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Ministerie van Economische Zaken  
en Klimaat

# The legacy of coal mining in Limburg



Coal mining and lagging effects of mining

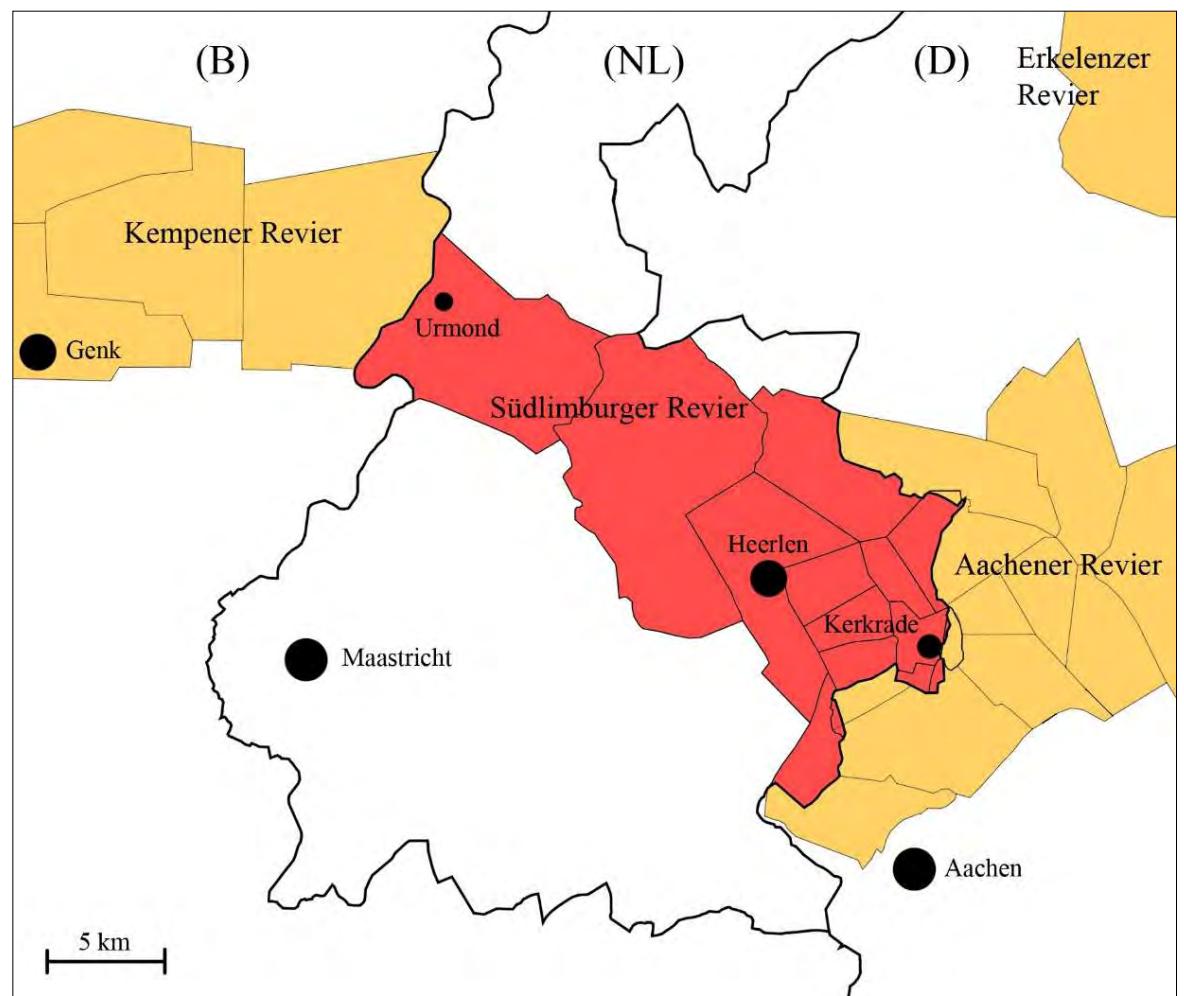
Management of post mining risks, 'monitoring and control'

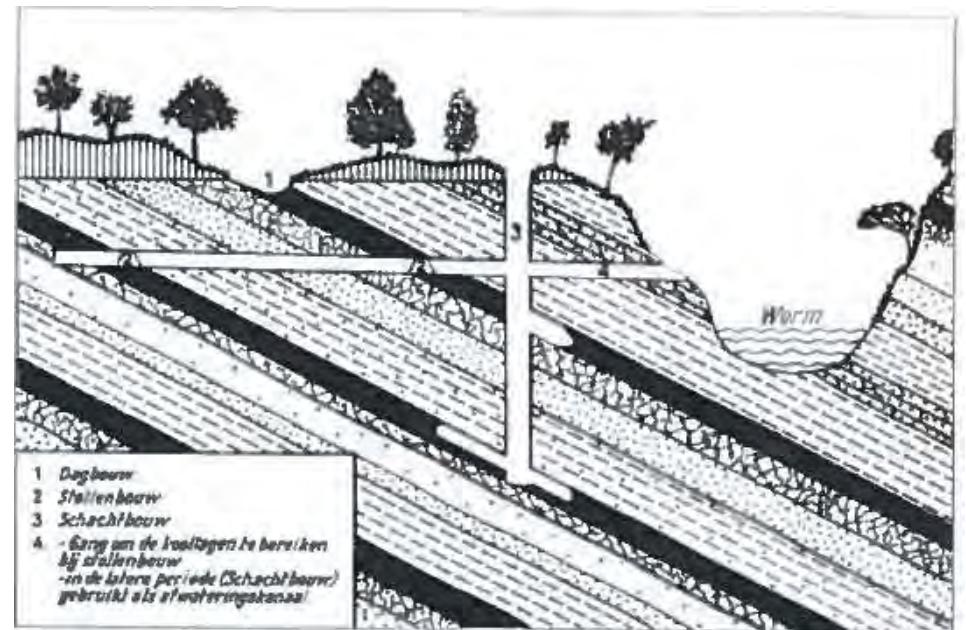
Lessons learned

Sustainable Post-Mining

Delft, 15 nov. 2019  
Ir. J.P.A. Roest

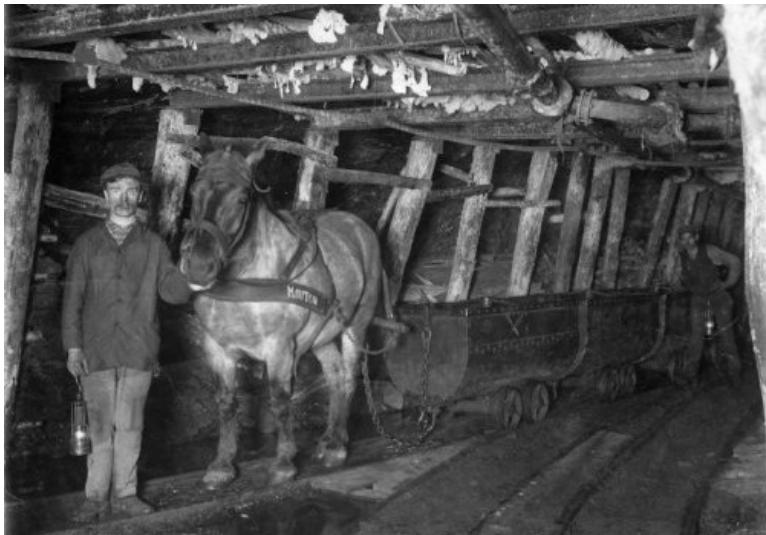
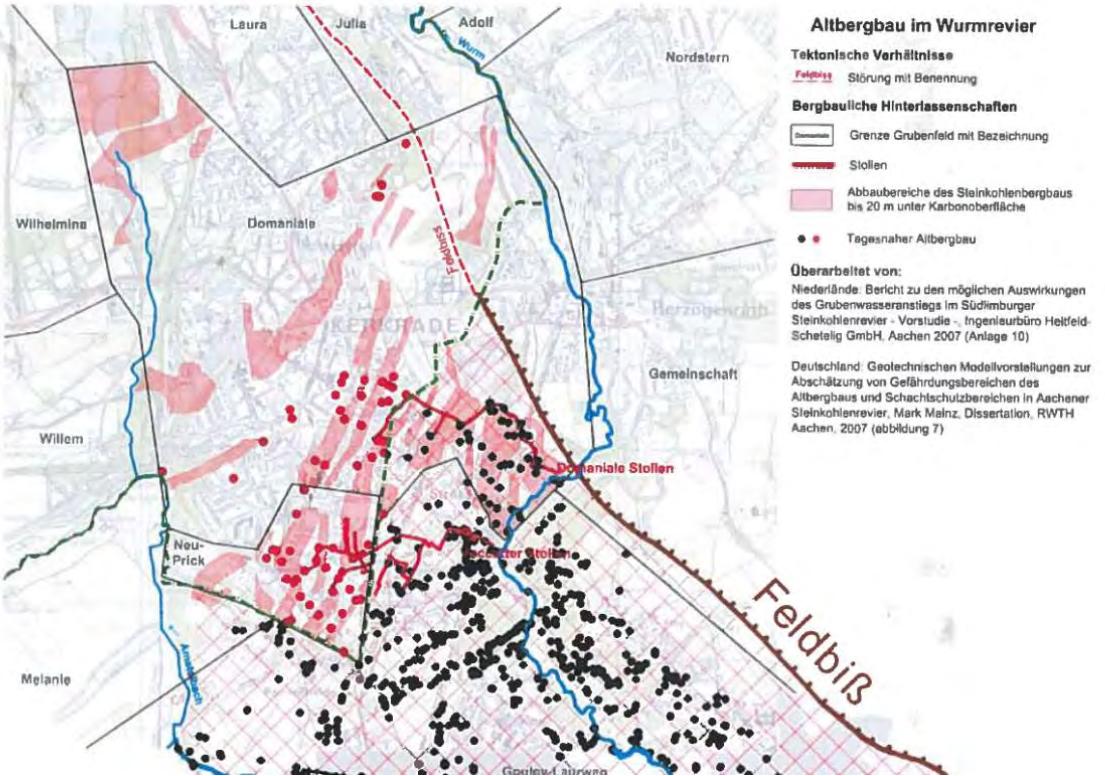
# Coal mining South Limburg





