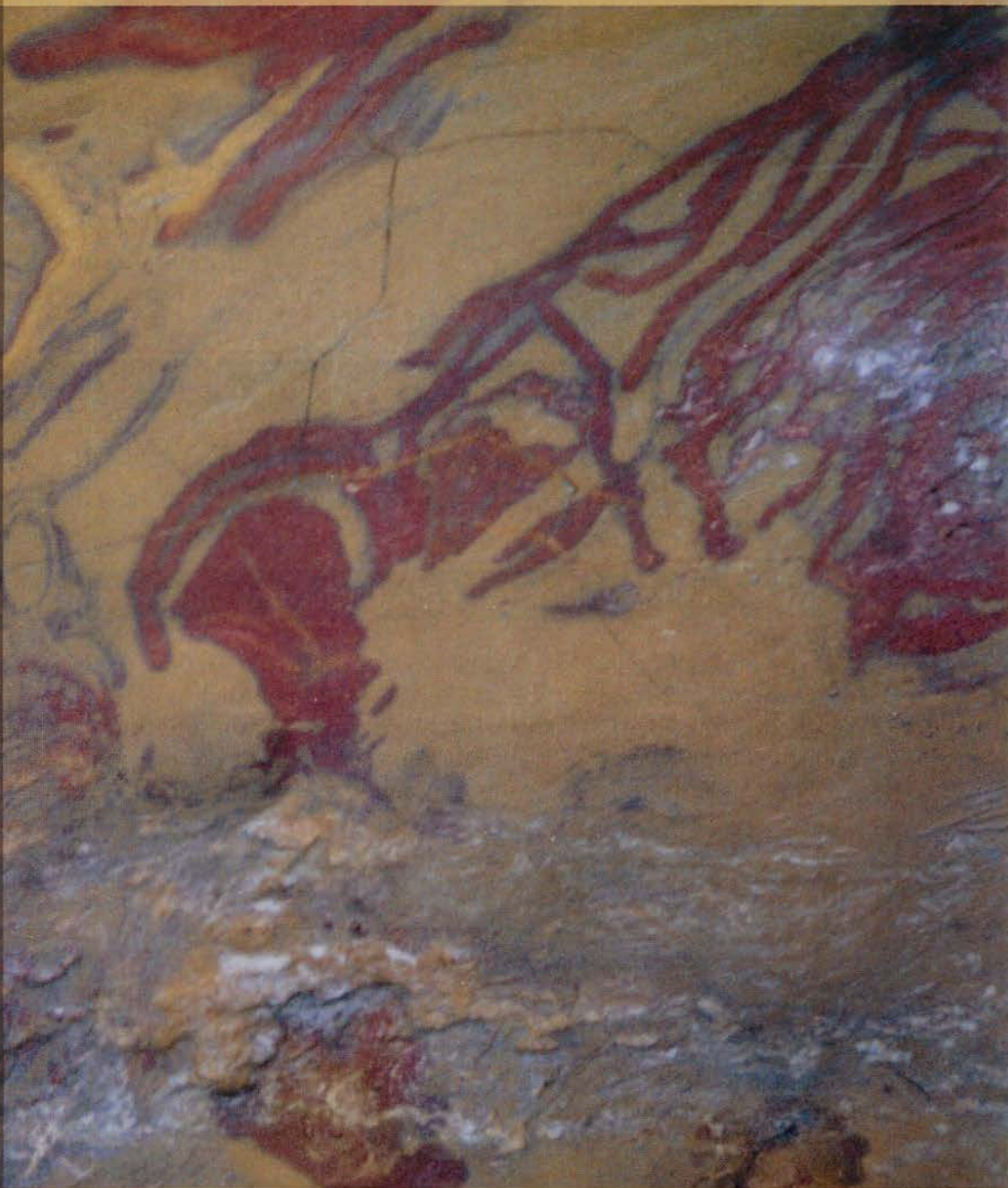




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# CATATAN GEOLOGI GEOLOGICAL NOTES

## Resistivity survey in locating historical features: a case study from the Roman Fort's Ditch investigation, Inverest, Scotland

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**Abstract:** Geophysical survey methods provide a fast and efficient reconnaissance solution for archaeo-geophysical surveys especially in detecting a buried ancient stone foundations or ditches. Among those, resistivity and gravity methods are the most common methods. In this paper, a simple 1.5D resistivity survey was used in locating a buried Roman Fort's ditch.

Interpretation of resistivity data is subjected to a lot of ambiguities. To reduce the interpretation error, the resistivity profiles were run through a physical control such as a known man-made ditch. The final result of resistivity profiles shows there were four low resistivity anomalies, two of them directly related to the controls whereas two others can be interpreted as a result of the ditch since it located in the area where the ditch was postulated.

**Abstrak:** Kaedah survei geofizik boleh memberikan penyelesaian yang cepat dan efektif kepada kajian arkeologi terutamanya dalam mengesan batu dasar dan parit-parit yang tertimbus. Antara kaedah yang biasa digunakan ialah survei keberintangan elektrik, dan graviti. Dalam kajian ini kaedah keberintangan elektrik 1.5D digunakan bagi mengesan parit Roman Fort yang telah tertimbus.

Pentafsiran data keberintangan elektrik mempunyai banyak ketakpastian. Bagi mengatasi masalah ini, survei keberintangan telah dibuat supaya ia melalui punca kawalan yang diketahui, seperti parit buatan. Hasil kajian ini menunjukkan terdapatnya empat anomali keberintangan rendah, yang mana dua daripadanya adalah berisosiasi dengan punca kawalan dan selebihnya ditafsirkan sebagai hasil dari parit Roman Fort yang tertimbus. Ini adalah berdasarkan kedudukannya dalam kawasan yang telah dijangkakan.

