



**TERRIFFIC**  
ACCELERATED **CBRNE** RESPONSE

DIRECT AND INVERSE MODELLING OF  
ATMOSPHERIC DISPERSION AND GAMMA  
RADIATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CRISIS  
MANAGEMENT OF ACCIDENTAL OR DELIBERATE  
RADIOACTIVE RELEASES: THE TERRIFFIC  
PROJECT



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- **The TERRIFFIC project**
- Direct model
- Inverse model
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# THE TERRIFFIC PROJECT

## OBJECTIVES

- CBRNe event issues:
  - Stop threat
  - Save victims
  - Manage *crime* scene
  
- The TERRIFFIC system aims to:
  - Provide first responders faster information
  - Enable better management of the control zone





# Example of intervention with the **TERRIFFIC** system in case of CBRNe event





# THE TERRIFFIC PROJECT

## PARTNERS



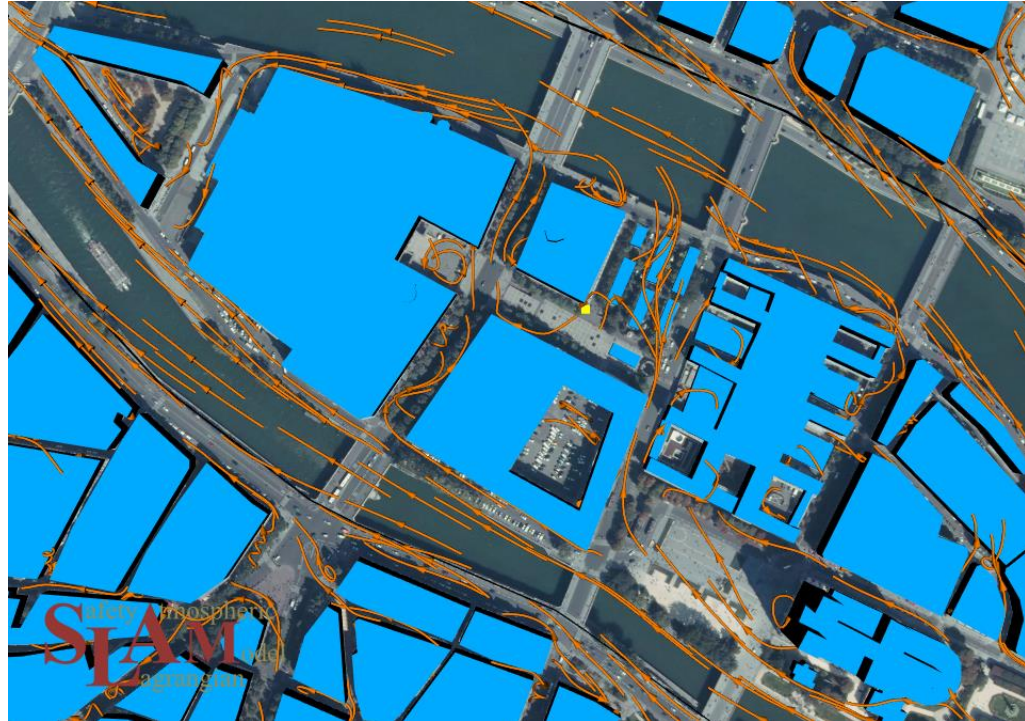
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# DIRECT MODEL

