

***Geology and Micropiling in the UK –
An Introduction***

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Intention:

- General overview of geology and ground conditions across the UK
- How this affects a micropile specialist
- How it affects a micropile contractor
- (and a wider geotechnical contractor)

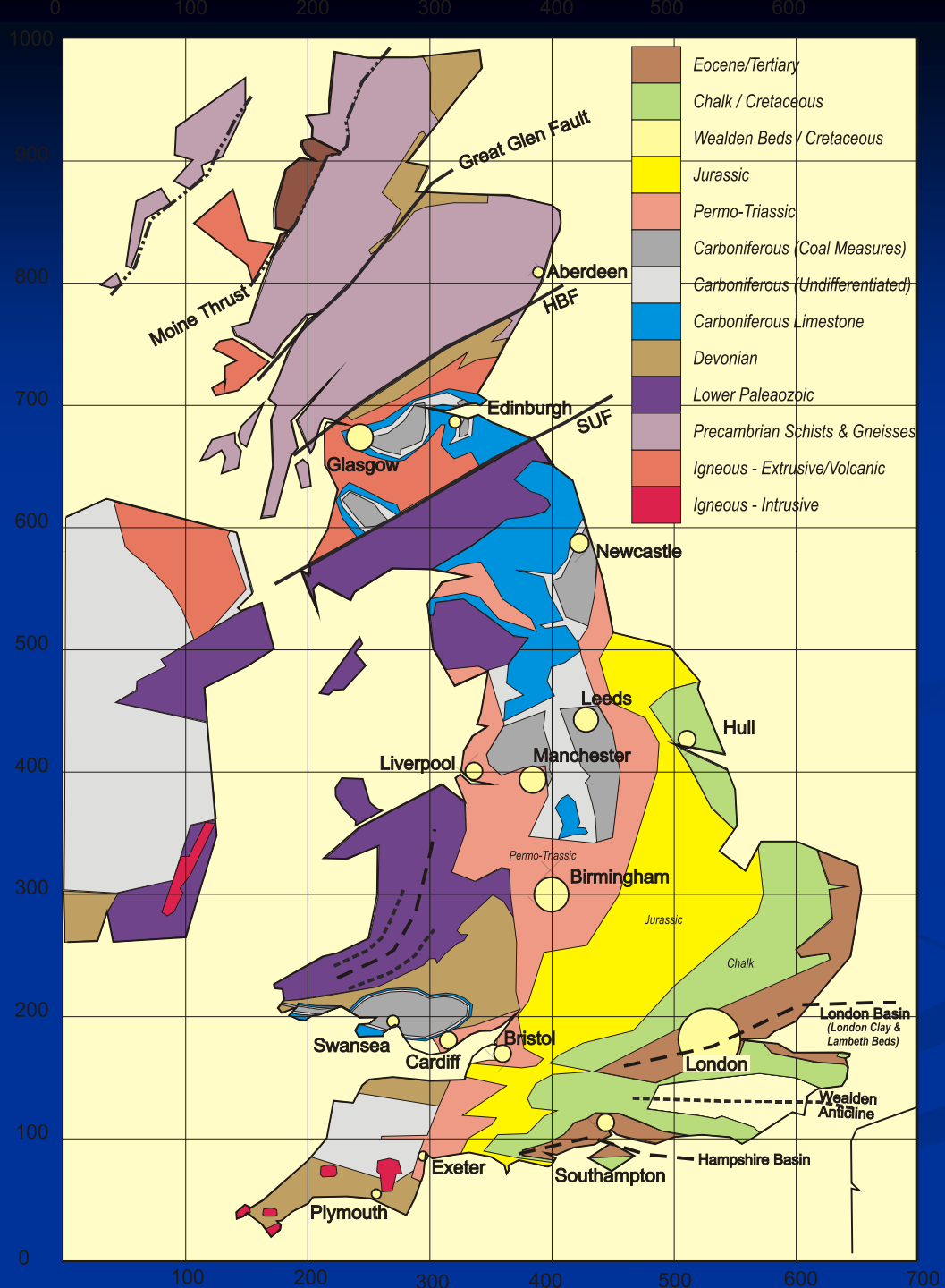
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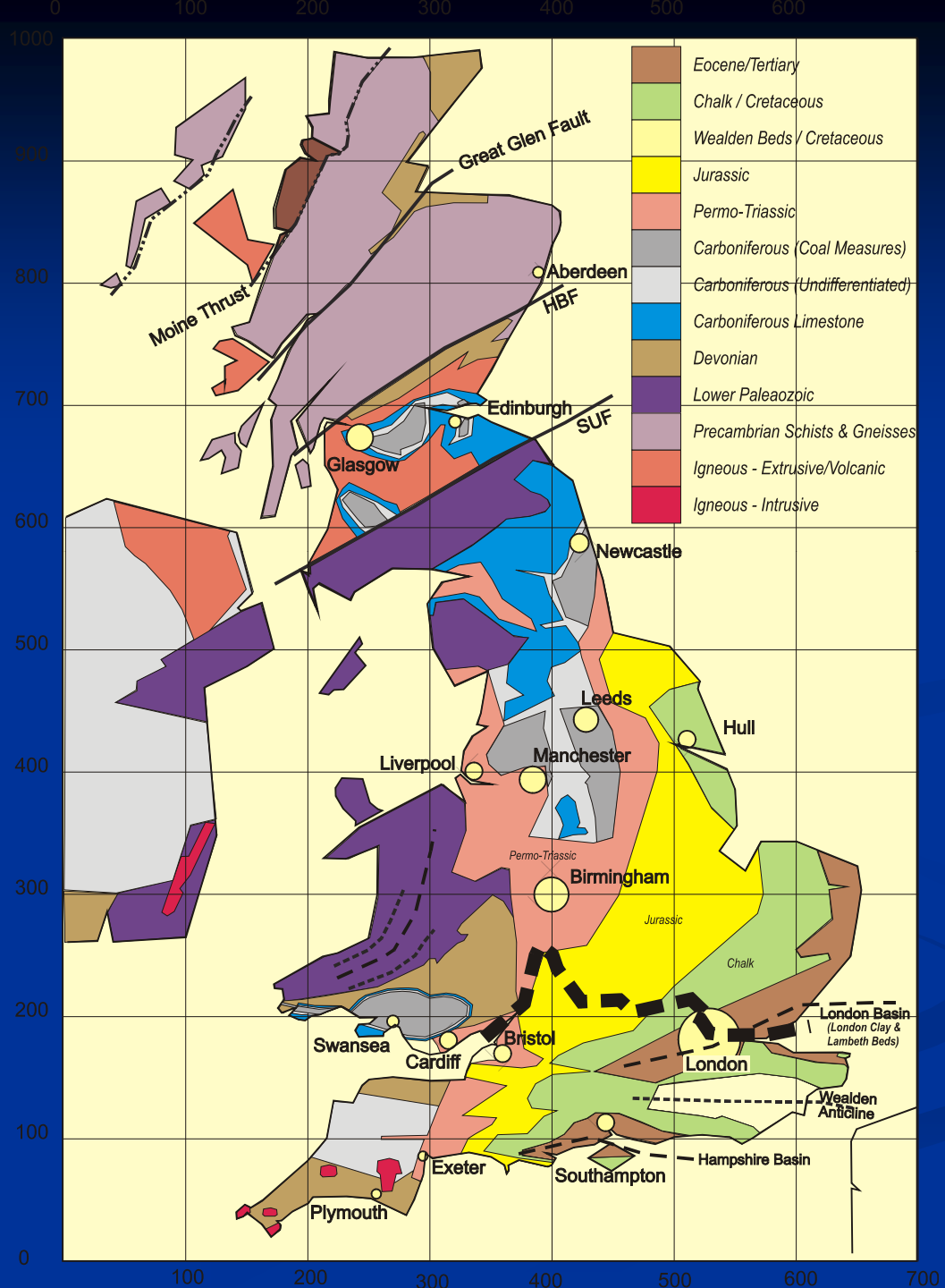
- The UK is geologically highly diverse
- Strata range across the whole geological timescale
- Recent alluvial, glacial and peri-glacial deposits
- To Cambrian and pre-Cambrian rocks several billion years old

