

## THE INTERPRETATION OF RESISTIVITY SOUNDING OVER WEATHERED ROCKS

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Exponentially increasing resistivity with depth is supposed for a layer of weathered rocks (transitional layer). For this case a simple recursive formula has been developed for computing the resistivity transform function. The resistivity transform function for sections containing transitional layers and layers of constant resistivity can easily be calculated by combining the formula in question with the well-known recursive formula for layers of constant resistivity. Resistivity sounding curves can be obtained by digital convolution of the resistivity transform function with a set of filter coefficients. Interpretation of field curves is difficult and has to be based on a certain model of a resistivity section. A combination of numerical and graphical methods in resistivity transform domain is suggested for the interpretation. Examples of the interpretation from a metamorphic rock area are given. Obtained results are discussed and compared with drilling and seismic data.

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### 1. Introduction

When one interprets resistivity sounding measurements, one supposes horizontally stratified earth. The layers have different but constant resistivity and they can be considered as resistivity uniform or homogeneous layers. However, in some cases the resistivity varies, more or less continuously, in a certain direction in the layer. Such layers may be regarded as transitional layers.

Many authors have presented theoretical solutions for the potential of direct current source in the case of continuously varying conductivity or resistivity with depth. The solutions of SLICHTER [1933] and SUNDE [1949] belong to the oldest works. A three-layer model where the second layer has a linear variation of conductivity with depth was considered by MALLICK and ROY [1968] and by JAIN [1972]. Various other models with linear, exponential, power law or more complicated dependences of resistivity or conductivity with depth have been studied, for example, by LAL [1970], PAUL and BANERJEE [1970], STOYER and WAIT [1977], MALLICK and JAIN [1979], BANERJEE et al. [1980a, b]. KOEFOED [1979a] derived a recursive formula for the resistivity transform function in layers in which resistivity varies linearly with depth. Some practical results in the interpretation of sections containing transitional layers were obtained by PATELLA [1977, 1978] and especially by MUNDRY and ZSCHAU [1983].

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The zone of weathered rock is a characteristic example of a transitional layer. Weathered rock in situ often exhibits a typical transition from quite decomposed rock through partly weathered and jointed rock to unweathered rock [OLLIER 1969]. Because the resistivity of rock depends on the intensity of weathering, we may observe a continuous increase of resistivity with depth [DORTMAN 1976, MALLICK and ROY 1968, STÖTZNER 1975]. This fact has to be taken into account when interpreting the resistivity sounding measurements over weathered rocks. The exact quantitative expression for the resistivity/depth relationship is very difficult to find. The most suitable approximations are in the form of a linear or exponential function; the latter is used in this study.

## 2. Theory

The differential equation for the electric potential  $V$  of a direct current source in a medium with conductivity  $\sigma$  may be written as [GRANT and WEST 1965]

$$\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla V) = 0 \quad (1)$$

If the resistivity  $\varrho = \frac{1}{\sigma}$  varies with depth, i.e.  $\varrho = \varrho(z)$ , we obtain

$$\nabla^2 V - \frac{1}{\varrho(z)} \frac{\partial \varrho(z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (2)$$

The current source is placed at the origin of the coordinate system. In cylindrical coordinates according to the symmetry with respect to the  $z$ -axis, equation (2) becomes

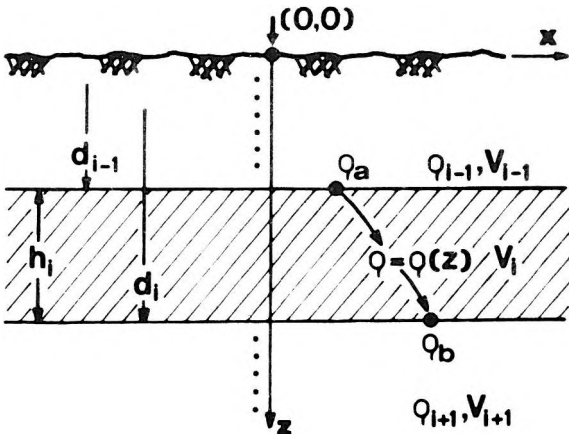


Fig. 1. Model of transitional layer  
 1. ábra. Az átmeneti réteg modellje  
 Рис. 1. Модель переходного слоя

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{\varrho(z)} \frac{\partial \varrho(z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (3)$$

For horizontally stratified earth with layers each having constant resistivity, equation (3) is reduced to Laplace's equation. Its solution by separation of variables gives us an expression for the potential in the  $i$ -th homogeneous layer

$$V_i(r, z) = \int_0^\infty [A_i(\lambda) e^{-\lambda z} + B_i(\lambda) e^{\lambda z}] J_0(\lambda r) d\lambda \quad (4)$$

where  $J_0(\lambda r)$  is a Bessel function of the first kind and zero order,  $\lambda$  is the separation constant, and  $A_i(\lambda)$ ,  $B_i(\lambda)$  are functions to be determined from the boundary conditions for the potential.

