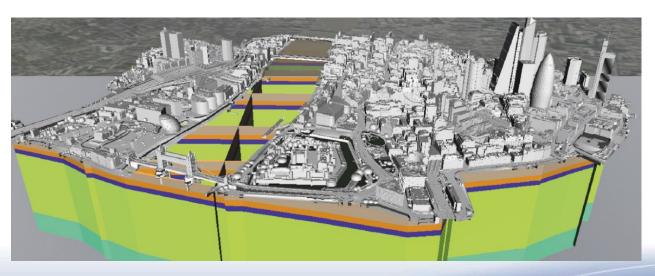


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New geological models from the British Geological Survey

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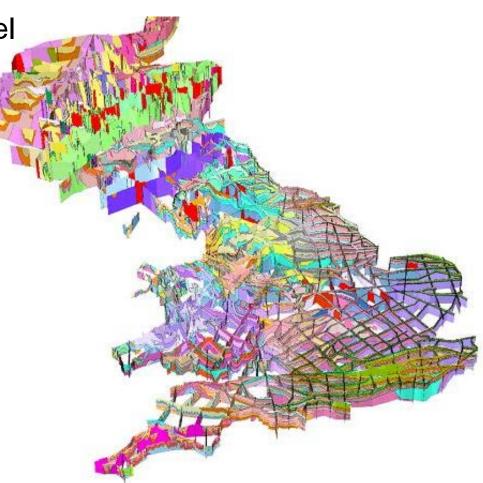
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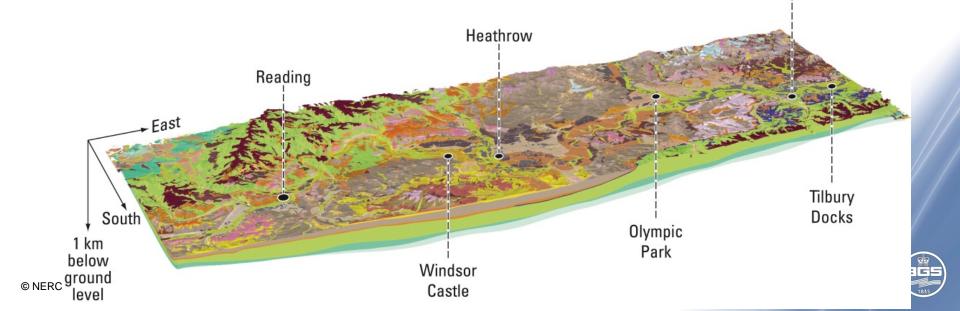
Introduction

- The London and Thames Valley model
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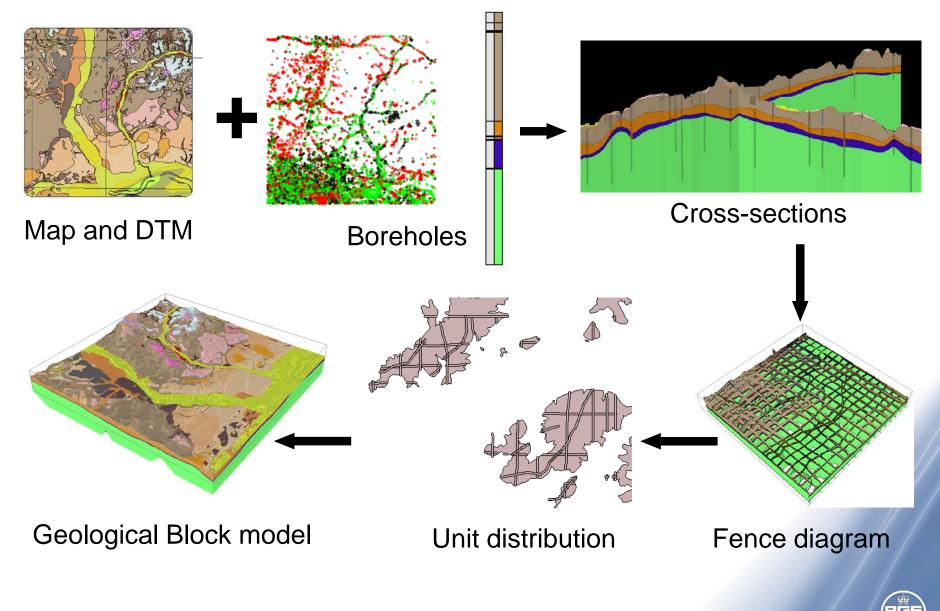