So:

Let's go on a quick trip around the UK.....

Geological Map Map 'Solid'

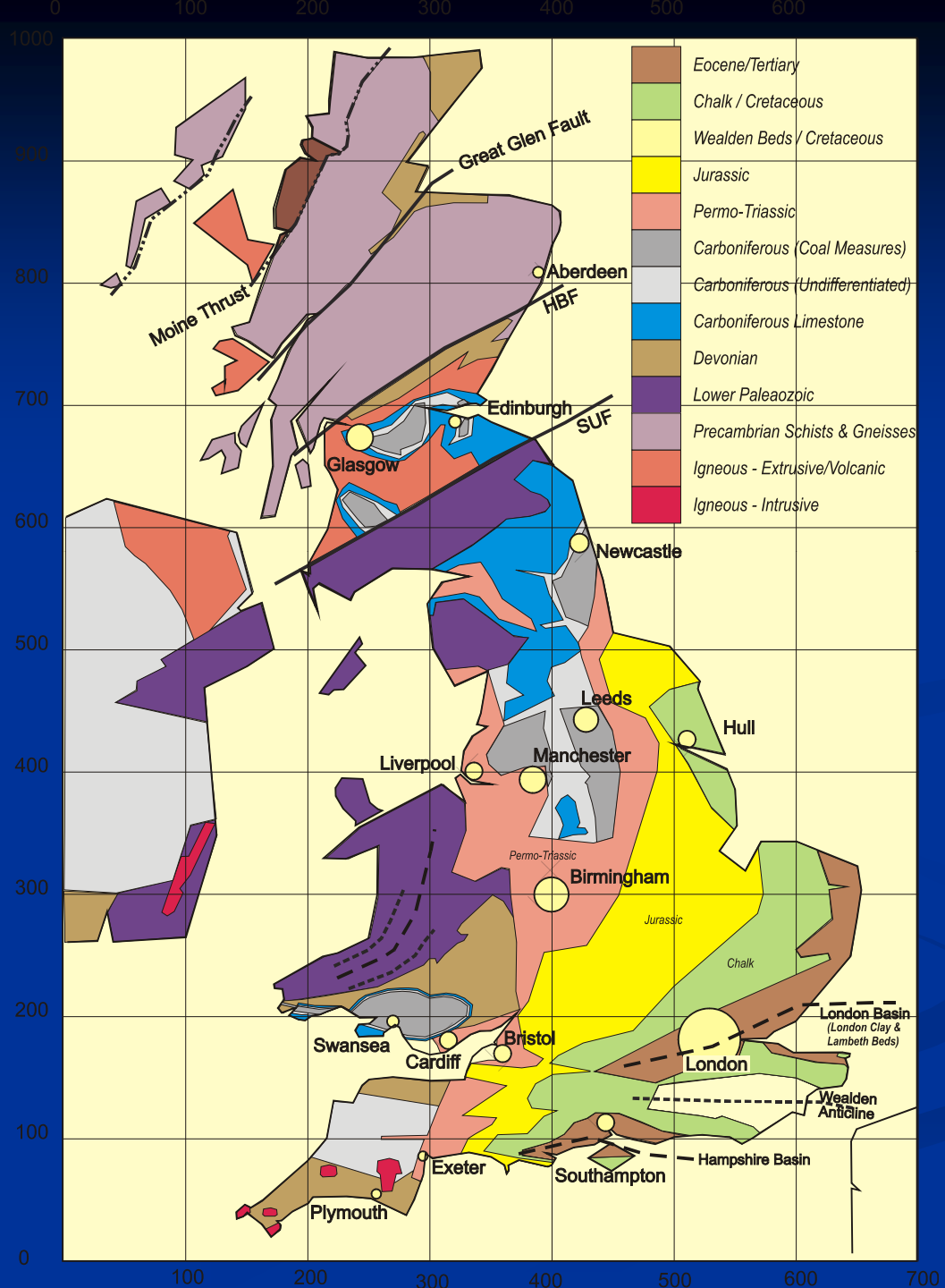




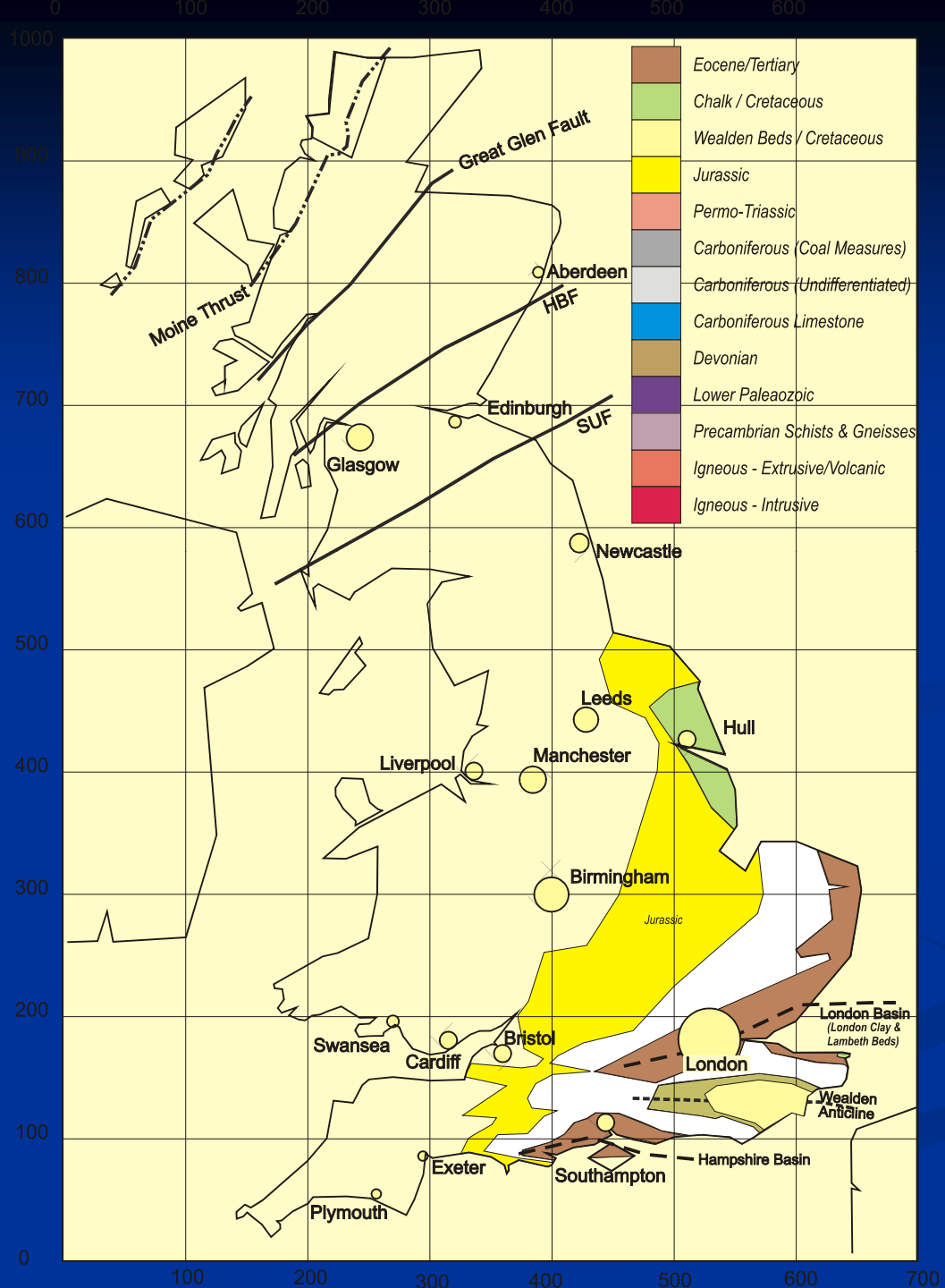
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*Let's consider the 'solid' geology
first*