*Potential in the transitional layer*

Let us consider that in the  $i$ -th layer (Fig. 1) resistivity exponentially varies with depth

$$\varrho(z) = \varrho_a e^{\alpha(z-d_{i-1})}, \quad d_{i-1} \leq z \leq d_i \quad (5)$$

On the upper boundary of this layer ( $z = d_{i-1}$ )  $\varrho(z) = \varrho_a$ ; on the lower boundary of the  $i$ -th layer  $\varrho(z) = \varrho_b$  and then  $\alpha$  from (5) becomes

$$\alpha = \frac{\ln \frac{\varrho_b}{\varrho_a}}{d_i - d_{i-1}} = \frac{\ln \frac{\varrho_b}{\varrho_a}}{h_i} \quad (6)$$

where  $h_i$  is the thickness of the layer. In our case resistivity increases with depth in this transitional layer ( $\varrho_b > \varrho_a$ ) and thus  $\alpha > 0$ . Substituting (5) into (3) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} - \alpha \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (7)$$

This equation may be solved by separation of variables  $V(r, z) = R(z)Z(z)$ . Then (7) results in two equations

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \lambda^2 R = 0 \quad (8)$$

and

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} - \alpha \frac{dZ}{dz} - \lambda^2 Z = 0 \quad (9)$$

The solution of (8) satisfying the far-source condition for the potential is  $J_0(\lambda r)$ . Equation (9) is a linear differential equation the solution of which is

$$Z(z) = E(\lambda)e^{vz} + F(\lambda)e^{wz} \quad (10)$$

where

$$v = \frac{\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + 4\lambda^2}}{2}; \quad w = \frac{\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 + 4\lambda^2}}{2} \quad (11)$$

A general solution of (7) can be written in the form

$$V_i(r, z) = \int_0^{z_i} [E_i(\lambda)e^{vz} + F_i(\lambda)e^{wz}]J_0(\lambda r) d\lambda \quad (12)$$

where  $V_i(r, z)$  is the potential in the  $i$ -th transitional layer.

### Boundary conditions

Let us suppose that the transitional layer is embedded between two homogeneous layers. The potential in the homogeneous layer is equal to the potential in the transitional layer at the boundary between them; the same applies to normal components of current density. On the upper boundary of the transitional layer at  $z = d_{i-1}$  according to (4) and (12) we obtain

$$A_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{-\lambda d_{i-1}} + B_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{\lambda d_{i-1}} = E_i(\lambda)e^{v d_{i-1}} + F_i(\lambda)e^{w d_{i-1}} \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{1}{Q_{i-1}} [-\lambda A_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{-\lambda d_{i-1}} + \lambda B_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{\lambda d_{i-1}}] = \frac{1}{Q_a} [v E_i(\lambda)e^{v d_{i-1}} + w F_i(\lambda)e^{w d_{i-1}}] \quad (14)$$

On the lower boundary of the transitional layer ( $z = d_i$ ), under the same conditions it holds that

$$E_i(\lambda)e^{v d_i} + F_i(\lambda)e^{w d_i} = A_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{-\lambda d_i} + B_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{\lambda d_i} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{1}{Q_b} [v E_i(\lambda)e^{v d_i} + w F_i(\lambda)e^{w d_i}] = \frac{1}{Q_{i+1}} [-\lambda A_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{-\lambda d_i} + \lambda B_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{\lambda d_i}] \quad (16)$$

We divide both sides of (13) and (15) by the corresponding sides of (14) and (16). The following equations are the result

$$Q_{i-1} \frac{A_{i-1}(\lambda) + B_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{2\lambda d_{i-1}}}{A_{i-1}(\lambda) - B_{i-1}(\lambda)e^{2\lambda d_{i-1}}} = \lambda Q_a \frac{-E_i(\lambda) - F_i(\lambda)e^{d_{i-1}(w-v)}}{v E_i(\lambda) + w F_i(\lambda)e^{d_{i-1}(w-v)}} \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda Q_b \frac{-E_i(\lambda) - F_i(\lambda)e^{d_i(w-v)}}{v E_i(\lambda) + w F_i(\lambda)e^{d_i(w-v)}} = Q_{i+1} \frac{A_{i+1}(\lambda) + B_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{2\lambda d_i}}{A_{i+1}(\lambda) - B_{i+1}(\lambda)e^{2\lambda d_i}} \quad (18)$$

