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## Analisis banco-berma

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# Introduction

## Stability analysis

### Compliance with a stability acceptance criteria

- Factor of safety
- Probability of failure
- Size of failure

### Scale of analysis

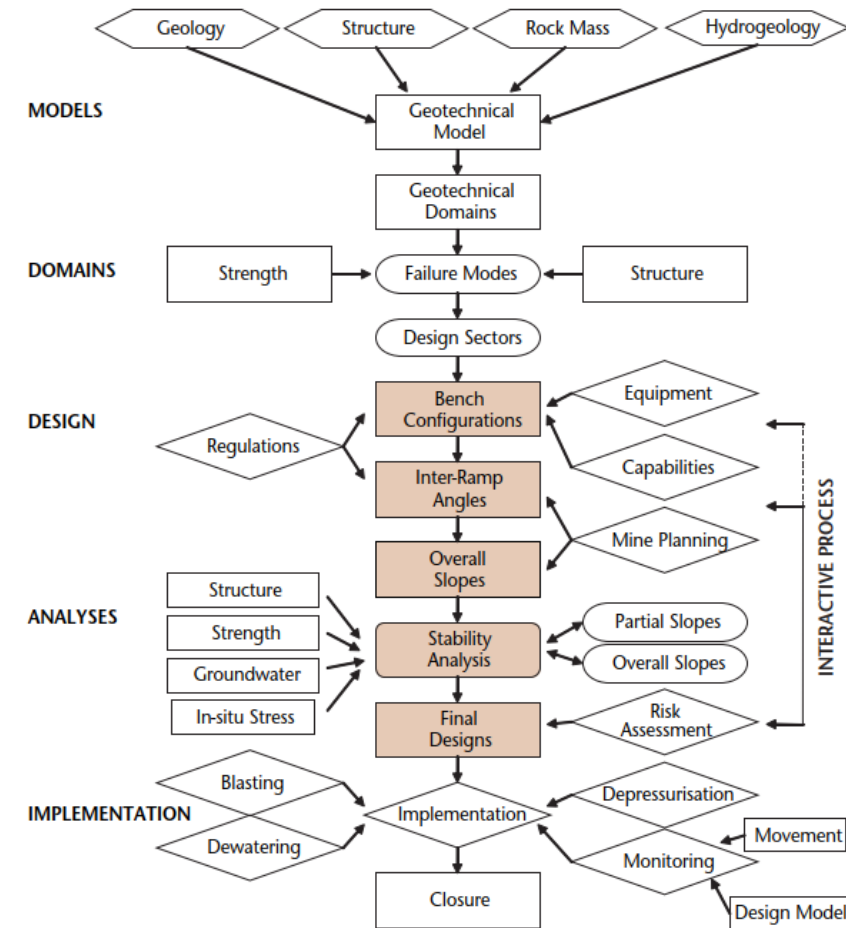
- Bench configuration
- Interramp slope
- Global slope

### Techniques

- Limit equilibrium
- Numerical modelling

### Outcome

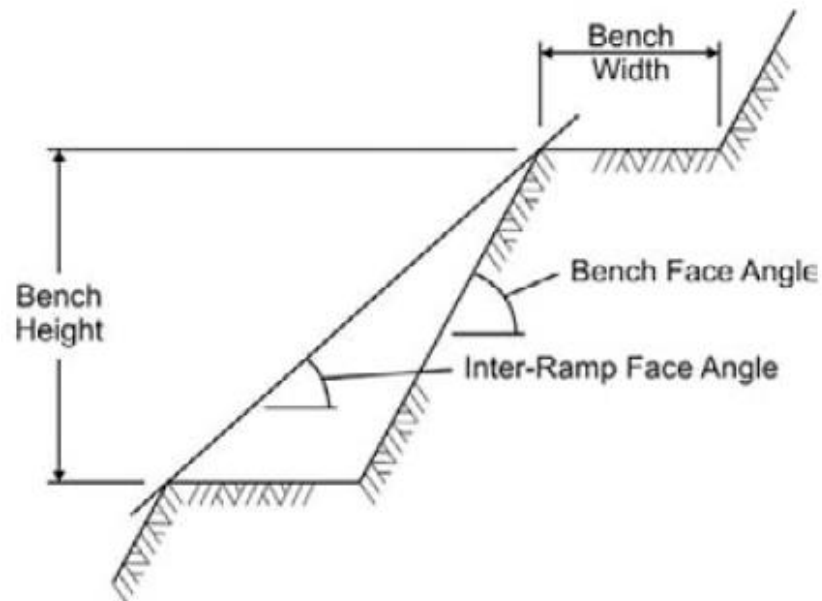
- Final design -> slope geometry



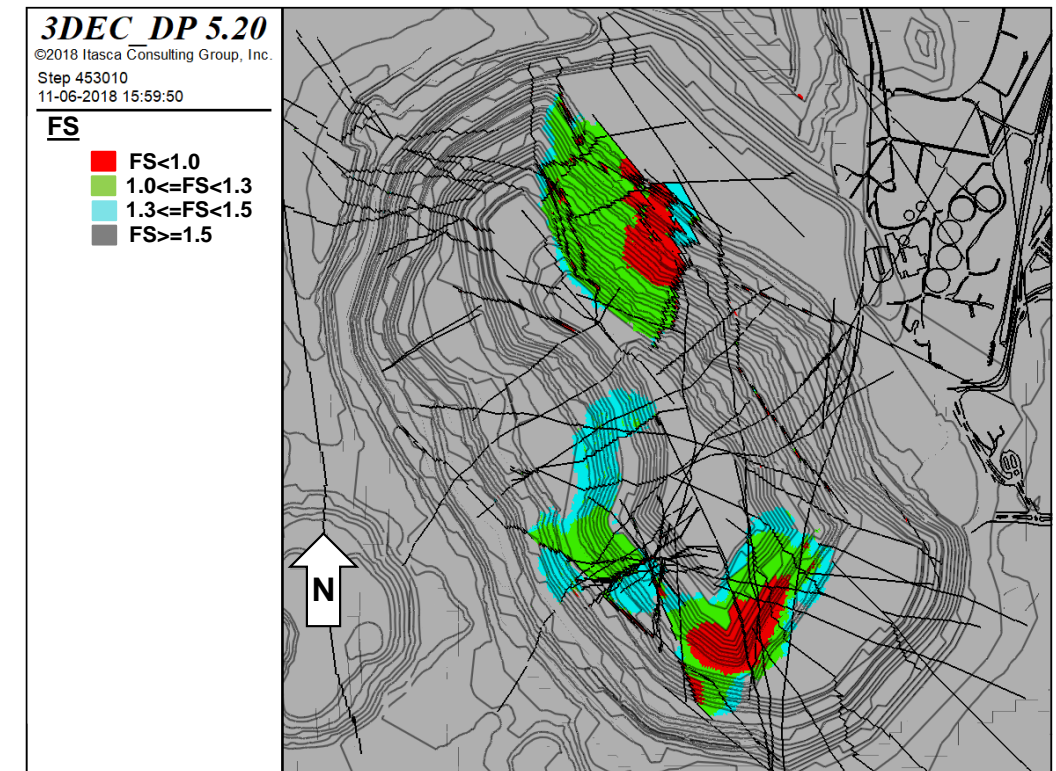
# Introduction

## Bench, interramp and global analysis

### Bench-berm analysis



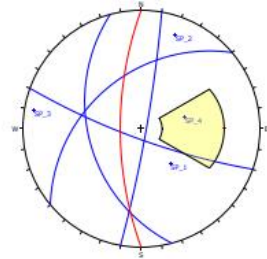
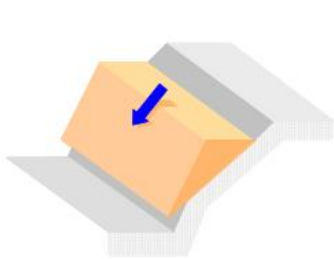
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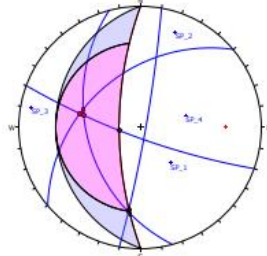
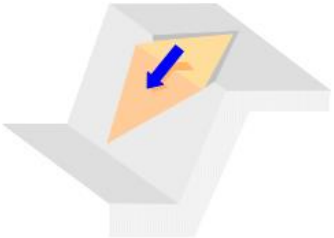
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## Simple and complex modes of failure