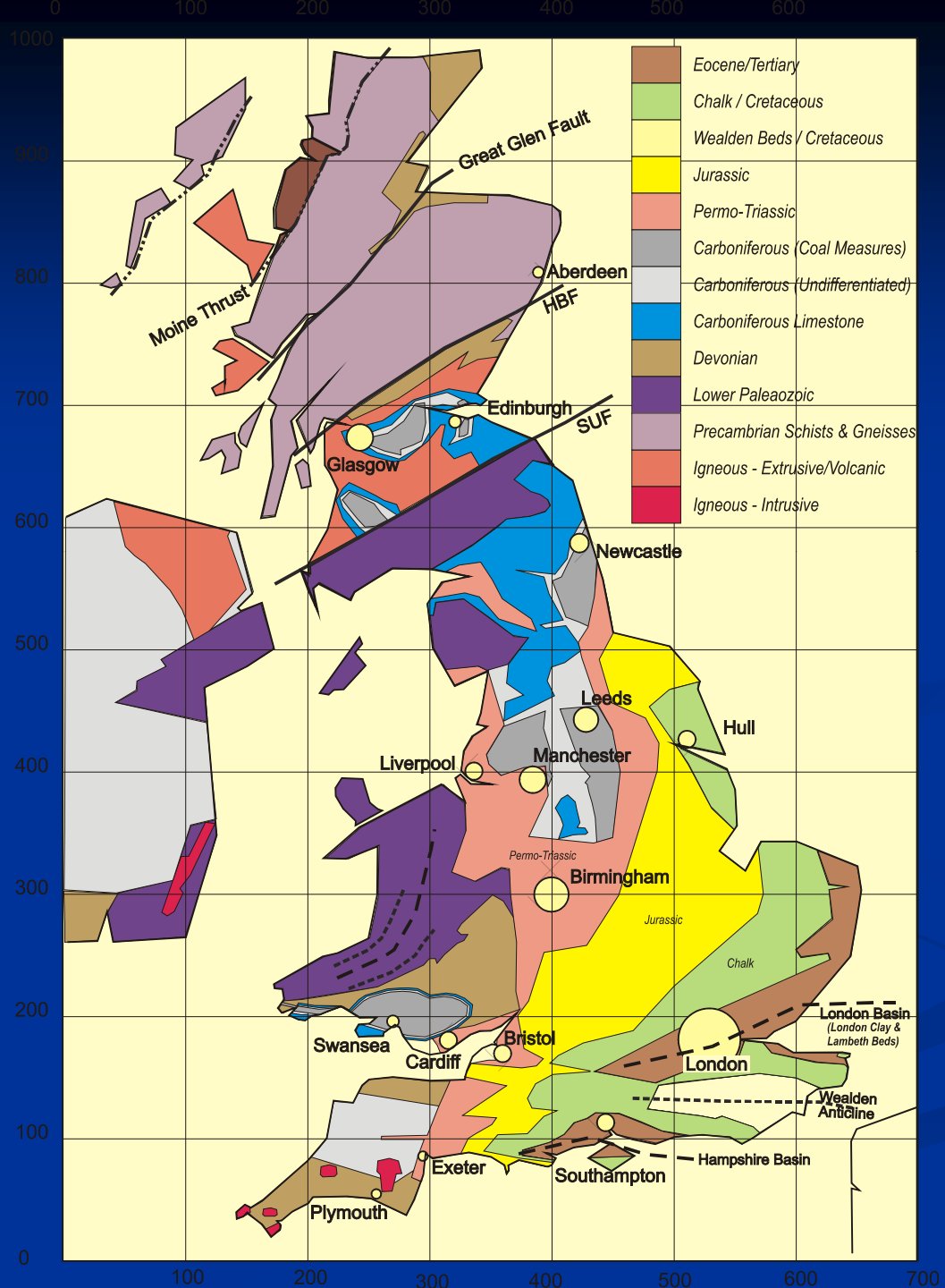
'Solid' geology



Shrinkable clays