Coal mining since 1113 AD







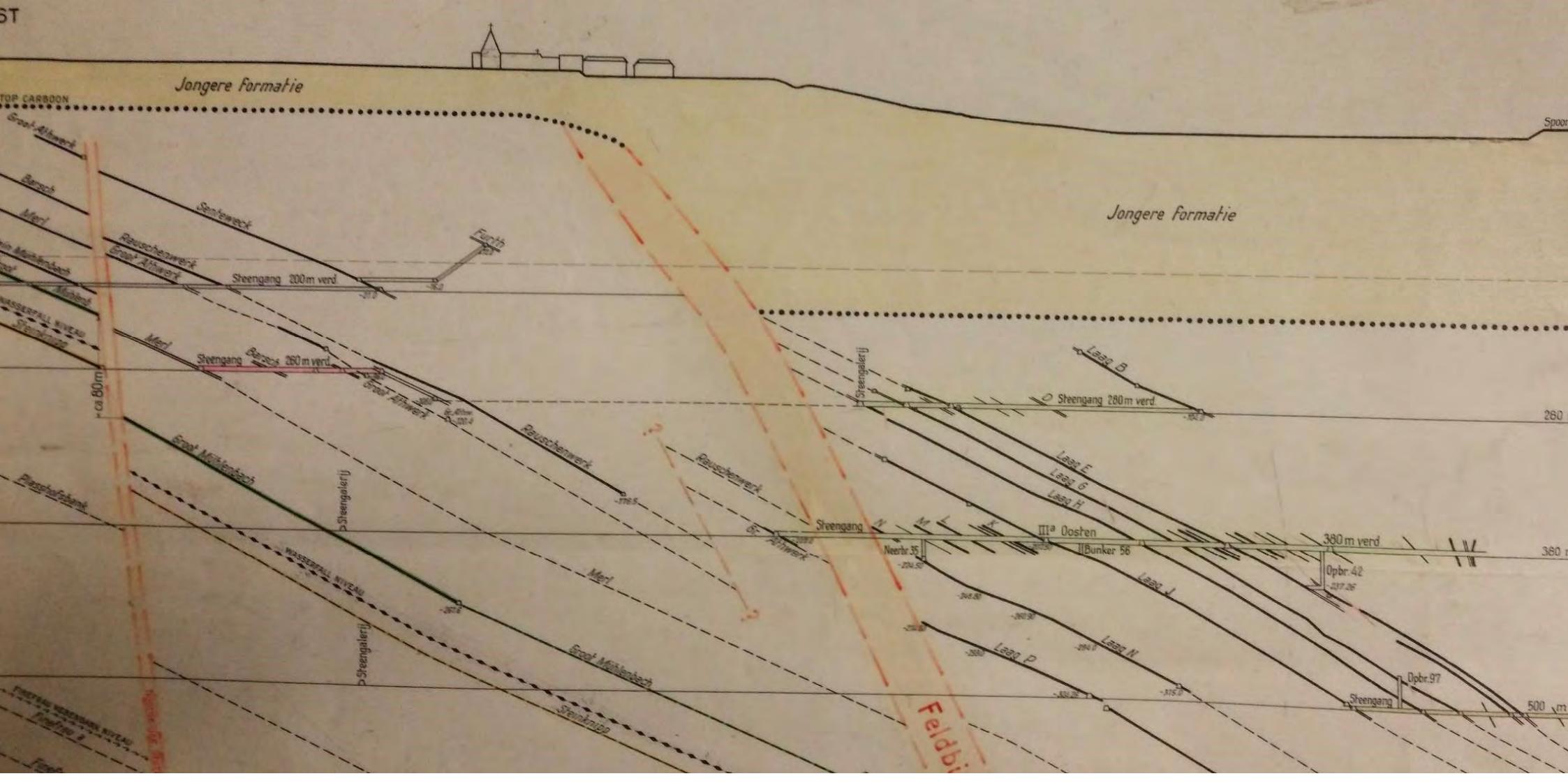
## Profiel

## Steengang III<sup>a</sup> Oosten 380 m verdieping

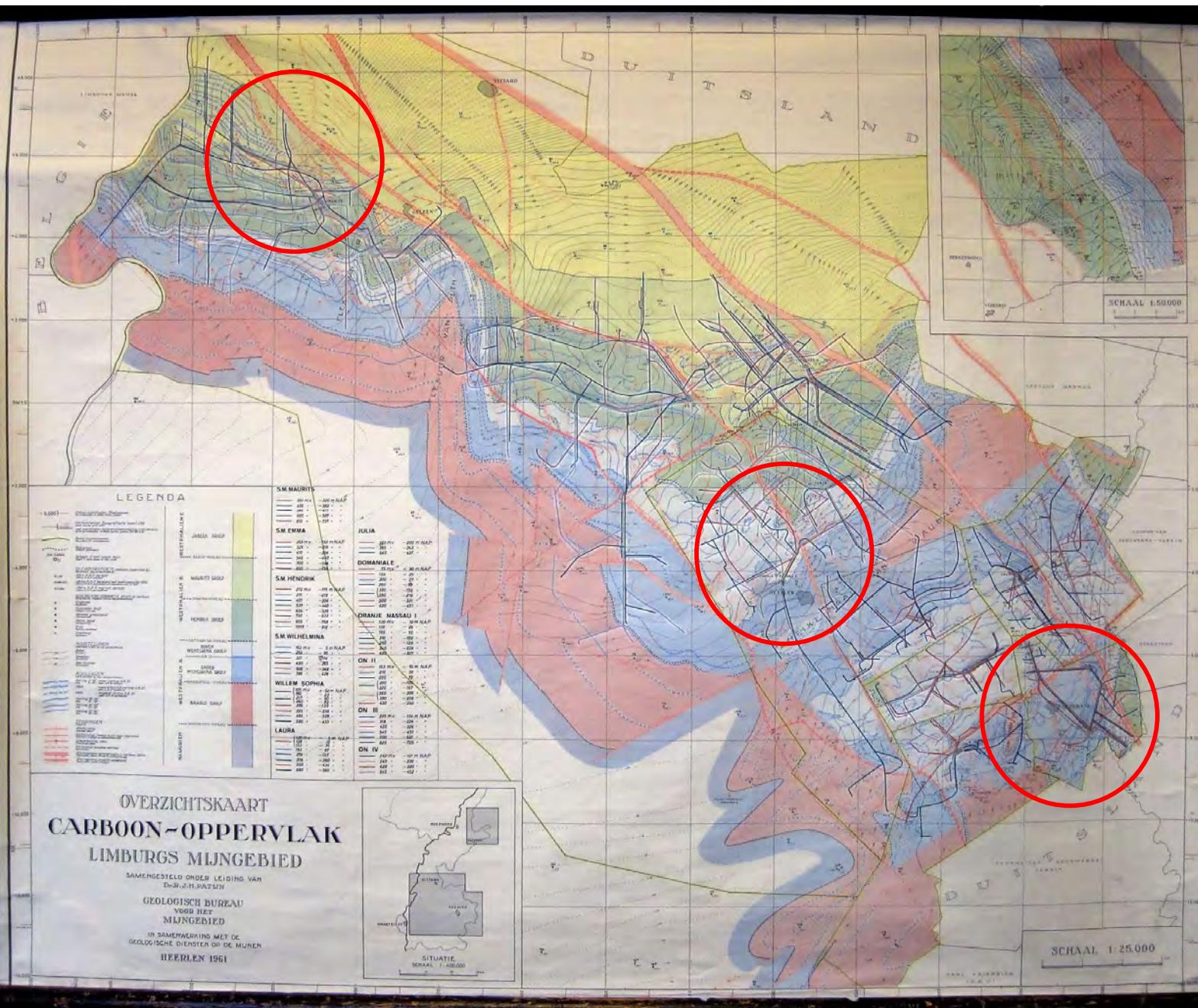
Volgens profiellijn A-B

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## Domaniale 1847-1969



Oranje Nassau I 1899-1974



Maurits 1923-1967



Neue Furth, famous for its Pumpenkunst



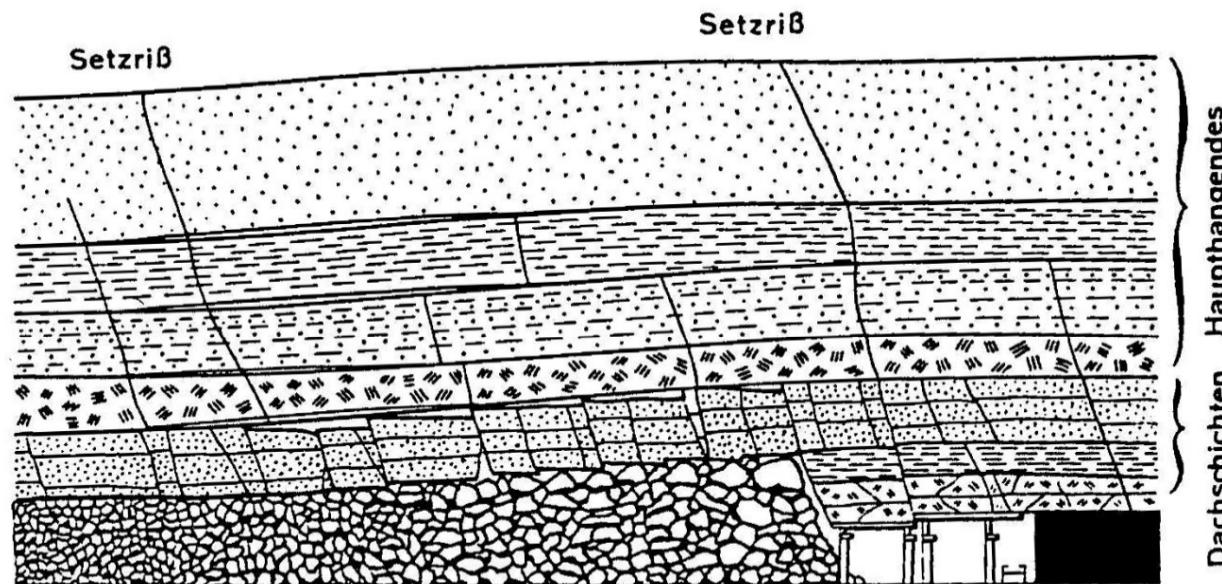
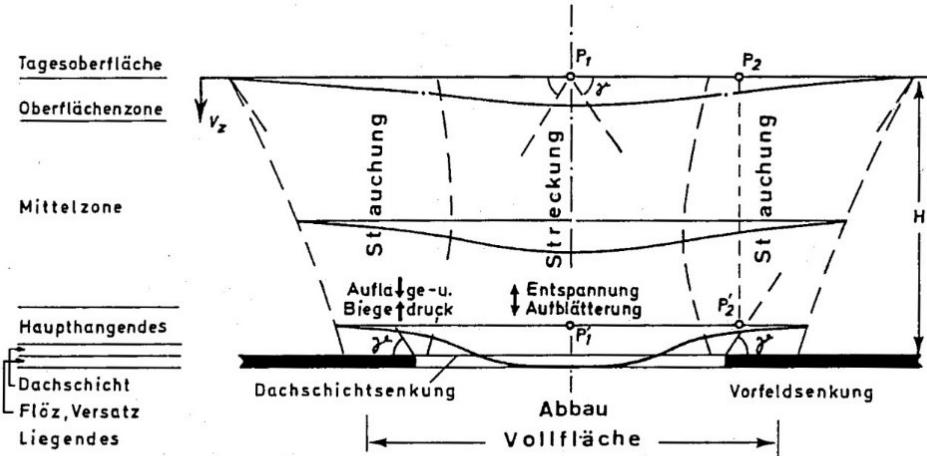
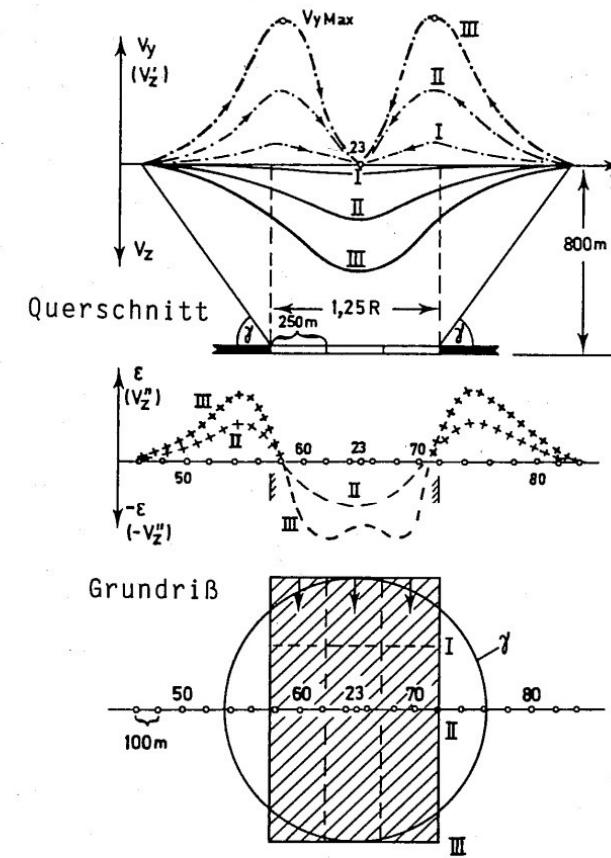
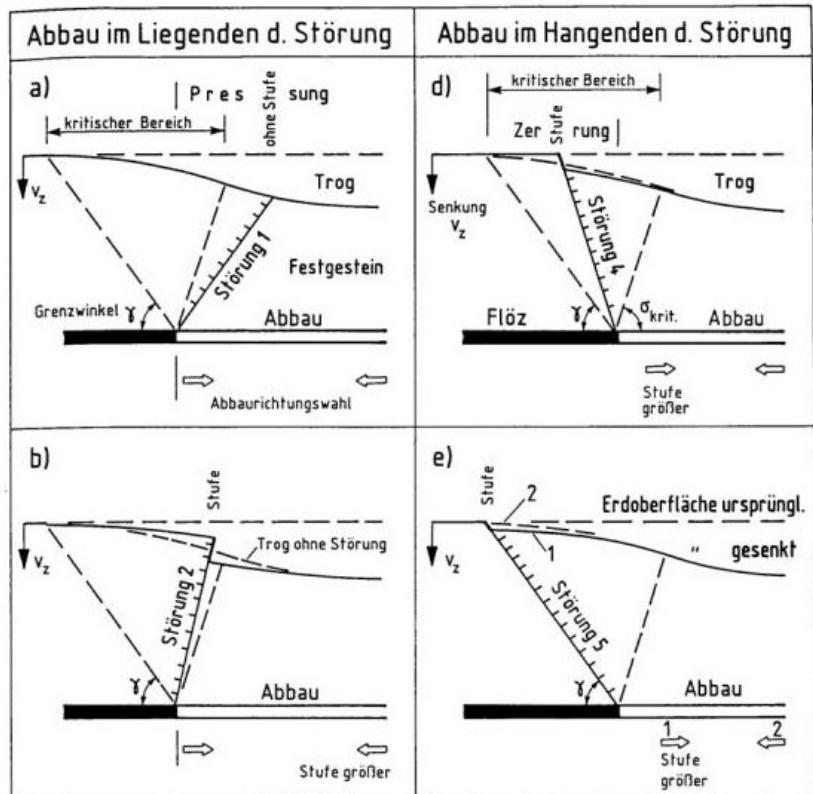


