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1. Introduction

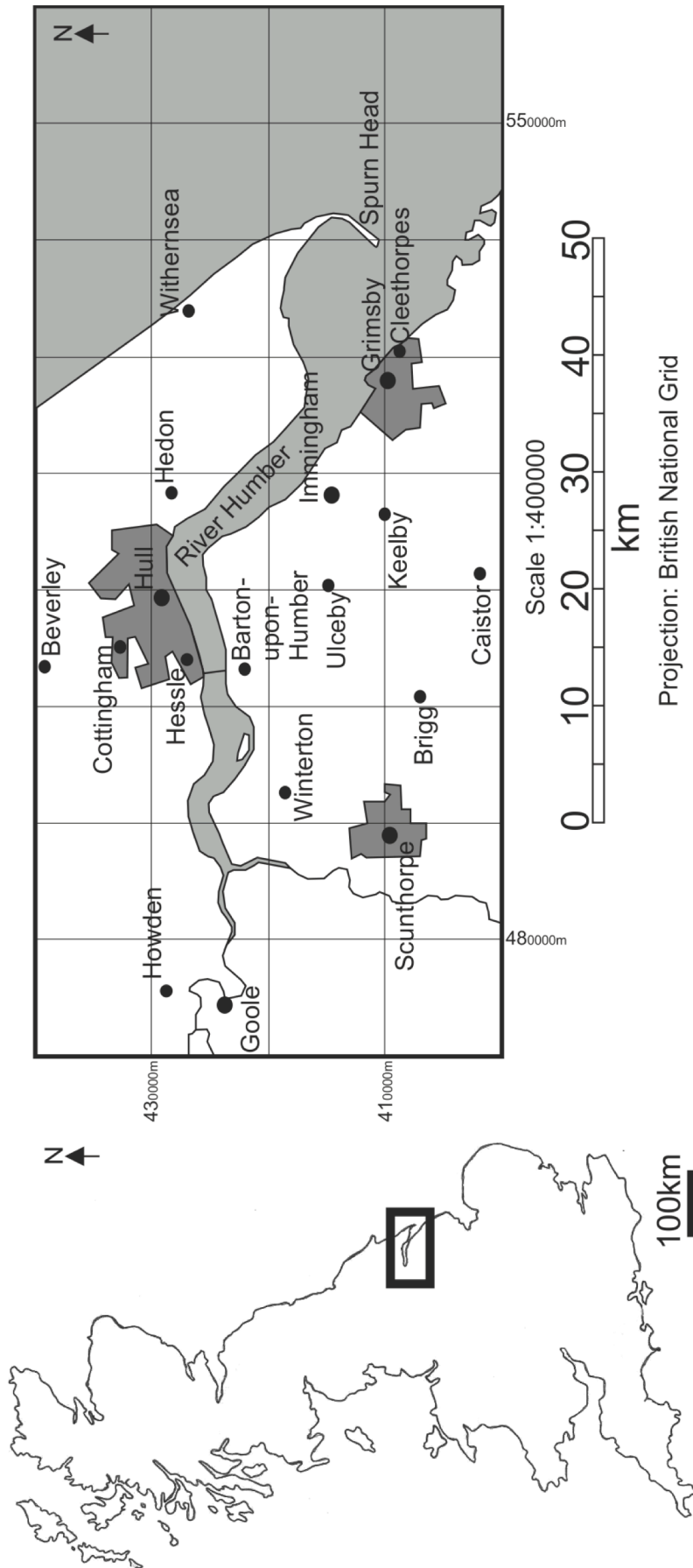


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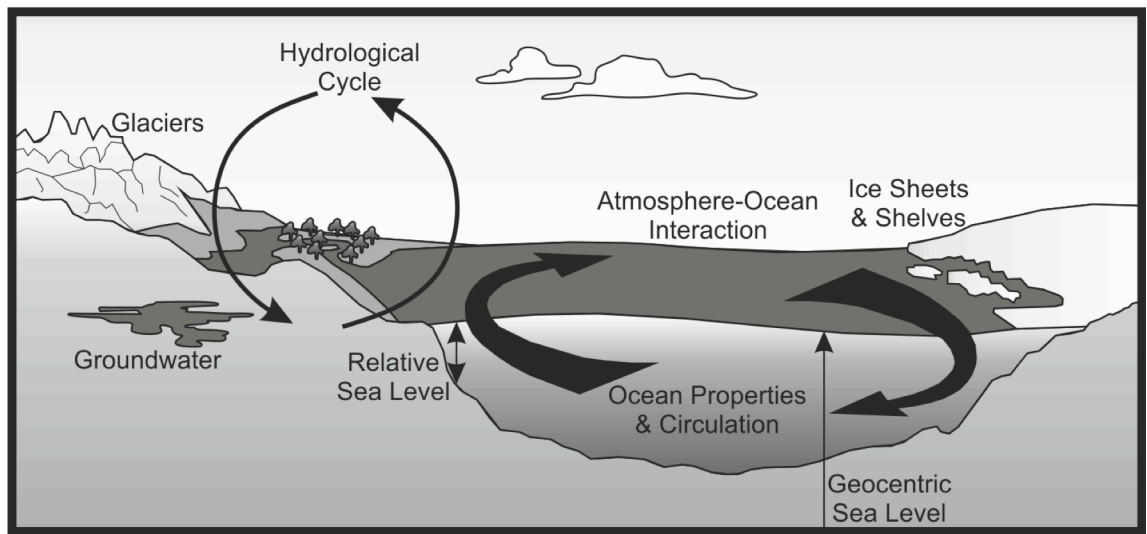


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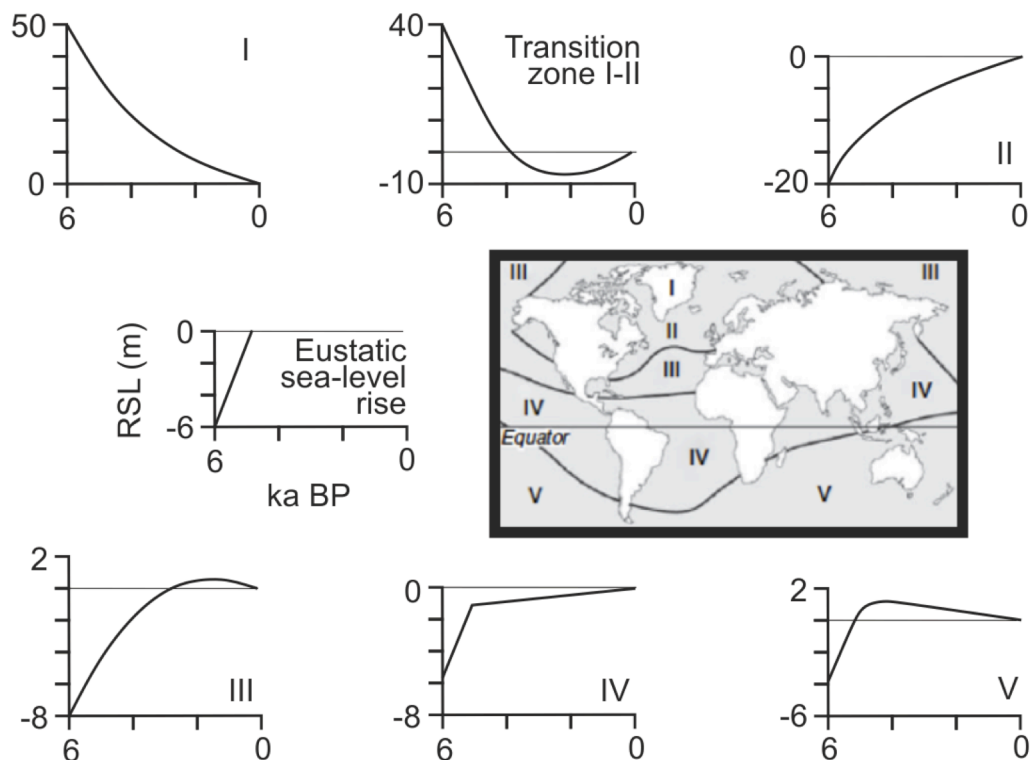


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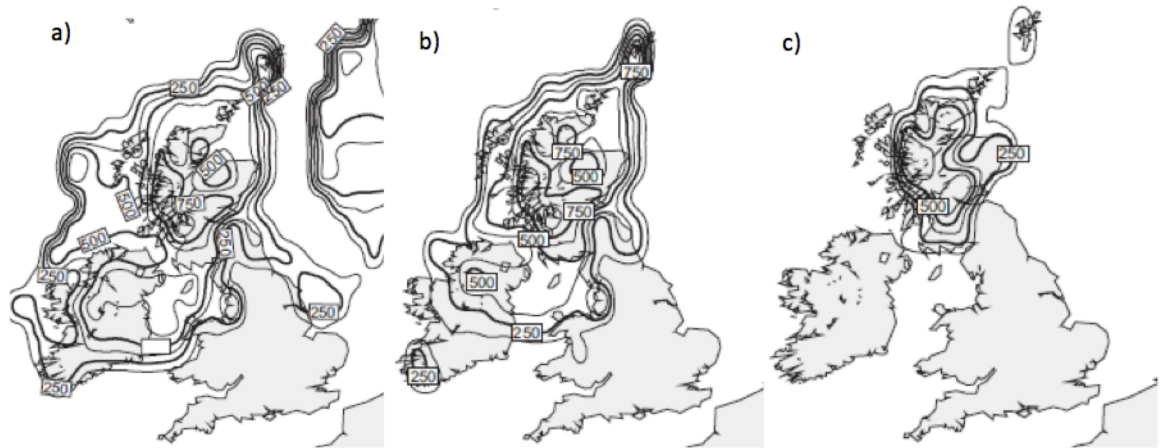


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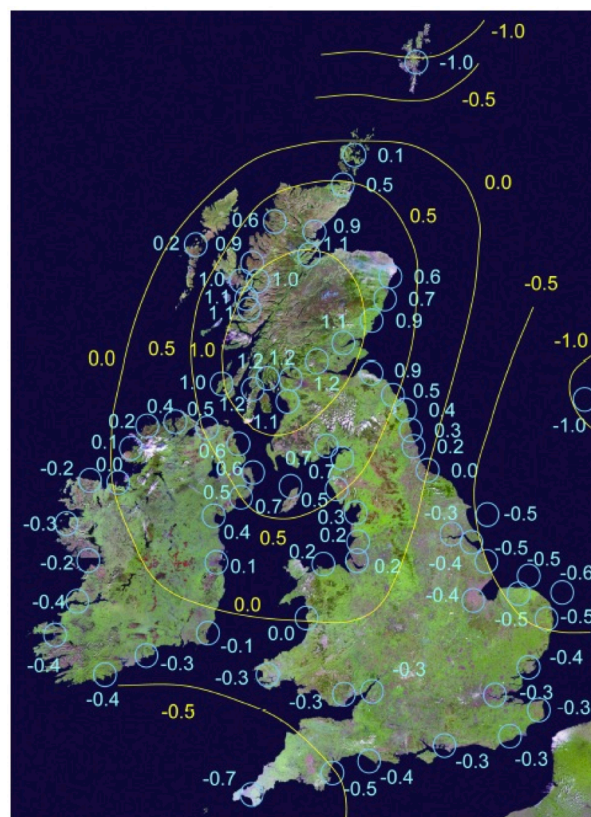


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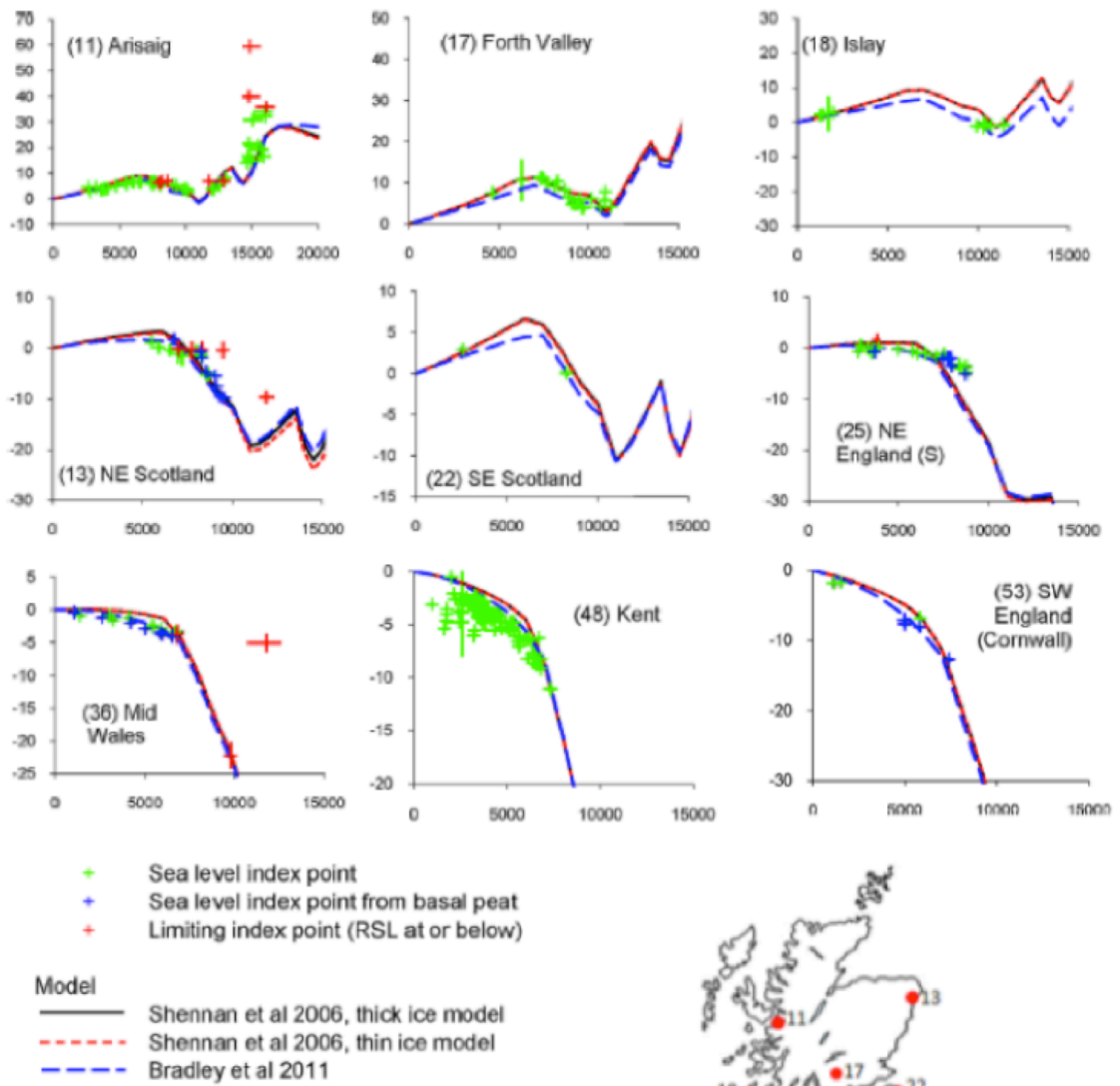


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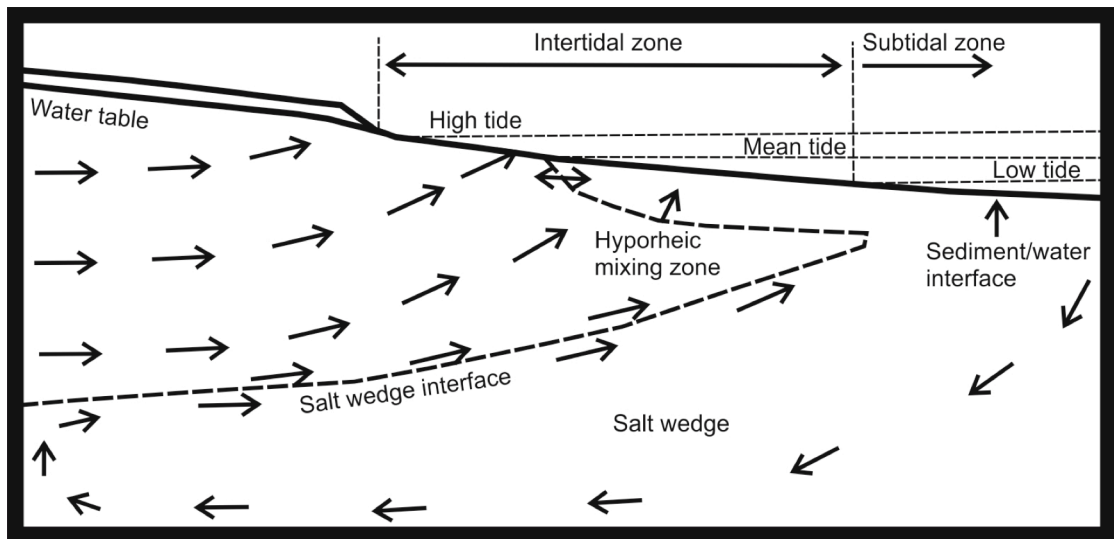


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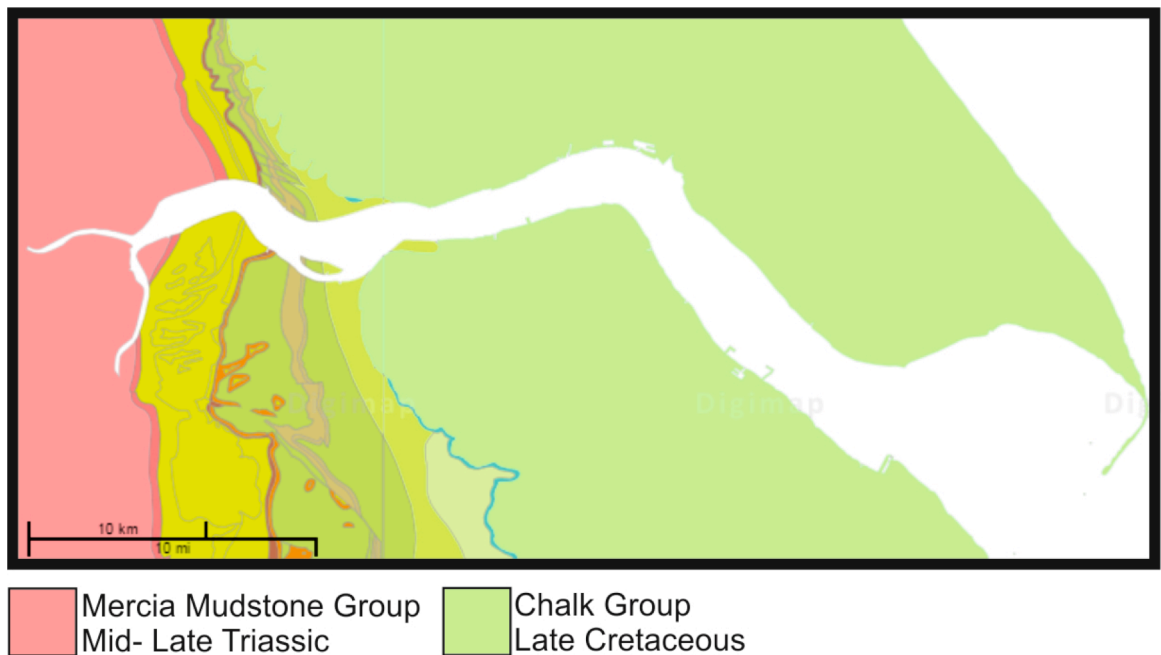


Figure 4.1 Simplified bedrock geology of the Humber region, showing the Cretaceous Chalk to the east of the Yorkshire Wolds, and the narrow bands of various Jurassic and Triassic sedimentary rocks extending to the west. Two keys shown for clarity, full geological key available at: <http://digimap.edina.ac.uk/roam/geology>. Image and key modified and adapted from Digimap (2016) © Crown Copyright and Database Right (2016) OS (Digimap Licence).

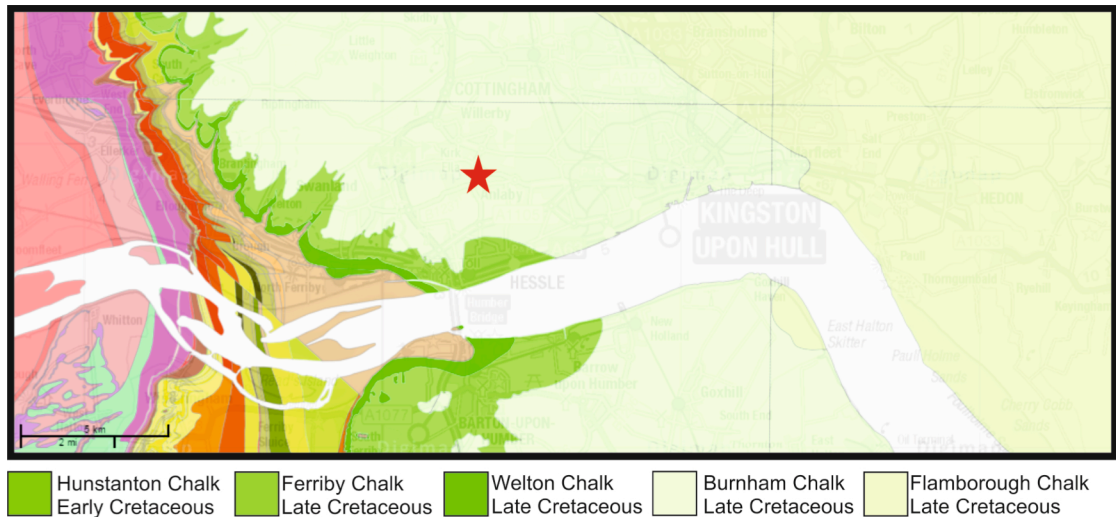


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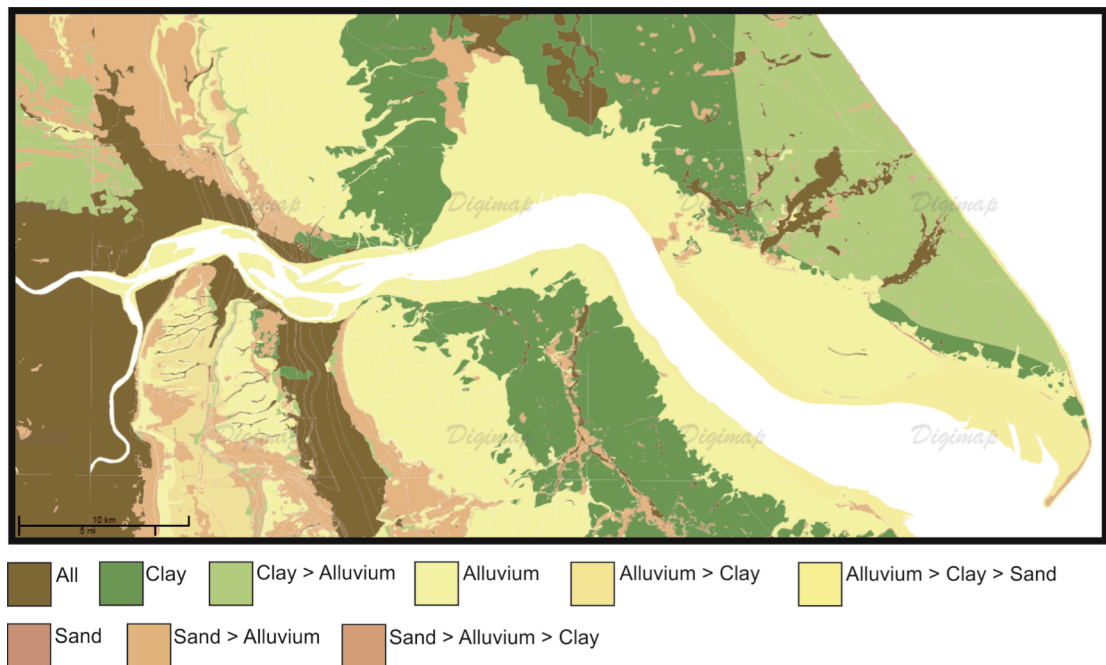


