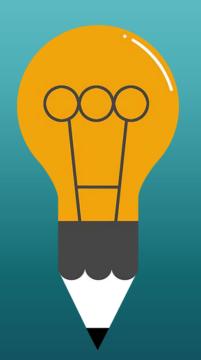
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## 地質模型不確定性



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focused on: (i) geological uncertainty; and (ii) uncertainty propagation





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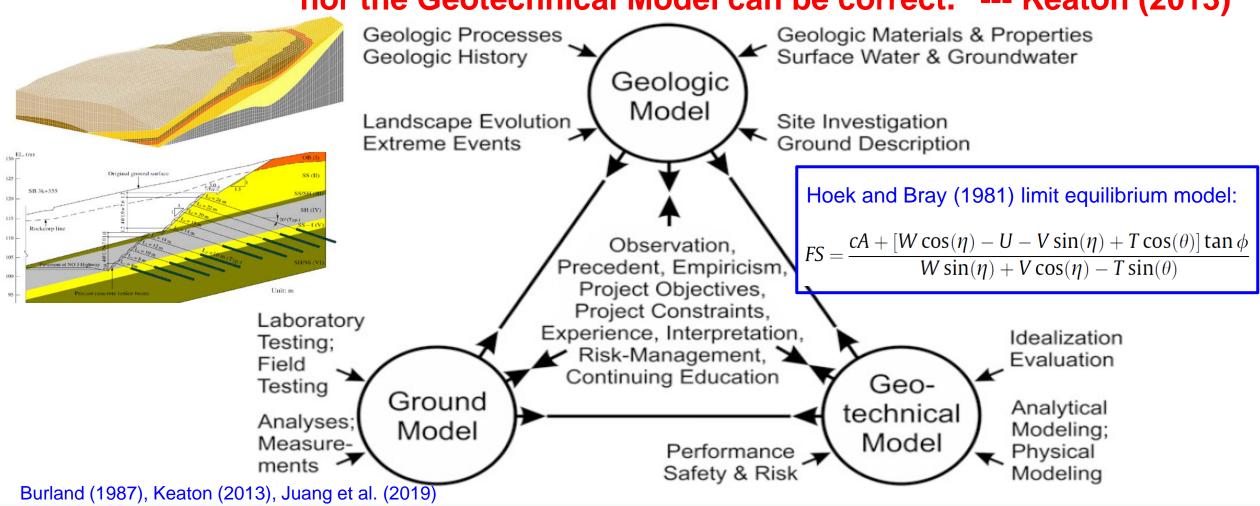
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### Burland's (1987) soil mechanics triangle (modified by Keaton, 2013)



"If the Geologic Model is wrong, then neither the Ground Model nor the Geotechnical Model can be correct." --- Keaton (2013)

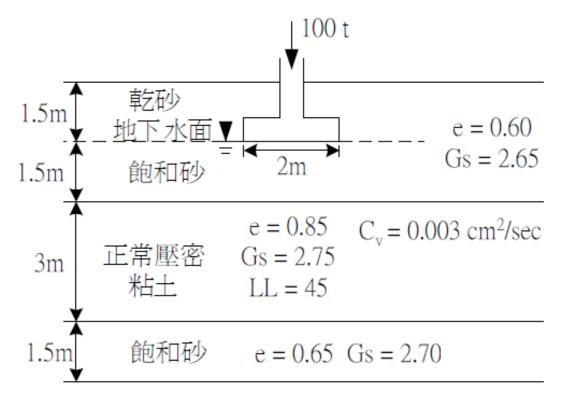




二、有一2m×2m之獨立基腳承受100t之上部載重,置於如下圖所示之土層。 求圖粘土層之主要壓密沈陷量(cm)。(15分)

當點土層沈陷 6.1 cm 時所需時間 (天)。(10 分)

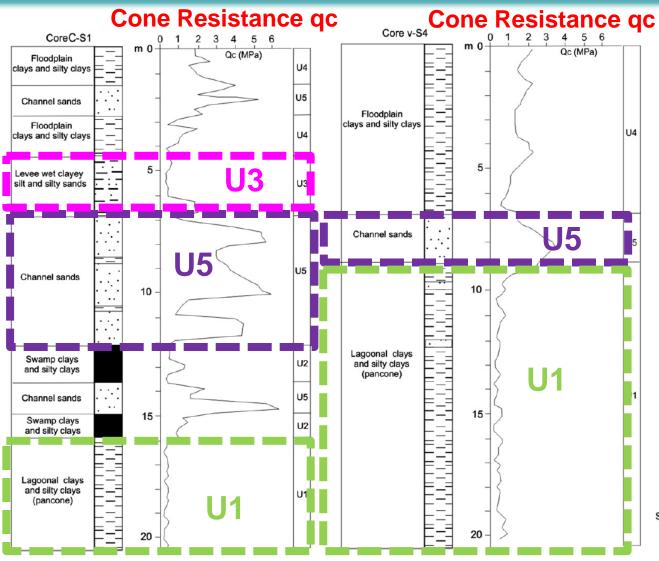
(壓密度與時間因素的關係列於右表)



壓密度(%)	時間因素
0	0
10	0.008
20	0.031
30	0.071
40	0.126
50	0.197
60	0.287
70	0.403
80	0.567
90	0.848
100	$\infty$

How to obtain this profile for engineering practice?

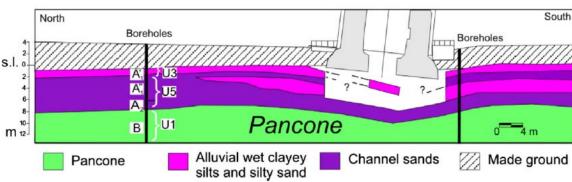
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為何需要 地質師?

建立地質模型需要地質學知識



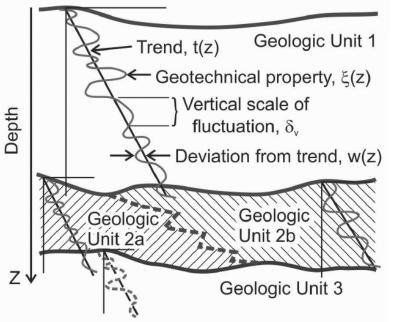


Sarti et al., 2012, Sedimentary Geology

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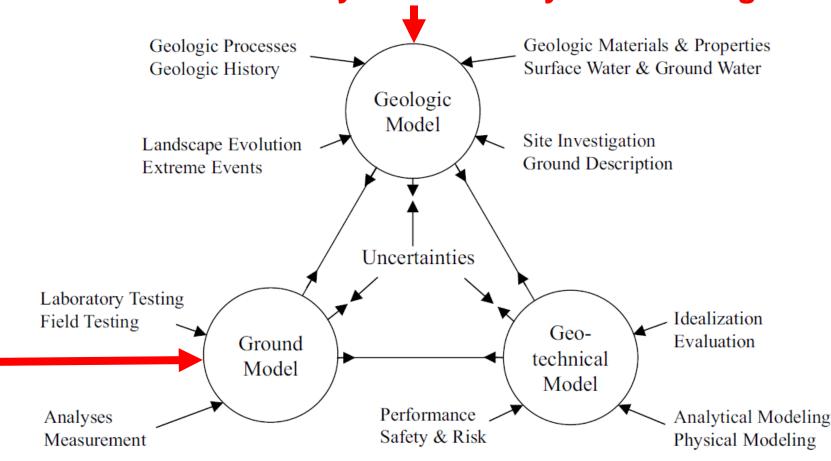


Uncertainties of geological model are poorly studied, not to say the reliability-based design!!



**Phoon et al. (1995)** 

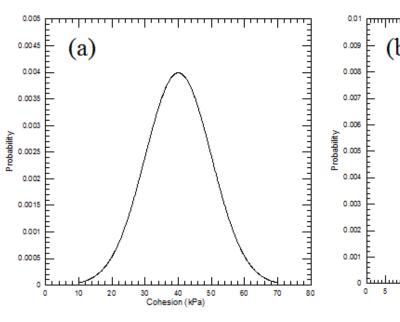
Uncertainty of geotechnical properties

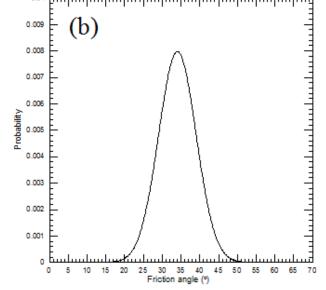


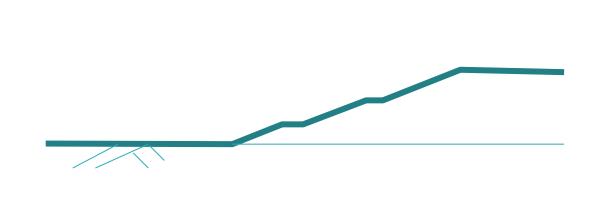
Reliability-based design



# Uncertainty of geotechnical properties: Slope stability as an example







Cohesion (kPa)

10.0

Friction angle (°)

**Mean** 40.0

34.0

S.D.

