

Geotechnical challenges in the planning and construction of high-rise buildings in urban environment



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Mentimeter – Survey

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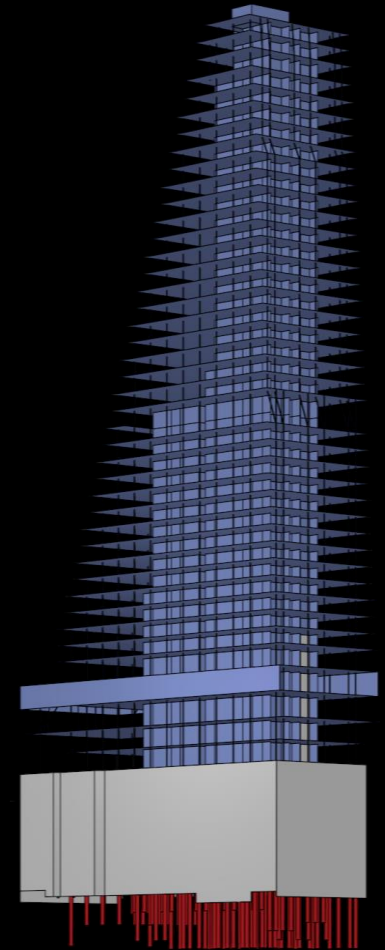
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For your orientation:

1 cm - 381 m - Empire State Building, New York City

14 cm - 250 m - Messeturm, Frankfurt

46 cm - 197 m - Millenium Tower, San Francisco



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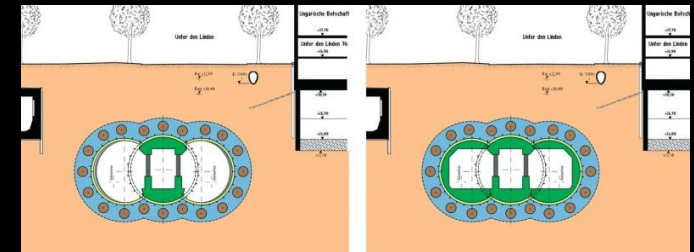
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27 years

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1100 employees

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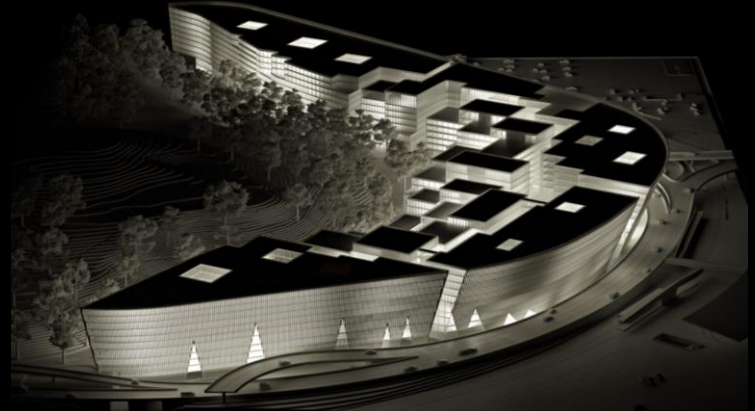
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The Circle, Zurich



Roche 1, 2, pRed, 8, 10, 11, Basel

Mentimeter – Survey - Results

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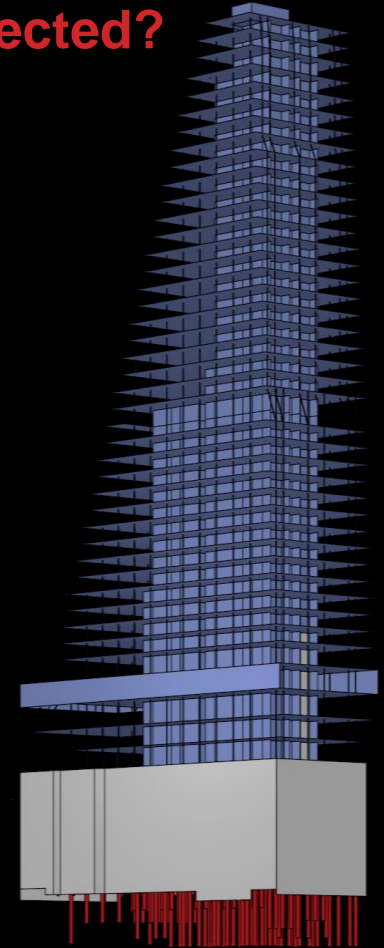
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⇒ Survey - Results

Max measured settlements **2.5 cm**

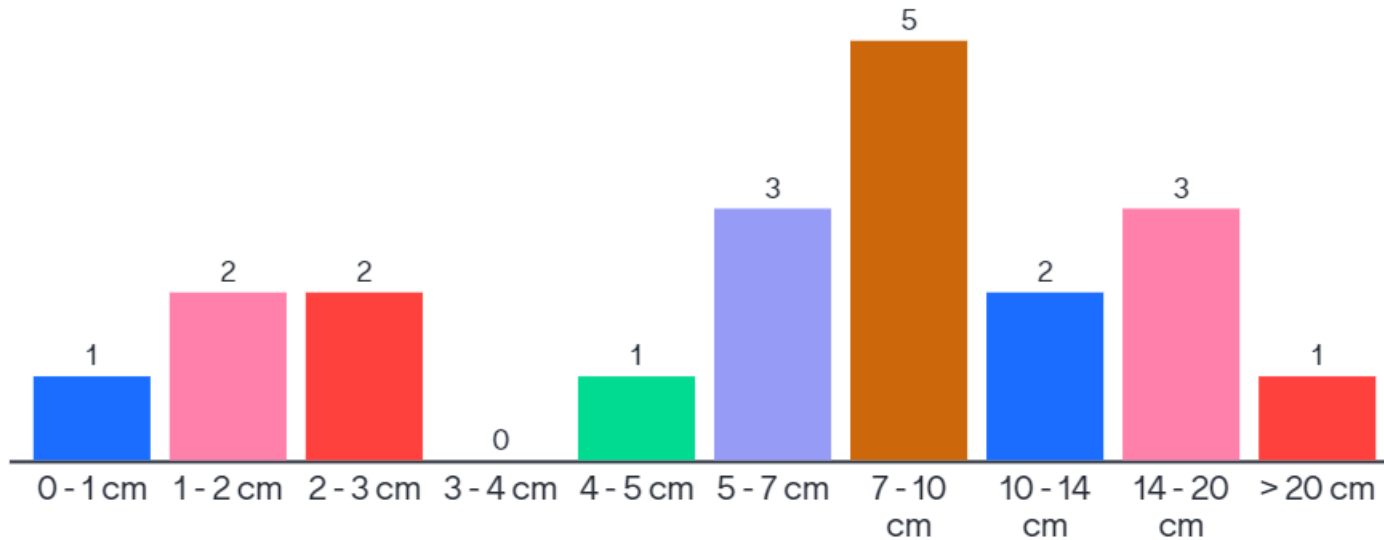


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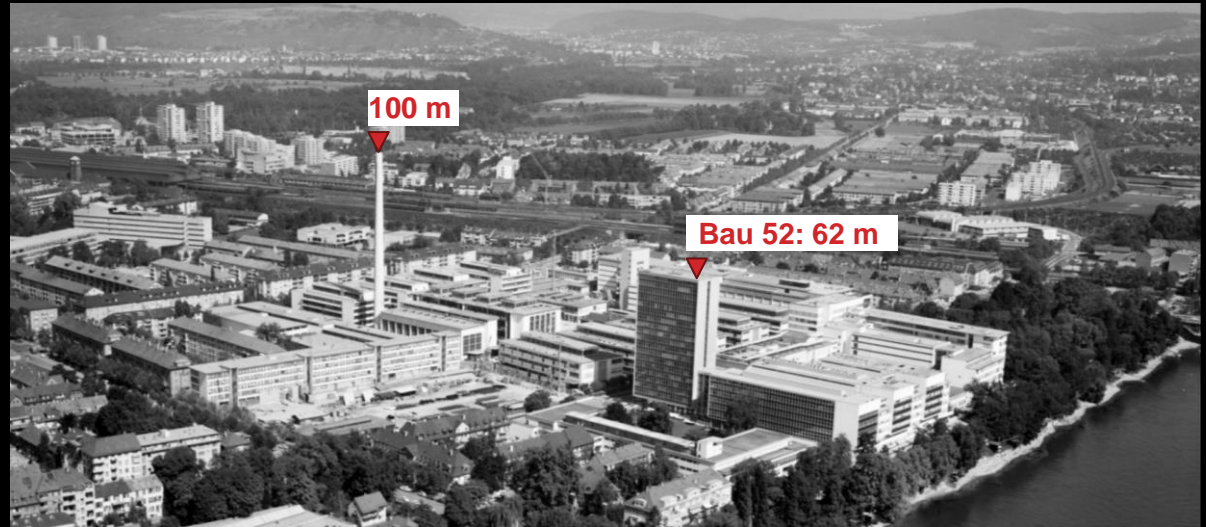
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Hoffmann la Roche in Basel – a short history

Since 2006 program
to densify
and create better
work conditions



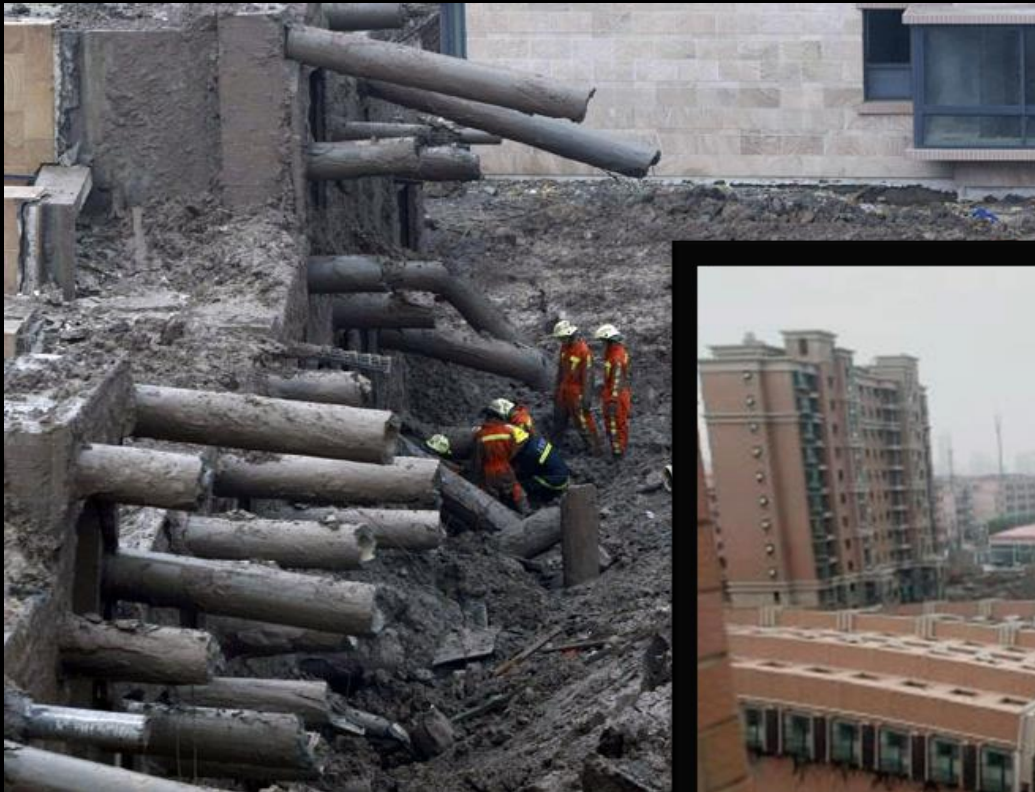
Roche Basel, 1964



Roche 1, 2, 3, pRed (Vision)

The design goals - foundations for high-rise buildings

stability and **serviceability** of the new facility and its surroundings



Agenda

- **Bau 1: design process**
- **Bau 2: special features (top down)**
- **Bau 3: translocation of an historical building**



Roche Bau 1, 2, 3, pRed (Vision)

Bau 1 – design process

Step 1: soil investigation

Geotechnical report

In-situ testing and lab test

Soil parameters & recommendations

Discussion engineer ↔ geologist



Triaxial test sample

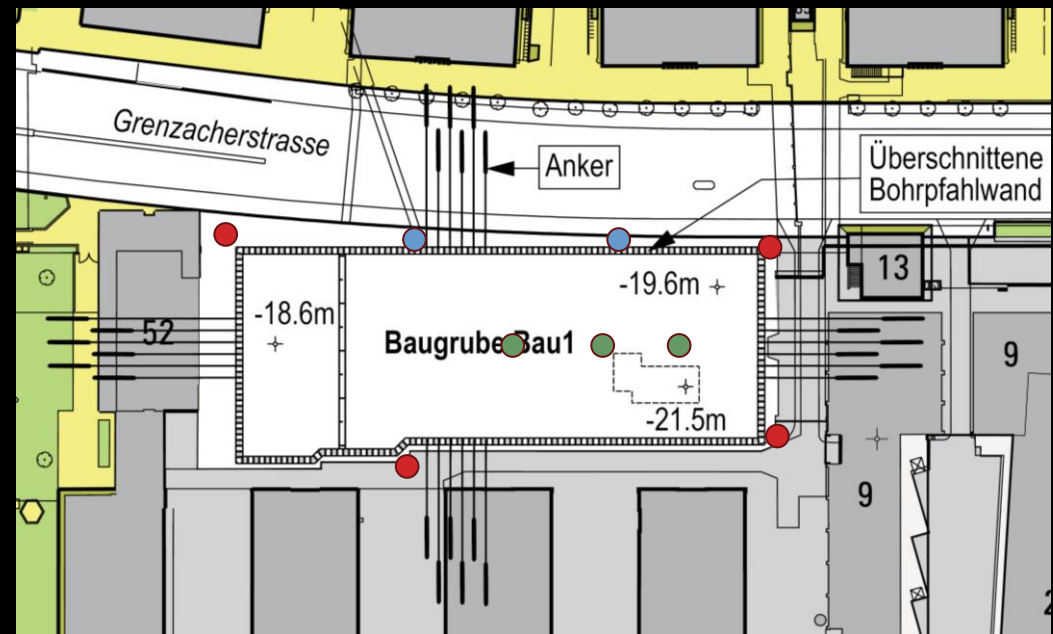
Investigation:

4 boreholes (2006), 32 m ●

2 boreholes (2010), 50 m ●

3 boreholes (2011), 50 m ●
incl. cross-hole tests

Lab tests



Footing base (ca. – 20 m)

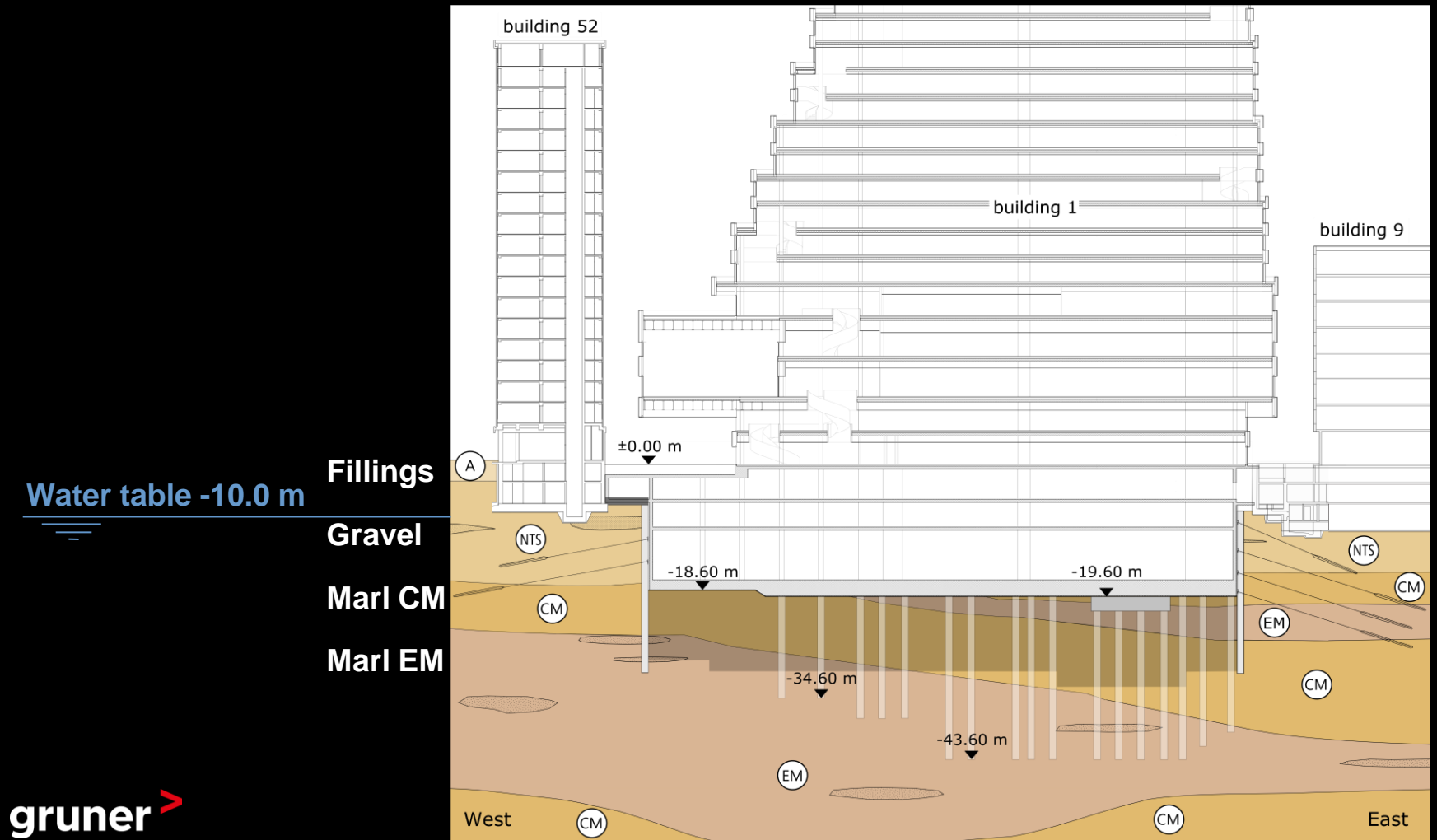


(soil pressure up to 1000 kN/m^2)



Bau 1 – design process

Step 1: soil model

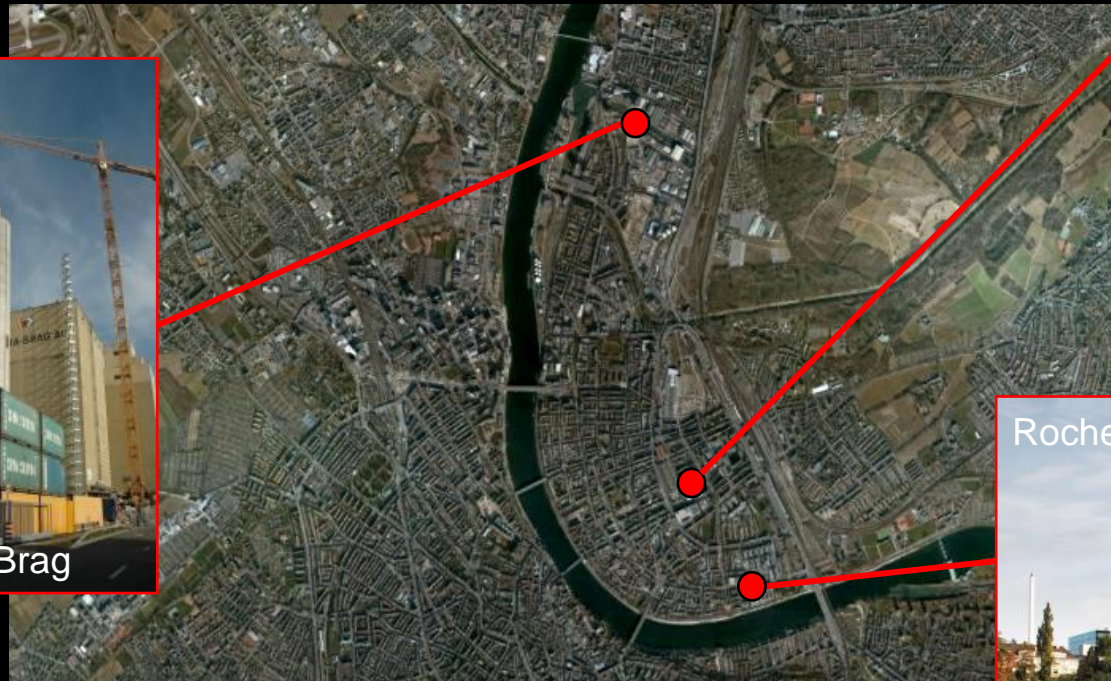


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Step 1.1: soil investigation / characterization back analysis

