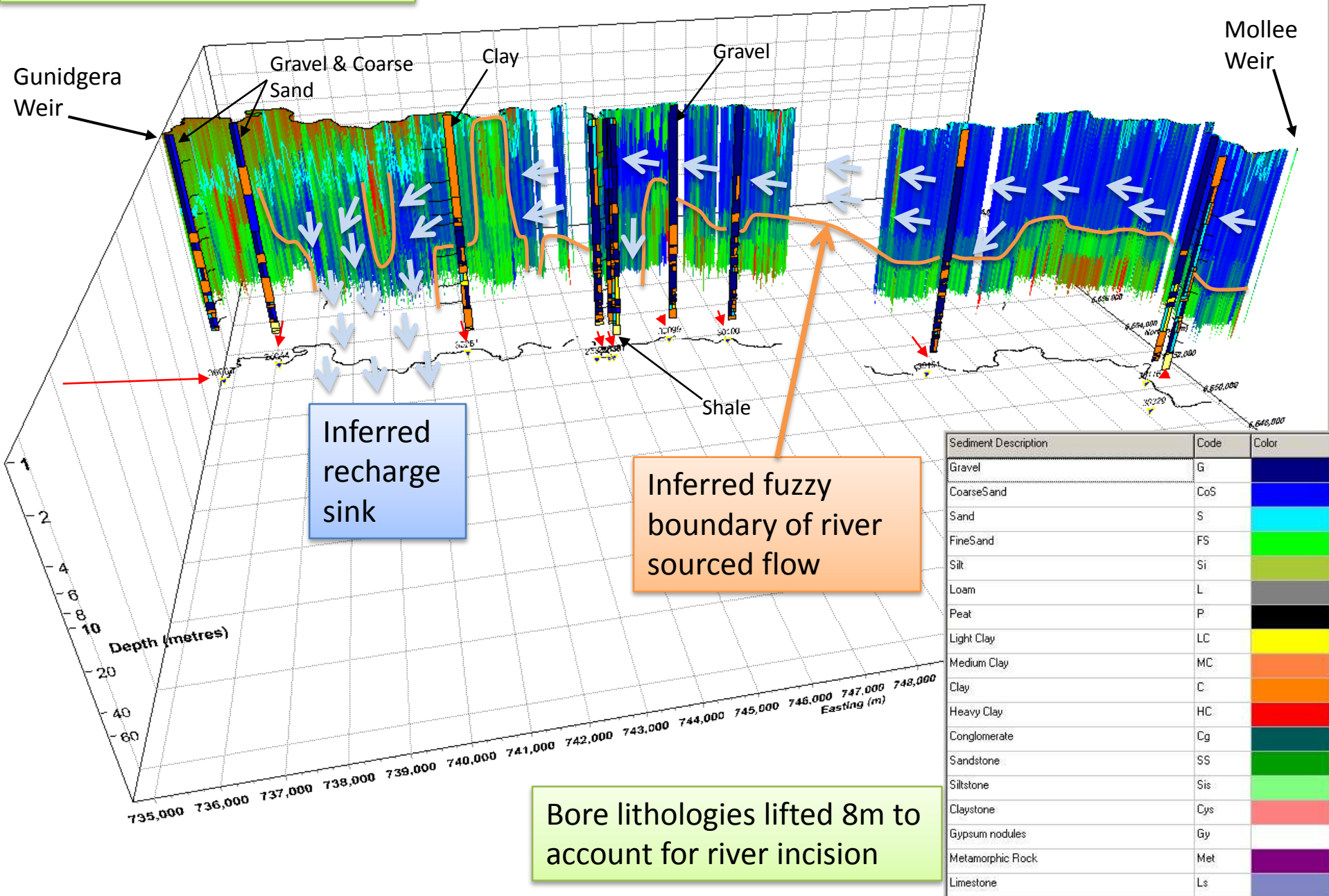
EC data at a depth of 4m below river bed



EC data at a depth of 32m below river bed



EC beneath the Namoi River



Inferred recharge sink

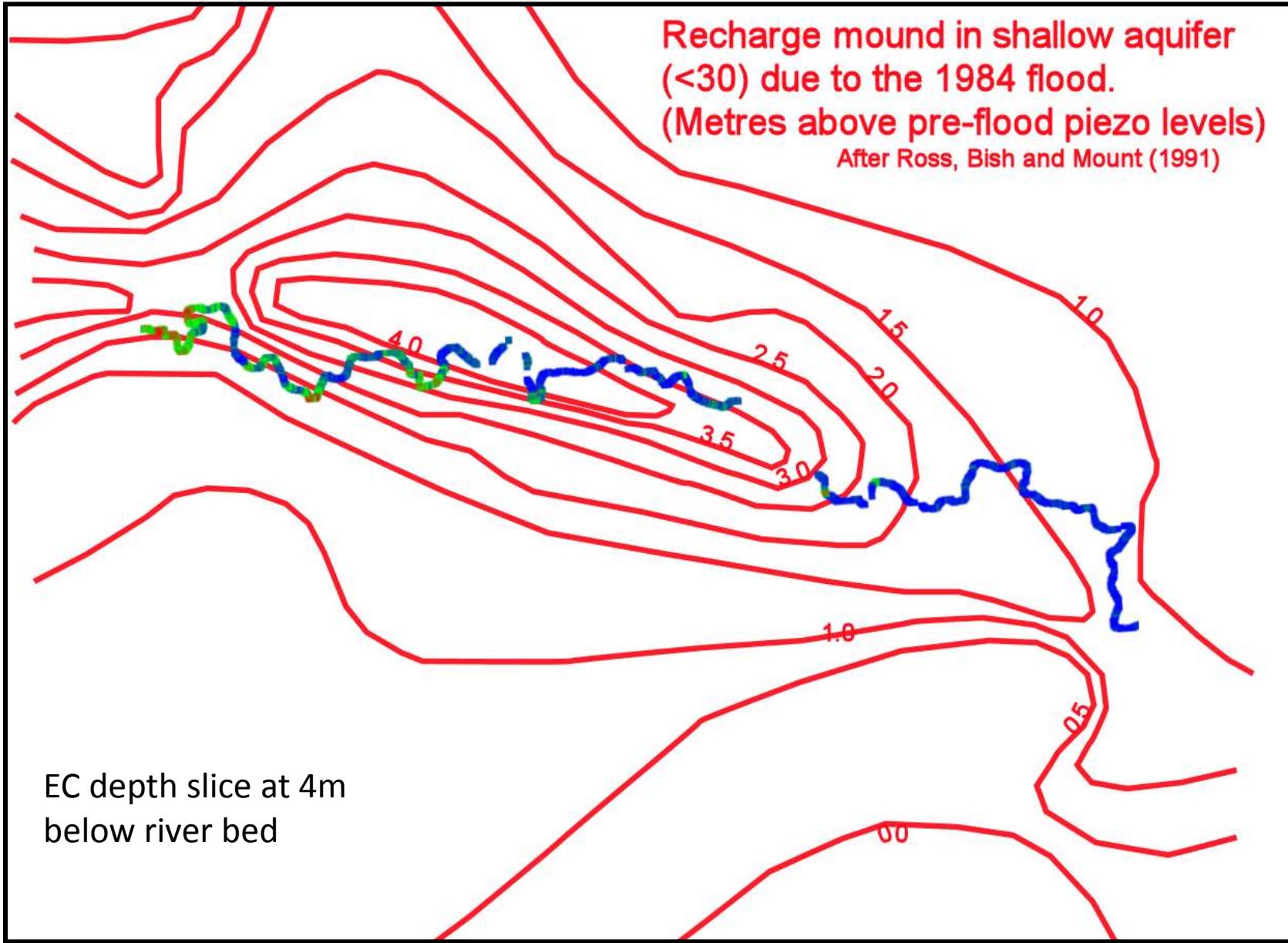
Inferred fuzzy boundary of river sourced flow

Bore lithologies lifted 8m to account for river incision

Sediment Description	Code	Color
Gravel	G	Dark Blue
CoarseSand	CoS	Blue
Sand	S	Cyan
FineSand	FS	Green
Silt	Si	Light Green
Loam	L	Yellow-Green
Peat	P	Yellow
Light Clay	LC	Orange
Medium Clay	MC	Red-Orange
Clay	C	Red
Heavy Clay	HC	Dark Red
Conglomerate	Cg	Purple
Sandstone	SS	Dark Purple
Siltstone	Sis	Purple
Claystone	Cys	Dark Purple
Gypsum nodules	Gy	Black
Metamorphic Rock	Met	Grey
Limestone	Ls	Light Grey
Dolomite	Dol	White
Shale	Sh	Yellow

Log10 Depth Scale

Recharge mound in shallow aquifer
(<30) due to the 1984 flood.
(Metres above pre-flood piezo levels)
After Ross, Bish and Mount (1991)



