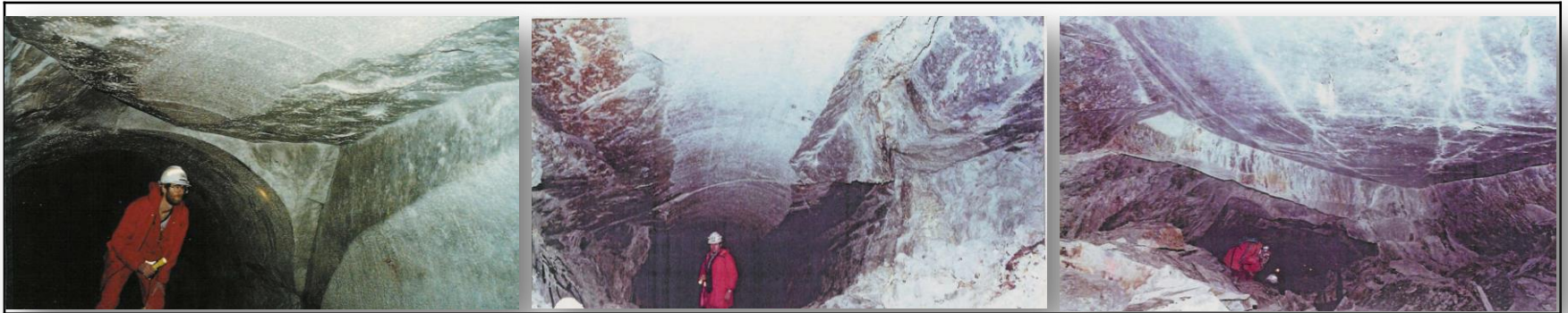


# EMPIRICISM, THEORY, AND PROBLEM SOLVING IN ROCK ENGINEERING

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6<sup>th</sup> Leopold Müller Lecture, with additions

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Beaumont TBM Tunnel, 1880 : wedge-failure, stress-failure, tidal influence. Three photos separated by 150 m.





# WHY THE 'OVER-BREAK'/ POTENTIAL INSTABILITY?

Because of  
adverse  $J_n$ ,  $J_r$ ,  
 $J_a$  ( $J_{RC}$ ,  $J_{CS}$ ,  
 $\phi_r$ ),  $J_w$ , SRF

.....and  
dip/dip  
direction,  
gravity,  
density.

**The origin and *numerous* applications of these parameters ( $J_n$ ,  $J_r$ ,  $J_a$ , JRC, JCS,  $\phi_r$ ,  $J_w$ , SRF, Q) will be (part of) the subject of this lecture.**

# **ACTUAL EMPIRICAL BEHAVIOUR** **or ASSUMED BEHAVIOUR ??**

**Empiricism: a posteriori (= behaviour based on experience ) is better than a priori (= ‘behaviour’ (?) based on assumptions).**

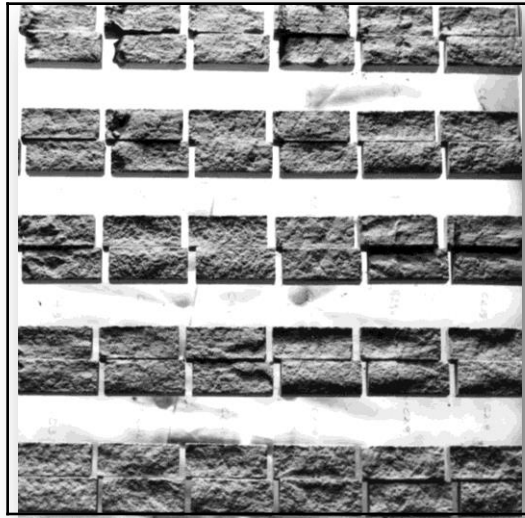
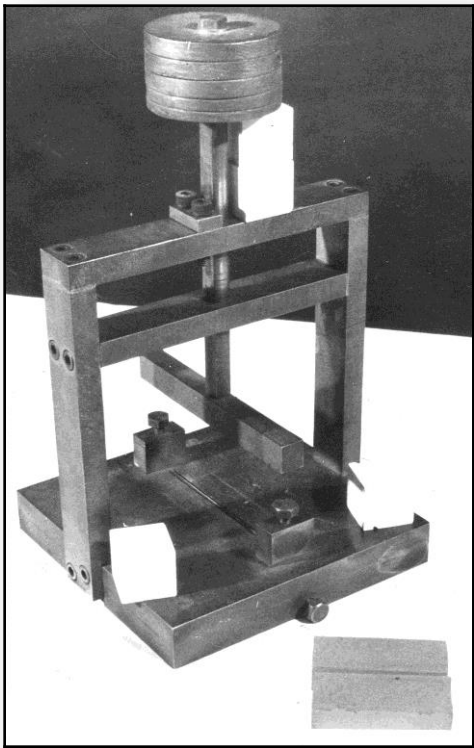
**There are too many a priori assumptions (clothed in some amazing algebra) which are used by many of us these days....e.g. GSI/Phase 2?**



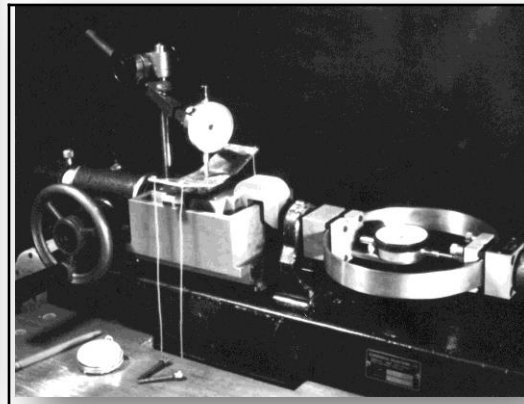
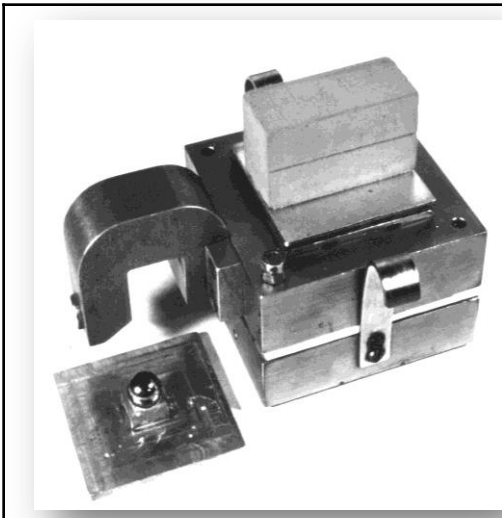
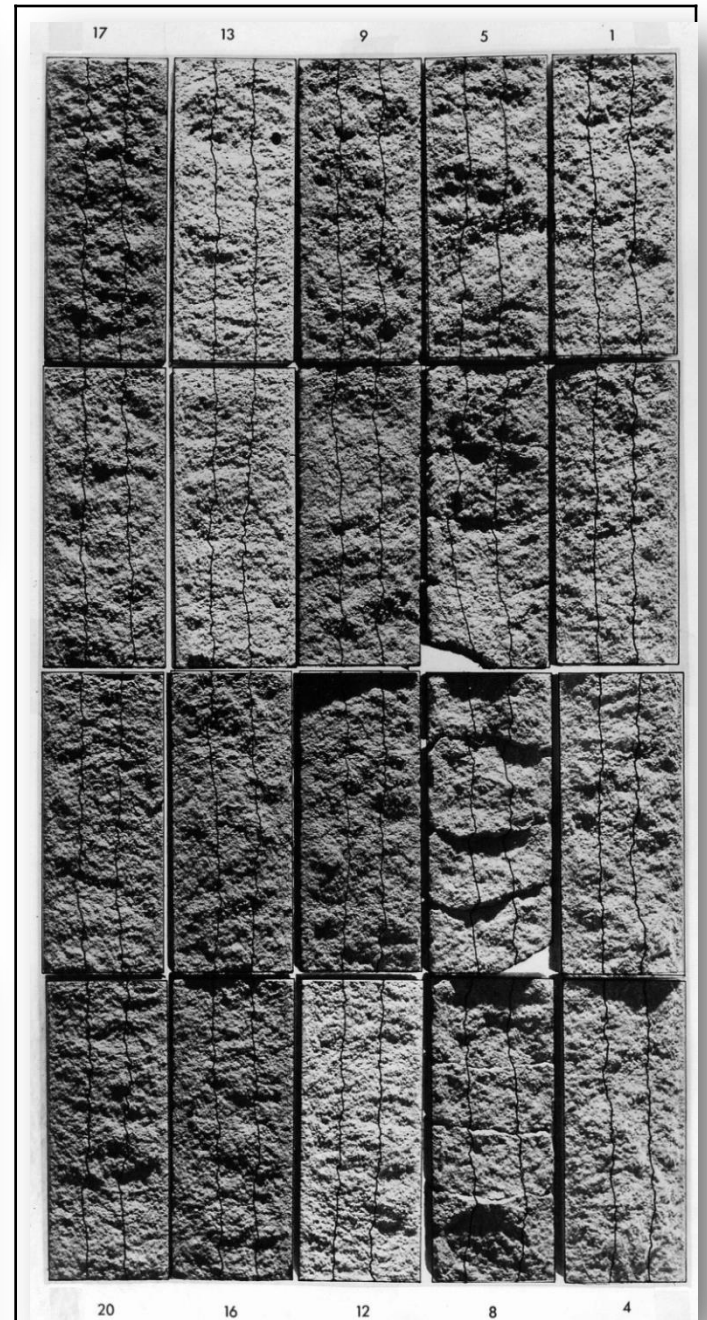
# PART 1

**A DISCONTINUOUS (*and idealized*)  
EXPERIMENTAL/EMPIRICAL  
START IN 1966**

**at Imperial (*'Empirical'*) College,  
London**

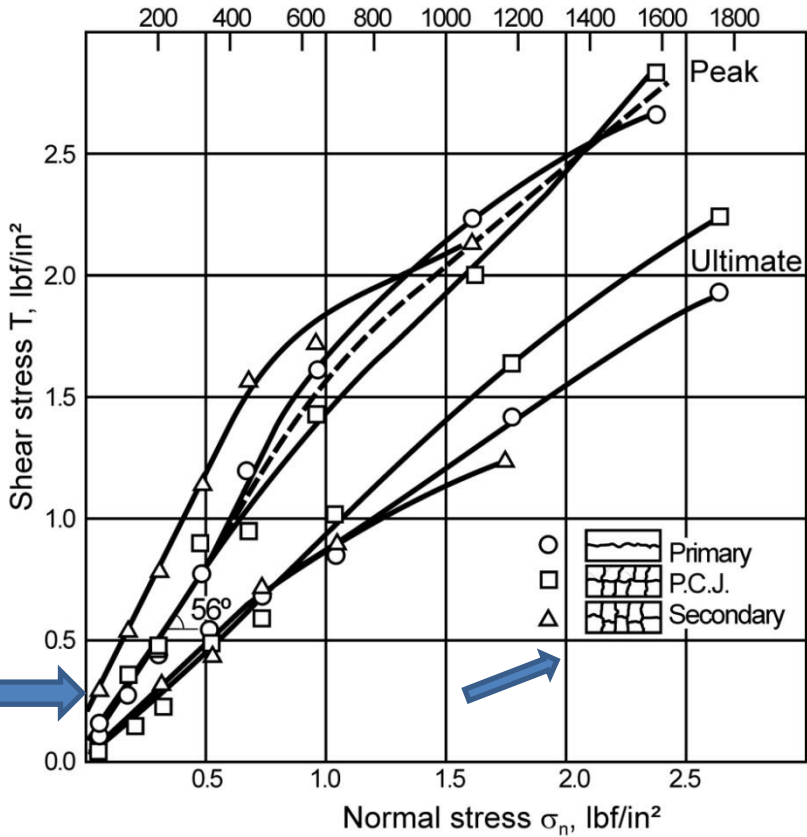


**DST on 200  
artificial tension  
fractures in a  
variety of brittle  
model materials  
(Barton, 1971)**

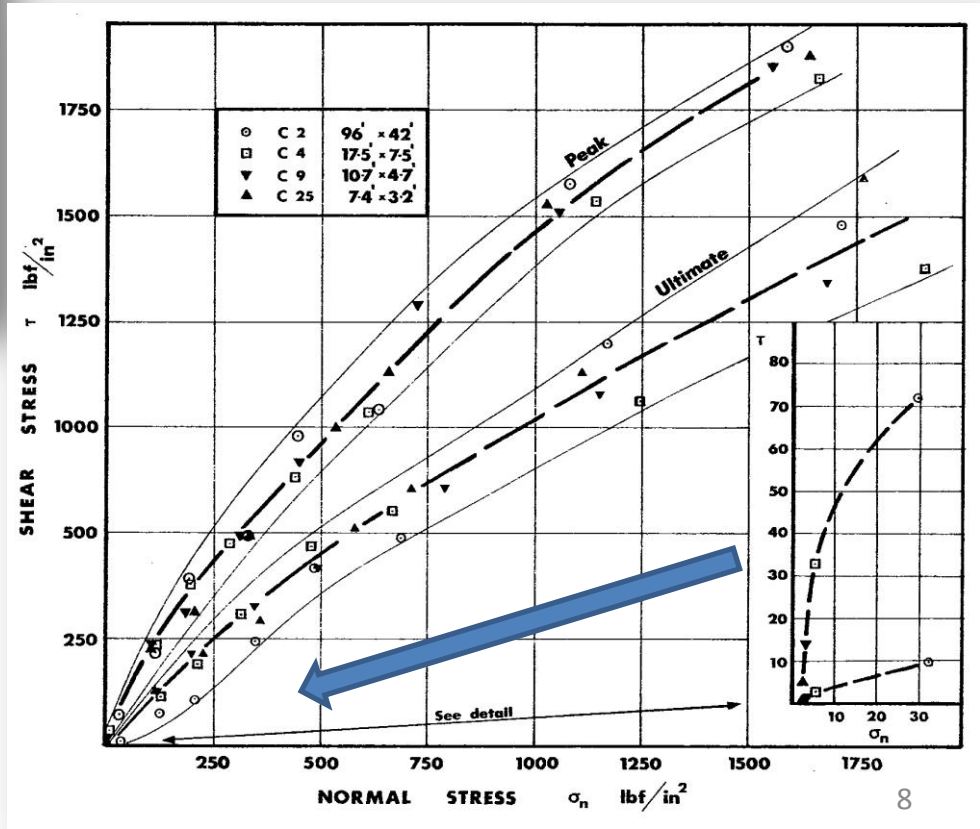
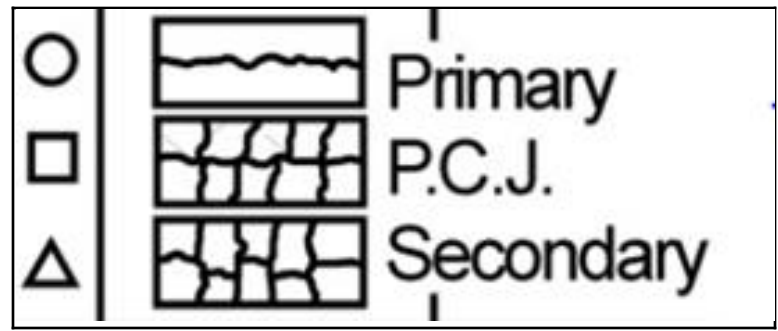




Model  $\sigma_n \times \psi (=600)$

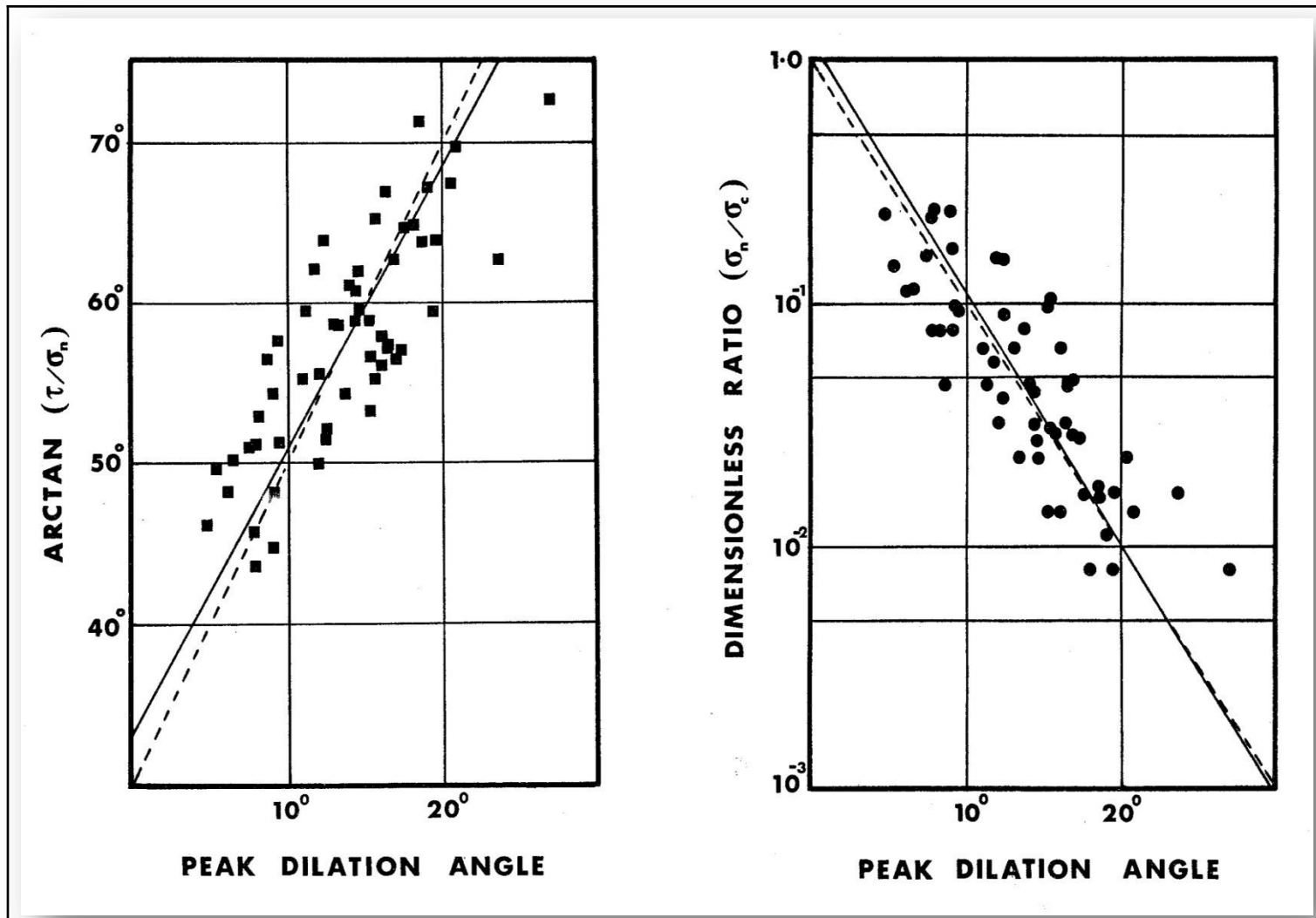


**NOTE LACK OF ACTUAL  
 COHESION UNLESS  
 STEPPED (“secondary”)  
 FRACTURES ARE TESTED**



(----- = no decimal places)

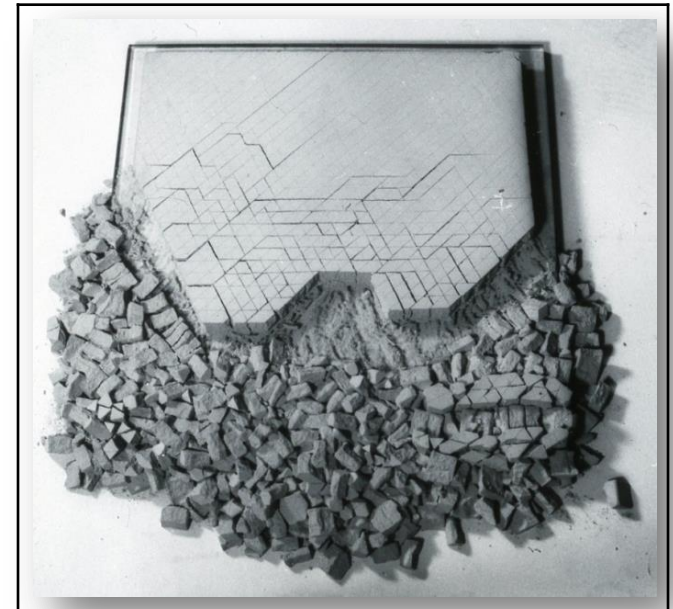
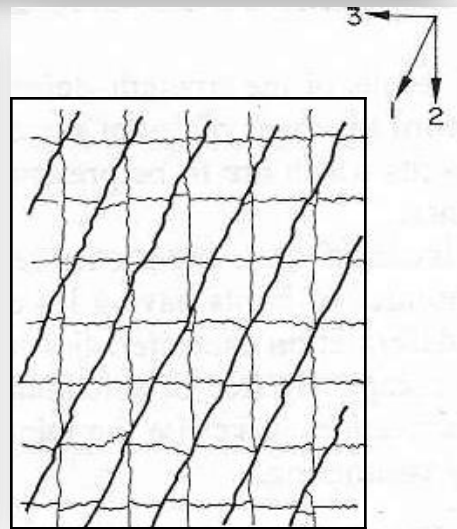
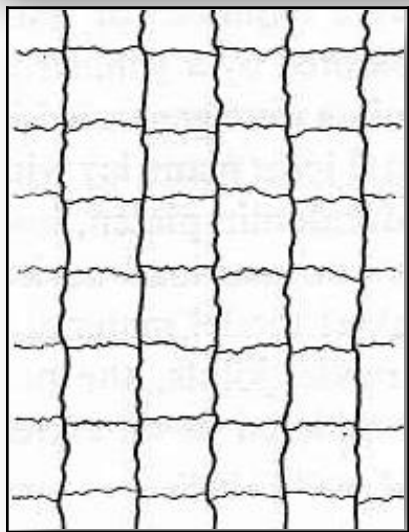
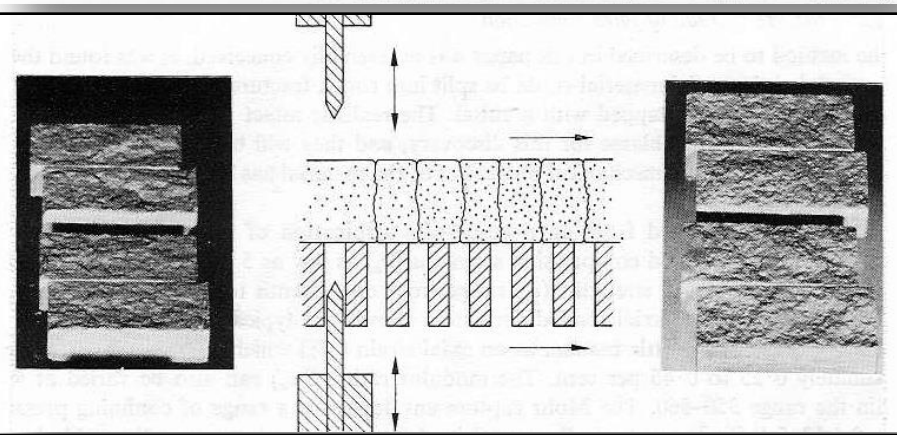
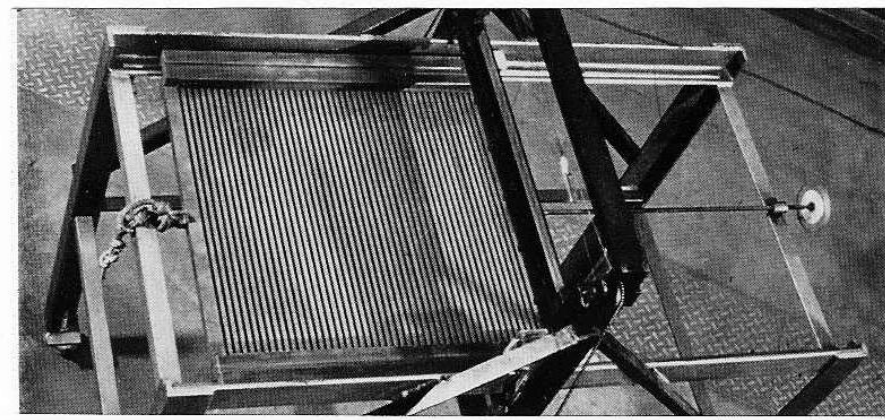
$$\tau = \sigma_n \cdot \tan [ 20 \cdot \log( UCS/\sigma_n ) + 30^\circ ]$$



## 2D JOINTED “ROCK-MASS”

Tension-fracture models used for ‘*rock slope*’ studies (at Imperial College) 1968-1969.

‘Nuclear power plant’ *rock cavern* investigations (50m) (at NGI) 1977-1978 (pre-UDEC)

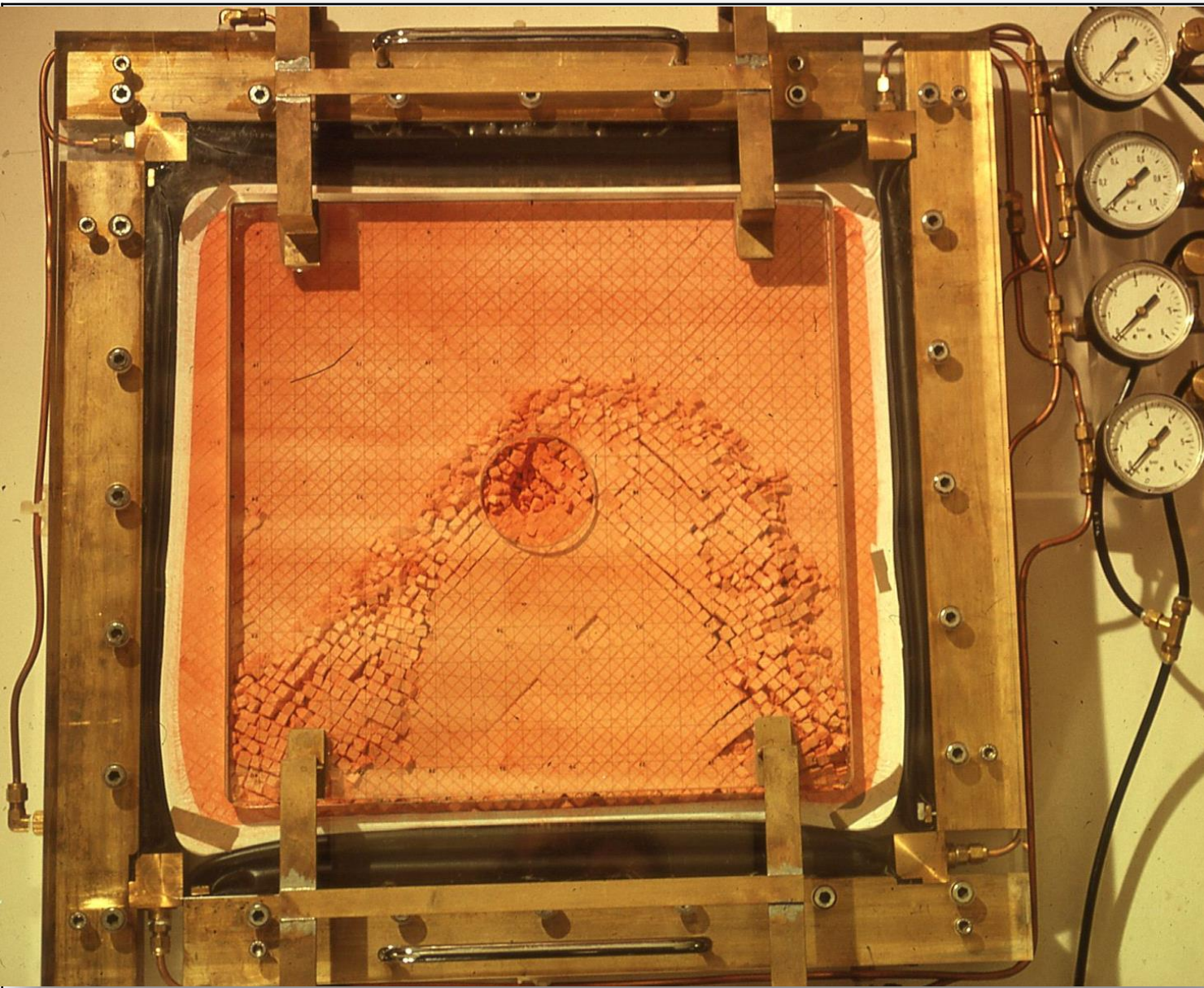




# 2D 'rock mass' research conducted in the laboratory

Physical (1977) models (**this colour**)  
follow here which *pre-date* UDEC:

- ❑ Artificial, but some useful lessons
- ❑ They are physical, not conceptual
- ❑ *They are 'a posteriori', not 'a priori' !*



## **BIAXIAL LOADING**

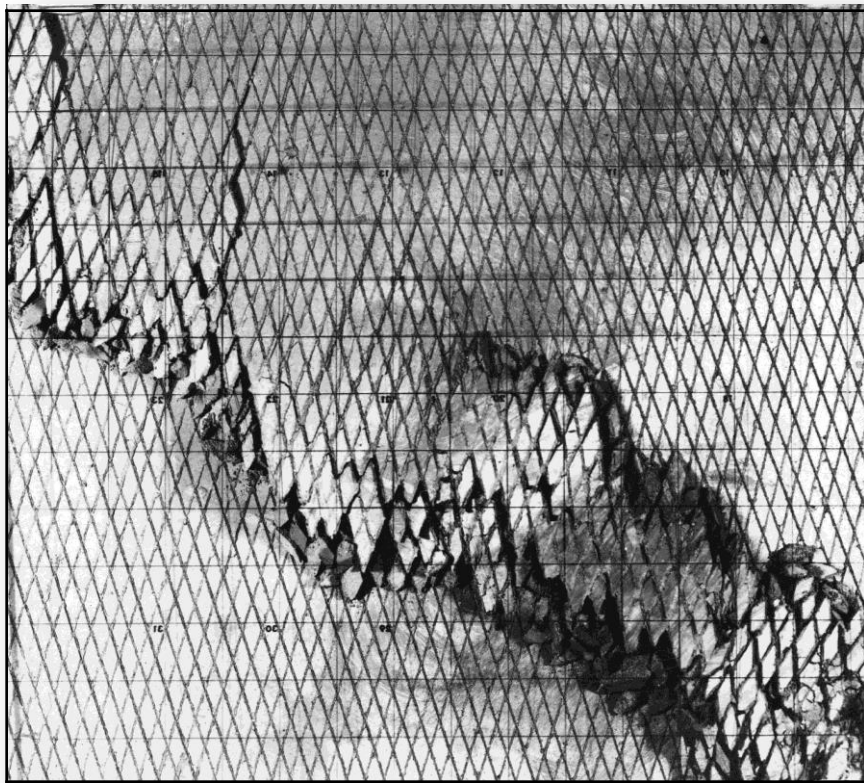
Scale-effect  
investigations

**250, 1000, or  
4000 blocks.**

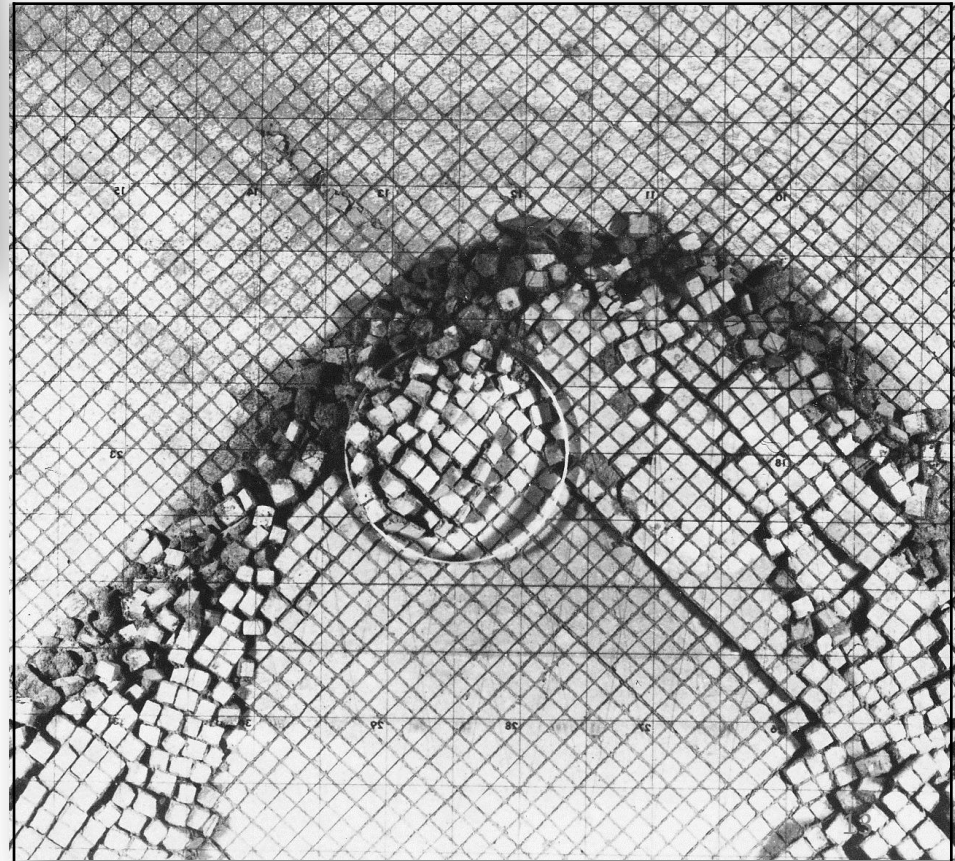
**“Always” got  
rotational  
failures with  
small blocks!**



# BIAXIAL LOADING TESTS WITH HIGHLY ANISOTROPIC STRESS APPLICATION (as under a big rock slide?)



Shearing by *rotation of individual blocks*, following local 'kinking' within the mass?





# APPROPOS: **LARGE DEBRIS and ROCK SLIDES** (Front cover: eds. J.Clague, D. Stead)





# FRANK SLIDE (Wikipedia)



# ***TRAVEL DISTANCE VARIABILITY***

- SAY ***0.5 to 1 km*** TRAVEL DISTANCE EXPECTED
- WITH 'AIR-CUSHION' (Chinese research) ***2km***
- REALITY (sometimes) is ***> 20 km***
- **SLIDE MASSES TOO HOT FOR RESCUE PARTIES**

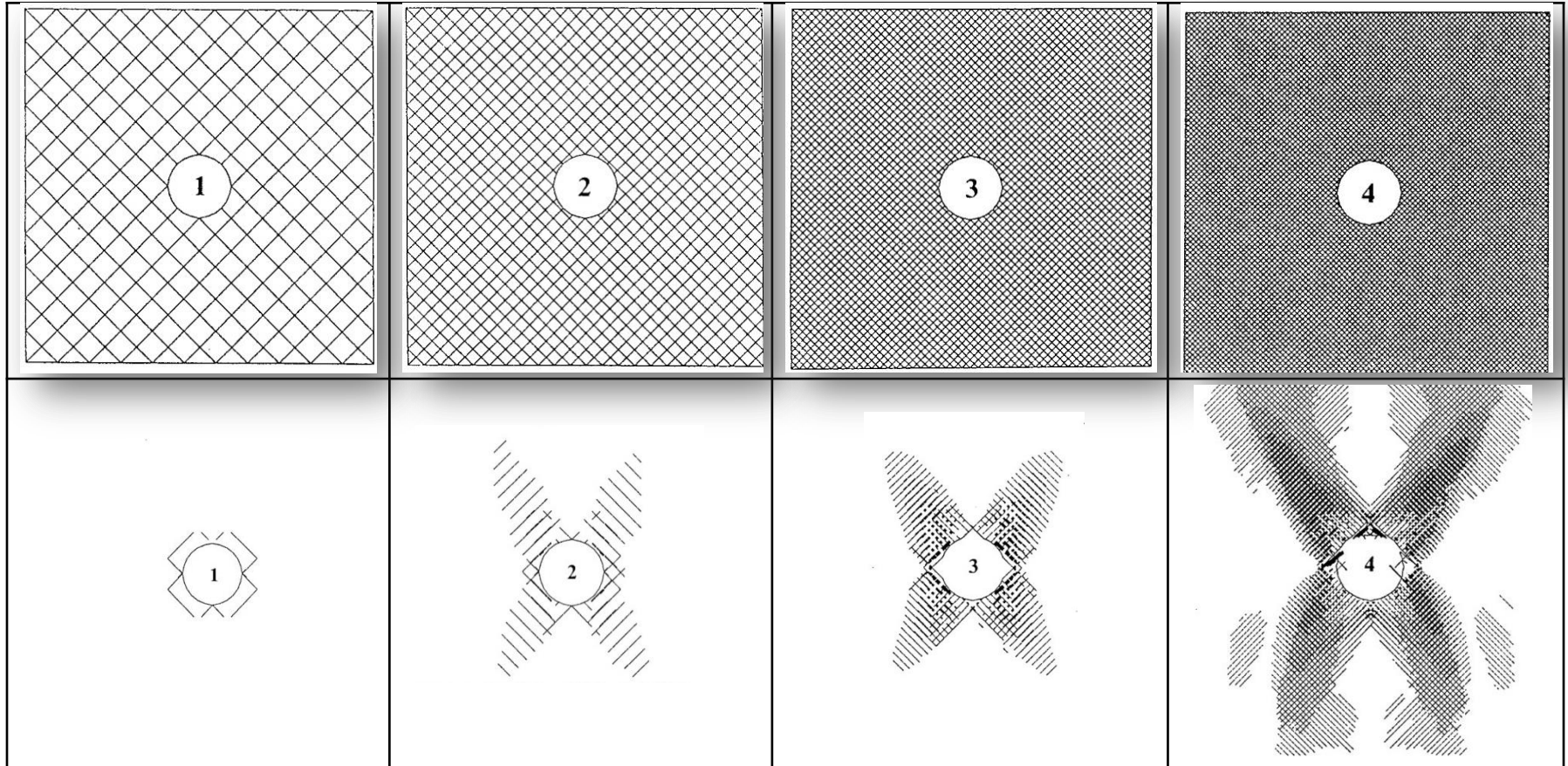
**WHY?: Rotational friction, block crushing, extreme heating, ground water converted to steam, 'steam-cushioned slides' due to 'gas' pressure?**

**( $V_2/V_1 = 1,400:1$ )**



# SUCCESSIVE HALVING OF THE BLOCK SIZE – HAS DRAMATIC ROTATIONAL (degree-of-freedom) EFFECTS, ALSO WITH *UDEC-MC*. (helps to explain *the drama of fault zones: worse with clay and water*)

*Shen, B. & Barton, N. 1997. The disturbed zone around tunnels in jointed rock masses.*

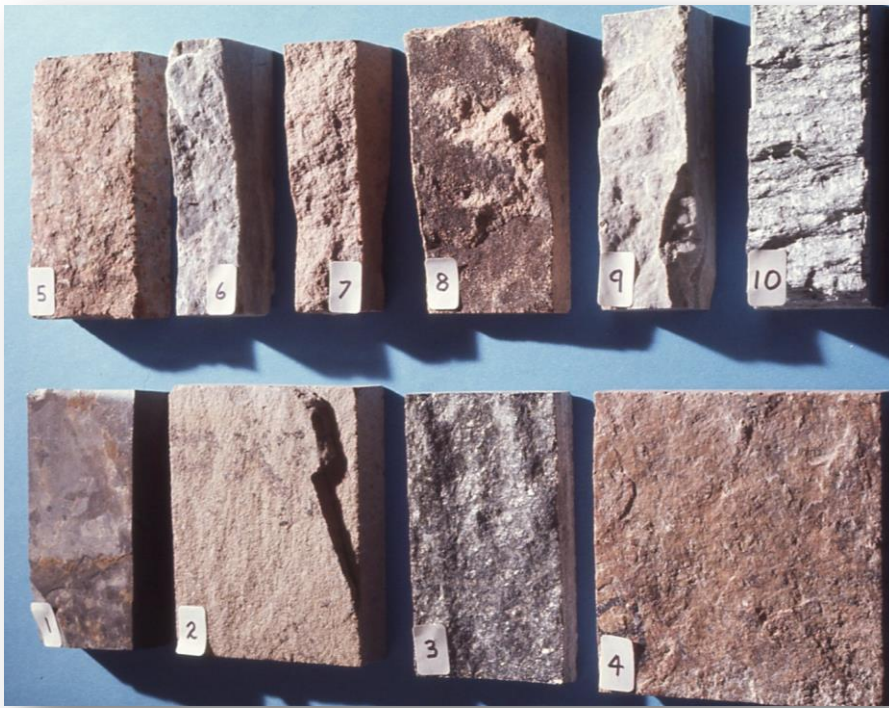


***ROCK JOINTS :***

***THEY (ALSO) SHOWED  
NON-LINEAR SHEAR STRENGTH  
(and no cohesion!)***



130 joint samples. Roughness measurement and *tilt test*  
( Barton and Choubey, 1977)





