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SUMMARY

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In general four levels per hole containing waterbearing fractures have been selected. Prior to sampling, a water-bearing level is isolated between packer sleeves. The deepest levels are down to about 500 m. The sampling was carried out by the Geological Survey of Sweden and a number of laboratories have participated in the water analyses.

The present report is a presentation of the results of the groundwater analyses. The reliability of the results is discussed but there is no evaluation in relation to geology and hydrogeology. This report will present the basic results from the groundwater analyses to be further evaluated by experts in different fields.

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ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER FROM DEEP BOREHOLES in Kråkemåla, Sternö and Finnsjön

INTRODUCTION

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Groundwater from Finnsjön, Kråkemåla and Sternö (Karlshamn) has been sampled and analysed. The sampling was carried out by the Geological Survey of Sweden. A number of laboratories have participated in the water analysis (see below).

A total of ten different boreholes have been sampled one at Kråkemåla (K), two at Sternö (KA) and seven at Finnsjön (Fl). Prior to sampling, the holes were pumped out with an airlift using nitrogen and, in most cases, allowed to stand undisturbed for over a year after that. The selected fracture zones were enclosed between packer sleeves, 2.7 m apart.

Sampling was carried out during the period from December 1977 to February 1982. In most cases, four levels were sampled per hole. Pumping was done without interruption for about one month at each level. Between 4 and 13 cubic metres of water were pumped from each fracture or fracture zone.

The present report consists primarily of a presentation of the results of the groundwater analyses. The reliability of the results is subjected to some scrutiny. There is, however, no evaluation in relation to geology or hydrology. The material in this report will be further processed by experts in different fields.

The geology and hydrology of the test areas has been described in KBS TR 61, 79-02, 79-05, 79-06, 79-09, 79-12, 80-01 and 80-10.

A general description of the chemistry of groundwater from great depths in granite and gneiss has previously been presented by G Jacks (KBS TR 88). The same author has also described the chemistry of groundwater in Blekinge (KBS TR 79-07), where Sternö is situated. A geochemical evaluation of fracture minerals and the relationship between fracture minerals and groundwater composition in Finnsjön has been published by E-L Tullborg and S Ä Larson (KBS TR 82-20). The expected groundwater composition and its importance for the final storage of radioactive waste have been discussed in KBS TR 90 and the final report KBS-2 Volume 2 (Handling and Final Storage of Unreprocessed Spent Fuel, Technical Volume). Hydrology and groundwater age are also taken up in the latter report.

2 SAMPLING

2.1 Drilling water

Some of the drilling water that is used in the core drilling of the sampling holes can enter rock fractures and contaminate the groundwater there. In order to get rid of the groundwater that has been contaminated with drilling water so that the original, undisturbed groundwater can be sampled, long pumping times are used. Periodic sampling during a pumping **period makes it possible to follow changes in the composition of the water that might derive from drilling water or some other source of contamination.**

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Water from percurssion-drilled boreholes was used as drilling water at Kråkemåla and Sternö, while lake water was used at Finnsjön. The drilling water from Sternö and from the FI4-FI8 boreholes at Finnsjön was filtered through mechanical filters of cellulose (18 CMC 3-2), which are supposed to retain particles with a diameter larger than 5 um. Previously, unfil**tered water was used.**

The filtered drilling water was then analysed. The results are presented in connection with the corresponding groundwater analyses from the different areas (see Table 1-9). Drilling water is designated KS (Kråkemåla), SS (Sternö) and FS (Finnsjön).

1.2 Sampling equipment

A schematic illustration of the equipment is shown in Fig. 1.

The boreholes are core-drilled with a diameter of 56 mm. The 2.7 m long sampling zone is sealed off by rubber packers that are expanded at 0.8-1 MPa above the groundwater pressure. The sampling pump is positioned immediately above the sealed-off zone. The intake is from the upper part of the zone. The pump, which is made of steel and provided with teflon seals, has a maximum capacity of 0.12 I/stroke, equivalent to 330 1/d. The water flow available for sampling decreases if the flow of water in the measured rock is lower than the capacity of the pump.

