#### SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH FINDINGS

According to the different possible stress-strain states, the behavior of the ground upstream of the excavation face, becoming zero the principal minor stress  $\sigma_3$  as a consequence of the face advancement, can be indicatively classified in three different situations: stable core-face (elastic domain), core-face stable in the short term (elastoplastic domain), unstable core-face (failure domain), to which, in terms of simplification, can be respectively associated three fundamental behaviour categories: A, B and C.





Example of stable core-face in elastic domain (Category A)



Example of stable core-face in the short term in elasto-plastic domain

(Category B)



Example of unstable coreface in failure domain (Category C)

#### **Analysis of the Deformation Response according to ADECO-RS**





The stability of the core-face is analyzed by experimental and mathematical models up to identify the stress-strain behavior (categories A, B, C)

It has been shown that the type B and C behaviours can be reported under Category A by acting on the core-face rigidity

This is the main task of the tunnel designer

#### During the design the theoretical prediction of the behavior categories A, B and C is done



#### **Numerical calculation**



Experimentation on a reduced scale in the laboratory





The ADECO-RS, as a result of the research results, recognizes the <u>centrality of the core-face as stabilization instrument for the</u> <u>cavity</u>; hence the imperative need <u>to always advance full face</u>, especially in the most difficult conditions, having shown that the instability of the cavity comes from the instability of the core-face. **CONTROL** of the Deformation Response according to ADECO-RS

#### CONTROL OF THE CORE-FACE DURING DESIGN



**Preconfinement action** 

#### **Confinement** action



**CONTROL** of the Deformation Response according to ADECO-RS

## CONTROL OF THE CORE-FACE DURING CONSTRUCTION



**Preconfinement** action



**Confinement** action

# Reinforcement of the core-face by means of glass-fibre structural elements

(conservation technique of reinforcement of the core-face)



#### Longitudinal section

**Section A-A** 



#### **Reinforcement of the core-face with glass-fibre structural elements**



Control by means of core-face reinforcement with glass-fibre structural elements

Rome-Florence high speed railway line – Poggio Orlandi tunnel (1988) Ground: silty clays – Overburden: 90 m, Behaviour category: C

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Control by means of core-face reinforcement with glass-fibre structural elements

SS 212 State Road of Val Fortòre – Cerzone tunnel (2011) Ground: red flysch – Overburden: 90 m, Behaviour category: C



SS 212 State Road of Val Fortòre – Cerzone tunnel (2011) Ground: red flysch – Overburden: 90 m, Behaviour category: C



Control by means of coreface reinforcement with glass-fibre structural elements Keeping the exposed surface of the excavation face constantly concaveshaped **TGV Mediterranèe** 

"Tartaiguille" tunnel (1997) Ground: swelling clays Span: 15 m, Overburden: 150 m



# Full face mechanical precutting

#### (conservation technique of protection of the core-face)





#### Longitudinal section

**Section A-A** 



Full face mechanical precutting IN IN CALIFICATION Sibari-Cosenza railway line – Tunnel no. 2 (1985)Ground: silty clays, Overburden: 90 m, Behaviour category

#### Full face mechanical precutting

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Milan-Naples A1 motorway - "Nazzano" tunnel (2005) Ground: silty sand, c' = 0,04 MPa,  $\phi'$  = 24°, Overburden: 5÷40 m, Behaviour category: C

#### Full face mechanical precutting

Bologna-Taranto A14 motorway – "Montedomini" tunnel(2014) Ground: clays, c' = 0,3 MPa,  $\phi'$  = 22°, Overburden: 10÷40 m, Behaviour category: C

#### Full face mechanical precutting





#### Full face mechanical precutting



#### Full face mechanical precutting





# Full face sub-horizontal jet-grouting

#### (conservation technique of protection/reinforcement of the core-face)



Longitudinal section

**Section A-A** 

# Full face sub-horizontal jet-grouting

#### Ancona-Bari railway line – "Vasto" tunnel (1991) Ground: silty clays, Overburden: 100 m, Behaviour category: C



MOTORWAY UNDERPASS OF THE CAMPINAS RAILWAY YARD (BRASIL),  $\emptyset$  = 14,9 m Ground: heterogeneous sands, - c = 0,02 MPa,  $\varphi$  = 28° - Overburden: 2 ÷ 4 m

#### MOTORWAY UNDERPASS OF THE CAMPINAS RAILWAY YARD (BRASIL),







Ground: heterogeneous sands - c = 0,02 Mpa  $\phi$  = 28° - Overburden: 2 ÷ 6 m



# Full face sub-horizontal jet-grouting

Bologna-Florence high speed railway line – Firenzuola tunnel Ground: Silts and silty sands with interbedded gravel; Span: 13,90 m



