

# GEOPHYSICAL METHODS FOR DETAILED MAPPING OF ZONES WITH CLAY IN BERGGRUNN.

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# This is not an option for our tunnels



The Hanekleiv tunnel Spring 2007.

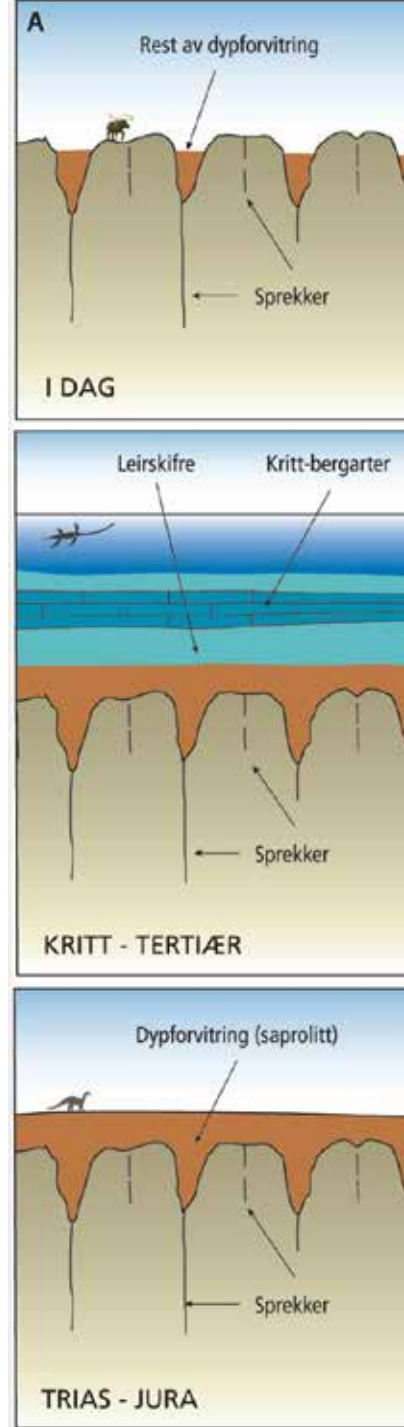
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# Deep weathering in Norway.



## AMAGER- method.

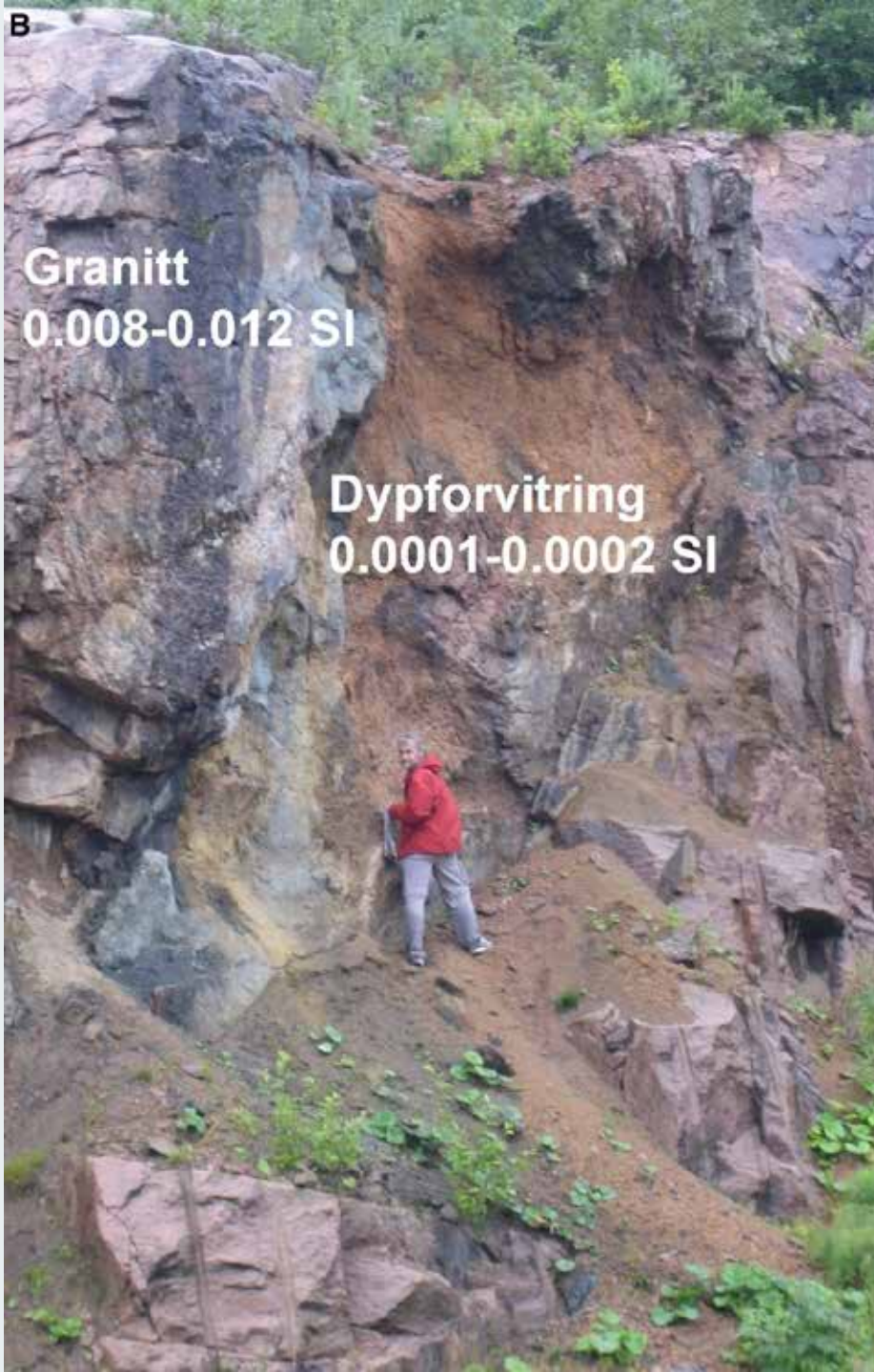
Deep weathering  
from Trias and Jura.

### **Signature:**

Silicate minerals  
altered to clay  
minerals, magnetite  
to less magnetic  
minerals.

