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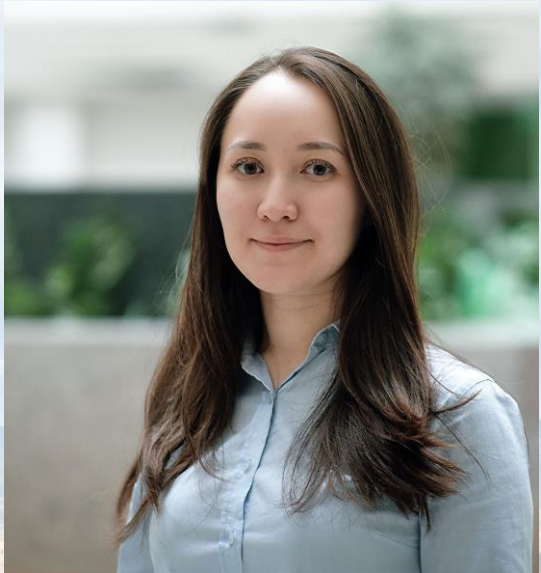
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Education & Experience

- 2013-2017: BEng in Civil Engineering, Nazarbayev University
- Summer, 2016: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2017-2019: MSc in Mining Engineering, Nazarbayev University
- 08.2019-01.2020: Geotechnical Engineer at Zhairam Mining & Concentrating Complex, Kazakhstan
- 02.2020-11.2022: Research assistant in the School of Mining & Geosciences, Nazarbayev University



During student years...

August – November 2015	Engineering supervision assistant
Nov 2015 – May 2016	Research assistant
March – May 2016	Technical manager assistant
June -September 2017	Protocol officer at EXPO-2017
May – June 2018	Mining engineering intern
July 2018	Summer school in China
August – December 2018	Research assistant
February 2019	ISFiT, Norway
July 2019	Summer school in Germany



Research experience

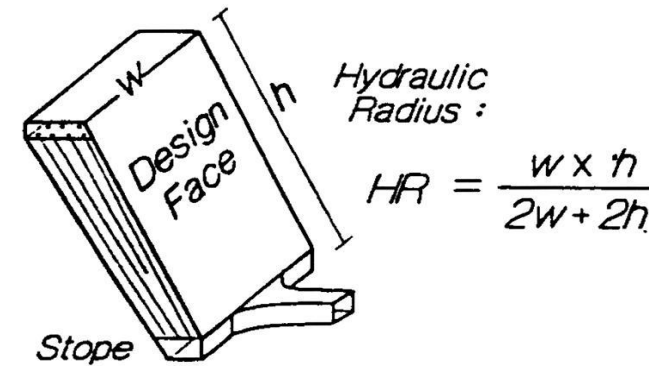
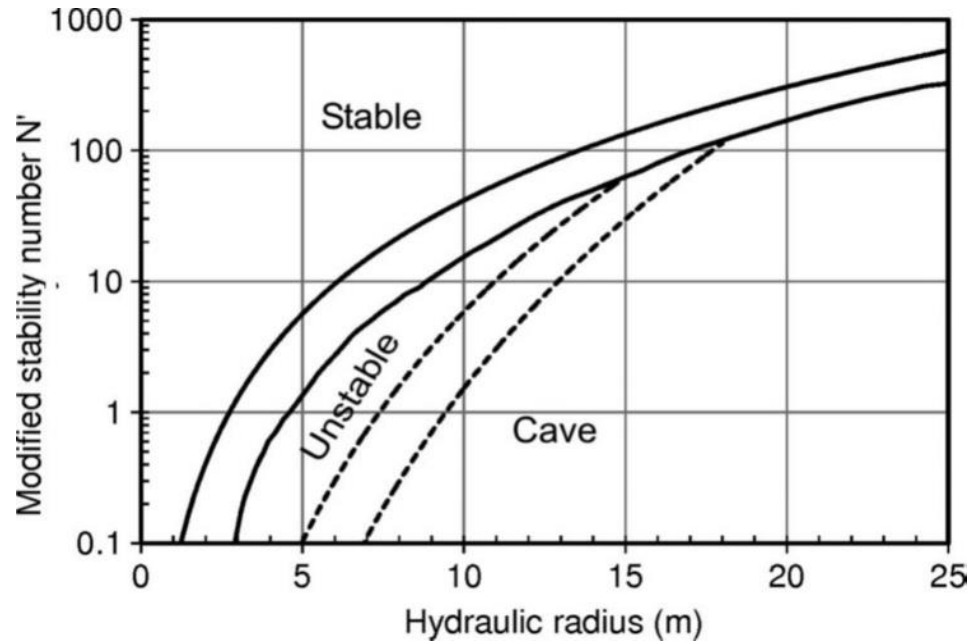
Research projects