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MAIN COMPONENTS OF WATER

Water samples were sent for analysis to AB Hydroconsult (Kråkemåla, Sternö and Finnsjön), the National Laboratory for Agricultural chemistry (Finnsjön) and the Geological Survey of Sweden's water laboratory (Finnsjön). pH was also measured in the field. The analysis results are presented in tables 1-9. In

order to permit comparison with the water used as drilling fluid, the results of the analysis of this water are given at the end of each table.

The sample water was collected in 10-litre plastic containers, which were kept in a cool, dark place until the sample for analysis was prepared. The time during which the water was kept in the plastic containers varied from some hours to several months.

For determination of negative ions, pH, conductivity and organic carbon, samples were taken in bottles of borosilicate glass, and for metal ions in plastic bottles.

The metal samples were acidified before further storage. The pH determinations in the field were done immediately on water poured into a flask, except in FI8, where a closed system was used.

One level (FI1, 293m) shows increasing levels of sodium, chloride and phosphate and decreasing levels of calcium, magnesium and nitrate. Four other sampling levels (FI4, 247m; FI7, 301m; FI7, 322m and FI8, 215m) differ from the others in that they exhibit large and systematic differences between sampling occasions. These zones are dealt with separately in 3.1. In no case can the differences be explained by simple dilution with drilling water. The probable reason for the scatter is that water from different aquifers has been affected by the sampling. Three other zones (FI4, 368m; FI5, 141m and FI5, 205m) with greater scatter than average are dealt with in 3.1.5.

The precision in the other analyses is discussed in 3.2-3.5. Zones dealt with under 3.1 are not included in this assessment, and in order to facilitate study of the tables, these zones are marked with an asterisk. (Tables 3, 6 and 9).

3.1 Some deviant sampling zones

3.1.1 FI4, 247m exhibits the largest differences in concentrations during a sampling period and gives a much more fragmented picture than other levels. With the exception of $HCO₃$, the analysis parameters have their lowest concentrations in the last-sampled water and the highest concentrations in the middle sampling.

> Chloride in particular has a very high concentration in the middle sample. Since chloride is one of the main components, an incorrect analysis should show clearly in the ratio between cations and anions.

We find, however, the ratio 12.1:12.4, 16.9:16.9 and 9.2:9.2 in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd samples, respectively. We find the largest error in the 1st sample, and it is only about 3%. We can therefore conclude that the determination of main components is probably accurate and that the scatter must have another reason.

3.1.2 FI7, 301m shows large differences in concentrations during the sampling procedure, but here as well, the concentrations match each other so well that it is out of the question that the large deviations between the sampling occasions could be due to analysis error.

> **In this case, the low concentrations at the start of the sampling period could be due to dilution of the groundwater with drilling water, which is also confirmed by the tritium analyses.**

If, however, the ratio of groundwater to flushing water is calculated for the middle sample on the basis of the last sample and the drilling water analysis, the results are:

1:2 figured on Ca, Mg and Na 1:5 figured on Cl and S0⁴ 4.5:1 figured on TOC.

It can therefore not be a question of a mixture of these two waters. This is further confirmed by HCO_, which reaches its highest value in the middle sample

The conclusion must be that an intrusion of older, considerably saltier water has taken place in an aquifer of recent groundwater.

- **3.1.3 FI7, 322m gives the same picture as 3.1.2 but with much smaller deviations. Here, the first sample gives the highest concentrations of the main components Ca, Ma, Cl and SO., which makes the admixture of drilling water lets probable. Here as well, the change in HCO. concentration follows a deviant pattern.**
- **3.1.4 FI8, 215m. The main components Ca, Na, Cl and SO. have lower concentrations at the start of the sampling period and follow each other with good agreement. All other components with measurable concentrations increase in concentration, however, and there is a large scatter between the concentrations of different components.**

3.1.5 The deviations in FI4, 368m, FI5, 141m and FI5, 205m are relatively small and appear to be random. They can be explained by the fact that analysis error occasionally exceeds 8%.

