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The composition and internal structure of drumlins: complexity versus commonality

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11 Abstract:

12 Investigation of drumlins is significant to both glaciology and palaeoglaciology but the sheer diversity of their composition and internal structure is often cited as a major 13 14 obstacle towards a satisfactory explanation of their formation. Hypotheses that receive 15 support in one location are all too easily falsified by data from drumlins elsewhere; 16 but most observations are gleaned from rather small sample sizes, which may not be 17 representative and, in extreme cases, may not offer a valid hypothesis test. This paper 18 addresses this problem and presents the first systematic survey of the vast literature on 19 the composition and internal structure of drumlins. The overall aim is to provide a 20 concise summary of observations and identify any emergent patterns or trends 21 (commonality versus complexity) that hypotheses of drumlin formation should be 22 able to explain. Results confirm that investigations are often limited by availability of 23 suitable sediment exposures (40% of studies report data from <5 drumlins and 44% 24 do not specify sample size), although borehole data and geophysical techniques can 25 alleviate this problem. It is clear that the constituents of drumlins are incredibly 26 diverse in terms of their composition (e.g. a range of lithologies, clast shapes, sizes 27 and fabrics); structure (e.g. sediments that are stratified, homogeneous, surface 28 conformable, unconformable); and evidence of deformation (e.g. ranging from 29 widespread, to partial, to absent). Despite this diversity, our review leads us to suggest 30 that drumlin composition can be simplified to five basic types: (i), mainly bedrock, 31 (ii), part bedrock/part till; (iii), mainly till; (iv), part till/part sorted sediments; and (v), 32 mainly sorted sediments. This is a potentially significant step, in that it reduces the 33 oft-cited complexity of drumlin composition and provides a more realistic goal for 34 theories or numerical models of drumlin formation to target. These different types can 35 occur within the same drumlin field, which leaves us with two possible implications 36 for drumlin formation. (1) Different types of drumlin are formed by different 37 processes, despite being morphologically similar (equifinality?) - investigation of 38 drumlin composition may, therefore, reveal diagnostic processes/explanations for 39 these different types of drumlin and we argue that bedrock 'drumlins' are a good 40 example. (2) A single process occurs across large parts of the ice-bed interface to 41 create drumlinised terrain in a variety of sediments - investigation of drumlin 42 composition may, in this case, simply reflect pre-existing sediments but, importantly, 43 the way in which the drumlin-forming mechanism modifies/is modified by them. We 44 argue that the latter, simpler, explanation applies to the other four types of drumlin 45 and conclude that the diversity in drumlin composition is not an obstacle to a single 46 unifying theory.

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49 **1. Introduction**

50 Drumlins are ubiquitous on former ice sheet beds and are probably the most 51 extensively studied bedform produced beneath glaciers (e.g. Menzies, 1979a; 1984; 52 Clark et al., 2009). The 'text-book' description of a drumlin typically describes them 53 as streamlined oval-shaped hills with a long axis parallel to the orientation of ice flow 54 and with an up-ice (stoss) face that is generally steeper than the down-ice (lee) face 55 (cf. Menzies, 1979a; although see Spagnolo et al., 2010; in press). Analysis of a large 56 sample of drumlins from Britain (>30,000) reveals that they are typically between 57 250-1000 m long, 120-300 m wide and between 1.7-4.1 times as long as they are wide 58 (Clark et al. 2009).

59 Scientifically, investigation of drumlins is important for at least two main reasons. 60 First, their alignment with former ice flow direction makes them an important (if not 61 essential) ingredient in glacial geomorphological inversion models employed to 62 reconstruct the dynamic behaviour of palaeo-ice sheets through time (e.g. Boulton and Clark, 1990; Kleman and Borgström, 1996; Kleman *et al.*, 1997; Greenwood and
Clark, 2009a, b). For example, it has also been suggested that their shape and, in
particular, their elongation ratio (length divided by width), is related to former ice
velocities (Chorley, 1959; Hart, 1999; Stokes and Clark, 2002; Hess and Briner,
2009).

68 Second, drumlin formation results from subglacial processes that are difficult to 69 investigate beneath modern-day ice sheets. Their form and composition, therefore, 70 preserve important information regarding how ice flow interacts with its substrate and 71 knowledge of such processes is crucial to understanding the dynamics of present-day 72 ice sheets. Subglacial processes beneath present-day ice sheets are rather poorly 73 constrained, but we do know that they produce bedforms (including drumlins), which 74 has recently been confirmed by geophysical investigations of their existence and 75 'growth' beneath the Antarctic ice sheet (King et al., 2007, 2009; Smith et al., 2007). 76 However, detailed investigation of drumlins beneath contemporary ice sheets, 77 especially regarding their composition and internal structure, still represents a major 78 logistical challenge. Thus, drumlins on deglaciated glacier forelands and palaeo-ice 79 sheet beds can provide information crucial to our understanding of subglacial 80 processes beneath ice sheets. This, in turn provides improved constraints for the 81 development of physically-based numerical models of drumlin formation (e.g. 82 Hindmarsh, 1998; Fowler, 2000) and ice flow dynamics. As Baranowski (1979: p. 83 435) notes: "... until the mechanism responsible for drumlin formation is fully 84 understood, some of the key glaciological problems related to the glacier bed will 85 remain obscure". In this respect, drumlins represent an important link between 86 glaciology and palaeo-glaciology.

87 Despite the importance of drumlins to both glaciology and palaeoglaciology, their 88 origin is enigmatic and controversial, with many competing (and sometimes radically 89 different) ideas put forward to explain their formation (e.g. Fairchild, 1929; Smalley 90 and Unwin, 1968; Smalley, 1981; Shaw, 1983; Boulton, 1987; Hindmarsh, 1998; 91 Fowler, 2000). It has been pointed out that the lack of consensus regarding their 92 formation is largely due to the large variability of both drumlin form and their internal 93 composition (see excellent overviews in Menzies, 1979a; Patterson and Hooke, 1995; 94 Benn and Evans, 1998). Observations that are used to support one hypothesis in one 95 location are often not found in other locations. Moreover, both their morphometry and

96 their composition have been used to develop theories of drumlin formation, with 97 different workers often placing a greater emphasis on which they consider to be most 98 important or diagnostic with regard to the drumlin-forming mechanism. For example, 99 Boyce and Eyles (1991: p. 787) suggest that the lack of consensus regarding drumlin 100 formation is "due fundamentally to a lack of detailed studies of the subsurface 101 geology of drumlin fields"; whereas in another study, Fisher and Spooner (1994, p. 102 294) suggest that "drumlin form rather than internal sedimentology" be used to 103 support their proposed mechanism of formation.

104 If there is a universal explanation for drumlin formation, which might be a reasonable 105 goal given the unimodal distribution of their size and shape (cf. Clark et al., 2009; 106 Spagnolo et al., 2010), the more robust hypotheses of their formation will be those 107 that are able to withstand falsification by large datasets/observations of both their 108 form and their composition. Recent advances in the spatial resolution of remote 109 sensing products, particularly digital elevation models, have enabled rigorous analysis 110 of large datasets of drumlin morphometry (e.g. 44,500 in Spagnolo et al., 2010; 111 >37,000 in Clark et al., 2009; and >6,500 in Hess and Briner, 2009). Unfortunately, 112 techniques that enable analysis of large sample sizes of their composition and internal 113 structure are very rare, and investigations are traditionally based on localised field 114 observations of a small number of sediment exposures (discussed in section 2). As 115 Clapperton (1989) notes, the "lack of data on internal structures precludes tightly 116 constrained testing of hypotheses of drumlin formation" (p. 397). Indeed, given the 117 diverse range of drumlin constituents, we are often left wondering which sets of 118 observations are more common and which are more unusual or obscure. A systematic 119 study of a large sample survey would go some way in addressing these issues and we 120 note that there are numerous reports of drumlin composition and structure in the literature (we estimate >200 papers) that date back to the 19th century (e.g. Upham, 121 122 1892).

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124 *1.1.Aims and scope*

125 The overall aim of this paper is to systematically compile observations of drumlin 126 composition and internal structure into a large sample in order to distil any patterns or 127 trends that may provide new insights regarding drumlin genesis and act as a stimulus 128 for further research. Given the often bewildering level of complexity surrounding 129 drumlin constituents, we intentionally refrain from an in-depth discussion of the 130 myriad of impressive sedimentological features that are reported (though that would 131 also be a worthwhile effort) and focus instead on summarising various aspects of 132 drumlin composition with the aim of evaluating whether any commonality exists that 133 theories of drumlin formation should be able to explain. In doing so, we hope to 134 reduce the oft-cited complexity that so often surrounds this subject and provide a 135 comprehensive yet accessible review. In this sense, although the paper is reviewing 136 sedimentological features, it is not written for sedimentologists but, rather, those who 137 are unfamiliar with this body of literature and who are interested in solving the crucial 138 puzzle of how drumlins form, and want to know what sediments and structures are 139 found in drumlins that ought to be addressed by a successful theory.

140 We note that Menzies (1979a) also addresses the question of internal composition in 141 his influential review on drumlins and we build on and update that work, benefiting 142 from more recent studies and with a sole focus on drumlin composition and internal 143 structure (whereas Menzies covered a number of other aspects such as location, 144 morphometry, patterning, etc.). Our paper is not intended to be an exhaustive review 145 of this vast body of work, although the reference list is deliberately extensive for 146 those who wish to dig deeper; and nor is it intended to provide a critique of 147 observations of internal structures or hypotheses regarding drumlin formation. Indeed, 148 in striving for an objective synthesis of observations, we purposely refrain from 149 subjectively 'updating' or 're-analysing' older observations within modern paradigms. 150 As such, some descriptions need to be viewed through a temporal context (for 151 example, with respect to various approaches to terms used to describe till and its 152 stratigraphy: Menzies et al., 2006).

The structure is built around a series of fundamental questions which we regard as key questions to help inform or inspire formational theories for drumlins and which can be more fully answered by drawing on observations from numerous studies rather than specific case studies:

157 158 - What are drumlins composed of; are there different types of drumlin; and are some more common than others?

- How variable are the sediments inside drumlins; both within the samedrumlin field and between drumlin fields?
- Where are drumlin sediments derived from and how do the sediments
 inside drumlins compare to those in inter-drumlin areas?
- What clast sizes, shapes, fabrics and deformation features are found within
 drumlins?

165 Section 2 provides a brief summary of the various techniques to investigate drumlin 166 composition and sections 3 to 9 answer the above questions with reference to various 167 aspects of drumlin composition such as the main constituents of drumlins (section 3), 168 specific veneers and carapaces that have been reported (4), specific stoss and lee 169 features (5), and features associated with subglacial deformation (6). Variability of drumlin composition is described in section 7, followed by a review of sediment 170 171 provenance (8) and clast shapes, sizes and fabrics (9). As noted, the aim is to provide 172 objective and concise summaries and identify any commonality that may exist across 173 a broad range of studies. The paper culminates in a more subjective discussion 174 (section 10) of two further questions, which are arguably the most important:

- How representative are observations of drumlin composition and internal
 structure?
- What does the variability of drumlin internal structure tell us aboutdrumlin formation?
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181 2. Techniques to Investigate and Sample Drumlin Sediments

182 2.1. Direct field observation of sediment exposures

By far the most common technique is that of direct field observation and sedimentary logging/analysis of sediments exposed in a drumlin. The majority of studies that use direct field observations report detailed logs of sediment exposures and often note clast shape, sizes and patterns in macro-fabric analyses (e.g. Dardis, 1985; Clapperton, 1989; Hart, 1995a; Meehan *et al.*, 1997). Additional data have also been obtained using sediment geochemical analyses (e.g. Newman *et al.*, 1990; Aario and Peuraniemi, 1992; Stea and De Piper, 1999) and, more recently, micromorphological analyses of sediment thin sections (e.g. Menzies and Maltman, 1992; Menzies *et al.*,
1997; Yi and Cui, 2001; Menzies and Brand, 2007).

192 Bespoke trenches or excavations have been created for some studies (e.g. Nenonen, 193 1994), and are especially well-suited to small bedforms (e.g. Fuller and Murray, 194 2002), but drumlins are usually large and trenches and excavations can be expensive, 195 difficult to dig, and may introduce problems of disturbance. Thus, most studies rely 196 on providential natural exposures "wherever these were available" (Hill, 1971: p. 19). 197 A potential disadvantage therefore, is that investigators are often restricted to a small 198 'window' into the drumlin interior and sometimes just a few metres of exposed 199 sediments in a drumlin that might be 10s metres high. Moreover, it means that 200 investigators have little or no control over a sampling scheme, i.e. in terms of which 201 parts of the drumlin the sediments are exposed. Vertically, they may, for example, be 202 restricted to sampling the basal sediments or surficial sediments. Longitudinally, they 203 might be restricted to only the stoss or lee side of the drumlin and, laterally, they 204 could be analyzing one flank of the drumlin but not the other. In some cases, however, 205 it has been possible to investigate entire cross-sections through drumlins, usually as a 206 result of aggregate extraction (e.g. Shaw, 1983; Hanvey, 1987; Sharpe, 1987; Menzies 207 and Brand, 2007); road-building (e.g. Hill, 1971) or extensive lake/coastal erosion 208 (e.g. Hanvey, 1989; Newman and Mickelson, 1994; Hart, 1995a; Menzies et al., 209 1997; Stea and Pe-Piper, 1999; Kerr and Eyles, 2007). A classic example of this latter 210 case are the extensive drumlin exposures on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, 211 which have attracted the attention of several workers (e.g. Slater, 1929; Menzies et 212 al., 1997), including Fairchild (1907), who swam out into the lake to observe them 213 from a distance.

214 Some studies systematically examine sediments at both the stoss and the lee of a 215 drumlin (e.g. Yi and Cui, 2001; Fuller and Murray, 2002) but we note that continuous 216 longitudinal sections (e.g. McCabe and Dardis, 1994) are relatively rare, compared to 217 transverse cross-sections. The key advantage of any continuous cross section, of 218 course, is that it is possible to observe the overall 2D architecture of drumlin 219 sediments and how they relate to each other and, crucially, to the overall drumlin 220 shape. However, the ideal condition of having one entire cross section running 221 parallel to the drumlin and one entire cross section running perpendicular, see Figure 222 1, is impossible to attain in nature.

223 A further fundamental sampling issue, noted by Goldstein (1989: p. 241), is that 224 "even where detailed structural, stratigraphic, and sedimentological studies have been 225 carried out, [...] they are usually based on observations at only one or a few 226 exposures". Indeed, our review of the literature indicates that around 40% of papers 227 report data from a small (<5) sample of drumlins from drumlin fields of hundreds 228 (and sometimes thousands) of landforms, see Figure 2. Moreover, of the remaining 229 studies, 44% do not specify the number of drumlins that were investigated. A 230 potential drawback of the traditional field observation of drumlin internal structure, 231 therefore, is that sampling is usually only possible from a limited number of drumlins 232 within a much larger drumlin field. Whether a small sample of observations is 233 representative of the whole drumlin field is often difficult to ascertain but we note the 234 value of those studies that report larger than average sample sizes, e.g. 33 (Hart, 235 1997); >50 (Goldstein, 1989); 55 (Dardis et al., 1984); 76 (Hill, 1971) and 90 (Dardis, 236 1985).

In summary, direct field observation is by far the most common technique employed to investigate drumlin composition and internal structure. It has to be acknowledged, however, that this approach can suffer from inherent sampling problems, which most workers recognize as a major limitation. As Habbe (1992, p. 69) notes, "the relation between drumlin sediments and drumlin form have been a matter of discussion for more than 80 years due to the rareness of good exposures in drumlins".