If data available, calibration possible

For Roche 2 nearby constructions could be analyzed

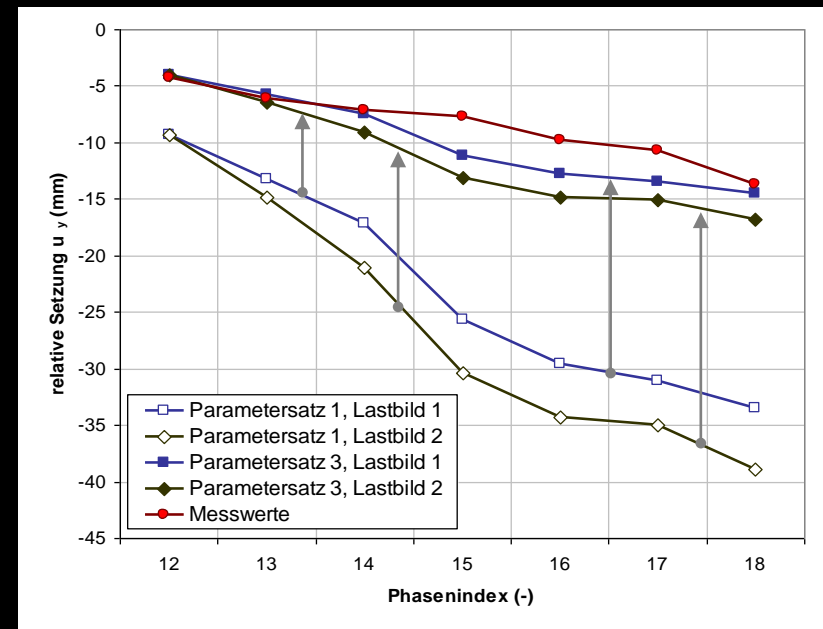


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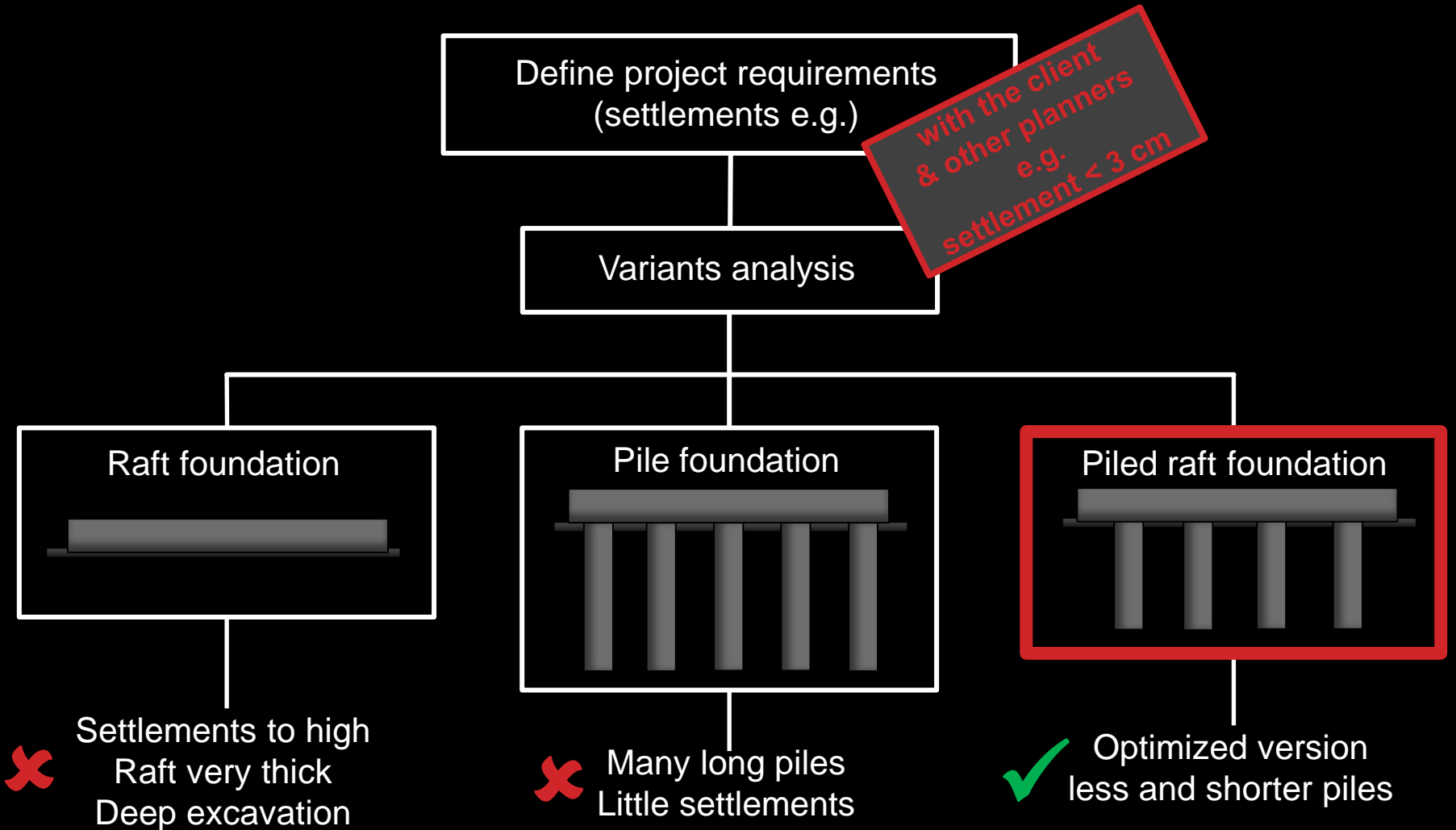
The calibration delivers a great benefit

⇒ Soil stiffness **2** higher as predicted



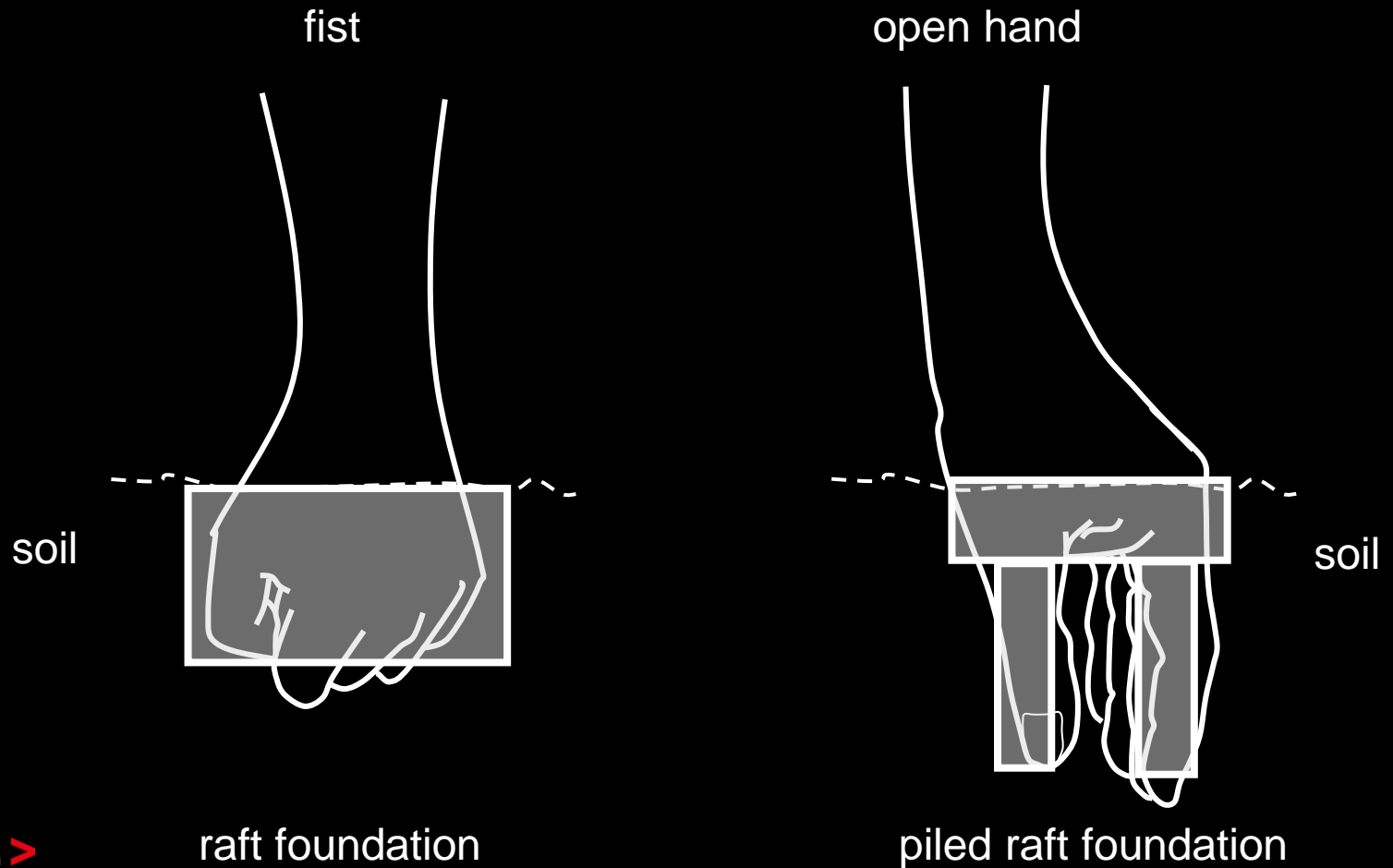
Bau 1 – design process - foundation

Step 2: design variants / computational analysis



Bau 1 – design process

Step 2.1: behavior of piled raft foundation



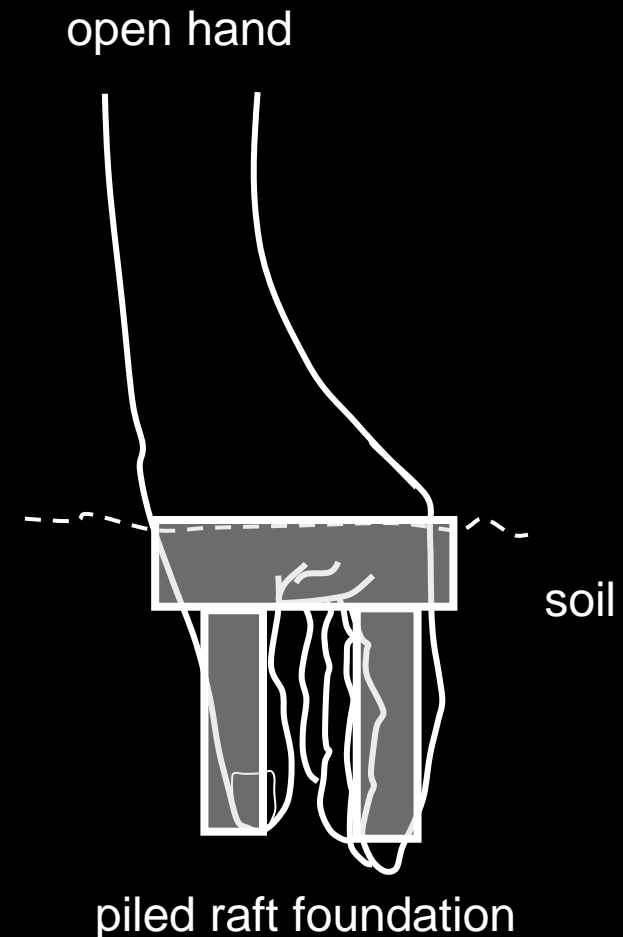
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Step 2.2: design principles of piled raft foundation

- > Piles as **settlement reducers**
(settlement brakes) \Rightarrow
- > Piles are used until **failure** \Rightarrow
- > Safety factor on pile ($R_{a,k}$) can be reduced to **1.0**
(provided serviceability is fulfilled)

Piled Raft will bring a reduction of construction **costs** and construction **time**

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Step 2.2: design concept of piled raft foundation

> Determination

> Modulus of reaction k_s

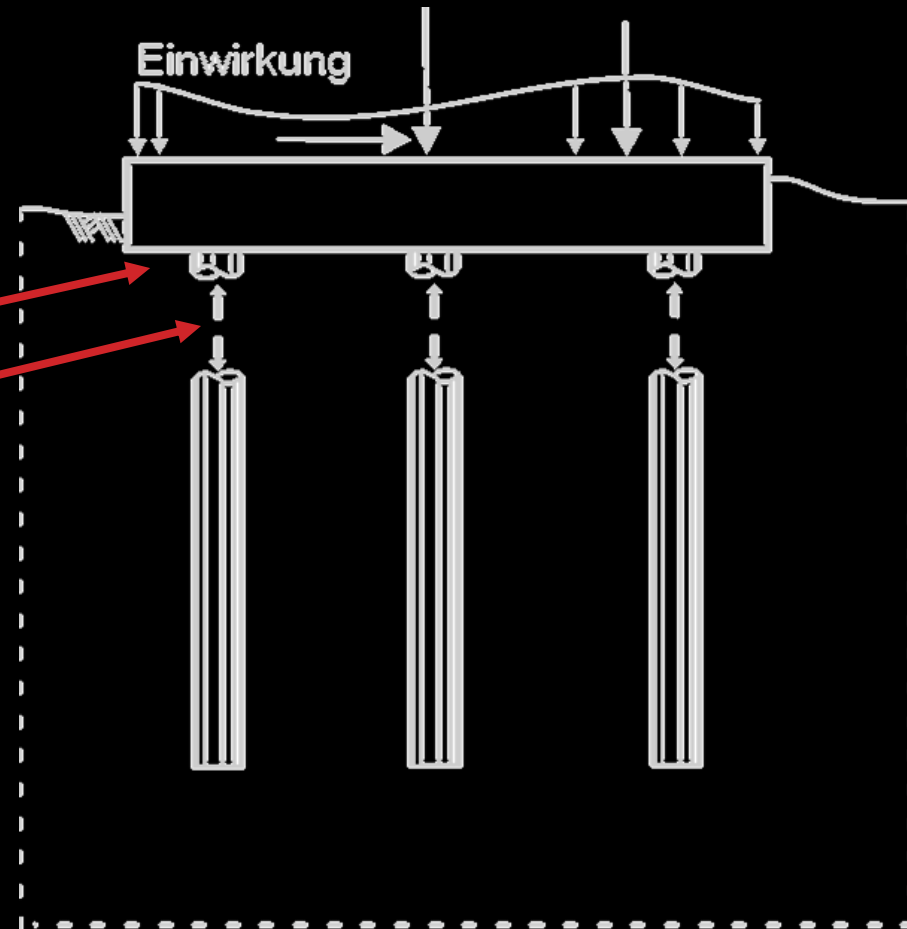
> Pile spring stiffness C_i

> max pile force N_i

(punching)

> Design of raft and piles

> Monitoring

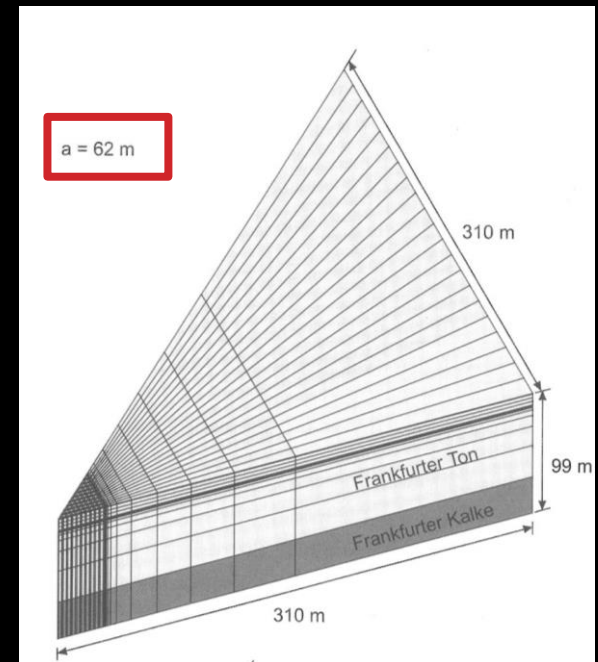
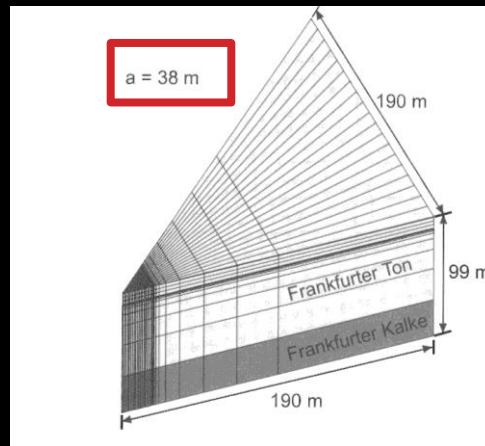
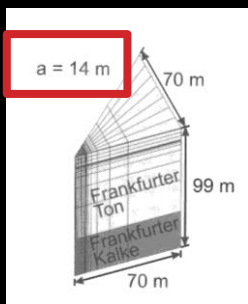


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Step 2.3: preliminary design of piled raft foundation

Some simplified methods:

- > Analytical solutions of **Poulos**, **Randolph**, or **Lutz**
- > Simplified calculation method according to **Reul** in Frankfurt clay



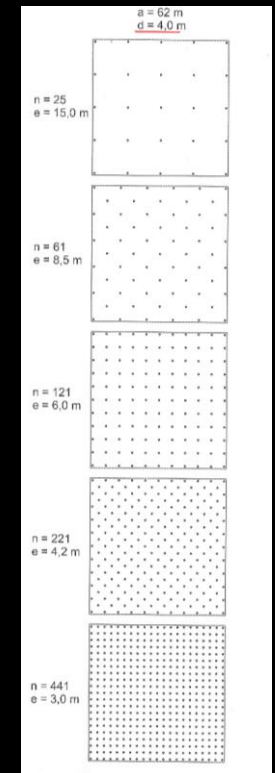
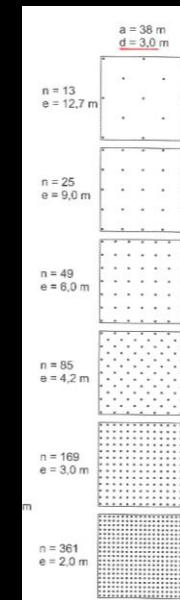
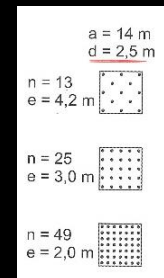
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Step 2.3 preliminary design of piled raft foundation

> **Reul's method:** Based on numerical calculations for various piled raft configurations in Frankfurt clay.

> **Results:**

- > Pile spring stiffnesses
- > Modulus of subgrade reaction
- > Settlement



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Step 2.3 preliminary design of piled raft foundation

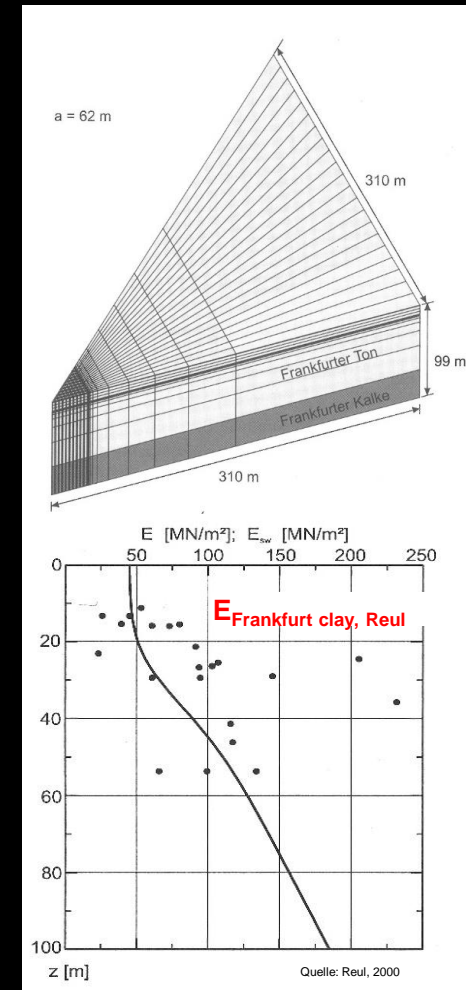
Reul's method (2000)

> Transfer to other soils: linear approach for comparable soil stiffnesses

$$> f = ME_{Project} / ME_{Frankfurt\ clay}$$

$$C_{Project} = C_{Reul} \cdot f$$

$$ME_{Frankfurter\ clay, Reul} = 45 \dots 100\ MPa \ (z = 0 \dots 45\ m)$$

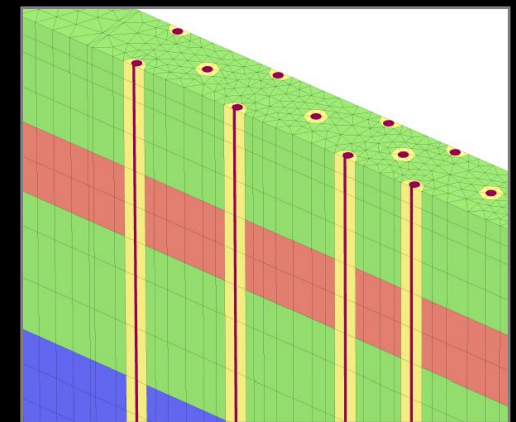


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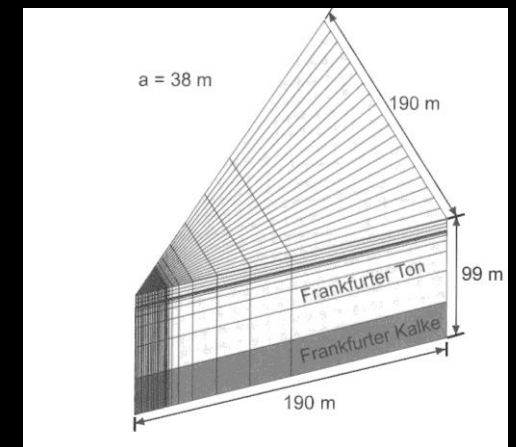
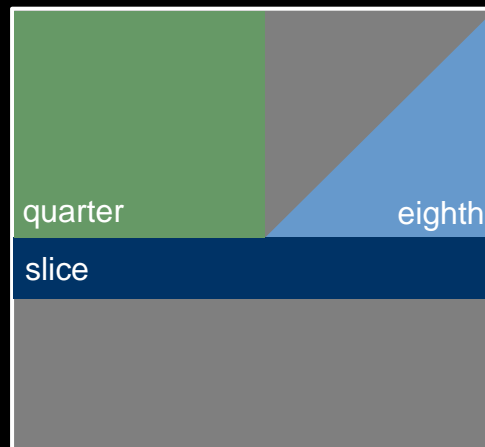
Step 2.4: FE-modelling of piled raft foundation

Simplification of models:

- > Slice / Strip
- > Quarter
- > Eighth



slice



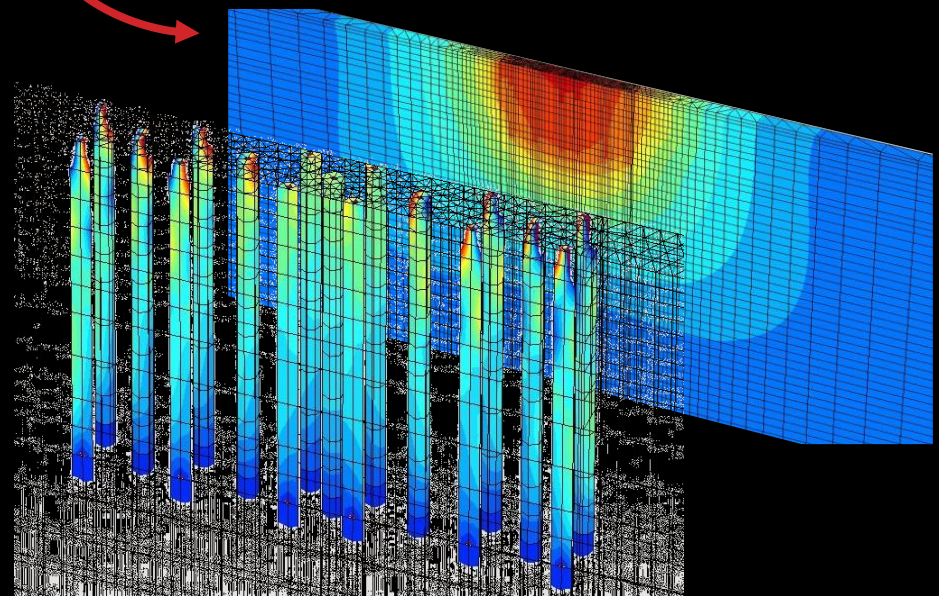
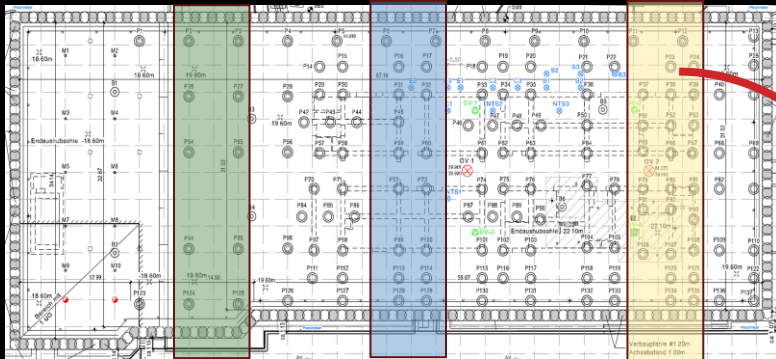
quarter

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Step 2.4: design of pile raft foundation with FEA

non-linear modelling of soil-pile interaction,

high-rise building as superimposed load

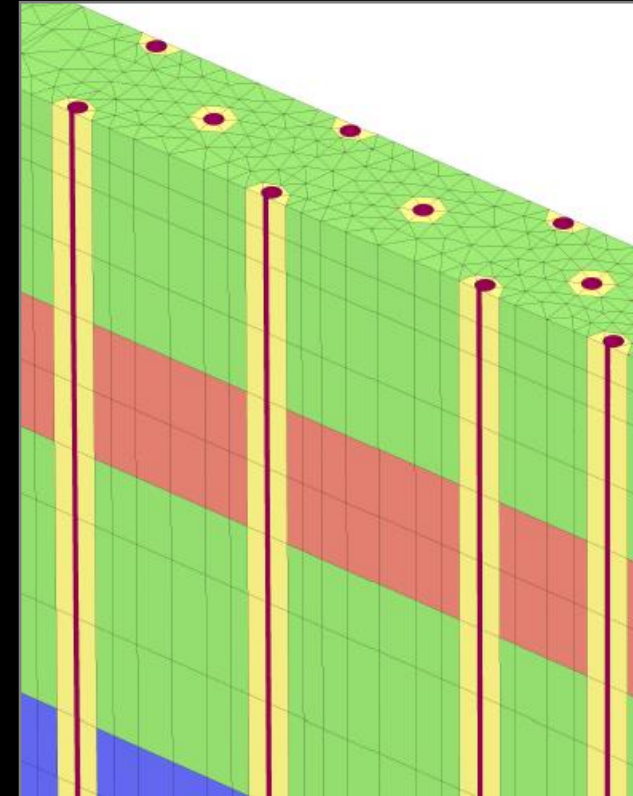
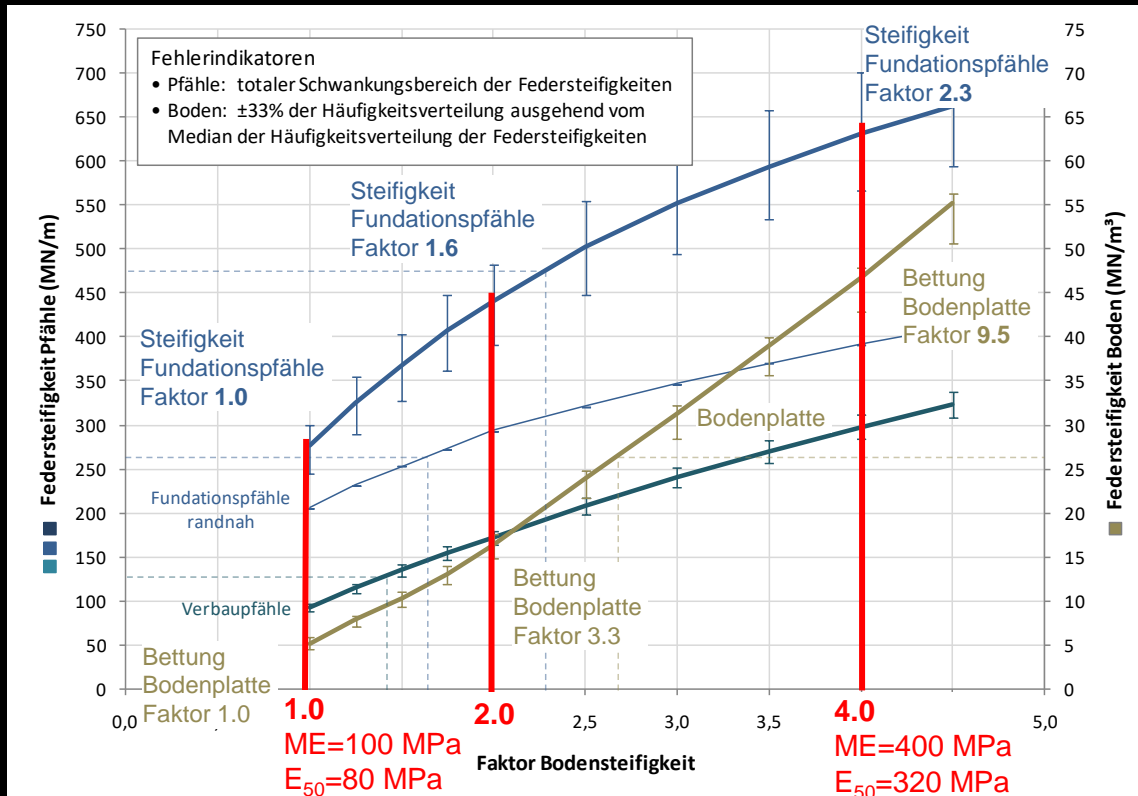


Rheological model?

Interface? Discretization

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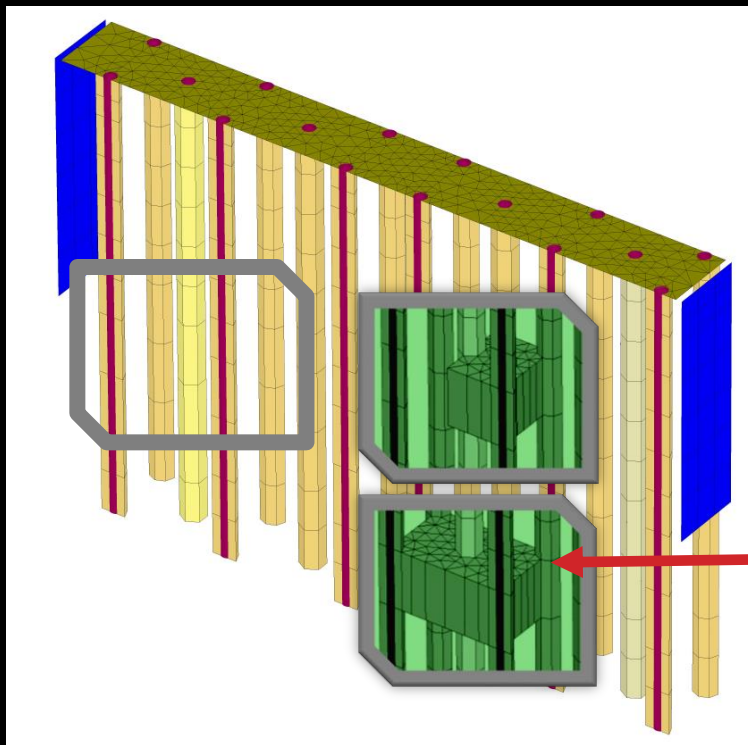
Step 2.4: sensitivity analysis



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Step 2.4: sensitivity analysis & punching

Determination of punching load, influence of heterogeneity

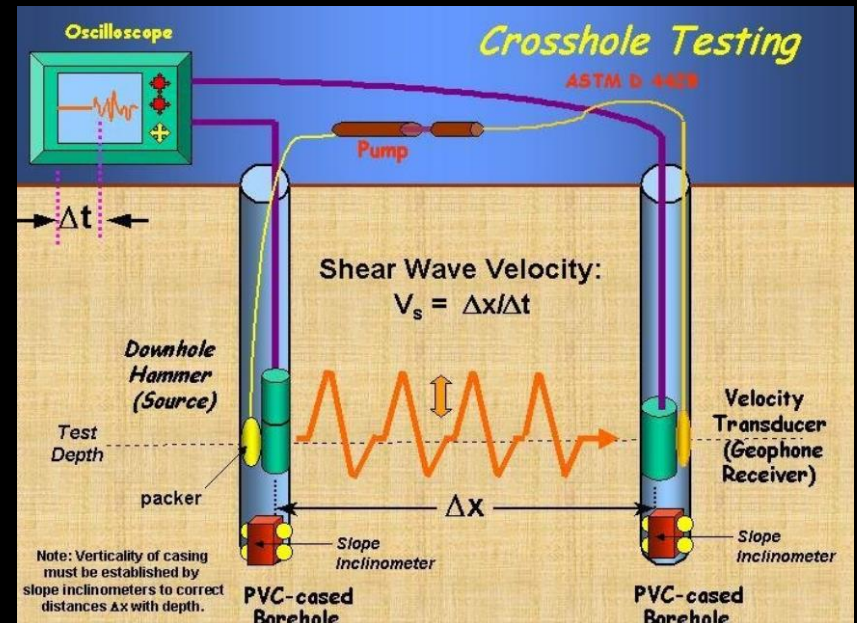


Determination of the maximum pile load (punching load) by modelling sandstone benches in the molasse

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Step 3: testing on site

- > Cross-hole sonic testing \Rightarrow **dynamic** stiffness of soil
- > Dynamic pile testing \Rightarrow pile **resistance**
- > Static pile testing \Rightarrow pile **resistance & stiffness**



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Step 3: testing on site, Cross-hole sonic testing

> Objective: Determination of dynamic deformation behavior

> Measurements:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| > Gravel (Niederterrassenschotter) | $ME_{,dyn} = 500 \text{ MN/m}^2$ |
| > Marl (Elsässer Molasse) | $ME_{,dyn} = 1500 \text{ MN/m}^2$ |
| > Marl (Cyrenenmergel) | $ME_{,dyn} = 2000 \text{ MN/m}^2$ |

Rule of thumb: $ME_{,dyn} = 3 \times ME_{,stat}$

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Measurement: $ME_{,dyn} = 5-10 \times ME_{,stat}$

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Step 3: testing on site, Cross-hole sonic testing

> Details

Tabelle 22: Dynamische Elastizitätsmoduli, gemessen, ermittelt und angenommen

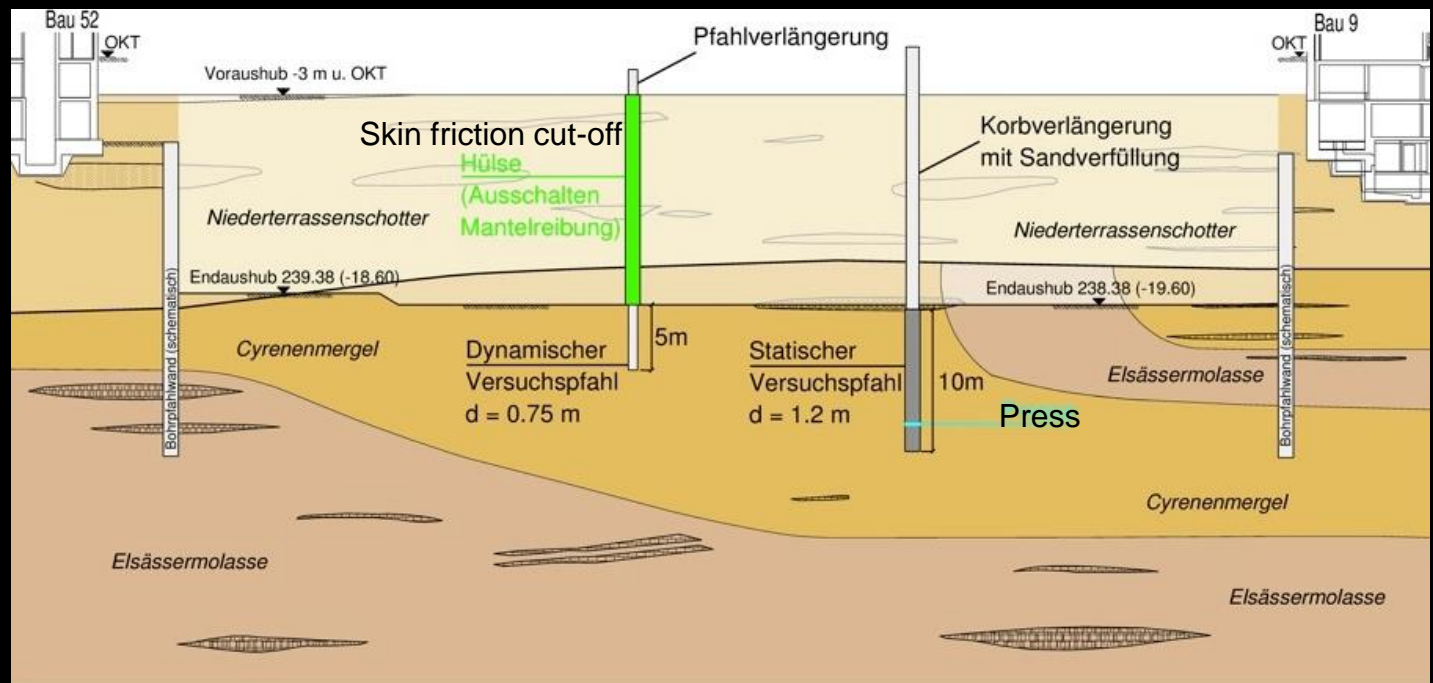
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Niederterrassen- schotter	1'395 ... 1'748 (t) i. M. 1'500 (t)	0.15	225	-
	2'575 ... 5'975 (g) i. . 3'200 (g)	0.15	480	-
Cyrenenmergel	2'443 ... 9'500 i. M. 6'000	0.25	1500	400 - 1600
Elsässer Molasse	7'110 ... 9'210 i. M. 7'500	0.25	1900	600 - 2400 (EM1) 1000 - 4000 (EM2)

(t) trocken
(g) gesättigt

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Step 3: testing on site

- > Dynamic pile testing (4 piles) ⇒ pile **resistance**
- > Static pile testing (2 piles) ⇒ pile **resistance & deformation**



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Step 3.1: Pile Dynamic Testing - Procedure

- > Test 3 to 4 weeks after pile installation
- > Drop weight: 16 t
- > 3 to 4 impulses from a height of 0.5 m to 1.5 m



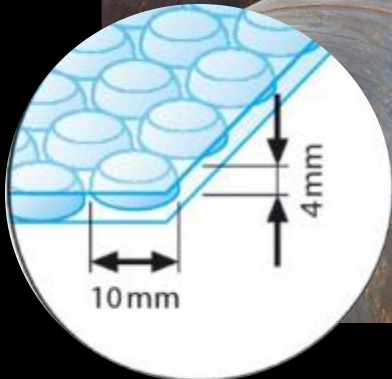
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3.1: Pile Dynamic Testing – Construction

Skin friction cut-off



Bubble wrap



Double casing + sleeve

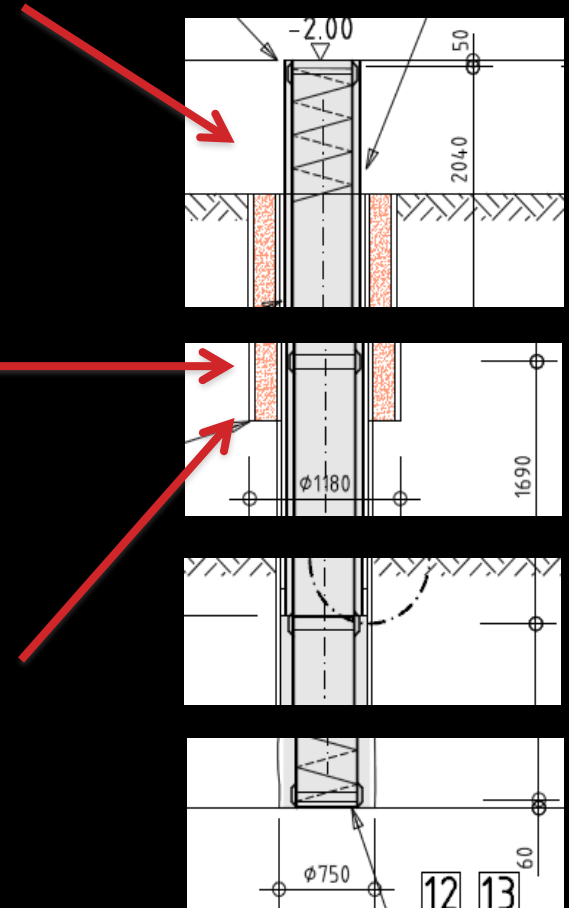


Rubber lip

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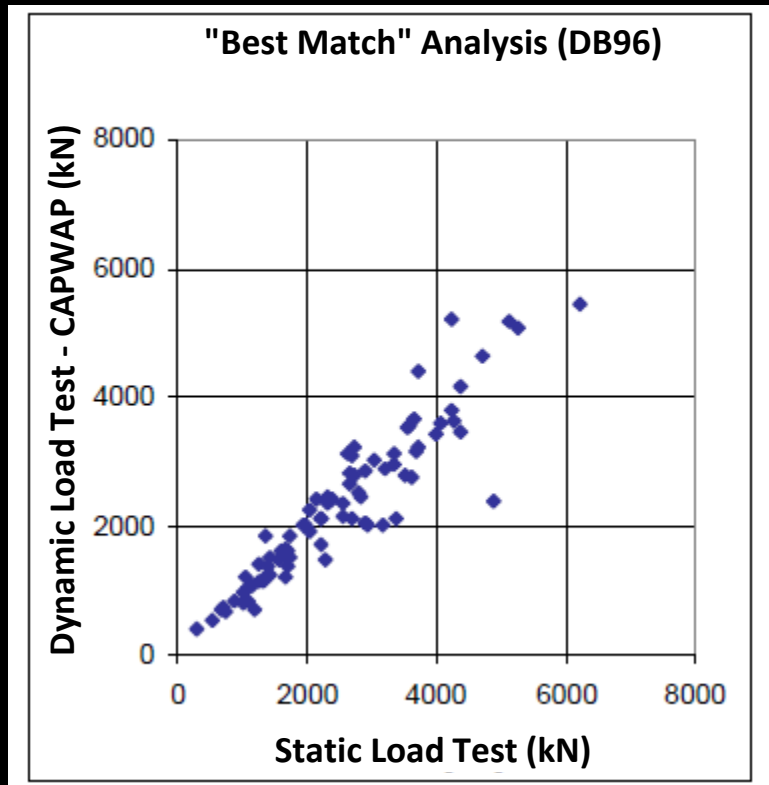
Step 3.1: Pile Dynamic Testing – Construction

Skin friction cut-off



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Step 3.1: Pile Dynamic Testing (PDA) – Background



Source: Likins & Rausche 2004 (Fig. 2)

Results later on

Skin friction cut-off

successful

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Step 3.2: static pile testing

> benefit \Rightarrow pile **resistance & stiffness**



Reaction piles

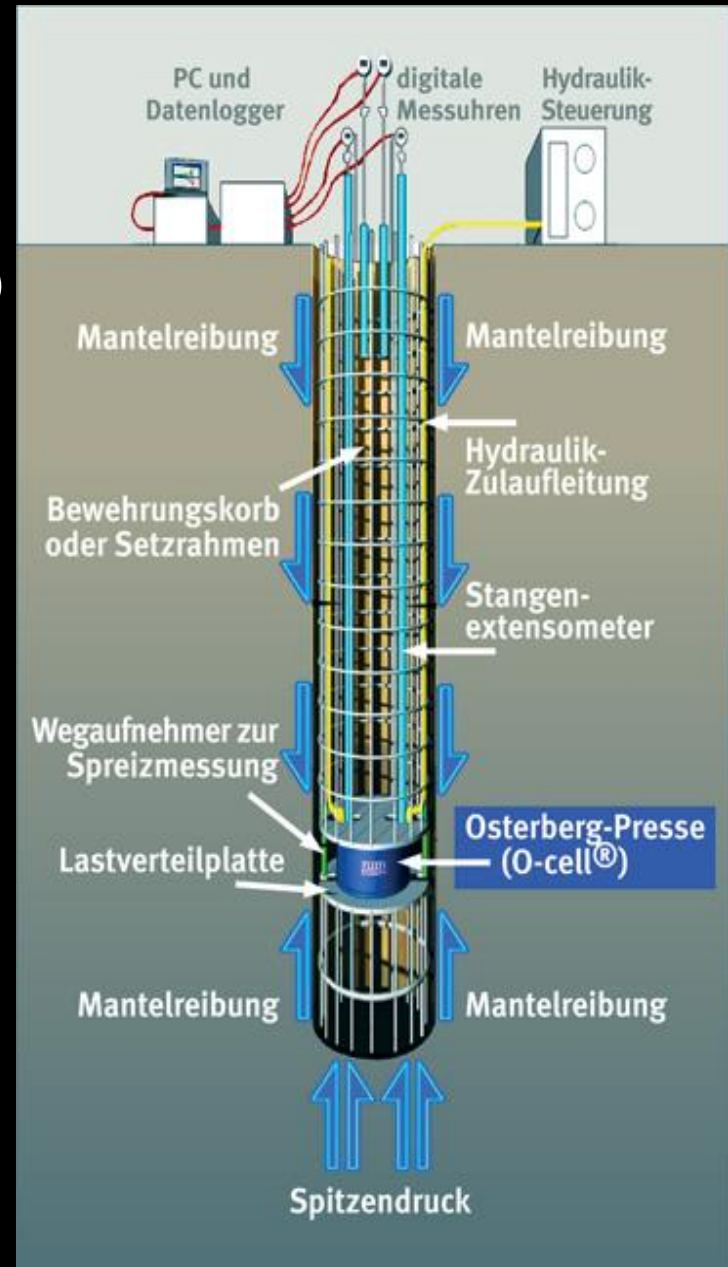


Reaction anchors

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Step 3.2: static pile testing

