



# **WEDGE STABILITY ANALYSES ON THE STRENGTH OF FRACTURE ORIENTATION AND FILLING PATTERNS IN THE MÓRÁGY GRANITE FORMATION**

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# Aim of the research

## (1) Block stability analysis

- ⊙ *Planning of the new repository chambers needed*
- ⊙ Fracture orientation analysis and evaluation
- ⊙ Main fracture orientation determination in all part of analysis
- ⊙ Correlation between orientation and types of fracture filling

## (2) Analysis of the effect of main tectonic structure

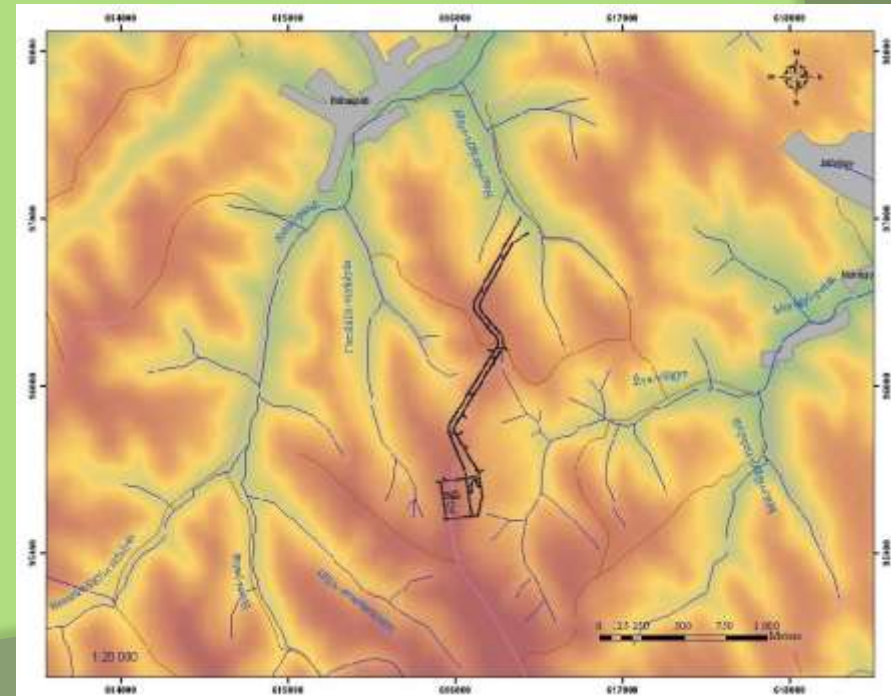
- ⊙ Fracture orientation changes in the surroundings of the main tectonic structures



# Introduction

## ⊙ National Radioactive Waste Repository

- ⊙ Mórággy Granite Formation
- ⊙ Two chamber were finished
- ⊙ Plan of another two chamber

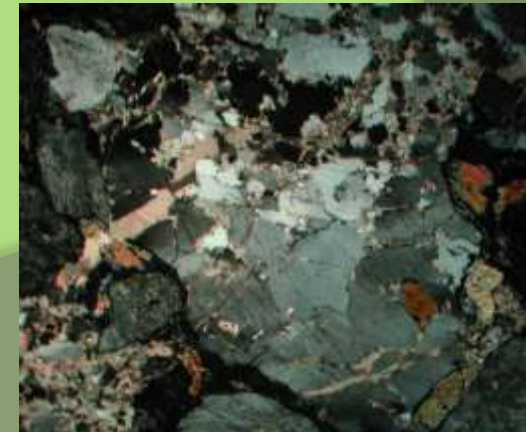
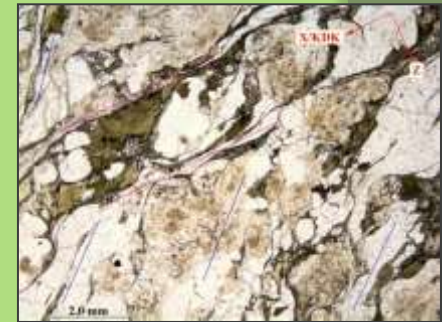




# The main geological properties of Mórágý Granite Formation

- ☯ Magmatic evolution → heterogenous rock texture
- ☯ Difficult deformation history → complex tectonic structures
- ☯ Hydrothermal effect → multi-phase fracture-filling

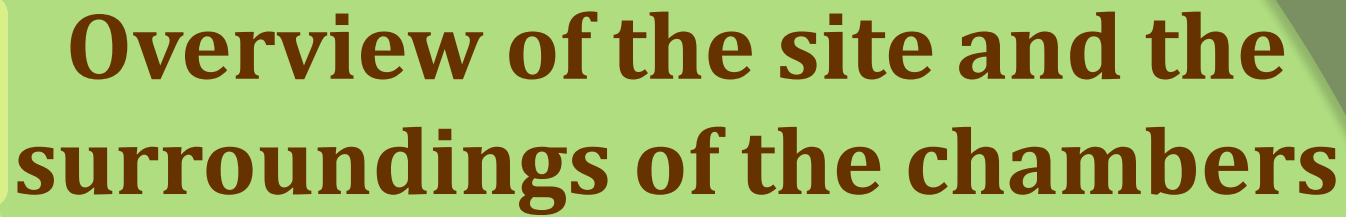
These led to dense network of fractures with different size, orientation and fillings





# Geotechnical aspects

- ⊗ Blocky granitic rock alternate with crushed rock of tectonic zones which means different rock strength properties
- ⊗ Complex fracture orientation
- ⊗ Different fracture filling type which means different shear strength properties





# Datasets

- ⊗ Two dataset with different point of view
  - ⊙ Geological (MÁFI)
  - ⊙ Geotechnical (Kőmérő Kft.)

