



Well Drilling Methods and Construction

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SANITARY
WELL
COMPLETION
PRACTICES

PROPER
WELL
CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS

TRAINED
PROFESSIONAL
WATER WELL
CONTRACTORS

COMPONENTS OF A SAFE & RELIABLE WATER WELL

TARGET
AQUIFER HAS
AMPLE YIELD
&
SAFE WATER

SUFFICIENT
SEPARATION
FROM
CONTAMINATION
SOURCES

ROUTINE
MONITORING
OF
WATER
QUALITY

PROPER
WATER
SYSTEM
MAINTENANCE

Steps of Tube well construction:

- **Site selection for drilling well**
- **Operation of well drilling**
- **Logging (sampling)**
- **Well log design**
- **Construction of well(Lowering of filter and casing pipes, Gravel packing)**
- **Cleaning and developing of well**
- **Pumping test for finding well hydraulic properties**

Well Site Selection

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- Desired yield;
- Desired water quality;
- Availability and restrictions of water rights;
- Vulnerability to known natural risks
- Distance from potential contaminant sources (e.g., septic tanks, oil wells);
- Potential for interference with other wells, surface water flows, or environmentally important waters (e.g., wetlands or springs)
- Potential for interference with utilities;
- Accessibility for rigs and equipment,

Site selection for drilling well

- **Subsurface geology and hydrogeology**
- **Depth and productivity of target aquifer**
- **Cost, equipment availability, labor availability**
- **Local suitability and sustainability**
- **Well drilling method according to the geological condition**

Drilling method application according to the Geological- technical condation

Type of formation	Cable tool drill	Auger *	Rotary air	Rotary mud	High-pressure rotary air with down-hole hammer
Sand	Suitable	Fair	Not suitable	Suitable	Not suitable
Loose sand and gravel	Difficult – fair (if casing driven)	Not suitable	Difficult – not suitable	Suitable (with fluid control)	Not suitable (see ** below)
Loose coarse gravels and boulders	Suitable (if casing driven)	Not suitable	Not suitable	Difficult – slow sometimes impossible	Not suitable (see ** below)
Loam and silt	Suitable	Fair	Fair	Suitable	Not suitable
Clays	Suitable	Fair	Suitable	Suitable	Fair
Puggy shale and mudstone	Fair	Slow	Fair	Suitable	Slow
Shale	Fair	Slow	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable
Sandstone	Fair	Slow	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable

Drilling method application according to the Geological- technical condonation

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Conglomerate	Slow	Not suitable	Suitable	Slow	Suitable
Limestone and dolomite	Slow	Not suitable	Suitable	Fair	Suitable
Limestone with small cracks or fissures	Fair - slow	Not suitable	Suitable	Fair	Suitable
Cavernous limestone	Slow	Not suitable	Suitable	Difficult	Suitable
Weathered basalt	Slow	Difficult	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable
Thick layered basalt	Not suitable	Not suitable	Slow	Slow	Suitable
Schists and Gneiss	Not suitable	Not suitable	Slow	Slow	Suitable
Granite	Not suitable	Not suitable	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable

LEGEND

Not suitable:	Normally cannot drill formation type.
Difficult:	Generally not suitable but can sometimes be adapted.
Slow:	Can be used but drilling progress is usually slow.
Fair:	Suitable with some care and/or special technique suggested in brackets.
Suitable:	Normally used to drill formation type economically.

WATER WELL DRILLING METHODS IN MICHIGAN

MOST COMMON:

ROTARY
(Mud & Air)

84%

LESS COMMON:

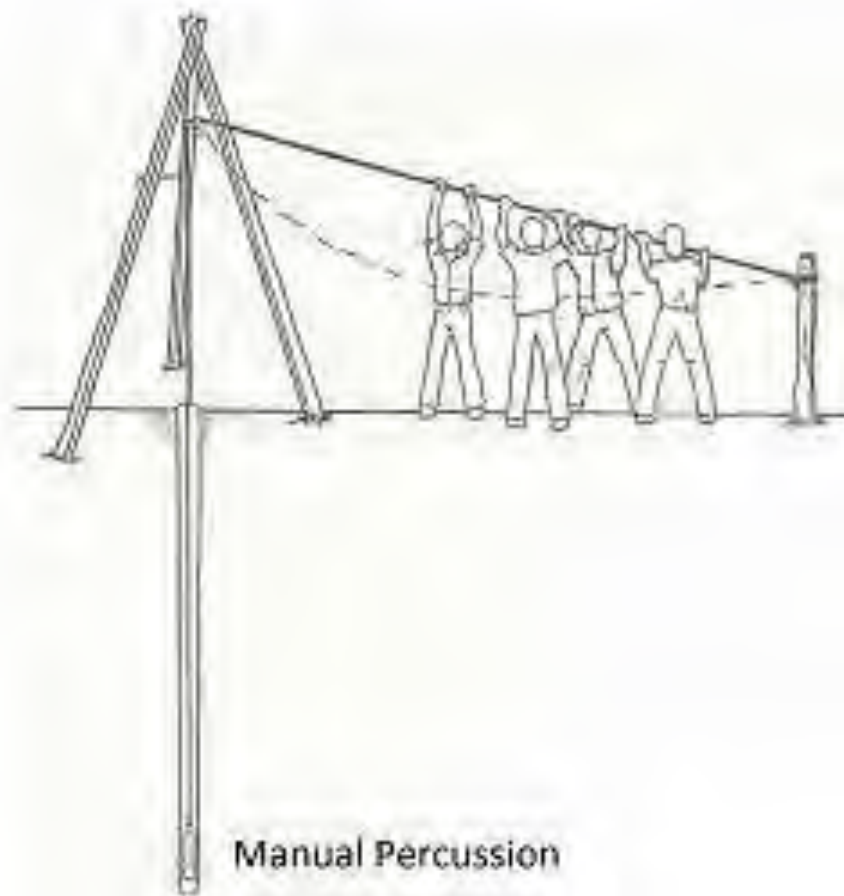
CABLE TOOL
10%

AUGER
2.5%

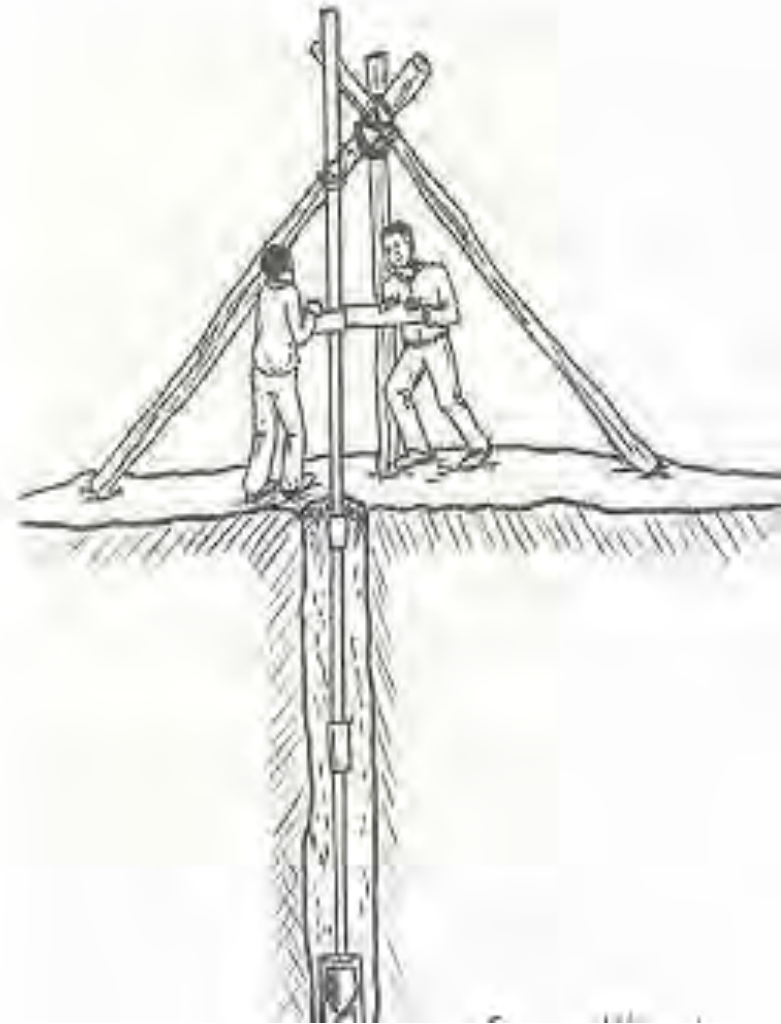
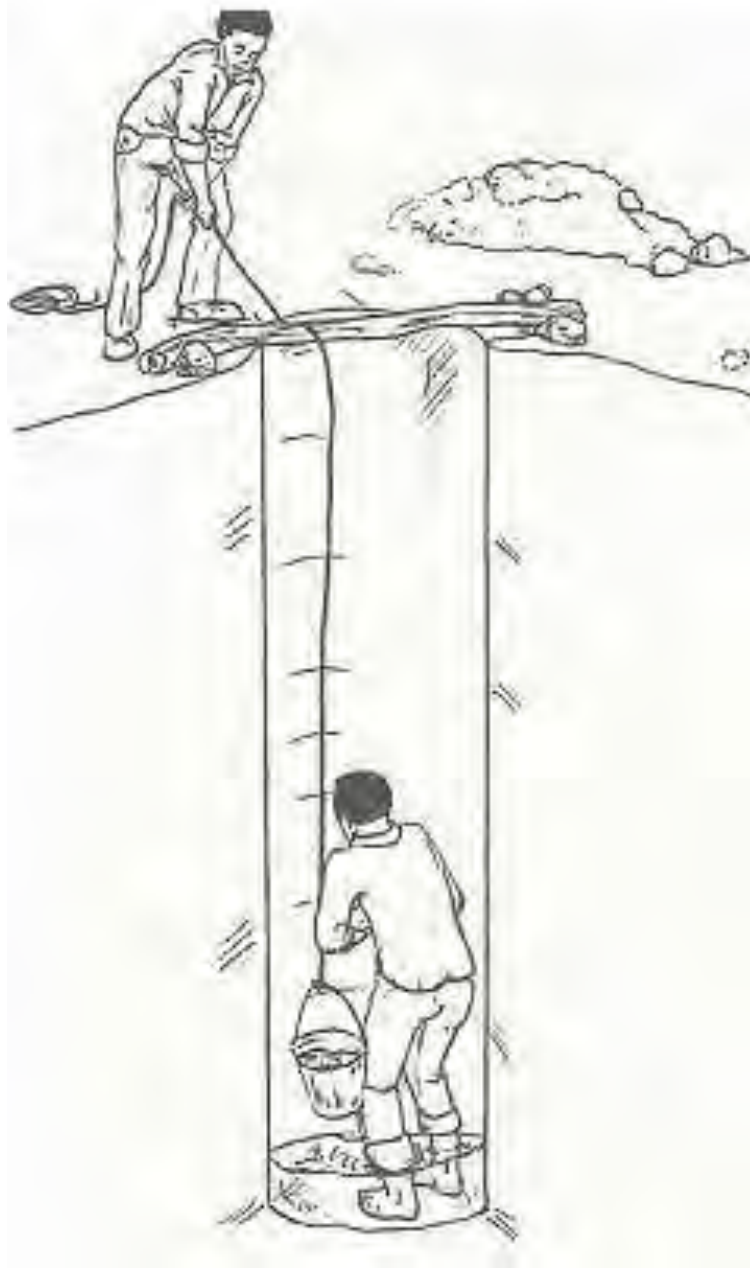
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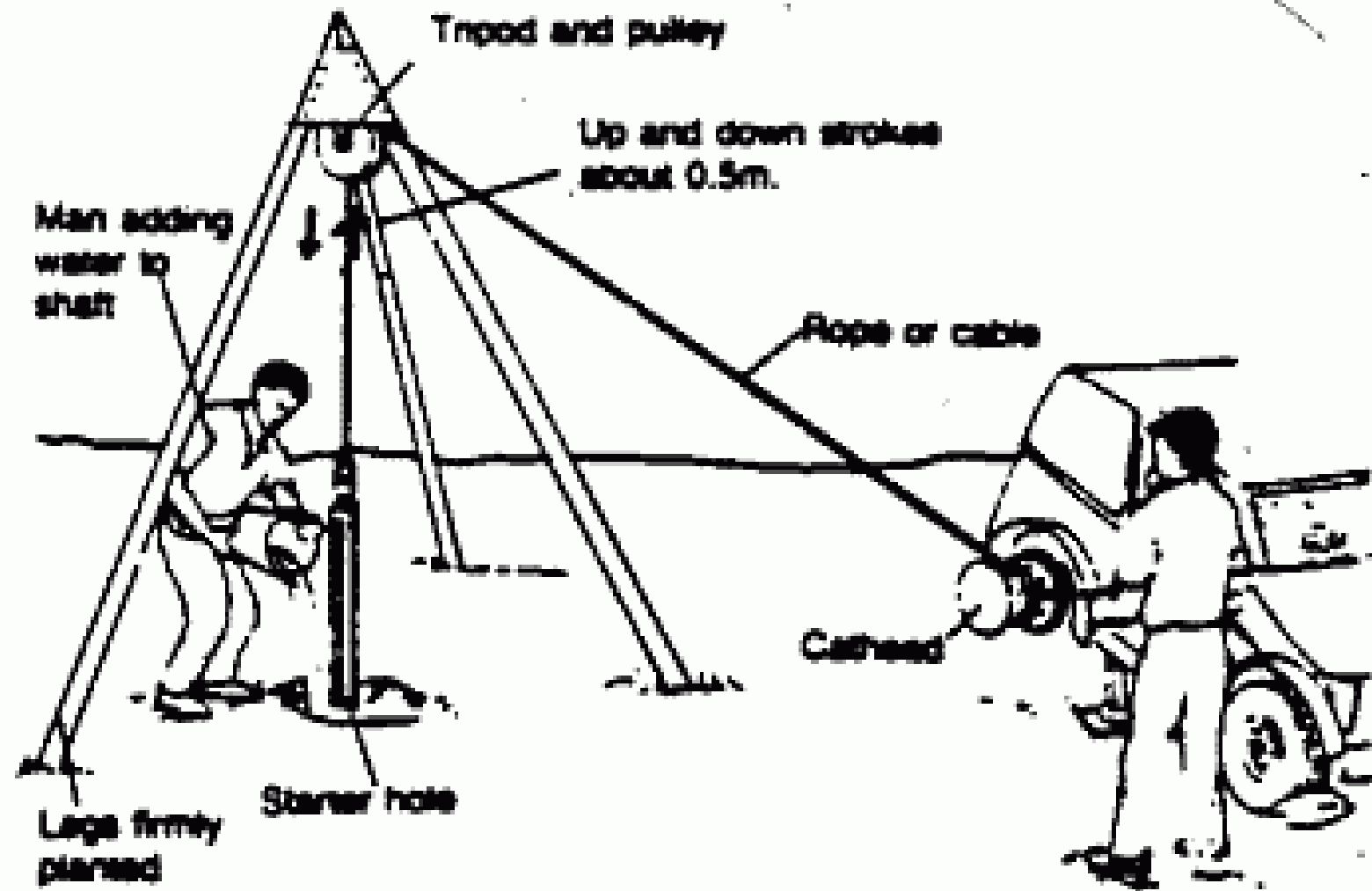
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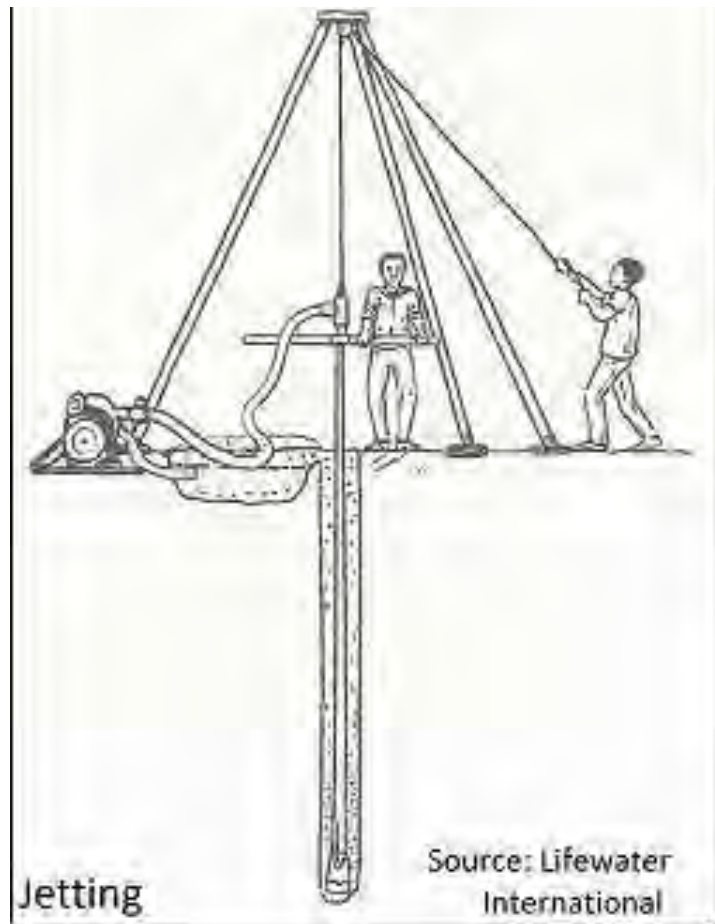
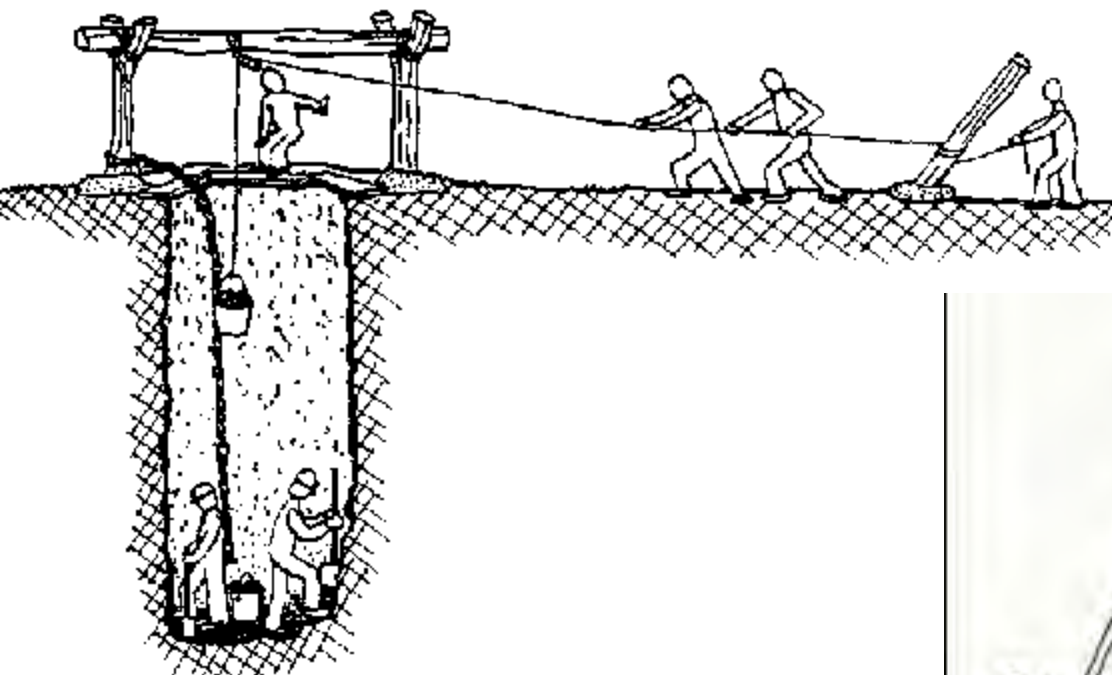
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Manual Percussion











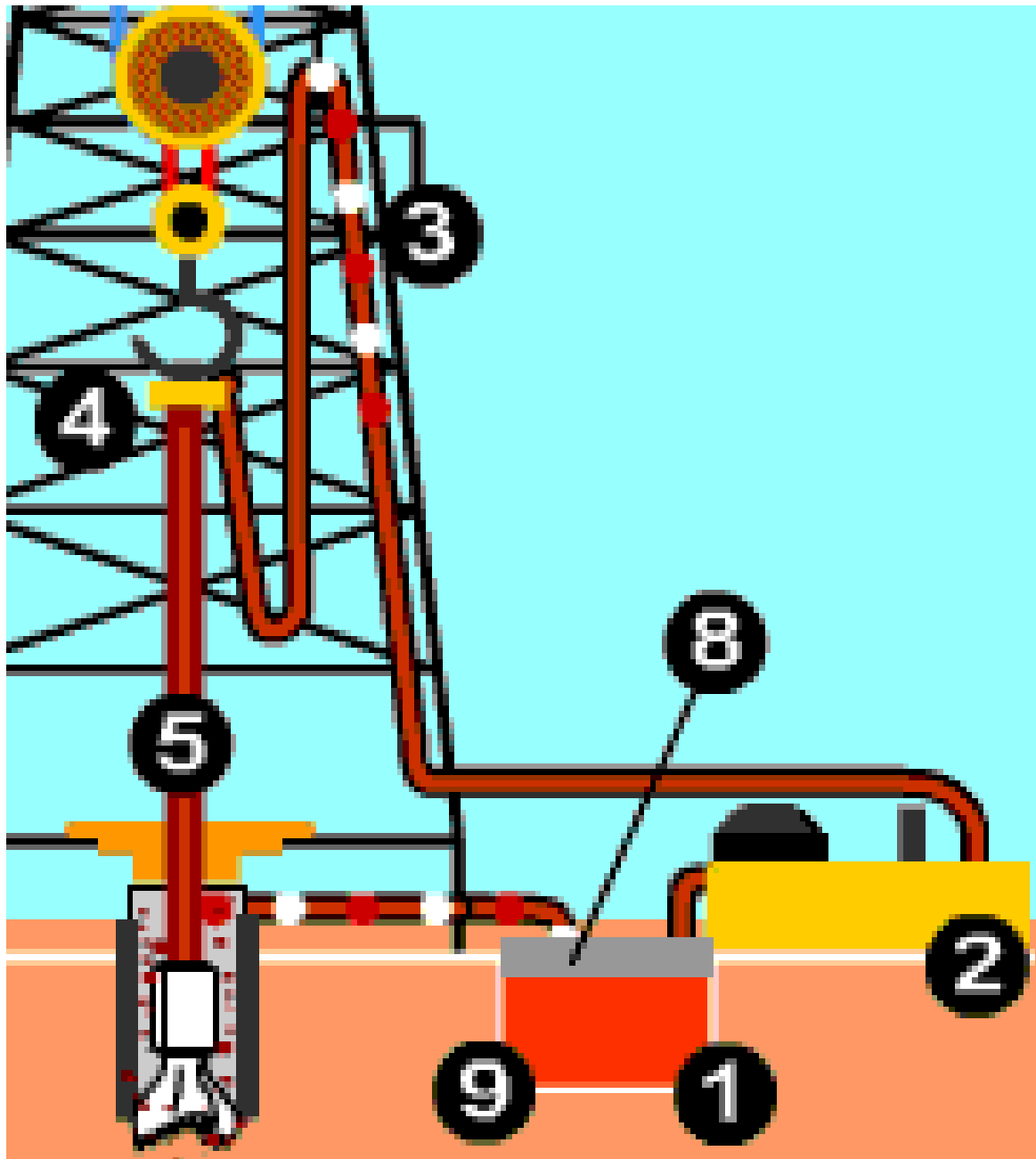




Mud Rotary Drilling Method

- **Open hole stabilized with drilling mud**
- Mud circulation brings cuttings to surface
- May require conductor and intermediate casings
- Requires powerful equipment, bits, rods, pumps, pits, etc.
- Drilling fluid additives (facilitate cutting removal and prevent recirculation, weight borehole walls, reduce fluid loss to formation, prevent swelling clays)





Advantages of Rotary Method

➤ **Fast**

➤ **Facilitates**

- **Geophysical logging**
- **Grouting**
- **Screen placement**
- **Gravel pack placement**

Disadvantages of Rotary Method

- Invasion of drilling mud
- Potential borehole instability
- Potential lost circulation problems
- Lithologic samples may not be from distinct zone; geophysical logs help
- Difficult to sample formation water during drilling
- Major equipment and material requirements
- Well development more difficult
- Higher cost

