

# AEG-ASCE SHORT COURSE

## *TUNNELS THROUGH FAULT ROCKS AND TECTONIC MELANGES*

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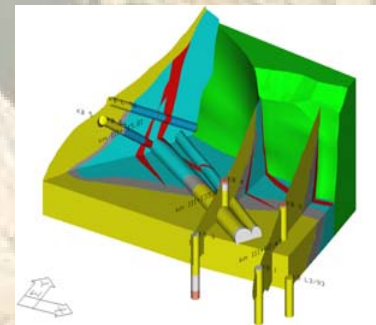
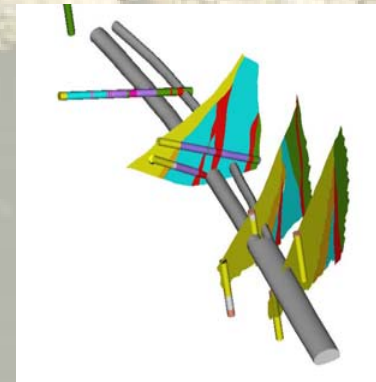
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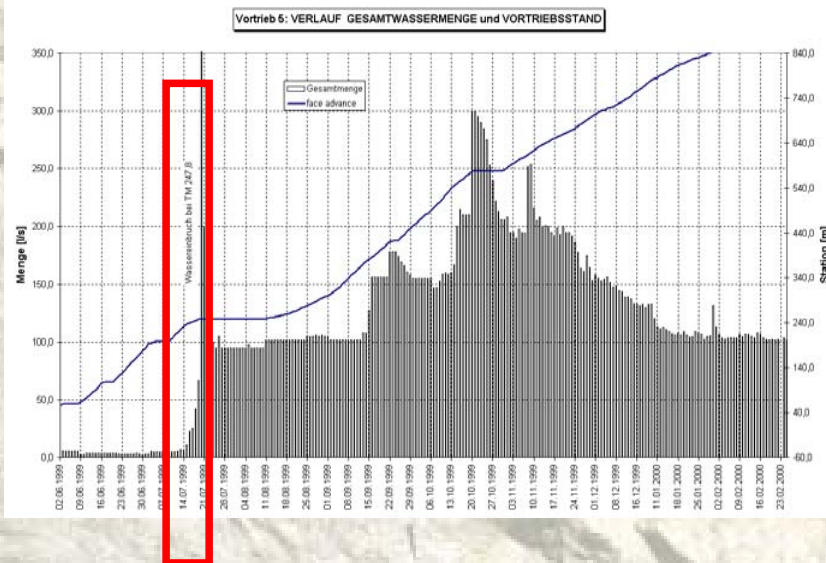
# Course Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Characterization and Classification**
- **Investigation**
- **State-of-the Art Method in Engineering Geological Face Mapping and Displacement Monitoring**
- **Prediction Ahead of the Tunnel Face**
- **Solving Problems with Tunneling Through Faults**

# Water Inflow

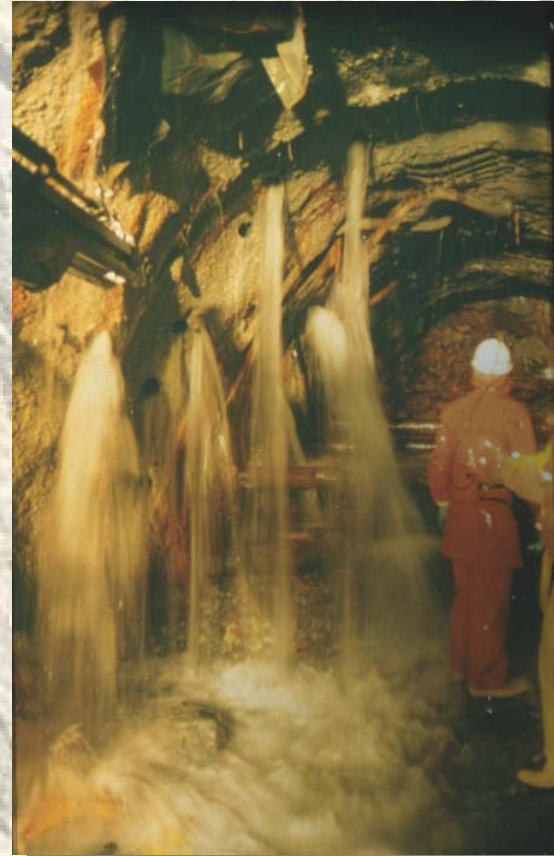


**HEAVY WATER INFLOW**  
**Station 247,8 m**



BLISADONA TUNNEL (Austria, 1999, 500l/s)

# Water Inflow



KAPONIG TUNNEL (Austria, 1993, 300l/s)

# Water Inflow



BASO CHHU TUNNEL (Bhutan, 1999, 450 l/s)

# Tunnel Collapse



Herzogberg Tunnel, Austria

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Herzogberg Tunnel, Austria

# Tunnel Collapse



Galgenberg Tunnel, Austria

## Case Studies

- Pinglin Tunnel, Nangkan – Ilan Motorway, Taiwan
- Tunnels of the Malakasi section, Egnatia Motorway, Greece

Two spectacular examples showing that an inadequate geological understanding of fault rocks and tectonic melanges causes severe geotechnical problems during tunneling

## Case Studies

### *Project Summary*

- Length: 12.9 km
- Twin-tube tunnel with tubes 60 m apart
- Outside diameter of tubes 11.8 m
- Pilot tunnel (diameter 4.8 m) between main tunnel tubes
- 28 cross connections between tubes
- Three ventilation shafts ( diameters 6.0 m, 6.5 m, depths 355 m, 252 m, 459 m)
- Three interchange stations
  
- **Construction method:** two 750 m sections at the two portals should have been excavated by D&B method. The remaining 11.4 km (main tunnels and pilot tunnel) should have been constructed by using TBM
- **Construction schedule:** Construction of the pilot tunnel was commenced in July 1991. Completion of the whole project was expected by the end of 1999

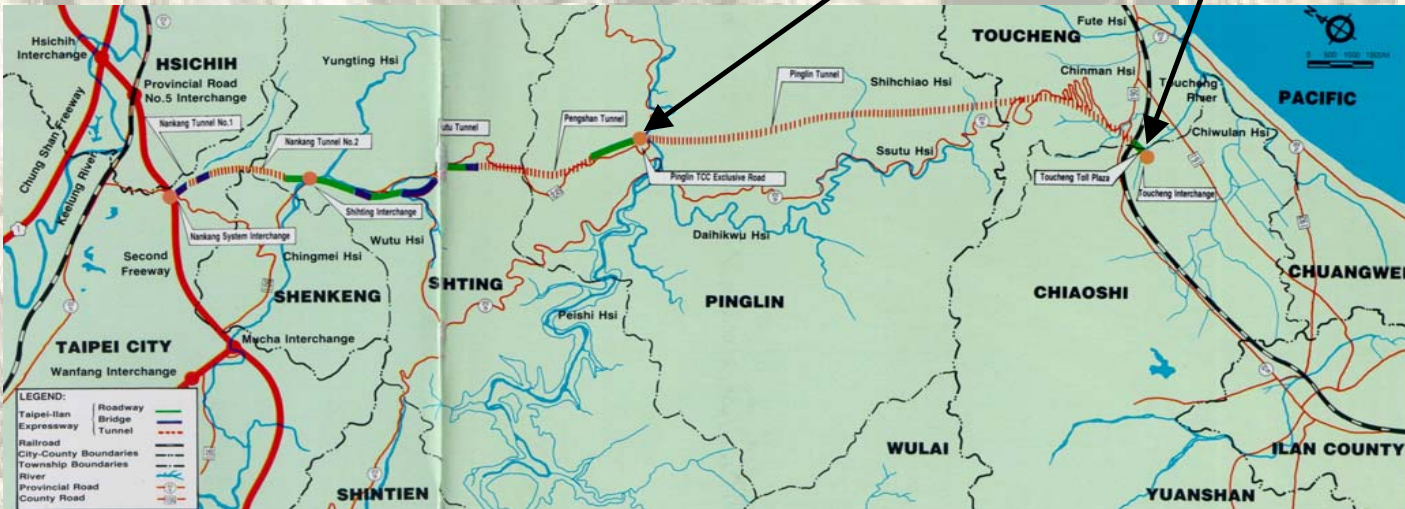
Pinglin Tunnel

# Case Studies



## TAIPEI-ILAN - EXPRESSWAY

Pinglin Tunnel  
(12.9 km)



## Pinglin Tunnel

# Case Studies

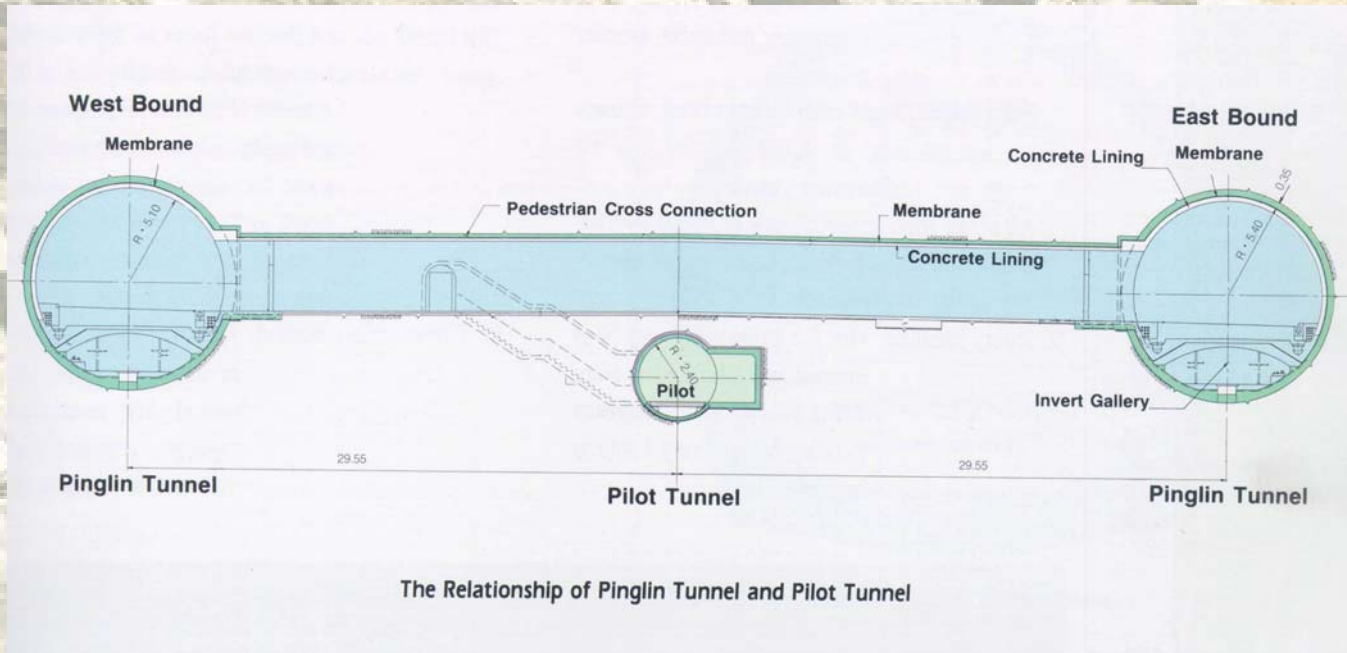
## *Artist's Perspective View*



Pinglin Tunnel

# Case Studies

## Cross Section of Main Tunnels, Pilot Tunnel and Pedestrian Connection

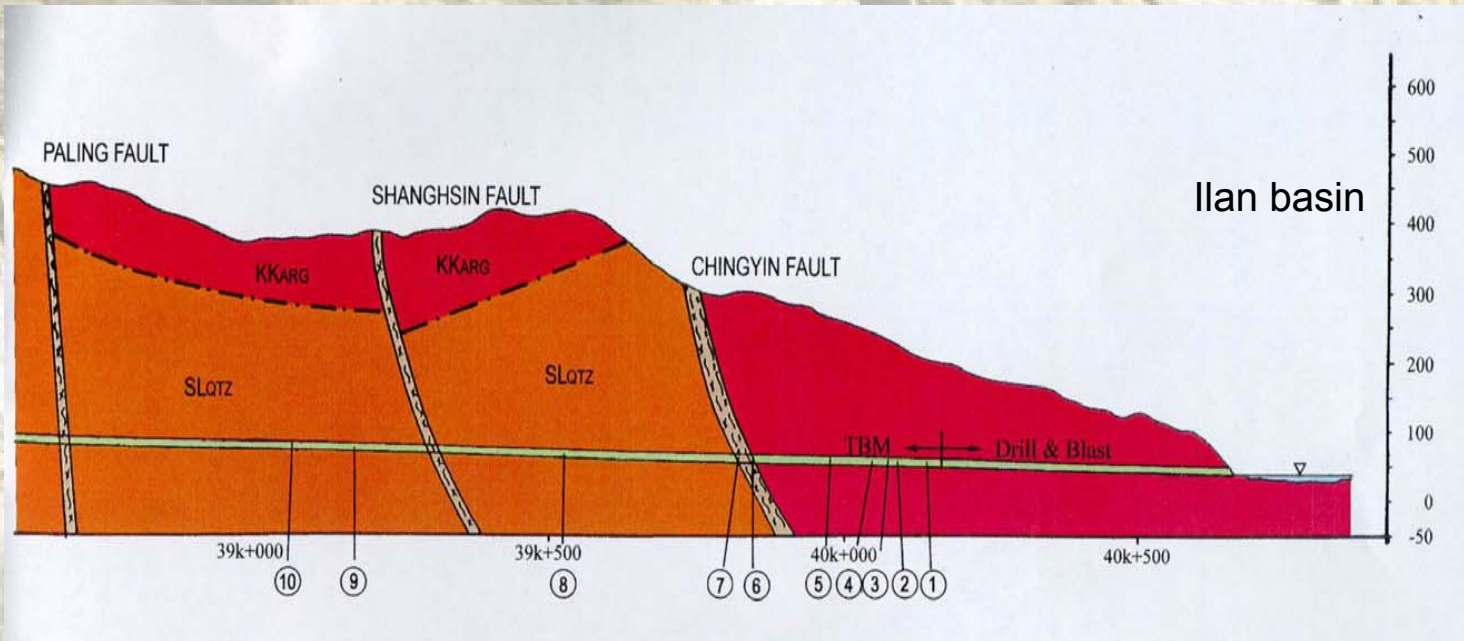


Pinglin Tunnel

# Case Studies

## Pinglin Tunnel, East Section

Fractured, open jointed rock mass  
due to extensional faulting

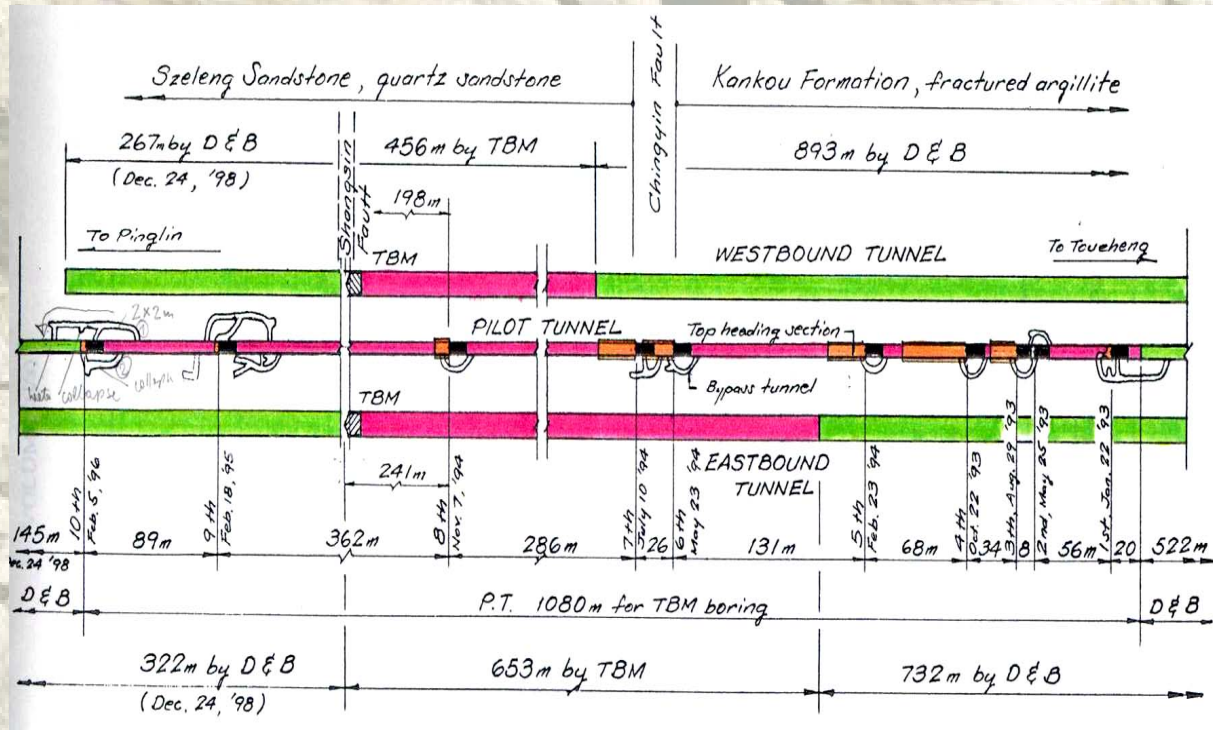


← 10 stoppages of pilot tunnel TBM →

Pinglin Tunnel

# Case Studies

## Locations of TBM Stoppages (December 1998)



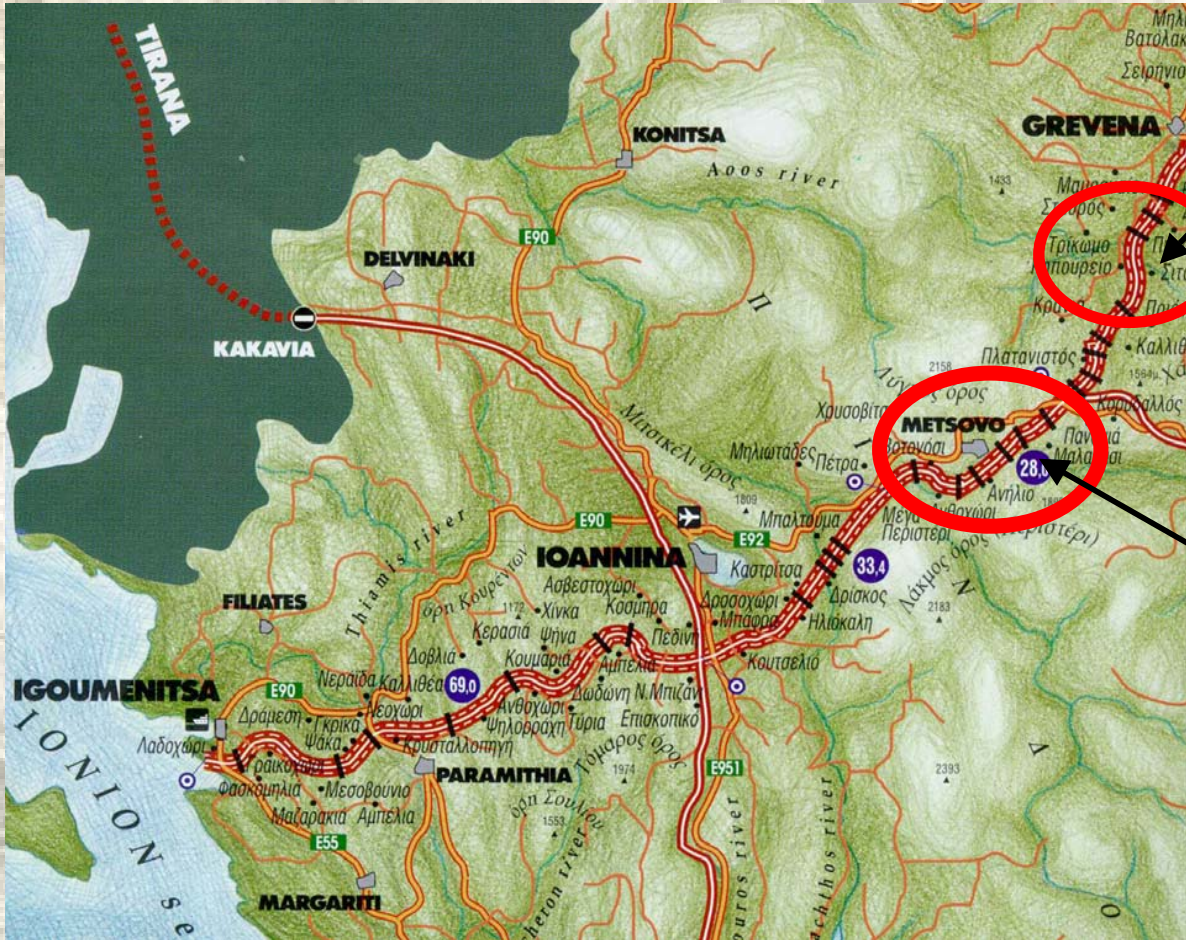
**Westbound T.:** 893 m D&B, 456 m TBM, 267 m D&B ahead of the face  
**Eastbound T.:** 732 m D&B, 653 m TBM, 322 m D&B ahead of the face  
**Pilot Tunnel:** 522 m D&B, 1080 m TBM, 145 m D&B ahead of the face

Pinglin Tunnel



# Case Studies

## Location



Tunnels in a tectonic melange and olistostrome

Tunnels in thrust duplexes

Egnatia Motorway

## Case Studies

### *Malakasi Section*

- Alpine forearc region, containing **chaotic rock mass** of predominantly shale, sandstone, siltstone, limestone and ophiolitic lithologies
- The chaotic deposits include **olistostromes** and **tectonic melanges**, which characteristically contain a chaotic arrangement of competent blocks (limestone and ophiolitic olistoliths and/or phacoids) in an irregularly sheared weak matrix consisting of shale, sandstone, siltstone and gouge
- This chaotic rock mass from different geological environments can be characterized from the engineering perspective as „**block-in-matrix rocks**“

### Egnatia Motorway

# Case Studies

## *Damaged West Portal Pre-Cut of Tunnel M2*



Egnatia Motorway

# Significance of Fault Zones

## *Geotechnical Relevant Characterization of Brittle Faults*

- Faults are elongated complex zones of deformation, ranging from decimeters to kilometers in magnitude
- A significant internal structure of shear and extensional fractures has developed, reflecting the geometry of the strain field and, consequently, the orientation of the principal stresses
- The brittle deformation, such as particle size reduction by crushing of grains and reorientation of grains by shearing, generates the characteristic fine-grained gouge
- Low-temperature solution transfer contributes substantially to the alteration of fault rocks, in particular of gouge, through transformation and neoformation of clay minerals

# Significance of Fault Zones

## *Geotechnical Relevant Characterization of Brittle Faults*

- The significant geotechnical feature is a substantial heterogeneity, reflected by the occurrence of more or less undeformed competent blocks which are typically surrounded by a fine-grained matrix consisting of gouge and highly fractured rocks. The matrix appears to be flowing around the blocks in an anastomosing pattern
- The mainly lozenge shaped blocks exhibit a fractal distribution of dimensions, ranging from the microscale to hundreds of meters in length. Fault structures are scale independent
- A considerable heterogeneity of the stress field may exist. Variations in the stress field might be an important cause of segmentary fault zone formation
- Groundwater conditions are also highly variable. Water pressures and flow directions may change dramatically across fault zones. A fault zone acts as aquifer, aquitard and aquiclude

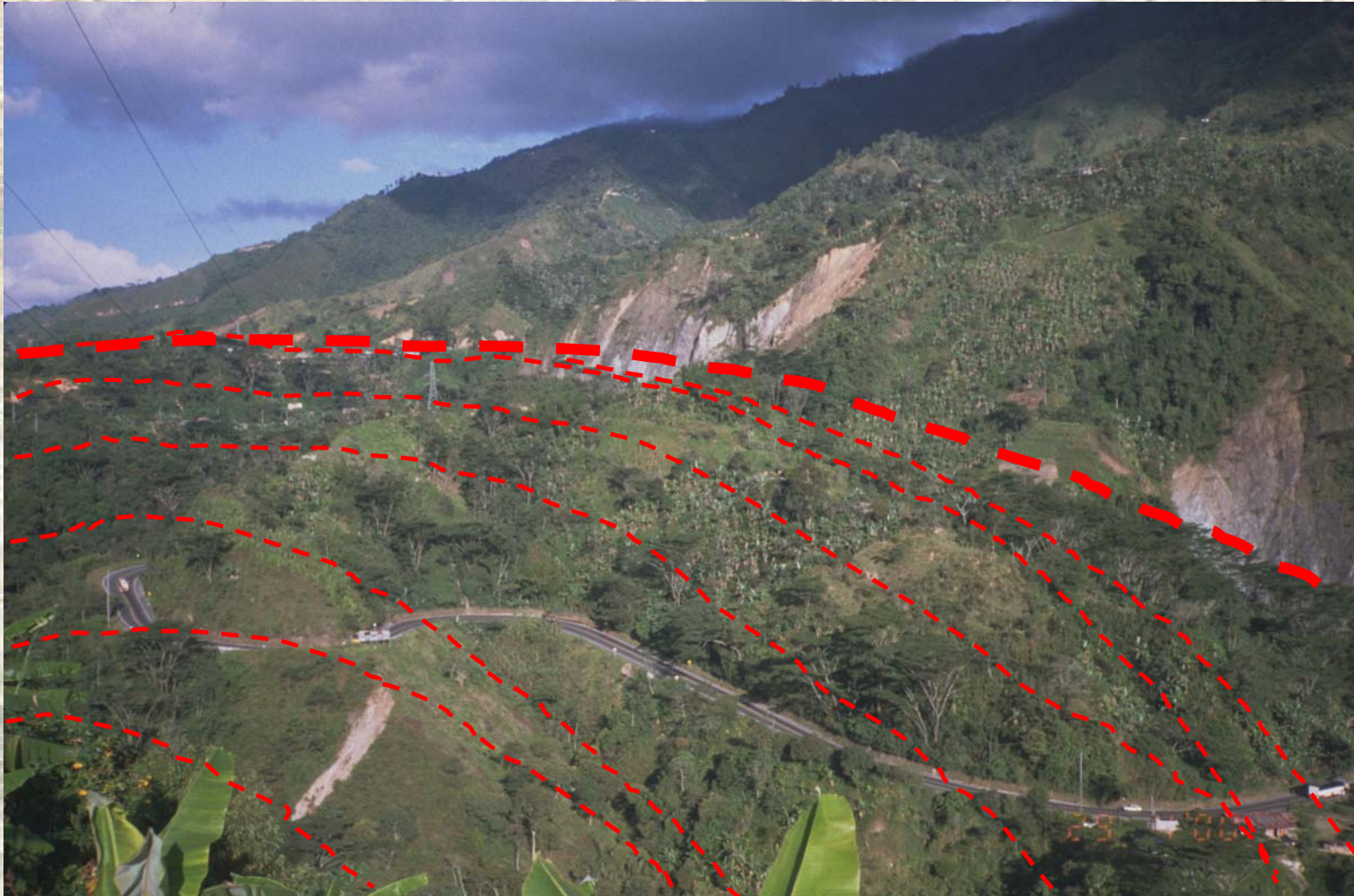
# Fault Morphology



North Anatolian Fault Zone, Turkey  
Fault Escarpment of Active Segment, near Bolu Tunnel

# Fault Morphology

Characterization



Normal Faults, La Linea Tunnel, Colombia

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# Case Studies

## *Project Data*

- Rock Fill Dam (Height 120 m)
- Headrace Tunnel (Length 19.5 m, Diameter 3.5 m)
- Penstock (Length 2.6 km)
- Gross Head 1.053 m
- Total Capacity 120 MW
- Tailrace Water Canal
- Compensation Reservoir
- Treatment Plant
- Potable Water Conduit
- Irrigation Canals

HPP Misicuni, Bolivia

# Case Studies

## *Project History*

- Construction problems (TBM excavation) of the headrace tunnel due to inadequate geotechnical characterization of fault zones
- The 19.5 km long tunnel penetrates Ordovician quartzitic sandstone and slate. Faults were only identified as individual planar elements
- As a consequence of the inadequate fault model inappropriate equipment was selected which, in combination with insufficient planning and construction shortcomings, caused unforeseen stoppages of the TBM excavation due to tunnel collapse and water inflow
- The total costs for remedial work and effective time of immobilized equipment are US\$ 3 million

HPP Misicuni, Bolivia

# Case Studies

*Strike – Slip Fault, Misicuni Tunnel, Bolivia  
Bocatoma Portal, Intermediate Shaft*



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# Case Studies

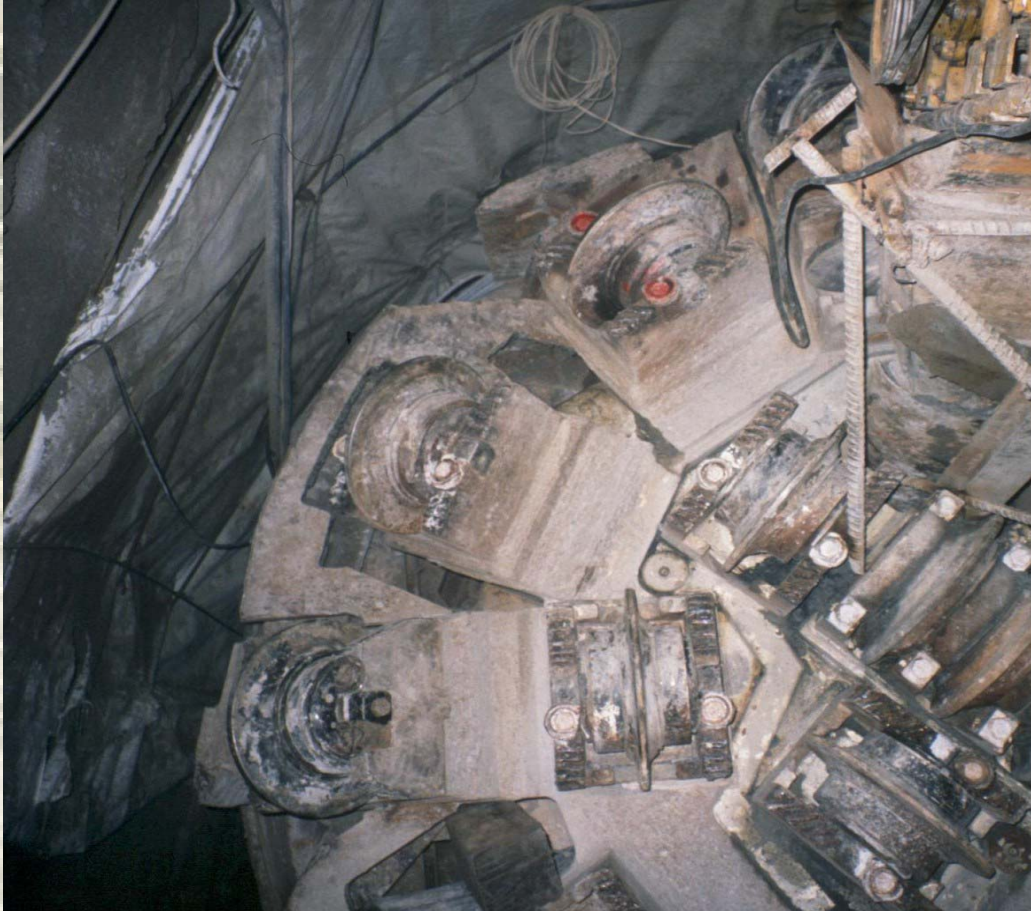
*HPP Misicuni, Headrace Tunnel, Calio - Portal*



HPP Misicuni, Bolivia

## Case Studies

*Cutter Head of Buried TBM at km 18 + 513.70  
Calio Heading on May 03, 1999*



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## Case Studies

*Excavation Ahead of the TBM Using Marciavantis,  
Steel Ribs and Shotcrete*



HPP Misicuni, Bolivia

# Fault Structures

- The analysis of the internal fault structure gives evidence of the displacement field during faulting and indicates the orientation of principal stresses (paleostress analyses)
- From the geotechnical point of view the differentiation of extensional and compressional faults is important

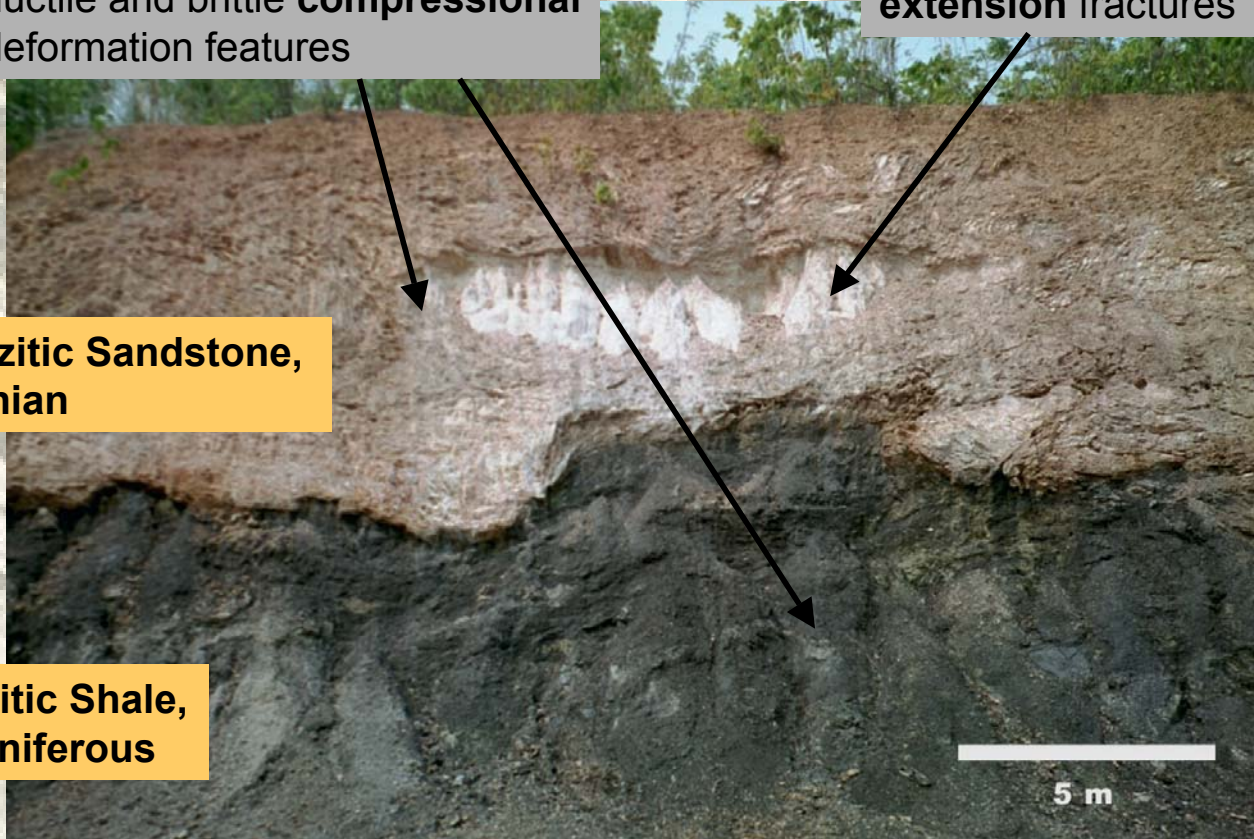
# Fault Structures

Foliated **soft matrix** showing ductile and brittle **compressional** deformation features

Lenticular **stiff block** showing **extension** fractures

Quartzitic Sandstone, Devonian

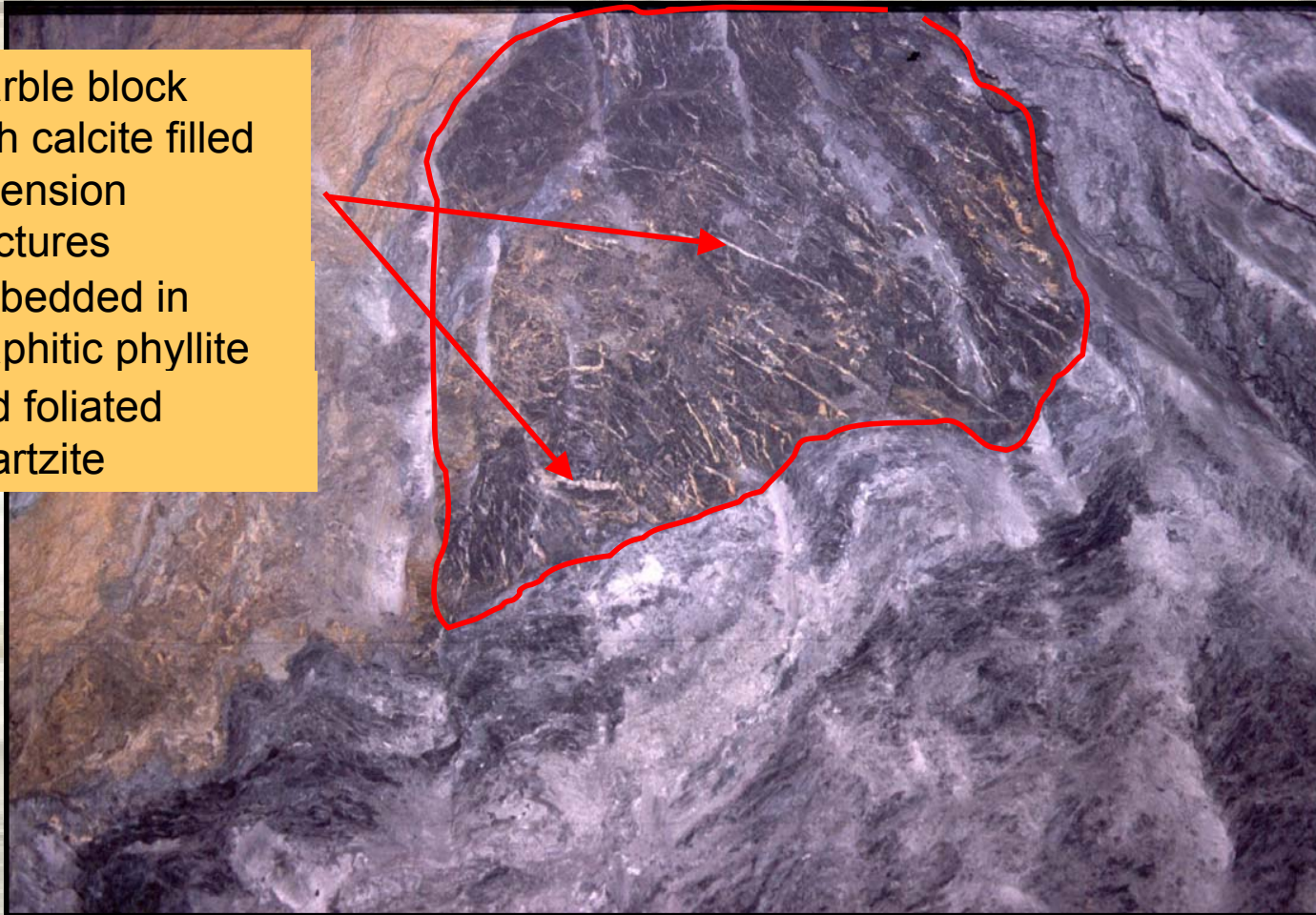
Graphitic Shale, Carboniferous



Formation of Melange in an Foreland Basin Overthrust Setting, Main Tunnel, Mae Kuang Irrigation Project, N – Thailand

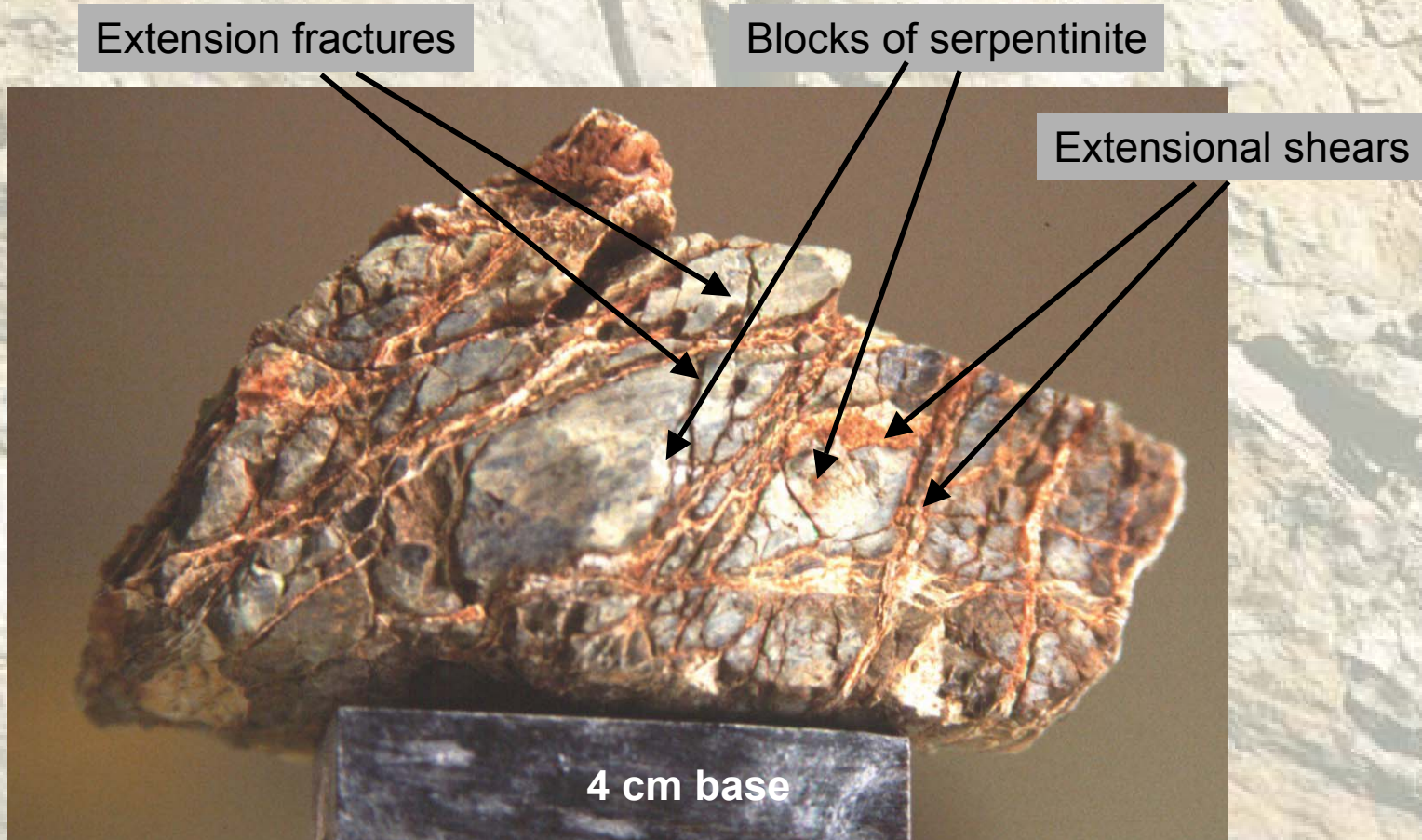
# Fault Structures

Marble block with calcite filled extension fractures embedded in graphitic phyllite and foliated quartzite



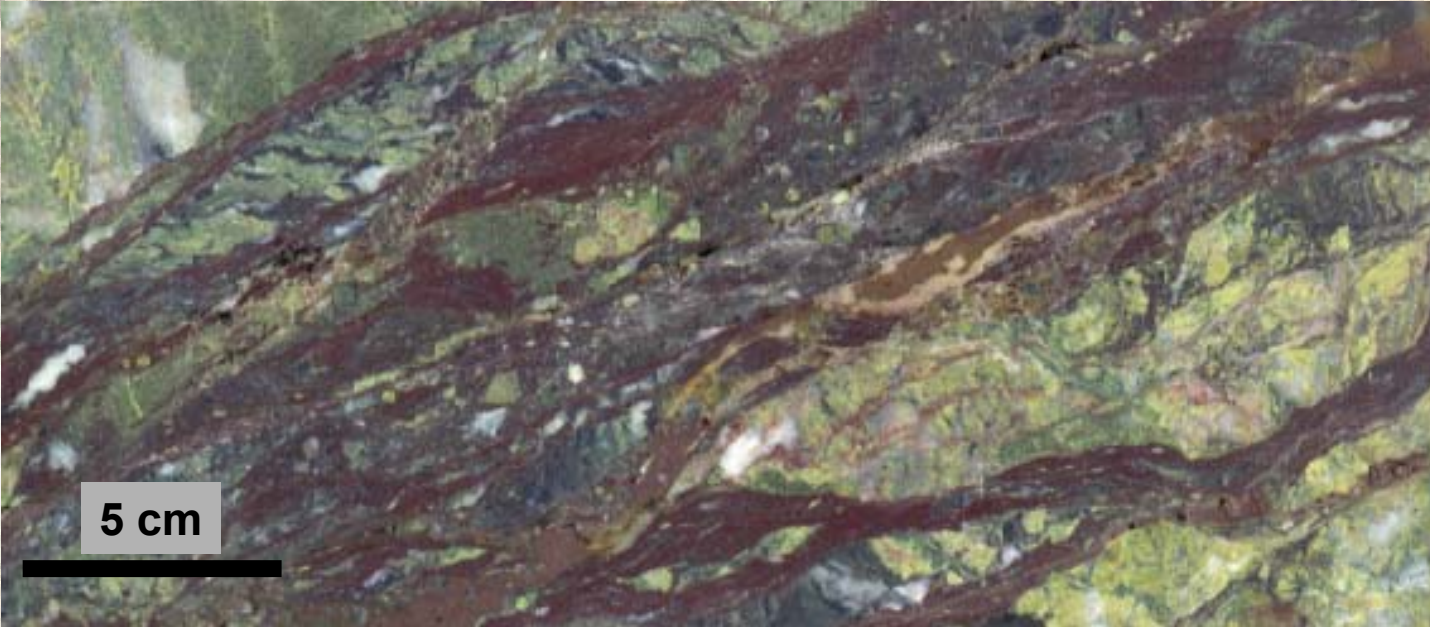
Tectonic Melange in an Alpine Thrust Setting  
Semmering Motorway, Tunnel Steinhaus, Austria

# Fault Structures



Typical Structure of Ophiolitic Melange in Mesoscale  
Egnatia Motorway, N-Greece

# Fault Structures

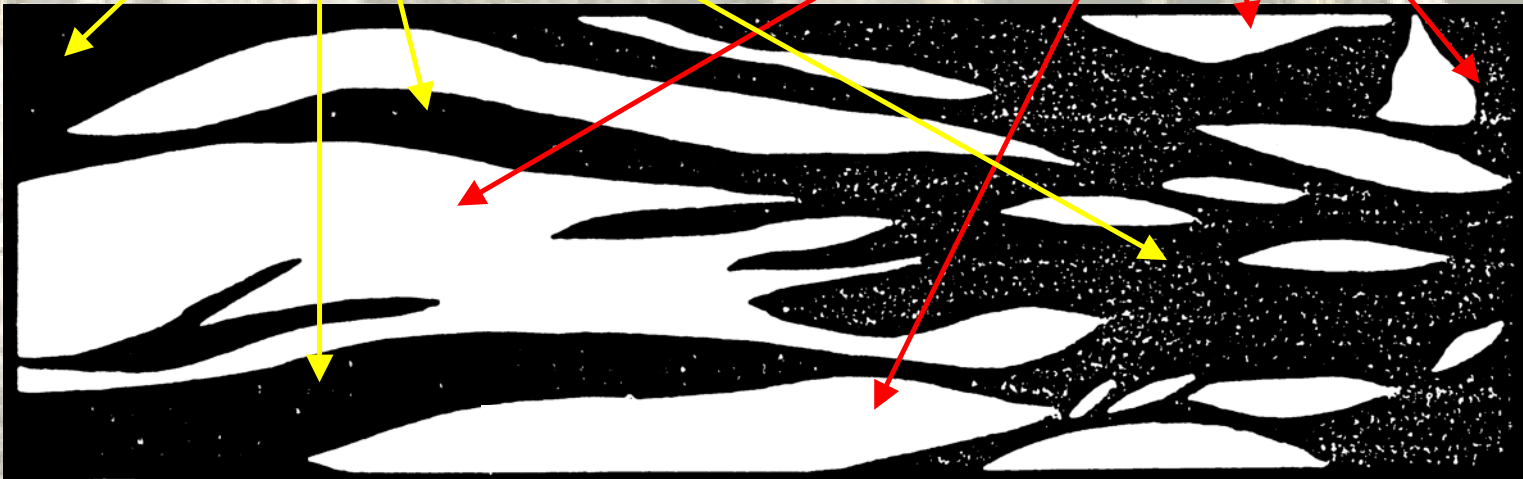


Significantly Anisotropic Melange (Mesoscale)  
Diverse Elongate Blocks (Phacoids) in Foliated Matrix

# Fault Structures

**FINE - GRAINED  
INTENSELY SHEARED  
GOUGE**

**LOZENGE - SHAPED  
BLOCKS OF NO  
DEFORMATION**



Fault Zone Model, Blocks Show Fractal Dimensions,  
from the Micro – to the Megascale

## RESEARCH ON “BIMROCKS“

➤ **Lindquist (1994):**

The strength and deformation properties of melange.

*PhD dissertation, Univ. Calif. Berkeley*

➤ **Medley (1994):**

The engineering characterization of melanges and similar Block-in-Matrix Rocks (Bimrocks).

*PhD dissertation, Univ. Calif. Berkeley*

# Fault Structures

*RESEARCH ON “BIMROCKS“  
presented by ED MEDLEY*

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# Fundamental Concepts to Consider When Characterizing Melanges and Other Bimrocks

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# Melange and Similar Bimrocks

- **Bimrocks:** block-in-matrix rocks
  - a mixture of rocks composed of geotechnically significant blocks within a bonded matrix of finer texture
- **Melanges:** **UNCHILE** geological mixtures of competent blocks composed of sedimentary/ metamorphic blocks in weaker matrix of sheared shale /serpentinite
- **Similar Bimrocks:** Fault Rocks, Breccias, Lahars, Tillites, etc.

**Melange: geological mixture with poly lithologic blocks ranging in size from sand to mountains: Blocks in the Gwna melange, Anglesey, North Wales**

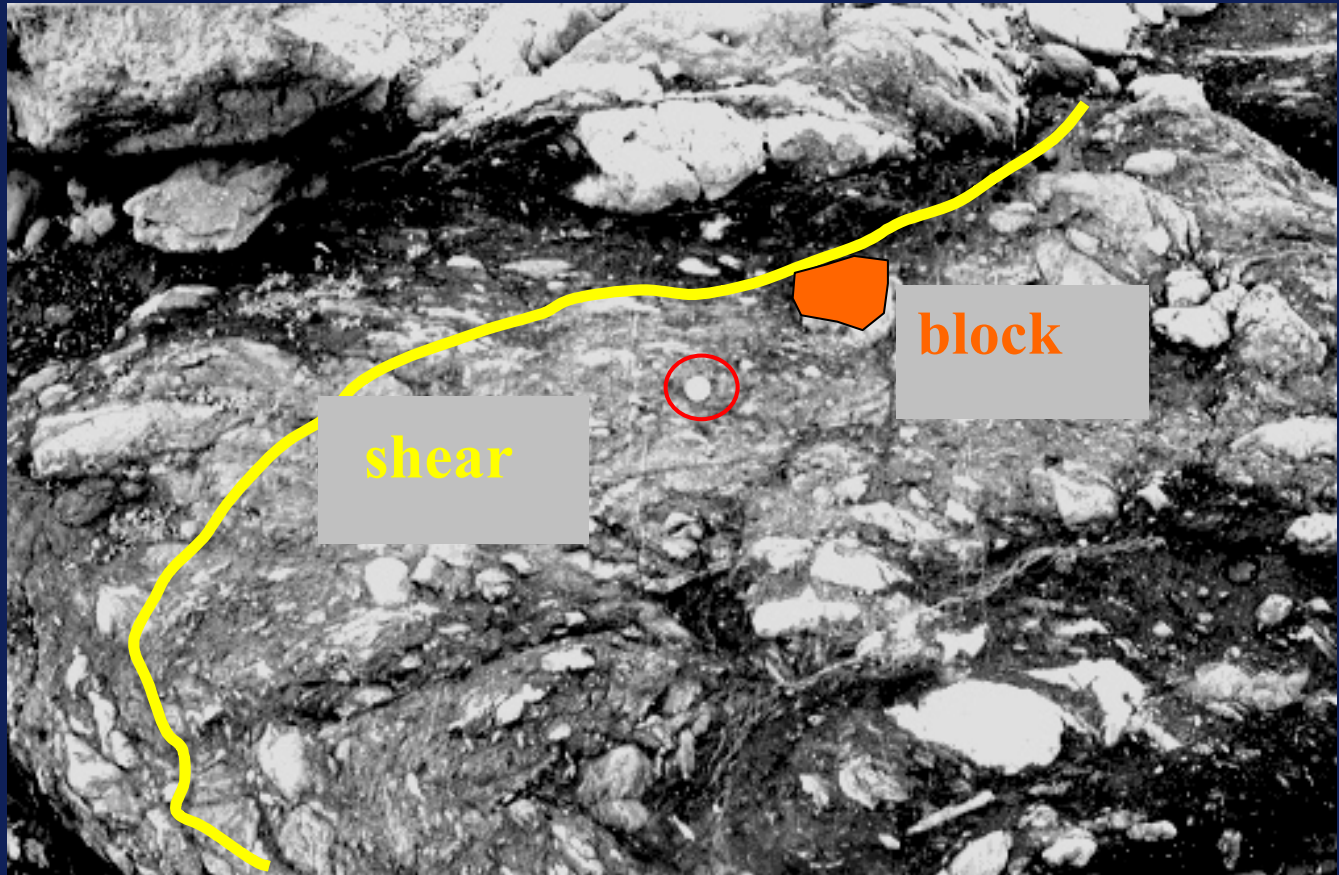


**Gwna Melange, North Wales**



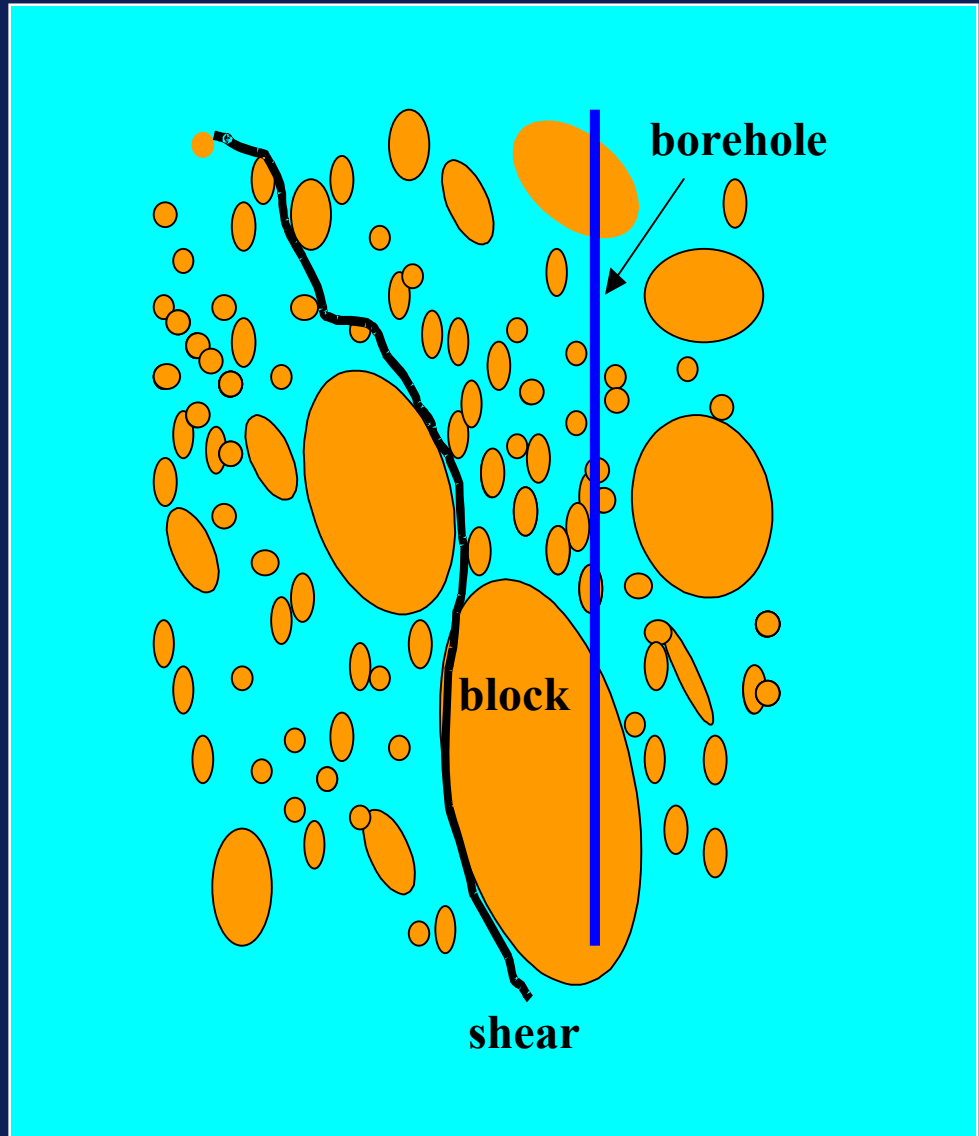
**Franciscan Complex,  
El Cerrito, California**

# Franciscan Complex melange (Point Delgada, California)

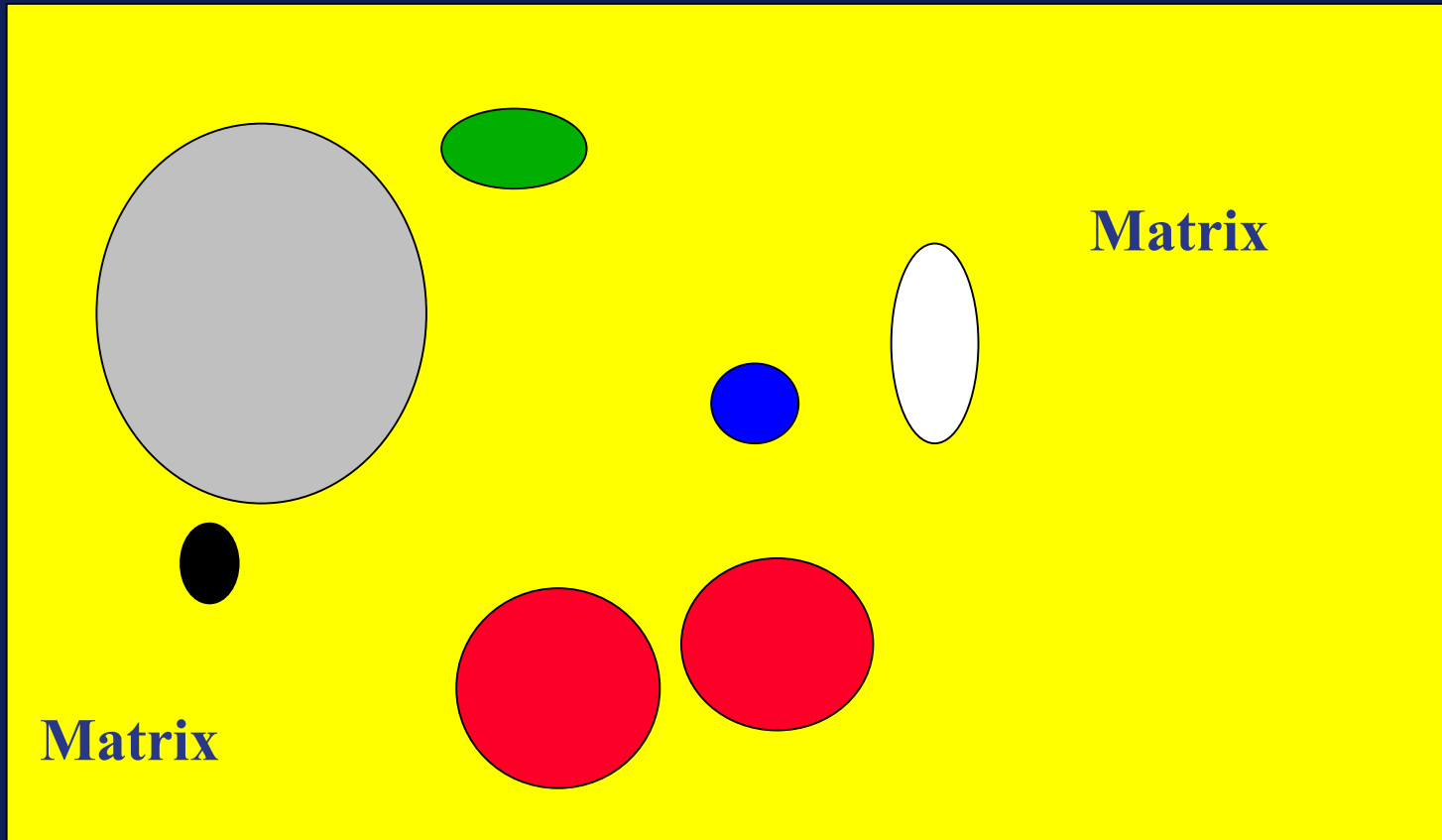


**A real problem !!**

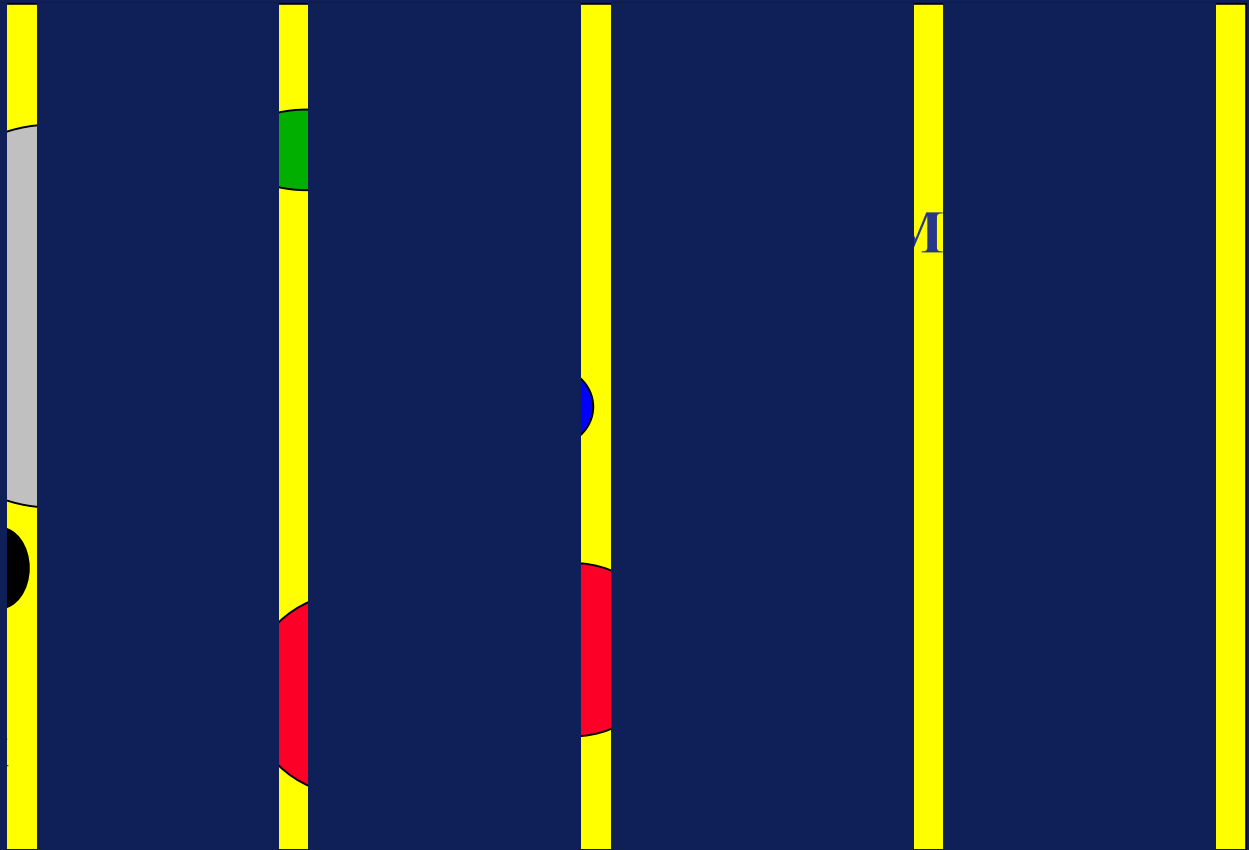
**We can only  
characterize  
three-dimensional  
chaos with one-  
dimensional  
boreholes and  
two-dimensional  
plans and cross-  
sections.....**



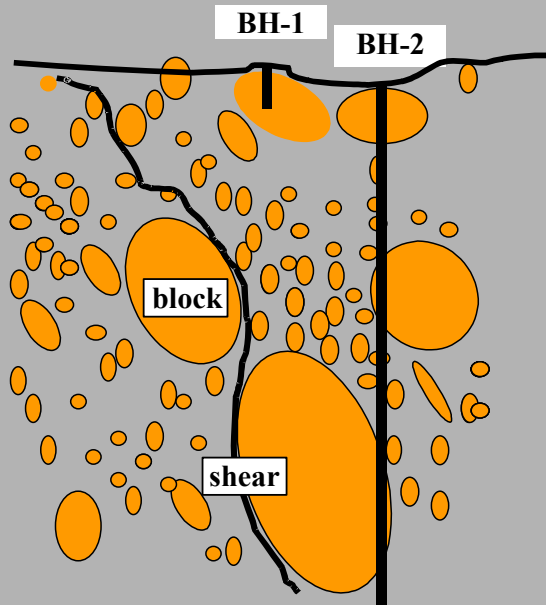
# Exploring Bimrocks is NOT a piece of cake....