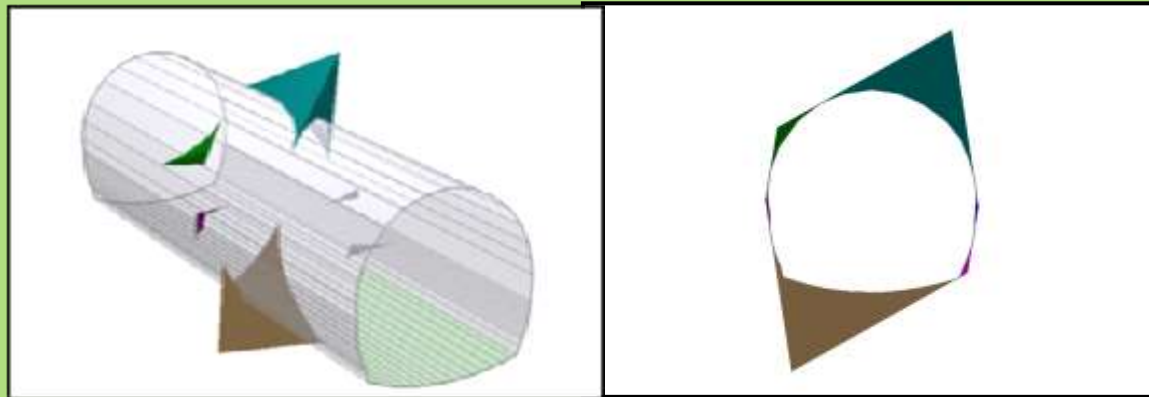
}

Tunnel face  
documentation
- ⊗ Different evaluation necessity and validation possibility
- ⊗ Data interpretation in different ways
  - ⊙ Full dataset
  - ⊙ Selected data



# Block stability analyses (Unwedge)

- ⊗ Underground spaces needs tunnel support and tunnel support system needs preliminary design and modelling
- ⊗ Instabil wedges have the most dangerous factor
- ⊗ Falling wedges analyses with Unwedge



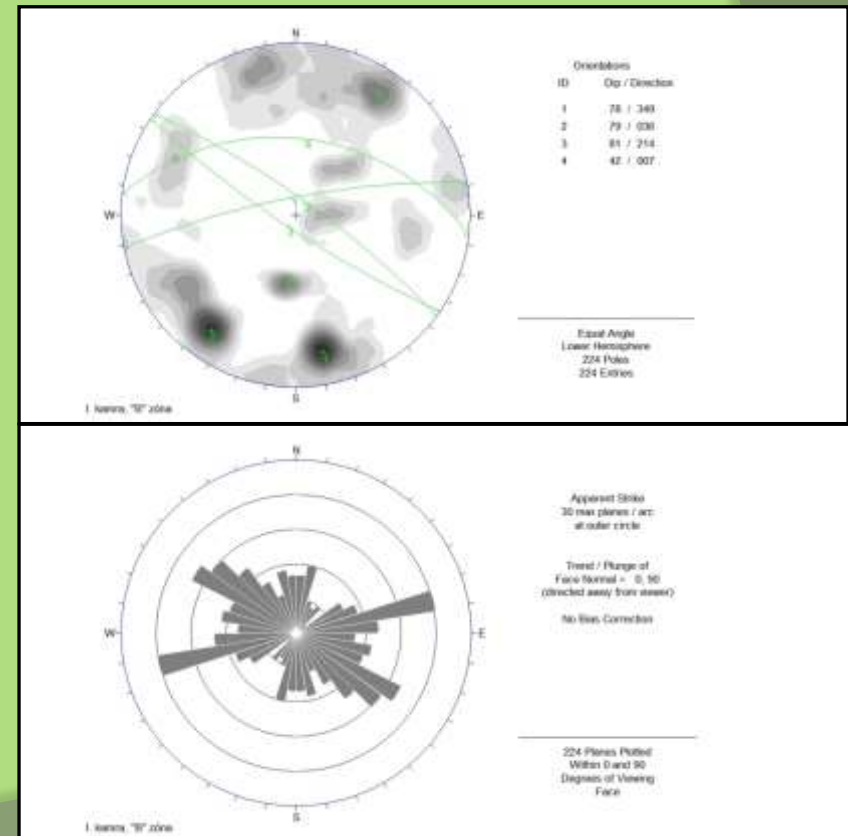
- ⊗ Fracture orientation is initial parameter of Unwedge.

Schmidt et al., 2013.