**5.0** 

## Failure probability of a slope



#### Rosenblueth point estimation method (Rosenblueth, 1975)

- Two parameters:  $C_+$   $C_ \phi_ \phi_+$
- Mean value of FS (factor of safety)

$$F.S.[avg] = P_{++}F.S(C_{+},\phi_{+}) + P_{+-}F.S(C_{+},\phi_{-}) + P_{-+}F.S(C_{-},\phi_{+}) + P_{--}F.S(C_{-},\phi_{-})$$

$$P_{++} = (1 + \rho_{c,\phi})/4; P_{+-} = (1 - \rho_{c,\phi})/4; P_{-+} = (1 - \rho_{c,\phi})/4; P_{--} = (1 + \rho_{c,\phi})/4$$

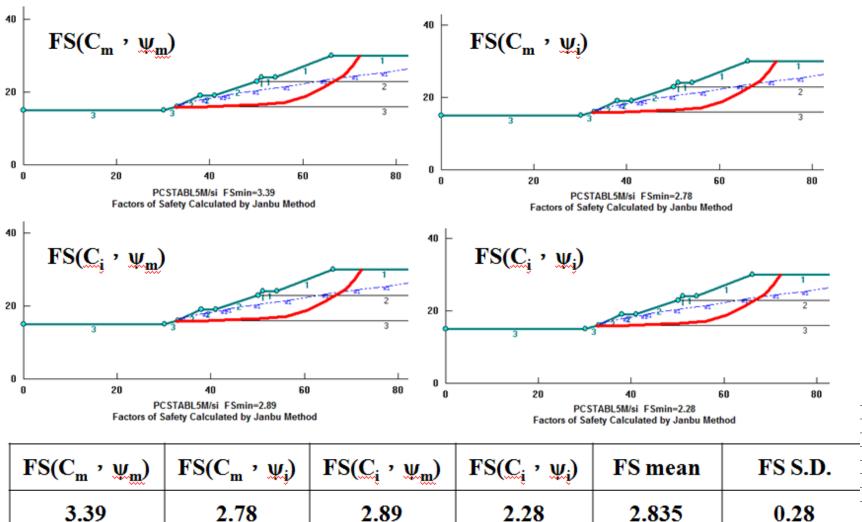
 $\rho_{c,\phi} = -0.5$  correlation coefficient of cohesion and friction angle

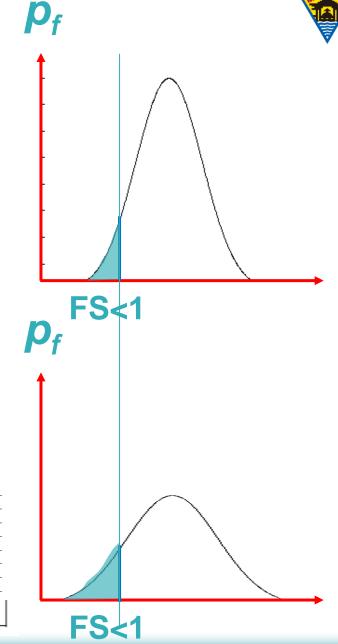
Standard deviation of the FS

$$\sigma(y) = \sqrt{E[y^2] - (E[y])^2}$$

$$E[y^2] = P_{++}F.S^2_{++} + P_{+-}F.S^2_{+-} + P_{-+}F.S^2_{-+} + P_{--}F.S^2_{--}$$
  $E[y] = F.S.[avg]$ 

## 同樣平均值,標準差越大破壞機率越高





## Uncertainty characterization of geological, ground, geotechnical models uncertainty; Impact of uncertainties, Value of uncertainty reduction





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# Impact of geological, ground, and geotechnical models uncertainty: infinite slope

$$g(\mathbf{\theta}) = \frac{c + \left[\gamma(h - h_w) + (\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w)h_w\right]\cos^2\delta \tan\varphi}{\left[\gamma(h - h_w) + \gamma_{sat}h_w\right]\sin\delta\cos\delta} \quad F_S = g(\mathbf{\theta}) + \varepsilon \quad \text{Wu & Abdel-Latif (2000)}$$

- Geological model uncertainties:
  - h
  - $\bullet$   $h_w$
- Ground model uncertainties:
  - C
  - 4
- Geotechnical model uncertainties:
  - Model error  $\varepsilon$

Reliability analysis: First Order Reliability Method (FORM)

Calculate the reliability index and failure probability

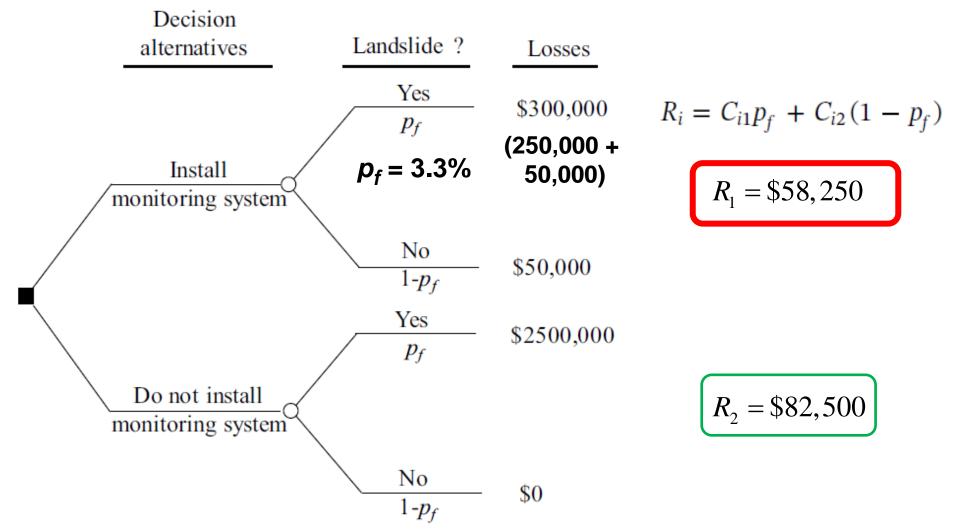
## Reliability index and failure probability



	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	О	P
3														
4	Deterministic variables								Performance function		Reliability analysis			
5		δ (°)	$h_w$ (m)	$\gamma_s (kN/m^3)$	$\gamma (kN/m^3)$	$\gamma_w (kN/m^3)$			$g(\theta)$	$F_s$	$F_s$ -1	β	$p_f$	]
6		35	1.825	19	17	9.8	]		1.000	1	-6E-09	1.841	0.033	] <b> </b>
7														
8	Random variables								$R_y$					
9			c (kPa)	$\varphi$ (°)	m	h (m)	$\varepsilon$		1	0	0	0	0	
10		x	7.572	36.049	0.525	3.476	0		0	1	0	0	0	
11		$\mu_x$	10	38	0.5	3	0.02		0	0	1	0	0	
12		$\sigma_x$	2	2	0.05	0.6	0.07		0	0	0	1	0	
13		<i>y</i> *	-1.214	-0.976	0.501	0.793	-0.286		0	0	0	0	1	]
14	Notes: (1) This spreadsheet calculates the reliability index of the infinite slope. (2) The setting in Solver is "minimize N6"													
15	by changing values in cells E13:I13, subjected to $M6 = 0$ "													
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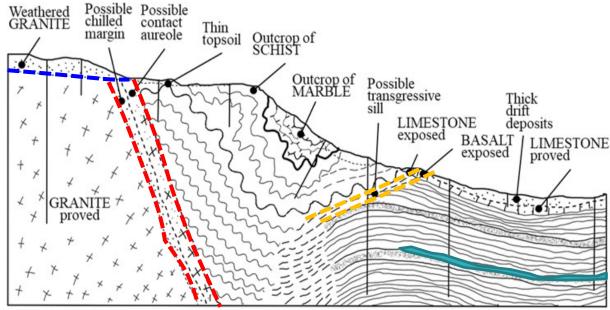


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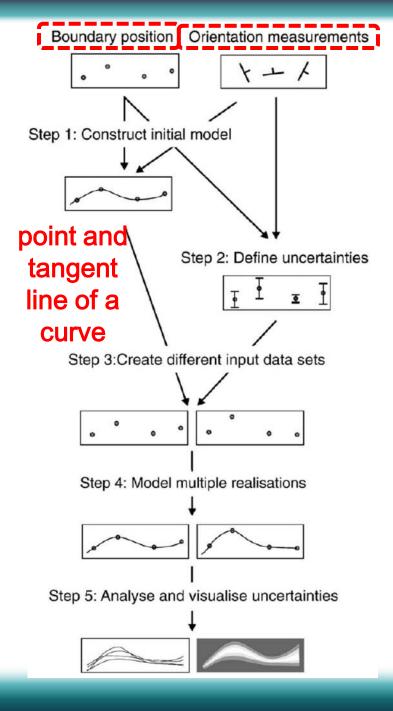


## How to evaluate the GM uncertainty and uncertainty propagation of prediction?



(a) Some potential misinterpretations of geology of (b) from borehole evidence

(after Fookes, 1997)



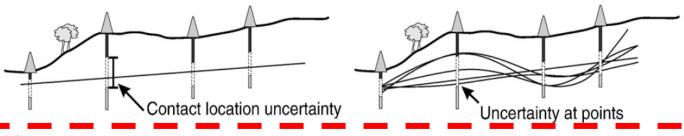


### Different realizations of GM for geotechnical analysis

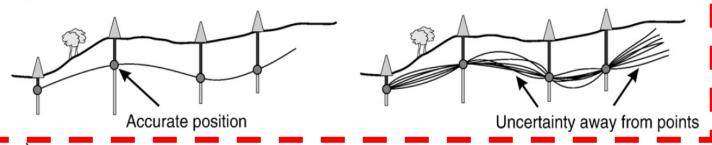
Actual position of formation surface

Possible ambiguous interpretations

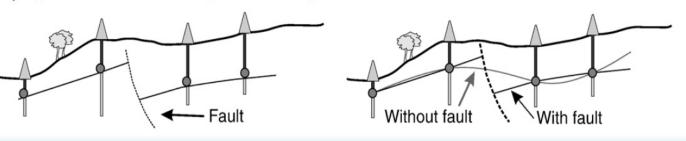
a) Type 1: Ambiguity of structure based on uncertainties in raw data



b) Type 2: Uncertainty of interpolation and extrapolation away from known points

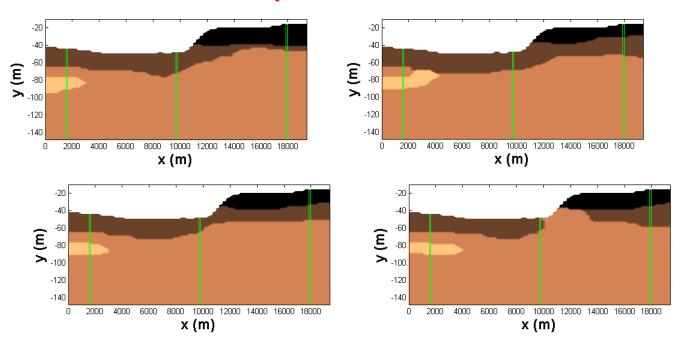


C) Type 3: Problem of uncomplete knowledge of structures in subsurface



## Quantify stratigraphic uncertainties: Markov random field

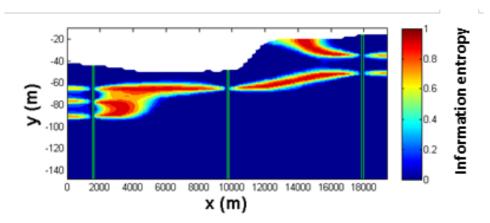
#### 4 possible GM



- Li, Z., Wang, X., Wang, H., and Liang, R.Y. (2016). "Quantifying stratigraphic uncertainties by stochastic simulation techniques based on Markov random field," Engineering Geology, Vol. 201, pp. 106-122.
- Gong, W., Tang, H., Wang, H., Wang, X., and Juang, C.H. (2019). "Probabilistic analysis and design of stabilizing piles in slope considering stratigraphic uncertainty," Engineering Geology, Vol. 259, doi: 10.1016/j.enggeo.2019.105162.