Now we introduce the function  $T_{i+1}(\lambda)$  which is equal to the right-hand side of (18). This function represents the ratio of the potential to the normal component of current density and it is called the resistivity transform function [MATVEEV 1974, KOEFOED 1979b]. Following KOEFOED's [1979a] logical deduction it is possible to equate the right-hand side of (17) with  $T_i(\lambda)$ . Through solving (17)

for the ratio  $E_i(\lambda)/F_i(\lambda)$  and substituting this into the left-hand side of (18) we obtain the relation between  $T_i(\lambda)$  and  $T_{i+1}(\lambda)$  for the transitional layer. It follows from (11) that  $vw = -\lambda^2$  and after some manipulations we obtain

$$T_{i+1}(\lambda) = \varrho_b \frac{T_i(\lambda) [v - we^{-h_i(w-v)}] + \lambda \varrho_a [1 - e^{-h_i(w-v)}]}{\lambda T_i(\lambda) [1 - e^{-h_i(w-v)}] - \varrho_a [w - ve^{-h_i(w-v)}]} \quad (19)$$

The solution of this equation for  $T_i(\lambda)$  can be written as

$$T_i(\lambda) = \varrho_a \frac{T_{i+1}(\lambda) [w - ve^{-h_i(w-v)}] + \lambda \varrho_b [1 - e^{-h_i(w-v)}]}{\lambda T_{i+1}(\lambda) [1 - e^{-h_i(w-v)}] - \varrho_b [v - we^{-h_i(w-v)}]} \quad (20)$$

If  $\varrho_a = \varrho_b = \varrho_i$  then after substitution  $v = -\lambda$  and  $w = +\lambda$  (choice after (11)) we obtain

$$T_{i+1}(\lambda) = \varrho_i \frac{T_i(\lambda) [1 + e^{-2\lambda h_i}] - \varrho_{il} [1 - e^{-2\lambda h_i}]}{\varrho_{il} [1 + e^{-2\lambda h_i}] - T_i(\lambda) [1 - e^{-2\lambda h_i}]} \quad (21)$$

and

$$T_i(\lambda) = \varrho_i \frac{T_{i+1}(\lambda) [1 + e^{-2\lambda h_i}] + \varrho_{il} [1 - e^{-2\lambda h_i}]}{\varrho_{il} [1 + e^{-2\lambda h_i}] + T_{i+1}(\lambda) [1 - e^{-2\lambda h_i}]} \quad (22)$$

which are known recursive relations for the resistivity transform function in the case of a homogeneous layer [KOEFOED 1979b].

### Calculation and transformation of sounding curves

The relation for the apparent resistivity  $\varrho_a(r)$  can be derived from the expression for the potential on the earth's surface. For Schlumberger array we have [GHOSH 1971a]

$$\varrho_a(r) = r^2 \int_0^\infty T_1(\lambda) J_1(\lambda r) \lambda \, d\lambda \quad (23)$$

The resistivity transform  $T_1(\lambda)$  can easily be calculated by means of recursive relations which were presented above. For the homogeneous layer we use relation (22) and for the transitional layer equation (20). Calculation starts from last layer ( $T_n(\lambda) = \varrho_n$ ) and proceeds through individual layers upwards using the values of  $1/\lambda = AB/2 = r$ . Thus the resistivity section composed from homogeneous and transitional layers can be calculated in this way. Calculation of  $\varrho_a(r)$  presents no problem because (23) can be converted into digital convolution [GHOSH 1971b]

$$\varrho_a^{(m)}(r) = \sum_j d^{(j)} T_1^{(m-j)}(\lambda); \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (24)$$

where  $d^{(j)}$  are inverse filter coefficients.

Further it is possible to express the resistivity transform function  $T_1(\lambda)$  from (23) by Hankel transformation. Again in digital form it becomes

$$T_1^{(m)}(\lambda) = \sum_j c^{(j)} \varrho_a^{(m-j)}(r); \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (25)$$

where  $c^{(j)}$  are forward filter coefficients. Applying (25) to the measured field values  $\varrho_a(r)$  we obtain resistivity transform curve  $T_1(\lambda)$ . Recursive relations (19) and (21) may be used for reduction to a lower boundary plane [KOEFOED 1979b]. It means that we "remove" the upper layer the parameters of which are known. In this manner we may go down to the last layer ( $T_n(\lambda) = \varrho_n$ ).

Although it could be of great interest to examine in details the transfer of errors of the measured  $\varrho_a(r)$  curve to the  $T_1(\lambda)$  curve, this is beyond the scope of this paper.