# Fracture orientation analysis with Dips

- ☸ Input: Face mapping data of surrounding area of repository chambers
- ☸ Two different type of output
- ☸ Average of main orientation
- ☸ Determination of the most important orientation





# Results



## Results I.

↳ Fracture orientation is initial parameter of Unwedge.

- ◎ Evaluation of geological and geotechnical dataset
- ◎ Summarization in tables
- ◎ Graphic outputs of orientation analyses
- ◎ Graphic outputs of thickness filling analyses



## Results II.

↳ *Effect of main tectonic structures*

- ◎ Research area
- ◎ Tunnel face mapping and ABC zones of surroundings of main tectonic structures
- ◎ Summarization in table



# Analyses

## Geotechnical dataset

- ③ Number of all fracture: 3362 pc
- ③ Type of selection:  
In aspects of fracture fillings
  - ⊙ Filling material → primary
    - Clay fillings, coatings > risky
  - ⊙ Thickness of fracture fillings → secondary
    - 0,1-1 mm
    - 1-5 mm
    - >5 mm

| KÖMÉRŐ               | Adatok száma |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Összes törés         | 3362         |
| Összes, vast. < 0.1  | 16           |
| Összes, vast. 0.1-1  | 727          |
| Összes, vast. 1-5    | 1419         |
| Összes, vast. > 5    | 1198         |
| Agyagos törések      | 1180         |
| Agyagos, vast. < 0.1 | 0            |
| Agyagos, vast. 0.1-1 | 35           |
| Agyagos, vast. 1-5   | 360          |
| Agyagos, vast. > 5   | 785          |



# Analyses

## Geological dataset

- ③ Number of all fracture: 3337 db
- ③ Type of selection:
  - ⊙ In aspects of fracture filling material
    - ↳ Clay fillings, coatings > risky
- ③ Two analyses to check geotechnical dataset

| MÁFI    | Adatok száma |
|---------|--------------|
| Összes  | 3337         |
| Agyagos | 1201         |

(Istovics K., in: Somodi et al., 2013)



# Summary table

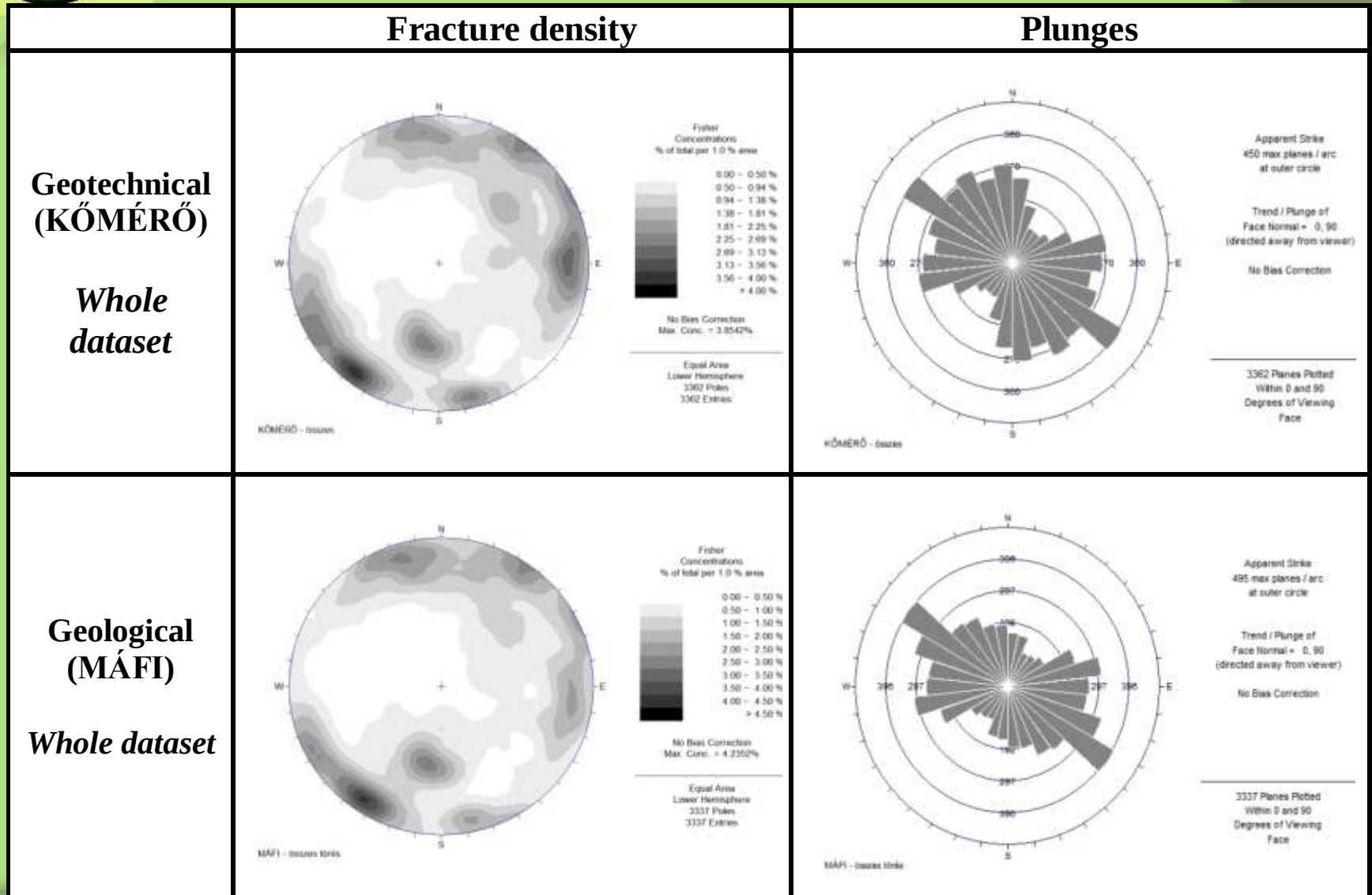
- ☹ Ten analyses were made and became input into the Unwedge modelling
- ☹ Result of the analyses  
(the most frequent dip angle/direction in degree)

