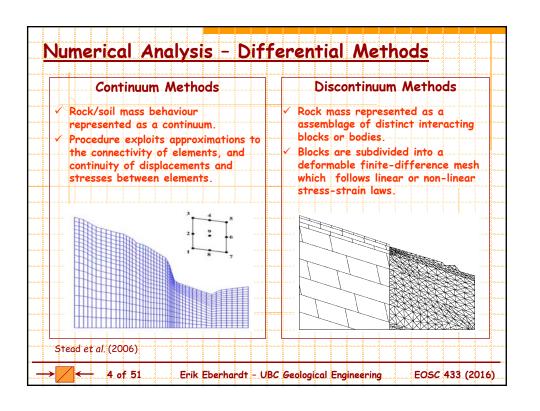
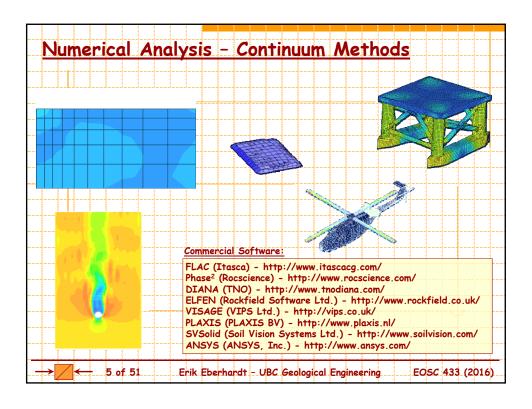
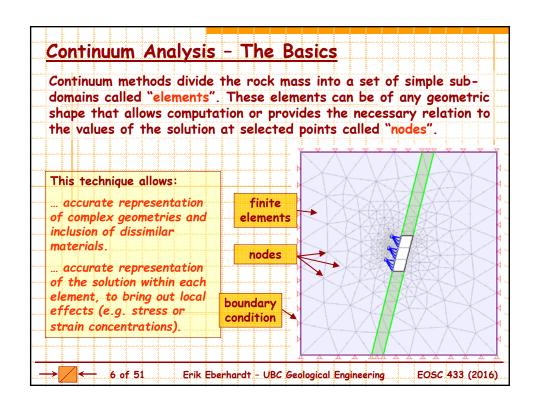


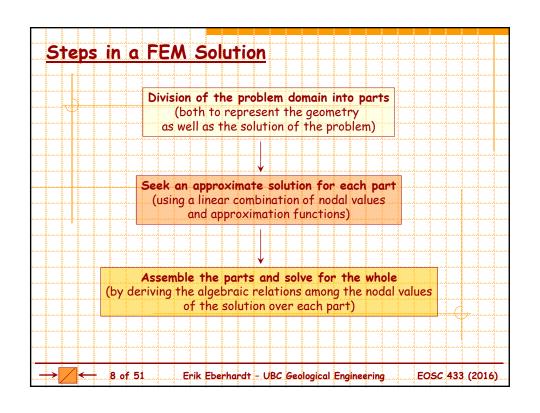
Numerical Analysis - Differential Methods Differential methods are more difficult and time consuming than boundary analyses (BEM), both in terms of model preparation and solution run times. As such, they require special expertise if they are to be carried out successfully. ... finite-difference method continuum .. finite-element method ... discrete-element method discontinuum ... distinct-element method New Considerations (relative to BEM): · Division of problem domain (i.e. meshing efficiency & element types). Selection of appropriate constitutive models (i.e. stress-strain response of elements to applied forces). Determination of material properties for selected constitutive models (generally derived from lab testing with scaling to field conditions). Limiting boundary conditions and special loading conditions. ← 3 of 51 Erik Eberhardt – UBC Geological Engineering EOSC 433 (2016)

