









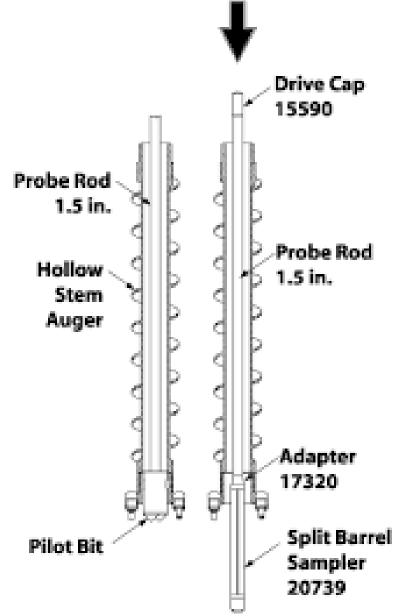
Hollow stem auger



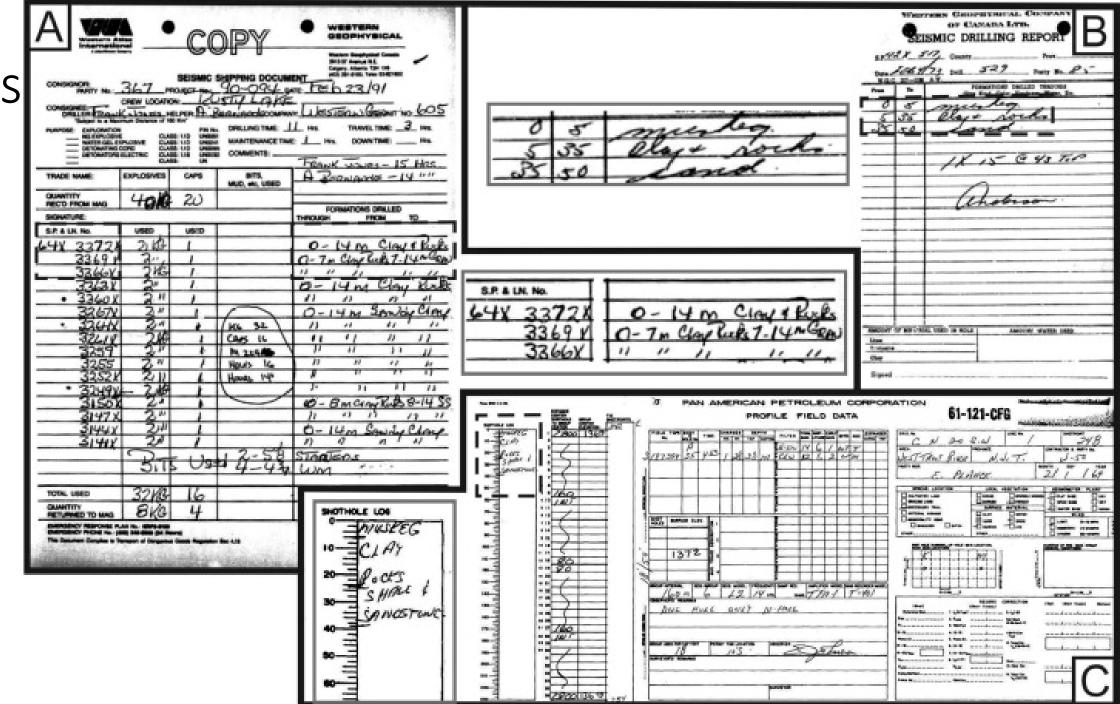
Split spoon sampler

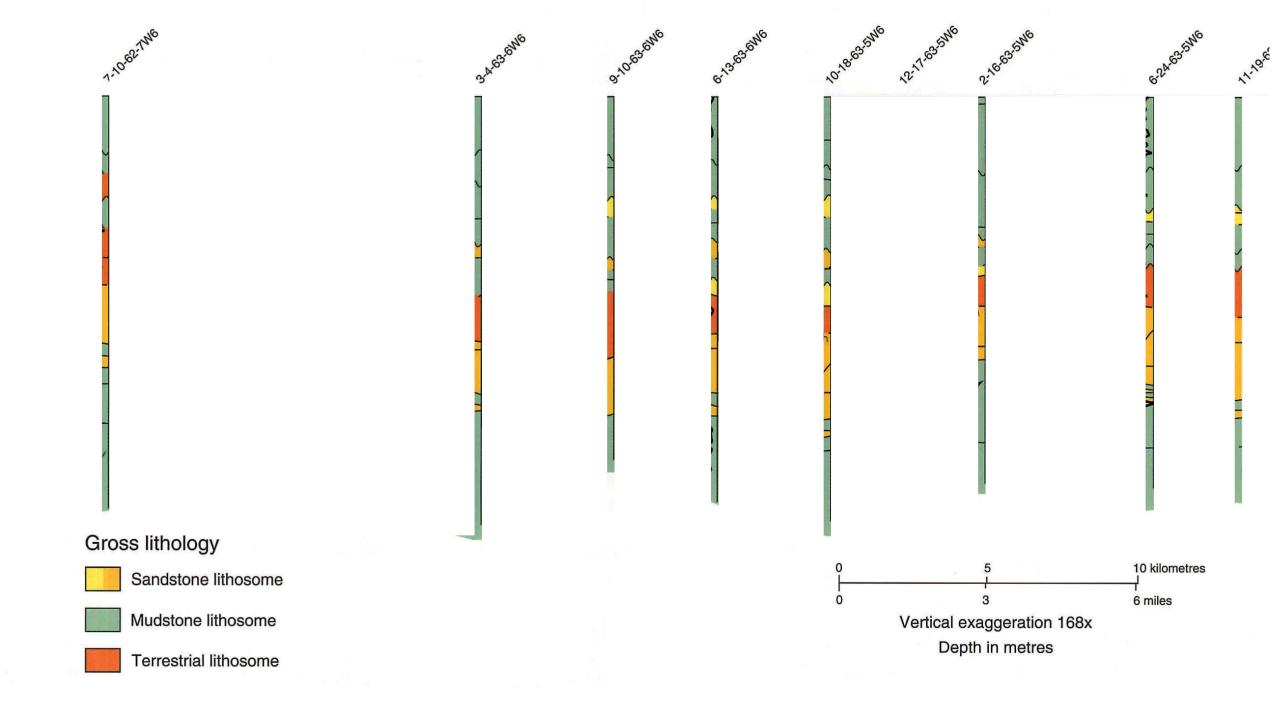


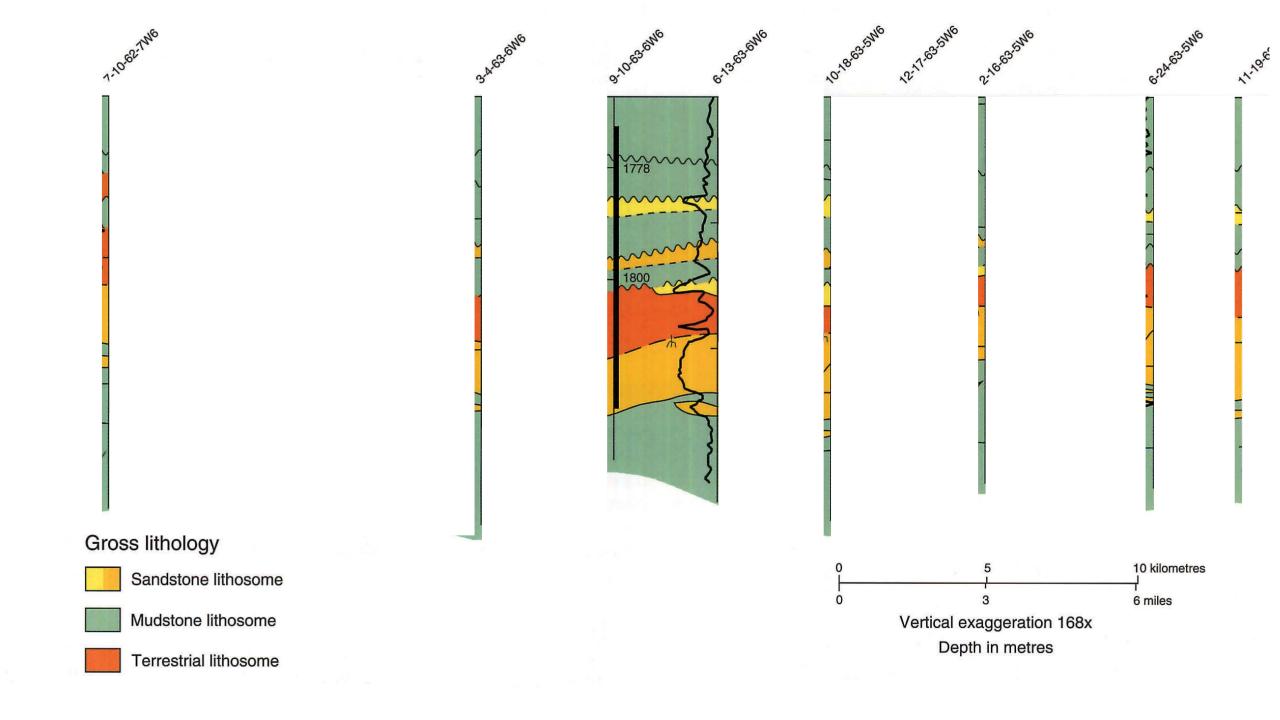


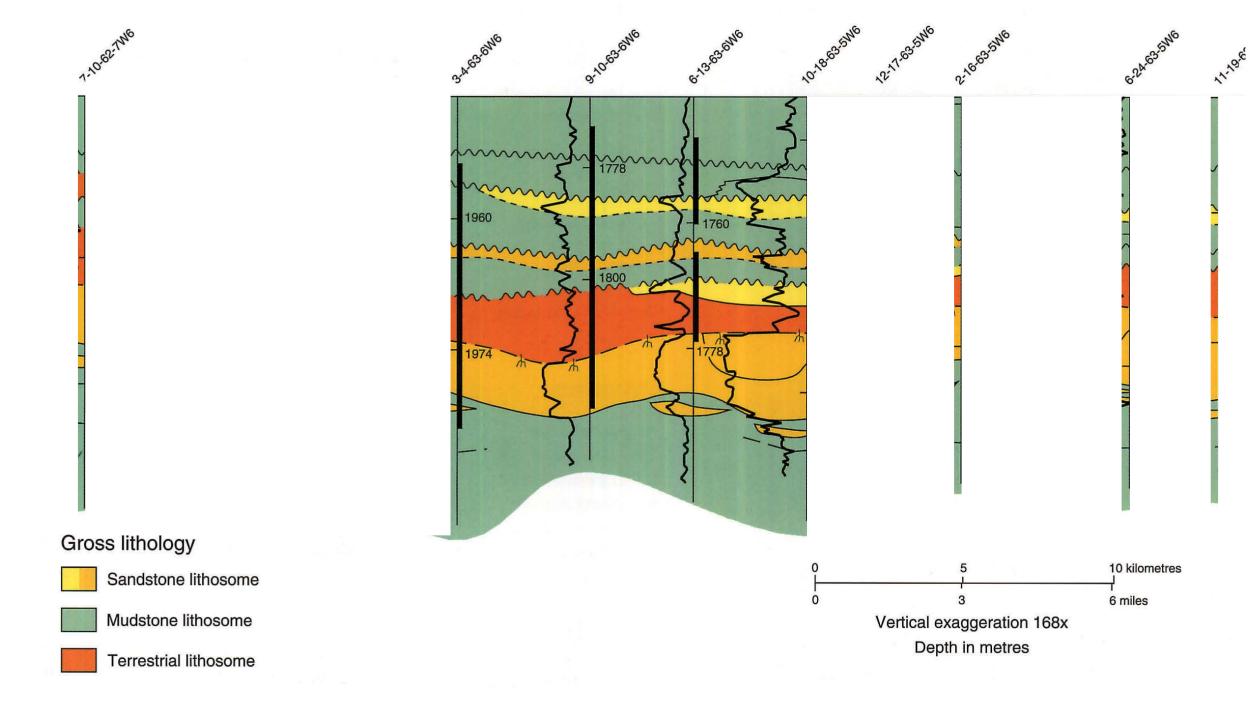


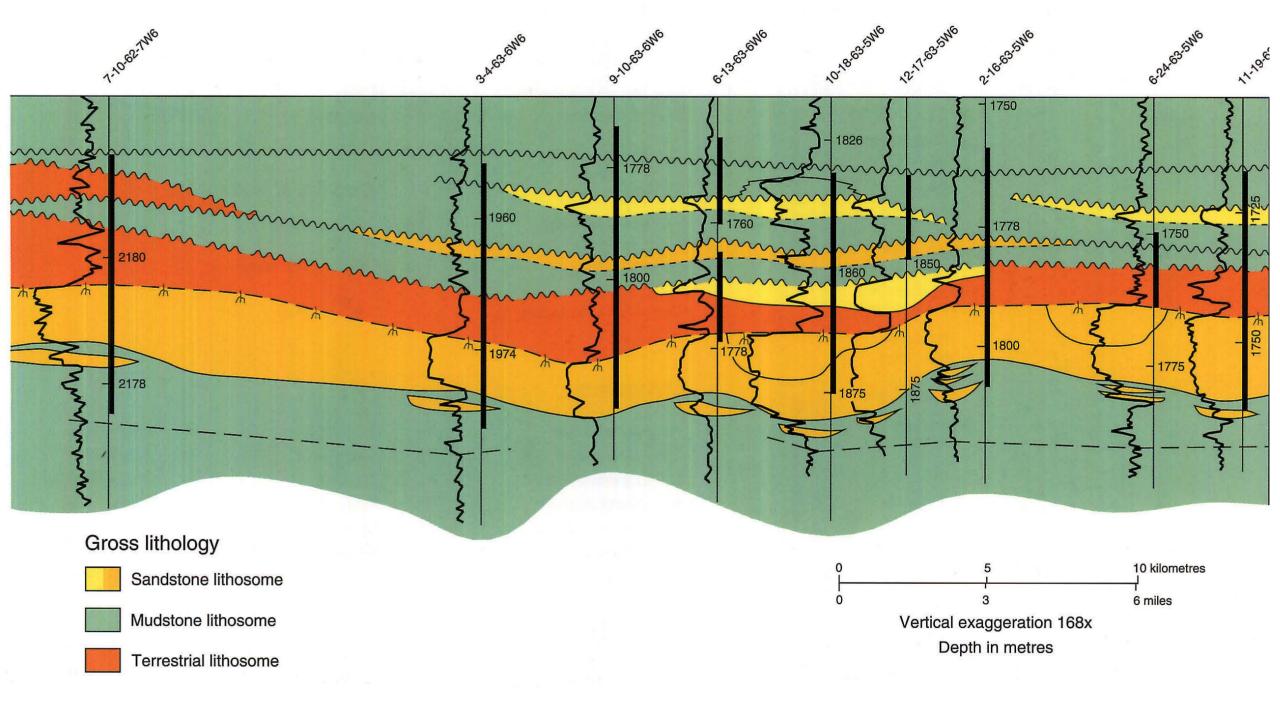
Driller's logs

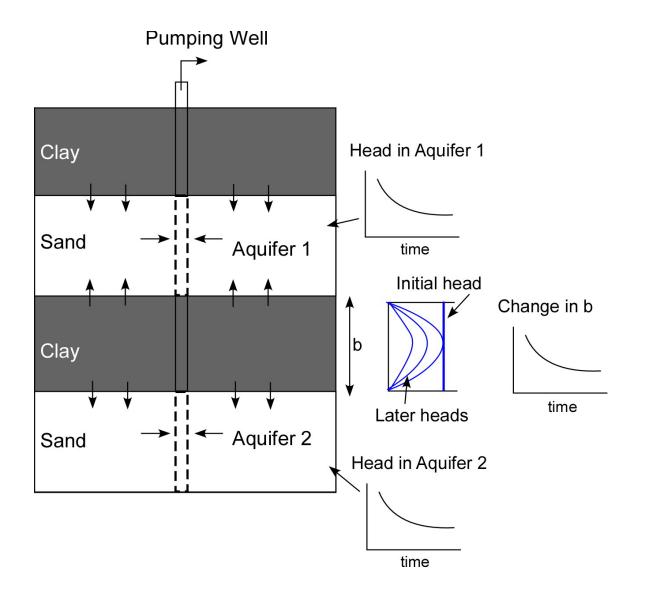








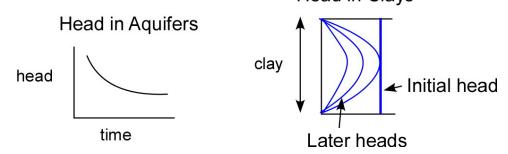




