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## SUMMARY

A pottery kiln was excavated at Simpson's Malt, Pontefract, by Archaeological Services WYAS, in February 2008. The pottery kiln was well-preserved and showed no obvious signs of post-firing disturbance, making it an ideal candidate for archaeomagnetic investigation. Forty oriented archaeomagnetic samples were taken from two areas of the kiln and analysed at the University of Bradford. Samples from the kiln wall lining were magnetically poorly stable and could not be dated with confidence. The most likely cause of this is insufficient heating when the kiln was fired. Samples from the base of the pottery kiln had been heated to a sufficient temperature to produce a record of magnetic direction, and that magnetisation had remained stable and was consistent with last firing in AD 538–1014. Radiocarbon dating of six short-lived charcoal samples from three contexts associated with the use of the kiln indicated a final firing in *cal AD 990–1050 (95% probability)*. Both techniques produced dates earlier than those expected on archaeological grounds.

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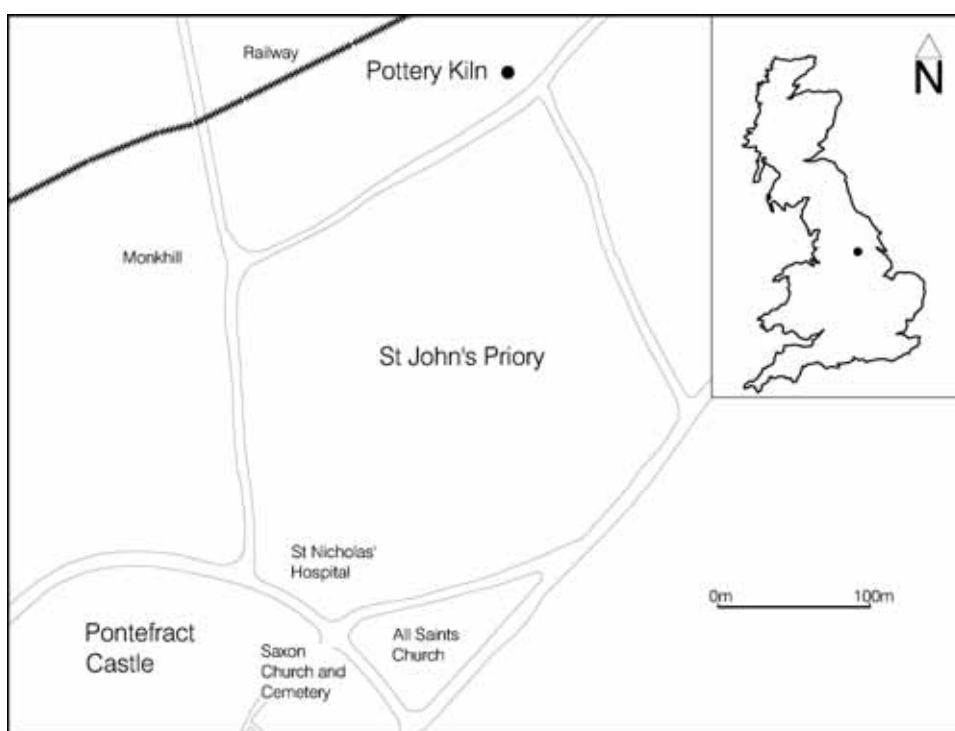
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## INTRODUCTION

Simpson's Malt, Pontefract (SE 4622 2284) was excavated in 2008 in advance of a housing development. The site of the former malt house lies on the north side of Ferrybridge Road, just north of the Scheduled Area of Pontefract Priory (Fig 1). Whilst the site does not cover any part of the monastic precinct, the western part does cover the eastern extremity of what was the separate township of Monkhill, a small detached hamlet established by the monks. Excavations in the eastern part of the site identified a number of medieval rock-cut features, mainly pits and ditches, which may be equated with the medieval township.



*Figure 1. Location of the Simpson's Malt kiln, Pontefract, West Yorkshire (Archaeological Services WYAS)*

In the western part of the site, beyond the supposed area of Monkhill, a well-preserved pottery kiln was found, in which Stamford-type pottery was produced (Figs 2–4). It was previously thought that Stamford-type pottery was only made in Stamford itself, where Stamford wares were manufactured between *c* AD 850–1250. From associations with other pottery in features at the Simpson's Malt site, and material from the priory site, it was supposed that the kiln was in operation in the twelfth century AD (Roberts and Cumberpatch 2009).





*Figure 2. The kiln under excavation*



*Figure 3. Charcoal and pottery found in-situ on the heat-affected kiln base*



*Figure 4. Detail of the kiln wall, showing the secondary lining*

Two sets of oriented archaeomagnetic samples were taken from this well-preserved fired feature during excavations. This report archives technical details of their measurements (Appendices 1 and 2). The objectives of the archaeomagnetic investigation were:

- to determine whether the material had been heated *in situ* to a high enough temperature to record the geomagnetic field.
- to provide a date of last use of the feature.

Concurrently, six radiocarbon samples of charcoal from the fills of the kiln were dated by Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS), to refine the archaeomagnetic date and provide additional archaeomagnetic calibration data. Wood identification was carried out by Diane Alldritt on five samples recovered from the kiln floor and from soil samples from the stoking pit deposits (Alldritt 2009 unpubl). These produced a good range of generally well-preserved wood charcoal, but no other types of carbonised plant material were recovered and it is concluded that wood charcoal, of various types, was the main source of fuel for the pottery kiln. The number of different wood types found suggests exploitation of local woodland and scrub environments, without discrimination towards a particular type, indicating the use of whatever was available in the immediate vicinity of the site. In particular, the finding of alder charcoal with bark still attached strongly suggested a wood charcoal fuel resource being manufactured very close to the kiln site.

## ARCHAEOMAGNETIC SAMPLING

Forty *in-situ* samples were taken from cleaned horizontal surfaces within the kiln structure, as follows:

- Kiln base (Fig 5): 20 samples (SML07-01 to SML07-20) from a freshly exposed section of firm, but moist, heat-affected clay with no evidence for bioturbation, using the tube method (English Heritage 2006).
- Kiln wall (Fig 6): 20 samples (SML07-21 to SML07-40) from a freshly exposed section of extremely hard heat-affected blackened clay, approximately 50mm thick, using the button method (English Heritage 2006).

All of the samples were north-oriented using a magnetic compass, and there appeared to be no local disturbances to the geomagnetic field caused by the feature itself or other factors.



*Figure 5. Cleaned heat-affected basal layer of kiln*





*Figure 6. Archaeomagnetic sampling of the kiln wall lining*

## ARCHAEOMAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS

The direction of natural remanent magnetisation (NRM) of all samples was measured using a Molspin fluxgate spinner magnetometer at the University of Bradford. The results are presented below (Table 1) and further details of the methodology can be found in Appendix 1. The stability of the magnetisation was investigated by the stepwise demagnetisation of four pilot samples from each of the two groups (base and wall), in fields of 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, and 100mT (peak applied field), with the magnetisation being measured after each step. These pilot samples were chosen for three reasons:

- their declination and inclination values represented a spread of magnetic directions exhibited by all the samples in that particular set.
- their initial magnetic strengths were sufficiently high to obtain meaningful results.
- the pilot samples were spread physically over each of the areas under investigation.

## ARCHAEOMAGNETIC RESULTS

The detailed results of the analyses of these two sample sets are given in Appendix 1 (wall lining) and Appendix 2 (basal layer). A summary is given in Table 1.

**Table 1: summarising the results from the direction of remanent magnetisation (NRM) and the characteristic remanent magnetisation (ChRM) after removal of the less stable component. These values have been corrected to Meriden**

| Sample    | Number of samples | Mean Declination | Mean Inclination | $\alpha_{95}$ | Mean Intensity                              | Stability Index |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Units     |                   | degrees          | degrees          |               | $\times 10^{-6} \text{ Am}^2\text{kg}^{-1}$ |                 |
| Kiln base |                   |                  |                  |               |   |                 |
| NRM       | 20                | 25.8             | 63.5             | 7.7           | 15.3  | n/a             |
| ChRM      | 15                | 11.4             | 71.5             | 4.8           | 10.6  | 9.47            |
| Kiln wall |                   |                  |                  |               |   |                 |
| NRM       | 19                | 16.8             | 68.0             | 12.7          | 1.5   | n/a             |
| ChRM      | -                 | -                | -                | -             | -   | -               |

### Basal samples (SML07-01 to SML07-20)

Twenty samples were analysed from this part of the feature. The intensity of NRM varied between 0.5 and  $57 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Am}^2\text{kg}^{-1}$ , which is sufficiently strong to be measurable. For fired clay from domestic hearths values typically range between 10 and  $200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Am}^2\text{kg}^{-1}$  so the strength of the magnetisation is consistent with this surface being exposed to heat in the past. There were no systematic differences observed between the intensities of the materials within the feature.

The initial directions of magnetisation were fairly scattered, providing an alpha-95 of 7.7°, which is outside the limit of 5° defined by Clark *et al* (1988, 606) as being appropriate for dating. Four representative samples were selected for pilot stepwise demagnetisation, as detailed above.

The samples showed consistent behaviour on demagnetisation, with a median destructive field of 10 to 15mT. This indicates that the main magnetic mineral is likely to be magnetite and shows no variation in mineralogy across the feature. The assessment of the pilot samples indicated that each sample had two magnetic components, and the unstable component was removed at 10mT, leaving a component classed as 'stable' using the criteria set by Tarling and Symons (1967). Therefore any unstable component could be removed from the other samples using a field of 10mT. Once this magnetic cleaning has been performed the characteristic remanence (ChRM) had an alpha-95 of 9.4°. The samples were then assessed to determine if they were all recording the same heating event (Appendix 2).

Five samples were identified as deviating significantly from the rest of the samples using the statistical procedures recommended by McFadden and McElhinny (2000, 92). An alpha-95 of 4.8° was obtained from the remaining group, within the limit for dating.

### **Wall lining (SML07-21 to SML07-40)**

Nineteen samples were analysed from this part of the feature; one sample became detached from its button (SML07-33). The intensity of NRM was low ( $0.3\text{--}8.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Am}^2\text{kg}^{-1}$ ), but measurable. The direction of NRM varied considerably across the area, with an alpha-95 of 12.7°; possibly reflecting inhomogeneous firing or cooling cycles and/or varying concentrations of remanence-carrying minerals.

Study of the demagnetisation behaviour of the pilot samples showed that the samples removed from the section of kiln wall had stability indices below 2.5, indicative of poorly stable magnetic remanence (Tarling and Symons 1967, 446). This suggested that they did not retain a stable record of the geomagnetic field, and were therefore not suitable for archaeomagnetic dating (Appendix 1). The intensity spectra varied in shape, suggesting a variety of magnetic minerals were present. These samples were not analysed further.

## **DATING OF MAGNETIC DIRECTION**

The mean declination and inclination of the basal layer samples after demagnetisation were corrected to Meriden, the reference locality for the British calibration curve using the standard method (Noel and Batt 1990). The corrected mean direction was then compared to calibration dataset for Britain using the RenDate calibration programme (Lanos *et al*/2005). The RenDate software is an improvement on the previous British calibration curve (Clark *et al*/1988; Zanani *et al*/2007) because it takes into account the errors associated both with the magnetic direction of the samples being calibrated and the magnetic directions that make up the reference data, whereas the Clark curve only considered the errors associated with the samples being dated and required a visual interpretation of the direction against the calibration curve. Therefore, calibration using the RenDate software provides a larger but more realistic date range.

Calibration with RenDate provides a best estimate age of last heating with a 95% confidence interval (Fig 7). The magnetic field obtained from the samples was consistent with the magnetic field between 1000–303 BC; AD 538–1014; and AD 1613–1834. In archaeomagnetic dating it is often necessary to give multiple probable date ranges, as the earth's magnetic field has had the same direction at different times in the past. However, the available archaeological evidence is usually sufficient to select the most probable range. In this case, the archaeological evidence suggests that the most likely date range is AD 538–1014 (Table 2). The compacted layer of pottery wasters sealing the basal layer indicates that there has been no redeposition or disturbance since the last heating event and the magnetic analysis of the material suggests that it was heated to sufficient temperature to reset the magnetisation associated with its geological origin.

