

# Model for Fair Compensation of Construction Costs in TBM Tunneling: A Novel Contribution

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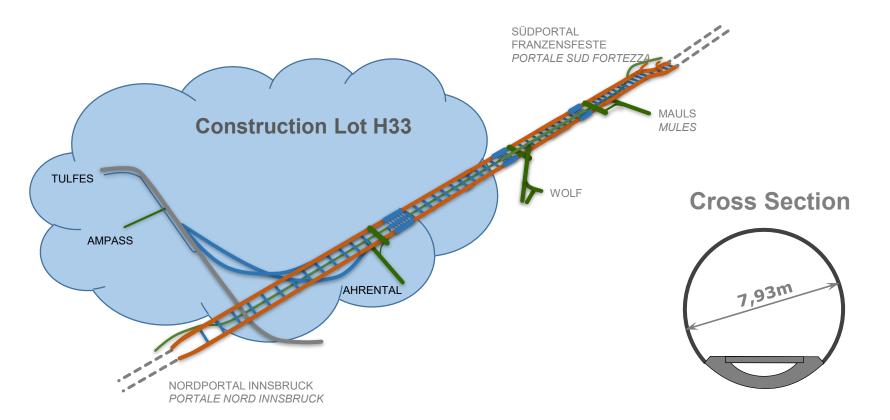




#### **Brenner Base Tunnel**

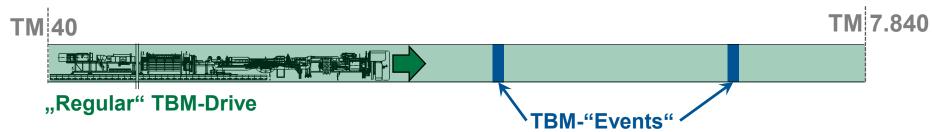
#### 15km TBM-Drive of Exploratory / Service Tunnel

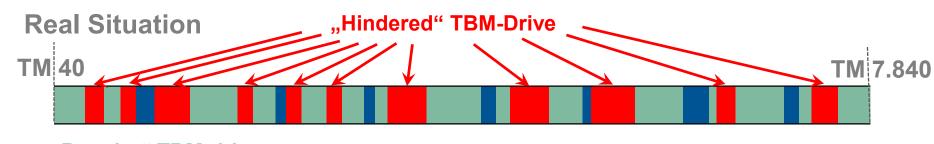




#### 7,8 km TBM-Drive in Quartzphyllite

#### **Contractual Expectations**





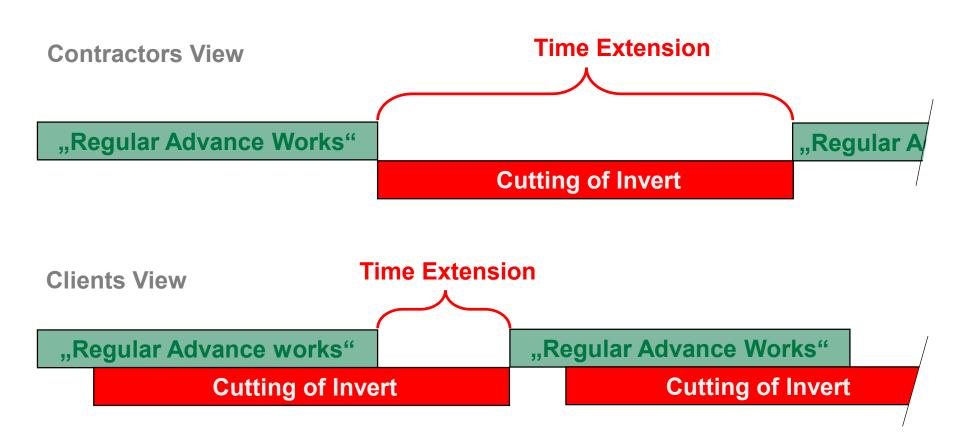
"Regular" TBM-drive + TBM-"Events"







### Impact on Cycle Duration "Hindered"TBM-Drive



# Model to determine Realistic Impact on Cycle Duration

Average in all Sections of "Regular" TBM-Drive

**Actual Cycle Time** 

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Average in all Sections of "Hindered" TBM-Drive

#### **Increased Duration due to**

- Intermediate Strokes
- > Invert Cutting
- Excessive Overbreak

#### Defining "regular advance"

- No additional measures implemented in order to ensure safe tunnelling
- No overloads of mucking system due to water and/or muck ingress
- No need for very high hydraulics pressure and performance loss
- "regular penetration process"

