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3D geological modeling and management system for Singapore

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This presentation describes the procedure for the establishment of a 3D geological modeling and management system for Singapore based on borehole data collected by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore and the 3D geological model and geotechnical models that have been built so far. More than 60,000 borehole data with geotechnical testing data are available to be used for this project. The first step was to screen all the data. This involved in removing errors and duplicates from the database as well as identifying and adjusting missing data in the database using the SubsurfaceViewer software. Geological consistency was also checked by comparing among adjacent boreholes. The second step was to construct fence diagrams zone by zone. Different zones were connected using common boundaries. Finally, 3D geological models were constructed using all the fence diagrams and the digital elevation model. Some sections of the models are shown in the presentation. For critical areas where changes in geological formations are involved, the use of extra data and extra fence diagrams to reduce the uncertainties in the geological model is also illustrated in the presentation. The plan for future online access of the 3D geological model and the services that the model could offer is also outlined in the presentation.

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3D geological modeling and management system (GeM2S) for Singapore

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Outline

- Introduction
 - Background of the project
 - Geology of Singapore
- The Geodata Modelling and Management System (GeM2S) – in the making
- Future plan



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Objective

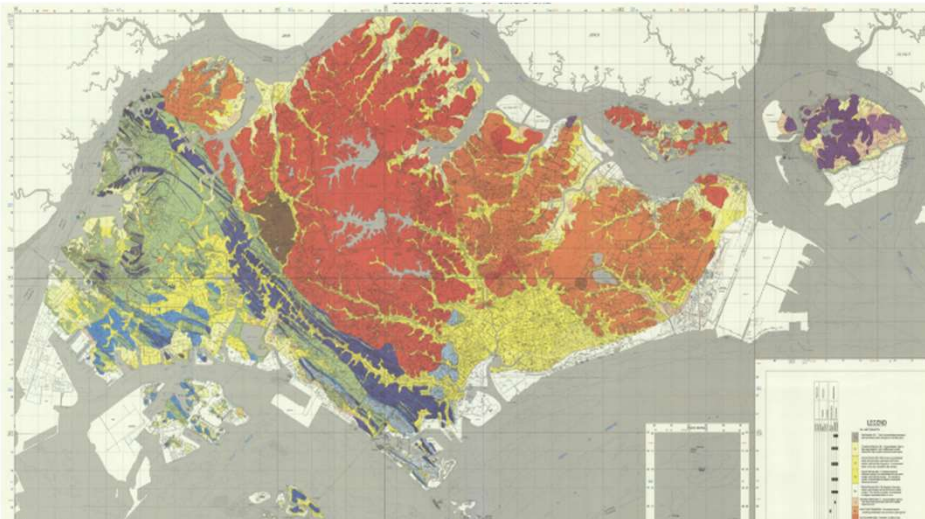
- To **establish a geodata modelling and management system (GeM2S)** to transform 60,000 borehole data and geotechnical testing data to 3D geological and geotechnical models for future underground developments in Singapore.
- The **key deliverables** are the 3D geological model, geotechnical models and a **web-based design tool** for future underground projects.
- The models are to be verified by a tunnelling project by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) and apply it to the master plan by the Urban Utility Board (URA).
- It will be BIM ready and form part of the Digital City program



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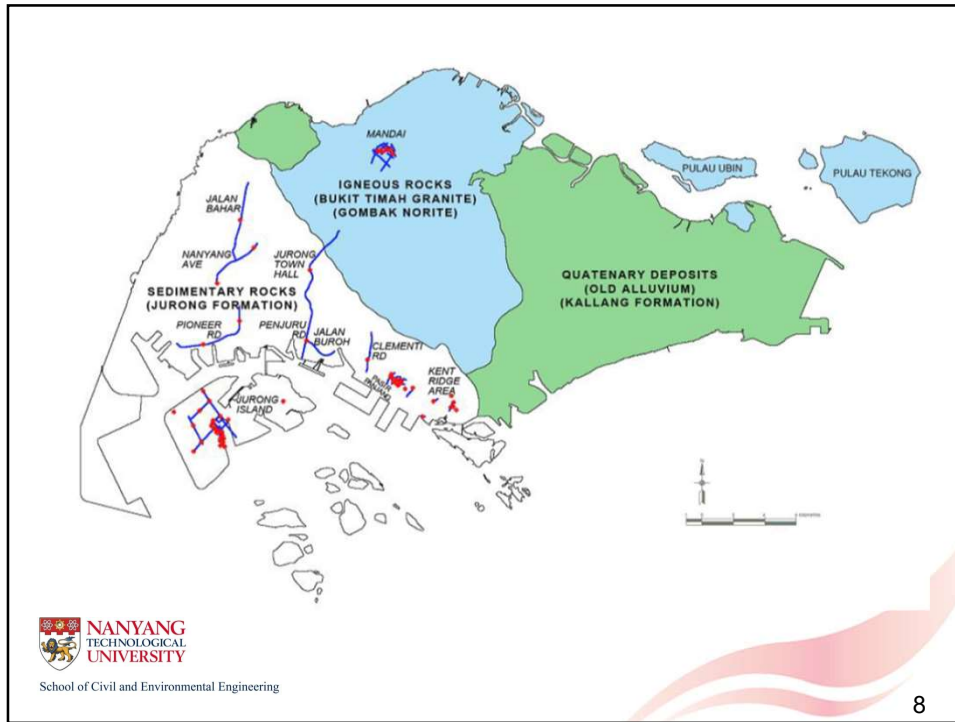
2D Geological Map of Singapore



