Interpretation of 1D-Resistivity Data to Describe the Aquifer Model in the Serayu Watershed Area of Somagede Village, Somagede District, Banyumas Regency

Interpretasi Data Resistivitas-ID untuk Menggambarkan Model Akuifer di Daerah Aliran Sungai Serayu Desa Somagede, Kecamatan Somagede, Kabupaten Banyumas

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Abstract-Acquisition of resistivity data using the Schlumberger configuration has been carried out in the Serayu watershed area of Somagede Village, Somagede District, Banyumas Regency. The purpose of this research was to describe a groundwater aquifer model based on the interpretation of 1D-resistivity data. The research results are resistivity logs of subsurface rock distributed over seven sounding points with resistivity values ranging from 2.24-192.78 m. The sounding points are located at positions of 7°31’28.55” and 109°19’8.65” (Sch-1) to 7°31’18.79” and 109°19’21.45” (Sch-7). The interpretation of the resistivity logs has resulted in a lithology log at each sounding point. Based on the interpretation, the lithology of the research area is composed of topsoil (42.85-85.13 m), sandy clay which partly slightly wet (7.08-17.18 m), sandy clay inserted with gravel (22.44-31.70 m), sand, gravel, and pebble, with various consolidated (22.16-192.78m), sand inserted by gravel (6.77m), alternating sandstone and claystone, some of which are alternated with marl and tuff (8.71-21.99m), and sandstones with various porosity (3.25-8.76m). Shallow aquifers are interpreted to be present in the sand layer with various porosity (> 46.67 m) at all sounding points with very good potential.

Keywords: 1D-resistivity, Serayu watershed, resistivity log, aquifer, Somagede Village.
INTRODUCTION

Background and Problems

Serayu is the longest river in Central Java which flows about 250 kilometers away. The Serayu River flows from the Dieng Plateau of Wonosobo Regency to the west and turns south until it ends in Teluk Penyu, the Cilacap Regency as shown in Figure 1. This river flows through a fertile valley which is the basis for crops and an important food stuff supplier in Central Java Province, even nationally. Along with its flow from upstream to downstream, the Serayu River gets a lot of water supply from several rivers originating from the Dieng Plateau, Sumbing and Sindoro Volcanoes, South Serayu Mountains, and Slamet Volcano (Anonymous, 2008). At the upstream area in the Banjarnegara, this river has water flow discharge of about 656 m³/sec. With increasing of water supply from several tributaries, the flow rate of Serayu has increased to 2,866 m³/sec in the Banyumas Regency area (Purnama, 2010). The large flow rate can trigger river water to fill the surrounding groundwater aquifer (Prasetya et al., 2016). Hence the Serayu Watershed acts as a potential recharge zone for groundwater aquifers.

In 2019, the Banyumas Regency and its surrounding has experienced drought. Very low rainfall for a long time caused the recharge area of the South Serayu Mountains was not filled with rainwater, so the villages below experience water crisis. Based on data from the Regional Disaster Management Agency of Banyumas, the drought occurred in 48 villages spread across various districts in the Banyumas Regency, with the number of residents affected by the disaster have reached 12,904 families or 43,323 people (Zain, 2019). One of the villages in the Serayu watershed area that was drought was the Somagede Village. Geographically, the village is included in the Somagede District Banyumas Regency. Although Somagede Village is adjacent to the Serayu River, but most of the agricultural land in this village, especially rice fields, only relies on rainwater, so that the risk of crop failure during the planting period at the end of the rainy season. The view of the Serayu River that crosses Somagede Village area is shown in Figure 2.

One of the groundwater sources which has the potential to be explored as an effort to anticipate drought in Banyumas Regency is the aquifer of the Serayu watershed (Sehah and Hartono, 2016). The Serayu watershed aquifer is estimated can be used as good groundwater sources for domestic needs, agriculture, farm, industry, restaurant, and other needs. Based on the background and the problems occurring in the research area, exploration of groundwater sources in the Serayu watershed of Somagede Village needs to be done. This groundwater exploration can be carried out using the geoelectric method with Schlumberger configuration. The resistivity log data obtained can be interpreted into a lithology log. Then, the correlation between all lithologies logs will result in a hydrostratigraphical section model. Based on the model, the physical properties and potential of groundwater aquifer can be interpreted easily.

