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above and below ground

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# UTILITY TUNNELS



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a historical depiction

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# Climate Change

## International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report 2007

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- And this means the HUMAN SPECIES !!**

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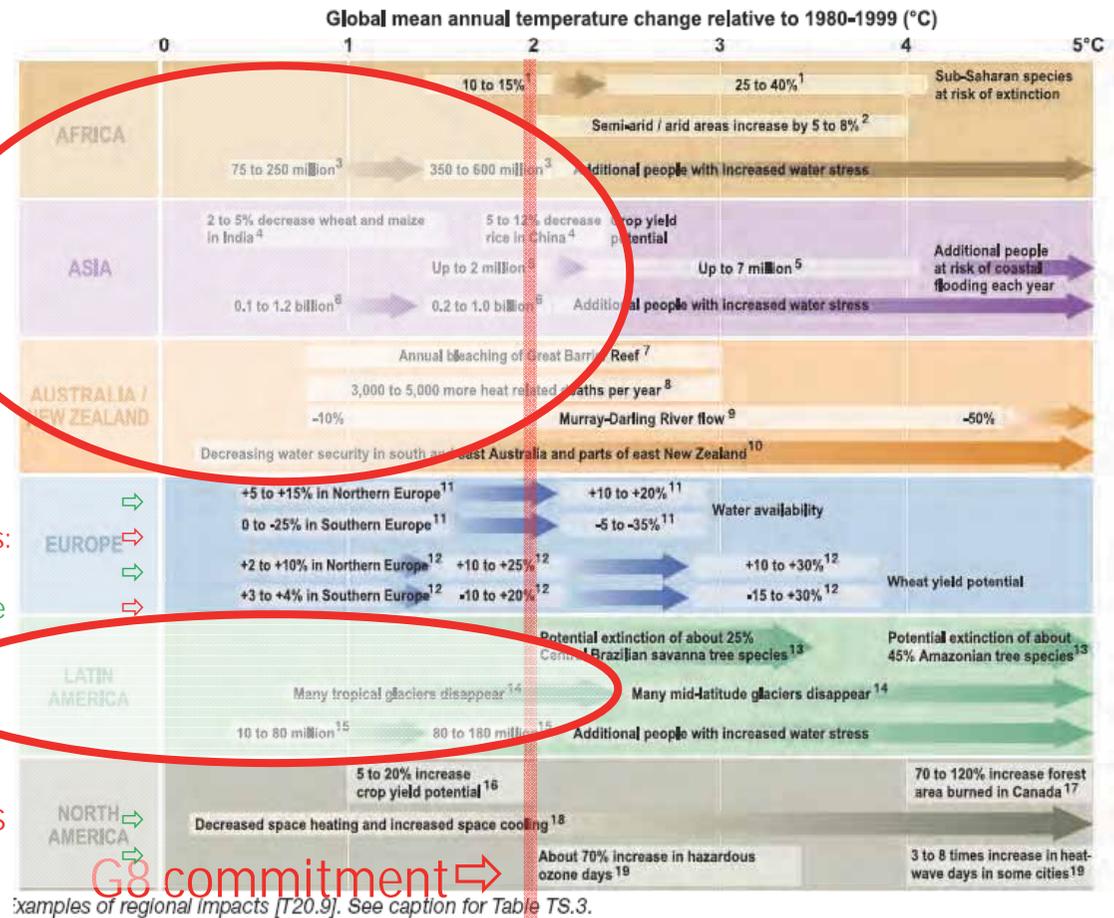
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Effects and Politics:

Plus for the HAVES

Minus for the HAVENOTS

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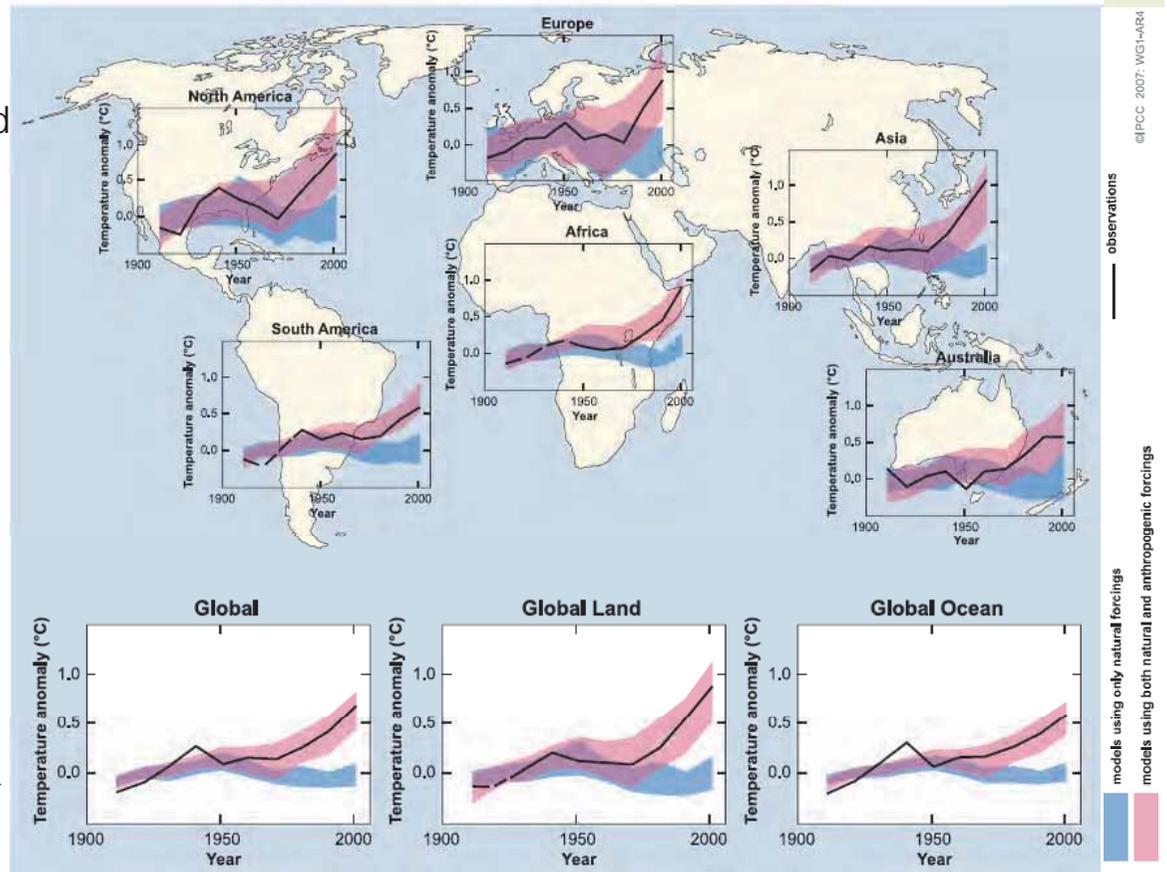
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### GLOBAL AND CONTINENTAL TEMPERATURE CHANGE



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## PERSPECTIVES IN A CHANGING WORLD

### Where are we going? Changing Problems = Changing Tasks



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# The Squandering of Our Inheritance

## Energy Use of the World

- climate relevant energy sources:

91.2% (81.4%)

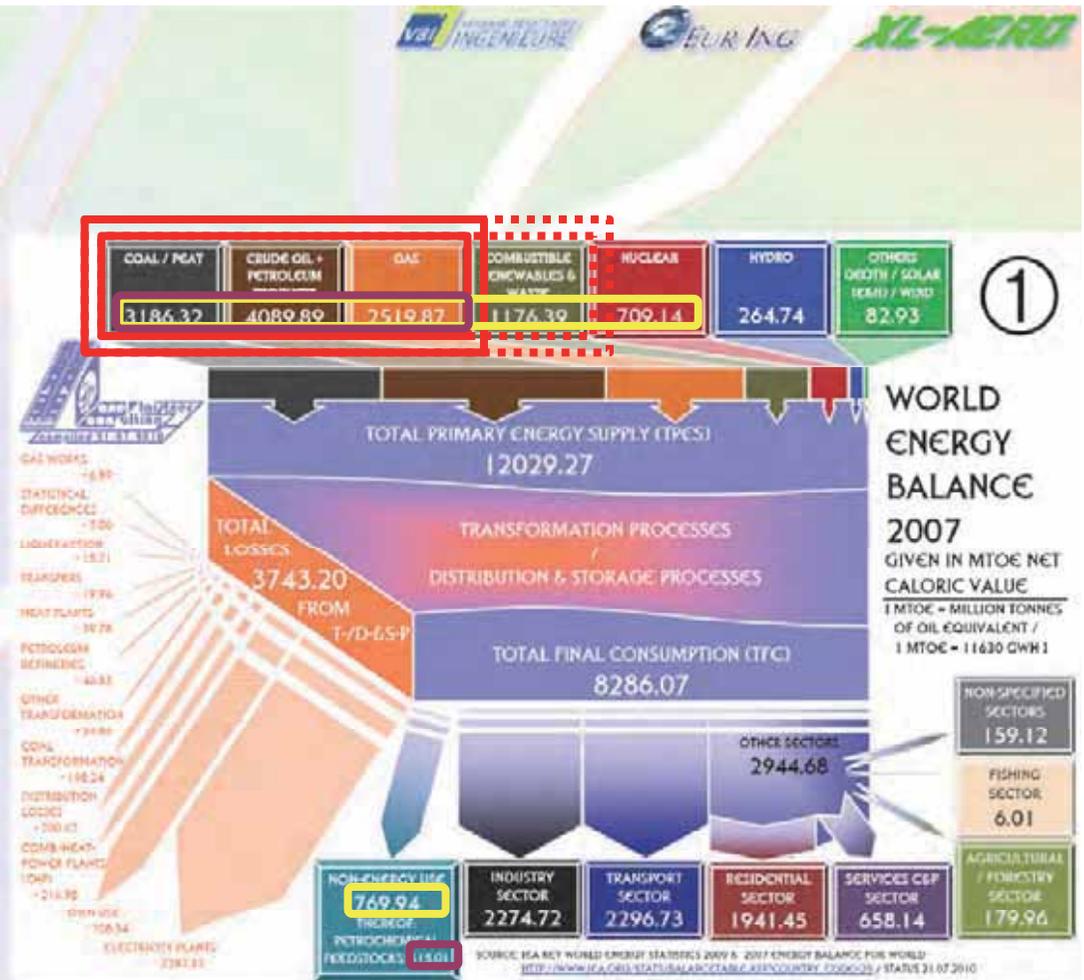
- loss by energy use of raw-material resources each year:

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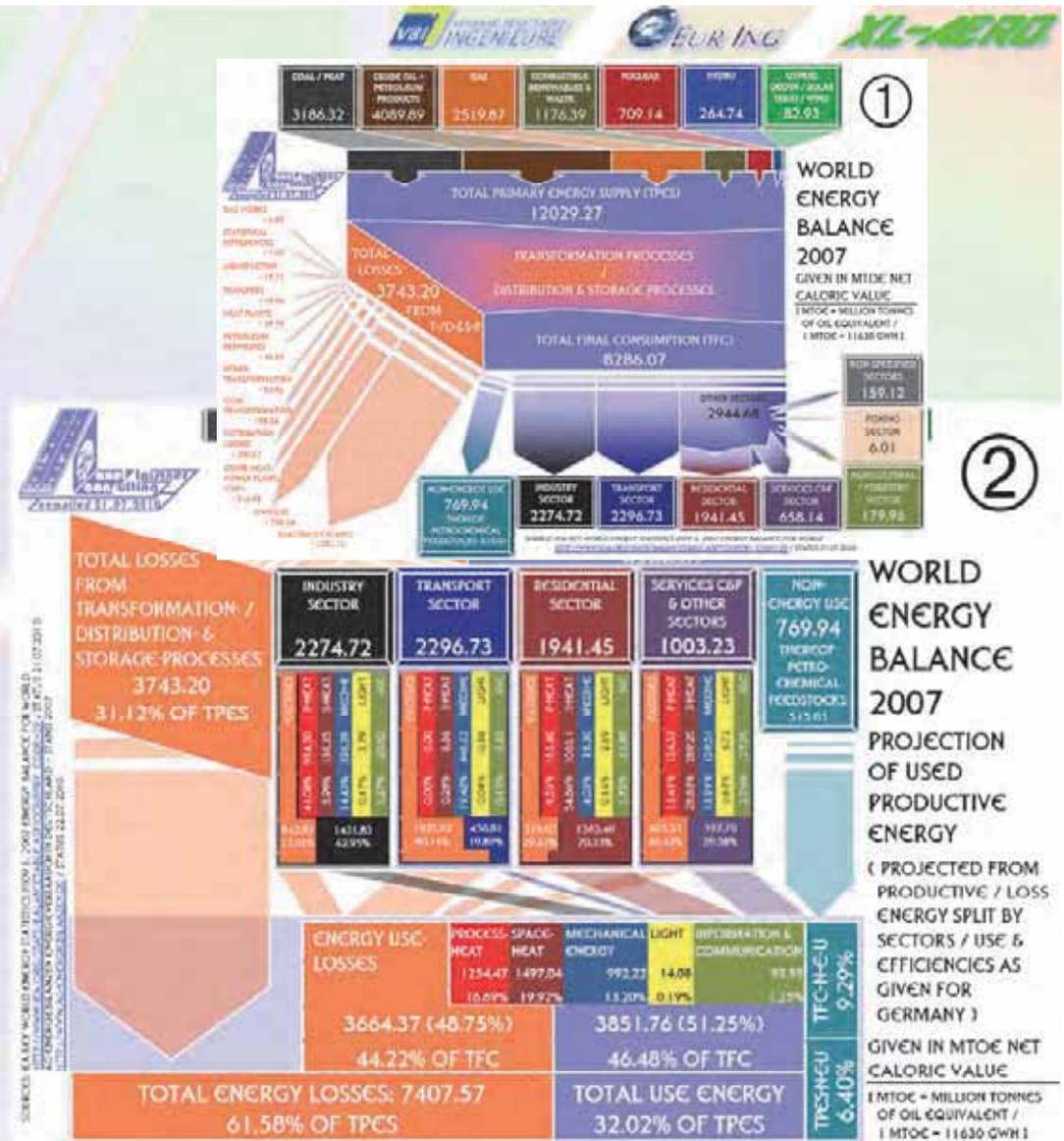


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- **total world energy system losses: estimated 62%**

Source: see diagram



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# Utility Tunnels – the 2012 Status

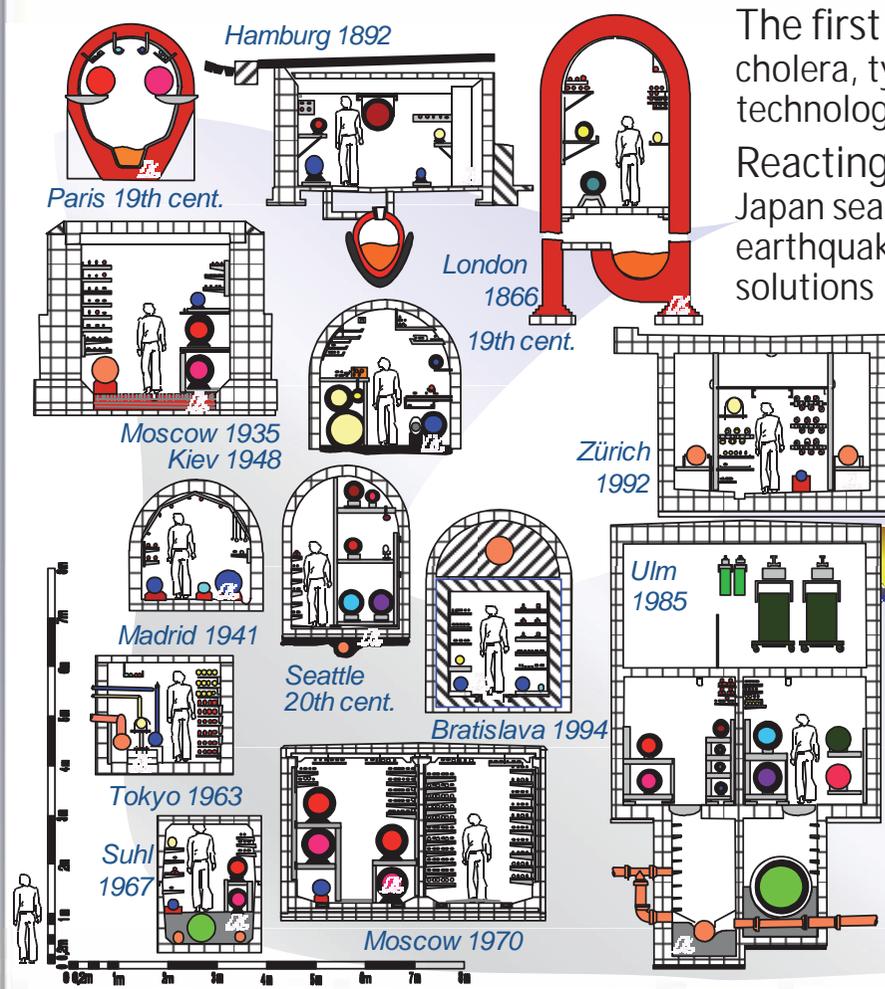


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# utility tunnels built – since 1866



The first Mega-Cities reacting to social crisis  
cholera, typhoid and the beginning of modern sanitation  
technology

Reacting to nature  
Japan searches for  
earthquake proof  
solutions

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System & Engineering  
Developments  
1990 to 2004



Collective  
technology  
in collective  
societies  
the East goes  
precast with  
varied success,  
the West goes to  
universities and overboard  
in complexity?