Nov 2015 – May 2016	Investigation on soil-pipe interaction in conjunction with Oxford, Cambridge Universities, and Nazarbayev University
August -December 2018	Empirical stope design in Kazakhstan underground mines: improving the Mathews stability graph method
February – June 2020	Multivariate Mapping of Geometallurgical Variables with Complex Cross-Correlation Characteristics
July 2020 – November 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Development of an automated smart open stope design tool2. Application of machine learning techniques for open stope stability assessment3. Design of unconventional underground mine pillars
December 2022 – present	Shear fracture caging

Research interests:

- Experiments and numerical modeling of shear fracture caging
- Triaxial direct-shear tests to measure fracture hydro-thermo-mechanical properties
- Induced seismicity, rockbursts, earthquakes, AE

The Stability Graph for Open Stope Design



$$N' = Q' \times A \times B \times C$$

$$Q' = \frac{RQD}{J_n} \times \frac{J_r}{J_a}$$

$$HR = \frac{Area}{Perimeter}$$

N' – Modified Stability Number

HR – Hydraulic Radius

Q' – Modified tunneling quality index

RQD – Rock Quality Designation

J_n – Joint set number

J_r – Joint roughness number

J_a – Joint alteration number

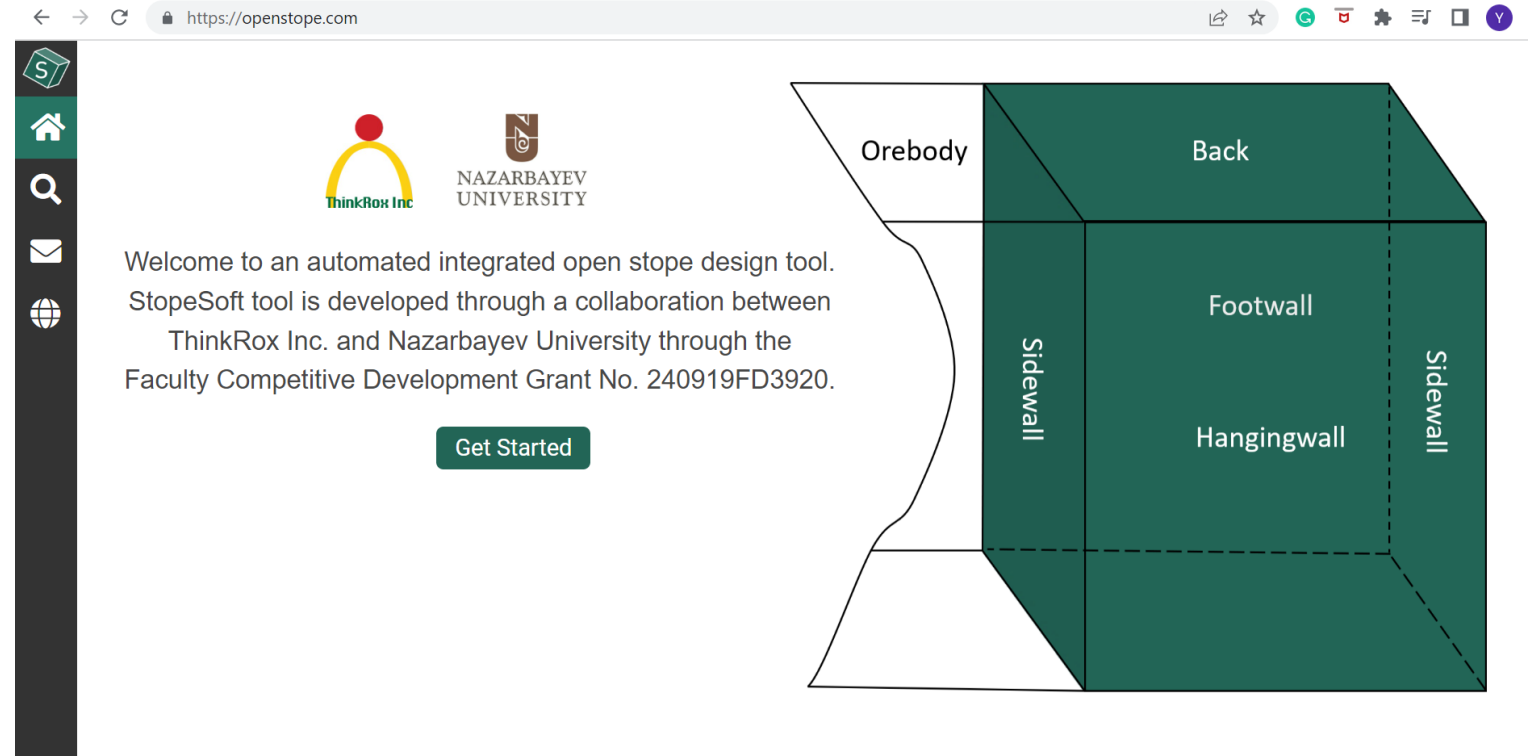
A – Stress factor

B – Joint defect factor

C – Gravity factor

An automated web-based tool for open stope stability prediction

- Can be explored at openstope.com.
- Key features include:
 - Stability prediction of all stope surfaces
 - Probabilistic stability prediction of open stopes
 - Incorporation of the stability graph variations
 - Inclusion of fault factor and time factor
 - Stress and sensitivity analyses
 - Case history data sharing

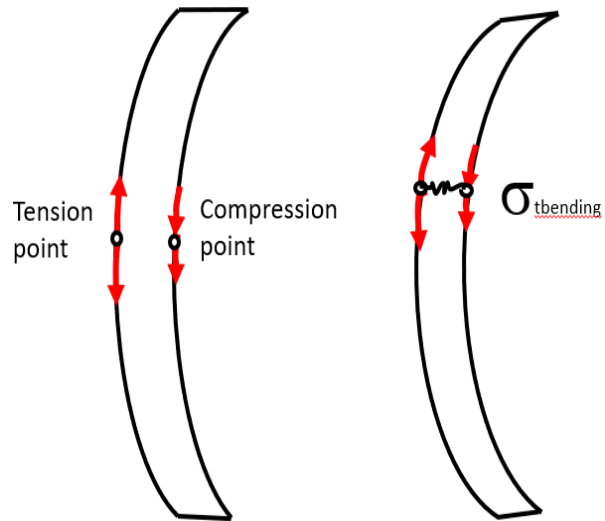


The image shows a screenshot of the openstope.com website and a 3D diagram of an open stope. The website screenshot includes the URL <https://openstope.com>, logos for ThinkRox Inc. and Nazarbayev University, and a "Get Started" button. The 3D diagram illustrates the components of an open stope: Orebody, Back, Footwall, Hangingwall, and Sidewall.

