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## Abstract

The major part of the deep boreholes drilled within the scope of the Forsmark site investigations are performed with so called telescopic technique. The upper 100 metres are percussion drilled in two drilling sequences, pilot drilling with a diameter of about 160 mm, respectively reaming to a diameter of c. 200–250 mm. Below 100 m the borehole is core drilled with a diameter of approximately 76–77 mm to full drilling length, which normally is c. 1,000 m.

Performance of and results from drilling and measurements during drilling of the ninth borehole, KFM06C, drilled at Forsmark by applying telescopic technique are presented in this report. KFM06C is 1,000.91 m long, at its starting point inclined 60.12° from the horizon, and reaches about 500 m in horizontal distance. The borehole is of so called SKB chemical type, intended for detailed hydrogeochemical and microbiological investigations.

During pilot drilling of section 0–100 m with the diameter 162 mm, an unstable, fractured section, interpreted as a gently dipping fracture zone, was encountered at about 57 m. This zone was heavily water-yielding, and an inflow of 600 L/min was measured. After extended pilot drilling to 61 m, the borehole was filled with cement in order to stabilize the borehole wall. Pilot drilling was repeated after setting of the cement and extended to c. 100 m, followed by reaming to Ø c. 249 mm. Finally, the percussion drilled part was cased with a stainless steel casing, and the gap between the borehole wall and the casing was grouted. These measures entailed that all inflow of groundwater to the percussion drilled part of the borehole ceased.

A relatively complicated flushing water-/return water system is applied for core drilling of the telescopic boreholes. The flushing water is prepared in several steps before use, and the return water is taken care of, as to permit drill cuttings to settle before the water is conducted to an approved recipient. During drilling, a number of technical and flushing water-/return water parameters are registered in order to obtain a good control of the drilling process and to permit an estimation of the impact on the rock aquifer penetrated by the borehole of flushing water and drilling debris. The conclusion after drilling of KFM06C was that only relatively small amounts of flushing water and drill cuttings penetrated the fracture system.

A sampling- and measurement programme for percussion drilling and another programme for core drilling provided preliminary but current information about the geological and hydraulic character of the borehole directly on-site. It also served as a basis for extended post-drilling analyses. For example, the drill cores from the core drilled part and the samples of drill cuttings from the percussion drilled section, together with later produced video images of the borehole wall (so called BIPS-images), were used for mapping of the borehole (so called Boremap mapping) performed after drilling. A diagram of the Boremap mapping results is included in this report.

After completion of drilling, grooves were milled into the borehole wall at certain intervals as an aid for length calibration when performing different kinds of borehole measurements after drilling.

One experience from drilling of KFM06C is that the quartz-rich bedrock in Forsmark is hard to drill, entailing rapid wearing of drill bits. Other lasting impressions from the drilling are the water-yielding, gently dipping fracture zones encountered in the shallow part of the bedrock and the, on the other hand, very low fracture frequency and low water-yielding capacity of the major part of the core drilled section of KFM06C.

# Sammanfattning

De flesta djupa borrhål inom Forsmarks platsundersökning utförs som s k teleskopborrhål. Det innebär att de övre 100 metrarna hammarborras i två steg, pilotborrning med dimensionen ca 160 mm följd av upprymning till ca 200–250 mm diameter. Avsnittet därunder, dvs sektionen ca 100–1,000 m, kärnborras med 76–77 mm diameter. Resultaten från det nionde djupborrhålet i Forsmark, KFM06C, som har borrats med teleskopborrningsteknik redovisas i denna rapport. Borrhålet är ansatt med en lutning av 60.12° från horisontalplanet, är 1,000,91 m långt och når cirka 500 m i horisontell riktning. KFM06C är ett så kallat kemiprioriterat borrhål, vilket innebär att det planeras att utnyttjas för detaljerade hydrogeokemiska och bakteriologiska undersökningar, varför all utrustning som används i borrhålet, både vid borrning och mätning, måste rengöras och desinficeras enligt speciella instruktioner.

Vid hammarborrning av avsnittet 0–100 m med diametern 162 mm påträffades ett instabilt, sprucket avsnitt vid ca 57 m, vilket tolkades som en flackt stupande sprickzon. Zonen hade en betydande vattenkapacitet och ett inflöde på ca 600 L/min uppmättes. Pilotborrningen fortsatte till 61 m. För att stabilisera borrhålet fylldes det sedan med cement. Efter att cementen brunnit, upprepades pilotborrningen till fullt djup, ca 100 m varefter borrhålet upprymdes till ca Ø 249 mm. Därefter kläddes det in med rostfritt foderrör. Slutligen cementinjekterades spalten mellan borrhålsvägg och foderrör, så att allt vatteninflöde i den hammarborrade delen av teleskopborrhålet upphörde.

Under kärnborrningsfasen vid utförandet av teleskopborrhål används ett relativt komplicerat spol- och returvattensystem, där spolvattnet prepareras i olika moment före användning. Returvattnet leds till ett system av containrar, där borrhaxet sedimenterar i tre steg innan returvattnet leds vidare till godkänd recipient. Under borringen registreras ett antal borr- och spolvattenparametrar, så att god kontroll uppnås dels avseende borringens tekniska genomförande, dels beträffande den påverkan av spolvatten och borrhax som grundvattenakvifären i anslutning till borrhålet utsätts för. Slutsatsen efter borringen av KFM06C var att endast relativt små mängder spolvatten och borrhax har trängt ut i spricksystemet.

Ett mät- och provtagningsprogram för hammarborrningen och ett annat program för kärnborrningen gav preliminär information om borrhålets geologiska och hydrauliska karaktär direkt under pågående borring samt underlag för fördjupade analyser efter borring. Bland de insamlade proverna utgör borrhaxarna från den kärnborrade delen av borrhålet och borrhaxproverna från den hammarborrade delen, tillsammans med videofilm av borrhålsväggen (s k BIPS-bilder), underlaget för den borrhålskartering (s k Boremap-kartering) som utförs efter borring. Ett resultatdiagram från Boremapkarteringen av KFM06C finns redovisad i denna rapport. Efter avslutad borring frästes referensspår in i borrhålsväggen med syftet att användas för längdkalibrering i samband med olika typer av borrhålsmätningar som senare utförs i det färdiga borrhålet.

En erfarenhet från borringen av KFM06C är att den kvartsrika berggrunden i Forsmark är svårborrad och att borrhaxkroneslitaget är högt. Andra bestående intryck är dels de flacka, vattenförande zoner som påträffades i den övre delen av KFM06C, dels att, omvänt, sprickfrekvensen och vattenföringen i större delen av det kärnborrade partiet av borrhålet visade sig vara låga.

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# 1 Introduction

Site investigations are currently being performed by SKB for location and safety assessment of a deep repository for high level radioactive waste /1/. The investigations are carried out in two Swedish municipalities, Östhammar and Oskarshamn. The site investigation area in Östhammar is situated close to the Forsmark nuclear power facilities /2/, see Figure 1-1.

Drilling is one important activity within the scope of the site investigations. Three main types of boreholes are produced, 1) core drilled respectively 2) percussion drilled boreholes in solid rock and 3) boreholes drilled through regolith. The last type may be accomplished by different drilling techniques, e.g. percussion drilling and auger drilling.

The deepest boreholes drilled at the site investigation are core drilled boreholes in hard rock. So far, three sub-vertical and seven inclined, 950–1,000 m long, cored boreholes have been drilled within the investigation area. Five semi-deep (500–850 m) cored boreholes and seven shorter (100–500 m) cored boreholes have also been drilled. The locations of the twelve drill sites in question, DS1 to DS12, are illustrated in Figure 1-1.



**Figure 1-1.** The site investigation area at Forsmark including the candidate area selected for more detailed investigations. Drill sites DS1–12 are marked with blue dots.

This document reports the data and results gained by drilling of the telescopic borehole KFM06C at drill site DS6, which is one of the activities included in the site investigations at Forsmark. The work was carried out in compliance with activity plans AP PF 400-05-015.

Ongoing drilling are KFM02B, KFM08D and KFM12A at drill sites DS2, DS8 respectively DS12.

In Table 1-1 controlling documents for performing this activity are listed. Both activity plans, method descriptions and method instructions are SKB's internal controlling documents.

By drilling the deep boreholes so called telescopic drilling technique is applied, meaning that the upper 100 m of the borehole is percussion drilled with a large diameter ( $\geq 200$  mm), whereas the borehole section 100–1,000 m is core drilled with a diameter of approximately 76–77 mm. This technical approach was applied also when drilling KFM06C, which at first had a total drilling length of 1,000.43 m, but was later extended to 1,000.91 m. The borehole is inclined c. 60 degrees from the horizontal plane, entailing that the horizontal extension of the borehole is approximately 500 m. Borehole KFM06C is of the so called SKB chemical type. This implies that the borehole is prioritized for hydrogeochemical and microbiological investigations, prompting that all DTH (Down The Hole) equipment used during and/or after drilling must undergo special cleaning procedures, see Chapter 4.

A short (c. 100 m) core drilled borehole, KFM06B, has previously been drilled in order to compensate for the missing core in section 0–100 m in the previously drilled telescopic borehole KFM06A at drill site DS6. The onsets of the three boreholes KFM06A, KFM06B and KFM06C at DS6 are situated very close to each other.

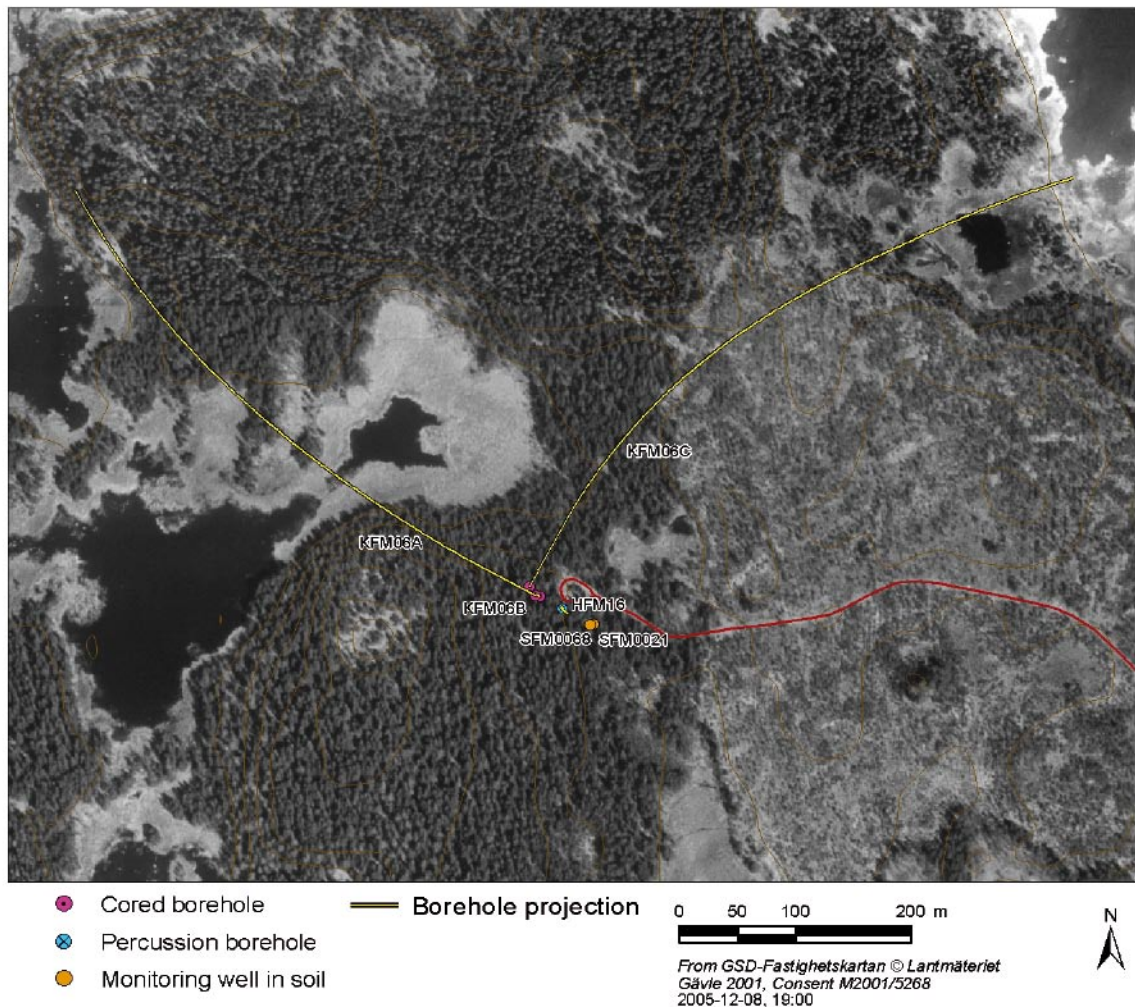
Close to the deep boreholes at drill site DS6, also percussion drilled boreholes in soil and solid rock have been drilled for different purposes. The lengths of these boreholes vary between a few metres to approximately 132 m. The locations of all boreholes at DS6 are shown in Figure 1-2.

Drill site DS6 is located in the northern part of the candidate area, c. 2 km east of the Forsmark power facilities, see Figure 1-1. The area is covered by forest and is characterized by small lakes tied off from the nearby Baltic Sea in, from a geological point of view, recent times. The present coastline is situated about 500 m north-east of the drill site (Figure 1-1).

**Table 1-1. Controlling documents for performance of the activity.**

<b>Activity plan</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Version</b>
Borrning av teleskopborrhål KFM06C	AP PF 400-05-015	1.0
<b>Method descriptions</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Version</b>
Metodbeskrivning för hammarborrning	SKB MD 610.003	1.0
Metodbeskrivning för kärnborrning	SKB MD 620.003	1.0
Metodbeskrivning för registrering och provtagning av spolvattenparametrar samt borrhålsax under kärnborrning	SKB MD 640.001	1.0
Metodbeskrivning för pumptest, tryckmätning och vattenprovtagning i samband med wireline-borrning.	SKB MD 321.002	1.0
<b>Method instructions</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Version</b>
Rengöring av borrhålsutrustning och viss markbaserad utrustning	SKB MD 600.004	1.0
Användning av kemiska produkter och material vid borrning och undersökning	SKB MD 600.006	1.0
Analys av injektions- och enhålspumptester	SKB MD 320.004	1.0





**Figure 1-2.** Borehole locations at and near drill site DS6. Besides the core drilled boreholes KFM06A, KFM06B and KFM06C, the area incorporates a monitoring well in bedrock (HFM16), and two monitoring wells in the unconsolidated overburden (SFM0021 and SFM0068). The projection of inclined boreholes on the horizontal plane at the ground surface (top of casing) is shown in the figure.

The drilling operations were performed during two periods, between March 9<sup>th</sup> 2005 to April 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 (percussion drilling) respectively April 27<sup>th</sup> 2005 to June 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 (core drilling). Drillcon Core AB, Nora, Sweden, was engaged for the drilling commission.

Two different drilling equipments were employed for drilling KFM06C, a percussion drilling machine for drilling the upper c.100 metres, whereas core drilling of the remaining part (section 100.40–1,000.43 m) was carried out with a wireline core drilling system.

In the present report, performance of and results from drilling of KFM06C, are presented. The report also treats investigations made during and immediately after drilling. All data are stored in the SICADA database, and are traceable by the activity plan number.

## 2 Objectives and scope

The main objectives of drilling deep telescopic boreholes at the site investigation are the following:

- To provide rock samples from the ground surface to the borehole bottom. Percussion drilling through the overburden produces soil samples recovered to the surface by compressed air. These samples are collected with a frequency of one sample per metre. The same sampling frequency is applied for the drill cuttings produced when percussion drilling the upper c. 100 m of the solid rock. Below 100 m, the core drilling provides (in principle) continuous drill cores down to the borehole bottom. A short core borehole, KFM06B, was drilled earlier from the drill site to compensate for the missing core of the upper 100 m. The rock samples collected during drilling are used for lithological, structural and rock mechanical characterization as well as for determination of transport properties of the fracture system from the rock surface to the full drilling depth.
- To render geophysical borehole investigations possible, e.g. TV logging, borehole radar logging and conventional geophysical logging as an aid for the geological/rock mechanical characterization.
- To allow hydraulic borehole tests (single hole tests as well as interference tests, in some cases performed as tracer tests) for characterization of the hydrogeological conditions.
- To make water sampling possible down to and below repository depth. High-class hydrogeochemical sampling/analysis demands special measures during and after drilling in order to keep the borehole clean. When these measures have been taken, the borehole is categorized as a borehole of chemical type. Only boreholes of this category are approved for advanced hydrogeochemical and microbiological characterization.
- To enable long-term hydraulic and hydrogeochemical monitoring at different levels of the bedrock.

During drilling, a number of drilling related parameters are monitored by a drilling monitoring system. Part of these data sets, in this report called DMS (Drilling Monitoring System) data, which after drilling are transferred to SICADA, may be used as supplementary data for geological and hydraulic characterization as well as for assessment of technical aspects of the drilling operations. DMS-data are described in this report.

Furthermore, a number of hydraulic tests and water samplings are normally performed during the drilling process, whereby a specifically designed test system, a so called wireline probe, is utilized.

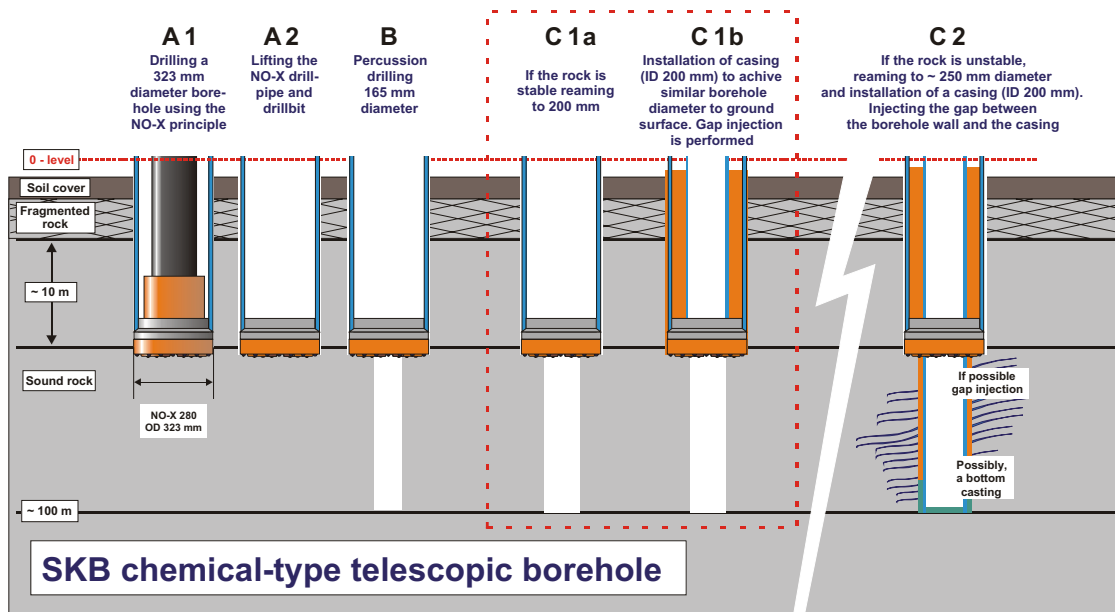
### 3 Equipment

Two types of drilling machines were employed for drilling borehole KFM06C. The upper c.100 metres were drilled with a percussion drilling machine of type Commacchio 1500 S. Core drilling of section 100.40–1,000.43 m, was performed with a Wireline-76 core drilling system, type Onram 2000 CCD.

#### 3.1 Percussion drilling equipment

The Commacchio 1500 S percussion machine is equipped with separate engines for transportation and power supplies. Water and drill cuttings were retrieved from the borehole by a 27 bars air-compressor, type Atlas-Copco XRVS 466 Md.

At drill site DS6, the bedrock is covered by approximately one metre of gravel. This part had to be cased off with a solid pipe (NO-X 280). To obtain a borehole as straight as possible in this type of soil, the choice of technique is important. In this case the NO-X technique was applied, following the principles and dimensions presented in Figure 3-1. The NO-X technique is described more in detail in SKB MD 610.003 (Method Description for percussion drilling). Figure 3-1 is a schematic diagram where the drilling depths presented are approximate. The true depths in the respective drilling sequences performed in KFM06C are presented in Section 5.2.