Speyer 2004  
vaulted fiber  
reinforced  
concrete



Lauchheim  
1995  
PEHD



Fahrland 1994  
corrugated steel  
(zinc galvanized)  
Wachau 1993



keeping inner cities alive through redevelopment

Developing Technologies  
seizing creative oportunities in difficult times



WHAT IS A UTILITY TUNNEL ?  
many cities – many situations – many ideas

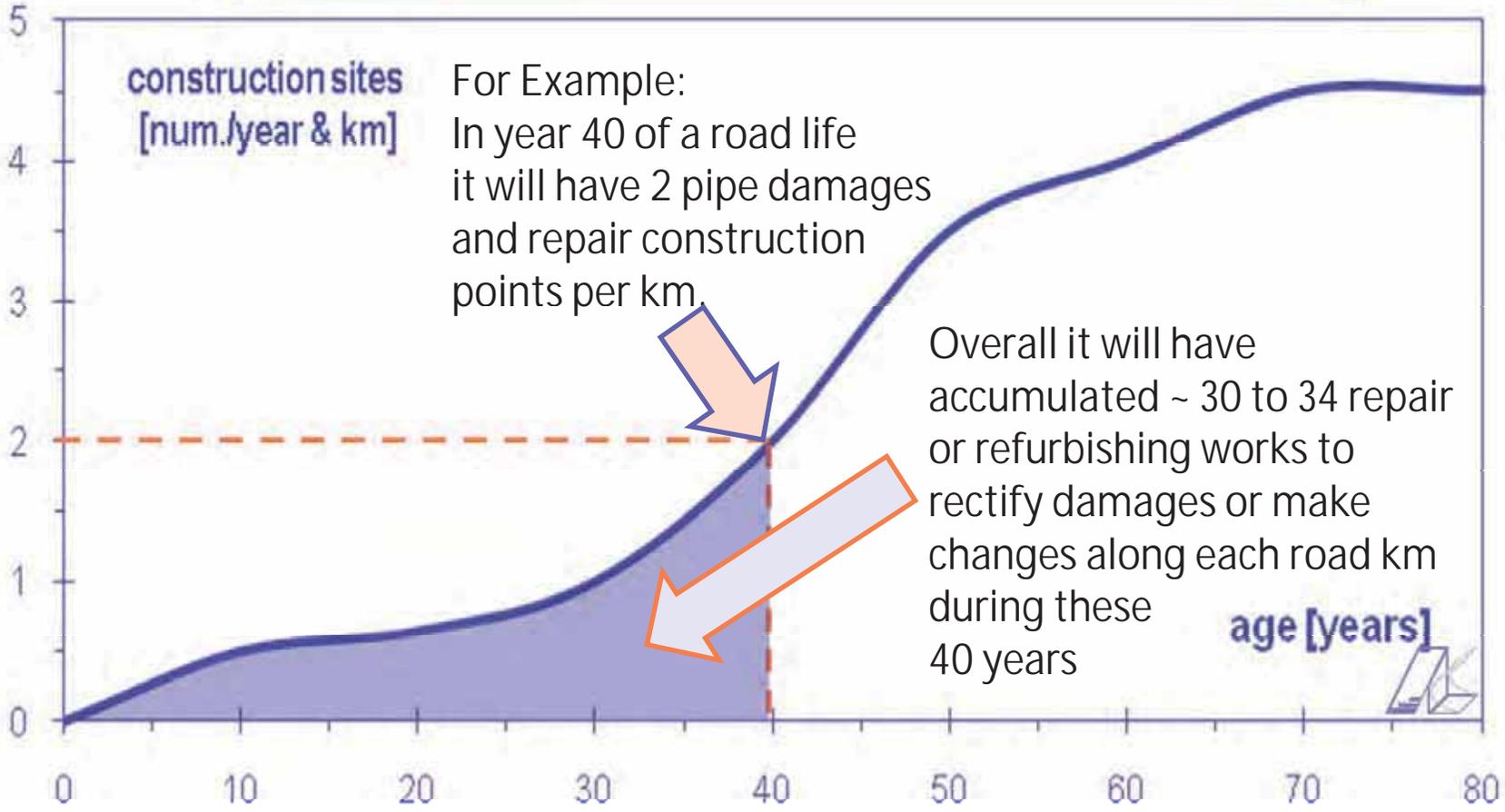
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## Utility Tunnels – for how much ?



## line damages along utility systems under urban streets



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# line damages along utility systems under urban streets

## 1 Intersection 20m x 20m – 1970 to 2012



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# THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS understanding the performance of buried lines



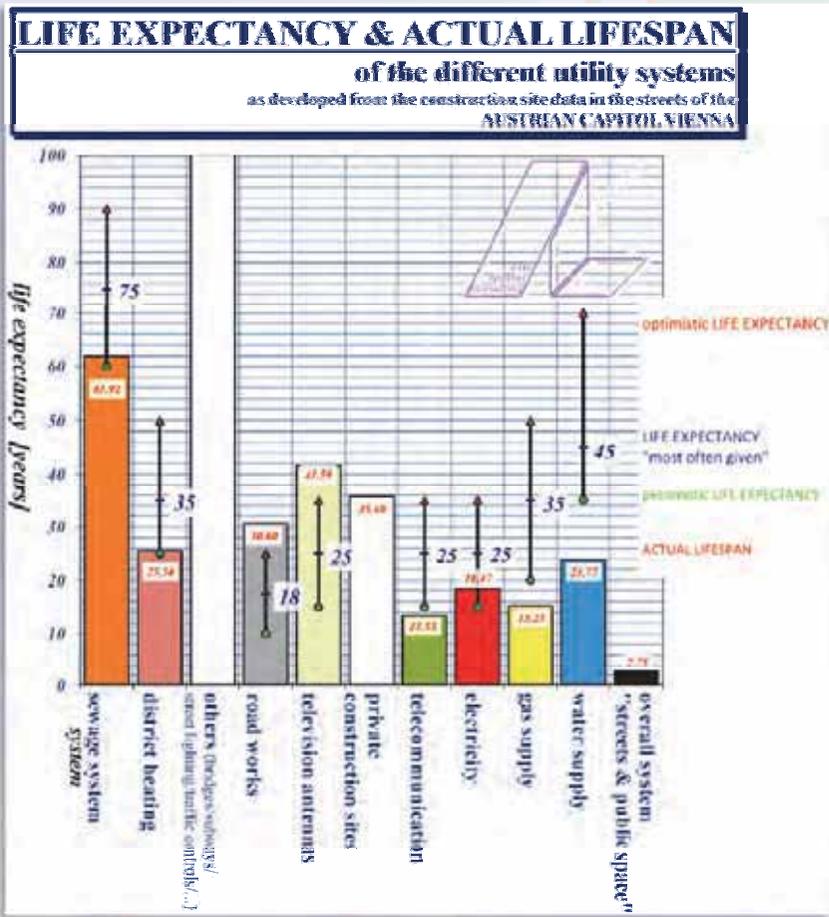
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# Developing Concepts for Humane Cities

# Understanding our current systems performance



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# THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS

## myths and realities of the lifetime of utility pipes



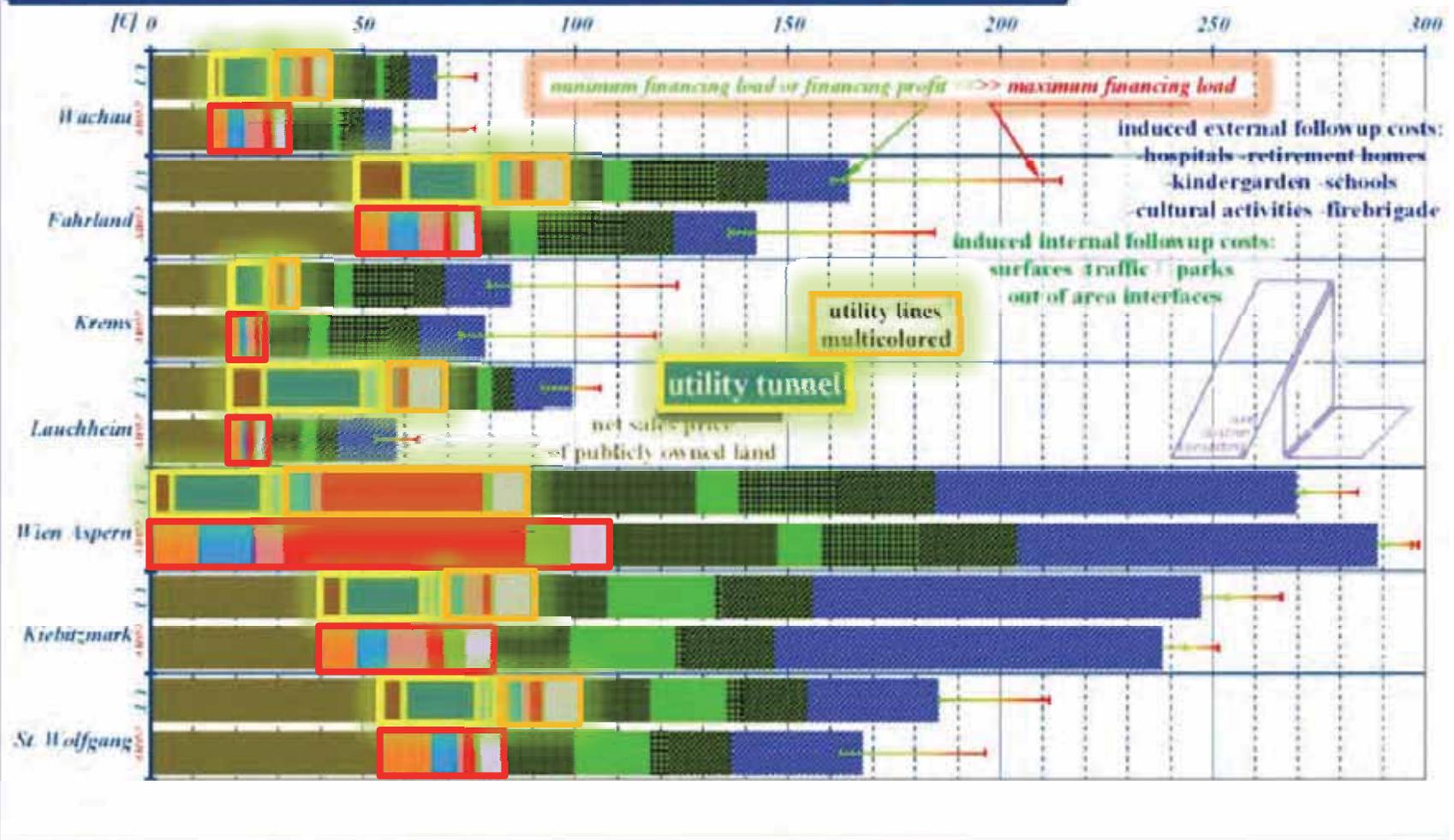
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# total development investment cost comparison