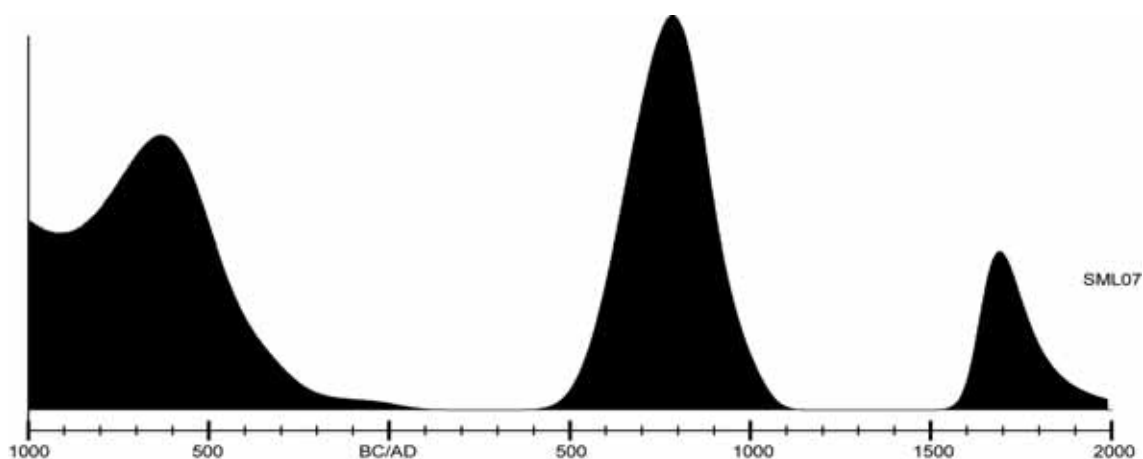


Figure 7. Probability distribution for the archaeomagnetic date of last firing, SML07 produced using RenDate v1.0.0.4b (Lanos et al 2005) and the Zanani et al (2007) calibration data, which cover the period between 1000 BC and AD 2000

Table 2: Archaeomagnetic dating summary

|  |                                    |   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Archaeomagnetic ID:                        | SML07: 1–20                        | SML07: 21–40                              |
| Feature:                                   | Pottery kiln base:<br>Context 4232 | Pottery kiln wall lining:<br>Context 4243 |
| Location – latitude:                       | 53.70                              | 53.70                                     |
| Location – longitude:                      | -1.29                              | -1.29                                     |
| Magnetic deviation:                        | -2.78                              | -2.78                                     |
| Number of samples<br>(taken/used in mean): | 20/15                              | 20/19                                     |
| AF demagnetisation applied:                | Yes                                | Yes                                       |
| Distortion correction applied:             | No                                 | No  |
| Declination (at Meriden):                  | 11.4                               | 16.8                                      |
| Inclination (at Meriden):                  | 71.5                               | 68.0                                      |
| Alpha-95:                                  | 4.8                                | 12.7                                      |
| Date range (95% confidence):               | AD 538–1014                        | Undatable                                 |
| Archaeological date range:                 | Early Medieval                     | Early Medieval                            |

## RADIOCARBON DATING

Charcoal from four contexts appeared to be functionally associated with the use of the kiln. These included Context 4038, a primary deposit in the stoking pit, and Contexts 4232 and 4239, primary deposits within the kiln itself (west and east, respectively, of the central partition). These three deposits were stratigraphically contemporary. It is assumed that this charcoal was spent fuel, left *in situ* after the last firing of the kiln, and freshly-felled wood fragments with negligible intrinsic age should therefore be very close in date to the last firing. A fourth context, 4244, was a charcoal deposit sealed within unfired clay

between the vitrified primary and secondary surfaces, and was thus thought to represent an earlier rake-out of spent fuel (Fig 8).

Two identified charcoal fragments from each context were submitted for dating by Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS). Two samples, both from Context 4244, were too small to date. The results for the other six samples are given in Table 3.

**Table 3: radiocarbon results from the Simpson's Malt Kiln**

| Laboratory number | Sample | Material dated                 | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) | Radiocarbon age (BP) | Calendar date (95% confidence) |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| SUERC-22828       | 4038A  | charcoal, <i>Corylus</i>       | -27.6                     | 1020 ±30             | cal AD 970–1040                |
| OxA-20352         | 4038B  | charcoal, <i>Betula</i>        | -25.0                     | 1006 ±24             | cal AD 990–1030                |
| OxA-20353         |        |                                | -25.0                     | 1027 ±24             |                                |
| 4038B mean        |        |                                |                           | 1017 ±17             |                                |
|                   |        |                                |                           |                      |                                |
| SUERC-22829       | 4232A  | charcoal, <i>Corylus</i>       | -27.7                     | 1035 ±30             | cal AD 900–1030                |
| OxA-20354         | 4232B  | charcoal, <i>Alnus</i>         | -26.9                     | 1067 ±24             | cal AD 895–1020                |
| SUERC-22830       | 4239A  | charcoal, <i>Salix/Populus</i> | -28.5                     | 1010 ±30             | cal AD 980–1120                |
| OxA-20355         | 4239B  | charcoal, <i>Corylus</i>       | -27.3                     | 997 ±23              | cal AD 990–1120                |

The samples were dated at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre in East Kilbride (SUERC; technical procedures are described by Vandenputte *et al* (1996), Slota *et al* (1987), and Xu *et al* (2004)), or at the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit at Oxford University (OxA; laboratory methods are given by Brock *et al* (2010) and Bronk Ramsey *et al* (2004)). Internal quality assurance procedures at both laboratories and international inter-comparisons (Scott 2003) indicate no laboratory offsets, and validate the measurement precision quoted. OxA-20352 and OxA-20353 are independent replicate measurements of the same charcoal fragment. The results are statistically consistent, following the method of Ward and Wilson (1978;  $T'=0.4$ ,  $T'(5\%)=3.8$ ,  $\nu = 1$ ), and their weighted mean,  $1017 \pm 17\text{BP}$ , is therefore the best estimate of this sample's radiocarbon age. This value has been used in calibration and subsequent discussion, rather than the individual measurements.

The results reported are conventional radiocarbon ages (Stuiver and Polach 1977). The calibrated date ranges given in Table 3 have been calculated by the maximum intercept method (Stuiver and Reimer 1986), using the program OxCal v4.1 (Bronk Ramsey 1995; 1998; 2001; 2009) and the IntCal09 data set (Reimer *et al* 2009), and are quoted in the form recommended by Mook (1986), with date ranges rounded outwards to decadal endpoints, or to 5 years where the radiocarbon error is less than  $\pm 25$ . The probability distributions of the calibrated dates (Fig 9) have been calculated using the probability method (Stuiver and Reimer 1993), and the same calibration data.



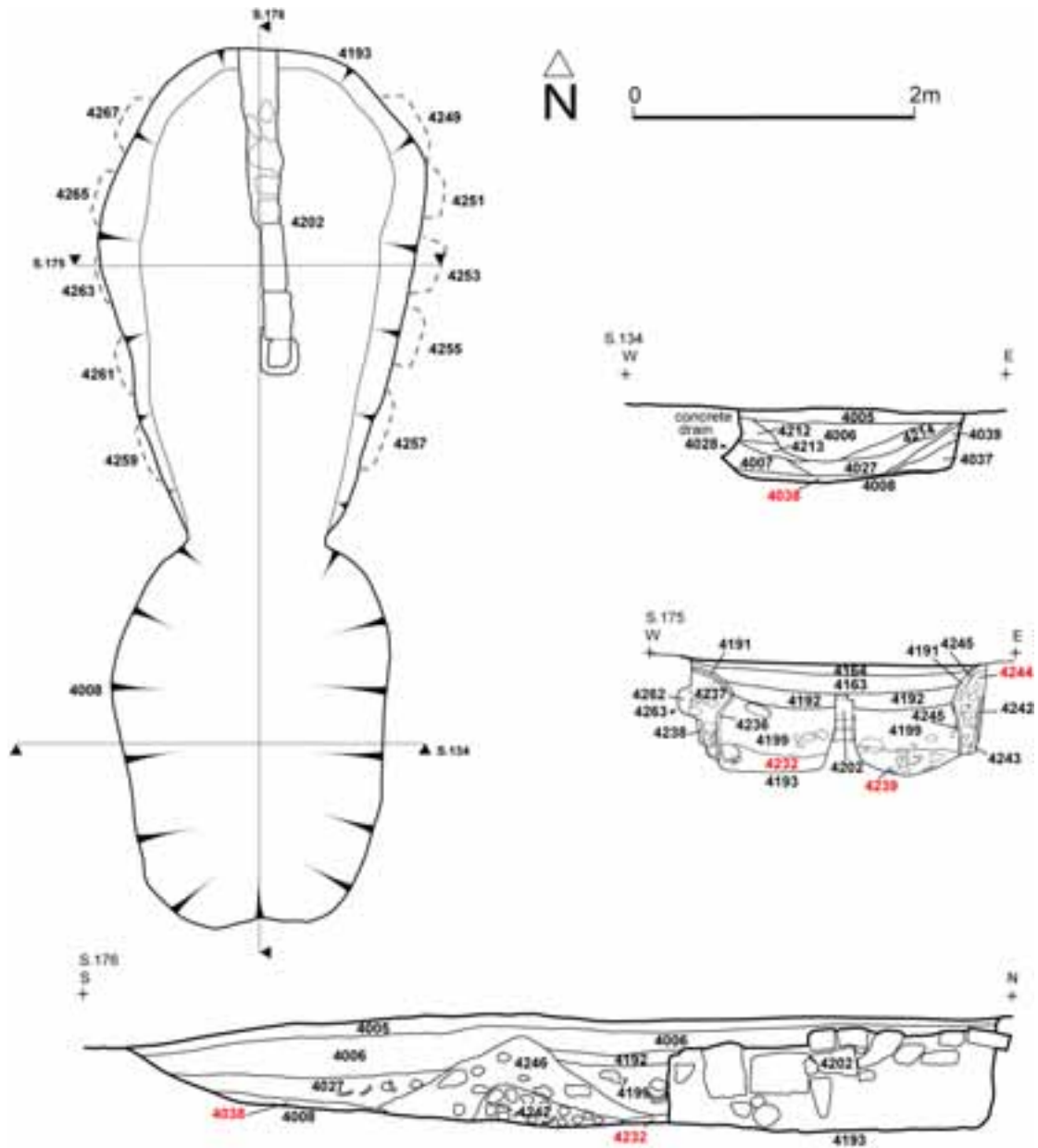
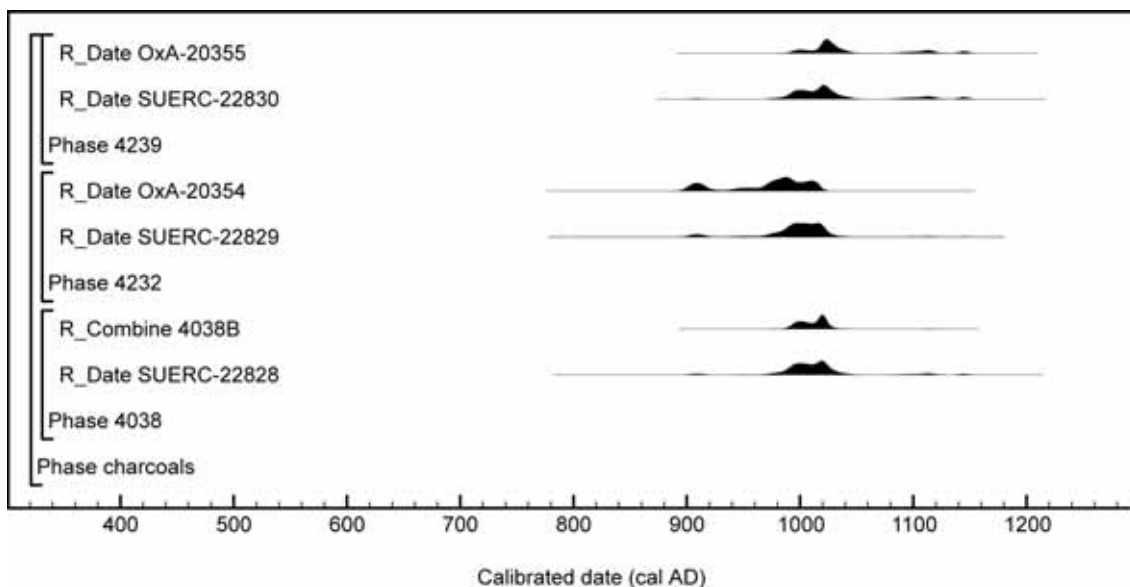


Figure 8. Plan and sections of the kiln, Simpson's Malt, Pontefract (Archaeological Services WYAS). Contexts from which radiocarbon samples were selected are indicated in red