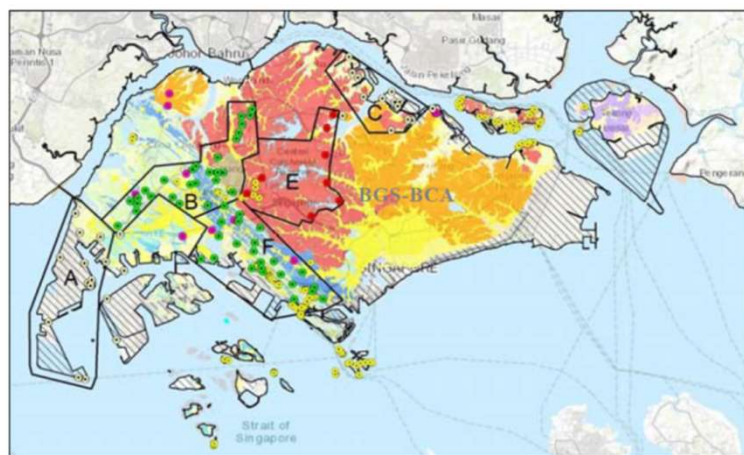
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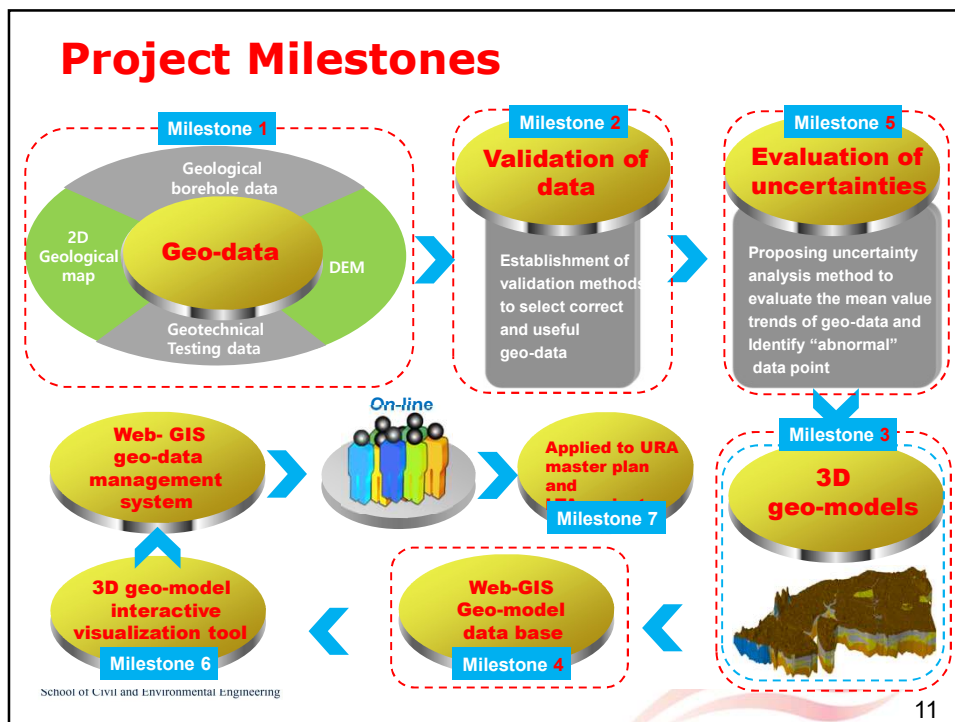


Updating of Bedrock Geology



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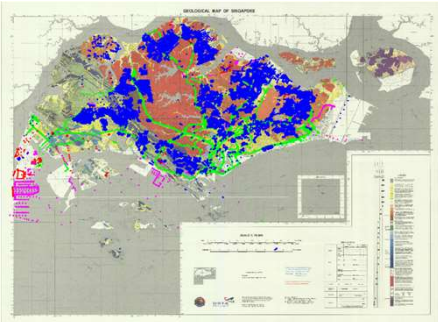
Some 100 new boreholes (c. 13,400 m of new core), with new 2D seismic data in five study areas; and new outcrop study from some 300 locations (•).....



M1: Processing of Borehole Data

1) Compiling digital BH data (.ags) into access database

Total No of BH	BH data in .ags	BH data in pdf files
59,275	48,828	10,447



- BH data from LTA
- BH data from HDB
- BH data from BCA, MPA, URA and private sectors
- BH data from JTC

48,828 digital BH data in .ags (SG) digital data transfer format include:

Site specific information: geology, core, fracture, ground water condition, etc.