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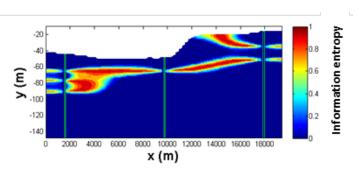
## 500 Realizations from 3 boreholes



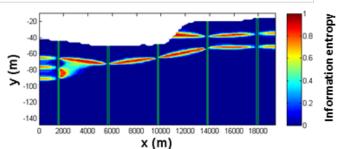
$$H = -\sum_{l \in L} P_l(i) \log P_l(i)$$

*H*: information entropy increased with increasing uncertainty

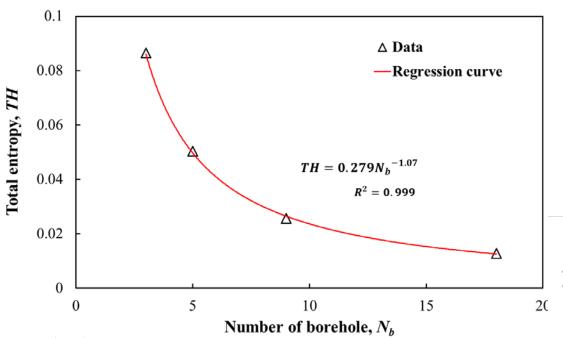


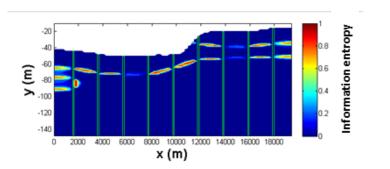






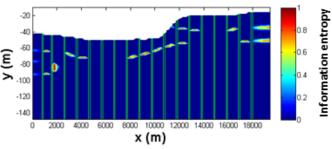
Entropy from 5 boreholes



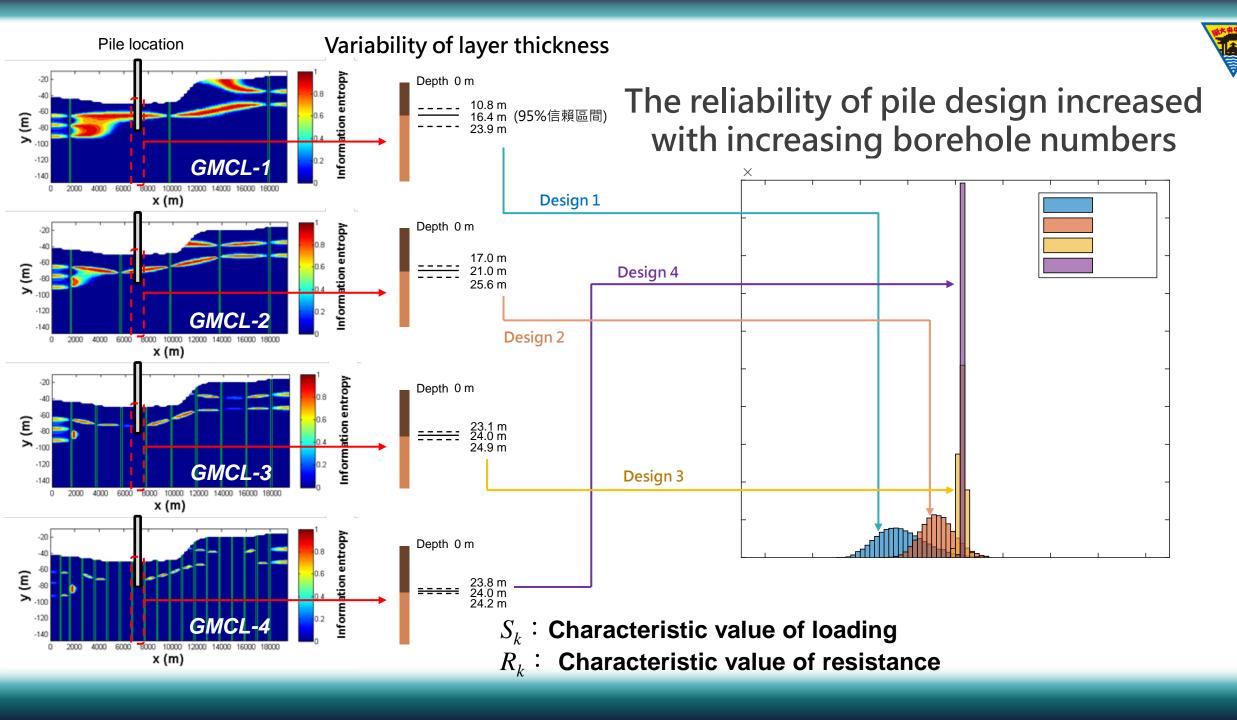


Entropy from 9 boreholes



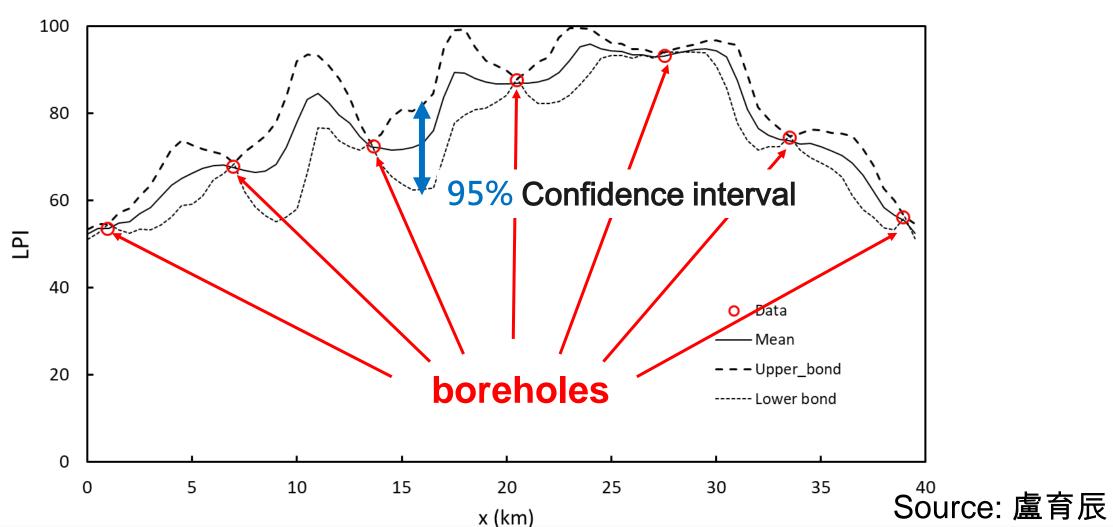


Entropy from 18 boreholes



# Uncertainty of liquefaction potential index (LPI) due to geological model uncertainty



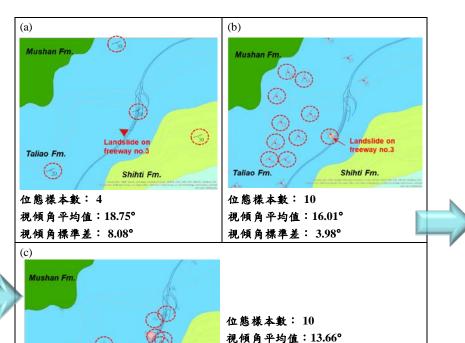


# Dip slope failure probability: influence of uncertainty of the orientation of bedding plane



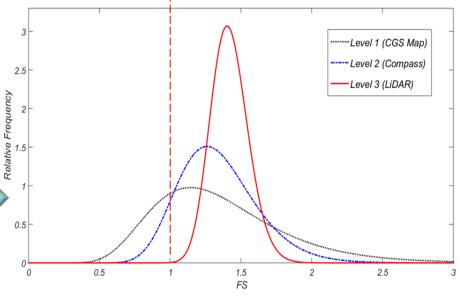
#### Highway No. 3

Hoek and Bray (1981) limit equilibrium model:



視傾角標準差: 1.41°

 $FS = \frac{cA + [W\cos(\eta) - U - V\sin(\eta) + T\cos(\theta)]\tan\phi}{W\sin(\eta) + V\cos(\eta) - T\sin(\theta)}$ 



Distribution of factor of safety

1. CGS Map

2. Compass measurement

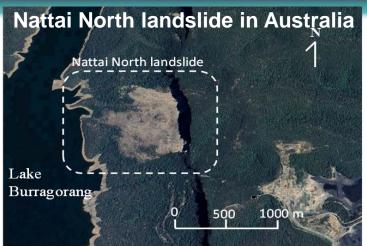
3. LiDAR measurement

Source of orientations:

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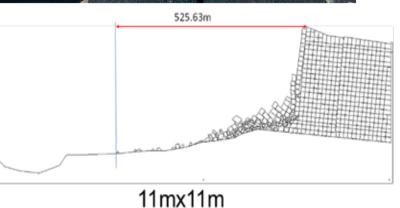
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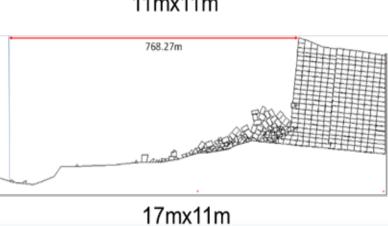
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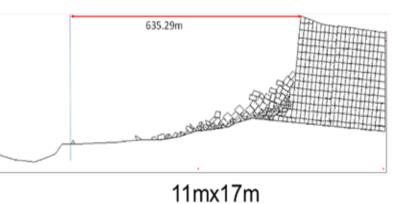


