

Impedance Transmission Conditions for the Electric Potential across a Highly Conductive Casing

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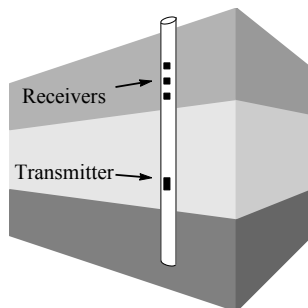
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MOTIVATION

- **Main goal:** To obtain a better characterization of the Earth's subsurface
- **How:** Recording borehole resistivity measurements
- **Procedure:**
 - Well
 - Logging Instrument
 - Transmitters
 - Receivers



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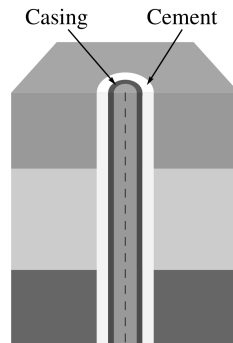
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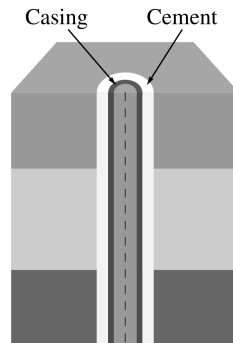
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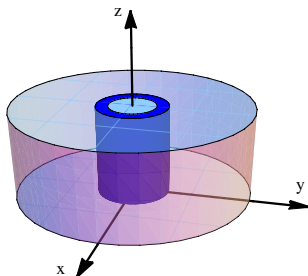
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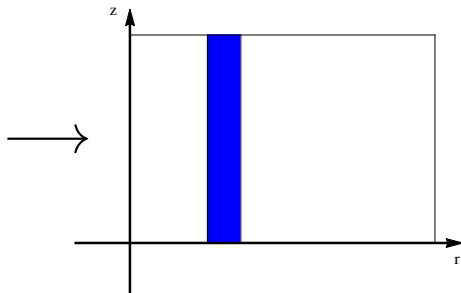
- **Problem solved, but... Numerical problems due to the high conductivity and thinness of the casing**

CONFIGURATION OF INTEREST

CARTESIAN COORDINATES



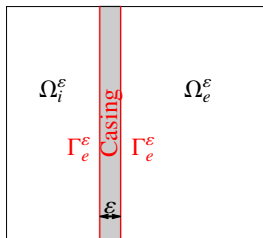
CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES



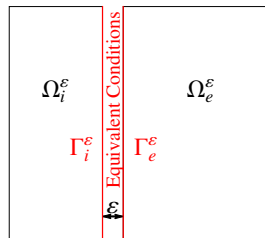
We can reduce the 3D problem to a 2D problem due to the **axisymmetric** configuration.

MAIN IDEA

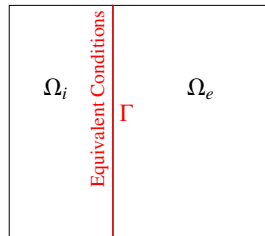
REFERENCE MODEL



1st Approach

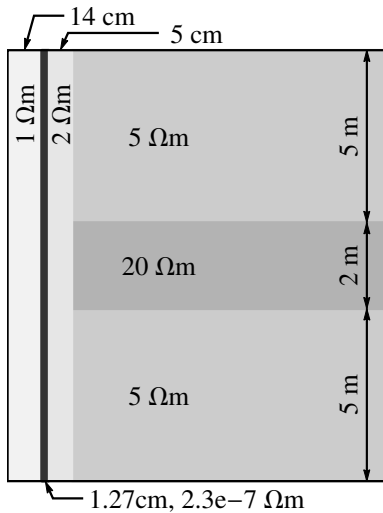


2nd Approach



Idea: Replace the casing by equivalent conditions.