The London and Thames Valley model

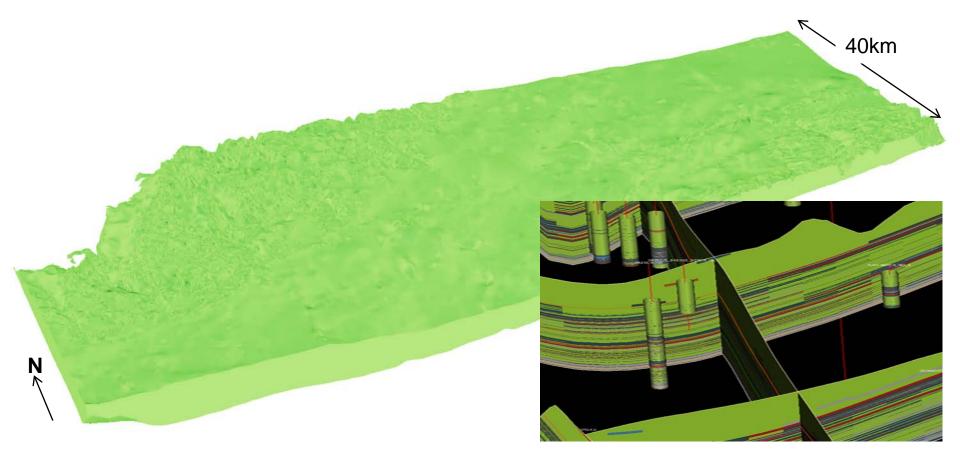
- Modelled area: 4,800km² to c.500m depth
- 70 bedrock and superficial geological units modelled, plus artificial ground and mass movement deposits
- Attributed with engineering and hydrogeological properties
- Modelled Revised fault network
- Delivered as standard file types (vector, raster etc.) and also through the new BGS Groundhog web viewer