# The influence of joint spacing uncertainty of two joint sets on run-out distance

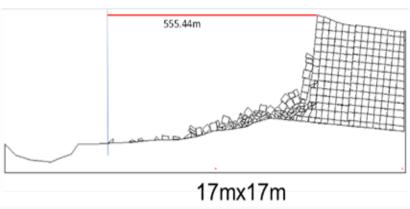


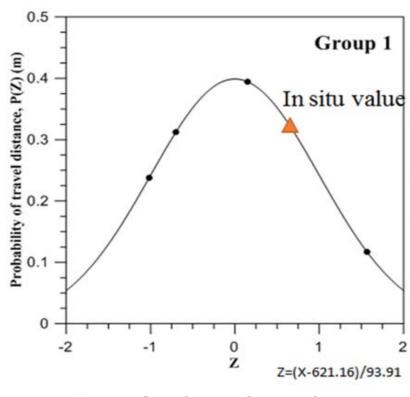






DDA analysis





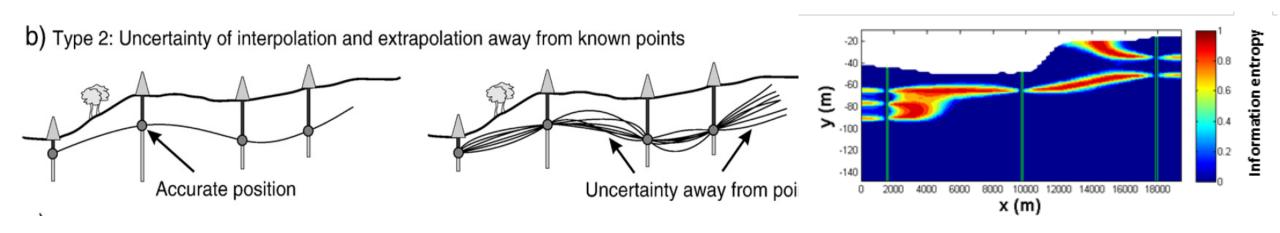
Density function of run-out distance based on point estimation method

Source: 吳建宏

### 看起來地質模型不確定性量化與傳遞可使用統計方法解決



# ➤ Stochastic modelling is the only way to handle the geological model uncertainty?



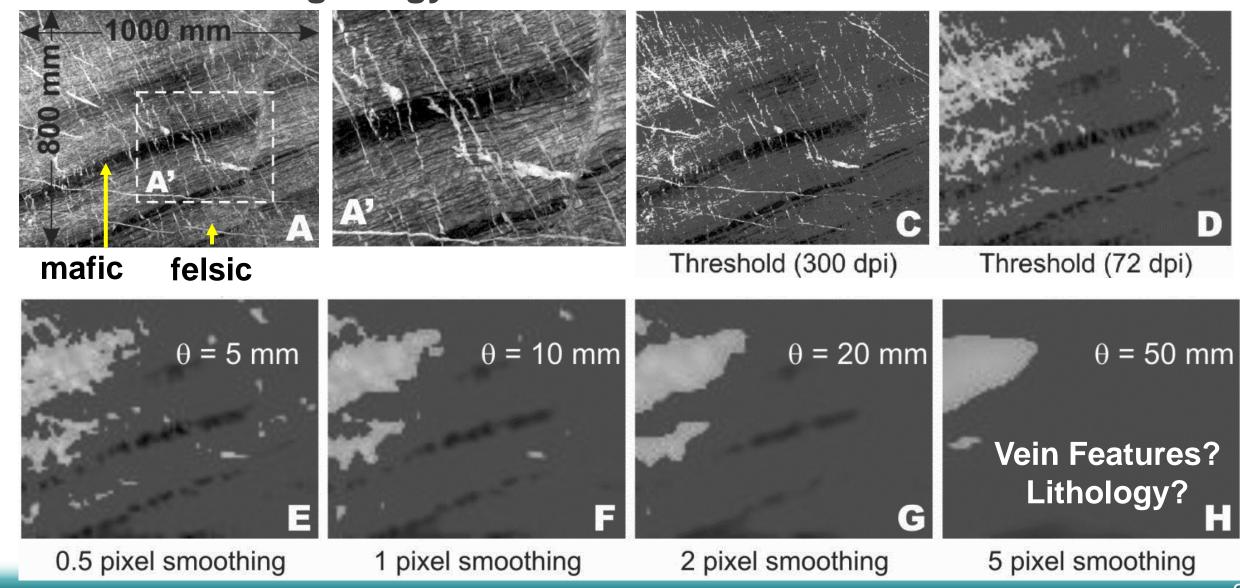
#### **Engineering Geology: Fundamental Input or Random Variable?**

Jeffrey R. Keaton<sup>1</sup>, P.E., P.G., F.ASCE

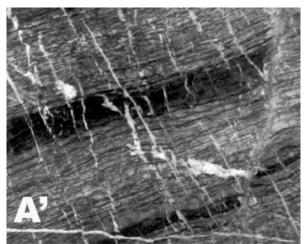
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## Impact of Gaussian smoothing on geologic details if the geology were considered to be random.



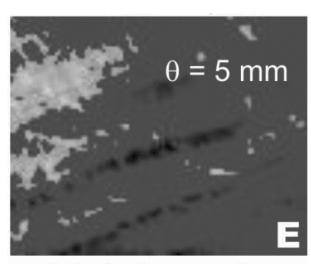


### Much relevant geologic information is nonrandom (e.g., stratigraphy)

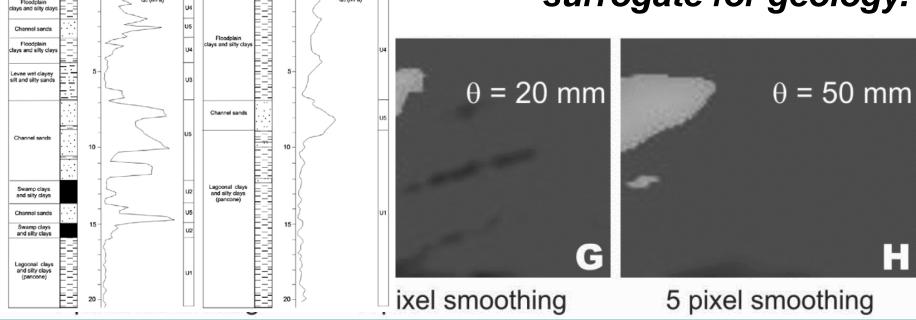


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...If geologists do not provide relevant guidance on geologically sensible subdivision of formations, then the engineer will be forced to treat geology as a completely random or unnecessary variable and rely on quantitative field and laboratory test results as a surrogate for geology.

