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Abstract
Lam Apeng is a village with a majority of people living as farmers, which causes the need of water for agriculture is increasing. The water demand in this area continues to increase as the population increases, for various purposes. The objective of this study is to determine the distribution of the groundwater layer using the electrical resistivity method and to determine groundwater potential using hydraulic parameters. This research is conducted using 2 measurement line with a length of each line is 112 meters and distances each electrode is 2 meters. The data are inverted using Res2Dinv software to obtain 2D subsurface lithology model. At line 1, the aquifer (sand) layer is located in the second layer with a rock resistivity value of 12.0 Ωm - 18.6 Ωm at a depth of 8 m - 18 m. At line 2, the aquifer (sand) layer is also located in the second layer with a resistivity value of 4.6 Ωm - 18 Ωm at a depth of 5 m – 12 m. Based on the interpretation of the two measurement lines, it can be concluded that the type of aquifer in the research site is a semi-confined aquifer. In this study, hydraulic parameters (hydraulic conductivity, longitudinal conductance, transverse resistance, and transmissivity) were calculated based on the resistivity value and the thickness of the aquifer layer. The average resistivity of the aquifer layer used is 15.3 Ωm and 11.3 Ωm, respectively for line 1 and line 2, indicating that the aquifer was moderately corrosive. Longitudinal conductance values are 0.65 Ω⁻¹ and 0.62 Ω⁻¹ which indicated moderate protective capacity. The transmissivity values are 6.78 m²/day and 4.77 m²/day, which indicates that the designation in this area is low and the groundwater potential is local or only for personal consumption.

Keywords: Groundwater, Electrical Resistivity, Hydraulic Parameter, Lam Apeng.

1. Introduction
Water is an essential element for all life forms on Earth. Water covers nearly 71% of the Earth's surface which is in the form of liquid, ice, and gas. Based on the place of origin, water is divided into two types, namely water that is on the surface and water that is below the surface. Groundwater is water that is found in the soil or rock layers below the surface. According to Fetter (2001), soil and rock pores become saturated with water at a certain depth. The uppermost saturated zone is called the water table. Water stored in the saturated zone is called groundwater, which then moves as groundwater flow through rocks, or seepage (aquifer) and collects in ponds, lakes, rivers, and sea. Davis and De Wiest (1966) define water entering freely into the well, either unconfined or confined.

The potential of groundwater depends on the porosity and ability of rocks to discharge water. The use of groundwater itself as a means of life is gradually increasing for industrial and household needs (Chandra et al., 2010; Suryadi et al., 2018). The existence of continuous extraction of groundwater can exceed the capacity of an aquifer. So that new aquifer sources are needed.

Lam Apeng is a village that has extensive agricultural and plantation land. As a result of these plantations and agricultural activities, water reserves are needed for these lands, where almost all of these communities work as farmers. In this area, the farmers use the river flow to meet the needs of their plantations, wherein the dry season, the water discharge in the river has decreased due to the absence of rain in the upstream river and also difficult access to get the water. Therefore, research is needed to identify the location of groundwater aquifers that can meet these needs. There are several ways to research and find groundwater reserves using geophysical methods and one of the methods that can be used is the electrical resistivity method (Alfadli and Natasia, 2017; Syukri and Saad, 2017).

The electrical resistivity method is a very suitable method for groundwater exploration because of hydrogeological properties such as porosity and permeability, which are directly related to the resistivity value. This method can measure the
resistivity of the subsurface rocks which can identify rock layers, structures, and also the groundwater layer (Mohamaden et al., 2016; Muchingami et al., 2012).

The configuration used in this study is Wenner-Schlumberger configuration. This configuration is a combination of the Wenner and Schlumberger configurations to identify changes vertically and horizontally. There are several studies conducted to determine groundwater sources using geoelectric methods (Bayewu et al., 2018; Metwaly et al., 2010; Mohamaden and Ehab, 2017). Based on some of these studies, it proves that the geoelectric method is quite good and very effective for finding groundwater.

The resistivity and aquifer thickness values from the inversion of electrical resistivity data were used to determine aquifer parameters (soil corrosivity, protective capacity, and designation). Usually, the conventional way to estimate these parameters is through a pumping test and grain size analysis (Fetter, 2001). But the test takes longer time and is not economical (Perdomo et al., 2018; Soupios et al., 2007). Therefore, a geophysical approach (electrical resistivity method) can be used to determine hydraulic parameters (Abdulrazzaq et al., 2020; Hasan et al., 2020).

2. Geological Setting

![Geological Map of the Study Area](image)

Fig. 1. Geological map of Aceh Besar (modified from Bennet et al., 1981)

3. Methodology

3.1 Electrical Resistivity Method

The electrical resistivity method is a geophysical method that utilizes electric currents to determine subsurface conditions. The results of electrical resistivity measurements cannot be used with certainty considering the many factors that influence conductivity and resistivity. Even so, the method can provide information about rock layers that contain water (aquifers). The resistivity value of rock layers containing water will be lower.