|               |                       | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>KŐMÉRŐ</b> | Összes törés          | 81/37  | 74/269 | 82/60  | 81/347 | 45/10  | 78/174 | 87/215 | 89/243 |
|               | Össz., vast. > 5 mm   | 81/37  | 82/347 | 81/162 | 50/7   | 88/217 | 84/239 | 75/274 | 46/230 |
|               | Össz., vast. 1-5 mm   | 82/63  | 77/263 | 78/174 | 52/230 | 42/13  | 83/35  | 33/262 | 84/215 |
|               | Össz., vast 0.1-1 mm  | 75/272 | 76/40  | 72/83  | 68/65  | 87/213 | 55/165 | 62/184 | 33/291 |
|               | Agyagos törések       | 82/37  | 79/163 | 81/347 | 86/62  | 76/273 | 49/9   | 88/243 | 87/218 |
|               | Agyag, vast. > 5 mm   | 82/37  | 79/163 | 82/346 | 49/9   | 76/275 | 89/218 | 86/243 | 45/234 |
|               | Agyag, vast. 1-5 mm   | 87/62  | 89/243 | 71/263 | 73/298 | 78/216 | 81/164 | 61/187 | 78/80  |
|               | Agyag, vast. 0.1-1 mm | 85/292 | 84/284 | 60/188 | 31/60  | 82/201 | 33/216 | 54/289 | 39/310 |
| <b>MÁFI</b>   | Összes törés          | 80/33  | 83/62  | 44/9   | 78/164 | 87/215 | 88/244 | 75/275 | 81/348 |
|               | Agyagos törések       | 45/9   | 80/163 | 80/35  | 86/55  | 81/346 | 88/214 | 87/240 | 76/264 |

(Istovics K., in: Somodi et al., 2013)