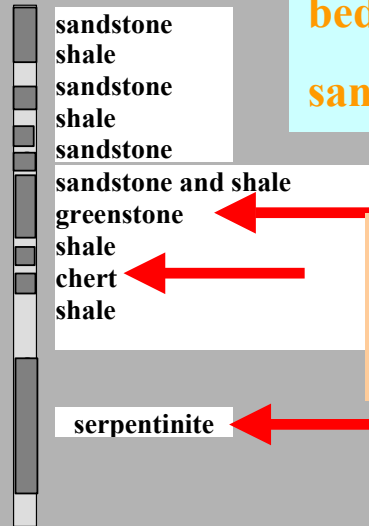
# Bimrocks as Mapped, or as drilled and cored



# Exploring melanges: they are obvious!!!



log of BH-2



Looks like, but IS NOT, “inter-bedded shales and sandstones”\*

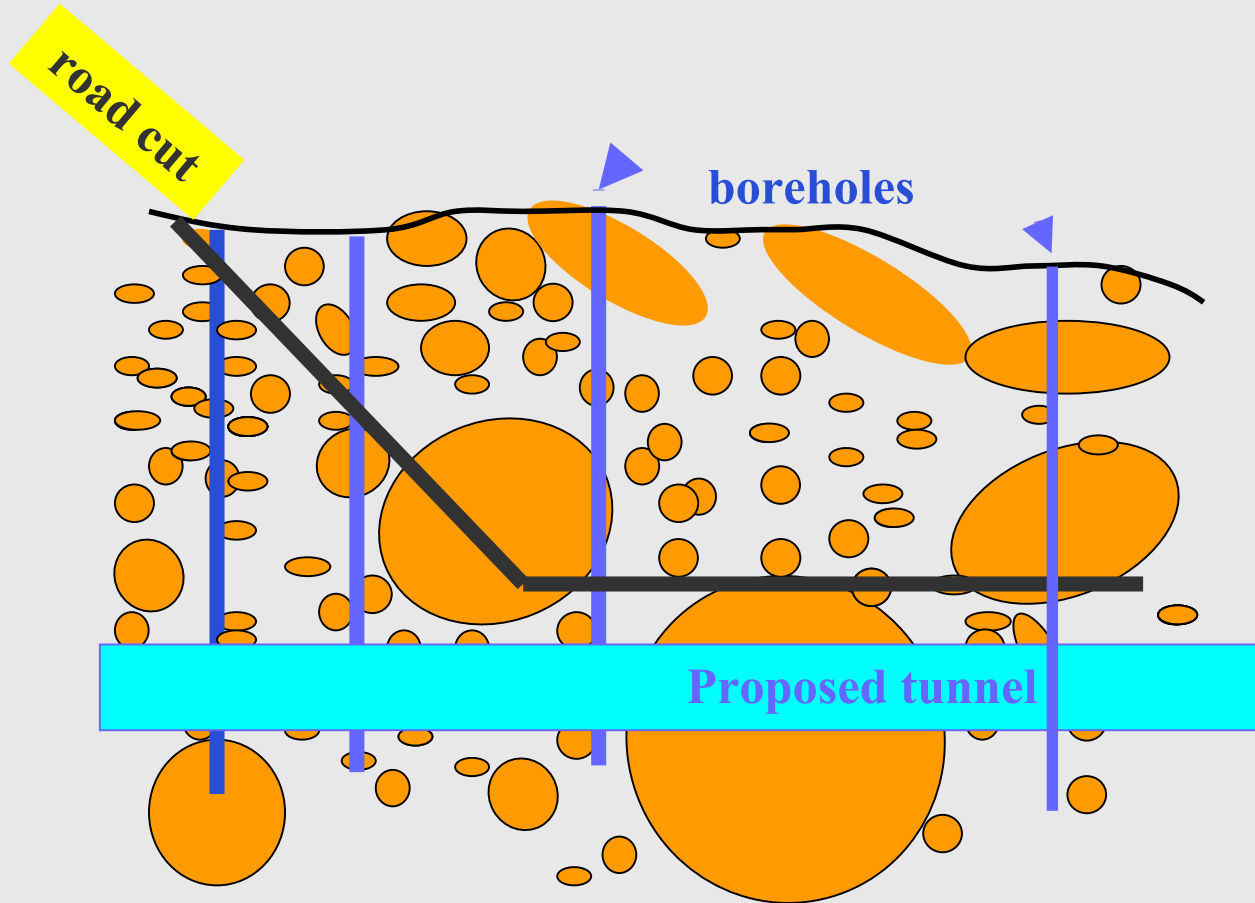
**Big Clues**

**\*Also beware terms like: “soil with boulders”. “miscellaneous soils”**

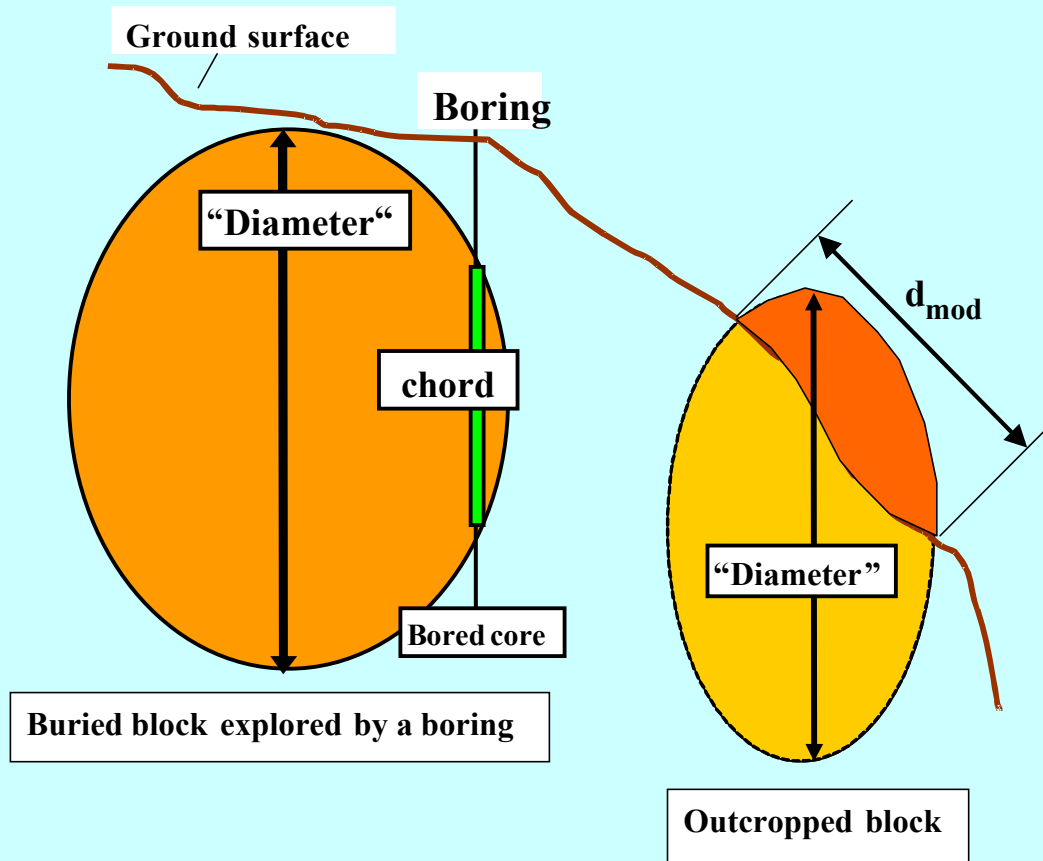


**The complexity of a turbidite sequence -  
REAL interbedded sandstones and shales  
(Devil's Slide, Pacifica, California)**

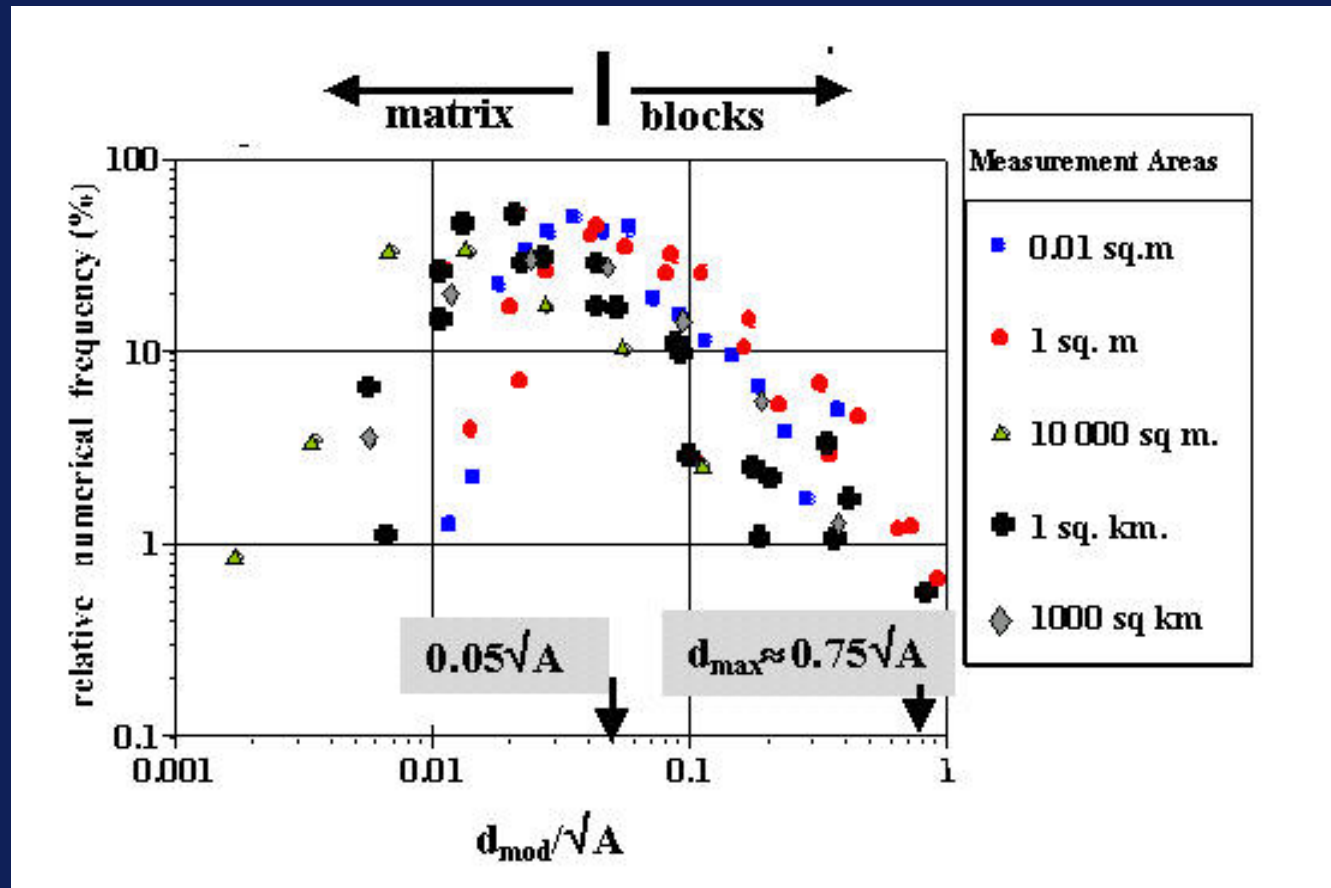
# When investigating think BLOCKS!!



# The "size" of blocks



# Scale-independent block size distributions of Franciscan melanges



# Q: What is Block/What is Matrix?

For **any** rock volume use an appropriate scale to determine block/matrix threshold, such as

- $\sqrt{A}$
- Size of **largest mapped block** ( $d_{\max}$ )
- Some ***characteristic engineering dimension*** ( $L_c$ )  
(tunnel diameter; thickness of landslide; diameter of laboratory specimen, etc.)

# Use these guidelines at any scale of interest

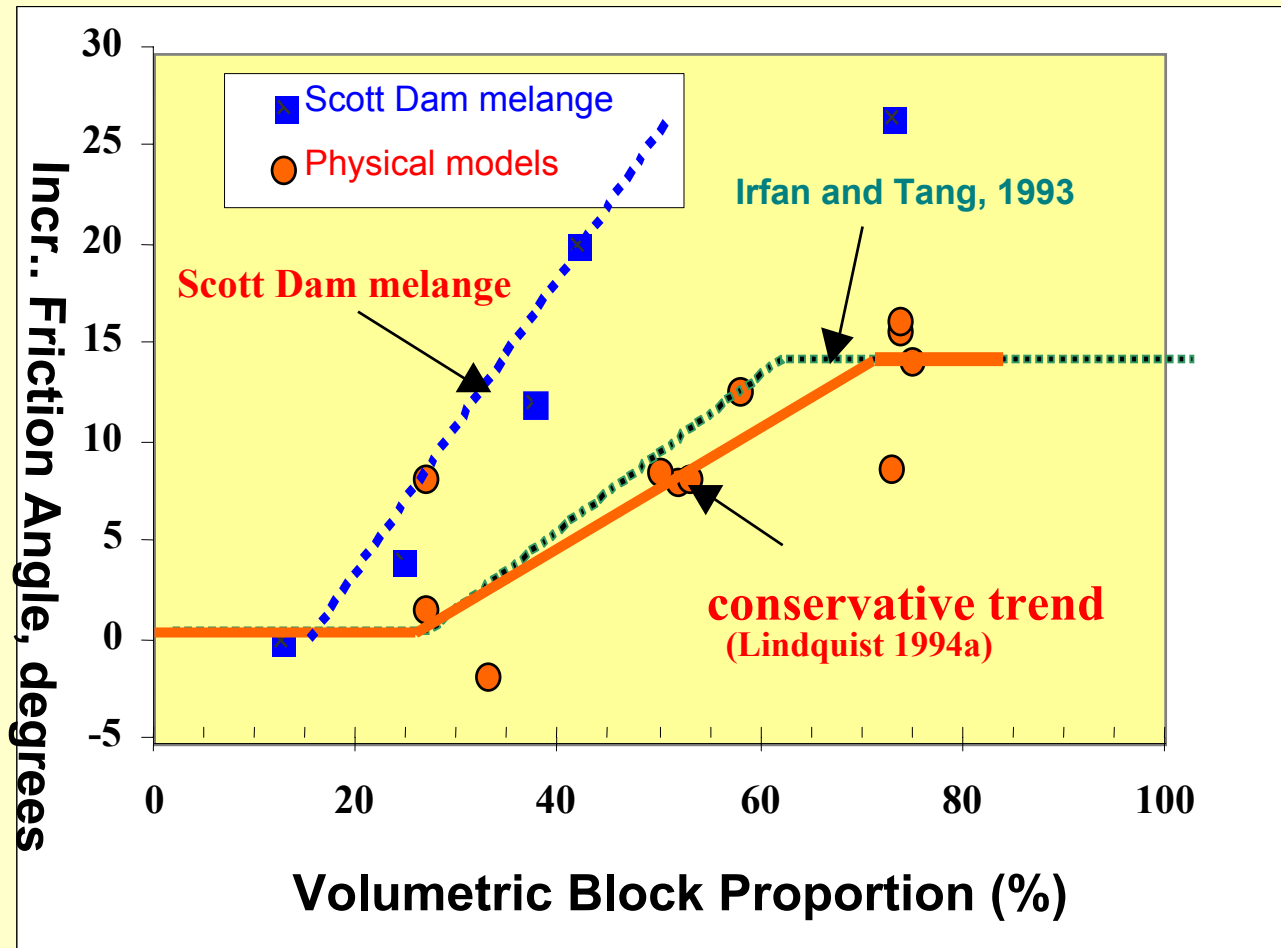
- **smallest blocks** are:

$$0.05L_c \text{ or } 0.05 \sqrt{A} \text{ or } 0.05d_{\max}$$

- **largest block** is:

$$0.75 \sqrt{A} \text{ or } 0.75L_c \text{ or } 0.05d_{\max}$$

# Strength of bimrock depends on volumetric block proportion



# Estimation of volumetric block proportions

- Determine linear proportion from drill core
- Apply **stereological** principle:  
**linear proportion = volumetric proportion**
- **TRUE ONLY** when you perform lots drilling/\$\$\$) so beware uncertainty (error)

42% model



**Estimating  
volumetric block  
proportion: how true  
is our estimate  
using a few  
boreholes?**

**Slice of a physical  
model bimrock with  
a known volumetric  
block proportion  
and block size  
distribution,  
explored by model  
boreholes.**

# ..... or, how wrong can we be?

Actual volumetric proportion is 32%

32% model  
Plan view of model showing linear proportions  
for 100 "long" scanlines

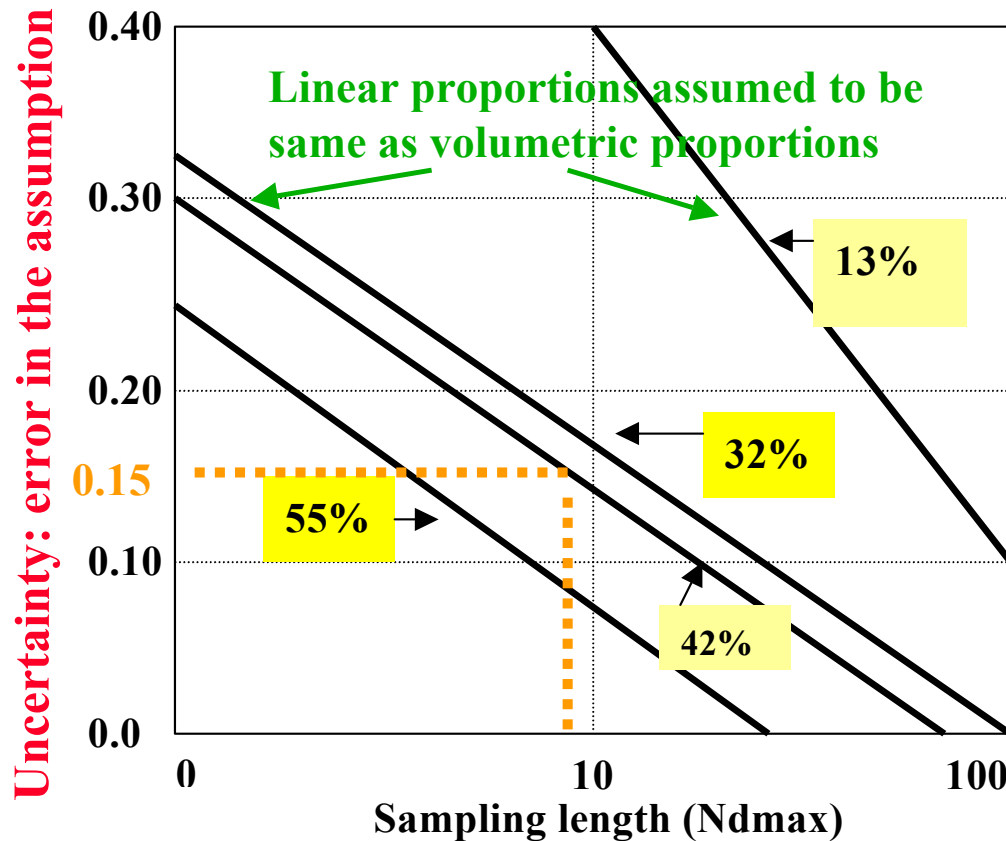
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31.3	24.5	25.3	21.1	27.8	41.3	53.6	23.4	41.4	23.4
34.0	33.8	10.1	22.9	56.6	39.0	34.0	23.2	52.6	27.0
27.2	34.2	21.9	17.0	57.0	51.3	42.4	54.8	51.3	42.0
26.3	28.1	16.3	26.0	46.7	54.3	45.1	46.1	60.9	48.3
44.2	28.0	29.9	34.2	57.0	58.8	37.5	41.2	46.9	29.6
31.3	36.7	41.3	39.5	32.6	30.3	21.9	30.7	33.5	32.7
50.0	41.5	40.7	26.5	28.0	23.8	27.6	13.0	35.9	36.4
58.9	45.5	30.5	11.1	28.1	23.3	17.6	30.3	32.4	47.6

Plan view edge of model

# Guidelines for estimating block volumetric proportion

- Measure at least  $10^* d_{\max}$  of drill core (e.g.:  $7.5\sqrt{A}$ )
- Take **uncertainty** into account, and:
  - adjust vol% estimate **downwards** for strength
  - adjust vol% estimate **upwards** for construction excavation purposes

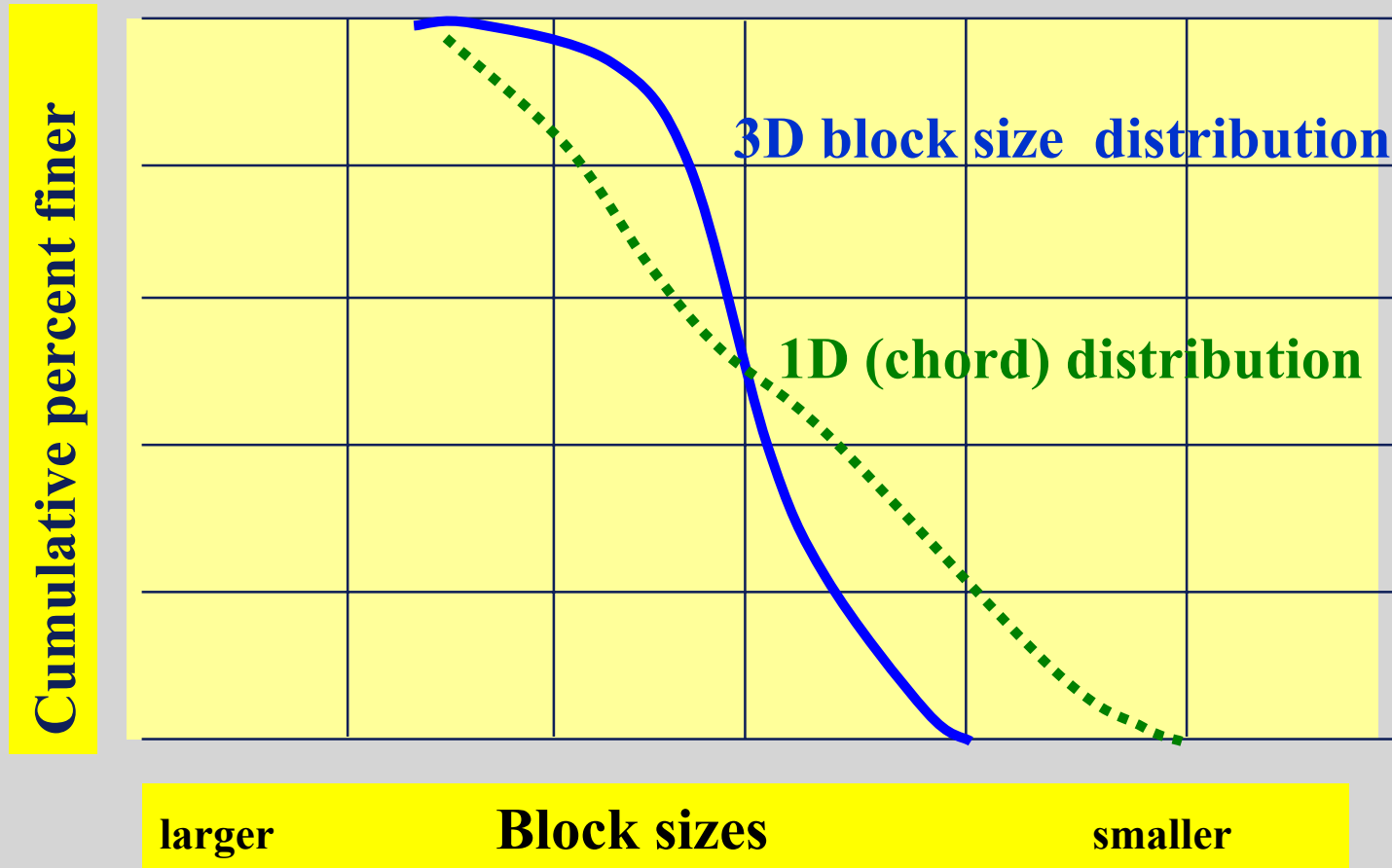
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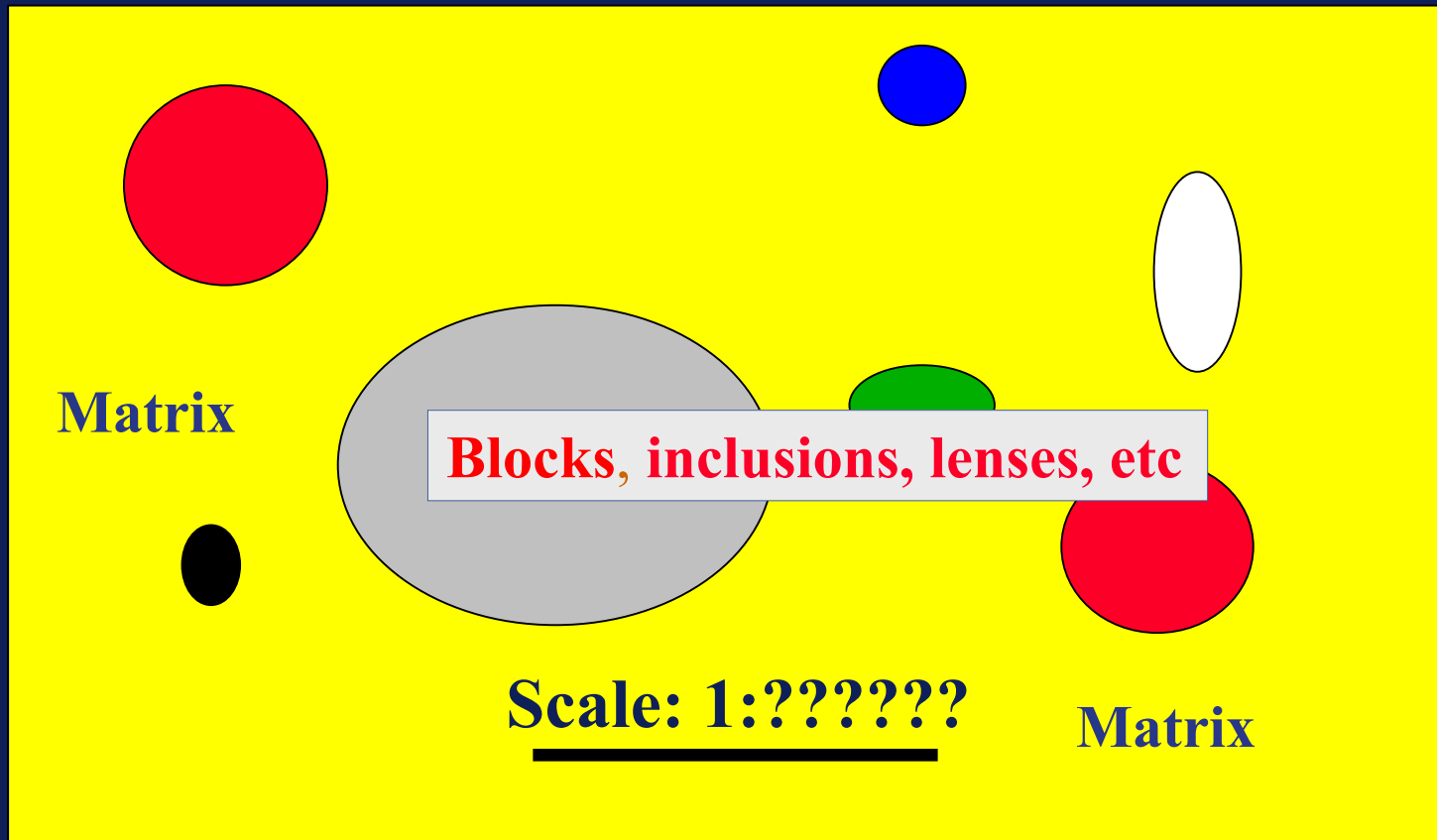
**Estimating volumetric properties on the basis of linear boring measurements**

**$0.15 \times 40\% = 6\%$ : use 34% block proportion**

# 3D and 1D Block Size Distributions

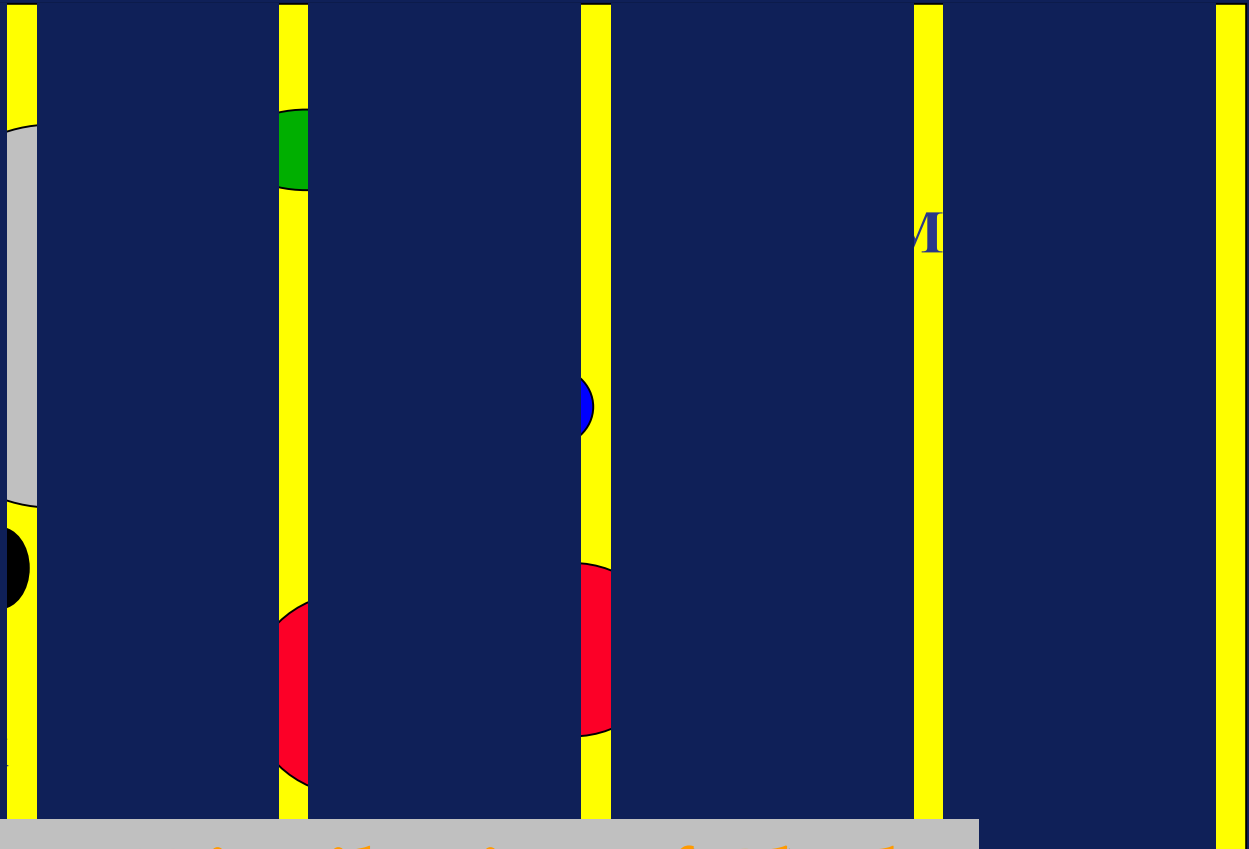


# BIG CONCLUSION 1: Remember this picture!!!



**Actual Distribution of Blocks**

# BIG CONCLUSION 2: Remember this picture as well!!!



Apparent Distribution of Blocks

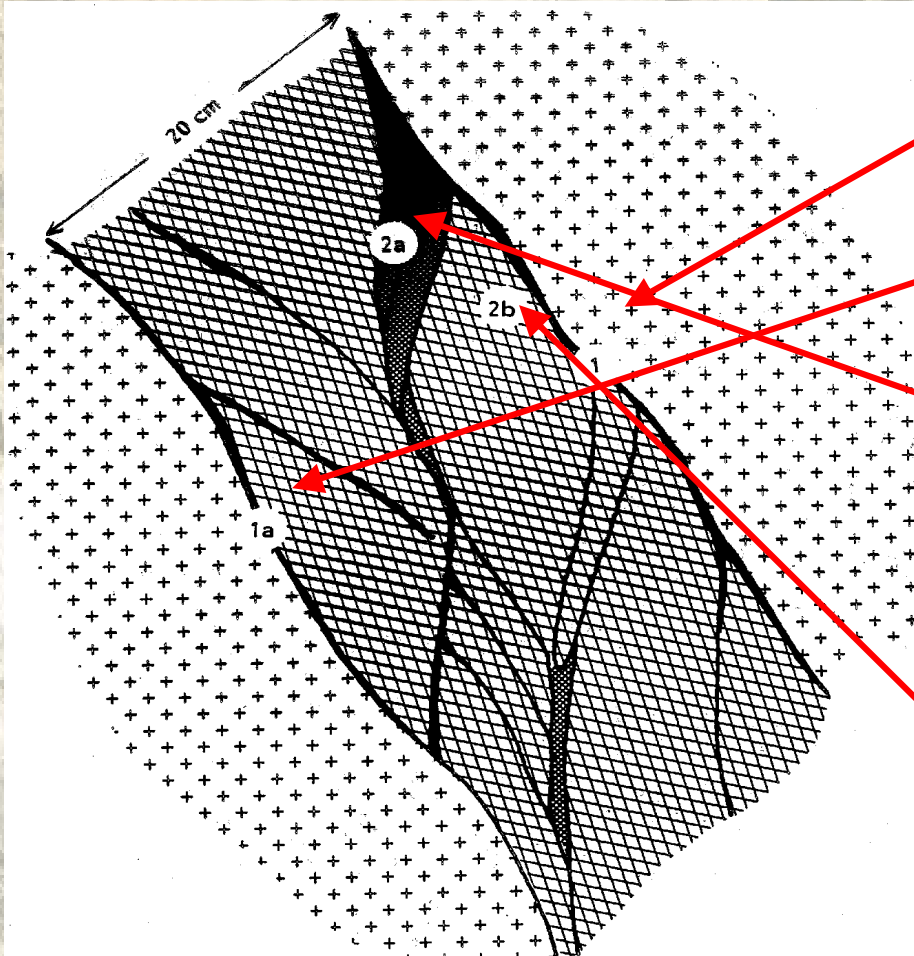
# Formation of Clay Minerals

## *Clay Mineral Neoformation and Transformation in Fault Zones*

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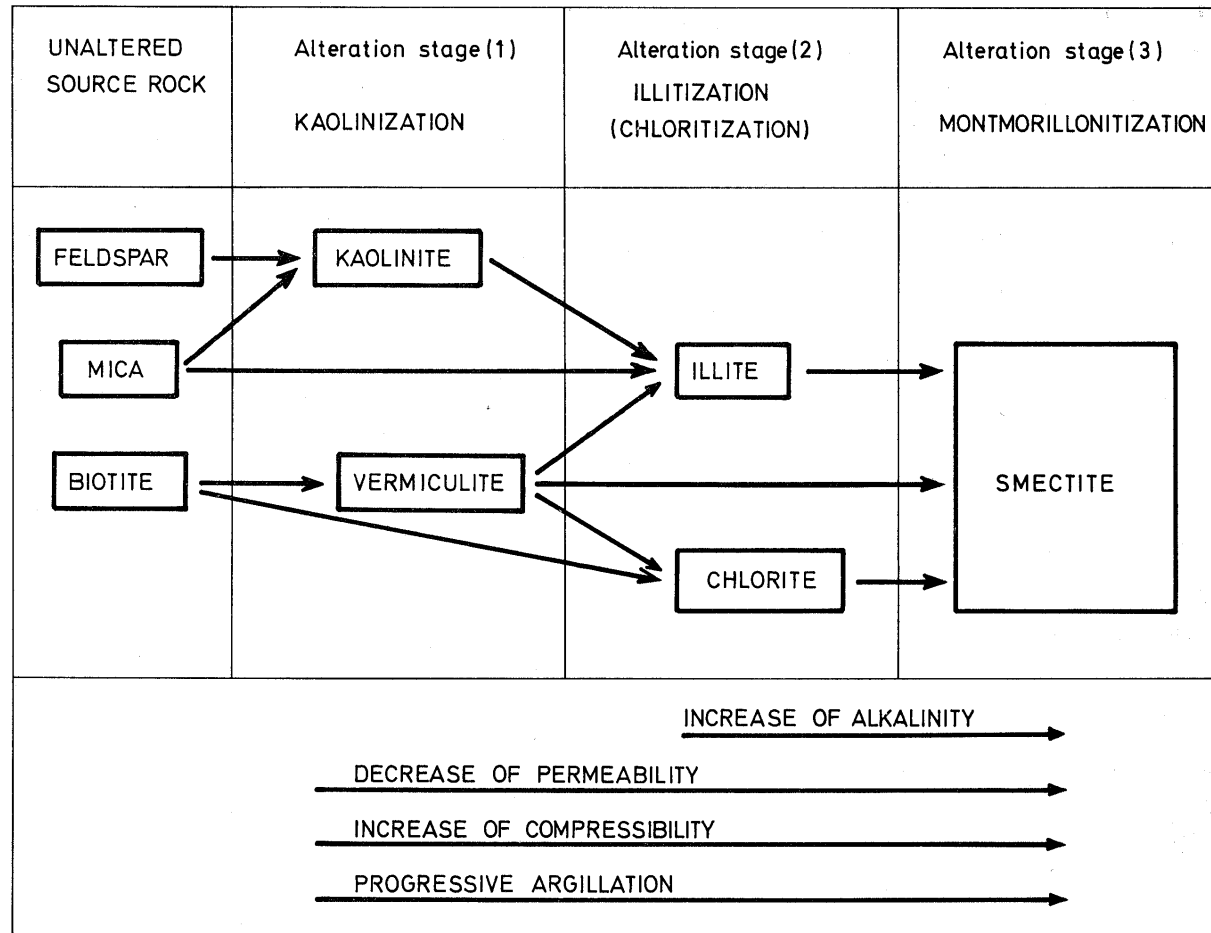
# Formation of Clay Minerals



Sample 1:	Smectite 92% Illite 8%
Sample 1a:	Smectite 87% Illite 13%
Sample 2a:	Smectite 77% Mixed Layer 3% Kaolinite 17% Illite 3%
Sample 2b:	Sample 40% Kaolinite 50% Illite 10%

Fault Zone in Gneiss („Zentralgneis“)  
HPP MALTA – Göß Tunnel, Km 4,615

# Formation of Clay Minerals

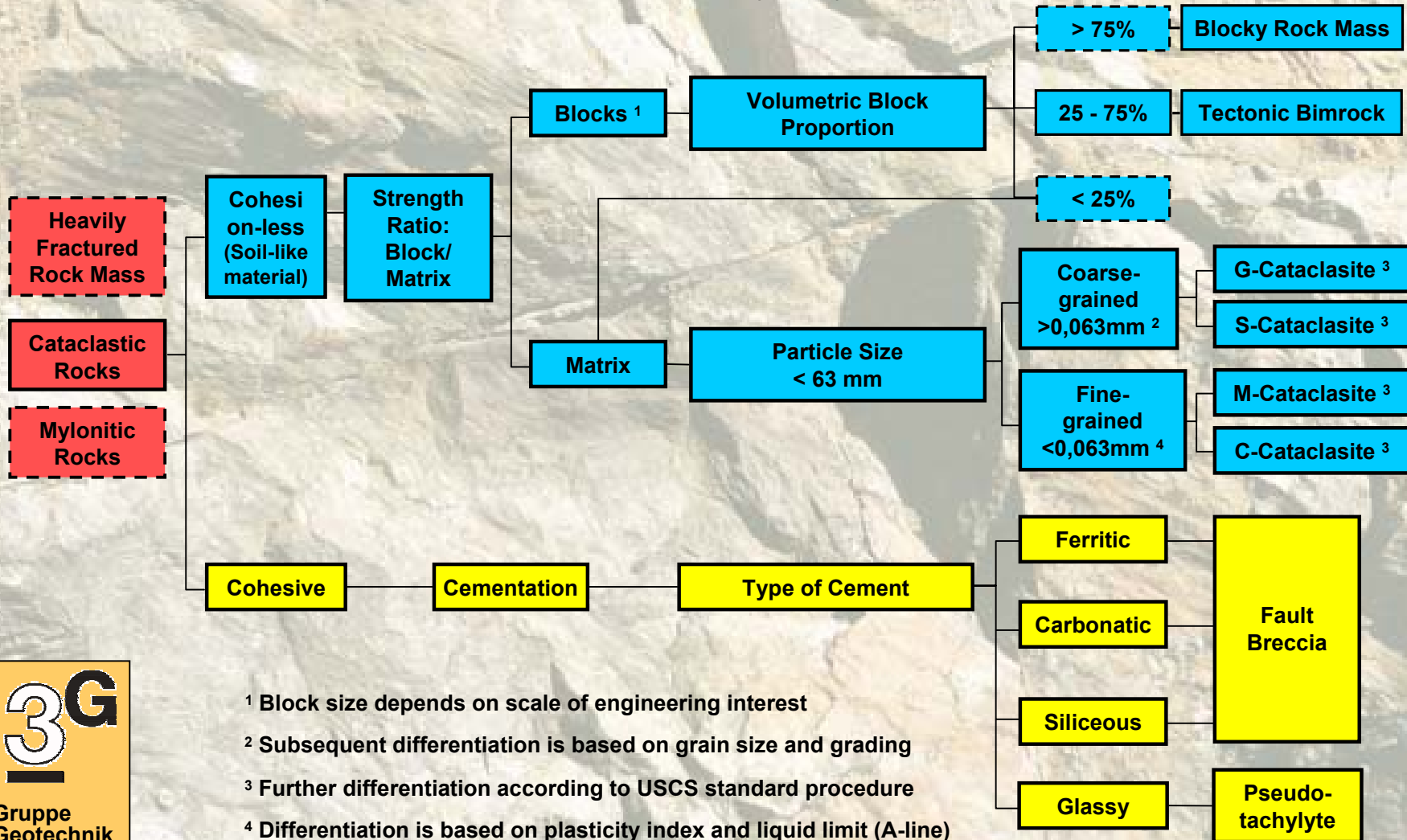


Systematic Transformations of Clay Minerals in Fault Zones  
(G. Riedmüller 1976)

# Classification

## Engineering Geological Classification of Fault Rocks

(Riedmüller et al., Felsbau 19 (2001) No. 4)



1 Block size depends on scale of engineering interest

2 Subsequent differentiation is based on grain size and grading

3 Further differentiation according to USCS standard procedure

4 Differentiation is based on plasticity index and liquid limit (A-line)



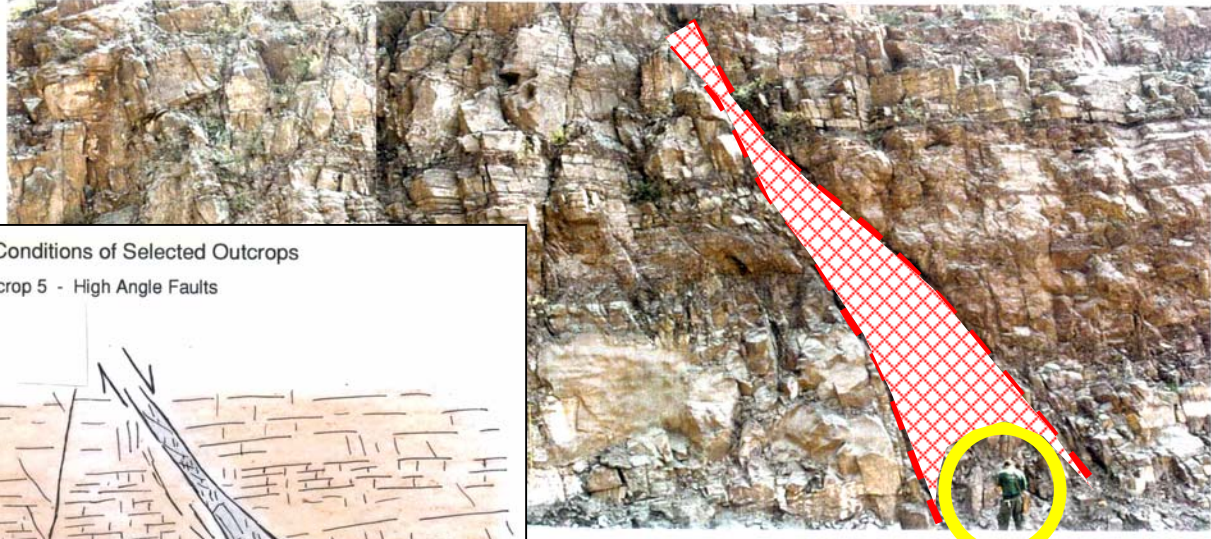
# General Procedure

- **Desk Studies**
  - Satellite Images, Aerial Photographs, Maps etc.
- **Geological Field Survey**
  - Morphological Features
  - Outcrop Studies
    - Rock Mass Characterization
    - Paleostress Analysis
- **Subsurface Investigation**
  - Trenches, Trial Pits
  - Core Drilling
  - Borehole in-situ tests
  - Geophysical Survey
- **Laboratory Analyses**
  - Mineralogical Analyses
  - Mechanical Analyses

# Outcrop Studies

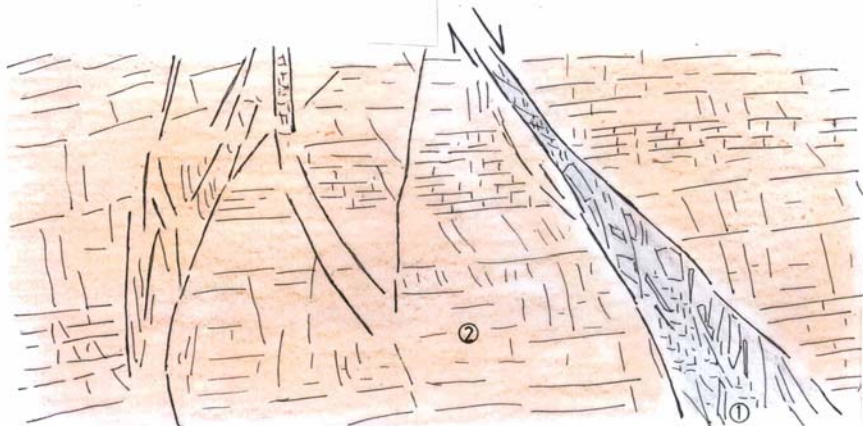
## Photographic Substantiation of Selected Outcrops

Outcrop 5 - High Angle Faults



## Geological Conditions of Selected Outcrops

Outcrop 5 - High Angle Faults



① FAULT ZONE WITH FAULT BRECCIA AND GOUGE

② PARENT ROCK HEAVILY FRACTURED

# Outcrop Studies

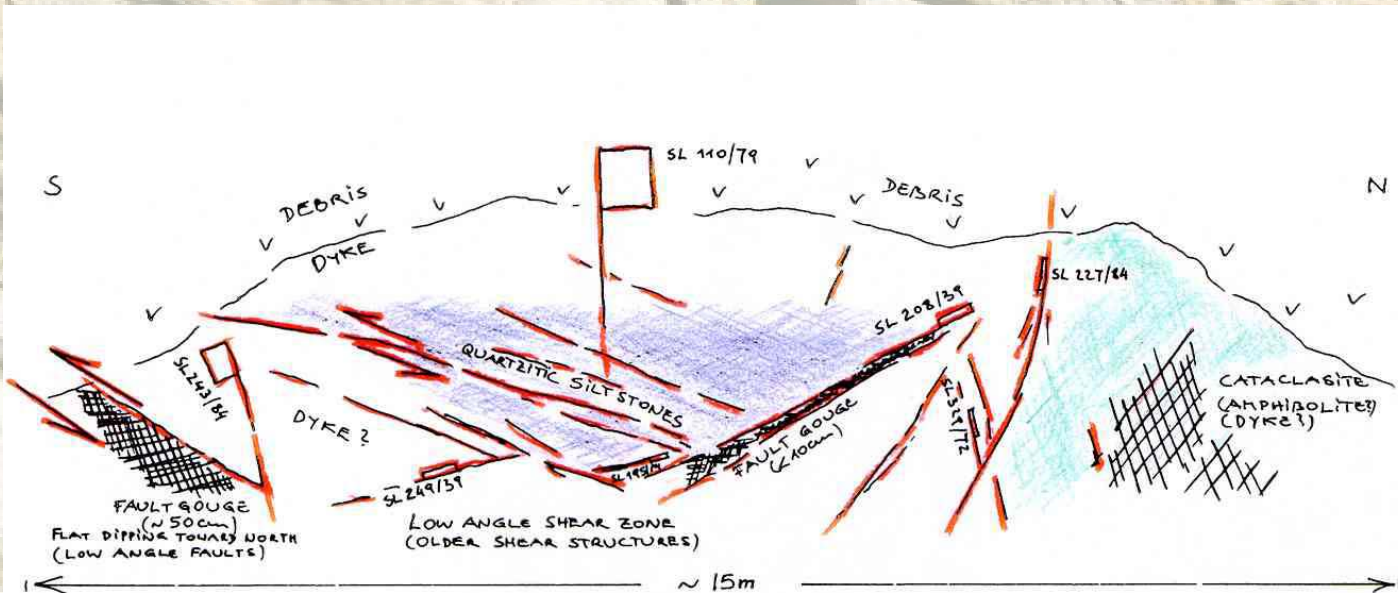
## *Paleostress Analysis*

- **Fault Slip Data**
  - P/T Method
  - Method of Right Dihedra
  
- **Extension Joints**
  - Plumose Structure

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# Outcrop Studies

## Thrust Displaced by Strike – Slip Faults



Low angle faults (SL 293/34, 290/42, 302/37, 331/42, 208/39, 249/39) displaced by conjugated faults (SL 227/84, 329/72, 91/87, 243/84, 226/86)

## *Objective of Investigation*

### **OWNER'S INTEREST:**

- **Construction schedule**
- **Construction costs**
  
- **Definition of uncertainties**
- **Geotechnical risk assessment**
- **Identification of environmental problems**

# Strategies

## Common understanding

High standards and quality for a site investigation lead to an economical and technical successful construction

# Strategies

## Quality

**QUALITY** is a relative attribute and depends upon the specific circumstance. In the sense of a technical sound and economic investigation quality is determined to be either adequate or inadequate.

What is an acceptable quality investigation in one situation can be an inadequate and unacceptable investigation in another.

