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Field Measurements for Assessing the Stability of Tunnels and Slopes

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Design Concept of bridge and Tunnel

(1) Bridge(2)Tunnel



$$\sigma = f(P_1, P_2, E)$$
$$\sigma \le \sigma_a$$

$$\sigma_a$$
: Allowable Stress

$$\sigma = g(p1, p2, E, v, c, \phi)$$

$$\varepsilon = h(p1, p2, E, v, c, \phi)$$

$$\sigma \le \sigma_a$$

$$\varepsilon \le \varepsilon$$

a

(3) Design concept of slope

• Factor of safety:

$$F = \frac{\Sigma R_i}{\Sigma T_i} \geq 1.0$$

where $\Sigma \mathbf{R}_i$: shear strength $\Sigma \mathbf{T}_i$: sliding force

$$\boldsymbol{R}_i = f(\boldsymbol{c}, \phi....)$$

• We must estimate strength parameters (c, ϕ) .



 $T_i = W_i \cdot \sin \theta_i$ $R_i = (W_i \cdot \cos \theta_i - U_i) \tan \theta + cl_i$ W_i :分割片の重量 (t /m) θ_i :すべり面の分割片部における傾斜角(度) U_i :分割片に働く間隙水圧 (t /m) l_i :分割片のすべり面延長 (m)

Monitoring Approach

For tunnels; Strain-based monitoring

For slopes; Stress-based monitoring

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Observational method



Strain can be easily determined from the measured displacements.

$$\mathcal{E} = ---$$

Where u : measured displacements x: coordinate of measuri

We do not need any mechanical properties and initial stress of the ground



Definition of critical strain

Critical strain $\mathcal{E}_0 = \sigma_c / E$



Critical strain obtained by laboratory tests



Relationship between critical strain and uniaxial strength of soils and rocks

Relationship between Critical Strains of Intact Rock and In-situ Rock Mass



Rock Type	Rock Core		Rock Mass			Core vs Mass			
& Class	σ_{c} MPa	E _c GPa	ε. %	σ_{cR} MPa	E _m GPa	ε _{or} %	m	n	m/n
granite CH	227.4	62.7	0.362	16.70	2.65	0.631	0.0734	0.0422	1.74
granite CM	211.5	59.8	0.534	11.60	1.96	0.592	0.0548	0.0328	1.67
granite CL	141.8	47.1	0.301	6.39	1.37	0.466	0.0451	0.0292	1.54
diorite CH	145.2	37.3	0.389	16.70	2.65	0.631	0.1150	0.0711	1.62
diorite CM	153.5	38.2	0.402	11.60	1.96	0.592	0.0755	0.0513	1.47
granite B	130.2	47.5	0.274	20.97	8.60	0.244	0.161	0.181	0.89
granite CH	117.6	44.3	0.265	14.31	2.98	0.480	0.198	0.067	1.81
granite CM	44.7	23.7	0.189	6.99	1.21	0.578	0.156	0.051	3.06
sanastone	137.2	28.4	0.483	6.27	0.381	1.642	0.046	0.0134	3.43
shale	78.4	21.6	0.364	3.82	0.411	0.930	0.049	0.0191	2.57
sandstone	137.8	54.1	0.255	7.89	1.96	0.403	0.057	0.0362	1.57
sandstone	22.9	10.1	0.227	2.49	1.08	0.231	0.109	0.107	1.01
shale	61.1	57.2	0.107	7.81	2.25	0.347	0.128	0.0393	3.26

Strength and Deformability of Rocks and Rock Masses

Relationship between critical strains of intact rocks and in-situ rock masses



Scale Effect

Number of Joints in Tested Region



Scale Effect on Strength



Scale effect of rock masses ;

Uniaxial compressive strength and Young's modulus



Failure Criteria



Hoek-Brown criterion (1)

