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For

The Stonehenge Alliance

On

***Geology, Hydrogeology, Geotechnics &
Effects of Tunnelling on Groundwater***

Core Drilling, Core Logging & RQD: Wireline Logging

- Core Drilling & Recovery Methods
 - Wireline Recovery
 - Triple Tube core barrels
- Core Logging
- Rock Mass Classification
- TCR; SCR & RQD
 - Rock Quality Designation:
 - Rock Strength Classification Systems (CIRIA etc).
- Geophysical Logging Techniques:-
 - Caliper Logging
 - Natural Gamma
 - Optical & Acoustic Televiewers



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Surface Geology



3D Models



Borehole Scans



Earthquake Timeline

Borehole Scans

Click on a borehole to view scan.

Borehole depth

- 0 - 10m
- 10 - 30m
- 30m+
- Unknown
- Confidential or Restricted

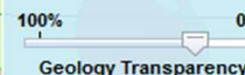
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Stonehenge, Wiltshire



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Borehole results

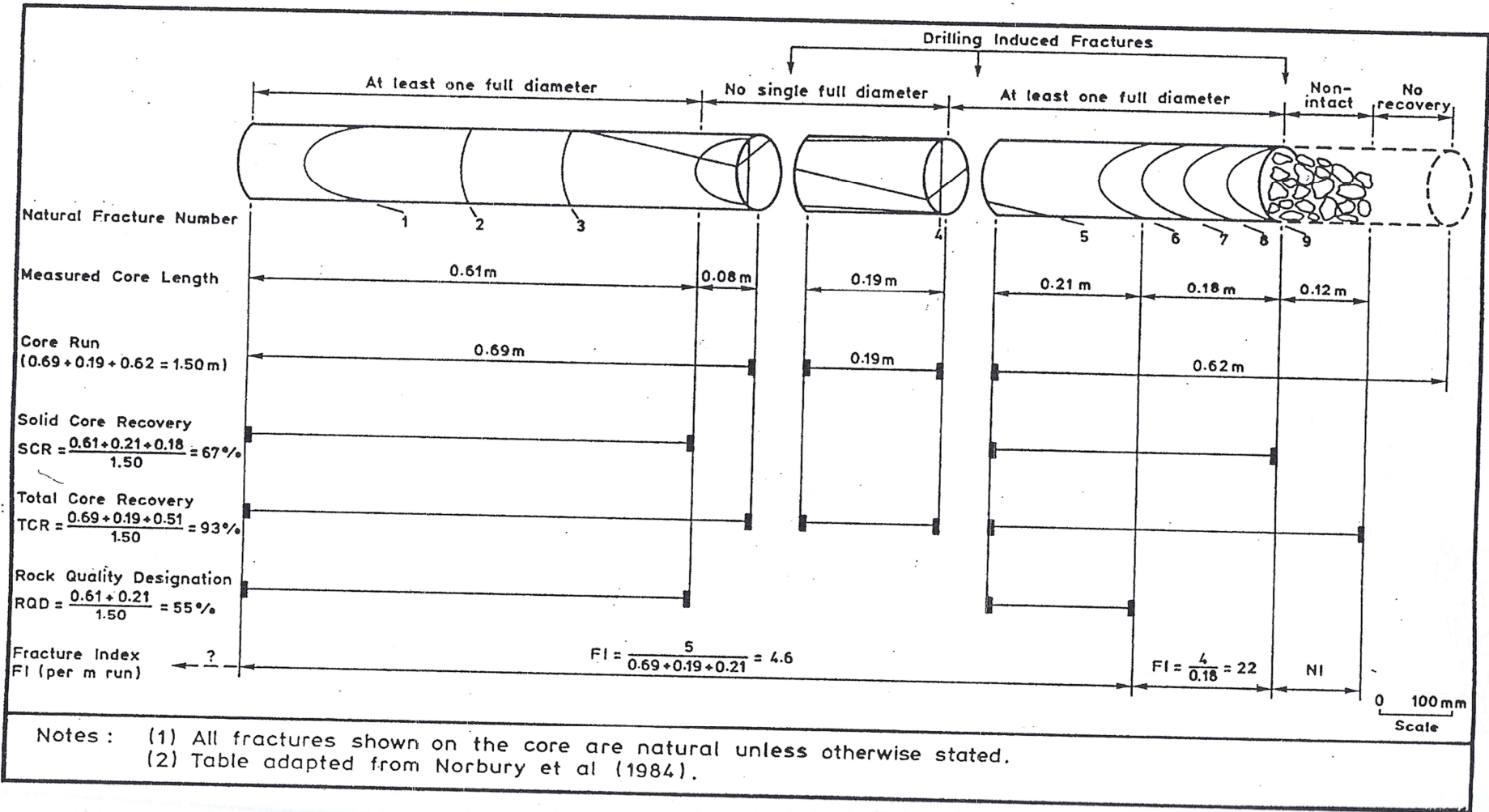
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SU14SW152 – A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down
R501

412291,141869 Depth: 36.5m.

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May be available through [GeoRecords Plus+](#)

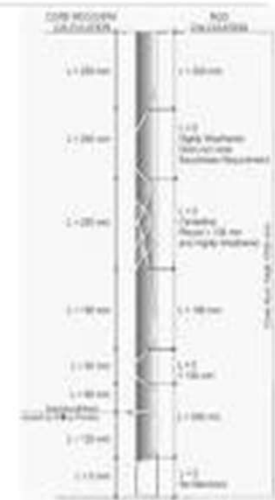




Schematic Illustration of Fracture Logging Terms

RQD

Rock Quality Designation (**RQD**) is a measure of quality of rock core taken from a borehole. **RQD** signifies the degree of jointing or fracture in a rock mass measured in percentage, where **RQD** of 75% or more shows good quality hard rock and less than 50% show low quality weathered rocks.



What is RQD (Rock Quality Designation) and How to Calculate it?

<https://theconstructor.org/geotechnical/rqd-rock-quality-designation.../20536/>



STRUCTURAL SOILS

BOREHOLE LOG

Contract: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down		Client: Highways England		Borehole: R501
Contract Ref: 731823	Start: 22.02.17	Ground Level (m AOD): 93.16	National Grid Co-ordinate: E:412291.0 N:141868.9	Sheet: 32 of 33

R501 box 20 - 18.75m - 20.25m depth (Flyside)



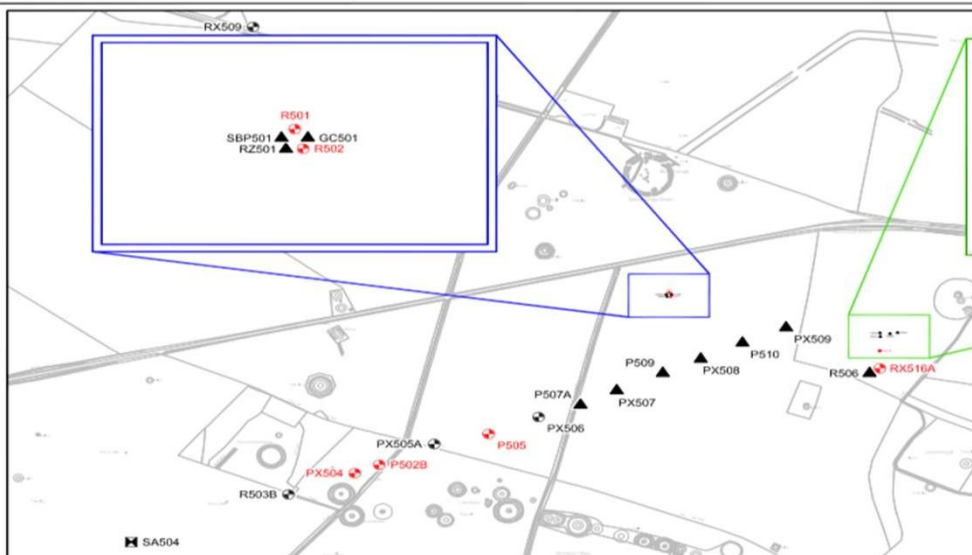
3. See also box 21. See Appendix 11 (2017-11-11) (R501)



R501 boxes 20 - 21 - 18.70m - 21.00m depth (Compound)



R501 boxes 20 - 21 - 18.70m - 21.00m depth (logging area)



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Contract Ref: 731823	Start: 22.02.17	Ground Level (m AOD): 93.16
End: 01.03.17	End: 01.03.17	End: 01.03.17
National Grid Co-ordinate: E:412291.0 N:141868.9		
Sheet: 8 of 33		

Depth (m)	No	Type	Results	SPT			Description of Strata	Notes	Depth (Thick (m))	Moisture Content (%)	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plasticity Index (%)
				(Blows)	(N1)	(N60)							
17.80	14	C		80	56	56	at 14.30m chalk fragments are extremely weak to 18° undulating rough open brown comminuted chalk. At 14.50m to 14.7m joint is 7° undulating rough open filled with comminuted chalk. At 14.7m phogastic chalk becomes very weak.						
18.00-18.75 (0.05)							between 14.7m and 18.00m chalk fragments weak. At 14.85m to 15.00m heavy phogastic. At 15.00m joint is 40° undulating rough open comminuted chalk. At 15.00m phogastic chalk becomes very weak.						
18.75-20.25 (0.05)	P97	ES		85	53	53	at 18.00m to 18.75m joint is 18° undulating rough open rock surface and lower fracture surface 18.60m. From 18.20m and 18.70m facies very weak on per nail test and fragment test.						
18.00	15	C					at 18.00m to 18.50m joint is 7° undulating rough with black specks and brown staining upper fracture surface. Fragments to 18.00m joint test (7/1/18) hand surface very weak.						
18.50	P98	ES		100	0	0	at 18.50m to 18.55m joint is 7° undulating rough with comminuted chalk. At 18.55m and 18.70m joints are closely spaced.						