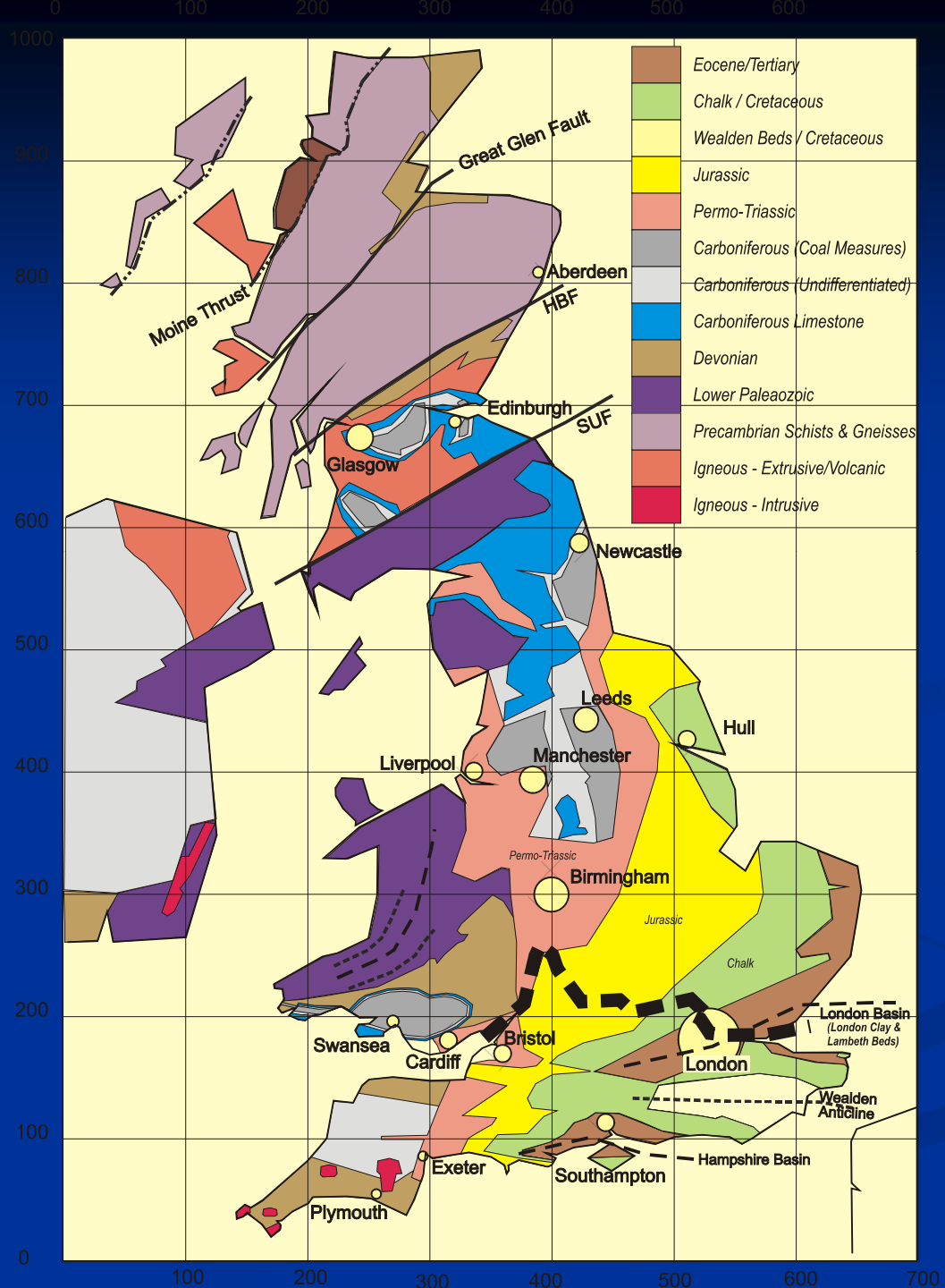


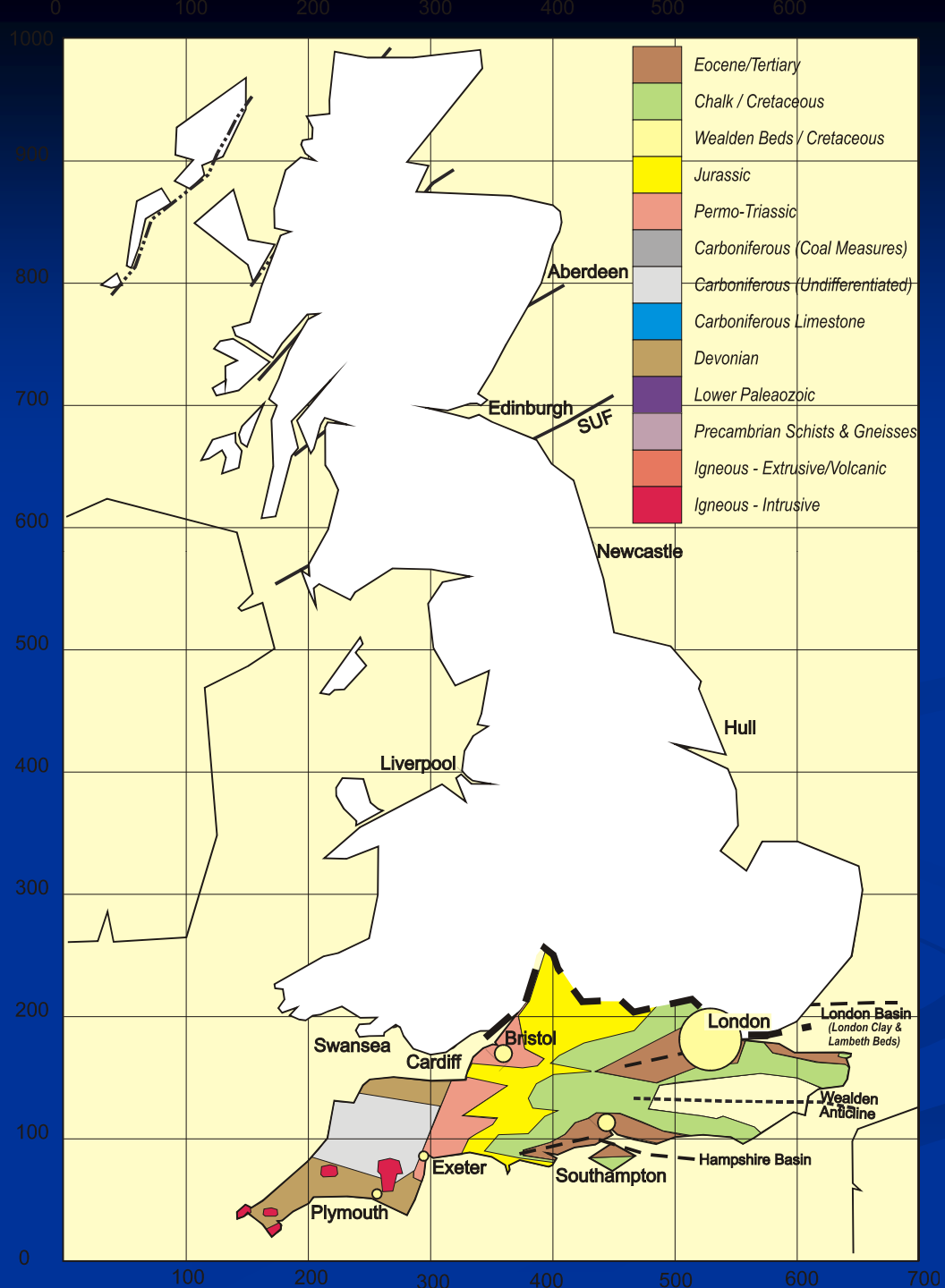
