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# Multiscale Analysis of Geophysical Signals Using the 2D Continuous Wavelet Transform

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## 1. Introduction

The continuous wavelet transform has becoming a very useful tool in geophysics (Kumar and Foufoula-Georgiou, 1997, Ouadfeul, 2006, Ouadfeul, 2007, Ouadfeul, 2008, Ouadfeul and Aliouane, 2010, Ouadfeul et al, 2010). In Potential field analysis it was used to locate and characterize homogeneous causative sources point in 1D (Moreau et al, 1997).

Martelet et al (2001) have published a paper on the characterization of geological boundaries using the 1D wavelet transform of gravity data, the proposed technique has been applied on the Himalaya.

The Complex continuous wavelet transform has been used for identification of sources of potential fields using the aeromagnetic profiles of the French Guiana (Sailhac et al, 2000).

Sailhac and Gibert (2003) have proposed a new technique of sources identification form potential field with the continuous wavelet transform, it is based on the two-dimensional wavelets and multipolar approximations.

A new technique has been proposed by Vallée et al (2004) to estimate depth and model type using the continuous wavelet transform of magnetic data.

Boukerbout et al (2006) have applied the continuous wavelet transform formalism to the special case of anomalies produced by elongated sources like faults and dikes. They show that, for this particular type of anomalies, the two-dimensional wavelet transform corresponds to the ridgelet analysis and reduces to the 1D wavelet transform applied in the Radon domain.

Recently Ouadfeul et al (2010), have published a paper that use the continuous wavelet transform on the mapping of geological contacts from geomagnetic data, the analyzing wavelet is the Mexican Hat, the proposed method has shown a good robustness. In this paper we propose a new technique more precise; this last is based on the 2D directional continuous wavelet transform. The analyzing wavelet is the Poisson's Kernel (Martelet et al, 2001). We start firstly by giving the theoretical basis of the 2D directional Wavelet Transform (DCWT) and the analogy between the wavelet transform and the upward continuation, after that the technique has been applied on a synthetic data of prism and a cylinder. The proposed idea has been

applied at the anomaly magnetic field of In Ouzzal area. The obtained results after applying the proposed filter have been compared with analytic signal solutions (Nabighian, 1984; Roset et al, 1992). We finalize the part by propping a model of contacts for this area and a conclusion.

The second part of this chapter consists to apply a multiscale analysis at the 3D analytic signal of the real aeromagnetic data using the wavelet transform, the proposed technique shows a robustness, where classical methods are fails. The third part is an application of the wavelet transform at the gravity data of an area located in the Algerian Sahara.

The last part consists to propose a new method to reduce the noise effect when analyzing the 3D GPR data by the wavelet transform. We finalize this chapter by a conclusion that resumes the different applications of the conventional and directional wavelet transform and its benefits of the different geophysical data.

## 2. The 2D directional continuous wavelet transform

The 2D directional continuous wavelet transform has been introduced firstly by Murenzi (1989). The wavelet decomposition of a given function  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  with an analyzing wavelet  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  defined for all  $a > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi]$  by:

$$W_g f(a, b, \alpha) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x) \frac{1}{a} g(r_{-\alpha}(\frac{x-b}{a})) dx \quad (1)$$

Where  $r_{-\alpha}$  is a rotation with an angle  $-\alpha$  in the  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

An example of a directional wavelet transform is the gradient of the Gaussian Wavelet  $\nabla G$ . Because the convolution of an image with  $\nabla G$  is equivalent to analysis of the gradient of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform. Canny has introduced another tool for edge detection, after the convolution of the image with a Gaussian, we calculate its gradient to seek the set of points that corresponding to the high variation of the intensity of the 2D continuous wavelet transform. The use of the gradient of the Gaussian as an analyzing wavelet has been introduced by Mallat and Hwang (1992).

The wavelet transform of a function  $f$ , with an analyzing wavelet  $g = \nabla G$  is a vector defined for all  $a > 0$ ,  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$   $b \in \mathbb{R}^2$  by:

$$W_{\nabla G} f(a, b, \alpha) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x) \frac{1}{a} \nabla G(\frac{x-b}{a}) dx \quad (2)$$

This transformation relates the directional wavelet transform if we choose  $g = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}$ . In fact, we have the following relation:

$$W_{\frac{\partial G}{\partial x}} f(a, b, \alpha) = u_\alpha W_{(\nabla G)} f(a, b) \quad (3)$$

Where  $u_\alpha$  is the unite vector in the direction  $\alpha : u_\alpha(\cos(\alpha), \sin(\alpha))$ , and “.” Is the Euclidian scalar product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

In this paper we use a new type of directional wavelet based on the Poisson's KereneL defined in equation (4) as a filer. The modulus of the directional wavelet transform of a

potential field  $F$  at a scale  $a$  is equivalent to the Upward continue of this field at the level  $Z=a$ . Positioning of maxima of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform at this scale is equivalent to the maxima of the horizontal gradient of the potential field upward at the level  $Z$ .

$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{[x^2 + y^2 + 1]^{3/2}} \quad (4)$$

### 3. Wavelet transform and potential data

The sharp contrasts that show the potential data are assumed to result from discontinuities or interfaces such as faults, flexures, contrasts intrusive rocks ... For contacts analysis between geological structures, we use usually the classical methods based on the location of local maxima of the modulus of the total (Nabighian, 1984) or the horizontal gradient (Blakely et al., 1986), or the Euler's deconvolution (Reid et al., 1990). This technique allows, in addition to localization in the horizontal plane of contact, an estimate of their depth. The potential field, over a vertical contact, involving the presence of rocks of different susceptibilities is indicated by a low in side rocks of low susceptibility and a high in side rocks of high susceptibility. The inflection point is found directly below the vertical contact. We can use this characteristic of geomagnetic anomalous for localization of abrupt susceptibility change. If the contact has a dip, the maxima of horizontal gradients move in the direction of dip. To determine the dip direction of contacts, we upward the map of the potential field at different altitudes. At each level, the maxima of horizontal gradient are located. If the structures are vertical, all maxima are superposed. However, moving of maxima with the upward indicates the direction of the dip. The potential theory lends perfectly to a multiscale analysis by wavelet transform.

By choosing an appropriate wavelet, measurement of geomagnetic field or its spatial derivatives can be processed as a wavelet transform. Indeed, this analysis unifies various classical techniques: it process gradients that have been upward to a range of altitudes. The expressions of various conventional operations on the potential field are well-designed in the wavelet domain. The most important is the equivalence between the concept of scaling and the upward. Indeed, the wavelet transform of a potential field  $F_0(x, y)$  at a certain scale  $a = Z/Z_0$  can be obtained from measurements made on the level  $Z_0$  by:

1. Upward continue the measured field at level  $Z=a*Z_0$
2. Calculation of the horizontal gradient in the plane  $(x,y)$ .
3. Multiplication by  $a$ .

For a multiscale analysis of contacts, it is sufficient to look for local maxima of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform (CWT) for different scales to get an exact information about geological boundaries (Ouafeul et al, 2010).

### 4. Multiscale analysis geomagnetic data

The proposed idea has been applied on synthetic geomagnetic response of a cylinder and a prism, after that the technique is applied on real geomagnetic data of In Ouzzal area, located on Algerian Sahara. Lets us starting by the synthetic example.

#### 4.1 Application on synthetic geomagnetic data

The proposed idea has been applied at a synthetic model of a cylinder and prism, parameters of these last are resumed in table1 (See also figure1a). Figure 1b is the magnetic response of this model generated with a grid of dimensions 100mx100m. The first operation is to calculate the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform. The analyzing wavelet is the Poisson's Kernel defined by equation 4.

Figure 1c shows this modulus plotted at the scale  $a=282m$ . The second step consists to calculate its maxima, figure 2 is a map of these maxima for all scales (Scales are varied from 282m to 9094m). Solid curves are the exact boundaries of the prism and the cylinder. One can remark that the maxima of the continuous wavelet transform are positioned around the two exact boundaries.

coordinates of the center	(5000, 2500, -250).
Ray	1500m.
High	2500m.
Magnetic Susceptibility	$K=0.015$ SI.
F	37000 nT
Declination	$D=0^\circ$
Inclination	$I=90^\circ$

Table 1a. Physical parameters of the Cylinder

coordinates of the center	(5000, 7000, -300).
Width	3000m
Length	3000m.
High	2000m.
Magnetic Susceptibility	$K=0.01$ SI.
F	37000 nT
Declination	$D=0^\circ$
Inclination	$I=90^\circ$

Table 1b. Physical parameters of the Prism

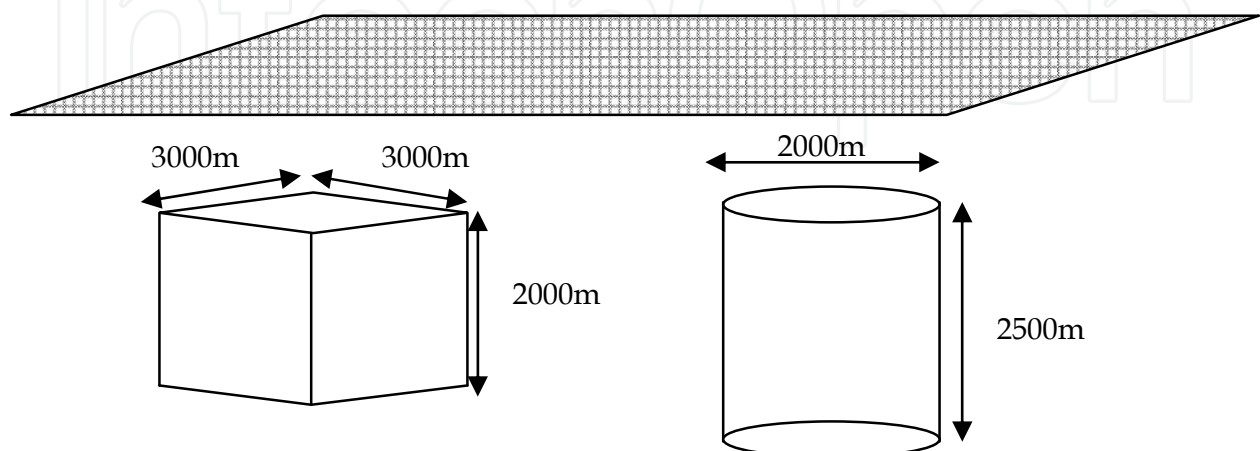


Fig. 1a. Physical parameters of a synthetic model composed of Prism and Cylinder.