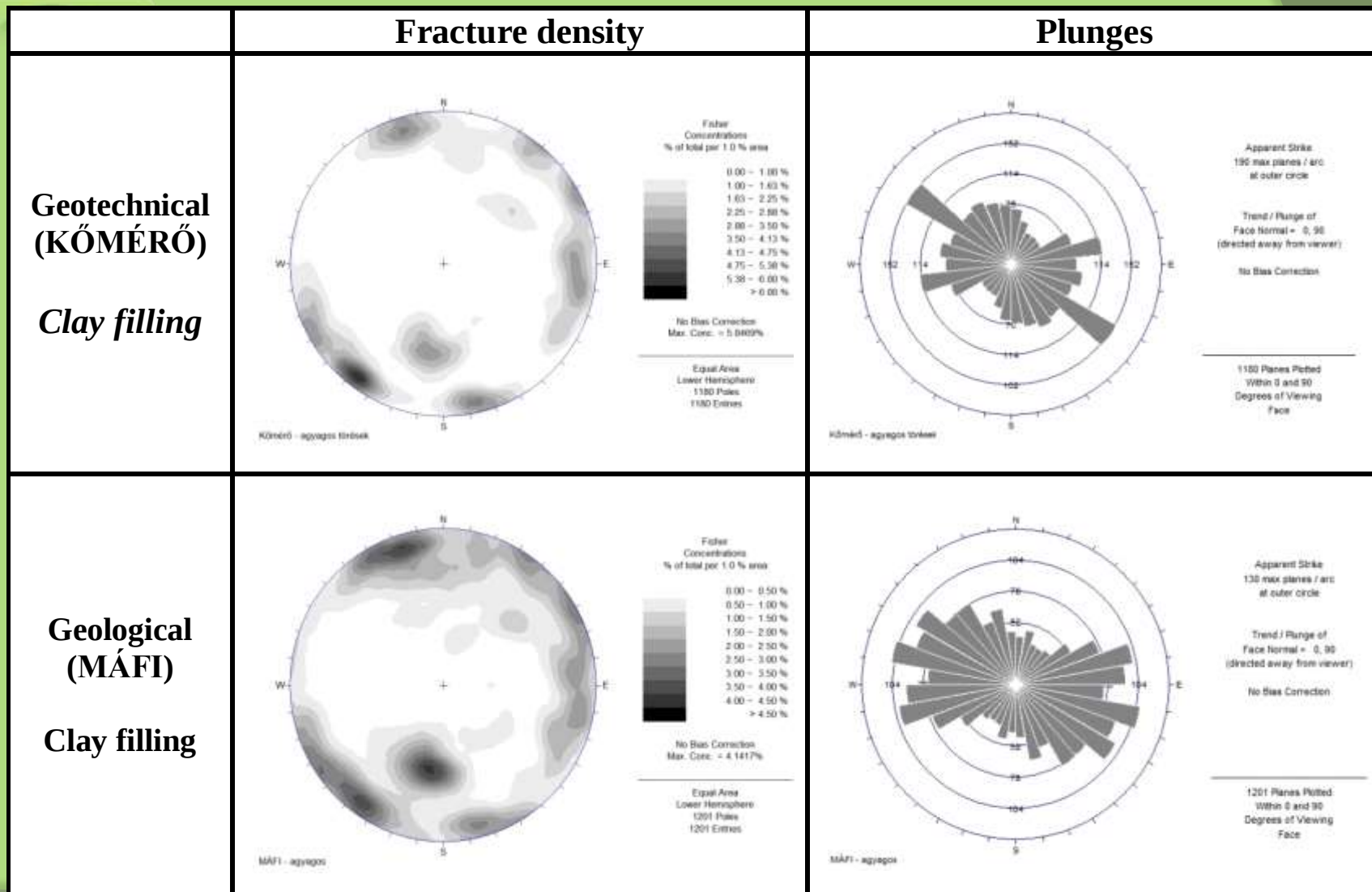


# Graphical summary I.





# Graphical summary II.





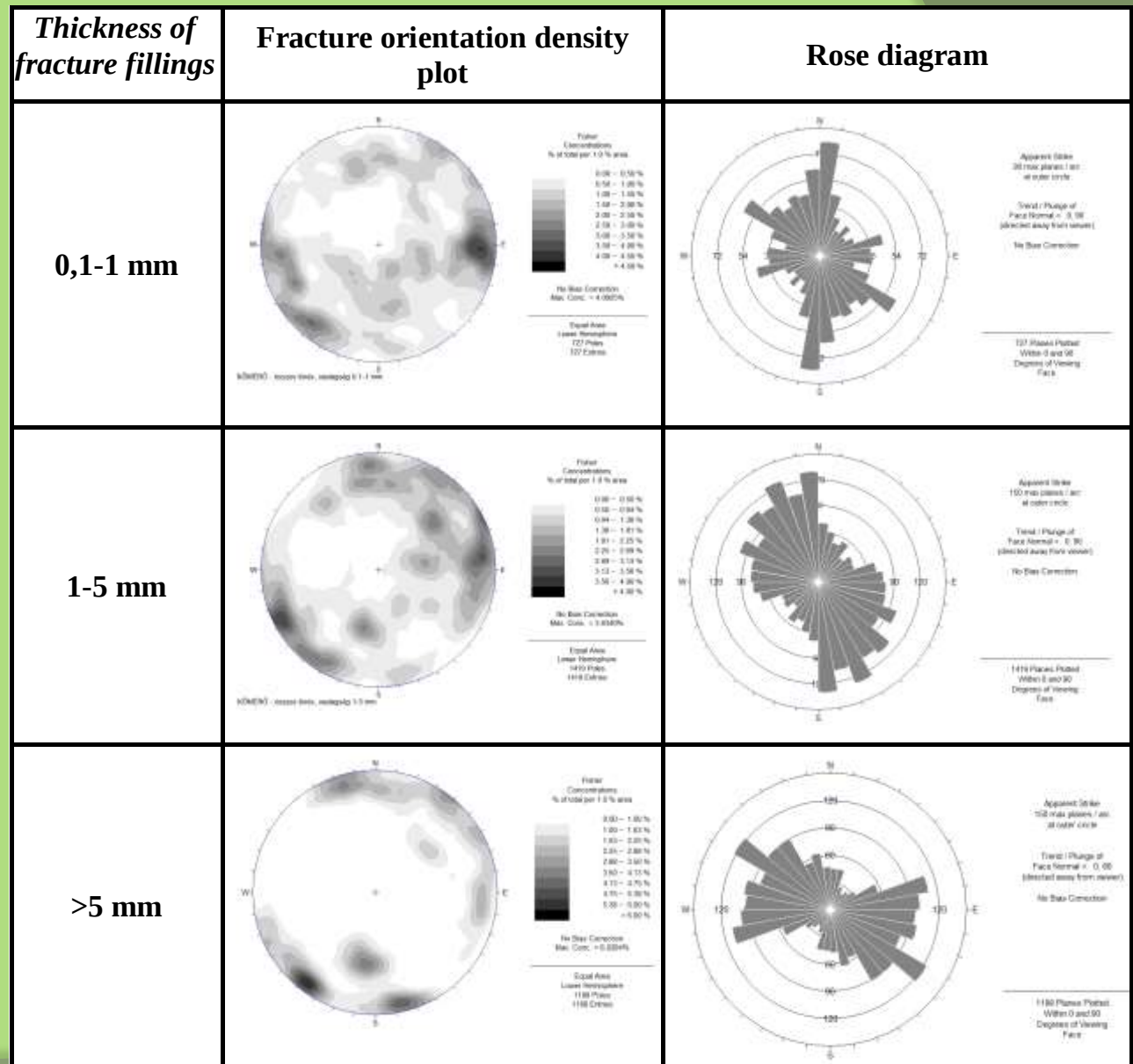
# Discussion – I.