Building the model

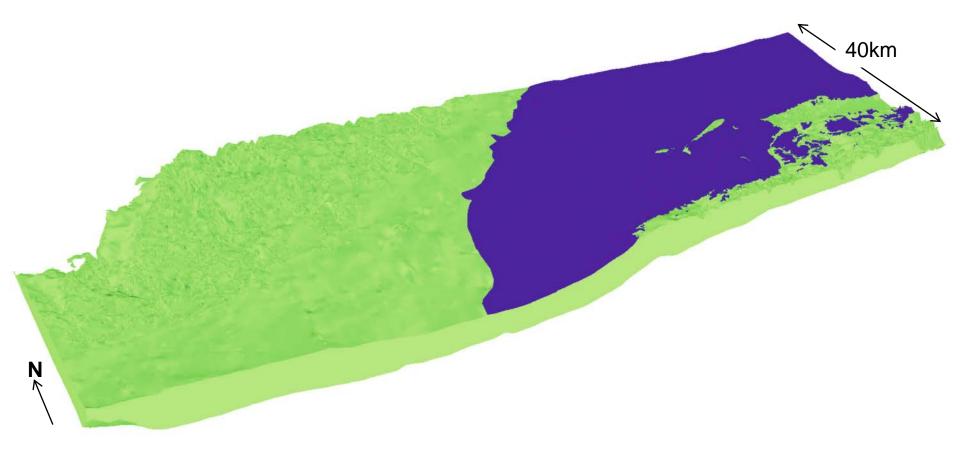


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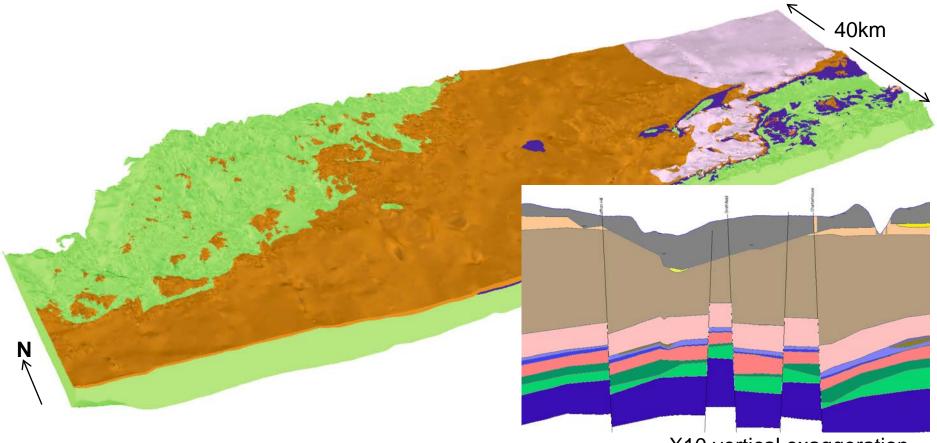


2 Thanet Formation subcrop (royal blue)





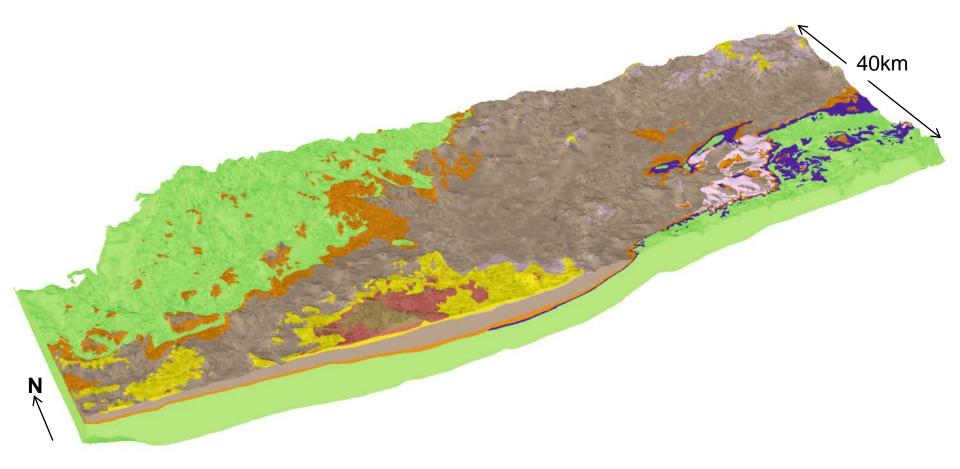
3 Harwich Formation (pink) and Lambeth Group (ochre)