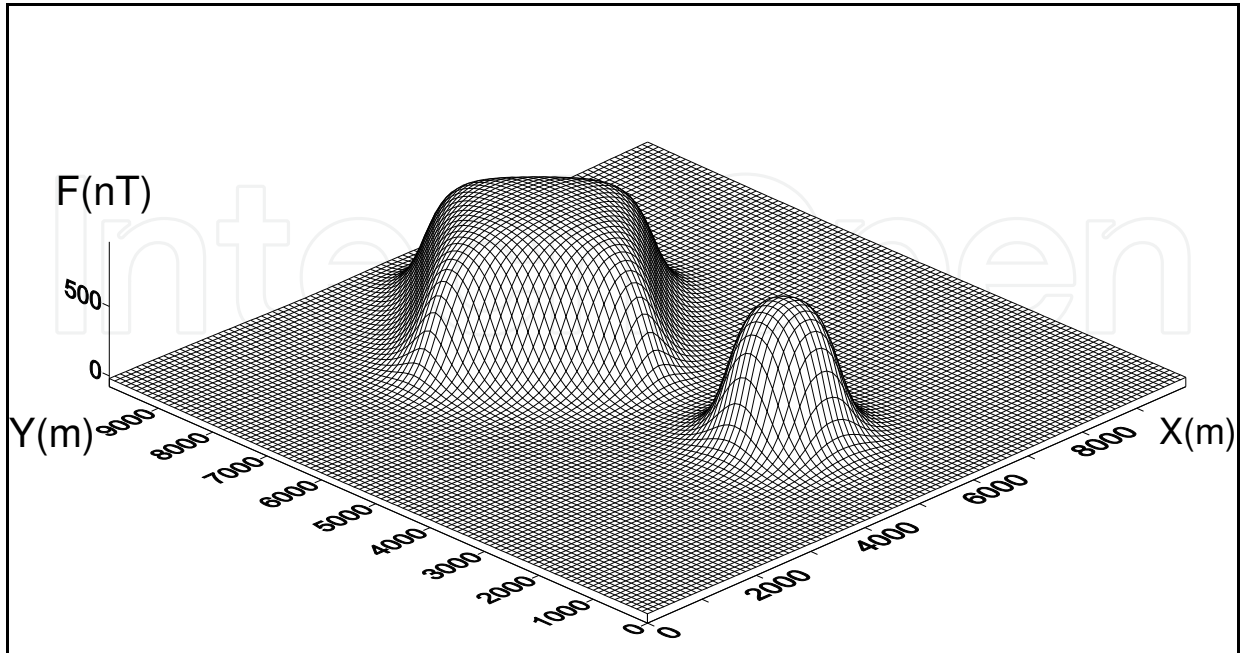


Fig. 1b. Anomaly field of the synthetic model of figure 1

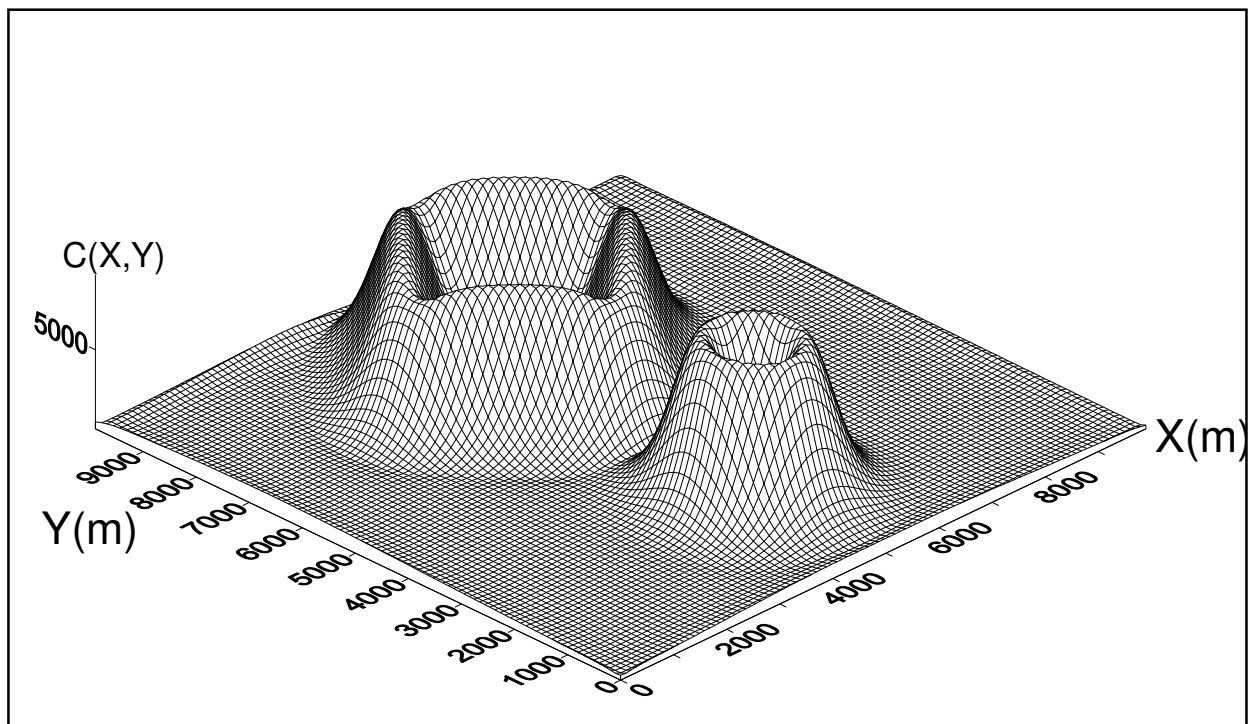


Fig. 1c. Modulus of the continuous wavelet transform of the Prism and the Cylinder plotted at the low Scale  $a=282m$ .

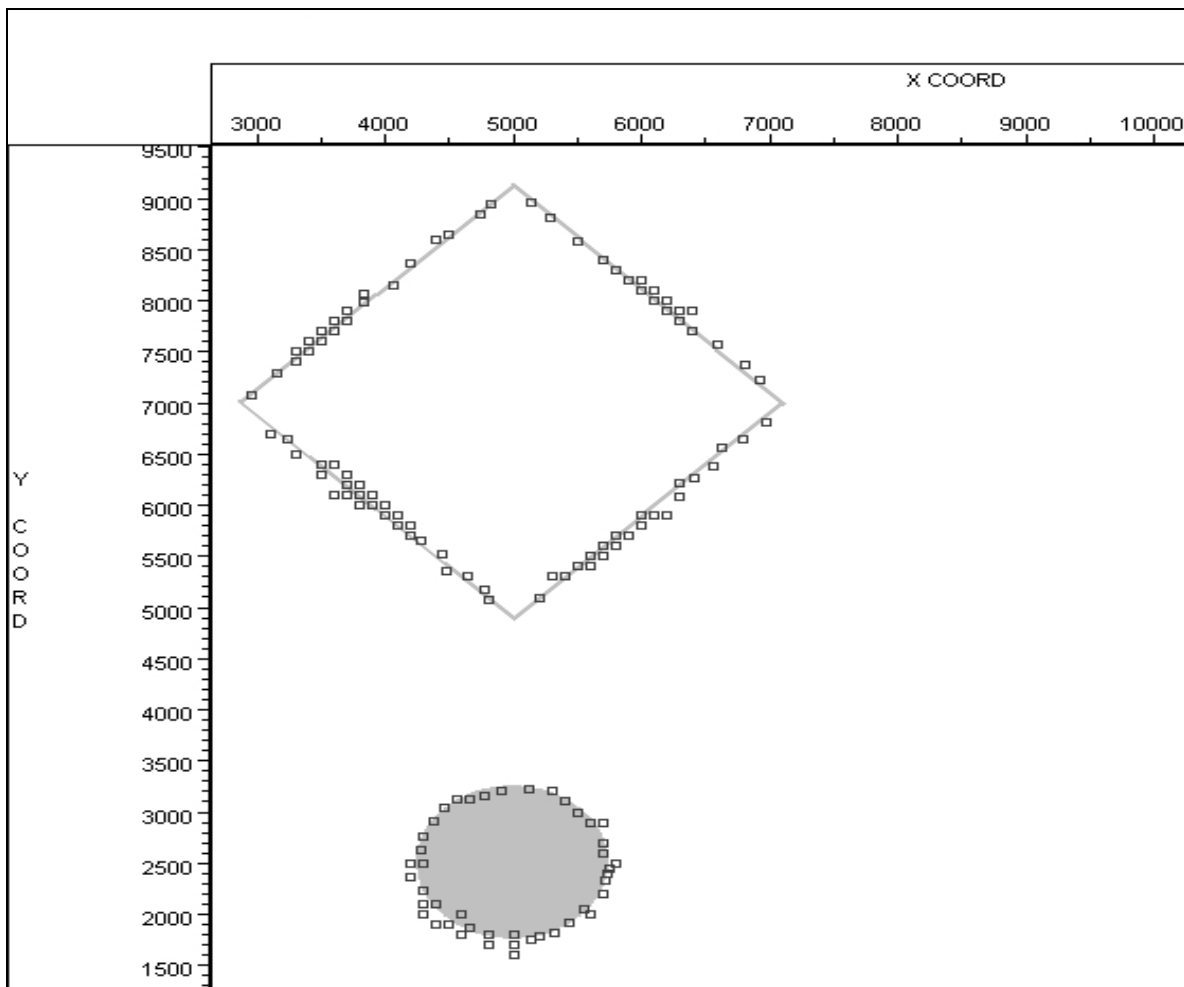


Fig. 2. Mapped contacts obtained by positioning of maxima of the modulus of the 2D DCWT. The solid curves are the exact boundaries of the Prism and the Cylinder.

## 4.2 Application on real data

The proposed idea has been applied to the aeromagnetic data of In Ouzzal, it is located in Hoggar. We start by describing the geology of the massif of Hoggar.

### 4.2.1 Geological setting of Hoggar

The lens of the massif of Hoggar that occupies the southern part of Algeria (Figure 3) is defined as a wide lapel Precambrian. It integrates mobile areas caught between the West African Craton and East Africa. It extends at 1000 km from East to West and 700km from North to South, It is extending through the branches 'append' of Air-NIGER at South-East and the Adrar des Iforas-MALI at the South West. Its territory is covered to the North East and South in part by training Paleozoic sedimentary of Tassili. The entire range (Hoggar, Air and Adrar des Iforas) forms the Tuareg shield (also known as Tuargi shield). Stable since the Cambrian, this massif belongs to the chain called "Pan" which belts the West African Craton to the east. This old chain is probably the result of the evolution of both intercontinental basins and accretion of micro plates involving the creation of oceans and island arcs. It is surrounded by sediment platform of Paleozoic age.