utility tunnel vs. conventional utility construction in [€/m<sup>2</sup>] per marketable m<sup>2</sup> publicly owned

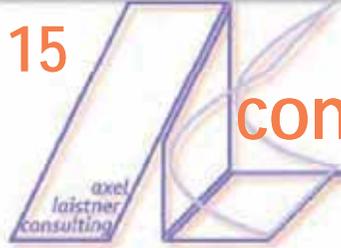


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## THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS

### comparing UD-CAPEX: utility tunnel – conventional



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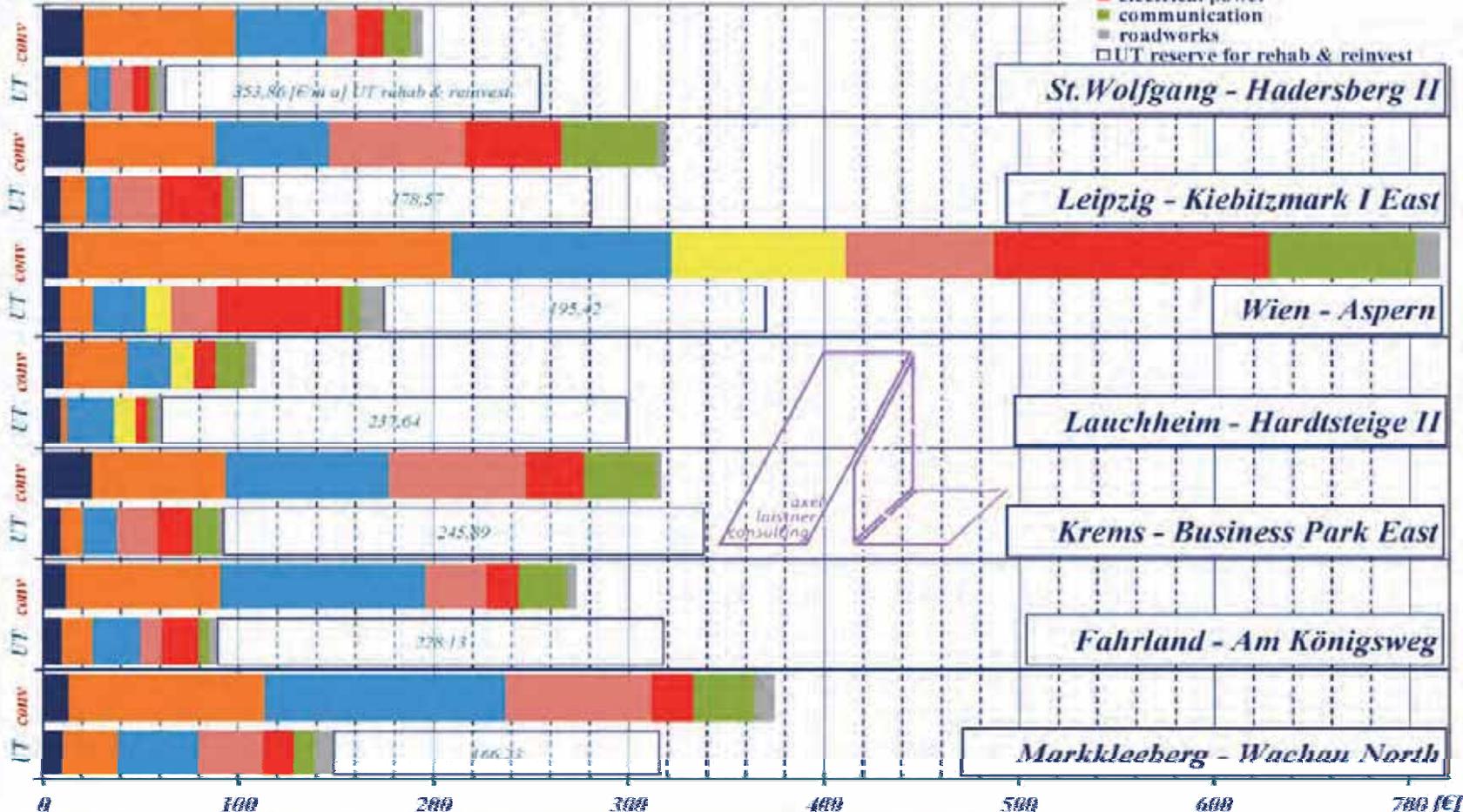
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# annual operating costs comparison

[€/m installed in the utility tunnel by system]

- UT Operation / City Management
- UT Maintenance
- sewage (black water)
- potable water
- natural gas
- district heating
- electrical power
- communication
- roadworks
- UT reserve for rehab & reinvest



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## THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS

### comparing OPEX: utility tunnel - conventional

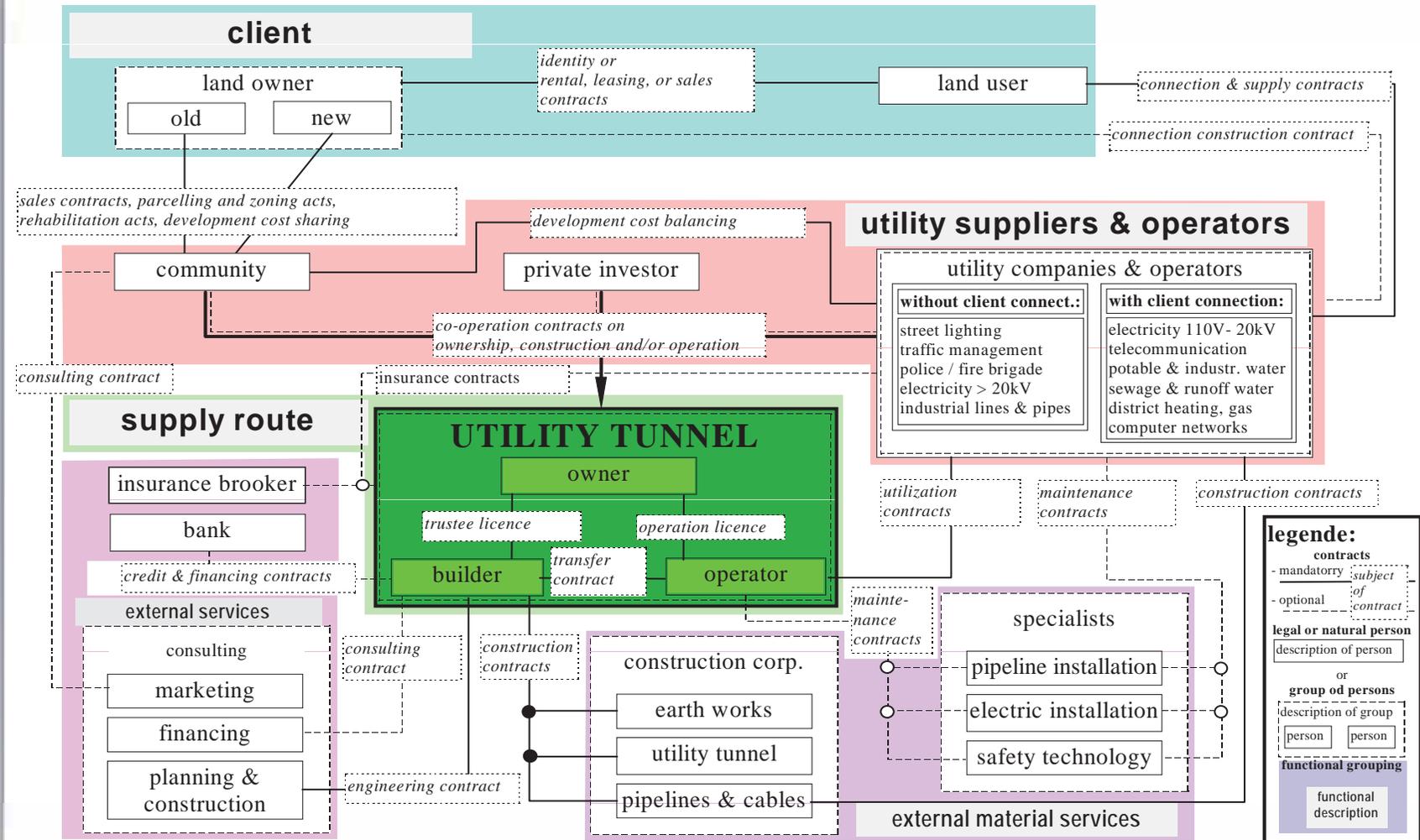


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## utility tunnels in the legal network



