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# Examples of hydrogeological and geological modelling from geophysical data

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### Translating resistivity to geology or hydrogeology – limitations:

- The degree of saturation
- The ion content of the pore water
- Clay content
- Clay type
- Vertical resolution capability
- Horizontal resolution capability
- Weak resolution of resistive layers
- Spatial variations in property
- Depth of penetration, DOI
- Coupled and noise-infected soundings
- Model equivalency, model uncertainty
- The type of model used blocky or smooth model

## **Data interpretation**



#### Some Danish sediments:

Sediments	Resistivity ( $\Omega$ m)	
Meltwater sand and gravel	>60	
Clay till	25-50	•
Glacio-lacustrine clay	10 - 40	
Neogene mica silt/sand: Miocene	>40	
Neogene mica clay: Miocene	10 - 40	
Paleogene clay: Eocene-Oligocene	5-12	
Paleogene clay: Paleocene-Eocene	1-7	
Danian limestone	>80	

## Layer-based modelling

Basic digitalisation of interpretation points on maps, profiles and directly in 3D space





Resistivity [Ohm-m]

## Voxel modelling tools

Region grow selection



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#### Cognitive, manual voxel modelling, octree discretization



 Voxels can be divided into 8 equally-sized in order to increase the level of detail





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## The Tønder-Leck survey

- 3230 line km
- 166 and 250 m spacing
- 721 km<sup>2</sup>

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#### **Geological interpretations**





Jørgensen et al. 2012

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Resistivity [Ohmm]

100

1000

10

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## **Buried valleys**



#### Final voxel model



#### Voxel model, valley surface

