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# HIGH RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION OF A SITE WITH METHANE IN THE SUBSOIL

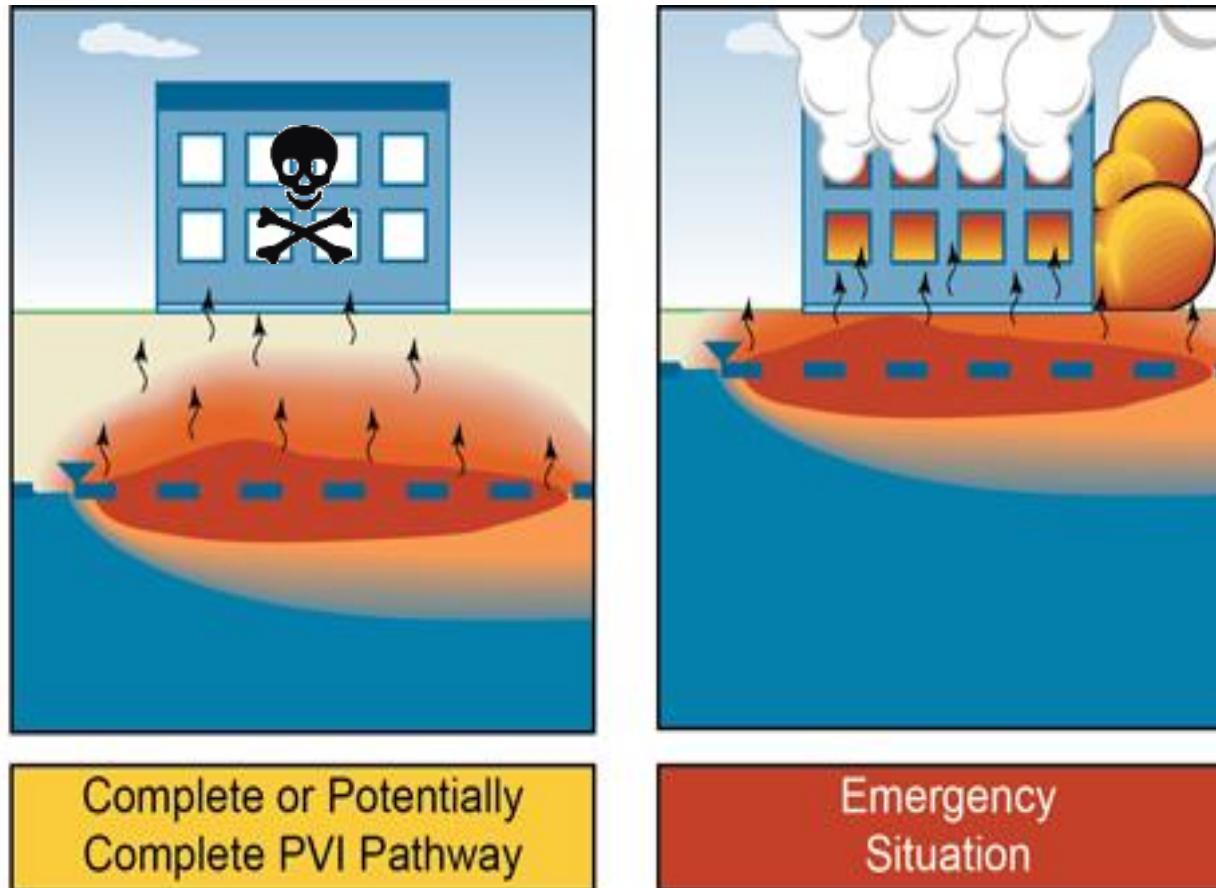
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# Introduction

Contaminated sites: risks associated with gas and vapour intrusions in buildings.



Source: adapted from ITRC (2009).

# $\text{CH}_4$ contaminated sites: social, political and economic concerns

**Entenda a contaminação na área do Shopping Center Norte**  
Estabelecimento foi construído na década de 80 sobre um antigo lixão

Área onde a contaminação é considerada crítica

Shopping Center Norte

Av. Marginal Tietê

Praca Jardim Machado Loureiro

Av. Moisés Roeser

Av. Miguel Reítem

Conselho Diretor

Praca Jardim Alegre

Av. Marginal Tietê

Mapa: GoogleMaps

G1.com.br  
Fonte: Cetesb

Center Norte Shopping Mall

Source: G1.globo.com (28/09/11)

**JUSTIÇA MANDA INTERDITAR CINGAPURA**  
Argumento é de que há risco de explosão no local

Prédios do Cingapura da Zaki Narchi

Presença de gás metano no subsolo

Metano pode entrar no shopping por fraturas no piso ou perto das colunas

São Paulo

Deic

Novotel

ov. Otto Baumgärtl

ov. Miguel Reítem

Shopping Lar Center

Conjunto Cingapura

Expo Center Norte

av. Zaki Narchi

av. Moisés Roeser

Marginal Tietê

200 m

O PROBLEMA

Apesar de a Cetesb não ver risco iminente de explosão no Cingapura, a Justiça, baseada em relatório da agência ambiental, mandou interditar o local

**SOLUÇÃO**

Governo paulistano deve pedir um prazo para executar a interdição. Enquanto isso, tenta derrubar a decisão

**RAIO-X**

**O QUE ERA O PROJETO** Urbaniização e construção de apartamentos populares em áreas ocupadas por favelas

**PUBLICIDADE** Prefeitura gastou, na época, R\$ 4 milhões para divulgar o projeto — suficiente para construir 237 apartamentos

**PRÉDIO** Entregue em 1994, na gestão Paulo Maluf

**HOJE** Cerca de 700 famílias vivem no local

Cingapura Housing

Source: G1.globo.com (10/10/11)

**ENTENDA O CASO**  
USP Leste funciona há quase 7 anos sem licenças ambientais

Av. Getúlio Vargas

Av. Presidente Dutra

Av. Marginal Tietê

Parque Ecológico do Tietê

Rodovia Presidente Dutra

USP Leste

Mapa: GoogleMaps

2005

> Cetesb concede licenças ambientais parciais à USP Leste e exige instalação de sistema de exaustão de gases com potencial explosivo, como o metano

> Instituição se compromete a cumprir as exigências

**2007**

> USP Leste informa à Cetesb que implantou sistema; não há vistoria

**19.out.2011**

> Após ser procurada pela Folha, Cetesb vistoria o local e constata que sistema de exaustão de gases não funciona

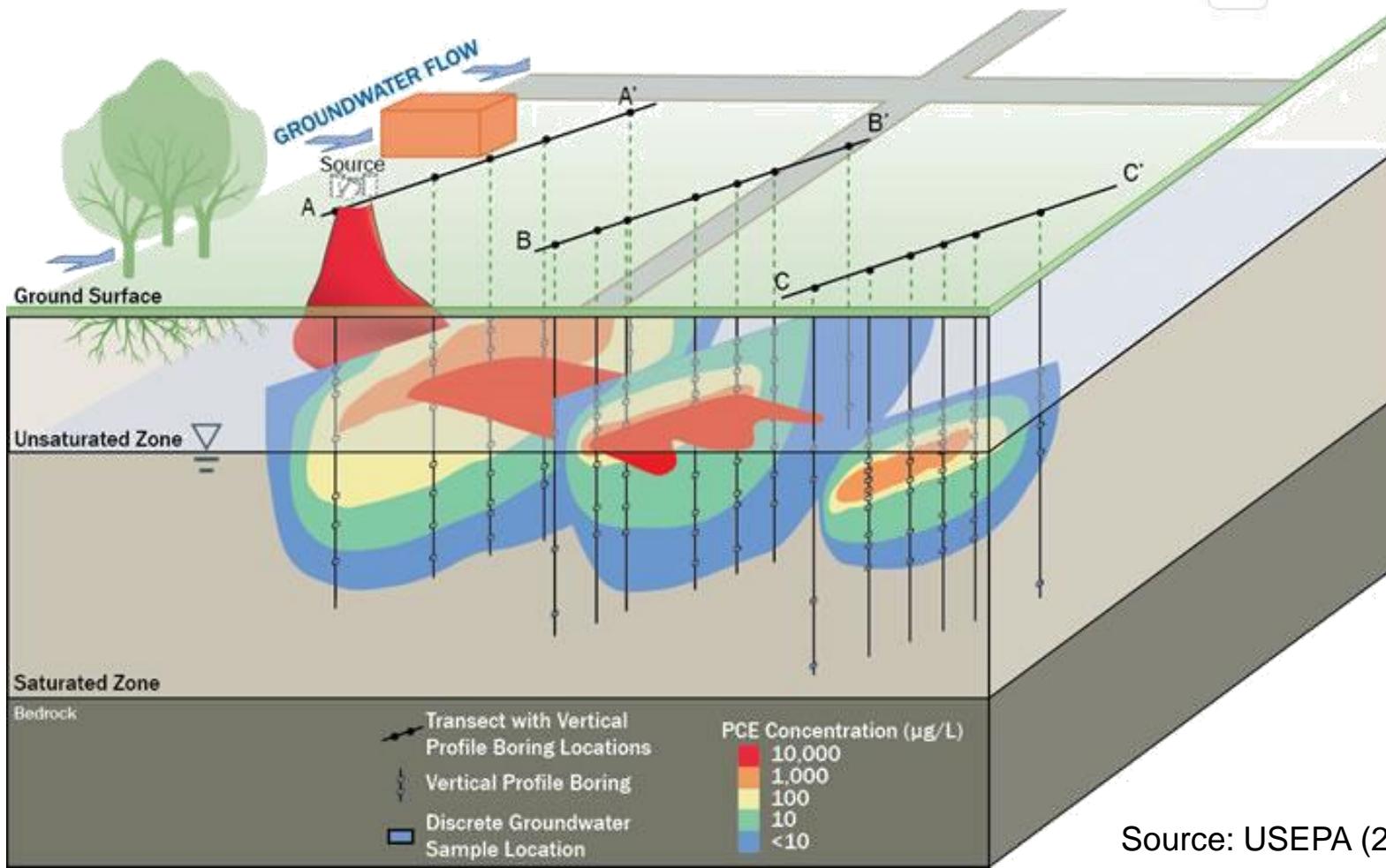
**ESTACIONAMENTO COM ENTRULHO NA USP LESTE**