EC depth slice at 4m
below river bed

2008 Bore log analysis

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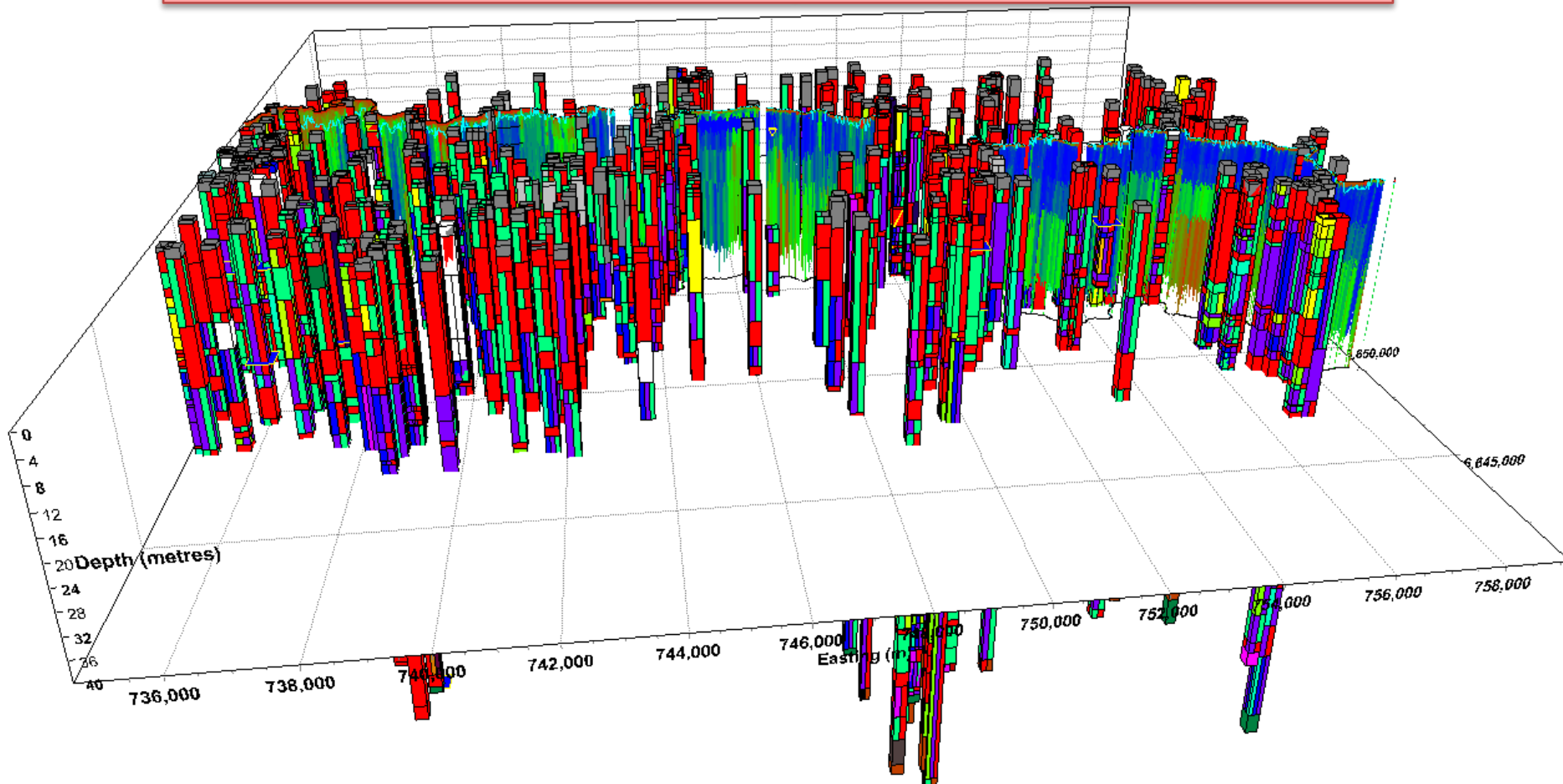
- Views of the entire dataset (TOO MANY BORES)
- Views of bores just close to the river
- Views of Mollee Weir to the CRDC research station
- Views of CRDC Research Station to Wee Waa Bridge
- Views of Wee Waa Bridge to Gunidgera Weir

Lithologies

Boulders (Bou)	
Cobbles (Cob)	
Gravel (G)	
Coarse Sand (Cs)	
Sand (S)	
Drift (Dft)	
Fine Sand (Fs)	
Silt (Si)	
Loam (L)	
Soil (Soil)	
Humus (Hu)	
Wood (Wd)	
Coal (Cb)	
Light Clay (Lc)	
Medium Clay (Mc)	
Heavy Clay (Hc)	
Clay (C)	
Saprolite (Sp)	
Conglomerate (Cg)	
Sandstone (Ss)	
Siltstone (Sis)	
Claystone (Cls)	
Shale (Shl)	
Marl (Marl)	
Limestone (Lim)	
Ironstone (Fe)	
Chert (Ch)	
Rock (Rk)	
Slate (Sla)	
Quartzite (Qzt)	
Basalt (Ba)	
Mica (Mica)	
Fill (Fill)	
Unknown (Unk)	
Water (Wat)	

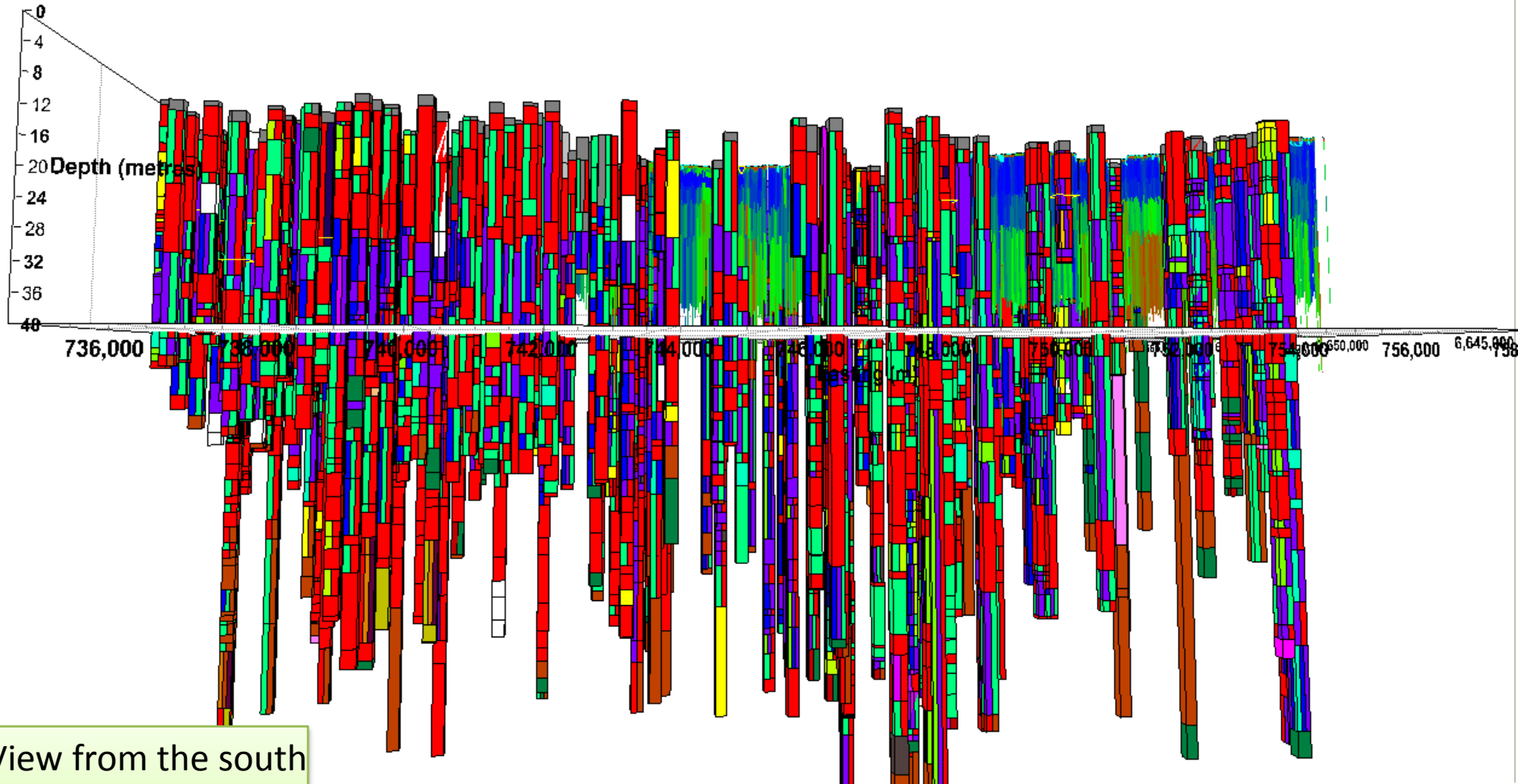
Lower Namoi Bores and geo-electric data comparison – Gunidgera Ck Weir to Mollee Weir

See also Zoomed in Sub-sampled images – they are more comprehensible



River incision: 3 to 10 m

Project: Wee Waa Recharge
Site: Mollee Weir to Gunidgera Creek Weir Client: CRDC
Data Provider: Groundwater Imaging Pty Ltd JobNum: 1
Survey Equipment: RIP924, 156m streamer, sonar and water pH, Temp and EC loggers Survey Date: 11/07/2004



