

# Blast management- Environmental impact

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# Blasting Management

## Environmental - impact

- Vibrations
- Airblast
- Fly rock

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## Vibrations

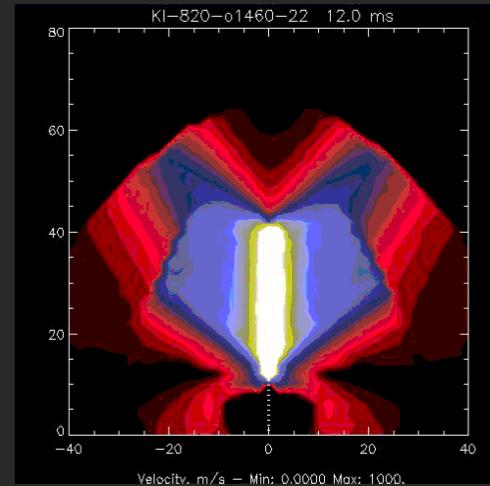
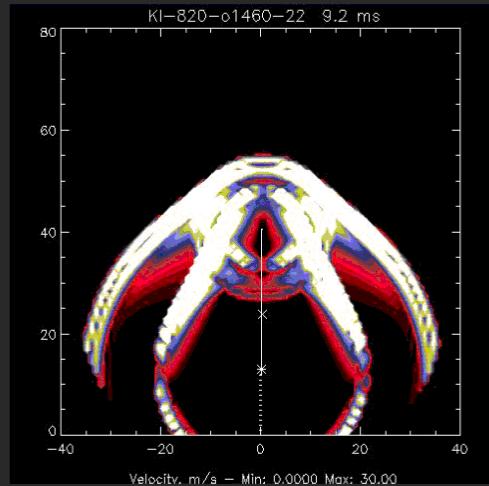
- What is vibrations (seismic waves) and how are they formed
- Why are they monitored
- How do we predict (and if necessary reduce) them
- How are they monitored (and airblast)

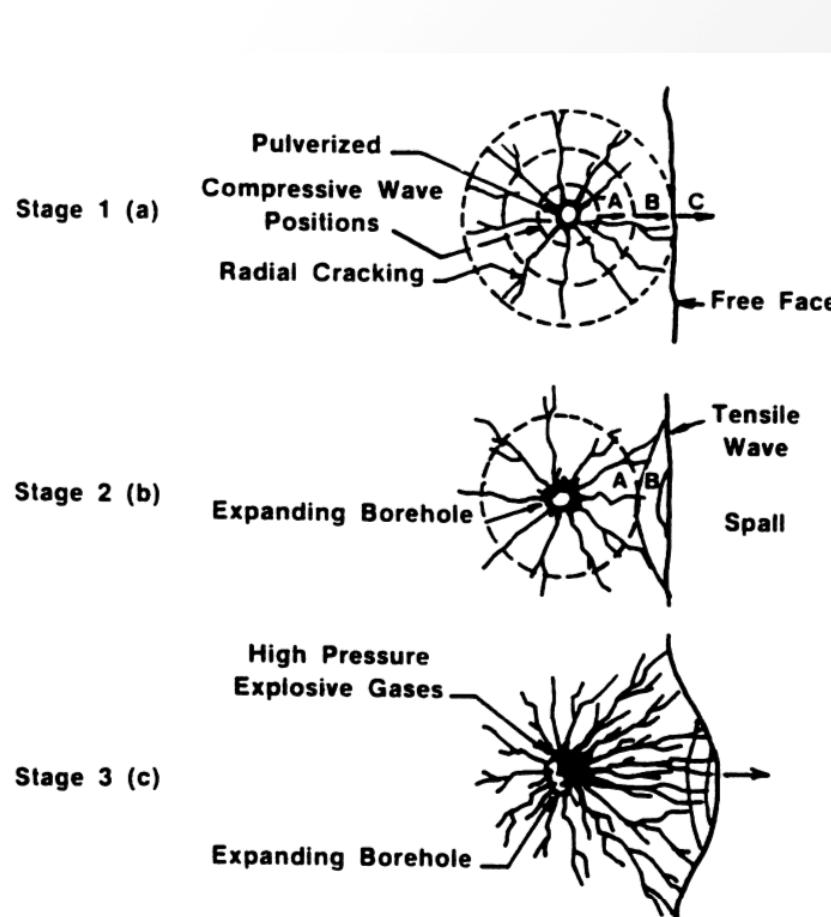
# **Vibrations**

## How are they formed?

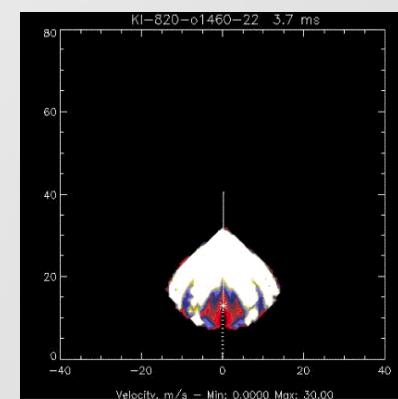
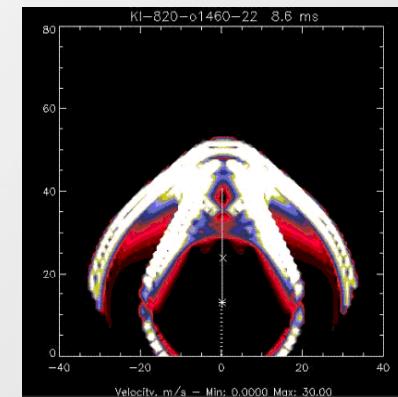
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1 kg explosive =>  
ca 1 m<sup>3</sup> gas  
5000 m/s VOD

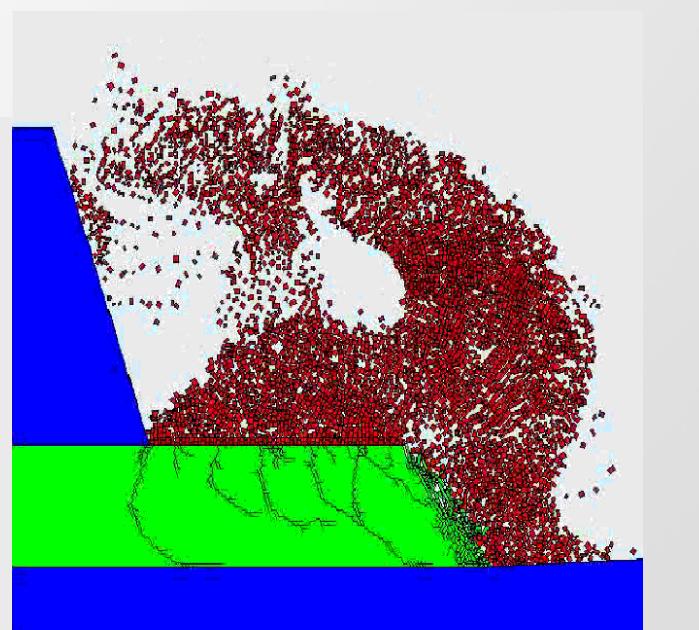
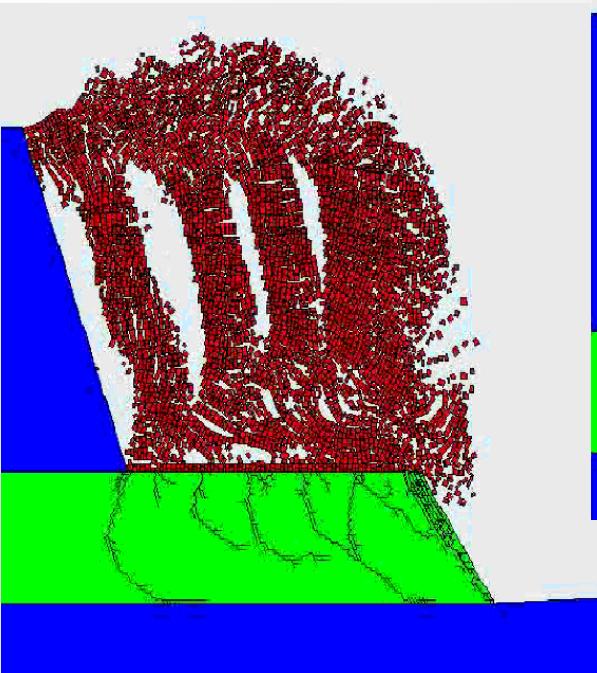
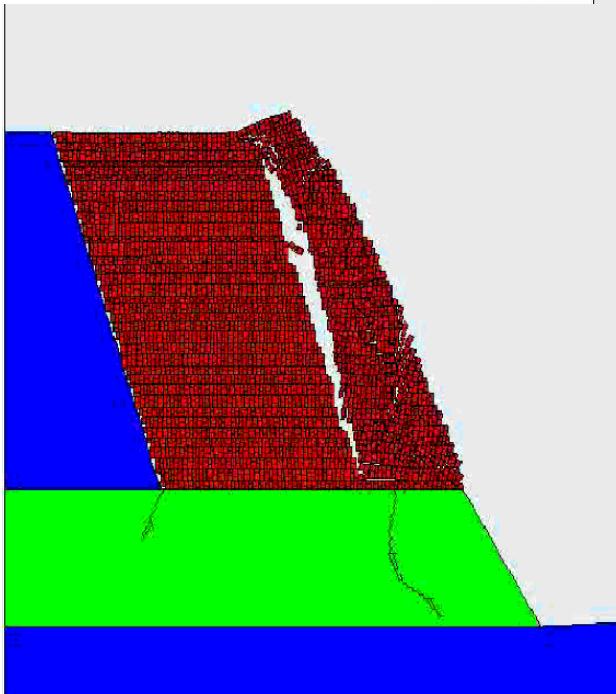




## Blasting



## Fragmentation/ Gas expansion/ movement



# What is a seismic wave?

- Wave types in soil/rock:
  - Body waves
  - Surface waves
  - Others
- Requires a medium
- Involves particle motion
- Transports energy !

# Vibrations

Bench



R-wave

S-wave

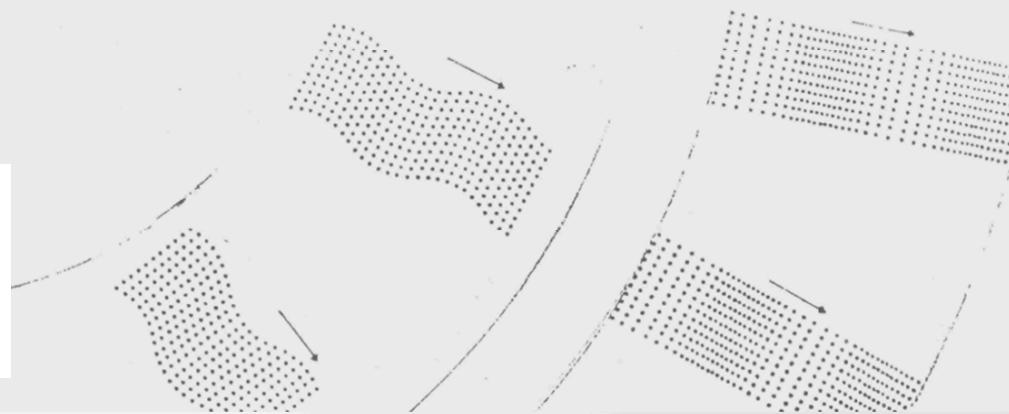
P-wave

The surface wave is a 2-D wave and consequently does not lose energy as quickly as the 3-D waves, hence the surface wave is normally the problem

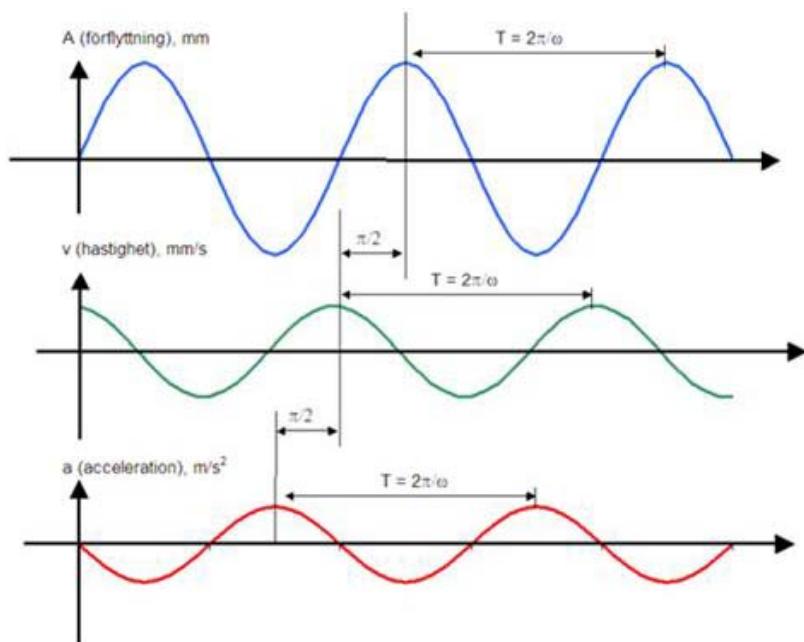


Energy:

Fragmentation ca.	1 %
Movement ca.	37%
Vibrations ca.	7 %



# Monitoring of vibrations



$$A = \int_0^t v(t) dt$$

*Movement (the most intuitive parameter)*

$$v = v(t)$$

*Normally monitored (mm/s), Constructions are sensitive to **velocity** => strain*

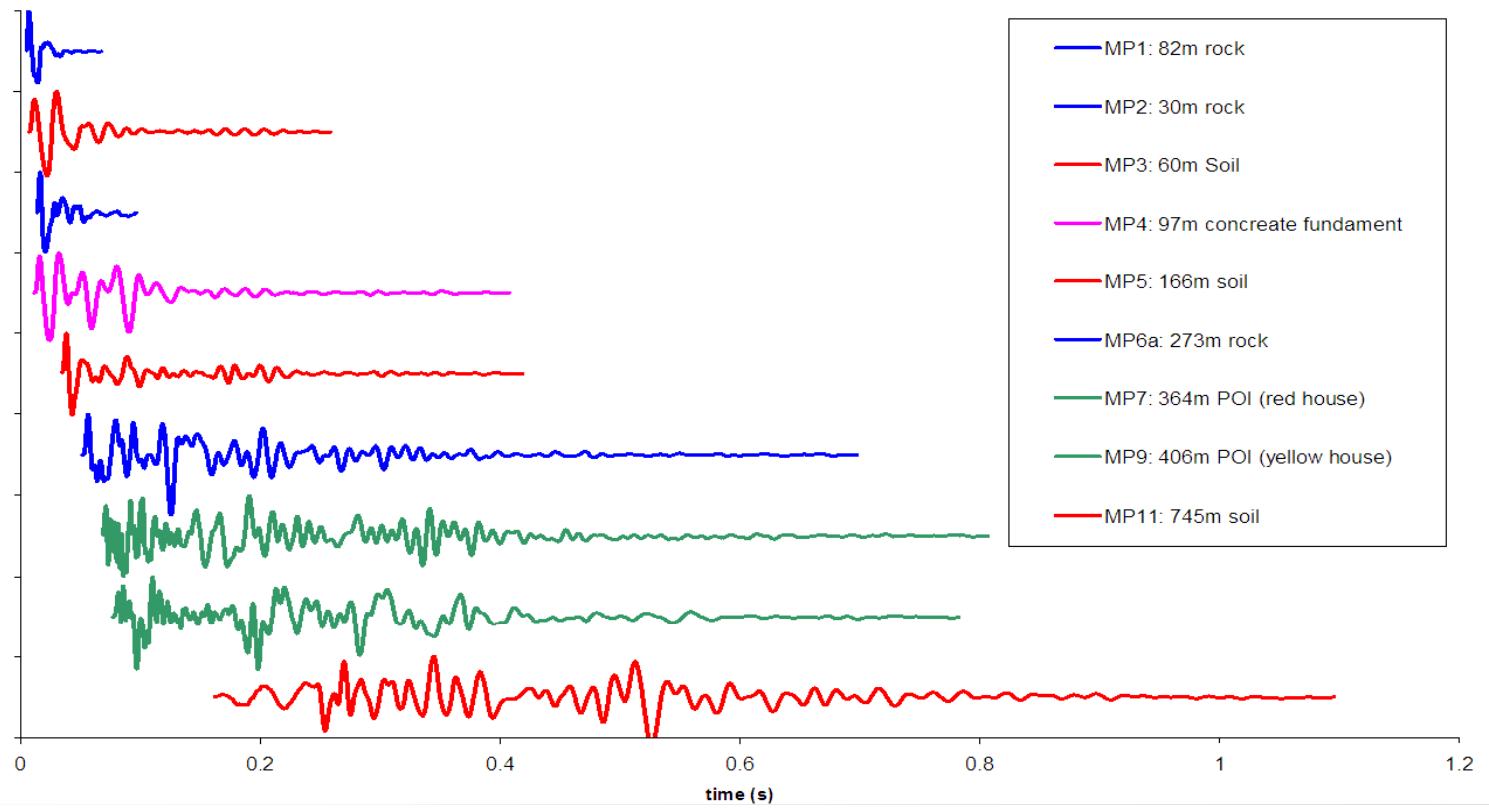
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

*The human is sensitive to **acceleration** ( $m/s^2$ ).*

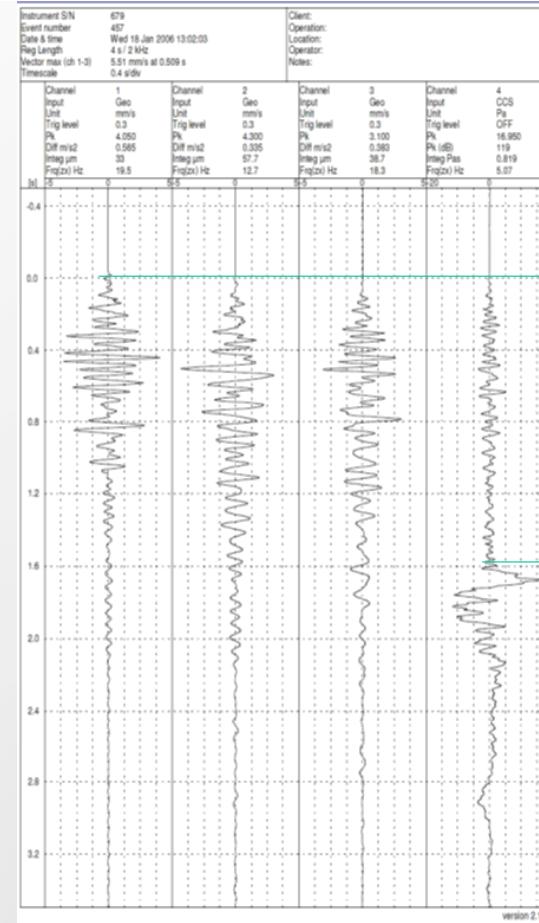
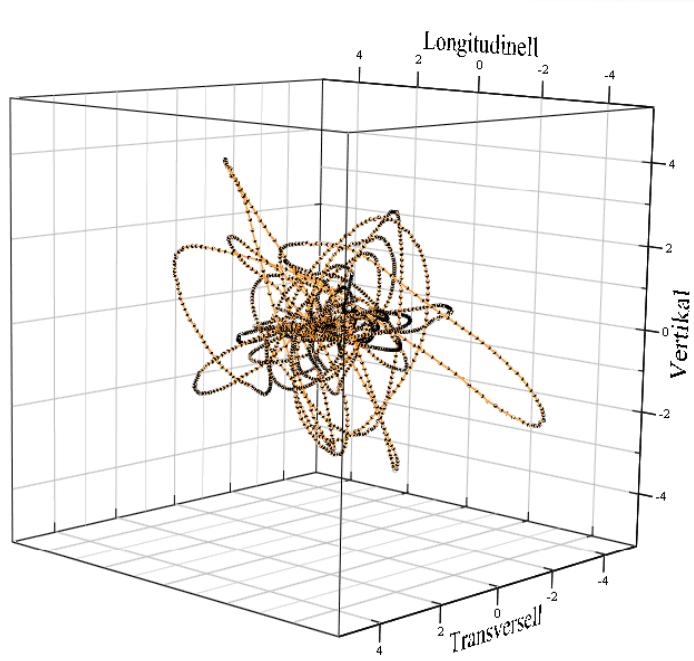
# What decides size, frequency, "shape"?