### INTRODUCTION

In traditional archeological investigation, the works are normally involve trenching and coring a site chosen from historical documentation or surface artifact or morphology, suggesting an earlier human occupation. In the area where the existing evidence is covered by thick topsoil, trenching and coring are done randomly at the most possible places decided by the field archaeologist. This random trenching method is not always a success. Failure to find any clue after several trial pits

will cost an archeologist a fortune, and in the worst case, it will lead to the abandonment of the project.

Depending on what the target is, the geophysical methods provide the fast and efficient reconnaissance solution. Furthermore, it is non-destructive which is vital in preserving the spatial relationship between the artifacts. Magnetic and resistivity are the most common geophysical methods applied in archaeology. Magnetic methods are widely used in locating an iron base artifact although, it is also

sometimes being used in locating a buried foundation made of a highly susceptibility rock such as an igneous rock. Resistivity on the *other hand* is very useful in mapping out the remains of buried foundations of an ancient building or a buried ditch.

Probably the most important geophysical tool in archeology is the ground probing radar (GPR). Since its first appearance in USA in early 1970s, it has become the most essential single geophysical instrument for archeologist (Wynn, 1986). A high renting cost of the GPR equipment however makes this method not very favorable for a small funded projects such as archaeology surveys. In this paper, we are going to discuss the result of resistivity survey — the most common geophysical survey methods applied in archaeological work, in detecting a V shape Roman ditch.

### SITE LOCATION

The site chosen at Inveresk is situated at the south edge of Musselburgh town, Scotland (Fig. 1). It lies on a high ground surrounded by the river Esk on three sides and overlooks the Firth of Forth. It is believed that on this site the fort associated with the Roman occupation of Scotland was built during the Antonine period, 142–163 AD. Within the overall Roman military system in Scotland, Inveresk fort may have functioned as a port or harbor at the mouth of the Esk, and perhaps as a storages base (Dennison and Coleman, 1996).

Today, nothing of the fort itself is visible on the ground. The earliest church in Musselburgh and their cemetery reserve area replaced it. However, the discovery of the remains of the Roman hot bath-house in 1780s and 1827 (still visible in the garden of Inveresk House), together with regularly finds of Roman artifacts during grave digging confirm the existence of the Roman fort and their settlement here (Richmond, 1980). Although the evidence of the existence of the Roman fort and their settlement (vicus) around here had long been known, it not only until 1946/7 that the first excavation were carried out by Sir Ian Richmond. From his findings, the plan of the Inveresk fort with a single ditch was drawn. The idea of the

Roman Fort has a single ditch is always questionable since the fort usually has 2 or more ditches and sometimes can be very complex.

### METHODOLOGY

Resistivity survey is one of the most common geophysical surveying methods employed by the archaeologist simply because it is cheap and easy to conduct. However the interpretation of the resistivity profile can sometimes be very difficult. To discriminate the interpretation's ambiguities it needs a good geological or non-geological control. Here, two resistivity lines — L3 and L4 — were run parallel to each other. As a control, the L3 was design to run through two man made features, a abundant archaeological trench on the Eastern end and an area of stripped top soil on the western end.

In order to obtain the 2D picture of the subsurface, an expending Wenner array with a changing central point @ 1.5D Resistivity Survey (a combination of vertical electrical sounding (VES) and constant separation traversing (CST)) was used. Since the target is less than 4 meters, the readings were read at only 1,2,3 and 4 meter electrode spacing before the central point moved down the line by 1 meter interval.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The resistivity readings were plotted on the Excel graph for qualitative interpretation before it was transfer to The Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) software for presentation purpose. In general the profile for L3 and L4 (Figs. 2a, 2b) shows the resistivity value is following the same pattern as the topography, which is decreasing towards the west of the lines. This is a good example on how the topography can masked the effect of the deeper variations.

The 1-meter electrode spacing profile on both lines shows the most variable profile. The reason is simply that it reads the resistivity values of a highly disturbed topsoil. Since the target is deeper, the variation of this profile is less significant than the variation in the deeper profile. However, this shallow profile is important for checking the validity of the

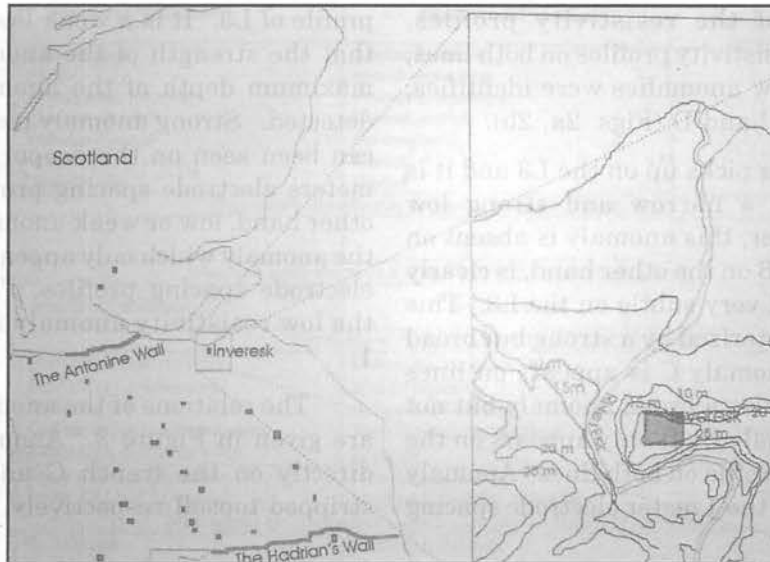


Figure 1a. The study area.