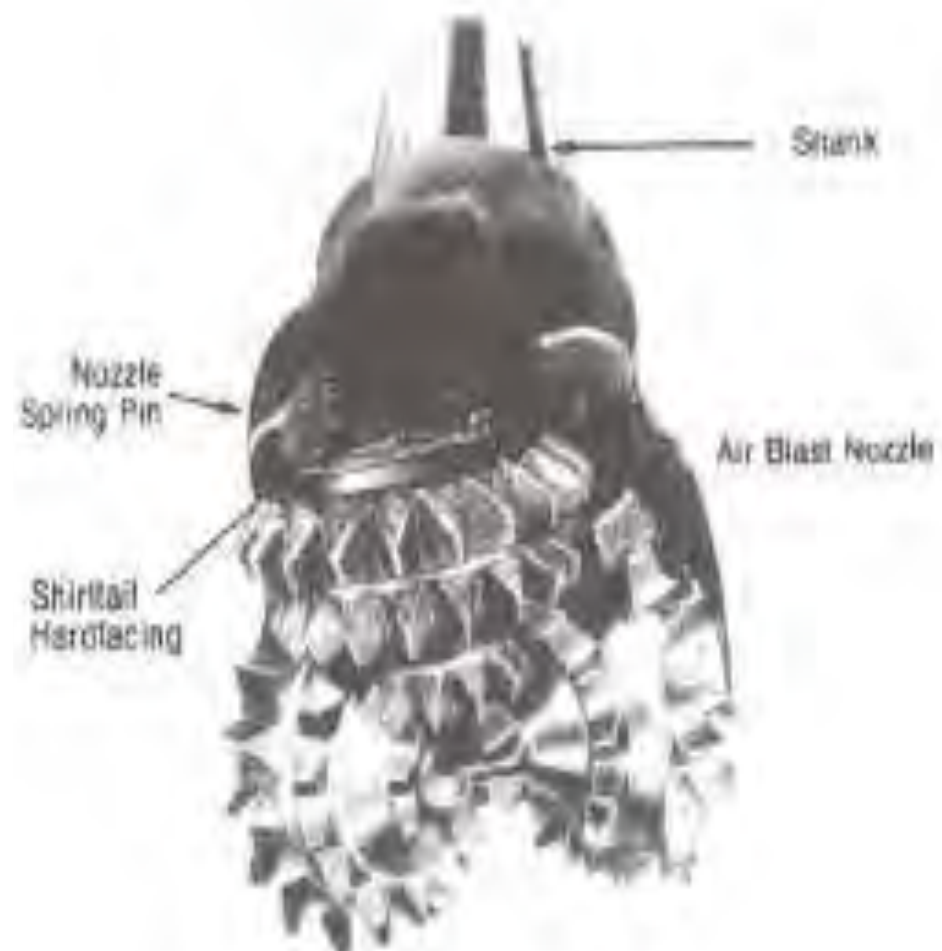
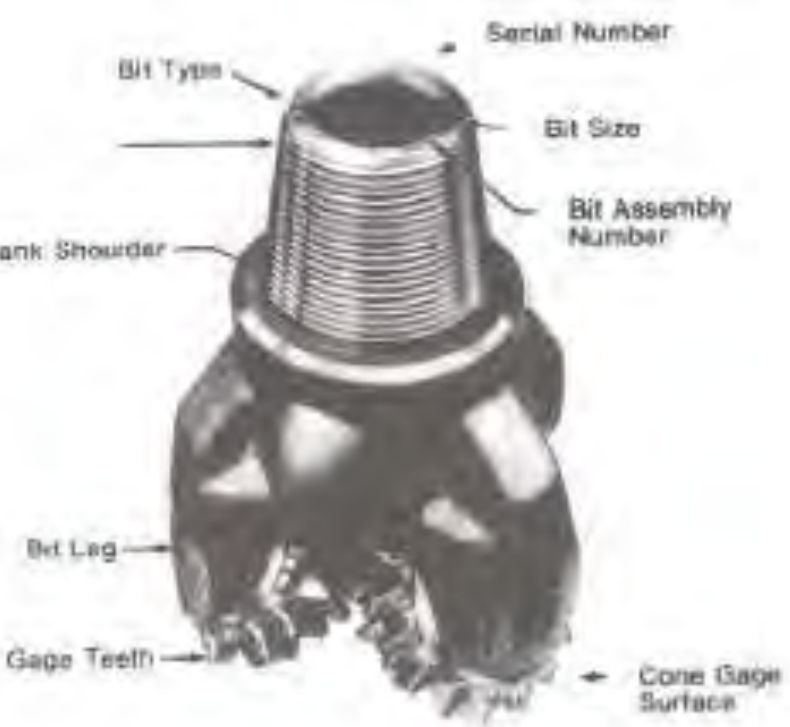
Drillings pipe (Drilling Rod)











Don't let anyone tell you
what heavy duty is.

Toy Rig

1 1/2"

2 3/8"

Oil Field Size

2 3/8"

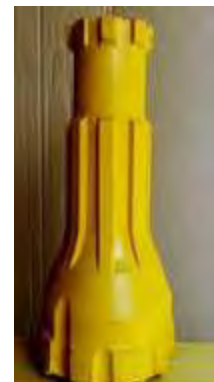
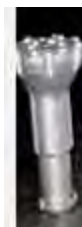
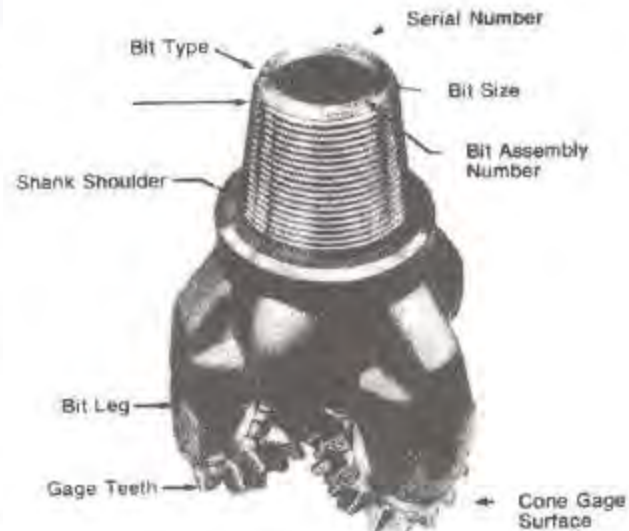
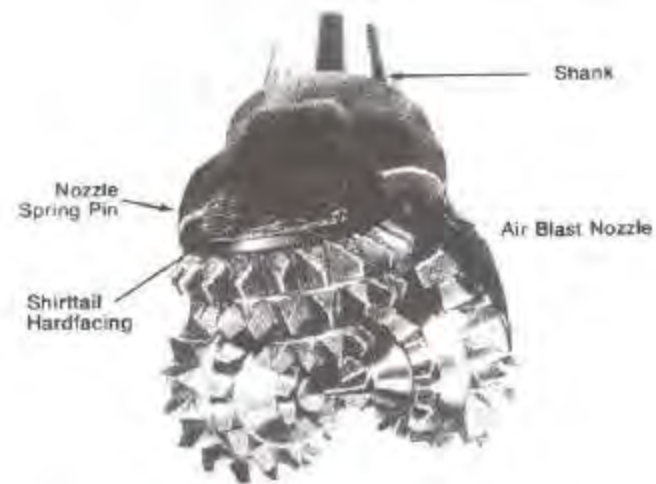
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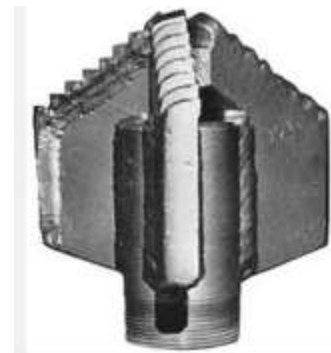
CA-21

3/4"

1/2"

Mayhew JR
Toy Rig Pipe





قطر فل ها و پل های برمه

قطر فل ها و پل های برمه به (میلی متر)		قطر فل برمه به (میلی متر)		قطر سامی به (میلی متر)
		قطر داخلی	قطر خارجی	
76 93 97 112 118		60	46	80
132 135 140 145		73	59	95
151 161 190 214 243		89	75	108
269 295		102	87.6	127
346		114	100	140
14"	370			
16"	394	127	113	152
18"	445	140	139	171
20"	490	168	145	197

اتصالات (کنکشن ها)

شماره	راسته چوری (ملي متر)	چپه چوری (ملي متر)
1	37x63	63x73
2	89x76	76x89
3	114x102	102x114
4	168x102	127x141
5	141x127	152x168
6	168x127	152x166
7	168x152	

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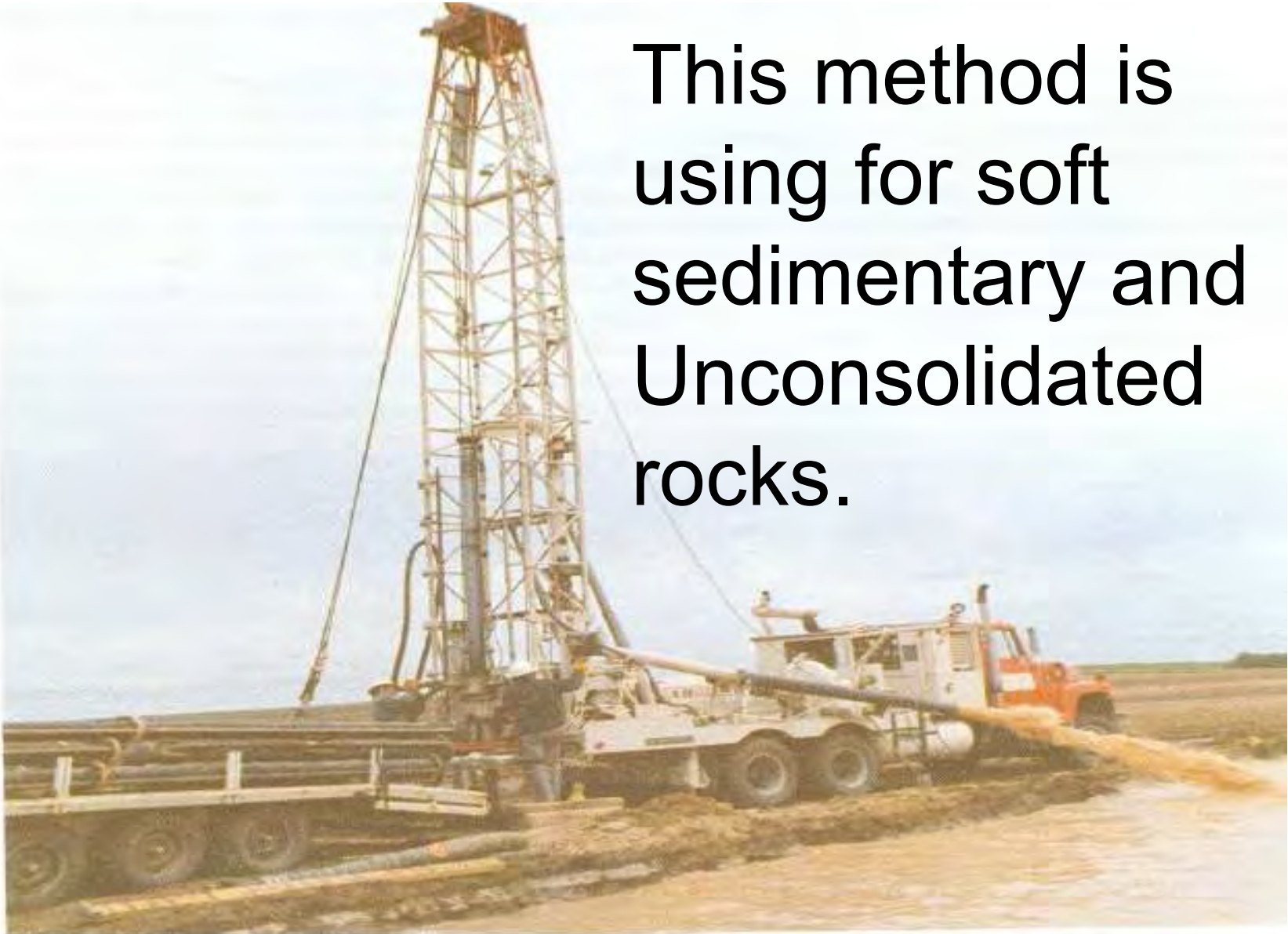
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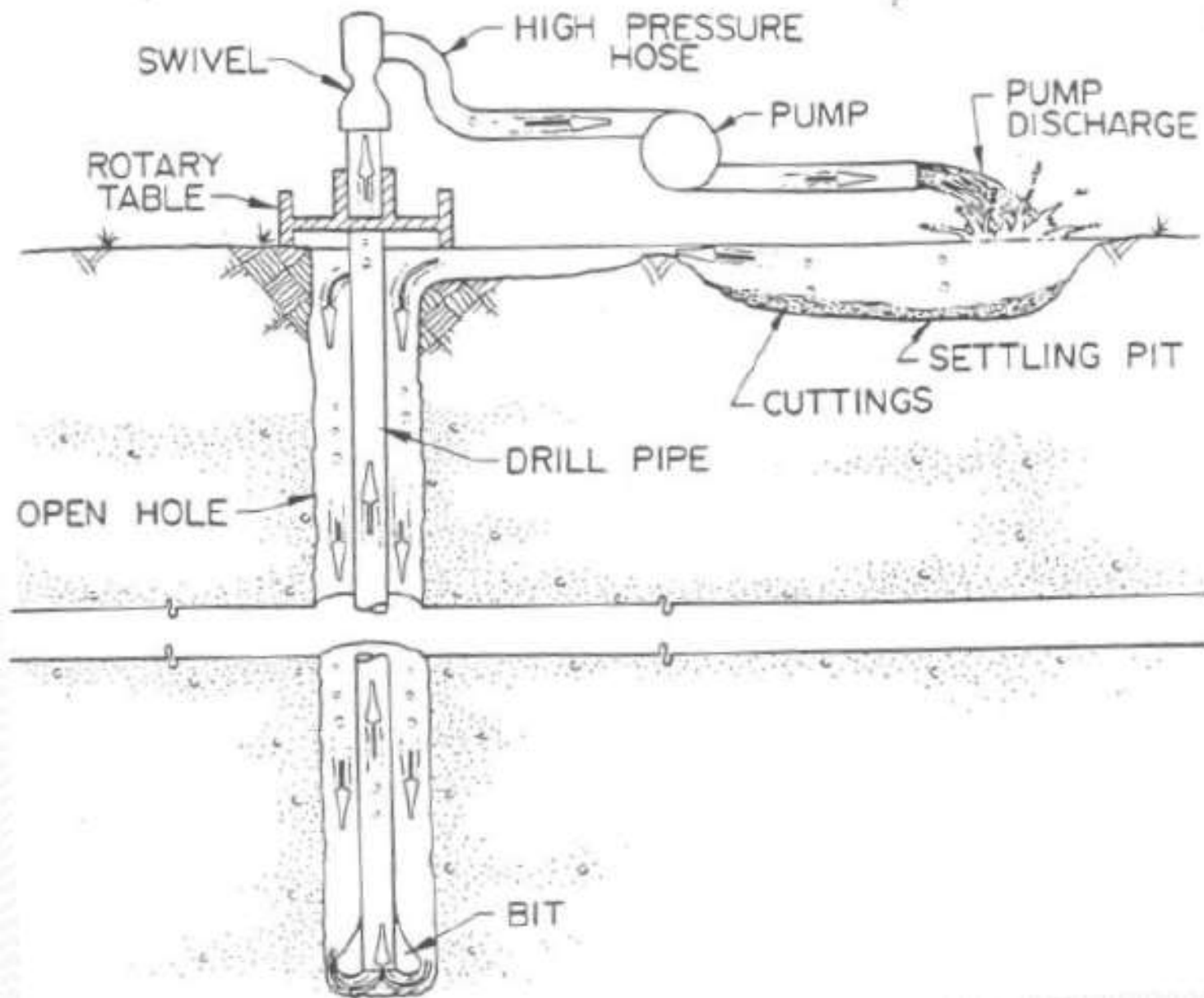
Principal Functions of Drilling Fluids