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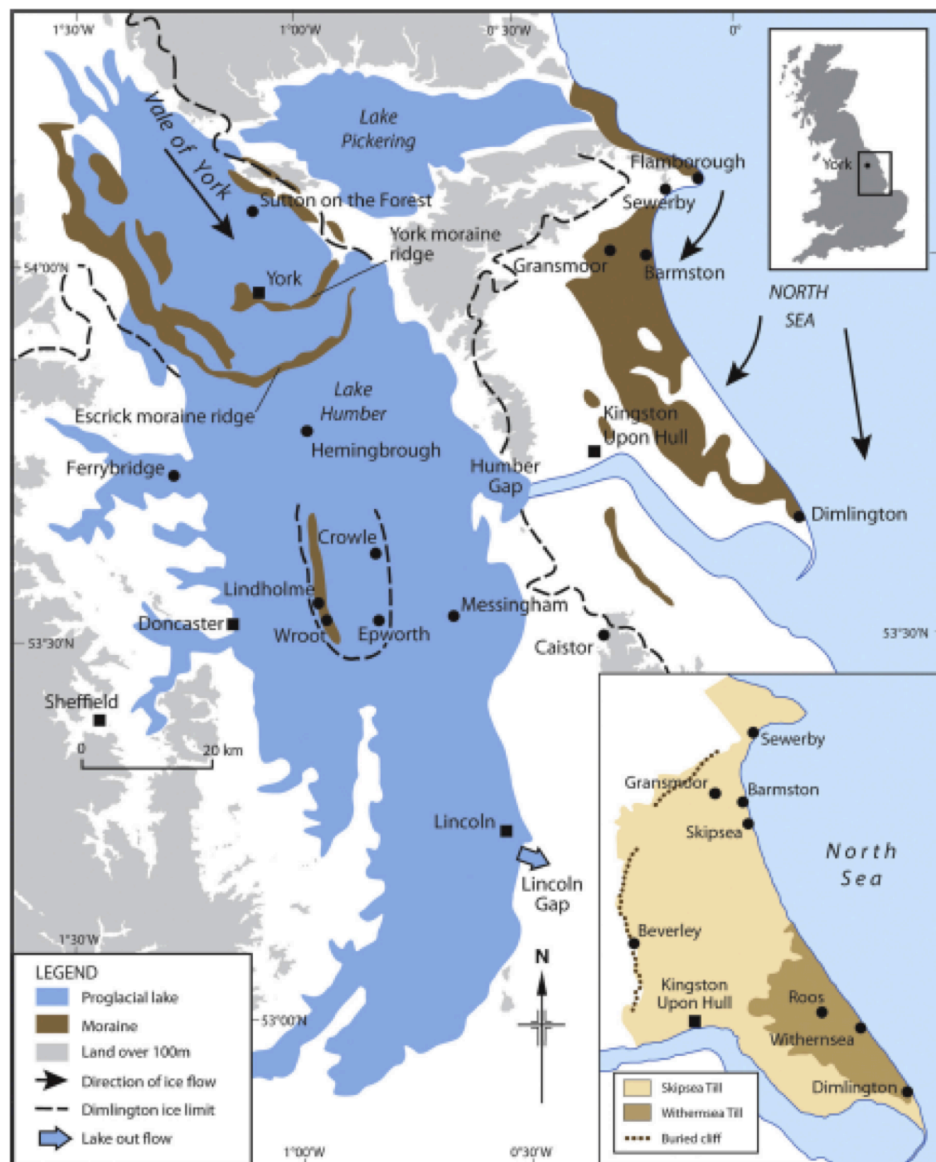


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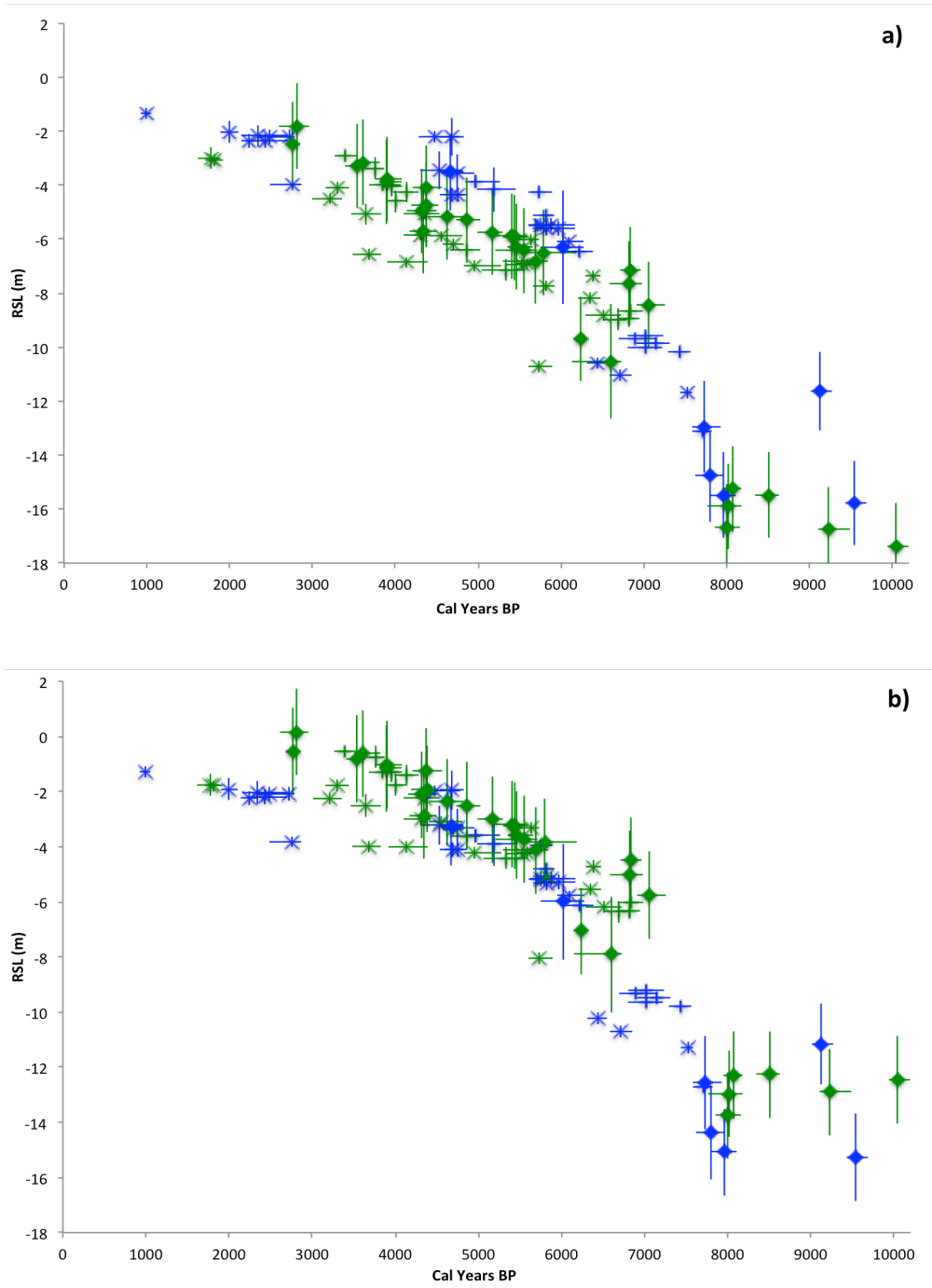


Figure 4.5 Existing sea-level data for the Humber Estuary: a) shows raw data; b) shows data corrected for modelled tidal changes after Shennan *et al.* (2003). Blue= outer estuary (east of Hull); green= inner estuary (west of Hull). Diamonds= limiting points; crosses intercalated points; plus= basal points; all include associated individual vertical and age error bars.

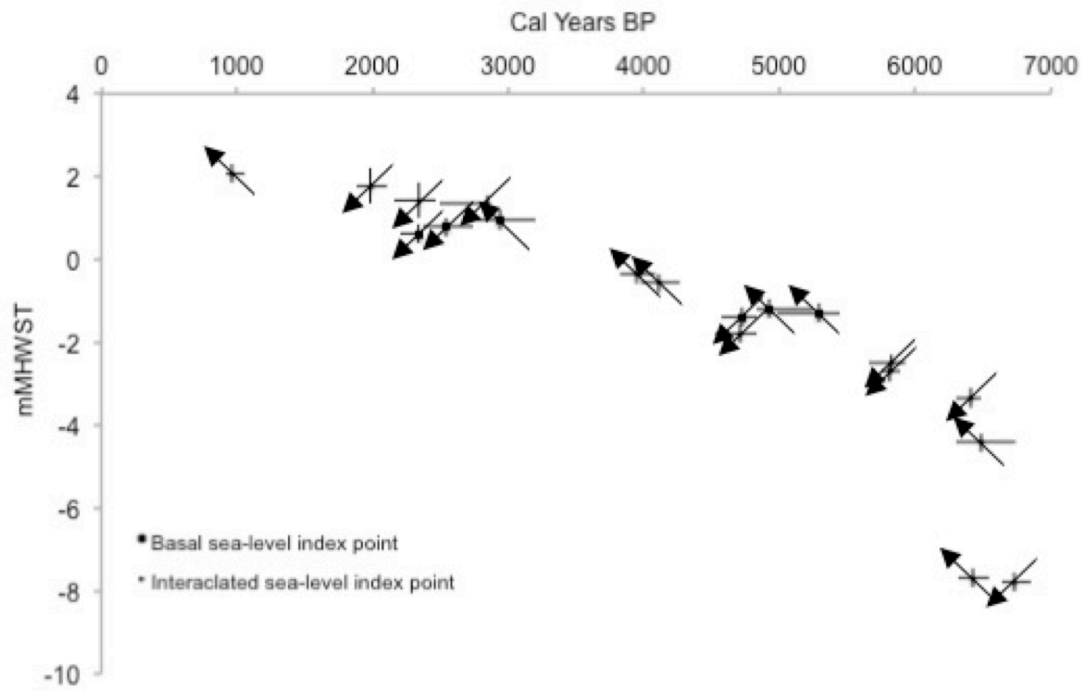


Figure 4.6 Sea-level index points from the Humber Estuary; upward arrows indicate a positive sea-level tendency and downward arrows a negative sea-level tendency. Figure based upon data as presented in Long *et al.* (1998)

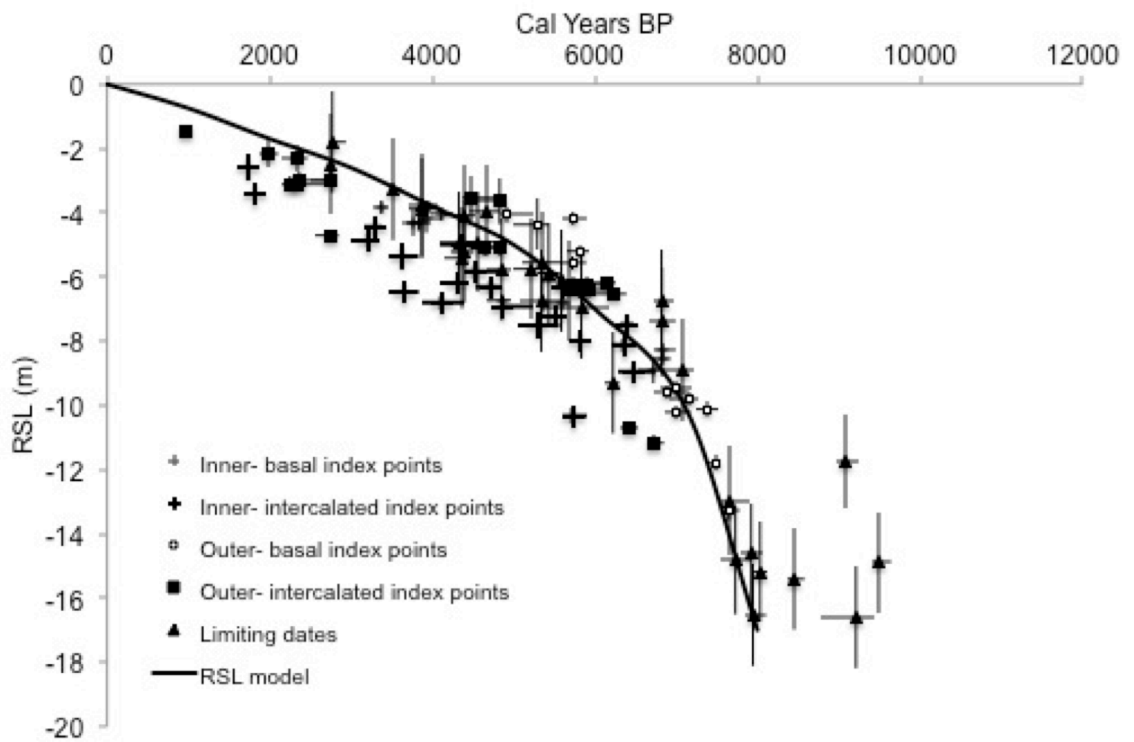


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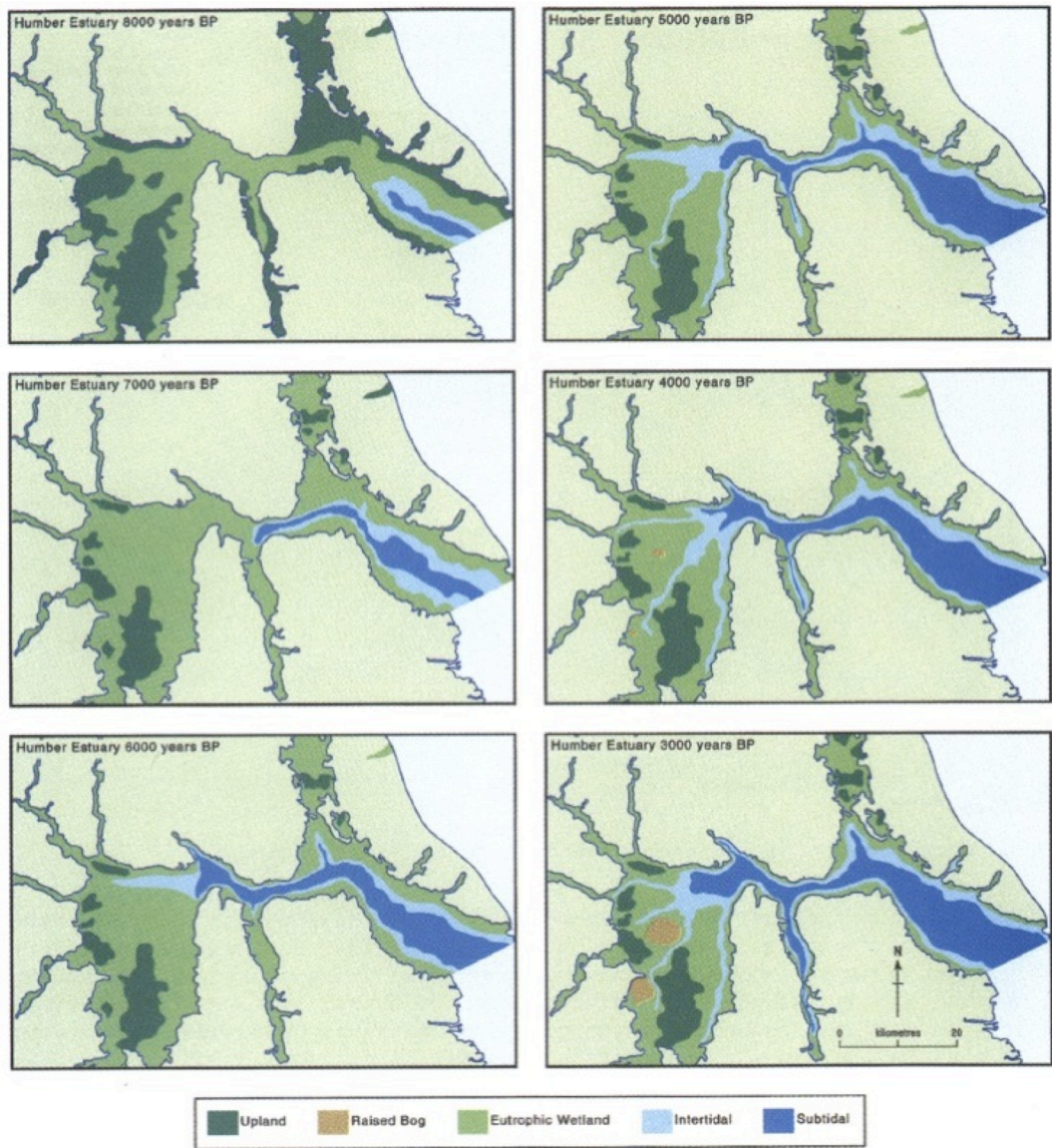


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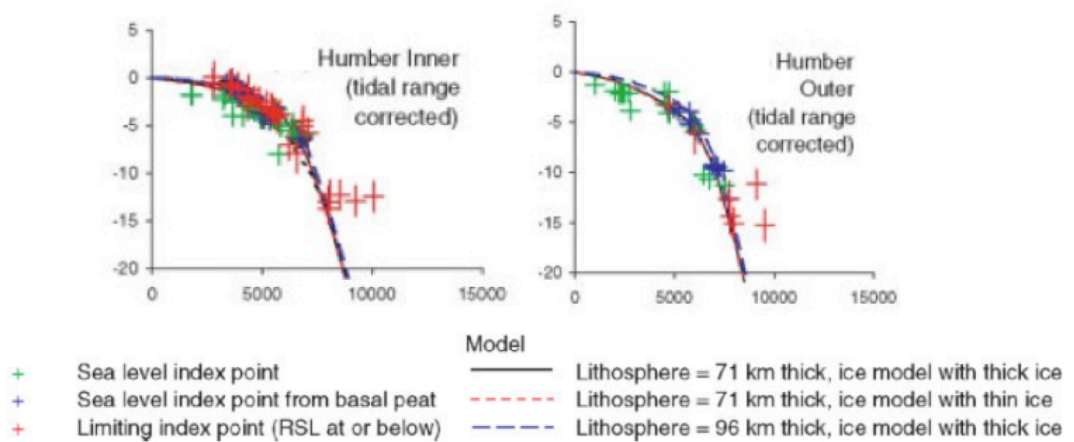


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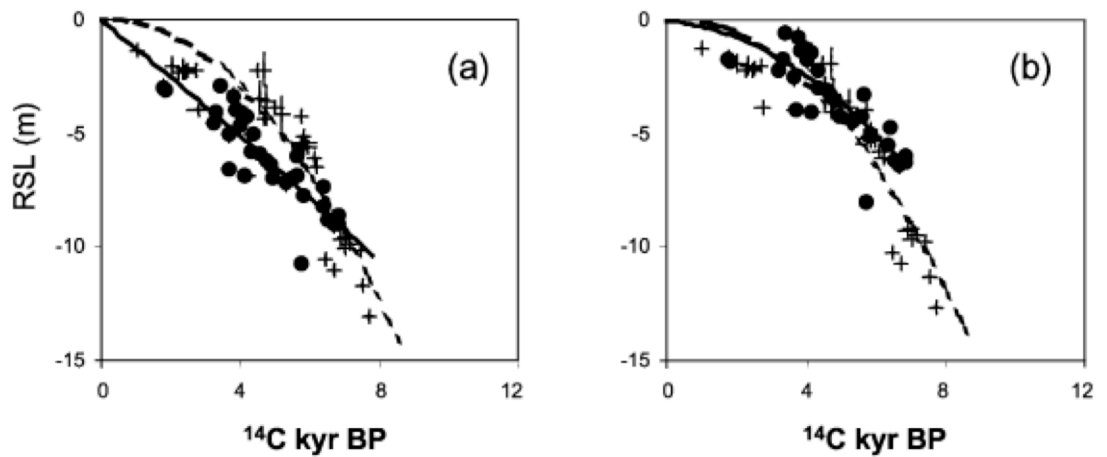


Figure 4.10 Holocene relative sea-level changes for the inner (circle) and outer (cross) Humber Estuary; dashed line is modelled relative sea-level prediction from Peltier *et al.* (2002); solid line is the best fit line for the inner estuary data; (a) assumes constant tidal range through time at present day values and (b) assumes tidal changes through time as determined by Shennan *et al.* (2003). Figure after Shennan *et al.* (2003).

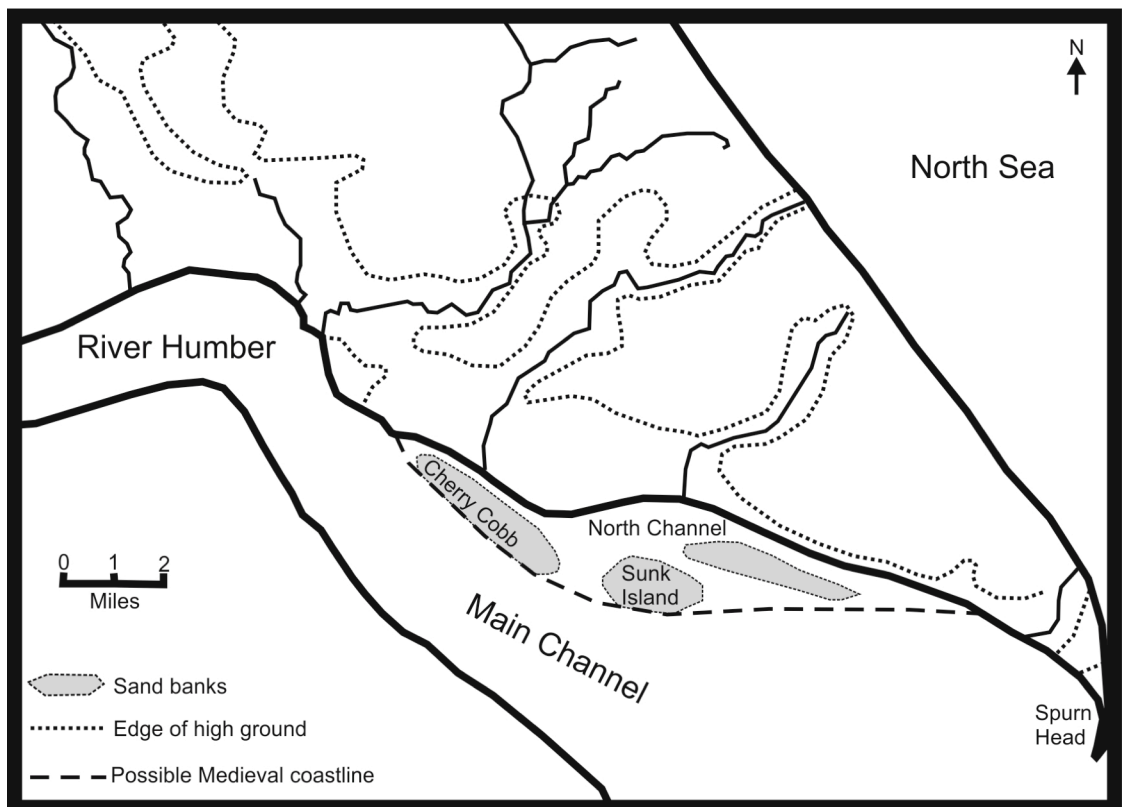


Figure 4.11 The southern Holderness and northern outer Humber Estuary marshlands c. 400 years BP and proposed position of the Medieval coastline c. 700 years BP represented by the dashed line. Figure based upon Sheppard (1966).

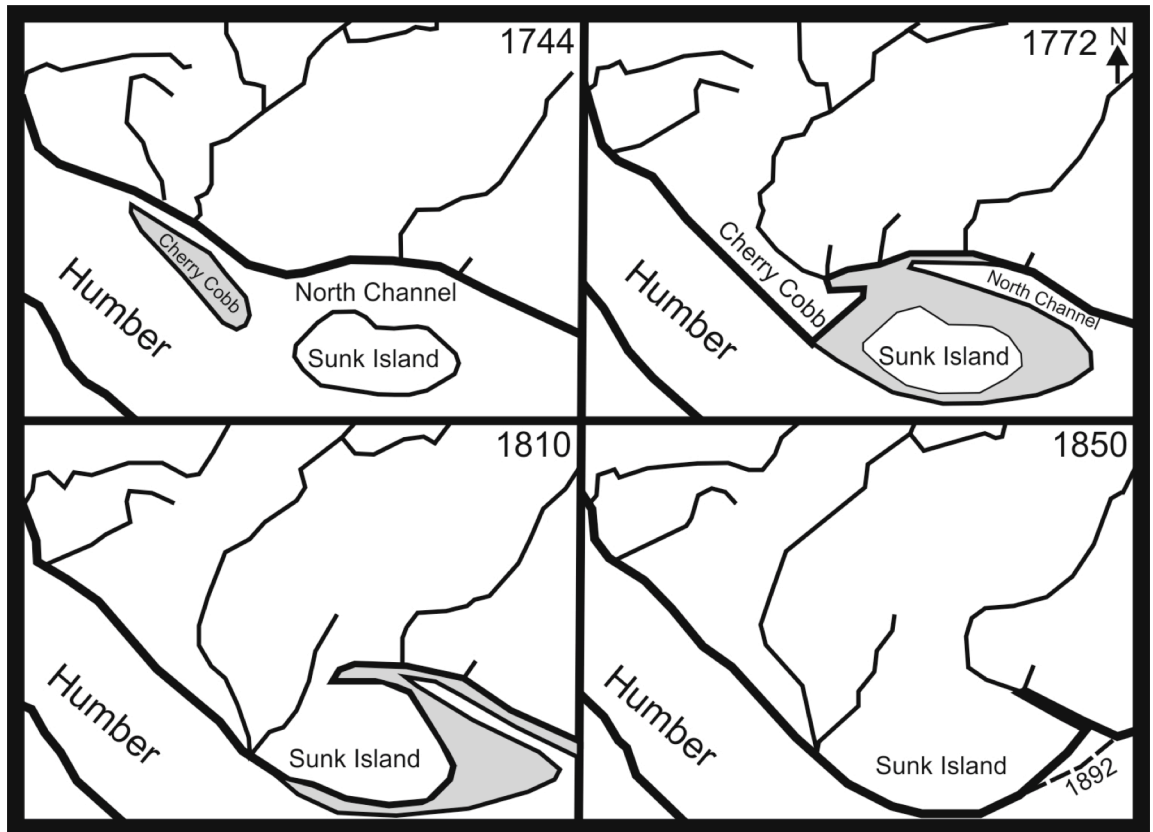


Figure 4.12 Extent of reclamation and incorporation of Sunk Island on the northern outer portion of the Humber Estuary over the last c. 250 years. Dates are stated in years AD. Figure based upon Sheppard (1966).