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## Summary on sustainable urban construction:

1. Our current buried systems are far more vulnerable and less dependable than is assumed
2. Construction at utilities & utility down times have a significant economic ripple effect in the productive urban economy – and can KILL businesses !
3. Conventional utility lines are MURDER on road surfaces
4. The higher CAPEX of Utility Tunnels is in many cases recovered already by the higher construction speed and the faster area marketing or minimized business impact
5. Utility Tunnels are operational assets – their OPEX is chargeable to both service providers and the connected
6. Utility Tunnels must be managed both in their creation and in their maintenance – they require joint coordination

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ECONOMIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT

sustained urban space: life-cycles & cost sharing



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## The how to, why & what of UTs



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

## Understanding the Utility Tunnel hull system

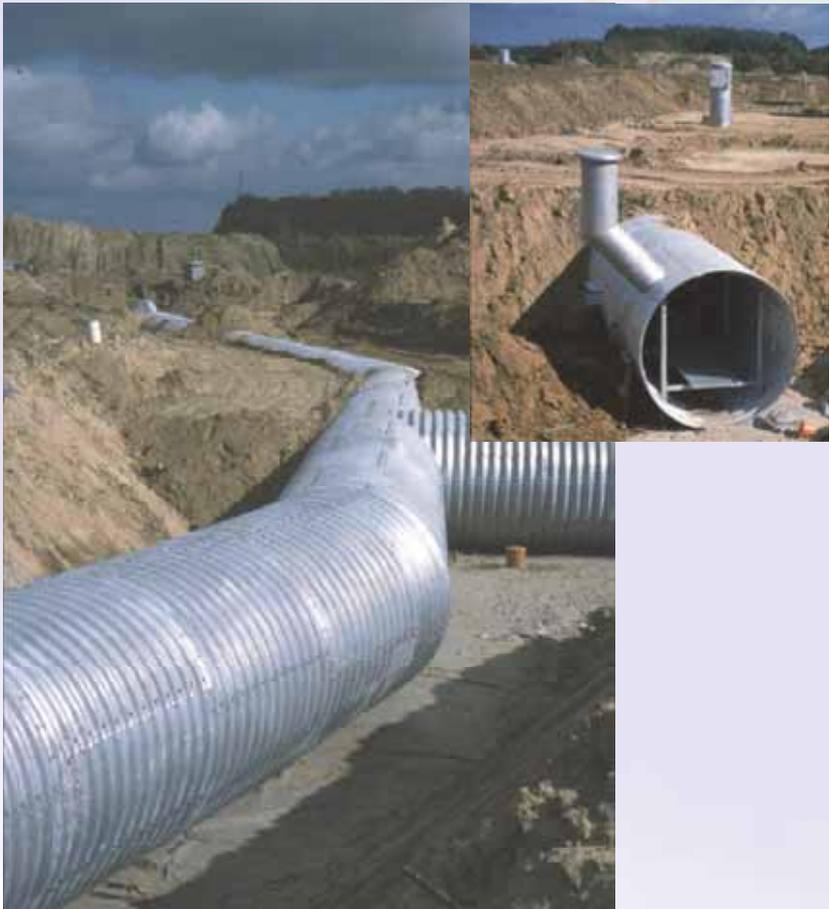


- Compile the capacity requirements & develop optimized dimensions
- Understand the geometric situation above and below ground
- Define the loads and performance characteristics of the structure
- Consider your construction time target

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# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel - steel hull



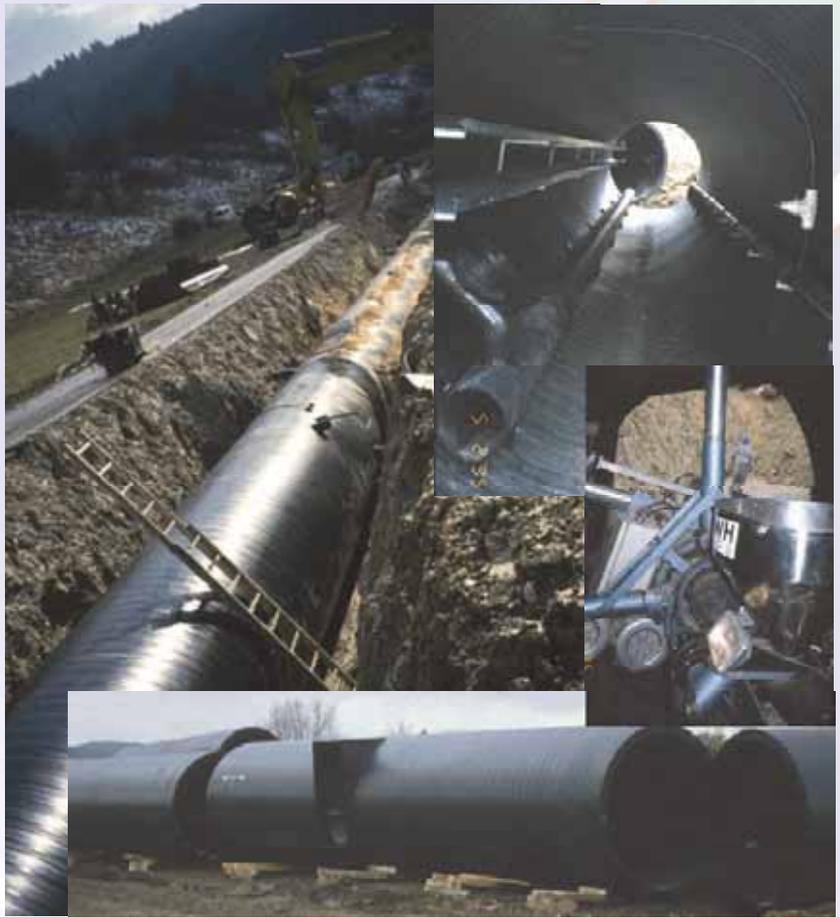
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- A puzzle with thousands of parts:
- Gives amazing flexibility in shape and situation adaptation
- Has a medium to high construction speed
- Is cost dependant on the world steel price market
- Performance and lifetime dependant on the production quality of the galvanization or paint and the proper backfill compaction
- light weight & easy transportable
- Has many joints and requires high quality joint manufacture and sealing
- Needs a high quality of design, pre-planning and pre-manufacturing
- Good heat & electricity Conductor
- Builds an electrical Faradays' cage



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel PEHD hull



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- A puzzle with hundreds of parts:
- Gives amazing flexibility in shape and situation adaptation
- Has a very high construction speed
- Is cost dependant on the world oil price market
- Performance and lifetime dependant on the quality of the backfill compaction and shouldn't be stored long in open direct sunlight and heat
- light weight high transport volume
- Has only welded joints and is fully sealed
- Needs a high quality of design, pre-planning and pre-manufacturing
- Poor heat & electricity conductor
- Builds no Faradays' cage electrically



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel fibre concrete hull



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Creating pre-cast quality in-situ:  
 Has a **machine determined cross section** and requires **extra structures** at bends and cross sections  
 Has a medium construction **speed**  
 Is cost not dependant on the world oil or steel **price** markets  
 Is performance and lifetime dependant on the **quality of the concrete**, fiber additives and curing process  
**Very heavy**  
 Has test seal-band joints and is fully **sealed**  
 Needs a low **quality of design** and pre-planning - no pre-manufacturing  
**Poor heat & electricity conductor**  
 Builds **no Faradays' cage** electrically



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel end user connections



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- Connecting the users:
- Understand the real **end user demand expectation**
- pre-planning** of pre-fabricated utility tunnel elements
- Provide for the future** additional services or demand changes
- Should provide for **connection modification without digging** in the public road space => hull pipes to the properties
- Can be in **separate or combined** utility connectors to the properties
- Should **not connect buildings** in an unsecured walk-able or crawl-able way
- Require coordination** in regard to internal main line placing of services



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel access points



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Getting people and material in and out:  
 There is a requirement for **main access points** and secondary and **emergency escape points**  
 How does one get **standard pipe lengths** into a utility tunnel?  
 There are utility tunnels **with internal fire walls** and such **without**  
 Utility tunnel **access must be restricted and controlled**  
 Consider the **internal ventilation** – surface exhaust gases must not be allowed to enter  
 All openings need to be **rodent protected** – in certain cases also barriers against **snakes and insects** are needed