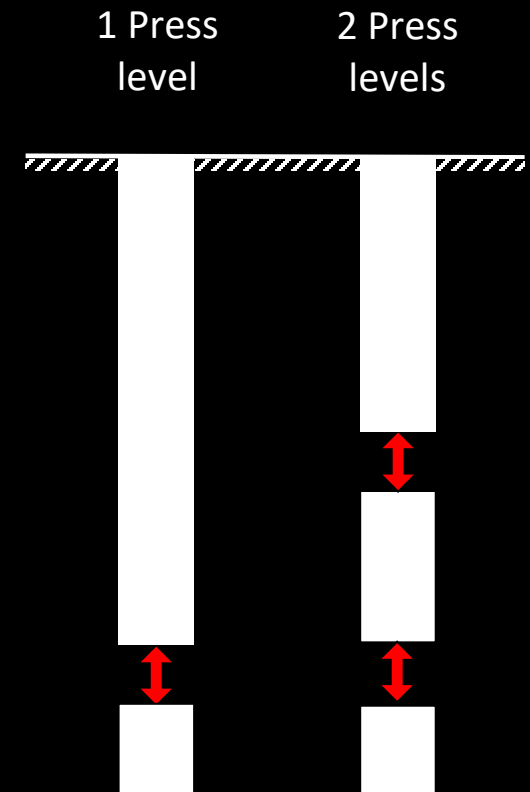
Osterberg-cell (bi-directional testing)



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Step 3.2: Static pile testing

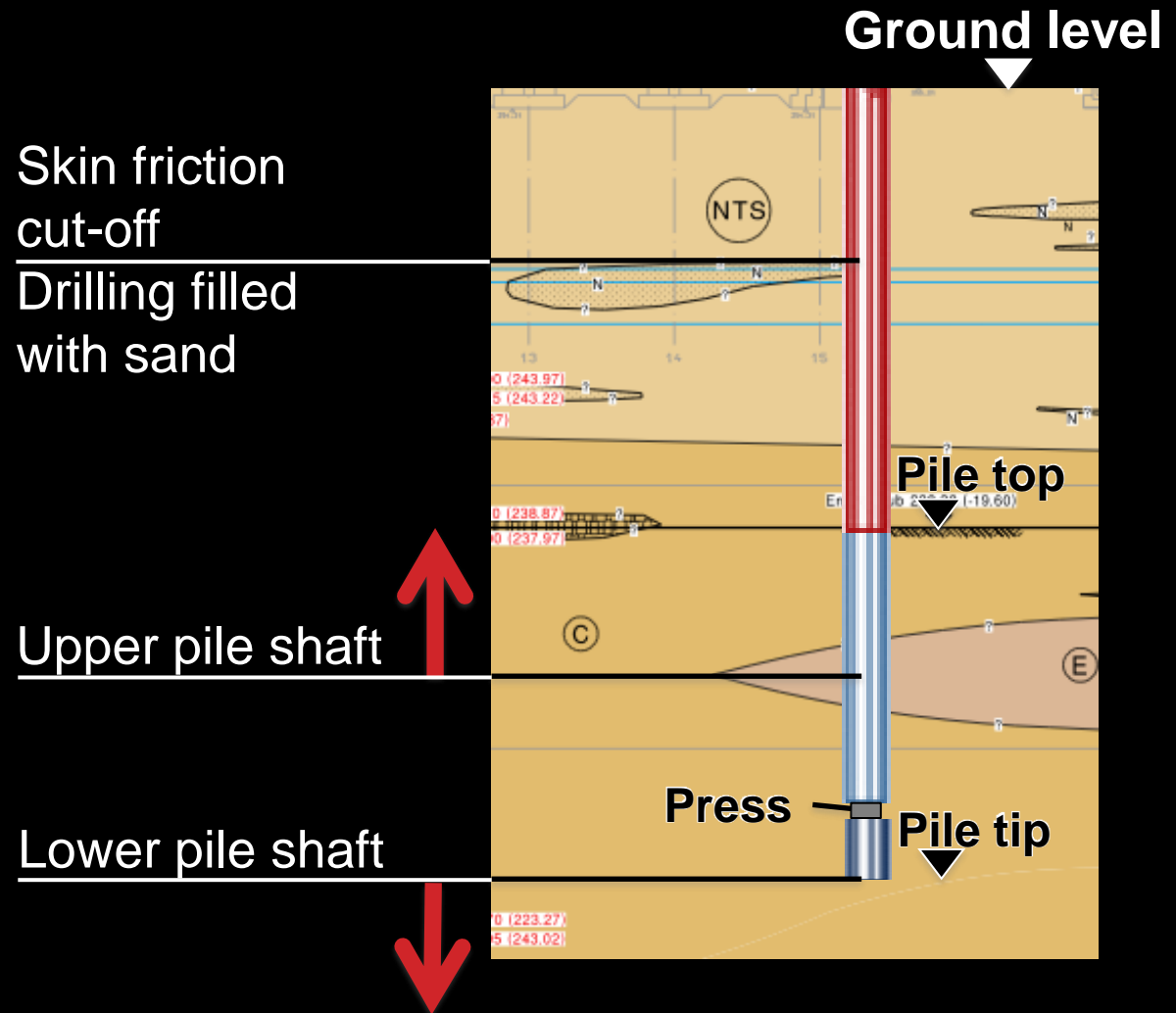
- > Advantage **Osterberg** cells: No tie-down piles, reaction anchors or dead loads; minimum space requirement.
- > Disadvantage: Skillful adjustment of the **position** of the press levels necessary (prior knowledge!)



Choice for Roche Bau 1: 1 press level

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Step 3.2: Static pile testing - Osterberg



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Step 3.2: Bi-directional static pile testing

Skin-friction cut-off - risks



Reinforcement cage prior installation



Twisted reinforcement cage after pile dismanteling

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Step 3.2: Static pile testing - results

- > Skin friction (Mantelreibung) $\tau_k = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$ $\tau_k = 300 \text{ kN/m}^2$
- > End bearing (Spitzendruck) $\sigma_k = 2500 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ($s = 3 \text{ cm}$)
- > Results **below expectations** $\sigma_k = 7000 \text{ kN/m}^2$

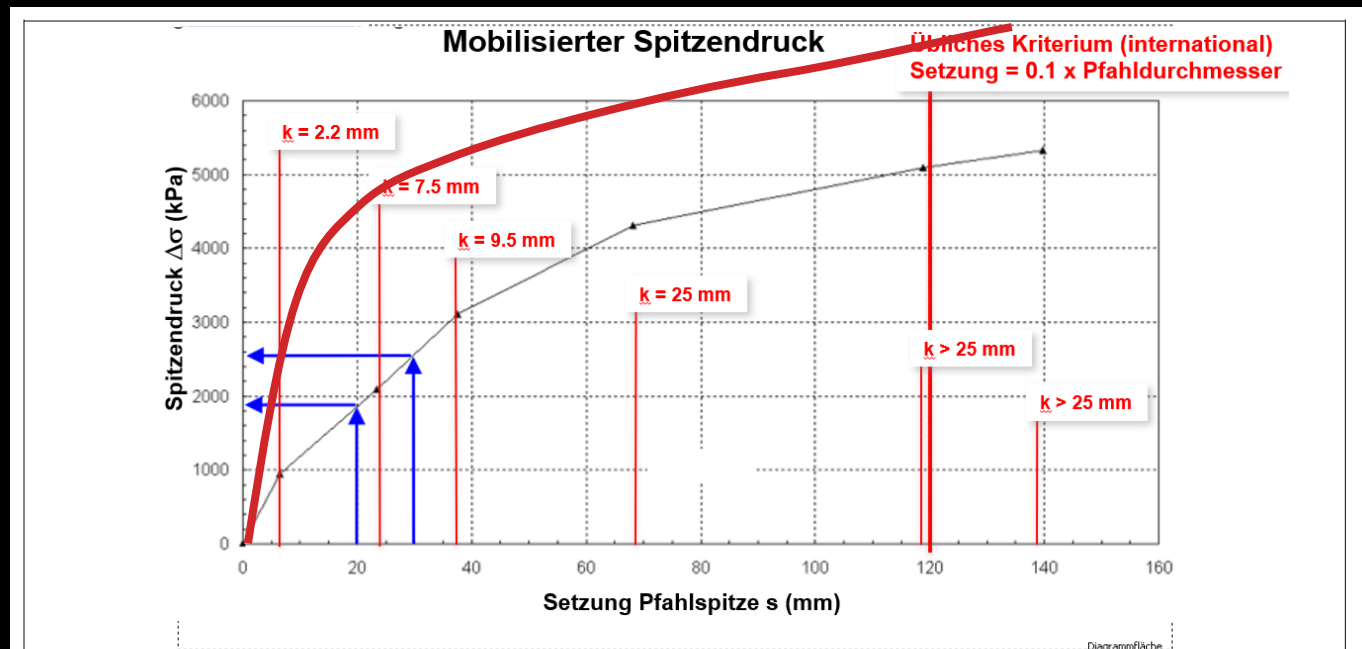


Abbildung 9: Lastsetzungs-Diagramm für den Versuchspfahl OV-02

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Step 3.2 Static vs. dynamic tests

	Dynamic Pile test	Static Pile test	Expectations
Skin friction (kN/m ²)	190	250	>300
Base resistance (kN/m ²)	4700	2500	>5000-7000

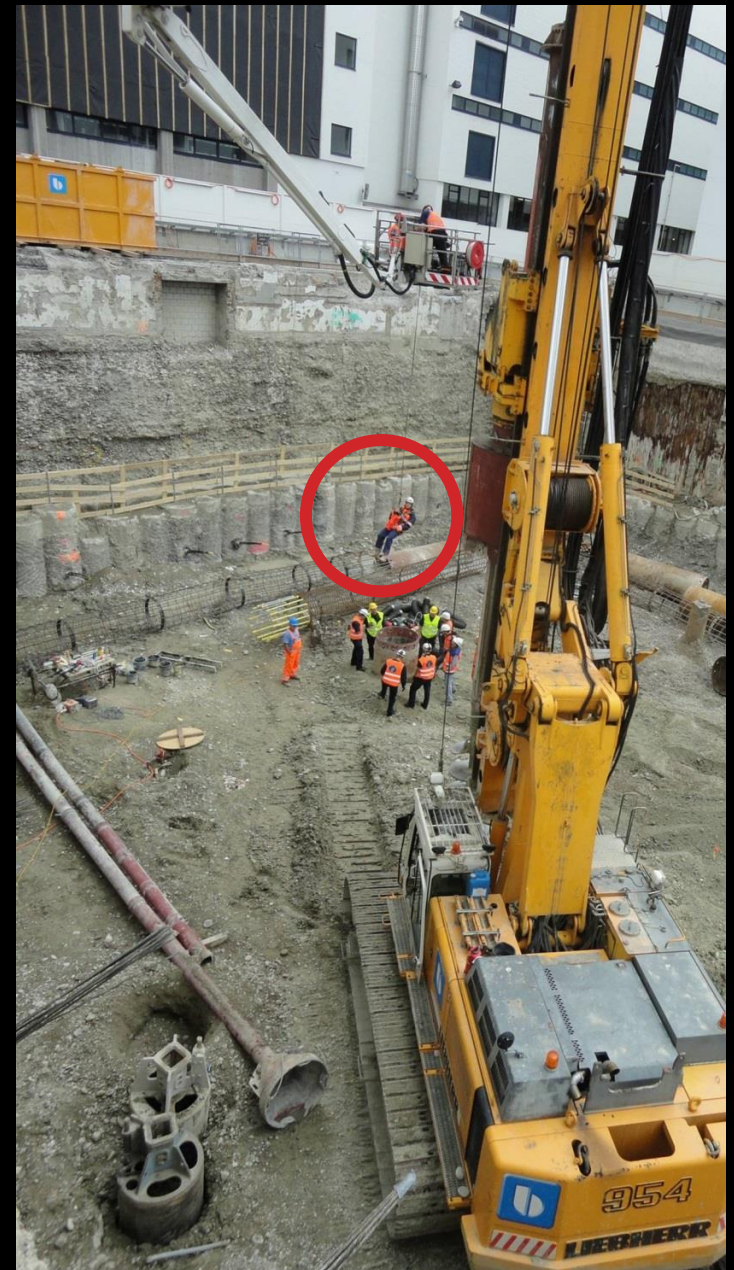
- > Advantage static test: load – deformation behavior
- > Static tests, expensive but always added value for
 - > Either **optimizing** the design
 - > Or minimizing **risks**

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Step 3.3: Supervision pile construction process

Pile inspection

Examination of the pile bottom



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Step 3.3: Supervision pile construction process

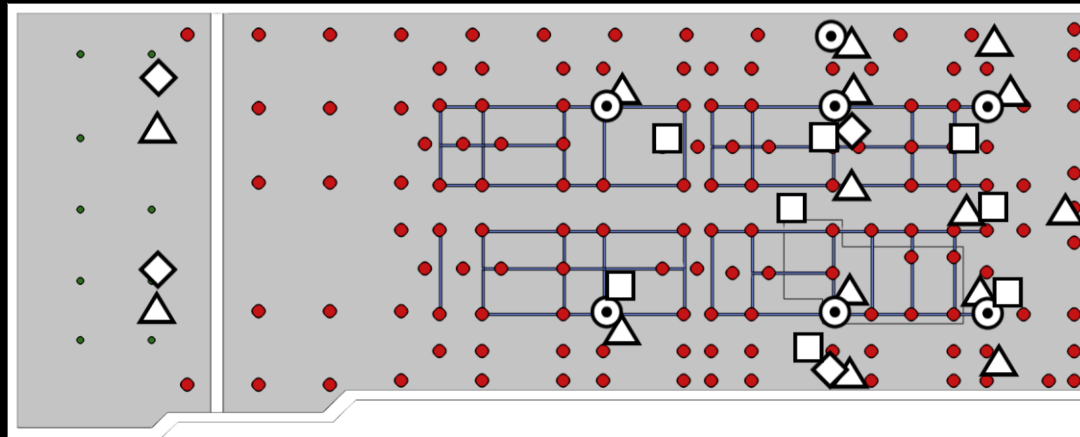
Pile inspection

Findings on pile execution quality



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Step 4: Monitoring piled raft foundation



- ⊙ load cell on pile head
- earth pressure cell
- ◇ pore water pressure cell
- △ geodetic point

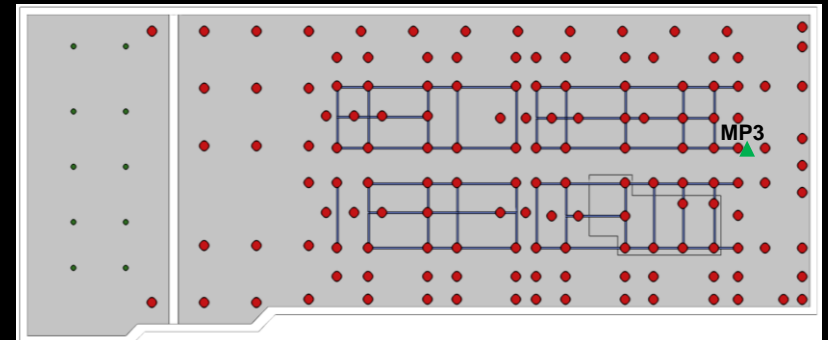
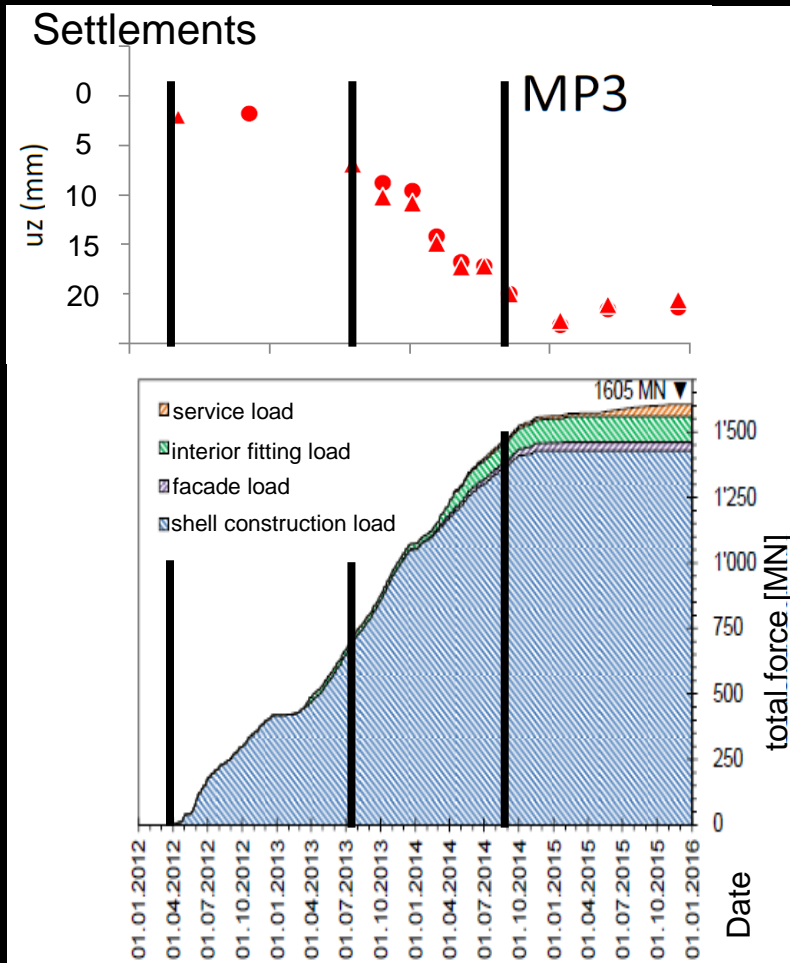
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Step 4: Monitoring – how to install a pile load cell



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Step 4: Monitoring - settlements

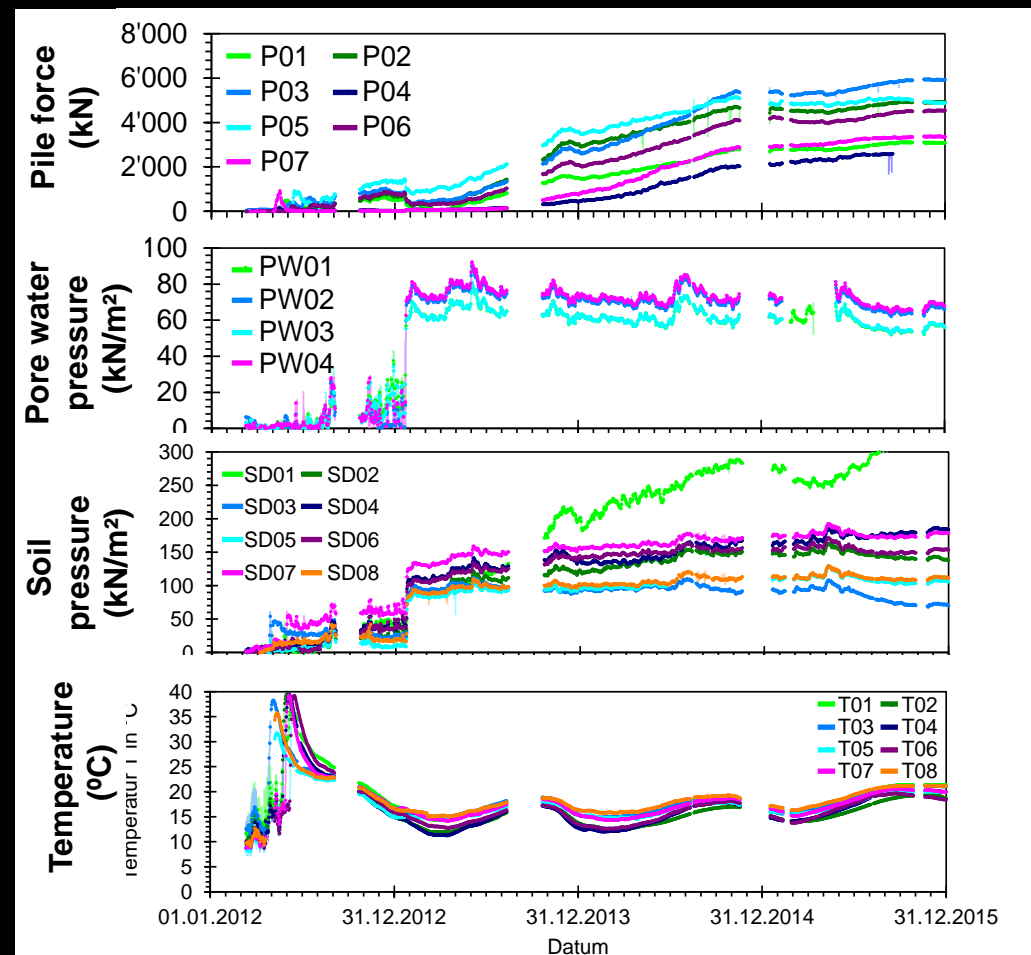
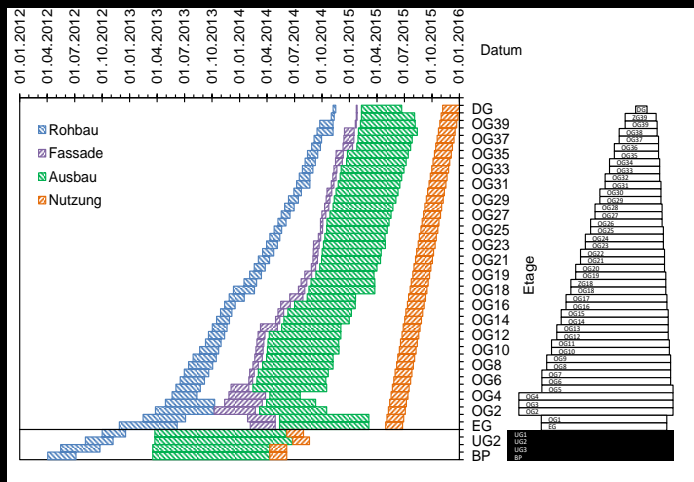