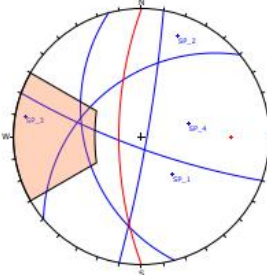
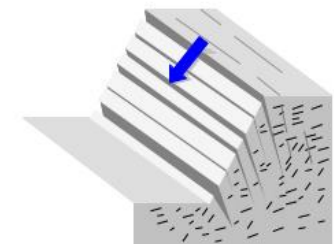
### Planar failure



### Wedge failure



### Toppling failure



## Complex modes of failure



# Introduction

## Design acceptance criteria

Reliability	Descriptor	Consequence					Comments
		Very low	Low	Moderate	High	Very high	
1	Very low reliability	1.35	1.4	1.5	X	X	Limited knowledge
2	Low reliability	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.45	1.5	Reasonable knowledge: bottom of Large Open Pit (LOP) range
3	Moderate reliability	1.25	1.25	1.3	1.35	1.4	LOP approach: central case
4	High reliability	1.2	1.2	1.25	1.3	1.3	Top of LOP range
5	Very high reliability	1.15	1.2	1.2	1.25	1.25	Detailed knowledge

RTKC reliability-based design acceptance criteria table of Factory of Safety for overall slope (ME Robotham, 2021)



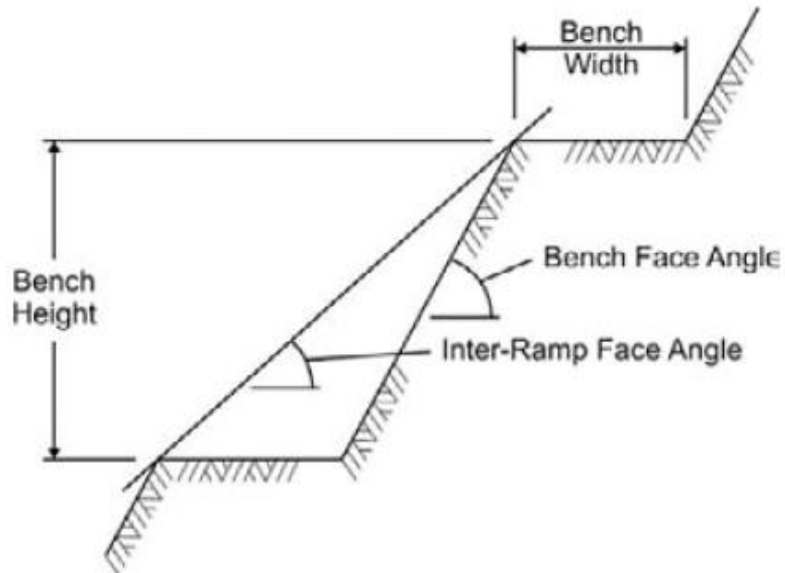
# Bench-berm analysis

## Geotechnical design process

The principal function of the benches is to provide a safe environment for personnel and equipment that must work near the slope face. Accordingly, they must satisfy needs for:

- Reliability, which requires stable bench faces and bench crests
- Safety, which requires bench widths sufficient to arrest and mitigate the danger of rockfalls and contain any spillage from the benches above.

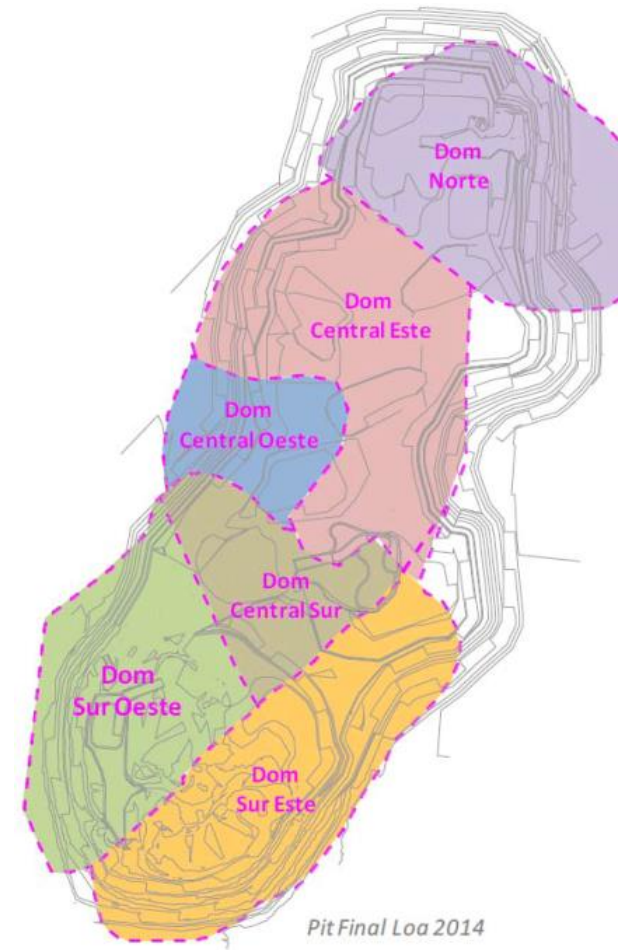
(LOP guidelines, 2009)



# Bench-berm analysis

## Example of structural domains and joint sets

Domain		Dip		Dip Dir	
Name	Set	(°)		(°)	
Central Este	1a	74	± 3	274	± 6
	2ac	71	± 3	251	± 6
	3bc	75	± 2	200	± 4
	4bc	82	± 3	18	± 6
	5ac	76	± 2	76	± 4
Central Sur	1a	72	± 3	5	± 6
	2ac	82	± 3	27	± 6
	3ac	77	± 2	203	± 4
	4br	77	± 2	70	± 5
	5bc	82	± 2	94	± 5
	6bc	81	± 2	278	± 4
Central Oeste	1a	59	± 2	29	± 4
	2ar	58	± 2	6	± 4
	3b	59	± 2	195	± 4
	4a	35	± 2	35	± 4
	5br	60	± 3	231	± 7
Norte	1	85	± 4	17	± 8
	2	85	± 4	201	± 7
	3	37	± 3	17	± 6
	4	85	± 2	138	± 3
	5	85	± 2	241	± 5
	6	50	± 2	113	± 4
Sur Este	1	43	± 3	320	± 6
	2	73	± 4	356	± 8
	3	83	± 3	152	± 6
	4	52	± 1	171	± 3
	5	69	± 3	303	± 7
Sur Oeste	1	76	± 4	290	± 8
	2	83	± 2	166	± 5
	3	69	± 2	249	± 4
	4bc	75	± 2	201	± 4
	5a	29	± 4	300	± 9
	6bc	54	± 4	32	± 9
	7ac	33	± 3	96	± 5