# Strategies

**Design  
Requirements**

**Project Phases**

**Quality Data  
Quality Analyses  
Quality Investigation**

**Complexity of  
Rock Mass**

**Complexity of  
Geology**

# Strategies

*Quality Data Collection*  
*Quality Data Analysis*

- geotechnically relevant
- statistically representative
- legally defensible

# Strategies

*Quality Data Collection  
(with adequate quality control and quality  
assessment)*

- Office Data Collection
- Field Survey
- Subsurface Exploration
- In Situ Testing
- Laboratory Testing

# Strategies

*Quality Data Analysis  
(with adequate quality control and quality  
assessment)*

- Statistical Evaluation
- Assessment of Probabilistic Confidence
- Geologic Modelling
- Kinematic Modelling
- Mechanical Modelling

# Strategies

## *Quality Site Investigation*

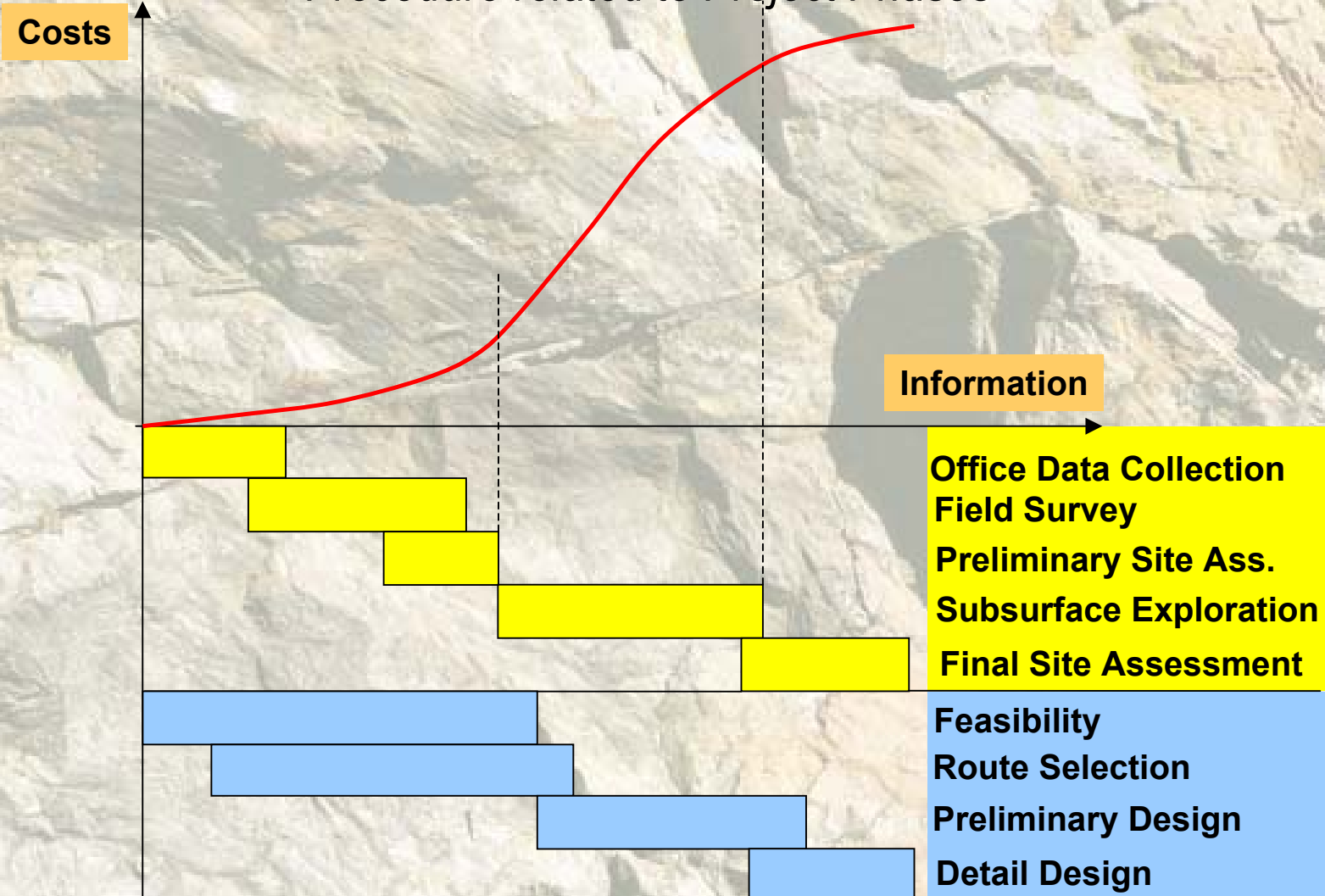
**A QUALITY INVESTIGATION needs more than just QUALITY DATA and QUALITY ANALYSES.**

It requires:

- 1. Specific sequence of investigative procedures**
- 2. Design phase and rock mass specific investigations**
- 3. Input from experienced professionals**

# Strategies

*Cost - Benefit Relation of Investigation  
Procedure related to Project Phases*



# Strategies

## *Project Phases - Geotechnical Objectives*

Pre-Feasibility Feasibility	Conceptual Design Route Selection	Preliminary Design	Detail Design Tender	Final Design Construction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corridor Assessment</li><li>■</li><li>Comparison of Routes</li><li>■</li><li>First Cost Estimate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Basic Assessment of Rock Mass Behaviour, Support Systems and Construction Methods</li><li>■</li><li>Assessment of Routes</li><li>■</li><li>Cost Estimate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessment of Rock Mass Behaviour, Support Systems and Construction Methods</li><li>■</li><li>Environmental Impact Assessment</li><li>■</li><li>Cost Estimate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Detail Construction Design</li><li>■</li><li>Bill of Quantities</li><li>■</li><li>Contractual Set-Up</li><li>■</li><li>Final Cost Estimate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final Determination of Support and Construction Methods</li><li>■</li><li>Update of Construction Schedule and Costs</li></ul>

# Strategies

*Analytical Procedure in Each Design Phase*

**Assessment of Geological Models**

**Rock Mass Characterisation  
Rock Mass Types**

**Stresses, Groundwater, Orientation  
Size & Shape of Tunnel**

**Mechanical Modelling  
Rock Mass Behaviour**

**Geotechnical Design Assumptions**

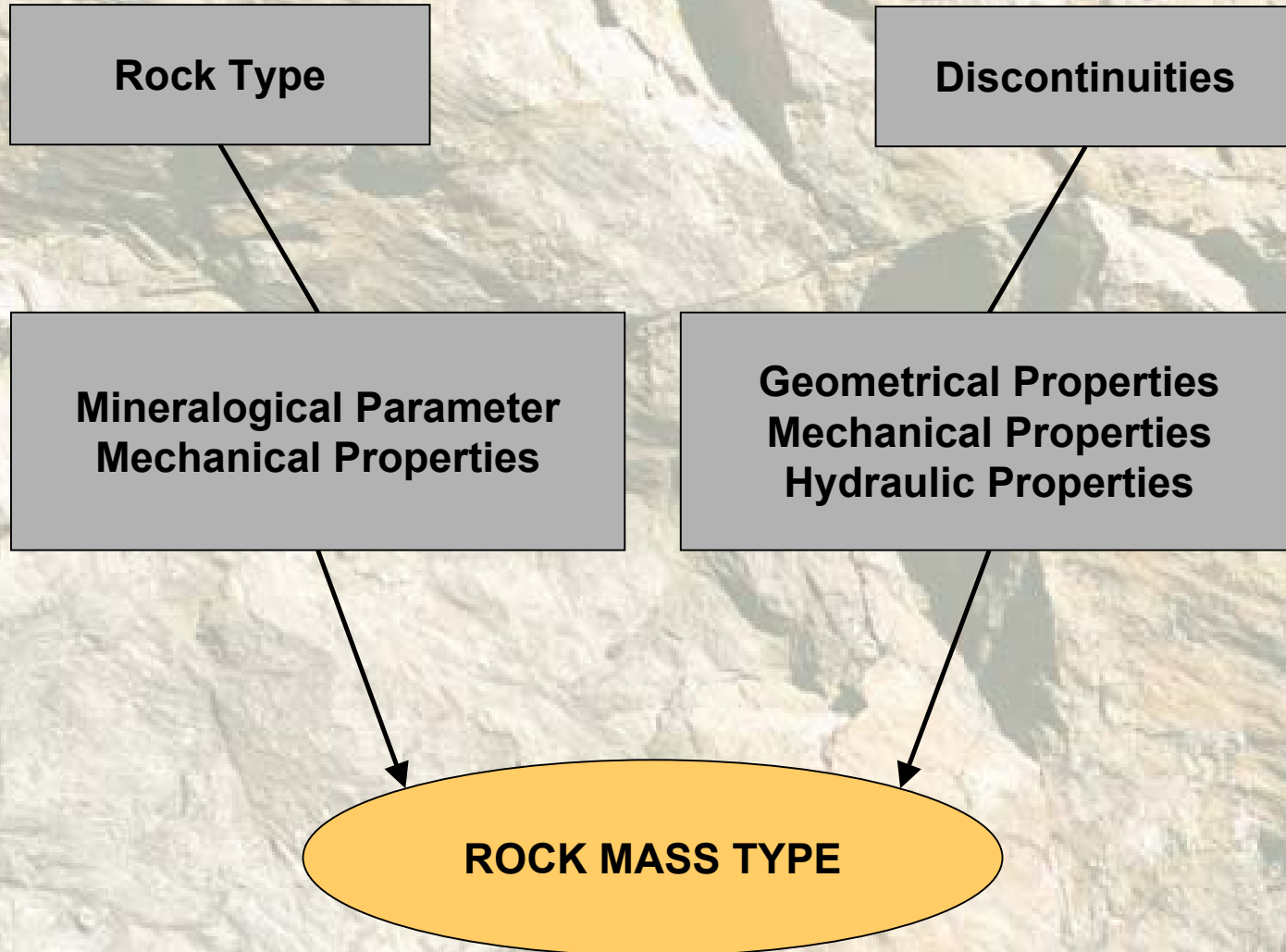
# Strategies

## *Assessment of Geological Models*

Conceptual **Geological Models** include three-dimensional interpretations of the distribution and orientation of structures and rock types. The models are presented as geological maps, vertical and horizontal sections and, most recently, as 3D-models

# Strategies

*Rock Mass Characterisation*  
*Rock Mass Types*



# Strategies

## *Definition of Rock Mass Types*

Rock Mass Types are defined by

“KEY PARAMETERS“

# Strategies

## *Key Parameters*

Key Parameters depend on

- Rock Type
- Project Phase
- Design Requirements

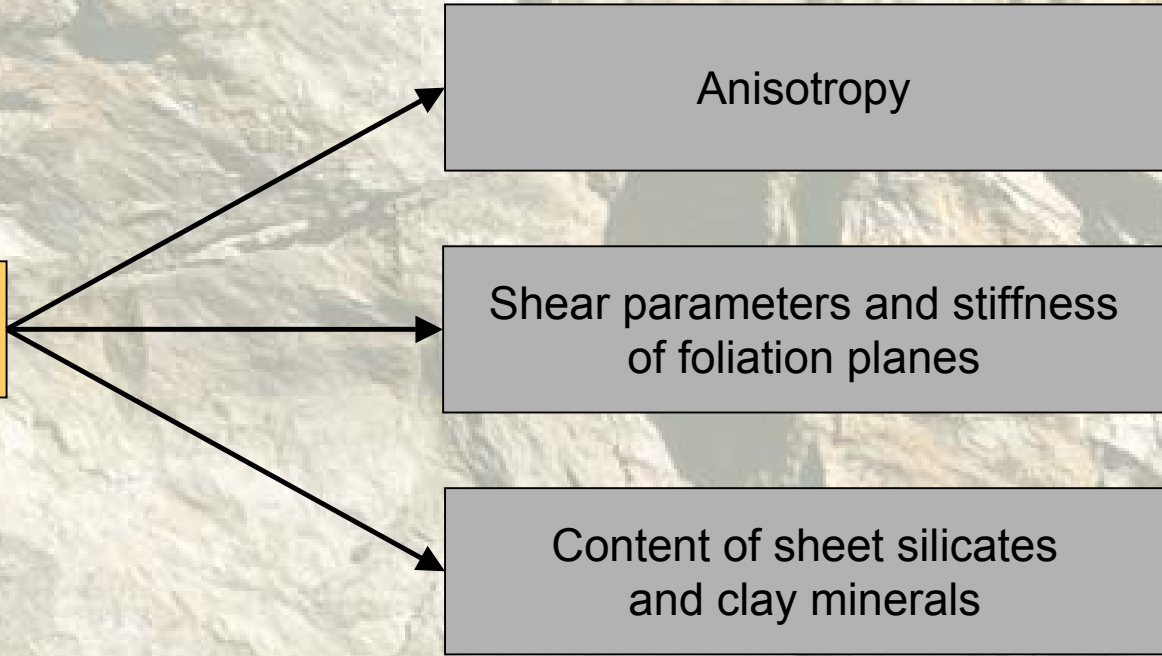
# Strategies

Rock Type



Key Parameters

Phyllite



# Strategies

Rock Type



Key Parameters

Granite

Grain size

Texture

UCS

Joint sets (orientation, number)

Persistence, spacing

# Strategies

Basic Rock Types	Key Parameters																				
	Intact Rock Properties														Discontinuities						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Volcanic Rocks				0	X	X						X	X		X	X		0	X	0	
Plutonic Rocks		X	X	X		0						X			X	X		0	X	0	
Fine-Grained Clastic Rocks (massive)			X				X	X	X		X	0			0	0					
Fine-Grained Clastic Rocks (bedded)	X		X				X	X	X		X			X			X			0	X
Coarse-Grained Clastic Rocks (massive)		0	X	0	0			0			X	X	X		0	0		0	0		
Coarse-Grained Clastic Rocks (bedded)	X	0	X		0		0				X	X	X	X			X				X
Carbon. Rocks		X								X	X				X	X		0	X	0	
Sulfatic Rocks		X							X	X	0										
Metam. Rocks (massive)		X	X	X		0					X				X	X		0	X		
Metam. Rocks (foliated)	X	X	X	X		0					X		X							X	X
Brittle Fault Rocks		0				0	X	X	X		X	X	X								

## LEGEND

- X** Significant Parameter
- 0** Less Important Parameter

- (1) Anisotropy
- (2) Mineral Composition
- (3) Grain Size
- (4) Texture
- (5) Porosity
- (6) Secondary Alteration
- (7) Clay Mineral Composition
- (8) Clay Content
- (9) Swelling Properties
- (10) Solution Phenomena
- (11) Cementation
- (12) Strength Properties
- (13) Ratio Matrix/Components
- (14) Orientation of Dominant Set
- (15) No. and Orientation of Sets
- (16) Fracture Frequency
- (17) Roughness
- (18) Persistence
- (19) Aperture
- (20) Infilling
- (21) Shear Strength

# Faulted Rock Mass

## ➤ **Block / Matrix Ratio**

## ➤ **Matrix Properties**

- Particle Size Distribution
- Clay Mineral Composition
- Swelling Properties
- Shear Strength

## ➤ **Block Properties**

- Lithology
- Size
- Shape
- Strength

## ➤ **Discontinuities**

- Type (shear, extension fractures etc.)
- Orientation
- Fracture Degree
- Relative Movements on Slickensides

## Key Parameters

# AUSTRIAN GUIDELINE FOR THE GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN OF UNDERGROUND OPENINGS

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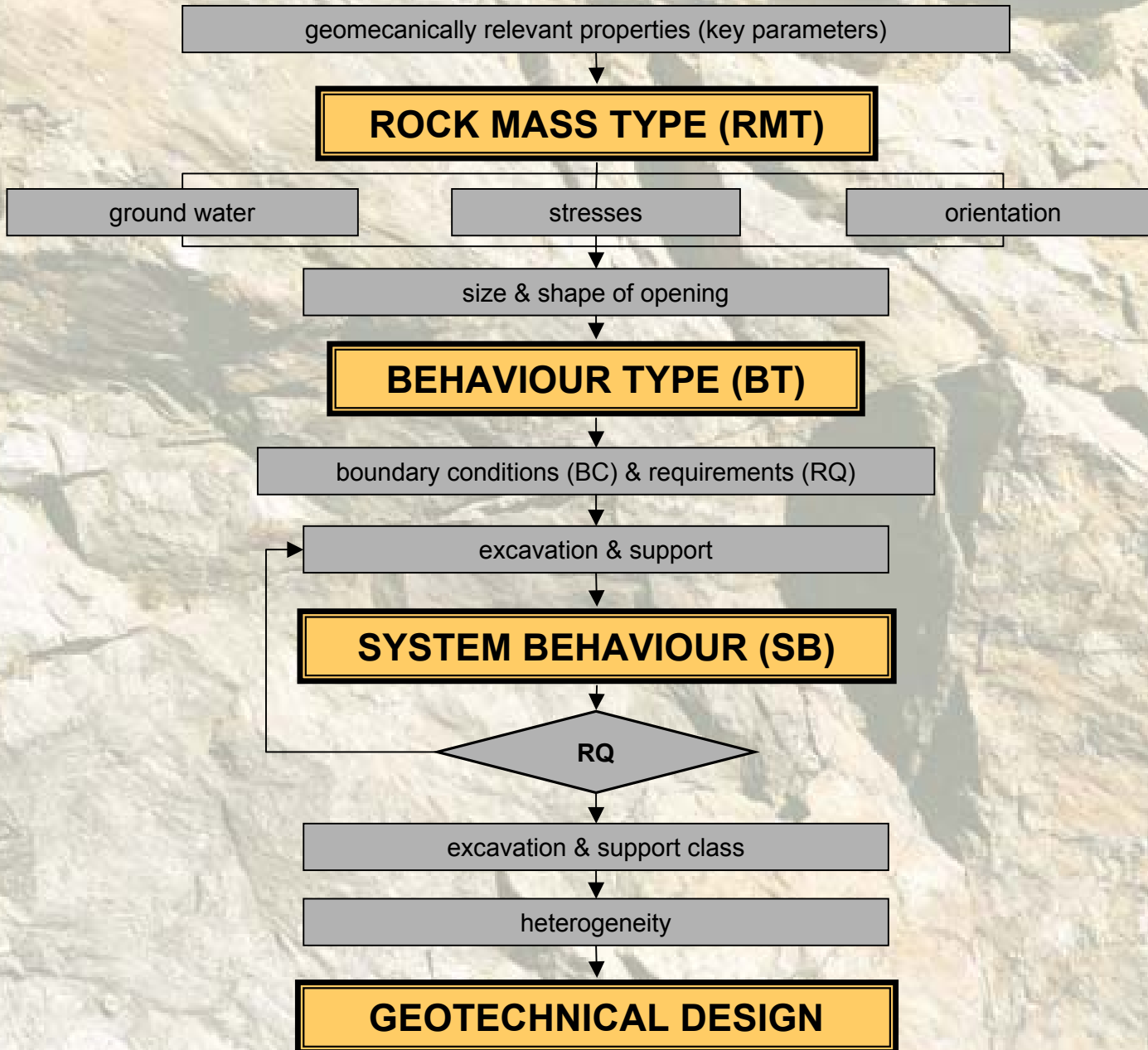
Guideline

**3G**

Gruppe  
Geotechnik  
Graz ZT GMBH

# OBJECTIVE

- Transparent, consistent procedure for the design and construction of tunnels
- Design phases, rock mass types and influencing factors have to be considered
- Decisions during construction have to be based on objective and systematic collection, evaluation and interpretation of quality data



# KEY PARAMETERS

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	Intact Rock Properties														Discontinuities						
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Plutonic Rocks		x	x	x		o						x			x	x		o	x	o	
Fine-Grained Clastic Rocks (massive)			x				x	x	x		x	o			o	o					
Fine-Grained Clastic Rocks (bedded)	x		x				x	x	x		x			x			x			o	x
Coarse-Grained Clastic Rocks (massive)		o	x	o	o			o			x	x	x		o	o		o	o		
Coarse-Grained Clastic Rocks (bedded)	x	o	x		o		o				x	x	x	x			x				x
Carbon. Rocks		x								x		x			x	x		o	x	o	
Sulfatic Rocks		x							x	x		o									
Metam. Rocks (massive)		x	x	x		o						x			x	x		o	x		
Metam. Rocks (foliated)	x	x	x	x		o						x		x						x	x
Brittle Fault Rocks		o				o	x	x	x		x	x	x								

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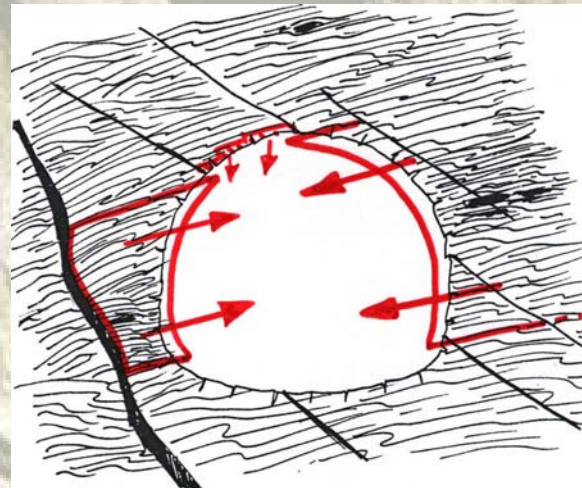
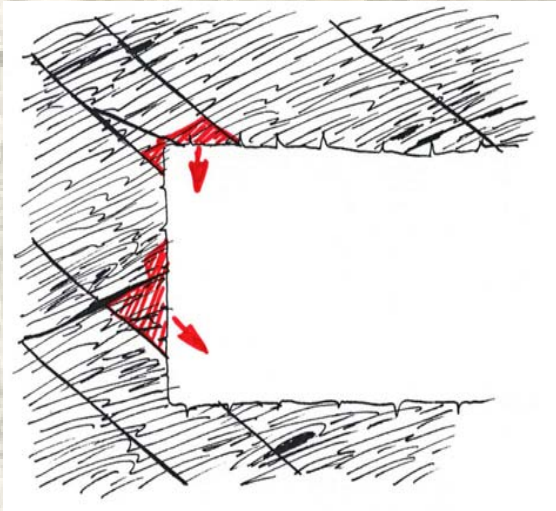
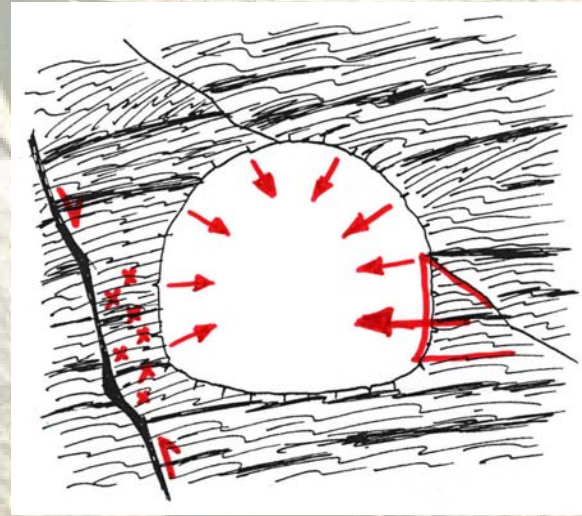
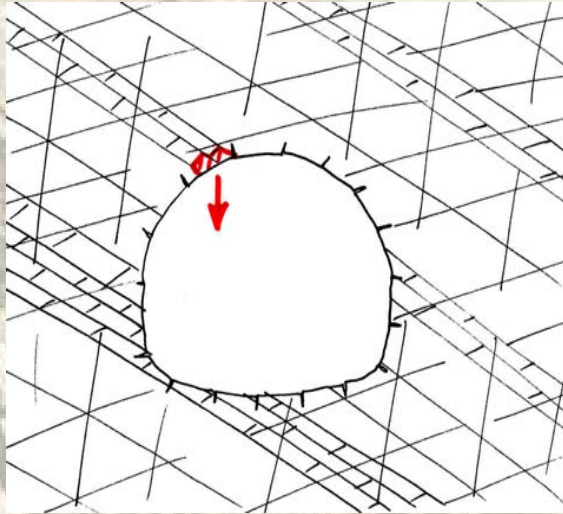
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# BASIC BEHAVIOUR TYPES

Basic Behavior Type		Description
1	Stable	Stable rock mass with small local gravity induced falling or sliding of blocks
2	Stable with the potential of discontinuity controlled block fall	Deep reaching discontinuity controlled, gravity induced falling and sliding of blocks, occasional local shear failure
3	Shallow shear failure	Shallow stress controlled shear failures in combination with discontinuity and gravity controlled failure of the rock mass
4	Deep seated shear failure	Deep seated, stress induced shear failures and large deformations
5	Rock burst	Sudden and violent failure of the rock mass, caused by highly stressed rock and the rapid release of accumulated strain energy
6	Buckling failure	Buckling of rocks with a narrowly spaced discontinuity set, frequently associated with shear failure
7	Shear failure under low confining pressure	Potential for excessive overbreak and progressive shear failure with the development of dead loads, caused mainly by a deficiency of side pressure
8	Raveling ground	Flow of cohesionless dry or moist material
9	Flowing ground	Flow of material with high water content
10	Swelling	Time dependent volume increase of the rock mass, caused by physical- chemical reactions of rock and water in combination with stress relief, leading to inward movement of the tunnel perimeter
11	Rock mass with frequently changing deformation characteristics	Rapid variations of stresses and deformations, caused by block-in matrix situation of a tectonic melange (brittle fault)

# BEHAVIOUR TYPES (examples)



# TRANSFER OF GEOLOGICAL MODELS INTO GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN

**GEOLOGICAL LONGITUDINAL SECTION**



**ROCK MASS TYPES**

stepwise assigned (e.g. 20 m intervals)



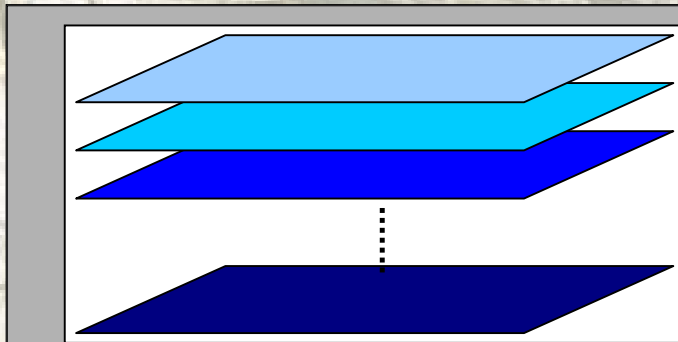
**ANALYTICAL CALCULATIONS**

for each 20 m step

Input: influencing factors, geotechnical properties  
Output: displacements, depths of broken zones, etc.

# DETERMINATION OF BEHAVIOUR TYPES

OUTPUT OF ANALYTICAL  
CALCULATIONS

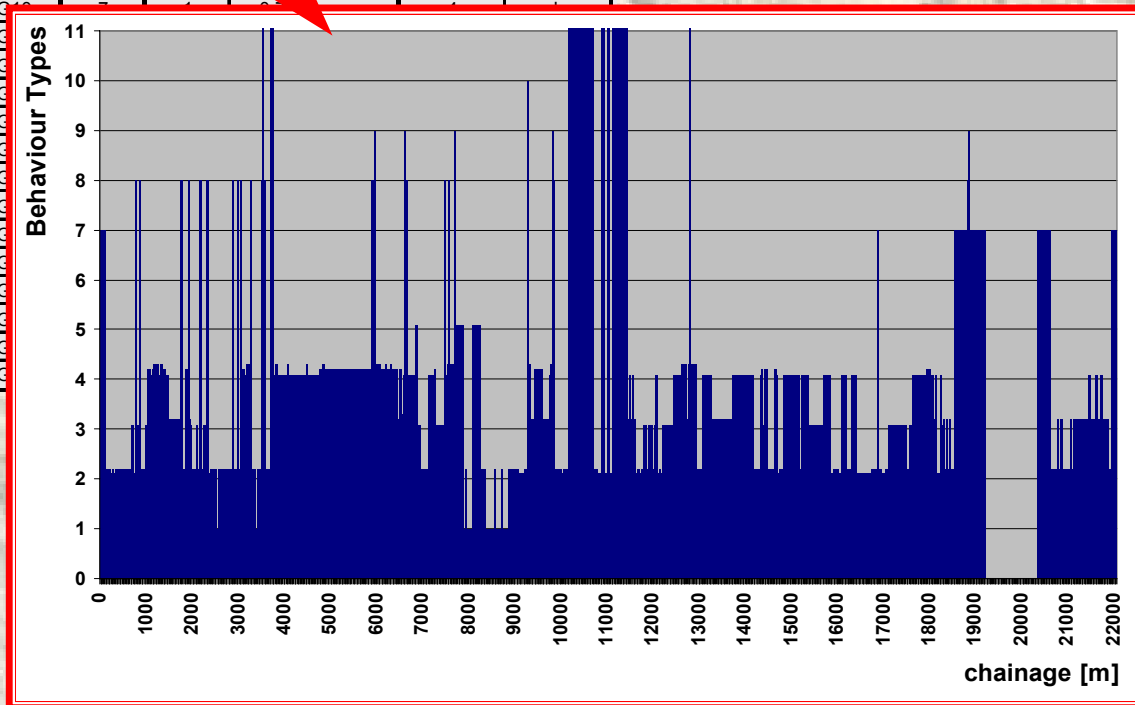


eleven parameter groups for the  
determination of the basic  
**BEHAVIOUR TYPES**

**BEHAVIOUR TYPE**  
determined for each 20 m step

# DETERMINATION OF BEHAVIOUR TYPES

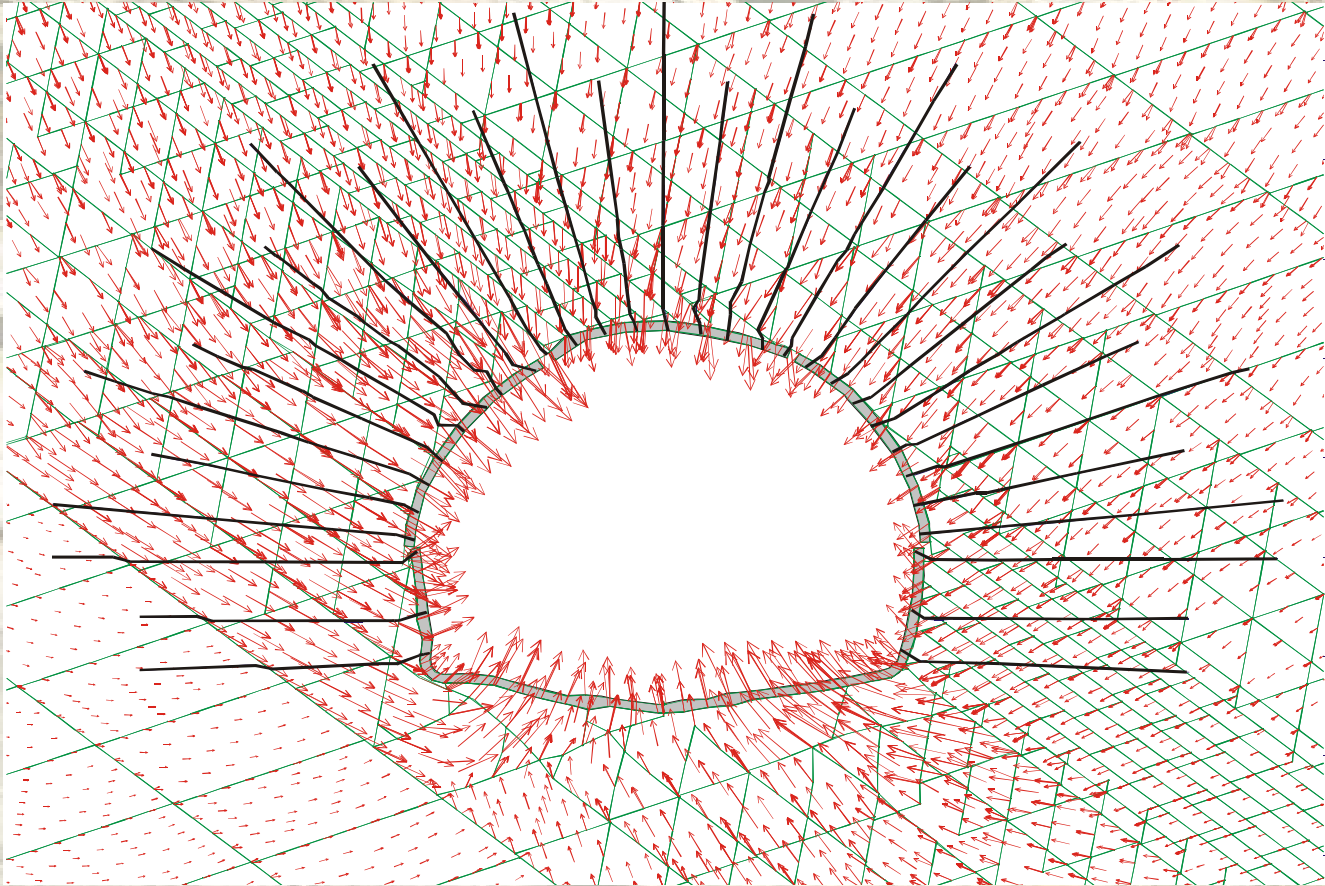
chainage from	to	Rock Mass Type	Behaviour Type	Displacement Category	Support Pressure	System Behaviour	Excavation Category	Support Class
0	20	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
20	40	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
40	60	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
60	80	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
80	100	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
100	120	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
120	140	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
140	160	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
160	180	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
180	200	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
200	220	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
220	240	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
240	260	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
260	280	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
280	300	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b
300	320	G10	7	1	0.7	c	4	b



Distribution of **BEHAVIOUR TYPES** along the tunnel alignment

# DETERMINATION SYSTEM BEHAVIOUR

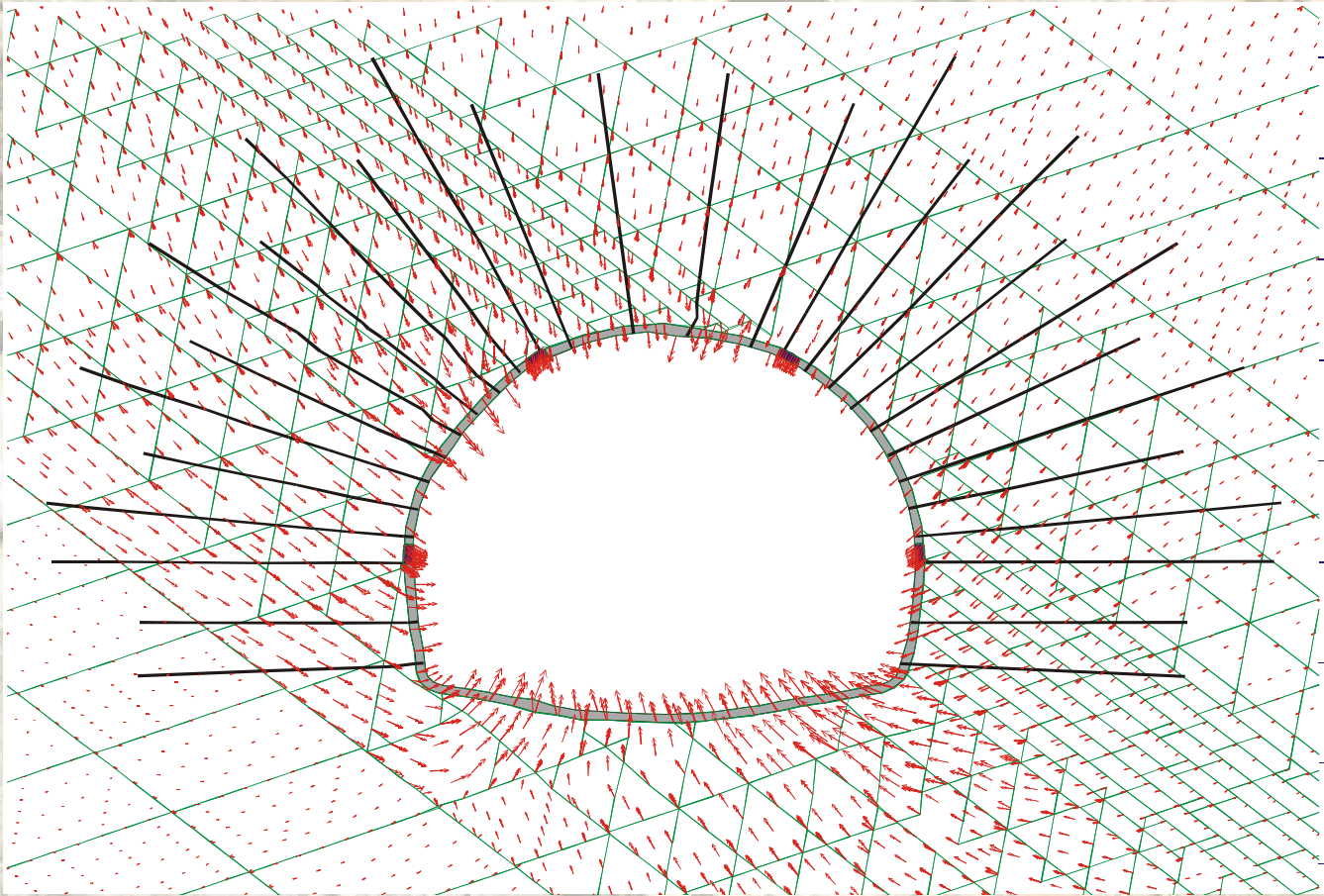
*Heavily broken primary lining*



Galgenberg Tunnel, Austria

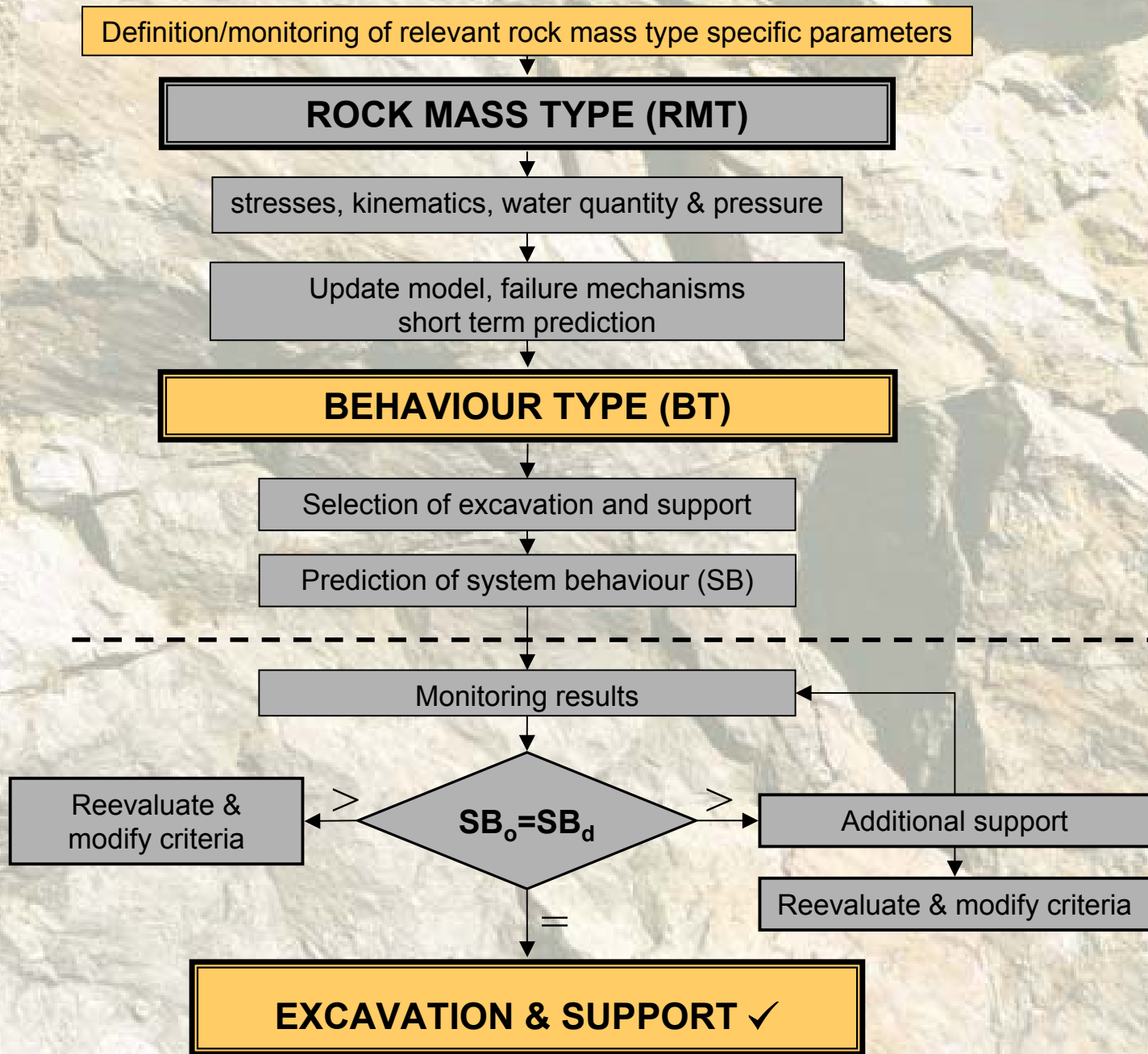
# DETERMINATION SYSTEM BEHAVIOUR

*Substantial improvement by installing LSC elements*

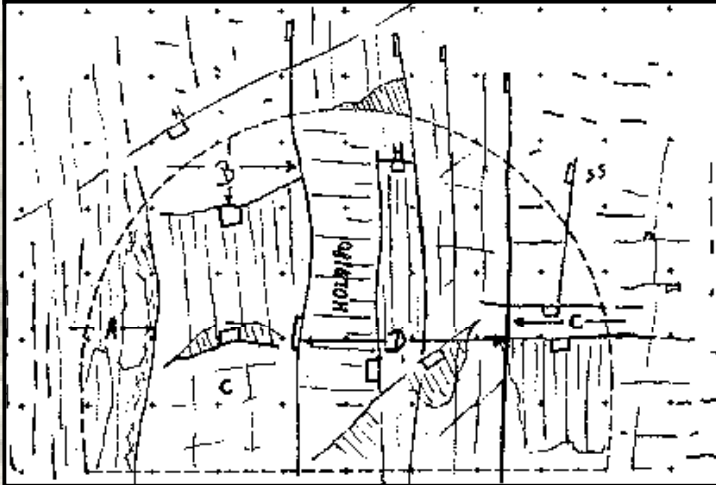


Galgenberg Tunnel, Austria

## PROCEDURE DURING CONSTRUCTION



# EXAMPLE CONSTRUCTION



area	lithology	bedding thicken.			deg. of fract.			apert. +/-	R. M. Type
		a	b	c	low	med.	high		
A	MS		X			X		+	9
B	LD	X				X		+	2
C	LD	X				X		+	2
D	LD		X			X		+	3

area	interlocked		water inflow		Behav. Type local	dominating regions
	yes	no	no < 5	> 5		
A		X	X		4	A,C
B	X		X		2	
C		X	X		3	
D		X	X		4	

**Displacement category (cm)**

<5      5-10      >10

**Behavior Type 2**

rock mass with potential for systematical and voluminous overbreak, no stress induced failures

**Support & Excavation Concept**

round length: 1.3 m  
support type: ST 3

# Case Studies

## *Conceptual (Route Selection) and Feasibility Study*



Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project

# Case Studies

## *Conceptual (Route Selection) and Feasibility Study*

### **Project Data and Tasks**

Chiang Mai flood protection project. Deviation of water from the Mae Ngut reservoir through TBM tunnels

- No.1 Tunnel (length: 32.6 km, diameter 4.60 m)
- No.3 Tunnel (length: 25.0 km, diameter 4.60 m)
- No.6 Tunnel (length: 28.8 km, diameter 4.60 m)
- Main Tunnel (length: 21.7 km, diameter 5.0 m)

Geological-geotechnical field studies and consulting services, supervision of site investigation, cost estimate and comparison

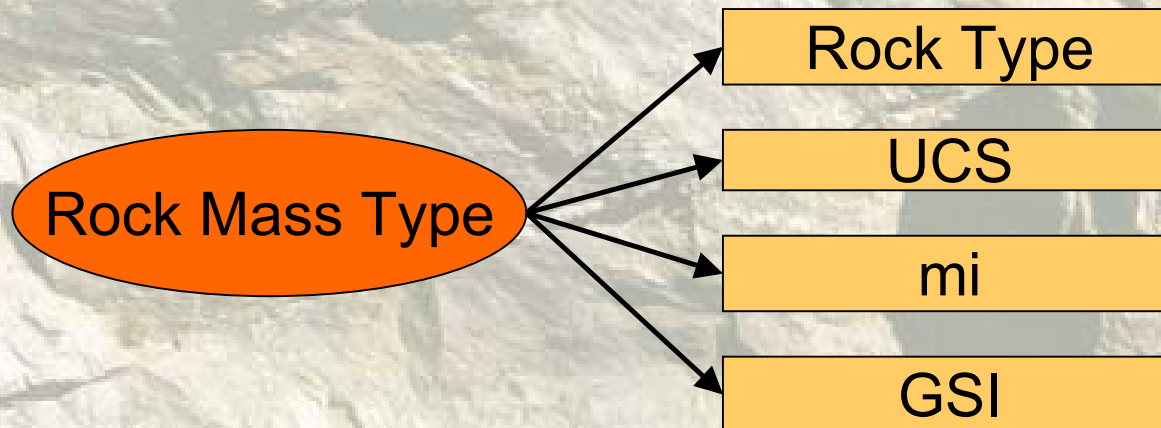
### **Geology**

Paleozoic and Mesozoic shale, sandstone, limestone and Triassic granitic intrusions were subjected to intense thrusting. Tertiary tectonic events generated pull-apart-basins filled with gravels and sands

Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project

# Case Studies

## *Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project*

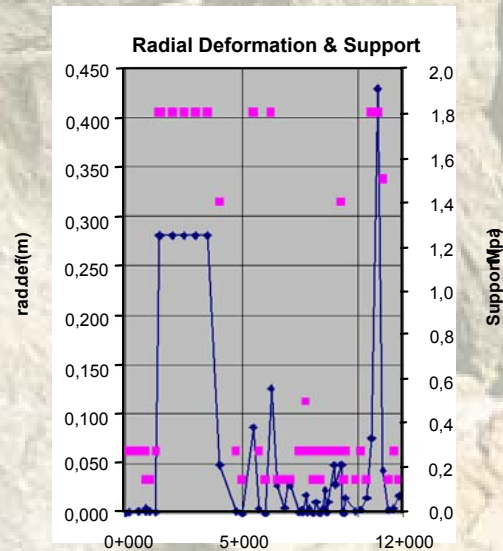
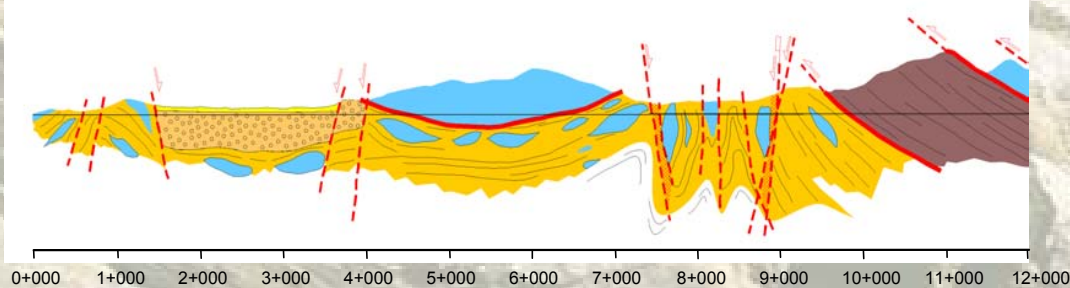


Parameters for Analytical Calculation

# Case Studies

## Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project

### Geological Profile of Route No. 3 Tunnel



Results of Analytical Calculation

# Case Studies

## Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project

coh	s	mb	a	E	my	pcr	D <sub>pr</sub> (m)/R <sub>eq,5</sub>	R <sub>R</sub> (m)/R <sub>eq-2,5</sub>	R <sub>R</sub> (m)/R <sub>eq-5</sub>
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0.35	0.0000	0.17	0.63	1257	0.40	4.71	7.28	0.9809	0.9809
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<b>66585,50</b>	

**66585,50**

Geotechnical Rating for No.3 Tunnel

Investigation

## Case Studies

*Mae Kuang Inflow Augmentation Project*

Mae Kuang Project, 2nd Mission Report

### Geotechnical Ratings:

<b>Tunnel No.1:</b>	<b>51,757</b>
<b>Tunnel No.3:</b>	<b>66,585</b>
<b>Tunnel No.6:</b>	<b>59,926</b>
<b>Main Tunnel:</b>	<b>32,866</b>

Construction costs of No. 1 Tunnel are  
10% less than No.3 Tunnel

# Case Studies

## Project Data

Core piece of a new high capacity railway line which will link Styria with Carinthia. Length 32,8 km. Maximum overburden 1200 m

## Tasks

Site investigation for the feasibility study and the preliminary design. Geotechnical assessment of the route corridor, route selection. Environmental impact assessment

## Geology

Polymetamorphic basement consisting of gneiss, amphibolite, mica schist and marble. Development of complex fault systems, in particular at the boundaries to Tertiary basins

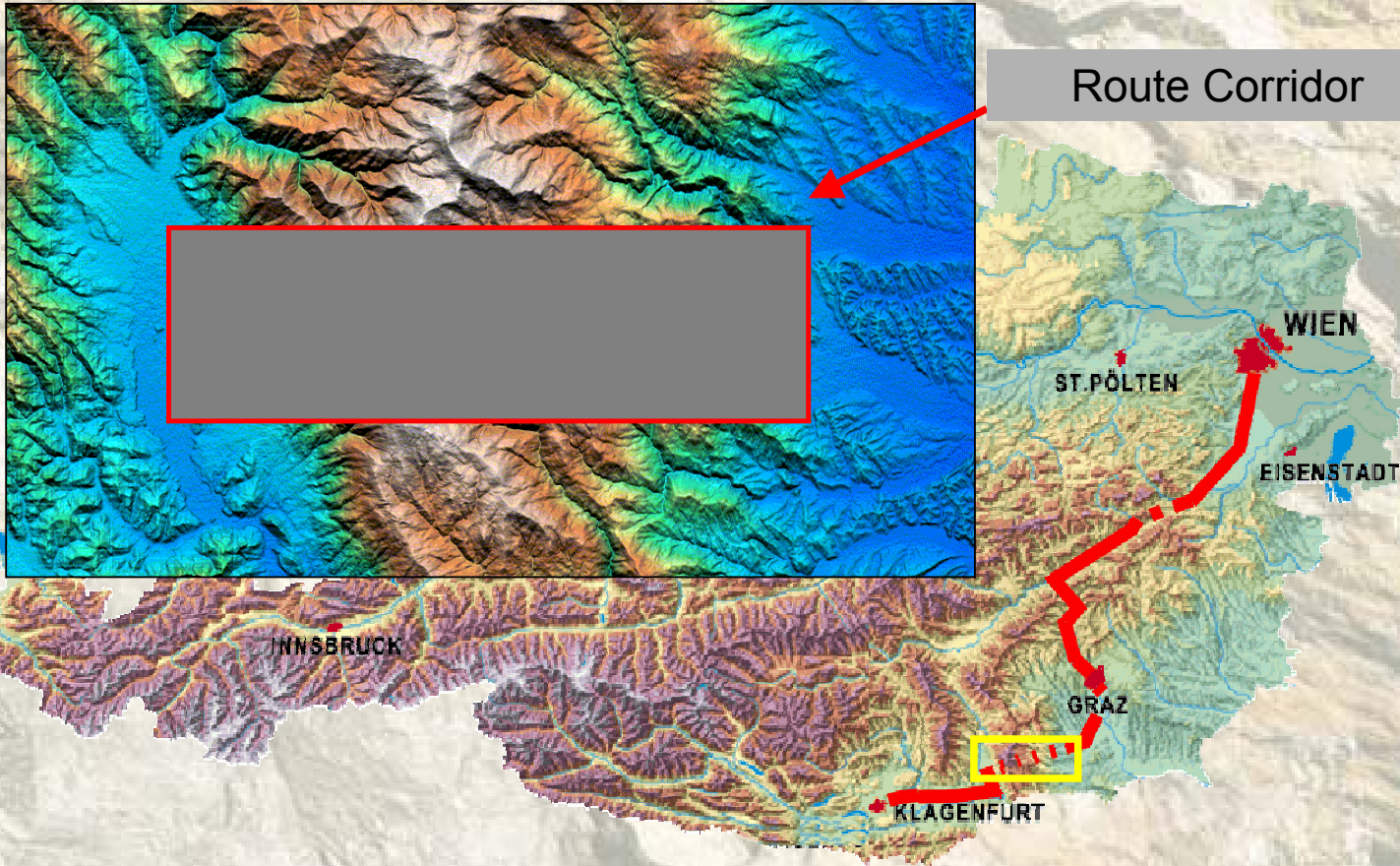
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*Preliminary Corridor Assessment*

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Location



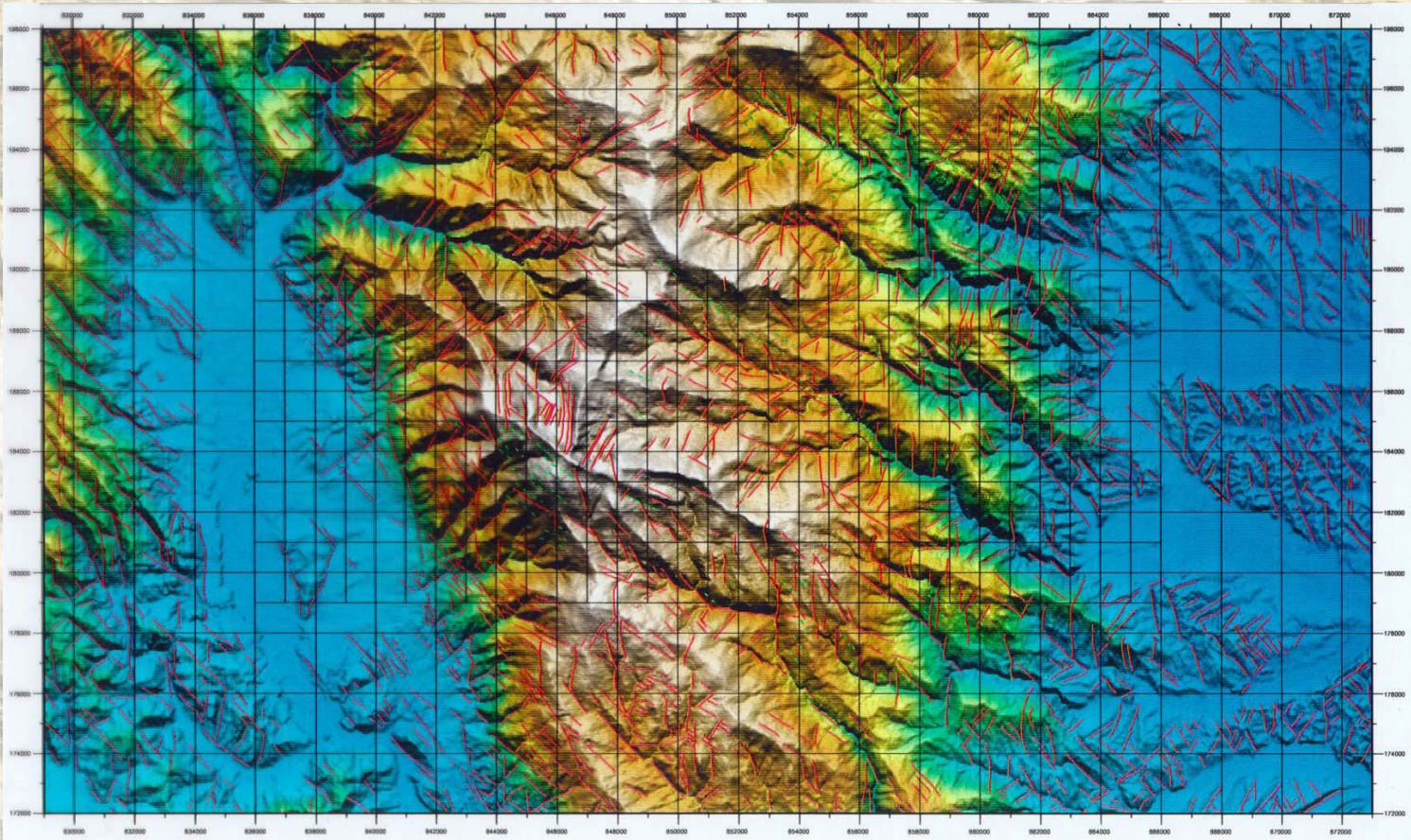
Route Corridor

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# Case Studies

## *Corridor Assessment*

Shaded digital elevation model overlain by fault pattern



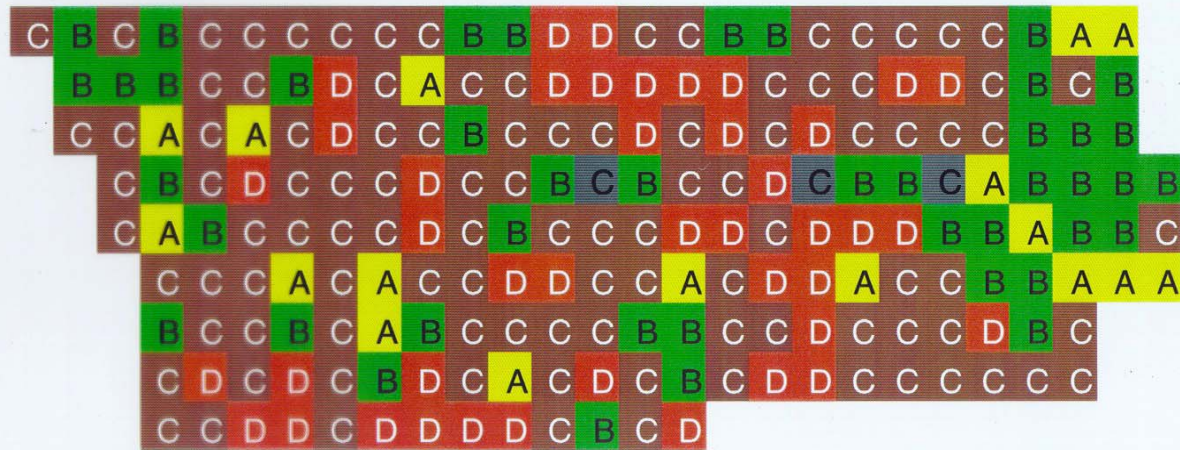
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## Corridor Assessment

$$Rating = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i}{b \cdot c} \cdot 10^4$$

- $a_1$  = overburden
- $a_2$  = lithology
- $a_3$  = orientation of schistosity
- $b$  = faults
- $c$  = groundwater

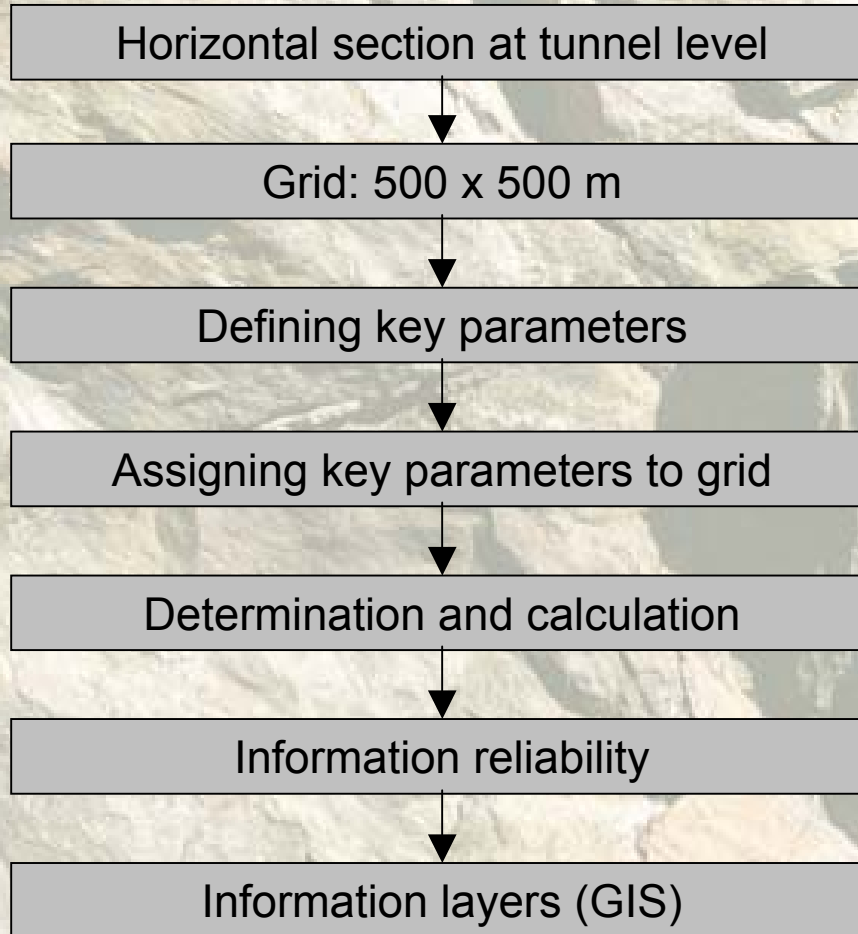


A low risk    
 B moderate risk    
 C high risk    
 D very high risk

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## *Quantitative Route Selection*