**Effect:** Low  
terrain and low  
magnetic field.



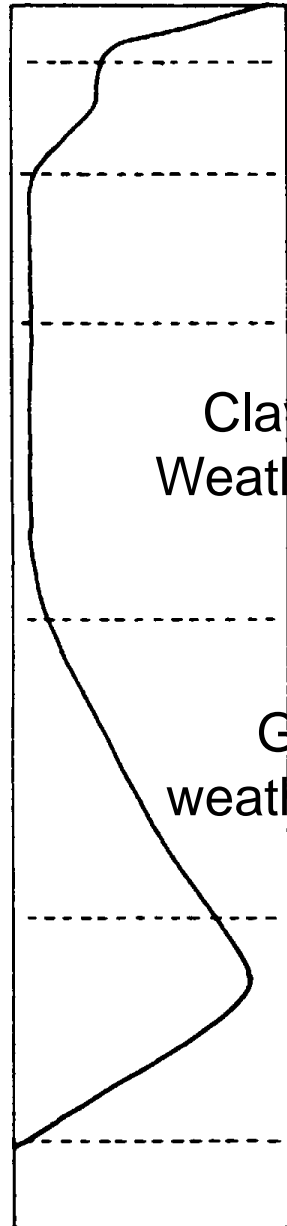


Eksample from Røyken



# Weathering profile – tropical climate

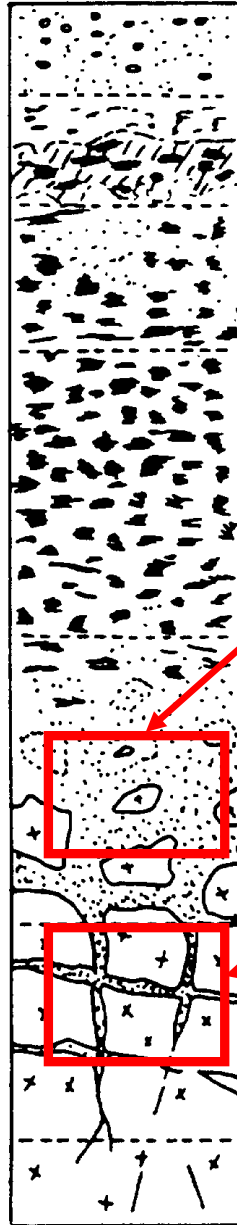
Low Permeability High



Clay-rich  
Weathering

Gravel  
weathering

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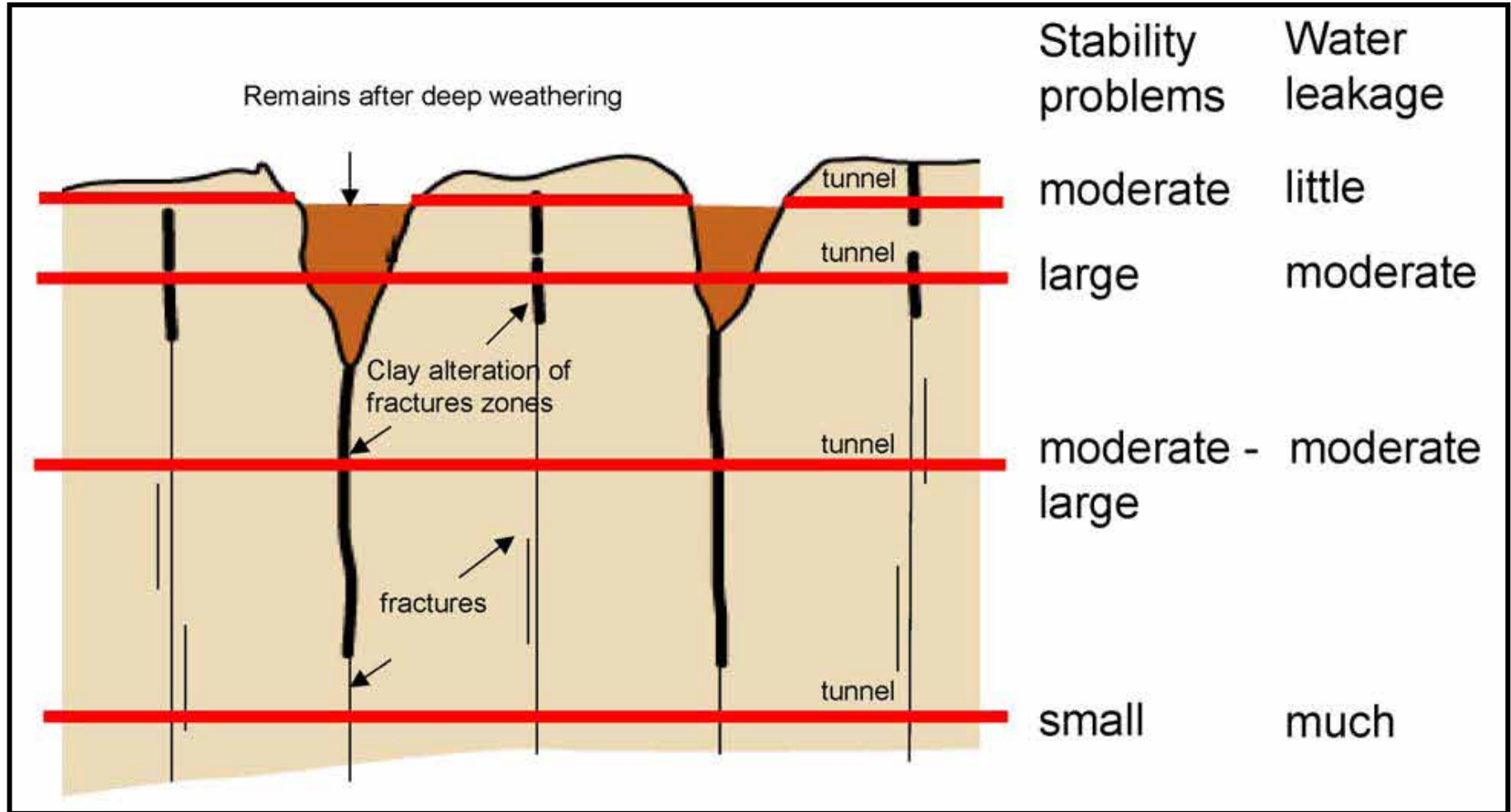
Core stones,  
Djupedal,  
Larvik



Weathering along fractures  
Thorsås, Siljan



# Different problems at different levels



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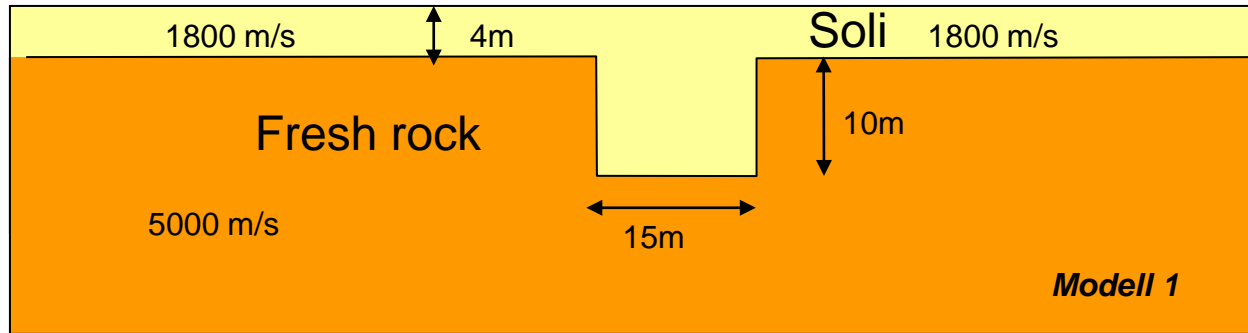
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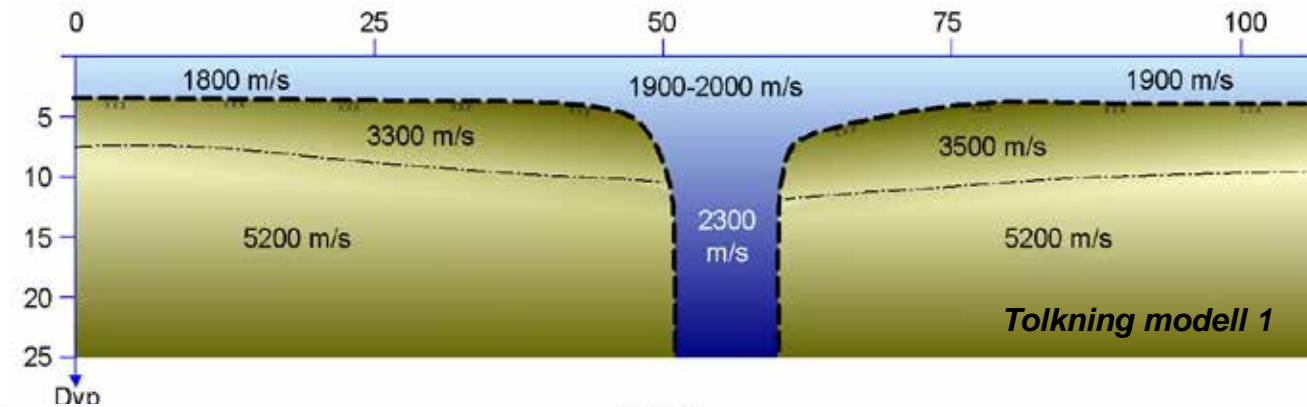


# Refraction seismic, Blind test.

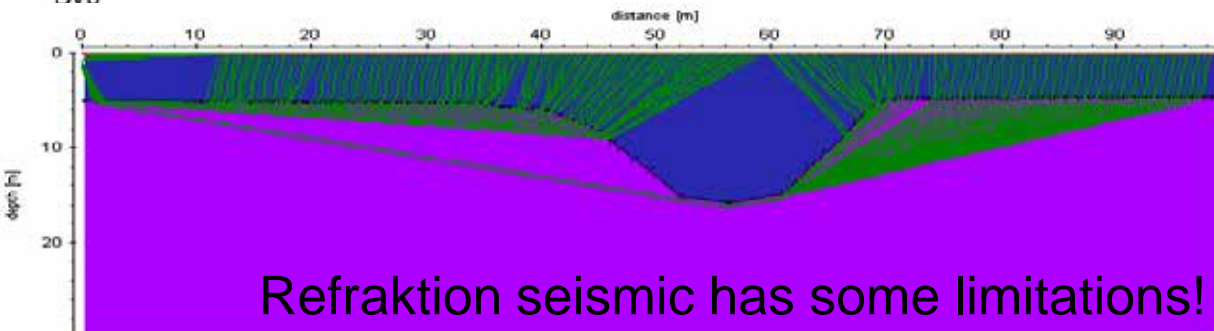
Traditional interpretation of synthetic data (Westerdal 2003).



Syntetic data generated from this model.