The Hoek-Brown criterion is given as follows (Hoek and Brown, 1980a, 1980b, 1988, Hoek et al., 1992, Hoek, 1994),

$$\sigma_1' = \sigma_3' + \sigma_C \sqrt{m_b \frac{\sigma_3'}{\sigma_C} + s} \qquad \text{for } GSI > 25 \qquad (1)$$

$$\sigma_1' = \sigma_3' + \sigma_c \left(m_b \frac{\sigma_3'}{\sigma_c} \right)^a \qquad \text{for } GSI < 25 \qquad (2)$$

where σ_1 and σ_3 are major and minor principal effective stresses, respectively. σ_c is an uniaxial compressive strength of intact rock. m_b , s and a are material parameters depending on rock types, joint pattern, joint density, joint surface condition etc., which are given in the following formulas,

$$m_{b} = \exp\left(\frac{GSI - 100}{28}\right) m_{i}$$
(3)

$$s = \exp\left(\frac{GSI - 100}{9}\right) \tag{4}$$

$$a = 0.65 - \frac{GSI}{200}$$
(5)

Hoek-Brown criterion (2)

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$\sigma_{1} = \sigma_{3} + \sigma_{c} \left(m_{b} \frac{\sigma_{3}}{\sigma_{c}} + s \right)^{\alpha}$ $\sigma_{1} = major principal effective stress at failure \sigma_{3} = minor principal effective stress at failure \sigma_{c} = uniaxial compressive strength of intact pieces of rock m_{b}, s \text{ and } a \text{ are constants which depend on}the composition, structure and surfaceconditions of the rock mass$		RFACE CONDITION	RY GOOD ry rough, unweathered surfaces	OD ugh, slightly weathered, iron stained faces	IR tooth, moderately weathered or altered ffaces	DOR ckensided, highly weathered surfaces with mpact coatings or fillings containing angul ck fragments	ERY POOR ickensided, highly weathered surfaces wit it clay coatings or fillings
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	BLOCKY - very well interlocked undisturbed rock mass consisting of cubical blocks formed by three orthogonal discontinuity sets	m√mi s Em ∨ GSI	0.60 0.190 0.5 75,000 0.2 85	0.40 0.062 0.5 40,000 0.2 75	0.26 0.015 0.5 20,000 0.25 62	0.16 0.003 0.5 9,000 0.25 48	0.08 0.0004 0.5 3,000 0.25 34
	VERY BLOCKY - interlocked, partially disturbed rock mass with multifaceted angular blocks formed by four or more discontinuity sets	m⊮/mi s E _m ∨ GSI	0.40 0.062 0.5 40,000 0.2 75	0.29 0.021 0.5 24,000 0.25 65	0.16 0.003 0.5 9,000 0.25 48	0.11 0.001 0.5 5,000 0.25 38	0.07 0 0.53 2,500 0.3 25
	BLOCKY/SEAMY - folded and faulted with many intersecting discontinuities forming angular blocks	m⊮/mi s Em v GSI	0.24 0.012 0.5 18,000 0.25 60	0.17 0.004 0.5 10,000 0.25 50	0.12 0.001 0.5 6,000 0.25 40	0.08 0 0.5 3,000 0.3 30	0.06 0 0.55 2,000 0.3 20
	CRUSHED - poorly interlocked, heavily broken rock mass with a mixture of angular and rounded blocks	m⊮/mi s E _m ∨ GSI	0.17 0.004 0.5 10,000 0.25 50	0.12 0.001 0.5 6,000 0.25 40	0.08 0.5 3,000 0.3 30	0.06 0 0.55 2,000 0.3 20	0.04 0 0.60 1,000 0.3 10

1 dole 1 Oelieralised Hoek-Brown criterion (after Hoek, 1994)

Note 1 Young's modulus E_m of in-situ rock masses is calculated from RMR. Unit of E_m are Mpa.

Scale effect of critical strain of rock masses



Relationship between critical strain and measured strain (obtained by crown settlements)



Relationship between critical strain and measured strain (obtained by extensometers)



Table 2 Problems encountered during tunnelling

No.	Remarks						
1	Difficulty in maintaining tunnel face						
2	Failure or cracking in shotcrete						
3	Buckling of steel ribs						
4	Breakage of rock bolts						
5	Fall-in of roof						
6	Swelling at invert						
7	Miscellaneous (unidentified)						

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Figure 7: Percentage strain for different rock mass strengths. The points plotted are for the Second Freeway, the Pinglin and the New Tienlun Headrace tunnels in Taiwan.

¹ Information in this plot was supplied by Dr J.C. Chern of Sinotech Engineering Consultants Inc., Taipei.

Hazard warning levels for assessing the stability of tunnels



Uniaxial compressive strength σc (MPa)

	А	В	С
I	0.3~0.5	0.5~1	1~3
Π	1~1.5	1.5~4	4~9
Ш	3~4	4~11	11~27

(Unit:cm) (Radius of tunnel: 5.00m) In order to assess the stability of tunnels more precisely, the critical shear strain was proposed.