In-situ testing data: geophysical, permeability, SPT, PMT, etc.

Lab testing data: physical, chemical, compressibility, consolidation, stiffness, strength, etc.

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M2: Validation of Geological and Geotechnical Data

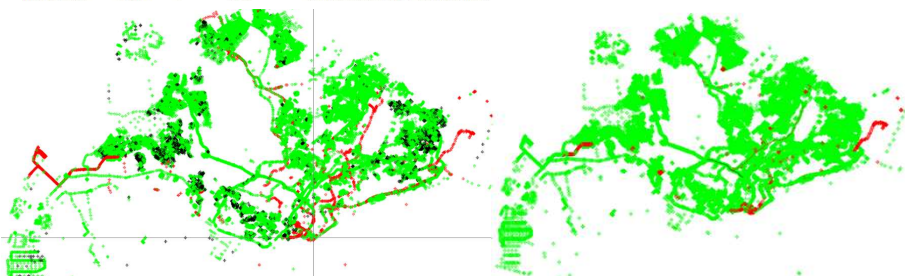
1) Geological data

1st Step: Using SubsurfaceViewer to identify and adjust missing data

HOLE_ID	HOLE_TYPE	HOLE_DATE	HOLE_NATN	HOLE_GL	HOLE_FDEP	HOLE_STAR	HOLE_REM	HOLE_ENDD	HOLE_BACD	HOLE_CREW
HDB-1970-10B_24453	CP	33935	33880	103.35	21.95	4/10/1970		14/4/1970	14/4/1970	
HDB-1970-10B	CP	33866	33859	103.41	19.81	4/5/1970		4/9/1970	4/9/1970	
HDB-1970-10B	CP	33788	33857	103.44	17.37	4/1/1970		4/4/1970	4/4/1970	
HDB-1970-10B	CP	33853	33865	103.48	21.34	17/4/1970		21/4/1970	21/4/1970	
HDB-1970-10B	CP	33930	33950	103.5	15.85	23/4/1970		27/4/1970	27/4/1970	

HDB-1970-10B_24453

HOLE_ID	GEOL_CODE	GEOL_BASE	GEOL_DESC	GEOL_LEG	GEOL_GEOL1	GEOL_GEOL2	GEOL_GEOL3
HDB-1970-10B	24453	7.92	Dense greenish cemented SAND	401	SAND	S	K
HDB-1970-10B	24453	8.84	Dense yellow cemented SAND	401	SAND	S	K
HDB-1970-10B	24453	11.28	Dense grey cemented fine SAND	401	SAND	S	K
HDB-1970-10B	24453	18.15	Dense yellowish grey cemented fine SAND	401	SAND	S	K



● Normal data (GEOL matches with HOLE) ● Missing data (GEOL does not match with HOLE)

M2: Validation of Geological and Geotechnical Data

1) Geological data

2nd Step: Translate Geological Code 1&2 to Code 3

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167797	HDB-1996-1419	4797	31.5	35.1 Very dense brown cl	302	Clayey SILT	M	
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167823	HDB-1996-1473	22424	18.9	18.42 Very dense light pur. cl	302	Clayey SILT	M	
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Used for building 3D geological models

GEOL 3 (Lithostratigraphical classification)
 398,854 Total in GEOL table
 321,784 (81%) Unclassified in SI Report