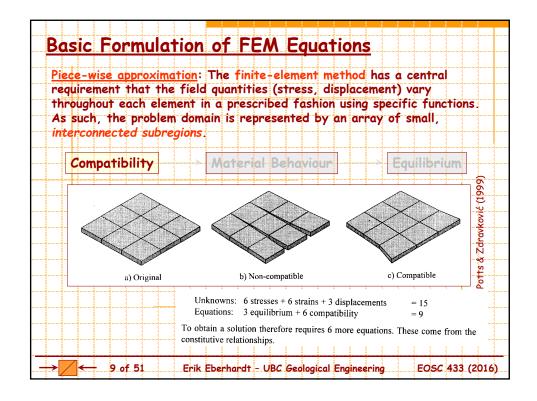


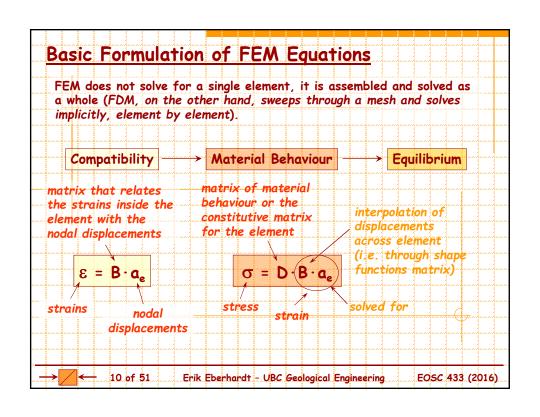


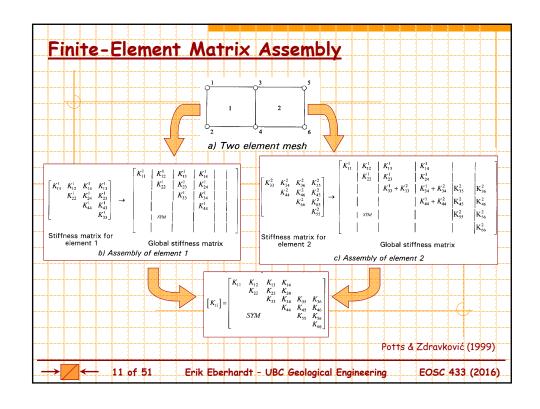


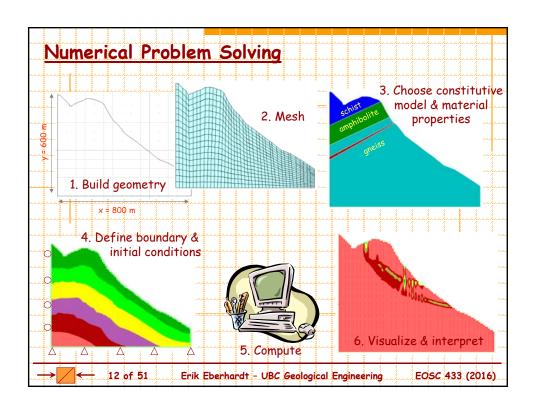
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Finite-Difference	Finite-Element
method is an approximation to the differential equation	- method is an approximation to the solution of the differential equation
solves a problem on a set of points that form a grid easier to implement, but	- solves a problem on the interiors of the grid cells (elements) and for the grid points
approximation between grid points can be problematic	can more easily handle complex geometries
FLAC – <u>F</u> ast <u>L</u> agrangian <u>A</u> nalysis of	
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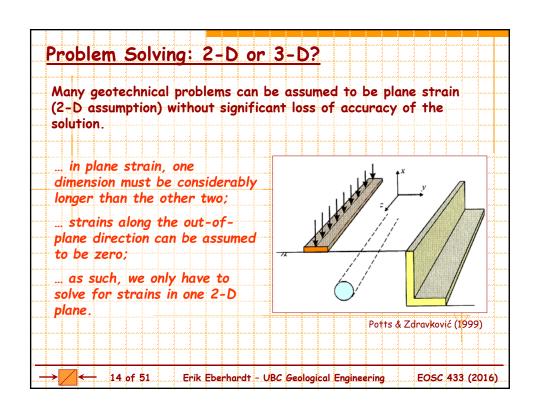


Analysis in Geotechnical Design Geotechnical analyses involve complex systems! Often, field data required for model input (e.g. in situ stresses, material properties, geological structure, etc.) are not available or can never be known completely/exactly. This creates <u>uncertainty</u>, preventing the models from being used to provide design data (e.g. expected displacements). Such models, however, may prove useful in providing a picture of the mechanisms acting in a particular system. In this role, the model may be used to aid intuition/judgement providing a series of cause-and-effect examples. complicated geology simple geology Situation inaccessible \$\$\$ spent on site no testing budget investigation Data complete (?) none predictive investigation of Approach failure mechanism(s) (design use)

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Problem Solving: Meshing

The intention of grid generation is to fit the model grid to the physical domain under study. When deciding on the geometric extent of the grid and the number of elements to specify, the following two aspects must be considered:

- 1. How will the location of the grid boundaries influence model results?
- 2. What density of zoning is required for an accurate solution in the region of interest?