# There is a close connection between the instability by extrusion of the core-face with the collapse of the cavity, although already stabilized



It was found that the failure of the core-face is systematically followed by the collapse of the cavity

# The presence of the tunnel invert cast close to the excavation face becomes crucial if you want to prevent phenomena such as the following:











**Immediate control** of the cavity by means of the invert cast close to the face (conservation technique of confinement of the cavity back from the excavation face)

Bologna to Florence High Speed Railway line – Raticosa tunnel Ground: scaly clays (Chaotic complex), Behaviour category: C
## **CONTROL** of the Deformation Response downstream of the excavation face

## Control by means of the invert cast close to the face

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(conservation technique of confinement of the car back from the excavation face)



## **CONTROL** of core-face Deformation Response according to ADECO-RS



Speaking of TBMs, have we ever asked ourselves the secret to the increasing success of TBMs or mechanization of excavation for most types of grounds encountered when tunnelling? Well, the answer is clearly due to the confinement action ( $\sigma_3$ ) which the machine constantly applies to the core-face during advancement. This action maintains the original tri-axial coaction in the ground mass within finite values, until the cavity can be confined during work by means of pre-lining or prefabricated segment lining.

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## **CONTROL** of the Deformation Response downstream of the excavation face

## Confinement of the core-face by TBM

## (conservation technique of confinement of the core-face)





## (New Bologna-Florence motorway) The "Sparvo" tunnel (2012-2015)



### Geotechnical investigations on Palombini clays (APA)

- Unit weight:
- Granulometric analysis
- Mineralogic analysis
- Permeability (Lugeon)
- $\gamma = 21 \div 24$  kN/m<sup>3</sup> Clayey-sandy silt with gravel Presence of smectite in significant percentage  $10^{-7} \div 10^{-9}$  m/s

 $c_{peak} = 5 + 1.95 z$  [kPa]  $c_{residual} = 1.5 z$  [kPa]  $\phi_{peak} = 15 + 0.07 z$  [°]  $\phi_{residual} = 10 + 0.05 z$  [°]  $E_{peak} = 13 + 6$  [Mpa]  $E_{residual} = 4$  [Mpa]



## The TBM–EPB "Martina", the world's largest EPB TBM



### **Technical caracteristics**

- Excavation diametre: 15.62 m - Machine length: 110.00 m - Shield length: 11.60 m - Total weight: 5,000 t - Installed power: 15,000 KW - Average excavation speed: ~ 10 m/day - Bearing diameter ~ 9 m - Bearing weight ~ 200 t ~1,200,000 m<sup>3</sup> - Excavation volume

# Extrusion of the core-face as a function of the confinement pressure P





New Bologna-Florence motorway – "Sparvo" tunnel (2012-2015) Ground: Palombini clays; Diametre: 15,62 m

New Bologna-Florence motorway – "Sparvo" tunnel (2012-2015) Ground: Palombini clays; Diametre: 15,62 m

## **COMPARISON TABLE**



A great example of application of the ADECO-RS approach and industrialization of the excavations in difficult grounds:

the realization, in difficult stress-strain situations, of the T8 and T8A tunnels for the bypass highway of Sochi (Russia, 2013-2014), recently built for the Winter Olympic Games, respecting the construction times and costs predicted by the detailed design

## BYPASS HIGHWAY OF SOCHI (RUSSIA, 2013-2014)





## T8 and T8A tunnels (ADECO-RS)



## BYPASS HIGHWAY OF SOCHI (RUSSIA, 2013-2014) Tunnel length



## T8 and T8A tunnels (ADECO-RS)



## **Control of Deformation Response**

### To stabilize the excavation face in difficult stress-strain conditions



## Geometrical characteristics of the tunnels in comparison



## T8 and T8A tunnels (ADECO-RS typical sections)



## T8 and T8A tunnels (ADECO-RS typical sections)



## T8 and T8A tunnels (ADECO-RS)

#### FACE ADVANCE OF TUNNELS T8 AND T8A



### Cubic metres monthly excavated for each excavation face

### NATM versus ADECO-RS



# Average production of completed tunnel (Montly metres for each excavation face

### NATM versus ADECO-RS



## Time (days) between breakthrough and final lining installation

### **NATM versus ADECO-RS**



## COSTS

## NATM versus ADECO-RS



\*Source: TRANSTROYTUNNELS, Moscow

The experience gained in Sochi shows that the NATM was generally more expensive than ADECO-RS because of the higher cost of workforce and machinery (NATM employs a number of workers on average 1.5 times higher than ADECO-RS and a large number of small machines against to a few, large and powerful machines used by ADECO-RS.

