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Fra NGU's flymülinger over omrüdet ved Smüsorjus er det püvist en positiv magnetisk anomali. Denne ble fulgt opp med bakkemülinger kombinert med enkel geologisk kartlegging. Resultatene viser at de lokale anomaliene skyldes kontakten mellom Sulitjelma Gabbro og omkringliggende bergarter. Deler av Sulitjelma-gabbroen som er svakt mineralisert (rust) viser ingen anomalier.

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Results

The results are shown on figs.I-4 which superimpose the field measured gamma values (all relative and not absolute), the aeromagnetic total field values, and simplified geological cross-sections summarising the distribution of the Sulitjelma gabbro and its country rock (including country rock screens).

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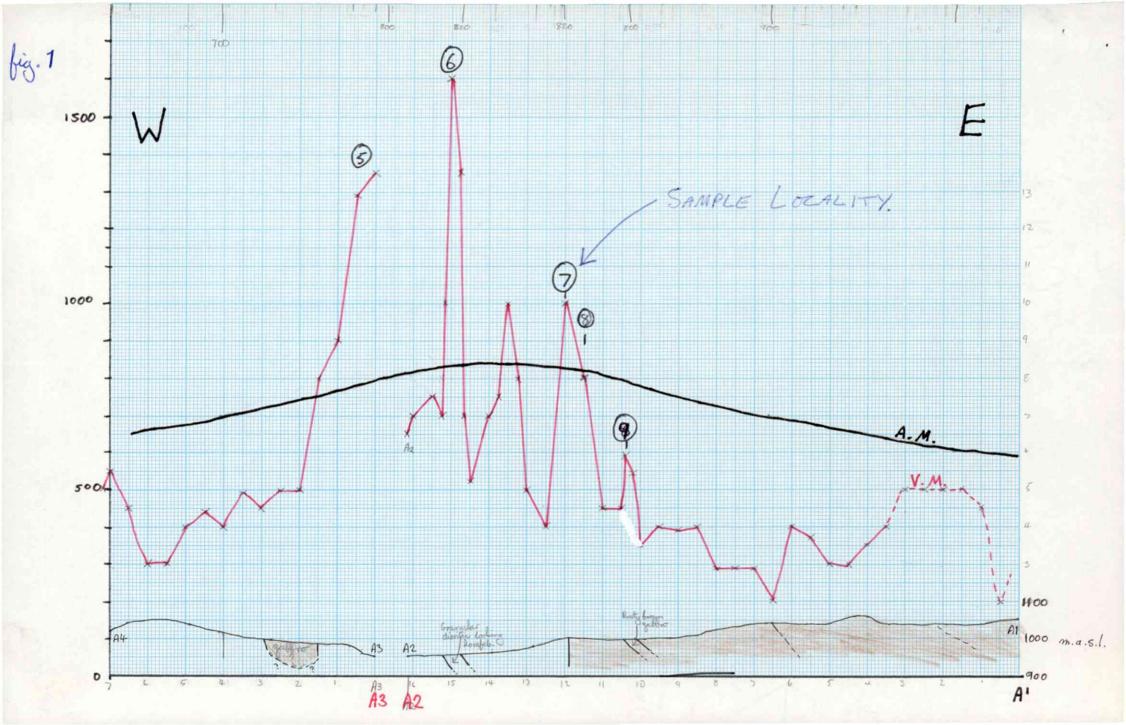
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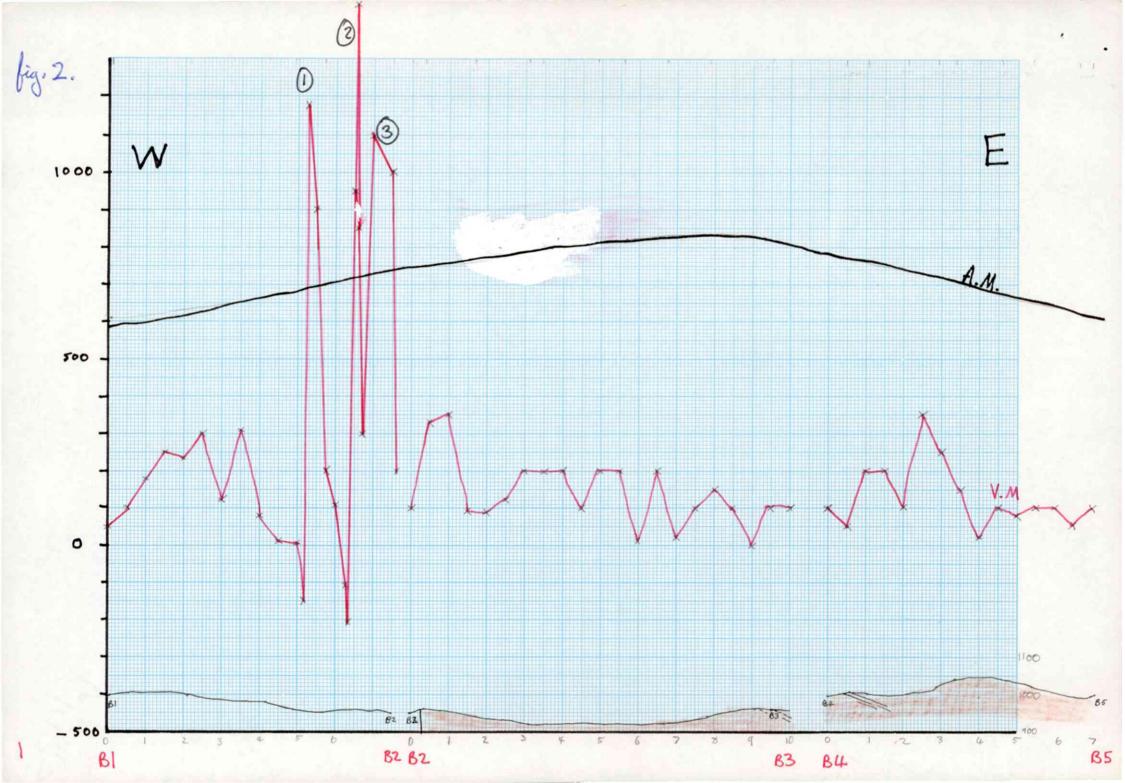
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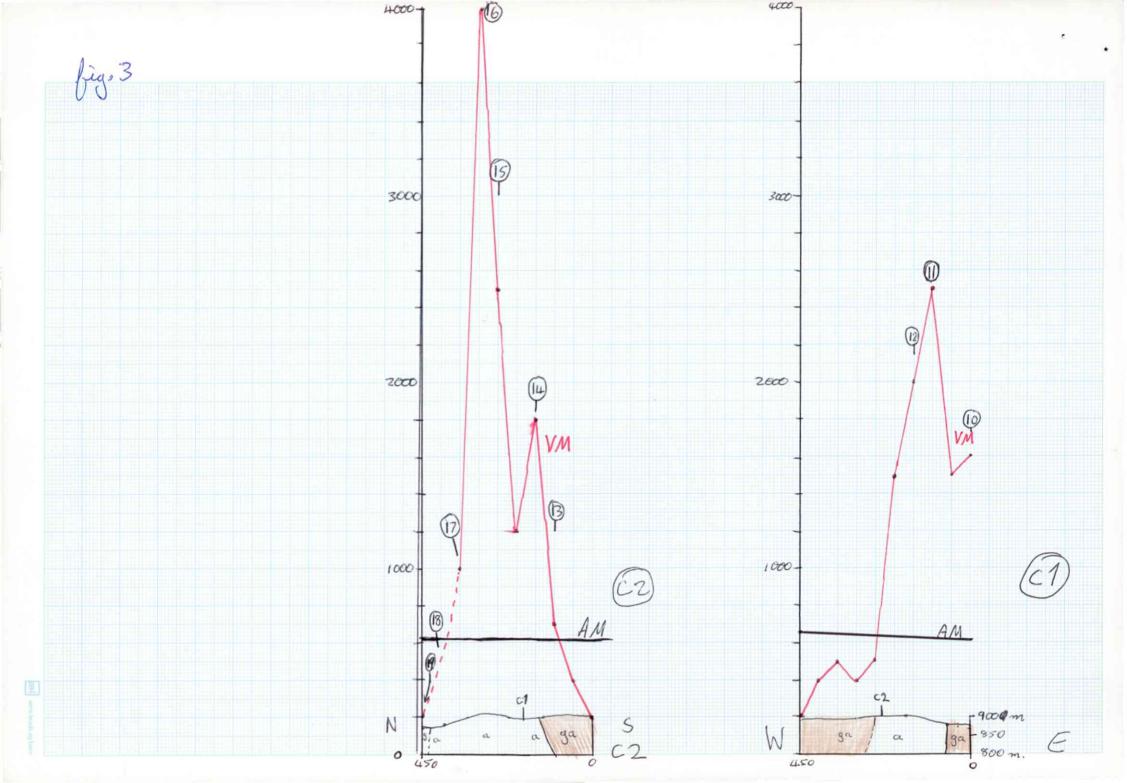
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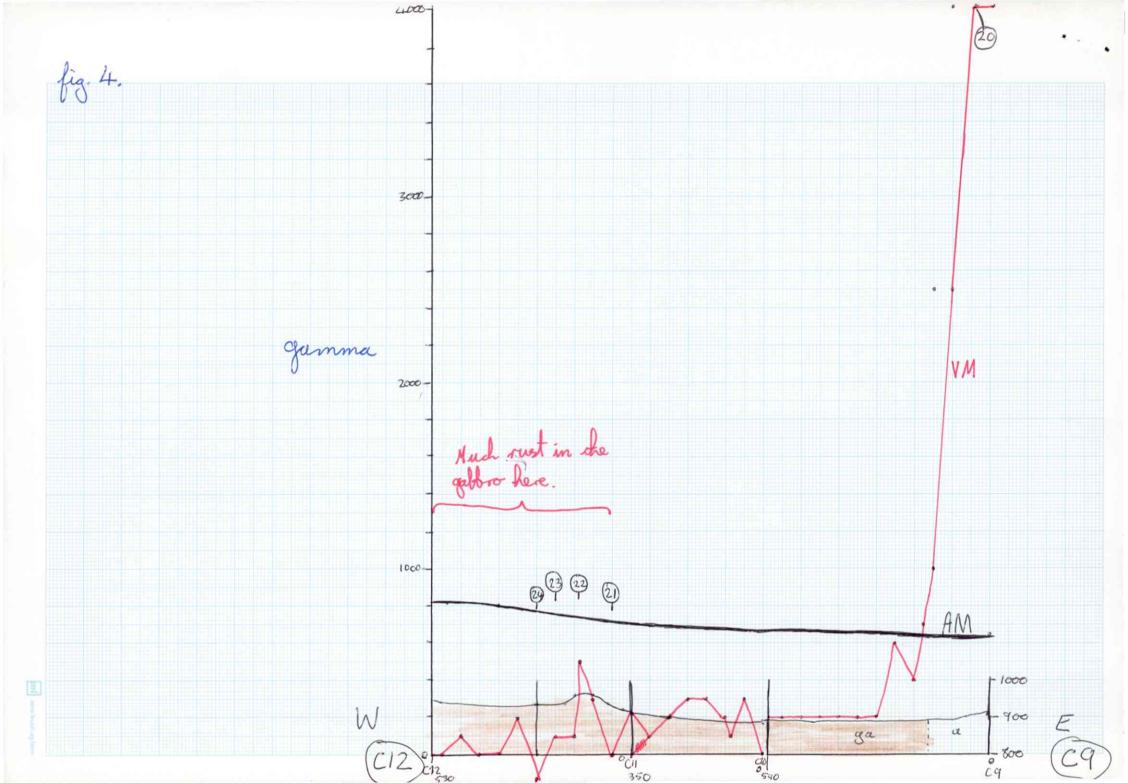
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