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Do's and Don'ts

- The density of elements should be highest in regions of high stress or strain gradients.
- The greatest accuracy is achieved when the element's aspect ratio is near unity; anything above 10:1 is potentially inaccurate (5:1 for FDM).
- The ratio between adjacent elements should not exceed 4:1 (using a smooth transition to zone from fine to coarse mesh).

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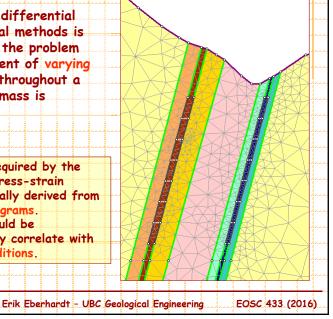
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<u>Material Properties</u>

A key advantage of differential methods over integral methods is that by discretizing the problem domain, the assignment of varying material properties throughout a heterogeneous rock mass is permitted.

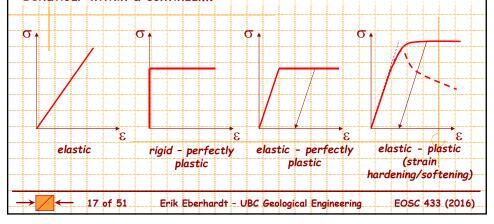
Material properties required by the chosen constitutive stress-strain relationship are generally derived from laboratory testing programs. Laboratory values should be extrapolated to closely correlate with the actual in situ conditions.

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During deformation, solid materials undergoes irreversible strains relating to slips at grain/crack boundaries and the opening/closing of pore space/cracks through particle movements. Constitutive relations act to describe, in terms of phenomenological laws, the stress-strain behaviour of these particles in terms of a collective behaviour within a continuum.



Constitutive Models

"Most fundamental ideas of science are essentially simple and may, as a rule, be expressed in a language comprehensible to everyone".

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the more complex the constitutive model, the more the number of input parameters it requires and the harder it gets to determine these parameters without extensive, high quality (and of course, expensive) laboratory testing;

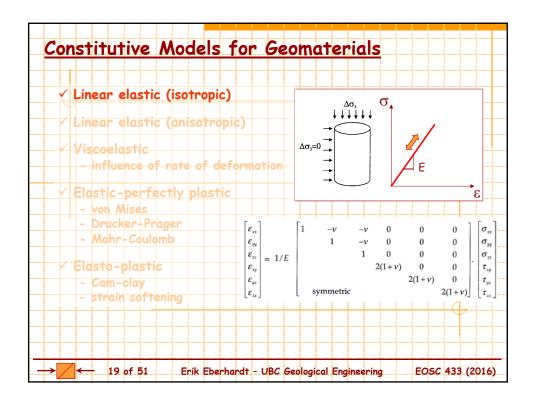
as such, one should always begin by using the simplest model that can represent the key behaviour of the problem, and increase the complexity as required.

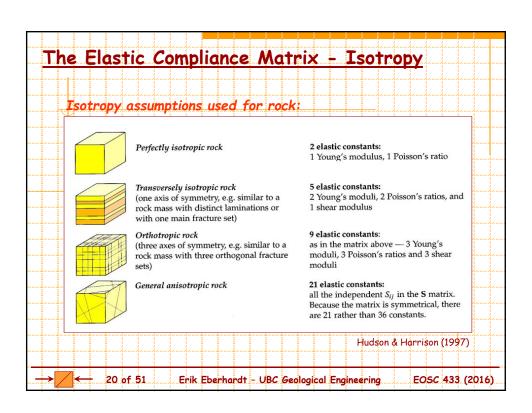
"Everything should be made as simple as possible...

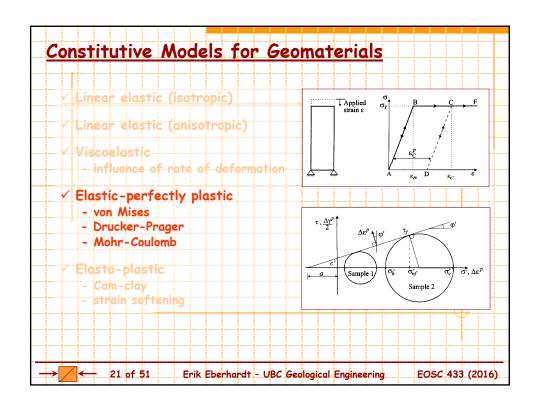
<u>but not simpler</u>".