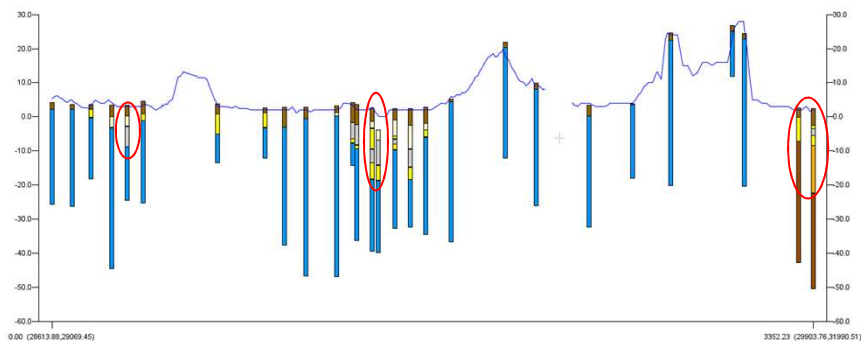


M2: Validation of Geological and Geotechnical Data

1) Geological data

3rd Step: Check inconsistency in geological data

Comparing adjacent boreholes with each other



M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

1. Software used:

SubsurfaceViewer 6_MX

SKUA GoCAD 15.5

Leapfrog Geo 4.0.1

Shallow 3D geological modelling

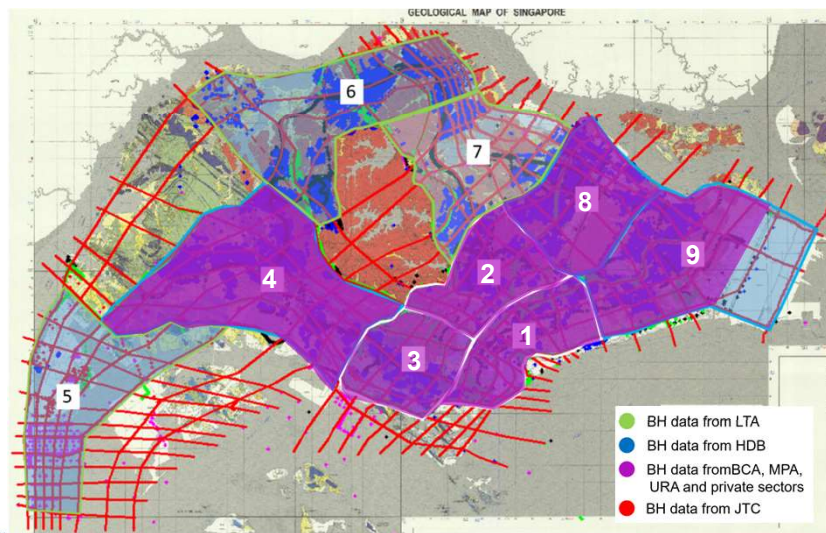
Deep 3D geological modelling

3D geotechnical modelling



M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

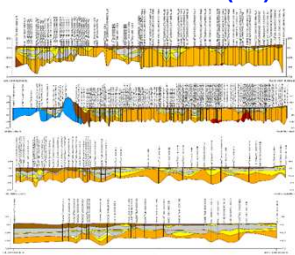
2 Geological modelling-Nine sub-zones



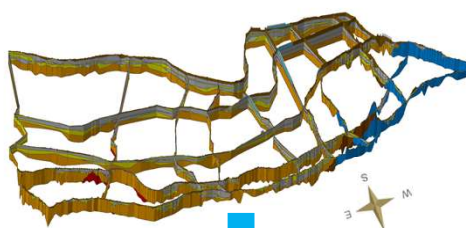
M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

2 Geological modelling-zone 1

Cross-sections (15)

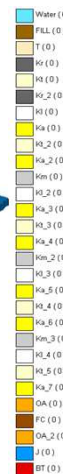
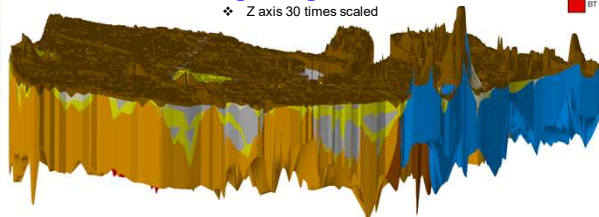


