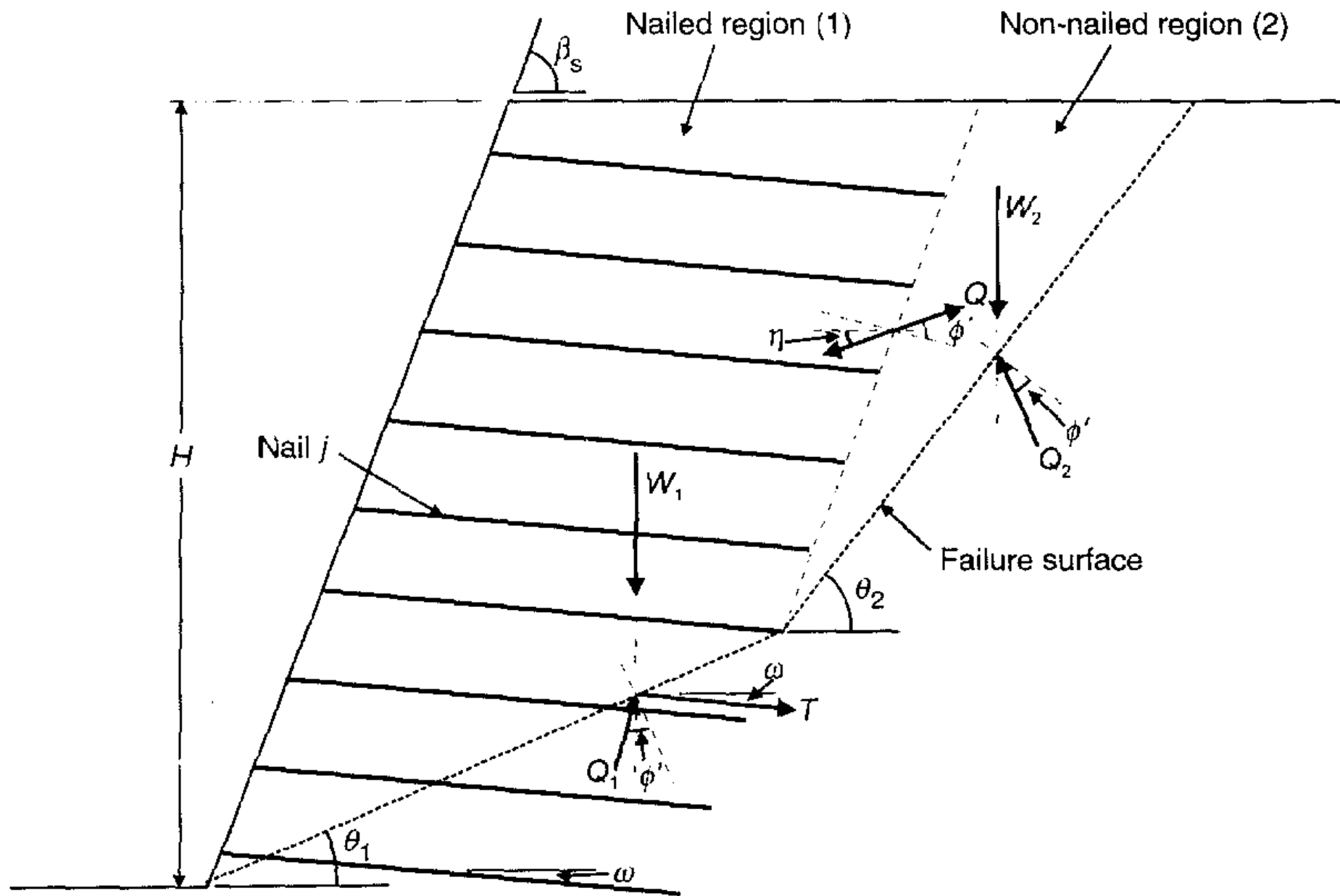


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**Figure 56. Use of two-part wedge analysis for soil nailing**



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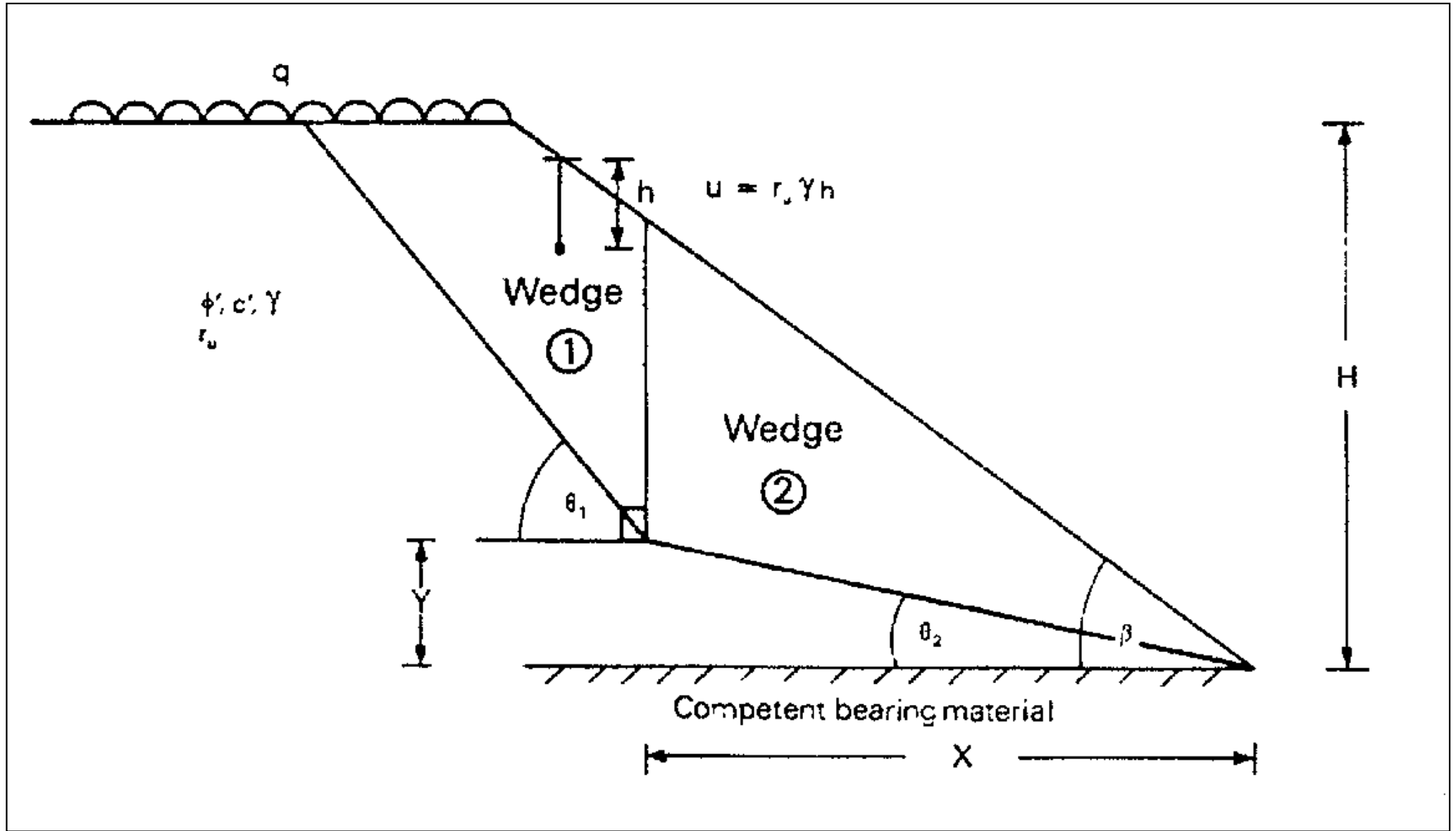
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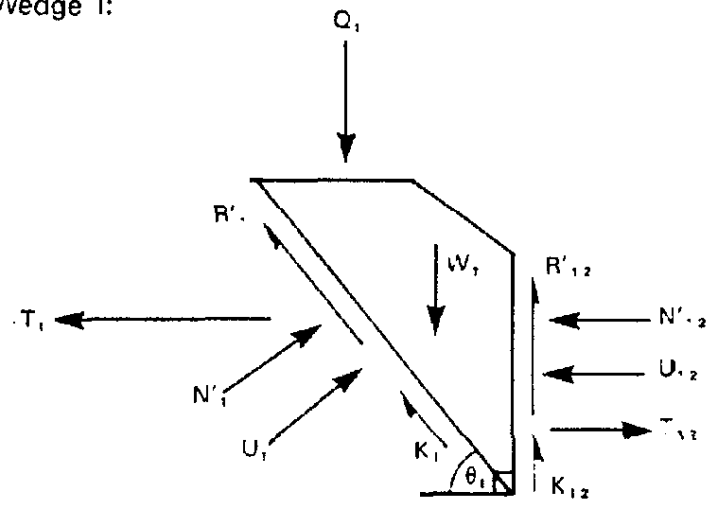
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# **Design Methods for the Reinforcement of Highway Slopes by Reinforced Soil and Soil Nailing Techniques**

**Summary:** This Advice Note gives guidance on design methods for the strengthening of highway earthwork slopes.



Wedge 1:



Wedge 2:

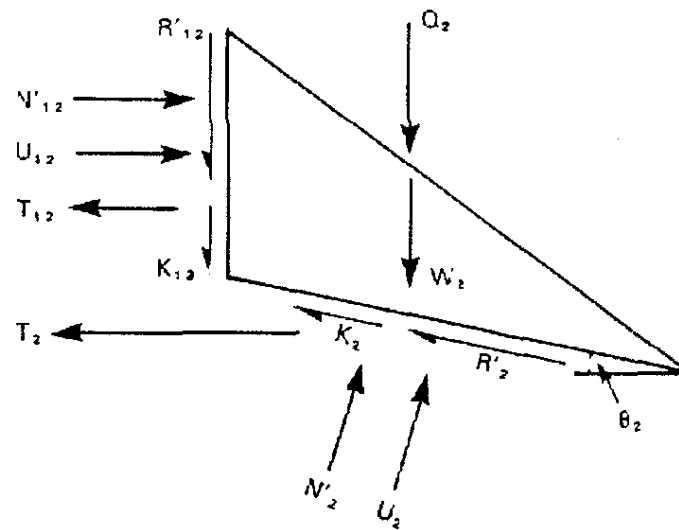
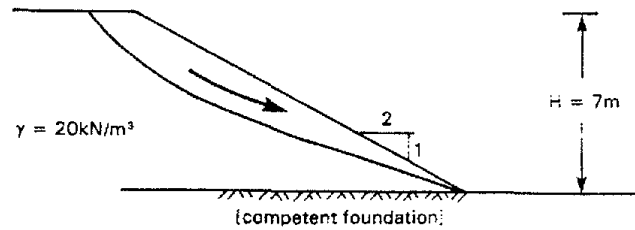


Figure 2.3 Forces acting on wedges

Example 5: Type 3 Embankment (Slip Repair)



A slip has occurred in a stiff clay embankment and the geometry of the slip is well approximated by the following two-part wedge (see Diagram 5):

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 11\text{m} \\ Y &= 3.8\text{m} \\ \theta_1 &= 35^\circ \end{aligned}$$

1. By trial and error, it is quickly found that values of  $\phi'$ ,  $c'$  which would provide a factor of safety of unity on the above geometry are (assuming  $r_u = 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \phi' &= 20^\circ \\ c' &= 1.5\text{kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \Rightarrow \phi'_{\text{des}} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan 20^\circ}{1.1} \right) = 18.3^\circ$$

$$c'_{\text{des}} = 0 \quad (\text{conservative})$$

3. Repair of the slope is to be carried out by excavation, followed by replacement of the slipped material reinforced with layers of geotextile ( $\alpha = 0.8$ )

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad T_{\text{max}} &= 77\text{kN/m} \\ X &= 8.7 \\ Y &= 0 \\ \theta &= 42 \\ L_s &= 14.0 \quad (\lambda_s = 0.8) \end{aligned}$$

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$$5. \begin{matrix} P_c & = & 21\text{kN/m, say} \\ f_c & = & 1.1 \\ f_s & = & 1.1 \\ f_m & = & 1.1 \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} P_c \\ f_c \\ f_s \\ f_m \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{say}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{asn}} = 15.8\text{kN/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 77/15.8 = 4.9, \text{ say } 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{1}{2} H/\sqrt{N}$$

$$= 1.57\text{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_{s1} = \frac{P_{\text{asn}}}{2 \alpha c'_v \tan \phi'_{\text{asn}}}$$

$$= \frac{15.8}{2 \times 0.8 \times (20 \times 1.57) \times \tan 18.3}$$

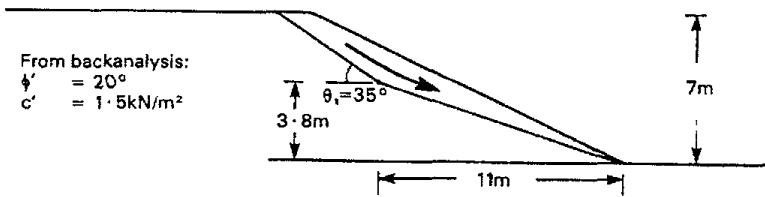
$$= 1.0\text{m}$$

6. Layer depths:

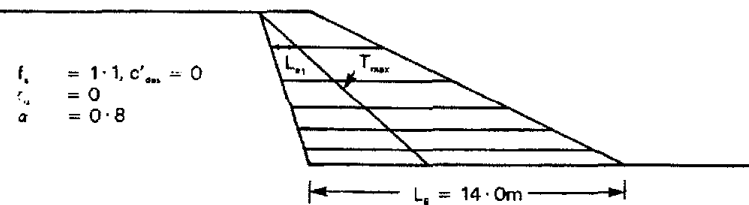
1	1.6
2	3.1
3	4.4
4	5.4
5	6.3
6	7.0

Note: The repair could also have been attempted by using a soil nailing/reinforced soil hybrid design.

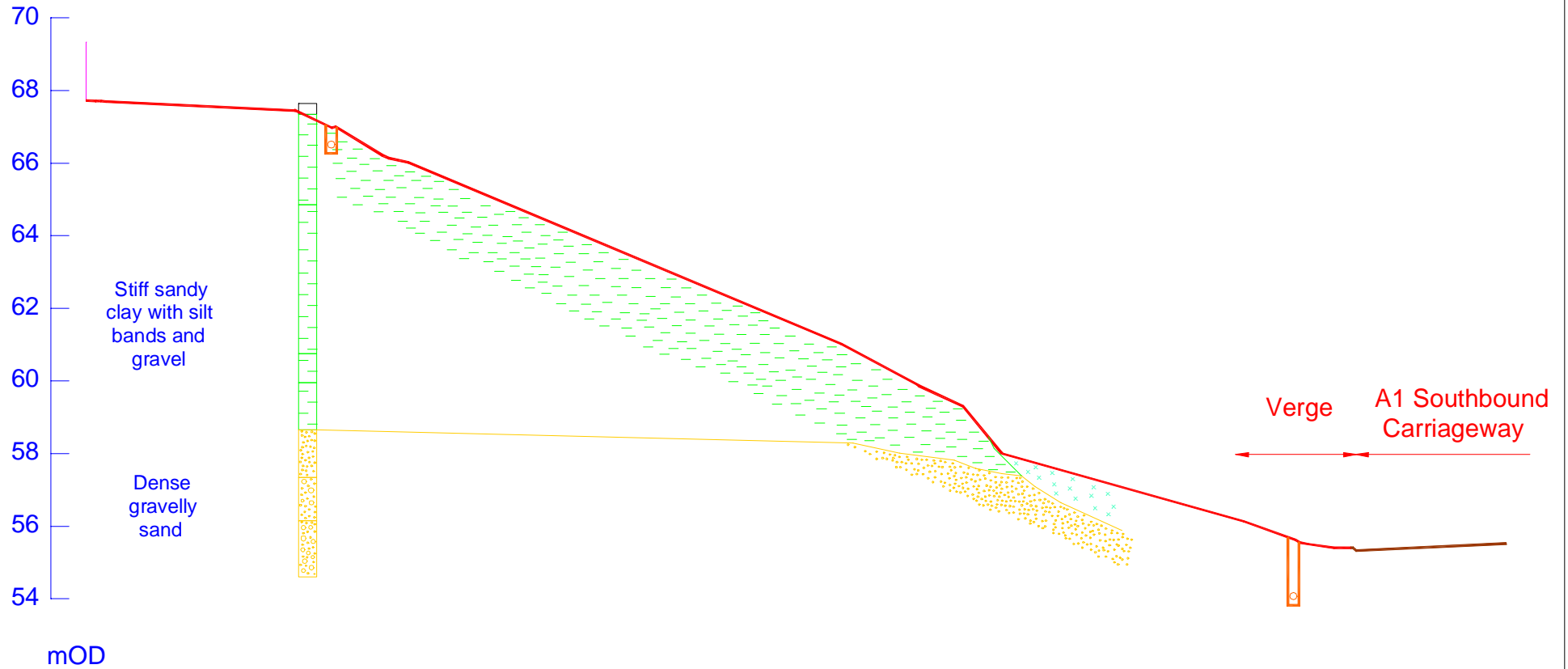
Diagram 5: (Slip repair)



Preliminary reinforcement layout with geotextile:



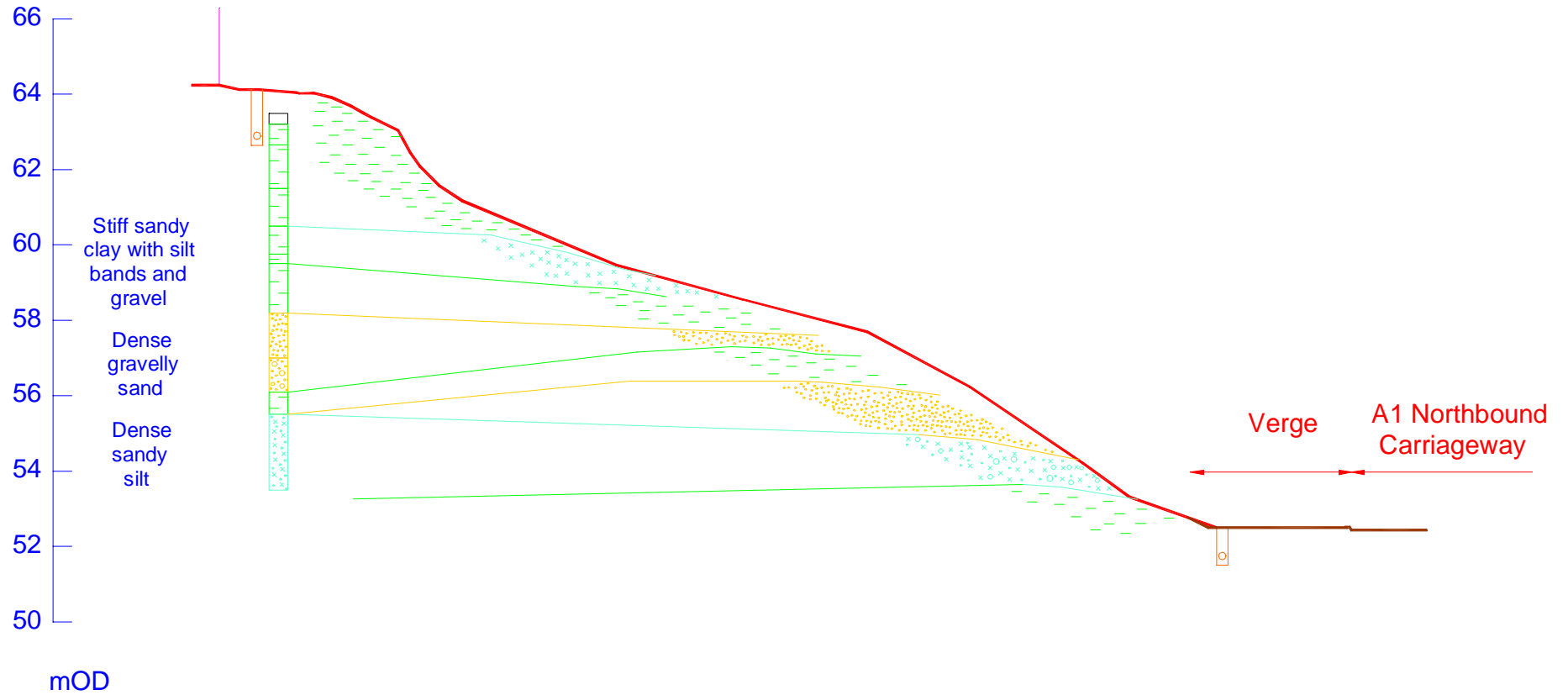
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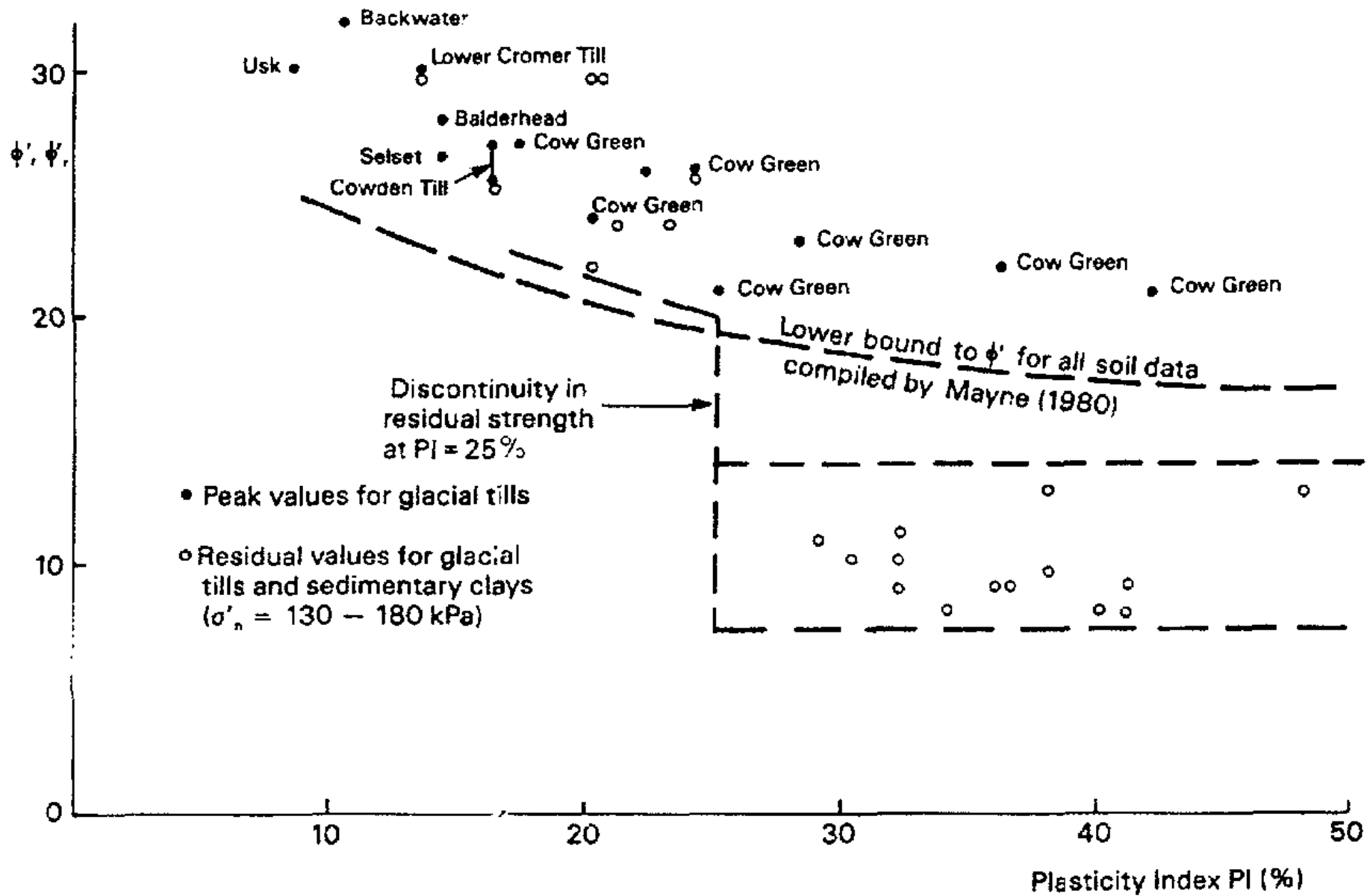
Typical Cross Section - TT6



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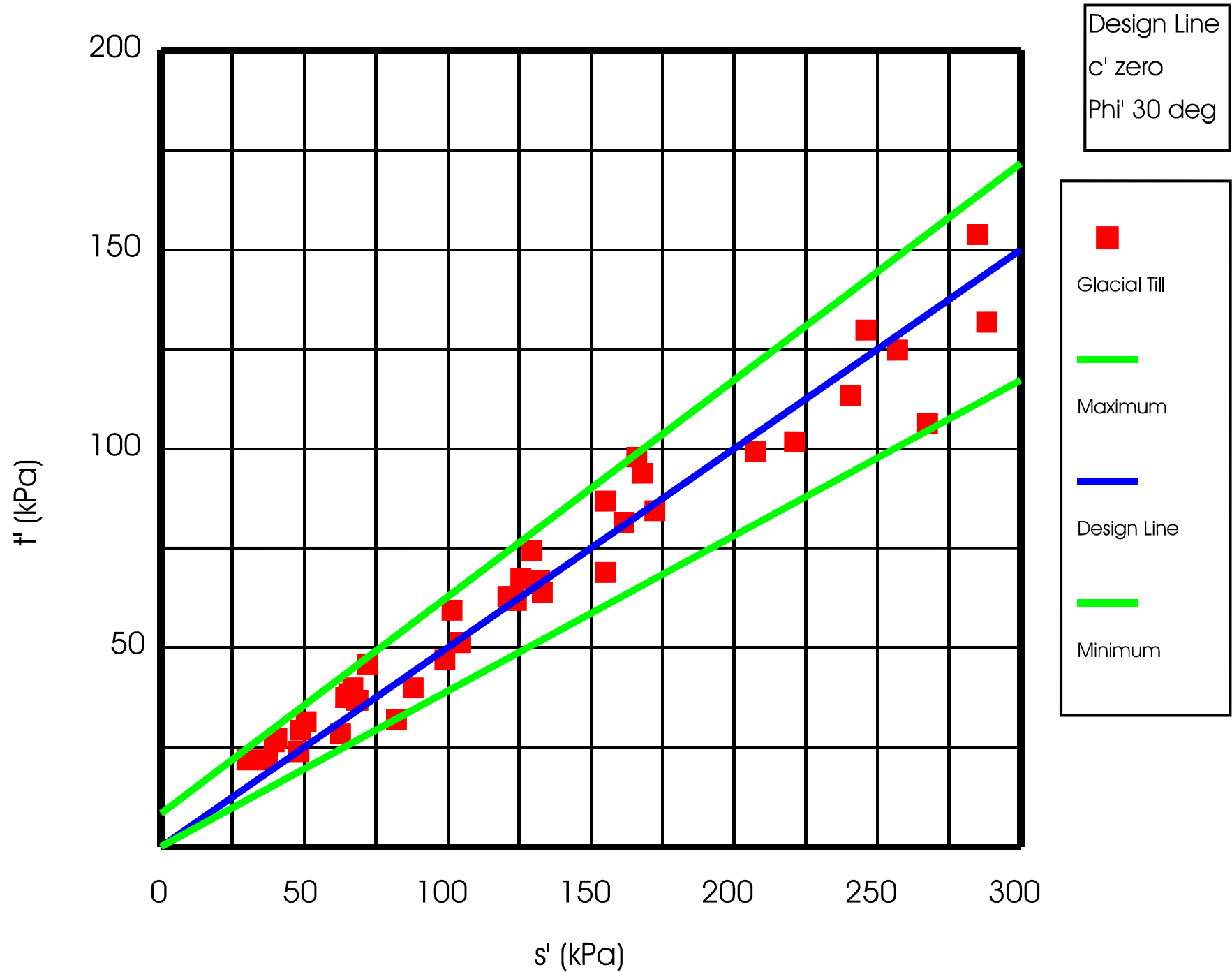
Typical Cross Section - TT3