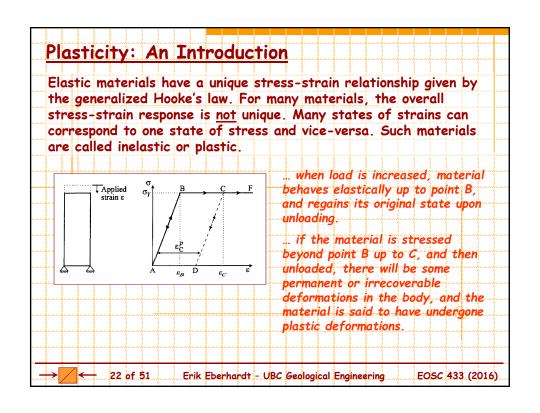
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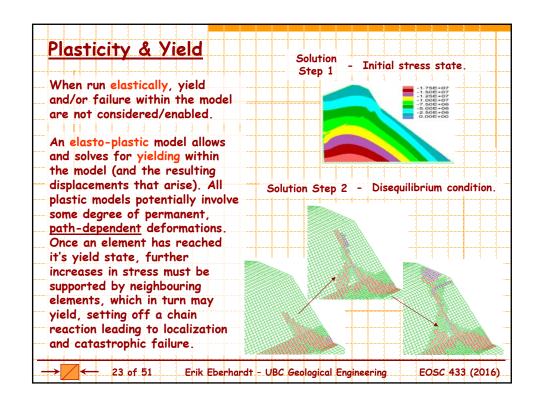
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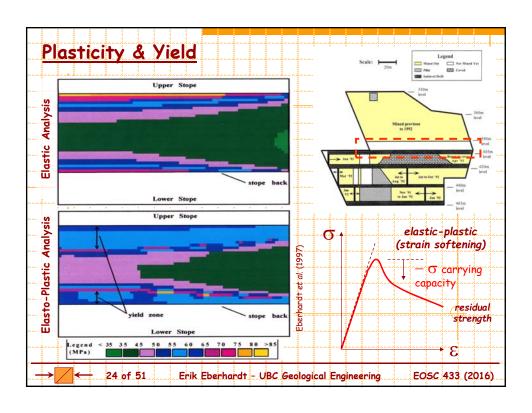