Boring Progress and Water Observations				General Remarks			
Date	Time	Depth	Water Depth				

Method Used: Inspection pit + Rotary Core
 Plant Used: Conestoga Geo 692
 Drawn By: Ryan Pincher
 Logged By: Ryan Pincher
 Checked By: BStamen
 Scale: 1:14

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Depth (m)	No	Type	Results	SPT			Description of Strata	Notes	Depth (Thick (m))	Moisture Content (%)	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plasticity Index (%)
				(Blows)	(N1)	(N60)							
20.10	16	C		100	0	0	Extremely weak and very weak brown CHALK (combines 14° to coarse angular fragments of chalk up to 20mm on inspection). There are weather cones probably formed by the weathering of chalk fragments at the centre of the cone are very weak (possible weakening due to presence of shale from use of multiple drilling tools). (PHOGASTIC CHALK)						
20.25-21.00 (0.02)							Very weak to weak medium density brown phogastic CHALK. Fractures are subvertical to subvertical extremely closely and irregular spaced (10-100mm) undulating rough open blocky material very spaced subvertical to vertical for very evenly spaced. (PHOGASTIC CHALK Grade A3)						
20.60	P98	ES		100	20	20	at 20.25m and 20.50m non related recovered as fine to coarse angular gravel size fragments of phogastic (Brown chalk). Chalk is very weak medium density.						
20.82-20.90	17	C					at 20.55m and 20.70m subvertical (80°) joint undulating rough blocky open to very weak to weak.						
21.00-22.50 (0.02)	16	C					at 20.70m and 20.50m non related recovered as fine to coarse angular fragments of chalk. Chalk is very weak to weak. At 20.80m to 21.00m probably weak top (cont'd).						
21.00-21.30							Very weak high density brown phogastic CHALK with occasional lenticular						
21.50	P10	EB		50	38	38							

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FINAL BOREHOLE LOG

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Client: Highways England		Borehole: R501	
Contract: A303 Amersbury to Berwick Down		Sheet: 41 of 33	
Contract Ref: 731823		Scale: 2:000 (1:1000)	
Contract Ref: E412291.0 N:141868.9		Date: 11/01/17	
Depth (m)	No	Type	Remarks
25.00-26.00	19	C	
26.00-26.60	20	ES	
26.60-27.23	21	C	
27.23-28.00	22	C	
28.00-28.76	23	C	
28.76-29.00	24	ES	

Soils & Test Results		Description of Strata	
Soil No	Soil Type	Soil No	Soil Type
19	C	19	Clayey brown phosphate
20	ES	20	Clayey brown phosphate
21	C	21	Clayey brown phosphate
22	C	22	Clayey brown phosphate
23	C	23	Clayey brown phosphate
24	ES	24	Clayey brown phosphate

Client: Highways England		Borehole: R501	
Contract: A303 Amersbury to Berwick Down		Sheet: 40 of 33	
Contract Ref: 731823		Scale: 2:000 (1:1000)	
Contract Ref: E412291.0 N:141868.9		Date: 10/01/17	
Depth (m)	No	Type	Remarks
23.70-24.00	18	ES	
24.00-24.60	19	C	
24.60-25.00	20	ES	
25.00-25.23	21	C	
25.23-26.00	22	C	
26.00-26.60	23	C	
26.60-27.23	24	ES	

Soils & Test Results		Description of Strata	
Soil No	Soil Type	Soil No	Soil Type
18	ES	18	Clayey brown phosphate
19	C	19	Clayey brown phosphate
20	ES	20	Clayey brown phosphate
21	C	21	Clayey brown phosphate
22	C	22	Clayey brown phosphate
23	C	23	Clayey brown phosphate
24	ES	24	Clayey brown phosphate

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R501 boxes 25 - 26, 24.00m - 26.00m depth (Rigside)



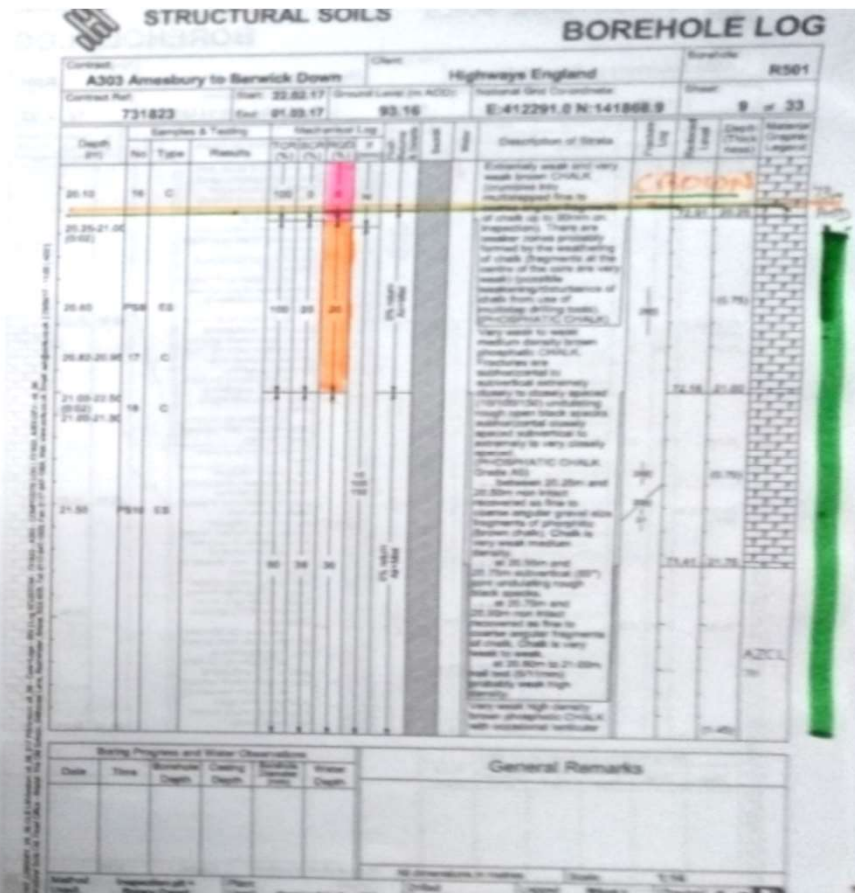
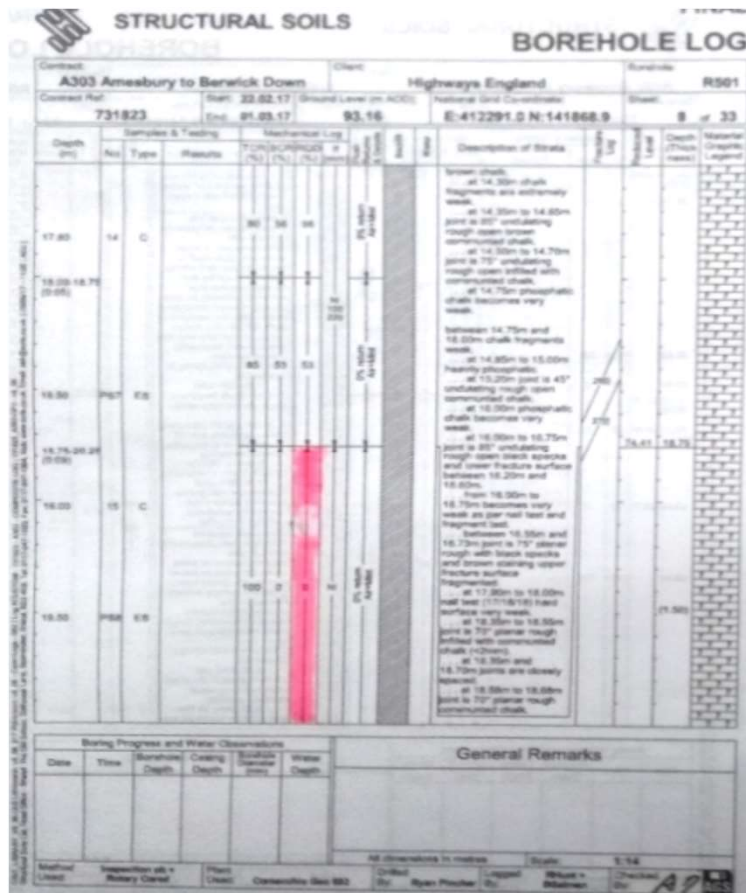
R501 boxes 25 - 27, 24.00m - 27.50m depth (Compound)