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Step 4: Monitoring results

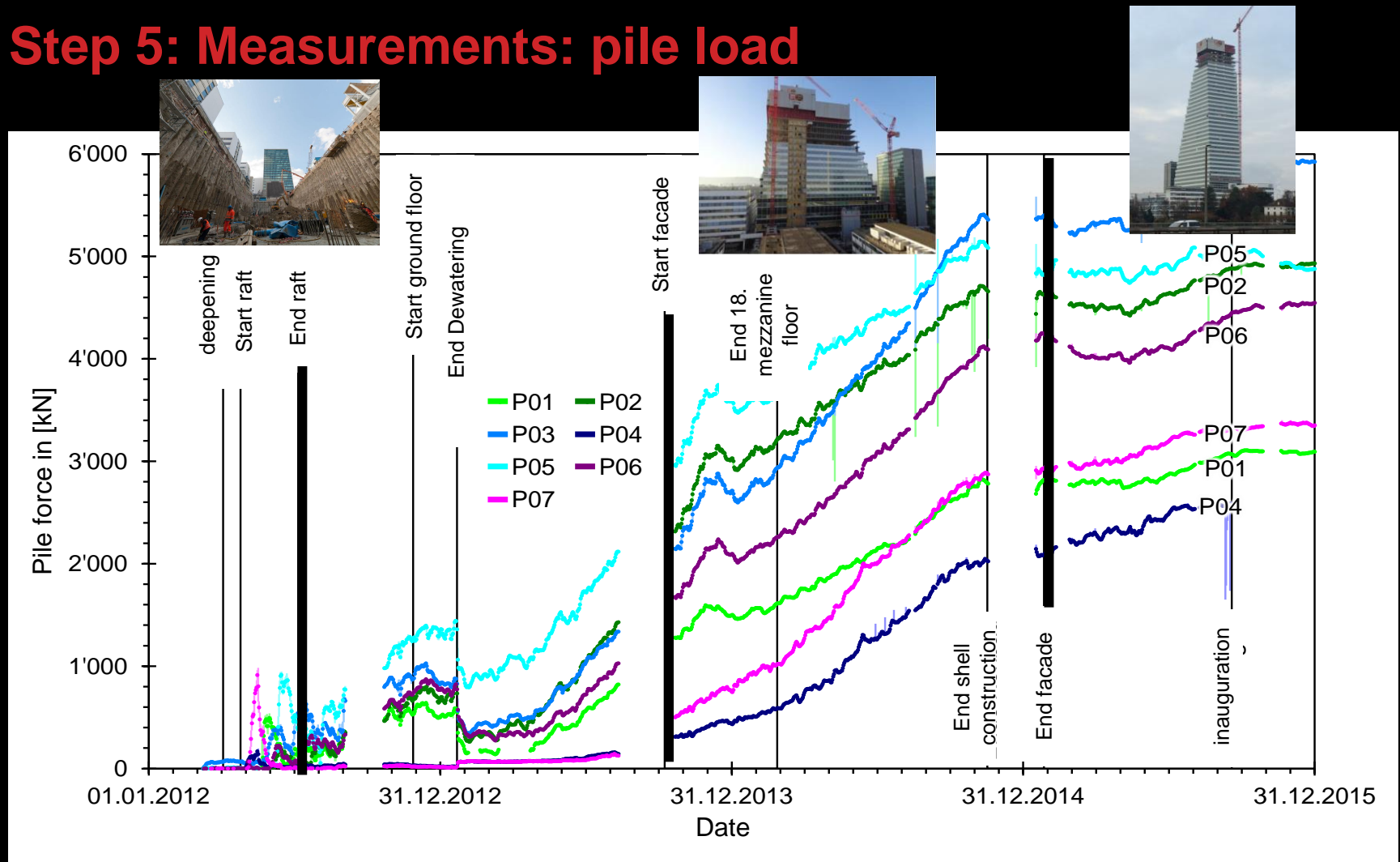
Monitoring from March 2012 to December 2015: **24.5 millions data records**

- > groundwater level 2x
- > pore water pressure 4x
- > forces at pile head 7x
- > earth pressure 8x
- > temperature 8x



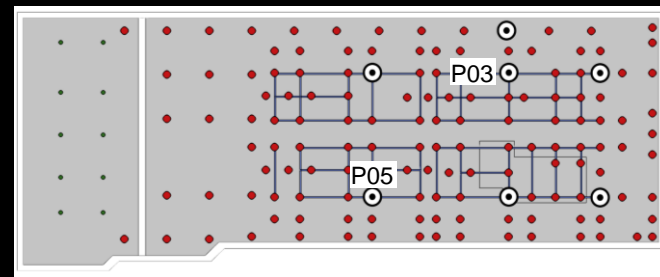
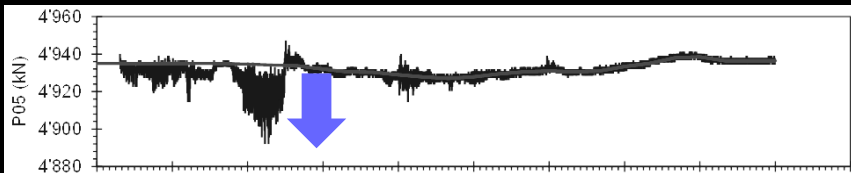
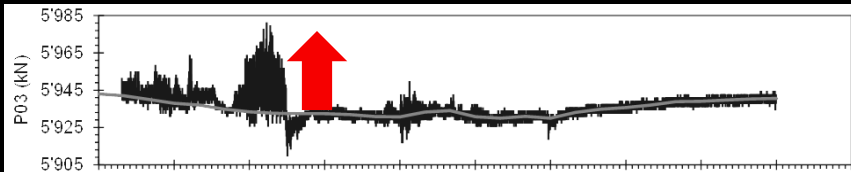
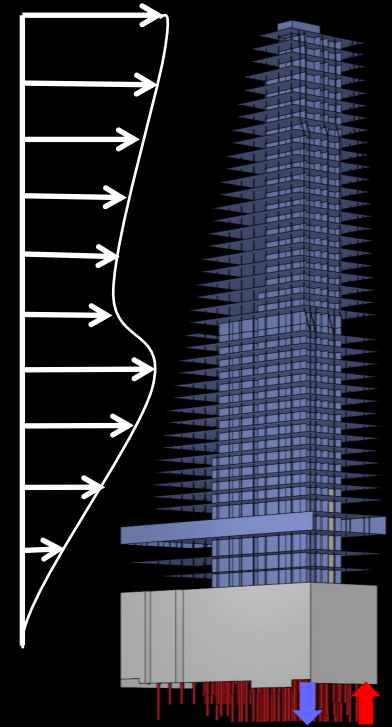
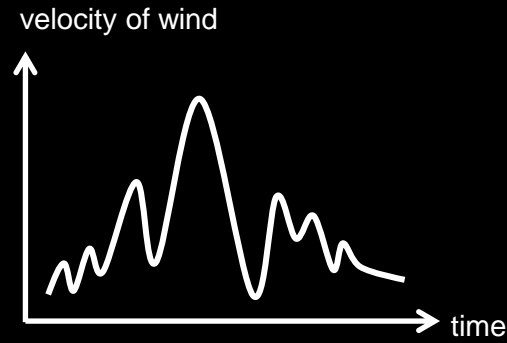
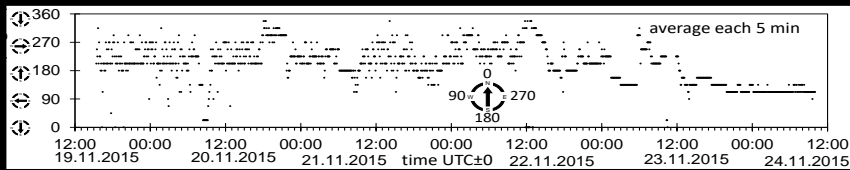
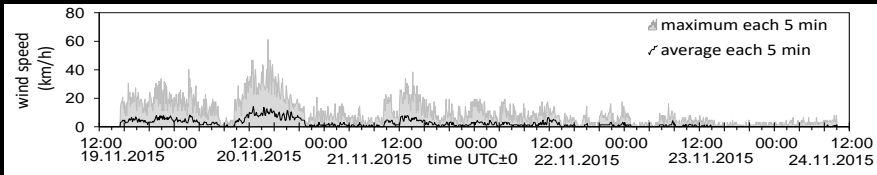
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Step 5: Measurements: pile load



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Step 4: Monitoring wind effects

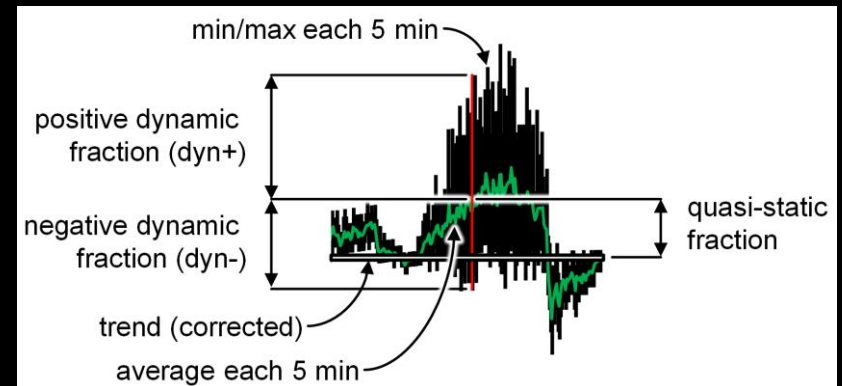
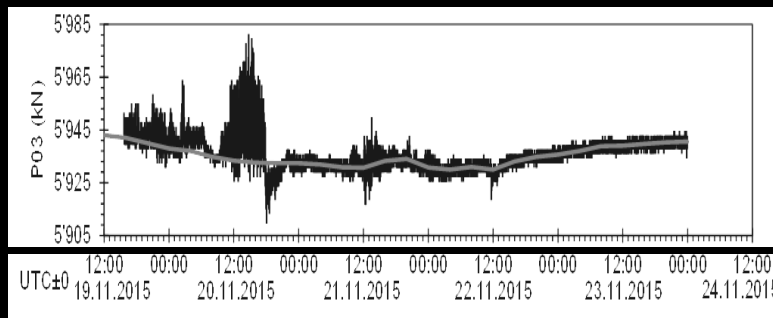


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Step 4: Monitoring wind effects

Pile forces during wind event seem to be composed of several components:

- > Global trend (e.g. due to changes of groundwater level, total loading, ...)
- > Quasi-static fraction
- > Dynamic fraction
- > Observation: approx. **40 % static** and **60 % dynamic component**

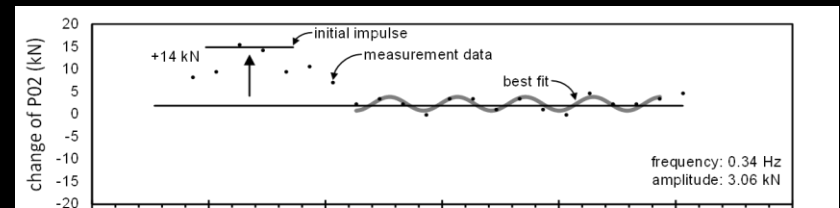


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Step 4: Monitoring natural frequency of the structure

Idea:

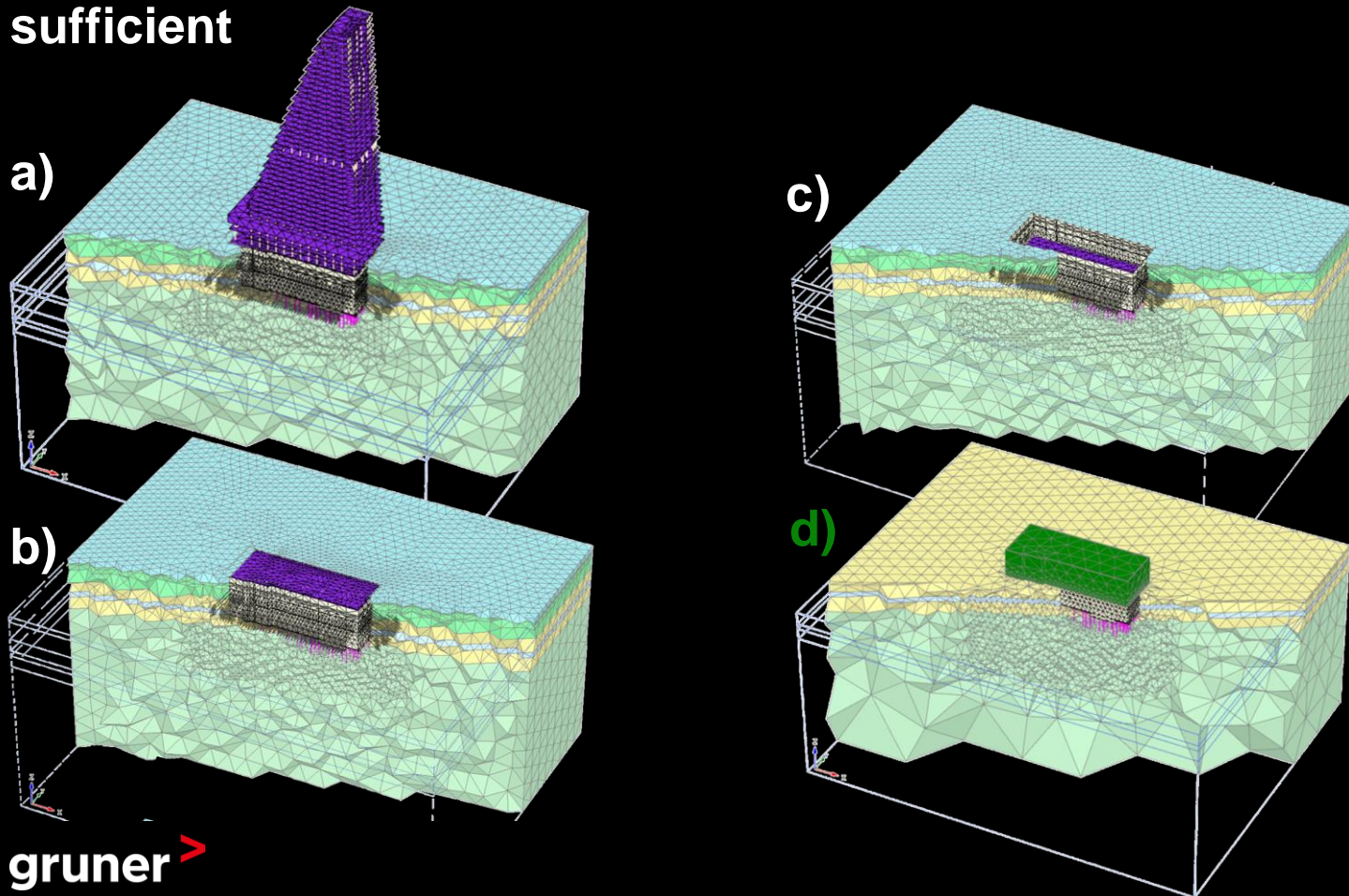
- > find a short loading **impulse**
- > Expectation: building will **oscillate** (natural frequency)
- > Event found for 20.11.2015 with south wind direction
- > Using mathematical optimization algorithms to fit an harmonic oscillation
- > Result: **0.35 Hz**
- > Frequency fits measurements by structural engineer (using accelerometers): **0.34 Hz (N-S)**



Bau 1 – design process

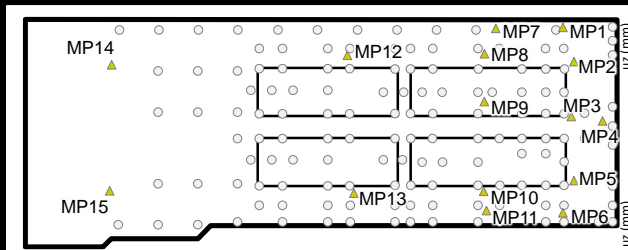
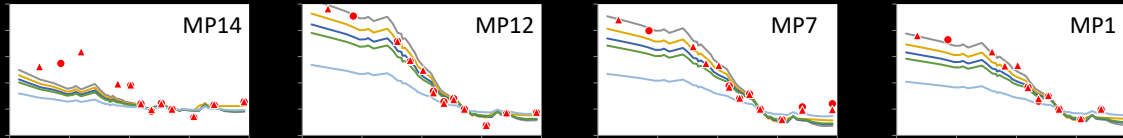
Step 5: Back analysis – calibration (f-value)

Recommendations for piled raft simulations: 3D models, model **d)** sufficient

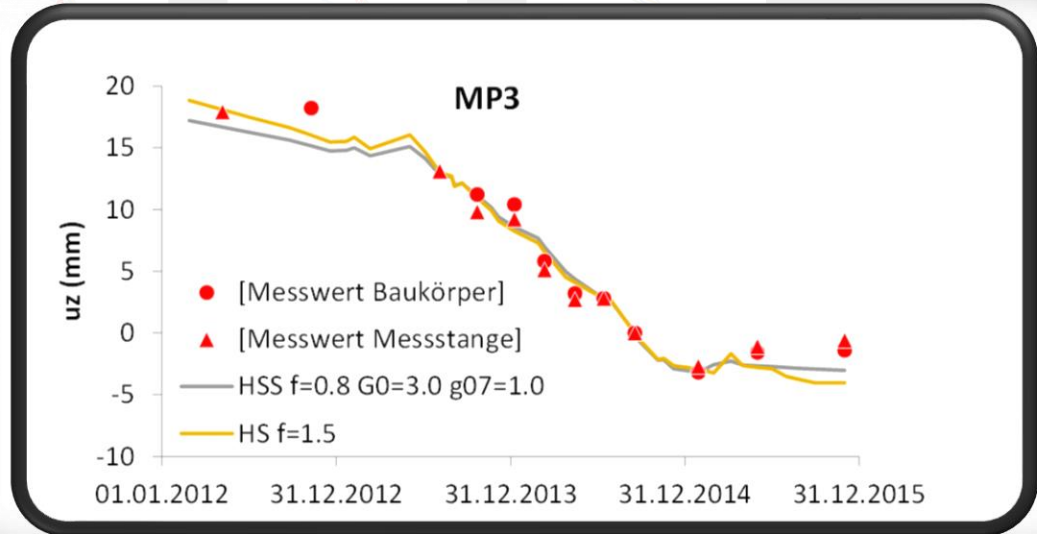
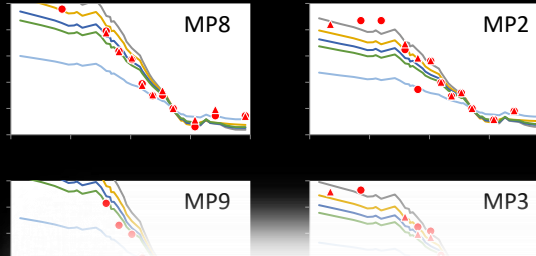
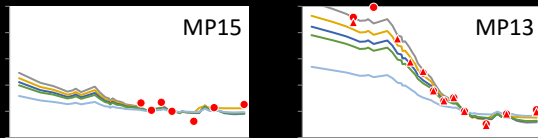


Bau 1 – design process

Step 5: Back analysis – calibration (f-value)



- [Messwert Baukörper]
- ▲ [Messwert Messstange]
- HSS f=0.7 G0=3.0 g07=1.0
- HSS f=0.8 G0=3.0 g07=1.0
- HSS f=0.9 G0=3.0 g07=1.0
- HSS f=1.0 G0=3.0 g07=1.0
- HSS f=1.0 G0=5.0 g07=1.0



Bau 1 – design process

Step 5: Back analysis – soil parameters

Tabelle 39: Finaler Parametersatz für das Materialmodell Hardening Soil

Parameter		Niederterrassen- schotter (NTS)	Cyrenenmergel (CM)	Elsässermolasse (EM1 EM2)
γ	Wichte (ungesättigt = gesättigt)	23 kN/m ³	21 kN/m ³	22 kN/m ³
E_{50}^{ref}	E-Modul (Erstbelastung)	90 MN/m ²	120 MN/m ²	180 300 MN/m ²
E_{oed}^{ref}	Steifenmodul (ME-Wert)	110 MN/m ²	150 MN/m ²	225 375 MN/m ²
E_{ur}^{ref}	E-Modul (Entlastung, Wiederbelastung)	300 MN/m ²	390 MN/m ²	562 937 MN/m ²
m	Spannungsabhängigkeit der Steifigkeit	0.5	0.5	0.5
c'_{ref}	Kohäsion	1 kN/m ²	50 kN/m ²	75 kN/m ²
φ'	Winkel der inneren Reibung	38°	27.5°	29°
ψ'	Dilatationswinkel	8°	0°	0°
ν_{ur}	Poissonzahl	0.3	0.25	0.25
R_f	Strength	0.9	0.9	0.9
τ	Tension cut off	1 kN/m ²	25 kN/m ²	37 kN/m ²

Tabelle 40: Finaler Parametersatz für das Materialmodell Hardening Soil Small Strain

Parameter		Niederterrassen- schotter (NTS)	Cyrenenmergel (CM)	Elsässermolasse (EM1 EM2)
γ	Wichte (ungesättigt = gesättigt)	23 kN/m ³	21 kN/m ³	22 kN/m ³
E_{50}^{ref}	E-Modul (Erstbelastung)	48 MN/m ²	64 MN/m ²	96 160 MN/m ²
E_{oed}^{ref}	Steifenmodul (ME-Wert)	58 MN/m ²	80 MN/m ²	120 200 MN/m ²
E_{ur}^{ref}	E-Modul (Entlastung, Wiederbelastung)	160 MN/m ²	208 MN/m ²	300 500 MN/m ²
$\gamma_{0.7}$		1×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}
G_0^{ref}		246 MN/m ²	250 MN/m ²	360 600 MN/m ²
m	Spannungsabhängigkeit der Steifigkeit	0.5	0.5	0.5
c'_{ref}	Kohäsion	1 kN/m ²	50 kN/m ²	75 kN/m ²
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τ	Tension cut off	1 kN/m ²	25 kN/m ²	37 kN/m ²

