



Australian Chapter

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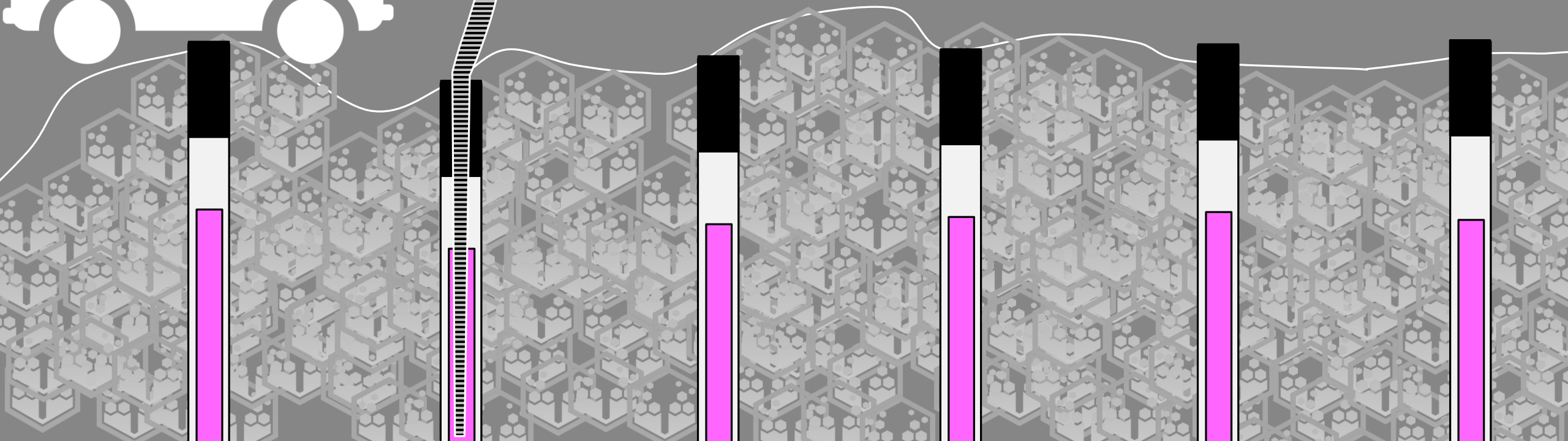
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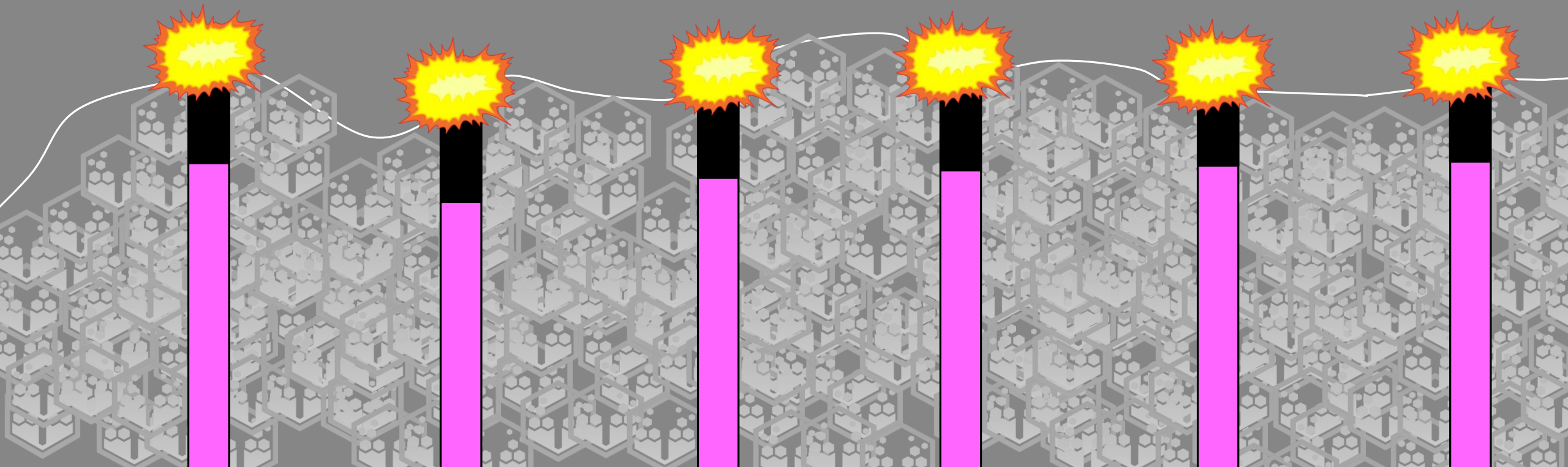
Pattern Expansion – Fragmentation with Drones



The Blast Process is Changing...

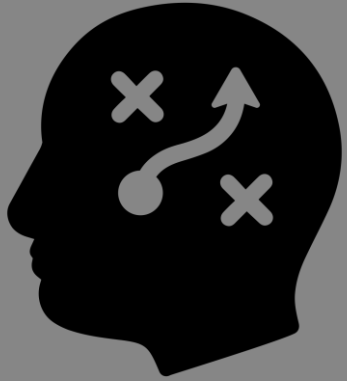


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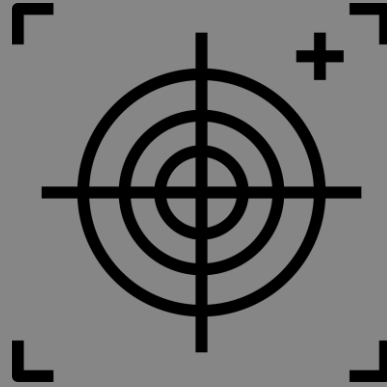


And also the way to control it!

 What is pretended with a blast operation?