- Subsurface pressure control
- Cuttings removal and transport
- Suspension of solid particles
- Sealing of permeable formations
- Stabilizing the wellbore
- Preventing formation damage
- Cooling the bit and drill string
- Transmitting hydraulic horsepower to the bit
- Facilitating the collection of formation data
- Controlling corrosion

Reverse air drilling

This method is
using for soft
sedimentary and
Unconsolidated
rocks.





Cable Tool Drilling Method

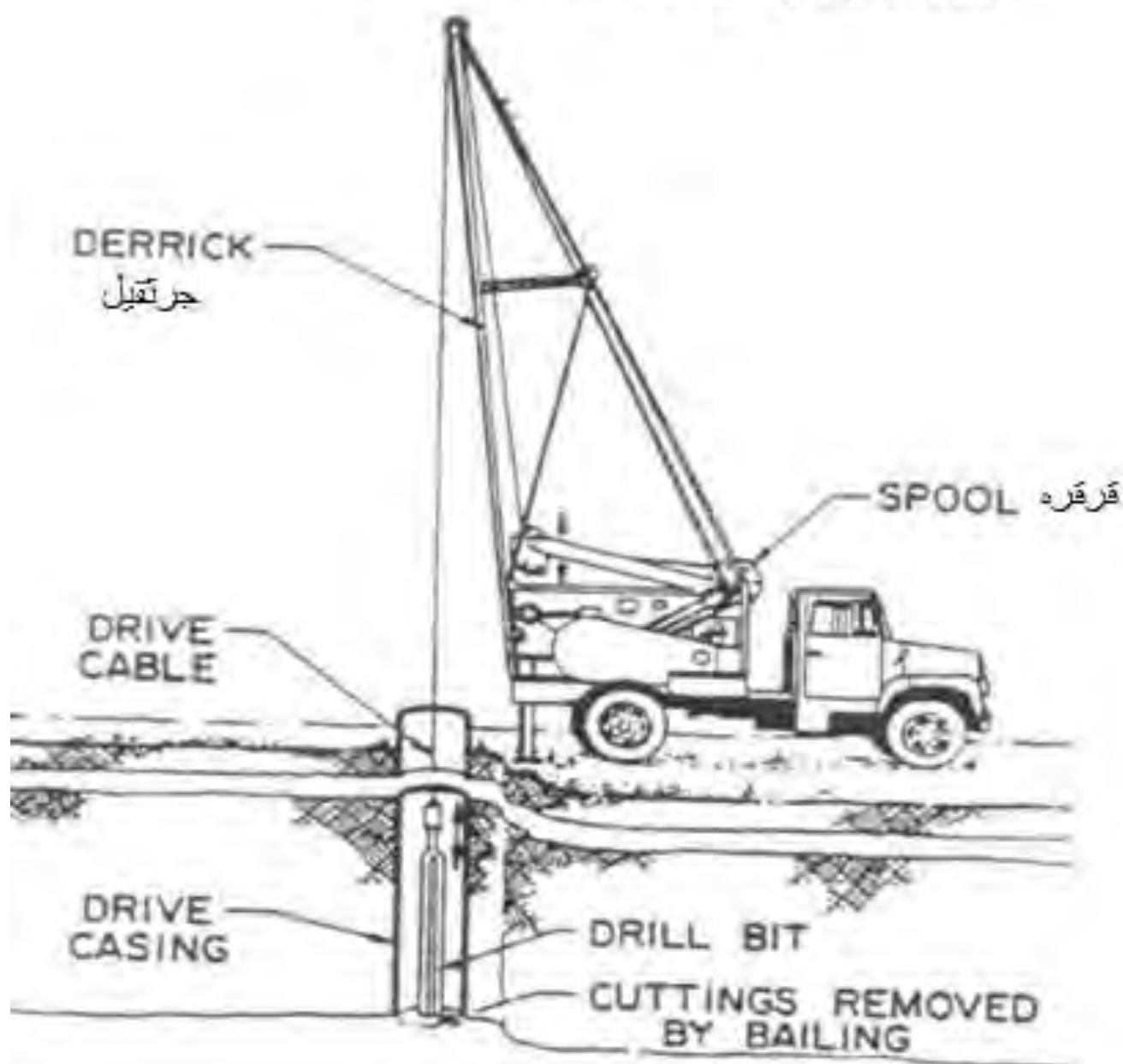
- Drill bit is raised and lowered - percussion
- Drill loosens smaller, uncemented particles
- Drill bit breaks or crushes larger particles
- Cuttings mixed into slurry and bailed
- Casing advanced (driven/pounded) with drilling
- Casing prevents borehole collapse

Cable Tool Procedure

- Drill, drive casing
- Drive different diameter casings
- Direct observations while drilling
 - Lithology
 - Water quality
 - Potential yield
- Alternate: set screen while pulling back (removing) casing
- Develop well



Cable Tool Drilling System



Advantages of Cable Tool

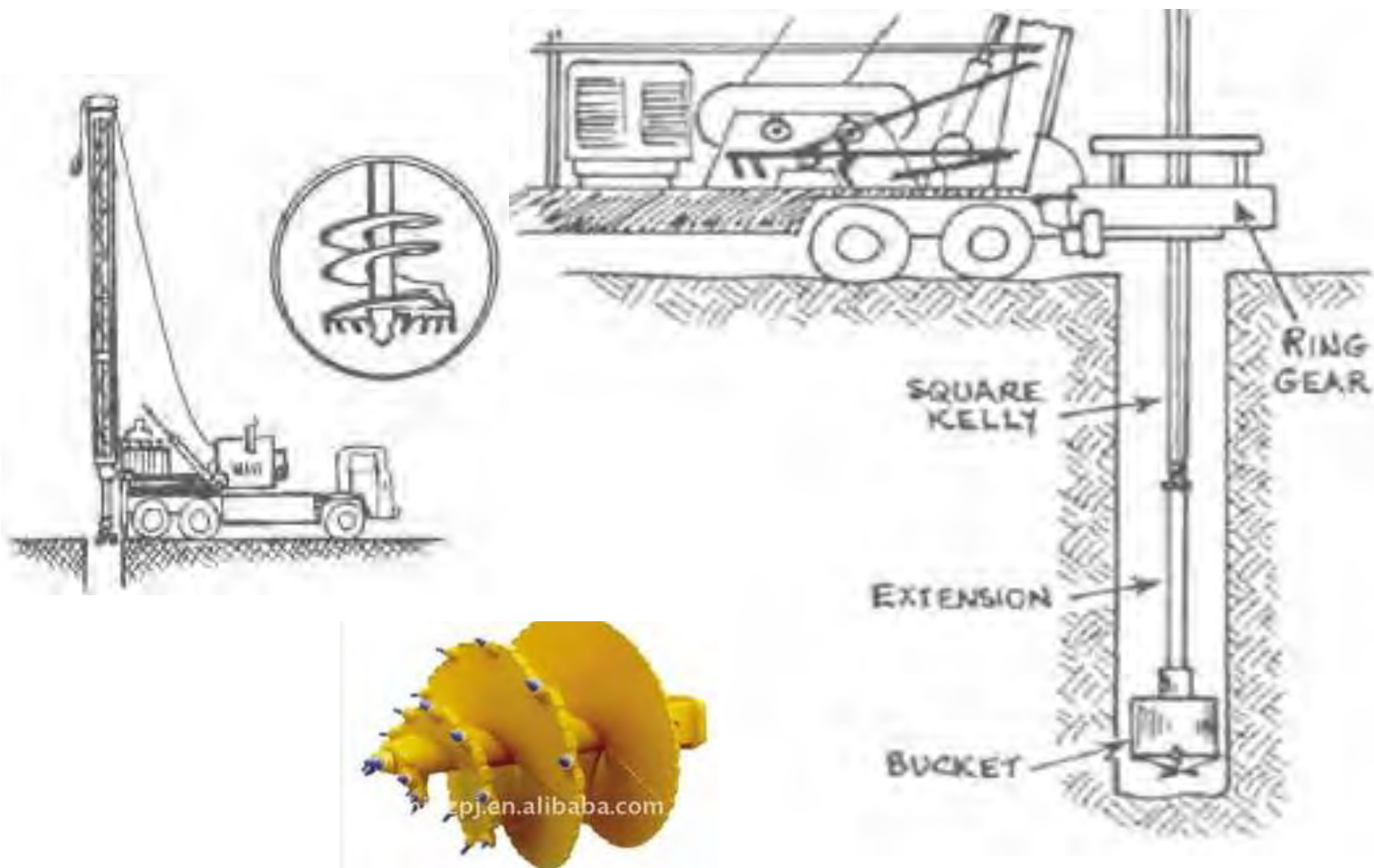
- Easier to keep well straight and plumb
- Minimal invasion of drilling mud
- Cuttings and water samples from distinct depths
- Equipment simpler
- Reduced material and fuel requirements
- Well development better
- Lower costs

Auger drilling method

Auger drilling method is used for the following:

- Site investigation
- Geotechnical investigation and soil sampling
- Construction purposes





Well Design

Logging (Sampling)