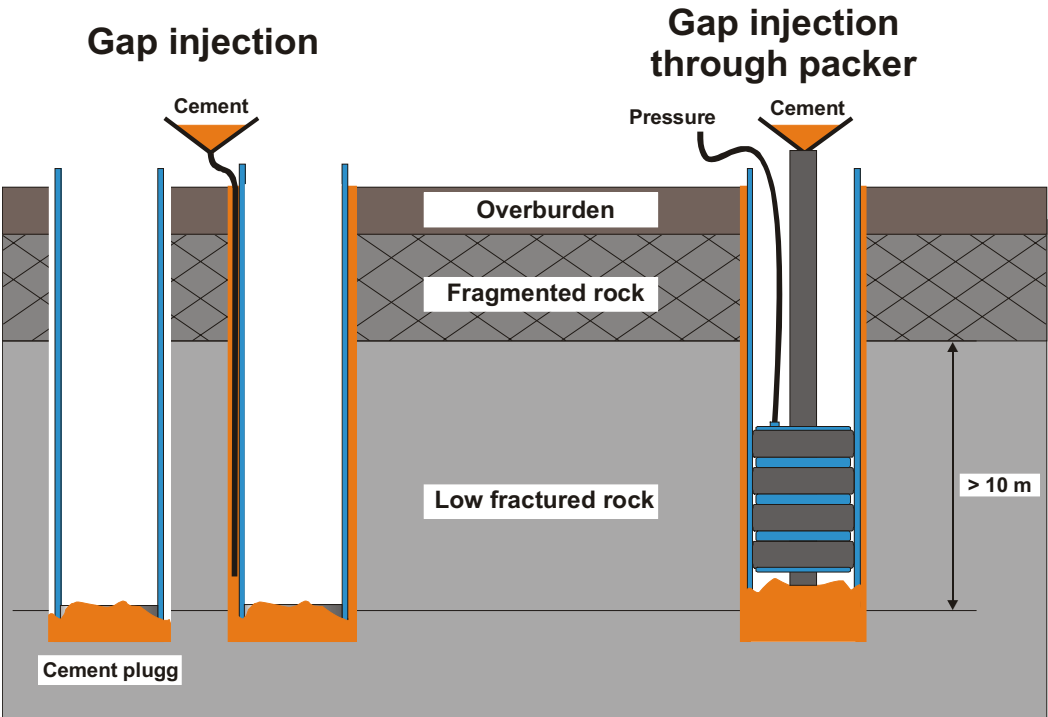
**Figure 3-1.** Schematic diagram showing the various stages of drilling the 0–100 m section of an SKB chemical-type telescopic borehole. The letters and numerals above each stage refer to some of the operations described in Sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 in SKB MD 620.003, Version 1.0.

### 3.2 Injection technique

For investigation of the groundwater conditions, especially the hydrogeochemical characteristics, of the cored part of a telescopic borehole, it is essential that the deeper groundwater is not mixed with surface water or groundwater from shallow parts of the bedrock. Therefore, if large inflows of groundwater are met with during percussion drilling of a telescopic borehole, it is essential to prevent it from permeating into deeper parts of the bedrock. This is achieved by cement grouting of water-yielding fractures or fracture zones, as they come across. The simplest method is to fill part of the borehole with cement and to continue drilling after setting of the cement. This is also an effective method to stabilize the borehole wall as well, e.g. if a highly fractured and unstable section is penetrated.

If the percussion drilled part of a telescopic borehole is fractured and water-yielding, it is normally cased to the full drilling length. The gap between the borehole wall and the casing is then cement grouted, which further decreases or, often, completely prevents, inflow of shallow groundwater to the borehole. Application of cement in the gap between the borehole wall and the casing pipe can be performed according to different techniques. Two variants are illustrated in Figure 3-2.

Borehole KFM06C was grouted at two occasions: 1) the entire borehole after pilot drilling to 61.20 m, and 2) after installation of the Ø<sub>i</sub> 200 mm, 100 m long casing (C2 in Figure 3-1). After installation of the casing, gap injection through a packer was applied, see Figure 3-2.



**Figure 3-2.** Gap injection techniques. In order to fill the gap between the borehole wall and the casing, different techniques may be applied. To the left, a flexible hose is lowered between the casing and the borehole wall, and to the right the grouting is performed through a borehole packer.

### 3.3 Core drilling equipment

#### 3.3.1 The wireline-76 system

For drilling the cored part of borehole KFM06C, a wireline-76 system, type Hagby Bruk Onram 2000 CCD, was employed. The drilling process is operated by an electrically-driven hydraulic system supplied with a computer control. The drilling capacity for 76–77 mm holes is maximum c. 1,500 metres. The drill pipes and core barrel used belong to the Hagby WL76 triple-tube system. Technical specifications of the drilling machine with fittings are given in Table 3-1.

#### 3.3.2 Flushing/return water system – function and equipment

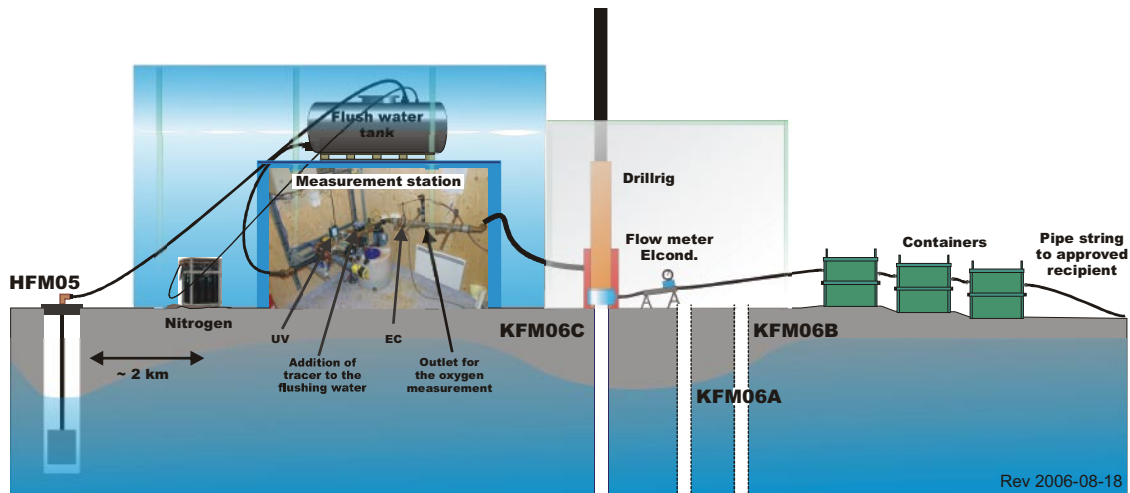
Core drilling involves pumping of flushing water down the drill string, through the drill bit and out into the borehole in order 1) to conduct frictional heat away from the drill bit, and 2) to enhance the recovery of drill cuttings to the ground surface. The cuttings, suspended in the flushing water (in general mixed with groundwater), are forced from the borehole bottom to the ground surface via the gap between the borehole wall and the drill pipes. However, if the borehole has penetrated water conductive rock fractures, part of, and sometimes all of the return water from the borehole, including drill cuttings, may be forced into these fractures. This renders a correct characterization of the in situ hydraulic and hydrogeochemical conditions more difficult, due to partial or complete clogging by drill cuttings and due to the contribution of ‘foreign’ flushing water in the fracture system.

In order to reduce these negative effects, SKB has developed a specially designed flushing water and return water system. The equipment consists of the components shown in Figure 3-3. The system includes equipment for pumping, transport and storage of water. The flushing water-/return water system may be divided into:

- equipment for preparing the flushing water,
- equipment for measuring flushing water parameters (flow rate, pressure, electrical conductivity and dissolved oxygen),
- equipment for air-lift pumping while drilling,
- equipment for storage and discharge of return water.

**Table 3-1. Technical specifications of the Onram 2000 CCD-system from Hagby-Asahi with appurtenances.**

Unit	Manufacturer/Type	Specifications	Remarks
Onram 2000	Hagby-Asahi	Capacity for 76–77 mm holes maximum approx. 1,500 m	
Flush water pump	Bean	Max flow rate: 170 L/min Max pressure: 103 bars	
Submersible pump	Grundfos SQ	Max flow rate: 200 L/min	
Mobile electrical plant	P250HE with diesel engine Perkins GCD 325	250 KVA, 200 kW, 360 A.	
Compressor	Atlas Copco GA75P-13	Max pressure: 12 bars Flow: > 5 L/sec	Electrically supplied
CCD-system	Dunfoss		Standard system modified for core drilling by the manufacturer



**Figure 3-3.** Schematic illustration of the flushing/return water system when drilling KFM06C at DS6. The measurement station included logger units and an UV-radiation unit. For flushing water flow rate and pressure measurements, the drilling machine gauges were applied.

**Preparing the flushing water**

The quality of the flushing water must fulfil specific demands, which are especially important when drilling telescopic boreholes of SKB chemical type. The water needs to be almost biologically clean, i.e. the content of microbes and other organic constituents needs to be low. The chemical composition should be similar to that which is to be expected in the aquifer penetrated by the telescopic borehole itself. Foreign substances, like oil and chemicals, must be avoided.

The water well used for the supply of flushing water for core drilling of KFM06C was a percussion drilled well in hard rock, HFM05, situated at DS2 approximately 1.5 km from KFM06C. Water from the percussion drilled well HFM16 sited at DS6 did not meet with the quality needed. The HFM05 well had earlier been used for flushing water supply for drilling of KFM02A, KFM06A and KFM06B and the water quality was analysed and considered as sufficiently good to serve as flushing water for KFM06C.

Besides the above mentioned basic demands on the flushing water quality, which were fulfilled when drilling KFM06C, the flushing water was also prepared in three steps before use, in accordance with SKB MD 620.003 (Method description for core drilling).

- 1) Incoming water from the water well was pumped into the flush water tank (see Figure 3-3).
- 2) Nitrogen was bubbled through the water in the tank in order to expel oxygen which might be dissolved in the water (see Figure 3-3). Expelled oxygen was discharged through a pressure reducing valve. Oxygen must be avoided in the flushing water because it is a critical parameter in the programme for hydrogeochemical characterization of the groundwater. The water was then kept continuously under a positive nitrogen pressure (about 1 bar) until pumped down into the borehole.
- 3) The incoming water from the tank was exposed to UV-radiation (inside the measurement station) before entering the tracer doser equipment, illustrated in Figure 3-3. The microbe content in the water was thereby radically reduced.

- 4) An organic dye tracer, Uranine, was added by the tracer doser at a concentration of 0.2 mg/L, before the water was pumped into the borehole, see Figure 3-3. Labelling the flushing water with the tracer aims at enabling detection of the flushing water content in groundwater samples collected in the borehole during or after drilling.

### **Measurement of flushing water parameters**

The following flushing water parameters were measured on-line when pumping the flushing water into the borehole:

- flow rate,
- pressure,
- electrical conductivity,
- dissolved oxygen.

Data were stored in a drilling monitoring system, see Section 3.3.3. Technical specifications of the measurement instruments are presented in Table 3-2.

The total quantity of water supplied to the borehole, used as a double-check of the flow measurements, was acquired by counting the number of filled water tanks used, multiplied by the tank volume.

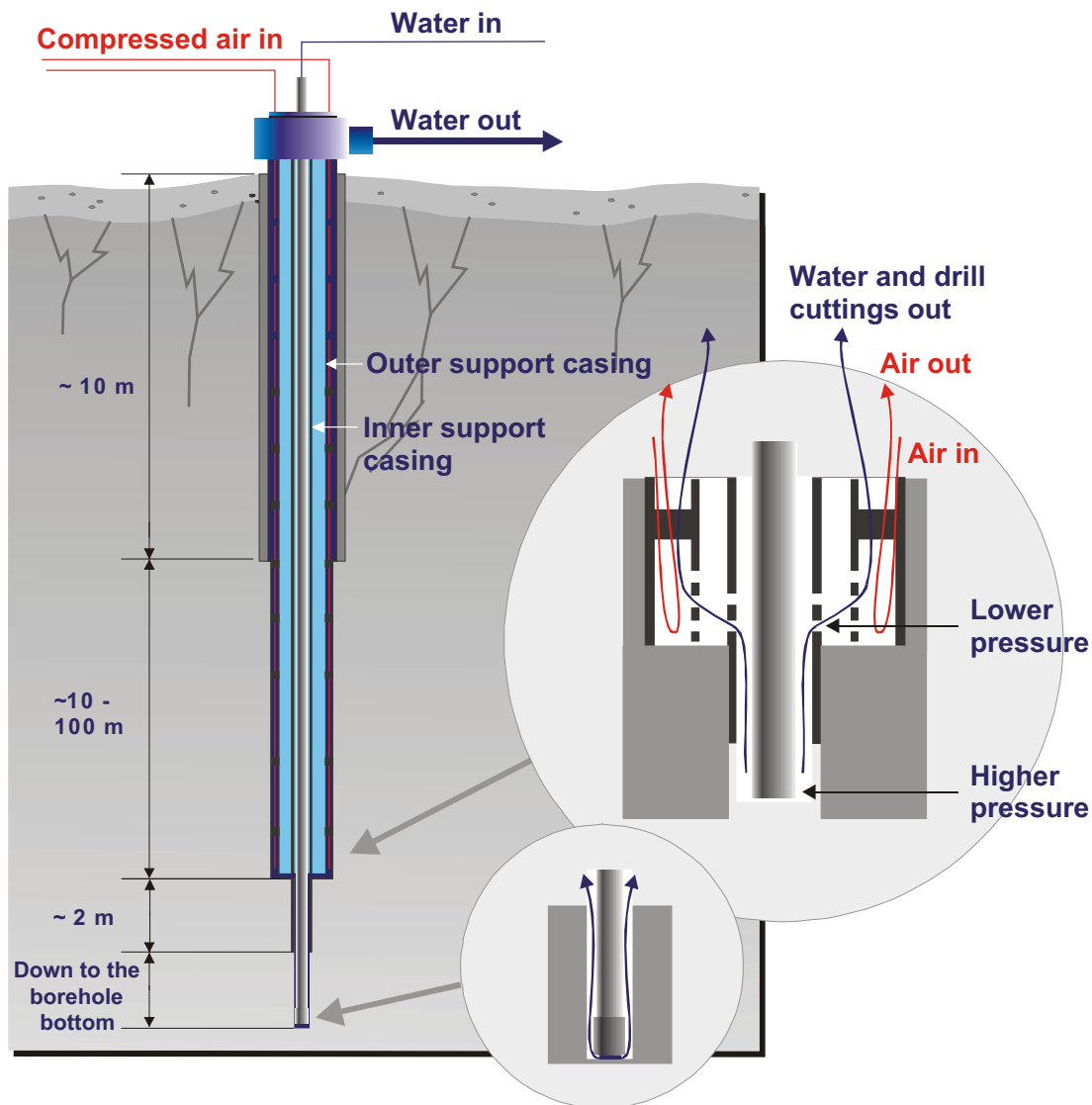
### **Air-lift pumping while drilling**

Air-lift pumping during core drilling involves pumping of compressed air into the percussion drilled portion of the telescopic borehole, forcing it to emerge at a depth of about 80–100 m. As the air expands in rising out of the borehole, it lifts the water up, thereby producing the air-lift pumping effect. The resulting pressure drop entails transport of much of the mixture of water and drill cuttings from the bottom of the hole up to the surface, see Figure 3-4. The resulting return water is a mixture of flushing water, groundwater from fracture zones in the rock and drill cuttings. Some of the flushing water and drill cuttings will, however, be forced into the local fracture systems, and a minor part will be left in the borehole. The air-lift pumping is continued throughout the drilling period.

**Table 3-2. Technical specifications of instruments used for measurement of flushing water parameters.**

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Manufacturer/type</b>	<b>Range of measurement</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Flow meter	Krohne IFC 010-D	1–350 L/min	Inductive
Electrical Conductivity	Kemotron 2911	1 mS/cm–200 mS/cm 0.1 mS/m–20 S/m	
Oxygen	Orbisphere model 3600		





**Figure 3-4.** Air-lift pumping during core drilling of a telescopic borehole. Schematic representation, where the drilling depths are only approximate. The air and instrumentation hoses are secured to the outer support casing. The compressed air raises the flushing water and drill cuttings from the hole. Return water flows between the borehole wall and the drilling pipe string and then through holes in the support casing before being transported up to the surface.

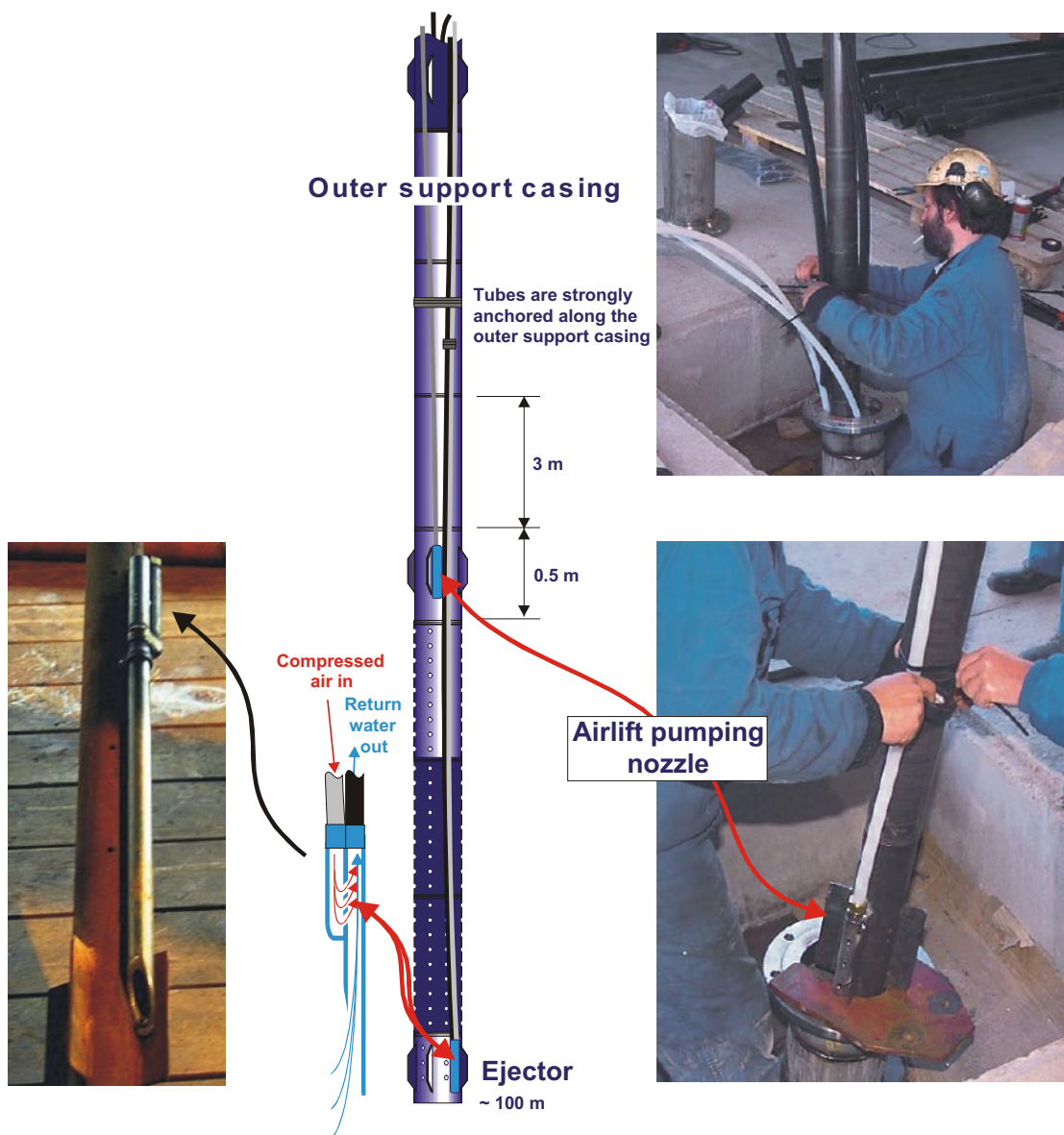
The air-lift pumping equipment in KFM06C consisted of the following main components, see Figure 3-4:

- Compressor, 12 bars/10 m<sup>3</sup>/min.
- 100 m outer support casing, 98/89 mm diameter.
- 100.5 m inner support casing, 84/77 mm diameter.
- PEM hose: 20 bars, 22 mm diameter, 400 m.
- PEM hose: 20 bars, 28 mm diameter, 200 m.
- Expansion vessel (= discharge head).
- Pressure sensor, 10 bars, instrumentation and data-logging unit.
- Electrical supply cubicle, at least 16 A.
- Ejector tube.



- Two – 22 mm diameter hoses at about 90 m.
- One – 22 mm diameter hose at about 100 m.
- Two – 28 mm diameter hoses at about 100 m.

Core drilling beneath the large-diameter percussion drilled part of the borehole demands installation of a support casing, in order to avoid vibrations of the drill pipe string. This is accomplished by an inner support casing, which is further stabilized by an outer support casing supplied with steel “wings” resting against the borehole wall, see Figure 3-4. When installing the outer support casing, it was lowered into the borehole together with the hoses for air-lift pumping with a mobile crane. The ejector tube was fit to the outer support casing, about 200 mm above the bottom of the telescopic borehole. A 22 mm supply hose and a 28 mm return hose were connected to the ejector tube as shown in Figure 3-5. With this construction, the air leaving the ejector rose, reducing the pressure in the lower part of the ejector tube, helping to lift drill cuttings from the bottom of the hole.



**Figure 3-5.** Schematic representation of connection and installation of air-lift pumping nozzle and ejector on the outer protective casing.

### Storage and discharge of return water for KFM06C

At the surface level, the return hose was connected to a return pipe between the discharge head and the first return water container, see Figures 3-3 and 3-6. The return water was discharged from the borehole via the expansion vessel and a flow meter to three containers, in which the drill cuttings separated out in three sedimentation steps. The cuttings were preserved in the containers for later weighing. Due to environmental restrictions, the return water was pumped through an exit pipe string directly to the Baltic Sea.

The flow rate and electrical conductivity of the return water was measured and data stored in the data-logging system. Technical specifications of the measurement instruments are given in Table 3-3.

