A Hitchhiker's Route Map to Geophysics and Geophysicist

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Enjoy the world of geophysics.

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- 4. What to study to become a geophysicist
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Geophysics

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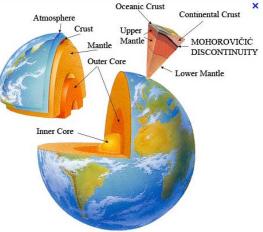
- Prepared for those who know and don't know geophysics
- Tell you what geophysics is not an important part

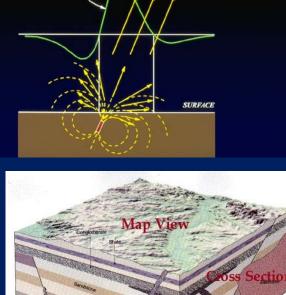
Important message I want to convey are:

- How interesting geophysics is
- How to study geophysics
- How interesting a geophysicist's life is







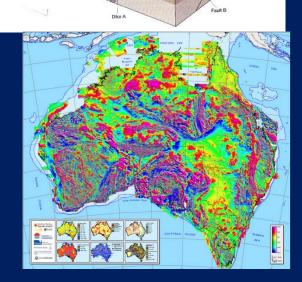


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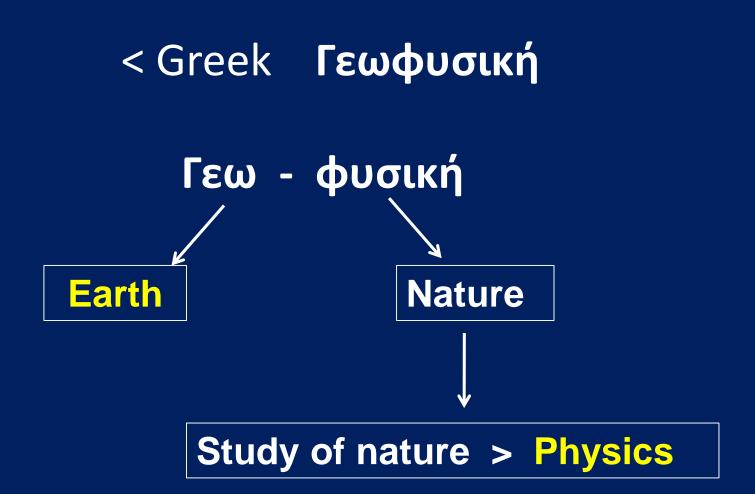
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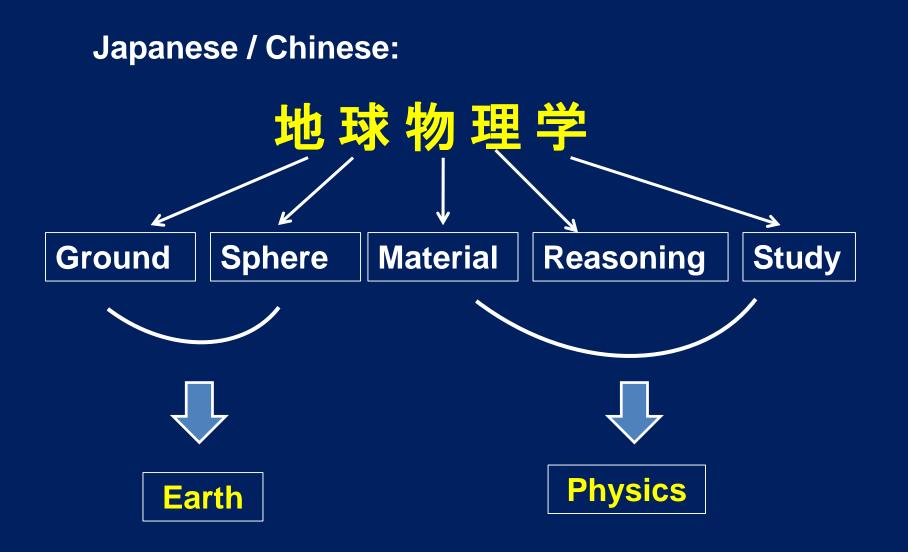
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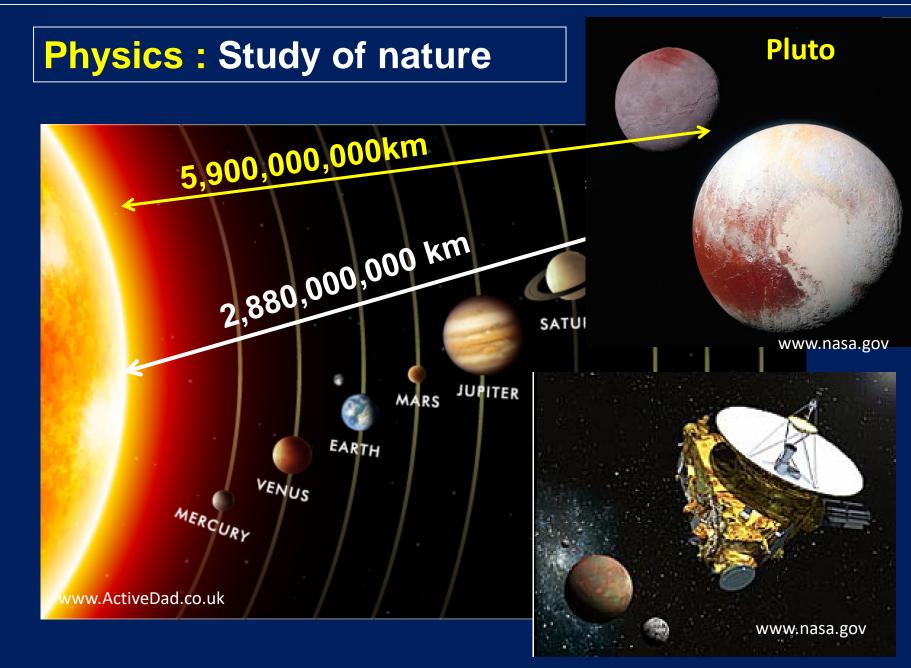
THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD (Southern hemisphere)



What is Geophysics







Science : Pursuant for knowledge

We try to "see" the world.

Millions of kilometres away !

But ...



We cannot see even behind a thin wall.

Science : Pursuant for knowledge



We cannot see even behind a thin wall.

Geoscience : Science of the Earth



We cannot see even a few centimetres under the ground.





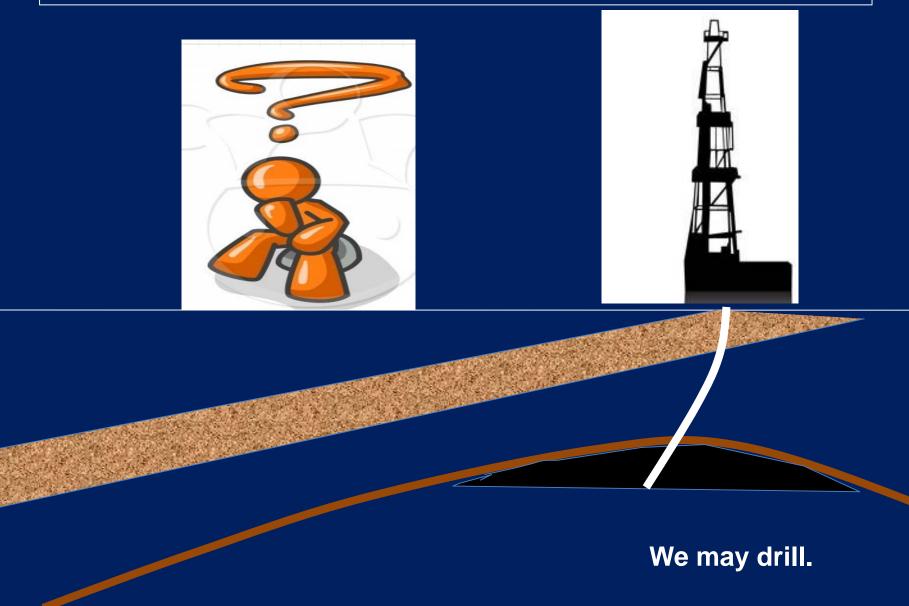


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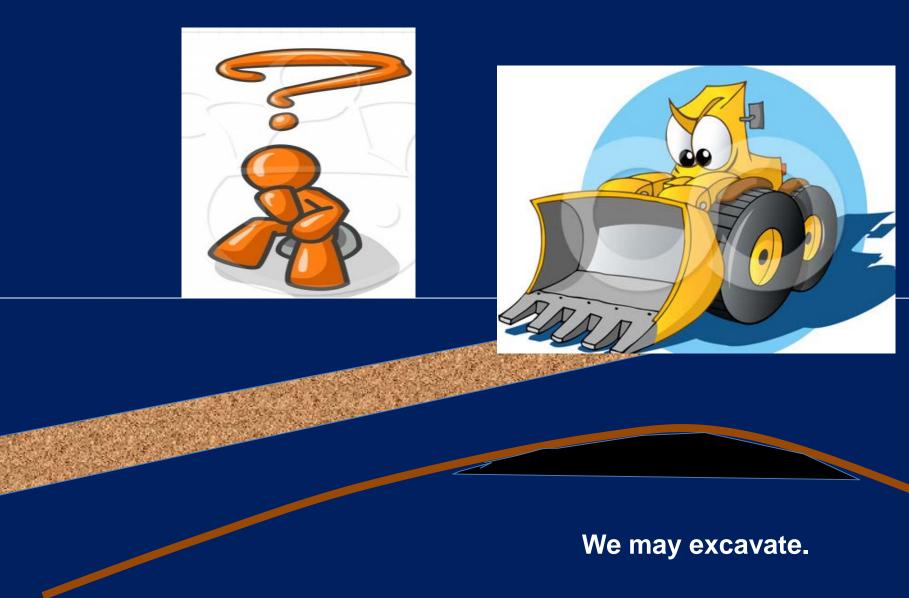


Geologists sample rocks and measure the dip

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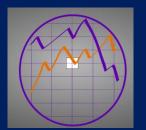
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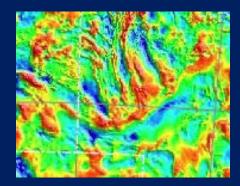
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Geophysicists measure and map physical properties









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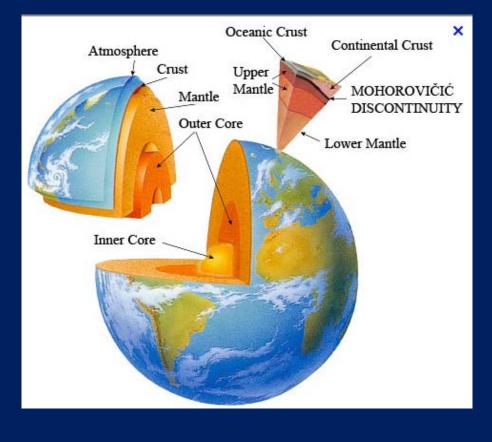
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Geophysics : Study of nature of the Earth

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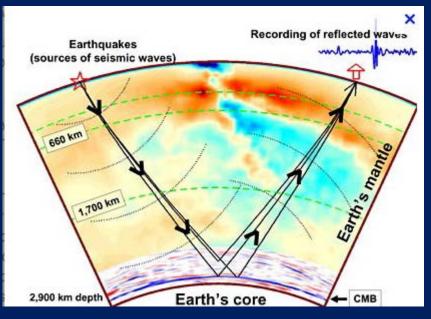
It is a technique or group of techniques to "see" the invisible part of the earth through its physical properties.