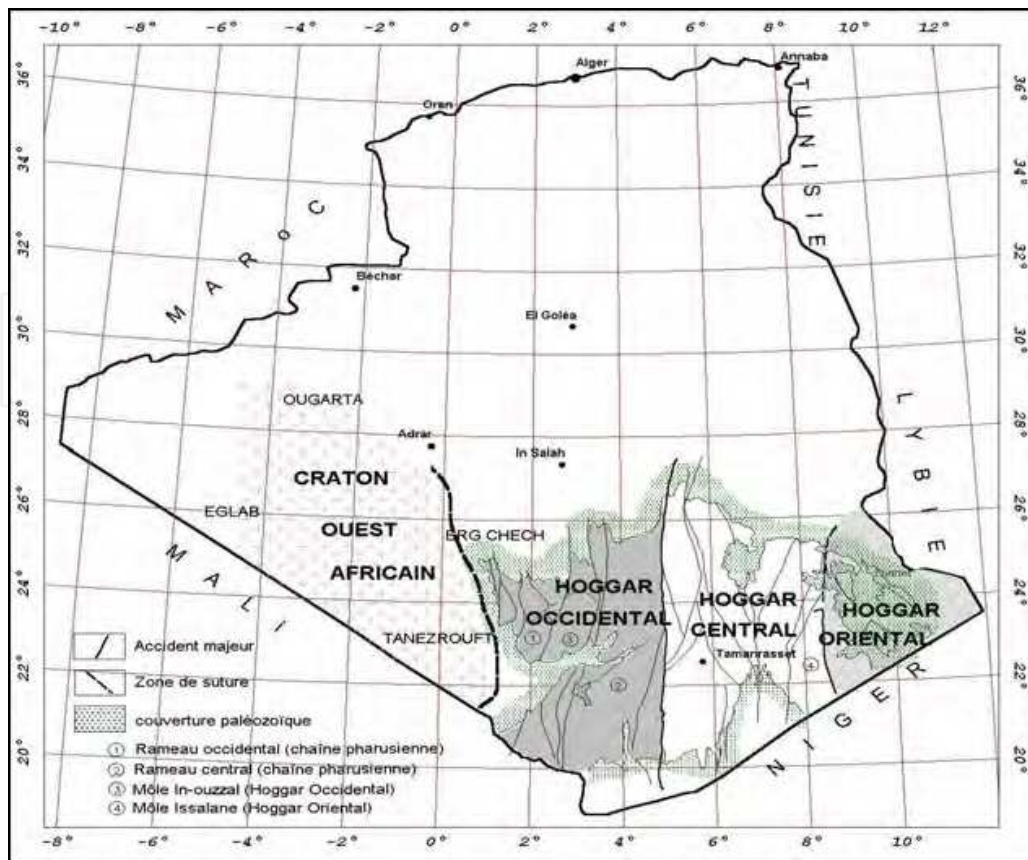


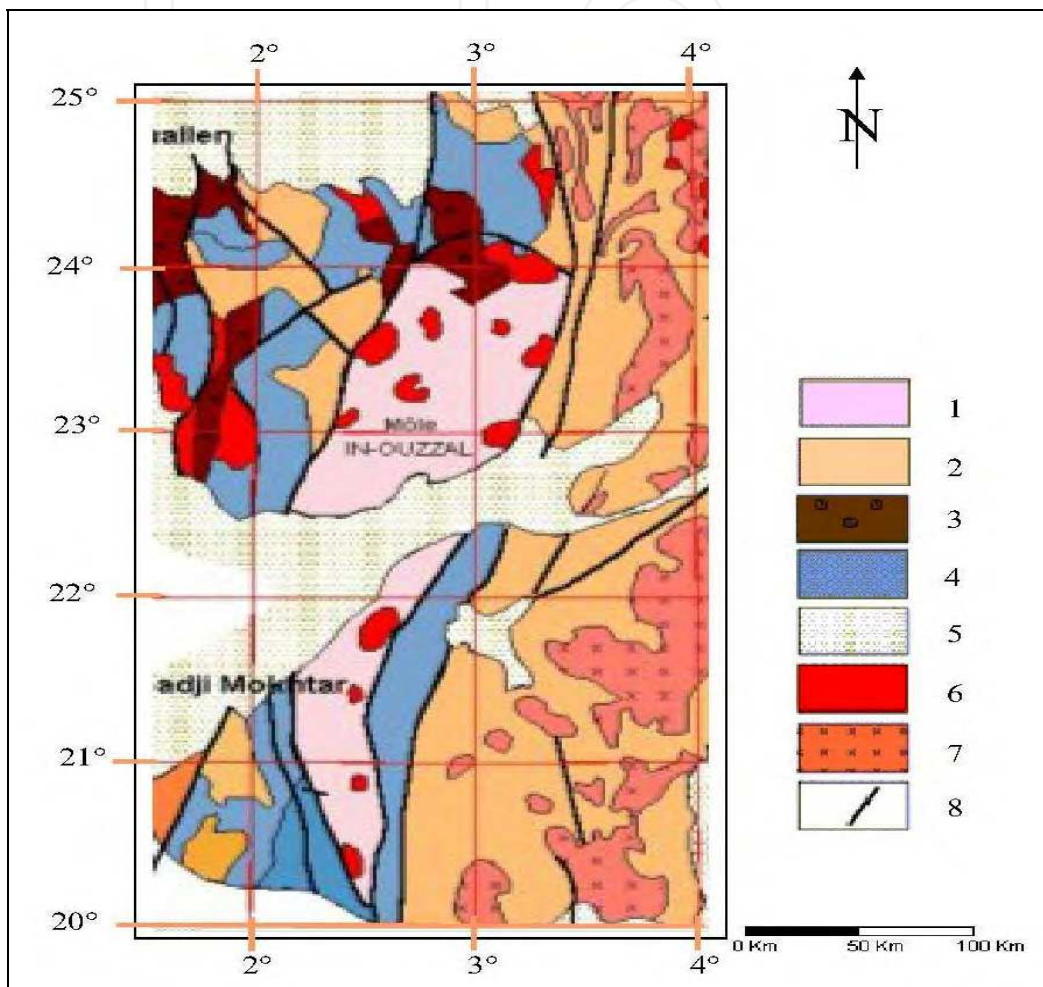
Fig. 3. Map of the principal subdivisions and principal structural domains of Hoggar, after Cabay et al (1981)

#### 4.2.2 Geological context of In Ouzzal

The In Ouzzal terrane (Western Hoggar) is an example of Archaean crust remobilized by a very-high-temperature metamorphism (Ouzeggane and Boumaza, 1996) during the Paleoproterozoic (2 Ga). Structural geometry of the In Ouzzal terrane is characterized by closed structures trending NE-SW to ENE-WSW (figure 4) that correspond to domes of charnockitic orthogneiss. The supracrustal series are made up of metasediments and basic-ultrabasic rocks that occupy the basins located between these domes. In In-Ouzzal area, the supracrustal synforms and orthogneiss domes exhibit linear corridors near their contacts corresponding to shear zones. The structural features in In Ouzzal area (Djemai et al, 2009), observed at the level of the base of the crust, argue in favour of a deformation taking place entirely under granulite-facies conditions during the Paleoproterozoic. These features are compatible with  $D_1$  homogeneous horizontal shortening of overall NW-SE trend that accentuates the vertical stretching and flattening of old structures in the form of basins and domes. This shortening was accommodated by horizontal displacements along transpressive shear corridors. During the Pan-African event, the brittle deformation affected the granulites which were retrogressed amphibolite and greenschists facies (with the development of tremolite and chlorite (Cabay and Monie, 2003), in the presence of fluids along shear zones corridors. Brittle deformations were concentrated in the southern boundary of In Ouzzal. An important NW-SE-trending dextral strike-slip pattern has been mapped along which we can see the Eburnean foliation  $F_1$  overprinted. This period was also



marked by ductile to brittle deformation along the eastern shear zone bordering the In Ouzzal terrane with steep fracture cleavage (NNW-SSE) and conjugate joint pattern. All these structural features are compatible with an ENE-WSW shortening in relation with the collision between the West African Craton and the Hoggar during the Pan-African orogeny.



1-Archaean granulites ; 2- Gneiss and metasediments ; 3- Gneiss with facies amphibole; 4- Indif gneiss; 5- Paleozoic curvature; 6- Panafrican granite; 7-Volcano-sediments of Tafassasset ; 8- Major faults

Fig. 4. Map Geological map of the Mole In Ouzzal extracted from the map of Hoggar (After Caby et al, 1981).

#### 4.2.3 Data processing

In this section we have analyzed the aeromagnetic data of In Ouzzal to demonstrate the power of the 2D DCWT method to identify geological contacts. Source codes in C language are developed to calculate the 2D directional continuous wavelet transform and the spatial distribution of its maxima at different scales. The geomagnetic field data are processed with a regular grid of 750m. Figure 5a is a map of total magnetic field and figure 5b represents the anomaly magnetic field  $\Delta T$ . The IGRF75 model is used for calculation of  $\Delta T$ .

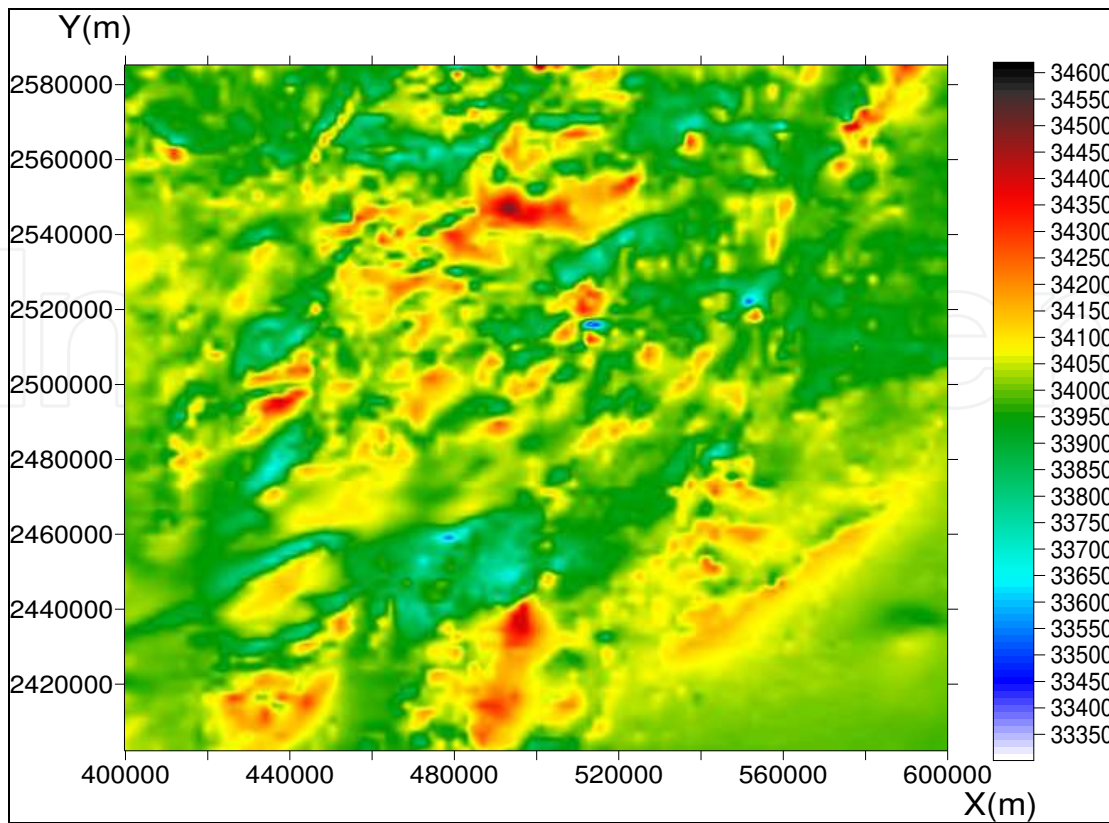


Fig. 5a. Total magnetic field of In Ouzzal

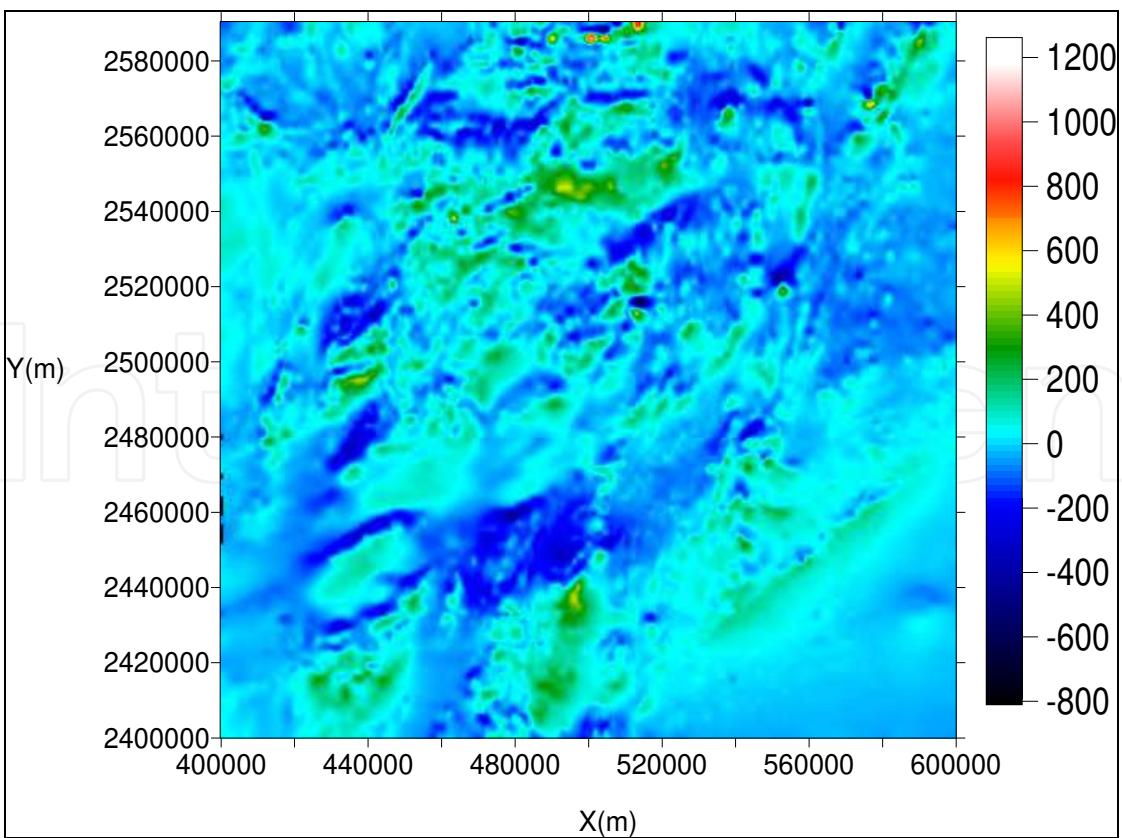


Fig. 5b. Anomaly magnetic field of In Ouzzal.