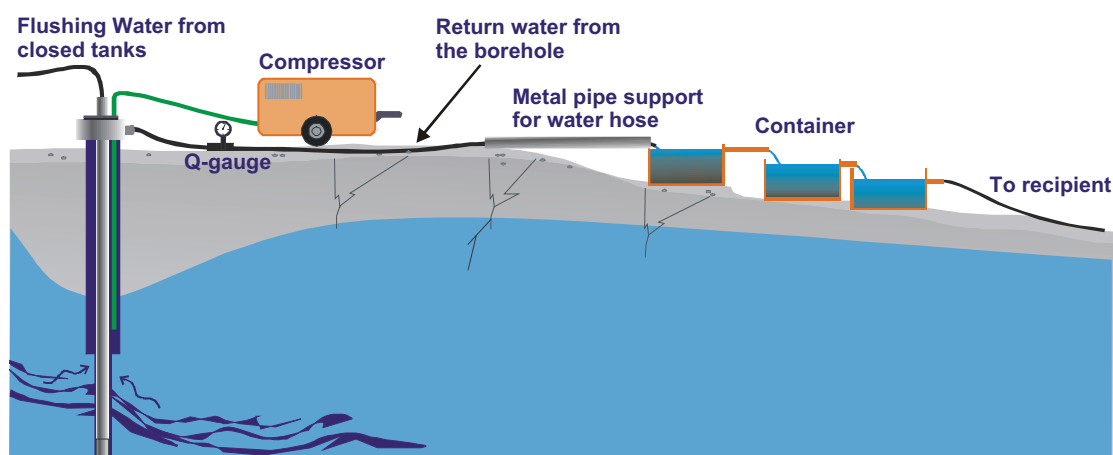
Flow rate and other flushing water data were continuously stored in an automatic data-logging system, see Section 3.3.3. As a back-up and double-check, the total quantity of water supplied to the borehole was acquired by counting the number of filled water tanks used, multiplied by the tank volume.

### 3.3.3 Drilling monitoring system

The Onram 2000 CCD drilling machine is supplied with a computer based logging kit integrated in the steering system (cf. Section 3.3.1). The parameters logged are those used for automatic operation of the drilling machine. During drilling of some of the earlier telescopic boreholes, KFM01A to KFM04A, quality problems with the core and the borehole wall were observed from time to time. Therefore an upgraded software was installed and some parts of the steering system were exchanged already prior to drilling of borehole KFM05A, which was drilled during the period Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 to April 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 /3/. The new software and equipment have been in use since then.

**Table 3-3. Technical specifications for instruments used for measurement of return water parameters.**

Instrument	Manufacturer/type	Range of measurement	Remarks
Flow meter	Krohne IFC 010-D	1–350 L/min	Inductive
Electrical Conductivity	Kemotron 2911	1 mS/cm–200 mS/cm 0.1 mS/m–20 S/m	



**Figure 3-6.** Return water system. Air-lift pumping raises the return water, consisting of flushing water, groundwater and drill cuttings, from the borehole. The cuttings separate out in three stages in the containers (where it is preserved for later weighing), after which the water is pumped to an approved recipient.

A log-file name, a time- or depth-interval and parameters to be logged are selected from a menu. The system produces files in ASCII format, which can be transferred into several Windows programs for further analyses.

The following parameters are automatically registered: date, time, mode, status, rotation pressure (bar), feed force on drill bit (kp), feed force on cylinder (kp), feed pressure (bar), flushing water flow rate (L/min), flushing water pressure (bar), rotation speed (rpm), penetration rate (cm/min), drill length (cm), bit position (cm), feed position (1/10 mm), rod weight (kg) and rod pressure (bar). The parameter “mode” represents the current activity in the drilling cycle, whereas “status” gives an explanation to drill stops and also indicates when a drilling sequence is finished.

For the geoscientific data acquisition, the following technical parameters are of primary interest:

- time,
- drill bit position,
- penetration rate,
- feed force,
- rotation speed.

However, during drilling of the telescopic boreholes at Forsmark, the registration is extended to include also the following flushing water parameters:

- electric conductivity,
- dissolved oxygen,

as well as the return water parameters:

- flow rate,
- electric conductivity.

The system is also provided with devices for convenient sampling of flushing water and return water for analysis of the Uranine content.

Finally, the level of the groundwater table in the borehole is registered during drilling.

### **3.3.4 Equipment for deviation measurements**

During drilling of borehole KFM06C, deviation measurements were made after completed drilling, in order to check the straightness of the borehole. The measurement was performed with a Reflex MAXIBOR™ system, which is an optical, i.e. non-magnetic, measurement system. Azimuth and dip are measured at every third metre. The collaring point coordinates and the measured values are used for calculating the coordinates of the position of the borehole at every measurement point.

Also another method, based on magnetic accelerometer technique, was applied for deviation measurements in order to check the validity of the MAXIBOR™-measurements. The surveying instrument used was the FLEXIT Smart Tool System. However, only the results of the MAXIBOR™-measurements are presently in use-flagged in SICADA, see Section 5.4.9.

### **3.3.5 Equipment for hydraulic tests, absolute pressure measurements and water sampling during drilling in KFM06C**

It is stated in SKB MD 620.003 that hydraulic tests, absolute pressure measurements and water sampling should be performed at certain intervals using a down-hole tool specially designed for the wireline-76 system. The tool, which is denominated “the wireline probe” or “WL-probe”, is described in SKB MD 321.002, see Table 1-1.

## **4 Execution**

### **4.1 Percussion drilling of borehole section 0–100 m in KFM06C**

The percussion drilling operations included:

- preparations,
- mobilization, including lining up the machine and measuring the position,
- drilling, measurements, and sampling during drilling,
- finishing off work,
- data handling,
- environmental control.

The four first items are treated in the present section (Section 4.1), whereas the last two activities, together with the corresponding items for core drilling, are presented in Sections 4.3 and 4.4.

#### **4.1.1 Preparations**

The preparation stage included the contractor's service and function control of his equipment. The machinery was obliged to be supplied with fuel, oil and grease exclusively of the types stated in SKB MD 600.006, see Table 1-1. Finally, the equipment was cleaned in accordance with the cleaning instruction in SKB MD 600.004, see Table 1-1, for boreholes of SKB chemical type.

#### **4.1.2 Mobilization**

Mobilization onto and at the site included preparation of the drill site, transport of drilling equipment as well as of sampling pots for soil and drill cuttings, hand tools and other necessary outfit. Furthermore, the mobilization included cleaning of all in-the-hole equipment at level two in accordance with SKB MD 600.004, lining up the machine and final function control.

#### **4.1.3 Drilling, measurements and sampling during drilling**

The percussion drilling started with drilling through the overburden during simultaneous casing driving and subsequent gap injection. These activities followed the principles described in Sections 3.1 and 3.2. The borehole was drilled and cased with Ø<sub>i</sub> 310 mm casing to 12.00 m. During pilot drilling fractured and unstable rock occurred and the drilling was interrupted at 61.20 m whereafter the entire borehole was cement filled. After setting of the cement, drilling continued and the borehole was extended to 100.40 m with the pilot bit.

For stabilization of the entire percussion drilled part, the borehole was reamed to 248.7 mm diameter and 100.35 m length, and a stainless steel Ø<sub>i</sub> 200 mm casing was then installed to 100.12 m length.

Before installing the casing, the borehole was cleaned from drill cuttings by a "blow out" with the compressor working at maximum capacity during 30 minutes. This also served as a hydraulic capacity test of the borehole, as the recovery of the groundwater table was registered

after the compressor had been turned off. The results were used as a rough capacity test of the percussion drilled part of the borehole, used on-site i.e. for preparation of the gap injection of the casing, see below.

In order to seal water-yielding fractures in the percussion drilled section, the gap between the casing and borehole wall was grouted using the packer technique illustrated in Figure 3-2. After grouting, the recharge of water into the borehole ceased completely.

Measurements and sampling while percussion drilling (and immediately after drilling) were performed according to a specific measurement-/sampling programme, which was applied in association with the Ø 162 mm drilling sequence. The measurement-/sampling programme performed was in accordance with SKB MD 610.003, see Table 1-1, and included:

- 1) Sampling of drill cuttings at every third metre. Each sample consists of three individual samples collected one per metre. The samples were stored in a plastic bottle marked with a sample number. Ocular inspection and a preliminary description of the mineral content was made on-site as a basis for classification of the rock type.
- 2) Manual measurements of the penetration rate at every 20 cm.
- 3) Observation of the flow rate (if any) at every 20 cm. When a significant increase of the flow rate was noticed, it was measured using a graduated vessel and a stop-watch.
- 4) Observation of the water colour at every 20 cm.
- 5) Measurement of the electric conductivity of the groundwater at every three metres.

After completion of drilling with the Ø 162 mm drill bit, deviation measurements were made.

Results from the remaining measurements and observations are presented in Chapter 5.

#### **4.1.4 Finishing off work**

Finishing off work included measurements of the final diameter of the drill bit after reaming to Ø 248.7 mm. The borehole was secured with a lockable stainless steel flange. The drilling equipment was removed, the site cleaned and a joint inspection made by SKB and the contractor.

#### **4.1.5 Nonconformities**

None.

## **4.2 Core drilling of KFM06C**

The core drilling operations included:

- preparations,
- mobilisation, including lining up the machine and measuring the position,
- drilling, measurements, and sampling during drilling,
- finishing off work,
- data handling,
- environmental control.

The first four items are presented in Section 4.2, while the last two activities are referred to in Sections 4.3 and 4.4.

### 4.2.1 Preparations

As for percussion drilling, the preparations included the contractor's service and function control of his equipment. The machinery was supplied with fuel, oil and grease entirely of the types stated in SKB MD 600.006. Finally, the equipment was cleaned in accordance with SKB MD 600.004.

### 4.2.2 Mobilization

Mobilization onto and at the site included preparation of the drill site, transport of drilling equipment, flushing water equipment, sampling boxes for drill cores, hand tools etc. Furthermore, the mobilization included cleaning of all in-the-hole equipment at level two in compliance with SKB MD 600.004, lining up the machine and final function control of all equipment.

### 4.2.3 Drilling, measurements and sampling during drilling

Core drilling of borehole KFM06C was performed with two borehole dimensions. Section 100.40–102.08 m was drilled with a borehole diameter of 86.0 mm, whereas the main part of the borehole, section 102.08–1,000.43 m, was drilled with  $\varnothing$  77.3 mm. The inner  $\varnothing$  84/77 mm support casing was fitted into the short  $\varnothing$  86 mm borehole. In this way the casing was centralized in the borehole and fixed laterally. The outer  $\varnothing$  98/89 mm support casing is resting on the bottom of the percussion drilled borehole, see Figure 3-4.

Core drilling with  $\varnothing$  77.3 mm of the main part of the borehole serves many purposes, cf. Chapter 2. One of the most essential objectives is to provide (in principle) continuous rock samples, i.e. drill cores, down to the borehole bottom, which allows a lithological, structural and rock mechanical characterization of the bedrock. The drill cores are also used for determination of transport properties of the rock and, sometimes, for the study of chemical characteristics of the pore water in the rock matrix.

Core drilling with a wireline system involves recovery of the core barrel via the drilling pipe string, inside which it is hoisted up with the wireline winch. During drilling of borehole KFM06C, a 3 m triple tube core barrel was used. The nominal core diameter for the  $\varnothing$  77.3 mm part of the borehole is 50.8 mm. Minor deviations from this diameter may, however, occur.

Like the percussion drilling, the core drilling is associated with a programme for sampling, measurements and other activities during and immediately after drilling, cf. SKB MD 620.003 (Table 1-1). However, for different reasons, during drilling of KFM06C some deviations from this programme could not be avoided. In order to elucidate the nonconformities, the programme according to the Method Description is presented in Section 4.2.4, Table 4-1, together with the actual performance when drilling KFM06C.

Results of mapping of the drill core samples are presented in /4/, whereas the remaining measurements and registrations during core drilling are presented in Chapter 5.

Besides the activities mentioned in Table 4-1, cleaning of the flushing water system using 2% (by volume) Sodium-hypochlorite solution was performed prior to drill start.

The concluding work included the following items:

- 1) The borehole was flushed for about 10 hours during simultaneous air-lift pumping in order to clean it from drilling debris adhered to the borehole walls, sedimented at the bottom of the hole or suspended in the water. After finished flushing/air-lift pumping, the recovery of the groundwater table was registered as an estimate of the hydraulic conditions of the entire borehole. The results are presented in Chapter 5.
- 2) The drill string was pulled.
- 3) The inner support casing was removed with aid of a crane lorry.

- 4) The outer support casing was removed with the same crane lorry.
- 5) The discharge head was removed.
- 6) Using the drill rig, a stainless steel transition cone was installed between the reamed and cased percussion drilled respectively the cored part of the borehole, as shown in Figure 5-4. The cone is located at 97.02–102.02 m.
- 7) The borehole was again secured with the lockable stainless steel flange.
- 8) The core drilling equipment was removed, the site cleaned and a joint inspection made by SKB and the contractor.

#### 4.2.4 Nonconformities

The core drilling operation resulted in a number of nonconformities with the Method Description. These deviations are presented in Table 4-1 below.

**Table 4-1. Programme for sampling, measurements, registrations and other activities during and immediately after core drilling according to SKB MD 620.003 compared to the actual performance during drilling of borehole KFM06C.**

Activity	Performance and frequency according to SKB MD 620.004	Performance and frequency during drilling of KFM06C
Registration of drilling- and flushing water parameters.	Described in Section 3.3.2. Registration during the entire drilling.	According to programme.
Registration of the groundwater level in the borehole during drilling.	Every 10 <sup>th</sup> second.	According to programme.
Core sampling.	Continuous sampling of the entire drilled section.	According to programme.
Deviation measurements.	Normally performed every 100 m and after completion of drilling.	One measurement after completion of drilling with the MAXIBOR system and one measurement with the FLEXIT system.
Measurements of the difference in length between the compressed drilling pipe string and as extended by its own weight.	Normally performed every 100 m.	Values presented in Figure 5-17 are from material properties of the drill pipe string.
Hydraulic tests.	Normally performed every 100 m, and also when penetrating larger conductive fractures/zones. The tightness of the drilling pipe string should be controlled before each test.	One pumping test failed.
Water sampling.	Normally performed every 100 m, and also when penetrating larger conductive fractures/zones. The tightness of the drilling pipe string should be controlled before each test.	One sample was collected.
Absolute pressure measurements.	Normally during natural pauses in drilling.	One measurement was performed.
Groove milling in the borehole wall, normally at each 100 m.	Normally performed after completion of drilling.	Seventeen grooves performed. All grooves were detectable.
Collecting and weighing of drilling debris.	Drilling debris settled in containers weighed after completed drilling.	Not carried out for the percussion drilled part of the borehole. According to programme for the core drilled part.
Flushing of the entire borehole.	After finishing the borehole.	Ordinary flushing combined with nitrogen flushing.

The last item in Table 4-1 may be commented on. All drilling debris produced during drilling (percussion drilling as well as core drilling) was collected in the sedimentation containers of the return water system, see Figures 3-3 and 3-6 (except the finest fractions which stayed suspended in the discharge water from the third container). The collected drill cuttings from the core drilled part were weighed after completed drilling in order to obtain a measure of the drill cuttings recovery.

### **4.3 Data handling**

#### **4.3.1 Performance**

Minutes for several items with the headlines Activities, Cleaning of the equipment, Drilling, Borehole, Core drilling penetration rate, Deliverance of field material and Discrepancy report were filled in by the field crew, and collected by the Activity Leader, who made a control of the information and caused it to be stored in the SKB database SICADA.

#### **4.3.2 Nonconformities**

None.

### **4.4 Environmental programme**

#### **4.4.1 Performance**

A program according to SKB's routine for environmental control was followed throughout the activity. A checklist was filled in and signed by the Activity Leader, who also filed it in the SKB archive.

#### **4.4.2 Nonconformities**

None.

### **4.5 Additional work**

To ensure that instruments used in the measuring and monitoring program can pass between the upper, wide section and the lower slim part of the telescopic borehole, a stainless steel cone was installed in the transition between the two units of borehole KFM06C. Finally, the borehole was logged with a dummy to ensure that the borehole was free from obstacles before the drilling rig was removed.

Even if the quality program was applied as described above and borehole KFM06C was approved, it later turned out that some metal material still remained in the borehole. Deviation measurements and geophysical logging could be carried out without problems in KFM06C. However, during descending the BIPS-probe in the borehole, an obstacle was encountered, and the logging had to be interrupted. The obstacle was identified with a borehole camera as iron threads, which probably had come loose when lifting the inner support casing (see Section 3.3.2). The circular threads were probably resting on bottom of the transition cone, and just happened to follow the BIPS-probe into the slim borehole. To solve the problem temporarily, the threads were pressed to the borehole bottom by using a heavy weight, whereafter the BIPS-measurements were completed.



However, borehole measurements in KFM06C continued to be problematic. During the last planned borehole survey before installation of monitoring equipment, the POSIVA difference flow logging, the probe got stuck in the lower slim part of the transition cone. A sequence of restoring activities had to be undertaken before the accessibility of the borehole was fully restored. These measures are summarized in Table 4-2.

The upper and lower sections of the transition cone are joined together with bolts through the flanges. When installing the transition cone, the flange is resting on the bottom of the wider percussion drilled part of the telescopic borehole. It is believed that the core drilled part of the telescopic borehole was not exactly centered at the bottom of the percussion drilled borehole, and that this caused a bending of the slim part of the transition cone, which may have been the reason for the difficulties for some probes (those with a large diameter) to pass through the cone.

**Table 4-2. Different activities when the accessibility of borehole KFM06C was restored.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Exchanged part</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2005-12-01 to 2005-12-05	New lower slim transition cone tube	Installed with a percussion drill rig
2005-12-20 to 2005-12-22	New transition cone	Installed with a percussion drill rig
2006-01-24 to 2006-02-01	Smooth-polishing of the inside of the transition cone	Performed with a percussion drill rig
2006-02-13 to 2006-02-22	Decreased diameter of the transition cone flange	Installed with an Atlas Copco B20 core drill rig. To rinse the borehole bottom from metal junk, a short drill core was recovered, entailing that the borehole was extended to 1,000.91 m length

## 5 Results

This chapter is structured as follows:

- Section 5.1 – an overview of the drilling progress of KFM06C.
- Section 5.2 – geometrical data and technical design of KFM06C.
- Section 5.3 – results from percussion drilling of KFM06C.
- Section 5.4 – results from core drilling of KFM06C.

Well Cad-plots are composite diagrams presenting the most important technical and geoscientific results from drilling and investigations made during and immediately after drilling. Well Cad-presentations of borehole KFM06C are shown in:

- Appendix A (percussion drilled part of KFM06C).
- Appendix B (the complete KFM06C).
- Appendix C (absolute pressure, borehole section 351.0–636.0 m).

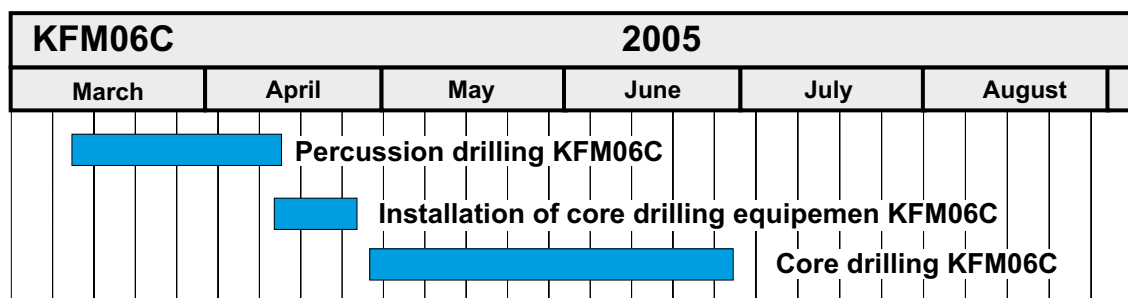
### 5.1 Drilling progress KFM06C

Drilling of borehole KFM06C was carried out during two periods, between March 9<sup>th</sup> 2005 and April 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 (percussion drilling) respectively April 27<sup>th</sup> 2005 to June 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 (core drilling), see Figure 5-1.

#### 5.1.1 Percussion drilling period

Percussion drilling is normally a rapid drilling method compared to core drilling. However, the relatively complex approach applied for the drilling, and especially the grouting sequences when drilling KFM06C, resulted in a rather long total working period.

The durations of the different operations of the percussion drilling from 2005-03-09 to 2005-04-13 are presented in Figure 5-2.