Excavation pit



Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 2: concept

Pile wall: **low vibration, stiff and impervious**

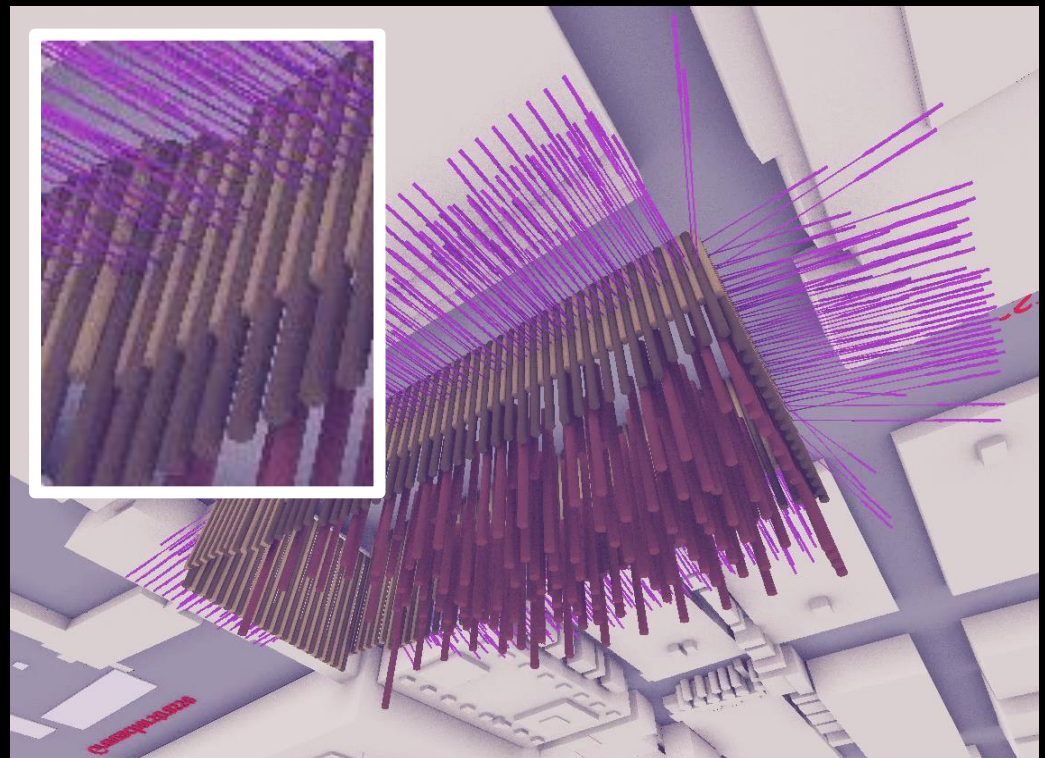
Anchors: **low vibration, robust, positive experience**

Optimization:

primary pile shorter ⇒

- > Water pressure reduction
- > Less anchors
- > secondary pile shorter

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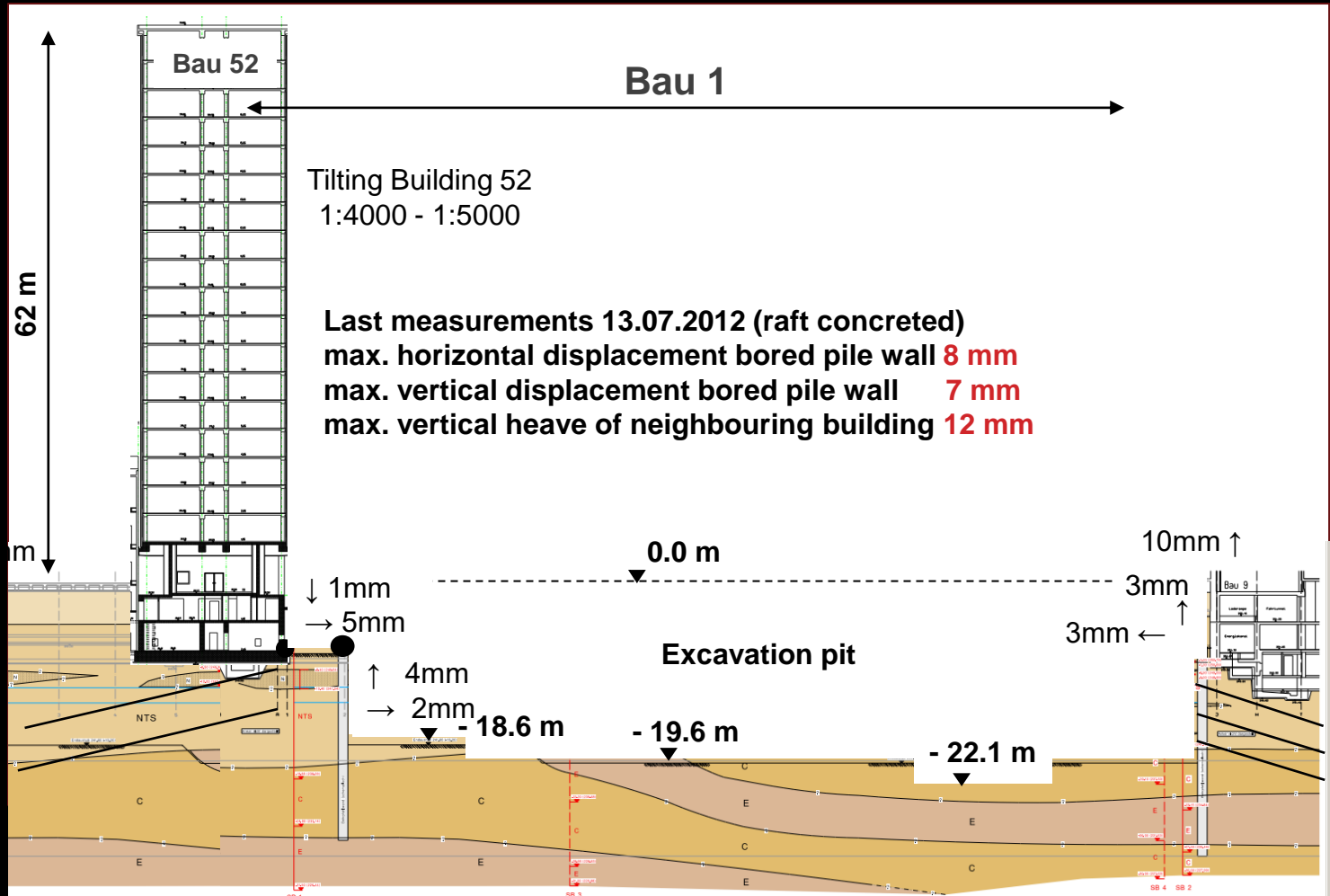
Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 2: Risks (water pressure)



Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 2: Risks (deformations)



Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

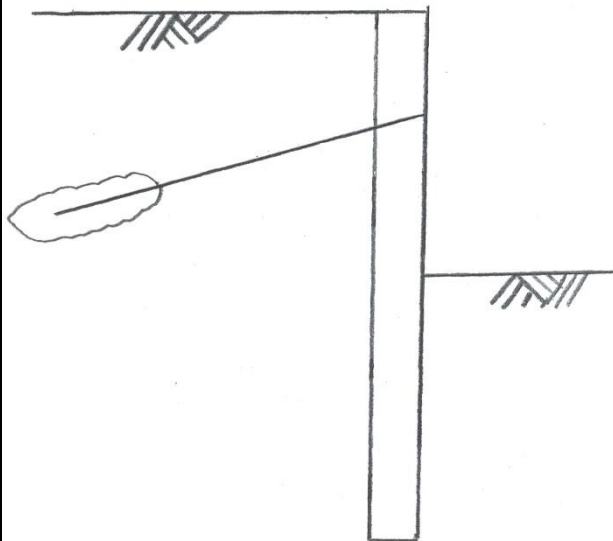
Step 2: Risks (research operations disturbance)



Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

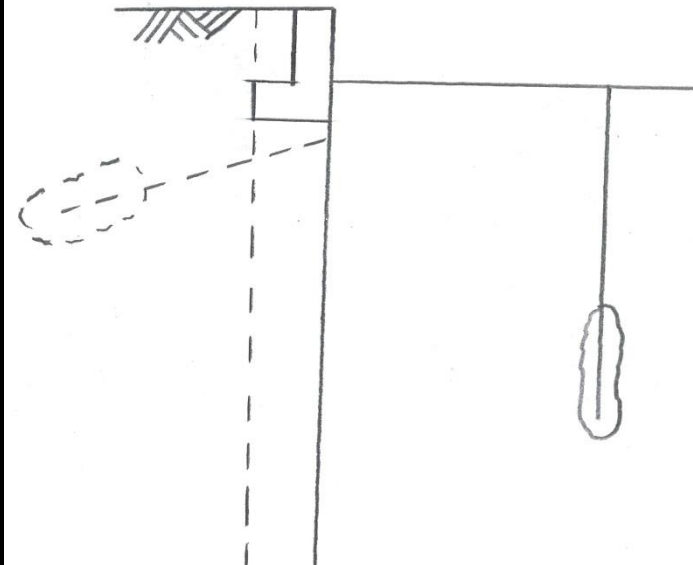
Step 2: In situ testing - anchors

Common



Test anchor **inclined**, as part of the later construction
⇒ no time for optimization of planning

Solution Gruner/Roche



Test anchor **vertical**

Beware: anchor slightly pretensioned during hardening (corkscrew effect)

Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 2: In situ testing - anchors

Test anchor: 5 x 3 pieces:

- > 3 in Gravel (Niederterrassenschotter)
- > 3 in Marl EM (Elsässer Molasse)
- > 3 in Marl CM (Cyrenenmengel)
- > 6 removable anchors with different techniques (pre-determined breaking point, induction coil) (proposal contractor)



Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 2: In situ testing - anchors

Test anchor - load capacity

	usual	Test	Design	Potential*
- 3 in Gravel (Niederterrassenschotter)	1200	1800	1600 kN (550 kN/m ²)	☑
- 3 in Marl EM (Elsässer Molasse)	800	1600	1200 kN (400 kN/m ²)	↗
- 3 in Marl CM (Cyrenenmergel)	800	1600	1200 kN (400 kN/m ²)	↗

+ 50% compared to previous

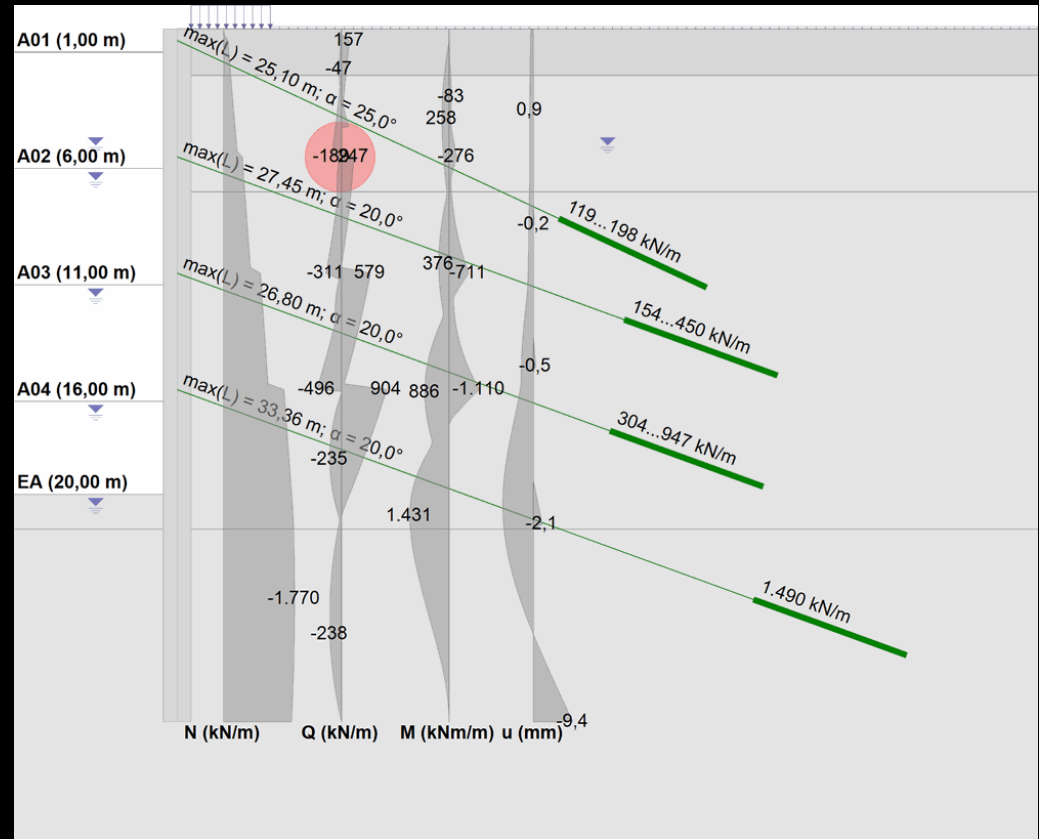
⇒ Saving 200 anchors

Bau 1 – design process – excavation pit

Step 3: Design - optimization

Optimization:

- > Pile length
- > Pile reinforcement cage
- > Anchors
- > Costs
- > Time
- > Deformations



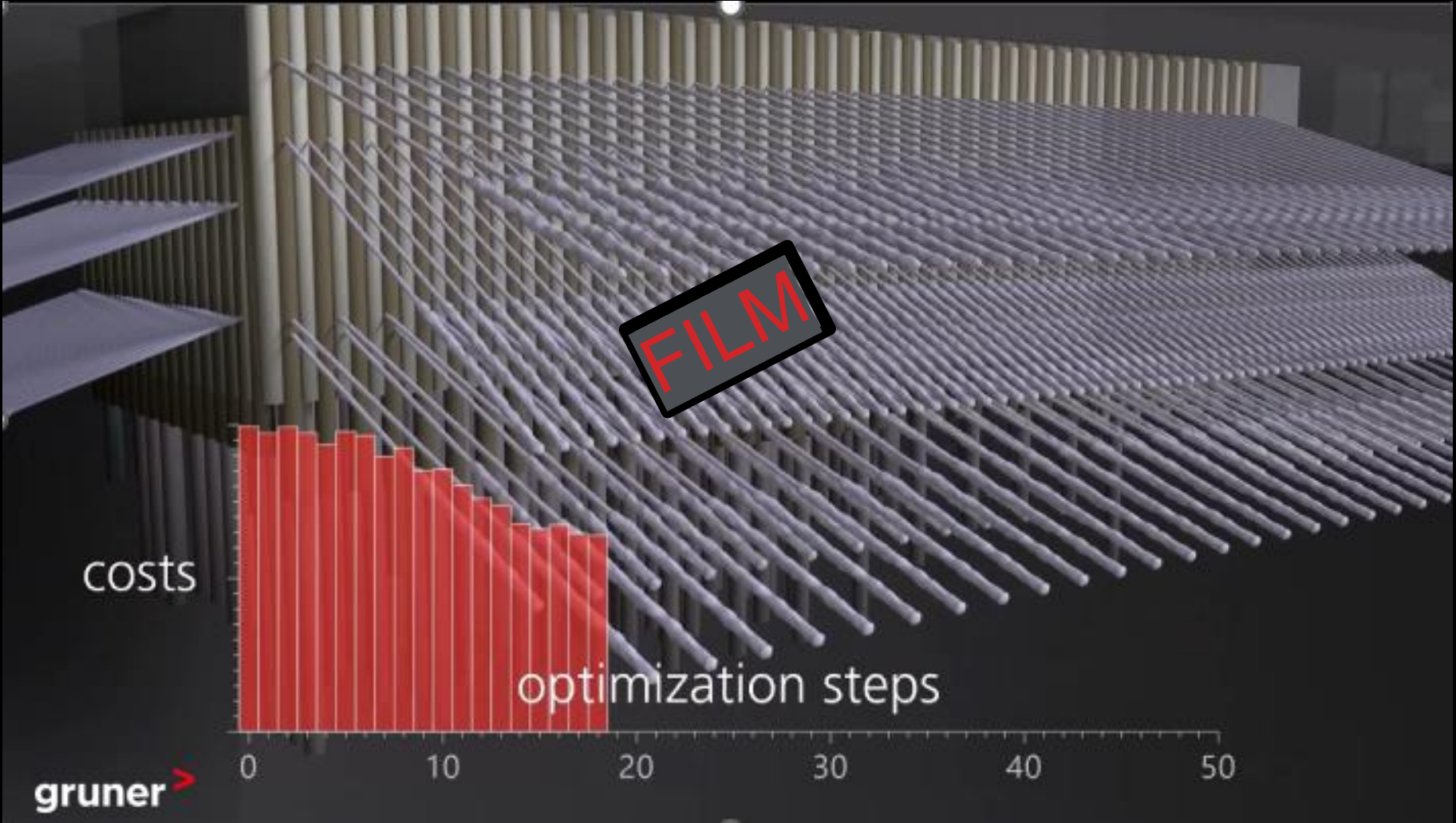
FILM

costs

optimization steps

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Bau 2

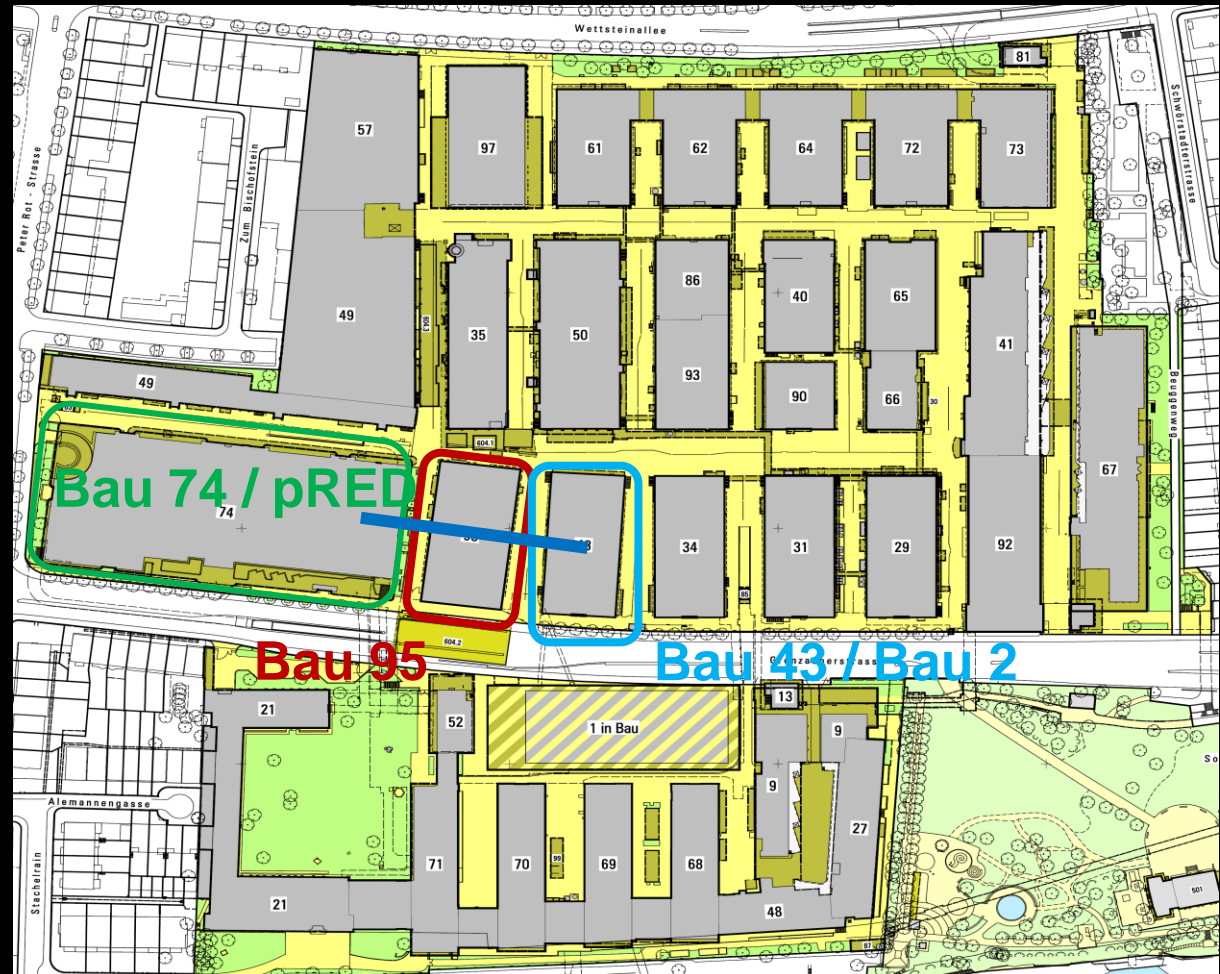
Features

- > 205 m high
- > 50 storeys
- > Piled raft foundation



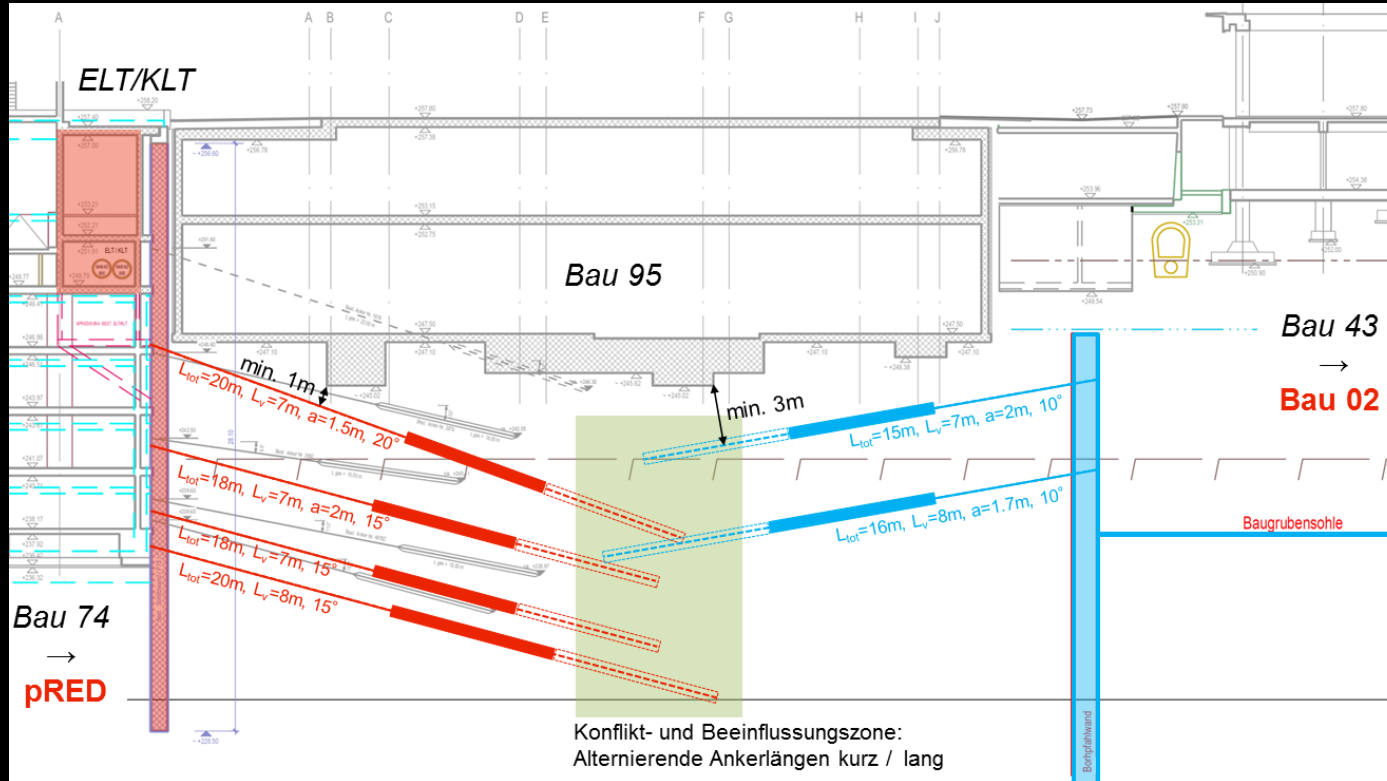
Bau 2

Special features – modified top-down method



Bau 2

Special features – modified top-down method



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Anchor clash

Bau 2

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Special features – modified top-down method

