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## **DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PERFORMANCE OF NAM NGUM 2 CFRD**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Nam Ngum River is one of the major tributaries of the Mekong River which forms the border between Laos and Thailand in this area. The Nam Ngum River originates on the Tran Ninh Plateau, north of Xeong Khuang, and after flowing past both dam sites, joins the Nam Lik River and flows into the Mekong River about 100km downstream of Vientiane. The Nam Ngum 2 Hydroelectric Power Project (NN2 HPP) is located approximately 90km north of Vientiane in central Laos and approximately 35km upstream of existing Nam Ngum 1 reservoir.

Nam Ngum 2 Power Company Limited (NN2PC), the client, agreed to make a contract with Ch. Karnchang (Lao) Company Limited as the EPC contractor to design, engineer, manufacture, supply, install, procure, construct, test and commission a 615MW (3 Nos. of 205MW turbines) hydroelectric power plant.

The NN2 Concrete Face Rockfill Dam (CFRD) has the lowest foundation level at 199.0masl and the crest elevation at 381.0masl, which corresponds to the dam height of 182.0m. The NN2 CFRD will be the second highest of CFRD in SouthEast Asia.

The face slab is the primary water barrier of the NN2 CFRD, which consists of concrete face slab poured on underlying extruded curb laid above support zones of the rockfill body of the dam. Thus, the design and construction of face slabs has to concentrate on watertightness and durability. Attention has been paid to identification and control of crack development in the face slabs.



The joints of face slabs are of importance for CFRD. The perimeter joint is the most importance, since it connects between plinth and face slab. The vertical and horizontal joints of the face slabs have to provide with sufficient deformation in order not to cause disruption of the face slab.

## 2.1 DAM ZONING

The designation of the rockfill zones of NN2 CFRD, as shown in Fig. 1, are adopted as suggested by ICOLD (2004). The NN2 CFRD dam zoning is further validated by FEM. 2D and 3D FEM have been carried out to assess the rockfill material properties in order to make use of available rockfill material at potential quarry (IWHR, 2008). The non-linear properties employed in the 2D and 3D FEM is determined based on large triaxial test (IWHR, 2007). The analyses results revealed that the material properties for Zone 3C is of importance to deformation of upper part of the face slab. Therefore, material property for this zone has to be improved.

From 3D FEM analysis results, it is recommended to construct the rockfill layer from upstream to downstream horizontally. The purpose is to eliminate the possible impacts of differential deformation of rockfill on the concrete face slab. For retaining the first year's flood, the priority section is necessary. However, the height difference from the top of the priority section to the downstream rockfill should be limited. Normally, this height difference should not more than 40m. The stage of dam embankment is finalized based on experiences and 3D FEM as shown in Fig. 2.

## 2.2 DESIGN OF FACE SLAB

Design of NN2 CFRD face slabs begins with the selection of face slab thickness, width and location of vertical and horizontal joints. Selection of face

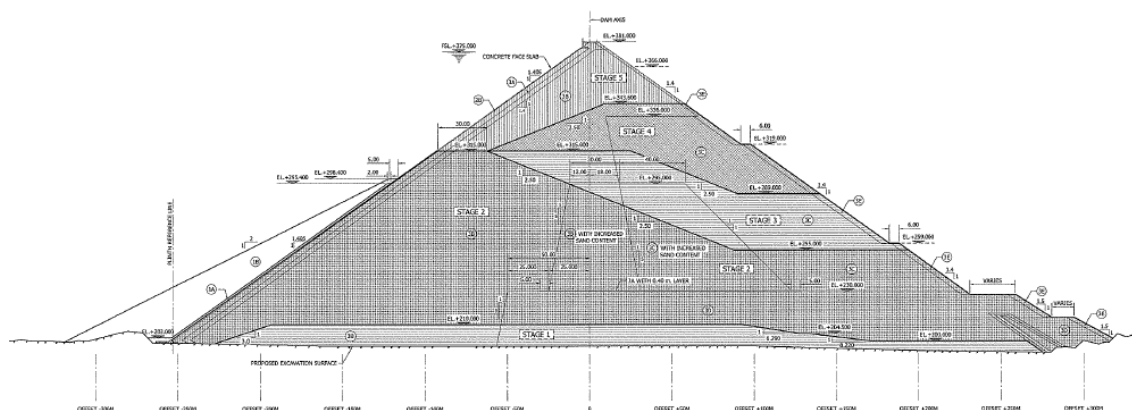


Fig. 2 NN2 CFRD Embankment construction stages

slab thickness is based on past experiences. Face slab widths are controlled with respect to dam abutments as well as valley shape. Current guidelines used for determining the thickness of face slabs for NN2 CFRD is reservoir head dependent.

The minimum design thickness of the face slab is usually on the order of 0.3m with thickness varying with reservoir head,  $H$ , in accordance with the following:

$$\text{Face Slab Thickness, } T \text{ (m)} = 0.3 + 0.003H$$

From the practices of recent high CFRDs in the world, it is noticed that the face slabs in the riverbed section may be subjected to high compressive stress if the deformation of rockfill dam is not strictly controlled. To avoid the rupture of concrete face slabs in the riverbed section, it is proposed to increase thickness of the face slabs in the riverbed section. Considering the fact that the ruptures of face slabs are happened in upper part of face slab, the increase of the slab thickness could only be applied for the second stage face slabs. The thickness of the first stage face slab is remain unchanged. The suggested starting thickness at the top of face slab is 40cm. Thus, thickness of the face slab for second stage face slab at riverbed section can be determined from

$$\text{Face Slab Thickness, } T \text{ (m)} = 0.4 + 0.00178H$$

Panel widths for the face slabs are typically classified into two categories. Narrower panel widths (7.5m wide) are used where vertical joints are desired as tension joints, which are located on the abutments. Wider panel widths (15.0m wide) are used where vertical joints are treated as compression joints, which are mostly located in the riverbed area.

For improving the performance of concrete face slab, double layers of reinforcement is recommended with 0.4% of the gross area of the concrete face slab for each way. The reinforcement is increased up to 0.5% in the area close to the dam plinth.

## 2.3 PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Measures adopted to prevent rupture of face slab during design stage for NN2 CFRD include following:

- (1) Increase the thickness of the 10 central panels in second staged face slab.
- (2) The reinforcement is separated into two layers, top and bottom, in both directions as opposed to the usual location in the center of the slab. The



stirrups against reinforcement buckling are also provided at the high compression area.

(3) The additional reinforcements are employed for anti-spalling and bending stress resistant at the face slab rims.

(4) Increase the face slab protection zone, Zones 1A and 1B to EL +298.4 masl, which is about 50% of the dam height.

(5) The copper waterstops and mortar pad is outside the theoretical thickness of face slab at compression joints.

(6) The height of the central loop of the copper waterstop is reduced to keep the theoretical slab thickness at compression joints.

(7) Increase the compressible filler thickness from 10mm to 20mm at compression joints.

(8) The conventional V-notch at the top of the face slab is eliminated at compression joints.

### 3. CONSTRUCTION OF NN2 CFRD

#### 3.1 EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION

Prior to commencement of embankment work, the river bed cleaning and foundation improvement is required to achieve the competent foundation. The main dam embankment has mainly divided into 5 stages to corporate with face slab construction sequences, as shown in Fig. 2.

Stage 1: Constructed the rockfill embankment of 10m height from downstream and left the area of 30m at upstream in order to construct the plinth at river bed section.

Stage 2: Constructed the main dam embankment to accommodate the construction of first stage face slab upto elevation 315 masl, which corresponds to 115m in height.

Stage 3: This stage had to construct parallel with the construction of the first stage first slab. Partial construction of the embankment at downstream portion has been carried out by controlling the different height of embankment between upstream portion and downstream portion of not more than 40m. This is to control the differential settlement and stress in rockfill for upstream and downstream.

Stage 4: After completion of the first stage face slab concrete, the upstream portion has been embanked upto the wave wall foundation. Whenever complete this stage, the second stage face slab started commencement. In parallel the face slab protection zone, Zone 1A and 1B, have also been started in this stage.

Stage 5: After completion of the second stage face slab and the wave wall, the last portion of embankment above the wave wall foundation will be constructed.

The total volume of rockfill is approximately 10 million m<sup>3</sup>, which have been completed within 20 months. The peak production of rockfill is 700,000 m<sup>3</sup> per month, which have been transported by 25 units of 35 tons-off high way trucks and 50 units of 15 tons trucks. The compacted rockfill has been controlled to achieve the dry unit weight of more than 21.5 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. The 15 tons vibrating rollers with 8 passes and with 150-200 liters/m<sup>3</sup> of rockfill for water sluicing have been conducted to achieve the requirement. The 0.80m lift thickness of 3B and 3C material has been employed depending on the maximum size of rockfill material.

### 3.2 FACE SLAB CONSTRUCTION

The total area of concrete face slab is approximately 88,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The concrete mix design of C25/38 has been developed for concrete face slab, which is suitable for 2.0m long slip form. The concrete has been delivered by transit mixer trucks and distributed into 4 chutes, which the pouring controlled speed is 2.0m per hour. The construction of face slab is divided into two stages, first and second stage concrete face slab.

## 4. PERFORMANCE OF NN2 CFRD

The extensive instrumentations were installed within rockfill embankment and concrete face slab. Instrumented data are reading and analyzed continuously to assess the performance of NN2 CFRD during construction, during reservoir impounding and in-service of the dam. The instrumentations installed for NN2 CFRD within rockfill embankment and concrete face slab are summarized in Table 1.

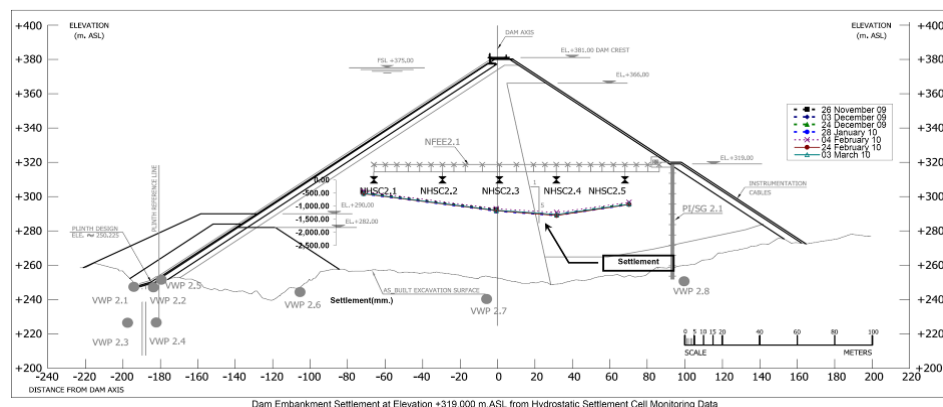


Fig. 3 Settlement in rockfill on left abutment

Table 1 Summary of instrumentations installed at NN2 CFRD

Location	Instrumentation	Quantity
Rockfill	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	35
	Total Earth Pressure Cell	3
	Probe inclinometer & Magnetic Settlement Gauge	3 sets
	Distributed Fiber Optic Temperature (DFOT)	900 m.
	Weather Station	1 set
	Hydrostatic Settlement Cell	22
	Fixed Embankment Extensometer	111
	V-notch Measuring Weir	1
	Strong Motion Accelerometer	1
	Gauge House	5
	Open Standpipe Piezometer	7
Face slab	Probe Inclinometer on Faceslab	1
	1 Dimensional Joint Meter	4
	2 Dimensional Joint Meter	10
	3 Dimensional Joint Meter	13
	Electro Level (Tilt Meter)	23
	3D Concrete Strain Gauge	27
	Rebar Strain Gauge	27
	Non Stress Strain Meter	7

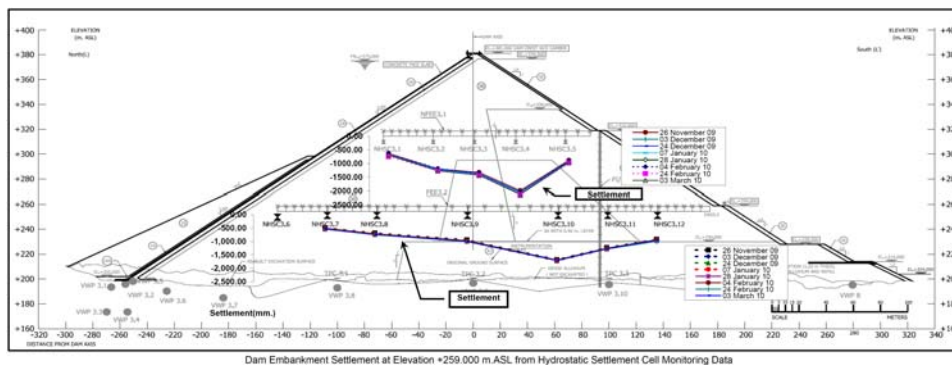


Fig. 4 Settlement in rockfill on riverbed section

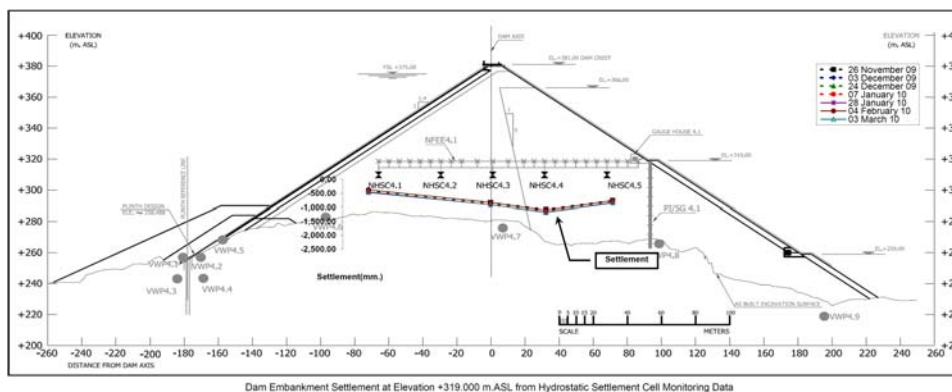


Fig. 5 Settlement in rockfill on right abutment

At the present stage, during construction, some instrumented data are reading and analyzed continuously to assess the performance of NN2 CFRD. An example of the performance derived from the monitoring results of hydrostatic settlement cells, which are installed in the cross-section at left abutment, center and right abutment, are illustrated as shown in Fig. 3 to 5 respectively. The maximum settlement observed in the rockfill is 2.13m, approximately 1.15% of the dam height, which appeared at central part of the dam towards downstream. This performance is considered as normal, which is similar to previous high CFRDs. According to the observed performance of NN2 CFRD during construction, additional measure is adopted to prevent rupture of the concrete face slab. The thickness of compressible filler material at compression joint is adopted to increase to 30mm for five panels of second staged face slab in the riverbed section.

## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The design of NN2 CFRD is taken into consideration of recent experiences of high CFRDs with comparative considerations of the numerical analysis results. Some CFRD phenomenon can be explained by the numerical analysis results.

The dam zoning, face slab and joints are initially based on experiences from recent high CFRDs. 2D and 3D FEM are employed to assess the NN2 CFRD behavior with some modifications of initial design. According to analysis results, preventive measures are applied to prevent rupture of the concrete face slab. The actual behavior of NN2 CFRD during construction is observed by extensive instrumentations. During construction, modification of the design is required according to the observed performance.

The project is expected to be completed by March 2011 and the impounding is scheduled on March 18, 2010.

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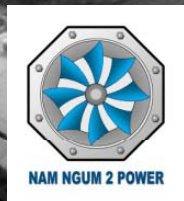
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# Nam Ngum 2 CFRD

## Design, Construction and Performance

### Nam Ngum 2 Hydroelectric Power Project (NN2 HPP)

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# **NN2 HPP**

**Owner:** Nam Ngum 2 Power Co., Ltd. (NN2PC)

**EPC Contractor:** Ch. Karnchang Public Co., Ltd.

**Design Engineer:** TEAM Group

**Independent Engineer:** Poyry

**Location:** Vientiane, Lao PDR

**Construction Period:** 5 years

**Commissioning:** November 2010

# EPC Contract Packages

## Project Packages:

- Package 1      Civil Works, Awarded to *Ch. Karnchang (Lao) Co., Ltd.*
- Package 2A    Gates and Stop Logs, Awarded to *Alstom, India*
- Package 2B    Steel Liners for Penstock, Awarded to *Wheesoe, Malaysia*
- Package 3      Electro-Mechanical Equipt., Awarded to *Mitsui-Toshiba, Japan*
- Package 4A    Main Transformer and Switchgear, Awarded to *Sri U Thong, Thailand*
- Package 4B    Transmission Line, Awarded to *CERIECO, China*
- Package 5      Associated Works (Access Road and Permanent Camp), Awarded to *PT Construction Co., Ltd., Lao PDR*



# **NN2 HPP**

## **Main Components**

**Reservoir**

**River Diversion Facility**

**Main Dam**

**Spillway**

**Power Waterway System**

**Powerhouse & Switchyard**



# Project Location and Suitability

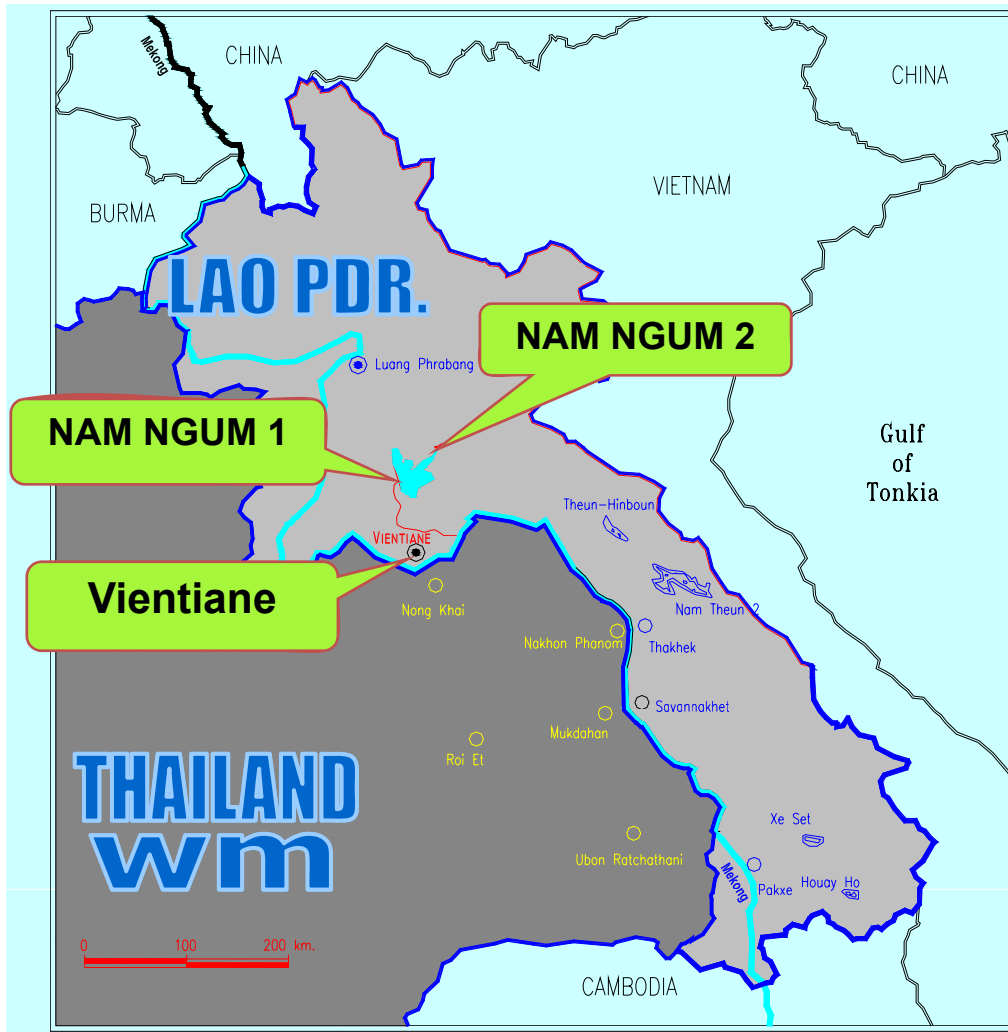
## Location

- 35 Km. Upstream of Nam Ngum 1
- 95 Km. Northeast of Vientiane

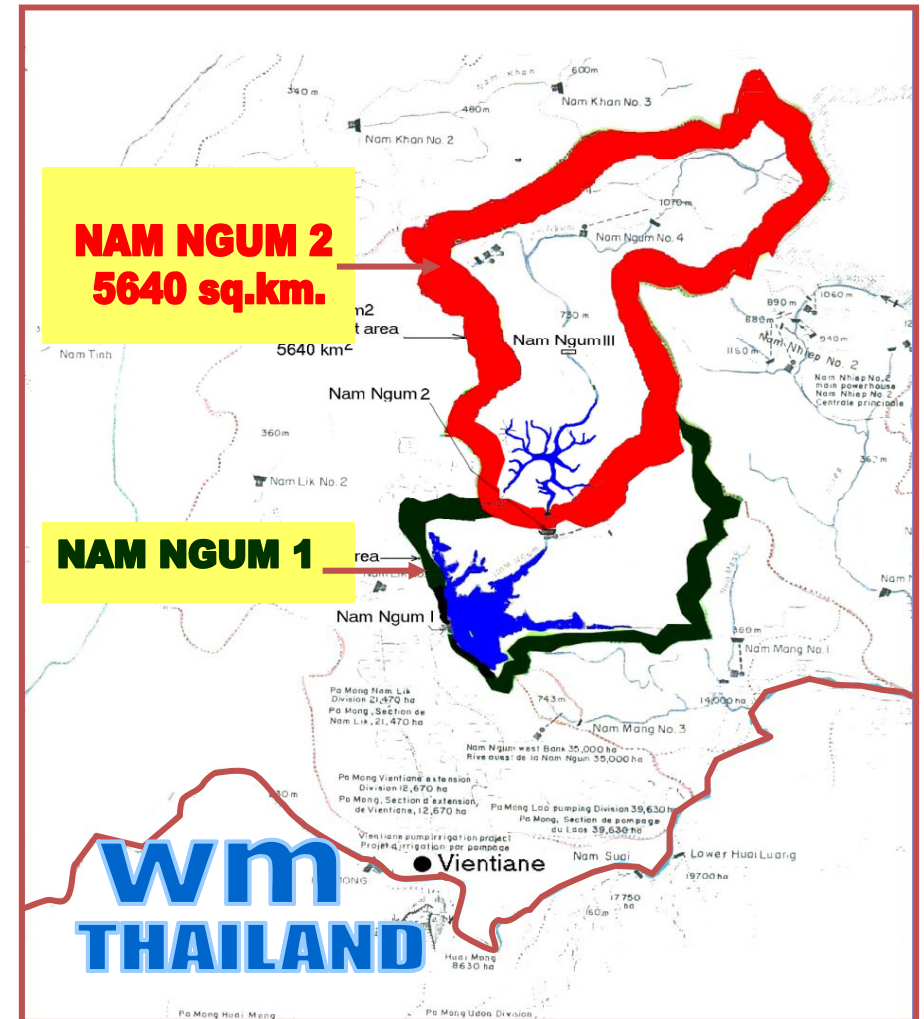
## Suitability

- Large catchments - 5,640 km<sup>2</sup>
- Topography - steep slope
- Geology - sandstone/siltstone
- Hydrology - 50 year records
- Rainfall
  - bet. 1,800 – 3,700 mm.
  - average 2,510 mm.
- Inflow
  - bet. 4,000 – 9,500 MCM.
  - average 6,270 MCM.

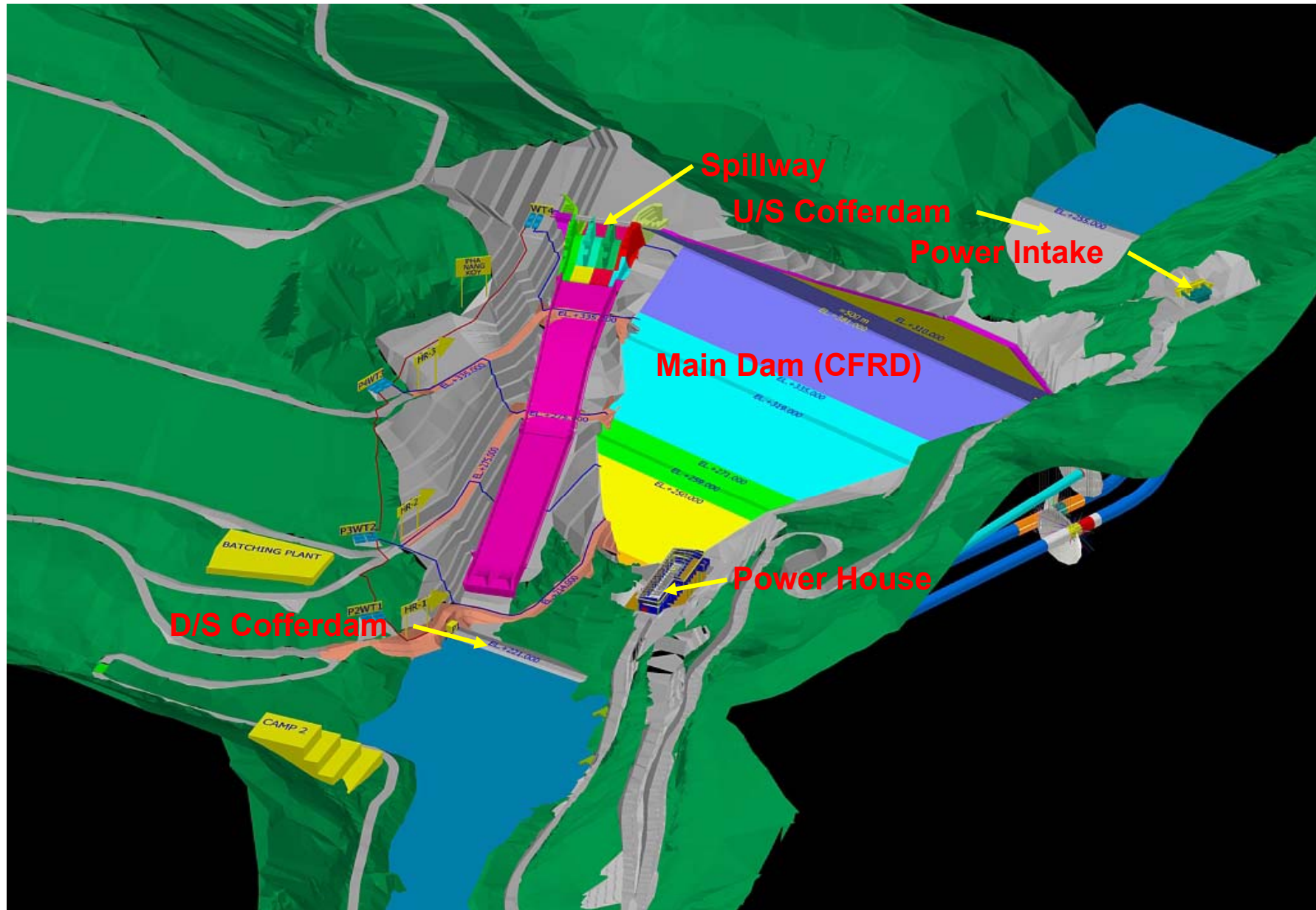
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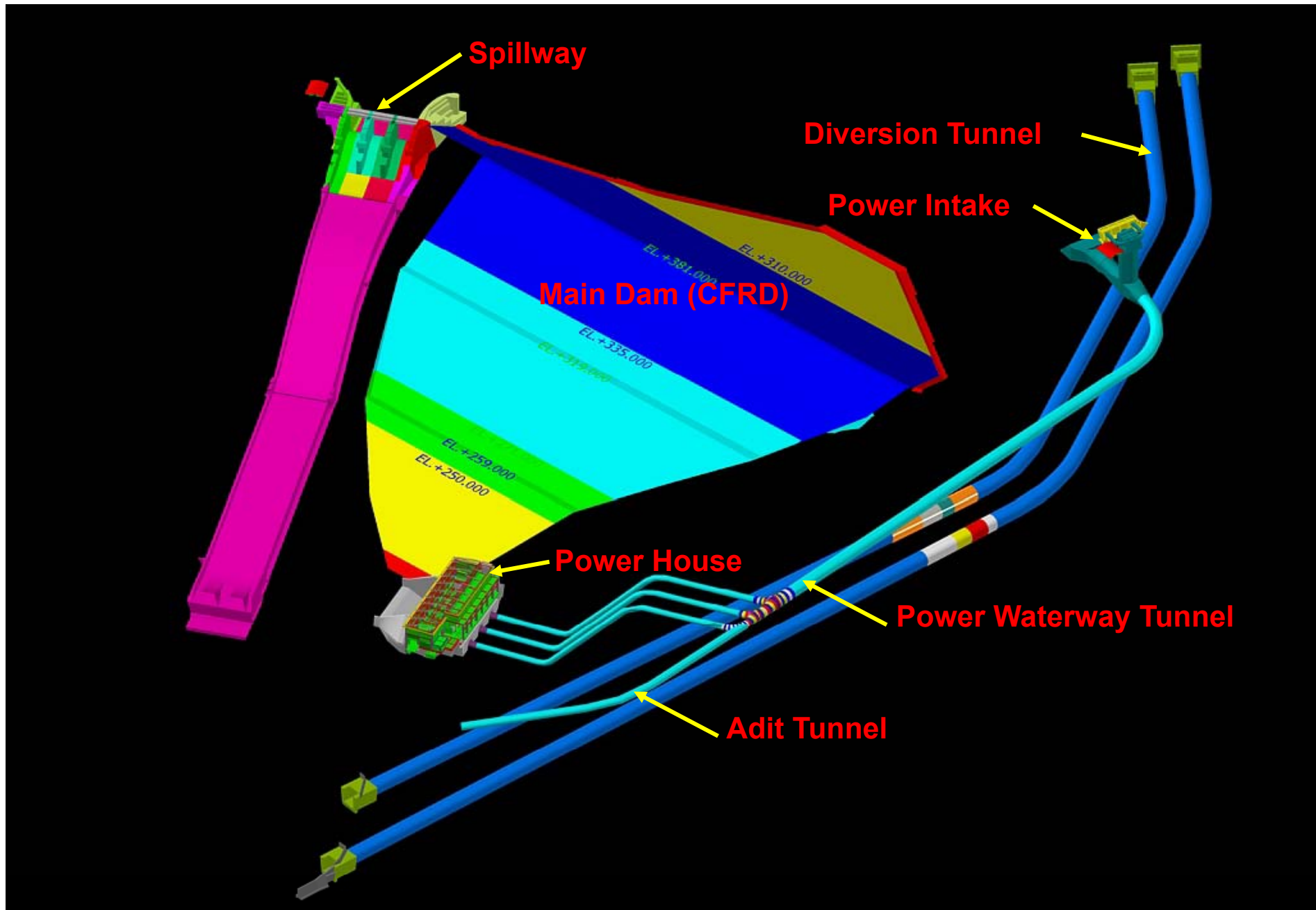


Project Location



Catchment Area









# Reservoir

Catchment Area	= 5,640 km <sup>2</sup>
Average Annual Inflow	= 6,270 MCM
Maximum Flood Level	= 378.75 masl
Full Supply Level	= 375.00 masl
Minimum Operation Level	= 345.00 masl
Reservoir Area at FSL	= 122 km <sup>2</sup>
Storage at FSL	= 6,774 MCM
Storage at MOL	= 3,780 MCM
Active Storage	= 2,994 MCM

# River Diversion Facility

**Design Flood during Construction = 3,850 cms**

## **Diversion Tunnels (Two Tunnels)**

Type : Concrete Lined-Horse Shoe Shape

Diameter = 11.70 m.

Length = 1,100 and 1,200 m.

Inlet Level = 210.50 masl

Outlet Level = 209.10 masl

## **Cofferdams**

Crest Level of U/S = 255.00 masl

Crest Level of D/S = 221.00 masl





## Diversion Tunnels

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# Spillway

## Spillway Type: Open Chute with Control Gates

Crest Level	= 359 masl
Crest Length	= 51 m.
Radial Gates 3 sets	= 16.9x15.0 m.
Chute Width	= 50 m.
Energy Dissipater	= Flip Bucket



# Power Waterway System

## Intake Structure: Front End Opening- Shaft Type Control Structure

Inlet Sill Level = 320 masl

Stoplog 2 sets = 5.6x10.7 m.

Roller Gate 2 sets = 5.6x10.7 m.