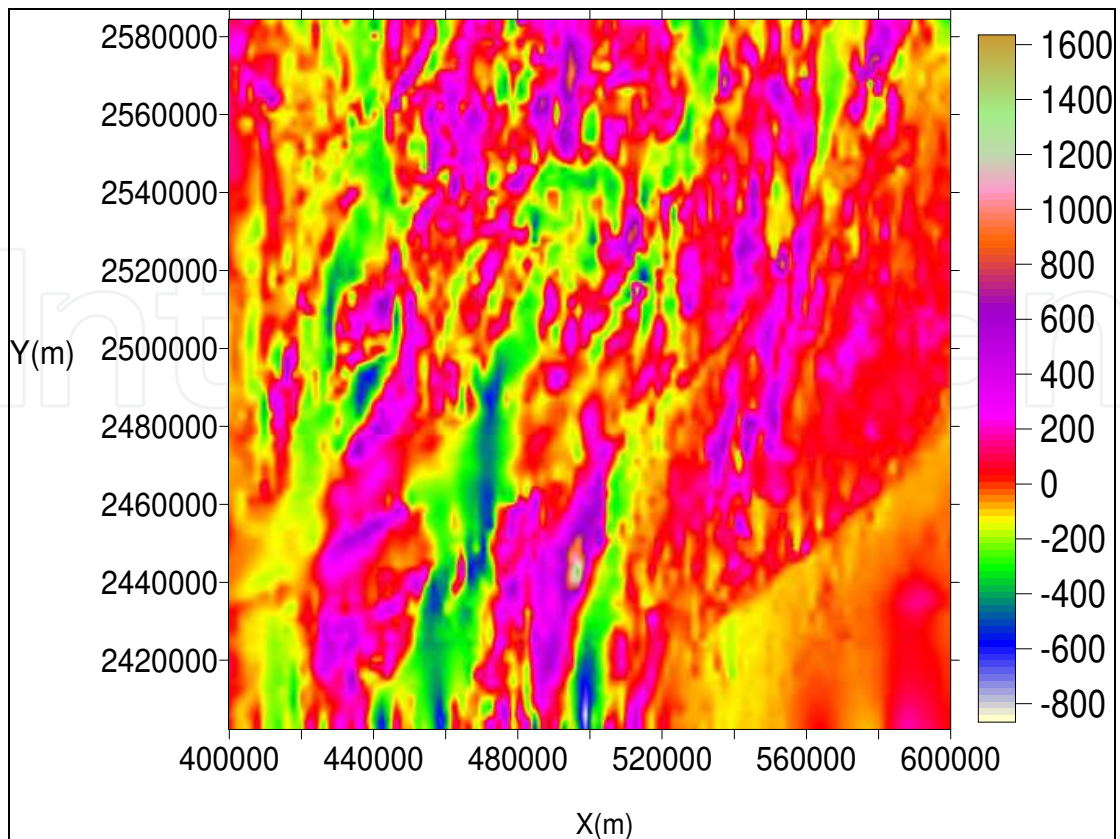


Fig. 5c. Anomaly magnetic field of In Ouzzal after reduction to the pole (RTP)

The anomaly magnetic field is reduced to the pole; parameters of reduction to the pole are illustrated in table 2. Figure 5c is magnetic anomaly field after reduction to the pole (RTP).

After RTP the maximum of the anomaly magnetic field will be found at the vertical of the physical structures. Figure 6 represents the modulus of DCWT at the scale  $a = 2.1$  km. The analyzing wavelet is the Poisson's Kernel (See equation 4). The next operation consists to calculate maxima of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform at each scale (scales varied between 2.1 and 9.09 km). At each scale we map points of maxima in the plan. The obtained set of maxima for all ranged scales will give the geometry of geologic contacts (Figure 7).

Longitude	3°
Latitude	22.5°
Elevation	1000m
Inclination	22.6°
Declination	-4.38°

Table 2. Parameters of the reduction to the pole of the anomaly field of In Ouzzal

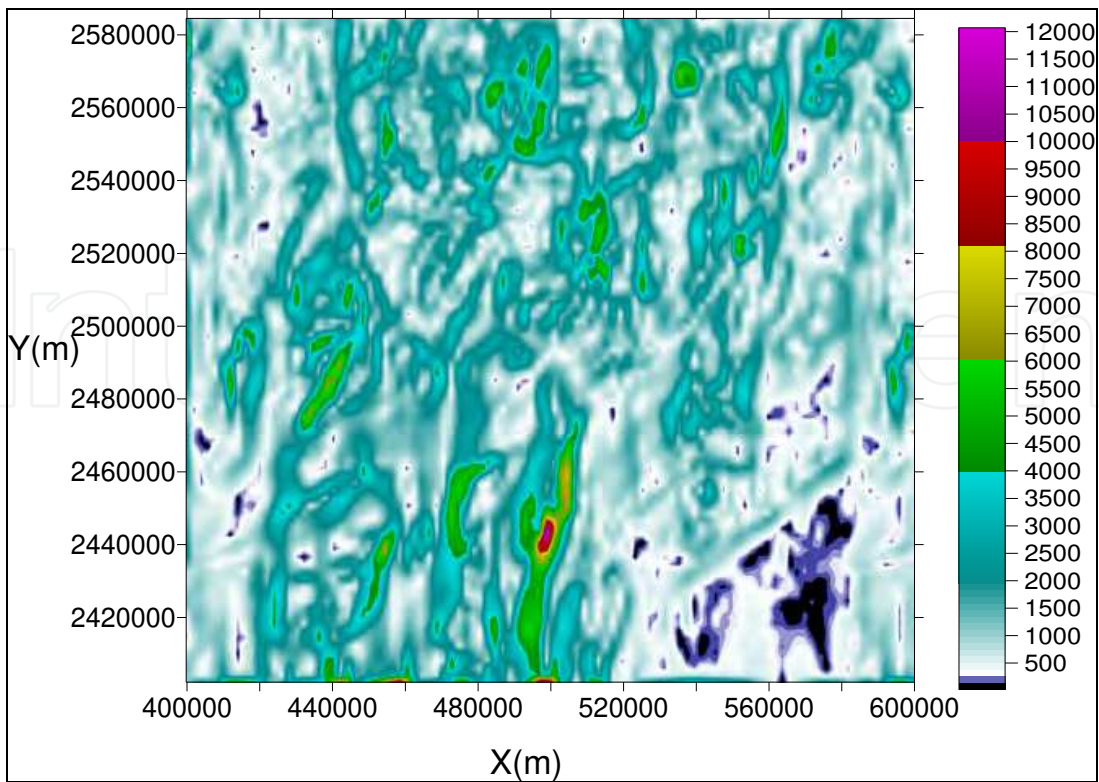


Fig. 6. Modulus of the 2D DCWT of the Anomaly magnetic field reduced to the pole

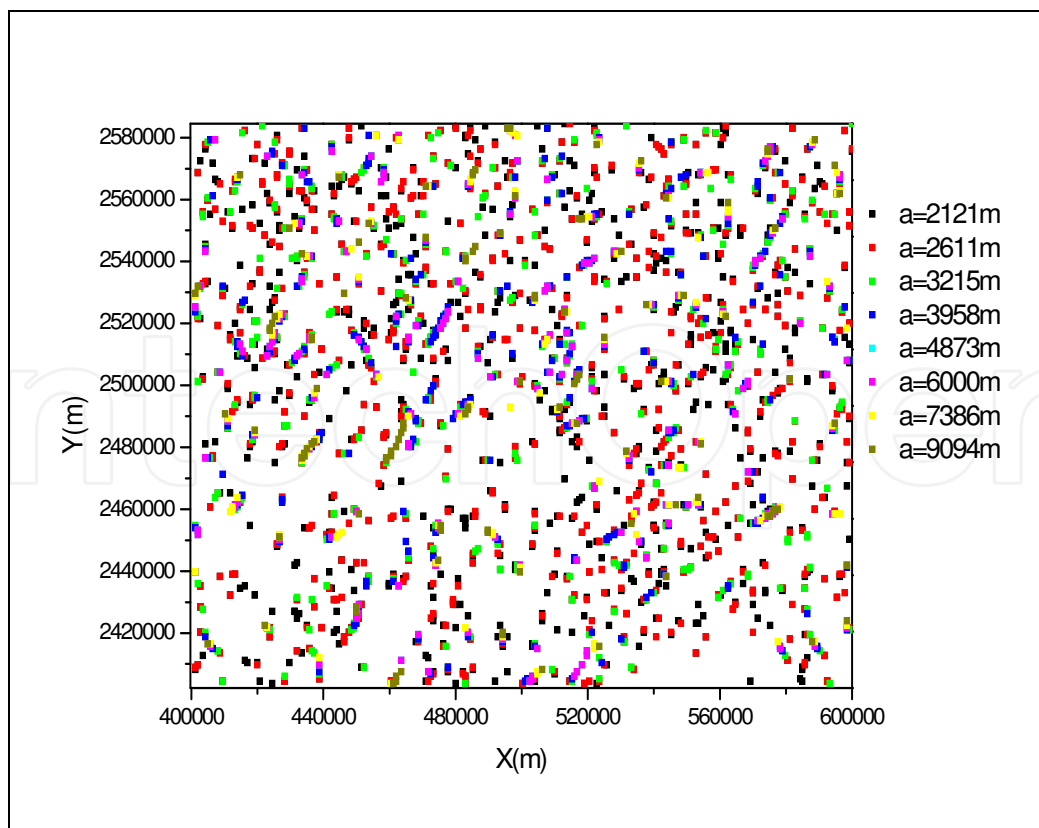


Fig. 7. Mapped maxima of the 2D DCWT for all range of scales

#### 4.2.4 Results interpretation

The obtained contacts by DCWT are compared with the geological map (Figure 8). One can remark that the proposed technique is able to identify contacts that exist in the structural geology map.