Ground plan

Plunge column
Foundation pile

Bored Pile Wall
Overlapping 20cm

Bracing slab
H = 1.0m



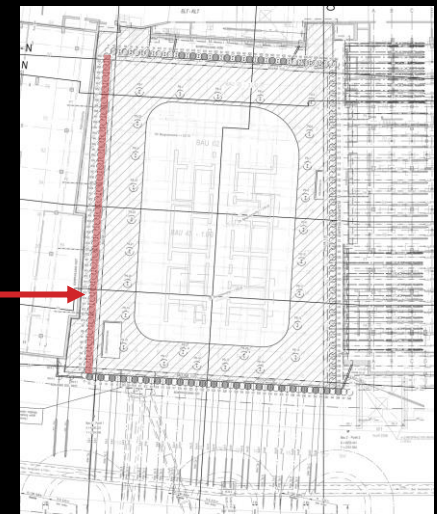
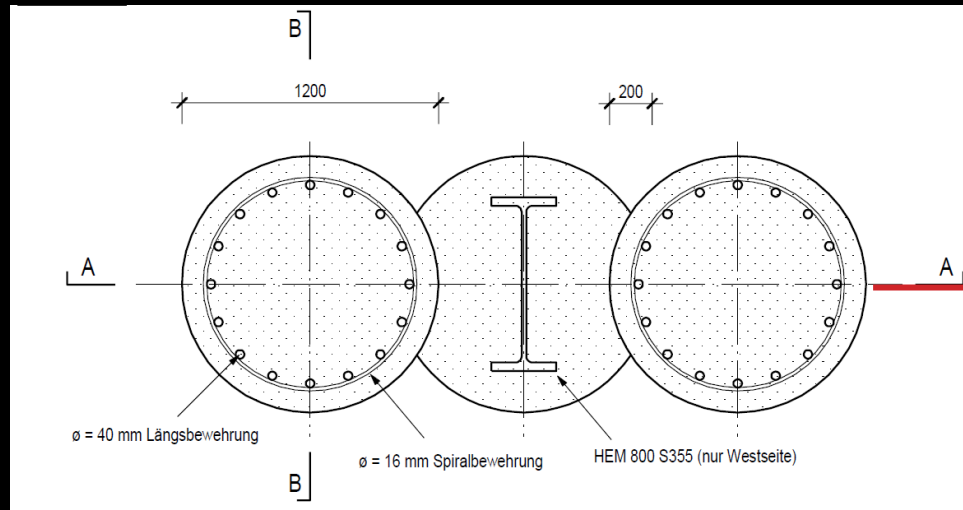
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Special features – modified top-down method

Reinforcement of the pile wall

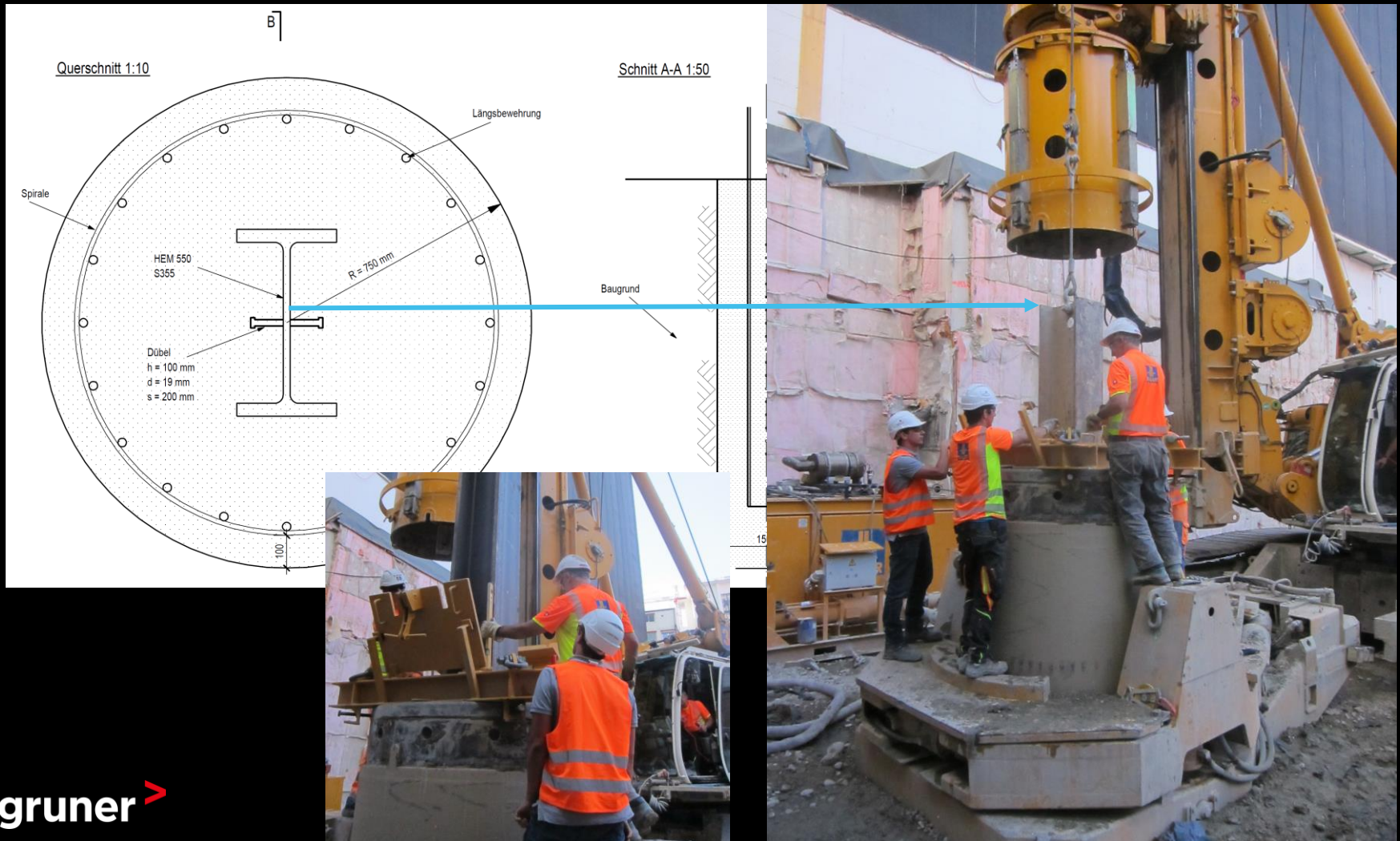
- > Maximum reinforcement ($\varnothing 40\text{mm}$, 32 pcs.) for bored pile wall with $D = 1.2\text{m}$ not sufficient to resist to the bending moment!

→ Additional beam **HEM 800**, S355 in primary piles on the west side



Bau 2

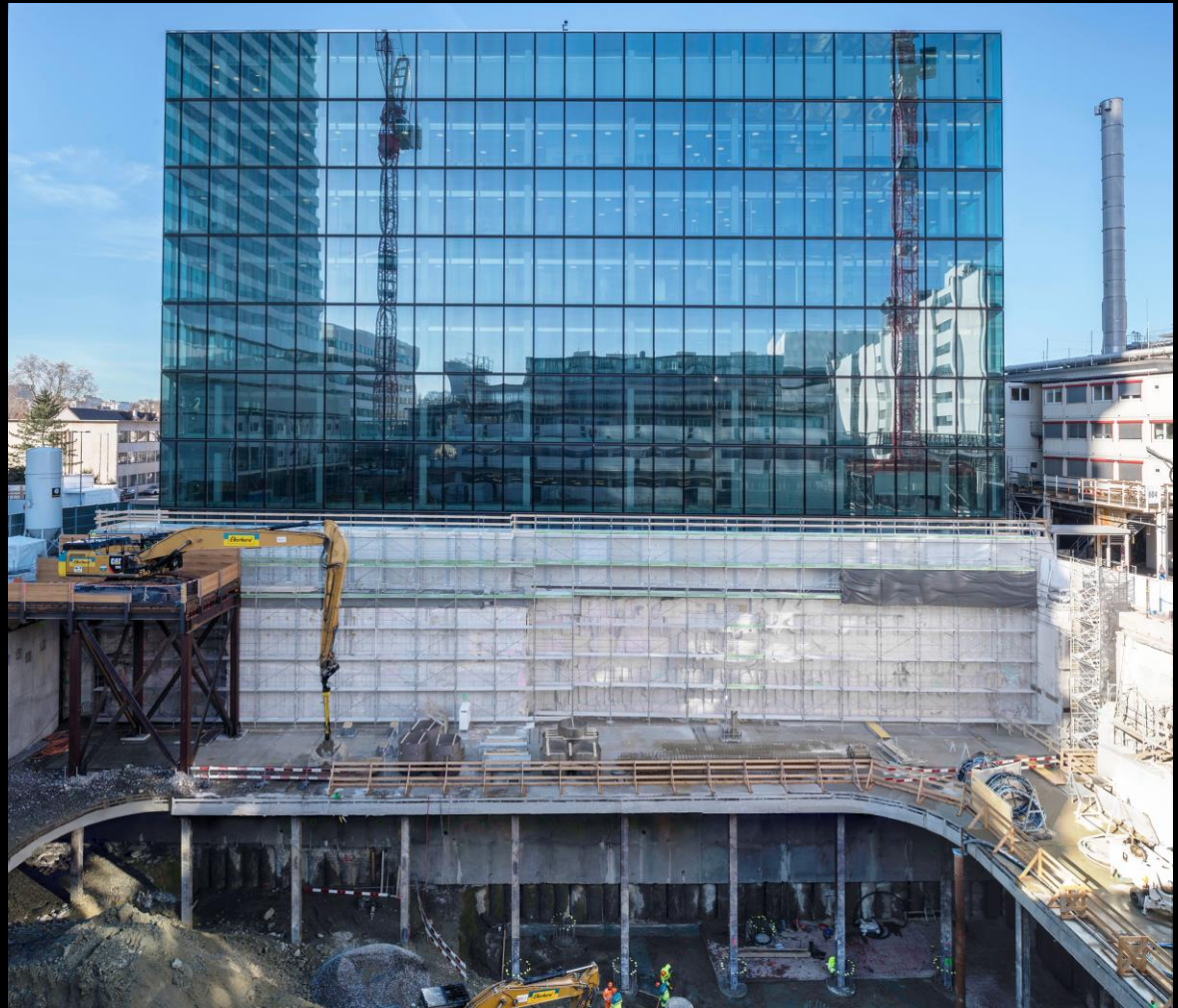
Special features – plunge columns installation



Bau 2

Special features – modified top-down method

**Bau 95
very sensitive**



Bau 2

Special features – modified top-down method

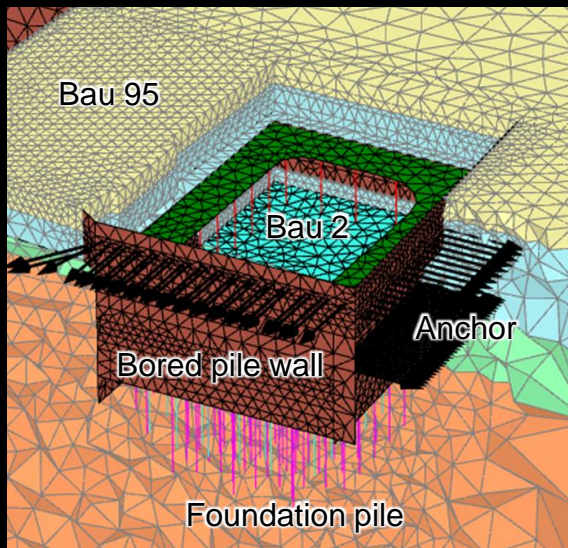
Bracing slab



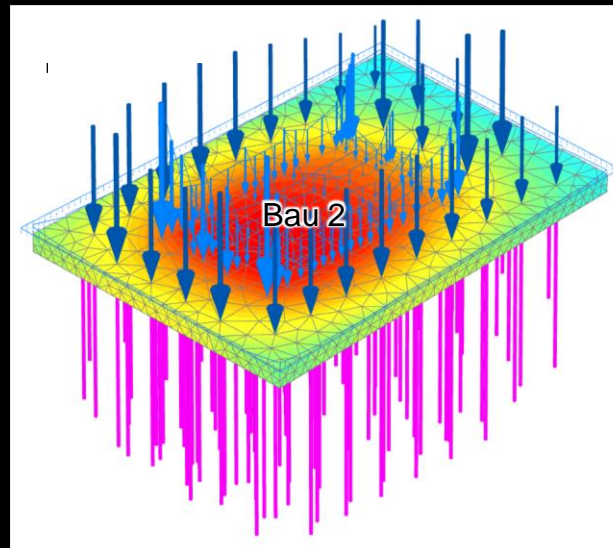
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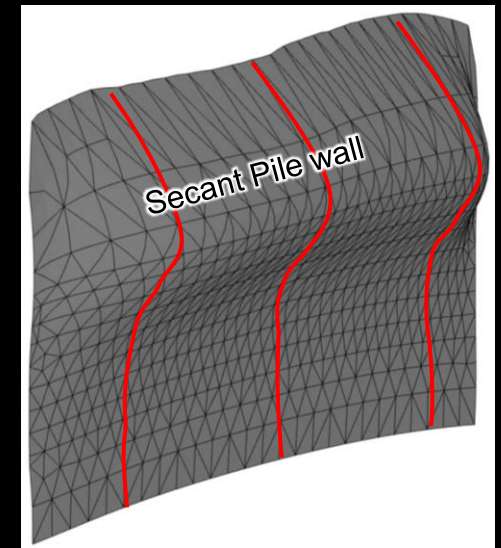
Observational method



- ▲ Simulation with view towards north-west



- ▲ Displacements due to Bau 2



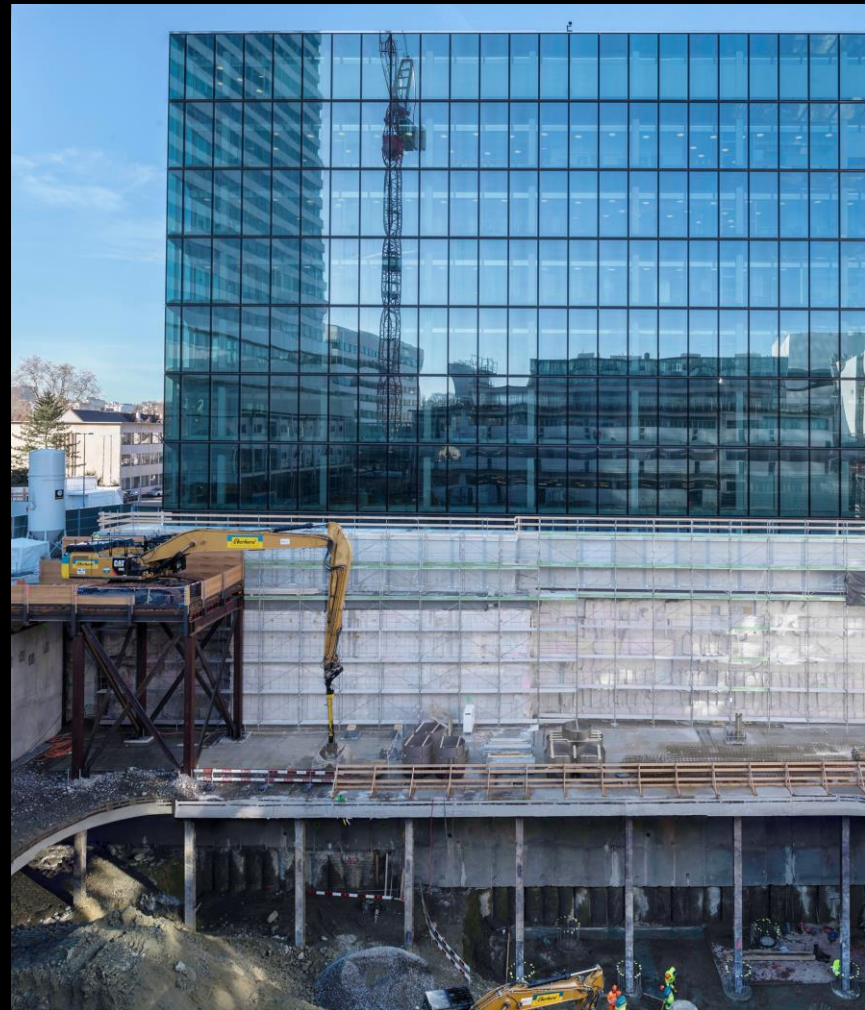
- ▲ Strongly exaggerated representation of the deformations of the pile wall west

Bau 2

Special features – modified top-down method

Observational method

- > High risk
 - adjacent building Bau 95
- > Monitoring
- > Values < Limit
 - ⇒ No extra anchors

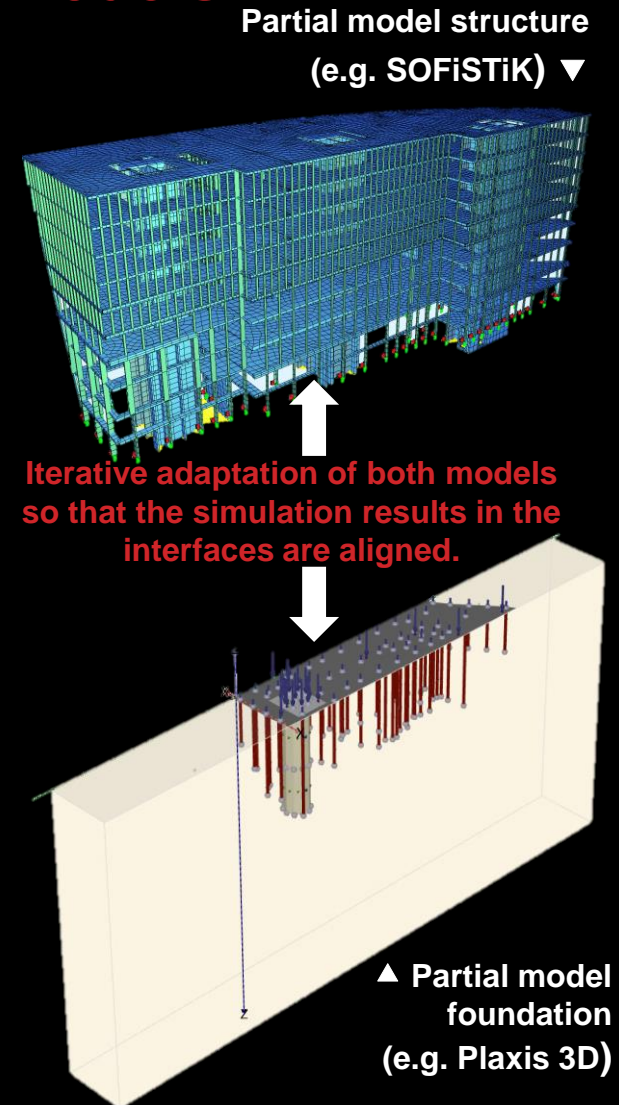
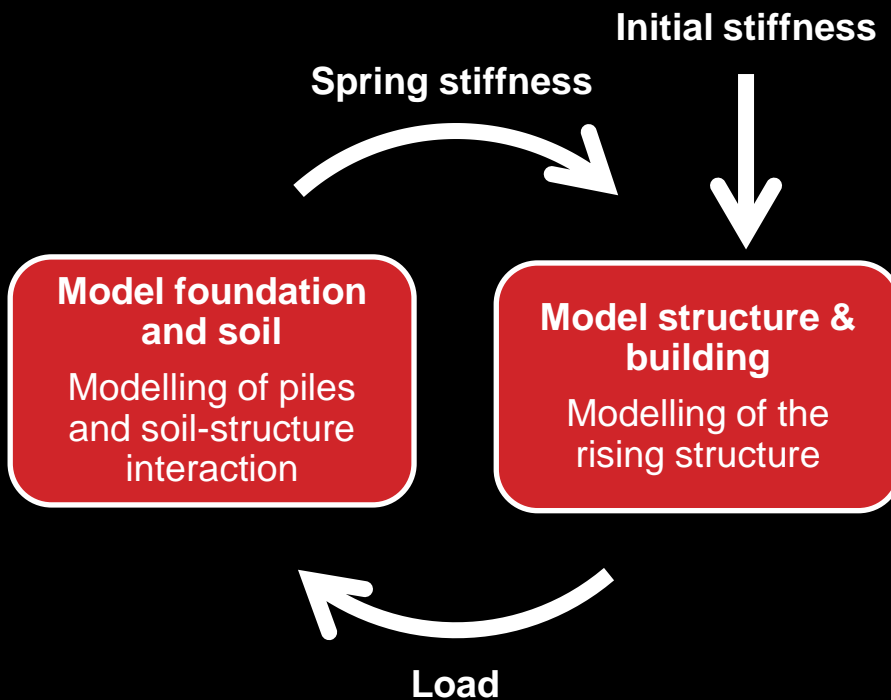


Bau 2 – design process - foundation

Coupling foundation and structure models

For the design of piled raft foundations

Use **automated** iteration of coupled models



Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building



Roche Bau 1, 2, 3, pRed (Vision)