# Power Waterway System

**Headrace Tunnel:      Concrete Lined-  
Circular Tunnel**

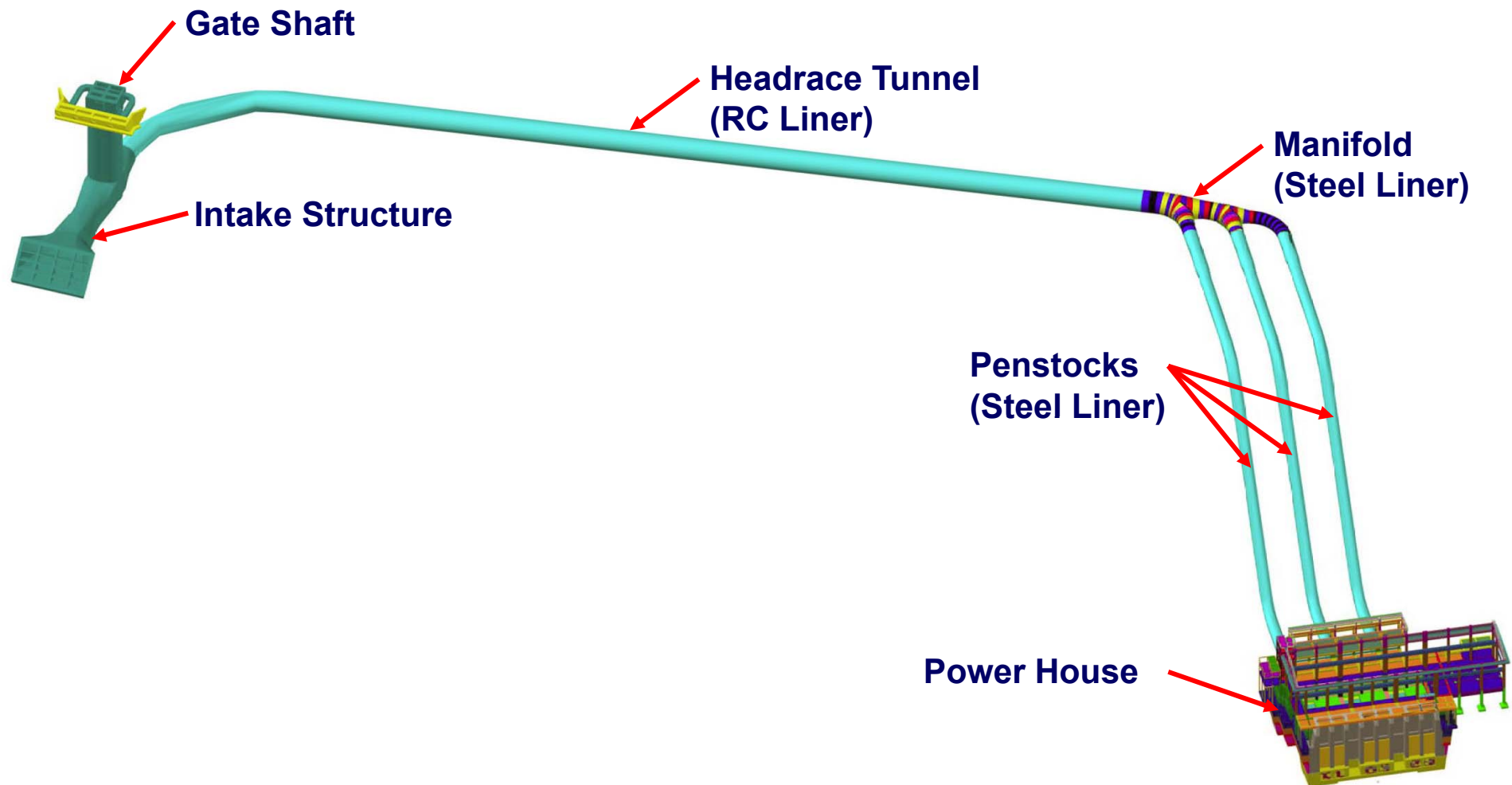
Diameter                      = 10.7 m.

Length                         = 460 m.

**Penstocks 3 nos:      Inclined-Underground-  
Steel Lined-Circular-Shaft**

Diameter                      = 5.35 m.

Length                         = 265 m.



## Power Waterway System

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## Intake Structure and Gate Shaft

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## Headrace Tunnel

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# Powerhouse

## **PH: Onground-Reinforced Concrete Structure**

Finished Ground Level = 226.8 masl

## **Turbine: Vertical Shaft-Francis Turbine**

Number = 3 Units

Rated Output = 3x215 MW

## **Generator: Synchronous**

Number = 3 Units

Rated Output – 3x205 MW



# Switchyard

**Type: Indoor-Gas Insulated Switchyard**

Dimension = 10x50 m.

Finished Level = 242.3 masl



## Powerhouse

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# Main Dam (CFRD)

## Dam Type: Concrete Face Rockfill Dam (CFRD)

Narrow Valley $A/h^2$	= 2.66
Dam Slope V:H	= 1:1.4
Crest Level	= 381 masl
Dam Height	= 182 m.
Crest Length	= 512 m.
Dam Width	= 518.80 m.
Plinth Width	= 6.0-10.0 m.
Thickness of Face Slab	= 0.30-0.83 m.

# Design of NN2 CFRD

- Design of Excavation
- Design of Foundation Treatment
- Design of Grouting Works
- Design of Plinth
- Design of Dam Embankment
- Design of Face Slab
- Design of Dam Crest
- Design of Joints and Waterstops
- Design of Instrumentations





# Design of Excavation

## Plinth Area

- Excavate to slightly weathered rock or better

## Dam Upstream Area

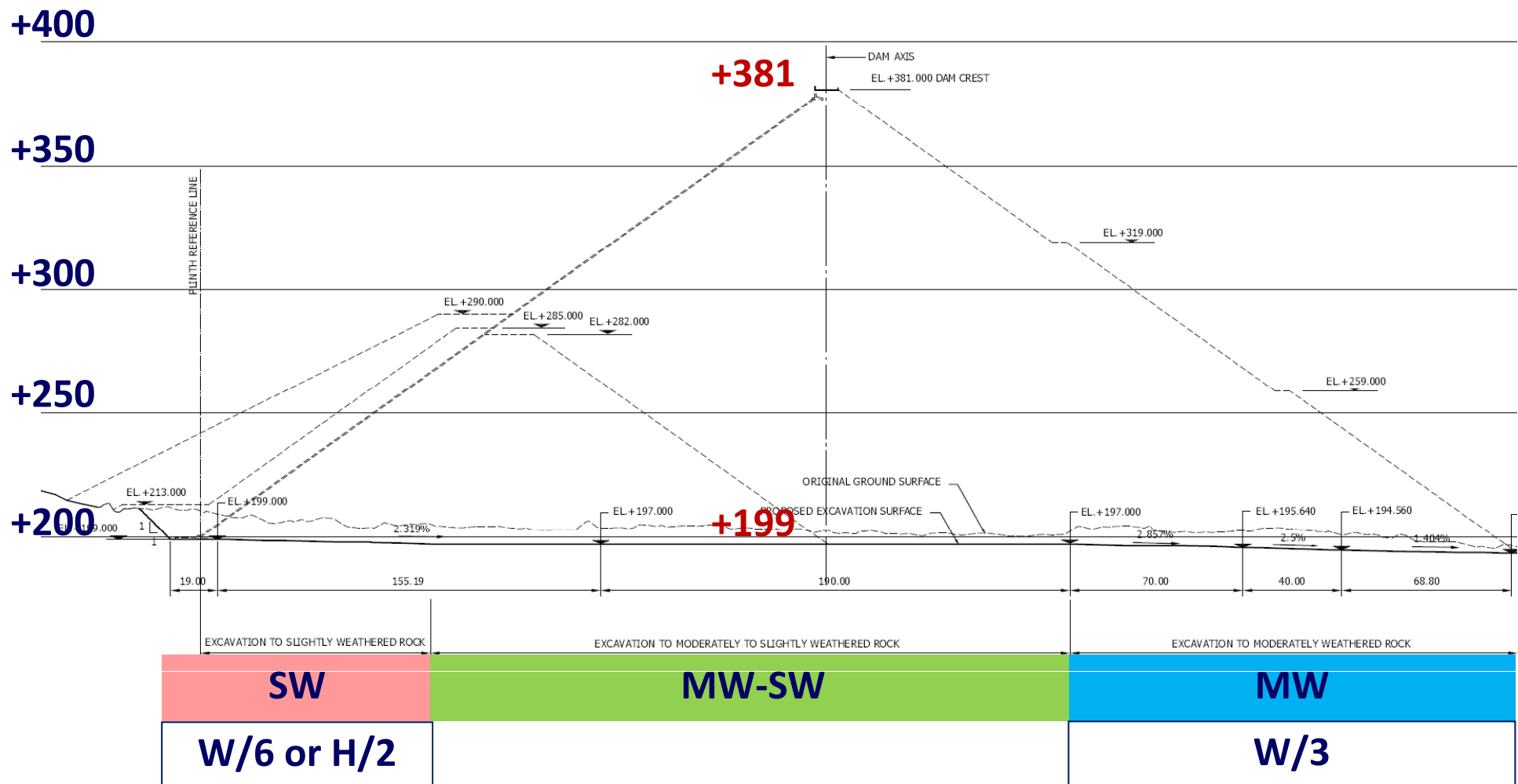
- Excavate to slightly weathered rock or better
- 1/6 of the foundation width or  $0.5H$ , i.e., about 90m

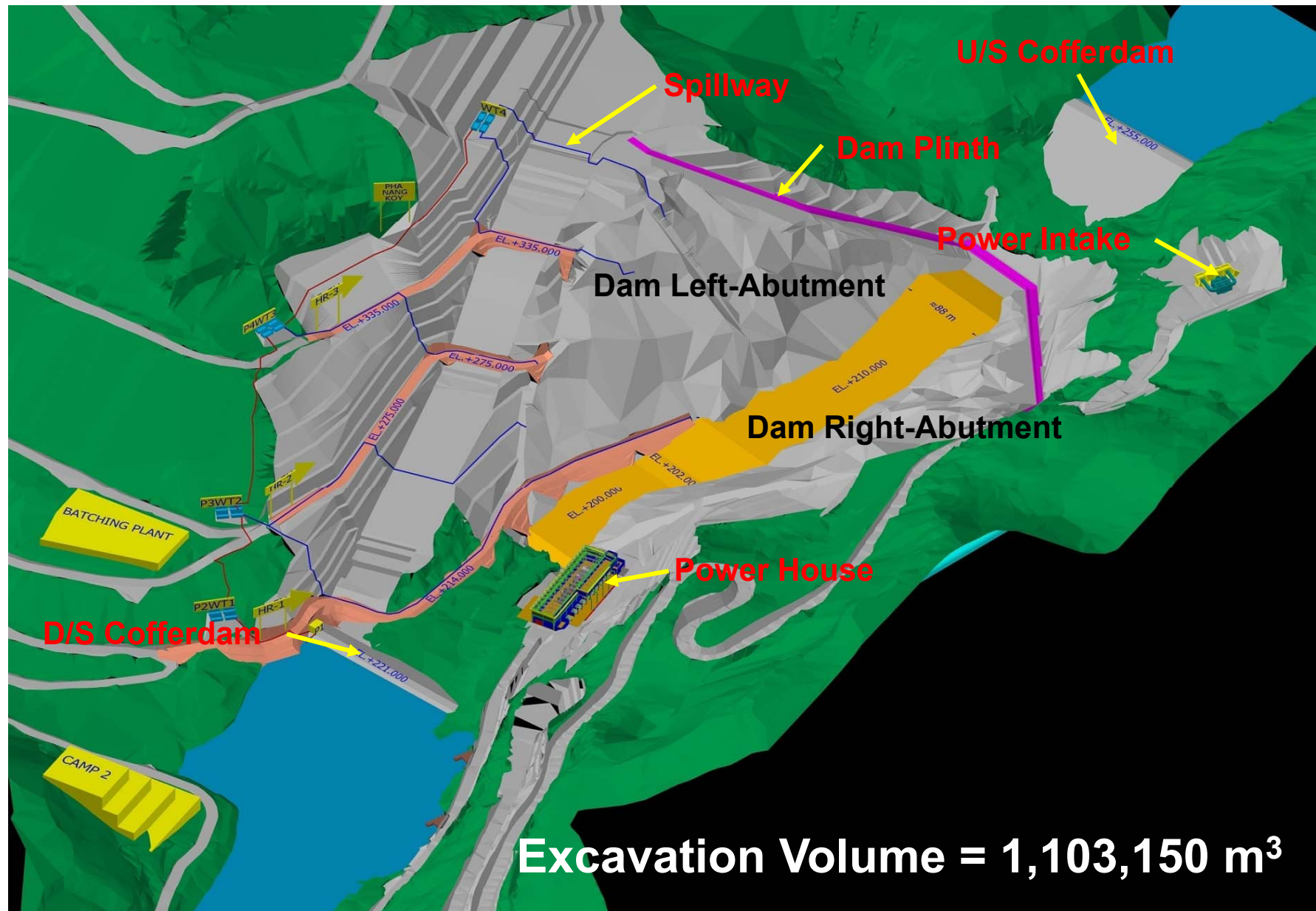
## Dam Central Area

- Excavate to moderately to slightly weathered rock or better
- End of U/S area to starting point of the D/S area

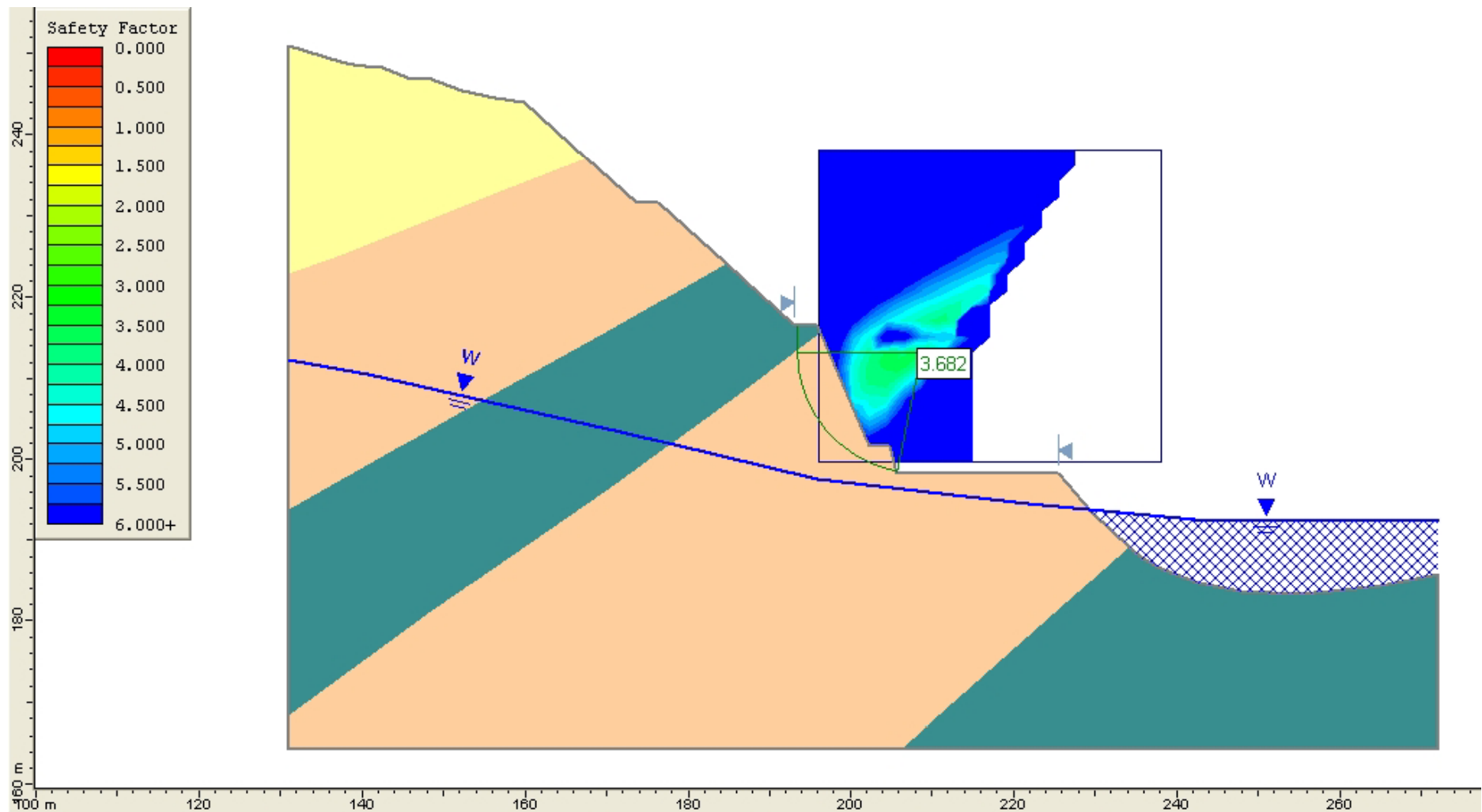
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- 1/3 of the foundation width, i.e., about 175m









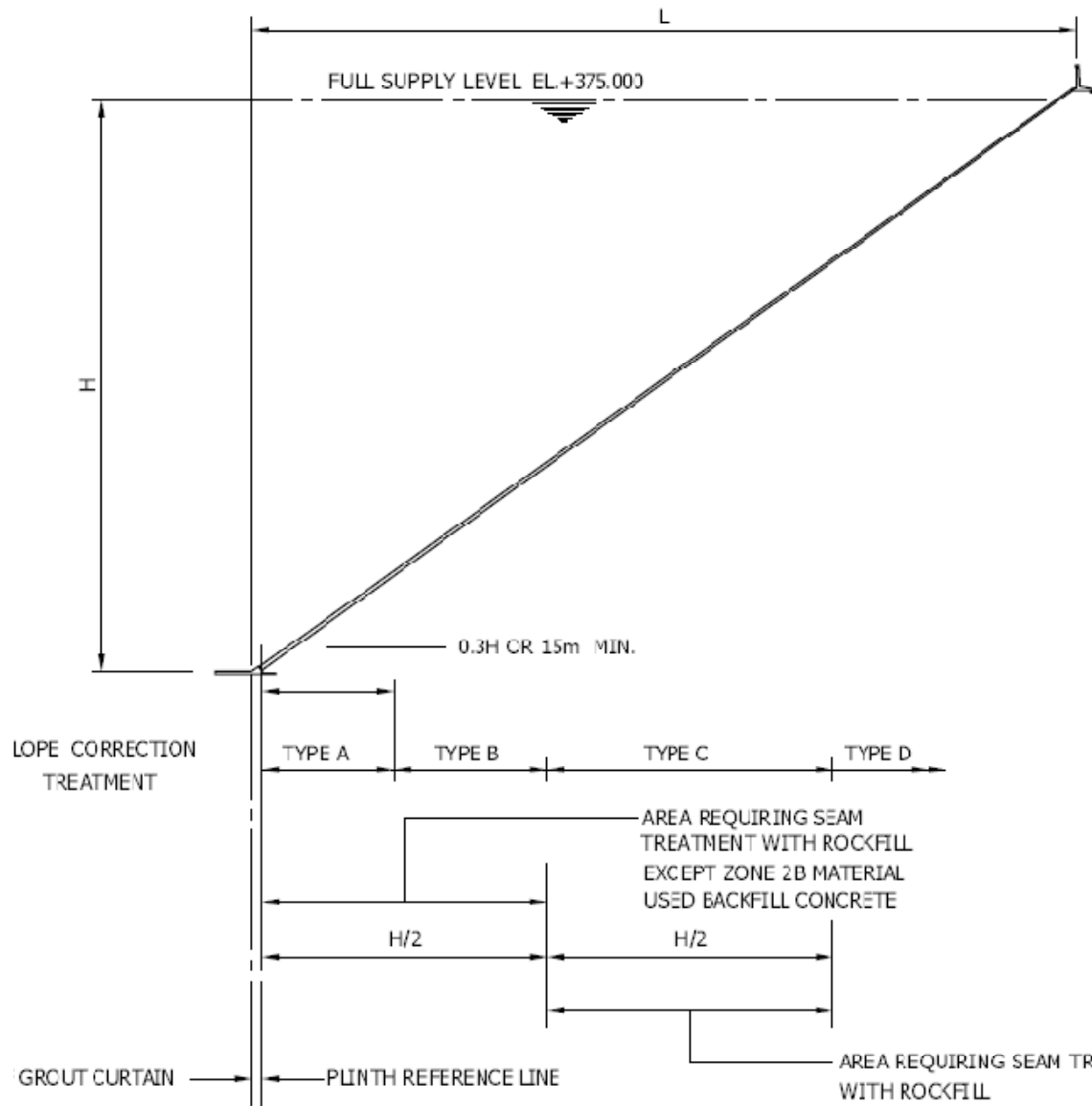
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# Design of Foundation Treatment

## Foundation Treatment Objectives

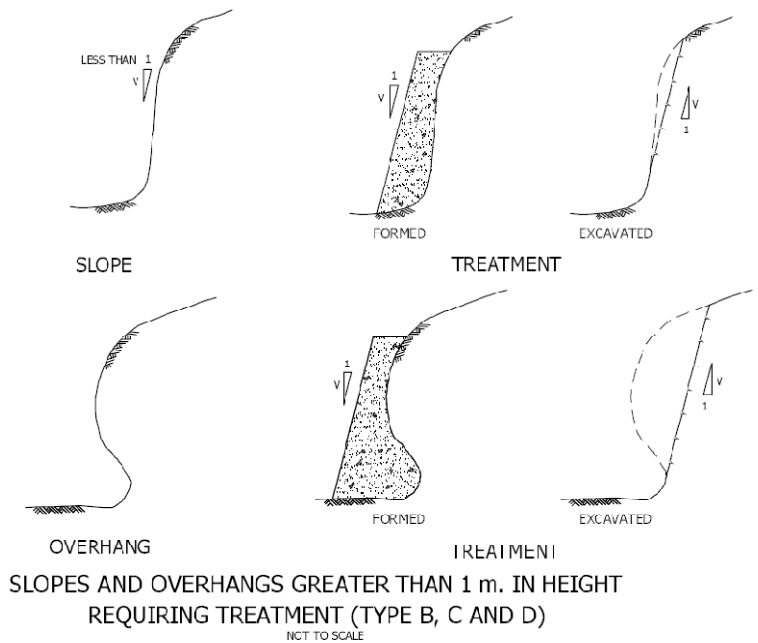
- Positive control of seepage beneath or around the plinth.
- Removal of unstable or unsuitable foundation material from beneath the plinth and the body of the dam.
- Preparation of foundation surfaces to receive concrete, filters and rockfill.
- Limiting differential settlements of the plinth, the face slab and the perimeter joint.



SLOPE CORRECTION TREATMENT

TYPE	AREA (DOWNSTREAM OF PLINTH)	TREATMENT (V:H)
A	$\leq 0.3H$ OR 15 M	2 : 1 MAX
B	$0.3H - 0.5H$	3 : 1 MAX
C	$0.5H - H$	4 : 1 MAX
D	$> H$	4 : 1 MAX

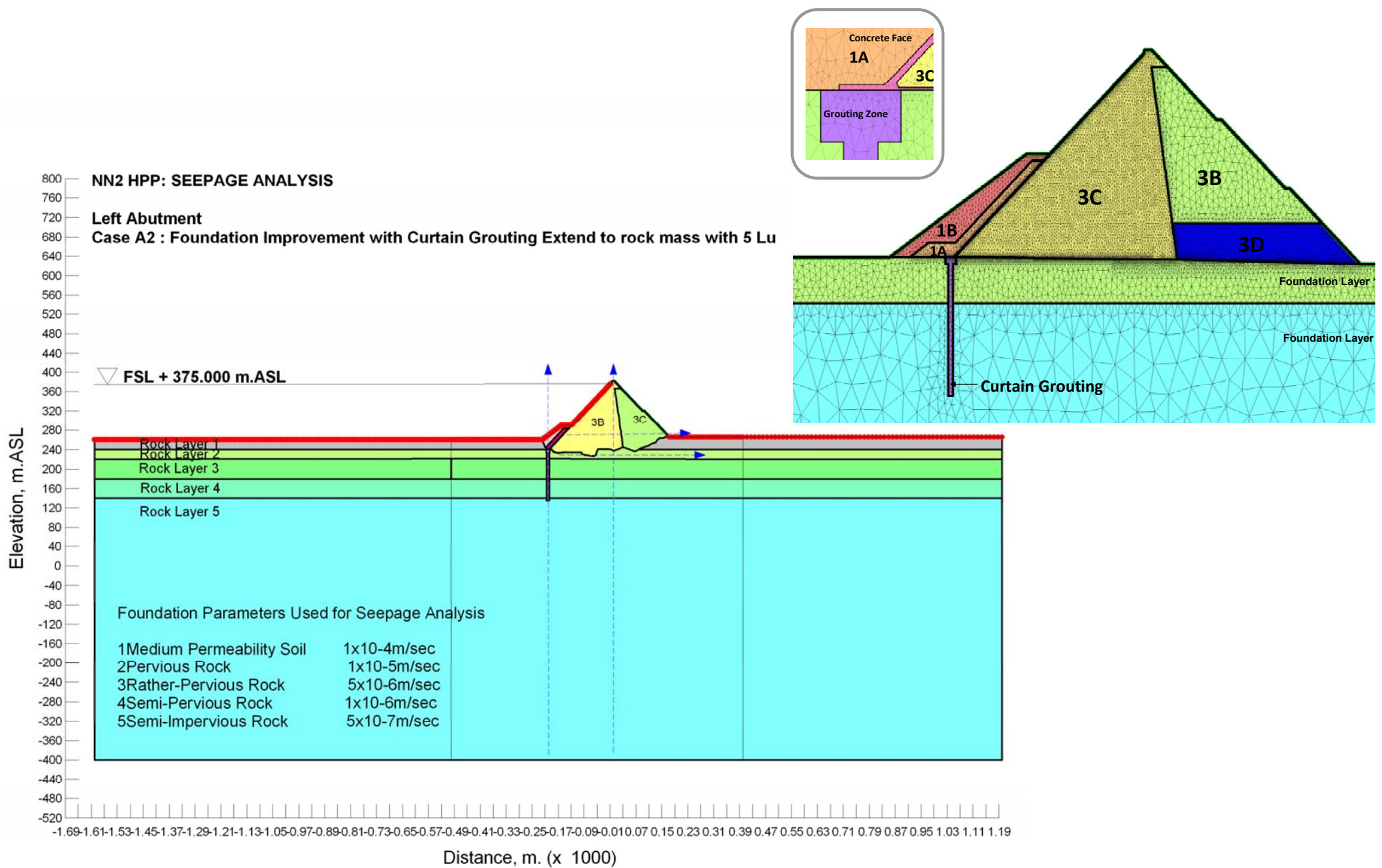
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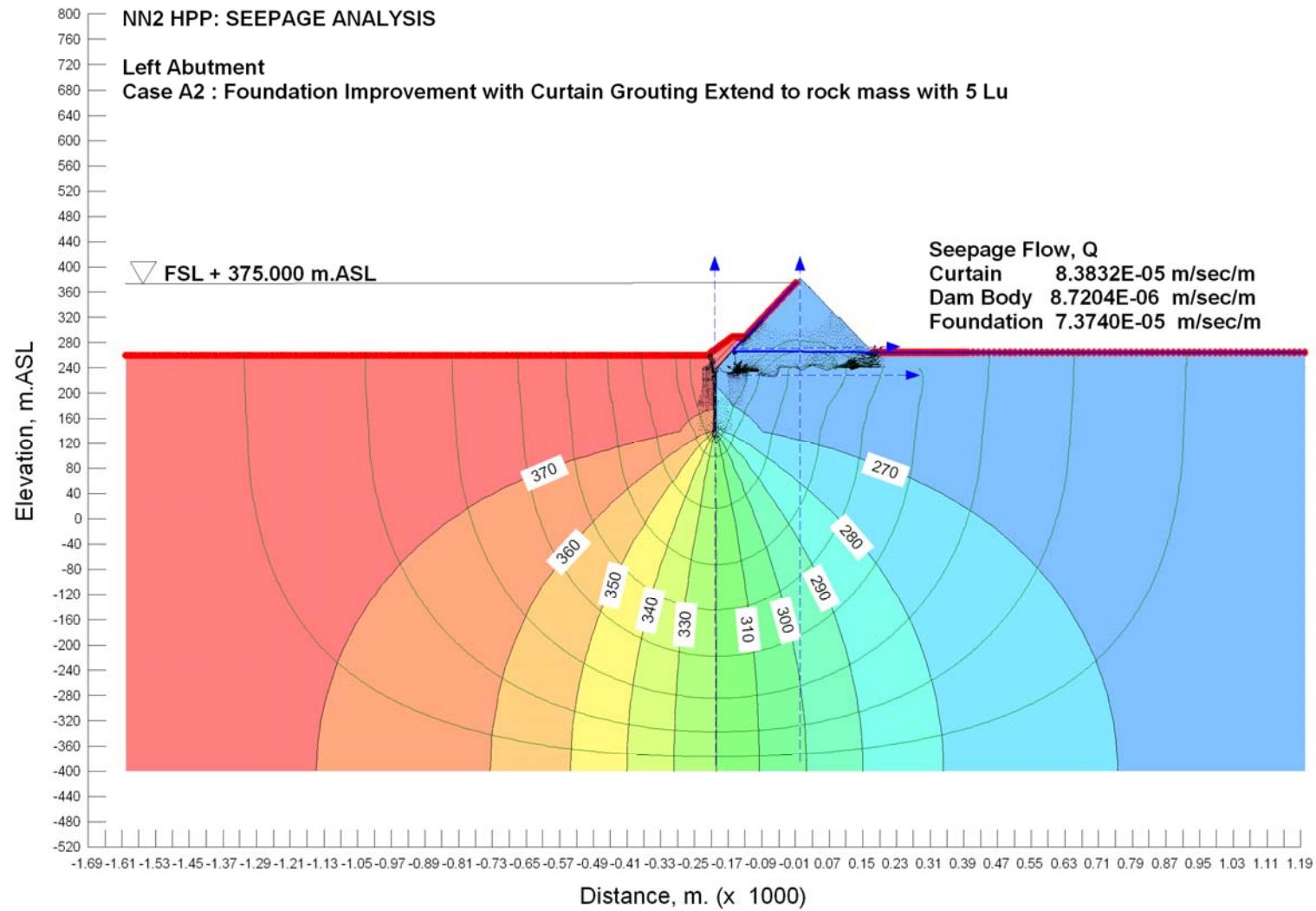


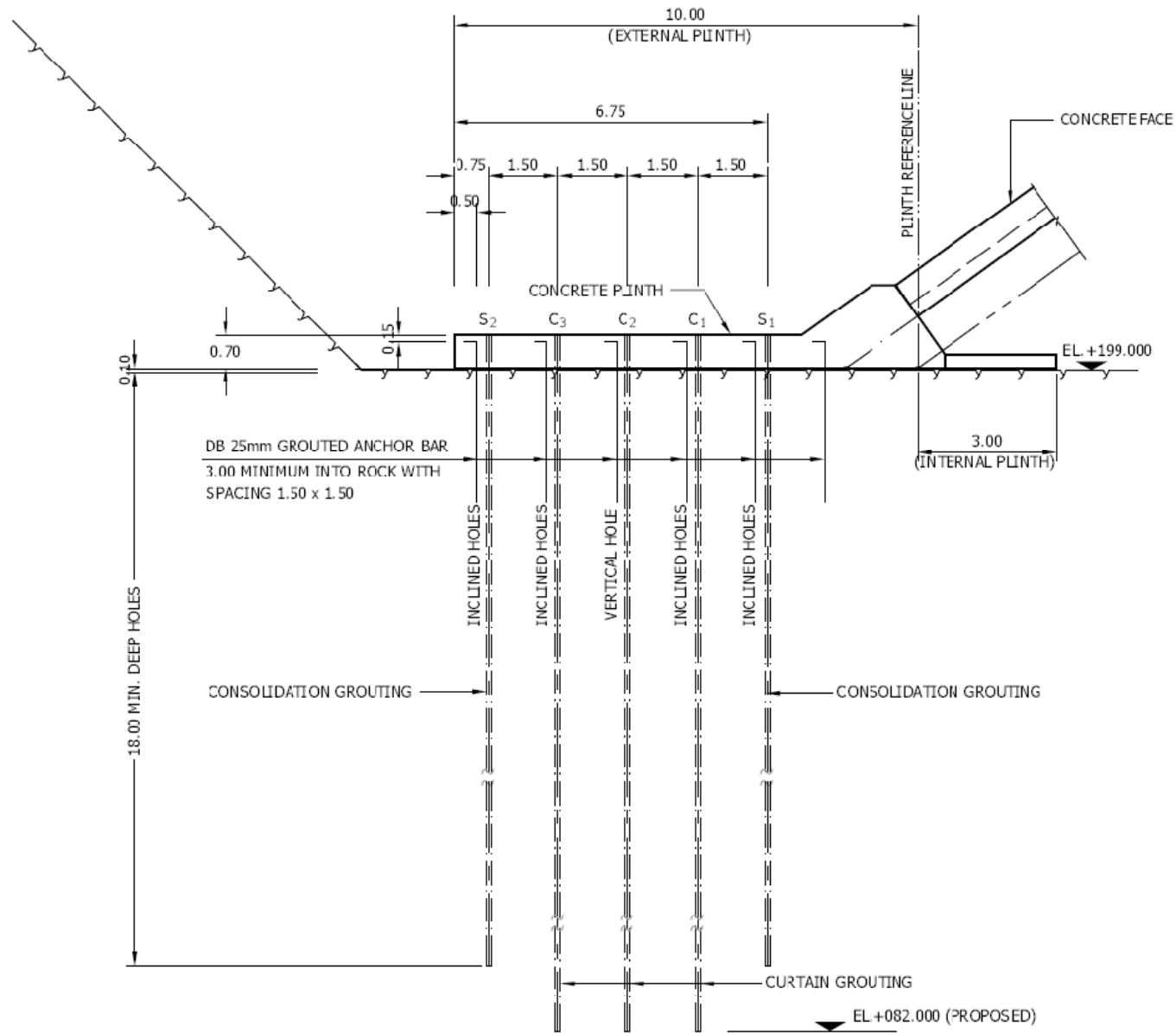
# Design of Grouting Works

## Acceptance Criteria

- Permeability < 5 Lugeons ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$  m/sec)
- Seepage Flow < 1% of full storage capacity during dry season (972 liters/sec )
- Exit Gradient at Plinth < 14 for SS and 8 for SiS
- Exit Gradient at Dam Base < 1