X10 vertical exaggeration

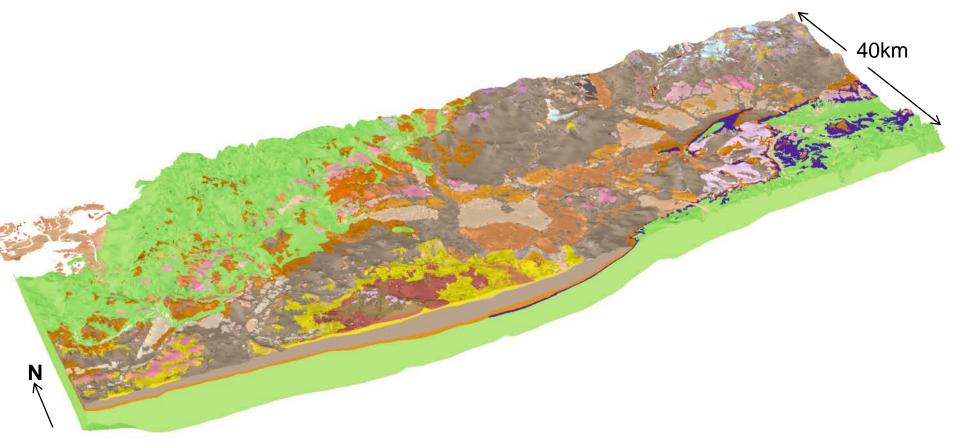


5 Bedrock geology at rockhead (all Quaternary removed)



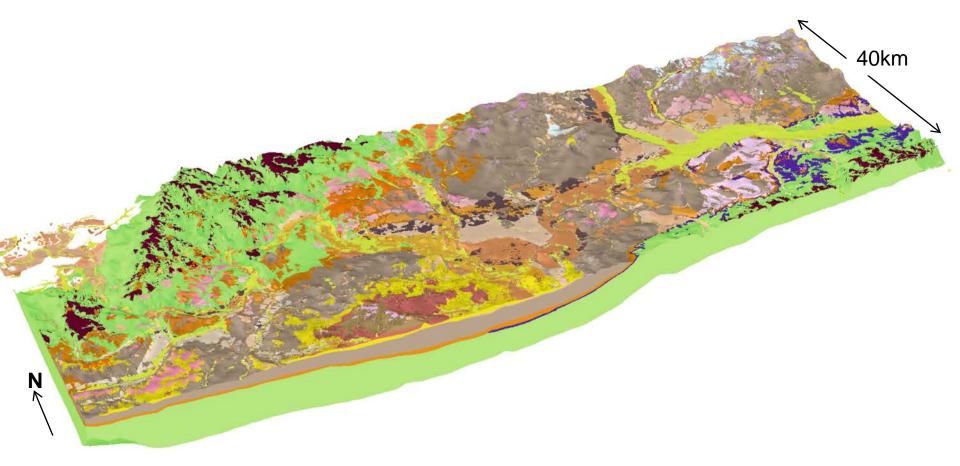


6 Quaternary deposits – most terrace gravel units and glacial deposits





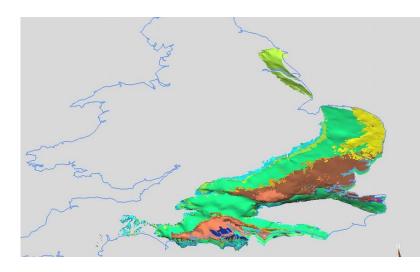
7 All geological units

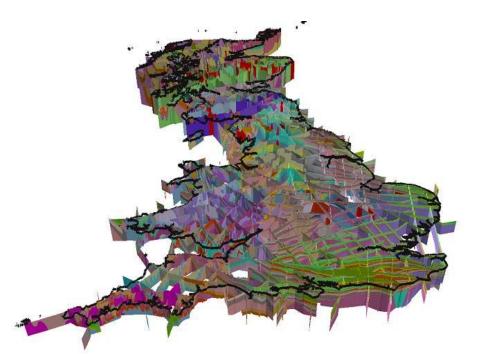




The National Geological Model

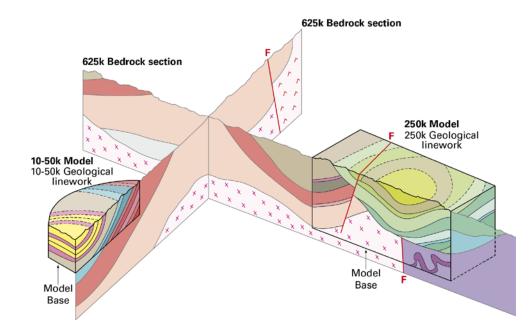
- >200 Sections, >30,000 line km
- All existing models and 305 deep boreholes considered
- Depth ranging from min 1.5 to 6 km
- Multi-scaled
- Co-funded by the Environment Agency and Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
- Calculates to base Permian
- Available on the BGS website