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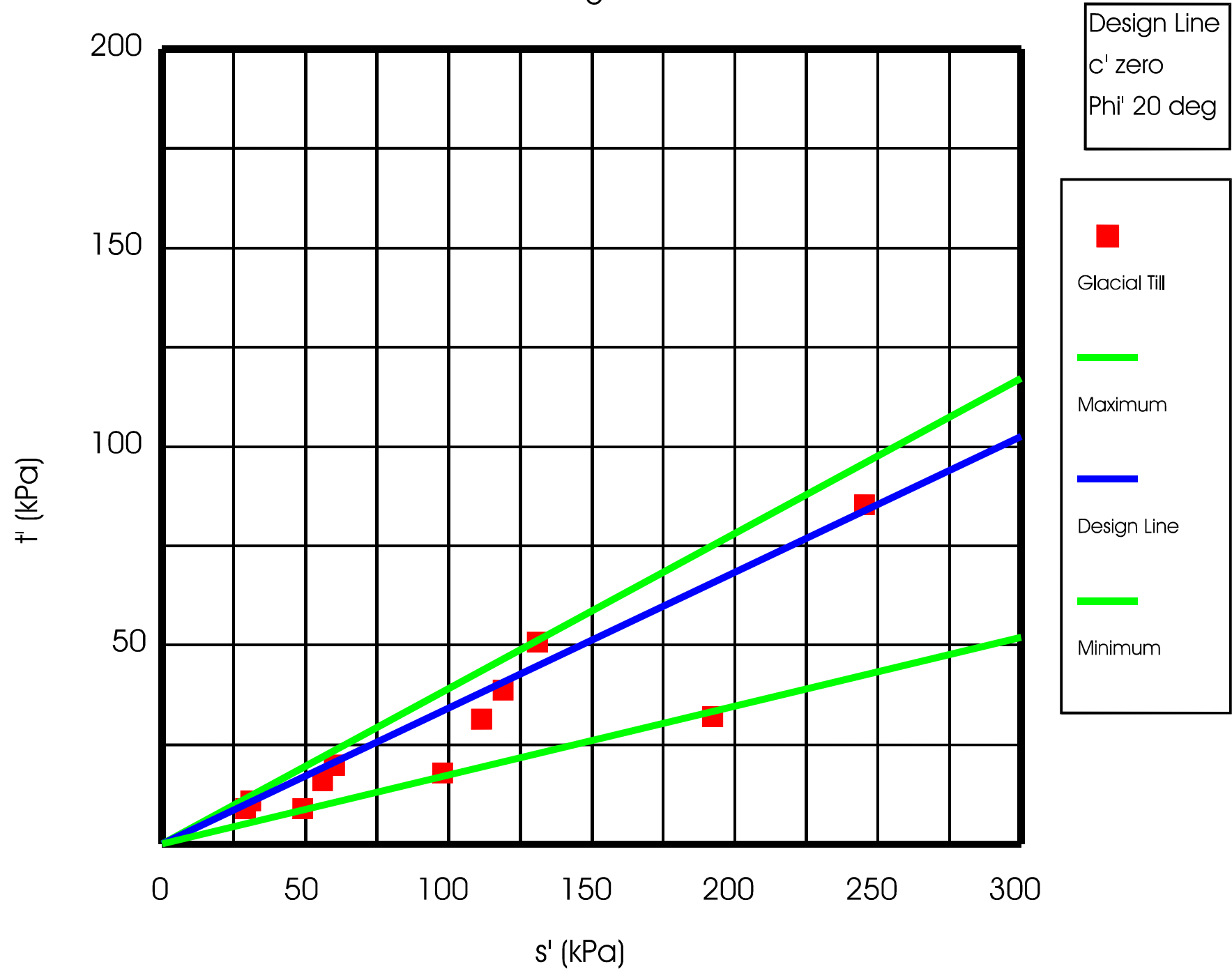
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## Effective Stress Test Results



# A1 Morpeth Bypass

## Residual Strength Test Results





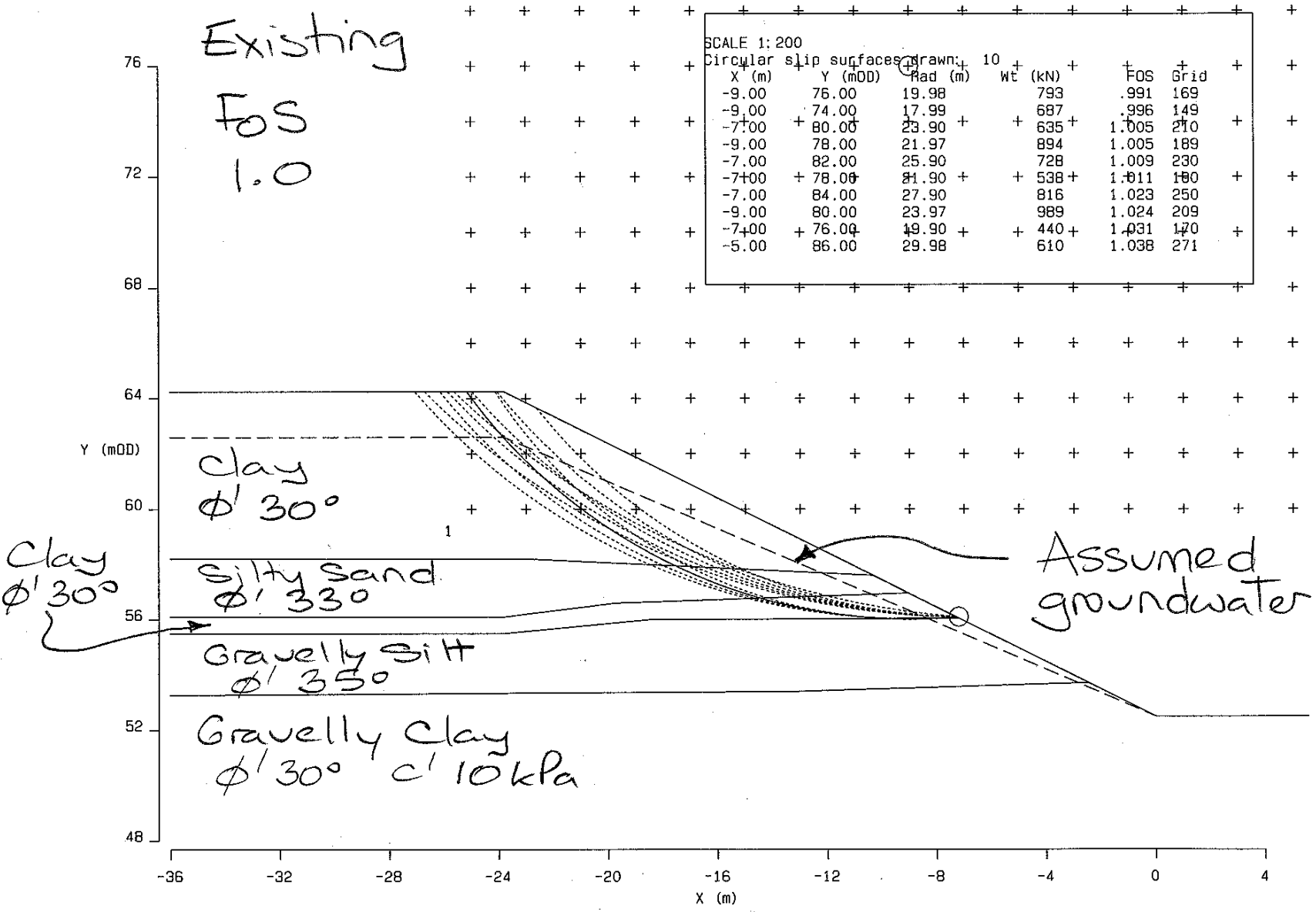
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SECTION TT3 - BACK ANALYSIS OF FAILURE  
Phi' 30 deg - upper slope

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-9.00	78.00	21.97	894	1.005	189
-7.00	82.00	25.90	728	1.009	230
-7.00	78.00	21.90	538	1.011	180
-7.00	84.00	27.90	816	1.023	250
-9.00	80.00	23.97	989	1.024	209
-7.00	76.00	19.90	440	1.031	170
-5.00	86.00	29.98	610	1.038	271





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A1 MOREPETH BYPASS - SLOPE FAILURE  
SECTION TT3 - BACK ANALYSIS OF FAILURE  
Phi = 30 deg - whole slope