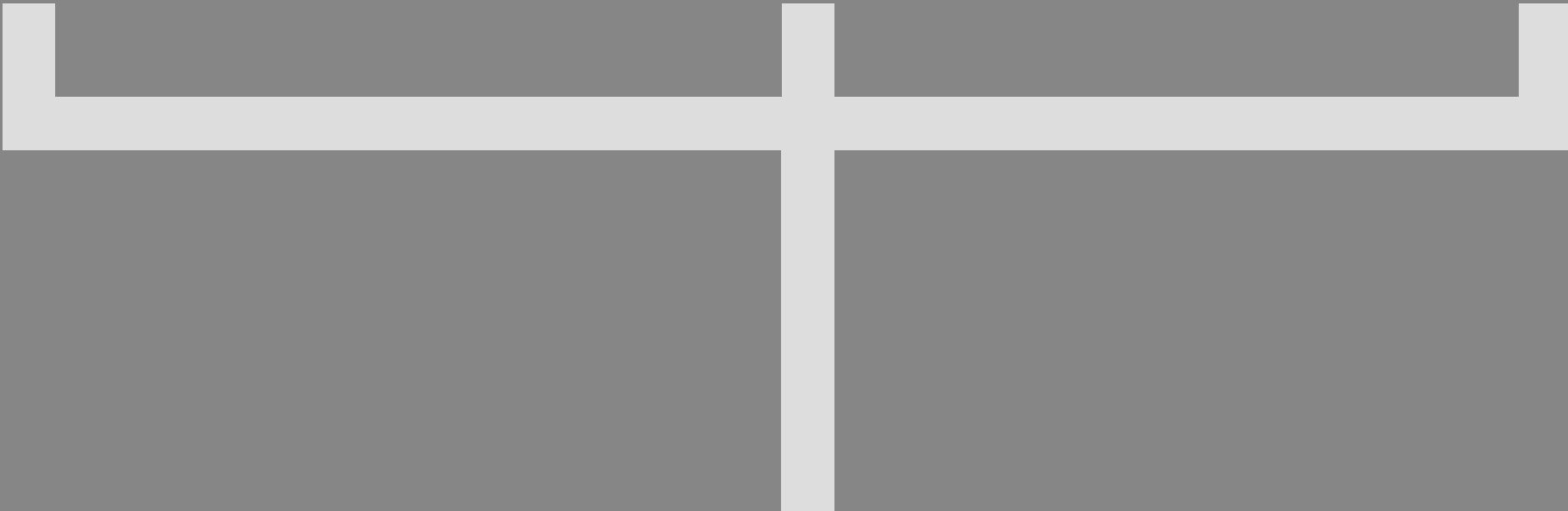
Efficiency



Precision



Quickness





Safety



Productivity



Drones



How Drones support operations's
efficiency – Pattern Expansion?



What is a Drone?

UAV - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle:
- Non crewed Aerial vehicle



Military purposes



Civil Application
Mining Applications



Drones in Mining

survey
procedures



mapping



misfires
inspection



structures
inspections



dilution
control



machinery
tracking







Muckpile mapping

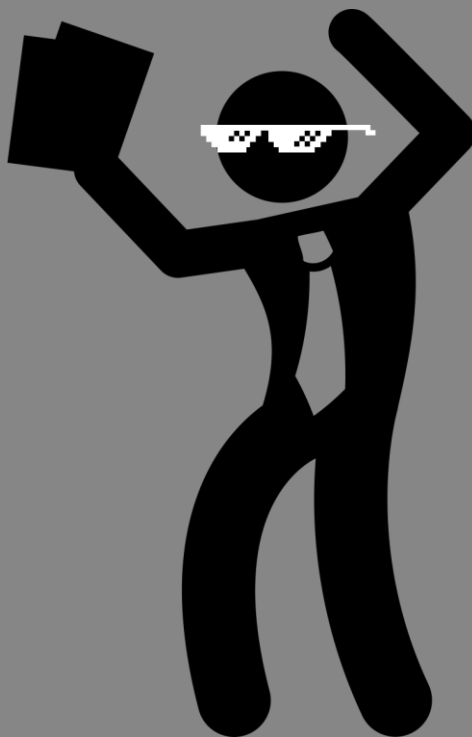


How to use a Drone to Control Fragmentation and save cost in Blasting?



No worries...

Is really easy!



Drone Equipment



- Observe all drone safety and regulations in your area (**UAS Certification - FAA Part 107** or equivalent as necessary)



- Keep line of sight to your drone at all times



- Camera angle to 90° (perpendicular to the ground)



- Overlap to 80% (reduces optical distortion)



- Noon $\pm$ 2 hours (minimizes long shadows)



- Flight altitude between 100-200ft (30-60m)



- 50-500 image samples (depends on area size)