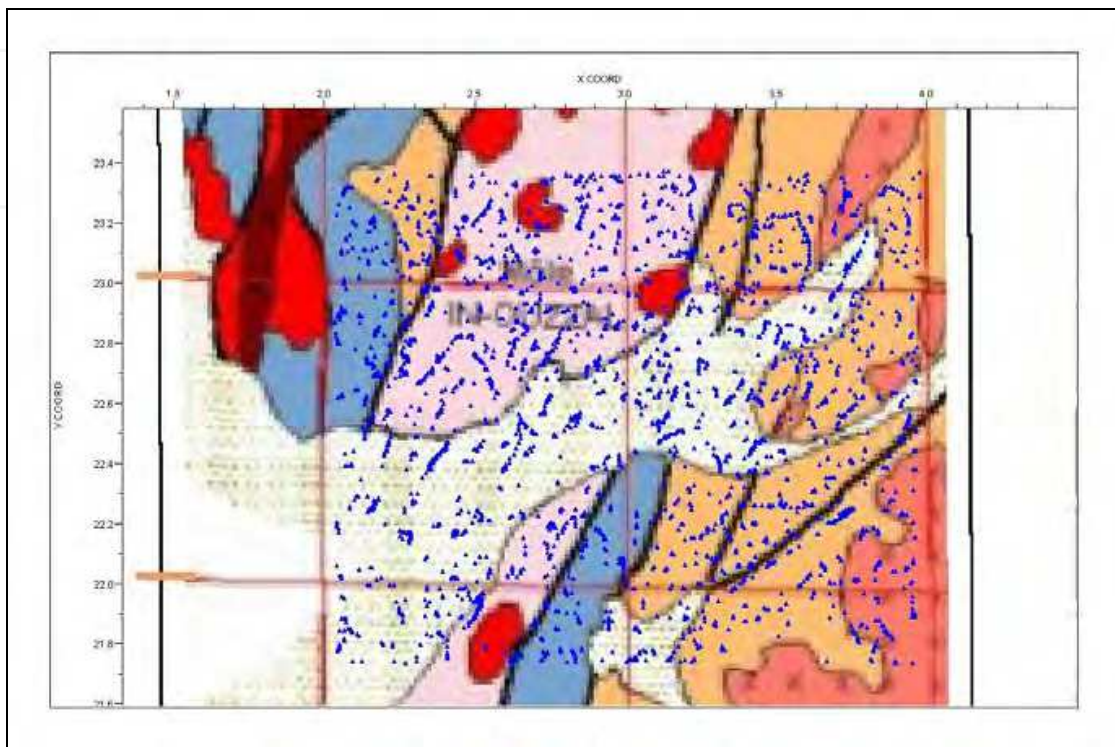


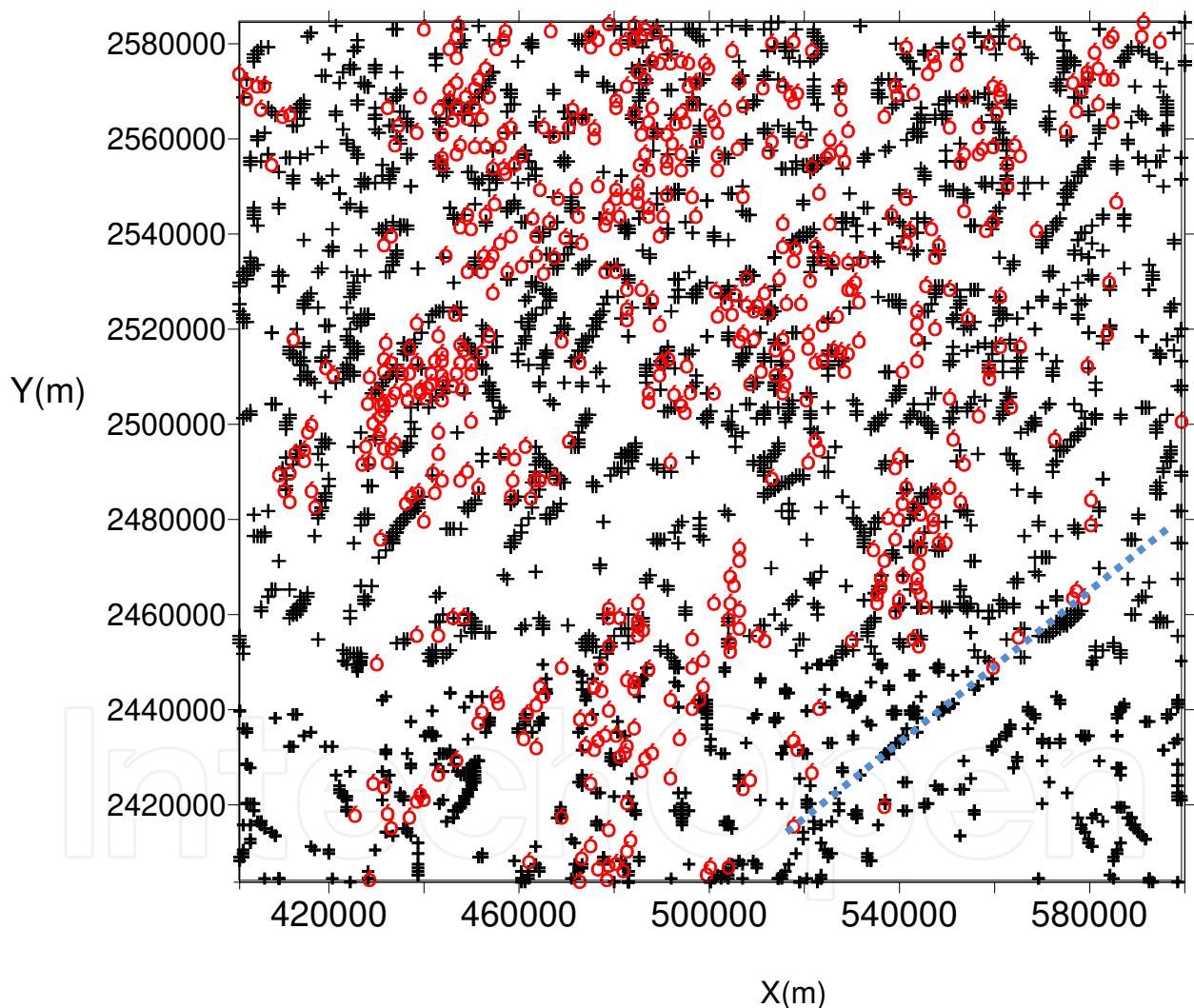
Fig. 8. Obtained contacts compared with the structural map of In Ouazzal.

To better ensure our results, we have compared these contacts with the analytic signal (AS) solutions. The analytic signal is very sensitive to noise. This is due to the derivative operator which amplifies noise intensity (Cooper, 2006). For that we use a threshold to eliminate fictitious solutions, in this case the threshold is equal to  $0.5nT/km$ . Figure 9 shows the comparison between contacts identified by the two methods. We can note that the AS is not able to identify a contact that exists firstly in the geological map, where 2D DCWT has identified this last (blue dashed line in figure 9). It is clear that DCWT technique has detected some contacts that do not exist in the model proposed by AS (See figure 9). This is due firstly to the difference between the principles of the two techniques. In the AS technique the value of the anomaly field at the level  $Z=Z_0$  is obtained by the Hilbert transform (Nabighian, 1984). However in the proposed technique the intensity of anomaly field at  $Z=Z_0$  is defined by the modulus of 2D DCWT at the scale  $a=Z_0$ . The DCWT using the Poisson Kernel is a low pass filter which decreases the noise compared to the AS technique, this last amplifies the noise intensity. Figure 10 is the proposed structural model based on the mapped contacts using the 2D DCWT.

#### 4.3 Conclusion

We have proposed a technique of boundaries identification based on the 2D directional continuous wavelet transform. Firstly we have applied this idea at a synthetic model,

obtained results shows robustness of the 2D DCWT. We have applied this technique at the aeromagnetic data of In Ouzzal. Obtained results are compared with the geological map and the analytic signal solutions. One can remark that the 2D directional wavelet transform is able to detect boundaries defined by geologists. Comparison with analytic signal shows that DCWT is able to identify contacts that not exist in the map of contacts defined by AS. The results of this study show that the proposed technique of edge detection based on the wavelet transform is very efficient for geological contacts analysis from maps of geomagnetic anomalies.



- Obtained contacts by the 2D DCWT
- Obtained contacts by Analytic signal

Fig. 9. Localization of magnetic sources obtained by analytic signal. Circles indicate position of peaks of analytic signal amplitude determinate following Blakley and Simpson Algorithm (1986). Minimal threshold for detection of maxima is fixed to 0.5nT/km.

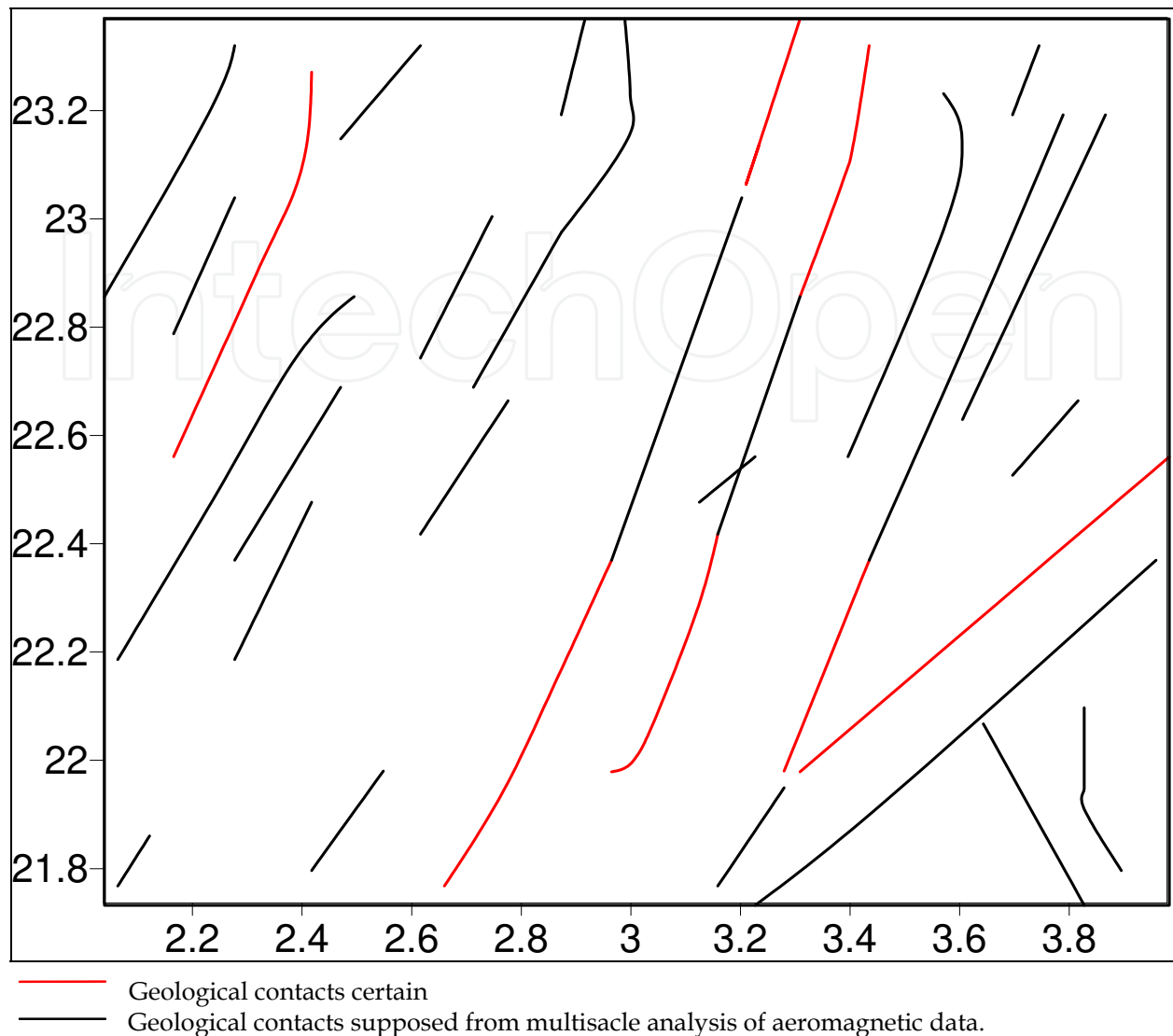


Fig. 10. Proposed contacts obtained by positioning of maxima of the 2D DCWT

### 5. Multiscale analysis of the 3D analytic signal using the 2D directional continuous wavelet transform

Many model of potential field data interpretation are proposed, the horizontal gradient (Blakely and Simpson, 1986) and the analytic signal or full gradient (Nabighian, 1984, Roest et al, 1992) are the classical methods of the last decades. The big weakness of these techniques is sensitivity to noise (Cooper, 2006). Since the presence of noise in the potential field can give fictitious contacts. This is due to the de derivative operator that amplifies noise effect. Usually we use a threshold to eliminate these fictitious contacts. However by this way, many high frequency causative sources will be missed. For this reason we propose in this paper a technique of boundaries delimitation from geomagnetic data. This last is based on the analysis of the amplitude of 3D analytic signal defined by Roest et al (1992) by the directional continuous wavelet transform. After that maxima of the modulus of the CWT for all range of scales are mapped. The set of maxima will give geological boundaries.

