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**Abstract:** In order to study the deformation and failure mechanism of the fault passage, this paper makes a series of research on the fault passage through theoretical analysis, field investigation and numerical simulation. Firstly, the mechanical characteristics of the fault structure and the deformation and failure characteristics of the surrounding rock passing through the fault are summarized. Then, the numerical analysis is carried out before and after the tunnel passing through the fault. The results show that the original support scheme has large deformation and failure in the surrounding rock of the fault section, and the deterioration and expansion of the plastic zone leads to the failure of the support. Finally, the comprehensive support scheme and principle of "bolt + anchor cable + metal mesh + grouting" is put forward, and the support for the broken tunnel passing through the fault is strengthened. The calculation results show that the support scheme can keep the tunnel passing through the fault in a stable deformation range, which is conducive to the long-term stability of the surrounding rock.

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## 1. Introduction

China's coal resources in the past 20 years with a relatively stable growth rate, with the improvement of mining technology, as well as the consumption of shallow resources, China's coal is gradually entering deep mining. In this context, China's new roadways can reach 10,000 kilometers per year<sup>[1]</sup>. Many roadways in the deep high stress, roadway support difficulties, large deformation, fluid damage is increasingly prominent. At present, there are many coal seam mining lanes often can not avoid some complex tectonic geological conditions, such as faults, broken belt and so on<sup>[2-4]</sup>. After the roadway crosses the fault, it is generally affected by large tectonic

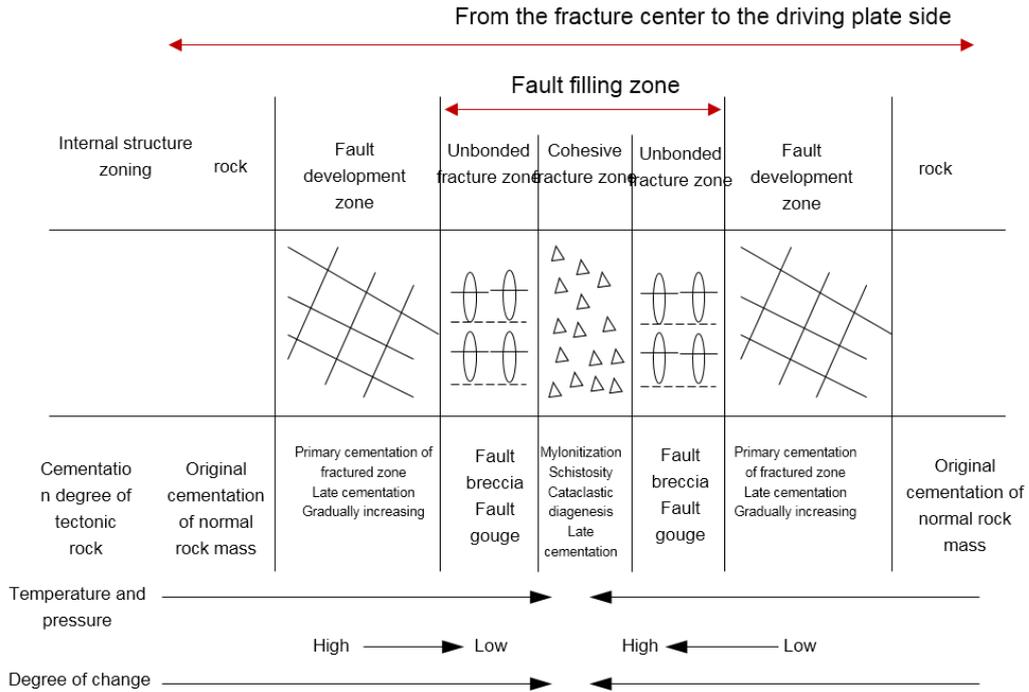
29 stress. On the one hand, the maximum main stress direction of the laneway is deflected, on the  
30 other hand, it will weaken the strength of the rock body around the laneway and make the rock  
31 formations have no continuous distribu- tion<sup>[5]</sup>. Therefore, once the roadway is faced with the  
32 geological structure of large faults, if not to take effective support measures or in accordance with  
33 the normal construction rules to deal with the roadway fault zone, once the roadway under high  
34 tectonic stress, it is easy to occur support difficulties, roadways can not be used normally. In order  
35 to meet the demand and safety requirements, roadways often re- quire secondary or multiple  
36 repairs to main- tain the stability of the surrounding rock, which brings many outstanding  
37 problems to mining safety and efficiency. Therefore, many scholars pay attention to the  
38 deformation and destruction mechanism of this kind of fault roadway, and have made some  
39 research results in theory, indoor test and field application. For example, Zhang Mingzhong and so  
40 on<sup>[2]</sup> studi- ed the characteristics of the deep roadway through the large fault broken surrounding  
41 rock, and compared the situation of the no-fault formation roadway surrounding rock, established  
42 a suitable for the oversteed fault roadway support principle and method; Zhang Mingqiang<sup>[9]</sup> put  
43 forward a comprehensive support means of anchor net rope and slurry when the top plate is  
44 broken and sunk when the roadway is close to the fault, and the support effect is obvious. Meng  
45 Zhaoping and others<sup>[10]</sup> carried out detailed indoor laboratory tests on coal rocks near faults, and  
46 carried out numerical tests to systematically reveal the effects of positive faults on the physical  
47 and physical properties of coal and the distribution of mineral pressure. At present, many roadway  
48 fault support means or follow the traditional design methods as a reference, and these support  
49 means can not meet the support re- quirements<sup>[11-14]</sup>. There is no more in-depth and systematic  
50 research on the influence of the fault roadway on the range of surrounding rock plastic area, the  
51 support structure and the optimization of the support mode. Therefore, this paper analyzes the  
52 characteristics of fault laneways through theory, and establishes the extended forces model of  
53 hidden faults and the critical model of burst water. According to the actual roadway fault as the  
54 engineering background, using Flac<sup>3D</sup> numerical simula- tion software to explore the deformation  
55 of the cross fault lane, consider the impact of the support design on the stability of the roadway,  
56 and carry out optimization research, for such a fault roadway stability and deformation of the  
57 understanding of a certain reference and re- ference.

