



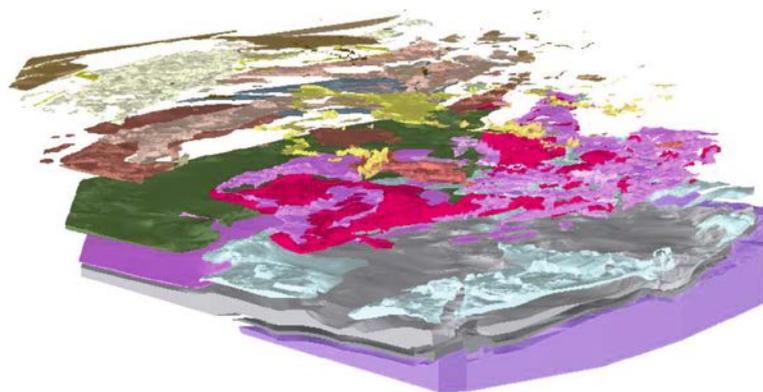
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1 Summary

This report describes the Forres GSI3D model which was built as part of the BGS research programme on Quaternary Mapping and Modelling in the north of Scotland. The Forres model encompasses part of the River Findhorn catchment which has been affected by severe flooding in recent years. The model was constructed as a basis for the development of groundwater flow models to provide information in respect to potential groundwater flooding in the Forres area.

2 Modelled volume, purpose and scale

The Forres GSI3D model was constructed to represent the superficial geology of the area highlighted in Figure 1. The superficial deposits model provides a calculated model framework for Zoom ground water modelling in relation to alleviating and preventing the threat of flooding in the River Findhorn catchment area, (MacDonald et al., 2008; Vounaki et al., 2011).

The model is suitable for scales around 1:10 000 or a lower resolution, down to a depth of -50m OD.

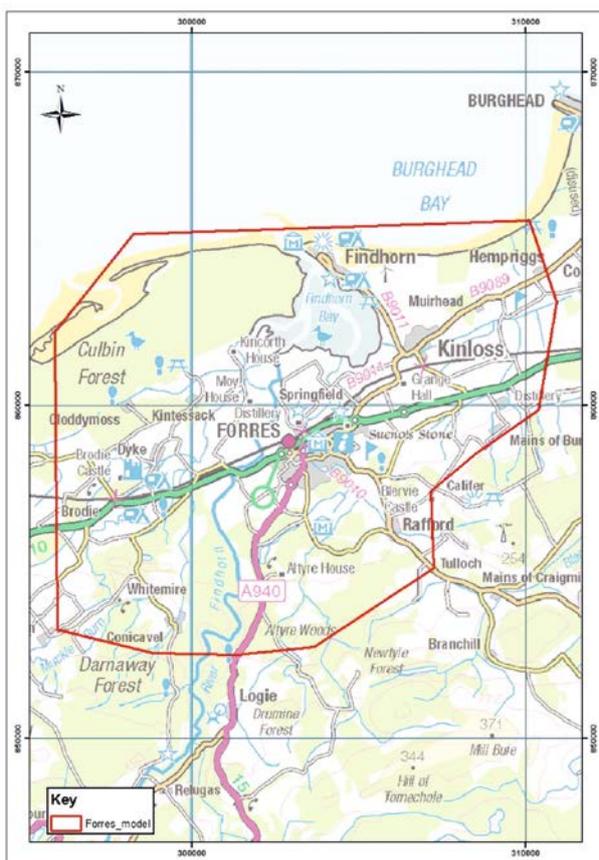


Figure 1: Map of the Forres model area.

3 Modelled surfaces/volumes

The Generalise Vertical Section (GVS) for the Forres model identifies 37 geological units in the model area, with further 7 lenses identified within the modelled units. The GVS was developed from lithostratigraphic units recorded on a new digital 1:10 000 scale superficial map produced following resurvey of the area from 2008-2011.

Three generic bedrock units, sandstone, metamorphic rock and conglomerate were also included in the model. The use of simple bedrock representation allows this superficial deposits model to be incorporated within a larger regional model in which similar generic lithological names for bedrock units were used.

| name | lithostrat_code | code | geological_unit |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| mgr | MGR | MGR | Made ground |
| wmgr | WMGR | WMGR | Infilled ground |
| itdu | ITDU | ITDU | Intertidal deposits |
| trd | TRD | TRD | Tidal creek or river deposits |
| bchd | BCHD | BCHD | Present day beach deposits |
| samd | SAMD | SAMD | Salt marsh deposits |
| bsa | BSA | BSA | Blown sand |
| peat | PEAT | PEAT | Peat |
| lde | LDE | LDE | Lacustrine Deposits |
| sbdg | SBDG | SBDG | Storm beach deposits |
| alv1 | ALV1 | ALV1 | Alluvium1 |
| rtd1 | RTD1 | RTD1 | River Terrace Deposits_1_Flandrian |
| rmdf1 | RMDF1 | RMDF1 | First raised marine beach deposits |
| rmdf2 | RMDF2 | RMDF2 | Second raised marine beach deposits |
| rmdf3 | RMDF3 | RMDF3 | Third raised marine beach deposits |
| rmdf4 | RMDF4 | RMDF4 | Fourth raised marine beach deposits |
| rtfdd | RTFDD | RTFDD | Raised tidal flat deposits_late Devensian |
| rmbdd | RMBDD | RMBDD | Raised marine deposits_late Devensian |
| rtd6 | GFTD | GFTD | Glaciofluvial_terrace deposits_1 |
| gfdd | GFDD | GFDD | Glaciofluvial fan and fan delta deposits |
| till1 | TILL1 | TILL1 | Till1 |
| gsg1 | GSG1 | GSG1 | Glaciofluvial_sand_gravel_1 |
| gld1 | GLLD1 | GLLD1 | Glaciolacustrine_deposits_1 |
| gsg2 | GSG2 | GSG2 | Glaciofluvial_sand_gravel_2 |
| gsg3 | GSG3 | GSG3 | Glaciofluvial_sand_gravel_3 |
| gld3 | GLLD3 | GLLD3 | Glaciolacustrine_deposits_3 |
| till4 | TILL4 | TILL4 | Till4 |
| gsg4 | GSG4 | GSG4 | Glaciofluvial_sand_gravel_4 |
| gld4 | GLLD4 | GLLD4 | Glaciolacustrine_deposits_4 |
| hmgd1 | HMGD | HMGD | Hummock glacial deposits gravelly and sandy |
| ards | ARDS | ARDS | Ardersier Silts Formation |
| grhs | GRHS | GRHS | Grange Hill Sand Formation |
| mhsi | MHSI | MHSI | Milton Hill Silt Member |
| hrgs | HRGS | HRGS | Hempriggs Sand Member |
| egti | EGTI | EGTI | East Grange Till Member |
| till6 | TILL6 | TILL6 | Till6 |
| gsg6 | GSG6 | GSG6 | Glaciofluvial_sand_gravel_6 |
| sdst | SDST | SDST | Sandstone |
| cong | CONG | CONG | Conglomerate |
| metr | METR | UMPCC | Metamorphic_rock |
| peat1_top | PEAT1TOP1 | PEAT1TOP1 | Peat_lens_1 |
| gsg_top | GSGTOP | GSGTOP | Glaciofluvial_lens |
| balt_top | BALTTOP | BALTTOP | Balmakeith_Till_lens |
| algr_top | ALGRTOP | ALGRTOP | Alturlie_Gravels_Formation_lens |
| rmbdd_top | RMBDDTOP | RMBDDTOP | Raised marine deposits_late Devensian_lens |
| egti_top | EGTITOP | EGTITOP | East Grange Till Member_lens |
| mhsi1_top | MHSI1TOP | MHSI1TOP | Milton Hill Silt Member_lens |