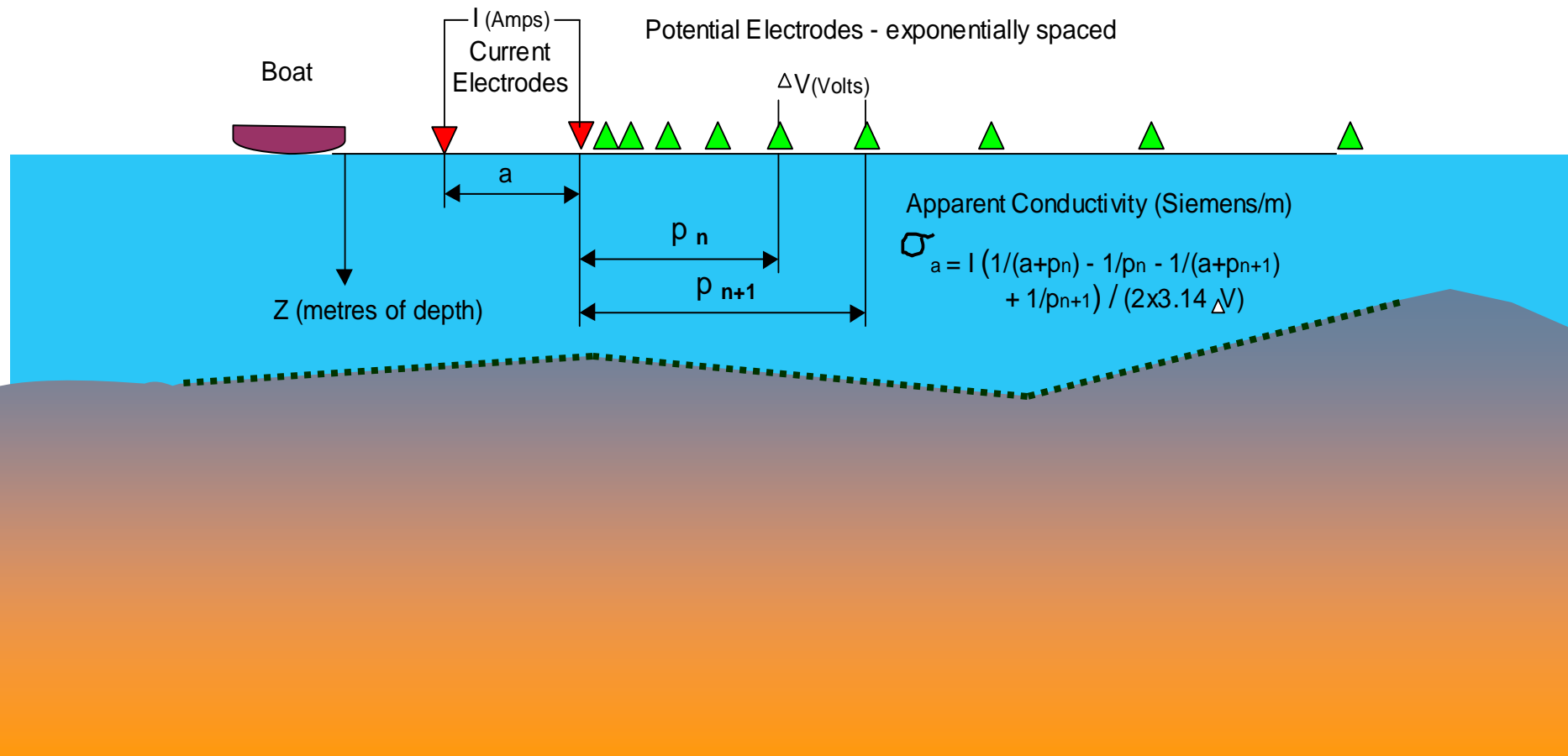
View from the south
Linear Depth Scale
from 0m to 40m

River incision: 3 to 10 m

Geo-electric Equipment Description

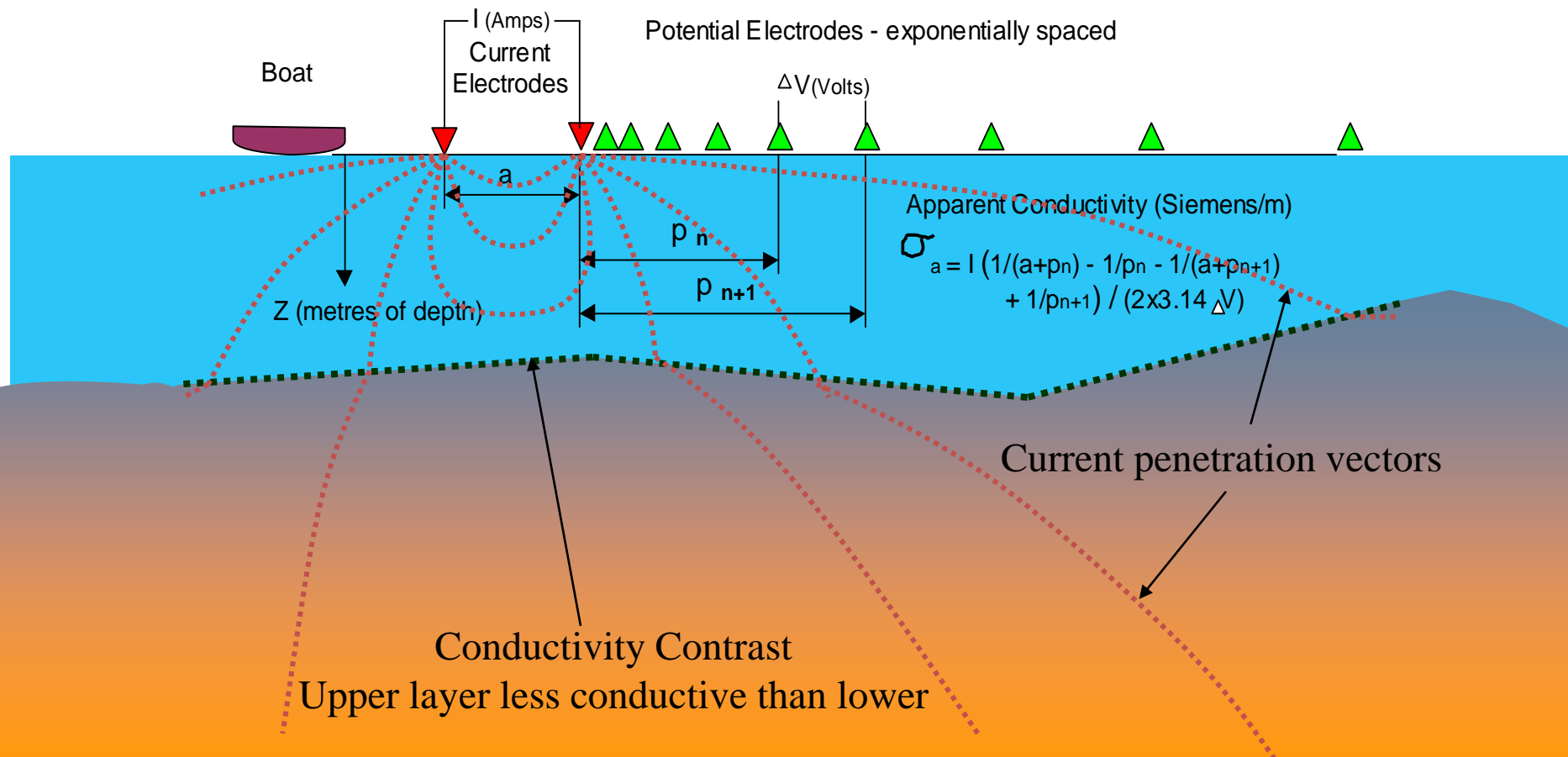
An exponentially spaced electrode array for use on watercourses

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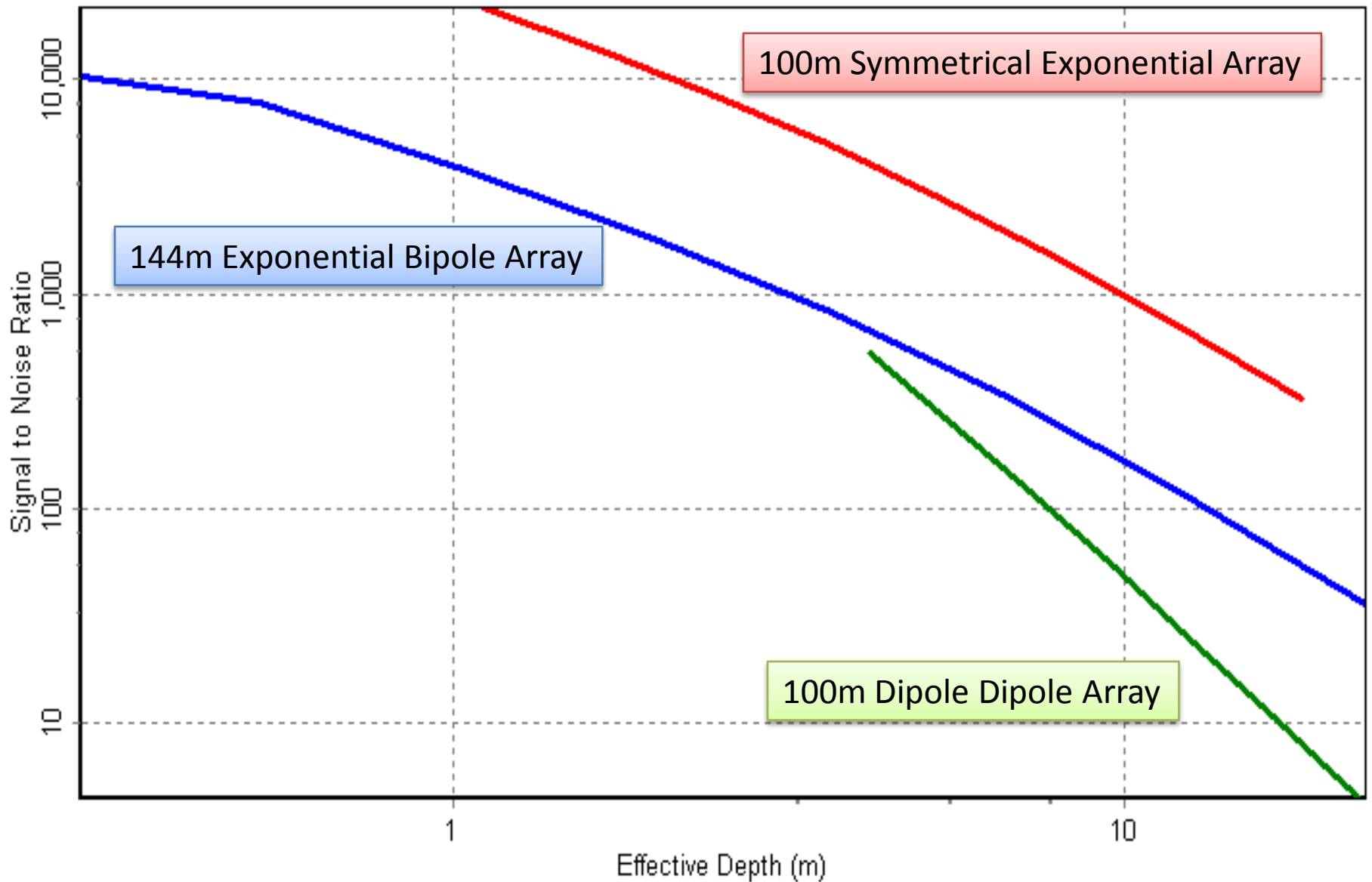