3.2 pH and conductivity

The pH of the water was determined both directly in the field and in the laboratory. A precision better than + 0.05 pH units can hardly be expected for pH measurements that were not performed at the same time. If the fact that the samples were shipped and stored for different lengths of time prior to measurement is also taken into account, an accuracy of + 0.1 pH units can be considered good.

The discrepancy between field pH and laboratory pH is less than 5% for the Kråkemåla samples. The field values are generally higher than the laboratory values, which is not unusual for groundwater samples.

The field and laboratory values for pH from Sternö are in good agreement.

For Finnsjön, there is a considerable discrepancy between field and laboratory pH values. The large change in the field values during a pumping period, which is not in any way reflected in the corresponding laboratory values, indicates drift in the measuring equipment in the field. This must be taken into consideration in any attempt to evaluate these results.

An accuracy of +5% is acceptable for conductivity. Only in two cases (FI1, 293m and FI5, 297m) are there greater deviations. In the first case, other analyses provide some support for a lower value.

3.3 Organic carbon (TOC)

The scatter in the analysis results within the levels is relatively high. Precision in carbon determination and low concentrations is, however, relatively poor for most types of *analysis* instru**ments .**

3.4 Negative ions

The negative ions are presented in tables 4-6. In general, the results show good consistency within the zones. Only with regard to nitrate has reason been found to undertake a special examination (see 3.4.6).

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- **3.4.1 As a rule, the scatter in analysis results for BICARBONATE within a zone is <<5%. Only in three cases with low concentrations were considerable deviations noted. Two of these samples have concentrations of <20 mg/1, which are the lowest concentrations noted in this study. The deviations may be due to special difficulties in analysing samples with such low concentrations and/or poorer stability of the samples.**
- **3.4.2 CHLORIDE. In connection with the determination of the ratio between bromide and chloride (6) at 10 of the levels with high salt content, chloride determination was carried out by potentiometric titration and Gran evaluation. A comparison with previous results showed that the normal variation in the analysis results is probably +5%. In one case, the difference was 10%.**
- **3.4.3 The FLUORIDE concentration for Kråkemåla is around 3-7 mg/1. For other areas, the concentration is 1-2 mg/1. There is no great variation in the concentrations within the zones.**
- **3.4.4 Not unexpectedly, the highest concentrations of SULPHATE are found in the salty waters. The ratio between chloride and sulphate varies considerably, however. At Sternö, the sulphate concentrations are HIGHER than the chloride concentrations.**
- **3.4.5 The PHOSPHATE concentrations show good agreement within the zones. There is only one deviant value (FI5, 297m), but it is accompanied by an unexpectedly high content of total iron.**

The highest concentrations were measured at Kråkemåla and the lowest at Sternö and Finnsjön, level 6 and 6.

3.4.6 NITRATE and NITRITE. Determination of these parameters was associated with some difficulties, which is why a number of values have not been included in this report. The Geological Survey of Sweden reported its values with low analysis sensitivity $($ 1 mg/1).

> **Of the analyses presented, the results from sampling at four levels (see the table below) show scatter in all nitrogen parameters. The first four columns in the table show the concentrations figured as NH4, NO», NO. and the sum of these in mg/1. The last four columns give the equivalent content of nitrogen. As**

can be seen from the table, the nitrogen content is relatively constant, which strongly supports the correctness of the analyses. The redox shift is not reflected by the Fe² concentrations, however.