USP Leste University

Source: Folhapress (17/11/11)

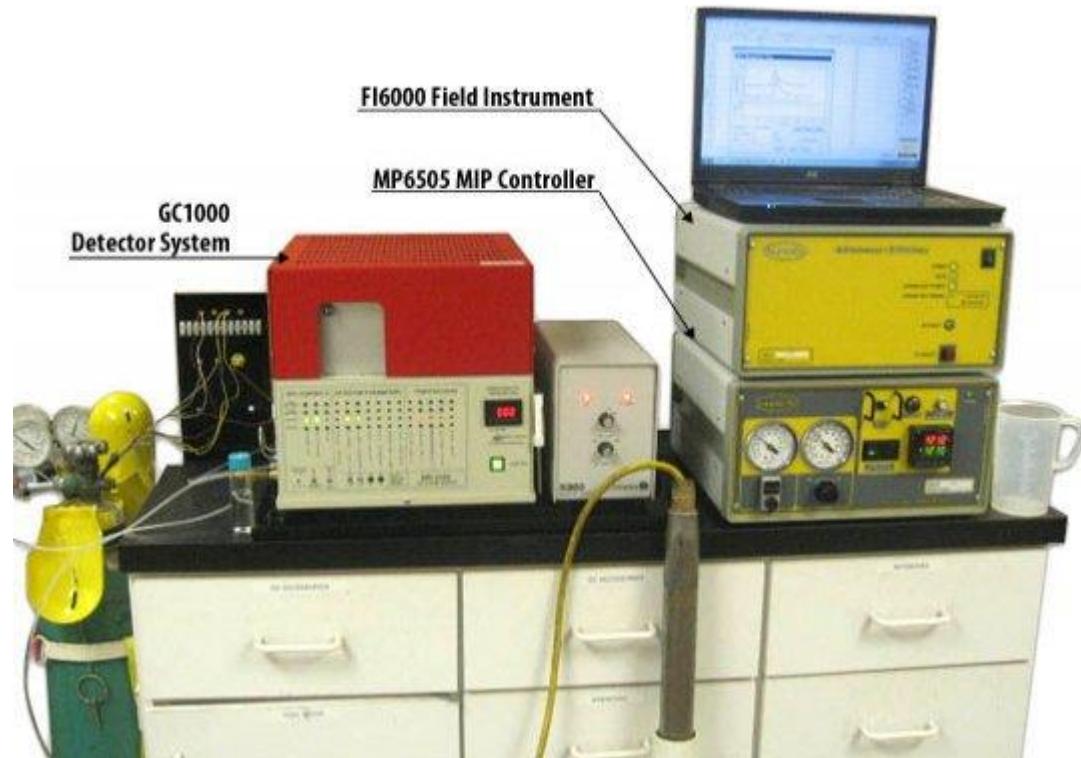
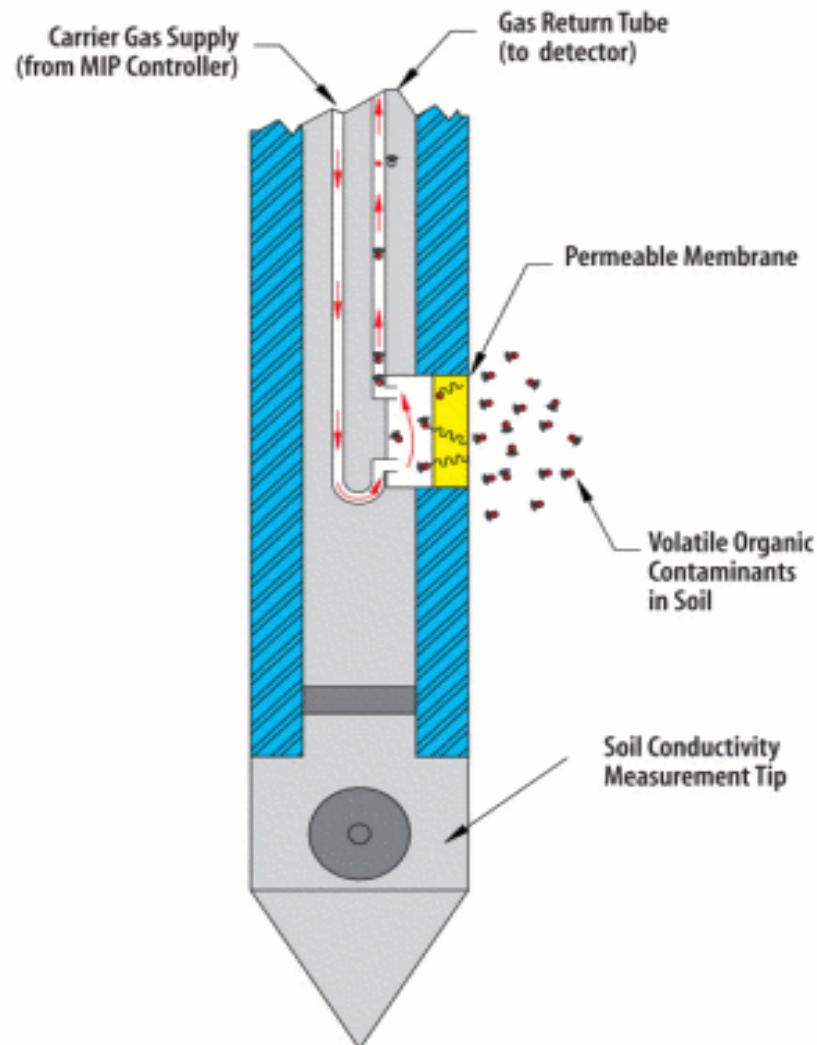
# How to obtain better site diagnostics?