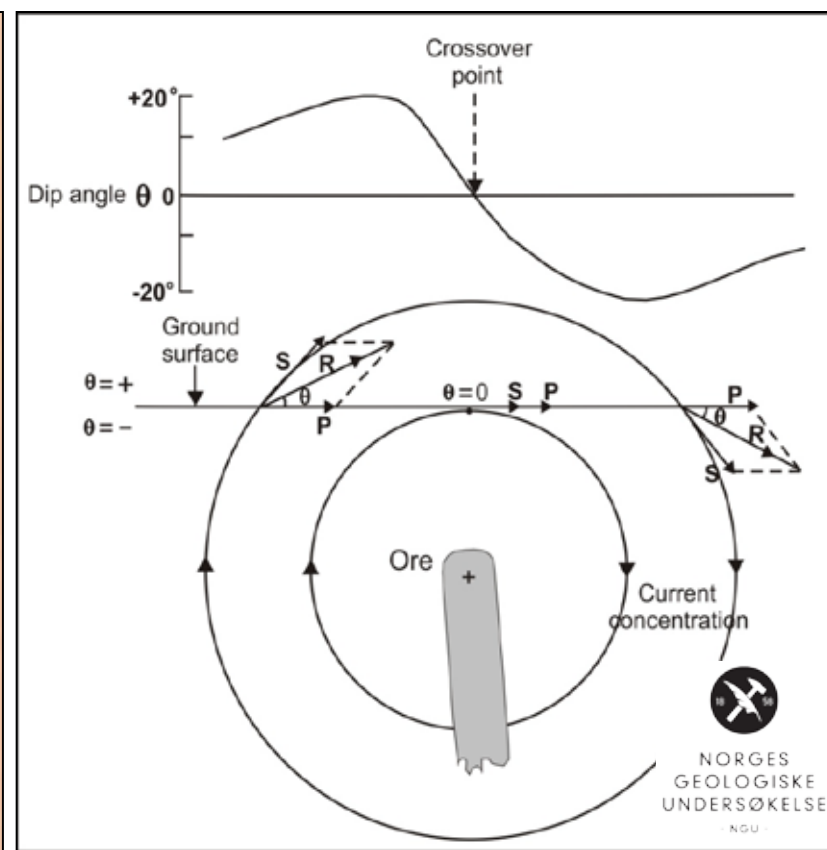
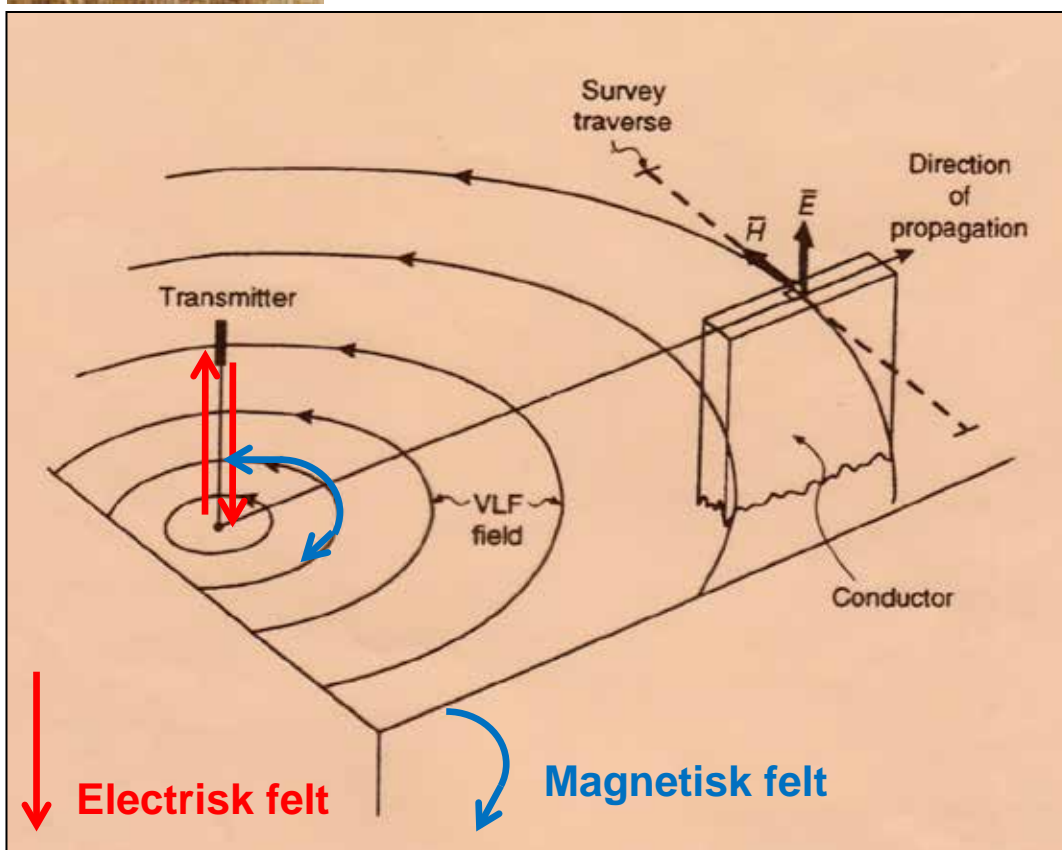
Interpretation from the expert.  
Weak zone open towards the depth.  
General weathering ( $V_p = 3300 - 3500$  m/s).



Ray tracing. A shot at the surface to the left will not give information from the lower part of the trench.

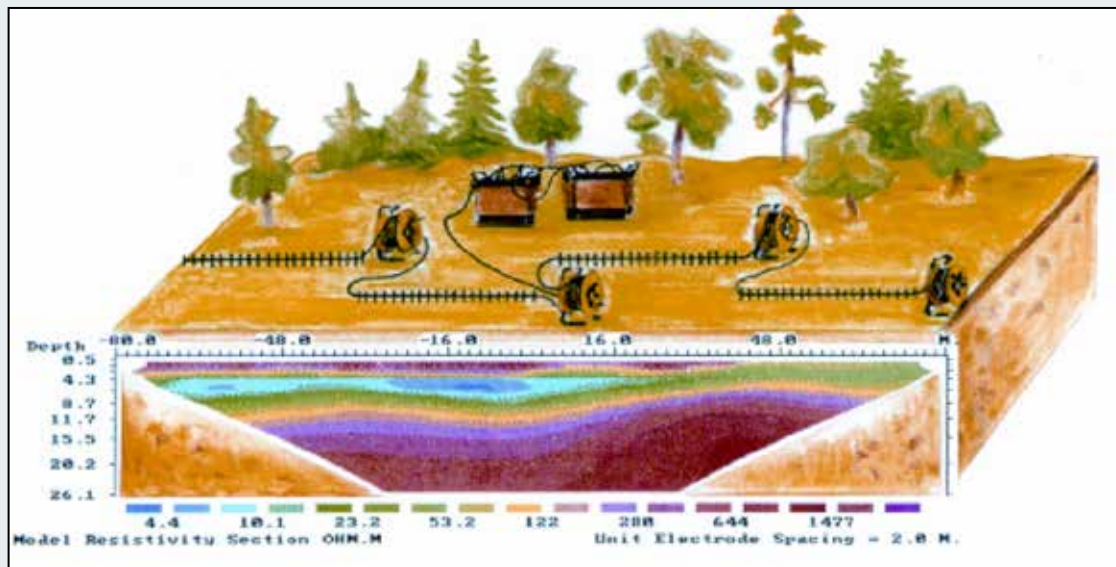
# VLF-EM, Very Low Frequency ElectroMagnetic.

The method uses military radio transmitters as energy source.  
Can locate conducting structures in the ground.



# 2D Resistivity.

- Cable system on the ground, electrodes connected.
- Automatic measuring procedure.
- Lund-system, 4 cables, total length 160, 400 or 800 m
- Electrode spacing 2, 5 or 10 m
- Multi gradient electrode configuration
- ABEM Terrameter 4000 or ES
- Inversion, Calculation of "true resistivity": Res2DInv (Loke 2014)
  - "Standard" inversion / Robust inversion
  - Preferences to vertical structures if wanted ( $V/H = 2$ )





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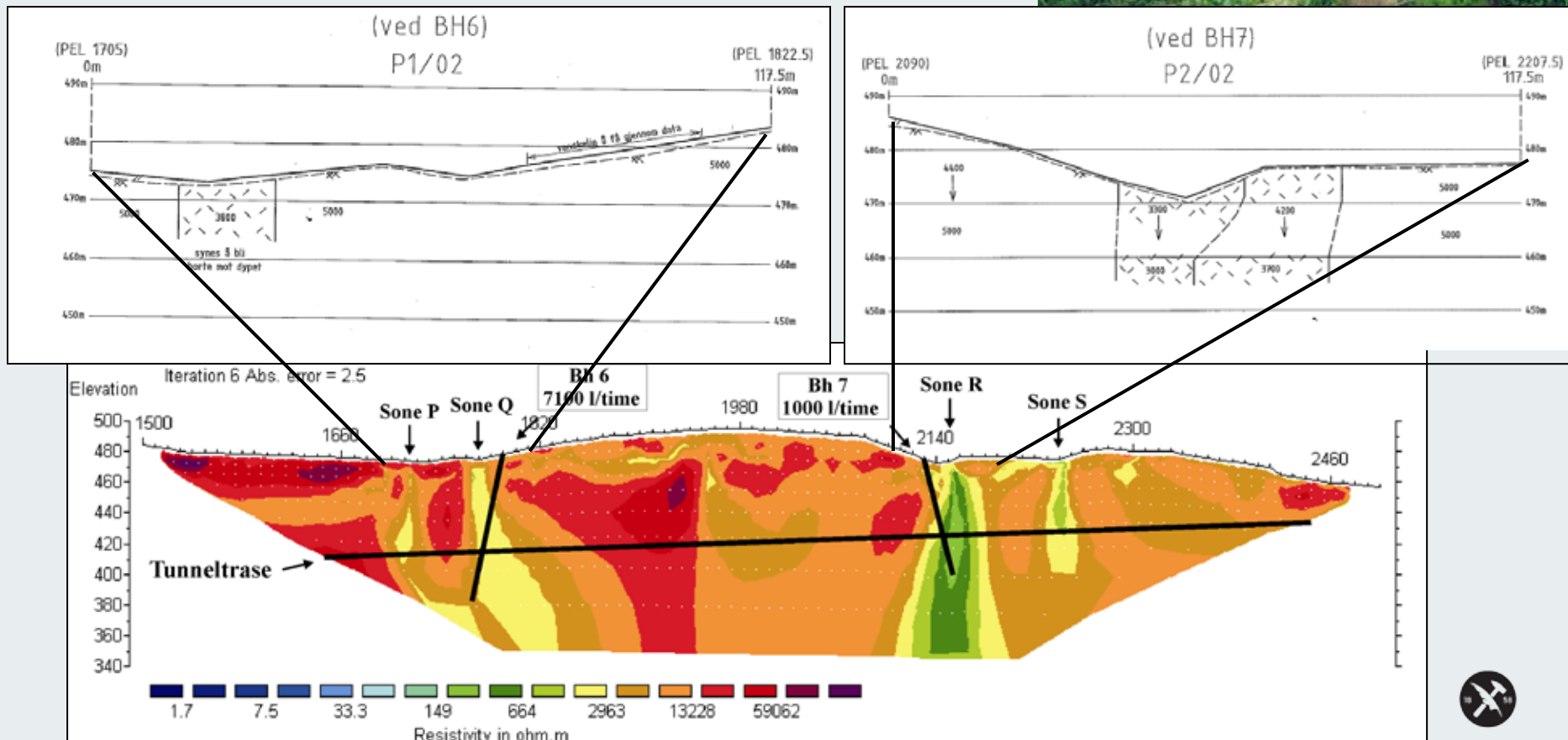
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# Fracture zones in bedrock