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# Case Studies

## Quantitative Route Selection

### Input Data

#### Mechanical data:

Intact rock

UCS,  $m_i$ ,  $E$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\sigma_t$

Anisotropic behaviour

Abrasivity

Joints

$\phi$ ,  $\phi_{rest}$

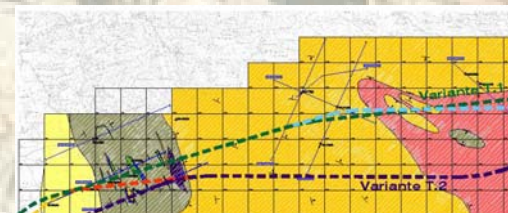
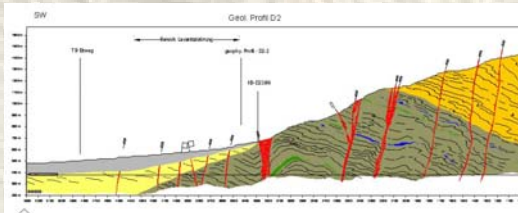
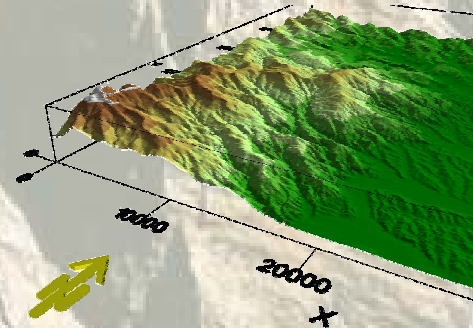
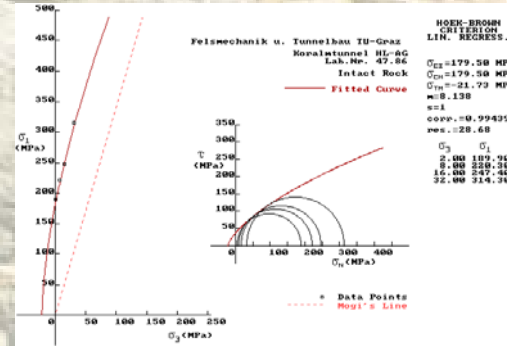
#### Geological data:

Overburden

Orientation of joint sets

Faults

Distribution of lithological units

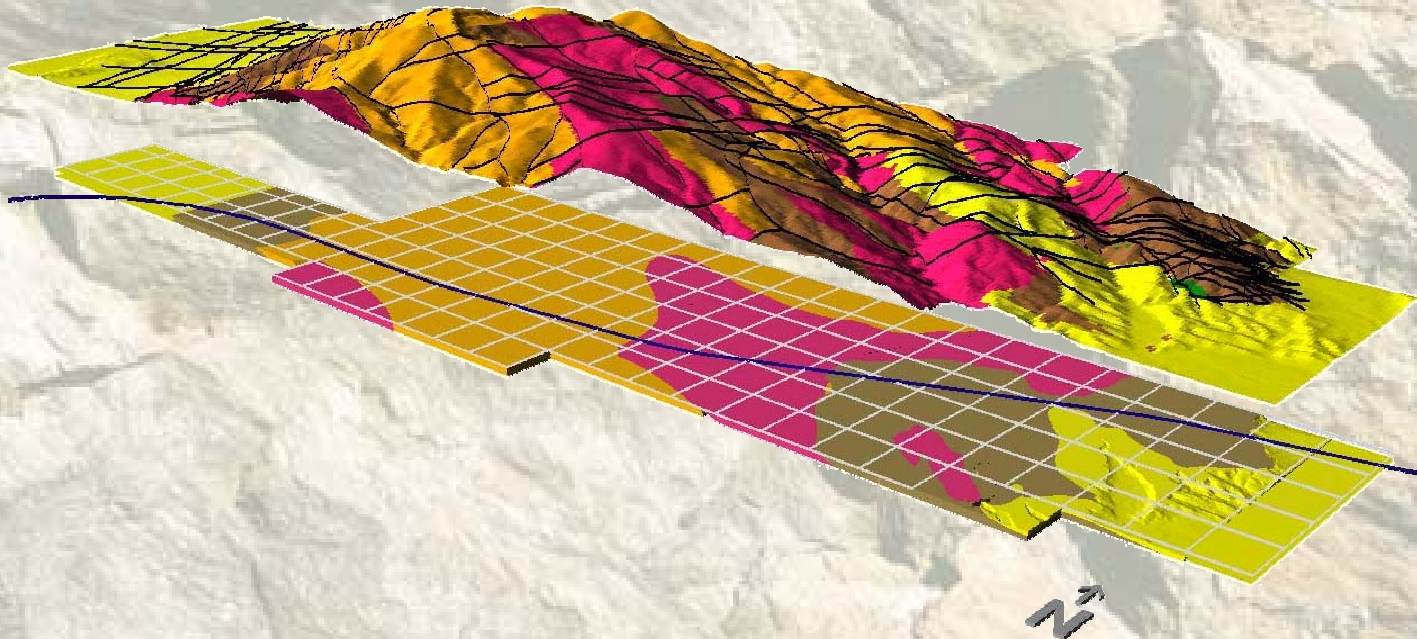


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## *Quantitative Route Selection*

Input: Geological Architecture



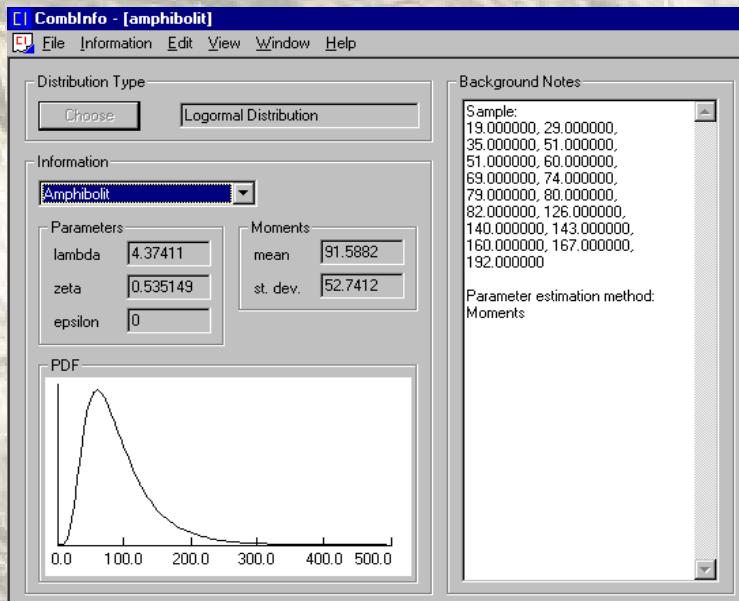
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## Quantitative Route Selection

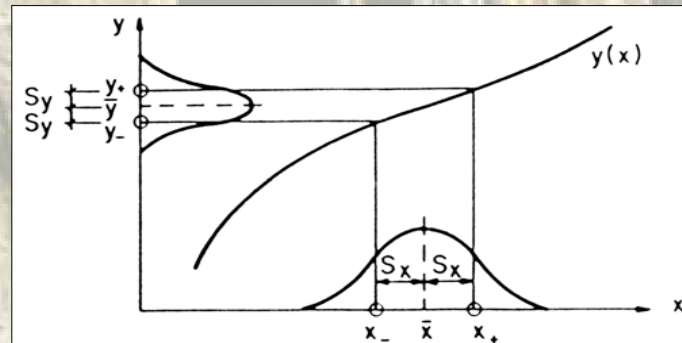
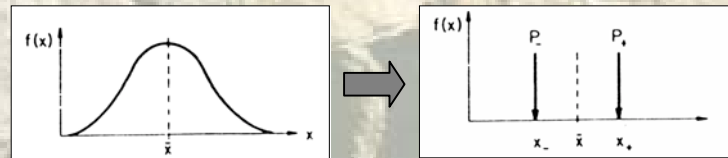
Input: Mechanical Data

### Laboratory data



### Probability Analysis

(Point Estimation Method,  
Rosenblueth)



Functions with several variables

Integration formulas

Permutations from  $n+1$  to  $2n^2+1$

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# Case Studies

## *Quantitative Route Selection*

Input: Fault Geometry

Geometrical conditions

$$L_{fault} = 3 * \left( \frac{D}{\tan \alpha} + \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \right)$$

Probability of intersecting a fault

$$P(f) = \frac{L_{fault} * \sin \alpha}{500}$$

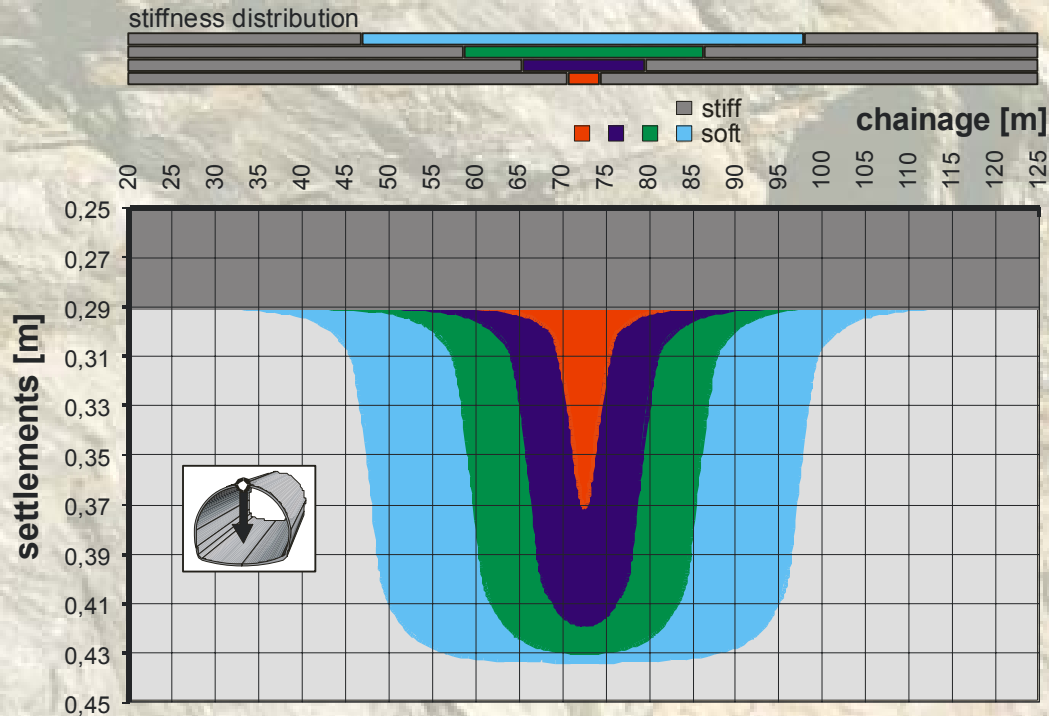
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## Quantitative Route Selection

Calculation of Settlements (E. Hoek)

Undisturbed (stiff) and Faulted Rock Mass (soft)

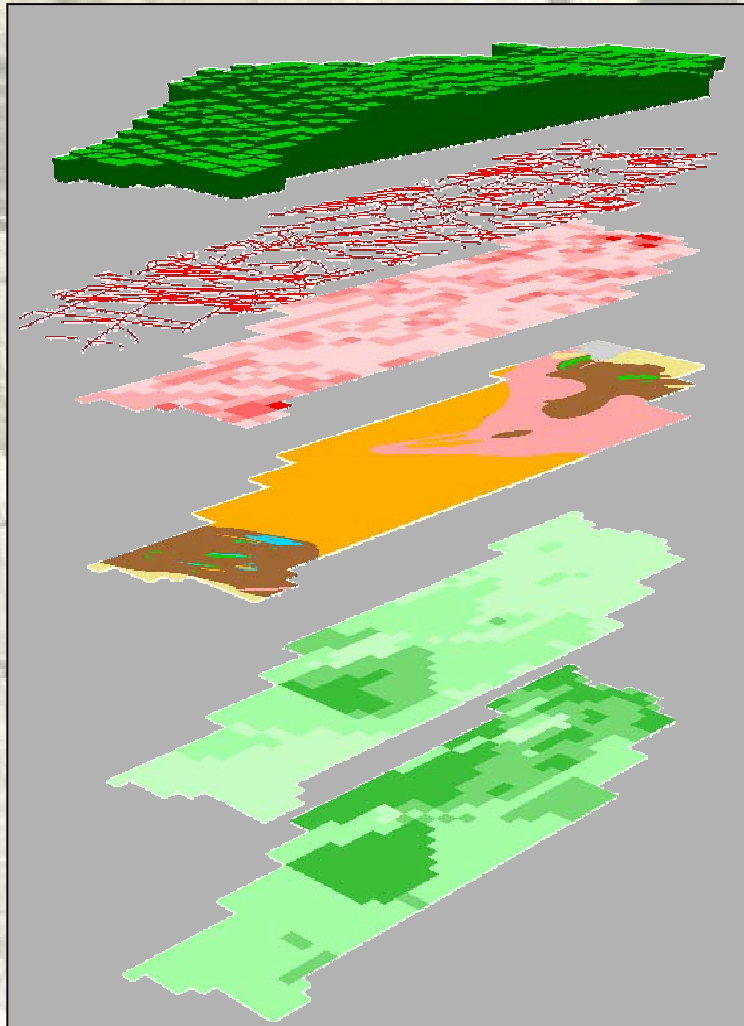


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# Case Studies

## Quantitative Route Selection

Input Layers for GIS Based Analysis of Radial Deformation



- ← Overburden
- ← Faults
- ← Fault Influenced Excavation Length
- ← Lithology
- ← Rock Mass Strength



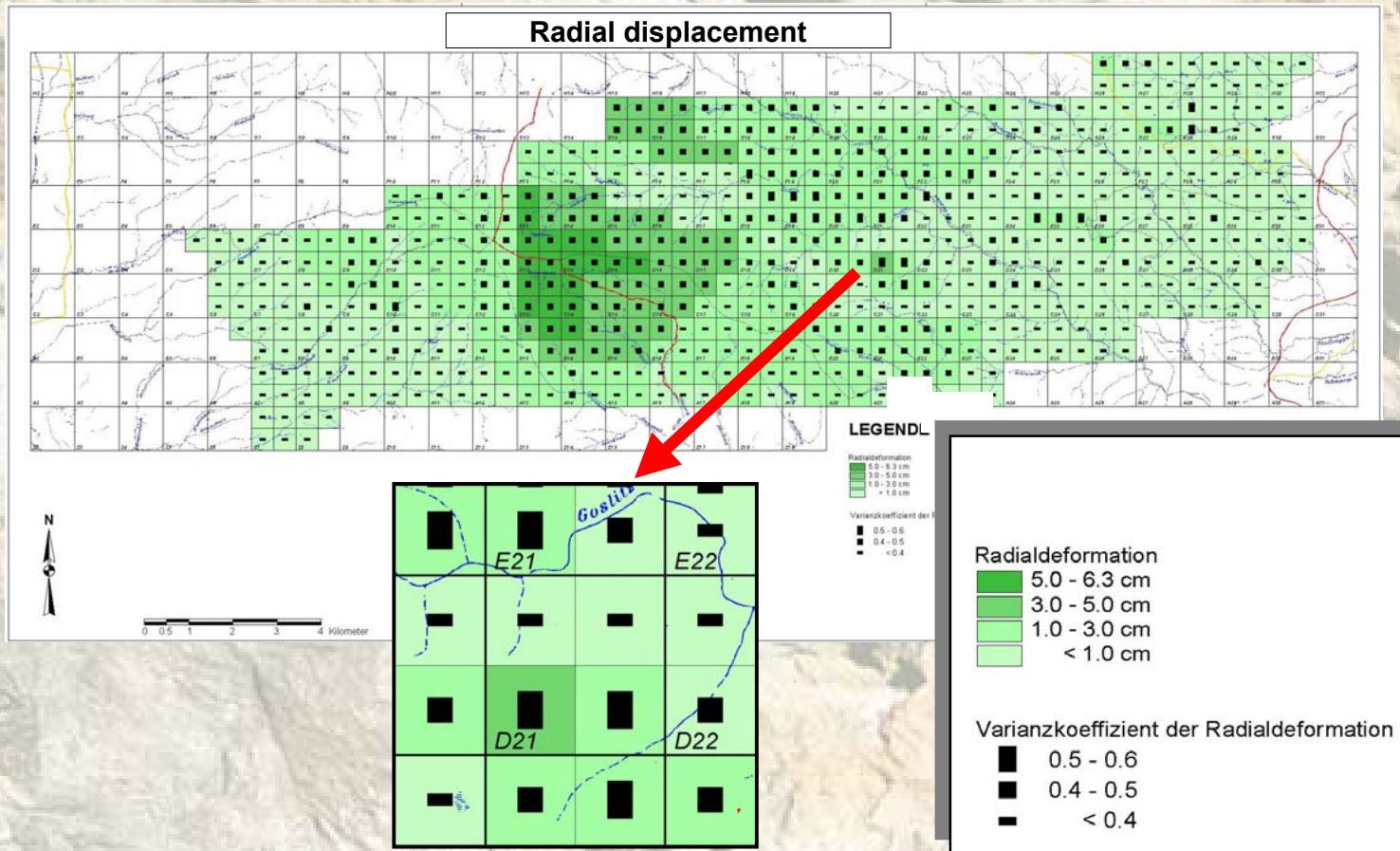
← **Radial Deformation**

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## Quantitative Route Selection

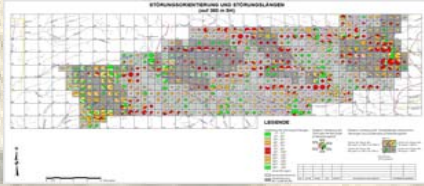
### Result Layer: Radial Deformation



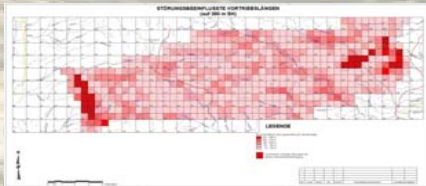
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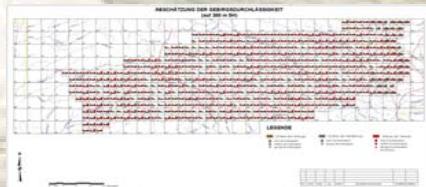
## Input Layers



Faults, orientation, total lengths



Faults, excavation lengths

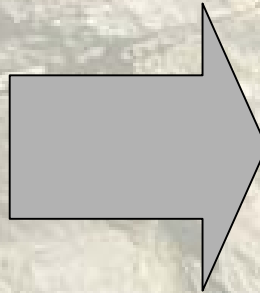


Permeability

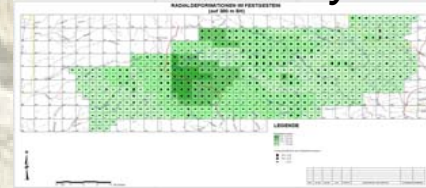


Information reliability

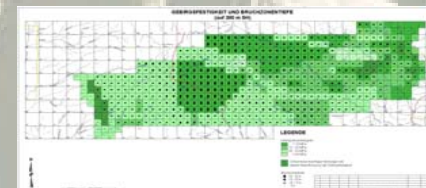
## Quantitative Route Selection



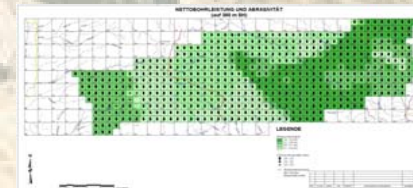
## Result Layers



Depths of broken zone



Radial displacement



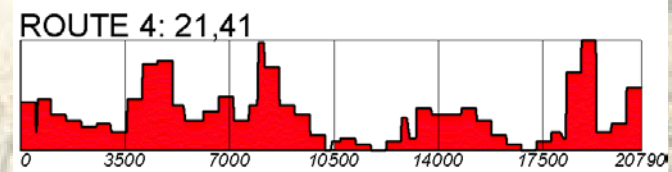
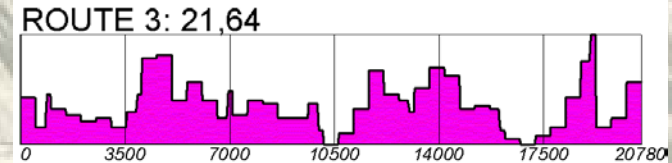
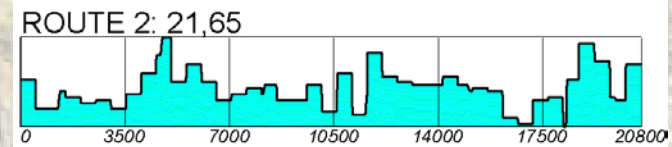
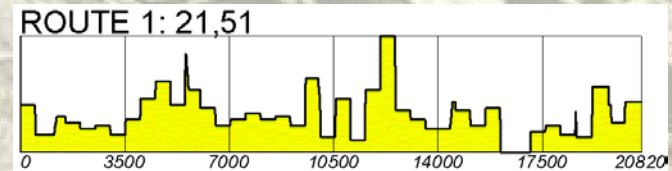
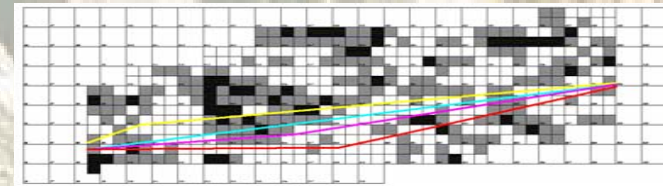
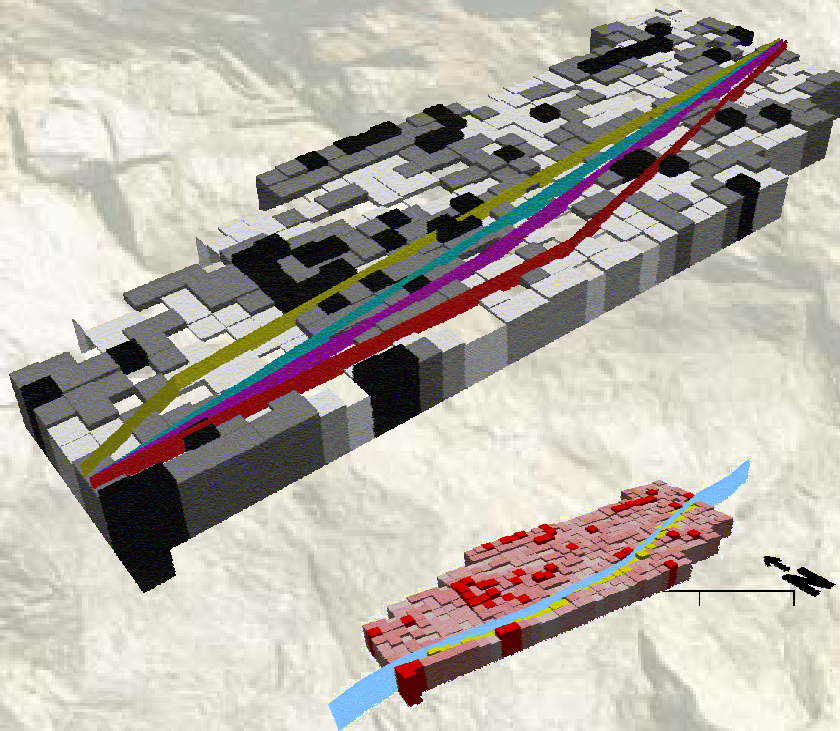
Penetration rate  
(TBM and rock mass data)

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## Quantitative Route Selection

Results



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## *Preliminary Design*

### Geological 3D-Modelling

#### Objectives:

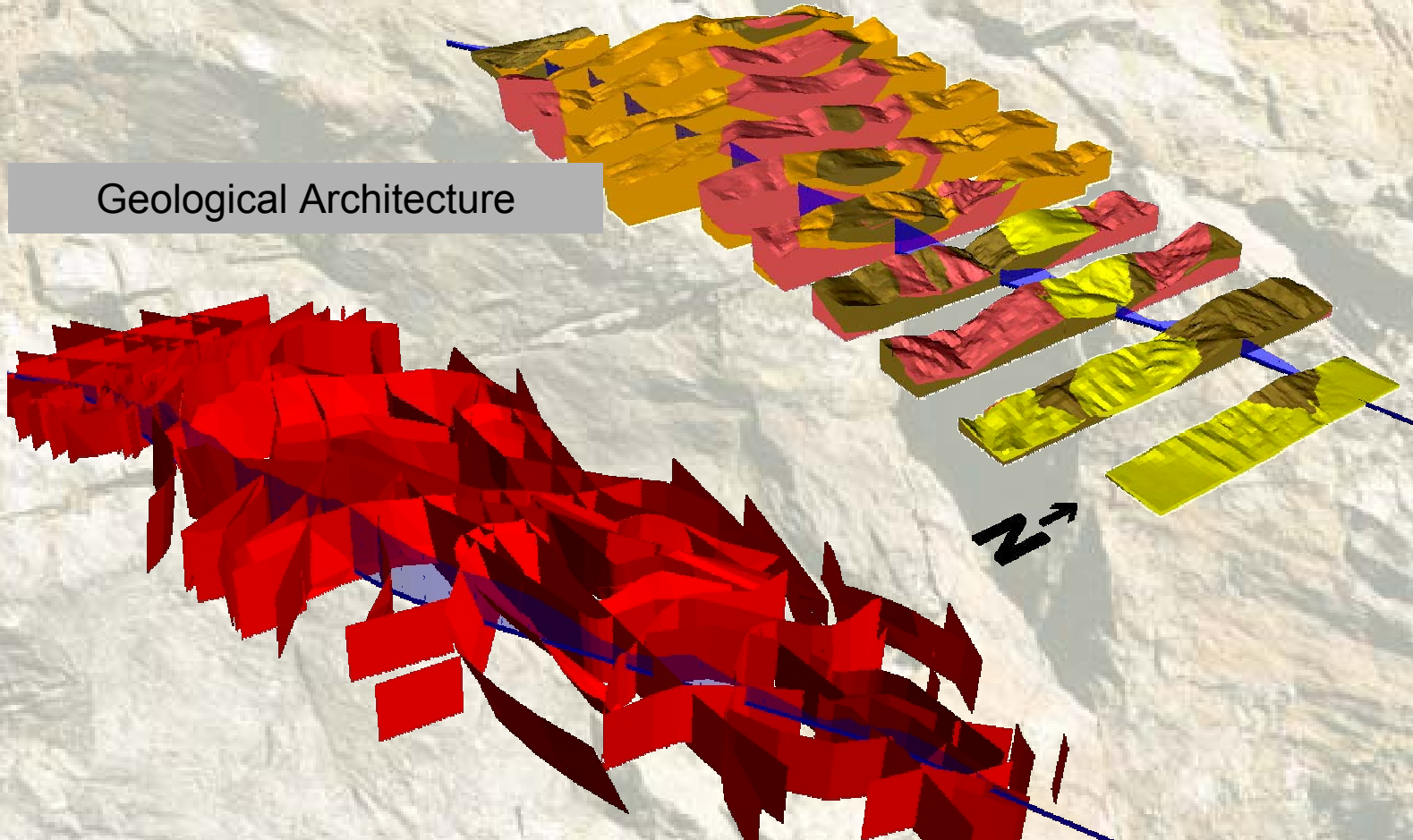
- Reliability of Geological Architecture
- Assessment of Groundwater Models
- Assessment of Tunnel-Groundwater Interactions
- Estimate of In-Situ Rock Temperatures
- Optimization of Further Site Investigations

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*Preliminary Design*

Geological Architecture

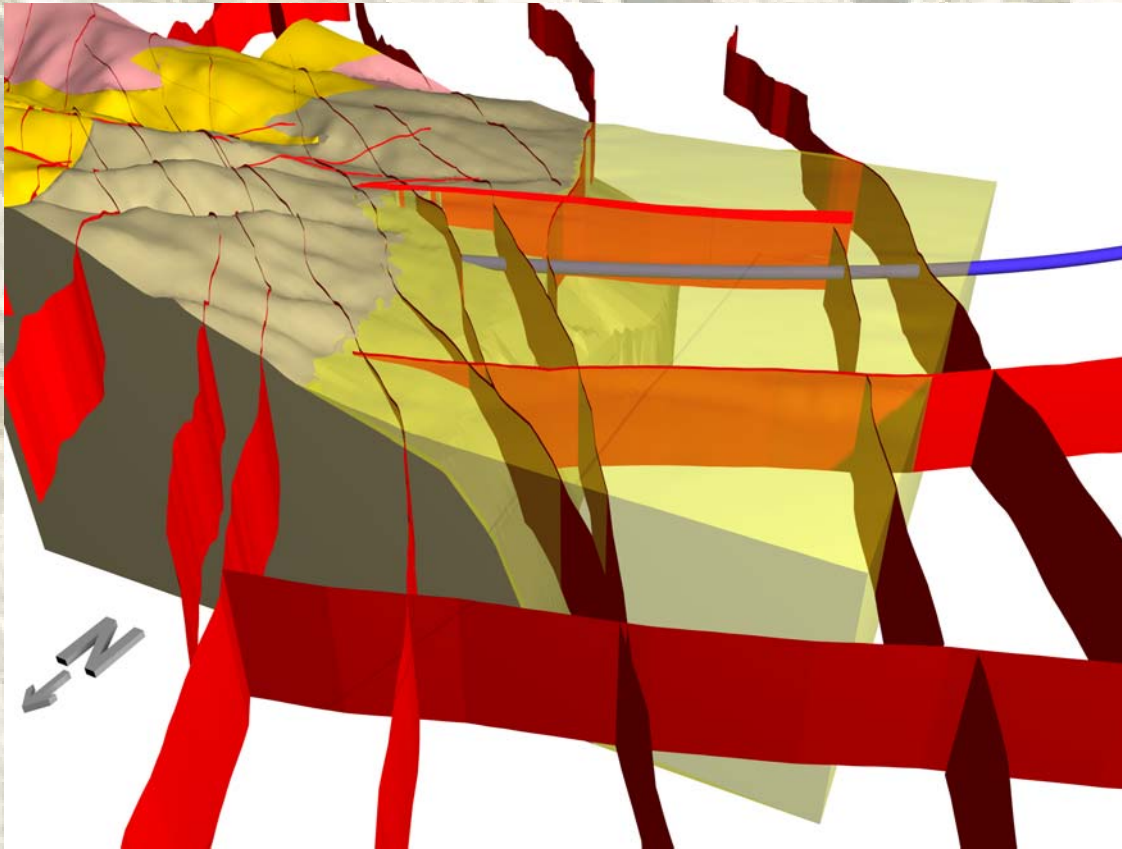


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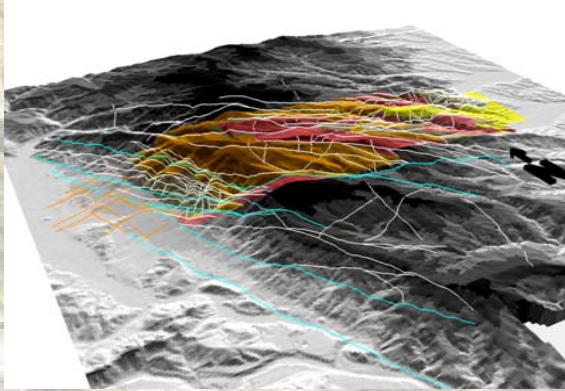
Geological 3D-Modelling



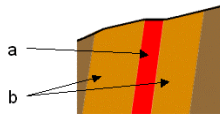
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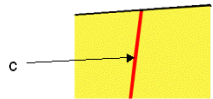
## Preliminary Design



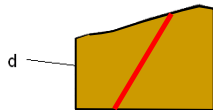
- Typ I – Lavanttalstörung



- Typ II – Lavanttalst. im Tertiär



- Typ III – "Standard" Störung



### Hydraulic Fault Zone Definitions (modified after Caine et al. 1996)

#### Typ I, Major Strike-Slip Fault in Crystalline Basement

Well-developed Fault Core (predominantly M- and C- cataclasites) with low permeability) surrounded by high permeable Fracture Zone (G- and S-cataclasite) and Blocky Rock Mass

#### Typ II Major Strike-Slip Fault in Tertiary Clastic Sediments

Fault Core poorly developed. No Fracture Zones

#### Typ III Normal Fault in Crystalline Basement

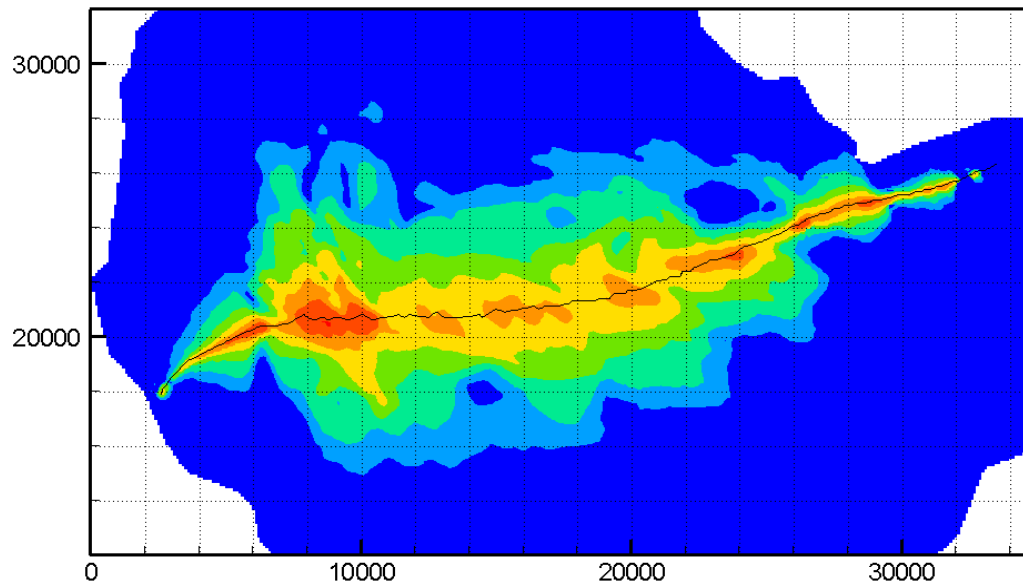
Fault Core poorly developed. Well-developed Fracture Zone associated with high permeable fracture network

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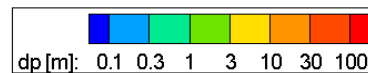
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## Preliminary Design

**Hydraulic Model**, maximum possible lowering of the groundwater table



Modell M22



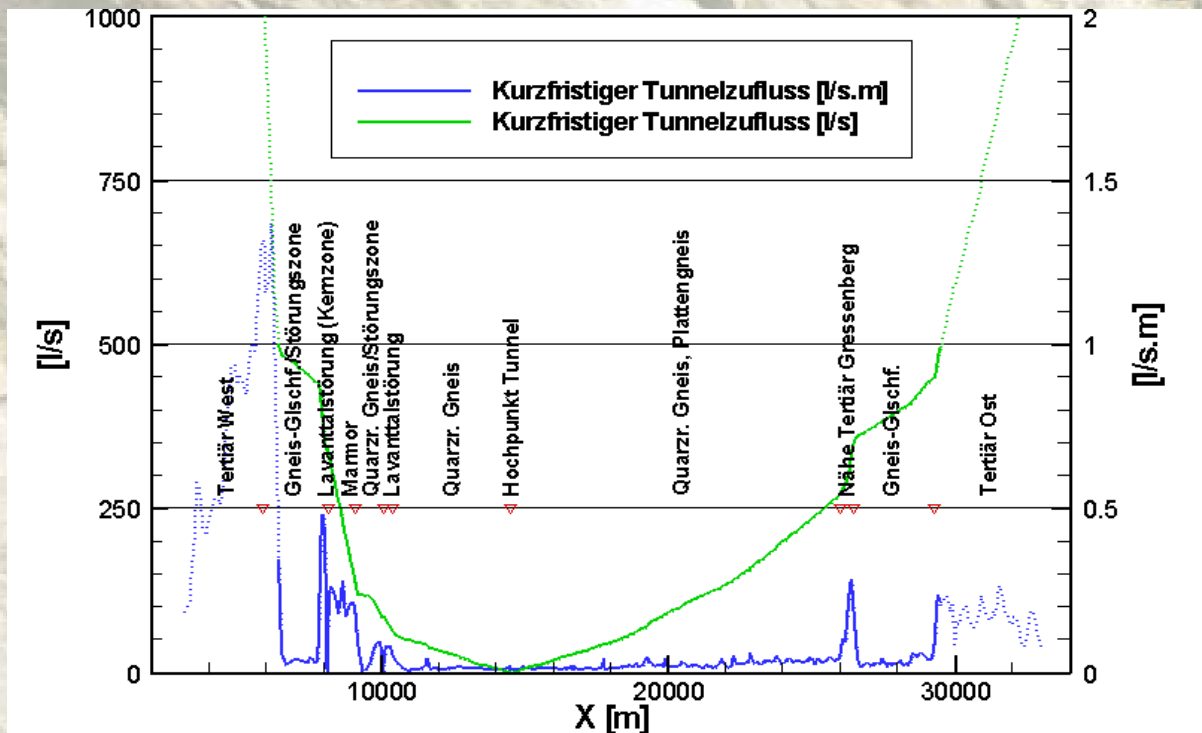
*Conservative Model (1D Hydraulic Flow)*

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## Preliminary Design

### Predicted Short-Term Inflows During Tunnel Excavation

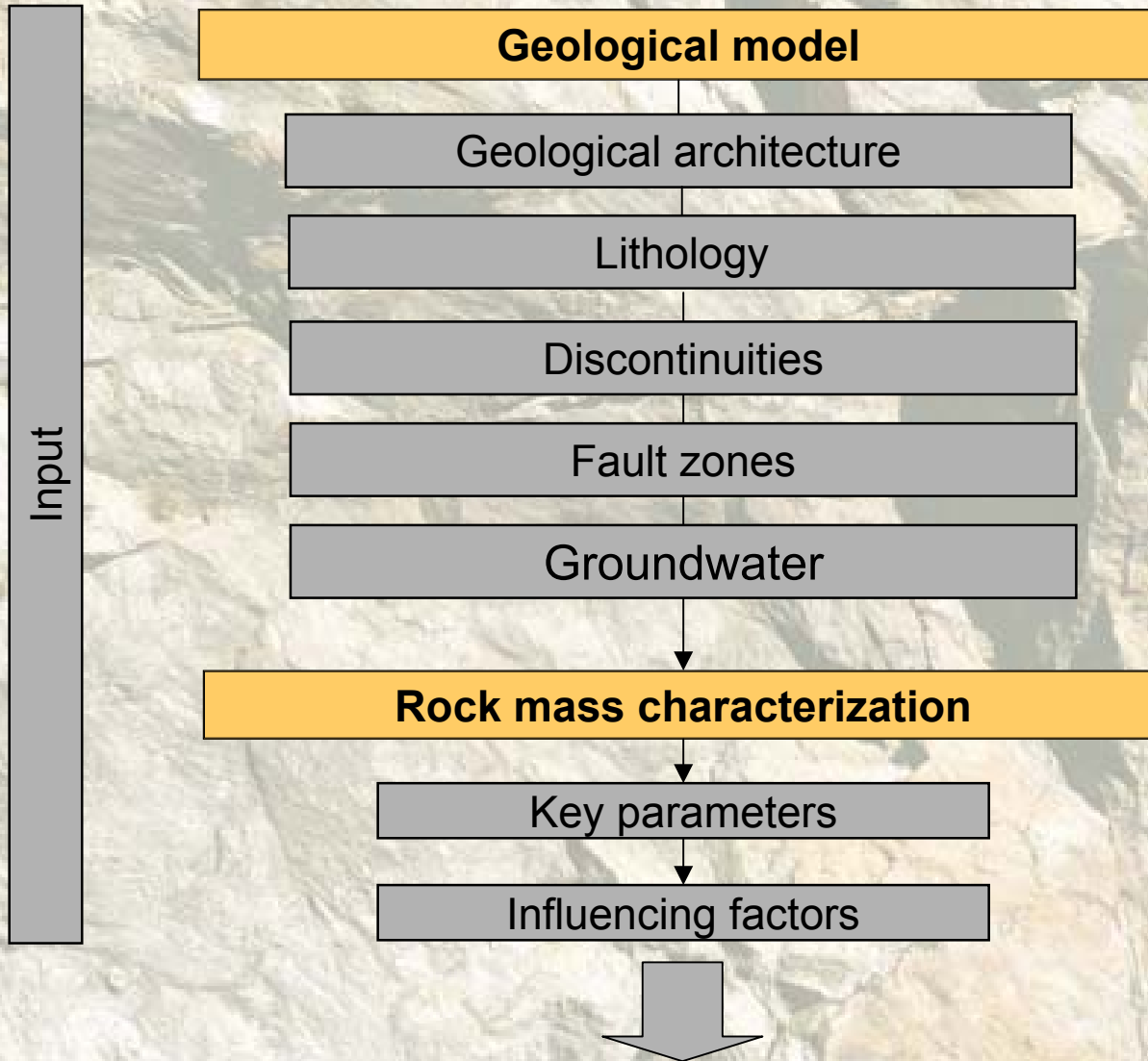


Boundary Conditions: (1) Groundwater at Surface (2) Recharge unlimited

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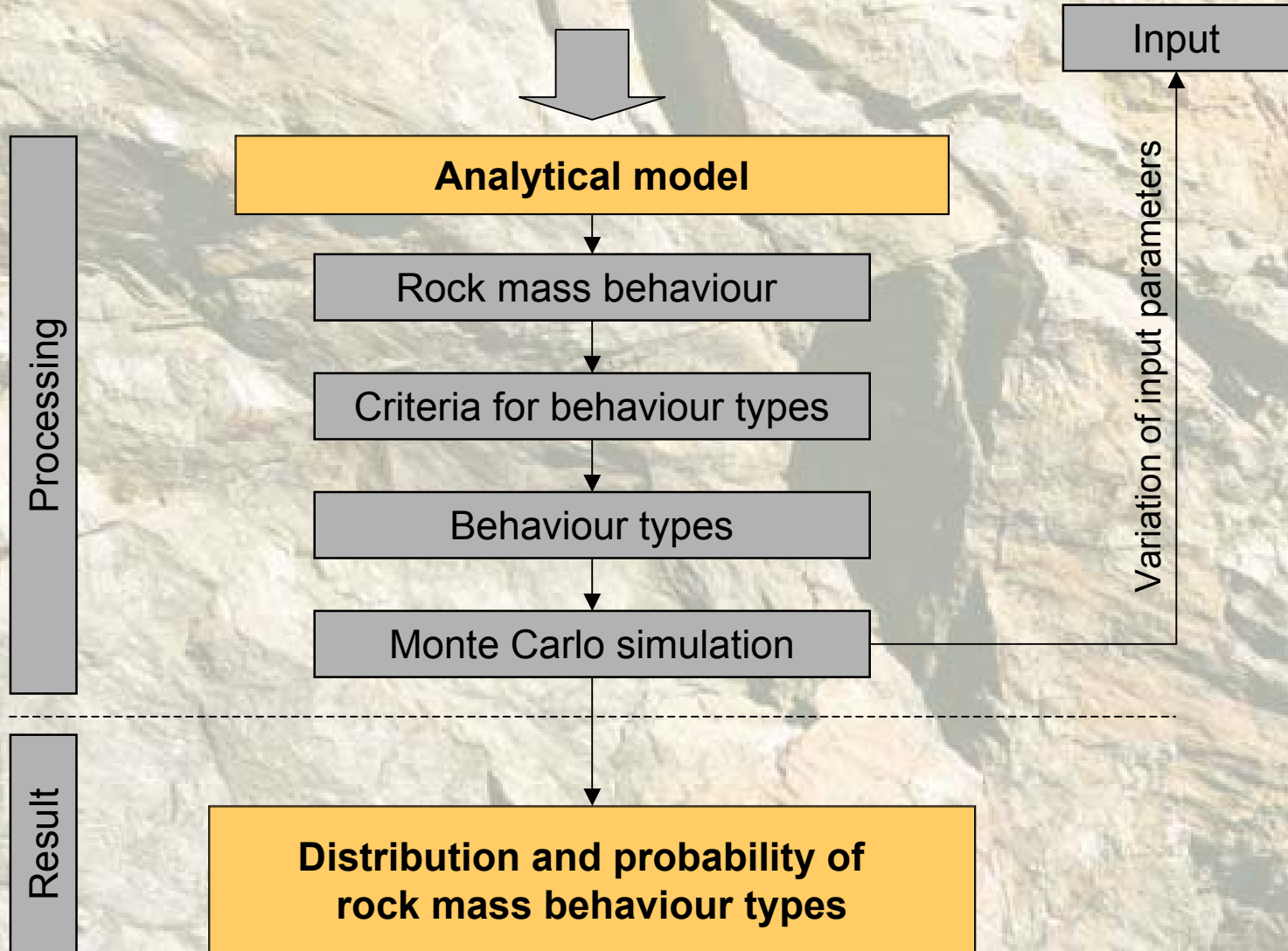
# Case Studies

## *Assessment of Geotechnical Risk*



# Case Studies

## Assessment of Geotechnical Risk



## *Assessment of Geotechnical Risk*

### ***Key parameters:***

- Mechanical intact rock properties (UCS, E-Modulus, ...)
- Discontinuities properties (spacing, roughness, ...)
- Specific TBM parameters (abrasivity, penetration rate, ...)
- Rock mass properties

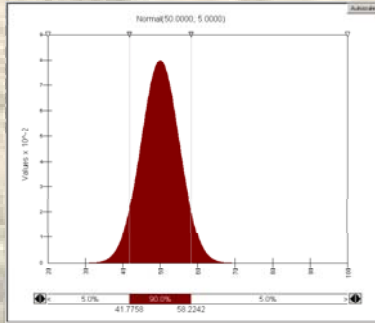
### ***Influencing factors:***

- Stresses
- excavation geometry
- Discontinuity orientation related to tunnel direction
- Groundwater

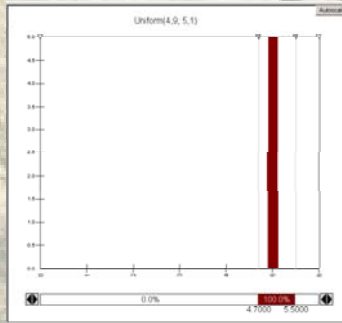
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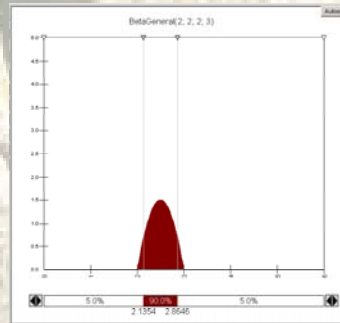
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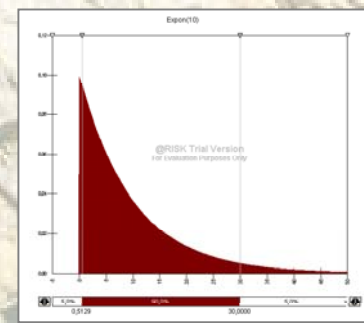
UCS



Tunnel diameter

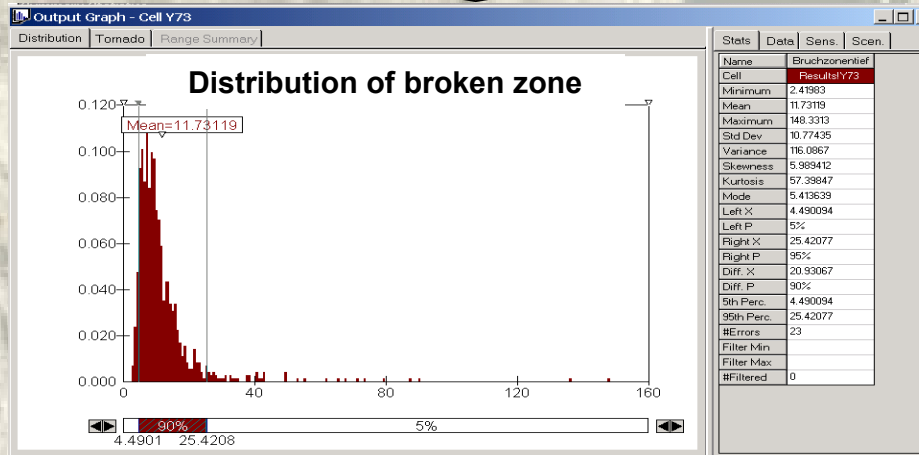


Principal stresses



Spacing

Input

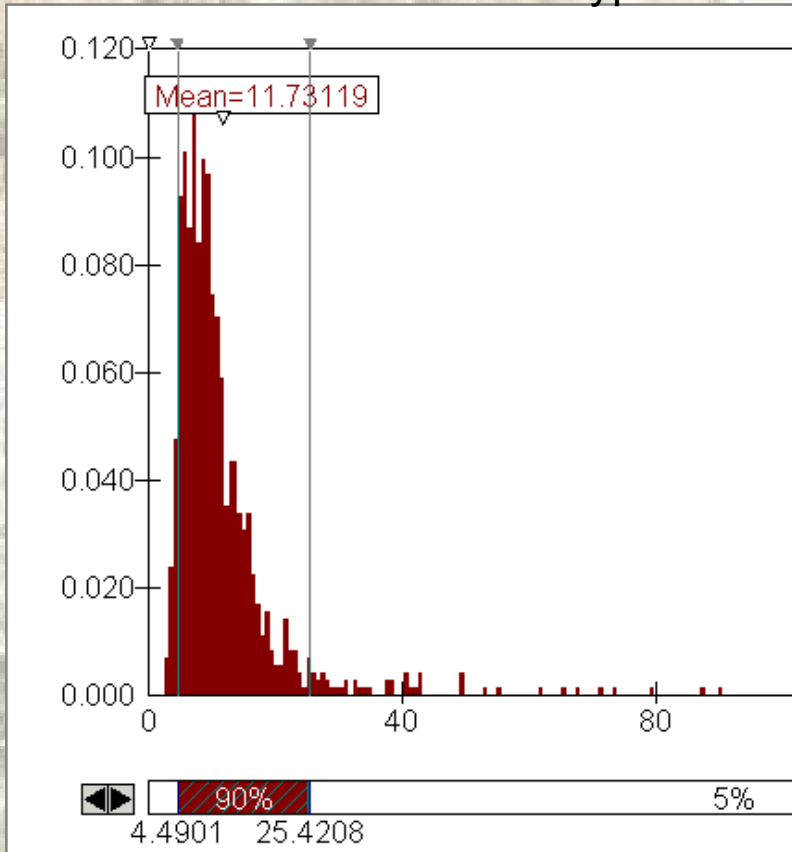


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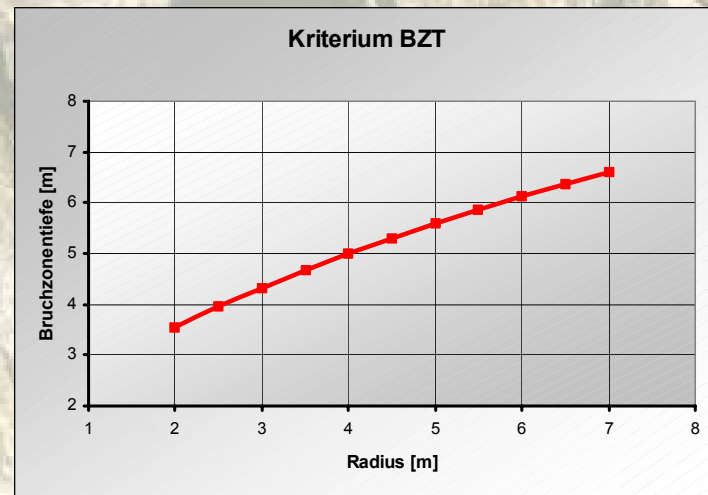
Criteria for the determination of rock mass behaviour types



$$DBZ = f(R)$$

Criteria

$$DBZ > D \times \left( \frac{2,5}{R^{0,5}} \times 0.5_{(inp)} \right)$$

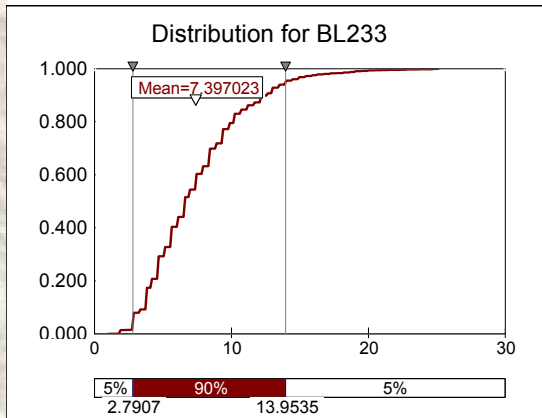
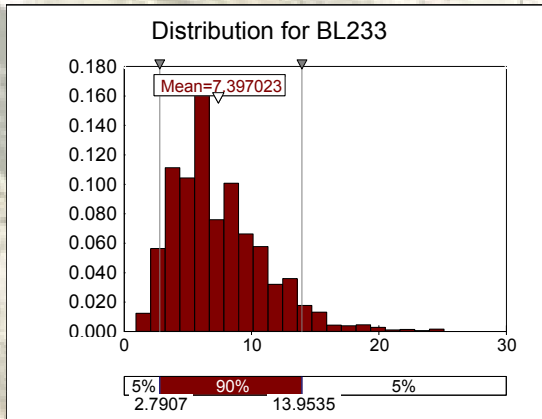


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## Assessment of Geotechnical Risk

Distribution of a behaviour type calculated for a tunnel section



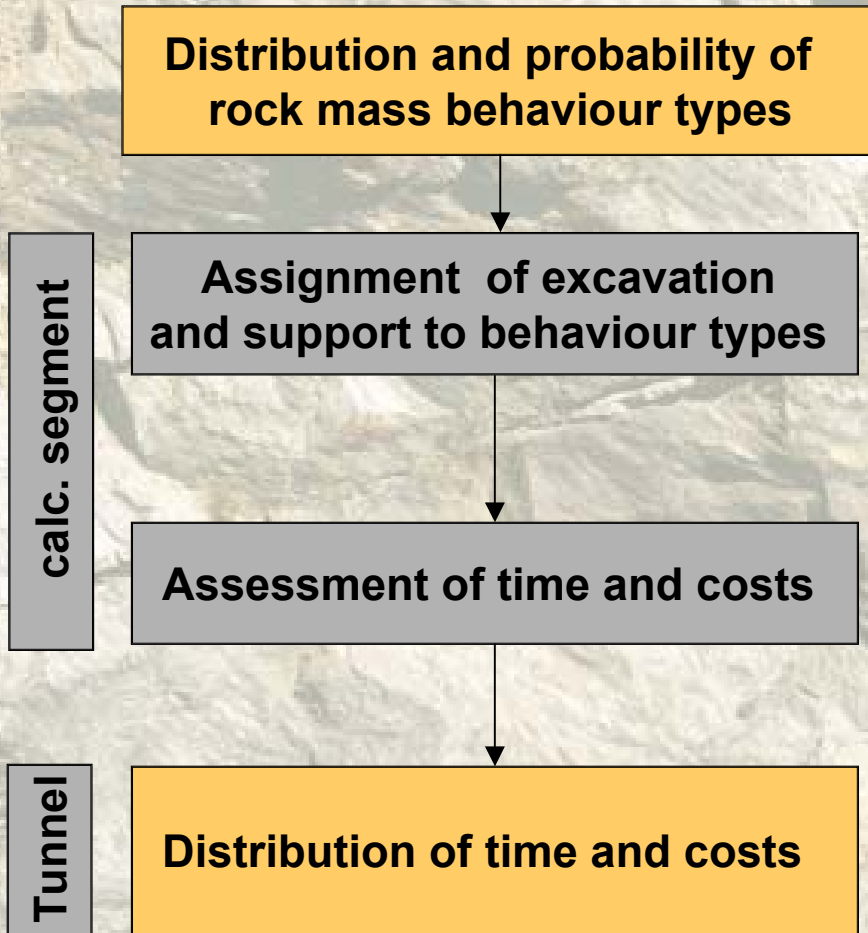
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Number of Outputs	38
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Simulation Stop Time	01.05.2002 14:39
Simulation Duration	00:05:11
Random Seed	1808478211

Summary Statistics			
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Maximum	25,1162796	10%	3,720930338
Mean	7,39702322	15%	3,720930338
Std Dev	3,647360066	20%	4,1860466
Variance	13,30323545	25%	4,651162624
Skewness	1,148729854	30%	5,116279125
Kurtosis	4,876067642	35%	5,581395149
Median	6,511627674	40%	5,581395149
Mode	4,651162624	45%	6,511627674
Left X	2,790697575	50%	6,511627674
Left P	5%	55%	7,441860676
Right X	13,95348835	60%	7,441860676
Right P	95%	65%	8,372093201
Diff X	11,16279078	70%	8,837209702
Diff P	90%	75%	9,302325249
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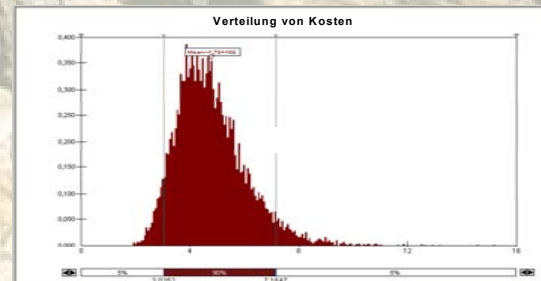
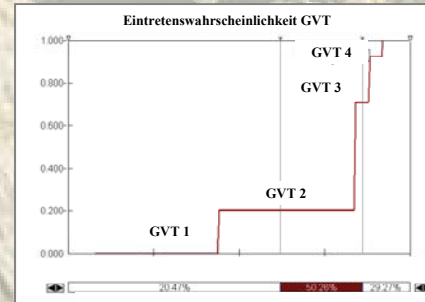
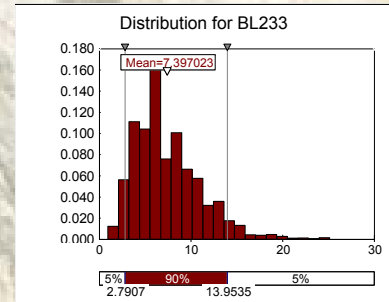
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# Case Studies