# Bench-berm analysis

## Backbreak analysis

### Assumption

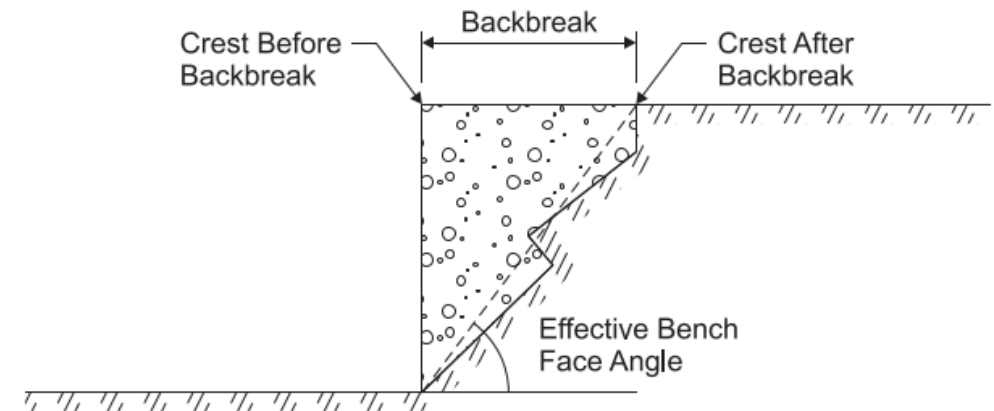
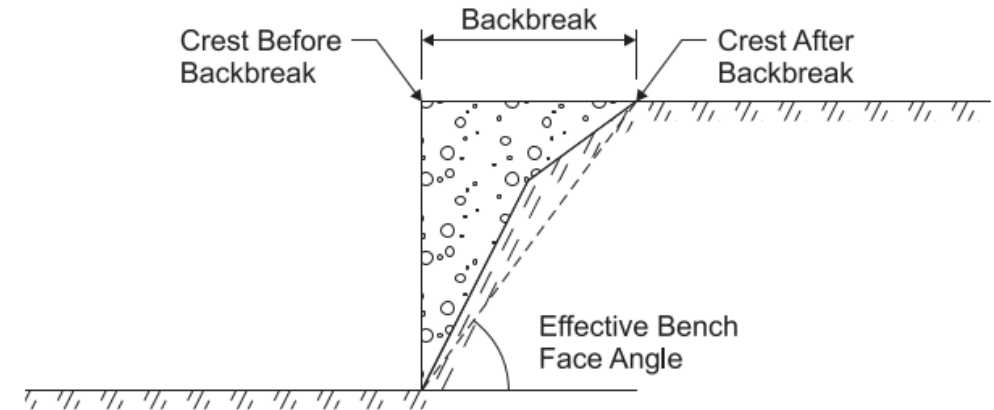
- Catch bench width (by design) is input and determined to provide enough retention to contain spillage from every potential failure from above benches.
- Bench height is also input based on ore selectivity.
- Bench width (m) =  $0.2 \times \text{bench height} + 4.5$  m (Ryan & Pryor, 2000)

### Acceptance criteria

- Establish a bench reliability that usually is 80%

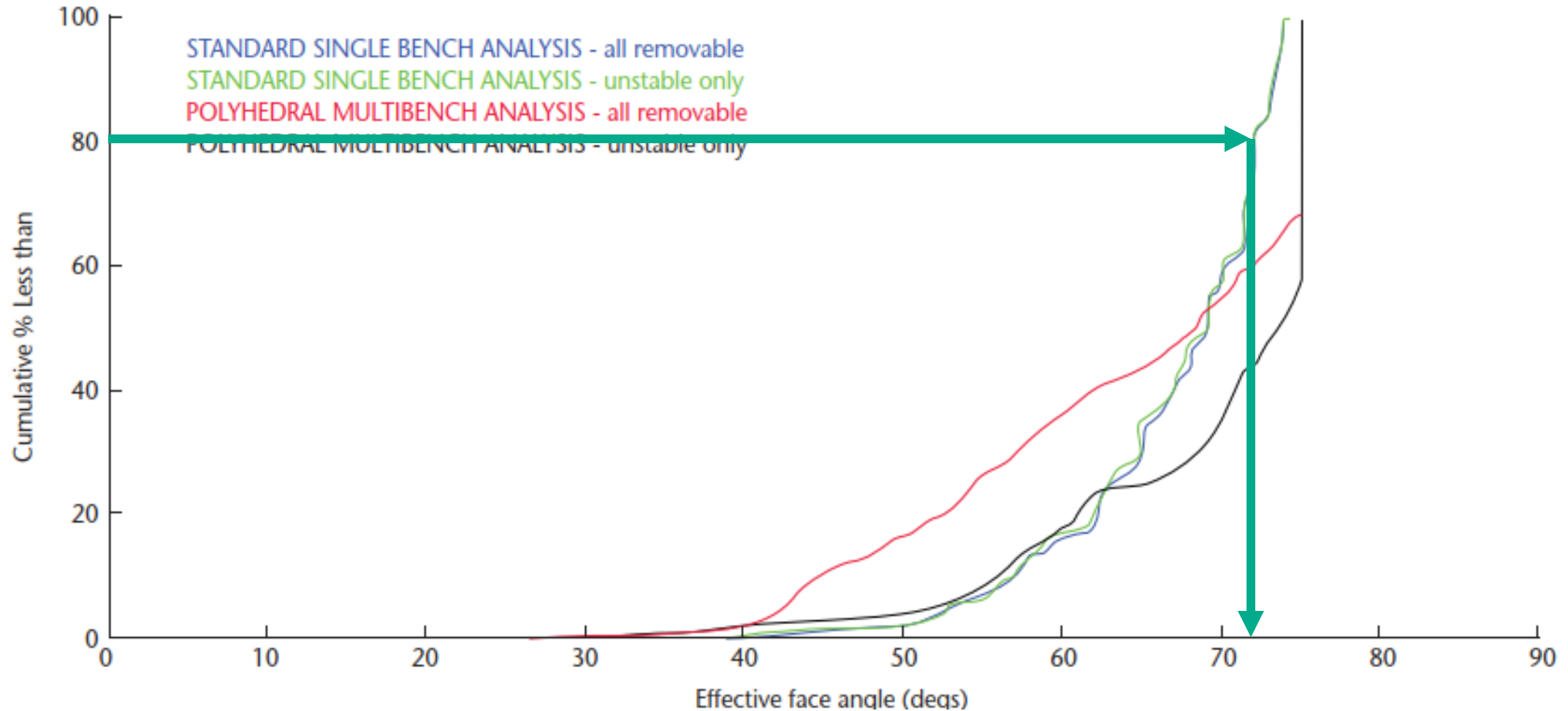
### Bench geometry

- Bench face is an output to determine bench geometry and interramp angle constrained by bench retention.