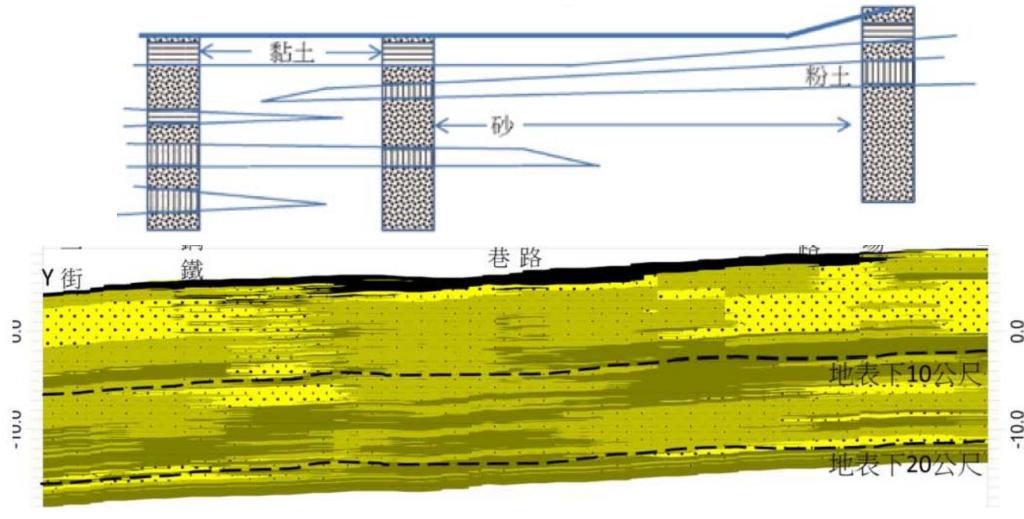


0.5 pixel smoothing



## 只看鑽井岩性,未納入地質學知識

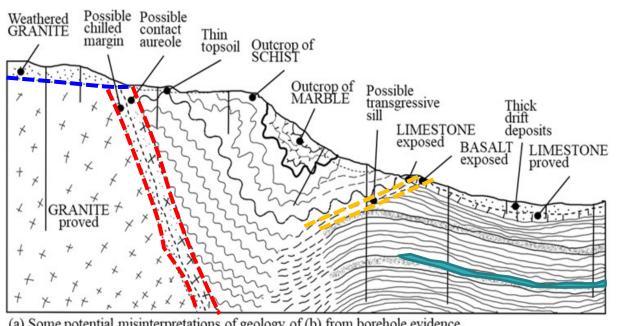




Stochastic modelling using in-situ measured k

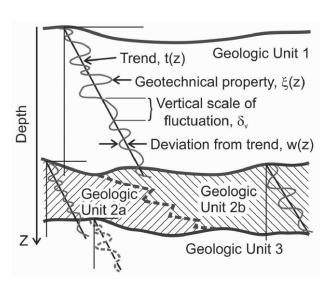


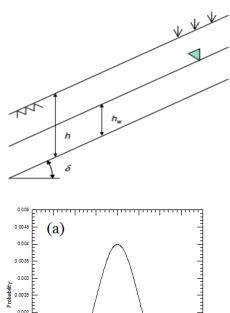
## 地質學知識對地質模型不確定之影響應被重視

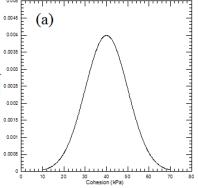


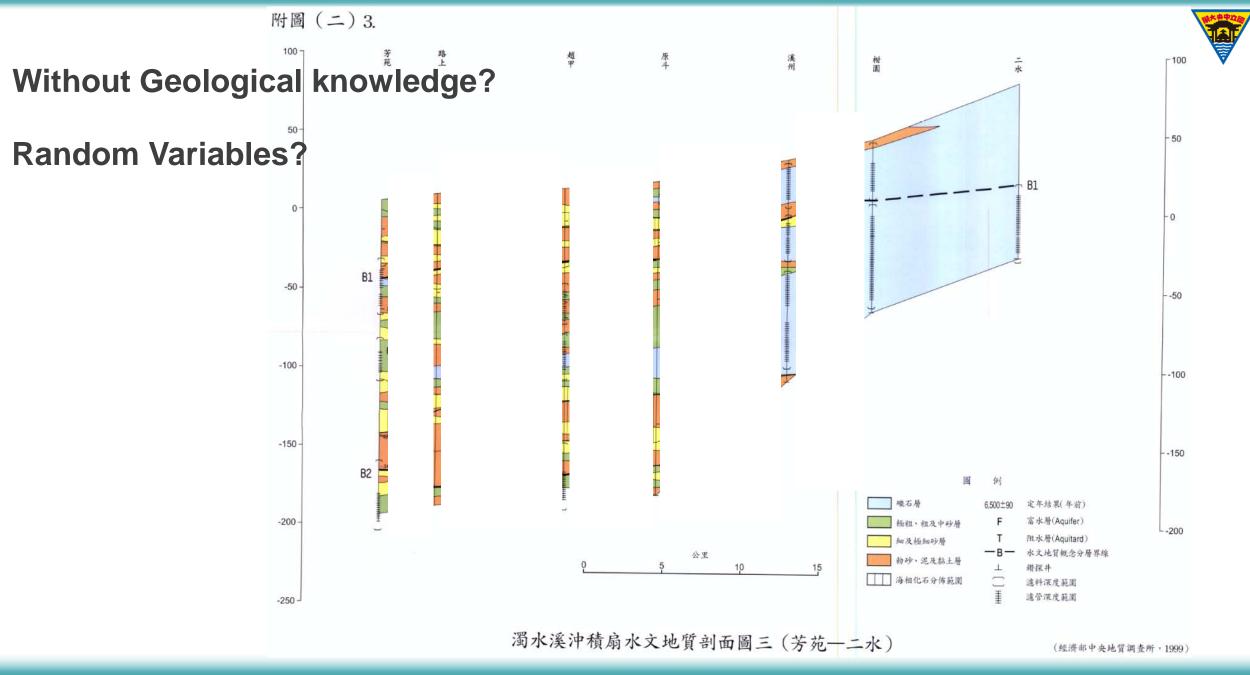
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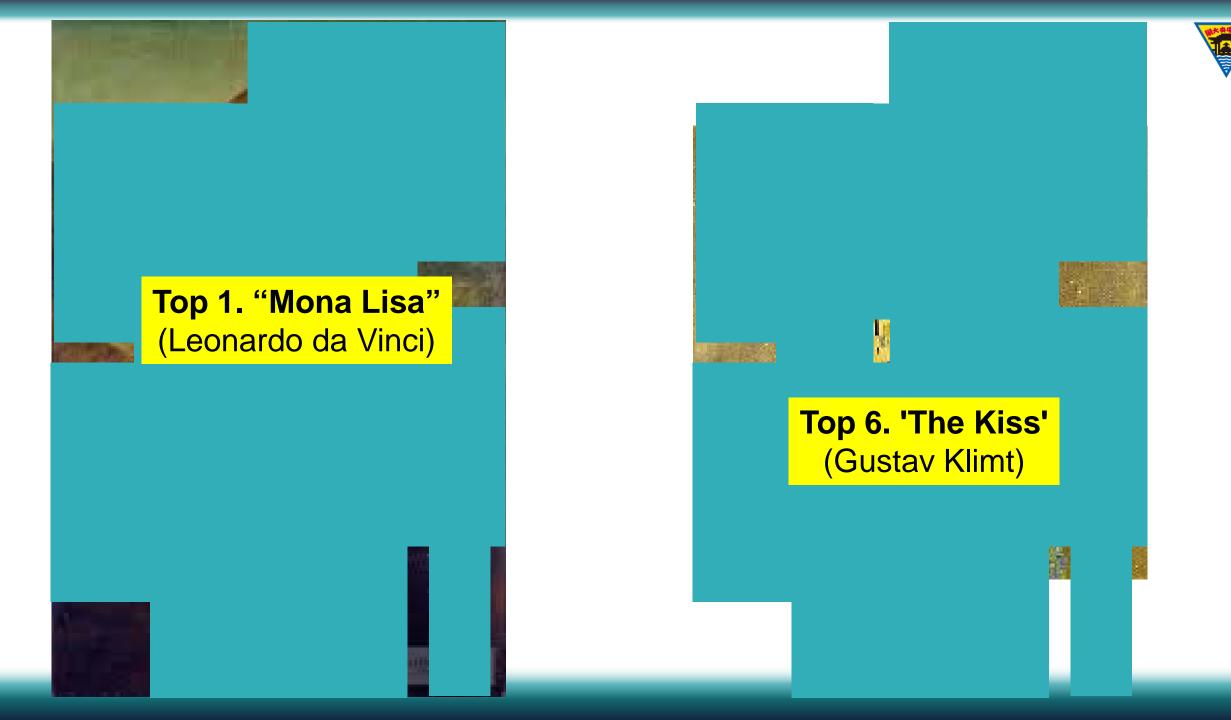
(after Fookes, 1997)











### The geological knowledge can reduce the GM uncertainty



- 開小視窗,無從得知圖案 (調查點密度)
- 若知其為名畫?孟克的畫?(地質學知識)
- 若不確定時讓你開視窗,你要開哪裡? (調查方法與 位置)
- 越有經驗的人、越了解一個地區、越適合擔任調查 與資料解釋者
- 施工中...視窗大開 (施工中調查)





## 利用評分系統量化地質模型變異係數 Keaton and Munro (2019)



	VIVALVE			府四以	【反囚丁百分一块 ▼				
地質不確定性評分影		評估準則與評分							
	響因素	3分	9分	27分	81分				
區域 尺度	原生作用-沉積/置 換(火成作用)	條件單純、均質	大致單純、可預測	有些複雜、大致可預測	高度複雜且變異性高				
地質複雜	次生(後成)作用- 構造作用與變形	推測無斷層或褶皺	一期地質事件影響、斷層 褶皺數量規模有限	兩期地質事件影響、斷 層褶皺數量規模有限	多期地質事件影響、有重要斷 層或褶皺				
程度	次生(後成)作用- 蝕變/溶解	地質條件顯示不太 可能發生	地質條件顯示有可能發生	地質條件顯示很有可能 發生	已發生/有既存事實				
	次生(後成)作用- 風化/侵蝕	均匀風化剖面、侵 蝕作用輕微	規則之侵蝕剖面、輕度侵 蝕作用	不規則之侵蝕剖面、中 度侵蝕作用	高度不規則之侵蝕剖面、侵蝕 作用顯著,有埋沒谷現象				
場址尺度的地質複雜 程度		工址地層於垂直及 側向延伸均勻	工址地層延伸具規則性	工址地層延伸不具規則 性	工址地層延伸具高度不規則性				
場址地區/地形特徵		有些許高差、露頭 情況良好	有些許高差、露頭情況尚 可	地形高差大、露頭情況 差	植披密布、非常少或非常糟之 露頭				
	資訊品質	具有各種來源之大 量地質調查資料	僅有來自少量來源之有限 地質調查資料	僅有初勘資料	僅有蒐集所得地質資料				
	地質師能力	專業地質師且具有 當地地質調查經驗	專業地質師然僅具不同地 質條件地區之調查經驗	地質系畢業生或曾受野 外地質調查練	未接受過地質教育、或是無野 外地質調查訓練資歷				
準備	<b>地質模型時間</b>	充足時間,地質解 釋充分完整	充足時間,地質解釋思考 周到	時間不充足,然地質解 釋思考周到	時間不充足;地質解釋思考倉 促、粗糙				

COV= (GMCRS得分) / (GMCRS最高得分)

(after Keaton 2013)

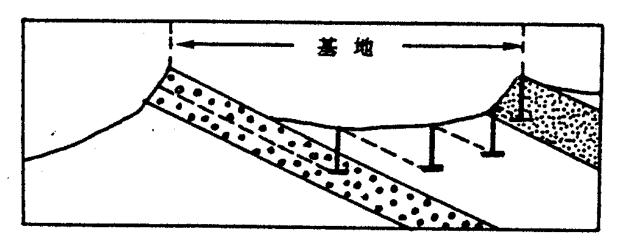
## 地質學知識: Exploration Versus Investigation



#### **Exploration Versus Investigation**

It is common for engineers and geologists to use the term "exploratory" for geotechnical borings or subsurface investigations. The FHWA guidance (Mayne et al., 2002) uses "subsurface investigation" in its title, but also uses "subsurface exploration" in a first-order heading. "Exploration" refers to the process of searching for the purpose of discovery; the term implies lack of expectation of what might be discovered.





USACE (2001): ...subsurface investigations should begin only after a geologic model is constructed. ...geotechnical borings should be drilled at locations that are useful for testing and refining the geologic model hypotheses...

## R. E. Goodman, 2003, Karl Terzaghi and engineering geology, in Geotechnical Engineering, Ho & Li (eds)



 "In order to get a maximum of information out of a minimum amount of drilling and digging" he wrote in 1928, "it is first of all necessary to get a clear conception of the geological history of the dam site. If this history of a locality is known, a tentative geological profile can be constructed."

'... if you do not know what you should be looking for in a site investigation, you are not likely to find much of value'

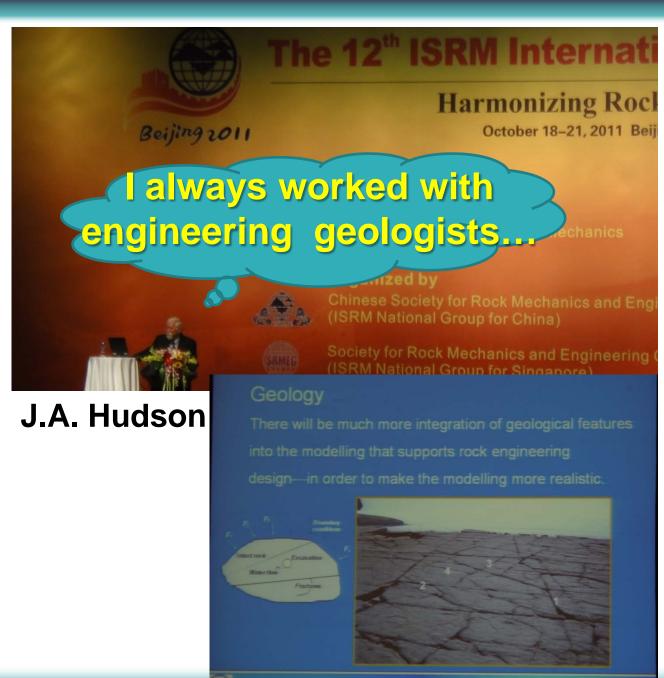
(Glossop 1968)





- ...soil mechanics and engineering geology "supplement each other"
- "In my own practice [which then covered half a century and four continents], I have never encountered a major engineering problem which could be solved either by geology or by soil mechanics alone. The solution always required both domains".4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> From the opening lecture for Engineering Geology by Karl Terzaghi at Harvard Univ., reprinted by Toshinobu Akagi, in his article "I can hear it now Terzaghi and Peck", Proceedings of the Conference on Developments in Geotechnical Engineering, 27-30 November 2000, Bangkok, Tailand, pp.401-405.