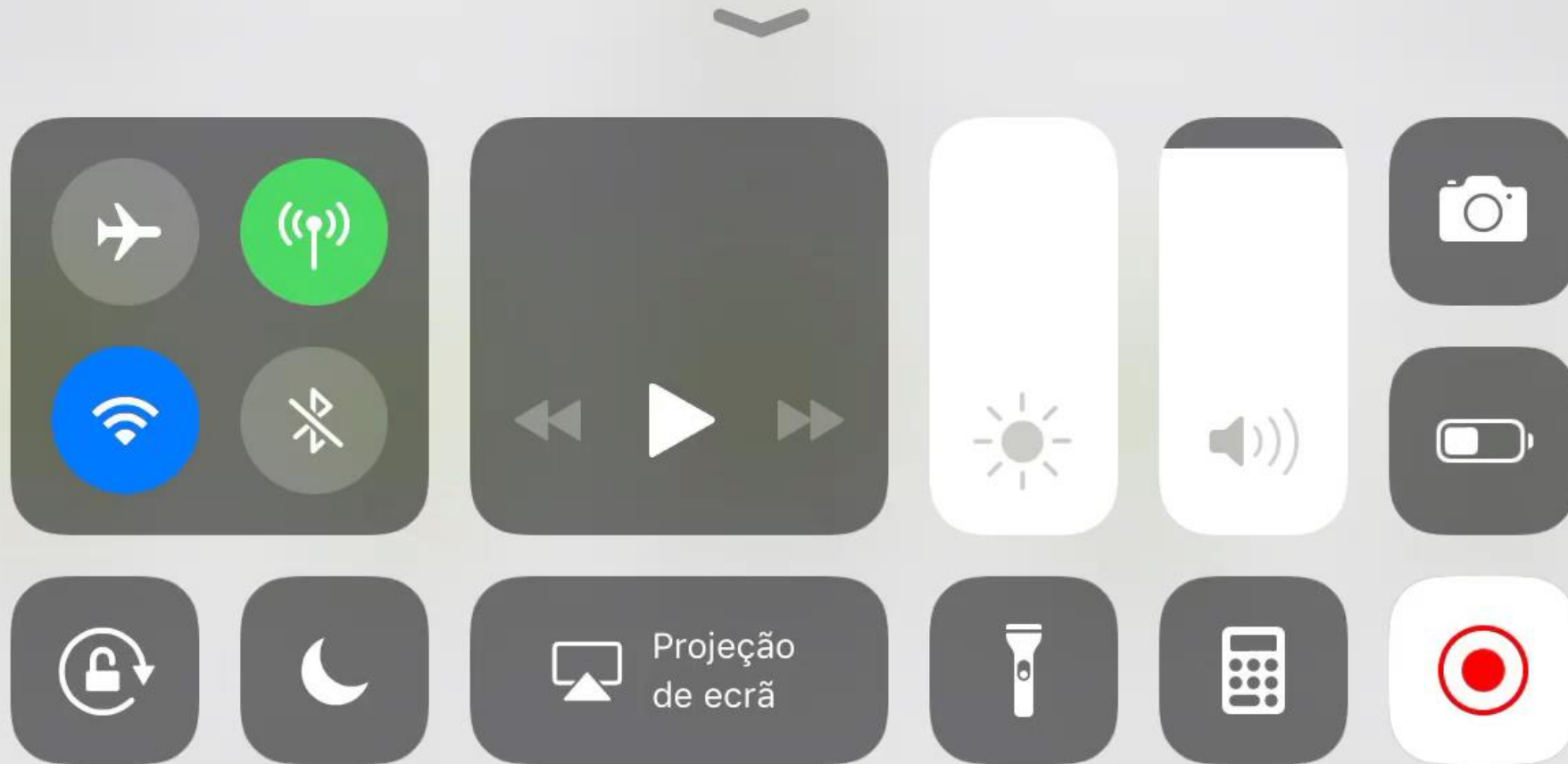


- Use free mobile applications - pre-flight check

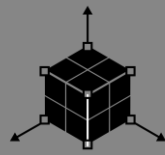




The Flight Plan



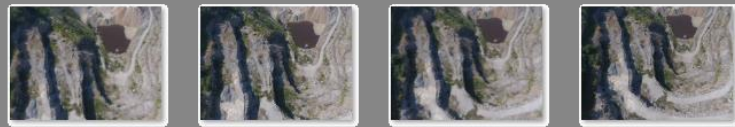
Data Treatment



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Align Drone Photos

Build Dense model

Build Mesh

Orhtomosaic

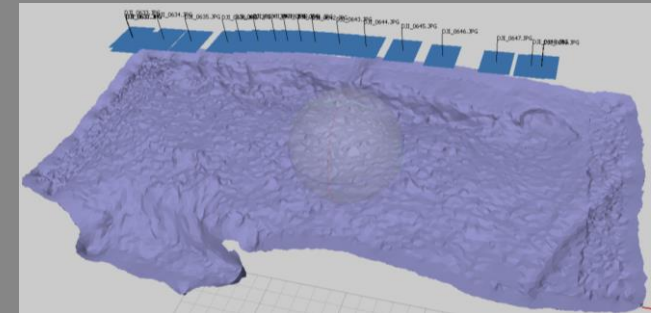
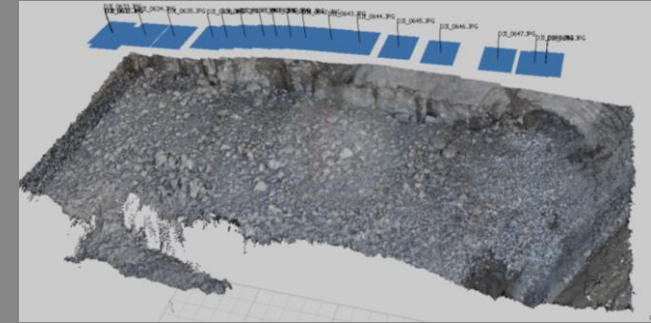
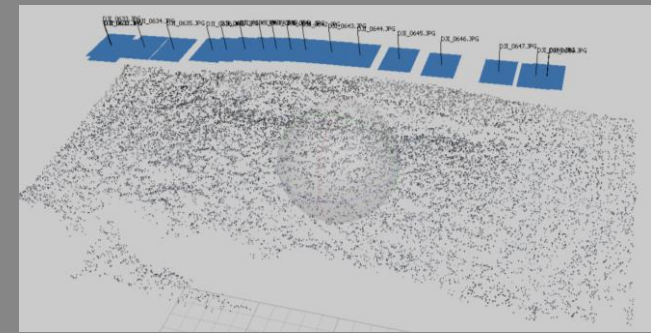