- ③ Two dataset fits well with each other
- ③ Analyses of all fractures and clay filling fractures show similar patterns
  - ⦿ The only difference is a more dominant North direction dipping pattern in geotechnical dataset
- ③ Database:
  - ⦿ Number are similar
  - ⦿ Fractures with clay fillings: → It has bigger scatter in geological database
  - ⦿ Dominant orientations:
    - NW-SE with northern dip
    - E-W, with southern dip
  - ⦿ There is no presence of NE-SW



## Discussion – II.

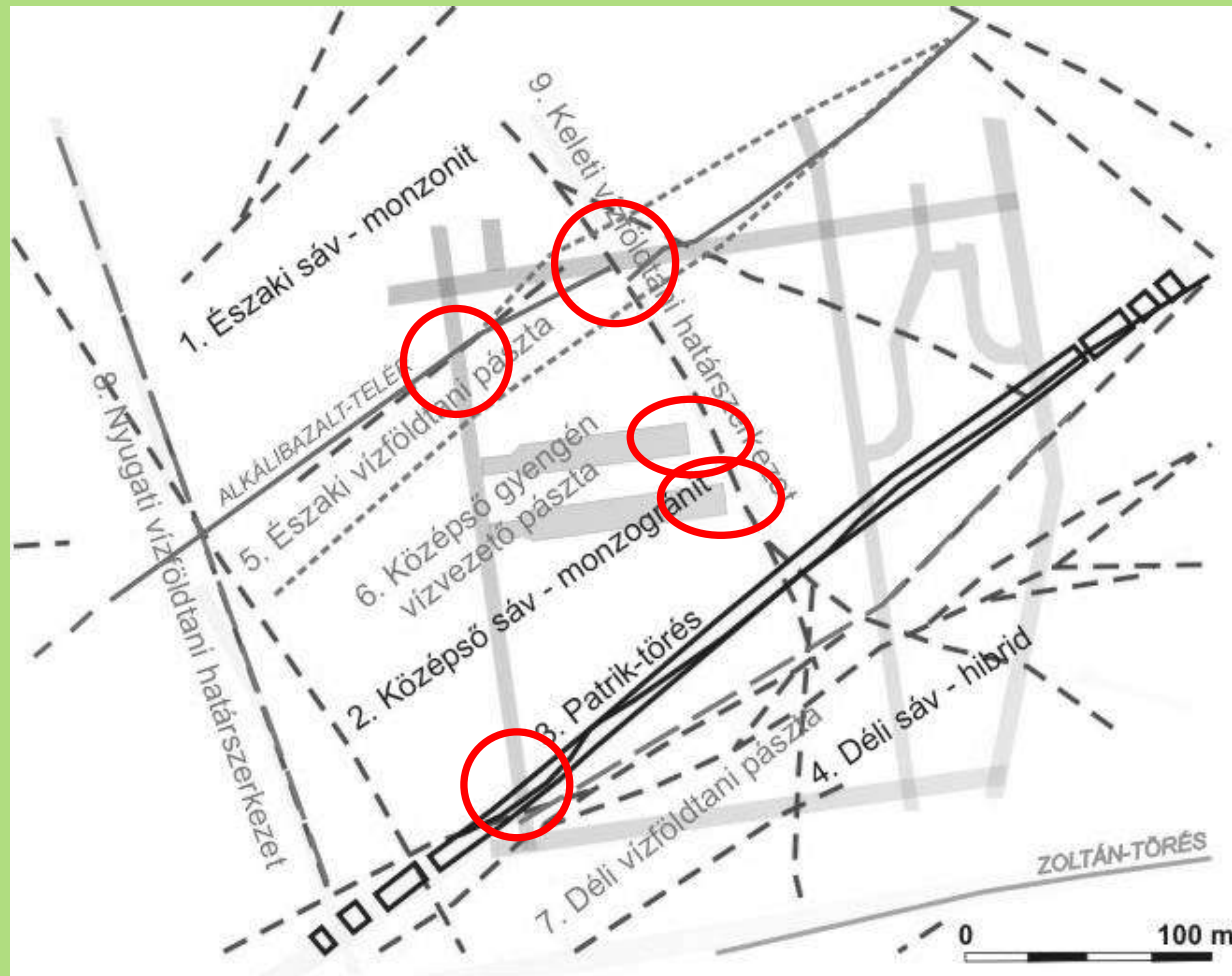
- ☹ Some filling material is characteristic in different dominant fracture orientation and filling thickness



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# Analysis of the effect of main tectonic structure