5. Methodology

Table 5.1 Wentworth Scale of sediment size classification (1922), converted to millimetres.

| Millimetres (mm) | Grade | Class |
|------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1-2 | Very Coarse | Sand |
| 0.5- 1 | Coarse | |
| 0.25- 0.5 | Medium | |
| 0.125- 0.25 | Fine | |
| 0.0625- 0.125 | Very fine | |
| 0.031- 0.0625 | Coarse | Silt |
| 0.0156- 0.031 | Medium | |
| 0.0078- 0.0156 | Fine | |
| 0.0039-0.0078 | Very fine | |
| 0- 0.00006 | Clay | Clay |

6. Contemporary Environment and Sea-Level Transfer Functions

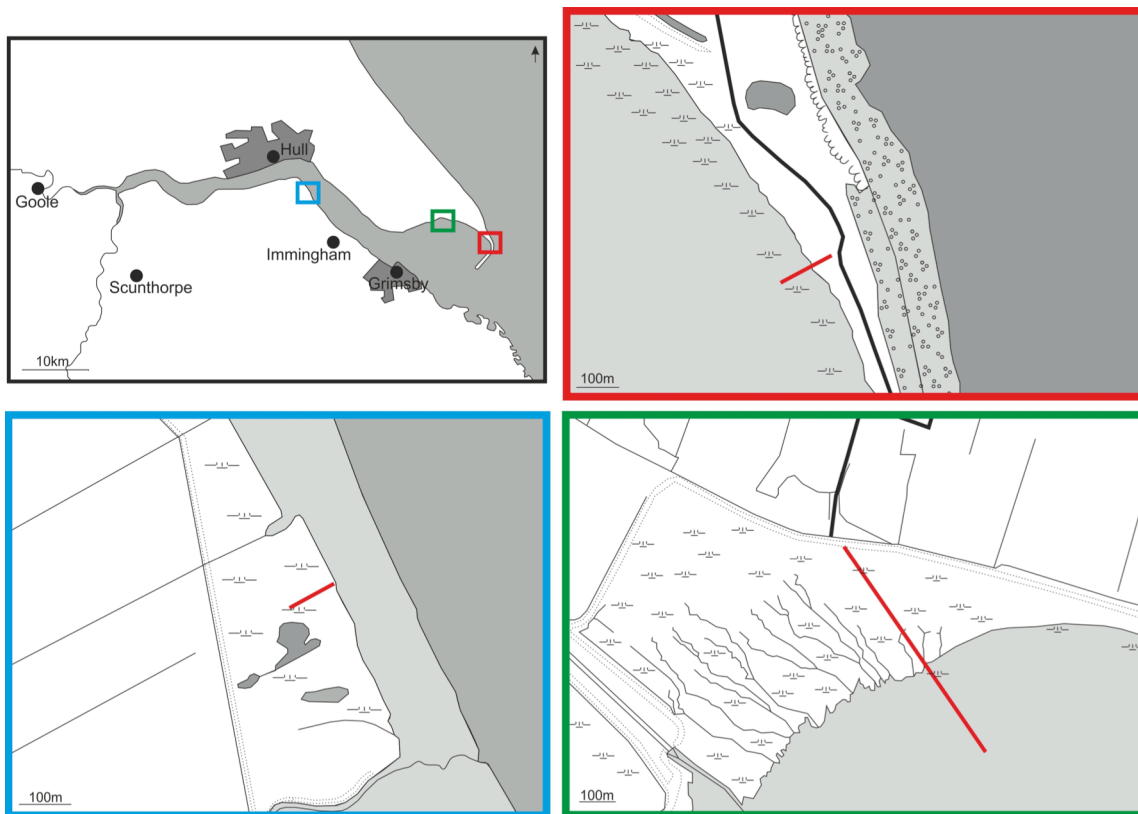


Figure 6.1 Location of the contemporary marsh study sites and modern surface sample transects. Blue= East Halton; green= Welwick; red= Spurn.

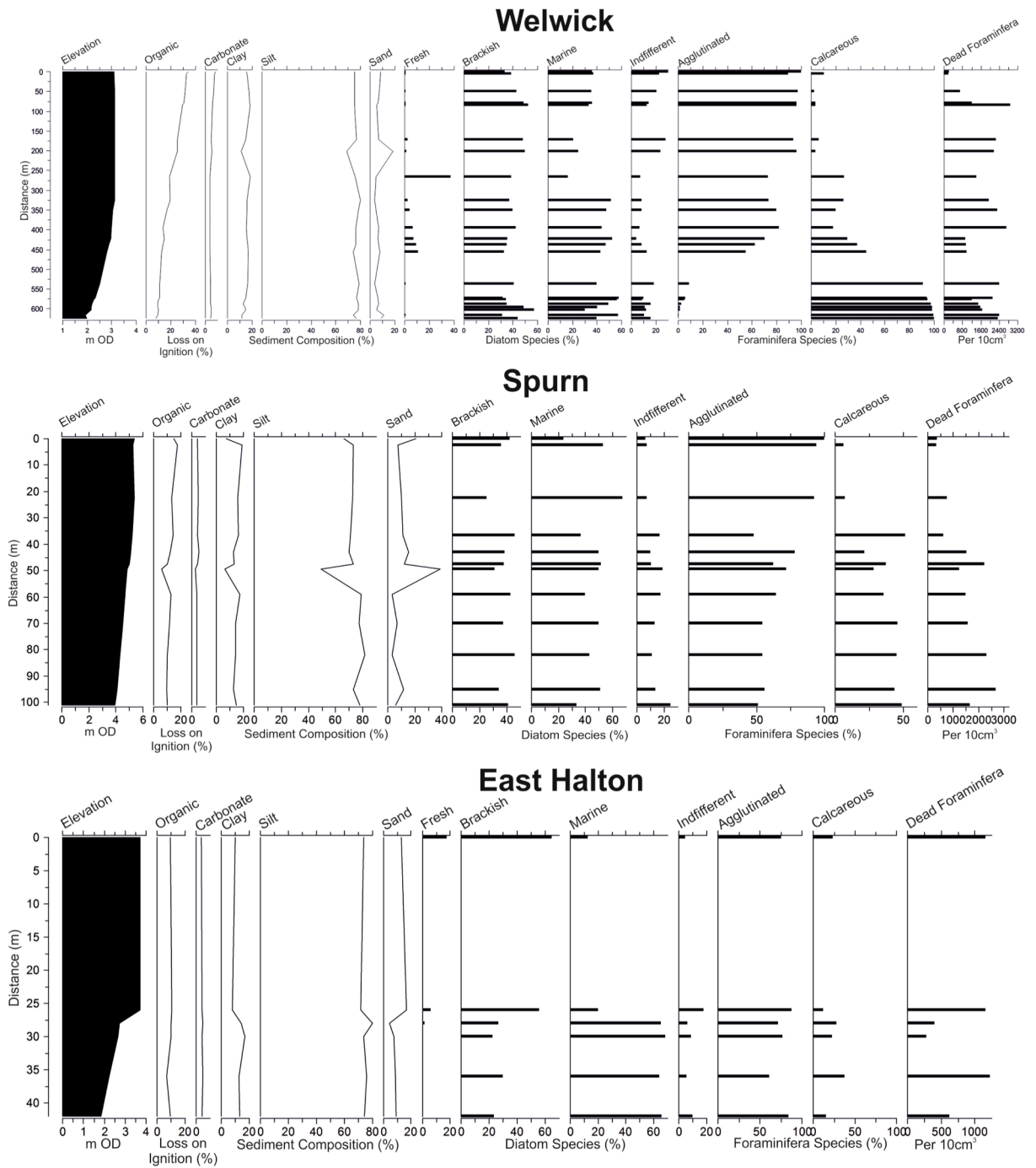


Figure 6.2 Summary diagrams of the laboratory analyses of contemporary surface samples from Welwick, Spurn and East Halton, including summary diatom and foraminifera assemblages, loss-on-ignition, particle size analysis and elevation.

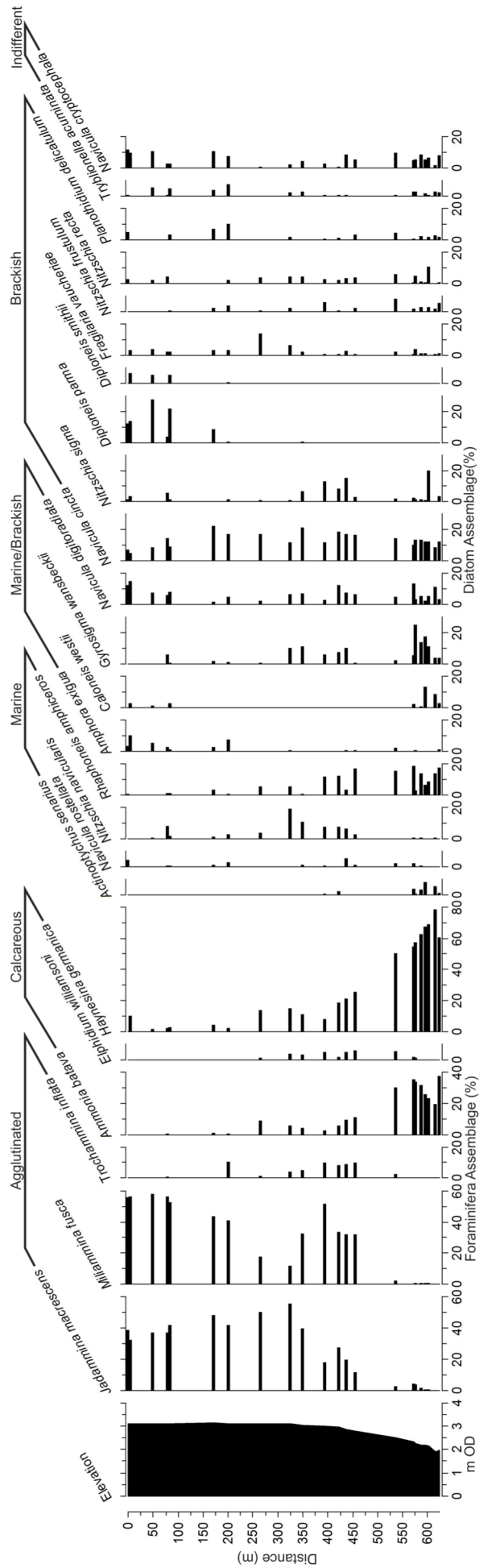


Figure 6.3 Summary percentage foraminifera and diatom assemblages of Welwick contemporary surface samples. Species >5% in two or more samples shown.

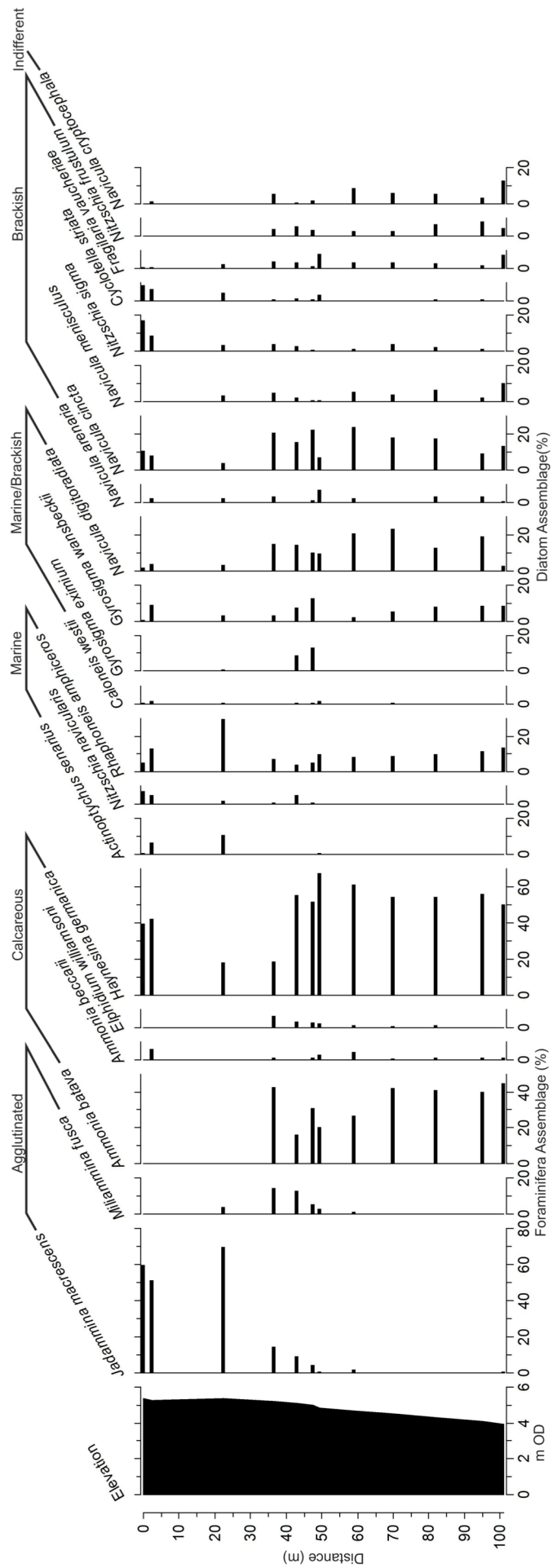


Figure 6.4 Summary percentage foraminifera and diatom assemblages of Spurn contemporary surface samples. Species >5% in two or more samples shown.

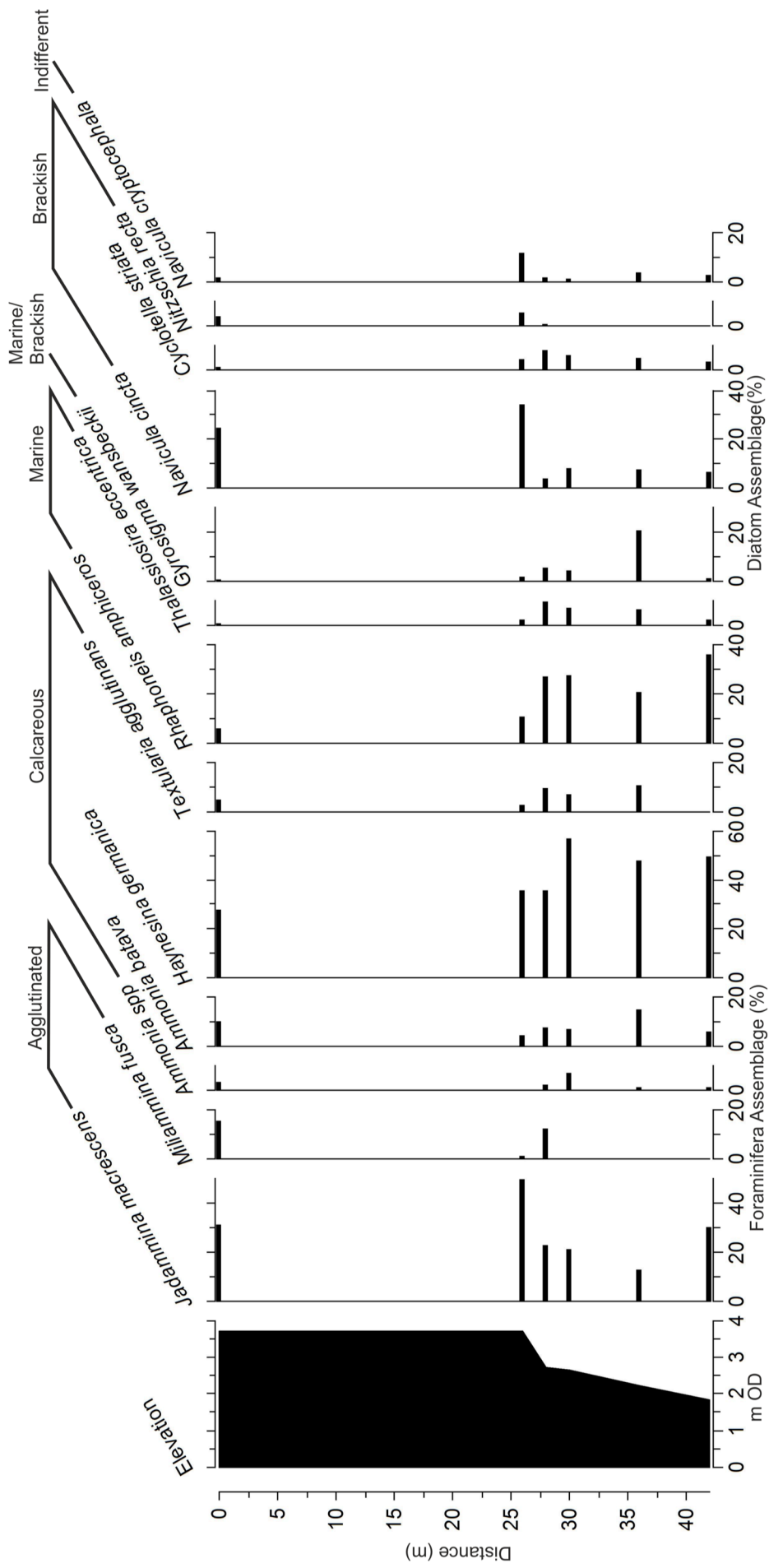


Figure 6.5 Summary percentage foraminifera and diatom assemblages of East Halton contemporary surface samples. Species >5% in two or more samples shown.

Table 6.1 Summary details of the 15 training sets formed, including the proxy type, size and source.

| Name | Scale | Proxy | Sites | Samples | Source |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| D-1 | Humber | Diatom | 3 | 40 | This study |
| D-2 | UK | Diatom | 6 | 88 | Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| D-3 | UK- Humber | Diatom | 9 | 128 | This study; Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| D-4 | UK estuary | Diatom | 3 | 51 | Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| D-5 | UK estuary- Humber | Diatom | 6 | 91 | This study Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| F-1 | Humber | Foram | 3 | 34 | This study |
| F-2 | UK | Foram | 12 | 162 | Horton & Edwards, 2006 |
| F-3 | UK- Humber | Foram | 15 | 196 | This study Horton & Edwards, 2006 |
| F-4 | UK estuary | Foram | 4 | 64 | Horton & Edwards, 2006 |
| F-5 | UK estuary- Humber | Foram | 7 | 98 | This study Horton & Edwards, 2006 |
| M-1 | Humber | Multi | 3 | 40 | This study |
| M-2 | UK | Multi | 18 | 250 | Horton & Edwards, 2006 Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| M-3 | UK- Humber | Multi | 21 | 290 | This study Horton & Edwards, 2006 Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| M-4 | UK estuary | Multi | 7 | 115 | Horton & Edwards, 2006; Zong & Horton, 1999 |
| M-5 | UK estuary- Humber | Multi | 10 | 155 | This study Horton & Edwards, 2006 Zong & Horton, 1999 |

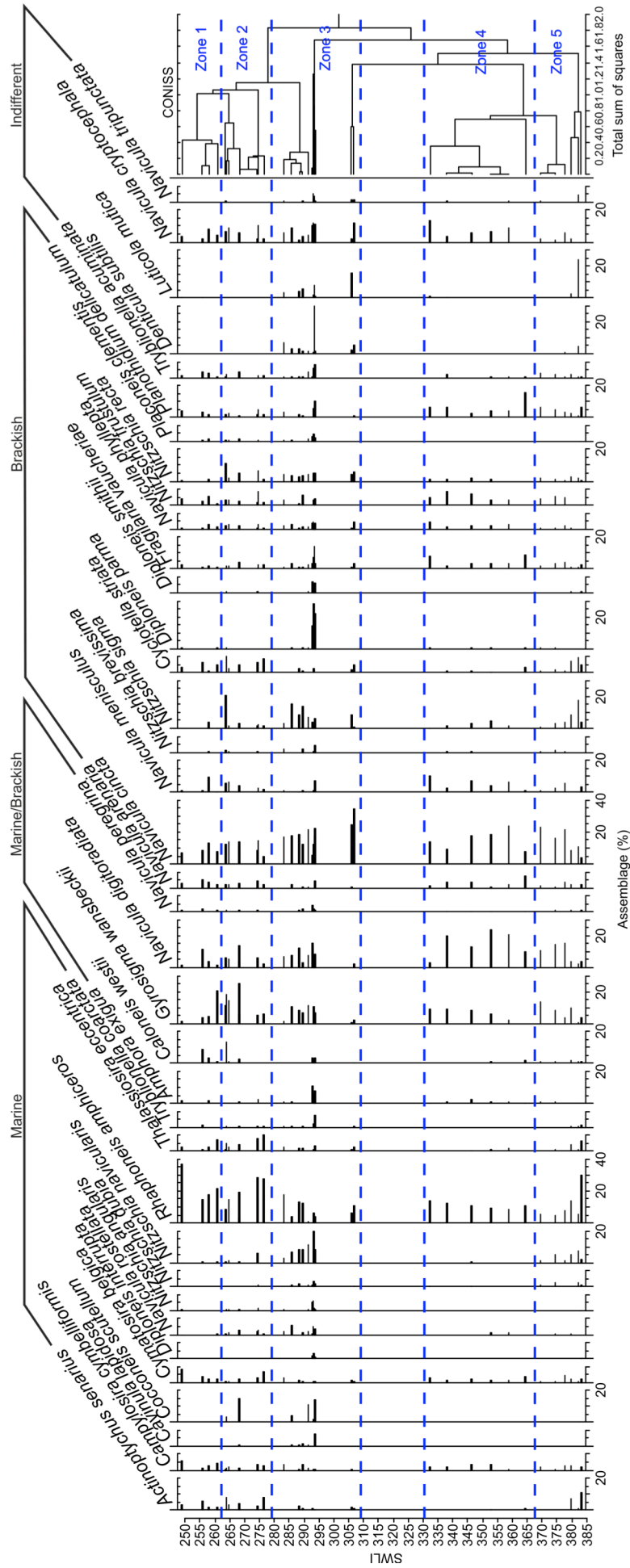


Figure 6.6 Results of cluster analysis on the diatom training set. Species with abundance >5% in at least three samples are shown.

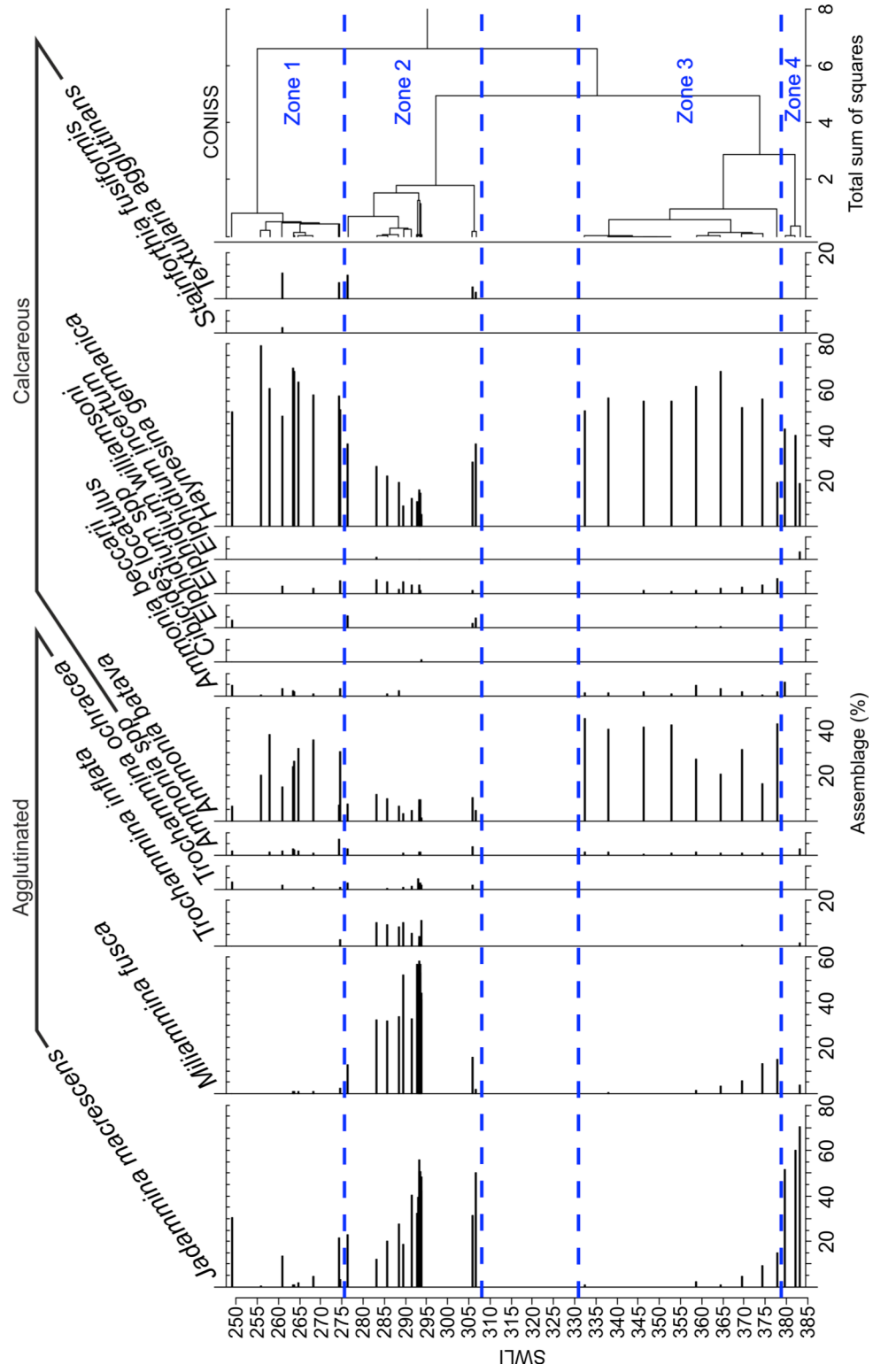


Figure 6.7 Results of cluster analysis on the foraminifera training set.

| SWLI | Diatom Zones | Foraminifera Zones |
|-----------|---|---|
| 310 | Upper Saltmarsh | Upper Saltmarsh |
| 305 | | |
| MHWST 300 | No Samples | |
| 295 | Upper Saltmarsh <i>D. interrupta, D. smithii, D. subtilis,</i> <i>N. cincta, N. digitoradiata,</i> <i>N. navicularis, N. sigma</i> | Upper Saltmarsh <i>J. macrescens, M. fusca,</i> <i>T. inflata</i> |
| 290 | | |
| 285 | | |
| 280 | Lower Saltmarsh <i>A. senarius, C. westii,</i> <i>G. wansbeckii, N. cincta,</i> <i>R. ampiceros, T. eccentrica</i> | Lower Saltmarsh <i>A. batava, H. germanica,</i> <i>T. agglutinans</i> |
| 275 | | |
| 270 | | |
| 265 | | |
| 260 | Tidal Flat <i>C. belgica, G. wansbeckii,</i> <i>R. ampiceros</i> | |
| 255 | | |
| 250 | | |

Figure 6.8 Distribution of the diatom and foraminifera training sets in relation to SWLI as identified by cluster analysis, with named key species.