# Building a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel outfitting

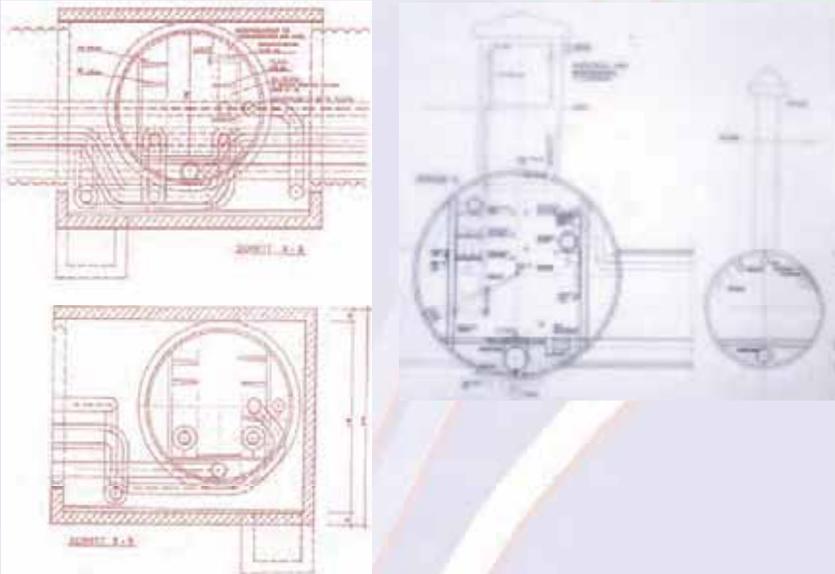


Installing the pipes and cables:  
 The **easy part is the straight** uninterrupted stretch  
 But there are **main connection points** – e.g. for 18 kV lines to transformer stations  
 And **utility tunnel intersections** – that need to be walk-able  
 And for real maintenance there are **internal light and control systems**  
 So how do we **mount all** these elements?  
 And how do **they move**?  
 And what **effects** can they have **on each other**?  
 So how do we **arrange them** to create an **efficient** use of the available space and retain future **modification flexibility**

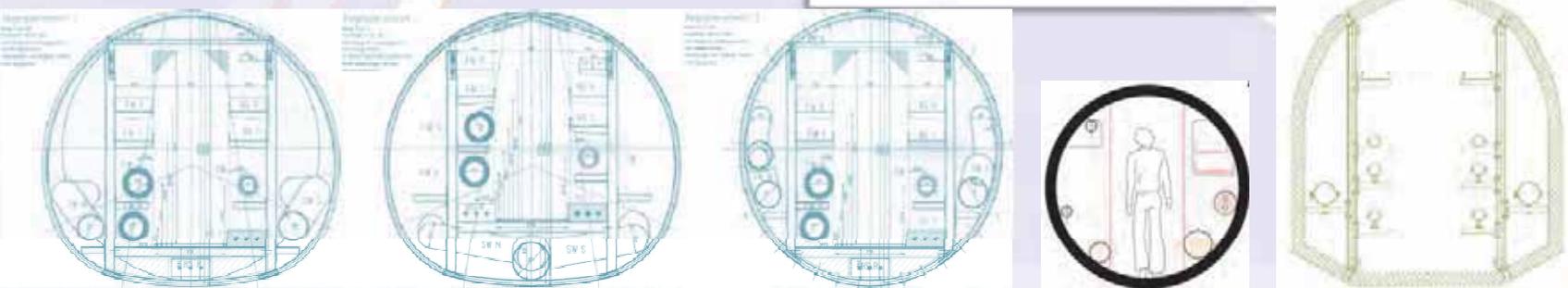
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# Addapting a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# Understanding the Utility Tunnel application



Installing the pipes and cables:  
 Many situations = many **different solutions**  
 Understanding **the complexity** of **interactions, interference, safety, security and operational stability** to achieve optimized supply and retain maximum flexibility for change in the future  
 ➤ **Creating a sustainable technology**



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Constructing a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Unexpected

Utility Tunnel on the move:  
**A sealed UT floats like a submarine**  
 Understand your **construction environment** and its hazards - and understand your **construction process** and their interdependence  
 This **UT under construction was moved** up to 0.8 m sideways over a length of ~ 120 m by a differential water pressure of 0.1 bar (1 m water) between both sides of the construction ditch during a **rain event**  
**Why** - because it had a double folded segregation plastic foil between it and the lean concrete base, to ensure later earthquake movement flexibility  
 One plastic layer would have been enough but would have meant to cut the plastic lengthwise  
**Result** - the outside water seals either disconnected from the concrete or ripped completely on more than 50% of the joints between moved UT segments and needed to be repaired, and a permanent kink in the UT remained



# Maintaining a "Hole in the Ground" called Utility Tunnel

# The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Expected



Corrosion and Degradation:  
 Revisiting the systems build between 1991 and 1995 in 2007 and 2012 – only few points of **corrosion** could be found:

- Cable trays on cement crossing crawlable side connectors – only directly in crossing
- Emergency exit door hinge-pins

Localized evidence of **water incursion** was seen and found to be either still **from construction** or due to faulty **maintenance procedures**, NOT due to pipe faults

**No general degradation of building or installations could be found**



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## The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Expectable ?



Vandalism and Access Protection:  
 Many UT have problems with casual **vandalism & intrusion**  
 Unprotected or easily detectable elements like these **Emergency Exits** and the outside drainage control shaft will and have been abused – **need to be hidden, secured & monitored**  
 2009 a lot of small rubbish dumped in –  
 2012 additional longer wood pieces thrown on top – virtually uncleanable  
 Graphity is also **inside the UT** – so unauthorized intrusion has taken place

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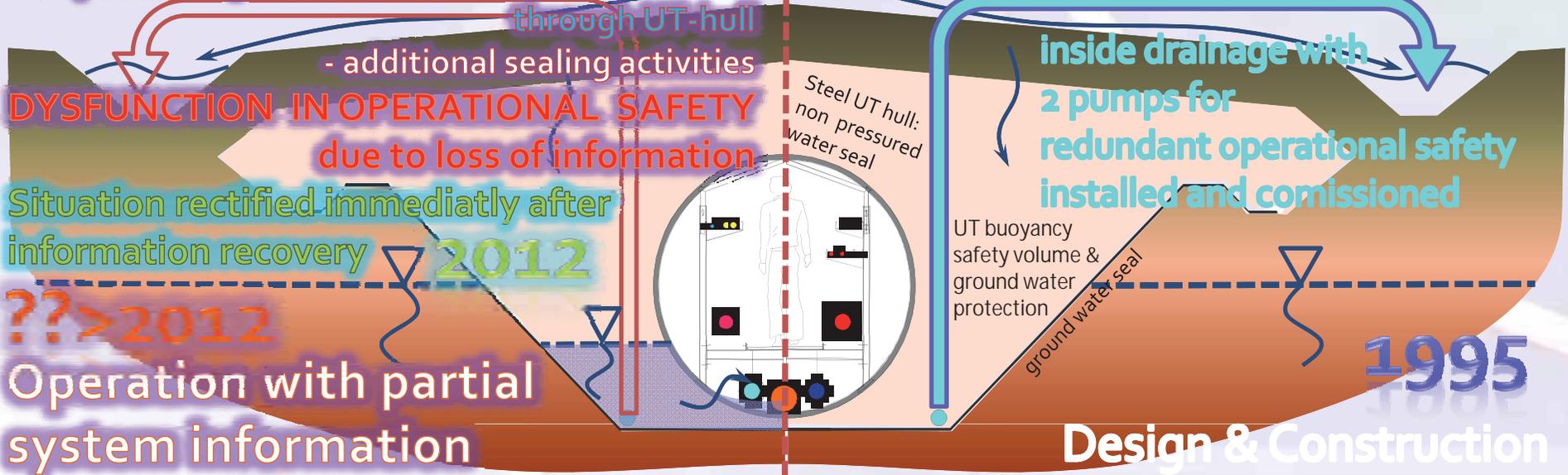
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# The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Unexpected

**Design info unknown to a new UT operator**  
 = existence of pumps & drains unknown  
 result after some years:  
 >> 1 pump missing & 1 pump inoperative  
 >> no drainage inside of ground water seal  
 >> spot water penetration of collected rain water through UT-hull

Water were non should be I:  
**When Information gets lost** between design & construction and operations – maintenance can't happen and damage develops unnecessarily  
 As yet no damage to UT & systems



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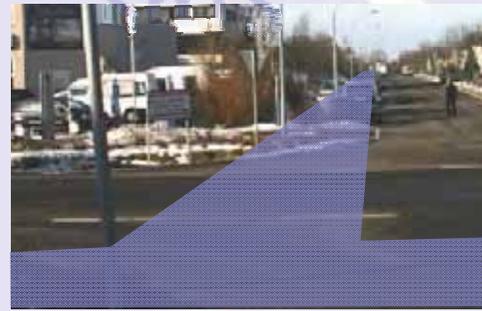
2009  
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Pristine Surfaces after 18 Years:  
Where Urban Coordination really saves  
money - **NO DIGGING UP PIPES**



2012  
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2006  
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# Maintaining a City above the "Hole in the Ground"

# The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Unexpected



Water were non should be II:  
 When Urban Coordination loses the knowledge about its own systems - strange things happen e.g. **a swimming pool and a sudden material access problem over a utility tunnel**  
 As yet no damage to UT & systems



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*Between 1991 and 2008 A. & H. Laistner were involved in the development and / or modification of 10 utility tunnel systems*

*We were responsibly involved in the design of ~31 km of utility tunnels and constructed ~ 13.5 km to date.*

*We experienced utility tunnels in ground water & earthquakes*

*We encountered unknown, or unexpected hazards.*

*We've seen utility tunnels float in their construction ditches, and suffer from water incursion because the outside drainage protection system had been forgotten*

*With all this experience through 20 years we can unequivocally state:*

*There is no more effective, efficient, economic, safe, supply secure, environmental and sustainable urban supply and support systems technology than the UTILITY TUNNEL !*

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**Why don't we use more it – we wonder ?**



What's holding us back ?