Definition of critical shear strain

Stability assessment of tunnels

The maximum shear strain should be smaller than the critical shear strain.

 $\gamma_{\rm max} < \gamma_0$ ----- Stable

If the maximum shear strain becomes larger than the critical shear strain, tunnel support measures must be installed so as to keep the maximum shear strain remain being less than the critical shear strain.

$$\gamma_{\rm max} > \gamma_0$$
 ------ Unstable

Laboratory experimental results (Relationship between critical shear strain and shear modulus)



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Definition of back analysis



Modeling in forward analysis and back analysis

(1) Forward analysis



(2) Back analysis



Numerical Modeling in Back Analysis

In back analysis, it is extremely important that a mechanical model should not be assumed, but it should be identified by a back analysis Maximum shear strain distribution obtained by a back analysis (assuming an isotropic elastic model) using the same measured displacements



Maximum shear strain distribution (Isotropic elastic model)



Maximum strain distribution (No model is assumed)

Numerical modeling of tunnel Modulus of deformability of tunnel lining and surrounding media

At the design stage of tunnels we use,





$$E_\ell$$
 / E_g > 1

The results of back analysis Shallow tunnel excavated in sandy diluvial formation





Conventional procedure for modeling of jointed rock masses with rock bolts


Modeling of jointed rock masses reinforced by rock bolt (Continuum approach for hard rock type)



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Conventional elastoplastic analysis

Numerical algorithm for conventional elasto-plastic analysis has been developed for forward analysis. So, it is too "stiff" to apply for back analysis.

In back analysis numerical algorithm should be "flexible" enough to obtain a good agreement between measurements and computations. Numerical algorithm for conventional elasto-plastic analysis

Flow rule

 $\{d\varepsilon\} = \{d\varepsilon_e\} + \{d\varepsilon_p\}$ $\{d\varepsilon_e\} = [D_e]^{-1} \{d\sigma\}$ $\{d\varepsilon_p\} = \lambda \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \{\sigma\}}$

Q: plastic potential function

Yielding function $F({\sigma},k) = 0$ \therefore ${d\sigma} = [D_{ep}]{d\varepsilon}$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_{ep} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{e} \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\begin{bmatrix} D_{e} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} D_{e} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} D_{e} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\} - A}$$

F = Q Associated flow rule $F \neq Q$ Non-associated flow rule

Back analysis in geotechnical engineering

In back analysis a constitutive equation should be simple enough to back-analyze its mechanical parameters uniquely from measured displacements.

Simple Shear Test



Normal stress versus normal strain during a simple shear test





Shear modulus & Young's modulus



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Fig.3 Shear modulus versus shear strain.



Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio for non-elastic materials

Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio proposed by Duncan and Chang

$$E = E_i \left[1 - \frac{R_f (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)(1 - \sin \phi)}{2\sigma_3 \sin \phi + 2c \cos \phi} \right]^2$$

$$v = v_i / (1 - A)^2$$

where

 E_i : Initial Young's modulus

c : Cohesion

- ϕ : Internal friction angle
- R_f : Coefficient representing non-linearity
 - v_i : Initial Poisson's ratio
- A : Coefficient depending on stress

Anisotropic parameter m (= G/E)



Anisotropic parameter *m* for different materials as a function of shear strain



Stress and strain relationship in plane strain condition

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\}$$



- E : Young's modulus
- ${\cal V}$: Poisson's ratio

$$m = 1/2(1+\nu) - d$$

d : Anisotropic damage parameter

Anisotropic damage parameter d

d=1/2(1+v)-m

where v: Poisson's ratio

m : Ratio of shear modulus to Young's modulus on a slip plane

 $d = f(\gamma)$ $f(\gamma) = 0 \qquad \text{for } \gamma \le \gamma$ $f(\gamma) = \left(\frac{1}{2(1+\nu)} - \beta\right) \left[1 - Exp\left\{-\alpha(--)\right\}\right] \qquad \text{for } \gamma > \gamma$

where α, β : matrial constants γ_0 : critical shear strain

Numerical simulation

for expressing stress-strain relationship for strain-hardening, perfect plastic and strain-softening behaviours of materials

- Two-dimensional plane strain condition
- Bi-axial compression-



Parameters *d* and *m* given as a function of shear strain on a conjugate slip plane



Stress-strain relationship with respect to parameters d and m



Note

- Anisotropic parameter *m* is a simple monotonic increase function of shear strain.
- Introducing the anisotropic parameter *m*, the following three different types of nonlinear stress-strain relationship of materials can be easily simulated, that is,
 - (1) Strain-hardening
 - (2) Ideal plastic
 - (3) Strain softening
- The parameter *m* can be determined by back analysis of field measurement as well as laboratory experiments.