## Assessment of Geotechnical Risk



### Time and costs



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# Case Studies

## *Preliminary Design*

### **Project Data**

Part of the Egnatia Motorway which will connect the towns Igoumenitsa at the Adriatic Sea and Thessaloniki at the Aegean Sea. Double tube two lane tunnel.  
Length 2100 m, maximum overburden 230 m

### **Tasks**

Geological alignment mapping. Assessment of rock mass behaviour and support for the preliminary and detail design.  
Consulting service during construction

### **Geology**

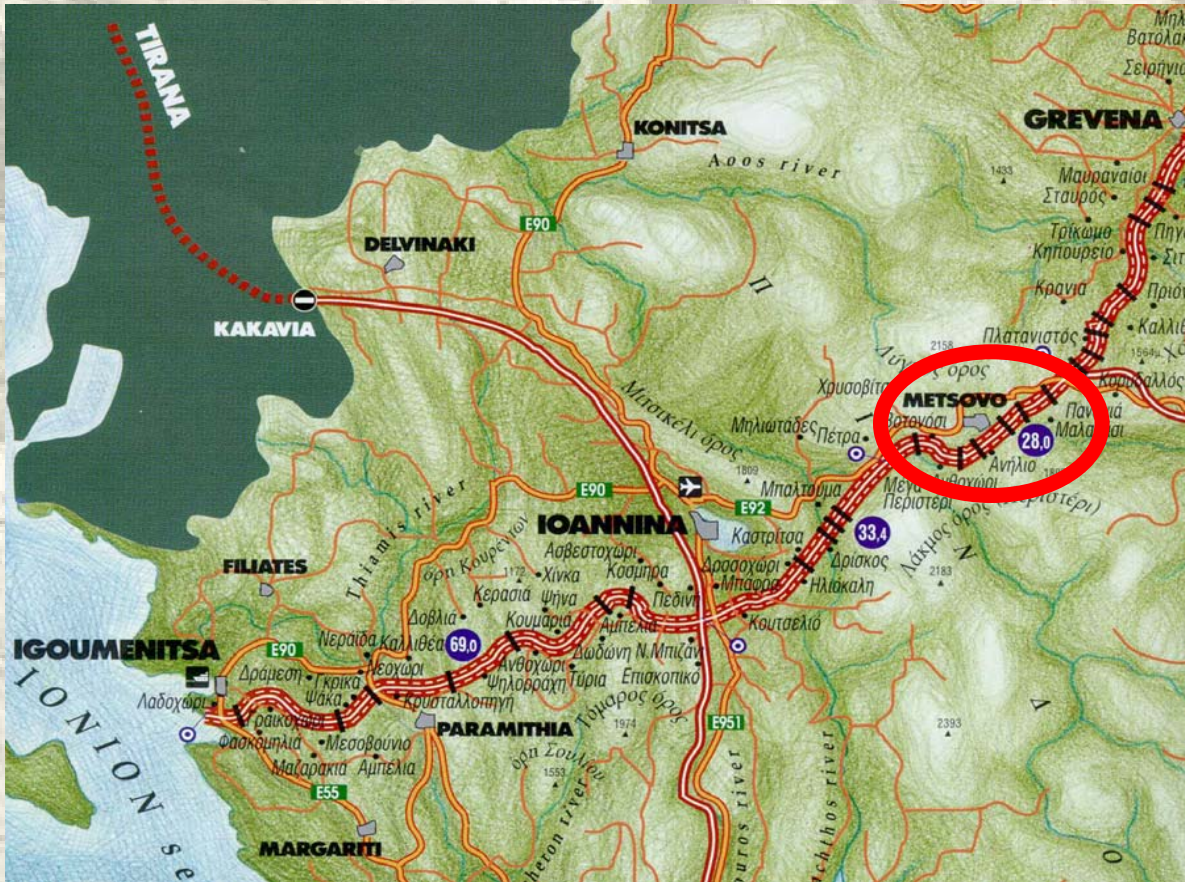
Complex fold-thrust belt in Tertiary flysch sequences.  
Development of thick tectonic melanges with clayey gouges

FROM AEG SHORT COURSE "Tunnels Through Fault Rocks and Tectonic Melanges: A Short Course for Engineering Geologists and Geotechnical Engineers", Oakland, California; June 1, 2002; Instructors: Prof. Gunter Riedmueller and Prof. Wulf Schubert, Technical University of Graz, Austria and Gruppe Geotechnik Graz. COPYRIGHT OF 3G - Gruppe Geotechnik Graz www.3-g.at REPRODUCED AND PROVIDED WITH THE PERMISSION OF AEG and 3G CONTACT: Dr. Alfred Fasching, CEO and Managing Director: fasching@3-g.at

## **Egnatia Motorway, Anilio Tunnel (Greece)**

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## Location

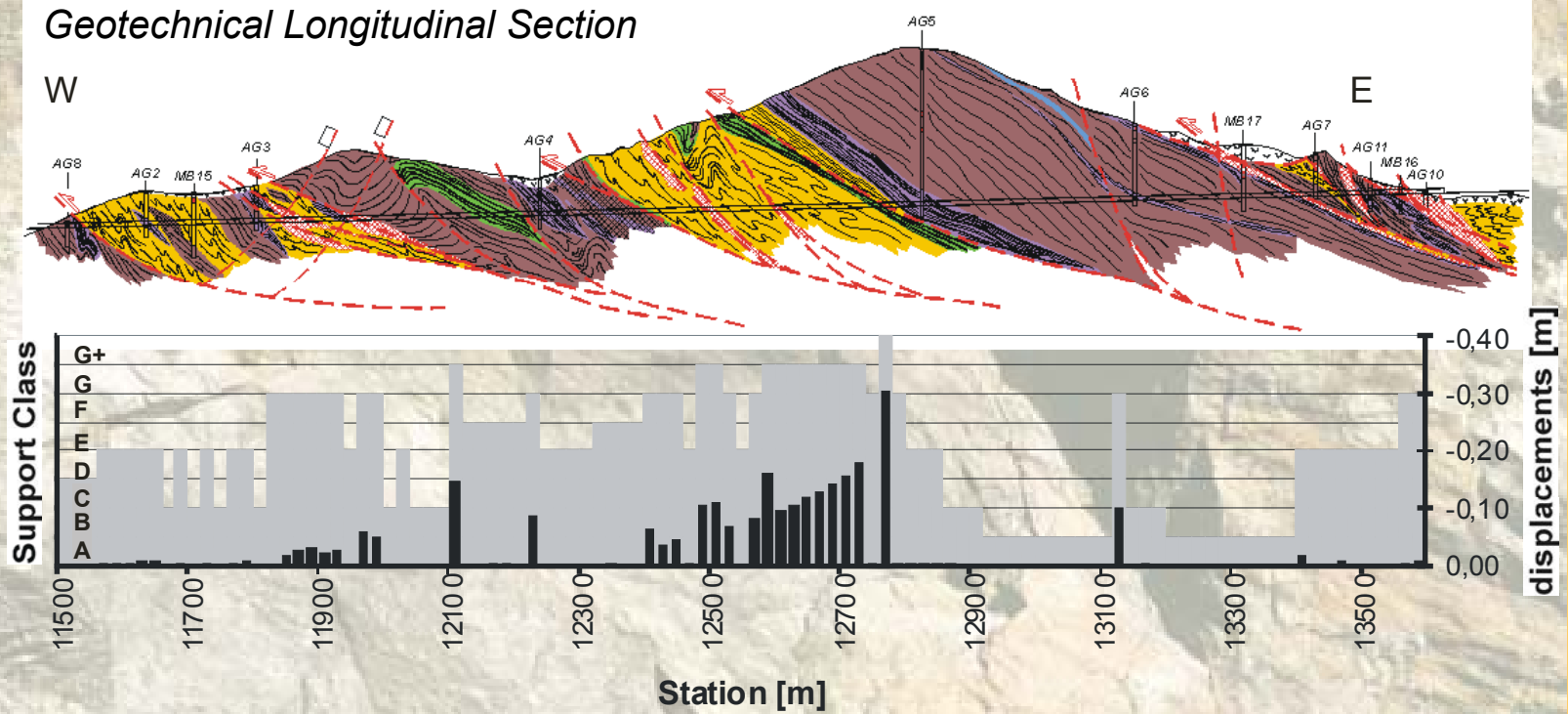


Egnatia Motorway, Anilio Tunnel (Greece)

# Case Studies

## Preliminary Design

### Geotechnical Longitudinal Section



Egnatia Motorway, Anilio Tunnel (Greece)

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### *Detail Design*

#### **Project Data**

Core piece of Austrian's high speed railway project.  
Length 22 km, maximum overburden 900 m

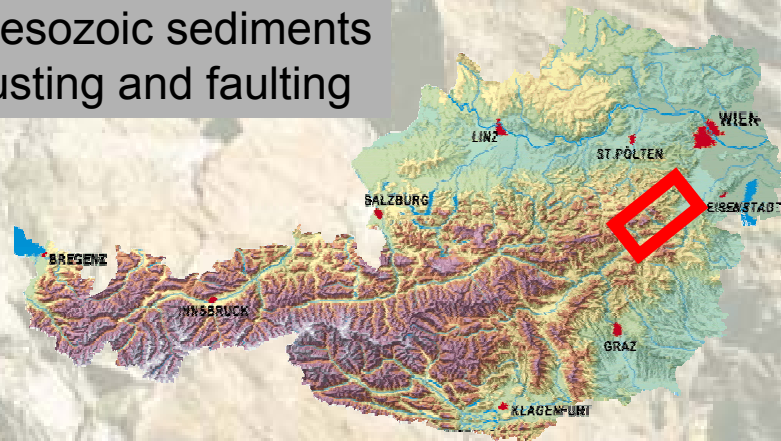
#### **Tasks**

Geological-geotechnical site investigations from the feasibility study to the detail design. Geotechnical risk assessment for TBM excavation.

Investigation of alternative systems (double track tube with emergency tunnel versus two single track tubes).

#### **Geology**

Polymetamorphic basement rocks and low-grade metamorphic Paleozoic as well as Mesozoic sediments were subjected to intense Alpine thrusting and faulting



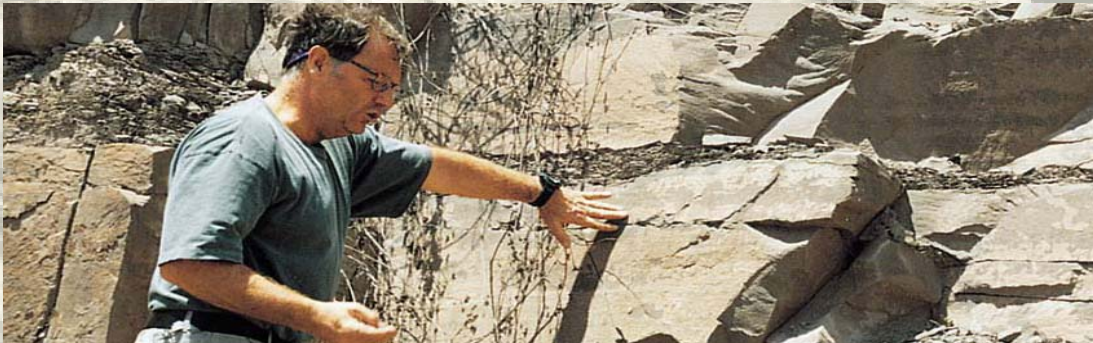
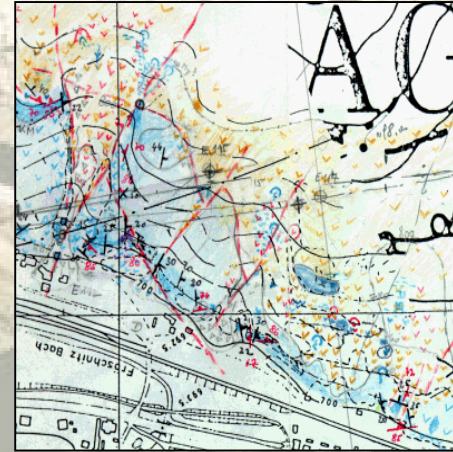
**Semmering Base Tunnel, Austria**

# Case Studies

## Site Investigation

### Engineering geological mapping

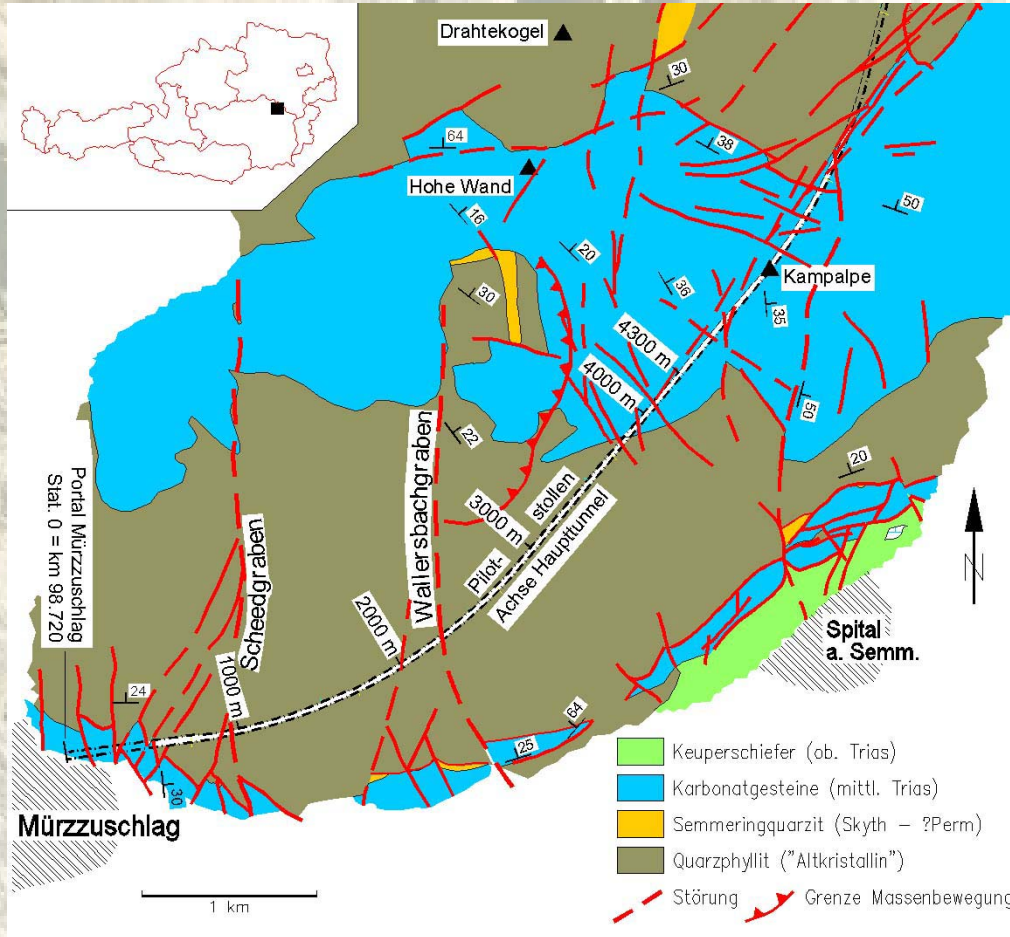
- Identification of relevant morphological features
- Outcrop Studies
- Identification and characterisation of fault zones
- Assessment of seeps and springs



Semmering Base Tunnel, Austria

# Case Studies

## Site Investigation



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## Case Studies

### Site Investigation

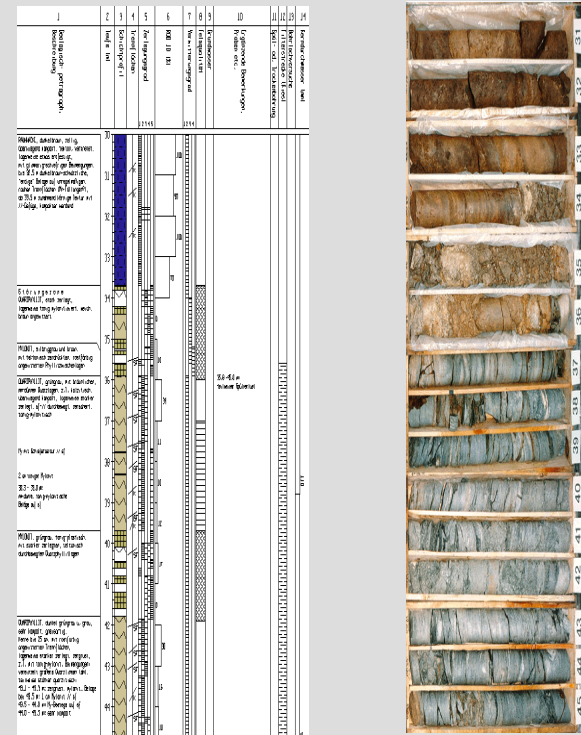
#### Subsurface Investigations

- Exploratory drilling
- Geophysical surveys
- Borehole in situ testing
- Pilot tunnel

#### Laboratory testing

- Mineralogical analyses
- Mechanical analyses

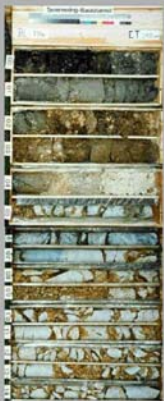
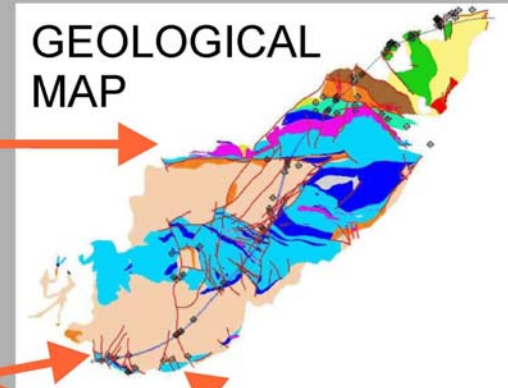
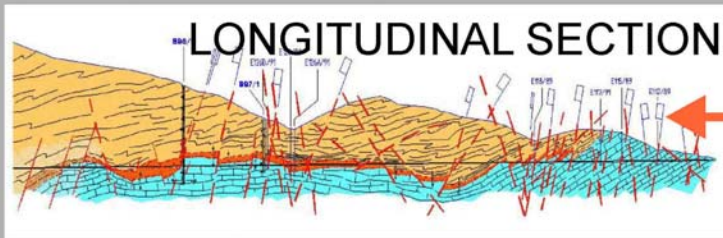
#### DRILL CORE LOGGING



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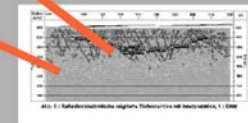
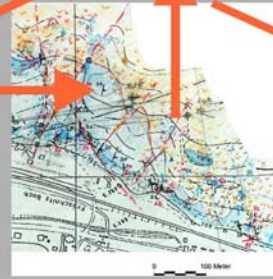
## Site Investigation

### GIS based data management



**DATA**

Bohrung	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]	Bohrungstiefe [m]
B01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
B02/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E56/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E56/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E55/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E55/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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**GEO-PHYSICS**

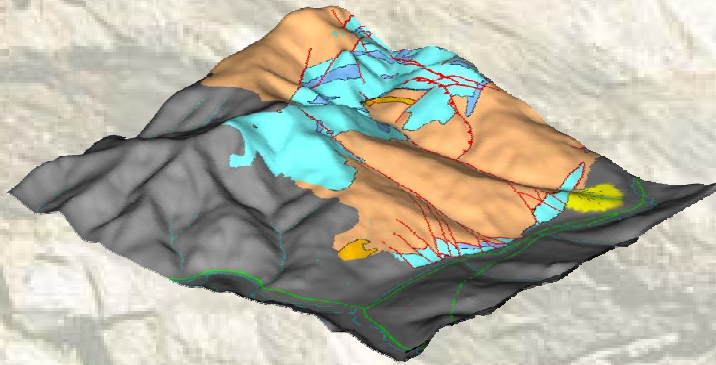
DRILL CORES

LABORATORY

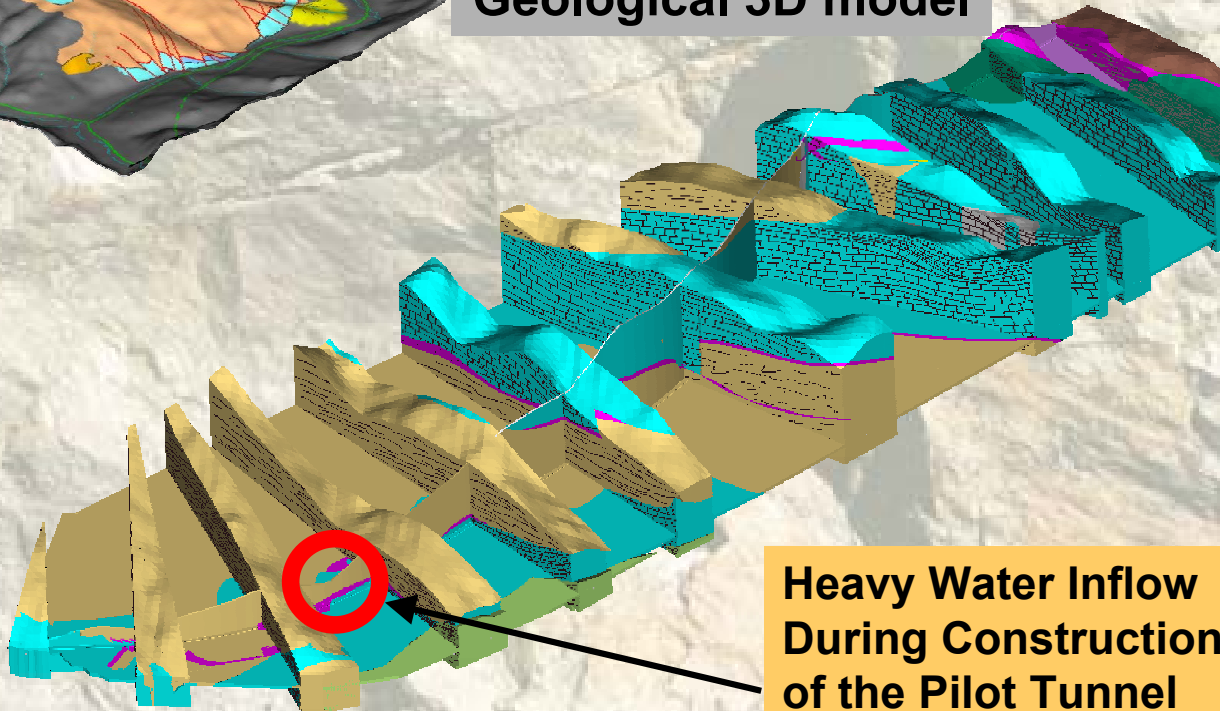
DETAIL MAPPING

# Case Studies

## Site Investigation



Geological 3D model



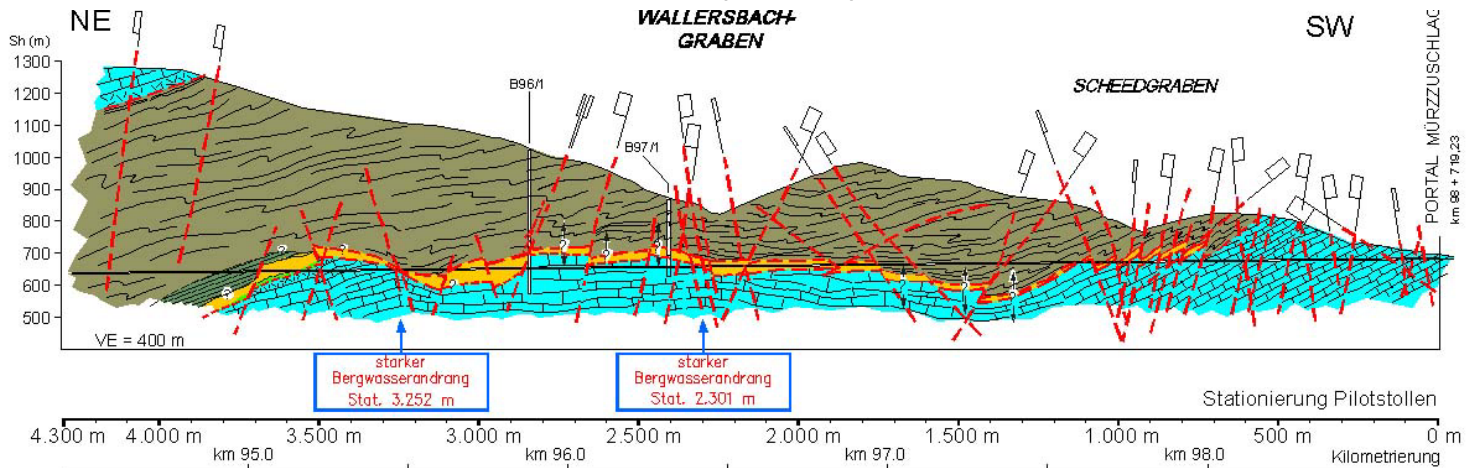
Heavy Water Inflow During Construction of the Pilot Tunnel

Semmering Base Tunnel, Austria

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## Site Investigation

Pilot tunnel, water inflow (350 l/s) at station 2301 m



### LEGENDE

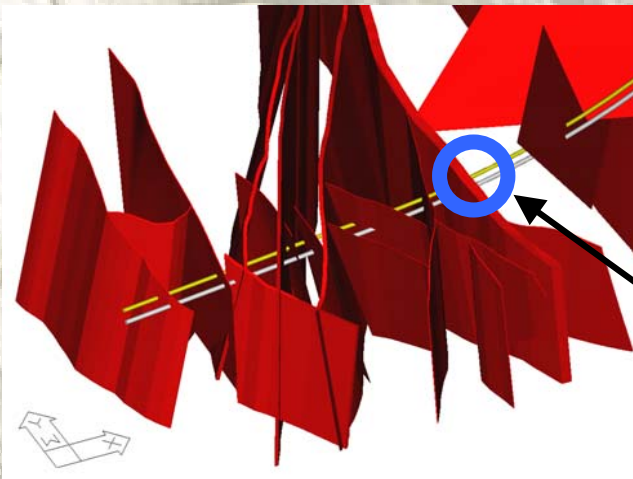
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|  | Karbonatgesteine (undifferenziert) |  | Rötschiefer      |  | Alpiner Verrucano              |
|  | Rauhacken                          |  | Semmeringquarzit |  | Quarzphyllit ("Altkristallin") |

Störung

B96/1 u. B97/1 Erkundungsbohrungen 1996 – 1997

# Case Studies

## Site Investigation



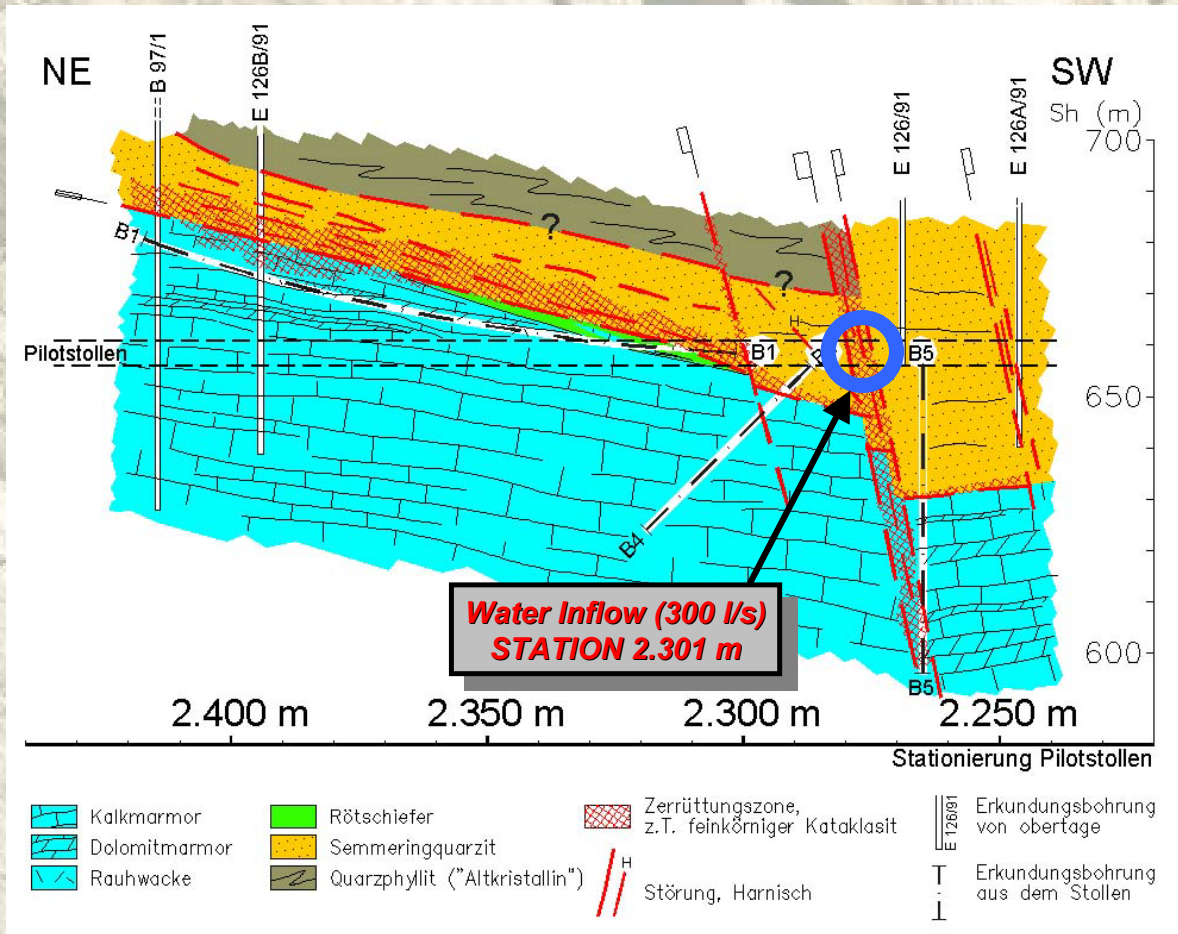
**Water Inflow  
STATION 2.301 m**



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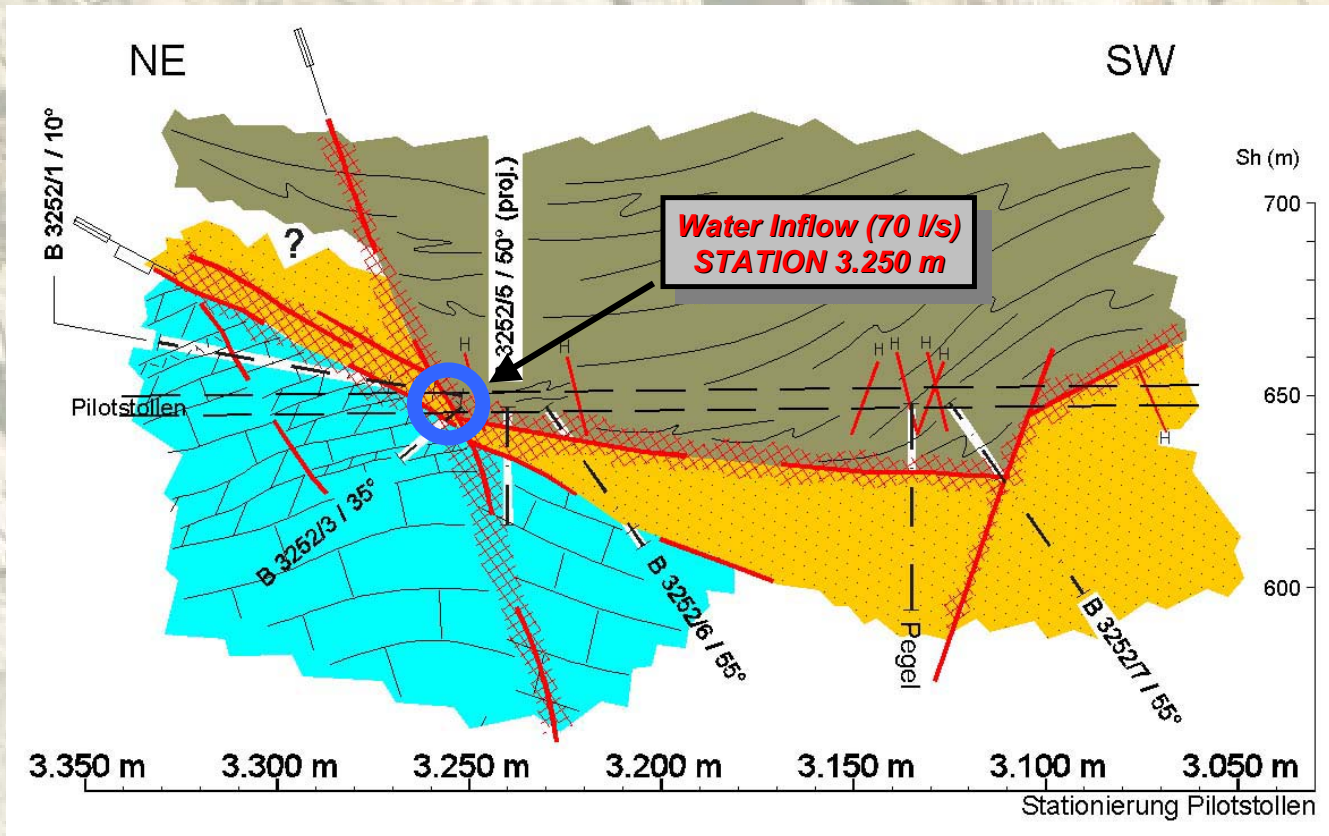
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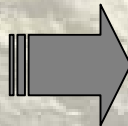
## Site Investigation



# Case Studies

## Rock Mass Characterisation

Key Parameters



Rock Mass Type 1	
<b>Lithology</b>	Limestone / Dolomite
<b>Foliation / Anisotropy</b>	massive
<b>Block size</b>	> 20 cm
<b>Joint properties</b>	mainly rough
<b>Persistence</b>	low
<b>Aperture</b>	closed
Intact Rock	
<b>Parameter</b>	average / standard deviation / number of samples
<b>UCS [MPa]</b>	102,6 / 29,0 / 26
<b>m<sub>i</sub> Hoek Constant [ ]</b>	13,4 / 6,2 / 20
<b>c [MPa]</b>	24,2 / 8,2 / 20
<b>φ [°]</b>	40,7 / 4,9 / 20
<b>E [GPa]</b>	68,3 / 17,6 / 23
<b>ν [ ]</b>	0,19 / 0,05 / 23
<b>Cerchar Abrasivity Index</b>	1,4 / 0,4 / 18
Rock Mass	
<b>Parameter</b>	average / standard deviation
<b>GSI</b>	70 / 10
<b>UCS [MPa]</b>	33,2 / 12,1
<b>c [MPa]</b>	8,0 / 2,8
<b>φ [°]</b>	37,7 / 4,7
<b>E [GPa]</b>	35,0 / 19,4
Joint properties	
<b>Parameter</b>	estimated values
<b>Friction angle [°]</b>	35-45
<b>Residual friction angle [°]</b>	30-40



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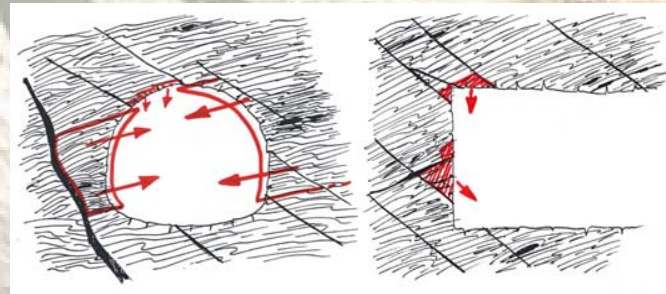
# Case Studies

## Definition of Rock Mass Behaviour Types

Rock Mass Type 15			
Rock type	Phyllite		
Foliation	< 6 cm		
Block Size	< 20 cm		
Joint condition	coated with clay		
Persistence	dominating low		
Aperture	Dominating closed		
Intact Rock Properties	$\mu$	$\sigma$	No. of tests
UCS [MPa]	28,2	13,6	19
$m_i$ [-]	14,5	6,0	6
$c$ [MPa]	10,8	3,1	6
$\varphi$ [°]	31,7	1,5	6
$E$ [GPa]	26,7	19,1	18
$\nu$ [-]	0,43	0,18	5
CAI [-]	2,5 bis 3		
Joint Properties	$\mu$	$\sigma$	Anz. Vers.
Friction angle [°]	33,7	6,3	15
Res. Friction angle [°]	28,5	5,6	23
Rock Mass Properties	$\mu$	$\sigma$	
GSI [-]	40	5	
UCS [MPa]	3,9	2,0	
$c$ [MPa]	1,1	0,5	
$\varphi$ [°]	31,3	3,6	
$E$ [GPa]	3,0	1,0	

... shaded => estimated values

### Type of Rock Mass Behaviour 4/1



Symbolische Darstellung für Phyllit

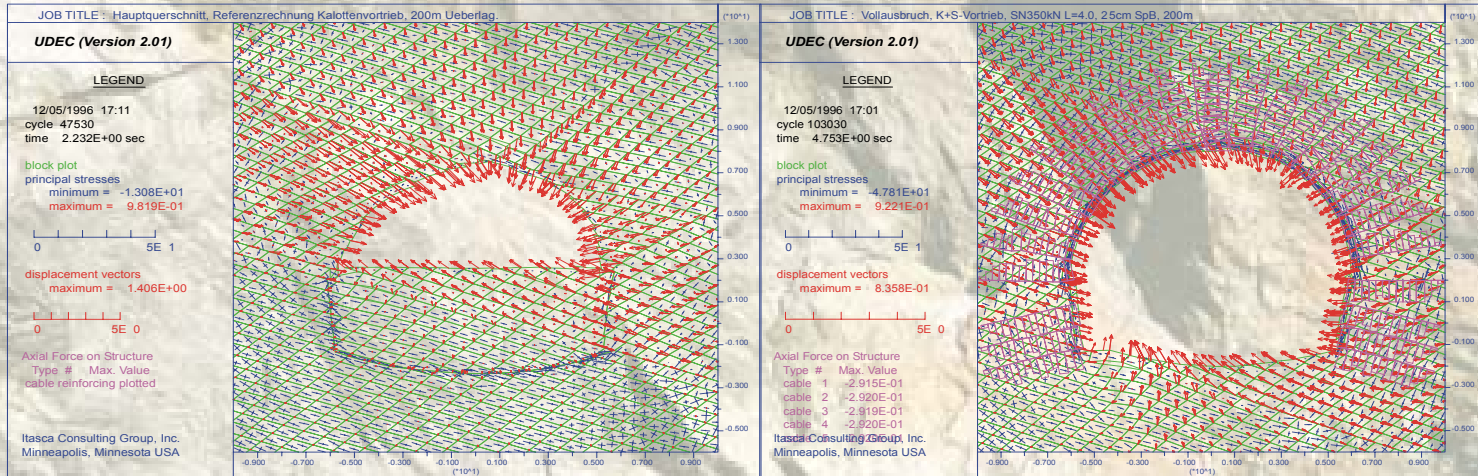
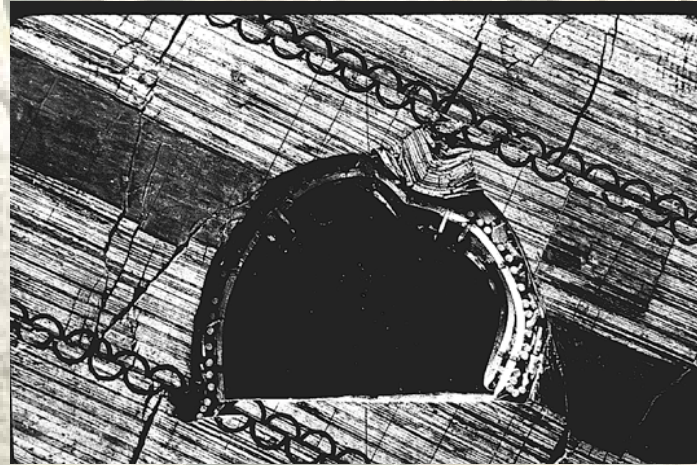
<b>Rock Mass Type</b>	RMT15
<b>Orientation of main discontinuity set</b>	Foliation, dipping moderately to flatly towards direction of drive
<b>Stress Conditions</b>	stress level equals rock mass strength
<b>Groundwater</b>	Dry, occasionally dripping
<b>Rock Mass Behaviour</b> (excavatability, failure mechanism)	Potential for overbreak. Highly anisotropic rock mass. Block failures controlled by shearing along foliation planes. Favourable face stability for foliation dipping into the face. Potential of small, local block sliding caused by unfavourably oriented discontinuities. Slickensides with high persistence may generate deep reaching shear failures.
<b>Radial Deformation</b>	Several centimetres, controlled by discontinuities.

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## Calculation of Failure Mechanisms (Phyllite)

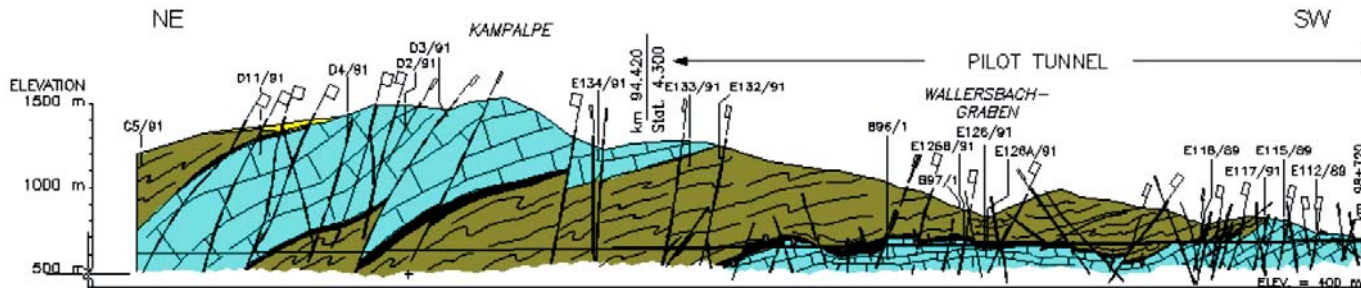
Failure mechanisms



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## Geotechnical Longitudinal Section



CHAINAGE	km 92.0		km 93.0		km 94.0		km 95.0		km 96.0		km 97.0		km 98.0															
TECTONIC UNIT	Permotriassic				"Altkristallin"				LOWER AUSTRALPINE UNIT				Permotriassic		"Altkristallin"		Permotriassic											
STRUCTURAL DOMAINS	6				5				4				3		2		1											
DISCONTINUITY STRUCTURE																												
GEOTECHNICAL SECTION	13		12		11b		11a		10		9		8		7		6		5		4		3		2		1	
ROCK MASS TYPES	DOMINATING 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		12		12		12		8 9		1		12		9 10		1 2		9 10		9		12		3, 12		11f, 2	
ROCK MASS TYPES	OCCASIONAL 7, 9, 10, 11		4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14		14		14		10 11		11f, 2, 4, 9		14		8		11f 3, 4		8		8, 10, 12, 14		14		4, 9, 10, 14		1, 21f, 3, 31f, 14	
TYPES OF ROCK MASS BEHAVIOR	DOMINATING 2/1, 2/2, 3/1, 3/3		3/2, 4/2		3/2, 4/2		4/2		2/2 3/1		1		4/2		2/2 7/1		1 2/1		2/2 7/1		2/2		4/1 4/2		2/2, 4/1		2/1, 2/2	
TYPES OF ROCK MASS BEHAVIOR	OCCASIONAL 1, 4/2, 5, 7/1, 7/2, 9/1		3/3, 4/3, 7/1, 7/2		4/3		4/3		7/1 9/1		2/1, 2/2 3/1, 7/1		3/1 4/3		2/1 3/1		2/2 3/1		2/1 3/1		2/1, 3/1, 4/2, 4/3, 7/1		3/1 4/3		3/1, 4/2, 4/3, 7/1		1, 3/1, 6, 7/1	



## *Geotechnical Hazard Assessment*

### **Project Data**

Upgrading of the Seyhan river for energy production. Located in the Toros mountains north of Adana.

- Weir at the confluence of Yenice and Göksu river
- Headrace tunnel (length 9km, diameter 9,0m)
- Power house

### **Tasks**

Geotechnical hazard assessment and optimization of design prior to construction



# Case Studies

## *Geotechnical Hazard Assessment*



Hepp Kavsak, Turkey

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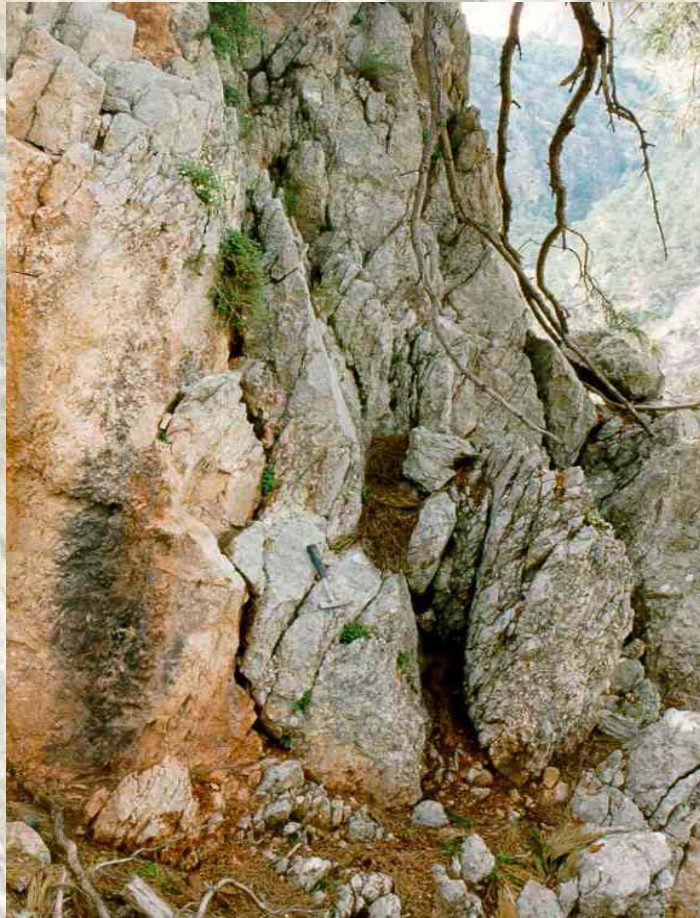
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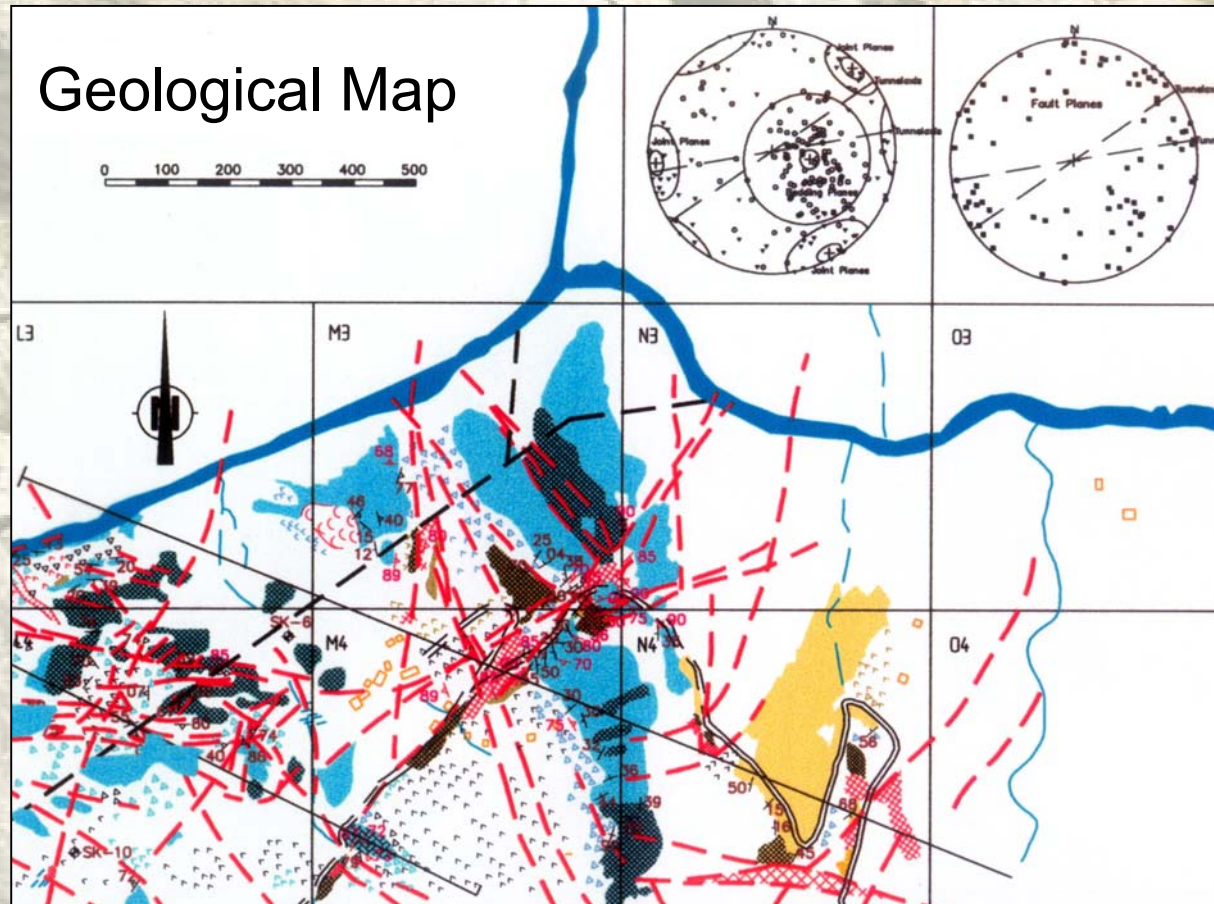
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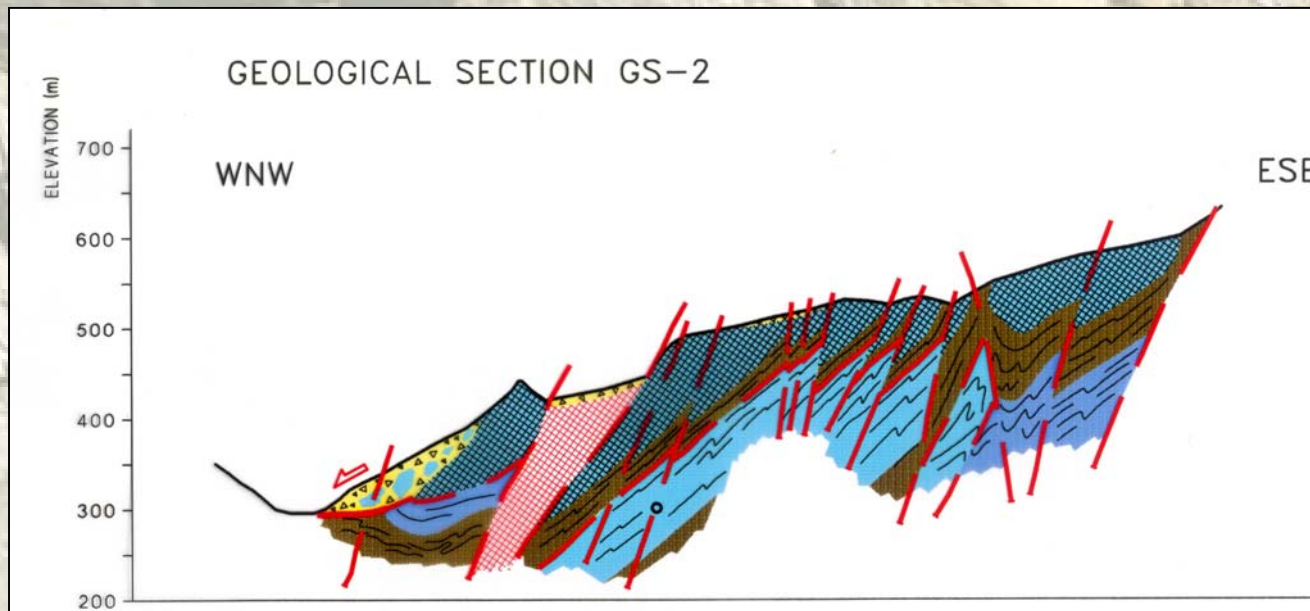
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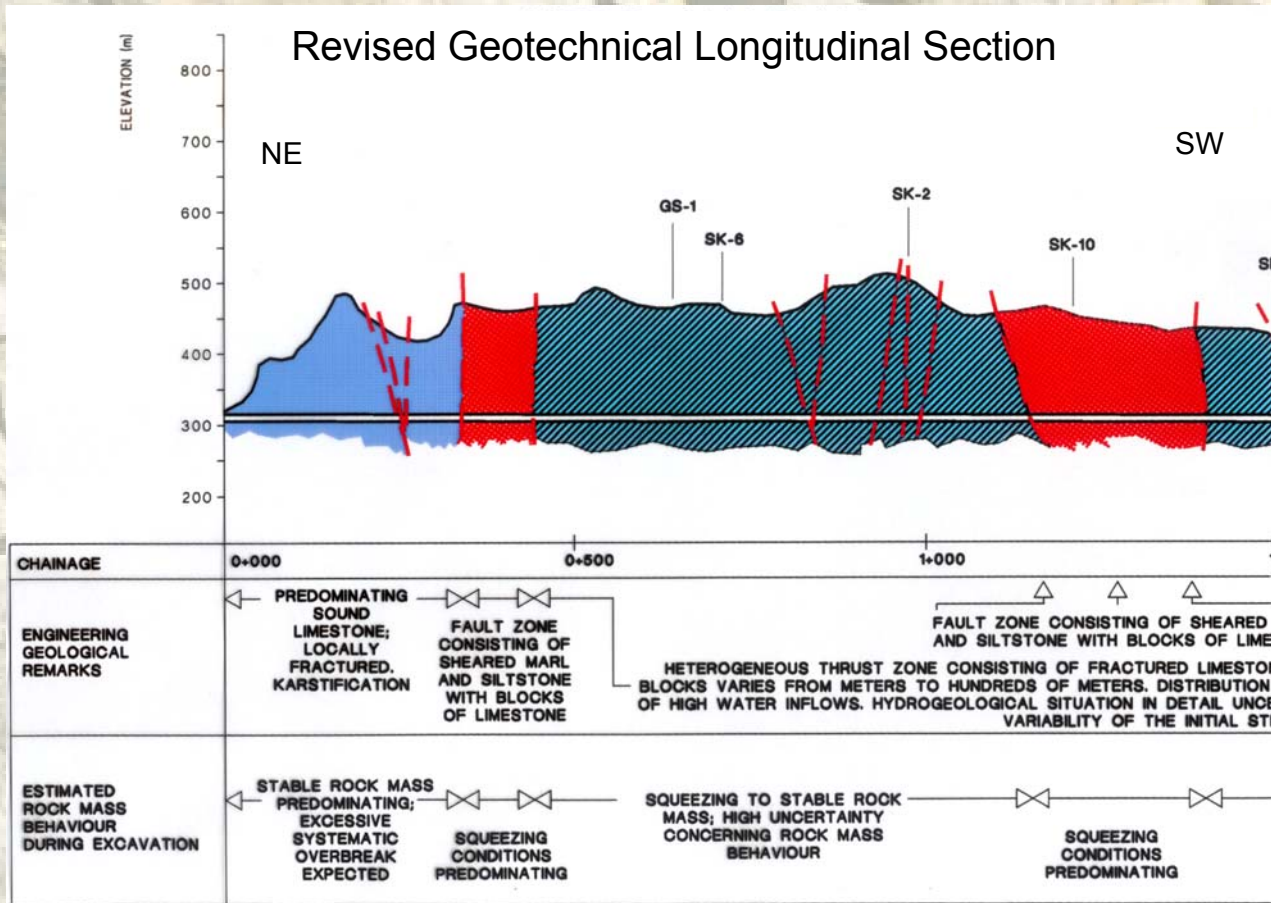
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## Geotechnical Hazard Assessment



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# Final Design / Construction

■  
**Final Determination of Support and Excavation (Type and Sequence)**

■  
**Update of Construction Schedule and Costs**

**Geological Face Mapping and Geotechnical Monitoring**

■  
**Specific Laboratory and in situ Testing**

■  
**Probing ahead of the Face**

- **Statistical and Probabilistic Evaluation of Data from Rock Mass Characteristics, Excavation, Support and Displacements**
- **Short - term Prediction**
- **Mechanical Analyses and Numerical Simulations**  
stress redistribution, displacements
- **Refinement of Mechanical and Hydraulic Models** by extrapolating data from face mapping, monitoring and short-term prediction

## *Tunnel Construction*

### **Geotechnical Tasks**

- Geological Face Mapping
- Geotechnical Monitoring

# Final Design / Construction

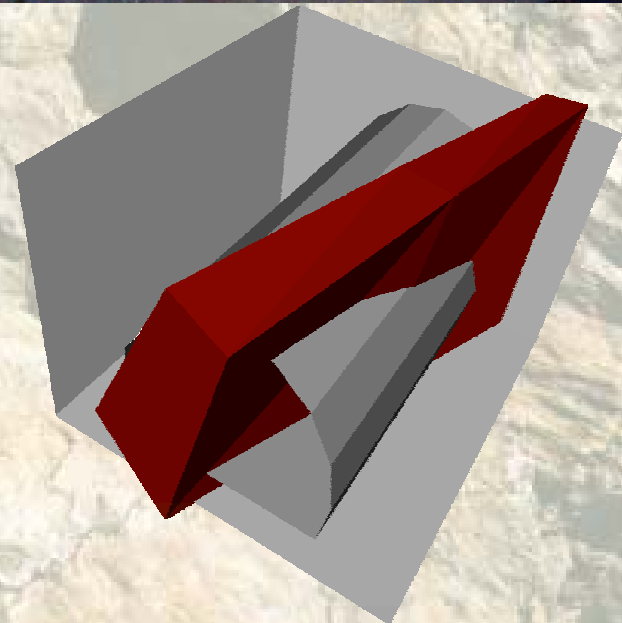
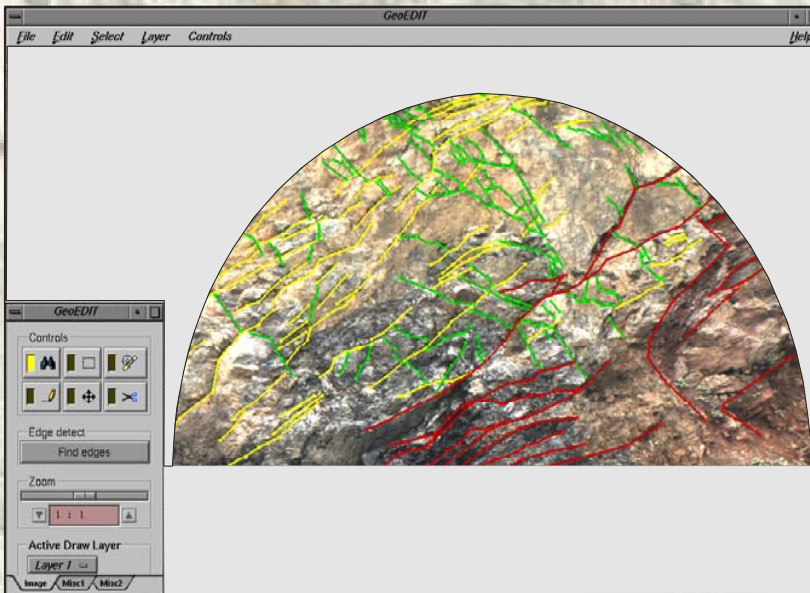
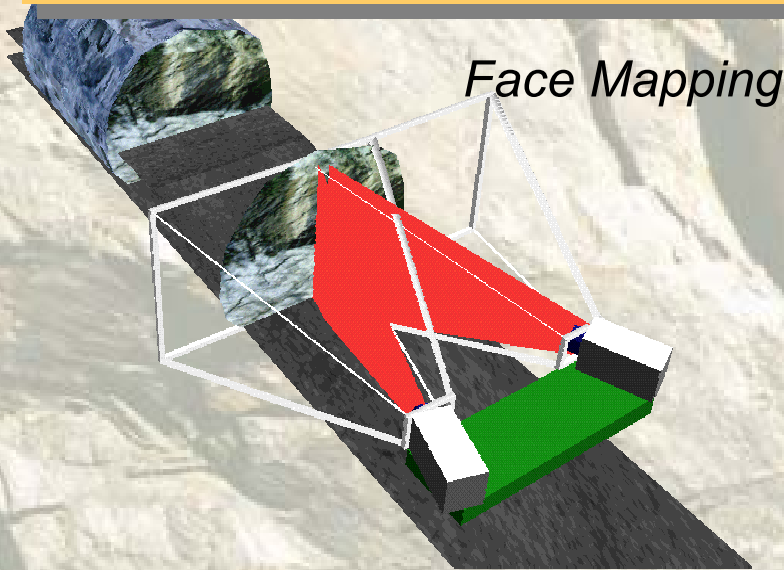
## *Objective of Geological Face Mapping*

- Updating of predicted geological models
- Assessment of rock mass types
- Continuous short-term prediction
- Support with the interpretation of geotechnical measurements
- Documentation

## *Tasks*

- **Mapping of tunnel faces and tunnel walls**
  - Continuous collection of relevant data
- **Continuous evaluation and interpretation of data**
  - Statistical Analyses
  - Continuous updating of predicted models
  - Continuous short-term prediction ahead of the face

# Final Design / Construction



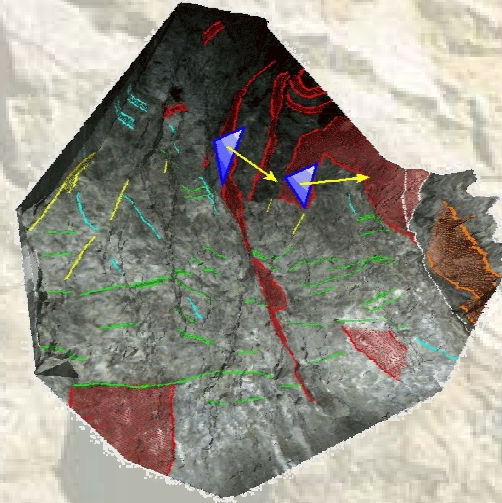
Face Mapping / Monitoring

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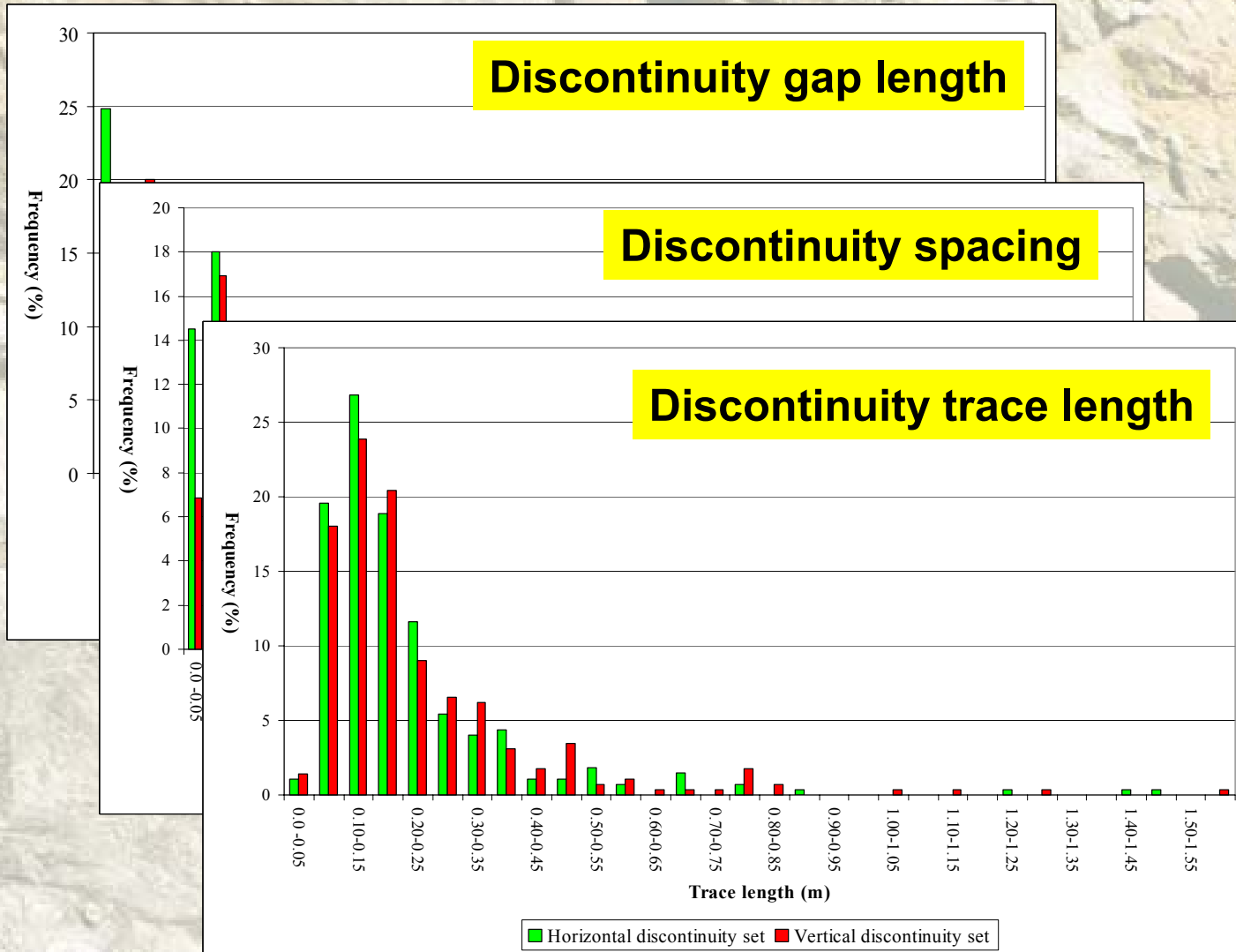
# Final Design / Construction

## *Photo – Image Analyses*



# Final Design / Construction

## Parameters of Discontinuities



Final Design / Construction

**DEST**

**Data Evaluation System for Tunnelling**

Face Mapping / Monitoring

**3G**

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# Final Design / Construction

## DEST

### Geology

#### Face Mapping

**rock:** lithology, colour, strength, general description

**rock mass:** joint block shape, joint block interlocking, weathering, loosening

**ground water:** amount / time, position of inflow, type of inflow

#### Joints

type, position, orientation, spacing, opening, infilling, trace length, termination, surface conditions

#### Laboratory

particle size distribution, clay minerals, mineralogical composition

#### Support Timing

shotcrete, welded mesh, ribs, rock bolts, total

#### Rock Bolt Pattern

#### Temporary Rock Bolts

type, position, length, number

#### Additional Rock Bolts

### Support

#### Ribs / Welded Mesh / Shotcrete

rib type, rib spacing, lattice type, shotcrete thickness, shotcrete consumption

#### Face Support

thickness of shotcrete / reinforced shotcrete, rock bolts

#### Invert

type, thickness, reinforcement, rock bolts

#### Injection / Drainage

type, position, pressure, type of grout

#### Forepoling

type, length, number

### Monitoring

#### Convergence

#### Geodesic Measurement

#### Extensometer

#### Strain Gauge

overburden, date, value, position

### Excavation

#### Site of Excavation

main excavation, cavern, shaft, niche, cross cut, etc.