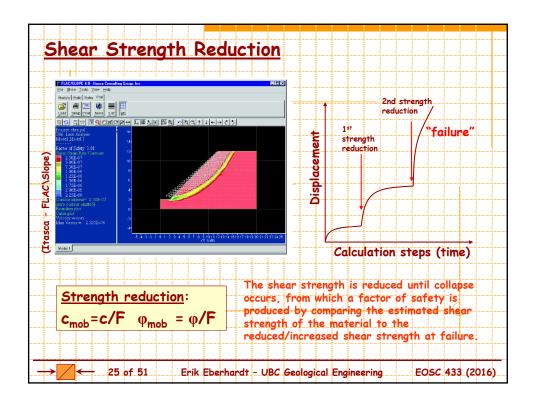


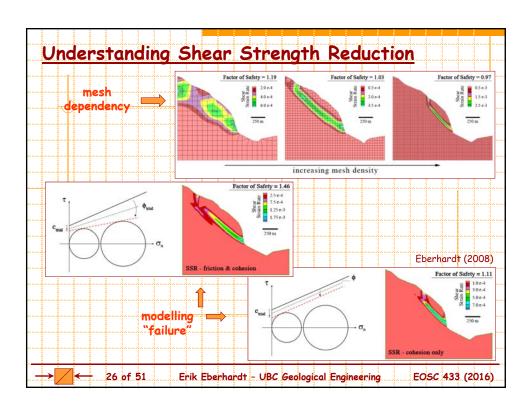


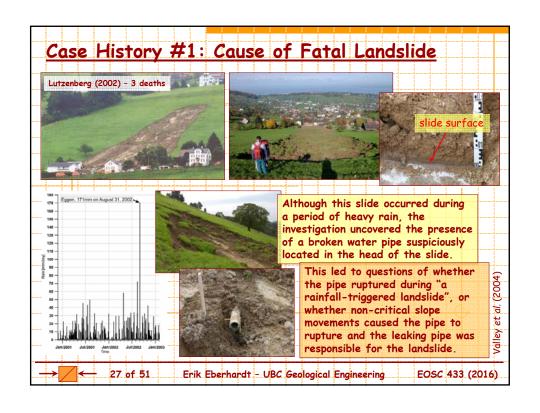


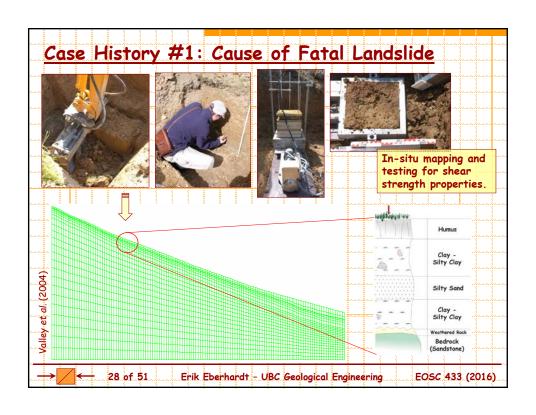


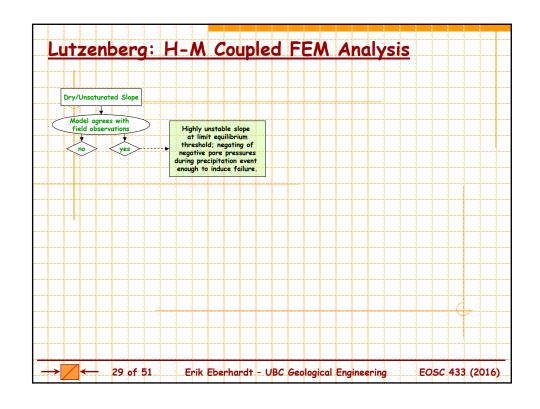


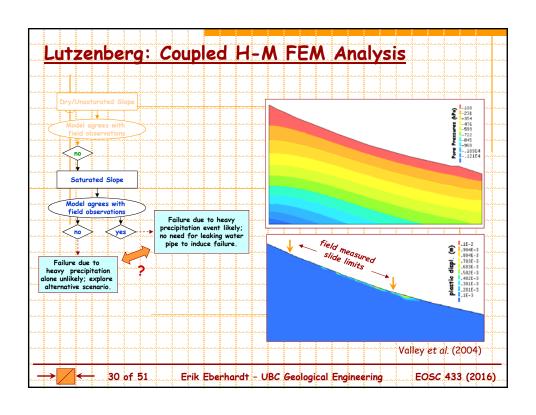


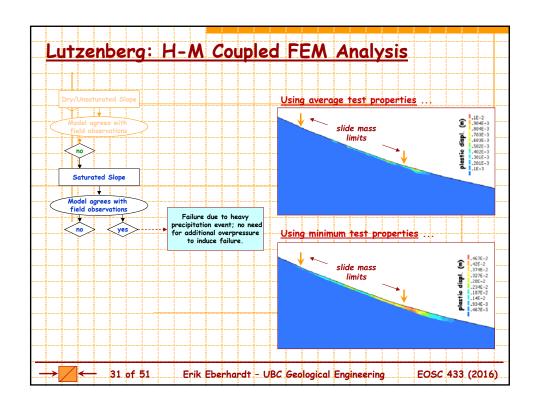