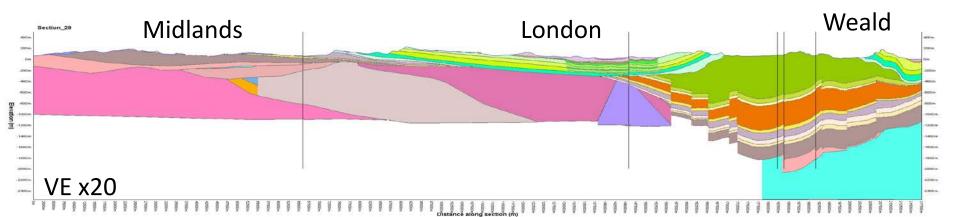




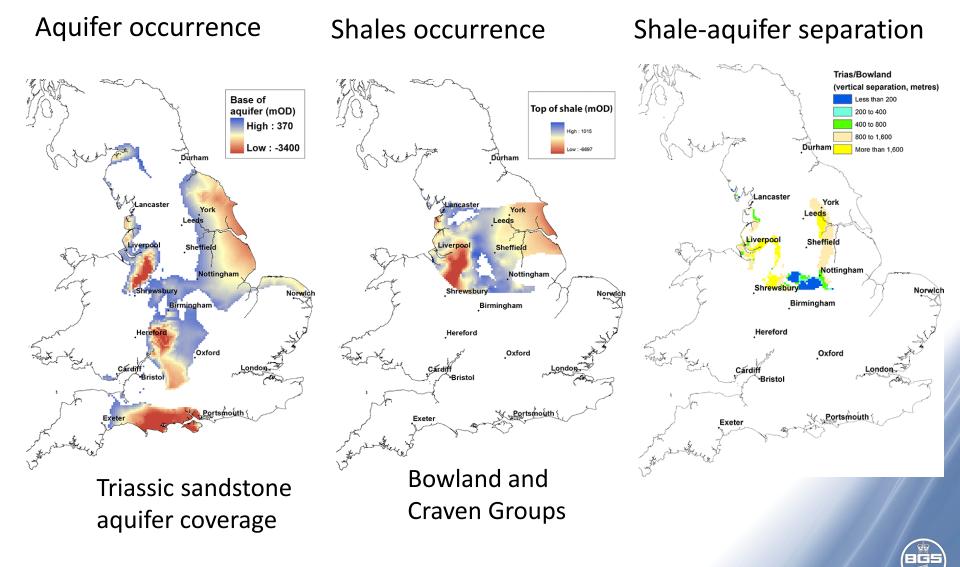


The concept of a multi-scaled model

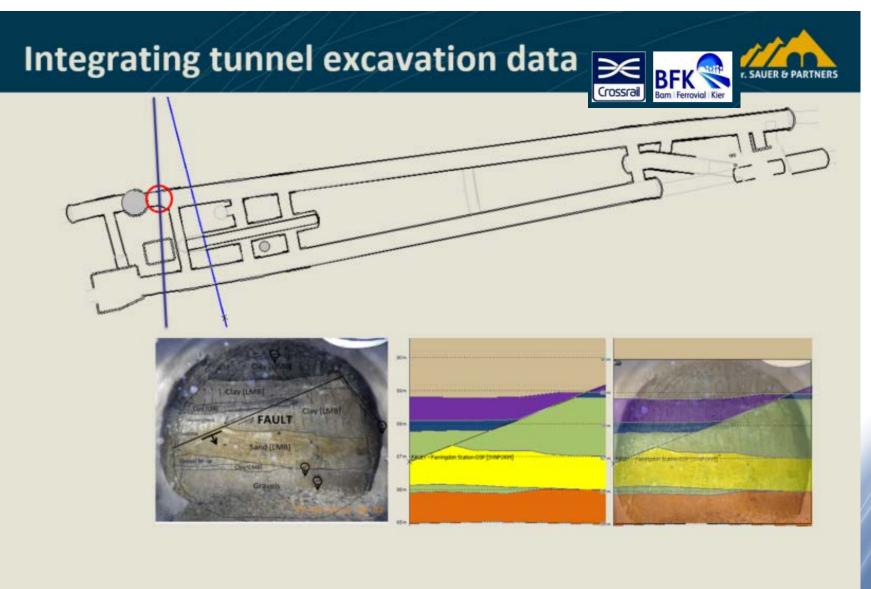




Using the National Geological Model



