

Hvordan redusere sementforbruk ifm. injeksjon, uten å redusere kvaliteten?

Pregrouting and hydrodomains in tunneling

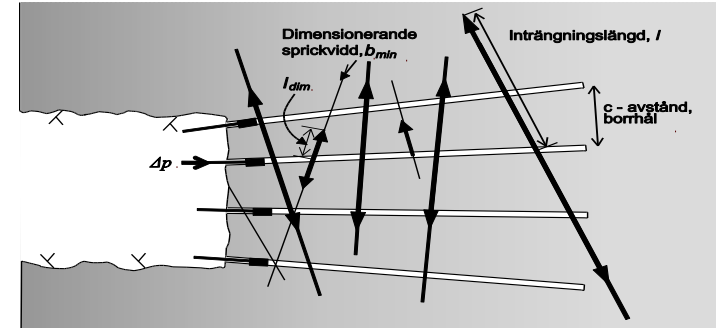
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BACKGROUND

- Pre-grouting
 - Allot of boreholes,
 - many are tight or takes very little grout
 - Many boreholes are only "hole-filled", not unusual that 50% of the boreholes are tight in one grouting fan
- Political grouting
 - We grout to avoid responsibility if it goes sideways.
 - We grout to cope with the local demands (ground water lowering, avoid settlements of buildings) but neglecting the global goals or demands (CO2).
- Pre-investigations
 - Focuses on the most poor parts (often already known) like fracture zones, valleys, etc.
 - The good rock in a early stage of the design remains good rock, but
 - due to lack of qualitative data it becomes poor rock in the late stage of the design to minimise risks



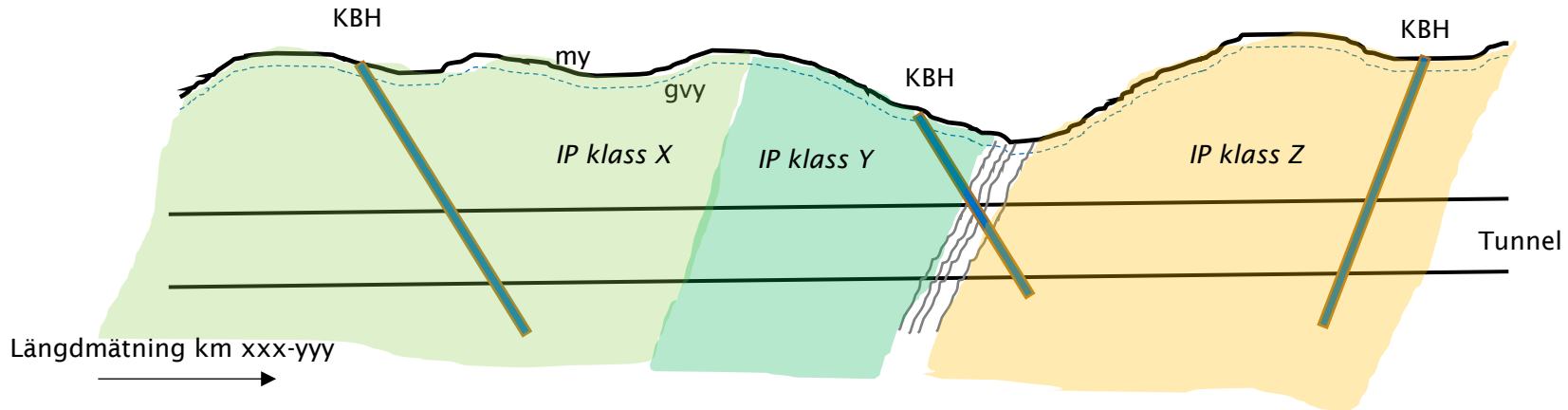
GROUT WHERE IT WORKS AND IS NEEDED!

- Penetrate the water transmitting fractures
- Grout properly, correct grout, correct amount, enough number boreholes
- If fractures cannot be penetrated, dont pre-grout, perhaps post-grout
- Use sounding holes, controlholes and measuring weirs to have control of the leakages and execution

Of course, there are much things to do regarding the grout material; additives, fly-ash, Cem II quality, what is enough shear strength of grout? etc. This presentation focuses on how to limit the pre-grouting.

