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Femern Sund = Bælt

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- Fehmarnbelt fixed link will consist of an 18 km long immersed tunnel
- World's longest of its type for both road and rail
- Crossing the Fehmarn Belt in the Baltic Sea, between municipalities of Puttgarden (Fehmarn island, Germany) and Rödbyhavn (Lolland island, Denmark)
- Currently ferry system transporting cars and trains, a fixed link will take ten minutes to travel from Denmark to Germany by car and seven minutes by train
- Up to 3,000 people will be directly employed in building the Fehmarnbelt link
- It will take about 8.5 years to build the Fehmarnbelt link
- The construction budget for the Fehmarnbelt link is DKK 53 billion (EUR 7 billion)
- Planning company Femern A/S (subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S)

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- 1990's: idea for fixed link (tunnel, bridge, or combination)
- Femern A/S examined four technical solutions (immersed tunnel, bored tunnel, cablestayed bridge, suspension bridge)
- Immersed tunnel was chosen as the preferred technical solution in 2011
- On 30 May 2016, Femern A/S signed four major contracts for the largest construction works worth almost DKK 30 billion (EUR 4 billion) with selected international contractor consortia



- The tunnel will consist of 79 pre-cast concrete elements, each 217 metres long, 13 m high, and 45 m wide
- 10 special elements with a lower floor for the use of the tunnel operation and maintenance equipment
- A tunnel element weighs 73,000 tonnes
- The Fehmarnbelt tunnel will comprise a four lane motorway and two electrified rail tracks





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- Geophysical surveys
- Geotechnical boreholes with downhole in situ testing (CPT), seafloor in situ testing, trial excavations, pump tests
- Standard and advanced laboratory testing programmes (on site and in office)
- Fugro has been involved in three major campaigns: 2009, 2010, 2015
- Resulting in many, many reports...



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- Geotechnical Investigations (2009 and 2010) to support design of the fixed link
 - Phase 1: offshore seafloor CPT (2009)
 - Phase 2: onshore and offshore borehole drilling (2009 and 2010)
 - Phase 3: offshore borehole drilling (2010)
 - Phase 4: offshore borehole drilling at the old Lillebælt Bridge (2010)
 - Phase 5: onshore CPTs (2010)



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- "Type A": geotechnical borehole location with downhole sampling and core drilling
 - 38 x 40-100 m (offshore)
 - 12 x 50-100 m (onshore)
- "Type B": offshore geotechnical borehole with downhole in-situ testing or onshore location with in-situ testing from ground surface
 - 32 x 40-100 m (offshore)
 - 10 x 50-100 m (onshore)
 - 30 x 2-14 m (onshore)
- "Type C": offshore in-situ testing from seafloor
 - 41 x 2-26 m (offshore)





- Jack-up platforms Skate III and <u>Deep Diver</u>
- Geotechnical drilling vessels <u>Gargano</u>, Highland Eagle and Fugro Commander
- Offshore: July-October 2009 and March-August 2010
- Onshore: July-November 2009 and July-August 2010
- Offices and laboratory facilities in Rødbyhavn, Lolland (Denmark)
- Additional laboratory testing in Fugro (-nominated) laboratories







- Cable percussion techniques or rotary drilling techniques
- Dual operations from Deep Diver (two boreholes drilled at once)
- Geobor-S in combination with a Non-Coring Device (NCD) deployed into the drill bit. Casing was typically installed into a competent layer to support borehole drilling.
- Sequence for sampling and core drilling:
 - Undisturbed tube sample every 2 m in non-coreable strata
 - Disturbed sample every other meter and at change of strata in non-coreable strata
 - Continuous wireline triple barrel coring in coreable strata
- Undisturbed tube samples were recovered with a push or piston sampler. Hammer samples were performed if cohesionless soils were expected.
- Disturbed samples were recovered with a bailer sampler
- Core samples were drilled with the Geobor-S system equipped with a triple barrel coring device
- All CPT testing used 10 cm² piezo cone penetromters that measure cone tip resistance (q_c), sleeve friction (f_s) and pore water pressure (u₂)