# TILT TEST 'THEORY'

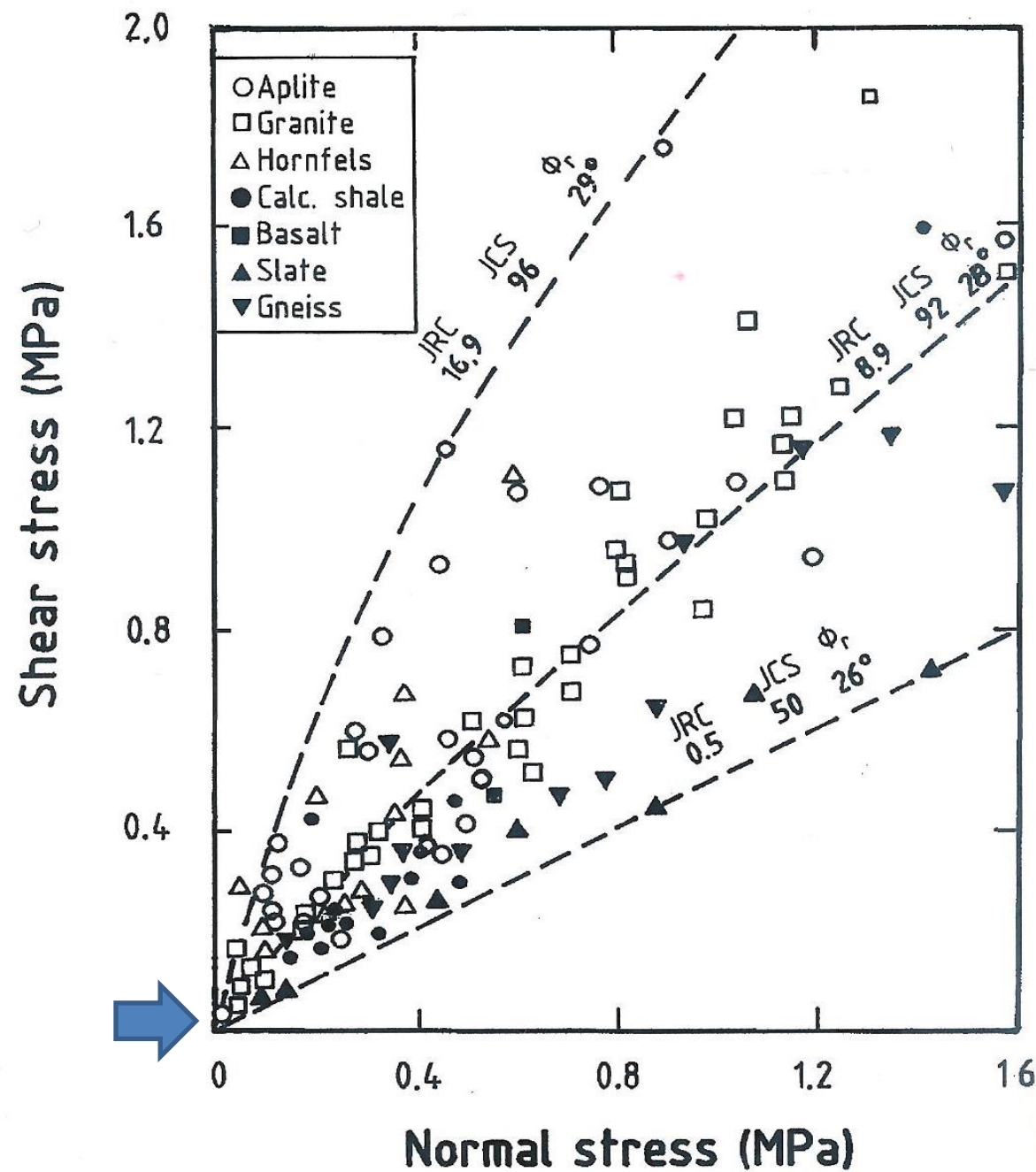


$\sigma_n$ (MPa)	$\arctan$ ( $\tau/\sigma_n$ )	$\arctan (\tau/\sigma_n)^\circ$	
		JRC=5	JRC=10
100 †	$> \phi_r$	$> 30^\circ$	$> 30^\circ$
10	$\phi_r + \text{JRC}$	$35^\circ$	$40^\circ$
1	$\phi_r + 2 \text{ JRC}$	$40^\circ$	$50^\circ$
0.1	$\phi_r + 3 \text{ JRC}$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$
0.01 ‡	$\phi_r + 4 \text{ JRC}$	$50^\circ$	$70^\circ$
0.001 ‡	$\phi_r + 5 \text{ JRC}$	$55^\circ$	$80^\circ$

$$\text{JRC} = \frac{\alpha^\circ - \phi_r^\circ}{\log \left[ \frac{\text{JCS}}{\sigma_n} \right]}$$

where  $\alpha^\circ = \arctan (\tau/\sigma_n)$

(Barton and Bandis, 1990)



**130 rock-joint samples**  
(Barton and Choubey 1977)

Three curved **peak shear strength envelopes** and **no cohesion!**

**1. Maximum strength with JRC = 16.9**

**2. Mean parameters**

JRC = 8.9

JCS = 92 MPa

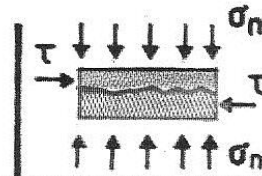
$\phi_r = 28^\circ$

**3. Minimum strength with  $\phi_r = 26^\circ$**



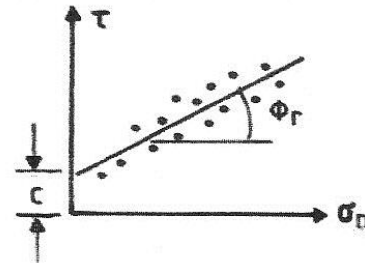
# THREE SHEAR STRENGTH CRITERIA FOR ROCK JOINTS

Typical test method



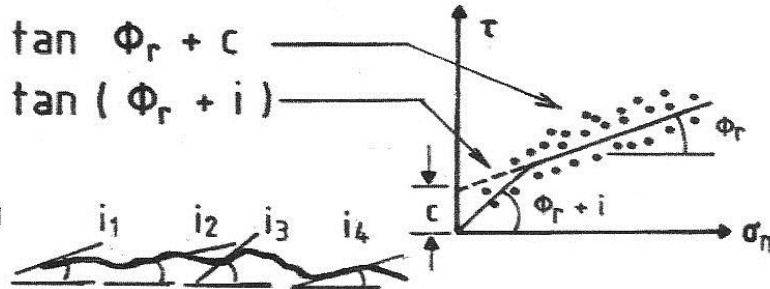
①  $\tau = \sigma_n \tan \Phi_r + c$

Mohr - Coulomb



②  $\tau = \sigma_n \tan \Phi_r + c$   
 $\tau = \sigma_n \tan (\Phi_r + i)$

Patton

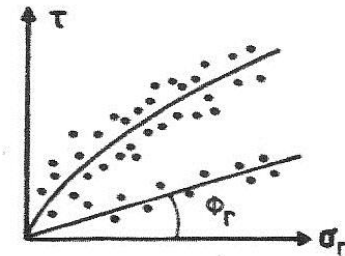


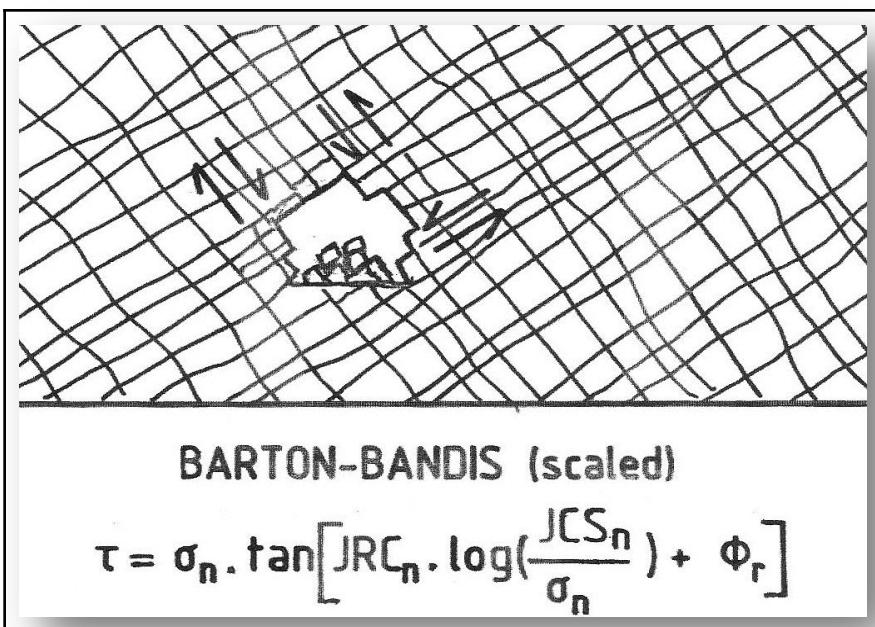
③  $\tau = \sigma_n \tan \left[ \text{JRC} \log \left( \frac{\text{JCS}}{\sigma_n} \right) + \Phi_r \right]$

**JRC** = joint roughness coefficient

**JCS** = joint wall compression strength

**Φ<sub>r</sub>** = residual friction angle





Note: the original *tension fracture-based* equation (1971) was:

$$\tau = \sigma_n \tan [ 20 \cdot \log(UCS/\sigma_n) + 30^\circ ]$$

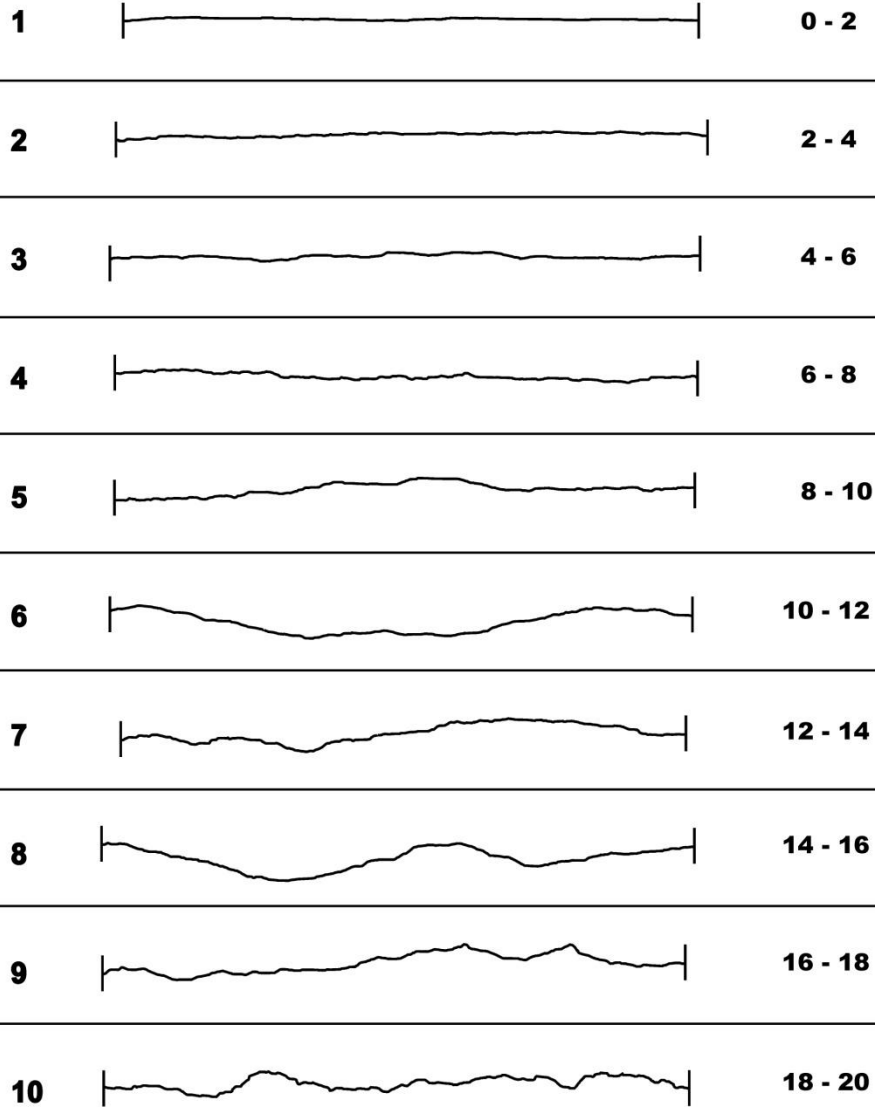
JRC

JCS

$\phi_b$  (now  $\phi_r$ )

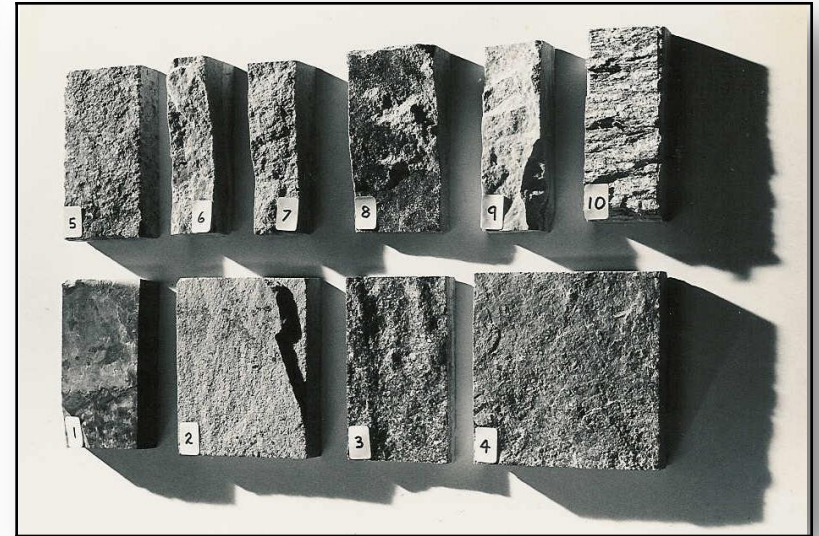
**TO THOSE WHO HAVE PERFORMED PH.D.'s AND ARE SELLING SOFTWARE – PLEASE NOTE it is  $\phi_r$  since 1977 !**

TYPICAL ROUGHNESS PROFILES for JRC range:



0 50 100 mm SCALE

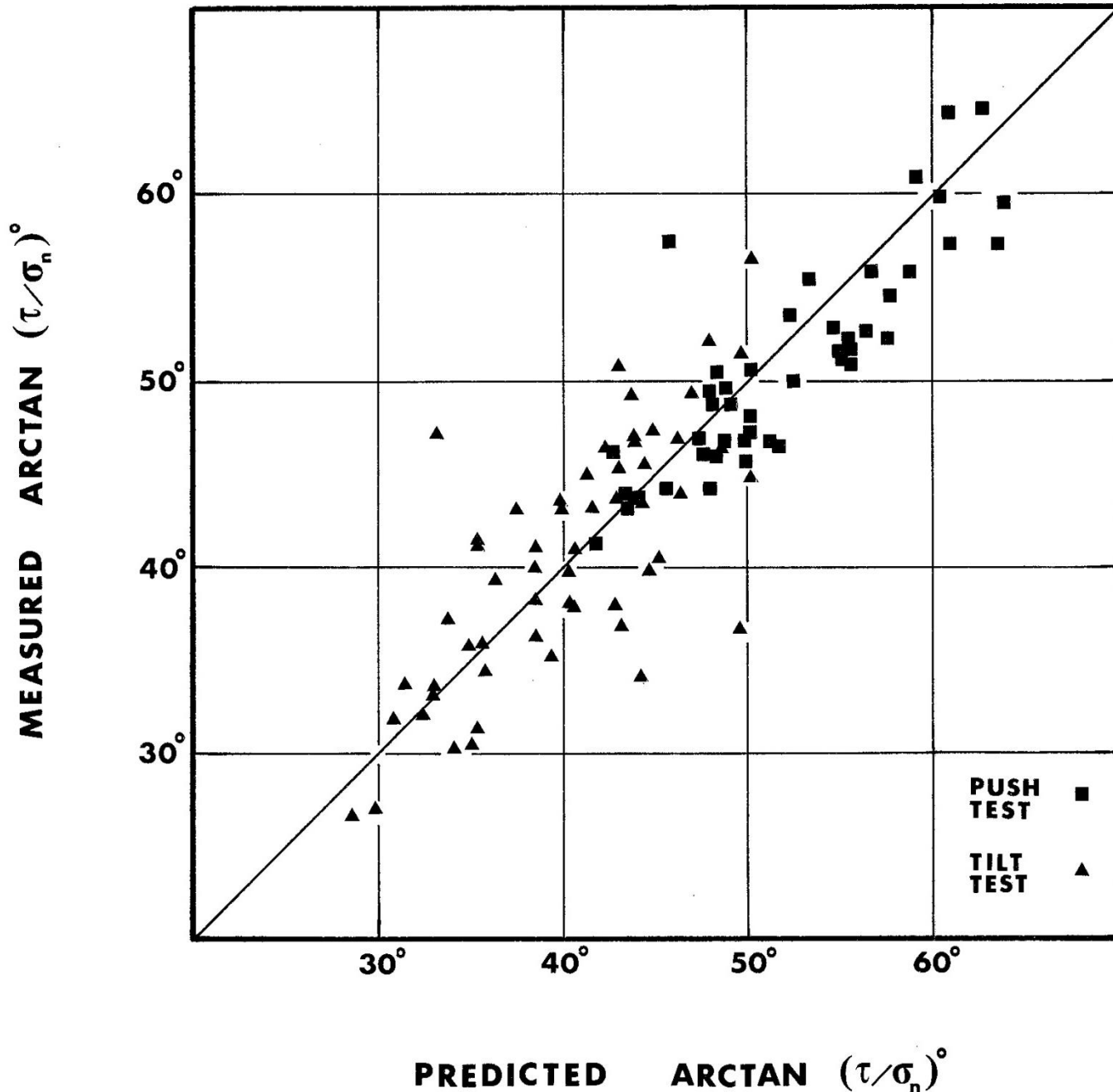
VISUAL MATCHING OF ROUGHNESS – for JRC... **USEFUL BUT HAS LIMITATIONS**  
(Barton and Choubey, 1977)





**EXAMPLE of ROUGHNESS CONTRAST – BACK-CALCULATED  
FROM DST (L = 400 mm: Nevada Test Site welded tuff)**





**NOTE:**  
above JRC-  
JCS strength  
criterion was  
developed  
from tilt and  
push test  
correlation  
with DST

**(not from  
analysing  
roughness  
profiles!)**





**JCS < UCS**

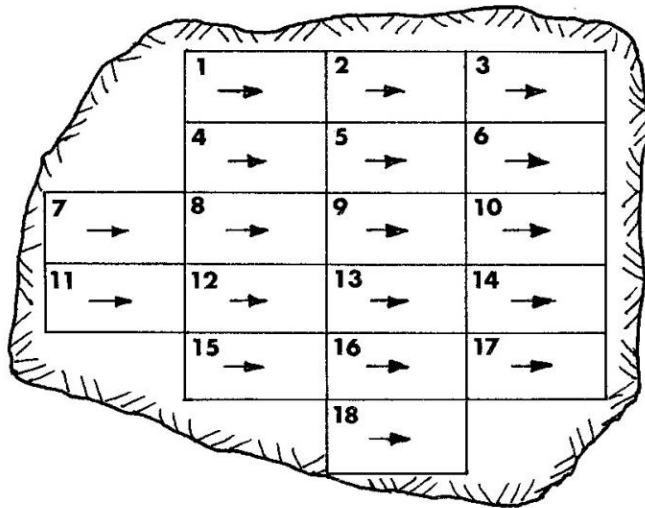
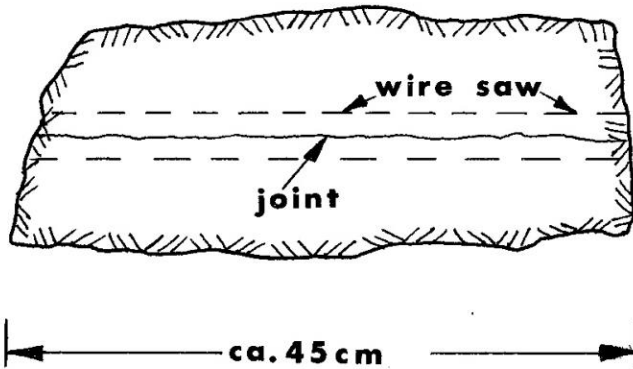
**JCS > UCS (?)**





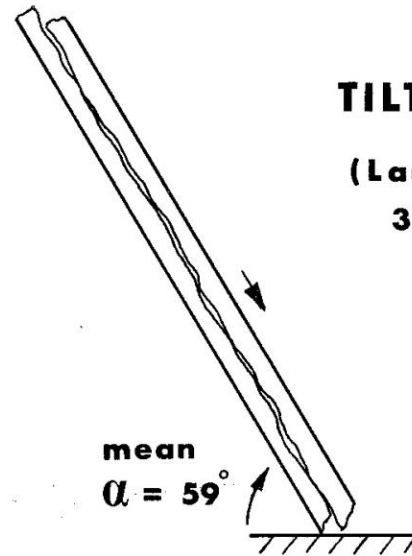
# **SCALE EFFECTS FOR INDIVIDUAL JOINTS**

## IN SITU BLOCK



## TILT TEST

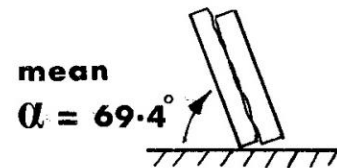
(Large scale)  
3 tests



(1 sample)

## TILT OR PUSH TEST

(Small scale)  
54 tests



(18 samples)

Tilt tests  
repeated  
at different  
scale -

there is  
*almost no*  
*damage.*

Note:  
 $JRC_1 < JRC_2$

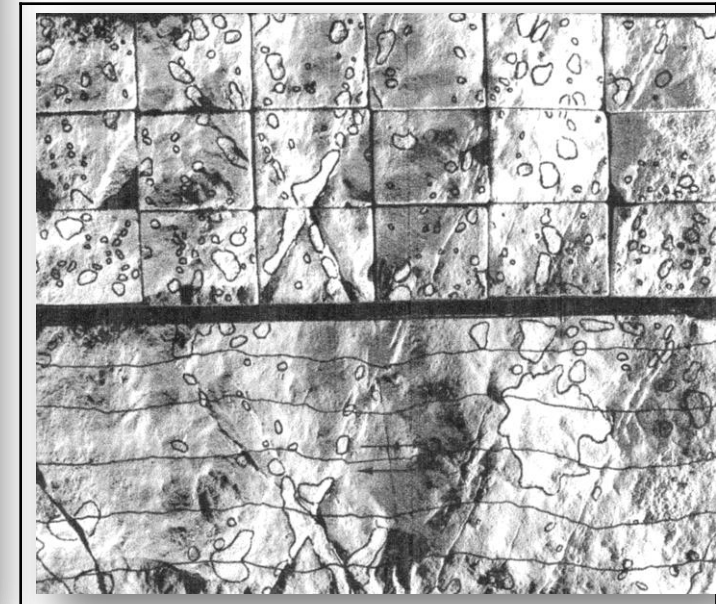
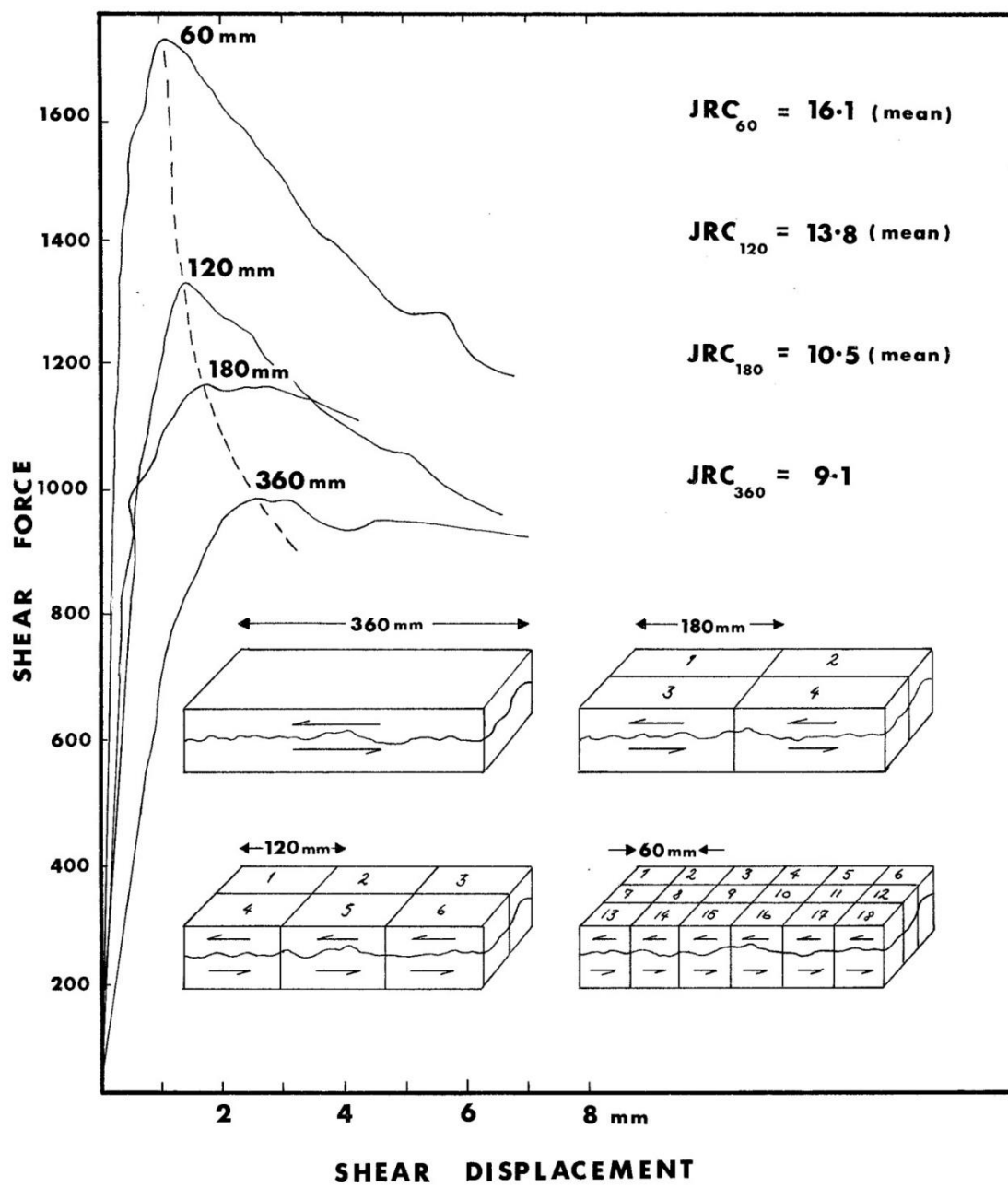
(Barton and  
Choubey,  
1977)



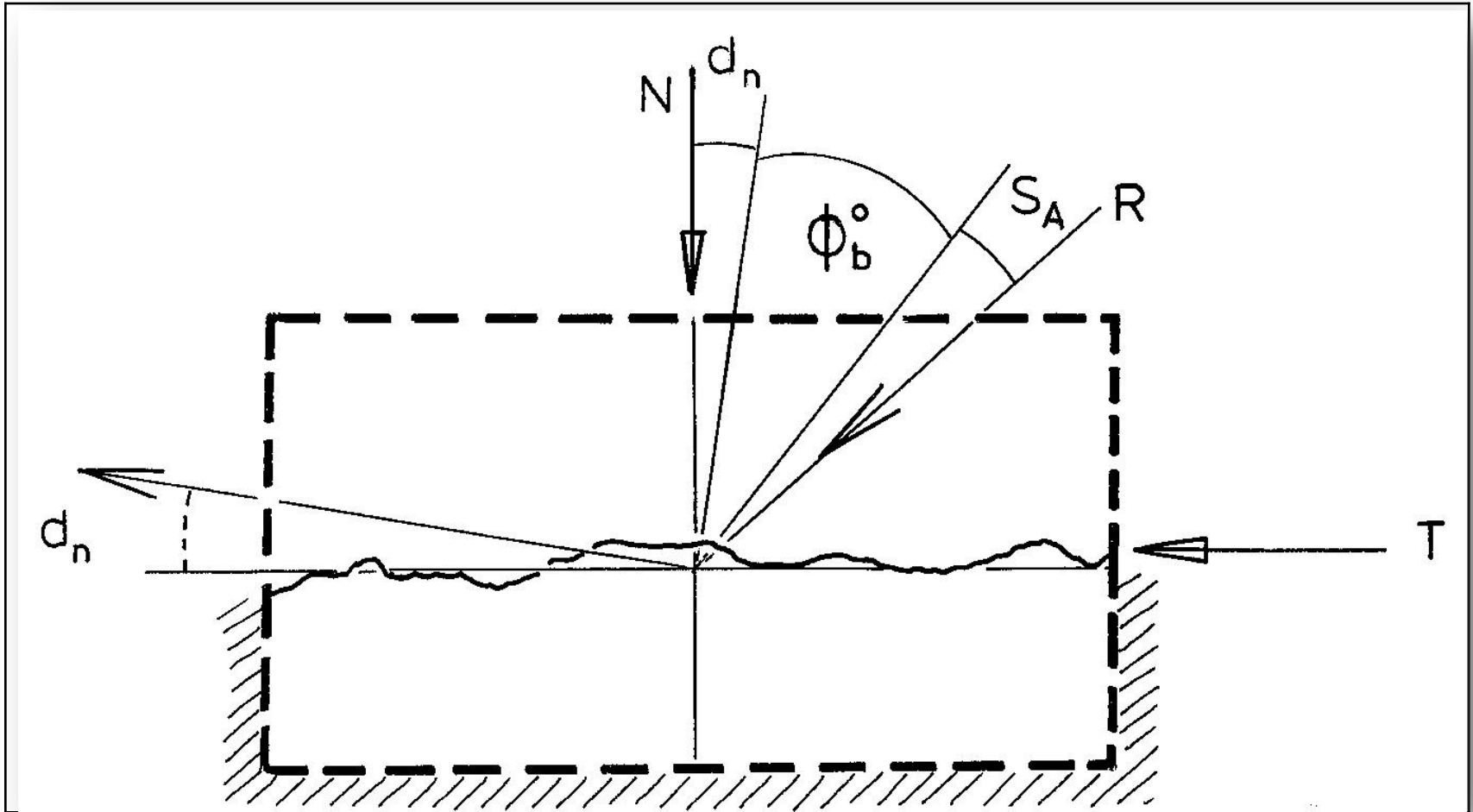
Bandis 1980 Ph.D.

*Ahead-of-their-time  
scale-effect  
investigations.*

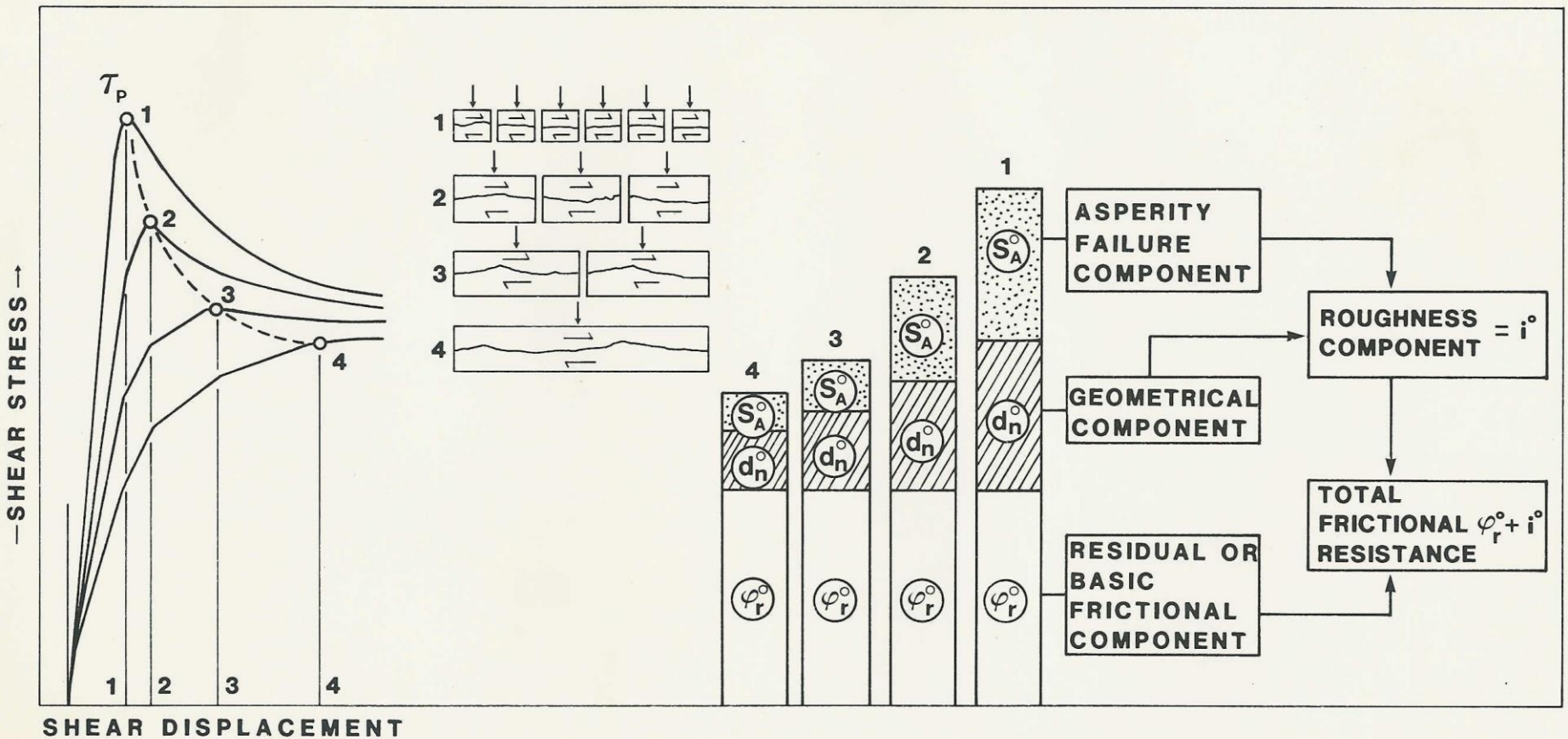
**One set of many joint  
replica tests.**



The angular components of **peak shear strength**, with asperity strength ( $S_A$ ), and peak dilation angle ( $d_n$ ) each included. (Barton, 1971)





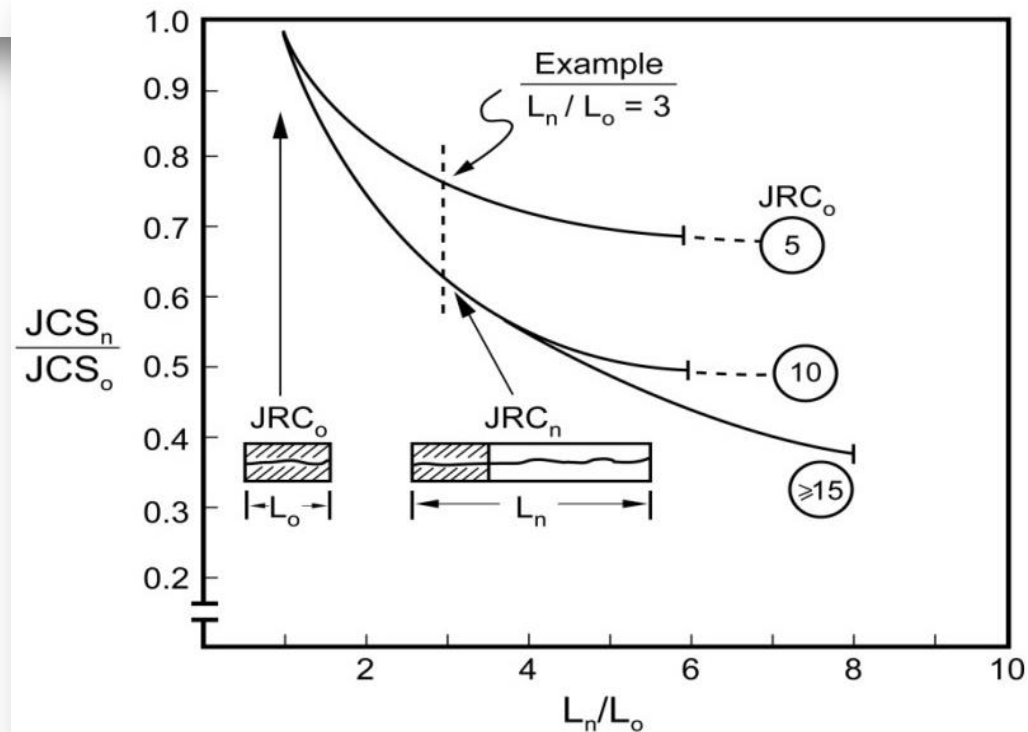
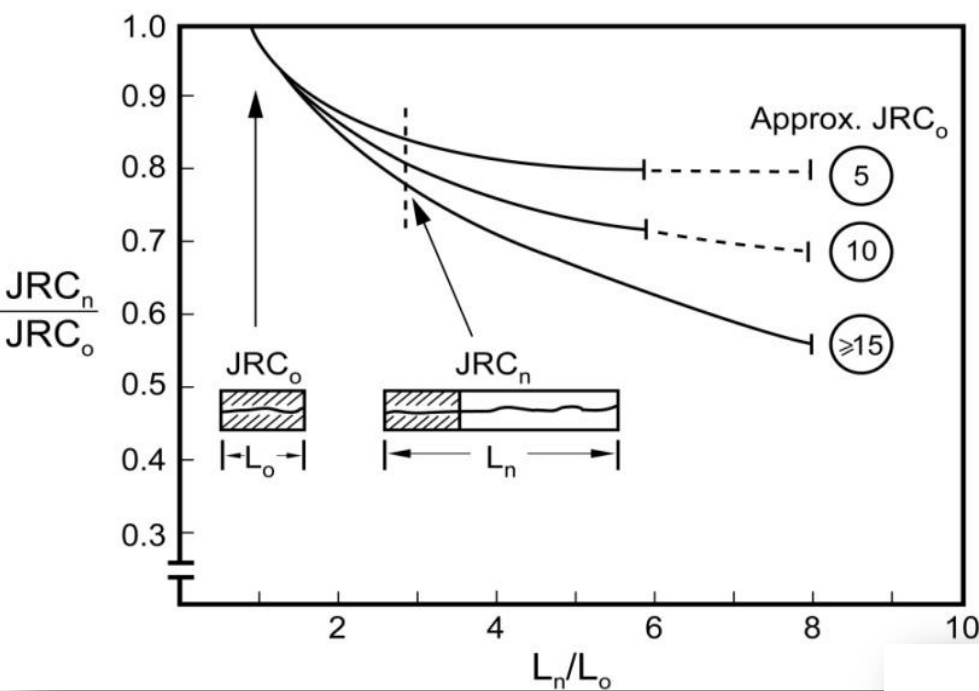


Asperity component  $S_A$  means that **JRC (or  $\phi_r$ ) cannot be back-calculated by subtracting dilation ( $d_n$ ) from peak strength.  $\Phi_r$  or  $\Phi_b$  would then be dangerously too high (e.g.  $40^\circ$ ) as in some earlier Hong Kong work. (JRC would also be incorrect).**