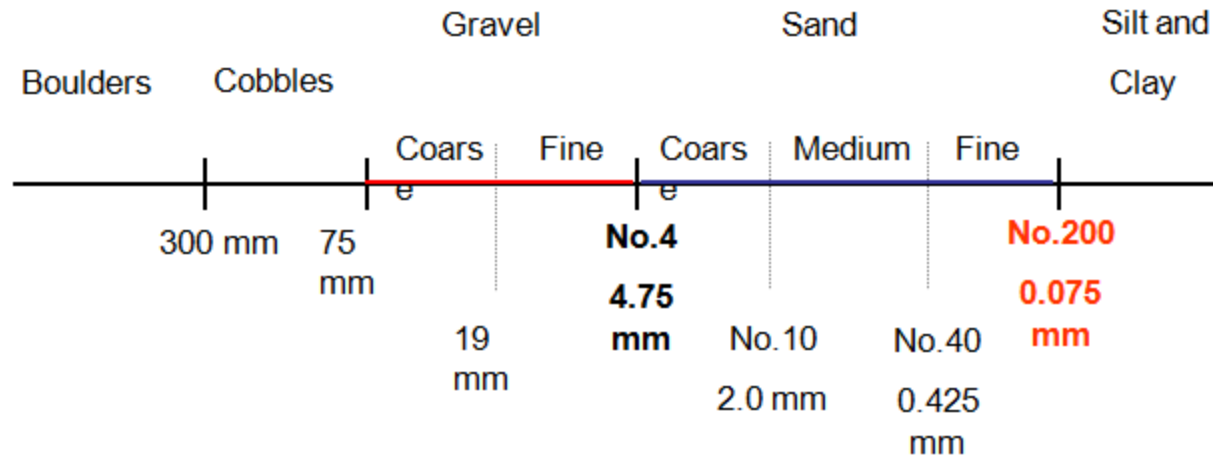
Cutting Samples



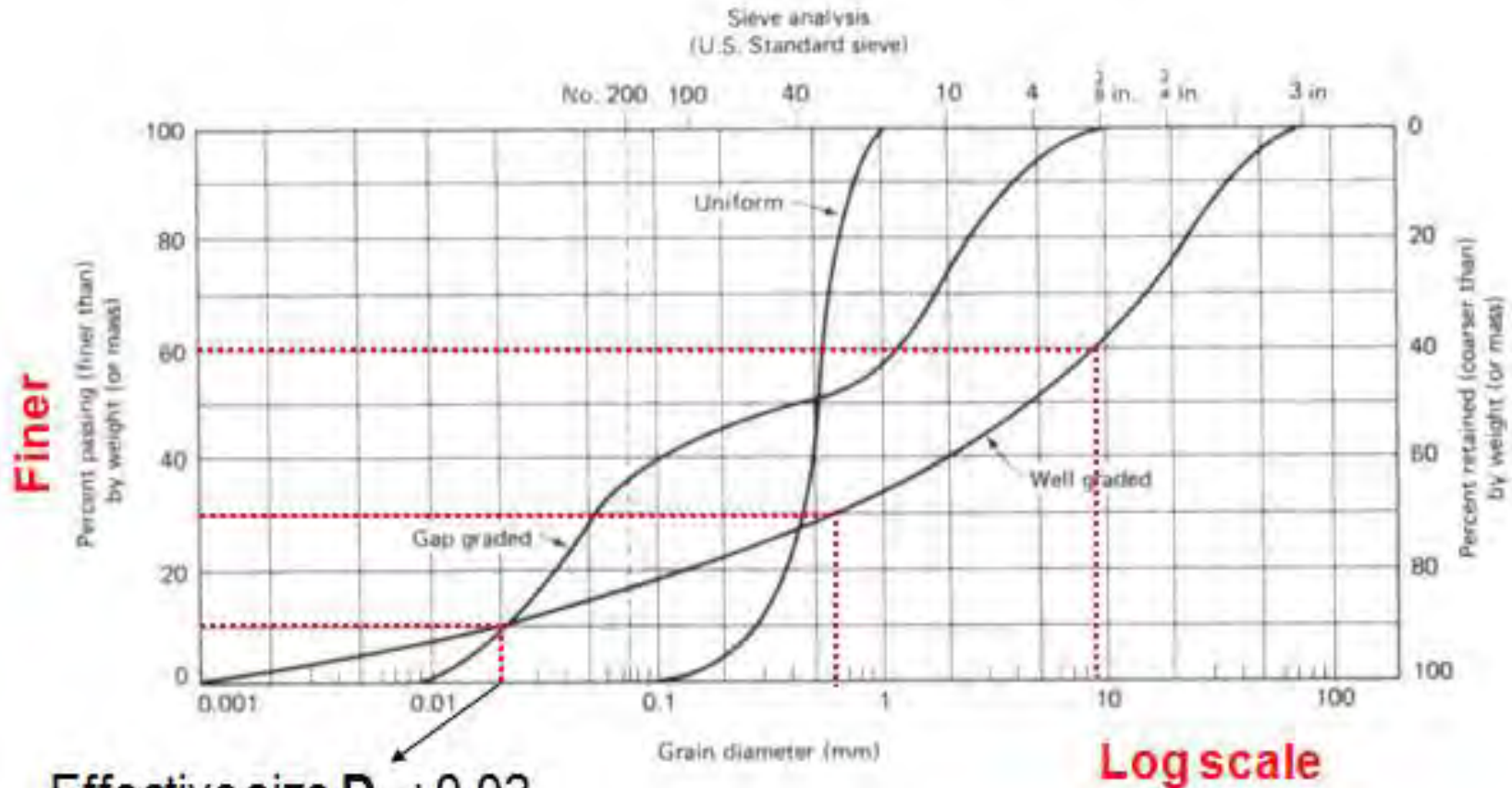
0'-7'
5'-10'
10'-15'
15'-20'
20'-25'
25'-30'
30'-35'
35'-40'
40'-45'
45'-50'
50'-55'
55'-60'
60'-65'
65'-70'
70'-75'
75'-80'
80'-85'
85'-90'
90'-95'
95'-100'



Definition of Grain Size



Grain Size Distribution



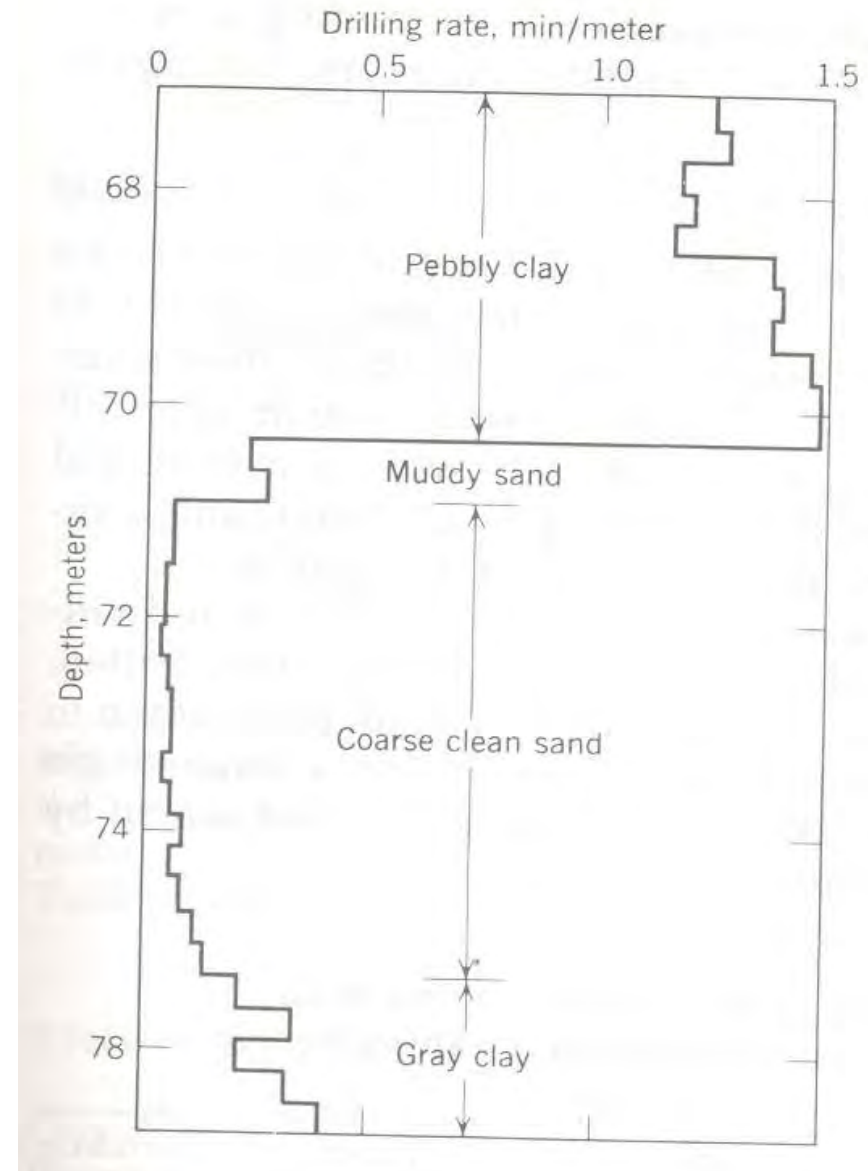
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D_{30}

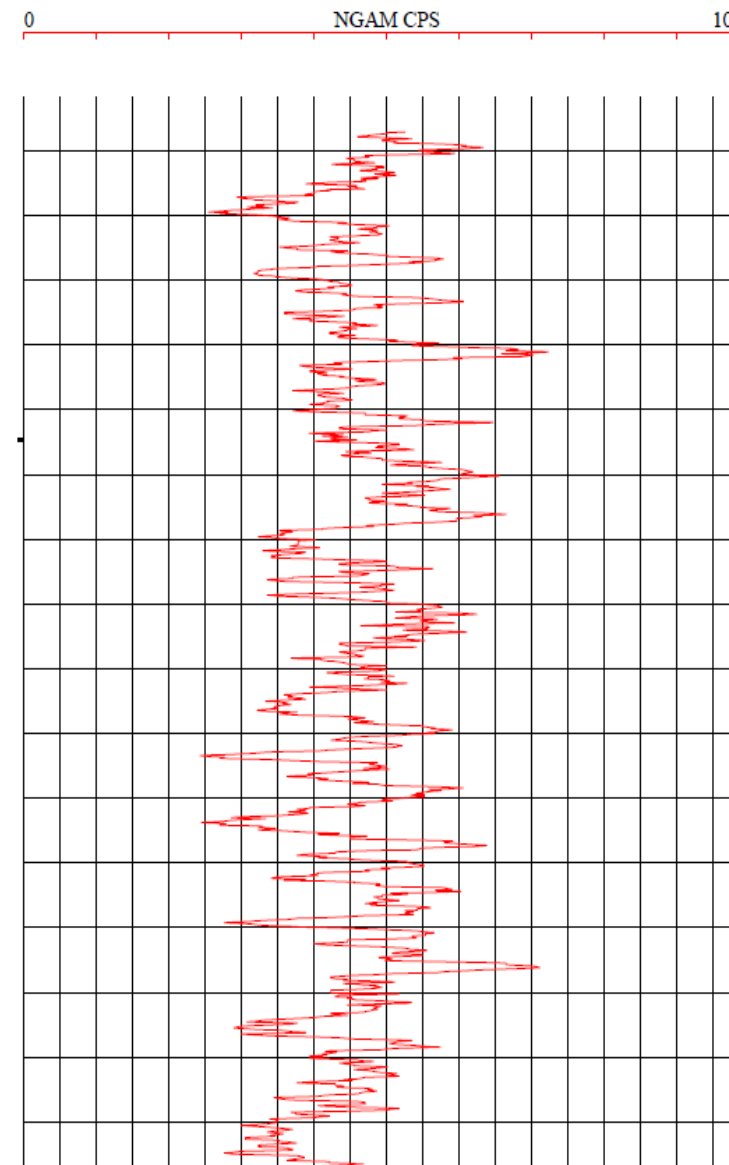
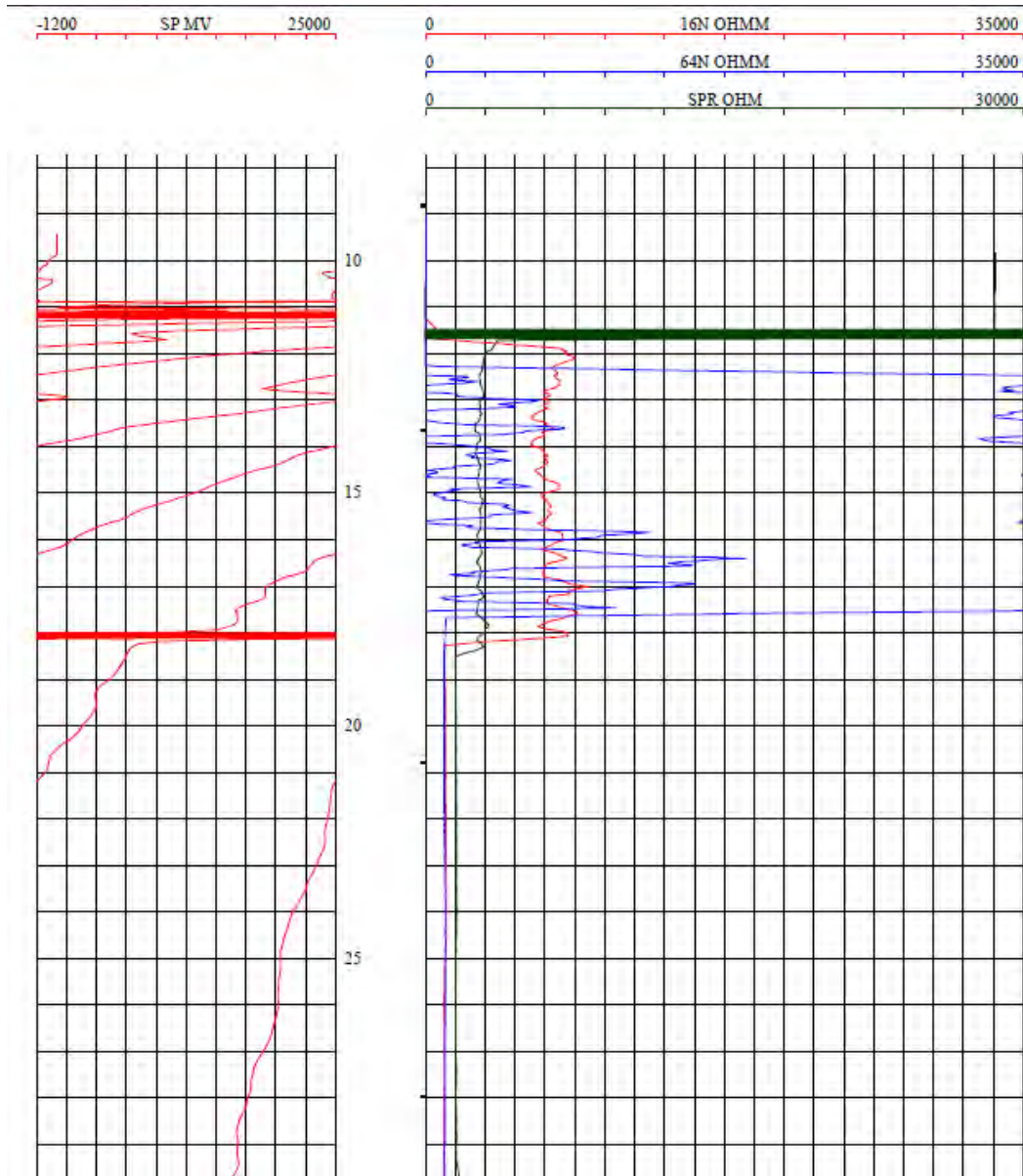
D_{60}