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244 2.2. Systematic borehole and surface sampling

245 In addition to field observation of sediment exposures, some studies have utilised 246 borehole and/or shallow surface sampling techniques, which can greatly increase the 247 spatial extent of observations and, crucially, introduce a more systematic sampling 248 strategy (e.g. Goldstein, 1989; Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Ellwanger, 1992; Habbe, 249 1992; Wysota, 1994; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997; Rattas & Kalm, 2001; Jørgensen 250 and Piotrowski, 2003; Rattas and Piotrowski, 2003; Raukas and Tavast, 1994). Boyce 251 and Eyles (1991), for example, utilised almost 7,000 borehole logs which enabled 252 them to detect a down-ice changes in the stratigraphy of drumlins along a 70 km flow-253 line in the Peterborough drumlin field, Ontario (Canada), further augmented by 254 geophysical data and morphometric analysis of almost 1,000 drumlins. Likewise, Goldstein (1989) sampled surficial sediments (< few metres) from over 125 localities
within the Wadena drumlin field, west-central Minnesota, in addition to around 20
pre-existing boreholes logs that extended to greater depths (up to 150 m). The texture,
lithology, and mineralogy were systematically investigated in order to identify trends
in drumlin internal structure.

260 As suggested by these examples, borehole and surface sampling allows spatial trends 261 in drumlin composition and internal structure to be identified, which can be a distinct 262 advantage. However, it is important to acknowledge that borehole results often rely on 263 the assumption that the internal structure of a drumlin is homogenous enough to be 264 described by one or two boreholes that may be randomly placed within the body of a 265 drumlin. Indeed, a limited number of 1-dimensional boreholes are likely to be of less 266 use than a limited number of sediment exposures, which do at least offer a 2-267 dimensional perspective.

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269 2.3. Indirect (geophysical) investigation

270 Recent work has recognised the potential of using geophysical techniques (e.g. 271 ground penetrating radar (GPR), seismic and electrical resistivity surveys) to 272 investigate the internal structure of drumlins, circumventing the need for finding 273 suitable sediment exposures (e.g. Kulessa et al., 2007; Hiemstra et al., 2008). Such 274 techniques have the advantage of being able to provide 3-dimensional visualisations 275 of drumlin content (e.g. Figure 1). It should be recognised, however, that 276 interpretation of geophysical data can be difficult (e.g. differentiation between various 277 till units: Kulessa et al. 2007), especially in the absence of exposed sediments to help 278 constrain observations, and that this kind of investigation requires expensive 279 equipment compared to more traditional field methods.

Significantly, geophysical techniques have also enabled investigators to detect bedforms beneath existing ice masses, at depths of almost 2 km below the ice surface (King *et al.*, 2007; 2009; Smith *et al.*, 2007; Smith and Murray, 2009). The major advantage of these studies is that ice dynamics are well-constrained, allowing investigators to link bedform characteristics to specific glaciological conditions (e.g. ice velocity, thickness and stress regime). Crucially, the surveys can also be repeated, so that temporal changes in bedform evolution (e.g. sediment erosion and deposition) 287 can be identified. Repetition of seismic reflection lines on Rutford Ice Stream, West 288 Antarctica, in 1991, 1997 and 2004, for example, revealed localised erosion rates of $\sim 1 \text{ m a}^{-1}$, followed by the growth of a mound of sediment downstream (10 m high and 289 290 100 m wide) interpreted as a drumlin (Smith et al., 2007), but more recently 291 recognised as a more elongate mega-scale glacial lineation (King et al., 2009). It is, of 292 course, very difficult to sample sub-ice stream sediments directly, but the seismic data 293 are of sufficient resolution to indicate that the mound of sediment is composed of one 294 unit, interpreted by the authors to be an actively deforming sediment, emplaced on top 295 of a harder, non-deforming substrate.

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298 **3. Types of Drumlin Composition and Internal Structure**

This section provides a review of the observations of drumlin composition and internal structure in the literature but it is important to begin by simply outlining the different aspects that might potentially be most relevant to theories of drumlin formation, illustrated in Figure 3. Note that most studies simply refer to drumlin 'internal structure' but we make a distinction between drumlin 'composition', which only refers to the constituents, and drumlin 'structure', which only to the spatial arrangement of the constituents and their relationship to each other.

306 First, one might be interested in the composition of the sediments in a drumlin and 307 whether they are unsorted (e.g. till), sorted (e.g. glaciofluvial) or simply composed of 308 bedrock (or a combination). It might also be interesting to examine whether their 309 content is distinct from the adjacent non-drumlinised terrain, although this is more 310 difficult, in practice, because flatter inter-drumlin areas are even more likely to be 311 devoid of exposures. Second, it would be important to note whether the sediments are 312 homogenous, stratified or show structures that are conformable with the drumlin 313 surface, hinting at possible depositional or erosional processes. Third, it might be 314 interesting to consider the presence of deformation structures. These could be limited, 315 partial or widespread and might reveal the nature of any glaciotectonic deformation 316 before, during or after drumlin formation. The diagrams in Figure 3 are three simple 317 end members of each aspect and it is known that more complex combinations exist. 318 Additionally, there are several other aspects of drumlin composition structure that are

319 potentially important and have attracted the attention of numerous workers. These 320 include clast fabric analysis, veneers of superficial deposits, and specific stoss and 321 lee-features (etc.), but the aspects shown in Figure 3 are, arguably, the most 322 fundamental characteristics that formational theories would need to address.

323 Ideally, it would be possible to systematically review the literature and quantify the 324 number of drumlins with a specific composition, structure, and style of deformation. 325 In practice, however, we find that this is simply not possible, partly because of the 326 problems associated with the nature of the observations themselves (e.g. availability 327 of suitable sediment exposures, see section 2) but also partly because different papers 328 tend to focus on particular aspects of drumlin composition or internal structure. 329 Indeed, we find that most papers primarily report on the composition of the drumlin 330 and it is for this reason that this component dominates our review and categorisation 331 in this section, although we note observations of internal structures where they are 332 reported.

333 In his seminal review of the location and formation of drumlins, Menzies (1979a) 334 stated that "the internal composition of a drumlin varies from stratified sand to 335 unstratified till to solid bedrock, with every possible permutation between" (p. 319). 336 This mantra is often repeated in papers (e.g. Dardis *et al.*, 1984) and textbooks (e.g. 337 Benn and Evans, 1998) and has often been seen as a major obstacle to a unifying 338 theory of drumlin formation. A recent paper by Kerr and Eyles (2007, p. 8), for 339 example, states that "uncertainty [in drumlin formation] arises largely because of the 340 sedimentological and stratigraphic variability of their cores". Whilst it is undoubtedly 341 true that drumlin composition is incredibly varied, our review of the literature 342 suggests that the wide variety of observations can, in fact, be distilled into a limited 343 number of basic types that are reported, which we categorise as:

344 1. Mainly bedrock

- 345 2. Part bedrock/part till
- 346 3. Mainly till
- 347 4. Part till/part sorted sediments
- 348 5. Mainly sorted sediments

349 These categories might be viewed as conjectural but we find that it is a relatively 350 straightforward task to group all previously-reported observations of drumlin 351 composition into one of these five basic types. We acknowledge the intrinsic 352 limitation of any classification and the likelihood of a continuum of drumlin 353 compositions, but we believe that the identification of these categories is a necessary 354 move to simplify the complexity that has so often inhibited progress towards a 355 satisfactory explanation of drumlin formation. This is a potentially significant step 356 because recent advances have been made in the numerical modelling of drumlin 357 formation (e.g. Hindmarsh, 1998, Fowler 2000) which, so far, have preferentially 358 focused on validation against drumlin morphology. As Hiemstra et al. (2008, p. 46) 359 note, "such theoretical studies have yet to provide a solution for the sedimentological 360 and structural-architectural variability in drumlins as recorded in the field". If it can 361 be demonstrated that the composition and internal structure of drumlins can be 362 simplified to a few simple types, then it appears a far more attainable goal for 363 numerical modelling to seek validation against these types, rather than numerous site 364 specific observations.

365 Moreover, we note that a number of studies have already recognised some of these categories (e.g. Wysota, 1994). For example, 'till drumlins', 'glaciofluvial drumlins' 366 367 and 'bedrock-cored drumlins' were distinguished within the same drumlin field in 368 northern Latvia by Danilans (1973) and Straume (1979), both cited in Zelčs and 369 Dreimanis (1997); and correspond to our 'mainly till', 'mainly sorted sediments', and 370 'part bedrock/part till' drumlins, respectively. Likewise, Raukas and Tavast (1994) 371 describe a variety of drumlins on the Fennoscandian Shield, including "whaleback 372 bedrock forms [...], rock-cored drumlins, drumlins with cores of stratified deposits 373 and/or older till, and drumlins which consist of entirely homogeneous till" (p. 374). It 374 is important to state that these categories refer to the main constituents of the drumlin 375 and do not include the thin carapaces or veneers that are often reported in conjunction 376 with the bulk contents and which typically make up <10% of the drumlin at its highest 377 point (e.g. Hart, 1995a; Menzies and Brand, 2007). Likewise, they do not incorporate 378 specific stoss (e.g. Hart, 1995a) or lee sediments (Dardis *et al.*, 1984; Ellwanger, 1992) 379 which appear to require an obstacle (i.e. the drumlin) to form prior to their 380 emplacement, such as stratified lee-side sediments (Dardis et al., 1984). Note that we 381 do not include reports of ice-cored drumlins because they are transient features that will degrade into more permanent glacial topography such as hummocky moraine
(e.g. Schomacker *et al.*, 2006). The following sections provide a concise and objective
summary of the characteristics of each of these drumlin types.

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386 *3.1. Mainly bedrock*

There are several papers that report the occurrence of what are variously termed 387 388 'bedrock drumlins', 'rock drumlins' or 'tadpole rocks' (e.g. Fairchild, 1907; Linton, 389 1964; Glückert, 1973; Dionne, 1987; Raukas and Tavast, 1994; Evans, 1996; Heroy 390 and Anderson, 2005; Kerr and Eyles, 2007). These are often described as streamlined 391 landforms composed entirely of bedrock. It has been pointed out that they can be 392 formed in a variety of rock types from Precambian shield rocks to younger 393 sedimentary rocks (Dionne, 1987), although research on submarine glacial landforms 394 on continental shelves characteristically reports 'bedrock' drumlins on harder, 395 crystalline bedrock of the inner shelf areas (e.g. Heroy and Anderson, 2005; Graham 396 et al., 2009).

397 Drumlins composed entirely of bedrock appear to be very similar to other types of 398 intermediate-scale (1-10 km) streamlined erosional features (e.g. roche moutonée, 399 whalebacks, etc.), which are often grouped together in text-book classifications of 400 glacial erosion landforms (e.g. Sugden and John, 1986; Benn and Evans, 1998). 401 Indeed, various names are often used interchangeably with the term 'rock drumlin' 402 (cf. Bennett and Glasser, 1996), particularly the term 'whaleback'; although Evans 403 (1996) points out that a whaleback is typically symmetrical in longitudinal cross 404 section, whereas rock drumlins are asymmetrical, with a steeper stoss slope and gently 405 tapering lee slope. The absence of a plucked lee face distinguishes these features from 406 roche moutonée (Evans, 1996). It is for this reason that some workers have suggested 407 that it would be helpful to differentiate between drumlins composed of entirely 408 consolidated bedrock and those composed of unconsolidated sediments (e.g. 409 Fairchild, 1907; Dionne, 1984; 1987). Dionne (1987), for example, recommends the 410 term 'tadpole rock' be used. This would appear to be a valid point and we also argue 411 that 'rock drumlins' should be distinguished from other drumlins and that the use of 412 the word 'drumlin' to describe such bedrock features might be inappropriate and 413 misleading (see discussion section 10.2.1.1).

415 3.2. Part bedrock/part till

416 Several studies report drumlins that are composed of a combination of bedrock and 417 till (Crosby, 1934; Hill, 1971; Gluckert, 1973; Dionne, 1987; Moller, 1987; Boyce 418 and Eyles, 1991; Nenonen, 1994; Fisher and Spooner, 1994; Raukas and Tavast, 419 1994; Hart, 1997; Meehan et al., 1997; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997; Yi and Cui, 2001; Fuller and Murray, 2002). The proportion of bedrock and till in such a drumlin is, of 420 421 course, variable, although Dionne (1987) suggested that the till should account for at 422 least 25% of the entire drumlin volume to distinguish it from more bedrock dominated 423 forms (e.g. described in section 3.1).

424 Some part bedrock/part till drumlins possess a core of consolidated rock, surrounded 425 and entirely covered by unconsolidated sediments that include one or more units of 426 till and/or glaciofluvial sediments (Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Nenonen, 1994; Fisher 427 and Spooner, 1994; Meehan et al., 1997; Yi and Cui, 2001), hence the often used 428 terms of 'rock-cored' drumlins. This core can be positioned at the stoss (Gluckert, 429 1973; Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Tavast, 2001), middle (Tavast, 2001) or lee (Tavast, 430 2001) of the drumlin, although it appears that most of the reported rock-core drumlins 431 have the bedrock towards stoss end (e.g. Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Yi and Cui, 2001; 432 Fuller and Murray, 2002). We also note that the relative position of the core has also 433 been shown to vary within a single drumlin field (Raukas and Tavast, 1994; Fisher 434 and Spooner, 1994). Figure 4 (a) shows an example of bedrock-cored drumlins in the 435 northern part of the Peterborough drumlin field, Ontario, Canada.

436 The sediments found in association with a bedrock 'core' are diverse. At the simplest 437 level, a rock cored drumlin may be surrounded by a single unit of till, such as the one 438 that Meehan et al. (1997) describe in NE Ireland that attains a maximum thickness of 439 5.4 m. They also report that the weathered sandstone bedrock has been sheared up 440 into the overlying till. In contrast, Fuller and Murray (2002) report evidence of two till 441 units in association with a rock cored drumlin in Iceland and Fisher and Spooner 442 (1994) report an homogenous till in association with gravel and sand veneers 443 (particularly in the lee-side) and stratified glaciofluvial sediments in the Bow Valley, 444 Alberta. It is also clear that part bedrock/part till drumlins are often found in the same 445 swarm as those that do not, apparently, have a component of bedrock (cf. Hill, 1971;

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446 Newman and Mickelson, 1994). In other cases, part bedrock/part till drumlins appear 447 to be the dominate type. Möller (1987: p. 116), for example, reported that "a field 448 check of 96 streamlined ridges revealed one or more visible rock cores at 81% of the 449 sites visited" in the Åsnen area of Sweden. Likewise, Crosby (1934) estimated that at 450 least 25% of drumlins in the Boston Basin, Massachusetts, have rock cores.

It should be acknowledged that in some cases it might not be possible to ascertain the full extent of the bedrock 'core' and, depending on the extent of the exposure, it may even be possible to misinterpret large boulders (especially crystalline) as bedrock. We also note that, in their review, Patterson and Hooke (1995) pointed out that in some drumlinised areas, small bedrock protuberances are present in drumlin fields that are not associated with drumlins (e.g. citing Fairchild, 1907; Aronow, 1959; Gluckert, 1973; Gillberg, 1976).

Finally, the term 'crag and tail' is often used interchangeably with part bedrock/part till drumlins but this term is usually used (cf. Dionne, 1987) to describe landforms where the bedrock occupies the entire stoss portion of the landform and is exposed at the surface, with unconsolidated material forming an obvious tail it its shadow. In contrast, where the exposed bedrock occurs in the lee of the landform, the term 'precrag' has been used (cf. Haaviston-Hyvärinen, 1997).