R501 boxes 25 - 27, 24.00m - 27.50m depth (Logging area)



Tunnel Crown Level- Chn. 8700: BH. No. R501



From Mortimore -11th Glossop Lecture 2012 (QJEGH)

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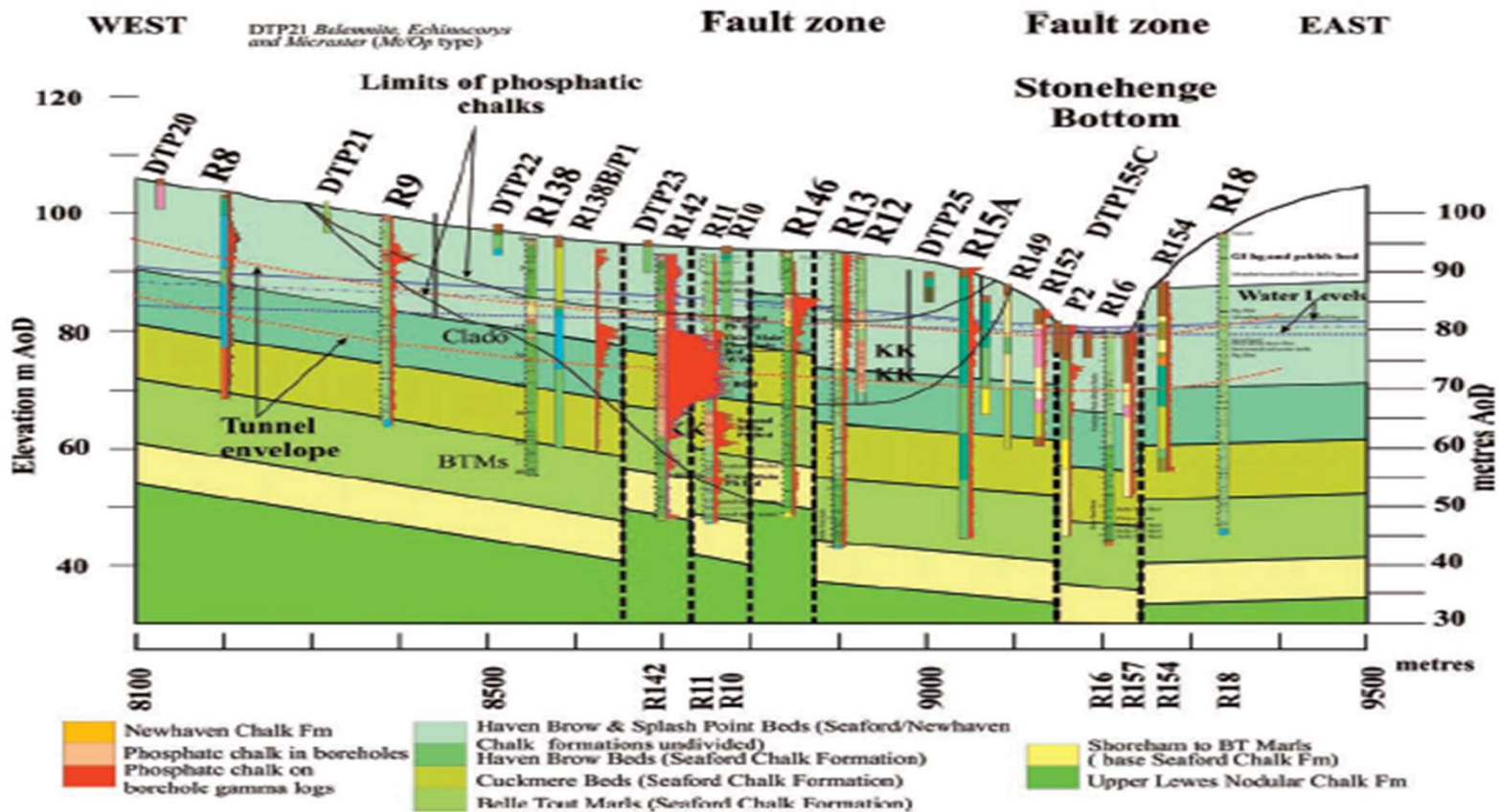


Fig. 120. Simplified geological section of the Chalk and the phosphatic chalk deposits at Stonehenge showing the fault-controlled Stonehenge Bottom and the fault zone containing the thickest phosphatic chalks identified in cored boreholes and on the natural gamma borehole logs.

From Mortimore et al 2017

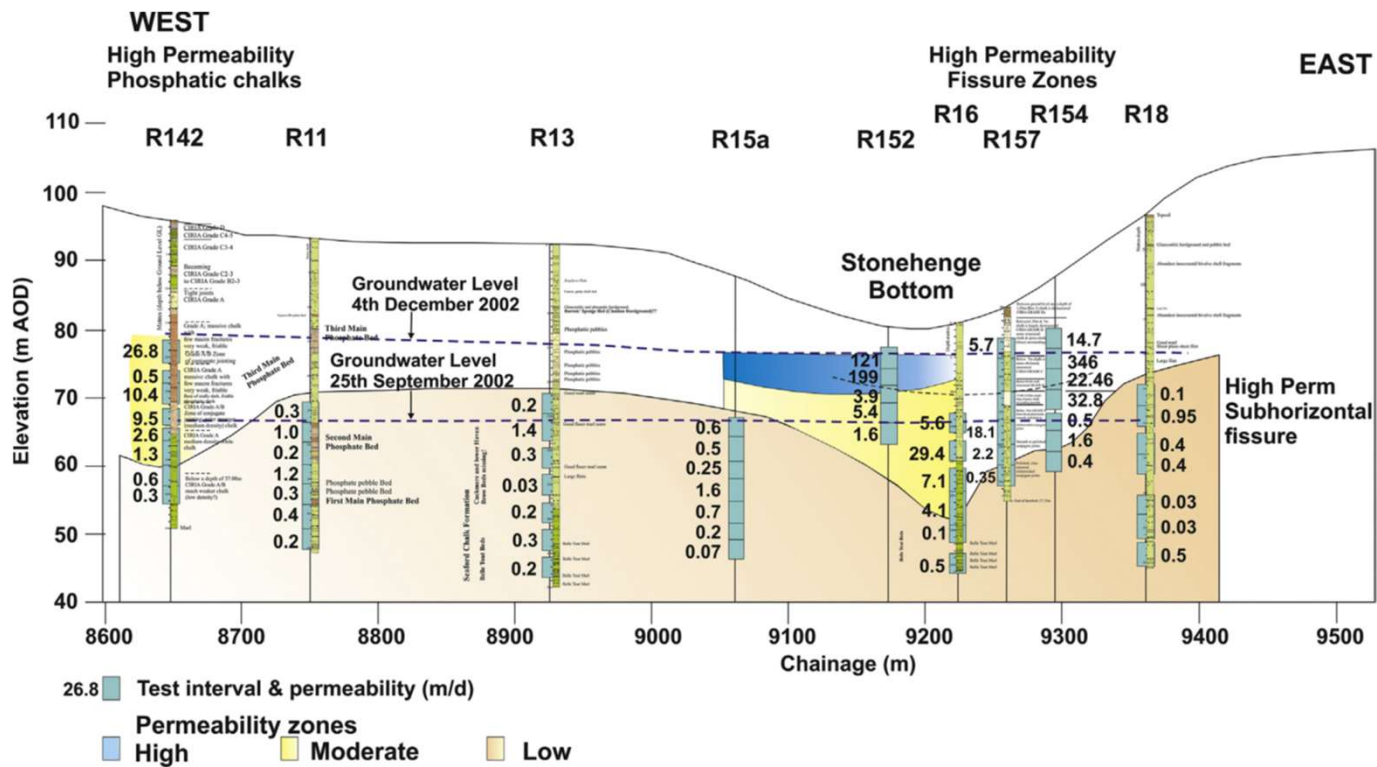
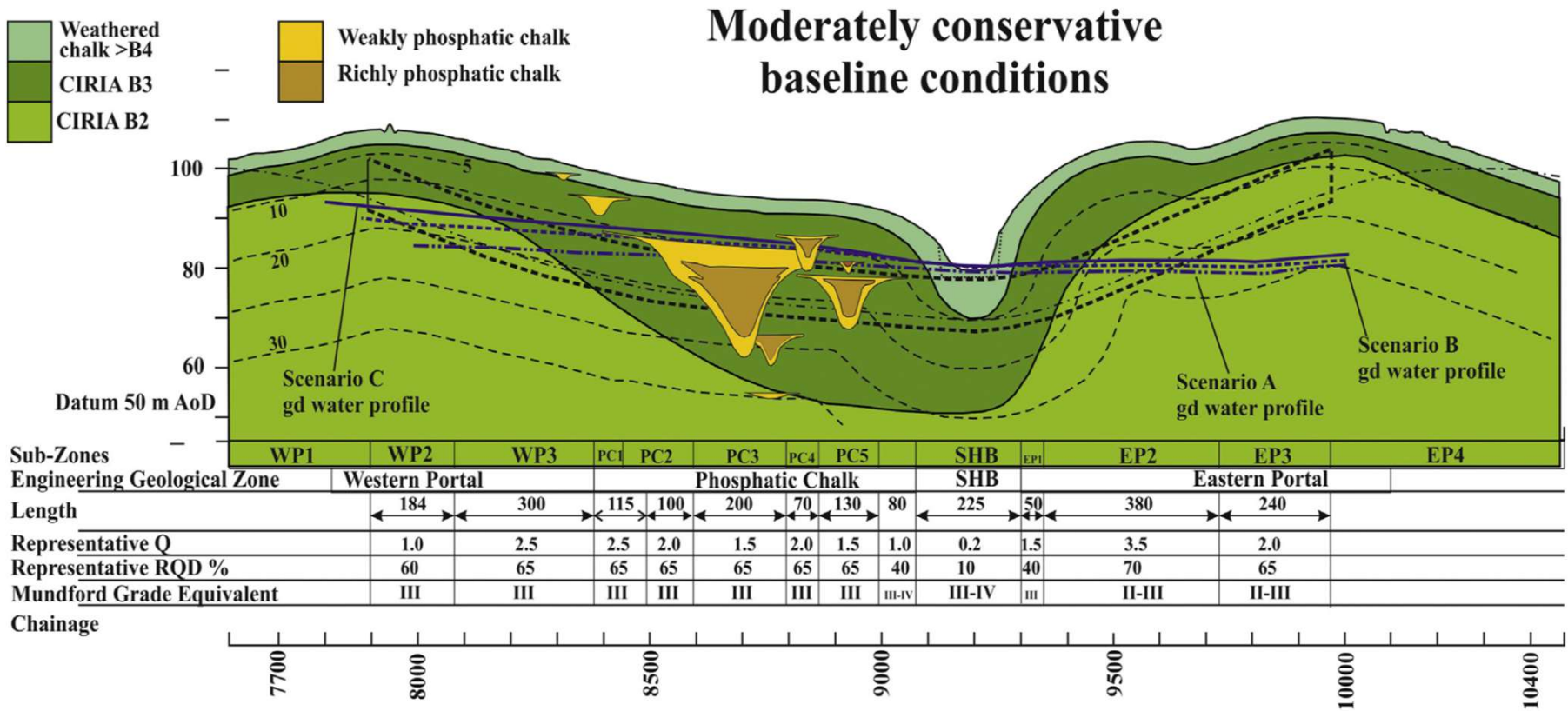