- Source influence
- measurement location influence
- P, S and R waves
- Geology:
  - mode conversions
  - Scattering
  - attenuation - geometric/intrinsic

## Single hole shot, monitored at 9 different locations



## Example

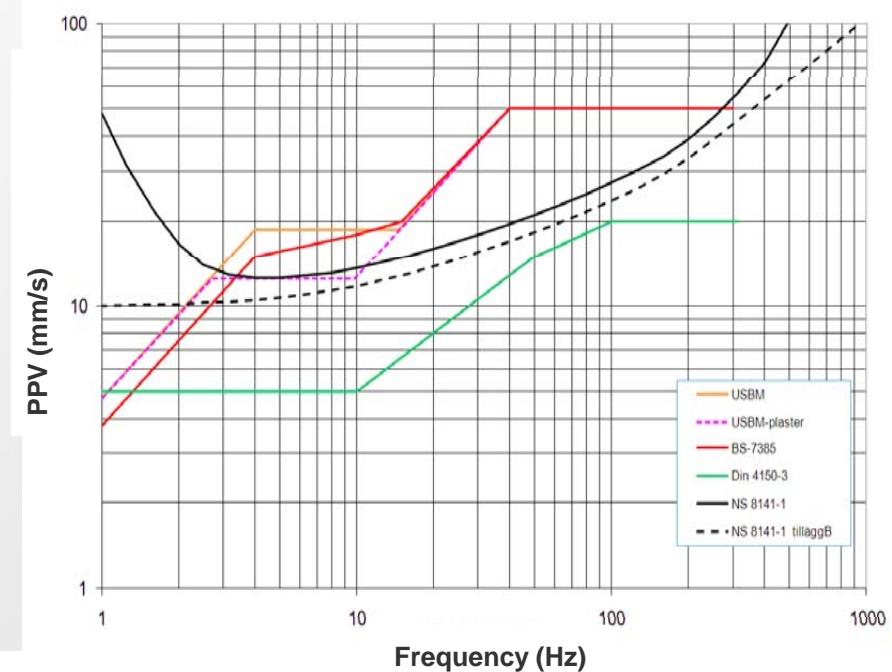
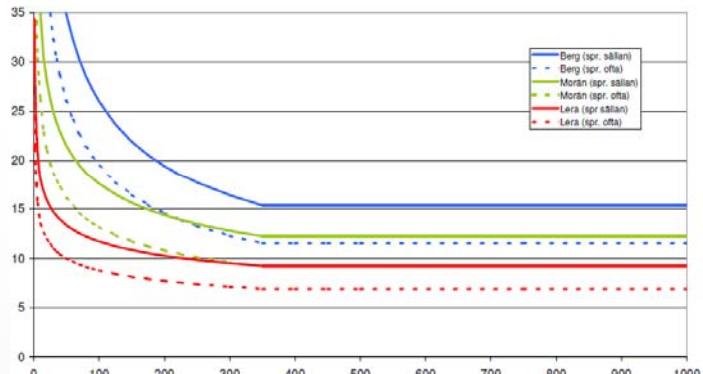


# Why are they monitored (damage, comfort)?

## Authorities, complaints, regulations, STANDARDS

Standards: residential houses

Sweden



# Damage – structures

*(background standards)*

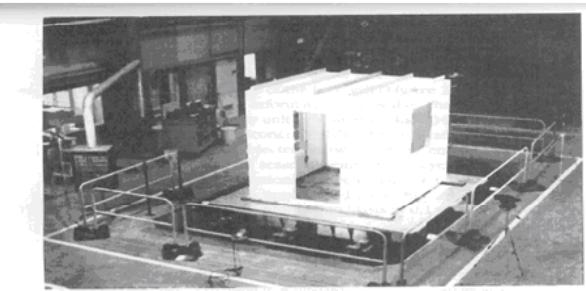


FIGURE 22. Eight-foot cube test "room" on Army Corps of Engineers 12-ft biaxial shake table, CERL, Champaign, IL. Tests done for and with USBM. From Wendler et al., 1978.

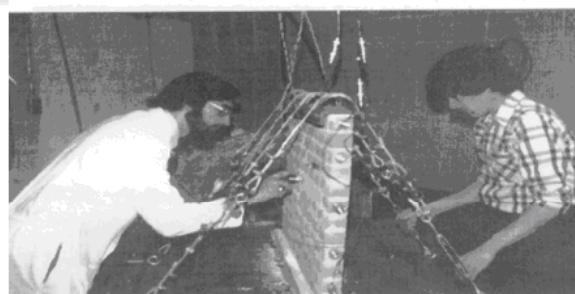
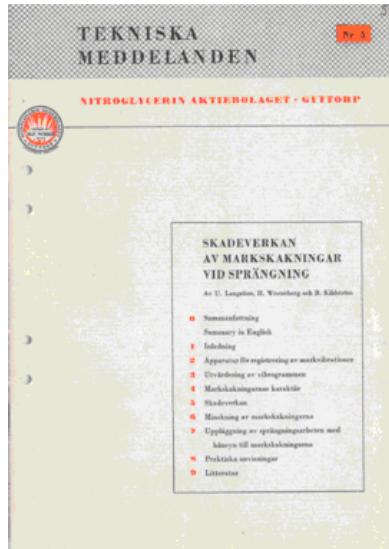


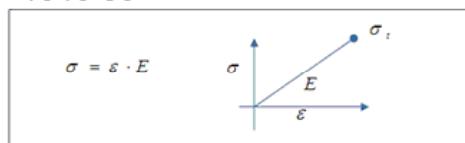
FIGURE 23. Model CMU wall under shear-load fatigue test at Drexel University Civil Engineering Department. From Koerner and Rosenfarb, 1980.

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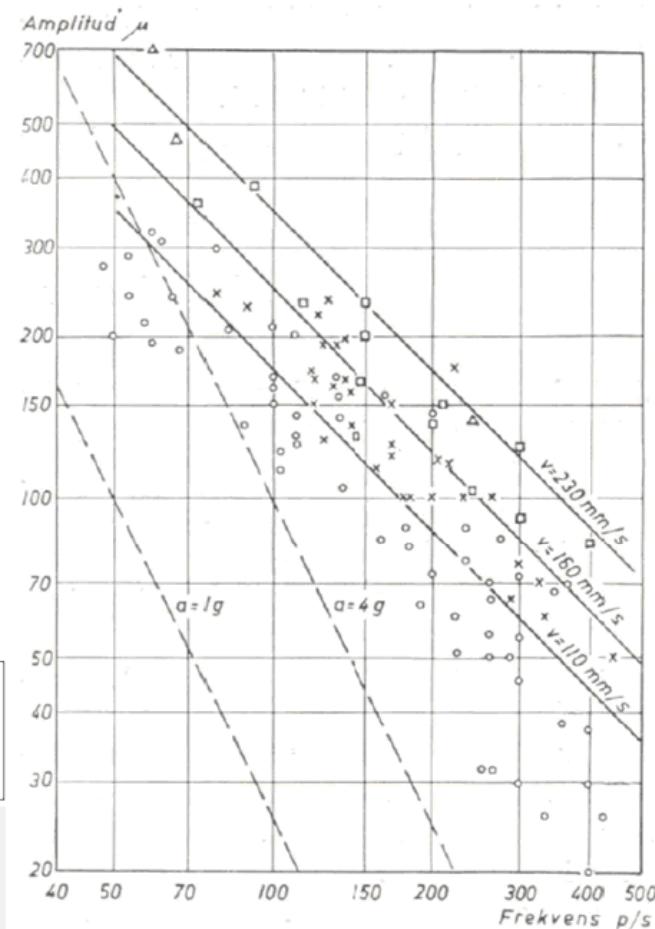




tests  
1946-56



$$\varepsilon = \frac{v_{\max}}{v_p}$$



## Damage - structures



TABELL I. Gradering av skaderisk i förhållande till svängningshastigheten

v	Resultat i normal bostadsbebyggelse
70 mm/s	Ingen märkbar sprickbildning
110 mm/s	Finsprickor och putsfall
160 mm/s	Sprickbildung
230 mm/s	Svår sprickbildung

# USBM RI 8507 (1980)

Damage can be related to  
Strain (and resonance due to  
natural frequency)

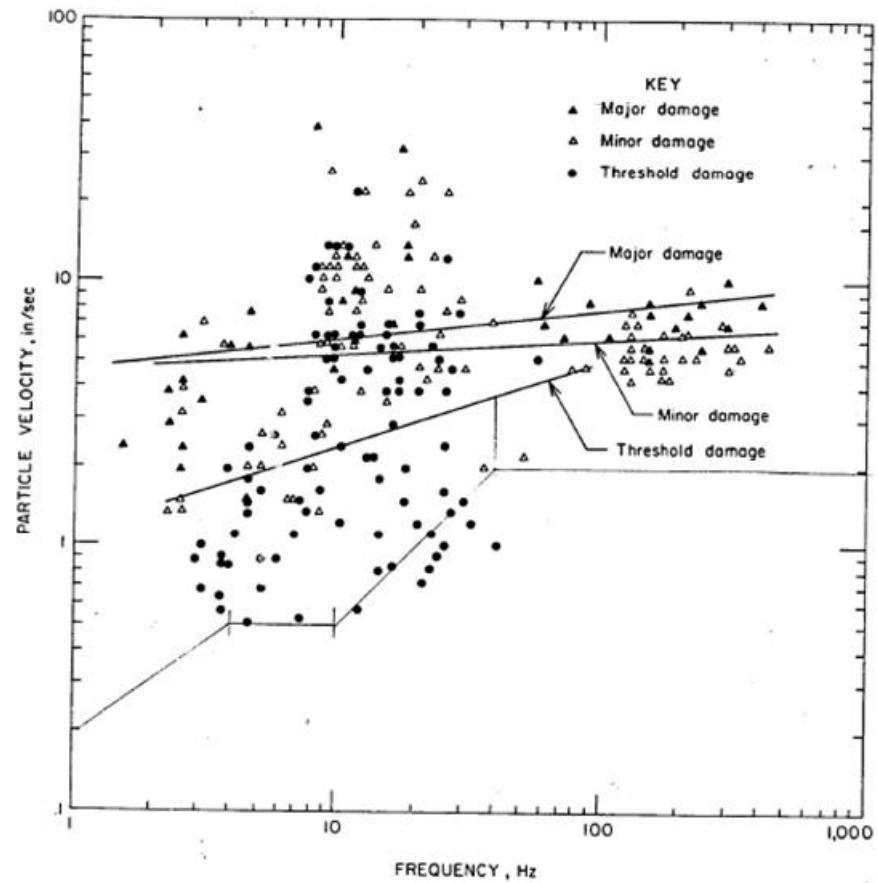
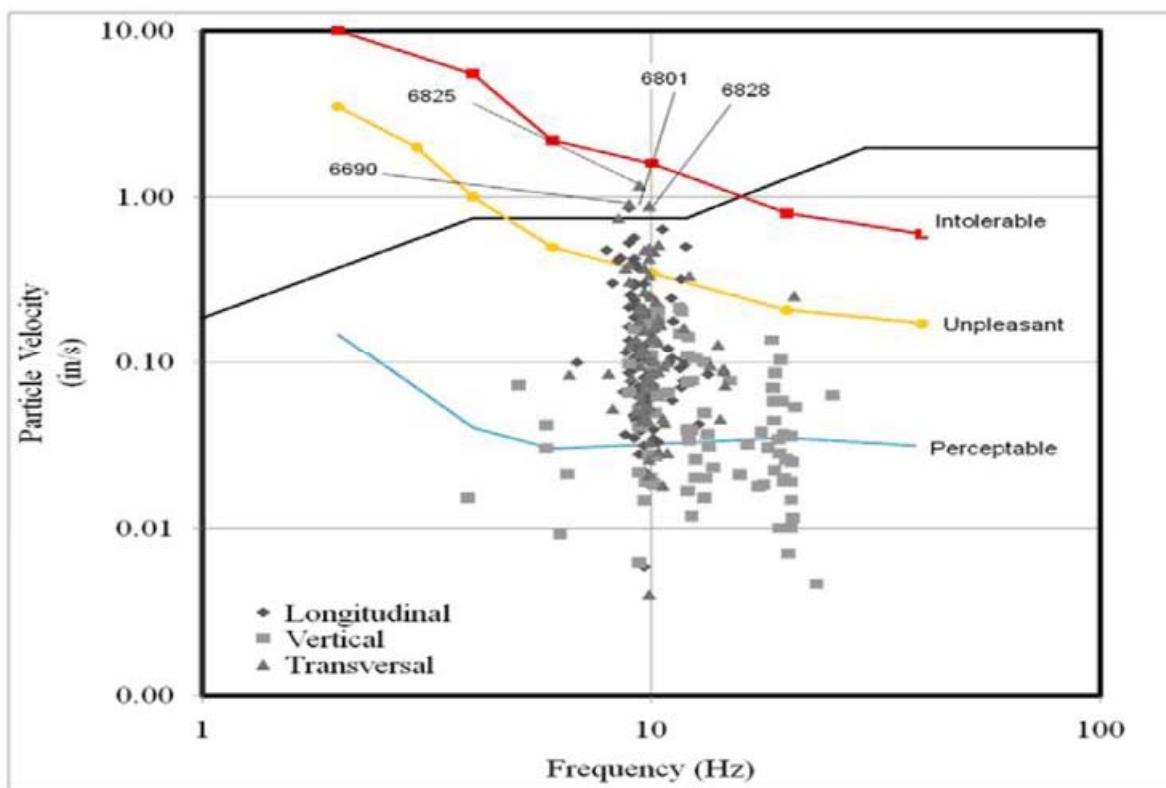


Figure 54.—Velocity versus frequency summary, set 7 mean and variance analysis.

**Unfortunately:** Humans and Buildings are not sensitive for the same kind of vibrations



**Figure 1.23** OSM regulation chart, Porch geophone.

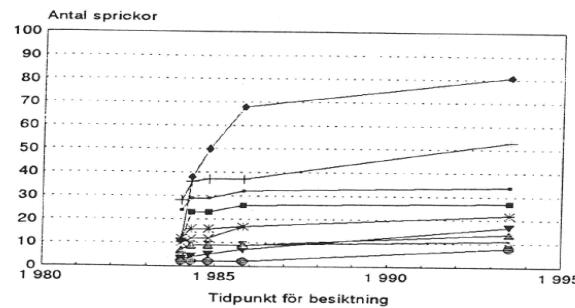
## Damage to buildings

It's important to remember that there are cracks in all houses: inner stress, variations in temperature and humidity. Snow, wind, ground water level all creates strain on the building.

In order to be a true problem, from the damage perspective, the effect from the blast have to be large in relation to all these other effects.

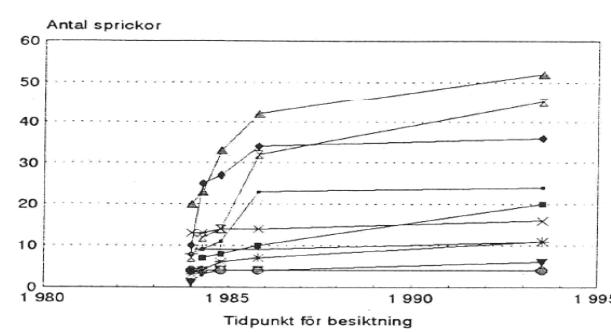
*Inspections of new houses not affected by vibrations:*

Naturlig sprickbildning i nya småhus.  
Utvändigt på fasader, UPPSALA



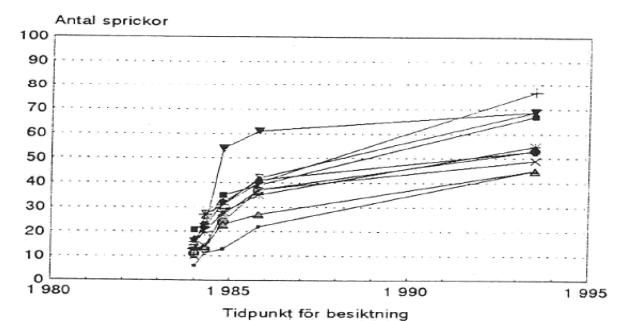
Outside of house (walls)

Naturlig sprickbildning i nya småhus.  
Utvändigt på sockel, UPPSALA



Outside of house (foundation)

Naturlig sprickbildning i nya småhus.  
Invändigt i bostad, UPPSALA



Inside of house

# Vibration prediction

- Charge weight scaling law

Charge and distance only

- Superposition models

Includes time

- Monte Carlo model

Uncertainties / Scattering

Includes blast plan/ Screening

# Vibration prediction

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where

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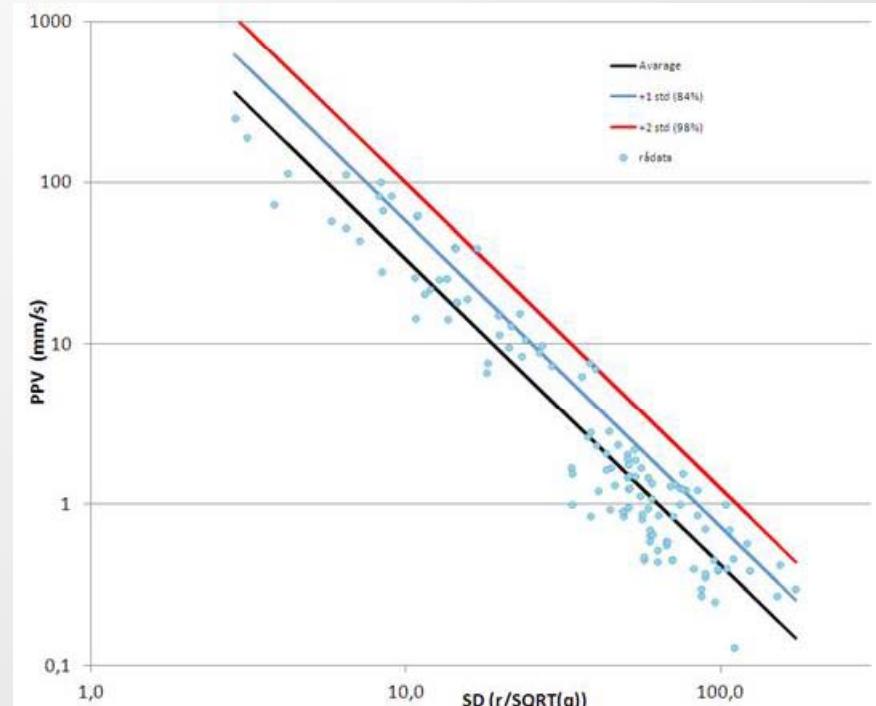
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A = site specific constant