Table 1: GVS showing modelled units for the Forres area.

4 Modelled faults

No faults were included in the model. The faulted conglomerate unit is drawn as a continuous, but stepped unit. No fault objects are modelled.

5 Model datasets

The data used to develop the Forres model is described below. Some general caveats regarding BGS datasets and interpretations are:

- Geological observations and interpretations are made according to the prevailing understanding of the subject at the time. The quality of such 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.
- Raw data may have been transcribed from analogue to digital format, or may have been acquired by means of automated measuring techniques. Although such processes are subjected to quality control to ensure reliability where possible, some raw data may have been processed without human intervention and may in consequence contain undetected errors.

5.1 RAW DATA

Raw data used to develop the Forres model include the digital terrain model, borehole data, digital geological map shapefiles, and records of exposures and trial pits. The file locations of the data used are given in Appendix 1. Digital Terrain Model (DTM) data

The DTM used for the Forres model is the NEXTMap[®] Digital Elevation Model (exported from the BGS data portal). Originally the DTM was imported at 10 m resolution from the data portal but problems were incurred possibly due to the file size being too large. The resolution was decreased to 25 m and the area of the DTM extended beyond the model area in each direction but was later clipped in GSI3D before computing volumes.

The Rock Head Elevation Model (RHEM) grid was also imported from the data portal and similar issues to the DTM occurred. Again the resolution was decreased to 25 m.

Data (Boreholes)

Borehole data were entered into the BGS corporate database, BGS Borehole Geology according to the project GVS. The borehole information was extracted via the Data Portal (10/07/2009) for the model area using interpreter 'ECAL' and in total there were 392 boreholes and trial pits. Boreholes were generally hung according to the DTM used, however where the DTM was affected by artefacts, e.g. trees, the boreholes were aligned with the contour values.

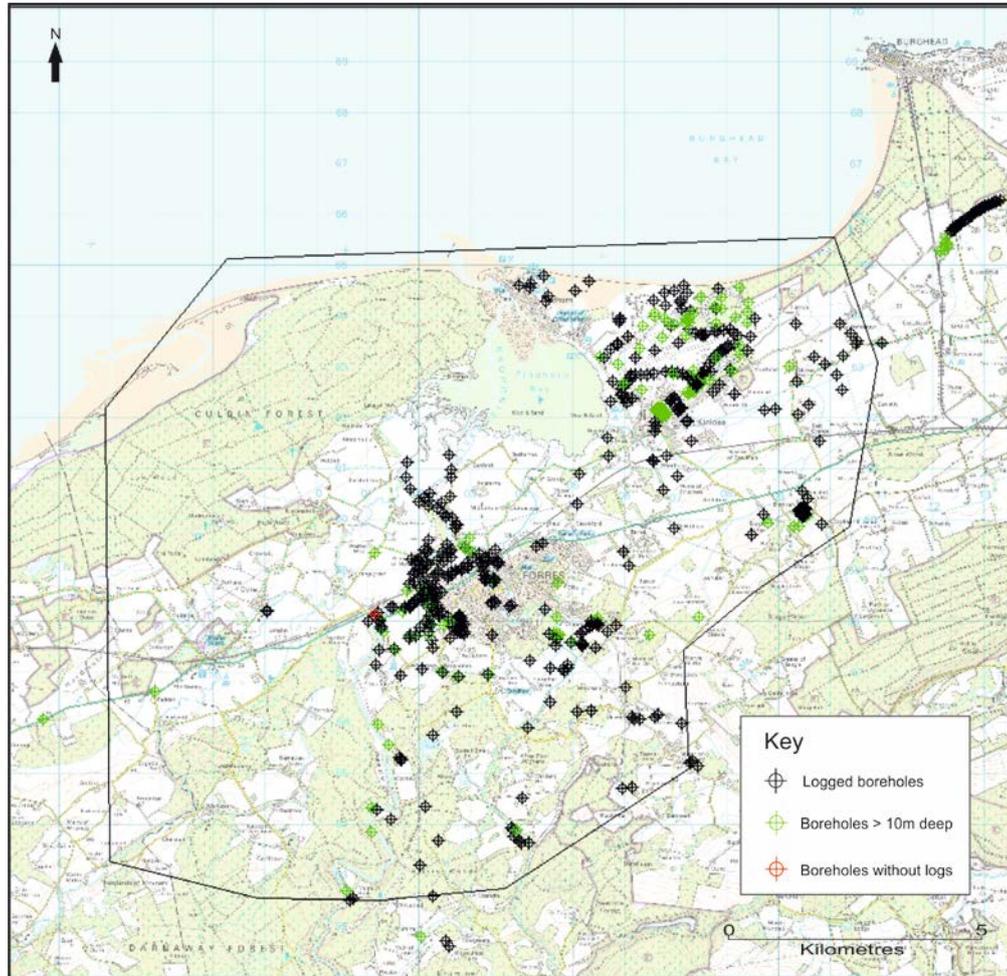


Figure 2: Location of boreholes (including field points and trial pits)

Data (Field Information/Points)

Field data points providing information on the deposits and their thickness were compiled into Excel tables and converted into ‘.bid’ and ‘.blg’ files for use in the modelling. Two different sources of field data were used: 1) information from old geological fieldslips and maps (Table 2) and, 2) map face notes and field observations from the recent field survey compiled from SIGMA mapping projects (Table 3).