## High Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC)



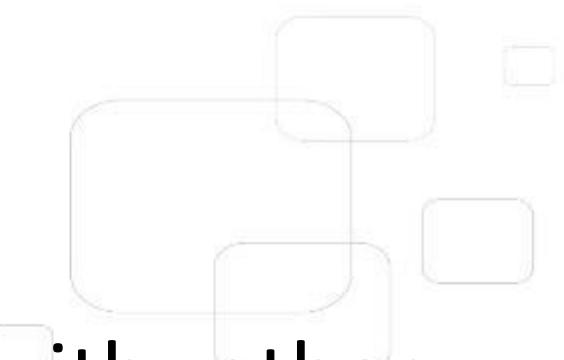
Source: USEPA (2011)

# HRSC: Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)



Source: Geoprobe (2012)

# Objective



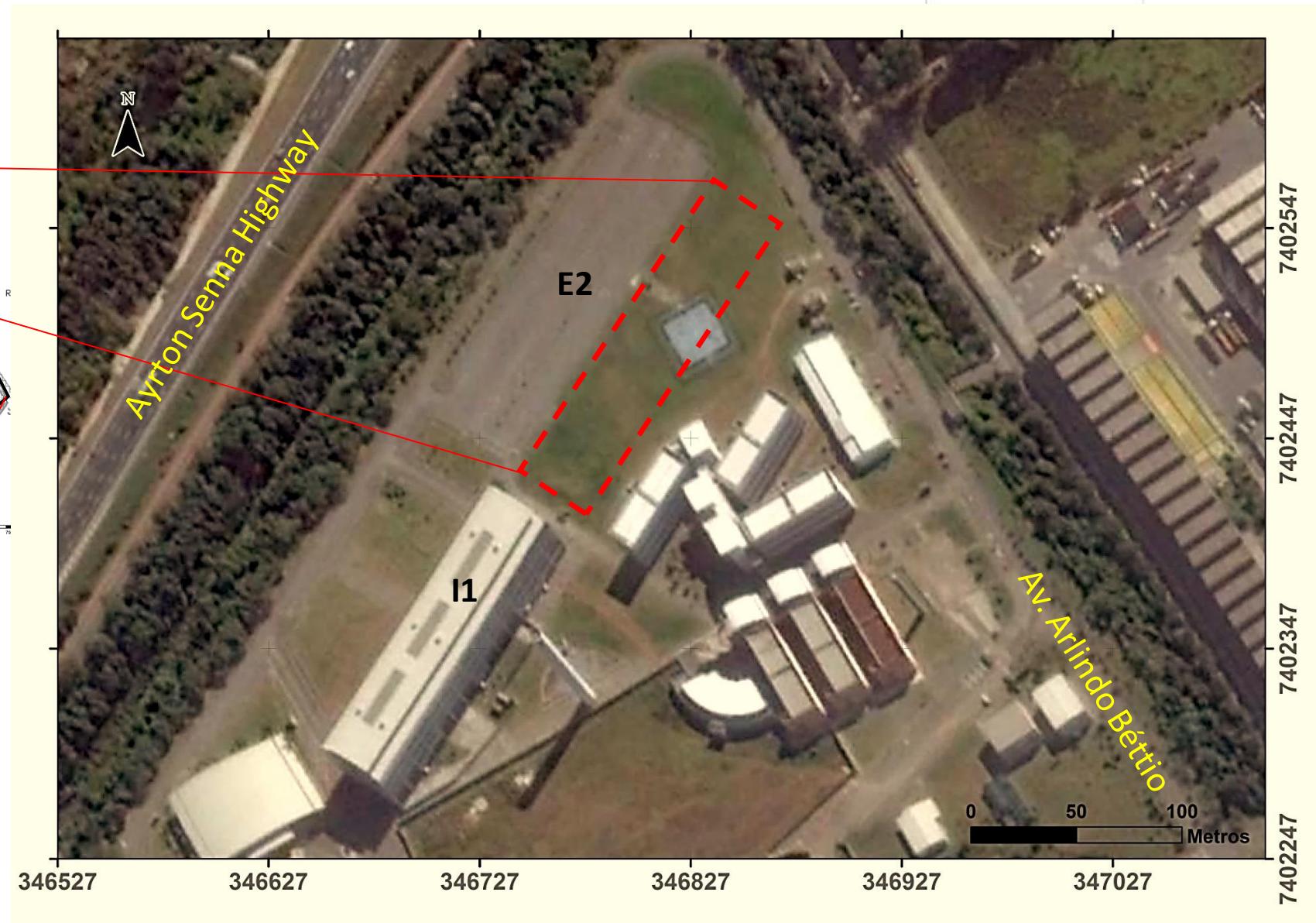
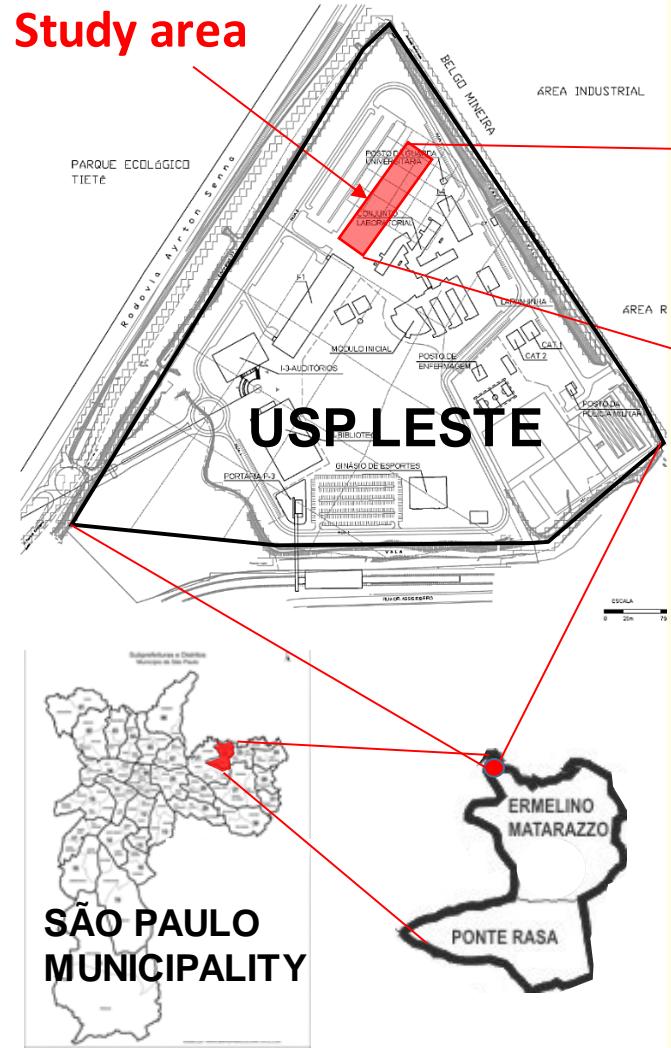
Evaluate the application of the MIP with other auxiliary techniques for site characterization with methane occurrence in the subsoil.

# Study Area: USP - Este Campus



Source: <http://www.usp.br/imprensa/?p=9604>

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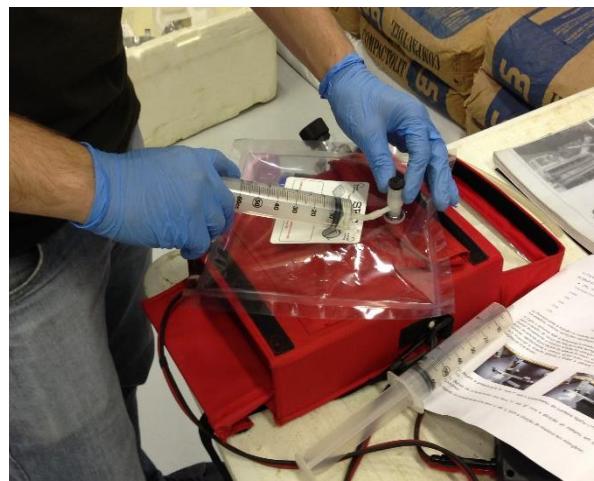
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# Methodology