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465 *3.3. Mainly till*

A third type of drumlin commonly reported in the literature are those composed 466 467 mainly of till (e.g. Lincoln, 1892; Fairchild, 1907; Sharp, 1953; Wright, 1957; 468 Aronow, 1959; Wright, 1962; Harris, 1967; Hill, 1971; Gravenor, 1974; De Jong et 469 al., 1982; Dardis, 1987; Piotrowski, 1987; Dardis and McCabe, 1987; Clapperton, 1989; Goldstein, 1989; Stea and Brown, 1989; Newman et al., 1990; Habbe, 1992; 470 471 Aario and Peuraniemi, 1992; Nenonen, 1994; Newman and Mickelson, 1994; Raukas 472 and Tavast, 1994; Wysota, 1994; Hart, 1995a; Hart, 1997; Menzies et al., 1997; Stea 473 and Pe-Piper, 1999; Nenonen, 2001; Rattas and Piotrowski, 2003). In some cases, the 474 whole drumlin appears to consist of a homogenous unit or single till (e.g. Wright, 475 1962), which may, essentially, be structureless (e.g. Habbe, 1992). In other cases, 476 there are clearly conformable layers of stratified structures with well-developed 477 fissility and shear planes (Nenonen, 1994, see Figure 5. In yet other cases, the single

478 unit may show evidence of widespread deformation. Menzies *et al.* (1997) report this 479 sub-type in the New York State drumlin field, along the shore of Lake Ontario. Here, 480 drumlins appear to be composed of a mélange of deformed sediment that shows 481 various features characteristic of both brittle and ductile deformation throughout the 482 drumlin and to thicknesses of up to 50 m. In other cases, the entire unit has been 483 described as a 'lodgement till' (e.g. Wysota, 1994; although note more recent work 484 questioning the use of this term, e.g. Menzies et al., 2006).

485 Two or more till units are also commonly reported (e.g. Hill, 1971; Stea and Brown, 486 1989; Newman et al., 1990; Aario and Peuraniemi, 1992; Wysota, 1994; Zelčs and 487 Dreimanis, 1997; Stea and Pe-Piper, 1999). In North Down and Co Antrim, Northern 488 Ireland, Hill (1971) found that the vast majority of drumlins in his study area were 489 composed of till but that many drumlins contained more than one unit that were 490 distinguishable on the basis of a combination of colour, texture, etc. Some contained 491 just one 'lower' till unit, with the upper till unit only forming a thin carapace; whereas 492 others contained only the 'upper' till unit or were composed of a core of the lower till 493 unit surrounded by the upper till unit, see Figure 6. Hill (1971) also noted that, where 494 the lower unit was overlain by an upper till unit, the upper till unit tended to be 495 thinnest on the main crest of the drumlin and thicker along the flanks. Some drumlins 496 were also formed of three till units (Figure 6). Similar observations were also reported 497 by Rattas and Piotrowski (2003) who identified some drumlins with only a 'young' 498 till resting directly on bedrock; some with a thin 'old' till and thick young till; and 499 some with an old till, a core of outwash, and the young till.

500 It is important to note that Hill's (1971) systematic study of the Irish drumlin swarm 501 also revealed a small number of drumlins with a core of bedrock (section 3.2.) and 502 some with sands and gravels (section 3.4), emphasising the variability in drumlin 503 internal structure within a single field.

504 Studies that report 'older' till cores, often suggest that different subglacial processes 505 account for their deposition at different times (e.g. Newman *et al.*, 1990; Aario and 506 Peuraniemi, 1992; Wysota, 1994; Stea and De Piper, 1999). Aario and Peuraniemi 507 (1992), for example, describe a densely-packed underlying till covered by a less dense 508 till unit and suggest that the former was deposited by lodgement and melt-out and that 509 the latter results from melt-out and flow processes during deglaciation. Zelčs and 510 Dreimanis (1997) also described drumlins with a core of densely compressed massive till, which differs from the surface till and which they suggested is an older till. Likewise, Wysota (1994) reported different types of drumlins, one of which was characterised by drumlins composed entirely of till, overlying an older till core. Interestingly, Newman *et al.* (1990) investigated weathering profiles in two tills in Boston, Massachusetts, and suggested that the lower till unit was subjected to a long period of subaerial exposure and probably pre-dates the last glaciation.

517 It has also been noted that the layering of different till units may not necessarily 518 conform to the drumlin surface, with some workers describing a 'layer-cake' 519 stratigraphy (e.g. Stea and Brown, 1989). Stea and Brown (1989) described a layer-520 cake of till units in drumlins in southern and central Nova Scotia, which they 521 interpreted as erosional remnants. Similarly, in drumlins in upper New York State, a 522 tripartite sequence of two till units, separated by glaciolacustrine sands, were 523 attributed to an erosional origin by Kerr and Eyles (2007). In other cases, however, 524 their arrangement is clearly conformable (Fairchild, 1907; Fairchild, 1929; Newman 525 and Mickelson, 1994; Stea and Pe-Piper, 1999). The till units have also been reported 526 to be separated by thin units of glaciofluvial sediments, which may represent 527 subglacially or proglacially derived sediments (e.g. Wysota, 1994; Raukas and Tavast, 528 1994; Hart, 1997; Kerr and Eyles, 2007). Wysota (1994) noted a category of drumlin 529 characterised by an 'older' till core, overlain by glaciofluvial deposits and then 530 lodgement till. In some cases, the lower units show evidence of being 531 glaciotectonically deformed upwards and into the units above (Wysota, 1994). In 532 other cases, the contact is sharp and there is little evidence of material from the lower 533 unit becoming incorporated into the overlying unit (Stea and Pe-Piper, 1999). 534 Similarly, Stea and Pe-Piper (1999: p. 311) described a "knife-sharp" contact between 535 two tills exposed in a drumlin near Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The degree to which till units (or any sedimentary units for that matter) are conformable with the drumlin surface seems to be a key issue (Fig. 3b). Where they are shown to conform to the drumlin surface, investigators have often suggested that they were incrementally deposited over time (Fairchild, 1929; Newman and Mickelson, 1994) and it is fair to presume that such sedimentary build up is linked to drumlin formation. In contrast, till units that are clearly not conformable to the surface of the drumlin, are often used to suggest an erosional origin for the drumlin shape.

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544 *3.4. Part till/part sorted sediments*

545 Another type of drumlin commonly reported in the literature are those which have 546 been shown to be composed of large amounts of both till and sorted sediments (e.g. 547 stratified glaciofluvial sediments), an example of which is illustrated in Figure 7 (e.g. 548 Hill, 1971; Whittecar and Mickelson, 1977; Whittecar and Mickelson, 1979; Aario, 549 1977; De Jong et al., 1982; Dardis and McCabe, 1983; Dardis et al., 1984; Dardis, 550 1985; Sharpe, 1985; Dardis, 1987; Krüger, 1987; Sharpe, 1987; Dardis and McCabe, 551 1987; Clapperton, 1989; Goldstein, 1989; Hanvey, 1989; McCabe, 1989; Boyce and 552 Eyles, 1991; Ellwanger, 1992; Habbe, 1992; Hanvey, 1992; Menzies and Maltman, 553 1992; Goldstein, 1994; Nenonen, 1994; Wysota, 1994; Dardis and Hanvey, 1994; 554 Fisher and Spooner, 1994; McCabe and Dardis, 1994; Newman and Mickeson, 1994; 555 Raukas and Tavast, 1994; Hart, 1995a; Hart, 1997; Knight and McCabe, 1997; Zelčs 556 and Dreimanis, 1997; Menzies et al., 1997; Raunholme et al., 2003; Jørgensen and 557 Piotrowski, 2003; Rattas and Piotrowski, 2003; Kerr and Eyles, 2007; Heimstra et al., 558 2008). The location of the sorted sediments may vary from a centrally-positioned core 559 or 'pod' (e.g. Rattas and Piotrowski, 2003) to an underlying unit (e.g. Clapperton, 560 1989; Habbe, 1992; Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 2003), which in some cases is 561 eroded/deformed upwards into the till (e.g. Wysota, 1994) and which in other cases is 562 not (Habbe, 1992; Menzies and Maltman, 1992; Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 2003) An 563 In yet other cases, as noted above, sorted sediments may occur in between two till 564 units (e.g. Habbe, 1992; Wysota, 1994; Kerr and Eyles, 2007) and sometimes inter-565 bedded with till or vice versa (e.g. Whittecar and Mickelson, 1979; Goldstein, 1994). 566 It is also the case that a till units can be capped by a layer of sorted sediments (e.g. Hart, 1995a; Haaviston-Hyvärinen, 1997; Fisher and Spooner, 1994), although in 567 568 most of these cases, the sorted sediments are then assumed to be formed during 569 deglaciation and after drumlin formation (see section 4.2). A key issue with this 570 sequence would be to determine whether the sorted sediments were conformable or 571 unconformable with the drumlin surface, with the latter unlikely to formed during 572 deglaciation.

573 Goldstein (1994) described drumlins in the Puget Sound field (Washington) as 574 characterised by a fluvio-lacustrine core, related to meltwater or proglacial lake 575 activities, overlain by a till layer up to 10 m thick. Similarly, Hart (1995a) reported 576 drumlins in NW Wales that appear to have more resistant cores of glaciofluvial 577 sediment, surrounded by till. Interestingly, some of the cores also show evidence of 578 deformation structures, whereas others did not and she also noted that the till unit 579 comprised only a thin carapace of deforming till and/or a stacked sequence at the ice 580 proximal (stoss) end of the drumlins (see section 5). A gradational/smudged contact 581 between cores of outwash and a surrounding till matrix were also reported by Rattas 582 and Piotrowski (2003).

583 Similar observations were also presented by Boyce and Eyles (1991) who found 584 varying degrees of deformation of stratified sands and gravels that were truncated by 585 a mantle of till (Figure 4). This till mantle was characterised by a massive or crudely 586 bedded till facies between 1 and 10 m thick but which thickened in inter-drumlin 587 areas. The contact between the basal part of the till mantle is strongly erosive and 588 marked by glaciotectonic deformation structures, such as drag folds. The basal part of 589 the till mantle also contain abundant rafts and lenses of underlying sediments, which 590 become progressively more attenuated upward in the section. Indeed, observations of 591 an upwardly intensifying pattern of deformation is reported in several other studies, 592 especially where drumlins are associated with or overlie pre-existing glaciofluvial 593 sands and gravels (e.g. Ellwanger, 1992: Figure 7). Ellwanger (1992) noted that 594 erosion of the underlying sediments appears to have taken place preferentially on the 595 stoss slope of the drumlins he studied, with re-deposition of down-dipping material in 596 the lee side.

597 It is also worth noting that several authors (e.g. Hanvey, 1989) have drawn attention 598 to stratified sediments preferentially occurring towards the lee-side of drumlins and, 599 where this has been reported (e.g. Dardis et al., 1984), it is often suggested that the 600 sediments were laid down in a lee-side cavity that required the presence of an obstacle 601 (e.g. the drumlin). As such, they appear to be a specific type of lee-side features, 602 rather than forming the bulk of the drumlin (see section 5). Conversely, Kupsch 603 (1955) described one drumlin in Saskatchewan, Canada, as being characterized by a 604 stoss of stratified sand and gravel and a probable tail of till.

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606 *3.5. Mainly sorted sediments*

It has been known for a long time that some drumlins are simply composed entirely ofsorted sediments (or possibly with only a very thin veneer of till) and lack any

609 substantial evidence for widespread deformation (De Jong et al., 1982; Shaw, 1983; Shaw and Kvill, 1984; Sharpe, 1987; McCabe, 1989; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997; 610 611 Menzies and Brand, 2007). An example of this type of drumlin is schematically 612 illustrated in Figure 8. Menzies and Brand (2007) observed undeformed proglacial 613 and deltaic sediments in an extensive exposure of a drumlin at Port Byron, New York 614 State. They suggested that calcium carbonate precipitation cemented the stratified 615 sediments, which acted as an obstacle around which a thin veneer of till was 616 subsequently emplaced. Significantly, there appears to be only limited erosion at the 617 contact between the till and the underlying stratified sediments, which they interpret 618 as indicative of basal decoupling with shearing within the thin till veneer not 619 transferred to the underlying sediments. In other cases (e.g. Shaw, 1983), the presence 620 of undisturbed stratified/sorted sediments has been used to argue that drumlins might 621 represent infillings into subglacial cavities, produced during subglacial floods.

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624 4. Drumlin Veneers/Carapaces

625 Numerous papers in the literature report the existence of a thin 'veneer' (also termed 626 'carapace' or 'mantle') of sediments surrounding the main drumlin constituents (e.g. 627 Wiśniewski, 1965; Finch and Walsh, 1973; Garnes, 1976, all cited in Karczewski, 628 1987; Whittecar and Mickelson, 1979; Karczewski, 1987; Rouk and Raukas, 1989; 629 Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Wysota, 1994; Hart, 1995a; Knight and McCabe, 1997; Stea 630 and Pe-Piper, 1999; Menzies and Brand, 2007), including ice-cored drumlins 631 (Schomacker et al., 2006). In many (but by no means all) of these studies, the authors 632 point out that the sedimentary processes that produced the veneer are probably not 633 related to the drumlin-forming process. The perception of a unit as a veneer arises 634 from finding a thin unit conformable to the drumlin shape but distinct from the 635 underlying contents on the basis of sediment properties (e.g. grain size) or structures 636 (e.g. a conformable veneer atop horizontally bedded units). It is for this reason that we 637 describe these features in a separate section, although we acknowledge that the 638 distinction in some cases might be more arbitrary. This means that there is no precise 639 distinction between, for instance, a rock-cored drumlin and a bedrock drumlin with 640 veneer, although, as noted earlier, Dionne (1987) recommends that a bedrock cored

drumlin (our part bedrock/part till type) should be composed of at least 25%
unconsolidated material. The risk is that authors might have used different terms for
the same drumlins. Nevertheless, there appear to be two main types of veneer reported
in the literature: a thin veneer of primarily glaciofluvial sediments (e.g. Hart, 1995a)
or a thin veneer of till (e.g. Menzies and Brand, 2007).

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647 4.1. Veneer of till

648 Several papers report drumlins mantled by a thin veneer of till (e.g. Karczewski, 649 1987; De Jong et al., 1982; Knight and McCabe, 1997), see Figure 9. This veneer is 650 often interpreted as an ablation/melt-out till that has been draped over the landscape 651 (e.g. over both drumlins and non-drumlinised terrain) during deglaciation (e.g. 652 Whittecar and Mickelson, 1979; Dardis et al., 1984; Karczewski, 1987; Aario and 653 Peuraniemi, 1992). For example, Whittecar and Mickelson (1979: p. 357) describe a 654 "retreat till" 1-3 m thick, which truncates all internal structures. In other cases, the till 655 veneer may be thicker and not necessarily the product of deglaciation but might 656 simply have been emplaced by a different ice flow phase, following drumlin formation (e.g. De Jong et al., 1982; Knight and McCabe, 1997). In yet other cases, 657 658 the veneer is simply emplaced over more resistant sediments, such as the one 659 described by Menzies and Brand (2007) at Port Byron, New York State (USA) 660 (Figure 8). As noted above, they interpreted limited erosion at the contact between the till veneer and the main drumlin constituents, other than a minor drag fold, and invoke 661 662 thin-skinned deformation of this layer, as revealed by thin section microstructures. A 663 similar conclusion was reached by Habbe (1992), who noted minimal glaciotectonic 664 disturbance of underlying units beneath a thin skin of till over drumlins in the southern German Alpine foreland. Likewise, Boyce and Eyles (1991) noted a veneer 665 666 of till mantling drumlins cored with stratified proglacial outwash in the Peterborough drumlin field, north of Lake Ontario. Unlike the thin-skinned deformation reported by 667 668 Menzies and Brand (2007), Boyce and Eyles (1991) found numerous glaciotectonic 669 deformation structures at the lower contact of the till mantle and the incorporation of 670 abundant rafts and lenses of the underlying proglacial sediments. Similar evidence for 671 glaciotectonic deformation of glaciofluvial sediments underneath a thin (0.5 - 3 m)672 veneer of till were also described by Wysota (1994) and Whittecar and Mickelson

673 (1979). Thin till veneers have also been noted overlying lee-side stratified deposits674 (Dardis *et al.*, 1984).

