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- Hydrogeophysics, geophysics and hydrogeology
- Geophysical characterization of groundwater flow systems
- Imaging of hydrodynamics, landform architecture, and geologic structures
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Dr. Steelman's research focuses on groundwater flow system characterization through the integration of hydrogeophysical measurements. Specific interests include inter-disciplinary hydrogeophysical characterization and monitoring techniques from air, surface and boreholes that improve understandings of process dynamics. Recently, he is exploring geophysical techniques that support regional-scale groundwater resource characterization, and how these styles of data can be integrated into high-resolution temporal monitoring networks.

He has made significant advancements in geophysical imaging techniques using ground-penetrating radar, electrical resistivity, electromagnetic induction, and seismic, in combination with direct hydrogeologic observations to better understand the parameters and processes that define complex groundwater flow systems from regional to local scales. His research aims to advance our understanding of groundwater flow systems and impacts of legacy contaminant sources on regional water resources.

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