Bild 23: Die Bruchverformung der unteren Hangendschichten beim Strebbruchbau (Kratzsch)



**Bild 41:** Die lotrechte Verformung eines unterbauten Gebirgskörpers bei flacher Lagerung (Abbauteilfläche)



**Bild 66:** Die Bodenbewegung parallel zur Abbaufront (Endstand der Bewegung) entlang der Linie 50-80 in Abhängigkeit von den Lagen I, II und III der Abbaufront dreier gleichlaufender Streben. Oben: Kurven der Verschiebung  $v_y$  (oder Schieflage  $v'_z$ ) und Senkung  $v_z$  der Bodenpunkte. Mitte: Kurven der Zerrung  $\epsilon$  (oder konvexen Krümmung  $v''_z$ ) und Pressung  $-\epsilon$  (oder konkaven Krümmung  $-v''_z$ ). Unten: Grundrißplan mit Vollflächenkreis

Kratzsch, 1984

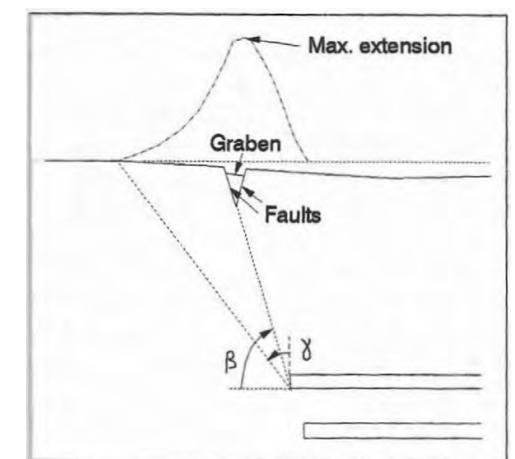


Example of damage due to coal production

## Example of a surface step during coal production



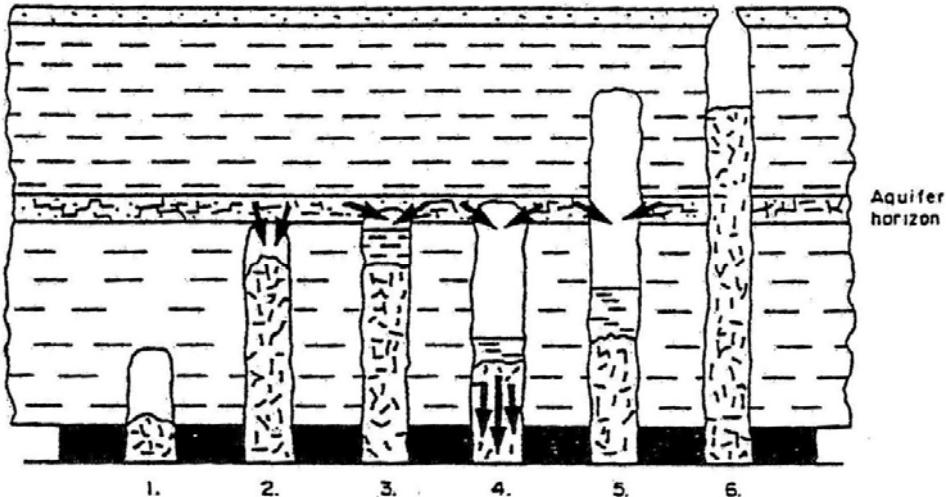
See roof and damage pattern



Surface step, Bekendam



## Example of a sinkhole



### Sinkhole development stages

1. Early stage in development.
2. Chimney taps aquifer horizon and allows water to drain into cavity.
3. Build-up of water pressure by ponding can promote instability of plug of caved rock and result in flowing into mine
4. Caved mass flows into adjoining mine rooms.
5. Chimney continues caving due to increased available space for broken rock.
6. Sinkhole can emerge at surface from considerable depths (greater than 10 H).

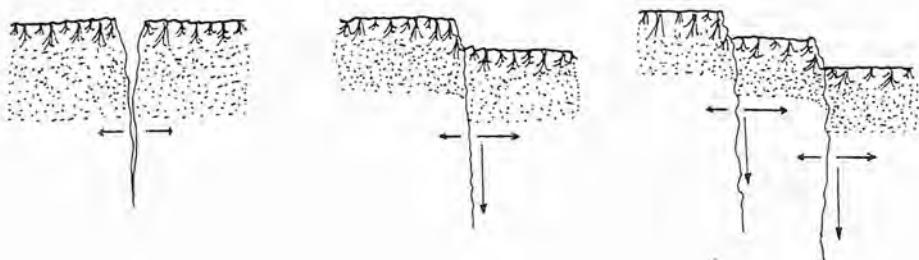
Influence of collapse chimney intercepting an overlying aquifer and changing the potential caving height above a collapsed mine junction (after Whittaker [38])

# Coal production

Domaniale:	XI	- 1969
Neuprick:	XI	- 1904
Oranje Nassau I:	1899	- 1974
Laura:	1901	- 1968
Willem-Sophia:	1902	- 1970
Oranje Nassau II:	1904	- 1971
SM Wilhelmina:	1906	- 1969
SM Emma:	1911	- 1973
Oranje Nassau III:	1914	- 1973
SM Hendrik:	1918	- 1973
SM Maurits:	1923	- 1967
Julia:	1926	- 1974







From left to right: Fissure, Step fracture and Stairs fracture  
(Spielberg, 1985)

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# The Registration and Analysis of Engineering Geological and Hydrogeological Data in the Field of an Instability Zone in the Ruhr District

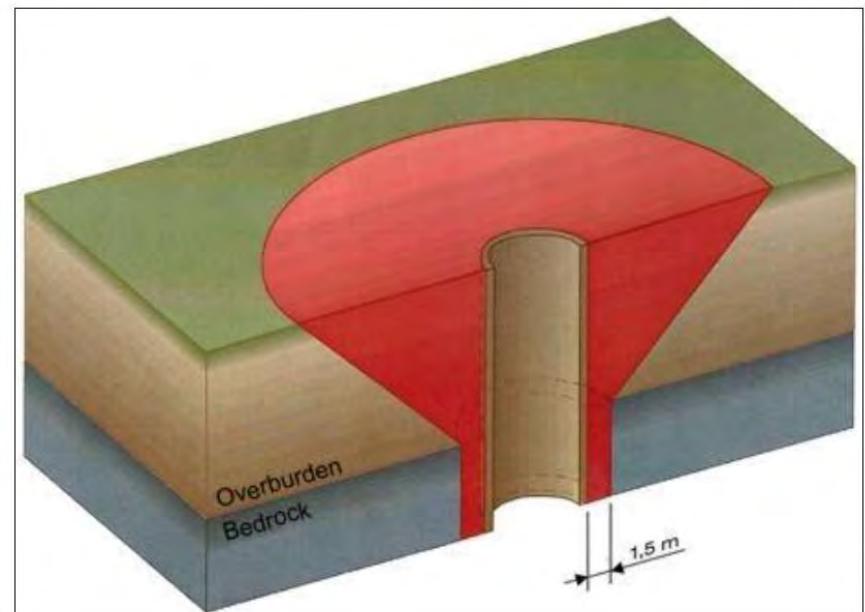
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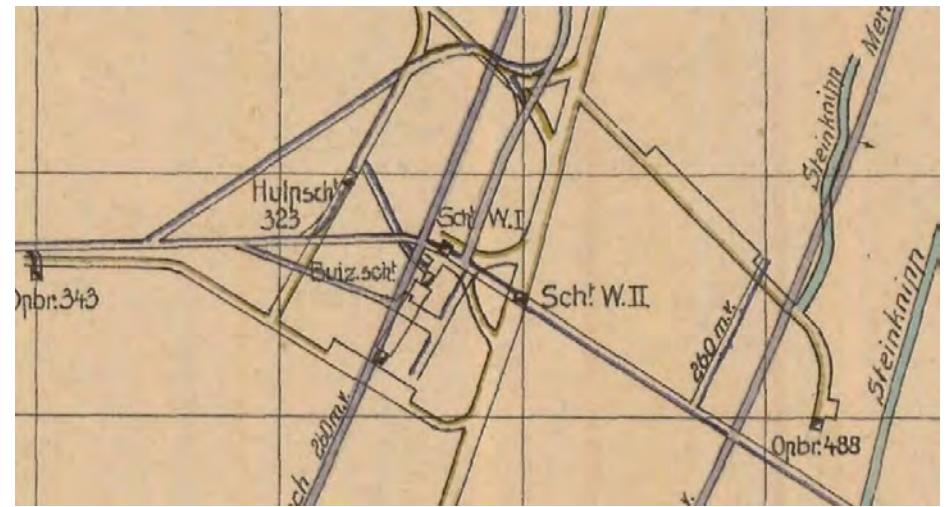


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## Remediation shafts in Germany (Domaniale mine)