Refraction seismics and 2D resistivity,  
eastern part of the Lunner tunnel






Seismic from Geomap as.

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## At the Lunner tunnel

- Three boreholes with resistivity  $< 500$  ohmm, all collapsed, and there were serious tunnel construction problems
- Three zones with resistivity from 1000 to 3000 ohmm, all with water problems during tunnel construction



Resistivity values (NGU colour scale)	Resistivity values	Characterisation
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In addition: Modelling has proven that it is possible to geometrical characterisation of fracture zones: Depth extend, dip and thickness.

Model confirmed at least 10 other problem zones in other areas.

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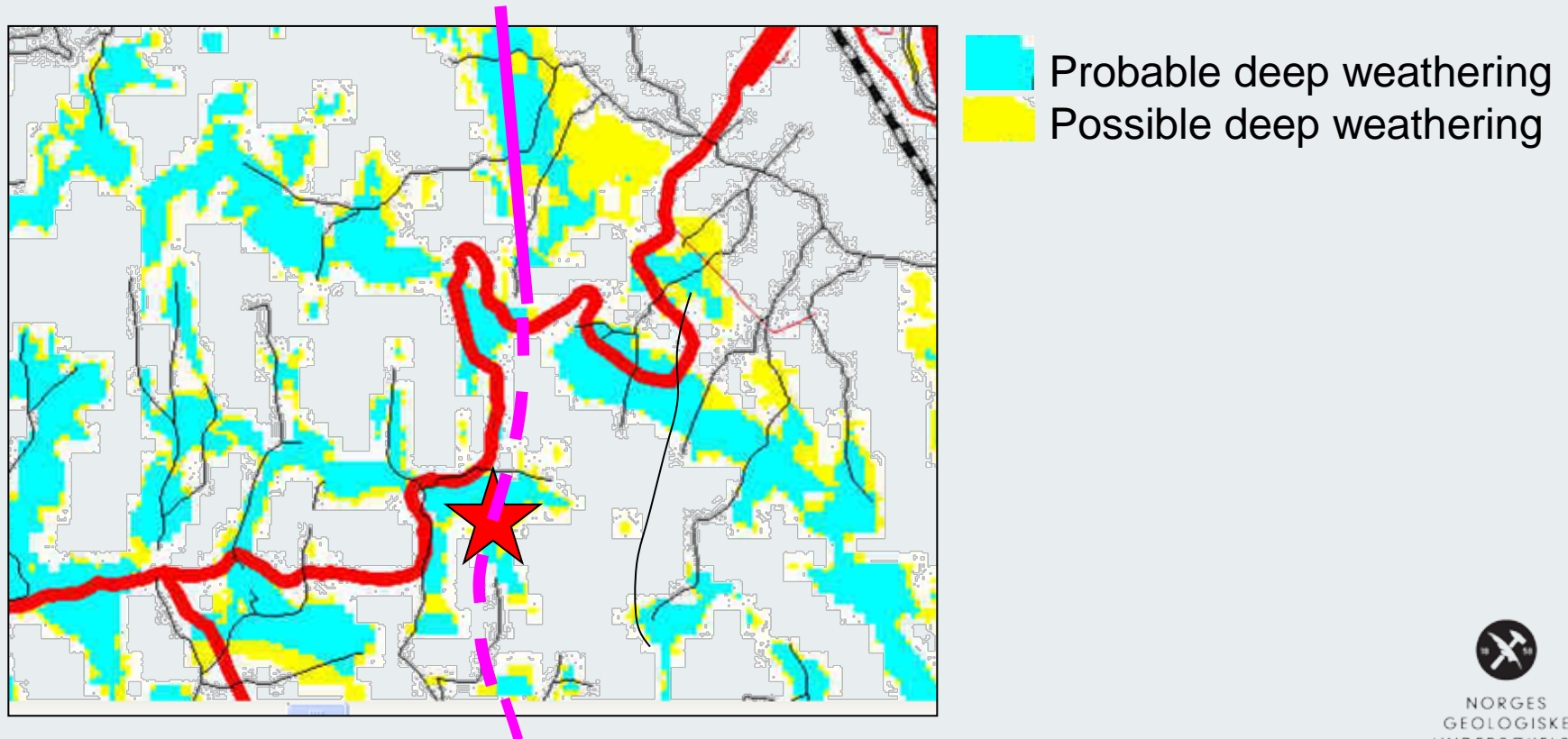


# Hanekleivtunnelen,

Problem zone indicated by the AMAGER-method.  
– AeroMagnetic And GEomorphological Relations

22.11.2006: First version of weathering map presented for "Vegdirektoratet"

25.12.2006: Rockfall in the southbound line in "Hanekleivtunnelen".