# Bench-berm analysis

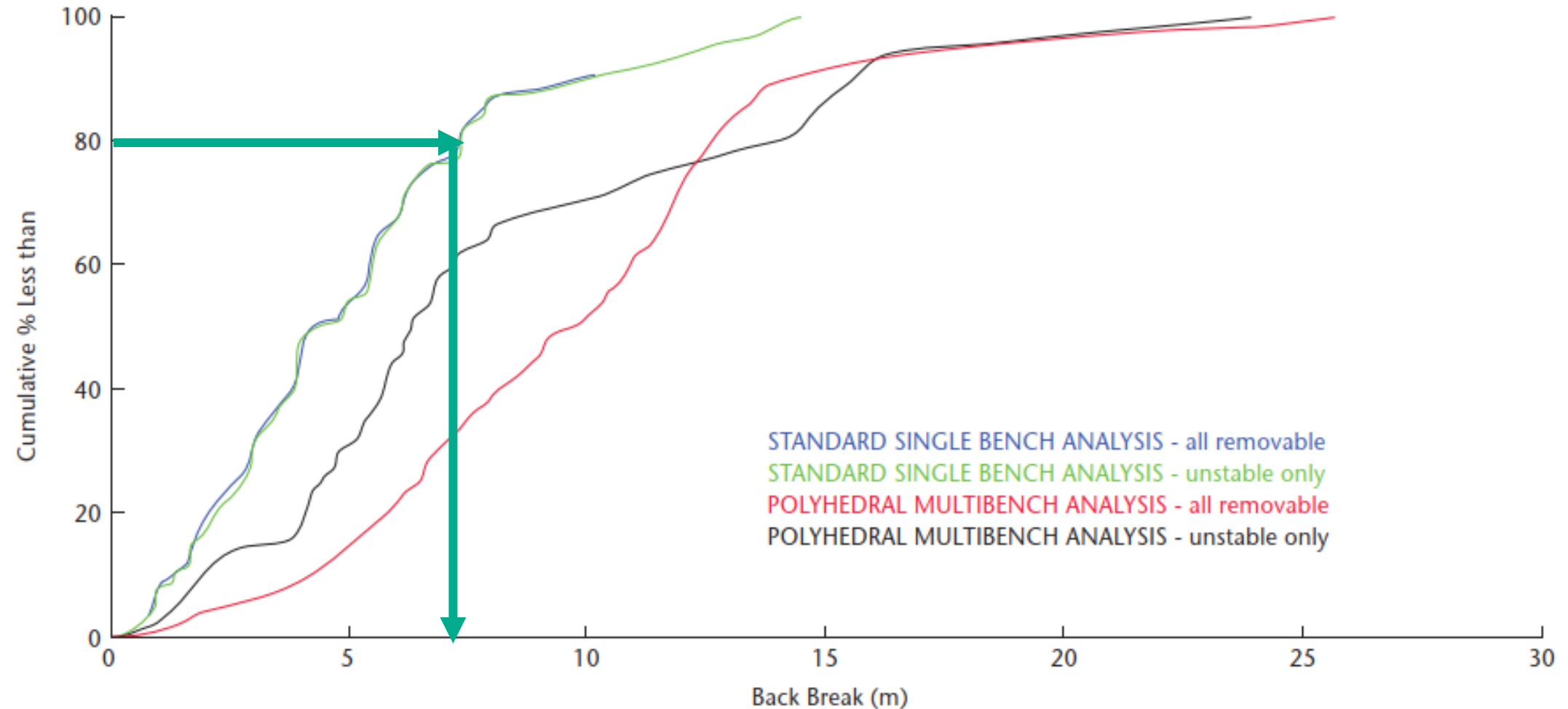
## Backbreak analysis





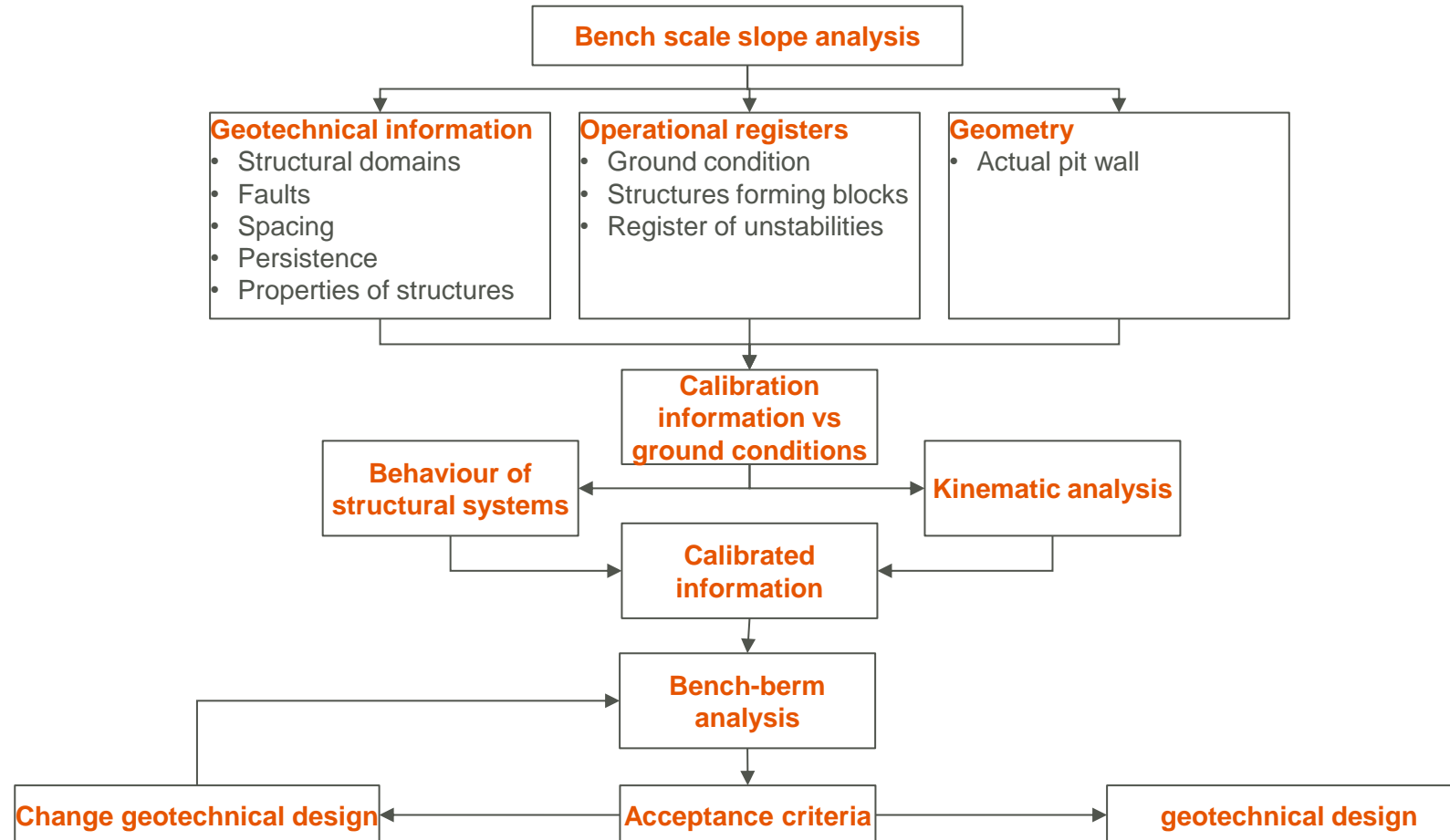
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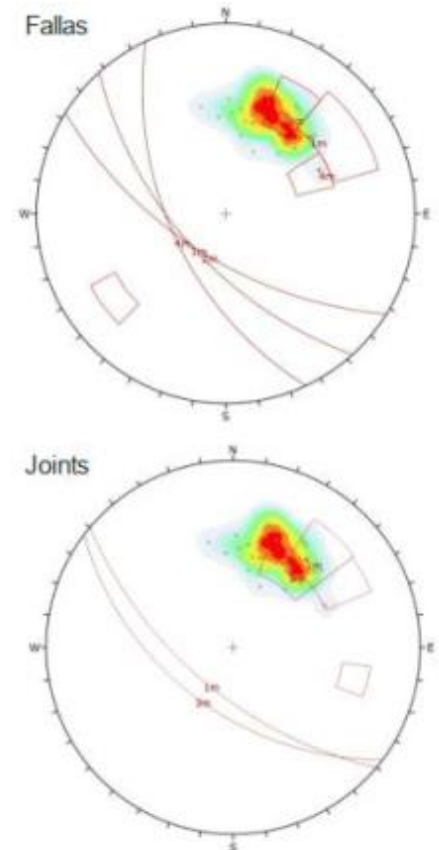
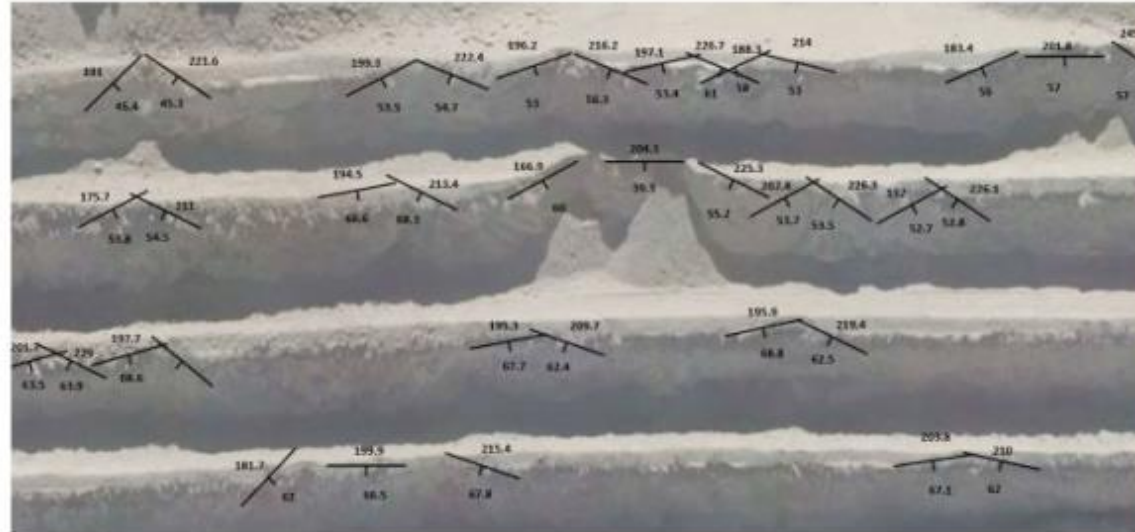
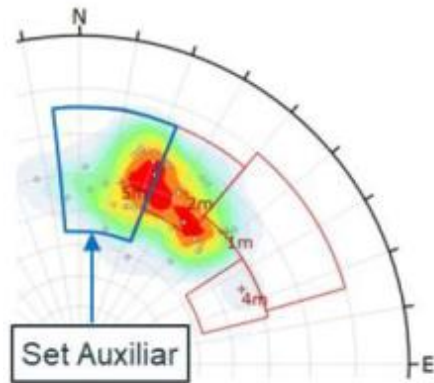
## Example of application