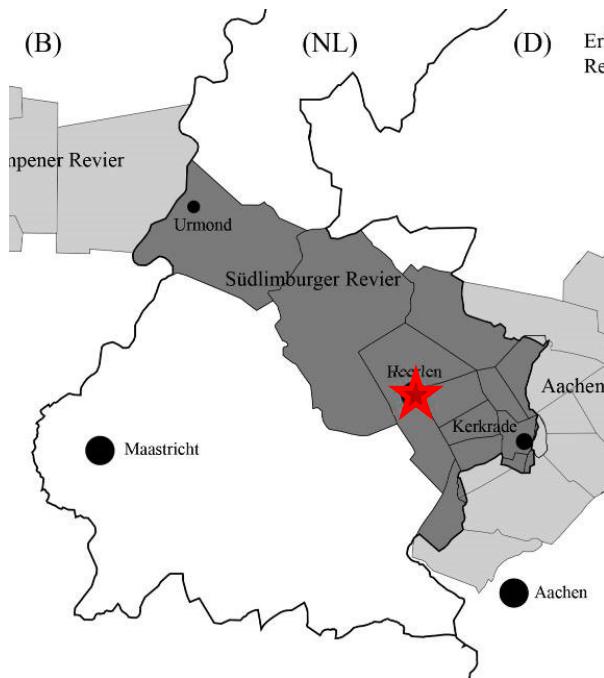
1: Schematic profile of the Shaft-Protection-Zone of a vertical mine shaft



## Kerkrade



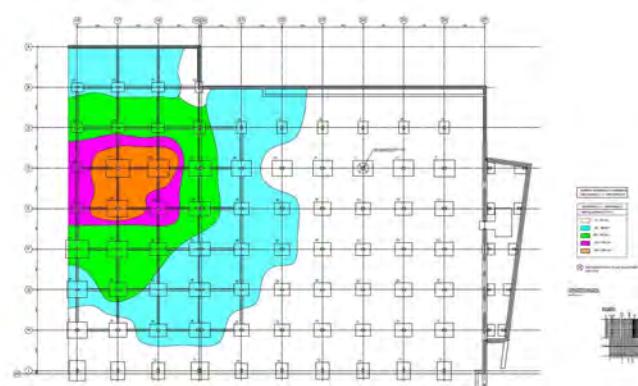
## Signals shown before sinkhole shopping centre `t Loon, sept. 2011 Heerlen



## Analyzing signals before sinkhole `t Loon, sept. 2011 Heerlen



Inclined pillars in garage



Subsidence pattern



Analyzing mine maps at  
'Regional historic centre Limburg'



3 dec. 2011



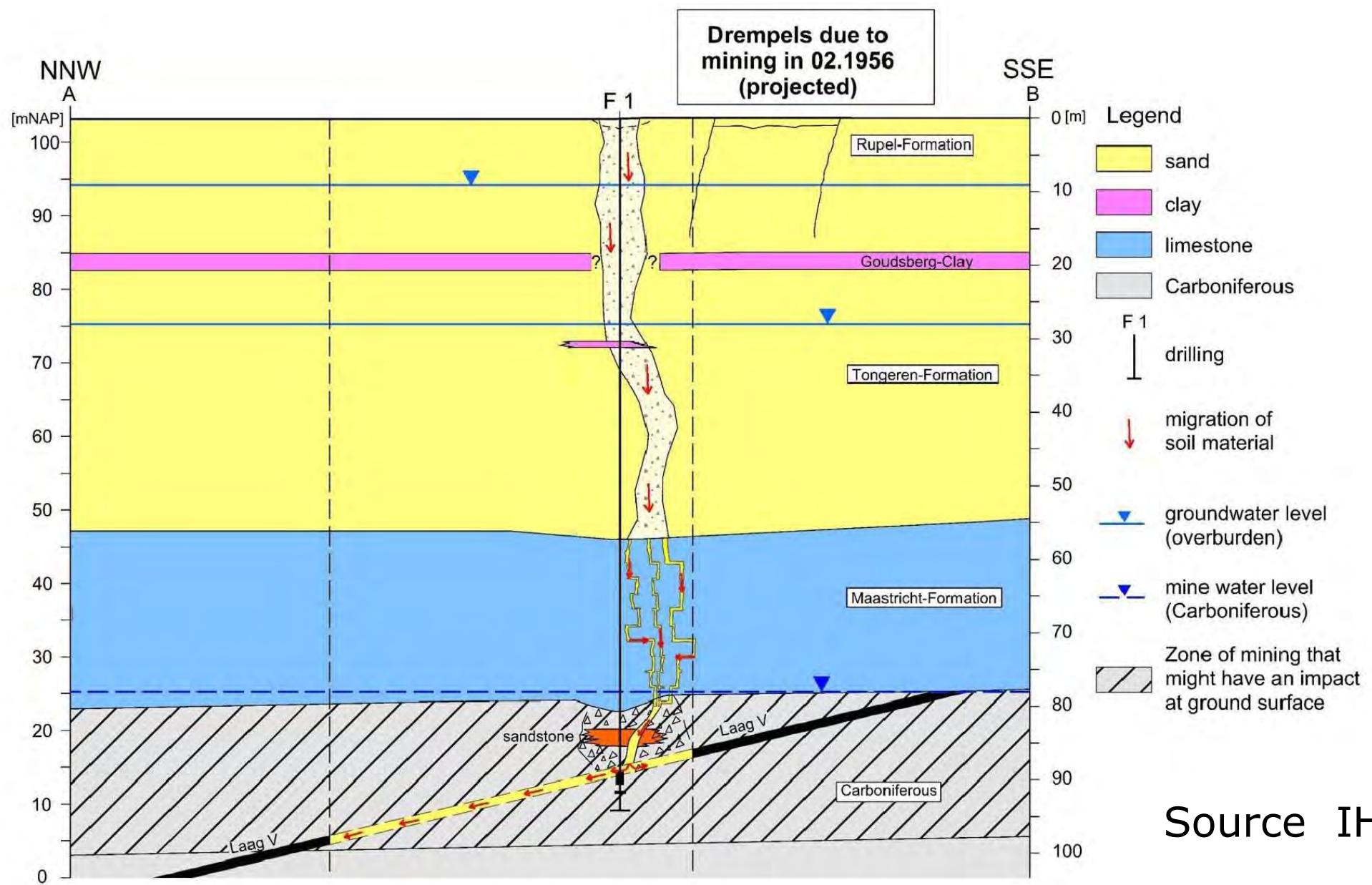
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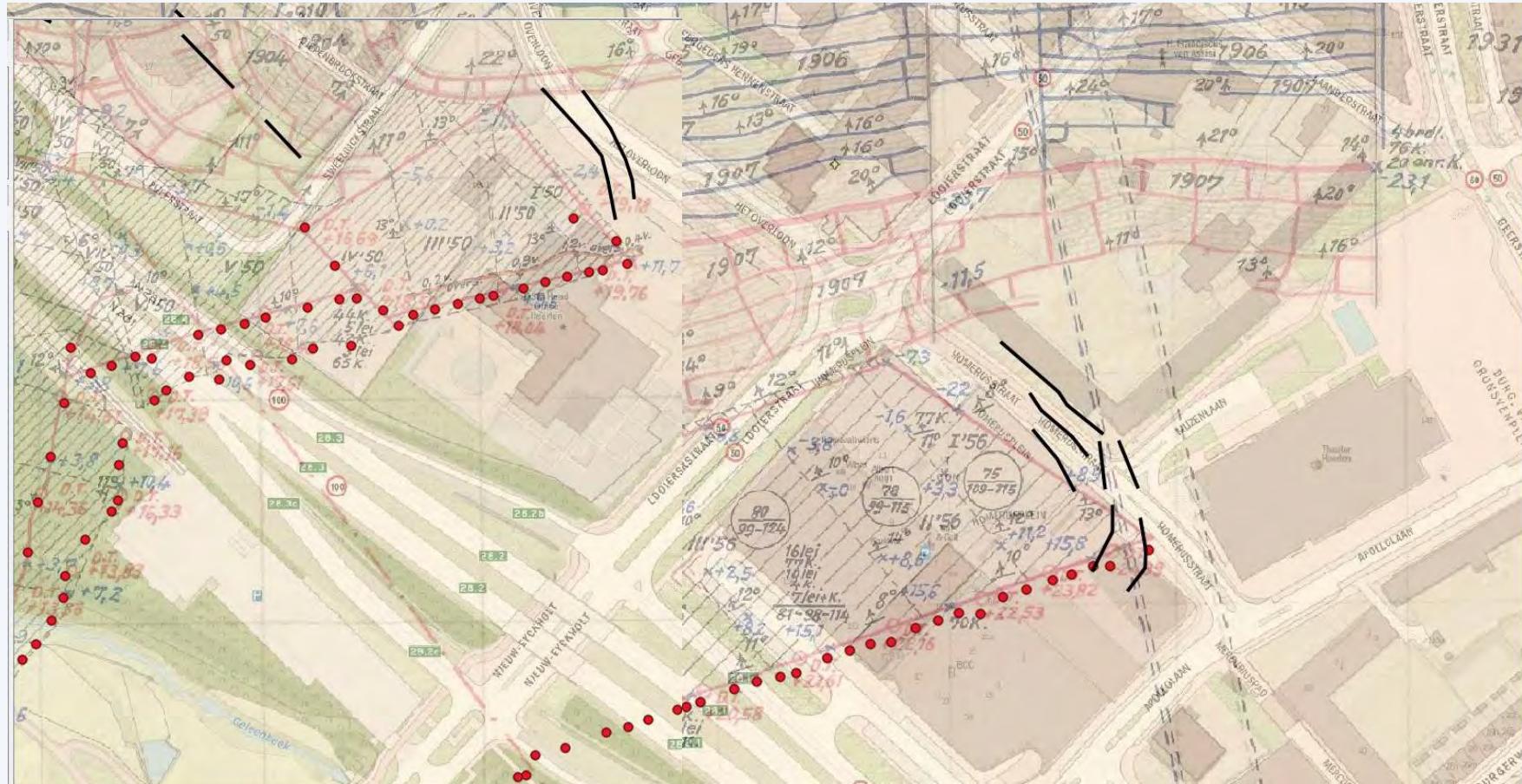
Coal layer V - 1956



Source IHS

During many years signals were visible of gradual settlement on a parking area





*Left industrial mining coal layer IV 'DSM building' and right shopping centre 't Loon (+ upward drillings).*

# Lagging mining damage in the Netherlands? 2013

Recent signs of soil movement in the Zuid-Limburg coal district  
(ISM-symposium-Markscheidewesen)