## 58 **2. Analysis of fault structure characteristics**

### 59 **2.1 Fault breaking banding characteristics**

60 After the rock formation breaks, a relative slip surface is produced, which causes the rock  
61 layer to be in a state of indesemination, and this face refers to the fault plane. Figure 1 is a brief  
62 diagram of the positive fault, which mainly includes the fault plane, fault line, upper and lower  
63 plate cross-face line and so on. When the rock formations break, the formation of the upper and  
64 lower plates will squeeze each other, so that the surface of the fault on both sides of the further  
65 squeeze broken, over time so that the accumulation of broken rocks to form a clear band structure  
66 with a certain thickness, also known as a fault zone or fault belt. Because the rock and soil body in  
67 the fracture zone shows the plastic characteristics of ano-heterogeneousness, the width of the  
68 crushing belt is an important factor in understanding the structural and technical characteristics of  
69 faults. Among them, fault breakage band width and fault influence band width and rock formation  
70 variation are closely related to fault formation type, geos stress intensity direction and rock nature.

71 In the process of disorting and squeezing the upper and lower parts of the fault, a large  
72 number of fissures will occur in the rock body within the fault range, and the fault rock will be  
73 divided into discrete block structures. Therefore, according to the integrity degree of the rock body,  
74 fault rock can be divided into broken belt and crack development zone (Figure 2), and the fault  
75 breaking zone will form a process of temperature, pressure and fracture development from high to  
76 low evolution, the corresponding structure and stress environment complex and variable.

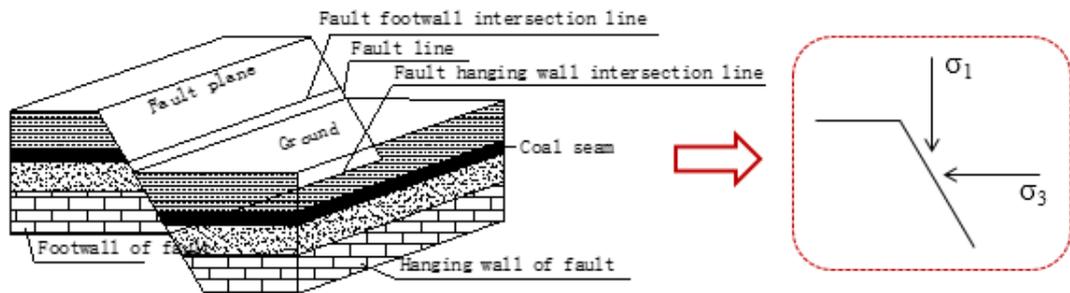


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Fig. 1 Characteristics of zonation in fault zone.