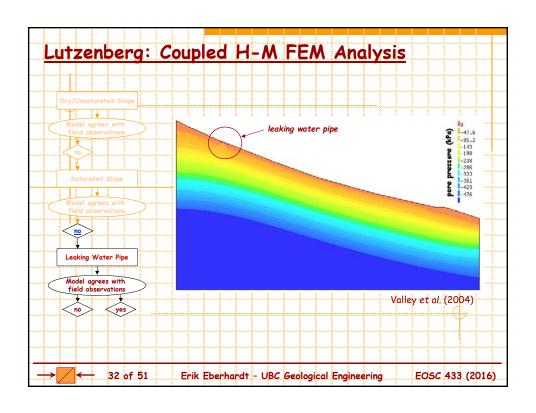


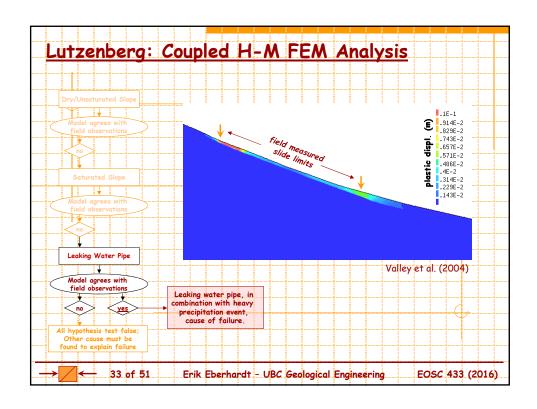


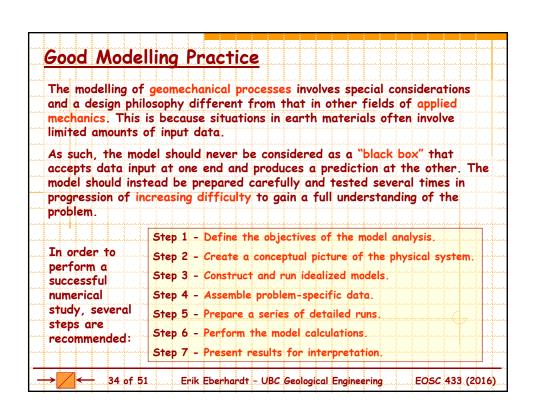


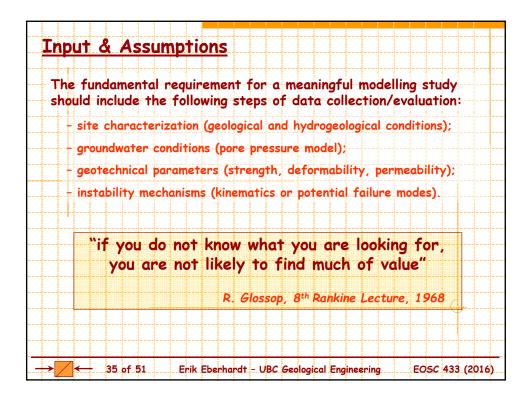


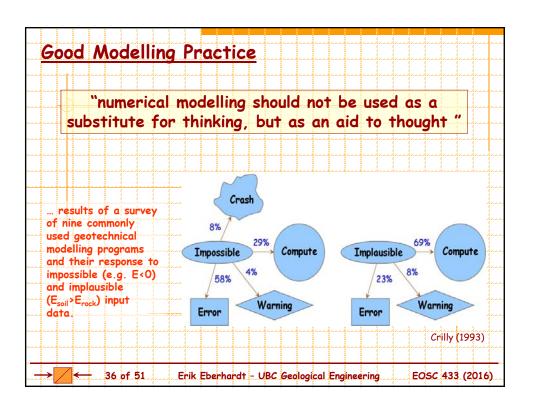


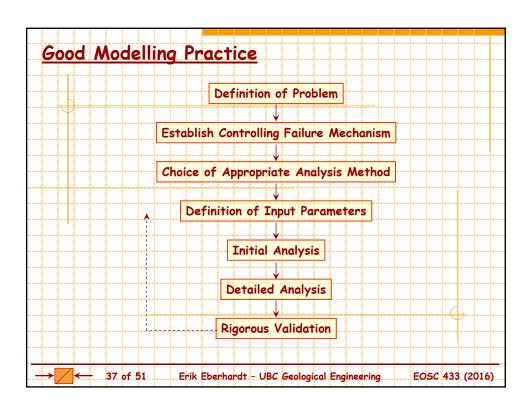


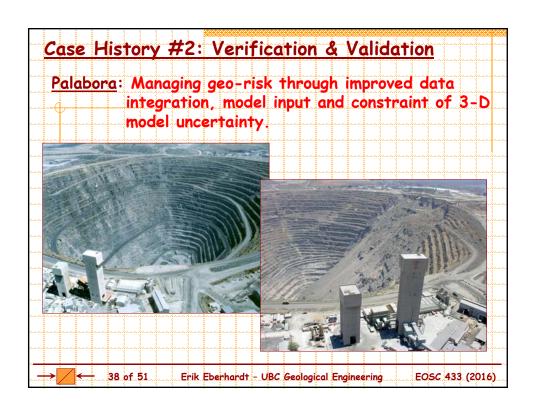