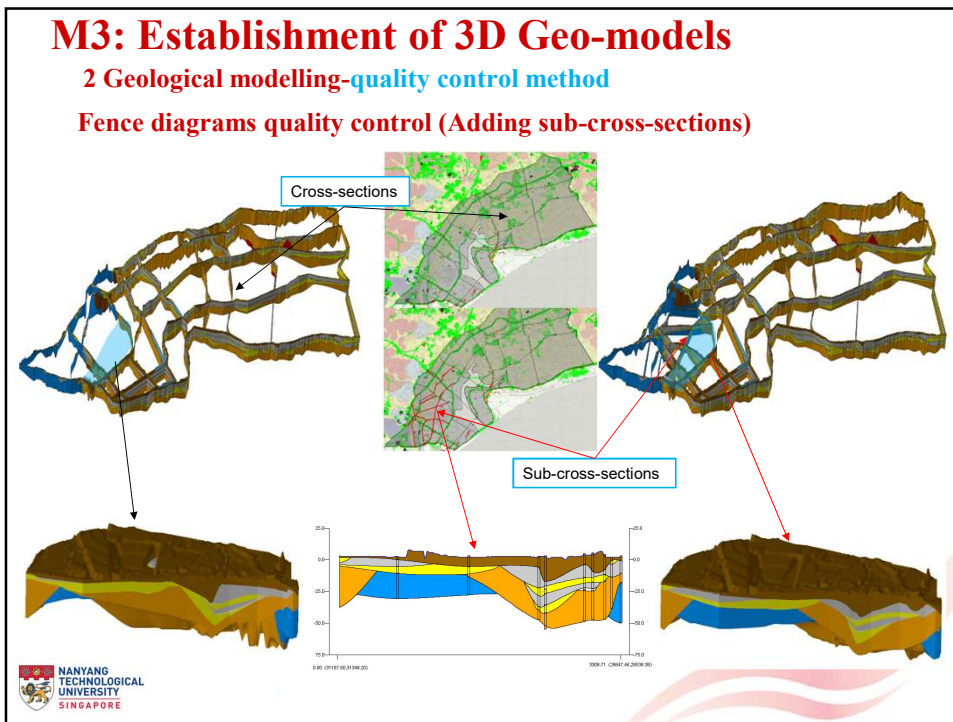
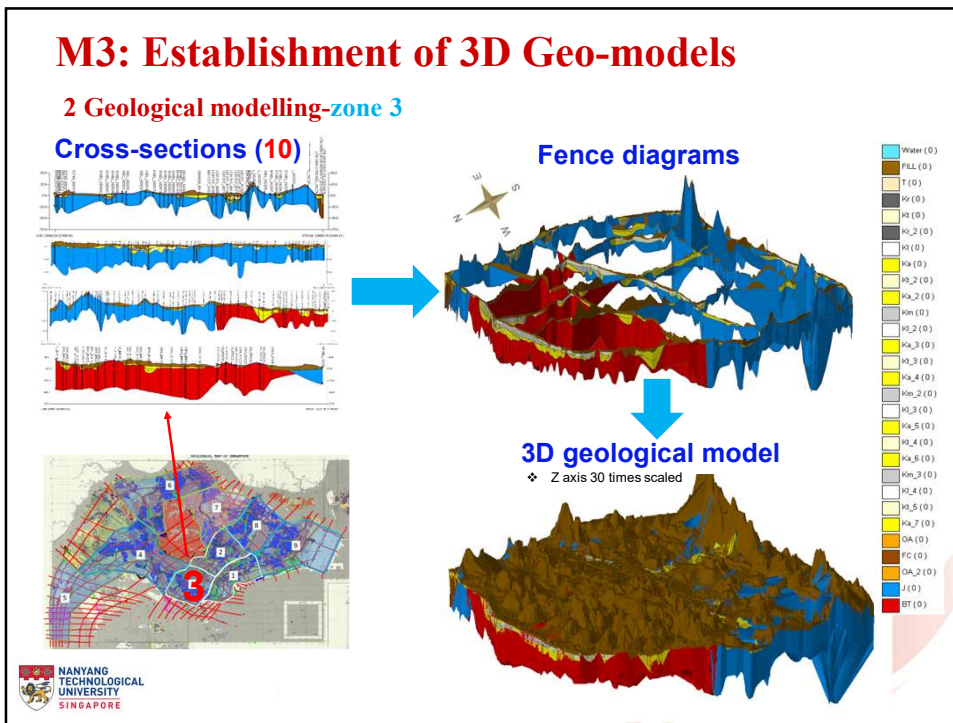
Fence diagrams