Ilse de Vent, Hans Roest

Staatstoezicht op de Mijnen, The Netherlands

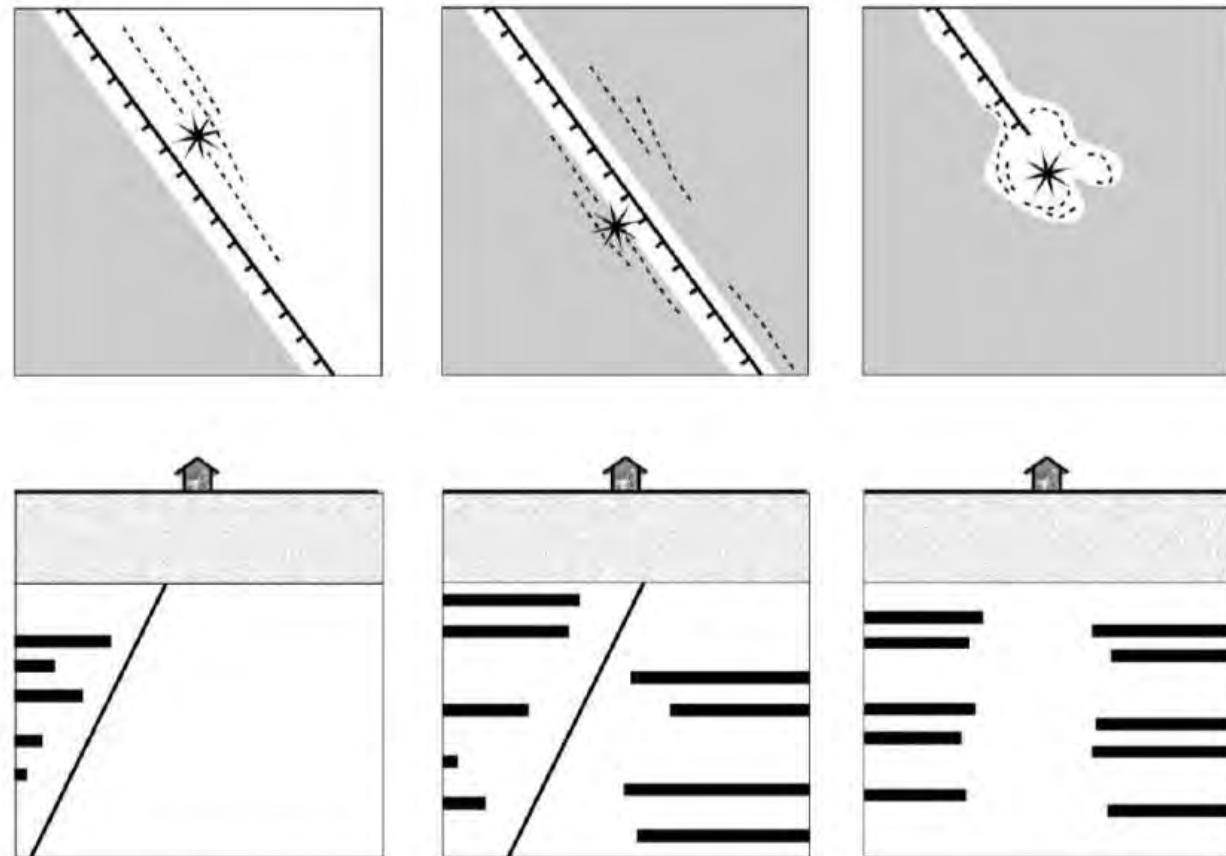
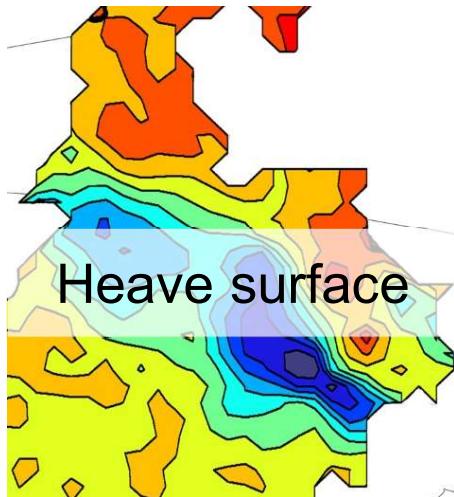


Figure 7: Three characteristic mining situations: one-sided mining (left), two-sided mining with a linear pillar in between (middle), and mining around a (quasi-) circular pillar (right).



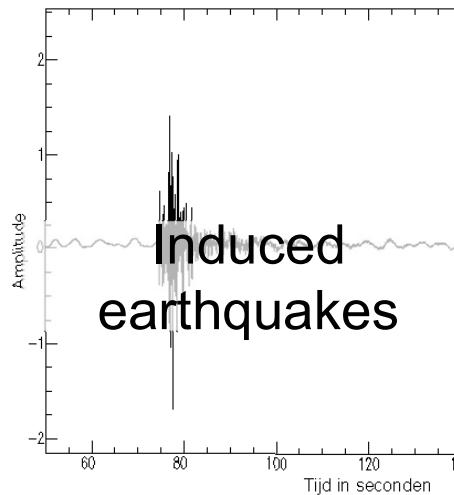
## “project proposal na-ijlende effecten in Limburg” SodM, Ilse de Vent