**Figure 9: calibration of radiocarbon results by the probability method (Stuiver and Reimer 1993)**

There is no indication in the radiocarbon results that any sample must be residual or intrusive. In each instance, the pairs of samples from individual contexts gave results that are statistically consistent with a single radiocarbon age ( $T' < 3.8$ ,  $\nu = 1$ ; Ward and Wilson 1978). The value of  $T'$ , the test statistic, is

| Context | Sample      | Radiocarbon age (BP) | $T'$ |
|---------|-------------|----------------------|------|
| 4038    | SUERC-22828 | 1020 ± 30            | 0.0  |
|         | 4038B mean  | 1017 ± 17            |      |
| 4232    | SUERC-22829 | 1035 ± 30            | 0.7  |
|         | OxA-20354   | 1067 ± 24            |      |
| 4239    | SUERC-22830 | 1010 ± 30            | 0.1  |
|         | OxA-20355   | 997 ± 23             |      |

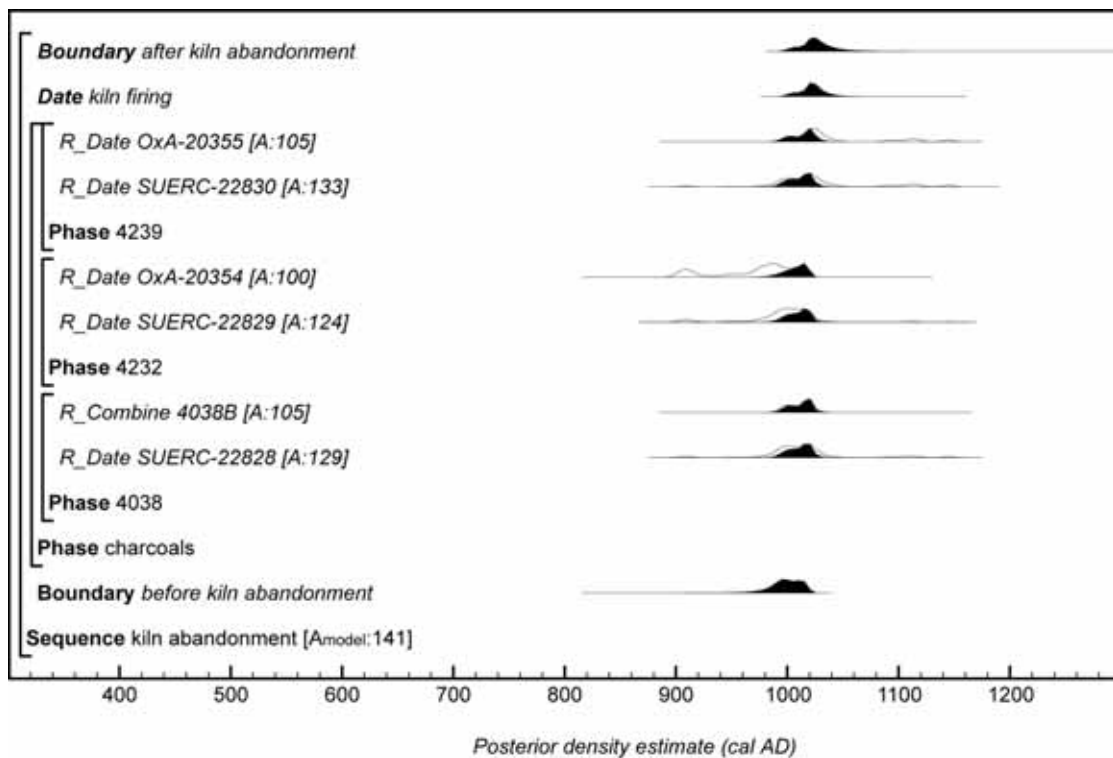
It is even possible that all six dated samples are of the same date ( $T' = 5.1$ ,  $T'(5\%) = 11.1$ ,  $\nu = 5$ ; Ward and Wilson 1978). The consistency of the radiocarbon results supports the archaeological interpretation that these charcoal fragments are derived from the last firing of the kiln.

## DISCUSSION

In order to compare the radiocarbon results to the archaeomagnetic date, we need to estimate the date of the final firing from the radiocarbon results, using Bayesian chronological modelling (Buck *et al* 1996). The model shown in Figure 10, implemented in OxCal v4.1, groups all the radiocarbon results into a single phase, and calculates a firing date, based on the scatter of the calibrated dates. The bounded phase model used here assumes that the radiocarbon samples represent calendar dates evenly scattered over a single, continuous period of time (Bronk Ramsey 2000), which could, nevertheless, have

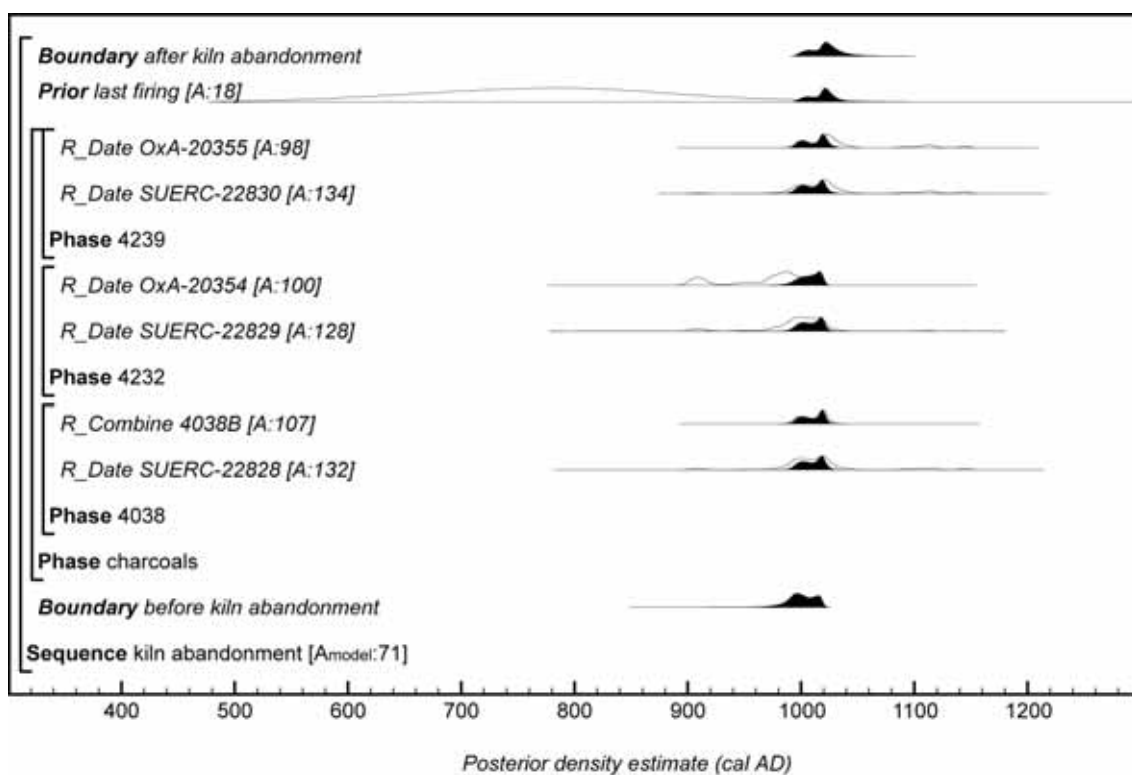
been very brief; it is more conservative (and realistic) than an assumption that all six samples must be of the *same* calendar date.

The spread of the calibrated dates allows the model to calculate probability distributions for the dates of the start and end of this phase, which are shown as 'boundaries' in Figure 10, and *posterior density estimates* of the dates of the individual radiocarbon samples. One other distribution, *kiln firing*, has been calculated. This is a posterior density estimate of the date of an event later than all the radiocarbon samples (which must predate their burning in the kiln) and before the boundary *after kiln abandonment*. The posterior density estimate for *kiln firing* is *cal AD 990–1050 (95% probability)* or *cal AD 1000–1040 (68% probability)*, after rounding outwards to decadal endpoints. The italics are used to emphasise that a posterior density estimate is a modelled date, which will change if components of the model (eg the number of radiocarbon results or the relative dates of the samples) are altered. This estimate overlaps with the archaeomagnetic date range for the final firing (AD 538–1014).



*Figure 10: a Bayesian model of the Simpson's Malt radiocarbon results, implemented using OxCal v4.1 (Bronk Ramsey 2009). Distributions in outline are simple calibrations of radiocarbon results by the probability method, as shown in Figure 9. The solid distributions are posterior density estimates of the dates of samples and events. The square brackets and OxCal keywords (in bold) define the model structure precisely. The satisfactory index of agreement ( $A_{model} > 60$ ) indicates that the results are consistent with the relative dating implicit in the model structure*

An alternative approach is to include both the calibrated radiocarbon results and the archaeomagnetic date distribution in a Bayesian model, as the two methods are complementary and independent sources of information about the final firing date. This can be done by importing the probability distribution of the archaeomagnetic date generated in RenDate (Fig 7) into an OxCal model (*Prior last firing*, Fig 11), instead of calculating the final firing date from the scatter of radiocarbon dates alone (*Date kiln firing*, Fig 10). Although the overall index of agreement remains satisfactory ( $A_{\text{model}}=70.5$ , Fig 11), the individual index for the archaeomagnetic date distribution (*Prior last firing*) is relatively poor ( $A=18.4$ ), suggesting a small discrepancy between the archaeomagnetic date distribution and its position in this model (in which it is required to be more recent than all the radiocarbon samples). The posterior density estimate for the archaeomagnetic date (*last firing*, Fig 11) is *cal AD 990–1040 (95% probability)* or *cal AD 1000–1030 (68% probability)*, after rounding outwards to decadal endpoints.



*Figure 11. A Bayesian model of all the Simpson's Malt scientific dating results, implemented in OxCal v4.1 (Bronk Ramsey 2009). The format is the same as that used in Figure 10. The outline distribution for Prior last firing is identical to the archaeomagnetic date distribution calculated in RenDate and shown in Fig 7, but for clarity only the early medieval region of the distribution is shown here*

The charcoal samples must predate their inclusion in the burnt layers sealed by the collapsed kiln fabric (front cover; Figs 4, 8), and it is unlikely that they would have given such consistent radiocarbon results, had the charcoal deposits included intrusive material, so the date of *kiln firing* (Fig 10) based on radiocarbon evidence is credible. On the other hand, although the archaeomagnetic calibration curve is poorly defined between AD 300

and AD 900, due to a lack of data from well-dated material and (probably) to very slow movement of the geomagnetic field in this period, it is well-defined and distinctive from AD 1000 onwards, and the Simpson's Malt data do not match the curve after AD 1014. As both techniques appear to date the final firing, it seems that this must have occurred at the very beginning of the eleventh century cal AD.

## CONCLUSIONS

Two sets of oriented archaeomagnetic samples were recovered from the pottery kiln at Simpson's Malt, Pontefract. The samples from the wall lining were discovered to be poorly magnetically stable and therefore could not be archaeomagnetically dated, but the sample set from the basal lining of the kiln showed evidence of having been heated above the Curie temperature and remaining *in situ* since the last firing event. Although the appearance of the basal layer showed some colour changes in the heat-affected material, the directions recorded were reasonably well-grouped, suggesting that all parts of the basal layer sampled recorded the same event and provided a record of the earth's geomagnetic field at the time of last cooling. The magnetic direction of this sample set is consistent with last cooling in AD 538–1014. The broad date range at 95% confidence is a reflection of the slow movement of the geomagnetic field for this period and large uncertainties in the calibration dataset, arising from a lack of well-dated reference points.

Even the later part of the date range is earlier than that indicated by the pottery assemblage, but the magnetic field is very distinctive after AD 1000 and is not consistent with the magnetic results obtained. The archaeomagnetic results therefore indicate an earlier date than that suggested by the pottery assemblage. The radiocarbon results point to an early eleventh-century cal AD date for the last firing, still significantly earlier than expected on archaeological grounds, but perhaps slightly later than the archaeomagnetic results would imply.