*Figure 5-1. Overview of the drilling performance of boreholes KFM06C.*

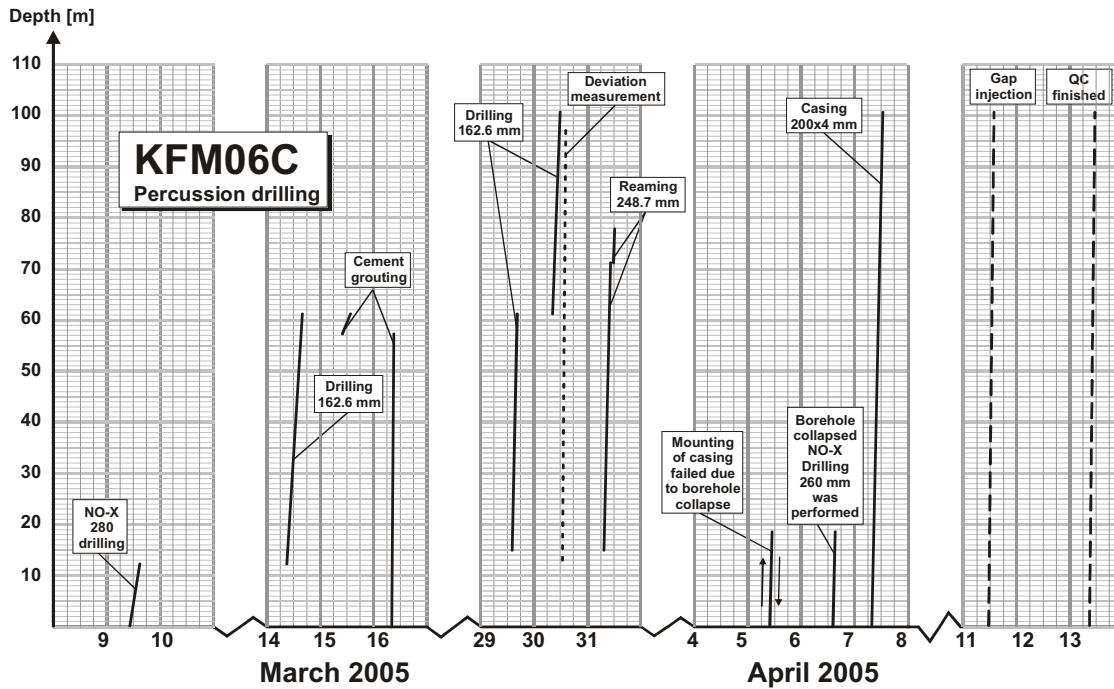


Figure 5-2. Percussion drilling progress (depth and activity versus calendar time).

### 5.1.2 Core drilling period

After percussion drilling of section 0–100.40 m, after which followed a break of four months, core drilling commenced. The progress of the core drilling from 2005-04-27 to 2005-06-29, is presented in Figure 5-3. The pace of drilling decreases versus time, due to that with increasing borehole length, retrieval of the core barrel, e.g. for change of drill bit, becomes more and more time consuming.

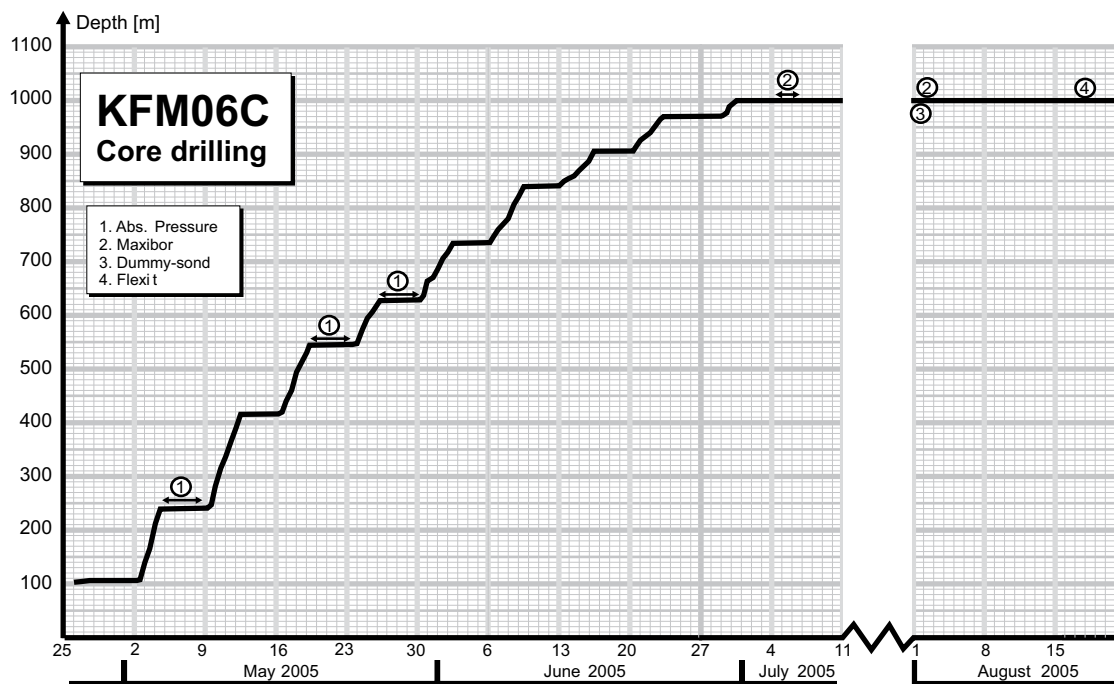


Figure 5-3. Core drilling progress (depth versus calendar time). ① WL-test, ② deviation measurement (MAXIBOR), ③ accessibility check with dummy, ④ deviation measurement (Flexit).

## 5.2 Geometrical and technical design of borehole KFM06C

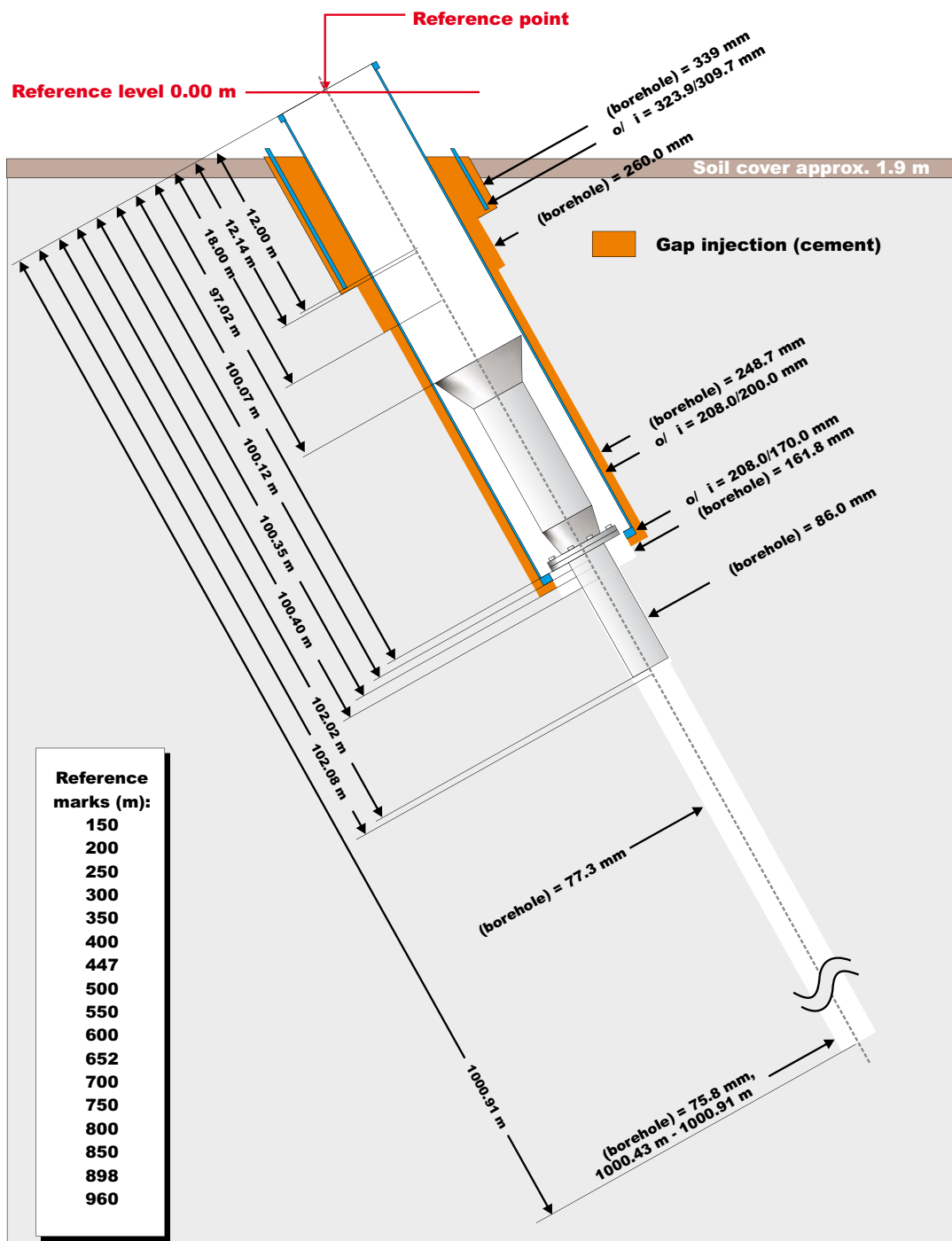
Administrative, geometric and technical data for the telescopic borehole KFM06C are presented in Table 5-1. The technical design is illustrated in Figure 5-4.

**Table 5-1. Administrative, geometric and technical data for borehole KFM06C.**

Parameter	KFM06C
Borehole name	KFM06C
Location	Forsmark, Östhammar municipality, Sweden
Drill start date	March 9, 2005
Completion date	June 29, 2005
Percussion drilling period	2005-03-09 to 2005-04-13
Core drilling period	2005-04-27 to 2005-06-29
Contractor core drilling	Drillcon Core AB
Subcontractor percussion drilling	Sven Andersson i Uppsala AB
Percussion drill rig	Commacchio 1500 S
Core drill rig	Onram 2000 CCD
Position KFM06C at top of casing (RT90 2.5 gon V 0:–15/RHB 70)	N 6699740.96 E 1632437.03 Z 4.09 (m.a.s.l.) Azimuth (0–360°): 26.07° Dip (0–90°): –60.12°
Position KFM06C at bottom of hole (RT90 2.5 gon V 0:–15/RHB 70)	N 6700117.70 E 1632906.55 Z –776.41 (m.a.s.l.) Azimuth (0–360°): 71.67° Dip (0–90°): –44.68°
Borehole length	1,000.43 m 1,000.91 m extended 2006-03-09
Borehole diameter and length	From 0.00 m to 12.14 m: 0.339 m From 12.14 m to 18.00 m: 0.260 m From 18.00 m to 100.35 m: 0.249 m From 100.35 m to 100.40 m: 0.162 m From 100.40 m to 102.08 m: 0.086 m From 102.08 m to 1,000.43 m: 0.077 m From 1,000.43 m to 1,000.91 m: 0.076 m
Casing diameter and drilling length	$\varnothing_o/\varnothing_i = 323.9 \text{ mm}/309.7 \text{ mm}$ to 12.00 m $\varnothing_o/\varnothing_i = 208.0 \text{ mm}/200.0 \text{ mm}$ to 100.07 m Casing shoe $\varnothing_i = 208.0 \text{ mm}/170.0 \text{ mm}$ between 100.07 and 100.12 m
Transition cone inner diameter	At 97.02 m: 0.195 m From 2006-03-09 At 102.02 m: 0.080 m
Drill core dimension	100.40–102.08 m/ $\varnothing$ 70 mm 102.08–1,000.43 m/ $\varnothing$ 51 mm 1,000.43–1,000.91 m/ $\varnothing$ 50.5 mm
Core interval	100.40–1,000.91 m
Average length of core recovery	2.57 m
Number of runs	349
Diamond bits used	22
Average bit life	40.90 m

# Technical data

## Borehole KFM06C



### Drilling reference point

**Northing:** 6699740.96 (m), RT90 2,5 gon V 0:-15  
**Easting:** 1632437.03 (m), RT90 2,5 gon V 0:-15  
**Elevation:** 4.09 (m), RHB 70

### Orientation

**Bearing (degrees):** 26.07°  
**Inclination (degrees):** -60.12°

### Borehole

**Length:** 1000.91 m

### Percussion drilling period

**Drilling start date:** 2005-03-09  
**Drilling stop date:** 2005-04-13

### Core drilling period

**Drilling start date:** 2005-04-27  
**Drilling stop date:** 2005-06-29

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Figure 5-4. Technical data of borehole KFM06C.

## **5.3 Percussion drilling KFM06C 0–100.40 m**

### **5.3.1 Drilling**

As mentioned in Section 4.1.3, the upper part to 12.14 m of the borehole was drilled and cased according to NO-X 280. During pilot drilling, an unstable section with increased fracturing and a large water inflow of 600 L/min was encountered at 57 m length. The borehole was extended to 61.2 m whereafter the entire borehole was cement filled. Increased fracture frequencies were observed also when uncovering the bedrock surface during preparation of drill site DS6. The fracturing in the percussion drilled part of KFM06C is also in line with the results from the nearby borehole KFM06A and the percussion drilled borehole HFM16. When re-drilling the cement filled borehole and extending the borehole to 100.40 m with the pilot bit, still some instability was observed.

The borehole was therefore, after reaming to 248.7 mm, cased with a Ø 200/208 mm stainless steel casing to 100.12 m. Finally, the gap between the casing and the borehole wall was cement grouted, so that the water inflow ceased completely.

### **5.3.2 Measurements while drilling**

During, and immediately after drilling, a program for sampling and measurements was applied, cf. Section 4.1.3. Some of the results are displayed in the Well Cad-presentation in Appendix A (deviation measurements, penetration rate and rock type distribution), whereas other results (flow data and electrical conductivity) are used only as supporting data for on-site decisions. Below, the results of the deviation measurements made after completed percussion drilling of KFM06C are commented on.

### **5.3.3 Borehole deviation**

The end (bottom) point of the percussion borehole deviates mostly upwards and slightly to the right, with a radial distance of approximately 2.6 m compared to an imagined straight line following the dip and strike of the borehole collaring point (inclination  $-60.12^\circ$  and bearing  $26.07^\circ$ ).

## **5.4 Core drilling KFM06C 100.40–1,000.43 m**

### **5.4.1 Drilling**

The bedrock within the so called Forsmark tectonic lens has appeared to be relatively hard to drill, probably to a large extent depending on the high quartz content. As drill site DS6 is located in the centre of the tectonic lens, the bedrock composition was prior to drilling assumed to be of similar character. However, the upper 400 m of the bedrock at DS6 are more fractured than previously observed within the candidate area, which resulted in longer life-time of the drill bits down to c. 400 m than at greater depths. However, in average, the life-time was 40.9 m drilled metres per drill bit in KFM06C, which is 12 m more than in KFM06A.

On the whole, even if there is a positive trend for developing drill bits with longer life-time, core drilling in the Forsmark granite is still more time consuming and costly than in average granites.

### **5.4.2 Measurements while drilling**

During, and immediately after drilling, a program for sampling, measurements, registration of technical and geoscientific parameters and some other activities was applied, as described in Section 4.2.3. The results are presented in Sections 5.4.3–5.4.14 below.

Mapping of the drill core samples from KFM06C is presented in /4/.

### 5.4.3 Registration of drilling parameters

A selection of results from drilling parameter registration is presented in diagrams below. As regards the complete dataset of drilling parameters, it is referred to SICADA, where data are traceable by the activity plan number.

#### **Drill bit position versus time**

Figure 5-5 illustrates how drilling proceeded versus time. Generally, drilling ran 24 hours a day from Monday to Thursday with a weekend stop from Thursday night to Monday morning. Figure 5-5 serves as a basis for Figure 5-3, to which it should be compared.

#### **Penetration rate**

The penetration rate, see Figure 5-6, was in average almost the same as during drilling of KFM01A /5/. Initially, the penetration rate started with 12–13 cm/min, but fell successively back to c. 10 cm/min, corresponding to the increasing frictional resistance of the return water flow, which is conducted in the narrow gap between the borehole wall and the pipe string. In addition, KFM06C has a large borehole deviation and this reduces the retrieval of drill cuttings and slows down the penetration rate, in spite of the fact that the borehole diameter was increased from c. 76 mm in KFM01A to 77.3 mm in KFM06C.

#### **Feed force**

In Figure 5-7 the feed force is plotted versus borehole length. As the software for the steering system had been upgraded, resulting in a better control of the drilling parameters, the level of feed force when drilling KFM06C was lower compared with the feed force registered when drilling the previous boreholes KFM01A to KFM04A, but higher than in KFM06A, situated nearby at drill site DS6.

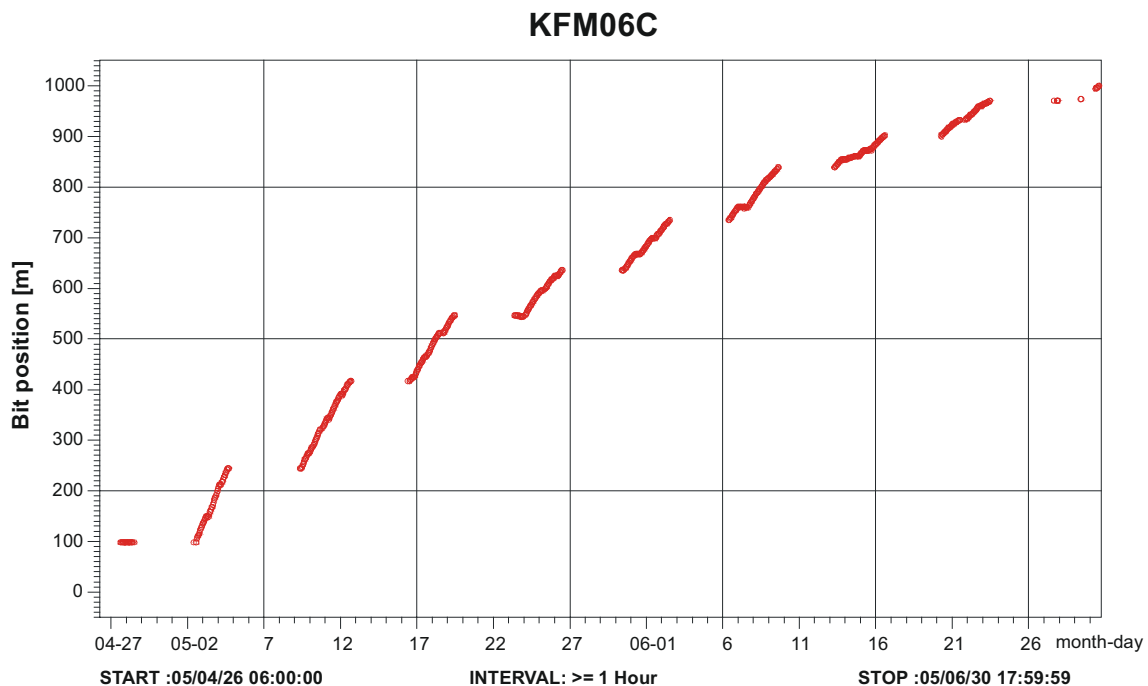
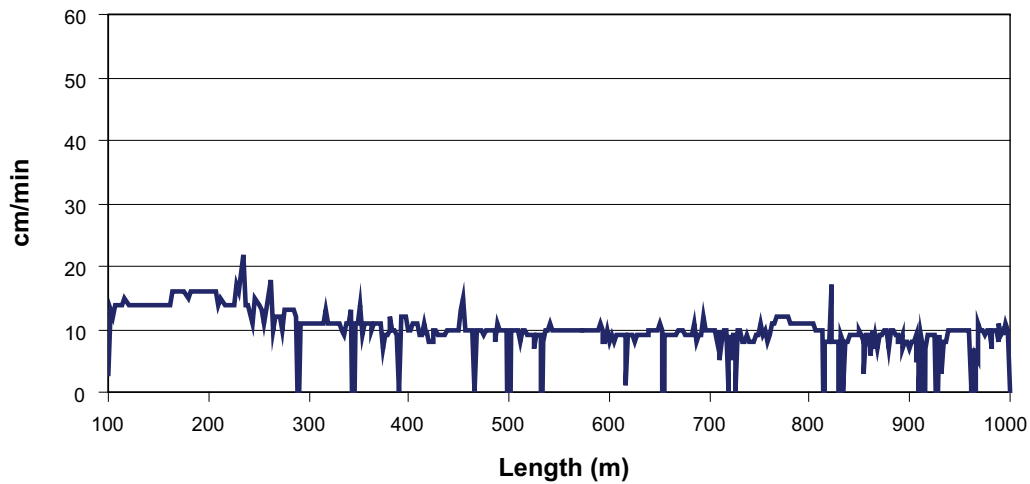


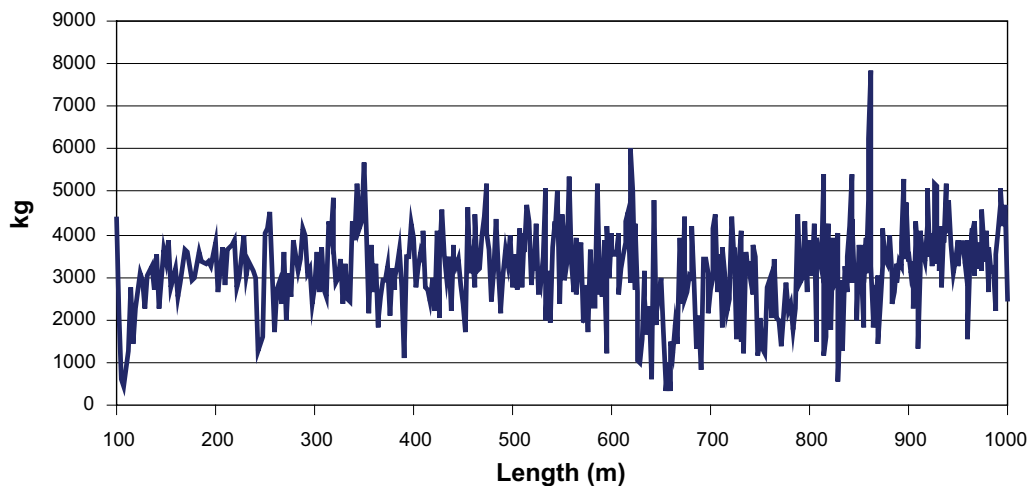
Figure 5-5. Drill bit positioning in KFM06C versus time.