REALISTIC SCENARIO



- Conductivity and casing width:**

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon &= 1.27e - 2 \text{ m} \\ \sigma_c &= 4.34e6 \text{ } \Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_c \approx \varepsilon^{-3}$$

- Classical approach:**

$$\sigma_c = \alpha \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

- High conductive case:**

$$\sigma_c = \alpha \varepsilon^{-3} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

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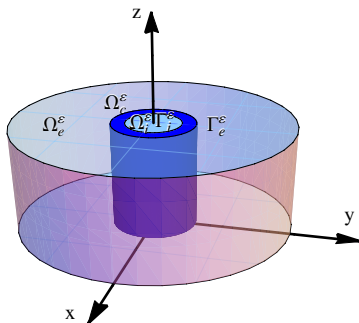
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MODEL PROBLEM - 3D

STATIC ELECTRIC POTENTIAL

$$\operatorname{div}((\sigma - i\epsilon\omega) \nabla u) = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_i^\epsilon \cup \Omega_c^\epsilon \cup \Omega_e^\epsilon \cup \Gamma_i^\epsilon \cup \Gamma_e^\epsilon$$



Where f is a known data, σ is piecewise constant

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} \sigma_i & \text{in } \Omega_i^\epsilon \\ \sigma_c = \alpha\epsilon^{-3} & \text{in } \Omega_c^\epsilon \\ \sigma_e & \text{in } \Omega_e^\epsilon \end{cases}$$

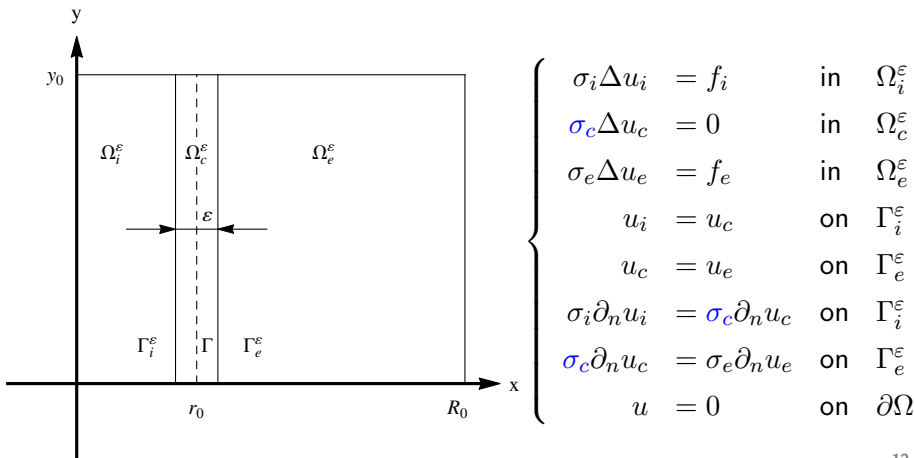
and the solution is expressed as

$$u = \begin{cases} u_i & \text{in } \Omega_i^\epsilon \\ u_c & \text{in } \Omega_c^\epsilon \\ u_e & \text{in } \Omega_e^\epsilon \end{cases}$$

MODEL PROBLEM - 2D

Reference problem (P) set in the domain $\Omega = \Omega_i^\varepsilon \cup \Omega_c^\varepsilon \cup \Omega_e^\varepsilon \cup \Gamma_i^\varepsilon \cup \Gamma_e^\varepsilon$.

We denote the boundary $\Gamma_0 := (\overline{\partial\Omega_i^\varepsilon} - \Gamma_i^\varepsilon) \cup (\overline{\partial\Omega_e^\varepsilon} - \Gamma_e^\varepsilon)$.



EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS

Theorem 1

There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ s.t. for all $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$, if $f_i \in L^2(\Omega_i^\varepsilon)$ and $f_e \in L^2(\Omega_e^\varepsilon)$, then $\exists! u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ solution of (P) and

$$\|u\|_{1,\Omega} \leq C (\|f_i\|_{0,\Omega_i^\varepsilon} + \|f_e\|_{0,\Omega_e^\varepsilon})$$

DEFINITIONS

Definition 1: We define the jump and mean value of the solution u across the casing as

$$[u] = u|_{\Gamma_e^\varepsilon} - u|_{\Gamma_i^\varepsilon}$$

$$\{u\} = \frac{1}{2} (u|_{\Gamma_e^\varepsilon} + u|_{\Gamma_i^\varepsilon})$$

Definition 2: Let u be the reference solution. We say an asymptotic model is of **Order $k+1$** , if its solution $u^{[k]}$ satisfies

$$\|u - u^{[k]}\|_{H^1} \leq C\varepsilon^{k+1} \quad \text{when} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

METHODOLOGY

- **Step1:** Derive an Asymptotic Expansion for u when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

- In the casing:
$$u_c(x, y) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varepsilon^n U^n \left(\frac{x - r_0}{\varepsilon}, y \right)$$

- Outside the casing:
$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varepsilon^n u^n(x, y)$$

- **Step2:** Obtain Equivalent Conditions of order $k + 1$ by identifying a simpler problem satisfied by the truncated expansion and neglecting the higher order terms in ε

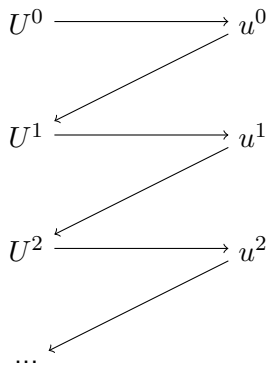
- $$u_{k,\varepsilon} := u^0 + \varepsilon u^1 + \varepsilon^2 u^2 + \dots + \varepsilon^k u^k$$

- **Step3:** Prove Convergence rates for asymptotic models

MULTISCALE EXPANSION

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_X^2 U^k + \partial_y^2 U^{k-2} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_c^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_i \Delta u_i^k = f_i & \text{in } \Omega_i^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_e \Delta u_e^k = f_e & \text{in } \Omega_e^\varepsilon \\ u_i^k = U^k & \text{on } \Gamma_i^\varepsilon \\ U^k = u_e^k & \text{on } \Gamma_e^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_i \partial_x u_i^{k-4} = \alpha \partial_X U^k & \text{on } \Gamma_i^\varepsilon \\ \alpha \partial_X U^k = \sigma_e \partial_x u_e^{k-4} & \text{on } \Gamma_e^\varepsilon \\ U^k = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

PROCEDURE



EQUIVALENT MODELS

FIRST APPROACH

(Transmission conditions across the casing)

• **Order 2:** \longrightarrow

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_i \Delta u_i = f_i & \text{in } \Omega_i^\varepsilon \\ u_i = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_i^\varepsilon \end{cases} \quad (P_2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_e \Delta u_e = f_e & \text{in } \Omega_e^\varepsilon \\ u_e = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_e^\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

• **Order 4:** \longrightarrow

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_i \Delta u_i = f_i & \text{in } \Omega_i^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_e \Delta u_e = f_e & \text{in } \Omega_e^\varepsilon \\ [u] = 0 \\ [\sigma \partial_x u] = -\frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon^2} \partial_x^2 \{u\} \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \end{cases} \quad (P_4)$$

CONVERGENCE

Theorem 2

There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ s.t. for all $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$, if $f_i \in L^2(\Omega_i^\varepsilon)$ and $f_e \in L^2(\Omega_e^\varepsilon)$, then $\exists! u^{[k]} \in V_{k+1}$ solution of P_{k+1} , $k = 1, 3$, and

$$\|u^{[k]}\|_{1, \Omega_i^\varepsilon \cup \Omega_e^\varepsilon} \leq C (\|f_i\|_{0, \Omega_i^\varepsilon} + \|f_e\|_{0, \Omega_e^\varepsilon})$$

$$\|u - u^{[k]}\|_{1, \Omega_i^\varepsilon \cup \Omega_e^\varepsilon} \leq C \varepsilon^{k+1}$$

