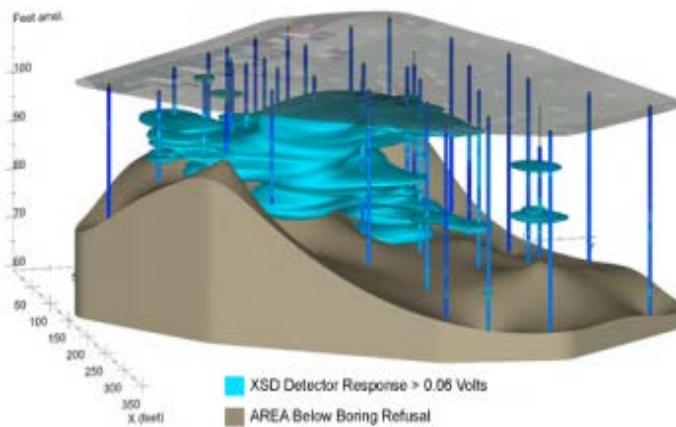




MEMBRANE INTERFACE & HYDRAULIC PROFILING TOOL

The probe detects volatile contaminants with the Membrane Interface Probe (MIP), measures soil electrical conductivity with a standard (MIP) dipole array, and measures HPT injection pressure using the same down-hole transducer as the Geoprobe® stand-alone HPT system. In post-processing the log data with Geoprobe® DI Viewer software, the user is able to estimate hydraulic conductivity and water table elevation, as well as prepare graphical outputs of the log data.



High Resolution Site Characterization Model



MiHPT Probe

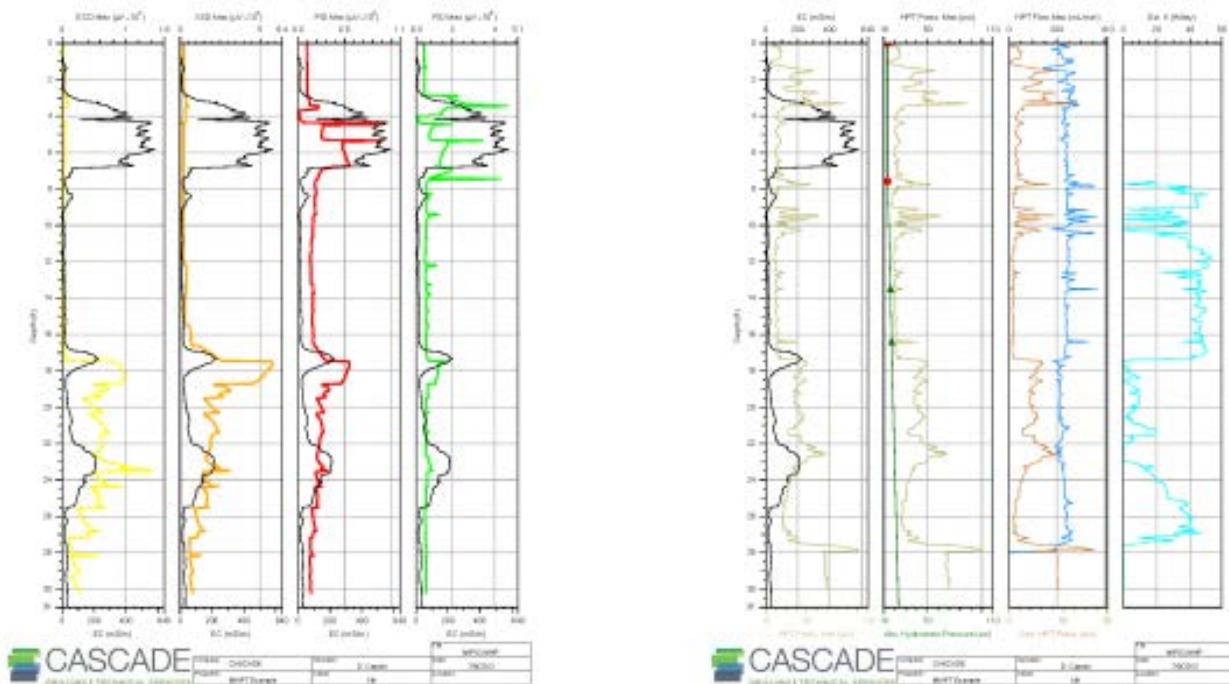
BENEFITS OF THE MIHPT

The MIHPT system combines the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) profiling of the MIP system and the hydraulic conductivity profiling of the HPT system in one tool. Collecting these data sets in a single boring provides a complete picture of subsurface conditions. Because this tool provides a high-resolution picture of VOC mass in relation to lithology, as defined by both electrical conductivity and hydraulic conductivity, the MIHPT system is an ideal tool when developing an in-situ remediation plane.

HOW DOES THE MIHPT WORK?

The MIP is a HRSC system that produces quantitative vertical profiles of VOC concentrations in relation to lithology. Borings are advanced to develop visual representations of site contamination, typically presented as transects, 3D models and interactive maps. This system provides real-time information to allow users the ability to make real time field based decisions.

The MIP system operates by heating the soil and groundwater adjacent to the probe to 120 degrees Celsius to volatilize VOCs in the immediate vicinity of the MIP membrane. The volatilized VOCs diffuse across the membrane into a closed, inert gas loop that carries the vapors to a series of detectors housed at the surface. Each detector produces a continuous profile (plotted with respect to depth) to indicate the presence of various VOC compounds. One of the key parameters for successful in-situ remediation is the hydraulic conductivity of target intervals. The HPT system is designed to evaluate the hydraulic behavior of unconsolidated materials by injecting clean water into the subsurface and recording changes in the associated pressure. The HPT system records these changes in pressure and calculates the associated hydraulic conductivity. Both of which are plotted in vertical profiles with respect to depth.



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The HPT system operates by injecting water into the subsurface at a flow rate (usually less than 300 mL/min). The injection pressure provides an indication of the hydraulic properties of the soil. A relatively low pressure response indicates a relatively high porosity; conversely, a relatively high pressure response indicates a relatively low porosity. During post boring processing, the changes in pressure and flow are utilized to calculate an estimated hydraulic conductivity. Additionally, an electric conductivity dipole is integrated into the HPT probe to interpret the lithology of the subsurface.