Fig. 26. A303 Stonehenge Tunnel section Packer Test permeability profile showing increased permeability (metres per day) in the thicker phosphatic-chalks (Borehole R142) and in fracture zones associated with the dry valley, Stonehenge Bottom. In the tighter rock towards the interfluvium on the east side of Stonehenge Bottom groundwater permeability is focussed along a subhorizontal fissure (Borehole R18). Note the rapid rise in groundwater (watertable) between September and December 2002.

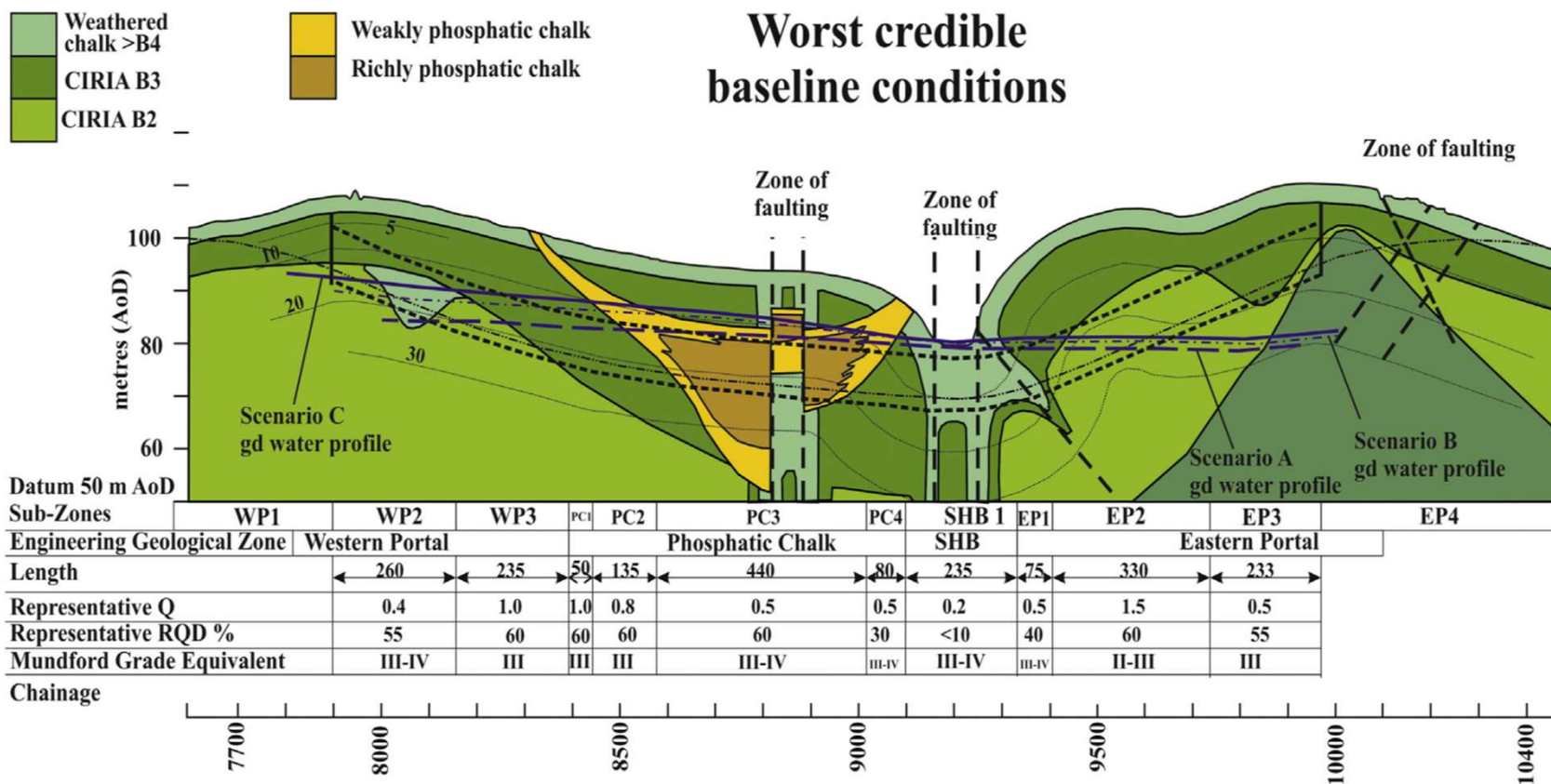
Groundwater Data, Modelling and Groundwater Barriers

- Drill Log Data
- Groundwater Observations & Monitoring.
- Multi-Seasonal Records
- Fracture Flow
- Chalk Hydrogeology

Mortimore et al: PGA 2017- Figure 27



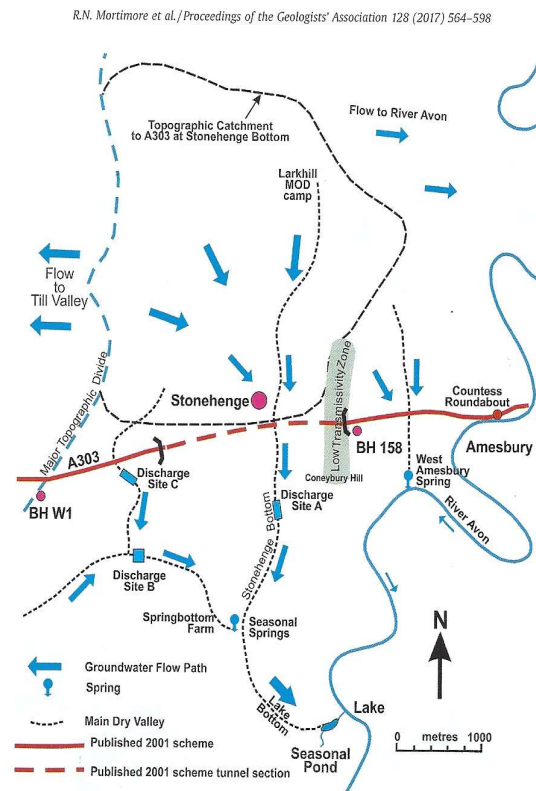
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Simplified Conceptual Groundwater Flow Regime

1.- From Mortimore et al; 2017.