Huge Scale – to 6500km deep Solid earth geophysics



www.thisoldearth.net

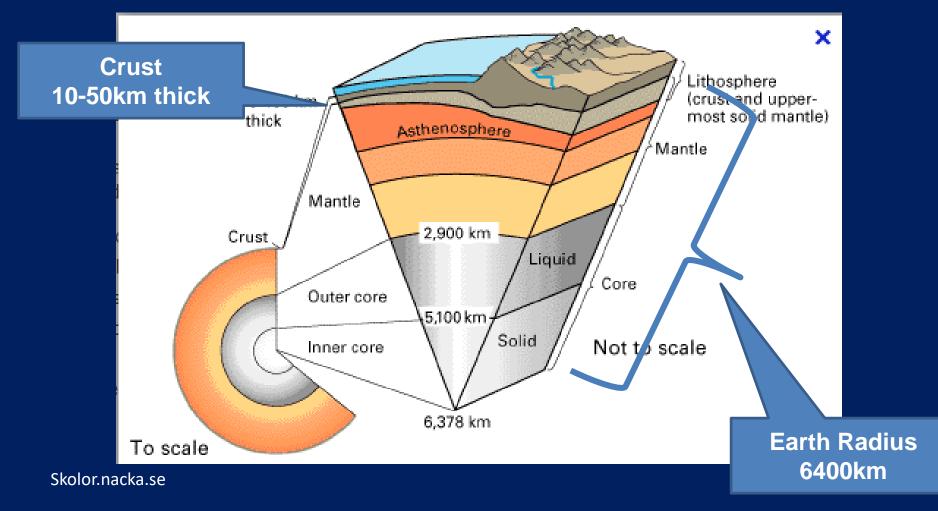
Research of earth's interior



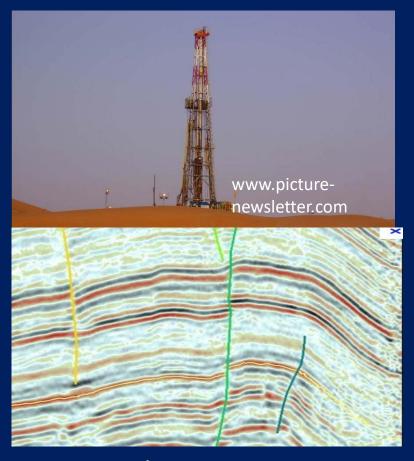
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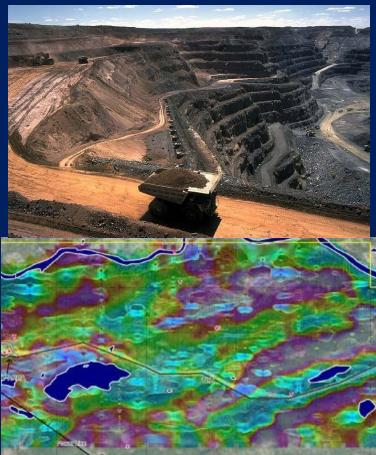
Large Scale – 10 - 50km deep Earth's Crust

Plate tectonics Earthquakes Volcanoes



Medium Scale - to ~6000 m Exploration geophysics Looking for Earth's Resources





explorationgeophysics.info

www.geo.wvu.edu

Small Scale - to 100m Engineering Geophysics Within the region of common human activity





Is the ground firm enough to support these structures?

Geophysics : Study of nature of the Earth

It is a technique or group of techniques to "see" the invisible part of the earth through its physical properties.

Why do we study geophysics ?

Science - Pursuing the unknown

• It is interesting.

Economic interest - Looking for new resources

• If you find something, the reward is big

Safe human environment and community development

 Contributing to safe construction and disaster mitigation What do we see?

We see light with our eyes.



www.rbiser.com



We hear sound with our ears.

www.slite-view.com

We smell with our nose.





www.lifesizestatue.com

To "see" Collect information

Sensors

We see light with our eyes. We hear sound with our ears.



To "recognise" Process information



Brain

http://www.sleepwarrior.com

To "see" Collect information

in geophysics

Sensors





Electronic Instruments

To "recognise" Process information



Geophysical Algorithms on Computers What does geophysics use to try to "see"?

Any physical phenomenon around us

Light - Colour Sound – or any vibration

Mass - Gravity

Electric – current voltage resistivity

Magnetic potential

Electromagnetic Induction

Heat - Temperature Radiation

Geophysics – How do we use to "see" it?

Ground Survey







Airborne





Offshore Survey





Downhole Survey

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2. Geophysics – Some of geophysical methods

Physical Phenomenon	Geophysical Method	Survey Mode	Target	Purpose
Vibration	Seismic	Land / Marine	Geological Structure	Petroleum Exploration
Mass	Gravity	Land / Marine Airborne	Geological Structure Heavy material Void	Minerals Exploration
Magnetic attraction	Magnetic	Land/ Marine/ Airborne	Geological structure Magnetic material	Minerals Exploration
Electric resistivity	Electric survey	Land	Conductive material	Minerals Exploration
Electromagnetic induction	Electromagnetic	Land/ Airborne	Conductive material	Minerals Exploration
Radiation	Radioactive	Land/ Airborne	Heavy minerals	Uranium Exploration
Light -Colour	Remote sensing	Airborne	Light reflectivity Heat	Environmental Vegetation

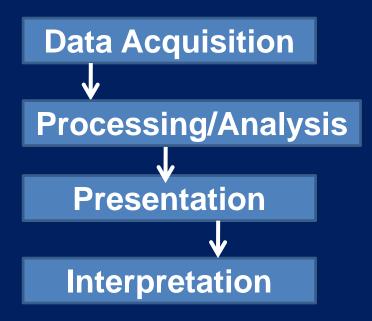
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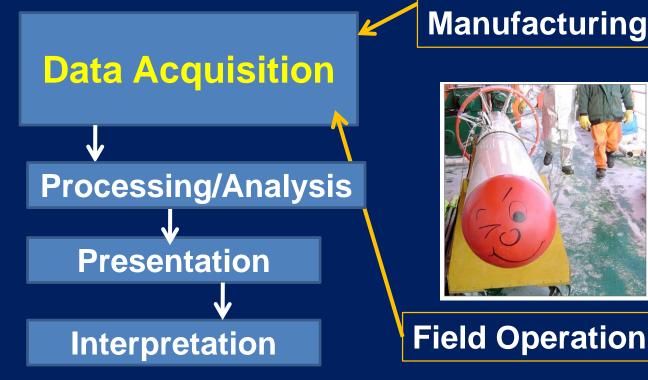
Where geophysicists work?



Geophysicists work in each of the four steps.

Some specialised Some integrated

Where geophysicists work?



Instrument Design Manufacturing



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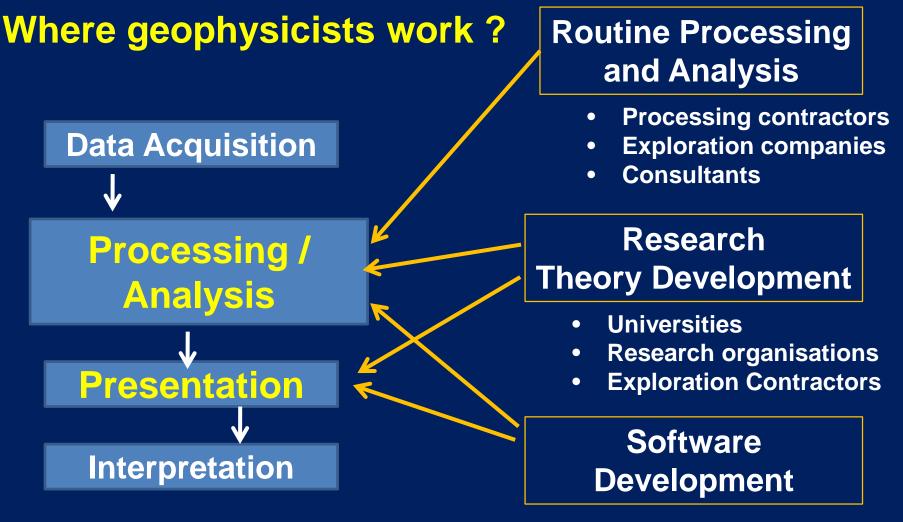
www.satimagingcorp.com



Data acquisition – What do we do to collect data?

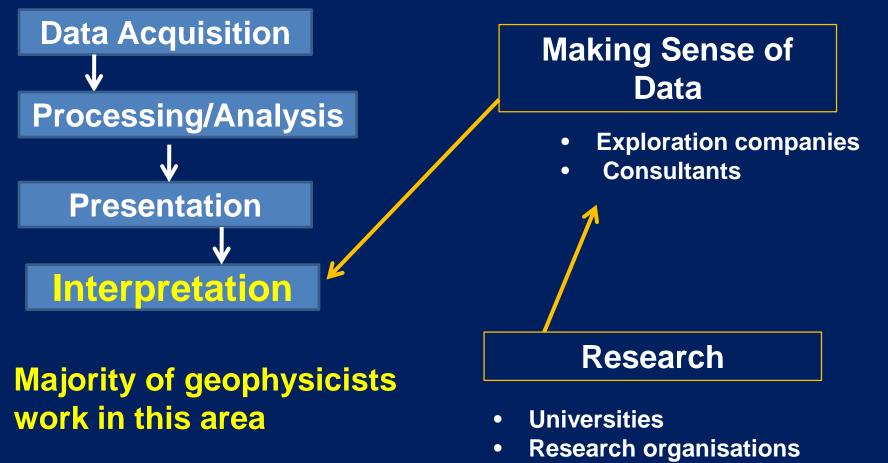


http://www.geophysicsconsultants.com



- Universities
- Research organisations
- Software vendors

Where geophysicists work?



• Software vendors

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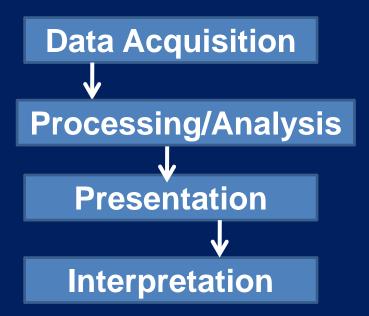
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What to study ?