Release of gas



Pollution  
groundwater



Raise of  
groundwater  
level



Old shafts



Near surface  
coal mining

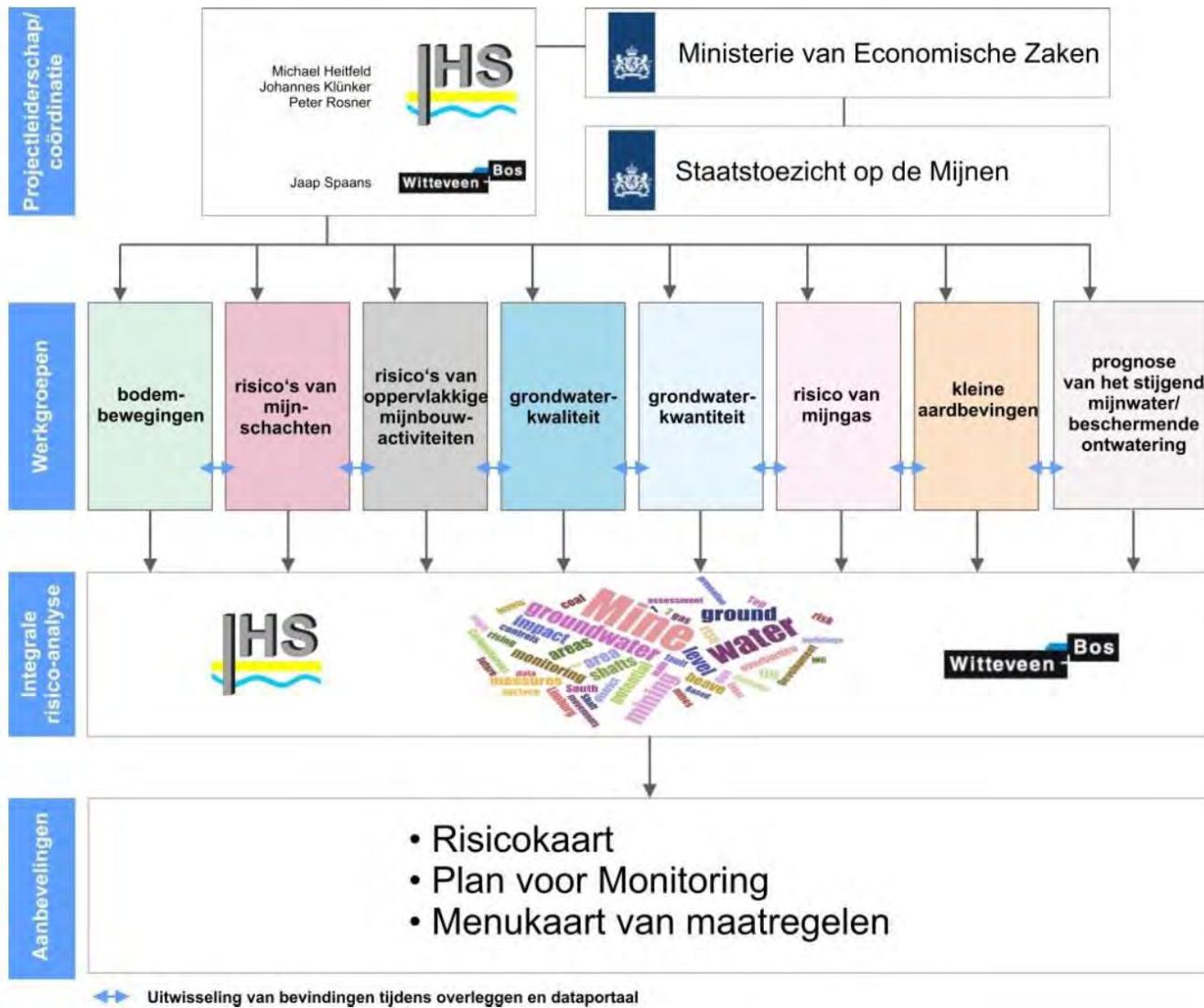


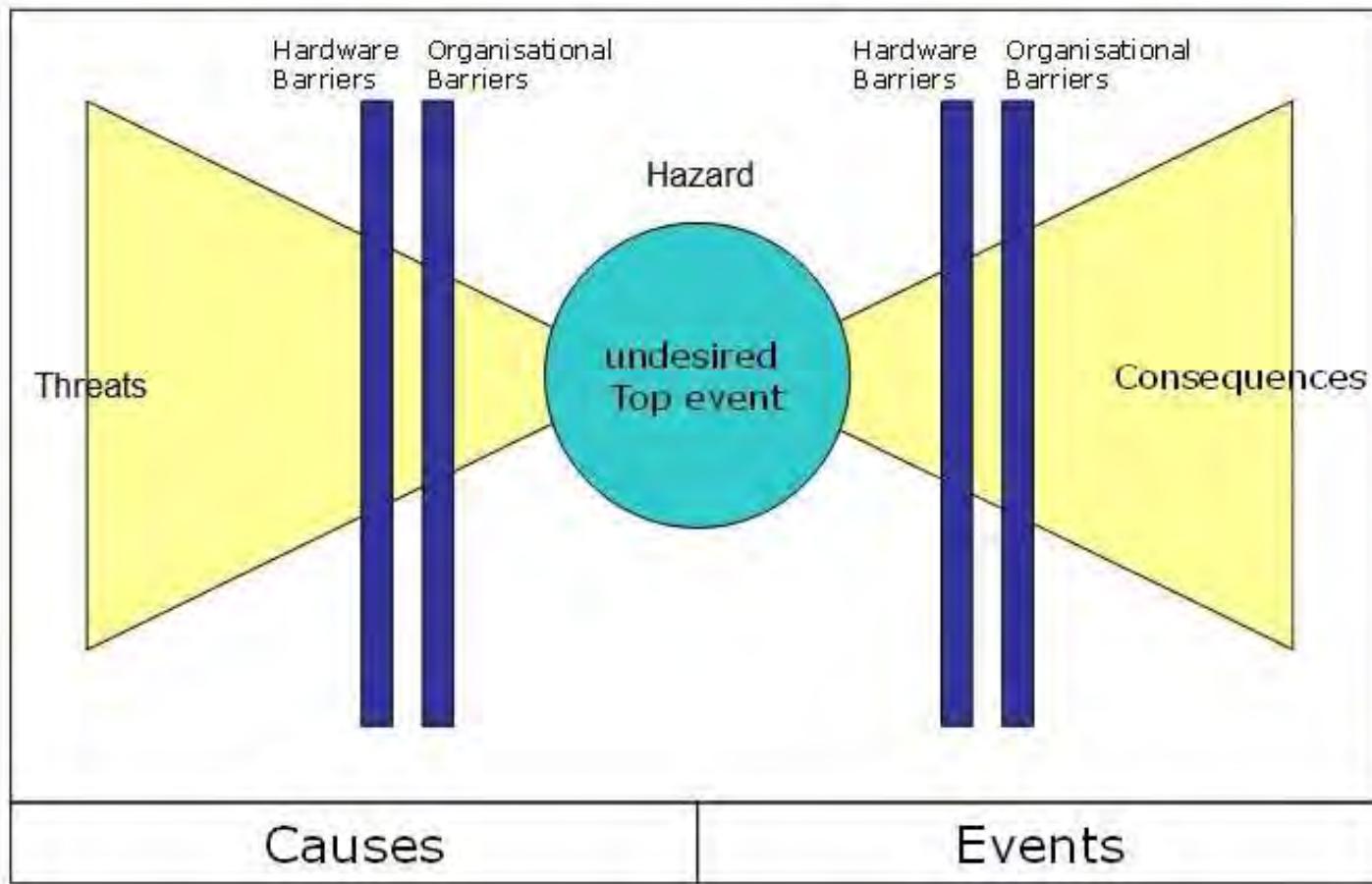
Fig. 1: Projectstructuur

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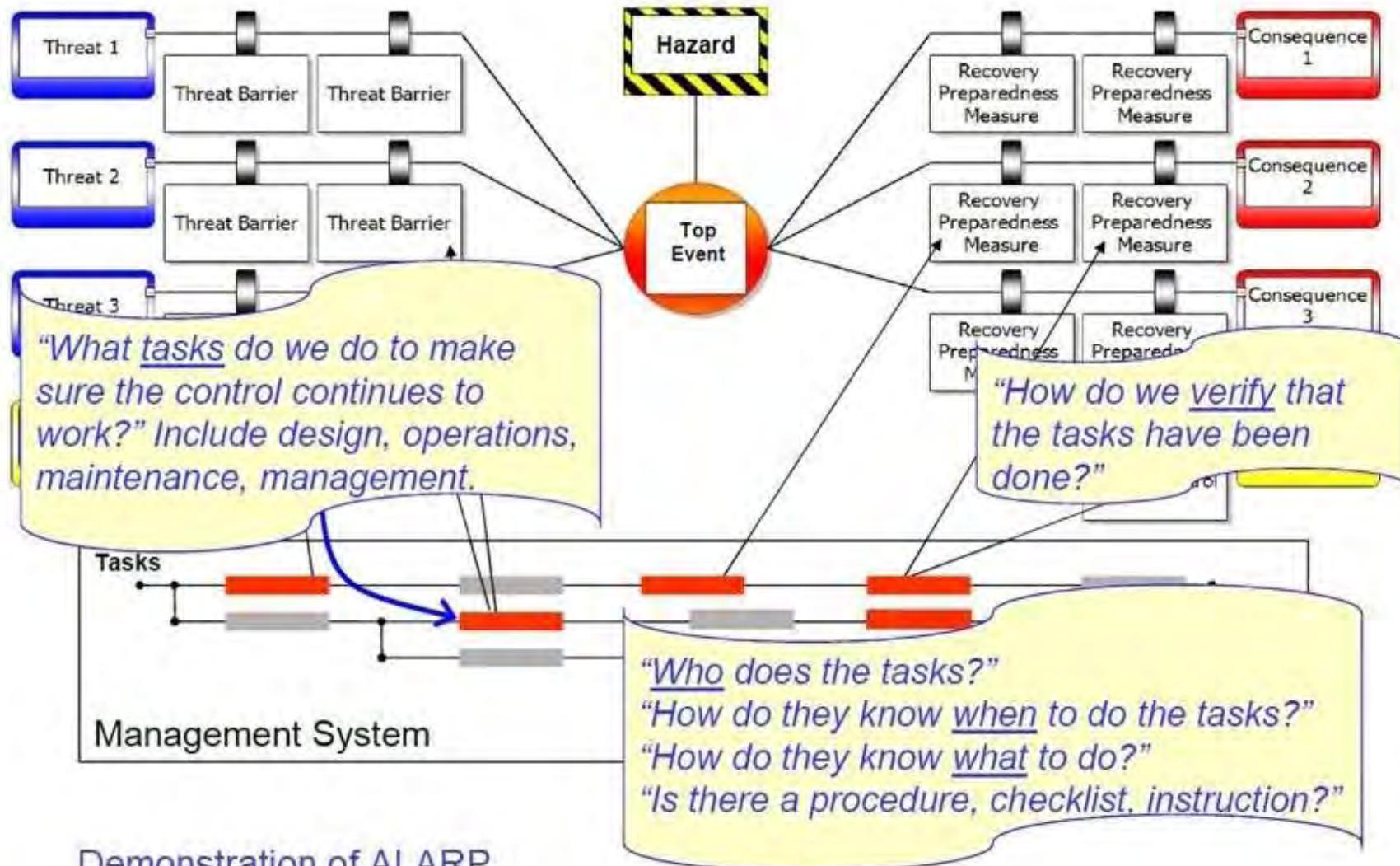
## Catalogue of monitoring and measures

Monitoring	Measures
<b>Cat. 1 - Strongly recommended</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Monitoring groundwater level</li><li>- Monitoring groundwater quality</li><li>- Monitoring mine water level</li><li>- Monitoring industrial shafts</li><li>- Site inspections historical shafts</li><li>- Monitoring ground heave: detailed monitoring three potential impact areas</li><li>- Monitoring of mine gas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Installing new piezometers (groundwater)</li><li>- Installing devices in existing piezometers (sounding)</li><li>- Remediation measures at 6 industrial shafts</li><li>- Installation monitoring equipment at industrial shafts</li><li>- Installing levelling benchmarks for the detailed profile in three potential impact areas</li><li>- Provision instruments for gas measurements</li><li>- Investigation of buildings regarding mine gas</li></ul>
<b>Cat. 2 - Recommended</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Monitoring ground heave: InSAR: Regional overview</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Remediation measures historical shafts</li></ul>