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676 4.2. Veneer of glaciofluvial sediments

677 The other main type of veneer commonly reported in the literature is made up of primarily glaciofluvial sediments, which most investigators attribute to deposition 678 679 during withdrawal of the ice margin across the drumlin (e.g. Hart, 1995a). Hart 680 (1995a), for example, noted a stratified bed consisting of a lower laminated sand, silt 681 and clay deposit (0.5 m thick) on the proximal side of a drumlin at Lleiniog, North 682 Wales, see Figure 10, which she suggested may have been deposited in small lakes 683 during glaciomarine incursion. Stratified sandy units (< few metres) have also been 684 reported to cap the main drumlin/pre-crag sediments southerwestern Finland and are 685 thought to have been deposited during the final deglaciation phase (Haavisto-686 Hyvärinen, 1997).

It has also been noted that whilst it is typical for such veneers to cover the entire drumlin, some are restricted to certain parts of the drumlin. Fisher and Spooner (1994), for example, reported stratified gravel veneers on the lee side of drumlins in Alberta, Canada. Indeed, some sedimentary packages have commonly been reported at the stoss or lee of a drumlin and these are described in the next section.

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694 **5. Drumlin Stoss and Lee Features**

Specific features at the stoss and lee side of drumlins are also reported in the literature. They are generally described as stoss side features dipping up-ice (e.g. Hart, 1995a) and lee side features dipping down-ice (e.g. Hanvey, 1987; Ellwanger, 1992; Dardis *et al.*, 1984). Most workers (e.g. Dardis *et al.*, 1984) argue that the formation of such features appear to require an obstacle (i.e. the drumlin) and that they may not necessarily be related to the primary drumlin-forming mechanism.

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702 5.1. Stoss side features dipping up-ice

Several workers have noted up-ice dipping features on the stoss side of drumlins (e.g.
Hanvey, 1992), sometimes apparent as thrust structures (e.g. Hart, 1995a; Hart, 1997)
and sometimes characterised by two or more till units accreted one on top of the other.
Hart (1995a) noted prominent fold and thrust features in two drumlins in north Wales
that preferentially developed on the stoss side of the drumlin (Figure 10) and McCabe
and Dardis (1994) also described brecciated bedrock that had been sheared over the
proximal end of one drumlin at Kanrawer, western Ireland.

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711 5.2. Lee side features dipping down-ice

Lee-side depositional features which have attracted the most attention in the literature are lee-side stratified sediments. The occurrence of undeformed stratified sediments in drumlins has long been recognised (section 3.5) and a large body of work has drawn attention to their presence, specifically at the lee-side of drumlins (e.g. Dardis and McCabe, 1983; Dardis *et al.*, 1984; Dardis, 1987; Dardis and McCabe, 1987; Hanvey, 1989, 1992; Dardis and Hanvey, 1994; Fisher and Spooner, 1994).

718 Investigating a relatively large sample of drumlins (55 in total) compared to most 719 studies, Dardis et al. (1984) describe several lee-side stratified sequences, see 720 example in Figure 11. These deposits occur as a wedge shaped unit which thickens 721 down-ice (before thinning towards the lee end) and are composed predominantly of 722 steeply dipping (15-30°) cross-bedded gravels (80%), sands and silts (20%) of 723 varying thickness but with a tendency to increase down-slope. They noted that the 724 stratified sequences tend to be associated with drumlins that lack the distinctive steep 725 stoss- and tapering lee-ends. They also reported that the majority (90%) of stratified 726 sediments infill embayments excavated in the lee-side of barchanoid drumlin forms 727 and that the remainder are superimposed on drumlins with a more whaleback form. 728 Interestingly, Dardis et al., (1984) note the presence of a thin till veneer (cf. section 729 4.1) draped on top of the stratified sequences and which appears to be related to the 730 till in the main body of the drumlin that is often interbedded with the stratified 731 sequences. They also point out that not all drumlins in the study area are associated 732 with lee-side cavity fills.

In addition to lee-side stratified sediments, Ellwanger (1992) reports down-dipping
layers of till that are parallel to the surface of an exposed drumlin in the Bodanrück
drumlin field, southern Germany, see Figure 9c.

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738 **6. Deformation Features**

739 One aspect of drumlin composition that has attracted much attention is the extent to 740 which the sediments show evidence of having undergone high levels of strain as a 741 result of glaciotectonic/syndepositional deformation (Hart, 1997). Indeed, this issue 742 has proved quite contentious in the literature (e.g. Evans et al., 2006). It is not the aim 743 of this paper to evaluate the arguments for and against these various interpretations of 744 deformation (pervasive versus non-pervasive versus absent), but it is clear from our 745 review that they certainly do exist; and with almost every possible permutation in 746 between. For example, there are numerous reports of drumlin sediments showing high 747 levels of strain, as evidenced by diverse descriptions of deformation features, such as 748 faults, folds, fissures and joints that may result from either ductile or brittle deformation (Kupsch, 1955; McGown et al., 1974, cited by Menzies, 1979a; 749 750 Whittecar and Mickelson, 1979; Sharpe, 1985; Stea and Brown, 1989; Boyce and 751 Eyles, 1991; Hart, 1997). Examples of such deformation features can be seen in 752 Figures' 7, 9 and 10.

753 Deformation features might occur extensively and throughout the entire thickness of 754 the drumlin sediments (e.g. Menzies et al., 1997) or they may be more restricted to a 755 'thin skin' just a few centimetres thick at the drumlin surface (e.g. Menzies and 756 Brand, 2007). Bringing together field data from 33 drumlins from various locations, 757 Hart (1997) recognised the many different styles of deformation associated with 758 drumlins and their cores and suggested that there is a continuum from stoss-side 759 deformation, compressive core deformation, through to subglacial folds and finally to 760 extensional deformation. It should be noted at this point that, where deformation 761 features are found throughout the whole depth of the drumlin, it does not necessarily 762 imply that deformation occurred throughout the entire depth at the same time, because 763 is also possible that the deformation structures developed incrementally over a long

time period and resulted from several episodes of deformation at different depths(Evans *et al.*, 2006).

766 It is also clear that deformation structures do not always extend from the drumlin surface downwards, but are also observed to extend from the drumlin base upwards. 767 768 Observations of an underlying unit being deformed upwards and entrained into an 769 overlying unit are commonly reported (cf. Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Wysota, 1994) and 770 investigators have also reported large rafts of underlying sediment that have been 771 deformed upwards en masse (e.g. Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 772 1997), including bedrock (McCabe and Dardis, 1994; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997). As 773 noted above, however, there are also reports of underlying material not being 774 entrained into overlying units (Habbe, 1992; Menzies and Brand, 2007; Fuller and 775 Murray, 2002) and, in some cases, the sediments within the drumlin show no evidence 776 of any deformation features anywhere. These drumlins are commonly, although not 777 exclusively, associated with well-sorted sediments e.g. 'stratified' drumlin sediments 778 described in section 3.5 (e.g. Shaw and Freschauf, 1973; Whittecar and Mickelson, 779 1979; Shaw, 1983). As noted above, however, there are also drumlins with stratified 780 sediments that do show evidence of deformation and/or which may simply be 781 truncated (Habbe, 1992; Menzies and Maltman, 1992; Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 782 2003).

In summary, deformation features are found in all of the main types of drumlins summarised in this paper (section 3), apart from purely bedrock features, and some drumlins clearly show very little evidence of ever having been deformed. Where present, deformation features range from minimal and localised to widespread and throughout the entire drumlin thickness.

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790 **7. Variability of Drumlin Composition and Internal Structure**

It is very clear from a review of the literature that drumlin composition and internal
structure vary significantly and even within a single drumlin field (cf. Hill, 1971;
Danilans, 1973 cited in Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997; Straume, 1979, cited in Zelčs and
Dreimanis, 1997; De Jong *et al.*, 1982; Dardis, 1985; Boyce and Eyles, 1991; Wysota,
1994; Raukas and Tavast, 1994; Knight and McCabe, 1997; Rattas and Piotrowski,

2003). Indeed, Raukas and Tavast (1994) identify four of the five main types of 796 797 drumlin described in this paper in a sample of several thousand drumlins in Estonia 798 and northern Latvia. Likewise, Miller (1972) described drumlins in the New York 799 field as variously containing gravel, till, finely bedded sand, fine-grained lake deposits, interbedded till and fine sand, and bedrock. To illustrate this point, Figure 12 800 801 shows the location of drumlins with different internal structures in North Down and 802 South Antrim (Ireland) from Hill (1971). He detected four main types and, whilst 803 most drumlins contained either a single unit of till or two units, he also found a few 804 drumlins with rock cores and others composed mainly of stratified and sorted sands 805 and gravels. Such variations are commonly reported but few studies have attempted to 806 quantify the relative proportion of different drumlin constituents within a drumlin 807 field. One of the few is by Hart (1995b), who investigated recent drumlins in the 808 foreland of Vestari-Hagafellsjokull glacier, central Iceland and found that 15% 809 constitute rock drumlins, 8% were till drumlins, 46% were rock-cored drumlins with a 810 till veneer and that others appear to be more analogous to crag-and-tails.

811 In some cases, investigators (e.g. Flint, 1971; Dardis, 1985) have noted how some of 812 the main types of drumlin composition reported in this paper (section 3), may actually 813 represent a continuum of forms from bedrock drumlins to part bedrock/part till, 814 through to drumlins of mainly till, although this sequence is rarely reported down a 815 drumlin field. On the other hand, Boyce and Eyles' (1991) investigation of drumlins 816 in the Peterborough drumlin field, Ontario, revealed systematic changes in their 817 internal structure along an ice flow-line (Figure 4). Up-ice, they found elongate 818 drumlins constructed of massive crudely bedded clast-rich till facies that rest directly 819 on bedrock and are widely space apart, often forming in the lee of limestone scarps 820 (cf. section 3.2). Further down-ice, drumlins appear to be less streamlined and more 821 closely spaced and are composed of a core of proglacial outwash erosively truncated 822 by a mantle of till (cf. section 3.4). Boyce and Eyles (1991) interpreted this down-ice 823 trend as simply reflecting the function of time available for subglacial deformation, 824 during ice advance, i.e. the duration of deforming bed conditions was greatest up-ice 825 and this is where pre-existing sediments were completely eroded.

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828 8. Provenance of Drumlin Sediments

829 An interesting question with respect to the composition of drumlins is: where are the 830 sediments derived from? A large number of studies note that the material that 831 constitutes the drumlin is derived locally (e.g. Shaler, 1893; Martin, 1903; Gravenor, 832 1953; Flint, 1957; Harrison, 1957; Embleton and King, 1968; Dreimanis and 833 Vaigners, 1971, all cited by Menzies, 1979a; Miller, 1972; Gravenor, 1974; 834 Clapperton, 1989; Hanvey, 1989; Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997), which might imply 835 minimal sediment transport distances. Indeed, Goldstein (1989) performed extensive 836 and comprehensive sampling of the lithology of drumlins in the Wadena drumlin 837 field, Minnesota, and found a dominant contribution from locally derived material 838 that was transported no more than a few kilometres. However, Goldstein (1989) also 839 noted that the occurrence of locally-derived material tended to diminish upwards, 840 where assemblages of far-travelled erratics were more common. The mixing zone 841 between the local and far-travelled material ranged from <10% of the drumlin 842 thickness to almost its entire height. The same pattern was found by Stea and Brown 843 (1989), who found far-travelled material (up to 100 km) tended to be more common 844 in the surficial till layers. Similarly, Lincoln (1892) mentioned the presence of 'good-845 sized travelled stones' thickly covering the upper portions of some drumlins in the 846 Finger Lake region of New York State.

847 Other studies have reported the presence of substantial components of far-travelled material (Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 2003), especially in comparison to other 848 849 subglacial bedforms and moraines (e.g. Nenonen, 2001). Aario and Peuraniemi (1992) 850 studied dispersal trains from a variety of landforms in Finland (end moraines, 851 Rogen/ribbed moraines, drumlins, flutings, etc.) and used measurements of grain size, 852 clast roundness and pebble lithology to infer the distant derivation of material in the 853 drumlins, compared to the other landforms, although local material was also present. 854 Haavisto-Hyvärinen (1997) also noted far travelled erratics from over 100 km in 'pre-855 crag' landforms in southwestern Finland. He makes an important point, however, by 856 acknowledging that far-travelled material could have been transported in several ice 857 flow episodes over a relatively long-time scale, rather than implying high sediment 858 transport distances during landform genesis. Further support for the idea that drumlin 859 sediments can be transported from different source areas is found in Stea and Pe-Piper 860 (1999), who used whole rock geochemistry to locate the source of igneous erratic

material in two drumlins on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia. Their provenance
analysis suggests that the drumlins they investigated are palimpsest features
composed of material that was delivered to them by two ice flow phases with different
source areas (cf. Stea and Brown, 1989), see Figure 13.

865 In common with the variable characteristics of the internal structure of drumlins, the 866 characteristics of the material underneath drumlins have also been shown to vary and, again, even within the same drumlin field (Ellwanger, 1992). Ellwanger (1992), for 867 868 example, reported drumlins from the Rhine area, Germany, that rest on both bedrock 869 and on top of stratified sands and gravels. Boyce and Eyles (1991) also reported 870 drumlins that rest directly on bedrock and note that they seemed to be more widely 871 spaced apart than those that formed on unconsolidated sediments. In Patterson and 872 Hooke's (1995) review, it is reported that drumlin substrate is highly variable and the 873 conclusion is drawn that drumlin development is not obviously linked to the lithology 874 of the substrate (cf. Greenwood and Clark, 2010), although some workers have drawn 875 attention to variations in drumlin form (Phillips et al., 2010). In contrast, there are 876 some regional investigations that report drumlin formation preferentially down-ice 877 from easily erodible, fine-grained, sedimentary bedrock (Bouchard, 1989; Coudé, 878 1989; Aylsworth and Shilts, 1989).