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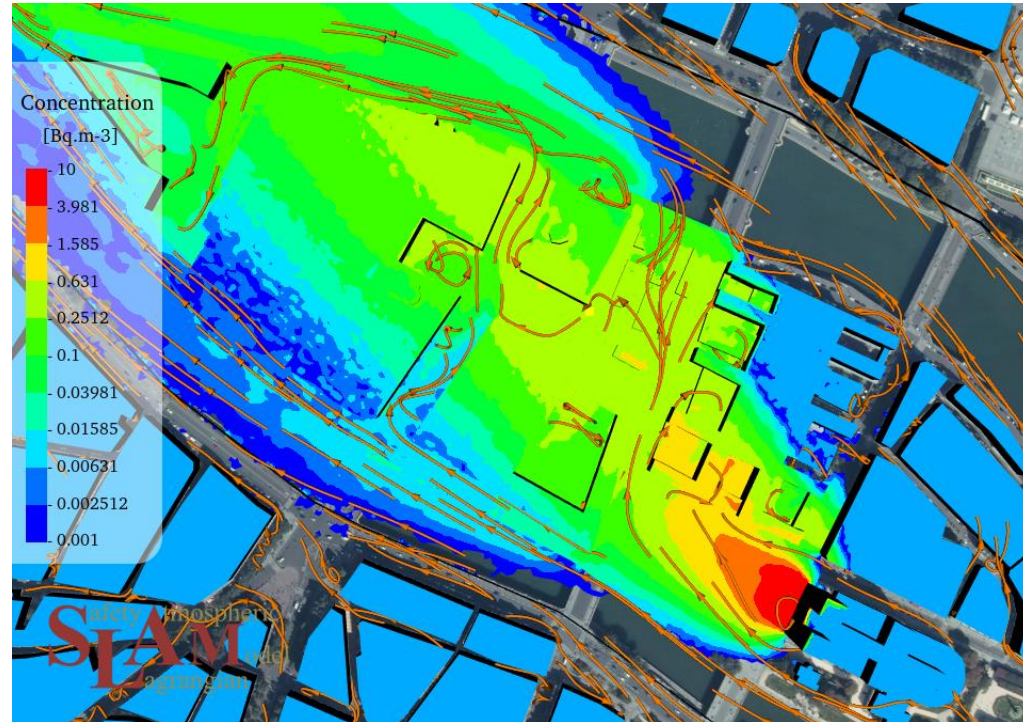


Example of wind field

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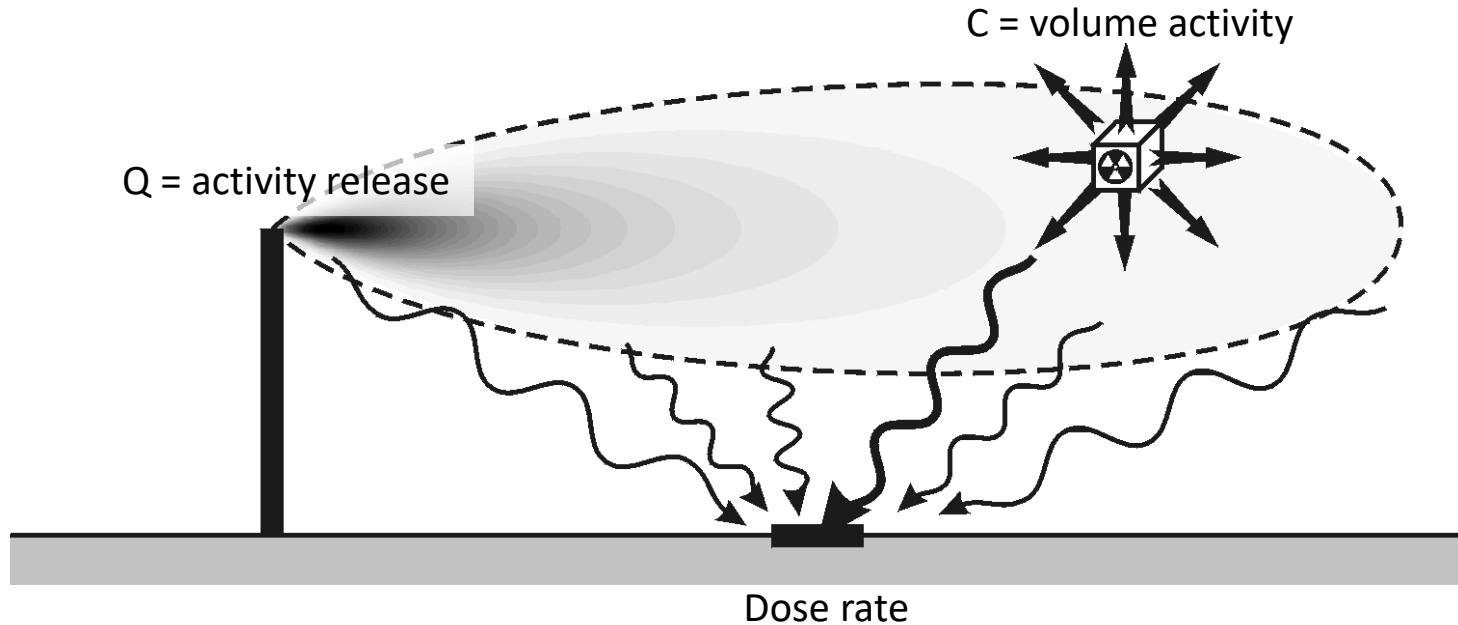