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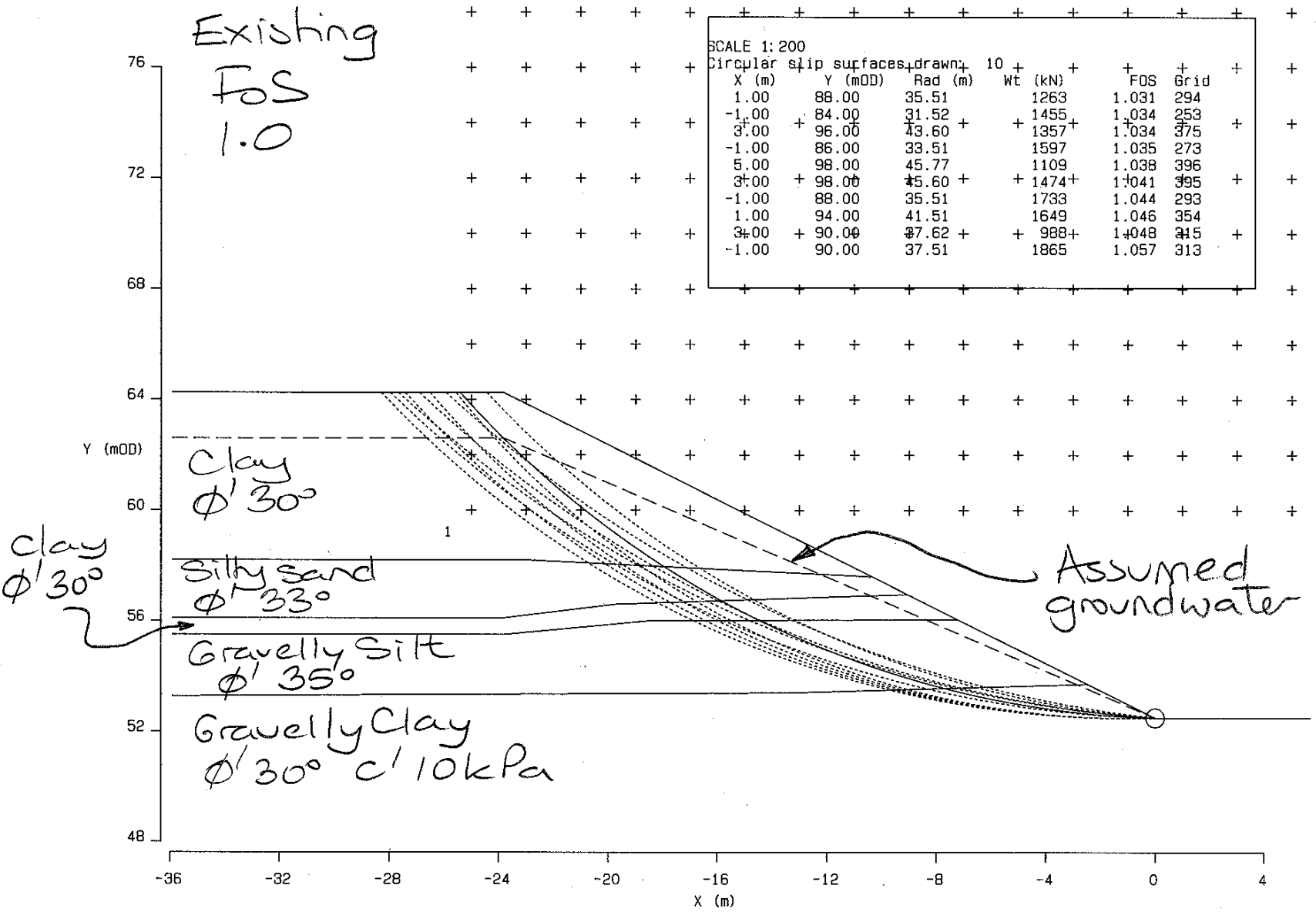
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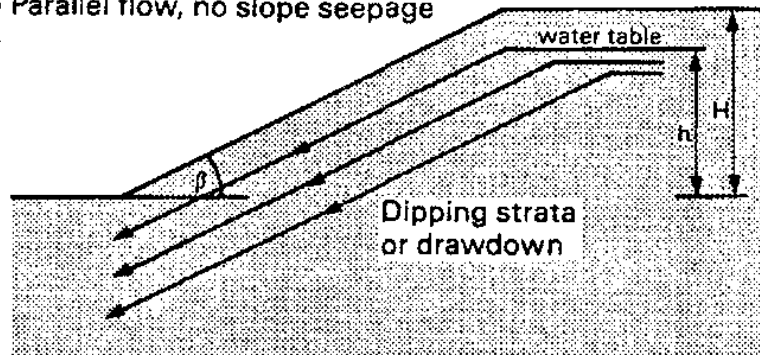
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1.00	88.00	35.51	1263	1.031	294
-1.00	84.00	31.52	1455	1.034	253
3.00	96.00	43.60	1357	1.034	375
-1.00	86.00	33.51	1597	1.035	273
5.00	98.00	45.77	1109	1.038	396
3.00	98.00	45.60	1474	1.041	395
-1.00	88.00	35.51	1733	1.044	293
1.00	94.00	41.51	1649	1.046	354
3.00	90.00	37.62	988	1.048	315
-1.00	90.00	37.51	1865	1.057	313

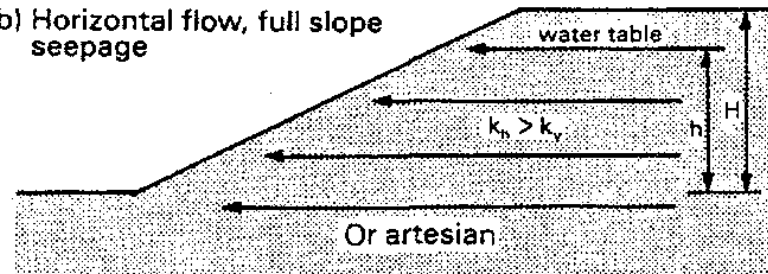


(a) Parallel flow, no slope seepage



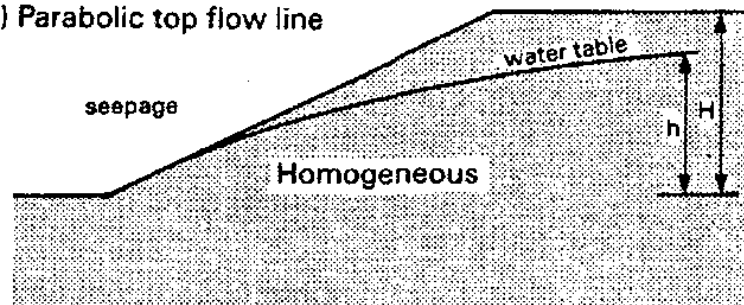
$$r_u = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma} \cos^2 \beta \text{ for } \frac{h}{H} > 0.8 \text{ or } (H-h) < 3 \text{ m}$$

(b) Horizontal flow, full slope seepage



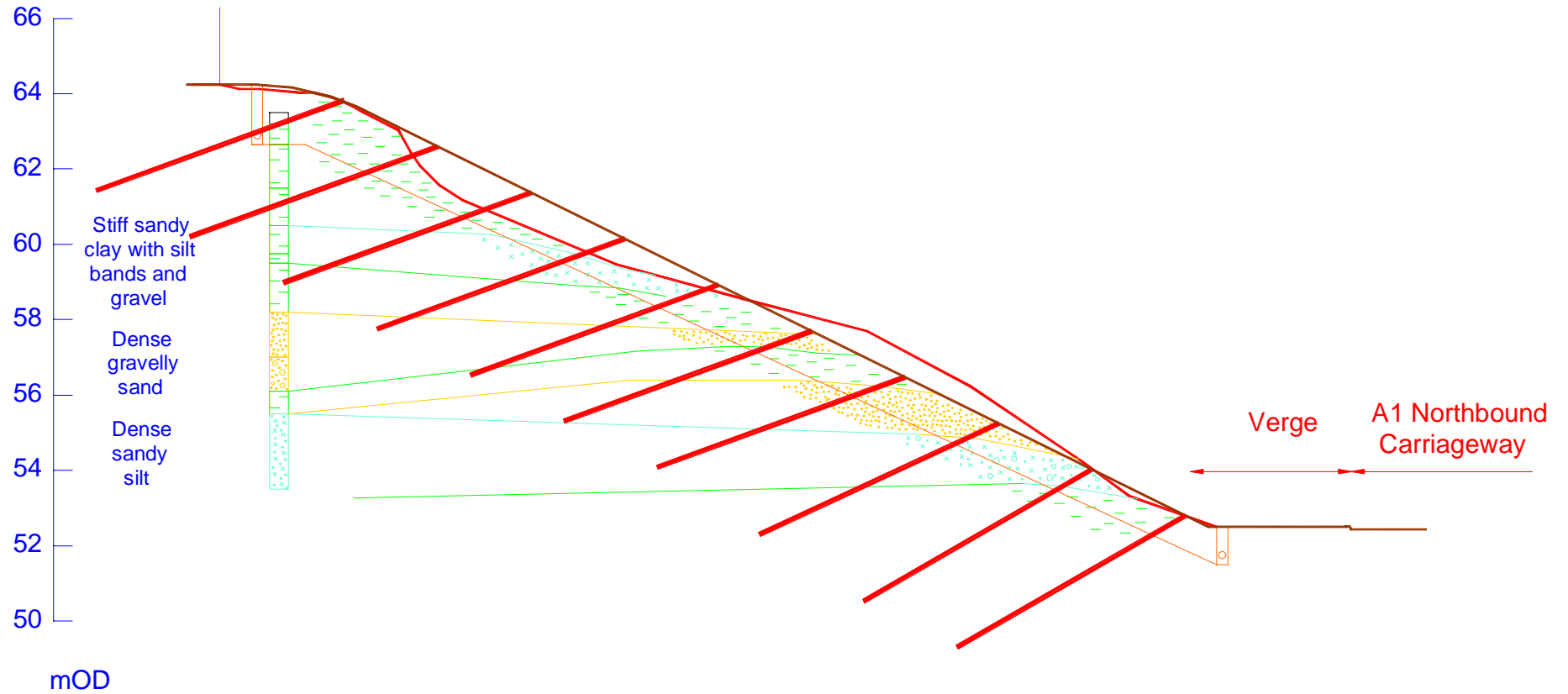
$$r_u = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma} \text{ for } \frac{h}{H} > 0.8 \text{ or } (H-h) < 3 \text{ m}$$