2. From Halcrow-Gifford 2006 & Arup-Atkins 2016.



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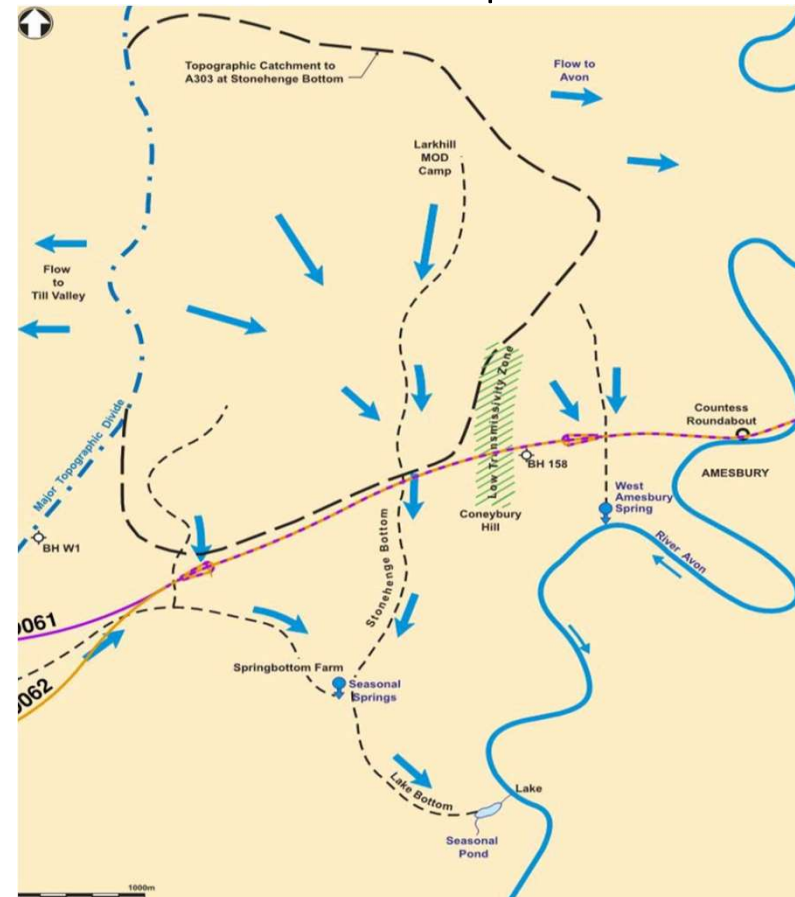


Fig. 28. A303 Stonehenge tunnel area conceptual groundwater flow regime. Stonehenge Bottom acts as a drain to the area with a spring located downstream at Springbottom Farm and a seasonal pond in Lake Bottom close to the River Avon. During the rapid rise in groundwater levels in 2002 the floor of Stonehenge bottom became flooded up to the A303 crossing and Trial Pits on the west side partly filled with water.

Bentonite Shield Tunnelling Methods, Grouting, :Poor Quality Rock and Grout Invasion.

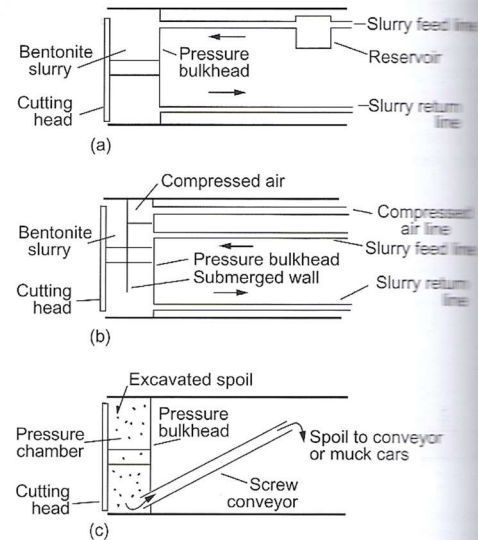
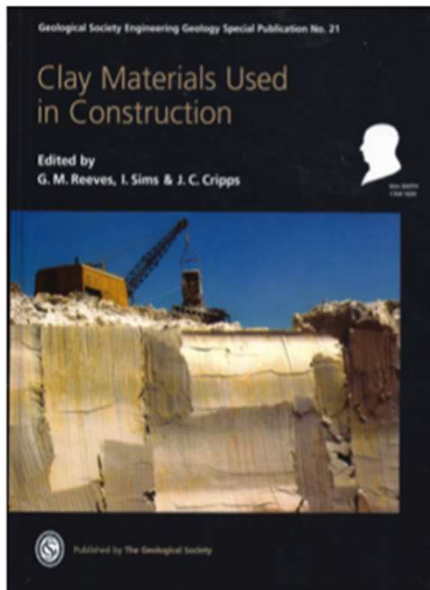
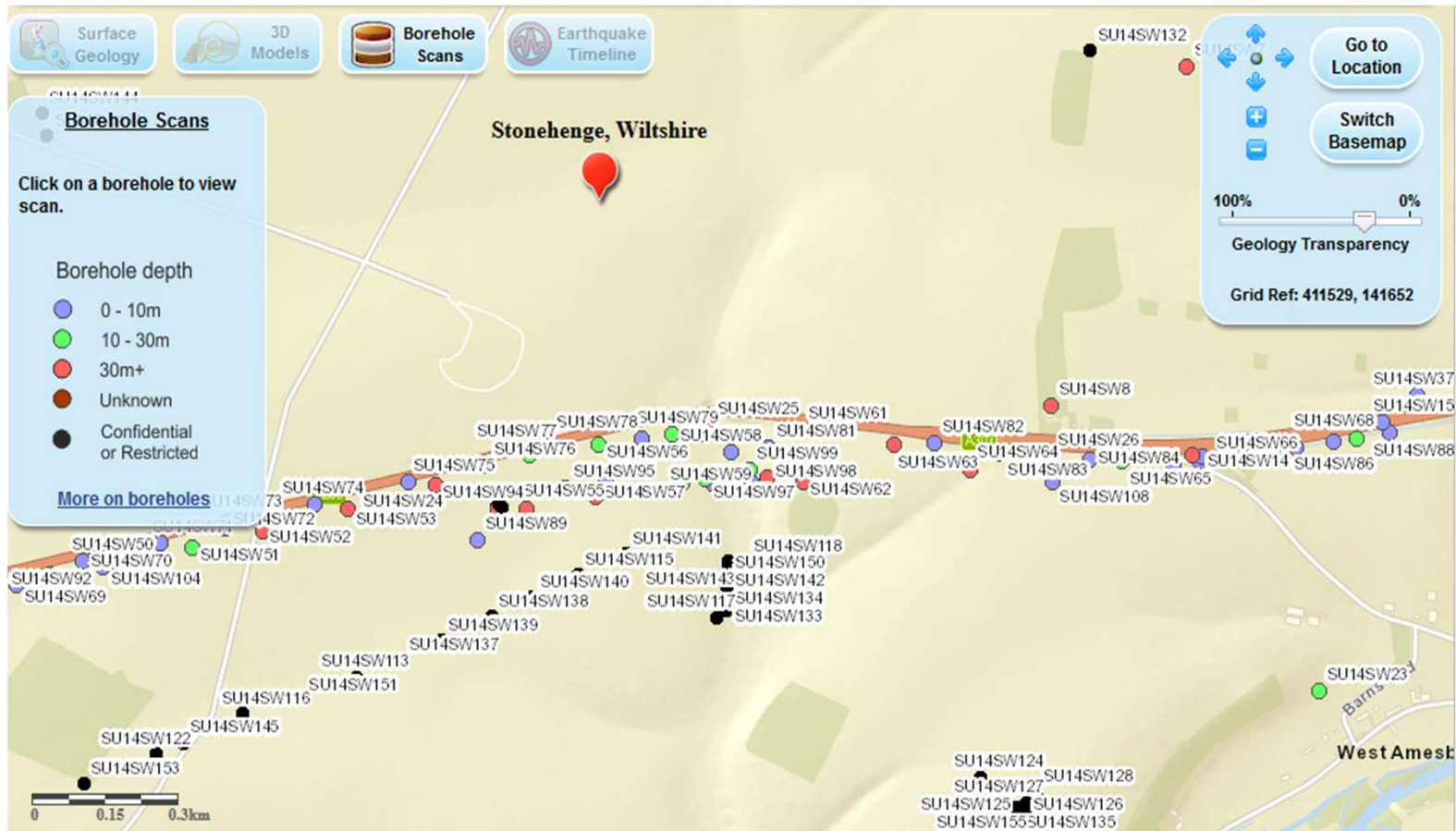


FIG. 12.7. Tunnelling shields (schematic): (a) slurry shield; (b) hydroshield; (c) earth pressure balance shield.

