### Hydrogeophysical characterization in a volcanic context from local to regional scales combining airborne electromagnetism and magnetism

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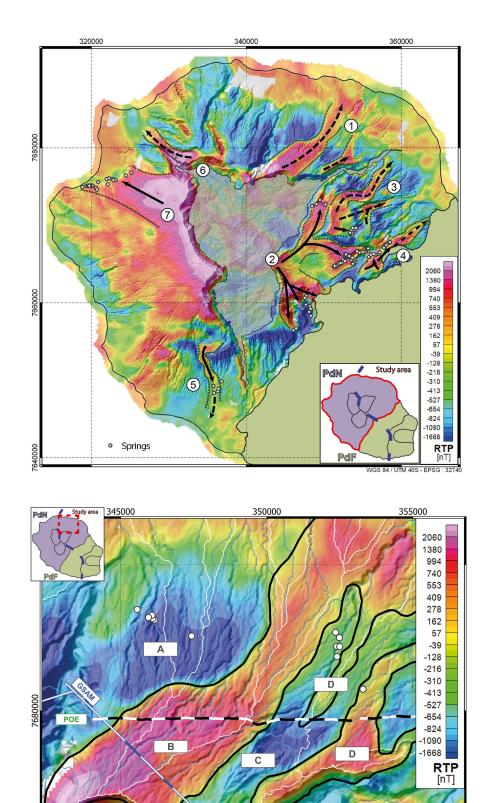
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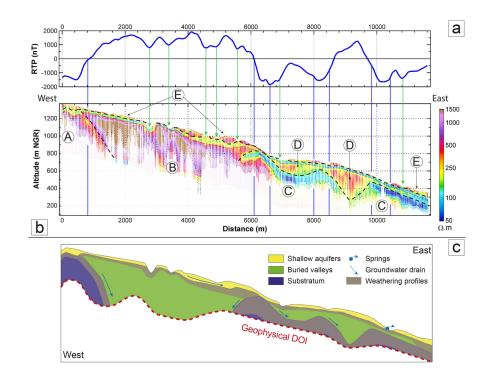
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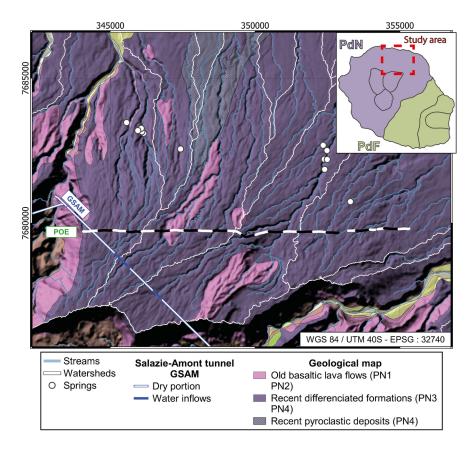
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19 20	• Magnetic measurements help constrain the hydrological interpretation of resistivity models in volcanic settings.
21 22	• Hydrogeophysical interpretations of deep airborne electromagnetic imagery unveil groundwater stratified flows between volcanic units.
23 24	• Coupled analysis of airborne electromagnetic and magnetic dataset allows us to improve groundwater management from local to regional scale.

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#### 38 Plain Language Summary

39 Groundwater characterization from local to regional scale is an essential element 40 especially for sustainable water policy. In volcanic setting, the complexity of the subsurface and 41 geological structures are still poorly integrated into hydrological models leading to uncertainties 42 on predicting models. Our study aims to combine two geophysical methods acquired during 43 airborne surveys over Réunion Island in order to improve the accuracy of airborne geophysical interpretation without limited external information, characterize structures and their influences 44 45 on groundwater flows, and upscale these results from local to regional scales. The methodology 46 may be applied to other complex geological settings in order to integrate local and regional heterogeneities into hydrological models. 47

#### 48 **1 Introduction**

49 In volcanic islands, understanding the distribution of groundwater reservoirs, their 50 dynamics and connection at the island scale is critical for drinking water autonomy. For decades, 51 two hydrogeological conceptual models associated with the Canary and Hawaiian Islands have 52 characterized different hydrogeological functioning between the coastal and the inland areas (Custodio et al., 1988; Peterson, 1972). While groundwater aquifers are clearly identified and 53 54 reachable in coastal areas (Gingerich & Voss, 2005; Herrera & Custodio, 2014), the thickness of 55 lava flows' unsaturated pile can reach up to thousands of meters in volcanos' central parts. This 56 results in a thick vadose zone where groundwater flows follow complex geological structures 57 due to a polygenetic volcanic activity (Izquierdo, 2014; Vittecoq et al., 2014), and because of the 58 evolution of hydrodynamic properties of volcanic rocks due to weathering and alteration 59 processes (Custodio, 2004; Join et al., 2005; Lachassagne et al., 2014). The groundwater is thus 60 classified in three different aquifer categories based on the above-mentioned geological 61 parameters: shallow aquifers, perched aquifers and basal aquifers (Join et al., 2016). Due to the 62 thickness of the vadose zone, inland aquifer geometries remain unclear. Nevertheless, as they 63 benefit from the highest recharge rates, inland aquifers drain significant groundwater to coastal 64 basal aquifers, which are vulnerable to saltwater intrusion (Oki et al., 1998; Pryet et al., 2012). 65 Thus, it is critical to estimate inland aquifers location, geometries, and extension in order to understand their possible impact on basal aquifers' recharge rates. To this end, the vadose zone 66 67 needs to be studied on both local and regional scales to define aquifers' geometries and groundwater watersheds (Vittecoq et al., 2019). 68