Electric fields are distorted across conductivity contrast boundaries

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Signal To Noise Ratio versus Effective Depth
for various geo-electric arrays with Half Space Resistivity = 100 Ohmm
Transmitter Current = 1.0Amps System Noise = 0.001Volts



Argo based river surveys

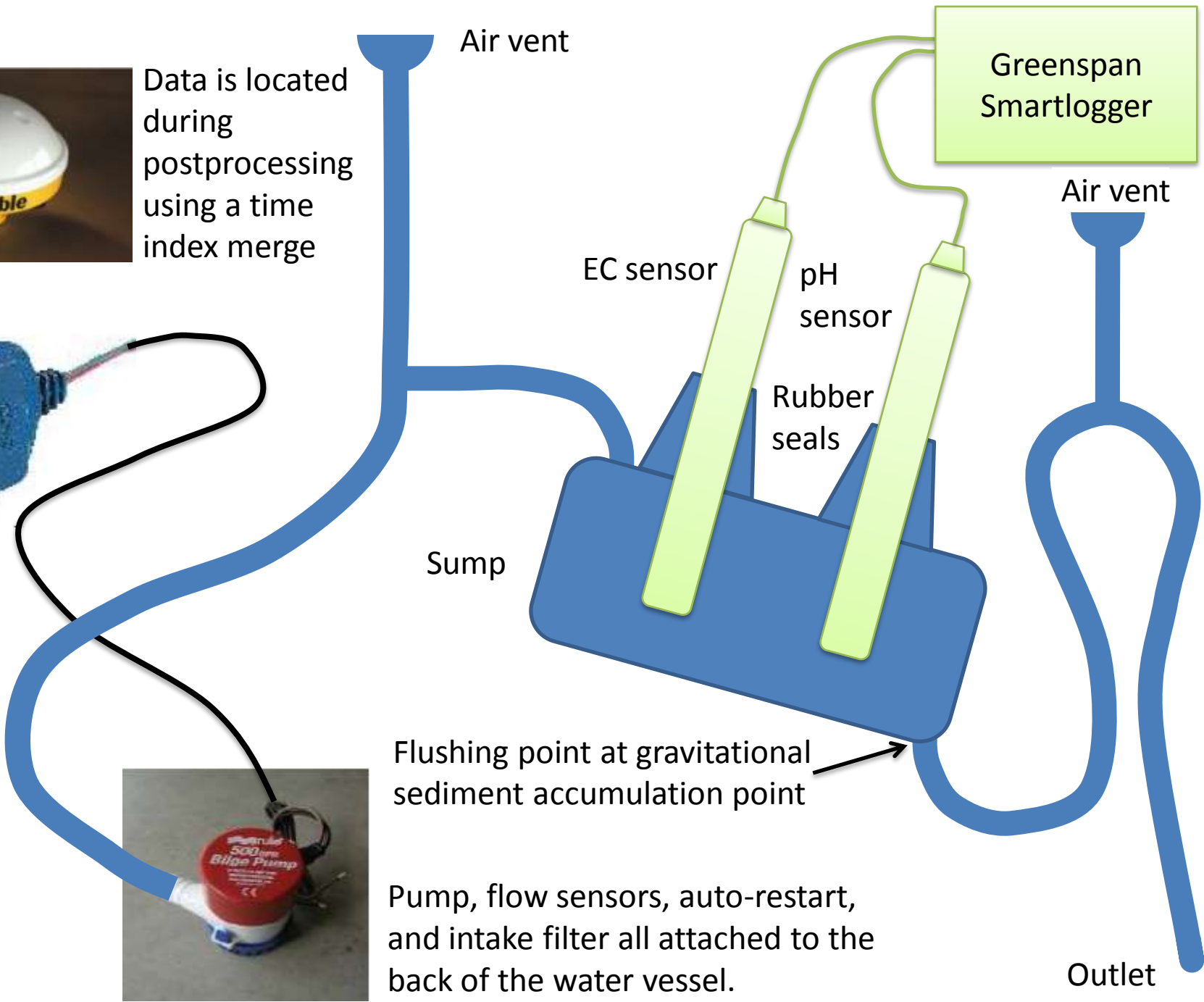


Argo Based River Surveys





Data is located during postprocessing using a time index merge



Air vent

GreenSPAN Smartlogger

Air vent

EC sensor

pH sensor

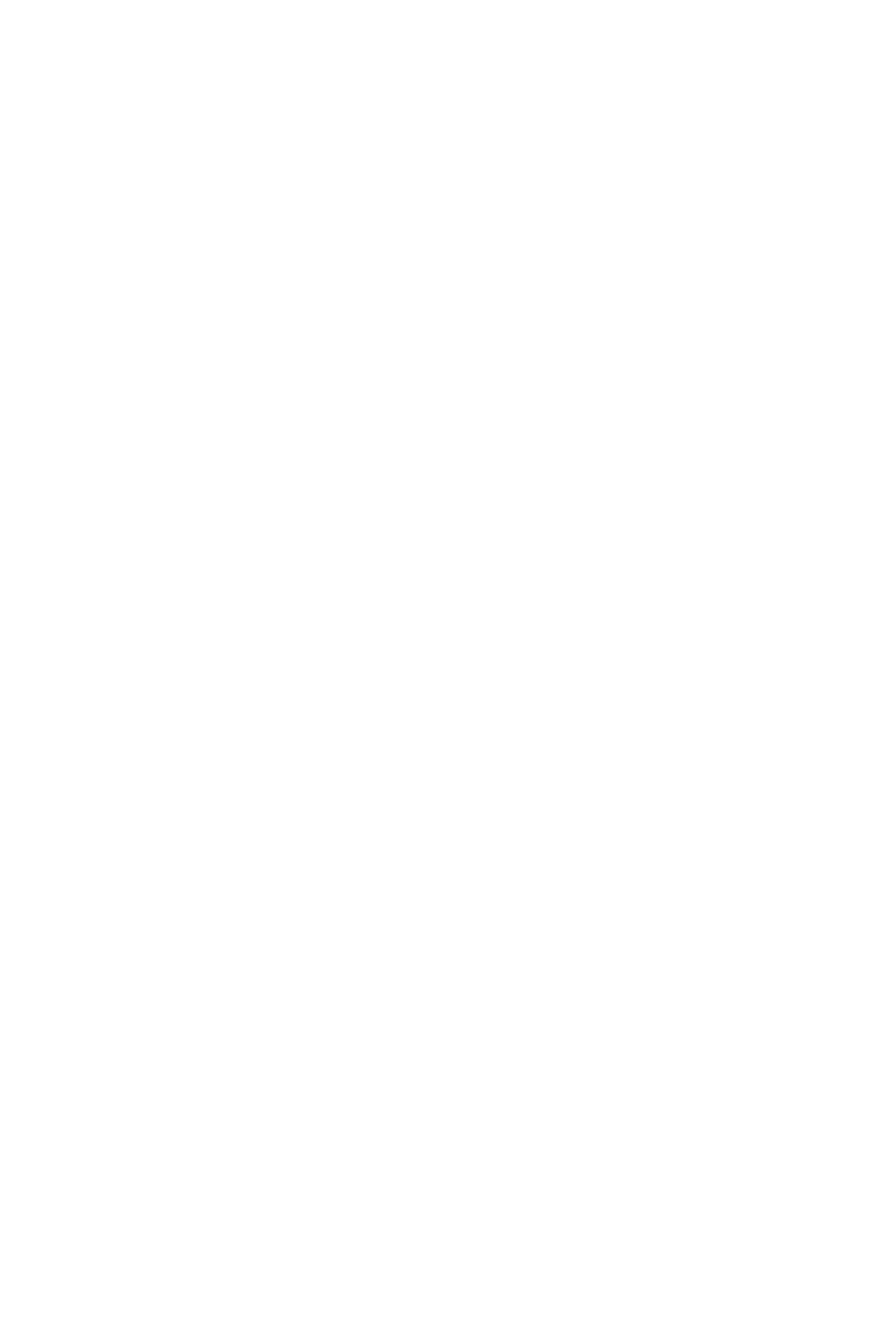
Rubber seals

Sump

Flushing point at gravitational sediment accumulation point

Pump, flow sensors, auto-restart, and intake filter all attached to the back of the water vessel.