Drilling time log

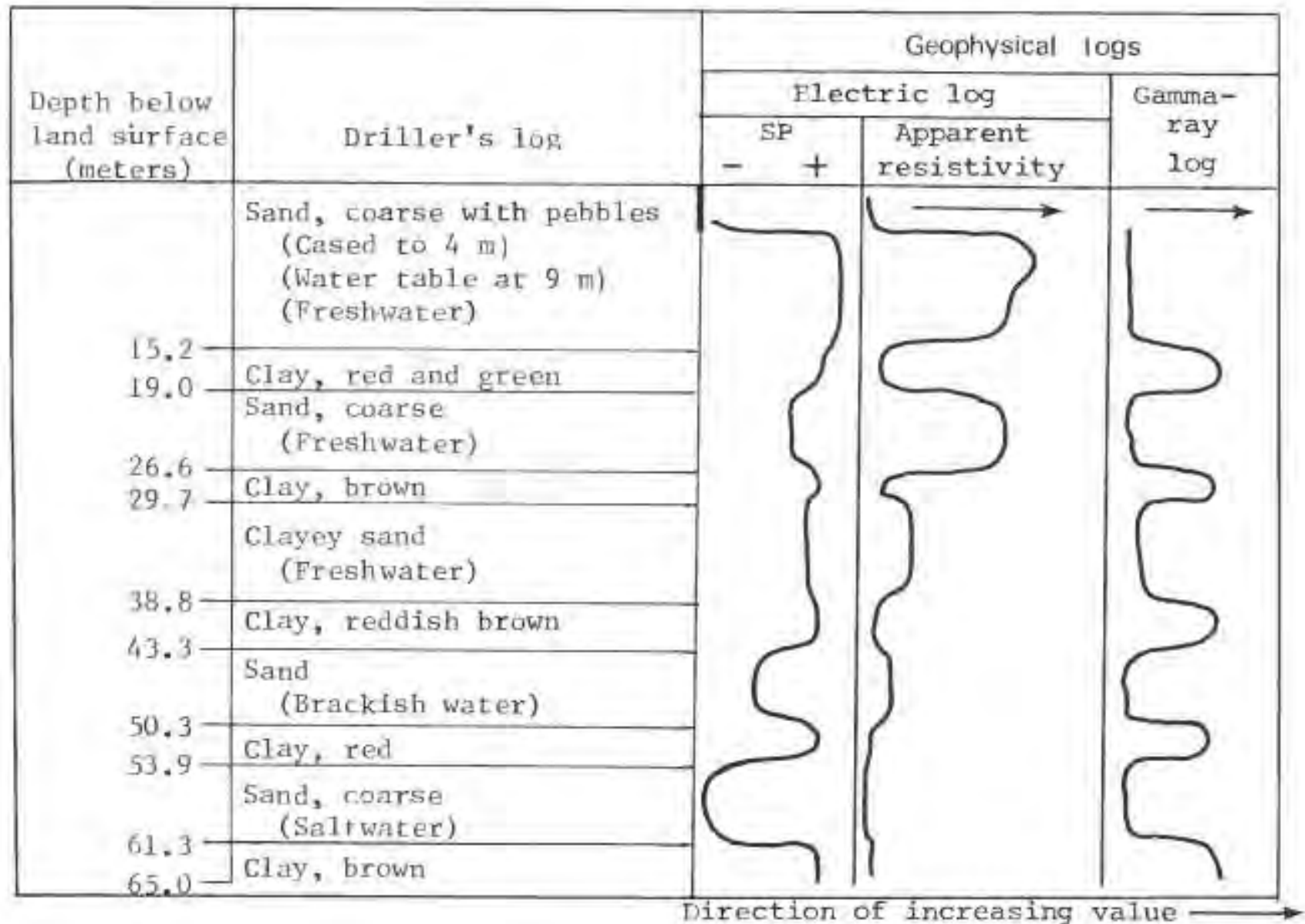
- Useful supplement to test drilling
- Consists of an accurate record of the time, in minutes and seconds required to drill each unit of depth of the hole.
- Because the texture of a stratum being penetrated largely governs the drilling rate, a drilling time log may be readily interpreted in terms of formation types and depths.