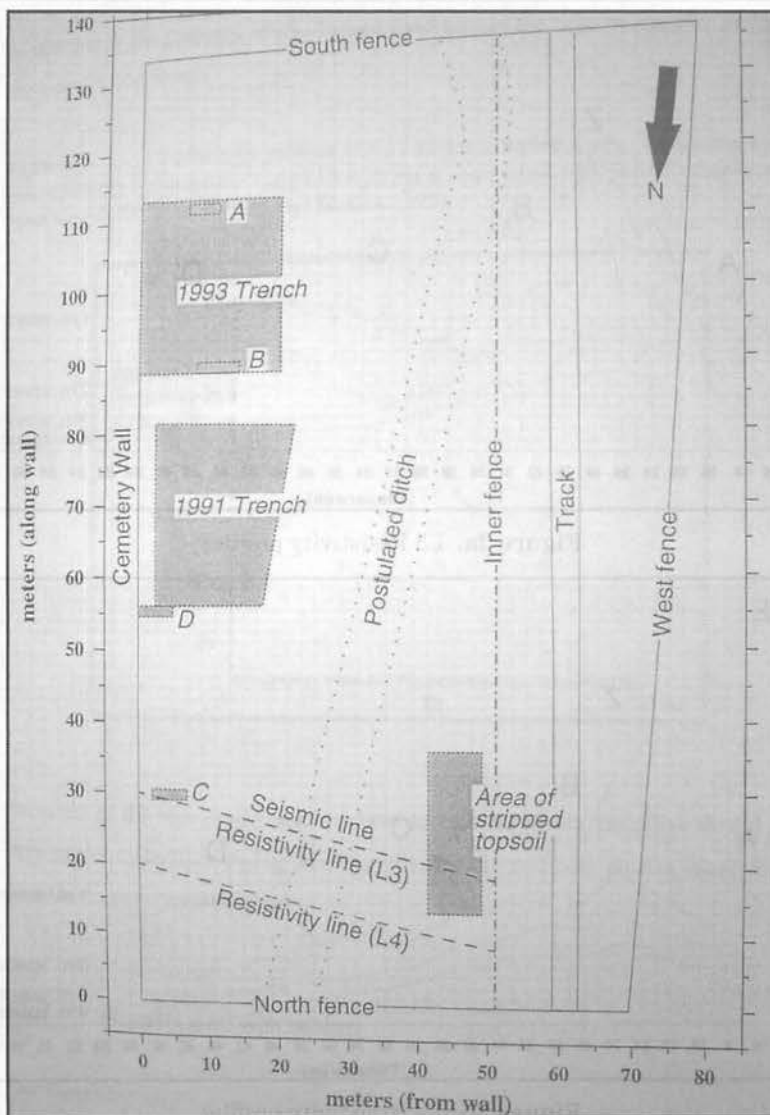


Figure 1b. Detail of the study area.

interpretation of the resistivity profiles. Comparing the resistivity profiles on both lines, four resistivity low anomalies were identified, namely as A, B, C and D (Figs. 2a, 2b).

Anomaly A is picked up on the L3 and it is characterized by a narrow and strong low anomaly. However, this anomaly is absent on the L4. Anomaly B on the other hand, is clearly apparent on L4 and very subtle on the L3. This anomaly is characterized by a strong but broad low anomaly. Anomaly C appears on lines L3 and L4. It is also a broad anomaly but not as strong as anomaly B. It only appears on the 1-meter spacing profile on both lines. Anomaly D is only found on the 1 meter electrode spacing

profile of L3. It is a weak low anomaly. Note that the strength of the anomaly is based on maximum depth of the anomaly that can be detected. Strong anomaly means the anomaly can be seen on the deeper profile (2,3 or 4 meters electrode spacing profiles) and on the other hand, low or weak anomaly is referred to the anomaly which only appears on 1 or 2 meters electrode spacing profiles. The summary of the low resistivity anomaly is given in Table 1.

The relations of the anomalies to the field are given in Figure 3. Anomaly A and D lie directly on the trench C and on an area of stripped topsoil respectively. These were the

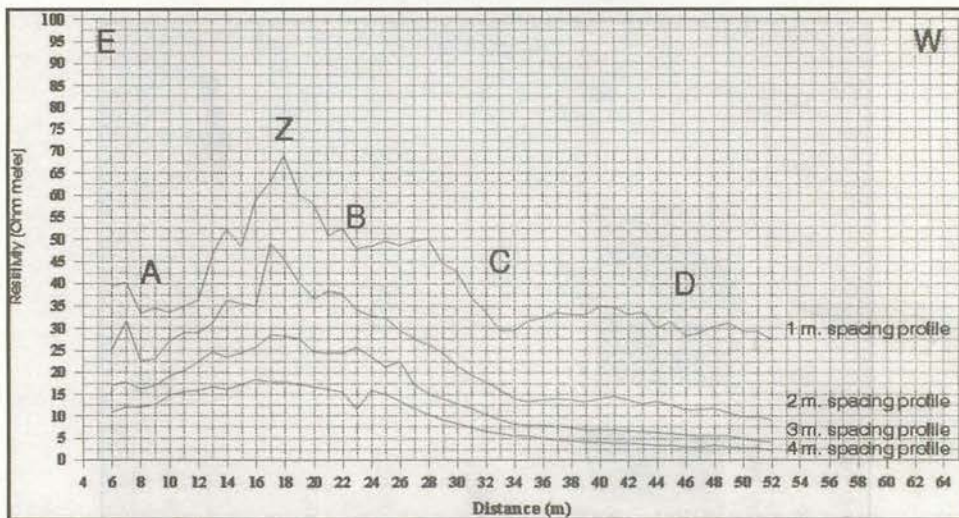


Figure 2a. L3 Resistivity profiles.