Recursive relations (19), (20), (21) and (22) can easily be programmed on a pocket calculator (e.g. HP 67). Such a calculator could also be used to calculate the  $\varrho_a(r)$  curve and to transform the resistivity curve. As a suitable set of coefficients, that of NYMAN and LANDISMAN [1977] may be used; it consists of 13 coefficients with an optimum sampling rate of 4.438 points per decade. The calculation time needed for interpreting one sounding curve is about 15–30 minutes using a HP 67.

### 3. Interpretation of sounding curves over weathered rocks

It is obvious from the preceding part that there is no problem in calculating the resistivity sounding curve for sections with homogeneous and transitional layers. In contrast, it is not so easy to interpret the measured field curve. The first important step in the interpretation procedure is to introduce the geological model. In our case the model has three main parts: surface layer of homogeneous resistivity (or layers), weathered rock (transitional layer) and unweathered rock with constant resistivity. The necessity for this geological–geophysical approach is illustrated in *Fig. 2*. The measured curve may be interpreted (within given limits of accuracy) in terms of at least three equivalent models with different geological meanings. If we suppose the existence of weathered rock, then model 3 is most acceptable. We use this model to interpret similar sounding curves in the given area.

At present, many interpretation techniques exist. One of them is the interpretation in the resistivity transform domain, which utilizes recursive relation for the successive "removal" of upper layers [KOEFOED 1979b]. This method is particularly important in our case because it enables us to reduce the measured curve on the surface of the transitional. A combined graphical and numerical method of interpretation has been elaborated consisting of the following.

The measured curve  $\varrho_a(r)$  is first transformed into curve  $T_1(\lambda)$  by means of relation (25). The resistivity and thickness of the first layer are determined graphically by two-layer master curves (in the  $\varrho_a(r)$  or  $T_1(\lambda)$  domain). The curve

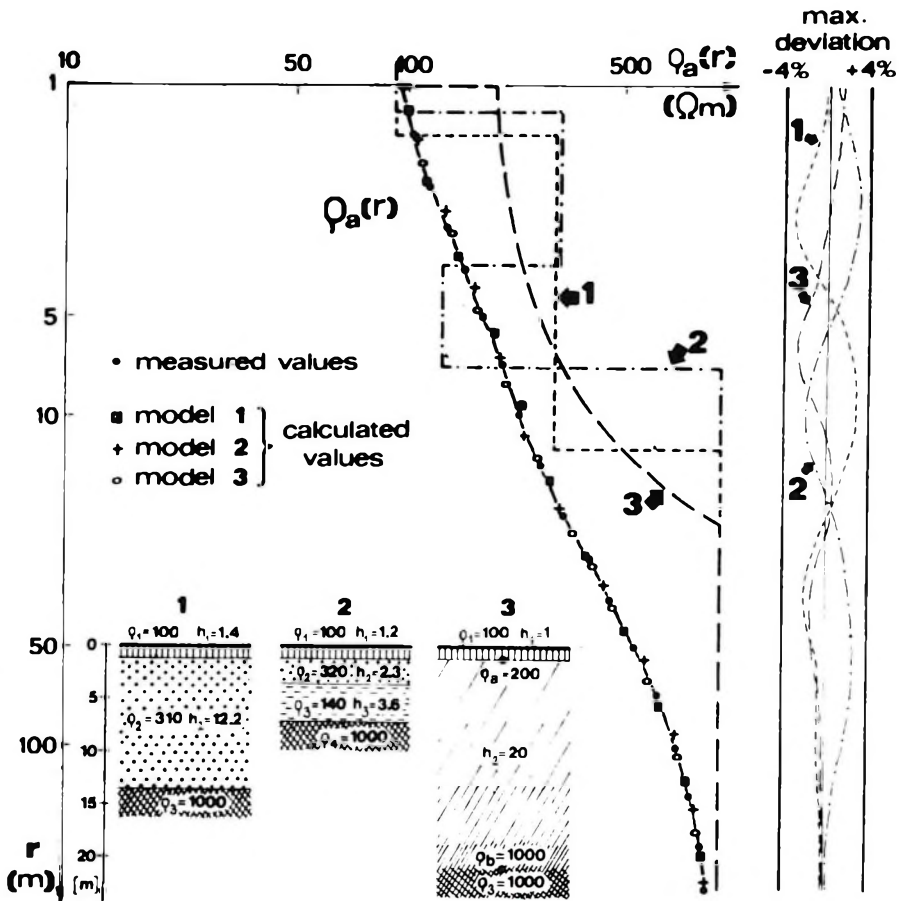


Fig. 2. Equivalent models with different geological approach of interpretation

2. ábra. Ekvivalens modellek az értelmezésre vonatkozó különböző földtani elképzelésekkel