If you add to this the time saved for tunnel completion (30 to 40% shorter than NATM), and the high industrialization of the tunnel construction guaranteed, ADECO-RS appears without doubt more advantageous also with reference to the costs.









## **ADVANTAGES OF ADECO-RS APPROACH**

- -Tunnel is designed as a 3D problem
- Design stage and construction stage are clearly separated
- Few workers at the face
- Pleasant working environment at the face
- Safety during construction
- Industrial production
- Respect of expected construction costs and times



A great example of industrialization of the excavations in difficult grounds for nature and stress fields at stake, in one of the most important yards in the world, active from 1996 to 2005 on 104 km of tunnels for the new high speed railway line Milan-Rome-Naples:





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#### HIG SPEED RAILWAY SYSTEM MILAN TO NAPLES RAILWAY LINE \* BOLOGNA TO FLORENCE SECTION



#### SOME CHARACTERISTIC DATA

#### <u>Lengths</u>

Length of the Apennines crossing (from Pianoro to Vaglia):			
Total length of the junctions at Bologna and Florence:		12 Km	
	Total route:	90 Km	
Length of the route underground (from Pianoro to Vaglia):		73 Km	
Length of the underground part of the junctions at Bologna and Florence			
Total length of access tunnels:		9,2 Km	
_ength of service tunnels:			
Total length	n to be tunnelled:	104,3 Km	
Tunnel cross-sections			
Running tunnel average cross-section:		141 m²	
Access tunnel average cross-section:			
"Ginori" service tunnel cross-section (to be bored using a shield):			
Total volume of excavation: 13.397.500 m <sup>3</sup>		DOCK	



#### MINED TUNNEL SECTION TYPE



## Survey phase



FORMATION	LENGTH [m]	OVERBURDEN [m]	Cohesion [Mpa] Angle of friction [°]	Modulus of elasticity [Gpa]
Schlier Marls (EmS)	2012	0 -120 (Pianoro Tunnel)	c = 0.25-0.3 φ = 28 - 30	E = 2.9 - 3.4
Pliocene Intrappenninico Superiore (EpS)	11445	0 - 245 (Sadurano Tunnel)	c = 0.5-0.7 φ = 28 - 30	E = 3.0 - 6.0
Bismantova Marls (EmB)	7055	0 -140 (Monte Bibele Tunnel)	c = 0.8-1.35 φ = 29 - 33	E = 4.0 - 6.0
Flysch di Monghidoro (LaM)	9115	0 - 290 (Monte Bibele Tunnel)	c = 0.12-0.5 φ = 23 - 35	E = 3.0 - 8.5
Chaotic Complex (LC)	11187	0 - 520 (Raticosa Tunnel)	c = 0.03-0.7 φ = 10 - 25	E = 0.1 - 1.8
Marly-Sandstone Formation (RMA)	39961	0 - 550 (Firenzuola Tunnel)	c = 2.0-2.2 φ = 24 - 38	E = 15 - 20
Clays of Mugello Basin (aBM)	7404	0 - 80 (Firenzuola Tunnel)	c' <sub>p</sub> = 0.03 φ' <sub>p</sub> = 26 - 28	E = 0.01 - 0.3
Monte Morello Formation (ScM) limestones clays and marls	13861	25 - 560 (Vaglia Tunnel)	c = 1.0-1.4 φ = 42 - 45	E = 7 - 15
			c = 0.18-0.24 φ = 28 - 33	E = 2 - 8
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## **Diagnosis** phase



CATEGORY "B" BEHAVIOUR CORE-FACE STABLE IN THE SHORT TERM

STABLE CORE-FACE

**UNSTABLE CORE-FACE**
## Therapy phase







PRECONFINEMENT ACTION



The main principles on which the design of the tunnel section types was based were as follows:

- 1. full face tunnel advance always, expecially under difficult stress-strain conditions, maintaining a strong concavity of the face;
- 2. application where necessary of preconfinement and/or confinement measures able to anticipate and neutralise all movement of the ground at the outset or to absorb a significant proportion of the deformation without collapsing;
- 3. casting of the tunnel invert immediately behind the face, where necessary to halt deformation phenomena promptly



















## DISTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENCES IN SECTION TYPES BETWEEN THE FINAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AND THE TUNNEL AS BUILT