69 Over the last decades, near-surface geophysics applied to environmental issues have 70 paved new ways to characterize geological and hydrological contrasts from local to regional scales (Binley et al., 2015; Parsekian et al., 2015). One of the main objectives of 71 72 hydrogeophysics is to provide reliable and meaningful images of the subsurface with the best 73 spatial resolution. However, since it is essential to integrate local heterogeneities into larger 74 groundwater behaviors, mapping groundwater pathways at a watershed level and on a regional 75 scale remains challenging. In order to address this issue, we use airborne time domain 76 electromagnetic (TDEM) and total magnetic field (Sørensen & Auken, 2004) data to image the 77 subsurface's electrical resistivity and magnetic properties at a regional scale, along up to several 78 thousands of kilometers of flight lines (Chandra et al., 2019; Ley-Cooper et al., 2019). As it is 79 sensitive to lithological contrasts, clay content, groundwater saturation, and salinity, airborne 80 electromagnetic (AEM) is an efficient method to tackle several groundwater issues (Ball et al., 81 2020; Foged et al., 2014; Minsley et al., 2012; A. Viezzoli et al., 2012). Nevertheless, this 82 method encounters significant limitations, especially in complex settings, because of resistivity 83 model ambiguous meaning. Collected data need to be compared with other ones, such as 84 geological, geophysical and/or groundwater measurements.

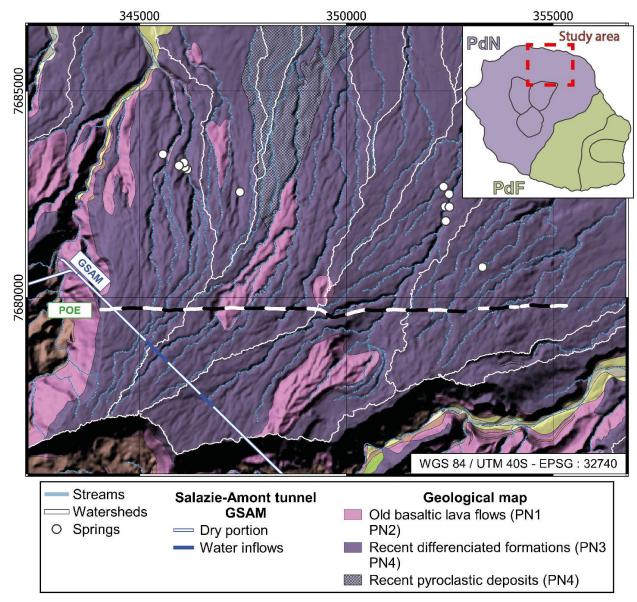
85 Here, we use a methodology combining both AEM and magnetic data to (i) unravel 86 resistivity ambiguity issues and achieve a geological model of the critical zone in volcanic 87 settings, and (ii) improve our understanding of large-scale groundwater flows within the vadose 88 zone. In order to obtain a consistent methodology across scales, our approach is focused on the 89 optimal use of airborne geophysical dataset to tackle multiscale issues using petrophysical 90 benchmark, and results from previous studies. The objective is to define the most robust and 91 precise geological structures across scales, incorporating uncertainties that only local 92 multidisciplinary studies can resolve.

93 Applied to Réunion Island (Indian Ocean), composed of two basaltic volcanoes, this 94 approach has been used to characterize the stratification of groundwater flows within the north-95 eastern slope of Piton des Neiges volcano. The resistivity model informs us on both lithological 96 and permeability contrasts below the surface, down to 500 m. Magnetic measurements provide 97 integrated information on geological structures and can differentiate lava flows, especially if the 98 stratigraphy contains normal and reversely magnetized flows (Gailler & Lénat, 2012). AEM 99 provides an accurate 3D imagery of lithological units, while the extension of volcanic units is defined with magnetic maps. The combined analysis of both geophysical imageries mitigates 100 101 resistivity and magnetic interpretation limits in complex geological contexts. As local studies 102 unravel buried valleys magnetic patterns, they can be upscaled to delineate major 103 hydrogeological structures over the entire Piton des Neiges volcano, highlighting the presence of 104 large-scale volcanic structures.

#### 105 **2 Study area and Methods**

Réunion Island, is a volcanic island located in the western part of the Indian Ocean
(Figure 1). Our study focuses on Piton des Neiges volcano resulting from the accumulation of
basaltic and trachybasaltic flows (Salvany et al., 2012), during the last two magnetic periods —
the reversed Matuyama (2.581-0.78 Myrs) and normal Brunhes (0.78-0 Myrs; Lénat et al., 2001).
The emerging volcanic period, called La Montagne (LM), occurred between 3 Ma and 1.8 Ma
producing basaltic rocks.