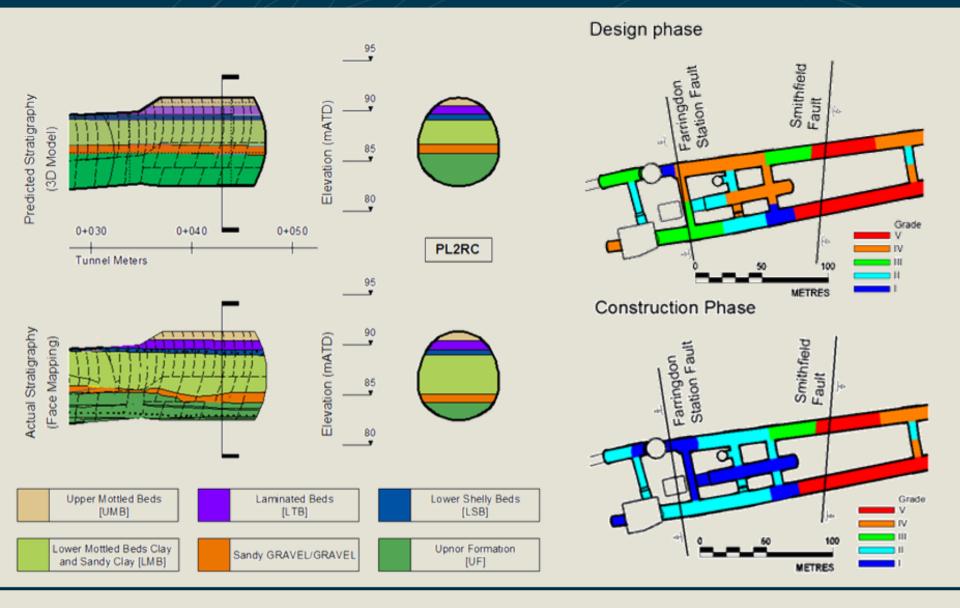
Working with others – London Crossrail



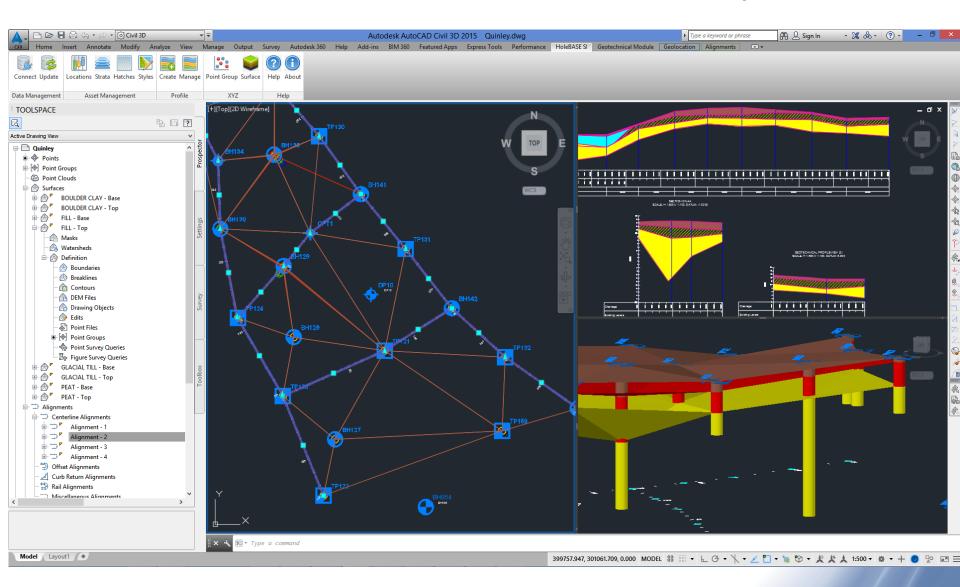
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Case Study: Wraparound PL2RC