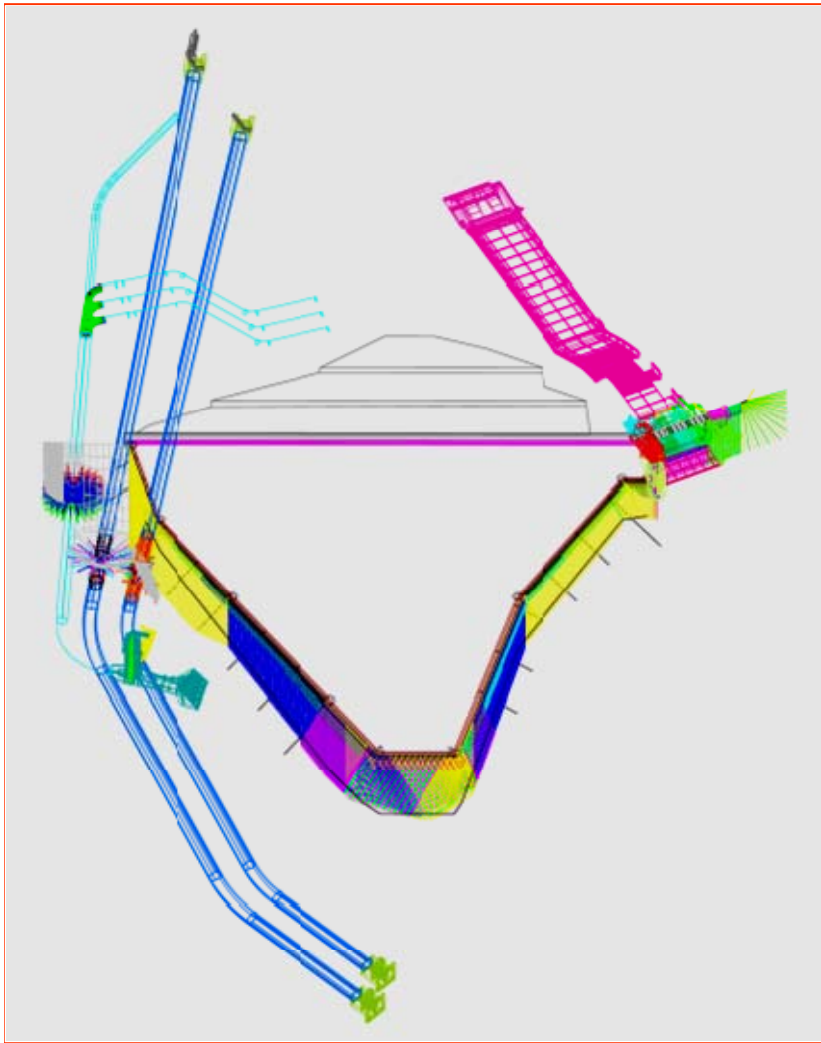




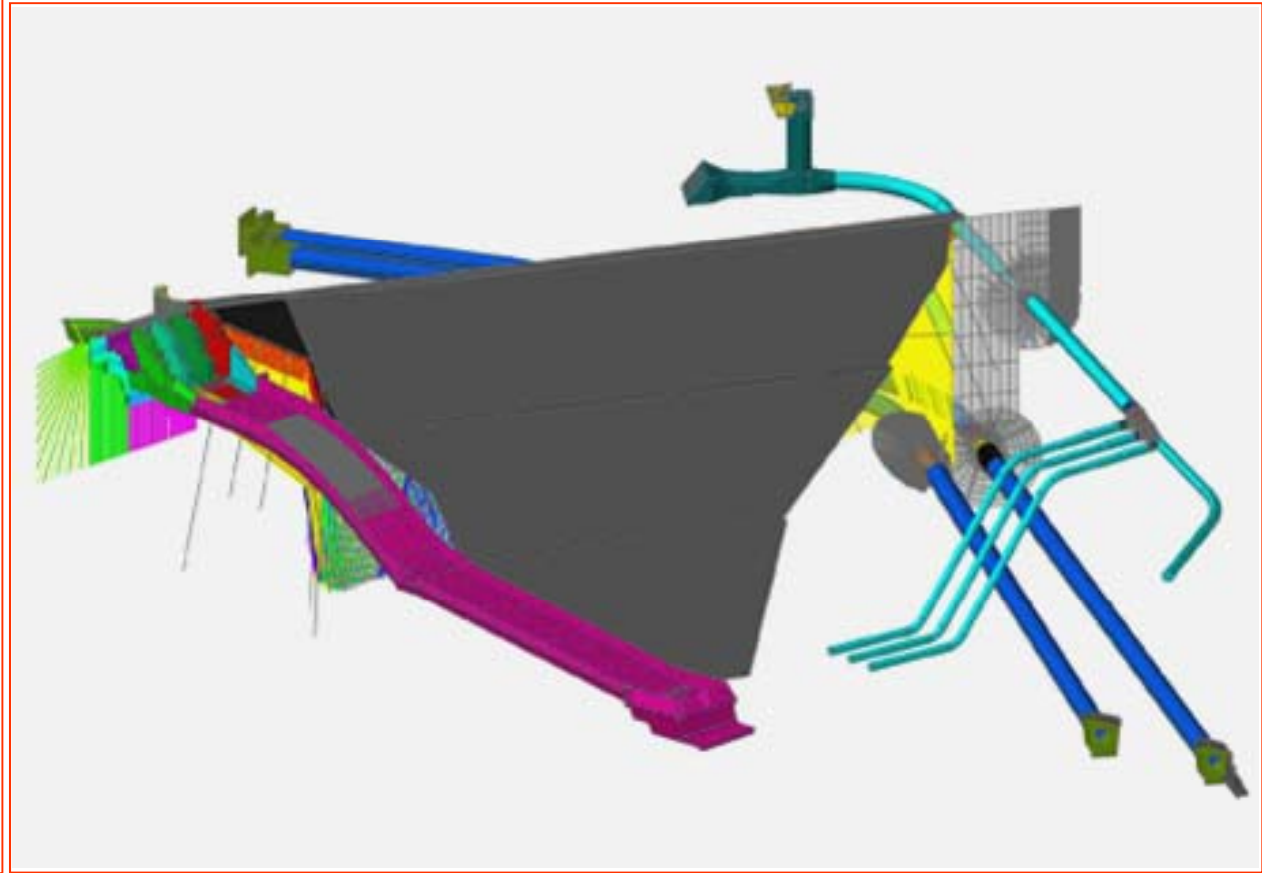








**U/S View**

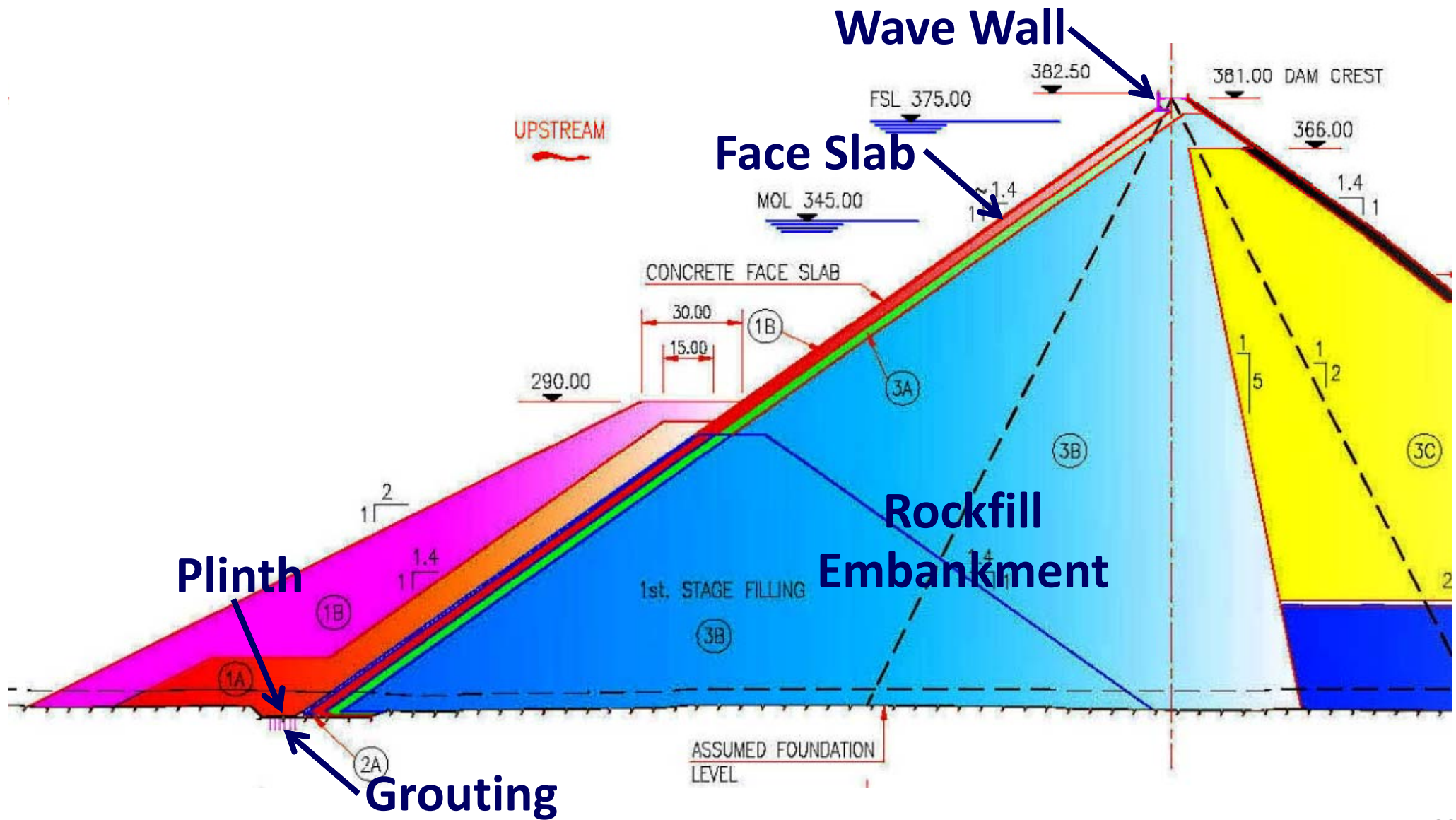


**D/S View**

# Design of Plinth

## Plinth Function

- Connects the face slab to the foundation rock.
- Act as a grout cap during grouting.
- Provides a starting position for concrete face slab slipforming equipment.



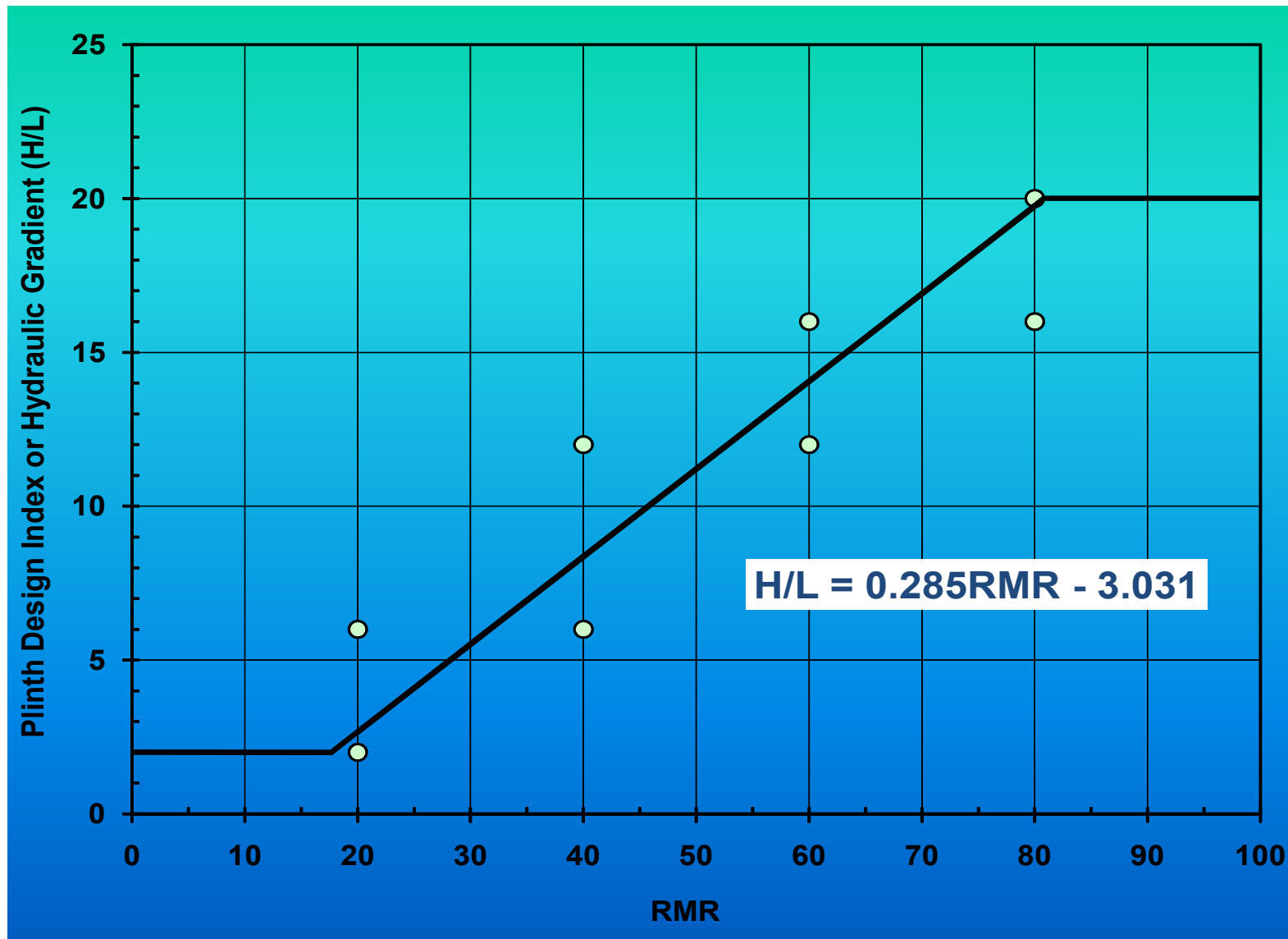
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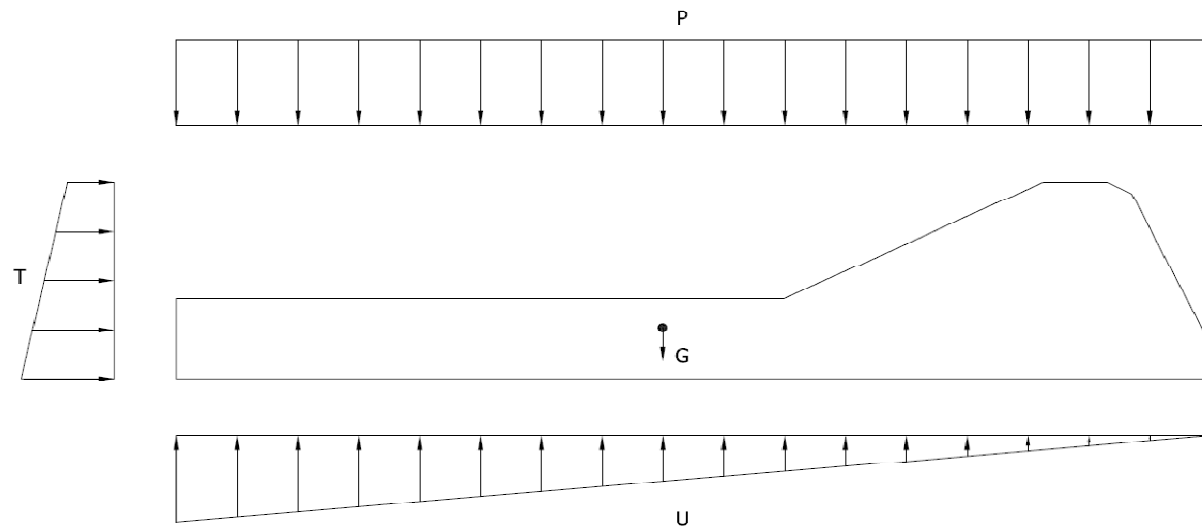
# Plinth Dimension

- Constant Thickness = 0.70 m
- Total Plinth Width = 6.0 ~ 23.0 m
- External Plinth Width = 6.0 m, 8.0 m and 10.0 m

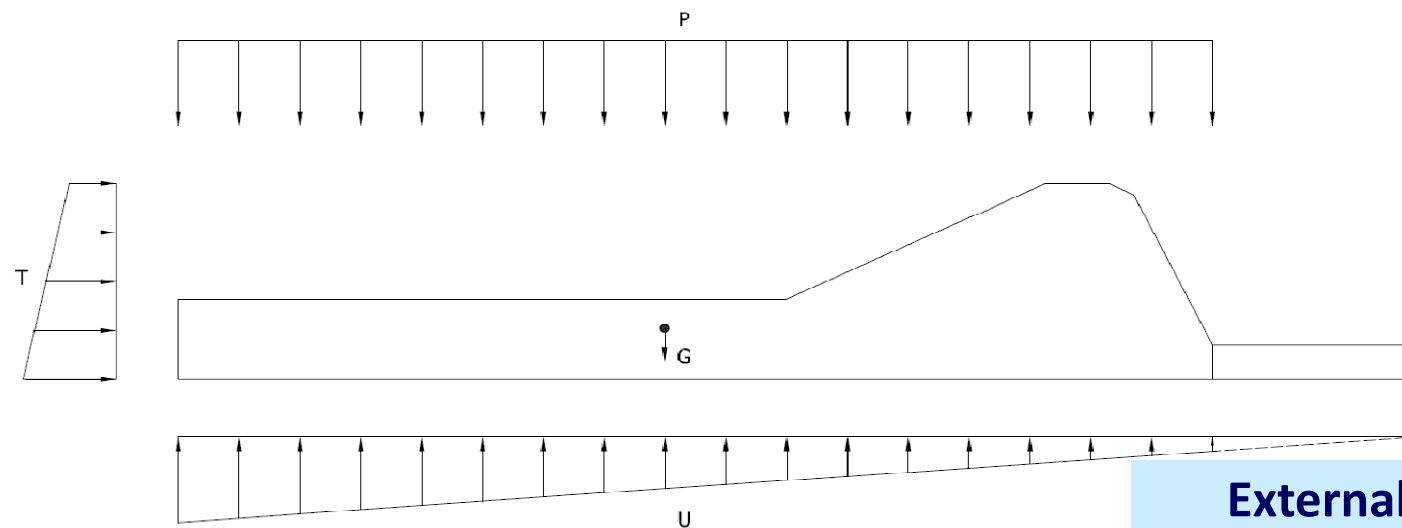


# Plinth Stability

- Stability against Sliding  $F.S. > 1.5$
- Stability against Overturning  $F.S. > 1.3$
- Stability against Wedge Sliding  $F.S. > 1.3$

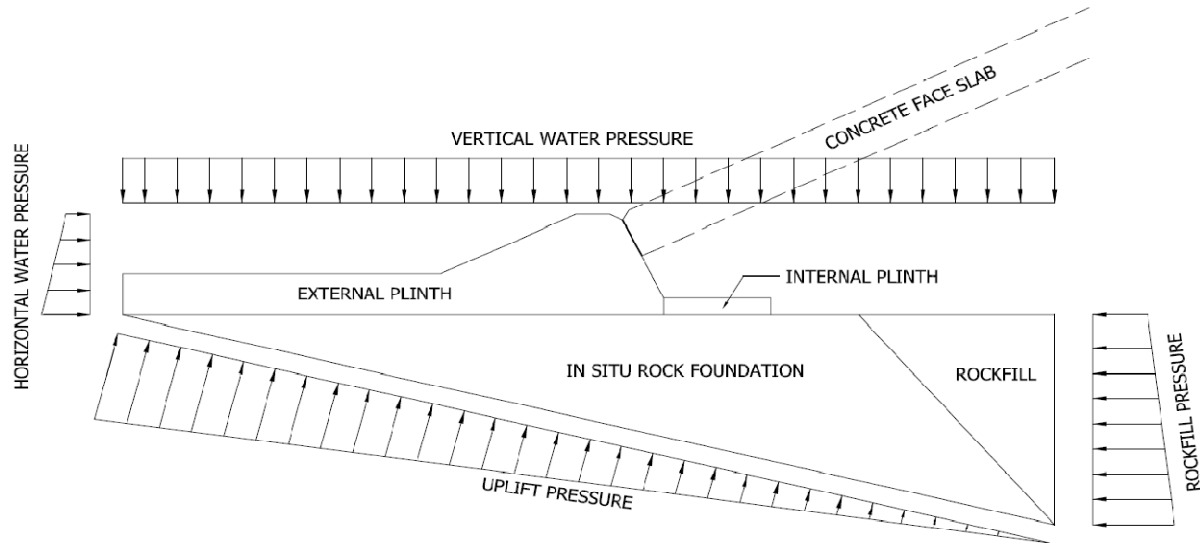


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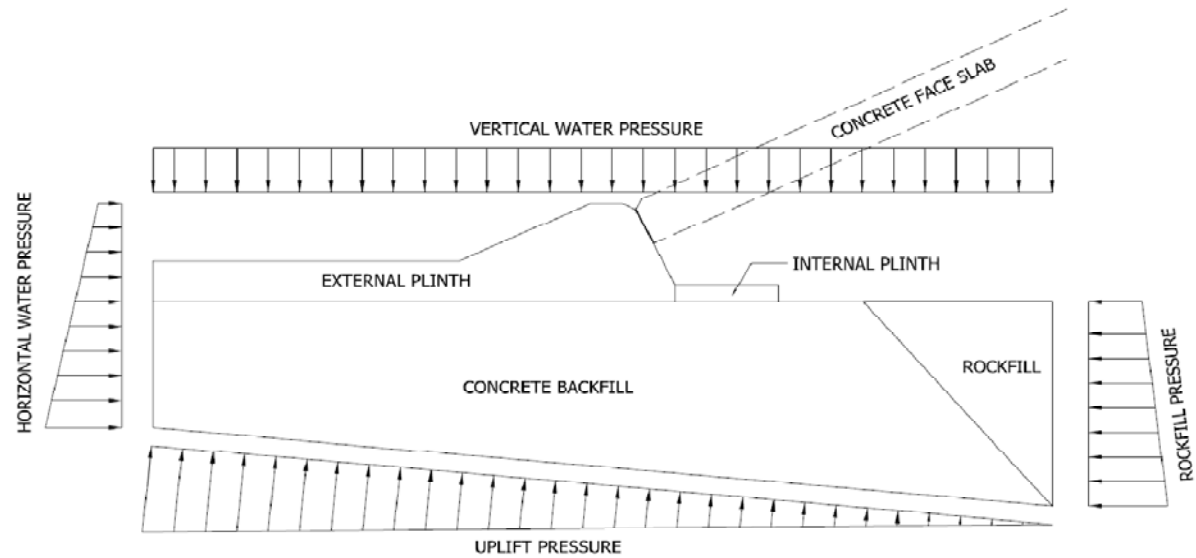


**External and Internal Plinth**

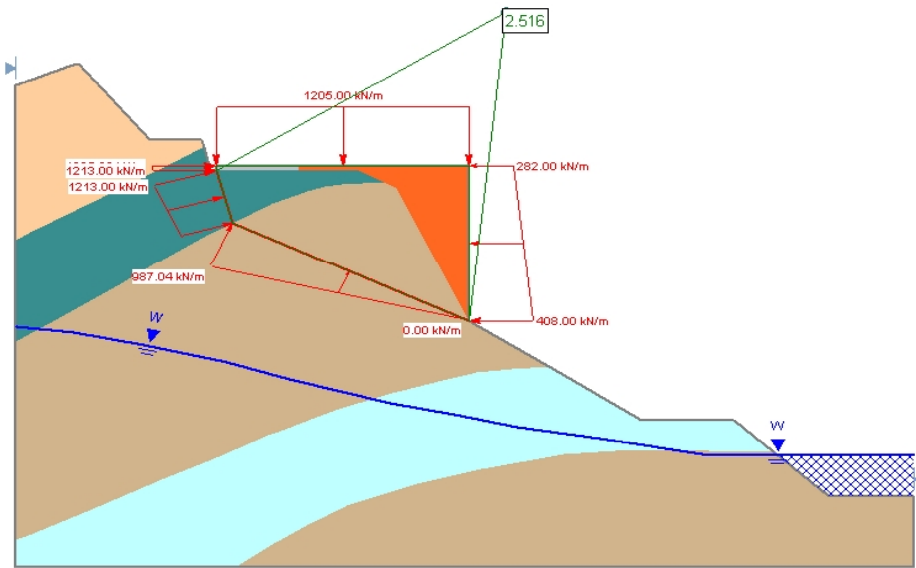




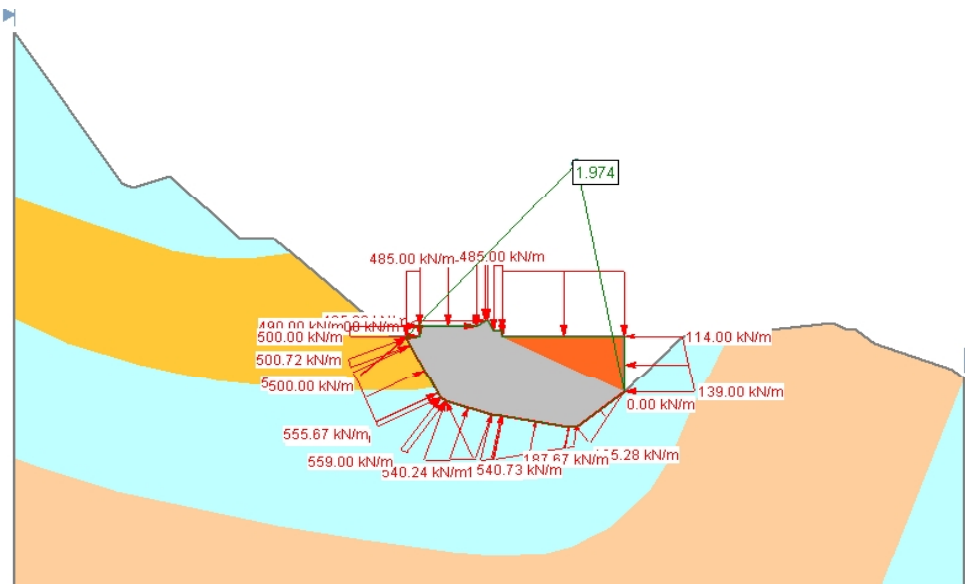
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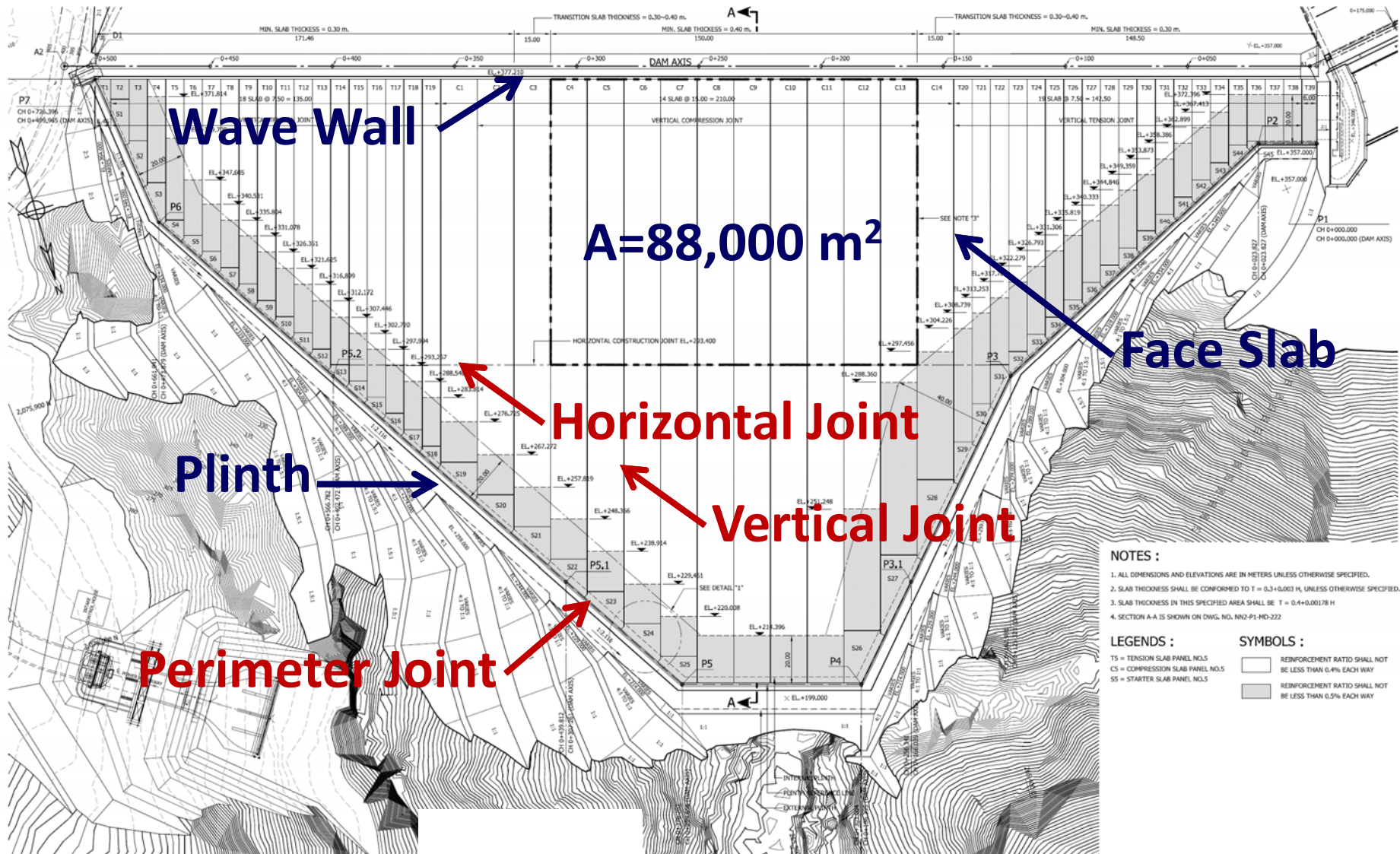
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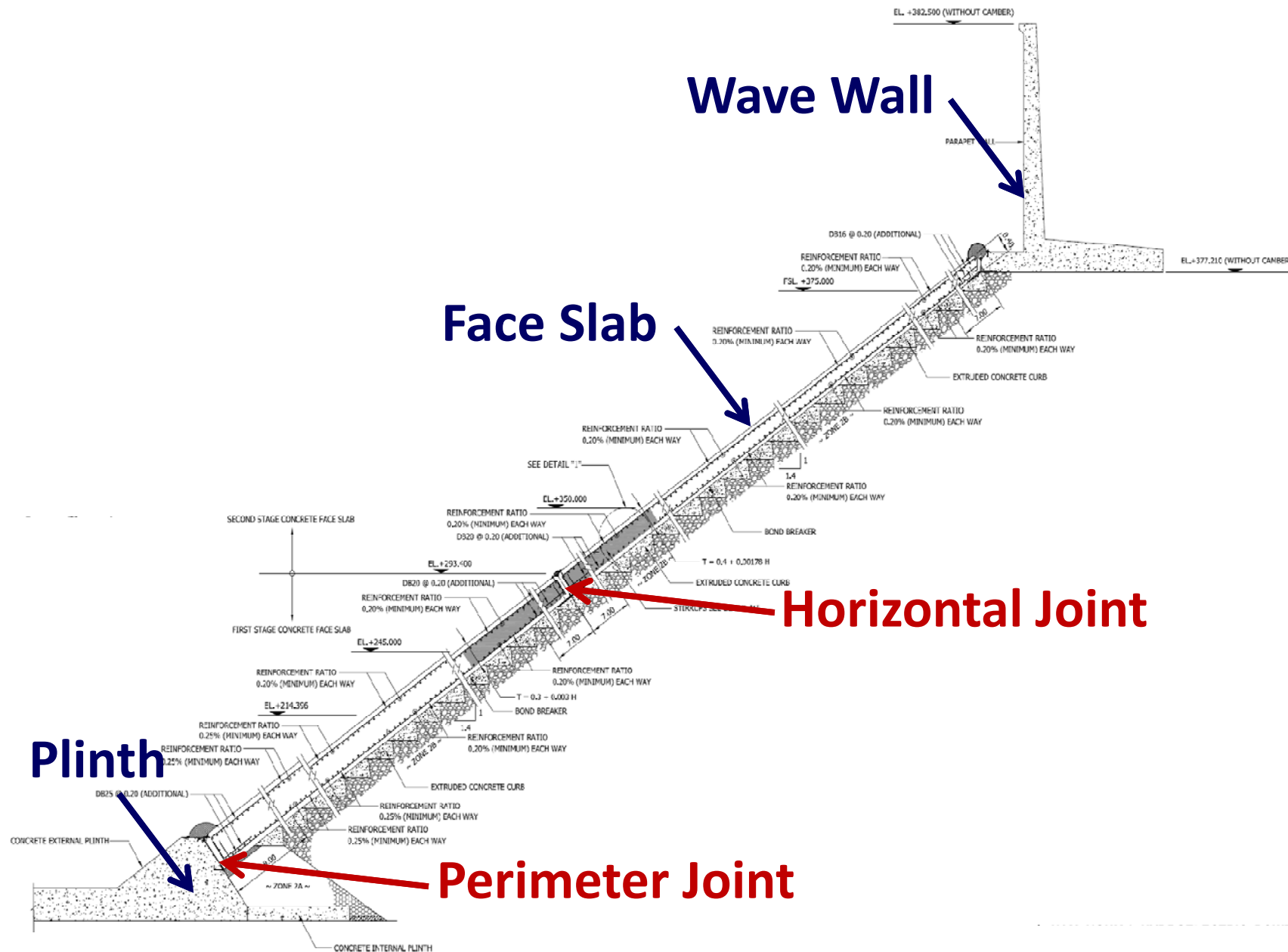