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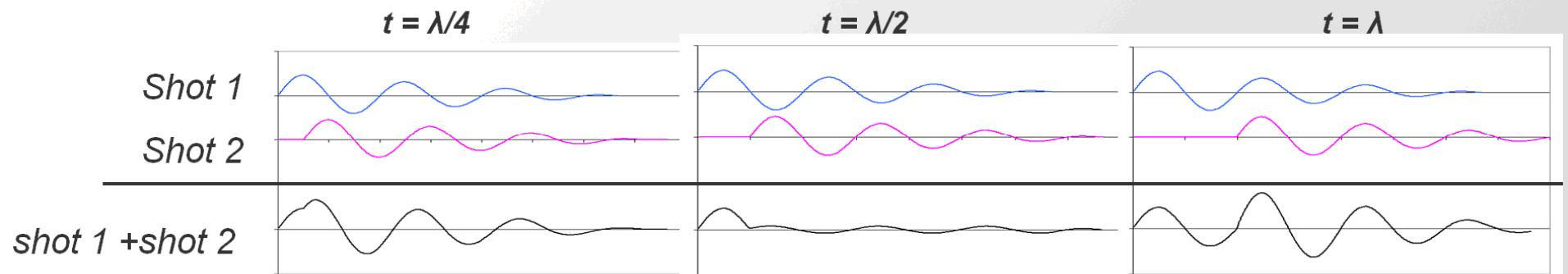
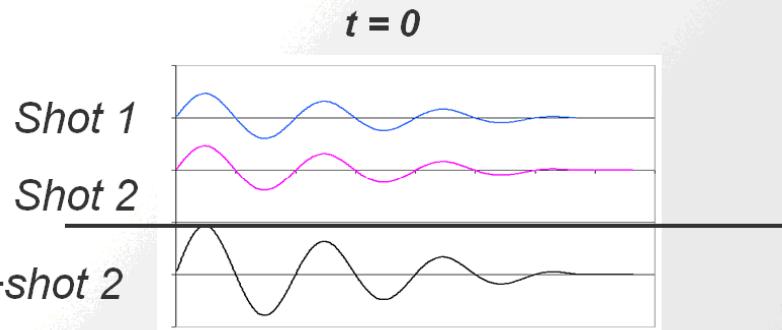
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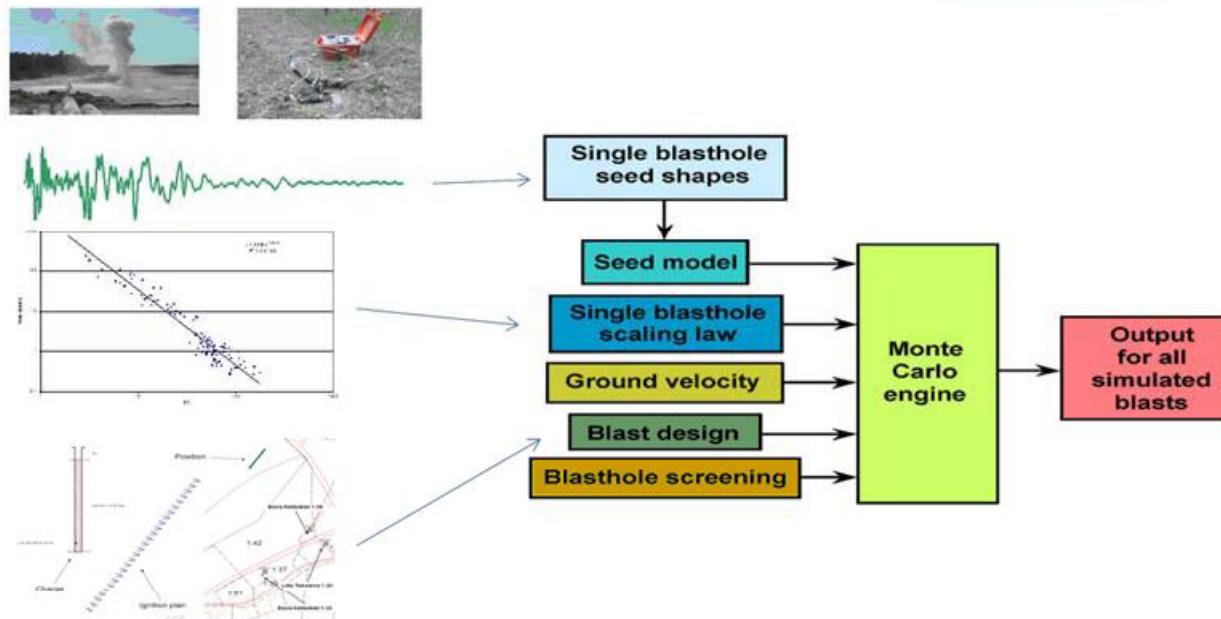
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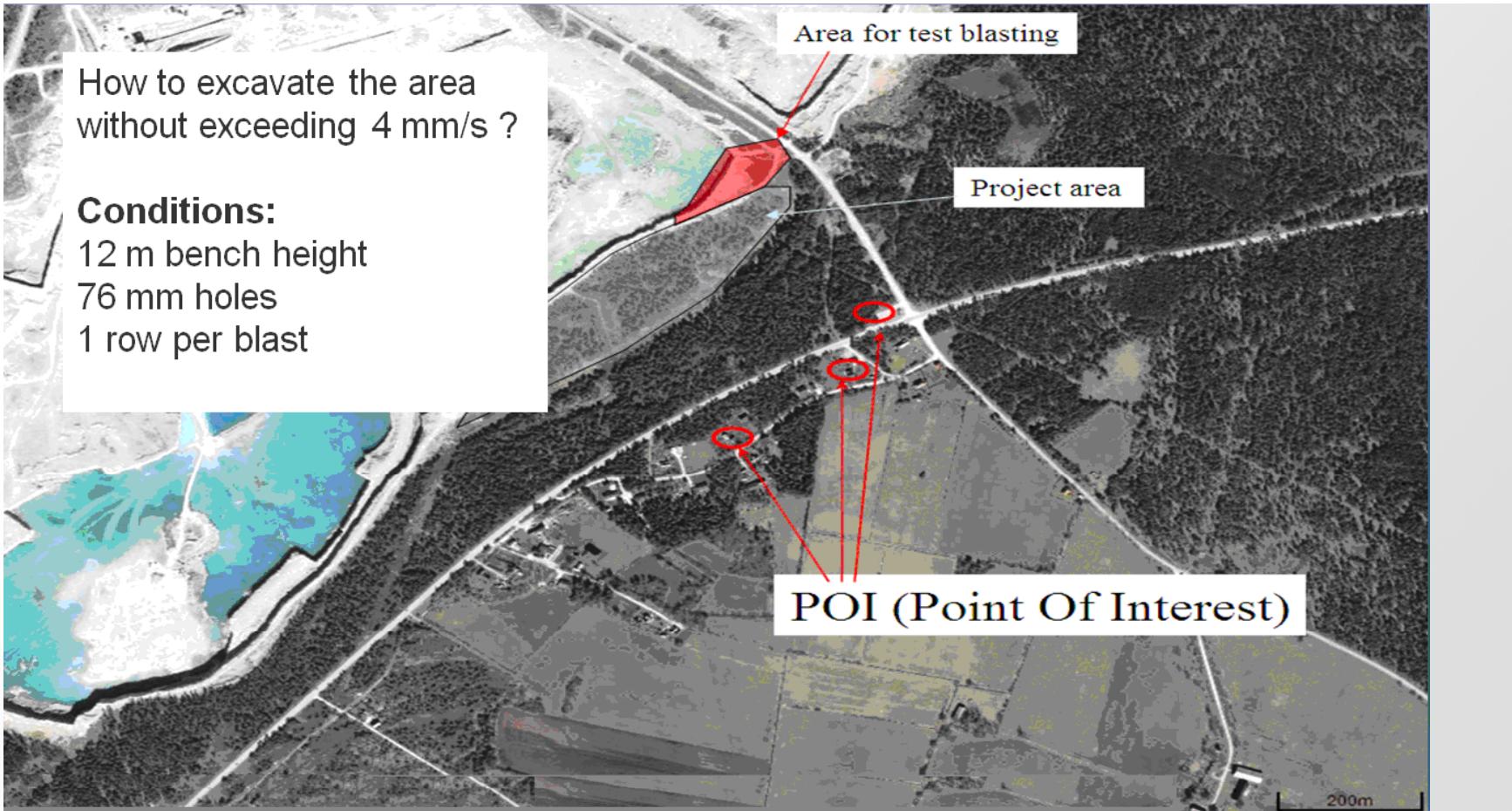
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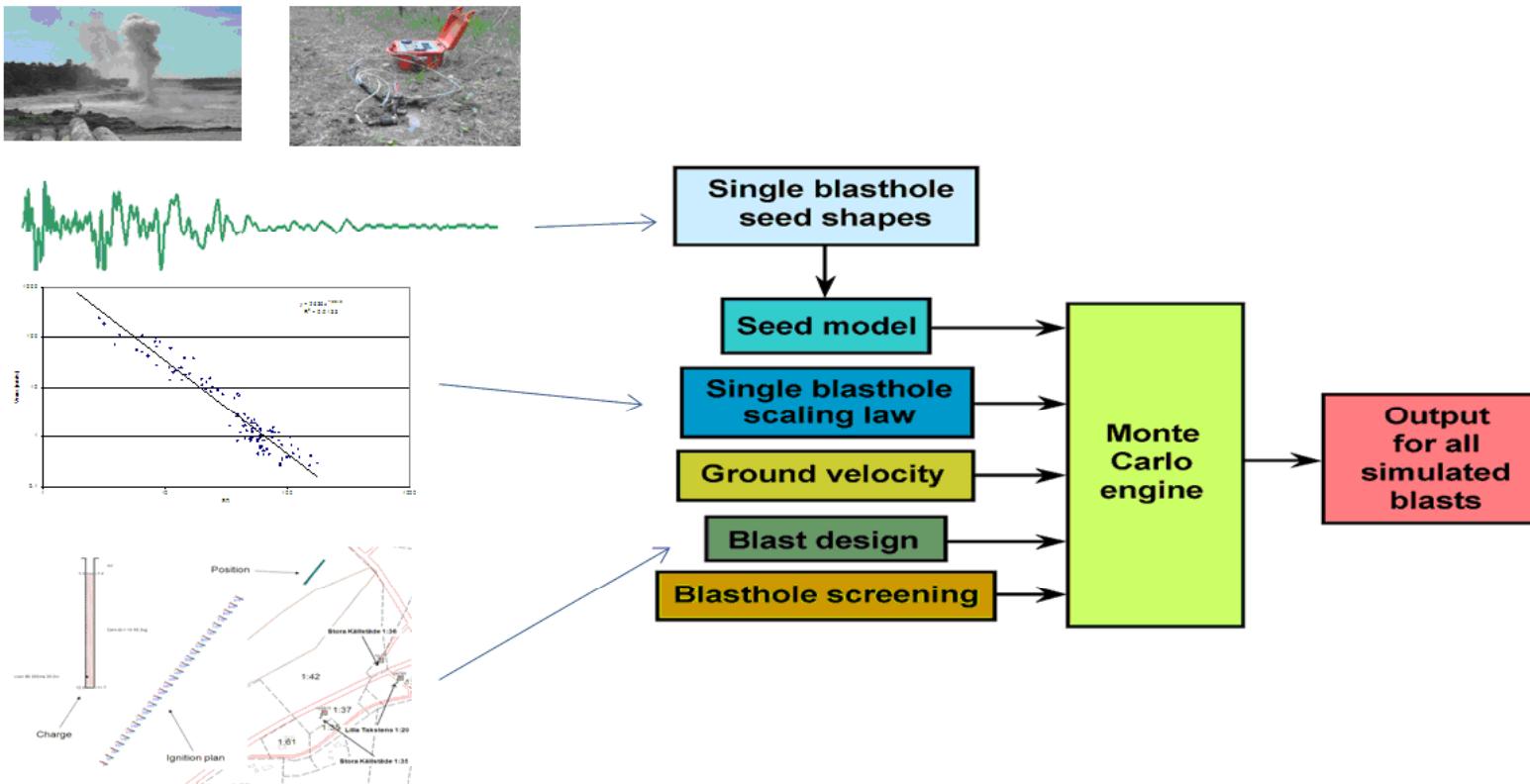




## Case study: AVM project: Quarry, Gotland, Sweden



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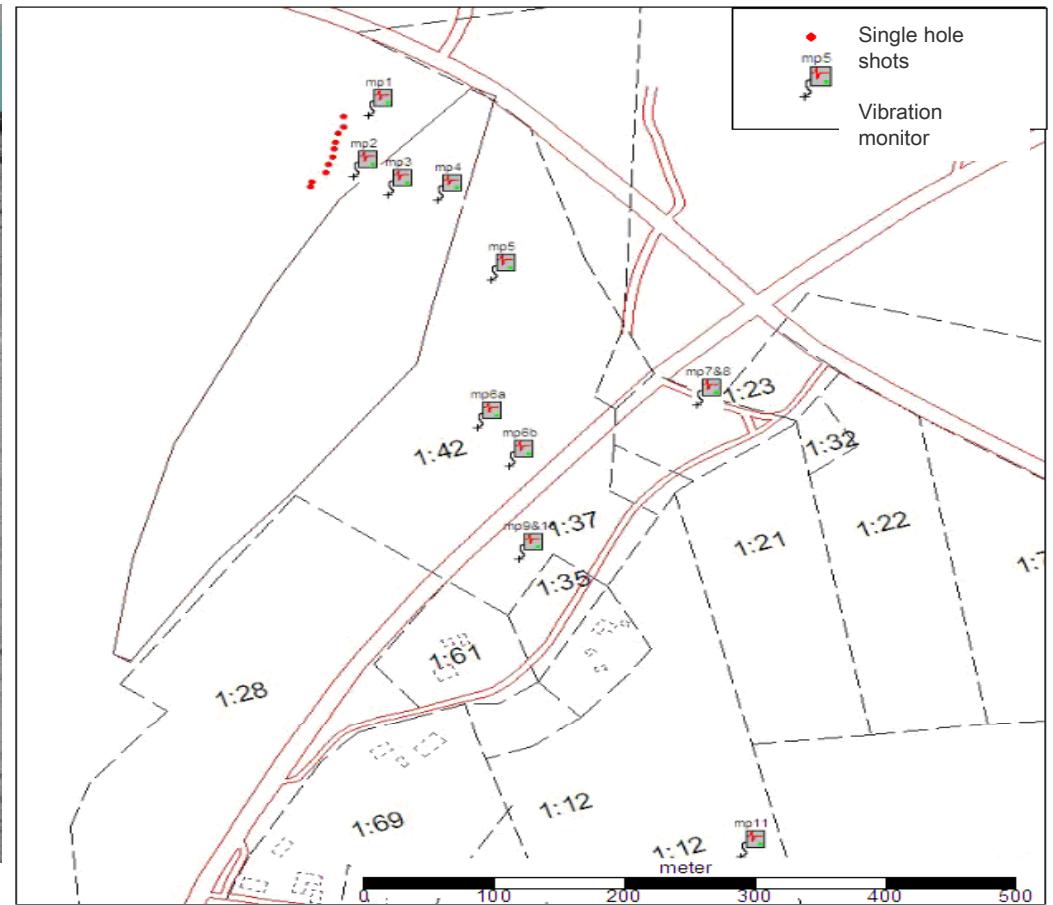


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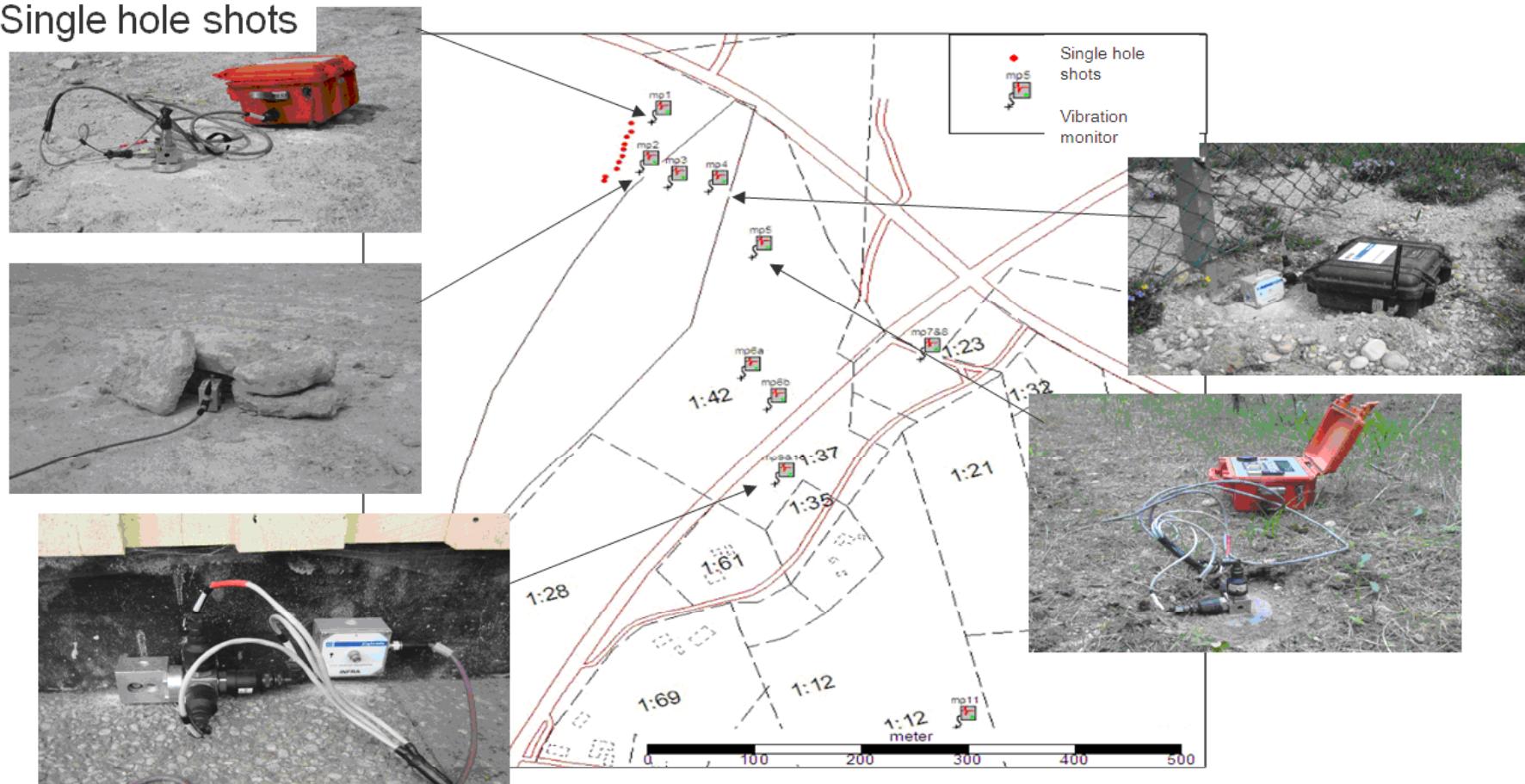


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<b>Shot</b>	<b>Charge(kg)</b>	<b>Explosive</b>
1	52	SME+2 kg boost
2	52	SME+2 kg boost
3	45	Fordyn
4	39,5	SME+2 kg boost
5	52	SME+2 kg boost
6	12,5	Fordyn
7	39,5	SME+2 kg boost
8	27	SME+2 kg boost
9	52	SME+2 kg boost
10	27	SME+2 kg boost



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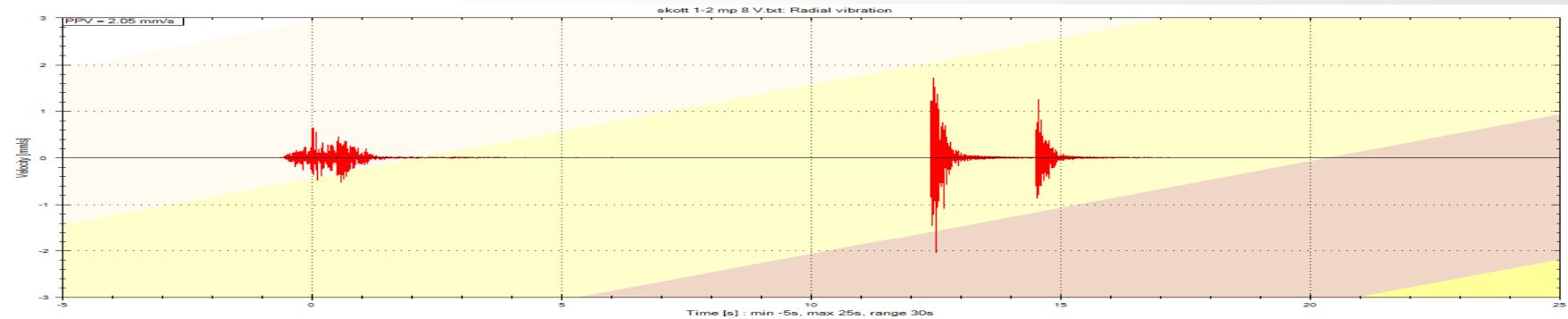


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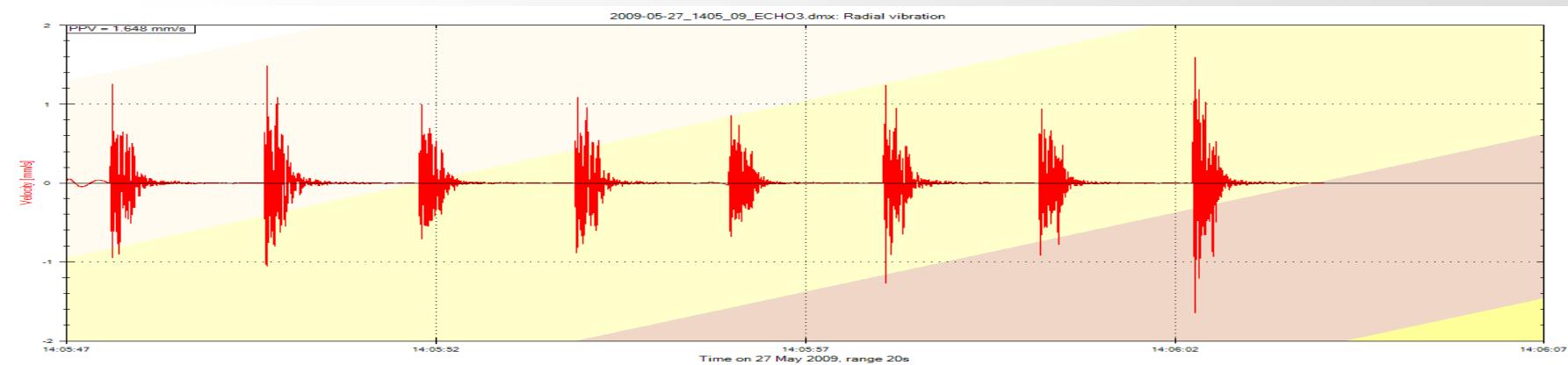