Supposed  
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NNW-SSE

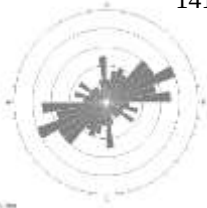
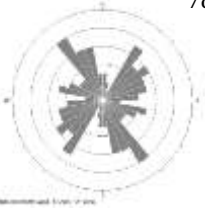
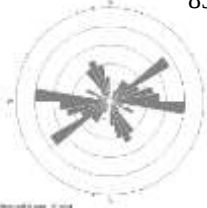
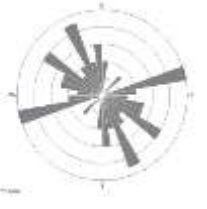
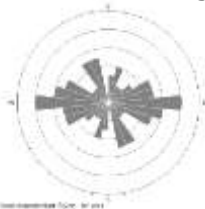
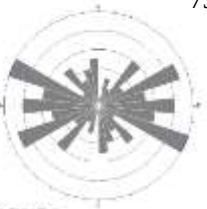
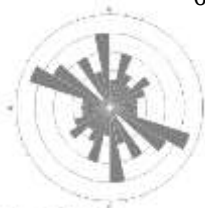
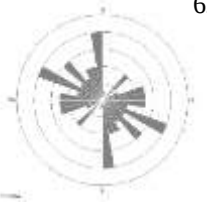
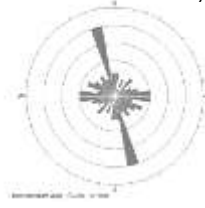
| Names of<br>the zones | I-K1<br>repository chamber | I-K2<br>repository chamber |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| „B” zone              | <p>224</p>                 | <p>208</p>                 |
| „C” zone              | <p>237</p>                 | <p>406</p>                 |