Research Purposes

This research purpose is to interpret the depth of the groundwater aquifer and its potential in the Serayu watershed area, especially the riverbanks of Serayu in the Village of Somagede, District of Somagede, Regency of Banyumas based on the resistivity data of the subsurface rocks.
Literature Review

Groundwater is water that is stored naturally in the ground subsurface and its movement follows the laws of dynamical fluid. Its existence in the subsurface is highly dependent on the existence of rock layers which can store and flow water in large amounts, which is known as the aquifer layer (Vaughn, 2015). Aquifer is a geology formation in the form of subsurface rock layers that have good porosity and permeability, allowing water to be stored and flow through it. Unconsolidated materials like gravel, sand, and even silt can form relatively good aquifers, such as sandstone. Other igneous rock can also be good aquifers if they were well fractured. Groundwater is stored in aquifer. The aquifer near the surface experiences lower pressure than that of the aquifer at greater depths. Hence, this type of aquifer tends to have more open space. Due to those reasons and cost factors, most groundwater is accessed to a depth of 100 m from the surface by individual users and communities (Earle, 2019).

Geologically, the surface of the research area is covered by the alluvium (Qa) that is composed of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and pebble. Below the alluvium there is the Undak Formation (Qt) that is composed of sand, gravel, and pebble; slightly consolidated which is the old sediment of the Serayu River. This deposit is exposed in the south of the research area in the Somagede District. Those two rock formations act as top soil and aquiclude. Aquiclude is a geological formation that cannot be passed by large amounts of water, but this formation still contains water. Based on the Geological Map of Banyumas sheet, under the Undak Formation, there are rocks from the Tapak Formation, but the rocks outcrops that appear in the south of the research area are the rocks of the Halang Formation that are actually overlain by the Tapak Formation. This rock formation consists of an alternation of sandstones, claystones, marls, and tuffs with breccias intercalations under the influence of turbidity current and submarine slidings. Complete geological information can be seen in Figure 3 (Asikin et al., 1992).

To interpret the depth and potential of aquifers, a geoelectric survey can be applied. Geoelectric is one of the geophysical methods that can be used to understand the electrical properties of the rock layers in the subsurface by injecting an electrical current into the ground. The purpose of applying this method is to find the rock resistivity value. Resistivity is a physical parameter showing the value of an object's resistance to electric current. Rocks with having a large resistivity indicate that these rocks are difficult to pass by currents. This type of rock generally does not contain a lot of water, because water stored in rocks usually acts as a conducting medium (Akinlalu et al., 2016). Therefore rock formations containing water are characterized by small resistivity values, such as fine sands, clayey sands, sandy clays, and others.

The geoelectric method that is commonly used to explore groundwater sources in the subsurface is the resistivity method with the Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) technique. The configuration of electrodes used when acquiring the data in this research is the Schlumberger. The VES technique is applied in this research since it has advantages; the depth of penetration is deep enough so that it is suitable for interpreting subsurface geological structures including the aquifer layer (Kumar and Swathi, 2014). According to Reynolds (2011), the measured resistivity during data acquisition can be expressed as:

$$\rho_a = K \frac{\Delta V}{I}$$

where $\rho_a$ is the apparent resistivity ($\Omega \cdot m$), $\Delta V$ is the potential difference or electrical voltage (V), and $I$ is the electrical current flowing through the rock medium (A), and $K$ is the geometry factor of the electrode configuration used. Apparent resistivity is the measured electrical resistivity amid two points on the Earth’s surface, which corresponds to the sensitivity the ground would have if it were homogeneous (Wightman et al., 2003). Thus, for the Schlumberger configuration, the value for the geometry factor is represented by the equation (Reynolds, 2011):

$$K = \pi \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{2b}\right)$$

where $a$ is the distance of $\frac{1}{2}C_1C_3$ and $b$ is the distance of $P_1P_3$ as shown in Figure 4.