A world wide lack of knowledge  
and comprehension of  
system complexity as  
synergy generator & driver

So listen-up educators !  
We need to teach what is needed –  
not what is comfortable !

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- STATE OF THE ART –

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**business administration**

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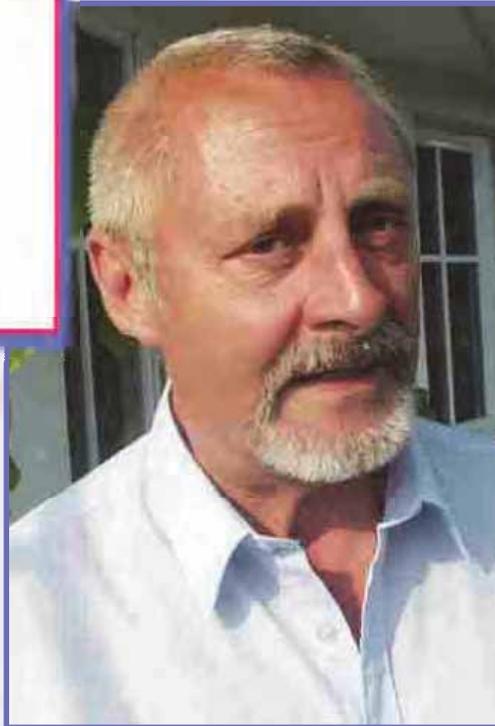
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Carl Dupré Bau GmbH & Co.KG - Franz-Kirmeier-Str. 17, 67346 Speyer:

- Pictures fibre concrete utility tunnel hull construction

- Cross section Drawing of the fibre concrete utility tunnel

## THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS

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Utility Tunnels long-term investment or short-term expense?

The new economic feasibility of an old idea

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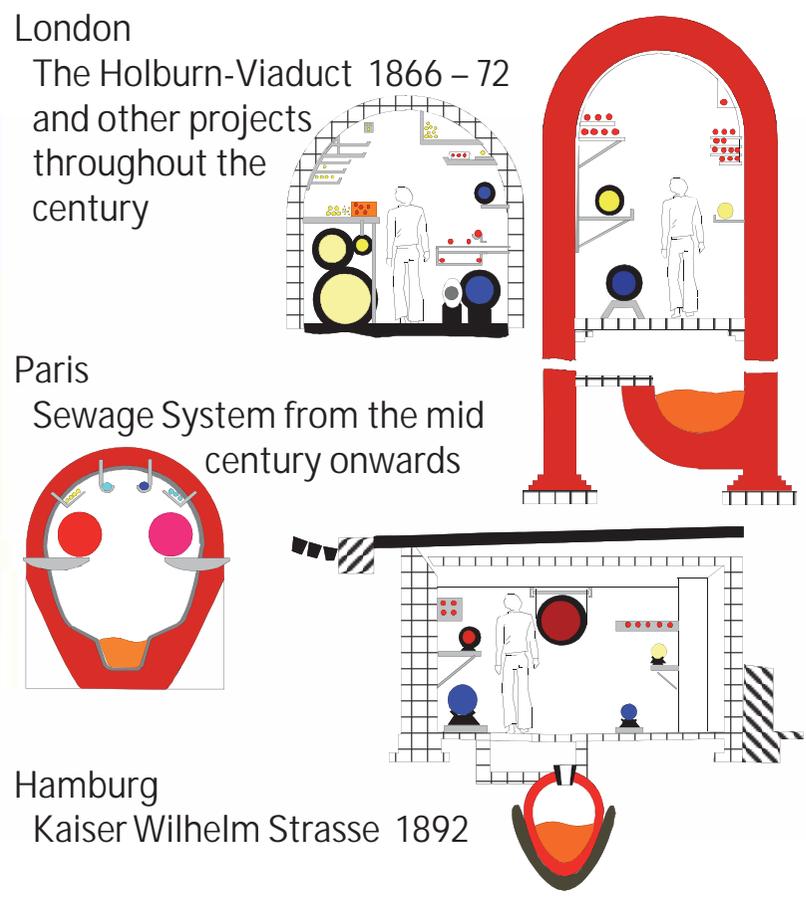
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# The 1800s' – Utility Tunnels a good idea gets started

# Cholera in Europe - how calamity drives technology



London:  
Together with the elevation of parts of the Holburn Street urban utility tunnels were erected along both sides of the viaduct. The adjacent buildings were connected directly to the tunnels. The remaining space in between both tunnels was rented out to commercial users. The Viaduct passes over two Streets, a double railway track and the canalized Fleet River. Its total length amounts to approximately 400m.  
Other utility tunnels were built with urban infrastructure development at various places in London and surrounding boroughs ever since.

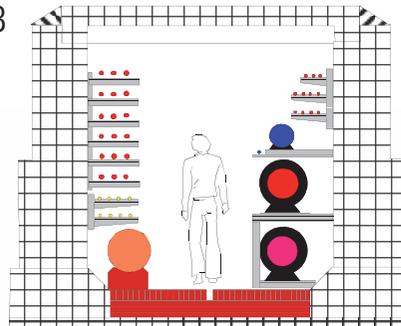
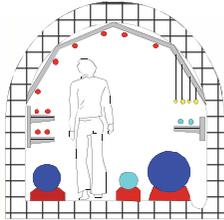
Paris  
Following the Cholera epidemic of 1832, construction on the Paris sewage system was begun. Its mains vary in diameter between 5 x 6m and 2,5 x 1,5m. The system is additionally used for the placement of telephone-, telegraph-, water- and district heating mains. The total net length amounts to approximately 2000 km.

Hamburg  
With the expansion of urban main roads a utility tunnel was erected under the Kaiser Wilhelm Strasse as new main thoroughfare to avoid future disturbances. Like London and Paris, Hamburg developed the sewage system following a devastating outbreak of the Cholera.

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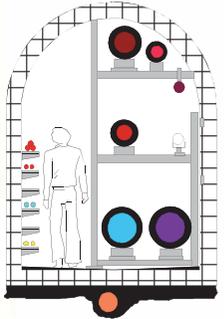
# The 1900s' – Utility Tunnels a good idea gets going

Moscow 1935 / Kiev 1948  
Madrid 1941

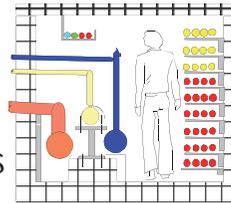


Seattle UofW in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

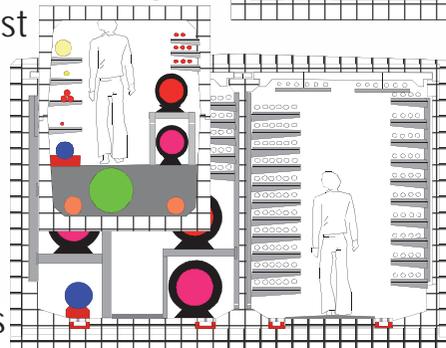
Tokyo 1963



1960s - the East goes  
precast



Suhl 1967 /  
Moscow 1970 /  
Halle-Neustadt 1970s  
Leipzig-Grünau 1980s



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# City Management – spurts, starts and fits of technology

Moscow / Kiev / Suhl / Leipzig / Halle

The main standardization efforts on utility tunnels were made in the former eastern block states. The Academy on Civil Engineering of the GDR completed the development of a comprehensive technical standard on utility tunnels in 1976. Main interest originated with the realization of the utility tunnels positive effect on national economy as a whole.

Madrid

Utility tunnels were chosen to counter the problem of extensive soil settlement in the Madrid region. The security gained by the tunnel justified the higher investment expenses. The surface streets above were stabilized and their lifespan extended two- to threefold.

Seattle

Utility tunnels are most frequently used to service the supply needs of enclosed areas. Use in industrial plants is common, as well as at public installations like this cross section of utility tunnels at the University of Washington in Seattle. Utility tunnels are standard construction elements at many industrial plants and especially airports and civic centers.

Tokyo

In 1963 utility tunnels were named the preferable construction system for city utilities in Japanese law. The intention was to reduce the surface construction sites along roads and the minimization of so induced traffic problems. Researches had shown, in 1962 Tokyo had 1713 construction sites along utility lines of 1253 km total length in a street net of roughly 500 km; amounting to ~ 3 each km.