BASICS OF HYDRODOMAINS

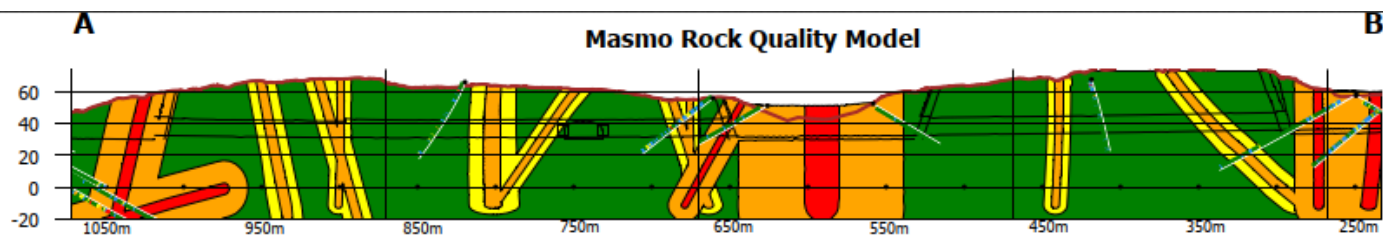
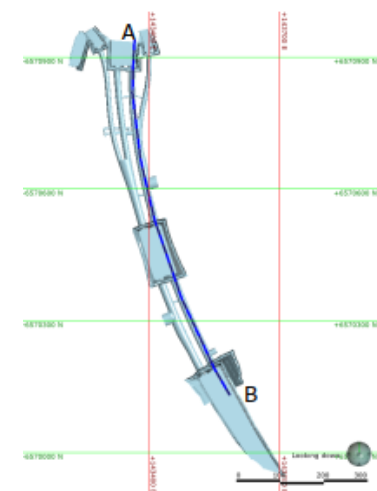
- Geometrical division of the engineering prognosis (Geological Baseline report).
- Qualitative data from core drilled boreholes and percussion drilled holes
- Quantative data, the "well archive", mapping



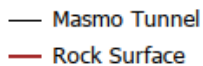
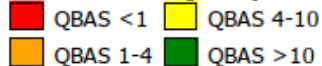
HYDRODOMAINS

Engineering prognosis- Nothing new with this!!

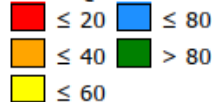
But data must be intrepreted with relevent tools to estimate the effectiveness of the grouting



Masmó Rock Quality Model



DH RQD %



Location

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B: 143579, 6570137

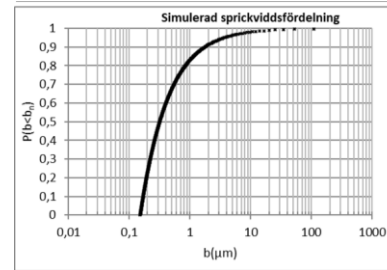
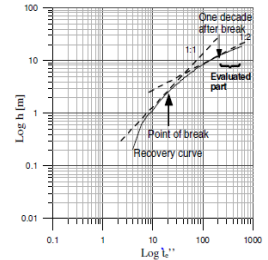
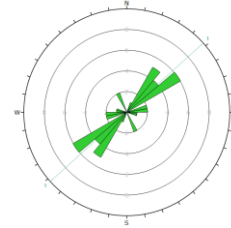
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DATA FOR HYDRODOMAINS

Main five properties:

- *Number of water transmitting fracture groups*
- *Direction of fracture system that transmits water in relation to the tunnel direction*
- *Flow dimension in fractures by using pressure build-up tests*
- *Hydraulic fracture aperture of the largest water transmitting fracture analysed using the pareto distribution*
- *Water ingress without grouting*



$$q = \frac{2\pi K_r L}{\ln\left(\frac{2H}{r_c}\right) + \left(\frac{K_r}{K_g} - 1\right) \times \ln\left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau_c}\right) + \xi}$$

HOW IS GOOD DATA COLLECTED?