It depends what you want to do



Each stage has different emphasis. There are common essential things to learn. You may not get what you want.

My suggestion: Be prepared to do anything. Open your mind and broaden your horizon.

Some specific (additional) skills handy for each stage

Data Acquisition

Electronics - Instrumentation Mechanics - Use of machinery

Processing/Analysis Computing - Software Development

Presentation

Computer Literacy Communication Skill Psychology - Recognition

Interpretation

Geology Production Engineering

Business

Economics Production Engineering

Common and Essential Subjects for All the Aspects

Data Acquisition

Presentation

Processing/Analysis

Interpretation

GEOPHYSICS

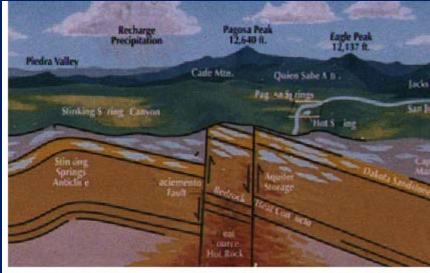
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Physics T Mathematics

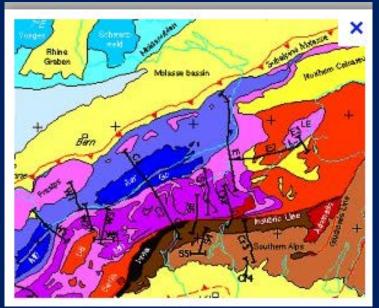
What to study ?

Geology









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Geology

- Broad subject based on direct observation
- Geologist think about genesis of the present state of the earth.
- Geophysical observation contributes to geological investigation...
 - By describing the present state

Geophysicists need to communicate with geologists. Geophysicists analyse the data in terms of geology. What to study ?

Physics

- Basis of geophysical development
- What aspects of physics can be used to describe the earth? Watch for it !

Essential in:

- Theory development
- Instrumentation electronics
- Analysis algorithm computer science

Physics and math deal with idealised world. Geophysics deals with real world What to study ?

Mathematics

Tool to solve problems.



Math uses procedure already proven, there is no room for error.

Many students don't like math.

 Science students who don't like math move to biology and geology.

WHY ?

Mathematics

"Mathematics is difficult; it is scary."

Math class demands to solve difficult equations. demands "correct" answer.

Geophysics

Does not ask to solve a difficult equation.

In many cases, we know there is no analytical solution.

If numerical solution is required, a computer will give you.

Mathematics is a language to describe the physical world.



牛郎 and 織女 went out for a drink.





Total bill was \$36. How many glasses did each of them drink?

織女 Zhiyu

Not enough information ?

It is always the case in geophysics.



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Geophysics

We measured gravity and processed data, and found the value of one point was 1 milligal higher than the surroundings.

What is under the ground and how deep?









牛郎 drank some beer, 織女 drank Champaign.



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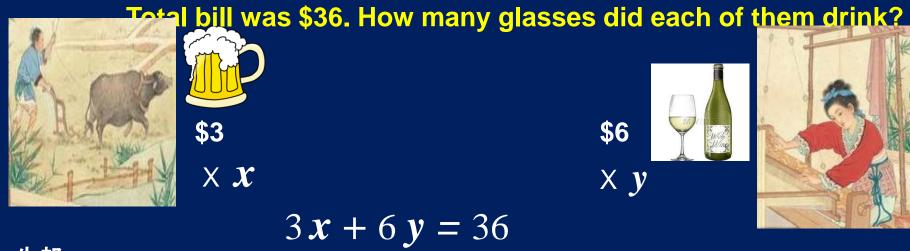


牛郎 Mathematics is a language to describe the physical world. 織女

3x + 6y = 36

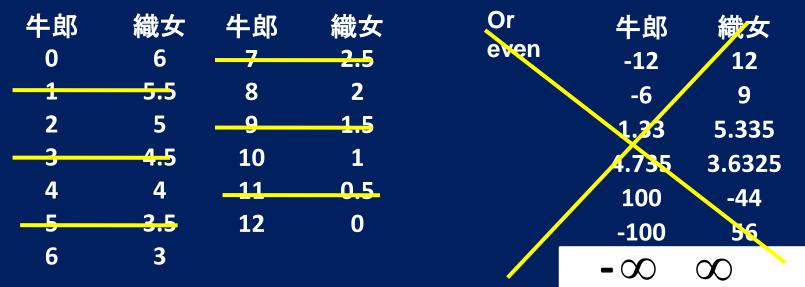
In mathematics, there are infinite number of solutions.

牛郎	織女	牛郎	織女	Or	牛郎	織女
0	6	7	2.5	even	-12	12
1	5.5	8	2		-6	9
2	5	9	1.5		1.33	5.335
3	4.5	10	1		4.735	3.6325
4	4	11	0.5		100	-44
5	3.5	12	0		-100	56
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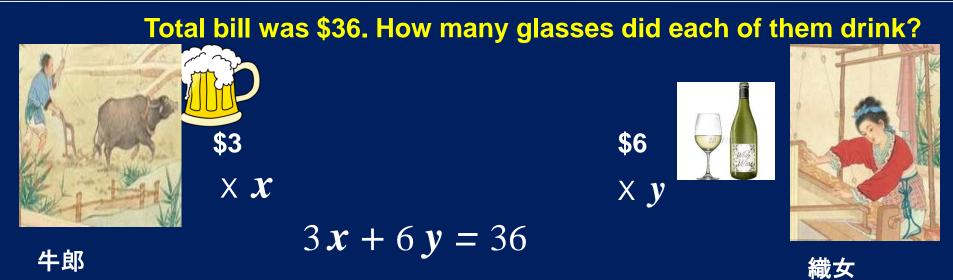


牛郎

In real world, there is a physical reality. Number of drinks must be an integer, can't be negative.



織女



In social scene, it is unlikely to drink all by oneself. Physiologically, one cannot drink too much.





They ate potato crisps with their drink. The total bill \$36 included its cost \$6!

織女

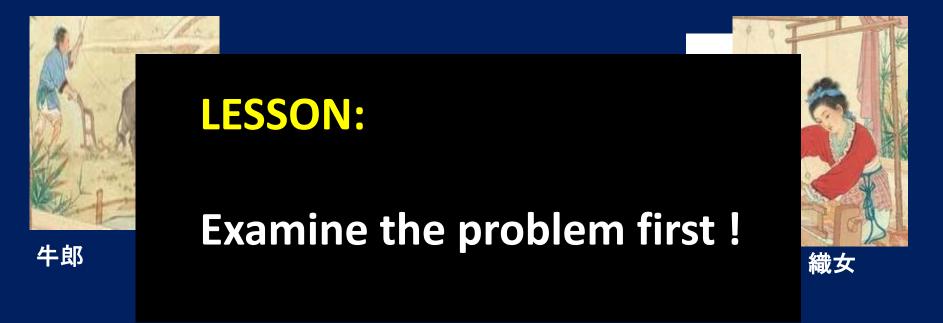
牛郎

Start the process all over again !

Likely solutions but still uncertain

牛郎

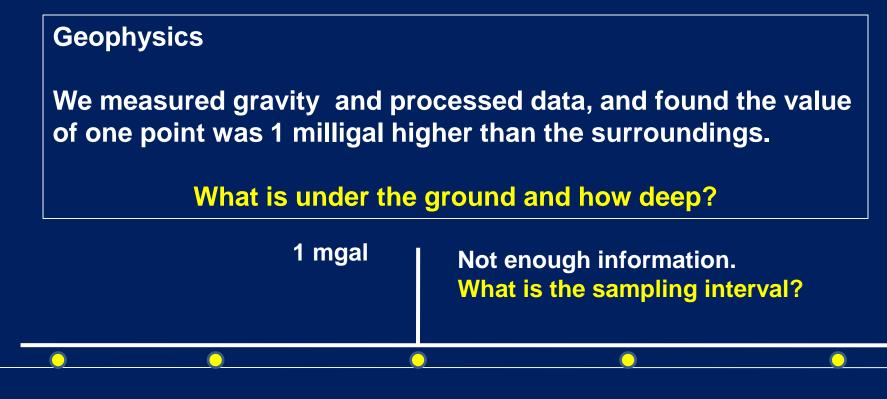
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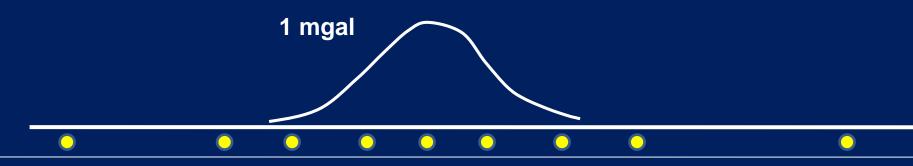
Because it is gravity, it is unlikely to be a singular point like this. Perhaps...

Was the instrument OK? Measurement OK? Check it !

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Math, Physics and geophysics

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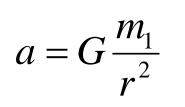
Physics: Gravitational theory

$$f = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Gravitational acceleration caused by mass m_1 is:

$$a = G \frac{m_1}{r^2}$$

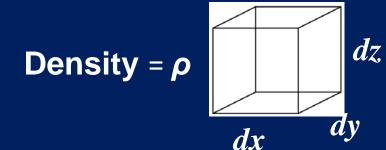
Physics



Nice simple formula in idealised world.

Mass m_1 is concentrated at one point !

Real world: there is a volume to hold the mass of material. mass is a product of density and volume.