Outlet



Towards quick survey past canal obstacles









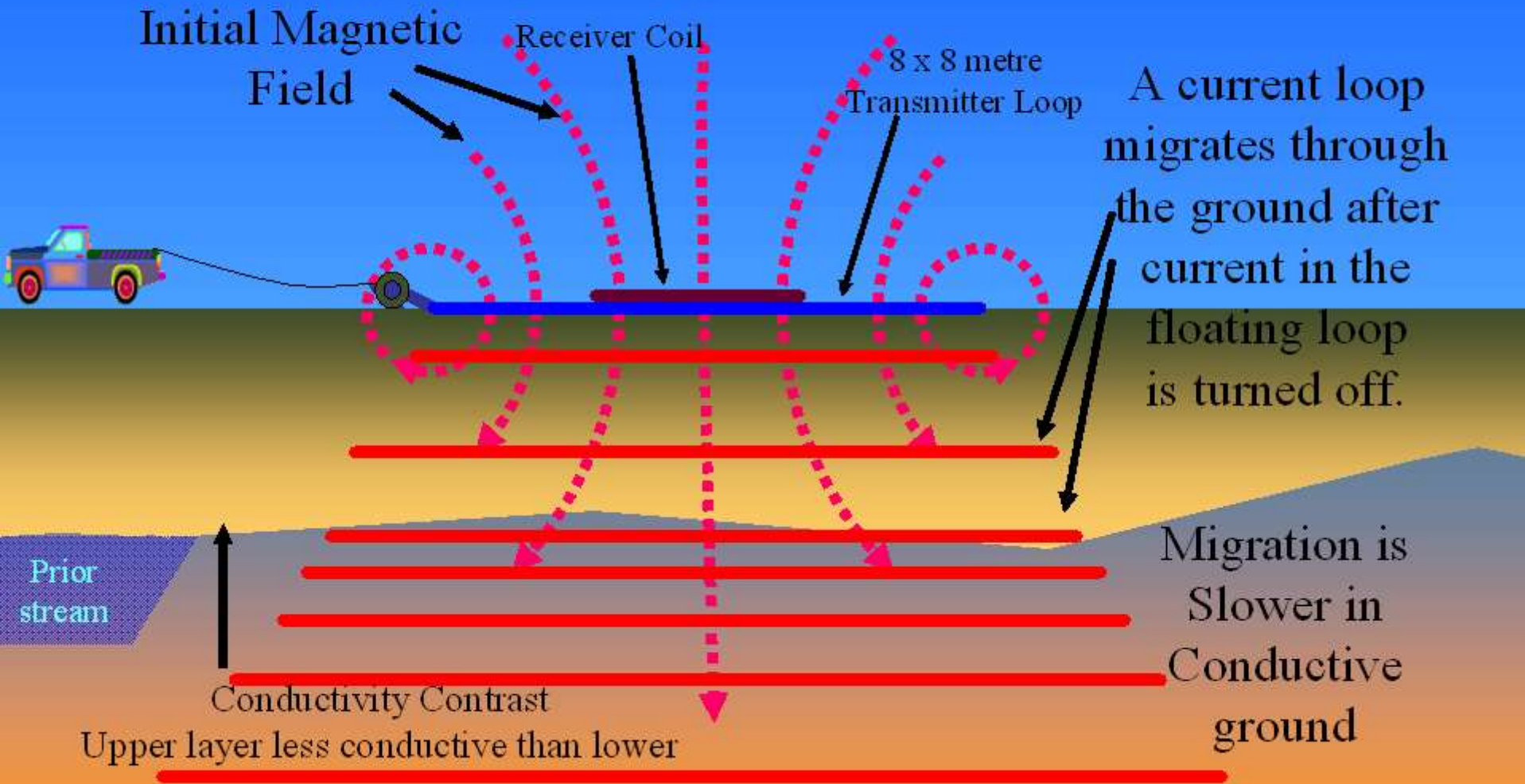
Transient Electromagnetic Imaging for aquifer recharge investigation in Western NSW.





Planning for Managed Aquifer Recharge near Menindee Lakes

Towed Transient Electromagnetic System

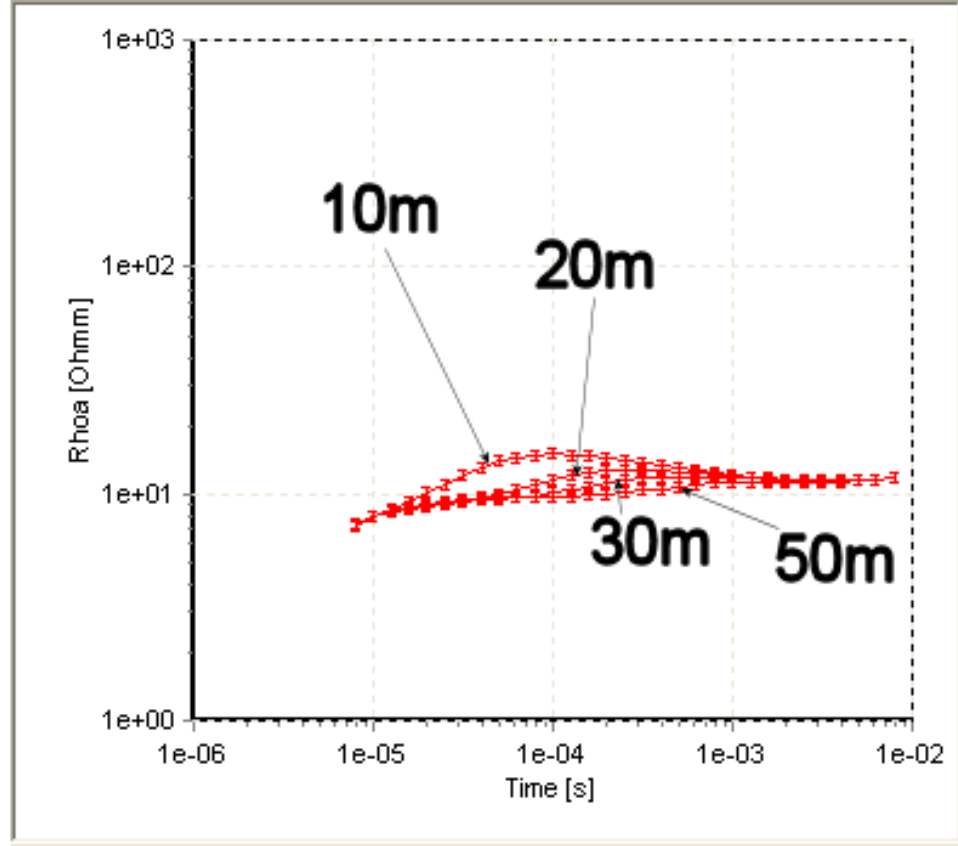


Towed TEM Photos



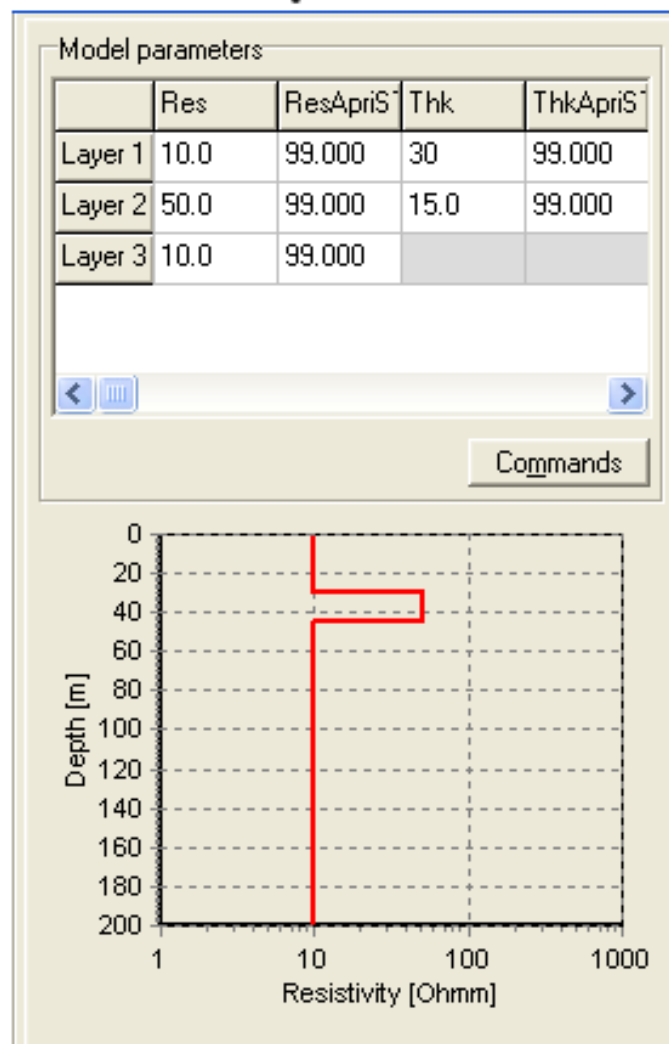
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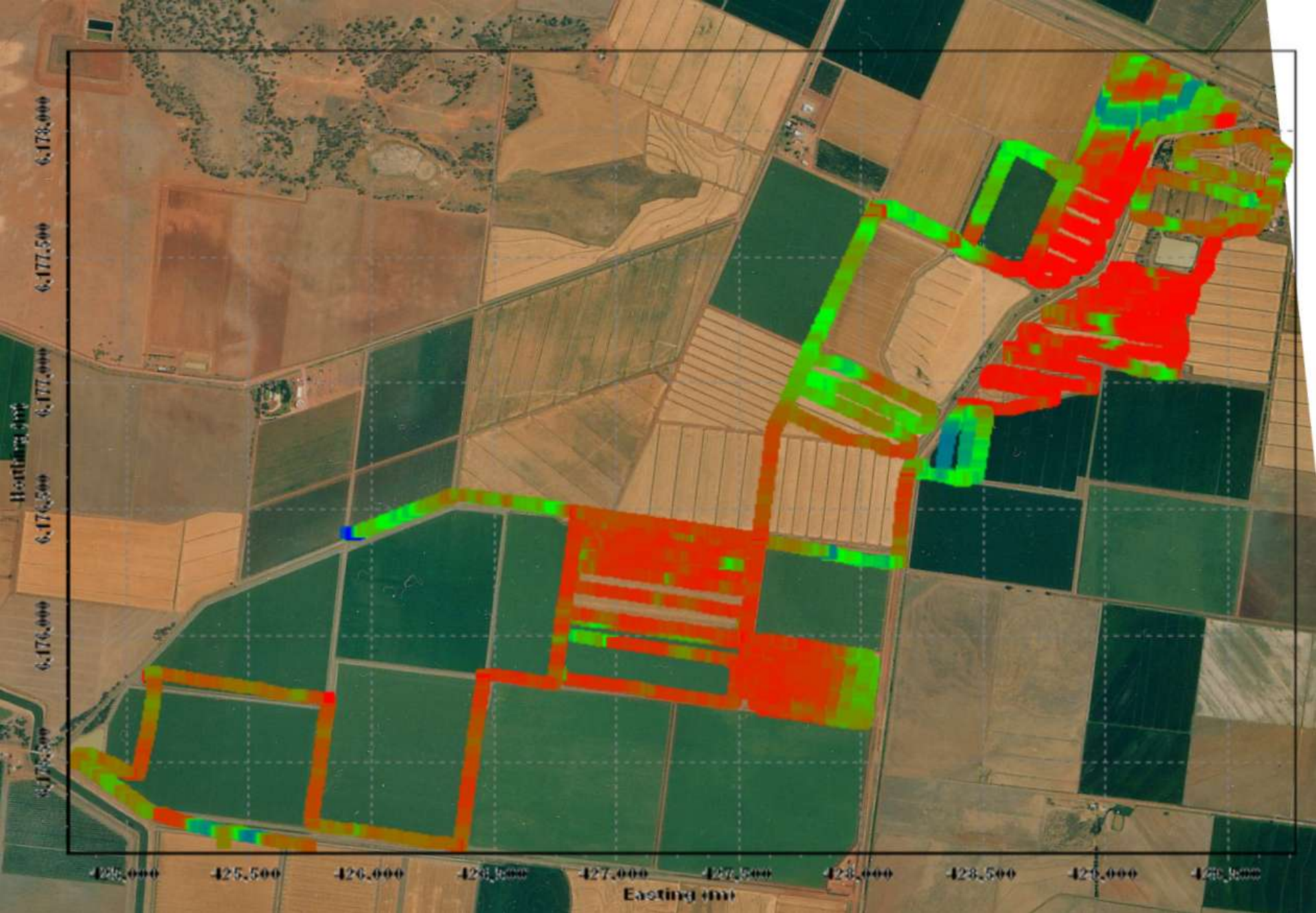
TEM responses of a 15m thick 50 ohm.m (20mS/m) layer at specified depths within a 10 ohm.m (100mS/m) host