The calculation of the penetration depth in the geoelectric method depends on the current electrode distance ($2a$). The greater the distance between the current electrodes, the deeper the electric current penetrates, so that the target of the subsurface investigation is also deeper. However, the greater the current electrode distance, the smaller the measured electric potential difference between two points on the surface. This is related to the change in potential measured on a surface depending on the intensity of the current flowing in the subsurface and as a distance function. The large fraction of electric currents that penetrate the surface can be expressed mathematically by the relationship (Telford et al., 1990):

$$\frac{I_2}{I} = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{2\pi L}{I}$$
Somagede District, Banyumas Regency in July 2020. Data acquisition was carried out at sevensounding points as shown in Figure 5. The length of the current electrode for each sounding point is 200 m. Data processing, modeling, and interpretation have been done at the Laboratory of Electronics, Instrumentations, and Geophysics Jenderal Soedirman University, Purwokerto.

**Research Equipment**

The main equipment used is the Resistivitymeter of NANIURA type NRD-22S that is equipped with 2 x 200 m cable, 2 x 100 m cables, current and potential electrodes, 12V-DC battery, several software, and other supporting tools.

**Research Procedure**

The resistivity data acquisition in the geoelectric survey using the Schlumberger configuration can be done by changing the current and potential electrodes spacing from the smallest distance to gradually widening as shown in Figure 6. This spacing variation is done to obtain information on the geological structure and subsurface lithology based on rock resistivity values vertically (1D). This data acquisition technique is also called the Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) technique, where the change in the spacing between the potential electrodes (P₁ and P₂) and the current electrodes (C₁ and C₂) is carried out according to a predetermined step of increasing the distance. The increase in the current electrodes spacing is proportional to the depth of the subsurface rock layer. The greater the current electrodes spacing, the deeper the rock layer is detected (Vasantrao *et al.*, 2017). The rock resistivity contrast that is obtained can be used to interpret the 1D-vertical lithological variation in the subsurface.

The result of the resistivity data acquisition using the VES technique is an apparent resistivity curve (ρₐ) versus half current electrode spacing (½AB). The apparent resistivity curve is used as the basis for calculating the true resistivity value (ρ₁) of the subsurface rock layers by a modeling. The results obtained are the true resistivity curve versus the ½AB spacing and the resistivity log versus the depth of each rock layer. The interpretation was carried out on the resistivity log data based on the geological information of the study area, to obtain a lithological log that shows the various layers of subsurface rock and their depths. The correlation performed on lithological logs can be done to describe the hydrostratigraphic model of the research area including the aquifer which has the prospect of being exploited (Javid, 2013).

**RESEARCH METHOD**

**Location and Time of Research**

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Research Results

Acquisition of resistivity data has been conducted in the Serayu watershed area in the Somagede Village with location of sounding points can be seen in Figure 5. The data obtained from the acquisition are current, potential difference, and spacing between some electrodes. As explained in the Research Method, these data are processed, so that the geometric factor ($K$) and the apparent resistivity ($\rho_a$) values can be acquired for each measured point. The apparent resistivity data are modeled using the software to get curves and logs of resistivity (Lubis, 2017). Figures 7 – 13 show the curves and logs of resistivity at the sounding points of Sch-1 to Sch 7. Whereas the results of the lithological interpretation of the resistivity log can be seen in Tables 1 – 7. The interpretation is based on the geological map of the research area (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992) as explained in the Introduction Chapter. This means that the interpretation of rock types is based on the lithological units of the geological map.

Based on the geological information, the top soil in the research area are alluvium deposits (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992). The results of interpretation have been adjusted to the geological information, where the topsoil layer is composed of sandy clays and silts inserted mostly by gravels. Under the top soil, there are also several layers of other rocks of the alluvium with different resistivity values. Due to variations of lithology units, the differences in the resistivity values of this layer is also estimated due to the water content variation and presence of other material piles (as soil, rocks, and others) due to human activities.

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<th>Resistivity ($\Omega m$)</th>
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<td>1.02 – 1.75</td>
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<td>74.18</td>
<td>1.75 – 7.73</td>
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<td>46.53</td>
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<td>21.81</td>
<td>10.29 – 71.34</td>
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<td>8.76</td>
<td>&gt; 71.34</td>
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Under the alluvium deposits, there is the Undak Formation which is composed of sands, gravels, and pebbles consolidated variably. Some of the rocks have a very high resistivity value, so that they are interpreted to be very consolidated. Whereas the rocks of the Undak Formation that have relatively low resistivity are estimated to be slightly consolidated and interpreted to contain water. Hence this layer can act as aquicludes. Aquiclude is a geological formation in the form of a subsurface rock layer that contains a limited of water and cannot be passed by groundwater flows (Putranto and Kuswoyo, 2008). The Undak Formation is thought to be the old deposit of the Serayu River (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992) which is Holocene in age (Munir, 2009). Therefore, the materials of this formation are only distributed around the Serayu River.