Bau 3

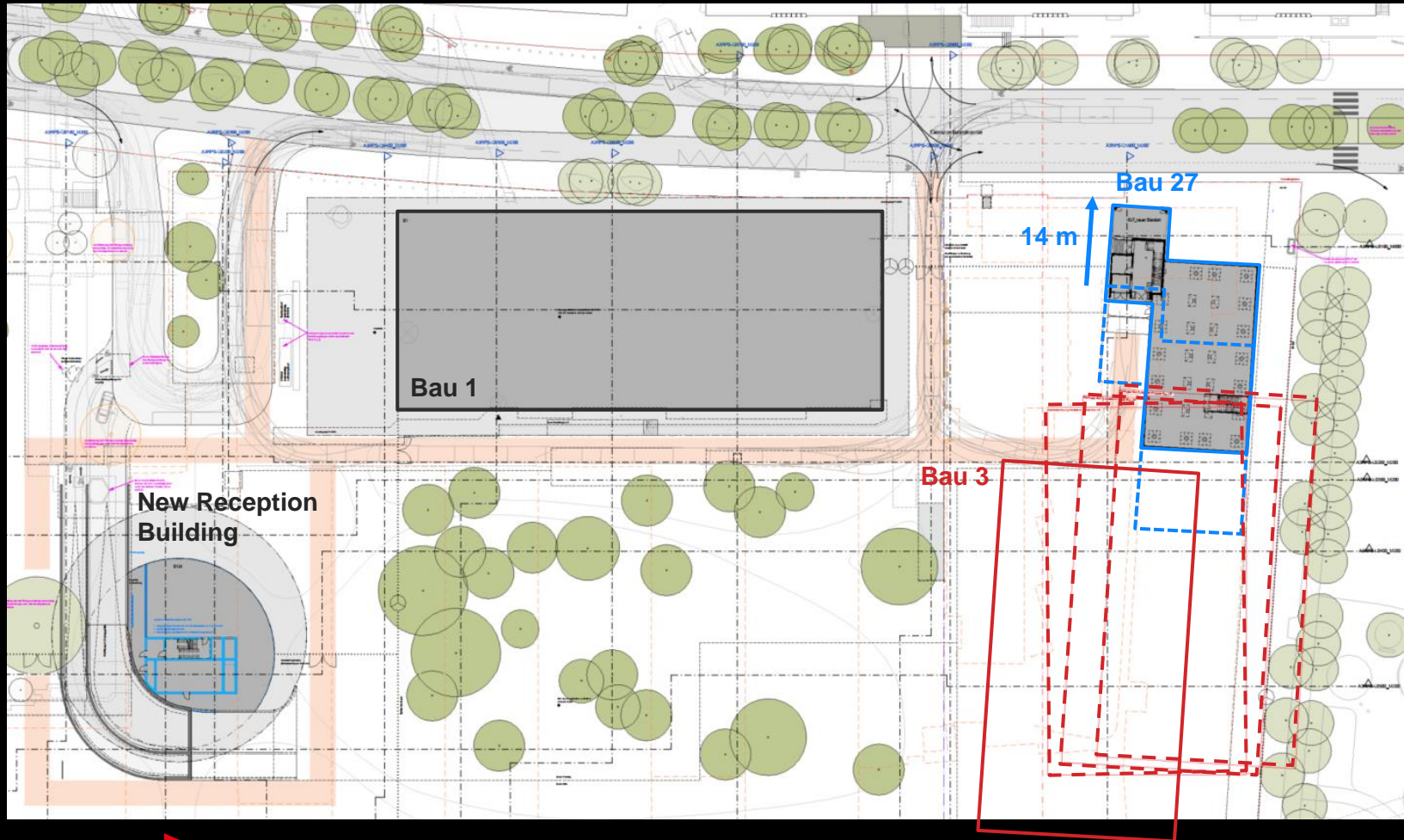
Translocation of an historical building



Roche Bau 27

Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building - context



Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building

Figures

- > Year of construction **1937**
- > Architect **Otto Salvisberg**
- > Weight **4800 Tons**
- > Translocation distance **14 m**
- > Levels: **7** (tower: **8**)
 - > **1** basement level
 - > **1** ground floor
 - > **5** upper floors (tower: **6**)

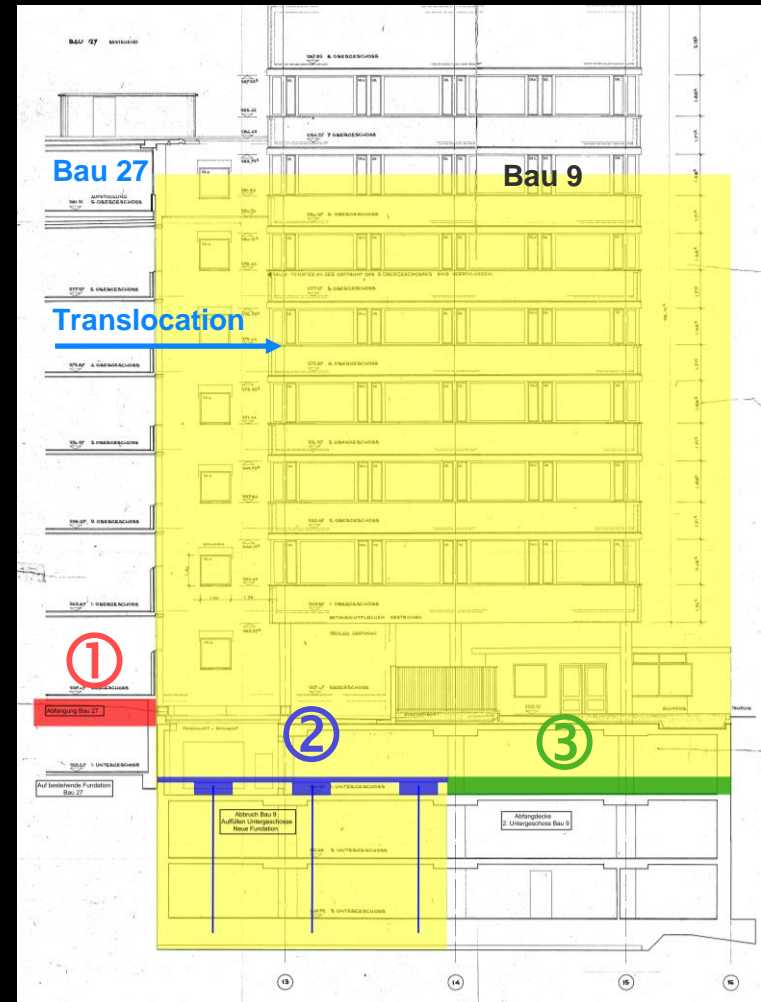


Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building

Challenges

- > Existing structure: earthquake resistance and verification of basement Bau 9
- > New location with three different foundation types:
 - > ① Foundations Bau 27
 - > ② demolished area Bau 9
 - > ③ Basement Bau 9



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cher-
street

Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building

Approach

- > Translocation level in basement Bau 27
- > Interception construction for mushroom slab
- > Load transfer slab in Bau 9

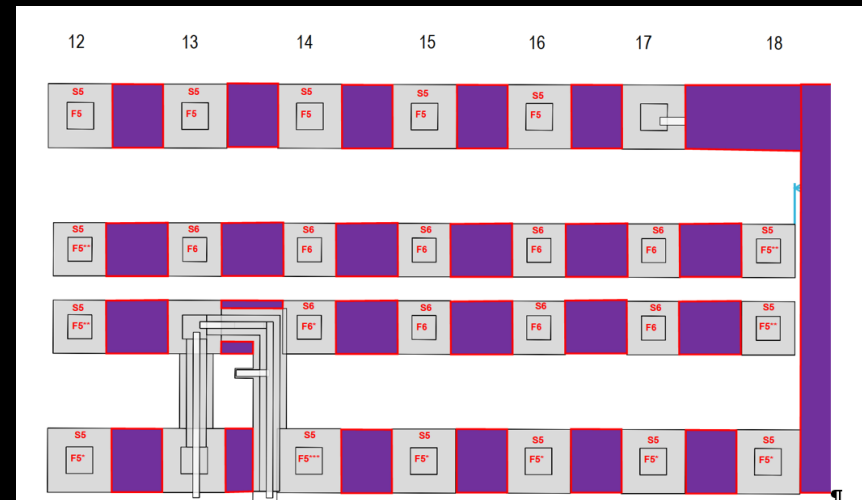
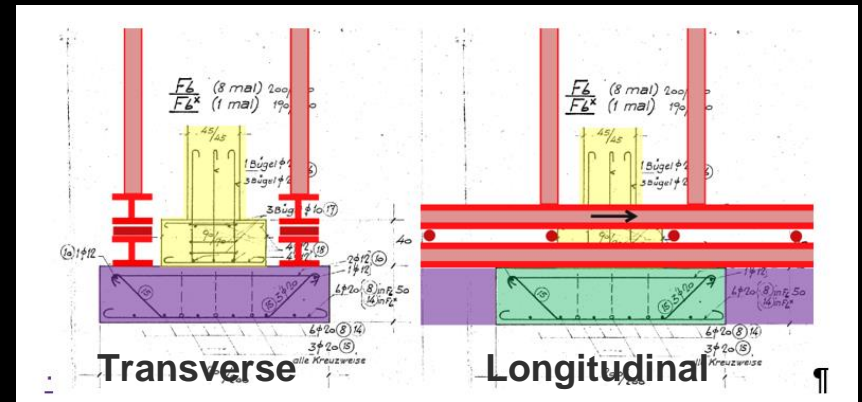


Bau 3

Translocation of an historical building

Concept

- > Strengthening of the cores (reinforced concrete)
- > Installation of temporary foundations
- > Erection of lower and upper double longitudinal beams along each row of columns

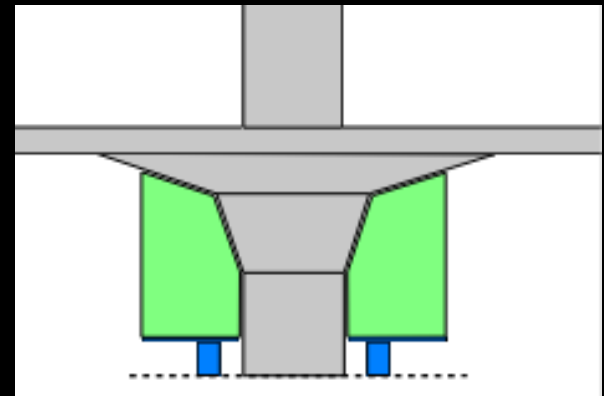


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Concept

- > Support of each column in a concrete corset



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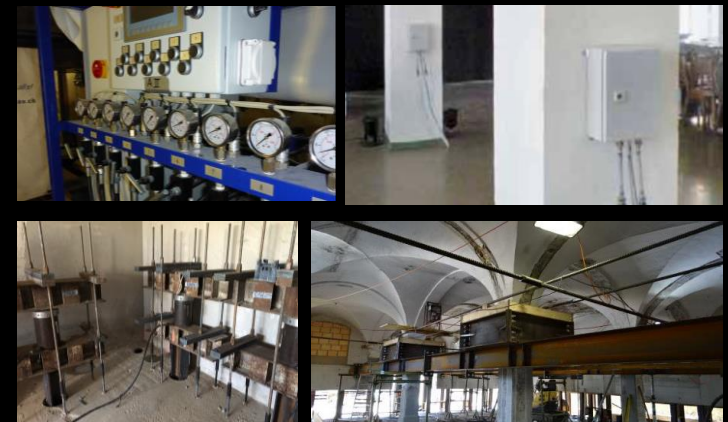
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Monitoring & settlement compensation

- > Bau 27 is moved to 3 different types of foundations ①, ②, ③ with different stiffnesses
- > Solution
 - > Monitoring (e.g. water hose levelling)
 - > synchronal force and displacement control of the jacks (vertical compensation)



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cher-
street



Bau 3

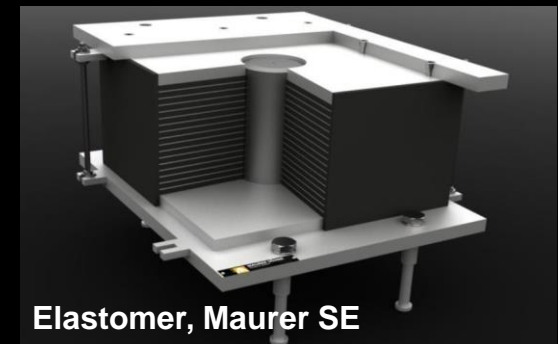
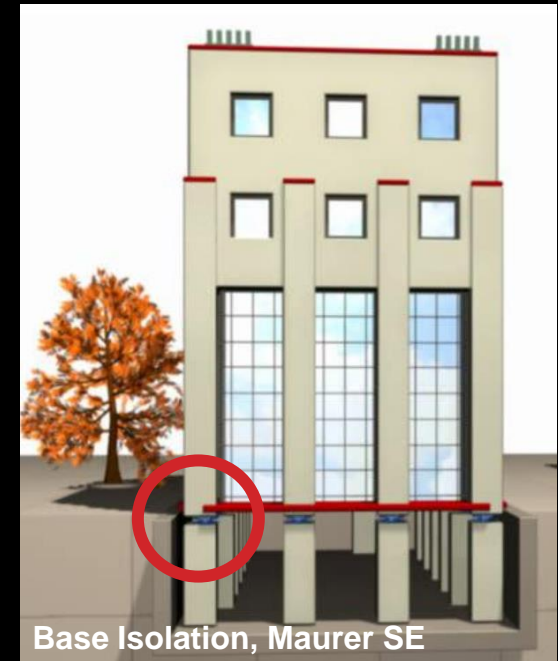
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Seismic reinforcement design

- > Earthquake degree of fulfillment $0.25 \ll 1.00$
- > Reinforcement of cores by new bracing walls
 - ⇒ Fulfillment ratio $\ll 1.00$

Solutions:

- > **Base Isolation**, since building is already decoupled after displacement. ⇒ Classical base isolation with elastomeric bearings not sufficient



Bau 3

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Seismic reinforcement design

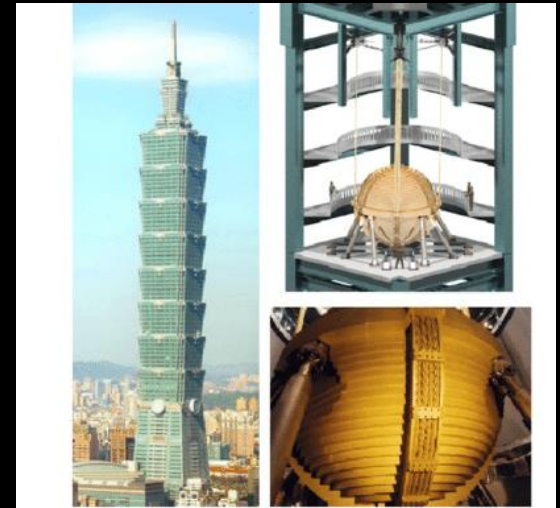
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Solutions:

- > Base Isolation, since building is already decoupled after displacement. ⇒ Classical base isolation with elastomeric bearings not sufficient
- > active or passive **tuned mass damper** (e.g. Hancock Tower in Boston) ⇒ Not sufficient



Tuned Mass Damper, Baku Tower, Maurer



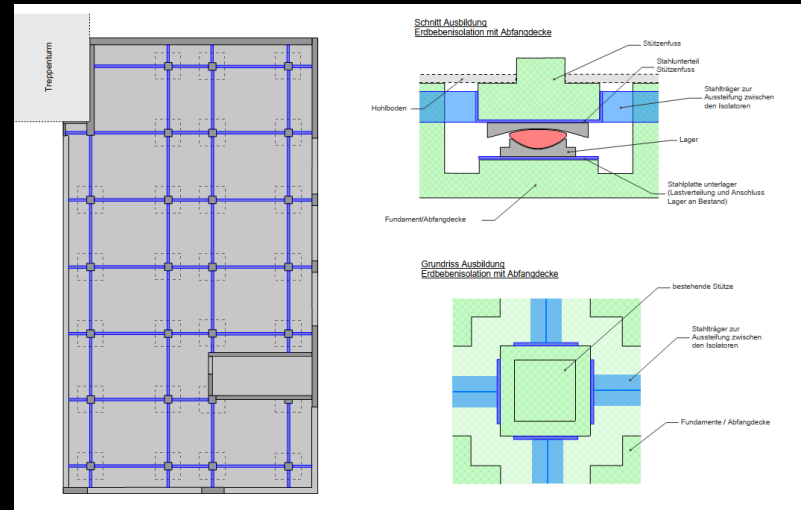
Passive Tuned Mass Damper, Taipei 101, Kayabekir et al.(2020)

Bau 3

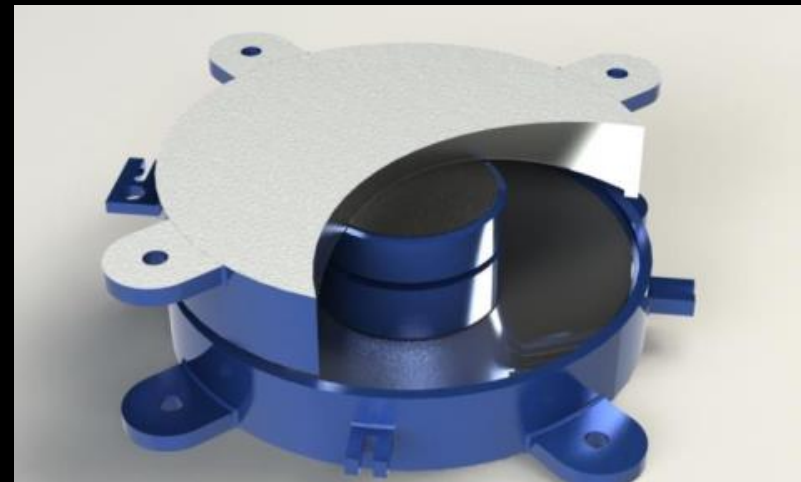
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Seismic design

- > Base Isolation with Sliding Isolation
Pendulum: degree of fulfillment ≈ 1.0
- > Principle: These Sliding Isolation
Pendulums have a **concave** sliding plate and act like a pendulum. Part of the kinetic energy is converted into potential energy. This storage of potential energy provides the required ability to **re-center** the isolator.



Concept Sliding Isolation Pendulum, Gruner AG



Sliding Isolation Pendulum, Maurer SE

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Translocation of an historical building

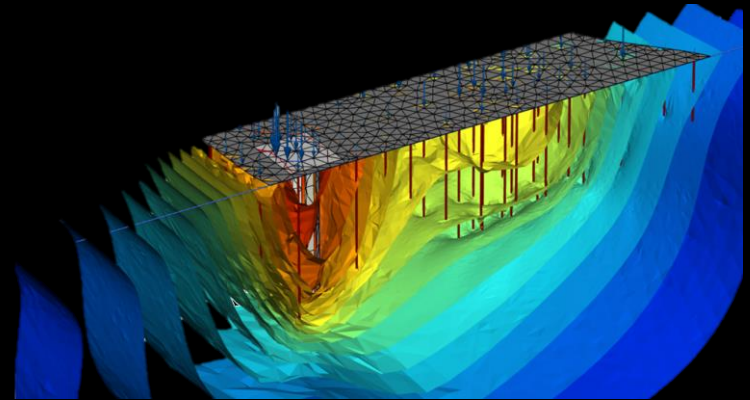
Visualization after displacement



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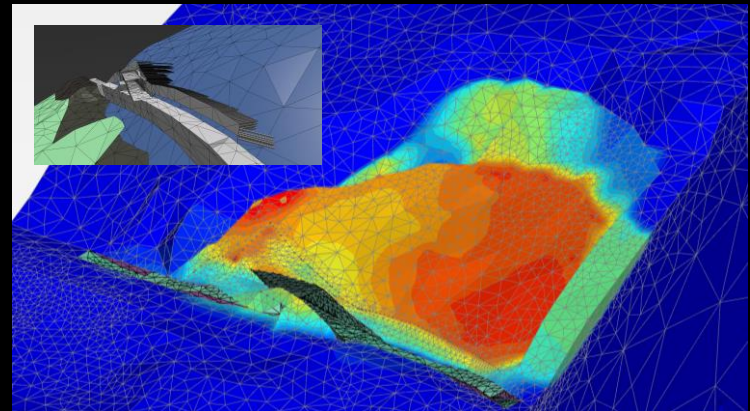
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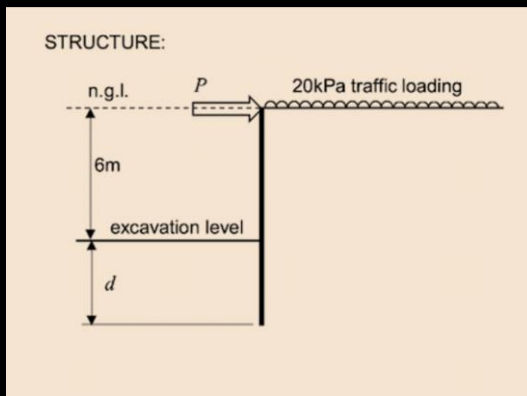
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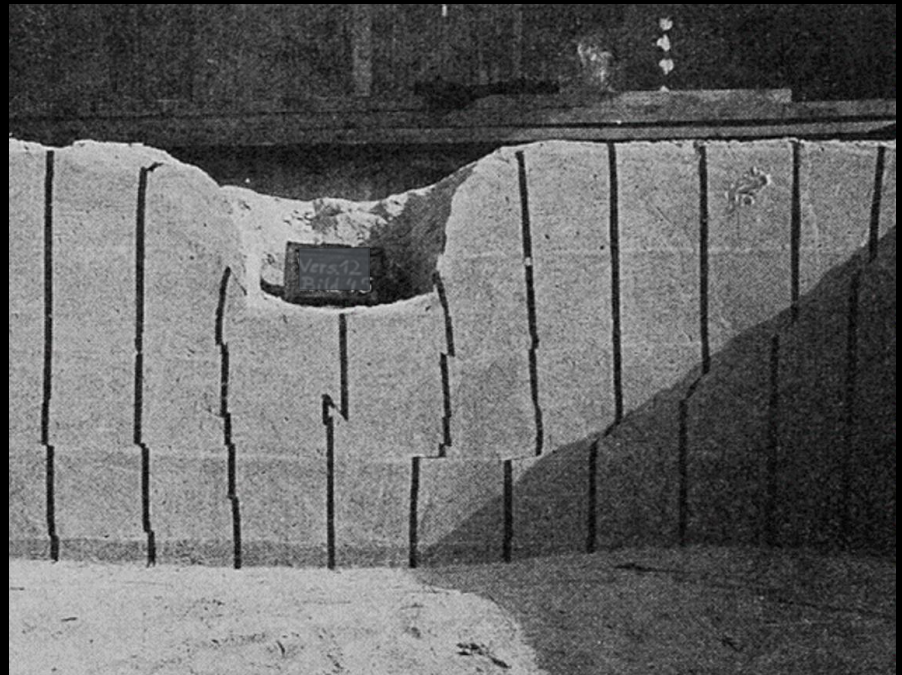
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Bearing capacity testing (1969?)

Bau 1, 2 & 3

Challenges in geotechnical engineering



Roche Bau 1, 2, 3, pRed (Vision)

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Chinese proverb

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