(c) Parabolic top flow line



$$r_u = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma} \cos \beta \text{ for } \frac{h}{H} > 0.8 \text{ or } (H-h) < 3 \text{ m}$$

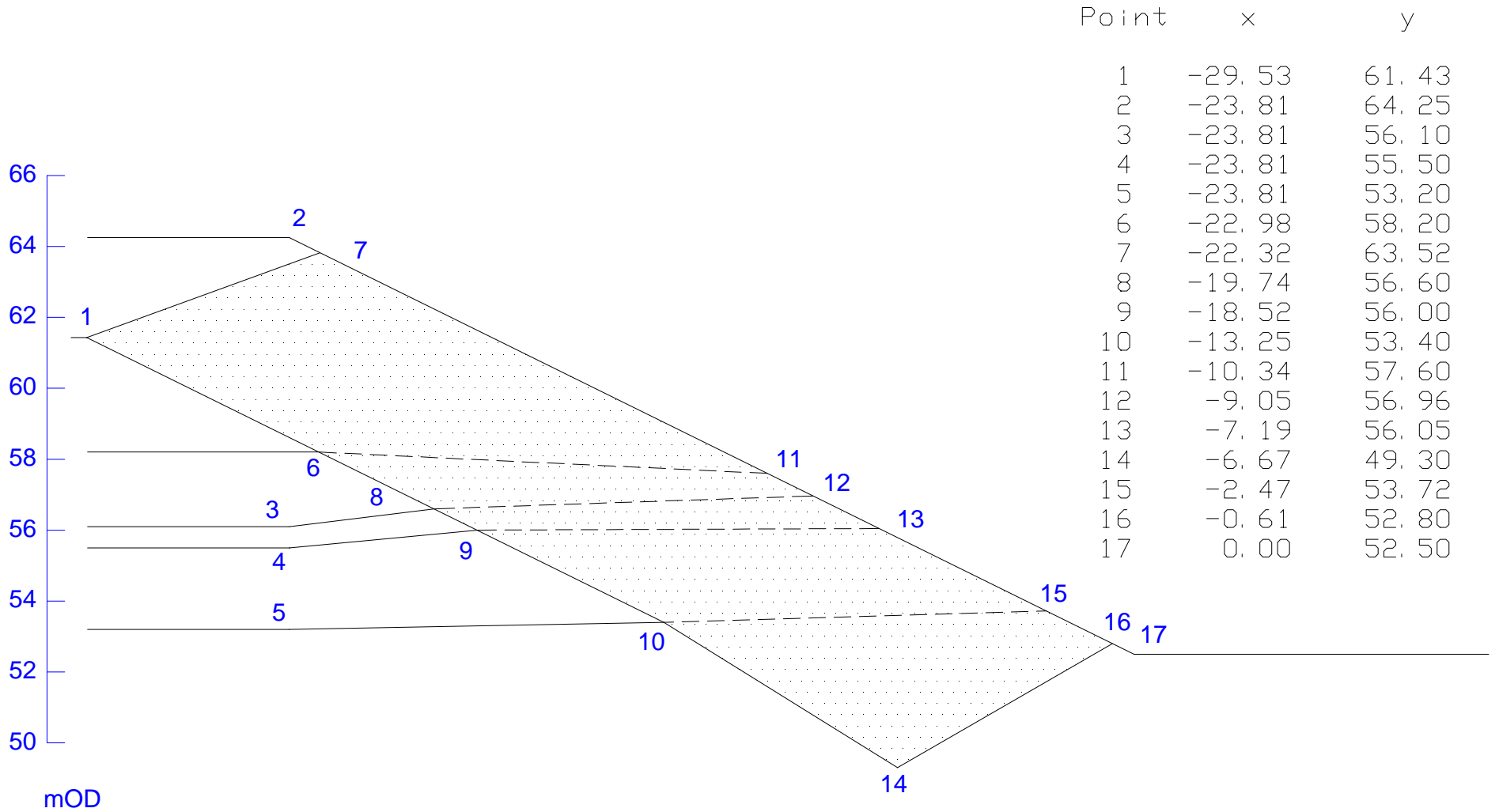
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Typical Cross Section - TT3



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Typical SLOPE Design Section - TT3



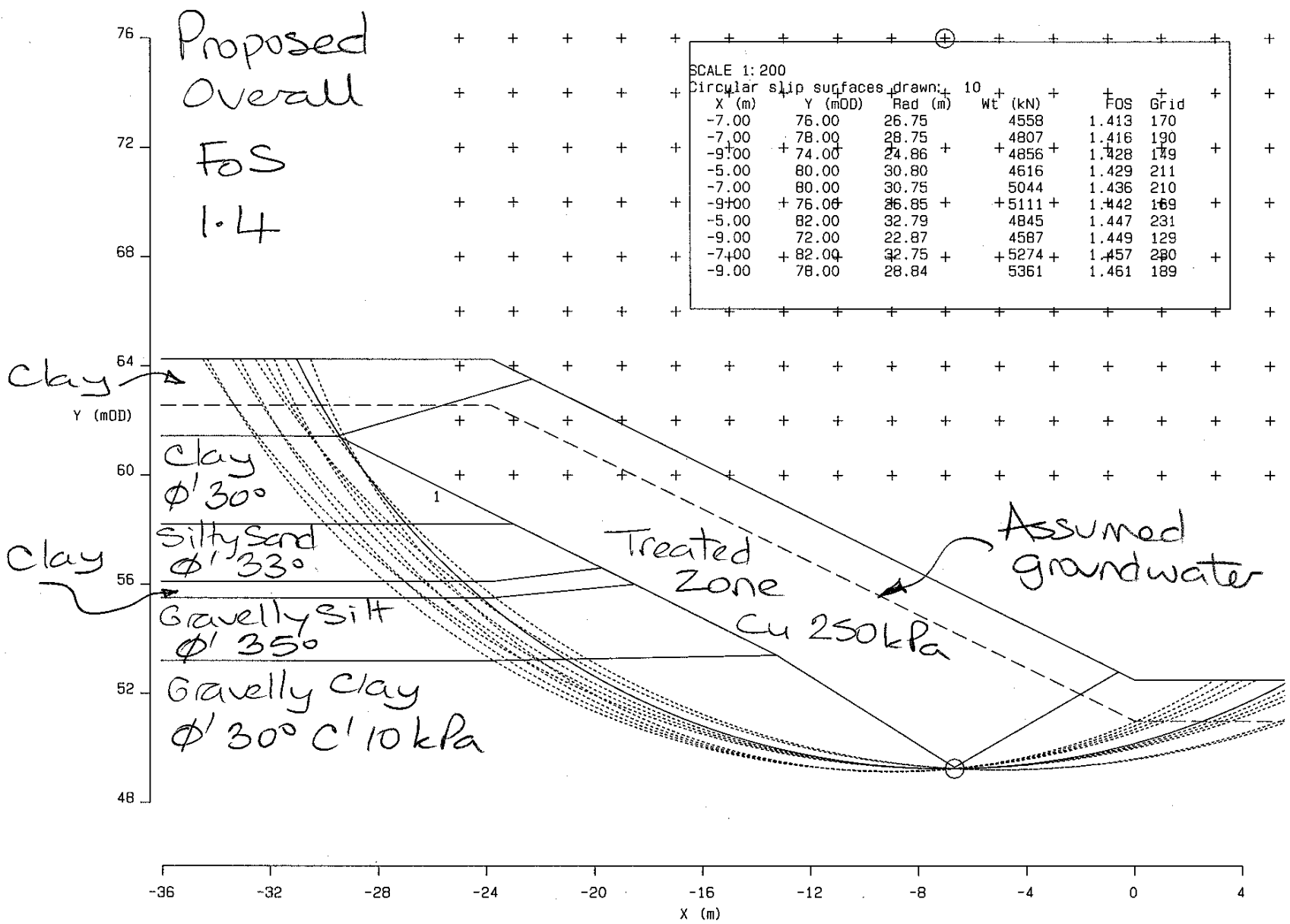
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SECTION TT3 - SOIL NAIL TREATMENT  
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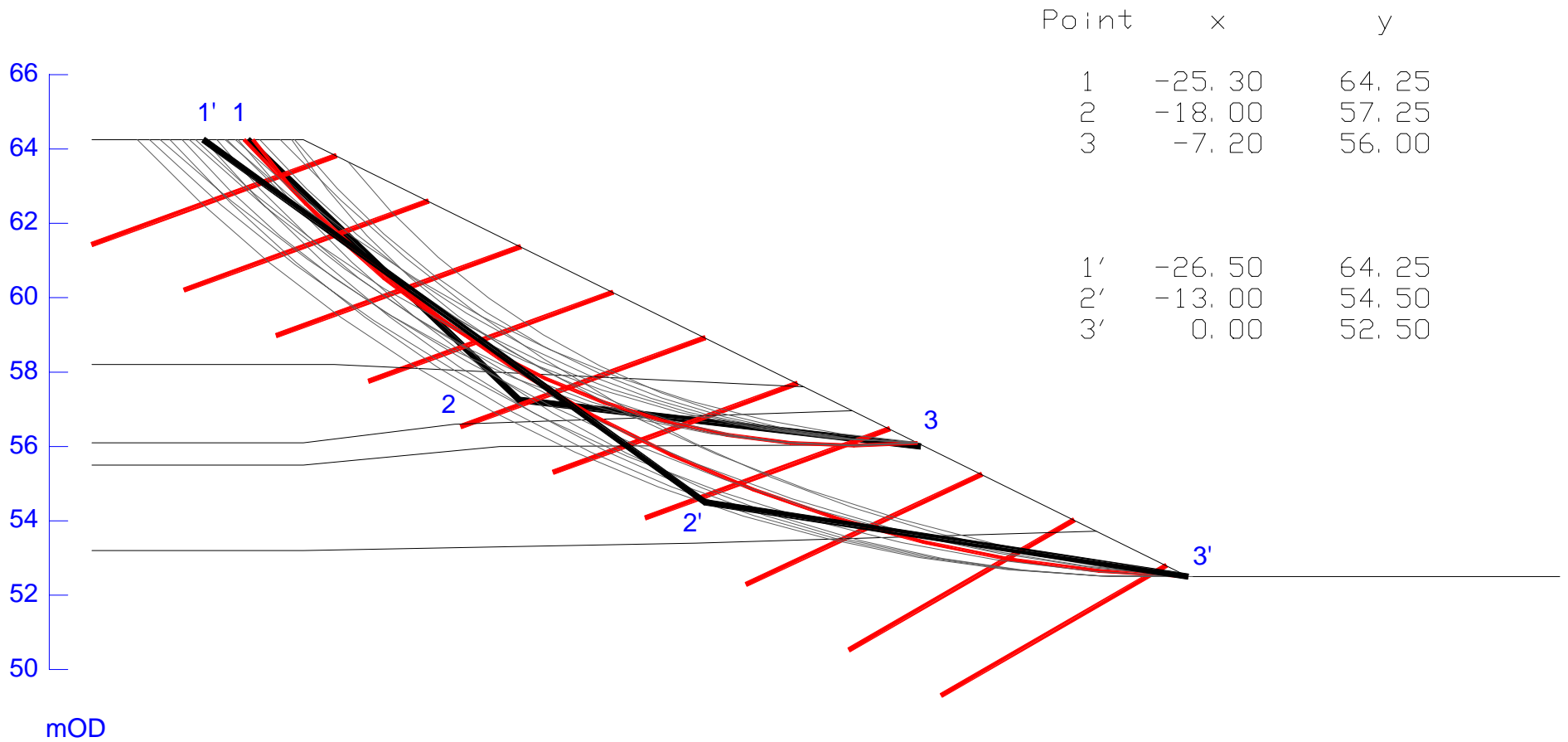
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-9.00	74.00	24.86	4856	1.428	179
-5.00	80.00	30.80	4616	1.429	211
-7.00	80.00	30.75	5044	1.436	210
-9.00	76.00	26.85	5111	1.442	169
-5.00	82.00	32.79	4845	1.447	231
-9.00	72.00	22.87	4587	1.449	129
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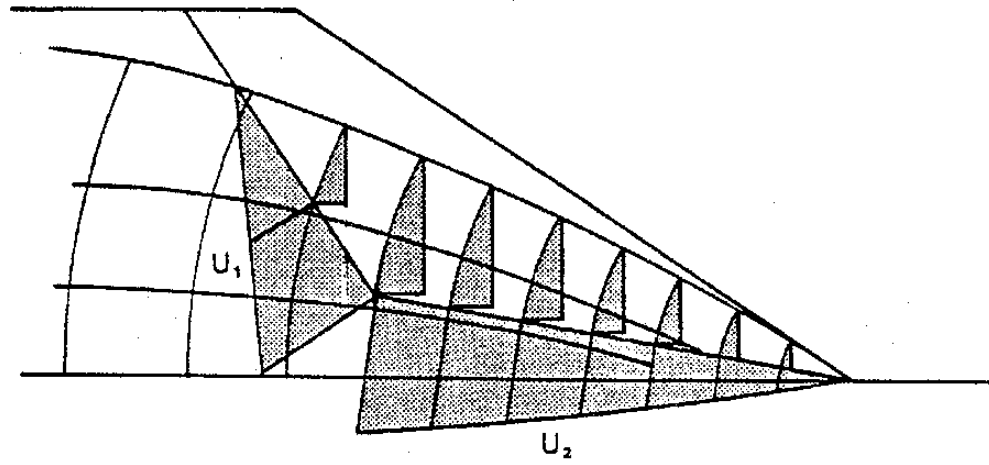