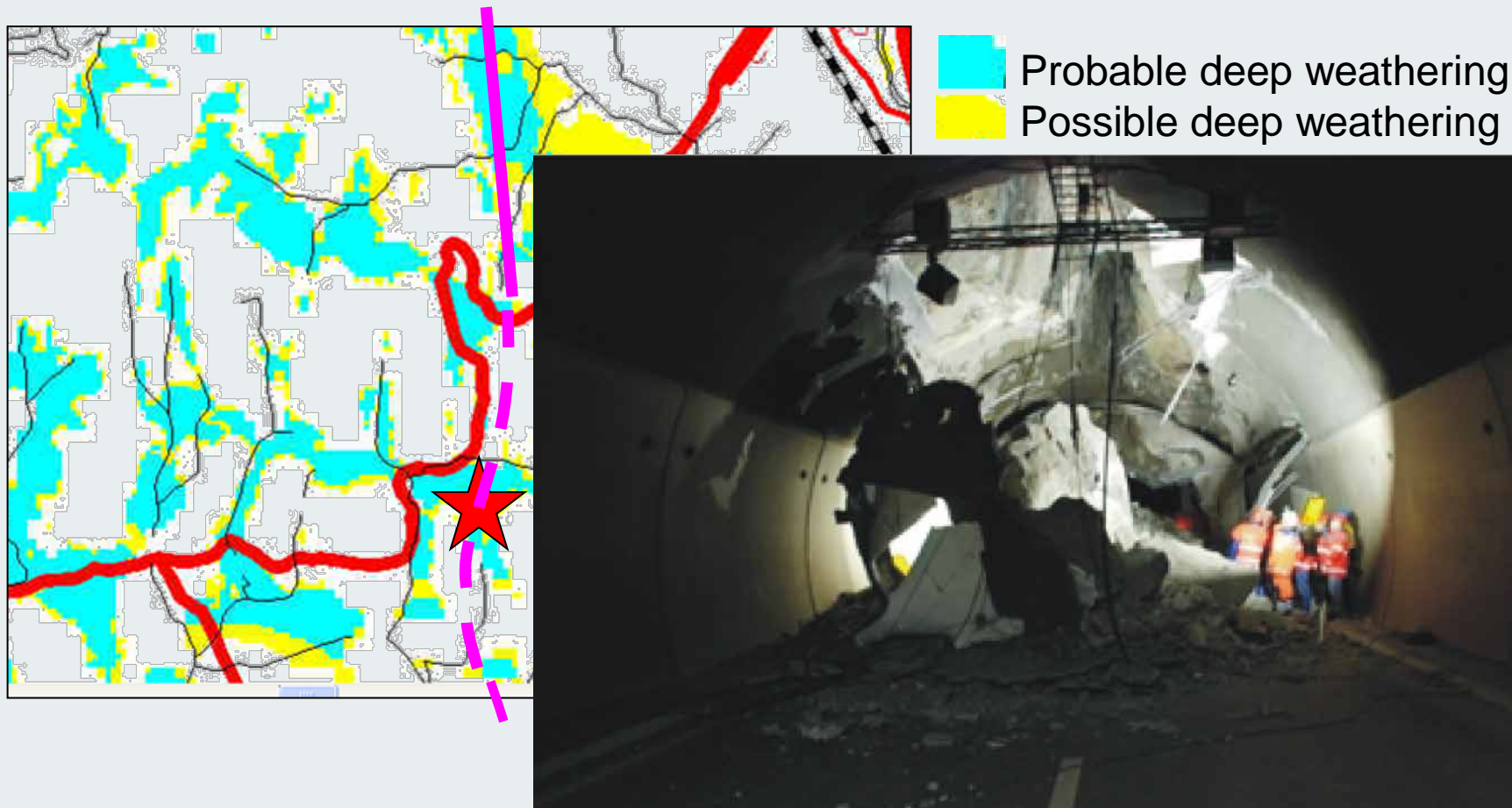


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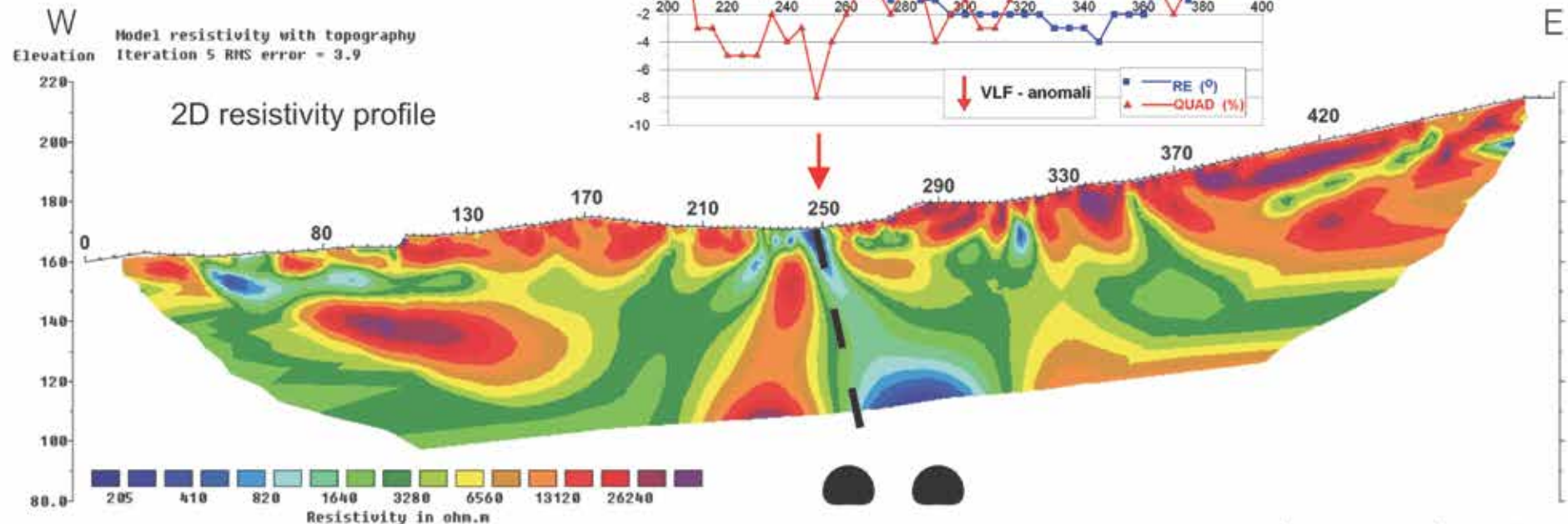
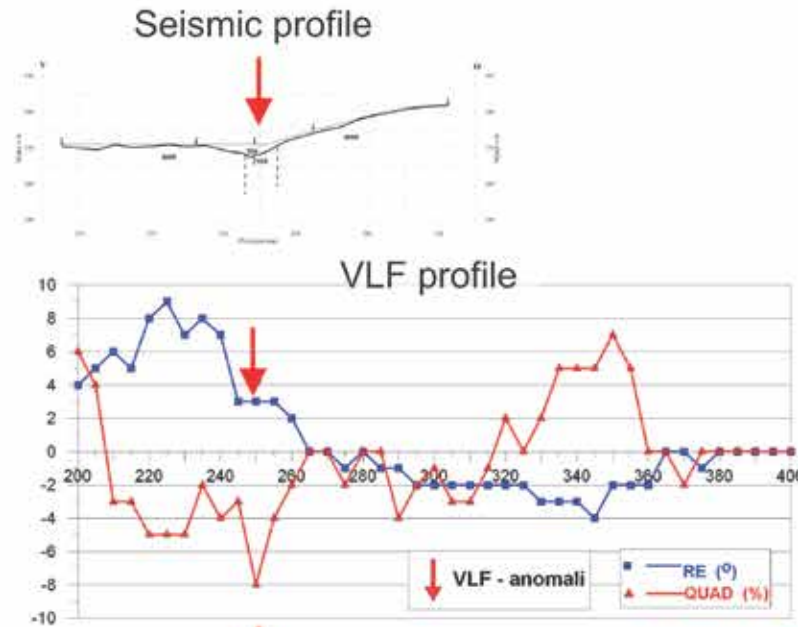
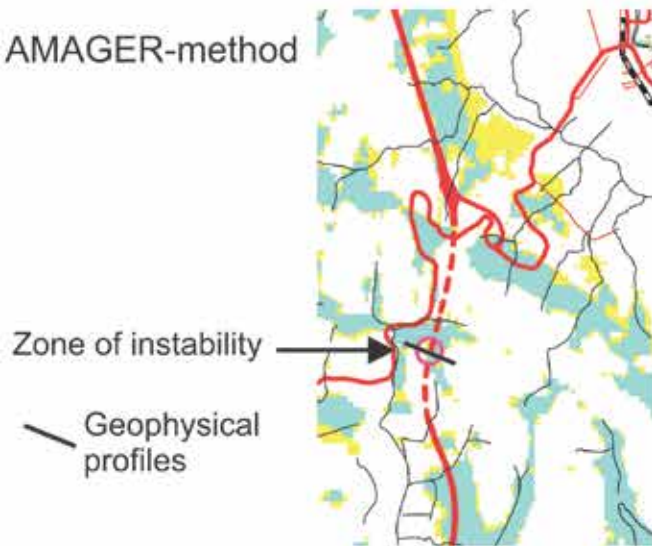
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Deep weathering, hydrothermal alteration and sand/gravel refill of eroded zones have the same effect - weaker magnetic field

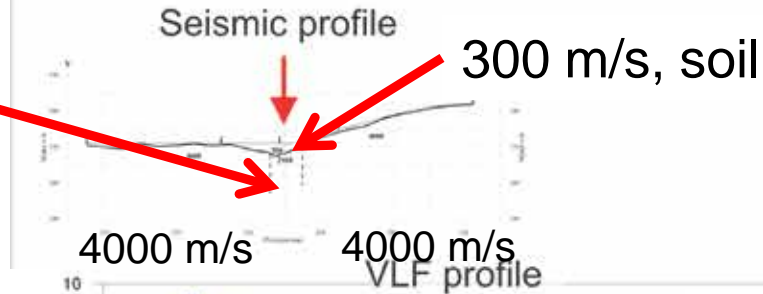
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Tunnels