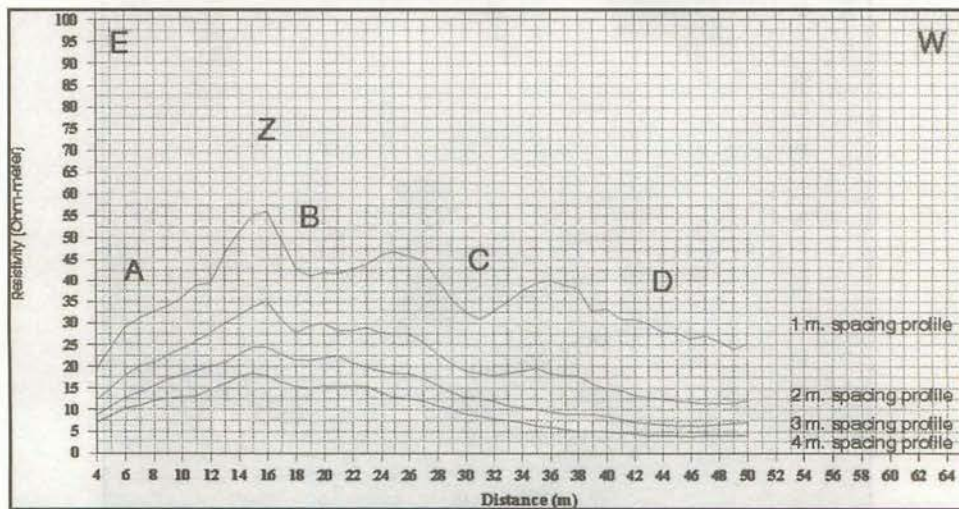
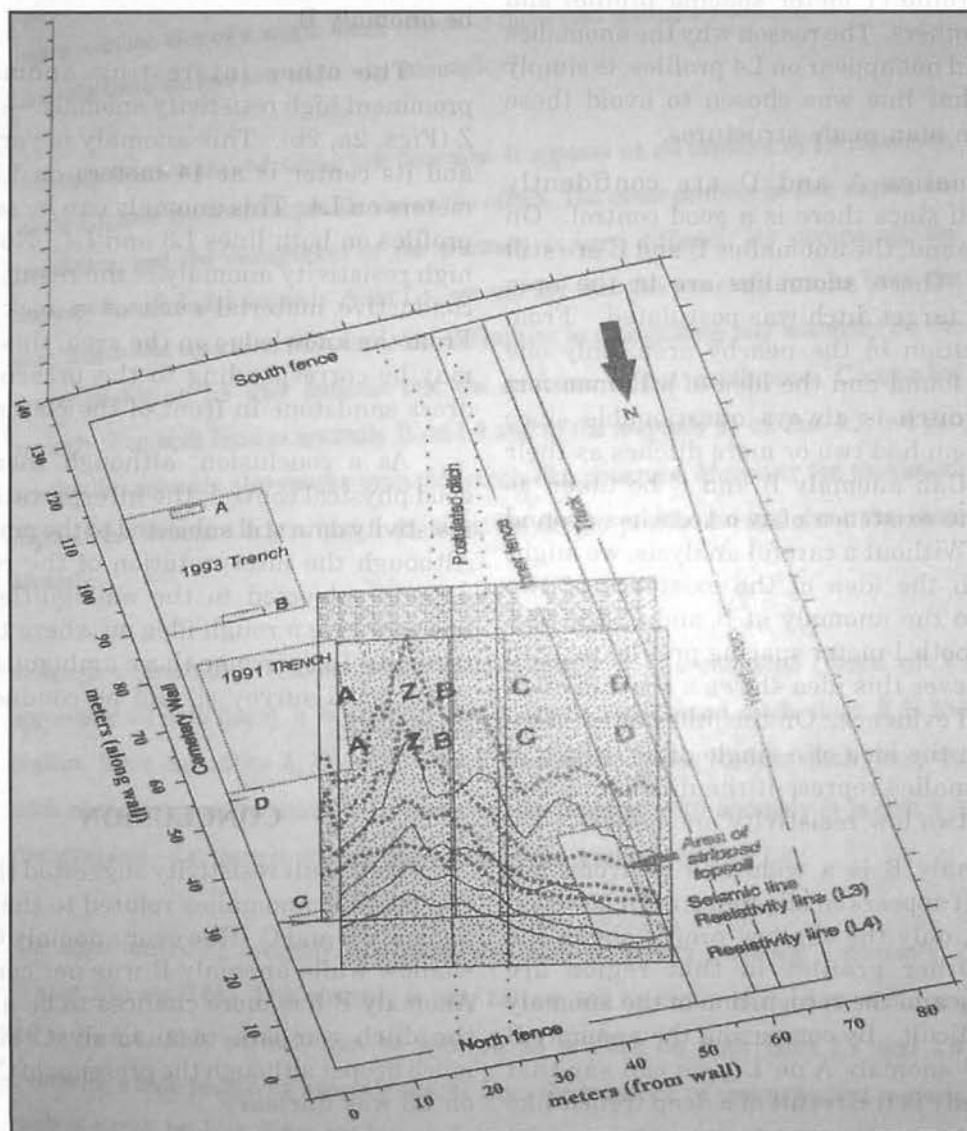


Figure 2b. L4 Resistivity profiles.

**Table 1.** Low resistivity anomaly, a summary.

	Anomaly A		Anomaly B		Anomaly C		Anomaly D	
	L3	L4	L3	L4	L3	L4	L3	L4
Appearance	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	X
Center of the anomaly (m)	9	—	23	19	33	31	45	—
Width	narrow	—	wide	wide	wide	wide	narrow	—
Max. Depth of resist. minima (m)	3	—	?	4	1@2	1@2	1	—
Strength	strong	—	?	strong	weak	weak	weak	—

**Figure 3.** Relation between resistivity anomalies and their near surface features.

control of the interpretation. The trench was 1 $\Omega$  or 2 meter deep. Anomaly A is very prominent on 1 and 2 meter electrode spacing profiles, however the anomaly is weak on the other two (3 and 4 meter electrode spacing profiles). This anomaly is believed to be a result of the trench C. The appearance of the anomaly on the deeper profile (3 and 4 meter electrode spacing profiles) is an example on how a strong near surface resistivity reading can effect the readings of the deeper section. Anomaly D is also believed to be a result of the stripped top soil area and it was confirmed with the result of the twin probe resistivity survey (Louise, 1996). Since only the topsoil was stripped off, we would expect this anomaly is only picked up by the shallow profile (1 meter spacing profile) and not by the others. The reason why the anomalies A and D did not appear on L4 profiles, is simply because that line was chosen to avoid these two known man made structures.