Unconventional Underground Mine Pillars: Tall Pillars

	Squat pillar	Intermediate pillar	Slender pillar	Tall pillar
W/H	>10	4 – 10	4 – 0.2	0.125 – 0.17
H/W	> 0.1	0.1 – 0.25	0.25 – 5	6 – 8

Failure mechanism

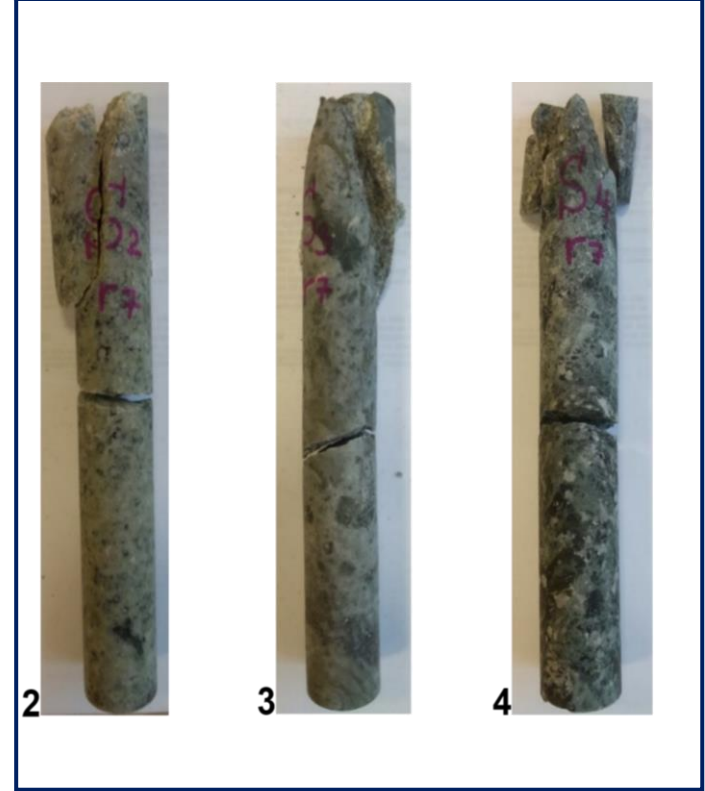


Underground mine pillars with $h/w \geq 6$ fails in tension by bending

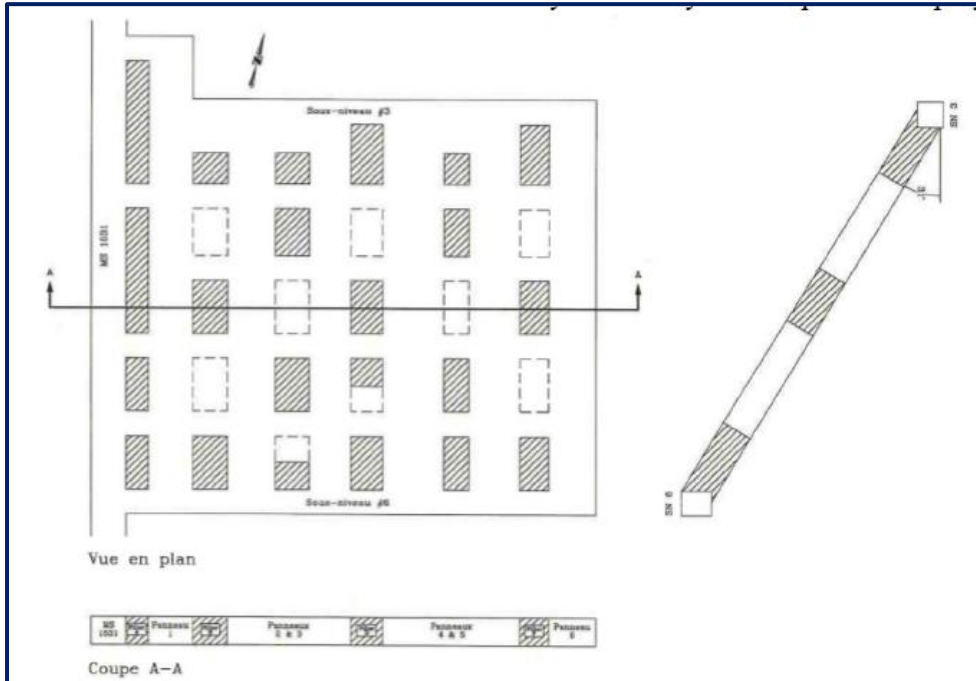
Experiment



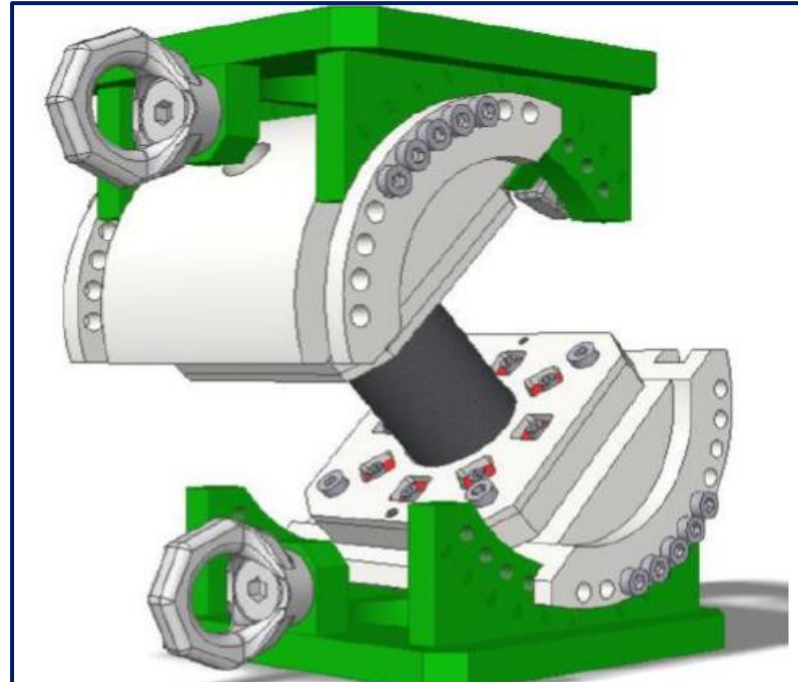
Results



Unconventional Underground Mine Pillars: Inclined Pillars



Francoeur room-and-pillar gold mine in Quebec showing how inclined pillars were used (Suorineni and Vasak, 2011).



Combined compression & shear test – C-CAST system. The inclined angle ranges from 0° to 45° .



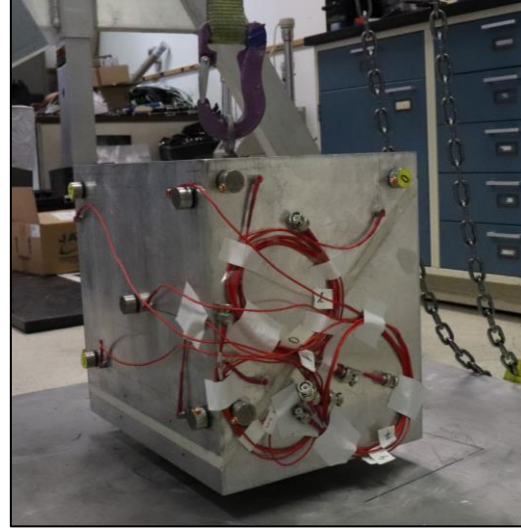
Rock sample testing at 25° inclination using C-CAST system.