Example of concentration field (on the *ground*)



# DIRECT MODEL

MODEL FOR ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION INDOOR & IN ENVIRONMENT (MARIE)



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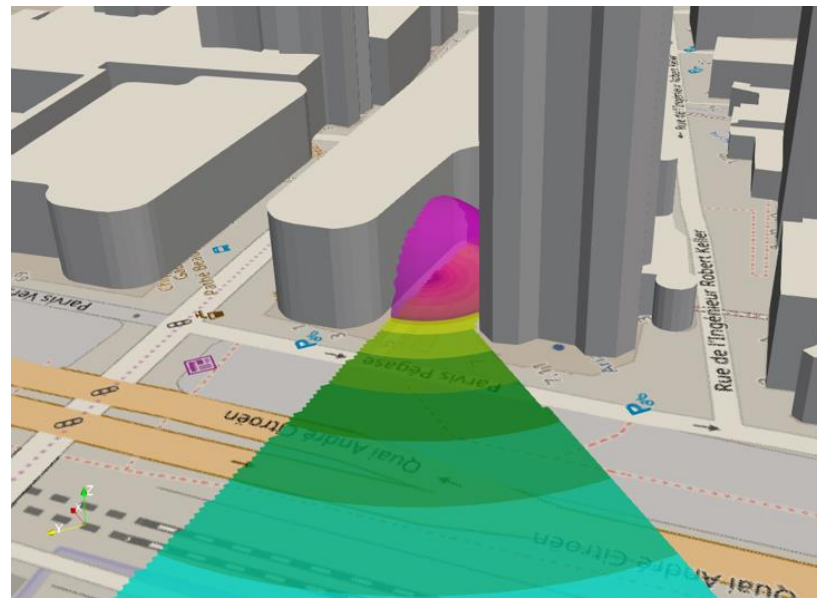
## MODEL FOR ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION INDOOR & IN ENVIRONMENT (MARIE)

- Estimate of the dose rate  $D$  [Sv.s<sup>-1</sup>] induced by several sources emitting gamma ray with energy  $E$  [eV]:

$$D(E) = \alpha(E) \sum_{\text{source } i} \frac{B(E, \mu r_i) \exp(-\mu r_i)}{4\pi r_i^2} I Q_i$$

with:

- $r_i$  [m]: distance to the source  $i$
  - $B(E, \mu r)$  []: build-up factor
  - $I(E)$  []: branch ratio of the gamma ray with the energy  $E$
  - $Q_i$  [Bq]: activity of the source  $i$
  - $\alpha(E)$  [Sv.m<sup>2</sup>]: dose rate coefficient by fluence rate
- The *total* dose rate is calculated by summing the contributions of all the gamma rays emitted by the sources
  - Shadow effect* taken into account