Anomalies A and D are confidently interpreted since there is a good control. On the other hand, the anomalies B and C are still doubtful. These anomalies are in the area where the target ditch was postulated. From the excavation in the nearby area, only one ditch was found and the idea of a Roman fort with one ditch is always questionable since most of them had two or more ditches as their defense. Can anomaly B and C be taken as proof of the existence of two trenches around this fort? Without a careful analysis, we might agree with the idea of the existence of two ditch since the anomaly of B and C are very strong on both 1 meter spacing profiles on both lines, however this idea shows a contradiction to the field evidence. On the other hand, if we agree with the idea of a single ditch, which of these anomalies represent the ditch, and why there are two low resistivity anomalies?.

Anomaly B is a wide and a strong low anomaly. It appears on all profiles of L4 however, on the L3, only the shallow profile shows the effect. Other profiles in that region are undulating and the recognition of the anomaly is very difficult. By comparing the anomaly B on L4 and anomaly A on L3, we can say that this anomaly is the result of a deep trench-like

structure. However, the difficulties in recognizing any anomaly on the deeper profile on L3 may indicate that structure is not continuous. Comparing anomaly C (on both lines) to anomaly B (on line L4) and anomaly D (on line L3), we can say that this anomaly is also the result of a trench-like structure. However, the maximum depth of this structure is less than 1 meter since the deeper profile did not shows the same anomaly.

Although a trench like structure which gave the anomaly C is continuous (based on the appearance on both lines), it is unlikely to be the Roman ditch since it is too shallow. Since anomaly A, D and C cannot be the anomaly corresponding to the Roman ditch, then it must be anomaly B.

The other interesting anomaly is a prominent high resistivity anomaly — anomaly Z (Figs. 2a, 2b). This anomaly is very narrow and its center is at 14 meters on L3 and 16 meters on L4. This anomaly can be seen on all profiles on both lines L3 and L4. Normally, a high resistivity anomaly is the result of a non-conductive material such as a rock boulder. From the knowledge on the area, this anomaly may be corresponding to the presence of the dress sandstone in front of the clay rampart.

As a conclusion, although there was a good physical control, the interpretation of the resistivity data still subjected to the ambiguities. Although the interpretation of the resistivity data is subjected to the ambiguities, it can however give a rough idea on where to put the trial pit. To overcome those ambiguities, other geophysical survey should be conduct on the same area.

## CONCLUSION

The result resistivity suggested there were two possible anomalies related to the ditch — anomaly B and C. However anomaly C was too shallow while anomaly B was not continuous. Anomaly B has more chances to be a result of the ditch compare to anomaly C since it is much deeper although the presence of C anomaly on L3 was unclear.



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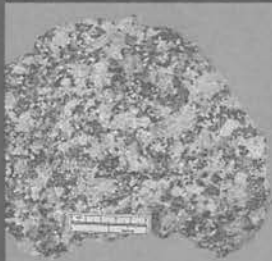
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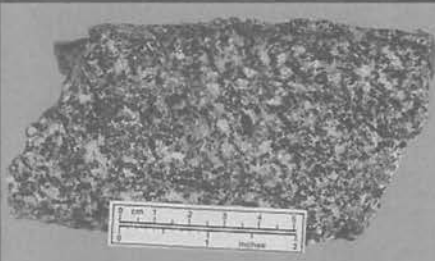
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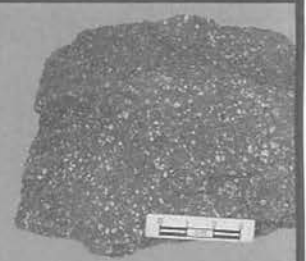
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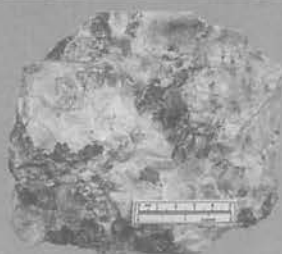
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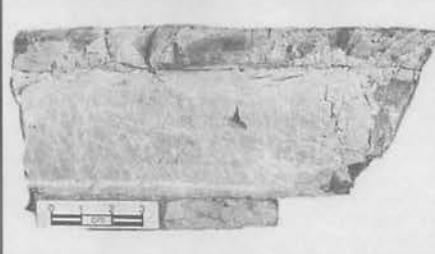
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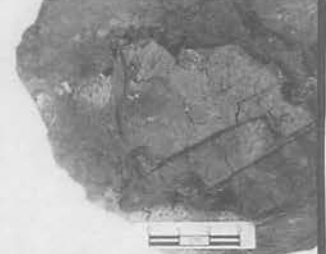
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# PERTEMUAN PERSATUAN MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

## Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

### Scientific problems for "Creation Science"

ROBERT C. NEWMAN

#### Laporan (Report)

Prof. Robert Newman of the Biblical Research Institute gave a very interesting talk on *Scientific Problems for "Creation Science"* to a combined audience of members of the Geological Society of Malaysia and Graduates' Christian Fellowship of Malaysia at the Geology Lecture Hall, University of Malaya on 8.1.2004. The abstract of his talk is appended below.

#### Abstrak (Abstract)

"Creation Science" is often used as a synonym for young-earth creationism, though the latter is really a better term. Young-Earth Creationism depends very strongly on the idea that most of the geologic record is that of the one-year flood at Noah's time rather than being spread over geologic history. Problems of flood geology are sketched, including the number and type of fossils, the distribution of sediments, and the presence of structures which must have formed slowly. Other problems which face a recent creation but do not involve flood geology concern the rates of various processes and various astronomical evidences.