## Discontinuities



## Concrete Backfill







# Design of Dam Embankment

## Dam Zoning Designation

- Zone 1: Concrete Face Slab Protection Zone
- Zone 2: Concrete Face Slab Supporting Zone
- Zone 3: Rockfill Zone





**Large Triaxial Test**

**Large Compression Test**



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No	Rockfill materials		Triaxial tests				Compression tests	
			$\sigma_3=0.5$ MPa	$\sigma_3=1.0$ MPa	$\sigma_3=1.5$ MPa	$\sigma_3=2.0$ MPa	Dry	Saturated
1	Zone 2B (SS: 100%)		√	√	√	√	√	√
2	Zone 3A (SS: 100%)		√	√	√	√	√	√
3	Zone 3B	Sl:0%; SS:100%	√	√	√	√	√	√
		Sl:15%; SS:85%	√	√	√	√	√	√
4	Zone 3C	Sl:30%; SS:70%	√	√	√	√	√	√
		Sl:45%; SS:55%	√	√	√	√	√	√

**Note:** Triaxial tests: 24 samples, compression tests: 12 samples

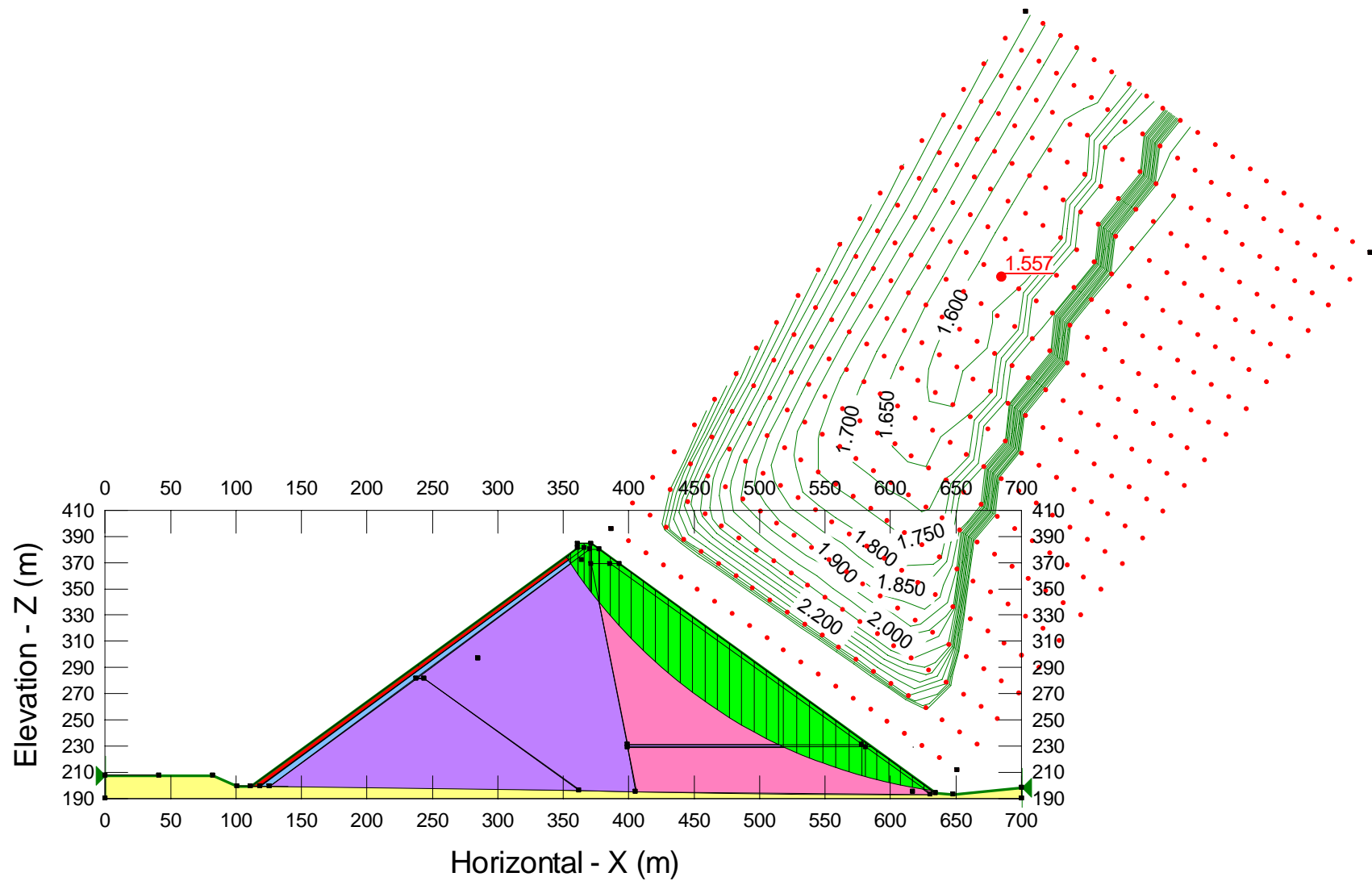
Sl: siltstone; SS: sandstone

Compression tests:  $\sigma_1 = 0.0\sim 4.0\text{MPa}$

## Duncan's E-B Model Parameters

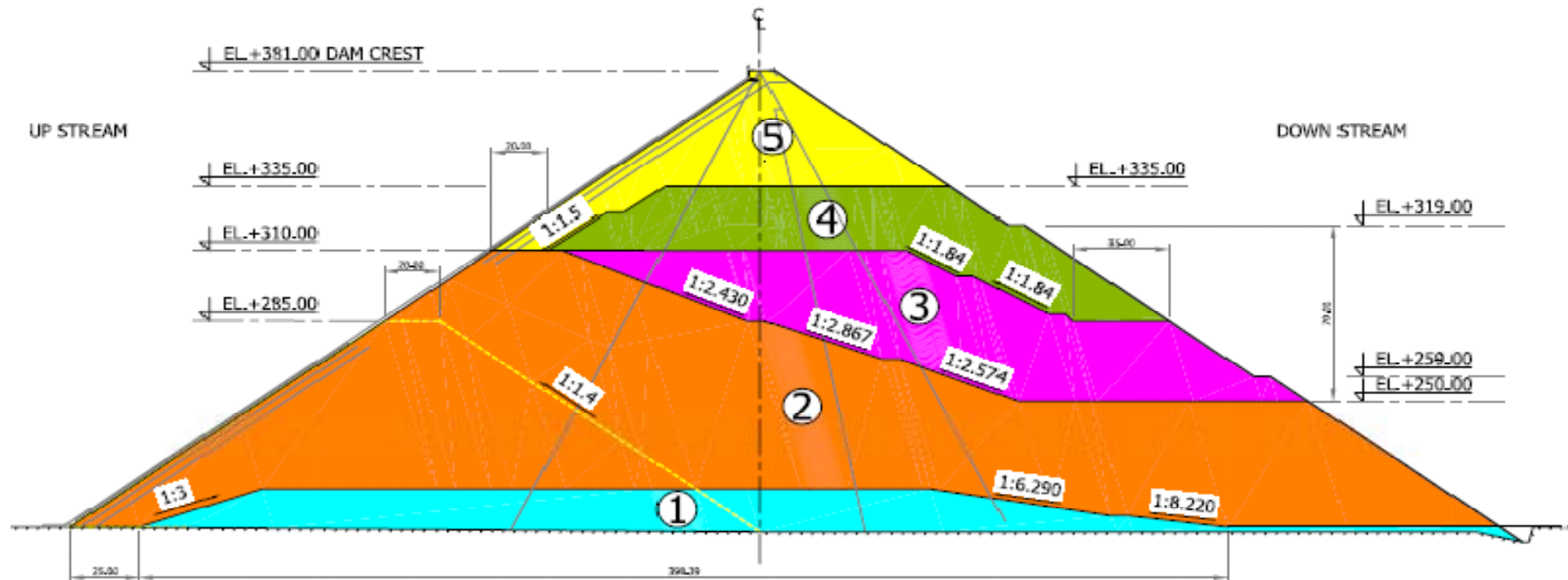
Materials	$\gamma_d$ (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	K	$K_{ur}$	n	$R_f$	$K_b$	m	c (kPa)	$\phi_0$ (°)	$\Delta\phi$ (°)
Zone 2B	2.15	1,600	3,200	0.38	0.918	800	0.20	-	44.1	4.2
Zone 3A	2.15	1,040	2,080	0.31	0.820	520	0.20	-	45.9	5.7
Zone 3B	2.15	1,000	2,000	0.38	0.864	500	0.20	-	46.5	6.2
Zone 3C	2.10	630	1,260	0.37	0.802	520	0.0	-	45.1	5.4





## DAM EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCES

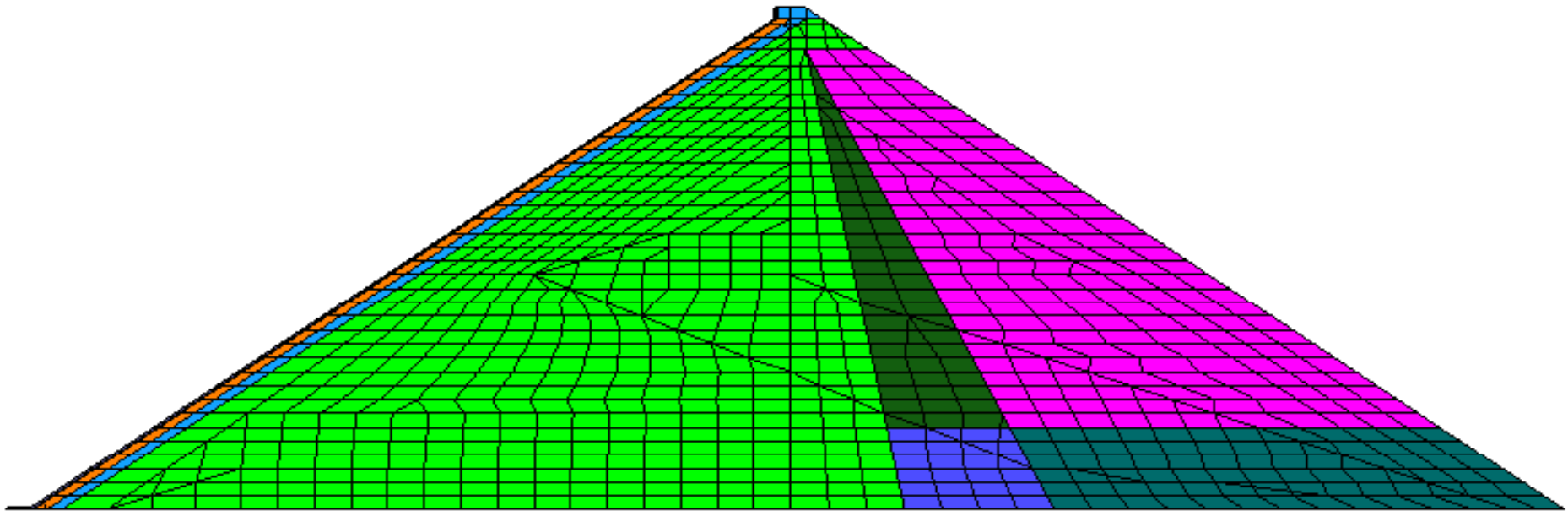
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**NOTE:**

1. 1st Stage Face slab Below EL.+285.00 will start after completing rockfill placement stage 1 and 2 to EL.+310.00
2. While working on 1st Stage Face slab, CK intend to work on stage 3 and 4 rockfill placement
3. CK expects to complete rockfill placement to EL.+310.00 (Stage 1 and 2) in 7 months.

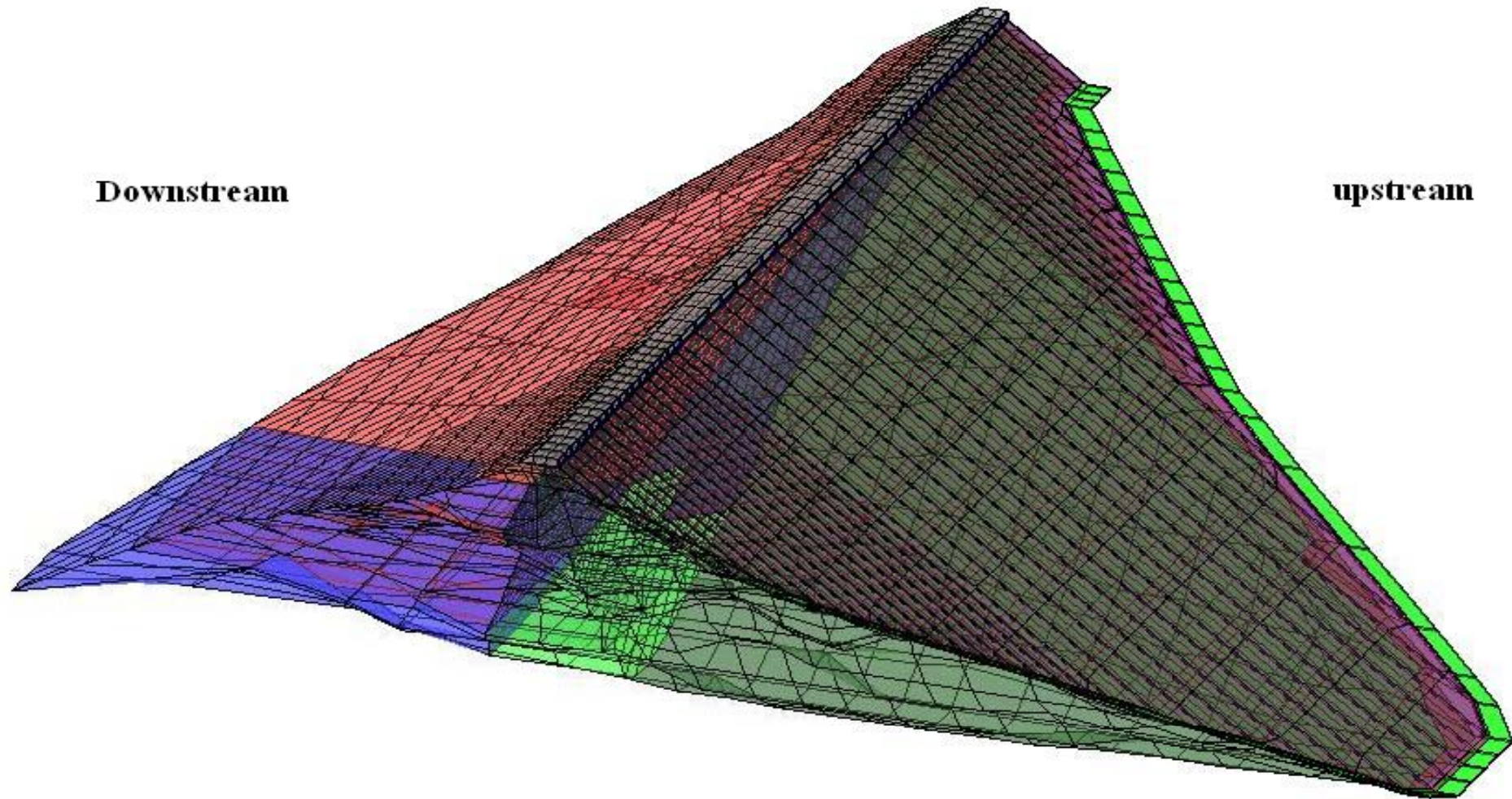
## 2D FEM Model



1158 elements, 1172 nodal points.  
Interface: thin layer contact elements

32 construction steps  
7 water load steps

# 3D FEM Model



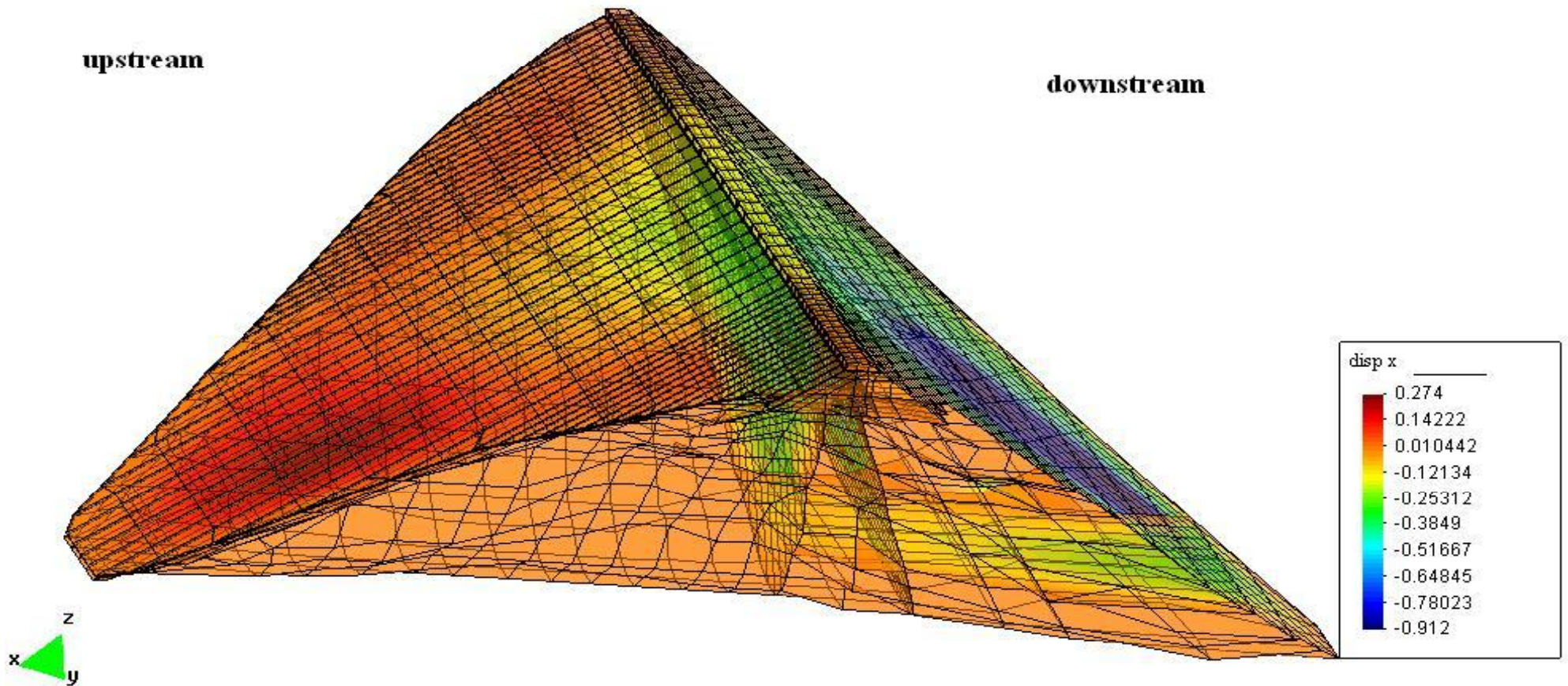
7795 nodes and 6370 elements

26 construction steps  
9 water load steps

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# Results of 3D FEM Analysis



Displacements in the Direction Along the River

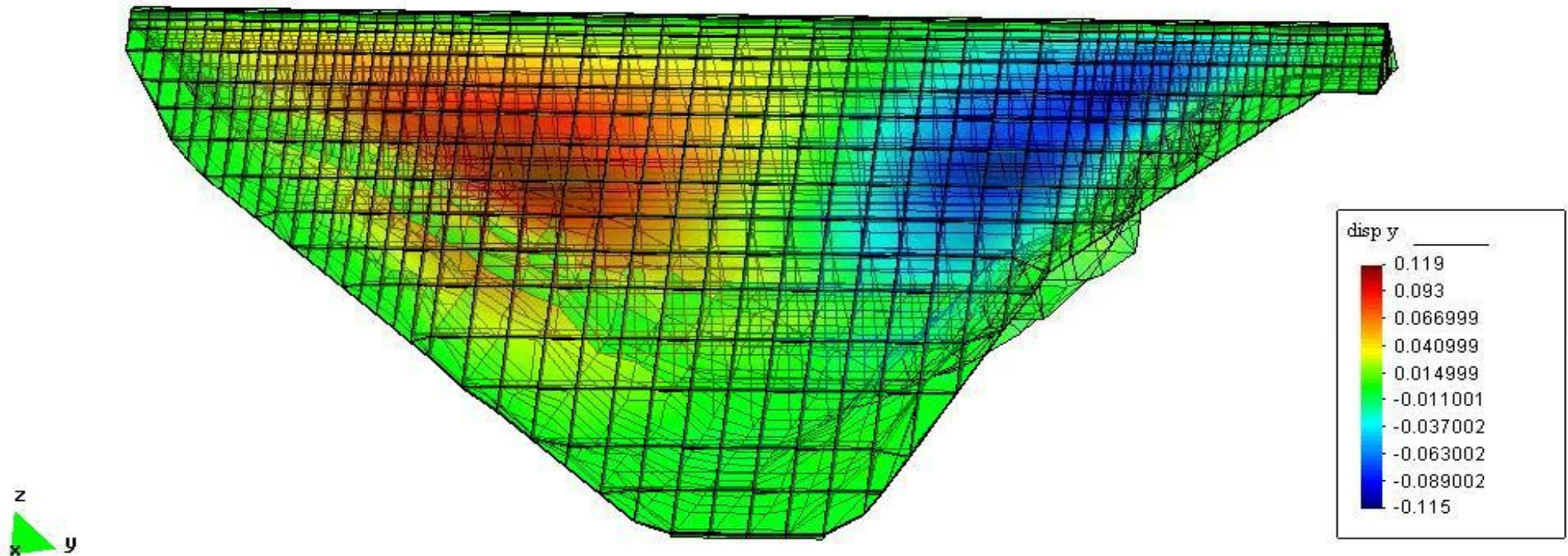
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# Results of 3D FEM Analysis

left abutment

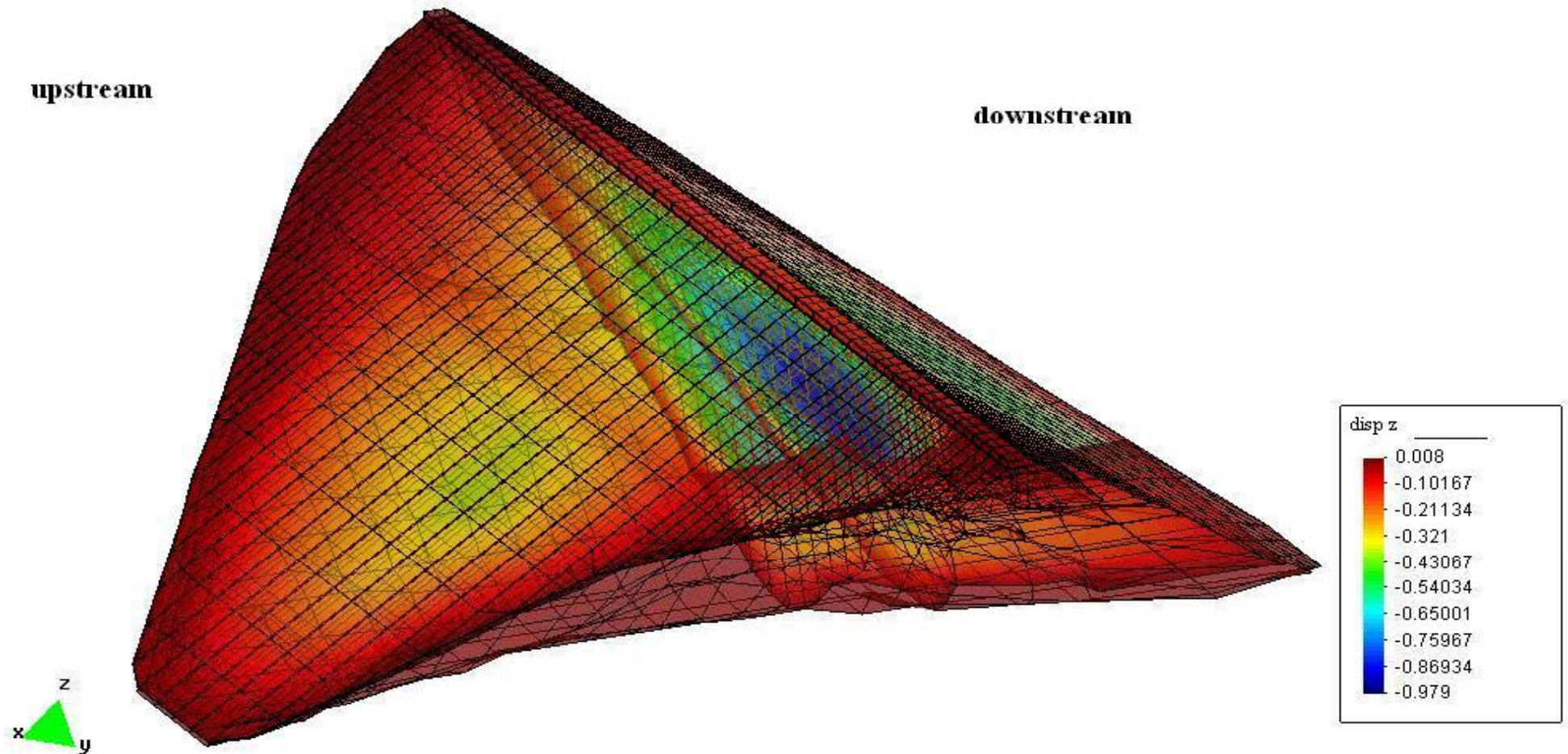
right abutment



Displacements in the Direction Along the Dam Axis

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# Results of 3D FEM Analysis



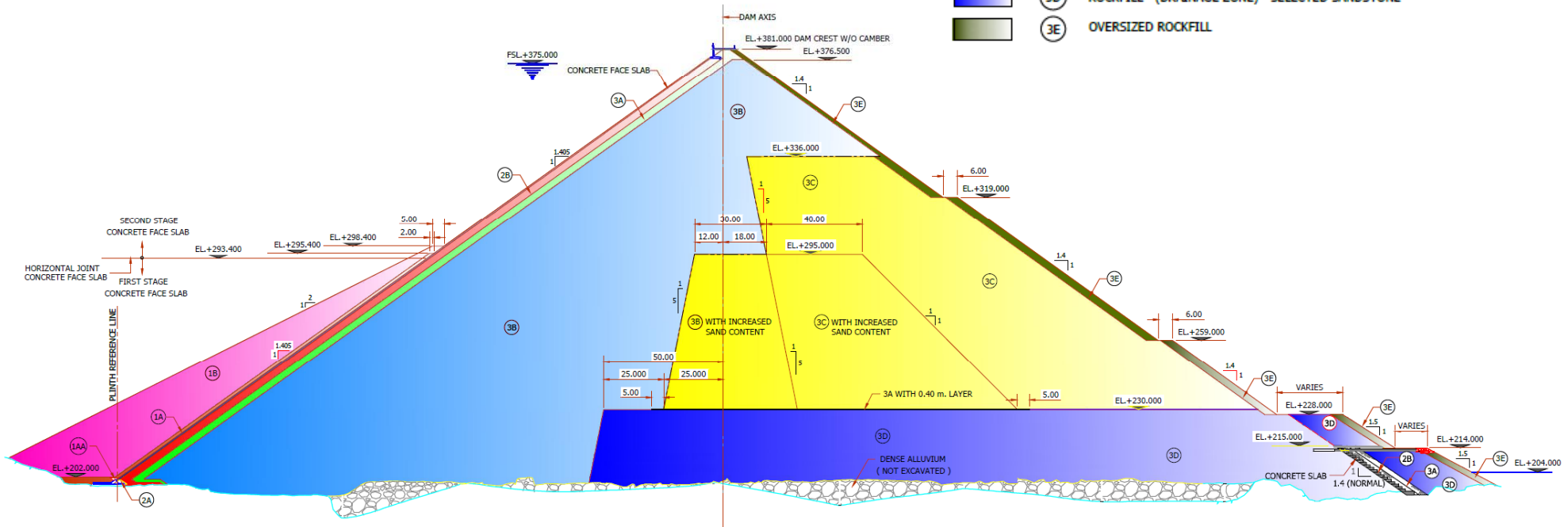
Displacements in the Vertical Direction

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**Total Embankment Volume = 10 Million m<sup>3</sup>**

## LEGEND

	(1A) SELECTED FINE GRAINED
	(1AA) NON-COHESIVE SILT OR FIY-ASH, 1m <sup>3</sup> /m
	(1B) RANDOM FILL
	(2A) PERIMETER ZONE FILTER - SANDY GRAVEL (PROCESSED ROCK) MAX. SIZE 19mm
	(2B) DAM FACE BEDDING LAYER - SANDY GRAVEL (PROCESSED ROCK) MAX. SIZE 76mm
	(3A) TRANSITION ZONE - SELECTED SMALL QUARRY RAN ROCKFILL
	(3B) ROCKFILL - SOUND SANDSTONE
	(3C) ROCKFILL - SANDSTONE WITH 30% MAX. HARD SILTSTONE OR MUDSTONE
	(3D) ROCKFILL - (DRAINAGE ZONE) - SELECTED SANDSTONE
	(3E) OVERSIZED ROCKFILL





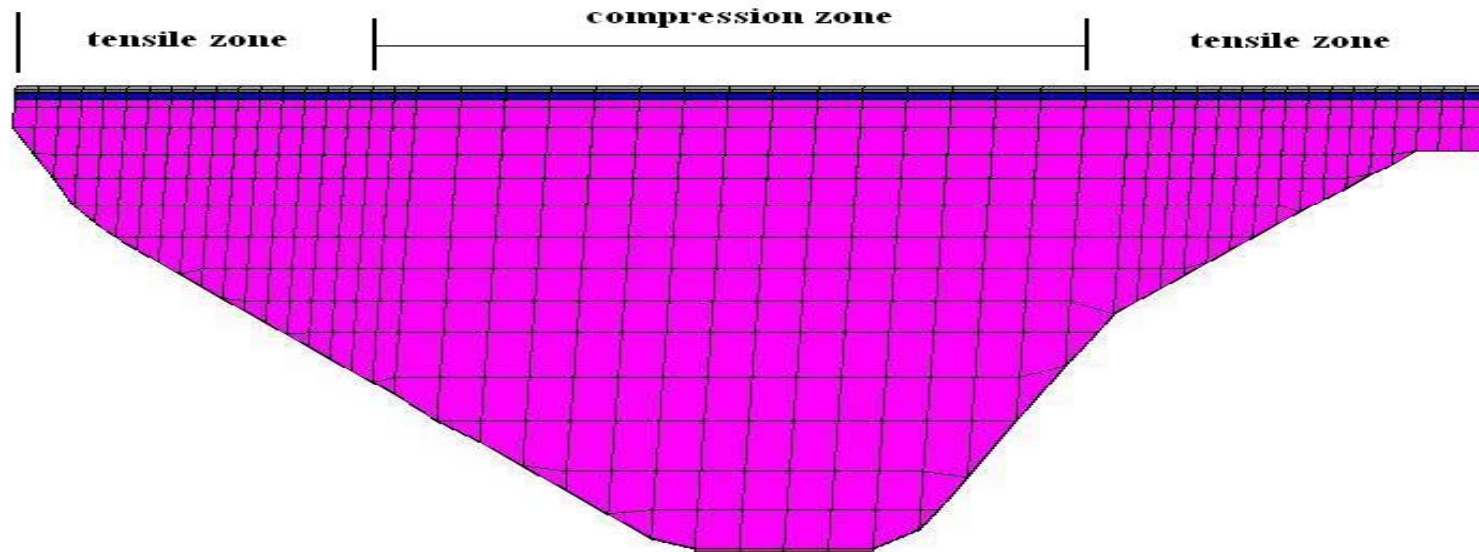
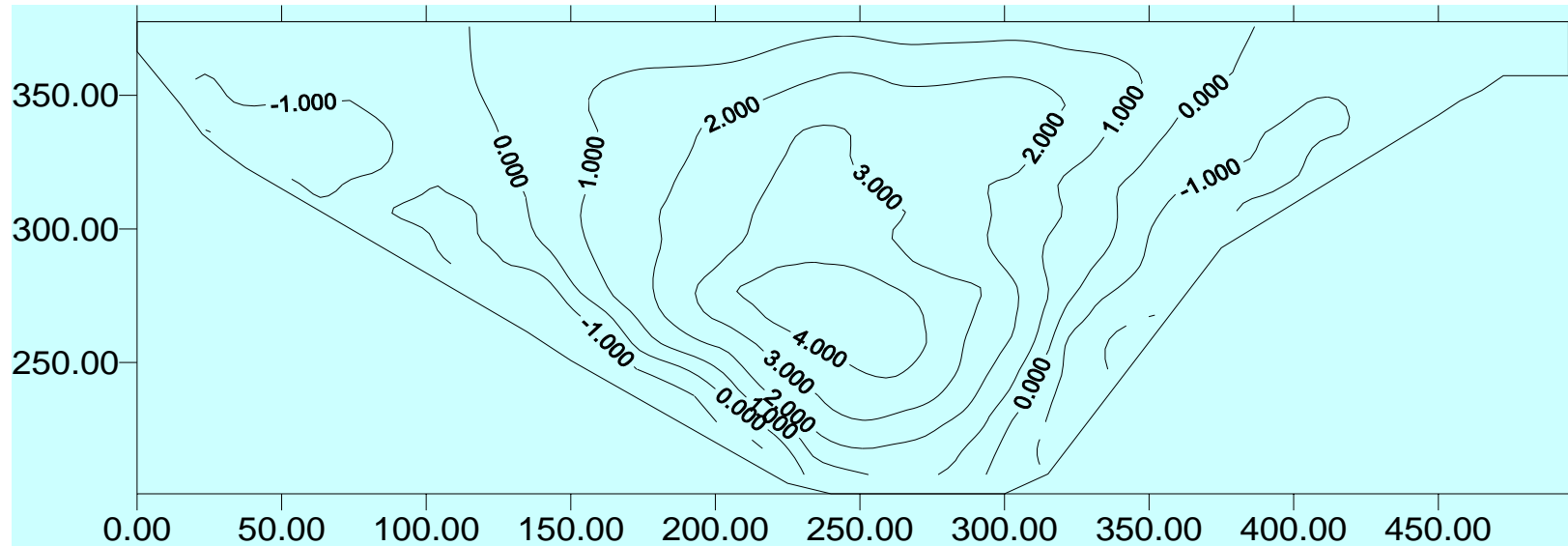
# Design of Face Slab