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## APPENDIX I: DETAILED MEASUREMENTS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSES OF THE WALL LINING

### Site information

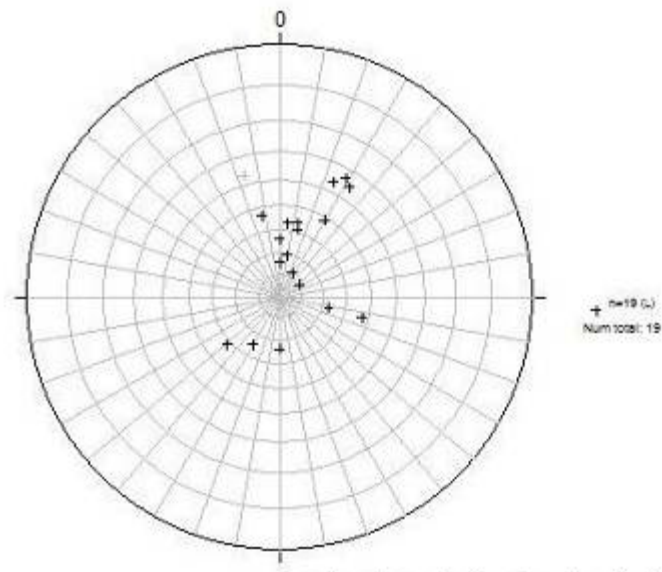
|   |   |
|---|---|
| Site name:                                  | Simpson's Malt, Pontefract                |
| Feature:                                    | Pottery kiln wall lining                  |
| Context number:                             | 4243                                      |
| Description:                                | Freshly exposed heat-affected wall lining |
| Latitude (+ve N):                           | 53.70                                     |
| Longitude (+ve E):                          | -1.29                                     |
| Date Sampled:                               | 5 Feb 2008                                |
| Magnetic Variation on date sampled (+ve E): | -2.78                                     |

### Magnetic measurements of NRM

| Sample no. | Dec   | Inc  | x       | y       | z      |
|------------|-------|------|---------|---------|--------|
| SML07-21   | 14.3  | 58.9 | 0.5005  | 0.1276  | 0.8563 |
| SML07-22   | 343.3 | 36.6 | 0.7690  | -0.2307 | 0.5962 |
| SML07-23   | 180.8 | 67.1 | -0.3891 | -0.0054 | 0.9212 |
| SML07-24   | 56.5  | 79.4 | 0.1015  | 0.1534  | 0.9829 |
| SML07-25   | 32.0  | 35.3 | 0.6921  | 0.4325  | 0.5779 |
| SML07-26   | 29.2  | 33.5 | 0.7279  | 0.4068  | 0.5519 |
| SML07-27   | 101.7 | 67.8 | -0.0766 | 0.3700  | 0.9259 |
| SML07-28   | 103.6 | 53.4 | -0.1402 | 0.5795  | 0.8028 |
| SML07-29   | 29.3  | 51.4 | 0.5441  | 0.3053  | 0.7815 |
| SML07-30   | 24.7  | 36.4 | 0.7313  | 0.3363  | 0.5934 |
| SML07-31   | 359.2 | 63.9 | 0.4399  | -0.0061 | 0.8980 |
| SML07-32   | 228.4 | 58.7 | -0.3449 | -0.3885 | 0.8545 |
| SML07-34   | 9.4   | 71.0 | 0.3212  | 0.0532  | 0.9455 |
| SML07-35   | 5.8   | 56.8 | 0.5448  | 0.0553  | 0.8368 |
| SML07-36   | 210.7 | 65.5 | -0.3566 | -0.2117 | 0.9100 |
| SML07-37   | 25.9  | 77.9 | 0.1886  | 0.0916  | 0.9778 |
| SML07-38   | 13.7  | 56.3 | 0.5391  | 0.1314  | 0.8320 |
| SML07-39   | 358.0 | 74.1 | 0.2738  | -0.0096 | 0.9617 |
| SML07-40   | 347.6 | 53.5 | 0.5809  | -0.1277 | 0.8039 |

|                                   |       |                             |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Number                            | 19    | Correction to Meriden (CVP) |       |
| Sum x                             | 5.65  | Uncorrected Dec             | 17.29 |
| Sum y                             | 2.06  | Uncorrected Inc             | 68.94 |
| Sum z                             | 15.61 | Latitude                    | 53.70 |
| R                                 | 16.73 | Longitude                   | -1.29 |
| x bar                             | 0.34  | Kai                         | 37.61 |
| y bar                             | 0.12  | Latitude of pole            | 79.55 |
| z bar                             | 0.93  | Beta 1                      | 89.81 |
| Mean Dec                          | 20.07 | Longitude of pole           | 88.90 |
| Mean Inc                          | 68.94 | Geomag colat                | 38.88 |
| Alpha95                           | 12.73 | Corrected Inc               | 68.04 |
|                                   |       | Beta 2                      | 89.48 |
|                                   |       | Corrected Dec               | 16.79 |
| Corrections                       |       | Final Result                |       |
| Mean Dec                          | 20.07 | Corrected Dec               | 16.79 |
| Mean Inc                          | 68.94 | Corrected Inc               | 68.04 |
|                                   |       | Alpha95                     | 12.73 |
| Correction for magnetic variation |       |                             |       |
| Mean Dec                          | 17.29 |                             |       |
| Mean Inc                          | 68.94 |                             |       |

### Stereoplot of NRM directions

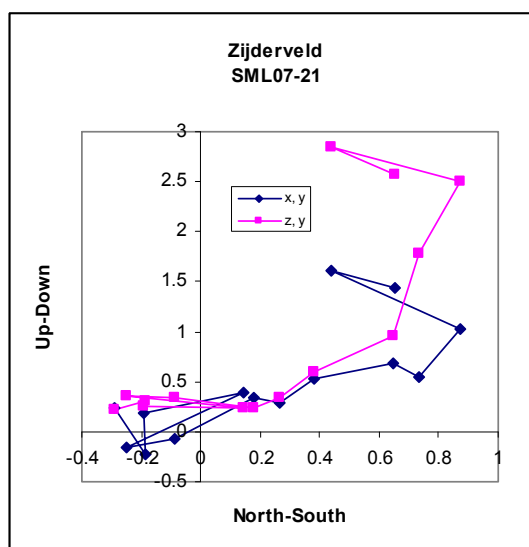
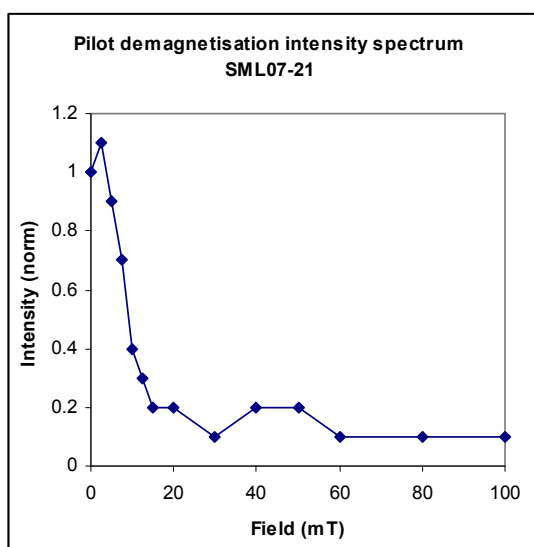




## Pilot demagnetisation measurements, intensity spectra, and Zijderveld plots

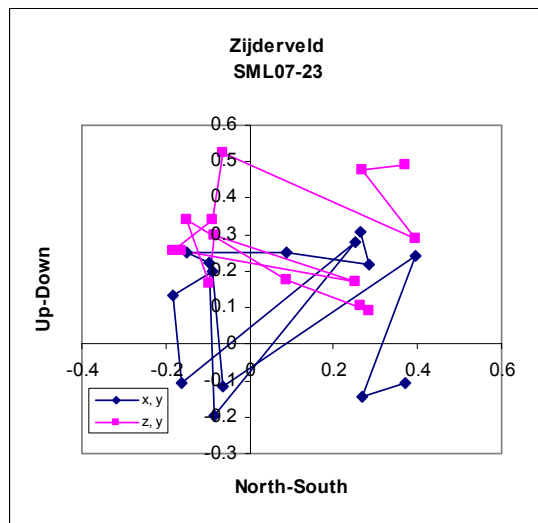
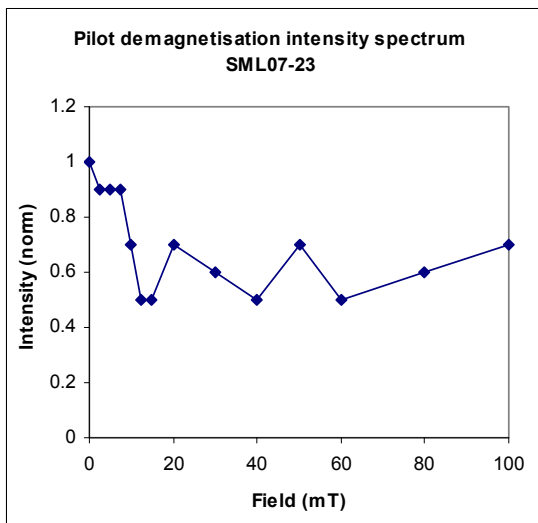
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| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x       | y       | z      |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0                | 24.4       | 58.4       | 3.0227     | 1.0         | 1.4423  | 0.6554  | 2.5743 |
| 2.5              | 15.1       | 59.5       | 3.3009     | 1.1         | 1.6161  | 0.4369  | 2.8449 |
| 5                | 40.1       | 61.7       | 2.8501     | 0.9         | 1.0352  | 0.8713  | 2.5085 |
| 7.5              | 53.5       | 62.8       | 1.9976     | 0.7         | 0.5437  | 0.7348  | 1.7762 |
| 10               | 43.4       | 45.5       | 1.3410     | 0.4         | 0.6827  | 0.6454  | 0.9570 |
| 12.5             | 35.7       | 42.2       | 0.8834     | 0.3         | 0.5312  | 0.3823  | 0.5933 |
| 15               | 42.7       | 41.3       | 0.5212     | 0.2         | 0.2880  | 0.2656  | 0.3438 |
| 20               | 26.9       | 31.7       | 0.4581     | 0.2         | 0.3475  | 0.1763  | 0.2408 |
| 30               | 228.4      | 70.8       | 0.3640     | 0.1         | -0.0794 | -0.0894 | 0.3438 |
| 40               | 237.4      | 51.2       | 0.4700     | 0.2         | -0.1589 | -0.2482 | 0.3662 |
| 50               | 20.0       | 29.6       | 0.4830     | 0.2         | 0.3947  | 0.1440  | 0.2383 |
| 60               | 313.5      | 44.1       | 0.3671     | 0.1         | 0.1812  | -0.1911 | 0.2557 |
| 80               | 219.0      | 46.0       | 0.4317     | 0.1         | -0.2333 | -0.1887 | 0.3103 |
| 100              | 308.5      | 29.9       | 0.4281     | 0.1         | 0.2309  | -0.2904 | 0.2135 |



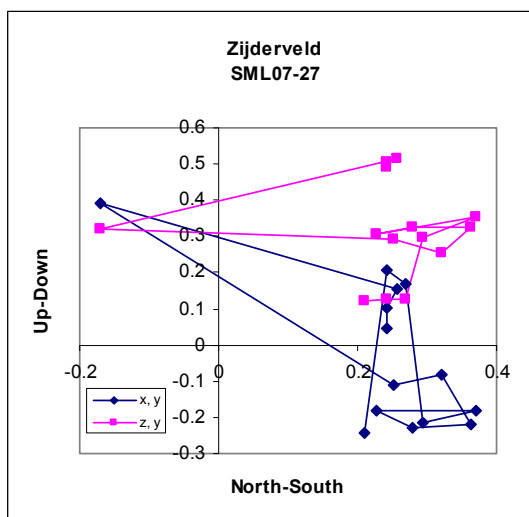
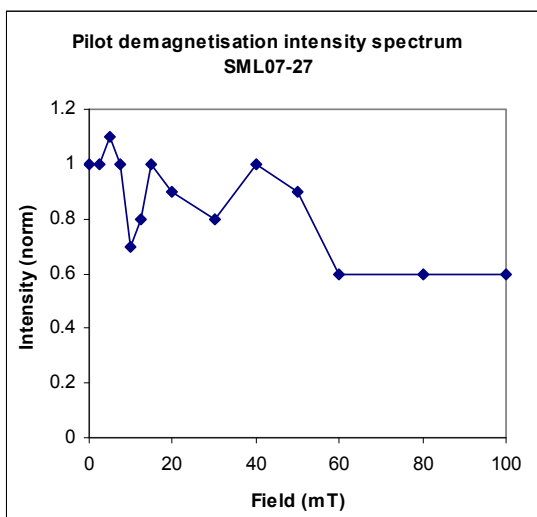
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|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0                | 106.1      | 51.9       | 0.6222     | 1.0         | -0.1065 | 0.3692  | 0.4894 |
| 2.5              | 118.2      | 57.4       | 0.5644     | 0.9         | -0.1437 | 0.2676  | 0.4757 |
| 5                | 58.4       | 32.0       | 0.5454     | 0.9         | 0.2428  | 0.3940  | 0.2887 |
| 7.5              | 208.5      | 76.1       | 0.5399     | 0.9         | -0.1140 | -0.0619 | 0.5240 |
| 10               | 336.6      | 57.3       | 0.4048     | 0.7         | 0.2007  | -0.0867 | 0.3407 |
| 12.5             | 306.5      | 48.7       | 0.3412     | 0.5         | 0.1338  | -0.1809 | 0.2564 |
| 15               | 236.5      | 52.8       | 0.3190     | 0.5         | -0.1065 | -0.1611 | 0.2540 |
| 20               | 42.3       | 24.8       | 0.4135     | 0.7         | 0.2775  | 0.2527  | 0.1734 |
| 30               | 203.0      | 54.3       | 0.3692     | 0.6         | -0.1982 | -0.0842 | 0.2998 |
| 40               | 336.6      | 34.3       | 0.2943     | 0.5         | 0.2230  | -0.0966 | 0.1660 |
| 50               | 329.3      | 49.4       | 0.4472     | 0.7         | 0.2503  | -0.1487 | 0.3395 |
| 60               | 19.1       | 33.6       | 0.3180     | 0.5         | 0.2503  | 0.0867  | 0.1759 |
| 80               | 52.3       | 14.3       | 0.3718     | 0.6         | 0.2205  | 0.2849  | 0.0917 |
| 100              | 40.8       | 14.4       | 0.4189     | 0.7         | 0.3072  | 0.2651  | 0.1041 |



