Data and new constraints from Magnus-Rex

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Overview

- Magnus-Rex Mantle investigations of Norwegian uplift structure- Refraction experiment
- Project goals and preliminary findings from Magnus-Rex
- Field experiment
- Data and interpretations for the southern Scandes and Oslo Graben
- Poisson's Ratio Models for the upper crust
- Magnus-0

Geologic setting



Magnus-Rex seismic Profiles



Caledonides in souther Norway

Magnus-Rex

- Refractions profiling of the lithosphere. Best method of obtaining constrains on the velocity structure and thickness of the crust.
- 22 teams, ~750 texan instruments, 26 shots.
- Top down approach to forward modelling
- Constraint on crustal thickness ->
- ± 1 km where Pn and PmP are available.
- ± 2 km where only PmP is available.





- ~360 km array
- 9 shots (100, 200 and 400 kg charge sizes)
- 174 instruments at 2 km spacing.

- ~400 km array
- 10 shots (100, 200 and 400 kg charge sizes)
- 200 instruments at 2 km spacing.





Shot 1 - line 1

- 400 kg charge size
- Pg Vp = 6.0 6.3 km/s
- Pn Vp = 8.05 ± 0.1 km/s at xcross > 160 km
- PmP reflection





Shot 4 - line1

- 200 kg charge size
- Pg Vp = 5.8 6.6 km/s
- PmP -> ~ flat moveout





Velocity structure - Line 1

- Thick lines -> refraction velocity and depth constraint
- Thick dashed lines -> reflection structural constraint





Velocity structure - Line 2

- •Thick lines -> refraction velocity and depth constraint
- Thick dashed lines -> reflection structural constraint





Line 3 - E-W across the southern Scandes and Oslo Graben





- ~450 km array
- 8 shots (100, 200 and 400 kg charge sizes)
- 330 instruments at 2 km spacing, including a 120 km section at 0.75 km spacing across the Oslo Graben



Shot 26 - line 3

- 400 kg charge size
- Pg Vp = 5.8 6.3 km/s
- PmP
- Pn Vp = 8.05 ± 0.1 km/s
- Mantle reflection behind Pn





Velocity structure- Line 2 - deep Moho

Thick lines -> refraction velocity and depth constraint

Thick dashed lines -> reflection structural constraint





- Velocity structure- Line 2 deep Moho
- Thick lines -> refraction velocity and depth constraint
- Thick dashed lines -> reflection structural constraint









Moho depth beneath the Magnus-Rex seismic profiles

Contour map of crustal thickness

Before



Contour map of crustal thickness

After



Original constraints from earlier refraction seismic studies still stand. Changes inferred are in gaps between previous surveys.

We also recorded S-waves... Shot 1 - line 1

- 400 kg charge size
- Sg Vs = 3.35 3.65 km/s
- Sn Vs = 4.65 ± 0.1 km/s
- SmS reflection





Line 1

Comparing Poisson's ratio (σ) for caledonides to "basement"

Basement = mostly rock deformed in the Sveconorwegian Orogeny from 1250-900 Ma.

Uncertainties in Poisson's Ratio $\delta\sigma/\sigma = f(\eta)[\delta Vp/Vp + \delta Vs/Vs]$ $f(\eta) = 2\eta^2/(\eta^2 - 1)(\eta^2 - 2)$ Where $\eta = Vp/Vs$

Christensen, (1996).

Uncertainties in σ

~ 3.5% or ±0.009 for
$$\sigma$$
 = 0.29

~ 6.5% or ± 0.014 for
$$\sigma$$
 = 0.20





Line 2

- Profile line runs ~ north-south - along the western edge of the Faltungsgraben.
- Crustal layers thicken to the north
- Block of high velocity rock ~ 3 km depth beneath the upper Allochthon.
- Refracted arrivals down to 15 km depth indicate the crust below the caledonides is more or less uniform σ at a ~10 km scale.



Middle and lower Allochthon: granite, gabbro, anorthosite, quartzite, greywacke

Fennoscandian shield: granite, granodiorite Upper Allochthon: granite, diorite, gabbro, ultramafics, greywacke, conglomerate, felsic, mafic, metavolcanics





Line three - across southern Norway and the Oslo Graben.

Near suface Vp is slower within the graben.

High Vp at depth.





Magnus-0

- Recorded in 2006. onshore/offshore refraction profile for the Trondheim area.
- 200m shot spacing onshore-offshore.
- 5 instument clusters onshore for onshoreoffshore shots.
- Onshore shots ~1km receiver spacing.





Summary

- Crustal thickness beneath the southern Scandes mountains reach ~40 km.
- Crust thickens to the north
- Thins from the central mountains towards the coast and Oslo Graben, and to the south
- Strong S-wave energy is generated by shots in the caledonides, and Poisson's ratios highlight structural/compositional changes within the caldedonides.