3.5 Positive ions

The positive ions are presented in tables 7-9. As with the negative ions, consistency within the levels is generally good. Scatter in the magnesium value, however, appears to be more common than in other ions. The scatter in the results from the analysis of FI7 and FI8 is exceptionally high. Some zones with scatter in the ammonia results have been discussed in 3.4.6. Only iron is examined more closely below.

$3.5.1$ IRON exhibits some deviant values.

ST3, 232m: Consistently high values of both the iron parameters verify the correctness of the analysis. It is difficult to determine whether contamination is involved. Only magnesium and nitrate (both uncertain) show their lowest values here, while total N is slightly elevated, as are several other ions.

ST4, 397m: The first sample has a high concentration of iron(II), but surprisingly enough also a high nitrate concentration, while other samples are low. The entire Sternö area in general has a high proportion of iron(II).

The three lov values could therefore be the incorrect ones, due to the samples having, for example, been in contact v.Lth air before they were acidified. The same explanation may apply in a couple of other cases with -xceptionally low concentrations of iron(II).

FI5, 297m: The high total iron concentration is accompanied by a high phosphate concentration. The concentration of iron(II) is unaffected.

FI8, 442m: Total iron has its highest value in the first water and its lowest volume in the second. An examination of other analyses shows that a mixing of different groundwaters may be involved here.

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TRACE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

The trace element analysis (table 15) was performed by the Geological Survey of Sweden's water laboratory in Uppsala with a computer-controlled emission spectrophotometer equipped with ICP. A total of 14 water samples from Finnsjön were analysed, all from different levels.

A pronounced correlation exists only between barium, strontium and calcium. The strontium concentrations (0.2-13 mg/1) are higher than the barium concentrations (0.02-0.11 mg/1).

Calcium and silicon are analysed both as trace element (T) and as main component (M). In the table below, the trace element analysis and the mean value (Mv) of all samples on the level according to tables 6 and 9 are given. If there is a sample that shows better agreement for BOTH calcium and silicon than the mean value does, this value (best value, Bv) is also given in the table.

The fact that the silicon concentration according to T is significantly higher than according to M can be explained by the fact that the total concentration **of silicon was determined as trace element (emission). In the determination of main components only the** dissolved portion of SiO₂ was determined (colori**metry).**

If we disregard FI4, 247m and use the best value wherever one is available, the mean deviation between S and H for CALCIUM is 4.1% + 2.8%. Deviations of this magnitude between analyses performed on two different occasions, by two different laboratories and/or with two different methods must be regarded as satisfactory.

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ISOTOPE ANALYSIS AND DATING

The purpose of the isotope analyses was two fold: to date the groundwater and to characterize it.

The analyses whose results are presented in tables 11-13 were performed by the following laboratories: Harwell, England: U-Th, deuterium^l ^g Department of Hydrology, Uppsala: 0 (in water) The Laboratory for Isotope Geology, Stockholm: C, ¹⁹C, ¹⁹0 (in carbonate), deuterium (in water) **and S-34 (in sulphate)**

5.1 Carbon isotopes and tritium

The carbon isotope analysis is performed for the purpose of direct dating of the water. The age obtained by ¹⁷C analysis is presented in tables **11-13 as "Age BP" (BP = before present), and the age** after correction based on ¹⁹C as "Age BP, Corr ¹⁹C".

The tritium determination (Table 11-13) was used to estimate the amount of surface water in the groundwater .

5.1.1 Sample preparation: Carbonate for determination of carbon isotopes and ¹⁰C were precipitated in the **field with the aid of an alkaline barium suspension. The precipitation was performed in a stainless steel cylindrical container with a conical bottom.**

> **The container, which holds 67 1 and was filled with nitrogen from the beginning, was filled with water (usually during the night). The alkaline barium solution was added, the solution was mixed and the precipitate allowed to settle until the next day. One litre of suspension was tapped off from the of the container to a glass bottle and sent**

to the laboratory for analysis. In cases of small precipitate volumes, two precipitations were performed .