C.P. Lee



GSM

## Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

### Specialised geophysics for oil and gas industry

DEVA GHOSH

#### Laporan (Report)

Dr. Deva Ghosh, Custodian of Geophysics, Petronas-Carigali Sdn. Bhd., gave a well-illustrated and very informative talk to about 50 participants, mainly students, on 9 January 2004 at 5.30 pm at the Geology Department, University of Malaya. It was good to see many students coming forward with good questions during discussion time.

#### Abstrak (Abstract)

Specialised Geophysics is the wing of Geophysical methods where the seismic measurements are used to derive quantitative information about the subsurface in terms of:

- a) Velocity-depth structure
- b) Reflectivity and impedance profile
- c) Reservoir properties d) Fluid and lithology

All these fall under the broad terminology called Seismic Inversion.



Given a Geological model with defined boundaries, structure and petrophysical identifiers one can compute its Seismic response either simulating it in the computer what is known as Forward modelling or actually going in the field (land or offshore) and sending acoustic waves and recording the Seismic response or the echo from the subsurface. This response is then interpreted Inverted to yield the subsurface architecture and properties.

The seismic data can be inverted in a variety of ways giving rise to the following methods i.e.

<b>Seismic Imaging</b>	<b>Velocity/Structure</b>
Seismic AVO:	Lithology and Fluid Content
Seismic Inversion:	Imedance and Fluid
Time-Lapse:	Fluid and reservoir Monitoring

Seismic Inversion in terms of reservoir and fluid properties is basically a non unique or in other words there can be a large number of possible solution, hence we have to invoke external controls called 'constraints'. These constraints are bounds that the solution has to honour. The inversion deals with the following parameters: Data Space, Model Space and Solution space and available Technology. The model constantly updated iteratively such that it can explain the data that was collected.

Development in the field of Geophysics, computing and graphics has helped us to attain our goals. 3D Seismic coupled with 3D Visualisation capability and attribute analysis has played a significant role. Also utilising the knowledge and behavior of Shear waves has led to Better Imaging under Gas wipeouts, Understanding fractures and better Seismic illumination below salt domes and on the flanks. These are incorporated in the new acquisition technique coined as OBC where the cable is laid on the ocean bed as opposed to dragging the streamer behind the boat in conventional methods in Marine seismics.

G.H. Teh



## Extraordinary General Meeting — Redefinition of GSM

In response to a suggestion at the last AGM, an EGM to discuss the Redefinition of GSM was held on Saturday, 10 January 2004 at the Geology Department, University of Malaya from 2.55 pm to 5.00 pm.

The Vice-President, Mohd Shafeea Leman, chaired the meeting. To start off the proceedings, the Chairman invited K.K. Liew to present his slides on the Action Plans, Schedule of Plans, Status of Plans and update of Action for the Redefinition of GSM. C.K. Lim presented the Website Elements while Abd. Rasid Jaapar presented the Standard Operating Procedures.

On the question of a Permanent Secretariat, the meeting agreed that the Society cannot afford to move to another place (rented or own) now, and the best option is still to stay put in UM and negotiate for a more permanent basis.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks for K.K. Liew and his team for their efforts.



## **MALAM GEO-KEJURUTERAAN JMG (Engineering Geology DMG Nite)**

**19 February 2004**

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*University of Malaya*

### **Report**

The Society is fortunate to have the participation of the 3 popular speakers from Department of Mineral & Geoscience (DMG) speaking at this Engineering Geology Night. The current topics like hillside development, landslides and groundwater protection virtually ensured a good turnout for the evening.

Tan Boon Kong

Chairman

Working Group on Engineering Geology & Hydrogeology



**MALAM GEO-KEJURUTERAAN JMG  
(Engineering Geology DMG Nite)**

**19 February 2004**

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**Abstracts of Papers**

**Guidelines for hill-site development**

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In recent years, due to the rapid pace of development in Malaysia, a large number of housing projects are sited on hill slopes, such as in the Cheras, Damansara and Ampang areas in Kuala Lumpur and in Pulau Pinang. In the highland areas such as Cameron Highlands, new holiday resorts have been constructed and forested areas have been cleared for agriculture. These development have led to the cutting of hill slopes and in most cases, the cut materials are just dumped on the sideslopes, leading to serious environmental problems such as occurrence of landslides, erosion and contamination of the river systems.

To control development on hilly and highland areas, various government agencies have proposed guidelines such as that by the Agriculture Department (1993), Town and Country Planning Department Selangor (1997), Land and Mines Department Pulau Pinang (1997), the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (2000), Ampang Jaya Town Council (2003) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (2003).

The guidelines for development in highland areas as proposed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment were approved and passed by the Cabinet in 2003 and a circular had been sent to all District Offices to implement the guidelines.

**Case histories of several major landslides in  
Peninsular Malaysia**

ZAKARIA MOHAMAD

**Groundwater protection in Kelantan**

SAIM SURATMAN



## Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

### Chairman's Lecture IV

**Saturday, 28 February 2004**  
**Bilik Mesyuarat Program Geologi**  
**Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**

### **Deformation history of the Eastern Belt, Peninsular Malaysia**

IBRAHIM ABDULLAH

#### **Laporan (Report)**

Satu lagi ceramah teknik dalam siri Chairman's Talk Persatuan Geologi Malaysia telah dilangsungkan pada Hari Sabtu 28 Februari 2004, jam 10.00 pagi bertempat di Bilik Mesyuarat Geologi, UKM. Ceramah teknik bertajuk "*Deformation History of the Eastern Belt of Peninsular Malaysia*" telah disampaikan oleh Pengerusi Kumpulan Kerja Geologi Struktur dan Tektonik Persatuan Geologi Malaysia, Prof. Madya Dr. Ibrahim Abdullah. Ceramah teknik telah dipengerusikan oleh Ketua Program Geologi UKM, Profesor Dr. Abdul Rahim Samsudin. Ceramah teknik ini telah dihadiri oleh seramai 21 peserta. Sesi soal-jawab tamat pada jam 11.20 pagi.