Photo Scan

3D Modeling and Mapping

Agisoft

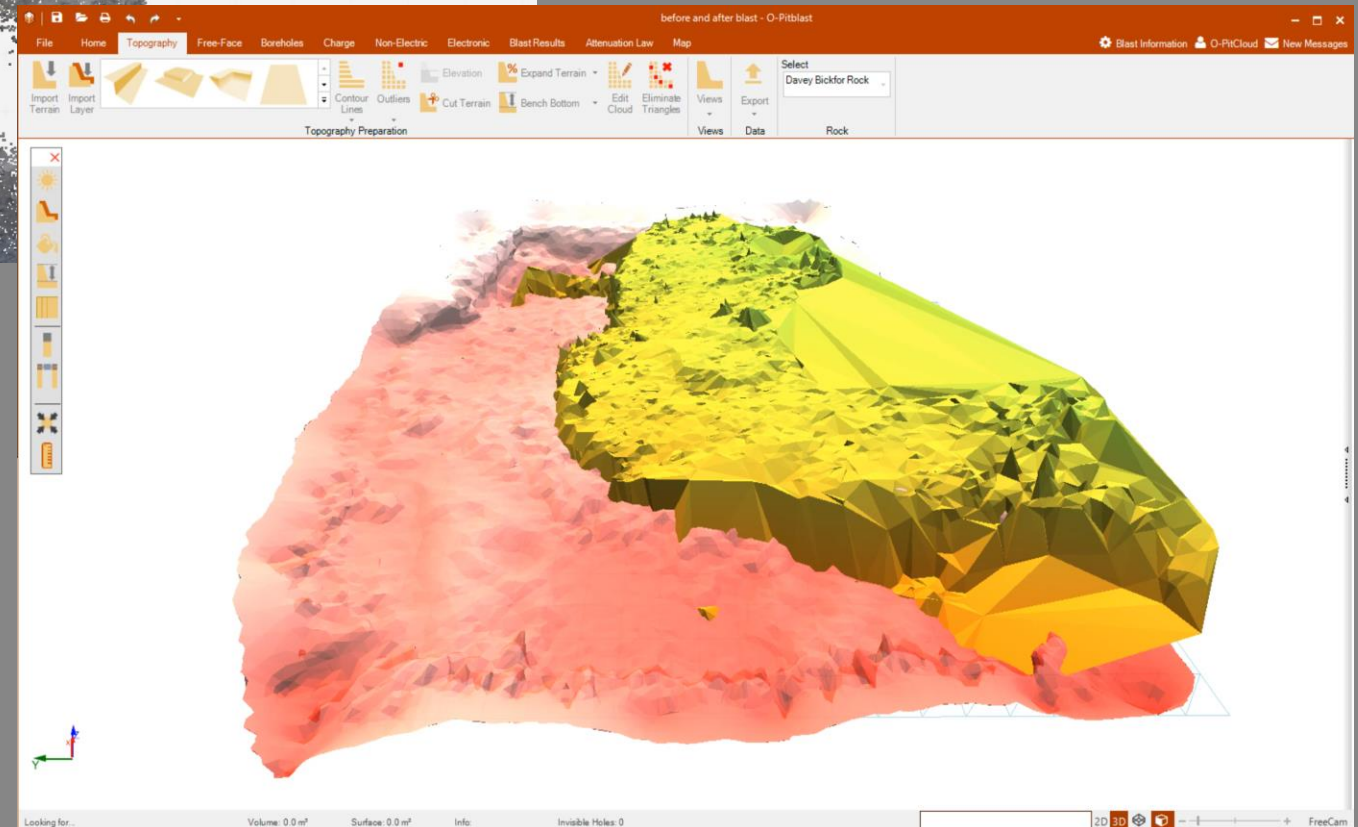


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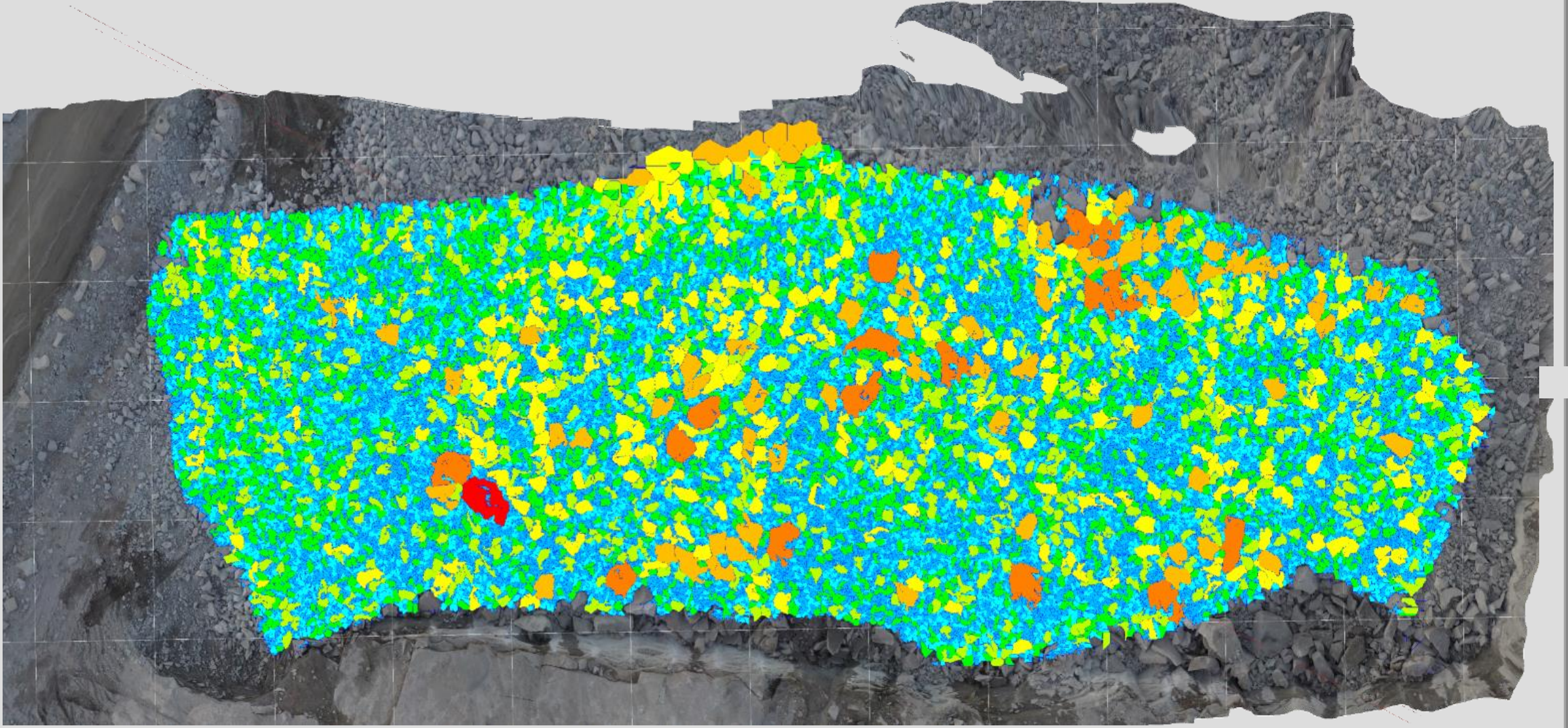
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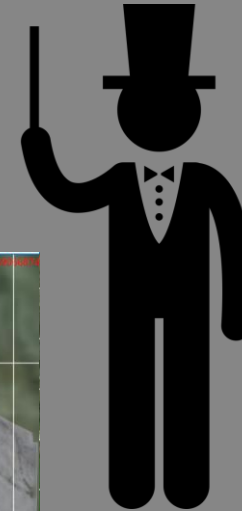
3D model



Fragments Detection



Size Distribution



Site Name:	Explog	Date:	721/03/2018
Blast ID:	238	D&B Responsible:	Diego Ribas
		Frag. Analysis by:	Raquel Sobral

Fragmentation Curve

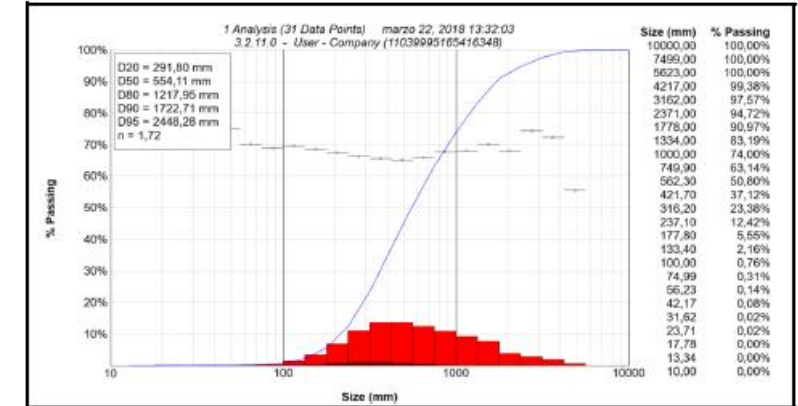
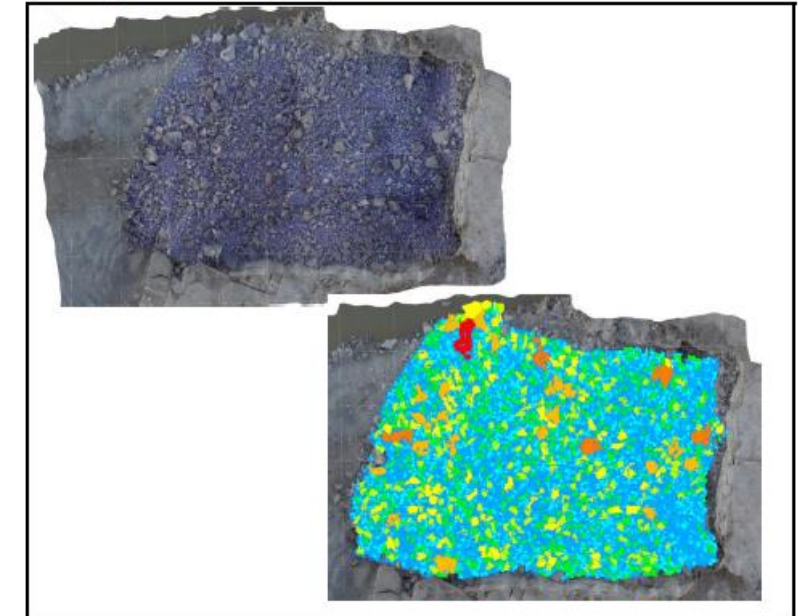
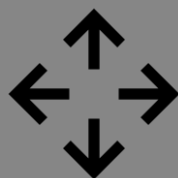