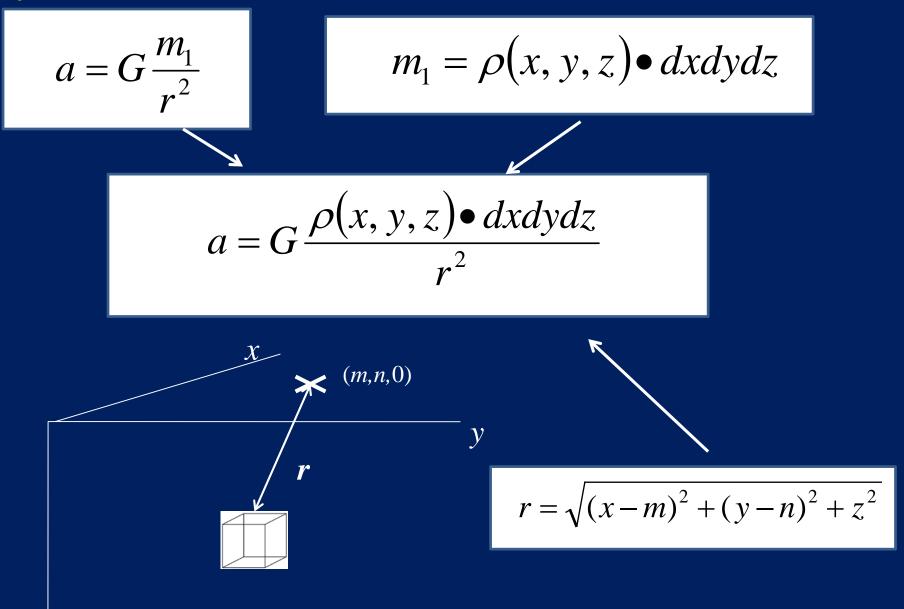
Situated at (x,y,z)

In mathematical language:

$$m_1 = \rho(x, y, z) \bullet dxdydz$$

Math, Physics and geophysics

Physics



Math, Physics and Geophysics

$$a = G \frac{\rho(x, y, z) \bullet dxdydz}{r^2} \qquad r = \sqrt{(x - m)^2 + (y - n)^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore \quad a = G \frac{\rho(x, y, z) \bullet dxdydz}{(x - m)^2 + (y - n)^2 + z^2}$$

$$x \qquad (m, n, 0)$$

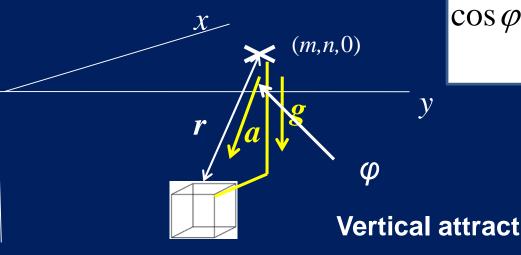
$$r \qquad a \qquad y \qquad \text{Total attraction towards the body}$$

 \mathcal{Z}

$$a = G \frac{\rho(x, y, z) \bullet dxdydz}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2}$$

Gravity is a measurement of the vertical component of the total attraction. Multiply:

$$\cos\varphi = \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}}$$



Vertical attraction by one little cube is:

$$g(m,n,0) = a \cos \varphi$$

= $G \frac{\rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}}$

$$g(m,n,0) = G \frac{\rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}}$$

V

 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \frac{\rho(x, y, z)}{(x - m)^2 + (y - n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x - m)^2 + (y - n)^2}} dx dy dz$

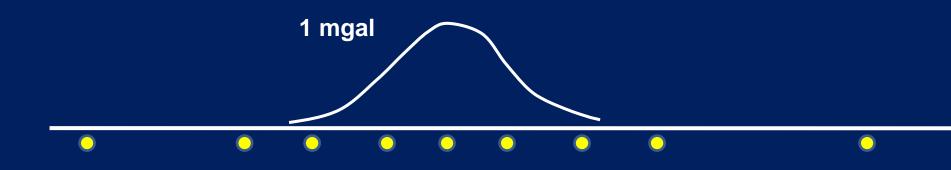
(m, n, 0)

Such cubes in the entire universe affect the gravitational attraction at one point (*m*,*n*,0).

 $g(m,n,0) = \int$

Math, Physics and Geophysics

We measured gravity and processed data, and found the value of one point was 1 milligal higher than the surroundings. What is under the ground and how deep?



Now it is written in mathematical language: Beautiful, symmetrical!

$$g(m,n,0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \frac{\rho(x,y,z)}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}} dx dy dz$$

Our Problem g(m, n, 0) = 1mgal

What is $\rho(x,y,z)$?

$$g(m,n,0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \frac{\rho(x,y,z)}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}} dx dy dz$$

In reality: Physical measurement is subject to errors

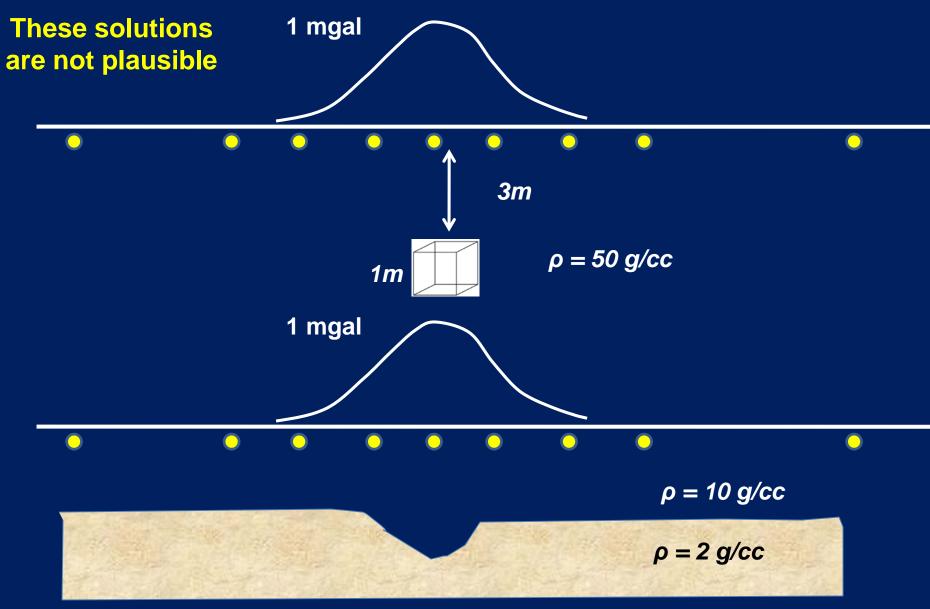
Instrumental errors Ambient errors (Noise) Operator errors Unknown noise Some are specific to location Some are time variant Some are random Overall it is unpredictable

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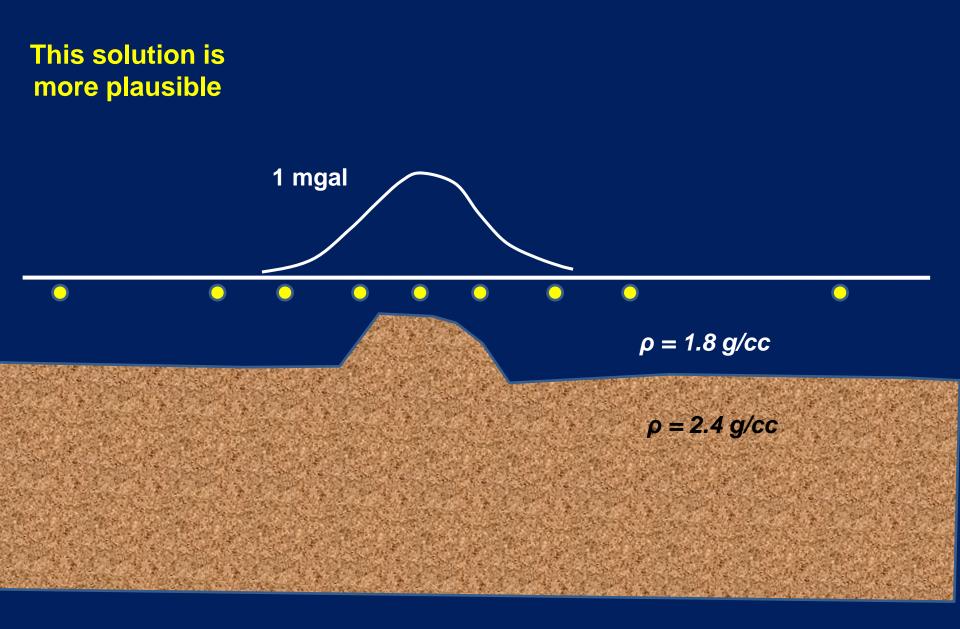
+ $Ei(m,n,0,t) + Ea(m,n,0,t) + Eo(m,n,0,t) + Eu(m,n,0,t)$
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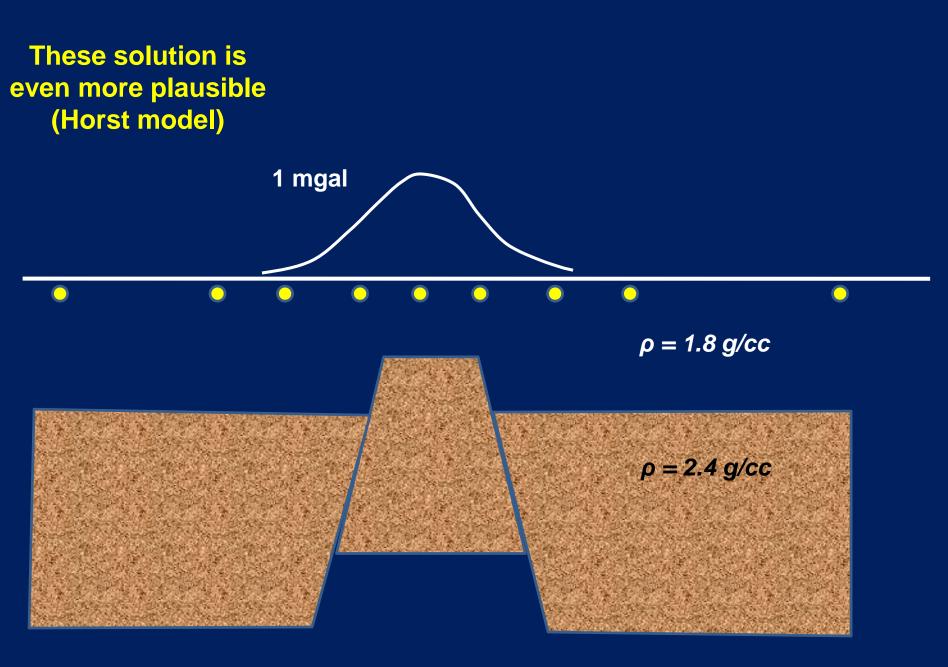
Don't worry nobody asks you to solve this. We have computers.

Geophysics



Buried Channel





Math, Physics and Geophysics

$$g(m,n,0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \frac{\rho(x,y,z)}{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{(x-m)^2 + (y-n)^2}} dx dy dz$$

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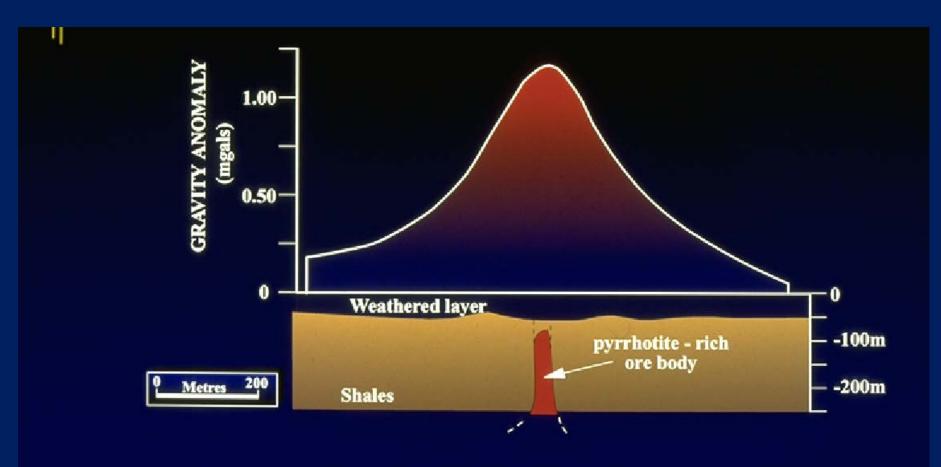
What we saw:

 No need to integrate to infinity. Effect from a distant material is negligible.