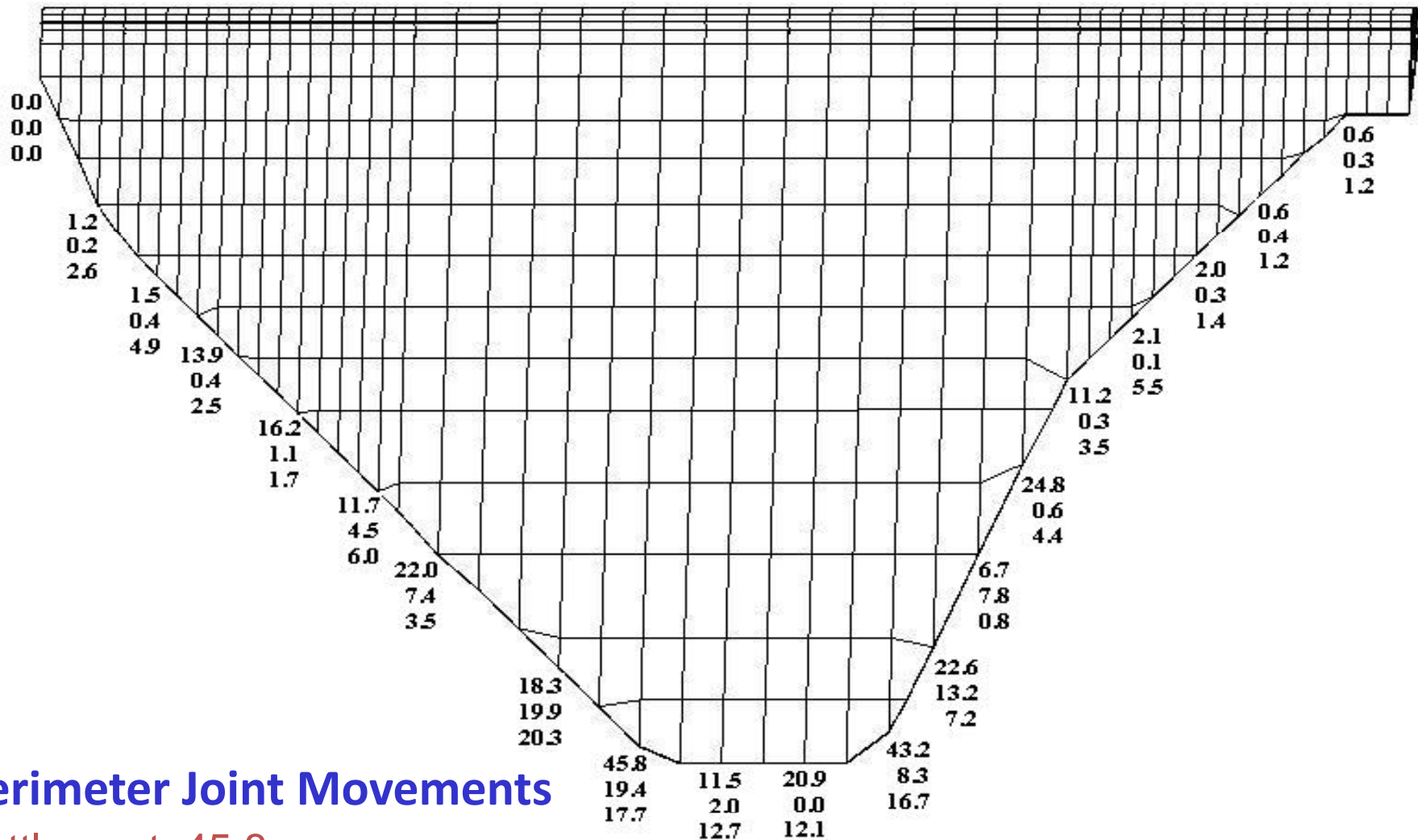
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2. 3D-FEM
3. Beam Spring Model

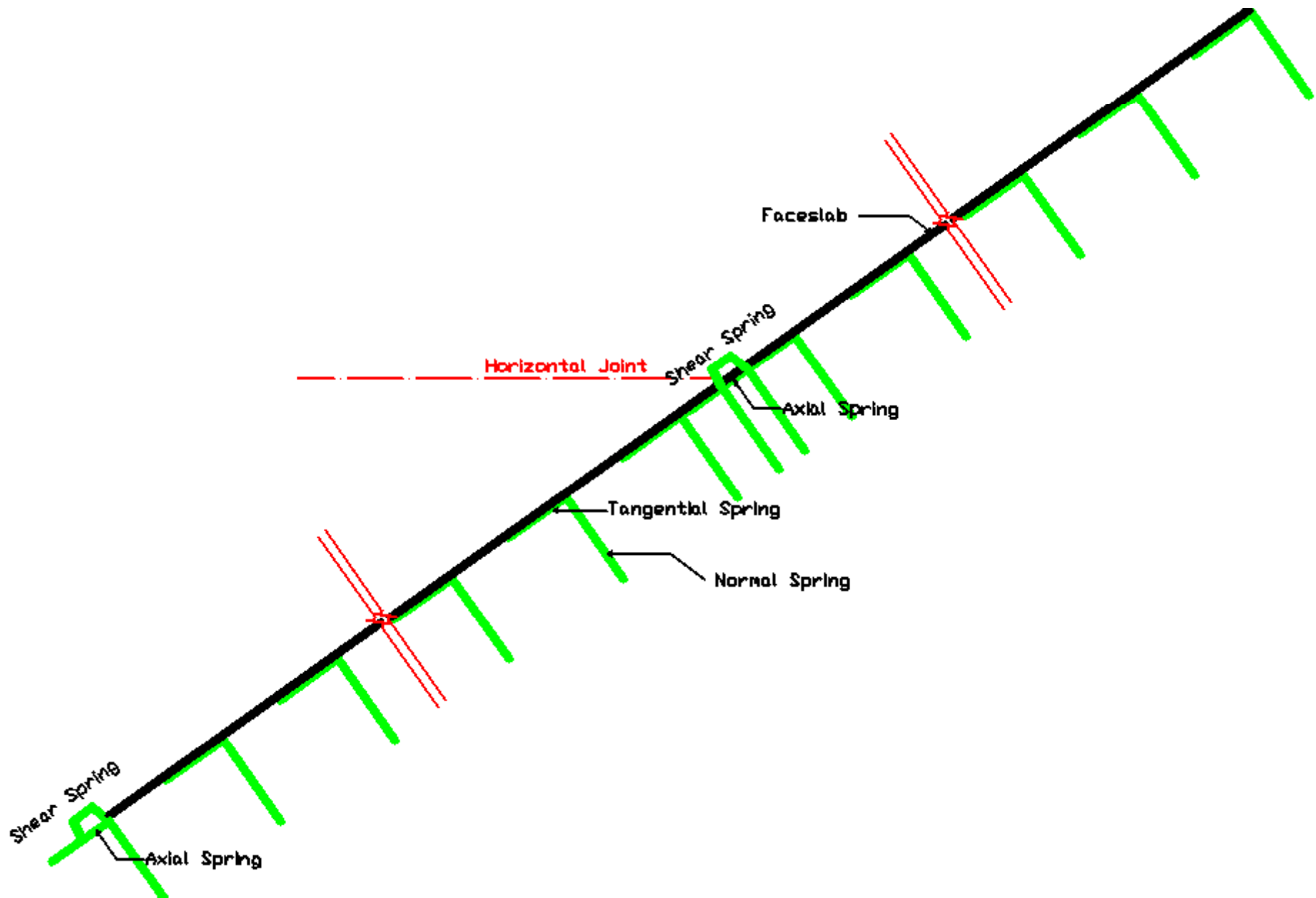
# Empirical Considerations

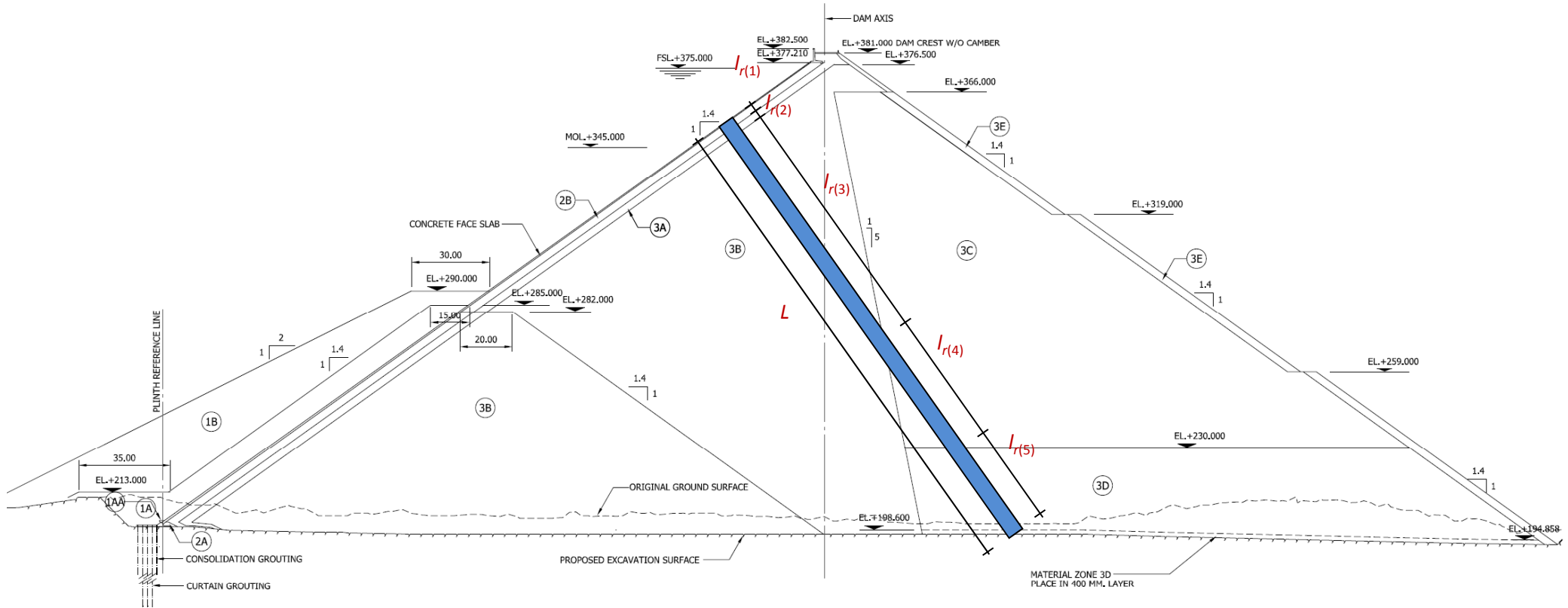
1. Barra Grande
2. Campos Novos
3. Mohale
4. Shuibuya
5. Bakun





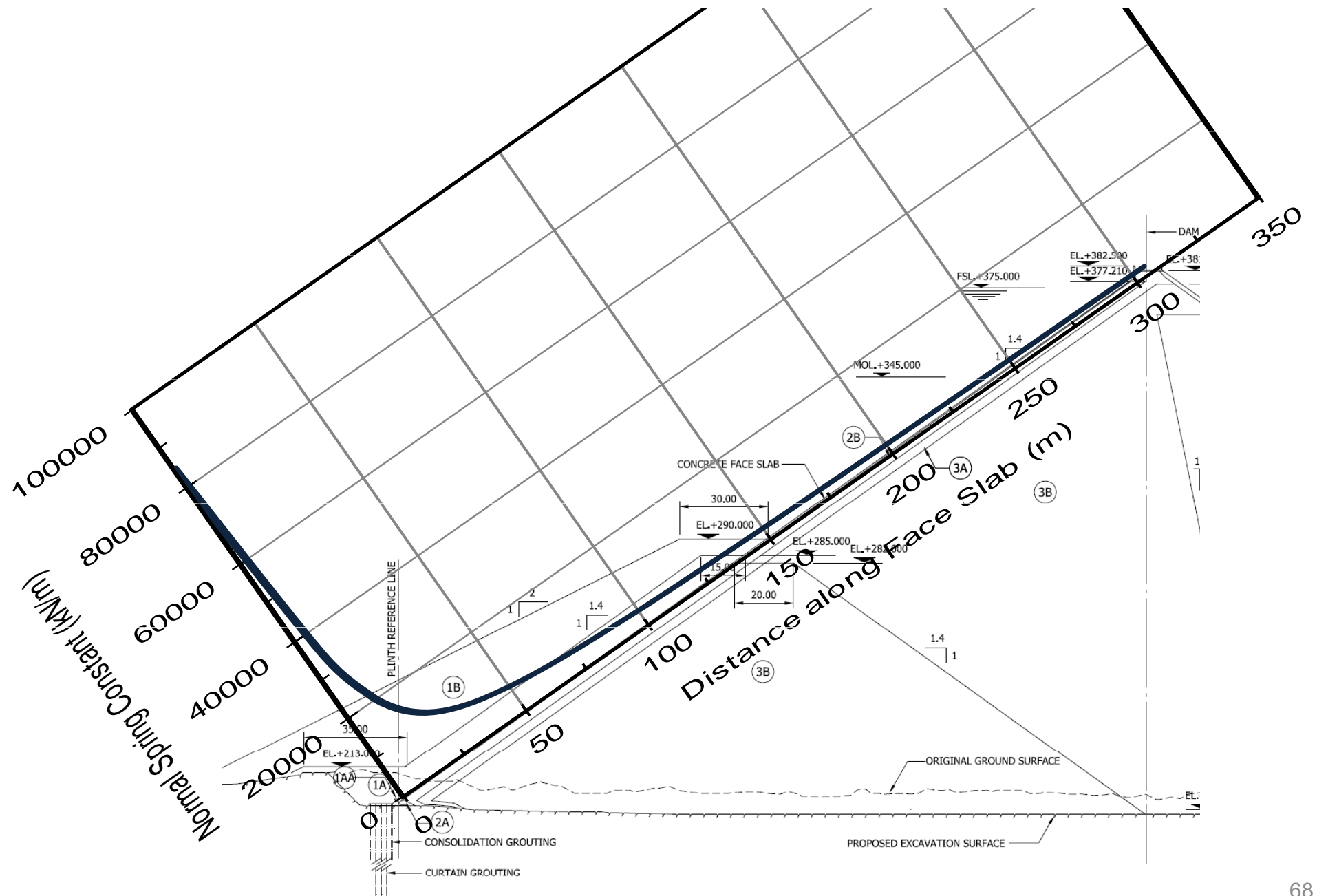




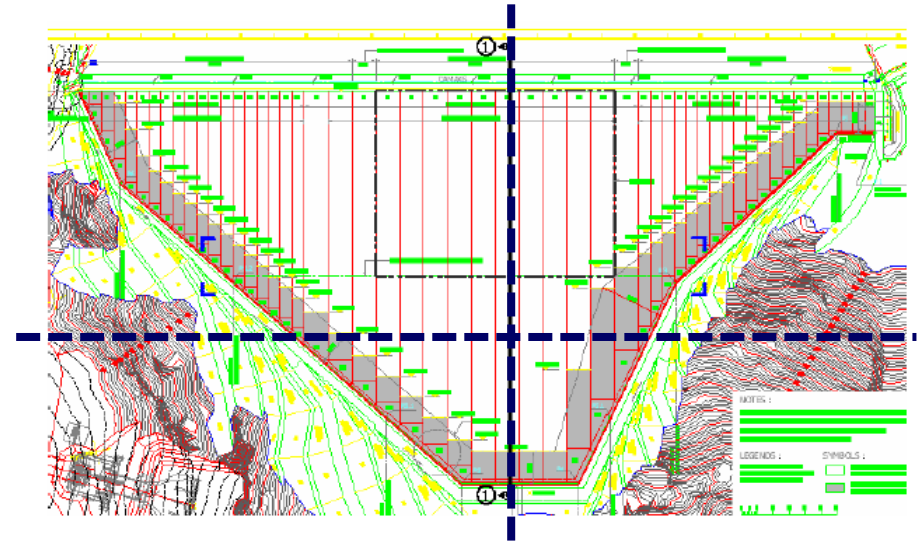


$$K_{rn} = \frac{L}{\frac{l_{r(1)}}{k_{rn(1)}} + \frac{l_{r(2)}}{k_{rn(2)}} + \frac{l_{r(3)}}{k_{rn(3)}} + \dots + \frac{l_{r(m)}}{k_{rn(m)}}}$$

$$k_{rn(i)} = \frac{A_{r(i)} E_{r(i)}}{l_{r(i)}}$$





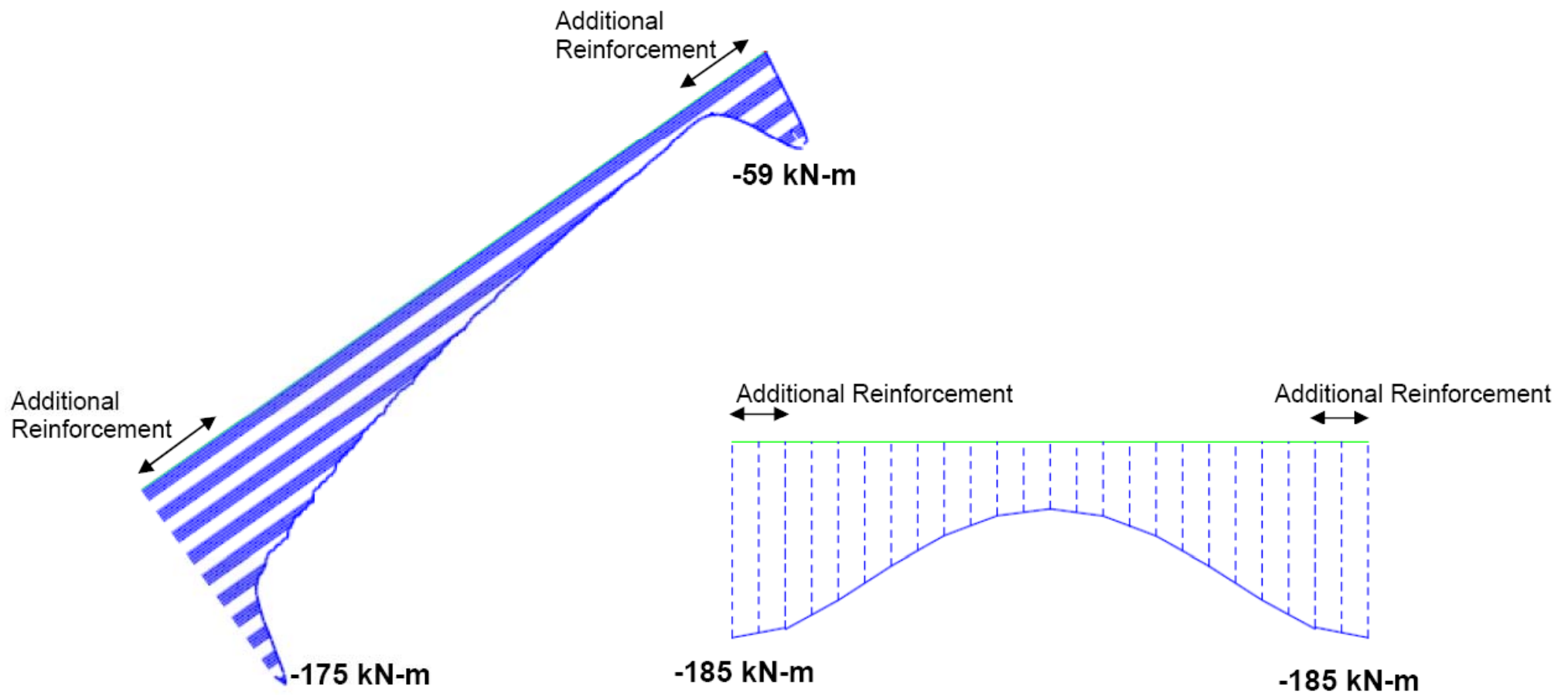


37 cm (max)

53 cm (max)

Longitudinal Section

Cross Section



**Longitudinal Section**

**Cross Section**

**For First Stage Face Slab (Slab No. C9)**

# Design Results

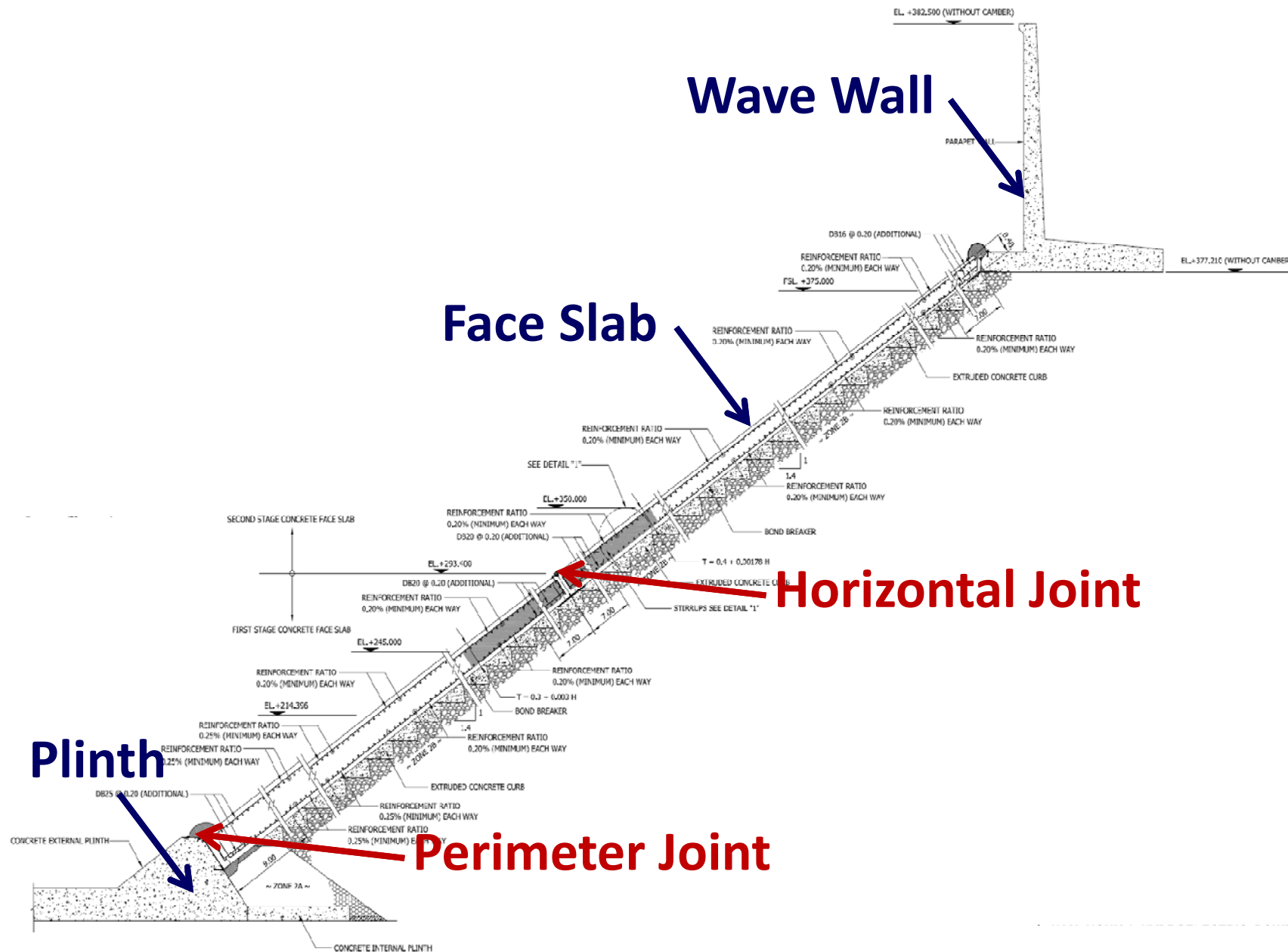
## Empirical Considerations

1. Face slab thickness:  $T(m) = 0.3 + 0.003H$
2. Reinforcement: 0.4% of gross sectional area
3. Slab width: 7.5m for abutments, 15.0m for riverbed section
4. Pre-cutting in the extruded curb along the vertical joint to separate the face slab behaviour individually
5. Joint systems: Perimeter, Vertical and Horizontal joints

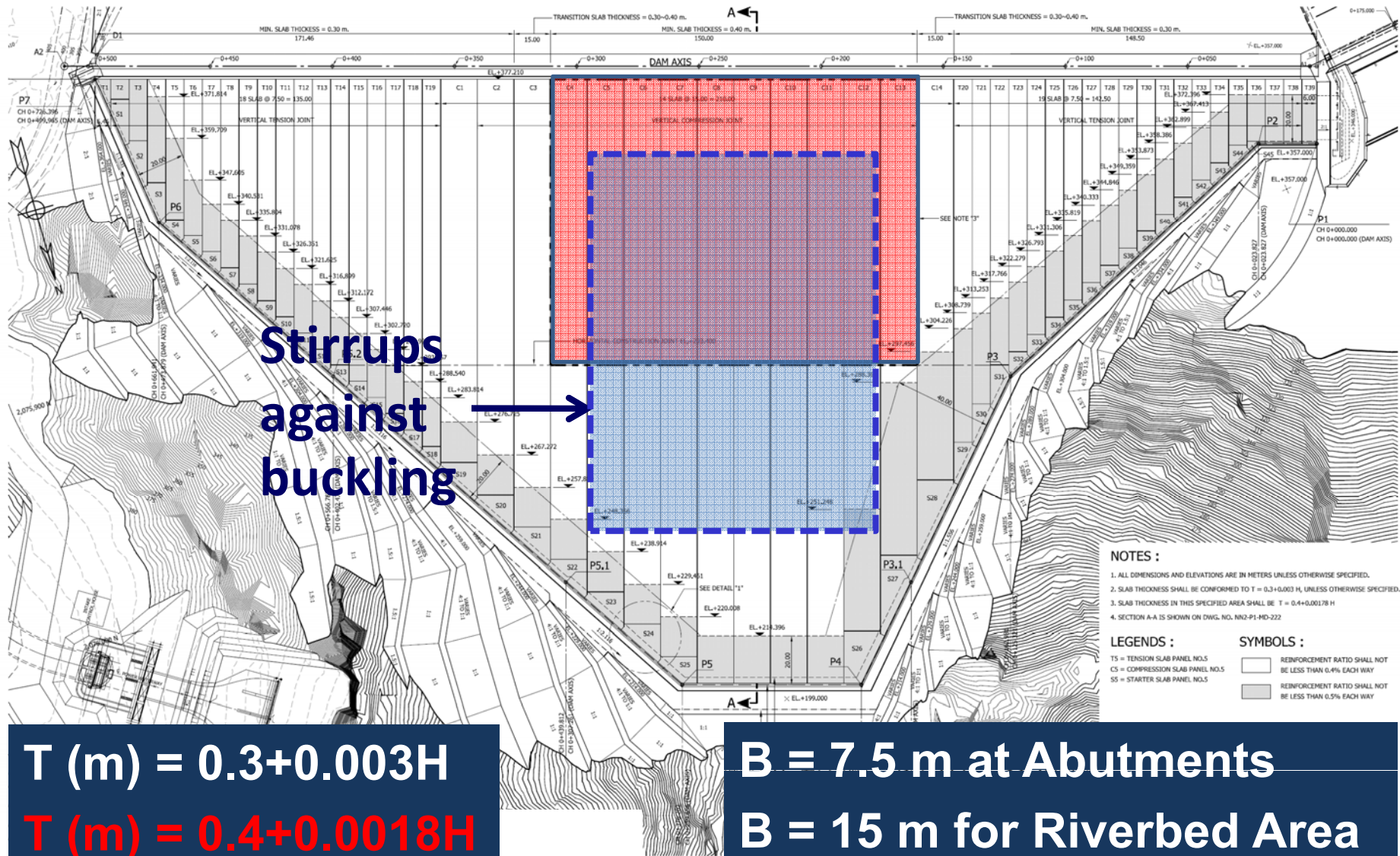
# Design Results

## Numerical Considerations

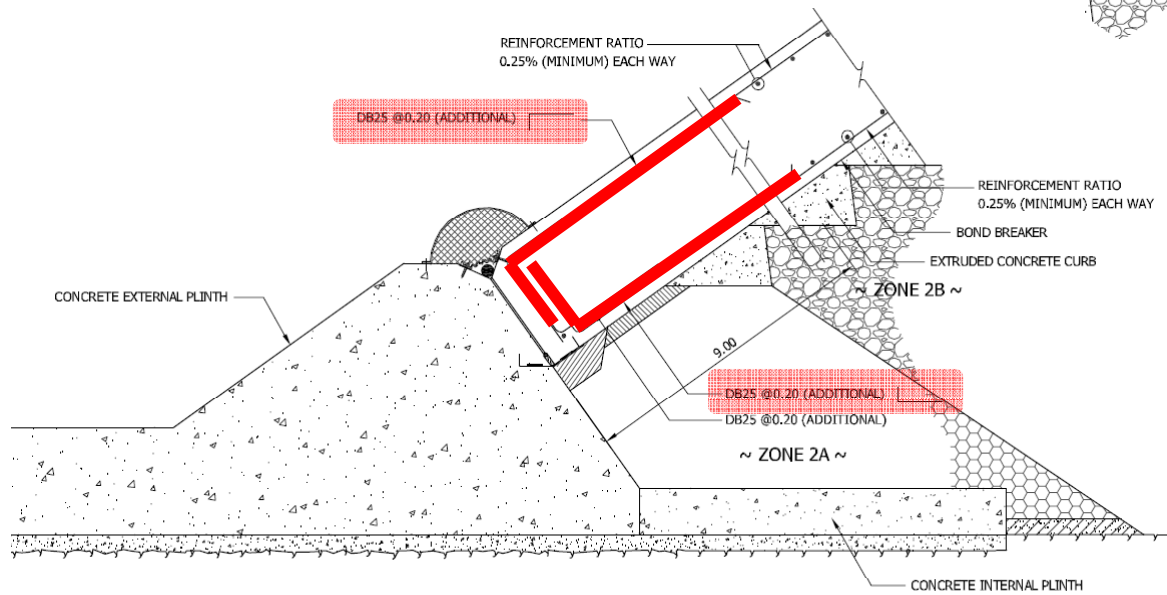
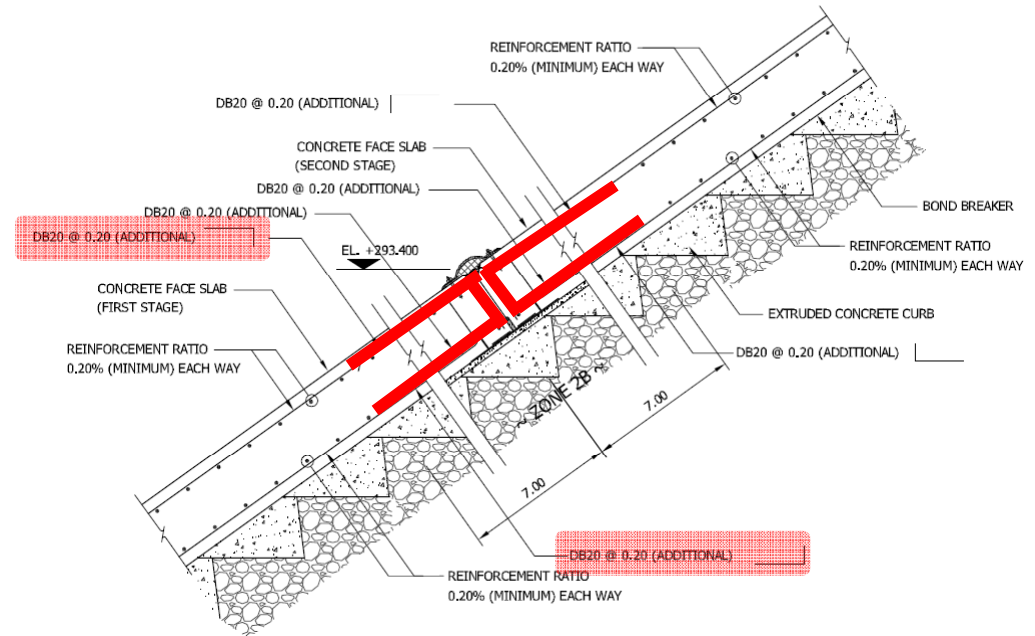
1. Increase face slab thickness:  $T(m) = 0.4 + 0.0018H$  in second stage face slab in riverbed section
2. Reinforcement: 0.5% of gross sectional area in the area close to the plinth
3. Stirrups against buckling are provided in the central area of face slab
4. Two layers of reinforcements (top and bottom layers) in both directions
5. Additional reinforcement at the face slab rims