3D geological model

❖ Z axis 30 times scaled

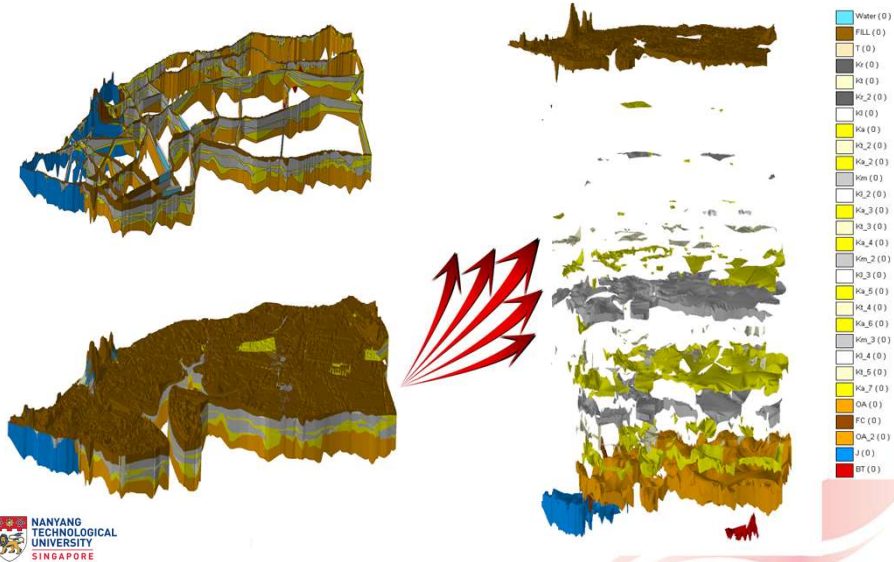




M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

2 Geological modelling-quality control methods

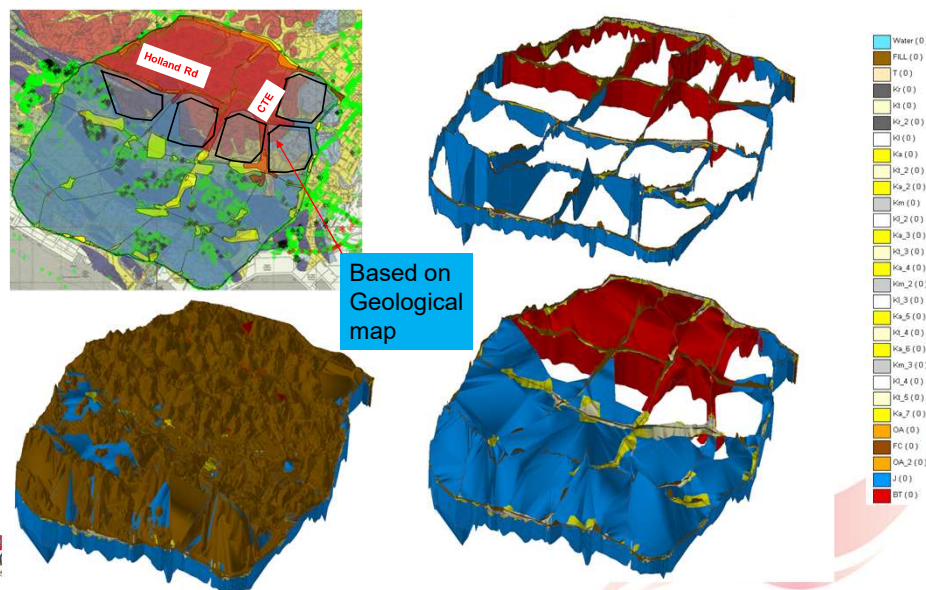
3) 3rd method: Layer boundary quality control (Based on boreholes and geological map)



M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

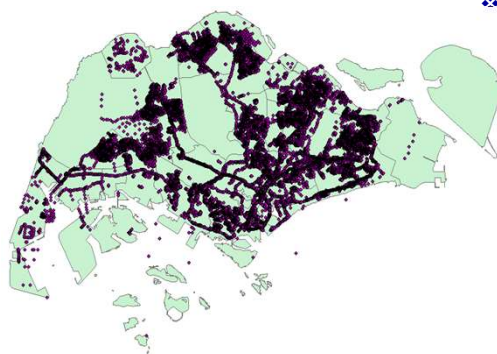
2 Geological modelling-quality control methods

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M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

SPT Geotechnical modelling-BH selection criteria



❖ Geotechnical Data in hand

- ❖ 43,054 boreholes all over Singapore
- ❖ 416,366 rows of SPT data
- ❖ Other types of geotechnical data are given as attachments

Error form

- ❖ Duplicated Hole ID
- ❖ Conflicted BH information
- ❖ Over lapping segments
- ❖ Conflicted soil data for re-bored BH

❖ Selection criteria

- ❖ If soil data is conflicted in re-bored BH, use the new one
- ❖ Contradicting BH data is filtered by majority of the nearby BH



M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

SPT Geotechnical modelling - BH data processing

- ❖ Models with two levels of details are to be produced regarding the SPT N value
 - ❖ Coarse model – for the whole Singapore
 - ❖ Fine model – take sample boreholes and form smaller models all over Singapore
- ❖ Coarse model - five categories
 - ❖ N <12, N 12-25, N 25-50, N 50-100, and N >100 (very hard layer)
- ❖ Fine model - ten categories

For sandy soil

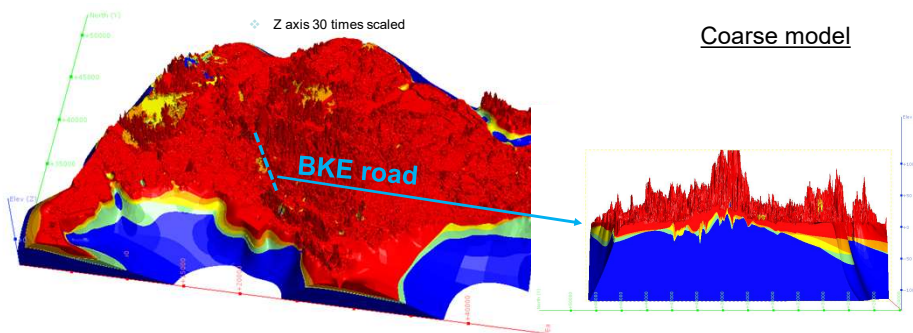
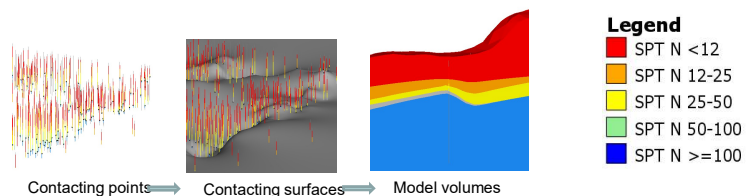
N-value	Consistency	Category (tentatively)
<4	Very Loose	S1
4-10	Loose	S2
10-30	Medium Loose	S3
30-50	Dense	S4
>50	Very Dense	S5

For clayey soil

N-value	Consistency	Category (tentatively)
<4	Very Soft to Soft	C1
4-8	Firm	C2
8-15	Stiff	C3
15-30	Very Stiff	C4
>30	Hard	C5