Shear Fracture Caging Experiments at LANL

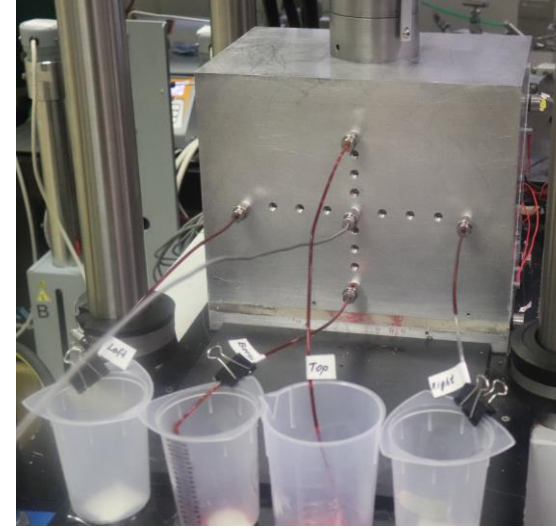
Sample prep process



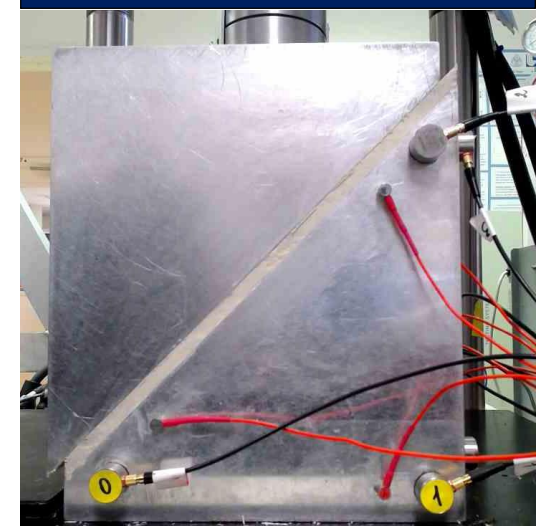
Shear block hoisting



Caging experiment



Sheared block



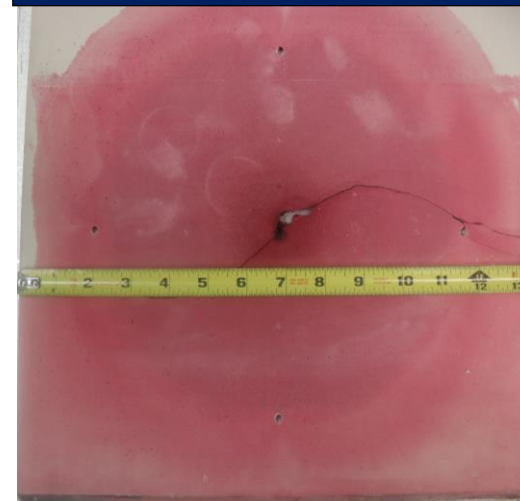
Top block with injection well



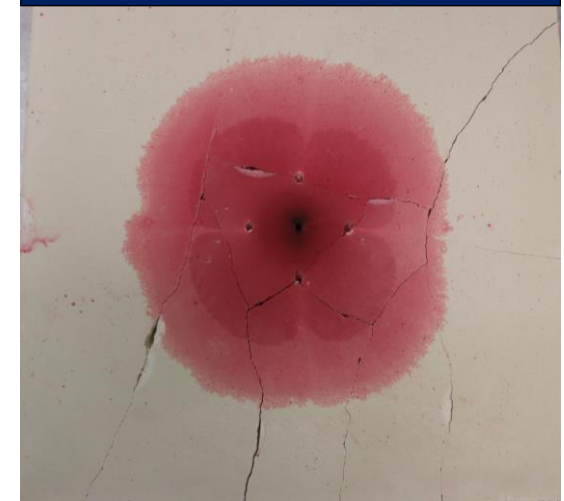
Bottom block



Partially caged fracture



Fully caged fracture



Peer-reviewed journal & conference proceeding publications

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 - Madenova, Y., & Madani, N. (2021). Application of Gaussian Mixture Model and Geostatistical Co-simulation for Resource Modeling of Geometallurgical Variables. *Natural Resources Research*, 30(2), 1199-1228. doi.org/10.1007/s11053-020-09802-4.
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 - Suorineni, F. and Madenova, Y. (June 2022). The Qualitative Stability Graph for Open Stope Design – Recent Developments. *In: 56th US Rock Mechanics / Geomechanics Symposium*. Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.
 - Madenova, Y. and Suorineni, F. (May 2022). Open Stope Stability State Classification using Artificial Intelligence Techniques”. *In: CIM 2022 Convention*. Vancouver, Canada.
 - Madenova, Y. and Suorineni, F. (February 2022). Novel approach to the design of unconventional underground mine pillars. *Online International Symposium* held by Akita University, Japan.

Hobbies

- Reading books (*The Martian* by Andy Weir)
- Qigong
- Salsa
- Running
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Hot springs
- Climbing
- Also, would love to learn Japanese and Spanish as well as playing a guitar