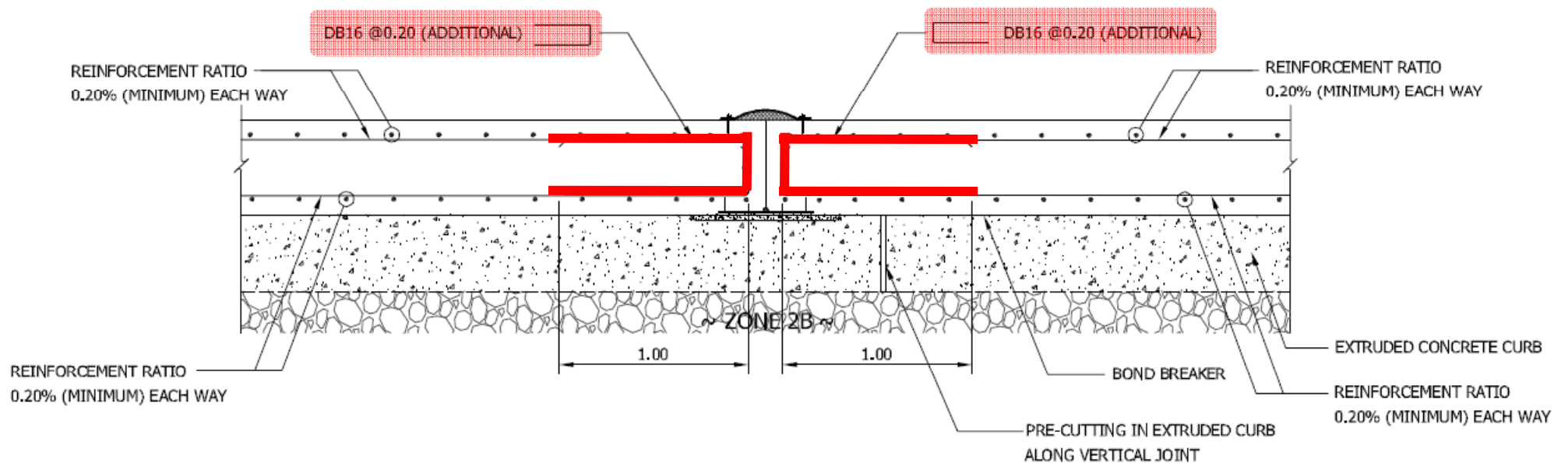












## Measures Adopted to Prevent Rupture of Face Slab

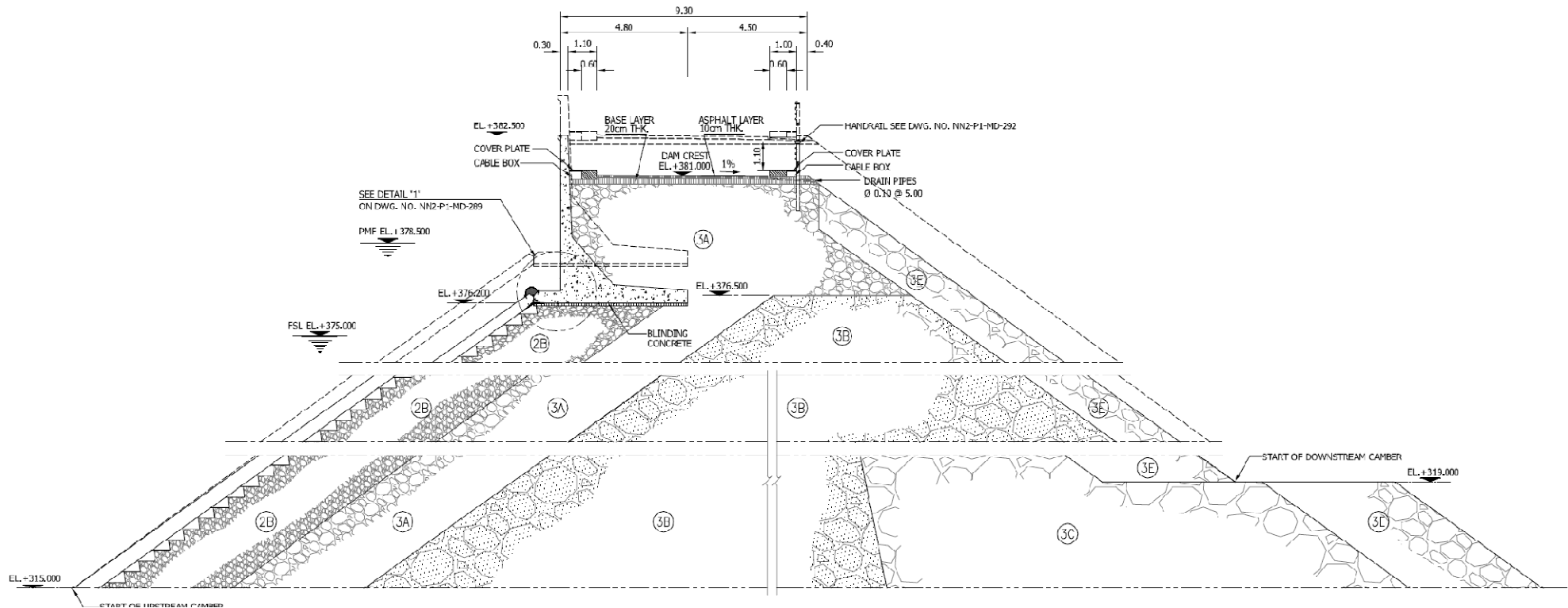
1. Increase the thickness of the 10 central panels in second staged face slab.
2. The reinforcement is separated into two layers, top and bottom, in both directions as opposed to the usual location in the center of the slab. The stirrups against reinforcement buckling are provided at the high compression area.
3. The additional reinforcements are employed for anti-spalling and bending stress resistant at the face slab rims.
4. Increase the face slab protection zone, Zones 1A and 1B to EL +298.4 masl, which is about 50% of the dam height.



# Design of Dam Crest

## Dam Crest Dimension

- Camber: 1.5 m
- Height of Parapet Wall: 5.8 m
- Crest Width: 9.3 m



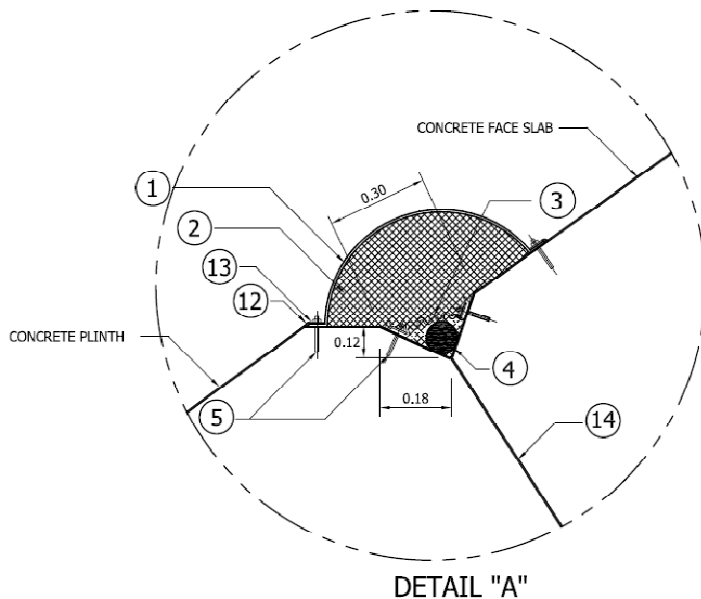
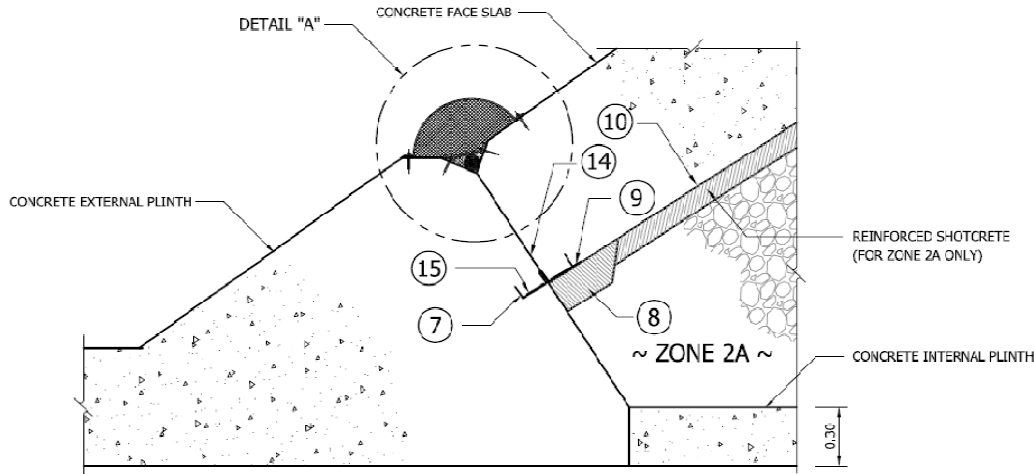
# Design of Joints and Waterstops

## Joints on Face Slab

- Perimeter Joint
- Vertical Joint
- Horizontal Joint

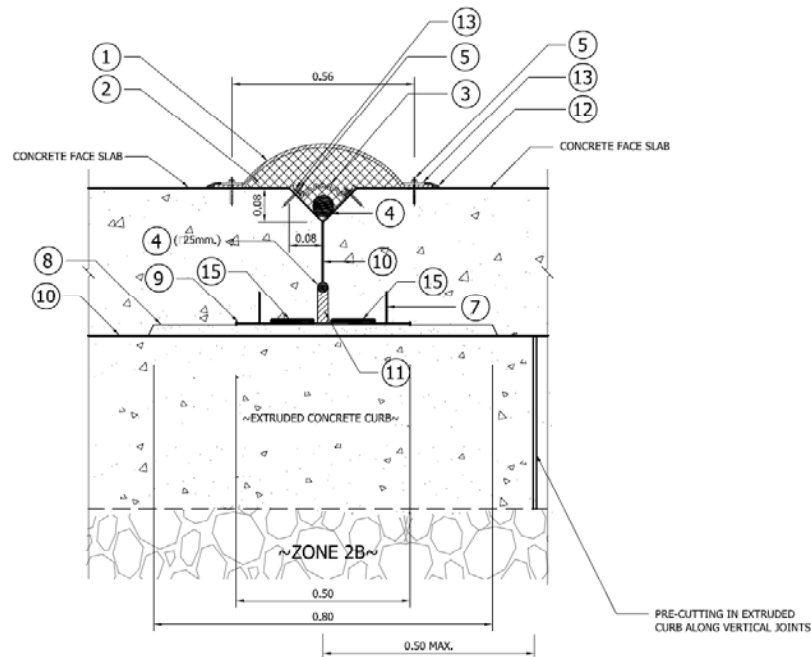
## Two Barrier Waterstop System

1. Copper waterstop 1.2mm thk.
2. GB filler and GB corrugated rubber waterstop covered by GB-NR-EDPM cover

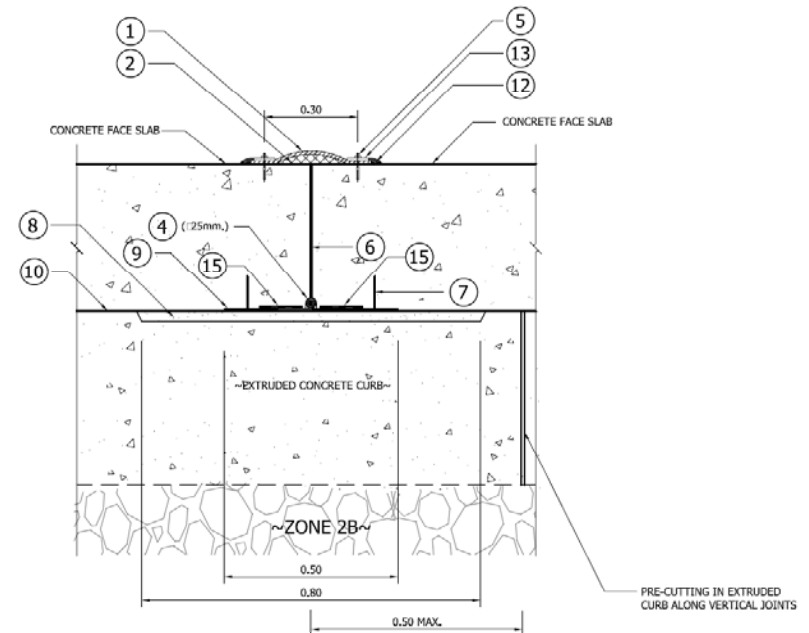


### LEGEND:

1. GB-NR-EPDM COVER
2. GB FILLER
3. GB CORRUGATED RUBBER WATERSTOP
4. PVC STICK
5. M10 HOT-DIP GALVANIZED EXPANSION BOLT @ 0.20-0.25 m. SPACING
6. COMPRESSIBLE FILLER (HARD RUBBER 15 mm. THICK) FOR VERTICAL COMPRESSION JOINTS
7. COPPER WATERSTOP 1.2 mm. THICK
8. MORTAR JOINT PAD MIN. 30 mm. THICK
9. RUBBER CUSHION
10. BOND BREAKER
11. POLYVINYL CHLORIDE FOAM
12. SK SEALING AGENT
13. 5x50 mm. HOT-DIP GALVANIZED FLAT STEEL
14. PVC BOARD (15 mm. THICK) FOR PERIMETER JOINTS WITH CONCRETE PLINTH
15. GB SEALANT 100x6 mm.

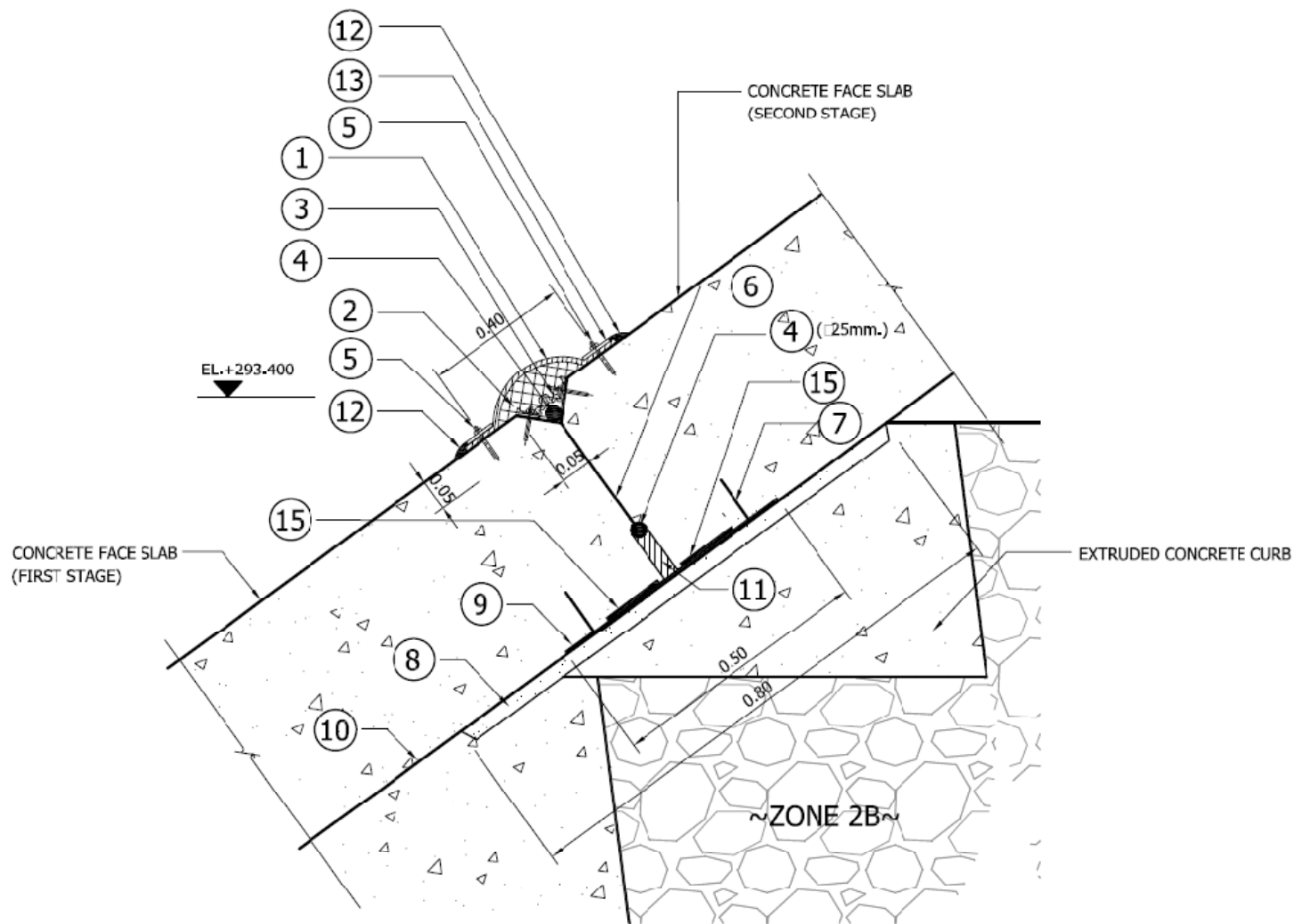


(a) Vertical tension joint



(b) Vertical compression joint





# Measures Adopted to Prevent Rupture of Face Slab

1. The copper waterstops and mortar pad is outside the theoretical thickness of face slab **at compression joints**.
2. The height of the central loop of the copper waterstop is reduced to keep the theoretical slab thickness **at compression joints**.
3. Increase the compressible filler thickness from 10mm to 20mm **at compression joints**.
4. Increase the compressible filler thickness for **five central panels** to be 30mm. (During construction)
5. The conventional V-notch at the top of the face slab is eliminated **at compression joints**.

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# Design of Instrumentations

## Behaviour to be Measured

- Movements: Vertical, Horizontal and Total
- Joint Displacement
- Stress and Strain
- Seepage and Water Pressure
- Dynamic Response

Instrumentations	Behavior Measured						
	Vertical Movement	Horizontal Movement	Total Movement	Joint Displacement	Stress and Strain	Seepage and Water Pressure	Dynamic Response
1. Hydrostatic Settlement Cell	●	×	×	×	×	×	×
2. Electro Level	×	×	●	×	×	×	×
3. Fixed Embankment Extensometer	●	●	×	×	×	×	×
4. Probe Inclinator and Settlement Gauge	●	●	×	×	×	×	×
5. Probe Inclinator	×	×	●	×	×	×	×
6. Vibrating Wire Piezometer	×	×	×	×	×	●	×
7. Strong Motion Accelerometer	×	×	×	×	×	×	●
8. Surface Settlement Points	●	×	×	×	×	×	×
9. 3-D Joint Meter	×	×	×	●	×	×	×
10. 1-D Joint Meter	×	×	×	●	×	×	×
11. Open Standpipe Piezometer	×	×	×	×	×	●	×
12. Seepage Flow Meter	×	×	×	×	×	●	×
13. Stain Gauges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforcement</li> <li>• Concrete Face Slab</li> <li>• Non Stress</li> </ul>	×	×	×	×	●	×	×
14. Distributed Fiber–Optic Temperature (DFOT)	×	×	×	×	×	●	×
15. Total Pressure Cell	×	×	×	×	●	×	×

Location	Instrumentation	Quantity
Rockfill	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	35
	Total Earth Pressure Cell	3
	Probe inclinometer & Magnetic Settlement Gauge	3 sets
	Distributed Fiber Optic Temperature (DFOT)	900 m.
	Weather Station	1 set
	Hydrostatic Settlement Cell	22
	Fixed Embankment Extensometer	111
	V-notch Measuring Weir	1
	Strong Motion Accelerometer	1
	Gauge House	5
	Open Standpipe Piezometer	7
Face slab	Probe Inclinometer on Faceslab	1
	1 Dimensional Joint Meter	4
	2 Dimensional Joint Meter	10
	3 Dimensional Joint Meter	13
	Electro Level (Tilt Meter)	23
	3D Concrete Strain Gauge	27
	Rebar Strain Gauge	27
	Non Stress Strain Meter	7



# NN2 CFRD: Construction



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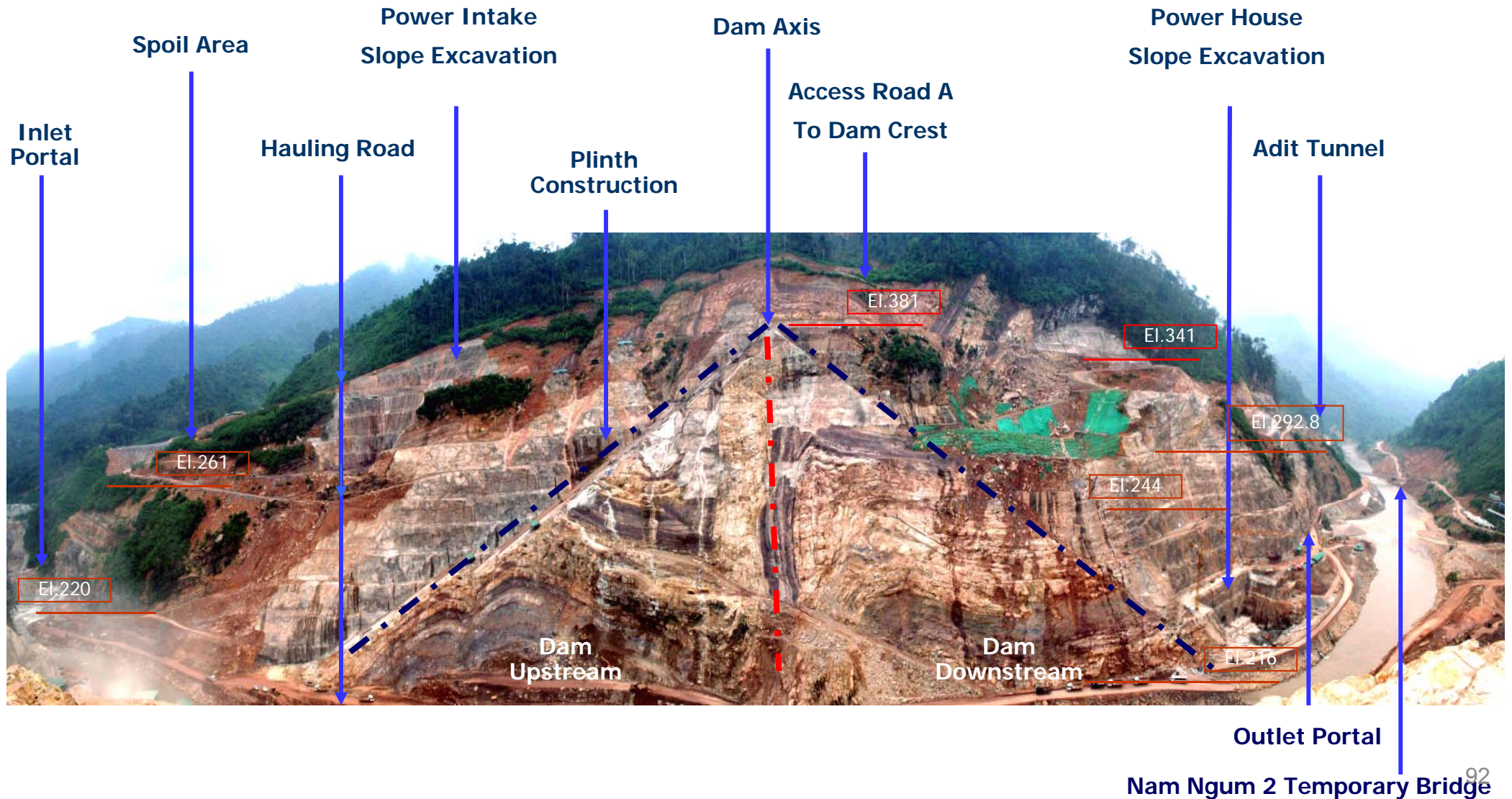
# Main Dam (CFRD)

## Quantities of Works

Dam Excavation (LB)	= 582,300 m <sup>3</sup>
Dam Excavation (RB)	= 520,850 m <sup>3</sup>
Dam Embankment	= 9,900,000 m <sup>3</sup>
Concrete Face Slab	= 44,800 m <sup>3</sup>
Concrete Dam Plinth	= 5,100 m <sup>3</sup>
Concrete Wave Wall	= 2,200 m <sup>3</sup>
Reinforcement	= 4,100 tons



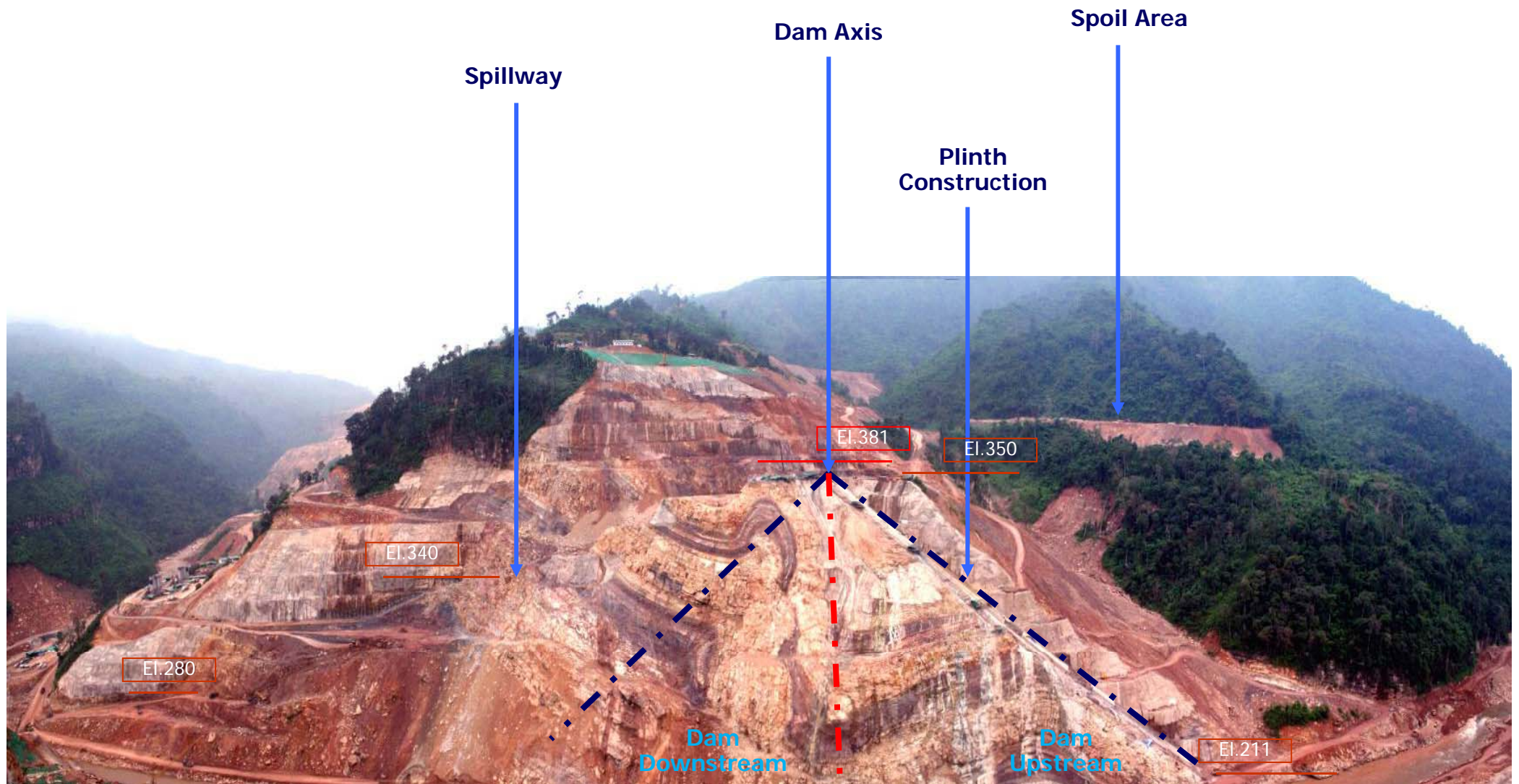
# DAM Left-Abutment Excavation



Nam Ngum 2 Temporary Bridge<sup>92</sup>



## DAM Right-Abutment Excavation

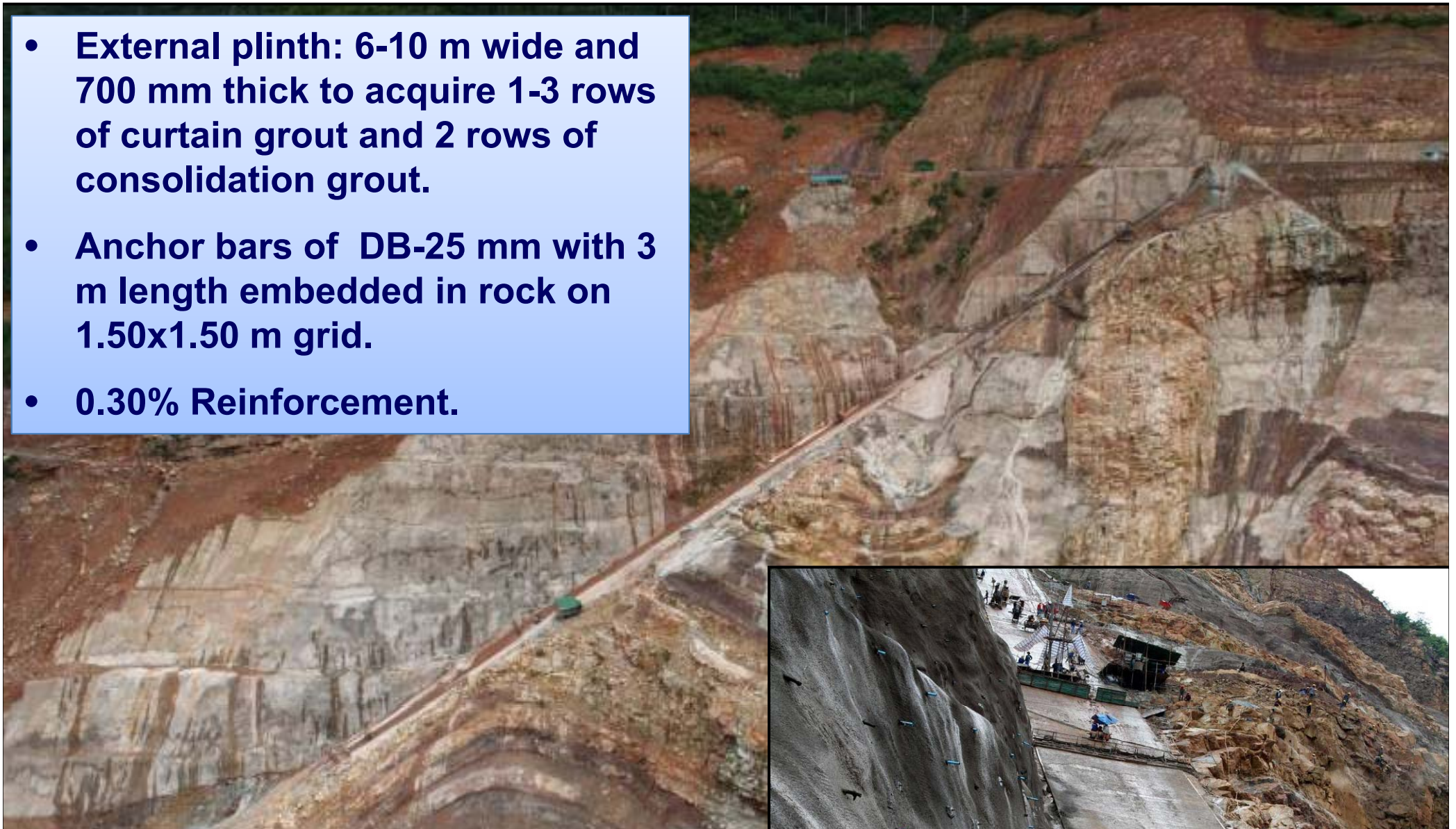




## DAM Left Abutment (Upstream)

### Plinth Construction

- **External plinth: 6-10 m wide and 700 mm thick to acquire 1-3 rows of curtain grout and 2 rows of consolidation grout.**
- **Anchor bars of DB-25 mm with 3 m length embedded in rock on 1.50x1.50 m grid.**
- **0.30% Reinforcement.**