879 It is also interesting to examine whether sediments from within drumlins are 880 substantially different from the sediments in the inter-drumlins areas. However, 881 studies that compare drumlin and inter-drumlins sediments are relatively rare, 882 presumably because it is far more difficult to find exposures in the low-relief areas 883 between drumlins. Of the few studies that do compare the two, Clapperton (1989) 884 noted that 'deformed' till in inter-drumlin areas was generally thinner (1-2 m) 885 compared to that in drumlins (up to 6 m). In contrast, Hill (1971) noted that, where a 886 lower unit was overlain by an upper till unit, the upper till unit tended to be thinnest 887 on the main crest of the drumlin and thicker along the flanks. Similarly, Boyce and 888 Eyles (1991) described a till (1-10 m thick) mantling drumlins with a core of 889 proglacial outwash being thicker in inter-drumlin areas. Fuller and Murray (2001) found waterlain clay deposits in the uppermost till units of drumlins in front of an 890 891 Icelandic surge-type glacier which were absent from the equivalent till layers in the 892 non-drumlinised terrain. They suggested that this indicates the presence of ponded 893 water (and ice bed decoupling) over the drumlins but not over the non-drumlin areas,

where they infer greater ice-bed coupling. Zelčs and Dreimanis (1997) also noted a difference between sedimentary structures in drumlins in Latvia, compared to the nondrumlinised terrain. The glacial sediments in the drumlins range from 10-40 m thick and they note that drumlins tend to have "more stratified beds, including till units of the last glaciation, [compared to] the inter-drumlin depressions" (Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997: p. 75).

900 There are also studies, however, that report no obvious differences between the 901 sediment composition of drumlins and inter-drumlin areas (e.g. Kerr and Eyles, 902 2007). Lincoln (1892), for example, described the drumlinised area near Geneva, in 903 New York State, as a continuous sheet of till, of which the drumlins are merely a 904 surface irregularity. Similarly, Rattas and Kalm (2001) describe till in an Estonian 905 drumlin field as relatively uniform, without distinguishing between drumlin and inter-906 drumlin sediments. Menzies (1979b) also noted that till found within drumlins is 907 similar in most aspects to the till in non-drumlinised areas in the Glasgow area of the 908 UK.

Whilst it is sometimes the case that workers cite special sedimentary conditions within drumlins that may cause them to form in a particular location (e.g. a core of bedrock; more resistant or well-drained material: Hart, 1995a), Patterson and Hooke (1995) make the important point that in many cases, similar cores may exist in a drumlin field that did not lead to drumlin formation, e.g. topographic perturbations that did not lead to drumlin formation (cf. Fairchild, 1907; Aronow, 1959; Gluckert, 1973 and Gillberg, 1976, all cited in Patterson and Hooke, 1995).

916 Finally, with notable exceptions such as Aario and Peuraniemi (1992), very few 917 studies have compared the internal sediments and structures of drumlins to other 918 subglacial landforms that might be nearby such as eskers, flutes, moraines, etc. 919 Significantly, one study by Sharpe (1987) did attempt such comparisons and 920 concluded that landform internal structure was remarkably consistent, the implication 921 being that they can only be differentiated by their different morphology.

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924 9. Clast Sizes, Shape and Fabrics of Drumlin Sediments

925 9.1. Clast sizes and shapes in drumlins

926 Reflecting their varied composition (section 3), it is no surprise that clast sizes found 927 in drumlins vary enormously and this has been noted in previous reviews (e.g. 928 Menzies, 1979a). The grain size of sediment has been shown to range from fine clays 929 (Wysota, 1994), through sands, and up to coarser material such as gravel, cobbles and 930 large boulders (Hanvey, 1992), in addition to those with bedrock cores described 931 earlier. Moreover, it has also been found that variable clast sizes often occur within 932 individual drumlins (e.g. Gravenor, 1974; Hanvey, 1989, 1992; Fisher and Spooner, 933 1994). For example, Gravenor (1974) analyzed 150 drumlins in Nova Scotia and 934 reported a 1-4% of clay, 26-47% of silt, 34-50% of sand and 20-33% of 935 pebble/boulders. Likewise, Piotrowski (1987) and Piotrowski and Smalley (1987) 936 studied drumlins in the Woodstock drumlin field (Ontario) and found variable 937 percentages of clay (15-27%), silt (44-55%) and sand (18-41%) and Fisher and 938 Spooner (1994: p. 291) reported a range of clast sizes from "granules to small 939 boulders" inside drumlins in Alberta, Canada.

940 Hanvey (1992) reports variable boulder concentrations within drumlin tills in western 941 Ireland and identified three main types of boulder concentration, which range in clast 942 size and arrangement within the drumlin. The first type consists of a 'single clast' 943 boulder lag embedded within a compact till and with a distinctive concentric 944 arrangement which closely corresponds to drumlin morphology, see Figure 14. These 945 are interpreted to be of glacigenic origin, perhaps laid down during lodgement 946 processes. In contrast, the other two types of boulder concentration are denser, with an 947 off-lapping arrangement that dip towards the lee end of the drumlin at an angle of 10-948 20 degrees. They also appear to be associated with massive or planar laminated coarse 949 sand, and Hanvey (1992) interpreted their origin to be related to an aquatic influence 950 and debris flow deposits. She argued that such a diverse clast size within and between 951 these drumlins implies that quite different processes acted to shape the final drumlin 952 form.

Menzies (1979a) also noted that a number of studies have found drumlin cores that contain clast sizes that are different from the rest of the drumlin (e.g. Upham, 1892; Fairchild, 1907, Wright, 1912; Fairchild, 1929; Slater, 1929; Hill, 1968, 1971). Slater (1929), for example, found a core of cohesive clay-rich till surrounded by a till unit with a lower clay content. It follows that clast shapes in drumlins are also highly variable, although sub-angular and faceted clasts are commonly reported as being dominant (e.g. Clapperton, 1989). Nevertheless, rounded and angular clasts are also reported from within the same drumlin field and even the same drumlins. Fisher and Spooner (1994), for example, report a range of clast shapes (angular to rounded) from drumlins in Alberta, Canada, and also noted that around 10% were striated.

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965 9.2. Clast fabrics in drumlins

966 A large body of work has reported that clast fabrics in drumlin sediments are 967 generally orientated approximately parallel with the long axis of the landform (e.g. 968 Hoppe, 1951; Wright, 1957; Wright, 1962; Gravenor and Meneley, 1958, cited by 969 Menzies, 1979a; Evenson, 1971, cited by Menzies, 1979a; Hill, 1971 (Figure 6), 970 Minell, 1973, cited by Menzies, 1979a; Shaw and Freschauf, 1973; Walker, 1973, 971 cited by Menzies, 1979a; Gluckert, 1973; Gravenor, 1974; Menzies, 1976, cited by 972 Menzies, 1979a; Karczewski, 1987; Piotrowski & Smalley, 1987; Aario and 973 Peuraniemi, 1992; Goldstein, 1989, 1994; Wysota, 1994; Nenonen, 1994 (Figure 5); 974 2001; Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 2003; Menzies and Brand, 2007). It has also been 975 reported that the plunge of the long axis of clasts (typically $<20^{\circ}$) is preferentially 976 orientated in an up-ice direction (Wright, 1957; 1962; Jørgensen and Piotrowski, 977 2003; Schomacker et al. (2006)). Interestingly, whilst Schomacker et al. (2006) found 978 this pattern in the till mantling an ice-cored drumlin (0-14°), they report that the 979 plunge direction of clasts in the inter-drumlin areas was generally down-glacier 980 (principal vector 4°).

981 In those studies where vertical profiles have been taken, it has also been pointed out 982 that the fabrics in the surficial layers of the drumlin are stronger than those at greater 983 depths (e.g. Gravenor and Meneley, 1958; De Jong et al., 1982; Goldstein, 1989; 984 Wysota, 1994; Menzies and Brand, 2007), although not always (e.g. Clapperton, 985 1989). Menzies and Brand (2007), for example, found strong clast macro-fabrics that 986 matched the long axis trend of drumlin in a thin till veneer and suggested that it 987 probably reflects high shear stress in thin skin deformation around the more resistant 988 drumlin core (cf. Hart 1994; 1997; Iverson et al., 1998; Hooyer and Iverson, 2000). 989 Likewise, Goldstein (1989) reported clast macro-fabrics from the Wadena drumlin 990 field in Minnesota and found that fabrics towards the surface of the drumlin were

991 stronger than those found at depth. He also reported fabrics in lateral positions that 992 seem to indicate ice flow towards the drumlin axis. Similarly, Savage (1968), 993 obtained sixteen fabrics from a drumlin in Syracuse, New York, which showed 994 divergence around the stoss end, convergence around the lee end, and nearly parallel 995 patterns along the lateral flanks, see Figure 15. The conclusions drawn from these 996 studies is that the drumlins may have formed through an accretionary mechanism and 997 that ice flow around the growing drumlin varied as the form was built up and hence, 998 the final form of the drumlin does not resemble earlier phases of formation. Other 999 studies have also reported fabrics from the flanks of the drumlins pointing towards the 1000 central crest (Clapperton, 1989; Aario and Peuraniemi, 1992) and Rouk and Raukas 1001 (1989) reported that drumlins in Estonia are characterized by clast fabrics on the 1002 flanks that rise up-slope towards the lee end. They interpreted this as evidence of till 1003 movement according to the dominant stress gradient.

1004 Other studies (e.g. Andrews and King, 1968), however, have found only very weak 1005 fabrics in drumlins and some have argued that this may reflect the pervasive 1006 deformation of underlying till (e.g. Hart, 1995a.). Andrews and King (1968) found an 1007 increase in divergence between the drumlin trend and the mean orientation of fabrics 1008 from the base upwards and pointed out that none of the fabric orientations were closer 1009 than $\pm 20^{\circ}$ to the drumlin trend. They suggested that this increasing divergence 1010 resulted from ice flow becoming increasingly deflected as the drumlin size increased. 1011 A similar explanation for divergent fabrics in drumlin flanks was noted by Wysota 1012 (1994). Furthermore, some studies have found fabrics in the opposite direction to the 1013 drumlin trend (e.g. Fisher and Spooner, 1994) and have suggested that they may reflect palaeo-water currents, rather than shear strain within the sediment. Other 1014 1015 workers have found that fabric strengths differ greatly between drumlins within the 1016 same field (e.g. Zelčs and Dreimanis, 1997). Krüger and Thomsen (1984) analysed 1017 four drumlins in Iceland and found that fabric direction is more diverse on drumlins 1018 than in the inter-drumlins areas.

1019 In addition to systematic studies of fabrics at different depths, some studies have 1020 examined fabrics longitudinally. Yi and Cui (2001) measured micro-fabrics of 1021 sediment obtained from the stoss and lee of a drumlin with a bedrock core, as well as 1022 in the immediate lee of the bedrock core. They measured both the particle (0.25-5 1023 mm) and void fabric and found a strong fabric in the stoss- and lee-side of the drumlin 1024 but a much weaker fabric in the immediate lee of the bedrock core. They suggested 1025 this might reflect incipient separation of the ice and bed (cavitation), which protected 1026 the sediments in the immediate 'shadow' of the bedrock core from the high normal 1027 and shear stresses experienced elsewhere in the drumlin.

1028 Finally, it has also been recognised that clast fabrics in drumlins may actually reflect 1029 earlier ice flow phases (e.g. Stea and Brown, 1989; Haavisto-Hyvärinen, 1997). 1030 Haavisto-Hyvärinen (1997), for example, reported fabrics from various depths and 1031 found that those in the upper till unit were aligned with most recent ice flow direction 1032 but that those in the lower unit were more likely to be related to an older ice flow 1033 direction. Similarly, Stea and Pe-Piper (1999) reported fabric orientations in a lower 1034 till unit that matched the long axis of the drumlin but that those in an upper till unit 1035 did not. They attributed this to two different flow directions, each of which may have 1036 helped shaped the drumlin into its final form (Figure 13).

1037 In summary, although clusters of studies appear to suggest discernible trends, our 1038 review indicates that there are no universal trends across a broad range of studies, 1039 other than most fabrics being approximately parallel to the drumlin long axis, 1040 especially in surficial units. Indeed, there is some debate in the literature over the 1041 more fundamental issue of whether subglacial till deformation leads to a weak (e.g. 1042 Dowdeswell and Sharp, 1986; Hart, 1994; 1997) or a strong clast fabric (Hooyer and 1043 Iverson, 2000; Benn, 1995) or whether it can lead to either, depending on the 1044 thickness of the deforming layer (Hart, 1994). Perhaps nowhere is this complexity 1045 better highlighted than in the literature on drumlin internal structure and, perhaps, 1046 clast fabrics themselves need to be questioned in terms of their validity and reliability.

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1049 **10. Discussion:**

1050 10.1. How representative are observations of drumlim composition and internal1051 structure?

1052 Our review of the literature suggests to us that most drumlins can be categorised into1053 five basic types:

• mainly bedrock

part bedrock/part till,
mainly till,
part till/part sorted sediments,

• mainly sorted sediments

Simplified versions of these are shown in Figure 16. Clearly, 'real' drumlins are often far more complex than those shown in Figure 16 but they do encapsulate the five main types of drumlin and will hopefully act as a useful observational framework for theorists to visualise and attempt to explain. Moreover, there may be some hybrid cases that are more rare (or yet to be reported) but we find it a relatively straightforward task to categorise the overwhelming majority of observations of drumlin composition (if not all) in to one of these groups and this is shown in Table 1.

1066 A crucial question that a drumlin theorist might ask is: which of these drumlin types 1067 are common and which are rarer; or are they found in equal numbers? According to 1068 Table 1, the most common type of drumlin reported in the literature (emphasis on 1069 'reported') are those that are composed mainly of till (68 papers), which has been 1070 suggested in other papers (e.g. Menzies, 1979b, p. 374). The next most commonly 1071 reported are those composed of part till and part sorted sediments (47 papers) and part 1072 till and part bedrock (29 papers). A total of 16 papers report drumlins composed of 1073 mainly sorted sediments and 7 report bedrock drumlins. Note that Table 1 only 1074 includes papers that specifically refer to 'bedrock drumlins'. These landforms are, 1075 obviously, far more prevalent than shown in Table 1 but they often referred to by 1076 another name (see section 3.1) and often excluded from papers that specifically 1077 address the issue of drumlin internal structure (see also section 10.2.1.1, below).

Whilst it might be tempting to draw conclusions from Table 1, there are several important issues which suggest that this dataset is unlikely to provide a valid answer to the question regarding the commonality of different types. This is because Table 1 simply reflects 'reported' drumlins, rather than a systematic sampling programme. Indeed, there are four key issues, which suggest that we are still some way from obtaining a representative dataset of drumlin composition and internal structure.

1084 The first issue is the geographic distribution of drumlin observations, which are 1085 clearly not evenly distributed across the entire population of drumlins to available to

1086 study. Figure 17 simply plots the location of each of the studies in Table 1 in relation 1087 to the limits of the last major mid-latitude ice sheets and the Precambrian 'shield' 1088 areas of predominantly crystalline bedrock. It clearly reveals that observations of 1089 drumlin composition are, generally, tightly clustered towards centres of population 1090 and away from parts of the ice sheet bed underlain by crystalline bedrock. It is 1091 apparent that several regions (e.g. southern Ontario, Northern Ireland), have attracted 1092 the interest of several workers, such that some drumlin fields are 'over-sampled', 1093 compared to others. Indeed, observations reported in the literature may even be taken 1094 from the same drumlins, resulting in some drumlins (and therefore drumlin-types) 1095 being duplicated in different papers. Furthermore, the clustering of observations in 1096 specific regions is likely to result in the over-sampling of certain types of drumlins at 1097 the expense of others. The death of observations from shield areas, for example, is 1098 likely to result in a general under-reporting of bedrock and part bedrock/part till 1099 drumlins and an over-reporting of drumlins composed of mainly till. Likewise, many 1100 observations are clustered towards the margins of palaeo-ice sheets, which is where 1101 glacio-fluvial sediments are more likely to accumulate for subsequent overriding and 1102 incorporation into drumlin sediments.