Adapted from Hormazabal et al, 2015

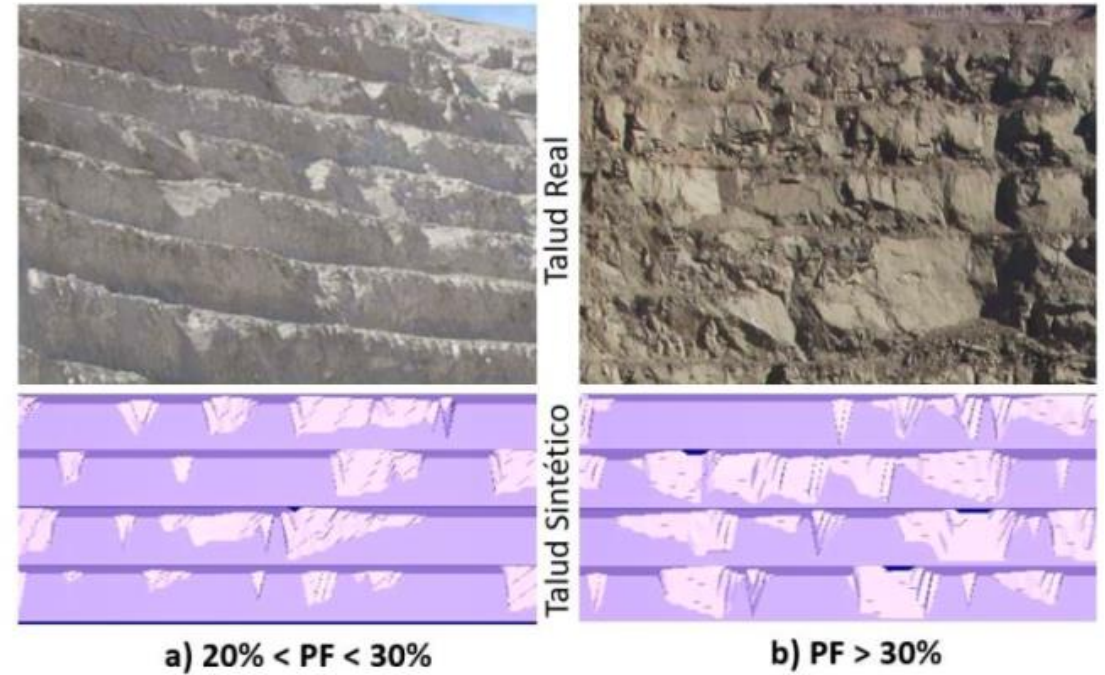
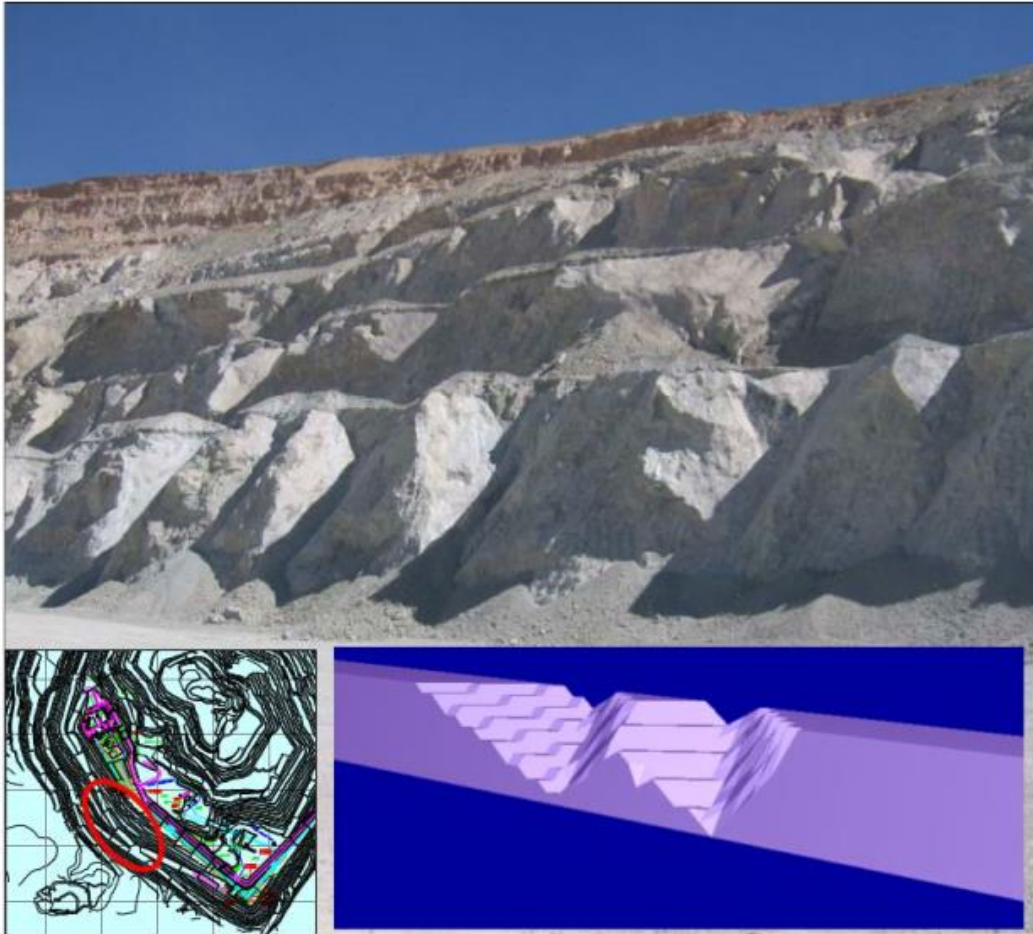
# Bench-berm analysis