### Penetration Rate



*Figure 5-6. Penetration rate during core drilling of KFM06C.*

### Feed Force



*Figure 5-7. Feed force versus borehole length during drilling of borehole KFM06C.*

From start at 100 m the feed force is significantly lower than later, which probably reflects the more fractured and permeable rock in the upper part of the borehole. Thereafter the feed force down to 620 m is smoothly undulating, followed by significantly lower values in section 620–780 m when the borehole probably is drilled close to more fractured rock connected to fracture zone 60. Finally, from 780 m the feed force shows an increasing trend, probably caused by lager friction as the borehole deviation increases with length.

### Rotation speed

The rotation speed diagram, Figure 5-8, shows from start an almost constant rotation speed of 850 rpm, which however is raised to c. 1,000 rpm at c. 220 m. After that there is a slowly decreasing trend, except for a sudden drop at c. 300 m. Finally, from 800 m the rotation speed shows a significantly decreasing trend, probably caused by lager friction as the borehole deviation increases with length. Also the drill crew felt that the maximum capacity of the rig had to be used in order to reach the planned borehole length. Sudden drops in the curve represent drilling shut off.



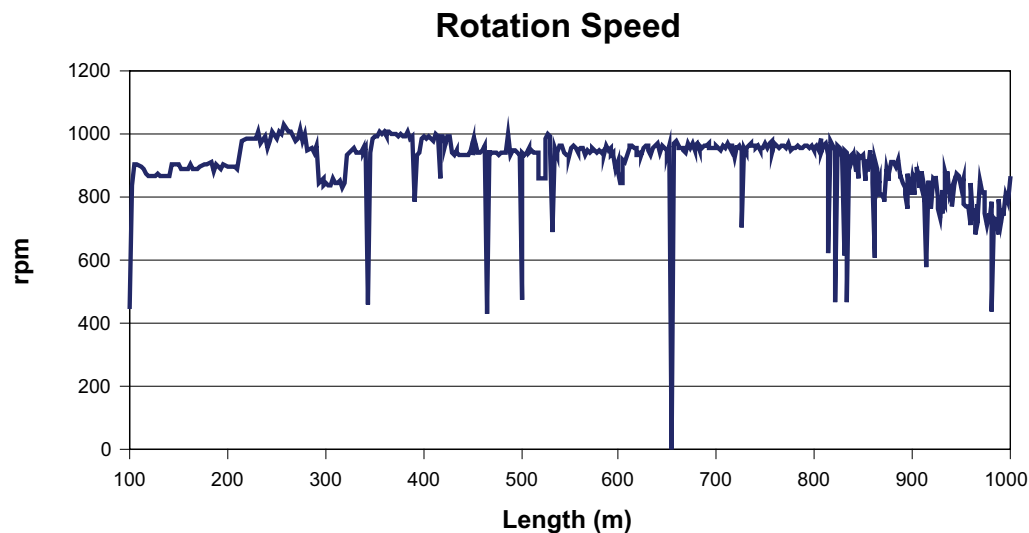


Figure 5-8. Rotation speed versus borehole length during drilling of borehole KFM06C.

#### 5.4.4 Registration and sampling of flushing water and return water

##### **Flushing water and return water flow rate – water balance**

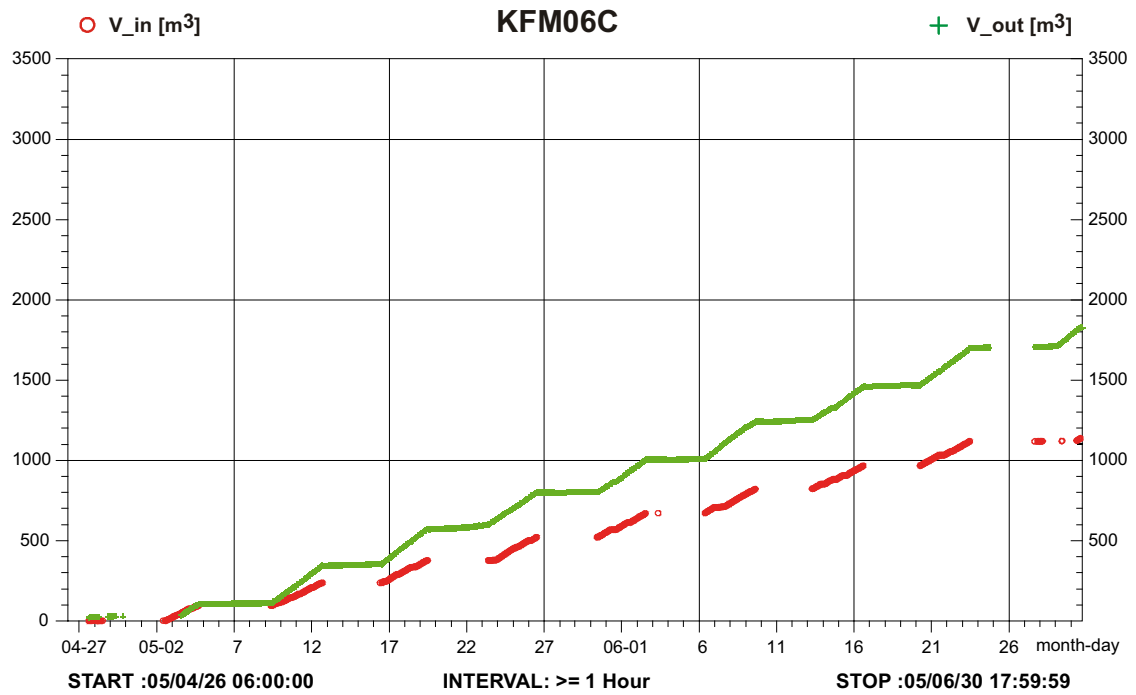
As borehole KFM06C is of SKB chemical type, it is important to estimate the amount of flushing water pumped into the borehole during drilling as well as the amount of return water recovered to permit a water balance calculation. A flow gauge in the measurement station, registered the flushing water flow rate, see Figure 3-3. The return water was measured by another flow meter, mounted on-line with the discharge pipeline, see Figures 3-3 and 3-6.

However, the return water is normally a mixture of flushing water and groundwater from the formation penetrated by the borehole. In order to estimate the amount of remaining flushing water in the formation and in the borehole after drilling, one must also study the content of the Uranine tracer in the flushing water and return water. This enables a mass balance calculation from which the flushing water content in the borehole can be determined.

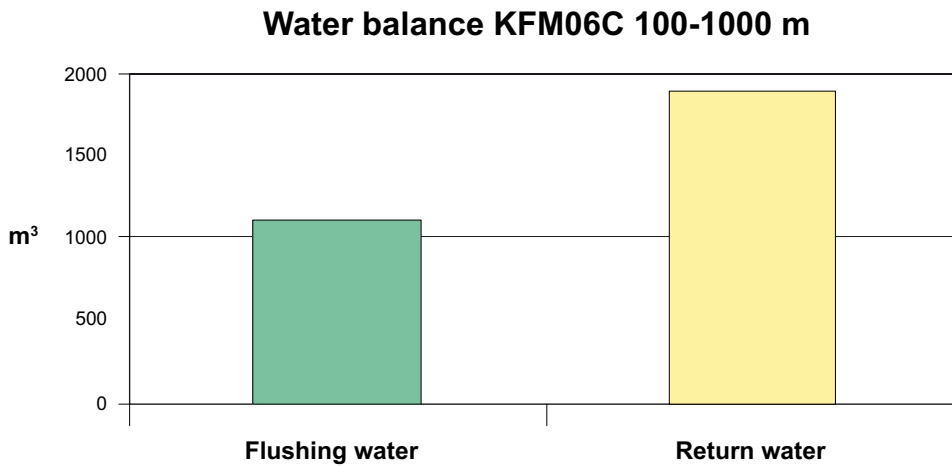
Figure 5-9 illustrates the accumulated volume of flushing water and return water versus time during core drilling, while Figure 5-10 displays the accumulated volumes of flushing water and return water from the entire drilling period, giving a return water/flushing water quotient of 1.69 [1,861 L/1,100 L] (results from Uranine measurements are presented in the next section).

However, in Figure 5-9 a loss of flushing water at shallow depths in the borehole is observed, as well as a significant excess of return water at depths exceeding c. 350 m, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2005. This reflects the fact that when the drill bit position is close to water conductive fractures in the borehole, flushing water is forced into these fractures, because the flushing water pressure much exceeds that of the formation. When the drill bit has passed this section, the pressure gradient will eventually be reversed due to the air-lift pumping in the upper part of the borehole. If no other highly water conductive fractures are penetrated, where flushing water losses may occur, larger amounts of return water (groundwater and flushing water) are then extracted from the borehole than flushing water is supplied to it.

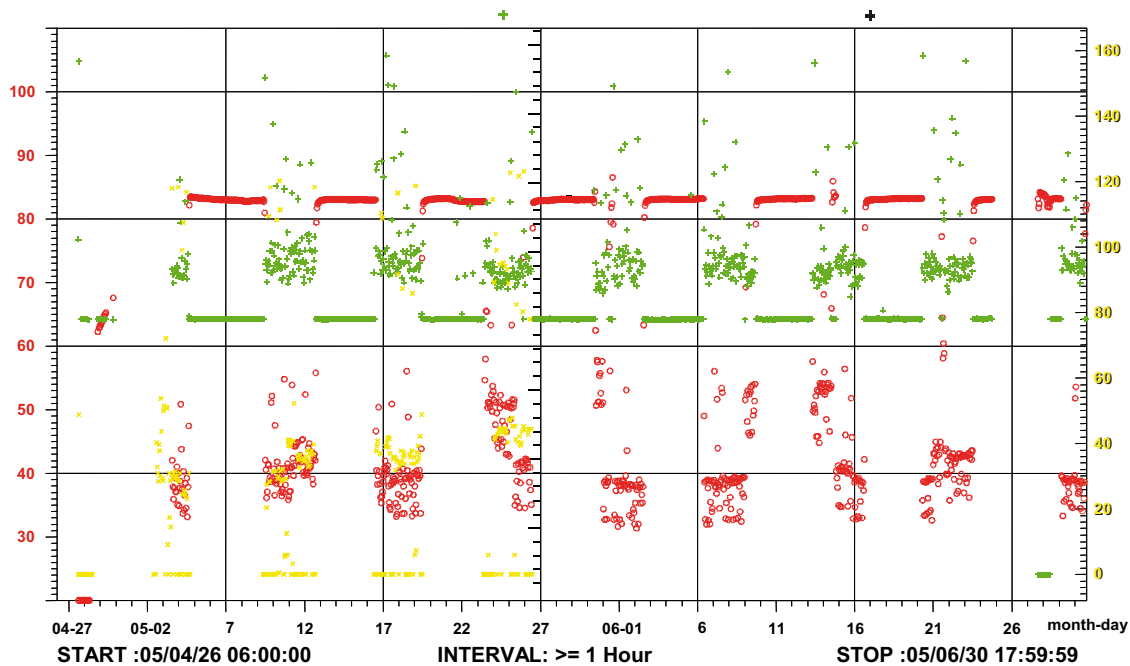
Figure 5-11 illustrates the variations of flushing water and return water flow rate together with variations of the groundwater table during core drilling of borehole KFM06C. The return water flow rate depends on the inflow into the borehole, as well as on the draw-down (accomplished by the air-lift pumping). To cool the drill bit and keep the borehole bottom clean, drilling usually requires a flushing water flow rate of c. 35 L/min. However, immediately after a core recovery, a temporarily higher flushing water flow rate is often applied.



**Figure 5-9.** Accumulated volumes of flushing water (red) and return water (green) versus time during core drilling of borehole KFM06C.



**Figure 5-10.** Total amounts of flushing water and return water during drilling of borehole KFM06C. The total volume of flushing water used during core drilling amounted to 1,100 m<sup>3</sup>. During the same period, the total volume of return water was 1,861 m<sup>3</sup>. The return water/flushing water balance is then as high as 1.69, mainly due to the large inflow of groundwater into the upper part of the borehole.



**Figure 5-11.** Groundwater table (red), flushing water flow rate (yellow) and return water flow rate (green) versus time during core drilling of borehole KFM06C.

As the upper 100 m of the borehole are cased and cement grouted, there was no return water inflow above the core drilled part of the borehole. Shortly after core drilling started, the return water flow rate was c. 40 L/min, indicating water yielding fractures just below 100 m. When core drilling commenced, the water inflow increased simultaneously as the groundwater table draw-down was larger. However, after the summer holidays both the return water flow rate and the draw-down stabilized. The results indicate absence of major groundwater inflows to the borehole at larger depths.

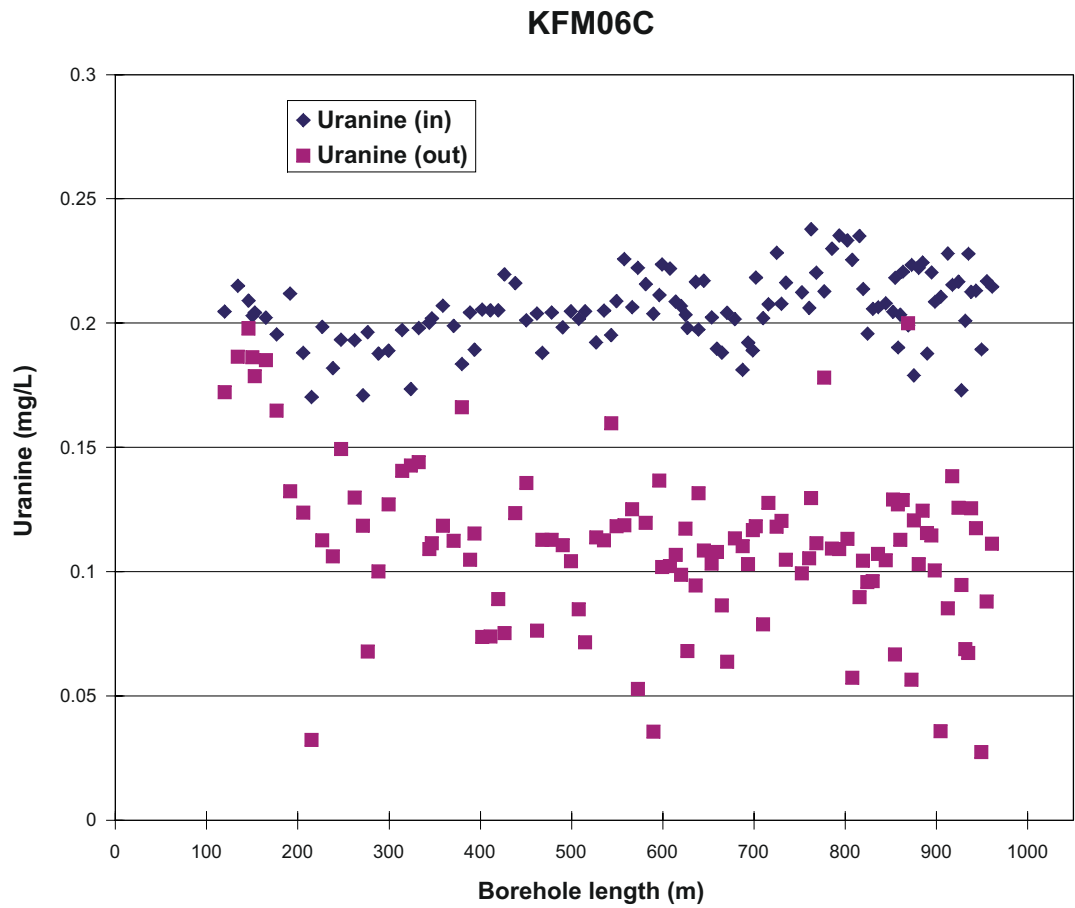
### **Uranine content of flushing water and return water – mass balance**

During the drilling period, sampling and analysis of flushing water and return water for analysis of the content of Uranine was performed systematically with a frequency of approximately one sample per every fourth hour during the drilling period, see Figure 5-12. Like in boreholes KFM02A, KFM03A, KFM04A, KFM05A and KFM06A, a dosing feeder controlled by a flow meter was used for labelling the flushing water with Uranine to a concentration of 0.2 mg/L.

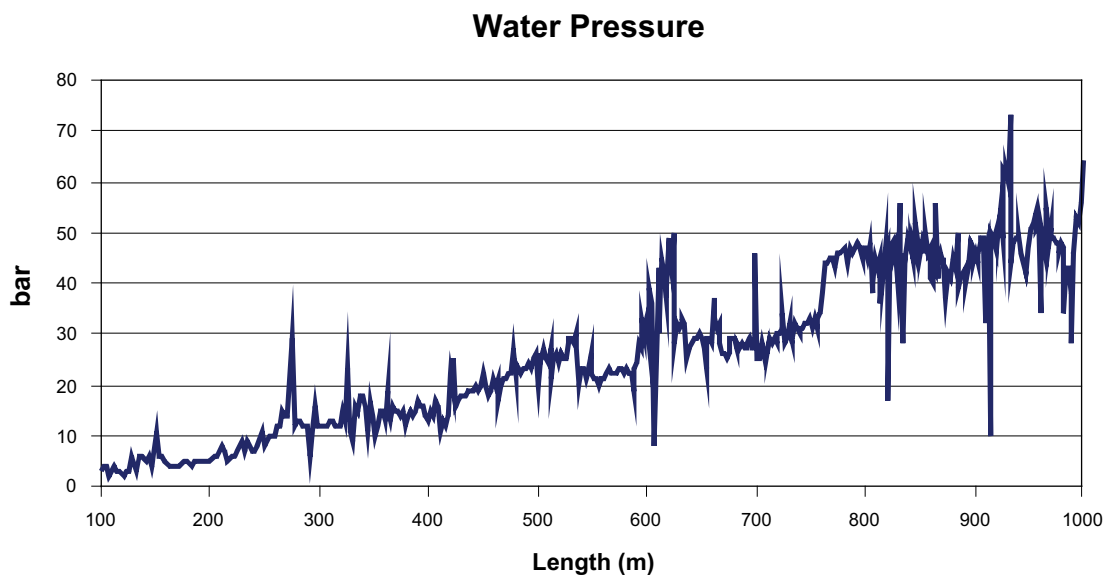
A mass balance calculation of the accumulated volumes of flushing water and recovered flushing water in the return water suggests that minimum 115 m<sup>3</sup> of flushing water was lost in the borehole. According to notations in the log book, the amount of Uranine added to the borehole was 238 g. If the averages of the Uranine concentration values in the flushing water and in the return water are used to calculate the amount of Uranine added to and recovered from the borehole, the calculations give 238 g and 227 g respectively.

### **Flushing water pressure**

The flushing water pressure measured during drilling of borehole KFM06C is exposed in Figure 5-13. Like in boreholes KFM02A, KFM03A, KFM04A, KFM05A, KFM06A, KFM07A and KFM08A the borehole diameter was 77.3 mm, i.e. increased c. 1 mm compared to borehole KFM01A. This resulted in lower flushing water pressure than in KFM01A.



**Figure 5-12.** Uranine content in the flushing water consumed and the return water recovered versus drilling length during drilling of borehole KFM06C. An automatic dosing equipment, controlled by a flow meter, accomplished the labelling with Uranine.



**Figure 5-13.** Flushing water pressure versus drilling length when drilling KFM06C.

After an almost continuous increase of flushing water pressure versus borehole length, this trend was interrupted in section 540–590 m and in section 630–740 m, probably as an effect of more fractured and permeable bedrock.