The resistivity value obtained at the beginning of the measurement is not the actual resistivity value, but the resistivity value which is usually called apparent resistivity ($\rho_a$), which is shown by the following equation:

$$\rho_a = K \frac{\Delta V}{I}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $K$ is the geometric factor, $\Delta V$ and $I$ are the potential difference and the injected current, respectively.

The measurement of the resistivity value is obtained by placing the electrodes, which is known as the electrode configuration. The different configurations used can cause different geometric factors. The geometry factor is a correction value for the potential electrode and the current electrode. Some of the configurations that are often used for geo-electrical
surveys include Wenner, Pole-Pole, and Pole-Dipole. In this study, the configuration used is the Wenner-Schlumberger configuration (Dahlin, 2001). In this configuration, the distance between the electrodes P1 and P2 is a while the distance between C1 and P1 and P2 and C2 is na. The distance between the electrodes remains constant, covers well horizontally and deep penetration vertically. The result of the combination of Wenner and Schlumberger results in the value of k also changing according to the following equation:

\[ k = \pi n (n + 1) \]

Data measurement in the field using the SuperSting R8/IP tool with the Wenner-Schlumberger configuration. The measurement path is in the form of two parallel straight lines. The length of line 1 is 112 m with 2 m spacing and line 2 is 112 m with 2 m spacing (fig 3).

The resistivity data obtained in the field will be processed using the RES2DINV software to obtain a resistivity cross-section. The program is based on the smoothness constrained least square approach (de Groot Hedlin and Constable, 1990; Sasaki, 1992; Darisma and Marwan, 2019) which generates subsurface models into rectangular blocks which then determines the optimum inversion parameter. Then the apparent resistivity value is calculated from the block model based on the finite difference or finite element method which is compared with the measurement data. This iteration process continues until the calculated apparent resistivity value matches the measurement value (Loke and Barker, 1996).

### 3.2 Hydraulic Parameters

The electrical resistivity method is a powerful method for groundwater exploration and water flow modeling. The result of the electrical resistivity inversion is the thickness of the aquifer \( h \) and the resistivity \( \rho \) which is used to calculate the hydraulic parameters. These parameters are the longitudinal conductance \( S \), transverse resistance \( R \), hydraulic conductivity \( K \), and transmissivity \( T \) (Malliet, 1947). The relationship of these parameters with thickness \( h \) and resistivity is shown by the following equations,

\[ S = \frac{h}{\rho} \]
\[ R = h \rho \]
\[ K = 8 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.001 \rho} \]
\[ T = K h \]

The hydraulic conductivity \( K \) and resistivity are an indirect relationship as seen in Eq. 5. However, this relationship will be linear at low resistivity (Fetter, 2001).

The hydraulic parameters are then used to determine the soil corrosion, protective capacity, designation, and groundwater potential. Soil corrosion is caused by iron content which can be predicted based on the resistivity value of the aquifer (Table 1) (Baechmann et al., 1997). The protective capacity rating is inferred based on the longitudinal conductance value (Table 2). The rating is used to predict how safe a layer if a layer collapse when the water pump out from the aquifer (Henriet, 1976). Low transverse resistance shows that the rock has weathered, while high traverse resistance indicates
that the rock is fresh and massive bedrock. The designation is used to predict the ability of a layer to drain fluid while the groundwater supply potential is to estimate the potential groundwater that can be extracted (Krásný, 1993). Designation and groundwater supply potential are predicted based on the transmissivity value.

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<tr>
<th>Soil Resistivity (Ωm)</th>
<th>Soil Corrosivity</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;10</td>
<td>Very strongly corrosive</td>
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<tr>
<td>10-60</td>
<td>Moderately corrosive</td>
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<tr>
<td>60-180</td>
<td>Slightly corrosive</td>
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<tr>
<td>≥ 180</td>
<td>Practically noncorrosive</td>
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### 4. Results and Discussion

#### 4.1 Two-dimensional Resistivity Model

The results of data processing of the Wenner-Schlumberger configuration resistivity method can be seen in Fig. 4 and 5. The results of the 2D model inversion show that at line 1 (Fig. 4) there are 3 layers. The RMS value obtained was 12.3%. The top layer is interpreted as an alluvial rock layer with resistivity values ranging from 70 Ωm - 109 Ωm at a depth of 0.5 m - 8 m. The lower layer is interpreted as a tuff rock layer which has a resistivity value of 25 Ωm - 60 Ωm with a depth greater than 8 m.

From the model (Fig. 4), it shows that the aquifer layer is in the middle layer at a depth of 8 m - 18 m with the carrier layer interpreted as sand with a resistivity value of 12 Ωm - 18.6 Ωm. Because of its ability to store and drain large amounts of water, this layer is conductive. The aquifer layer at line 1 is predicted to be 10 m thick. The interpretation of rock lithology at line 1 can be seen in Table 5.