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**Figure 1**. Geological map of Plaine des Fougères, part of the northern flank of Piton des Neiges (modified from Billard, 1974). The inset represents Réunion Island with Piton des Neiges (PdN) and Piton de la Fournaise (PdF) volcanoes. POE line locates the AEM profile shown in Figure 2.

117 The two subsequent eruptive periods, PN1 (1.4-0.95 Ma) and PN2 (0.6-0.43 Ma), built 118 successive edifices made of basaltic lava flows. After a lull of 90 kyrs, differentiated magmas led 119 to the construction of PN3 (340-180 ka) and PN4 (140-29 ka; Salvany et al., 2012). The five 120 eruptive periods were separated by lulls characterized by both weathering and destructive processes (Gayer et al., 2019). At Réunion Island, magnetic anomalies are mainly controlled by 121 122 thermoremanent magnetization (Gailler & Lénat, 2012). Basaltic rocks are characterized by a 123 high magnetic intensity, and a magnetic polarity and orientation inherited from the geomagnetic 124 field at their age of emergence (average Koenigsberger ratio is above 7 - Chauvin et al., 1991). 125 These characteristics do not vary with time and weathering processes induce a slight intensity

decrease. Thus, inverse magnetization refers to LM and PN1 formations, whereas normal onesrelates to PN2 to PN4 units.

128 The volcano's history, including alternating constructive and destructive periods, results 129 in a complex imbricated structure (Salvany et al., 2012). To understand how the different 130 volcanic units (i.e. lava flows from the same eruptive period) are structured according to the 131 volcano's history, we first focus on the north-eastern slope of the volcano, Plaine des Fougères 132 (90 km<sup>2</sup>), extending from 200 to 1,800 m above sea level (Figure 1). The substratum of the area 133 includes the oldest LM and PN1 formations with outcrops in the southern part of the area and in 134 steep ravines. Outcrops of these formations are also visible in a deeply drilled tunnel called 135 Salazie-amont (GSAM), which crosscuts the study area 1,000 m below the surface and intersects 136 three aquifer sectors (Figure 1; Maréchal et al., 2014). The planeze consists of homogeneous 137 pyroclastic units emplaced during PN3 and PN4 overlapping differentiated PN3 lava flows. The 138 study area, located more than 10 km away from the volcano's center, is too distant to be 139 influenced by active hydrothermal processes (Bénard et al., 2019).

A SkyTEM survey was conducted over the entire island (more than 2,500 km<sup>2</sup>; Figure 1; 140 141 Martelet et al., 2014). Airborne electromagnetic data were acquired ~30 m along flight lines with 142 a low moment to ensure near-surface resolution and a high moment to increase the depth of 143 investigation (Sørensen and Auken, 2004). During the high moment off-times, the magnetic field 144 was measured providing the same lateral resolution. On the regional scale, the electromagnetic 145 dataset was processed with a standard processing scheme developed by HGG<sup>©</sup> (Auken et al., 146 2009). Over the Plaine des Fougères area, a specific scheme was applied to improve AEM data 147 density and resolution (Reninger et al., 2019). Both AEM inversions were achieved using quasi-148 3D spatially constrained algorithm (Viezzoli et al., 2008). AEM inverted smooth models 149 discretizes the subsurface in 25-30 layers (regional-local models characteristics). The layer 150 thickness increases logarithmically with depth from 5-2 m thick for the first one up to a depth of 151 350-500 m. Magnetic data were processed according to the industry standards, with diurnal 152 removals and IGRF (International Geomagnetic Reference Field) correction, resulting in a 153 Residual Magnetic Field. Reduction to pole (RTP) was then performed to move anomalies over 154 their sources and the X-Y shift of magnetic anomalies created by the geomagnetic field's 155 inclination (Baranov, 1957). However, no corrections have been applied to decrease topographic 156 impact on magnetic measurements. Magnetic maps were produced using Geosoft software.

157 Prior to interpreting geophysical imagery results, we develop here several theoretical concepts and paradigm important for our approach. First, all volcanic products resulting from the 158 159 same eruptive period form a volcanic unit comprising a stack of lava flows and pyroclastic 160 interflows. Between two eruptive periods, superficial formations are exposed to weathering and 161 erosion processes, which creates weathering profiles at the top of every volcanic unit (Gayer et 162 al., 2019). These weathering profiles could consist of either weathered allochtone or eroded 163 volcanic rocks, or a combination of the two. As a result, the volcanic heterogeneity and the 164 impact of weathering processes lead to resistivity contrasts within each volcanic unit. Thus, in 165 order to take such complexity into account, geo-electrical features should be defined based on 166 geometries instead of resistivity values. Each feature could thus be composed by resistive and 167 conductive layers. Second, as groundwater circulates through these formations, resistivity will be 168 impacted by two parameters: saturation and clay content. In order to understand the influence of 169 each parameter, a benchmarking is developed in supplementary materials S.1. Using Waxman & Smits petrophysical model (1968) with basaltic volcanoes characteristics, we show that 170