# SCALE-EFFECTS

## REDUCTION OF of JRC and JCS with block-size

$L_n > L_0$



$$JRC_n \approx JRC_0 \left[ \frac{L_n}{L_0} \right]^{-0.02 JRC_0}$$

$$JCS_n \approx JCS_0 \left[ \frac{L_n}{L_0} \right]^{-0.03 JRC_0}$$

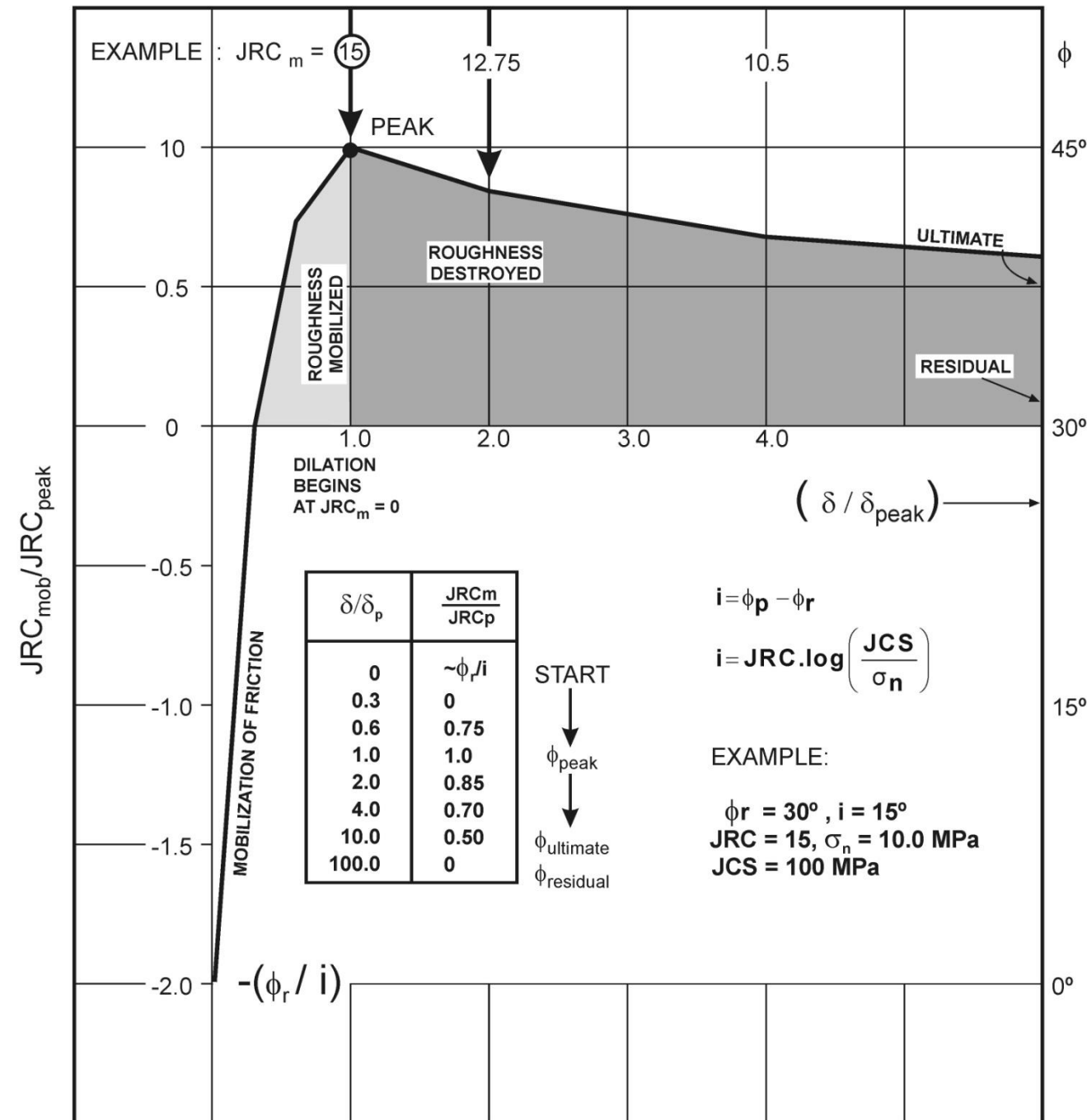
(Bandis, Dearman, Barton, 1981)



# JRC<sub>mobilized</sub> defined

(also with dimensionless displacement)

Barton, 1978, 1982

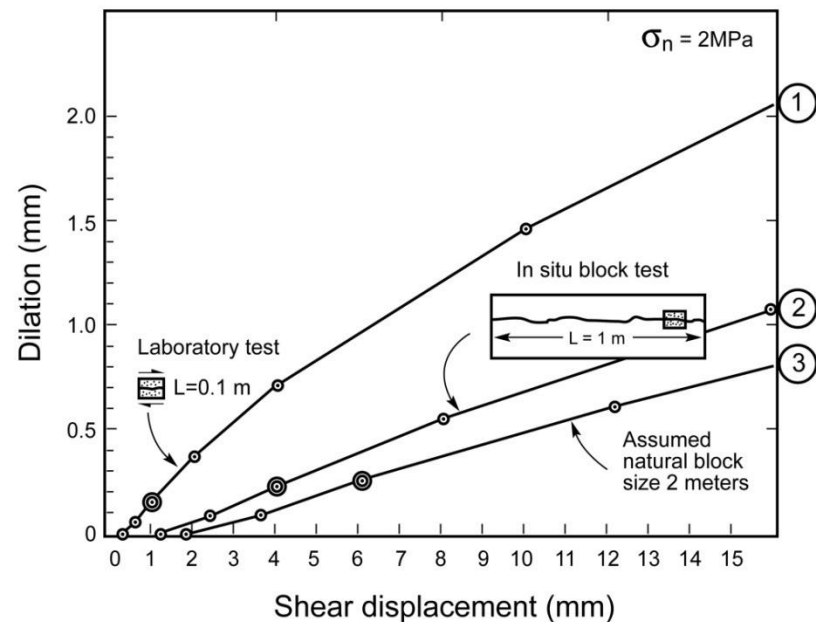
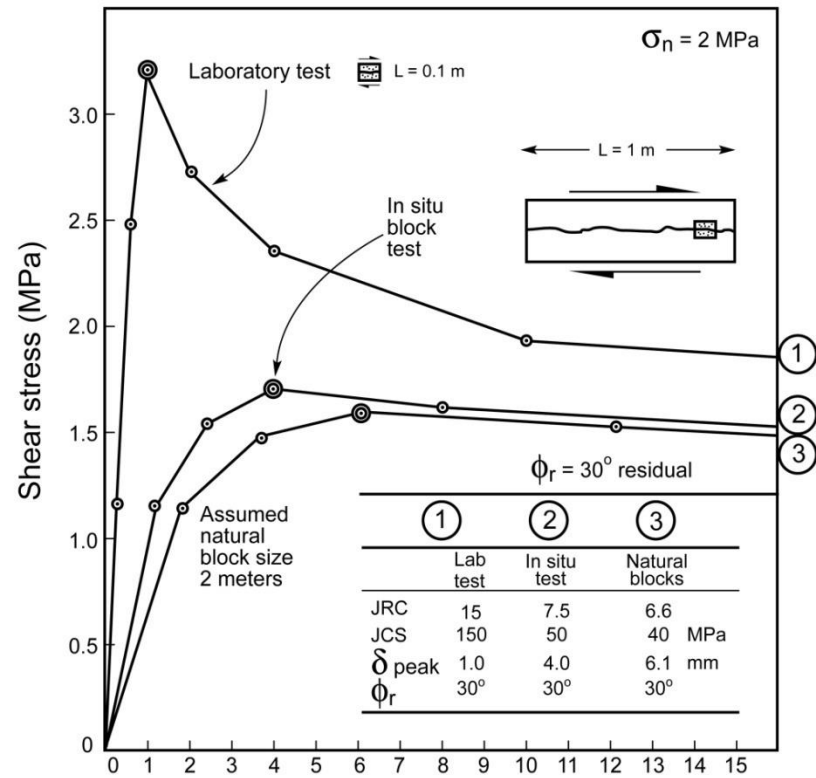


Then possible to predict/model *shear stress-displacement and dilation-displacement behaviour.*

(Barton, 1982, with scaling from Bandis et al. 1981).

*Note (double) scale effect on shear stiffness (Ks), because it is strongly scale-and-stress-dependent.*

*(Ks usually < 1 MPa/mm, 0.1 MPa/mm if large blocks)*





***Well-jointed  
wedge.***

**Remains in  
place  
because of  
the higher  
shear  
strength of  
the *smaller  
component  
blocks* ?**

$$\tau = \sigma_n \tan \left[ \text{JRC}_n \log \left( \frac{\text{JCS}_n}{\sigma_n} \right) + \phi_r \right]$$



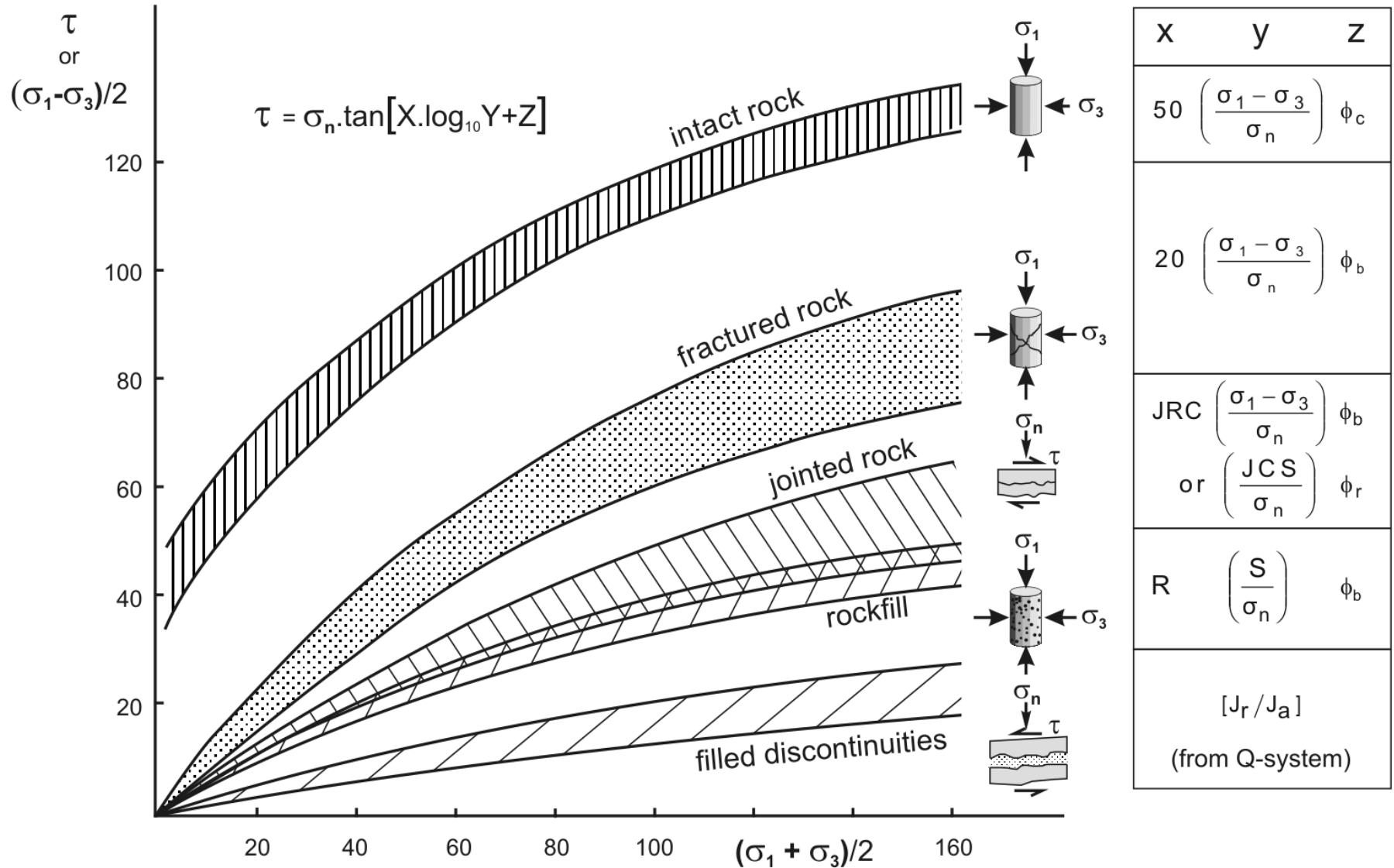
# Larger blocks defining wedge

*(failure at much shallower angle of dip)*



# Before leaving shear strength envelopes:

**When a rock mass fails: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (and 5th) envelopes are mobilized at different strains - not like H-B / GSI estimation** (Barton, 1976, 1999, 2006)



# INTO THE FIELD !!

## CHARACTERIZATION OF JOINTING, DEFORMABILITY, AT MAJOR DAM SITES

- IRAN: **KARUN IV** 230 m
- IRAN: **BAKHTIARY** 325 m
- CHINA: **BAIHETAN** 283 m (2 x 8,000 MW)



“You need to hire a *rock-climbing-engineering-geology* group to characterise the major joint planes that define the two major wedges **that your company** are worried about”





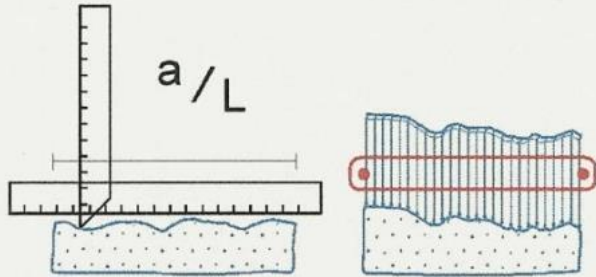
*Some kilos lighter, and not telling his wife the reason,* Iranian colleague M.Zargari is profiling major-joint MJ-67, **Karun IV Dam, Iran**



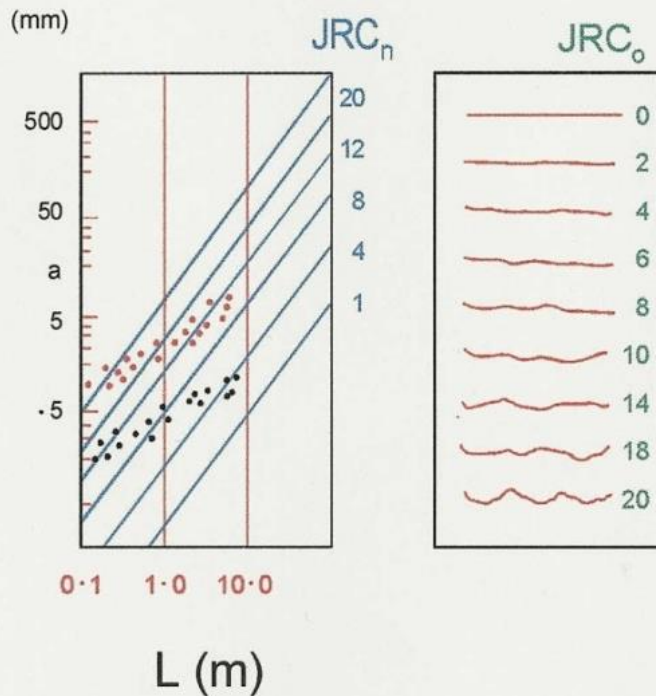
Schmidt rebound ( $R$ ) on intact rock ( $> r$  on joint plane)  
Karun IV Dam site canyon, Iran





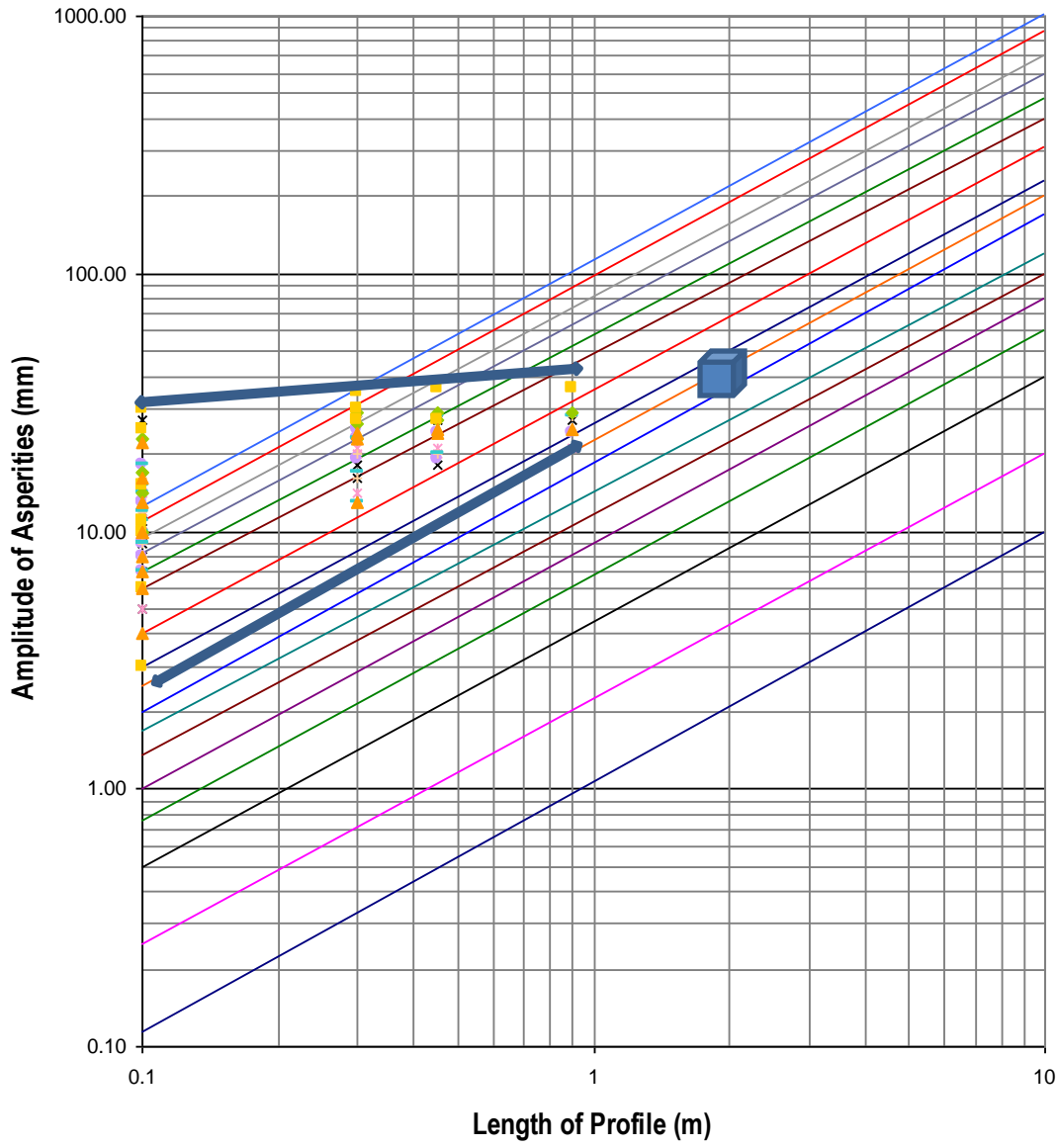


ROUGHNESS PROFILES



The  $a/L$  method  
for *roughness*  
is used when  
JRC is TOO  
LARGE

# Joint Roughness Coefficient (JRC)



- JRC=0.5
- JRC=1
- JRC=2
- JRC=3
- JRC=4
- JRC=5
- JRC=6
- JRC=8
- JRC=10
- JRC=12
- JRC=16
- JRC=20
- × F6a-ZA-B1
- × F6a-ZA-B2
- F6a-ZA-B3
- + F6a-ZA-B4
- F6a-ZA-B7
- ◆ F6a-ZA-B8
- F6a-ZA-B11
- ▲ F6a-ZA-B13
- JRC=22
- JRC=24
- JRC=26
- JRC=28
- JRC=30

For the very rough bedding plane, had to use **“a/L”** method

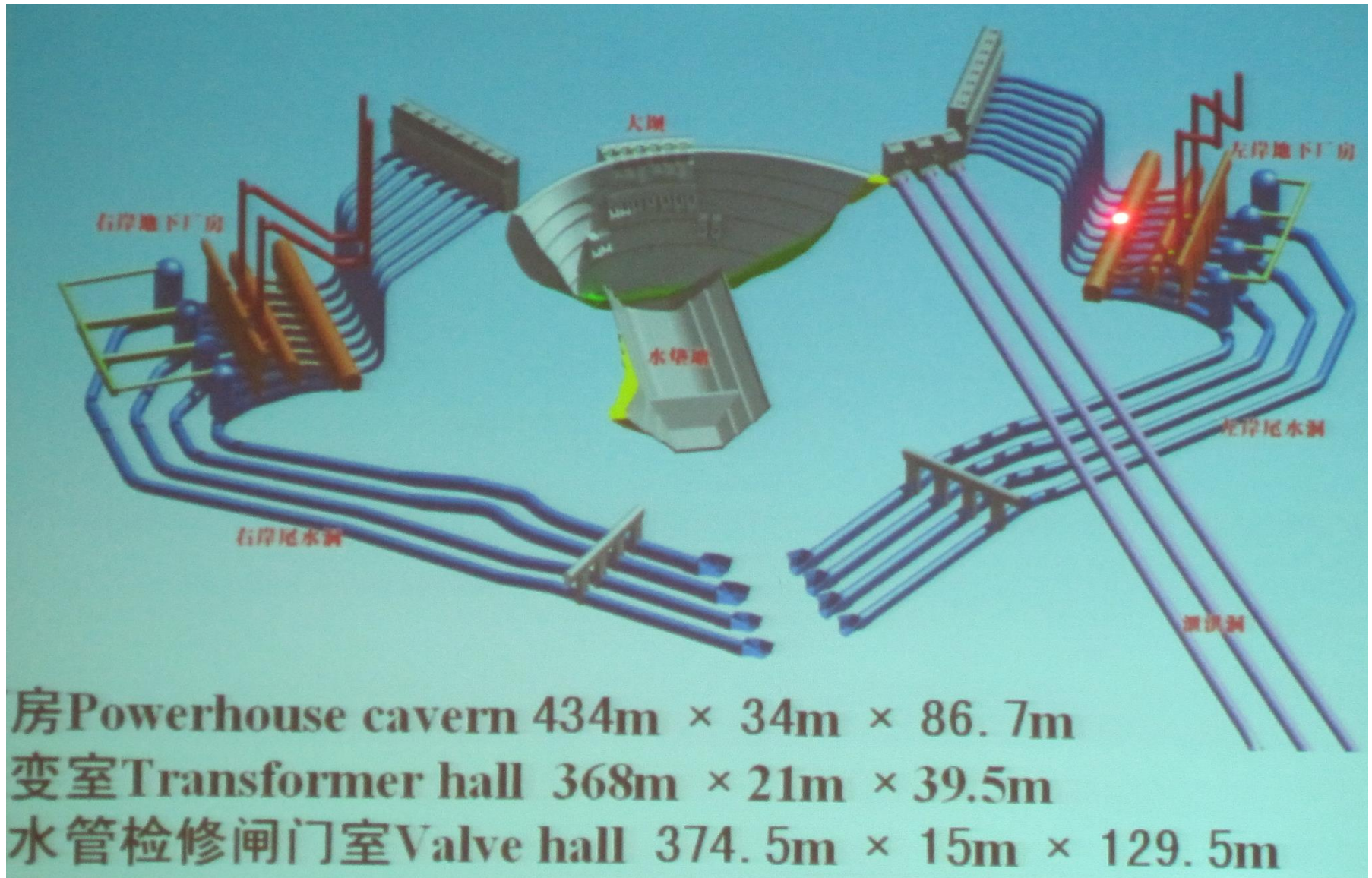
Mean  
**JRC<sub>n</sub> = 11**  
 (for 2m block size)

# **COLUMNAR JOINTING AT A MAJOR DAM SITE IN CHINA**

**(Baihetan, 283m, 2 x 8000 MW)**



# BAIHETAN DAM and POWER GENERATION: 2 X 8,000 MW HydroChina/ECIDI











RECORDING OF  
ROUGHNESS FOR *JRC*  
ESTIMATION, 70 to 140 m  
*into the canyon walls.*

(May need stripping to this  
competent-rock depth)

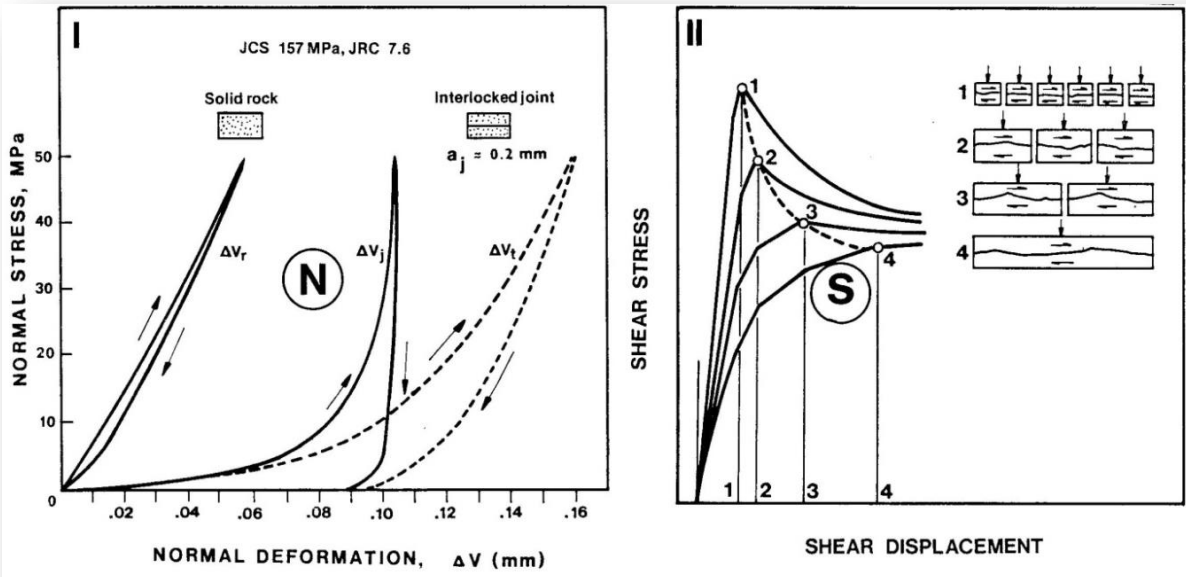
RECORDING OF  
SCHMIDT-  
HAMMER  
REBOUND FOR  
*JCS* ESTIMATION





APPLICATION OF ***JRC*** and ***JCS*** to  
ROCK MASS DEFORMABILITY  
and to  
**MODELLING with UDEC-BB**

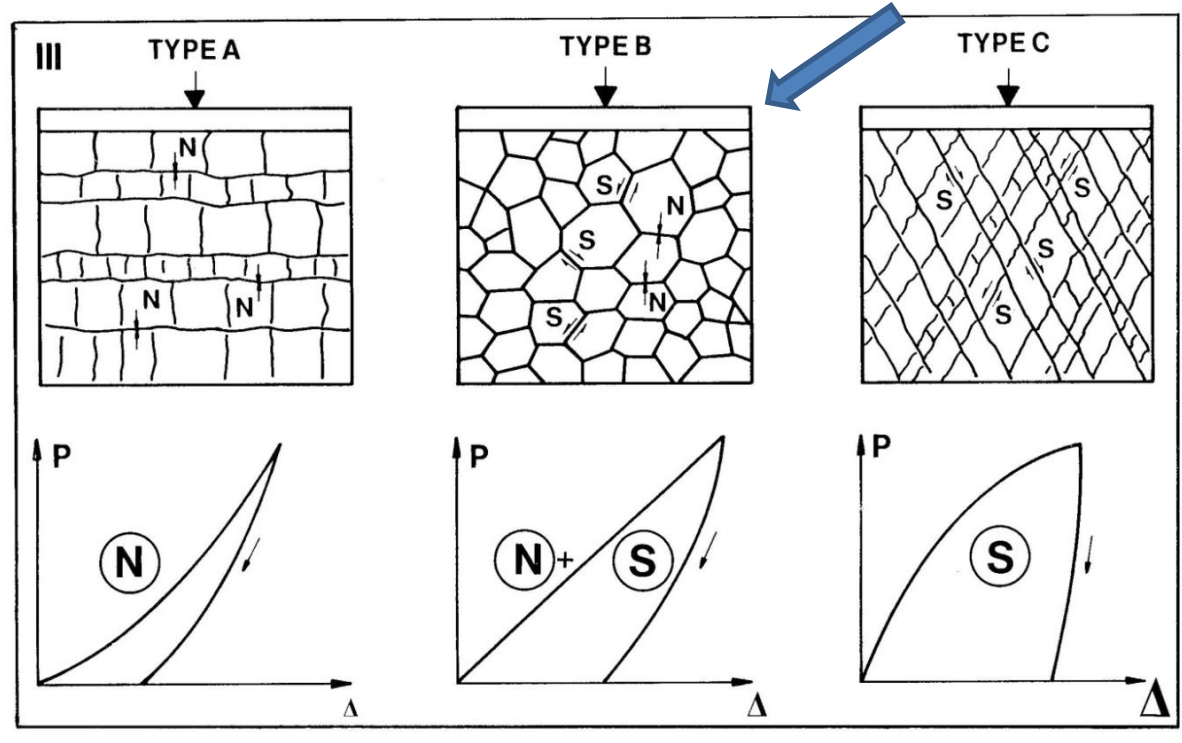
*(see columnar basalt behaviour)*



**Stress-closure and scale-effect shear tests.** (Bandis et al. 1981 and 1983)

**The N, S components in rock mass load-deformation mechanisms.**

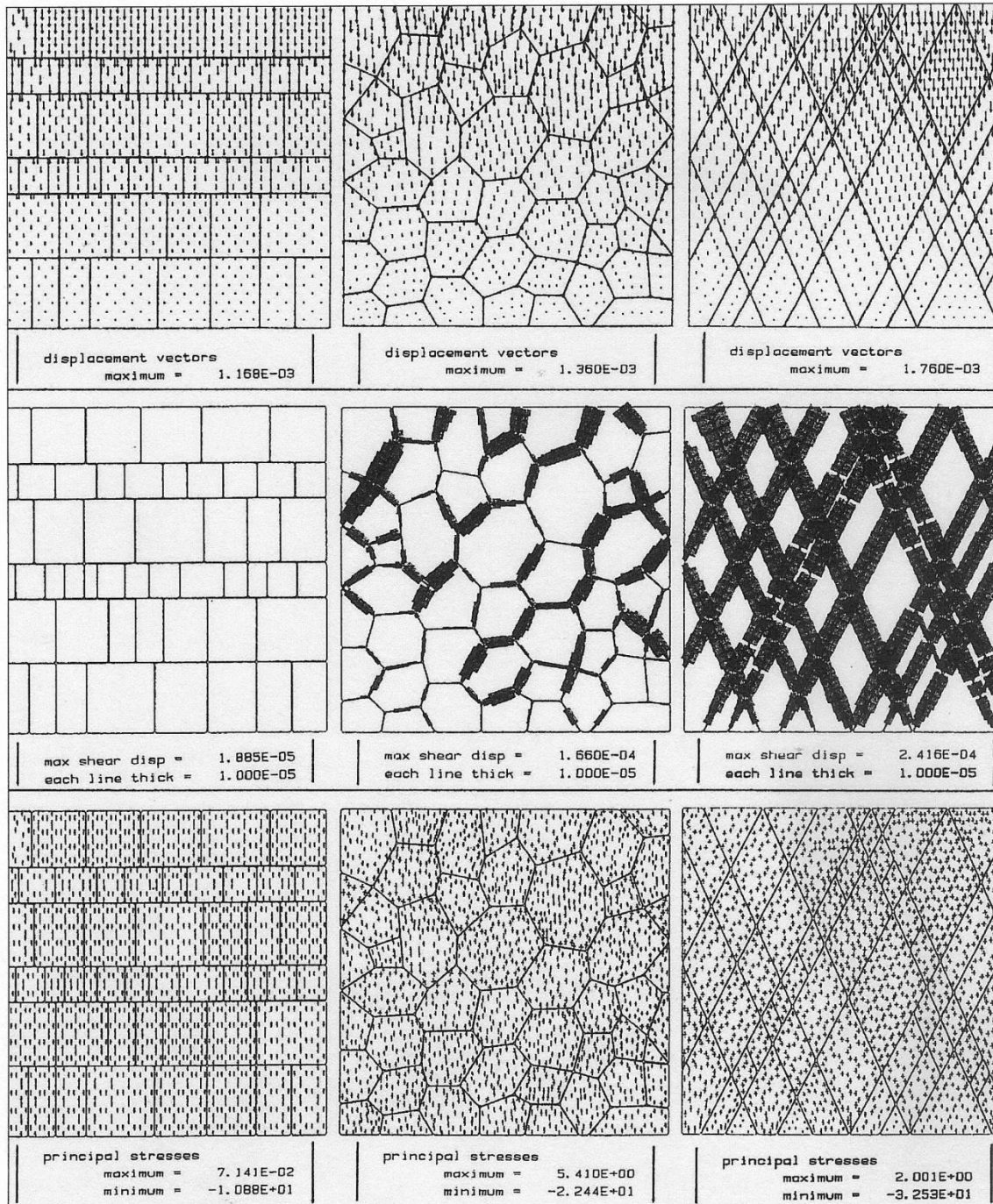
(Barton, 1986)



**There is plate-load / block-test evidence for these three P- $\Delta$  type-curves.**

**UDEC-BB** simulations  
(Chryssanthakis, NGI)

**EMPHASISES WHY  
DISCONTINUUM  
ANALYSES GIVE MORE  
EXCITEMENT/INTEREST/  
VALUE/REALISM  
than analyses without  
joints!**





# PART 2

# Q-SYSTEM

- ❑ SINCE 1974 Q HAS ACTUALLY BECOME “A SYSTEM”, SINCE THERE ARE NOW SEVERAL COMPONENTS.
- ❑ **(50 rock types in first 210 cases, 1250 case records)**
- ❑ Q rockmass classification, Q-histograms
- ❑ Q for ‘*single shell*’ NMT support (B + Sfr, RRS)
- ❑  $Q_c (= Q \times UCS/100)$  for correlating with  $V_p$  and  $E_{mass}$
- ❑ Q as part of  $Q_{TBM}$  for TBM prognosis
- ❑  $Q_{SLOPE}$  for selecting safe slope angles (in progress)
- ❑  $Q_c$  split into CC and FC (*if* ‘continuum’ modelling)

# EXAMPLE OF SLOPE ANGLE MATCHED TO GEOTECHNICAL PROPERTIES

(or to local ***Q-slope*** = 0.1, 1.0, 10).

(Panama expansion project, 2011. PCA photo)





# Why/how was Q developed?

Because of a question to NGI in 1973:

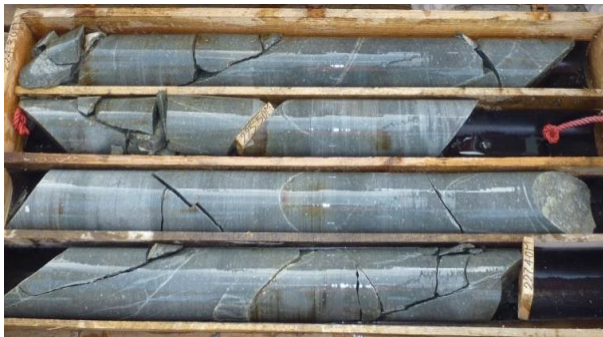
*“Why are Norwegian underground power houses showing such a variety of deformations”?*

(from Norwegian State Power Board/ STATKRAFT)

Question passed to NB. Answer given after 6 months of *Q-system development!*

VARIABLES: Rock mass quality, support type/quantity, span/height, depth, stress.

212 case records used. B, S(mr), B+S(mr), CCA.



**VARIABLE WORLD NEEDS *BROAD-REACH CHARACTERIZATION* METHOD**





**VARIABLE WORLD CANNOT ALWAYS BE COMPUTER MODELLED – BUT  
IT CAN BE CHARACTERIZED**

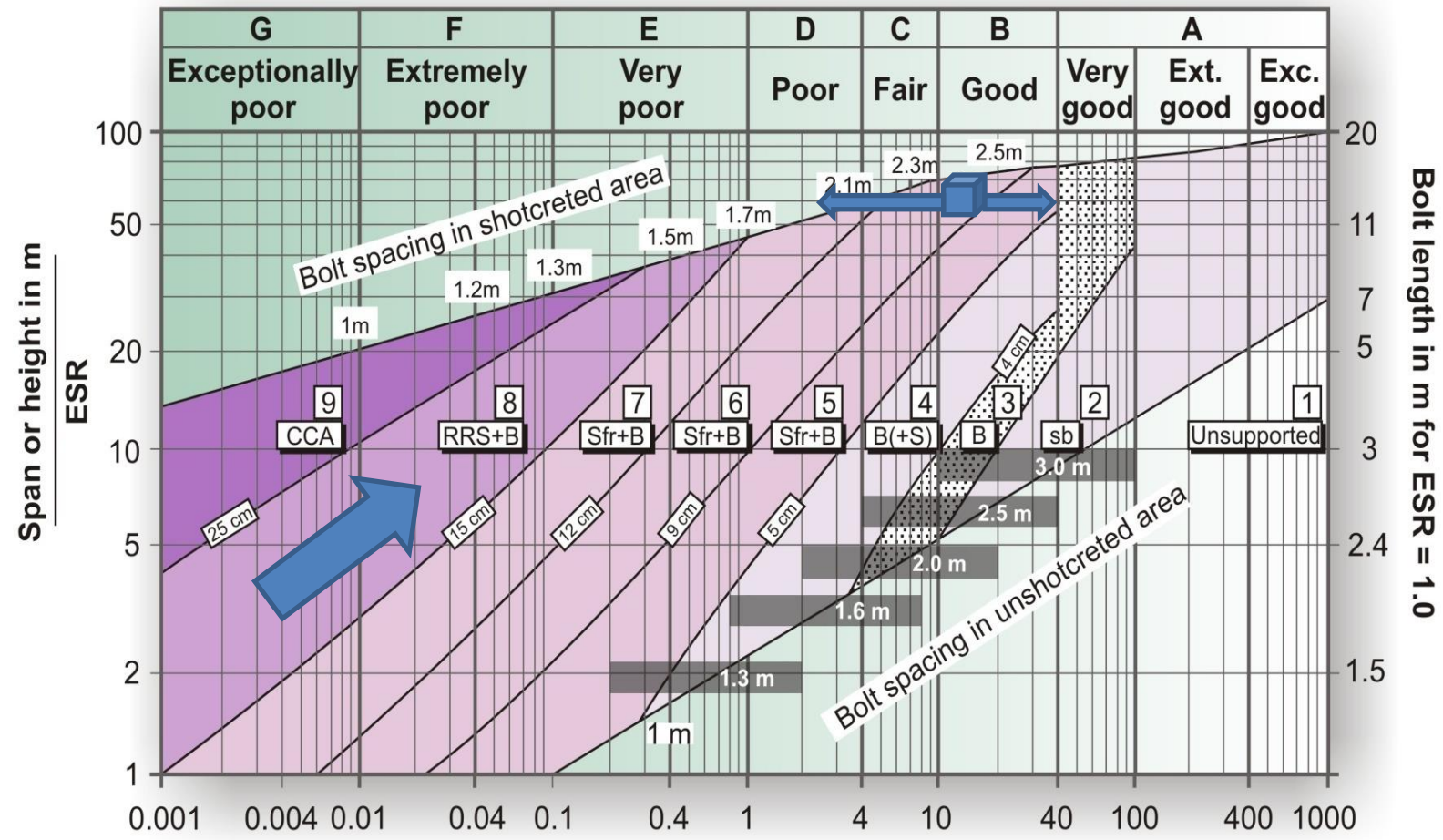


**Strength contrast, modulus contrast,  
constructability contrast (15 years/1 year)!**  
**0.001 → 1000, or 5 → 95, or F7 → F1 ???**



# **A GLIMSE OF NMT (SINGLE-SHELL TUNNELLING)**

for which the Q-system was  
actually designed



Rock mass quality  $Q = \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{SRF}$

**Grimstad and Barton, 1993**

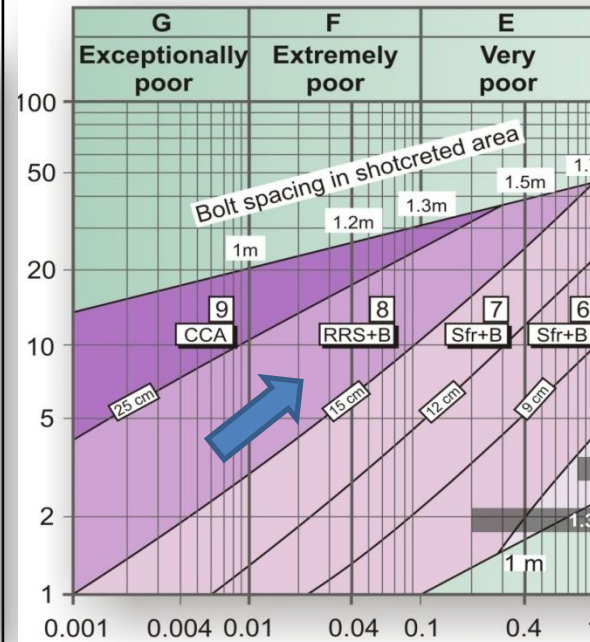
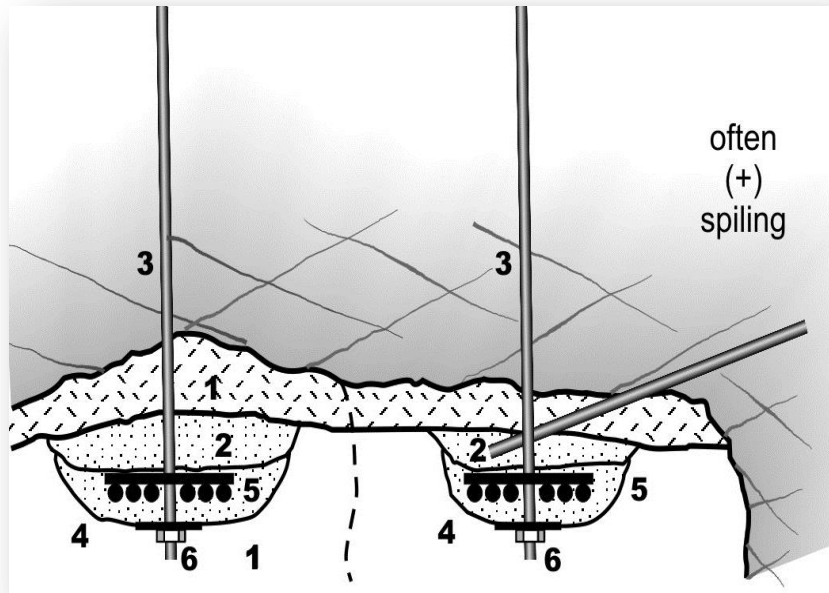
(Norwegian conference),

**Barton and Grimstad, 1994**

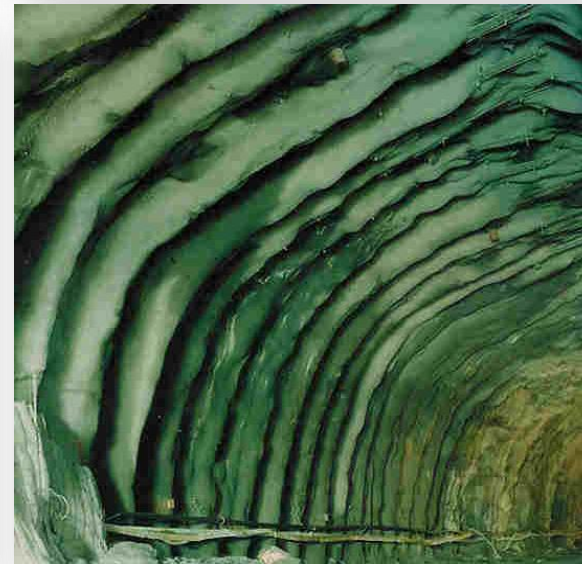
(Austrian conference).