Under the Undak Formation, there is a rock layer of the Halang Formation (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992). This formation is composed of alternating sandstones, claystone, marl, and tuff with inserts of breccias. The resistivity log obtained shows the varying resistivity values for this rock formation, ranging from 8.71 – 21.99 m. This variation in the resistivity value is influenced by slightly different lithological units in filling the layers of this rock formation. The relatively high resistivity value it is interpreted to consists of alternating sandstones and claystones with inserted by marls and tuffs. Whereas, the relatively low resistivity value is interpreted as composed by alternating between sandstones and claystone with some cracks and pores so that it can act as an aquitard. Aquitard is a geological formation in the form of water-saturated layers that can be passed by limited groundwater (Putranto and Rude, 2016). This rock layer often becomes the boundary between deep and shallow aquifers.

The next, all lithological units constructed from the interpretation process are correlated with one another, so that a 2D-hydrostratigraphical model can be obtained. This correlation is carried out by connecting the same or
nearly same lithological units to form a certain rock layer. Based on the correlation results, eight rock layers are obtained as can be seen in Figure 14. The first layer is top soil composed of sandy clays and silts, most of which are inserted by gravels (42.85 - 85.13 m) at a depth of 0 - 1.05 m. The second layer is sandy clays, that partly slightly wet (7.08 - 17.18 m) at a depth of 0.79 - 2.93 m. The third layer is sandy clays inserted by gravel (22.44 - 31.70 m) with a depth of 0.51 - 3.92 m. All these rocks originated from the alluvium formation.

The fourth rock layer from the Undak Formation is composed of sands, gravels, and pebbles, which are consolidated variably (22.16 - 192.78 m) at a depth of 1.75 - 26.60 m. The fifth rock layer is composed of sands inserted by gravels (6.77 m) at a depth of 13.23 - 27.67 m. This layer is also thought to be part of the Undak Formation. The sixth layer is composed of alternating sandstones and claystones, some of which are alternated with marls and tuffs (8.7 - 21.99 m) from the Halang Formation with a depth of 10.29 - 85.10 m. Then, the seventh rock layer is composed of sandstones with variations in porosity (3.25 - 8.76 m) with a depth of more than 46.6 m. This layer is thought to be a deep groundwater aquifer.

**Figure 11.** Resistivity curve and log at point Sch-5.

**Figure 12.** Resistivity curve and log at point Sch-6.

**Figure 13.** Resistivity curve and log at point Sch-7.

**Table 5.** Interpretation results of resistivity log at sounding point Sch-5

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<td>31.70</td>
<td>0.56 - 3.04</td>
<td>Sandy clays inserted by gravels</td>
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<td>141.54</td>
<td>3.04 - 8.20</td>
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<td>57.23</td>
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<td>13.86</td>
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<td>7.45</td>
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**Table 6.** Interpretation results of resistivity log at sounding point Sch-6

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<td>0.00 - 0.79</td>
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<td>15.64</td>
<td>0.79 - 2.84</td>
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<td>79.59</td>
<td>2.84 - 8.92</td>
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<td>14.19</td>
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<td>5.44</td>
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**Table 7.** Interpretation results of resistivity log at sounding point Sch-7

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<td>192.78</td>
<td>2.93 - 9.47</td>
<td>Sands, gravels, pebbles (very consolidated)</td>
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<td>9.47 - 21.03</td>
<td>Sands, gravels, pebbles (slightly consolidated)</td>
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<td>16.52</td>
<td>21.03 - 74.82</td>
<td>Alternating sandstones and claystones</td>
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<td>6.01</td>
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DISCUSSION

The result of the interpretation and correlation of the resistivity logs in the research area is a model of hydrostratigraphic as can be seen in Figure 14. Based on this figure, the hydrological units which can be interpreted in the research area are aquifer, aquiclude, and aquitard. While the aquifuge could not be detected due to the limited distance of the current electrode spacing (only 200 m). Based on equation (4) as mentioned above, the maximum depth of modeling is only about 100 m. Aquifuge which is estimated to be more than 100 m deep is not modeled. The aquifuge is an impermeable rock formation that is neither porous nor permeable, that means it cannot store water in it and at the same time it cannot permit groundwater through it. Compact rock types is one of example of aquifuge (Devy, 2018). However, subsurface rocks layer under sandstones with variations in porosity as shown in Figure 14 is thought to be composed of breccias with andesite, basalt, and limestone components which is inserted by sandstone and basaltic lava. This rock layer is a breccia member of the Halang Formation and is estimated not to be an aquifug layer (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992).