Sample Model



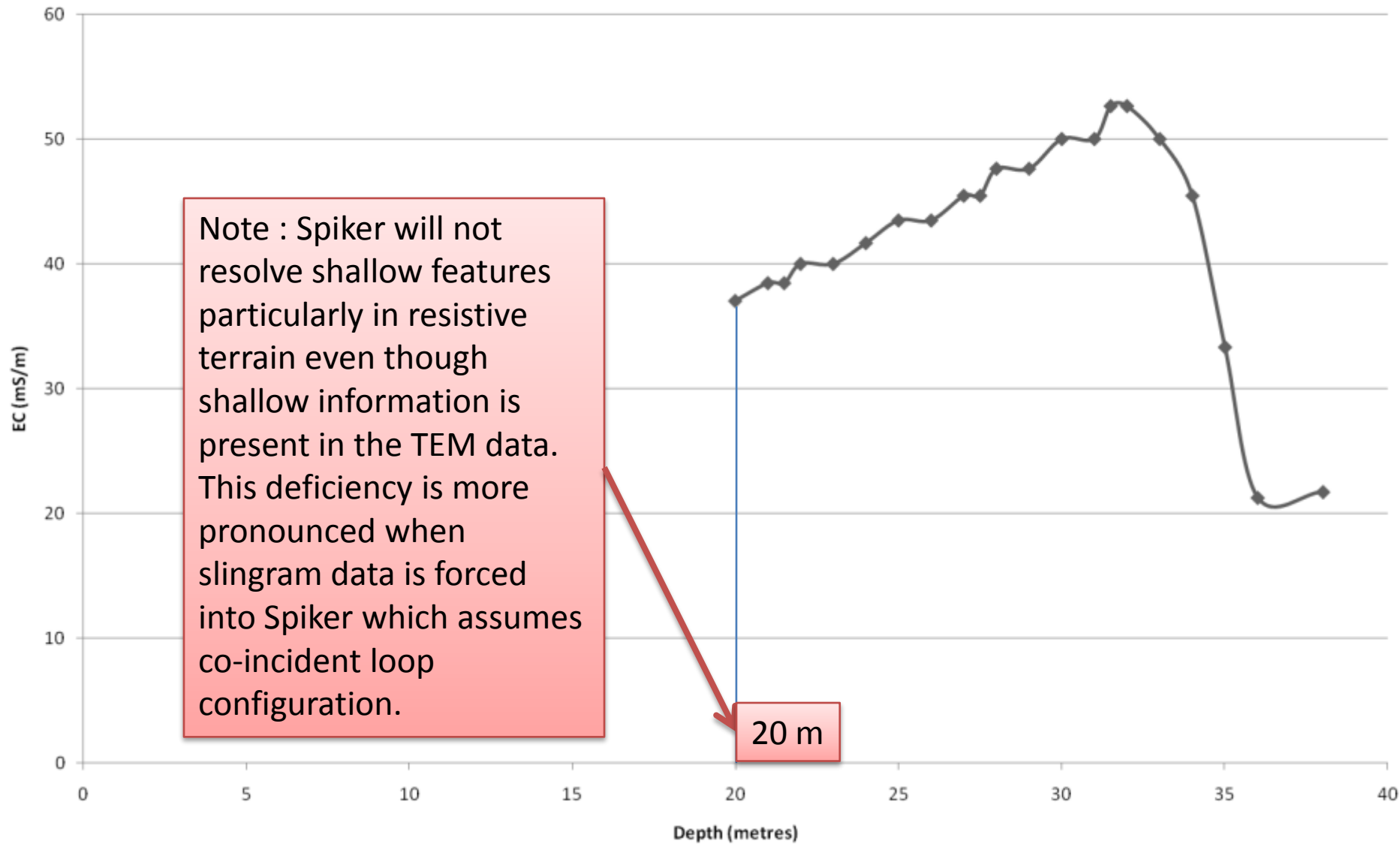
Towed TEM on a plastic sheet – geophysics on a shoestring





ONE TEM SOUNDING

Sample Spiker Results



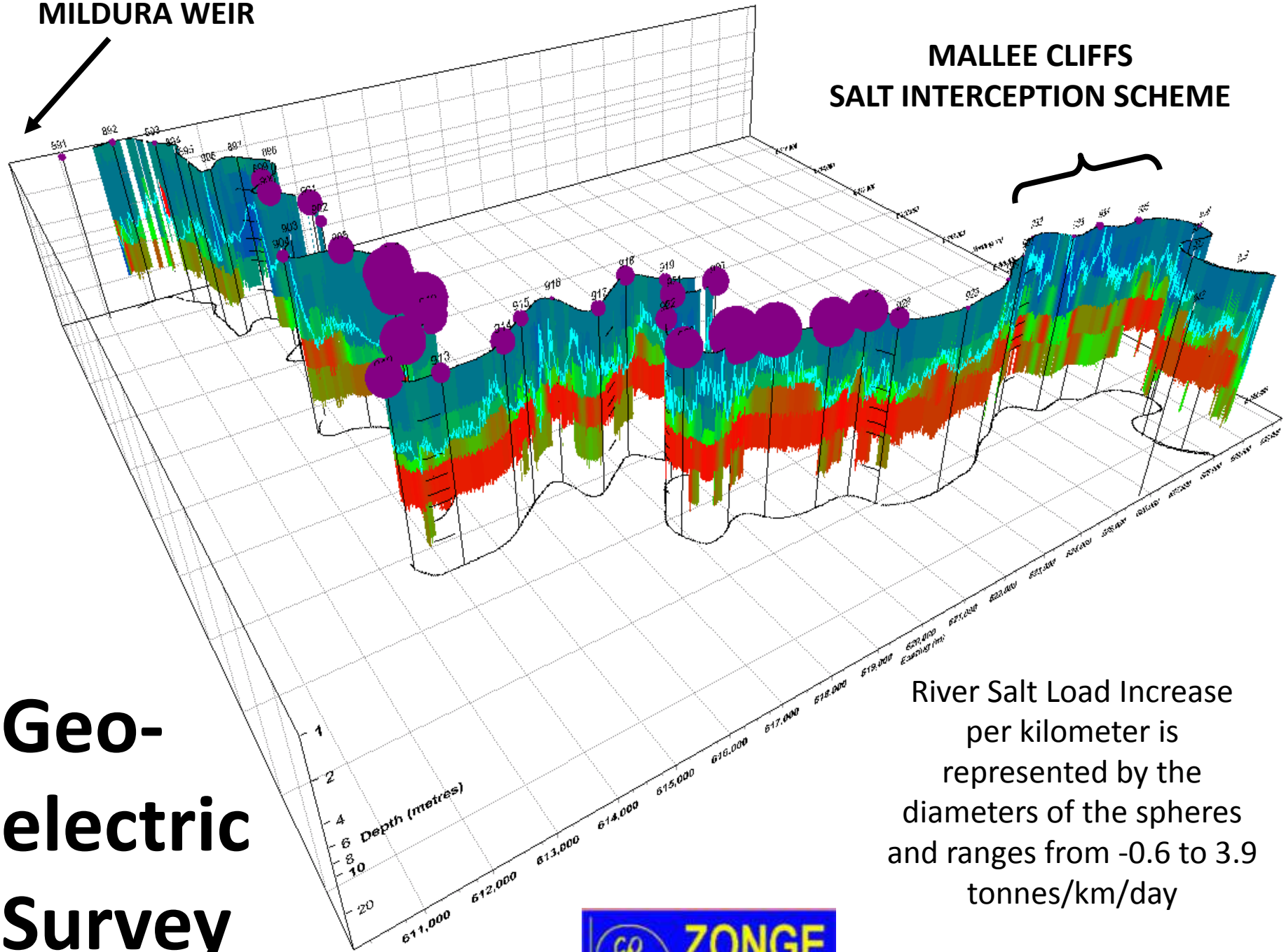
Note : Spiker will not resolve shallow features particularly in resistive terrain even though shallow information is present in the TEM data. This deficiency is more pronounced when slingram data is forced into Spiker which assumes co-incident loop configuration.