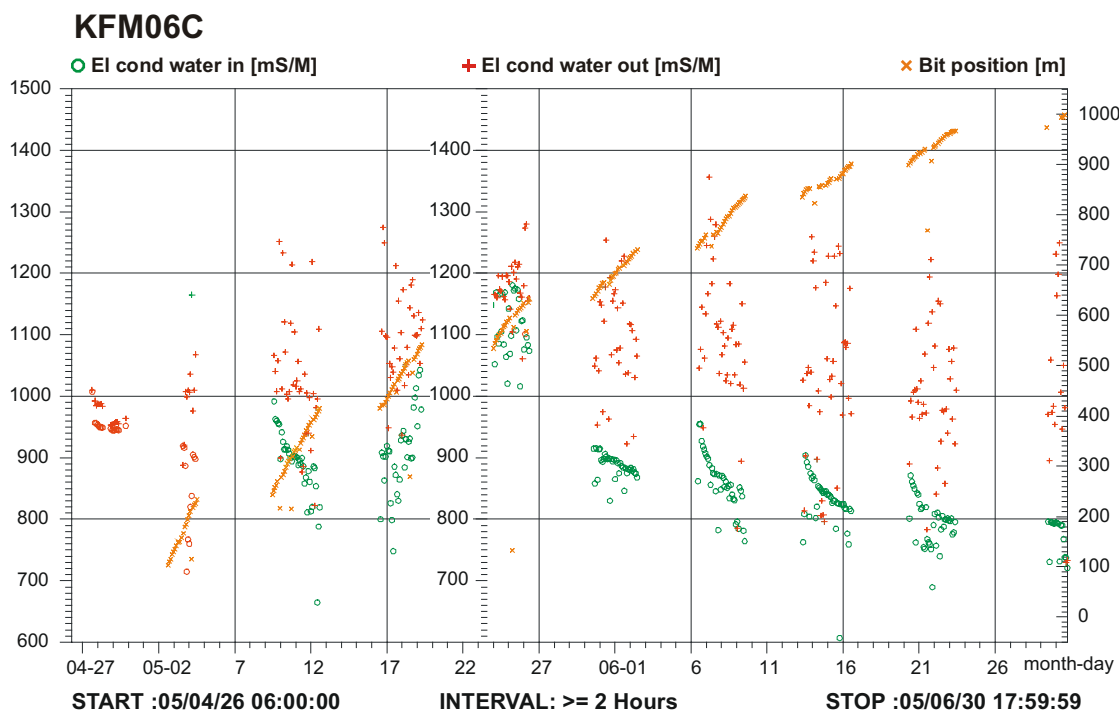
When the drilling passed these more fractured sections, the flushing water pressure raised c. 15 bars and was almost constant during the remaining drilling period. The final water pressure was 10–20 bars higher than in the deeper parts of boreholes KFM02A and KFM03A, which was the case also in KFM04A and KFM05A. A possible explanation to this may be that the four boreholes KFM04A, KFM05A, KFM06A and KFM06C are more inclined than the previous boreholes (c. 60° compared to 85° from the horizon), which makes recovery of drill cuttings more difficult, demanding higher water pressures and increased flow rates.

### Electric conductivity of flushing water

Flushing water was supplied from percussion borehole HFM05 (cf. Section 3.3.2). A sensor in the measurement station registered the electric conductivity (EC) of the flushing water on-line before the flushing water entered the borehole, see Figure 3-3.

Another sensor for registration of the electric conductivity of the return water (see Figure 5-14) was positioned between the surge diverter (discharge head) and the sedimentation containers, see Figure 3-3.

The electrical conductivity (salinity) of the flushing water from the 200.10 m deep supply well HFM05 with its major inflow at c. 156 m has from start a significantly decreasing trend during the weekly pumping (Monday to Thursday around the clock) of flushing water. At the beginning of the week the EC-value is c. 950 mS/m but decreases to around 800 mS/m by the end of the week. This indicates that by increasing draw-down in HFM05, the proportion of shallow, less saline water increases. During the week-end stops, the salinity recovers to the normal, undisturbed EC-level.



**Figure 5-14.** Electrical conductivity of flushing water from HFM05 and return water from KFM06C. The amount of values in the dataset has been reduced as well as cleaned from outliers.

The average electrical conductivity of the return water is increasing to c. 300 m but is then almost constant during the remaining drilling period. The most probable explanation is that the shallow groundwater inflow dominates completely in KFM06C.

**Content of dissolved oxygen in flushing water**

In Figure 5-15, the level of dissolved oxygen is plotted versus time. The content of dissolved oxygen has generally been kept between 3–4.5 mg/L. Only during one week in late June the dissolved oxygen content raised above the approved upper limit of 5 mg/L, probably because of lack of nitrogen.

**Flushing water quality**

The results from chemical analyses of flushing water from the supply well HFM05 are compiled in /6/. The flushing water was sampled during drilling, for the following reasons:

- Initially, to check if the quality was satisfactory. The main concern is the content of organic constituents, which should be low, preferably below 5 mg/L. The reason is that introduction of hydrocarbons may affect the microbiological flora in the borehole, which would obstruct a reliable characterization of the in situ microbiological conditions.
- To monitor the groundwater chemical composition during drilling. The chemical composition of the flushing water is important when estimating the effect, or correcting for the effect, of remaining flushing water in water samples collected from borehole KFM06C for chemical analyses.

The microbe content in the flushing water was not determined during drilling of KFM06C. The microbe results from drilling of the preceding boreholes KFM05A and KFM06A /7, 8/ showed convincingly that the cleaning procedure works well. It was therefore concluded that check of microbes at all drilling occasions was no longer necessary. Analysis of the microbe content reveals the abundance of microorganisms included in the flushing water pumped into the core drilled borehole. The microorganisms originate partly from the flushing water well and partly from the flushing water supply system between the well and the core drilled borehole.

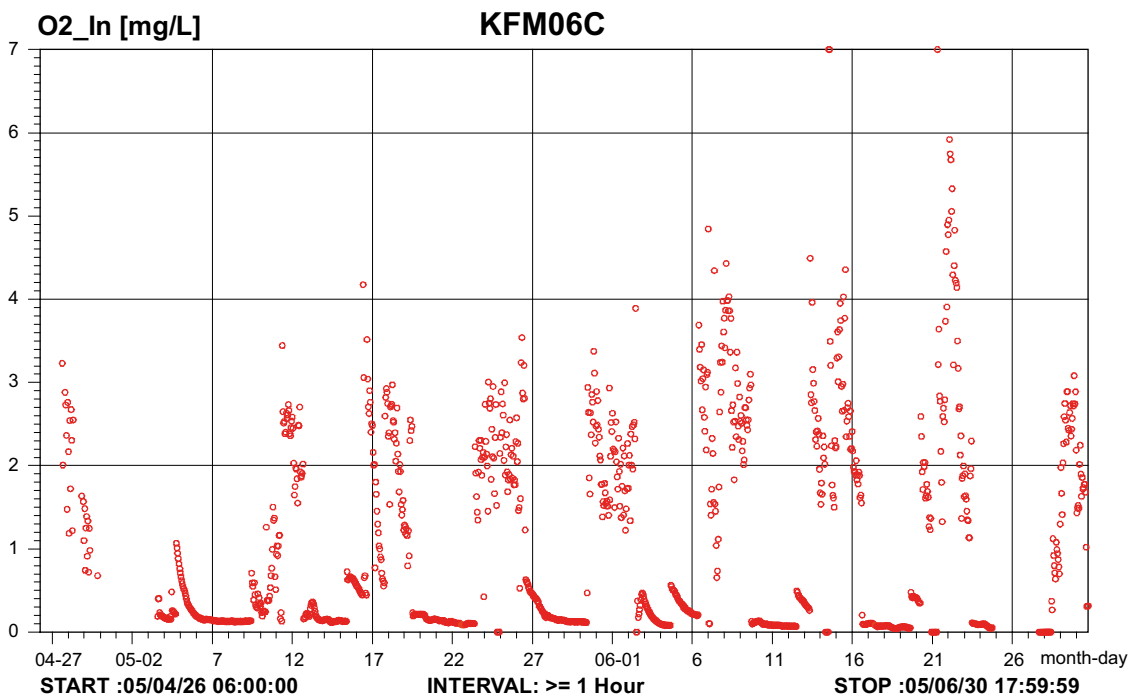


Figure 5-15. Dissolved oxygen content in the flushing water versus time when drilling KFM06C.

The results concerning organic constituents and water composition are presented and commented on below.

**Organic constituents**

The percussion borehole HFM05 has been used before as flushing water supply well and the concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) was known to be sufficiently low. Three samples were collected during the drilling period and the TOC concentration was in the range 3.4–6.4 mg/L. The flushing water well was used without further measures (e.g. using an active carbon filter system for reduction of organic substances as was applied when drilling KFM01A /5/).

**Chemical composition of flushing water**

The flushing water was sampled at three occasions during drilling. As shown in Appendix C, the chemical composition of the groundwater from HFM05 changed somewhat during the drilling period. For example, the chloride concentration decreased from 3,980 to 2,580 mg/L from the first to the third and last sample.

**5.4.5 Groundwater sampling and analyses during drilling**

One first strike sample was collected from a packed off section of KFM06C at 531.20–546.27 m borehole length during the drilling period, cf. Table 4-1.

**5.4.6 Registration of the groundwater level in KFM06C**

To enhance the recovery of drill cuttings from the borehole, air-flush (mammoth) pumping was applied during the entire drilling period. The pumping capacity was checked by registration of the groundwater level in the borehole, below plotted versus time of the drilling period (Figure 5-16).

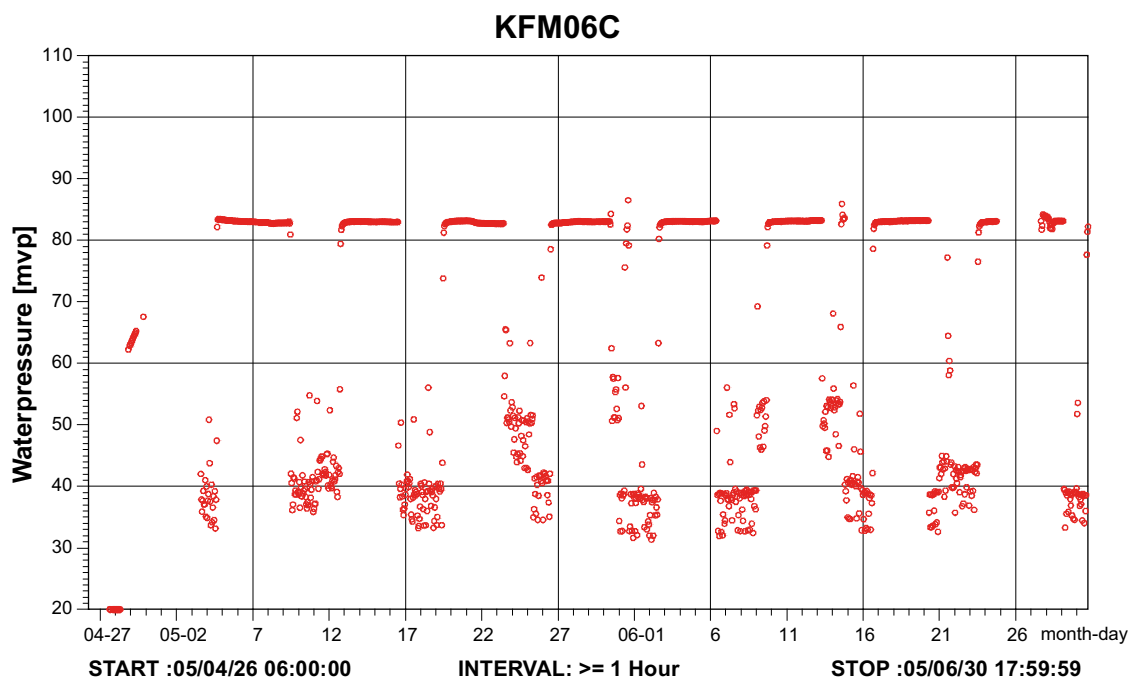


Figure 5-16. Variation of the level of the groundwater table in KFM06C during drilling.

From the beginning, the mammoth pumping was set at the maximum draw-down, but after the major inflow in the upper part, the draw-down was adjusted to approximately 35–45 m below top of casing. Shortly before the end of drilling, the draw-down again decreased, to approximately 35 m. Drilling was performed continuously during Monday–Thursday. During the weekend stop of drilling and pumping, the groundwater table recovered rapidly due to recharge of groundwater into the borehole, resulting in the (positive) peaks in the diagram. This confirms that the total inflow of formation water in the upper part of the borehole (but below the upper cased and grouted parts) was high. When pumping was restarted, a rapid draw-down occurred.

#### **5.4.7 Core sampling**

The average drill core length per run obtained from the drilling was 2.57 m. Due to the low fracture frequency at depth, fifteen 3 m long unbroken cores were recovered. Fracture minerals were relatively well preserved. Rotation marks on the drill core occurred, but with a low frequency. A preliminary on-site core logging was performed continuously.

#### **5.4.8 Recovery of drill cuttings**

The theoretical volume of the percussion drilled and reamed part of the borehole (0–100 m) is c. 5 m<sup>3</sup>. Weighing of drill cuttings and comparison with the weight of the theoretical volume was not carried out due to the relatively high water flow. This caused an uncontrolled overflow of return water with suspended drill cuttings, making it difficult to obtain reliable results of drill cuttings estimations. However, it seems probable that the percussion drilled part was well cleaned from debris, since casing driving and gap grouting to full borehole length worked well, without obstruction from settled drill cuttings.

The theoretical difference in volume of the core drilled part of KFM06C and the drill core is calculated to be 2.232 m<sup>3</sup>. This volume should correspond to the amount of drill cuttings produced during drilling. If a density of 2,650 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (approximate figure for granitites in the Forsmark area) is applied, the total weight of the theoretical amount of debris is estimated at 5,914 kg. The calculated dry weight of the debris from the core drilling recovered and weighed in the containers is 4,598 kg. The difference between the theoretically produced and recovered dry weight of debris is 1,316 kg, which gives a recovery of 78%.

The recovery figure could be commented on. The dwell time in the container system is too short for sedimentation of the suspended finest fractions. No estimation was made of the amount of suspended material, but the true recovery is probably somewhat higher than 78%. It should also be observed, that weighing of the container including water and debris is associated with some uncertainty.

However, it seems plausible that some drilling debris has been injected into the fracture system of the formation, especially in the permeable sections with increased fracture frequency above c. 350 m in the borehole.

#### **5.4.9 Deviation measurements**

The quality control program of deviation measurements is mostly concentrated to the handling of the instrument as well as routines applied for the performance. It is not possible to execute an absolute control measurement, as no long borehole is available with access both to the borehole collar, as well as the borehole end. To increase the credibility of the deviation measurement an additional deviation method, based on magnetic accelerometer technique, is used. The surveying instrument used is the FLEXIT Smart Tool System. To ensure high quality measurements with the FLEXIT tool, the disturbances of the magnetic field must be small. In Uppsala, a measuring



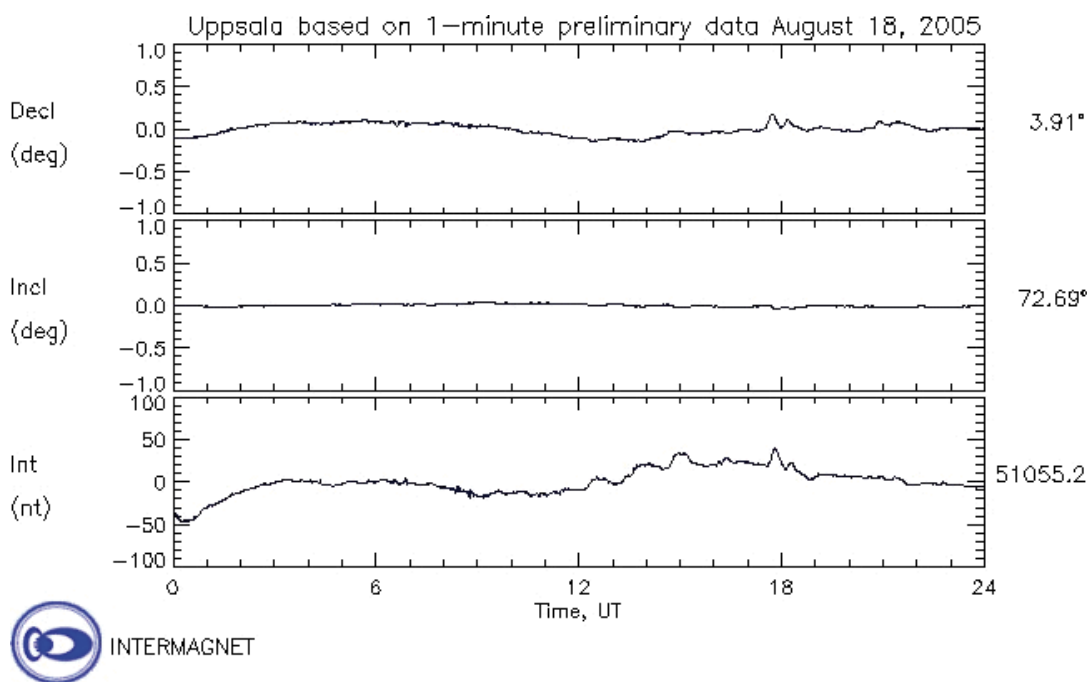
station provides one-minute magnetic field values that are available on the Internet at [www.intermagnet.org](http://www.intermagnet.org) and gives sufficient information. The magnetic field variation during Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 2005 is seen in Figure 5-17 and shows only minor disturbances when the FLEXIT survey in KFM06C was performed.

The deviation measurements made in borehole KFM06C with the Reflex MAXIBOR™ system show that the borehole deviates upwards and to the right with an “absolute deviation” of 274 m (Figures 5-18 and 5-19). The “absolute deviation” is here defined as the shortest distance in space between a point in the borehole at a certain borehole length and the imaginary position of that point if the borehole had followed a straight line with the same inclination and bearing as of the borehole collaring.

With the FLEXIT Smart Tool System, deviation measurements in borehole KFM06C were carried out every 3 m downwards and every 9 m upwards. These two surveys provided almost repeatable results, and the absolute deviation is 3.5 m. The measurement downwards with the highest density of measurement points was chosen for comparing the results between the MAXIBOR and FLEXIT.

The deviation measurements, summarized in Table 5-2, show inclination and bearing at the collaring as well as at approximately every 200 m along the borehole. Furthermore, the difference in absolute deviation (see definition above) between the two deviation measurement methods used is calculated.

The difference in the absolute deviation is increasing with borehole length. At the vertical depth close to assumed storage level for the repository, i.e. 500 m, the difference of the absolute deviation between the two methods is less than 4 m. Based on the results above the MAXIBOR survey has been chosen as “in use flagged data” in the SICADA database.



**Figure 5-17.** Magnetic field variation during the Flexit survey performed Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

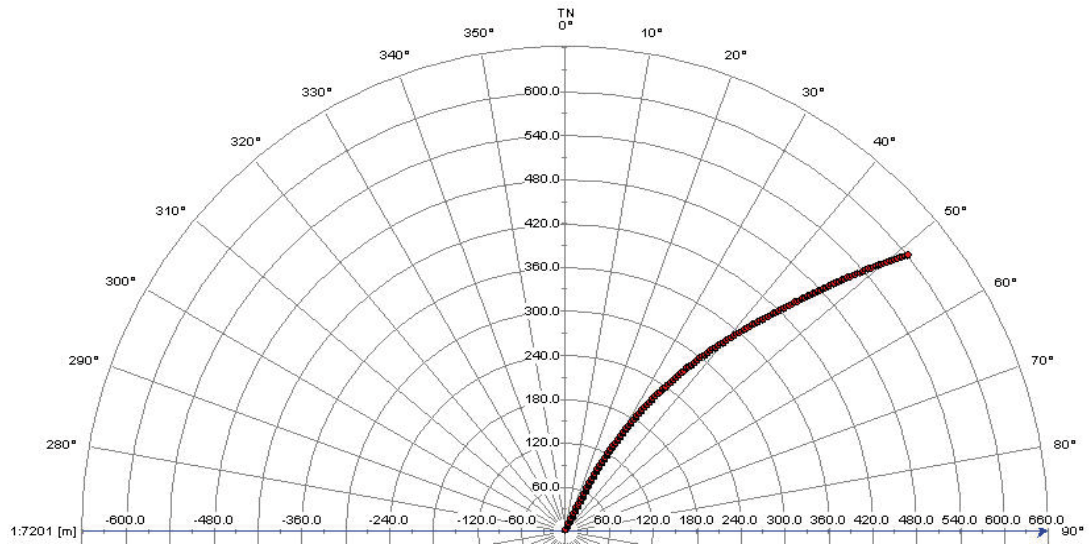


Figure 5-18. Horizontal projection of measured deviation of KFM06C (MAXIBOR).