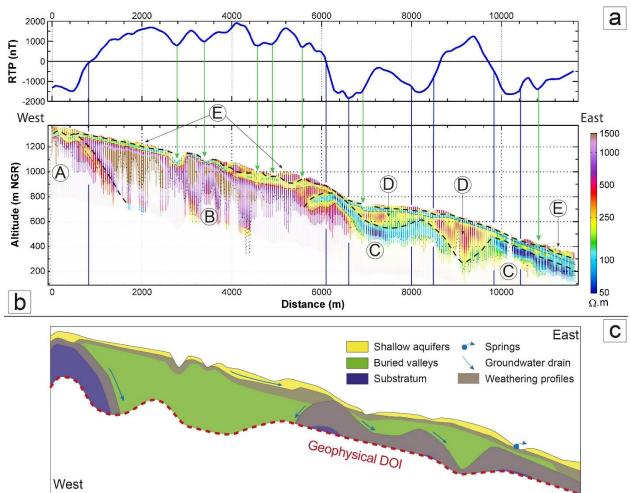
resistivity can vary by one order of magnitude because of the water saturation whereas it ranges by three orders of magnitude due to clay content. Considering that pyroclastic interflows account for lower volumes than basaltic lava flows (Custodio, 2004), and that AEM integrates high ground volumes, clay content has more influence on resistivity variations than water saturation.

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#### 3 Multi-method airborne geophysical interpretations

176 In order to present our interpretation, we present the 2D resistivity section named POE 177 (Figure 2b), where all geo-electrical features observed on the slope — labeled A to E — are 178 imaged. Nevertheless, the same analysis was carried out on 35 profiles (along 275 km of flight 179 lines) validating the five geo-electrical features consistency and extension, and related magnetic 180 variations (four different 2D resistivity profiles are presented in supplementary S.2.). On profile POE, a thin resistive layer ( $\approx$ 500-800  $\Omega$ ·m) mantle the surface (E). Below, features A and C 181 consist of a 50 to 200 m thick conductive layer (<100  $\Omega$ ·m) overlaying a resistive body (>1,000 182 183  $\Omega$ ·m). For both features, the resistive and conductive layers show the same geometry with a wide 184 base at depth and oblique vertical limits. B feature corresponds to a large resistant body (800-185 1,500  $\Omega$ ·m) in the center of the profile whose oblique limits converge in depth. D feature 186 contains of U-shaped resistive layers (500-1,000  $\Omega$ ·m) covered by thin conductive horizon ( $\approx$ 100-200  $\Omega$ ·m). Each of the 5 features is therefore characterized by a resistant horizon 187 surmounted by a more or less important conductive layer. Their spatial coherence as well as their 188 189 geometries are consistent with superimposed units of different eruptive periods. Feature A and C 190 should correspond to old altered lithologies and features B and D are lithologies covering old 191 formations. Finally, feature E corresponds to recent volcanic formation structure. However, the 192 low AEM near-surface resolution does not allow us to define whether a weathering profile has 193 been developed in this superficial horizon.

194 The age of the imaged lithological units is determined from their magnetic signatures, 195 using magnetic polarity variation from one volcanic unit to another. POE profile can be divided 196 into three major parts: two magnetic lows at the edge of the profile corresponding to old LM and 197 PN1 units, and a magnetic high in the center related to young formation PN2 to PN4. The lateral 198 extension of these structures is consistent with geo-electrical feature extensions (Figure 2a). On a 199 smaller scale, the magnetic anomaly amplitude increases where feature D thickens, and decreases 200 where E is eroded (see green arrows in Figure 2a). Features A and C are associated with 201 magnetic low ( $\approx$ -1,500 nT) corresponding to old volcanic units (LM and/or PN1). In both cases, 202 the magnetic response is substantially identical, while feature A is characterized by a thin 203 weathered horizon and C is mainly composed of thicker conductive layer reflecting higher 204 weathering rates. This demonstrates the predominance of polarity inversion on magnetic intensity decrease produced by volcanic rocks weathering. Filling the old morphology, features B 205 206 and D reflect two major buried paleo-valleys filled with younger magnetic lavas, likely PN2 and 207 PN3, reflected by magnetic highs. During these two phases, the volcano was active with a short 208 period of inactivity that did not allow the establishment of a significant alteration profile. The 209 AEM resolution does not allow to image the limits between PN2 and PN3 units. The shallow 210 part of the slope mainly consists of a thin resistive layer (E), which increases locally the major 211 magnetic anomaly created by B feature (with a maximum intensity of approximately 1,000nT 212 where the layer is the thickest). Its geophysical characteristics and its geometry are consistent 213 with outcropping PN4 formations that appear clearly at the outcrop (Figure 1).