The proposed idea has been applied on the In Ouzzal area

### 5.1 Analytic signal

Nabighian (1972, 1984) developed the notion of 2-D analytic signal, or energy envelope, of magnetic anomalies. Roest, et al (1992), showed that the amplitude (absolute value) of the 3-D analytic signal at location  $(x,y)$  can be easily derived from the three orthogonal gradients of the total magnetic field using the expression:

$$|A(x)| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right)^2} \quad (5)$$

Where :  $|A(x)|$  is the amplitude of the analytic signal at  $(x,y)$ .  
T is the intensity of the observed magnetic field at  $(x,y)$ .

An important comment at this point is the analytic signal can be easily calculated. The x and y derivatives can be calculated directly from a total magnetic field grid using a simple 3x3 filter, and the vertical gradient is routinely calculated using FFT techniques. The analytic signal anomaly over a 2-D magnetic contact located at  $(x=0)$  and at depth  $h$  is described by the expression (after Nabighian, 1972):

$$|A(x)| = \alpha \frac{1}{(h^2 + x^2)^{0.5}} \quad (6)$$

Where  $\alpha$  is the amplitude factor  $\alpha = 2M \sin(d)(1 - \cos(I)^2 \sin(A)^2)$

$h$  is the depth to the top of the contact.

$M$  is the strength of magnetization

$d$  is the dip of the contact

$I$  is the inclination of the magnetization vector

$A$  is the direction of the magnetization vector

### 5.2 The processing algorithm

The proposed idea is based on the calculation of maxima of the modulus of the 2D continuous wavelet transform of the amplitude of the analytic signal. Figure 11 shows a detailed flow chart of this technique.

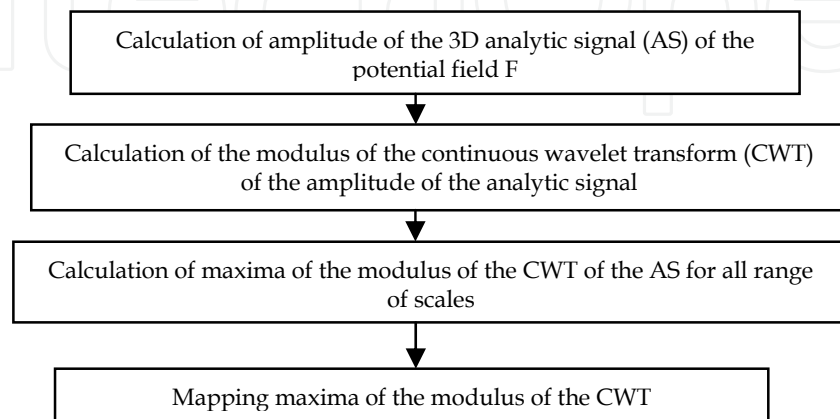


Fig. 11. Flow chart of the potential field analysis using the 3D AS and 2D CWT



### 5.3 Data processing

The proposed technique has been applied at the anomaly magnetic field without reduction to the pole( figure5b). The first operation consists to calculate the amplitude of the analytic signal of this field. This last is represented in figure 12. The modulus of the continuous wavelet transform of the amplitude of the AS is represented in figure 13; the analyzing wavelet is the Poisson's Kernel. Maxima of the modulus of the CWT are mapped for all range of scales (scales varied from 2121m to 9094m). The set of maxima will give structural boundaries.

### 5.4 Results interpretation

Geological contacts obtained by mapping maxima of the CWT of the amplitude the the AS are compared with geological map (See figure 14). One can remark that the proposed method is able to identify contacts defined by geology. Obtained boundaries by the proposed method are compared with contacts of analytic signal(see figure 15); for this last we have eliminated fictitious contacts dues to noise using a threshold of 0.5nT/m. We observe that by using this threshold we have eliminated a lot of contacts, for example the contact defined by the dashed line in figure 15 is identified by the CWT combined with AS, however it is not detected by analytic signal, this is due to the threshold effect, this last has been applied to reduce the noise effect on the AS.

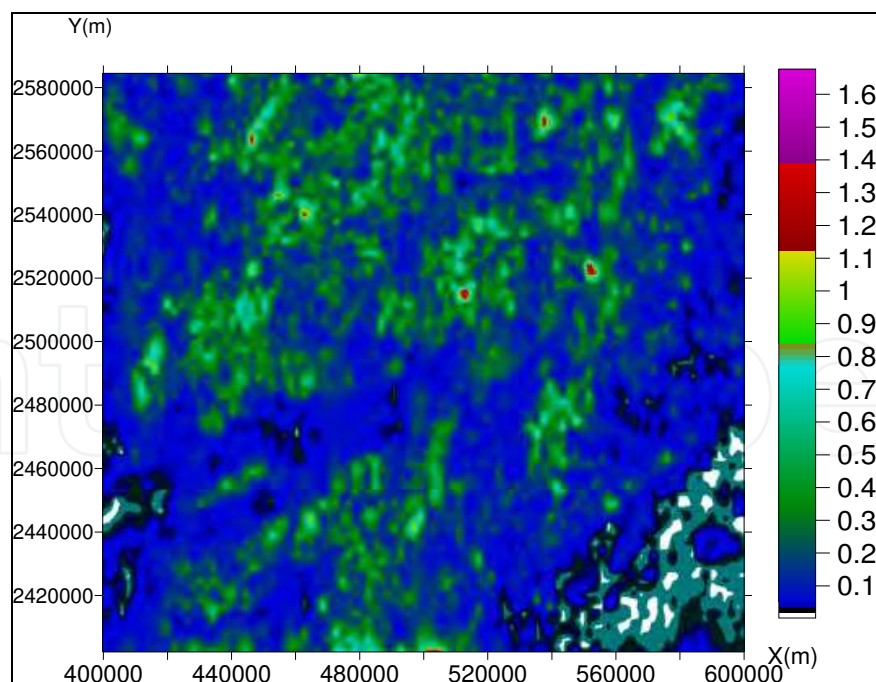


Fig. 12. Amplitude of the analytic signal of the anomaly magnetic field of In-Ouzzal

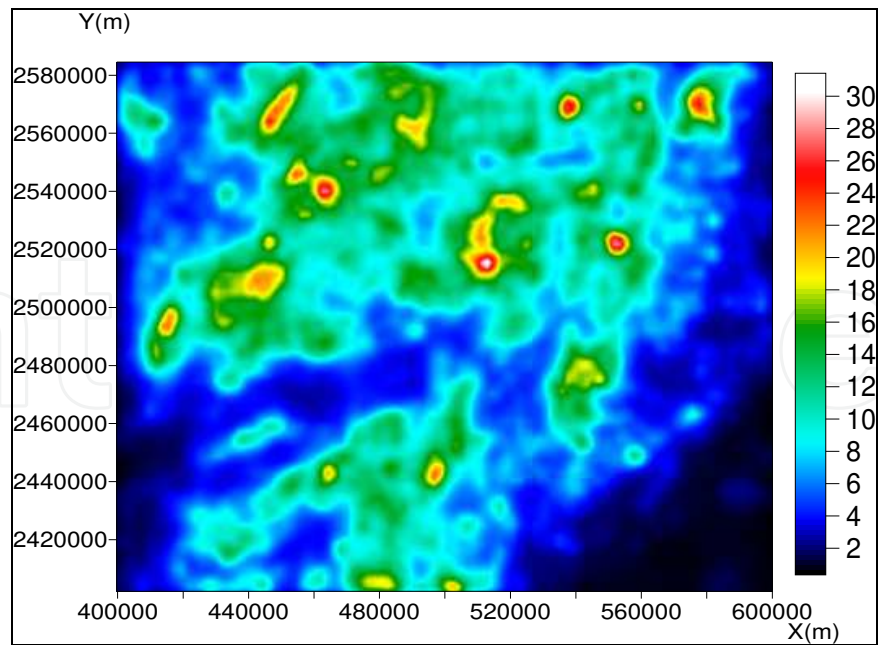


Fig. 13. Modulus of the CWT of the AS plotted at the scale  $a=2121m$ .

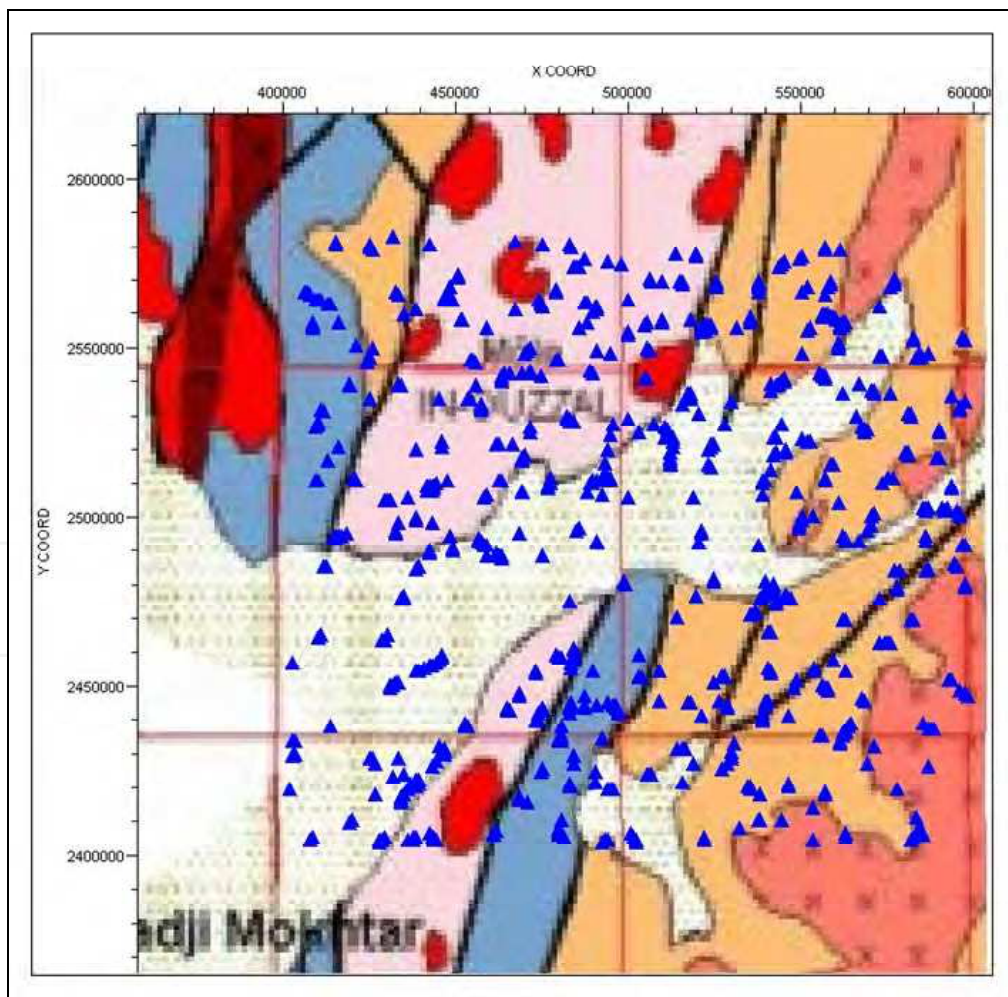


Fig. 14. Obtained contacts by the CWT analysis combined of AS compared with geology.