The second issue relates to the sample size within each study. As noted in section 2, observations of drumlin composition and internal structure are generally taken from very low sample sizes within drumlin fields and in almost half of the papers the sample size is not mentioned (see Fig. 2). Related to this, some observations are based on limited exposures of sediments inside a drumlin and these may have been erroneously extrapolated to the entire drumlin (and sometimes the entire drumlin field).

1110 A third issue is that observations reported in the literature may be biased by particular 1111 paradigms at particular times. The composition and internal structure of drumlins is 1112 often linked to particular ideas/theories about how the drumlins form and, although 1113 unlikely, it may be that some investigators are less likely to publish observations that 1114 might conflict with previously published evidence. Table 1 is organised 1115 chronologically to show whether certain types of drumlin were reported at certain 1116 times over the last hundred years or so, revealing any temporal trends that might be 1117 related to technological or conceptual advances in understanding. It would appear that 1118 there are no obvious time periods when certain drumlins were more commonly

1119 reported than others, although it is clear that the literature on drumlins saw a period of 1120 huge growth in the 1950s, which appears to have accelerated in the latter half of the 20th century. Pre 1950, there are far fewer papers and these tend to be dominated by 1121 1122 mainly till and part till/part bedrock types, possibly reflecting early ideas about 1123 deposition and accretion of drumlins around bedrock obstacles or till cores (e.g. 1124 Fairchild, 1907). Post 1950, there is a greater tendency to report drumlins with some 1125 component of sorted sediments and this may be linked to ideas about drumlin 1126 formation and the role of subglacial meltwater (e.g. Shaw and Freschauf, 1973; Shaw, 1127 1983) and the large clutch of papers on lee-side stratified sequences from Ireland (e.g. 1128 Dardis and McCabe, 1983; Dardis et al., 1984; etc). Interestingly, there are very few 1129 papers that report part till/part sorted sediments between 1950 and 1975, but this 1130 increases substantially in between 1976-2000. This may be linked to ideas of drumlin 1131 formation in a deforming subglacial layer (e.g. Boulton, 1987) because many of the 1132 papers in this category also invoke erosion and deformation of pre-existing sorted 1133 sediments by ice as well as meltwater activity.

1134 A fourth issue is that there may also be cases where drumlins with less 1135 sedimentologically interesting constituents (e.g. a fairly homogeneous single unit of 1136 till with few structures) might be reported less frequently than drumlins with more 1137 interesting constituents (e.g. several till units and/or sorted deposits with impressively 1138 formed contacts and/or deformation structures). Indeed, there may be a tendency for 1139 more interesting but more exceptional drumlins to attract greater attention in the 1140 literature. It might be more difficult, for example, to publish a paper reporting an 1141 apparently straightforward case of a drumlin consisting simply of a single 1142 homogenous till - there is not too much interesting detail to report. It might also be 1143 possible that commonly reported types of drumlins become so common that scientists 1144 become less interested in publishing papers about them, although this would not 1145 appear to be the case because drumlins with 'mainly till' are by far the most 1146 commonly reported drumlin.

We also note that there are several citations that appear in more than one column in Table 1, which provides clear evidence that drumlin composition is highly variable and that different types of sediments and structures are found even within the same drumlin field (cf. section 7). On occasions, we also note that some authors will cite a paper to provide evidence of one type of drumlin, but that other authors may take the same paper to draw a different conclusion about the contents of the drumlin. Thisfurther complicates Table 1, where we are sometimes reliant on 'cited in' references.

1154 In summary, the drumlin literature has thus far been excellent at ascertaining the range of internal structures, but because of various potential biases and small sample 1155 1156 sizes, we are left with only a limited understanding of what is usual for drumlins and 1157 what are the more exotic and tangential situations. We would argue that the 1158 identification of the five basic types is an important first step for theorists to tackle but 1159 whilst Table 1 might offer some useful clues as to the commonality of each type, a set 1160 of "statistically valid observations" (cf. Clark et al., 2009) of drumlin composition is 1161 not yet available.

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1163 10.2. What does the variability of drumlin internal structure tell us about drumlin1164 formation?

1165 One of the most intriguing aspects of drumlin formation is the way in which ice flow 1166 creates a pattern of upstanding mounds (drumlins); especially where their distribution 1167 is clearly not related to any pre-existing or underlying topography. This is the essence 1168 of the 'drumlin problem' and one which has prompted numerous attempts to solve it. 1169 Although it is not the intention of this paper to review specific hypotheses of drumlin 1170 formation (see section 1.1), it is important to discuss how the observations of drumlin 1171 internal structure might be linked to an explanation of their formation, at least 1172 conceptually. One starting point is to ask whether the five different types of drumlins 1173 identified in this paper are formed by different mechanisms, or whether they are 1174 formed by a single process that acts across broad areas to create drumlinised terrain. 1175 We term these two possible scenarios 'site-specific' and 'process specific' drumlin 1176 formation and discuss their implications below.

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1178 10.2.1 Site-specific drumlin formation

1179 It is possible that the different types of drumlin (Figure 16) are formed by quite 1180 processes. Because they are often arranged next to each other, the implication is that 1181 different processes act at specific sites on the ice sheet bed and that these processes do 1182 not occur in the inter-drumlin terrain that exists between them. Here, we call this *'site* 1183 *specific drumlin formation*' Essentially, this scenario suggests that processes occur at a specific site on the ice sheet bed to create an individual drumlin. If this were the case, investigations of drumlins and non-drumlin sediments would be critical in providing information that could lead to a satisfactory explanation of the different types of site-specific drumlins. Indeed, there are three ways in which one might compare drumlins with non-drumlinised terrain and some of these have been attempted in previous studies:

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A comparison between the sediments and structures in different drumlins from within the same drumlin field and comparison to other drumlin fields

- (ii) A 'lateral' comparison between individual drumlins and intervening nondrumlinised terrain within the same field (and potentially including
 comparisons between the drumlin field terrain and adjacent nondrumlinised terrain outside the drumlin field)
- (iii) A 'vertical' comparison between drumlins and the substrate underneath (at
 depths greater than simple the break of slope at the base of the drumlin)

1198 These comparisons might reveal different sediments and structures in drumlins 1199 compared to immediately adjacent non-drumlinised terrain (e.g. different lithologies, 1200 clast sizes, and/or degrees of sorting or deformation) and the observations presented 1201 in this paper can shed some light on such comparisons. For example, with respect to 1202 point (i), it is very clear (see section 7) that the sediments and structures found within 1203 drumlins can be highly variable, even within the same drumlin field, e.g. some might 1204 be composed of bedrock, some one till unit, some several till units, some 1205 sorted/stratified material, etc (see Figure 12).

With respect to point (ii), it is perhaps surprising that so few studies have attempted lateral comparisons between drumlins and inter-drumlin areas, but this is almost certainly due to the lack of suitable sediment exposures in the flatter, non-drumlinised terrain. However, of the few studies that have made this comparison, the results are inconclusive, some studies suggest there are differences and some studies suggest there are no differences.

With respect to point (iii), even fewer studies systematically investigate the nature of the boundary between the drumlin landform and the deeper underlying substrate, although there are some exceptions (e.g. Clapperton, 1989; Goldstein, 1989; Rattas and Piotrowski, 2003). Rattas and Piotrowski (2003), for example, noted that drumlin 1216 size appeared to be related to the permeability of underlying bedrock. A potential 1217 geological control on drumlin formation in Ireland was also investigated by 1218 Greenwood and Clark (2010). They suggest that underlying geology can modulate 1219 local drumlin form (cf. Phillips et al., 2010) but that it does not exert a more 1220 fundamental control on drumlin genesis. Indeed, it is clear from this review that 1221 drumlins occur over a wide range of substrates and incorporate such substrates into 1222 the drumlin form to varying degrees. In their review of the available data in the 1223 literature, Patterson and Hooke (1995) found unconsolidated sediments make up 34% 1224 of the substrates beneath drumlins, of which 18% were till and 16% were stratified 1225 deposits. The remaining 66% were rock. Their conclusion, like that of Greenwood 1226 and Clark (2010) is that drumlin development is not obviously linked to substrate.

1227 Clearly, there is potential for future work to address the variability of drumlins 1228 sediments with respect to points (i) to (iii), above. Such investigations would be well 1229 suited to the use of geophysical and borehole investigations, which can cover larger 1230 areas and greater depths (cf. section 2.2 and 2.3). It would also be helpful for 1231 investigators to state: (a) approximately how many drumlins exist in the drumlin field; 1232 (b), the location and number of drumlins that are investigated; and (c), the precise 1233 location of the observations with respect to the entire drumlin surface. It might also be 1234 useful to describe all three aspects of drumlin composition and internal structure 1235 wherever possible, i.e. the composition, structure, and nature of deformation for each 1236 sampled landform. A further issue that is not often addressed but which may be very 1237 important is the temporal aspect of drumlin formation. It is still unclear how quickly 1238 and drumlin field may form, although it does appear that sediment can be eroded and 1239 deposited over very short (decadal) time-scales (e.g. years: Smith et al., 2007). Given 1240 that we know that some drumlin fields are composed of several populations of 1241 drumlins formed by different episodes of ice flow (Figure 13), it is likely that 1242 different sediments and structures are linked to different ice flow events and it might 1243 even be expected that neighbouring drumlins of different age would have different 1244 constituents. Thus, it would helpful for investigators to highlight any inferred 1245 chronology of drumlin formation within their studied drumlin field.

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1247 10.2.1.1. Bedrock drumlins as a 'site-specific' type

1248 With the above discussion in mind, it is clear that bedrock drumlins (section 3.1) are 1249 likely to be site-specific in that some form of bedrock obstacle is required in a specific 1250 location from which a drumlin can be sculpted. Drumlin research has often leaned on 1251 form analogy and so it is clear to see why these features are labelled drumlins but it 1252 has been argued that such features should be seen as distinct from the other types of 1253 drumlin (e.g. Dionne, 1987). This is because the processes that streamline (and pluck) 1254 pre-existing bedrock outcrops into a variety of forms, including those that exhibit the 1255 classic drumlin shape, are relatively well known (cf. Benn and Evans, 1998). They 1256 result from glacial abrasion and meltwater erosion which smoothes and polishes 1257 bedrock protrusions and which also superimposes a variety of small-scale erosional 1258 landforms such as striae and friction cracks, etc. (cf. Linton, 1963; Bennett and 1259 Glasser, 1996; Benn and Evans, 1998). This is in contrast to the apparently 1260 counterintuitive way in which a glacier creates a pattern of upstanding mounds 1261 (drumlins) from unconsolidated sediments; especially where their distribution is 1262 clearly not related to any pre-existing or underlying topography.

1263 Given that bedrock drumlins appear to be formed by subglacial processes that are 1264 relatively well described and which probably differ from processes that form the other 1265 main types of drumlins described in this paper, we suggest that it could safely be 1266 treated as a separate type of site-specific drumlin. Moreover, it might even be helpful 1267 to abandon the term 'rock drumlin' (cf. Dione, 1987) in favour of the previously 1268 employed term 'whaleback' (cf. Evans, 1996), with the prefix asymmetric for those 1269 features that are shaped with clear stoss and lee slope asymmetry. Following Dione 1270 (1987), the term 'crag-and-tail' should be restricted to landforms where the bedrock 1271 protuberance is clearly exposed at the stoss end of the landform and the 1272 unconsolidated material lies in its shadow (Figure 16e); and where the exposed 1273 bedrock occurs at the lee end (Figure 16f), the term 'pre-crag' be used (cf. Haaviston-1274 Hyvärinen, 1997).

Site-specific drumlin formation, therefore, leaves room for different processes to produce different types of drumlin, even when they may appear very similar in terms of their morphology. This would imply that drumlins are a product of equifinality, i.e. different processes lead to different types of drumlins but which have similar morphology. Under these circumstances, however, we might want to call the different types of drumlin different names, as is suggested here for entirely bedrock forms, despite their similar morphology. Moreover, it might be that detailed morphological analysis of different types of site-specific drumlin may reveal subtle differences. We do not yet know, for example, whether the shape of bedrock drumlins is almost identical to drumlins composed of unconsolidated sediments, because it is unusual for studies of drumlin morphometry to include bedrock features (e.g. Clark *et al.*, 2009).

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1287 10.2.2. Process-specific drumlin formation

1288 The alternative to site-specific drumlin formation is that a single process acts to create drumlinised terrain. We use the term 'process-specific' to describe the development of 1289 1290 drumlins that may result from a single process that occurs across a large area and 1291 leads to the development of the drumlinised 'surface'. A useful analogy here would be 1292 dunes formed by aeolian processes or ripples forming by fluvial processes: a process 1293 occurs over a large area and individual bedforms are not related to specific conditions 1294 at the site where they form and may even migrate. Under these circumstances, 1295 comparisons of drumlin and intervening non-drumlin sediments would not necessarily 1296 reveal any special processes occurring in drumlins, compared to non-drumlinised 1297 terrain; other than those that are inherited from pre-existing conditions, i.e. parts of 1298 the original pre-drumlinised surface were characterised by different sediments and 1299 structures. If this were the case, investigations of drumlin composition would not 1300 necessarily provide any critical information that could explain drumlin formation. 1301 Any observed differences between drumlins and the intervening non-drumlinised 1302 terrain may simply reflect pre-existing differences in pre-drumlinised terrain and may 1303 be largely unrelated to the processes that created the drumlin surface.

1304 Whilst we suggest above that bedrock drumlins are site-specific, it is more difficult to 1305 ascertain whether the other four basic types are formed by different processes. There 1306 are some hints in the literature that certain site-specific processes may act to preserve 1307 or deform sediments to create individual drumlins, but there is no clear evidence to 1308 assume that they are formed by completely different mechanisms, especially as many 1309 are observed within the same drumlin field and may even be seen as a continuum in 1310 some settings (e.g. Boyce and Eyles, 1991). To the contrary, the unimodal distribution 1311 of drumlin shape parameters (cf. Clark et al., 2009) would appear to suggest that these 1312 landforms have much in common, despite their varied constituents. Indeed, if each of these types of drumlin are site specific landforms and if their internal sediments and structures are related to those processes; the great variability of drumlin internal structure within drumlin fields would imply that different subglacial processes occur at specific locations beneath the ice sheet and that neighbouring drumlins that might be just a few hundred metres apart are formed by quite different processes. This would seem to be introducing additional complexity where it is not required.

1319 Putting aside bedrock drumlins, therefore, we consider it highly unlikely that the four 1320 remaining types of drumlins are formed by entirely different processes and suggest 1321 that they are formed by a single process that occurs across the ice sheet bed to create 1322 drumlinised terrain. Of course, this is not a new idea and previous authors have 1323 suggested spatially extensive processes that might create drumlins, such as 1324 catastrophic meltwater floods (e.g. Shaw, 1983; Shaw and Kvill, 1984) or an 1325 instability between the base of the ice and underlying sediments (e.g. Hindmarsh, 1326 1998; Fowler, 2000). Similar processes act in aeolian and fluvial environments to 1327 create familiar patterned surfaces in a variety of sediment grain sizes (e.g. dunes, 1328 ripples, etc), yet it would be odd to question whether dunes with different grain sizes 1329 are formed by a fundamentally different mechanism. Indeed, such processes are not 1330 greatly sensitive to different sediments and structures (although this may still be 1331 important in more extreme situations) and, depending on the balance between erosion, 1332 transport and deposition, could erode and/or deform the landscape to leave drumlins 1333 with a range of constituents and structures. As Aronow suggested in 1959: "when the 1334 conditions within the ice are present for making drumlins and related features they are 1335 formed, seemingly, regardless of the materials available" (p. 202).