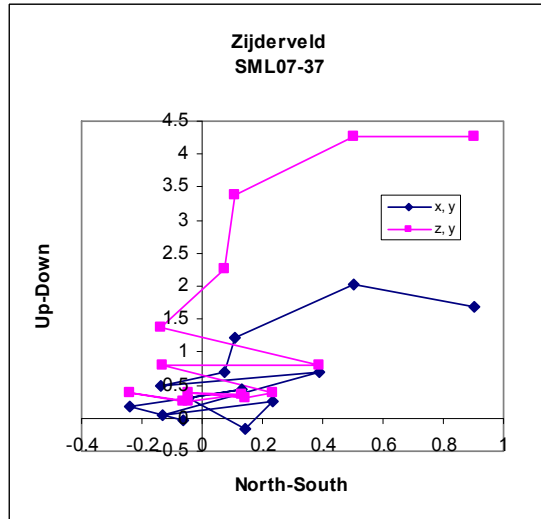
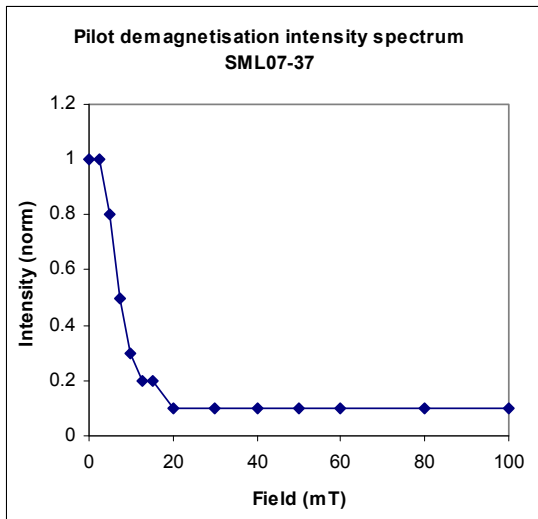
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|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0                | 79.0       | 63.2       | 0.5492     | 1.0         | 0.0472  | 0.2432  | 0.4902 |
| 2.5              | 67.1       | 62.6       | 0.5687     | 1.0         | 0.1018  | 0.2408  | 0.5051 |
| 5                | 59.0       | 60.0       | 0.5963     | 1.1         | 0.1539  | 0.2556  | 0.5163 |
| 7.5              | 336.3      | 37.1       | 0.5334     | 1.0         | 0.3897  | -0.1713 | 0.3214 |
| 10               | 113.5      | 47.0       | 0.4007     | 0.7         | -0.1092 | 0.2507  | 0.2929 |
| 12.5             | 104.3      | 37.6       | 0.4171     | 0.8         | -0.0819 | 0.3202  | 0.2544 |
| 15               | 121.1      | 37.5       | 0.5336     | 1.0         | -0.2184 | 0.3624  | 0.3251 |
| 20               | 129.4      | 42.0       | 0.4841     | 0.9         | -0.2283 | 0.2780  | 0.3239 |
| 30               | 128.8      | 46.1       | 0.4223     | 0.8         | -0.1837 | 0.2283  | 0.3040 |
| 40               | 116.1      | 40.7       | 0.5482     | 1.0         | -0.1812 | 0.3698  | 0.3537 |
| 50               | 126.4      | 39.3       | 0.4702     | 0.9         | -0.2159 | 0.2929  | 0.2978 |
| 60               | 57.4       | 21.3       | 0.3414     | 0.6         | 0.1713  | 0.2681  | 0.1241 |
| 80               | 49.7       | 21.7       | 0.3430     | 0.6         | 0.2060  | 0.2432  | 0.1266 |
| 100              | 139.1      | 20.5       | 0.3437     | 0.6         | -0.2432 | 0.2110  | 0.1204 |



**Pilot demagnetisation sample number SML07-37**

| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x       | y       | z      |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0                | 28.1       | 65.7       | 4.6675     | 1.0         | 1.6942  | 0.9041  | 4.2542 |
| 2.5              | 13.9       | 64.0       | 4.7542     | 1.0         | 2.0212  | 0.5003  | 4.2740 |
| 5                | 5.1        | 70.3       | 3.6013     | 0.8         | 1.2112  | 0.1090  | 3.3897 |
| 7.5              | 6.0        | 72.6       | 2.3719     | 0.5         | 0.7035  | 0.0743  | 2.2639 |
| 10               | 343.8      | 70.2       | 1.4702     | 0.3         | 0.4781  | -0.1387 | 1.3834 |
| 12.5             | 29.1       | 45.2       | 1.1337     | 0.2         | 0.6985  | 0.3889  | 0.8038 |
| 15               | 291.6      | 79.9       | 0.8063     | 0.2         | 0.0520  | -0.1313 | 0.7939 |
| 20               | 43.0       | 48.9       | 0.5256     | 0.1         | 0.2526  | 0.2353  | 0.3963 |
| 30               | 136.9      | 56.1       | 0.3774     | 0.1         | -0.1536 | 0.1437  | 0.3133 |
| 40               | 352.1      | 49.5       | 0.4968     | 0.1         | 0.3195  | -0.0446 | 0.3777 |
| 50               | 16.6       | 38.4       | 0.5867     | 0.1         | 0.4409  | 0.1313  | 0.3641 |
| 60               | 351.7      | 39.7       | 0.4033     | 0.1         | 0.3071  | -0.0446 | 0.2576 |
| 80               | 306.5      | 52.5       | 0.4856     | 0.1         | 0.1759  | -0.2378 | 0.3852 |
| 100              | 243.4      | 74.9       | 0.2758     | 0.1         | -0.0322 | -0.0644 | 0.2663 |



## APPENDIX 2: DETAILED MEASUREMENTS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSES OF THE BASAL LAYER

### Site information

Site name: Simpson's Malt, Pontefract  
 Feature: Pottery kiln basal layer  
 Context number: 4232  
 Description: Freshly exposed heat-affected basal layer  
 Latitude (+ve N): 53.70  
 Longitude (+ve E): -1.29  
 Date Sampled: 5 Feb 2008  
 Magnetic Variation on date sampled (+ve E): -2.78

### Magnetic measurements of NRM and partial demagnetisation

| Sample no. | NRM        |            |            | Field<br>mT | After partial demag |            |            | Pilot?<br>Y/N |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
|            | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb |             | D<br>degs.          | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb |               |
| SML07-01   | 50.7       | 68.1       | 11.1741    | 10          | 53.6                | 83.4       | 3.9550     | N             |
| SML07-02   | 318.0      | 28.8       | 57.1447    | 10          | 311.5               | 20.3       | 59.7569    | N             |
| SML07-03   | 24.6       | 58.1       | 14.2169    | 10          | 359.7               | 61.8       | 9.9364     | N             |
| SML07-04   | 14.6       | 67.1       | 14.8468    | 10          | 344.2               | 74.2       | 7.8387     | N             |
| SML07-05   | 55.0       | 41.2       | 9.1302     | 10          | 53.3                | 21.2       | 4.1286     | N             |
| SML07-06   | 315.4      | 73.0       | 38.0700    | 10          | 269.6               | 68.4       | 25.4020    | Y             |
| SML07-07   | 32.3       | 52.8       | 12.9023    | 10          | 13.5                | 58.9       | 7.8060     | N             |
| SML07-08   | 39.3       | 63.2       | 15.9903    | 10          | 350.3               | 75.0       | 10.9410    | N             |
| SML07-09   | 3.5        | 74.9       | 23.9115    | 10          | 300.7               | 78.1       | 17.3107    | N             |
| SML07-10   | 25.3       | 57.4       | 14.0515    | 10          | 16.8                | 69.5       | 8.6676     | Y             |
| SML07-11   | 44.6       | 59.3       | 10.7434    | 10          | 51.2                | 70.6       | 5.6855     | N             |
| SML07-12   | 32.1       | 61.3       | 19.4427    | 10          | 16.7                | 71.4       | 11.9586    | Y             |
| SML07-13   | 43.3       | 67.5       | 15.8845    | 10          | 20.7                | 76.2       | 10.0630    | N             |
| SML07-14   | 9.6        | 62.8       | 19.0836    | 10          | 342.5               | 72.2       | 11.6916    | N             |
| SML07-15   | 39.8       | 53.6       | 9.2388     | 10          | 355.8               | 70.1       | 4.3981     | N             |
| SML07-16   | 79.9       | 65.8       | 10.6380    | 10          | 104.3               | 76.5       | 6.8124     | N             |
| SML07-17   | 44.4       | 48.9       | 5.6524     | 10          | 36.6                | 56.8       | 3.1595     | N             |
| SML07-18   | 50.4       | 83.4       | 1.2873     | 10          | 44.0                | 81.9       | 0.7381     | Y             |
| SML07-19   | 34.1       | 79.1       | 3.0999     | 10          | 16.7                | 79.3       | 2.0034     | N             |
| SML07-20   | 37.1       | 58.2       | 0.4614     | 10          | 21.0                | 67.3       | 0.3250     | N             |

## Statistics for NRM and partial demagnetisation measurements

### Statistics for NRM data

| Sample no. | Dec   | Inc  |
|------------|-------|------|
| SML07-01   | 50.7  | 68.1 |
| SML07-02   | 318.0 | 28.8 |
| SML07-03   | 24.6  | 58.1 |
| SML07-04   | 14.6  | 67.1 |
| SML07-05   | 55.0  | 41.2 |
| SML07-06   | 315.4 | 73.0 |
| SML07-07   | 32.3  | 52.8 |
| SML07-08   | 39.3  | 63.2 |
| SML07-09   | 3.5   | 74.9 |
| SML07-10   | 25.3  | 57.4 |
| SML07-11   | 44.6  | 59.3 |
| SML07-12   | 32.1  | 61.3 |
| SML07-13   | 43.3  | 67.5 |
| SML07-14   | 9.6   | 62.8 |
| SML07-15   | 39.8  | 53.6 |
| SML07-16   | 79.9  | 65.8 |
| SML07-17   | 44.4  | 48.9 |
| SML07-18   | 50.4  | 83.4 |
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| SML07-20   | 37.1  | 58.2 |