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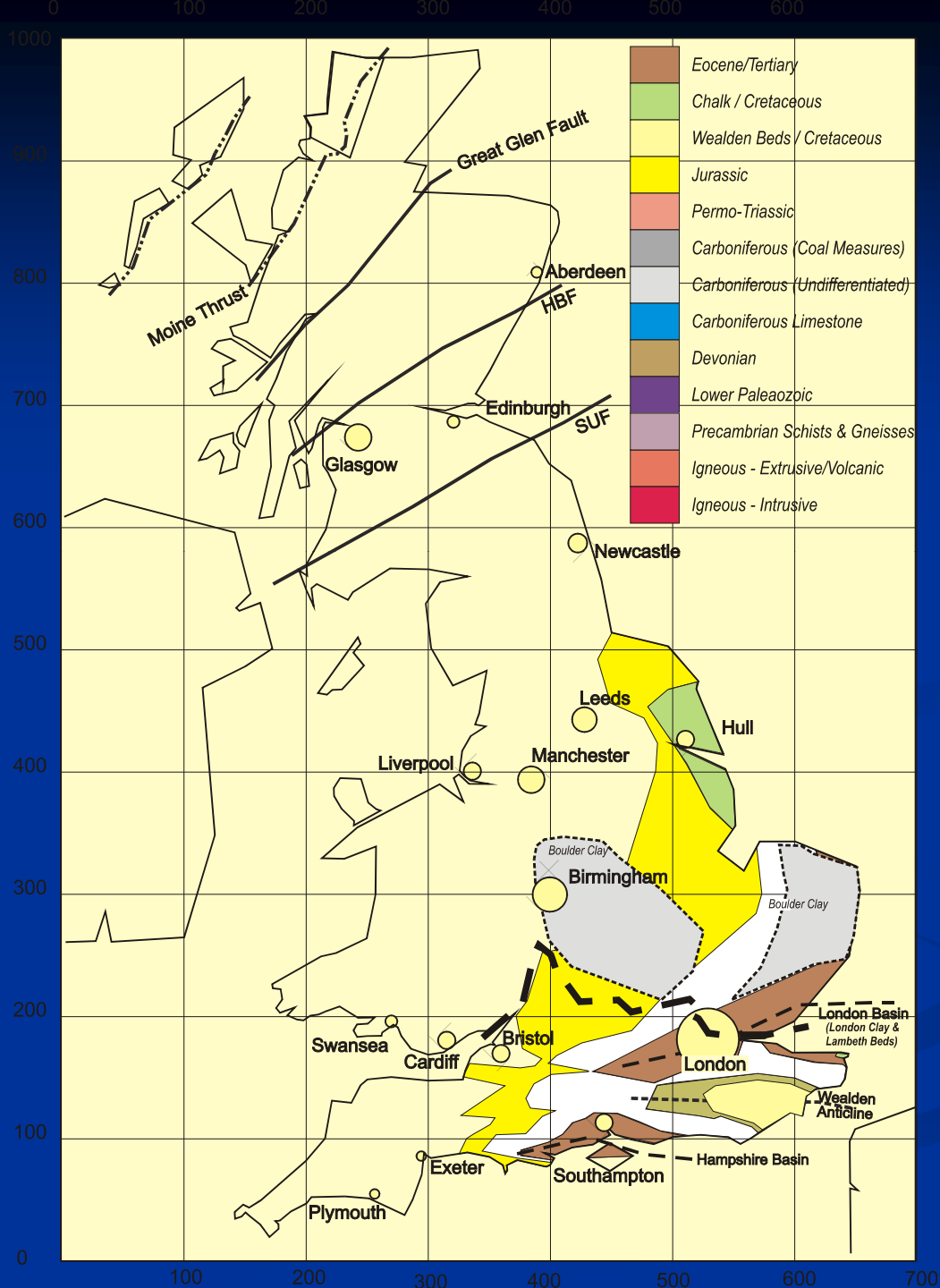
Now:

*Let's consider the Superficial
Deposits –
Pleistocene ice sheets.....*





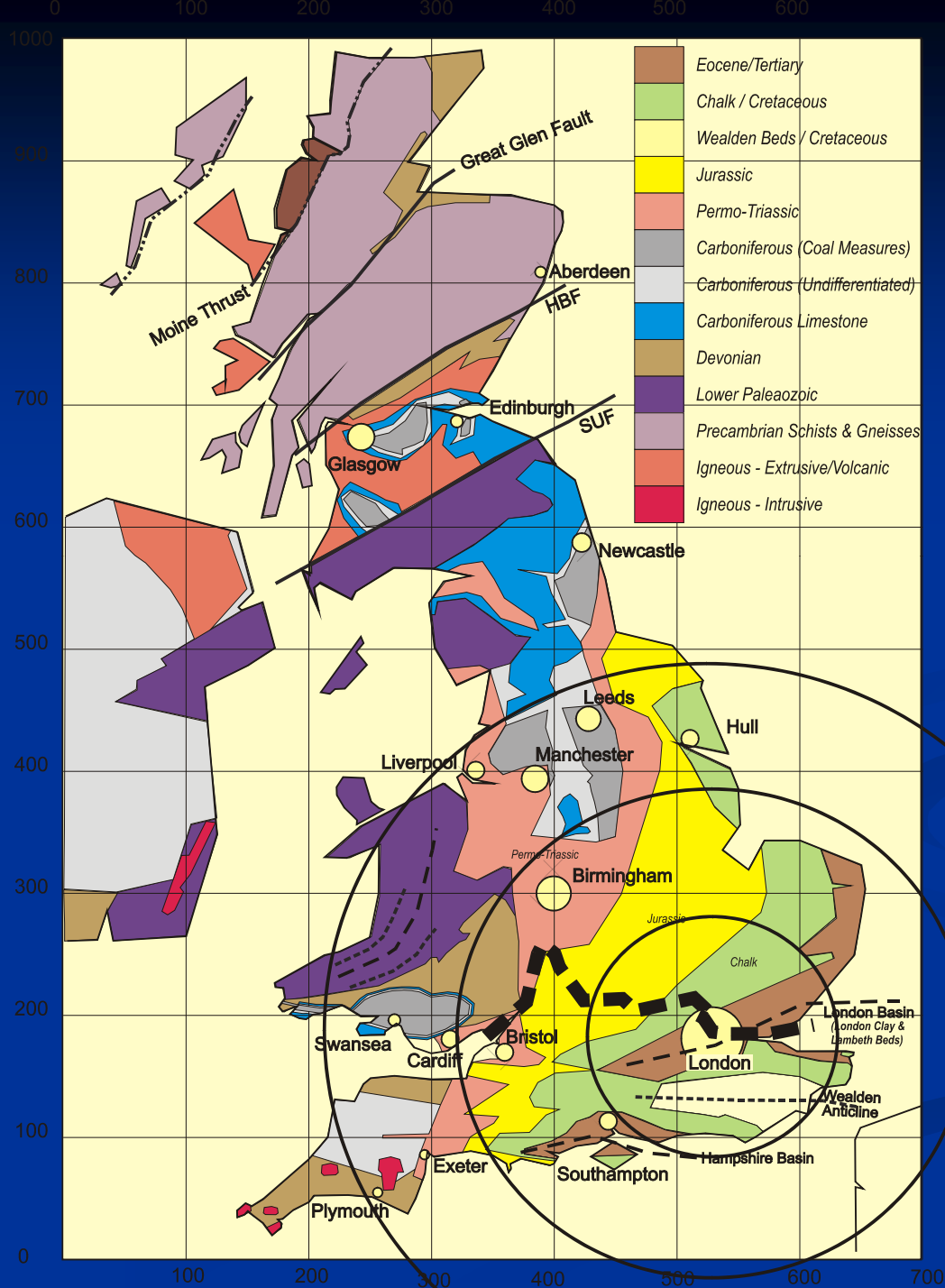
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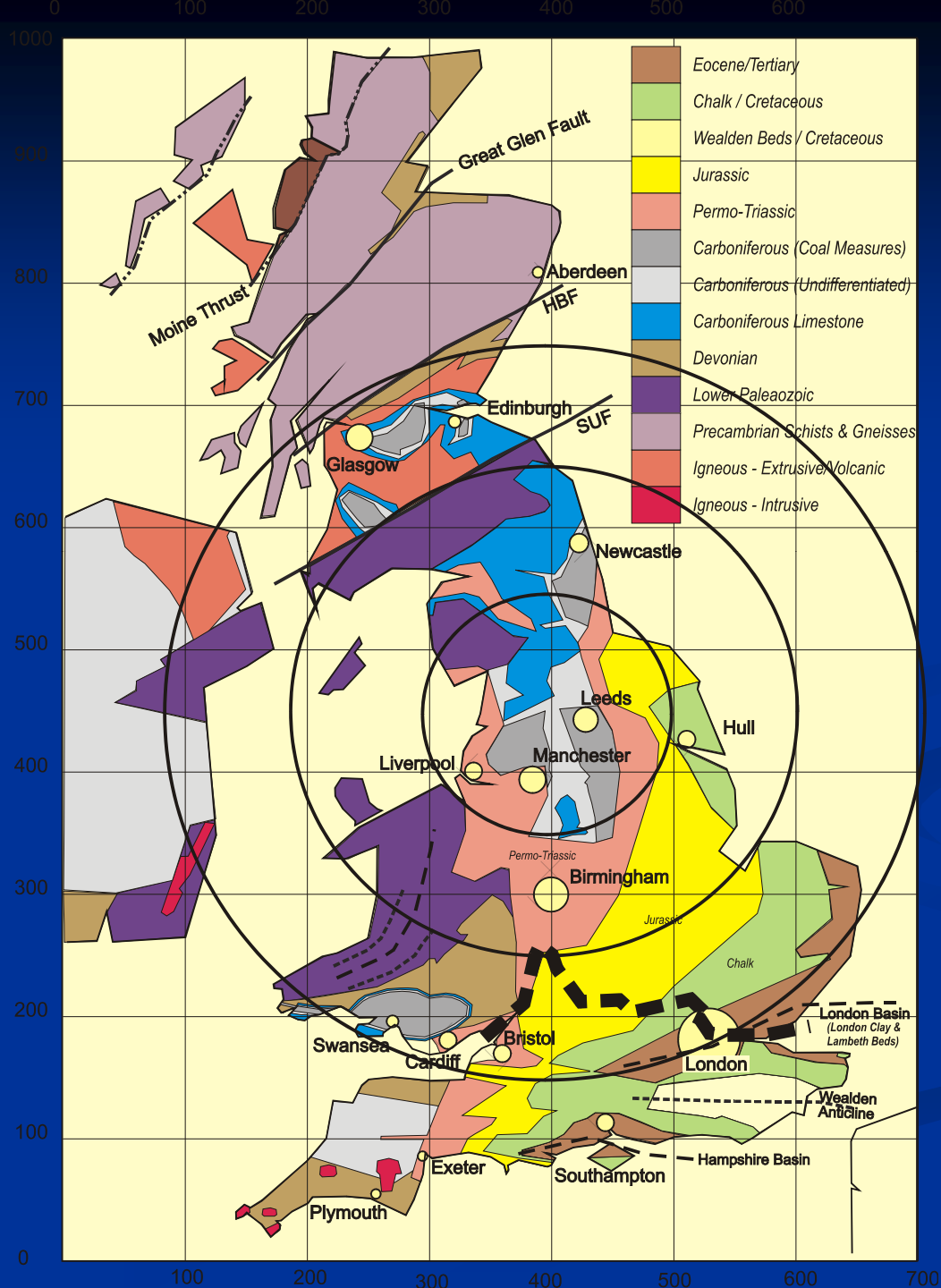
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*What is the effect upon how we
install and construct micropiles?*