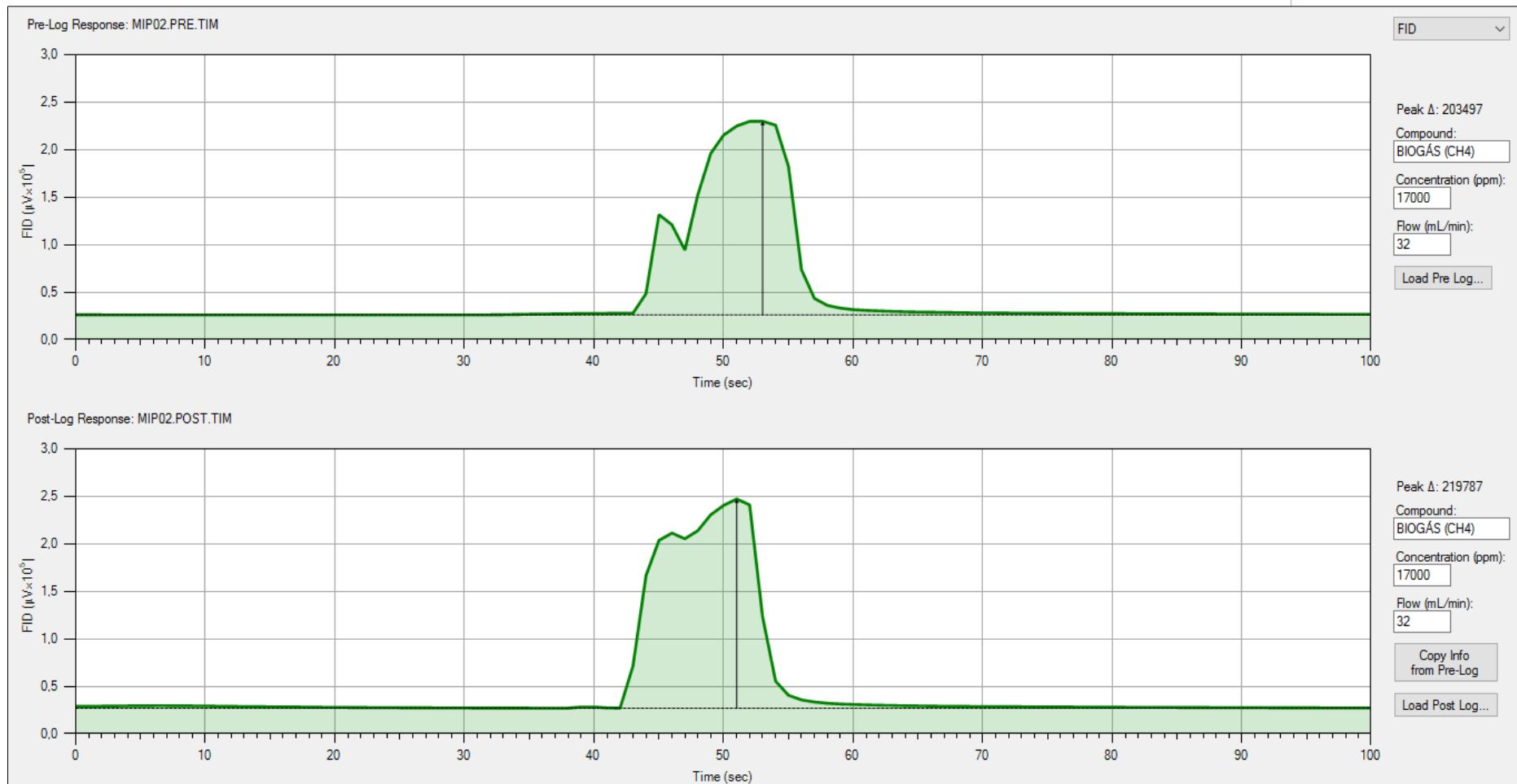
Three stages, including laboratory and field procedures;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: Bench tests

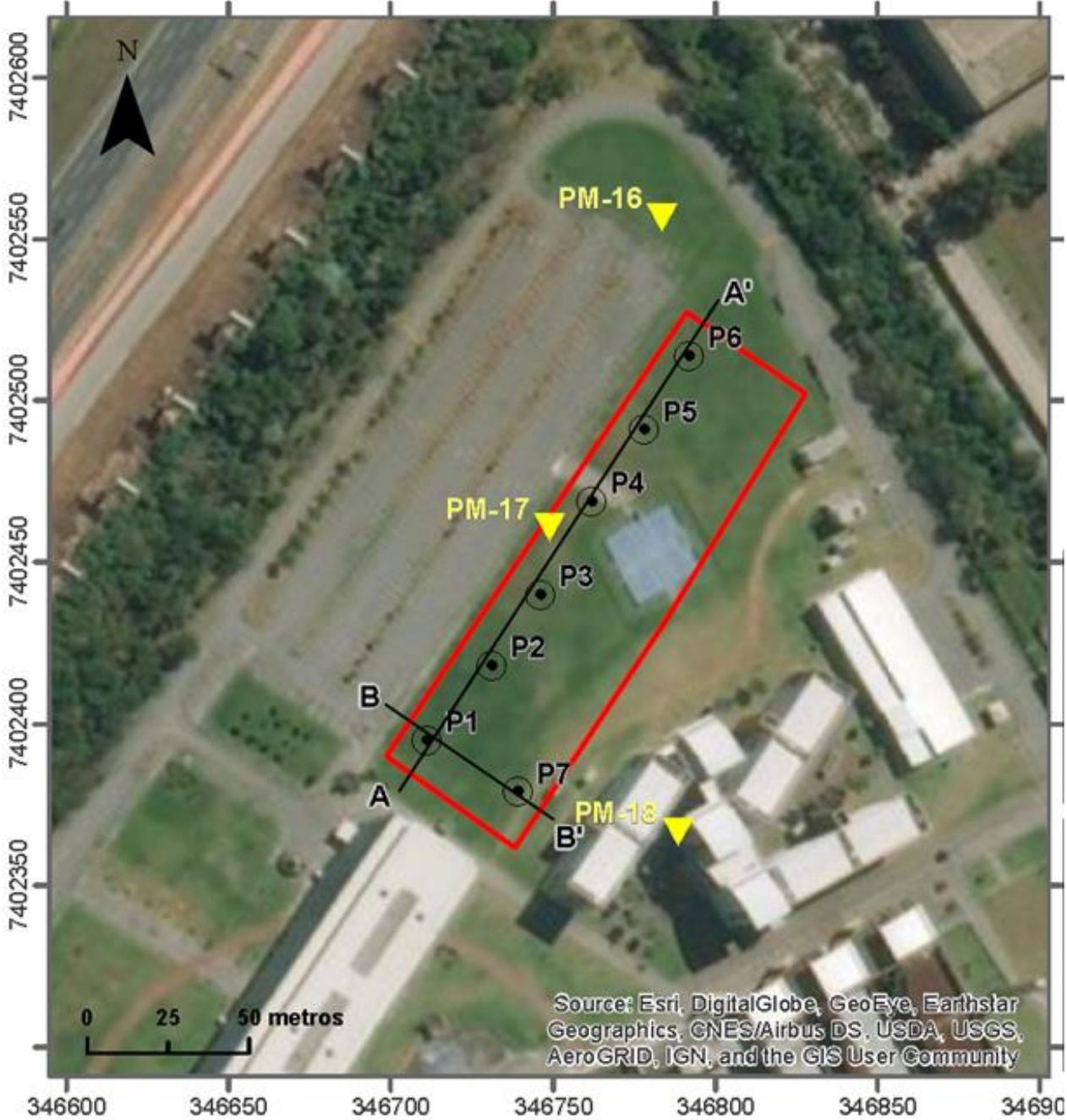


*Preparation and injection of the gaseous mixtures in the MIP system*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: Bench tests



*FID detector response graphs*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: Field tests

### Legend

- Cluster of tests
- ▼ Monitoring well
- Study area
- A—A' Cross Section

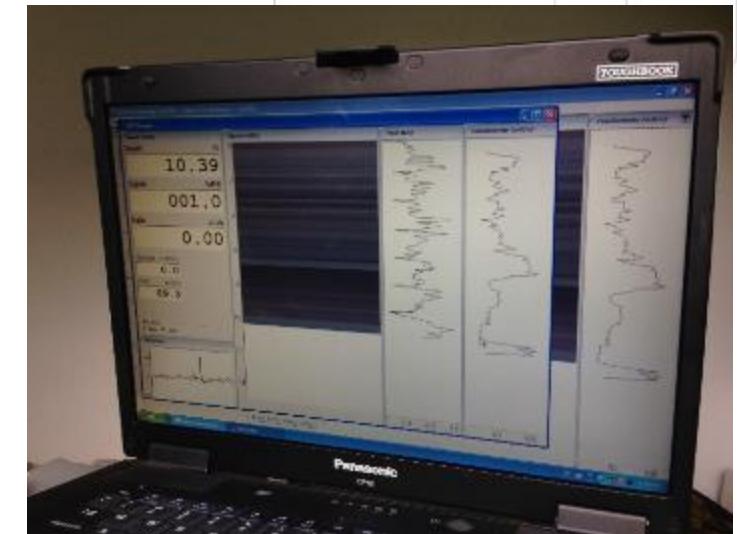
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: Field tests