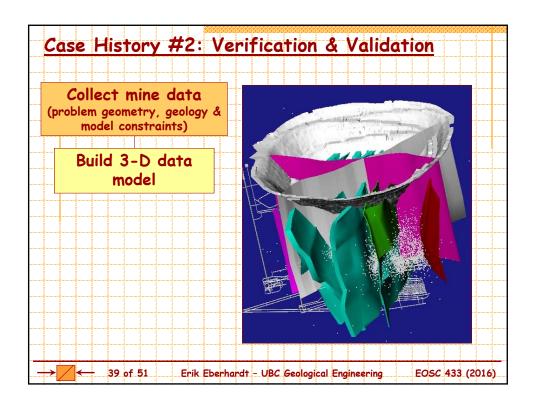


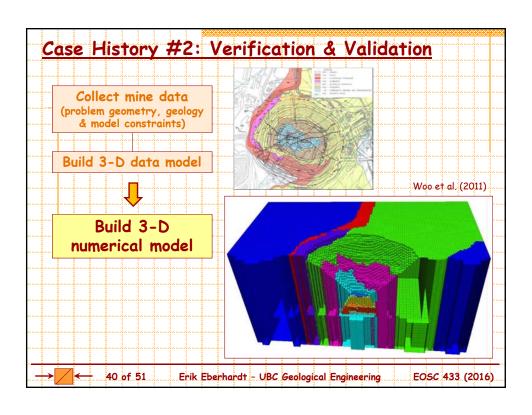


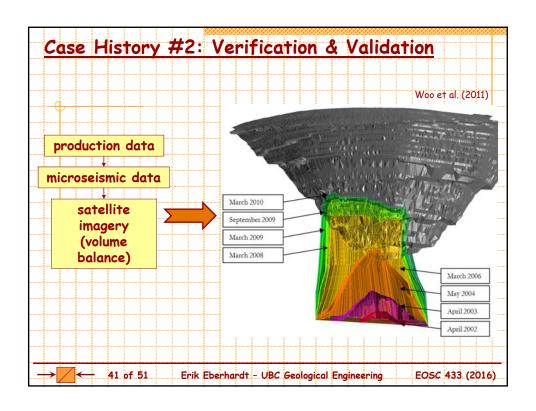


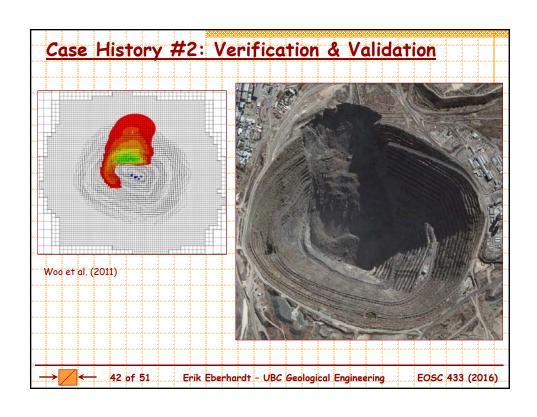


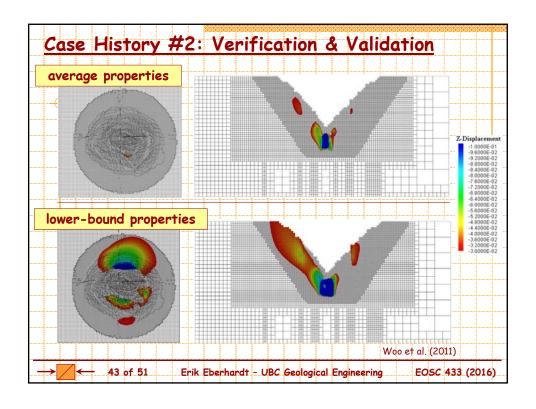


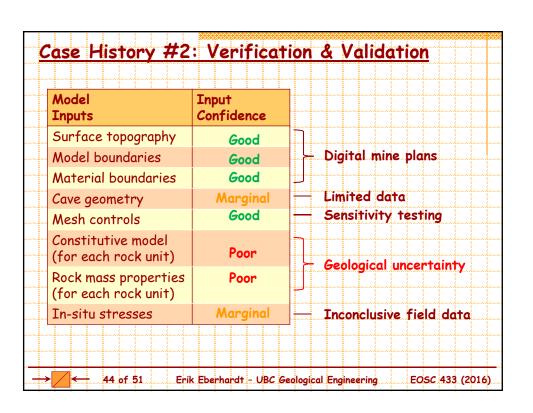


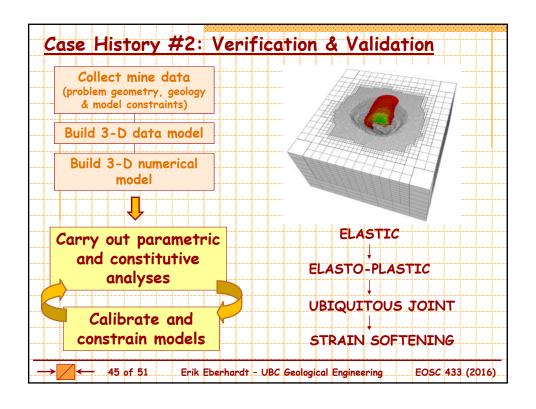