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	35.30	35.05 to 35.60m - CLAY TILL, medium plasticity, silty, sandy, gravelly, brownish grey, calcareous	GI	Gc	12.3		0.32	22.4	21.8	19.4								
44	36.80	35.60 to 37.10m - CLAY TILL, medium plasticity, very silty, very sandy, sl. gravelly, light brownish grey, calcareous	GI	Gc							2.60	11	35	24		20	63	97
	36.95		GI	Gc	15.6		0.40	21.7	20.7	18.0								
45	37.15	37.10 to 38.25m - <mark>SAND TILL,</mark> clayey, silty, sl. gravelly, light grey, calcareous	GI	Gc	22.9	0.61		20.3										
	38.25	38.25 to 38.60m - CLAY, high plasticity, very fissured, slickensided, silty, sandy, w. greenish calcareous concretions, dark grey to black, calcareous	GI/Ma	Gc/Pn							2.67	21	77	56		51	97	100
46	38.60	38.60 to 40.00m - CHALK, very muddy, w. flint (fl=8.5), white	Ма	Ms												40	99	100
	39.95		Ма	Ms	33.1		0.97	19.0	19.4	14.6								
47	40.55	40.10 to 41.50m - CHALK, very muddy, w. flint (fl=5.7), white	Ма	Ms	33.0		0.92	19.0	19.0	14.3								
48	41.60	41.60 to 43.00m - CHALK, very muddy, w. flint (fl=2.8), white	Ма	Ms							2.66							
49	43.05	43.05 to 44.60m - CHALK, very muddy, w. burrows, w. flint (fl=9.0), white	Ма	Ms	33.1		0.93	19.0	19.0	14.3								
	44.30		Ма	Ms	27.4	0.74		19.8										
50	46.00	44.60 to 46.10m - CHALK, very muddy, w. burrows, w. flint (fl=3.3), white	Ма	Ms	35.1		0.87	18.7	17.6	13.0								
51	46.10	46.10 to 47.60m - CHALK, very muddy, w. burrows, white	Ма	Ms	37.8		1.10	18.4	18.8	13.6								
52	48.85	47.60 to 49.10m - CHALK, very muddy, w. burrows, w. flint (fl=4.0), white, at 47.80m and 49.00m layers of crushed flint (20 to 50mm)	Ма	Ms	33.6		0.93	18.9	18.8	14.1								
53	49.10	49.10 to 50.35m - CHALK, very muddy, w. traces of black matter, w. shells, w. flint (fl=6.4), white	Ма	Ms	32.9		0.88	19.0	18.5	13.9								
	49.45		Ма	Ms	33.3	0.90		19.0										
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Note(s)	:	N/A





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- Geotechnical Verification Investigations (2015) to verify the existing knowledge of ground conditions in part of the nearshore areas
- Mainly "Type D" boreholes: alternating sampling and CPT:
 - In situ testing (CPT) for 1.5 m with remoulded sampling/coring covering in situ test interval, followed by 1.5 m undisturbed sampling/coring
 - Typically alternating shell and auger sampling and either piston, push or hammer sampling depending on encountered soil conditions
 - Rotary core drilling, maximum core run of 1.5 m and hammer or push sampling in case of no core recovery
- "Type D" boreholes Fehmarn:
 - 8 x 30 m
 - 10 x 40 m (incl. 2 pump tests)
- "Type D" boreholes Lolland:
 - 39 x 10 m
 - 9 x 20 m
 - 18 x 40 m (incl. 6 pump tests)





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- Aran 120a and Aran 250 drill rigs
- Offices and laboratory facilities in Rødbyhavn, Lolland (Denmark)
- Additional laboratory testing in Fugro (-nominated) laboratories
- Aran 120a/ Aran 250:

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- Four-legged jack-up platforms
- Open hole cable percussion drilling and coring
- CR2 drill tower with skid-mounted hydraulic Comacchio MCS1200 drill rig
- Drill support: 7" steel drill casing
- Core drilling system: wireline Geobor-S system with HQ triple tube with inner liner, 1.5 m length, 4" (102 mm) core samples
- Drill bit: casing shoe and diamond-set core bit
- Drill mud: water and guar gum
- Hydraulic jacking units for in situ testing (CPT) with nominal 140 kN thrust capacity













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Offshore geotechnical site investigations for the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link Project



Note(s): - Some data points plot outside scale, see next plate (Scale 2)





LOCATION 15.D.0175 FEHMARNBELT GEOTECHNICAL VERIFICATION INVESTIGATIONS, 2015



- Continental shelves, including the North Sea, experienced sea level fluctuations and glaciations in Pleistocene epoch
- Pleistocene glaciations created a subsurface which has complex architecture and stratigraphy
- Glacial features and sediments encountered during site investigations in the North Sea and Baltic Sea



- Depositional setting:
 - Understand how various depositional and erosional processes shaped the seabed
 - Understand scale and extent of certain features (e.g. channels) and layers, i.e. lateral soil variability
 - This knowledge may be crucial for the design of the foundation

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- Postglacial marine sand/gravel unit
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- Post-/Lateglacial marine and freshwater deposits
- Upper till unit (low plasticity, silty to very silty, sandy to very sandy, gravelly clay till)
- Meltwater sand unit
- Lower till unit (medium plasticity clay till)
- Palaeogene clay unit (high to very high plasticity clay, incl. fissures and slickensides; most probably heavily folded by ice pressure during Quaternary)
- Cretaceous chalk unit

PLAN

LONGITUDINAL SECTION

Geological profile under the Fehmarnbelt The water depth in the Fehmarnbelt is approx. 30 metres at the deepest point. The subgrade consists mainly of basin deposits (sand/silt/clay), clay-till, meltwater sand and palaeogene plastic clay. Chalk is found in the deep ground. LOLLAND FEHMARN Approx. 18 km Postglacial sand Postglacial sand Palaeogene clay Palaeogene clay TUNN Meltwater sand Upper till **Basin deposits** Meltwater sand Lower till Folded palaeogene clay Folded palaeogene clay Chalk Palaeogene clay Palaeogene clay

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- Aim of 100% recovery to obtain complete geological profile
- Geobor-S

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