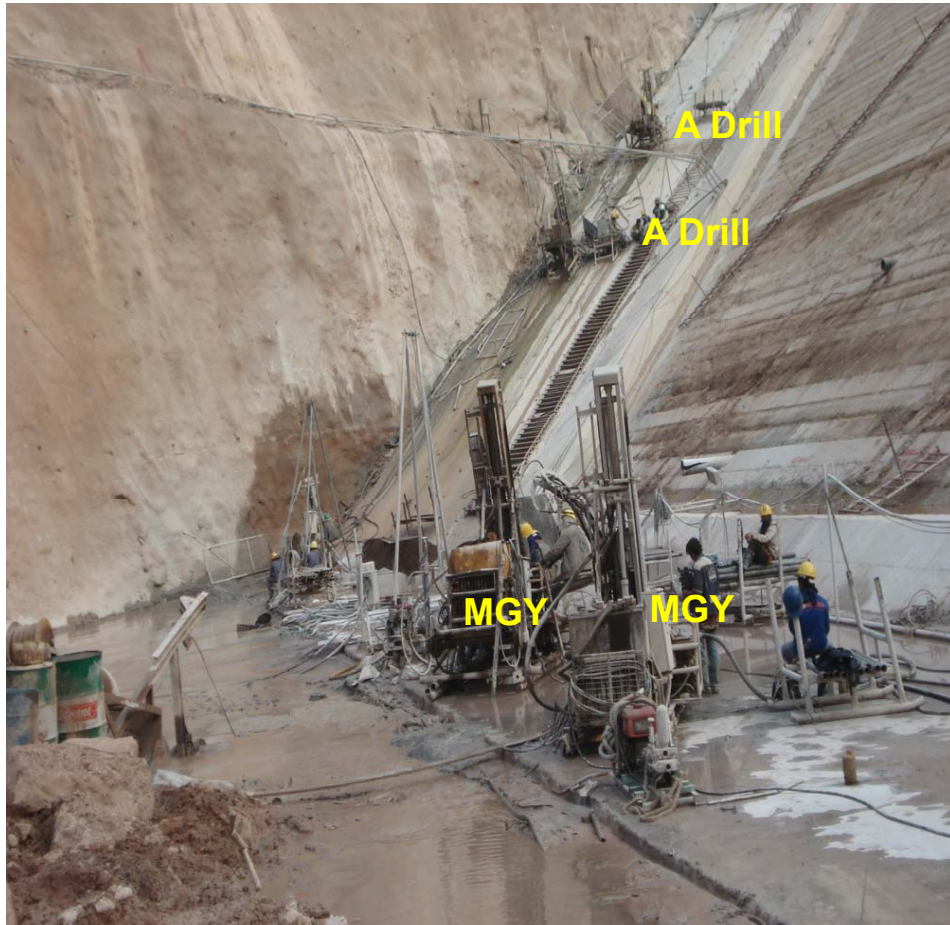
## DAM Right Abutment (Upstream) Plinth Construction







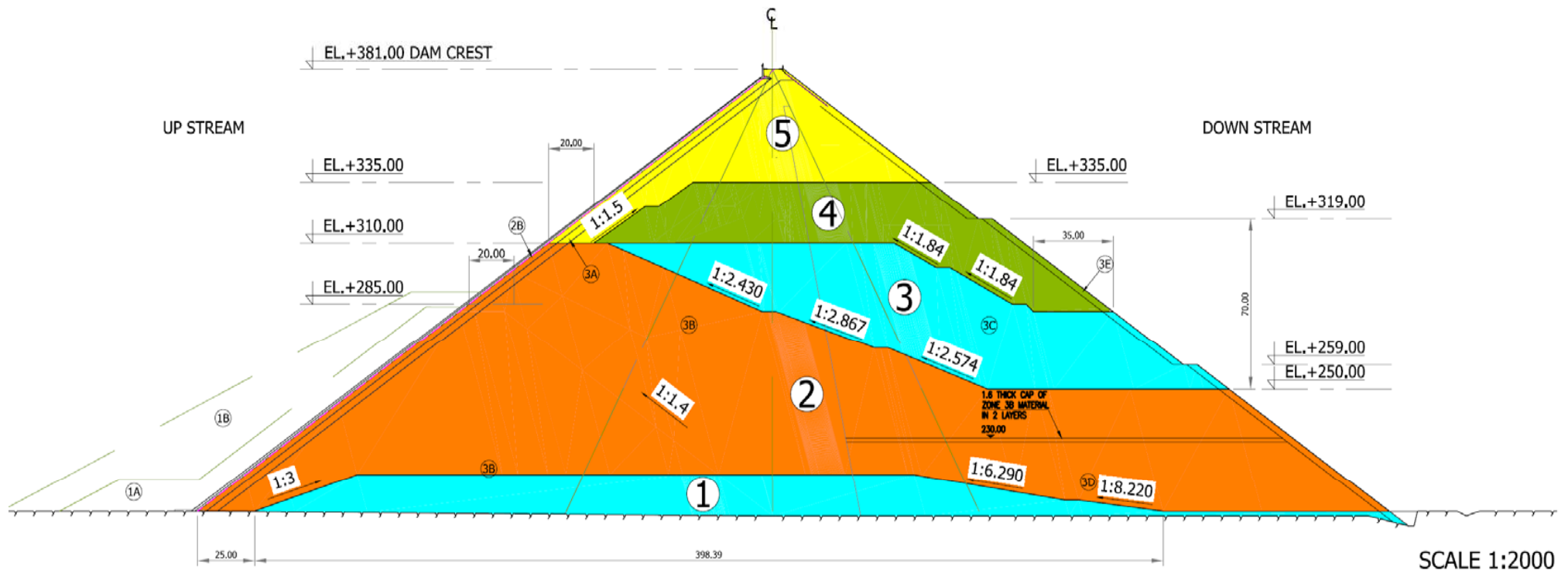




Left Corner (P5)

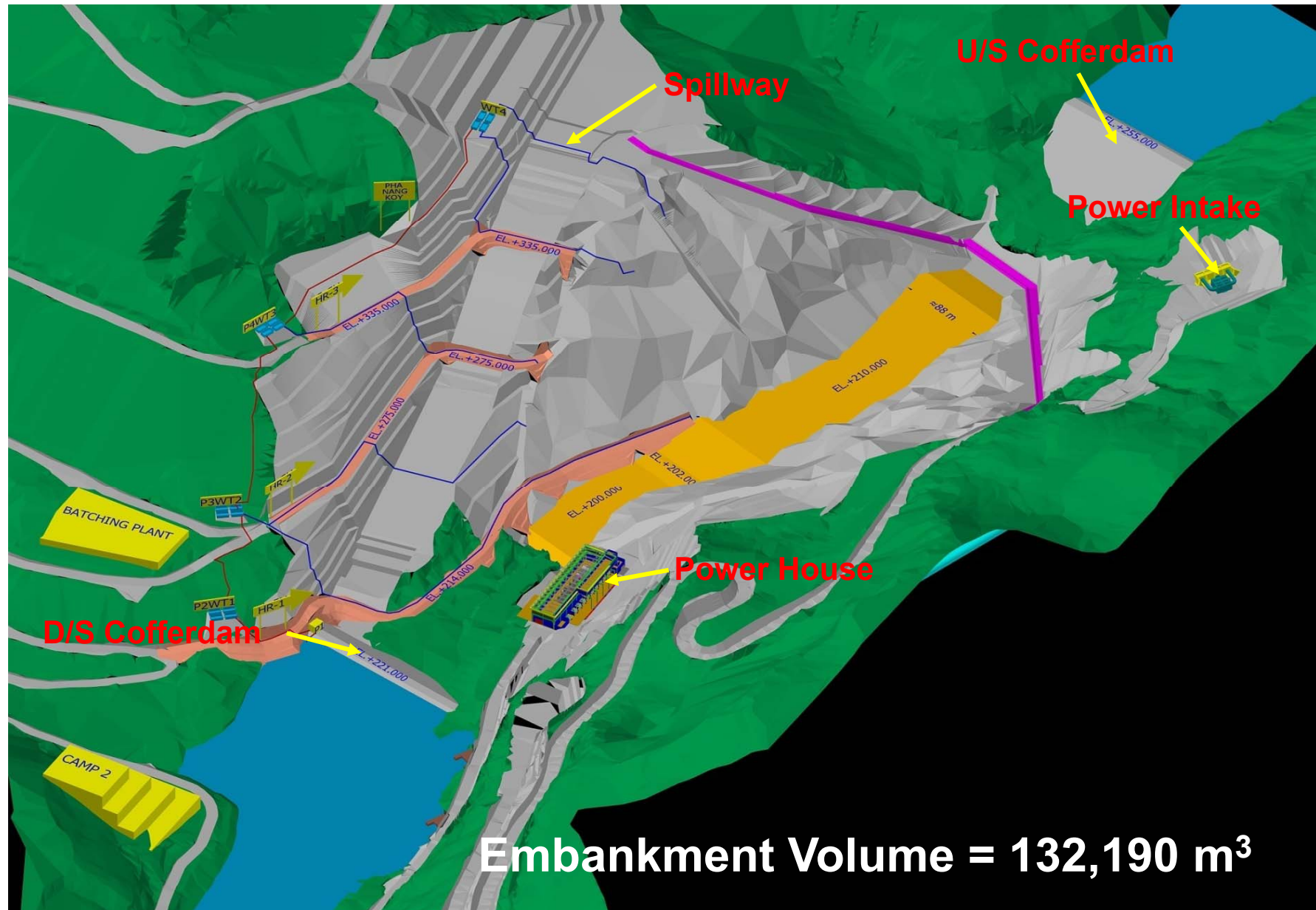


Right Corner (P4)



# Dam Embankment Construction Sequence



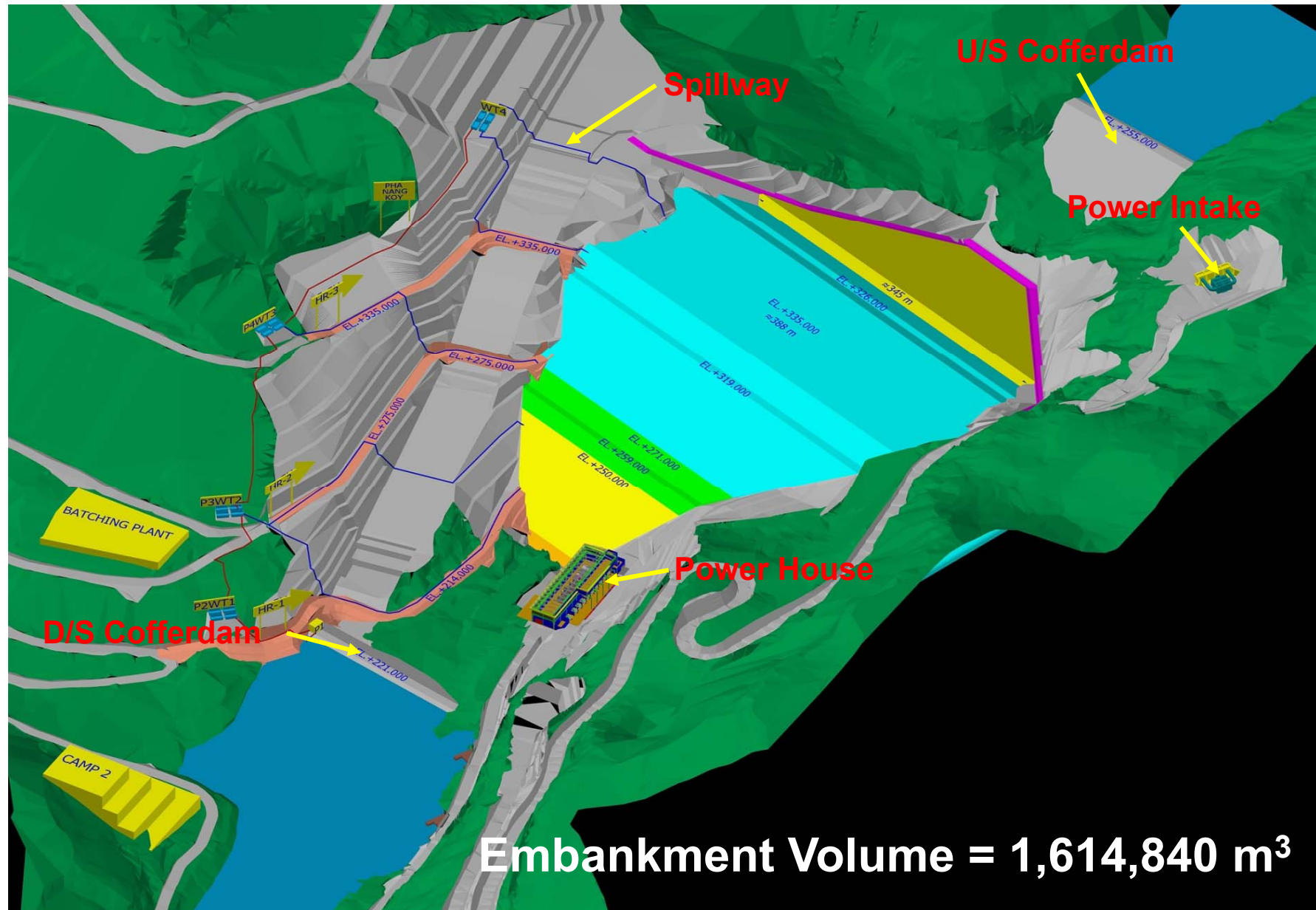


Embankment Volume = 132,190 m³



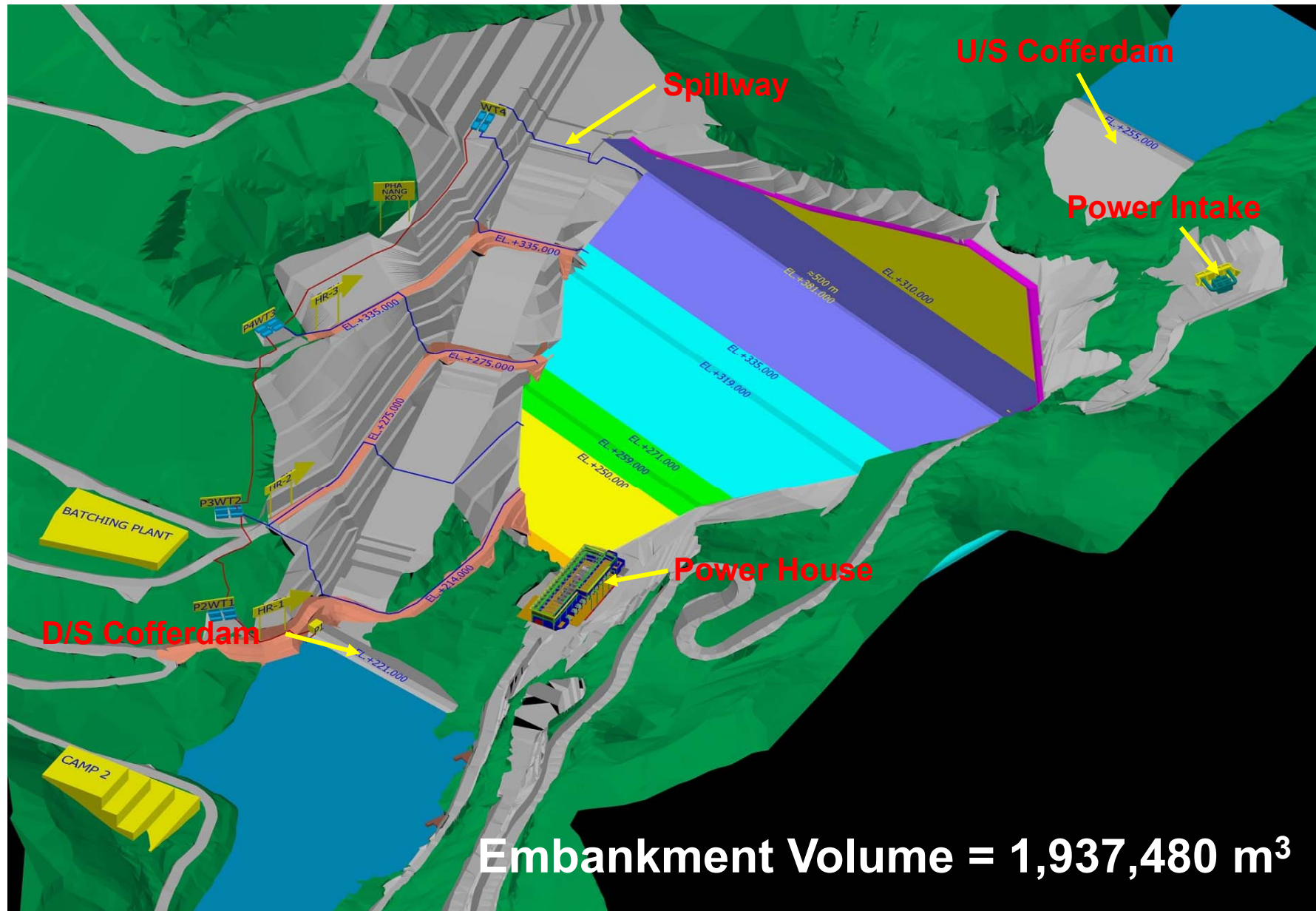






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- 15 tons vibrating roller
- Unit Weight: 21.5~22.5 kN/m<sup>3</sup>
- Zone 3B: 0.80m lift thickness with 8 passes
- Zone 3C: 1.20 m. lift thickness with 6 passes
- Intensive compaction at both steep abutments
- Water Sluicing: 150-200 liters/m<sup>3</sup>





Early Start Dam Embankment View from Downstream





Early Start Dam Embankment View from Upstream



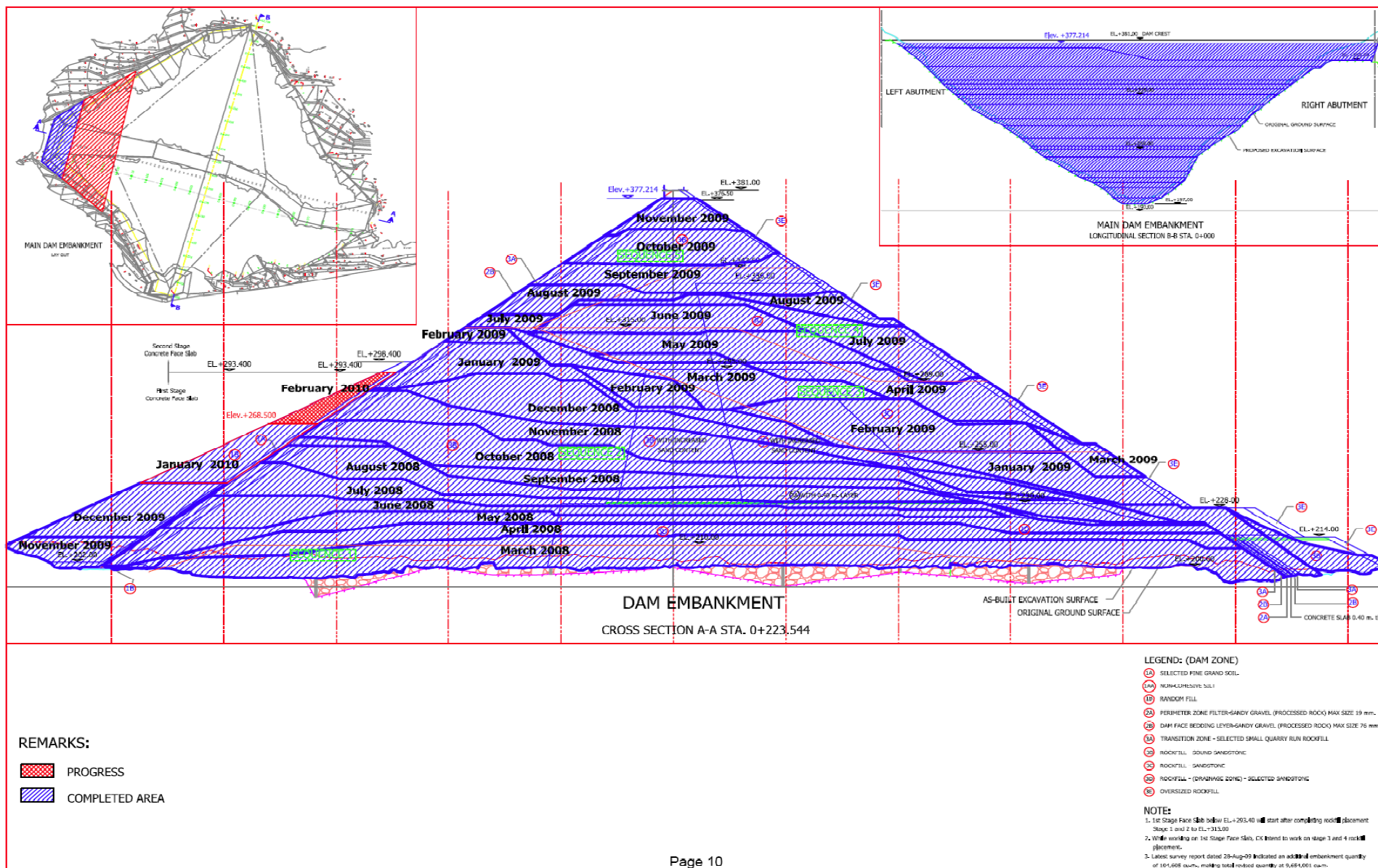


**Copper Waterstop Installation**





**Extruded Curb Construction**







- **Settlement: less than 5 mm/month.**
- **Concrete: C25/38**
- **Slipform speed: 2 m/hr.**
- **Curing: Curing compound and running water.**







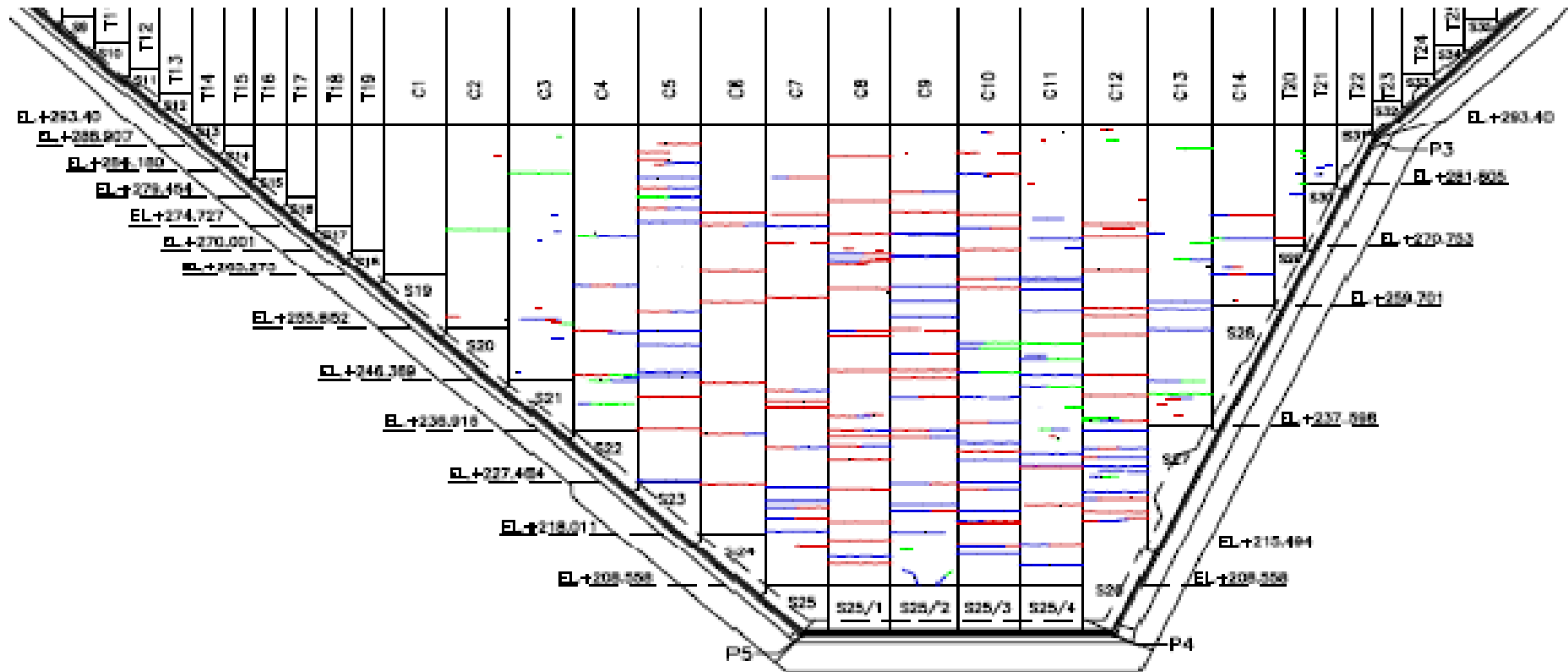
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# Observed Cracks on First Stage Face Slab

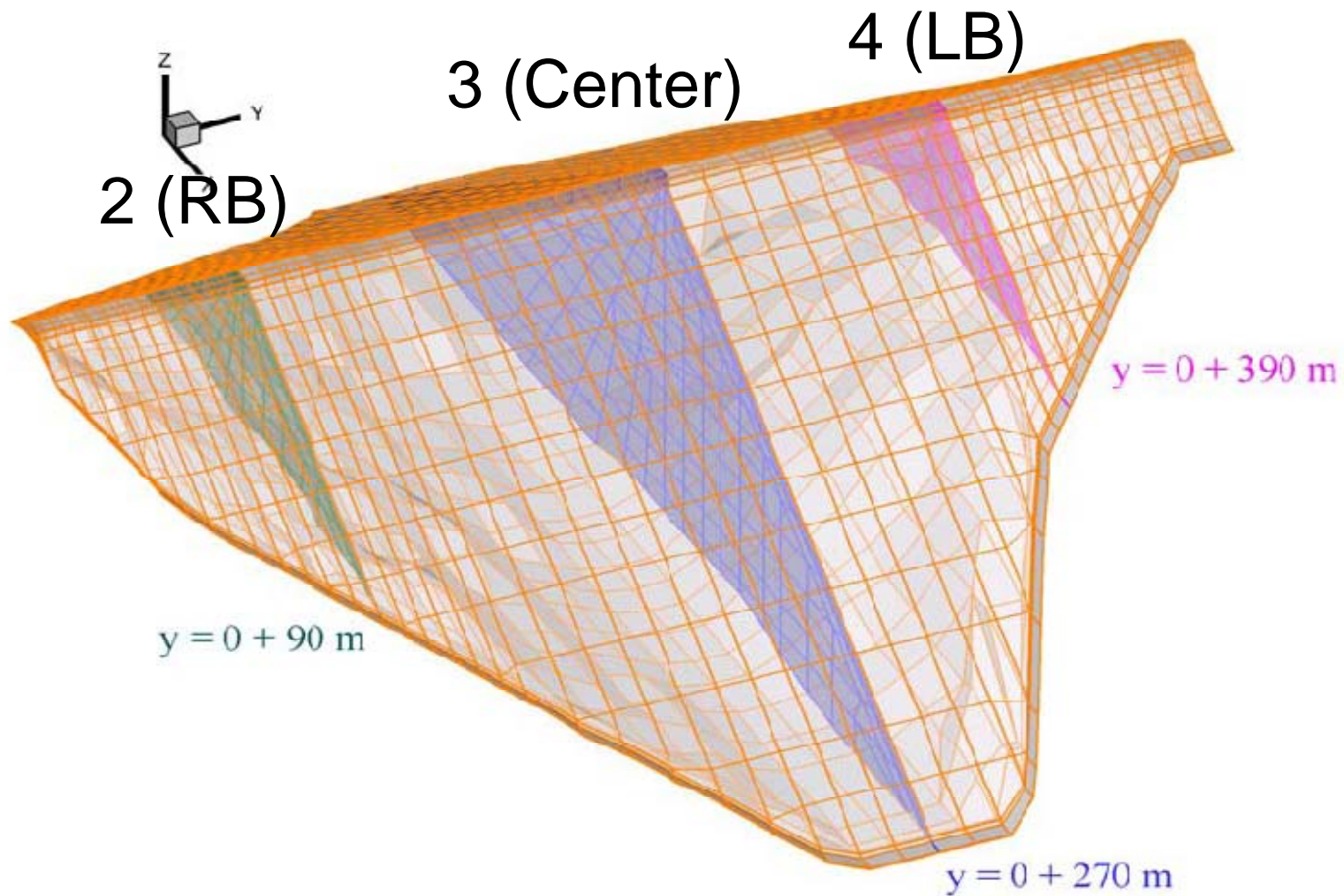


- Numerous horizontal cracks.
- Crack width: between 0.30-0.40 mm
- Cause: Concrete shrinkage

# NN2 CFRD: Performance

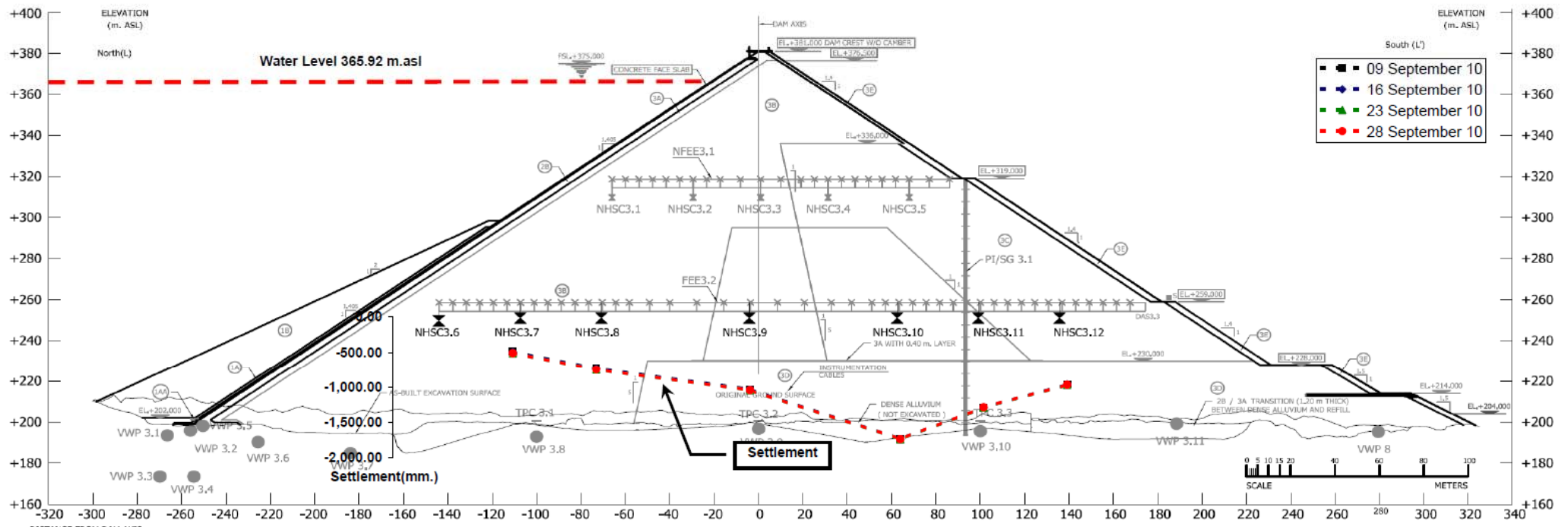


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## Hydrostatic Settlement Cell Section 3 (EL +259.0 m asl)



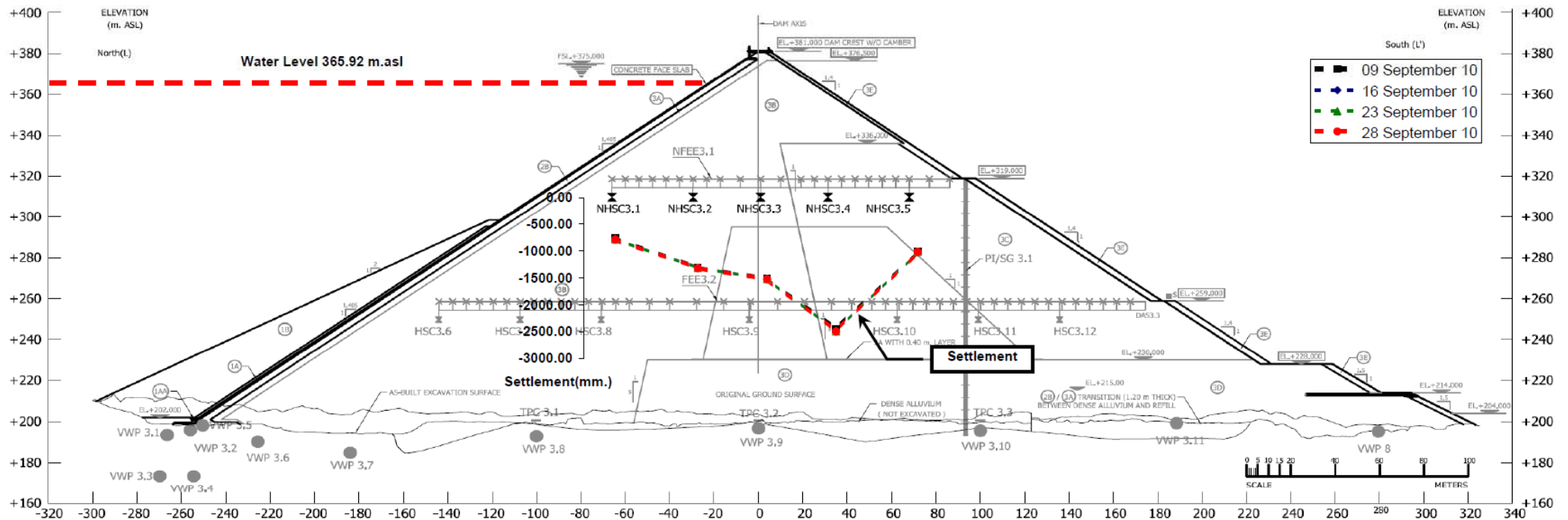
**HSC 3.10**

**1680 mm (22 Mar 10) End of Construction**

**1734 mm (30 Sep 10) During Impounding**

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## Hydrostatic Settlement Cell Section 3 (EL +319.0 m asl)