Рис. 2. Эквивалентные модели с разными геологическими подходами к интерпретации

is then reduced downwards (21), i.e. we “remove” the first layer. If the overburden is composed of more homogeneous layers we repeat this procedure until we reach the surface of weathered rock. This moment may be recognized, for example, from seismic measurements, drilling data, or from characteristic features of the curve. Thus we have obtained a sounding curve “measured” directly on the surface of weathered rock. The asymptotic behaviour of the curve determines resistivities  $\rho_a$  and  $\rho_b$ . Exponentially increasing resistivity with depth is supposed between these two values. In order to determine the thickness of the transitional layer it is possible to use a precalculated set of master curves  $T_1(\lambda)$  for the three-layer model with a transitional second layer (variable  $\rho_b/\rho_a$  and

constant  $h_2/h_1$ ). There may be several such sets for suitable ratios  $h_2/h_1$  and on comparing the reduced curve with these we obtain  $h_2$ .

Another method for the approximate determination of the thickness of the transitional layer uses longitudinal conductance  $S$ . The decrease in conductance  $S_g$  with depth in the transitional layer may be expressed as

$$dS_g = \frac{dz}{\varrho(z)} \quad (26)$$

After substituting relation (5) for  $\varrho(z)$  and in consequence of (6), integrating (26) from  $d_{i-1}$  to  $d_i$  gives

$$S_g = \frac{h_i}{\varrho_a \varrho_b} \frac{\varrho_b - \varrho_a}{\ln \frac{\varrho_b}{\varrho_a}} \quad (27)$$

The resistivities  $\varrho_a$ ,  $\varrho_b$  are known and  $S_g$  may be determined by subtracting the longitudinal conductances  $S_1 = h_1/\varrho_1$ ,  $S_2 = h_2/\varrho_2$ , ... from the total conductance  $S$ . The total conductance can be defined graphically by means of two-layer master curves [KELLER and FRISCHKNECHT 1970, MATVEEV 1974]. Thus

$$h_i = \varrho_a \varrho_b \frac{\ln \frac{\varrho_b}{\varrho_a}}{\varrho_b - \varrho_a} [S - (S_1 + S_2 + \dots)] \quad (28)$$

The final step is to calculate the sounding curve ( $T_1(\lambda)$  or  $\varrho_a(r)$ ) for interpreted parameters of the whole section, comparing the calculated curve with the measured curve. Interpretation is complete when the calculated and measured curves coincide. If there is some discrepancy, interpretation should be repeated after modifying the resistivities and thicknesses.

#### 4. Practical examples

Some results obtained from interpreting sounding curves from metamorphic rock area in SE Bohemia are presented. Biotite paragneiss is the dominating rock in this area; it is mostly covered with unconsolidated sediments (sand, gravel, clay) of small thickness. Fractured zones and deeply weathered parts of gneiss are suitable places for migration and accumulation of ground water. Resistivity sounding (Schlumberger array) in combination with shallow refraction seismics were used for determining depth and intensity of weathering and the VLF method was used for searching for linear zones of fractured rocks.

An example of the interpretation of a resistivity sounding curve near a well is shown in *Fig. 3*. Sands and gravel-sands with resistivity of 460  $\Omega\text{m}$  are deposited under the surface soil. The upper part of the bedrock consists of quite decomposed weathered gneiss (sand-clay eluvium) which has a resistivity of