Photo Analysis





Rock Factor Calibration



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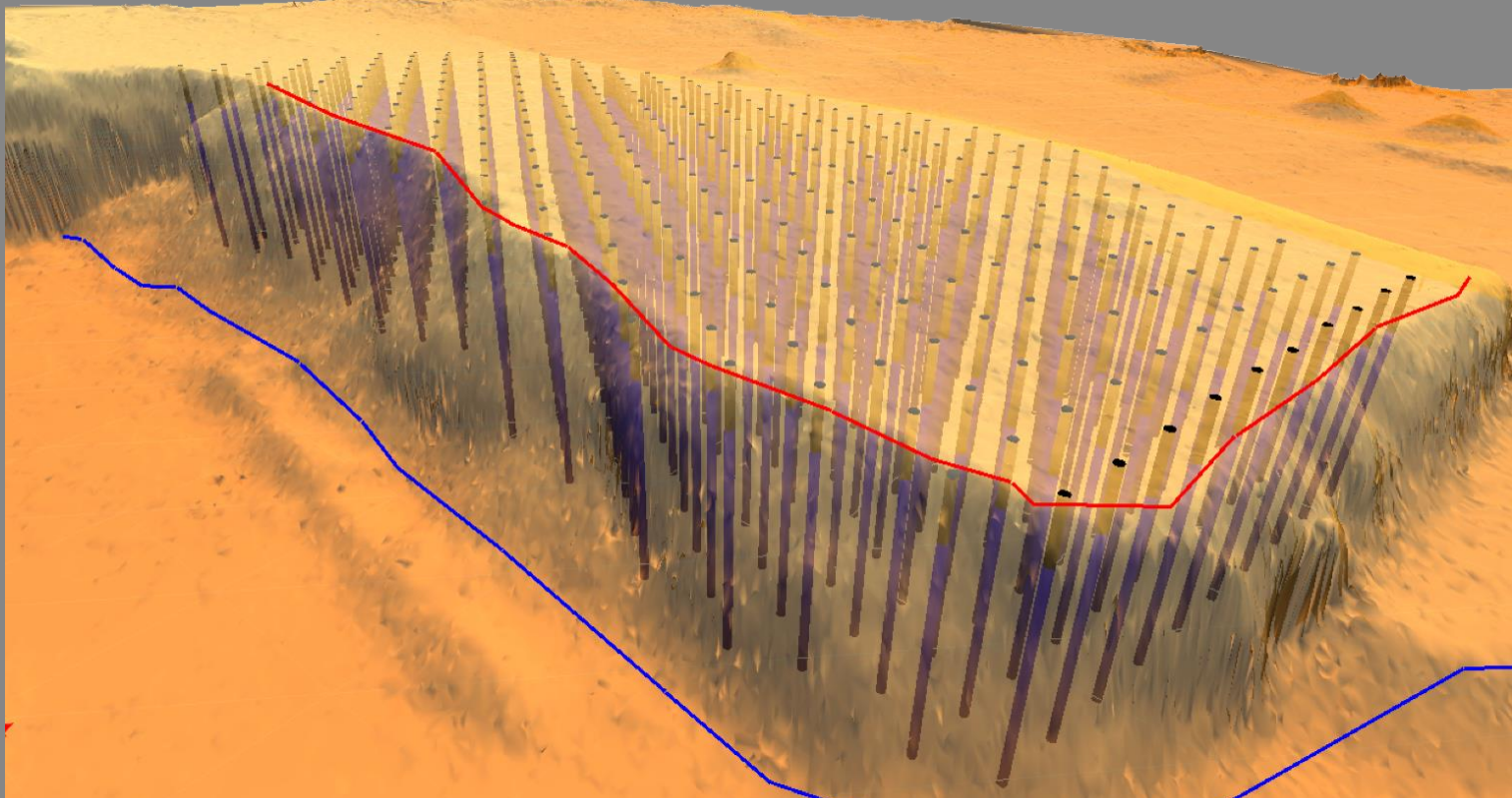


New Blast Design



Government	Percentage
Current government	65%
Previous government	35%

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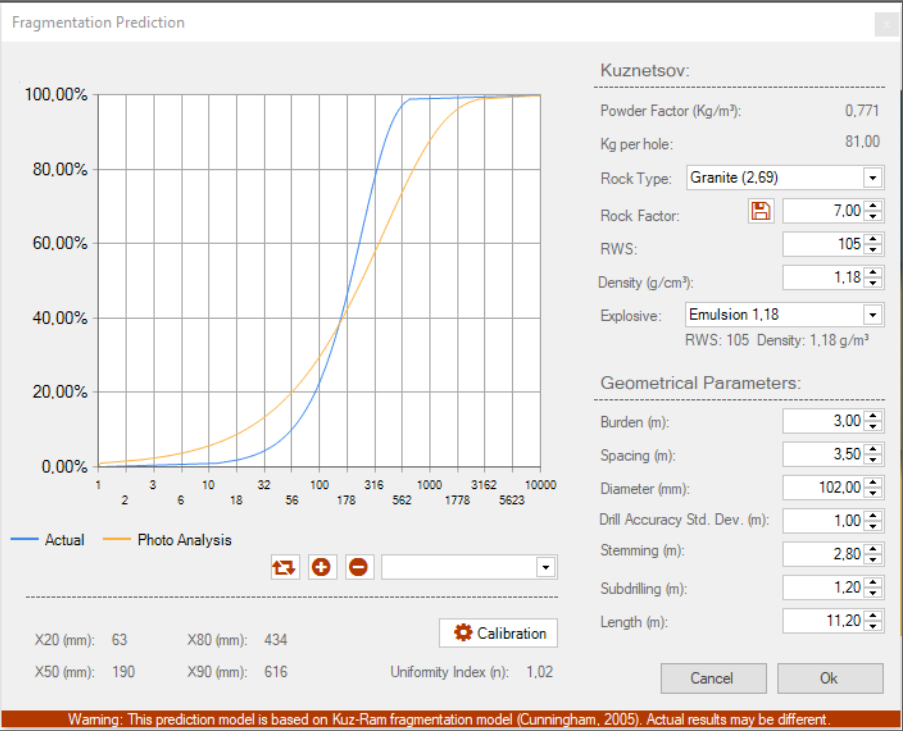
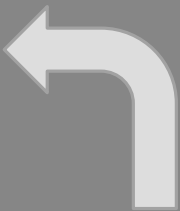