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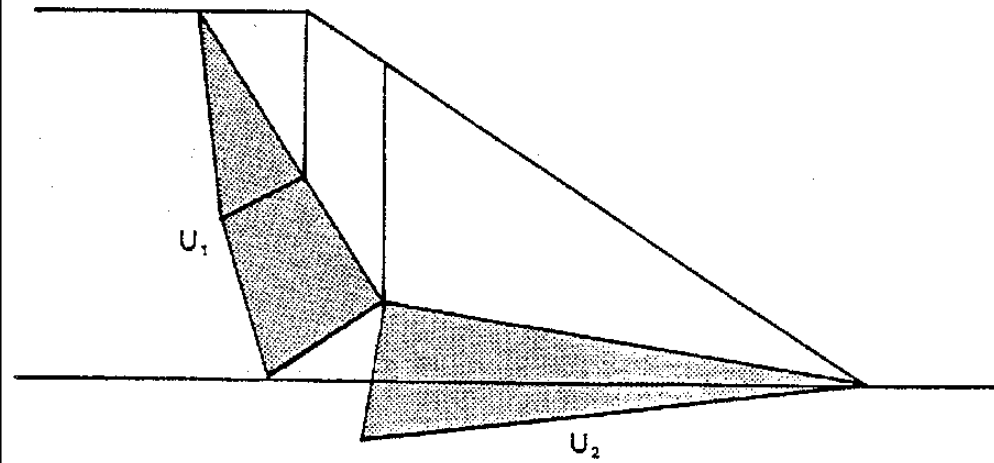
Two Part Wedge Design Section - TT3

a) Flow net



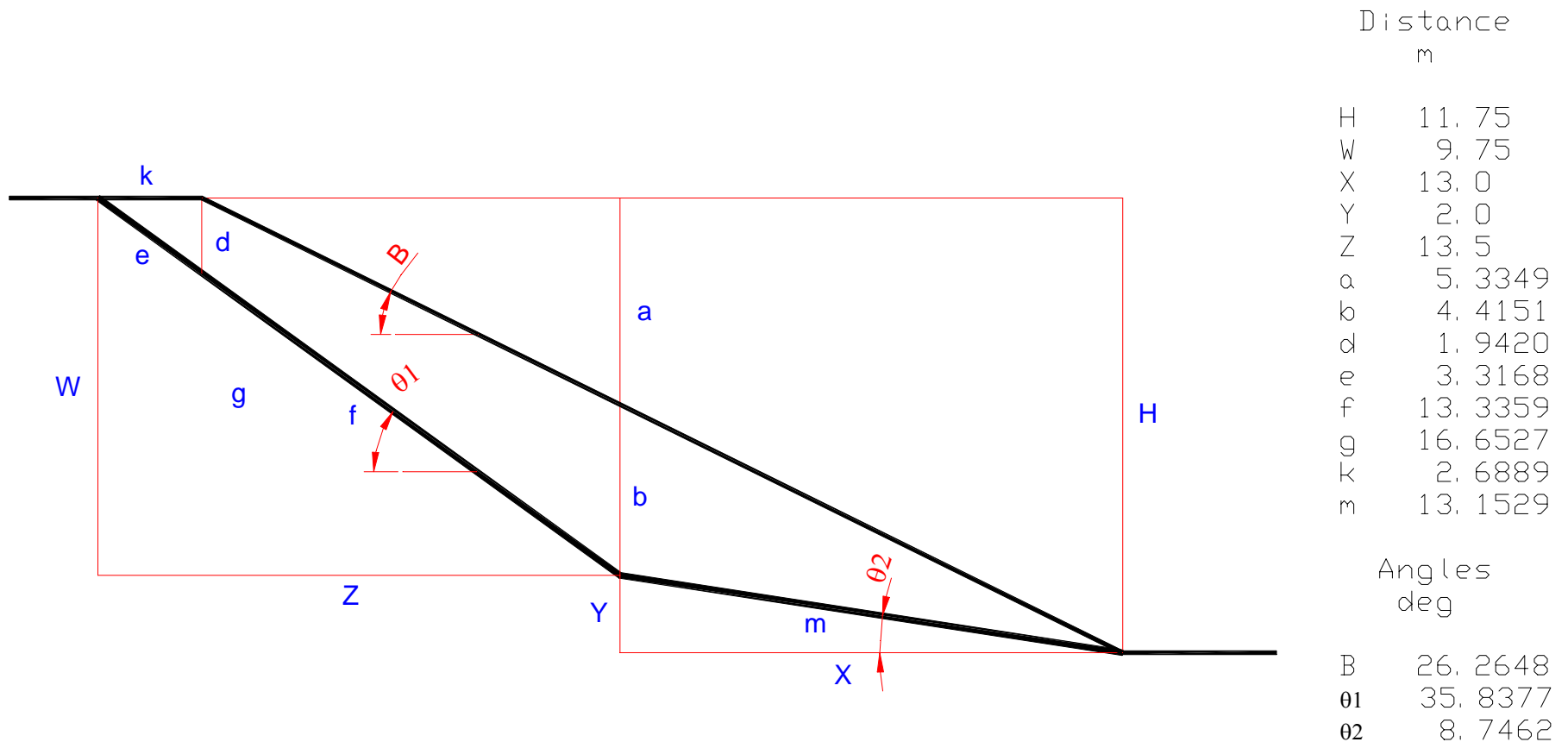
b)  $r_v$  approach

( $r_v \approx 0.3$ )



$$r_v = \frac{u}{yh}$$

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Two Part Wedge Design - Dimensions - TT3