# Bow tie Risk model



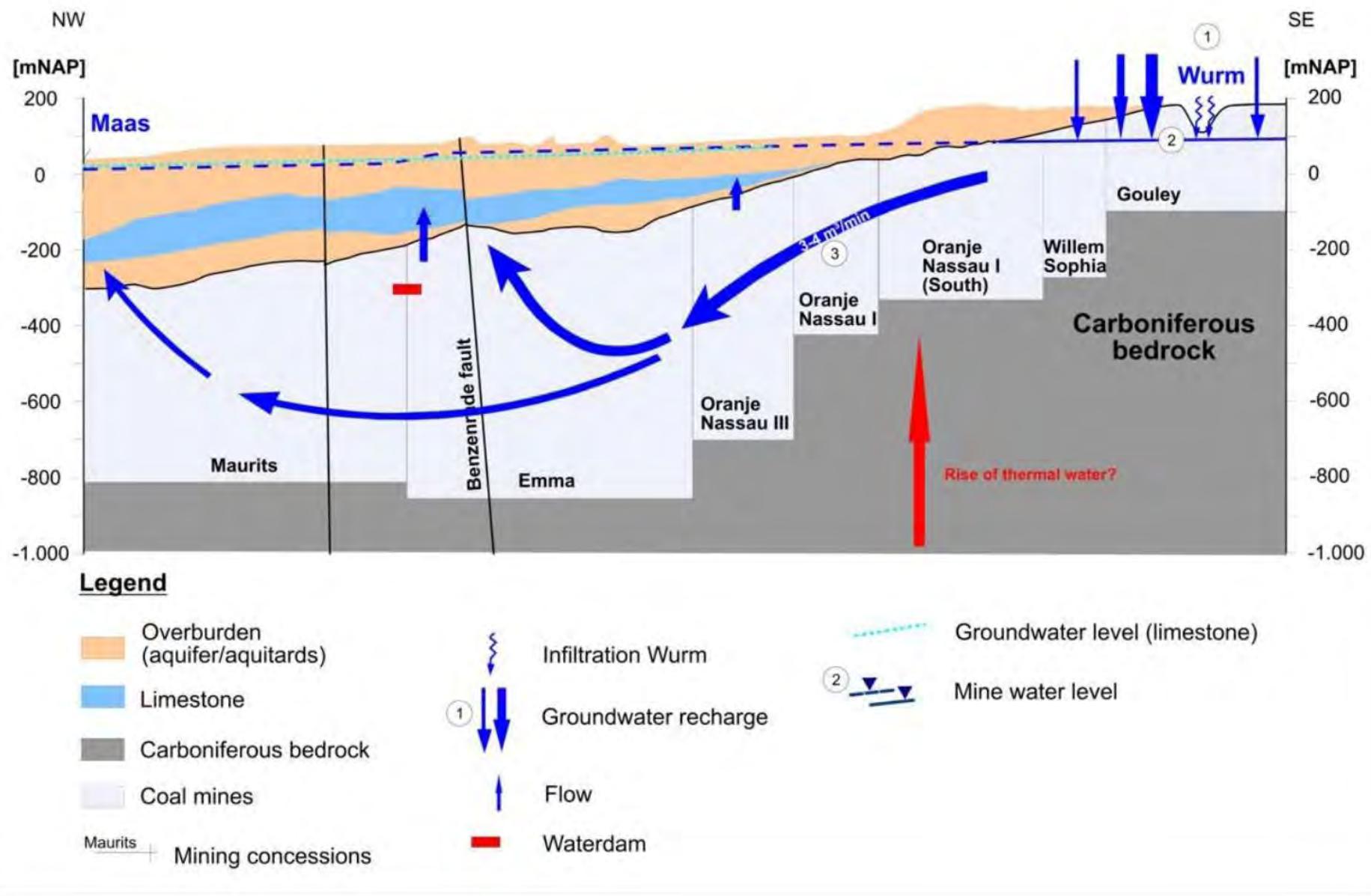
Hazard: the potential to cause harm



Demonstration of ALARP

The organisation of appropriate control measures

Inflow  
of water



Source,  
IHS/GS-ZL report

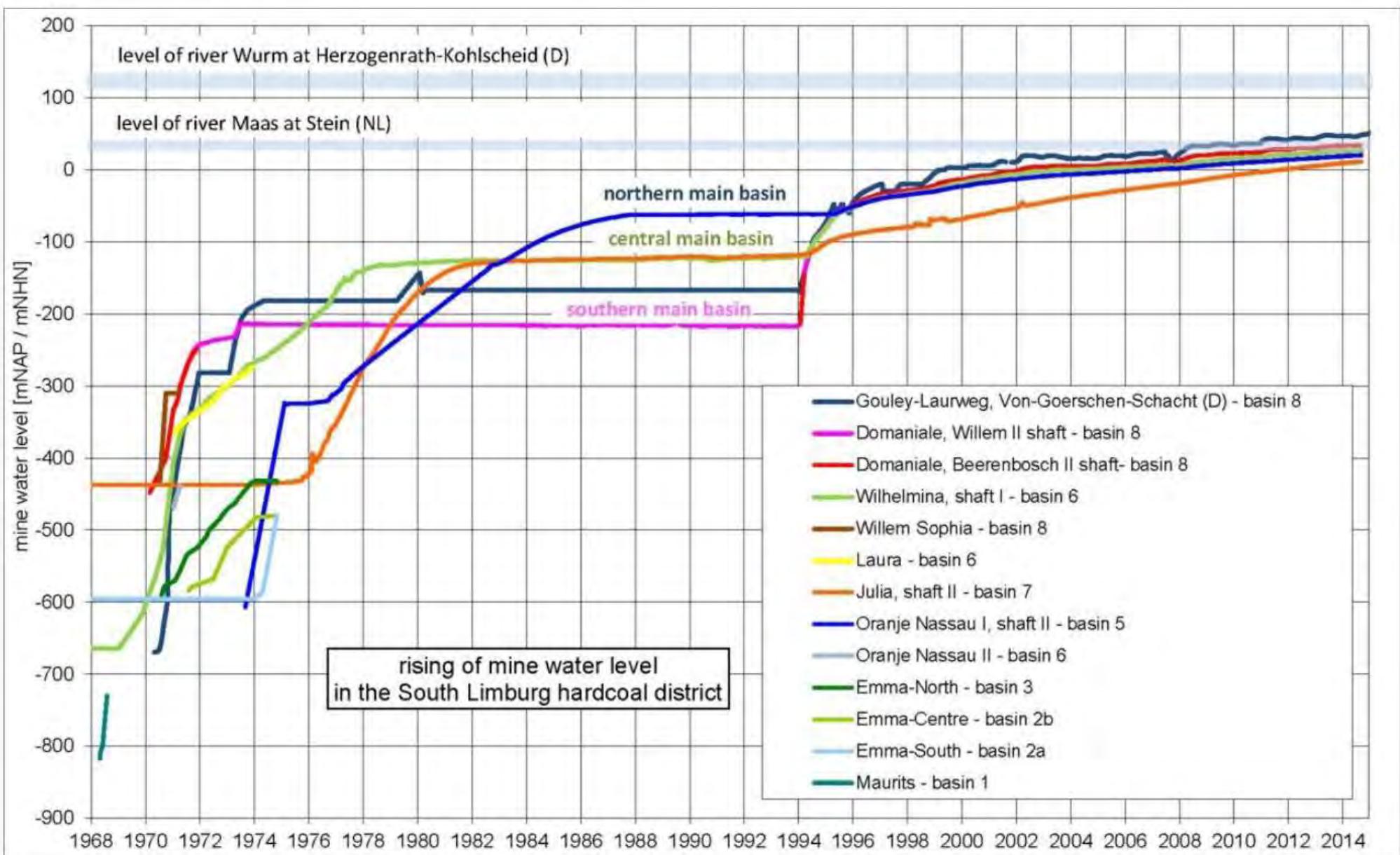
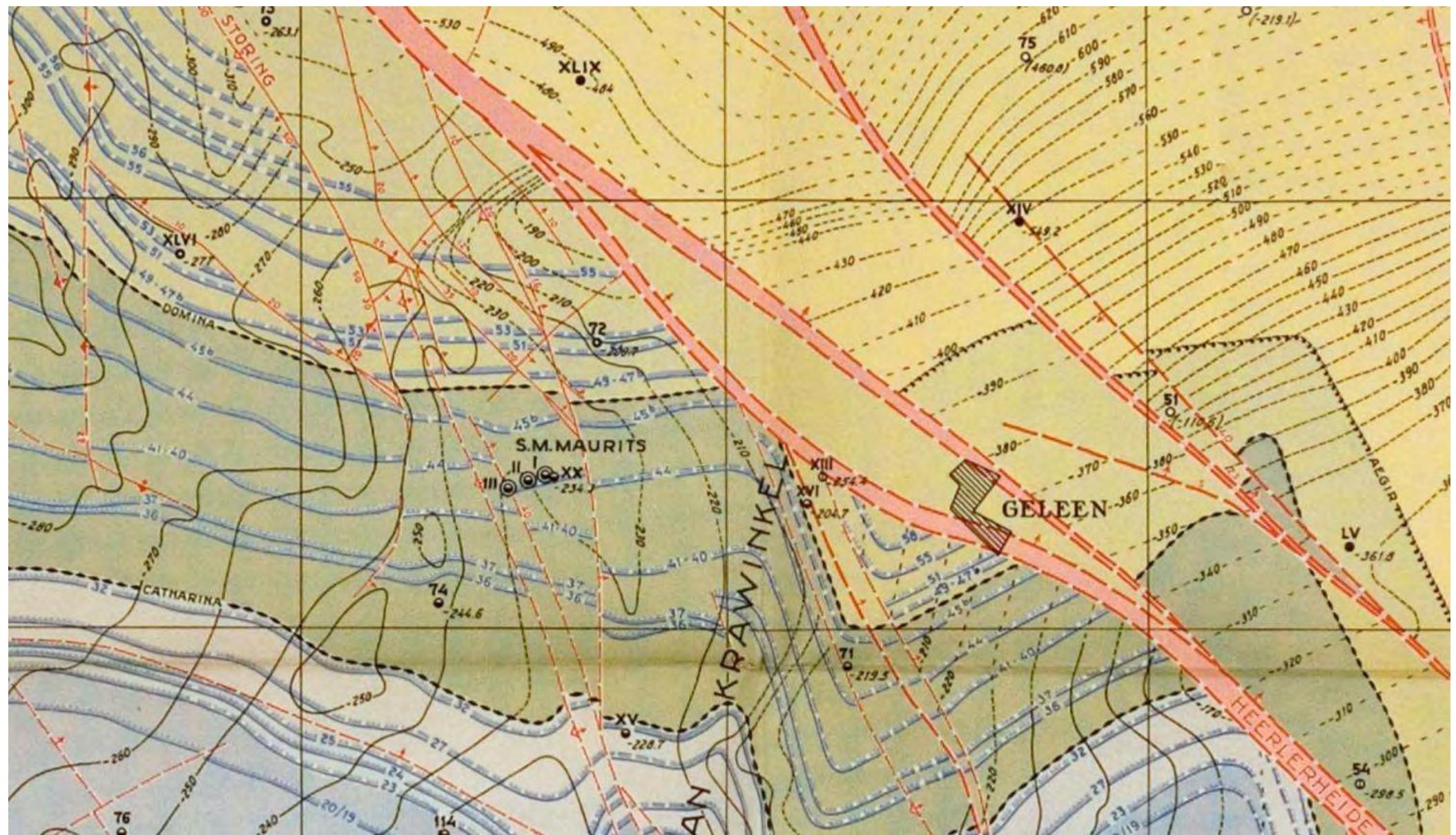
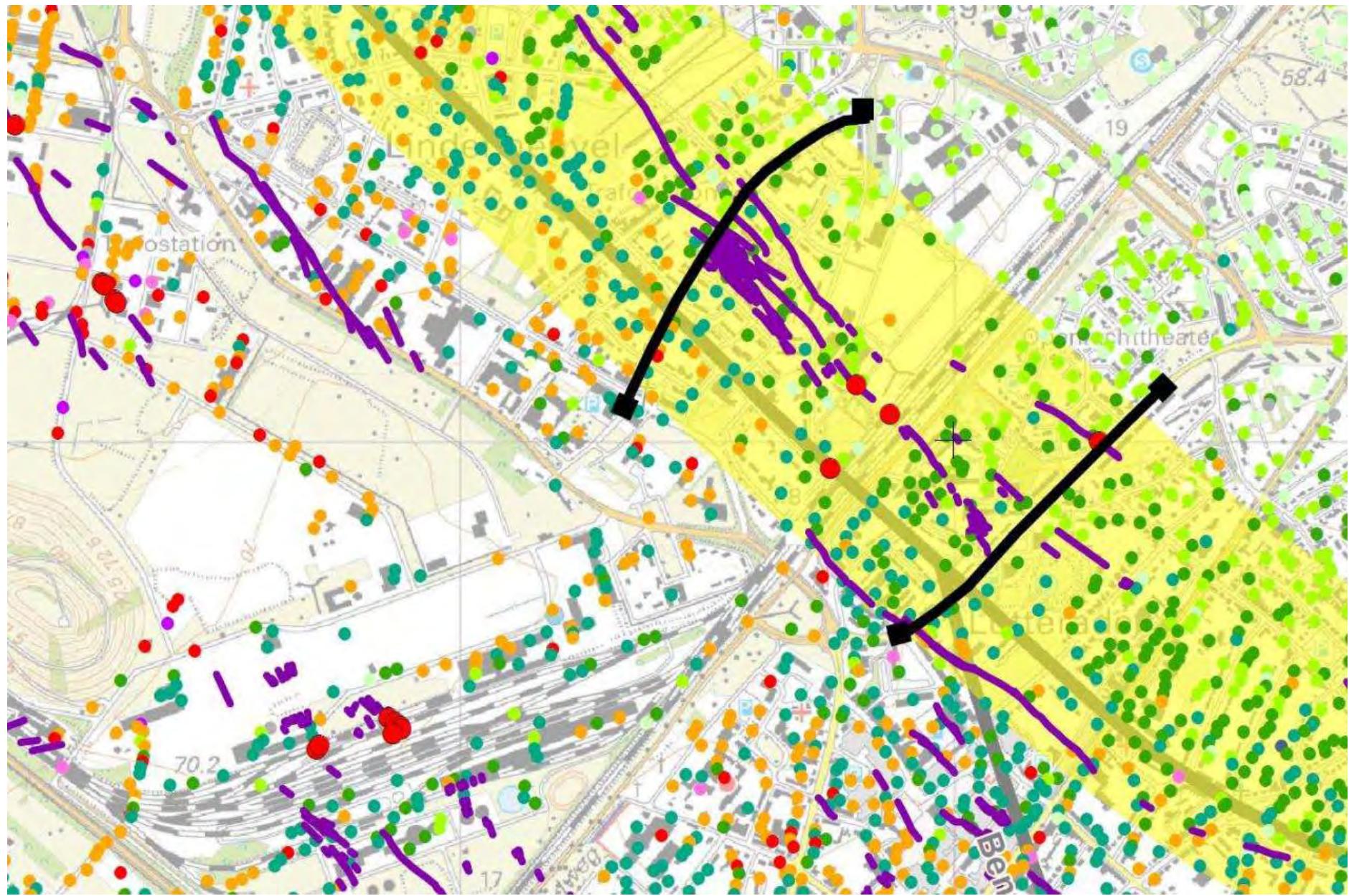


Fig. 21: Rising mine water levels in the South Limburg hard coal district





InSAR picture with differential movements Heerlerheide breuk (TU Delft)



Zone with differential movements. Historical sinkholes (red) close to 'steps' (Source GS-ZL)

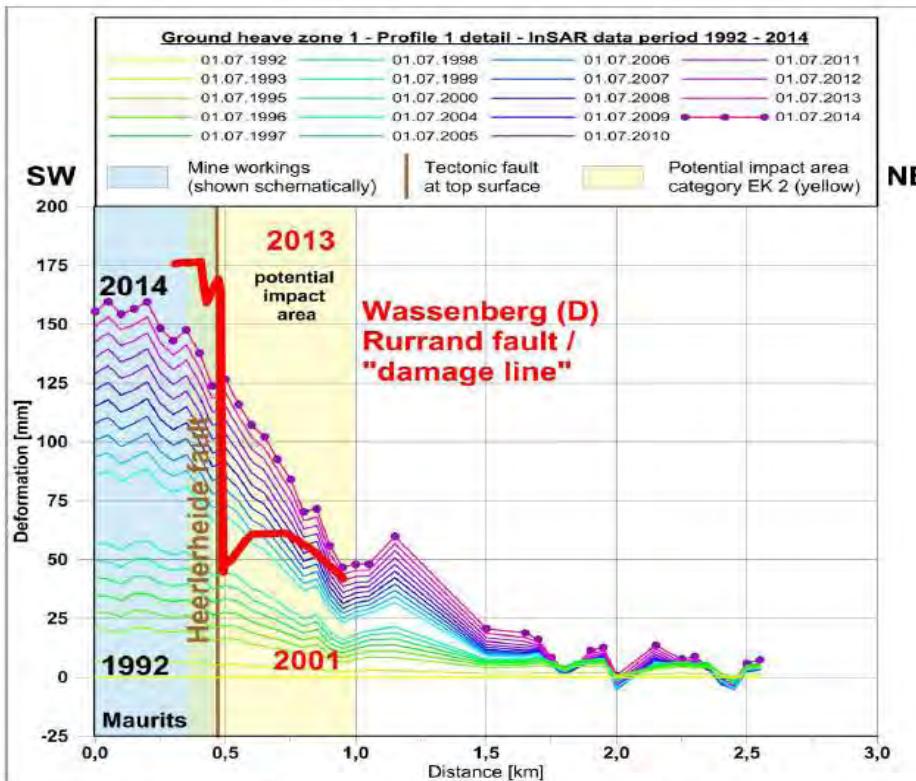


Fig. C 19: Comparison between the ground heave gradients at the Heerlerheide fault in the Geleen area (ground heave zone 1) and the Rurrand fault in the Wassenberg area, Germany

## Summary rapport IHS/GS-ZL

Ground movements induced by the rise of mine water constitute only a fraction of the primary effects of mining induced ground movements (up to 10 m of subsidence due to coal extraction by active mining).