Photo analysis vs. Prediction

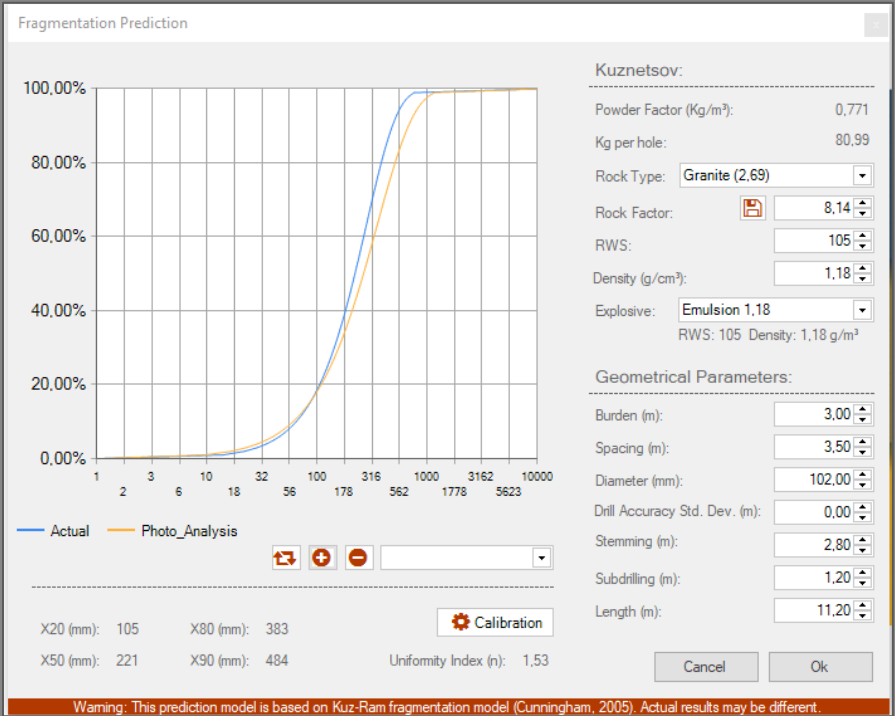
Fragmentation Calibration

The 'Calibration' dialog box contains input fields for: X20 (mm): 113, X80 (mm): 383, X50 (mm): 223, and X90 (mm): 481. It includes a 'Cancel' button and an 'Ok' button.

WipWare



Rock Factor adjustment – Prediction calibration



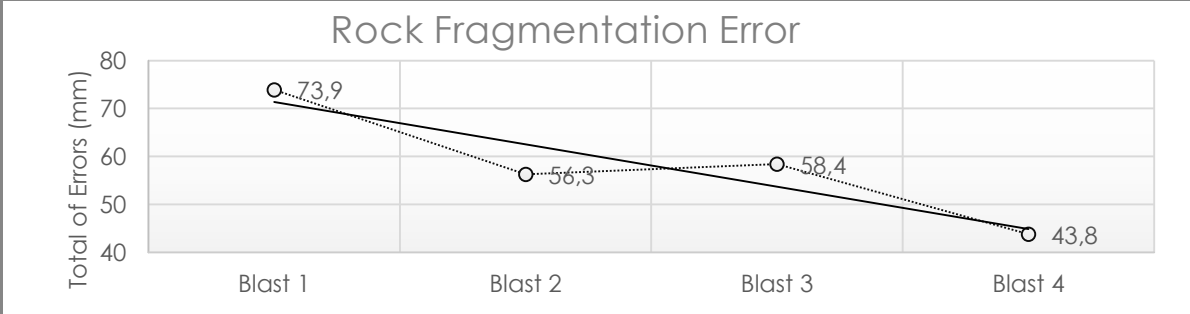
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Error X80	17,70 mm	11,50 mm	15,10 mm	9,50 mm
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Total Sum	73,90 mm	56,30 mm	58,40 mm	43,80 mm