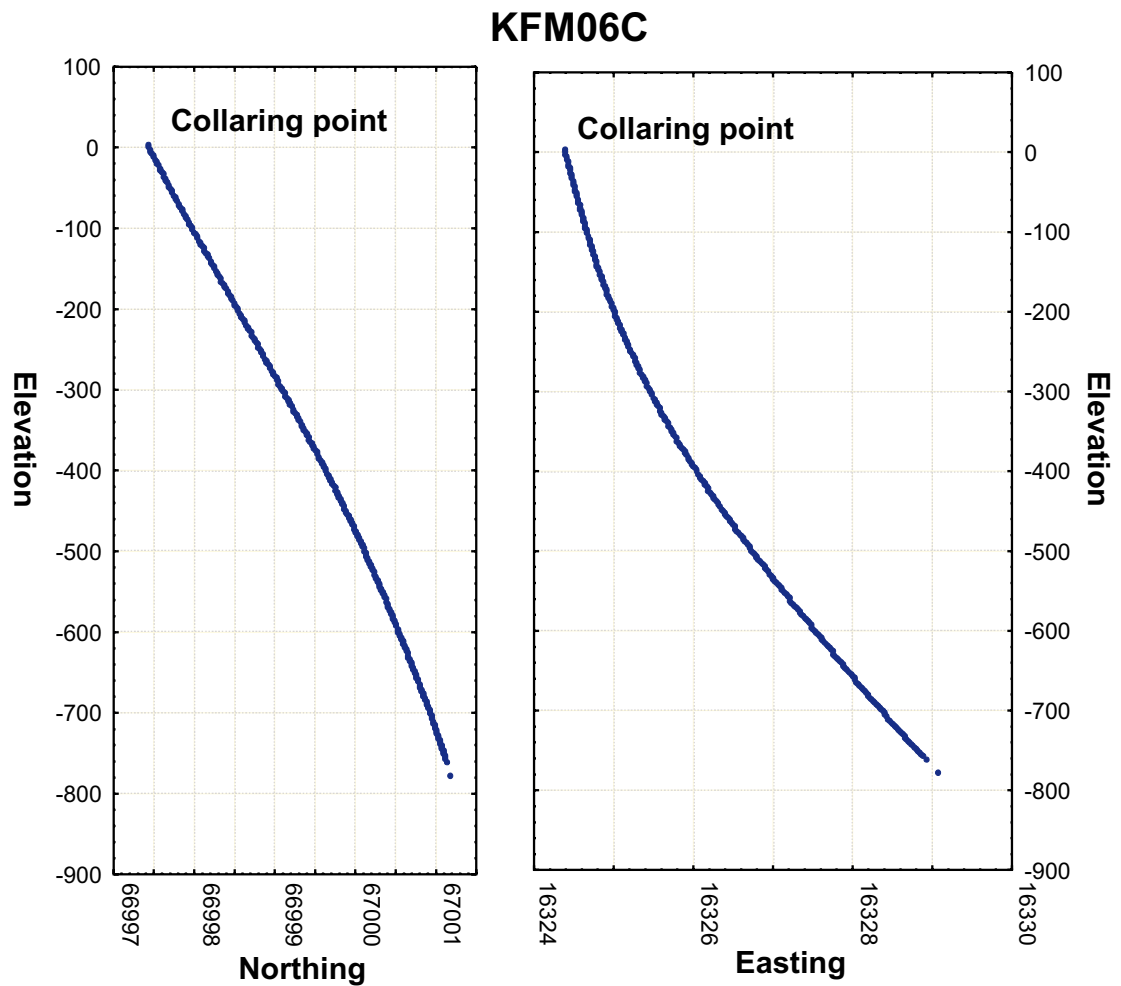


Figure 5-19. Two vertical projections of measured deviation in KFM06C (MAXIBOR).

**Table 5-2. Inclination and bearing of collaring and at approximately every 200 m of KFM06C, indicating the borehole deviation. Also the difference in absolute deviation between the MAXIBOR and FLEXIT systems is shown (see definition in text above).**

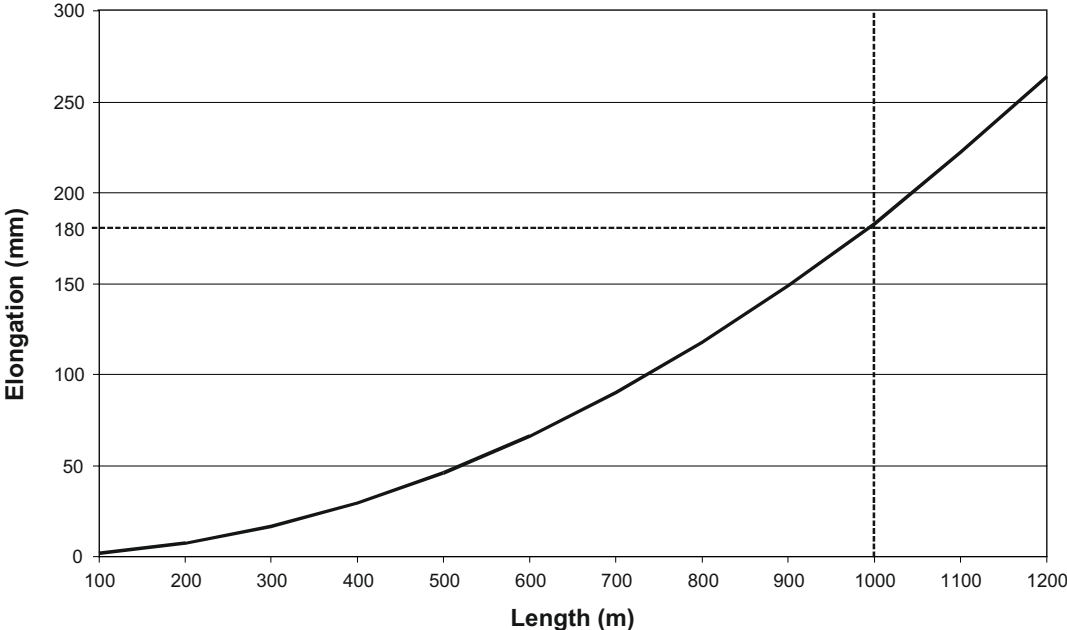
KFM06C borehole length (m)	Z (m)*	Inclination and bearing (FLEXIT)	Inclination and bearing (MAXIBOR)*	Diff. in absolute deviation between FLEXIT and MAXIBOR
0	4.09	-60.12°/26.07°	-60.12°/26.07°	
201	-166.75	-56.24°/32.40°	-55.98°/32.79°	1.65
402	-329.75	-52.43°/45.83°	-52.00°/45.64°	2.27
600	-482.34	-49.54°/60.14°	-49.02°/58.14°	3.78
801	-631.97	-48.74°/64.55°	-48.02°/63.08°	6.43
972	-756.08	-45.62°/72.42°	-44.80°/71.42°	10.18
1,000.91	-776.41	-44.86°/73.69°	-44.80°/71.42°	10.73

\* Maxibor measurement is in use flagged in SICADA. \*\* Calculated values.

**5.4.10 Measurements of the length difference between the compressed drilling pipe string and as extended by its own weight**

All length values used for measurements in the borehole and of the drill core originate from registrations of the length of the drill pipe string. However, such registrations involve a small error depending on the gravitational stretching of the pipe string when hanging freely and thus exposed to its own weight. When the pipe string is lowered to the borehole bottom, and the lifting force from the drill rig is set to zero, the pipe string will be resting on the borehole bottom and thus relieved from the previous load, and the stretching will cease. Instead, the load from the pipe string will now cause compression, and to some extent bending of it.

By measuring the length difference between these two conditions, it was hoped that the length error could be determined for different lengths of the pipe string and for different inclinations of the borehole. The practical difficulties and uncertainties in the results however turned out to be considerable. Therefore it is recommended that the length error is determined from the diagram in Figure 5-20, which is based on load tests performed in the laboratory by the manufacturer of the drill pipes.



**Figure 5-20.** The diagram illustrates the elongation of the WL-76 drill pipe string when hanging in a vertical water filled borehole. Values from laboratory load tests of the drill pipes.

As seen in the diagram, the maximum elongation at 1,000 m length in a vertically drilled borehole is 180 mm. In inclined boreholes the elongation of the pipe string should theoretically be less.

#### 5.4.11 Hydraulic tests during drilling (wireline tests)

Only one absolute pressure measurement and no pumping tests were conducted in KFM06C due to the very low transmissivity of the borehole. The result from the pressure measurement is presented in Table 5-3 and graphically in Appendix C.

After packer inflation the pressure stabilization phase often displays different types of transient effects, both of increasing and decreasing pressure. The reasons for these transients are most certainly attributed to previous disturbances in the borehole caused by the drilling operations.

#### 5.4.12 Groove milling

After completion of drilling, borehole KFM06C will be used for several kinds of borehole measurements, employing many types of borehole instruments carried out in the borehole by devices with different stretching characteristics (pipe strings, wires, cables etc). In order to provide a system for length calibration in the borehole, reference grooves were milled into the borehole wall at certain levels with a specially designed tool. This was carried out after termination of drilling, but with use of the drilling machine and pipe string.

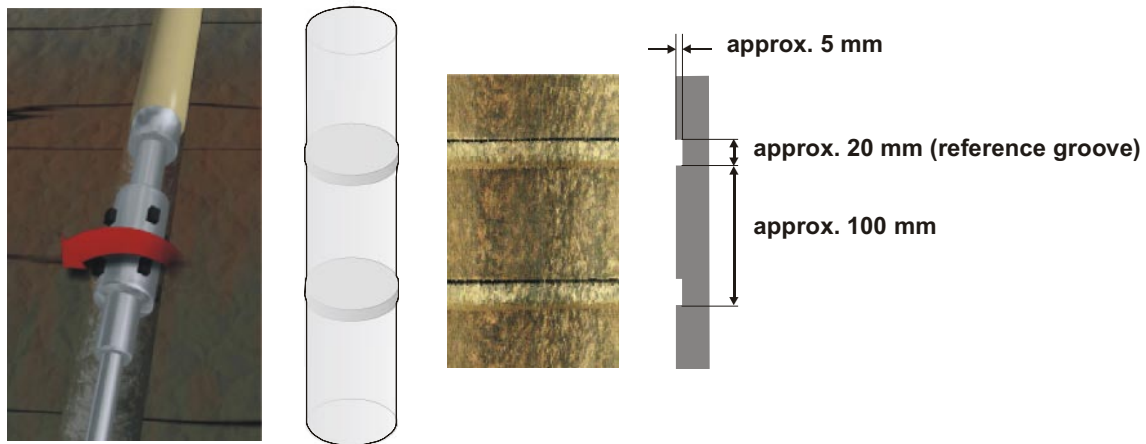
At each level, two 20 mm wide grooves were milled with a distance of 10 cm between them, see Figure 5-21. Table 5-4 presents the reference levels selected for milling. After milling, the reference grooves were detected with the SKB level indicator (a caliper). Finally, a BIPS-survey confirmed the location of all groove mills performed.

**Table 5-3. Absolute pressure measurement in KFM06C.**

Test section (m)	Last pressure reading during test (kPa)	Test duration (h)	Borehole length to pressure sensor (m fr. Ref)	Elevation of pressure sensor (m.a.s.l.)
351.0–636.0	4,364	c. 92	532.0	–430.5

**Table 5-4. Compilation of length to the reference grooves. The positions of the grooves are determined from the length of the drill pipes used at the milling process. The length is measured from the upper part of the upper two grooves.**

Reference groove at (m)	Detection with the SKB level indicator	Confirmed from BIPS	Reference groove at (m)	Detection with the SKB level indicator	Confirmed from BIPS
150	Yes	Yes	600	Yes	Yes
200	Yes	Yes	652	Yes	Yes
250	Yes	Yes	700	Yes	Yes
300	Yes	Yes	750	Yes	Yes
350	Yes	Yes	800	Yes	Yes
402	Yes	Yes	850	Yes	Yes
447	Yes	Yes	898	Yes	Yes
500	Yes	Yes	960	Yes	Yes
550	Yes	Yes			



**Figure 5-21.** Layout and design of reference grooves. The milling tool shown to the left.

### 5.4.13 Consumables

The amount of oil products consumed during drilling of the percussion drilled part of KFM06C (0–100 m), thread grease used during core drilling, and grout used for gap injections of the respective casings are reported in Tables 5-5 and 5-6. Regarding hammer oil and compressor oil, these products are indeed entering the borehole but are, on the other hand, continuously retrieved from the borehole due to the permanent air flushing during drilling. After completion of drilling, only minor remainders of the products are left in the borehole.

The special type of thread grease (silicon based) used during core drilling in this particular borehole was certified according to SKB MD 600.006 (Table 1-1). The experience from a technical point of view of the grease is not fully satisfactory. Although expensive, the grease has a low adhesion capacity to the threads, and the lubrication characteristics are not as favorable as for conventional lubricants.

**Table 5-5. Oil and grease consumption.**

Borehole ID	Hammer oil (percussion drilling) Preem Hydra 46	Compressor oil (percussion drilling) Schuman 46	Thread grease (core drilling) Unisilikon L50/2
KFM06C	15L	No consumption measured	8.2 kg

**Table 5-6. Cement consumption for grouting unstable sections and for sealing the gap between the casing and the reamed percussion drilled part of the borehole wall.**

Borehole ID	Length (m)	Cement volume (Aalborg Portland Cement/microsilica)	Grouting method	Remarks
KFM06C	57.3–61.14	2,070 kg/1,800 L	Hose	Entire borehole in fracture zone A2
KFM06C	14–57.3	1,428 kg/1,200 L	Hose	Continued grouting in the entire borehole
KFM06C	100.11	3,000 kg/3,360 L	Gap injection	
KFM06C	100.11	678 kg/760 L	Hose	Continued gap injection

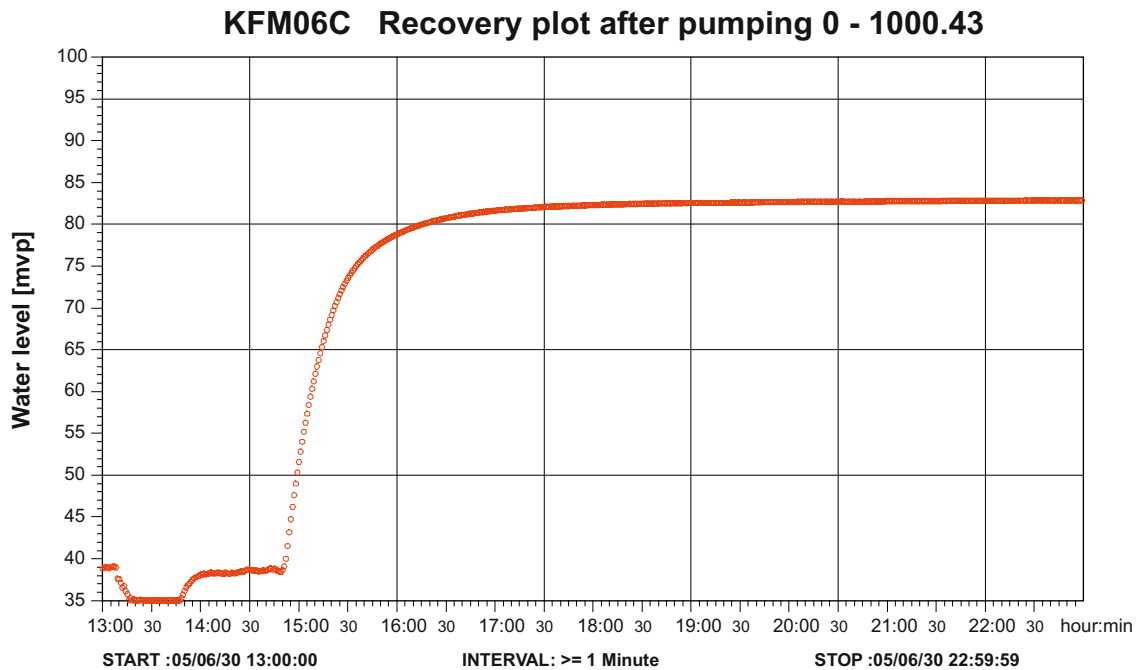
#### 5.4.14 Recovery measurements after cleaning by air-lift pumping

The final cleaning of KFM06C by air-lift pumping caused a draw-down of 35 m. After completed pumping, the recovery of the groundwater table was monitored. The results are displayed in the diagram of Figure 5-22. Pressure registration was proceeding during six hours, and the water-yielding capacity could be determined from the diagram. An inflow of >30 L/min at a drawdown of 35 m was estimated.

Borehole HFM16 is located c. 40 m south of drill site DS6. The pumping activities in KFM06C revealed a clear hydraulic connection between HFM16 at shallow levels (<100 m).

### 5.5 Additional work

By mounting a transition cone with decreased diameter of the flanges, the previous problems to pass through the transition cone with certain types of borehole probes were overcome. Finally, to clean and recover the borehole from metal remnants (ragged threads from the inner casing), core drilling was performed a short distance, entailing that the borehole was extended to 1,000.91 m.








**Figure 5-22.** Recovery of groundwater table in section 0–1,000.43 m of KFM06C after stop of air-lift pumping.

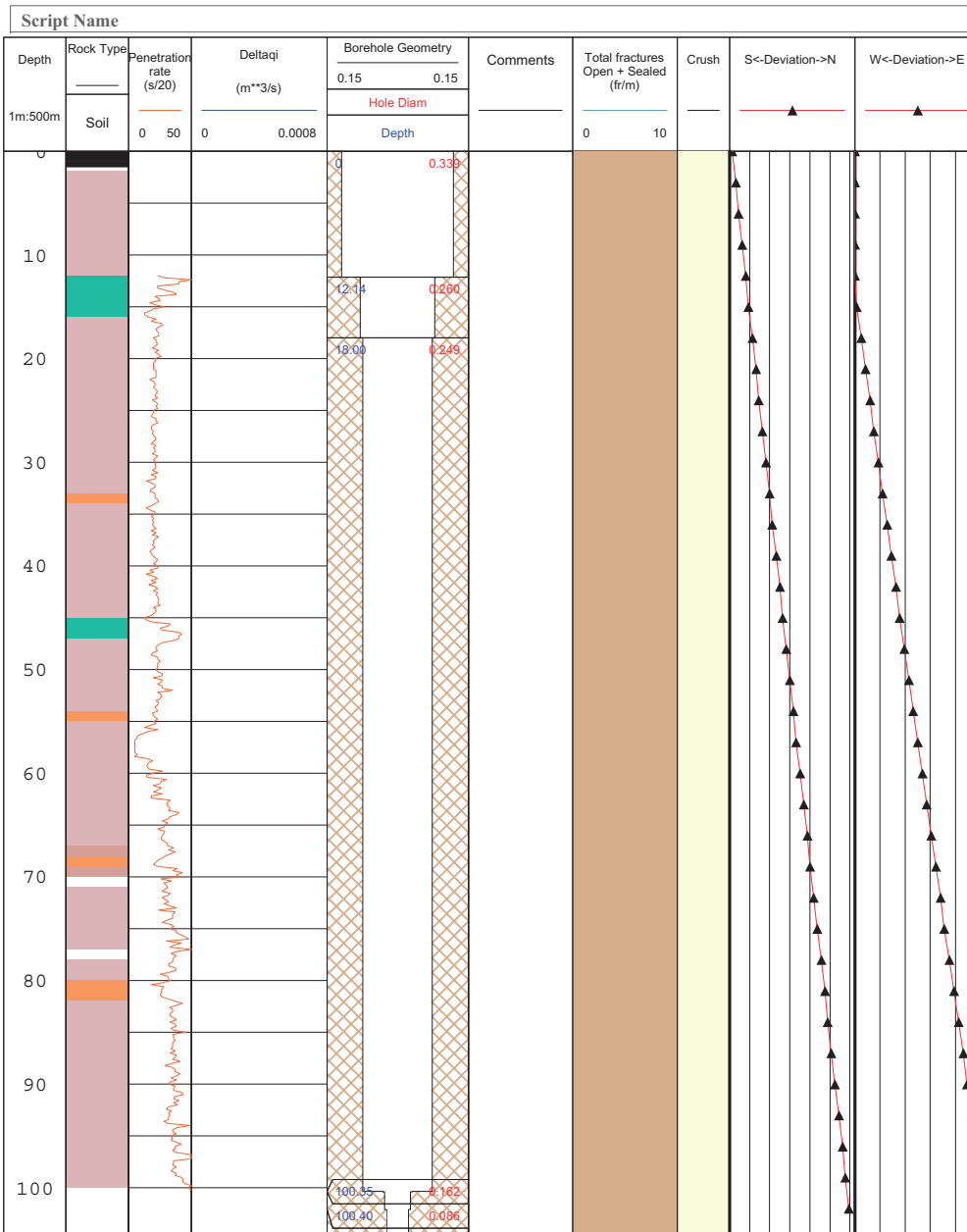
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Well Cad-plot of the percussion drilled part of borehole KFM06C

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<b>Svensk Kärnbränslehantering AB</b>		<b>Signed data</b>	
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Borehole	KFM06C	Northing [m]	6699740.96
Diameter [mm]	162	Easting [m]	1632437.03
Length [m]	100.40	Elevation [m.a.s.l.]	4.09
Bearing [°]	26.07	Drilling Start Date	2005-03-09 08:30:00
Inclination [°]	-60.12	Drilling Stop Date	2005-04-13 12:15:00
Date of mapping		Plot Date	2006-09-10 21:10:33