**The Q-system is most strongly associated with ‘single shell’ solutions :**  
**(B+Sfr + water control) (= NMT= Norwegian Method of Tunnelling) in *mostly* better rock, costs about 1/5 x ‘double-shell’ NATM, e.g. 20,000 US \$/m compared to 100,000 US \$/m (Costs from many countries).**





**RRS**  
is a  
**flexible**  
**(until bolted)**  
**'lattice'**  
**girder.**



**3D**  
**effect**  
**because**  
**of S(fr)**  
**arches.**

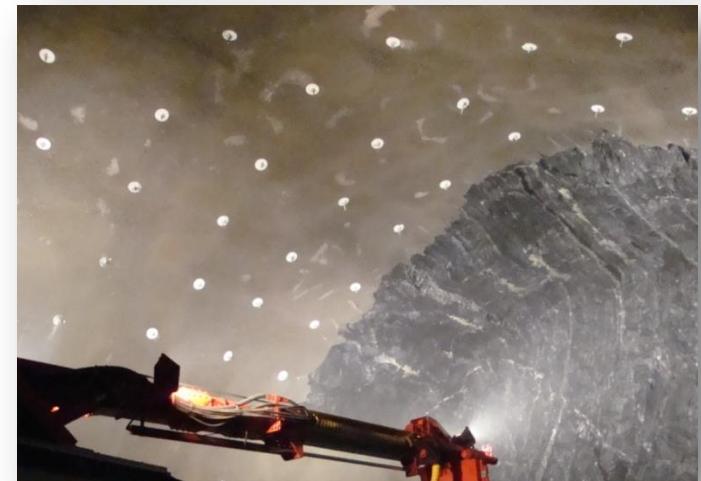




# QUESTION: SHALLOW METRO or DEEP METRO?



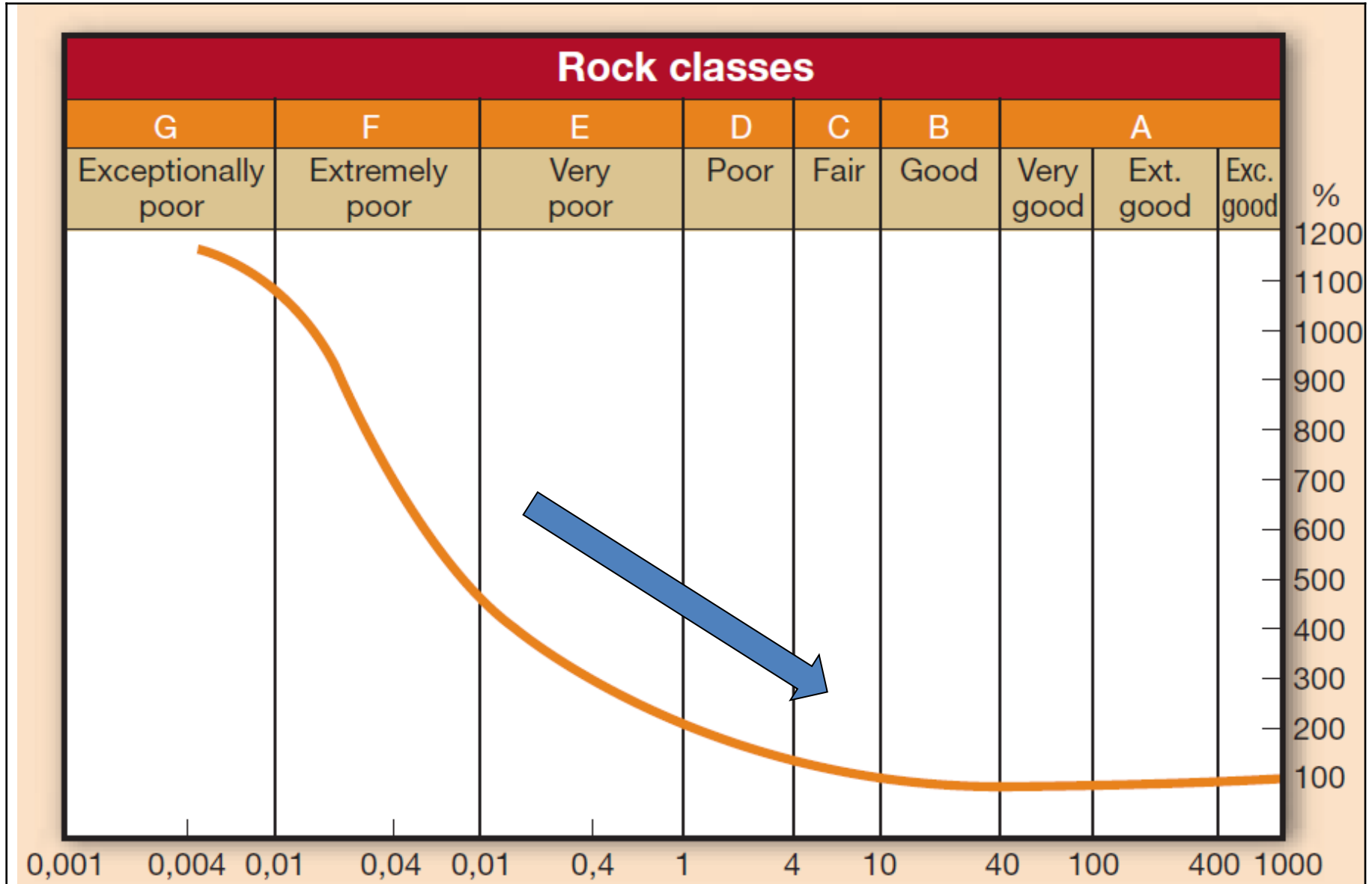
- **MIXED-FACE  
OR ROCK?**
- **5 m PER WEEK  
OR 20 m PER  
WEEK?**
- **COST  
DIFFERENCE  
MAY BE 5:1  
(at least)**



# RELATIVE COST FOR TUNNEL EXCAVATION AND SUPPORT

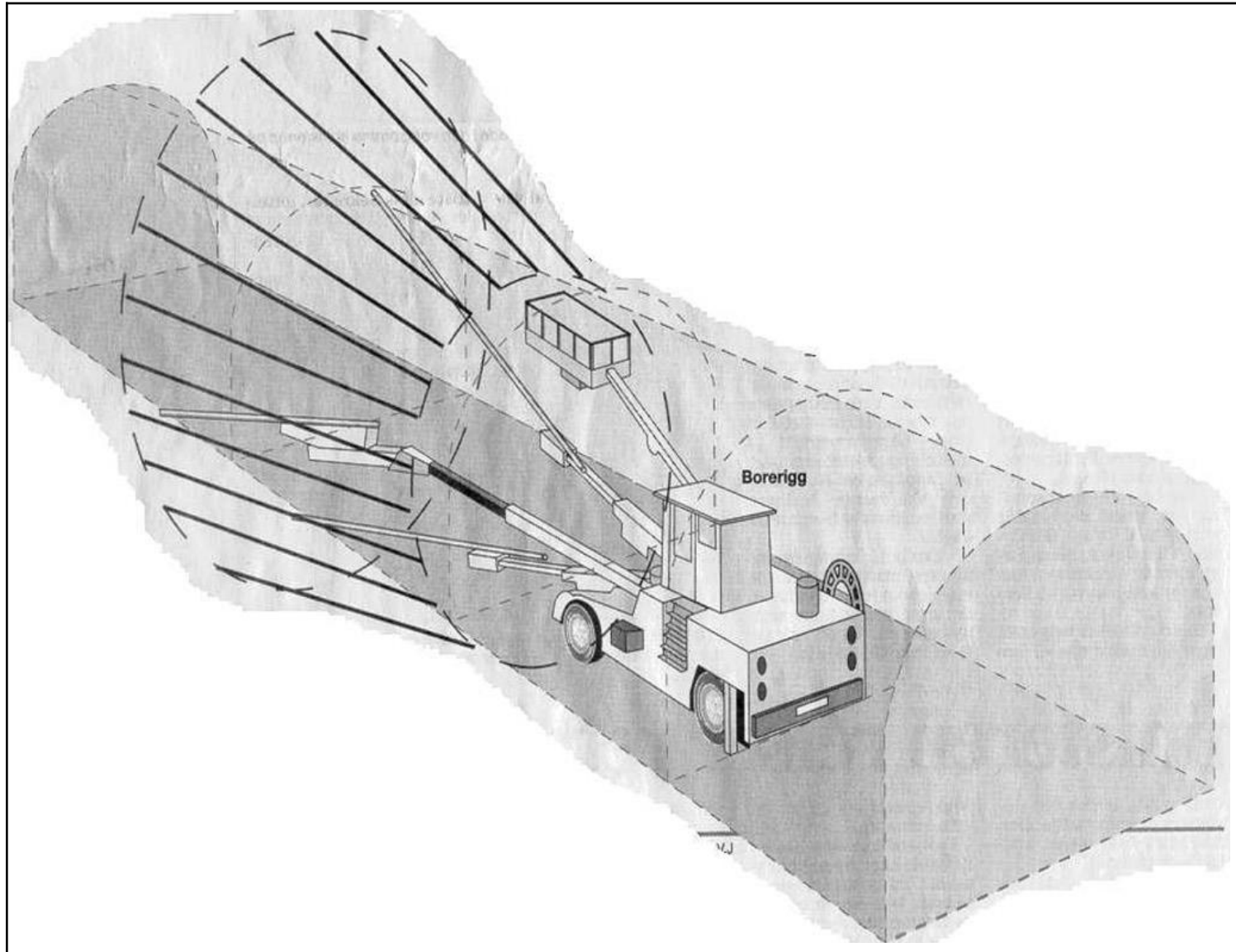
(Barton, Roald, Buen, 2001)

.....potential benefits of pre-grouting, especially if  $Q \approx 0.1$





**Pre-injection screen 30-70 holes, 20-30m long, 0.5-1.0 m c/c  
(Hognestad and Frogner, 2005..... and Garshol (ICE/HK, 2010))**





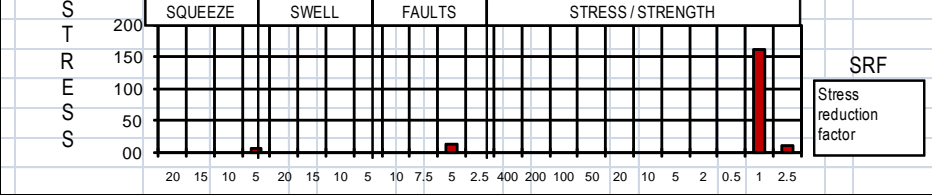
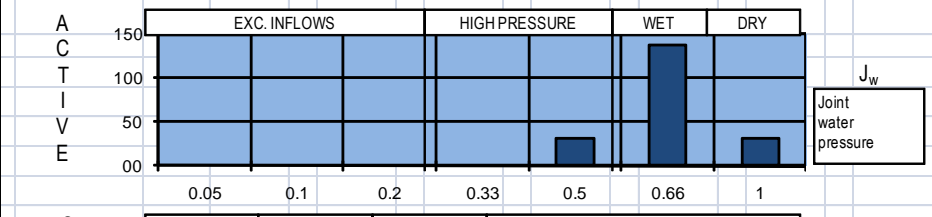
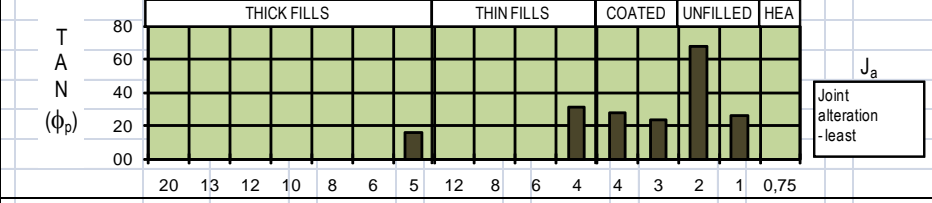
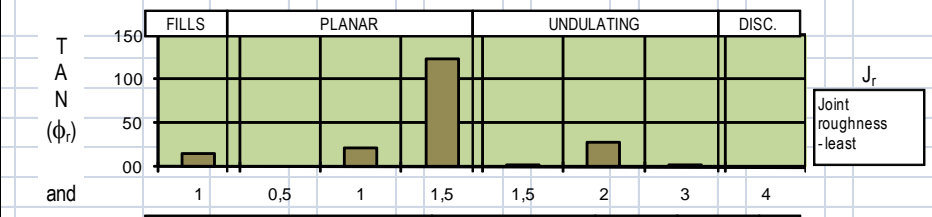
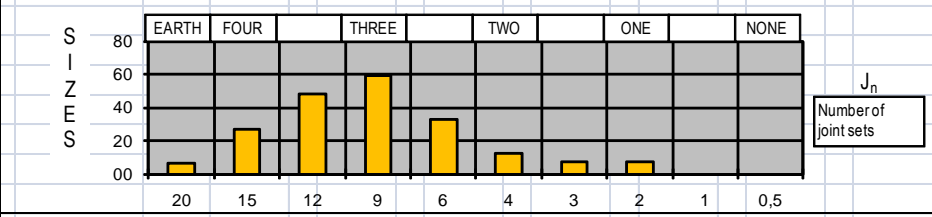
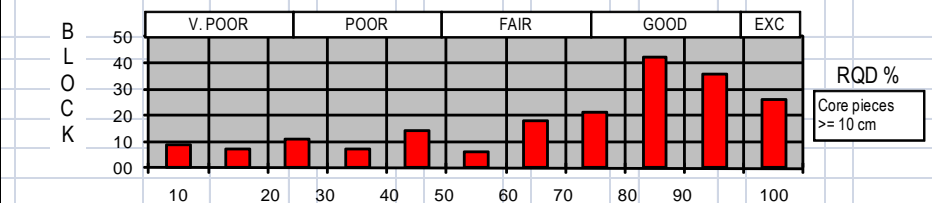
**BÆRUM TUNNEL RAIL TUNNEL.** Pre-injection in progress. Truck mounted grout storage and mixing. Note up to 70 holes for dry 110m<sup>2</sup> tunnel in shales and limestones. *Packered injection 'lances' are chained for safety. 24-30 hours CYCLE time. Cost of finished NMT tunnel: < 25,000/m*

# Q-HISTOGRAM METHOD of logging



Q - VALUES:	(RQD / Jn) * (Jr / Ja) * (Jw / SRF) =	Q
Q (typical min)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 5.0 * 0.50 / 5.0 =	0.010
Q (typical max)=	100 / 2.0 * 2.0 / 1.0 * 1.00 / 1.0 =	100.0
Q (mean value)=	71 / 9.6 * 1.5 / 2.8 * 0.69 / 1.5 =	1.78
Q (most frequent)=	85 / 9.0 * 1.5 / 2.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	4.68

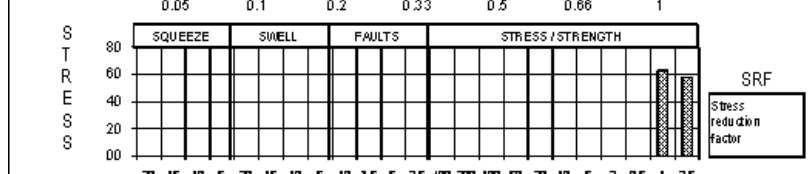
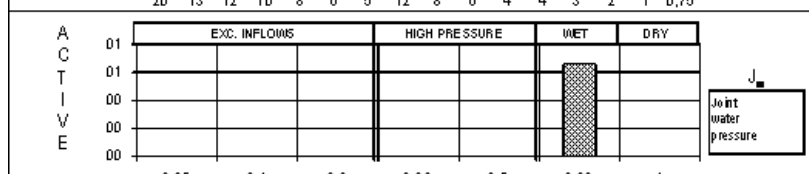
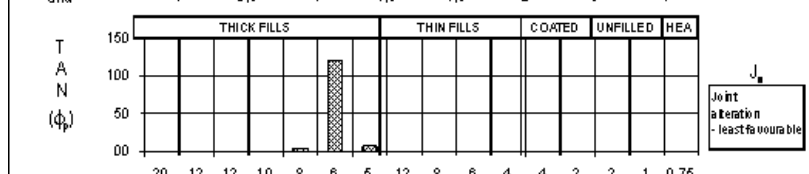
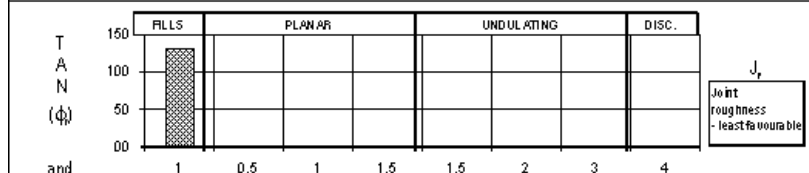
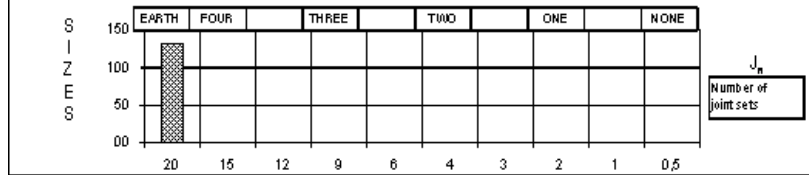
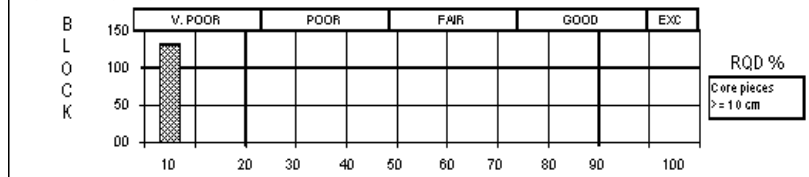
THE RESULT OF Q-HISTOGRAM LOGGING OF **SIX CORES** AT A PLANNED METRO PROJECT IN HONG KONG. DEVIATED HOLES.





How do the Q-parameter histograms change, as depth is increased in the same rock type?

Q - VALUES:	(RQD / Jn) * (Jr / Ja) * (Jw / SRF) =	Q
Q (typical min)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 8.0 * 0.66 / 2.5 =	0.017
Q (typical max)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 5.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	0.1
Q (mean value)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 6.0 * 0.66 / 1.7 =	0.03
Q (most frequent)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 6.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	0.06

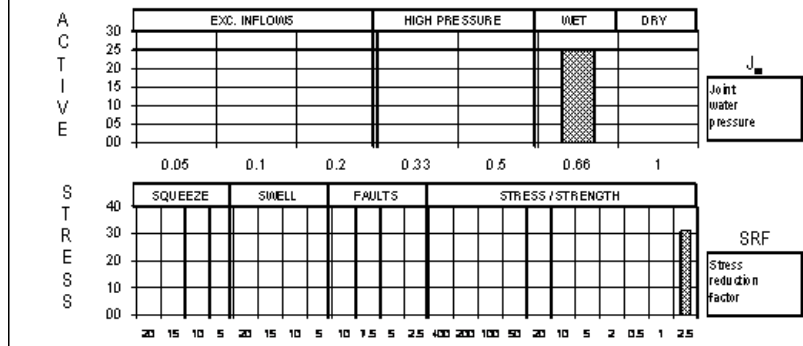
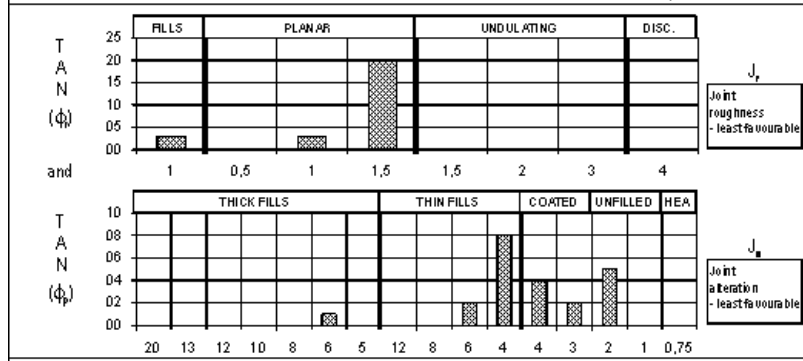
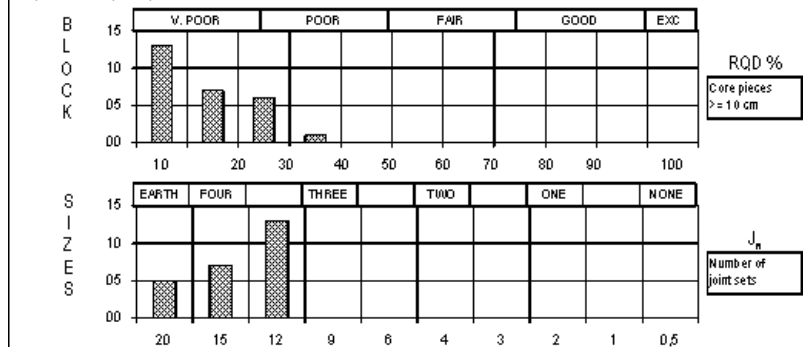


# CHARACTER OF SAPROLITE AND SOIL


<b>PANAMA-COLÓN AUTOPISTA CORE LOGGING</b>  Q-histograms for the various sections of saprolite and soil  logged in the upper sections of SM-839(1), 842(1), 805(1),  834(1), 807(1), 208(1), 827(1), 829(1), 832(1), 830(1) and 833(1).	Rev.	Report No.	Figure No.
		NB&A.1	G1
	Borehole No. :	Drawn by	Date
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Depth zone (m)	Checked		
mostly 0 to 10m	nrb		
	Approved		



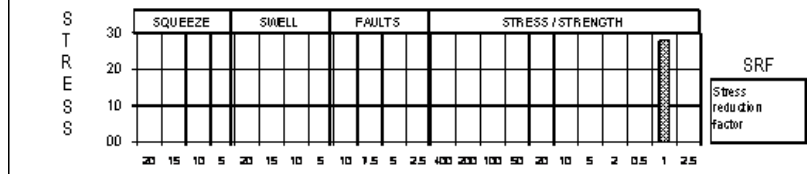
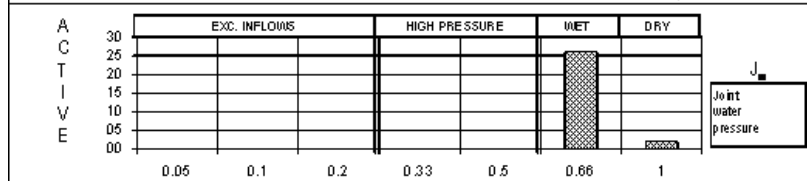
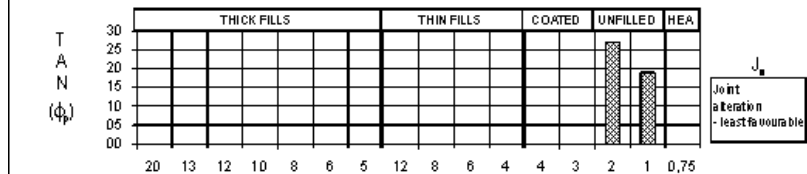
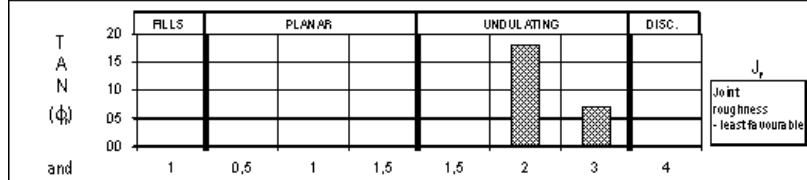
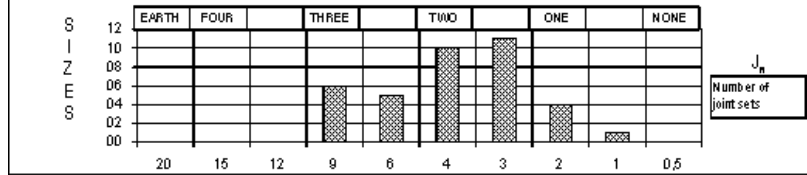
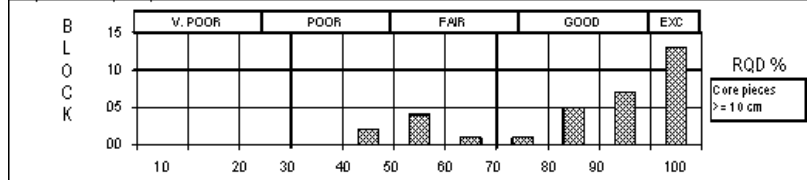
Q- VALUES:	(RQD / J <sub>n</sub> ) * (J <sub>r</sub> / J <sub>a</sub> ) * (J <sub>w</sub> / SRF) =	<b>Q</b>
Q (typical min)=	10 / 20.0 * 1.0 / 4.0 * 0.66 / 2.5 =	<b>0.033</b>
Q (typical max)=	25 / 12.0 * 1.5 / 2.0 * 0.66 / 2.5 =	<b>0.4</b>
Q (mean value)=	16 / 14.4 * 1.4 / 3.7 * 0.66 / 2.5 =	<b>0.11</b>
Q (most frequent)=	10 / 12.0 * 1.5 / 4.0 * 0.66 / 2.5 =	<b>0.08</b>




# LOGGED CHARACTER OF NEAR-SURFACE SANDSTONES

<p><b>PANAMA-COLÓN AUTOPISTA CORE LOGGING</b></p> <p>The nine locations with sandstones split into near-surface and deeper characteristics.</p> <p><b>This figure G2 gives near-surface characteristics</b></p>	Rev.	Report No.	Figure No.
		NB&A1	G2
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Depth zone (m)	Checked		
various from 0 to 10m	Approved		
	nrb		

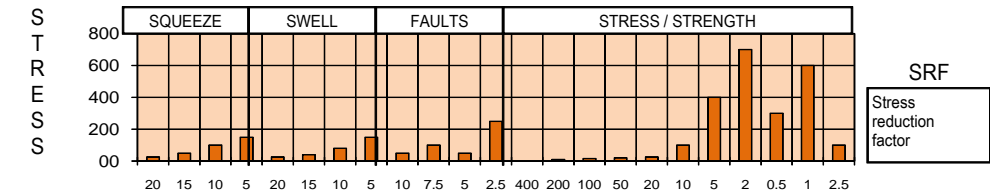
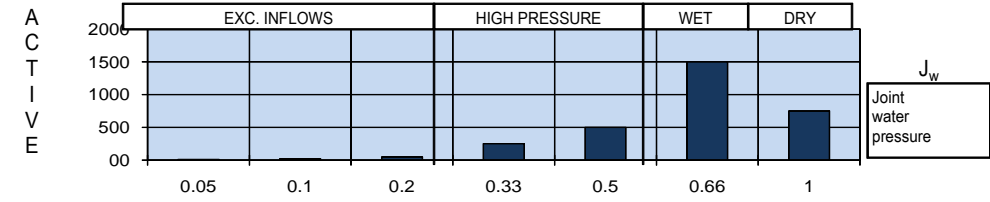
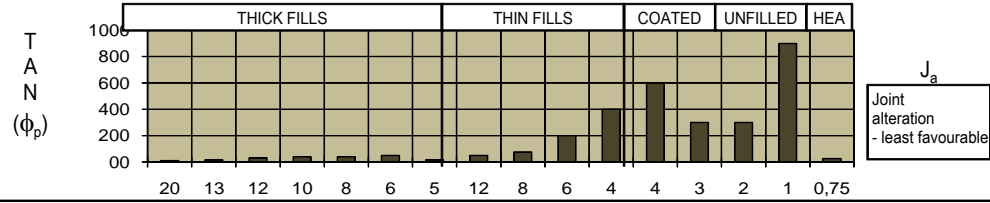
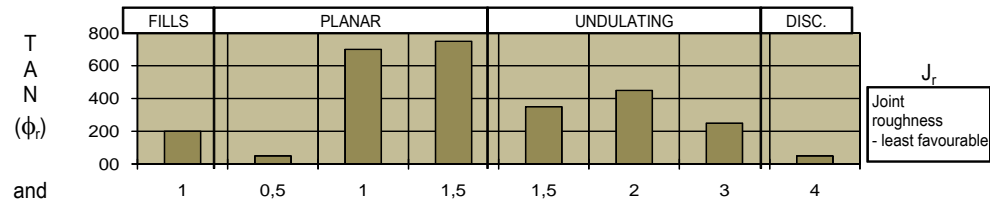
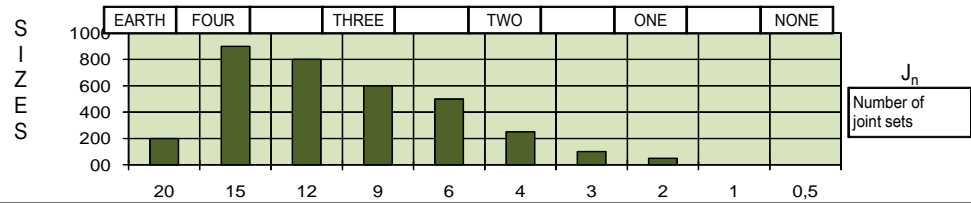
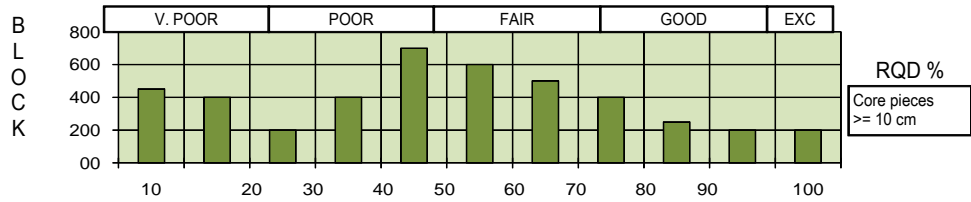
Q - VALUES:	(RQD / J <sub>n</sub> ) * (J <sub>r</sub> / J <sub>a</sub> ) * (J <sub>w</sub> / SRF) =	Q
Q (typical min)=	55 / 9.0 * 2.0 / 2.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	4.033
Q (typical max)=	100 / 2.0 * 3.0 / 1.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	99.0
Q (mean value)=	88 / 4.5 * 2.3 / 1.6 * 0.68 / 1.0 =	18.86
Q (most frequent)=	100 / 3.0 * 2.0 / 2.0 * 0.66 / 1.0 =	22.00



# LOGGED CHARACTER OF DEEPER SANDSTONES

<p><b>PANAMA-COLÓN CORE LOGGING</b></p> <p>The nine locations with sandstones split into near-surface and deeper characteristics.</p> <p><b>This figure G3 gives the deeper characteristics</b></p>	Rev.	Report No.	Figure No.
		NB&A 1	G3
	Block No.:	Drawn by	Date
	various	nb	#####
Depth zone (m)	Checked		
mostly > 10m	nrb		
	Approved		

Q - VALUES:	(RQD / Jn) *	(Jr / Ja) *	(Jw / SRF) =	<b>Q</b>
Q (typical min)=	10 / 20.0 *	1.0 / 12.0 *	0.20 / 20.0 =	<b>0.000</b>
Q (typical max)=	100 / 3.0 *	3.0 / 1.0 *	1.00 / 0.5 =	<b>200.0</b>
Q (mean value)=	50 / 10.9 *	1.6 / 3.5 *	0.68 / 5.4 =	<b>0.26</b>
Q (most frequent)=	45 / 15.0 *	1.5 / 1.0 *	0.66 / 2.0 =	<b>1.49</b>



J & K rail-link, Kashmir.  
Here 12m/2 years.