Where

$$V_2 = \{v : v_i \in H_0^1(\Omega_i^\varepsilon), v_e \in H_0^1(\Omega_e^\varepsilon)\}$$

$$V_4 = \{v : v_i \in H^1(\Omega_i^\varepsilon), v_e \in H^1(\Omega_e^\varepsilon), \nabla_\Gamma \{v\} \in L^2(\Gamma), v|_{\Gamma_i^\varepsilon} = v|_{\Gamma_e^\varepsilon}, v|_{\Gamma_0} = 0\}$$

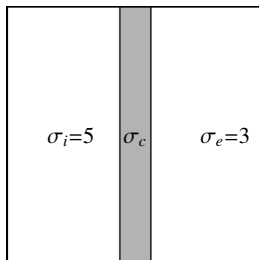
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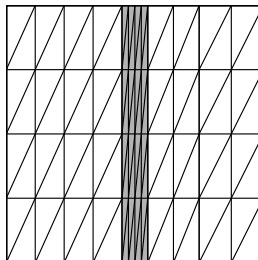
FEM CODE

- Classic Finite Element Method code
- Straight triangular elements (h refinement)
- Lagrange shape functions of any degree (p refinement)

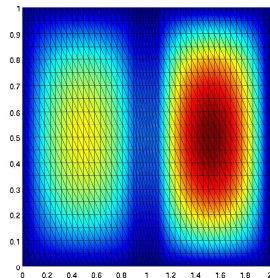
Domain



Mesh



Solution



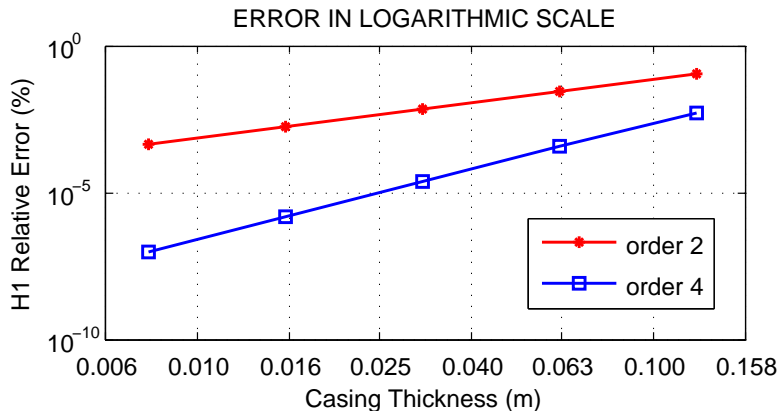
QUALITATIVE COMPARISON

Reference Model

Order 2 Model

Order 4 Model

CONVERGENCE RATES



Casing Thickness (ε)	0.0117	0.0234	0.0469	0.0938	Expected ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$)
Order 2 Slopes	1.9969	1.9899	1.9638	1.8624	2
Order 4 Slopes	4.0046	4.0039	3.9879	3.8992	4

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SECOND APPROACH

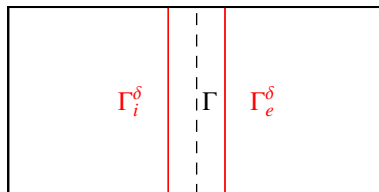
(Transmission conditions across the interface Γ)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet \text{ Order 1: } &\rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_i \Delta u_i = f_i & \text{in } \Omega_i \\ u_i = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_i \end{cases} \quad (P_1) \\
 &\begin{cases} \sigma_e \Delta u_e = f_e & \text{in } \Omega_e \\ u_e = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_e \end{cases} \\
 \bullet \text{ Order 2: } &\rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_i \Delta u_i = f_i & \text{in } \Omega_i \\ \sigma_e \Delta u_e = f_e & \text{in } \Omega_e \\ [u] = -\varepsilon \{\partial_x u\} \\ [\partial_x u] = -\frac{4}{\varepsilon} \{u\} \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (P_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Stability

Problem

Stability problems for the **order 2** model of the second approach due to a non coercive term.