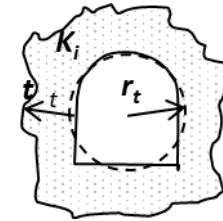
Core mapping



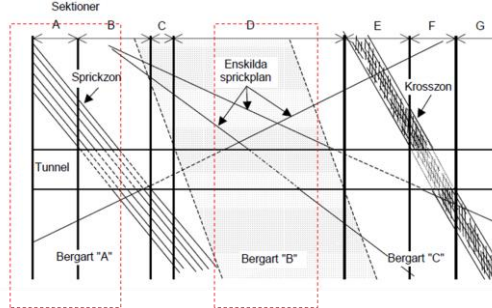
Water-loss measurements



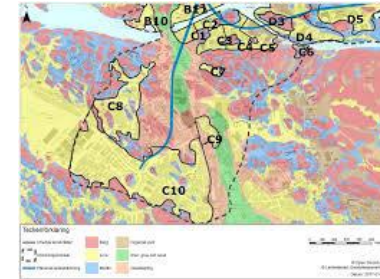
Ingress calculation



Hydrogeological domains



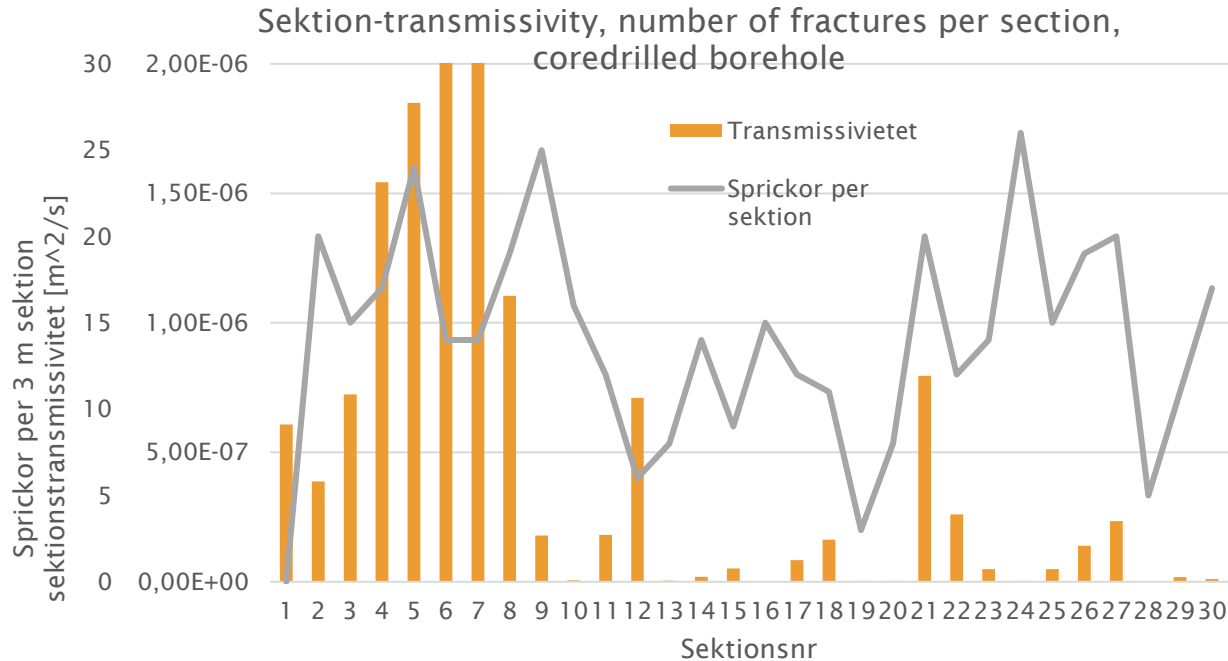
Sensitive areas and ground water lowering



Environmental ruling

- Allowed ingress
- Allowed ground water lowering
- Control program
- Possible solutions/measures