1336 A key implication of the process-specific drumlin formation, which we favour for all 1337 but bedrock drumlins, is that the sediments and structures inside drumlins may not 1338 necessarily be related to the drumlin forming mechanism and simply reflect pre-1339 existing sediments that have been subjected to the drumlin-forming mechanism (and 1340 to varying degrees).. This point has been made by previous authors (e.g. Menzies, 1341 1979a; Smalley, 1981; Kerr and Eyles, 2007). Knight and McCabe (1997), for example, suggest that up to 95% of the sediment sequence in one drumlin they studied 1342 1343 in NW Ireland probably pre-dates drumlin formation. An important issue with studies 1344 of drumlin internal structure is that some may uncritically assume that the sediments 1345 inside a drumlin are related to the drumlin forming mechanism. An attempt is then

1346 made to reconstruct the environment in which those sediments originated. The logical 1347 outcome of this line of thinking is that the large variability in drumlin internal 1348 structure leads to several different drumlin forming environments and radically 1349 different hypotheses regarding drumlin formation. Shaw (1983: p. 473) for example, 1350 states that "if the environment and processes of deposition for this stratified material 1351 [in the drumlin] can be determined then we might make some progress on the 1352 question of drumlin genesis". This may be true, but it is also possible that the 1353 environment and processes of deposition pre-date drumlin formation. If it is possible 1354 that some of the sediments and structures are inherited from previous sedimentary 1355 environments and not related to the drumlin forming mechanism, then the variability 1356 of drumlin internal sediments and structures need not be seen as a major obstacle to a 1357 universal drumlin forming theory that acts on various substrates.

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1360 **11. Conclusions**

1361 The sheer diversity of drumlin internal composition and structure has often been seen 1362 as a major obstacle to a unifying theory of drumlin formation. Given the range of 1363 complexity reported (and interpreted formational hypotheses and hints) one might 1364 mischievously suggest that each drumlin formed by its own unique process. The key 1365 issue is to know which observations represent valid data with which to test hypotheses 1366 of drumlin formation. It would be dangerous to take sedimentary observations that 1367 record processes that occurred prior to or after drumlin formation (and just happen to 1368 be inside a drumlin or associated with it) and then use those to either construct or test 1369 hypotheses of drumlin formation. Our reading of the literature is that, to an extent, 1370 this issue has introduced some unwarranted complexity. Observations used 1371 inappropriately might overemphasise the exotic and the complex, such that we lose 1372 sight of the more fundamental issues and/or fail to recognise the commonality that 1373 may exist. With this in mind, we suggest that there are, essentially, five basic types 1374 that are commonly reported:

- 1375 1. Mainly bedrock
- 1376 2. Part bedrock/part till
- 1377 3. Mainly till

1378 4. Part till/part sorted sediments

1379 5. Mainly sorted sediments

The most commonly *reported* drumlin 'type' (i.e. those that are cited most often in the literature, but irrespective of sample sizes) appear to be those composed of mainly till, followed by those composed of part till/part sorted sediments, part till/part bedrock, and, finally, mainly sorted sediments. However, 'reports' of drumlin internal structure are unlikely to be representative of the entire population of drumlins because they are not evenly distributed on former ice sheet beds; they are typically based on very low sample sizes; and they may be shaped/biased by particular paradigms or ideas.

1387 In addition to the five main types of drumlin reported in the literature, distinct drumlin 1388 veneers/carapaces are often reported to be composed of either till or glaciofluvial 1389 sediments but most authors suggest that these thinner units draped over the drumlin 1390 surface are not related to the drumlin-forming mechanism and most likely reflect 1391 deposition during deglaciation. Specific stoss and lee features are also found in 1392 association with the five main types of drumlin, e.g. stoss-side features dipping up-1393 ice, lee side features dipping down-ice (including lee-side stratified sediments) but, 1394 again, most authors suggest that such features require an obstacle (i.e. the drumlin) to 1395 form and that they may not necessarily be related to the drumlin-forming mechanism. 1396 Features associated with glaciotectonic deformation have attracted much attention in 1397 the drumlin literature and are found in all types of drumlins, excluding those formed 1398 of bedrock. Deformation features range from small and localised to several tens of 1399 metres and throughout the entire drumlin thickness, but some drumlin sediments show 1400 no evidence of ever having been deformed. Likewise, there are no obvious trends in 1401 the shape and size of clasts. The whole range of sediment clast sizes (clay to boulder) 1402 and shapes (angular to rounded) have been found inside drumlins and, whilst 1403 macrofabric analyses are commonly performed on clasts and usually show a 1404 preference for long-axes to be aligned with the drumlin orientation, there are no 1405 common trends across a broad range of studies, i.e. comparing vertical or horizontal 1406 profiles.

1407 Drumlin theories are now being developed into models and, given the off-cited 1408 complexity of drumlin composition, it is important for model-builders to know which 1409 aspects of drumlin phenomena actually need explaining (it would be impossible to 1410 attempt to explain every clast or sedimentological occurrence); and for those with 1411 working models, which aspects can be used as a test or falsification. It is hoped that 1412 the main types of drumlin identified in this paper provide a more realistic target for 1413 theorists to address. A key question, however, is whether each of the different types of 1414 drumlin identified in this paper are formed by a different process that are specific to 1415 conditions at a point on the ice sheet bed (termed here 'site-specific formation) or 1416 whether a single process can account for the formation of more than one drumlin type 1417 (termed here 'process-specific'). We conclude that bedrock drumlins are site-specific 1418 and, because they are formed by processes that are relatively well known (glacial 1419 abrasion and meltwater erosion), it might be helpful to cease to use the term drumlin 1420 to describe these features (cf. Dione, 1987).

1421 The other four types might be produced by different subglacial processes and several 1422 different models might be required: drumlins would therefore represent an equifinal 1423 bedform, and with more knowledge we might be justified in developing process-1424 specific drumlin names for the different types. However, we argue that they are more 1425 likely to be closely related because they often occur in close proximity within the 1426 same drumlin field and occasionally as a continuum (cf. Boyce and Eyles, 1991). We 1427 favour the alternative explanation that there is, essentially, a single drumlin-forming 1428 mechanism that acts in a wide range of sedimentary environments to create 1429 drumlinised terrain. The major implication of this view is that the composition and 1430 internal structure of drumlins largely reflects pre-existing sediments and sedimentary 1431 conditions that become drumlinised and are, therefore, unlikely to be diagnostic of the 1432 drumlin-forming mechanism. Rather, observations of the composition and internal 1433 structure will reveal the way in which the mechanism itself, is influenced by pre-1434 existing sedimentary conditions.

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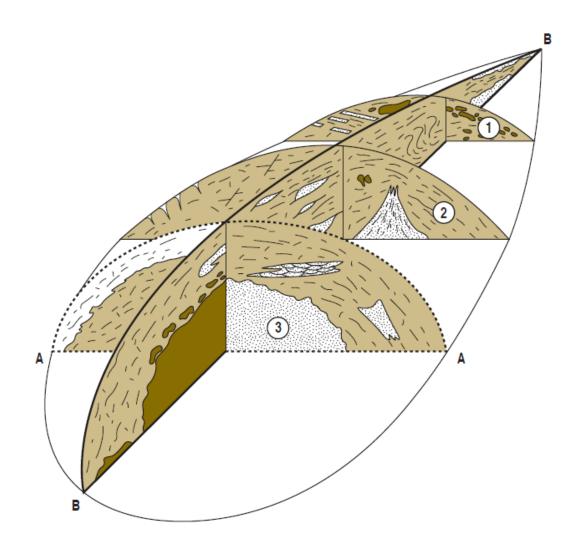
Table 1: Reported evidence for each of the five main types of drumlin composition identified in this paper (see Section 3 and Figure 16). Papers
 that report each type of drumlin (listed in column headings) are presented in chronological order and split into different time periods (pre 1900;
 1900-1925; 1926-1950; 1951-1975; 1975-2000; post 2000). Note that different papers report different sample sizes; some papers report more
 than one type of drumlin; and different papers may include data on the same drumlin(s). See section 10.1 for discussion of issues regarding
 representativeness.

Bedrock	Part Bedrock/Part Till	Mainly Till	Part Till/Part Sorted	Sorted
Fairchild (1907)	Chamberlin (1883) ¹	Upham $(1892)^1$	Kupsch (1955)	Upham $(1894)^{3}$
Linton (1963)	Tarr $(1894)^{1}$	Lincoln (1892)	Chapman & Putman (1966) ⁵	Alden (1905) ³
Glückert (1973)	Högbom (1905) ¹	$Crosby (1892)^2$	Hill (1971)	Gravenor (1953) ³
Dionne (1987)	Hollingworth (1931) ¹	Fairchild (1907)	Miller (1972)	Lemke (1958) ³
Raukas & Tavast (1994)	Crosby (1934)	Wright (1912) ¹	Shaw & Freschauf (1973)	Hoppe (1963) ³
	Ebers (1937) ¹			
Evans (1996)	Armstrong (1949) ¹	Goldthwait (1924) ¹	Whittecar & Mickelson (1977)	Johansson (1972) ³
Kerr & Eyles (2007)	Deane (1950) ¹	Fairchild (1929) ¹	Whittecar & Mickelson (1979)	Bayrock (1972) ³
	Aronow (1959)	Wilson (1938) ¹	Aario (1977)	Muller (1974) ³
	Aartolahti (1966) ¹	Sproule (1939) ¹		
	Savage (1968) ¹	Charlesworth (1939) ¹	De Jong et al. (1982)	Gillberg (1976) ³
	Repo & Tynni (1971) ¹	Bergquist (1942) ⁵	Dardis (1984)	De Jong <i>et al.</i> (1982)
	Hill (1971)	Bergquist (1943) ⁵	Dardis & McCabe (1983)	Shaw (1983)
	Minell (1973) ¹	Putnam & Chapman (1943) ¹	Dardis et al. (1984)	Shaw & Kvill (1984)
	Gluckert (1973)	Goldthwait (1948) ¹	Sharpe (1985)	Sharpe (1987)
	Gillberg (1976) ⁵	Gravenor (1953) ¹	Dardis (1985)	McCabe (1989)

Dionne (1987)	Dean (1953) ⁵	Dardis (1987)	Zelčs & Dreimanis (1997)
Riley (1987)	Sharp (1953)	Dardis & McCabe (1987)	Menzies & Brand (2007)
Gluckert (1987)	Wright (1957)	Hanvey (1987)	
Boyce & Eyles (1991)	Hoppe (1959) ¹	Sharpe (1987)	
Raukas & Tavast (1994)	Aronow (1959)	Krüger (1987)	
Nenonen (1994)	Virkkala (1960) ⁴	Hanvey (1989)	
Newman & Mickelson (1994)	Wright (1962)	Goldstein (1989)	
Fisher & Spooner (1994)	Muller (1963) ¹	McCabe (1989)	
Hart (1997)	MacNeill (1965) ¹	Clapperton (1989)	
Meehan <i>et al.</i> (1997)	Chapman & Putnam (1966) ⁵	Boyce & Eyles (1991)	
Zelčs & Dreimanis (1997)	Harris (1967)	Habbe (1992)	
Haaviston-Hyvärinen (1997)	Hill (1968) ¹	Menzies & Maltman (1992)	
Yi & Cui (2001)	Karrow (1968) ²	Hanvey (1992)	
Tavast (2001)	Lasca (1970) ¹	Ellwanger (1992)	
Fuller & Murray (2002)	Lundqvist (1970) ¹	Wysota (1994)	
	Hill (1971)	McCabe & Dardis (1994)	
	Minell (1973) ¹	Newman & Mickelson (1994)	
	Gravenor (1974)	Fisher & Spooner (1994)	
	Hill (1973) ⁵	Dardis & Hanvey (1994)	
	Jauhiainen (1975) ⁵	Raukas & Tavast (1994)	
	Menzies (1976) ¹	Nenonen (1994)	
	Minell (1979)	Goldstein (1994)	
	Heikkinen & Tikkanen (1979) ⁵	Hart (1995a)	
	De Jong <i>et al.</i> (1982)	Hart (1997)	
	Karrow (1981)	Zelčs & Dreimanis (1997)	
	Jones (1982)	Menzies et al. (1997)	
	Riley (1987)	Knight & McCabe (1997)	
	Piotrowski (1987)	Rattas & Kalm (2001)	
	Rabassa (1987) ⁵	Raunholme et al. (2003)	
	Dardis (1987)	Rattas & Piotrowski (2003)	
	Dardis & McCabe (1987)	Jørgensen & Piotrowski (2003)	
	Piotrowski & Smalley (1987)	Kerr & Eyles (2007)	
	Piotrowski (1988)	Hiemstra et al. (2008)	
	Stea & Brown (1989)		

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	Goldstein (1989)
	Clapperton (1989)
	Coudé (1989) ⁵
	Newman et al. (1990)
	Habbe (1992)
	Aario & Peuraniemi (1992)
	Newman & Mickelson (1994)
	Raukas & Tavast (1994)
	Wysota (1994)
	Hart (1995b)
	Hart (1997)
	Zelčs & Dreimanis (1997)
	Haavisto-Hyvärinen (1997)
	Menzies et al. (1997)
	Stea & Pe-Piper (1999)
	Jorgensen (2001)
	Nenonen (2001)
	Williams & Thomas (2001)
	Rattas & Piotrowski (2003)

1941 Citation sources: ¹Menzies (1979a); ²Karrow (1981); ³Shaw (1983); ⁴Karczewski (1987); ⁵Patterson & Hooke (1995)



1946	Figure 1: Cartoon of drumlin internal structure emphasising the potentially complex
1947	nature of their internal structure and how observations taken from limited natural
1948	exposures (e.g. areas labelled 1, 2 and 3) may not necessarily be representative of the
1949	internal properties of the entire drumlin. The ideal situation of having both a
1950	continuous transverse (A-A) and longitudinal section (B-B) is virtually impossible to
1951	observe using field traditional methods but is possible using geophysical techniques.
1952	This cartoon is used to simply illustrate the point about the internal variability of some
1953	drumlin sediments and is redrawn from the front cover of the 'Drumlin Symposium'
1954	book (Menzies and Rose, 1987).
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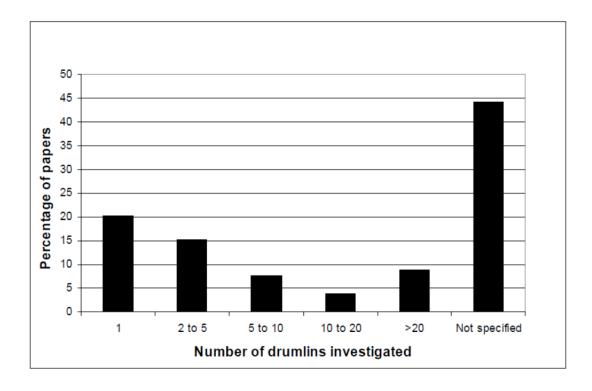




Figure 2: Samples sizes of drumlin composition and internal structure from 79 papers in the literature that we were able to consult and which specifically mention drumlin composition. Note that the majority of papers do not specify exactly how many drumlins were investigated and that for those papers which do state this explicitly, the dominant sample size is 1 drumlin (21%). Less than 10% of papers report from sample sizes greater than 20 drumlins.