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Fig. 2 Schematic diagram of coal bearing normal fault

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## 2.2 Stability criterion of faults

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As shown in Figure 2, if the fault reaches a stable condition, the ratio of maximum and

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minimum principal stress is<sup>[15]</sup>:

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$$K = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \varphi}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \varphi} = \tan(\alpha - \varphi) \quad (1)$$

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Where:  $\alpha$  is the angle between the direction of the fracture surface and the direction of the

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maximum principal stress,  $^\circ$  ;

88 The change of  $K$  value is related to fault dip  $\alpha$  and fault friction angle  $\varphi$ . If the fault dip  $\alpha$   
 89 value is fixed, the  $K$  value decreases as the fault friction angle  $\varphi$  increases. If the fault friction  
 90 angle  $\varphi$  value is fixed, the  $K$  value increases as the fault dip  $\alpha$  increases. (1) indicates that the  
 91 maximum and minimum principal stress ratio  $K$  has a critical value of 1, that is, when  $K$  is greater  
 92 than 1,  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_3$ , then vertical stress is regarded as the maximum principal stress; on the contrary,  
 93 horizontal stress is considered to be the maximum principal stress.

94 The roadway crossing the broken zone of the fault structure will cause the change of the  
 95 direction of its principal stress, which will affect the change of the principal stress value, literature  
 96 [16-19] shows that the change of the middle principal stress of the roadway is mainly related to the  
 97 ratio of the maximum and minimum principal stress before and after the active of the large fault or  
 98 hidden fault. The greater the ratio of the two, the greater the intermediate principal stress. Among  
 99 them, the main stress changes of normal faults before and after the formation of the fault structural  
 100 zone are shown in Table 1. Table 1 Main stress change of normal fault

Item	Before the fault		After the fault	
	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_3$
Normal fault	$\gamma H$	$\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_c}{\tan \alpha^2}$	$\gamma H$	$\gamma H \cot(\alpha - \varphi)$

### 101 2.3 The mechanism of hydraulic inrush activation by hidden faults

102 At present, domestic coal mines are gradually entering deep mining, and disasters such as  
 103 high water pressure and high gas pressure in the depths occur frequently. Excessive faults in the  
 104 roadway will cause difficulties in support; in addition, many hidden small faults and small  
 105 structures are under the action of mining and confined water, which pose a prominent threat to  
 106 coal production. Current prevention and control methods are often unable to effectively predict  
 107 and prevent. The activation mechanics of hidden faults plays an important role in understanding  
 108 problems such as water inrush caused by fault activation.

109 For this reason, we think that the structure of the hidden fault can be regarded as a crack with  
 110 some frictional effect, so that the active equivalent of the hidden fault with mining can be a crack  
 111 expansion force model, as shown in Figure 3. The stress intensity factor at the tip of a hidden fault  
 112 consists of three types: shear stress, confined water and normal stress. The stress intensity factors

113 can be superimposed on each other to obtain the composite stress intensity factor of the hidden  
 114 fault tip extension. Among them, there is the following relationship between the propagation stress  
 115  $G$  and the intensity factor  $K$  of the hidden fault crack<sup>[20-21]</sup>:

$$116 \quad G = \left( K_{\parallel\tau_n}^2 + K_{lp}^2 + K_{I\sigma_n}^2 \right) / E \quad (2)$$

117 Where:  $K_{lp}$  is the stress intensity factor of confined water;  $K_{I\sigma_n}$  is the normal stress  
 118 intensity factor;  $K_{\parallel\tau_n}$  is the shear stress intensity factor;  $E$  is the elastic modulus.

$$119 \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_n &= \frac{\sigma_1 \left[ (1 + \lambda) + (1 - \lambda) \cos 2\alpha \right]}{2} \\ \tau_n &= \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{2} \sigma_1 \sin 2\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

120 Where:  $l$  is the length of the concealed fault crack;  $\sigma_n$  and  $\tau_n$  are the principal stress and  
 121 shear stress on the concealed fault respectively;  $\sigma_1$  is the vertical stress;  $\alpha$  is the dip angle of  
 122 the concealed fault;  $\lambda$  is the lateral pressure coefficient, and  $\pm$  respectively represents the  
 123 positive concealed fault and Reverse concealed fault.