Direct access to models inside industry software



http://www.keynetix.com/holebasesi/keynetix-and-bgs-to-develop-bim-for-the-subsurface



Web based access - professional reports

Legend

Limestone)

and Imestone)

Borehole record

Worked Ground (Void)

Made Ground (Variable composition)

Infilled Ground (Variable composition)

Alluvium (Clay, Silty, Sandy, Gravelly)

Head (Clay, Silty, Sandy, Gravelly)

London Clay (Clay, Silty, Sandy)

Thanet Sand Formation (Sand)

— — — Interpreted cross section

Synthetic cross section.

Harwich Formation (Sand, Gravely)

Crayford Silt Formation (Silt, Sandy)

River Terrace Deposits (Gravel, Sandy)

Taplow Gravel Formation (Gravel, Sandy)

Lynch Hill Gravel Formation (Gravel, Sandy)

Boyn Hill Gravel Formation (Gravel, Sandy)

Lambeth Group (Clay, Silty, Sandy, Gravelly)

Gault and Upper Greensand Formations (Mudstone, Sandstone and

Wealden and Jurassic strata, undifferentiated (Mudstone, sandstone

Lower Greensand Formation (Sandstone and Mudstone)

Chalk Formation, undifferentiated (Chalk)

Landscaped Ground (Variable composition)

Geological models

A geological model is a virtual representation of the geology in three dimensions. Geological models can provide information on geological unit surface elevations or thicknesses and can be queried to generate synthetic boreholes and vertical and horizontal cross-sections.

Geological models are created by geologist using geological data and expert knowledge. Data such as borehole records, geophysics, field observations and dgital terrain models are interpreted and the conceptual geological understanding is captured via geological cross sections, geological mags and/or point interpretations that desorbe a surface. The 3D geological model is created by interpolation between all interpreted points.

The accuracy of the geological model is dependent on, for example, the data density, the prevailing understanding of the geology at the time of modelling and the geological complexity. The geological map herein indicates the sites of borehole records considered by the geologist and also the locations of interpreted cross sections; the density of these around the area of interest provides an indication of uncertainty.

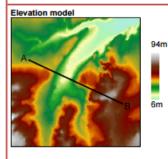
Limitations

The quality of observations and interpretations may be affected by the availability of new data, by subsequent advances in knowledge, improved methods of interpretation, improved databases and modelling software, and better access to sampling locations. The top surface of the geological model is constrained by the digital terrain model; this may contain antefacts and may have been sub-sampled at a lower resolution and thus minor mismatches between geomorphological features and modelled units may occur.

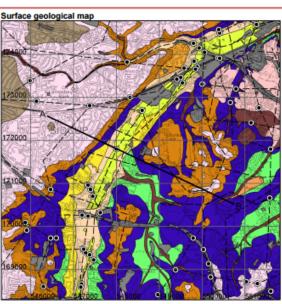
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Feedback

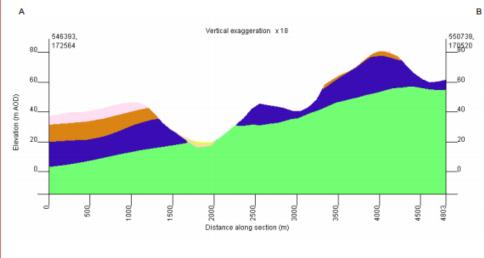
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Geological cross section



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Model: London and Thames Valley geological model

Regional geological model originally created by H Burke, S Mathers, J Ford, R Terrington, S Thorpe, P Williamson. Model released: 2014.