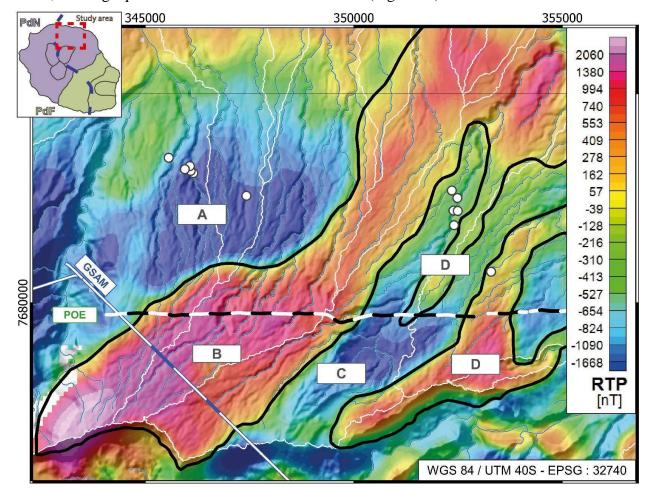


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215 Figure 2. POE (a), reduced to the pole magnetic signal (b), and resistivity profiles, 216 crossing the Plaine des Fougères area from west to east. Five features (A to E) are identified in 217 the resistivity profile, separated by black dashed lines. Blue lines highlight magnetic anomaly 218 limits. Green arrows show locations where RTP signal is affected by the lack of PN4 formations, 219 in ravines. (c) Conceptual groundwater model based on hydrogeophysical interpretations. 220 Shallow aguifers result from later volcanic products from pyroclastic units of the end of PN3 and 221 PN4 eruptive periods. Buried valleys are filled with PN2 and PN3 lava flows. The substratum is 222 characterized by old weathered lava flows from LM and/or PN1 eruptive periods.

223 The following step consists in comparing the main structures based on airborne data and 224 hydrogeological data in order to understand water flow behaviors within the critical zone. Previous studies analysed several springs at the bottom of Plaine des Fougères volcano slope 225 226 demonstrating the presence of limited shallow aquifers, emerging at the limit between recent 227 formations overlaying older ones (Aunay et al., 2012). According to airborne data, the superficial 228 thin resistive layer (feature E) overlays weathered older formations. In supplementary materials, 229 S.2.d and S.2.e profiles demonstrate that springs are located where erosive structures intersect 230 the limit between PN4 formations and older ones. In these cases, the aquifer is present in unaltered shallow formations inducing only a slight decrease in resistivity (see supplementary 231 232 material S.1.). In contrast, the aquifer lies beneath paleo-profiles of older formations where the 233 increase in clay content, as well as the saturation of these impermeable formations, significantly

234 decreases the resistivity. Nevertheless, the resolution of airborne geophysics does not allow to 235 precisely define the boundary between saturated and weathered horizons. It is reasonable to 236 consider that groundwater flows occur at the bottom of resistive features as at the top of 237 conductive ones. This demonstrates the impact of volcanic units limits, which create lateral 238 pathways at the limit between young formations overlaying old weathered ones. Thus, springs 239 could emerge when these geological boundaries are intersected by the hydrologic network in the 240 slope/flow direction. These results may suggest that paleo-weathering profiles drain groundwater 241 flows, creating aquifers at the bottom of volcanic units (Figure 2c).



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Figure 3. Mapping of two large paleo-valleys eroded between PN1 and PN2 periods using magnetic map (reduced to the pole). 2D POE profile is indicated in black and white, changing colors every 500 m to ease the comparison with Figure 2. Deeply drilled tunnel GSAM is indicated in white, with blue parts corresponding to groundwater outflows. Watersheds of the slope are represented with white lines. The inset represents Réunion Island with both volcanoes — Piton des Neiges (PdN) and Piton de la Fournaise (PdF).

Previous hydrogeological studies in the deep tunnel demonstrated that water inflows are observed where the tunnel goes through PN2/3 recent formations, below magnetic feature B (Figure 3). An analytical solution have been used to model groundwater inflows within the tunnel during the drilling (Maréchal et al. 2014). Model calibrated permeability of old LM/PN1 formations ranges from  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-9}$  m/s, while PN2/PN3 permeability are between  $10^{-4}$ - $10^{-6}$  m/s. This could induced groundwater drainage at the interface between the substratum and the paleovalley (Figure 2c). This result would reveal that feature B, the main imaged paleo-valley, is 1,000 m thick and drains large volumes of groundwater, as demonstrated by water inflows into the tunnel (up to 2,000 L/s; Maréchal et al. 2014).