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<tr>
<th>Longitudinal conductance (mho)</th>
<th>Protective capacity rating</th>
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<tr>
<td>&gt;10</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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<tr>
<td>5-10</td>
<td>Very good</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.7-4.9</td>
<td>Good</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.2-0.69</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.1-0.19</td>
<td>Weak</td>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;0.1</td>
<td>Poor</td>
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The results of the inversion at line 2 can be seen in Fig. 5 which shows that 3 rock layers are similar to the model at line 1. This confirms that the inversion model at line 1 and line 2 is connected. The RMS value obtained is 1.4%. The top layer consists of alluvium rocks with resistivity values ranging from 62.9 Ωm - 861 Ωm and has a depth of 0.5 m - 5 m. The lower layer consists of tuff rock where this rock is also found at line 1 which has a resistivity value of 26.3 Ωm - 100 Ωm with a depth of a greater than 12 m.

Based on the inversion model at line 2, the aquifer layer is in the middle layer at a depth of 5 m - 12 m. The carrying layer is sand with a resistivity value of 4.6 Ωm - 18 Ωm. The aquifer layer at line 2 is 7 m thick. Rock lithology line 2 can be seen in Table 6. From the two inversion models at line 1 and line 2, it can be concluded that the aquifer is semi unconfined. This groundwater is in the layer above the water-saturated layer or tuff and under the alluvial layer that water can pass through and can also hold water.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Transmissivity (m/day)</th>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Groundwater Supply Potential</th>
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<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>Withdrawal of great regional importance</td>
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<tr>
<td>100-1000</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Withdrawal of lesser regional importance</td>
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<tr>
<td>10-100</td>
<td>Intermediate</td>
<td>Withdrawal of local water supply (small community, plant etc)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1-10</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Smaller withdrawal for local water supply (private consumption)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.1-1</td>
<td>Very low</td>
<td>Withdrawal for local water supply (private consumption)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;0.1</td>
<td>Impermeable</td>
<td>Sources for local water supply are difficult</td>
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![Resistivity model of line 1](image-url)
4.2 Estimation of Aquifer Potential

Based on the results of the inversion of electrical resistivity data in Lam Apeng area, the thickness of the aquifer at line 1 and line 2 is 10 m and 7 m, respectively. The resistivity value used is the average resistivity for each line. Line 1 has a resistivity of 15.3 Ωm and line 2 has a resistivity of 11.3 Ωm. The resistivity value at each line was then used to determine the level of corrosivity in the Lam Apeng area based on Table 1. The level of corrosivity in this area is classified as moderate.

Furthermore, longitudinal conductance and transverse resistance values are calculated based on Eqn. 3 and Eqn. 4. The longitudinal conductance value on each line is 0.65 Ω and 0.62 Ω, which indicates that the safety of this layer if a layer collapse is classified as moderate (Table 3). For the transverse resistance value, it generally correlates with the transmissivity value. Afterward, hydraulic conductivity and transmissivity are calculated using Eqn. 5 and Eqn. 6.

Table 4. Interpretation of lithology line 1.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Depth (m)</th>
<th>Thickness (m)</th>
<th>Resistivity (Ωm)</th>
<th>Interpretation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.5 - 8</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>70 - 109</td>
<td>Sand, clay, gravel</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>8 - 18</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12 - 18.6</td>
<td>Sand (aquifer)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>&gt;18</td>
<td>25 - 60</td>
<td>Tuff</td>
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Table 5. Interpretation of lithology line 2.

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<th>Layer</th>
<th>Depth (m)</th>
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<th>Resistivity (Ωm)</th>
<th>Interpretation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.5 - 5</td>
<td>4.5</td>
<td>62.9 - 861</td>
<td>Sand, clay, gravel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>5 - 12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4.6 - 18</td>
<td>Sand (aquifer)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>&gt;12</td>
<td>26.3 - 100</td>
<td>Tuff</td>
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Hydraulic conductivity at line 1 and line 2 is 0.678 m/day and 0.681 m/day, respectively. Meanwhile, the transmissivity is 6.78 m³/day and 7 m³/day for layer 1 and layer 2, respectively (Table 7). This shows that the fluid flow in this aquifer is very low. Aquifer properties based on hydraulic parameters are shown in (Table 8).

5. Conclusions

The electrical resistivity method can map the presence of water layers (aquifers) well. Based on the results of the study, it can be interpreted that at line 1 and 2 has 3 layers. At line 1, the aquifer has a resistivity value of 12 Ωm - 18.6 Ωm with a depth of 8 m-18 m, with a sand carrier layer. At line 2, the aquifer has a resistivity value of 4.6 Ωm - 18.0 Ωm with a depth of 5 m - 12 m, with a sand carrier layer. From the inversion model, it shows that the distribution of aquifer is evenly distributed in the middle layer which has a depth of up to 20 m. The aquifer type is a semi unconfined aquifer.

Based on the calculated hydraulic parameters, the longitudinal conductance values in this area are 0.65 Ω and 0.62 Ω, respectively for line 1 and line 2, which indicates that the ability of a layer to survive if the aquifer layer collapse is in the moderate category. The soil corrosivity level of the aquifer layer in this area is moderate with an average resistivity value of 15.3 Ωm and 11.3 Ωm. The transmissivity value in this area is 6.78 m³/day for line 1 and 4.77 m³/day for line 2 which indicates that the ability of the aquifer layer to drain fluid is low. It can be concluded that the groundwater potential in this area is small or local where it is only sufficient for personal consumption.
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