Geophysic Well Logging



Geophysic Well Logging



Well Completion











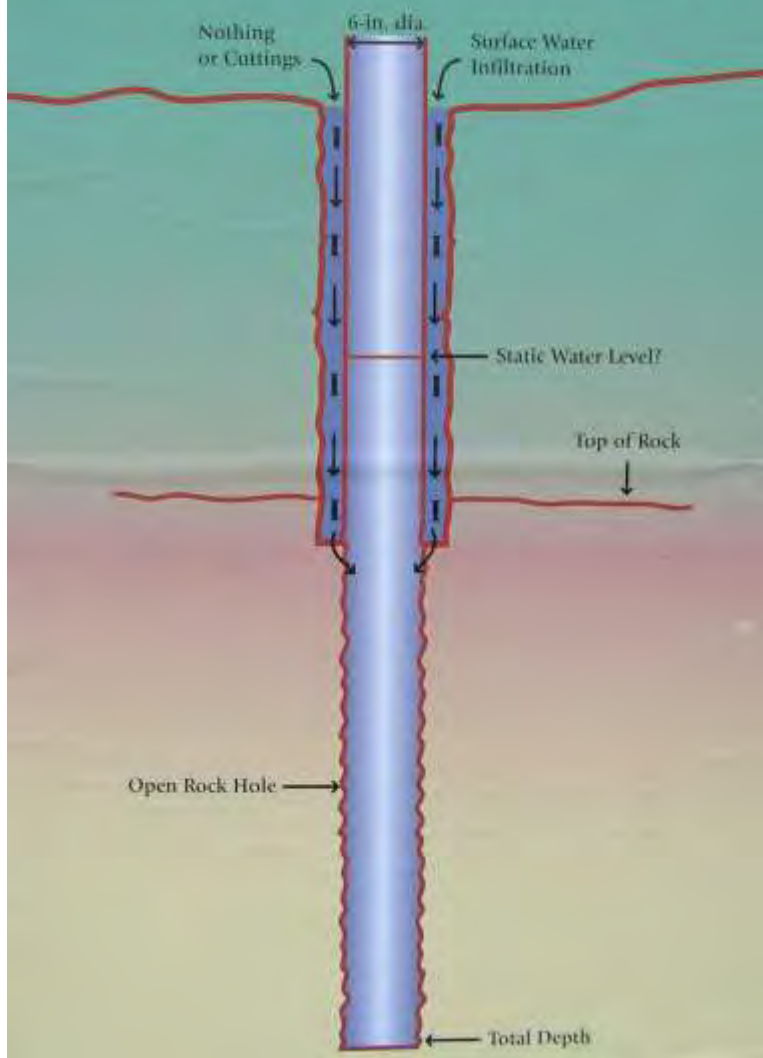




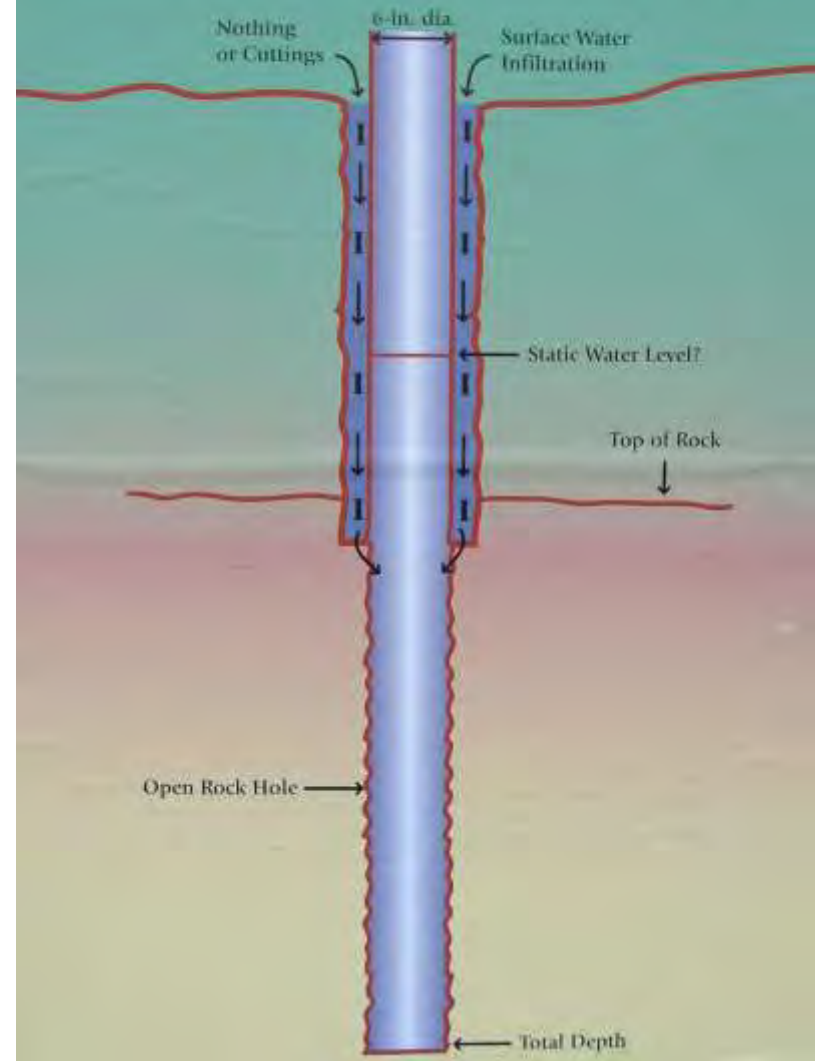




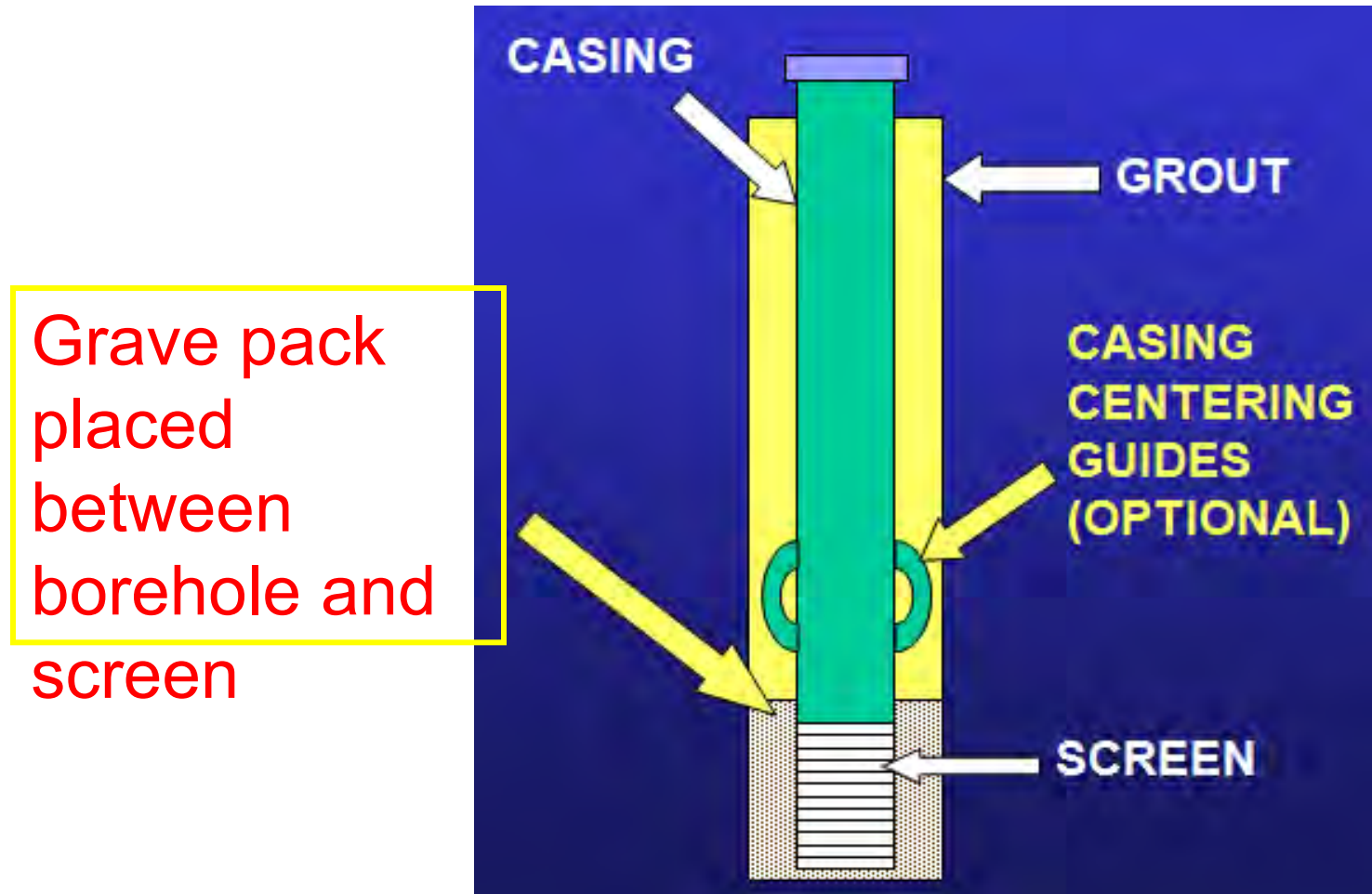
Schematic of Most Probable Non-Regulated Domestic Well



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Filter – packed well construction





Temporary
well cap -
installed
between
well drilling
and pump
hook-up

Well Development

انتخاب نل های آب و هوا برای پاک کاری چاه توسط کمپرسور

در صورتیکه نل هوا داخل نل آب پائین شود

قطر چاه	قطر نل آب و هوا به (ملی متر)		بهره دهی (مترمکعب فی ساعت)
	نل آب	نل هوا	
75	32	10	2.5
112	50	15	15
150	70	25	20 - 25
200	150	50	70 - 100
250	200	70	100 - 150
300	250	80	150 - 200

در صورتیکه نل هوا در پهلوی نل آب پائین شده باشد

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	نل آب	نل هوا	
75	32	15	3
112	50	20	8.5
150	70	30	20 - 25
200	100	40	30 - 40
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300	150	80	125 - 175







Pumping Test



Pumping Test Data (Time Drawdown)

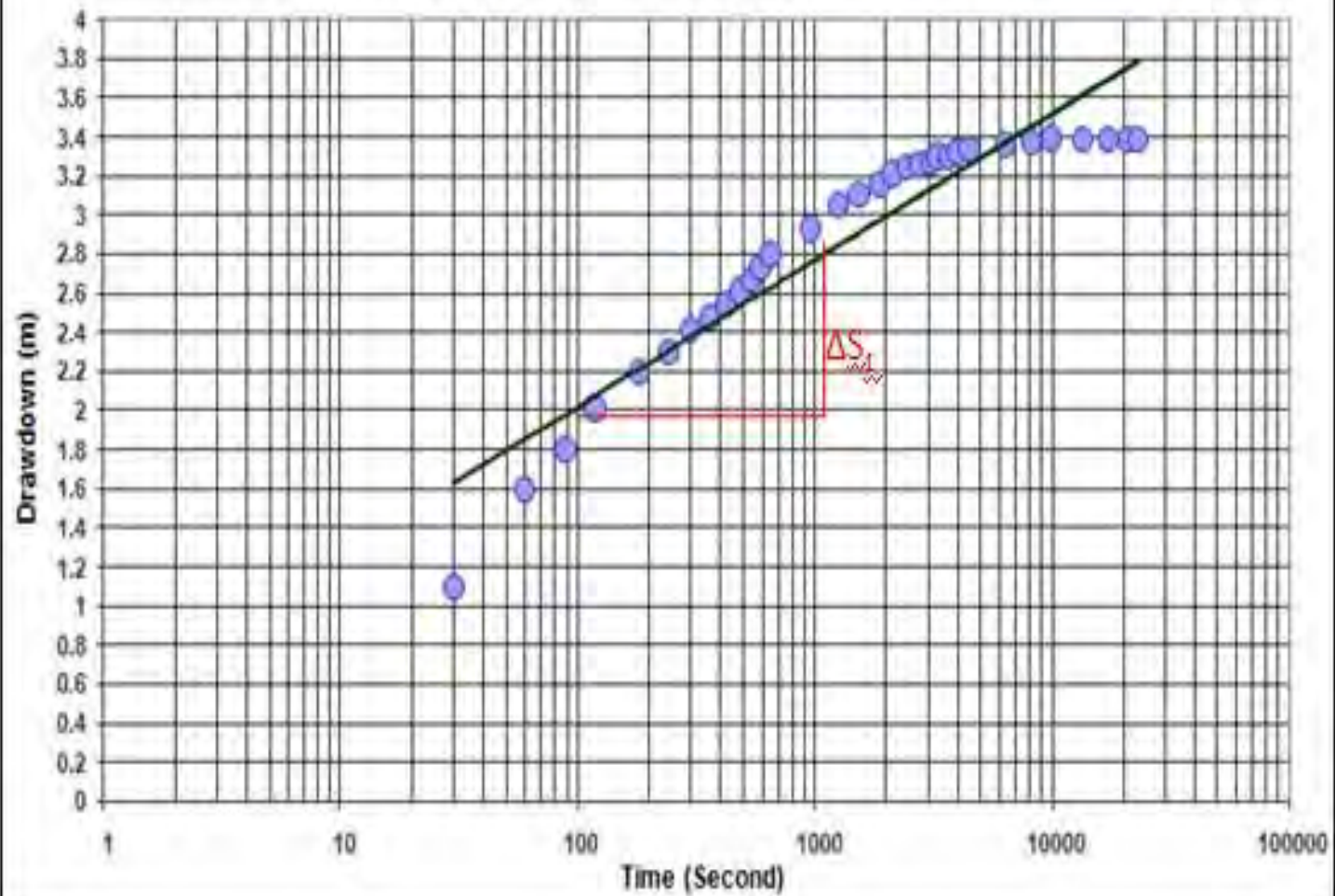
Well Location

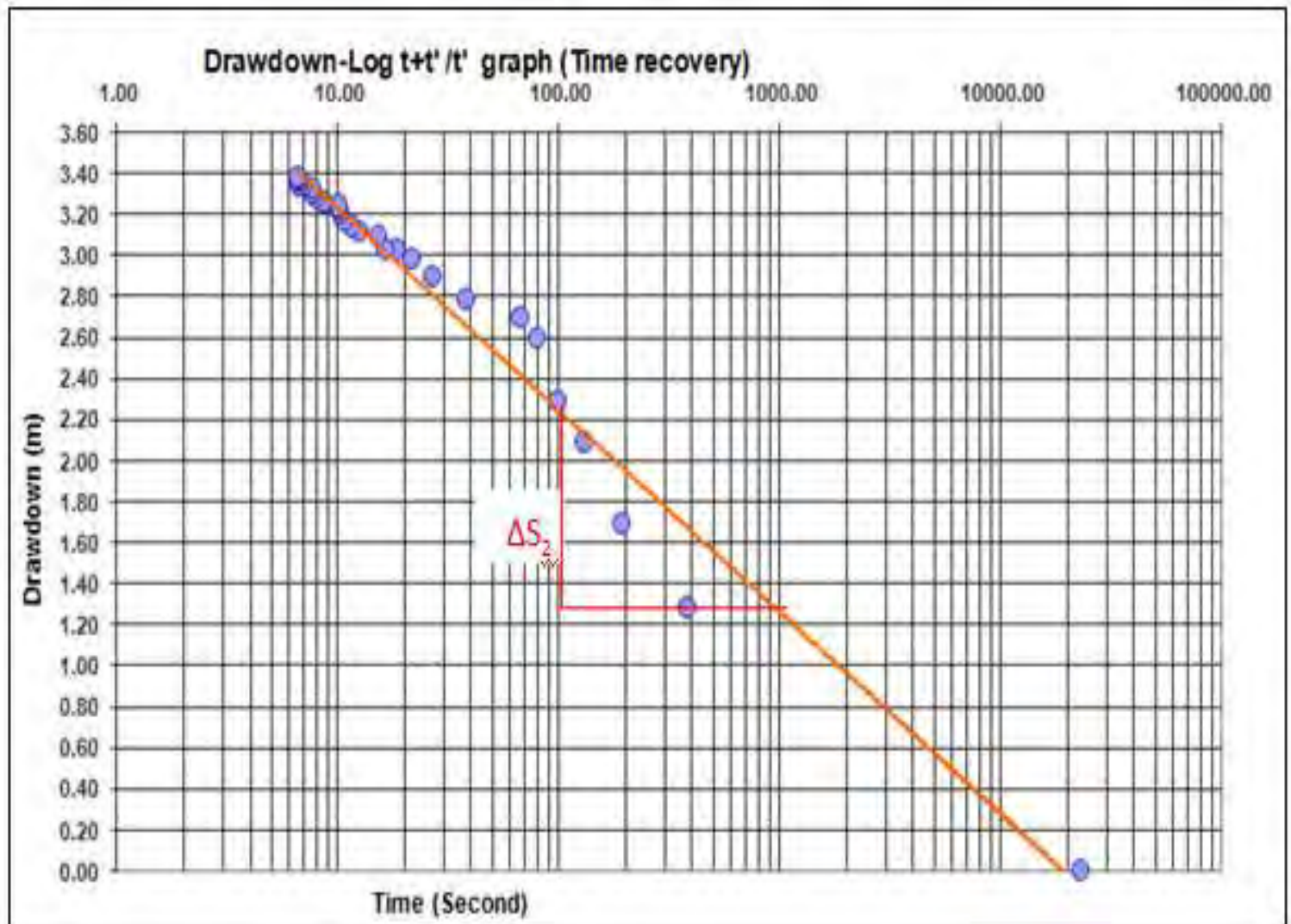
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District:	Chemtal	Longitude:	66.35125		
Village:	Mir Qasim Jan Agha	Elevation:	423		