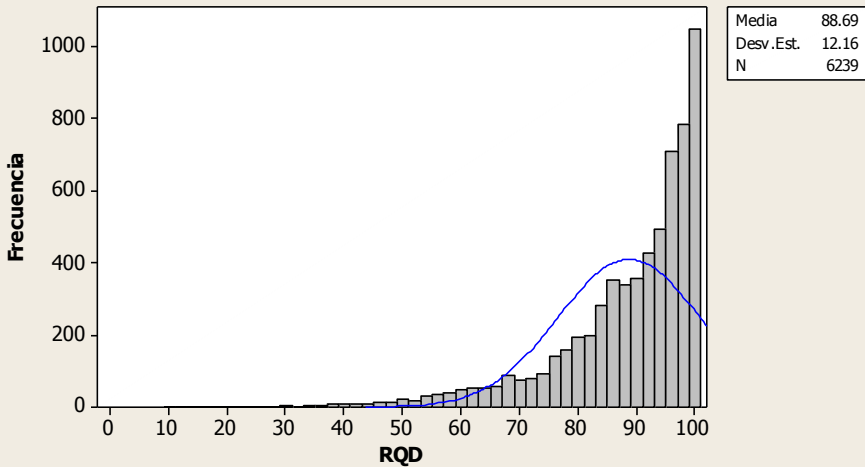




# Class 2: Q = 10 to 40

### Histograma de RQD

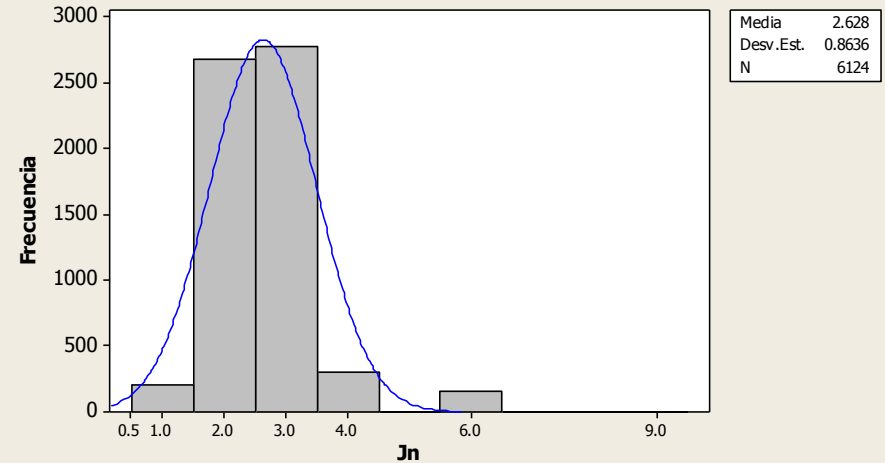
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Proyecto: Estadística variables de Barton.MPJ; Hoja de trabajo: Class 2, Q =10 - 40

### Histograma de Jn

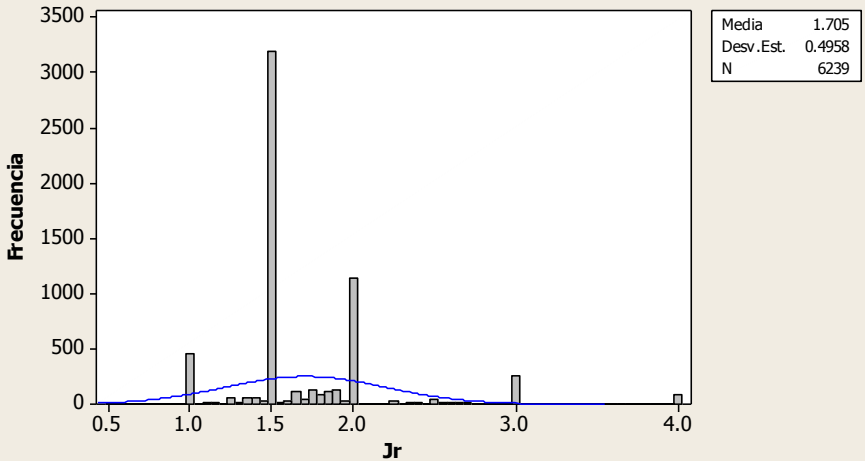
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### Histograma de Jr

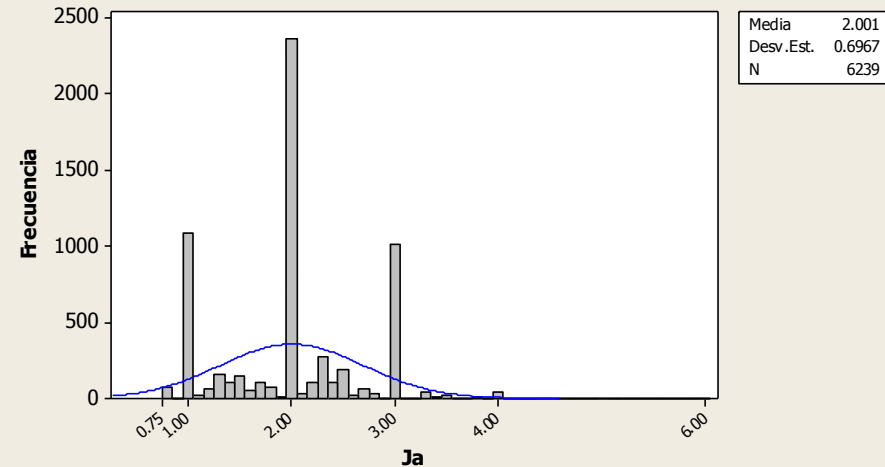
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### Histograma de Ja

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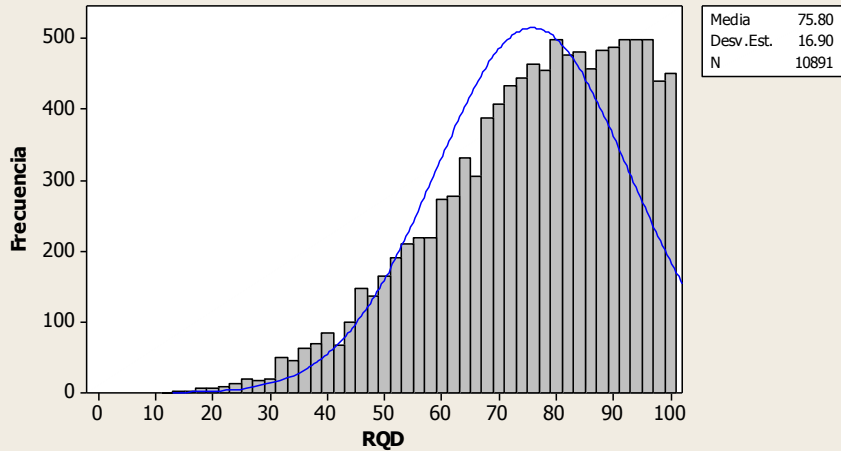


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# Class 3: Q = 4 to 10

### Histograma de RQD

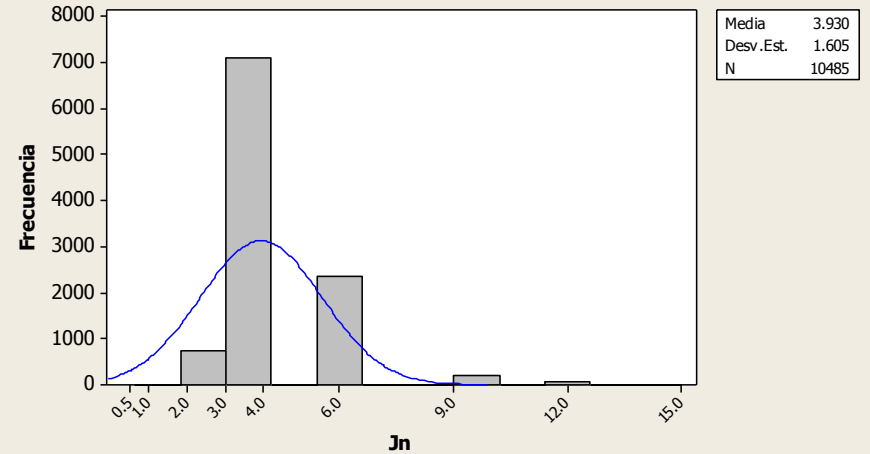
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### Histograma de Jn

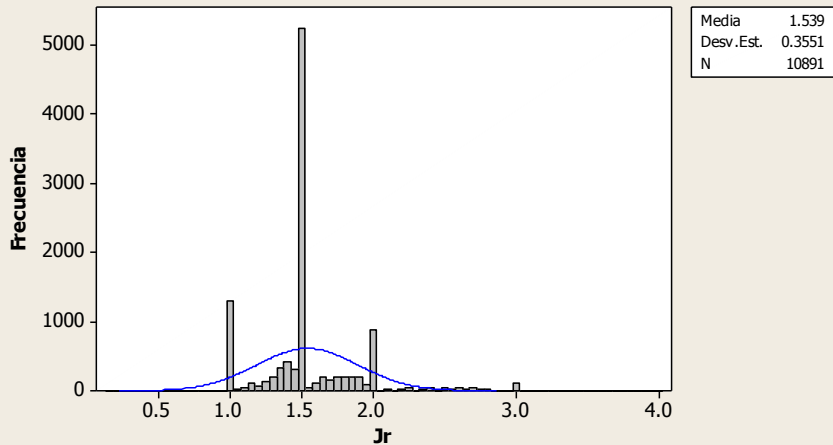
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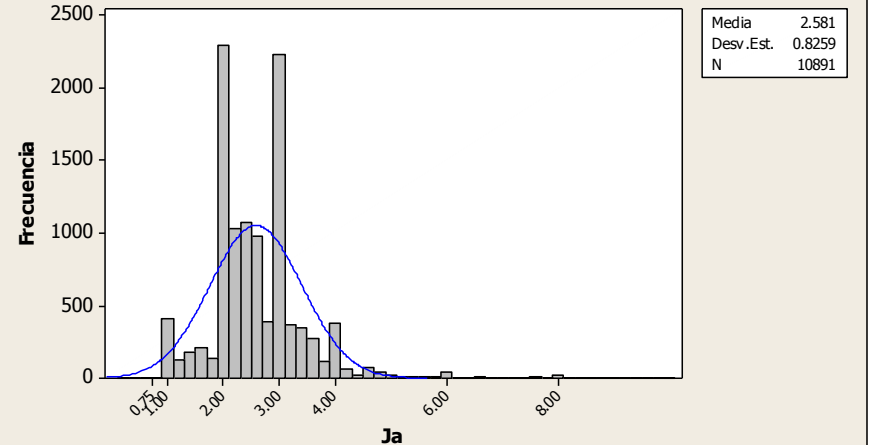
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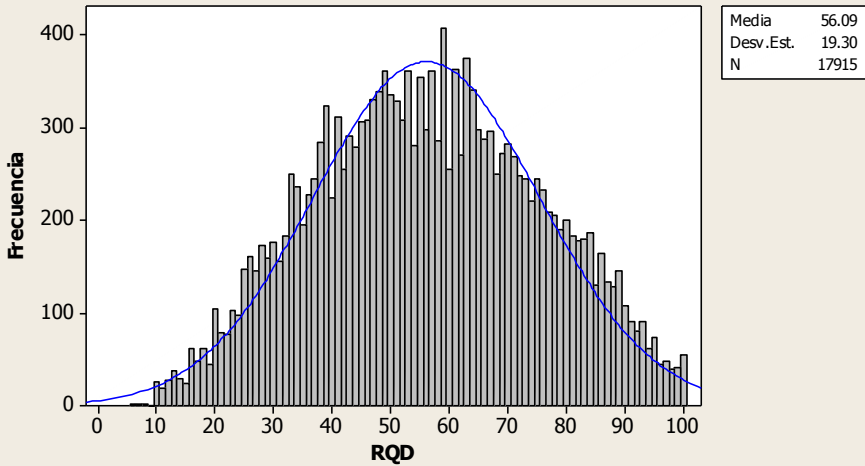


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# Class 4: Q = 1 to 4

### Histograma de RQD

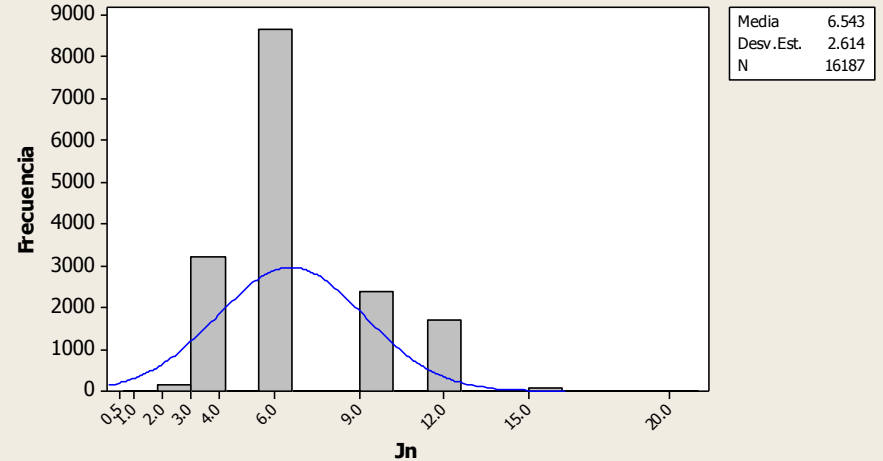
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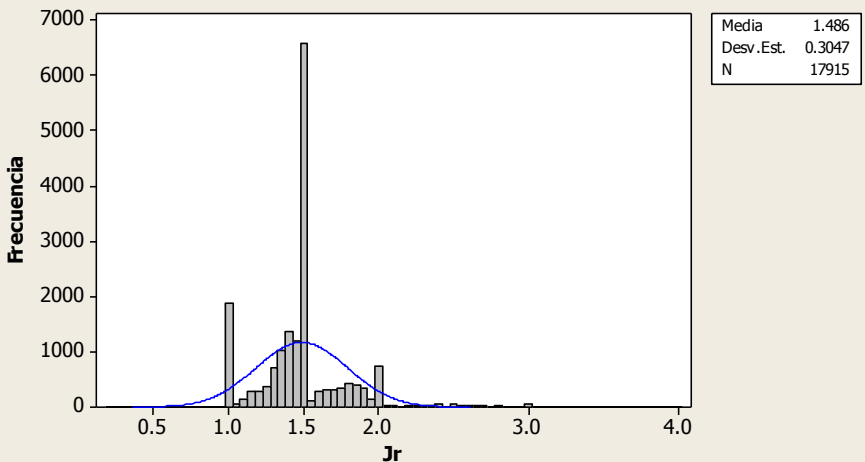
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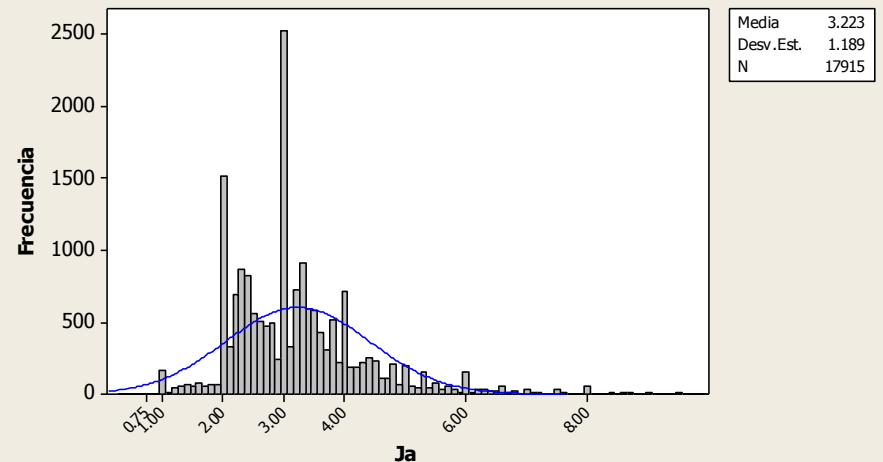
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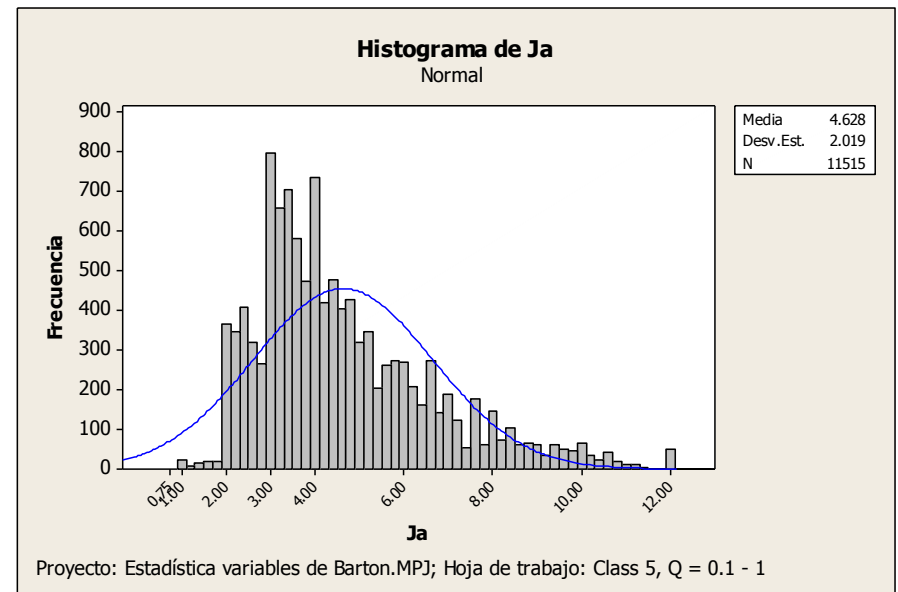
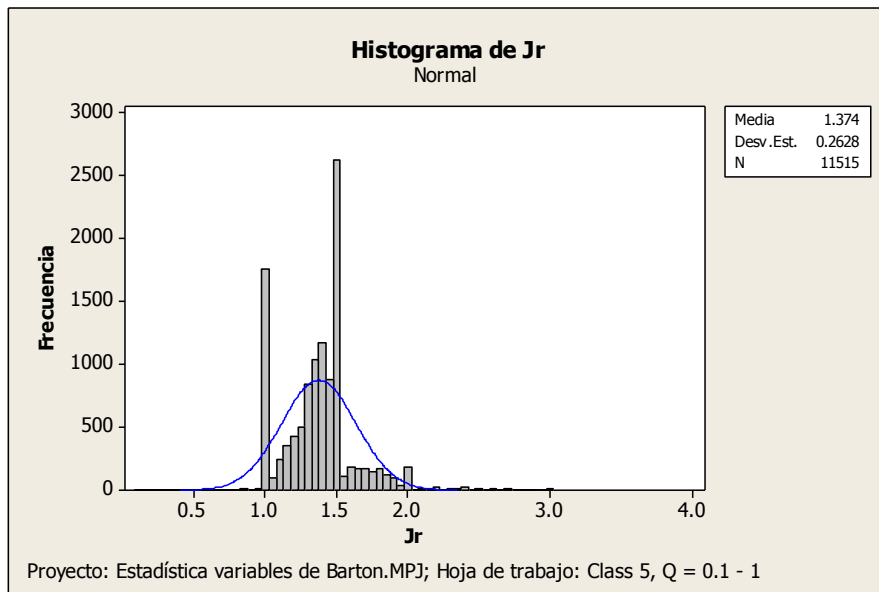
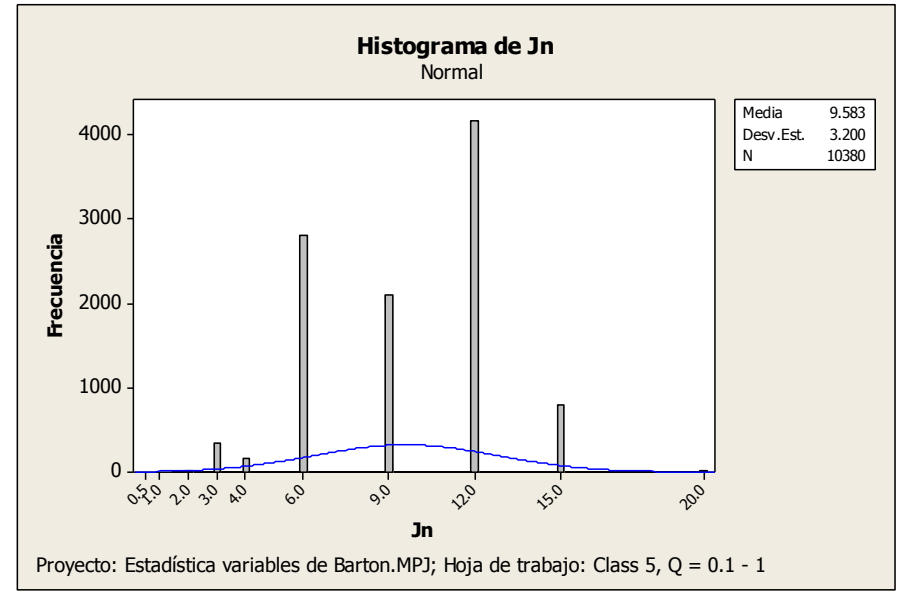
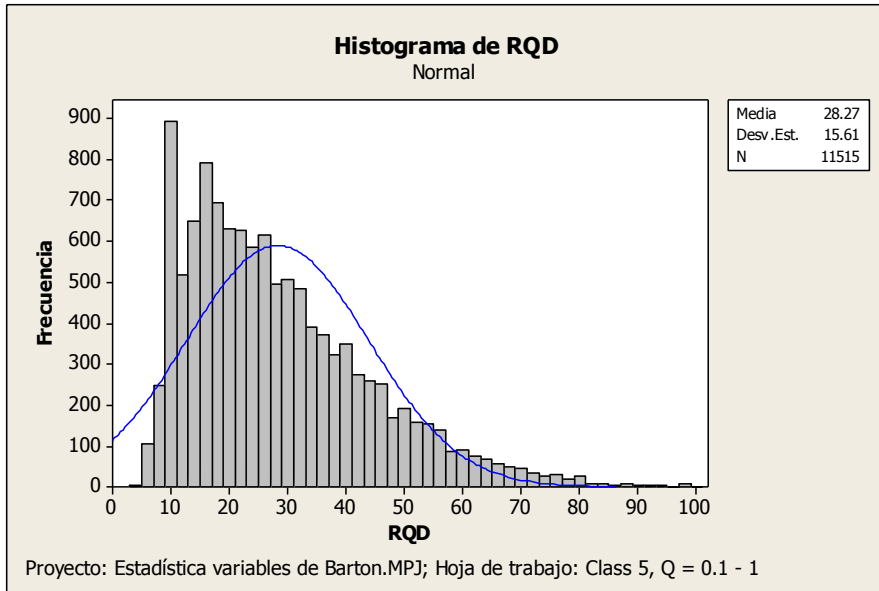
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Proyecto: Estadística variables de Barton.MPJ; Hoja de trabajo: Class 4, Q = 1 - 4



# Class 5: Q = 0.1 to 1



**VELOCITY-MODULUS-  
PERMEABILITY-Q-VALUE  
CHALLENGES,  
AT BAKHTIARY DAM SITE, IRAN  
(325 m)**



**How to characterize  
voids?**

**Velocity-modulus-  
permeability-Q-value  
correlation difficulties.**







**Upper  
diversion  
tunnel: top  
heading**



Q - VALUES:	(RQD)	(Jn)	*	(Jr)	/	(Ja)	*	(Jw)	/	SRF	=	Q
Q (typical min)=	10	/	15.0	*	0.5	/	6.0	*	0.66	/	5.0	= 0.007
Q (typical max)=	100	/	2.0	*	4.0	/	0.8	*	1.00	/	1.0	= 266.7
Q (mean value)=	73	/	6.0	*	2.0	/	1.6	*	0.99	/	1.1	= 13.74
Q (most frequent)=	80	/	4.0	*	2.0	/	1.0	*	1.00	/	1.0	= 40.00

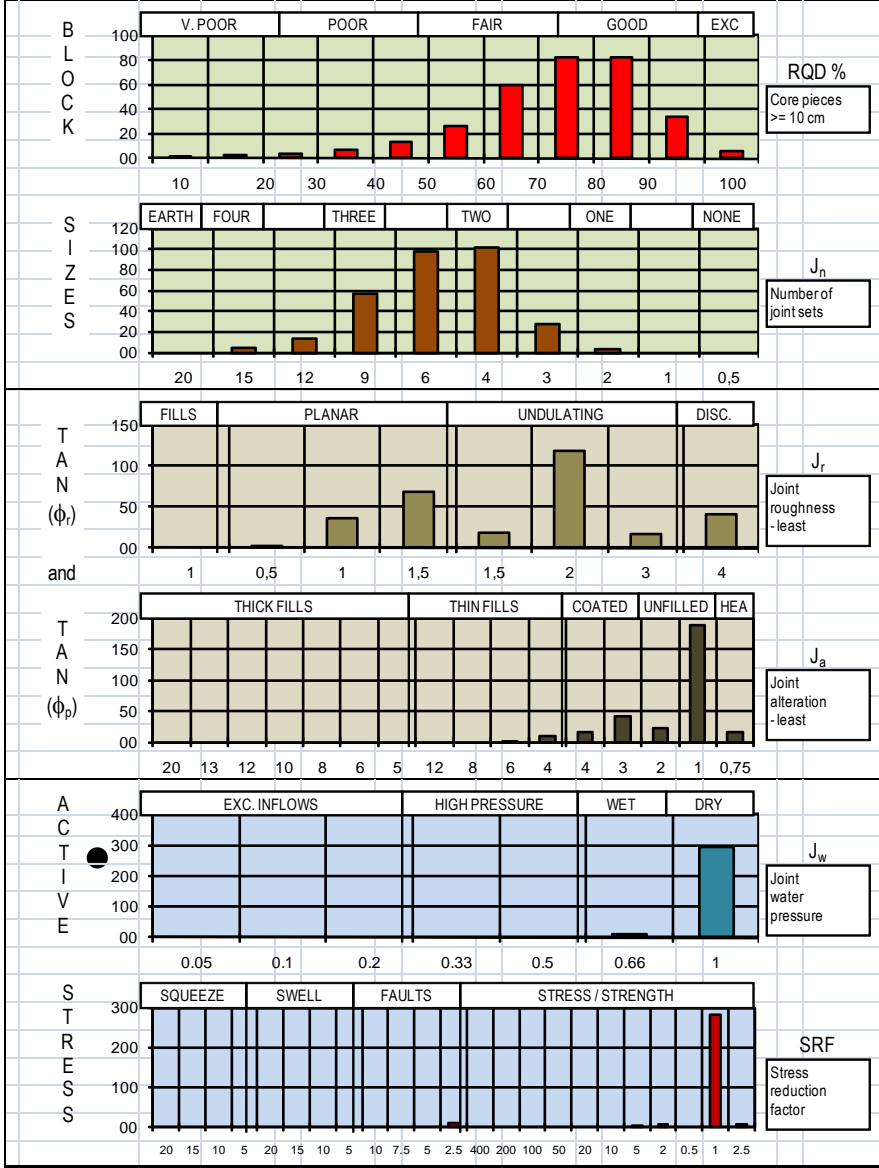
In diversion tunnel

$$Q_{m.f.} = 40$$

$$Q_{mean} = 14$$

**Next steps:**

1. Convert Q to Qc (UCS?)
2. Convert to  $V_p$
3. Convert to  $E_{mass}$

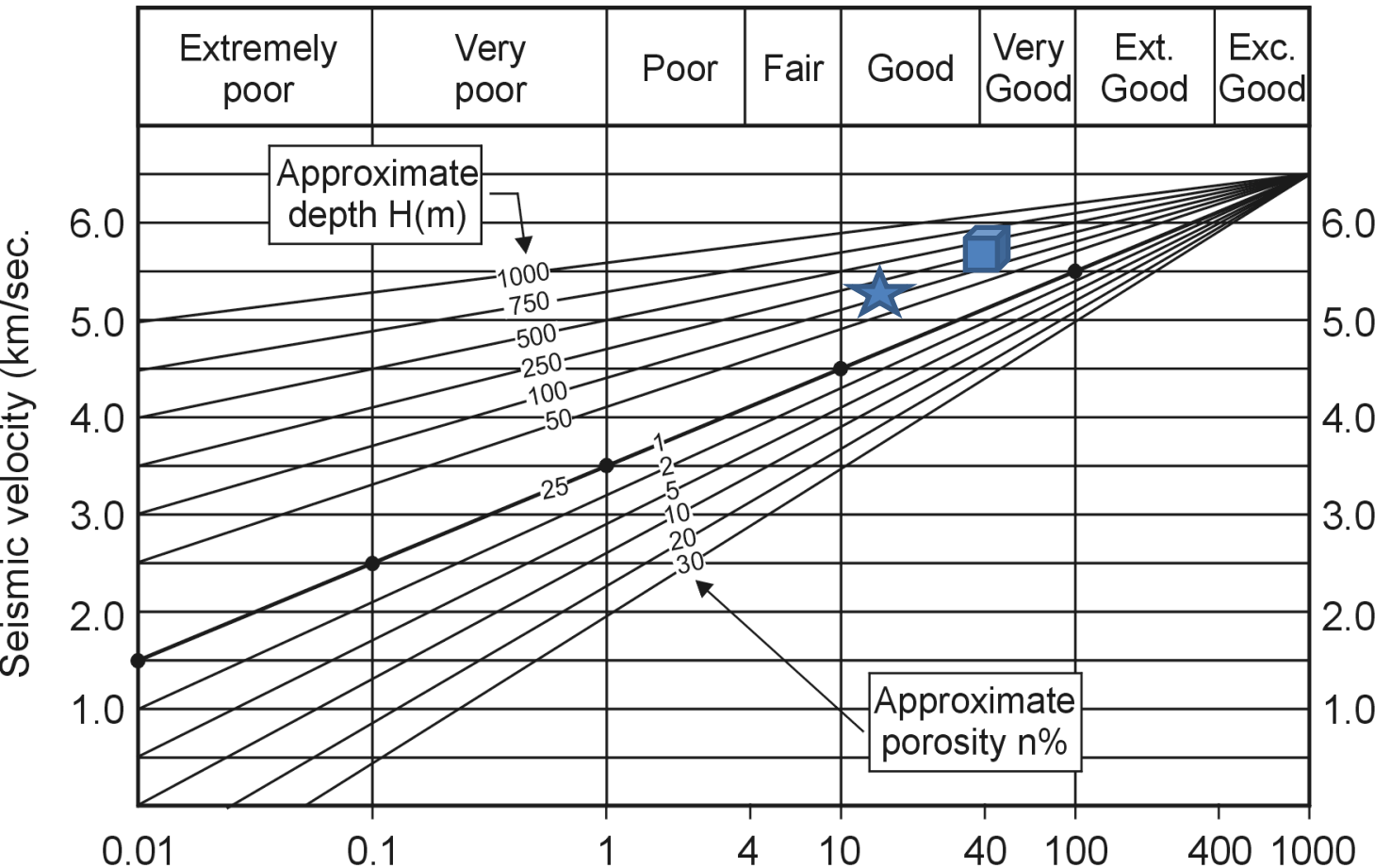


BAKHTIARY DAM HEPP UPPER DIVERSION TUN	Rev.	Report No.	Figure No.
		NB&A #3	6

$Q_c$	$V_p$	$M$
Rock mass quality	Seismic velocity	Deformation modulus
$V_p \approx \log Q_c + 3.5$ (km/sec.)	$\bar{M} \approx 10 \cdot Q_c^{1/3}$ (GPa)	$\bar{M} \approx 10 \cdot 10^{\left(\frac{V_p - 3.5}{3}\right)}$ (GPa)

Approx. range of deform. moduli	
M (Min)	M (Mean)
(GPa)	
100	100
53	68
30	46
17	32
9	22
5	15
3	10
2	7
1	5
0.5	3
0.3	2
0.2	1.5
0.1	1.0

Approx. range of support pressures	
$P_r$	
MPa	tnf/m <sup>2</sup>
0.01	1
0.02	2
0.05	5
0.1	10
0.2	20
0.5	50
1.0	100



$$Q_c = \left[ \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{SRF} \right] \frac{\sigma_c}{100}$$

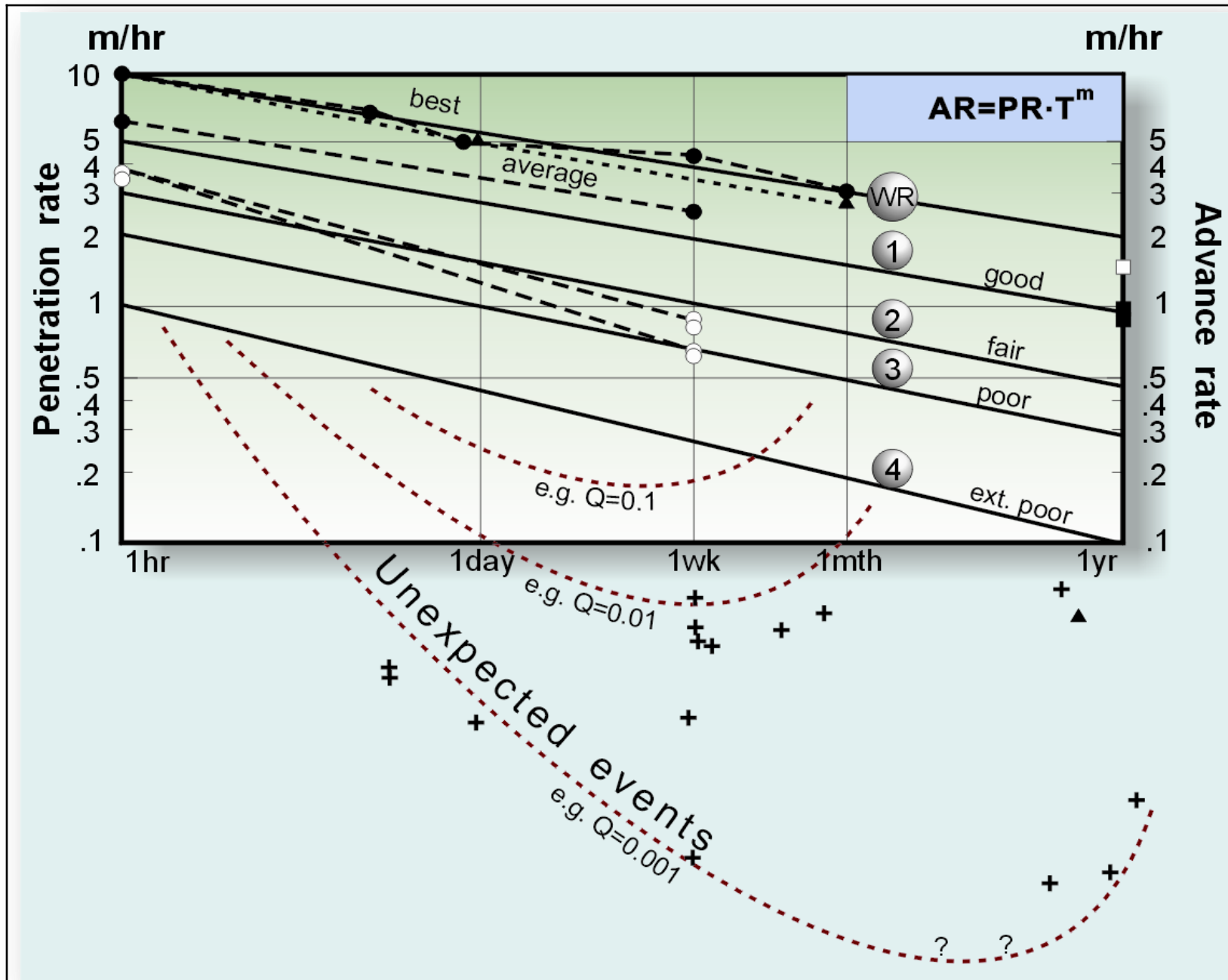


# TBM prognosis and comparing with drill-and-blast



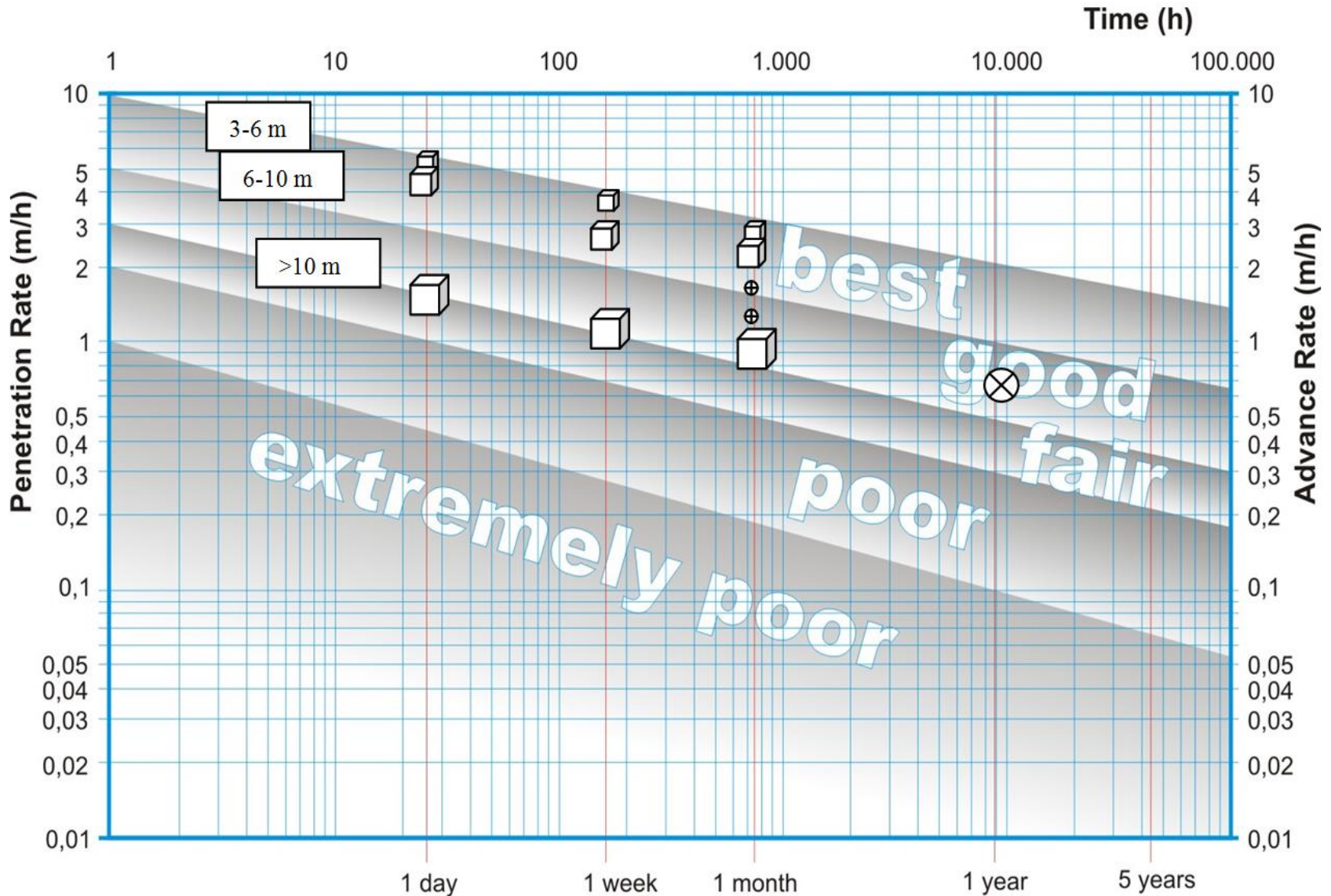
$Q_{TBM}$

# 145 cases, ≈ 1000 km, open-gripper trends (Barton, 2000).



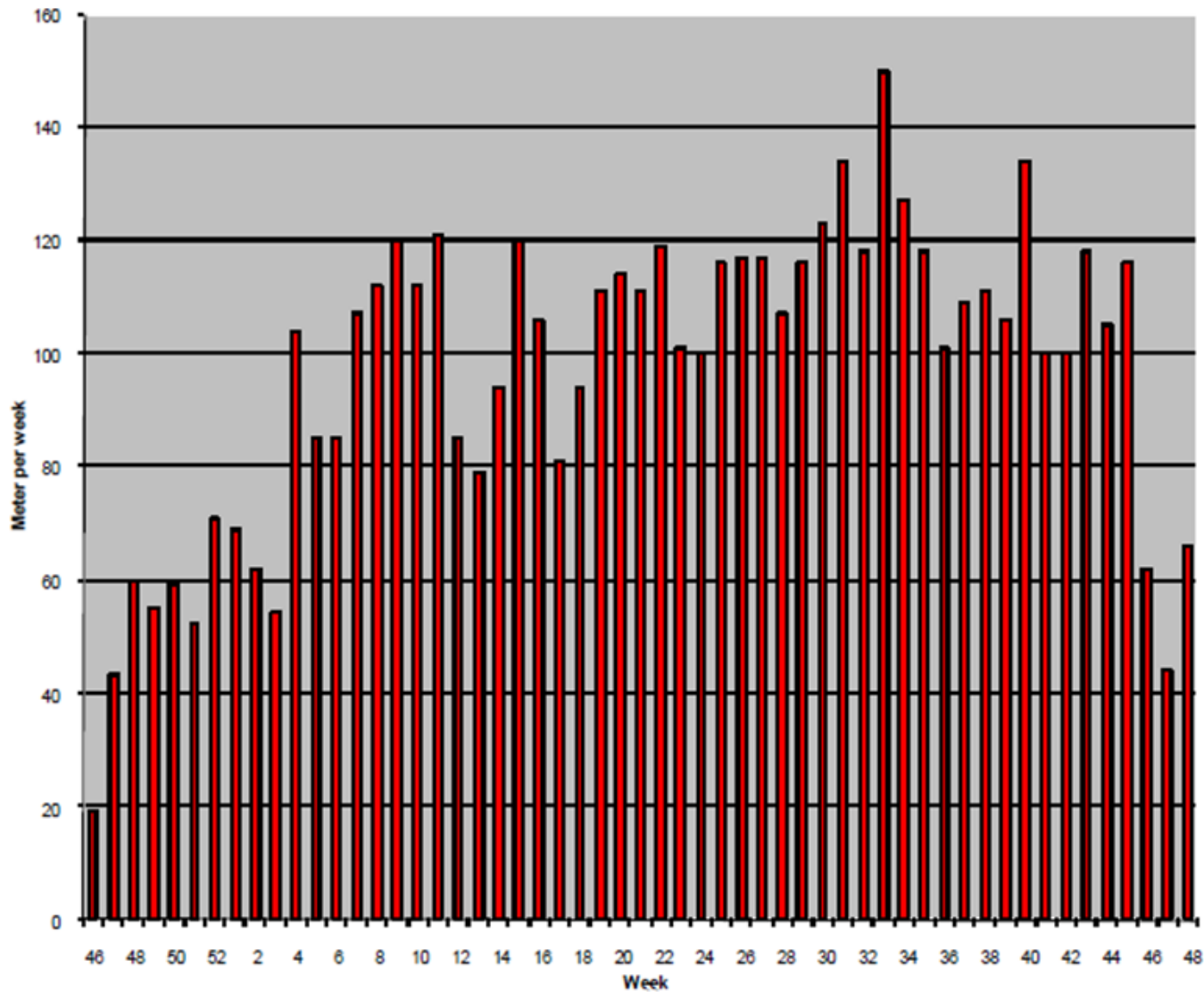
# SEVERAL PAGES OF WORLD RECORDS BY TBM – ASSEMBLED BY ROBBINS, GIVE THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WHEN COMBINED

*Assume 24 hrs/day, 168 hrs/week, 720 hrs/month*





### Svea Tunnel, Spitsbergen



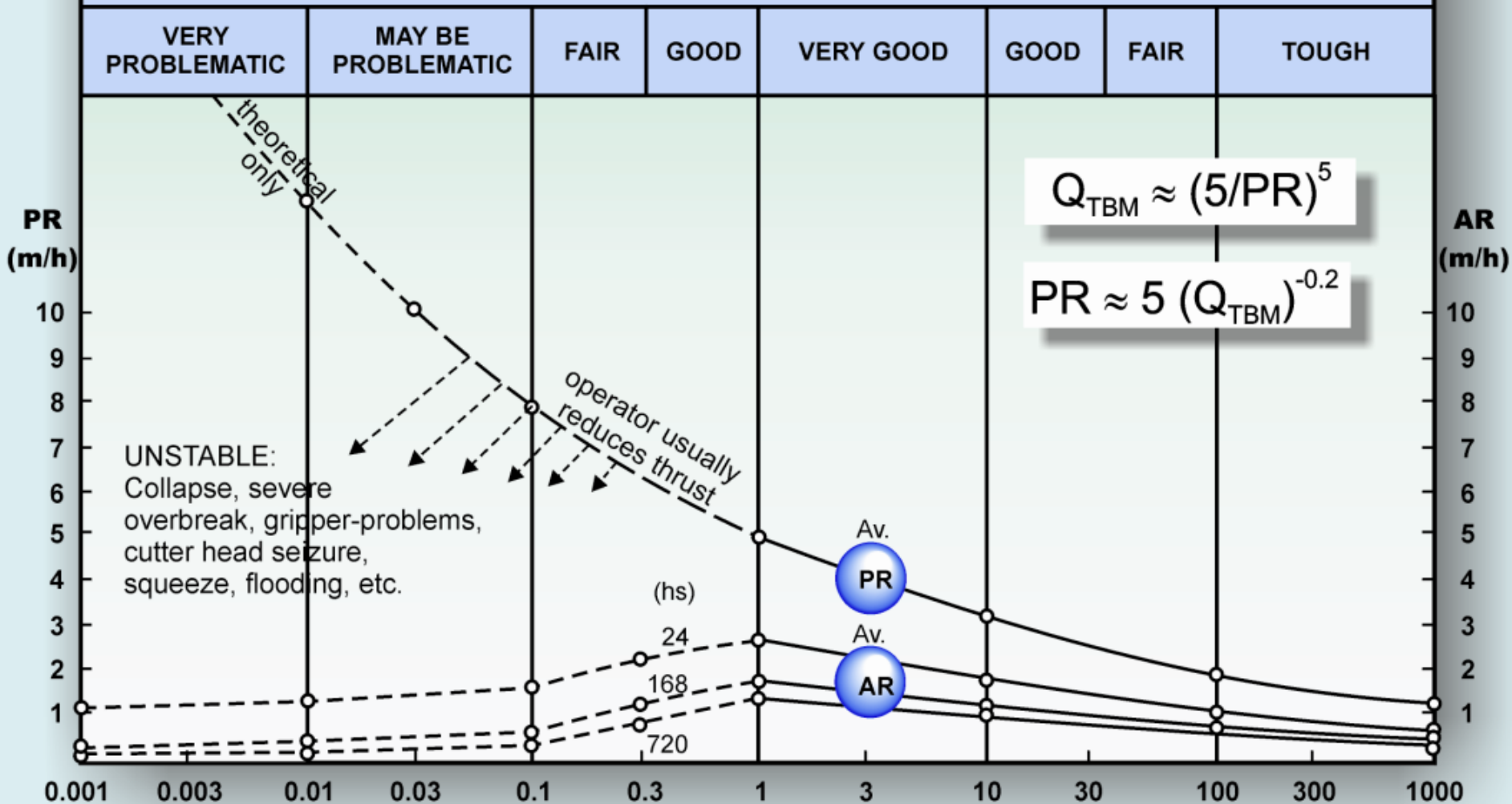
**LNS** (Northern  
Norway  
contractor)