Data (Geological)

Superficial, artificial and landform polygons were provided by the field geologists who had undertaken mapping in this area between 2008 and 2011. These files were provided as 3D shapefiles for use in GSI3D by CartoGIS. To convert a 2D-shapefile to a 3D-shapefile, software from the web was used and was imported into an Arc GIS project, converted and resaved.

Data (rasters and shapefiles)

Topographic maps at 1:10 000, 1:25 000 and 1:50 000 scales were extracted for the project area. 3D contours for the area are available as a shapefile but had to be converted into 2D using ARC, the same process for converting the geological linework.

| GSI3D_ID | EASTING | NORTHING | START_HEIGHT |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| AGF_1 | 304423.0000000000 | 859528.0000000000 | 11.97 |
| AGF_11 | 303281.2800000000 | 858821.2100000000 | 10.32 |
| AGF_12 | 302734.9300000000 | 856207.4500000000 | 41.08 |
| AGF_17 | 303424.5600000000 | 857732.2700000000 | 26.27 |
| AGF_2 | 303443.8100000000 | 858759.8100000000 | 14.84 |
| AGF_5 | 302619.9700000000 | 857669.4500000000 | 18.36 |
| AGF_6 | 301651.2900000000 | 856929.0000000000 | 25.61 |
| AGF_7 | 301139.5200000000 | 858092.4700000000 | 13.30 |
| AGF_8 | 301206.3800000000 | 858159.3200000000 | 15.95 |
| AGF_9 | 301026.5700000000 | 858004.8700000000 | 20.98 |
| AGF10 | 303296.3700000000 | 858811.3300000000 | 10.63 |
| CA3001 | 305192.0000000000 | 857778.0000000000 | 27.11 |
| CA3003 | 304690.0000000000 | 858089.0000000000 | 35.25 |
| CA3005 | 304451.0000000000 | 858230.0000000000 | 24.20 |
| CA3007 | 304531.0000000000 | 857742.0000000000 | 31.39 |
| CA3008 | 304169.0000000000 | 857216.0000000000 | 30.31 |
| CA3009 | 304569.0000000000 | 856397.0000000000 | 42.03 |
| CAA_10 | 305907.0000000000 | 863887.0000000000 | 8.33 |
| CAA_3 | 301153.0000000000 | 858114.0000000000 | 13.94 |
| CAA_36_LOG_2 | 301467.0000000000 | 854107.0000000000 | 60.07 |
| CAA_41 | 304007.0000000000 | 854516.0000000000 | 67.21 |
| CAA_44 | 304005.0000000000 | 853628.0000000000 | 83.63 |
| CAA_45 | 304148.0000000000 | 853627.0000000000 | 87.98 |
| CAA_46 | 303852.0000000000 | 853771.0000000000 | 97.84 |
| CAA_51 | 305991.0000000000 | 859349.0000000000 | 40.57 |
| CAA_54 | 306969.0000000000 | 859819.0000000000 | 42.22 |
| CAA_58 | 306763.0000000000 | 860582.0000000000 | 17.26 |
| CAA_7 | 304155.0000000000 | 864551.0000000000 | 7.17 |
| CAA_81 | 306147.0000000000 | 856112.0000000000 | 53.27 |
| CAA_9 | 304519.0000000000 | 864384.0000000000 | 6.91 |
| CAA_92 | 300732.0000000000 | 852537.0000000000 | 95.27 |
| CAA_93 | 304433.0000000000 | 864788.0000000000 | 5.96 |
| CAA_96 | 303947.0000000000 | 853675.0000000000 | 86.00 |
| CAA01082008104028 | 304125.4180000000 | 855893.7132000000 | 54.68 |
| CAA01082008153227 | 303798.0000000000 | 853939.0000000000 | 85.06 |
| CAA01082008155214 | 303839.1445000000 | 853896.3766000000 | 87.19 |
| CAA01082008155517 | 303907.7766000000 | 853898.0505000000 | 96.81 |
| CAA02082008122954 | 300596.0651000000 | 852703.0057000000 | 53.42 |
| CAA02092008103101 | 305078.0298000000 | 860307.4570000000 | 13.18 |
| CAA02092008153630 | 306572.6548000000 | 861149.7338000000 | 4.78 |
| CAA02092008163055 | 307026.0000000000 | 860841.0000000000 | 10.76 |
| CAA03092008095758 | 306037.5960000000 | 856707.0916000000 | 65.57 |
| CAA04092008132540 | 309388.0000000000 | 862053.0000000000 | 35.79 |
| CAA04092008165608 | 309588.0000000000 | 862251.0000000000 | 19.94 |
| CAA05092008104812 | 308136.3775000000 | 862459.6605000000 | 8.44 |
| CAA05092008122901 | 309349.0000000000 | 863852.0000000000 | 7.22 |
| CAA05092008153719 | 309705.0000000000 | 863186.0000000000 | 29.32 |
| CAA05092008182805 | 311006.3091000000 | 863467.4047000000 | 16.92 |
| CAA05092008184210 | 310204.9784000000 | 863837.3442000000 | 16.98 |
| CAA06092008093850 | 309570.6627000000 | 860407.2969000000 | 33.74 |
| CAA06092008104758 | 309457.1524000000 | 860548.7961000000 | 31.59 |
| CAA06092008115741 | 309849.4284000000 | 859908.2080000000 | 65.71 |
| CAA06092008175521 | 308704.7647000000 | 860087.5212000000 | 39.47 |
| CAA06092008175703 | 308798.9300000000 | 859928.0166000000 | 45.16 |
| CAA06092008181311 | 308479.1699000000 | 859685.2367000000 | 41.66 |
| CAA07092008094345 | 302021.2453000000 | 853199.2312000000 | 99.50 |
| CAA07092008104345 | 302277.1275000000 | 852585.9170000000 | 124.89 |
| CAA07092008130720 | 302036.8549000000 | 851797.0097000000 | 131.75 |
| CAA07092008154158 | 302534.0527000000 | 851699.7069000000 | 141.59 |
| CAA07092008155027 | 302583.1005000000 | 851604.2704000000 | 142.84 |
| CAA07092008171134 | 301764.3161000000 | 850902.3308000000 | 147.26 |
| CAA08092008105832 | 305358.6206000000 | 856230.4602000000 | 44.33 |
| CAA08092008111546 | 305093.4535000000 | 856218.4966000000 | 59.18 |
| CAA08092008115424 | 306187.2945000000 | 856063.6382000000 | 56.08 |
| CAA08092008120249 | 306290.5334000000 | 856071.0124000000 | 62.33 |
| CAA08092008134531 | 306591.3628000000 | 856103.3080000000 | 71.00 |
| CAA08092008140905 | 306648.1770000000 | 856159.9114000000 | 72.72 |
| CAA08092008154334 | 307107.6941000000 | 855985.7318000000 | 80.56 |
| CAA08092008175024 | 307277.2946000000 | 855204.9561000000 | 96.00 |
| CAA08092008175523 | 307334.1869000000 | 855241.8593000000 | 90.97 |
| CAA08092008180936 | 307429.4757000000 | 855145.1470000000 | 93.11 |