### Statistics for demag data

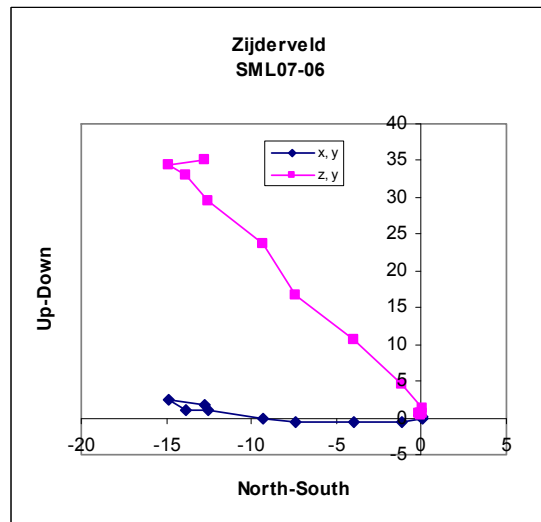
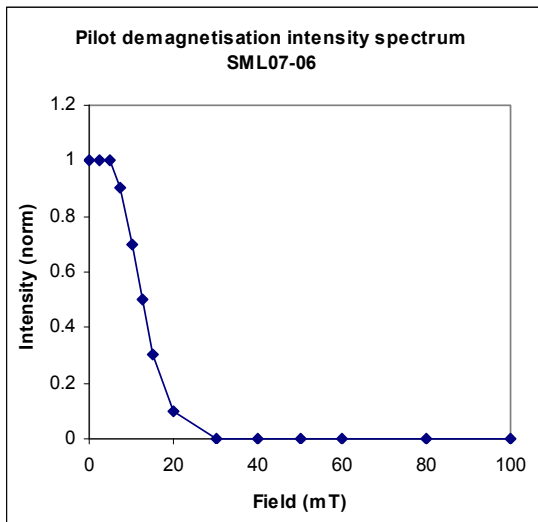
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| SML07-01   | 53.6  | 83.4 |
| SML07-02   | 311.5 | 20.3 |
| SML07-03   | 359.7 | 61.8 |
| SML07-04   | 344.2 | 74.2 |
| SML07-05   | 53.3  | 21.2 |
| SML07-06   | 269.6 | 68.4 |
| SML07-07   | 13.5  | 58.9 |
| SML07-08   | 350.3 | 75.0 |
| SML07-09   | 300.7 | 78.1 |
| SML07-10   | 16.8  | 69.5 |
| SML07-11   | 51.2  | 70.6 |
| SML07-12   | 16.7  | 71.4 |
| SML07-13   | 20.7  | 76.2 |
| SML07-14   | 342.5 | 72.2 |
| SML07-15   | 355.8 | 70.1 |
| SML07-16   | 104.3 | 76.5 |
| SML07-17   | 36.6  | 56.8 |
| SML07-18   | 44.0  | 81.9 |
| SML07-19   | 16.7  | 79.3 |
| SML07-20   | 21.0  | 67.3 |

## Pilot demagnetisation measurements, intensity spectra and Zijdeveld plots

|                                   |       |                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NRM                               |       | Partial Demag                     |       |
| Number =                          | 20    | Number =                          | 20    |
| Sum x =                           | 7.14  | Sum x =                           | 5.57  |
| Sum y =                           | 3.99  | Sum y =                           | 0.85  |
| Sum z =                           | 17.14 | Sum z =                           | 17.67 |
| R =                               | 18.99 | R =                               | 18.55 |
| x bar =                           | 0.38  | x bar =                           | 0.30  |
| y bar =                           | 0.21  | y bar =                           | 0.05  |
| z bar =                           | 0.90  | z bar =                           | 0.95  |
| Mean Dec = 29.23                  |       | Mean Dec = 8.72                   |       |
| Mean Inc = 64.48                  |       | Mean Inc = 72.33                  |       |
| Alpha95 = 7.73                    |       | Alpha95 = 9.38                    |       |
| Corrections                       |       | Beck 2-Delta Test                 |       |
|                                   |       | 2-delta = 44.80                   |       |
| Mean Dec = 29.23                  |       | Mean Dec = 8.72                   |       |
| Mean Inc = 64.48                  |       | Mean Inc = 72.33                  |       |
| Correction for magnetic variation |       | Correction for magnetic variation |       |
| Mean Dec = 26.41                  |       | Mean Dec = 5.91                   |       |
| Mean Inc = 64.48                  |       | Mean Inc = 72.33                  |       |
| Correction to Meriden (CVP)       |       | Correction to Meriden (CVP)       |       |
| Uncorrected Dec = 26.41           |       | Uncorrected Dec = 5.91            |       |
| Uncorrected Inc = 64.48           |       | Uncorrected Inc = 72.33           |       |
| Latitude = 53.70                  |       | Latitude = 53.70                  |       |
| Longitude = -1.30                 |       | Longitude = -1.30                 |       |
| Kai = 43.67                       |       | Kai = 32.51                       |       |
| Latitude of pole = 71.63          |       | Latitude of pole = 84.95          |       |
| Beta1 = 77.13                     |       | Beta1 = 38.95                     |       |
| Longitude of pole = 101.57        |       | Longitude of pole = 37.65         |       |
| Geomag colat = 44.89              |       | Geomag colat = 33.79              |       |
| Corrected Inc = 63.52             |       | Corrected Inc = 71.50             |       |
| Beta 2 = 76.81                    |       | Beta 2 = 140.73                   |       |
| Corrected Dec = 25.76             |       | Corrected Dec = 5.75              |       |
| Final Result                      |       | Final Result                      |       |
| Corrected Dec = 25.76             |       | Corrected Dec = 5.75              |       |
| Corrected Inc = 63.52             |       | Corrected Inc = 71.50             |       |
| Alpha95 = 7.73                    |       | Alpha95 = 9.38                    |       |

**Pilot demagnetisation sample number SML07-06**

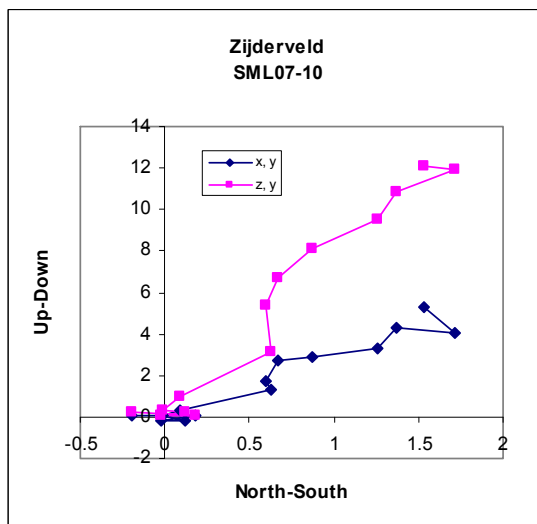
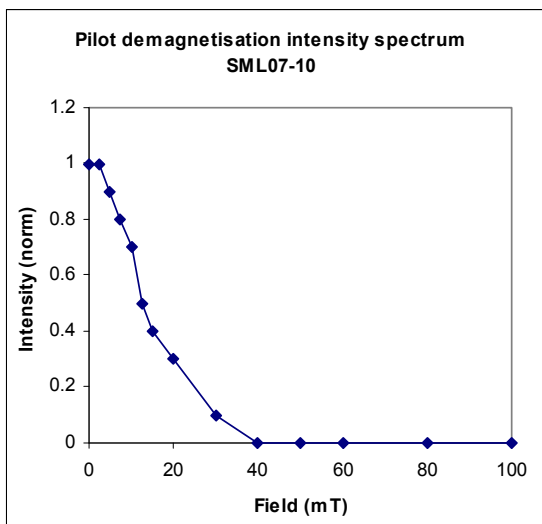
| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x       | y        | z       |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|
| 0                | 277.9      | 69.9       | 37.4982    | 1.0         | 1.7601  | -12.7552 | 35.2182 |
| 2.5              | 279.2      | 66.4       | 37.6308    | 1.0         | 2.4130  | -14.9000 | 34.4709 |
| 5                | 274.7      | 67.1       | 35.7164    | 1.0         | 1.1295  | -13.8450 | 32.9045 |
| 7.5              | 274.9      | 66.8       | 32.0919    | 0.9         | 1.0700  | -12.5814 | 29.5034 |
| 10               | 269.6      | 68.4       | 25.4020    | 0.7         | -0.0621 | -9.3467  | 23.6199 |
| 12.5             | 264.8      | 65.8       | 18.2276    | 0.5         | -0.6728 | -7.4451  | 16.6242 |
| 15               | 261.6      | 69.1       | 11.3902    | 0.3         | -0.5933 | -4.0117  | 10.6438 |
| 20               | 242.8      | 74.3       | 4.8123     | 0.1         | -0.5958 | -1.1593  | 4.6324  |
| 30               | 136.5      | 87.0       | 1.3237     | 0.0         | -0.0497 | 0.0472   | 1.3219  |
| 40               | 348.1      | 82.2       | 0.7116     | 0.0         | 0.0943  | -0.0199  | 0.7050  |
| 50               | 49.3       | 75.2       | 0.5496     | 0.0         | 0.0919  | 0.1067   | 0.5313  |
| 60               | 345.9      | 56.5       | 0.7370     | 0.0         | 0.3947  | -0.0993  | 0.6144  |
| 80               | 351.6      | 62.6       | 0.7422     | 0.0         | 0.3376  | -0.0497  | 0.6591  |
| 100              | 348.7      | 70.8       | 0.4614     | 0.0         | 0.1490  | -0.0298  | 0.4357  |





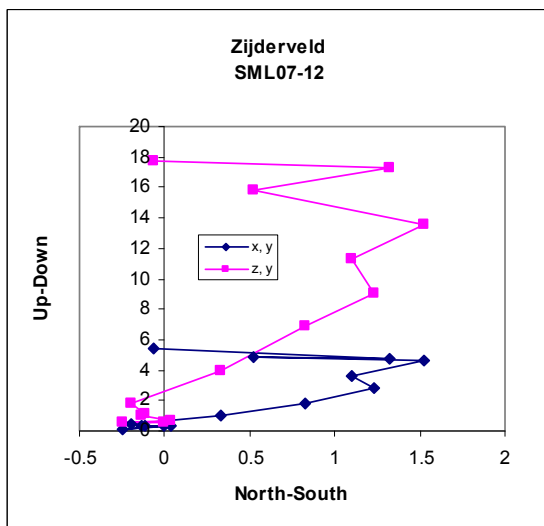
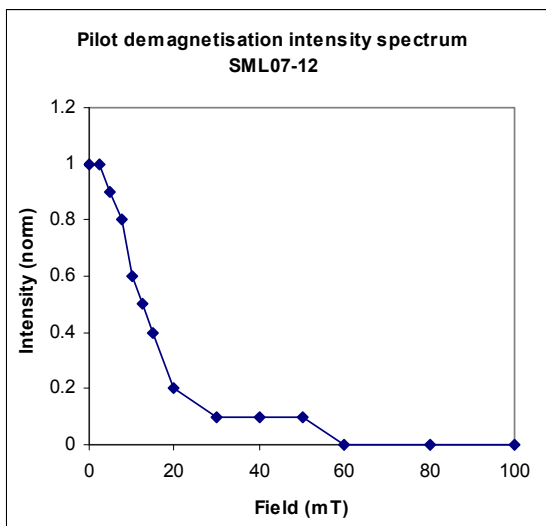
**Pilot demagnetisation sample number SML07-10**

| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x       | y       | z       |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 0                | 16.2       | 65.5       | 13.2450    | 1.0         | 5.2667  | 1.5290  | 12.0562 |
| 2.5              | 22.8       | 69.6       | 12.6816    | 1.0         | 4.0739  | 1.7108  | 11.8869 |
| 5                | 17.6       | 67.4       | 11.7556    | 0.9         | 4.3130  | 1.3696  | 10.8497 |
| 7.5              | 21.0       | 69.6       | 10.1173    | 0.8         | 3.2870  | 1.2600  | 9.4851  |
| 10               | 16.8       | 69.5       | 8.6676     | 0.7         | 2.9011  | 0.8765  | 8.1205  |
| 12.5             | 14.0       | 67.4       | 7.2215     | 0.5         | 2.6944  | 0.6723  | 6.6662  |
| 15               | 19.2       | 71.2       | 5.6520     | 0.4         | 1.7207  | 0.6001  | 5.3502  |
| 20               | 25.1       | 65.0       | 3.4791     | 0.3         | 1.3322  | 0.6250  | 3.1526  |
| 30               | 15.0       | 71.0       | 1.0353     | 0.1         | 0.3262  | 0.0872  | 0.9786  |
| 40               | 354.3      | 73.1       | 0.3448     | 0.0         | 0.0996  | -0.0100 | 0.3299  |
| 50               | 147.9      | 45.6       | 0.3152     | 0.0         | -0.1868 | 0.1170  | 0.2254  |
| 60               | 190.3      | 36.9       | 0.1741     | 0.0         | -0.1370 | -0.0249 | 0.1046  |
| 80               | 67.0       | 25.6       | 0.2190     | 0.0         | 0.0772  | 0.1818  | 0.0946  |
| 100              | 299.7      | 46.4       | 0.3200     | 0.0         | 0.1096  | -0.1917 | 0.2316  |