Table 6.2 Results of DCA analysis of the three Humber training sets.

| Training Set | Axis 1 Length | Axis 1 Variation Explained (%) |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Diatom | 2.87 | 30.34 |
| Foraminifera | 2.32 | 53.52 |
| Combined Multi-Proxy | 2.42 | 38.02 |

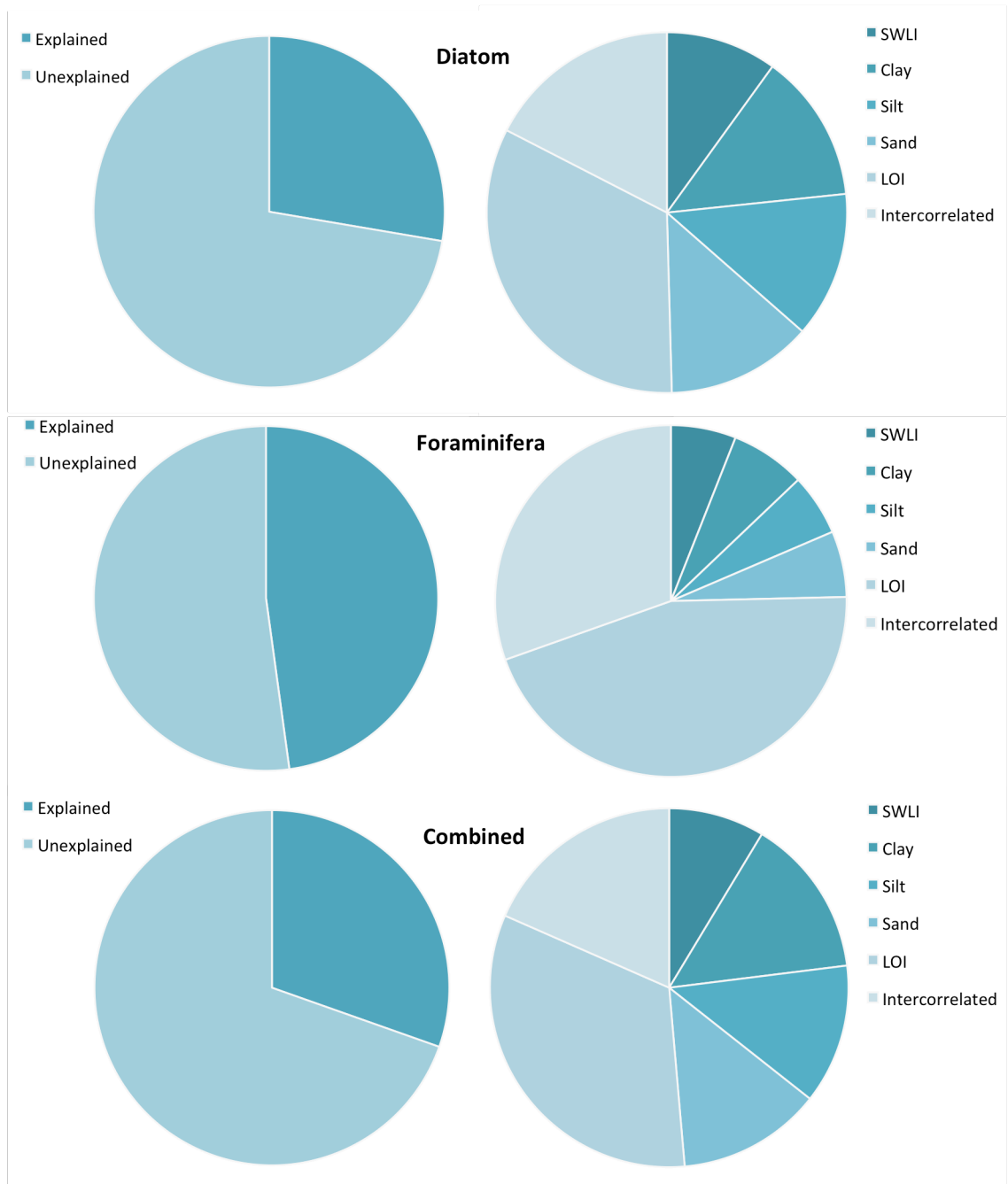


Figure 6.9 Results of CCA and partial CCA of the three Humber training sets.

Table 6.3 Summary of the performance of the 15 transfer functions developed from the training sets outlined in Table 6.1 (D= Diatom, F= Foraminifera, M= Multi-proxy).

| Name | Component (% change) | RMSEP | Bootstrapped r^2 |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| D-1 | 1 | 41.895 | 0.098 |
| D-2 | 2 (6.15) | 22.692 | 0.651 |
| D-3 | 1 | 30.997 | 0.426 |
| D-4 | 3 (7.51) | 16.461 | 0.802 |
| D-5 | 1 | 32.884 | 0.313 |
| F-1 | 1 | 44.583 | 0.002 |
| F-2 | 1 | 25.782 | 0.276 |
| F-3 | 1 | 29.444 | 0.226 |
| F-4 | 1 | 14.481 | 0.0917 |
| F-5 | 1 | 28.325 | 0.026 |
| M-1 | 2 (5.37) | 42.790 | 0.142 |
| M-2 | 2 (5.15) | 24.196 | 0.484 |
| M-3 | 1 | 28.474 | 0.363 |
| M-4 | 3 (7.51) | 15.707 | 0.659 |
| M-5 | 1 | 26.973 | 0.297 |

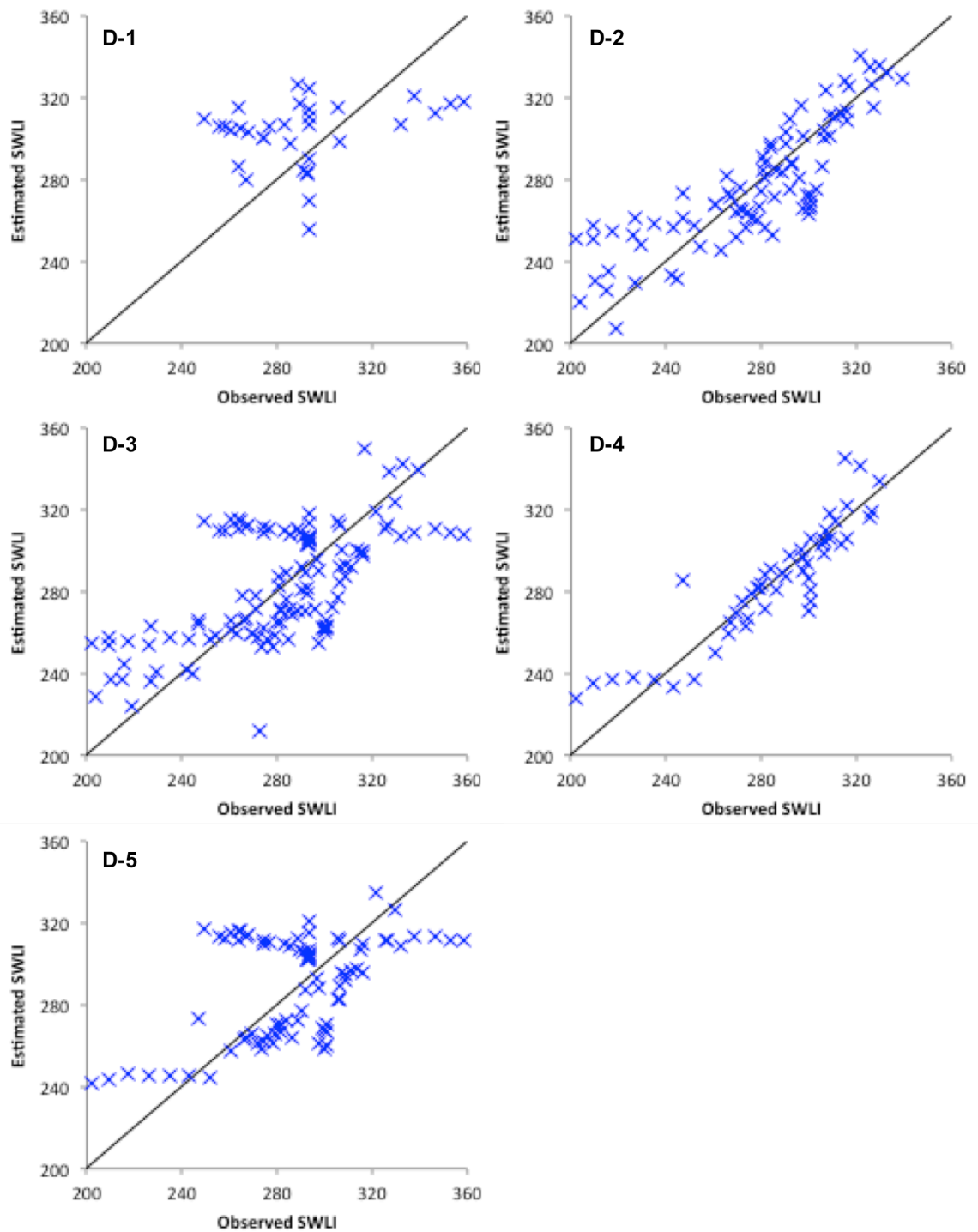


Figure 6.10 Observed SWLI and estimated SWLI predicted by the diatom transfer functions; components used are those outlined in Table 6.3.

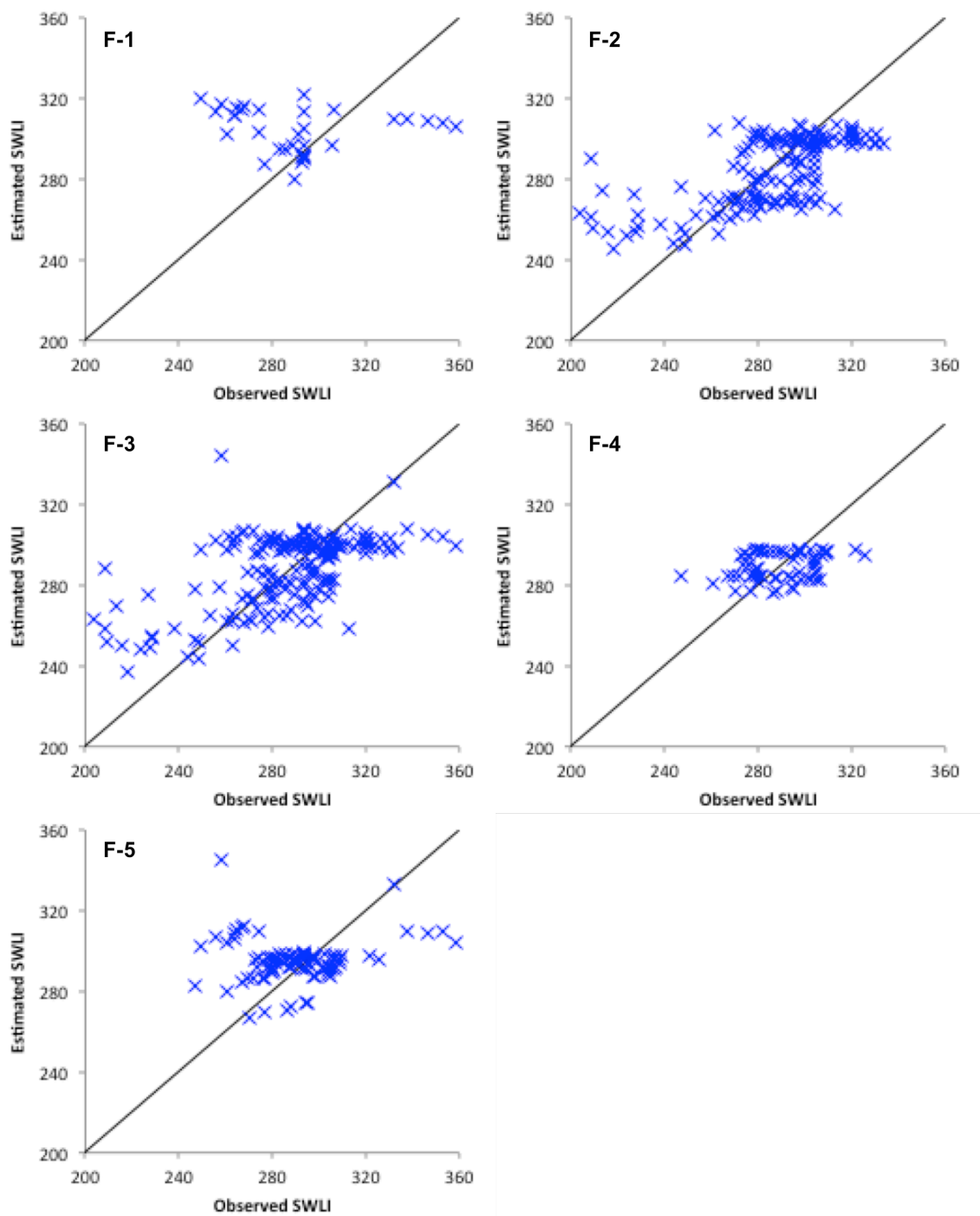


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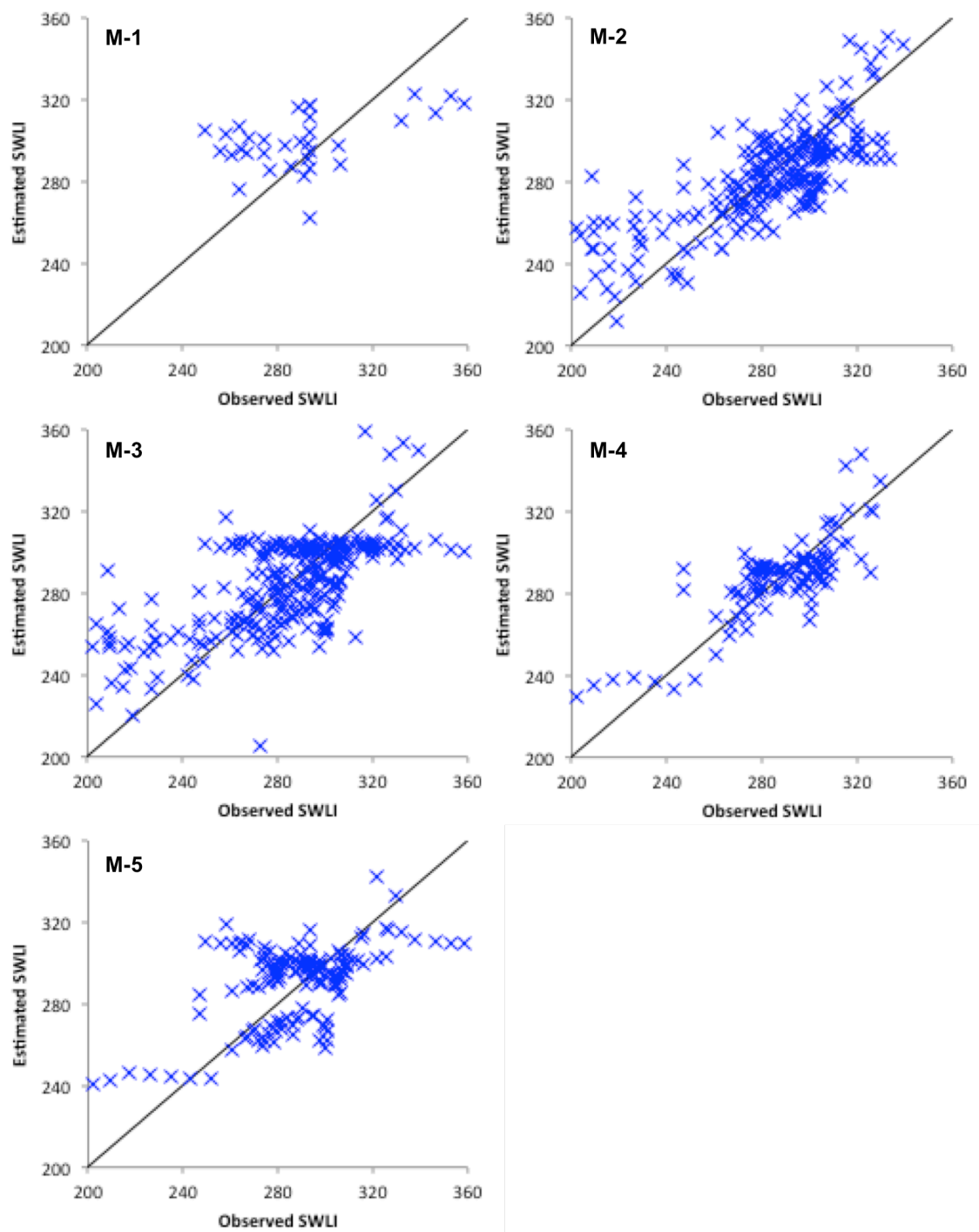


Figure 6.12 Observed SWLI and estimated SWLI predicted by the multi-proxy diatom and foraminifera transfer functions; components used are those outlined in Table 6.3.

7. Palaeoenvironment and Relative Sea-Level Reconstruction: East Halton

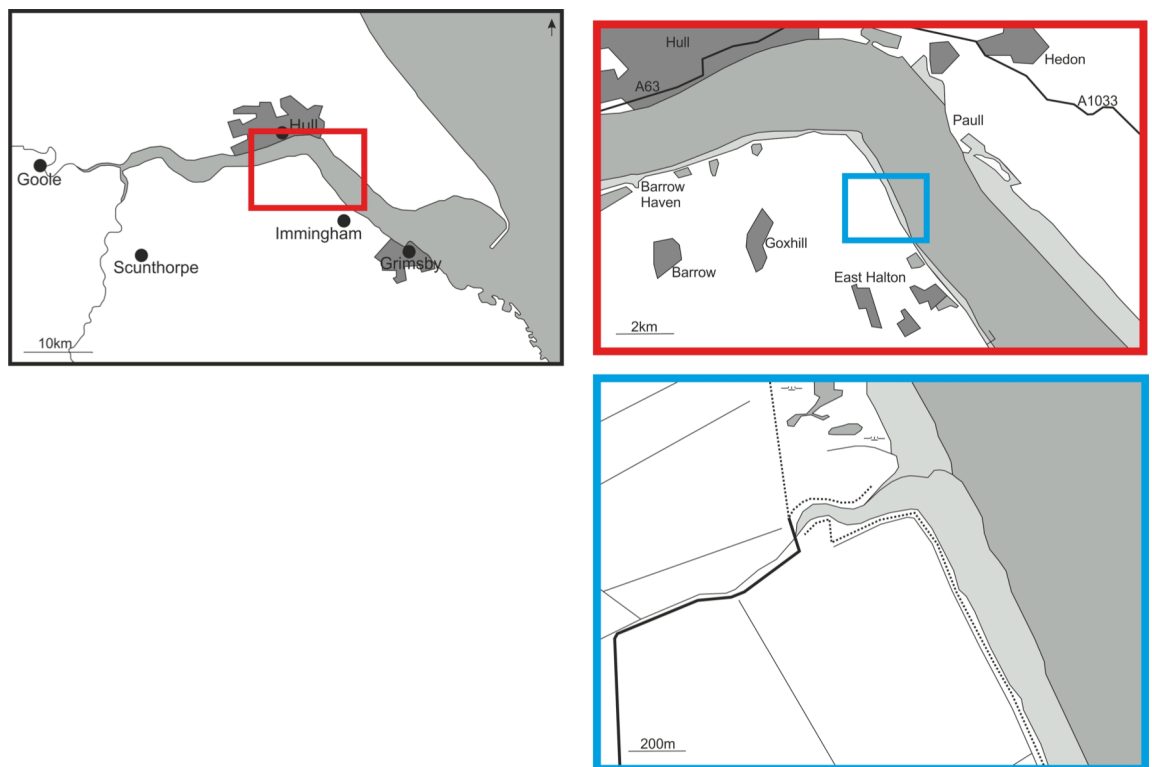


Figure 7.1 Location of the East Halton palaeo study site.

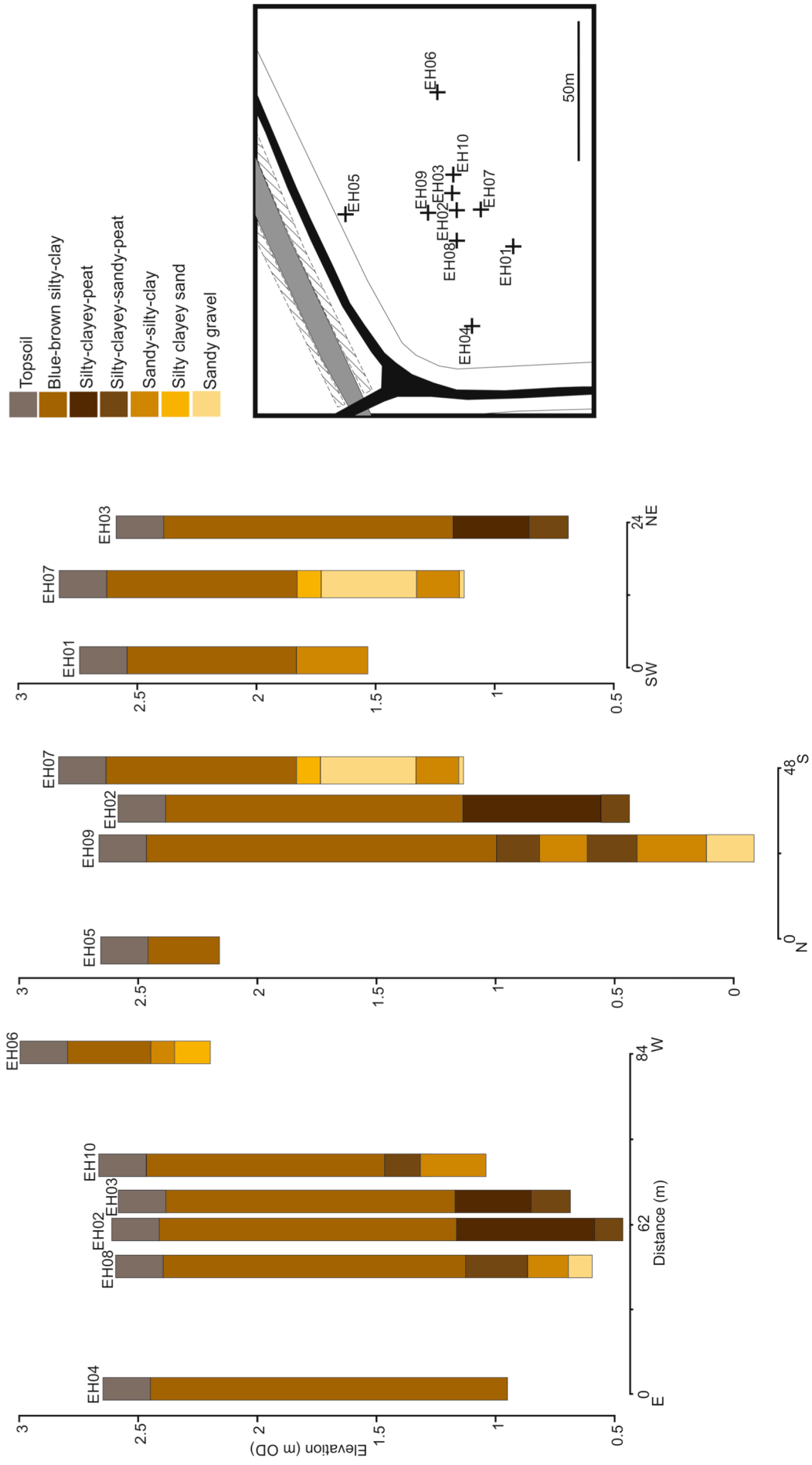


Figure 7.2 Location of cores taken during the survey and a simplified stratigraphic overview of the sediments.

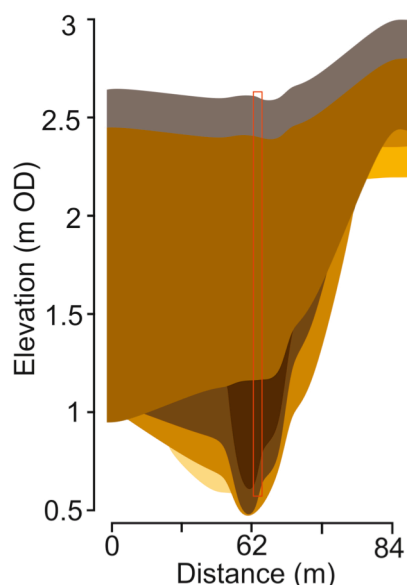


Figure 7.3 Stratigraphy of the east-west transect, with position of core EH03 highlighted. Stratigraphic key follows that in Figure 7.2.