HIGH SPEED/CAPACITY TRAIN - Milan to Naples Line - SECTION TYPES DISTRIBUTION																													
		FINAL DESIGN													AS BUILT														
TUNNEL	Length	SECTION TYPES DISTRIBUTION [m]													Length	Tunnelle	d length	SECTION TYPES DISTRIBUTION [m]											
	[m]	Α	В0	B0V	B1	B2	В3	В4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C4V	C5	[m]	[%]	[m]	A	В0	B0V	B2	B2pr	B2V	C1	C2	C4	C4V	C6	
Pianoro	10293,4		951,8			3886,4	3036		62,0	948,8	1083	310		15,5	10710	100,0	10710,0		8167,0		682,5		63,0	3,5			1794,3		
Sadurano	3778,0	64,0	2580,8			875,0			68,0	190,3					3767,0	100,0	3767,0	2213,1	1408,0		85	53			8				
M. Bibele	9118,5	978,2	1094,6		4529,1	1212,2			76,0	1112,8		115,6			9101,0	100,0	9101,1	2935,5	2015,7		3965,8		97,9	41	45				
Raticosa	10381,0	3043,0			972,2	758,4			40,0	786,7		4465,1		315,67	10367,0	100,0	10367,2	3680,0	786,0		857		25	85		1468	673,4	2792,6	
Scheggianico	3530,6	2089,9			1404,7					36,0					3535,0	100,0	3535,0	3517,0	18,0										
Firenzuola	14311,5	3528,7			5950,4	716	412,2		227,5	511,9	2226,8	738,1			15211,0	100,0	15211,0	6833,1	3556,3		3081,8		263,5	577,1	9		125,83	43,46	
B. Rinzelli	455,0								160		295				528,5	100,0	528,5					303,5			225,1				
Morticine	273,7								80	193,7					565,5	100,0	565,5					537,0			28,5				
Vaglia	16757,0	2017,2	3104,3	1129,8	5629,0			1151,2	692	708,5			2325,2		16757,0	100,0	16757,7	5287,60	9299,50	96,60	1547,0		296,70	128,25	101,4				
TOTAL LENGTH [m]	68898,6	11721,0	7731,5	1129,8	18485,2	7447,9	3448,2	1151,2	1405,4	4488,6	3604,8	5628,8	2325,2	331,2	70542,3	100,0	70542,4	24466,2	25250,5	96,6	10219,1	893,5	746,1	834,8	417,0	1468,0	2593,5	2836,1	
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		A	B0	B0V	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C4V	C5				A	B0	B0V	B2	B2pr	B2V	C1	C2	C4	C4V	C6	
SECTION T DISTRIBUT	YPES ION [%]	17,0	11,2	1,6	26,8	10,8	5,0	1,7	2,0	6,5	5,2	8,2	3,4	0,5				34,7	35,7	0,1	14,5	1,3	1,1	1,2	0,6	2,1	3,7	4,0	

Final design specifications:

#### **Tunnels as built:**

Section types: 
$$\begin{cases} A = 17 \% \\ B = 57 \% \\ C = 26 \% \end{cases}$$
 Section types: 
$$\begin{cases} A = 34.7 \% \\ B = 53.7 \% \\ C = 11.6 \% \end{cases}$$



#### Please note that only one survey per kilometre was available

### **INDUSTRIAL-LIKE PRODUCTIONS**



#### MEASURING STATIONS









CONVERGENCE





Ground: limestones, marls and sandstones (Monte Morello Format.); Overburden: 600 m, Behaviour cathegory: A-B)



**Pianoro tunnel** 

Ground: silty marls (Marne di Schlier Formation); Overburden: 80 m, Behaviour cathegory: A)



Monte Bibele tunnel

Ground: marls (Bismantova Formation); Overburden: 40 m, Behaviour cathegory: A-B



Firenzuola tunnel Ground: marls and sandstones (Marnoso-Arenacea Formation); Overburden: 500 m, Behaviour category: A-B



## **Pianoro tunnel**

Ground: slightly cemented sandstones arenarie (Pliocene Intrappenninico Superiore); Overburden: 150 m, Behaviour category: B-C



Monte Bibele tunnel

Ground: flysch (Monghidoro Flysch); Overburden: 200 m, Behaviuor category: B-C



Raticosa tunnel Ground: scaly clays (Complesso Caotico), Overburden: 550 m, Behaviour cathegory: C



Firenzuola tunnel

Ground: silts and silty sands with intercalated pebbly (Bacino del Mugello Formation); Overburden: 40 m, Behaviour category: C



Vaglia tunnel Ground: Bacino del Mugello clays; Overburden: 15 m, Behaviour category: C



In tunnel construction entrances often presents situations that are very delicate. Even in this case the preconfinement of the core-face allows to begin the tunnel safely and without defacing the slope with disproportionate incisions

# CONCLUSIONS



NATM and derived methods



ADECO-RS





Today, the industrialization of the excavations both by mechanized and conventional systems is a reality and underground works are finally real engineering works due to the respect of times and costs



("Tunnels should be driven full face whenever possible, although (today) this cannot always be done....") (Rabcewicz, 1964)



"The strategy for a project needs therefore to be fashioned in considerable detail before major resources are committed") (Muir Wood, 2002),

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