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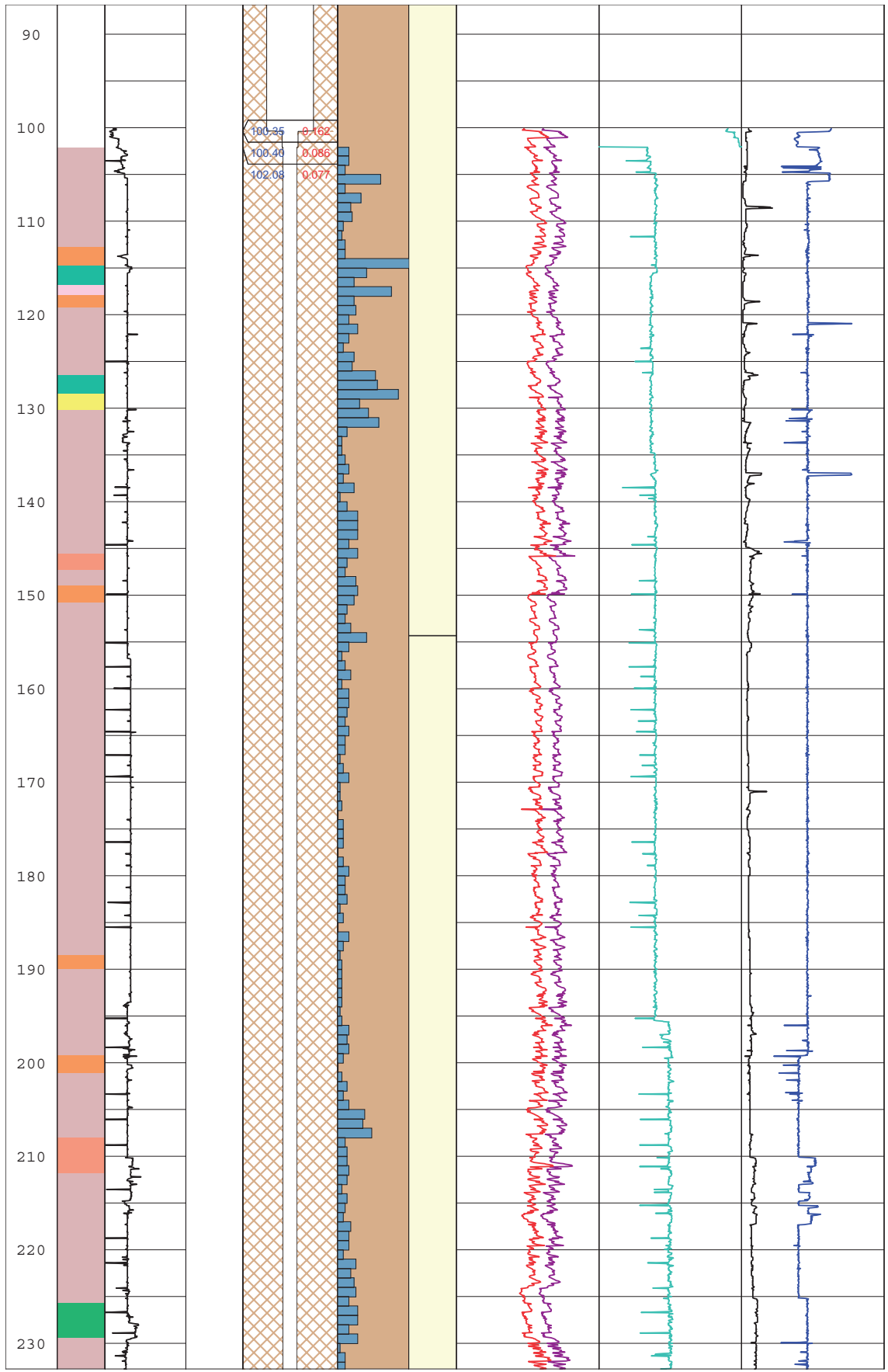


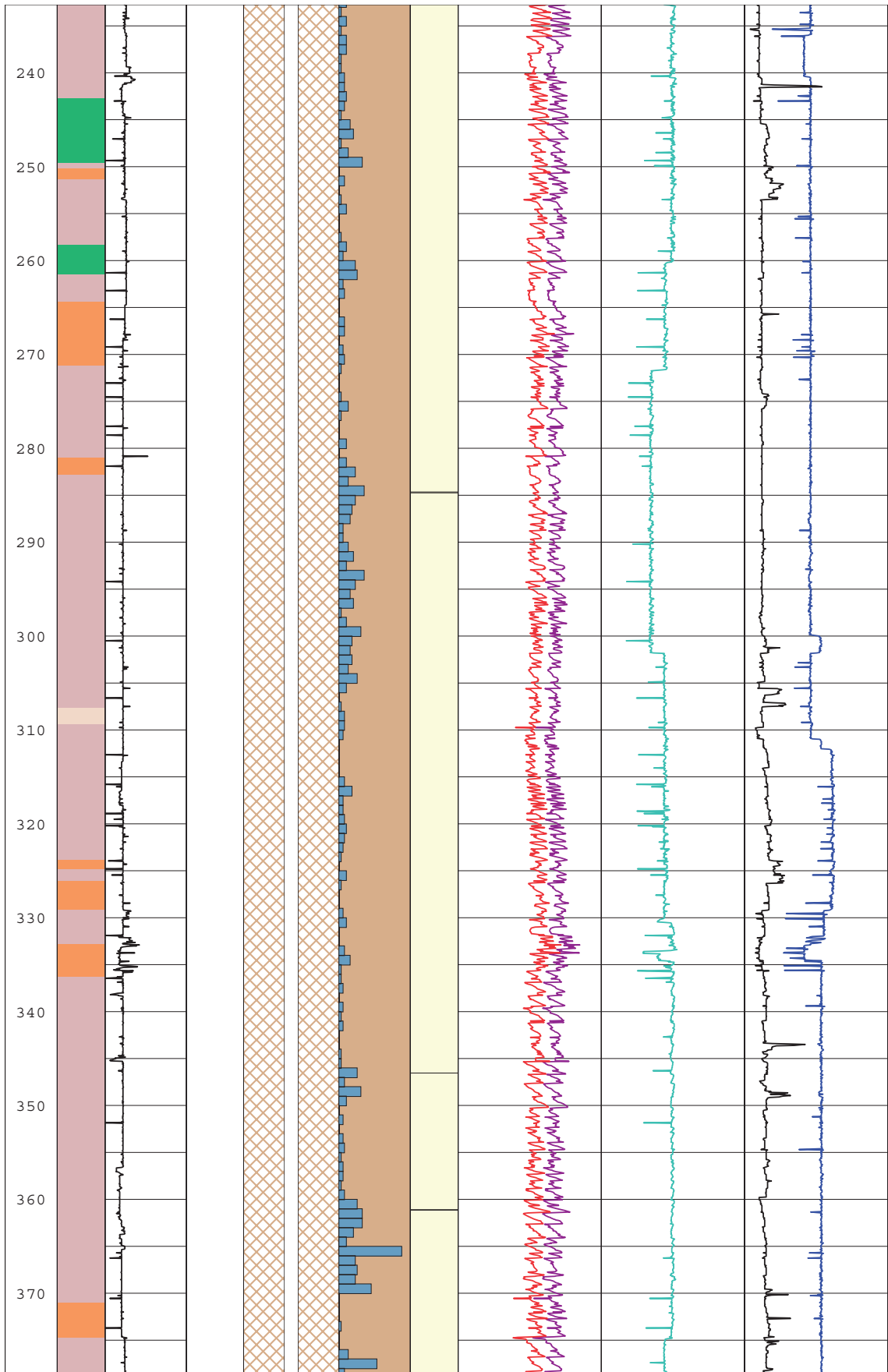
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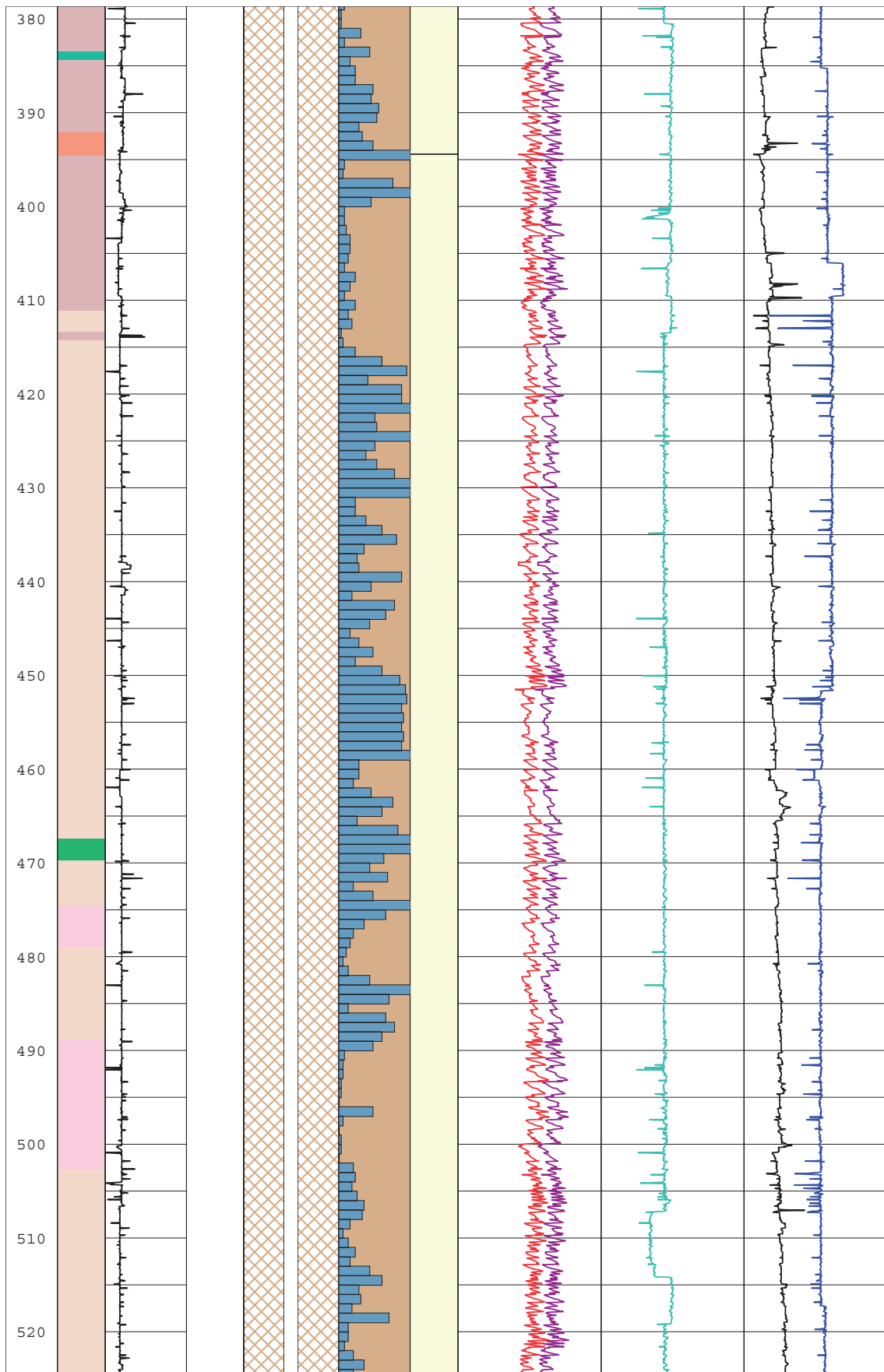
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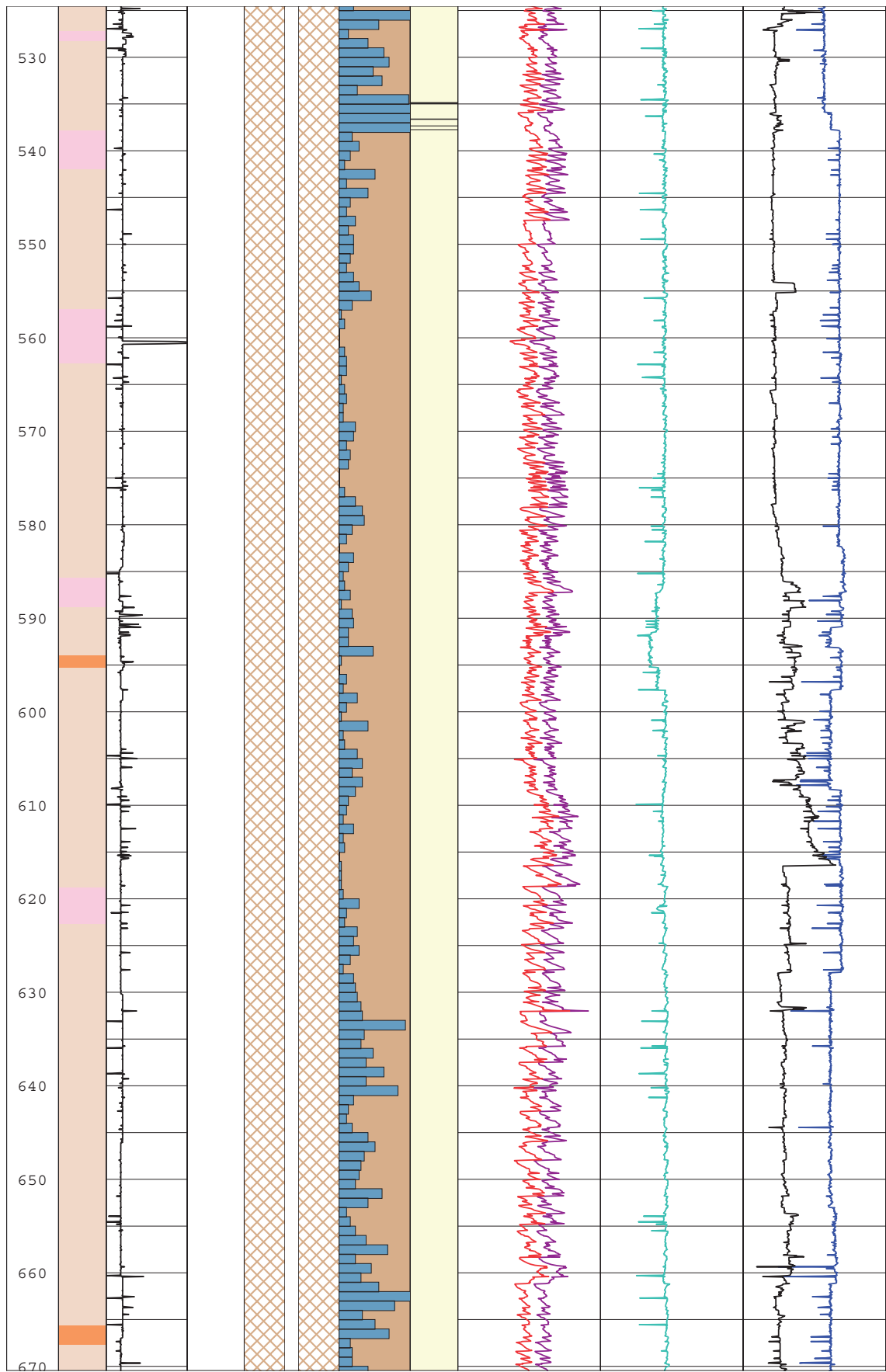
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	Amphibolite	
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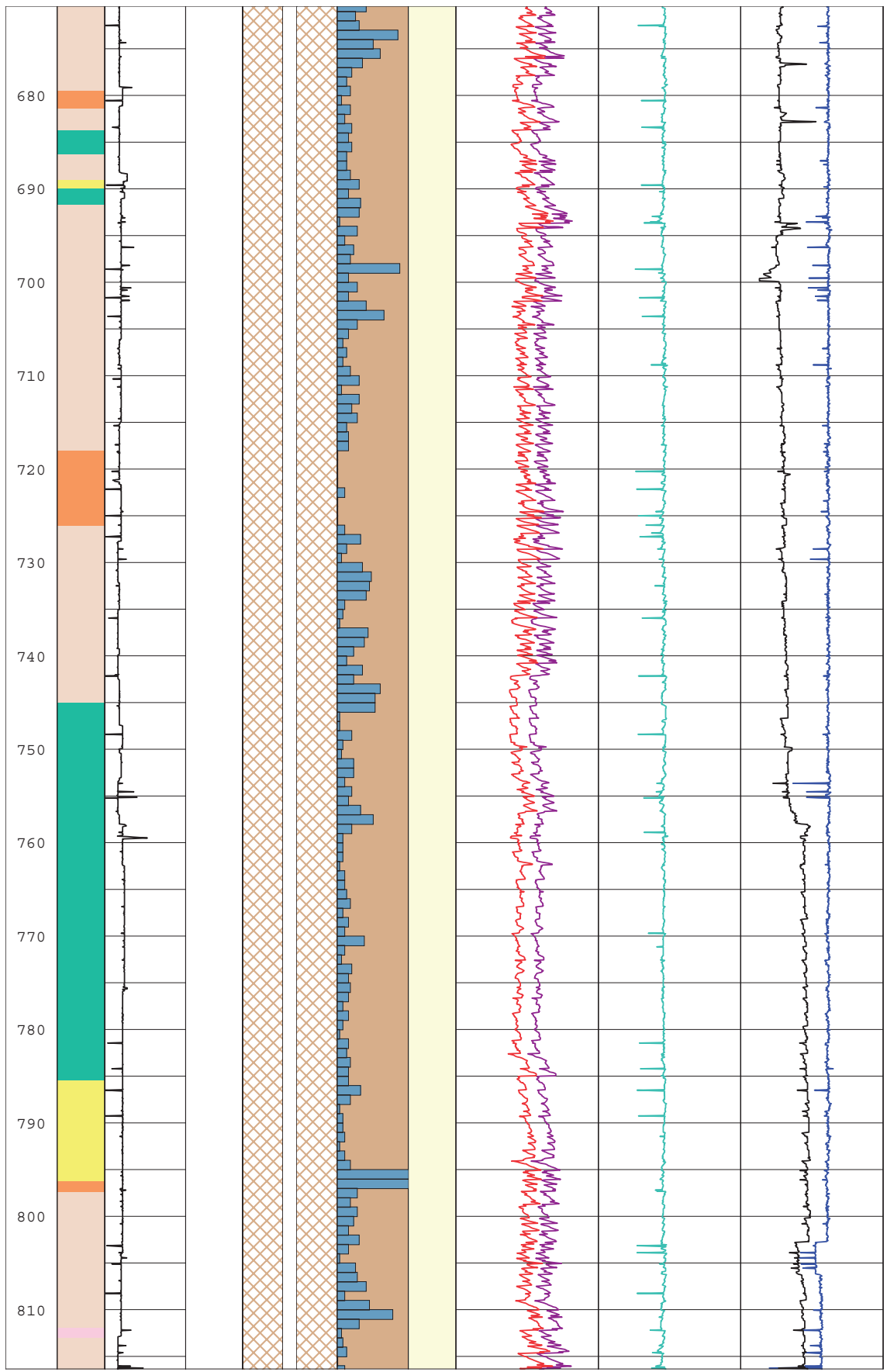
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		0 50		Casing depth						
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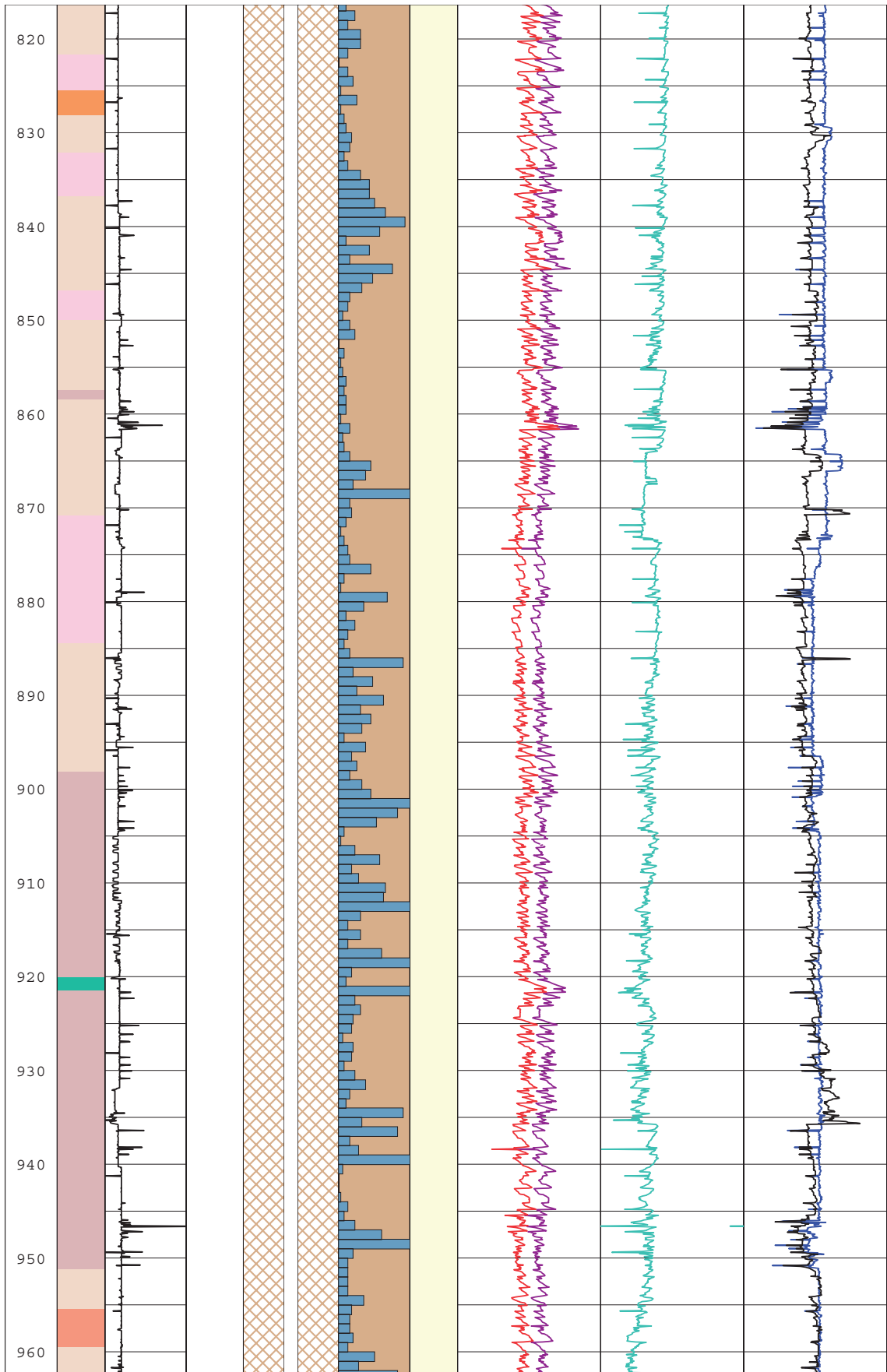












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