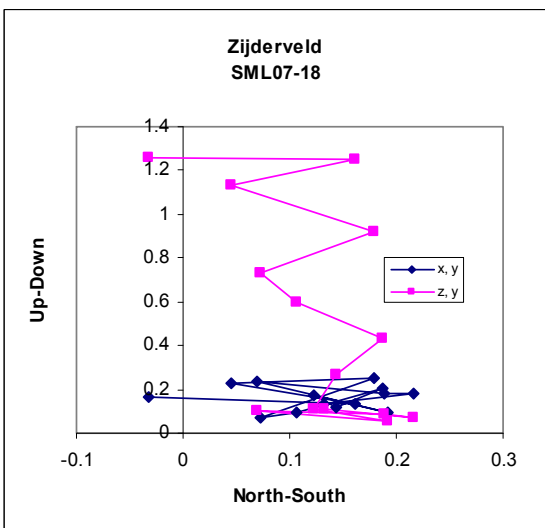
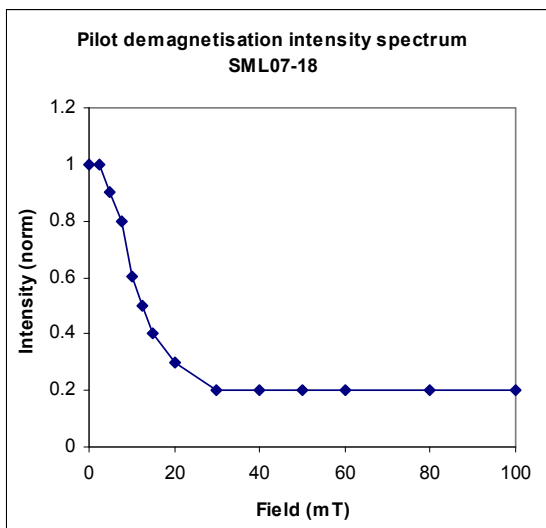
**Pilot demagnetisation sample number SML07-12**

| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x      | y       | z       |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 0                | 359.3      | 72.9       | 18.5780    | 1.0         | 5.4560 | -0.0648 | 17.7587 |
| 2.5              | 15.5       | 74.1       | 18.0088    | 1.0         | 4.7656 | 1.3235  | 17.3163 |
| 5                | 6.2        | 72.9       | 16.5078    | 0.9         | 4.8204 | 0.5209  | 15.7797 |
| 7.5              | 18.1       | 70.1       | 14.3631    | 0.8         | 4.6459 | 1.5229  | 13.5053 |
| 10               | 16.7       | 71.4       | 11.9586    | 0.6         | 3.6564 | 1.0942  | 11.3332 |
| 12.5             | 23.1       | 70.8       | 9.5267     | 0.5         | 2.8763 | 1.2263  | 8.9990  |
| 15               | 24.3       | 73.7       | 7.1830     | 0.4         | 1.8344 | 0.8275  | 6.8954  |
| 20               | 17.5       | 74.7       | 4.1214     | 0.2         | 1.0369 | 0.3265  | 3.9755  |
| 30               | 334.7      | 76.0       | 1.8548     | 0.1         | 0.4063 | -0.1919 | 1.7995  |
| 40               | 339.5      | 74.0       | 1.2125     | 0.1         | 0.3140 | -0.1171 | 1.1652  |
| 50               | 339.5      | 68.7       | 1.0768     | 0.1         | 0.3664 | -0.1371 | 1.0032  |
| 60               | 5.8        | 64.4       | 0.8012     | 0.0         | 0.3440 | 0.0349  | 0.7228  |
| 80               | 302.2      | 64.5       | 0.6836     | 0.0         | 0.1570 | -0.2492 | 0.6169  |
| 100              | 0.0        | 56.1       | 0.6170     | 0.0         | 0.3440 | 0.0000  | 0.5122  |



**Pilot demagnetisation sample number SML07-18**

| Demag Step<br>mT | D<br>degs. | I<br>degs. | Int<br>arb | Int<br>norm | x      | y       | z      |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|
| 0                | 349.2      | 82.2       | 1.2702     | 1.0         | 0.1690 | -0.0323 | 1.2589 |
| 2.5              | 50.3       | 80.5       | 1.2714     | 1.0         | 0.1342 | 0.1616  | 1.2540 |
| 5                | 11.0       | 78.3       | 1.1564     | 0.9         | 0.2312 | 0.0447  | 1.1322 |
| 7.5              | 35.5       | 71.5       | 0.9711     | 0.8         | 0.2510 | 0.1790  | 0.9209 |
| 10               | 44.0       | 81.9       | 0.7381     | 0.6         | 0.0746 | 0.0721  | 0.7308 |
| 12.5             | 47.8       | 76.4       | 0.6149     | 0.5         | 0.0969 | 0.1069  | 0.5978 |
| 15               | 42.4       | 57.6       | 0.5153     | 0.4         | 0.2038 | 0.1864  | 0.4350 |
| 20               | 49.8       | 54.5       | 0.3251     | 0.3         | 0.1218 | 0.1442  | 0.2647 |
| 30               | 34.6       | 26.8       | 0.2401     | 0.2         | 0.1765 | 0.1218  | 0.1081 |
| 40               | 64.3       | 15.4       | 0.2202     | 0.2         | 0.0920 | 0.1914  | 0.0584 |
| 50               | 16.6       | 22.7       | 0.2642     | 0.2         | 0.2336 | 0.0696  | 0.1019 |
| 60               | 46.2       | 17.9       | 0.2752     | 0.2         | 0.1814 | 0.1889  | 0.0845 |
| 80               | 50.0       | 14.8       | 0.2920     | 0.2         | 0.1814 | 0.2162  | 0.0746 |
| 100              | 43.9       | 29.9       | 0.2191     | 0.2         | 0.1367 | 0.1317  | 0.1094 |



## Outlier test results

McElhinny and McFadden (2000) discordancy test (demag data, omitting sample SML07-06)

| Statistics for demag data | (N-1) | SML07-06 |         |         |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| Sample no.                | Dec   | Inc      | x       | y       | z      |
| SML07-01                  | 53.6  | 83.4     | 0.0682  | 0.0925  | 0.9934 |
| SML07-02                  | 311.5 | 20.3     | 0.6215  | -0.7024 | 0.3469 |
| SML07-03                  | 359.7 | 61.8     | 0.4725  | -0.0025 | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04                  | 344.2 | 74.2     | 0.2620  | -0.0741 | 0.9622 |
| SML07-05                  | 53.3  | 21.2     | 0.5572  | 0.7475  | 0.3616 |
| SML07-07                  | 13.5  | 58.9     | 0.5023  | 0.1206  | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08                  | 350.3 | 75.0     | 0.2551  | -0.0436 | 0.9659 |
| SML07-09                  | 300.7 | 78.1     | 0.1053  | -0.1773 | 0.9785 |
| SML07-10                  | 16.8  | 69.5     | 0.3353  | 0.1012  | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11                  | 51.2  | 70.6     | 0.2081  | 0.2589  | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12                  | 16.7  | 71.4     | 0.3055  | 0.0917  | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13                  | 20.7  | 76.2     | 0.2231  | 0.0843  | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14                  | 342.5 | 72.2     | 0.2915  | -0.0919 | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15                  | 355.8 | 70.1     | 0.3395  | -0.0249 | 0.9403 |
| SML07-16                  | 104.3 | 76.5     | -0.0577 | 0.2262  | 0.9724 |
| SML07-17                  | 36.6  | 56.8     | 0.4396  | 0.3265  | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18                  | 44.0  | 81.9     | 0.1014  | 0.0979  | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19                  | 16.7  | 79.3     | 0.1778  | 0.0534  | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20                  | 21.0  | 67.3     | 0.3603  | 0.1383  | 0.9225 |
| Number =                  | 19    |          |         |         |        |
| Sum x =                   | 5.57  |          |         |         |        |
| Sum y =                   | 1.22  |          |         |         |        |
| Sum z =                   | 16.74 |          |         |         |        |
| R =                       | 17.69 |          |         |         |        |
| x bar =                   | 0.31  |          |         |         |        |
| y bar =                   | 0.07  |          |         |         |        |
| z bar =                   | 0.95  |          |         |         |        |
| Mean Dec =                | 12.4  |          |         |         |        |
| Mean Inc =                | 71.2  |          |         |         |        |
| Alpha95 =                 | 9.4   |          |         |         |        |
| COS gamma(1-P)            | 44.36 |          |         |         |        |

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| Statistics for demag data |       |      | (N-2)   | Sml07-02 |        |
|---------------------------|-------|------|---------|----------|--------|
| Sample no.                | Dec   | Inc  | x       | y        | z      |
| SML07-01                  | 53.6  | 83.4 | 0.0682  | 0.0925   | 0.9934 |
| SML07-03                  | 359.7 | 61.8 | 0.4725  | -0.0025  | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04                  | 344.2 | 74.2 | 0.2620  | -0.0741  | 0.9622 |
| SML07-05                  | 53.3  | 21.2 | 0.5572  | 0.7475   | 0.3616 |
| SML07-07                  | 13.5  | 58.9 | 0.5023  | 0.1206   | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08                  | 350.3 | 75.0 | 0.2551  | -0.0436  | 0.9659 |
| SML07-09                  | 300.7 | 78.1 | 0.1053  | -0.1773  | 0.9785 |
| SML07-10                  | 16.8  | 69.5 | 0.3353  | 0.1012   | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11                  | 51.2  | 70.6 | 0.2081  | 0.2589   | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12                  | 16.7  | 71.4 | 0.3055  | 0.0917   | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13                  | 20.7  | 76.2 | 0.2231  | 0.0843   | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14                  | 342.5 | 72.2 | 0.2915  | -0.0919  | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15                  | 355.8 | 70.1 | 0.3395  | -0.0249  | 0.9403 |
| SML07-16                  | 104.3 | 76.5 | -0.0577 | 0.2262   | 0.9724 |
| SML07-17                  | 36.6  | 56.8 | 0.4396  | 0.3265   | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18                  | 44.0  | 81.9 | 0.1014  | 0.0979   | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19                  | 16.7  | 79.3 | 0.1778  | 0.0534   | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20                  | 21.0  | 67.3 | 0.3603  | 0.1383   | 0.9225 |
| Number =                  | 18    |      |         |          |        |
| Sum x =                   | 4.95  |      |         |          |        |
| Sum y =                   | 1.92  |      |         |          |        |
| Sum z =                   | 16.39 |      |         |          |        |
| R =                       | 17.23 |      |         |          |        |
| x bar =                   | 0.29  |      |         |          |        |
| y bar =                   | 0.11  |      |         |          |        |
| z bar =                   | 0.95  |      |         |          |        |
| Mean Dec =                | 21.3  |      |         |          |        |
| Mean Inc =                | 72.1  |      |         |          |        |
| Alpha95 =                 | 7.5   |      |         |          |        |
| COS gamma(1-P)            | 32.95 |      |         |          |        |

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| Statistics for demag data | Dec   | Inc  | (N-3)<br>x | Sml07-09<br>y | z      |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------------|---------------|--------|
| Sample no.                |       |      |            |               |        |
| SML07-01                  | 53.6  | 83.4 | 0.0682     | 0.0925        | 0.9934 |
| SML07-03                  | 359.7 | 61.8 | 0.4725     | -0.0025       | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04                  | 344.2 | 74.2 | 0.2620     | -0.0741       | 0.9622 |
| SML07-05                  | 53.3  | 21.2 | 0.5572     | 0.7475        | 0.3616 |
| SML07-07                  | 13.5  | 58.9 | 0.5023     | 0.1206        | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08                  | 350.3 | 75.0 | 0.2551     | -0.0436       | 0.9659 |
| SML07-10                  | 16.8  | 69.5 | 0.3353     | 0.1012        | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11                  | 51.2  | 70.6 | 0.2081     | 0.2589        | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12                  | 16.7  | 71.4 | 0.3055     | 0.0917        | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13                  | 20.7  | 76.2 | 0.2231     | 0.0843        | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14                  | 342.5 | 72.2 | 0.2915     | -0.0919       | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15                  | 355.8 | 70.1 | 0.3395     | -0.0249       | 0.9403 |
| SML07-16                  | 104.3 | 76.5 | -0.0577    | 0.2262        | 0.9724 |
| SML07-17                  | 36.6  | 56.8 | 0.4396     | 0.3265        | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18                  | 44.0  | 81.9 | 0.1014     | 0.0979        | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19                  | 16.7  | 79.3 | 0.1778     | 0.0534        | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20                  | 21.0  | 67.3 | 0.3603     | 0.1383        | 0.9225 |
| Number =                  | 17    |      |            |               |        |
| Sum x =                   | 4.84  |      |            |               |        |
| Sum y =                   | 2.10  |      |            |               |        |
| Sum z =                   | 15.42 |      |            |               |        |
| R =                       | 16.29 |      |            |               |        |
| x bar =                   | 0.30  |      |            |               |        |
| y bar =                   | 0.13  |      |            |               |        |
| z bar =                   | 0.95  |      |            |               |        |
| Mean Dec =                | 23.5  |      |            |               |        |
| Mean Inc =                | 71.1  |      |            |               |        |
| Alpha95 =                 | 7.7   |      |            |               |        |
| COS gamma(1-P)            | 33.38 |      |            |               |        |