Stress-strain relationship in local and global coordinates





where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{D}' \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\boldsymbol{E}}{1 - \boldsymbol{v} - 2\boldsymbol{v}^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \boldsymbol{v} & \boldsymbol{v} & \boldsymbol{c}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{v} & 1 - \boldsymbol{v} & \boldsymbol{c}_2 \\ \boldsymbol{c}_1 & \boldsymbol{c}_2 & \boldsymbol{m}(1 - \boldsymbol{v} - 2\boldsymbol{v}^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

E : Young's modulus v : Poisson's ratio c_1, c_2 : dilatancy parameters m = 1/2(1+v) - d



where [T]: transformation matrix



Laboratory experiment for toppling in slope excavation (aluminum bars)



PHYSICAL MODELING OF TOPPLING FAILURE

Laboratory experiment result



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Numerical analysis considering the anisotropic damage parameter



Comparison of measured and back analyzed displacement

Experimental Device for Simulating Tunnel Excavation (aluminum bars)



Maximum shear strain distribution around the two parallel tunnels (Experimental results)



Maximum shear strain distribution (Isotropic elastic analysis)



Maximum shear strain distribution (Elasto-plastic analysis)



Maximum shear strain distribution (Taking into account the damage parameter)



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Deformational modes of slopes

(a) Elastic(b) Sliding(c) Toppling



Observational method



Interpretation of measured displacements in slopes

Is it possible to estimate a sliding surface only by surface displacement measurements?

How can we assess the stability of slopes only by the surface displacement measurements?

"Back analysis" must be a powerful tool for interpreting the measurement data. Stress and strain relationship in plane strain condition

$$\{\sigma\} = [D]\{\varepsilon\}$$

Where

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \end{bmatrix} = \frac{E}{1 - v - 2v^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - v & v & 0 \\ v & 1 - v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m(1 - v - 2v^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

E : Young's modulus V: Poisson's ratio

$$m = 1/2(1+\nu) - d$$

d : Anisotropic damage parameter

Sliding (straight sliding plane)



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No.	Young's	Unit weight	Poisson's	Anisotropic damage parameters	
	modulus E (kgf/cm ²)	γ (g/cm ³)	ratio V	m	α (deg)
1	1024	2.0	0.30	0.385	0.00
2	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	26.5

Material properties

Landslide



Material	properties

No.	Young's modulus E (kgf/cm ²)	Unit weight γ (g/cm ³)	Poisson's	Anisotropic da	mage parameters
			ratio V	m	α (deg)
1	1024	2.0	0.30	0.385	0.00
2	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	24.00
3	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	45.00
4	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	45.00
5	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	45.00

Toppling



	second
Material	properties

No.	Young's modulus E (kgf/cm ²)	Unit weight γ (g/cm ³)	Poisson's ratio V	Anisotropic damage parameters	
				m	α(deg)
1	1024	· 2.0	0.30	0.385	0.00
2	1024	2.0	0.30	0.005	15.00
3	1024	2.0	0.30	0.01	15.00
4	1024	2.0	0.30	0.05	15.00
5	1024	2.0	0.30	0.1	15.00

Sliding (curved sliding plane)



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No.	Young's modulus E (kgf/cm ²)	Unit weight γ (g/cm ³)	Poisson's	Anisotropic damage parameters	
			ratio V	m	α(deg)
1	1024	2.0	0.30	0.385	0.00
2	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	6.39
3	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	18.37
4	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	29.07
5	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	37.88
6	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	45.00
7	1024	2.0	0.30	0.001	50.71

Material properties

Estimation of a sliding surface from surface displacements


Numerical simulation for demonstrating accuracy of the proposed method



Design concept of slope

• Factor of safety:

$$F = \frac{\Sigma R_i}{\Sigma T_i} \geq 1.0$$

where $\Sigma \mathbf{R}_i$: shear strength $\Sigma \mathbf{T}_i$: sliding force

$$\boldsymbol{R}_i = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{\phi}....)$$

• We must estimate strength parameters (c, ϕ).



l,:分割片のすべり面延長(m)





Design vs. Monitoring in Slope

- In the design of slopes, Young's modulus is no need. Only strength parameters (C, φ) are used.
- However, in monitoring the stability of slopes displacement measurements such as extensometer, inclinometer, total station, GPS, etc. are commonly used.