What do we know to constrain the model ?

- Gravity is a potential field
- Density may be within a certain range.
- Geological reality.

One of many solutions and it hit an ore body !

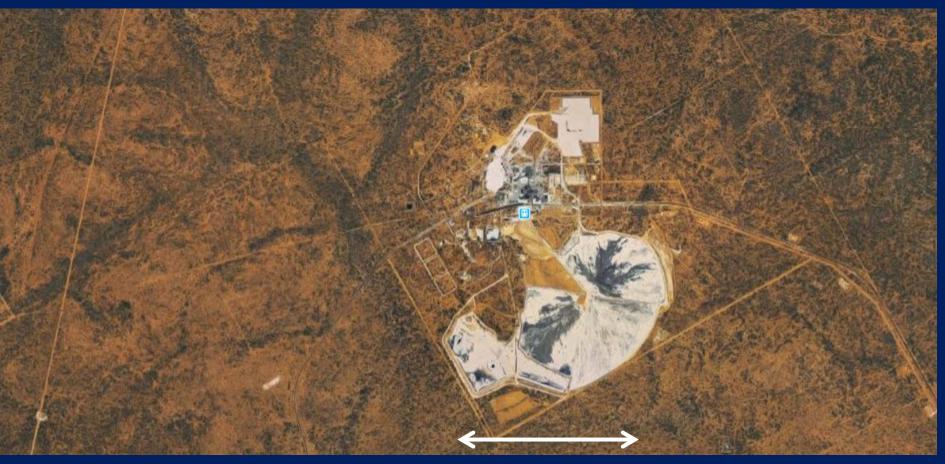


Elura Ore Body



Whitbread (2002)

Elura Orebody. (Silver-Lead-Zonc) Discovered in 1974.



1 km

The deposit contained a total pre-mining resource of 45 Mt at 8.5% Zn, 5.3% Pb and 69 g/t Ag. (David, 2008)

My Life as a Geophysicist

Koya Suto

Born in Japan

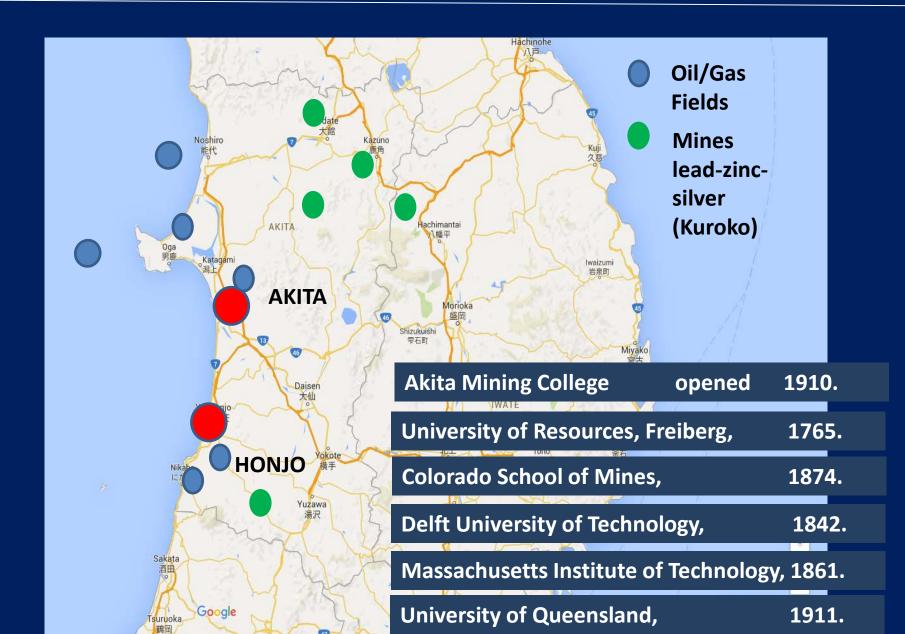


I am not an academic

I was brought up in Honjo, and graduated from Akita University



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Moved to Adelaide, Australia 1975

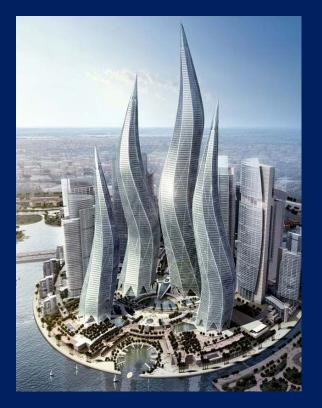


Travelling Around

Skill in geophysics is transferable.



Small Scale - to 100m Engineering Geophysics Within the region of common human activity





Is the ground firm enough to support these structures?

thomasfortenberry.net

Near-Surface Geophysics (Engineering Geophysics):

Geophysics within the region of common human activity

Some keywords

- Construction Infrastructure
- Improving wellbeing Life style
- Secure and safe living
- Convenience

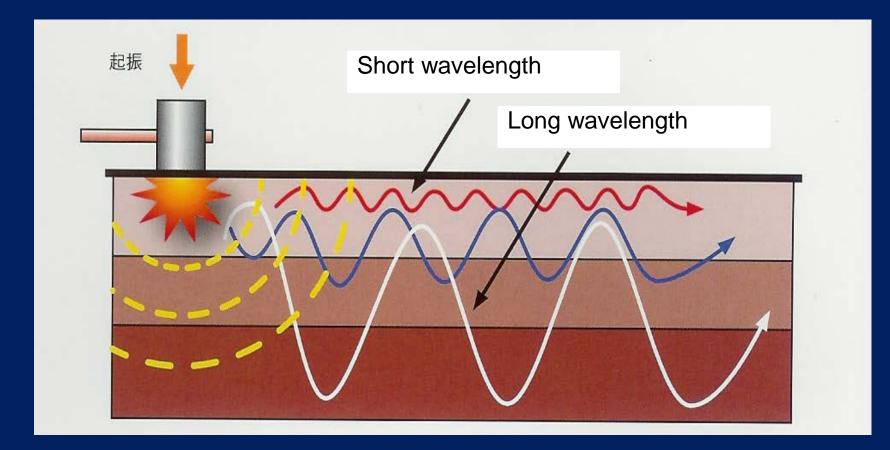
We are the geophysicists most visible to the human community.

Questions

- Is the ground firm enough to support these structures?
- Is the ground soft enough to excavate? (Do we need explosives?)
- Is this structure safe?
 - How does it react to earthquakes?
 - Where are safe places to build?
- Where is water, and how much?

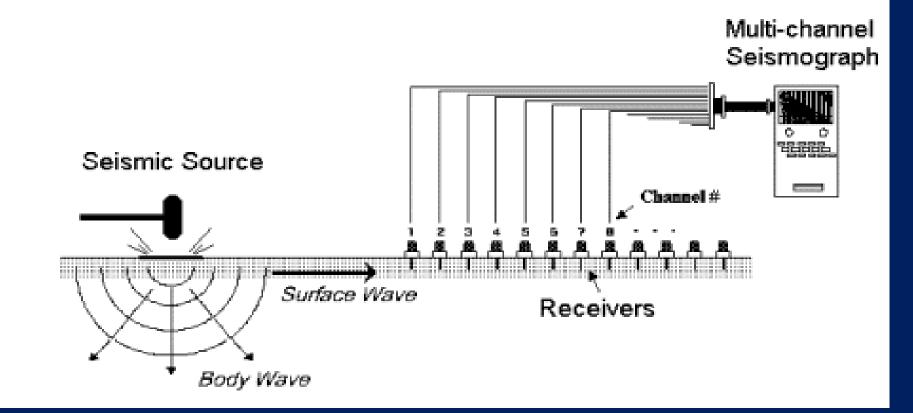
The Multichannel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW) Method

Surface Wave Survey Methods



Conceptual diagram of surface wave propagation From OYO brochure Short-wavelength components attenuate quickly with depth

The MASW Method



From Kansas Geological Survey website

Field Procedure Seismic Source - Ours



12V Winch

Weight 50kg

Suto (2011)