20 m

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MALLEE CLIFFS
SALT INTERCEPTION SCHEME



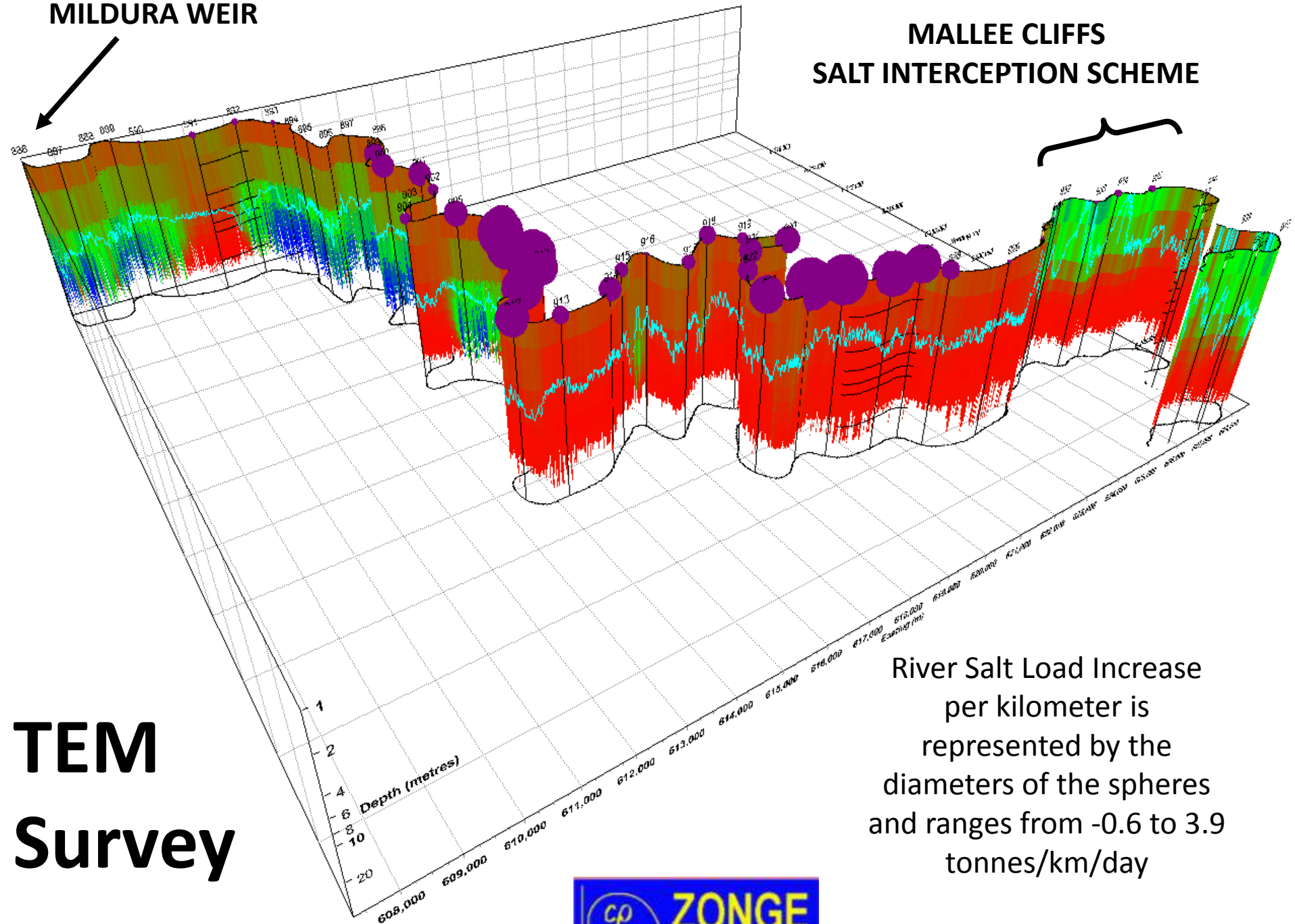
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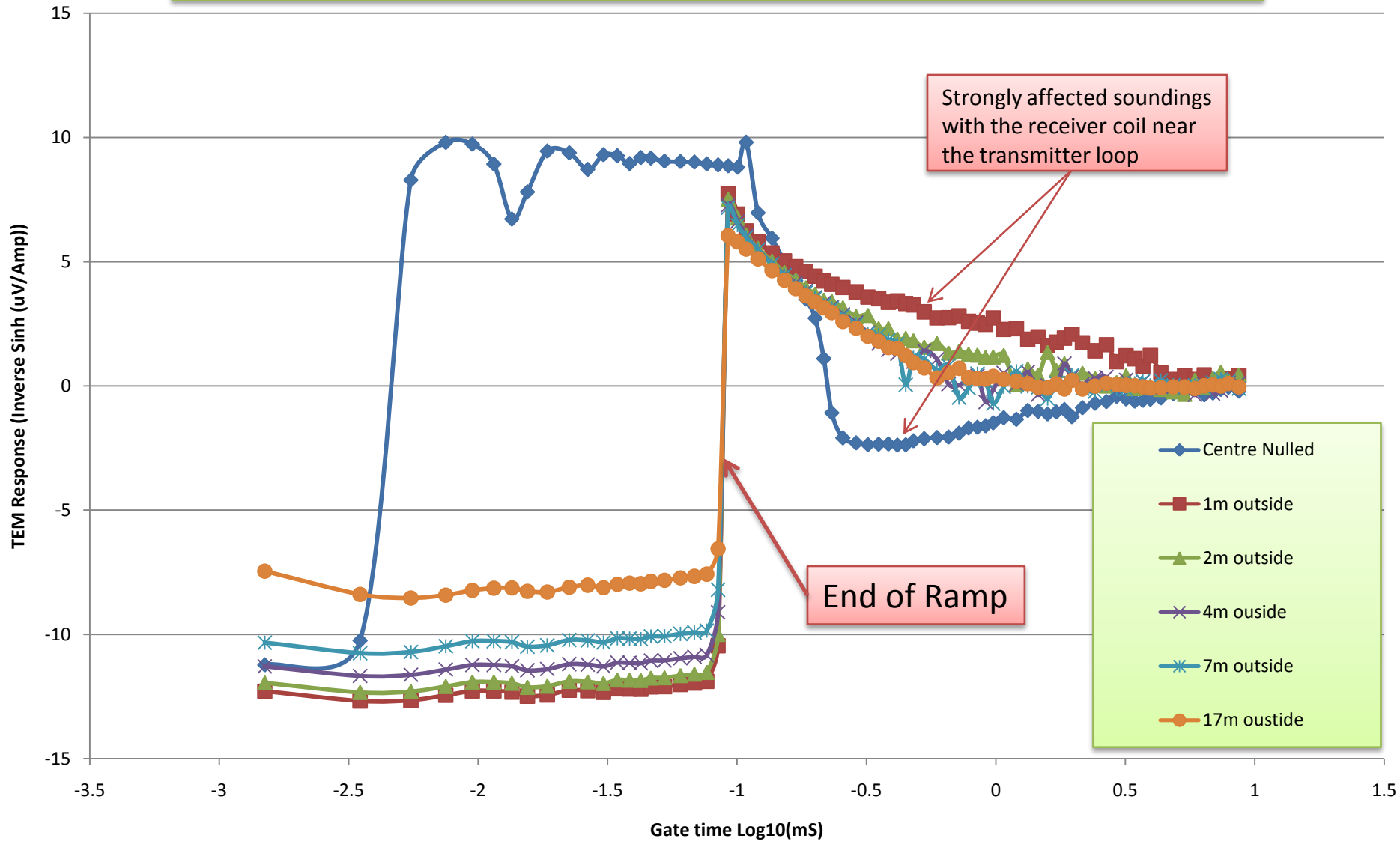