Question is how to assess the measured displacements.

How can we determine strength parameters (c, φ) of soils/rocks from measured surface displacements?

Answering this question, we proposed "Critical Shear Strain".

Definition of critical shear strain



Critical shear strain γ_0 $\gamma_0 = \tau_c / G$ where τ_c : shear strength G: shear modulus

Laboratory experimental results (Relationship between critical shear strain and shear modulus)



Procedure of determining the strength parameters from measured displacements



Procedure of determining the strength parameters (c, φ)



(a) Relationship between shear modulus and critical shear strain



- (b) Shear strength
- Schematic diagram for critical shear strain and shear strength

- Young's Modulus E and the parameter *m* are obtained by back analysis.
- Shear Modulus G is determined.
 G = mE
- Critical shear strain γ₀ is then obtained by the figure (a).
- Then, the shear strength τ_c , and c and ϕ can be determined by,

$$\tau_c = G\gamma_0$$
$$c = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{\cos \phi} \tau_c$$

FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

The relationship between the increment of external forces and increment of displacements is expressed as,

$$[\boldsymbol{K}]\!\{\Delta\boldsymbol{\delta}\} = \{\Delta\boldsymbol{P}\}\$$

where

 $\begin{bmatrix} K \end{bmatrix}$

: Stiffness matrix

 $\{\Delta \delta\}$: Increment of displacements Some of them are



measured

values.

$$\{\Delta P\} = \int [B]^T [D] [\Delta C] \{\sigma\} dV + \int [B]^T \{\sigma\} dV$$

where $[\Delta C] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m}{m & m_i} \end{vmatrix}$

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Case study (Ohme Tunnel)



The" Ohme Tunnel" is located in a highly populated residential area. Limitation of the tunnel width is 16-20m.

Length : 2,095 m (NATM: 1,093 m, Cut-and-cover: 1,002m)

Depth: 8.5 m (average)

Geology: Diluvial formation







Longitudinal cross section Double deck



Support system during excavation





Comparison between the results of back analyses

Elastic analysis and damage analysis considering the anisotropic damage parameter



Measurement results Horizontal displacements





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Comparison between the results of back analyses Elastic analysis and damage analysis considering the anisotropic damage parameter



Maximum shear strain distribution obtained by back analysis

(after Iwano)



Maximum shear strain distribution predicted by using back analysis results

(Comparison between single foot pile and double foot pile)

(after

Iwano)

Single foot pile

Maximum shear strain



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Maximum shear strain

Maximum shear strain distribution predicted by back analysis results

(after Iwano)



Maximum shear strain (Double foot pile)

Stability assessment of tunnels

The maximum shear strain should be smaller than the critical shear strain.

 $\gamma_{\rm max} < \gamma_0$ ----- Stable

If the maximum shear strain becomes larger than the critical shear strain, tunnel support measures must be installed so as to keep the maximum shear strain remain being less than the critical shear strain.

$$\gamma_{\rm max} > \gamma_0$$
 ------ Unstable

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shamen-net Web-based GPS Automatic Monitoring Service

cut-slope (expressway)

We monitor displacement of the ground and the structure with a new GPS automatic measurement system.



The outline of the GPS machine





GPS Displacement Monitoring System



The results are provided on the Internet







Measurement results

Data Processing



Accuracy of the system

The system can detect

displacements : 1~2 mm displacement velocities : 0.1 mm/day

Case study (Open pit coal mine)

In order to verify the applicability of the back analysis method for assessing the stability of slopes, the method was applied to an open pit coal mine, where displacements were measured by GPS until failure occurred.

The strength parameters such as cohesion and internal friction angle of the materials were determined from the measured displacements, and the factor of safety was calculated just before the failure occurred.



Cross section of the open pit coal mine Measuring points of GPS are shown on the ground surface.