Laying Cable and Connecting Geophones



Laying Cable and Connecting Geophones



MASW Field Procedure

Laying Cable and Connecting Geophones

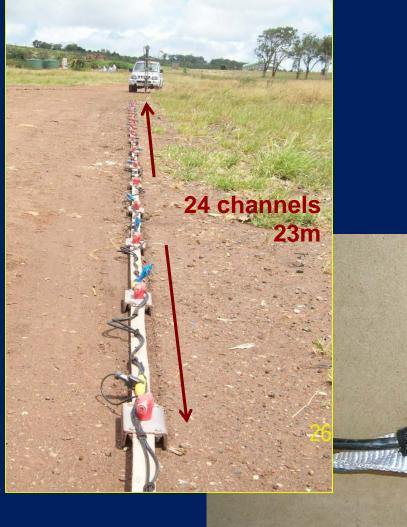


Geophone

Sometimes, setting up is a hard work



Field Procedure Using Land Streamer

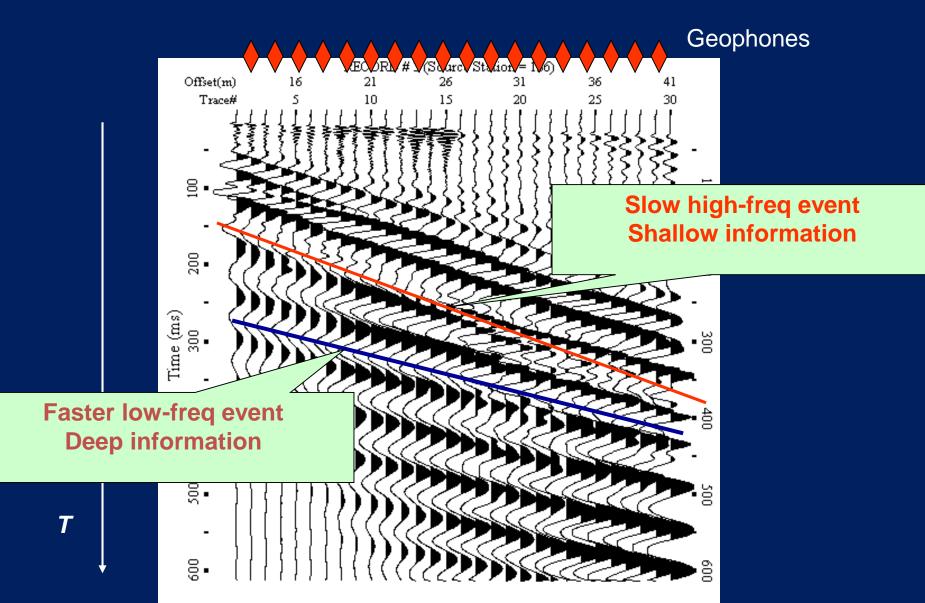




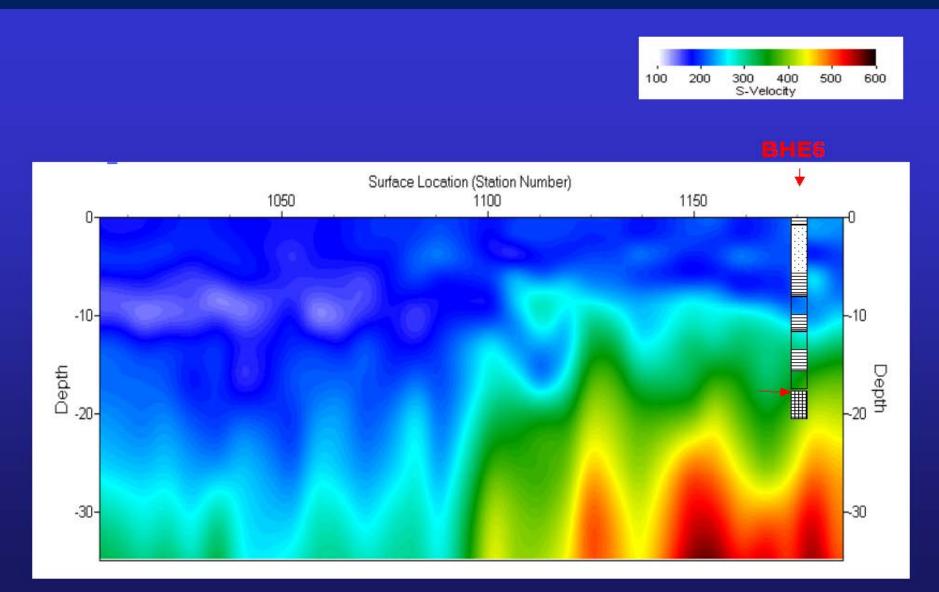
Using a Landstreamer



The Seismic Methods (MASW Method – Sample Data)

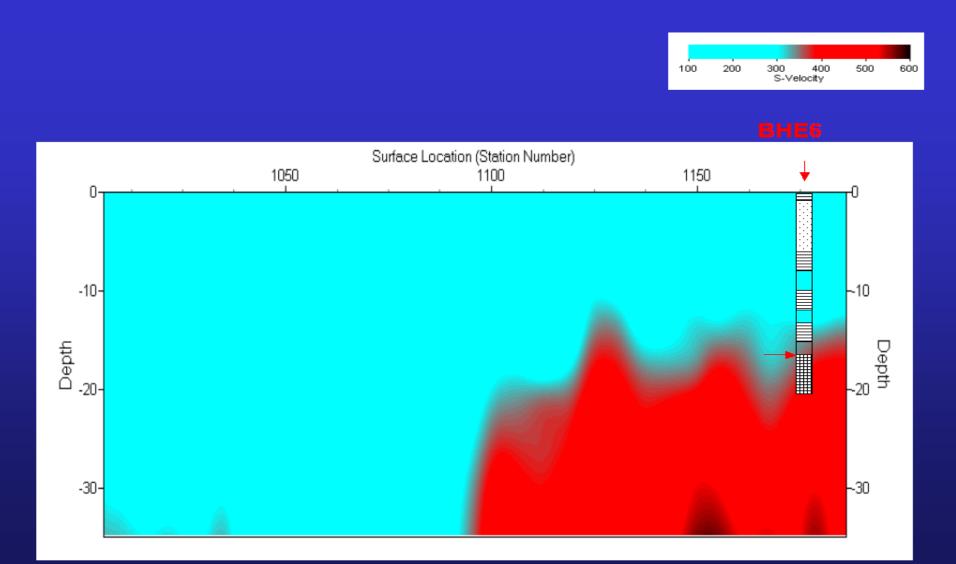


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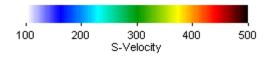
Calibration

Along a road Survey for bedrock depth

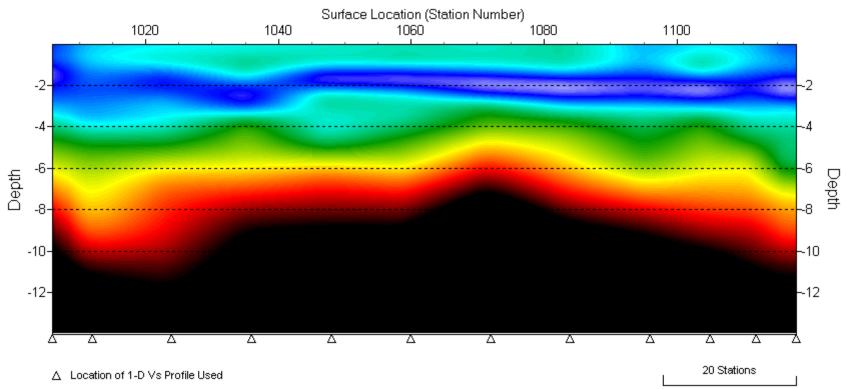


Example- Construction site – Compaction monitor

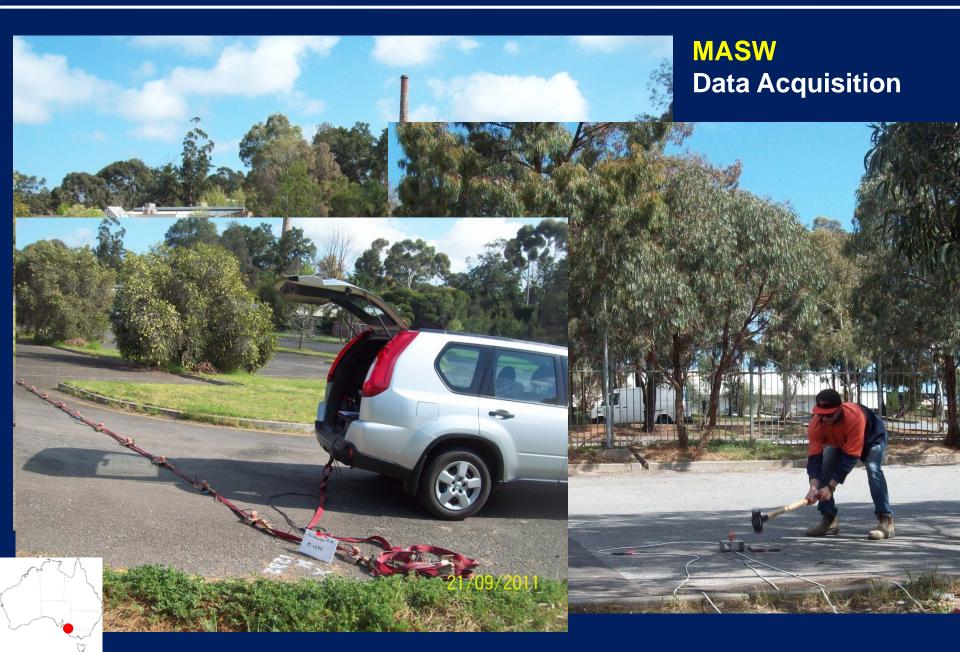




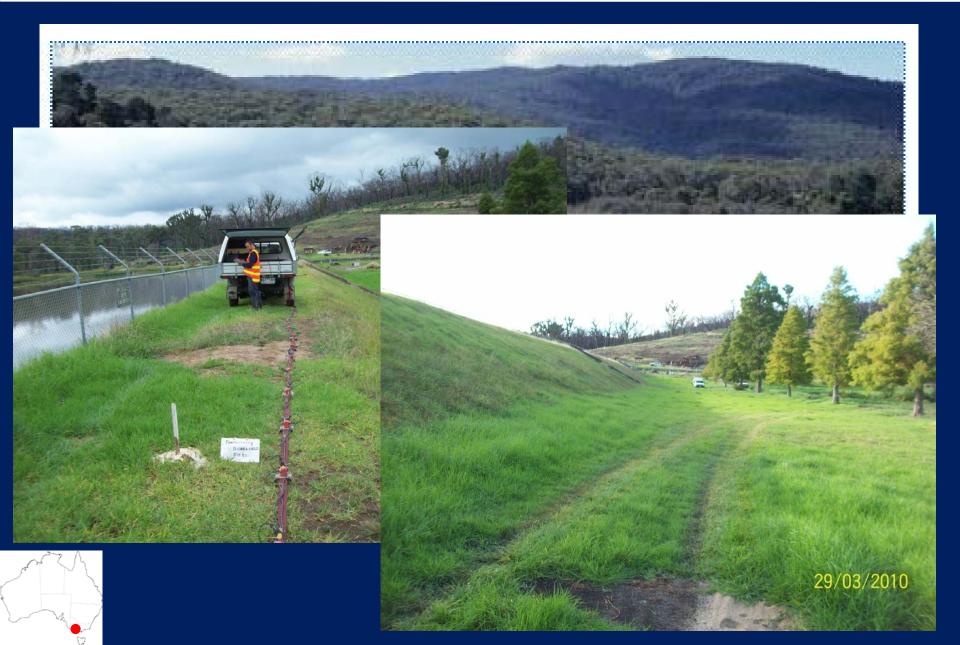
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Example - Old fill site for re-development



Example – Hydrological Investigation - Leak of a Dam



Example – Road widening



Example – Railway



My Experience - Solomon Islands: Site Assessment for Planned Hydroelectric Dam

Case

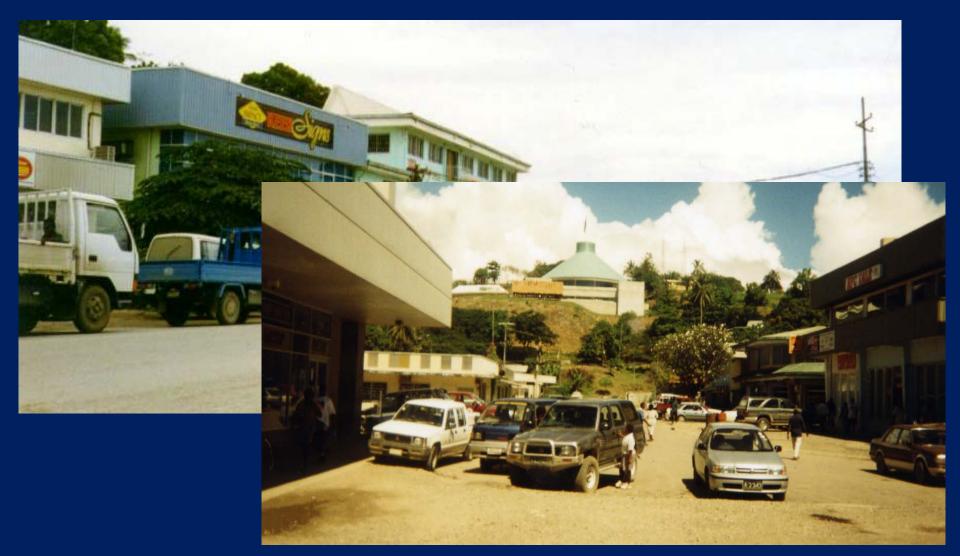
Solomon Islands



Solomon Islands



Honiara - Capital City



http://www.oocities.org/ https://upload.wikimedia.org

Honiara Market



http://www.abmission.