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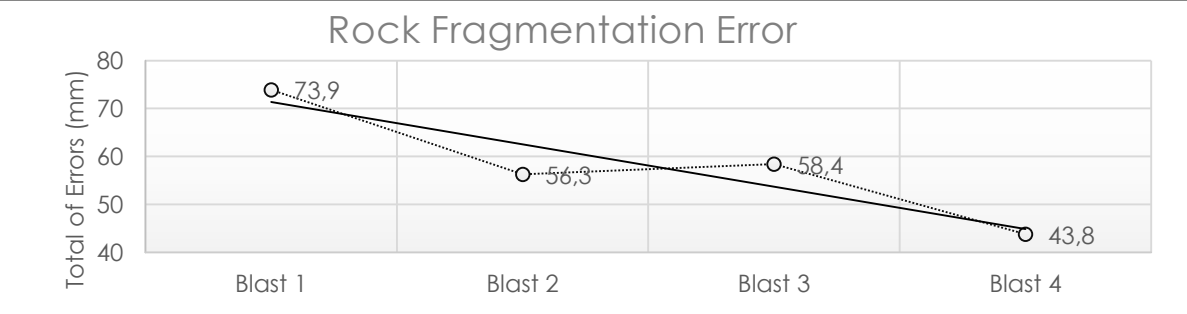
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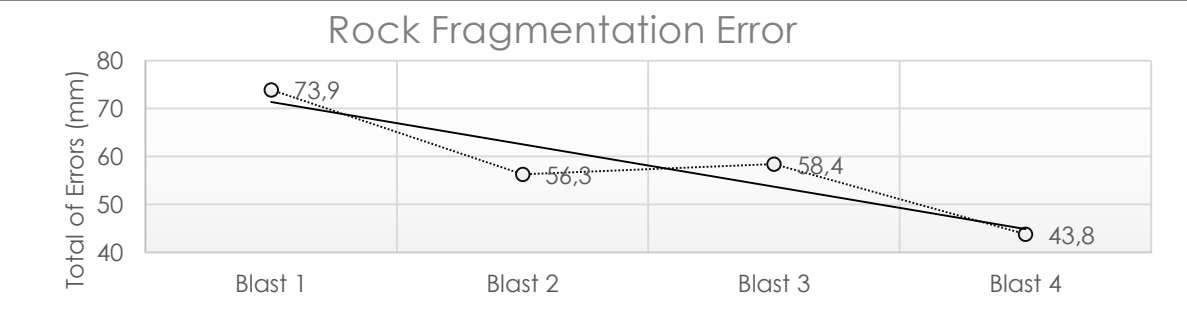
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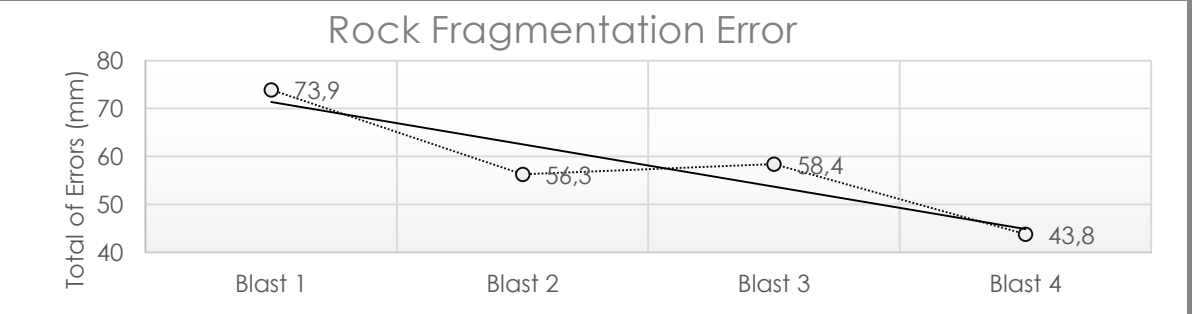
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Geometry:	Blast:	Costs:
Diameter (mm): 102	Number of Holes: 120	Initiation (per hole): 10,00
Bench High (m): 11,70	Number of Rows: 7	Explosive (per Kg): 4,00
Burden (m): 3,20	Volume (m³): 16 623,00	Drilling (per meter): 7,00
Spacing (m): 3,70		
Subdrilling (m): 1,00	Geology:	Explosive:
Stemming (m): 3,10	Rock Factor: 10,00	Density (Kg/m³): 1 200,00
		RWS: 100
Fragmentation:	Constraints:	
Limit (%): 85	Spacing by Burden 1,00 ≤ 1,16 ≤ 1,40 ✓	
Oversize (mm): 700	Stemming by Burden 0,70 ≤ 0,97 ≤ 1,00 ✓	
	Subdrilling by Burden 0,30 ≤ 0,31 ≤ 0,50 ✓	
Information:	Uniformity Index 0,70 ≤ 1,46 ≤ 2,20 ✓	
Powder Factor (Kg/m³): 0,680	Stiffness Ratio 3,66 ≥ 3,00 ✓	
Specific Drilling (m/m³): 0,0917	Volume (m³): 16623,36 ≥ 16623 ✓	
	Oversize (mm): 632,23 ≤ 700 ✓	
	Cost (\$): 57 051,92 €	

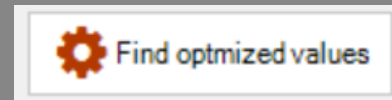
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Decisions
Variables

Restriction
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Objective
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Burden (m):	3,46	Volume (m³):	16 623,00	Drilling (per meter):	7,00
Spacing (m):	4,84				
Subdrilling (m):	1,66	Geology:		Explosive:	
Stemming (m):	2,42	Rock Factor:	10,00	Density (Kg/m³):	1 200,00
				RWS:	100
Fragmentation:		Constraints:			
Limit (%):	85	Spacing by Burden	1,00	≤ 1,40	≤ 1,40 ✓
Oversize (mm):	700	Stemming by Burden	0,70	≤ 0,70	≤ 1,00 ✓
		Subdrilling by Burden	0,30	≤ 0,48	≤ 0,50 ✓
		Uniformity Index	0,70	≤ 1,69	≤ 2,20 ✓
		Stiffness Ratio		3,38	≥ 3,00 ✓
Information:					
Powder Factor (Kg/m³):	0,548	Volume (m³):	16640,54 ≥ 16623 ✓		
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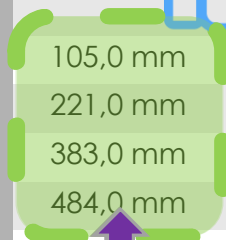
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Spacing	3,5 m	4,0 m
Subdrilling	1,2 m	1,0 m
Stemming	2,8 m	3,3 m



	Initial Stage	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Diameter	102,0 mm	102 mm	102 mm	102 mm	102 mm	102 mm
Bench High	10,0 m	10,0 m	10,0 m	10,0 m	10,0 m	10,0 m
Burden	3,0 m	3,1 m	3,1 m	3,2 m	3,3 m	3,3 m
Spacing	3,5 m	3,6 m	3,7 m	3,8 m	3,9 m	4,0 m
Subdrilling	1,2 m	1,2 m	1,1 m	1,1 m	1,0 m	1,0 m
Stemming	2,8 m	2,9 m	3,0 m	3,1 m	3,2 m	3,3 m
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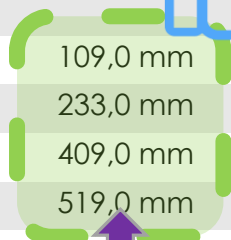
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Spacing	3,5 m	3,6 m	3,7 m	3,8 m	3,9 m	4,0 m
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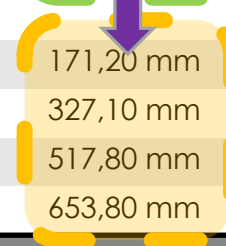
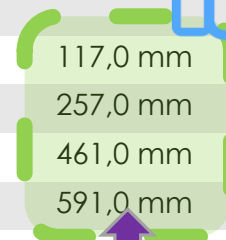
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Burden	3,0 m	3,1 m	3,1 m	3,2 m	3,3 m	3,3 m
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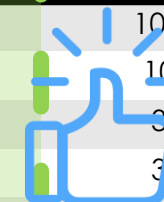
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Some discussions

The use of technology

Safety and production

Samples gathering with drones

Opened a new horizon on the fragmentation analysis

Muckpile inspection

Reduce risks

Gas presence, twisted ankles and hand injuries.

Fragmentation Primordial blast quality feedbacks.