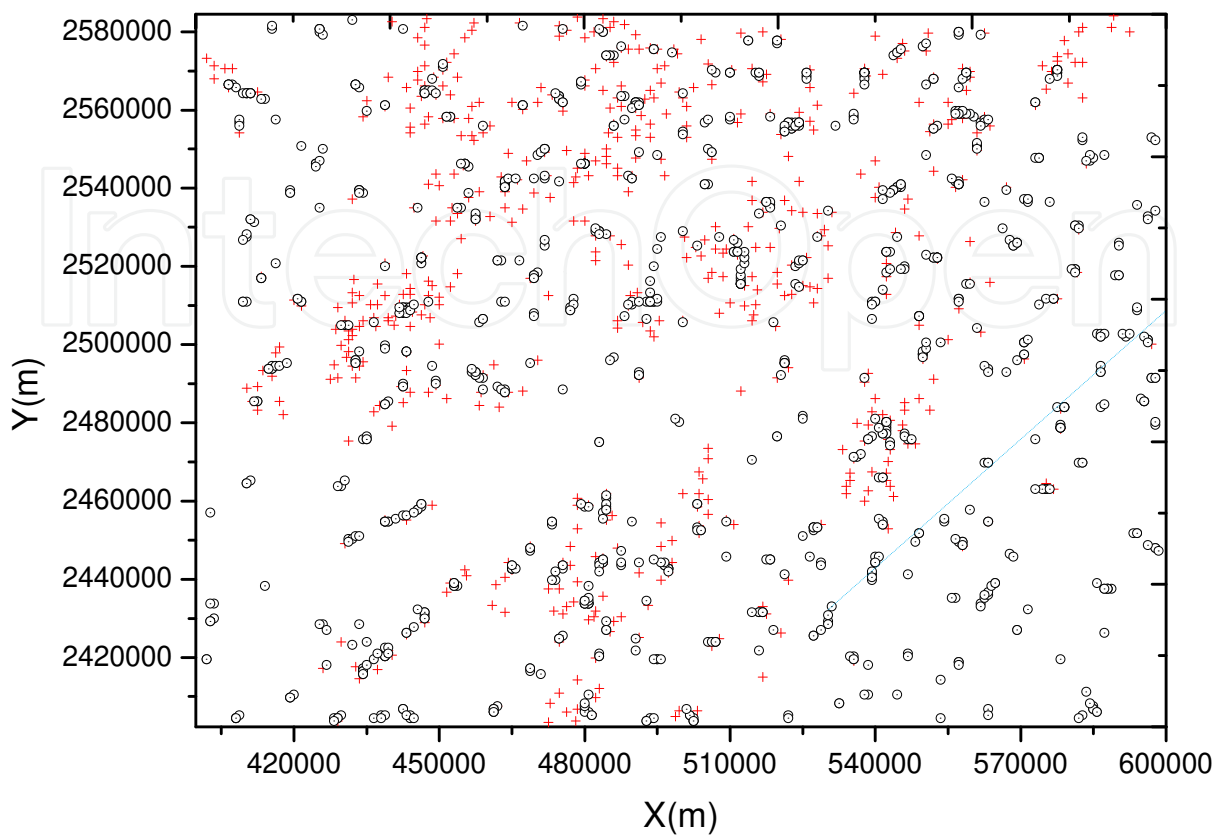


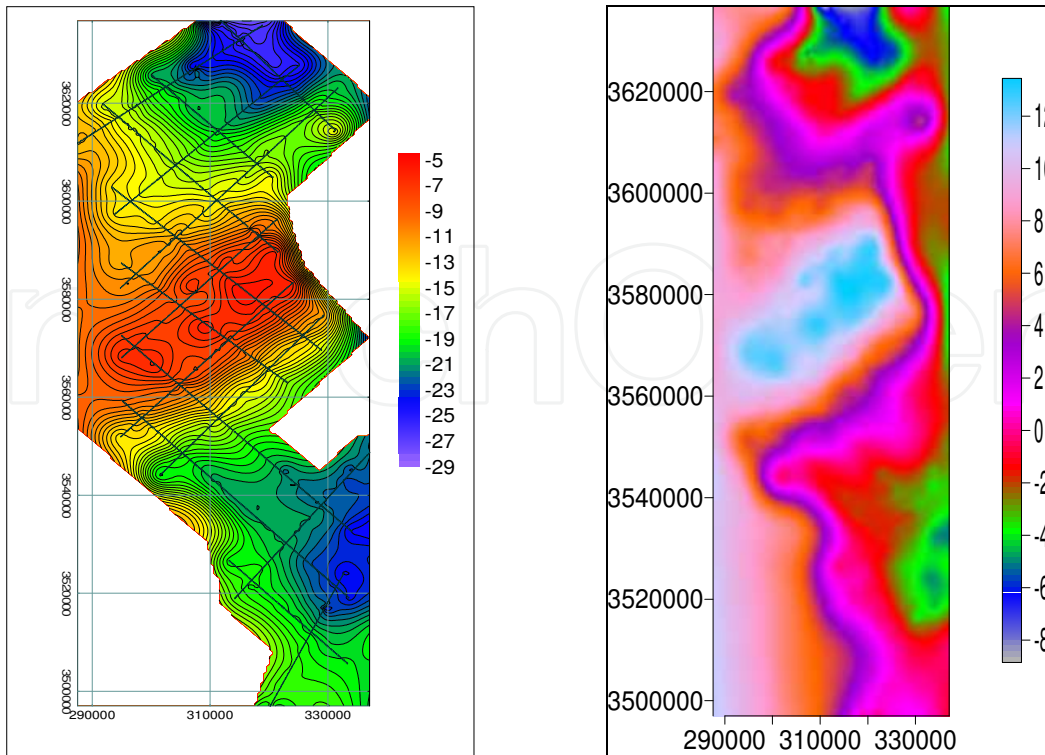
Fig. 15. Obtained contacts by the proposed method compared with analytic signal solutions.

## 5.5 Conclusion

We have proposed a technique of contacts identification based on the maxima of the modulus of the 2D continuous wavelet transform of the amplitude of the 3D analytic signal. Application on the real aeromagnetic data of In Ouzzal shows that the proposed idea is able to identify contacts that are not detected by the analytic signal solutions. By implanting our method we have resolved the ambiguity of application of a threshold at the maxima of analytic signal, which can eliminate a lot of high frequency causative sources. Secondly we have resolved the ambiguity of reduction to the pole that exist in the classical methods of application of the CWT for contacts delimitation, since this last needs a data reduced to the pole, which is not very efficient in the case of high geomagnetic remanance.

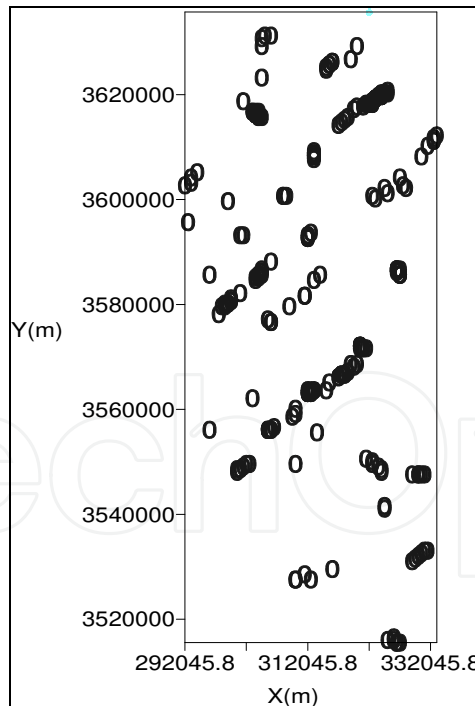
## 6. Multiscale analysis of the gravity data

We have applied the proposed idea on the gravity data of an area located in the Algerian Sahara. Figure 16a shows the Bouguer anomaly processed with a regular grid of 500mX500m. Firstly a 2D continuous wavelet transforms has been applied, the analyzing wavelet is the Poisson's Kernel. Modulus of the 2D DCWT is presented for the low scale  $a=705m$  in figure16b.



(a)

(b)



(c)

Fig. 16. Multiscale analysis of gravity data using the 2D DCWT  
 (a) Bouger Anomaly  
 (b) Modulus of the 2D DCWT plotted at the low scale  $a=705m$   
 (c) Obtained contacts mapped by sweeping all range of scales

The maxima of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform have been mapped for all range of scales. Figure 16c shows the map of the obtained boundaries, obtained results are compared with a seismic profile that passes by the prospected region, it exhibits a big correlation.

## 7. Multiscale analysis of noisy 3D GPR data

Here we present a new technique of noise effect attenuation in the 3D GPR data analysis using the 2D continuous wavelet transform. Ouadfeul and Aliouane(2010), have presented a technique of multiscale analysis of the 3D GPR data using the CWT, it has been applied on land topographical GPR data analysis, this last play a high important role in the seismic design (See Ouadfeul and Aliouane, 2010). The proposed technique is very sensitive to noise, to demonstrate this; we have added a 05% as a white noise in the 3D GPR data analyzed in the cited paper. Figure 17 is the map of this GPR data and figure 18 presents the noisy GPR data. Modulus of the 2D CWT plotted at the scale ( $a=751m$ ) is presented in figure 19. Maxima of the modulus of the continuous wavelet transform are presented in figure 20. It is clear that we are not able to identify topographic orientations; this is due to the noise effect on the CWT analysis. For this reason we propose an algorithm to reduce this phenomenon, this last is based on the application of an exponential low pass filter, at the modulus of the 2D CWT for the low range of scales, the filter coefficients are presented in table 03. After application of the low pass filter, maxima of the CWT are mapped for all range of scales. Comparison of maxima of the initial model (without noise) and the filtered model is presented in figure 21. One can remark that the filtered model is not very far from the original one, and we are now able to identify the dominant topographic orientation.