Field work with the MIP system

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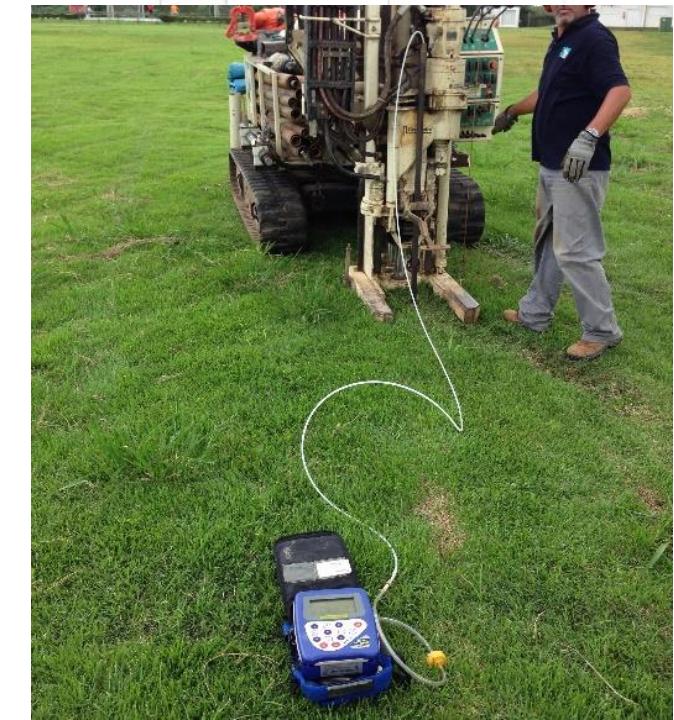
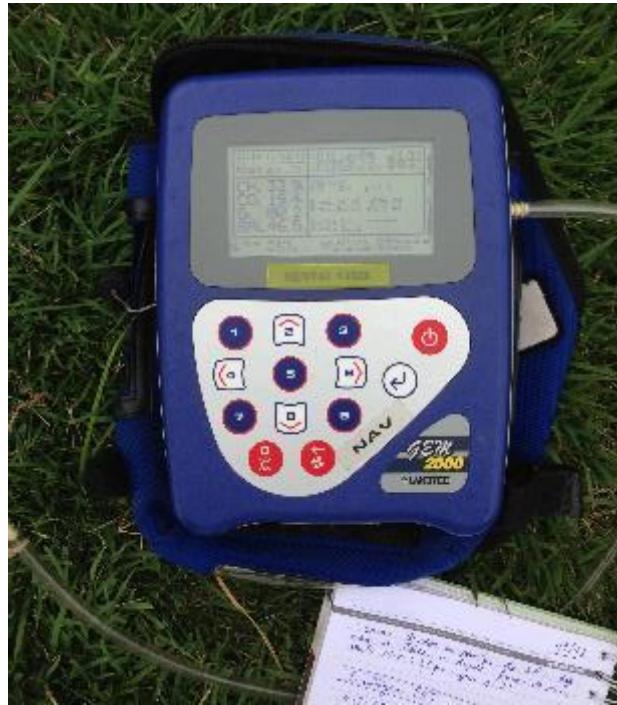
Tests with the Soil  
Color Optical  
Screening Tool  
(SCOST)



Direct push (whole  
core) soil sampling



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: Field tests



Soil Gas sampling with Post Run Tubing System (PRT)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage: Laboratory analysis of soil samples