Solution

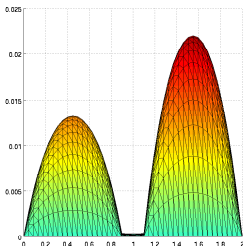
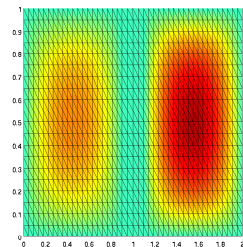
Use of **Artificial Boundaries** to move the transmission conditions and recover stability. For $\delta > 0.5$

$$\Gamma_i^\delta = \{(x, y) : x = r_0 - \delta\varepsilon, y \in (0, y_0)\}$$

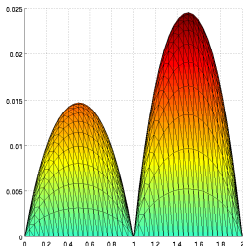
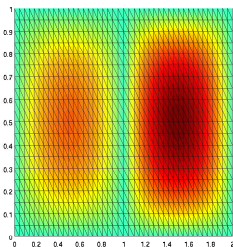
$$\Gamma_e^\delta = \{(x, y) : x = r_0 + \delta\varepsilon, y \in (0, y_0)\}$$

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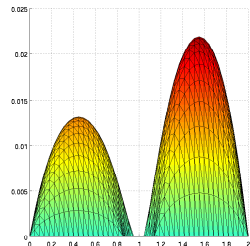
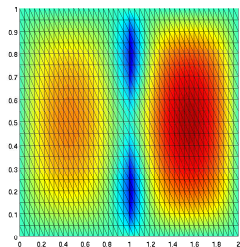
Reference Model



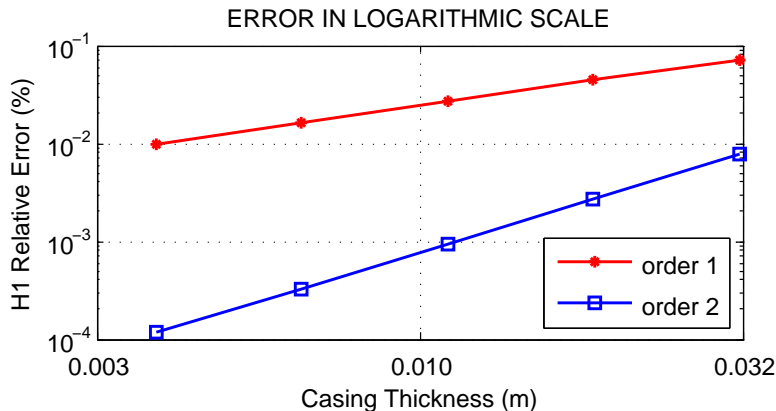
Order 1 Model



Order 2 Model

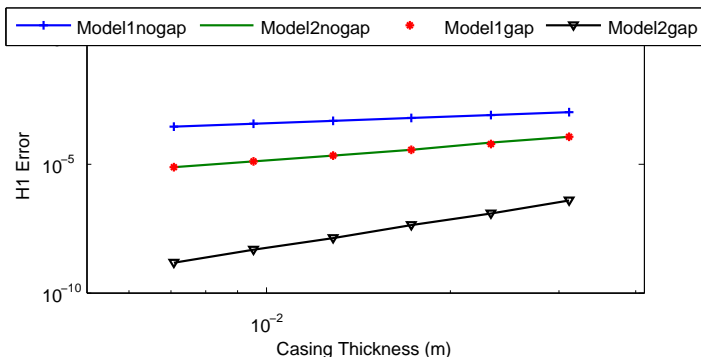


CONVERGENCE RATES



Casing Thickness (ε)	0.0052	0.0088	0.0148	0.0249	Expected ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$)
Order 2 Slopes	0.9833	0.9713	0.9500	0.9103	1
Order 4 Slopes	1.9968	2.0420	2.0059	2.0460	2