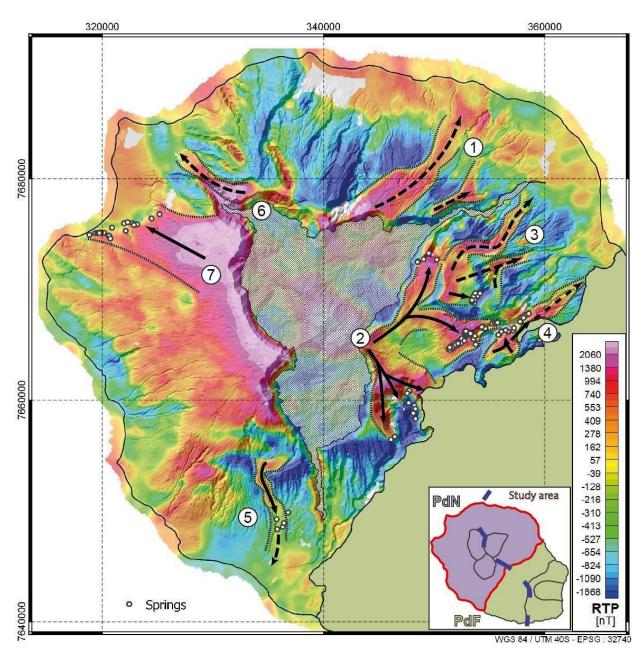
258 The results obtained in Plaine des Fougères are summarized in a conceptual groundwater 259 model presented in Figure 2c. The volcano's slope includes three major structures considered as 260 reservoirs with less permeable weathering profiles at the top. The semi-permeable substratum comprises old weathered formations from LM and/or PN1 volcanic periods. Because of a long 261 262 quiescence period between PN1 and PN2 periods, the substratum has been eroded, creating two 263 large valleys. When the volcano activity restarted, both filled up with PN2 and PN3 products, and since then, they have drained groundwater through Plaine des Fougères slope. The shallow 264 265 part has been shaped by the most recent formations from PN4, supporting the emergence of limited aquifers. However, because of geophysical limitations and poor geological information, 266 267 the volcanic units within the substratum and the buried valleys cannot be precisely described. 268 This geological structure induces stratified groundwater circulations within the critical zone of 269 Plaine des Fougères slope. The presence of three volcanic units creates groundwater stratification 270 and significant drainage within both paleo-valleys. Based on geophysical results, such stratified 271 groundwater circulations should occur in the fresh volcanic formations supported by the 272 weathered aquitards from the older volcanic units, which could be saturated at the top. 273 Nevertheless, AEM resolution cannot allow to define this precisely.

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#### 4 Local to regional upscaling approach

275 The local study has brought to light the presence of major buried valleys draining groundwater from rainy peaks to the coast. Such structures are well-known for impacting 276 277 groundwater circulation (Charlier et al., 2011; Lachassagne et al., 2014). In supplementary 278 material S.3., we first analyzed the ability of resistivity model to image the extension of such 279 structures. Nevertheless, their limits and extensions remain unclear and cannot be mapped with 280 simple depth/altitude resistivity slices. This is why we explored the potential of magnetic 281 mapping. On the RTP map (Figure 3), the two major buried valleys of Plaine des Fougères are 282 clearly delineated by positive anomalies (1; Figure 4). In line with 3D resistivity contrasts, both 283 paleo-valleys cross the entire slope from the top to the coastal area (south-west to north-east). 284 This radial orientation is specific to erosive structures, which emphasizes our interpretation about 285 filled, buried valleys (Macdonald et al., 1983). Furthermore, similar patterns displayed on the 286 RTP map (i.e. a positive anomaly oriented from the center to the external part of the volcano) 287 may indicate the presence of buried valleys filled with PN2, PN3 and/or PN4 products.

288 At local scale, this study has brought to light large buried valleys, without any 289 topographic clues. Thanks to our combined approach, seven structures have been identified at 290 regional scale. Most of them support groundwater flows emphasized by springs or highly 291 productive aquifers partially known by local operators. All these elements have unveiled hidden 292 major buried valleys, which drain groundwater flows through several hydrological watersheds 293 (Figure 3). As described by previous studies (Charlier et al. 2011; Vittecoq et al. 2014, 2019), 294 this certainly affects water balance estimation due to a concentration of groundwater resources at 295 the bottom of buried valleys. A combined interpretation of electromagnetic and magnetic 296 datasets makes it possible to delineate them in order to (i) implement groundwater watersheds in regional water balance estimation, and (ii) identify areas of interest for future groundwater studies.





301 Figure 4. Magnetic signatures interpreted as buried valley patterns are delineated and 302 numbered on the RTP map throughout the Piton des Neiges area. Seven hydro-geological 303 structures are delineated by dashed lines: (1) Plaine des Fougères, (2) Bébour and Bélouve, (3) 304 Massif de l'Est, (4) Ilet Patience and Massif cratère, (5) Les Makes, (6) St-Paul, and (7) Dos 305 d'âne. Groundwater flow pathways appear as black arrows varying according to superficial 306 evidence: (i) solid arrows when groundwater is drained to superficial springs, and (ii) dashed 307 arrows where there is no superficial evidence. The inset represents La Réunion Island with both 308 volcanoes — Piton des Neiges (PdN) and Piton de la Fournaise (PdF).

#### 309 **5 Conclusions**

310 In this study, we present a multi-scale approach combining electromagnetic and magnetic 311 data from airborne survey in order to understand groundwater pathways through the critical zone. 312 From the results of previous studies on volcanic context hydrology and geology, as well as 313 petrophysical benchmark, factors influencing both geophysical signals have been identified. 314 Based on this, the combination of electromagnetic and magnetic data allowed to reduce the 315 uncertainty of hydrogeophysical interpretations. While resistivity imaging enables the 316 determination of clay content variations, the use of magnetic measurement allows the 317 identification of geological structures in the critical zone.