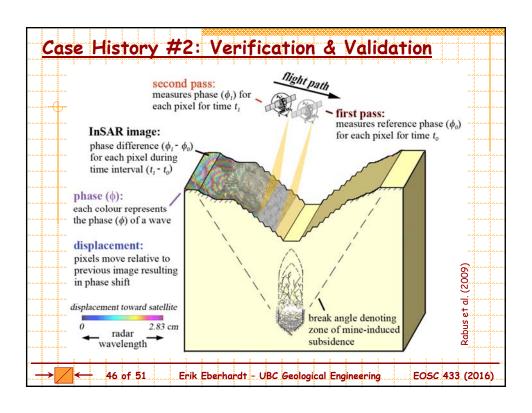


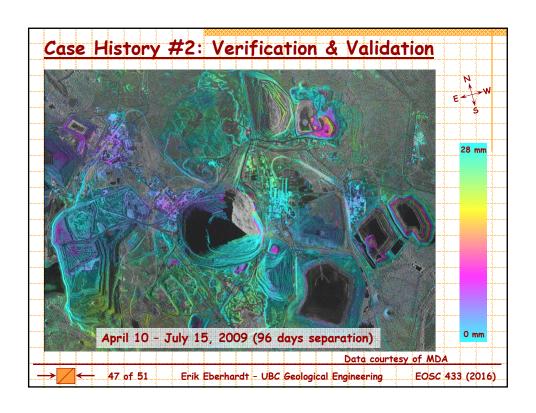


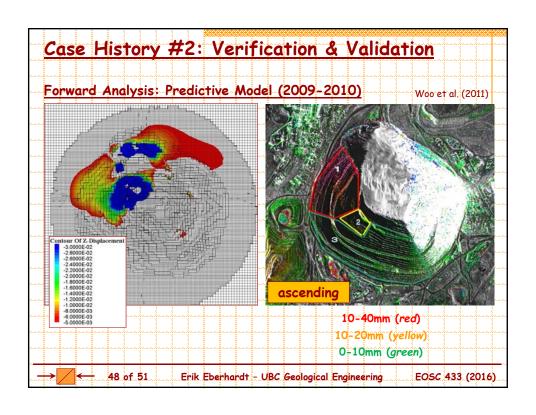


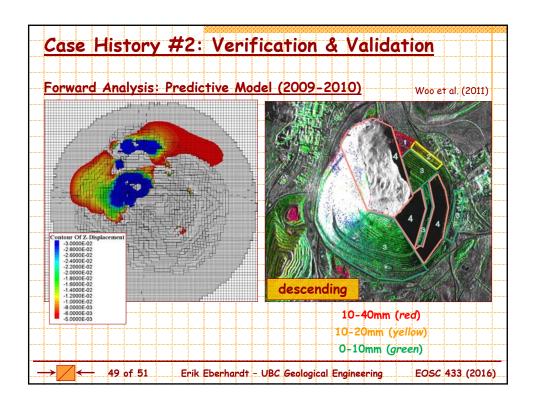


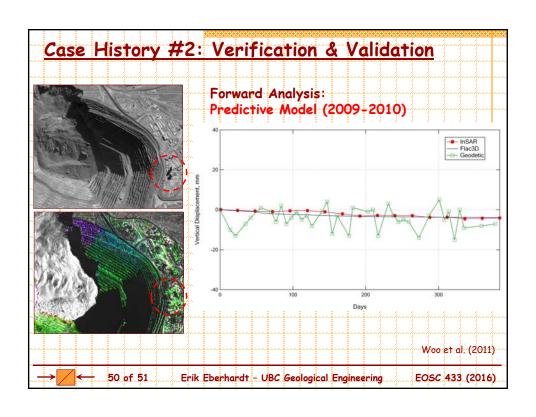












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