Based on Figure 14, the shallow aquifer layer is only found at the sounding point of Sch-2 with a depth of 13.23 – 27.67 m. This rock layer has a resistivity value of 6.77 m which is interpreted as sands inserted by gravels and is thought to have relatively good groundwater potential. Although the shallow aquifer is not found at other points, this shallow aquifer may be connected with other aquifers in the south of the research area. In the south of this area the South Serayu Mountains is dominated by rocks of the Halang Formation, it is assumed that many shallow aquifer layers are still found; because one of it's lithological unit is sandstone. Based on the landscape topography in the study area, the recharge area for this aquifer is estimated to be in the South Serayu Mountains as has been shown in Figure 1. The absence of shallow aquifers at most points in the study area is due to the dominance of the Undak Formation. (Asikin and Handoyo, 1992). The rock that fills this formation is variedly compressed, so that groundwater is relatively difficult to fill and flow in (Varalakshmi et al., 2012), as explained in the research results above.

Based on Figure 14, the deep aquifer layer of the research area is found in all sounding points with the upper depths ranging from 46.67 – 85.10 m. This rock layer has a resistivity value of 3.25 – 8.76 m, which is interpreted as a sandstone with variations in porosity from the Halang Formation. The higher resistivity indicates that the porosity of the rocks is lower (Hersir and Arnason, 2009), and vice versa. The groundwater in pores of rock can play a role in dissolving and reacting with minerals which can forms a salt solution (Kumar and Swathi, 2014). Dissolved salt has relatively low electrical resistivity, which means that the higher the mineral content of water the lower the resistivity (Corwin and Yemoto, 2017). Thus, the higher the porosity of the rock, the easier the current will flow through it; so that the resistivity value decreases (Ussher et al., 2000). This also shows that a large resistivity value indicates that the porosity is low, so the groundwater content in the rock is also small. However, the potential of groundwater in the deep aquifer is estimated to be quite good, because water can still be stored and flow in the pores and crevices of sandstones (Li and Wang, 2019).

The South Serayu Mountains, which are located south of the Serayu watershed become a potential recharge area during the rainy season. Some of the rainwaters which fall seeping through the pores, cavities, and gaps in the top soil and rock in the subsurface. The rainwater seeps
Interpretation of 1D-Resistivity Data to Describe the Aquifer Model in the Serayu Watershed Area of the Somagede Village, Somagede District, Banyumas Regency has been carried out, with the following results:

1. The 1D-resistivity data modeling has produced the resistivity logs of subsurface rock at seven sounding points with resistivity values ranging from 2.24 – 192.8 m.

2. The interpretation of the all resistivity logs has resulted in a lithology log at each sounding point, and a correlation between all lithology logs has resulted in a lithological section of the research area including the shallow and deep groundwater aquifer models.

3. The lithological section shows that the research area consists of top soil (0 – 1.05 m), sandy clays partly slightly wet (0.79 – 2.93 m), sandy clays inserted by gravels (0.51 – 3.92 m); sands, gravels, pebbles consolidated variously (1.75 – 26.6 m), sands that inserted by gravels (13.23 – 27.67 m); alternating sandstones and claystones, several of which are alternated by marls and tuffs (10.29 – 85.10 m), and sandstones with various porosity (more than 46.6 m).

4. The aquifers models on the lithological section show that the shallow aquifer is interpreted as the sand layer inserted by gravels (13.23 – 27.67 m) at the sounding point of Sch-2 with 6.77 m in resistivity value. Whereas the deep aquifer is estimated as the sandstones layer with various porosity (more than 46.67 m) which is located at all sounding points with resistivity value is 3.25 – 8.76 m.

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