Table 7.1 Sediment descriptions of core EH03.

| Depth (m) | Elevation (m OD) | Description | Troels-Smith (1955) Description |
|------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 0-0.3 | +2.587 - +2.287 | Brown stony topsoil | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 4; Lim. 0; Str. conf.; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.3-0.5 | +2.287 - +2.087 | Dense brown silt-clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.5-1.33 | +2.087 - +1.257 | Dense brown-blue silt clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 1.33-1.495 | +1.257 - +1.092 | Dense brown-grey-blue silt-clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 1.495-1.54 | +1.092 - +1.047 | Gradational transition from brown-grey-blue silt-clay into dark brown silty-peat with visible sand and plant rootlets | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; As1; Sh1; Ga+; Th+ |
| 1.54-1.85 | +1.047 - +0.737 | Dark brown silty-peat with sand and plant rootlets. Visible sand content decreases 1.75-1.54. | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; Sh2; As+; Ga+; Th+ |
| 1.85-1.9 | +0.737 - +0.687 | Dark brown sandy-silty-peat and basal stones | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; Sh2; As+; Ga+; Gs+; Gg(min)+; Gg(maj)+; Th+ |

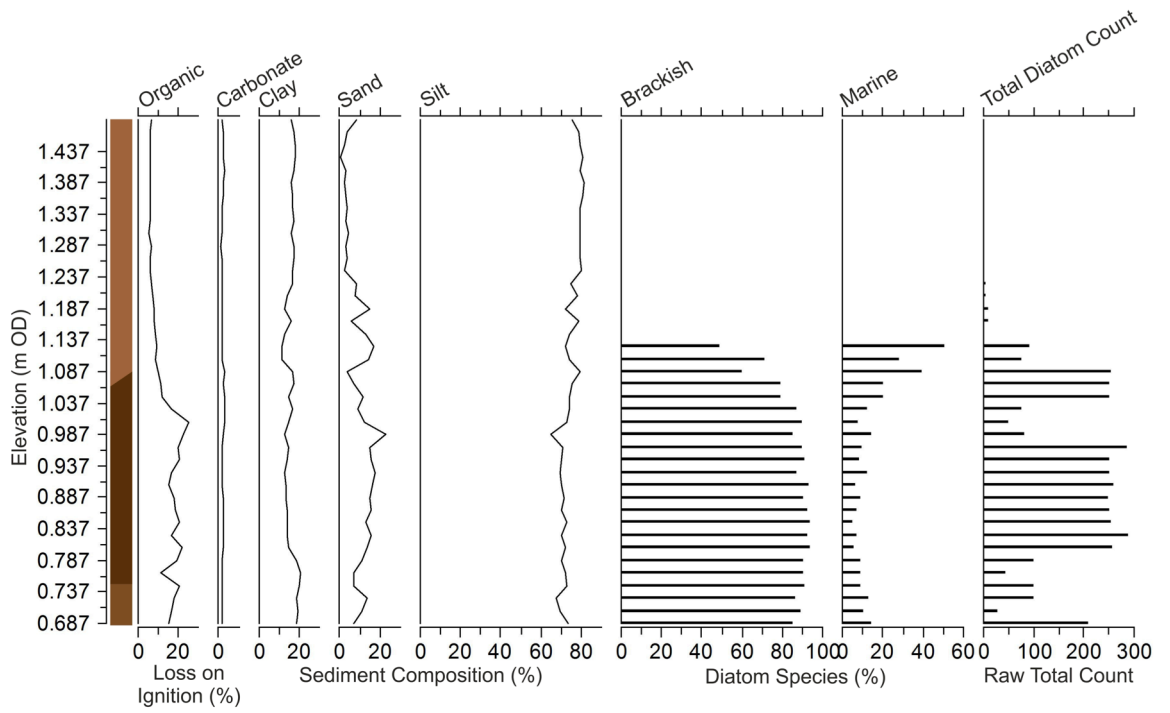


Figure 7.4 Summary diagram of laboratory analyses of core EH03, including summary diatom assemblage, loss-on-ignition and particle size results. Stratigraphic key follows that in Figure 7.2.

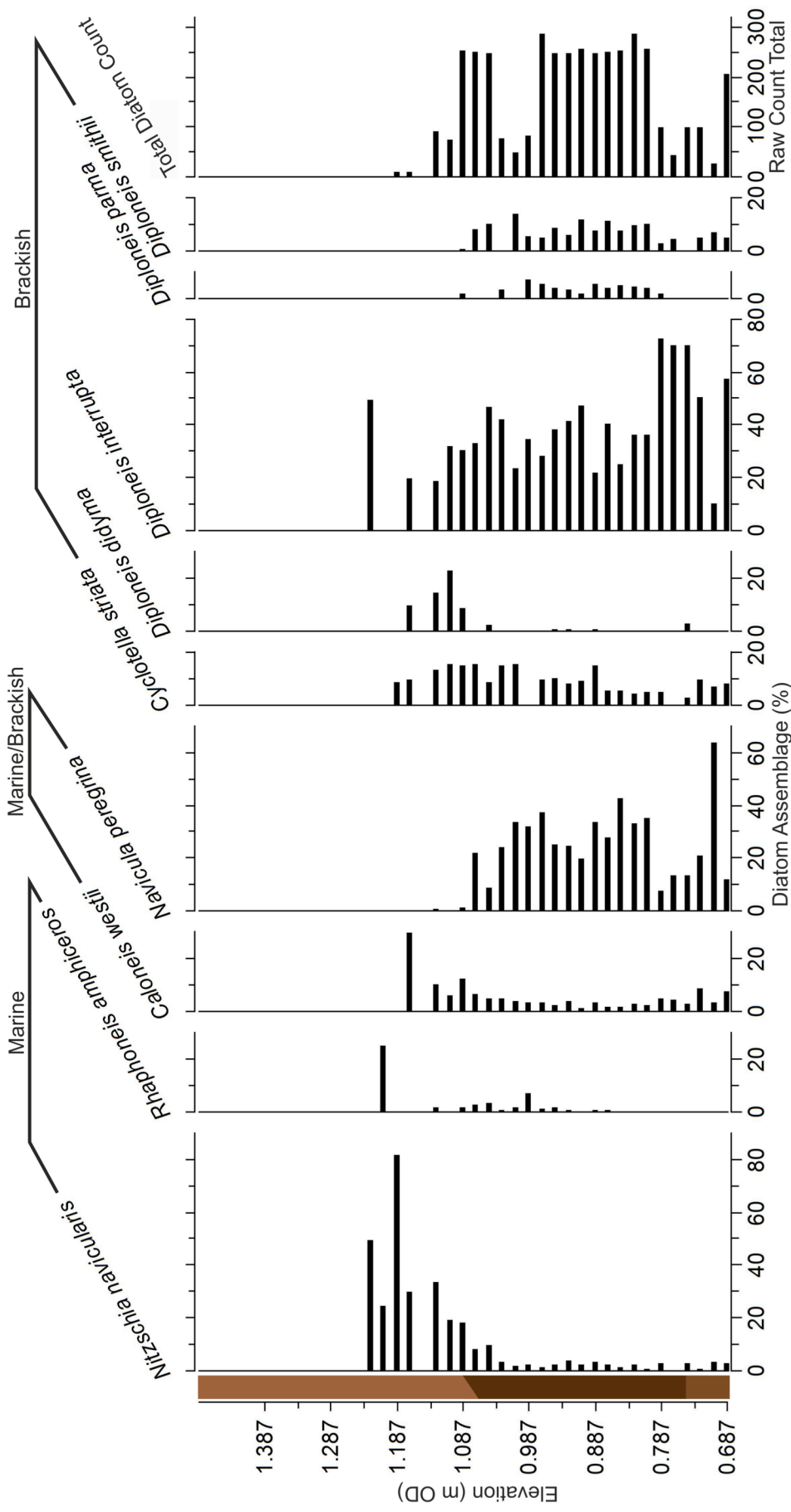


Figure 7.5 Summary percentage diatom assemblage of core EH03. Species >5% in two or more samples shown. Stratigraphy key follows that in Figure 7.2.

Table 7.2 Radiocarbon dates for core EH03 (analysis undertaken at ¹⁴CHRONO Centre at Queens University Belfast.

| Code | Identifier Core-Depth (cm) | Elevation (mOD) | Sample | Conventional Radiocarbon Age (years BP $\pm 1\sigma$) | Cal Years BP |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--|---------------------|
| UBA-27936 | EH-155 | +1.037 | Bulk | 3029 \pm 26 | 3227 (3158-3342) |
| UBA-27935 | EH-190 | +0.687 | Bulk | 3169 \pm 41 | 3395 (3257-3476) |

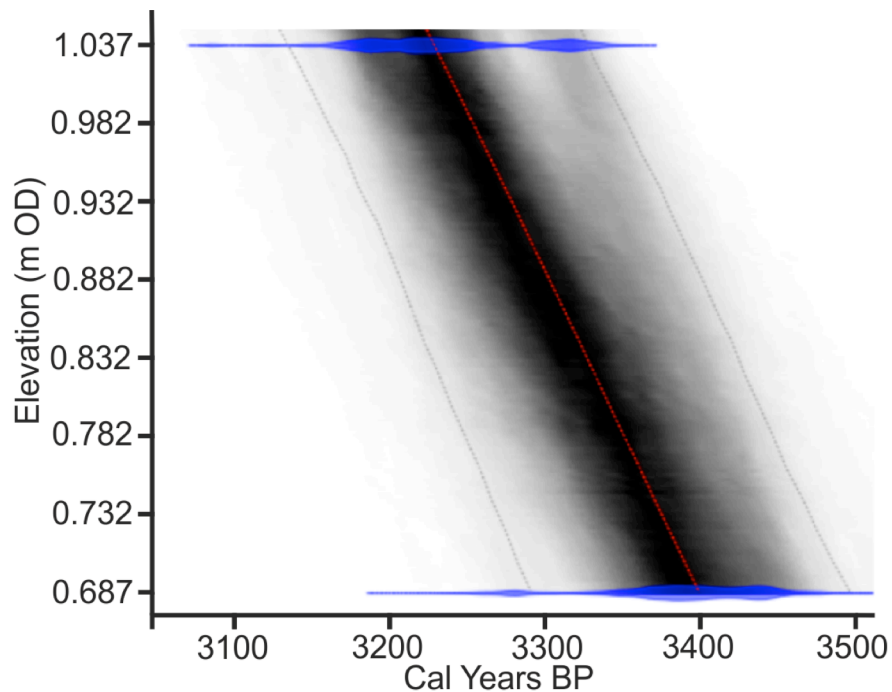


Figure 7.6 Chronology established using Bacon (Blaauw & Christen, 2011) for the lower 0.36m of core EH03, based on the two radiocarbon dates in Table 7.2.

Table 7.3 Summary performance of the diatom transfer functions (Table 6.1) and results of modern analogue analysis for core EH03.

| Transfer Function | Component (% change) | RMSEP | Bootstrapped r^2 | Modern Analogues | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|------|
| | | | | Poor | Close | Good |
| D-1 | 2 (5.08) | 39.45 | 0.27 | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| D-2 | 2 (6.65) | 22.57 | 0.65 | 11 | 16 | 0 |
| D-3 | 1 | 30.4 | 0.42 | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| D-4 | 3 (7.92) | 16.37 | 0.81 | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| D-5 | 1 | 32.87 | 0.31 | 27 | 0 | 0 |

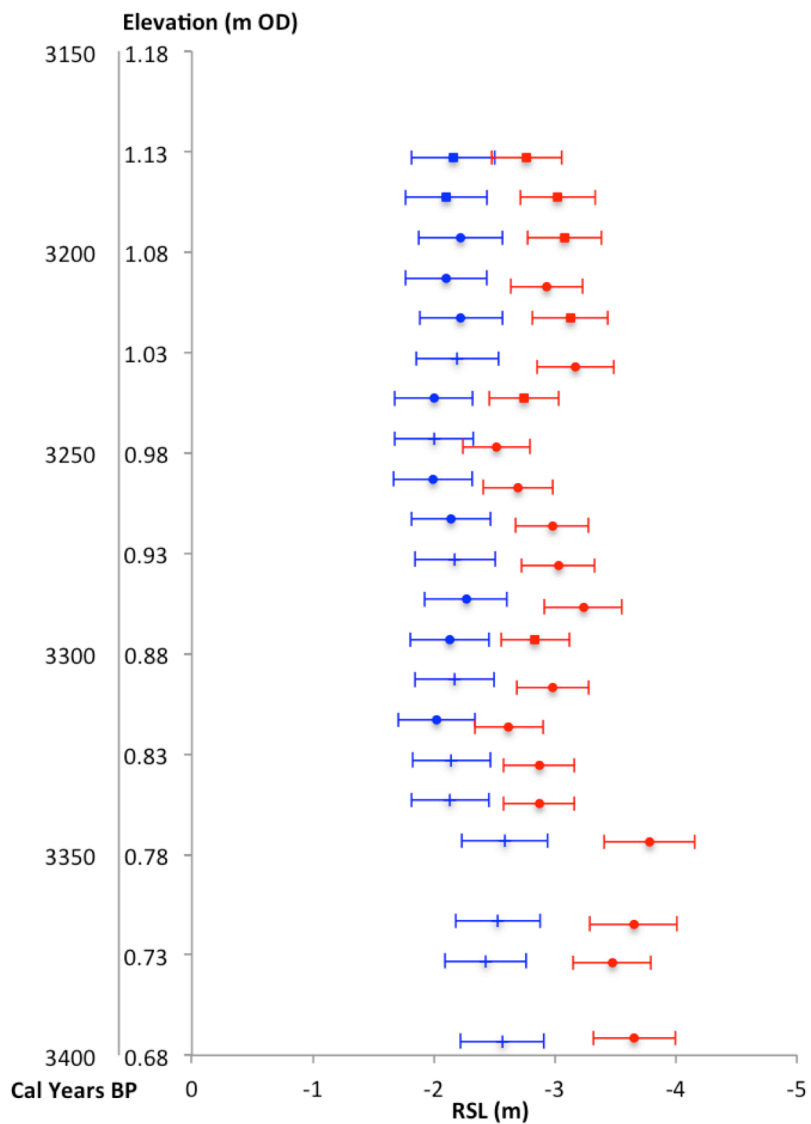


Figure 7.7 Sea-level reconstructions based on the UK *D-1* (red) and UK-Humber *D-3* (blue) transfer functions. Dash symbol represents estimate with good modern analogues, circle represents close, and square represents poor.

Table 7.4 Sea-level index points produced from core EH03.

| Code | ¹⁴ C Sample | ¹⁴ C Age (Years BP +/-1σ) | Cal Years BP (+/-2σ range) | | | Depth (m) | Elevation (m OD) | Indicative Meaning | Reference Water Level (m OD) | Correction (m) | | Change in RSL (m) | Tendency |
|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| | | | Min | Median | Max | | | | | Tidal | Compaction | | |
| EH-155 | Bulk | 3029+/-26 | 3158 | 3227 | 3342 | 1.55 | 1.037 | (MHWST+HAT) 2 | 3.905 +/-0.395 | -0.17 | 0.2847 | -2.41 +/- 0.52 | Positive |
| EH-190 | Bulk | 3169+/-41 | 3257 | 3395 | 3476 | 1.9 | 0.687 | (MHWST+HAT) 2 | 3.905 +/-0.395 | -0.18 | N/A | -3.04 +/- 0.43 | Positive |

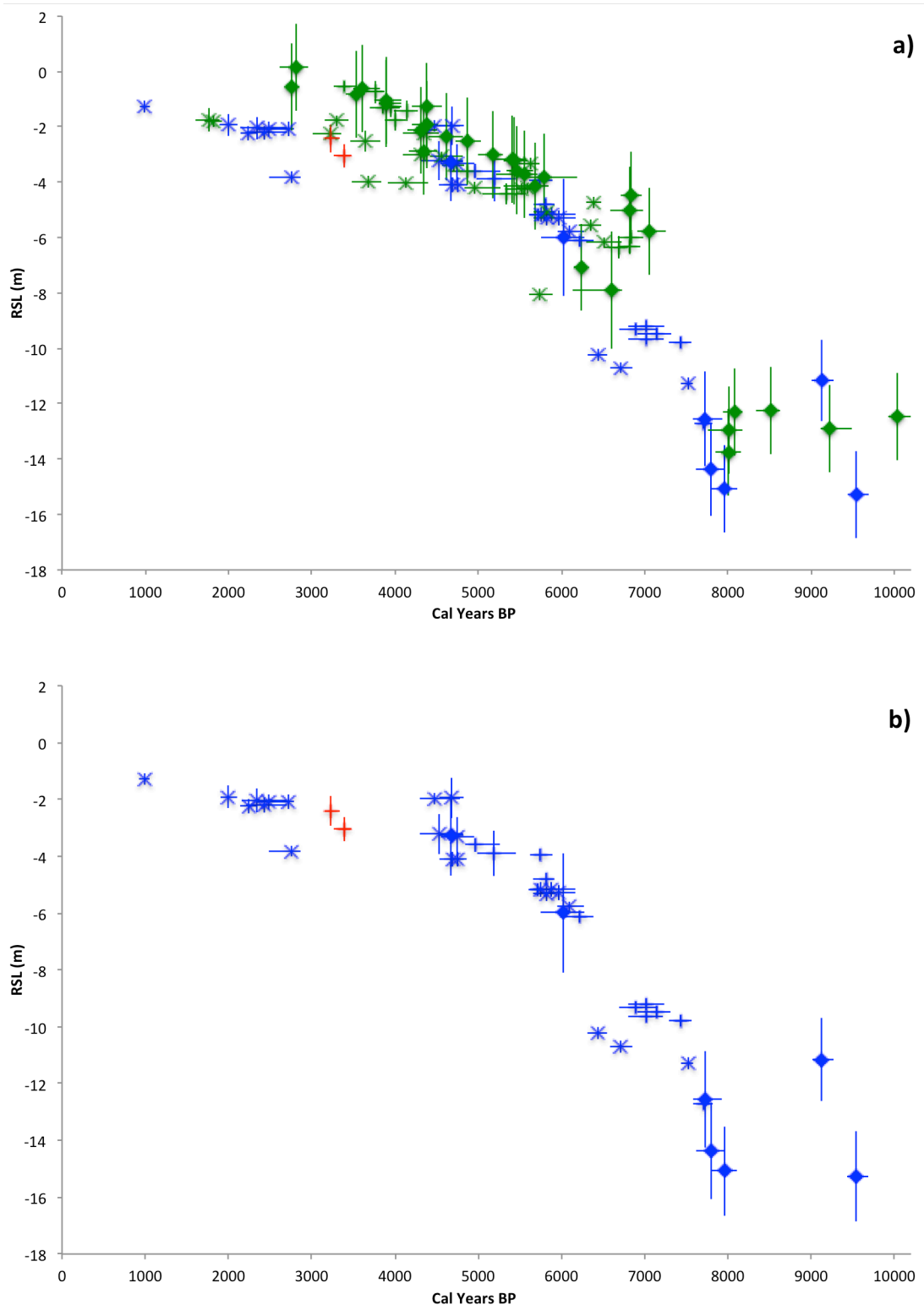


Figure 7.8 Two new sea-level index points (red plus symbol) with the existing tidal-corrected sea-level index points for the Humber Estuary: a) new sea-level index points with data from inner and outer estuary, and b) new sea-level index points with data from outer estuary only. Blue= outer estuary (east of Hull); green= inner estuary (west of Hull). Diamonds= limiting points; crosses intercalated points; plus= basal points; all include associated individual vertical and age error bars.

8. Palaeoenvironment and Relative Sea-Level Reconstruction: Brough

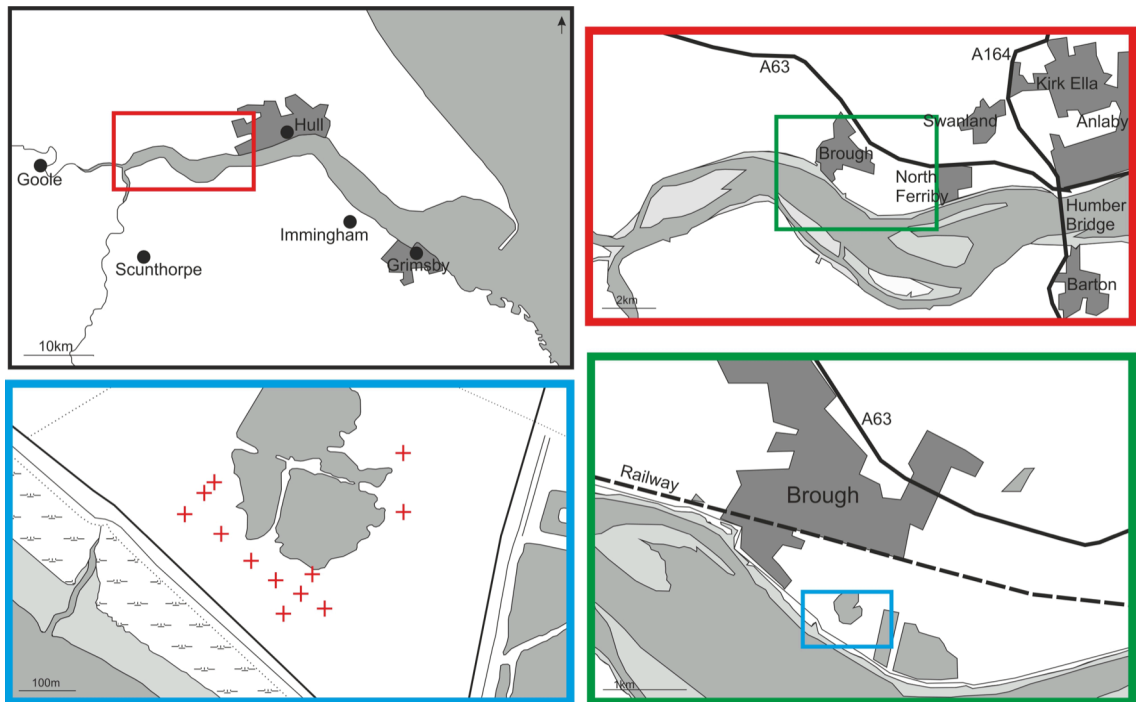


Figure 8.1 Location of Brough palaeo study site. Red crosses indicate location of stratigraphic cores from this study.

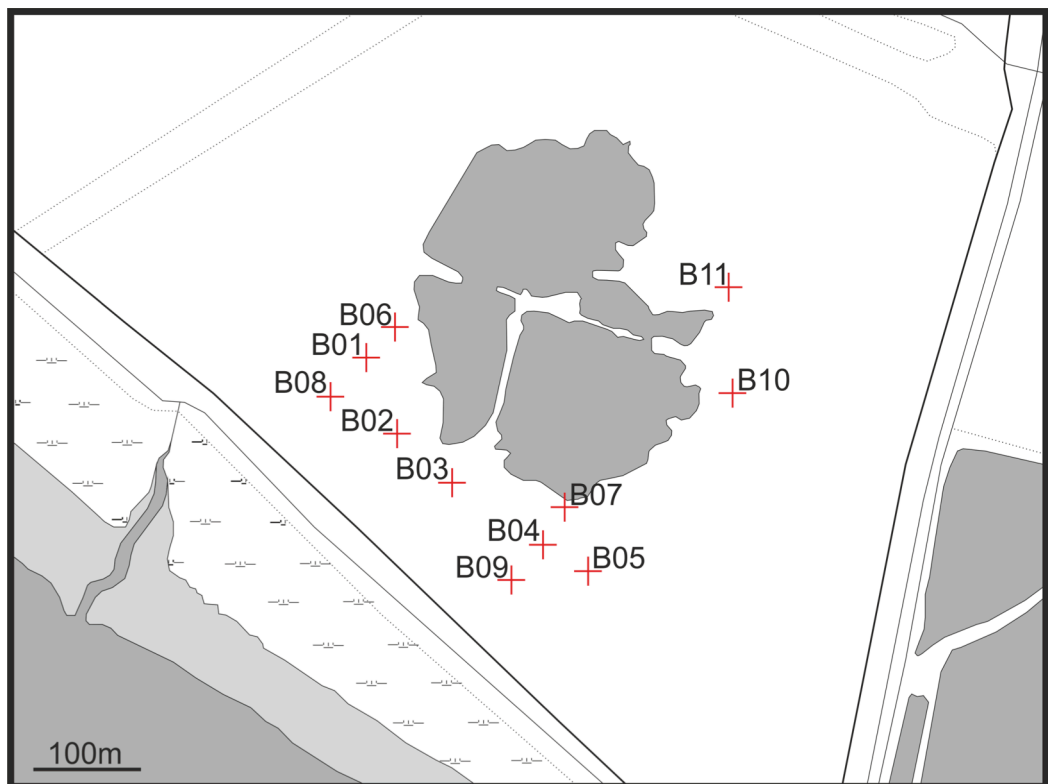


Figure 8.2 Location of boreholes taken for stratigraphic survey in this study.