#### **Abstrak (Abstract)**

It was believed that the oldest rock formation in the Eastern Belt of Peninsular Malaysia are Carboniferous to Permian age; consisting mainly of clastic and volcanic rocks with minor limestone. Continental deposits of the Late Permian and Jurassic-Cretaceous ages unconformably overlie this rock formation. The area was intruded by mafic to intermediate igneous, followed by biotite granite of the Late Permian-Early Triassic, Late Triassic granite and finally by doleritic dykes of Jurassic-Cretaceous age.

The supposed Carboniferous-Permian rocks show rather complex structures and had experienced at least two phases of folding. In certain areas, these rocks show three phases of folding, characterised by inclined to recumbent folds and thrust faults. The late Permian continental deposits were folded into open fold while the Jurassic-Cretaceous sediments are gently tilted. Apart from thrust faults, strike-slip (striking NNW and N-S) and normal faults are commonly observed. Doleritic dykes in this area are aligned in either N-S or ENE direction. Some of the N-S dykes are cut and displaced by the ENE dykes or dextral strike-slip faults. The N-S strike-slip faults are also displaced by the ENE dextral or ESE sinistral faults.

From structural point of view, it is believed that some of the interpreted Carboniferous-Permian rocks, which indicate three phases of folding, are older (pre-Carboniferous age). Based on the structural relationships observed at several areas in this belt, it is interpreted that the rocks in the Eastern Belt were subjected to two major episodes of deformation. The earlier (Episode-A) was dominated by ductile and the later (Episode-B) by brittle deformations. Further, each episode could be divided into three phases. For Episode-A, phase-1 was responsible in the development of inclined to overturned folds in the pre-Carboniferous rocks, trending ENE and probably related to mid-Devonian orogeny. Phase-2 and phase-3 were

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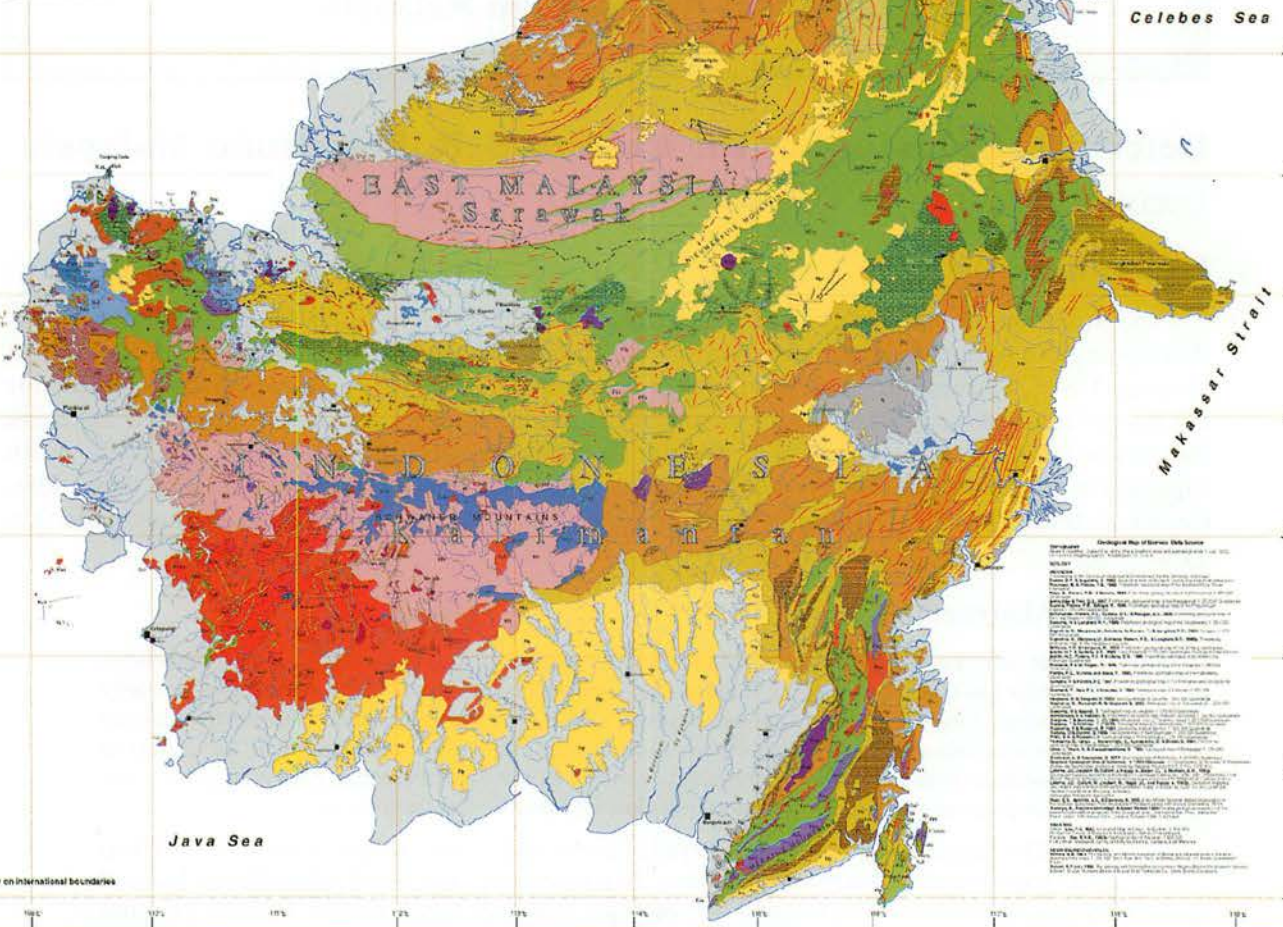
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- Q Quaternary Holocene coastal and river alluvium etc.
- Nv Quaternary-Holocene High-level alluvium
- Ny Pleistocene or younger beach - East Sabah
- Nyca Middle to late Miocene volcanics - East Sabah
- Np Miocene sediments
- Npp Neogene acid/basic volcanic lavas & tuffs
- Npab Miocene and/or basaltic plugs, dykes & lavas
- Nai Miocene tuff igneous
- Nad Miocene Brekas Formation (sandstone)
- Nin Miocene sandstone
- MI Middle-Late Miocene (Eocene-Oligocene)
- Nag Miocene alkali feld granite
- Nay Miocene volcanics
- PO Oligocene sandstones
- Poa Oligocene deepwater sediments
- Pe Eocene sediments
- Pp Paleogene sandstones
- Pev Paleogene volcanics
- Ps Paleogene deepwater sediments
- unshaded miltarge - unshaded
- shaded miltarge - shaded
- lightstone
- light structural tree lines