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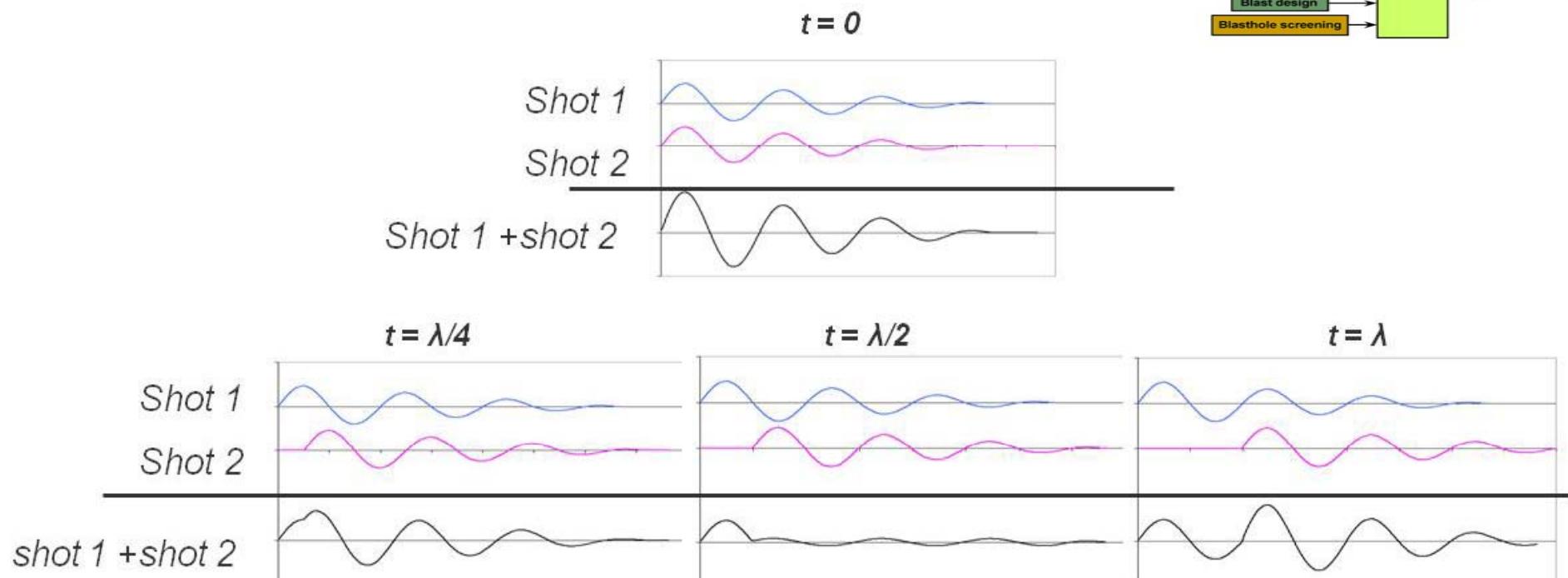
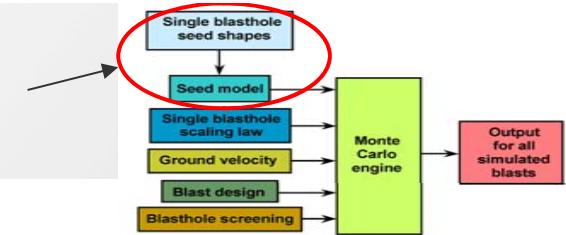
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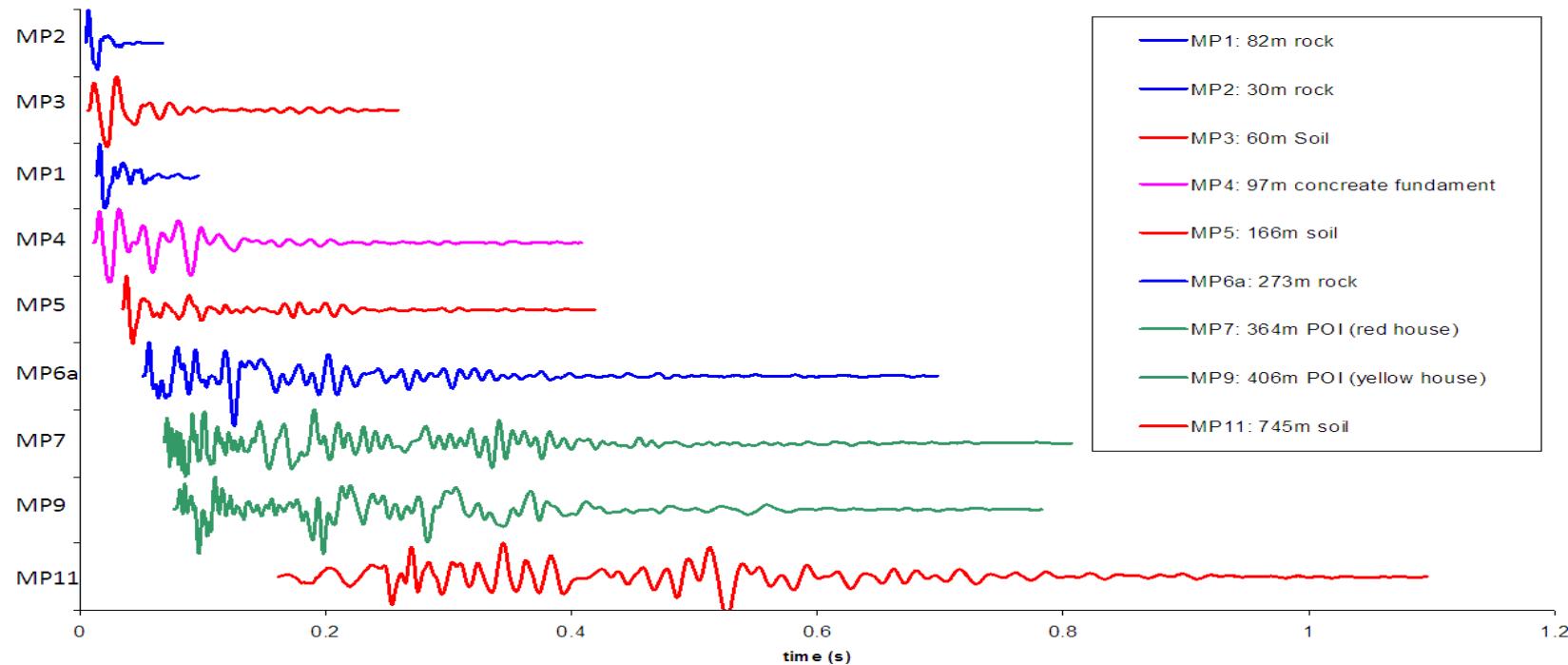
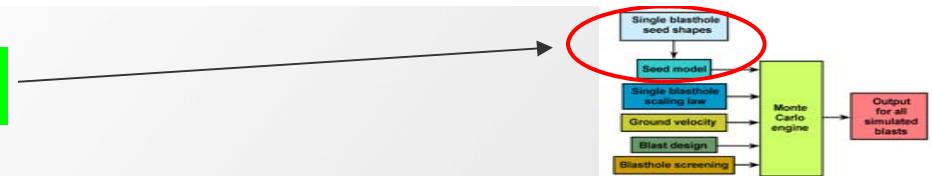
Shot 10 - 3



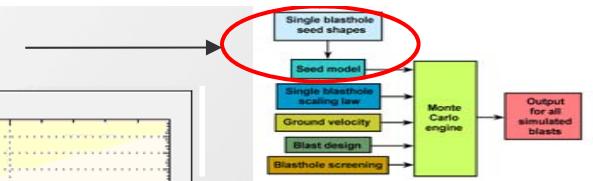
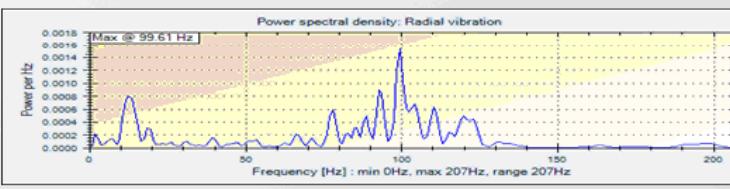
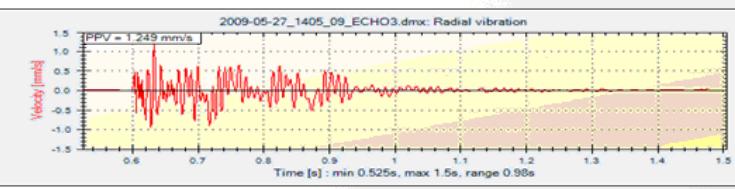
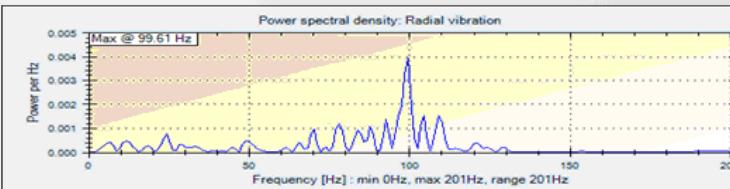
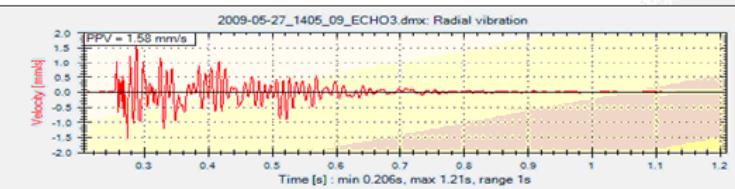
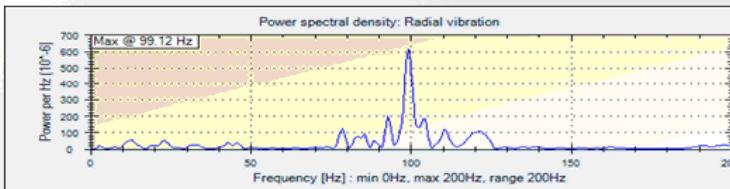
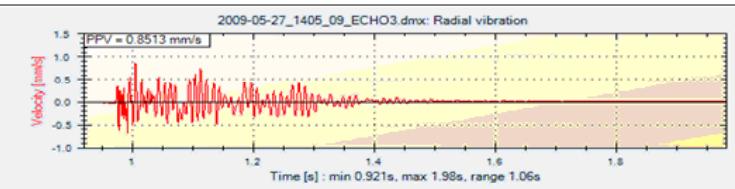
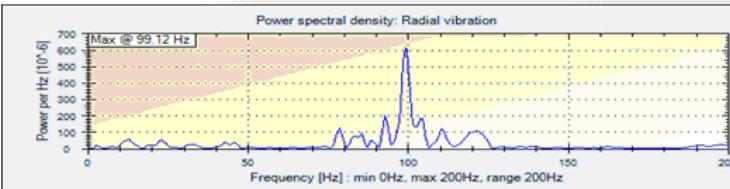
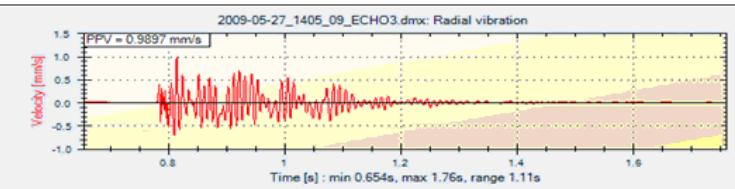
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Example of four different single hole shots recorded, mp 7

## The charge weight scaling law equation

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where

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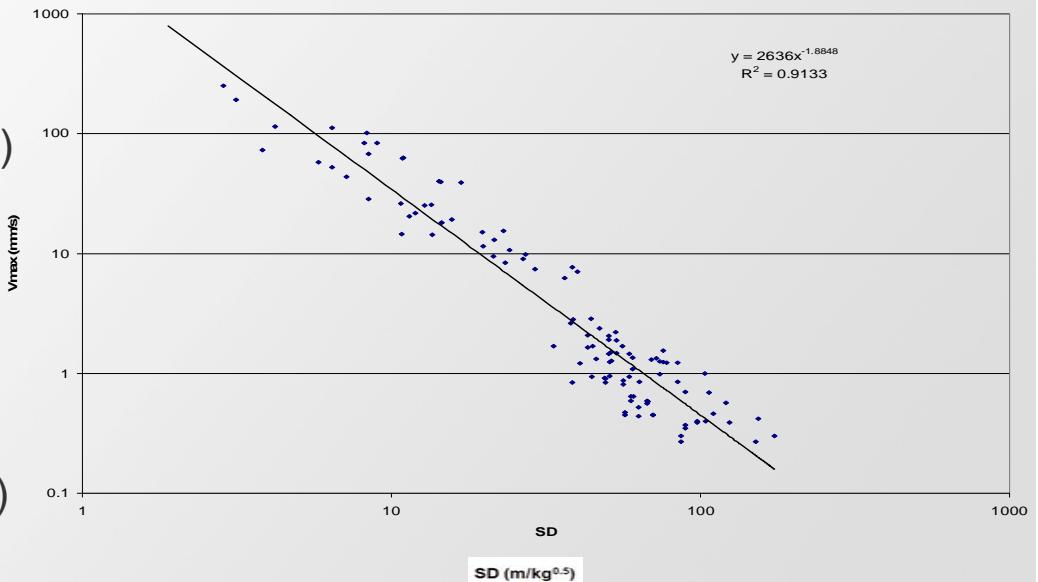
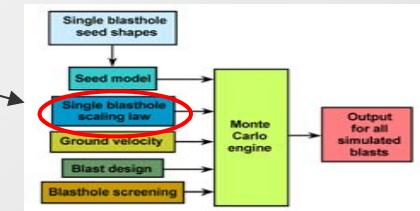
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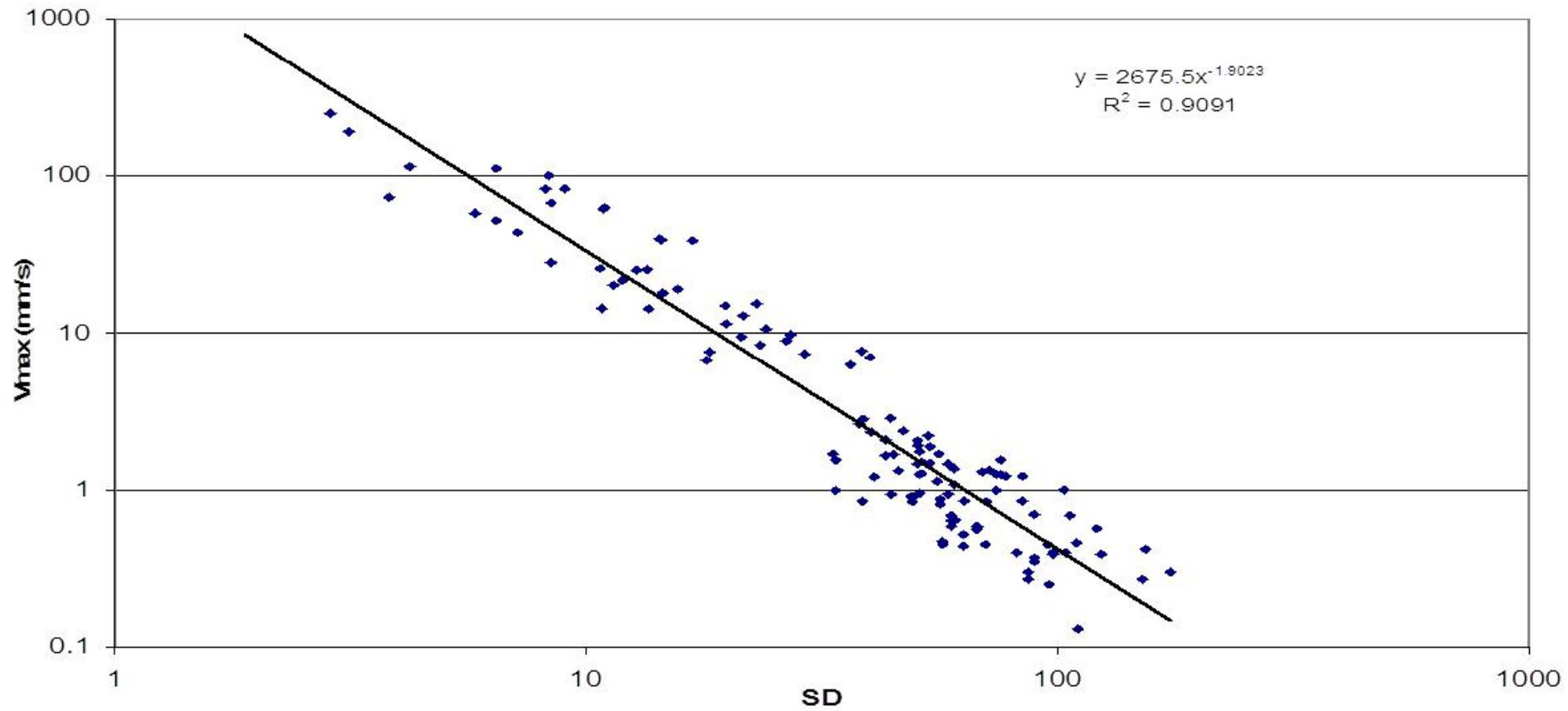
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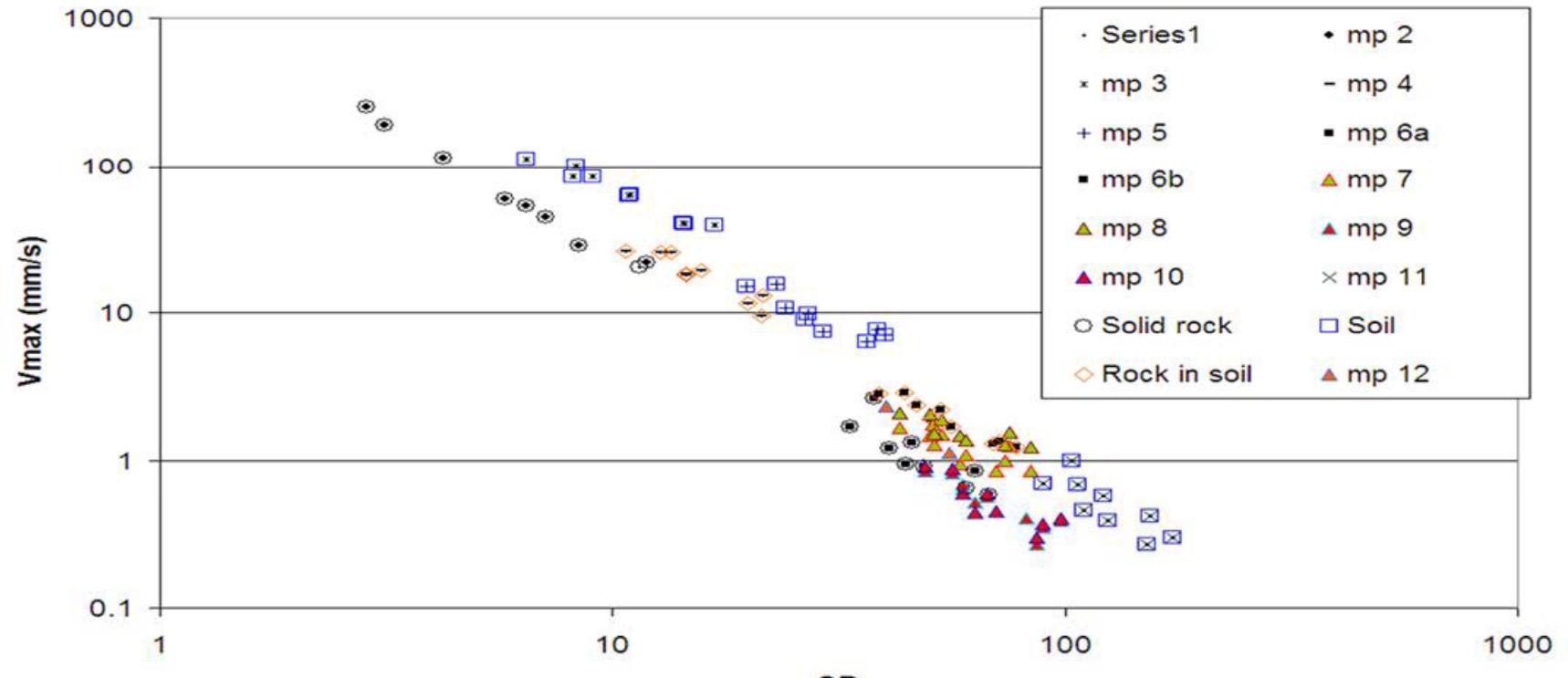
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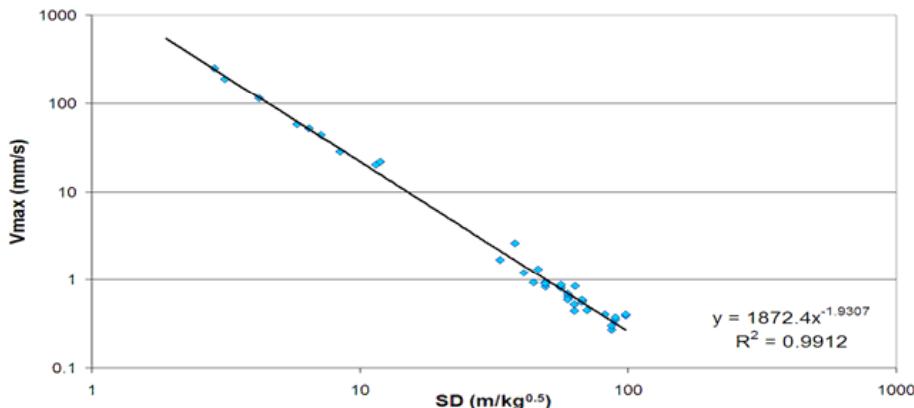
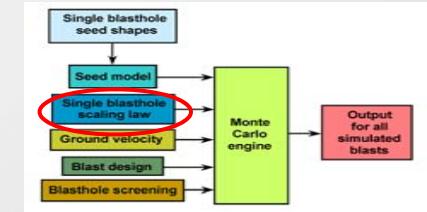
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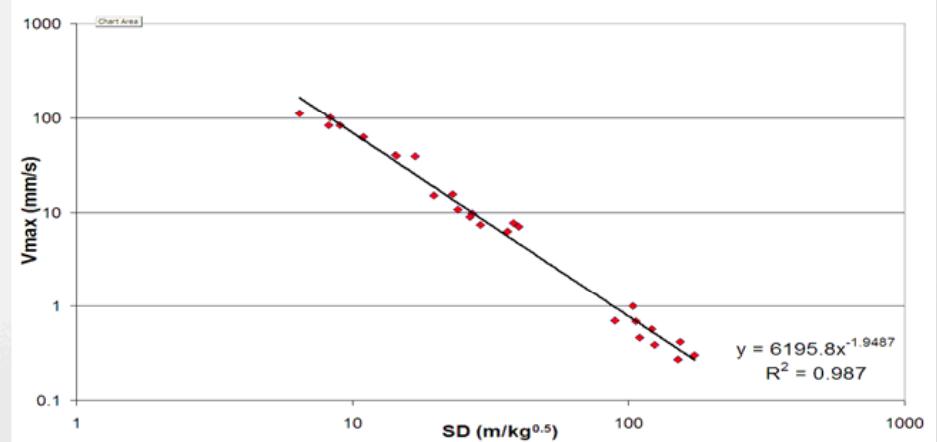
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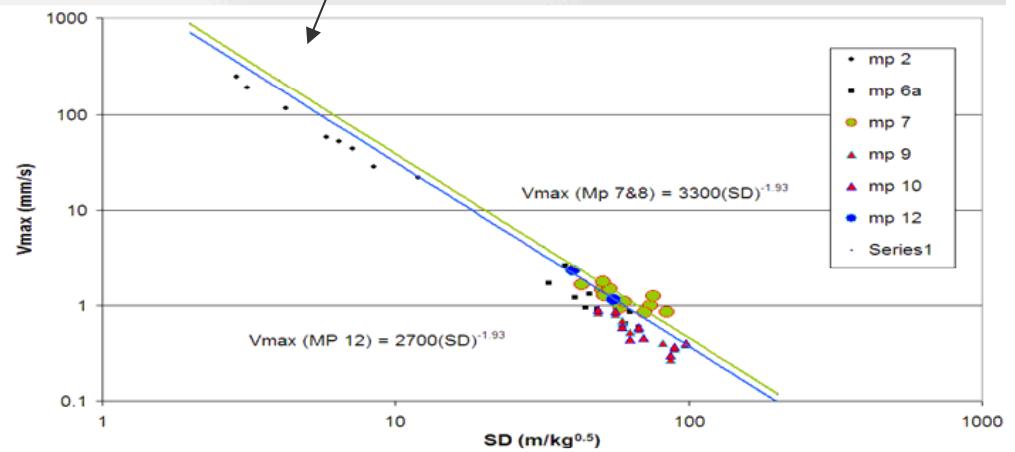
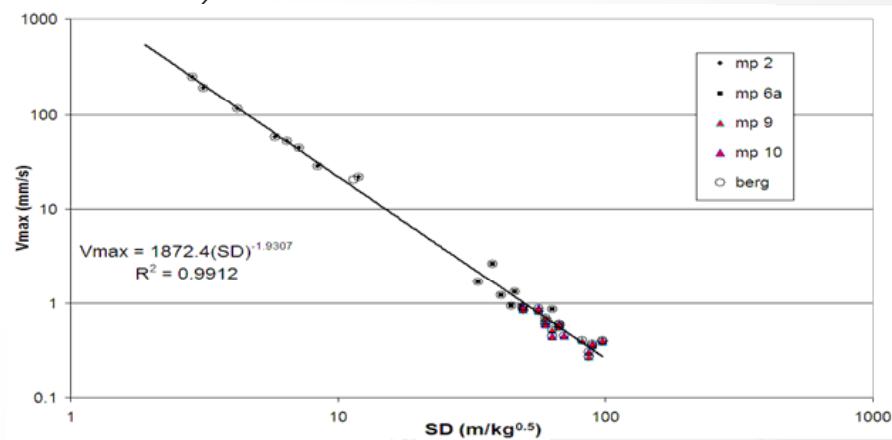
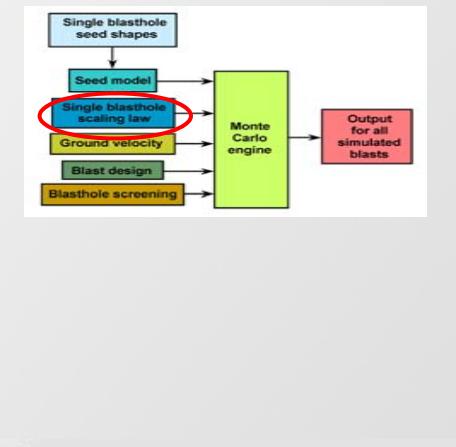