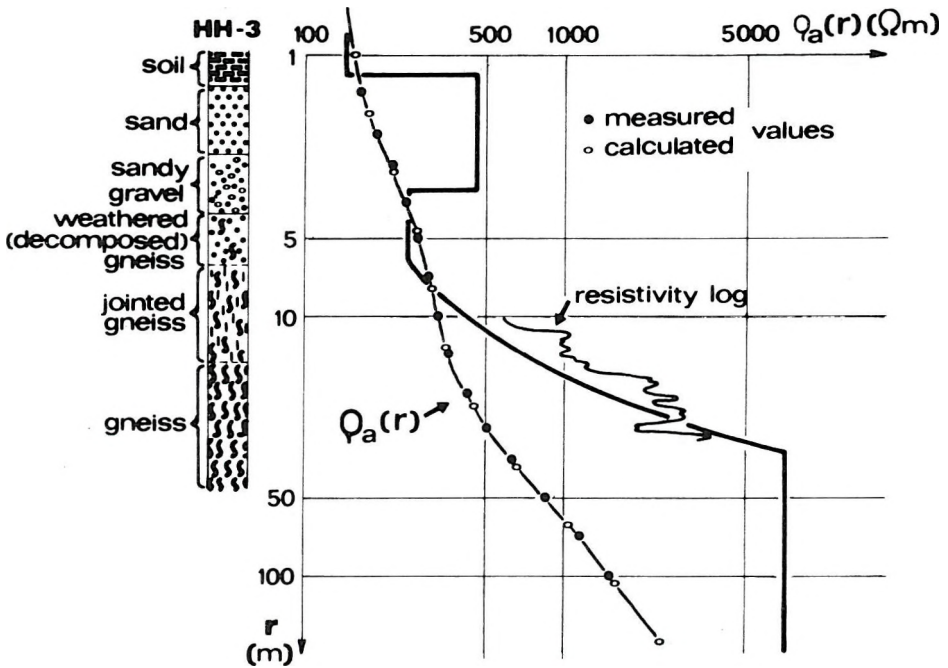


Fig. 3. Example of interpretation of resistivity sounding curve near a well and comparison with resistivity log

3. ábra. Példa fűrőlyuk közelében nyert ellenállás-szondázási görbe kiértékelésére és az eredmény összehasonlítása a lyukban felvett ellenállás-szelvényvel

Рис. 3. Пример интерпретации кривой зондирования по методу сопротивления вблизи скважины и ее сопоставление с каротажной диаграммой сопротивления

about 250  $\Omega\text{m}$ . Successive transition through strongly jointed weathered parts into slightly jointed and compact gneiss appears lower. It is characterized by increasing resistivity with depth. The interpretation of weathered rock as a transitional layer corresponds well with the resistivity log curve.

It is known that in weathered rock the seismic velocity is lower than in compact rock. Thus the weathered rock zone may be regarded as a velocity transitional layer too [DORTMAN 1976]. This problem was studied by SKOPEC and HRÁCH [1976]. They elaborated a special interpretation procedure for determining the distribution of velocities of seismic waves at various depths. Figure 4 demonstrates a comparison of their results with the interpretation of resistivity sounding measurements. The unconsolidated overburden with a thickness of 2.4 m has a velocity of 300 m/s and a resistivity of 330  $\Omega\text{m}$ . Strongly weathered gneiss has a surface velocity of 1400 m/s and a resistivity of 460  $\Omega\text{m}$ . In the downgoing direction both resistivity and seismic velocity increase. Even at depths of 5–7 m gneiss may still be considered as weathered rock (2000 m/s, 500–600  $\Omega\text{m}$ ).

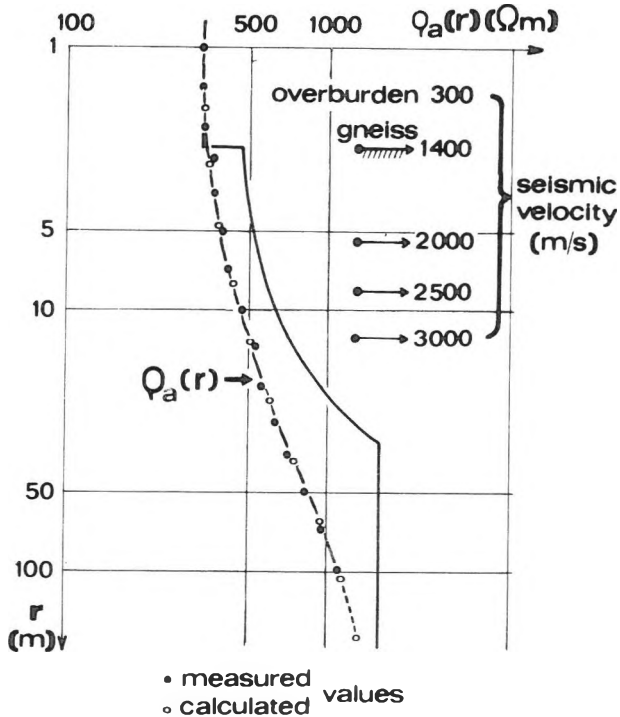


Fig. 4. The results of interpretation of resistivity and seismic measurements

4. ábra. Az ellenállásmérések és a szeizmikus mérések kiértékelésének eredménye

Рис. 4. Результаты интерпретации кривых сопротивления и данных сейсморазведки

Joint interpretation of resistivity and seismic measurements was carried out at many places in the given area. Comparison of interpreted resistivities and seismic velocities in weathered gneiss with respect to drilling results is summarized in Fig. 5. This figure enables one to approximate by estimate the weathering intensity on the basis of resistivities and seismic velocities.

In the lower part of Fig. 6 an interpretation of resistivity sounding measurements along profile A-A' is shown. High resistivities at small depth were found at sounding points Nos. 9-13. From Fig. 5 we may deduce the occurrence of compact or only slightly jointed gneiss under the overburden.