Slurry (Bentonite Based) Tunnelling:

- **Up to 12 to 15% Bentonite**
- **Additives to aid filter cake formation**
(eg. Long Chain Polymers such as ...)
 - **Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose,**
 - **Polyanionic cellulose (PAC),**
 - **Polyacrylamides & derivatives.**
- **High degree of Penetration into formation in:-**
 - **Fracture Zones**
 - **Poor quality fractured rock**
 - **High Permeability rock.**
- **Maximum Penetration of Latents into high K zones.**

BGS GeoIndex Database:





Modern Methods of Ground Data Presentation: 3-D Ground Modelling

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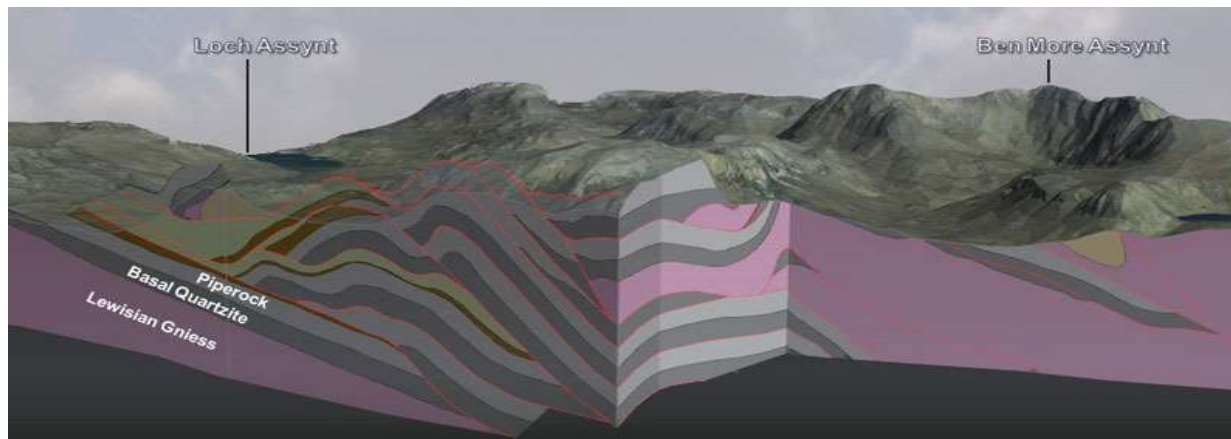
- Maps
- Sections
- Fence Diagrams

- 3-D Modelling:-

- Borehole Logs and Data
- Rock Properties- Strength/Lithology/Degree of Fracturing/Fault Zones
- Alteration Zones (e.g. Phosphatic Chalk)
- Groundwater Levels, Zones; Aquifers; Aquicludes; Recharge & Discharge
- 3-D Geophysics- Methods; Combined Interpretations; Exponential Data Gains.

3-D Geological Ground Modelling

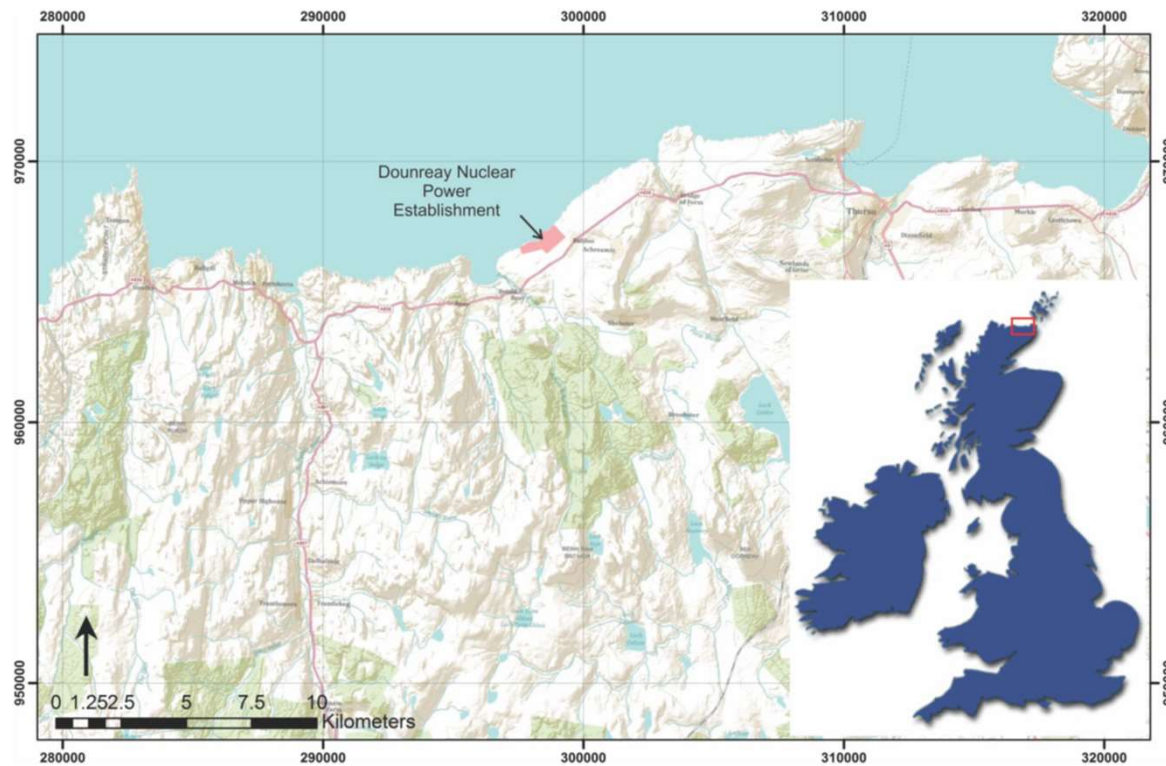
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- **Lithoframe Examples (See....** <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/services/3Dgeology/lithoframe.html>)
 - **Assynt Culmination Geological 3D Model (©BGS)**
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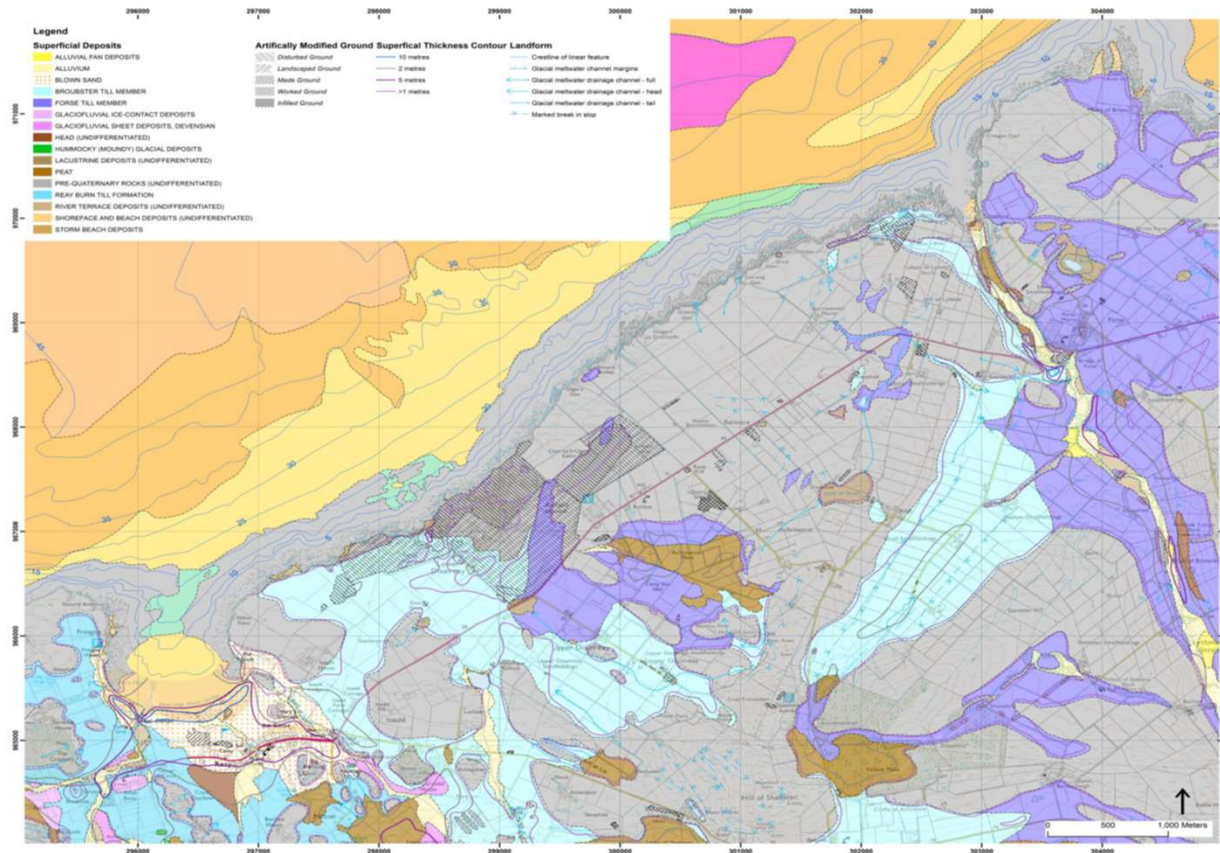
Conclusions:

- Potential Creation of massive, deep & penetrative (to up to 50m BGL)
GROUNDWATER CUT-OFF/"Groundwater Dam"- 3.3km+long.
- Significant long-term changes in :- Groundwater Flow, G/W recharge, G/W discharges, G/W chemistry and quality, Well yields and Chalk Rock solution (especially in Phosphatic zones).
- Potential for short-term contamination from grouting (ex-TBM) and possible need for back-up surface dewatering and grouting, with associated effects
- Inadequate (inc. interpretation of existing)- Site Investigation Data (Drill & Well-logs)
 - Groundwater Data and consequent G/W Modelling
 - Data presentation (3-D Ground Modelling)
 - Rock Permeability values, changes across site and effects.

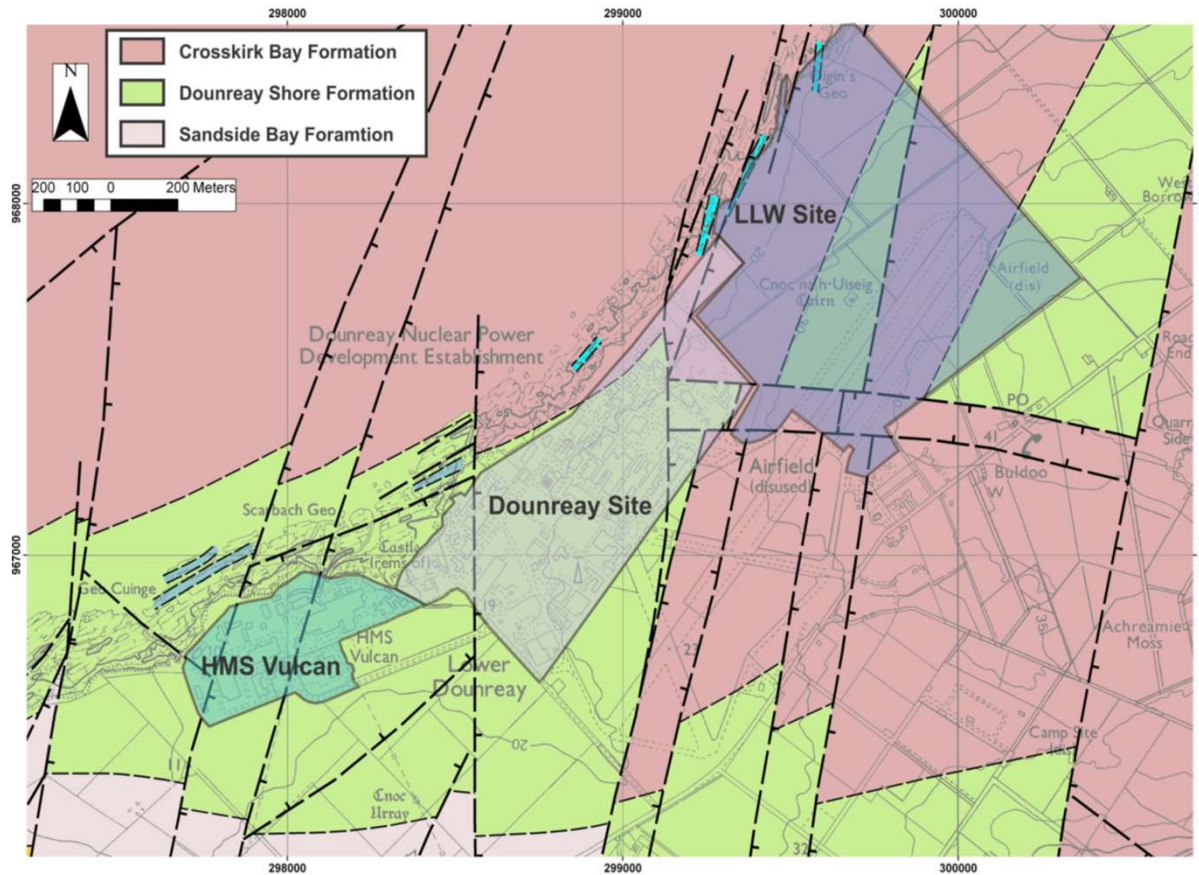
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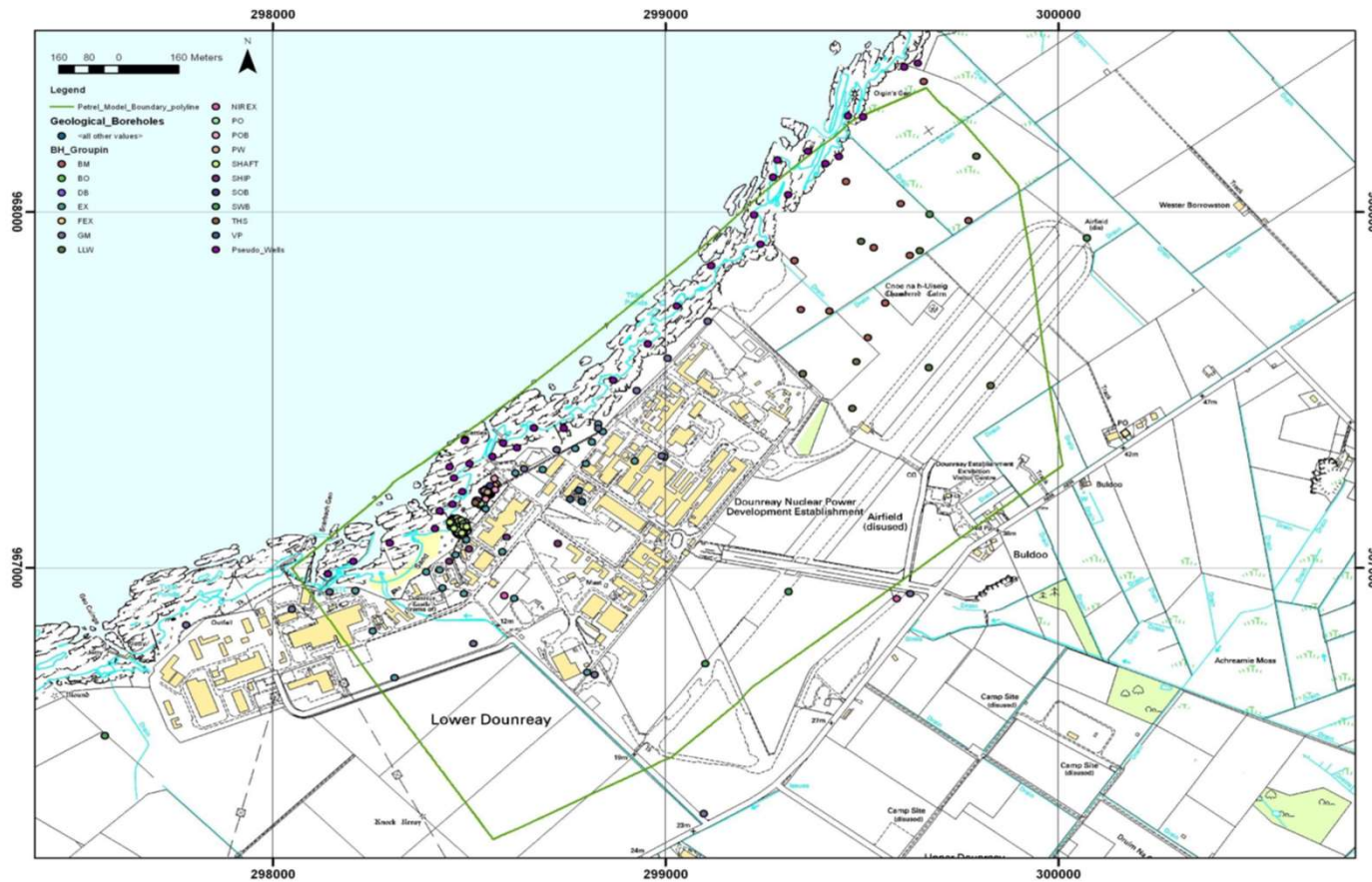
Superficial Deposits (1:25,000 map:- BGS 2006)