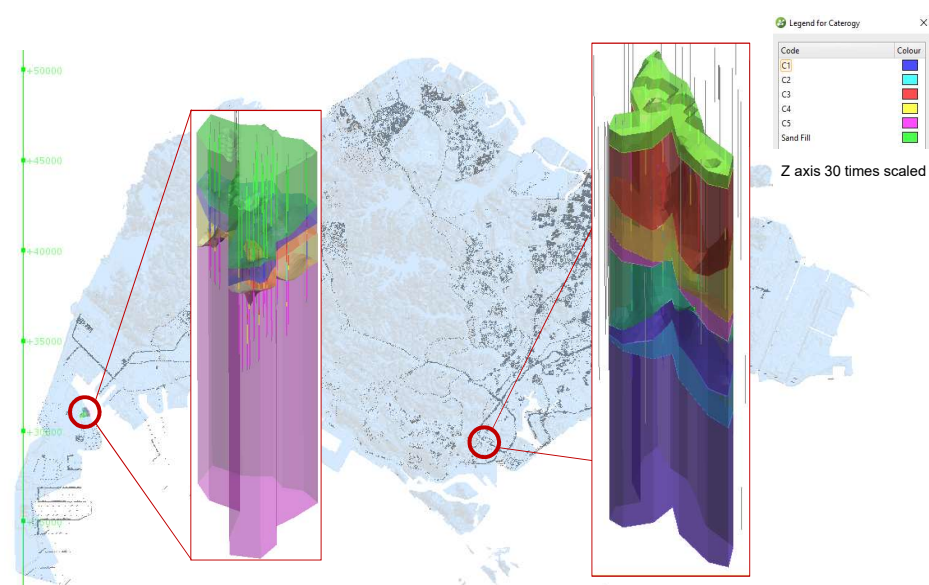
M3: Establishment of 3D Geo-models

3 SPT Geotechnical modelling- Coarse Model

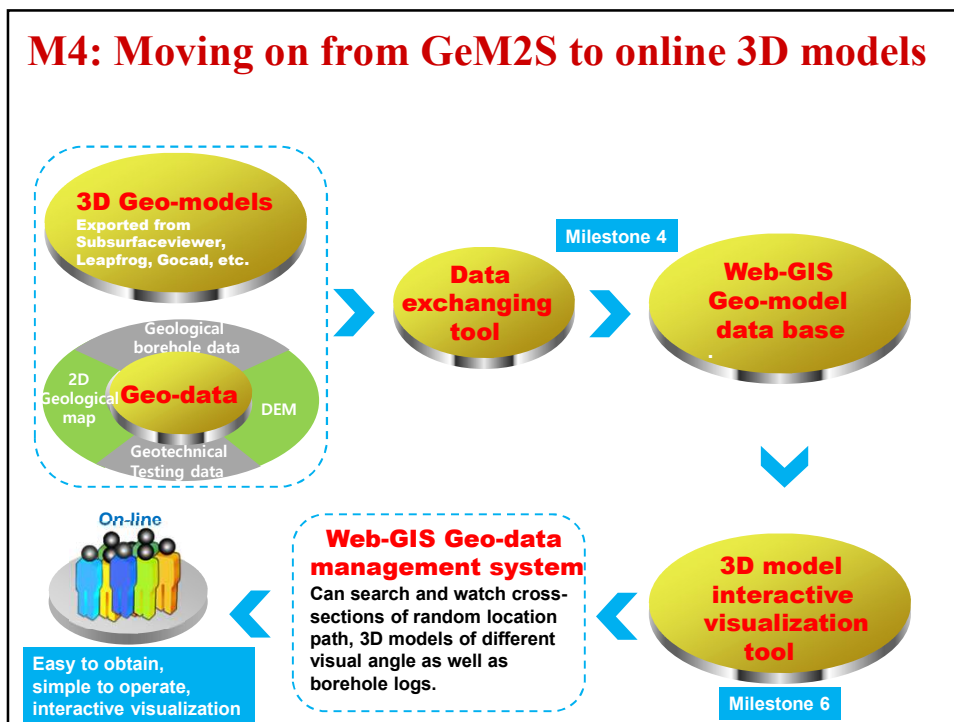


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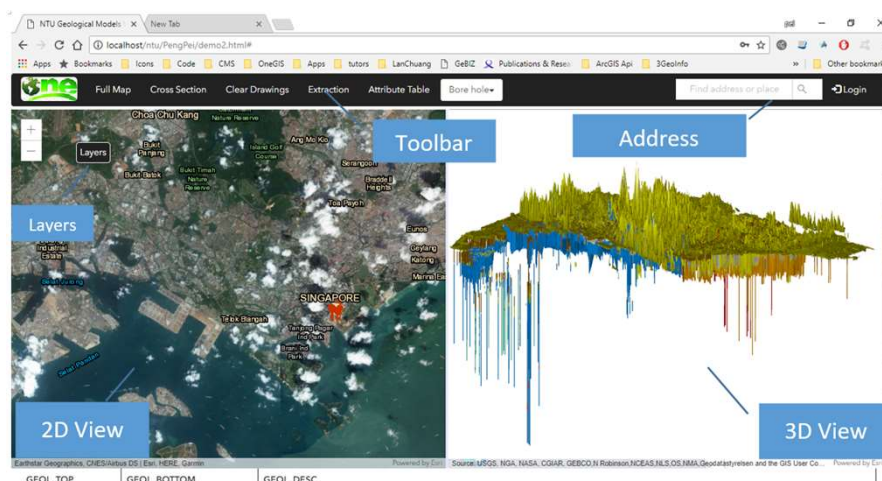
3 SPT Geotechnical modelling- Fine Model