318 We were able to define a conceptual geological model delineating major structures of the 319 main study area. We have shown that, contrarily to the general hydrological paradigm, old and 320 slightly altered formations can be present in depth. When compared to a limited number of groundwater field data, it is possible to highlight a link between weathering paleo-profiles and 321 322 groundwater pathways organization within the deep critical zone of shield volcanoes, which is 323 rarely studied. Using volcanic units as representative elementary volume, our approach does not 324 allow a detailed analysis of all the processes involved. Instead, the simplification of the 325 groundwater behaviors allows to extrapolate these results at regional scale. The presence, 326 extension and orientation of seven major structures were thus defined. Some known and 327 previously studied structures allowed to improve the validation of the conceptual model, while 328 new unknown structures were revealed.

329 This hydrogeophysical study tackling both geophysical and groundwater issues open up 330 several perspectives. Demonstrating the interest of the combined interpretation of airborne 331 electromagnetic and magnetic dataset, we support the opinion that joint inversion of both 332 methods, rarely performed, would allow the construction of robust and accurate models reducing 333 geophysical uncertainties. From a groundwater resource perspective, our study highlights the 334 importance of deep circulations controlled by volcanic structures. Hence, the integration of such 335 structures at the watershed scale will allow to better estimate the recharge of coastal aquifers, the 336 main resources in an insular volcanic context, and to define potential targets for water supply of 337 inland populations.

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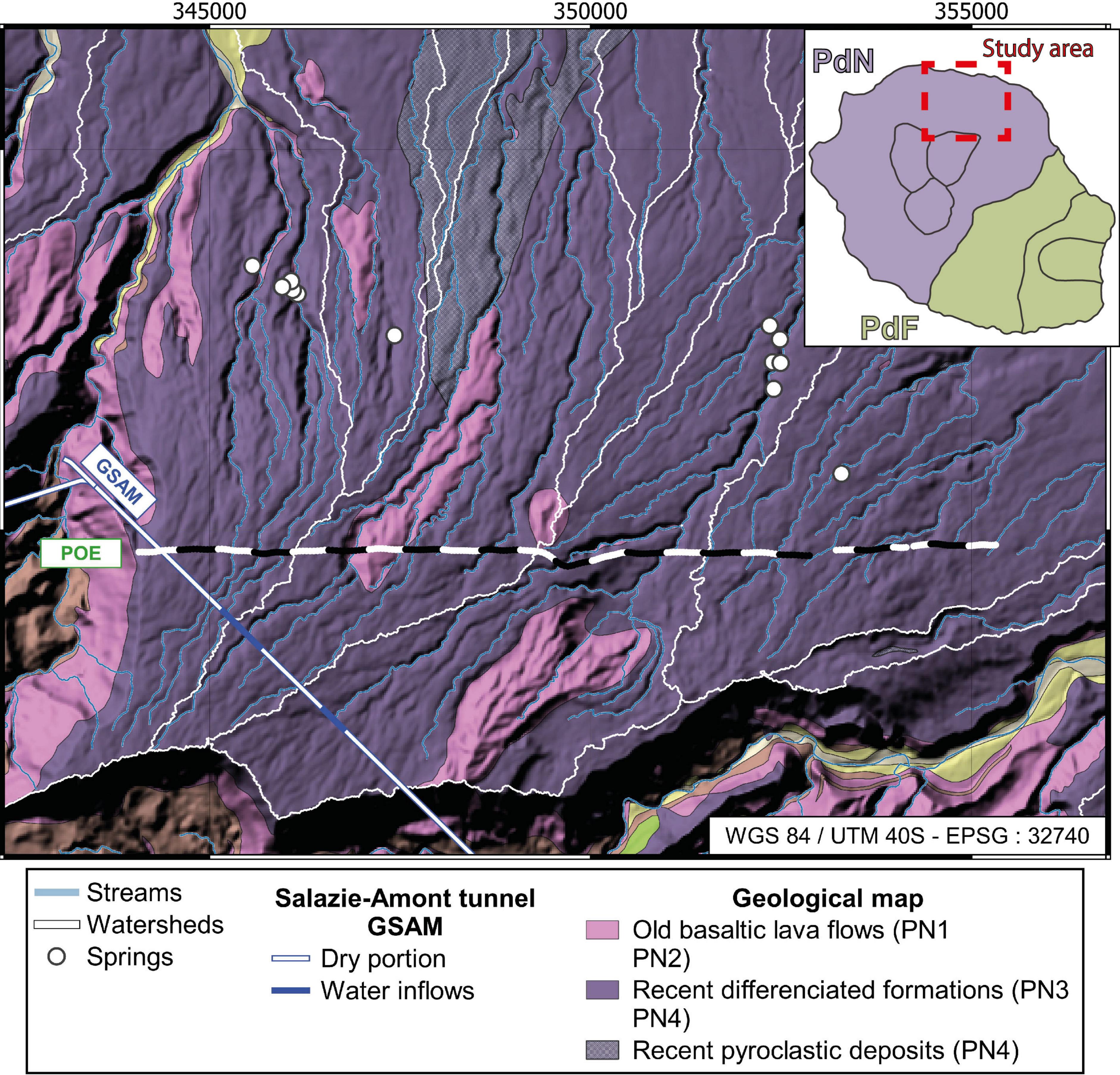
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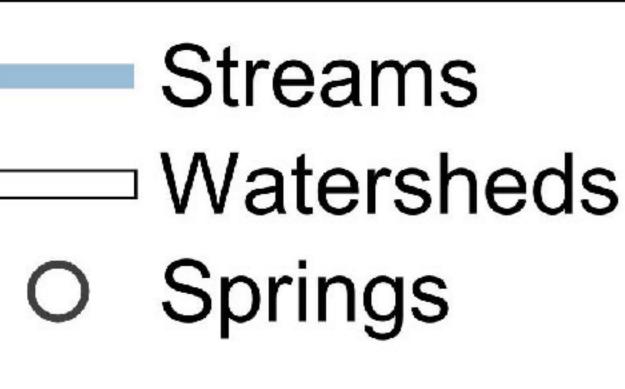