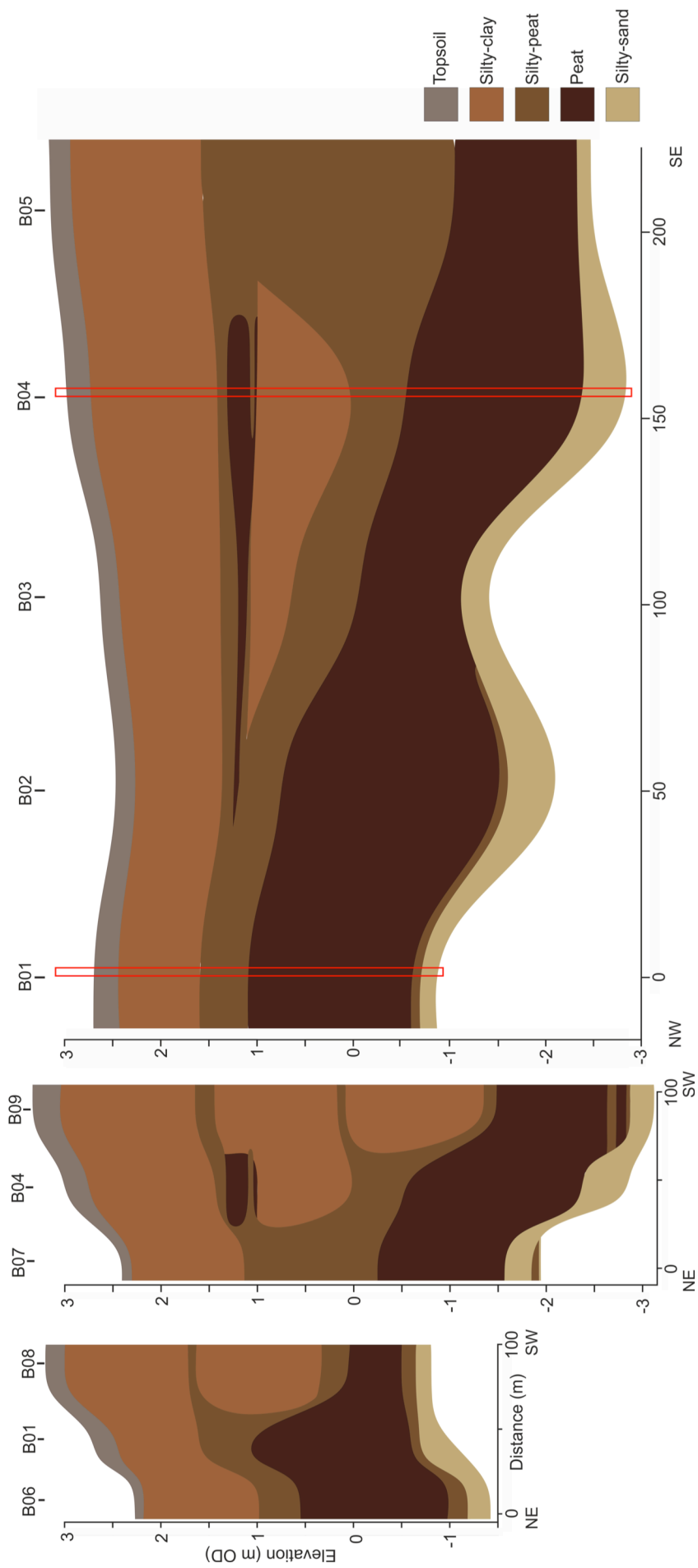


Figure 8.3 A simplified stratigraphic overview of the stratigraphy at Brough.

Table 8.1 Sediment descriptions of core BC01.

| Depth (m) | Elevation (m OD) | Description | Troels-Smith (1955) Description |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 0-0.3 | +2.702 - +2.402 | Dense brown topsoil | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 4; Lim. 0; Strf. conf; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.3- 0.88 | +2.402- +1.822 | Dense brown blue silty clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.88- 0.93 | +1.822 - +1.772 | Dense brown blue silty clay with plant fibres | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Th+ |
| 0.93- 1.12 | +1.722 - +1.582 | Brown organic crumbly silty clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+; Th+ |
| 1.12- 1.19 | +1.582 - +1.512 | Brown silty peat | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; Sh2; Sh+; Th+ |
| 1.19- 1.71 | +1.512 - +1.002 | Brown grey blue silty clay with organic patches; increasingly organic 1.48- 1.71 | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+ |
| 1.71- 2.0 | +1.002 - +0.702 | Dark brown silty peat | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; Sh2; Th+ |
| 2.0- 2.18 | +0.702 - +0.522 | Dark brown peat | Nig 3; Strf. 2; Elas. 1; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Sh3; Th1 |
| 2.18- 2.46 | +0.522 - +0.242 | Dark brown peat with occasional wood fragments | Nig 3; Strf. 2; Elas. 1; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Sh3; Th1; TI+ |
| 2.46- 3.26 | +0.242 - -0.558 | Dark red-brown woody peat | Nig 3; Strf. 2; Elas. 1; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Sh2; TI1; Th1 |
| 3.26- 3.32 | -0.558 - -0.618 | Dark brown silty peat | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; Sh2; Th+ |
| 3.32- 3.38 | -0.618 - -0.678 | Dark brown silty peat with fine sand | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; Sh2; Th+; Ga+ |
| 3.38- 3.49 | -0.678 - -0.788 | Yellow-grey silty coarse sand | Nig 1; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; Ga1; Gs1; Gg(min)+ |

Table 8.2 Sediment descriptions of core BC02.

| Depth (m) | Elevation (m OD) | Description | Troels-Smith (1955) Description |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 0-0.47 | +2.404 - +1.934 | Dense brown topsoil | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 4; Lim. 0; Strf. conf; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.47- 0.79 | +1.934 - +1.614 | Dense brown blue silt clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 0.79- 0.9 | +1.614 - +1.504 | Dense brown blue silt with organic patches | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+ |
| 0.9- 1.27 | +1.504 - +1.134 | Grey brown blue silty clay | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2 |
| 1.27- 1.4 | +1.134 - +1.004 | Brown blue silty clay with organic patches; increasingly fibrous 1.32-1.4 | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+; Th+ |
| 1.4- 1.67 | +1.004 - +0.734 | Dark brown silty peat | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; Sh2; Th+ |
| 1.67- 2.14 | +0.734 - +0.264 | Grey blue silty clay with organic patches | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+ |
| 2.14- 2.44 | +0.264 - -0.036 | Dark brown silty peat | Nig 3; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; Sh2; Th+ |
| 2.44- 2.6 | -0.036 - -0.196 | Blue brown silty clay with organic patches | Nig 2; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag2; As2; Sh+ |
| 2.6-3.6 | -0.196 - -1.196 | Dark brown peat | Nig 3; Strf. 2; Elas. 1; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Sh3; Th1 |
| 3.6- 4.16 | -1.196 - -1.756 | Dark red brown woody peat | Nig 3; Strf. 2; Elas. 1; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Sh2; Th1; Th1 |
| 4.16- 4.29 | -1.756 - -1.886 | Brown black silty peat with shell fragments 4.18-4.29 | Nig 4; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 0; Ag3; Sh1; test (moll.); part.test.(moll.) |
| 4.29- 4.55 | -1.886 - -2.146 | Yellow-grey silty coarse sand | Nig 1; Strf. 0; Elas. 0; Sicc. 3; Lim. 1; Ag2; Ga1; Gs1; Gg(min)+ |

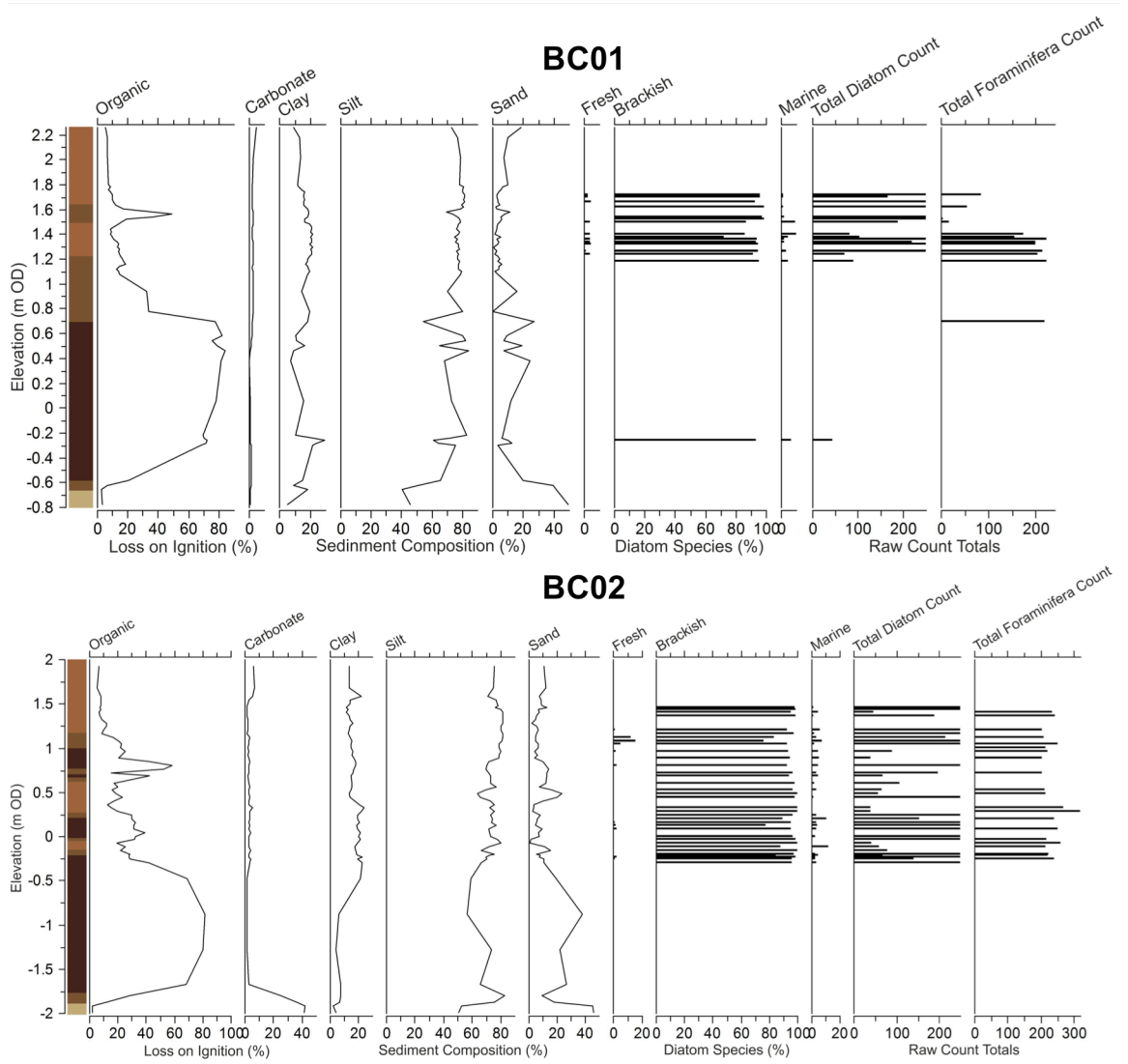


Figure 8.4 Summary diagrams of the laboratory analyses of cores BC01 and BC02, including summary diatom assemblages, foraminifera abundance, loss-on-ignition and particle size results. Foraminifera summaries are not included as all identified were agglutinated species. Stratigraphic key follows that in Figure 8.3.

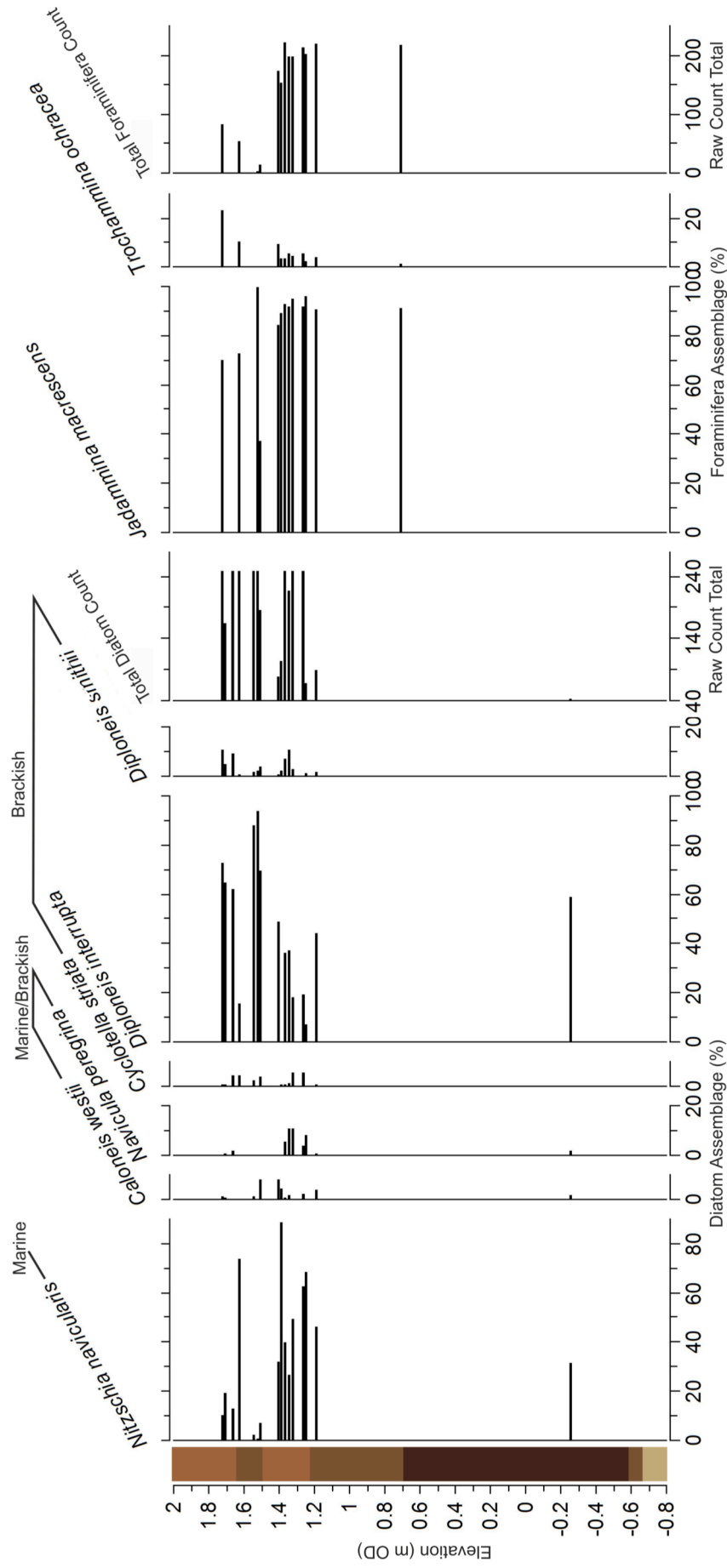


Figure 8.5 Summary percentage diatom and foraminifera assemblages of core BC01. Species >5% in two or more samples shown. Stratigraphic key follows that in Figure 8.3.

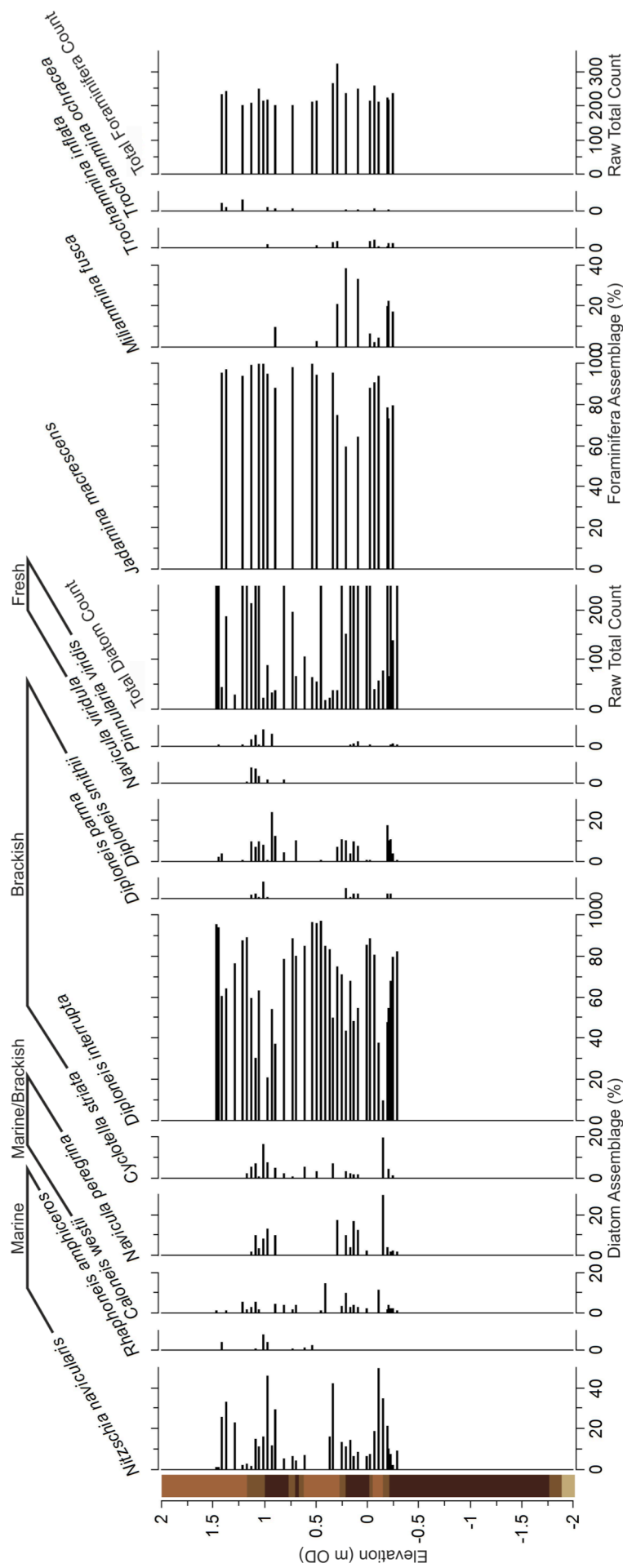


Figure 8.6 Summary percentage diatom and foraminifera assemblages of core BC02. Species >5% in two or more samples shown. Stratigraphic key follows that in Figure 8.3.

Table 8.3 Radiocarbon dates (analysis undertaken at NERC Radiocarbon Facility NRCF010001, allocation number 1932.1015).

| Code | Identifier Core- Depth (cm) | Elevation (mOD) | Sample | Conventional Radiocarbon Age (years BP $\pm 1\sigma$) | Cal Years BP |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| SUERC-65976 | BC01-105 | +1.652 | Bulk | 3624 \pm 35 | 3935 (3841-4078) |
| SUERC-65980 | BC01-119 | +1.512 | Bulk | 2448 \pm 37 | 2522 (2359-2705) |
| SUERC-65981 | BC01-202 | +0.682 | Plant macrofossil | 2606 \pm 37 | 2745 (2540-2791) |
| SUERC-65982 | BC02-93 | +1.474 | Bulk | 7556 \pm 39 | 8376 (8315-8425) |
| SUERC-65983 | BC02-130 | +1.104 | Plant macrofossil | 1583 \pm 36 | 1470 (1396-1550) |
| SUERC-65984 | BC02-159 | +0.814 | Plant macrofossil | 1639 \pm 37 | 1540 (1414-1616) |
| SUERC-65985 | BC02-175 | +0.654 | Bulk | 2343 \pm 37 | 2356 (2209-2489) |
| SUERC-65986 | BC02-259 | -0.186 | Bulk | 3682 \pm 38 | 4022 (3902-4145) |

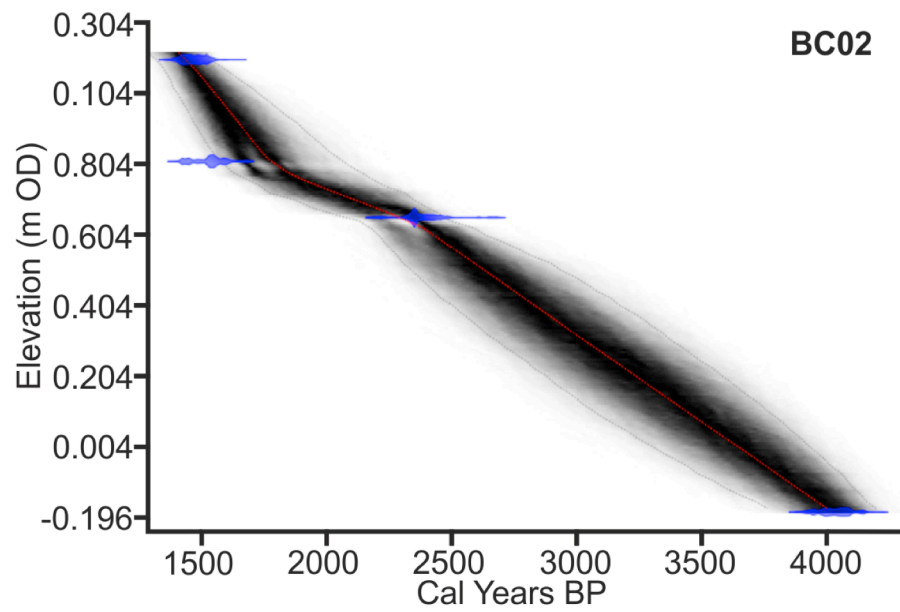
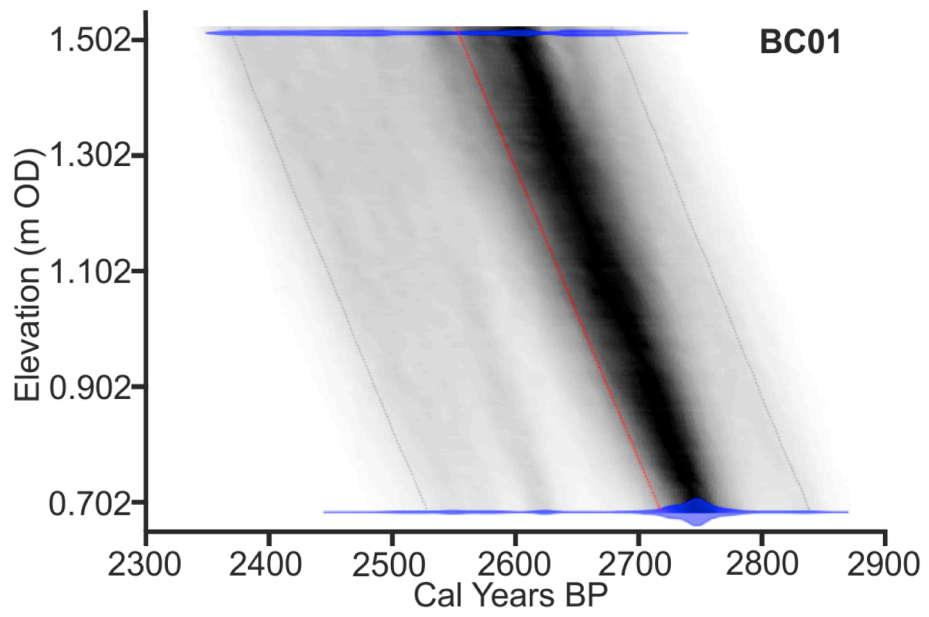


Figure 8.7 Chronology and age-depth model established using Bacon (Blaauw & Christen, 2011) for the dated sections of cores BC01 and BC02.