The precipitation was particularly difficult to perform in samples with a high salt content, since very voluminous precipitates were obtained.

- Dating with the 14 C method is dealt with by Barbro 5.1.2 Dating with the ¹⁴C method Johansson in Appendix 1. Johansson in Appendix 1.
- 5.1.3 Owing to its short half-life (about 12 years), tritium is an important isotope for hydrological studies. The amount of tritium in the atmosphere has risen drastically due to nuclear fission experiments. The tritium concentration in rainwater has increased more than 10 times, which makes it possible to determine whether there is any recent water in a groundwater.

In the tables, the tritium concentration is given in the unit TU, which is the number of tritium atoms per 10¹⁰ hydrogen atoms.

5.1.4 The correlation between tritium concentration and C age is good, as is shown by the figure below. The tritium concentrations are, however, unreasonably high for water of this age. The natural conclusion is therefore that the borehole waters are mixtures of very old groundwater and surface water.

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The ratio between the oxygen isotopes is determined both on precipitated carbonate (5.1) and water. The value for C is given as deviation in o/oo from "Standard Mean Oceanic Water" (SMOW). See also appendix 2.

5.3 Uranium and thorium

Uranium and the ratio between different uranium and thorium isotopes was determined in three boreholes at Finnsjön. The results are presented in the table below.

BH Depth DATE (Tabell)

Individual standard deviations are specified for the values given in the table. The "mean relative error" (RE) and its standard deviation (s-RE) vere calculated.

The analyses were used for dating, among other things. Appendix 3 contains a calculation of the fraction of modern water in the_pborehole_pyater on the basis of the ratio between ²³⁴U and ²³⁶U.

5.9 Sulphur isotope

The sample water was precipitated with an acid barium solution directly in the plastic container at sampling. ³⁴S was determined on the precipitate.

BROMIDE/CHLORIDE RATIO

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The analyses were performed by C. Haraldsson, Department of Analytical and Marine Chemistry, Chalmers University of Technology (Nov. 1982). The chloride was determined by means of potentiometric titration with Gran evaluation. The bromide was extracted and then determined colorimetrically. The standard deviation is 8.8% figured on three diluted standard sea waters, i.e. + 0.31.

The analyses of FI5, 205m were performed on the water sampled on 80-01-29. Other analyses were performed on the most recently sampled water on the level.

GAS ANALYSIS

Samples for gas analysis were taken in borehole 6 from the 685 and 698 m levels on the 14th and 20th of October, respectively.

The analyses were performed by AGA and the results are presented in the table below.

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SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION OF SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

KRAKEMALA - pH. conductivity and TOC

STERNÖ - pH, conductivity and TQC

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FINNSJÖN - pH, conductivity **and** TOC

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FINNSJÖN - pH , conductivity and TOC

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STERNÖ - Negative ions

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Bore-	Depth	Date	Ca	Mg	Na	К	Mn	Fe, tot NH4	
hole			mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1
K1	103								
		780828	40	B.O	39	3.2	.42	4.3	.13
		780908	40	B.O	40	3.1	.42	5.0	.12
		780919	40	B.O	39	3.2	.42	4.9	.10
		780925	40	9.0	40	3.1	.42	4.8	.11
K ₁	264								
		780730	30	B.O	57	3.3	. 20	3.5	.13
		780809	28	B.5	57	3.1	.18	3.1	.12
		780815	27	9.0	58	3.1	.15	2.8	$.$) 4
		780824	28	9.5	57	3.3	.10	2.5	. 13
K1	406								
		780530	25	B.5	235	3.2	.04	5.2	.07
		780601	26	9.0	235	3.3	.04	4.6	.09
		780606	29	8.5	250	3.3	. 06	3.8	.08
		780613	29	8.0	250	3.3	. 06	3.5	.03
		780622	29	7.5	250	3.2	.04	3.0	.08
K ₁	491								
		780703	55	6.5	80	3.7	. 26	6.1	.05
		780712	22	7.0	80	3.3	. 22	5.9	. 07
		780716	22	6.5	82	3.4	. 20	6.6	.14
		780725	21	7.0	82	3.5	. 22	5.3	. 12
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		790820	65	1.0	8	. 8	.01	. 06	. 02