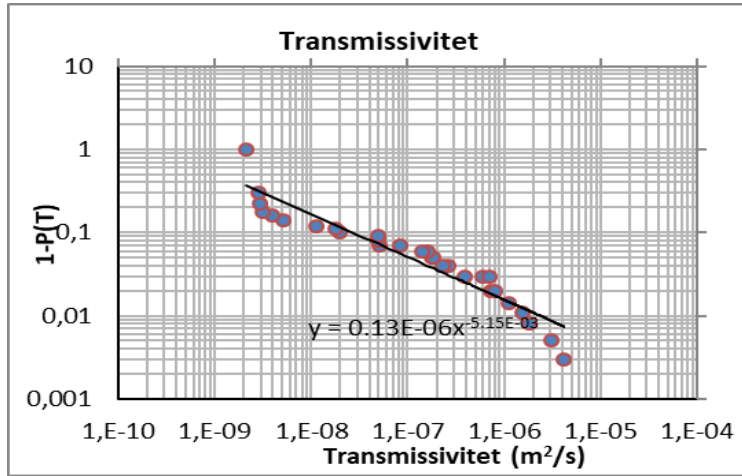
DESIGN; DATA; FRACTURES AND WATER-LOSS



Number of fractures in sections and corresponding water loss.

- Poor correlation between high water loss and number of fractures
- fracture zones can be water tight
- Single fractures can transmit the most water
- Mapped aperture and water loss does never correspond!!!

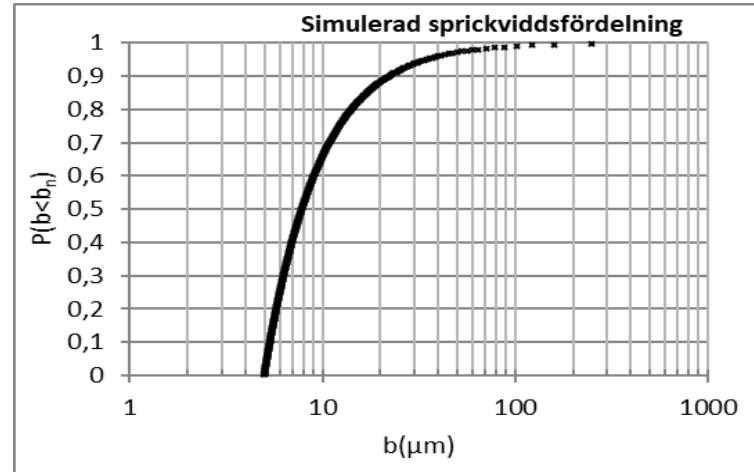
DESIGN. DATA; FRACTURE APERTURE



Pareto distribution. Good fit!. Gives an idea how much water is transmitted through the largest fracture compared to complete borehole.

Rule of thumb= 80% is transmitted in the largest fracture for 20 m long borehole.

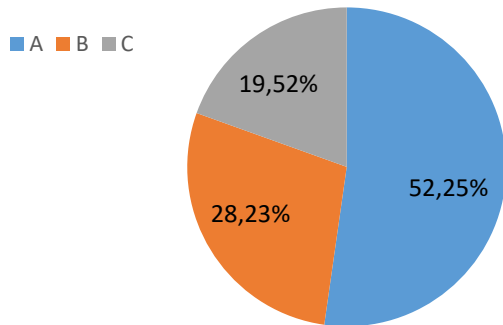
Largest fracture; 99% are smaller than 260 micrometers. Allot are smaller than 100 micrometers



CLASS AND WEIGHING IN HYDRODOMAINS

Class/properties	A	B	C	C1
No. of Water transmitting fracture groups	1 st	2-3 st	unkown, >3 st	-
Direction of the fracture system	Perpendicular	Parallell	Both	-
Flowdimension	Radielly-spherical	Radielly	Channel-radial	-
Aperture of fracture [µm]	>110	>80	>50	-
Ingress without grouting [l/min per 100 m tunnel]	<5	<10	>10	>15
"Verdict" properties				
Transmissivity distributed	2-10	11-50	>50	-
T _{tot} /T _{max} [%]	>79	>50	<50	-

Rock tunnels Masmo total



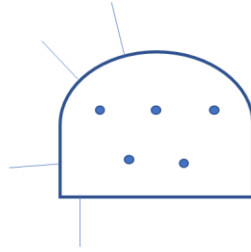
Klass/Egenskaper	A	B	C
No. of Water transmitting fracture groups	42%	42%	20%
Direction of the fracture system	9%	9%	12%
Flowdimension	7%	7%	10%
Aperture of fracture	5%	5%	17%
Ingress without grouting	37%	37%	41%
"Verdict" properties			
Transmissivity distributed	20%	20%	70%
T _{tot} /T _{max}	80%	80%	30%