Solomon Island - Village



Solomon Island - Economy

	Solomon Islands Rank		Comparison			
GDP	US\$1,440M	171	US	US\$21,439,453M		
GDP per capita	US\$2,242	167	Qatar	US\$130,475 (1)		
			Taiwan	US\$53,023 (14)		

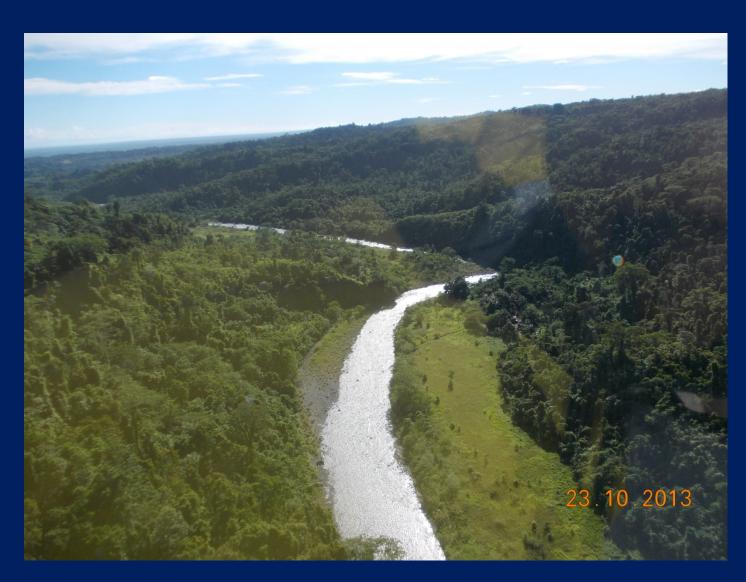
Price of Electricity (US cents per kWH)

Wikipedia

IME2018

Solomon Is	88 - 99	1	Saudi Arabia	1 - 7
Vanuatu	60	2	Taiwan	5-16
			US	8 - 17
Japan	20 - 24		UK	22
Netherland	29		Australia	15-54

Tina River – Solomon Islands





Tina River – Candidate location for a dam



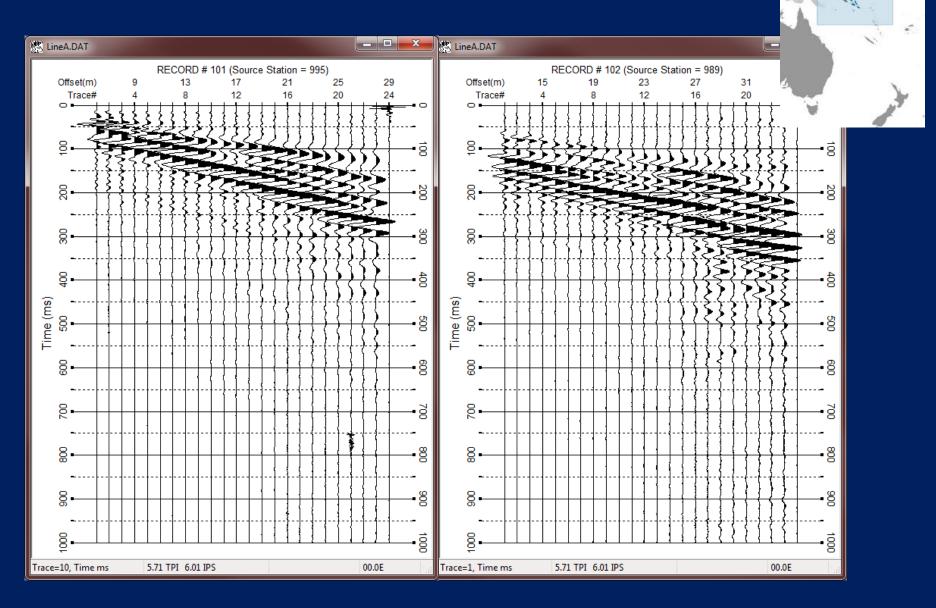


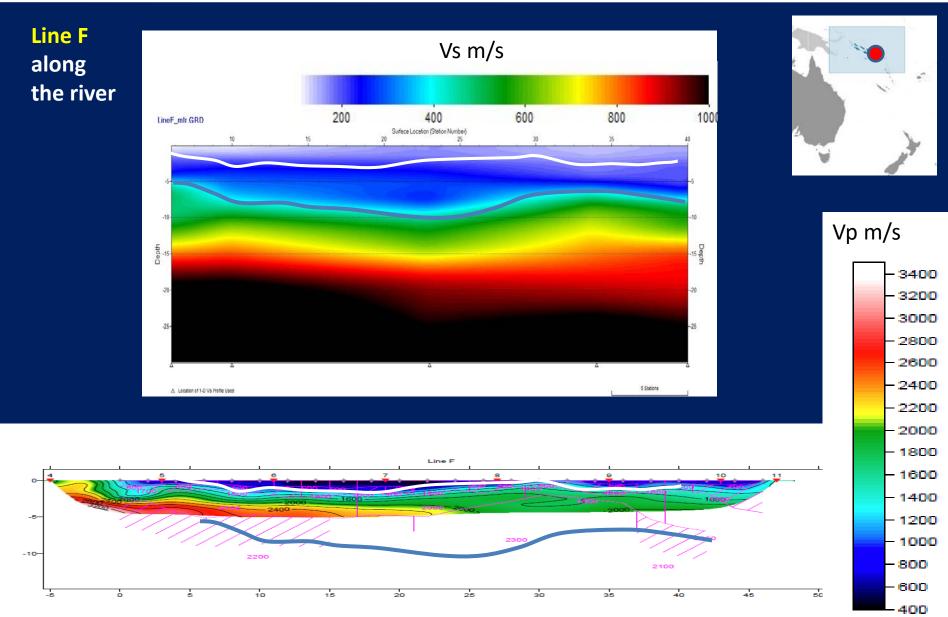






Line A across the river





Tina River Hydro Project

- Dam height: 35 50 m
- Capacity: 5-8 MW (Covers consumption of

Honiara)

- Power line: 22km
- Contracted: Sept 2015
- Completion: Dec 2019







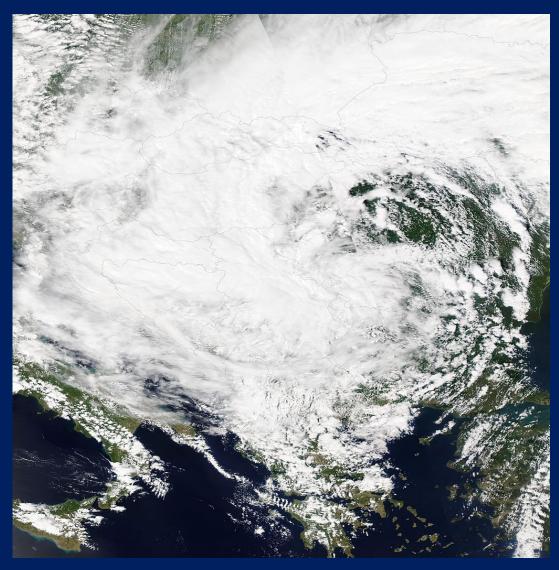
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Sava Flood Damage Assessment Program Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina 2015-2017

(a Geoscientists without Borders project)

Satellite Image 15 May 2014

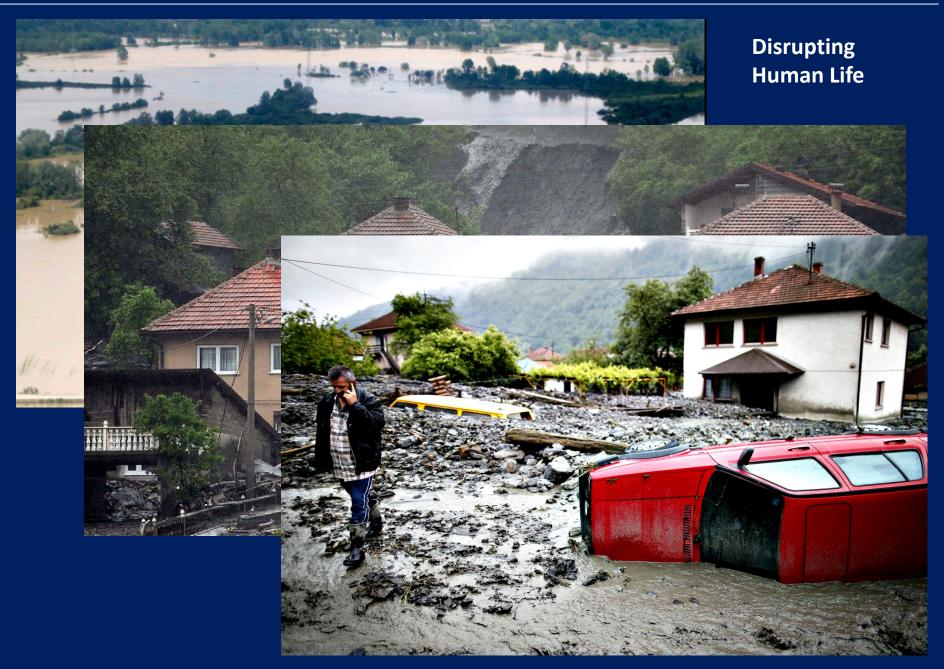


Heaviest rain in 120 years 62 People died (by 20 May) **1.6 million people affected** 2000 Landslides Damage in Serbia estimated 1.55 billion euro Damage in Bosnia & Herzegovina **Exceeds that of Bosnian War**

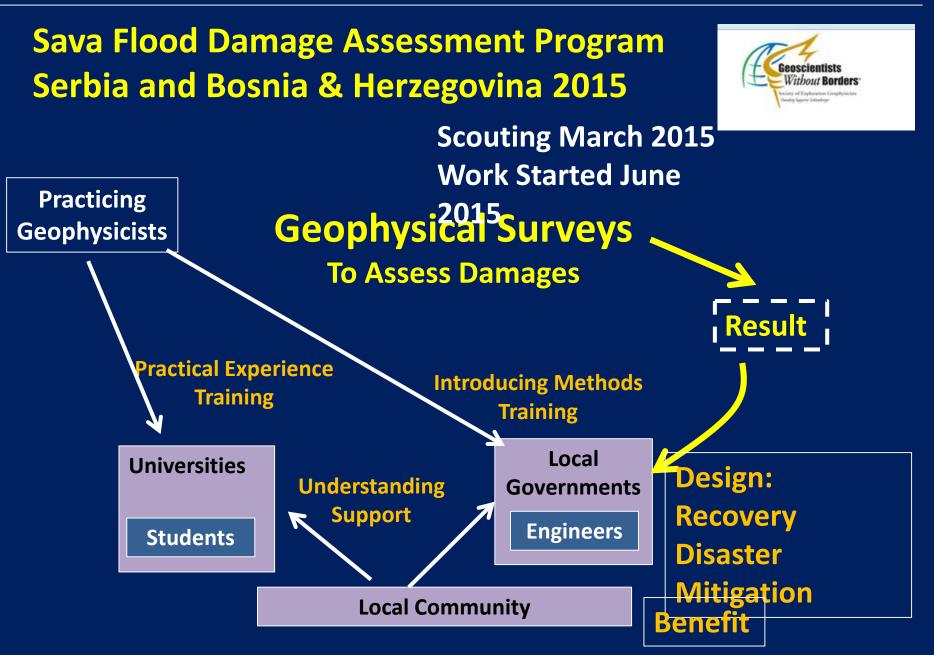
Many foreign countries and international bodies sent aid.