Leonhard  
Nilsen &  
Sonner A/S

32 weeks  
>100m/week

(Drill-and-blast  
mine access  
tunnel, one  
face)

# Relative difficulty of ground for TBM use



$$Q_{TBM} \approx (5/PR)^5$$

$$PR \approx 5 (Q_{TBM})^{-0.2}$$

UNSTABLE:  
Collapse, severe  
overbreak, gripper-problems,  
cutter head seizure,  
squeeze, flooding, etc.

operator usually  
reduces thrust

Av.  
PR

Av.  
AR

(hs)

24

168

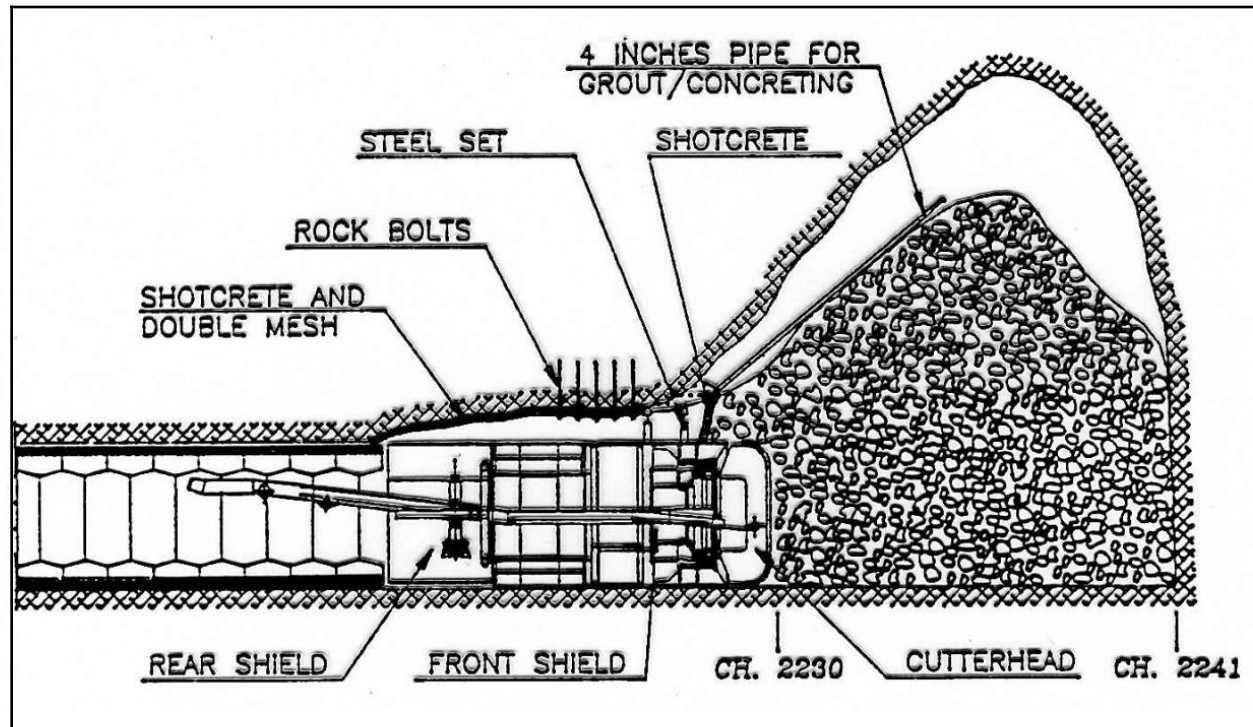
720

$$Q_{TBM} = \frac{RQD_o}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{SRF} \times \frac{SIGMA}{F^{10}/20^9} \times \frac{20}{CLI} \times \frac{q}{20} \times \frac{\sigma_\theta}{5}$$

# WHY TBM DELAYS IN FAULT ZONES ?

**“Theo-empirical” reasons**

**Lack of belief gets paid for!**

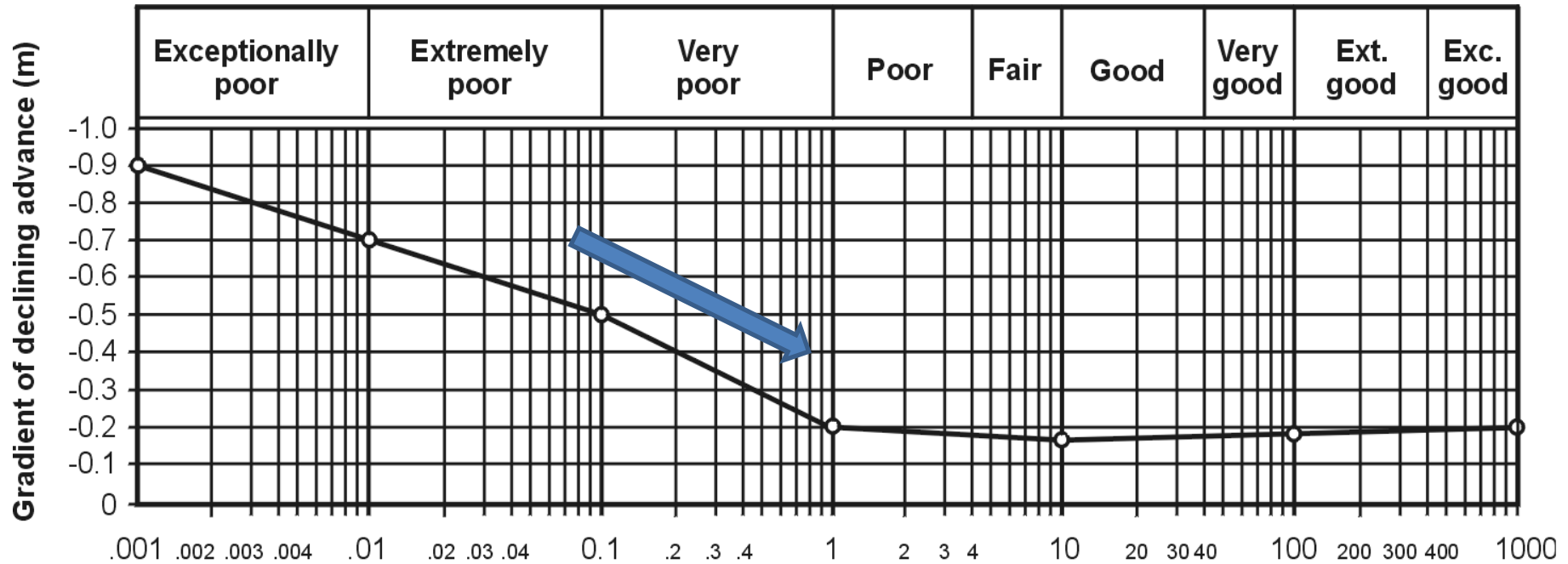




# 'THEO – EMPIRICAL' REASONS WHY FAULT ZONES ARE SO DIFFICULT FOR TBM – THREE BASIC EQUATIONS:

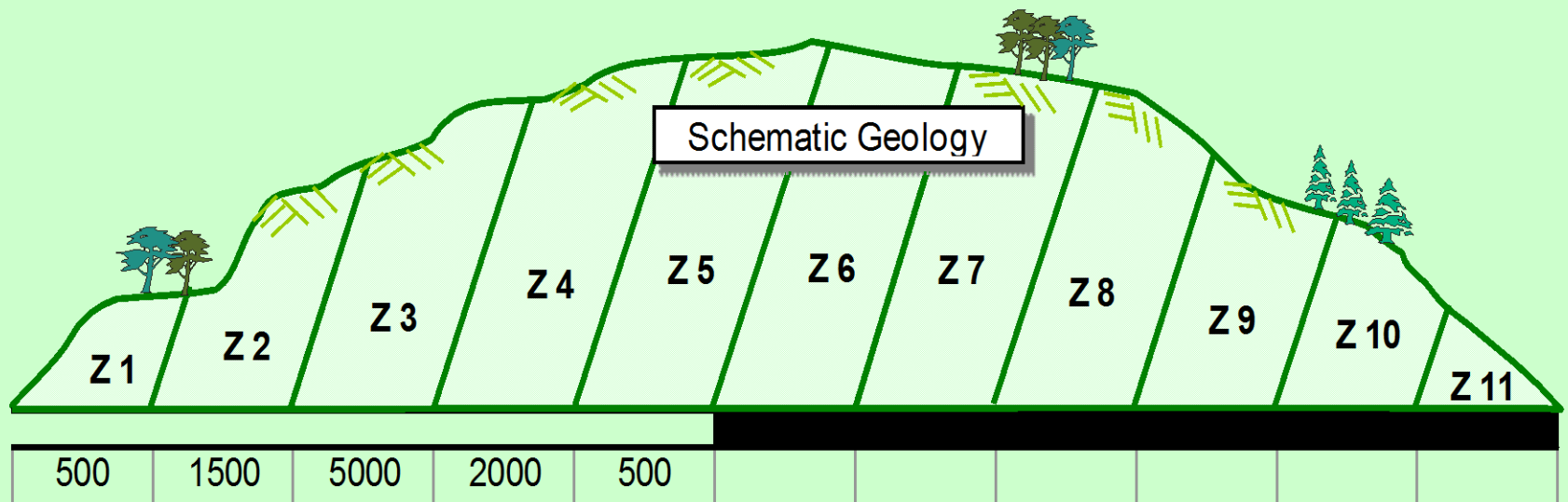
1.  $AR = PR \times U$  (all TBM must follow this)
2.  $U = T^m$  (due to the decelerating advance rate with time)
3.  $T = L / AR$  (obviously time for length L must be proportional to  $1/AR$ )
4.  $T = (L / PR)^{1 / (1+m)}$  (from #1, #2 and #3)
5. This is VERY important for TBM.....since  $(-)m$  is strongly related to Q-values .....in FAULT ZONES.
6. It is important because very **negative  $(-)m$**  values make  **$1/(1+m)$  TOO BIG** – giving 'huge delays' ( $T$  in months or years)

BUT...Q CAN BE IMPROVED BY PRE-GROUTING !  
 (IMPROVE -m....to less negative value)



$$\text{Rock mass quality } Q = \left( \frac{\text{RQD}}{J_n} \right) \times \left( \frac{J_r}{J_a} \right) \times \left( \frac{J_w}{\text{SRF}} \right)$$

# RAIL TUNNEL PROGNOSIS – OSLO-SKI / FOLLO-BANEN



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**LITHOLOGY**

**Class 1 granitic gneiss**

**ZONE LENGTH**

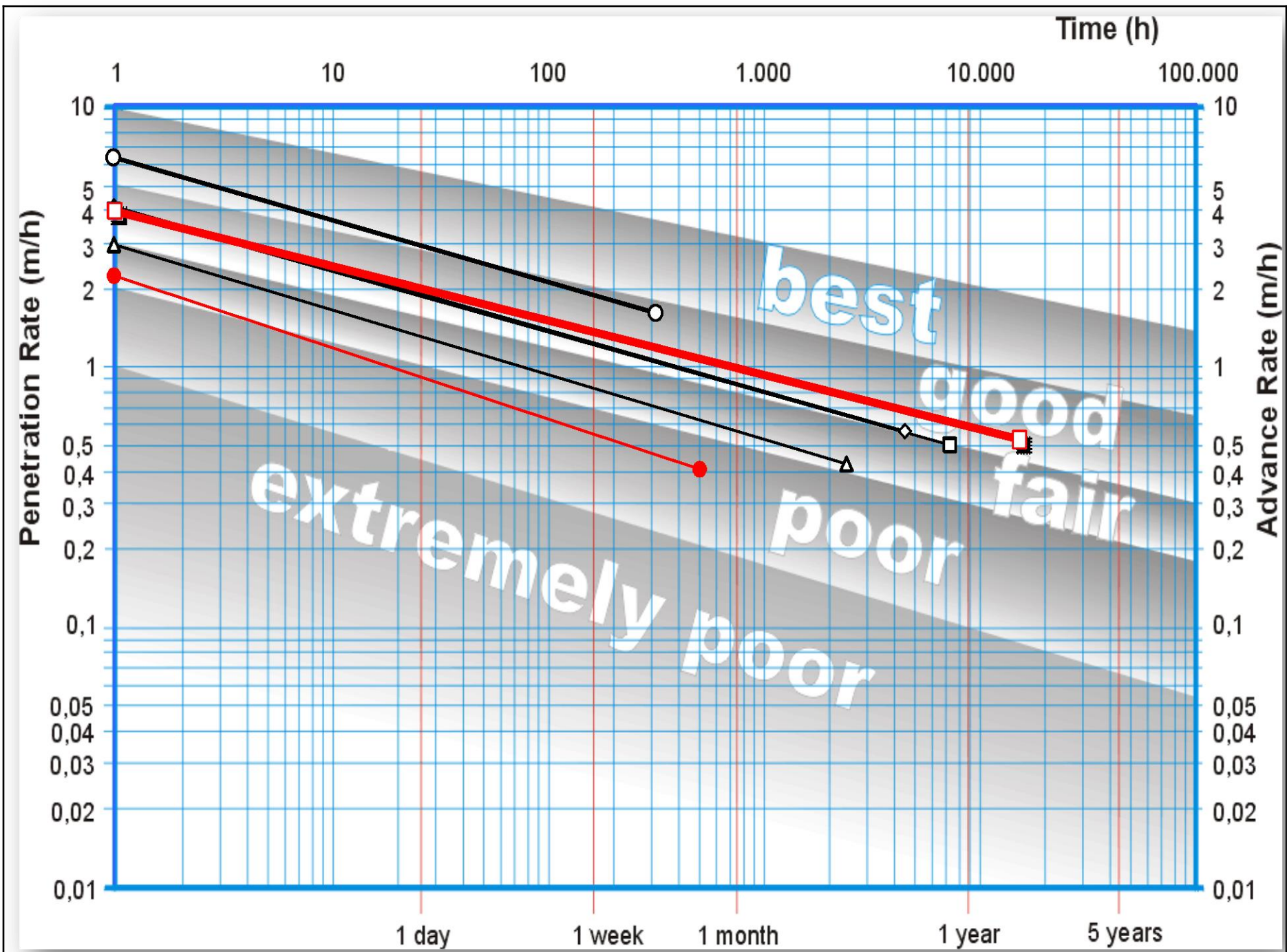
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INPUT DATA

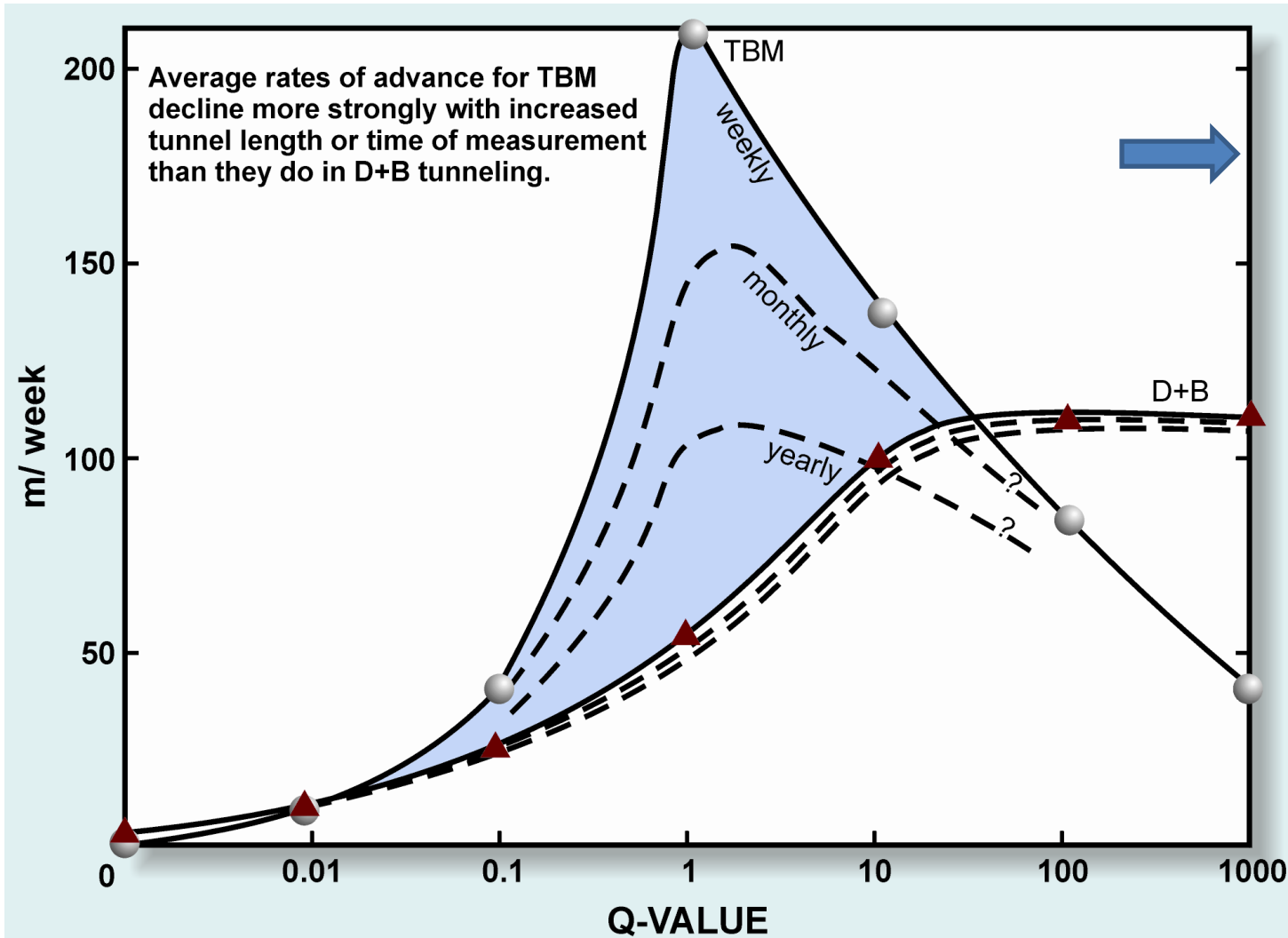
RQD	$J_n$	$J_r$	$J_a$	$J_w$	SRF	$-m_1$	RQD <sub>0</sub>	$\gamma$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$V_p$ (km/s)
100.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.00	1.0	-0.19	100.0	2.8	

$\beta^\circ$	$\sigma_c$ (MPa)	$I_{50}$ (MPa)	F (tf)	CLI	q (%)	$\sigma_\theta$ (MPa)	D (m)	n (%)
	250.0		32.0	5.0	35.0	8.0	10.0	1.0





**CENTRAL Q-VALUES AND  $Q_{TBM}$  VALUES ARE BEST FOR GOOD TBM PROGRESS. *TAIL-DISTRIBUTIONS 'BETTER' WITH D+B !***



Note records for *drill-and-blast*:

*176m/one face in 168 hours (7x24) week.*

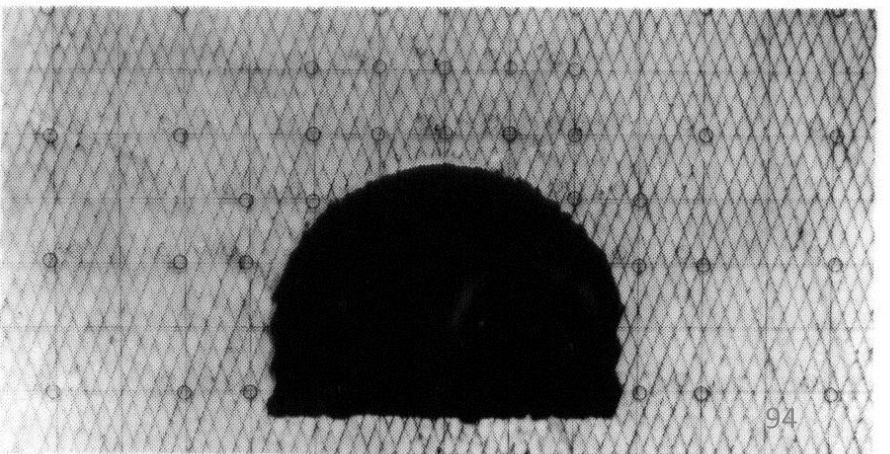
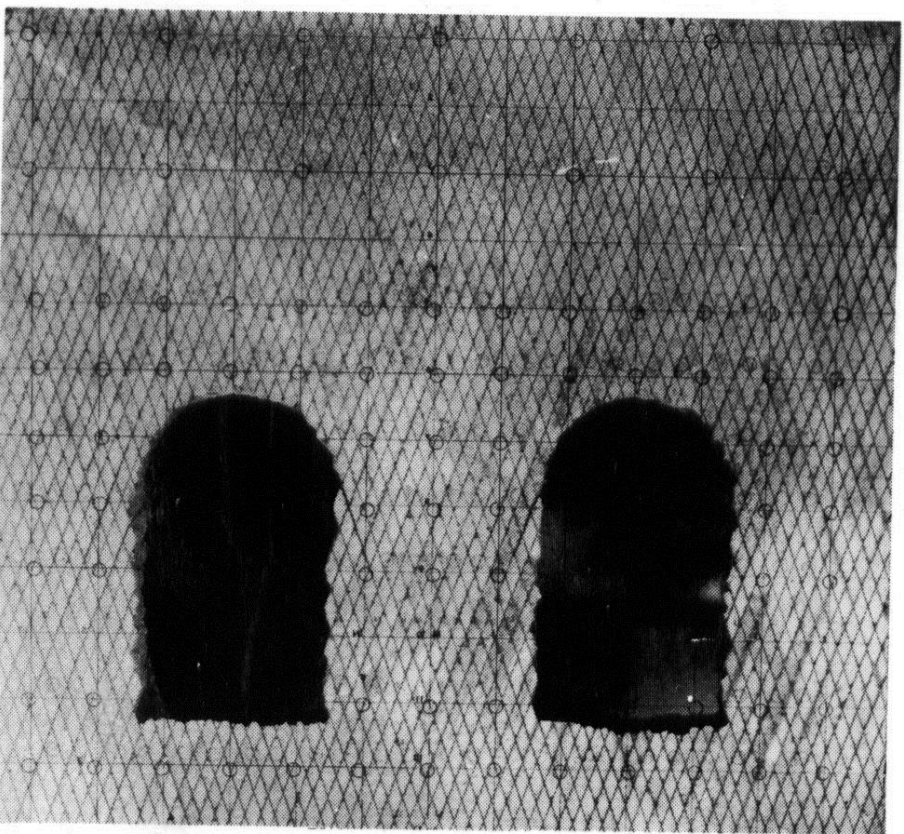
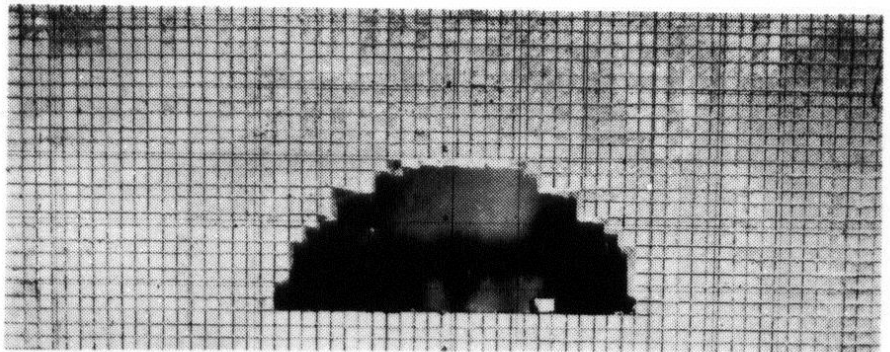
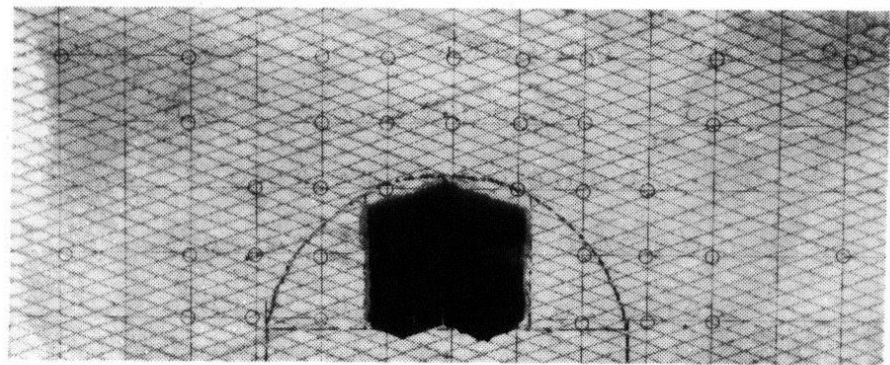
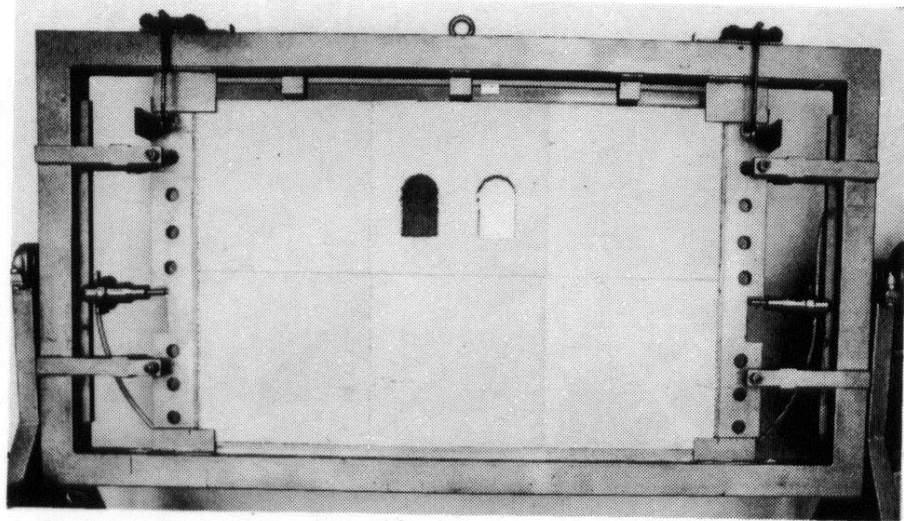
**Whole project 104 m/week average**

**– IN COAL-MEASURE ROCKS needing B+S(fr).**

**LNS Norway**

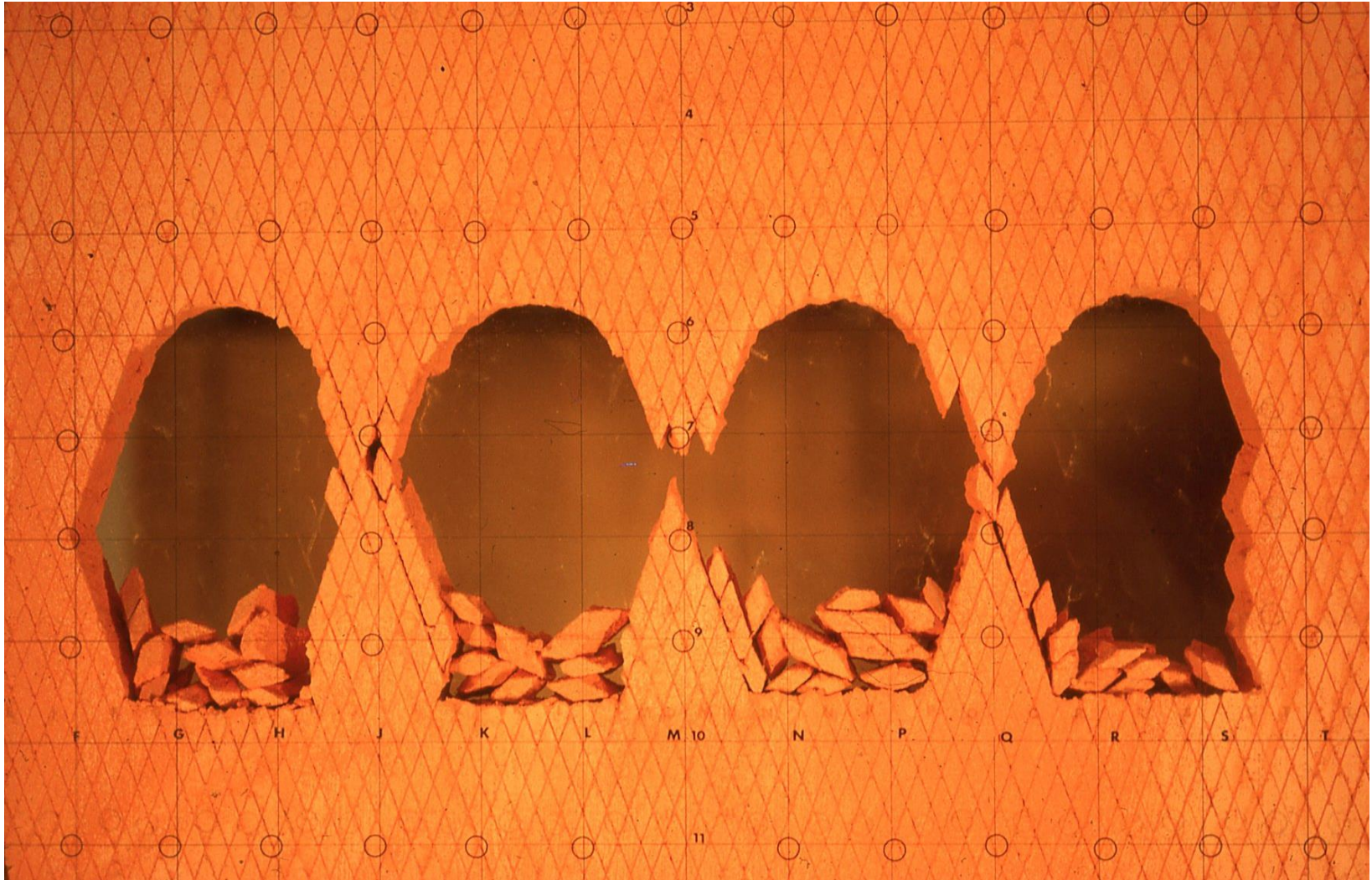
**PHYSICAL (2D) MODELS of ROCK  
CAVERNS, AS FORE-RUNNER TO  
*UDEC-BB* FLEXIBILITY  
(1977-1978)**

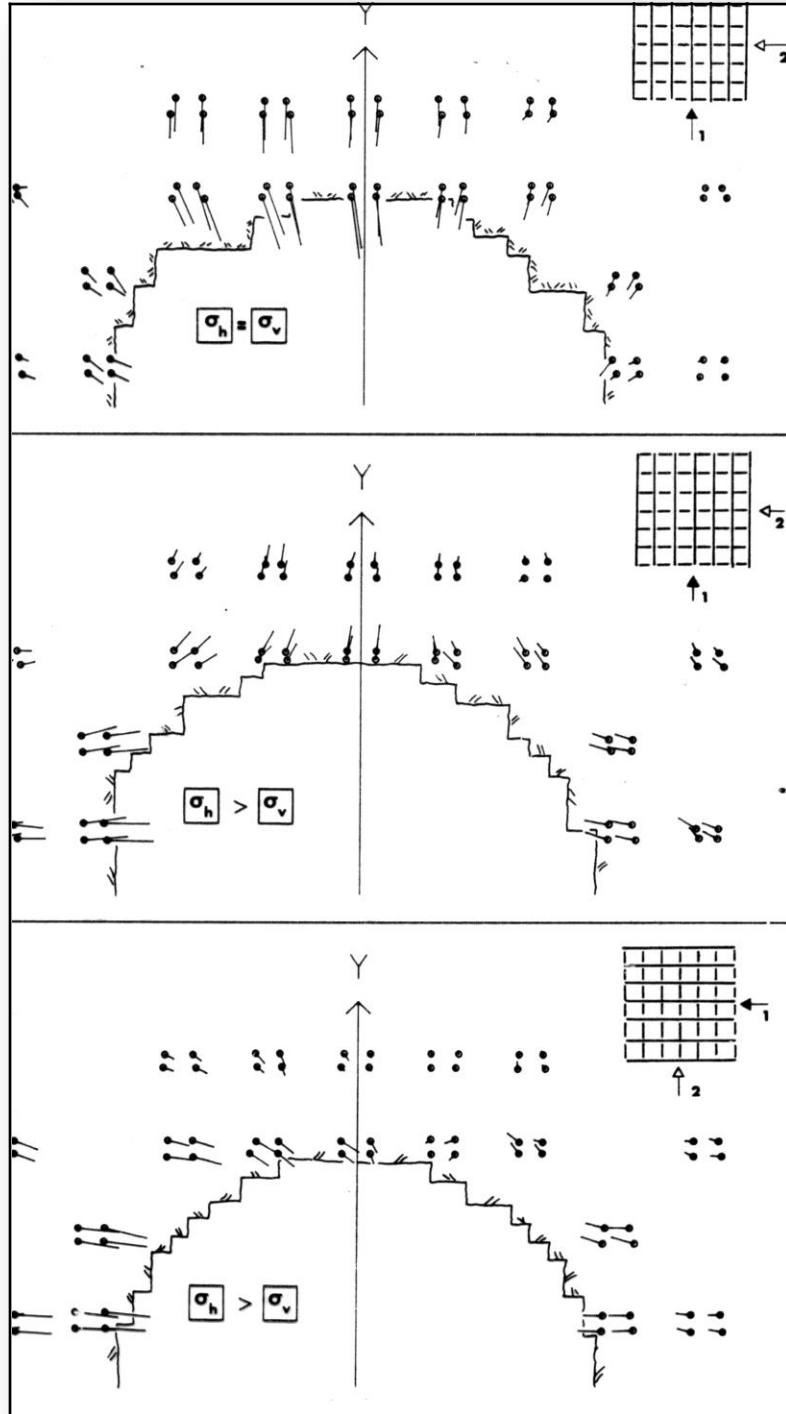






# THE 'jointed' NATURE OF THE MODELLING MATERIAL (Post- 'seismic' loading result, following 0.2 to 0.5 g)





**Physical and FEM modelling (Barton and Hansteen, 1979) suggested possible 'heave' resulting from large-cavern construction near the surface.....**

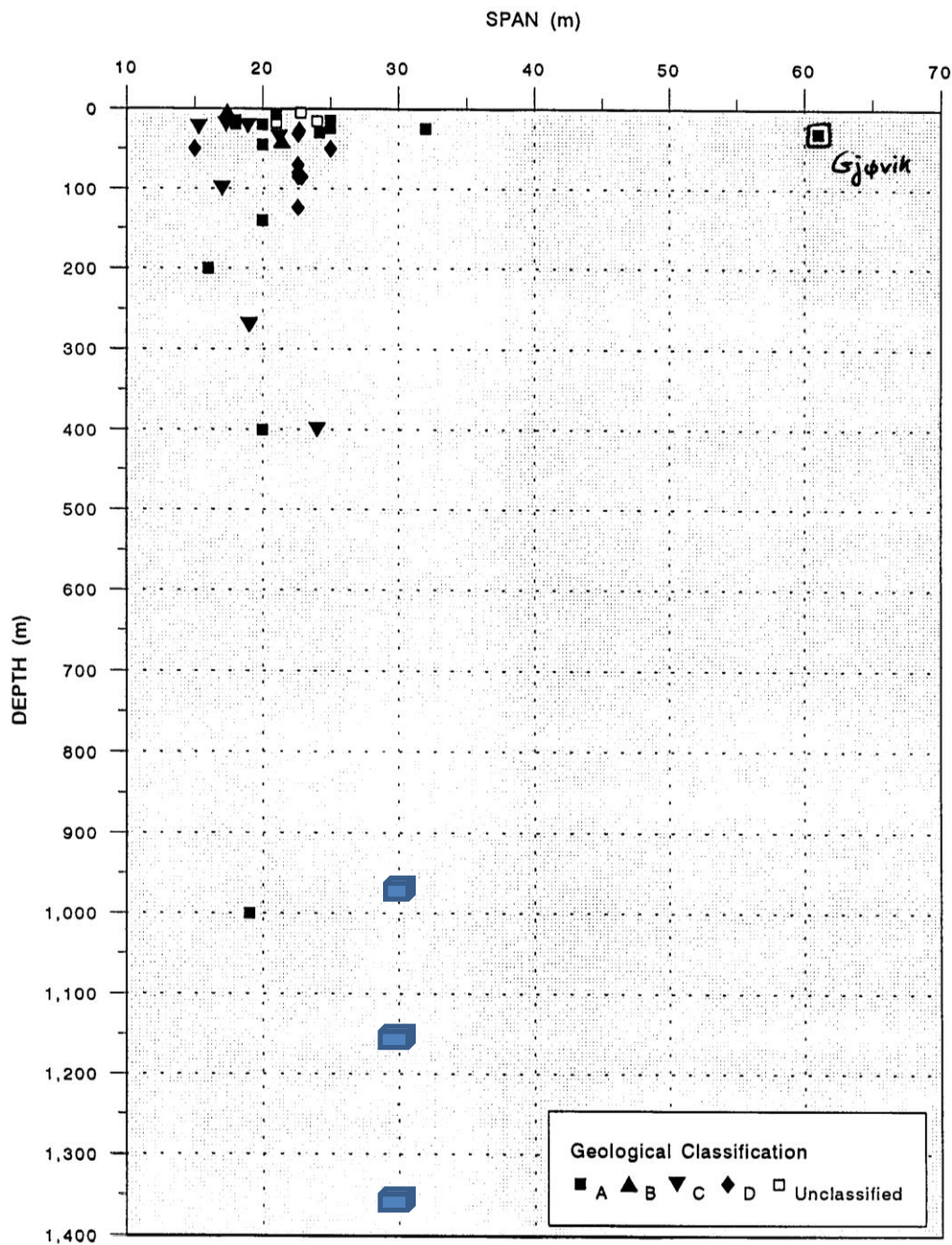
**.....depended on joint pattern and horizontal stress level in the physical models.**



# GJØVIK CAVERN

**INCREASE OF LARGEST CAVERN  
SPAN BY ALMOST 2 x**

**(Note also the three deep caverns  
in a Norwegian road tunnel)**



CAVERN PRECEDENT STUDY

**Gjøvik**  
**Olympic cavern**  
**represented a**  
**big jump.....in**  
**span and**  
**confidence!**

(Figure from Sharp, 1996: UK Nirex study)

**BLUE: Lærdal Tunnel**  
**(three lorry-turning and**  
**'wake-up-driver'**  
**caverns in 24.5 km long**  
**tunnel)**

LÆRDAL TUNNEL lorry-turning caverns (three of them)  
30 m span, depths 1,000 to 1,400 m (Photo G.Lotsberg)