Table 2: Field points shown as a bid file for use in GSI3D

| CAA_GSI3D_ | THICKNESS_ | MAPPED_UNIT | GSI3D_UNIT | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| NJ16SW_1 | 9.14 | GRHS | GRHS | Pyellow sand |
| NJ16SW_2 | 0.60 | GRHS | GRHS | till |
| NJ16SW_2 | 0.80 | GRHS | GRHS | sand |
| NJ16SW_3 | 7.00 | GRHS | GRHS | sand w c partings |
| NJ16SW_4 | 0.30 | GRHS | GRHS | pebbly sand |
| NJ16SW_4 | 0.90 | GRHS | GRHS | brown till |
| NJ16SW_4 | 3.95 | GRHS | GRHS | contorted RB silt_clay |
| NJ16SW_5 | 1.22 | PEAT | PEAT | peat |
| NJ16SW_6 | 1.22 | PEAT | PEAT | peat |
| CAA05092008153719 | 1.10 | GRHS | GRHS | sand_ pebbly and silty |
| CAA05092008153719 | 1.20 | GRHS | GRHS | Brown Till |
| CAA05092008153719 | 1.70 | GRHS | GRHS | silty sand |
| CAA05092008153719 | 4.20 | GRHS | GRHS | sand |
| NJ06SE_6 | 7.92 | GRHS | GRHS | sand |
| NJ06SE_7 | 5.00 | GRHS | GRHS | sand |
| CAA05092008122901 | 0.80 | GLLD | GLLD | sandy silt |
| NJ06SE_8 | 1.32 | RMDF2 | RMDF2 | silty clay on thin sand |
| NJ06SE_9 | 1.83 | RMDF2 | RMDF2 | silt |
| CAA04092008132540 | 1.20 | GRHS | MHSI | Rbsandy silt MHSI |
| CAA04092008165608 | 2.50 | GRHS | EGTI | RB sandy Till EGTI |
| NJ06SE_10 | 0.45 | GFSD | GSG1 | pebbly sand |
| NJ06SE_10 | 1.75 | GFSD | GSG1 | bedded sand_ gravel |
| NJ06SE_11 | 2.74 | STOB | SBDG | shingle_ sand |
| NJ06SE_12 | 1.20 | BSA | BSA | blown sand |
| NJ06SE_12 | 2.20 | RMDF1 | RMDF1 | sandy raised b |
| CAA26072008140344 | 1.05 | RMDF3 | RMDF3 | fine shingle on silty or Sand |
| CAA26072008133811 | 1.20 | RMDF3 | RMDF3 | thinly interbedded S_g |
| CAA_10 | 3.50 | BSA | BSA | blown sand |
| CAA_10 | 4.50 | RMDF3 | RMDF3 | sandy raised b |
| CAA_93 | 2.50 | RMDF1 | RMDF1 | shingle beach ridge |
| CAA_9 | 0.60 | RMDF1 | RMDF1 | gravel raised beach |
| CAA_7 | 0.60 | RMDF1 | RMDF1 | shingle beach ridge |
| CAA02092008163055 | 1.80 | RMBDD | RMBDD | Silty sand |
| CAA02092008163055 | 2.10 | ARDS | ARDS | grey sand |
| CAA_58 | 1.90 | RMBDD | RMBDD | silty sand with boulder lags |
| CAA_58 | 2.40 | ARDS | ARDS | grey silty sand scat boulders |
| NJ06SE_13 | 0.70 | RMDF2 | RMDF2 | silty s on gritty sand |
| NJ06SE_14 | 1.00 | RMDF2 | RMDF2 | silty clay |
| CAA_51 | 2.30 | GFSD | GSG1 | yellow br sand micacacous |
| CAA_54 | 1.30 | GRHS | GRHS | r b damp silty sand_ till |
| CA3008 | 3.00 | GFTD | GFTD | sand_ gravel |
| NJ05/NW_NE_15 | 1.30 | PEAT | PEAT | Peat |
| NJ05/NW_NE_16 | 1.30 | PEAT | PEAT | Peat |
| NJ05/NW_NE_17 | 1.30 | PEAT | PEAT | |
| NJ05/NW_NE_18 | 1.30 | PEAT | PEAT | |
| CA3001 | 1.00 | PEAT | PEAT | Peat |
| CA3001 | 2.30 | LDE | LDE | Clay_ silt |
| CA3003 | 20.00 | GFIC | GSG2 | sand_ gravel |
| CA3005 | 1.50 | RTD | RTD1 | gravel on sand |
| CA3007 | 1.50 | GFIC | GSG2 | sand_ gravel |
| CA3009 | 2.50 | GFIC | GSG2 | cobble gravel |
| NJ05/NW_NE_19 | 5.00 | TILL | TILL2 | red brown till |
| NJ05/NW_NE_19 | 15.00 | PQU_CRYST | META | psammite |
| CAA_3 | 0.00 | PQU_SEDM | SDST1 | comstone |
| CAA29072008173809 | 6.00 | TILL | TILL2 | red brown till |
| CAA29072008165424 | 4.00 | TILL | TILL2 | red brown till |
| CAA_81 | 2.50 | GFSD | GSG1 | sandy cobble gravel |
| CAA08092008192605 | 1.50 | GFSD | GSG1 | sandy cobble gravel |
| CAA01082008153227 | 1.50 | TILL | FINT | brown basal till |
| CAA_46 | 6.00 | TILL | TILL6 | Red brown sandy Dmm |
| CAA_96 | 1.00 | GLLD | GLLD5 | G Lake sediment |
| CAA_44 | 1.30 | TILL | TILL6 | red-brown sandy basal till |
| CAA_45 | 0.80 | GFDD | GFDD | boulder gravel |
| CAA_45 | 3.00 | TILL | TILL6 | red-brown sandy basal till |
| CAA_41 | 1.50 | GFSD | GSG1 | cobble and pebble gravel |
| CAA_36_LOG_2 | 1.70 | TILL | TILL2 | Till, stiff dark red brown |
| CAA_36_LOG_2 | 2.90 | GSG | GSGBASE | sandy gravel lens |
| CAA_36_LOG_2 | 4.70 | GSG | GSGBASE | sand |
| CAA_36_LOG_2 | 7.00 | TILL | TILL3 | till strong red brown |
| CAA_92 | 2.00 | GFSD | GSG1 | terraced glacio fluvial gravel |
| AGF_1 | 5.00 | ARDS | ARDS | yellowish brown massive fine sand |