## Seismic:

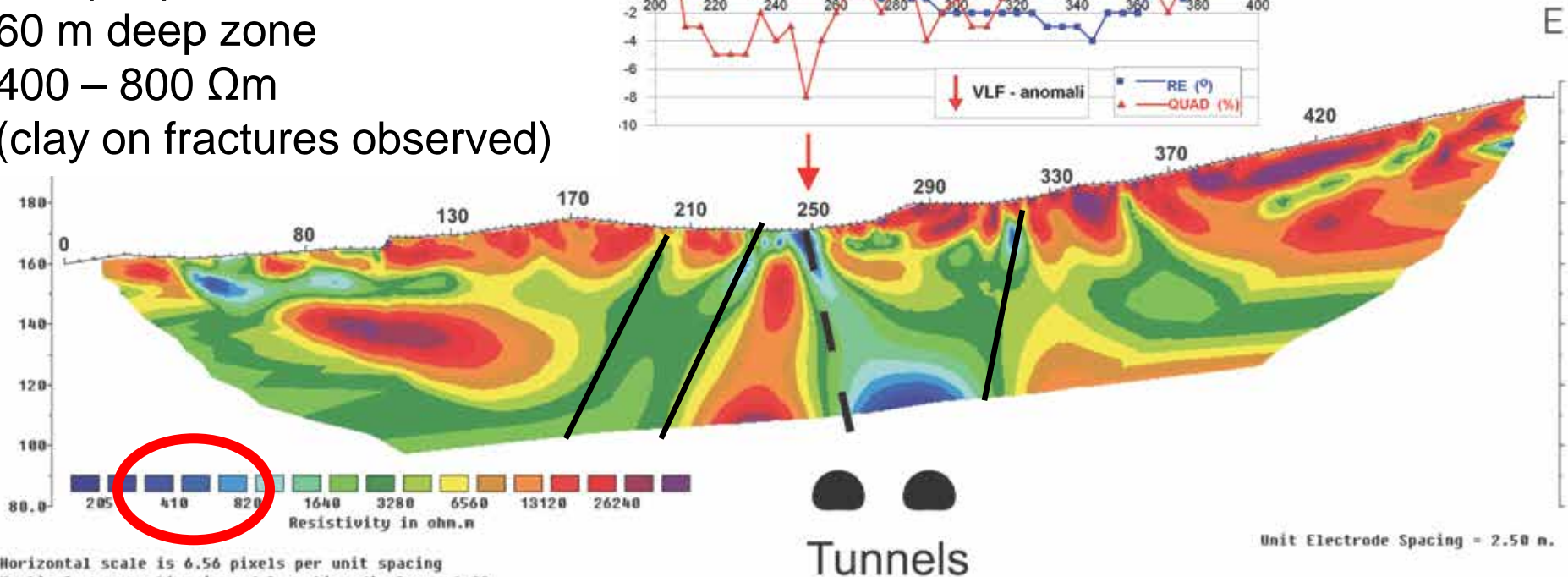
Zone:  $V = 2900$  m/s  
Ca. 10 m thick



**VLF:**  
Localising zone

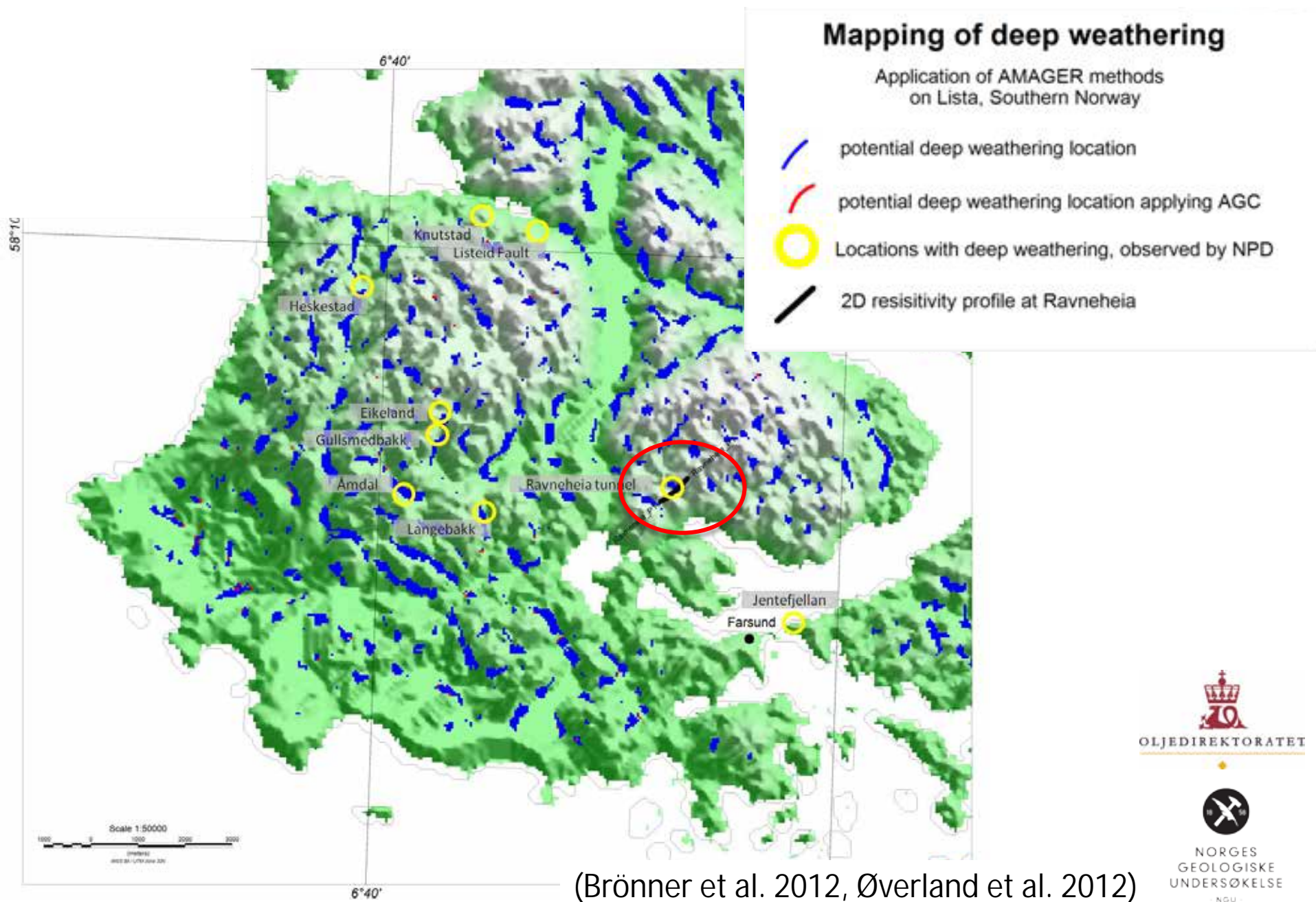
## Resistivity:

Ca. 10 m at surface  
Steep dip towards east  
60 m deep zone  
400 – 800  $\Omega$ m  
(clay on fractures observed)





# Interpreted and observed deep weathering at Lista



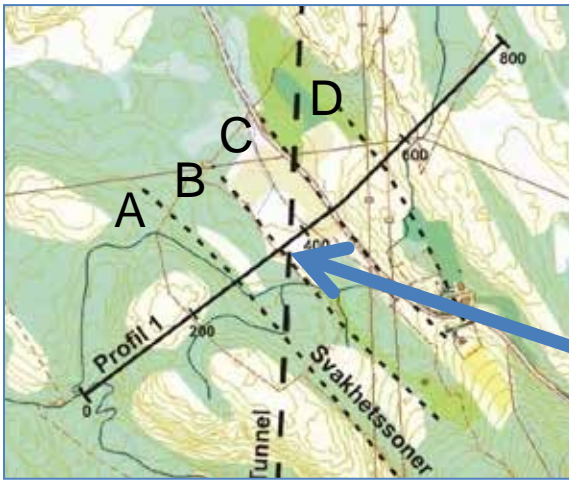




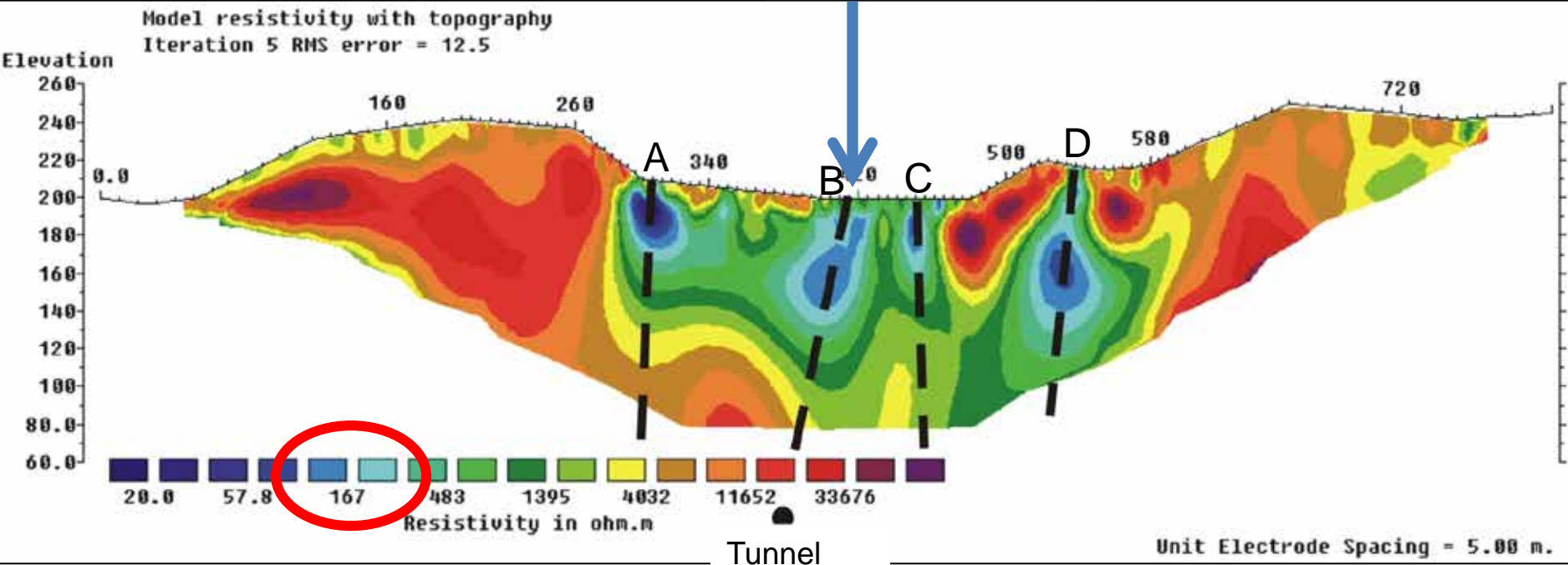
"Ravneheitunnelen", 20.03.2007



# Resistivity Ravneheia



Tunnel collapse



Observation in the tunnel:

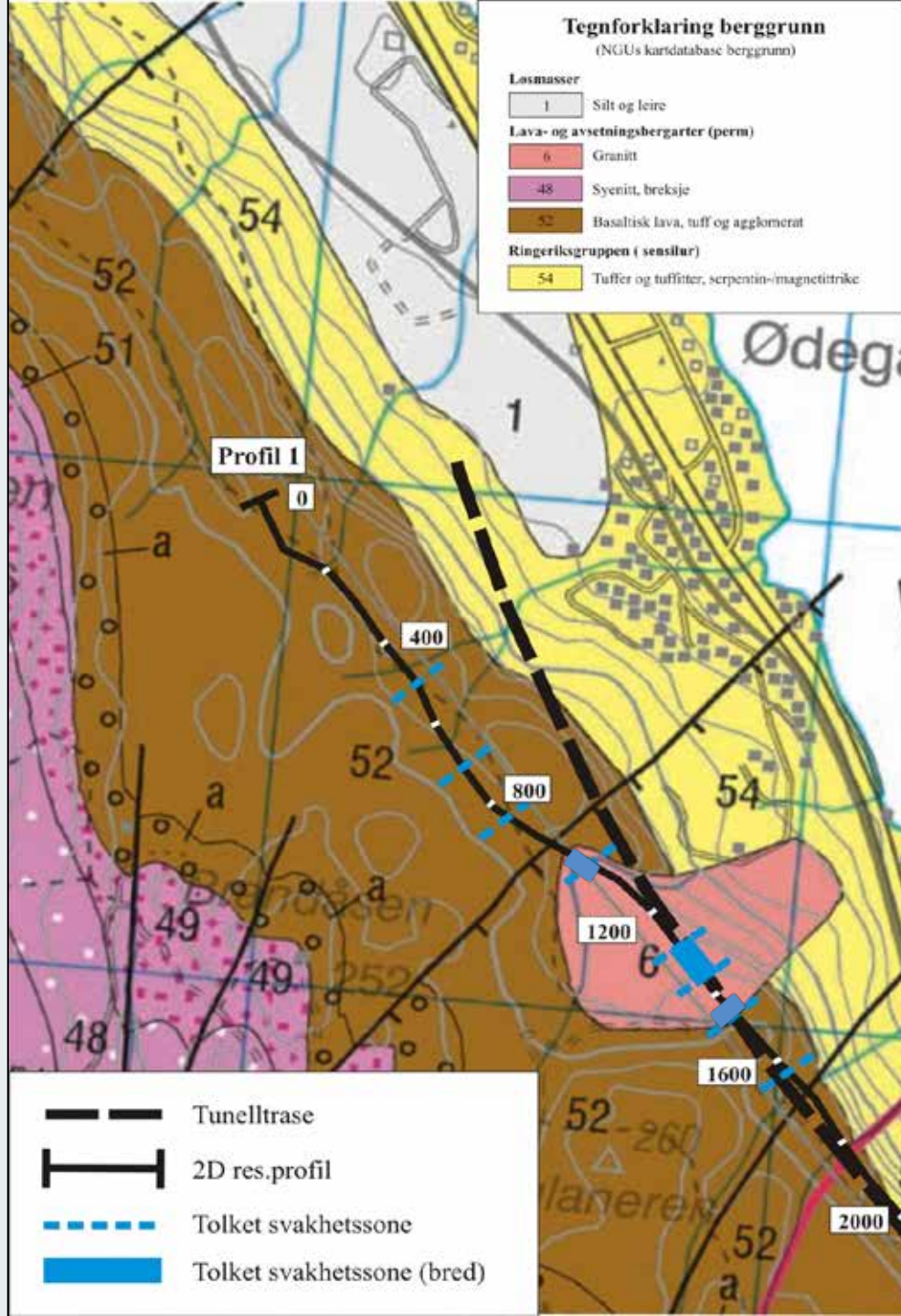
Crushed and weathered rock with **swelling clay**



# The Holm tunnel at Holmestrand

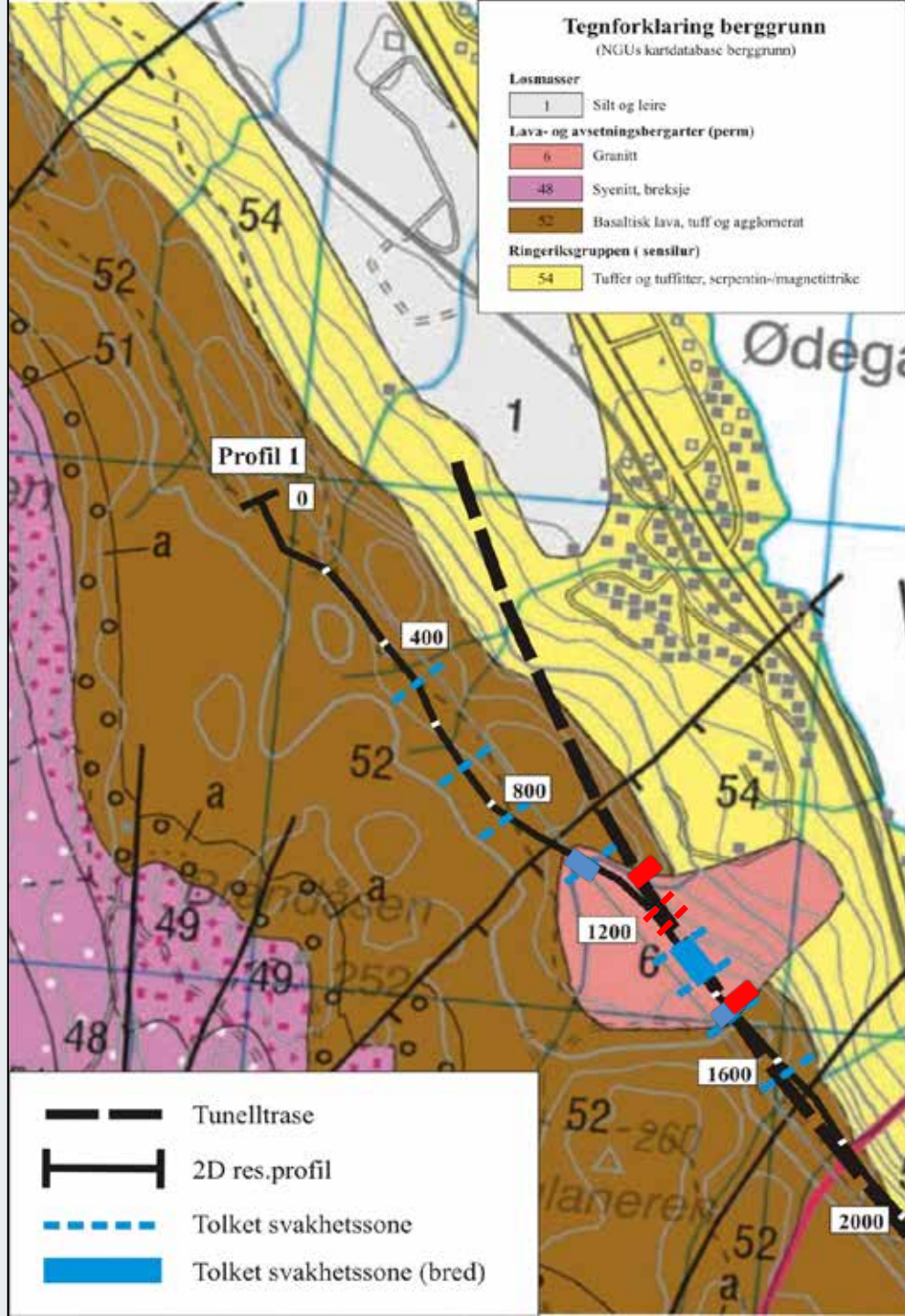
Resistivity profile do not follow tunnel from the start.

From resistivity, weak zone central in the granite and at the contacts



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Bergmekanikkdagen 2015.






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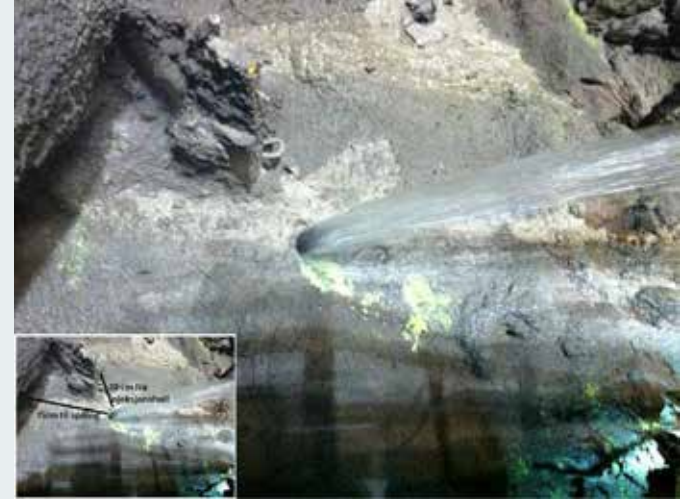
During constructions – large water inflow at bedrock contact