- KU Crataecous ultrabasic rocks - harzburgite, serpentinite etc.
- Kc Crataecous deepwater sediments
- Kp Crataecous Paleogene deepwater sediments
- Cs Crataecous "Cretaceous basement" (B. Sarda)
- Kal Upper Cretaceous granite - granite, diorite
- Ka3 Upper Cretaceous a/trabasic rocks - gabbro, minor diorite
- Ka2 Upper Cretaceous volcanics - dacite to basalt lava, basalt, tuff etc.
- Kal Lower Cretaceous granite - granite, quartz monzonite, alkali granite
- Ka4 Lower Cretaceous volcanics - andesite lava, basalt, tuff etc.
- Ka2 Lower Cretaceous granite - granite
- Ka2 Lower Cretaceous granite - gabbro/diorite, granite, basalt
- KJ Lower Cretaceous granite - basalt, gabbro/diorite, locally foliated
- K Crataecous sediments
- Jk Jurassic - Cretaceous sediments
- Jkm Jurassic - Cretaceous metamorphic rocks
- Jk Crataecous sediments, possibly including those in Malacca Sth.
- Jk Jurassic - Cretaceous deepwater sediments
- Jk Jurassic deepwater sediments
- Jk Jurassic sediments
- Jk Trassic - Jurassic sediments
- Trv Trassic volcanics
- Trg Trassic granites
- PH Phanerozoic metamorphics
- CP Cambro-Pennsylvan sediments
- PM Pre-Cambrian to Permian Metamorphics



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Nin	Miocene sandstone	Nin	Miocene sandstone	Nin	Miocene sandstone
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Nag	Miocene alkali feld granite	Nag	Miocene alkali feld granite	Nag	Miocene alkali feld granite
Nay	Miocene volcanics	Nay	Miocene volcanics	Nay	Miocene volcanics
PO	Oligocene sandstones	PO	Oligocene sandstones	PO	Oligocene sandstones
Poa	Oligocene deepwater sediments	Poa	Oligocene deepwater sediments	Poa	Oligocene deepwater sediments
Pe	Eocene sediments	Pe	Eocene sediments	Pe	Eocene sediments
Pp	Paleogene sandstones	Pp	Paleogene sandstones	Pp	Paleogene sandstones
Pev	Paleogene volcanics	Pev	Paleogene volcanics	Pev	Paleogene volcanics
Ps	Paleogene deepwater sediments	Ps	Paleogene deepwater sediments	Ps	Paleogene deepwater sediments
unshaded	miltarge - unshaded	unshaded	miltarge - unshaded	unshaded	miltarge - unshaded
shaded	miltarge - shaded	shaded	miltarge - shaded	shaded	miltarge - shaded
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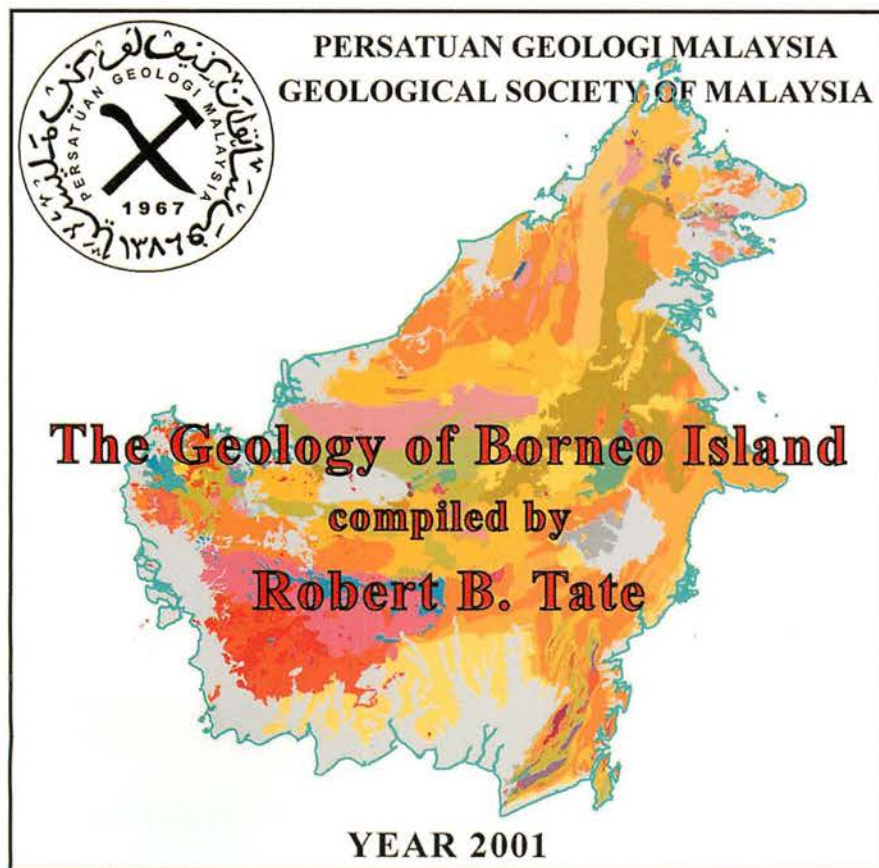
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