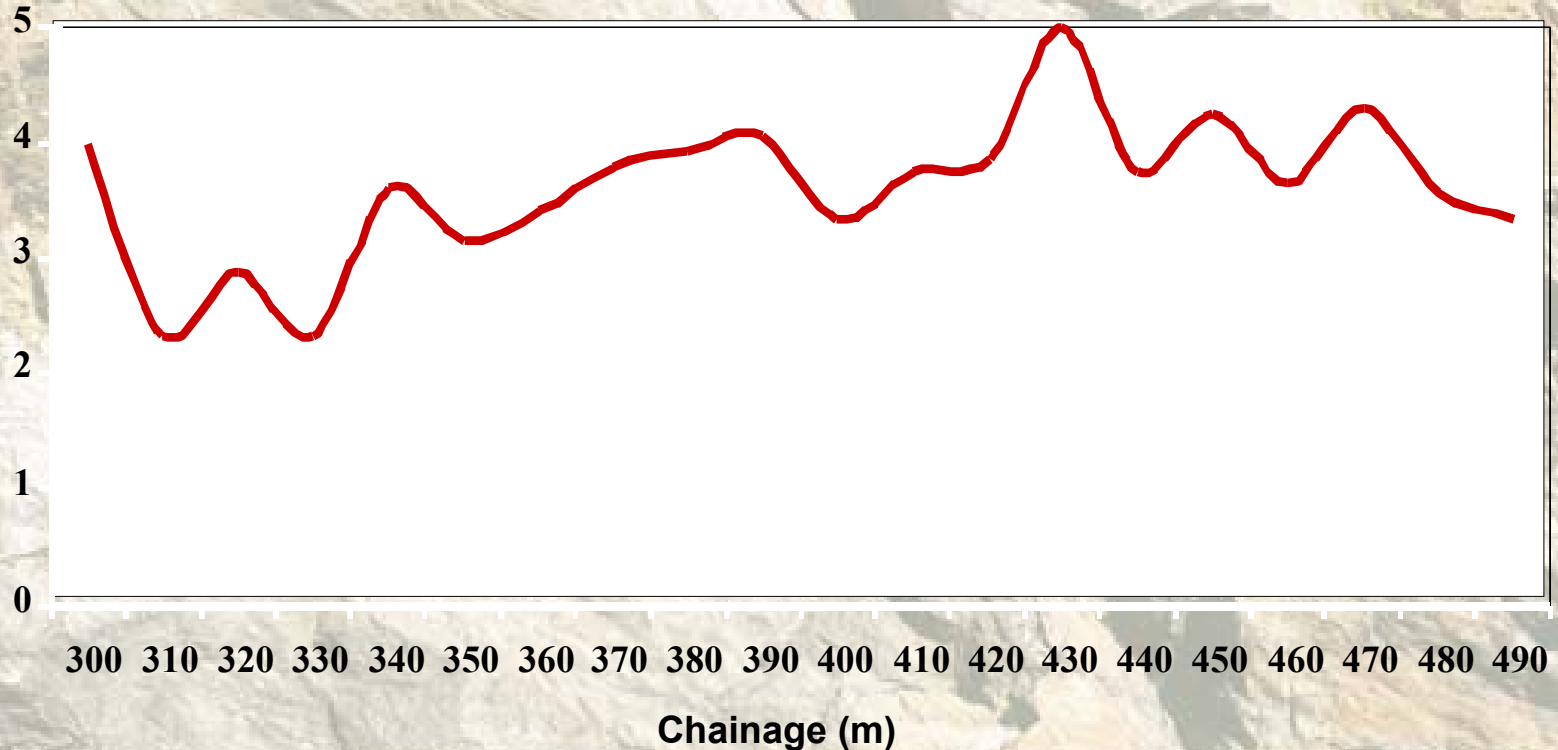
#### Part of Excavation

top heading, bench, etc., date, type of excavation, round length, overbreak, shape of section, consumption of explosives / detonators, excavation class

# Final Design / Construction

**DEST**

*Trend Curve of  
Discontinuity Orientation Ratings*



very favourable (=1), favourable (=2), fair (=3), unfavourable (=4), very unfavourable (=5)

Pilot Tunnel, Semmering Base Tunnel Project, Austria

# Final Design / Construction

**DEST**

*Matrix of Zonation Based on Rock Mass Type  
and Normalized Support Quantity Value*

## Zonierungsmatrix nach Gebirgstyp und Stützmittelzahl (ÖNORM)

Anzahl der Zonen	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Reduktion der Variation (%)	46.31	63.94	72.02	75.82	78.22	81.72	83.92	86.97	88.16	89.12
Zonengrenzen (m)	560	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	290	290
	990	560	560	560	530	490	490	490	320	320
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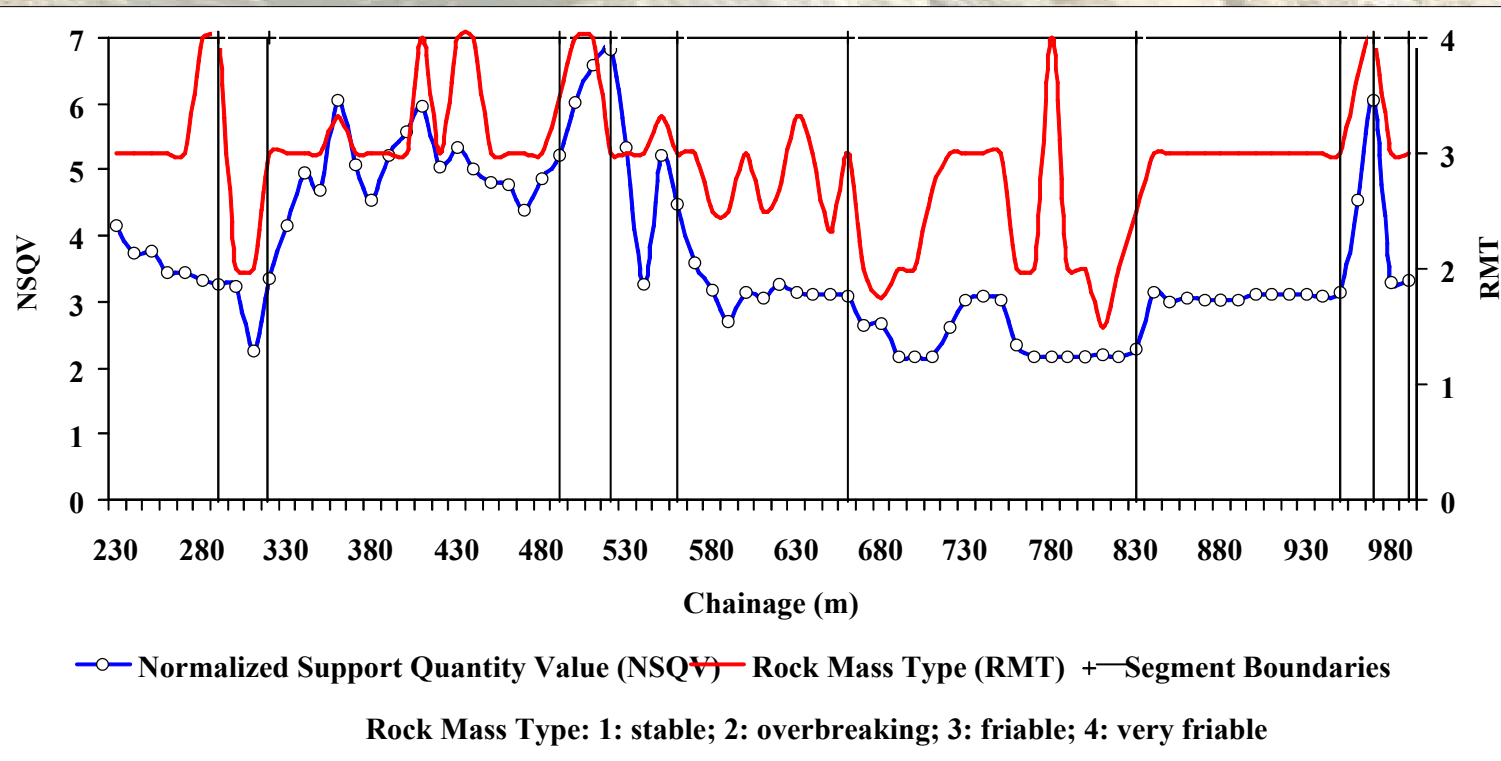
Stations 230 m – 1000 m

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# Final Design / Construction

*Zonation based on Rock Mass Type (RMT) and Normalized Support Quantity Value (NSQV)*

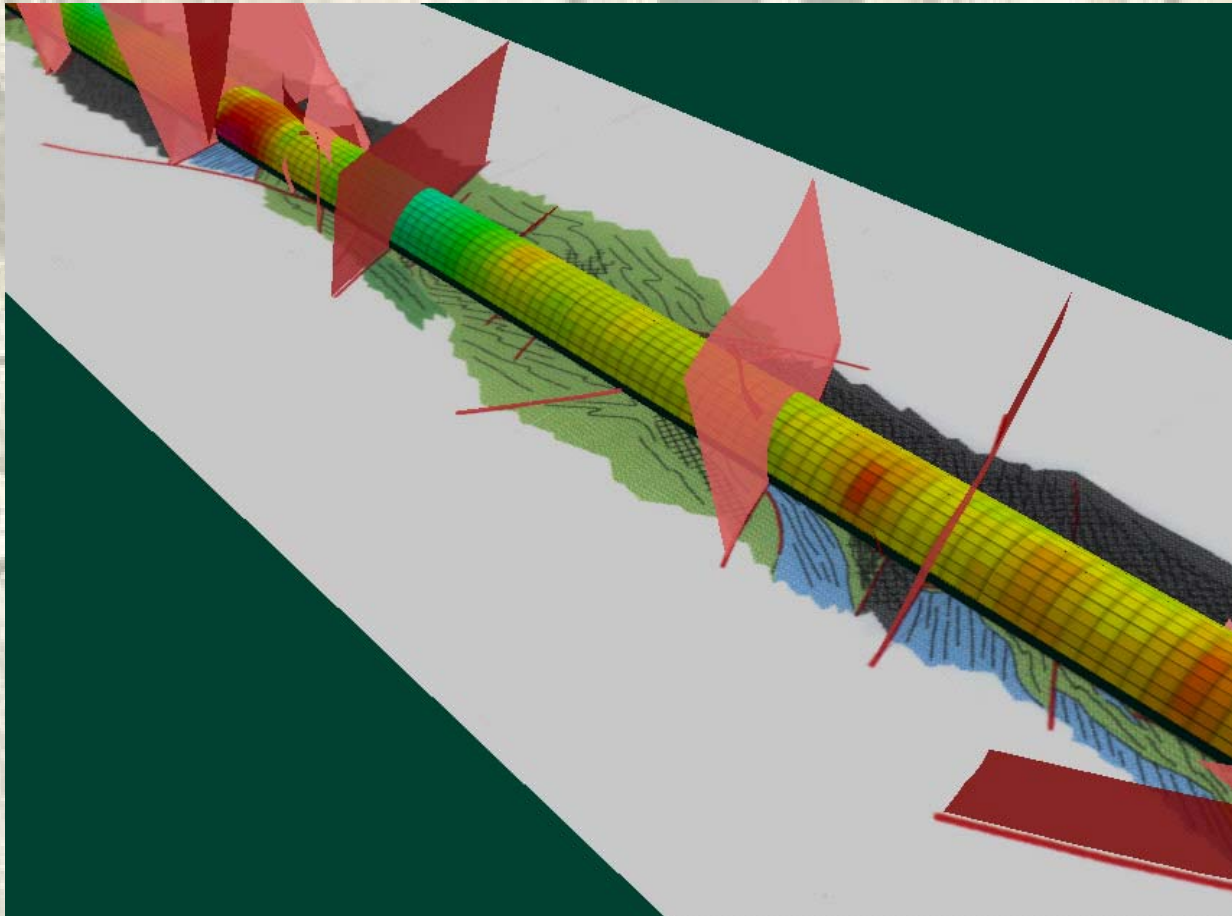
**Zonierungsmatrix nach Gebirgstyp und Stützmittelzahl (ÖNORM)**



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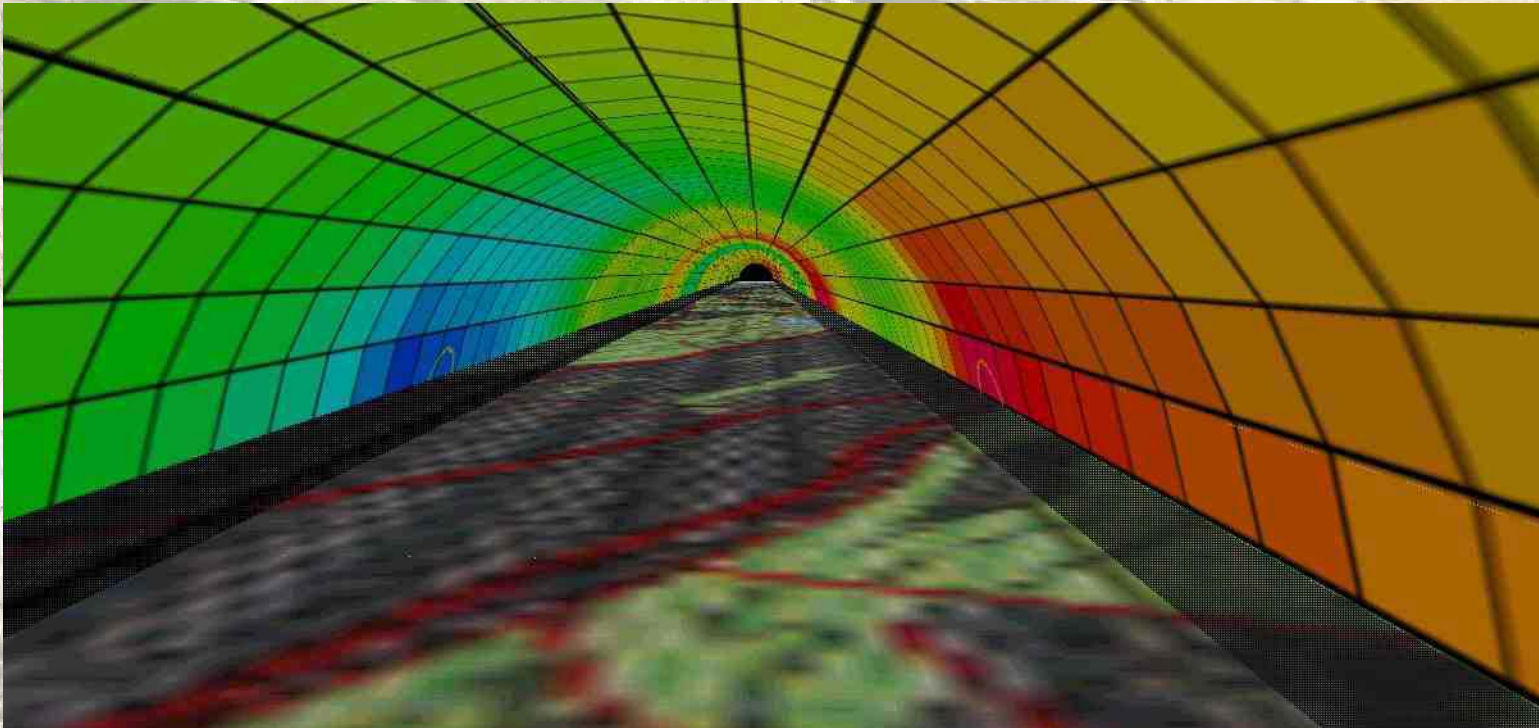
## *Geotechnical Model*



Galgenberg Tunnel, Austria

# Final Design / Construction

## *Geotechnical Model*



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## TARGETS

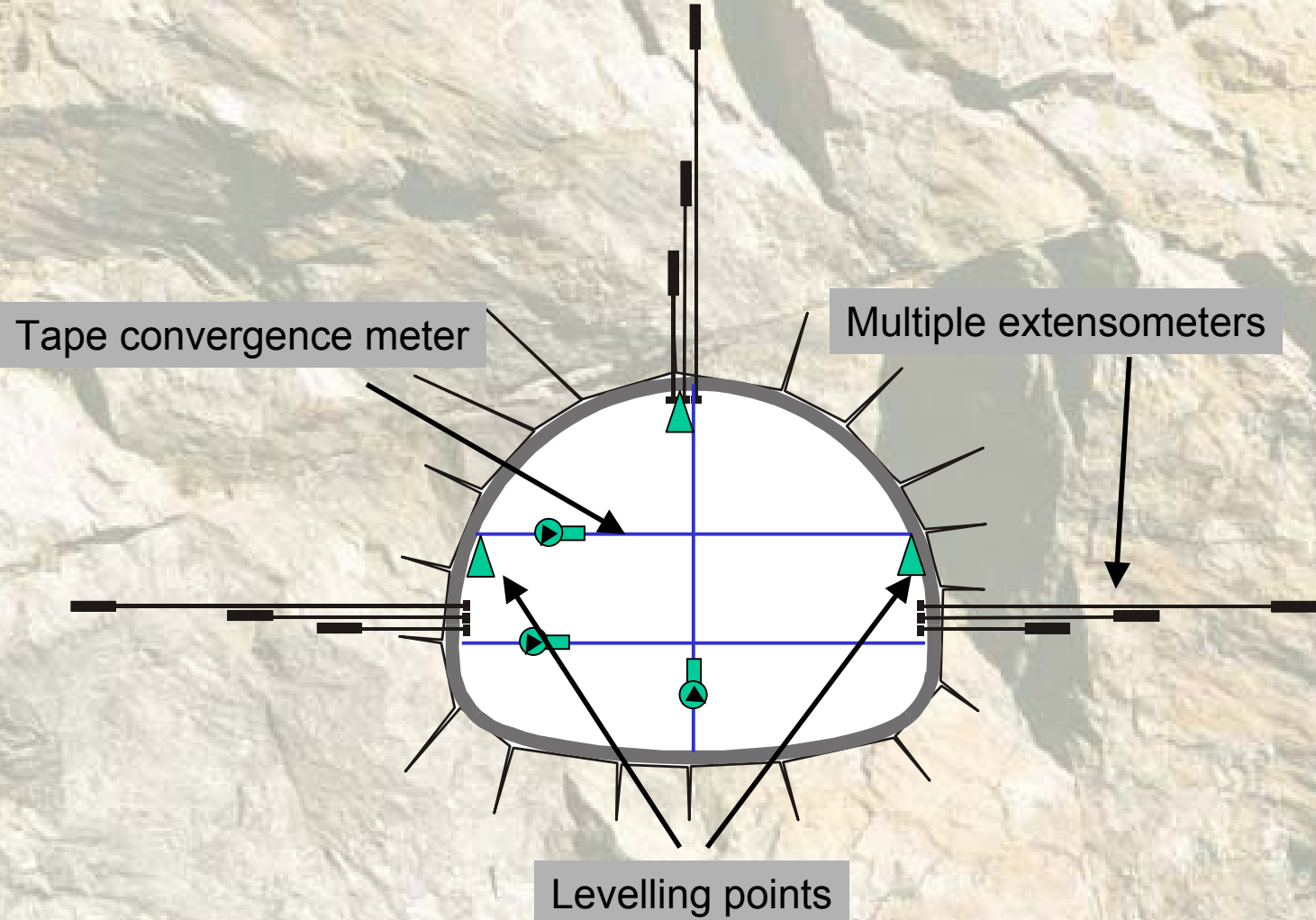
- Verify design assumptions
- Together with updated geotechnical model allow short term prediction
- Provide input for final design and optimization of excavation and support on site
- Prediction of final displacements
- Control stability
- Data collection for future developments (expert systems)

## METHODS

- Absolute displacements of tunnel wall with electronic total station
- Relative displacement measurements with precision measuring tape, extensometers, inclinometers
- strains

# MONITORING / SHORT-TERM PREDICTION

## METHODS



# MONITORING / SHORT-TERM PREDICTION

## *ABSOLUTE DISPLACEMENTS*



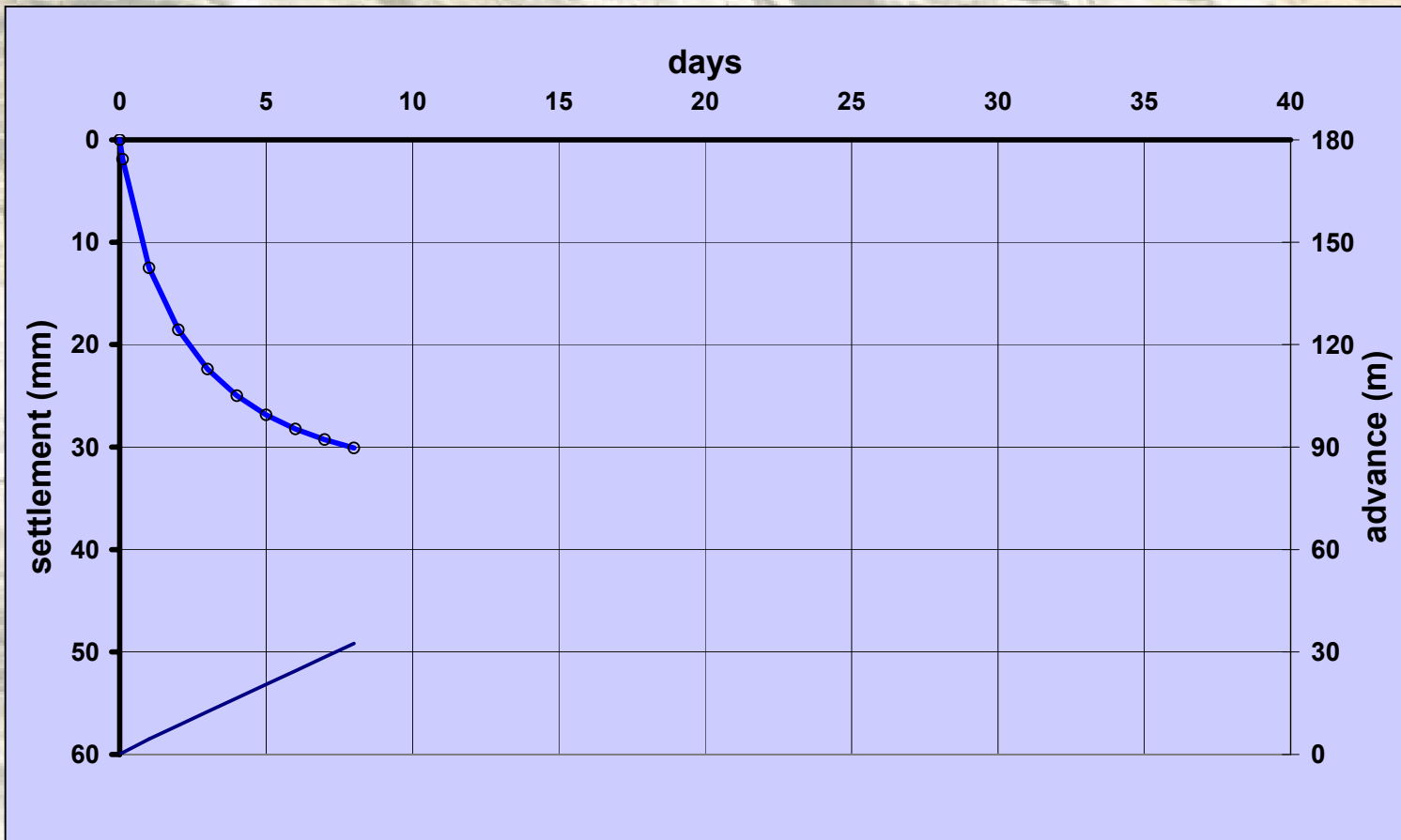
## *INFLUENCING FACTORS*

### ➤ **Displacements influenced by:**

- Rock mass properties
- Heterogeneity
- Tunnel size
- Primary stresses
- Excavation sequence
- Excavation rate
- Support

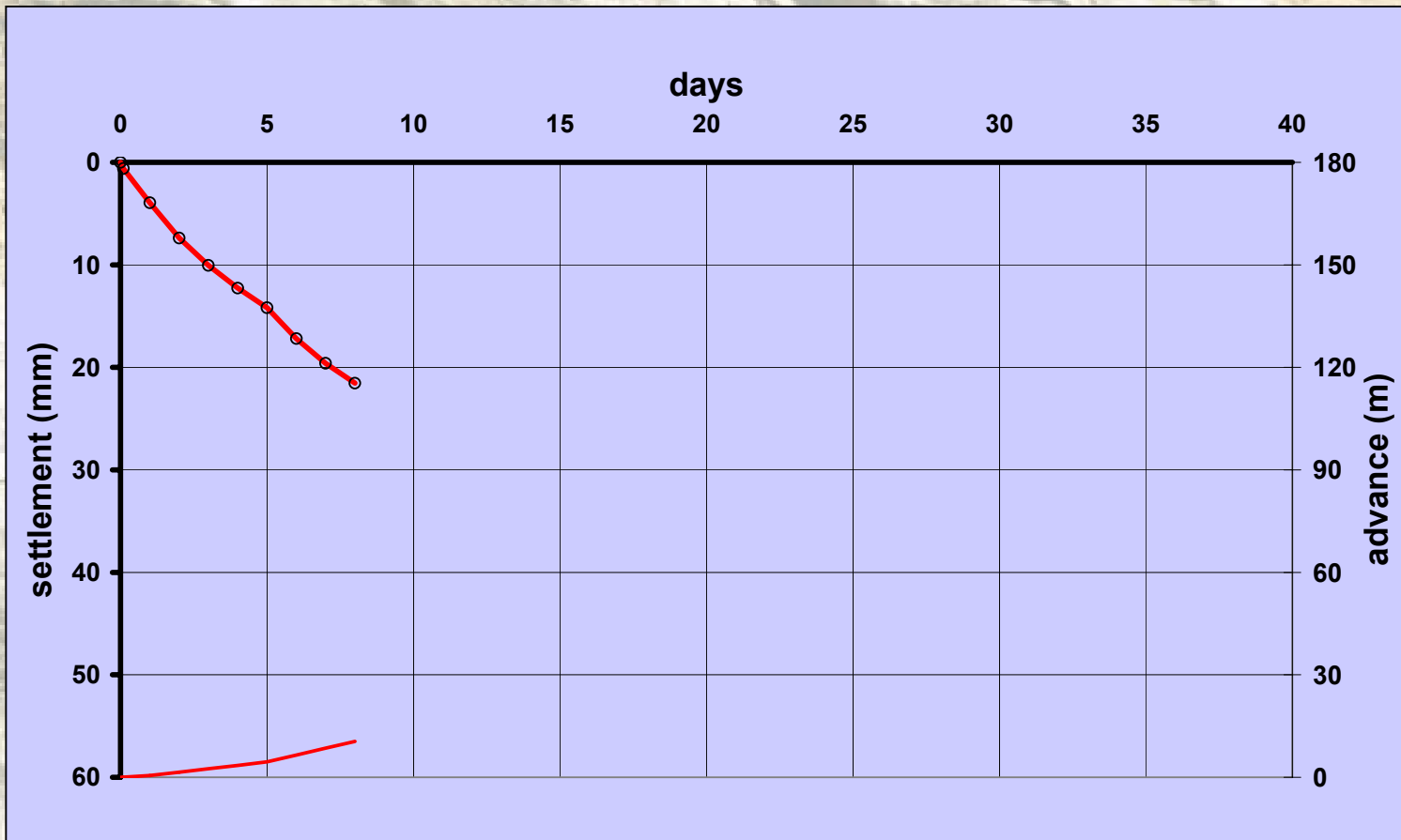
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*TIME – DISPLACEMENT  
continuous advance*



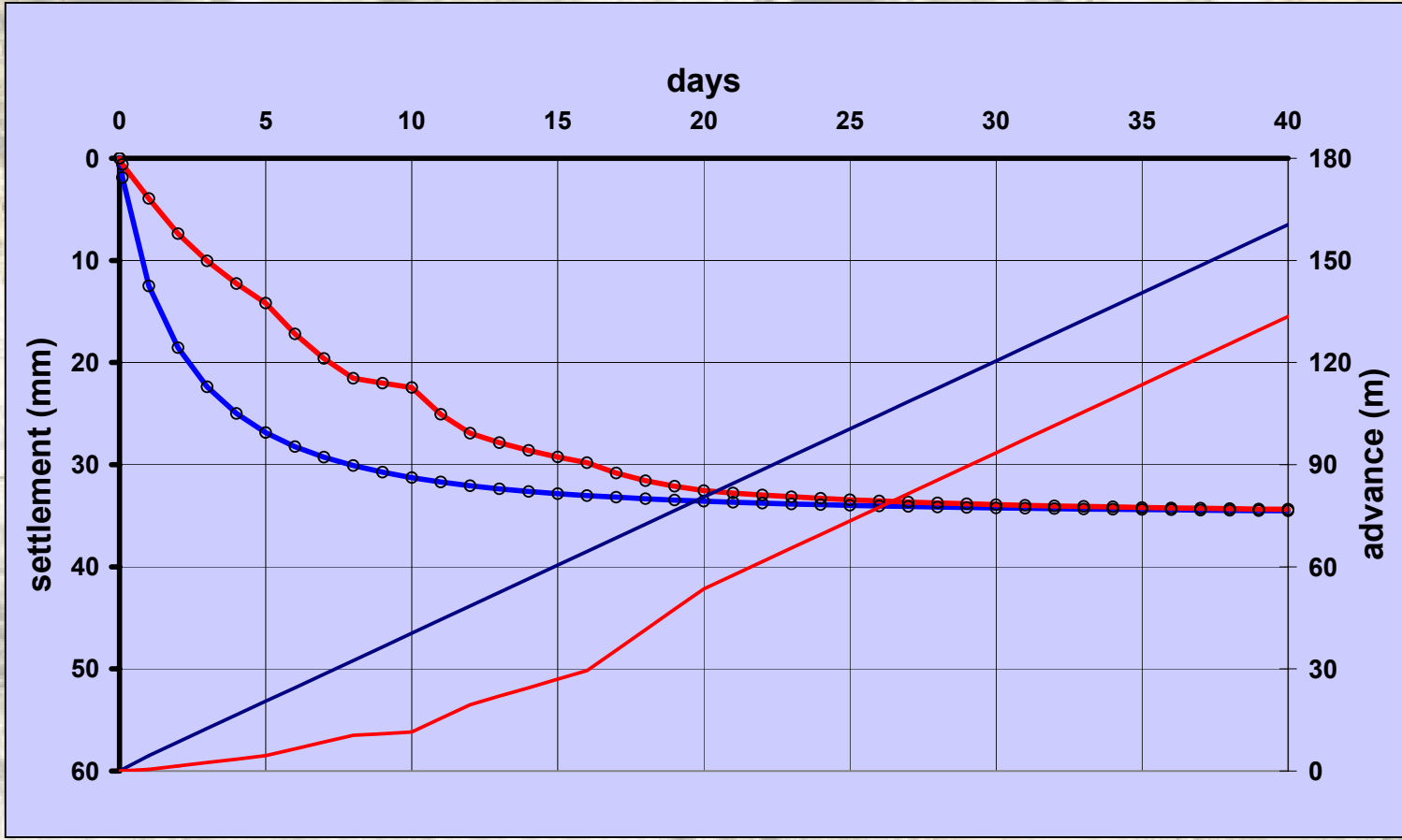
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*TIME – DISPLACEMENT  
discontinuous advance*