Solid rock

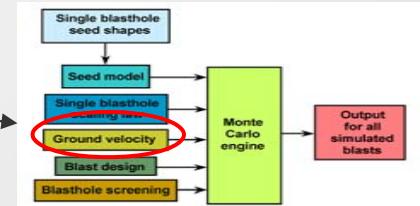


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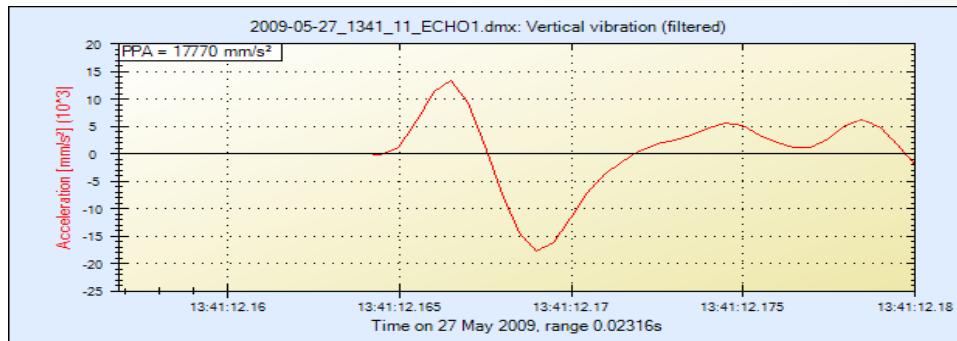
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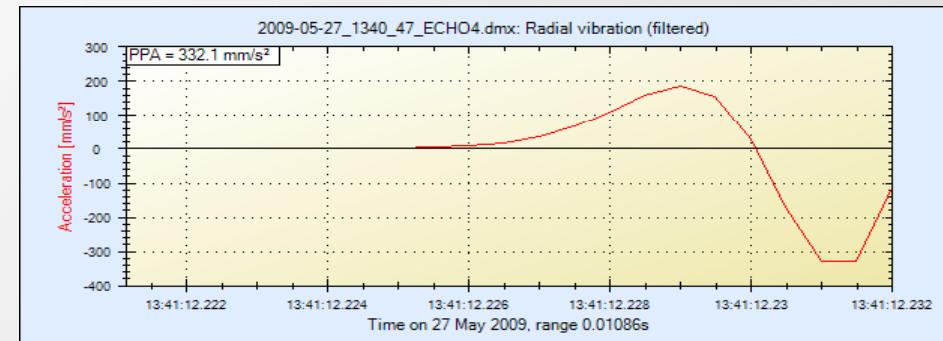
## P- wave velocity



monitor 1



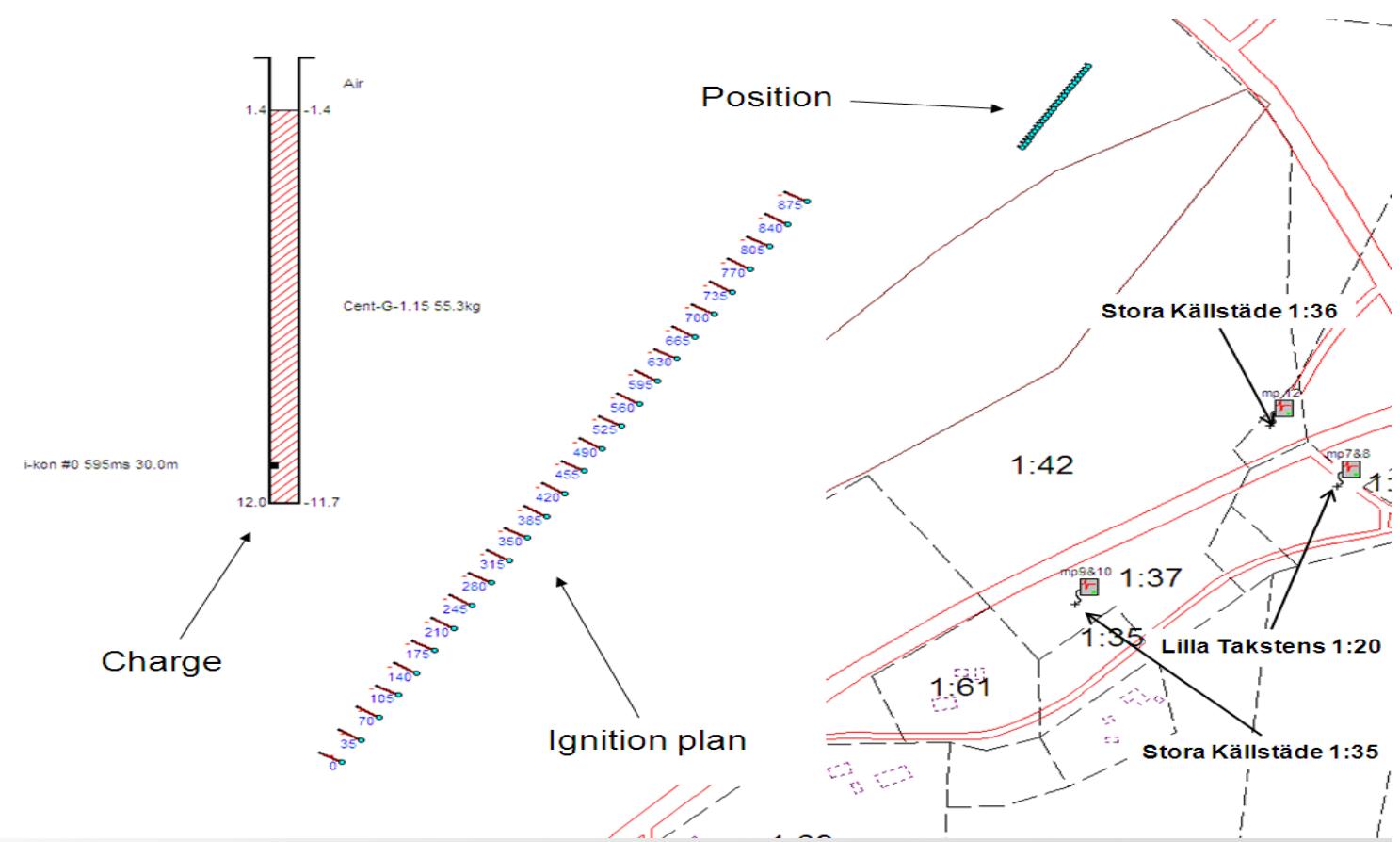
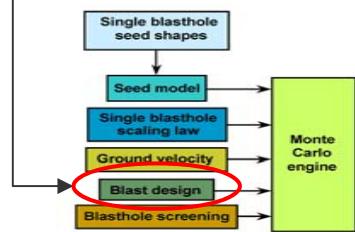
monitor 2



324 m in 61 ms => approx 5300 m/s.



## Blast plan



# Calibration blasts



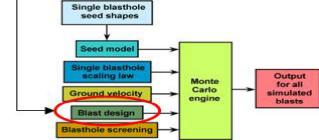
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4	27	31	1350	35* & 17**	I-kon	2 deck
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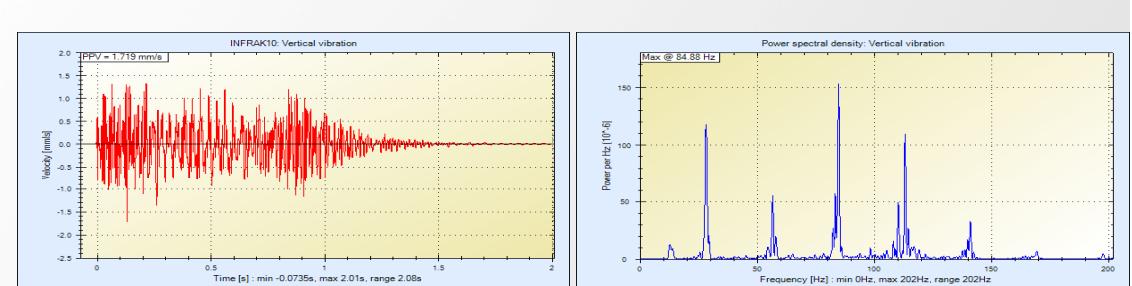
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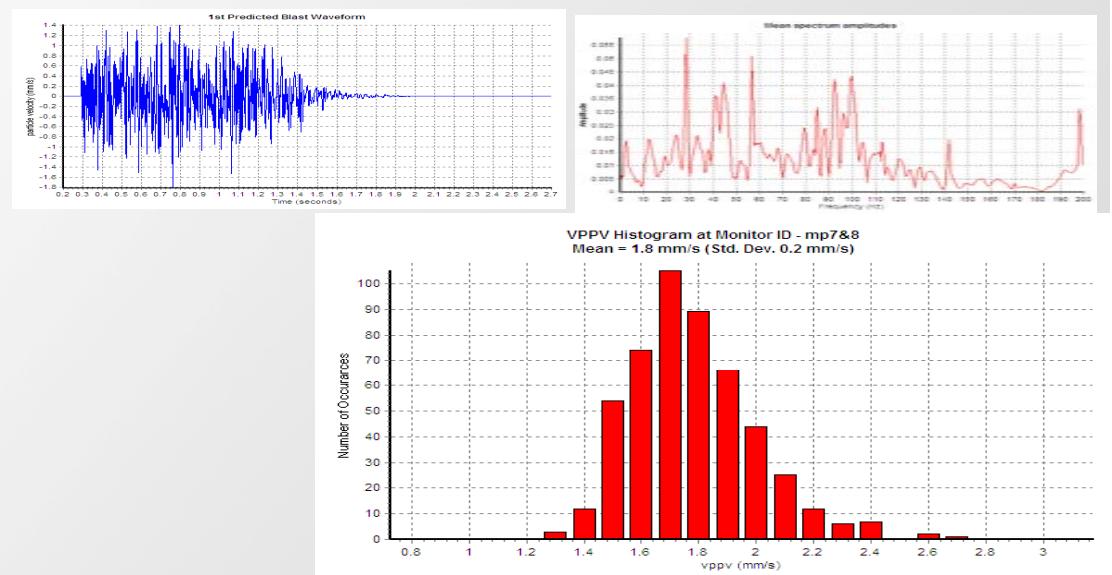
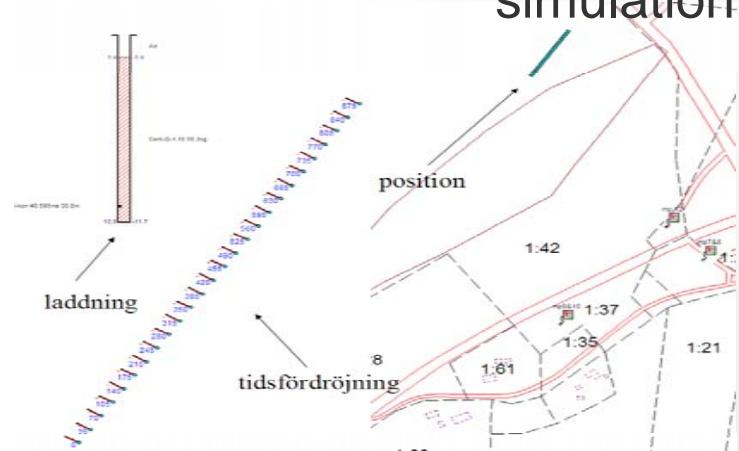