Things to remember

Flood May 2014











Geoscientists without Borders **Meeting with Local** Governments out Borders VALJEVO ВАЉЕВА 5

Scouting

River Sava through Valjevo City



Geoscientists without Borders Damage to Residence



Project Locations

June 2015 O June 2016 September 2015



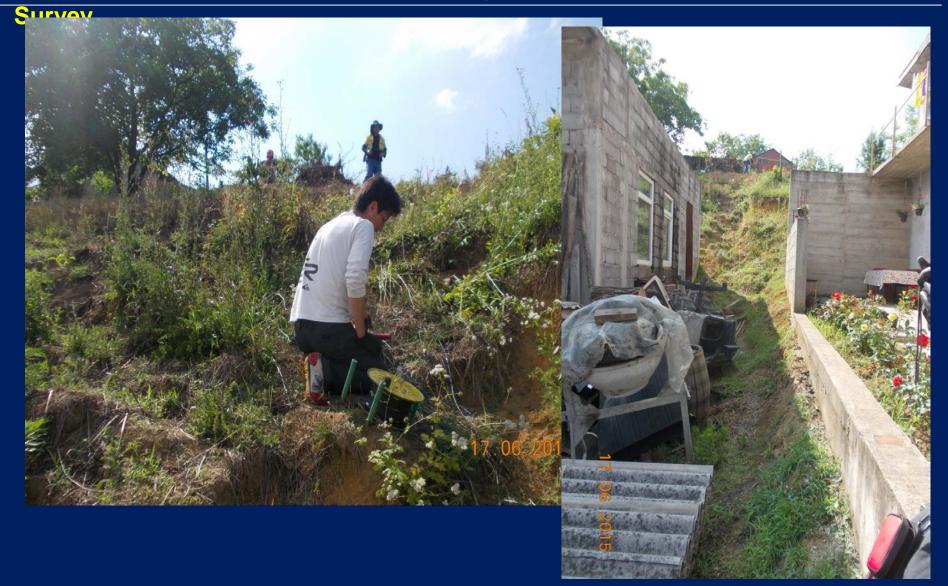
Geoscientists *without* **Borders Field Data Acquisition**



Geoscientists *without* Borders - Field Data Acquisition Seismic



Geoscientists *without* Borders Resistivity



Geoscientists without Borders Resistivity

Survey



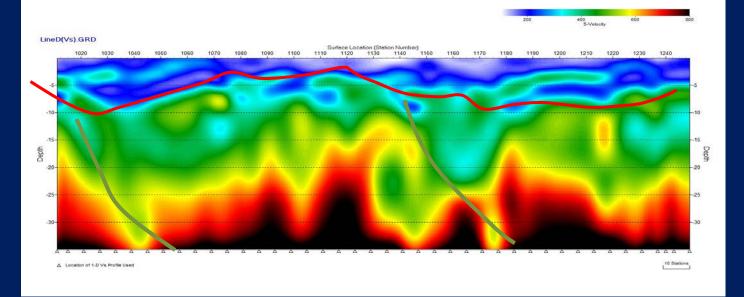
Geoscientists *without* **Borders - Evening**





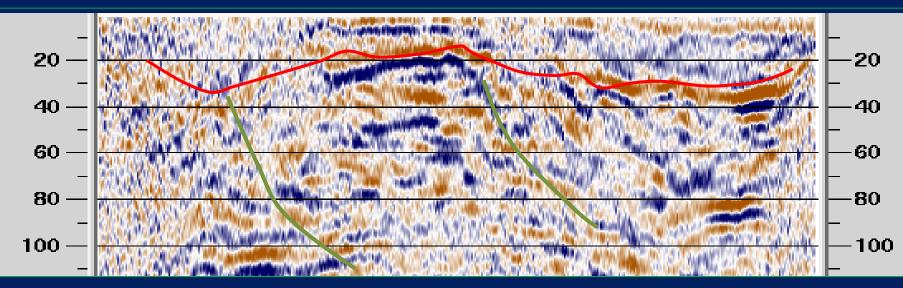


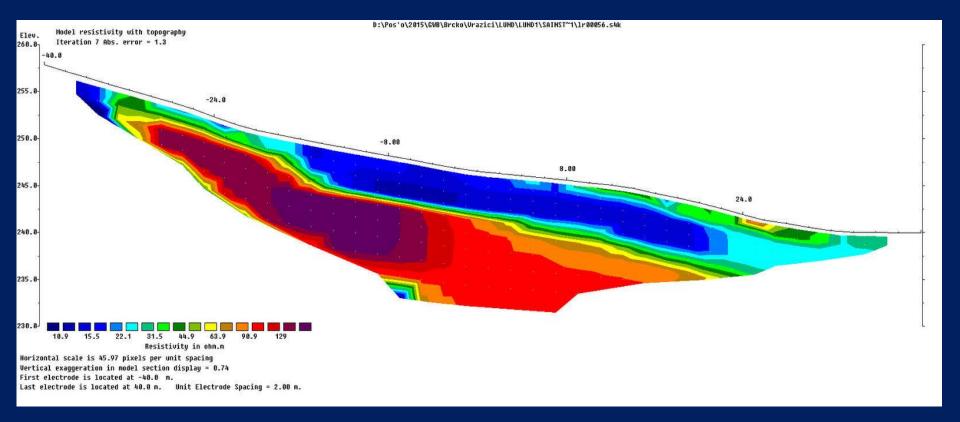




Vp Brute Stack

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Conclusion Near-Surface Geophysics: Geophysics for human life, Geophysics in the life of a human I enjoy working in near-surface geophysics

> I like working with young students and lead them to geophysics.





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I enjoy working in near-surface geophysics

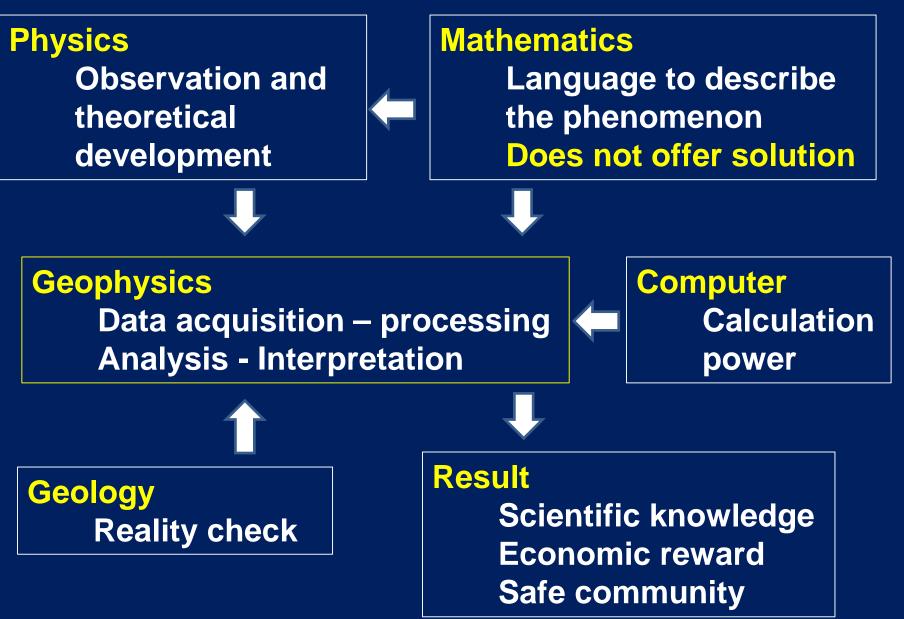


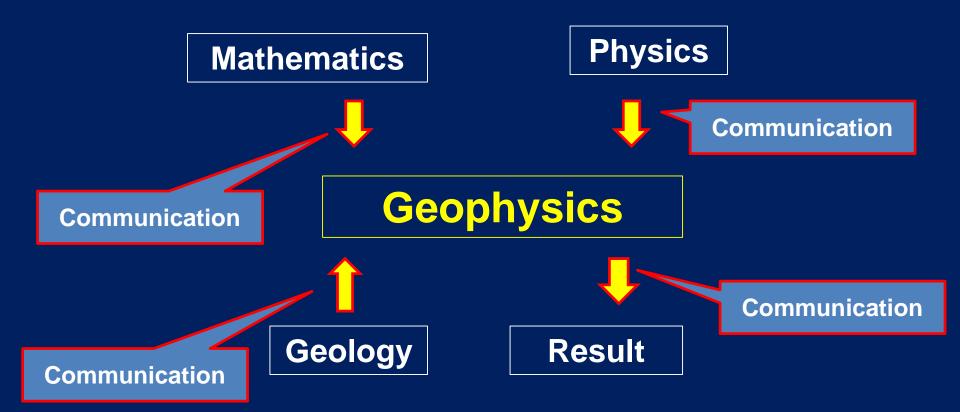
I like the feeling that I am a part of human community.



What to study ?

Summary





Communication

- Ability to express
- Ability to hear and understand

- English Common language among scientists
- Training to accurately express what you want to say in your own language.

Some humanity subjects may be good to learn Philosophy, geography, cultural study - arts

Be a good human being before being a geophysicist.

Geophysics :

- is a subject with a lot of fun
- offers a lot of challenge
- You need to understand the concepts
- Analytical solution is nice to have but not always expected
- Open to a broad spectrum of knowledge and critical mind
- Be curious and ambitious

This Hitchhikers Guide is just a guide – not a gospel

More information

Society of Exploration Geophysicists www.seg.org

- European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers www.eage.org
- Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists
 www.aseg.org.au
- Google
- Ask your teachers

Thanks for Attendance

and

Enjoy Your Study

Geophysics is a subject with a lot of fun

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