Another situation is at soundings Nos. 7 and 8 in the western part of the profile. Low resistivities on the surface of gneiss and relatively slow increase in their values with depth offers evidence of the presence of strongly weathered gneiss. The conductivity anomaly of the VLF method is also situated in this part of the profile (see upper part of Fig. 6). The anomalous VLF zone can be followed on several profiles and it is caused by fractured and weathered gneiss. It is also obvious that the ground-water well situated in this zone has five times higher specific yield than the other well localized outside this zone.

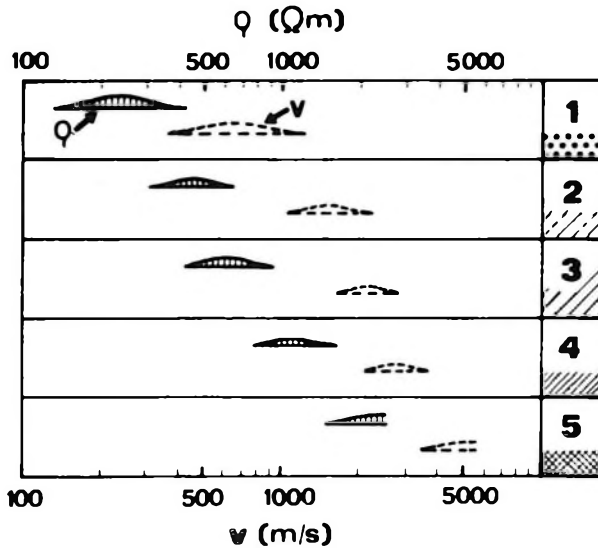


Fig. 5. Approximate estimation of gneiss weathering on the basis of resistivities and velocities  
 1 — decomposed gneiss (sand-clay eluvium); 2 — weathered gneiss; 3 — slightly weathered, strongly jointed gneiss; 4 — slightly jointed gneiss; 5 — compact gneiss

5. ábra. A gneisz mállottságának becslése, fajlagos ellenállások és sebességek alapján:

- 1 — teljesen bontott gneisz (homokos-agyagos eluvium); 2 — mállott gneisz; 3 — gyengén mállott, erősen repedezett gneisz; 4 — gyengén repedezett gneisz; 5 — tömör gneisz

Рис. 5. Приблизительная оценка выветривания гнейсов на основании сопротивлений и скоростей

- 1 — совершенно разложенные гнейсы (песчано-глинистый элювий); 2 — выветрелые гнейсы; 3 — слабо выветрелые, сильно трещиноватые гнейсы; 4 — слабо трещиноватые гнейсы; 5 — массивные гнейсы

## 5. Conclusions

A simple recursive formula for computing the resistivity transform function has been developed for transitional layers with exponential increase in resistivity with depth. A graphical-numerical method for interpreting resistivity sounding curves has been suggested. The method is based on interpreting the resistivity transform domain which opens the way to reducing the resistivity transform curve towards the surface of weathered rock. As has been demonstrated by practical examples, the assumption that the weathered rock may be approximated by a transitional layer corresponds better to reality.