Data from  
blast



## Calibration

Result from  
simulation



## Result

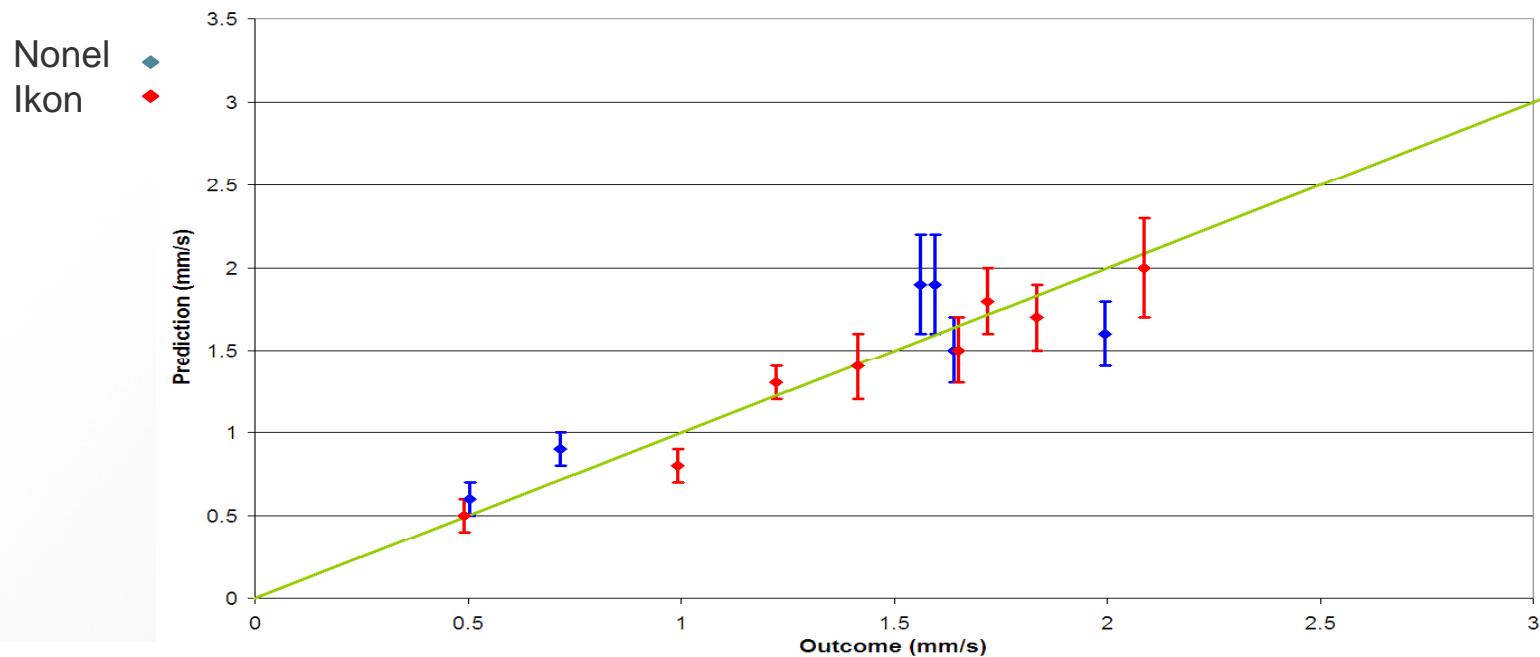


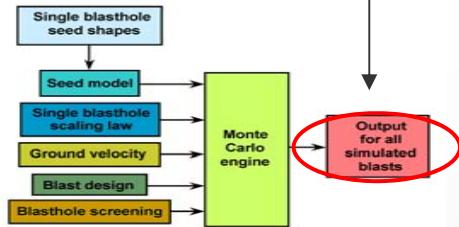
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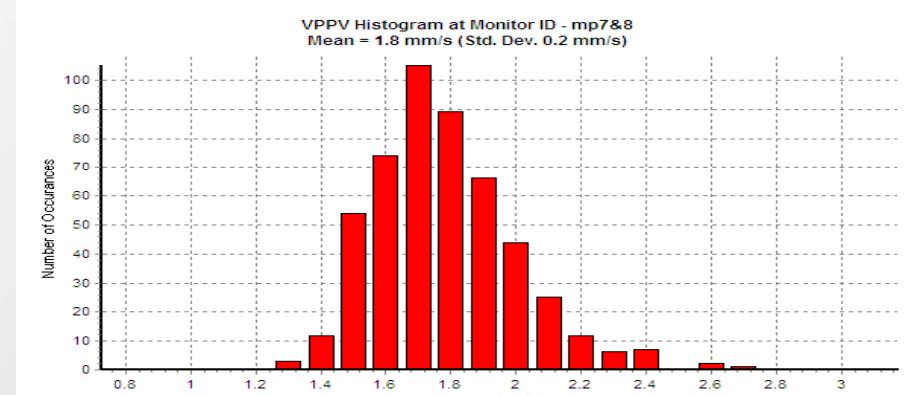
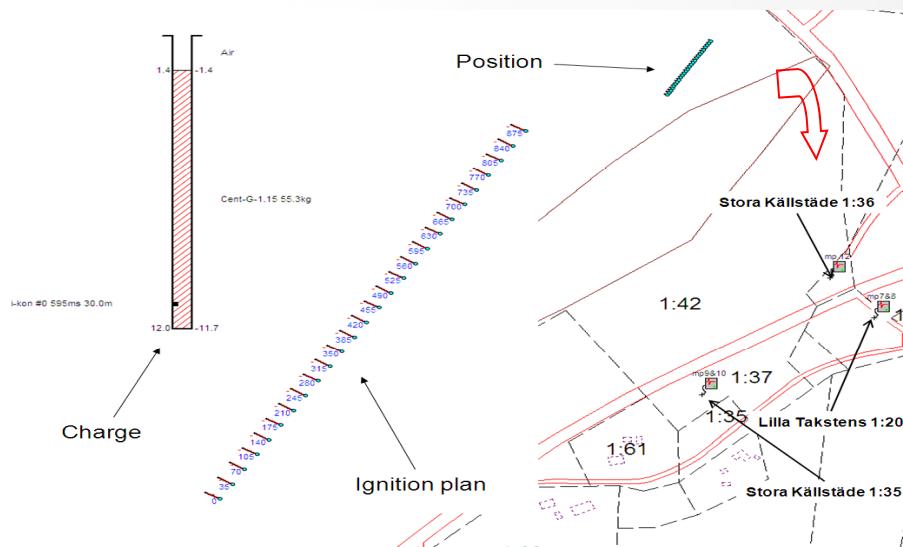
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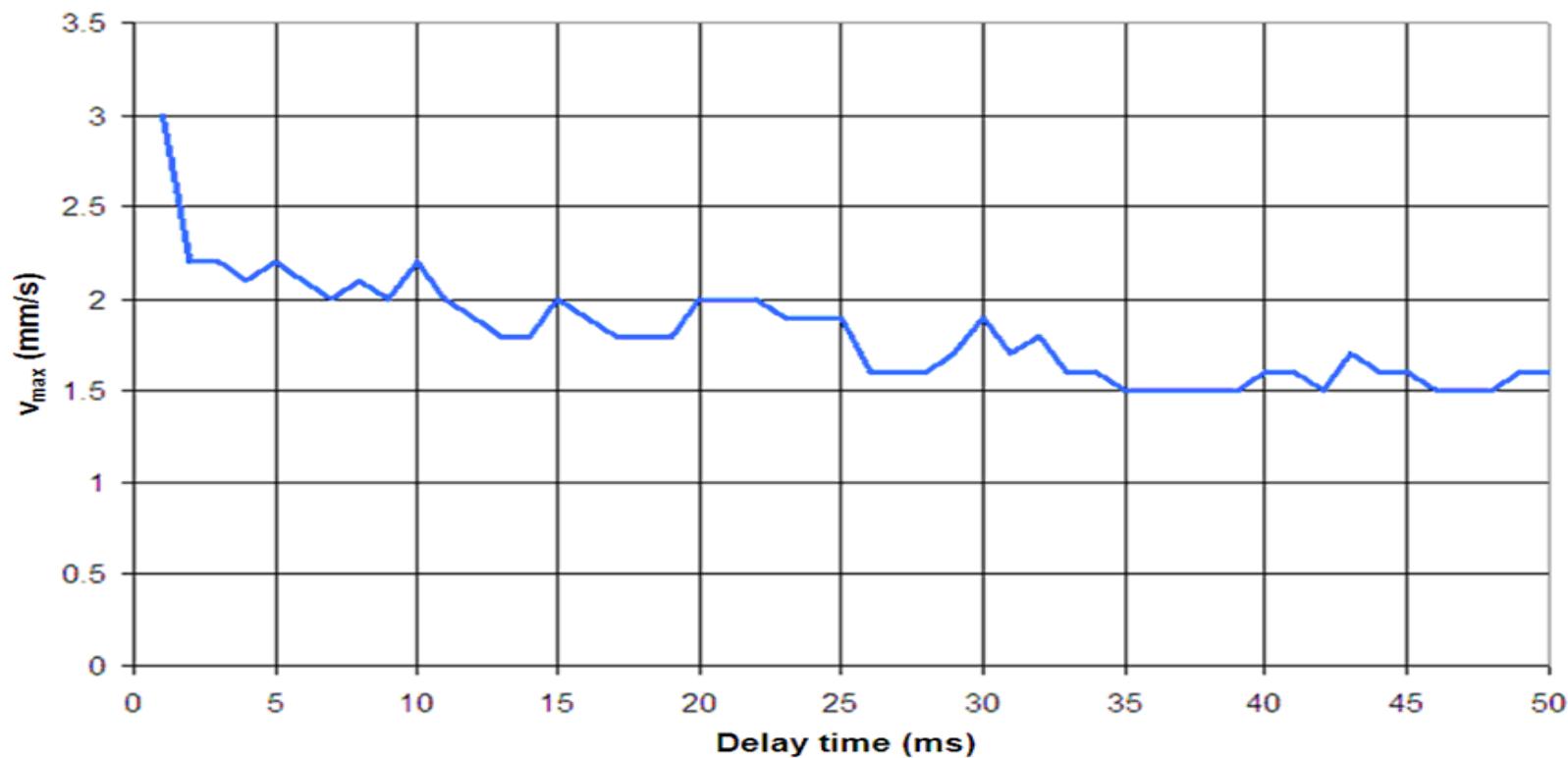
## Result from the model



## Using the model

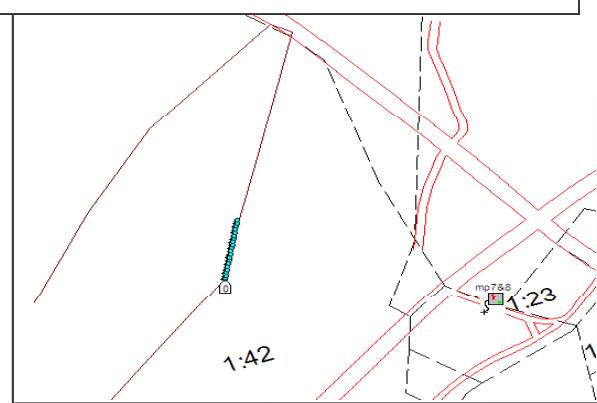


**Delay  
time**



Model of blast 3  
Delay time 1-50 ms

## Direction of excavation



distance from blast to mp 7 & 8 ca 215 m.

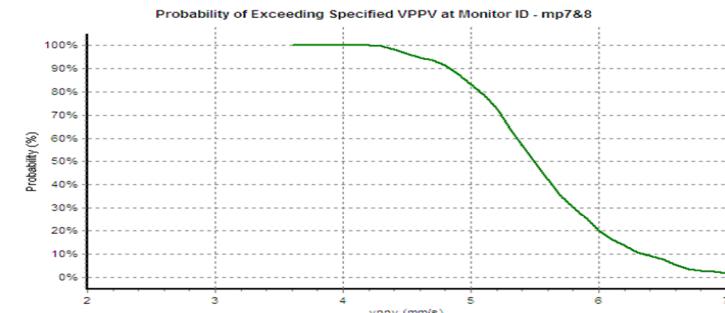
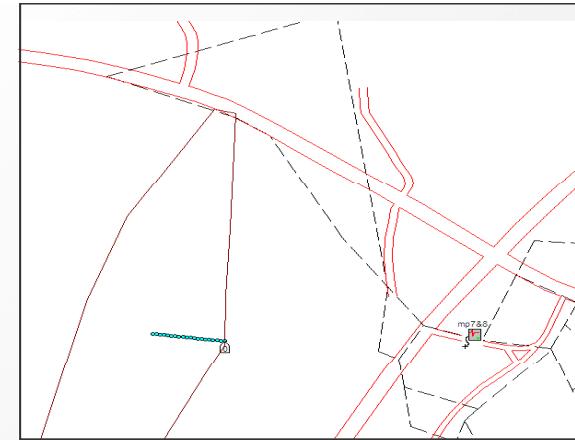


Figure 26, blasting direction 1. Probability of exceeding 4 mm/s is 100%, average value 5.5 mm/s.



## Blasthole Screening

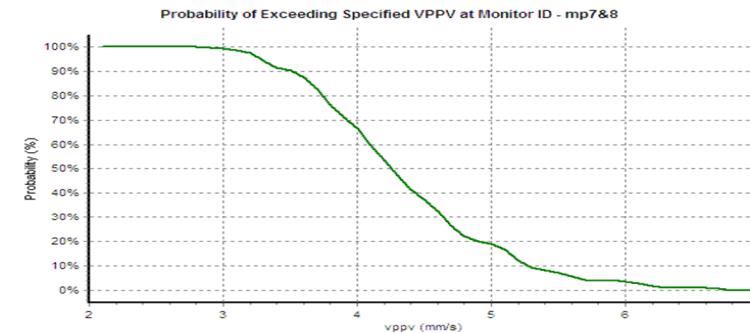
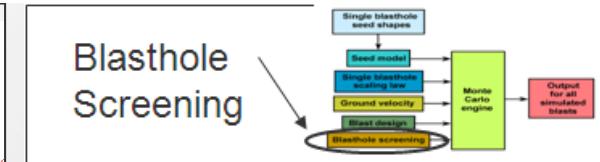


Figure 27, blasting direction 2. Probability of exceeding 4 mm/s is 70%, average value 4.3 mm/s

## Distance

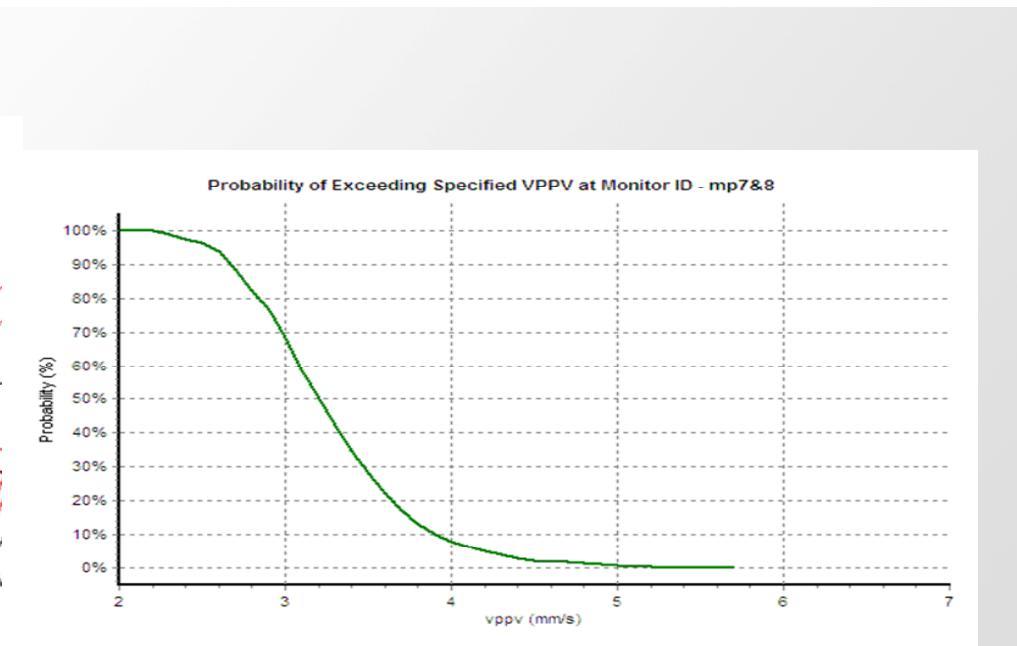


Figure 28. Mp 7&8, 255m distance. Probability to be above 4 mm/s is 8 %, average value is 3.2 mm/s.

## Initiation system

### I-kon (electronic)

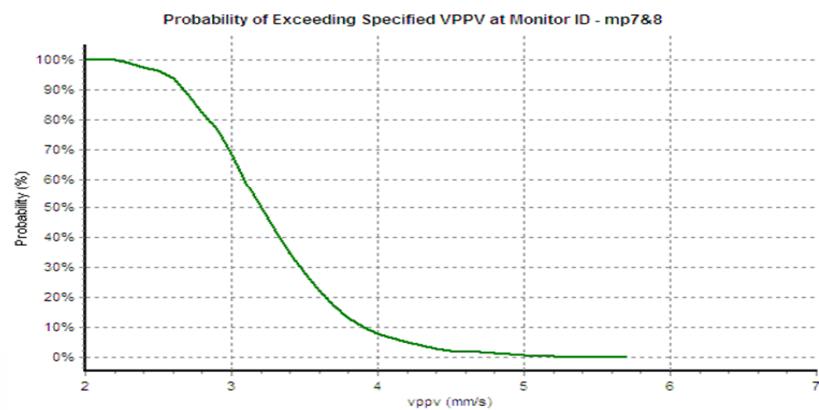
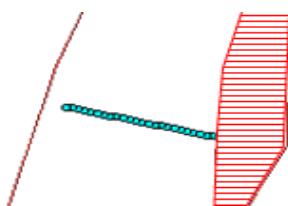


Figure 28. Mp 7&8, 255m distance. Probability to be above 4 mm/s is 8 %, average value is 3.2 mm/s.



### Nonel (pyrotechnic)

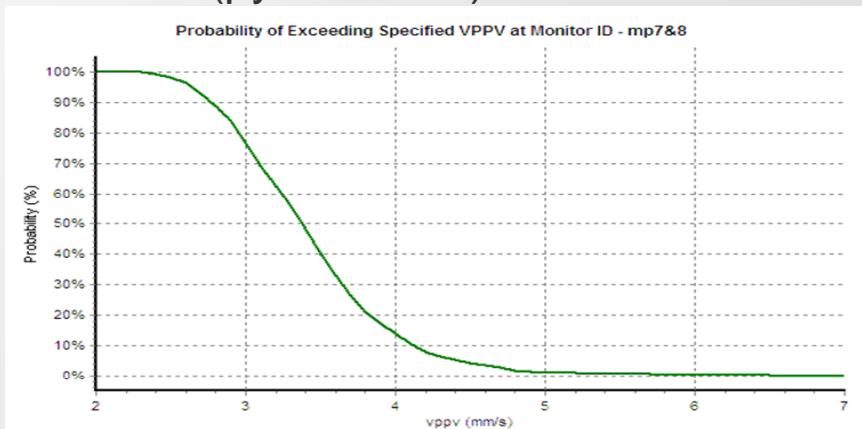


Figure 30. Mp 7 & 8, 255m distance. The risk of exceeding 4 mm/s is 13 %, average value 3.4 mm/s (Nonel detonators).

## Decked charges

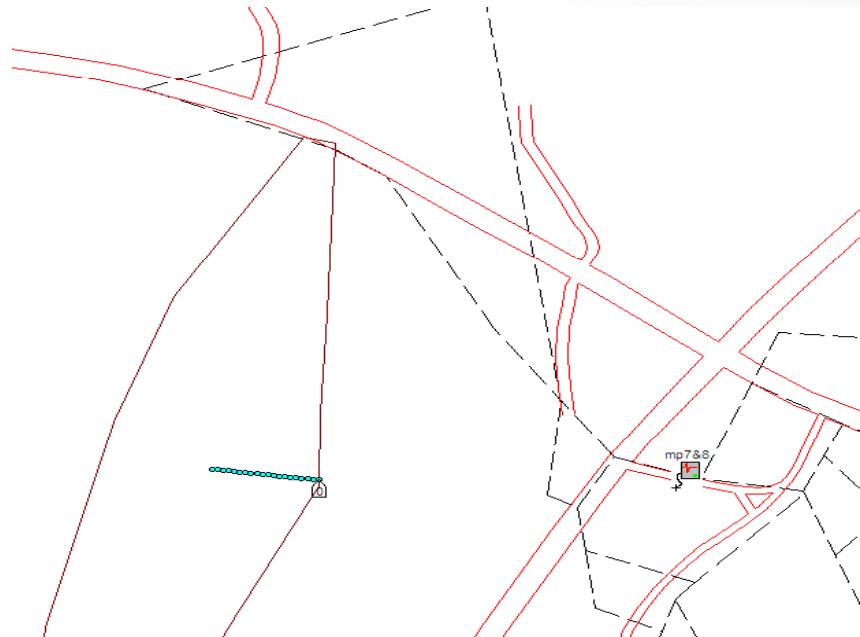
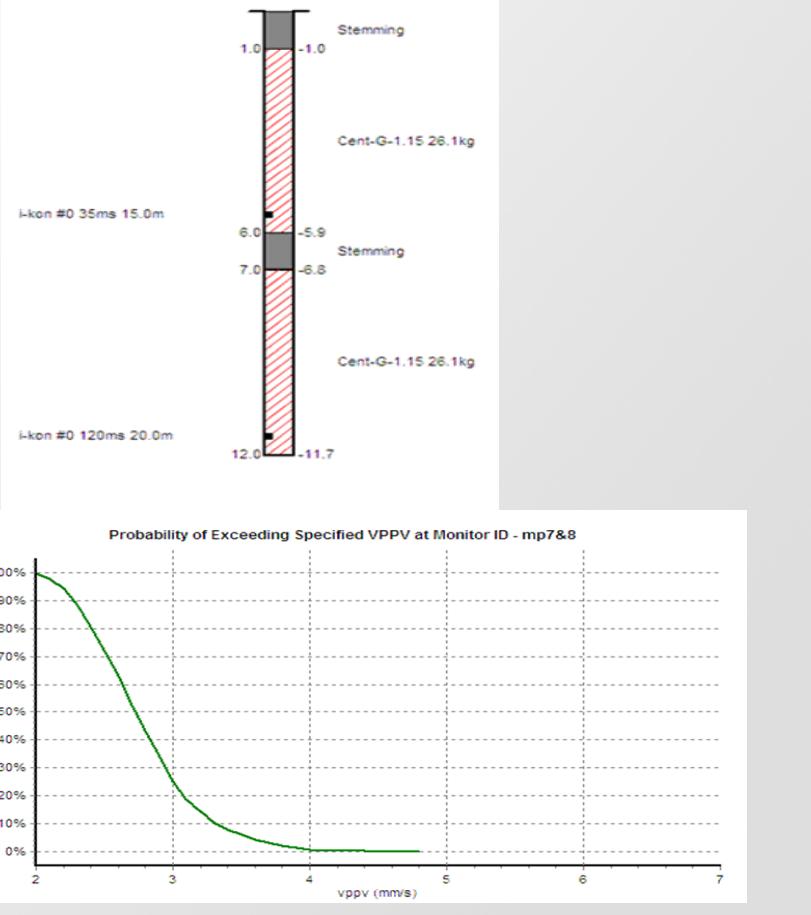


Figure 32. Mp 7 and Mp 8 approx. 1% risk to be above 4 mm/s. Average value: 2.8 mm/s. Delay times: 70 ms between holes and 35 ms between decks.



## Conclusions

- If fully charged holes are used together with 35 ms delay time,
  - It is possible to blast at 255 m distance from POI (without exceeding 4 mm/s). At shorter distances other actions ex. decked charges are needed.
- 
- The advantage with the MC model is that it's possible to investigate the effect of different blast patterns, delay times etc.
  - The model also reduces the spread in predicted data since more parameters can be determined.



## Monte Carlo model VS Charge Weight Scaling Law only

MC: prediction:

At 255 m distance the risk is 8% to go above 4 mm/s (average 3.2mm/s)

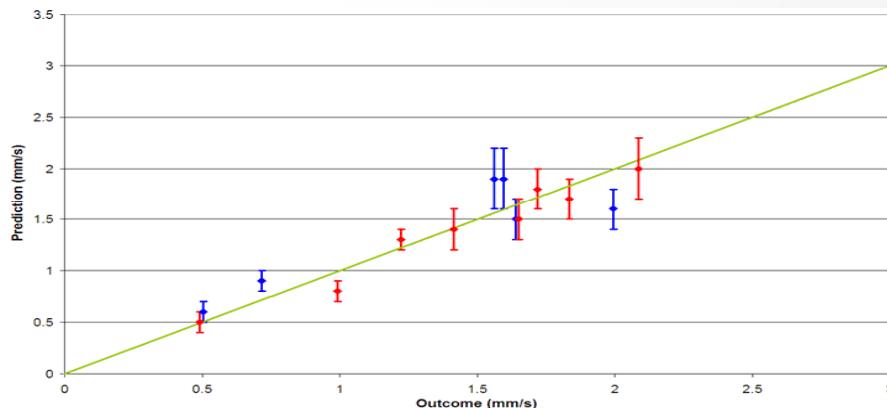


Figure 33, outcome from the Monte Carlo model.