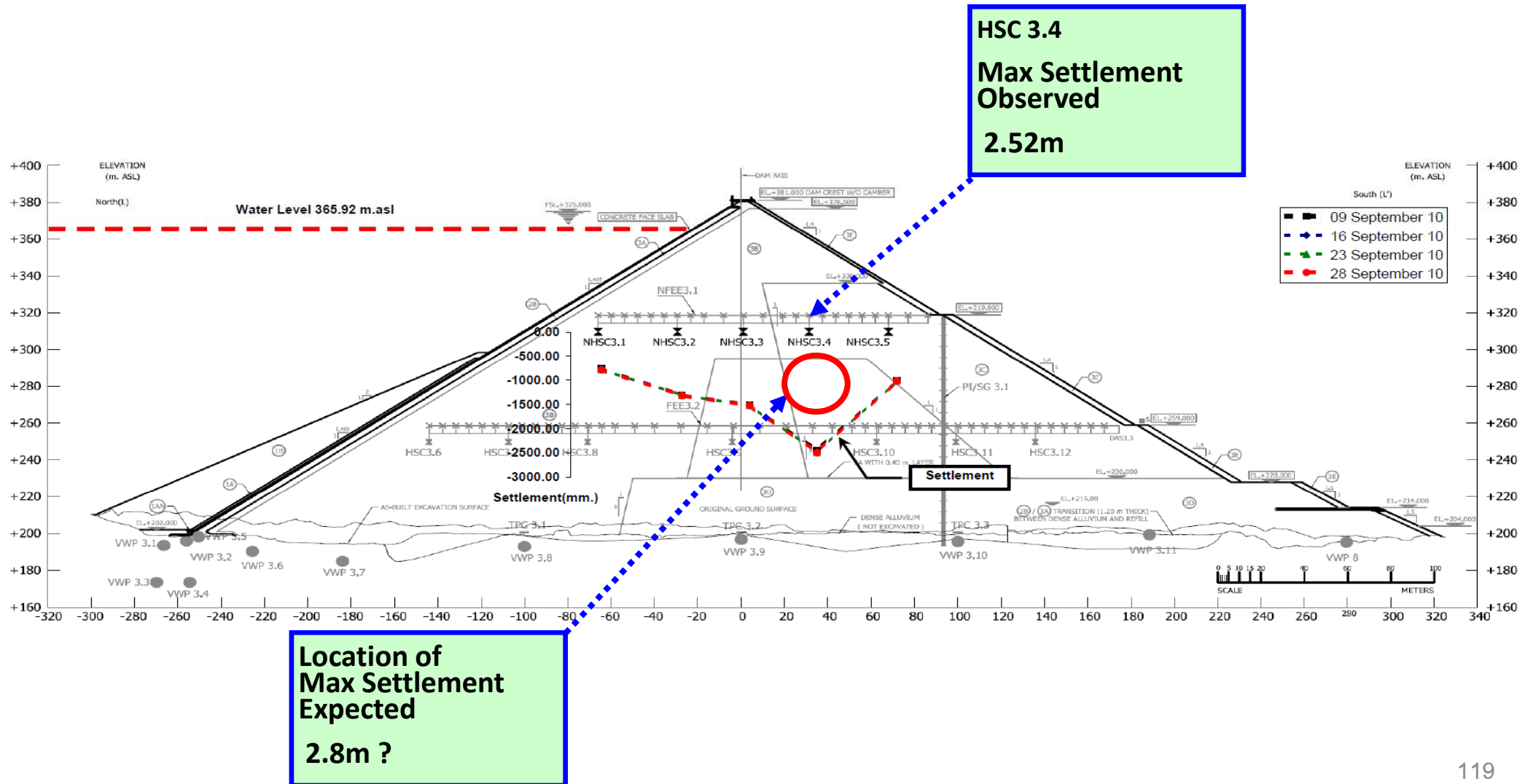
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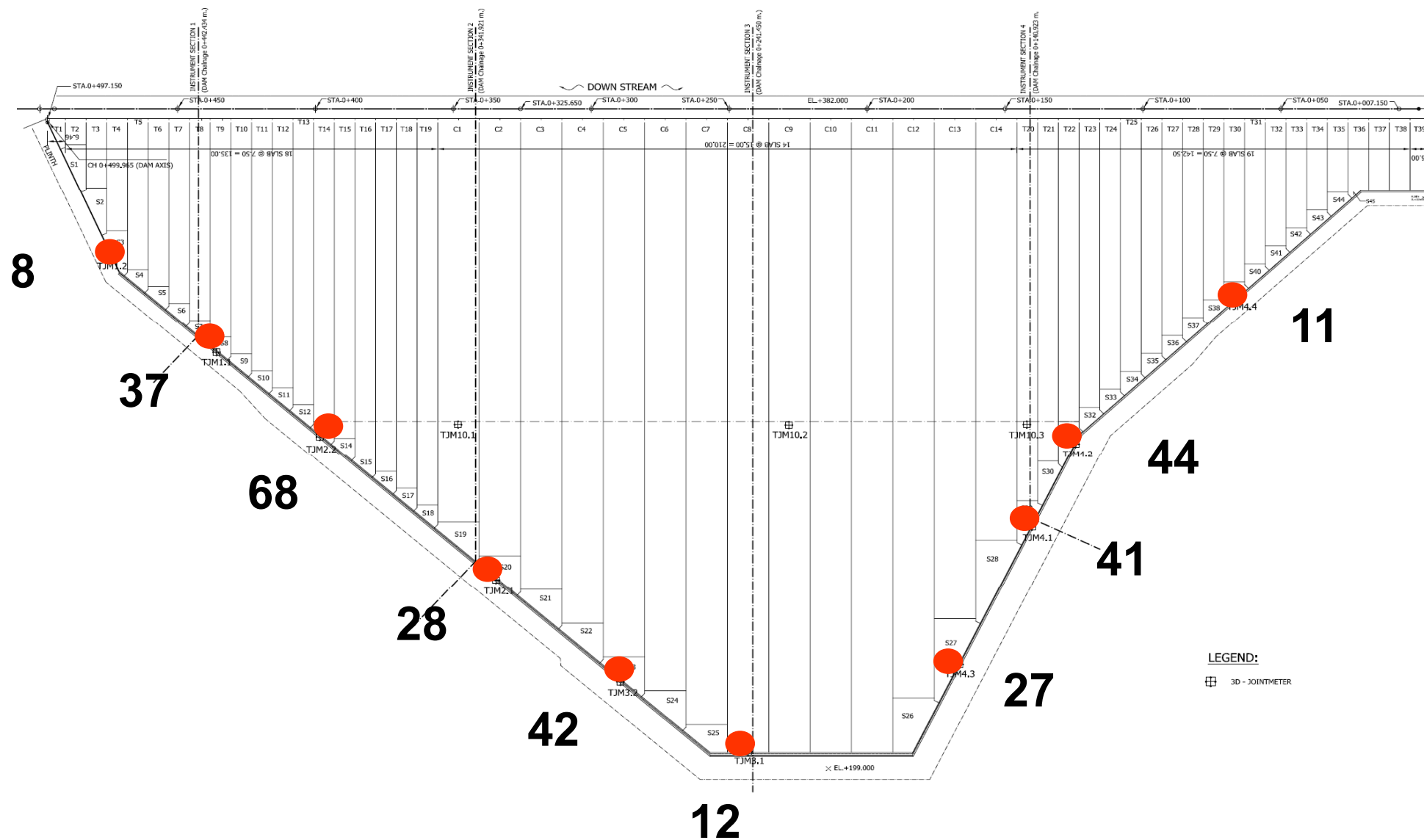
**2130 mm (22 Mar 10) End of Construction**

**2520 mm (30 Sep 10) During Impounding**

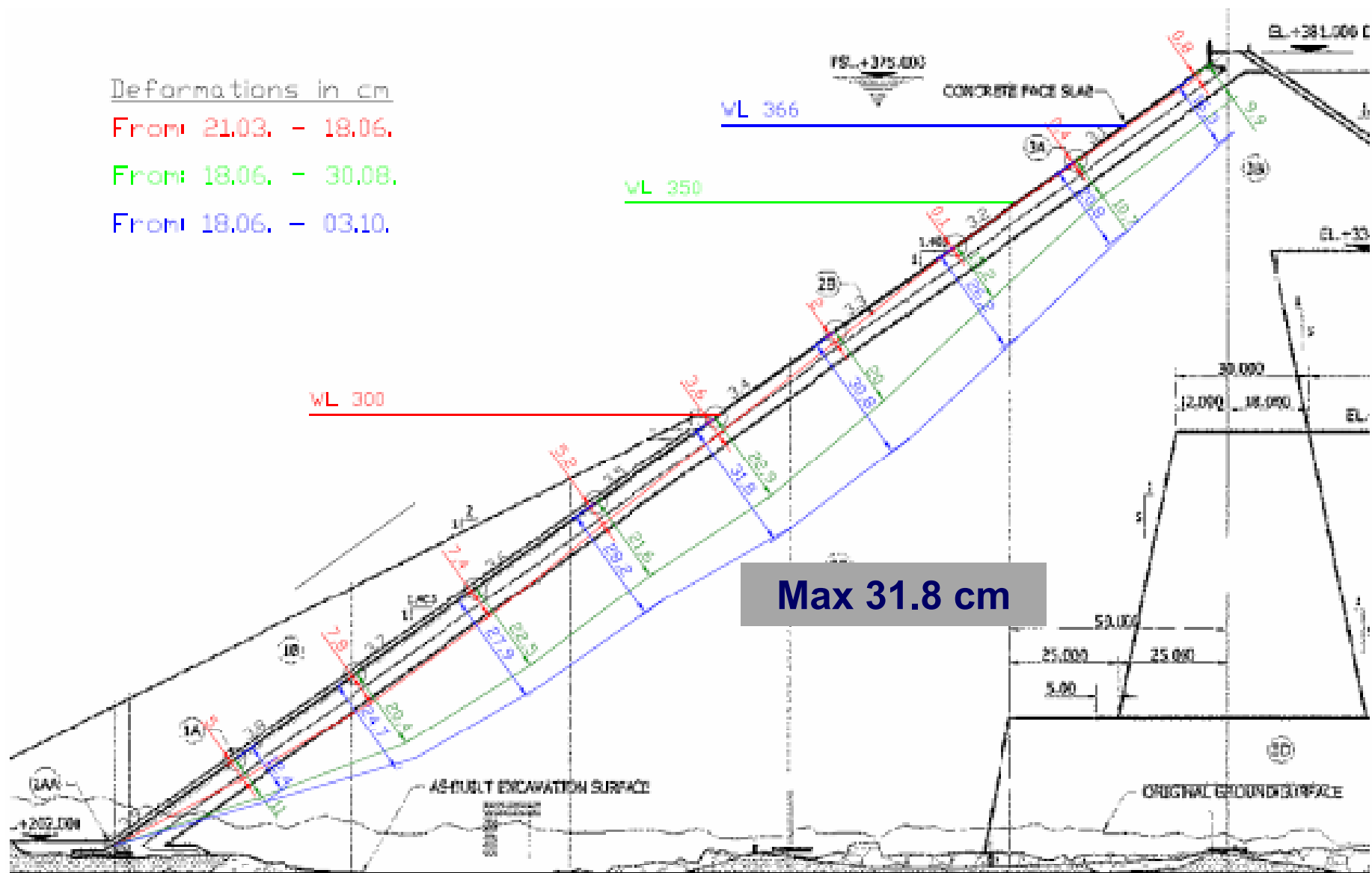


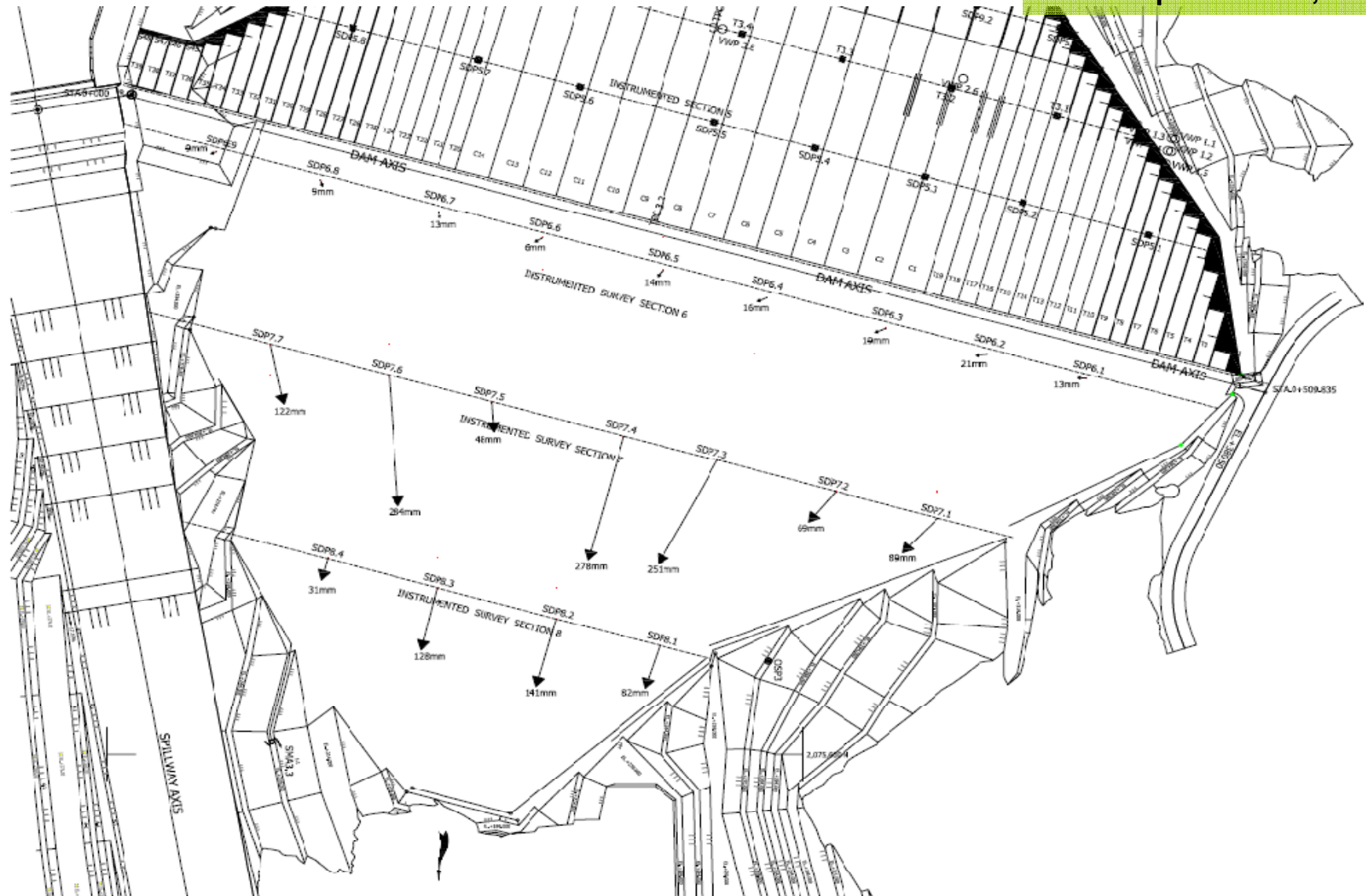
## Maximum Settlement Section 3 (EL +319.0 m asl)





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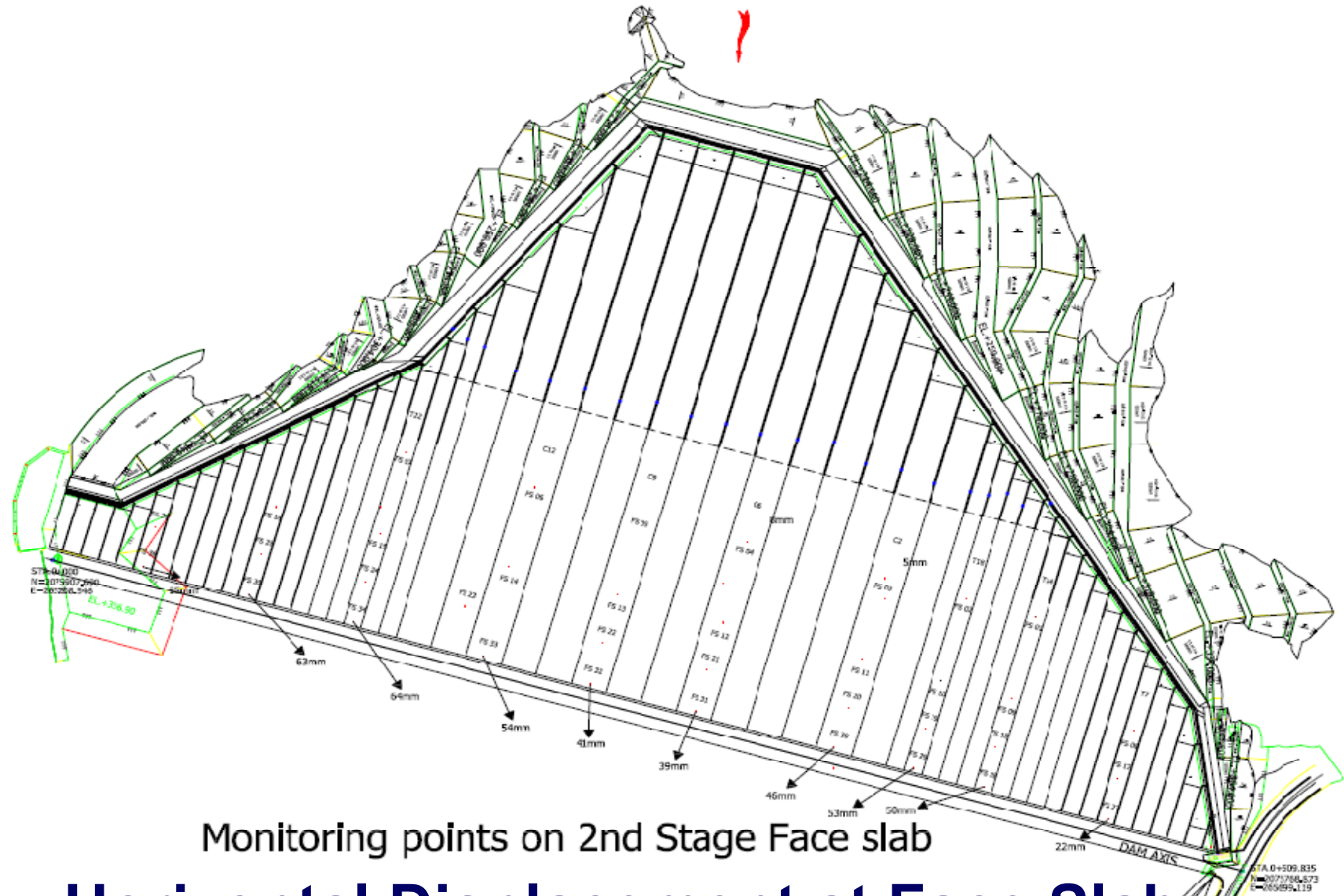


## Horizontal Displacement at D/S Dam Face

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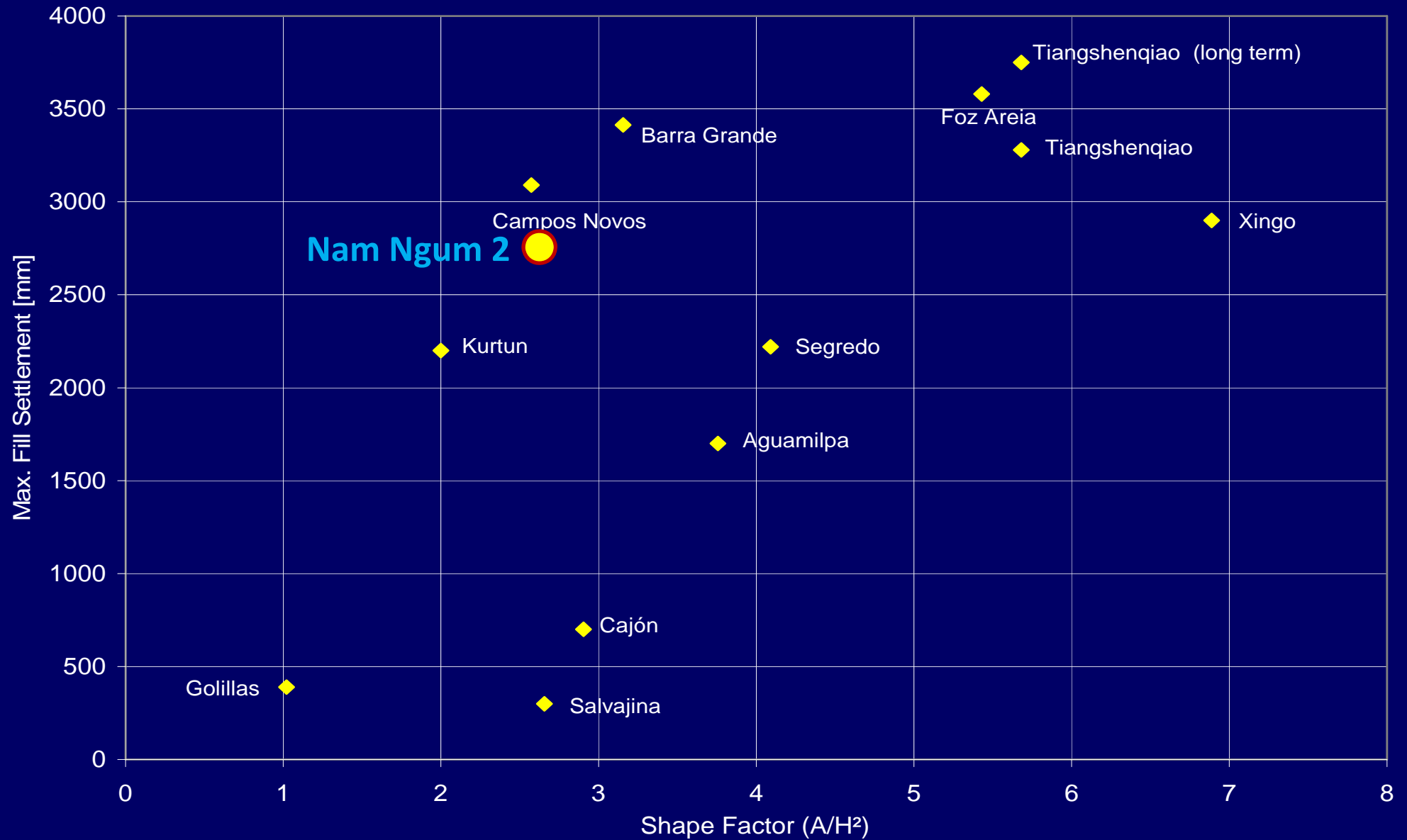
## Monitoring points on Face Slab

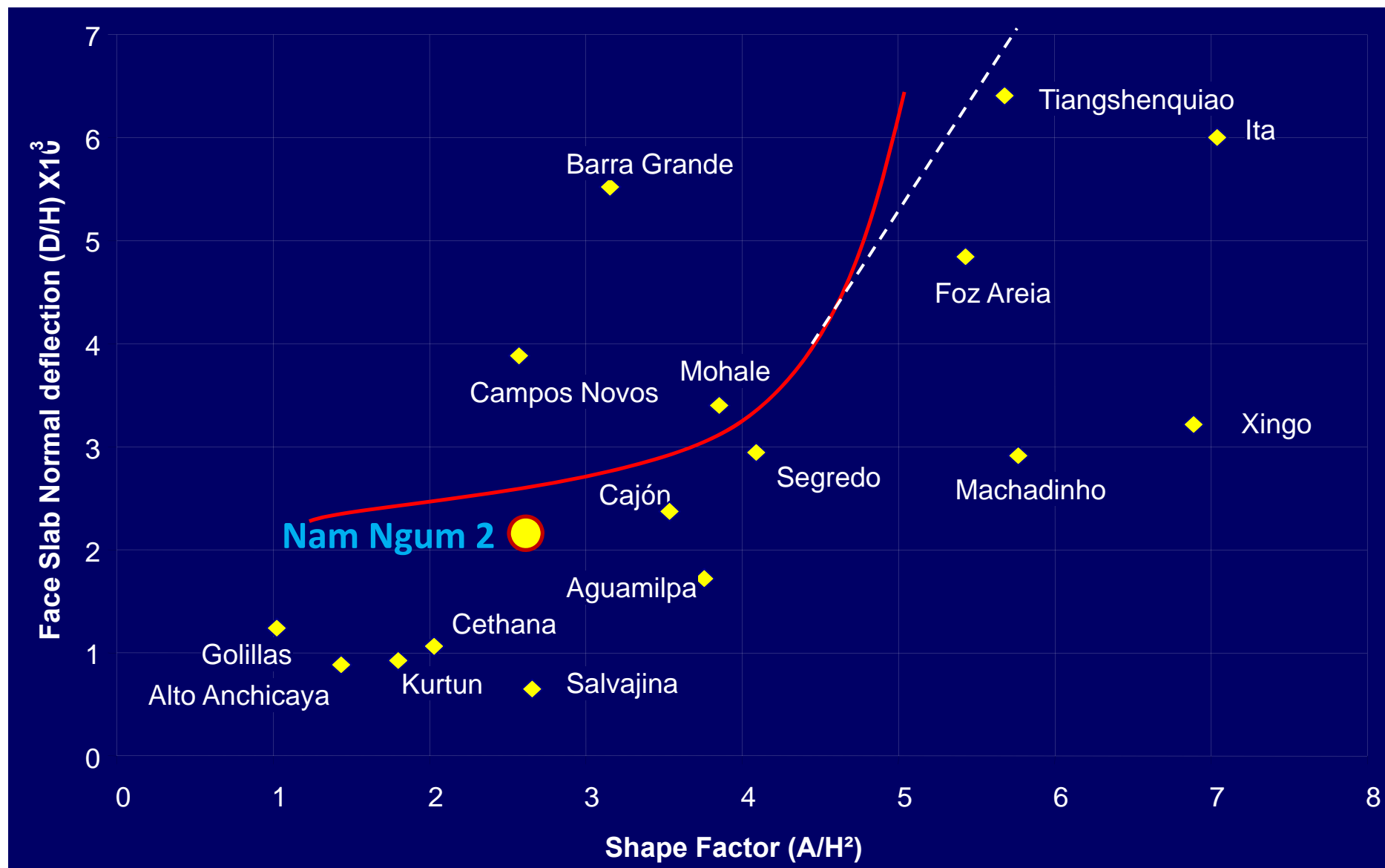


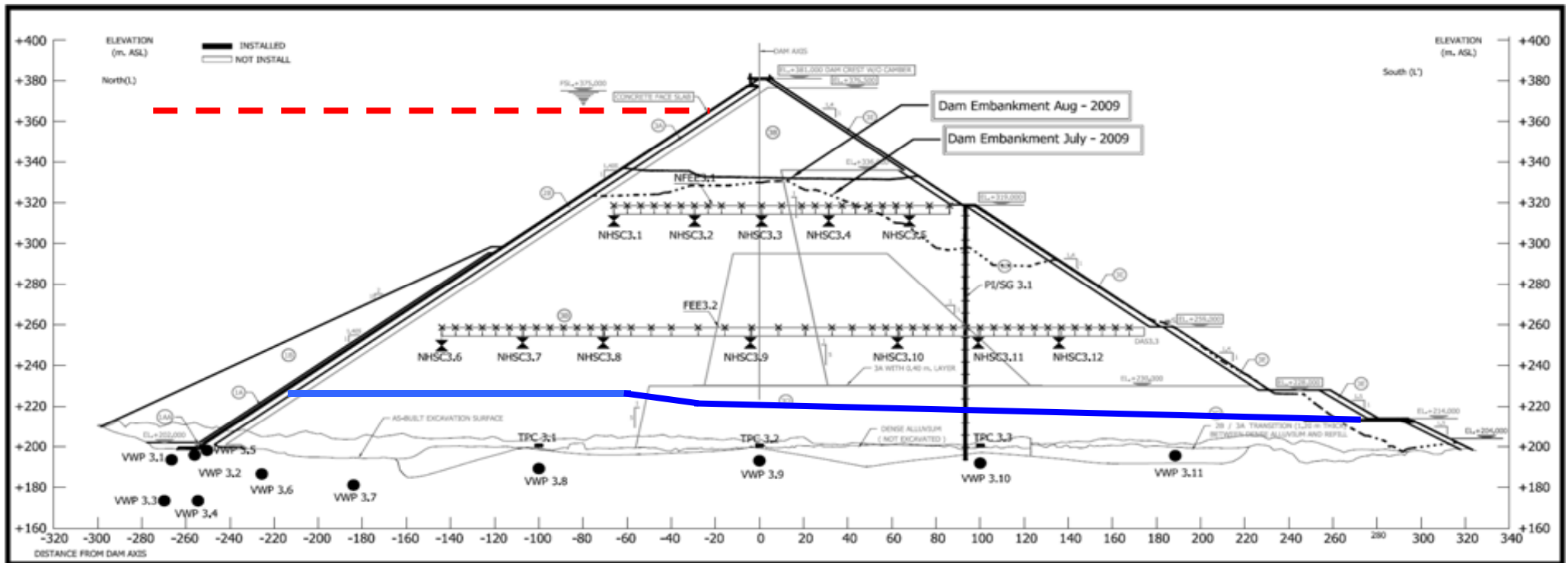
Monitoring points on 2nd Stage Face slab

## Horizontal Displacement at Face Slab

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As of March 26, 2010



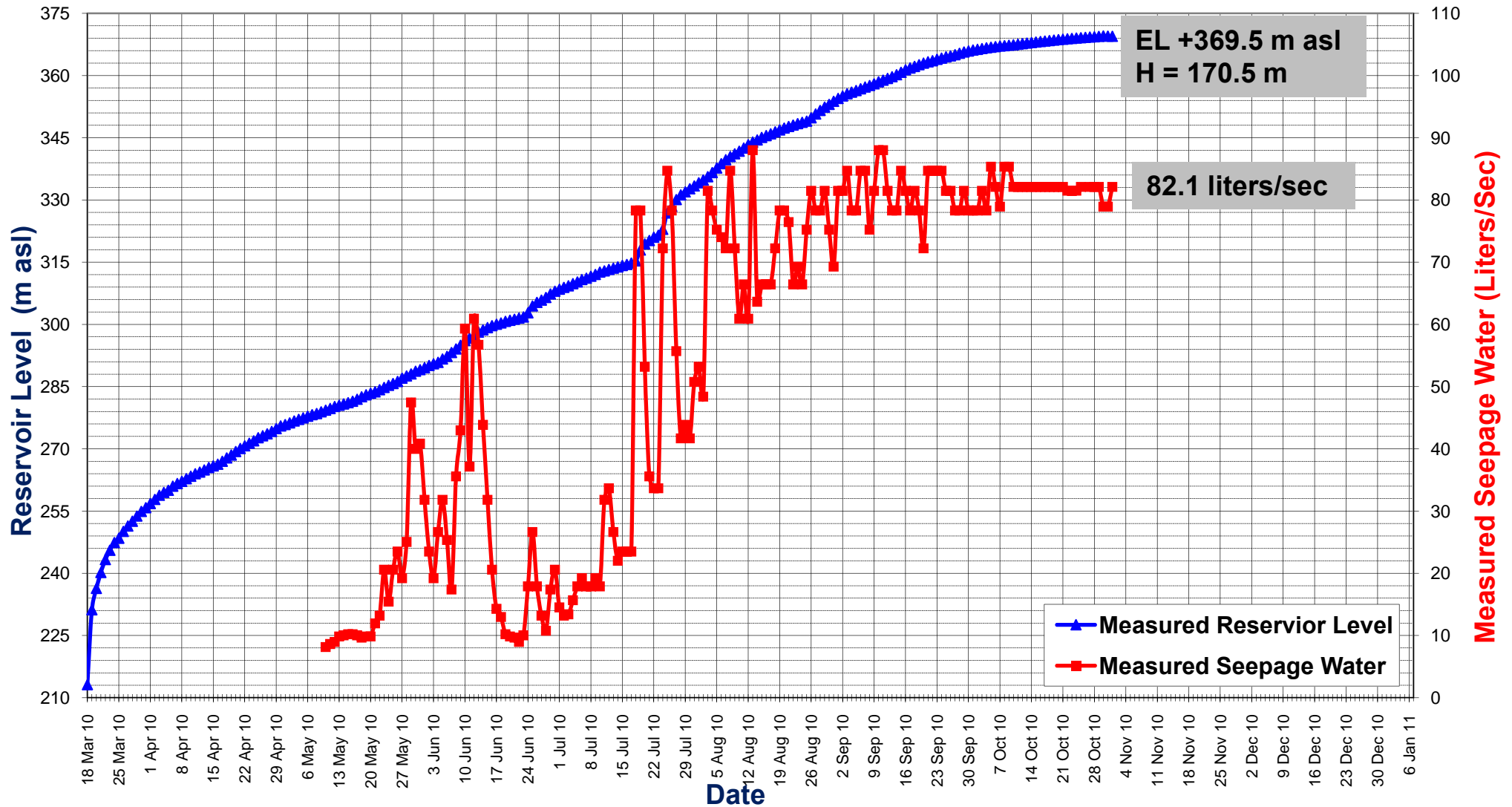
**Impounding Started on March 18, 2010**



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As of October 31, 2010



# Summary on Dam Behaviour

- The instrumentation monitoring is satisfactory.
- Deformation behaviour of the dam is acceptable.
- Creep deformation and related structural dam behaviour to be observed.
- Tightness of the dam is satisfactory.
- Seepage monitoring to be improved.
- Visual appearance of the dam is excellent.



# Thank You

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