M4: Moving on from GeM2S to online 3D models



Web-based 3D Geo-models



2D map is easy for finding address, boreholes and drawing cross-section line

3D view is good for presenting 3D models, boreholes as well as BIM models

System operation interface

The visible content of 2D and 3D view are synchronized. When visible extent in 2D view is changed, such as zoom in/out and pan, the 3D view will automatically change to same visible extent



Web-based 3D Geo-models

3D model extraction allows user to specify an area to extract and display on 3D view by drawing a geometry on 2D view using rectangle, circle and free polygon.

Address Search widget allows user to search address by inputting road name, land mark name and postal code

Borehole query widget allows user to search boreholes by inputting BH ID, location and radius, address and radius.

Borehole log

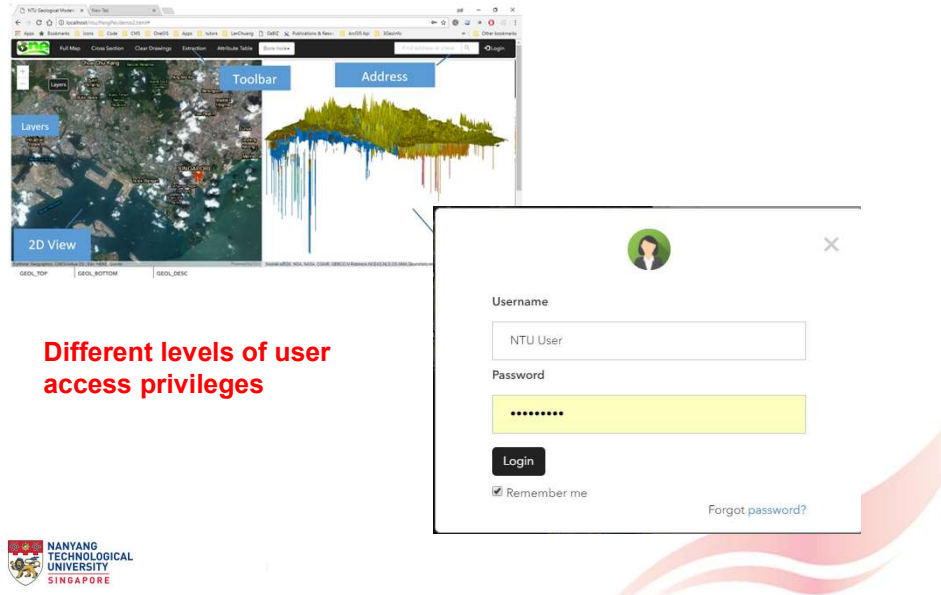
Depth (meters) relative to surface level	Stratigraphic Unit	Lithology
2.6 (9.23)	JA	FILL
4.69 (1.17)	JA	JA
10.4 (7.8)	KA	KA
11.6 (6.78)	KA	KA
12.2 (6.4)	KA	KA
12.7 (5.9)	KA	KA
17.7 (1.4)	KA	KA
20.2 (1.1)	KA	KA
21.3 (1.9)	KA	KA
35.0 (2.2)	BT	BT
37.2 (1.0)	BT	BT

Identification: 174-2008-03120-16102709
 Coordinates: 27016, 13439
 Surface level: 2.76 m relative to OD
 0.00 m Depth relative to surface level: 1.00 m
 NAD83

Web-based 3D Geo-models

Query random cross-sections allows user to get the cross section profile by drawing horizontal polyline on the 2D View

Web-based 3D Geo-models – Access



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a 3D Geo-model interface. The interface includes a toolbar, an address bar, a layers panel, and a 2D view of a map. A 3D topographic view is also visible. A login dialog box is overlaid on the right side of the interface, containing fields for Username (NTU User) and Password (masked with asterisks), a Login button, a Remember me checkbox, and a Forgot password? link.

Different levels of user access privileges

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In Conclusion

- **In the past 18 months we have established**
 - The 3D geological models of 9 sub-zones;
 - The 3D SPT model and other geotechnical models are ongoing;
 - A working procedure for the Web-based GeM2S system
- **Coming up:**
 1. Complete the 3D geological model;
 2. Complete the 3D geotechnical models;
 3. Setup the online access platform;
 4. Verify the system using a tunnelling project;
 5. Merge it with Digital City Program.