KRAKEMALA - Positive ions

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	Bore- Depth	Date	Ca	Mg	Na	Κ	Mn		Fe2+ Fe, tot NH4	
hole			mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	$mg/1$ mg/l		mq/1	mq/1	mg/1
КАЗ	232									
		791031	130	12	17		2.9 1.05 28		27	.13
		791128	129	7.5	19	2.8	1.15	39	40	.11
		791206	127	9.5	19		2.71.05	27	28	.09
		791214	127	9.5	17		2.71.05	26	27	. 08
KA4	226									
		800318	75	18	53	3.1	.54	2.3	10	. ଦଧ
		800320	75	18	54	3.1	. 53		10	. 08
KA4	312									
		800123	86	17	55	3.3	. 56	$\overline{13}$	13	.02
		800130	85	15	55	3 ₂	.54	11	11	. 02
		800206	85	15	54	3.2	.54	10	11	.15
		800213	85	16	53	3.2	.54	9.5	9.7	. 02
KA4	397									
		800220	78	17	57	3.3	$.54$ 14		15	.02
		800227	80	17	58	3.2	.56	1.3	13	.16
		800305	80	17	58	3.2	.53	1.0	13	.15
		800312	80	17	58	3.2	. 56	1.1	14	. 06
55										
		781123	24	2.0	6	1.2	.01		.06	.01
		781207	24	2.0	6	1.2	. 02		. 36	.04

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Table 10a Trace element analyses

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Table 10b Trace element analyses.

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Table $13b$

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Appendix 1

Dating with the ¹⁴C method. **Barbro Johansson, Department of Hydrology University of Uppsala.**

There are different methods for dating groundwater with the aid of carbon-14. Whether the age determined by means of these models is the same as the actual age of the water is uncertain, since the values of many variables used in the calculations must be assumed for the time being. The water at a given depth can also consist of a mixture of younger and older waters, which cannot be determined solely with carbon-14. The calculations whose results are reported in the tables were done using a model that is described in KBS technical report 80-08. The report also explains how changes in the values of different variables affect the calculated age. The variables that have the greatest influence are the water's measured carbon-13 content and the assumed values of the carbon-13 content of the ground air and the weathering calcite. In order to get some idea of the size of the variations that are obtained, an age has been calculated for different values of the carbon-13 content of the ground air. Some values can give a negative calculated age.

The analysed water samples can be divided into two groups: those that are calcite-saturated with a high carbon-13 content and those that are unsaturated and usually have a lower carbon-13 content. The calculations are performed in slightly different ways in the two cases (see previously mentioned report). The samples from Finnsjön can be expected to belong to the former group, since there is a great deal of calcite (of marine origin) in the ground there. Most of the Finnsjön samples do, in fact, belong to the former group, but some are unsaturated with respect to calcite even though their carbon-13 content is high. This is probably due to admixture with modern water, since the tritium content of these samples is rather high. For two of the samples (FI1, 206 m and FI1, 293 m) it is not possible to obtain any results with the model. The tritium content of these samples is around 40 TU.

All samples from Kråkemåla and Karlshamn (Sternö) are unsaturated with respect to calcite. There as well, there is a sample with a high tritium content (KA3, 232 m) for which the model does not work. Many of the other samples also have a relatively high tritium content, which should be borne in mind when considering the calculated ages.

Analyses of the coolant used at Finnsjön revealed a concentration of 75-85 TU (Gidlund, private communi- Í

cation). This means that the admixture of coolant in FI1 may be 50%, which would mean that the 14 C age in FI1 should be increased by about 2,000 years.