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
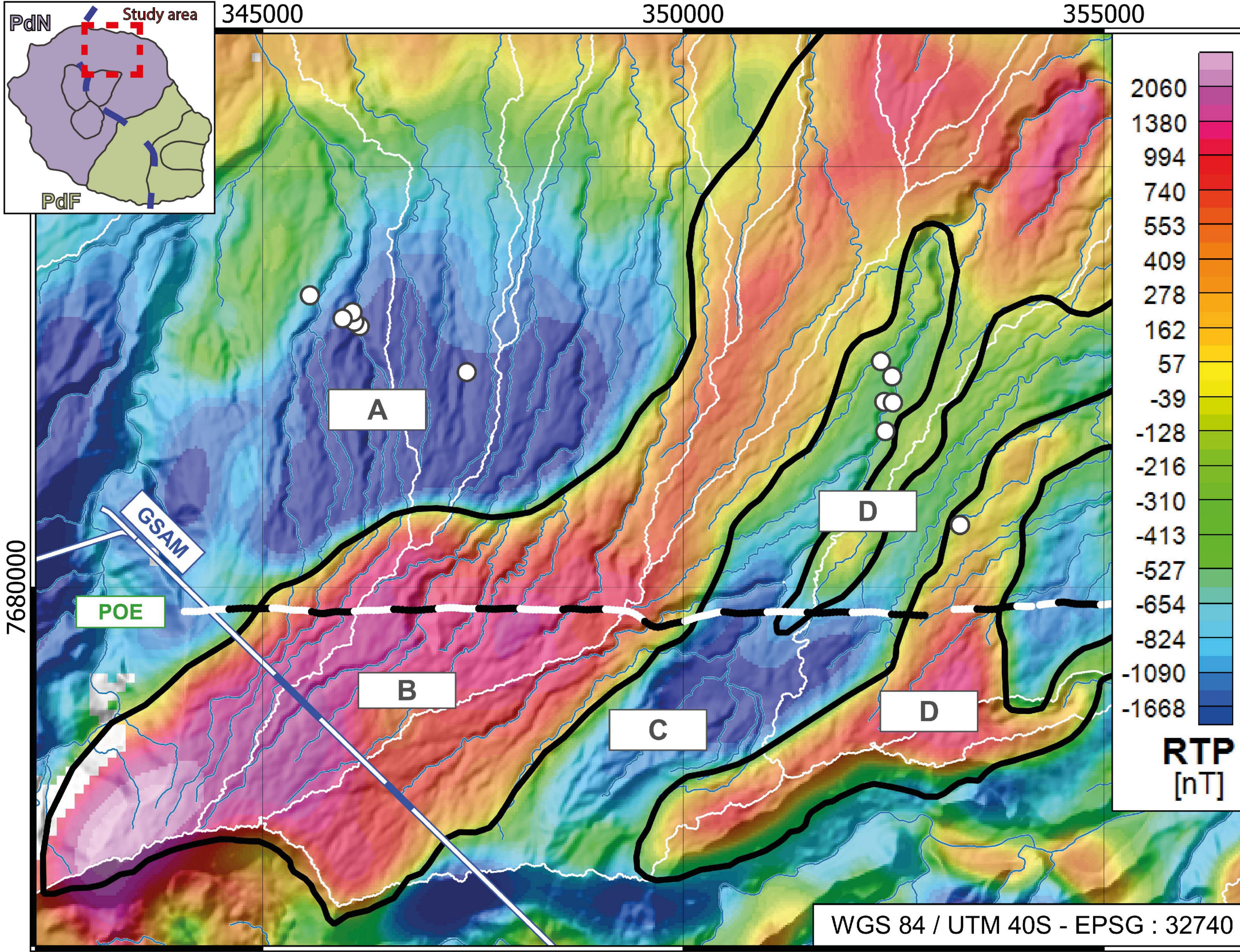


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