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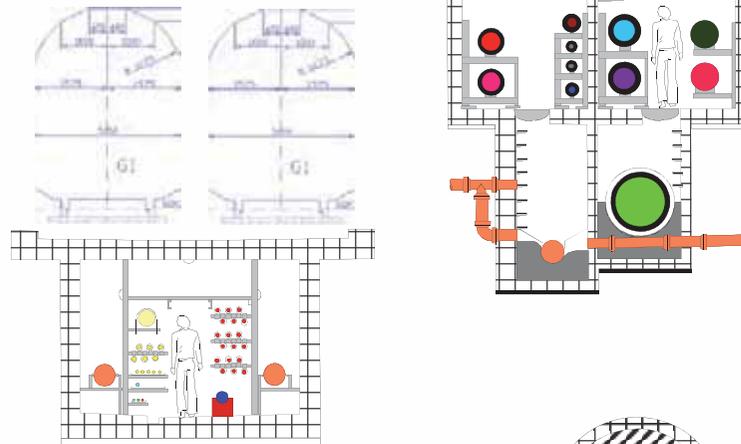
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# The 1980s' – Utility Tunnels a good idea gets ambitious

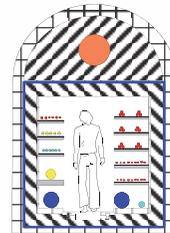
Ulm University Medical Centre  
Eselsberg 1985

- the most complete and  
ambitious UT I know of



Zurich – Löwenstrasse 1992  
a UT carries the tram!

Bratislava 1994  
a UT System 24 m underground



# City & Facility Management – discovering potentials

Ulm – the all-rounder

Setting the most complete standard of subsurface supply systems yet. All supplies needed for four hospitals, lots of university institutes and two industrial research centers – all are transferred underground to insure a healthy environment for recuperation and studies.

Three automated cargo transport systems distribute pharmaceutical supplies, medical supplies, soiled and cleaned utensils, food and mail to all hospitals from a central technical complex. Two waste disposal systems collect clinical and normal wastes to a central disposal station.

Zurich – city center renewal – Werkleitungsstollen - Löwenstraße

In the heart of the city – in front of the main RR-Station – this UT had to be erected while maintaining the normal accessibility and supply situation to all adjacent buildings and shops.

High ground water and a shallow sewage line impacted the design. The design is based on the SIA 205 Swiss standard.

At both ends connections to other UT exist. The tramway tracks are placed on a floating bedding on top of the UT.

Bratislava – historic inner city utility reconnection

Utility tunnels were excavated as mine shafts and tunnels at ~ 24m below ground level under the historic city center.

With minimal disturbance above ground and no ground movement problems due to the depth all buildings were connected by horizontal drilling from below.

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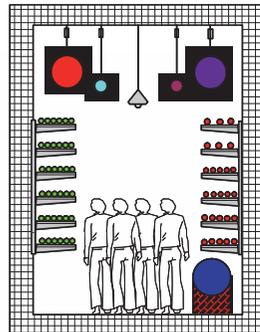
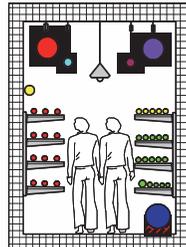
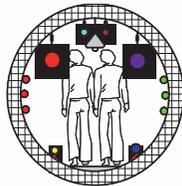
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# 155 years – Utility Tunnels a good idea gets experience

Other more out of the ordinary UT constructions:

White Sands – NY – 1967-70

UT as nuclear blast proof  
fall out shelters



Listing of military Installation UTs:

former Base-Hospital Ulm (now Uni Ulm Michelsberg)

Eielson Air Force Base Fort Wainwright

U.S. Air Force Academy

Listing of civic & admin center complexes with UTs:

Civic Center Area, Denver - City & County Buildings,

Denver – Colorado State Capitol Buildings

NASA Johnson Space Flight Center – Houston

UTs are also used on many airports around the world –

but a listing is not given due to security considerations

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# UT operational performance – it runs & runs & runs .....

General operational performance history of Utility Tunnels world wide (as researched and experienced by POET & alcUG in own and others' UTs):

- More than 90% better performance of individual supply pipe / cable life.
- No more micro-leakage in wet systems.
- Full continuous corrosion and degradation control
- Possibility of preventive maintenance of utility systems
- Possibility of using older systems for new purposes - e.g. London Embankment – using an old gas main as a cable casing pipe for high performance IT backbone cables
- 80% cheaper expansion, renewal, replacement costs
- 99% avoidance of pipe / cable repair costs through normal degradation
- 99% avoidance of pipe / cable repair costs through external damaging influence
- 200% to 300% life extension of road surfaces above – no excavations and other surface disturbances other than traffic loads

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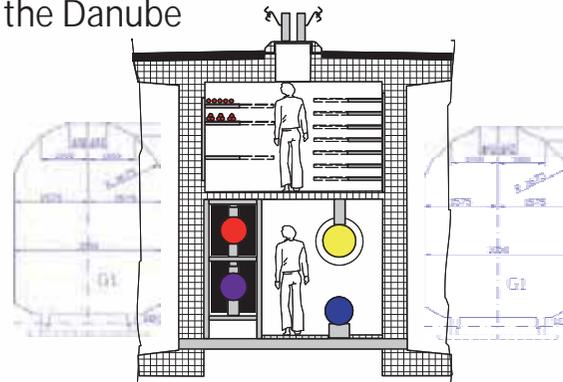
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Other more out of the ordinary UT constructions:  
Vienna – Reichsbrücke 1978-80  
a bridge is a UT & carries the metro and 6 traffic lanes across the Danube



Listing of  
University UTs:

Ruhr-Universität Bochum	J.Liebig Universität Gießen
Universität Stuttgart Vaihingen	Universität Ulm
University of Alaska	University of Arizona
University of California	Florida Atlantic University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University
Michigan State University	University of Minnesota
University of Missouri	University of Oregon
University of Texas	University of Washington

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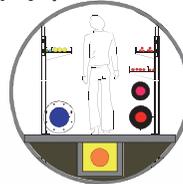
# UT operational performance – what if – it happened .....?

Current list of known mishaps in Utility Tunnels in Germany (as researched and experienced by POET & alcUG in own – between 1993 to 2011 – and others' UTs) :

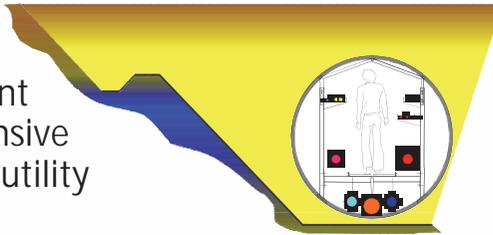
- Leipzig Grünau in the 1980s – Cable Fire  
– destroyed ca. 30m of all cabling before extinguishing itself due to lack of oxygen. Piping of water supply and district heating was not impacted.
- Ruhr University Bochum in the 1980s – Water Main Break (d 300mm)  
filled the whole 6.5km UT system completely with water within 30 minutes. Effects: extensive cleaning of the UT & repair of the water main, some secondary support structure corrosion effects over the next year.
- ISK Wachau since 1993 – cable joint explosions  
– 2 cable joint explosions in 20 years – due to faulty cable joint manufacture – effect: cable joint repair – some minor damage to the UT hull inside galvanization at the lightning footpoint. Repairs both times fully effected within hours of fault.
- NO OTHER MISHAPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OR FOUND IN PUBLICATIONS WORLD WIDE – IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME OCCURRED, but not even in London during the WW2 bombing much damage seems to have occurred in UTs.

## The 1990s' – Utility Tunnels a good idea gets cheaper

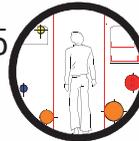
POET UBP & ISK-Project Wachau 1991-94  
 assuring economic success by being faster and cheaper in a tight property market



POET UHP & ISK-Project Fahrland 1993-95  
 proving that a steel hull UT urban development is exactly as expensive as a conventional utility construction – even in a high ground water table



POET RHP & ISK-Project Lauchheim 1995  
 setting a new speed record by using PEHD & section prefabrication



POET UHP & ISK-Project Speyer 2004  
 making concrete work without steel and saving cost & time



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## New materials & methods – time = money = savings

POET Engineering Consultants and DI(FH). DI(FH). Hermann Laistner:

DI(FH). DI(FH). Hermann Laistner had first “re-invented” the idea of utility tunnels on a napkin over a beer, while in conversation with his professors during the completion of his second engineering degree as civil engineer in 1968 – being at the same time at the head of the college student body in a tumultuous political situation.

Back then already he combined the technical needs of the engineer with the understanding of political and fiscal realities and requirements of an urban environment – and came, like others before and after him, to the logical conclusion:

**The only thing that makes sense in the long run is a UTILITY TUNNEL.**

Throughout his professional and political life he kept on the front end pushing new technical understanding and implementations – while finally capping his personal political & technical involvement by becoming the German delegation leader on urban development to the OECD.

Being well known and well respected as practical researcher on the leading edge – he saw and took the chance of German reunification – and designed and built a whole new generation and technological leap of sustainable urban development areas – including under ground a new generation of utility tunnels