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Appendix 2

STABLE ISOTOPES OF OXYGEN AND HYDROGEN IN ANALYSED GROUNDWATERS FROM FINNSJÖN, KRÅKKMÅLA AND STERNÖ.

E-L Tullborg and Sven Åke Larsson, SGAB-SGU Gothenburg.

Stable isotopes of both oxygen and hydrogenQwere analysed in the sampled waters. The ratio 18 **O/¹⁰O in the water samples is given in relation to Standard Mean Ocean Water (SMOW) according to the equation:**

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\delta^{18}0 = \frac{({}^{18}0/{}^{16}0)_{\text{prov}} - ({}^{18}0/{}^{16}0)_{\text{standard}}}{({}^{18}0/{}^{16}0)_{\text{standard}}}
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6 H is determined in the same manner.

18 **Figure 1 shows6 0 in water samples from Finnsjön (Fl), Kråkemåla (K) and Sternö (KA) as a function of depth. In cases of repeated sampling, the mean of the values for all samples from the same level was used. As is evident from the figure, the analysed waters fgom each area fall within a relatively narrow & 0 interval.**

 18 _{c 0} $\frac{2}{3}$ **The relationship between i O ande H in the precipitation is described by the equation** $\delta H = 8 \delta^{10} \text{O} + \frac{1}{2}$ **10%o, the so-called "meteoric water line" (MWL) (Craig 1961). The content of heavy isotopes in the precipitation decreases from the coast inland, from lower to higher latitude and from lower to higher altitude. Thus, Finnsjön exhibits the lowest values and Sternö the highest.**

Dansgaard (1964) found a relationship between the annual.mean temperature and5 o in the precipitation $\text{where } \delta^{18}$ O = 0.695 T (^OC) - 13.6. If the water's δ^{18} O **is calculated for each area, and if the fact that precipitation during the winter half of the year constitutes about 70% of newly-formed groundwater, the analysed groundwaters appear to coincide relatively well with the waters expected under presentday circumstances. The position of the analysed waters in relation to the MWL is shown by figure 2. A deviation from the MWL can be caused by a number of secondary processes that affect a surface water or a groundwater (Fig. 3) (Fritz et al 1979). As is evident from Fig. 2, the analysed waters plot below the MWL but parallel to it. This indicates that secondary processes have not had any significant effect on the waters. However, more precise interpretations require knowledge of the local MWL. Such data is lacking at the present time.**

In summary, the following can be said:

All analysed groundwaters have δ^{18} O and δ^{2} H values
that are typical for a meteoric water. The δ^{8} O and f H values for each area fall within a relatively narrow and characteristic interval. The difference in values between different areas can be explained by the geographical situation.

The analysed waters have not been affected by secondary processes to any great extent.

Figure 1 $\delta^{18}0_{\text{water}}$ versus depth

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A generalized $\delta^{18}0$ versus δ^2 H plot showing the Meteoric Water Line and processes commonly Figure $\mathbf{3}$ responsible for deviations from this line (Fritz et. al, 1979)

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CALCULATION OF MODERN WATER FRACTION

John Andrews of the University of Bath has commented on the uranium and thorium analyses. He has also calculated the fraction $9f_a$ "m $9f$ grn" water in the samples on the basis of 234 U/ 238 U, where the activity ratio for modern water has been set at 1 and 1.25 and for original water at 3.0 (see the table).

A comparison is also made with the 14 C age. Agreement is good between the modern water fraction ment is good between the modern water fraction
calculated with the two methods. A good correl calculated with the two methods. A good correlation
is also obtained when mixing ratios and tritium is also obtained when mixing ratios and tritium content are compared.

x based on mixing with a 10,000 year old end-member.

- (a) based on mixing of recent water (assumed to have an activity ratio close to 1.0) and an end-member with an activity ratio of 3 (similar to $F1$ 5).
- (b) as (a) but for a modern end-member with an activity ratio of 1.25 .

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