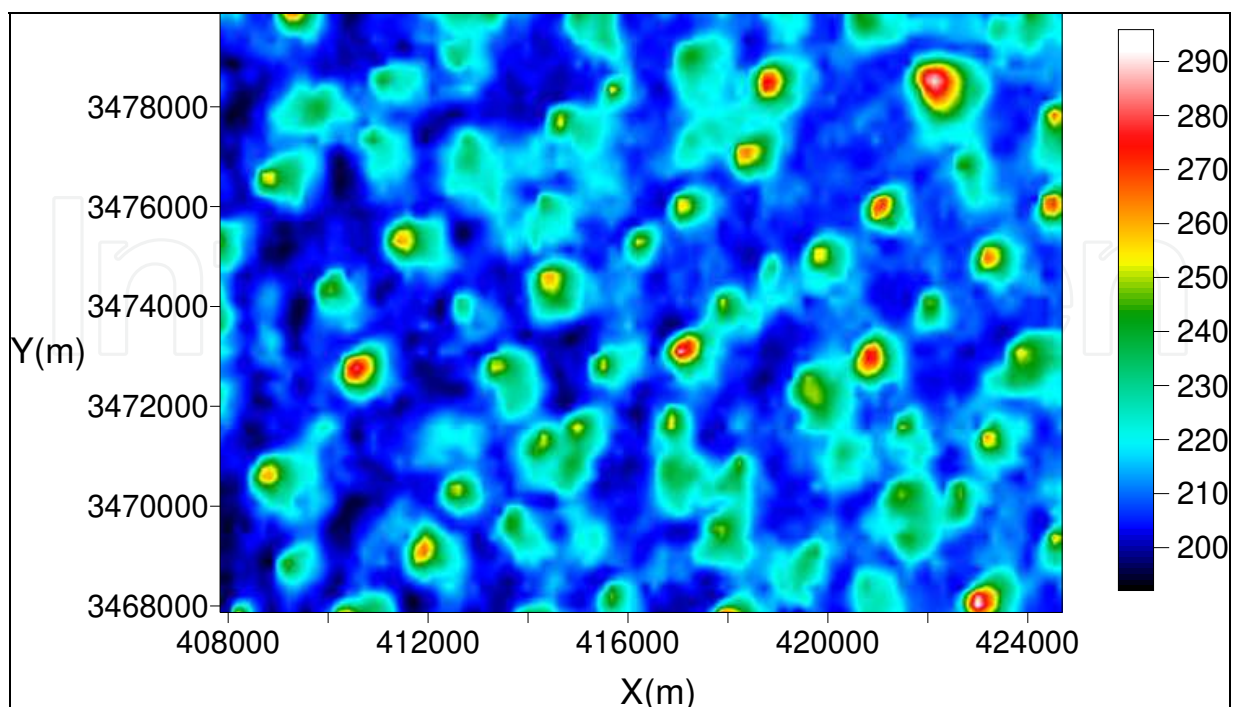


Fig. 17. Initial 3D GPR image without noise

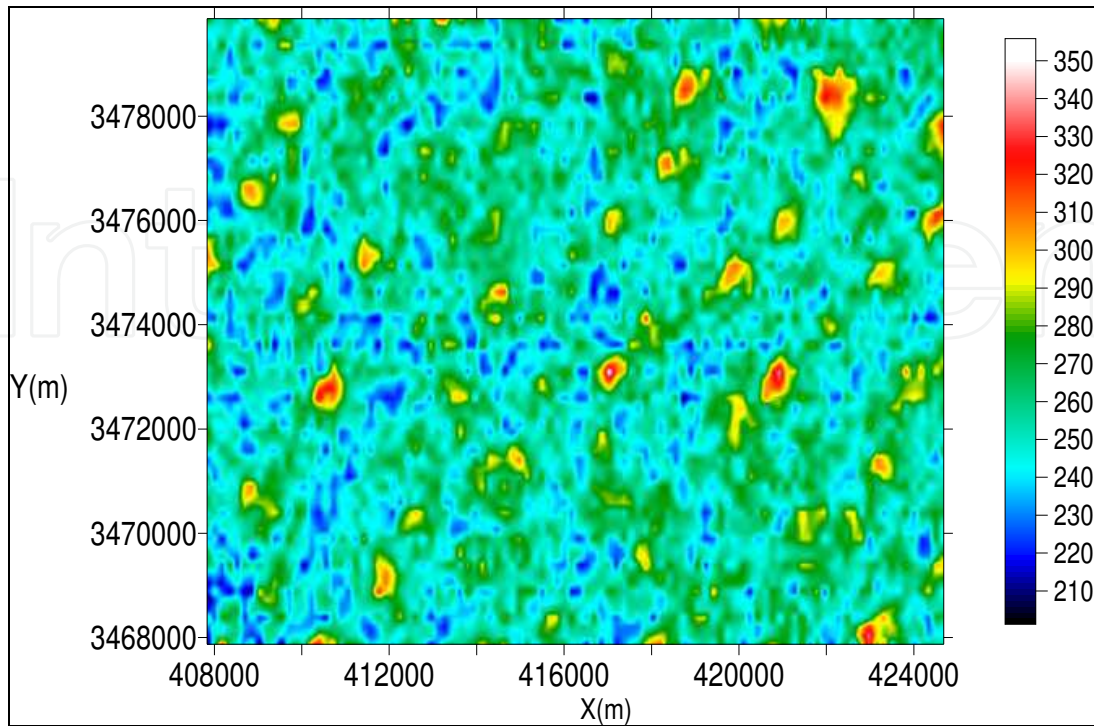


Fig. 18. Noisy 3D GPR image.

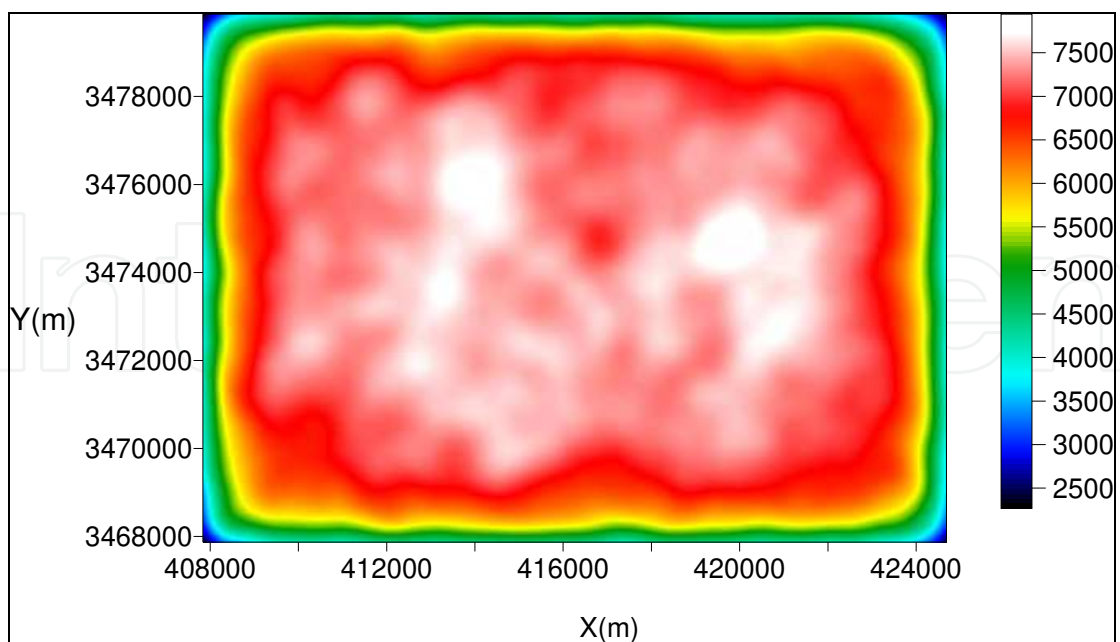


Fig. 19. Modulus of the 2D continuous wavelet transform of the noisy GPR image, plotted at the scale  $a=751m$

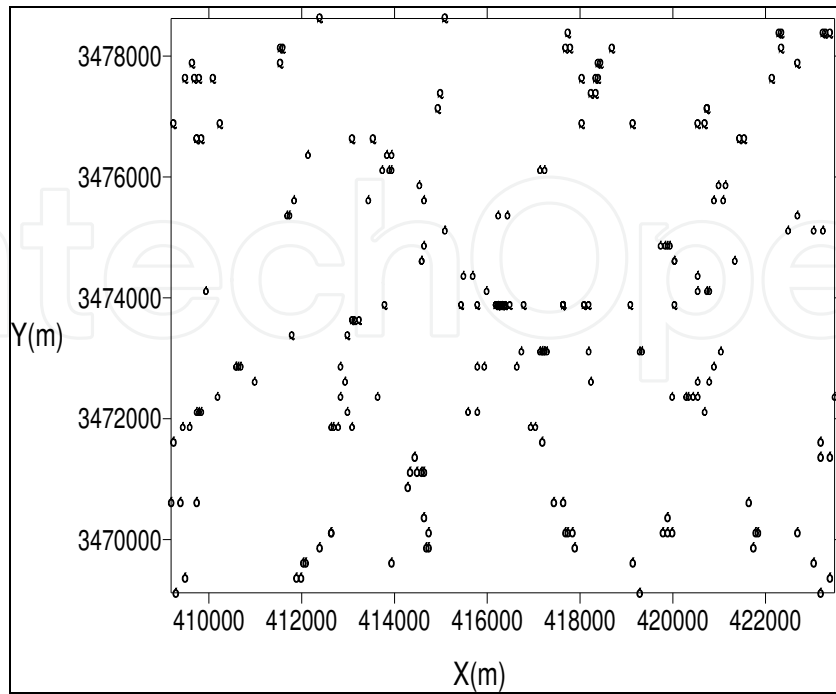
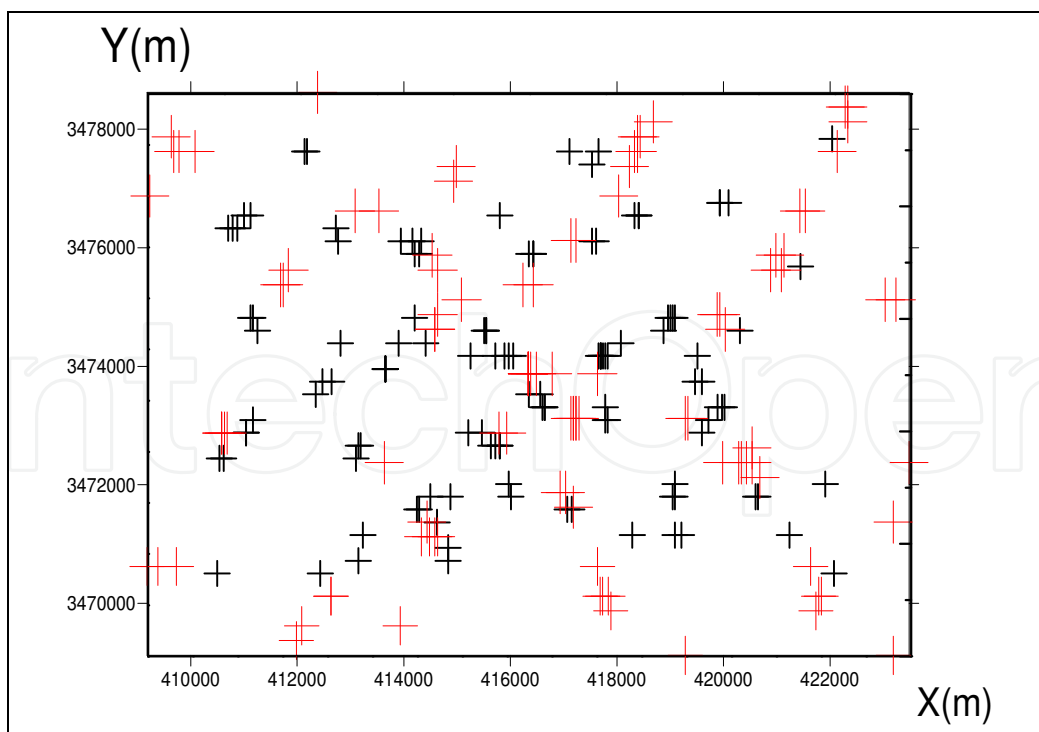


Fig. 20. Mapped maxima of the modulus of the CWT of the noisy GPR model



- + Initial 3D GPR data
- + Noisy 3D GPR data after filtering of the 2D CWT coefficients

Fig. 21. Obtained maxima of the modulus of the CWT of:

0.0003354626279	0.006737946999	0.01831563889	0.006737946999	0.0003354626279
0.006737946999	0.1353352832	0.3678794412	0.1353352832	0.006737946999
0.01831563889	0.3678794412	1	0.3678794412	0.01831563889
0.006737946999	0.1353352832	0.3678794412	0.1353352832	0.006737946999
0.0003354626279	0.006737946999	0.01831563889	0.006737946999	0.0003354626279

Table 3. An exponential low pass filter coefficients

## 8. Conclusion

In this chapter we have realized a multiscale analysis of many 2D geophysical signals by the continuous wavelet transform, the goal is to resolve many ambiguities in geophysics.

In geomagnetism the CWT proves to be a very useful tool for structural boundaries delimitation from geomagnetic data reduced to the pole. Multiscale analysis of the 3D analytic signal proves to be a very powerful tool for contact identification, this tool is less sensitive to noise and doesn't require a reduction to the pole, which is not very easy in areas with high remanance.

Wavelet analysis of gravity data shows that this last can be used for mapping of geological accidents, this information can be used for seismic design.

We have proposed a new technique to reduce the noise effect in wavelet analysis of geophysical signals, application on a 3D ground penetrating radar data shows that the proposed method can be used to reduce the noise effect when analyzing geophysical data by the wavelet transform.

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