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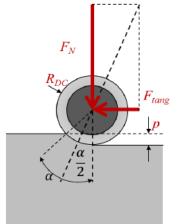
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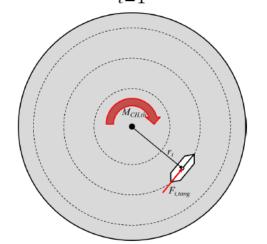
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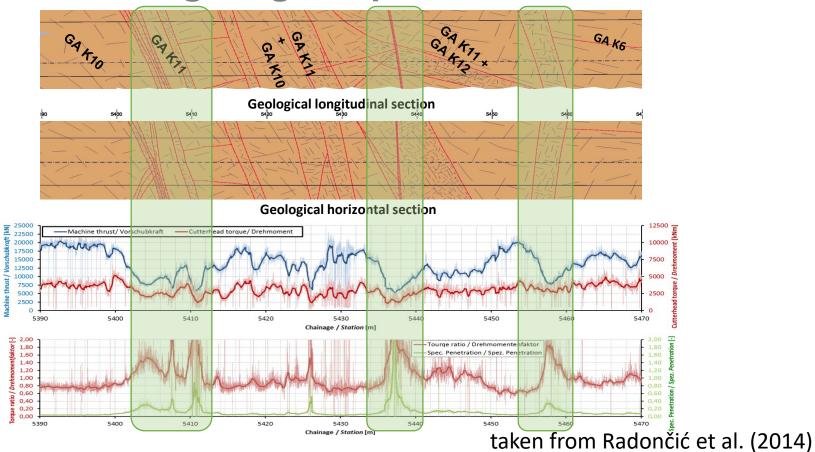
$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{R_{DC} - p}{R_{DC}}\right) \qquad M_{CH,th} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_{tang} \cdot r_i + M_0$$

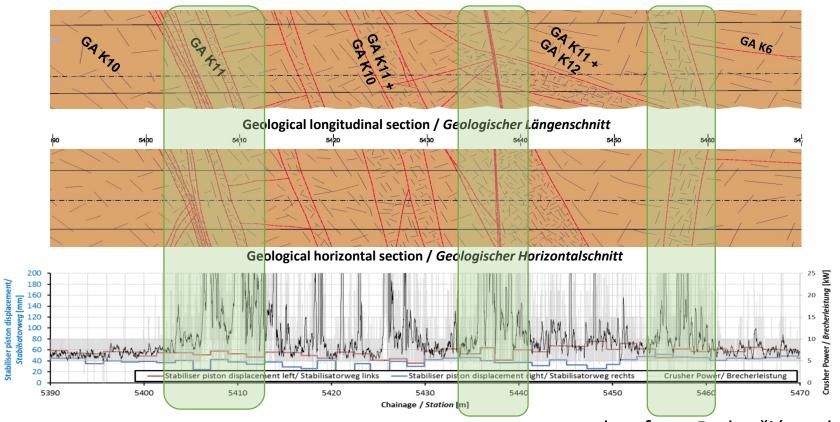


Torque ratio:  $f_{Torque} = \frac{M_{real}}{M_{CH,th}}$ 

 $f_{Torque} \approx 0.80 - 1.20$ 

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#### **Indicators**

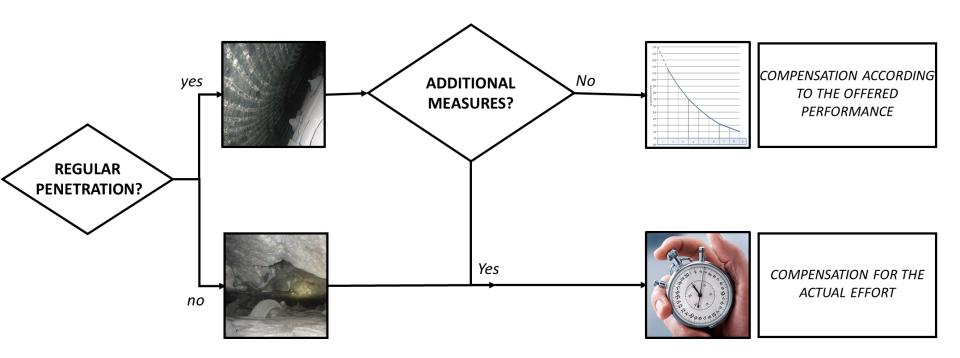
#### Stable face conditions are verified by:

- "Torque factor" between 0.8 und 1.20
- Visual inspection
- Camera
- Cutter force logging
- Muck inspection
- No observed cutter damage (only "normal" wear)



taken from Pötsch & Gaich (2016)

# **Summary**



After Bach et al. (2018) / Austrian Committee for Standardisation

#### Conclusions

- Fairness: the amount of services based on "actual effort" model rises with the degree of uncertainty
- Fairness: currently there is no model for performance prediction in blocky/mixed-face ground. The risk is shared between the owner and the contractor.
- The contractor has a strong additional incentive to deliver high performance in "regular advance" parts of tunnel
- The site supervision teams must have a strong and highly competent presence!

# Thank you for your attention!

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