Table 8.4 Summary performance of the transfer functions (Table 6.1) and results of modern analogue analysis (P= poor; C= close; G= good) for cores BC01 and BC02.

| Model | Component (% Change) | RMSEP | Boot- strapped r^2 | Modern Analogues | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|----|---|------|----|----|
| | | | | BC01 | | | BC02 | | |
| | | | | P | C | G | P | C | G |
| D-1 | 1 | 41.90 | 0.10 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| D-2 | 2 (6.15) | 22.69 | 0.65 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| D-3 | 1 | 31.00 | 0.43 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 9 |
| D-4 | 3 (7.51) | 16.46 | 0.80 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| D-5 | 1 | 32.88 | 0.31 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| F-1 | 1 | 44.58 | 0.00 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| F-2 | 1 | 25.78 | 0.28 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| F-3 | 1 | 29.44 | 0.23 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| F-4 | 1 | 14.48 | 0.09 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| F-5 | 1 | 28.33 | 0.03 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| M-1 | 2 (5.37) | 42.79 | 0.14 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| M-2 | 2 (5.15) | 24.20 | 0.48 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 11 |
| M-3 | 1 | 28.47 | 0.36 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 13 |
| M-4 | 3 (7.51) | 15.71 | 0.66 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 12 |
| M-5 | 1 | 26.97 | 0.30 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 4 | 16 |

Table 8.5 Sea-level index points produced from cores BC01 and BC02. Tidal corrections have not been incorporated in the change in relative sea-level errors.

| Code | ¹⁴ C Sample | ¹⁴ C Age (Years BP +/- 1σ) | Cal Years BP (+/- 2σ range) | | | Depth (m) | Elevation (m OD) | Reference Water Level (m OD) | Correction (m) | | Change in RSL (m) | Tendency |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| | | | Min | Median | Max | | | | Tidal | Compaction | | |
| BC01-119 | Bulk | 2448 +/- 37 | 2359 | 2522 | 2705 | 1.19 | 1.512 | 4.078 +/- 0.387 | -1.759 | 0.014 | -0.79 +/- 0.39 | Negative |
| BC01-202 | Plant | 2606 +/- 37 | 2540 | 2745 | 2791 | 2.02 | 0.682 | 3.899 +/- 0.335 | -1.915 | 0.126 | -1.18 +/- 0.36 | Positive |
| BC02-130 | Plant | 1583 +/- 36 | 1396 | 1470 | 1550 | 1.3 | 1.104 | 4.019 +/- 0.373 | -1.025 | 0.171 | -1.72 +/- 0.41 | Positive |
| BC02-159 | Plant | 1639 +/- 37 | 1414 | 1540 | 1616 | 1.59 | 0.814 | 4.024 +/- 0.378 | -1.074 | 0.236 | -1.90 +/- 0.45 | Negative |
| BC02-175 | Bulk | 2343 +/- 37 | 2209 | 2356 | 2489 | 1.75 | 0.654 | 3.952 +/- 0.377 | -1.643 | 0.045 | -1.61 +/- 0.38 | Negative |
| BC02-259 | Bulk | 3682 +/- 38 | 3902 | 4022 | 4145 | 2.59 | -0.186 | 3.982 +/- 0.369 | -2.839 | 0.171 | -1.16 +/- 0.41 | Positive |

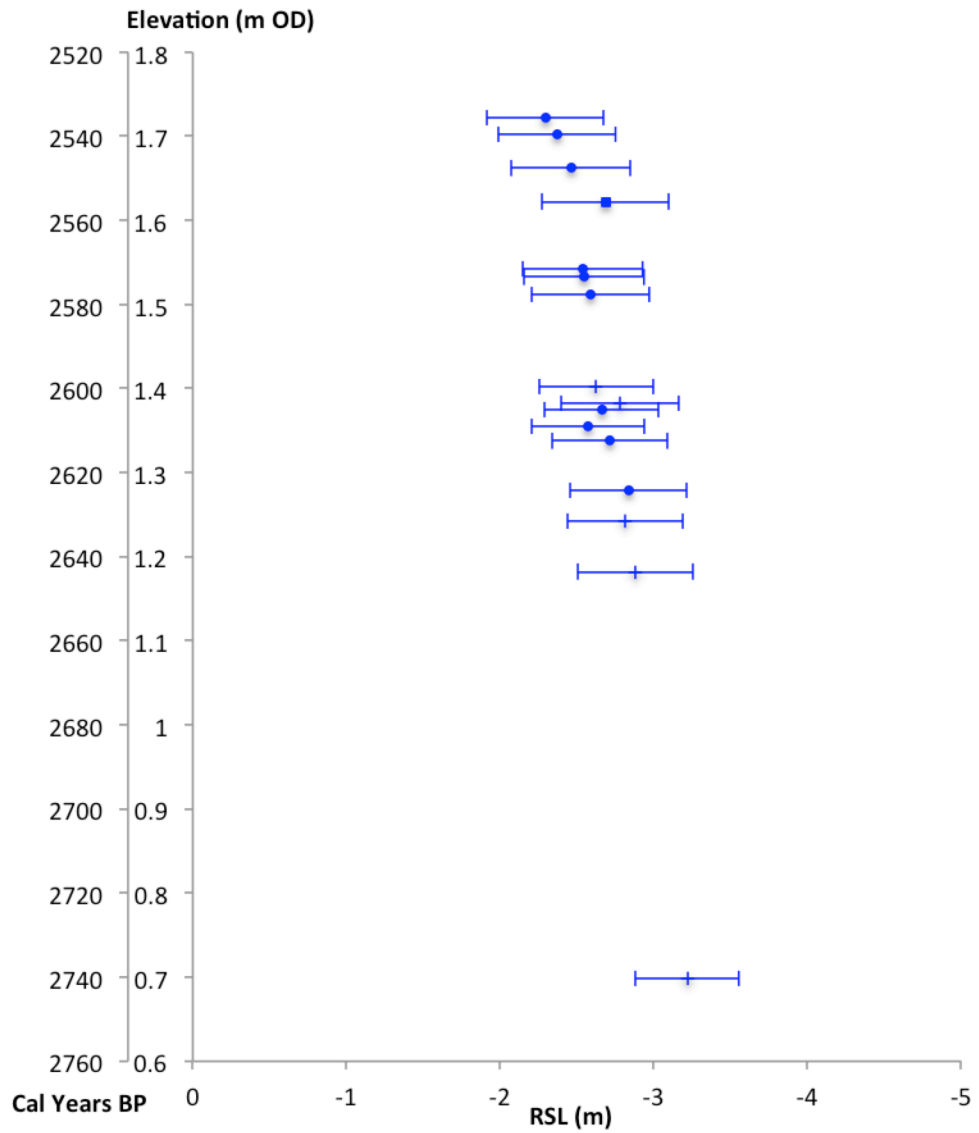


Figure 8.8 Transfer function reconstructions for core BC01 based on the multi-proxy UK-Humber model, *M-3*. Dash symbol indicates good modern analogues, circle represents close, and square represents poor. Ages are based on the chronology established between the two accepted radiocarbon dates at +1.512 and +0.682 m OD (Figure 8.7); the ages beyond this range are extrapolated from the model.

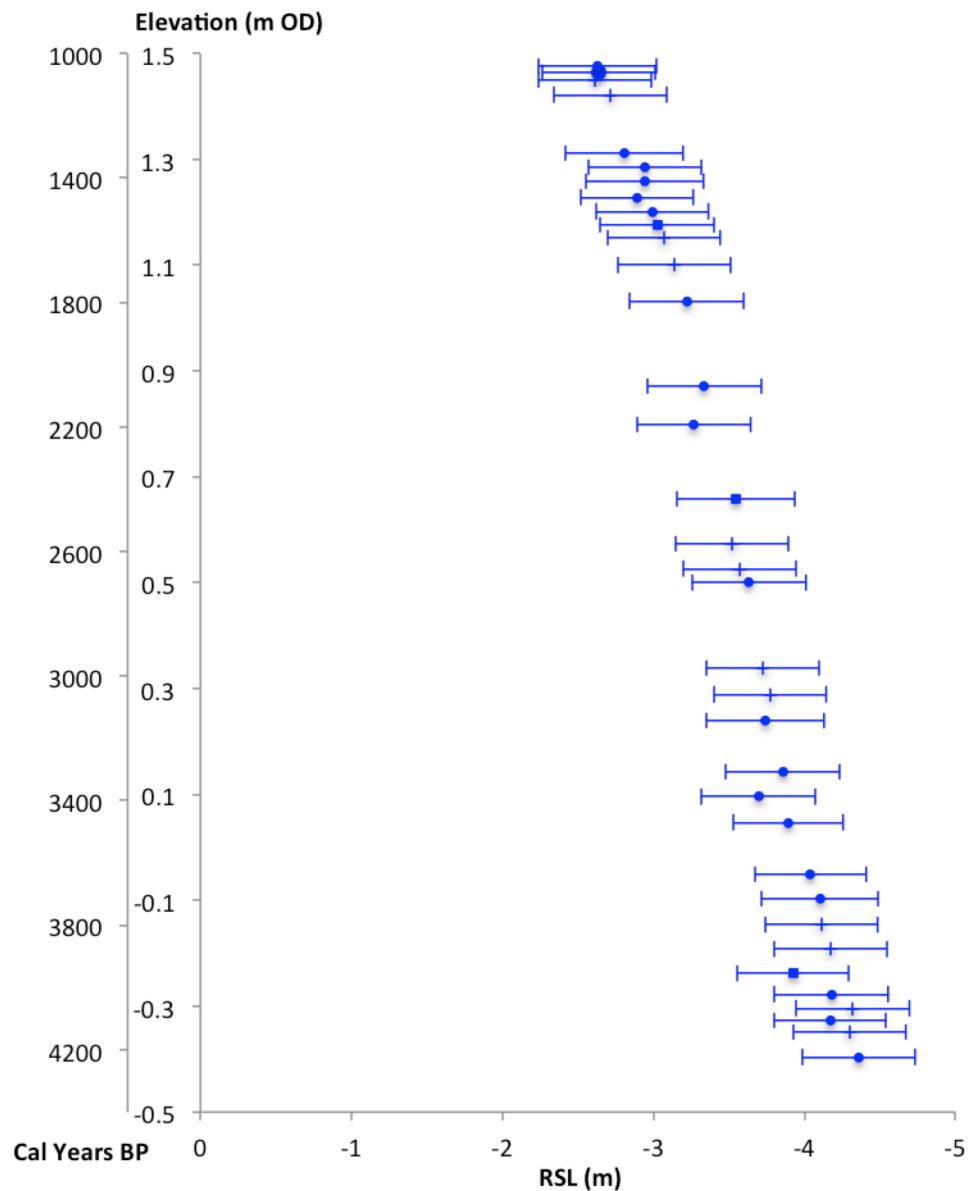


Figure 8.9 Transfer function reconstructions for core BC02 based on the multi-proxy UK-Humber model, *M-3*. Dash symbol indicates good modern analogues, circle represents close, and square represents poor. Ages are based on the age-depth model between the four accepted radiocarbon dates at +1.104, +0.814, +0.654 and and -0.186 m OD (Figure 8.7); the ages beyond this range are extrapolated from the model.

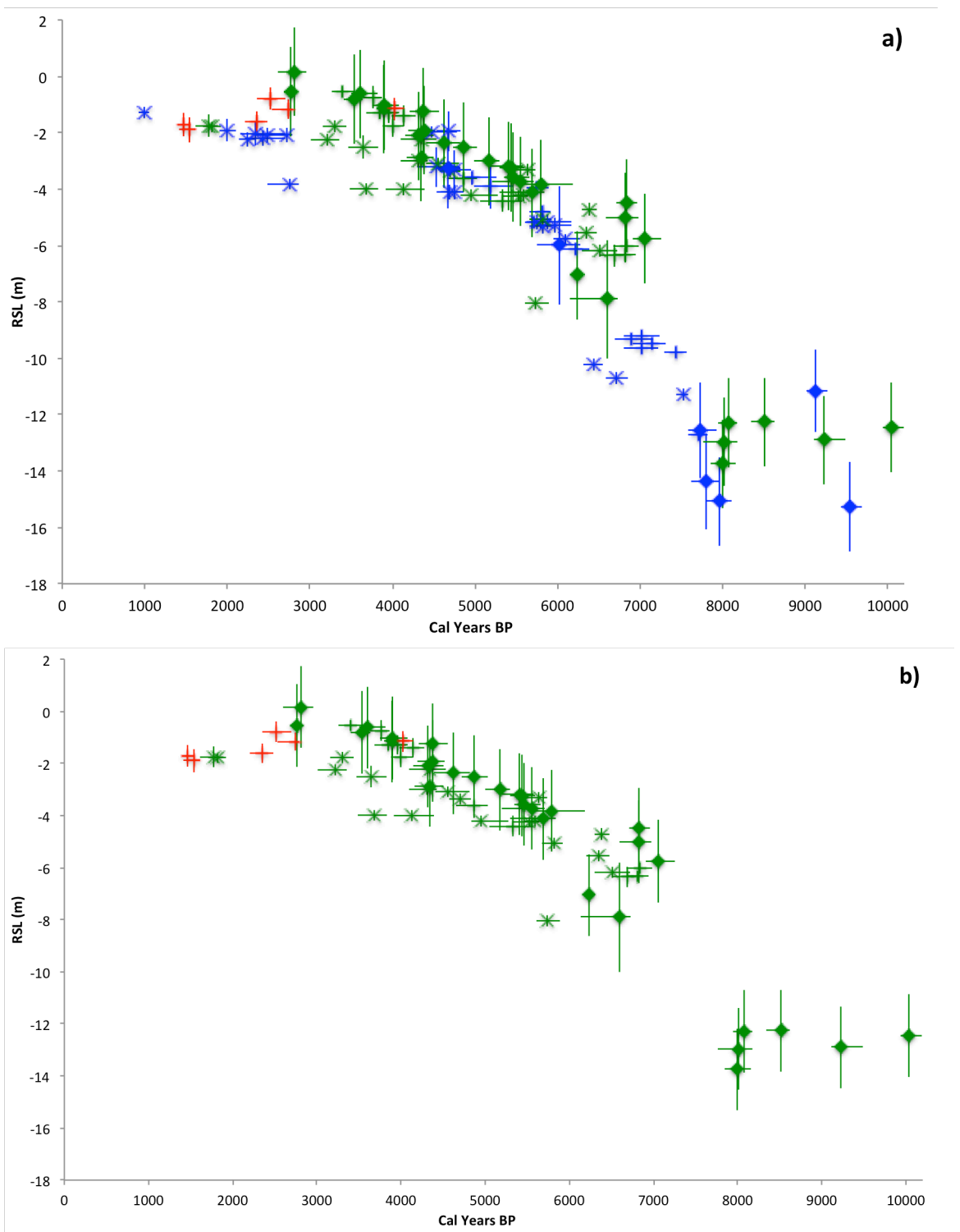


Figure 8.10 Six new sea-level index points (red plus symbol) with the existing tidal-corrected sea-level index points for the Humber Estuary: a) new sea-level index points with data from the inner and outer estuary, and b) new sea-level index points with data from the inner estuary only. Blue= outer estuary (east of Hull); green= inner estuary (west of Hull) Diamonds= limiting points; crosses= intercalated points; plus= basal points; all include associated individual vertical and age error bars.

9. Sea Level, Groundwater and Abstraction: Past, Present and Future

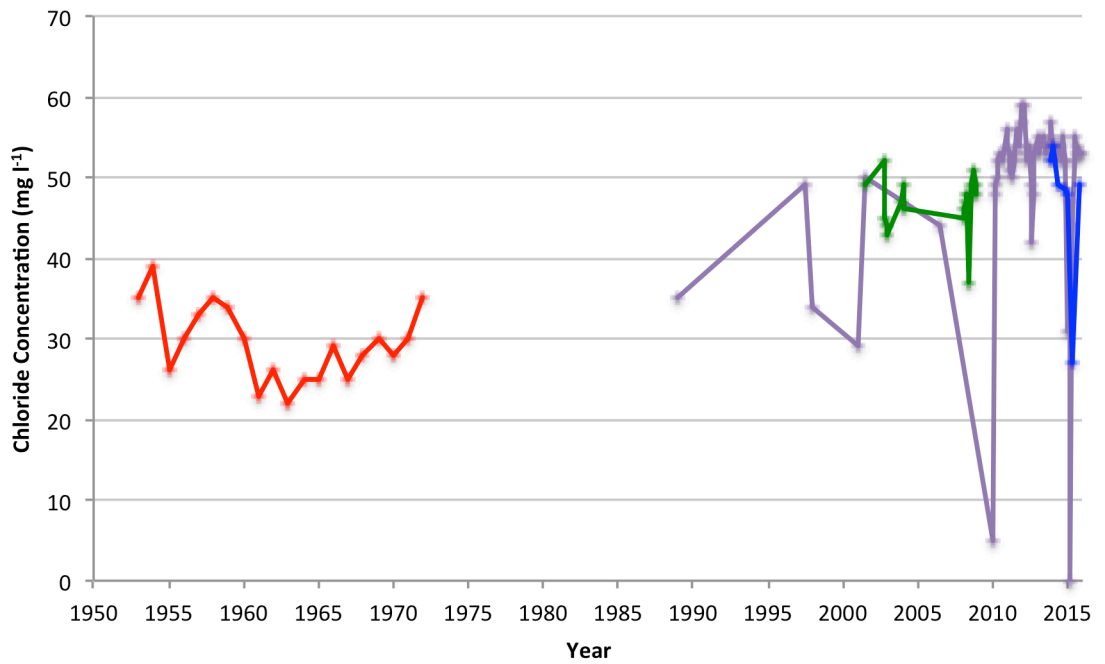


Figure 9.1 Chloride concentrations at Springhead. Red data is from Foster *et al.* (1976); purple, green and blue are data from Yorkshire Water (graph based on data presented in ARUP (2016)).

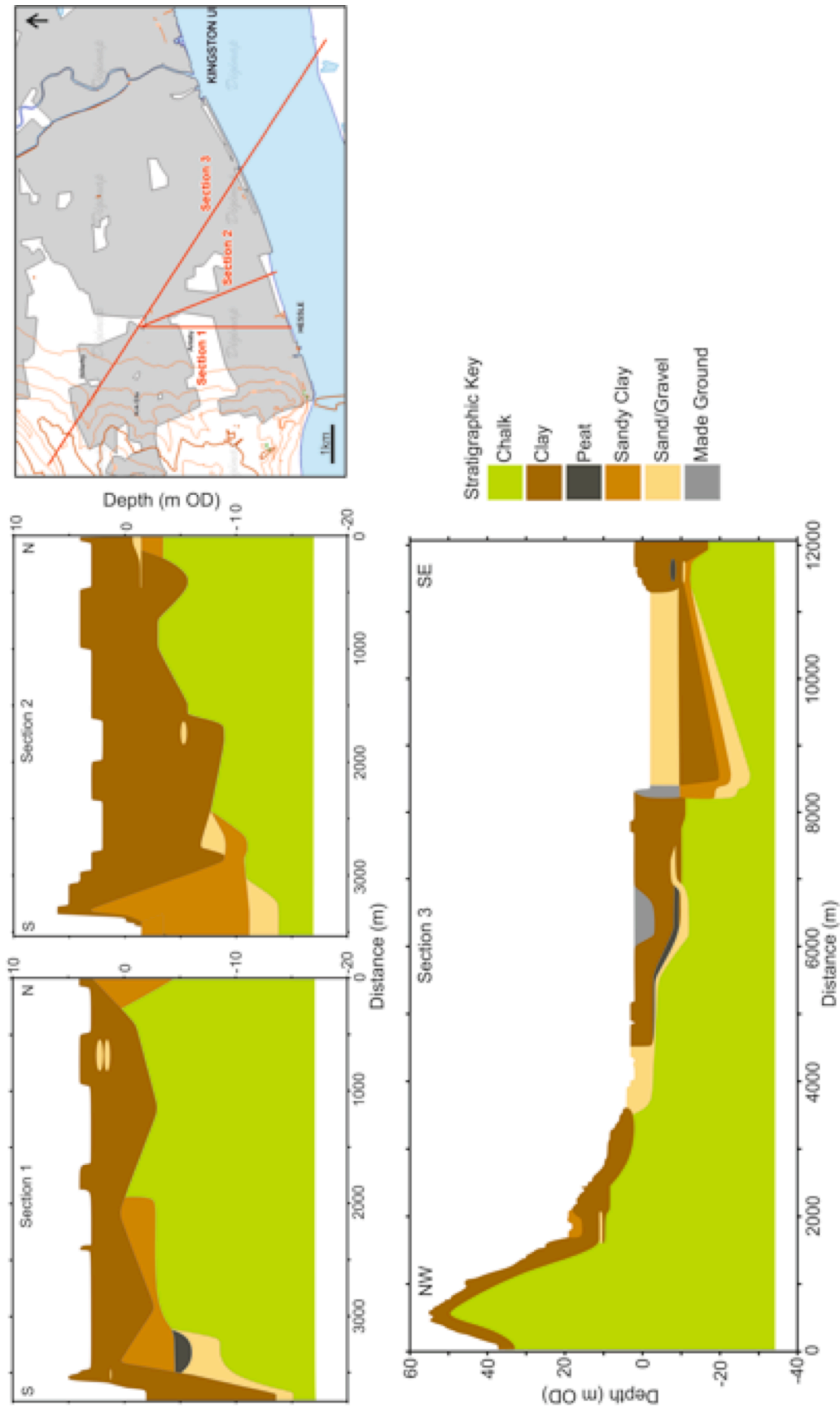


Figure 9.2 Simplified superficial geology transects around the Springhead- Humber Estuary area based upon published borehole records (British Geological Survey, 2015); map of transect locations from Digimap (2016) © Crown Copyright and Database Right (2016) OS (Digimap Licence).

Table 9.1 Outline of the nine scenarios simulated using the East Yorkshire Chalk numerical model. Naturalised, recent actual and fully licensed refers to the abstraction conditions (section 5.8.3). Head boundary represents sea level at the boundary of the model, the northern bank of the Humber Estuary (section 5.8.3).

| Scenario | Period | Year | Abstraction | Sea-Level Change (m) | Head Boundary (m OD) |
|----------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Palaeo | 3000 BP | Naturalised | -1.2 | -1 |
| 2 | Palaeo | 2000 BP | Naturalised | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| 3 | Palaeo | 1000 BP | Naturalised | -0.2 | 0 |
| 4 | Present | 2016 | Naturalised | 0 | 0.2 |
| 5 | Present | 2016 | Recent Actual | 0 | 0.2 |
| 6 | Present | 2016 | Fully Licensed | 0 | 0.2 |
| 7 | Future | 2100 | Naturalised | +0.73 | +0.93 |
| 8 | Future | 2100 | Recent Actual | +0.73 | +0.93 |
| 9 | Future | 2100 | Fully Licensed | +0.73 | +0.93 |

Table 9.2 East Yorkshire Chalk model head and flow results at Springhead and Humber Estuary boundary cells (sections 5.8.3; 9.2.2) based on the nine scenarios (outlined in Table 9.1).

| Scenario | Springhead | | Estuary | |
|----------|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| | Head (m OD) | Flows (m ³ d ⁻¹) | Head (m OD) | Flows (m ³ d ⁻¹) |
| 1 | 5.307 | 733.564 | -0.217 | 283.319 |
| 2 | 5.501 | 717.873 | 0.277 | 212.014 |
| 3 | 5.54 | 714.704 | 0.362 | 211.349 |
| 4 | 5.577 | 711.620 | 0.447 | 210.610 |
| 5 | -0.108 | 1312.476 | 0.214 | 74.645 |
| 6 | -2.835 | 1777.810 | 0.087 | 1.219 |
| 7 | 5.715 | 701.177 | 0.756 | 207.166 |
| 8 | 0.133 | 1319.266 | 0.536 | 79.019 |
| 9 | -2.493 | 1786.314 | 0.419 | 14.741 |

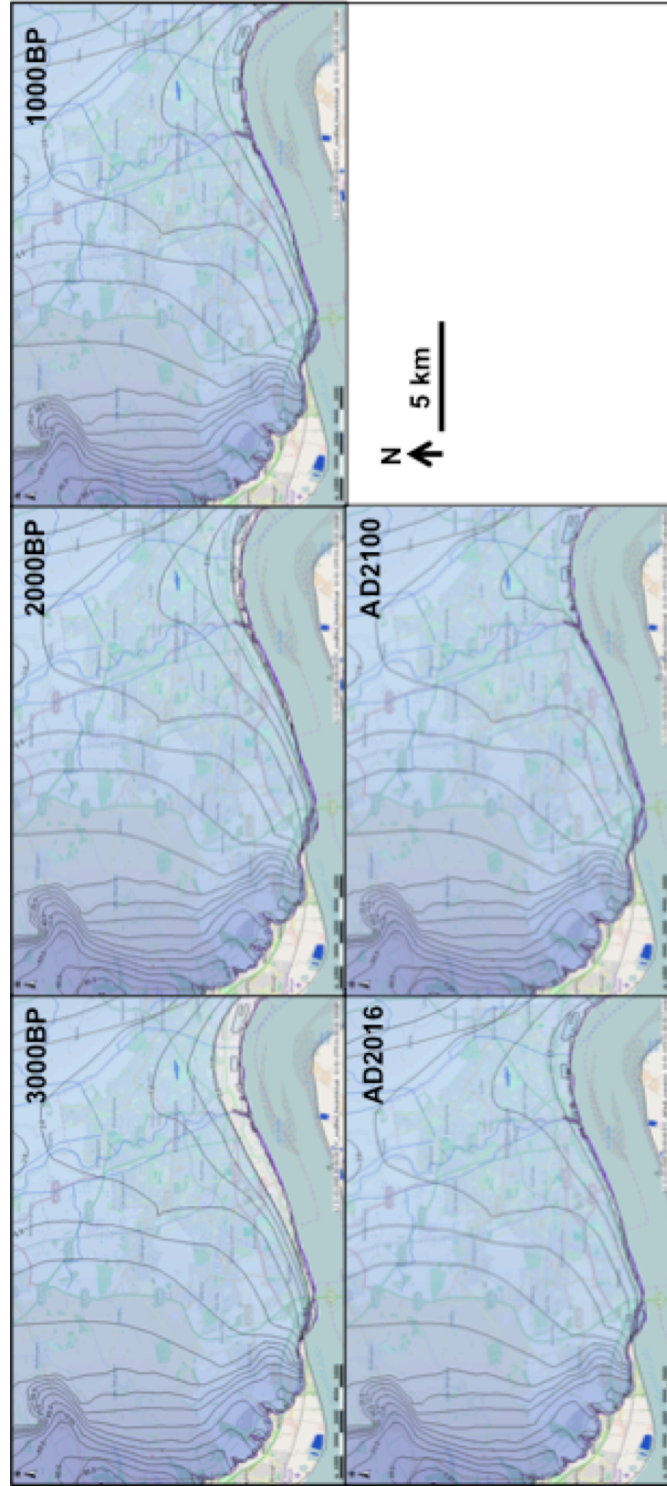


Figure 9.3 Chalk groundwater head contour maps of the Springhead area under naturalised scenarios (scenarios 1-4 and 7).