Table 3: Field points shown as a blg file for use in GSI3D

Additional Data

Five cross sections from MacDonald *et al.* (2007), constructed to assess lithological variation within part of the study region, were examined prior to modelling (an example section is provided in Figure 3). Four of these sections were imported as jpeg images into the modelling project to help guide cross-section construction.

Faults within the cross-sections have been interpreted from the district geologist's field observations and knowledge.

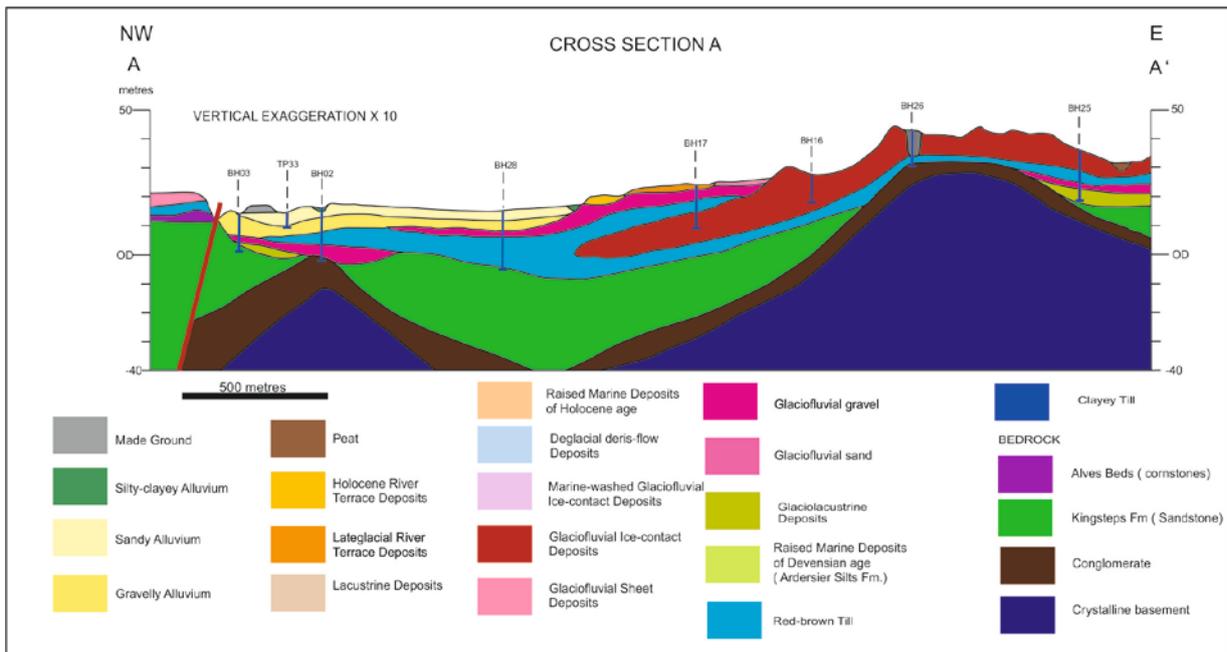


Figure 3: Pilmuir cross section extracted from MacDonald *et al.* (2007).

6 Dataset integration

All data were brought together in the GSI3D modelling software where it can be viewed and interrogated in 2D and 3D.

7 Model development log

In total 49 cross sections were constructed within the Forres GSI3D model (Figure 3); 19 sections trended north-east to south-west and 21 trended north-west to south-east. Five helper sections were constructed to address particular issues, such as a lack of data or to constrain a geological unit.

Detailed model development log is included in Appendix 1.