Structural condition impacting bench performance



# Bench-berm analysis

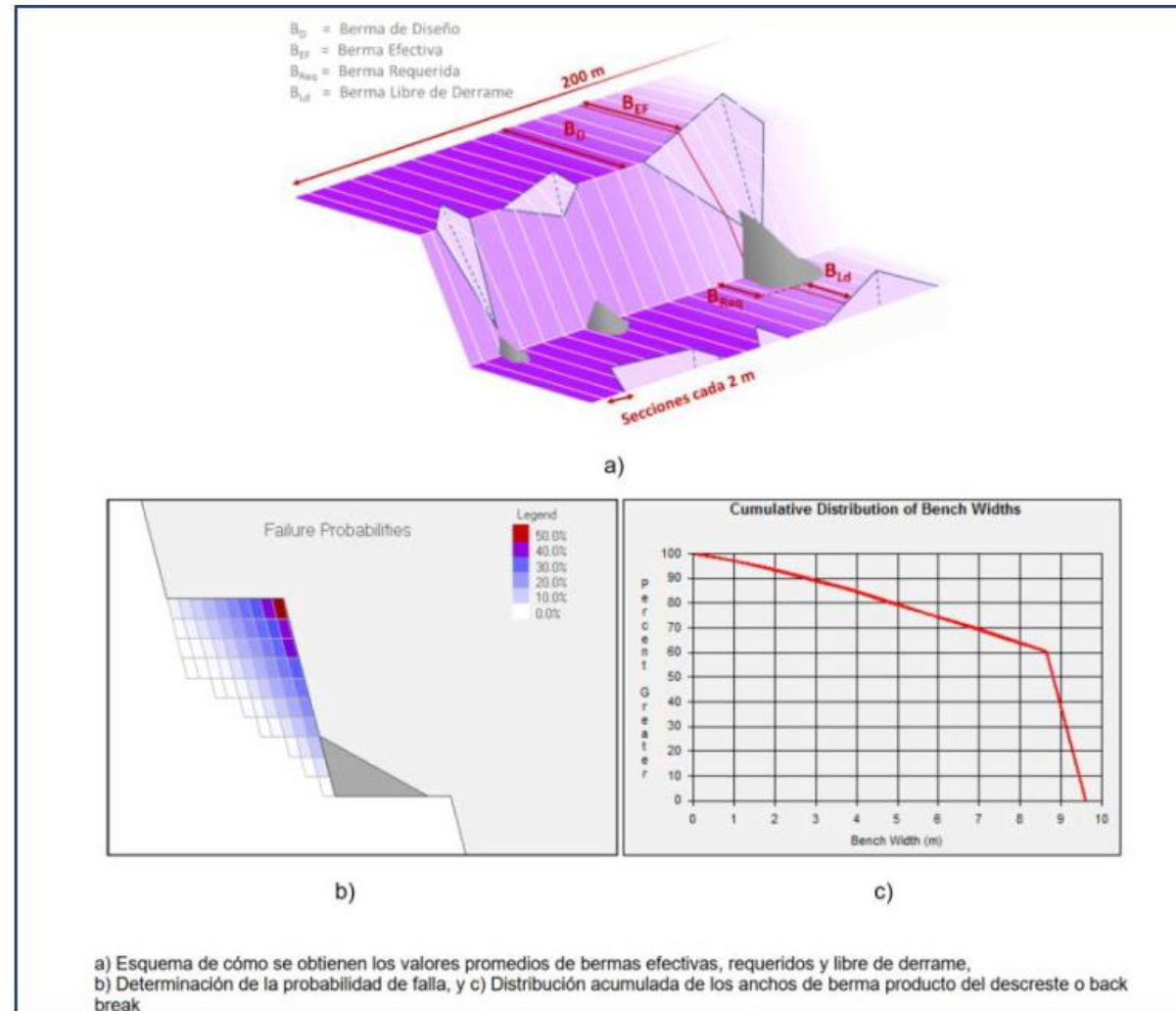
## Calibration of results





# Bench-berm analysis

## Compliance with acceptance criteria



Hormazabal et al, 2015

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# Bench-berm analysis

## Runout analysis

### Assumption

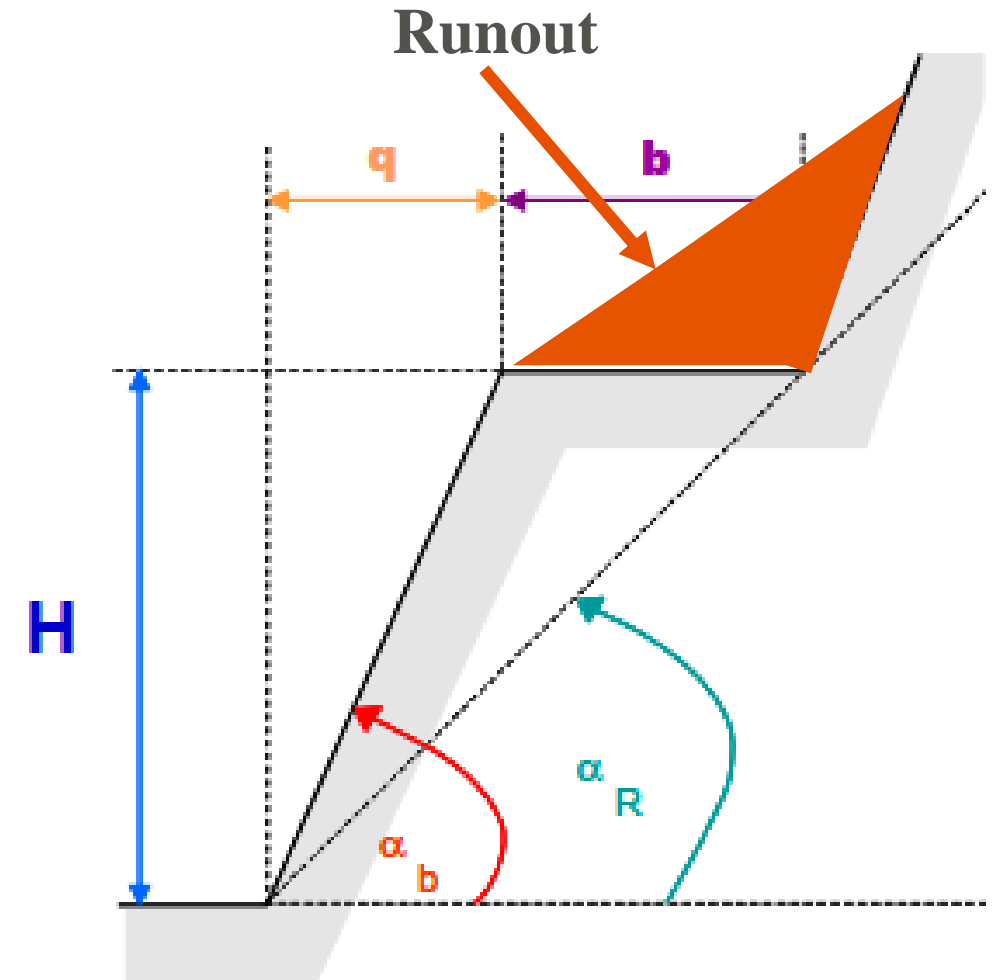
- Bench face is an input determined by equipment capacity to dig a certain angle.
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### Acceptance criteria

- Establish a catch bench runout retention usually 80%, to contain a failure of the above bench.