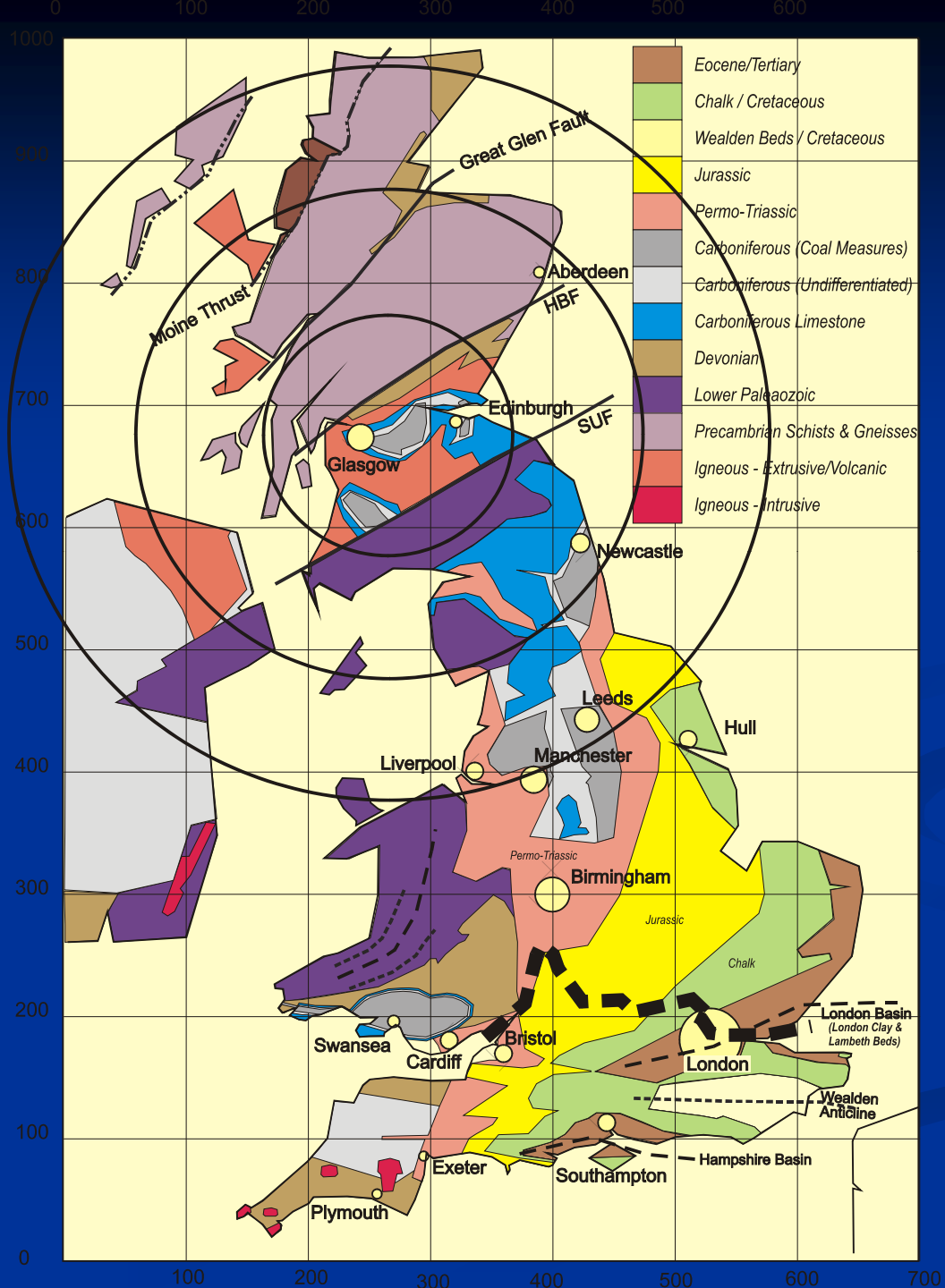
Southeast England



NW & NE England



Scotland



Summary:

As a generality:

- Rocks get older and tougher to the north & west
- Glacial deposits are likely to feature, north of Severn to Thames
- Ground conditions can vary widely over relatively short distances
- If they stray from home base, specialist contractors will have to cope with a wide variety of ground conditions
- Larger specialists have to be prepared for conditions anywhere in the UK