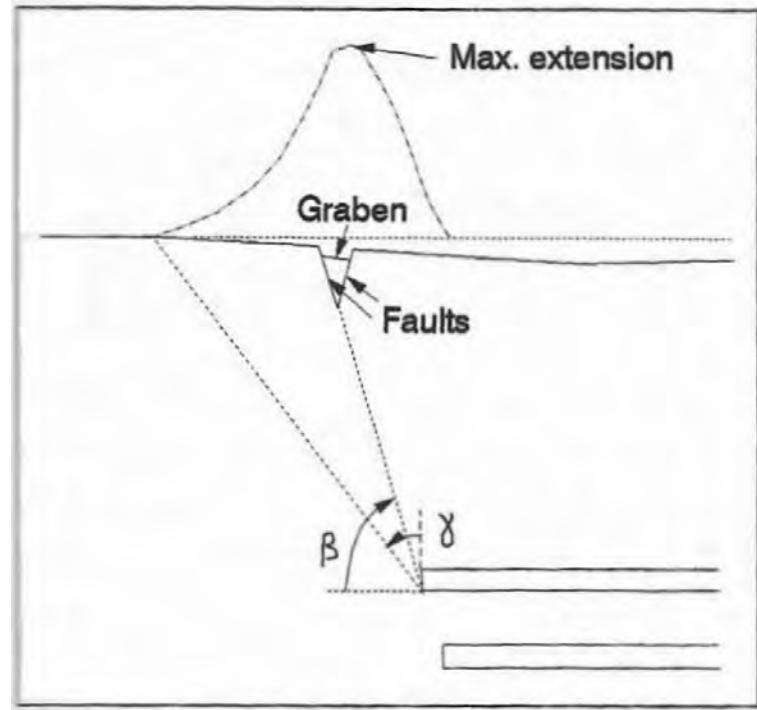
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The risk that serious damage occurs to existing buildings is low.....

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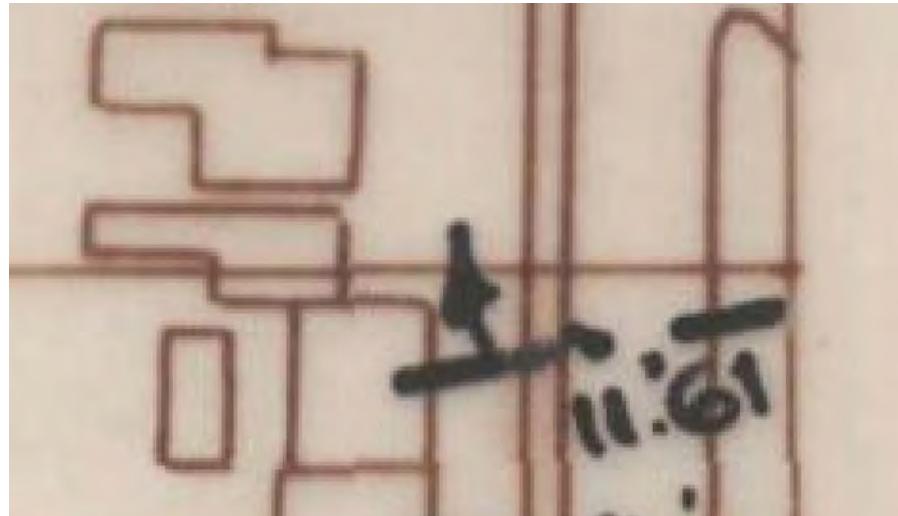


However, sometimes damage did occur e.g. in a house a few meters from an old 'step' ...  
Finally the house is demolished (right picture)

Small sinkhole of a few m<sup>3</sup> did develop close to another old 'step', about 50 m away



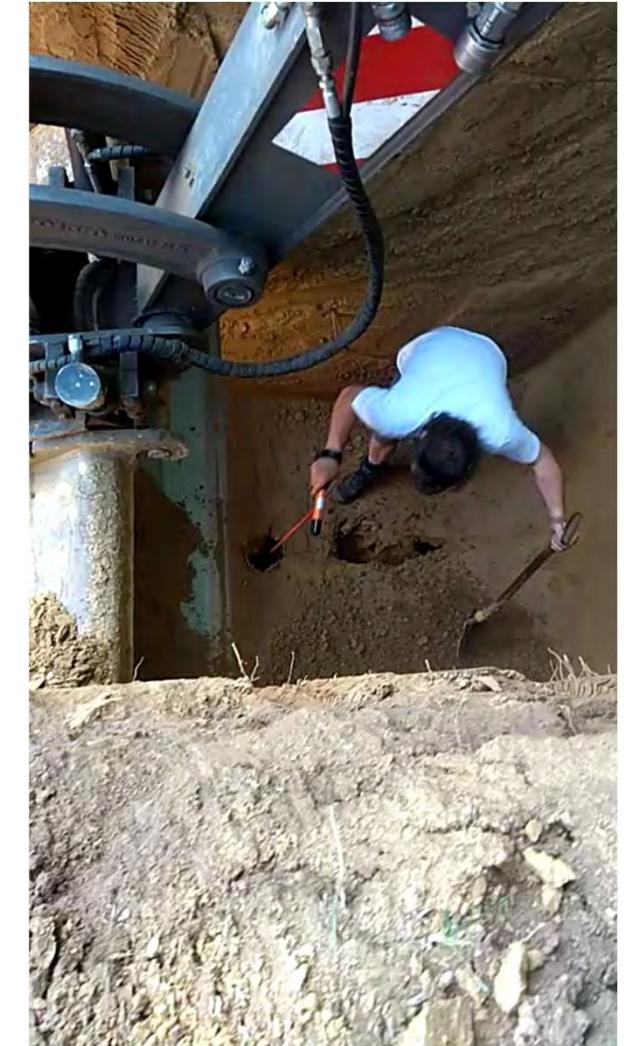
Examples of (old ?) damage near steps/small grabens



Hypotheses:

1. (Reactivation of) old steps ?
2. Differential settlements ?
3. Water inflow and material transport in small graben/steps?

## Observations near a 'step' in Brunssum during drilling operation (a.o. fluid losses)



Source: Kragten



Mijnbouwkundig  
adviseur ir. J.P.A. Roest

kragten

Witteveen + Bos

# Risicosignalering na-ijlende effecten steenkoolwinning

Delft, 5 dec. 2018

## Abstract:

**Signalering van risiconiveaus op basis van monitoring, inspecties en tussentijdse beoordelingen en beheersmaatregelen door samenwerkende, autonome partijen**

## 1. Niveaus signaleringsysteem voor drie zones met differentiële bodembeweging: Geleen (EK2), Brunssum (EK3) en Egelshoven (EK3)

Signalen van 'gedetailleerde monitoring bodembeweging' in zones (o.a. InSAR/meettrajecten)

Resultaat visuele inspecties schades in potentiële effect zone

Detail monitoring van gebouwen in de potentiële effect zones (o.a. scheurmeters, tiltmeters, etc.)

### Waakzaamheidsniveau

Geen signalen van lokale differentiële bodembeweging (d.w.z. < 4 mm/jr) en/of lokale verzakkingen gemeten

Geen toenemende trends bij schades aan bebouwing

Metingen geven geen significante waarden

### Signaleringsniveau

Lokale depressie/stijging. Duidelijke trends van lokale differentiële bodembeweging > 4 mm/jr

Signaleren van toenemende trends bij de ontwikkeling van schades

Geen detail monitoring mogelijk  
Lichte trends bij scheurmeters

### Interventieniveau

Verzakking of sinkhole.  
Doorgaande lokale differentiële bodembeweging > 8 mm/jaar

Grote schade en causaal verband schades en geologische storing en/of mijnbouw

Meetresultaten tonen doorgaande beweging en scheurvorming in gebouwen

## 1. Niveaus signaleringsysteem differentiële bodembeweging (in de drie zones) met maatregelen

Waakzaamheidsniveau	<p>Meting bodemstijging in regio en vergelijking met prognoses; detail monitoring trajecten Inventarisatie gevoelige gebouwen-richtlijnen landgebruik/funderingen effectzone Reguliere inspecties; ook vastleggen observaties van bewoners Analyse inspectieresultaten, opgetreden effecten en metingen Signalering bodembeweging door screening met InSAR (ook meettrajecten)</p>	<b>Betrokken partijen</b> Gemeenten Projectontwikkelaars Grondeigenaren Gegevenshuis Specialisten
Signaleringsniveau	<p>Preventieve inspecties en 'site investigation' (ook van breukzones) Gerichte monitoring, meettrajecten lokale waterpassing, tilt-, scheur- of rekmeters. Statistische analyse bodembeweging rondom discontinuïteiten (ook InSAR) Tussentijdse analyses en risicobeoordeling. Uitwerking plan van aanpak. Communicatie</p>	Gemeenten Grond- en huiseigenaren Gegevenshuis Veiligheidsregio
Interventieniveau	<p>Voorkomen van escalatie door acute maatregelen en veilig stellen, communicatie Tijdelijke constructies en versterkingen; opvullen van lokale verzakkingen. Analyse oorzaken schade en vaststellen eventueel causaal verband mijnbouw (beheer data) Ander gebruik grond, aanpassen nieuwbouw; grootschalig afbraak of herstelmaatregelen</p>	Gemeenten /Eigenaren Veiligheidsregio Tcbb /EZK



De Gulikstraat, zo te zien een doodgewone straat in een woonwijk. Links in het midden het blok van acht woningen dat opgekocht en gesloopt moet worden. Rechts nieuwbouw met goede fundering.

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## Slopen enige optie acht huizen in Gulikstraat

Vanwege ernstige mijnschade en vrijwel zeker te verwachten toekomstige schade worden acht woningen in de Gulikstraat in de wijk Op de Bossen in Eygelshoven (Kerkrade) opgekocht en gesloopt. Een primeur in Limburg.

DOOR WIEL BEIJER  
KERKRADE

De stichting Calamiteitenfonds Mijn(water)schade Limburg koopt vier zwaar beschadigde woningen in de Gulikstraat op. Om deze aankoop uit dit noodfonds te financieren, is toestemming verkregen van het ministerie van Economische Zaken.

De vier overige woningen - twee aan elke kant van de vier ernstig beschadigde - wil de provincie voor eigen rekening opkopen. Deze woningen hebben nog geen ernstige last van schade.

## Newspaper article about Gulikstraat in Eygelshoven-Kerkrade (Feldbiss-fault)



Foto Gemeente  
Kerkrade

February 2019



## Life cycle of Coal Mining

### Pre-Mining (Exploration)



### Mining



### Post-Mining



Depleted field



Long Period

Eternity

**Figure 1 – The mining cycle**

1. The exploration phase, in which the deposit is investigated to determine its technical and economic profitability.
2. The actual mining period which usually lasts for a long time and ends latest when all deposits are fully depleted.
3. The longest stage, however, is the post-mining stage as the human interference into geology and nature is usually intensive and irreversible. **Mining can lead to consequences which have a permanently adverse impact on people and the environment; therefore, they have to be managed as best as we can.**

## **Conclusions:**

The conclusions of IHS/GS-ZL study are in general supported.  
Shallow mining close to overburden with 'upwards drillings' is a point of concern.  
Pay more attention to signals of settlement/damage close to old 'steps' in extension zones.  
Apply and evaluate 'monitoring and control' approach (e.g. monitoring deformation, groundwater quality, etc. etc. followed by appropriate control measures)  
Post-mining legislation: evaluate role for State Supervision of Mines.

## **Strategy sustainable post-mining phase**

Lecacy of historical mining	Current activities	New activities:
Reduce risk with 'monitoring and control' Repair damages and Remediate unsafe abandonment	Future-proof abandonment of caverns, wells, etc. Prevent long term risk and damage	Safety by design: geothermal energy and salt caverns for energy transition

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## **Questions:**

# Addendum

Post-Mining Risk Management in France

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## Legislation post mining risk management in France

- Law no. 99-245 of March 30, 1999, known as the “post-mining law,” reworking the Mining Code, specifically makes the State responsible for risks that persist after mining operations have ended, in the name of national solidarity
  - ...if there is no valid mining title, or if the operator or title holder disappears or fails to act, the French Mining Code renders the State liable for repairing the damages caused by former mining sites that it authorized in the past.
- three objectives of the government: anticipating risk, preventing risk and finally repairing the damages resulting from mining.
- a state-delegated operational management authority on post-mining (site monitoring and safety) was established
- Prevention plans are made – the public is informed on residual mining risks, etc.