COMPARISON

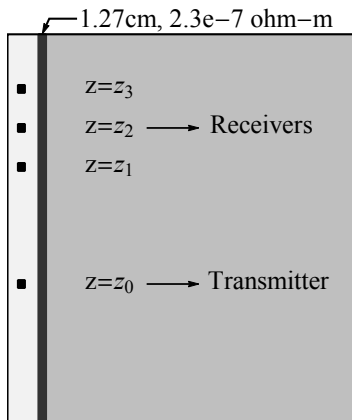


	Order	Stability	ε -independent Domain
Model 1 No Gap	1	✓	✓
Model 2 No Gap	2	✗	✓
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Model 2 Gap	4	✓	✗

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APPLICATION



- **Equation:** $\operatorname{div}(\sigma \nabla u) = f$

- **Right hand side:**

$$f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{In the transmitter} \\ 0 & \text{Outside the transmitter} \end{cases}$$

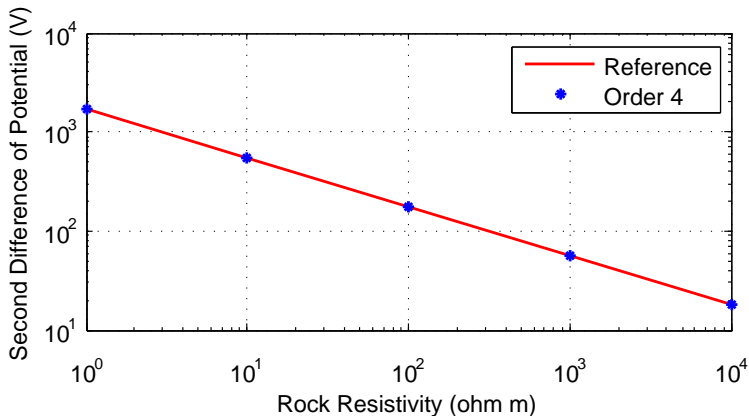
- **Objective:** Measure the second difference of potential on the Receivers

$$U_2 = u(z_1) - 2u(z_2) + u(z_3)$$

- **Expected Result:** (Model of Kaufman) Relation between second difference of potential and rock resistivity of the form

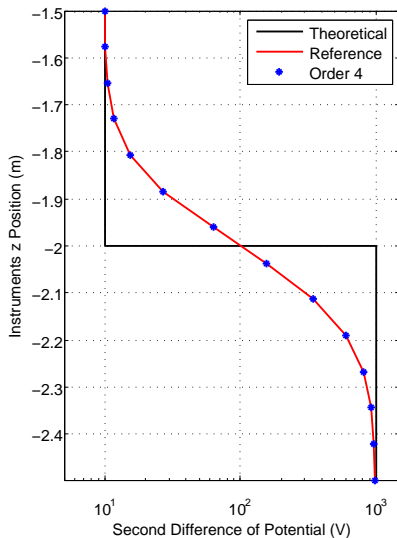
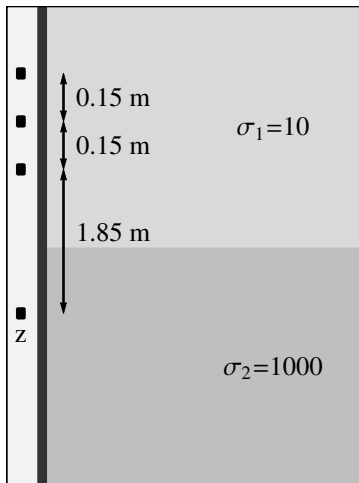
$$U_2 = k \cdot \rho_{\text{rock}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad k \in \mathbb{R}$$

VARYING ROCK CONDUCTIVITY



Resistivity	[1,10]	[10,10 ²]	[10 ² ,10 ³]	[10 ³ ,10 ⁴]	Expected
Reference Model Slopes	-0.4914	-0.4924	-0.4978	-0.4991	-0.5
Order 4 Slopes	-0.4914	-0.4924	-0.4977	-0.4993	-0.5

TWO ROCK LAYERS



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