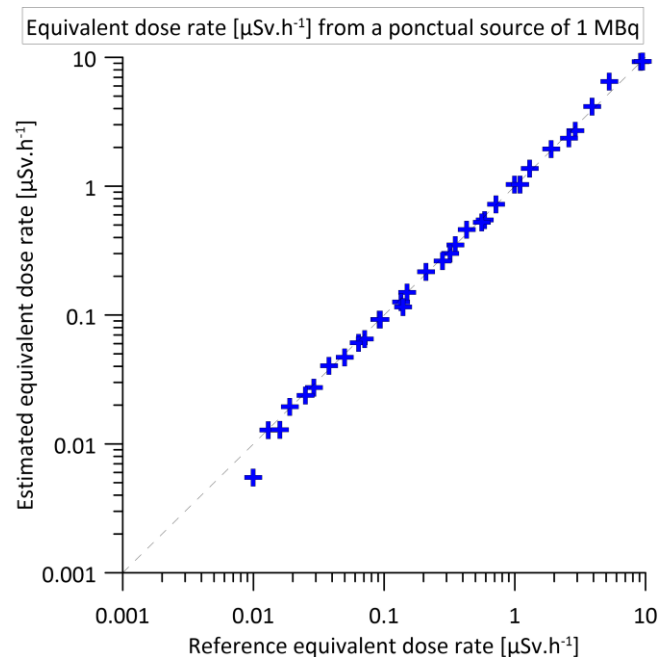
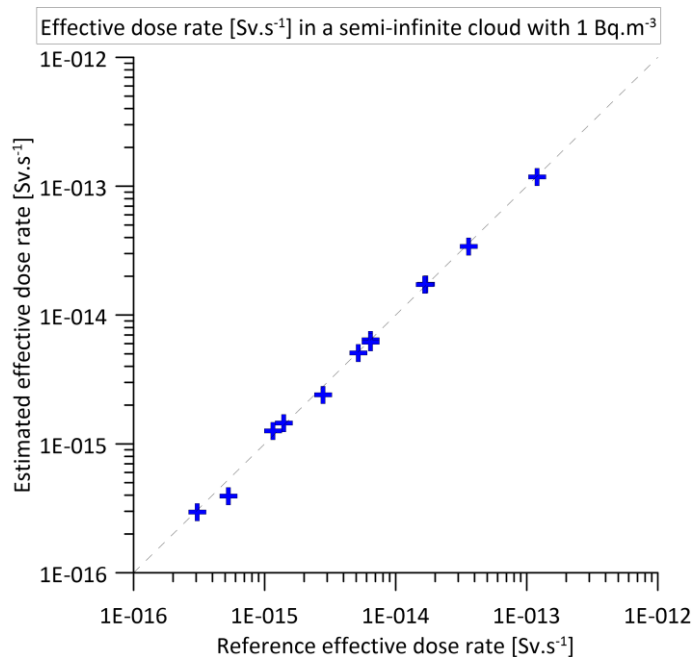


Example of dose rate field

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## MODEL FOR ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION INDOOR & IN ENVIRONMENT (MARIE)

- Dose rates estimated with MARIE are in agreement with reference values provided by Dewji et al. (2018) and IRSN data sheets