### Bench geometry

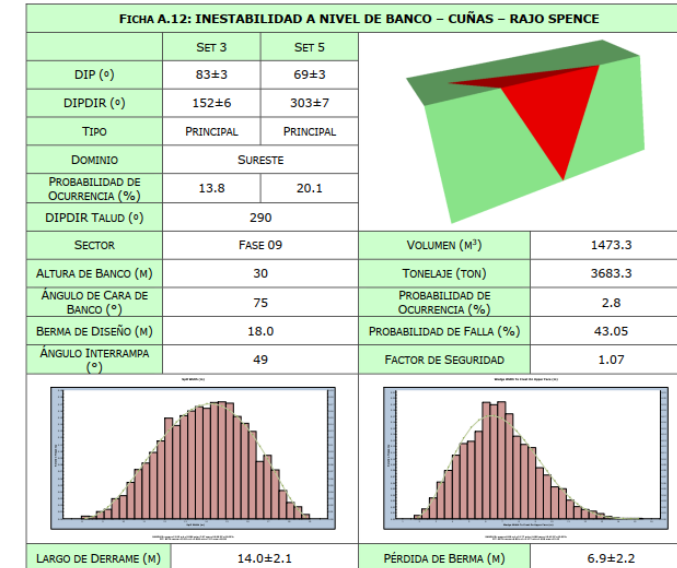
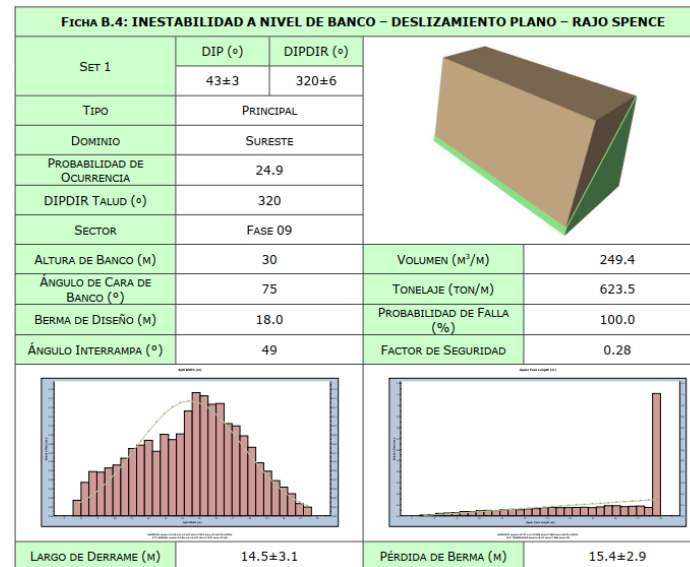
- Bench width is an output to determine bench geometry and interramp angle constrained by bench retention.



# Bench-berm analysis

## Runout length estimation

- For each structural domain
- For each Bench failure mechanism
- Number of stable and unstable cases (probability of failure)
- Each failed volume determine a spillage length and backbreak

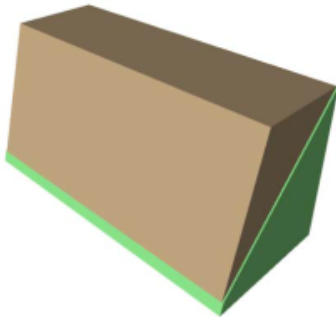


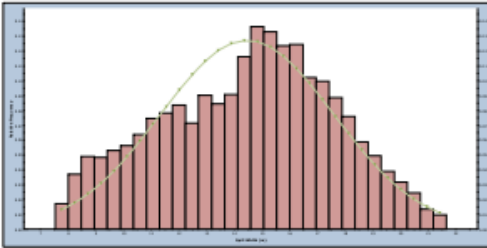
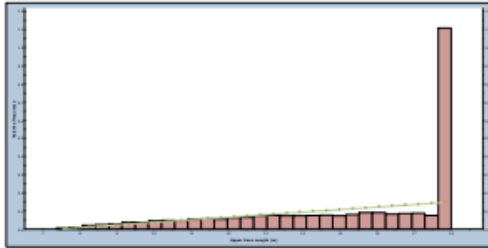
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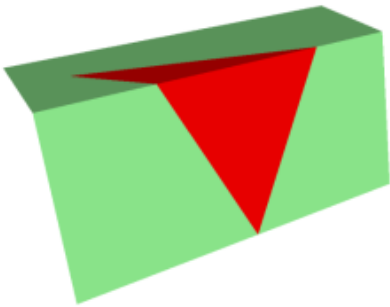
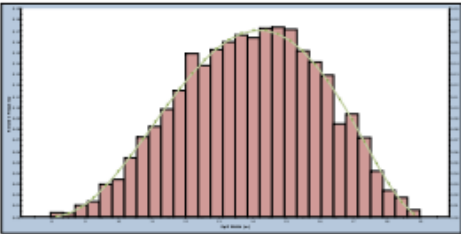
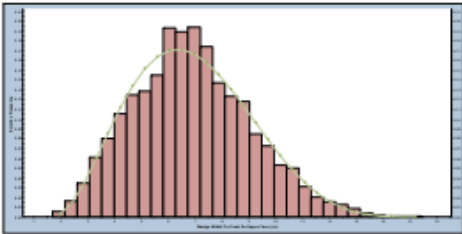
# Bench-berm analysis

Runout length estimation for each bench failure mechanism

FICHA B.4: INESTABILIDAD A NIVEL DE BANCO – DESLIZAMIENTO PLANO – RAJO SPENCE			
SET 1	DIP (°)	DIPDIR (°)	
	43±3	320±6	
TIPO	PRINCIPAL		
DOMINIO	SURESTE		
PROBABILIDAD DE OCURRENCIA	24.9		
DIPDIR TALUD (°)	320		
SECTOR	FASE 09		
ALTURA DE BANCO (M)	30	VOLUMEN (M³/M)	249.4
ÁNGULO DE CARA DE BANCO (°)	75	TONELAJE (TON/M)	623.5
BERMA DE DISEÑO (M)	18.0	PROBABILIDAD DE FALLA (%)	100.0
ÁNGULO INTERRAMPA (°)	49	FACTOR DE SEGURIDAD	0.28



			
LARGO DE DERRAME (M)	14.5±3.1	PÉRDIDA DE BERMA (M)	15.4±2.9

FICHA A.12: INESTABILIDAD A NIVEL DE BANCO – CUÑAS – RAJO SPENCE				
	SET 3	SET 5		
DIP (°)	83±3	69±3		
DIPDIR (°)	152±6	303±7		
TIPO	PRINCIPAL	PRINCIPAL		
DOMINIO	SURESTE			
PROBABILIDAD DE OCURRENCIA (%)	13.8	20.1		
DIPDIR TALUD (°)	290			
SECTOR	FASE 09		VOLUMEN (M³)	1473.3
ALTURA DE BANCO (M)	30		TONELAJE (TON)	3683.3
ÁNGULO DE CARA DE BANCO (°)	75		PROBABILIDAD DE OCURRENCIA (%)	2.8
BERMA DE DISEÑO (M)	18.0		PROBABILIDAD DE FALLA (%)	43.05
ÁNGULO INTERRAMPA (°)	49		FACTOR DE SEGURIDAD	1.07
				