The information on this map sheet, including the surface geological map and the synthetic cross section, is derived from the National Geological Model. Geological models provide an indication of reality; alternative interpretations of the same data are possible. The surface geological map is based on the published geological map, with revisions based on new interpretations and may therefore differ from published geological maps and products. Truncation of the lowest unit in the cross section does not necessarily denote its basail depth. Heights are in metres.

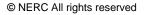
Deposits of artificial ground, head and clay with flints typically form thin veneers and whilst they are present on the surface map, they may be absent in the synthetic borehole or section.

Boreholes shown on the map were considered during the construction of the geological model. The original borehole records can be viewed at <u>http://shop.bgs.ac.uk/Groundhog</u>.

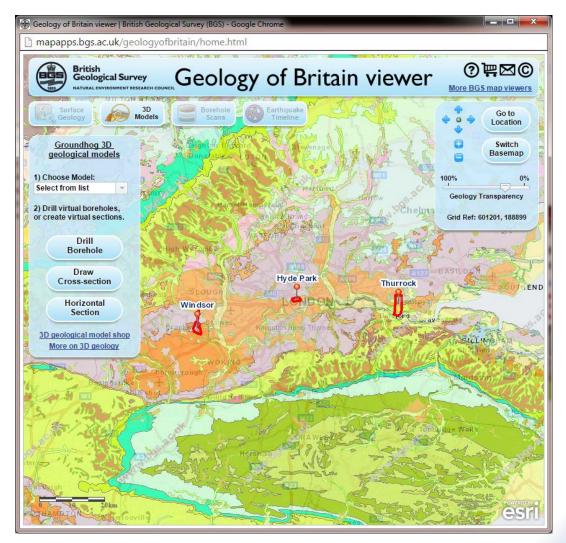


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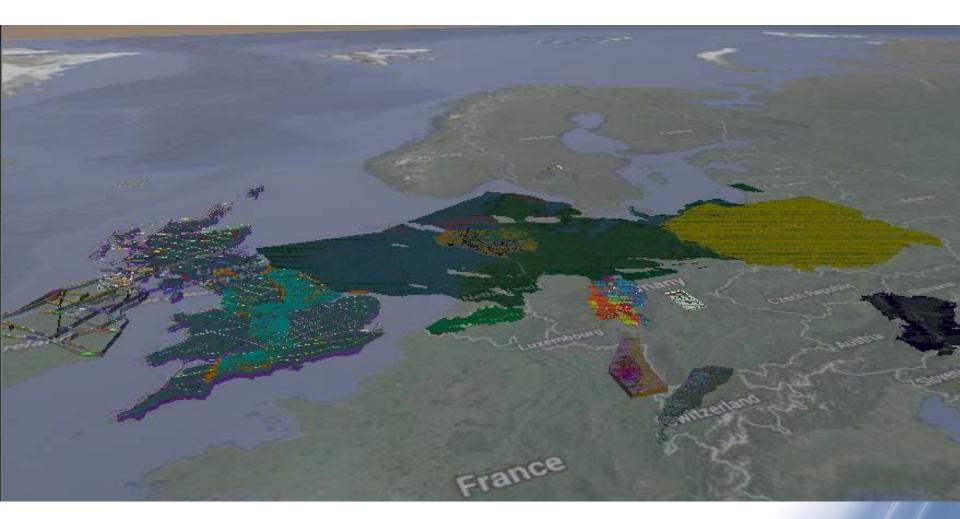
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Most importantly: keep on modelling!



Thank you