Weak zone in the central part gave no signature during tunnel work

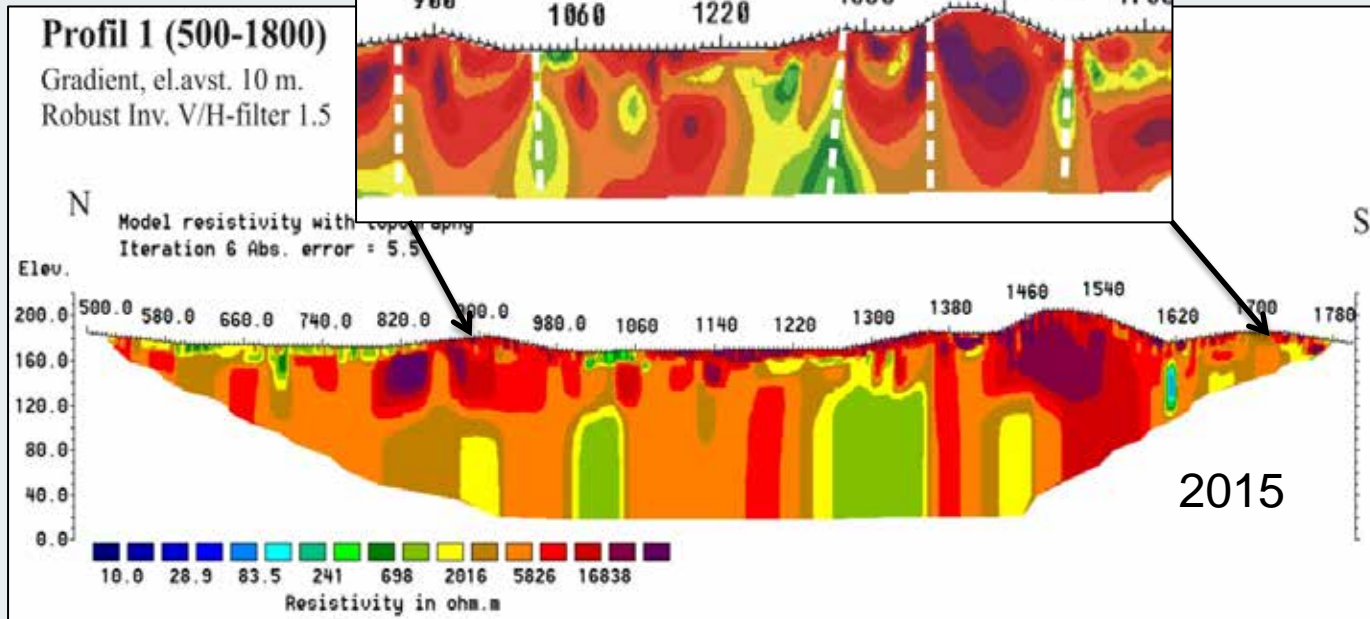
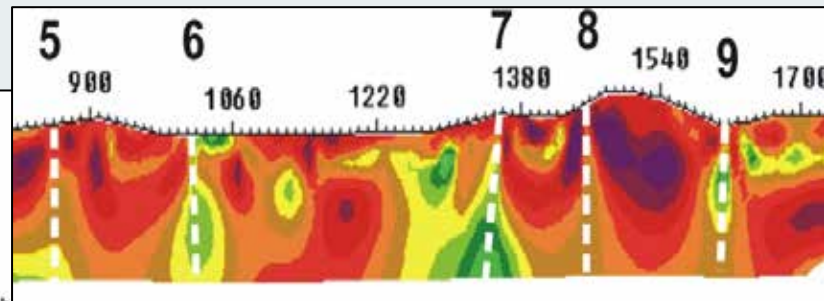
 Problem zones during tunnel work

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# Water leakage in Granite at Holm the Holmestrand tunnel

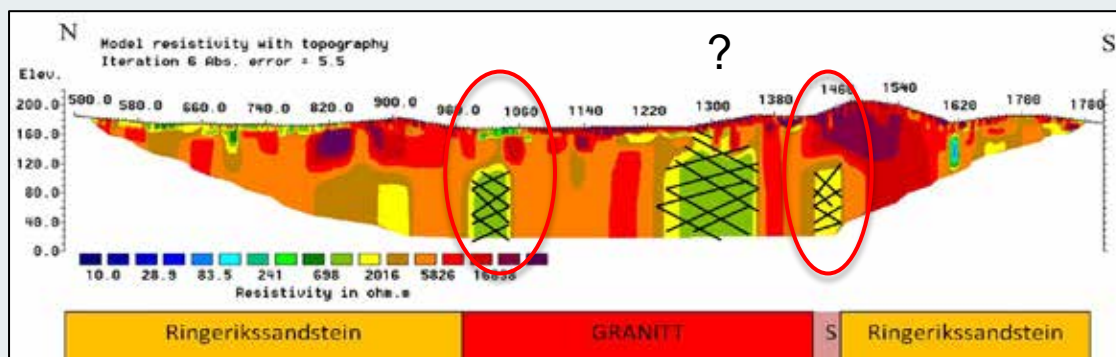


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## Standard vs. Robust inversion

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Two structures at contact zone of the granite, one central in granite

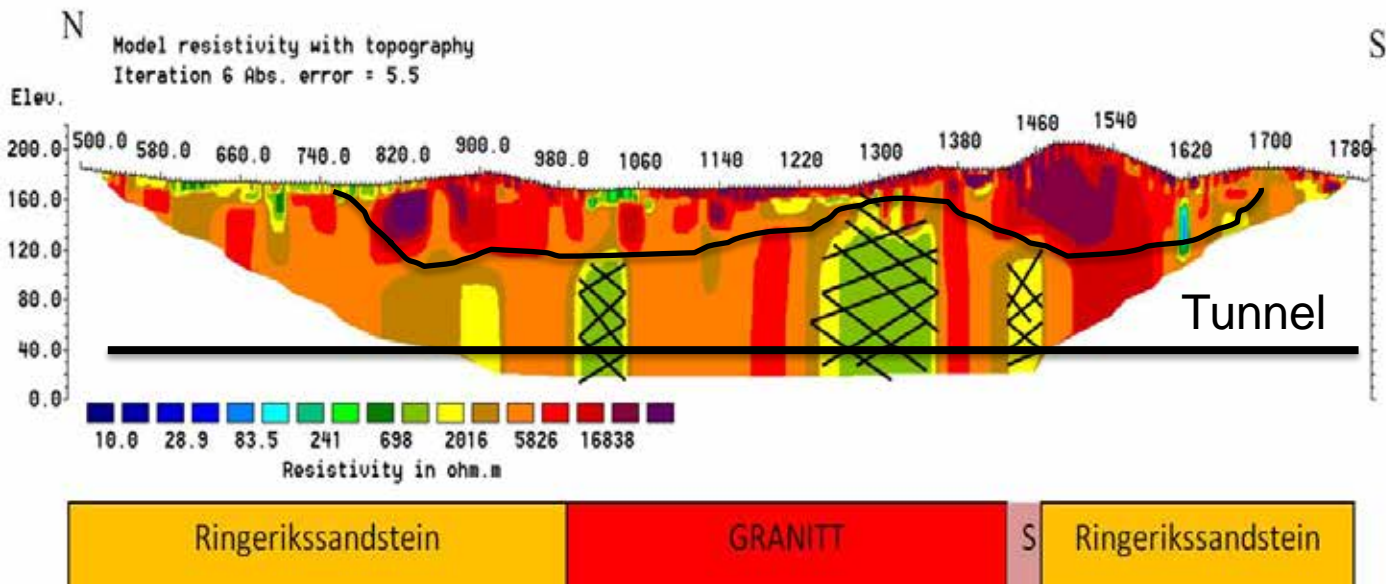
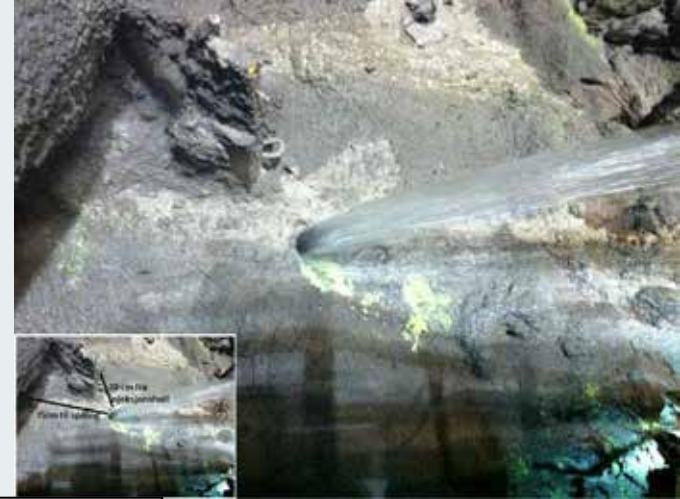
Position	Length (m)	Average Q-value	Comment
79200 - 79350	150	0,8	Deep weathered granite with huge amount of water
79445 – 79485	40	0,5	Crushed zone in contact between granite and syenite

Poor rock quality ( $Q < 1$ ) and much water (500 l/min in single borehole)





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Structures do not reach the surface

Structures seems to reach tunnel level

According to model, Resistivity indicate water problems  
(700 to 2000  $\Omega$ m)



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Geophysical method	Location of zone	Location below clay	Thickness of zone	Dip of zone	Depth extent	Clay minerals
AMAGER	+	+	-	-	-	+
VLF-EM	+	-	-	-	-	-
SEISMIC	+	+	+	-	-	+ (?)
RESISTIVITY	+	-	+	+	+	+

We have methods for **location** and **characterization** of fracture zones in bedrock.



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Method indicate possibility for geometrical characterisation of fracture zones

Depth extend

Dip direction

Thickness

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