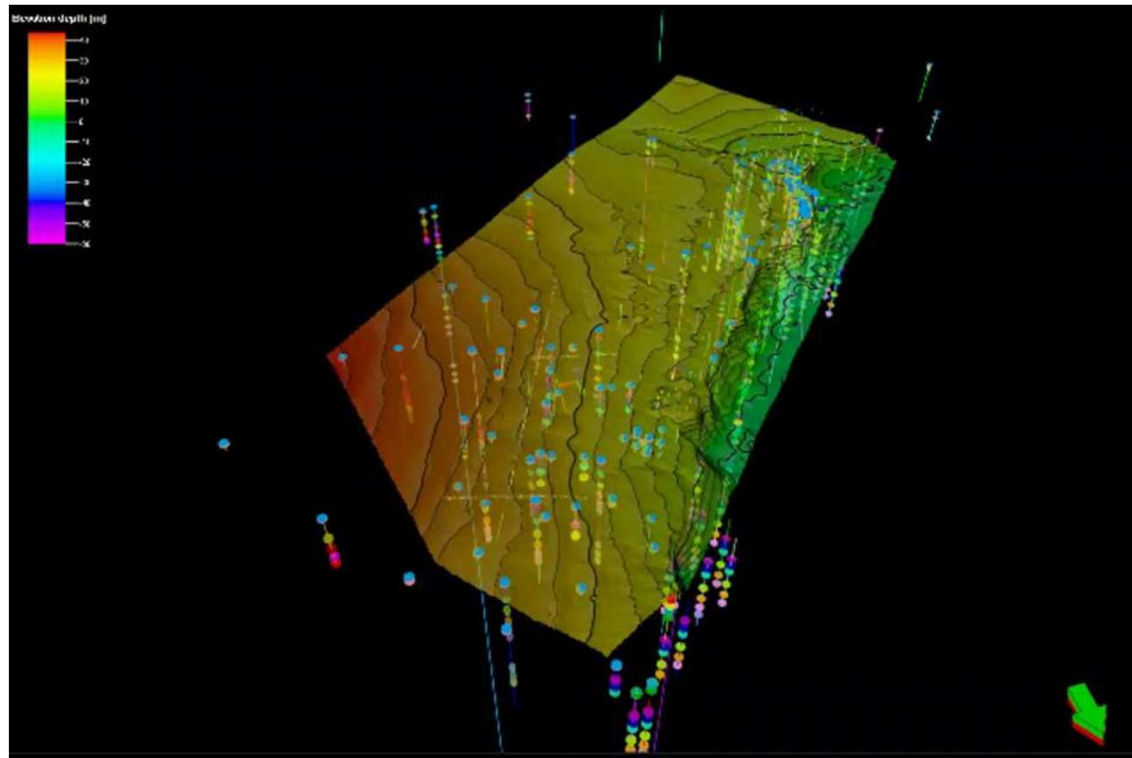
Dounreay Site- Solid Geology (after BGS 2005)



Dounreay Site- Boreholes selected for 3-D Models

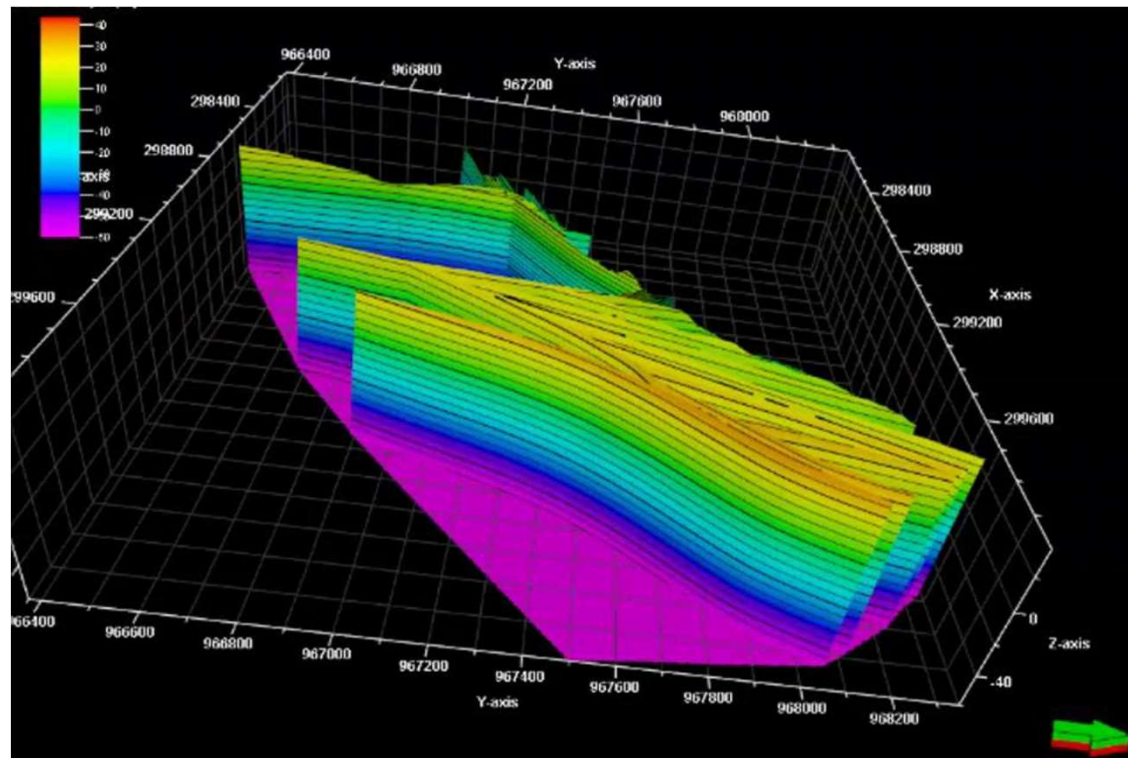


3-D Geological Ground Modelling-1 :Borehole Logs



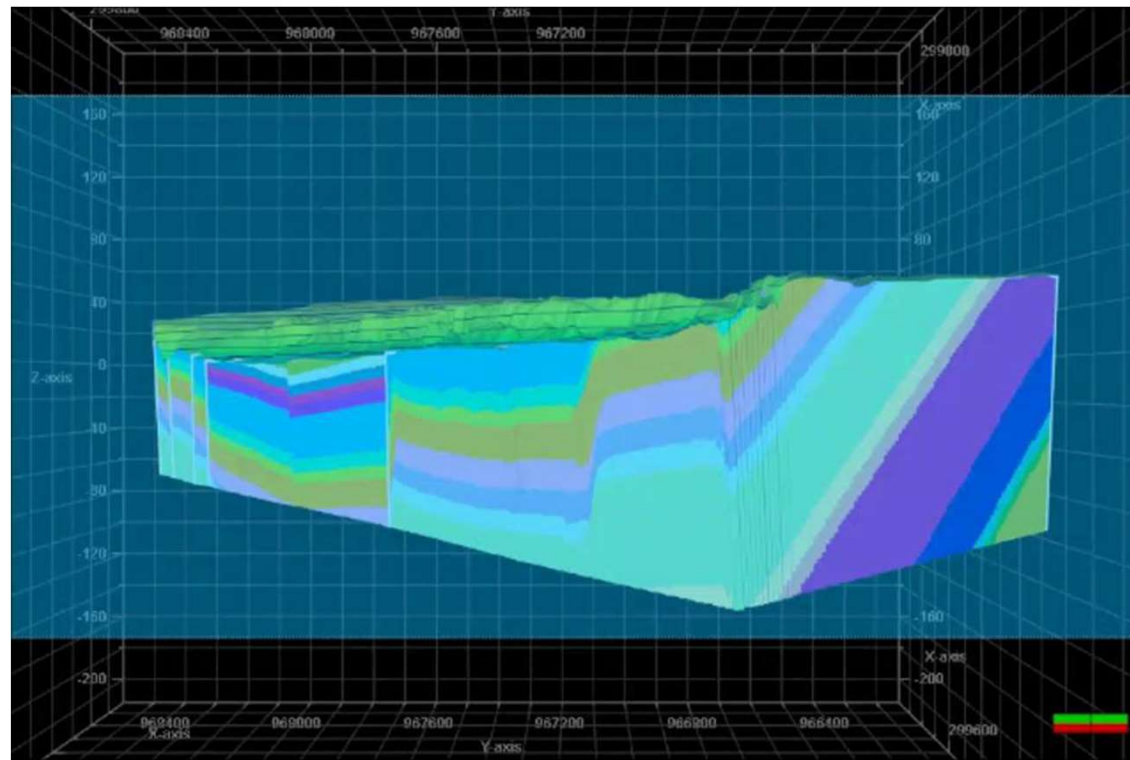
3-D Geological Ground Modelling-2

:Major Faulting



3-D Geological Ground Modelling-3

:Solid Geology Model



3-D Geological Ground Modelling-4

:Fracture Networks