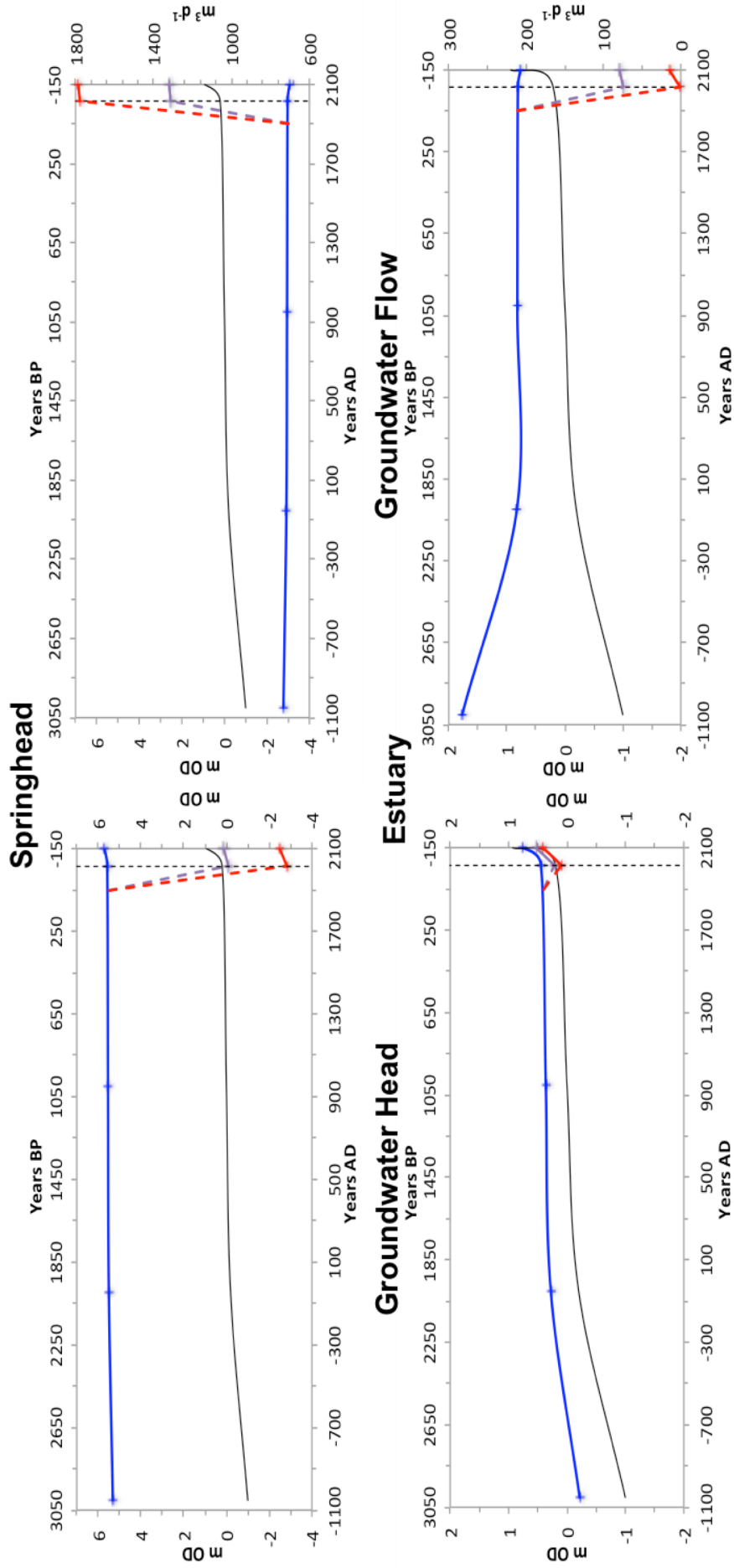


Figure 9.4 Groundwater head and flow results at Springhead and estuary boundary; blue = naturalised, purple = recent actual, red = fully licensed, black line = relative sea level, dashed black line = approximate start of abstraction at Springhead.

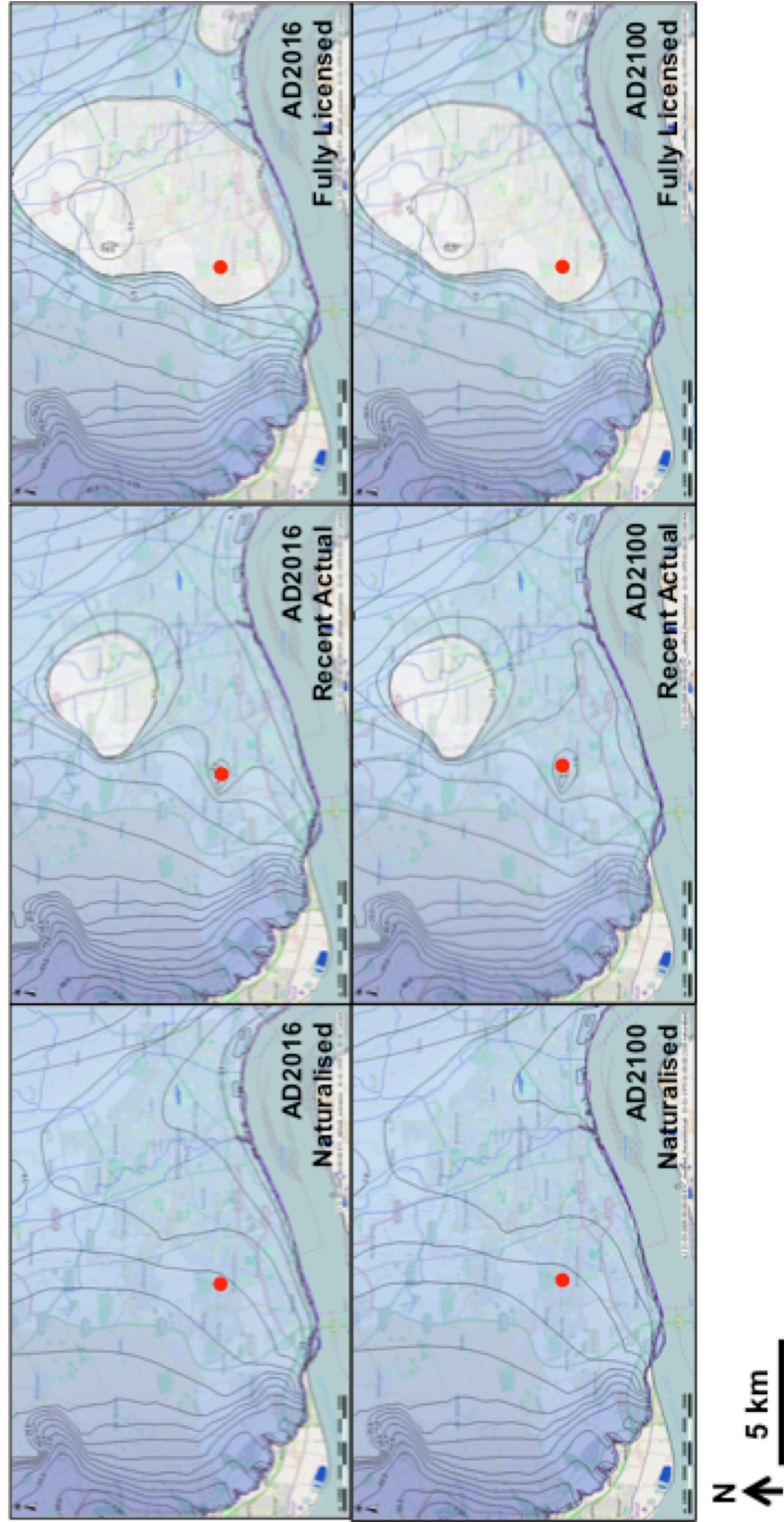


Figure 9.5 Chalk groundwater head contour maps of the Springhead area in the present and future scenarios (scenarios 4-9). Red dot denotes Springhead location.

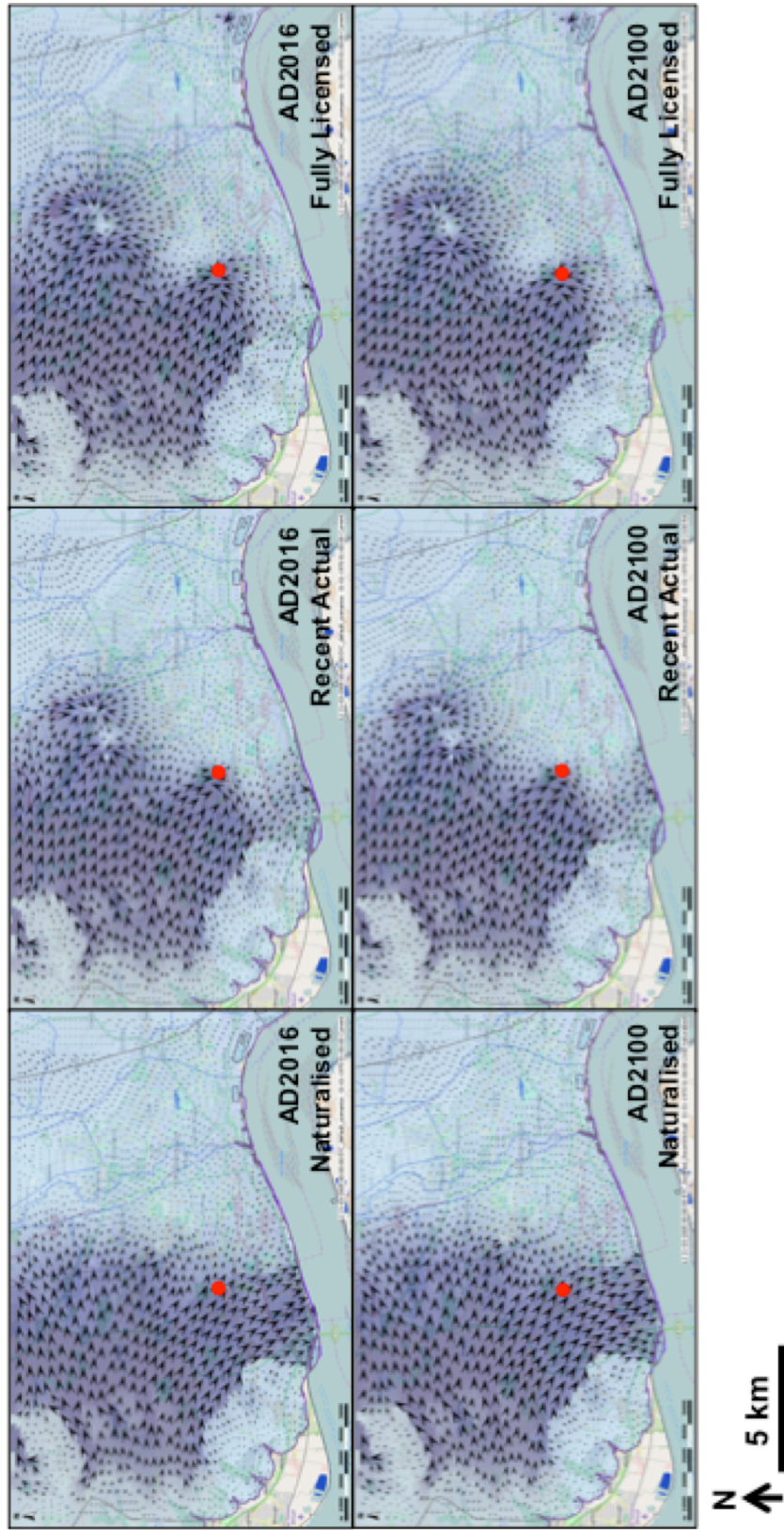


Figure 9.6 Chalk flow vector maps of the Springhead area in the present and future scenarios (scenarios 4-9). Red dot denotes Springhead location.

Table 9.3 Ghyben-Herzberg relationship results at Springhead and the estuary boundary for each of the scenarios outlined in Tables 9.1 & 9.2. h = height of fresh groundwater above sea level, z = depth of freshwater below sea level assuming $z=40h$.

| Scenario | Sea Level (m OD) | Groundwater Head (m OD) | h (m) | z (m) | Saline Water Depth (m OD) |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| Springhead | | | | | |
| 1 | -1 | 5.307 | 6.307 | 252.28 | -253.28 |
| 2 | -0.2 | 5.501 | 5.701 | 228.04 | -228.24 |
| 3 | 0 | 5.54 | 5.54 | 221.6 | -221.6 |
| 4 | 0.2 | 5.577 | 5.377 | 215.08 | -214.88 |
| 5 | 0.2 | -0.108 | -0.308 | -12.32 | N/A |
| 6 | 0.2 | -2.835 | -3.035 | -121.4 | N/A |
| 7 | 0.93 | 5.715 | 4.785 | 191.4 | -190.47 |
| 8 | 0.93 | 0.133 | -0.797 | -31.88 | N/A |
| 9 | 0.93 | -2.493 | -3.423 | -136.92 | N/A |
| Estuary | | | | | |
| 1 | -1 | -0.217 | 0.783 | 31.32 | -32.32 |
| 2 | -0.2 | 0.277 | 0.477 | 19.08 | -19.28 |
| 3 | 0 | 0.362 | 0.362 | 14.48 | -14.48 |
| 4 | 0.2 | 0.447 | 0.247 | 9.88 | -9.68 |
| 5 | 0.2 | 0.214 | 0.014 | 0.56 | -0.36 |
| 6 | 0.2 | 0.087 | -0.113 | -4.52 | N/A |
| 7 | 0.93 | 0.756 | -0.174 | -6.96 | N/A |
| 8 | 0.93 | 0.536 | -0.394 | -15.76 | N/A |
| 9 | 0.93 | 0.419 | -0.511 | -20.44 | N/A |

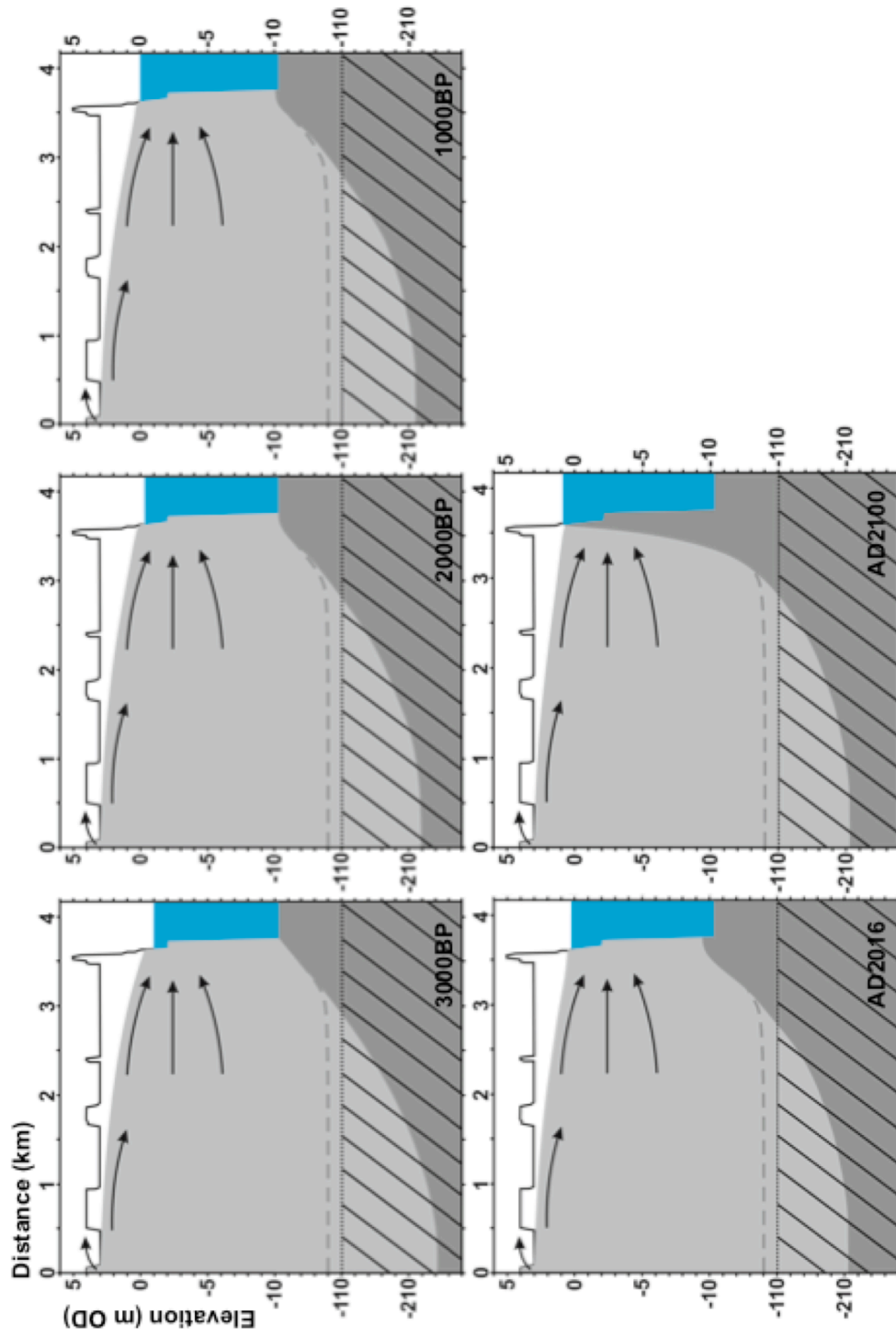


Figure 9.7 Cross-sections representing the results of the naturalised scenarios (scenarios 1-4 and 7) between Springhead and the Humber Estuary. Light grey= freshwater, dark grey= saline water. Arrows= direction of groundwater flow. Hatched area= below approximate base of Chalk aquifer; dashed line= potential pathway and layer of saline water at base of chalk.

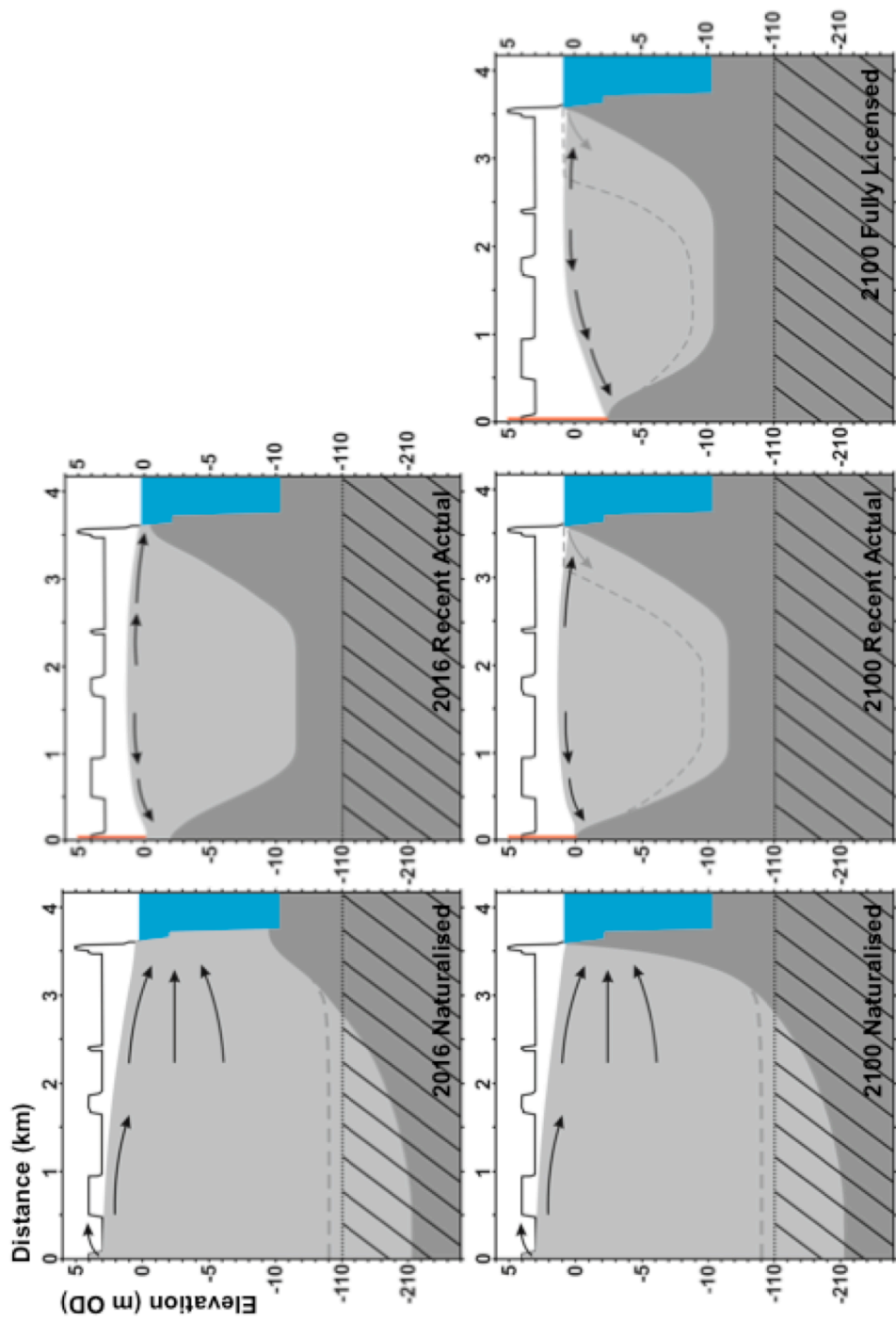


Figure 9.8 Cross-sections representing the results of some of the present and future scenarios (scenarios 3-4 and 7-9) between Springhead and the Humber Estuary. Light grey= freshwater, dark grey= saline water. Arrows= direction of groundwater flow. Hatched area= below approximate base of Chalk aquifer; dashed line= potential pathway and layer of saline water at base of chalk. Red line= Springhead location.

10. Discussion

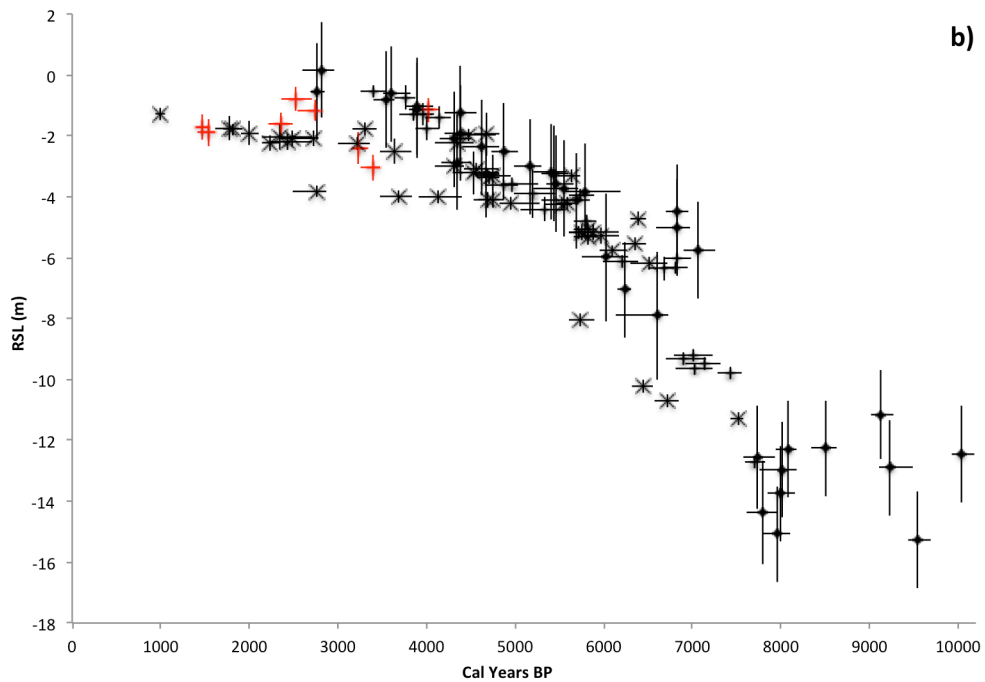
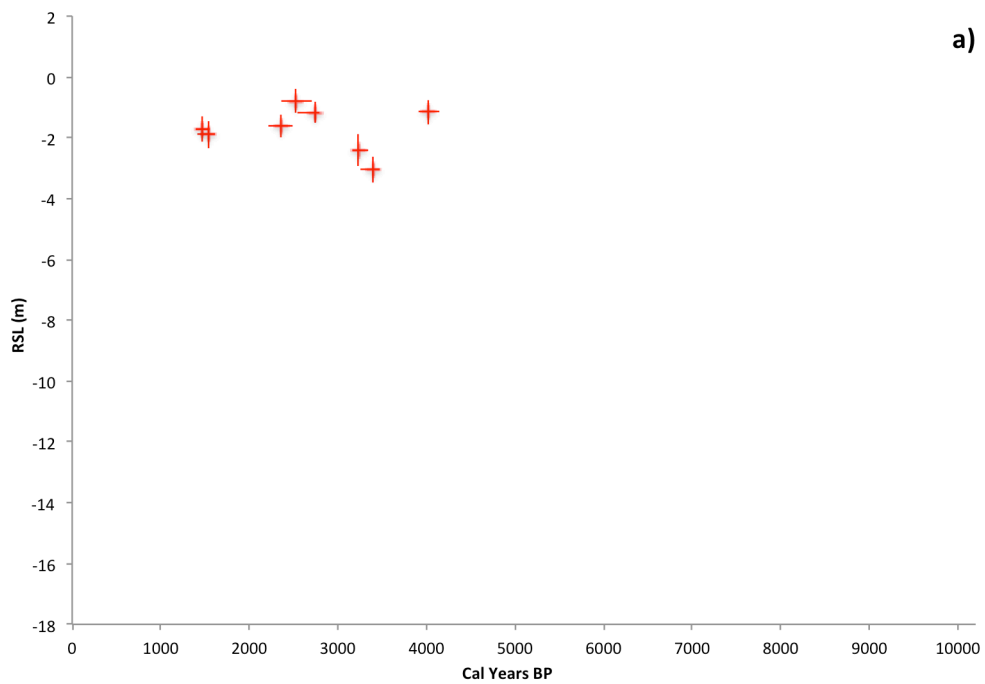


Figure 10.1 New and existing sea-level index points for the Humber Estuary: a) eight new sea-level index points produced in this thesis (Chapters 7 and 8), and b) new sea-level index points with the existing data from estuary. Red= this study; black= existing data (diamonds= limiting points; crosses= intercalated points; plus= basal points).