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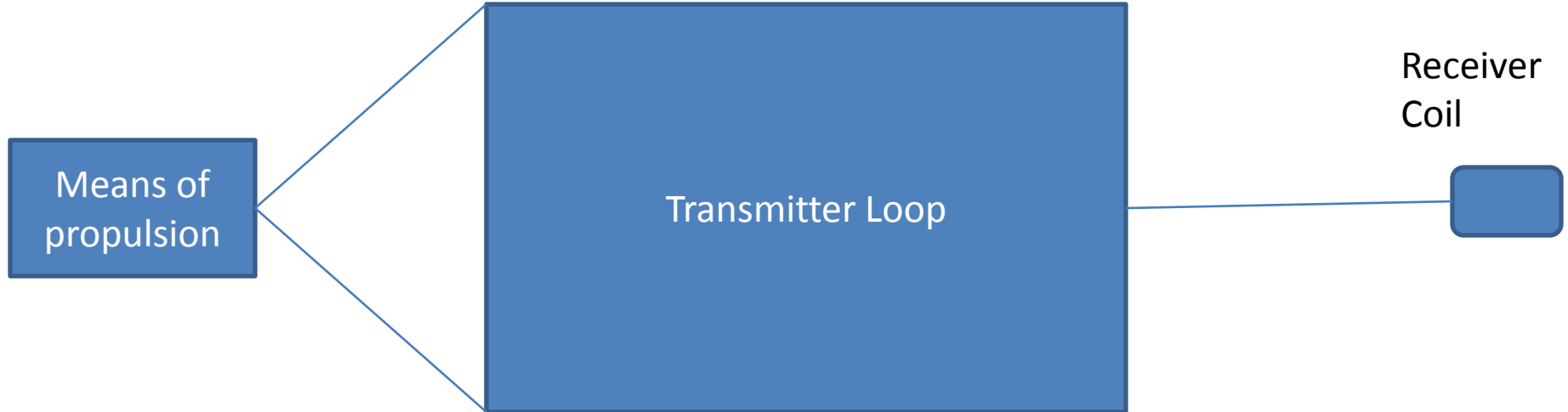
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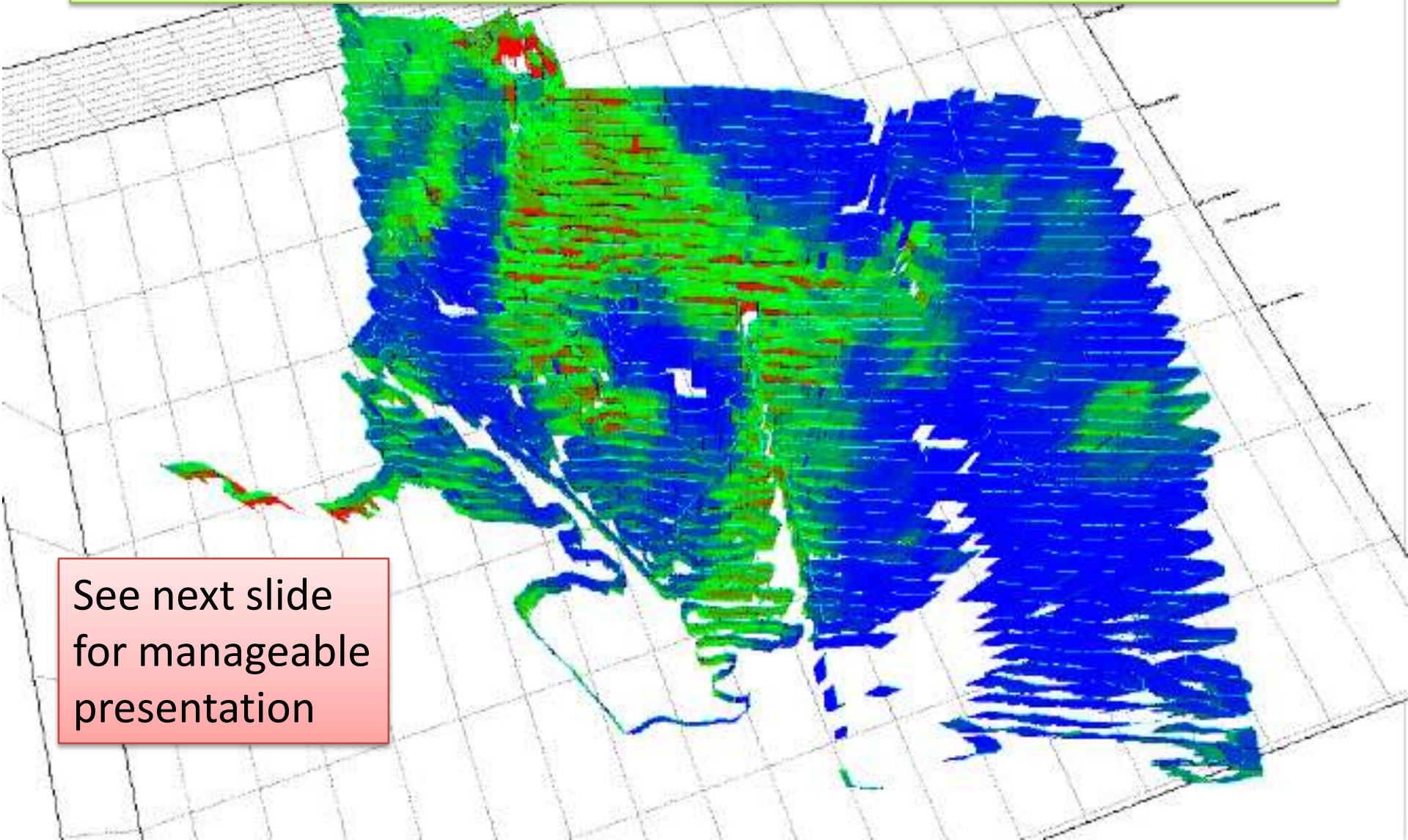
A problem with induced polarization and/or super-paramagnetic effects



Towed TEM – Slingram Arrangement

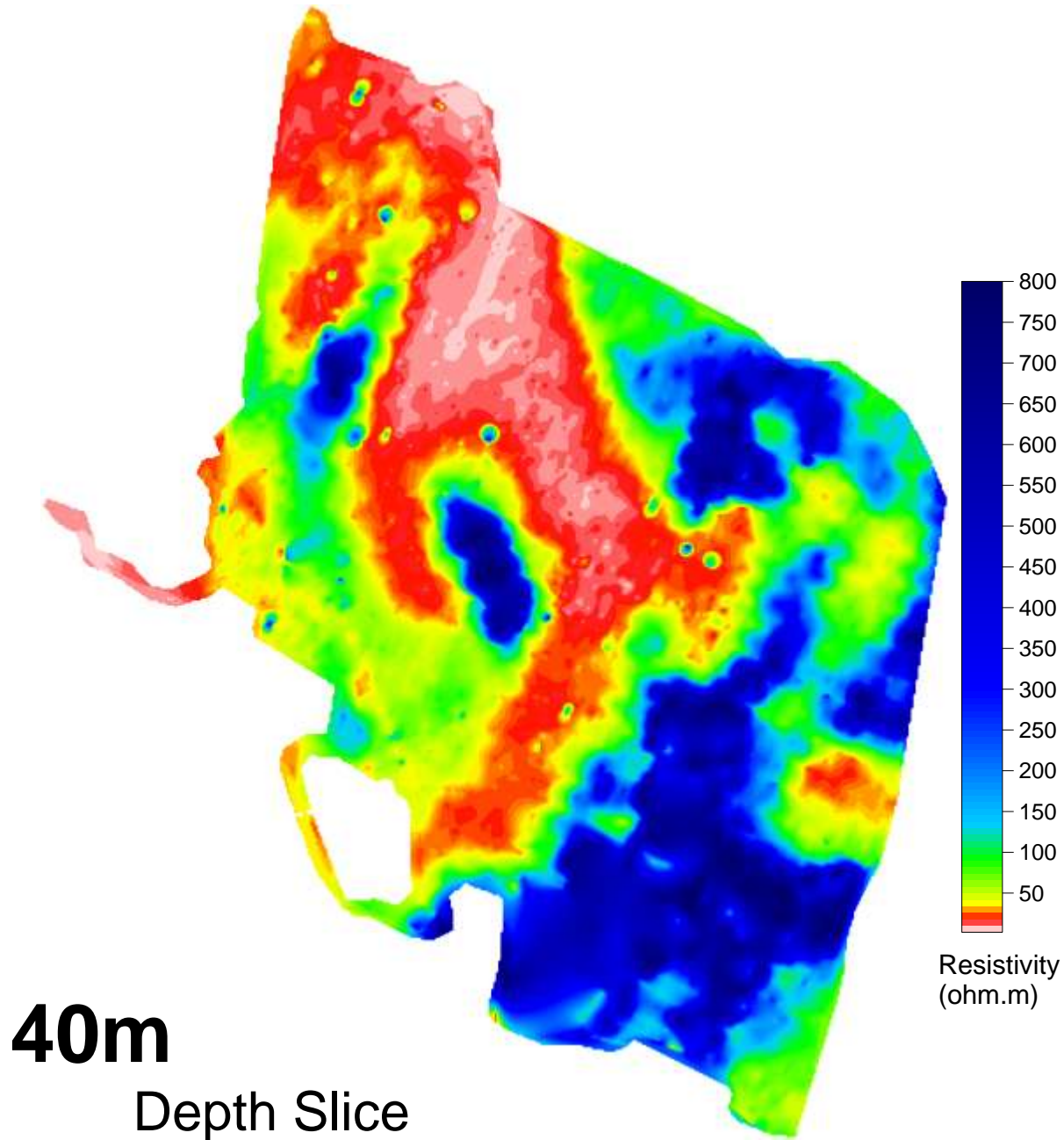


Towed TEM data



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Towed TEM data



Deep Electrical Conductivity Imaging

- is suited to recharge pathway investigation
- Recharge pathways from surface water bodies are clearly identified by geo-electric survey.
- Potential recharge from dry land is best identified by towed or airborne EM equipment configured to resolve an appropriate depth interval.

The need for recharge management

- Large scale artificial recharge has been proposed regularly over the years for agriculture by hydrogeologists. This presentation shows that, to achieve this, weirs have been installed in appropriate places along inland rivers.
- Potential artificial recharge schemes such as proposed for the Namoi back in 1994 by Woolley et al. are now of great potential for water value adding via re-regulation.

Woolley, D., Forest, J., Green, J., Latty, K., Williams, R.M., 1994, Proposals for Artificial Recharge in the Namoi Valley: Dept. of Water Resources Technical Services Division, July, TS94.061