CWSL: prediction

At 300 m distance the risk is 8 % to go above 4 mm/s (average 2.5 mm/s)

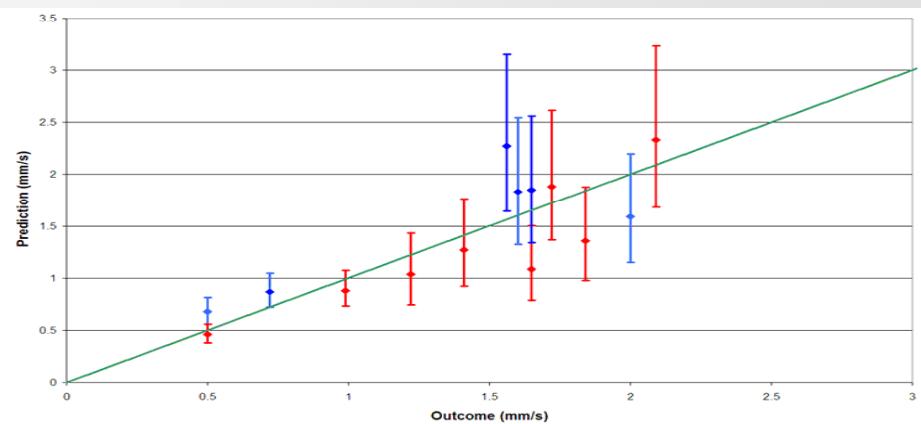


Figure 34, outcome from the charge weight scaling law equation model only.

# Airblast

- Parameters
- Prediction
- Response – houses
- Actions to reduce airblast

# Airblast

## Important parameters

Many important parameters, some difficult to control (Low frequency, you can not hear it):

- Distance
- Maximum instantaneous charge:
- Coupling – explosive/air
- Height and direction of bench , burden
- Topography
- Direction of initiation
- Weather conditions

# Airblast- prediction

$$P_{\max} = A \cdot \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt[3]{q}} \right)^{-B}$$

Where

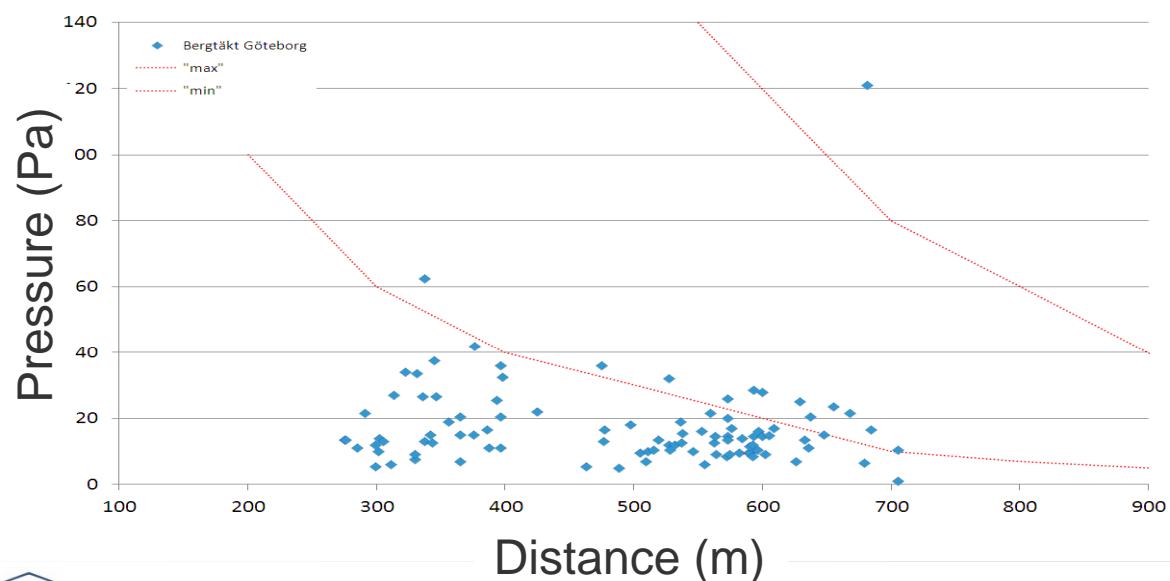
$P_{\max}$  = pressure (Pa)

r = distance (m)

q= max instantaneous charge(kg)

A= constant

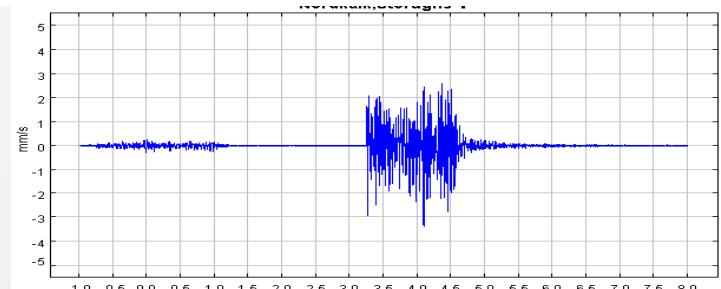
B= constant



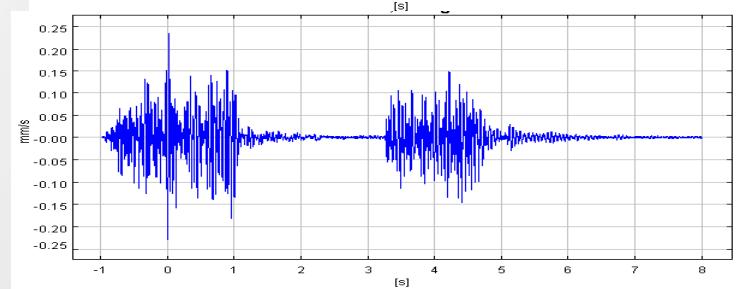
# Airblast - response



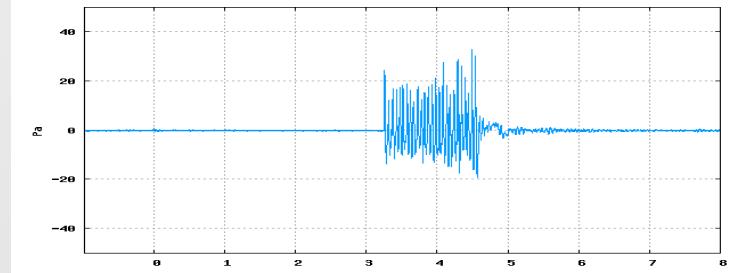
Floor



Foundation



Air Shock



# Blasting Management

## Airblast – How to reduce airblast

$$P_{\max} = A \cdot \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt[3]{q}} \right)^{-B}$$

- High levels of air pressure have often its cause from explosives that detonates into free air. This does in its turn often depends on that close by detonations has removed the “cover” from the explosive.
- The air overpressure can often be reduced if the stemming is properly placed and consists of a proper material.
- Bad weather conditions can sometimes be the cause and some quarries chose to wait for better weather if possible (i.e. change in wind direction)

# Vibrations and Airblasts

How are they monitored?

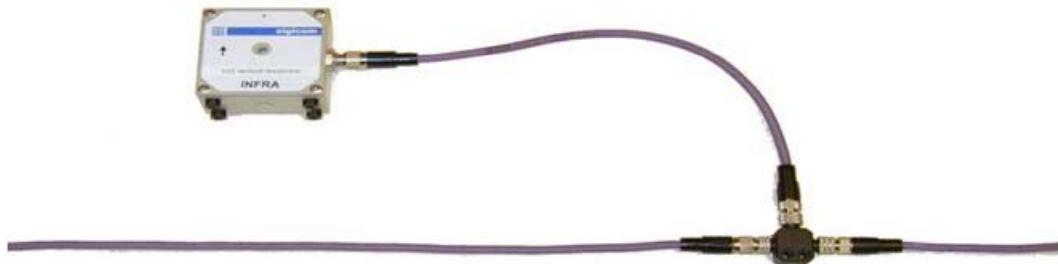
Mini

LR20 batteries  
Normally used  
by Nitro



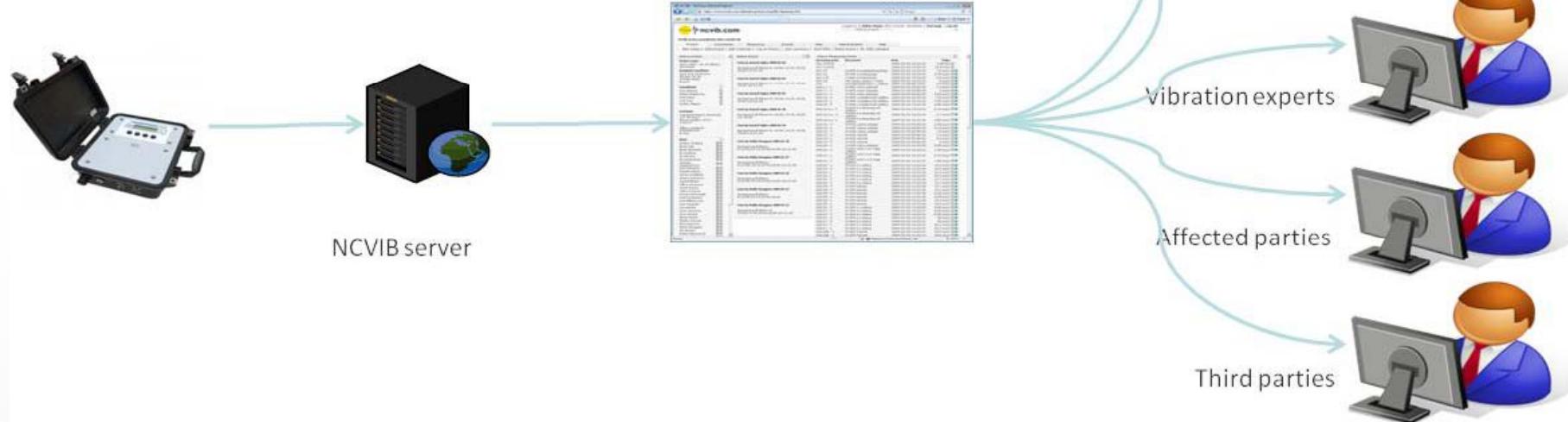
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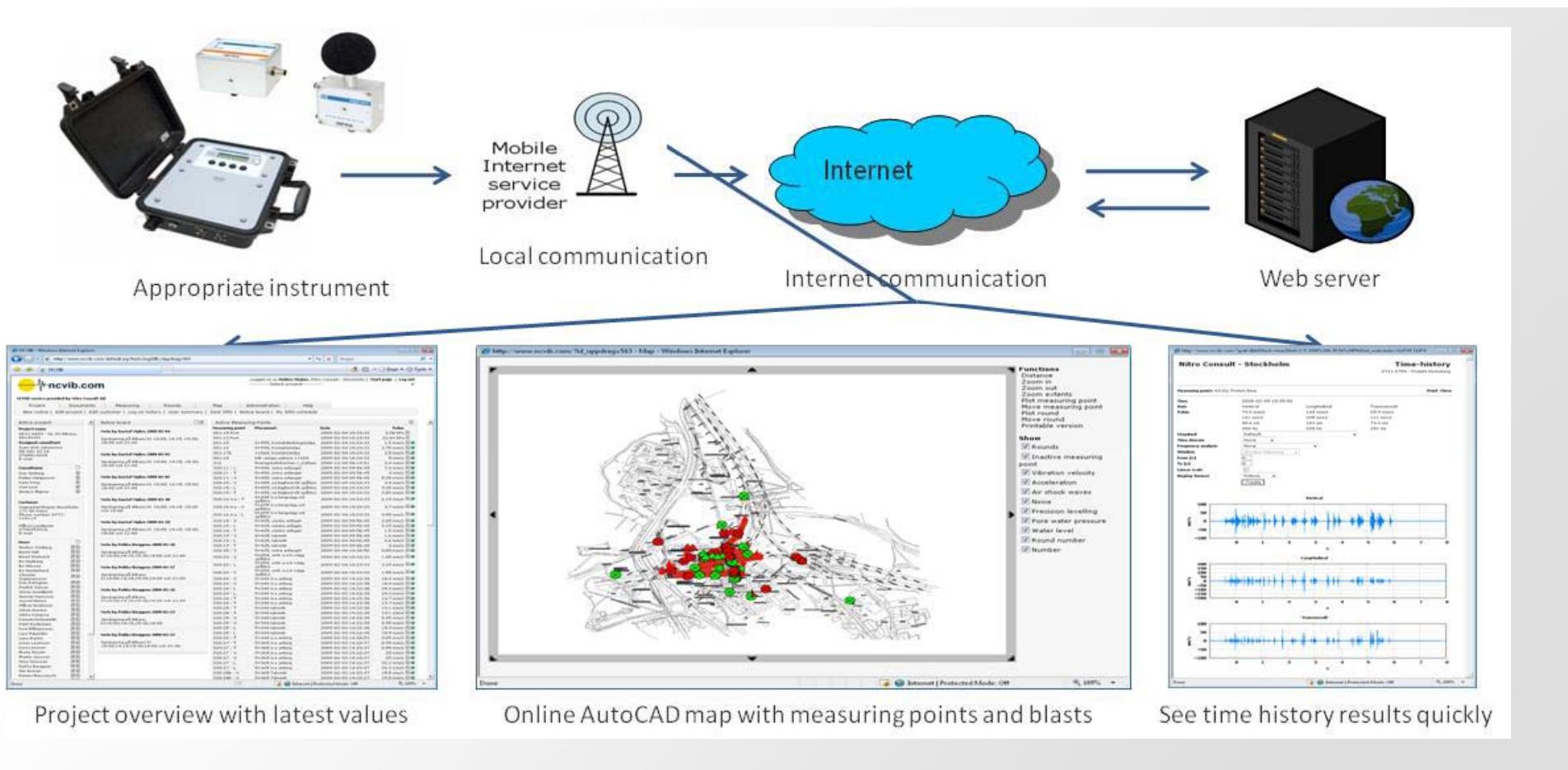
- INFRA sensors are connected with T-couplings
- Up to 15 sensors on one logger (Mini/Master)
- Up to 800 m cable length
- 6 meter drop cable
- The logger supplies power





Monitoring

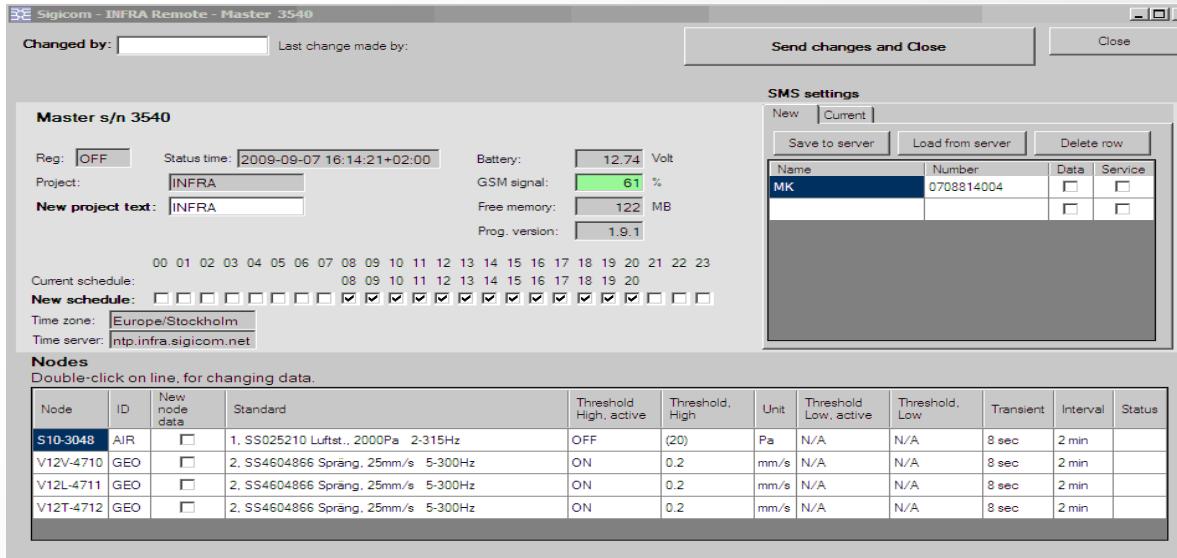




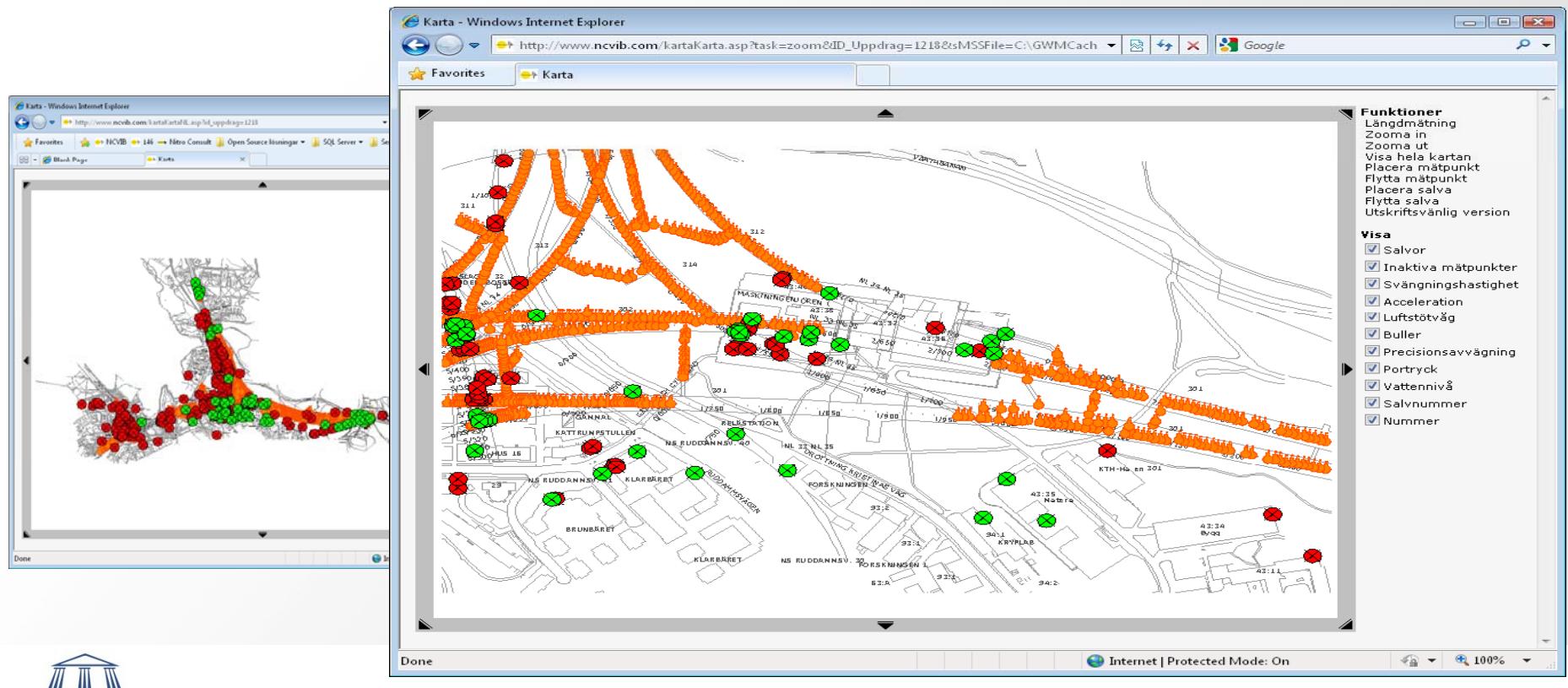
# Remote configuration of instruments

With INFRA Remote you can change standards, trigg levels, etc.

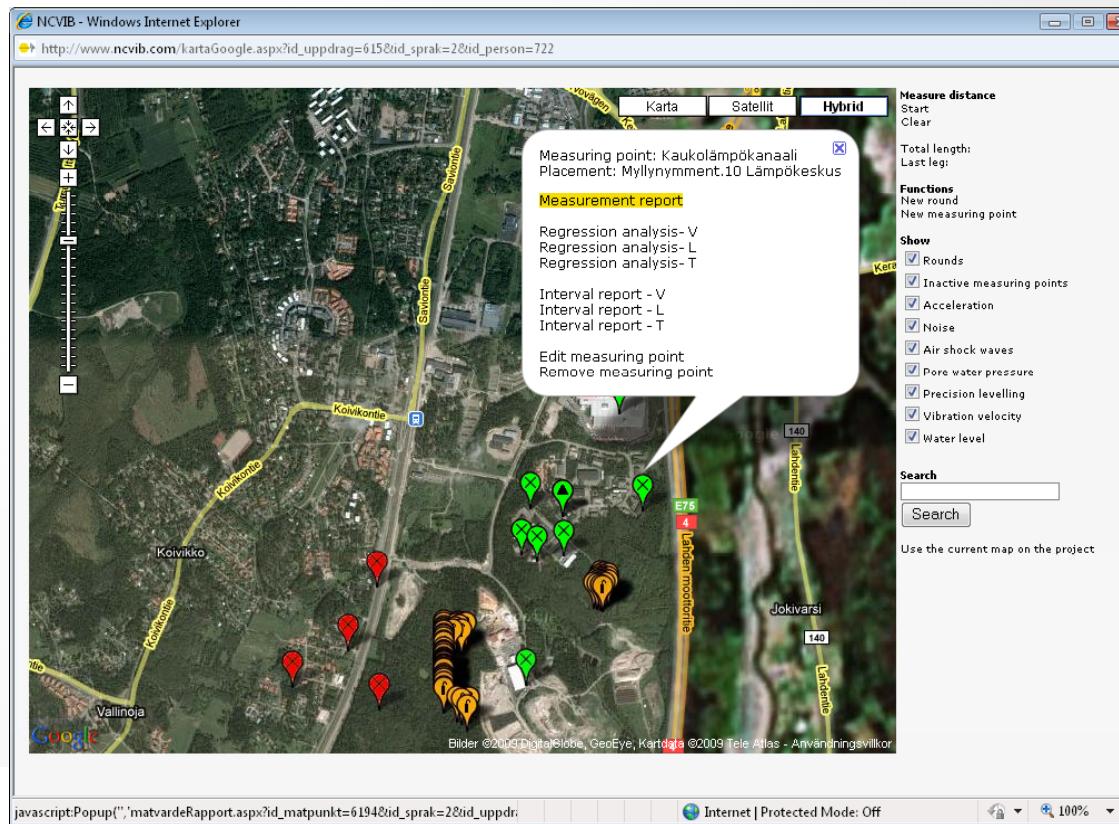
You can see battery-, gsm- and memory status.