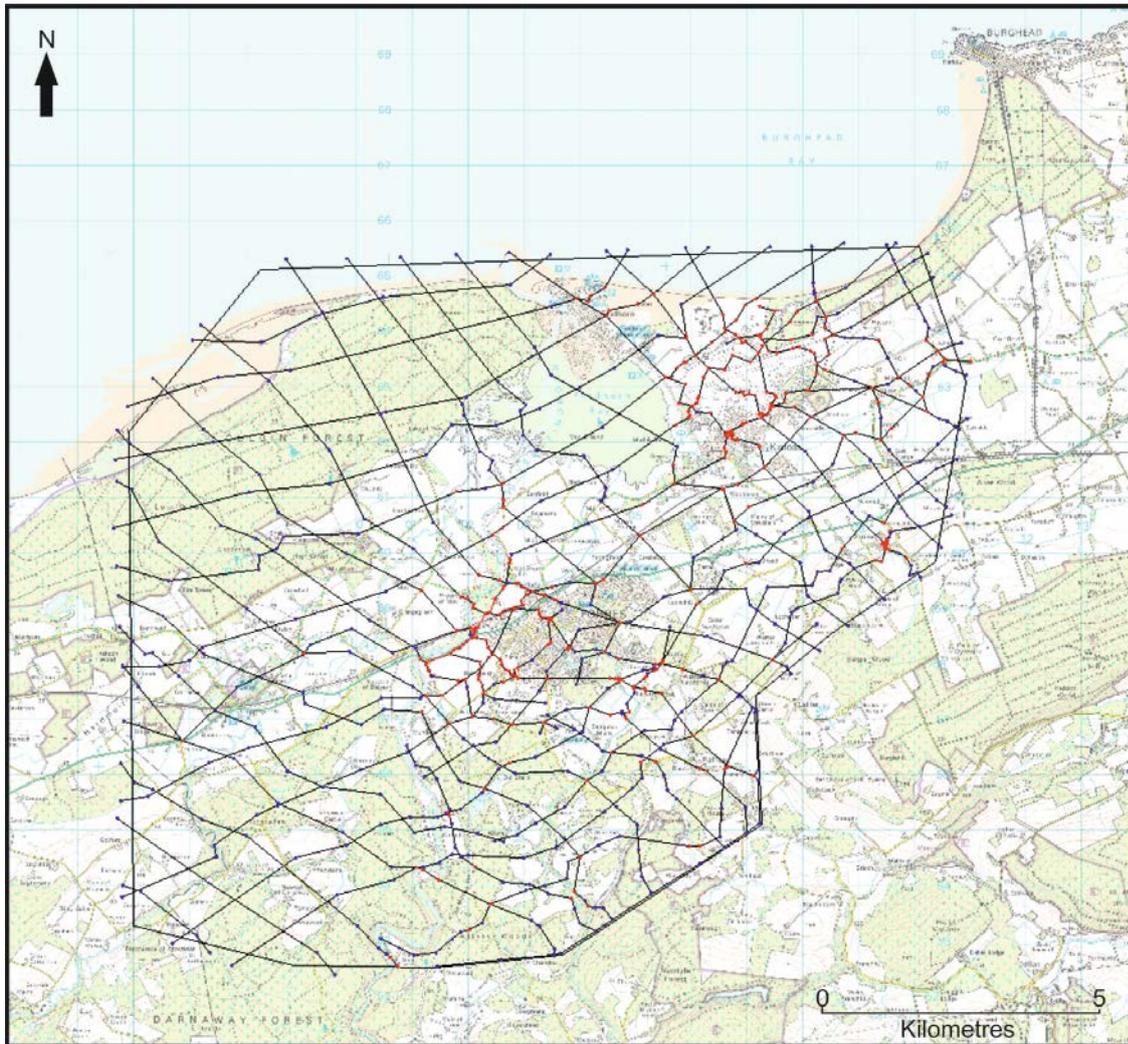


Figure 4: Location of cross sections drawn for 3D model

8 Model workflow

The methodology for construction of models in GSI3D is described in detail by Kessler et al. (2008; <http://nora.nerc.ac.uk/3737/1/OR08001.pdf>). It principally involves construction of cross-sections between the best quality borehole data, (Figure 5), followed by envelope construction around the limits of the geological units.

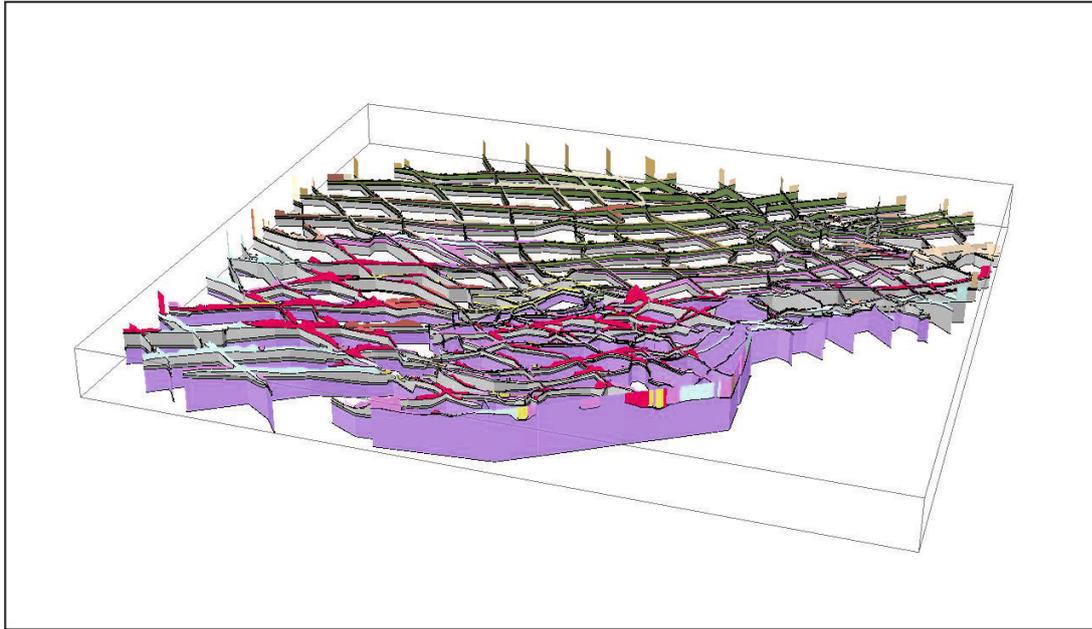


Figure 5: Cross sections shown in 3D window of GSI3D, looking to the north. Sections have a five times vertical exaggeration.