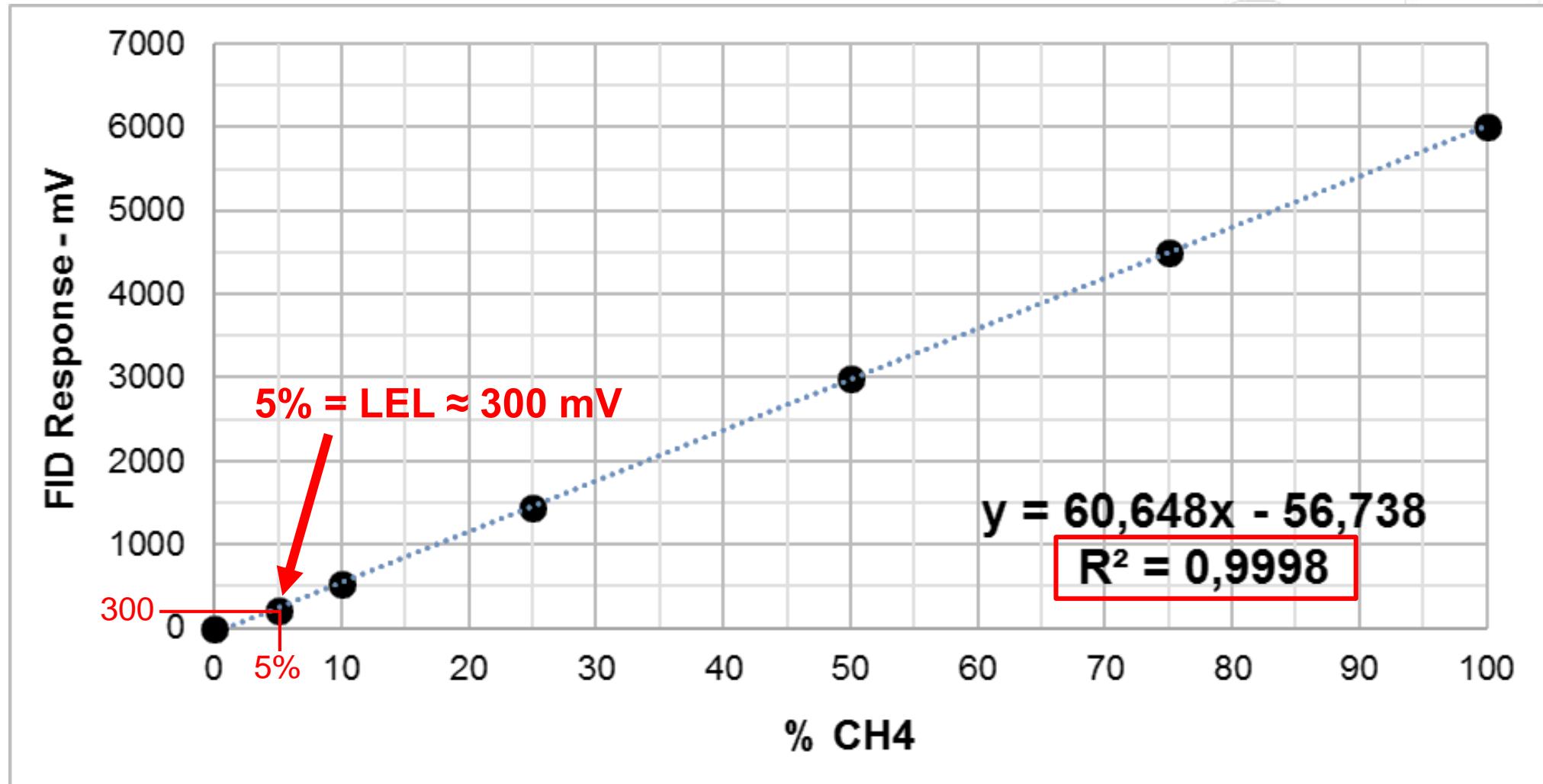
Soil description and sample collection



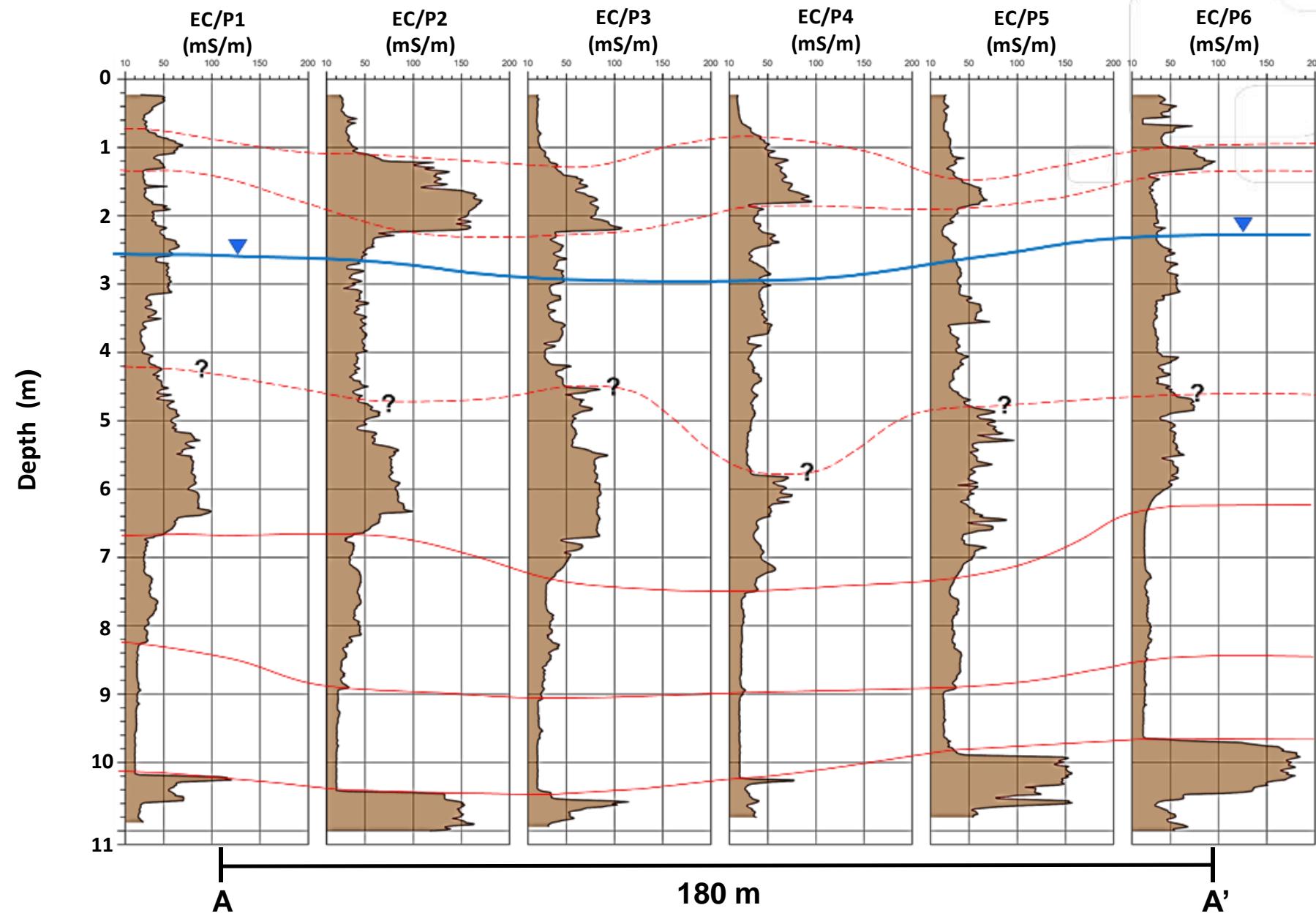
Grain size, organic matter and fraction of organic carbon analysis

# Results & Discussion

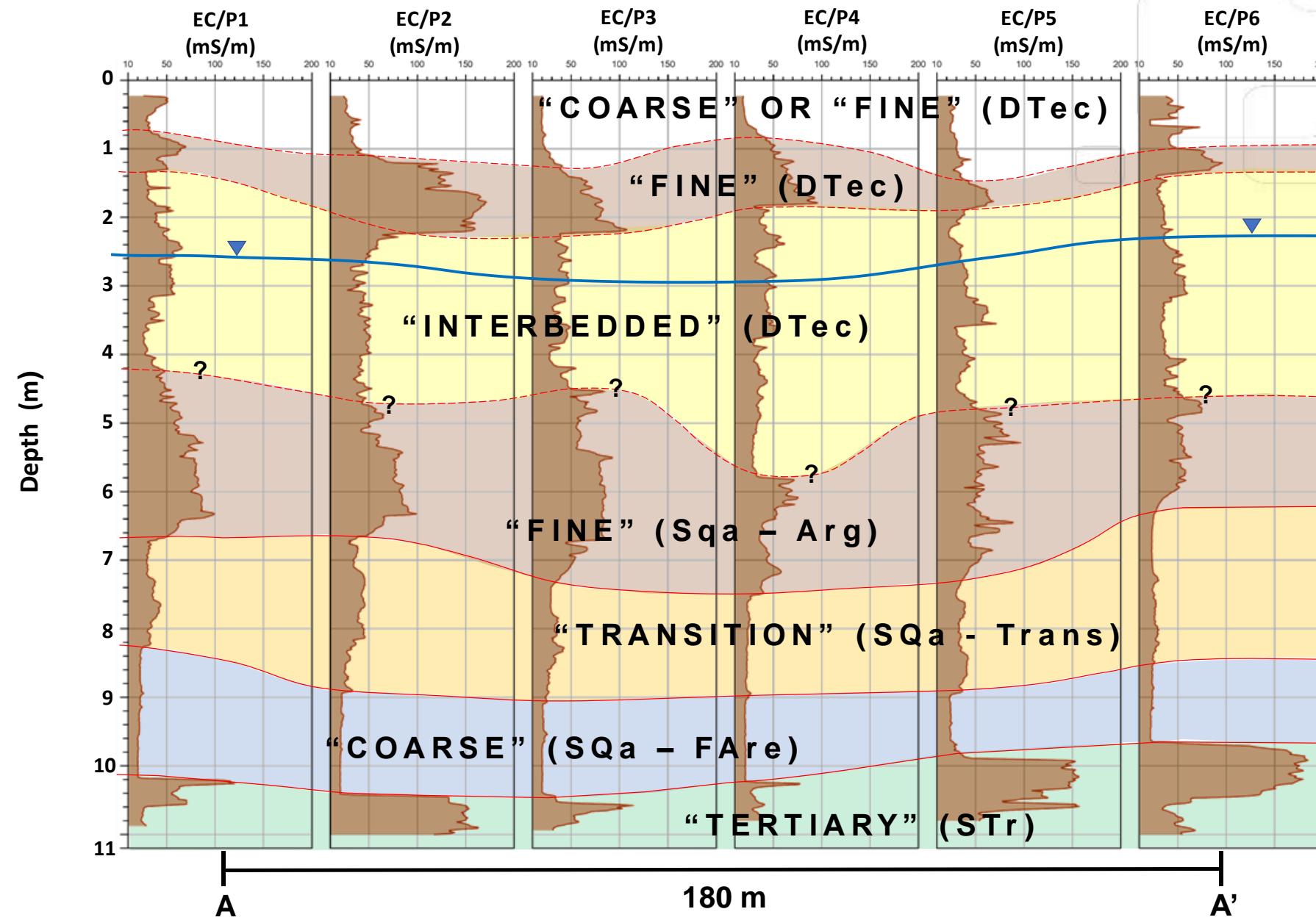
## Bench Tests – Response Curve



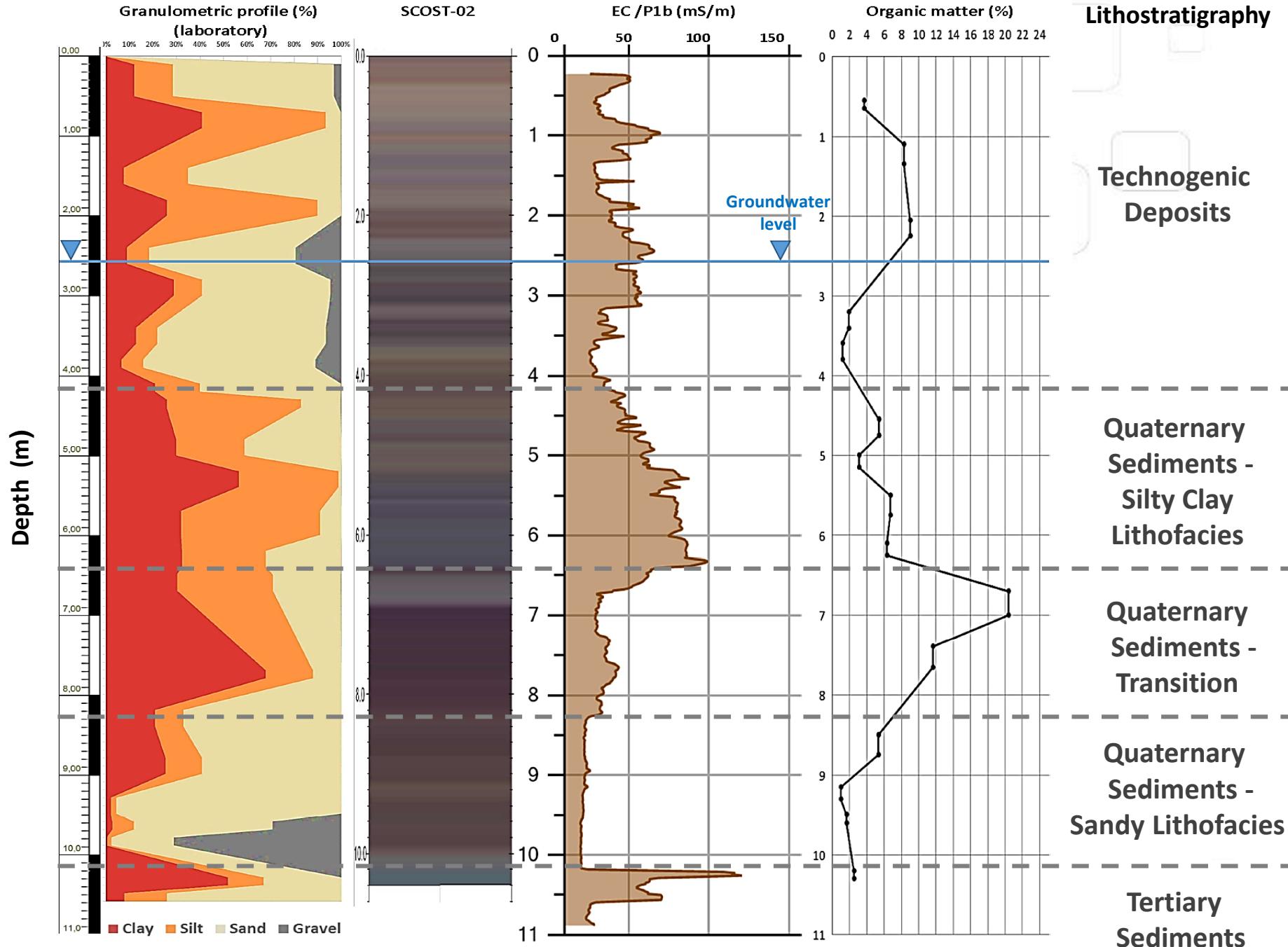
# MIP Field results - electric conductivity sensor (EC)