# A1 Morpeth Bypass Slope Failure Remediation

Appendix A

## Two Part Wedge Analysis Slope Section TT3 - Whole Slope

### Slope Geometry

H	11.75 m
W	9.75 m
X	13.00 m
Y	2.00 m
Z	13.50 m
Slope	26.2648 deg
Angle t1	35.8377 deg
Angle t2	8.7462 deg

### Soil Properties

Unit wt	20.00 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Peak $\phi'$	32.00 deg
Design $\phi'$	22.00 deg
Design $c'$	0.00 kPa
Cu	100 kPa
Surcharge	5 kPa
Inclination of nails	20 deg

### Computed Dimensions

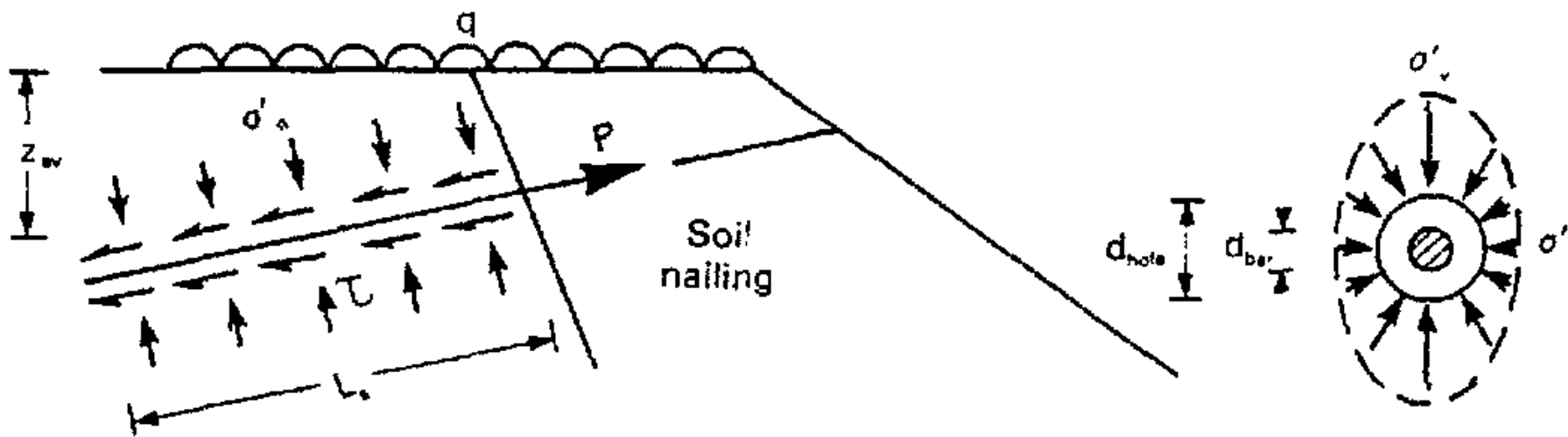
a	5.3349 m
b	4.4151 m
d	1.9420 m
e	3.3168 m
f	13.3359 m
g	16.6527 m
k	2.6889 m
m	13.1529 m

### Computed Forces

W1	739.5 kN
W2	574.0 kN
U1	182.4 kN
U2	116.1 kN
K1	0.0 kN
K2	0.0 kN
Q1	13.4 kN
T1	255.8 kN
Sliding factor	1.0
T2	-90.5 kN
T total	165.4 kN
Inclination factor	1.17

Total Force  
to be provided  
by soil nails

193 kN/m run
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b) Soil nail pull-out

$$\sigma'_n = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma'_v + \sigma'_l)$$

$$\sigma'_l = K_1 \sigma'_v$$

## Nail Geometry

Grouted Diameter	100 mm in clays
Length	7.0 m
Spacing	2.0 m
Bar diameter	32 mm
Bar Capacity	230 kN

### Soil Nail Capacities Based on Peak Effective Stress Parameters

Row	Lf	Average Depth	Face Pull Out Force	Le	Average Depth	Anchor Pull Out Force
	m	m		m	m	kN
1	2.112	0.787	5	4.888	1.984	29
2	2.668	1.064	8	4.332	3.305	41
3	3.225	1.288	13	3.775	4.108	47
4	3.781	1.512	17	3.219	4.332	42
5	4.337	1.736	23	2.663	4.556	37
6	4.893	1.961	29	2.107	4.781	31
7	5.450	2.185	37	1.550	5.005	24
8	3.373	1.456	16	3.627	4.501	54
9	1.662	0.760	4	5.338	4.006	67
10	0.331	0.143	0	6.669	3.388	74

Average Ks 1.20

Total Force provided by soil nails

223 kN/m run
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### Soil Nail Capacities Based on Undrained Shear Strength

Row	Lf	Shaft Friction	Face Pull Out Force	Le	Shaft Friction	Anchor Pull Out Force
	m	kPa		m	kPa	kN
1	2.112	50	33	4.888	50	77
2	2.668	50	42	4.332	50	68
3	3.225	50	51	3.775	50	59
4	3.781	50	59	3.219	50	51
5	4.337	50	68	2.663	50	42
6	4.893	50	77	2.107	50	33
7	5.45	50	86	1.55	50	24
8	3.373	50	53	3.627	50	57
9	1.662	50	26	5.338	50	84
10	0.331	50	5	6.669	50	105

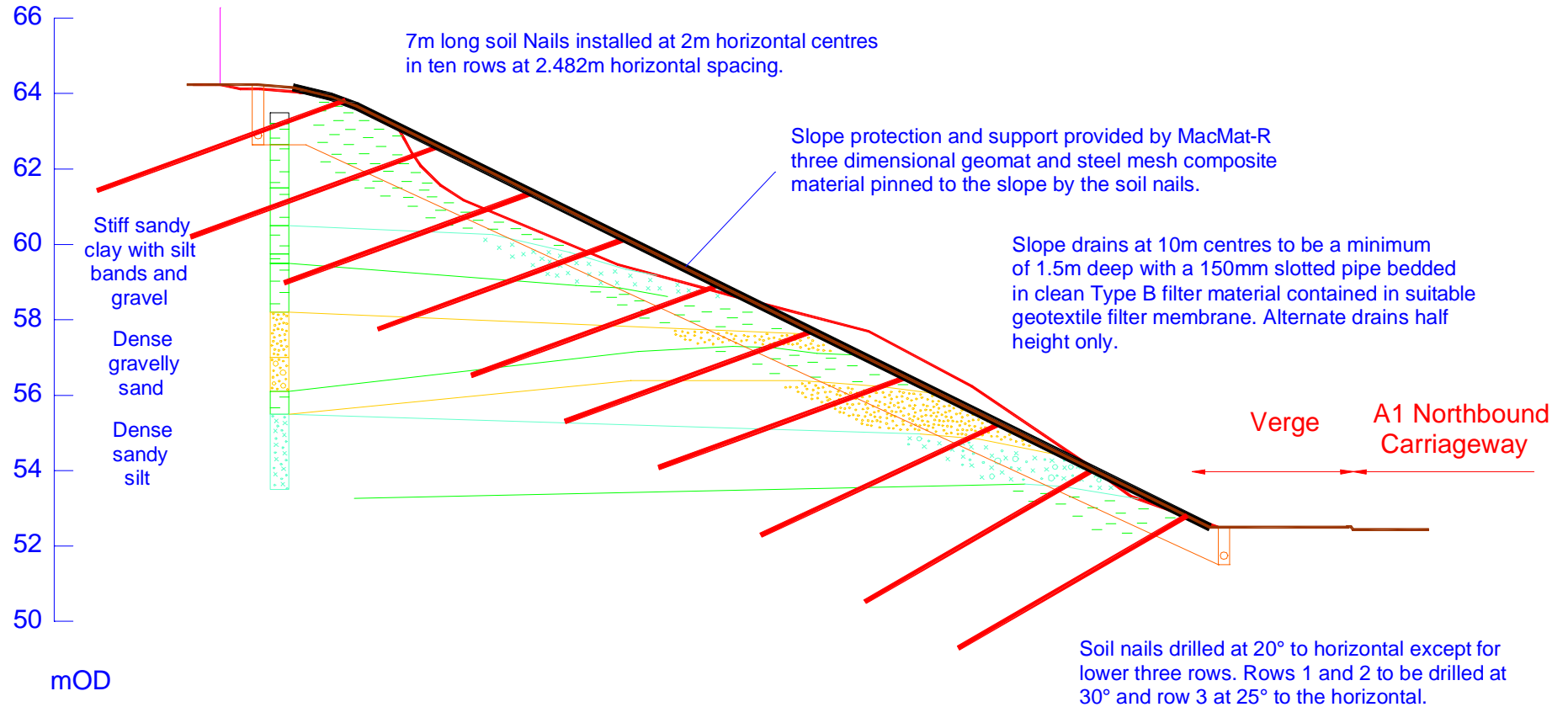
Design Cu 100 kPa  
Adhesion factor 0.5

Total Force provided by soil nails

300 kN/m run
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# A1 Morpeth Bypass - Slope Failure Remediation



## Typical Cross Section - TT3

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Soil nails installed at 2m horizontal centres on a grid line with a horizontal radius of 1,651.76m. Nine/ten parallel rows at 2.482m horizontal spacing. All nails 7m long.

All slope drains to be a minimum of 1.5m deep with a 150mm slotted pipe bedded in clean Type B filter material contained in suitable geotextile filter membrane. Drains assumed 0.5m wide.