9 Model assumptions and limitations

- Best endeavours (quality checking procedures) were employed to minimise data entry errors but given the diversity and volume of data used, it is anticipated that occasional erroneous entries will still be present (e.g. borehole location).
- The model does not reflect the full complexity of the superficial deposits geology. In reality, surfaces have been subjected to more glacitectonic deformation than is represented in the model.
- The NEXTMap[®] Digital Elevation Model may contain artefacts such as trees or artificial structures such as pylons. If any of these artefacts were found during the modelling then the effects of these were minimised in the model as much as possible.
- The start heights of boreholes used might differ significantly from the NEXTMap[®] Digital Elevation Model. When modelling, these differences were taken account of by assessing the year the borehole was drilled and assessing the location of the borehole against other data such as historical maps. Therefore the modeller used their own judgment in some areas if the stratigraphy in the borehole did not match the modern day topography and changes in the subsurface (quarrying, landfill etc).
- The thin nature of some superficial deposits means that these units are poorly shown in visualisations of the 3D model (e.g. in the Lithoframe Viewer 3D window). A substantial number of additional cross-sections (‘helper sections’) are needed to improve the calculation of thin deposits.
- The heights of raised marine deposits resulting from past sea-level changes were assumed.

- There was a lack of borehole information in the west part of the model, thus this part of the model is heavily reliant on mapping.

10 Model images

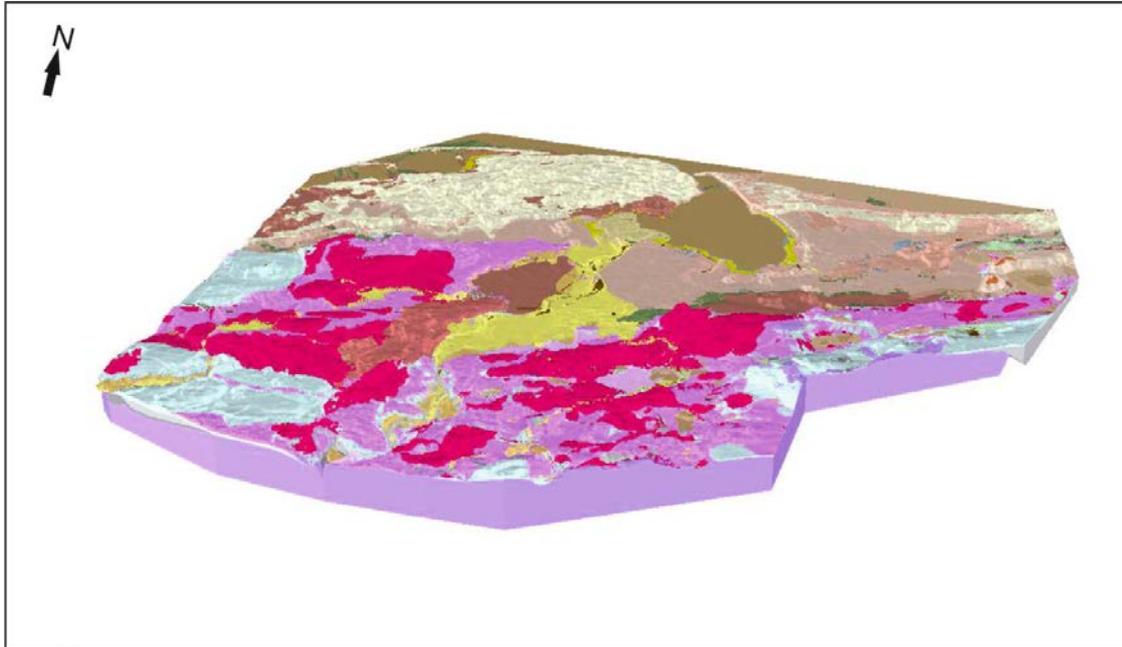


Figure 6: Geological units as seen in 3D window, vertical exaggeration x 5

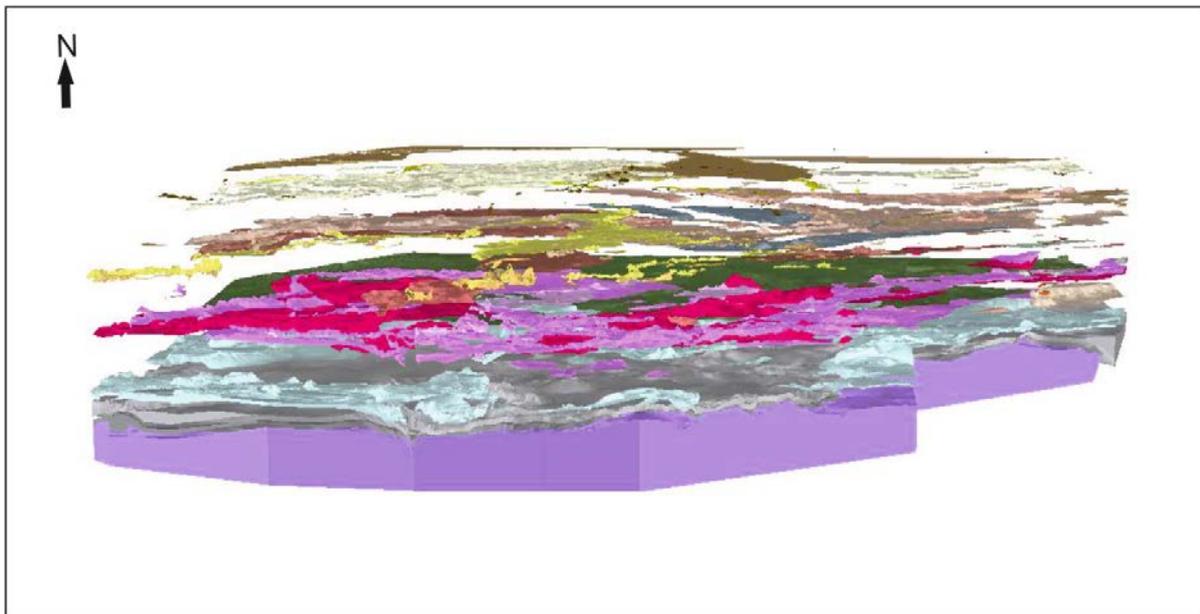


Figure 7: Exploded geological units as seen in 3D window, vertical exaggeration x 5

Appendix 1

Data Preparation for Forres GSI3D Superficial Model

All raw data files are stored in the folder:

W:\Teams\QES\QMMP\Data\MorayNessBasin_Data\Data\MorayNess-Region\GSI3D\ForessLocalModelBaselineData

GVS file:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData \MorayNess_gvs_V9.gvs

Legend file:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData \MorayNess_legend_V3.gleg

File created and colours/textures based on Clyde modelling work.