Sliding planes estimated by the displacements measured by GPS data.

Two potential sliding planes (Case 1 and Case 2) are assumed for back analysis.



Analysis regions of numerical model (Case 1) Thickness of sliding plane t = 1m






Displacement vectors (Case 1) Thickness of sliding plane t = 1m, Back analysis results; $E = 56,000 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $C = 241 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\phi = 30 \sim 15^\circ$, m = 0.0060, Fs = 1.004



Displacement vectors (Case 1) Thickness of sliding plane t = 1m, Back analysis results; $E = 112,000 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $C = 395 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\phi = 30 \sim 15^\circ$, m = 0.0031, Fs = 0.959



No-tension analysis (Case 1) Thickness of sliding plane t = 1m



No-tension analysis; Displacement vectors (Case 1) Thickness of sliding plane t = 1m Back analysis results; E = 56000 kN/m2, C = 241 kN/m2, ϕ = 30 ~ 15, m = 0.0060, Fs = 0.993





Relationship among m-value, error function and safety factor of sliding surface (Case No. 1)

Comparison between the measured and calculated displacements (Case 1) Back-analyzed anisotropic parameter *m*, and factor of safety (Fs)

Thickness of sliding plane t (m)	E (kN/m2)	М	Fs	∆ U2	δ x(6/4) -168.0	δ z(6/4) -46.0	δ x(2/67) -183.3	δ z(2/67) -96.3	δ x(2/68) -164.4	δ z(2/68) -69.8	STEP
1.0	28000	0.0118	1.073	83	170.0	53.0	172.1	82.8	173.2	77.4	13
	56000	0.0060	1.004	95	169.5	52.7	173.3	79.9	174.1	77.4	13
	112000	0.0031	0.959	107	169.2	52.3	174.5	77.8	175.2	77.7	12
2.0	28000	0.0220	1.218	81	170.9	53.5	172.2	85.6	172.8	80.3	15
	56000	0.0117	1.120	95	167.3	52.0	171.4	79.6	172.3	77.1	14
	112000	0.0059	1.051	105	169.5	52.5	174.4	78.5	175.1	78.3	14

$$\Delta U^2 = \sum_{i=1}^M (u_i^c - u_i^m)^2 \to \min.$$

Comparison between the measured and calculated displacements (Case 2) Back-analyzed anisotropic parameter *m*, and factor of safety (Fs)

Thickness of sliding surface t (m)	E (kN/m2)	М	Fs	∆ U2	δ x(6/4) −168.0	δ z(6/4) -46.0	δ x(2/67) -183.3	δ z(2/67) -96.3	δ x(2/68) -164.4	δ z(2/68) -69.8	STEP
1.0	28000	0.006	1.102	212	180.1	30.2	175.5	83.6	178.6	91.0	16
	56000	0.003	1.048	201	177.2	30.5	171.2	82.7	173.4	91.4	16
	112000	0.0015	1.009	200	176.2	31.1	169.3	82.2	171.0	91.6	17

Non-tension analysis (case 1)

Comparison between the measured and calculated displacements Back-analyzed anisotropic parameter *m*, and factor of safety (Fs)

Thickness of Sliding plane (m)	E (kN/m2)	М	Fs	ΔU2	δx(6/4) -168.0	δz(6/4) -46.0	δx(2/67) -183.3	δz(2/67) -96.3	δx(2/68) -164.4	δz(2/68) -69.8	STEP
1.0	56000	0.0060	0.993	99	171.7	53.3	176.2	80.3	176.9	77.9	18

Conclusions for Case Study

- The strength parameters such as cohesion and internal friction angle of the materials were determined from the measured displacements, and the factor of safety was calculated by using them.
- The factor of safety becomes nearly 1.0 just before failure occurred. This means that the strength parameters determined by the back analysis are reasonable.
- In conclusion, the back analysis method can predict the time when the slope will fail only from the surface displacements measured by GPS.

Conclusions

- 1. Displacement measurements are easy, reliable and economical in both tunnel and slope engineering practice.
- 2. Back analysis is a powerful tool for assessing the measured displacements.
- 3. Anisotropic parameter *m* is well applicable in back analysis in observational methods for both tunnels and slopes.
- 4. Both critical strain and critical shear strain are a very useful in assessing the stability of tunnels and slopes.

Thank you for your attention.