# AutoCAD map support



# Support for Google Maps



# Measurement report

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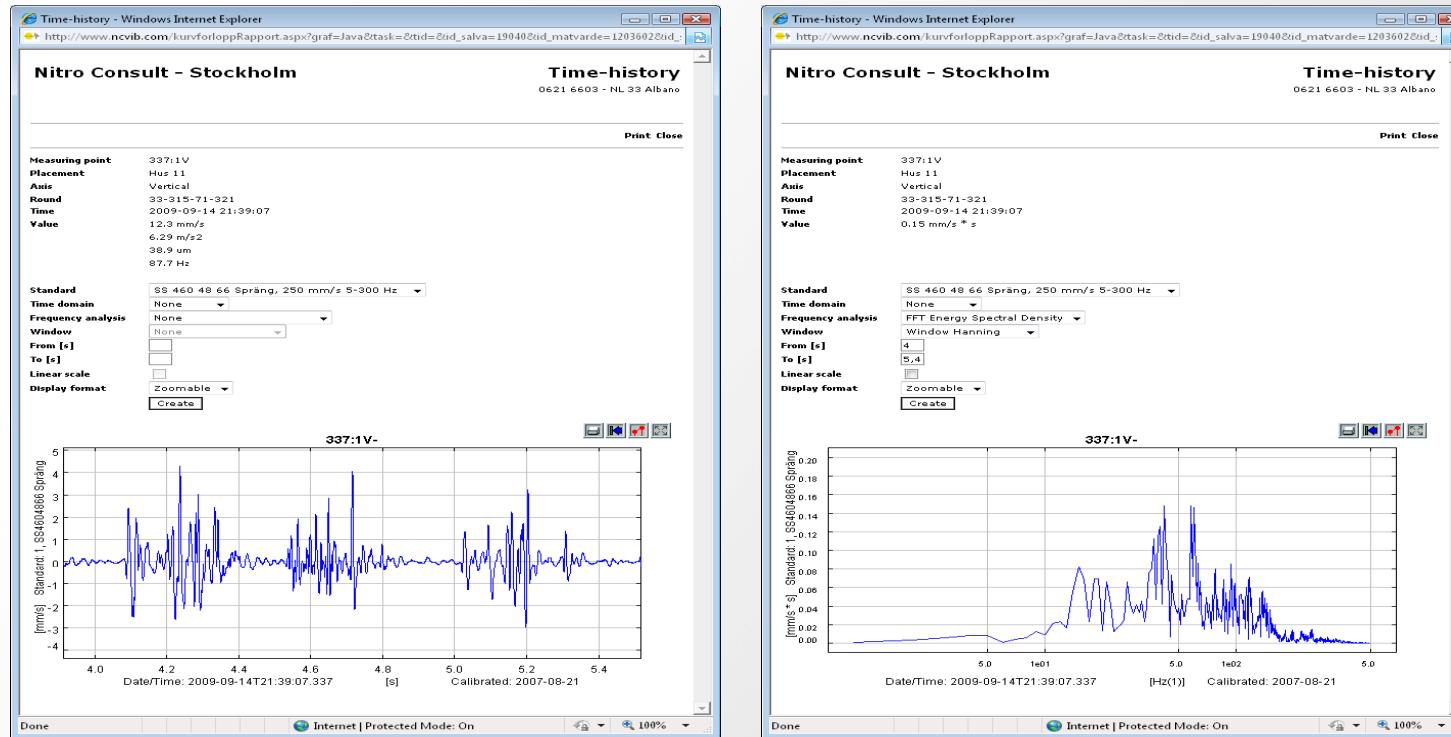
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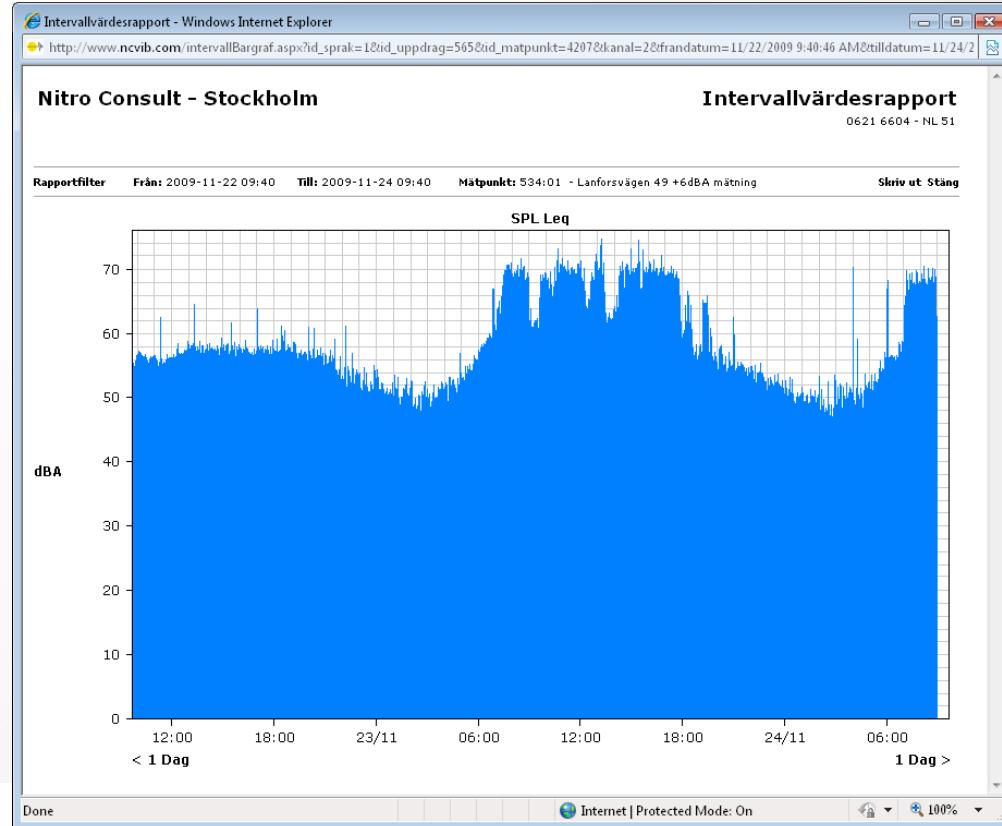
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# Wave forms with frequency analysis



# Continuous peak values



# Blast journal

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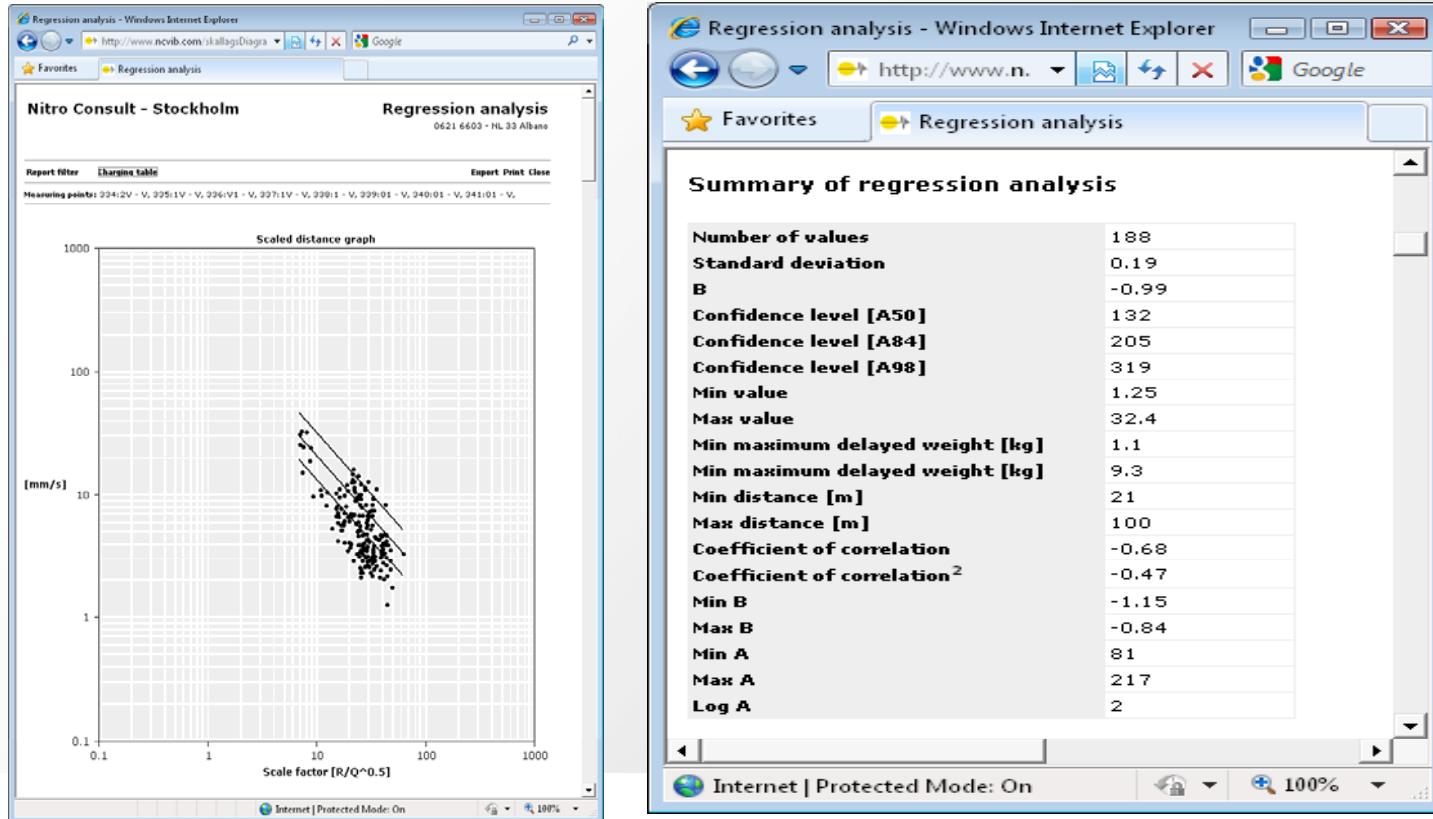
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Contract/part		Number of charges/hole	
Section	2383-2378	Number of intervals	
Signature	Pekka Bergren	Type of explosive	SSE
Date	2009-06-02	Charge/detonator [kg]	
Time	21:40:00	Charge/interval [kg]	
Time span [s]	300	Charge/round [kg]	687,3
North	81422	Type of detonator	LP Nonel
East	100357	Volume of rock [m <sup>3</sup> ]	500
Z	-1	Maximum simultaneous charge [kg]	18,3
Number of holes	140	Specific charge [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1,37
Hole diameter [mm]	48	Type of cover	
Spacing [m]		Number of covers	
Burden [m]			
Hole depth [m]	5		
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320:11 - T	5+450, östra anfagnet	2009-06-02 21:44:36	5.0 mm/s	92	4%	94	
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# Automated regression analysis



# Charging table

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**Avstånd**

Från  \*

Till

Inkrement

Gräns

Avståndsberoende

Undergrund

125%

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Charge table filter

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25	3,5	1,4	0,6
30	5	2,1	0,8
35	6,8	2,8	1,1
40	8,9	3,6	1,5
45	11,2	4,6	1,9
50	13,9	5,7	2,3
55	16,8	6,9	2,8
60	20	8,2	3,4
65	23,4	9,6	4
70	27,2	11,2	4,6
75	31,2	12,8	5,3
80	35,5	14,6	6
85	40	16,5	6,8
90	44,9	18,5	7,6
95	50	20,6	8,5
100	55,4	22,0	9,4

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

- Lundborg (Svedefo)

$$L_{\max} = 260 \cdot \left( \frac{d}{25} \right)^{2/3}$$

Charge diameter (mm)	max Throw distance (m)
25	260
32	307
40	356
45	385
50	413
70	517
76	546
89	606
300	1363
375	1581

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

The cause of fly rock can be divided in to 4 categories:

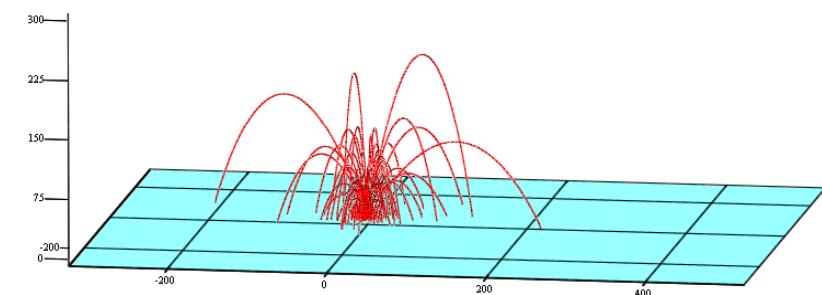
- Cratering
- “Face bursting”
- ”Rifling”
- Secondary blasting

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

### Cratering

- The stemming column of a blast pattern usually lies in a weakened layer due to subgrade damage from previous blasts. In this region, blast gases can propagate through cracks to the horizontal free surface and cause cratering and associated flyrock. Similar effects can occur if the vertical burden is insufficient. Fly rock can in this case fly in almost any direction

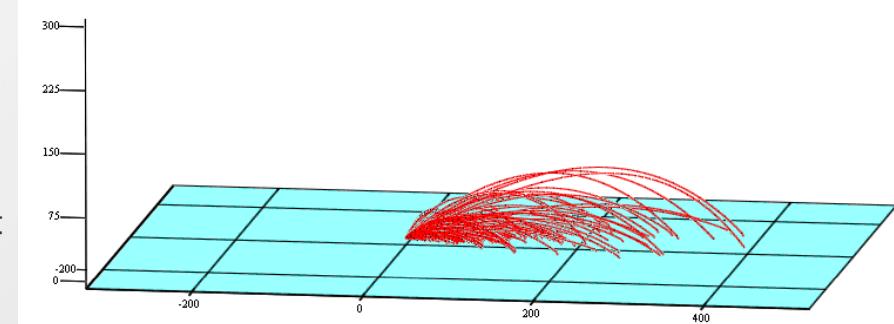


# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

### “Face bursting”

- This occurs when explosive charges intersect or are in close proximity to major geological structures or zones of weakness in the face region. The high pressure can then readily vent to atmosphere and also impart high velocities to fragmented portions of the face. Face bursting can also occur when the front row has insufficient burden or drilling deviations from design. Fly rock does in this case mainly fly in a horizontal direction in front of the bench face and in an approx 120° sector in the direction of the blast (forward) .

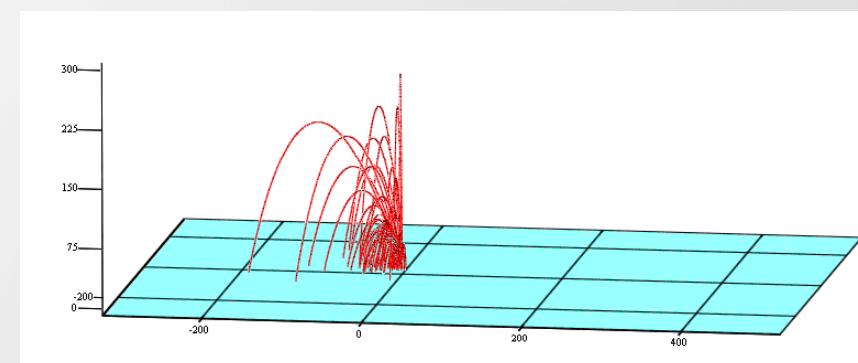


# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

### "Rifling"

- This occurs when stemming material is inefficient or insufficient. Blast gases can vent up along the blast hole to launch stemming material and/or fragments from the collar region. The direction of fly rock does in this case coincide with the direction of the bore hole



# Blasting Management

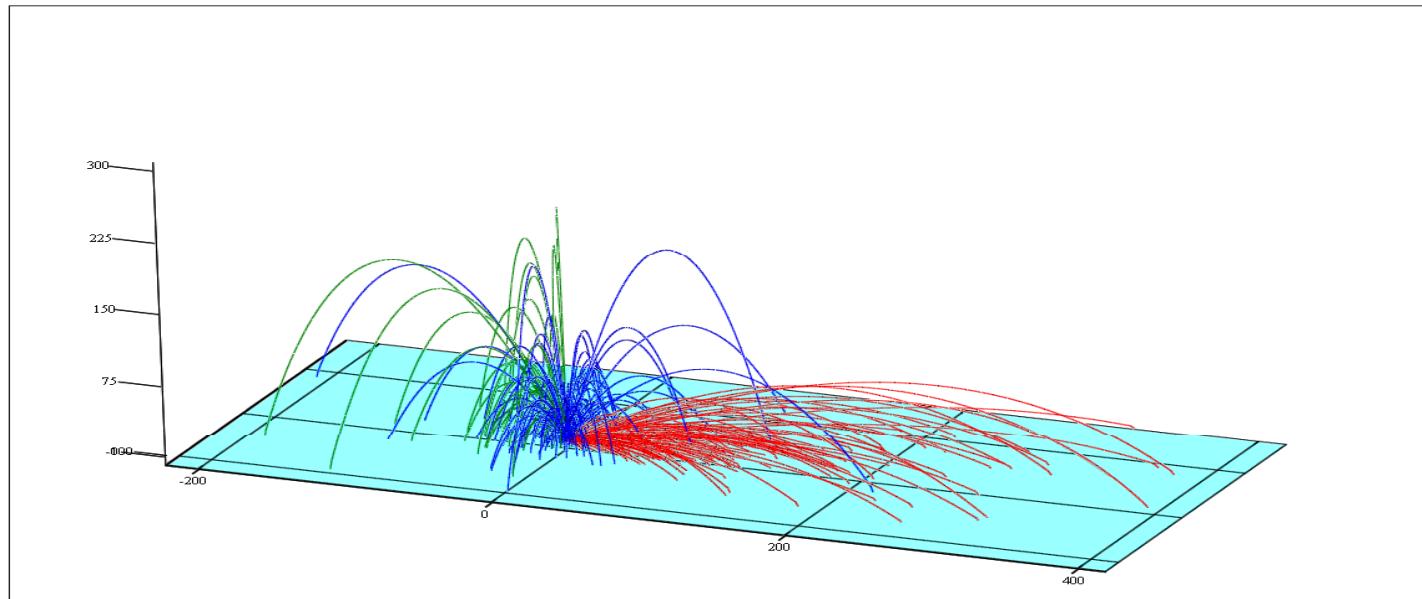
## Flyrock

### Secondary blasting

- Secondary blasting can include toe blasts and blasts used to break boulders. Although secondary blasting employs relatively small charges, all charges are relatively close to many free faces and so have the potential to launch high velocity fly rock due to these small burdens. This type of fly rock is less predictable than the fly rock caused by primary blasting. It might be a good idea to place the boulder in a place where the risk of dangerous fly rock is minimized; another solution is to cover the boulders with heavy rubber mats before blasting.

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock



faceburst, cratering, rifle

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock

Charge diameter		Theoretical maximum fly length	"Normal fly length"	Safety distance	"Normal fly length"	Safety distance
inch	mm	SveDeFo	In front (m)	In front(m)	Back (m)	Back (m)
2	51	420	85-150	300	45-85	170
3	76	540	110-190	380	55-110	220
3 1/2	89	600	120-210	420	60-120	240
4	102	660	130-220	440	70-130	260
6	152	870	170-290	580	90-170	340

# Blasting Management

## Flyrock – How to reduce fly rock

- Reduce charge concentration
- Increase stemming/ burden (stemming length should be larger than burden in fly rock backwards should be minimised)
- Cover (rubber mats/ sand)

The condition for fly lengths described here, is that the blasting is totally controlled concerning stemming, ignition plan, cleanup of bench, bore hole precision, charging of first row etc. The thoroughness of these precautions defines the risk of fly distances longer than “normal”.

In order to keep control: Scan rock face, measure hole deviation (law in many countries), good quality stemming material. Not too many rows in the round ( $\leq 4$ ),

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