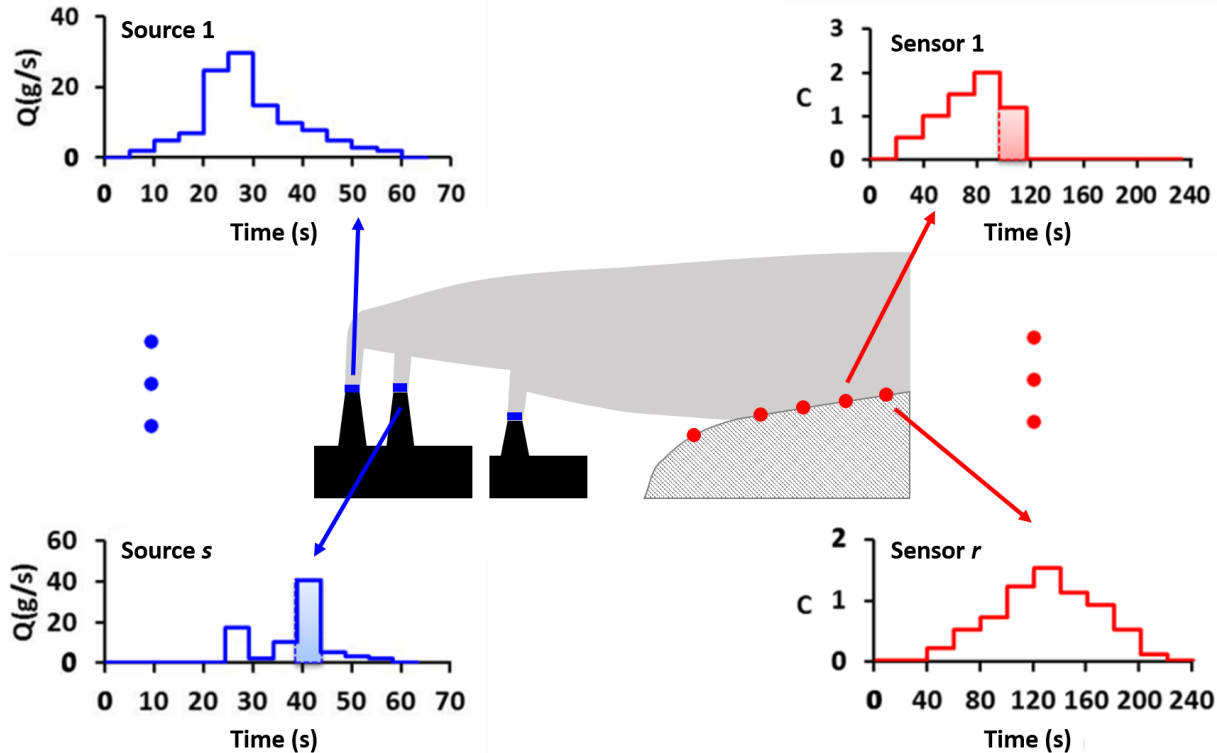


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# INVERSE MODEL

## PROBLEM STATEMENT



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## REWIND

- ReWind estimates the source rates assuming a linear relation with the fluence/dose rates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ATC_{11} & \cdots & ATC_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ATC_{m1} & \cdots & ATC_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ Q_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_m \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

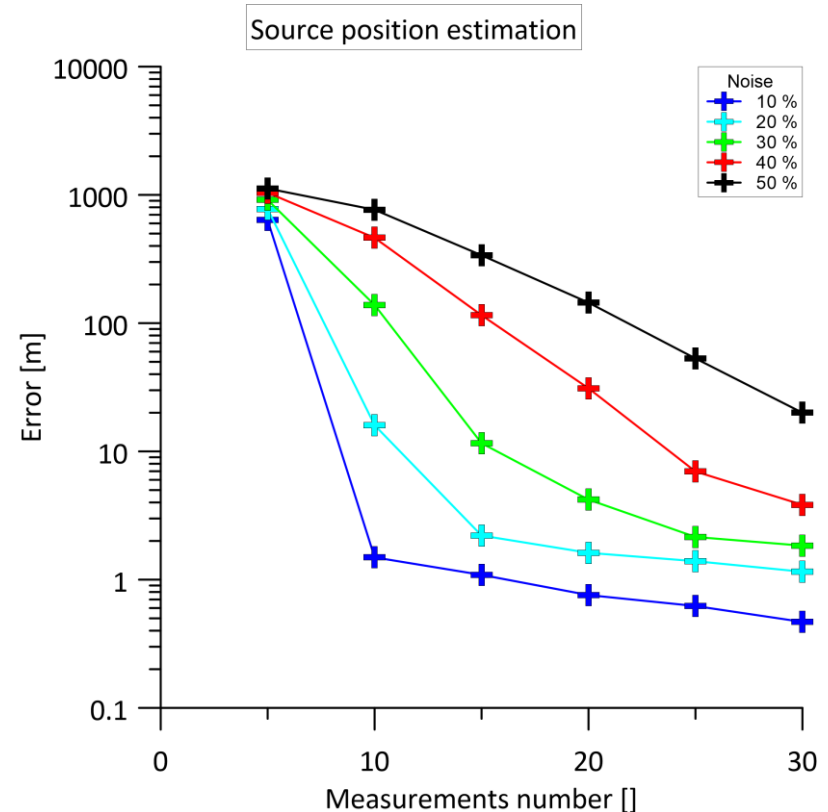
- $C_m$ : measured fluence/dose rate relative to the  $m^{\text{th}}$  observation
  - $Q_n$ : release rate of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  source
  - $ATC_{mn}$ : Atmospheric Transfer Coefficient from the  $n^{\text{th}}$  source to the  $m^{\text{th}}$  observation
- An iterative algorithm is applied to test different sources locations and nuclide types. The most probable characteristics (location, rate, nuclide type) are those which minimize discrepancies between modelled and measured radiations.