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"





## Incorporating the geological knowledge into ground model and geotechnical model.



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Terzaghi practiced engineering geology not as a professional geologist but as civil engineer who took his responsibilities seriously and saw geologic investigations and geologic thinking as very necessary steps in achieving

wise engineering solutions.

**Engineering** 

Geologist







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Civil Engineer



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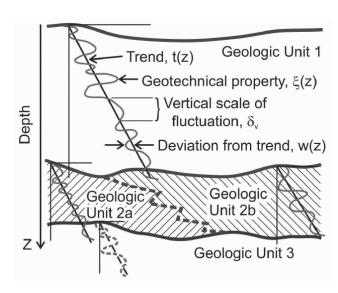
- He warned that unforeseen structural, morphological, or hydrological details might otherwise endanger a design.
- A fine observer of nature, he tried to understand the geology of his sites and became an artist in adjusting his design to geological realities and uncertainties.

## After almost one century...



How Do Engineers Use Geologic Maps? --- Keaton (2013)
Traditional geologic maps tend to be used by engineers in one of three ways:

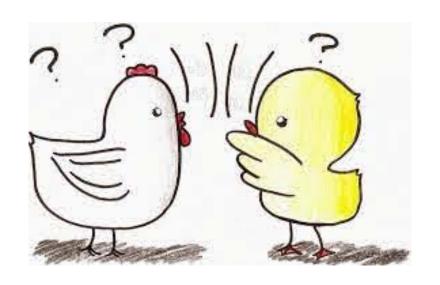
- 1. Geologic boundaries are accepted as deterministic truth; geologic units guide geotechnical characterization based on subsurface data and laboratory test results.
- 2. The overall range of geologic conditions on a site is estimated and somehow applied to a site as a single random variable with design dominated by quantitative geotechnical data.
- 3. The geology is ignored\* and quantitative subsurface geotechnical data are used as a surrogate for stratigraphy. (\*The geology is neatly tucked away in an appendix to document that it was done, in the event that a reviewer asks about it.)



# 為什麼會這樣?



▶溝通不良??!!



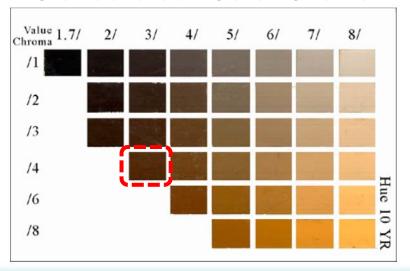
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Engineer and geologist on their way to a field site. The engineer is frustrated at not being able to get a straight answer from the geologist. The engineer driving the car sees an isolated, brown cow is standing. The engineer realizes that this setting provides an opportunity to ask the geologist a question so simple that the geologist might give a straight answer.

- Engineer: ."I am going to ask you a simple question about that cow in the pasture ahead.."
- Geologist: ."Okay.."
- Engineer: ."What color is that cow?."
- Geologist: ."The color of that cow looks like 10YR 3/4.."
- Engineer: ."What?!."



**Standard soil Color Charts** 





#### Communications between Geologists and Engineers!

**Engineering Geology: Fundamental Input or Random Variable?** 

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...Geologists and engineers view the world in complementary but different ways. Science seeks to explain all observed details, whereas engineering seeks to design with specific objectives and multiple constraints. ...

Table 1. Selected contrasting elements of science and engineering.

Geological Science	Engineering Design
Qualitative, observational	Quantitative, data-driven
Largely interpretive	Focused on specific design objectives
Site viewed as part of geologic region	Site viewed as discrete location
Seeks to explain geologic details	Focused on multiple project constraints
Seeks to predict distribution of	Seeks to satisfy specific design
formations	requirements

#### 地質資訊之轉譯



- ➤ Terzaghi (1929) realized how important it was to ."start with a clear conception of the physical factors which are likely to endanger." a project and then ."translate the terms of the geologist into terms of physics.". The results of these two elements, conception and translation, essentially comprise a Geologic Model and perhaps a Ground Model, also. The ."practical conclusions." that must be drawn can be associated with the Geotechnical Model.
- ▶地質學家需要清楚概念化所有可能危及工程計畫之物理因子, 然後將地質術語轉譯為物理術語。概念化和轉譯這兩個要素對 建立地質模型與地面模型均相當重要,調查所得最後之結論必 須與大地工程模型相關聯。

## 地質知識需要轉譯為工程規設所需資訊



- Varnes (1974, p. 42) recognized that "As computer technology becomes increasingly employed in geologic science and operated by specialized personnel, we may find that if the practicing field professional fails to define both his [or her] words and the concepts they represent, then they may, through necessity, be defined by people whose principal business is the processing of data." Similarly, engineering geologists must transform geologic maps to quantify uncertainty and variability or risk being marginalized by computer scientists and statisticians who will translate the geology using random field theory without knowledge of geologic principles.
- ▶隨著電腦在地質科學的應用越來越廣泛,並由資訊專業人員進行操作, 我們可能會發現,如果地質專業人士無法清晰的定義地質專業術語與地 質概念,這些地質資訊將被資料分析者定義。同樣的道理,工程地質學 家必須量化地質圖之不確定性和變異性,否則,地質圖所呈現之資訊將 被資訊處理專業人員或統計學家使用隨機場理論進行風險量化,而不含 任何地質原理。

#### Conclusions



Lumb (1972 quoted in Kulhawy, 2010) stated:

"Ignorance of soil behaviour is always regrettable but not necessarily reprehensible, provided that ignorance is recognised and advice sought where necessary, but ignorance of being ignorant can no longer be condoned."

The same can be said for ignorance of engineering geology.

TRUEWISDOM IS IN KNOWING YOUKNOW NOTHING.

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## 地質師的角色-

#### 和使用者(工程師)溝通地質模型不確定性

- ➤地質(模型)重要的特徵是不確定性 (uncertainty)
- ▶地質師在傳遞資訊給工程師時,必須把地質模型的不確定性一併交待,使工程師得以做出恰當的工程判斷與設計(以風險為基準的決策)

工程漫談

#### 知之為知之,不知為不知。 是知也:淺談地質模型不確定性

董家鈞 國立中央大學應用地質研究所 / 教授

子曰:「由!誨女知之乎?知之為知之,不知為不知,是知也」(為政第二)。





#### 九、結論與建議

1. 地質模型不確定性為地質與工程溝通重要 工具。地質師應盡可能質化或量化地質模 型之不確定性種類、發生原因以及不確定 性程度,工程師則需嘗試質化或量化上述 不確定性對土木工程規劃、設計、施工、 營運之影響,特別是對工程預算編列與工 期掌握之影響。這樣的觀念若能轉化為具 強制性之規範,方能減少工程失效之發生 機率,降低人民之生命財產損失之風險, 並對臺灣社會、經濟、環境發揮正面之影 響力。而不是每每於產生重大災害後將責 任推給台灣地質複雜,並不斷口號式的強 調「地質很重要」。





#### FGDC Digital Cartographic Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization (PostScript Implementation)

Prepared in cooperation with the Geologic Data Subcommittee of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (Accurate)

概略性

位置 (Approximate)

(Location)

推論的

(Inferred)

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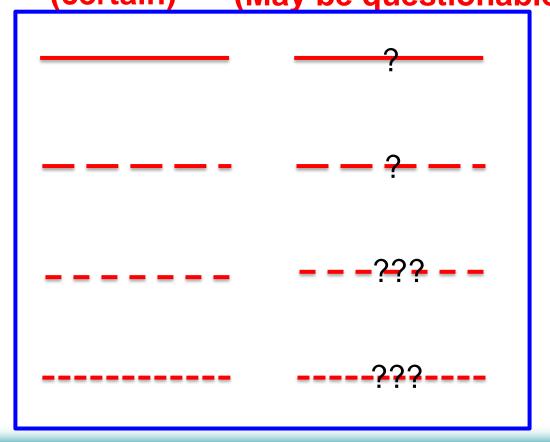
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#### USGS 地質圖之圖例



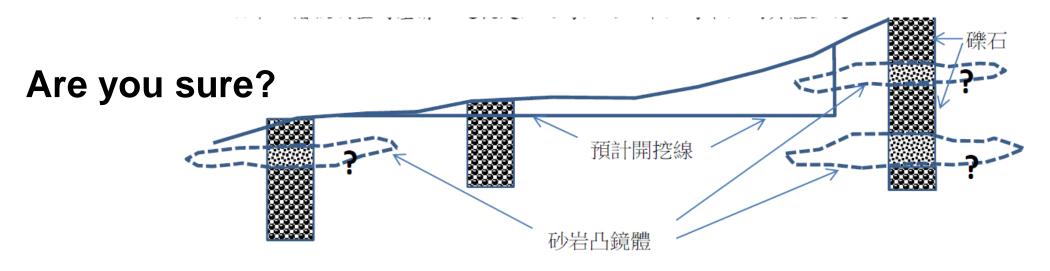
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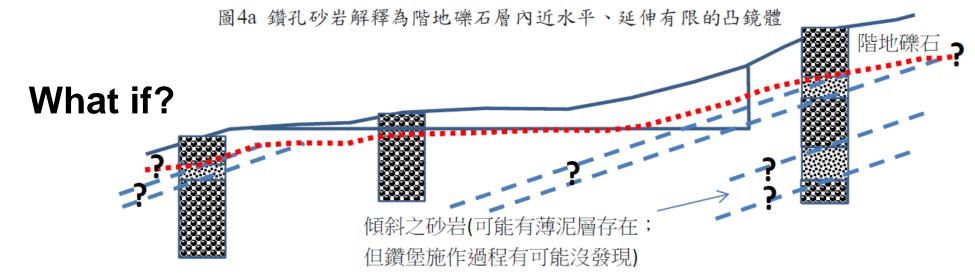
均有把握 任一有懷疑 (certain) (May be questionable)



# 有多少把握?











- 工程師與地質師之間
- 1. 建立共同語言,以及
  - 2. 促進雙方之了解 非常關鍵

應設法強化雙方之交流與溝通

不要怪別人不重視地質、要問自己為了證明地質很重要,做了多少的努力?