Extra geological units were added, used on the new digital 10k superficial map of the area and checked all units in the GVS are represented in the legend file.

The BGS rgb colours were taken from new superficial map into the legend. This was achieved by opening layerfile of superficial polygons in GIS project, double click on box showing the colour of a particular unit in the key at the side, in a new window where you would change the colour of a unit click to get the pull-down menu of standard colours and then click on 'more colours', current rgb values will be listed here, copy rgb values into the legend file.

Bid file:

Made up of two parts: borehole information entered into SOBI (interpreter code ECAL) and field information (collected by mapping geologists and recorded in MIDAS + notes recorded from old geological field slips and maps).

- i) Borehole information. This was exported from SOBI via the Data Portal (intranet) for the area to be modelled (selecting: 'sobi-NextMap-CEH' for start height information, 'ECAL x3 as BOGE author and 'all boreholes' from BOGE) creates a .bid and a .blg file for the 492 boreholes.
- ii) Field information: original data held in an Excel table with 3 sheets of information (sheet 1: info from old geological field slips and maps, sheet 2: map face notes from MIDAS from mapping geologists, sheet 3: bedrock information (not relevant for this model). Sheets 1 and 2 collated into a single sheet in a new excel table. This was double checked and once approved that interpreted codes were correct these were given a map number e.g. NJ05NW to any entries that didn't have an unique number (i.e. those with single numbers). All codes in upper case (they wouldn't colour up in GSI3D in lower case because colours taken from legend file and all codes in upper case in there). This sheet was then split into two, separating data for a .bid file and a .blg file. Bid file requires a list of unique numbers plus x, y, z values. Only x and y values were extracted from MIDAS, z values needed to be found. Z values were

generated automatically by GIS team (created 3d-shapefile of points in Arc using dtm, and exported values as a dbf file, which could then be opened in excel). Any duplicate field point entries were deleted approximately 150 field points.

iii) Added i) and ii) together to make whole .bid file, path show at top of this section

N.B. don't have any symbols (e.g. '+' or ',') in file names

Blg file:

similar to above

Note that need separate row for each geological unit when recording downhole information. GSI3D uses the base of each unit, so if data is recorded as a sequence of thicknesses these must be converted to depths below the top of the section.

DTM, surface grid:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\From Data Portal (10thJuly'09)\
Forres_NEXTMAP_DTM_25m.asc

NextMap dtm; tried exporting 10m dtm from Data Portal (Intranet), but problems downloading (probably too big a file and system couldn't cope), Clyde project uses 25m or 50m resolution. So currently using 25m resolution which imports okay. Note that the dtm extends beyond the model area in each direction, clip in GSI3D before computing volumes.

RHEM, rockhead grid:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\From Data Portal (10thJuly'09)\
Forres_NEXTMAP_RHEM_25m.asc

As for dtm grid.

Geological linework:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Geological linework\From Lesley Oliver\
Morayness_supd_2d.shp + Morayness_art_2d.shp + Morayness_landf_2d.shp

Need superficial, artificial and landform polygons/linework as shapefiles

Requested from the CartoGIS office

Note that the files need to be 2D-shapefiles not 3D-shapefiles as often received from the CartoGIS office. Usually tell if this is the problem when trying to import the file into GSI3D and you can't see any of the attribution headings to choose 'lexicon'.

To convert a 2D-shapefile to a 3D-shapefile software was obtained from the web, which was imported into Arc GIS project, converted and resaved.

BGS RGB colours can be seen in the GIS project if you get a layer file of the polygons from the CartoGIS office

Project area:

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Model area\Foress_model.shp

Shapefile exported from Arc

.Jpg's:

i) Topographic maps.

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Topo maps\From Jenn\Foress_OS10kbw_2_(85%).jpg

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Topo maps\From Jenn\Foress_OS25k_(90%).jpg

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Topo maps\From Jenn\Foress_OS50k.jpg

1:10k(B&W and reduced resolution), 1:25k and 1:50k topo maps of model area were cropped to project area. General/tourist map can be downloaded through the Data Portal when extracting borehole information. N.B. all .jpg's must have an associated world file for importing into GSI3D, in .jpgw format not .jgw as comes out automatically from Arc. Keep file size under 20,000KB where possible otherwise GSI3D becomes very slow or falls over.

ii) Cross-sections.

ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Pilmuir Cross Sections\Pilmuir_sections_for_GSI3D\Use these cropped 24bit rgb rasters for GSI3D\simplified_Xsection_A_(cropped).jpg

Single image of 5 cross-sections were taken from the BGS Pilmuir report for importing into GSI3D. Sections were crop so there was a single section per image, then clipped exactly to their limits. (In GSI3Dv2.6 top right and bottom left x,y,z values need to be known. In GSI3Dv3 draw a new section line along the line of the jpg section (import a semi-transparent, georectified plan view of the section lines, jpg) then right click on section, hover over 'raster' and click on 'import raster backdrop' you need to know the z values and work out the length of the section (W)). Images must be in '24 bit RGB' format not '32 bit CMYK' format. All these images were converted into the correct format in Corel Photo-Paint.

iii) Air photos. Not used in this model, air photos already used to compile the current geological linework.

Contour data:

W:\Teams\QES\QMMP\Data\MorayNessBasin_Data\Data\MorayNess-Region\GSI3D\ForessLocalModelBaselineData\Contours\Use these 2d-files in GSI3D

3d contour line data for the area was available as a 3D-shapefile. This was converted in Arc from a 3D-shapefile into a 2D-shapefile as was also undertaken for the geological linework.

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