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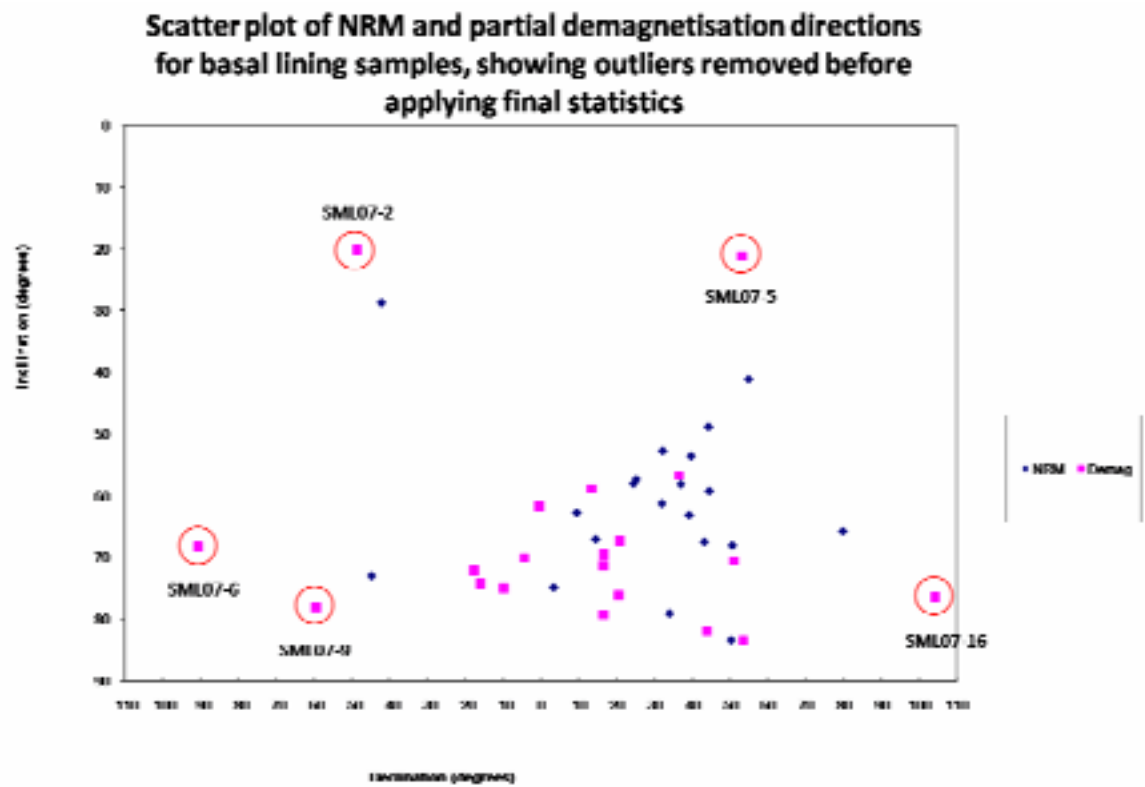
| Statistics for demag data |       |      | (N-4)  | Sml07-16 |        |
|---------------------------|-------|------|--------|----------|--------|
| Sample no.                | Dec   | Inc  | x      | y        | z      |
| SML07-01                  | 53.6  | 83.4 | 0.0682 | 0.0925   | 0.9934 |
| SML07-03                  | 359.7 | 61.8 | 0.4725 | -0.0025  | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04                  | 344.2 | 74.2 | 0.2620 | -0.0741  | 0.9622 |
| SML07-05                  | 53.3  | 21.2 | 0.5572 | 0.7475   | 0.3616 |
| SML07-07                  | 13.5  | 58.9 | 0.5023 | 0.1206   | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08                  | 350.3 | 75.0 | 0.2551 | -0.0436  | 0.9659 |
| SML07-10                  | 16.8  | 69.5 | 0.3353 | 0.1012   | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11                  | 51.2  | 70.6 | 0.2081 | 0.2589   | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12                  | 16.7  | 71.4 | 0.3055 | 0.0917   | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13                  | 20.7  | 76.2 | 0.2231 | 0.0843   | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14                  | 342.5 | 72.2 | 0.2915 | -0.0919  | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15                  | 355.8 | 70.1 | 0.3395 | -0.0249  | 0.9403 |
| SML07-17                  | 36.6  | 56.8 | 0.4396 | 0.3265   | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18                  | 44.0  | 81.9 | 0.1014 | 0.0979   | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19                  | 16.7  | 79.3 | 0.1778 | 0.0534   | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20                  | 21.0  | 67.3 | 0.3603 | 0.1383   | 0.9225 |
| Number =                  | 16    |      |        |          |        |
| Sum x =                   | 4.90  |      |        |          |        |
| Sum y =                   | 1.88  |      |        |          |        |
| Sum z =                   | 14.44 |      |        |          |        |
| R =                       | 15.37 |      |        |          |        |
| x bar =                   | 0.32  |      |        |          |        |
| y bar =                   | 0.12  |      |        |          |        |
| z bar =                   | 0.94  |      |        |          |        |
| Mean Dec =                | 20.9  |      |        |          |        |
| Mean Inc =                | 70.0  |      |        |          |        |
| Alpha95 =                 | 7.7   |      |        |          |        |
| COS gamma(1-P)            | 33.54 |      |        |          |        |

McElhinny and McFadden 2000 discordancy test

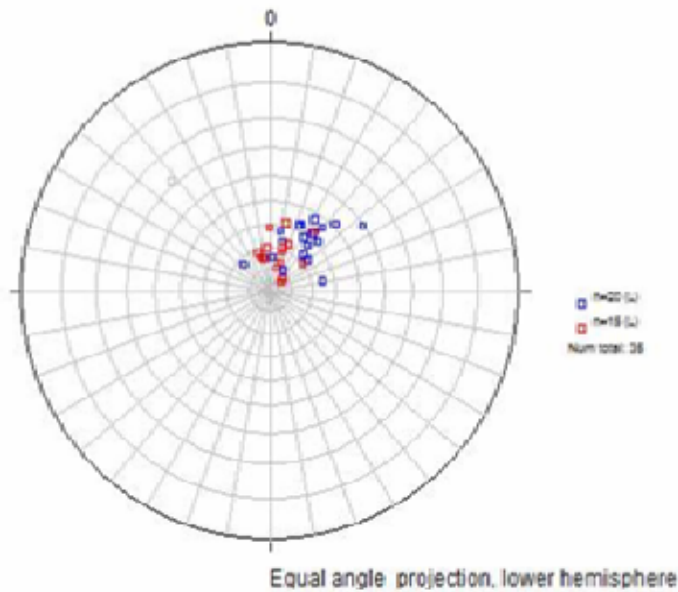
| Statistics for demag data |       |      | (N-5)  | Sml07-05 |        |
|---------------------------|-------|------|--------|----------|--------|
| Sample no.                | Dec   | Inc  | x      | y        | z      |
| SML07-01                  | 53.6  | 83.4 | 0.0682 | 0.0925   | 0.9934 |
| SML07-03                  | 359.7 | 61.8 | 0.4725 | -0.0025  | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04                  | 344.2 | 74.2 | 0.2620 | -0.0741  | 0.9622 |
| SML07-07                  | 13.5  | 58.9 | 0.5023 | 0.1206   | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08                  | 350.3 | 75.0 | 0.2551 | -0.0436  | 0.9659 |
| SML07-10                  | 16.8  | 69.5 | 0.3353 | 0.1012   | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11                  | 51.2  | 70.6 | 0.2081 | 0.2589   | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12                  | 16.7  | 71.4 | 0.3055 | 0.0917   | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13                  | 20.7  | 76.2 | 0.2231 | 0.0843   | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14                  | 342.5 | 72.2 | 0.2915 | -0.0919  | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15                  | 355.8 | 70.1 | 0.3395 | -0.0249  | 0.9403 |
| SML07-17                  | 36.6  | 56.8 | 0.4396 | 0.3265   | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18                  | 44.0  | 81.9 | 0.1014 | 0.0979   | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19                  | 16.7  | 79.3 | 0.1778 | 0.0534   | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20                  | 21.0  | 67.3 | 0.3603 | 0.1383   | 0.9225 |
| Number =                  | 15    |      |        |          |        |
| Sum x =                   | 4.34  |      |        |          |        |
| Sum y =                   | 1.13  |      |        |          |        |
| Sum z =                   | 14.08 |      |        |          |        |
| R =                       | 14.78 |      |        |          |        |
| x bar =                   | 0.29  |      |        |          |        |
| y bar =                   | 0.08  |      |        |          |        |
| z bar =                   | 0.95  |      |        |          |        |
| Mean Dec =                | 14.6  |      |        |          |        |
| Mean Inc =                | 72.3  |      |        |          |        |
| Alpha95 =                 | 4.8   |      |        |          |        |
| COS gamma(I-P)            | 20.35 |      |        |          |        |



NRM and partial demagnetisation directions after outliers removed



### Stereoplot of NRM & Partial demagnetised sample directions after outliers removed



## Final statistics used to calculate age

| Sample no. | Dec   | Inc  | x      | y       | z      |
|------------|-------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| SML07-01   | 53.6  | 83.4 | 0.0682 | 0.0925  | 0.9934 |
| SML07-03   | 359.7 | 61.8 | 0.4725 | -0.0025 | 0.8813 |
| SML07-04   | 344.2 | 74.2 | 0.2620 | -0.0741 | 0.9622 |
| SML07-07   | 13.5  | 58.9 | 0.5023 | 0.1206  | 0.8563 |
| SML07-08   | 350.3 | 75.0 | 0.2551 | -0.0436 | 0.9659 |
| SML07-10   | 16.8  | 69.5 | 0.3353 | 0.1012  | 0.9367 |
| SML07-11   | 51.2  | 70.6 | 0.2081 | 0.2589  | 0.9432 |
| SML07-12   | 16.7  | 71.4 | 0.3055 | 0.0917  | 0.9478 |
| SML07-13   | 20.7  | 76.2 | 0.2231 | 0.0843  | 0.9711 |
| SML07-14   | 342.5 | 72.2 | 0.2915 | -0.0919 | 0.9521 |
| SML07-15   | 355.8 | 70.1 | 0.3395 | -0.0249 | 0.9403 |
| SML07-17   | 36.6  | 56.8 | 0.4396 | 0.3265  | 0.8368 |
| SML07-18   | 44.0  | 81.9 | 0.1014 | 0.0979  | 0.9900 |
| SML07-19   | 16.7  | 79.3 | 0.1778 | 0.0534  | 0.9826 |
| SML07-20   | 21.0  | 67.3 | 0.3603 | 0.1383  | 0.9225 |

|                                   |       |                             |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Number                            | 15    | Correction to Meriden (CVP) |        |
| Sum x                             | 4.34  | Uncorrected Dec             | 11.7   |
| Sum y                             | 1.13  | Uncorrected Inc             | 72.3   |
| Sum z                             | 14.08 | Latitude                    | 53.70  |
| R                                 | 14.78 | Longitude                   | -1.30  |
| x bar                             | 0.29  | Kai                         | 32.50  |
| y bar                             | 0.08  | Latitude of pole            | 82.37  |
| z bar                             | 0.95  | Beta 1                      | 55.47  |
|                                   |       | Longitude of pole           | 54.16  |
| Mean Dec                          | 14.6  | Geomag colat                | 33.79  |
| Mean Inc                          | 72.3  | Corrected Inc               | 71.50  |
| Alpha95                           | 4.8   | Beta 2                      | 124.22 |
| Alpha68                           | 2.9   | Corrected Dec               | 11.39  |
| Corrections                       |       | Final Result                |        |
| Mean Dec                          | 14.6  | Corrected Dec               | 11.4   |
| Mean Inc                          | 72.3  | Corrected Inc               | 71.5   |
|                                   |       | Alpha95                     | 4.8    |
| Correction for magnetic variation |       | Alpha68                     | 2.9    |
| Mean Dec                          | 11.7  |                             |        |
| Mean Inc                          | 72.3  |                             |        |



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