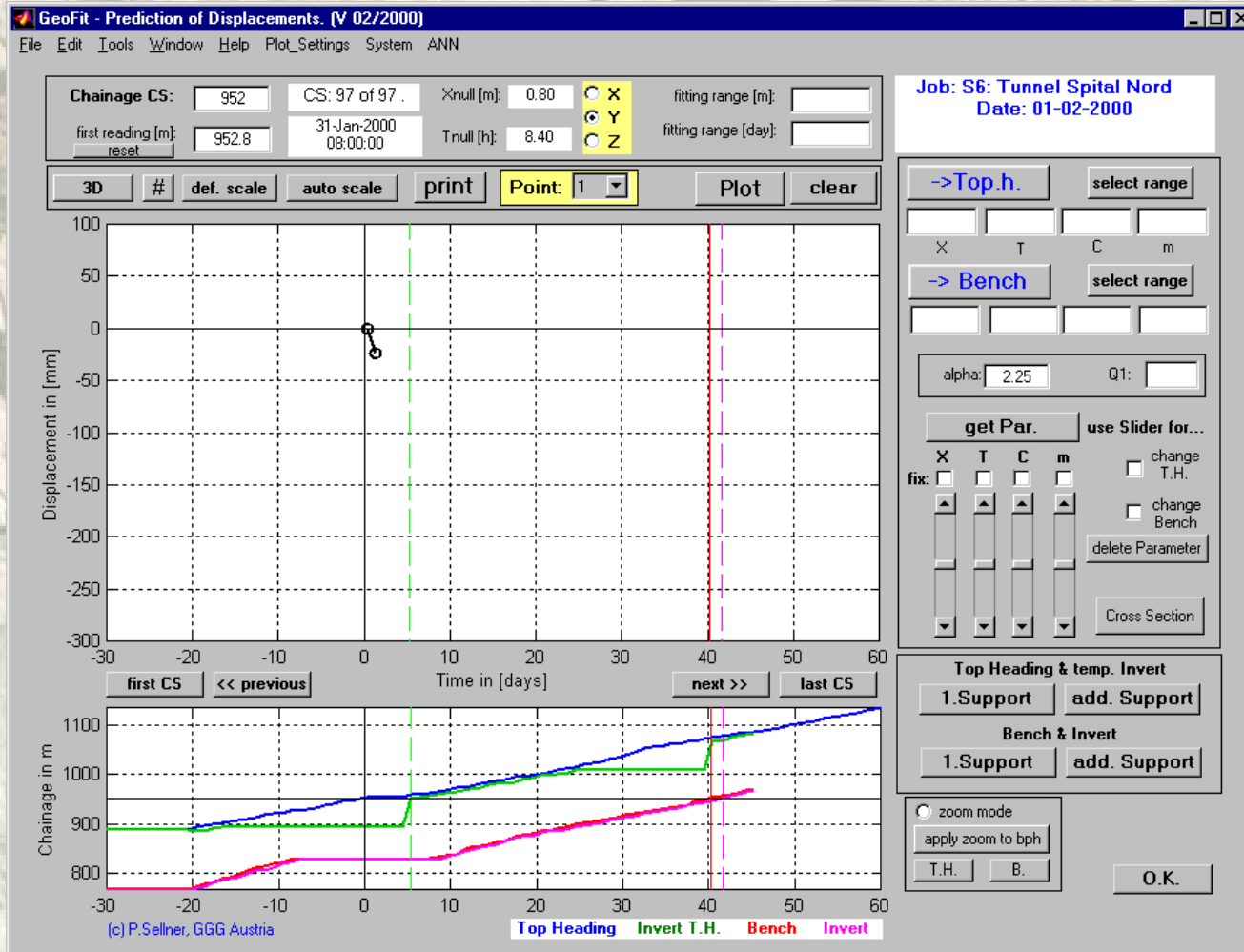
# MONITORING / SHORT-TERM PREDICTION

*TIME – DISPLACEMENT  
comparison*



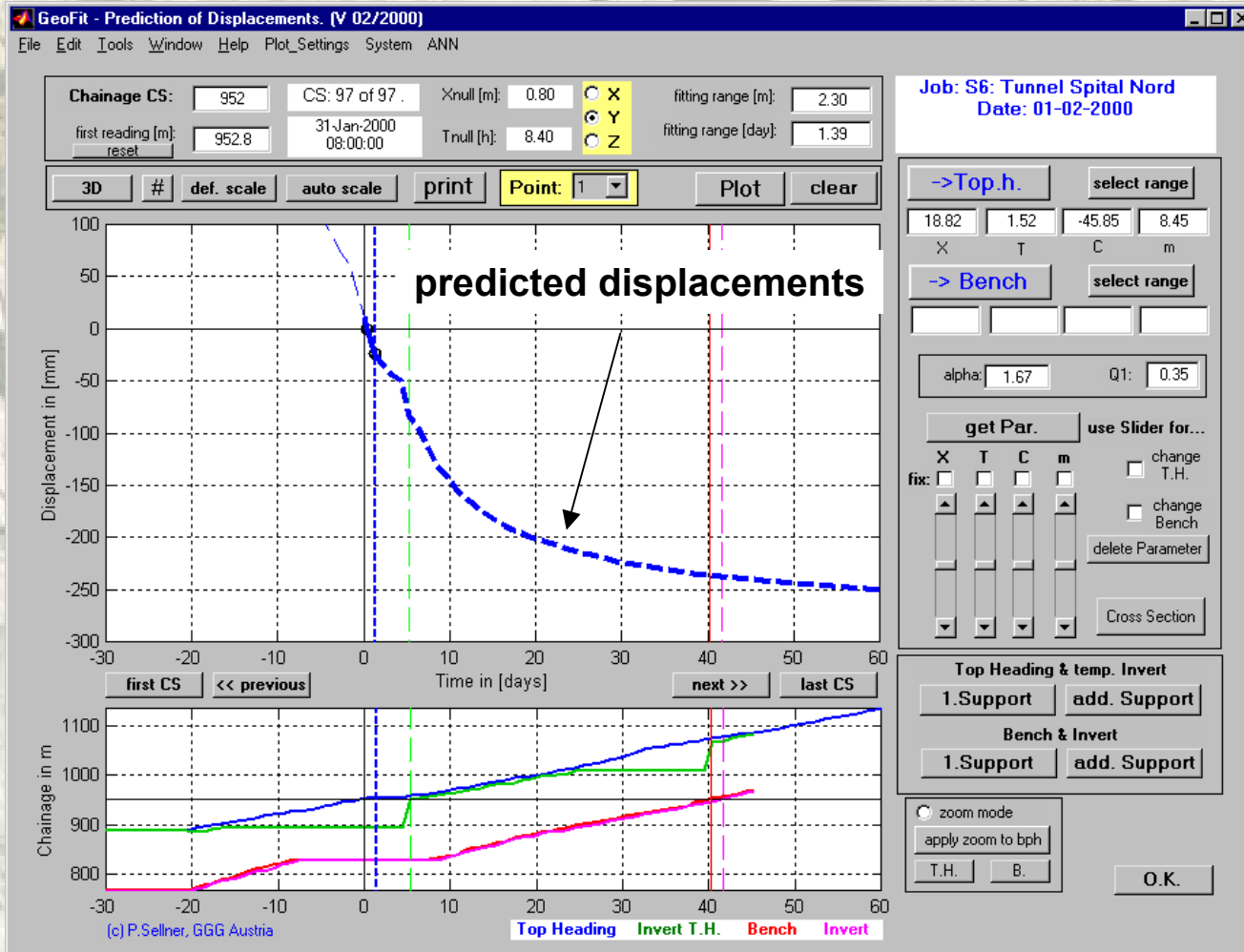
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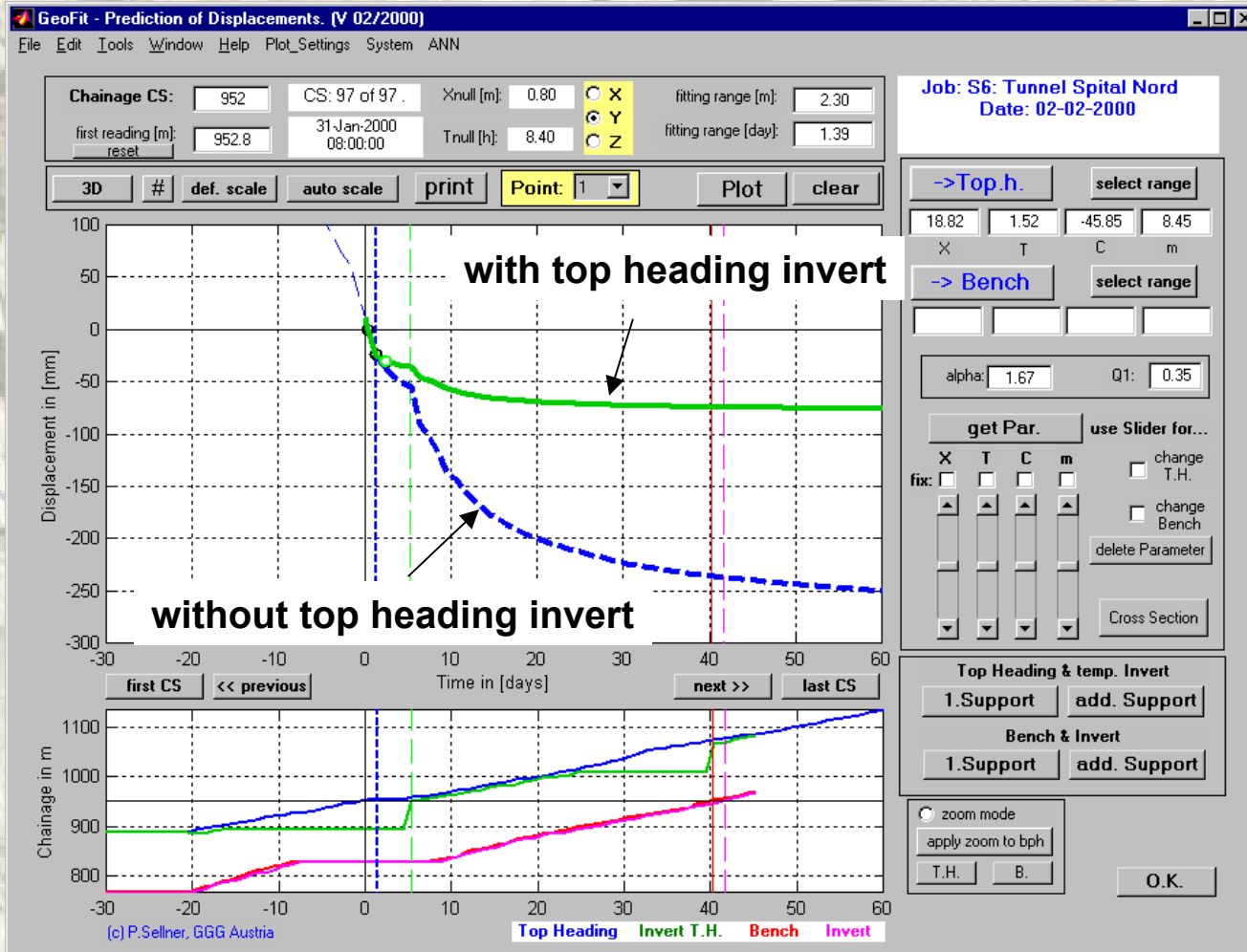
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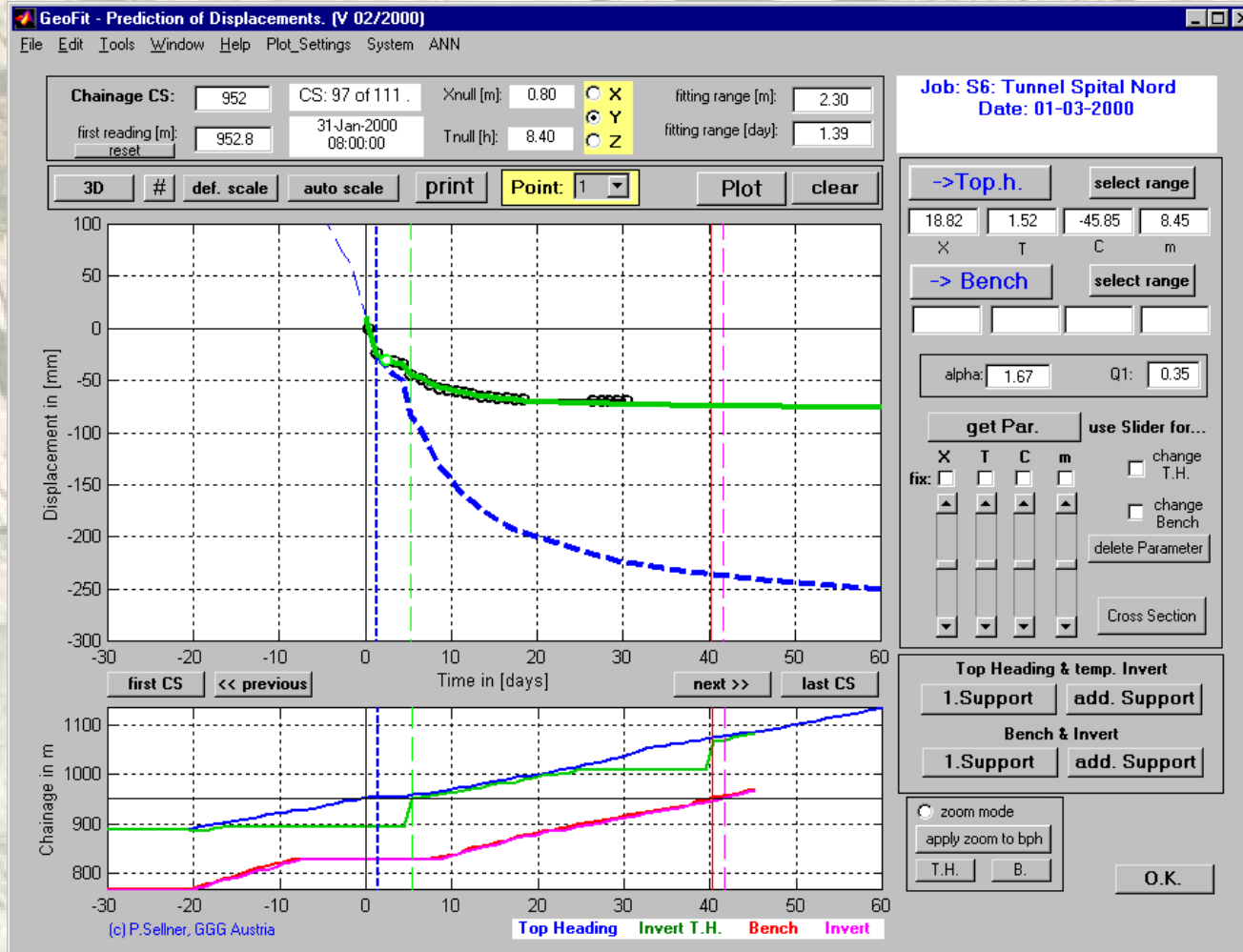
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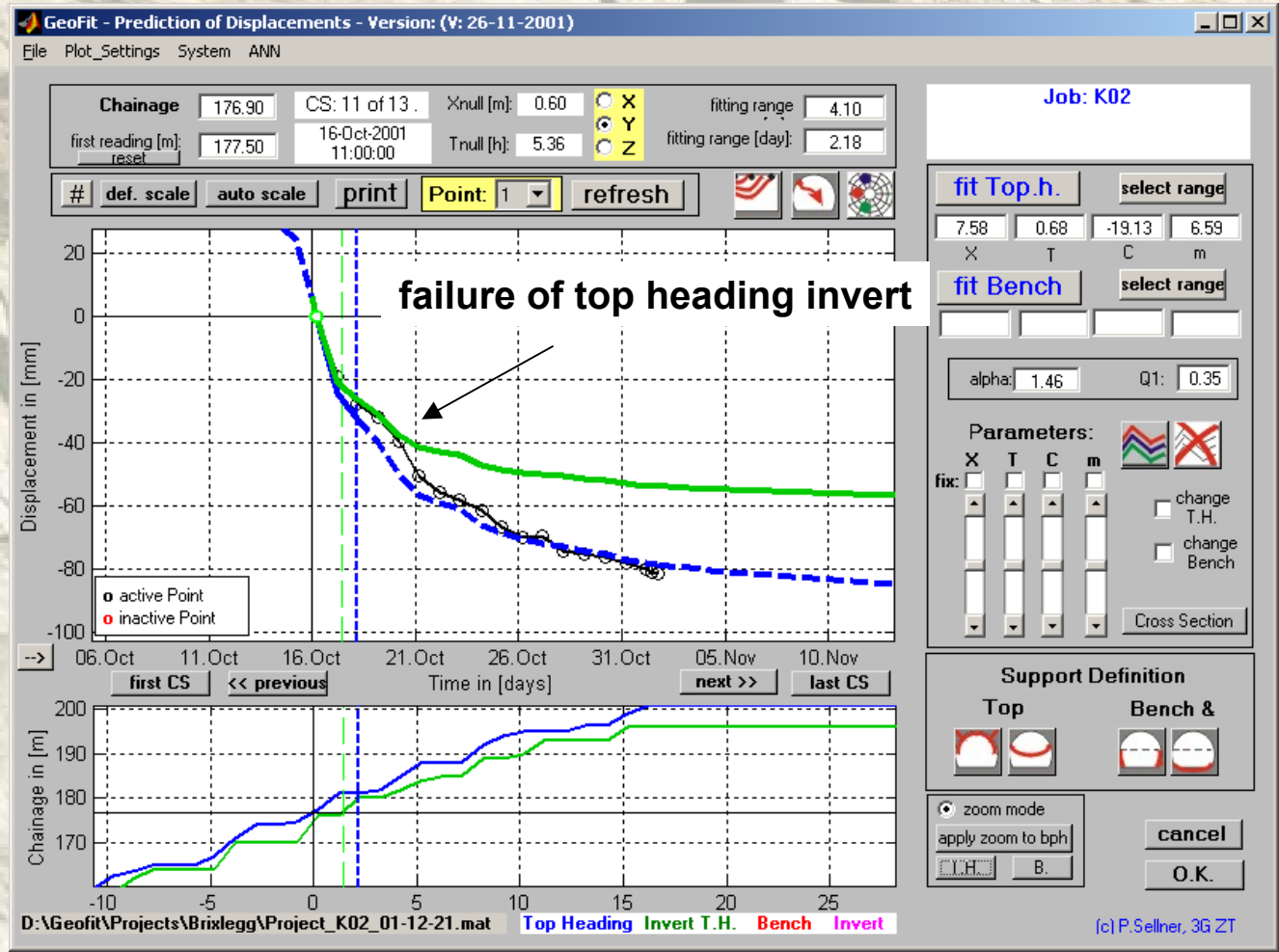
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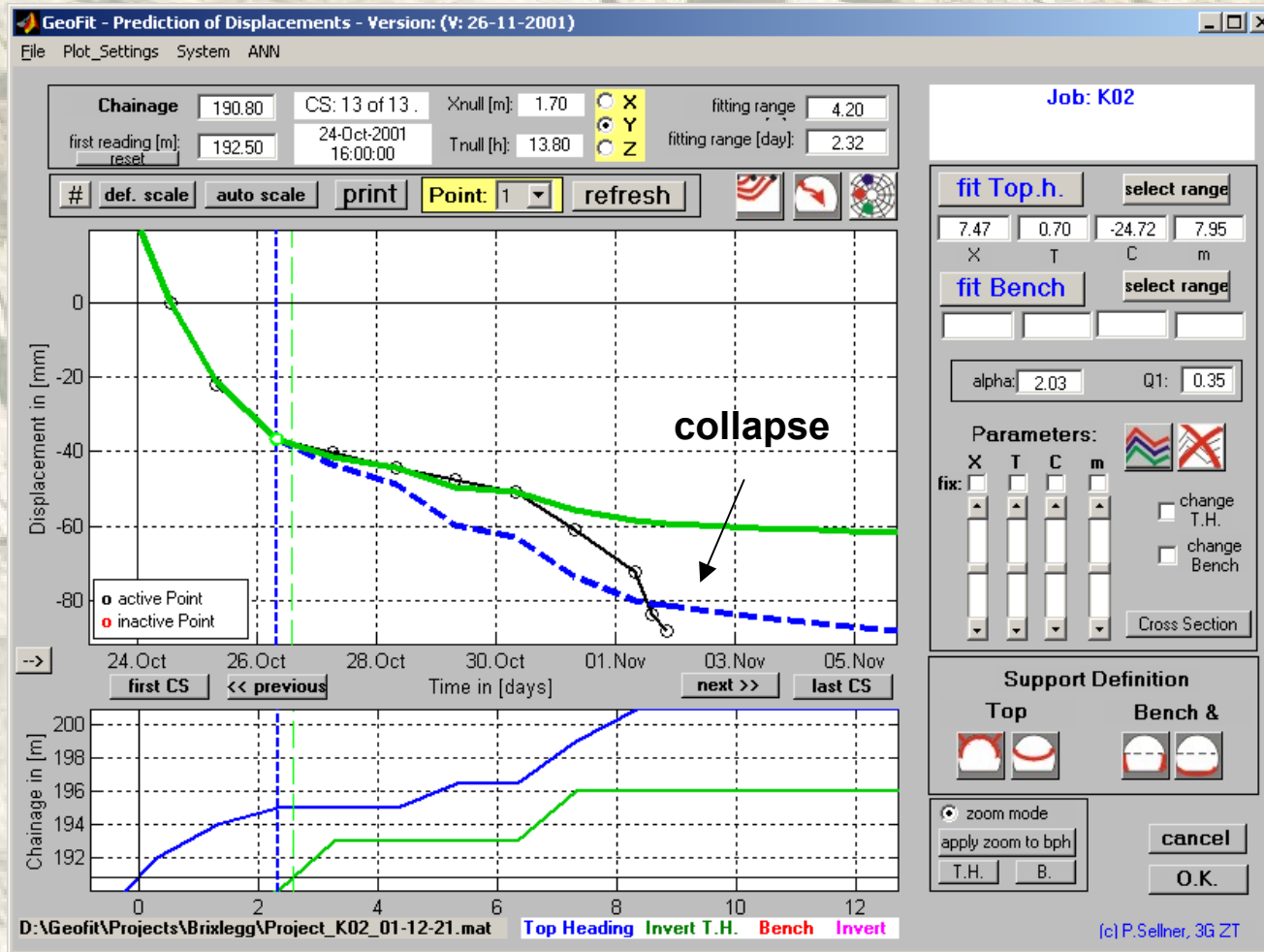
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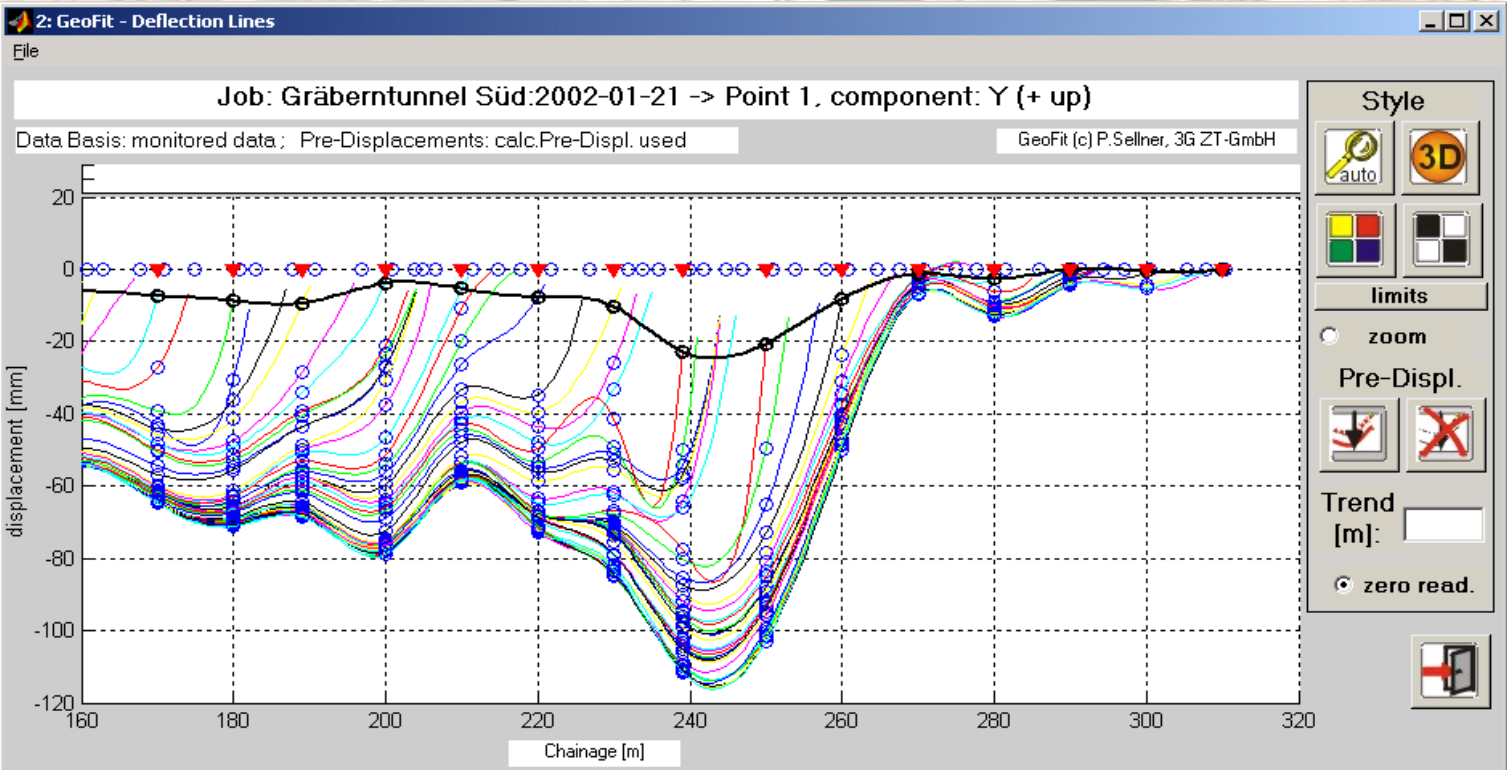
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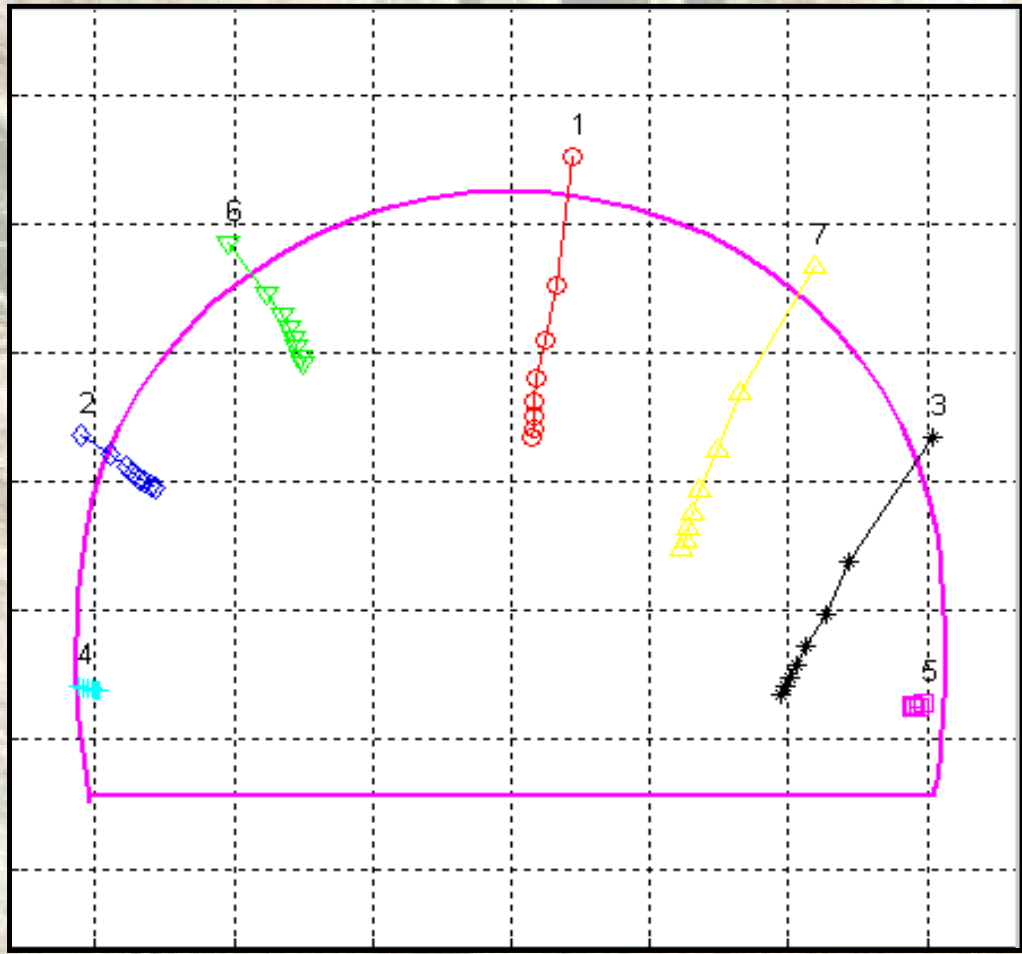
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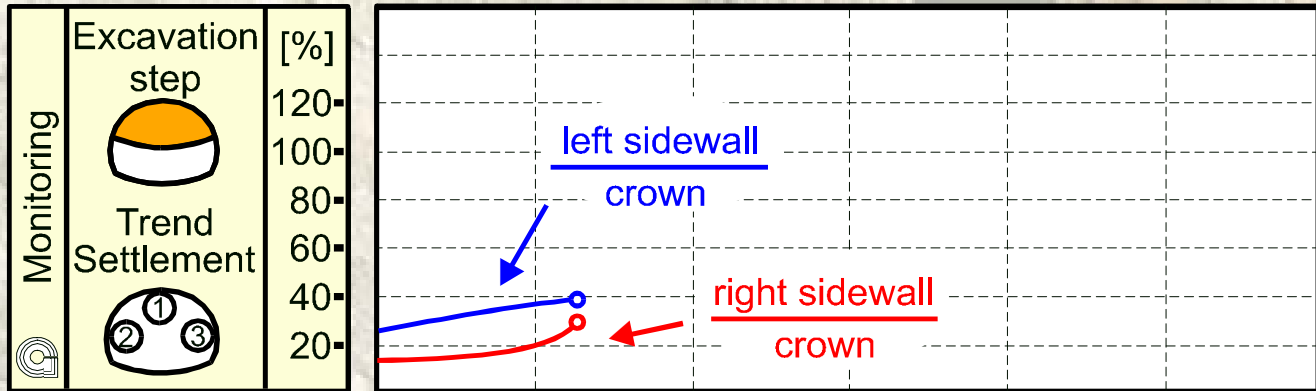
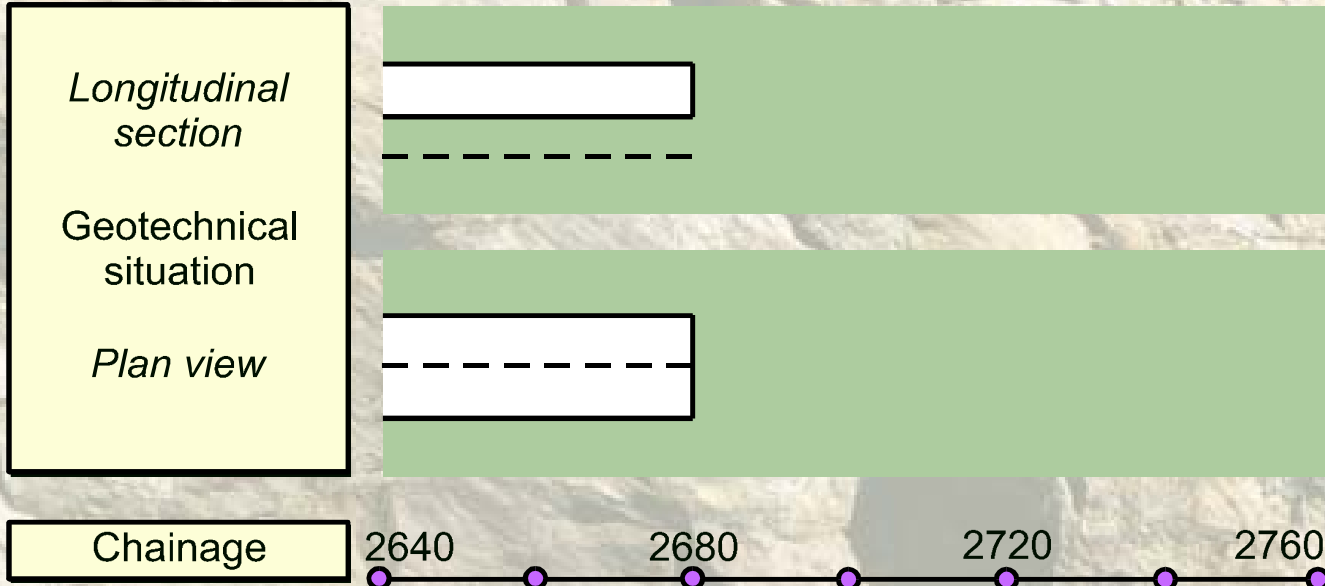
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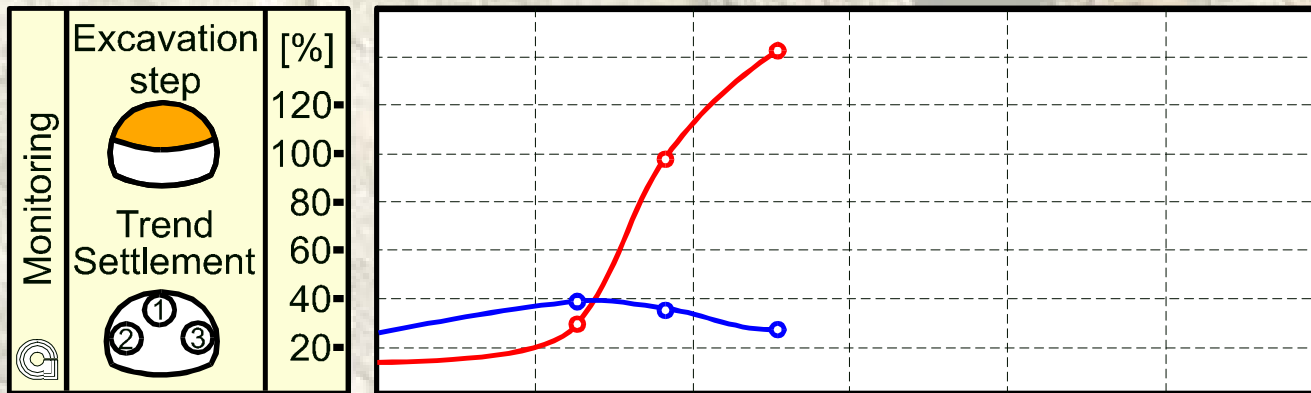
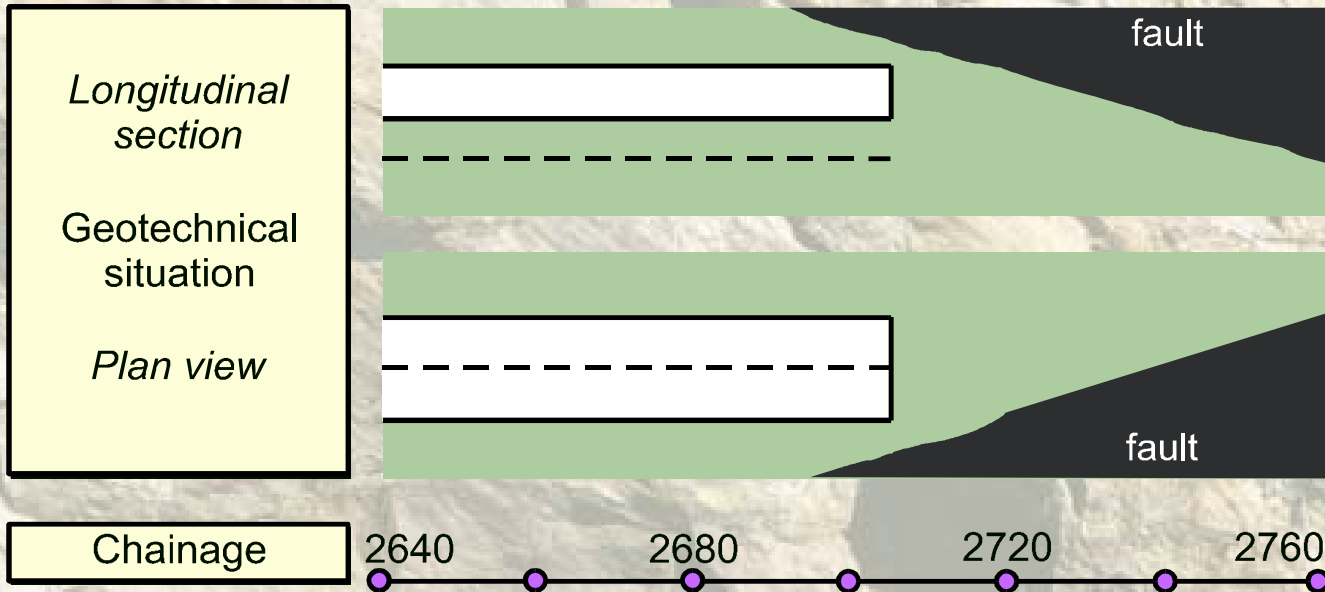
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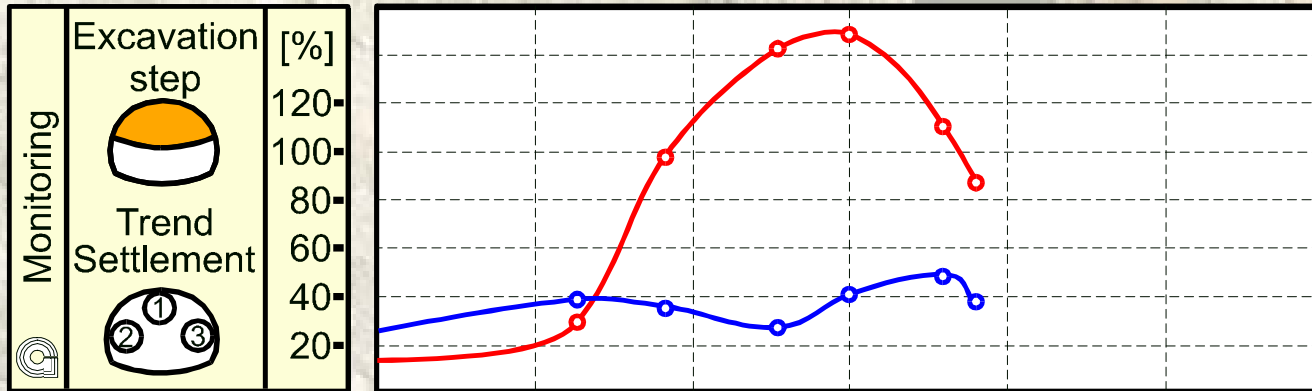
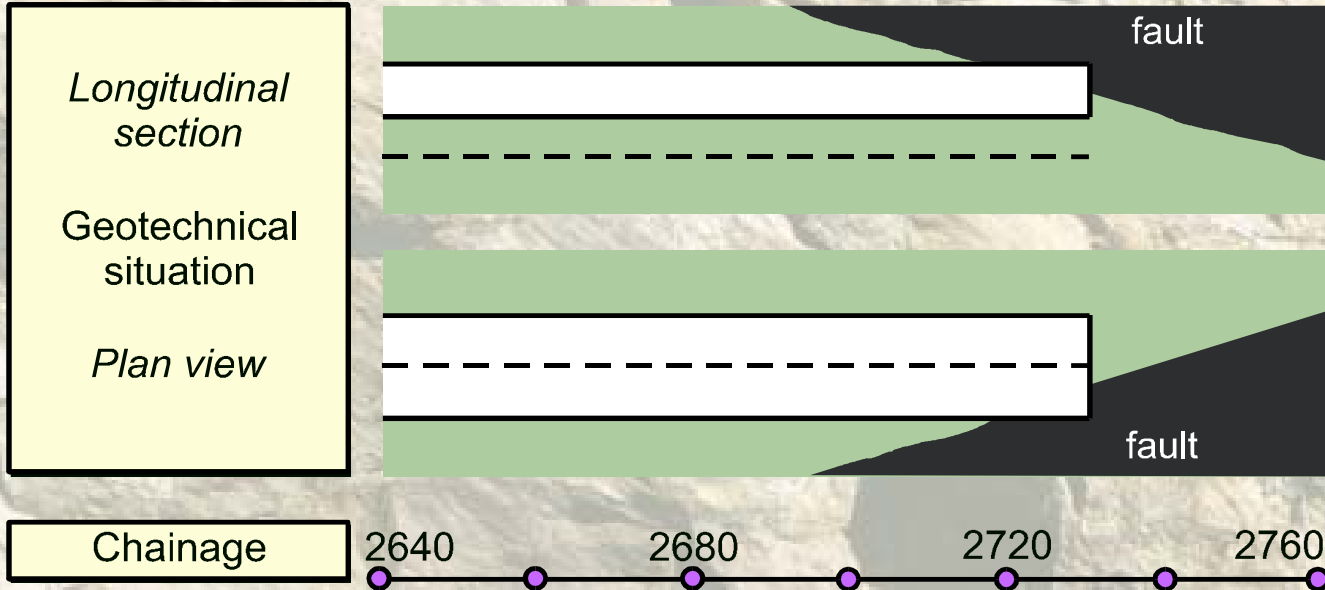
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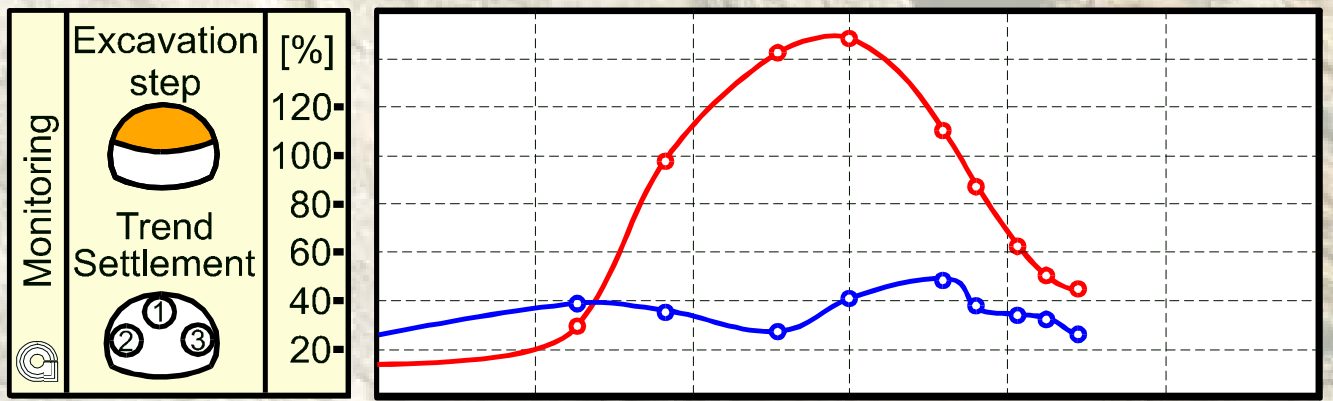
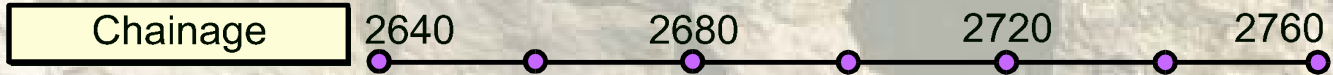
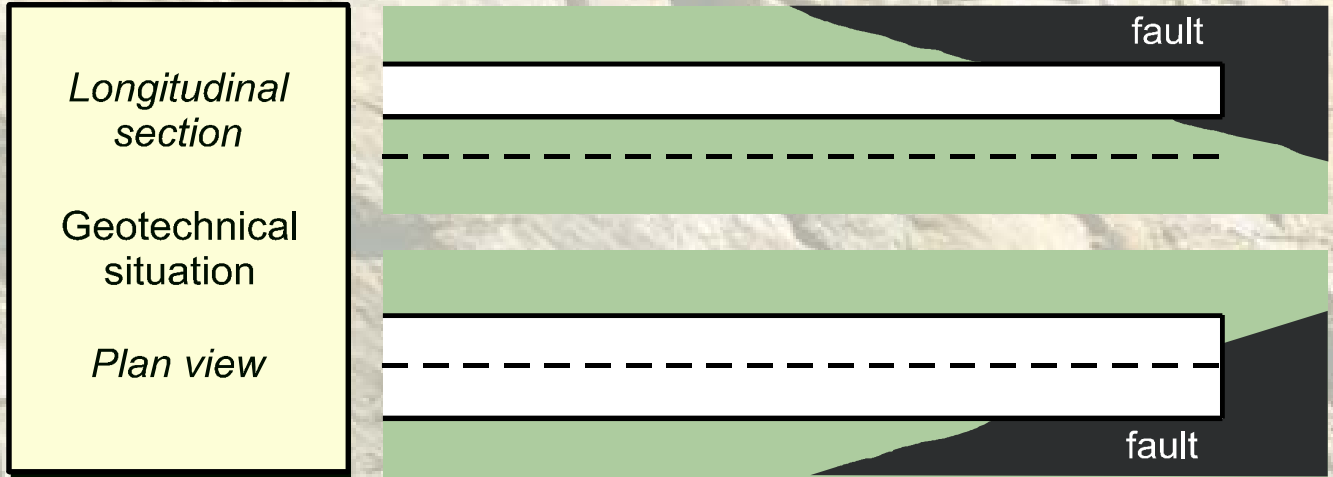
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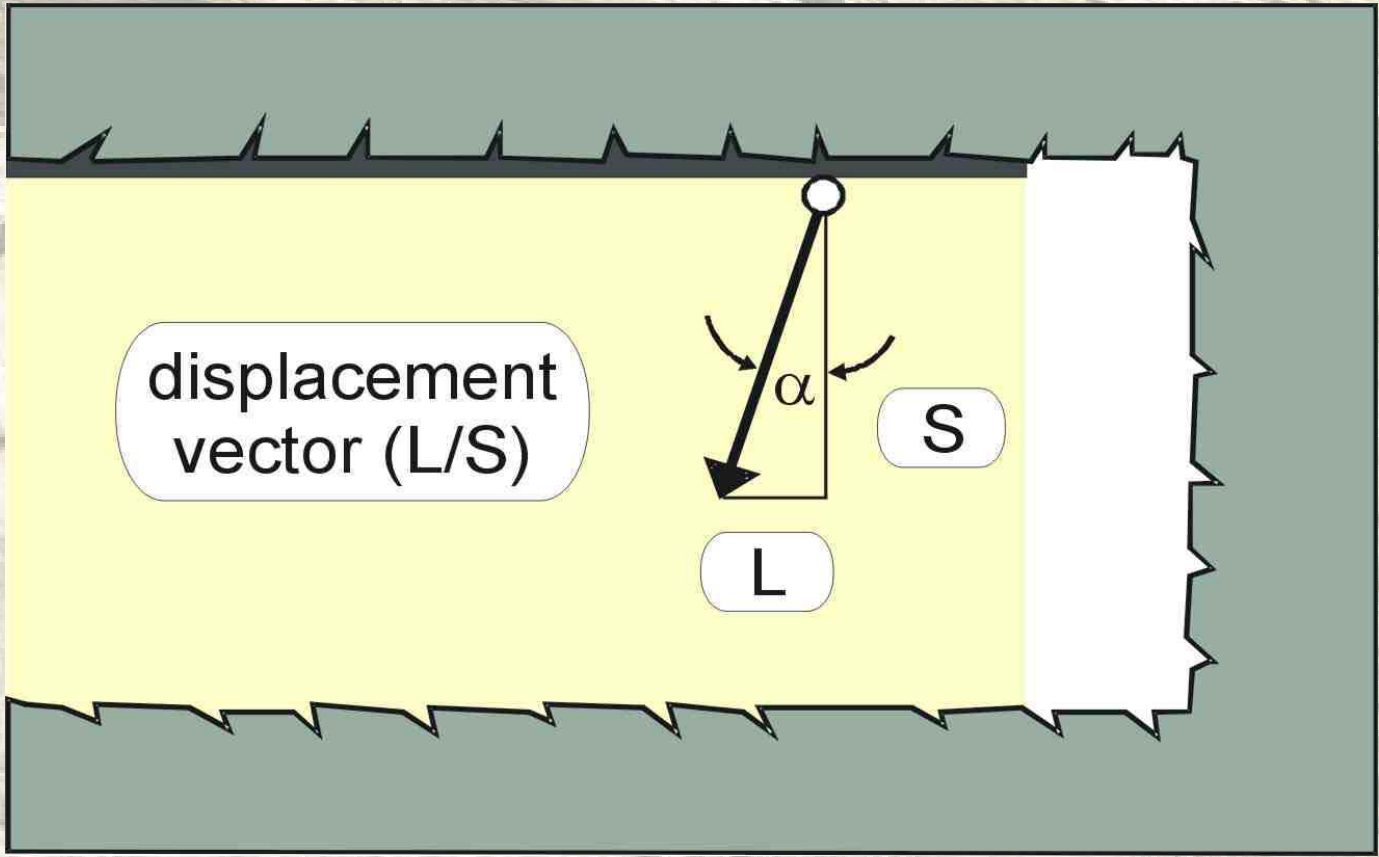
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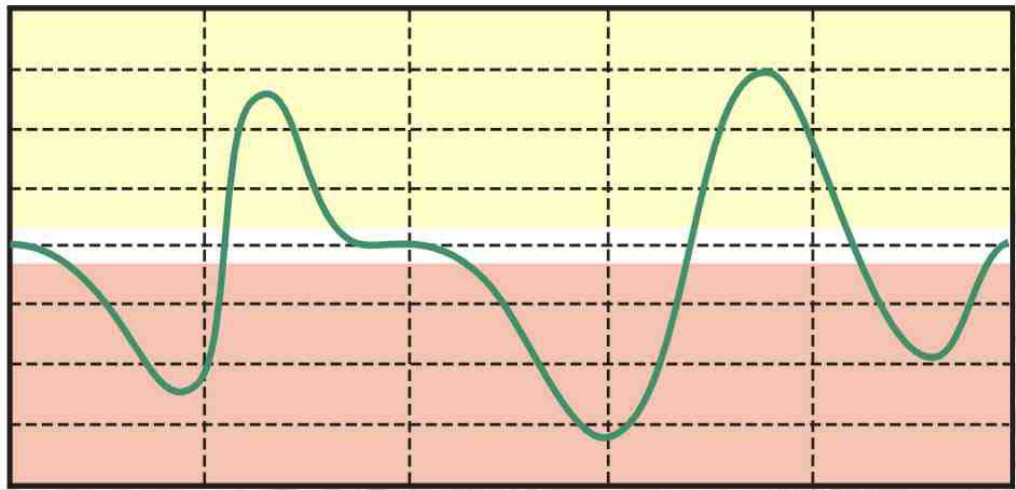
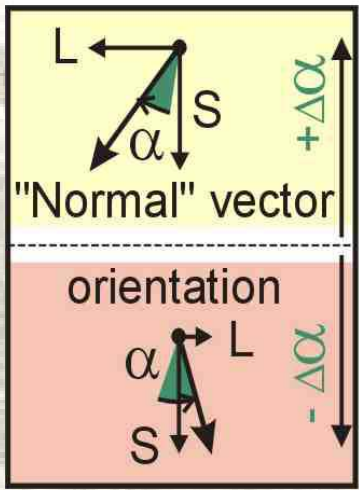
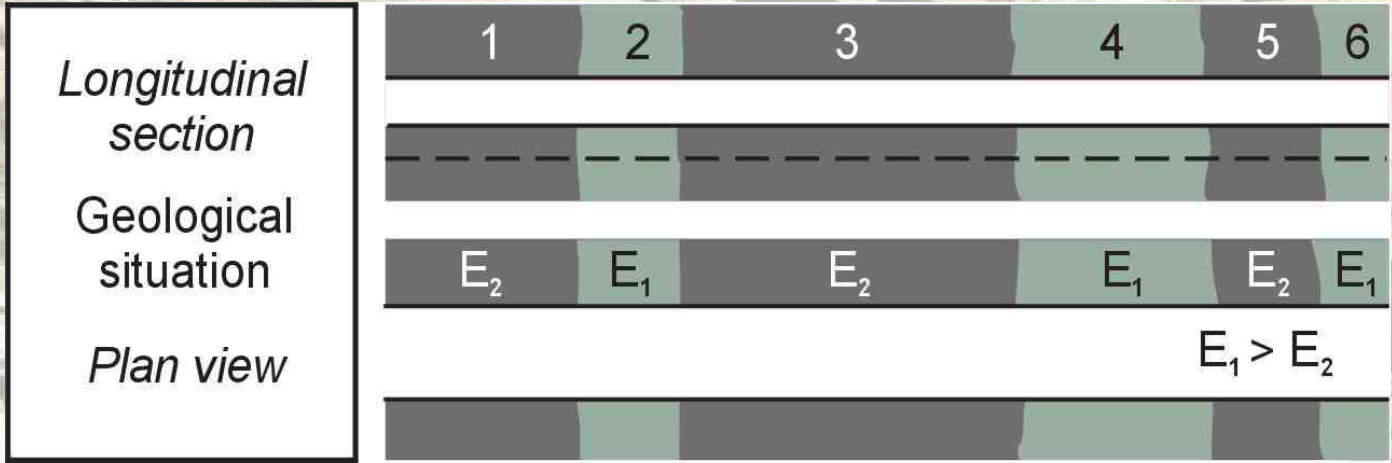
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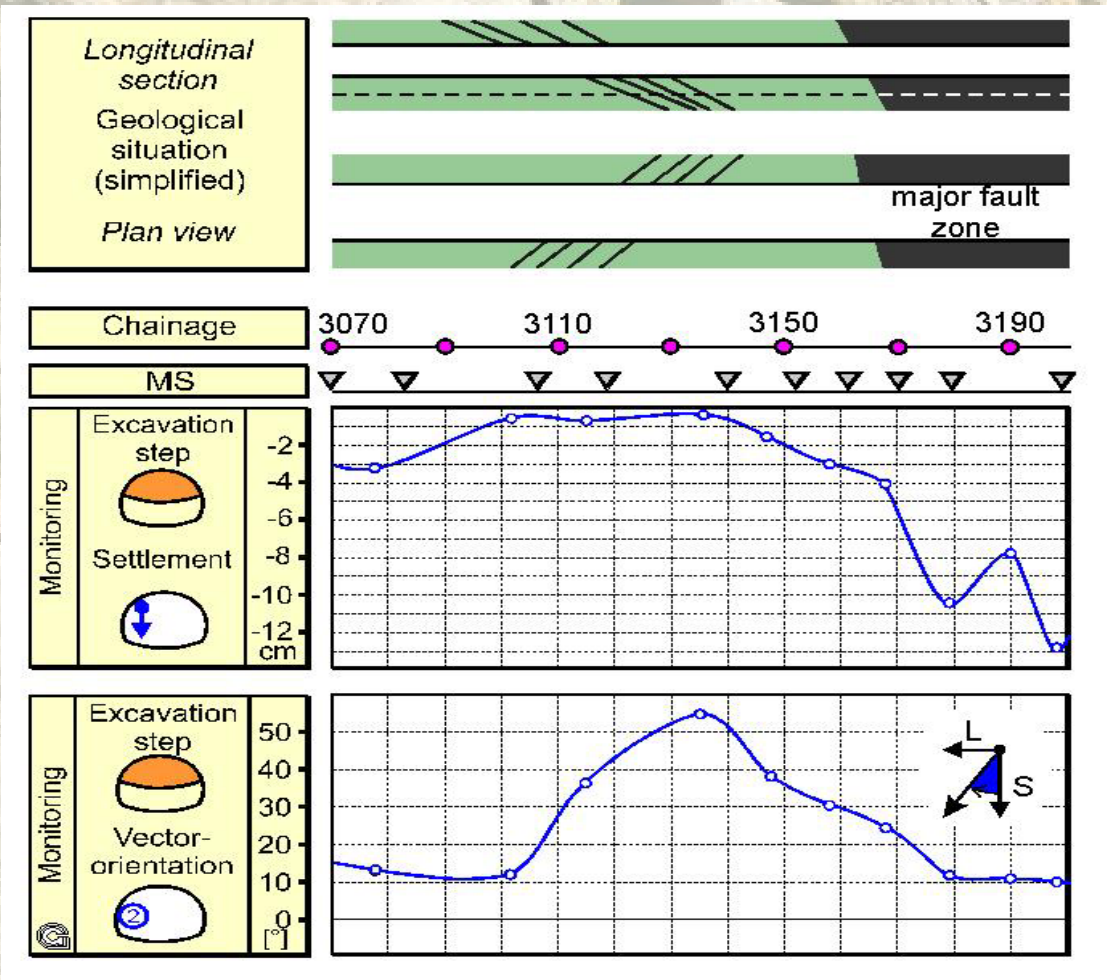
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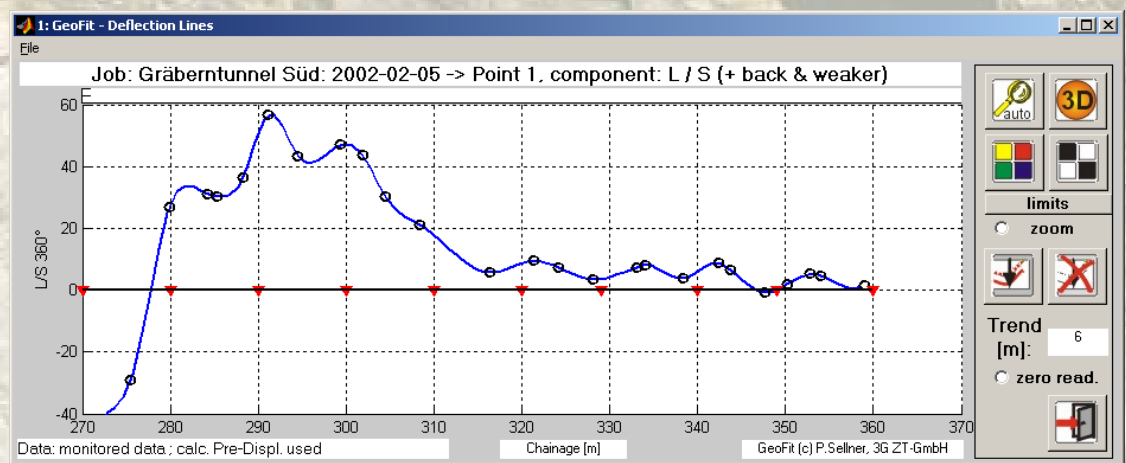
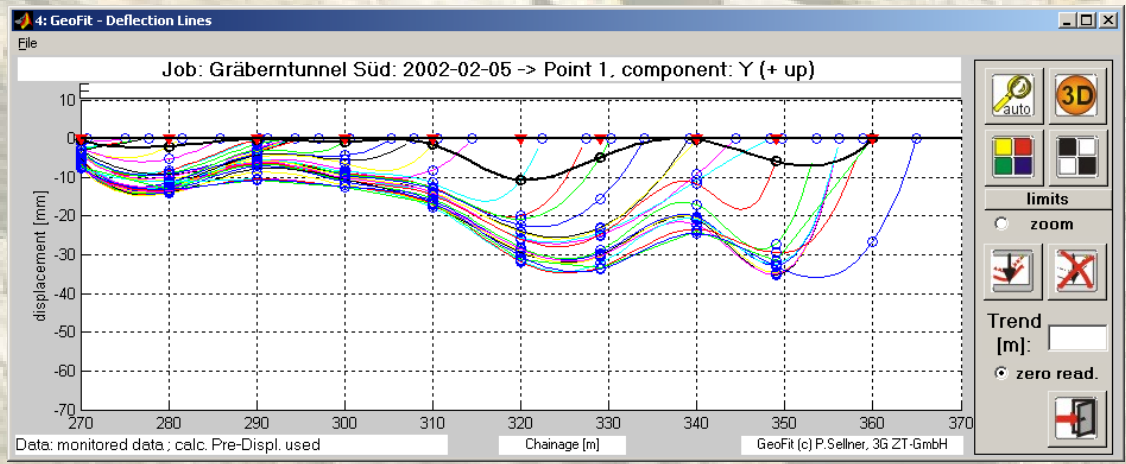
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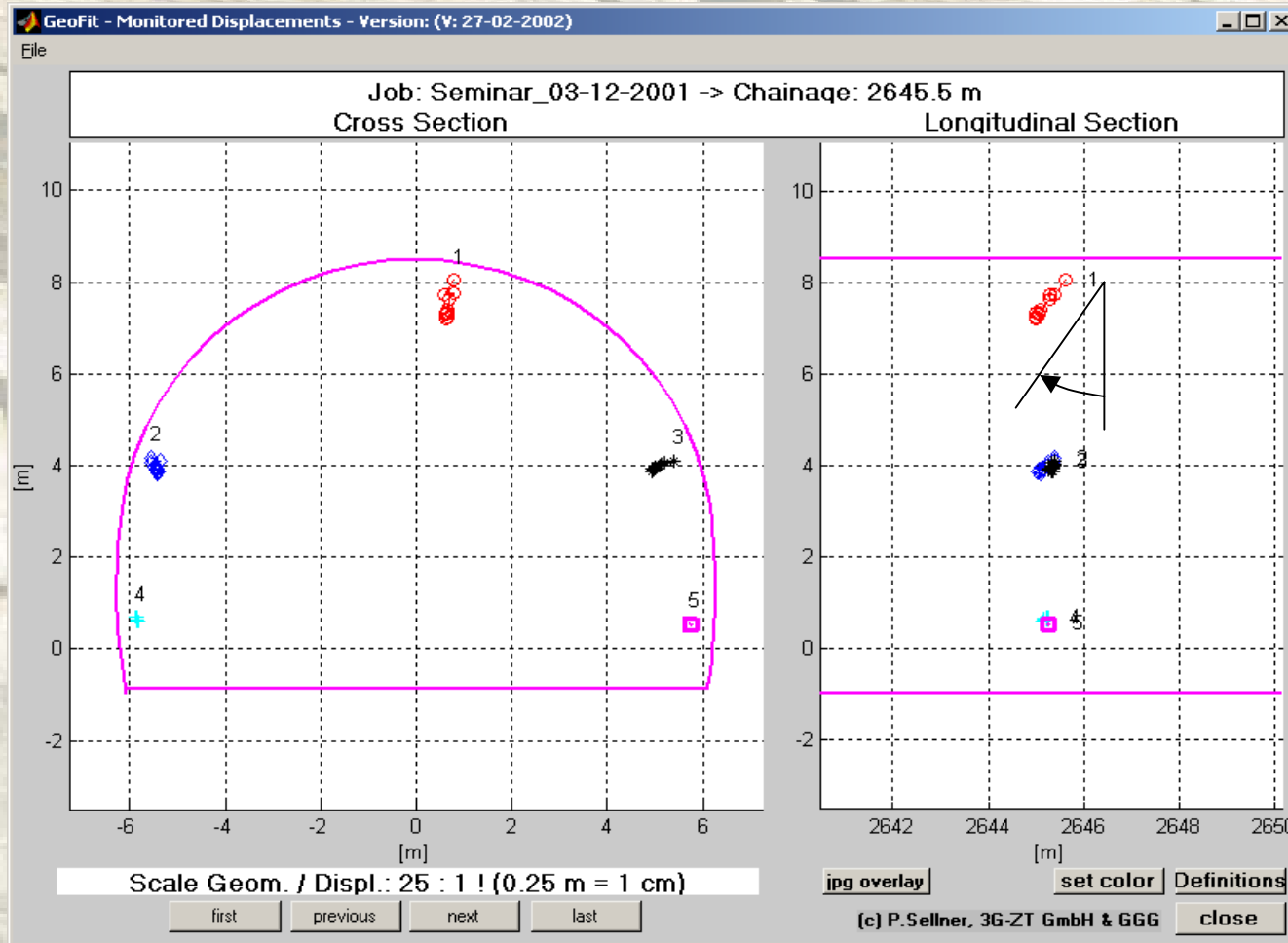
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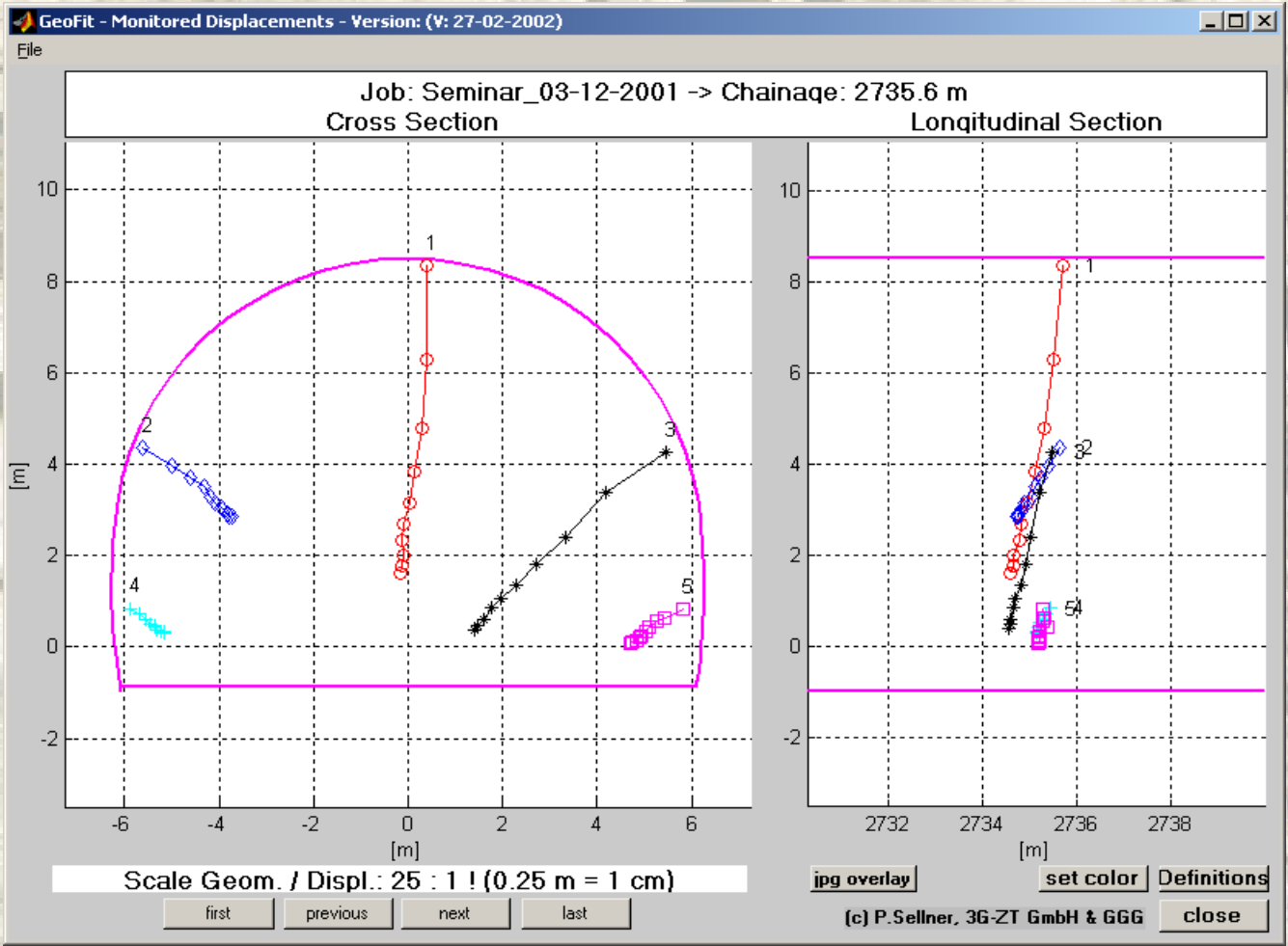
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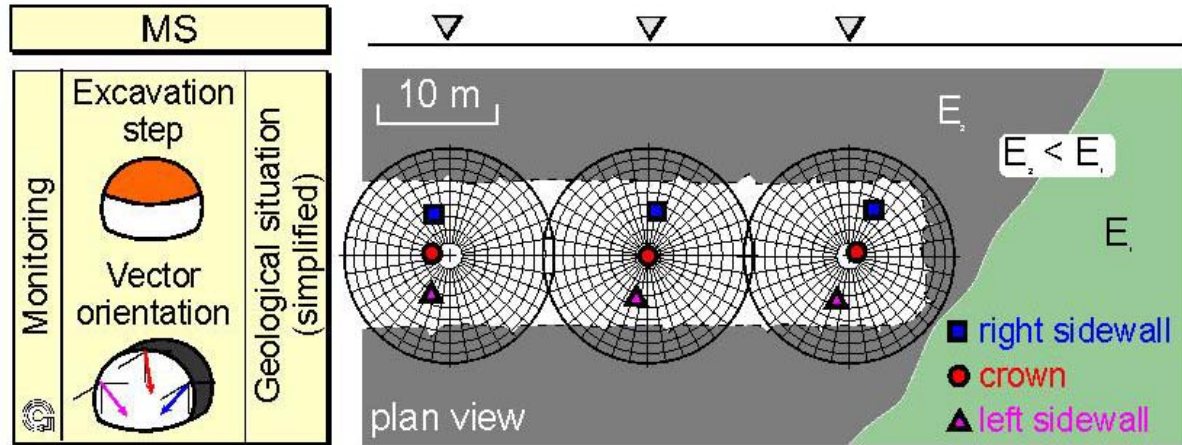
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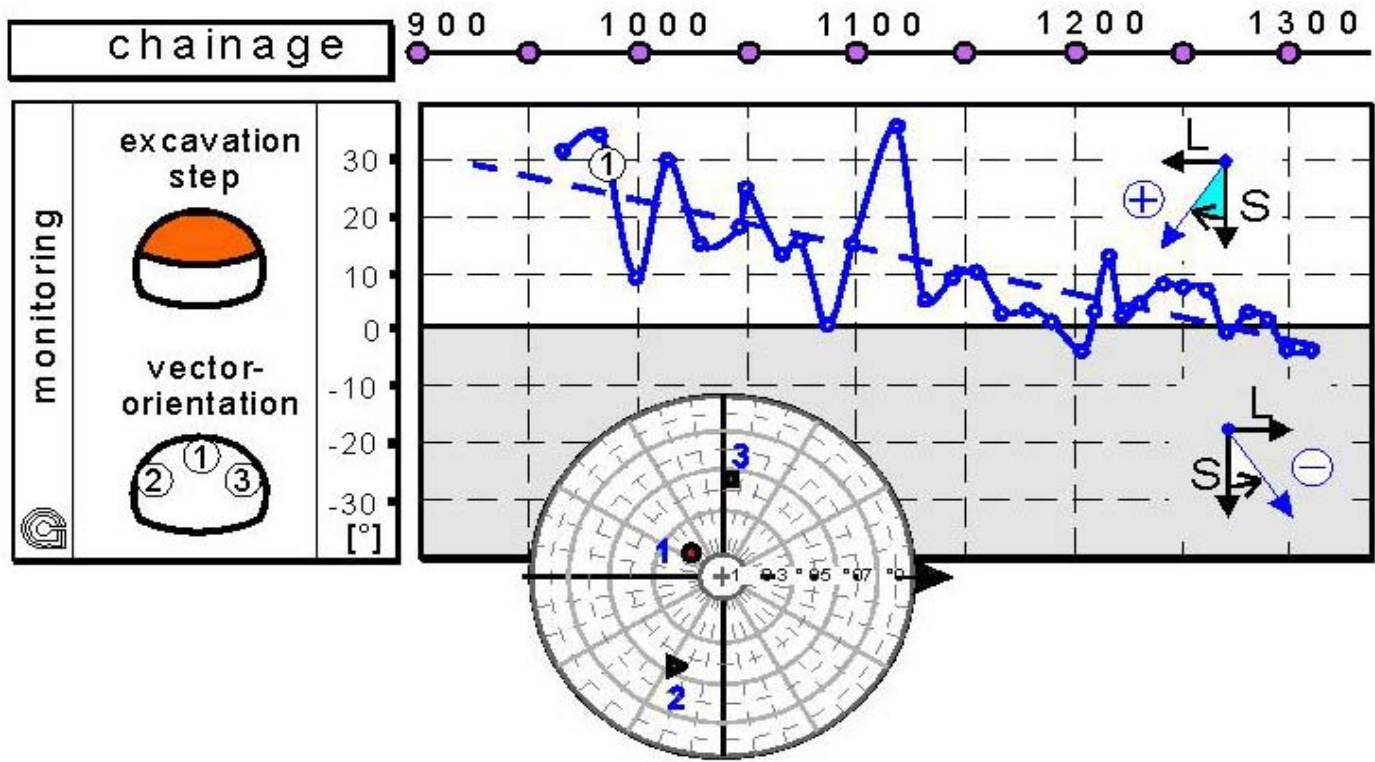
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### SPATIAL DISPLACEMENT VECTOR



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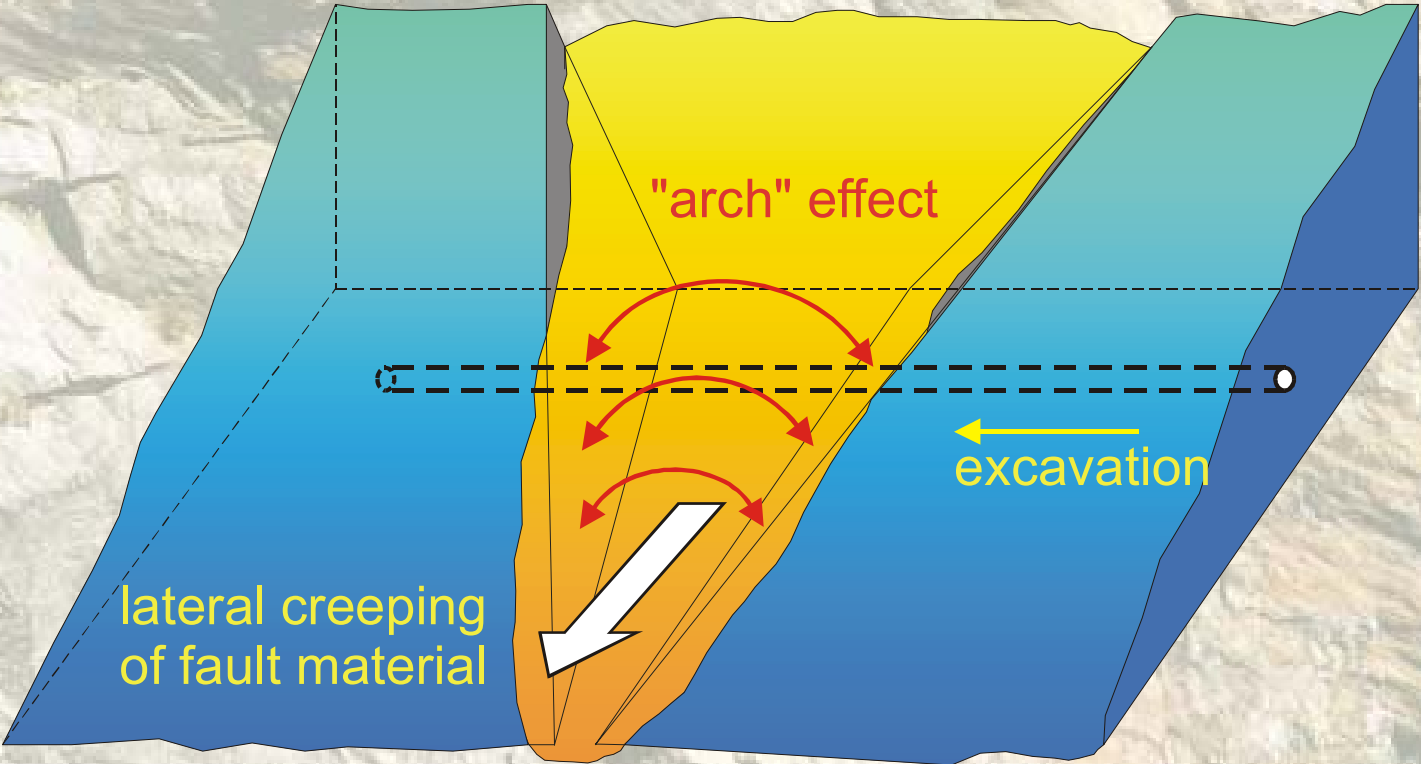