GROUTING WHEN REQUIRED

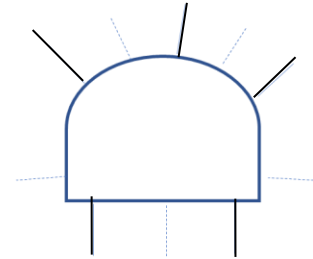
When we dont hit the fractures



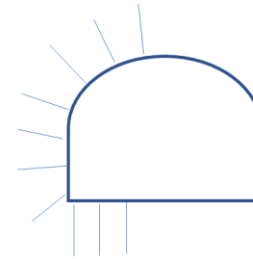
*Sometimes grouting
Demand 10 l/min/100*



*Possibly grouting
Demand 5 l/min/100*



*Always grouting
Demand 5 l/min/100*



Hydrodomän A1	
Sounding holes	Non
Demand grouting	Leakage in measuring weirs
Grouting	Post-grouting

Hydrodomän A/PK1	
Sonderingshål	5 st/40 m lång/ valfri placering
Krav inj	1 sondhål läckande
Injektering	C-avstånd 5 m
Bruk	Cement, bkrit <90 mym
Teknik	20 bar/15 min

Hydrodomän B/PK2	
Sonderingshål	5 st/22m lång/ utspritt i skärm
Krav inj	1 sondhål läckande
Injektering	C-avstånd 4 m
Bruk	Cement, bkrit <90 mym
Teknik	20 bar/15 min

Hydrodomän C/PK3	
beräkning	Pareto
Krav inj	Minsta sprickvidd/läck age
Injektering	C-avstånd 4 m
Bruk	Cement, bkrit <90 mym
Teknik	20-30 bar/10- 20 min

SOUNDING HOLES AND DECISION

Binomial distribution; statistically independent, not connected....

Results in an value of confidence

Critical transmissivity, T_{crit} -coupled to the demand on ingress

Antal sonderingshål	Antal sonderingshål som överstiger T_{krit}					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	0,50					
2	0,75	0,25				
3	0,88	0,50	0,13			
4	0,94	0,69	0,31	0,06		
5	0,97	0,81	0,50	0,19	0,03	
6	0,98	0,89	0,66	0,34	0,11	0,02
7	0,99	0,94	0,77	0,50	0,23	0,06

SOUNDING HOLES AND DECISION

Depth to tunnel	H	50 m
Tunnel radius	r_t	5 m
Skin factor	ξ	5
Length sounding holes	L_t	20 m
Allowed ingress	q_d	10 l/min/m
Allowed ingress	q_d	1,7E-6 m ³ /s/m

Example

Critical transmissivity in sounding holes becomes:

$$T_{crit} = \ln(2H/rt) + \xi 2\pi \cdot L_t H \cdot q_d = \ln(2 \cdot 50/5) + 5 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 20 \cdot 50 \cdot 1,7 \cdot 10^{-6} = 8,5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

Critical transmissivity using water loss measurements:

$T = Q/dh$ yields the flow in the sounding holes, Q_{crit} .

$$Q_{crit} = T_{crit} \cdot H = 8,5 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 50 = 2,6 \text{ l/min}$$

Choice of 5 sounding holes where one is allowed to leak more than the critical values results in a confidence of 81% that the targeted ingress will be met. This means here that if two or more boreholes leak more than 2,6 l/min we will commence with grouting, otherwise start excavation.