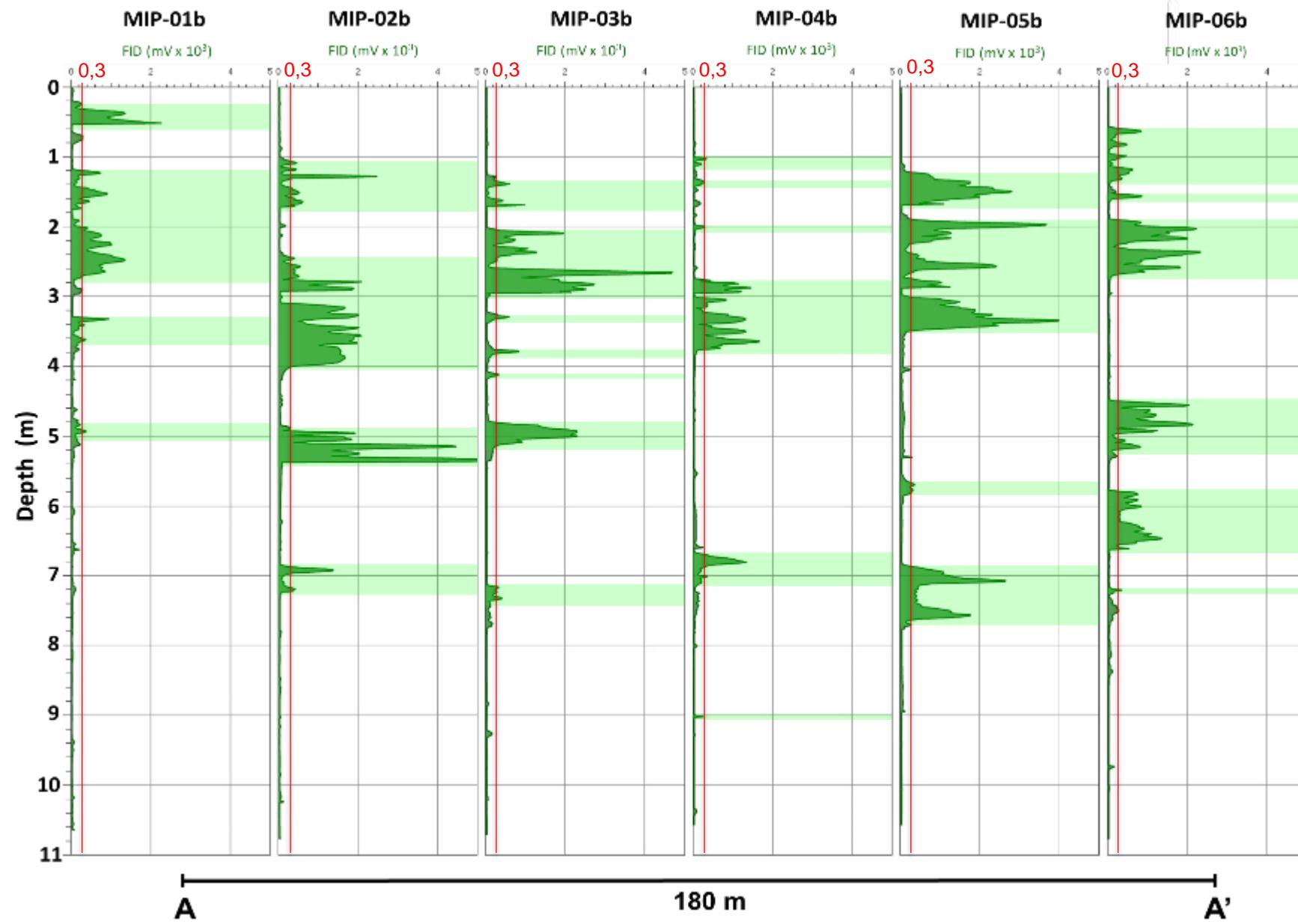
# Geo-electrical cross section of study area (São Paulo Basin)