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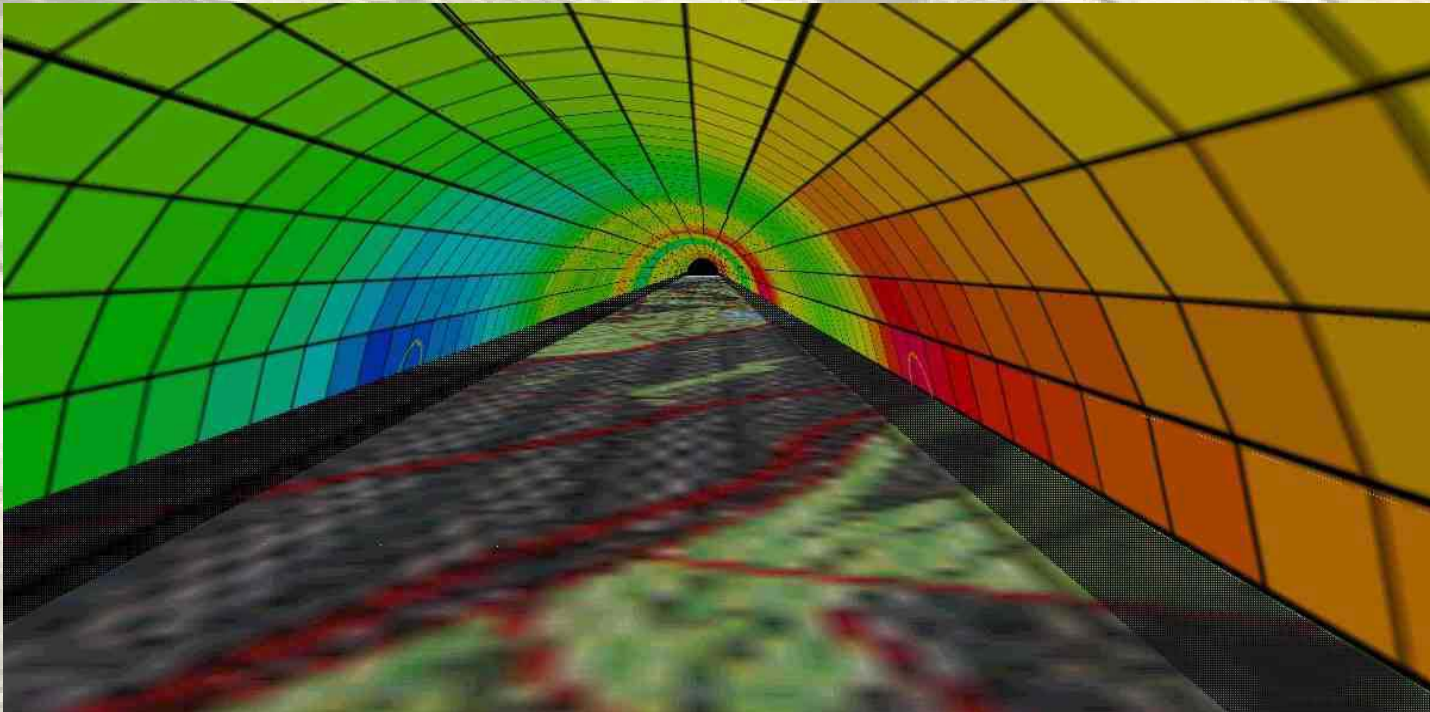
Fault Zone



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## VISUALIZATION OF MONITORED DATA



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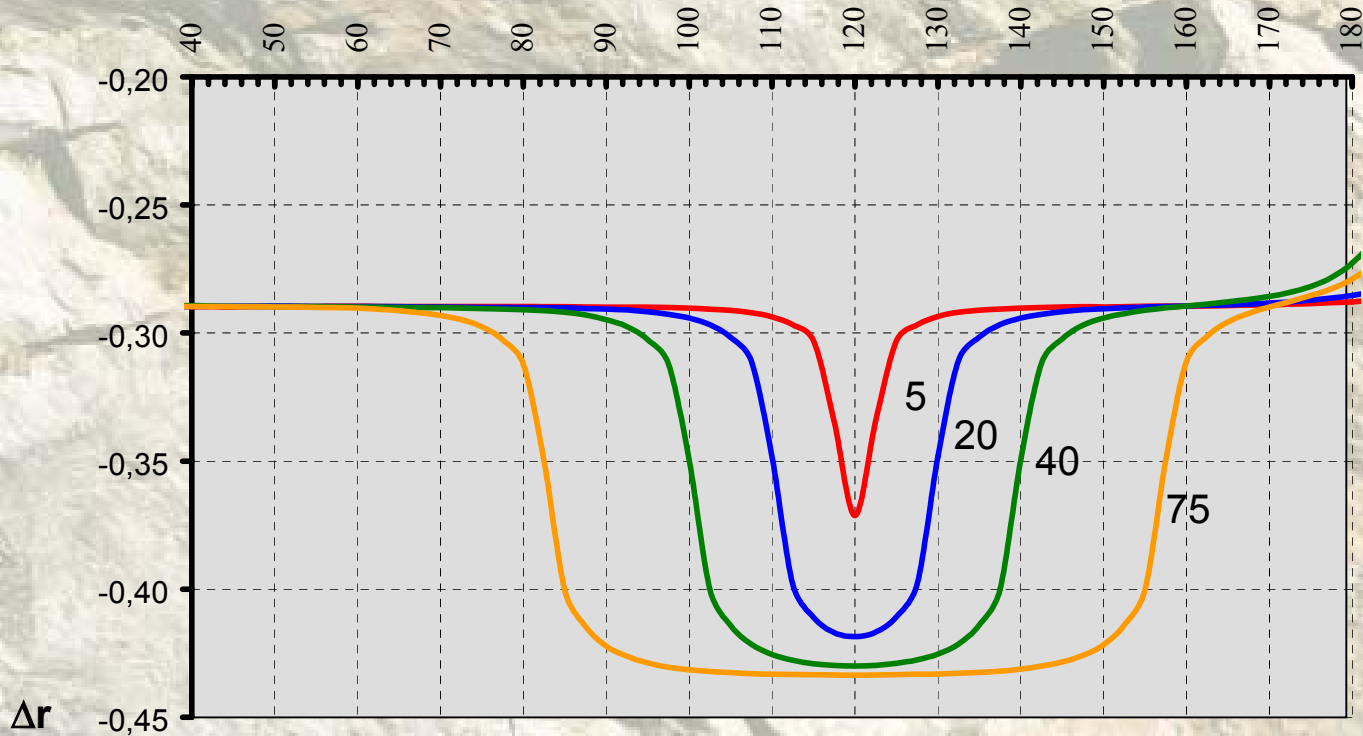
# BIMROCK EFFECTS

- Mixed face conditions require different excavation methods on the same section
- Strong variation of rock mass quality
- Stress redistribution and deformations extremely influenced by arrangement of blocks and matrix
- Prediction of displacements and lining utilization extremely difficult
- Danger of brittle failures in blocks
- Difficulty to determine proper support

# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## DISPLACEMENTS IN MATRIX IN RELATION TO BLOCK DISTANCE PROBLEMS

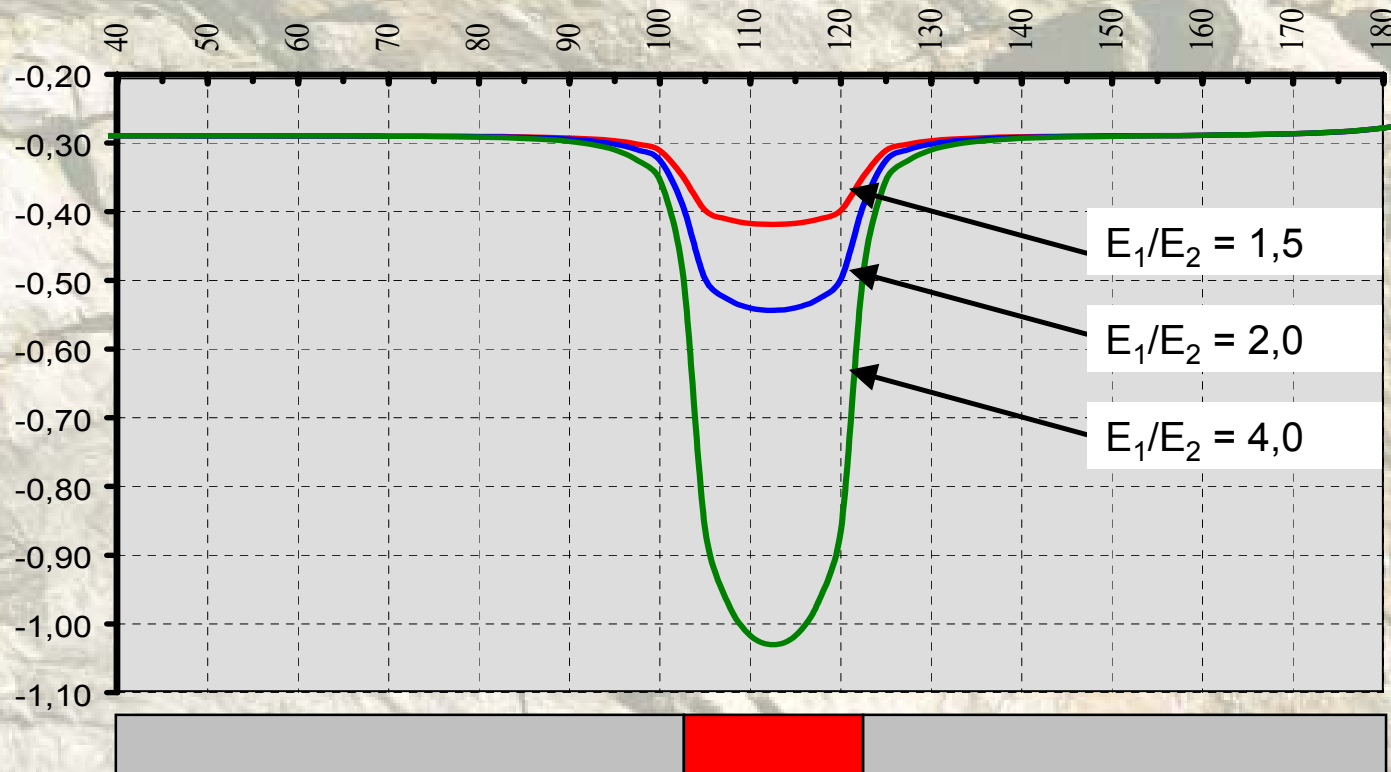
- Displacements depend on the length of the weak zone between two stiff blocks



# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## DISPLACEMENTS

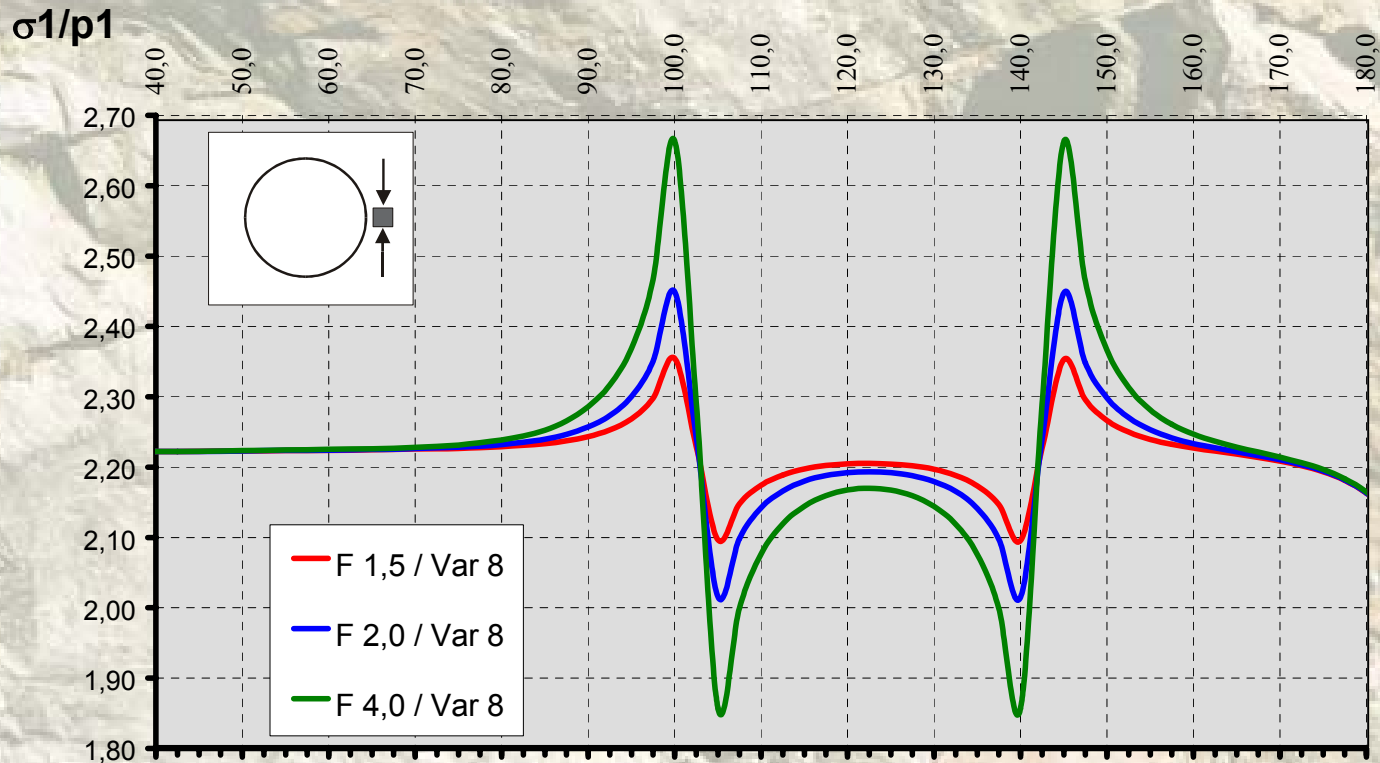
- Final displacements influenced by zone length and stiffness contrast



# BIMROCK EFFECTS

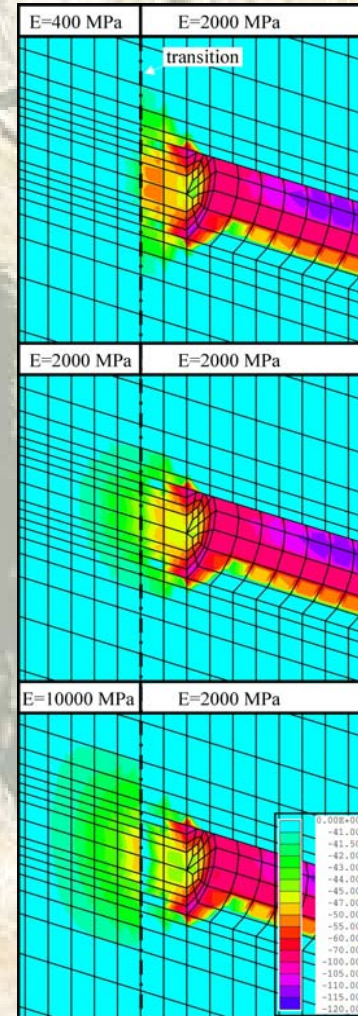
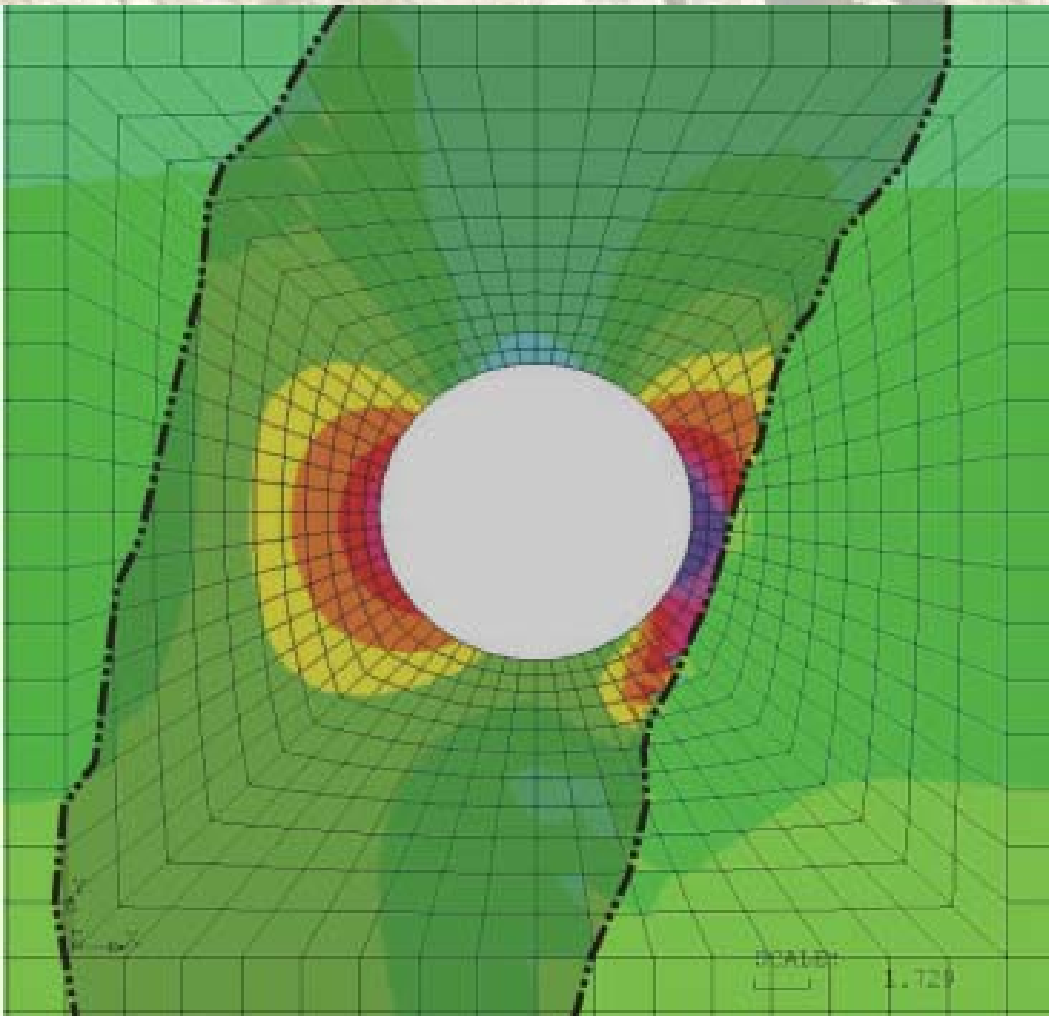
## STRESS DISTRIBUTION

- Stress concentration in blocks depend on stiffness contrast and distance between blocks

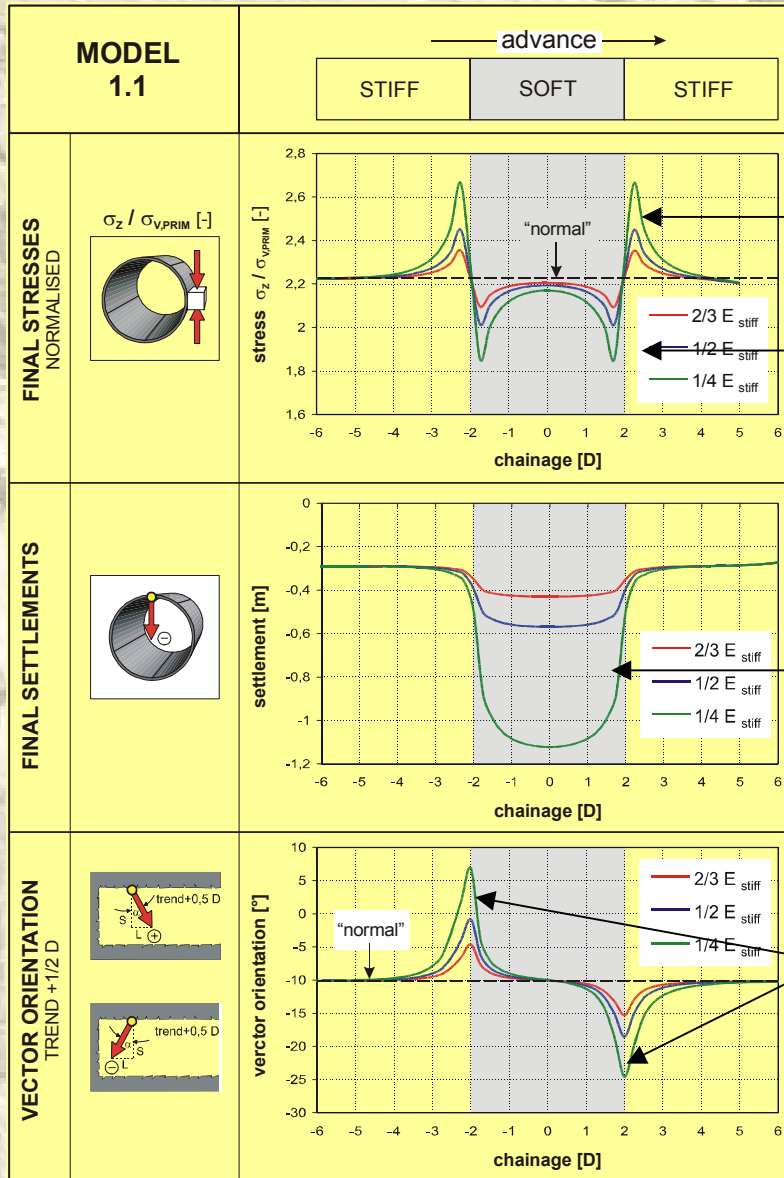


# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## STRESS CONCENTRATIONS



# BIMROCK EFFECTS



## STIFF-SOFT-STIFF

Relative stress increase in stiff material

Relative stress decrease in soft material

Trough shaped displacement

Change of displacement vector orientation near transition

# BIMROCK EFFECTS

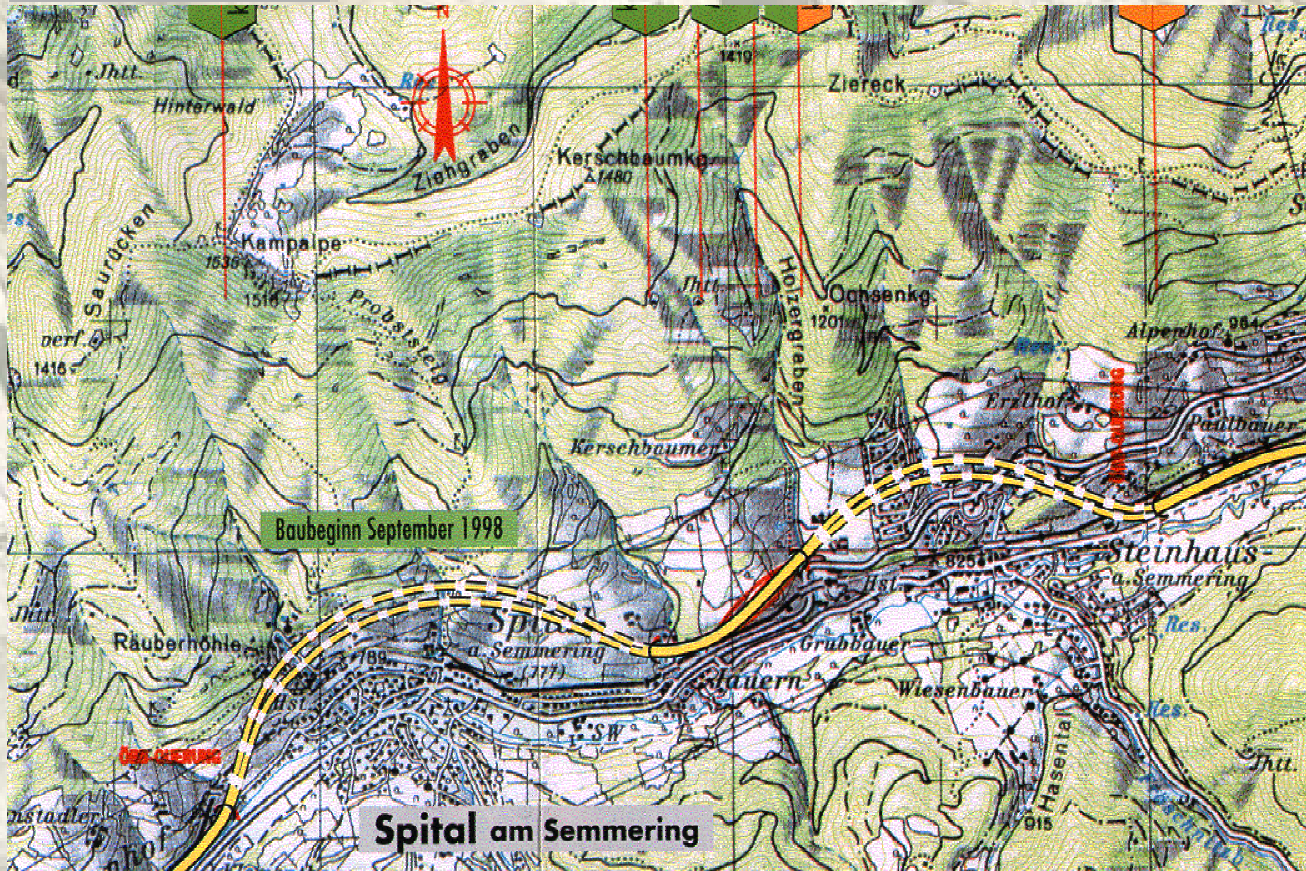
## *BLOCK REINFORCEMENT*

- Stress concentrations can cause brittle failure in stiff blocks
- Resulting stress redistribution leads to additional displacements in the matrix material
- Knowledge of the spatial distribution of blocks and matrix essential to properly estimate stress situation
- Short term prediction and prediction of displacements extremely important
- Support / reinforcement of blocks necessary to avoid brittle failure and long term stress redistribution, frequently mistaken for creeping

# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### Location Map



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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### Project data

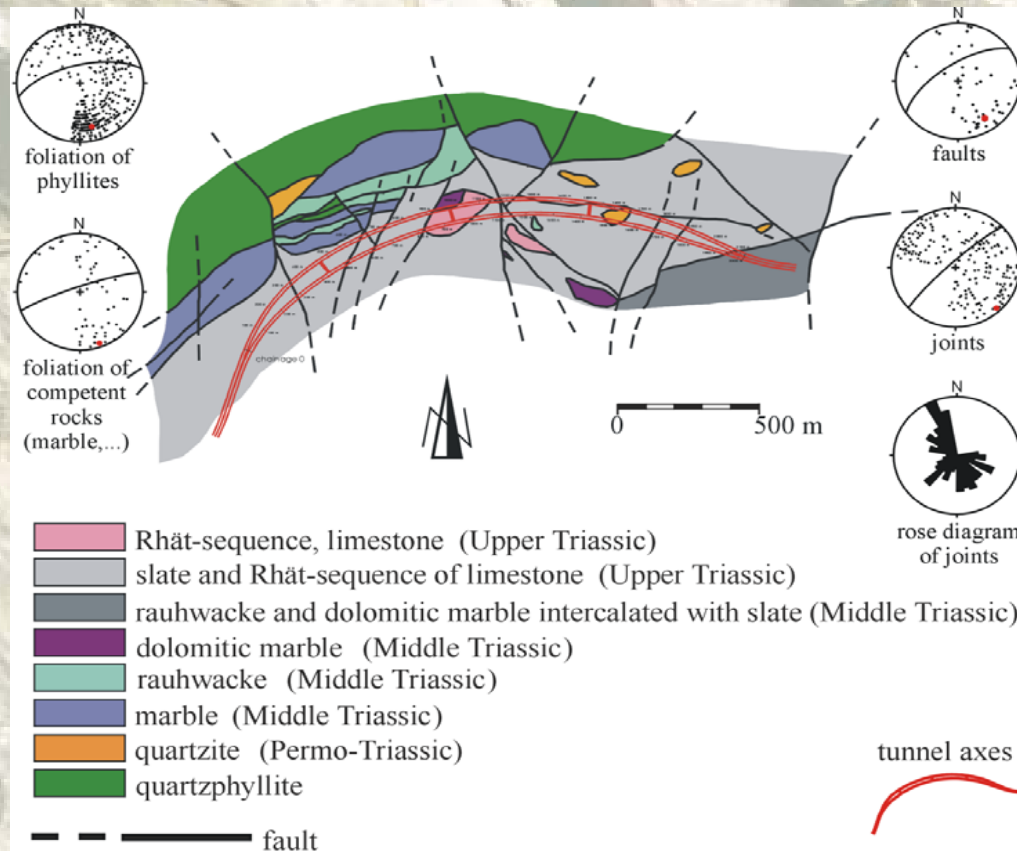
- Twin 2,2 km long freeway tunnels in the Semmering region, eastern Austria
- Alignment along a major fault zone
- Excavation area 70 – 90 m<sup>2</sup>
- Underpassing of a railway line and built up area
- Maximum overburden 80 m

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## CASE STUDIES

### Geological overview

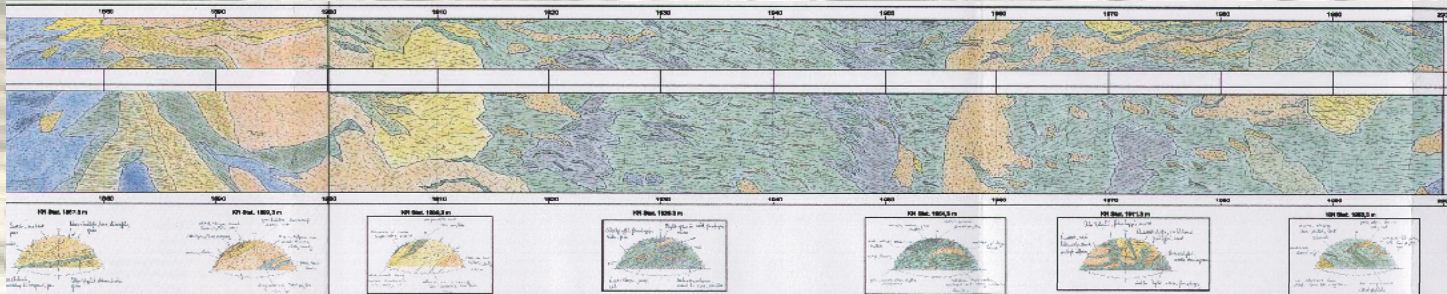


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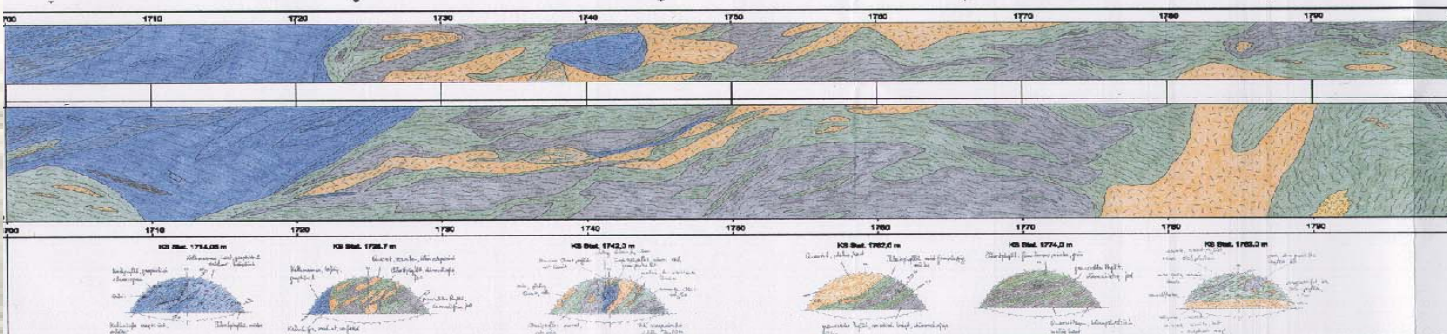
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### Geological overview



Nord tube: 1870-2000m



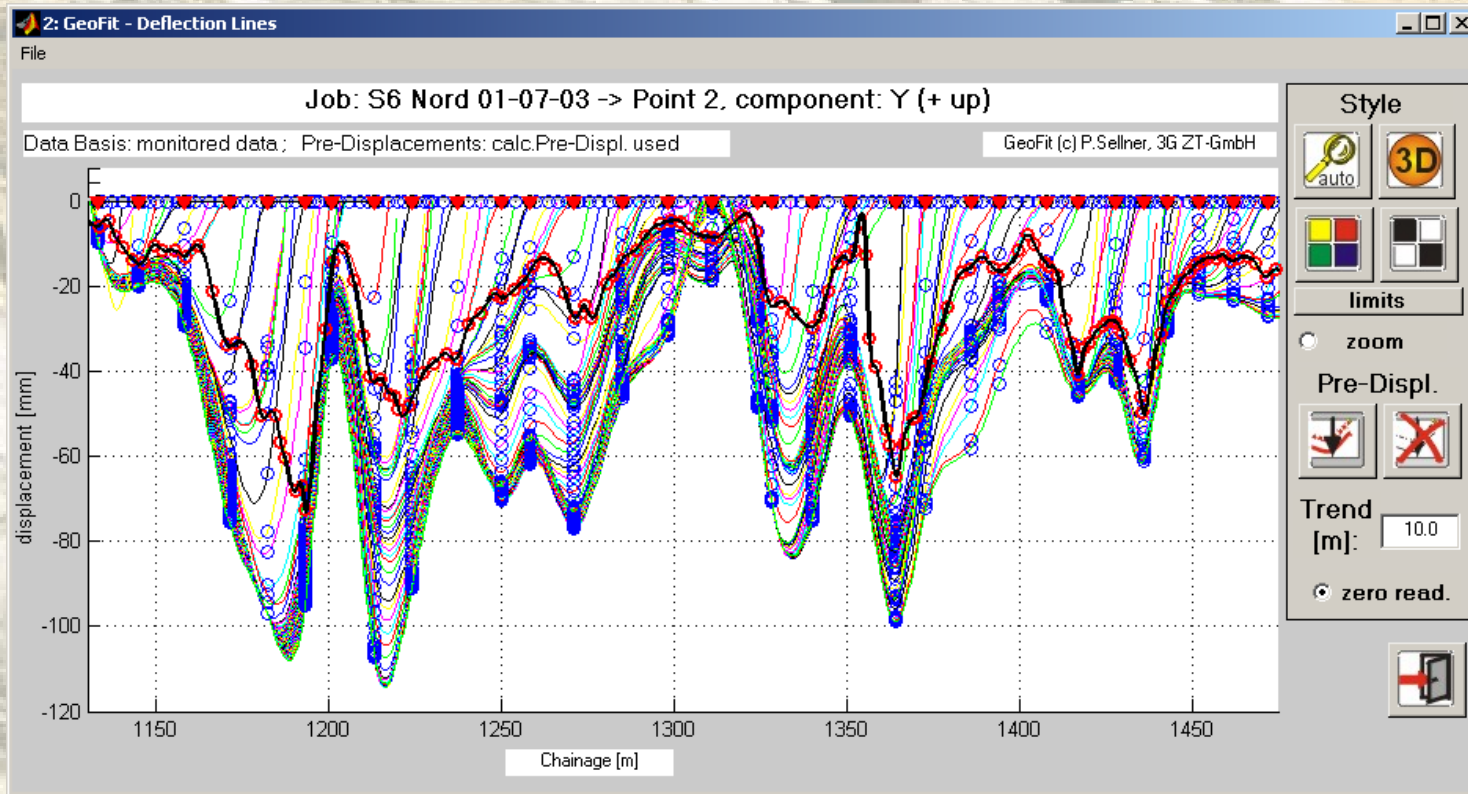
South tube: 1700-1800m

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## CASE STUDIES

### Heterogeneity - Displacements



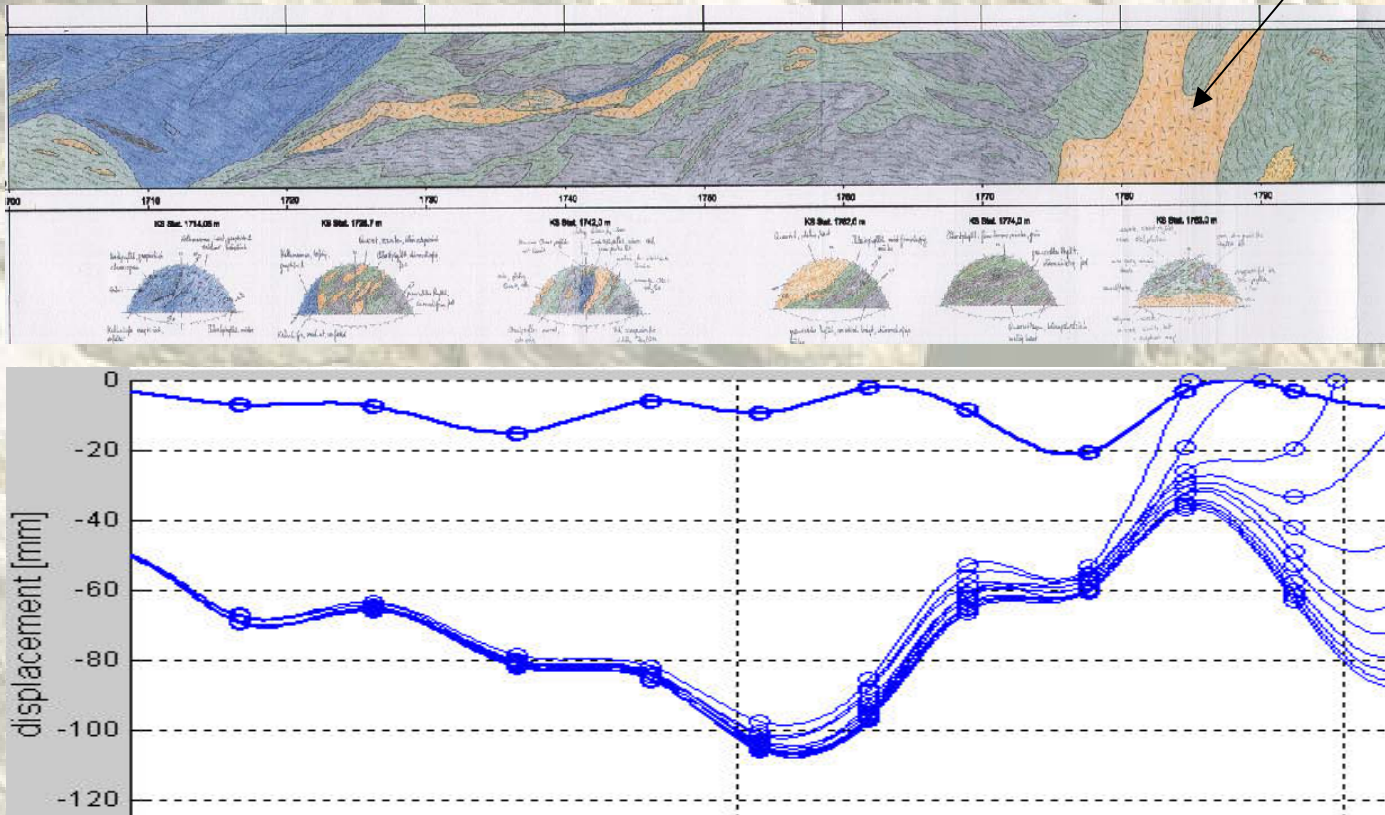
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## CASE STUDIES

Block effect on displacement  
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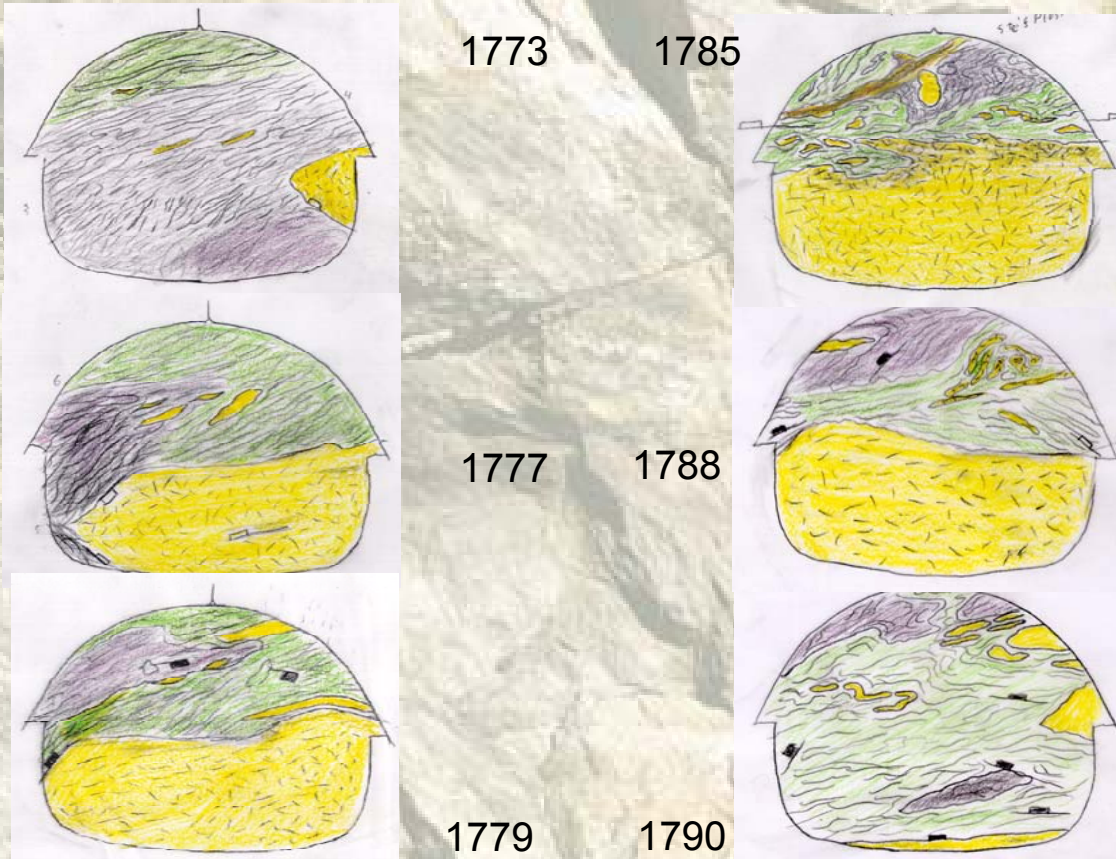


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## CASE STUDIES

### Cross sections



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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### Bench excavation



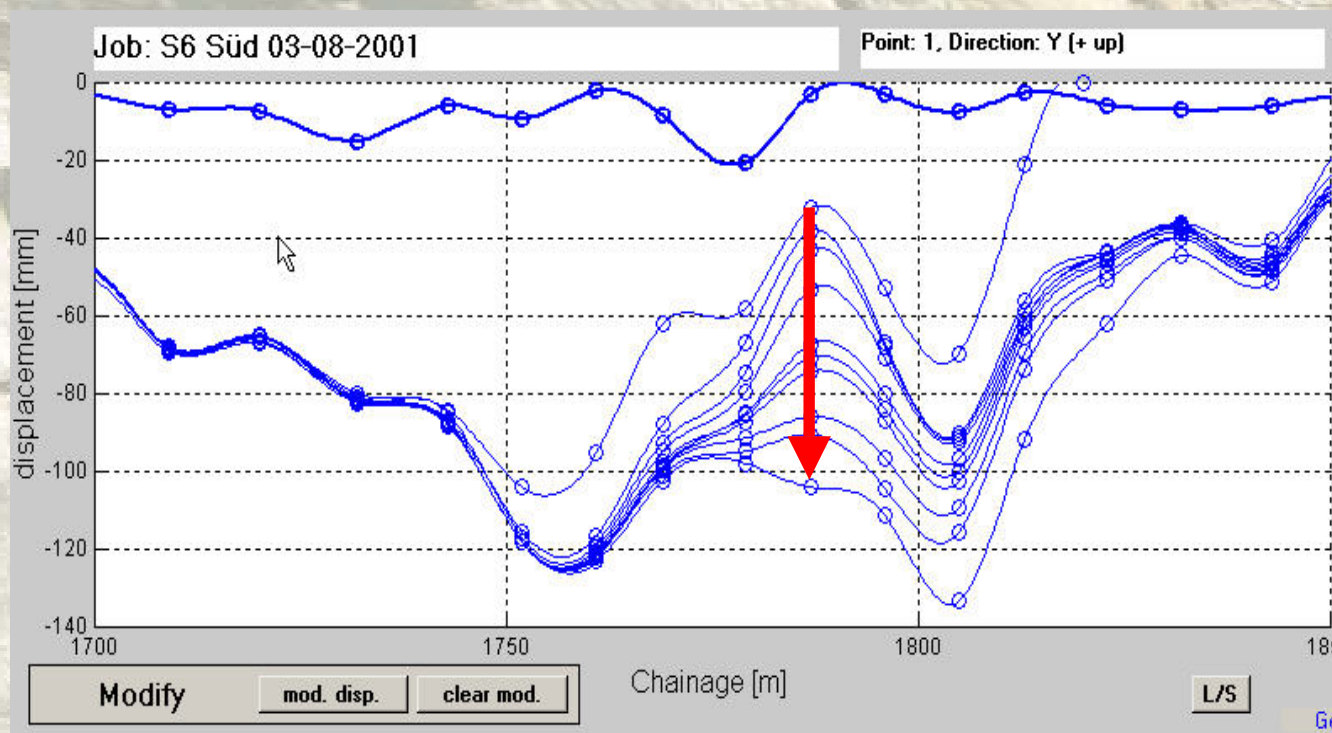
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## CASE STUDIES

### Failure of block

- During bench excavation the block fails, leading to additional 60 mm of settlement

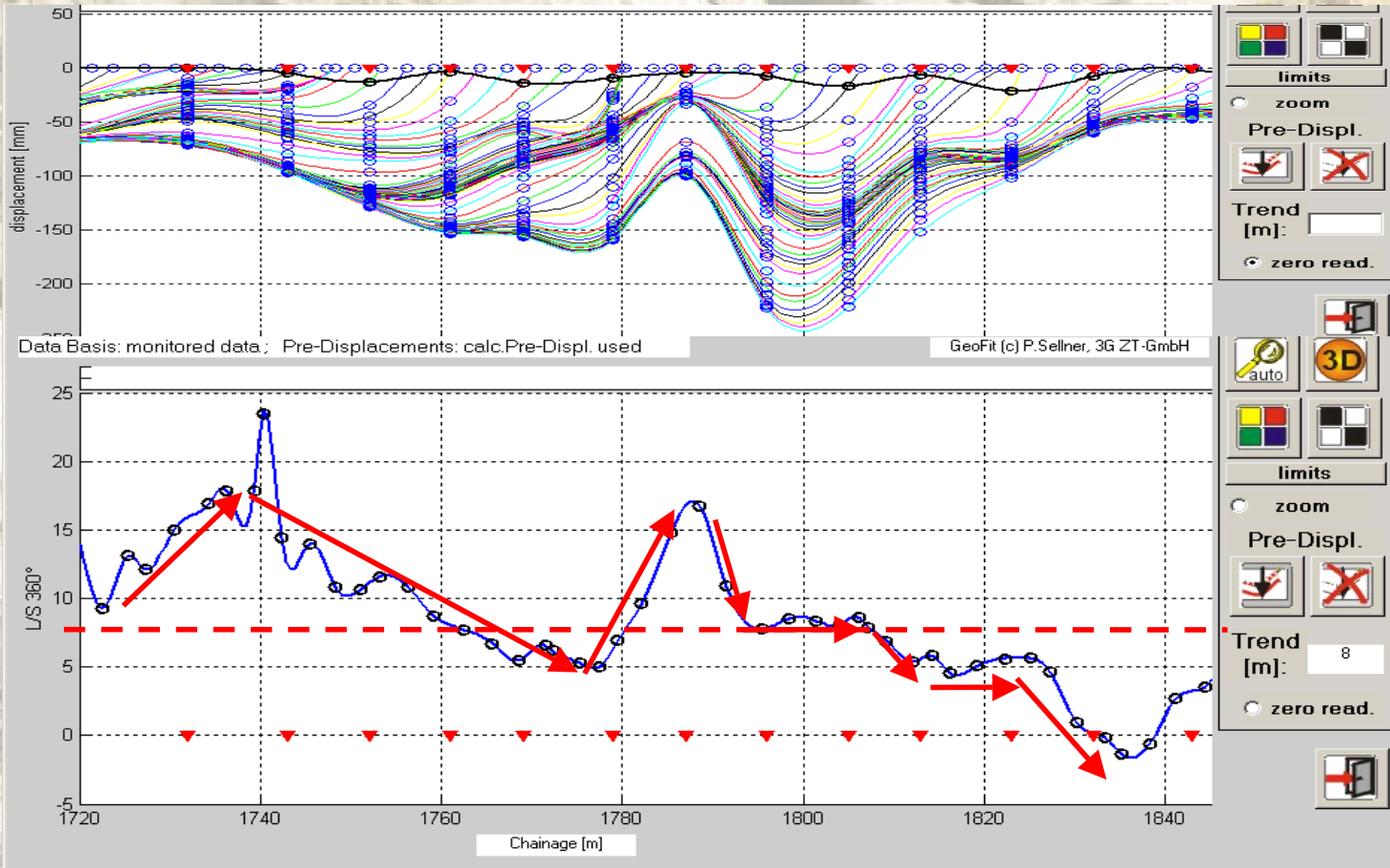


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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### Final displacements & displacement vector orientation trend



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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### DAMAGES

cracks in the shotcrete on  
the southern sidewall



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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### **Project Data**

Single tube double track railway tunnel, length 5142 m, maximum overburden 260 m. Design from 1990 to 1992. The construction (three headings) started in June 1993 and was completed in April 1996.

### **Tasks**

Geological – geotechnical site investigation from the feasibility study to the tender design. Consultant services during construction

### **Geology**

Paleozoic graphitic phyllite, greenschist and marble as well as Permo-Triassic quartzite, quartzphyllite and agglomerate were subjected to intense Alpine thrusting and Tertiary strike-slip faulting

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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### Collapse

A collapse with fatal accident happened on July 1994 at station 1330 m. Eight meters of heavily supported tunnel section collapsed at the face. A miner, including excavation equipment, was buried under the collapsed rock mass. Redesign and maintenance work lasted for two months. The excavation was resumed in October 1994.

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## CASE STUDIES

### Collapse



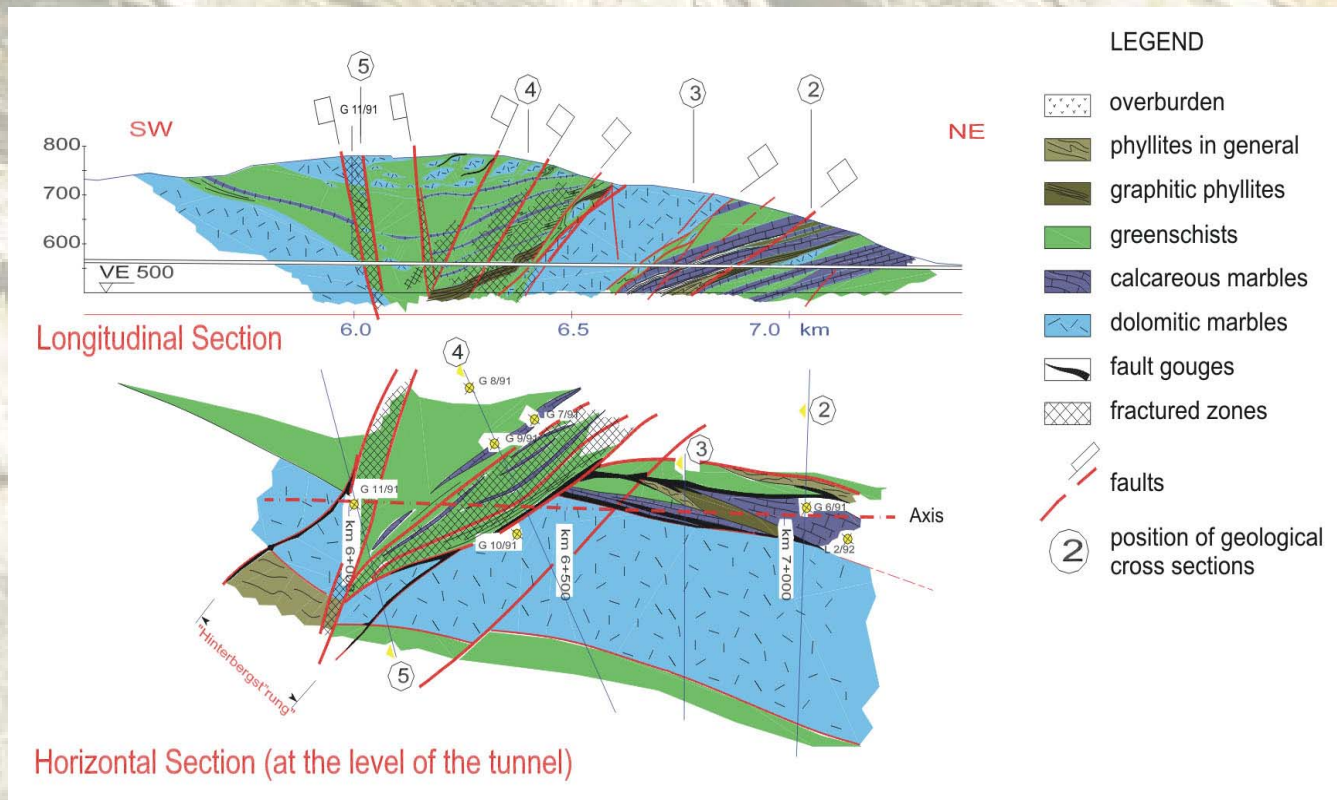
Collapse caused by brittle failure of stiff rock outside of excavation

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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### HINTERBERG FAULT ZONE Prediction

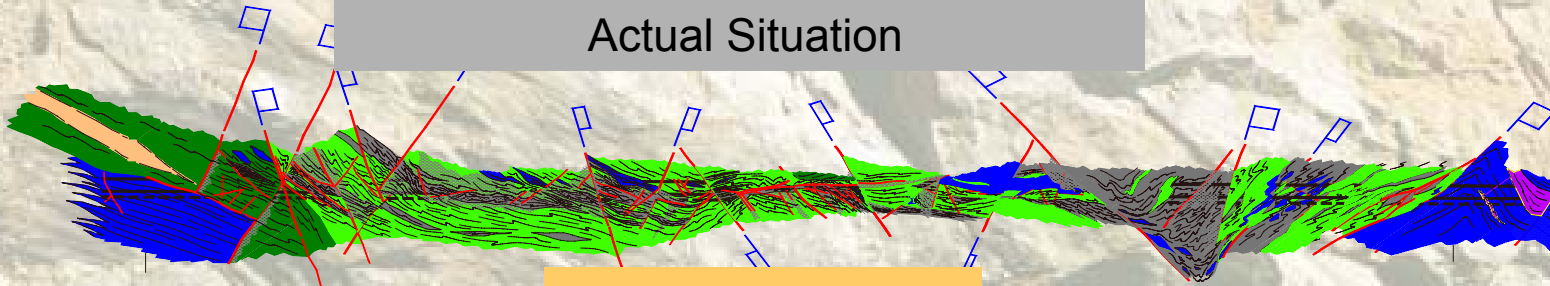


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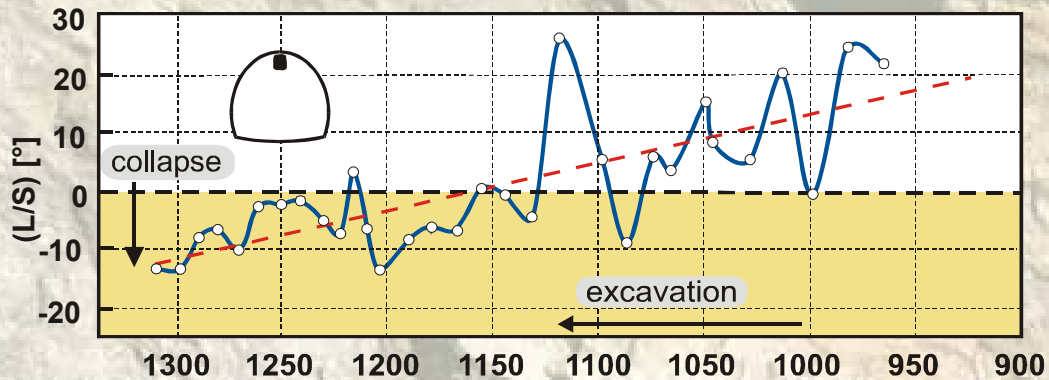
HINTERBERG FAULT ZONE  
Actual Situation



Longitudinal section



Plan view



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## CASE STUDIES

### HABERL FAULT - IMPROVED PROCEDURE



Modification of excavation and support – reduction of top heading height, yielding elements, regrowable rock bolts

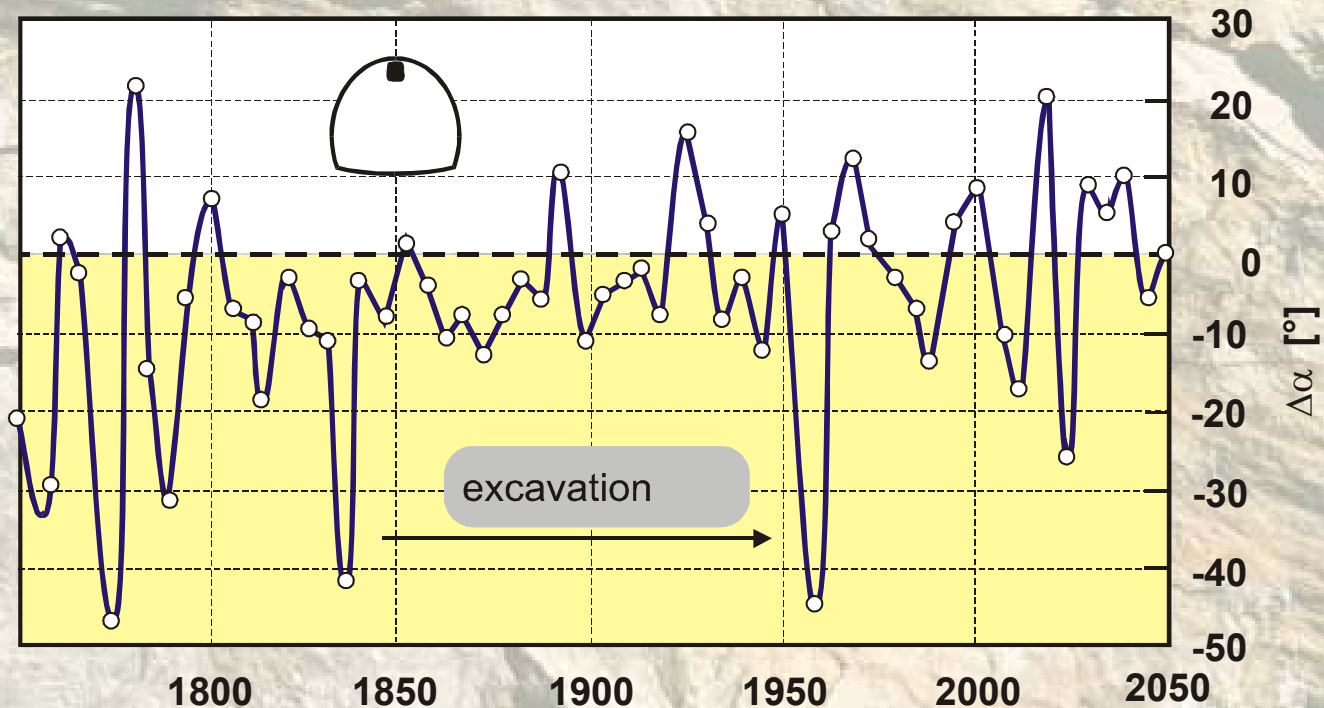
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# BIMROCK EFFECTS

## CASE STUDIES

### HABERL FAULT ZONE

Heterogeneity showing in strong variation of the vector orientation trend



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## CONCLUSION

- The complex spatial distribution of rock masses with different stiffness and strength makes prediction of behaviour difficult
- High displacements as well as differences in displacements can lead to severe damage of the (stiff) lining; thus flexible linings are required where bigger displacements are expected, and preferable even in shallow tunnels
- The analysis of the displacement vector orientations can support the prediction of the location and distribution of blocks