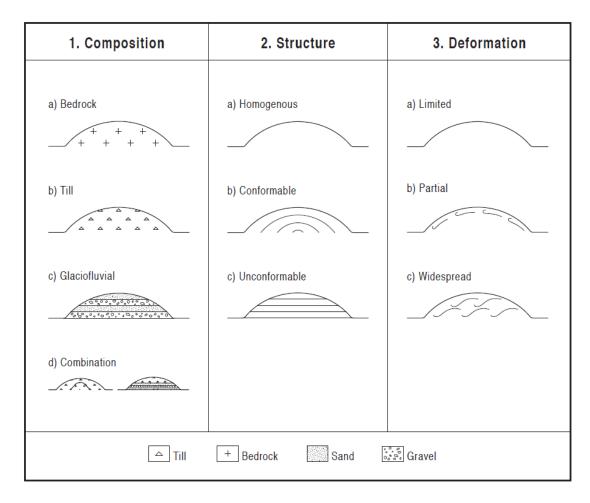
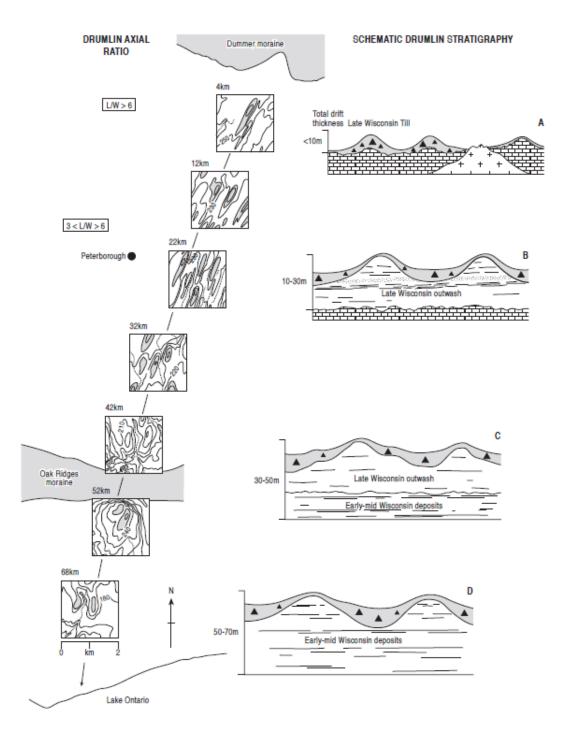


Figure 3: Three aspects of drumlin composition and structure that are of interest
include their: (1) composition (i.e. bedrock, till, glaciofluvial, or a combination); (2)
structure (homogenous, conformable, unconformable); and (3) deformation (limited,

1968 partial/non-pervasive, widespread/pervasive).





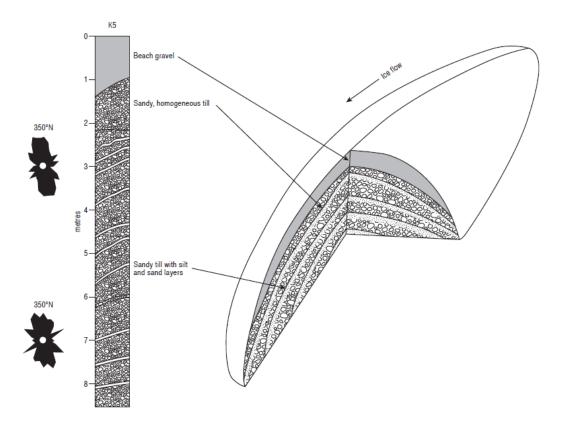
1971 **Figure 4:** Variability in drumlin stratigraphy and external morphometry along a 70

1972 km flow-line of the Peterborough drumlin field (redrawn from Boyce and Eyles,

1973 1991). In the north, drumlins are composed of part bedrock and part till but, in the

- south, they are composed of overridden proglacial and glaciolacustrine sediments
- 1975 overlain erosively by deformation till.
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Figure 5: The stratigraphy of the Kaituri drumlin, central Finland, and an outline of its internal structure (redrawn from Nenonen, 1994). The drumlin is composed of mainly of a homogenous sandy till, but with stratified beds of silt and sand layers that conform with the drumlin surface (cf. Figure 3). Till macrofabrics from upper and lower units give a mean orientation of 350 °, which is parallel to the long axis of the drumlin (345°).

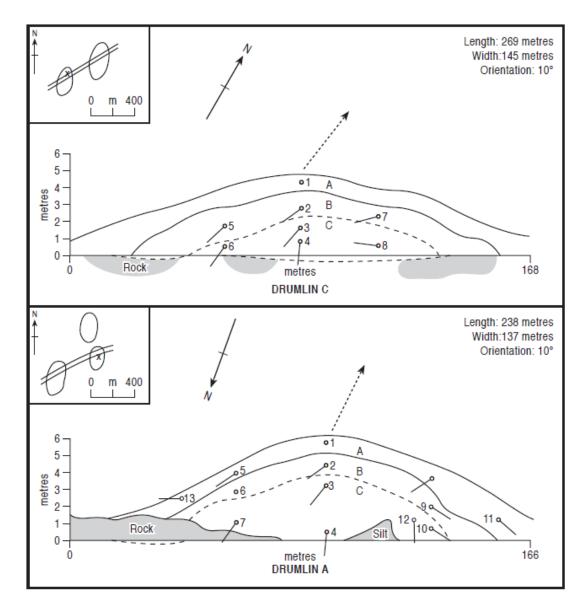




Figure 6: Internal composition and mean orientations of till fabrics in two drumlins
from the Ards Peninsula, Northern Ireland (redrawn from Hill, 1971). The drumlins
illustrated are composed of three units of till but those elsewhere are composed of
only one or two units and some have cores of rock or are composed mainly of sand.
Note the variations in till fabrics at different depths and within the different units
(dashed arrow = ice flow direction).

HIRSCHBRUNNEN DRUMLIN

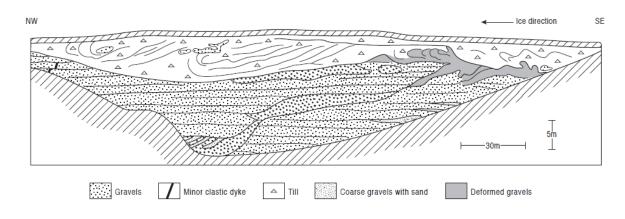
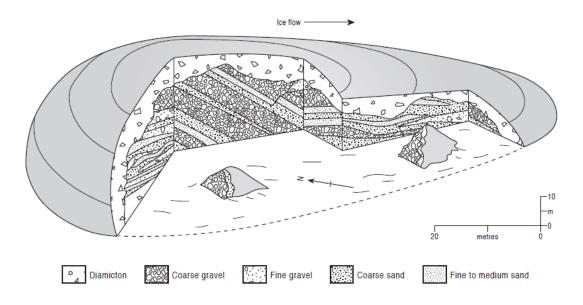


Figure 7: Schematic longitudinal section of the Hirschbrunnen drumlin (South

- 1997 German Alpine Foreland), which is composed of stratified sediments that have been
- 1998 deformed into an overlying till unit (redrawn from Ellwanger, 1992).

PORT BYRON DRUMLIN

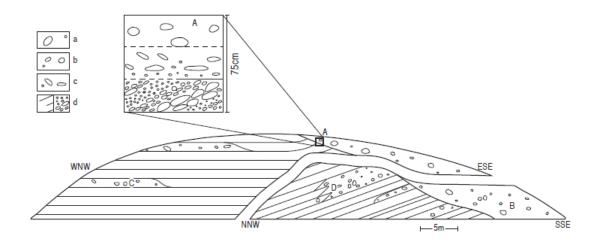


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2002 Figure 8: Cross section of the Port Byron drumlin, New York State, USA (redrawn

2003 from Menzies and Brand, 2007). This drumlin is composed of mainly stratified

sediments overlain by a thin veneer of till which exhibits syndepositonal deformationfeatures.

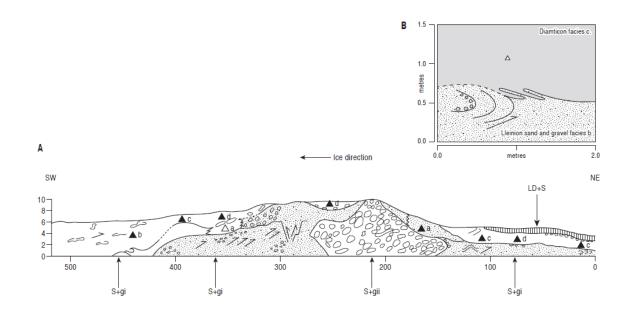


2008 Figure 9: Internal structure of the Mehetsweiler drumlin, western Allgäu, southern

2009 Germany, which consists mainly of stratified sediments, overlain by a mantle of till

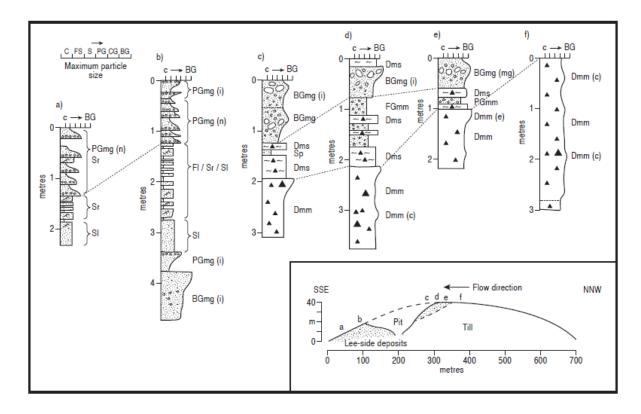
2010 (redrawn from de Jong et al., 1982) (a = subglacial till; b = flow till; c = contact zone

2011 between 'a' and 'd' (see inset); (d) = ice marginal meltwater deposits).





2015 Figure 10: Coastal section of a drumlin at Lleiniog, North Wales showing a deglacial 2016 veneer comprising a stratified bed consisting of a laminated sand, silt and clay deposit 2017 (0.5 m thick) on the proximal side of a drumlin (redrawn from Hart, 1995a). Hart also 2018 noted prominent fold and thrust features that preferentially developed on the stoss side 2019 of the drumlin (inset). LD+S = Llandona Diamicton and Sands; Lleiniog Diamicton: a = very coarse gravel facies; b = more chaotic sand-rich facies; c = red homogeneous2020 2021 facies; d = homogeneous facies with gravel lag. Lleiniog Sand and Gravel: S+gi =2022 grey-brown member/facies 'i'; S+gii = red-brown member/facies 'ii'. 2023



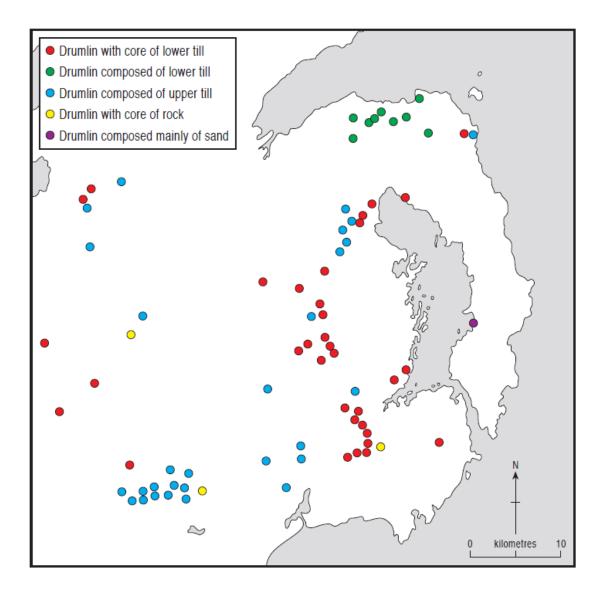


2025 Figure 11: Proximal-distal lithofacies relationships in the Derrylard drumlin,

2026 Northern Ireland, illustrating lee-side stratified sediments (redrawn from Dardis et al.,

2027 1984).

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2031 Figure 12: Internal composition of drumlins in north Down and south Antrim,

2032 Northern Ireland, redrawn from Hill (1971).

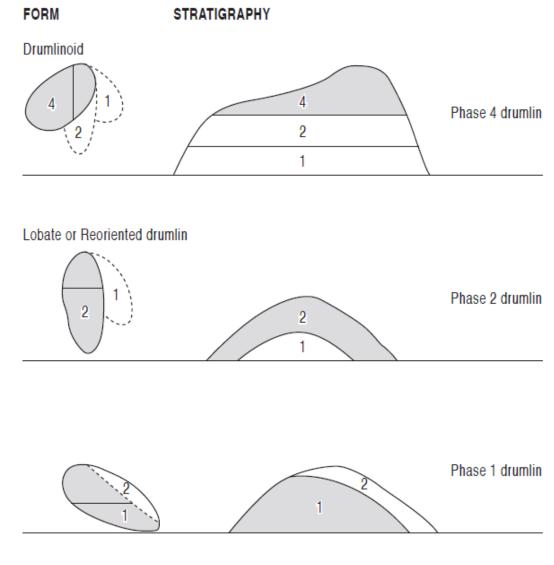


Figure 13: The development of drumlins in Nova Scotia through different ice flow phases (redrawn from Stea and Brown, 1989). Shaded areas under stratigraphy and form are thought to represent till units formed at the same time as the drumlin shaping process during specific ice flow phases. Unshaded areas under stratigraphy represent erosional remnants of earlier units. This figure illustrates the importance of appreciating the ice flow history of an area to understanding drumlin composition and internal structure.

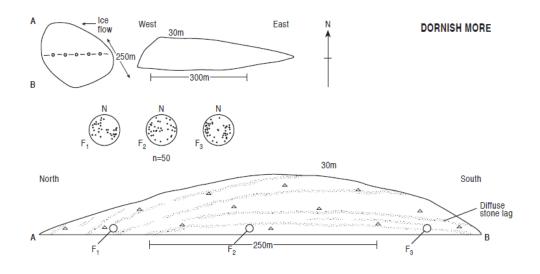




Figure 14: Morphology and stratigraphy of a drumlin in western Ireland showing

2045 boulder concentrations with a distinctive concentric arrangement that closely

2046 corresponds to drumlin morphology (redrawn from Hanvey, 1992).





2050 **Figure 15:** Till fabrics from a drumlin in SE Syracuse, New York showing a general

2051 aligment with drumlin orientation but with divergence around the stoss end and

2052 convergence around the lee end (redrawn from Muller, 1974, data from Savage, 1968).

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2055 **Figure 16:** Schematic illustration of the five main types of drumlin reported in the

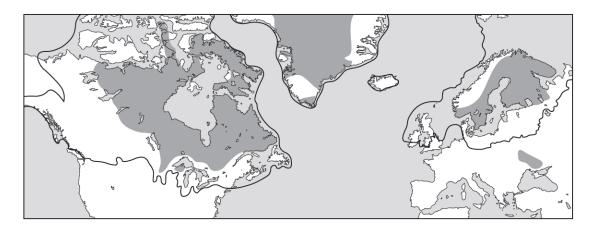
2056 literature, including various sub-types. It is argued that most reports of drumlin

2057 composition and internal structure can be classified according to each of these five

2058 main types, which we suggest are a useful observational template for theorists of

2059 drumlin formation to explain. See text for further discussion (section 10).

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2063 Figure 17: Location map of investigations of drumlin internal structure listed in Table

- 2064 1 and the approximate extent of former mid-latitude ice sheets (black line). Several
- 2065 papers represent reviews or syntheses of data from different areas (e.g. Linton, 1963)
- and not every location from these papers is mapped. The key point is the general
- absence of studies from shield areas (grey shading), despite the fact that they underlie
- 2068 large areas of former ice sheets. Ice extent taken from Ehlers and Gibbard (2007) and
- 2069 shield areas from USGS Geological Province Map
- 2070 http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/structure/crust/maps.php).