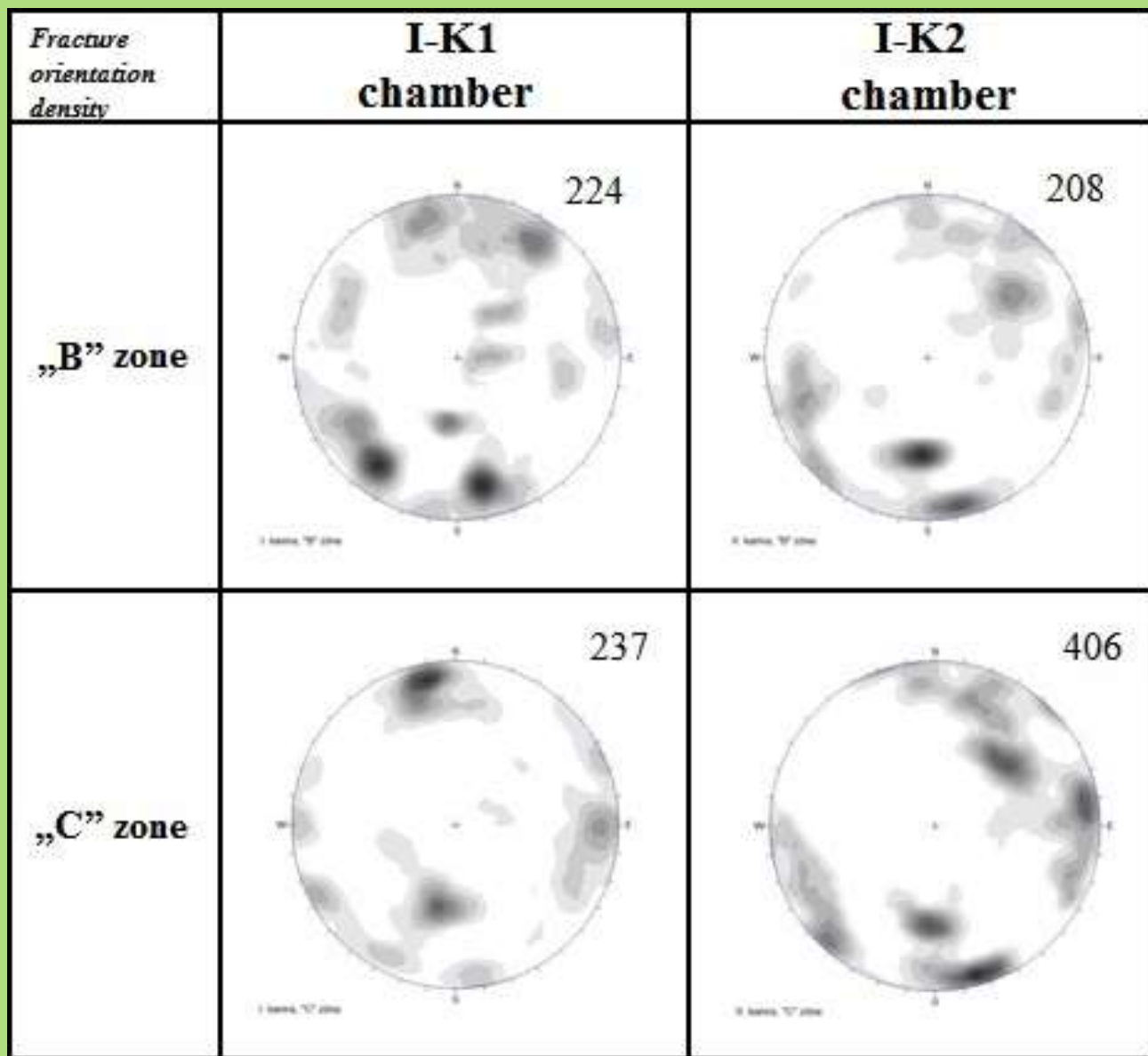


Supposed  
orientation  
NE-SW

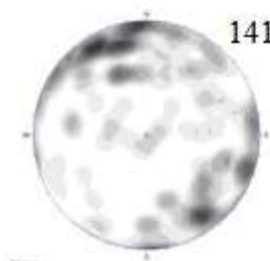
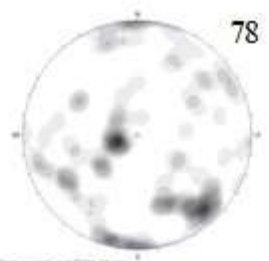
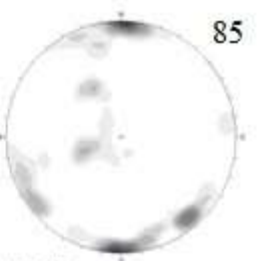
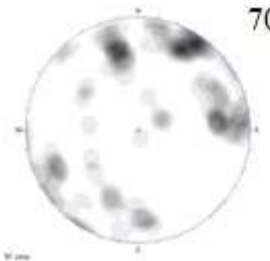
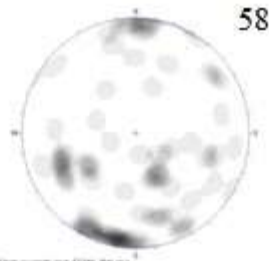
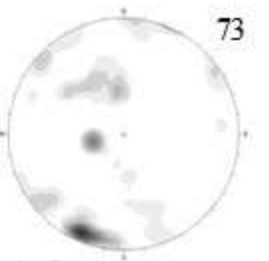
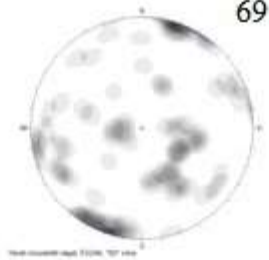
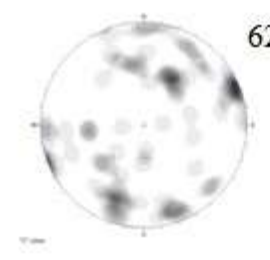
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NE-SW

Supposed  
orientation  
NNW-SSE

| Names of zones | TOVD                                                                                      | TOVE                                                                                       | TSZV                                                                                      |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| „A” zone       | 141<br>  | 78<br>   | 85<br> |
| „B1” zone      | 70<br>   | 58<br>   | 73<br> |
| „B2” zone      |                                                                                           | 69<br>  |                                                                                           |
| „C” zone       | 62<br> | 72<br> |                                                                                           |





| Fracture<br>orientation density | TOV - D                                                                                | TOV - É                                                                                 | TSZV                                                                                   |
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③ The most frequent fracture orientations:

|                             | <b>I-K1</b><br>(NNW-SSE) | <b>I-K2</b><br>(NNW-SSE) | <b>TOV-E</b><br>(NE-SW) | <b>TOV-D</b><br>(NE-SW) | <b>TSZV</b><br>(NNW-SSE) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>A zone</b>               |                          |                          | NE-SW<br>NW-SE          | NE-SW                   | NE-SW<br>E-W             |
| <b>B zone</b>               | NW-SE<br>WEW-ENE         | NW-SE<br>E-W             | E-W                     | NW-SE<br>NE-SW          | NE-SW<br>E-W             |
| <b>(B<sub>2</sub> zone)</b> |                          |                          | N-S<br>NW-SE            |                         |                          |
| <b>C zone</b>               | E-W<br>N-S               | E-W<br>N-S               | N-S                     | NW-SE<br>N-S            |                          |



## Discussion – III.

- ③ Our results are not conform with Benedek & Molnár (2013).
- ③ Differences may come from:
  - ⊙ Scale effect (borehole ↔ tunnel)
  - ⊙ Different type of fracture mapping:
    - Borehole TV: wider range of fractures
    - Tunnel face mapping: some kind of ordinary geological documentation
- ③ „Patrik fracture zone” and „East-hydrogeological boundary” (EHB) have strongly affect on the orientation of fractures.
- ③ B zone of Patrik fracture zone become input dataset of Unwedge.



# Conclusion

## ⊗ General fracture properties:

- ⊙ Geotechnical and geological documentation results are similar in spite of different aspects
- ⊙ Fracture with clay fillings and all fractures have the same dominant orientations.
- ⊙ Differences comes from the distribution of the thickness of the filling material.

## ⊗ Properties of main tectonic structures:

- ⊙ Surroundings of „Patrik fracture” and „EHB” shows more dominant and clear structure patterns than others
- ⊙ In other cases → *research needs new approaches*



# Further research

- ③ Revelation of relationships in MGF
  - ③ Is there any correlation between orientation of fracture zone, orientation of fractures with clay filling and results of in-situ stress measurements? (overcoring, CSIRO-HI)
  - ③ Has the main structures and clay filling structures any in situ stress-modification effect?



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