Measurement needs to be

Fast, accurate, and constant

Analysis Method Selection Matrix	Time <i>How much time does it take per study?</i>	Cost <i>How much does this analysis solution cost?</i>	Resources <i>How many people does it typically take?</i>	Data Quality <i>How representative is this analysis method?</i>	Blast Type
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In-House Image Analysis <i>You take the image samples using a digital camera or iPad/iPhone then analyze them using a specialized iOS app or Windows software</i>	Medium <i>1-3 Hrs/Images 1-3 Hrs/Analysis</i>	Low <i>\$1k - \$6k</i>	Medium <i>2-3 Personnel</i>	Good <i>+60%</i>	Surface & Underground
In-House UAV Image Analysis <i>You take image samples using a UAV then analyze them with specialized iOS app or Windows software</i>	Low <i>1-2 Hrs/Images 1 Hr/Analysis</i>	Medium <i>\$2k - \$10k</i>	Low <i>1-2 Personnel</i>	Better <i>+80%</i>	Surface Only
Automatic Analysis System <i>System automatically collects image samples in LHD or HD vehicles at the primary crusher, ore pass or draw point and analyzes them in realtime</i>	Very Low <i>0 Hrs/Study</i>	High <i>\$45k - \$90k</i>	Very Low <i>0 Personnel</i>	Best <i>+90%</i>	Surface & Underground

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Mining cost optimization

Blast Continuous Improvement

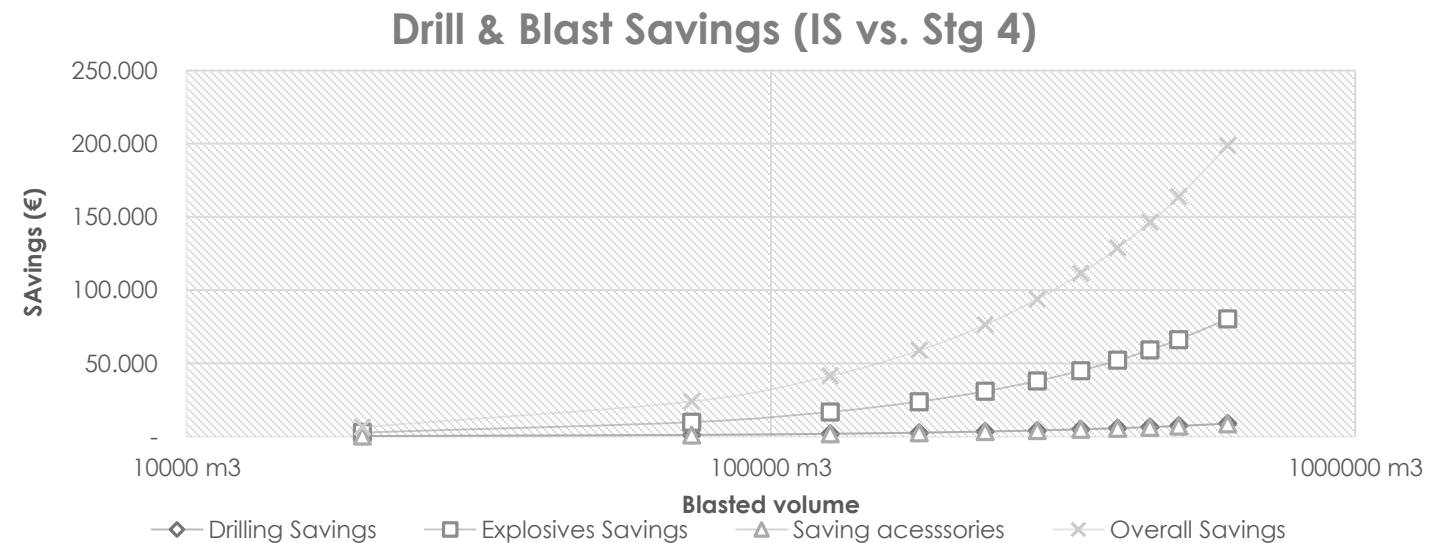
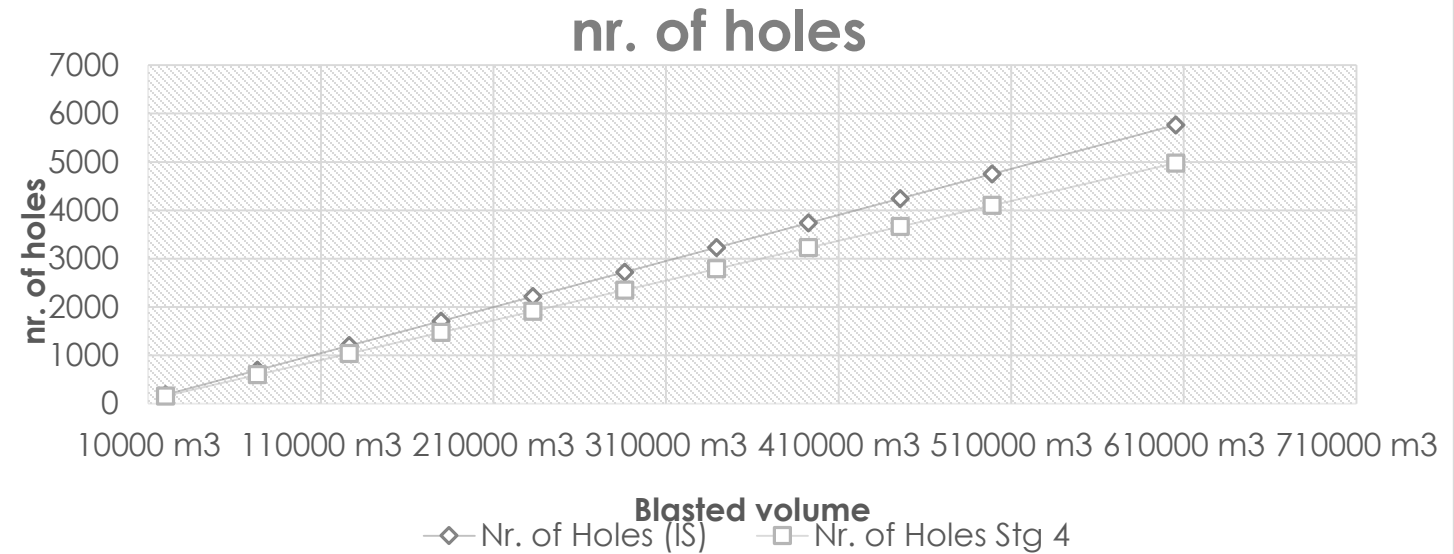
All the consequent stage of mineral processing

O-Pitblast's blast optimization algorithm

reduce 229.361,00 \$ in 605.307,7 m³/791712.58 yd³ of rock

The optimization process, operation and field practices

Mathematical optimization



Control



Time



Precision



Versatile



Easy



Low Cost



Technology



Safe



Profit



Better use of Natural
Resources



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Pattern Expansion – Fragmentation with Drones