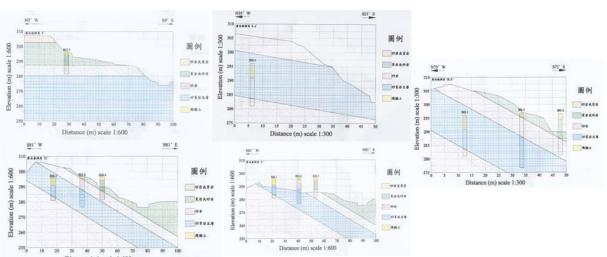
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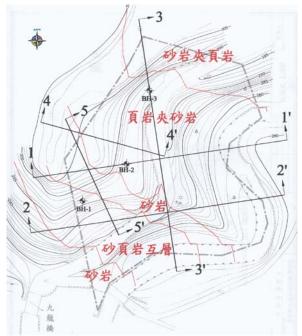


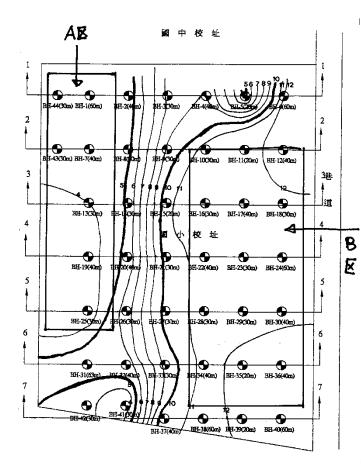
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# 三維工程地質模型的重要性

- 鑽孔平行主要構造線、一個基地至少四個剖面
- 填土、崩積層等高線
- 所有整地剖面均需附地質資料
- 三維地質模型!!

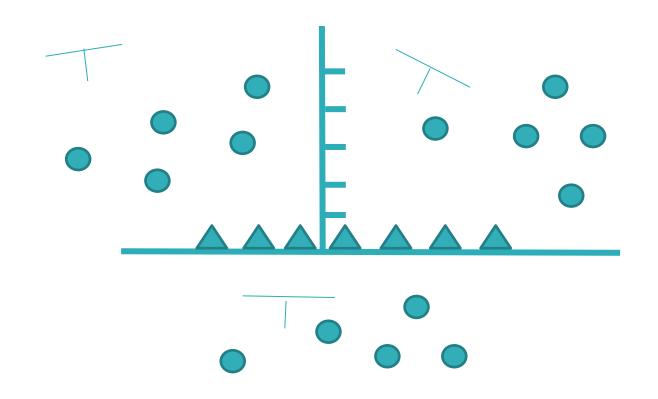






# 如何建立三維工程地質模型?

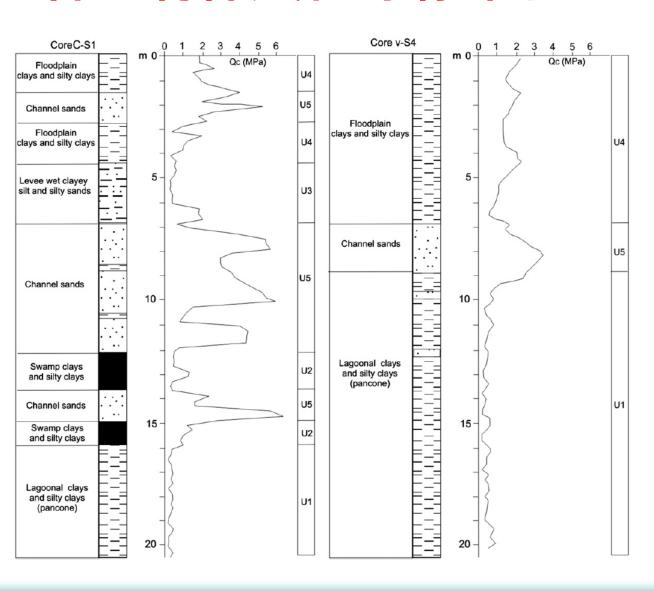




## 岩心判釋與紀錄標準化?



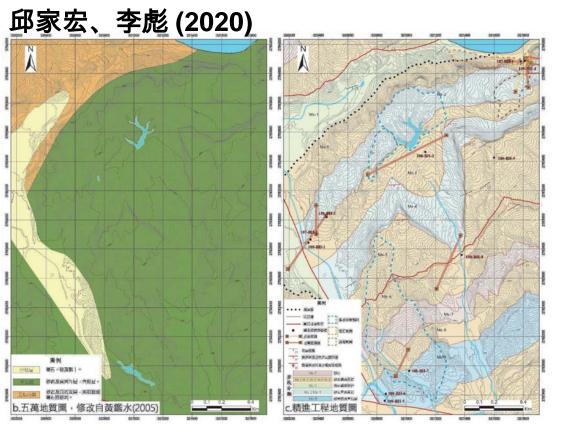
分階段調查 不同人判釋分層 結果有顯著差異

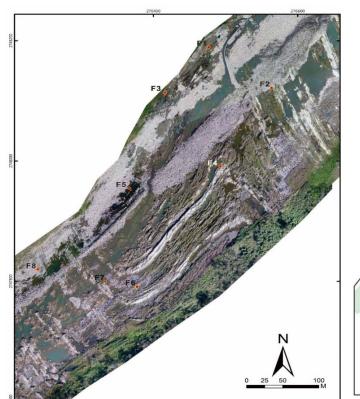


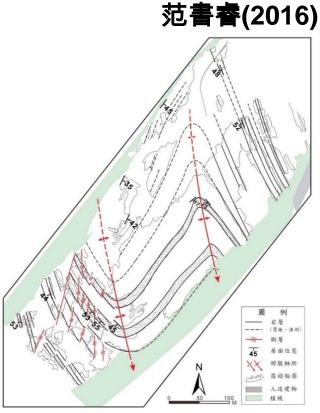
# 如何降低地質模型不確定性?



▶新科技、新技術(LiDAR、UAV、孔內攝影…)





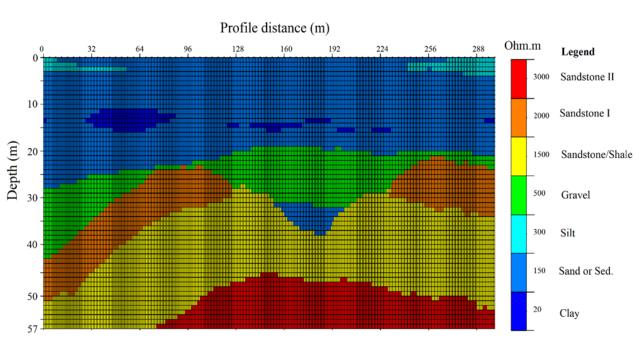


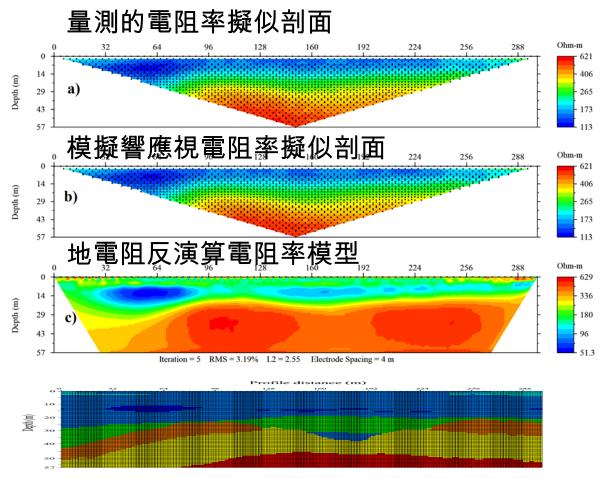
▶ 地球物理探測技術

## 先驗知識之重要性(Data driven + Geo-model driven)



#### 向斜?若知道有背斜? 低阻是水?若知道有黏土?





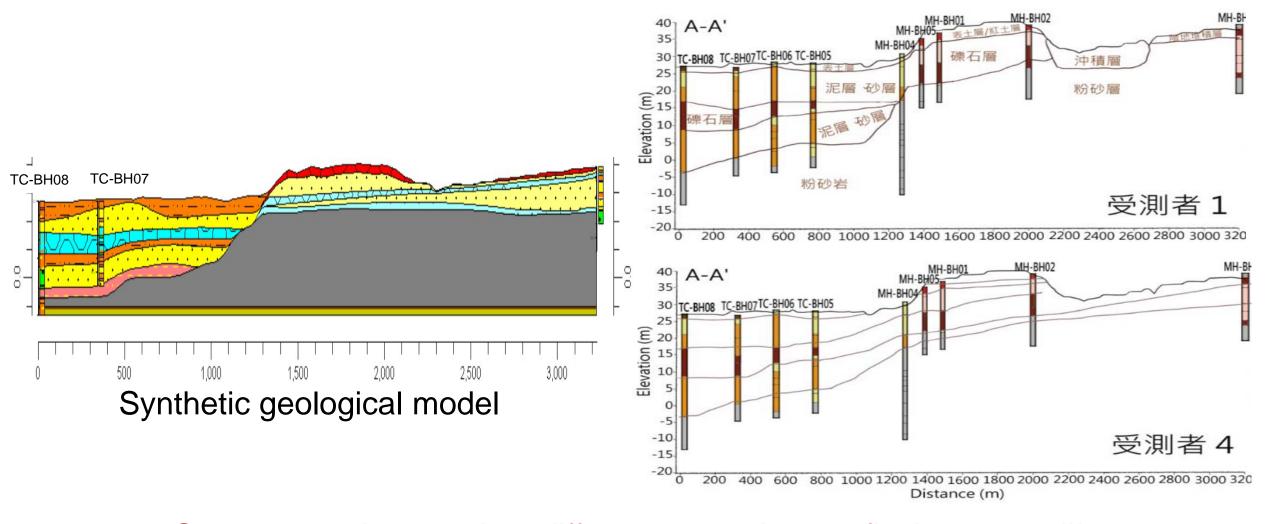
地球物理探測成果之不確定性如何量化?