				
LARGO DE DERRAME (M)	14.0±2.1		PÉRDIDA DE BERMA (M)	6.9±2.2

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# Bench-berm analysis

Results of bench geometry for a structural domain

FASE	DOMINIO ESTRUCTURAL	PARED	DISEÑO DE BANCOS					SISTEMAS ESTRUCTURALES DESFAVORABLES		PO (%)	P <sub>b</sub> (m)	L <sub>b</sub> (80%) (m)	FS	PF (%)
			α (°)	DIP DIR (°)	H (m)	BERMA (m)	IRA (°)							
								SET 1	SET 2					
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	220	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	5,0 ± 2,8	4,2 ± 2,0	0,49	39,19
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	220	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	15,5 ± 2,6	9,8 ± 0,9	1,07	43,05
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	245	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	13,1 ± 3,5	8,1 ± 1,9	0,45	40,64
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	245	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	16,0 ± 2,3	10,3 ± 0,8	1,07	43,05
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	260	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	15,3 ± 2,9	9,0 ± 1,6	0,45	40,64
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	260	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	14,8 ± 2,6	10,9 ± 1,1	1,07	43,05
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	265	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	15,6 ± 2,8	9,1 ± 1,6	0,45	40,64
9	Sureste	Noreste	75	265	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	14,0 ± 2,7	11,0 ± 1,2	1,07	43,05
9	Sureste	Este	75	290	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	13,3 ± 3,3	9,3 ± 2,2	0,45	40,64
9	Sureste	Este	75	290	30	18,0	49	2	5	7,1	2,9 ± 1,5	5,9 ± 2,4	0,14	92,43
9	Sureste	Este	75	290	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	6,9 ± 2,2	11,2 ± 1,7	1,07	43,05
9	Sureste	Este	75	305	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	6,6 ± 2,6	5,7 ± 2,1	0,45	40,64
9	Sureste	Este	75	305	30	18,0	49	1	5	5,0	1,9 ± 1,3	3,1 ± 1,8	0,10	71,30
9	Sureste	Este	75	305	30	18,0	49	2	5	7,1	1,7 ± 1,0	4,2 ± 2,1	0,09	97,37
9	Sureste	Este	75	305	30	18,0	49	3	5	2,8	0,7 ± 0,4	1,8 ± 1,0	0,09	47,22
9	Sureste	Sureste	75	320	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	1,8 ± 1,1	2,0 ± 1,2	0,29	55,66
9	Sureste	Sureste	75	320	30	18,0	49	1	3	3,4	1,1 ± 0,6	1,4 ± 0,7	0,29	45,04
9	Sureste	Sureste	75	320	30	18,0	49	2	5	7,1	3,8 ± 1,2	7,7 ± 1,7	0,16	100,00
9	Sureste	Sureste	75	335	30	18,0	49	1	2	8,8	1,8 ± 1,1	2,0 ± 1,2	0,29	55,66
9	Sureste	Sureste	75	335	30	18,0	49	2	5	7,1	3,3 ± 1,4	6,5 ± 1,9	0,16	99,23
9	Central Sur	Noreste	75	190	30	15,4	52	3ac	4br	3,2	3,0 ± 1,8	5,4 ± 2,2	0,47	86,07

α : Inclínación de la cara del banco.  
 IRA : Ángulo Interrampa.  
 L<sub>b</sub> : Largo de Derrame.

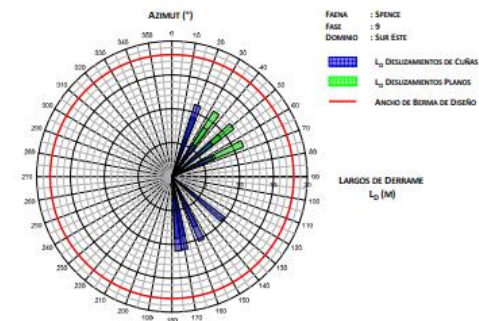
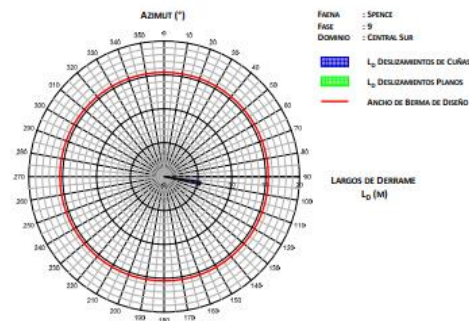
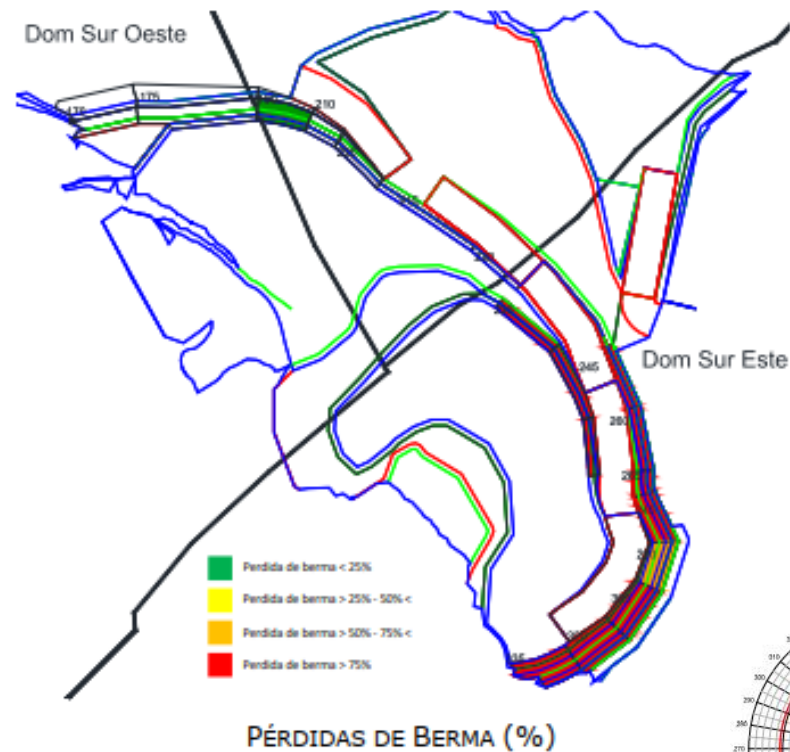
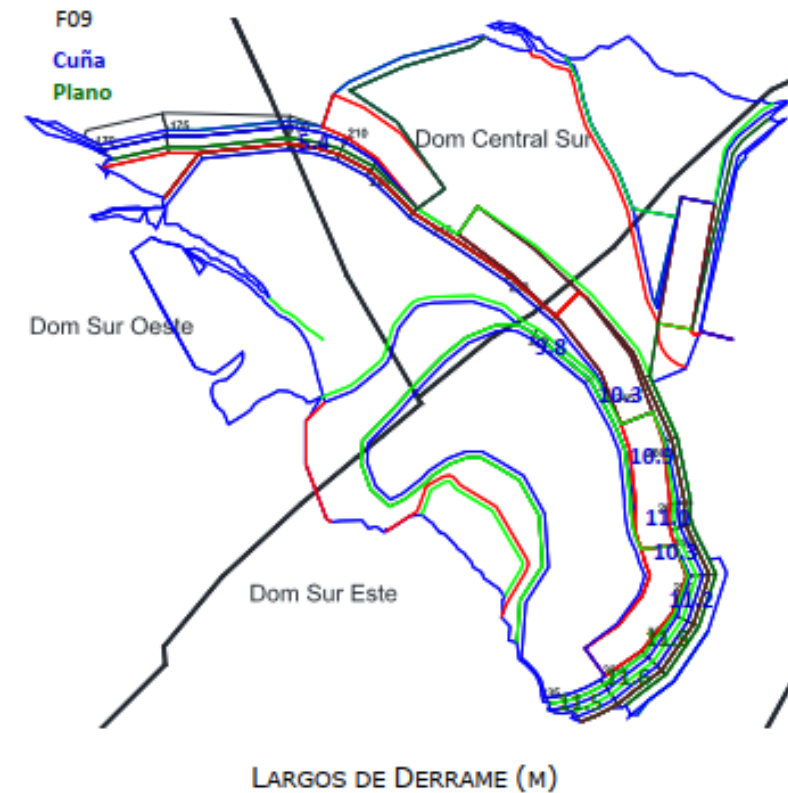
DIP DIR : Dirección de manto del talud.  
 PO : Probabilidad de Ocurrencia.  
 FS : Factor de Seguridad

h : Altura del banco.  
 P<sub>b</sub> : Pérdida de Berma.  
 PF : Probabilidad de Falla.

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