- Wells are screened in sand aquifers, extracting water lowers the heads in the sand
- •Compressibility of clay is 1-2 orders of magnitude greater than that of sand. For a clay, $\alpha >> \eta \beta$
- •K is much lower for clay than for sand, so drainage and compaction are much slower for confining units than for aquifers.
- Aquifer drainage leads to compaction of aquitards.

When pumping occurs, there is a decrease in pressure in both the aquifer and the clay beds. The increase in effective stress acting on the clay can cause it to compact.

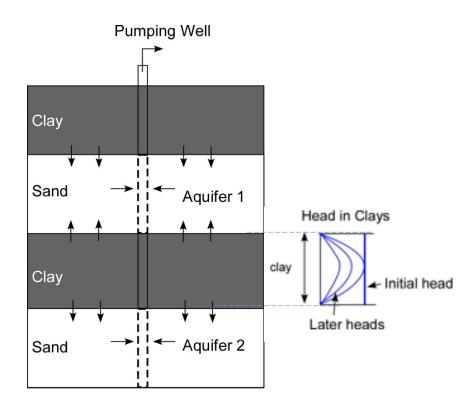
Head in Clays



In our example, the water produced IS the volume released from aquifer and clay compaction (ignoring water expansion). If all water comes completely from compression of the clay, the change in thickness of the system is related to our change in storage term (storativity):

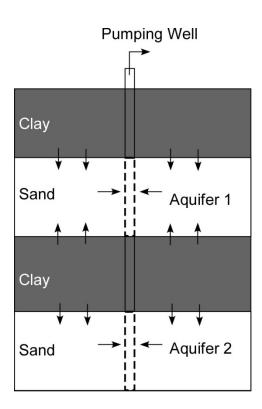
$$S_S = \rho g \alpha + \rho g m$$
Aquifer Expansion Compaction of Water

$$\Delta b = b \rho g \alpha \Delta h$$
 Actually a function of time



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Subsidence = $(30)(1000)(9.81)(10^{-7})(2) = 0.059 \text{ m}$