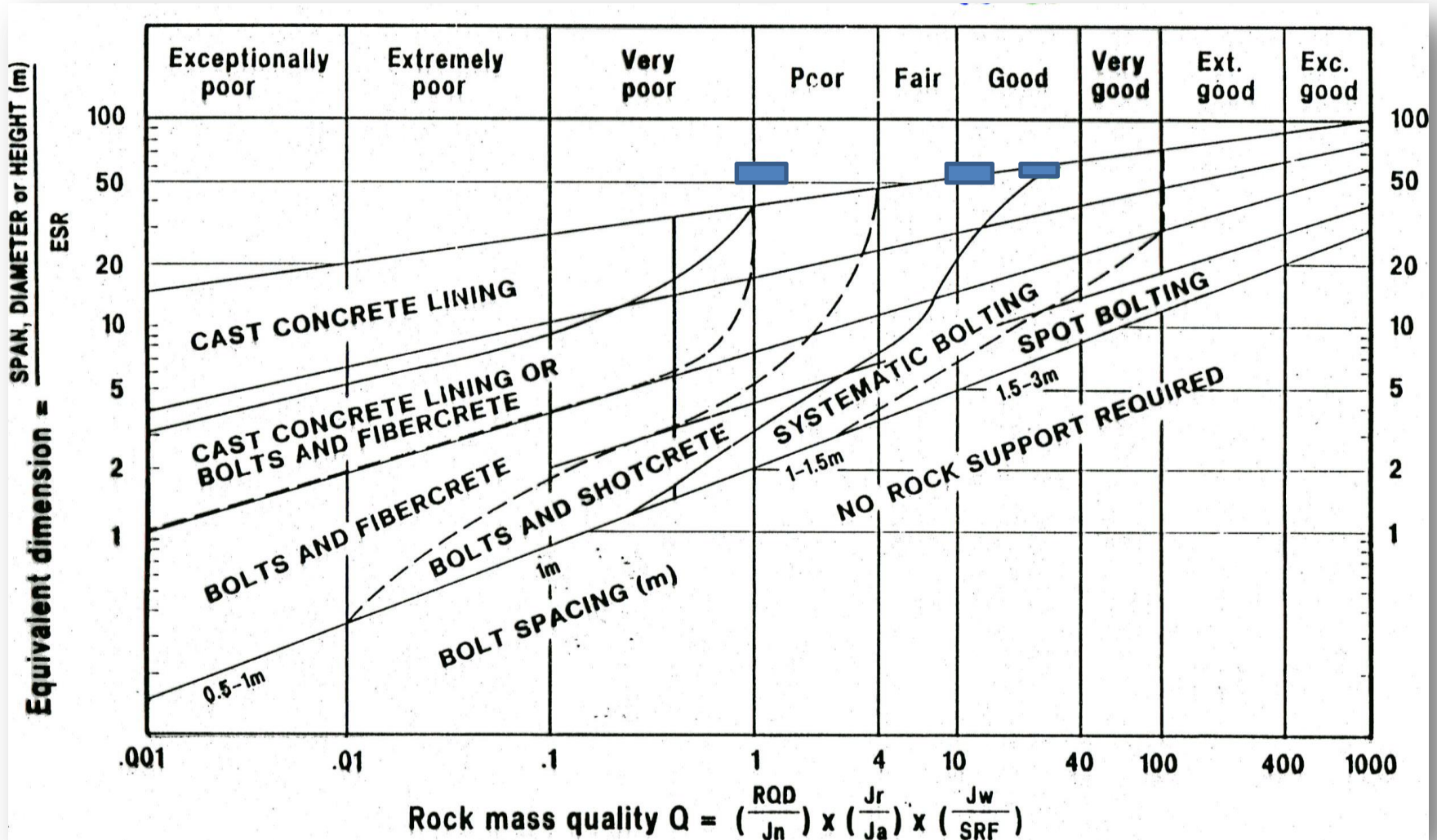


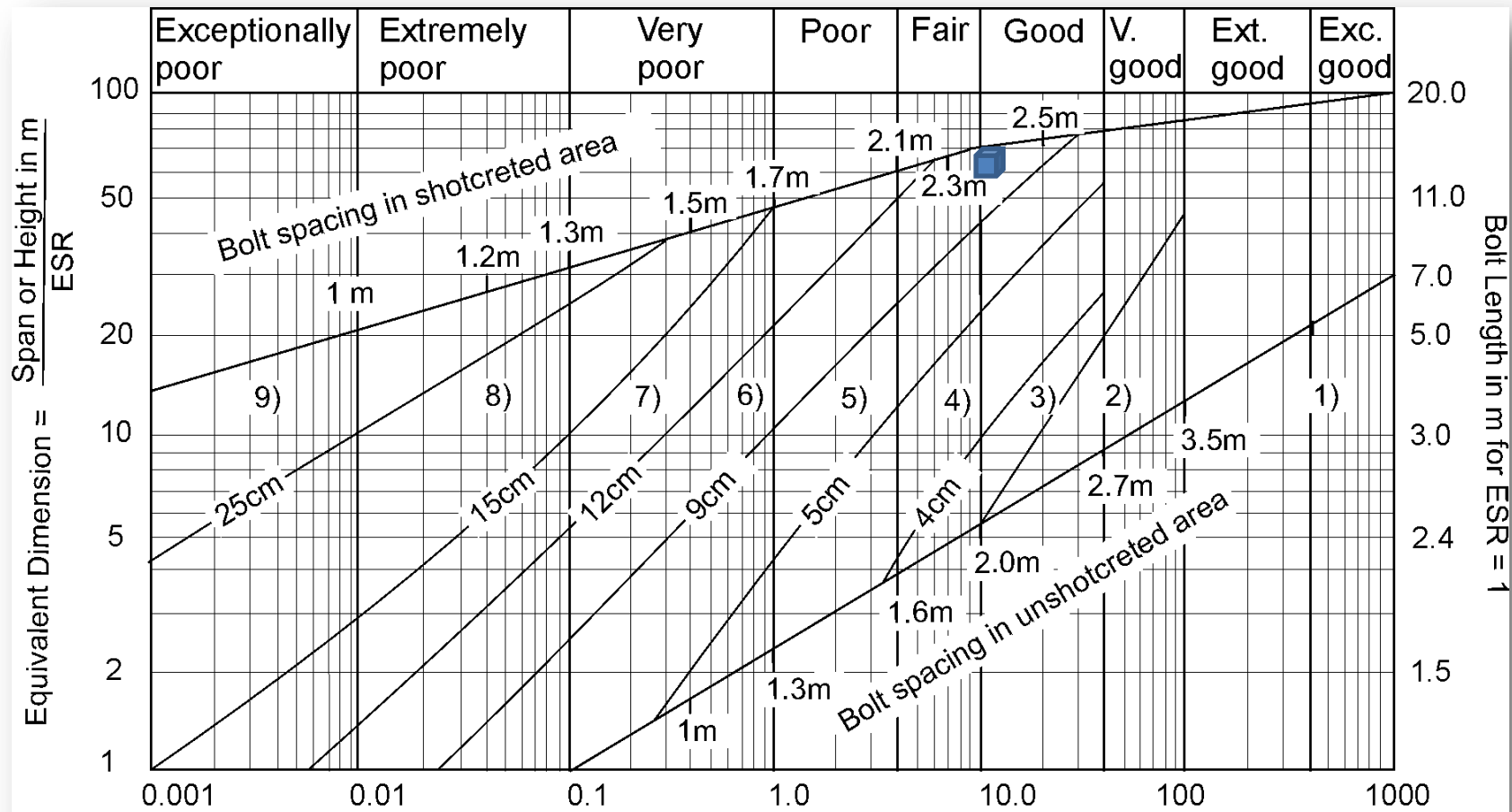


**Gjøvik cavern** : an 'extension' of 1974 Q-system data base.

( $Q_{min}$ ,  $Q_{mean}$ , and  $Q_{max}$  values of **1**, **12**, **30** logged in the cavern)

RQD = 60-90%, UCS = 90 MPa was typical.





$$\text{Rock Mass Quality } Q = \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{SRF}$$

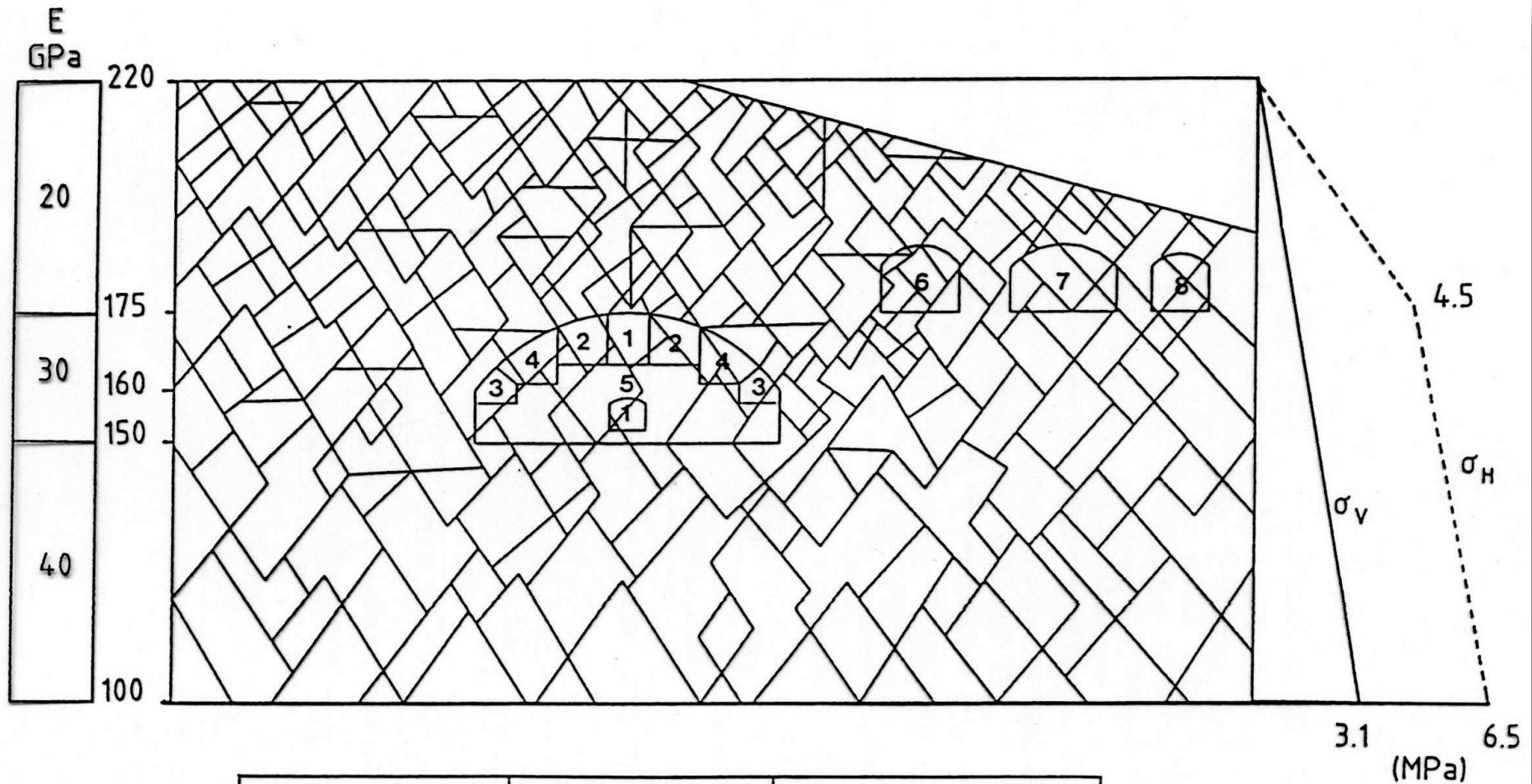
**REINFORCEMENT CATEGORIES**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Unsupported</li> <li>2) Spot bolting, sb</li> <li>3) Systematic bolting, B</li> <li>4) Systematic bolting (and unreinforced shotcrete, 4-10cm, B(+S))</li> <li>5) Fiber reinforced shotcrete and bolting, 5-9cm, Sfr+B</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Fiber reinforced shotcrete and bolting, 9 - 12cm, Sfr+B</li> <li>7) Fiber reinforced shotcrete and bolting, 12 - 15cm, Sfr+B</li> <li>8) Fiber reinforced shotcrete &gt; 15cm, reinforced ribs of shotcrete and bolting, Sfr, RRS+B</li> <li>9) Cast concrete lining, CCA</li> </ul> |
|---|--|--|

# GJØVIK CAVERN JOINT-GEOMETRY ASSUMPTIONS

## input data, boundary stresses

Barton, N., By, T.L., Chryssanthakis, P., Tunbridge, L., Kristiansen, J., Løset, F., Bhasin, R.K., Westerdahl, H. & Vik, G. 1994. Predicted and measured performance of the 62m span Norwegian Olympic Ice Hockey Cavern at Gjøvik. Int. J. Rock Mech, Min. Sci. & Geomech. Abstr. 31:6: 617-641. Pergamon.



$\gamma_z = 0.026 \text{ MPa/m}$	$JRC_0 = 7.5$ $JCS_0 = 75 \text{ MPa}$	$\Phi_r = 27^\circ$ $i = 6^\circ$ } $33^\circ$
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# TOP HEADING TOO WIDE TO OBSERVE FROM ONE LOCATION

JOB TITLE : 901004 ISHALL G.JOEVIK-POSTVERKETS CAVERNS-4TH EXC.STAGE SIGH=4.5MPa BOLTED

**UDEC (Version 1.5)**

## LEGEND

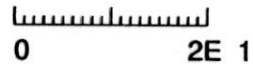
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$5.000E+01 <x< 1.700E+02$

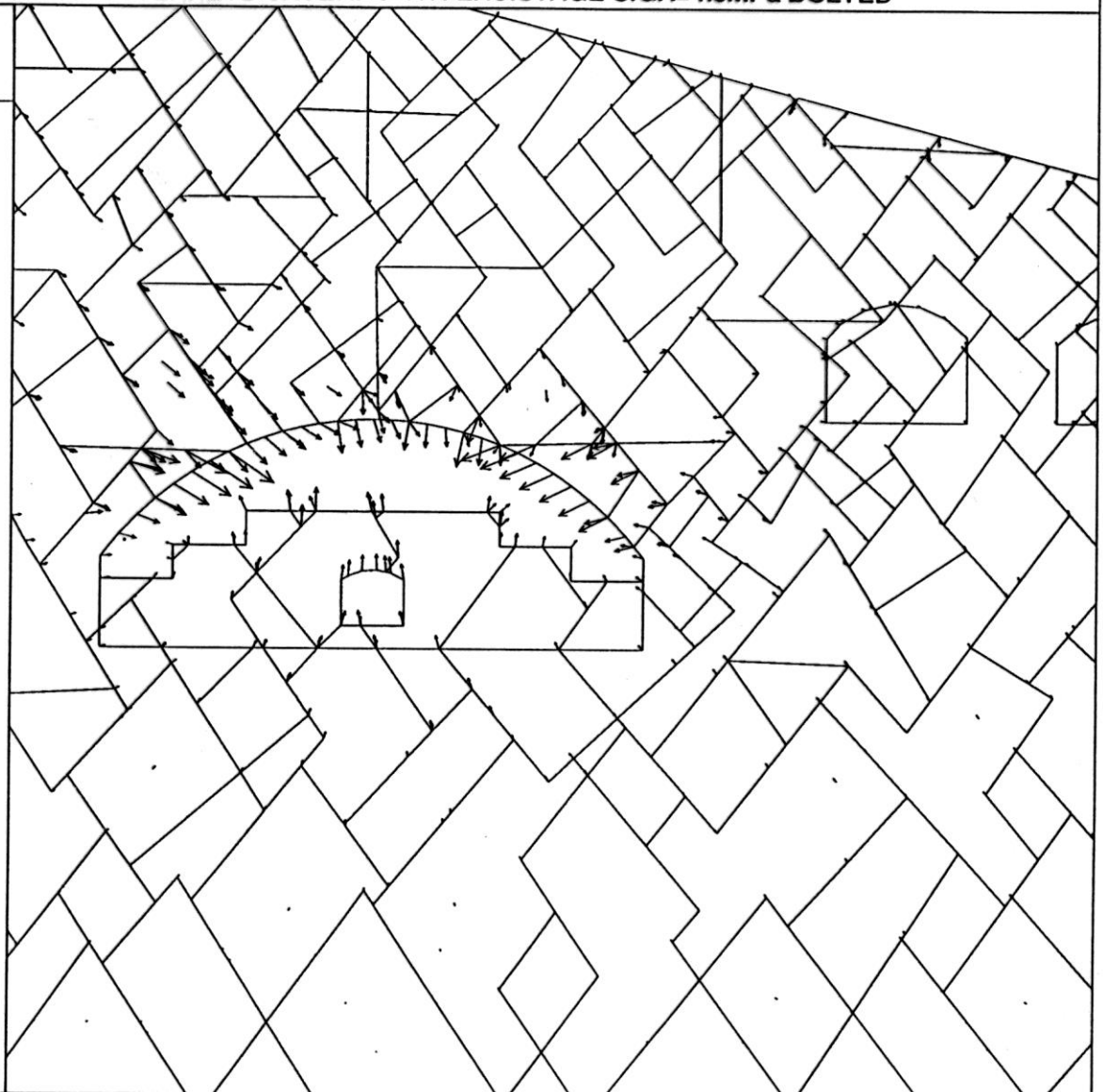
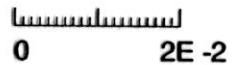
$1.000E+02 <y< 2.200E+02$

block plot



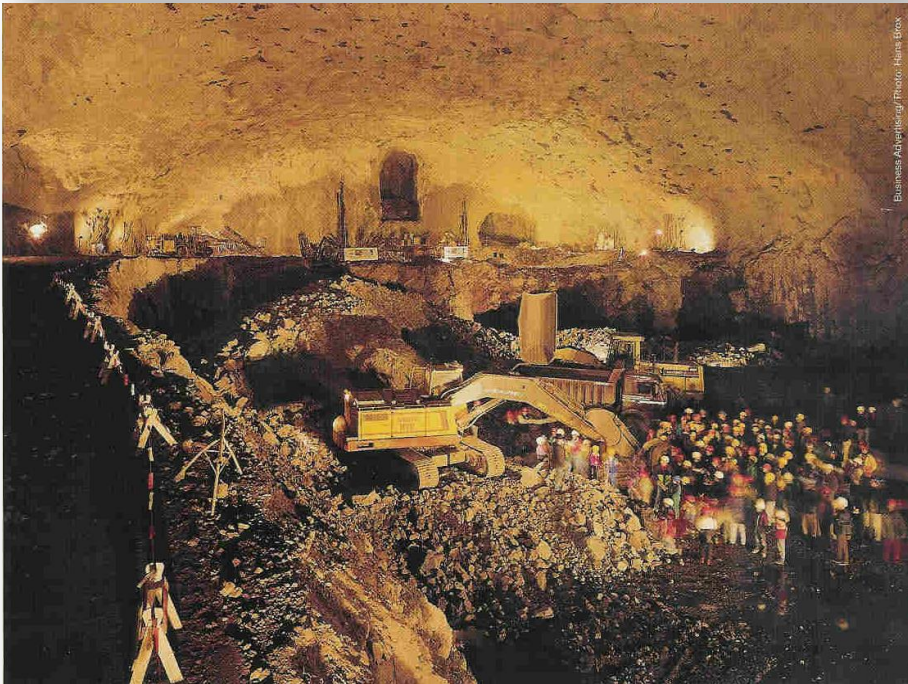
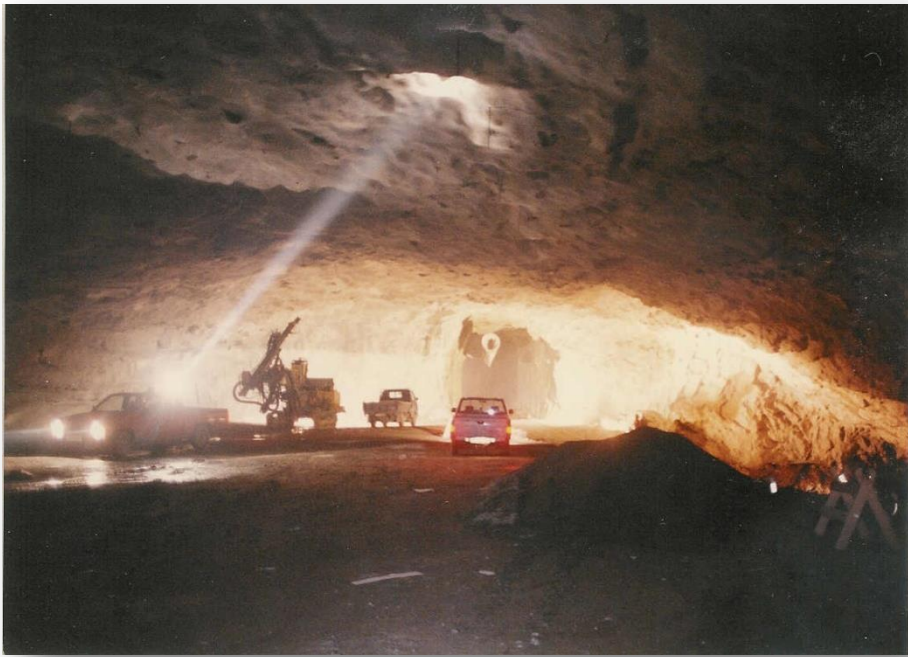
displacement vectors

maximum =  $6.999E-03$



Norwegian Geotechnical Institute  
PB 40 Taasen, 0801 OSLO, Norway

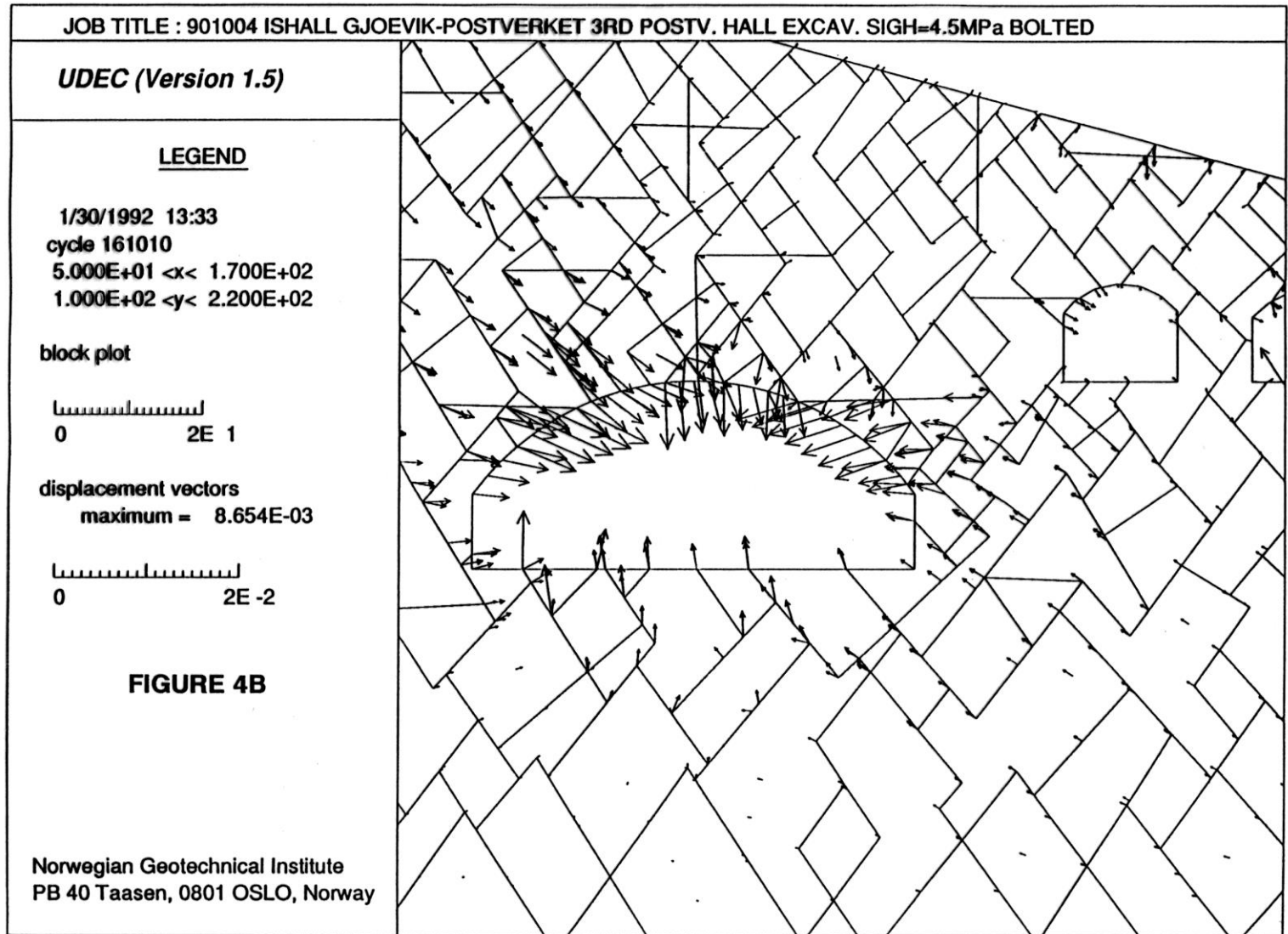






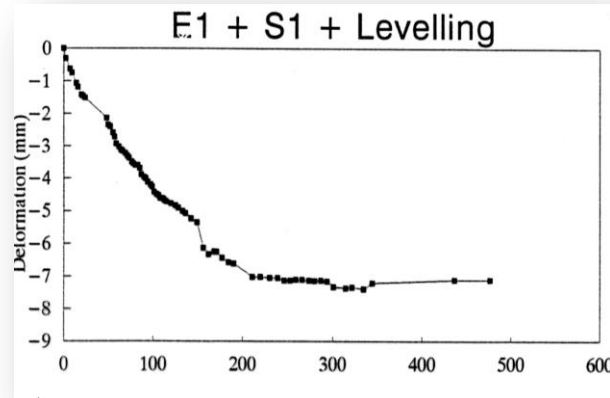
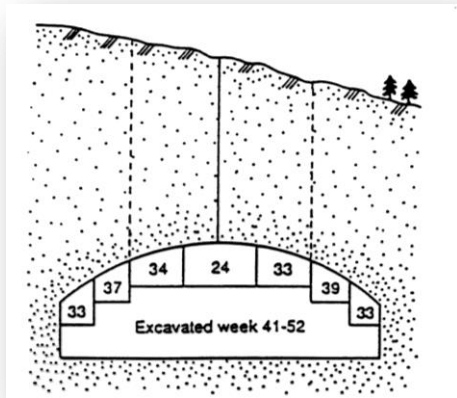
The final modelled 7 to 9 mm (downwards directed) deformations matched the unknown (to be measured) result almost perfectly.

(UDEC-BB modelling by Chryssanthakis, NGI)



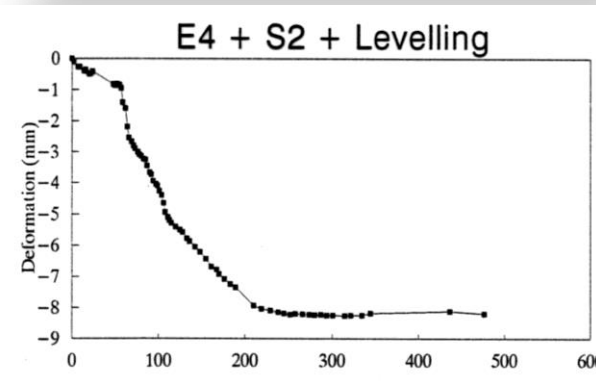
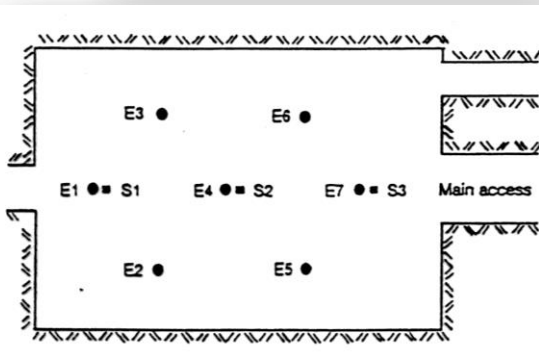


# DEFORMATION RECORDS FROM MPBX AND LEVELLING

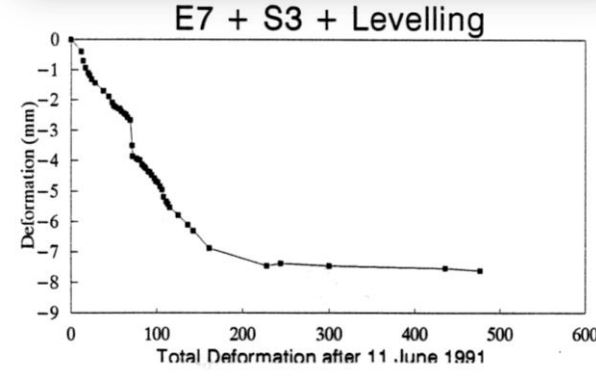
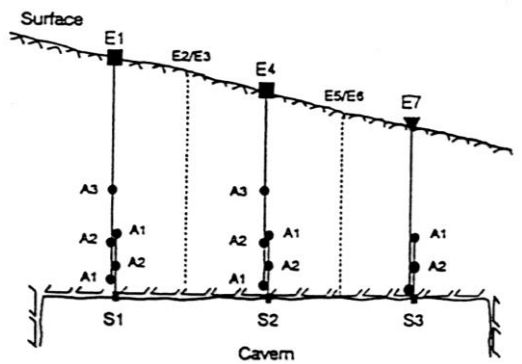


**$\Delta = 7$  to  $8$  mm was typical.**

**Construction period: week 24 to week 52, following arrival of access tunnels (top and bottom).**



**B x H x L  
= 62 x 24 x 90  
= 140,000 m<sup>3</sup>**

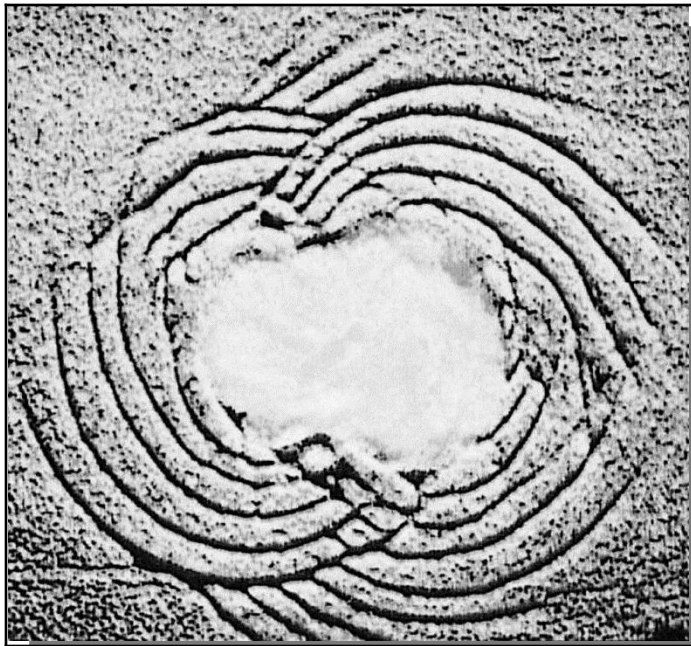


**Typical NMT  
B + S(fr)  
DRAINED**

CONTINUUM (??)

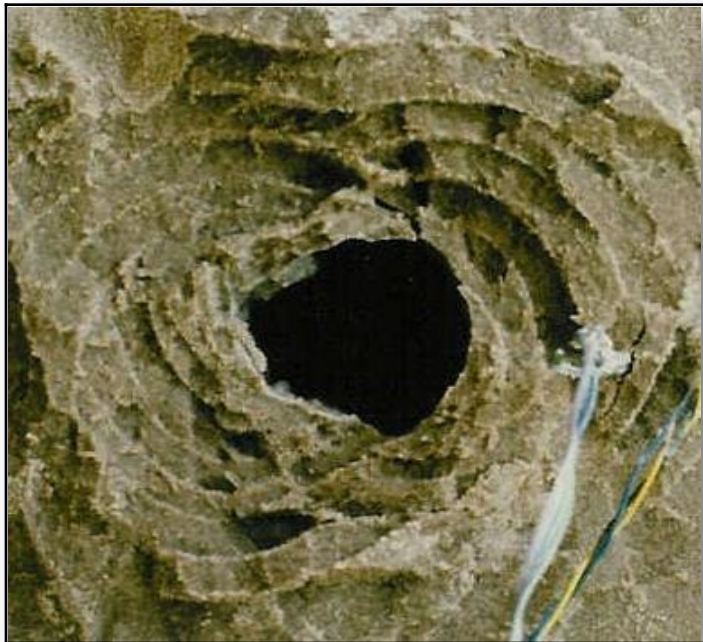
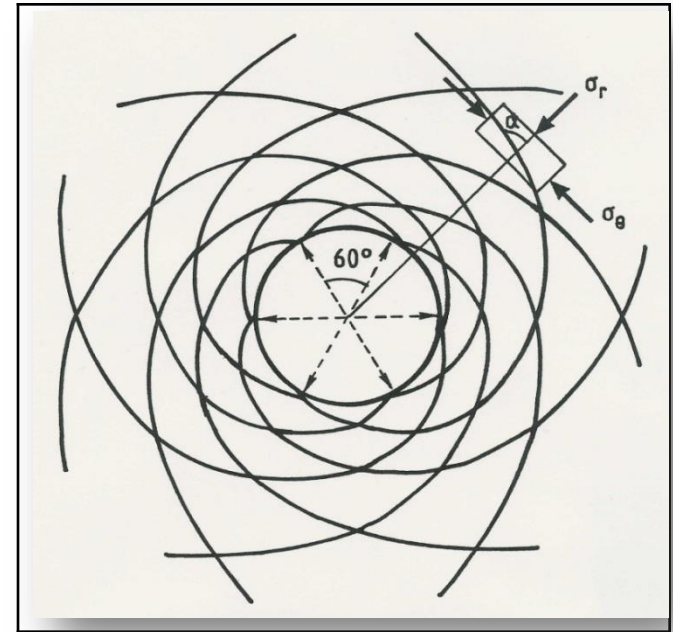
or

DISCONTINUUM  
MODELLING



## Borehole stability studies at NGI

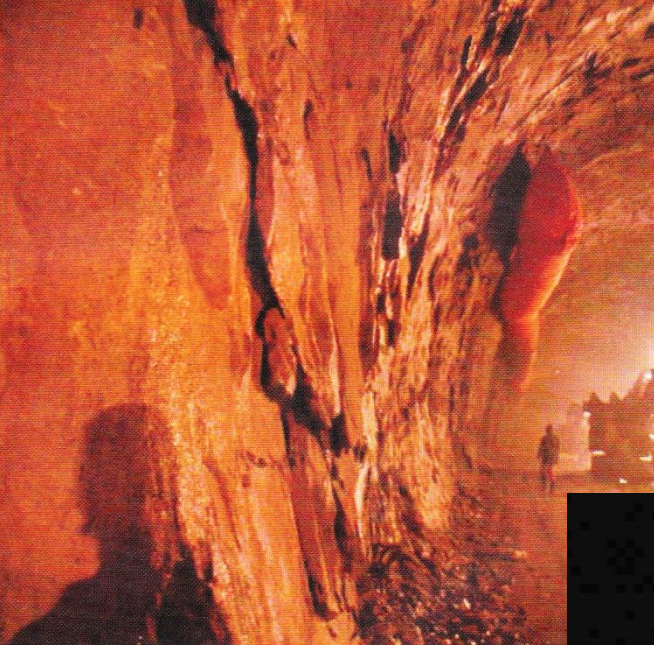
Continuum becomes a discontinuum!