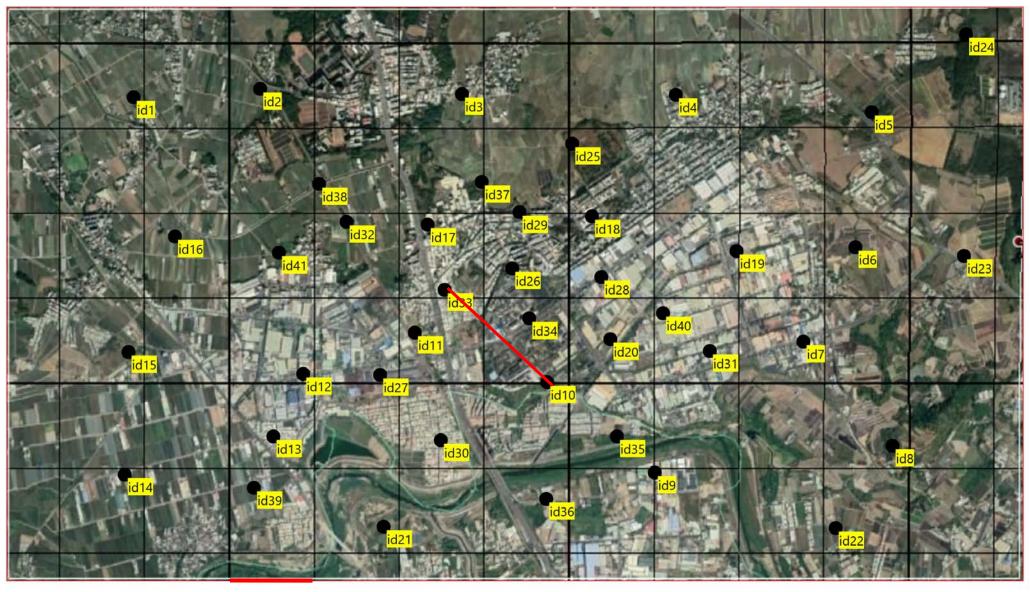
## Geological interpretations by different geologists





Same geological logging, different geological profile interpreted!!

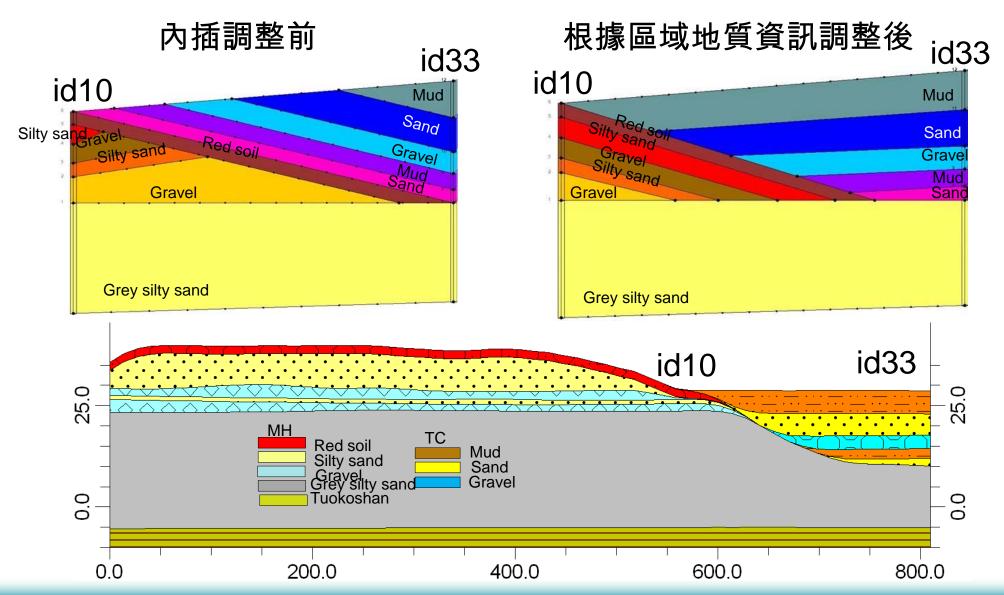




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# 軟體內插三維地質模型





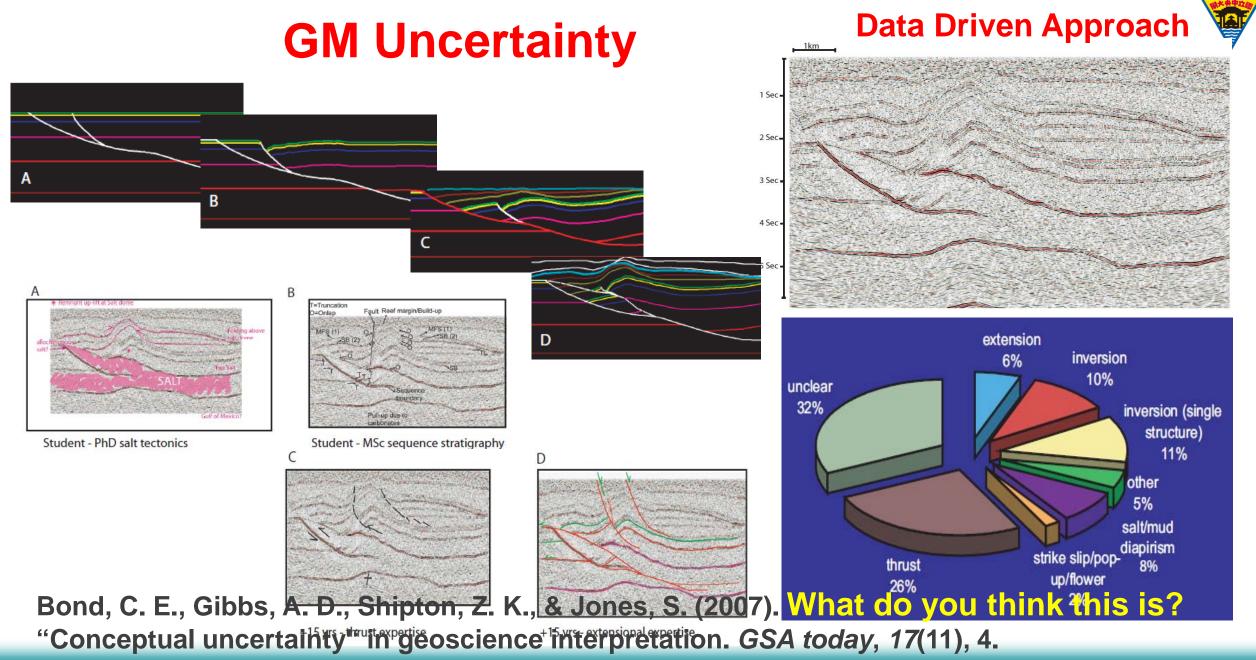
#### **Engineering Geology: Fundamental Input or Random Variable?**



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**ABSTRACT**: Geologists and engineers view the world in complementary but different ways. Science seeks to explain all observed details, whereas engineering seeks to design with specific objectives and multiple constraints. National guidance in the United States calls for geotechnical site investigations to be performed by geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists. Site characterization should start with Geologic Models which form the basis for Ground Models (Geologic Models with engineering parameters) and Geotechnical Models (Ground Models with predicted performance based on design parameters). If the Geologic Model is wrong, then neither the Ground Model nor the Geotechnical Model can be correct. Fundamental geologic variability makes some details unforeseeable. Insufficient geotechnical investigations, faulty interpretations, or failure to portray results understandably contribute to inappropriate designs or failures. If the geologist does not interpret the geology and explain it clearly, then the engineer will be forced to interpret it or ignore it. Incomplete or inaccurate geotechnical site characterization can lead to selection of incorrect models, geotechnical properties, and design values. Furthermore, project managers responsible only for design and construction may view geologic site characterization as extra cost if benefits result in improved life-cycle reliability or reduced maintenance costs but do not improve design or construction.







## Seeing is believing?





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#### Geological model uncertainty



#### Geology for Engineers: the Geological Model, Prediction and Performance

P. G. Fookes "... if you do not know what you should be looking for in a site investigation, you are not likely to find much of value'

**First Glossop lecture** 

(Glossop 1968)

#### Increasing grade of regional metamorphism and disturbance School rocks from limited information GRANITE with irregular rockhead Possible chilled contact Ptygmatic folding BASALT lava flow contact aureole. contemporaneous Real rocks topsoil Outcrop of SCHIST aureole with deposition of SLATE sediments MARBLE Possible LIMESTONE exposed BASALT exposed LIMESTONE deposits LIMESTONE with class IV LIMESTONE karstic solution features exposed GRANITE pluton emplaced into regionally country rocks Boudinage in sandstone bed BASALT dyke graben (a) Some potential misinterpretations of geology of (b) from borehole evidence (after Fookes, 1997) SHALES with lenticular beds of SANDSTONE **Geo-model Driven Approach** Angular unconformity (b) Actual geology (not modelled on a particular area, Earlier sequence of SHALES and SANDSTONES

but all of the conditions depicted can occur in Britain

# Richard P. Feynman: "...Scientific knowledge is a body of statements of varying degrees of certainty — some most unsure, some nearly sure, but none absolutely certain. ..."



"The scientist has a lot of experience with ignorance and doubt and uncertainty, and this experience is of very great importance, I think. When a scientist doesn't know the answer to a problem, he is ignorant. When he has a hunch as to what the result is, he is uncertain. And when he is pretty damn sure of what the result is going to be, he is still in some doubt. We have found it of paramount importance that in order to progress, we must recognize our ignorance and leave room for doubt. Scientific knowledge is a body of statements of varying degrees of certainty — some most unsure, some nearly sure, but none absolutely certain. Now, we scientists are used to this, and we take it for

granted that it is perfectly consistent to be unsure, that it is possible to live and not know. But I don't know whether everyone realizes this is true. Our freedom to doubt was born out of a struggle against authority in the early days of science. It was a very deep and strong struggle: permit us to question — to doubt — to not be sure. I think that it is important that we do not forget this struggle and thus perhaps lose what we have gained."

#### Richard P. Feynman