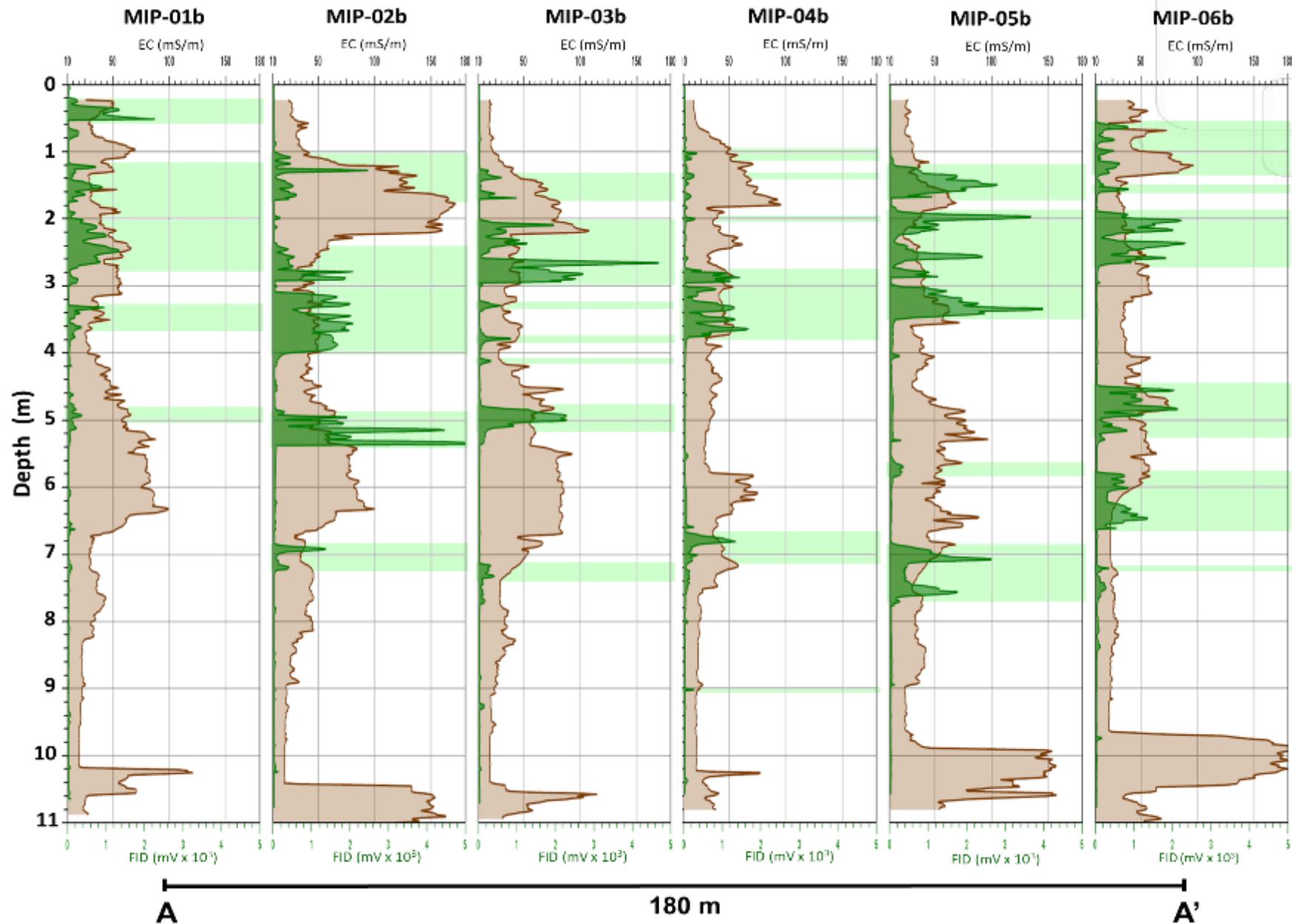
# Lithostratigraphic Characterization



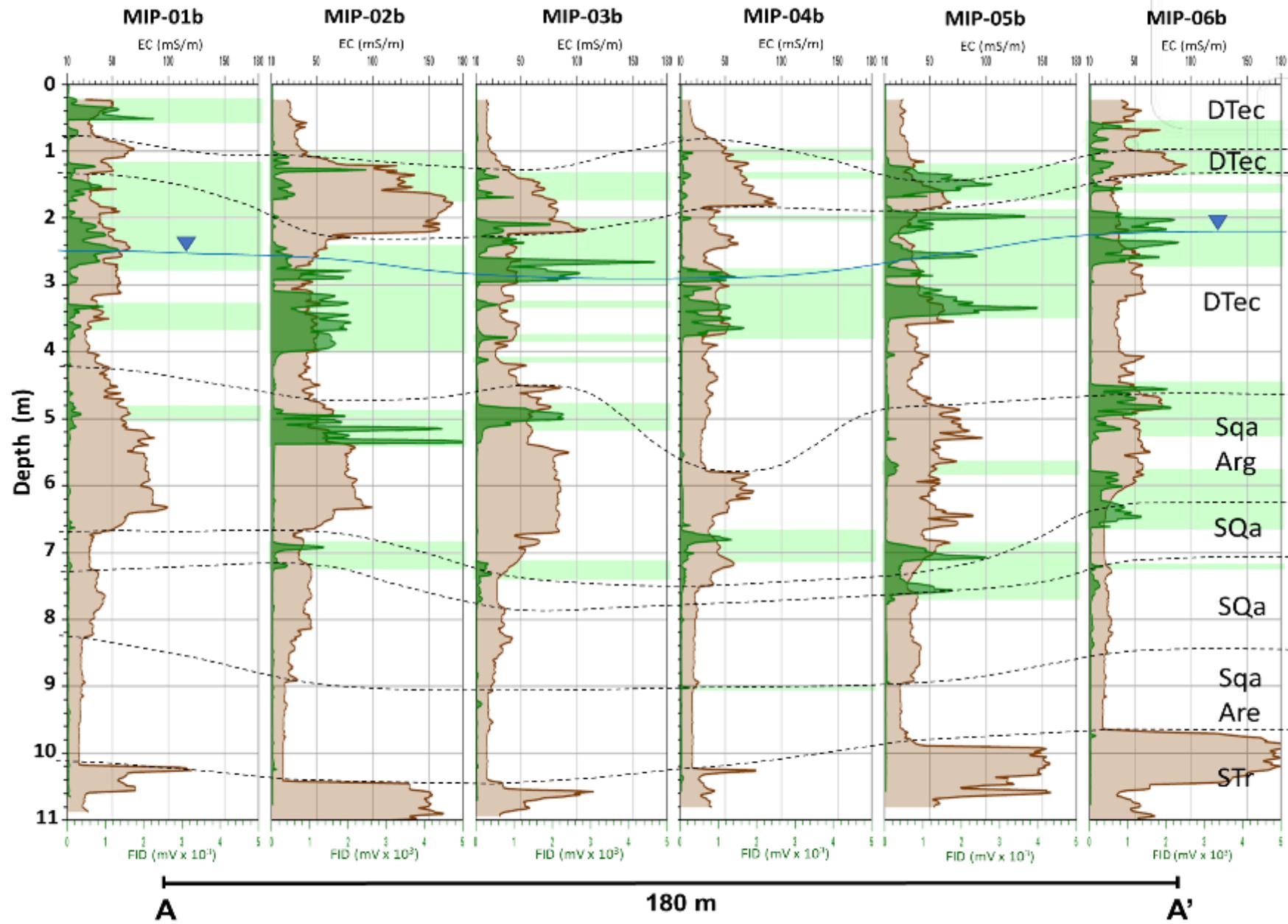
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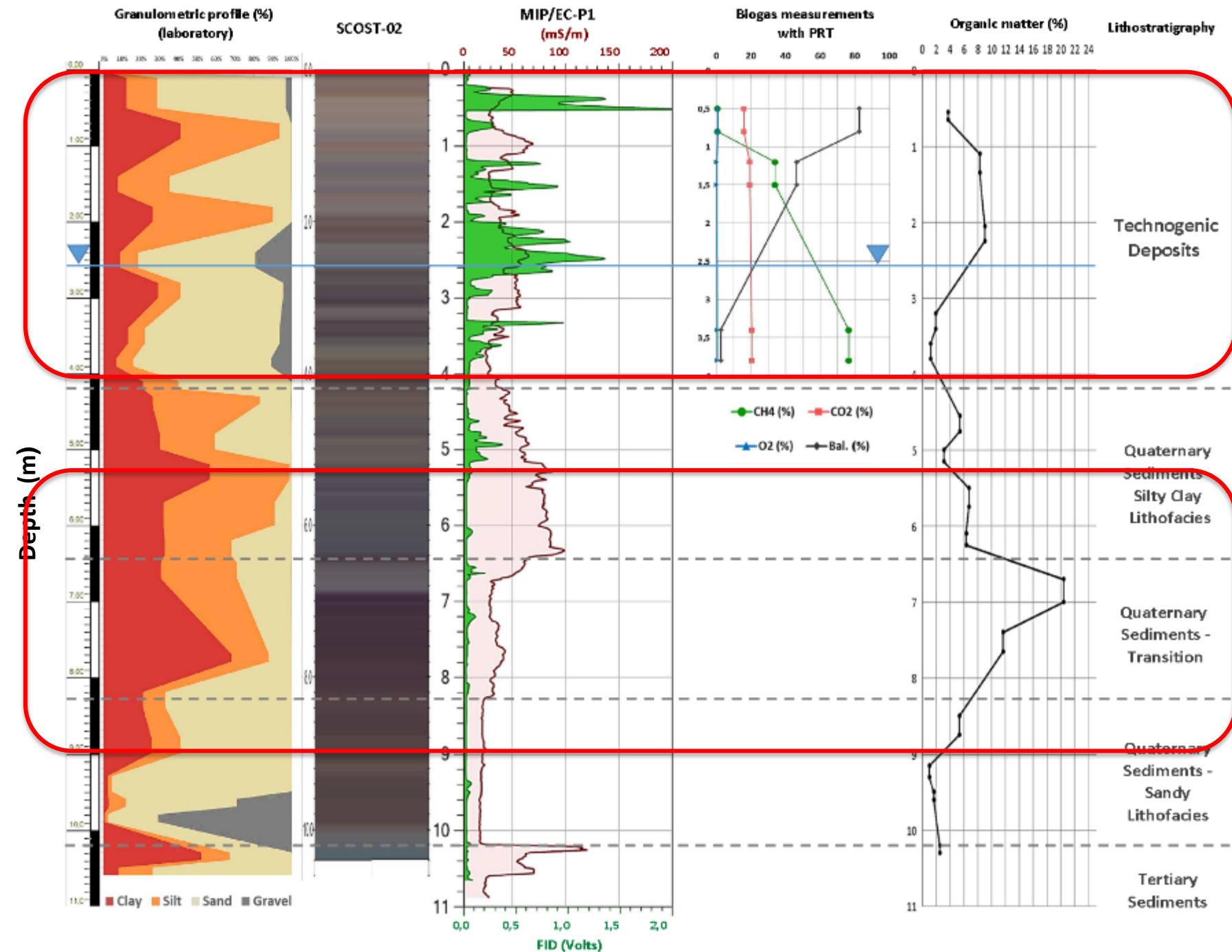


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# Conceptual Site Model (CSM)

Integration of  
field and  
laboratory  
results



# Conclusion

- MIP/EC can provide high resolution response for:
  - Soil electrical conductivity - Lithostratigraphy;
  - Detection and mapping of METHANE in the subsurface (FID);
- Auxiliary field and laboratory techniques also provided valuable information to support the interpretation and validation of the results;
- HRSC techniques contributed to achieve a detailed CSM for the presence of methane in the study area.

# Thank you

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