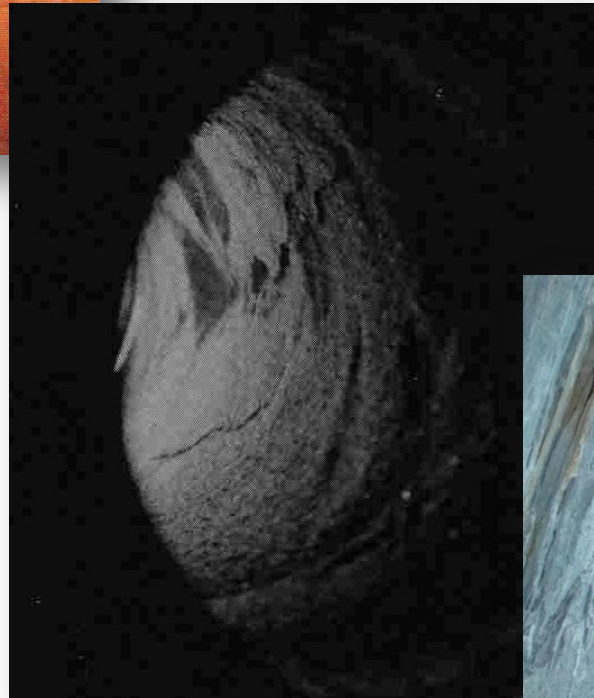
Drilling into  
 $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$   
loaded  
cubes  
 $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$  m  
of model  
sandstone



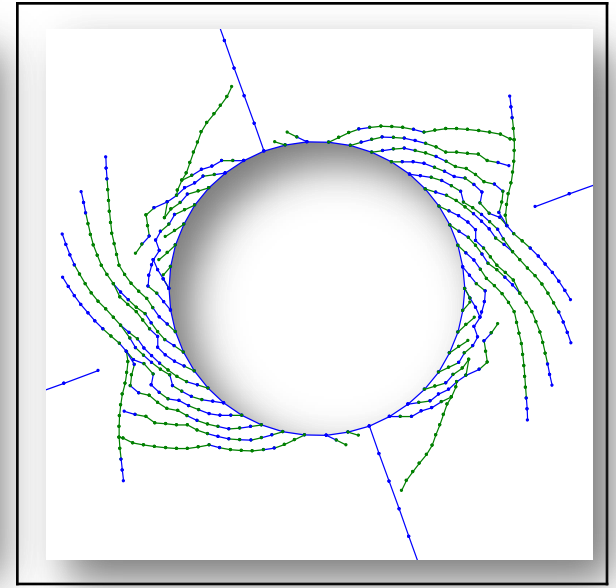
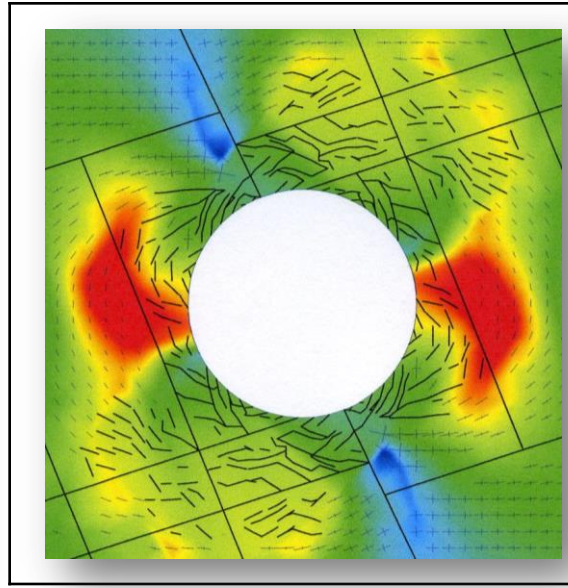
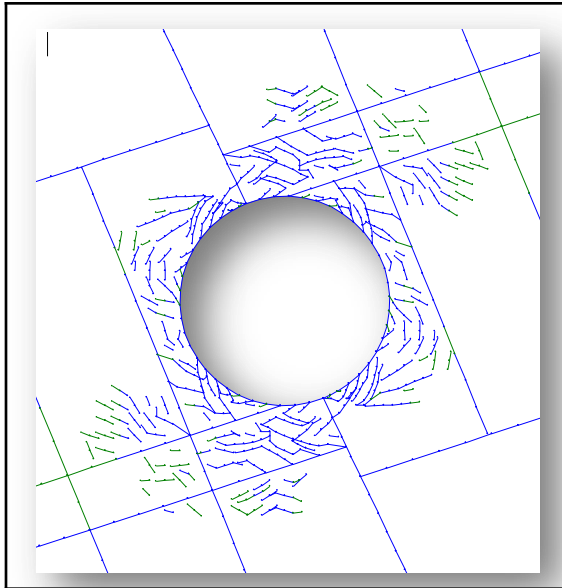




**Jinping II (D+B)** – ISRM News Journal  
Physical model – bored under stress (NGI)  
**Jinping II (TBM)** – ISRM workshop (NB)



**Log-spiral  
shear  
modes in  
weaker rock  
types**



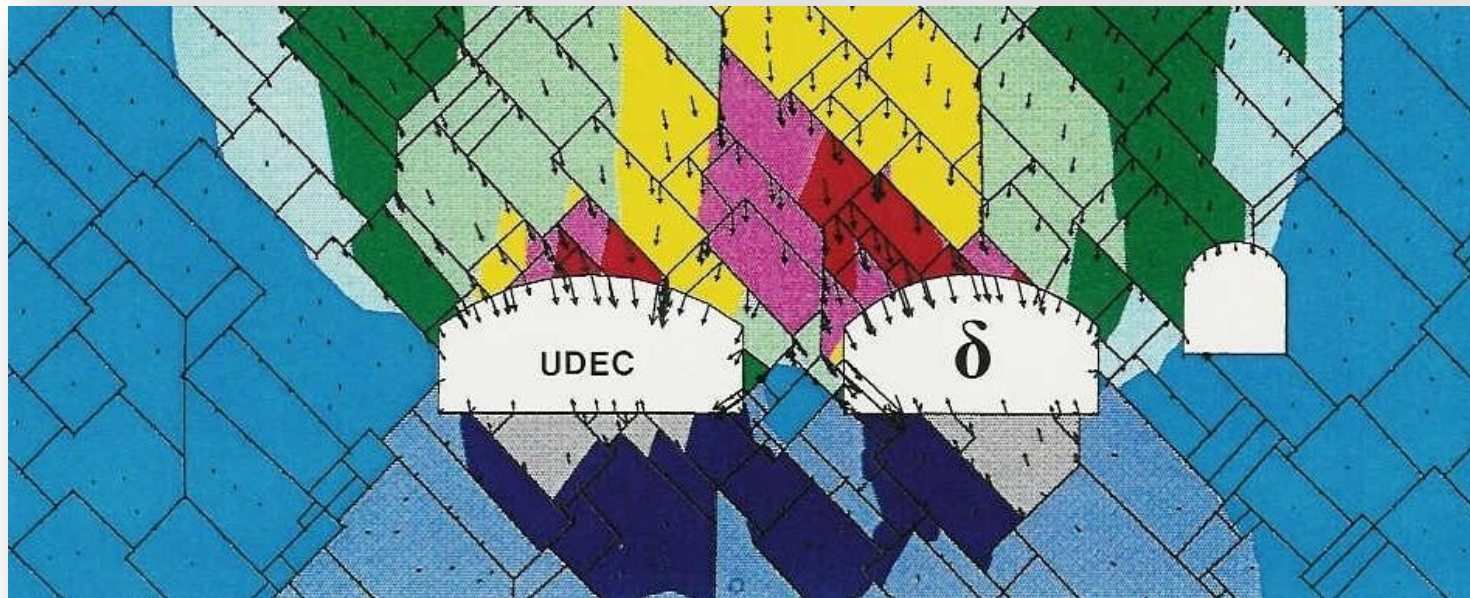
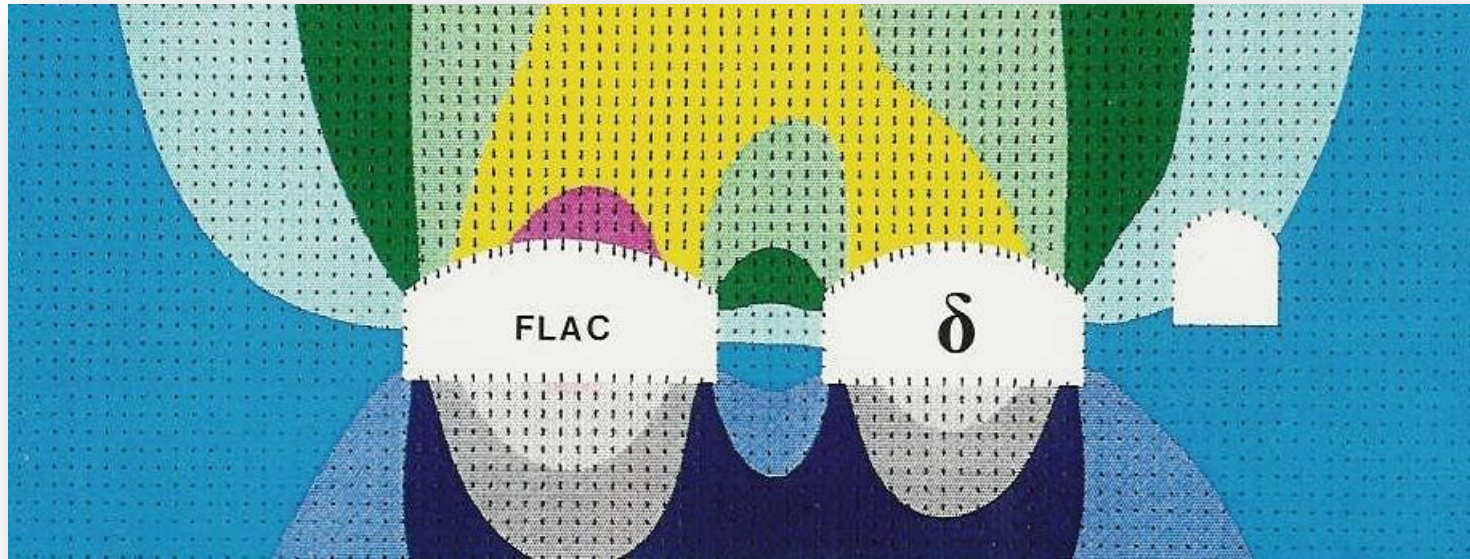
**Three FRACOD models showing fracturing development.**

**Baotang Shen, 2004**



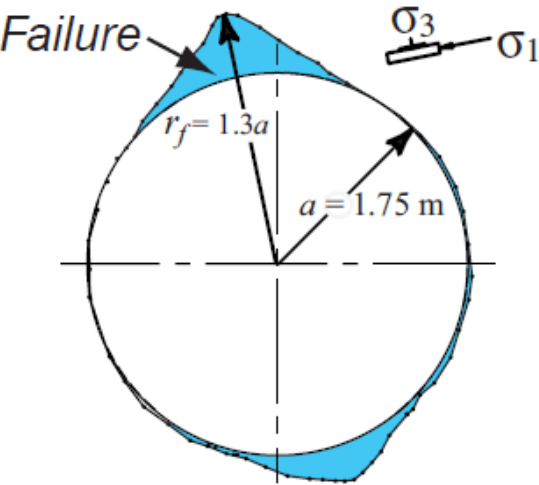
# Cundall and Cundall.....but the choice is clear!

(NGI modelling by Lise Backer)



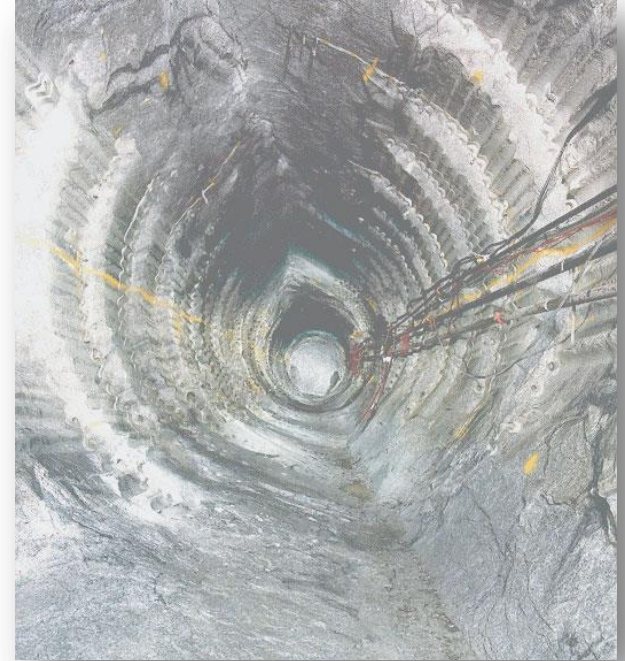


# NEED for CHANGE

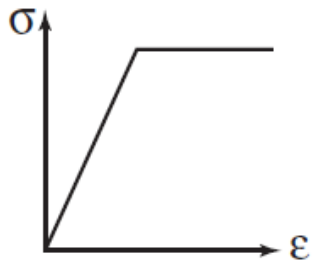
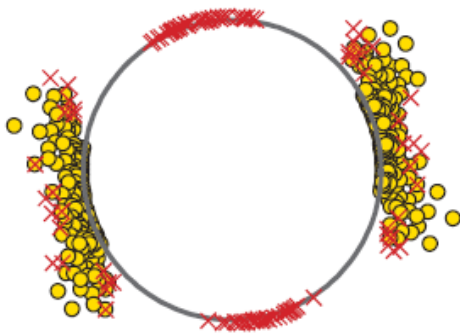


**CONVENTIONAL  
continuum modelling  
methods are suspect.**

**Poor simulation with  
Mohr Coulomb or  
Hoek and Brown  
strength criteria.**



*Predicted*



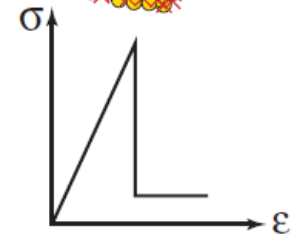
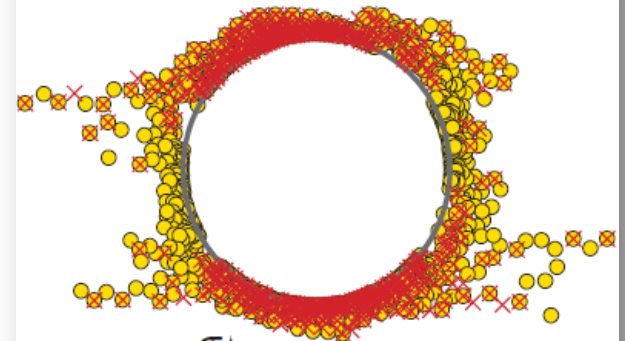
*Elastic-Plastic*

( [Hajiabdolmajid, Martin and Kaiser, 2000](#)  
“Modelling brittle failure”,  
NARMS.)

**So why performed by  
so many consultants?**

**x Shear failure    o Tensile failure**

*Predicted*



*Elastic-Brittle*

JOB TITLE :

**FLAC (Version 3.30)**

LEGEND

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step 4850

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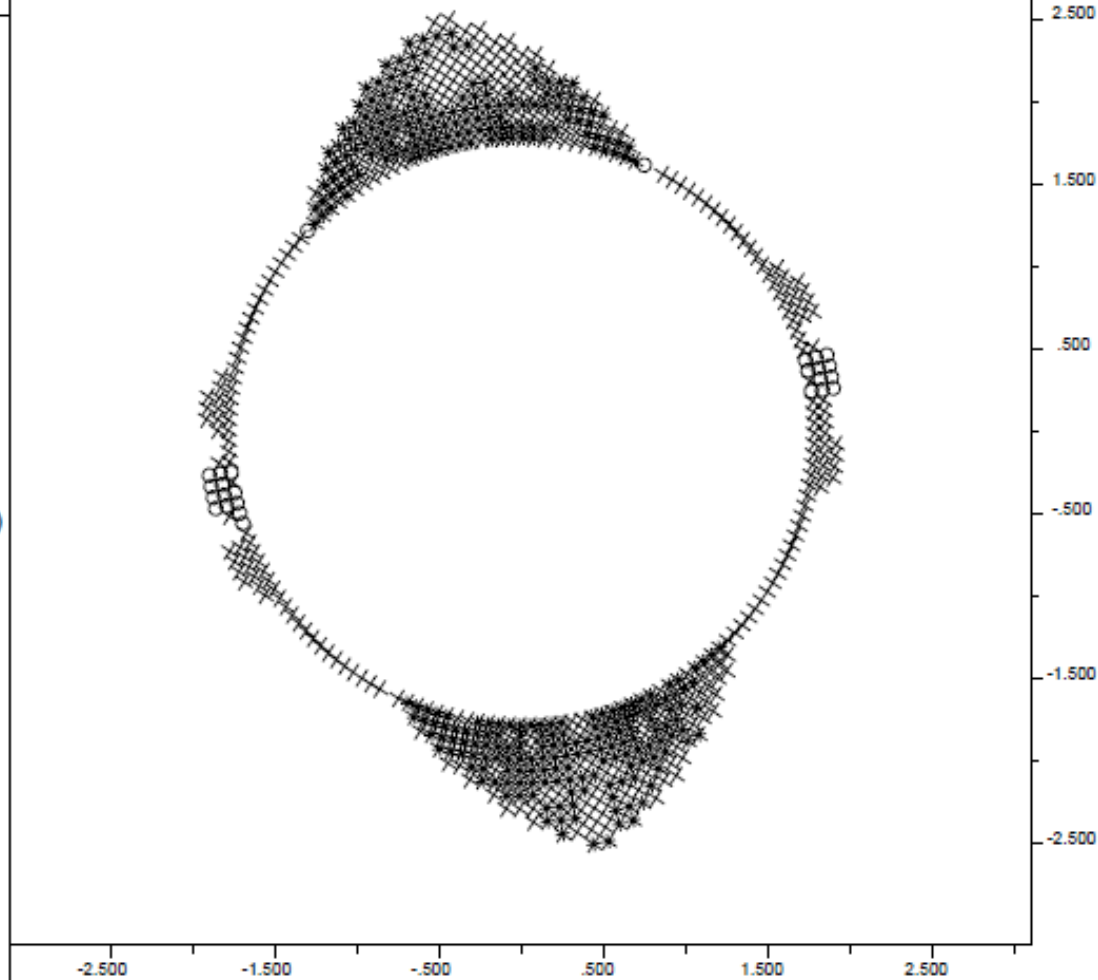
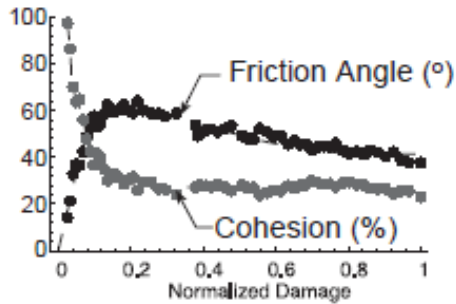
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Plasticity Indicator

\* at yield in shear or vol.

X elastic, at yield in past

o at yield in tension



**Degrade cohesion, mobilize friction: excellent match.**

(Hajiabdolmajid, Martin and Kaiser, 2000 "Modelling brittle failure", NARMS.)

NOW AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO  
ESTIMATE '*c*' and '*φ*' FOR ROCK  
MASSES

(but still need to *degrade c* at small  
strain, and *mobilize φ* at larger  
strain)



**CC** and **FC** from  $Q_c = Q \times \sigma_c / 100$  :

$$Q_c = \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{SRF} \times \sigma_c / 100$$



**CC = cohesive strength** (the component of the rock mass requiring shotcrete)

**FC = frictional strength** (the component of the rock mass requiring bolting).

**Cut  $Q_c$  into two halves  $\rightarrow$  'c' and ' $\phi$ '**

$$CC = \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{1}{SRF} \times \frac{\sigma_c}{100}$$

$$FC = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times J_w \right)$$

$$c' = \frac{\sigma_{ci} \left[ (1 + 2a)s + (1 - a)m_b \sigma'_{3n} \right] (s + m_b \sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{(1 + u)(2 + a) \sqrt{1 + \left( 6am_b (s + m_b \sigma'_{3n})^{a-1} \right) / ((1 + a)(2 + a))}}$$

CC      "c"  $\approx \left( \frac{\text{RQD}}{J_n} \times \frac{1}{\text{SRF}} \times \frac{\sigma_c}{100} \right)$

$$\phi' = a \sin \left[ \frac{6am_b (s + m_b \sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{2(1 + a)(2 + a) + 6am_b (s + m_b \sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}} \right]$$

FC      "φ"  $\approx \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{J_r}{J_a} \times \frac{J_w}{1} \right)$

**GSI-based  
algebra for  
'c' and 'φ'**

**contrasted  
with**

**Q-based  
'empiricism'**

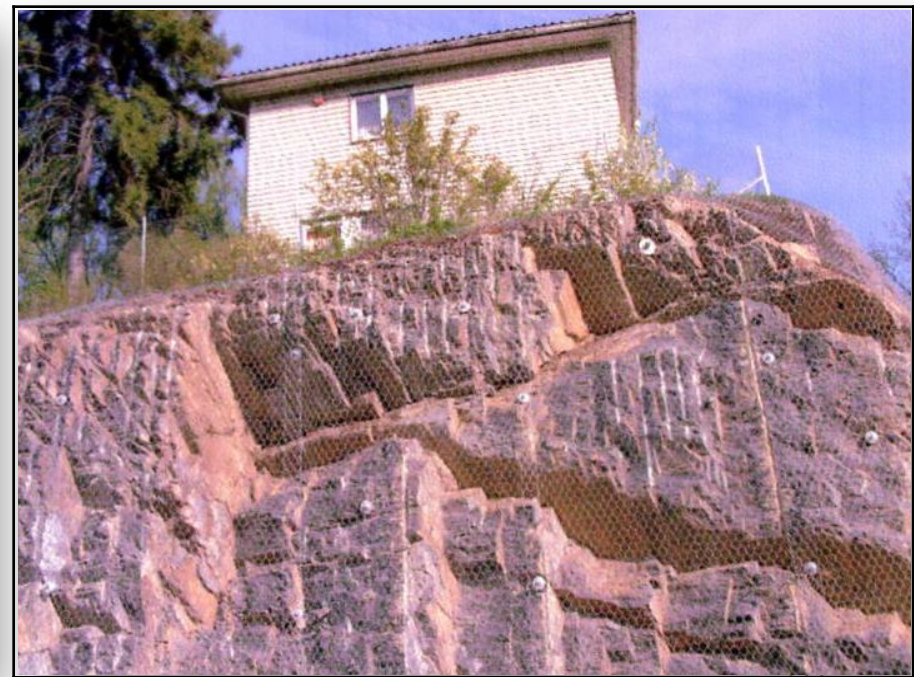
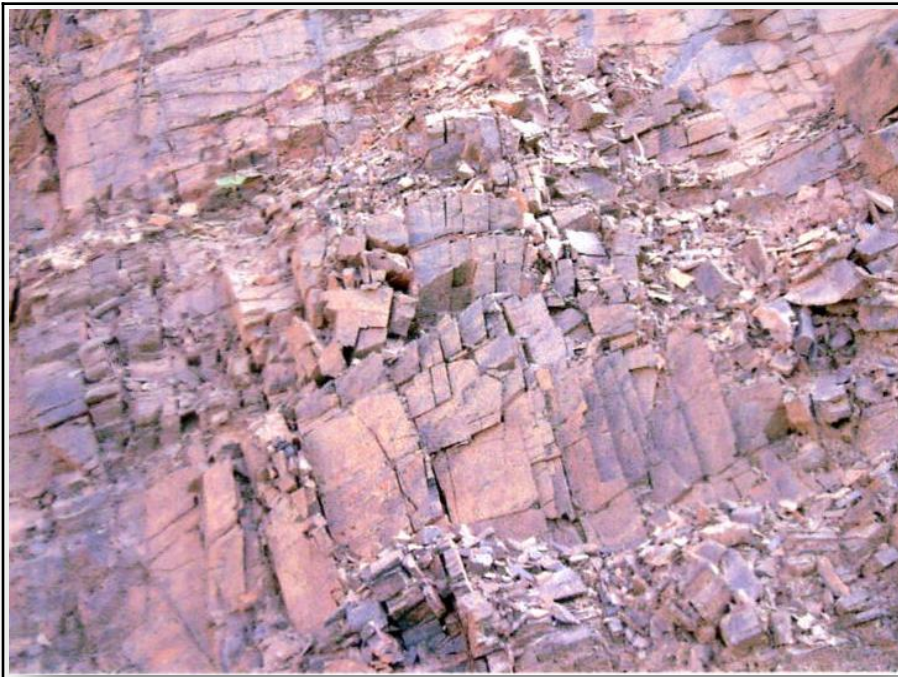
**Note:  
shotcrete  
needed when  
low CC,  
bolting  
needed when  
low FC.**

RQD	J <sub>n</sub>	J <sub>r</sub>	J <sub>a</sub>	J <sub>w</sub>	SRF	Q	$\sigma_c$	Q <sub>c</sub>	FC°	CC MPa	V <sub>p</sub> km/s	E <sub>mass</sub> GPa
100	2	2	1	1	1	100	100	100	63°	50	5.5	46
90	9	1	1	1	1	10	100	10	45°	10	4.5	22
60	12	1.5	2	0.66	1	2.5	50	1.2	26°	2.5	3.6	10.7
30	15	1	4	0.66	2.5	0.13	33	0.04	9°	0.26	2.1	3.5

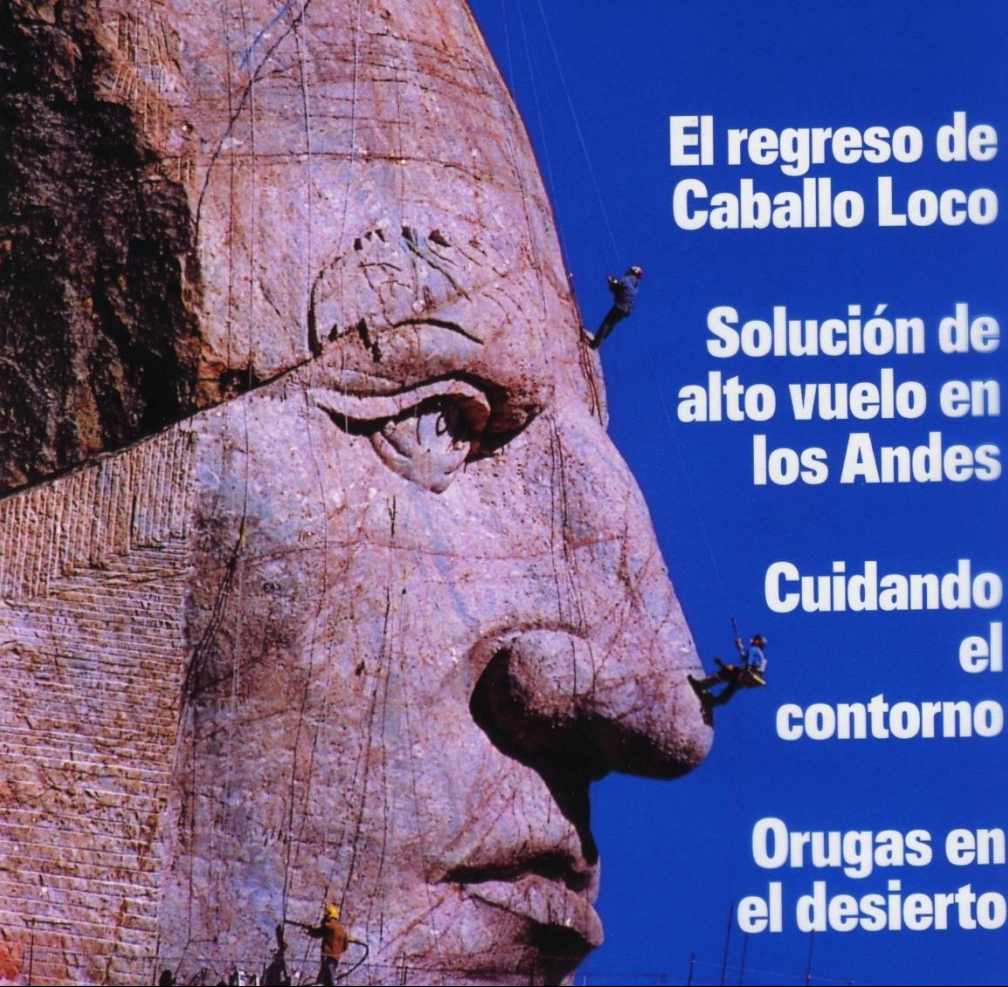
***Four rock masses with successively reducing character: more joints, more weathering, lower UCS, more clay.***

**Low CC –shotcrete preferred**

**Low FC – bolting preferred**







**El regreso de  
Caballo Loco**

**Solución de  
alto vuelo en  
los Andes**

**Cuidando  
el  
contorno**

**Orugas en  
el desierto**

**HIGH CC      HIGH FC**

$$Q \approx 100/6 \times 4/0.75 \times 1/5$$

(SRF = 5 due  
to near-surface)

$$CC \approx 100/6 \times 1/5 \times 150/100 \\ \approx 5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$FC \approx \tan^{-1} (4/0.75 \times 1/1) \\ \approx 79^\circ$$

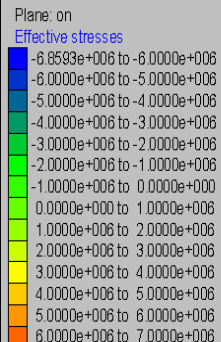
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Picture of the mountain-side rock sculpture of the Indian chief 'Crazy Horse', in North Dakota, USA.

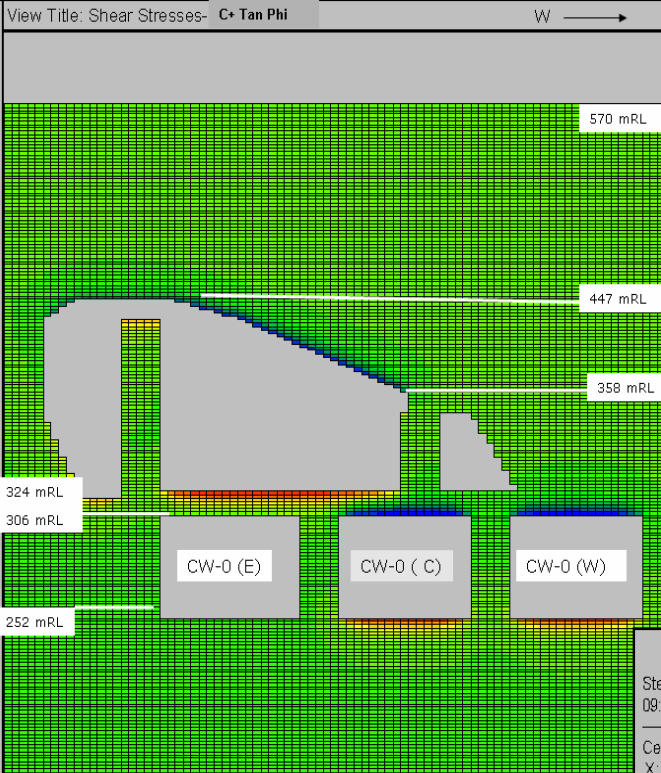
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X: 0.000e+000 X: 0.000e+000  
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Block Contour of SYZ Stress



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# FLAC 3D

**' $c + \sigma_n \tan \phi$ ' (left)**  
**' $c$  then  $\sigma_n \tan \phi$ ' (below)**

(Barton and Suneet Pandey, 2011)

## 'New' approaches:

- $c$  then  $\tan \phi$  (not new, but rare!)**
- Comparing modelled and measured displacements with pre-installed MPBX.**
- Back-calculating Q from empirical  $\Delta$  equations, as well as logged Q.**

FLAC3D 2.10  
Step 52120 Model Projection  
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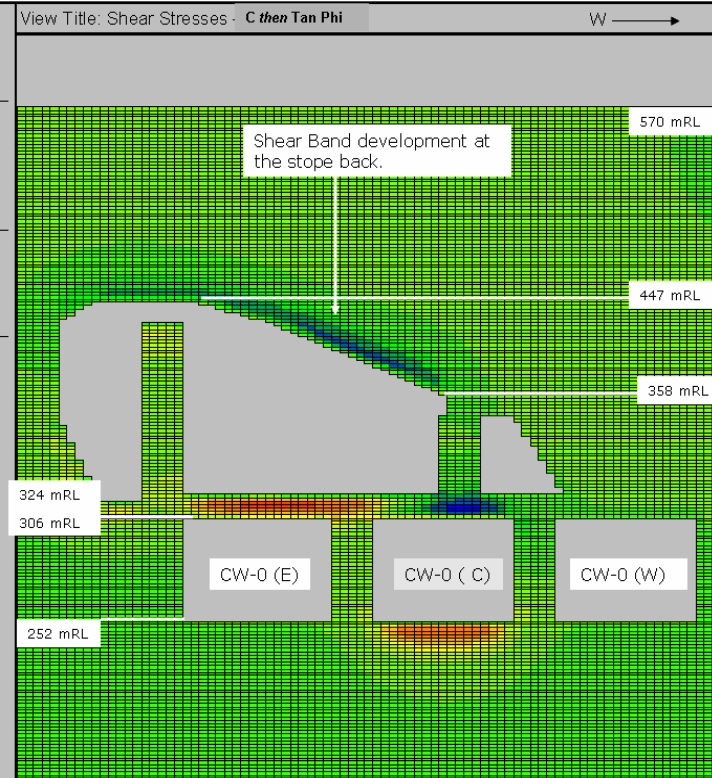
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Block Contour of SYZ Stress  
Plane: on  
Effective stresses

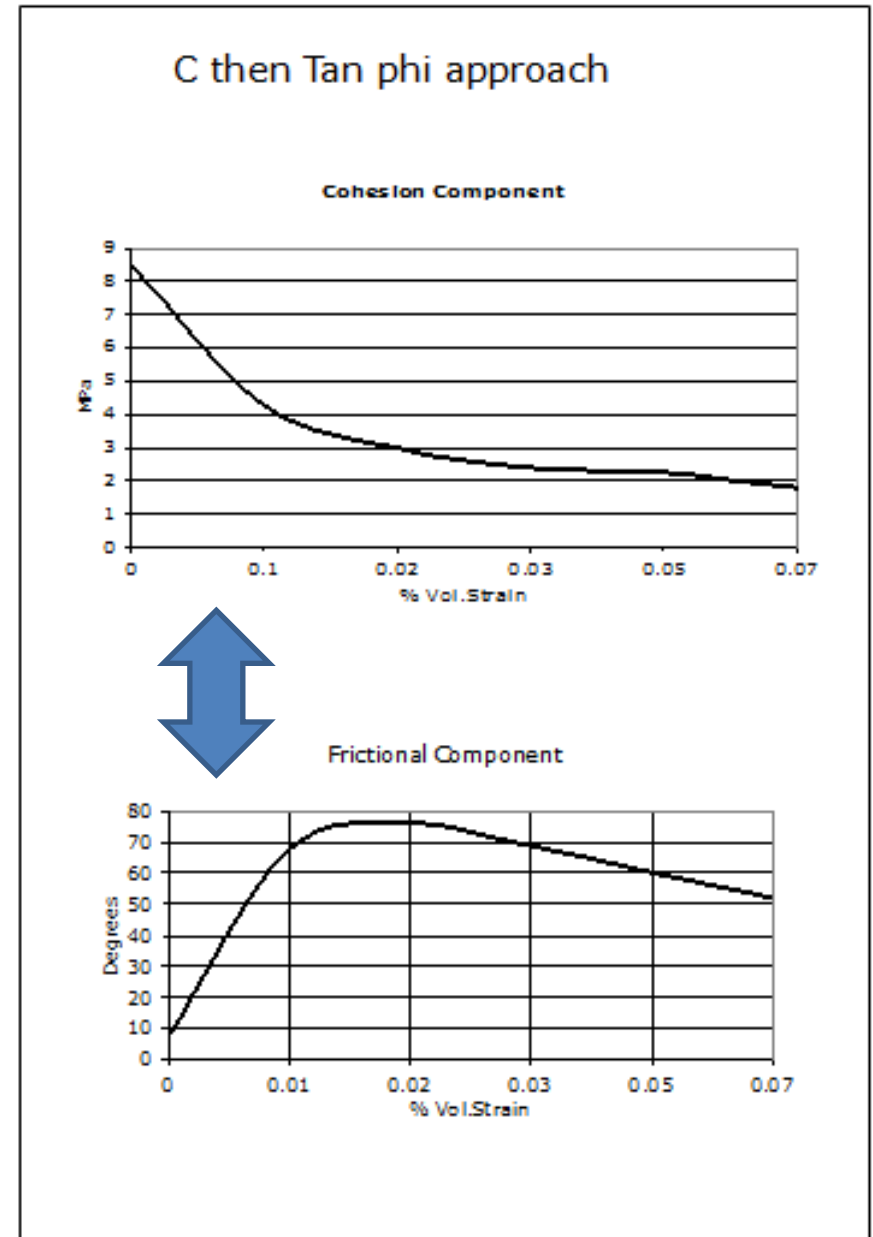
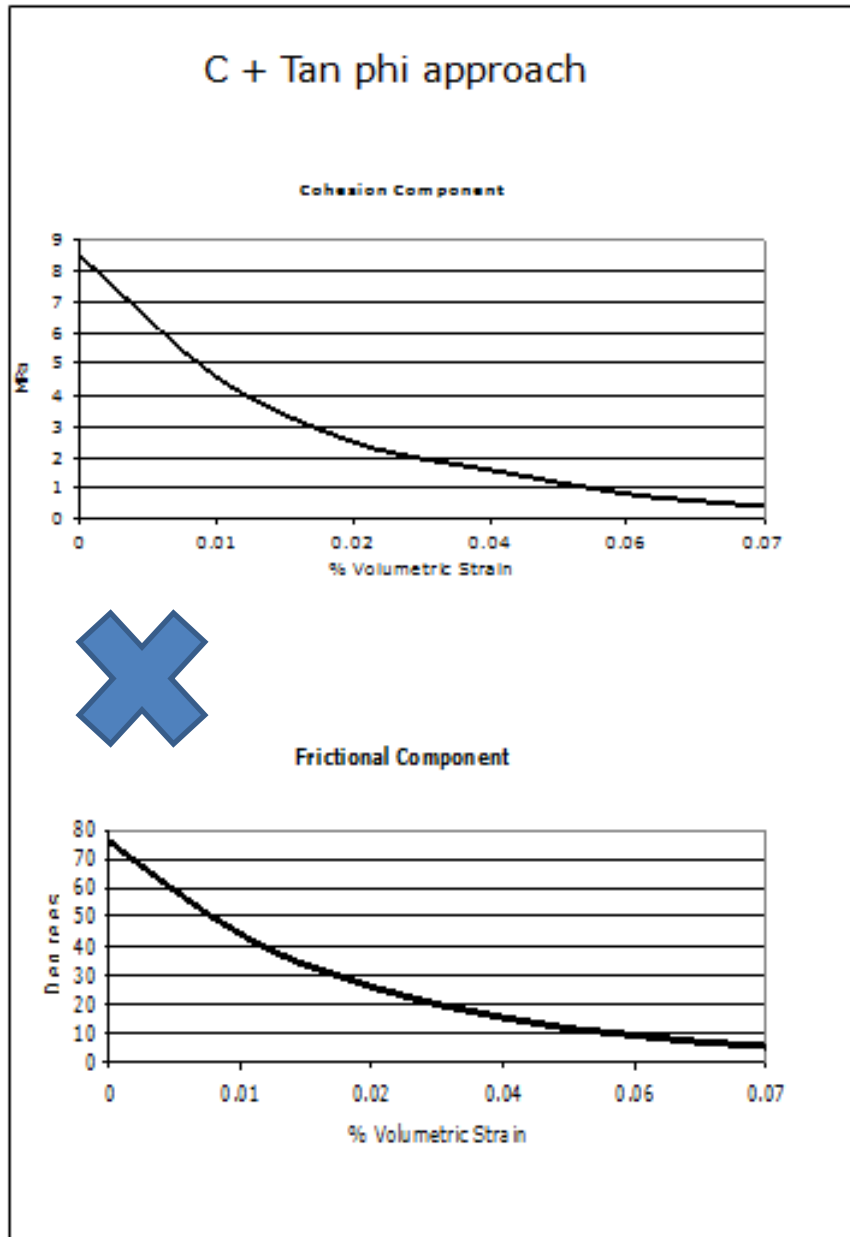
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-5.0000e+005 to 0.0000e+000
0.0000e+000 to 5.0000e+005
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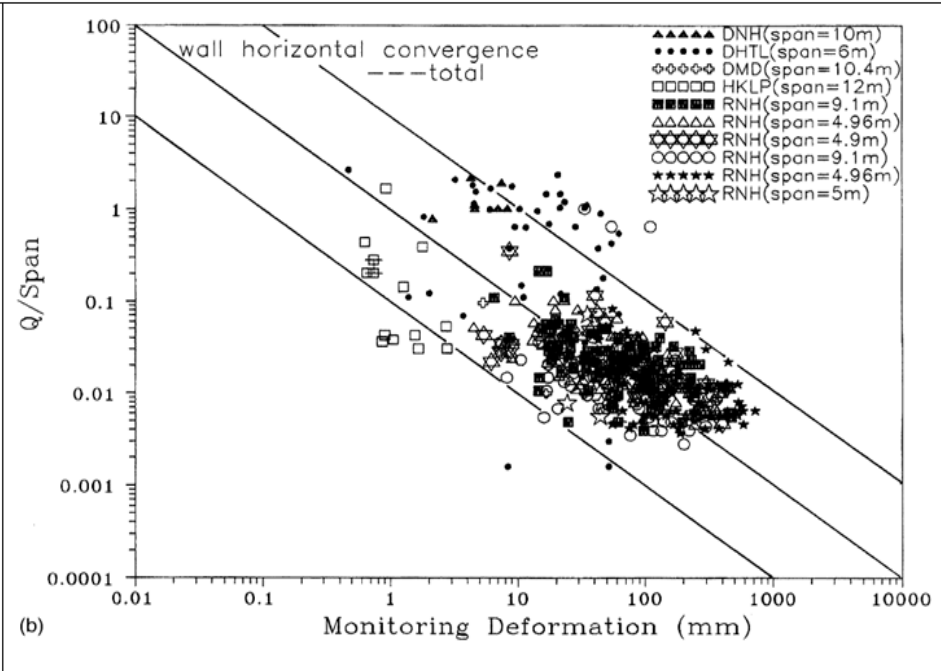
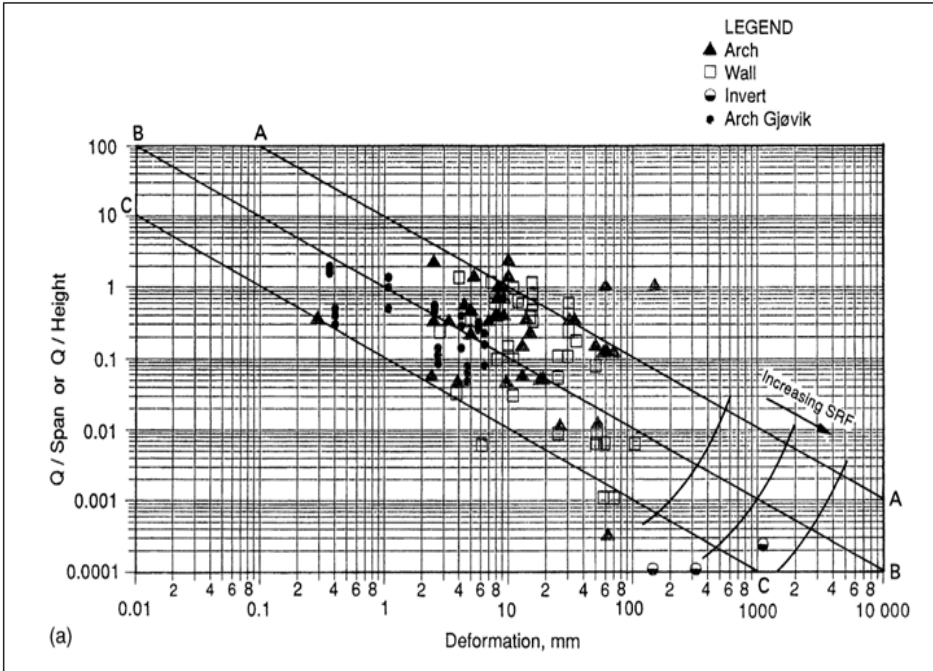
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# ' $c$ then $\sigma_n \tan\varphi$ ' (as used in Barton and Pandey, 2011)







Original plotting method from Barton et al., 1994

Data from Chen and Guo (priv. comm.)

$$\Delta = \frac{\text{SPAN}}{Q}$$

(central trend  
of all data: approx)

$$\Delta_v = \frac{\text{SPAN}}{100Q} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_c}}$$

(more accurate  
estimate)

## ***NMT tunnel (= single-shell)***

through pre-injected (10 MPa pressure) shales, limestones.