# INVERSE MODEL

## SOURCE LOCATION: SENSITIVITY STUDY

- Parameters studied:
  - Number of measurements
  - Measurement uncertainty
- Setup:
  - Point source
  - Synthetic measurements constructed with MARIE
  - Distance sensors-source constant (100 m)
  - Gaussian measurement noise
  - 10 000 tests per number of measurements
  - Error averaged over the 10 000 tests



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# APPLICATION ON REAL FIELD

## MEASUREMENT CAMPAIGN

- Real solid radioactive source (Cs137 and Co60, about 300 MBq)
- Deployment of a drone and a robot
- Measurements carried out with SiPR and Gamma Camera sensors

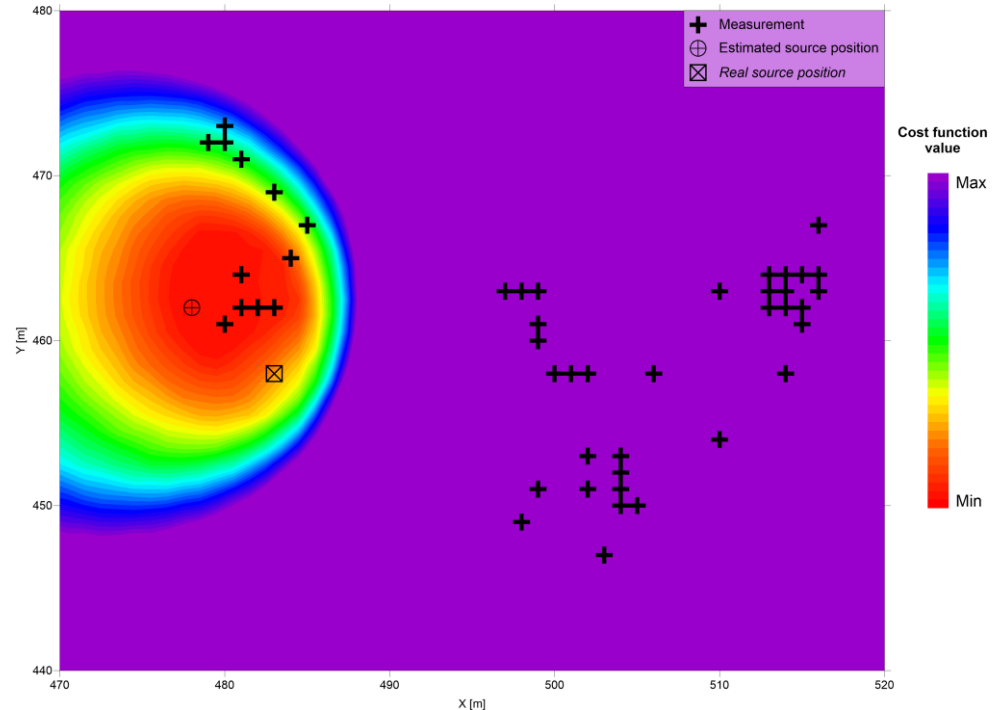




# APPLICATION ON REAL FIELD

## CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SOURCE

- Inversion with real field data
- Source location error is about 10 m with about 100 observations
- The accuracy differs depending on the GPS used, leading to errors in the inverse modelling



Cost function field and source position estimated

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# CONCLUSION

- An inverse modelling chain, composed of SLAM, MARIE, and ReWind has been developed for the TERRIFFIC system
- Estimates provided by MARIE are in agreement with reference values
- ReWind:
  - Lower are the measurement errors, the better is the source position estimate
  - The higher is the number of measurements, the lower is the error on the source position
- Application of the inverse modelling chain on real field data shows encouraging results

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