No	Date	Time			Water Level (m)	Drawdown (m)	Discharge Q (L/s)	EC (μ S/cm)	pH	T.C
		Hour	Min	Sec						
1	01/06/2012	8:30:00	0	0	70.9	0	10	916.00	7.17	17.5
2		8:30:30	0.5	30	72	1.1				
3		8:31:30	1	60	72.5	1.6				
4		8:33:00	1.5	90	72.7	1.8				
5		8:35:00	2	120	72.9	2				
6		8:38:00	3	180	73.1	2.2				
7		8:42:00	4	240	73.2	2.3				
8		8:47:00	5	300	73.31	2.41				
9		8:53:00	6	360	73.38	2.48				
10		9:00:00	7	420	73.44	2.54				
11		9:08:00	8	480	73.5	2.6				
12		9:09:00	9	540	73.57	2.67				
13		9:10:00	10	600	73.63	2.73				
14		9:11:00	11	660	73.7	2.8				
15		9:16:00	16	960	73.82	2.92				
16		9:21:00	21	1260	73.95	3.05				
17		9:26:00	26	1560	74.01	3.11				
18		9:31:00	31	1860	74.06	3.16				
19		9:36:00	36	2160	74.1	3.2				
20		9:41:00	41	2460	74.15	3.25				
21		9:46:00	46	2760	74.16	3.26				

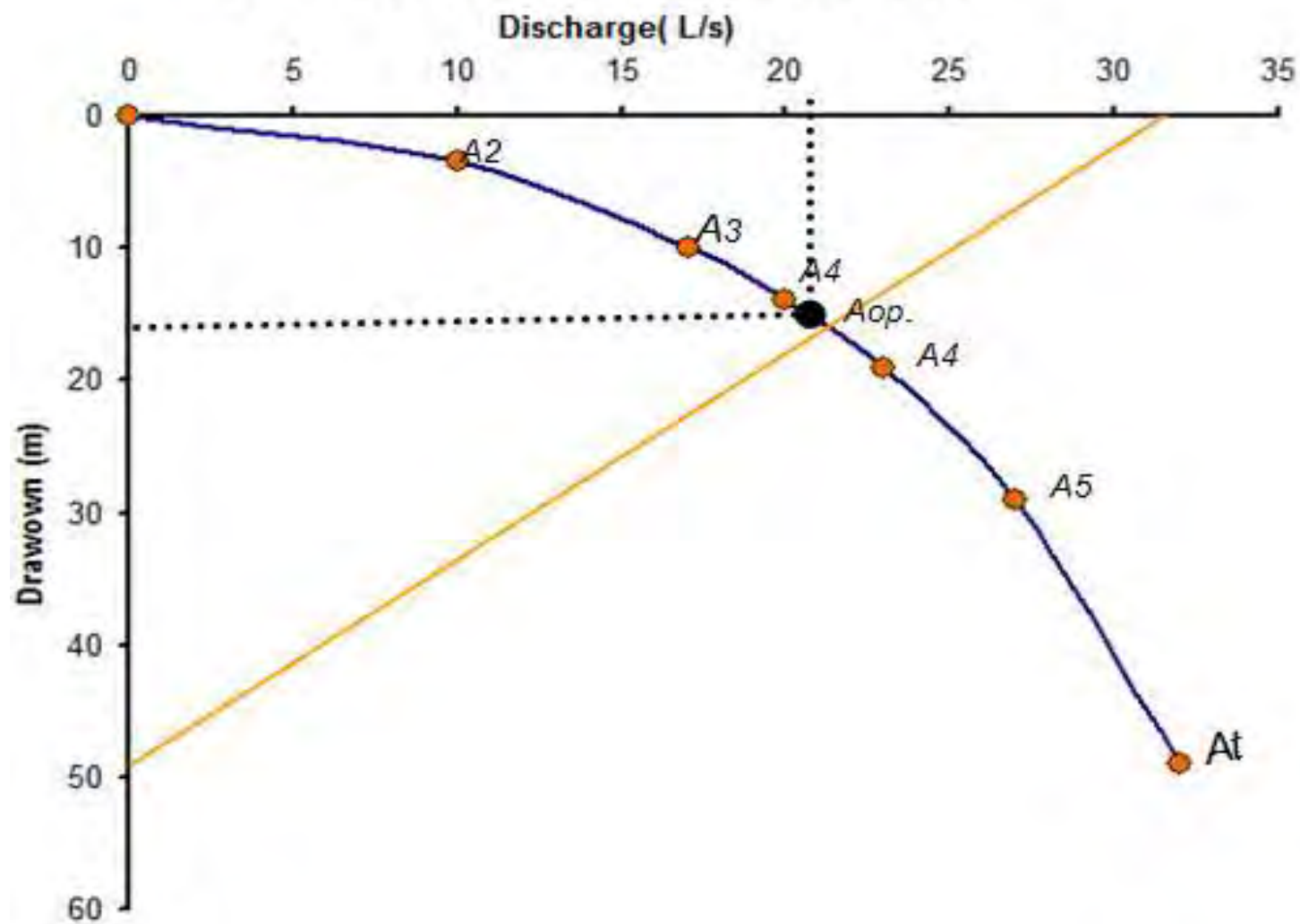
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No	Date	Time			Recovery (m)	t (min)	t' (min)	t/t' (min)	S' (m)	
		Hour	Min	t' (Sec)						
34	6/1/2012	6:26:00	0	0	74.29	23160	0	23160.00	0.00	
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36		6:28:00	2	120	72.60	23340	120	194.00	1.69	
37		6:29:00	3	180	72.20	23520	180	130.00	2.09	
38		6:30:00	4	240	72.00	23760	240	99.00	2.29	
39		6:30:00	5	300	71.70	24060	300	80.20	2.59	
40		6:31:00	6	360	71.60	24420	360	67.80	2.69	
41		6:03:00	11	660	71.51	25080	660	38.00	2.78	
42		6:37:00	16	960	71.40	26040	960	27.12	2.89	
43		6:47:00	21	1260	71.31	27300	1260	21.60	2.98	
44		6:52:00	26	1560	71.27	28860	1560	18.50	3.02	
45		6:57:00	31	1860	71.26	30720	1860	16.50	3.03	
46		7:02:00	36	2160	71.20	32880	2160	15.22	3.09	
47		7:02:00	46	2760	71.18	35640	2760	12.55	3.11	
48		7:12:00	56	3360	71.15	39000	3360	11.60	3.14	
49		7:22:00	66	3960	71.12	42960	3960	10.80	3.17	
50		7:32:00	76	4560	71.09	47520	4560	10.42	3.20	
51		7:42:00	86	5160	71.07	52680	5160	10.20	3.22	
52		7:52:00	96	5760	71.05	58440	5760	10.14	3.24	
53		8:22:00	126	7560	71.03	66000	7560	8.73	3.26	
54		8:52:00	156	9360	71.01	75360	9360	8.05	3.28	
55		9:22:00	186	11160	70.99	86520	11160	7.75	3.30	
56		9:52:00	216	12960	70.97	99480	12960	7.67	3.32	
57		9:52:00	276	16560	70.96	116040	16560	7.00	3.33	
58		10:52:00	336	20160	70.95	136200	20160	6.75	3.34	
59		11:52:00	396	23760	70.93	159960	23760	6.73	3.36	
60		12:52:00	456	27360	70.92	187320	27360	6.72	3.37	
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Drawdown-Log t graph (Time drawdown)



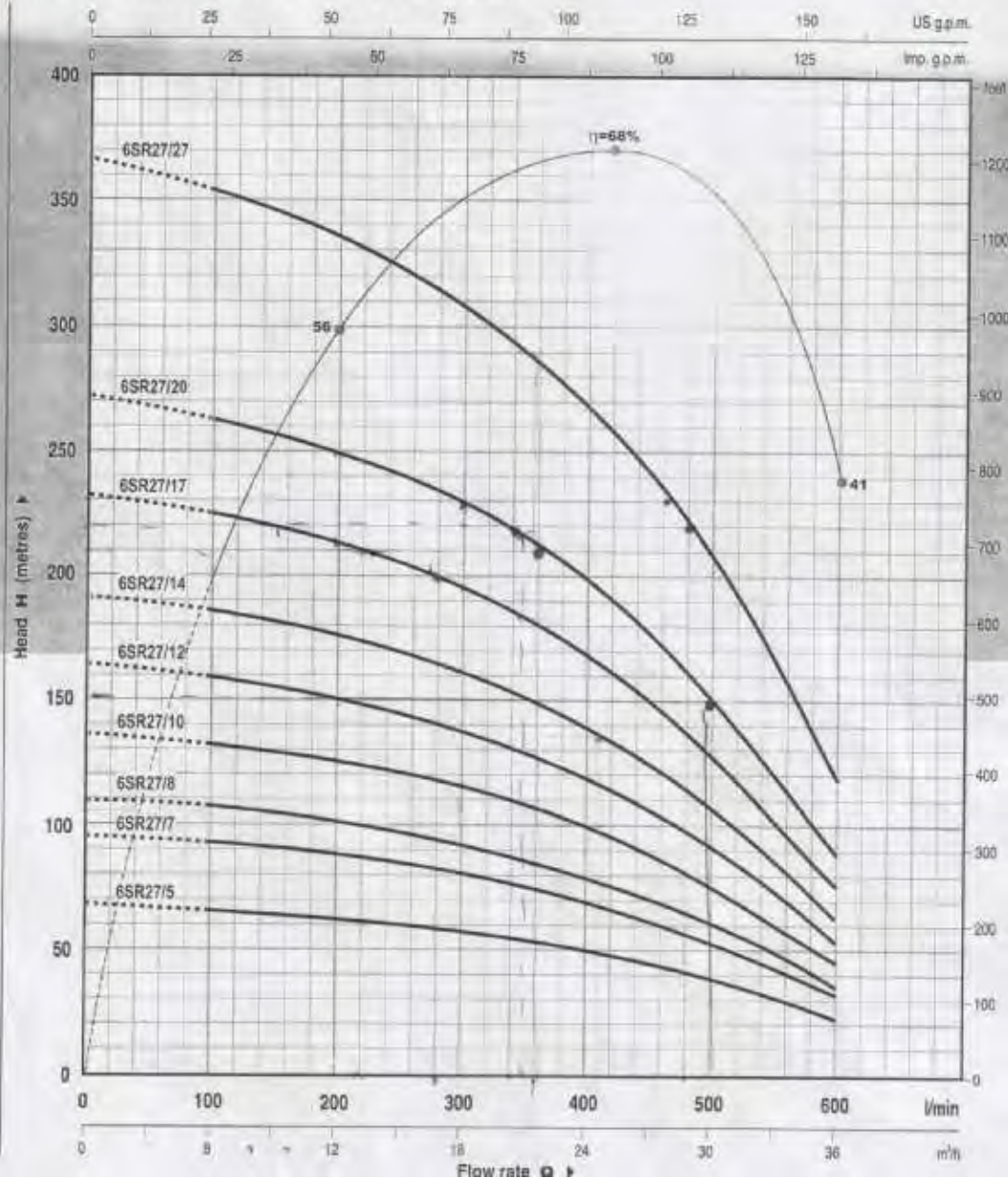


Discharge (Q) versus Drawdown curve



6SR27

CURVES AND PERFORMANCE DATA AT $n = 2900 \text{ 1/min}$



Q = Flow rate M = Total manometric head

TYPE	POWER	Q	D	B	12	16	24	30	36
Three phase	KW	HP	m^3/h	D	B	12	16	24	30
6SR27/5	5.5	7.5	60	60	62	57	50	52	31
6SR27/7	7.5	10	65	67	67	60	52	52	35
6SR27/8	9.2	12.5	70	72	72	64	56	56	41
6SR27/10	11	15	75	77	77	69	61	61	46
6SR27/12	13	17.5	80	82	82	74	66	66	51
6SR27/14	15	20	85	87	87	79	71	71	56
6SR27/17	18.5	25	90	92	92	84	76	76	62
6SR27/20	22	30	95	97	97	89	81	81	68
6SR27/27	30	40	100	102	102	94	86	86	75

Tolerance of the performance curves according to EN ISO 9906 App. A.

Thank you for
your attention