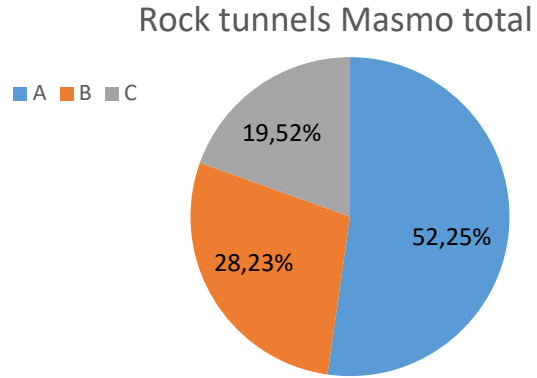
Choice of **control hole** to control the grouting. NEW critical value of the transmissivity, $T_{crit, inj}$ according to:

$$T_{crit, inj} = q_d \cdot L_t \cdot 2\pi H = 1,7 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 20 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 50 = 1,1 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

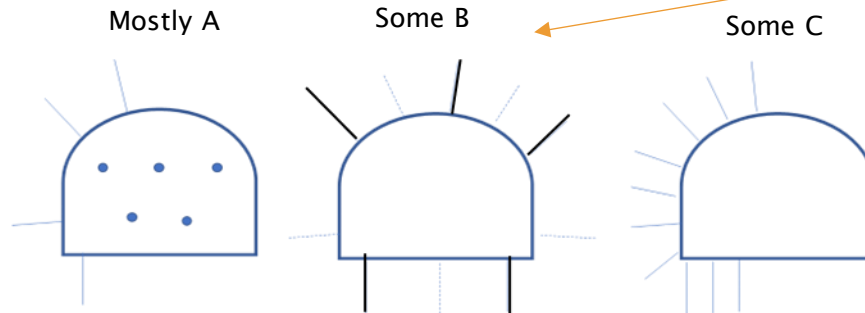
Means a inflow of 0,3 l/min in the control holes.

If 1 out of 5 control holes leaks less than 0,3 l/min the grouting is deemed to be successful.

EXAMPLE OF RESULTS



Tunnel	Class	Tunnel stretch	Chosen Domain
South Masmo 425 m	A=	45%	A
	B=	37%	
	C=	18%	
South Masmo, zone	A=	0%	B
	B=	85%	
	C=	15%	
Norra masmo 300 m	A=	12%	B
	B=	78%	
	C=	10%	
Rest of Masmo	C=	100%	C



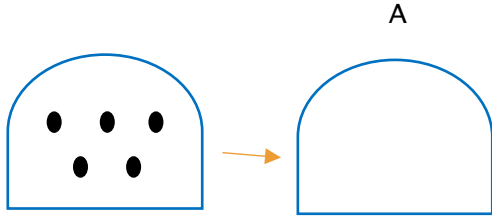
EXAMPLE OF RESULTS

Masmo with $HD=A$

No pre grouting, NO sounding holes.

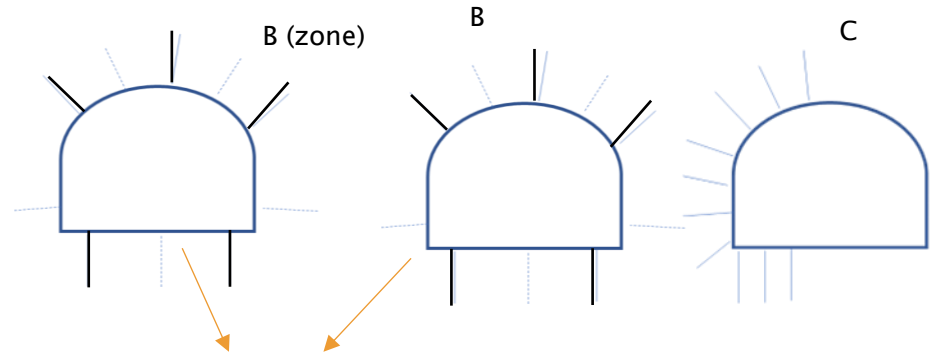
The fractures are not penetrating the parallell fractures and the results of sounding holes becomes indiscriminately/arbitrarily

Solution: Post- grouting



Masmo with $HD=B$, and fracture zone
Grouting with sounding holes in grouting position

Masmo with $HD=C$
Always pre-grouting.



Verification using the binomial distribution

CONCLUSIONS

With proper pre-investigations it is possible to have a design of grouting that is risk-based and "calculable".

Give back the risks to the client

To have just enough grouting, that is the target

A coupled LCC -analysis for both production of tunnel and coming maintenance is needed!

The concept has not been executed yet, but is part of the contracts

Thank you Norway for having me!