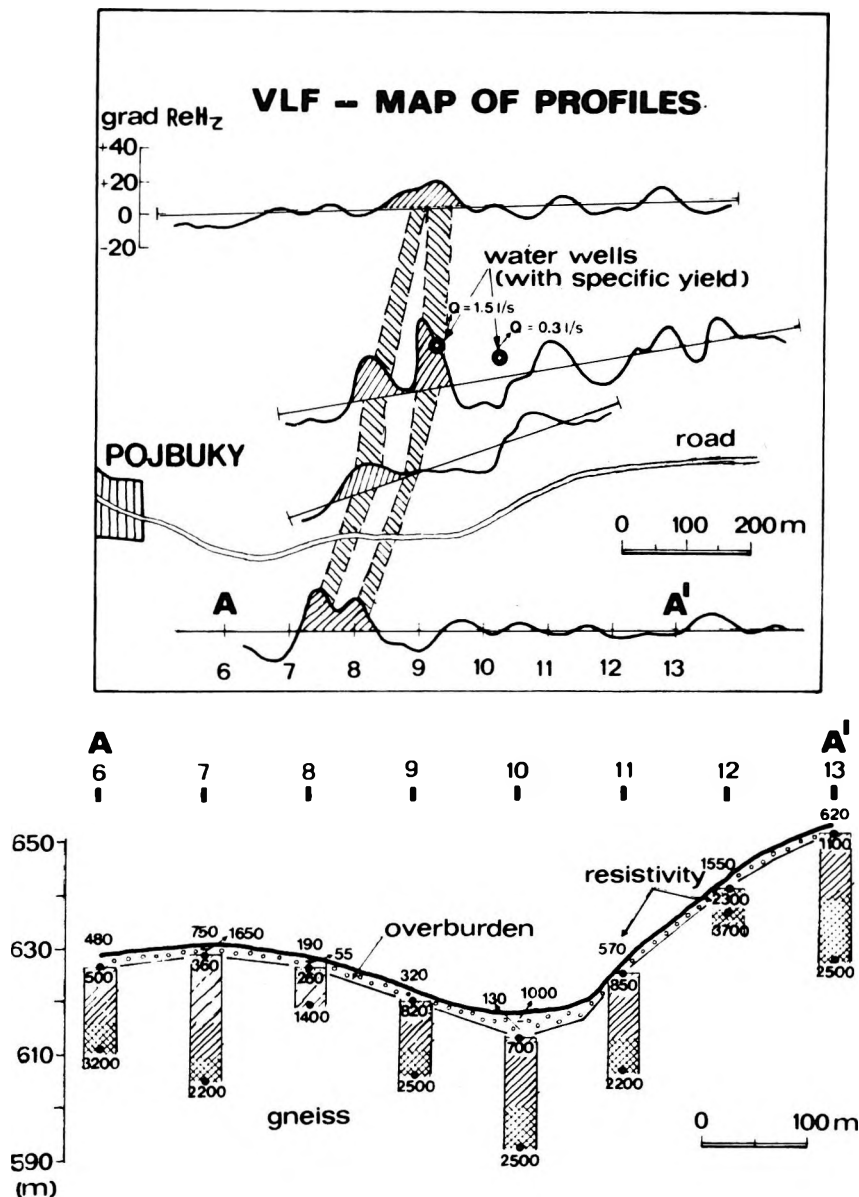


Fig. 6. Results of resistivity sounding (lower part) and VLF measurements (upper part) at Pojbuky locality. North is at the top of the map

6. ábra. Az ellenállás-szondázások (alul) és VLF mérések (felül) eredménye Pojbuky közelében. A térkép É-felé van tájolva

Рис. 6. Результаты зондирования методом сопротивления (внизу) и измерений методом СДВР (вверху) — участок Пойбуки. Север — вверх по карте

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**MÁLLOTT KÖZETEKEN VÉGZETT ELLENÁLLÁS-SZONDÁZÁS KIÉRTÉKELÉSE**

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A mélységgel exponenciálisan növekvő ellenállásról feltételezzük, hogy az mállott közeteken álló (átmeneti) réteget jelez. Erre az esetre egy egyszerű rekurzív képletet vezettünk le, a fajlagos ellenállás transzformációs függvényének kiszámításához. Ez a függvény könnyen kiszámítható változó és állandó ellenállású rétegeket tartalmazó szelvényre, a tárgyalt képlet és az állandó fajlagos ellenállású rétegekre kidolgozott, ismert rekurzív képlet összekapcsolása útján. Az ellenállás-szondázási görbe megkapható az ellenállás transzformációs függvény és szűrőegyütthatók digitális konvolúciójával. A terepi görbék kiértékelése nehéz és egy feltételezett fajlagos ellenállás-moddellen kell alapulnia. A kiértékeléshez numerikus és grafikus módszerek kombinációját javasoljuk, a fajlagos ellenállás transzformációs tartományában. Kiértékelési példát mutatunk be metamorf közetek területéről. Ismertetjük az eredményeket és összehasonlítjuk ezeket a fűrészi és szeizmikus adatokkal.

**ИНТЕРПРЕТАЦИЯ КРИВЫХ ЗОНДИРОВАНИЯ МЕТОДОМ СОПРОТИВЛЕНИЯ  
В ВЫВЕТРЕЛЫХ ПОРОДАХ**

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Сопротивление, возрастающее с глубиной по экспоненциальному закону, предположительно является признаком наличия (переходной) зоны выветрелых пород. Для этого случая была разработана простая рекурсивная формула с целью вычисления функции преобразования сопротивления. Функция преобразования сопротивления может быть легко вычислена для разрезов, состоящих из переходных слоев и слоев постоянного удельного сопротивления, путем сочетания обсуждаемой формулы с известной рекурсивной формулой для слоев постоянного удельного сопротивления. Кривая зондирования по методу сопротивления может быть получена путем цифровой конволюции функции преобразования сопротивления и фильтровых коэффициентов. Интерпретация полевых кривых трудоемка и должна базироваться на предполагаемой модели разреза удельных сопротивлений. Рекомендуется комбинация цифровых и графических методов в области преобразования сопротивлений для интерпретации. Приводятся примеры интерпретации из района распространения метаморфических пород. Полученные результаты обсуждаются и сопоставляются с данными бурения и сейсморазведки.