124 The crack growth resistance  $R$  is a function of the amount of crack growth<sup>[20-21]</sup>:

$$125 \quad R = \left[ G_c^m + \frac{(l - l_0)}{m} \right]^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad (4)$$

126 Where:  $G_c$  is the critical energy release rate of the rock mass;  $m$  is the material constant;  $l_0$  is  
 127 the initial fault length.

128 When  $G > R$ , the fault cracks expand, and both  $G$  and  $R$  increase with the expansion of the  
 129 fault. The main difference between the two is that  $G$  shows a linear positive correlation with the  
 130 expansion of the fault, while the growth rate of  $R$  gradually decreases. If  $G = R$ , the fault stops  
 131 expanding and activation. Combining formulas (2)~(4) gives:

$$132 \quad \left( \frac{4\tau_n^2 + 4p^2}{\pi E} \pm \frac{\pi\sigma_n^2}{E} \right)^m (l_0 + \Delta l)^m - \frac{\Delta l}{m} = G_c^m \quad (5)$$

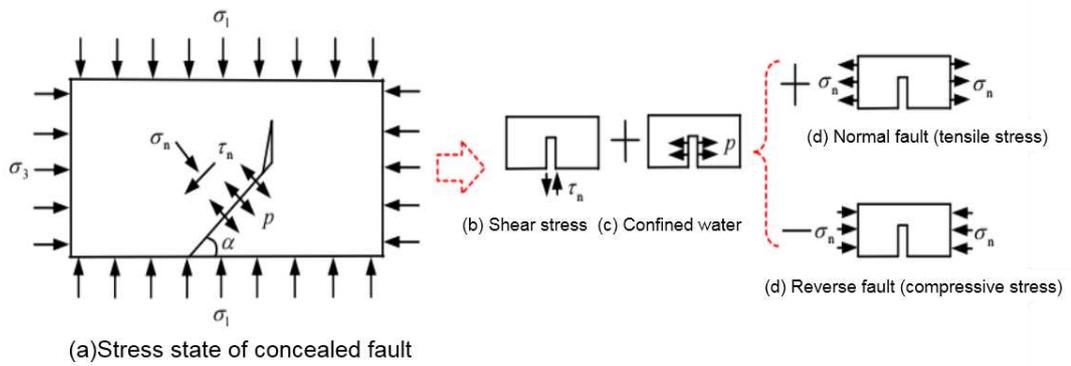
133 In the formula,  $\Delta l$  is the activation length of the fracture crack.

134 Therefore, if the physical and mechanical parameters of the rock formation around the  
 135 concealed fault are determined, equation (5) can be solved to obtain the vertical extension length  
 136  $\Delta l$  of the concealed fault under stress. When the vertical expansion length  $\Delta l$  of the concealed

137 fault is greater than or equal to the thickness  $d$  of the effective impermeable layer, that is,  $\Delta l \geq d$ ,  
 138 it indicates that the concealed fault expands and develops and penetrates to the bottom water-proof  
 139 layer under mining, triggering activation of the concealed fault and inducing floor outburst water.  
 140 If  $m=2$  is assumed, then according to formula (5), the expression of the activation length  $\Delta l$  of  
 141 the concealed fault in the vertical extension under the mining action can be obtained:

$$142 \quad \Delta l = \frac{1 - 4Dl_0 - \sqrt{1 - 8Dl_0 + 16DG_c^2}}{4D} \quad (6)$$

143 Where,  $D = \left[ (4\tau_n^2 + 4p^2) / \pi E + \pi\sigma_n^2 / E \right]^2$



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Fig. 3 Factorization of the extension stress intensity of concealed faults

### 146 3. Engineering overview

#### 147 3.1 Fault geological conditions

148 A mine in Inner Mongolia is located on the western edge of the Ordos platform. The  
 149 mineable coal seams in the minefield include 12 coal-bearing layers in Shanxi Group and Taiyuan  
 150 Group, with a buried depth of 380~450m. The strike length of the working face is 1,617m, and the  
 151 azimuth angle is 207.5°. The coal seam is generally a medium-thick coal seam with an average  
 152 thickness of 2.56m. As shown in Figure 4, the mining roadway at 290m away from the cut-off  
 153 position of the working face needs to pass through a normal fault with a drop of 1.4m. After the  
 154 roadway passes through the fault zone, the stability of the surrounding rock is poor, and the local  
 155 fragmentation is severe. The original support method cannot meet the normal support and  
 156 production requirements, and it needs to be repaired and strengthened many times.

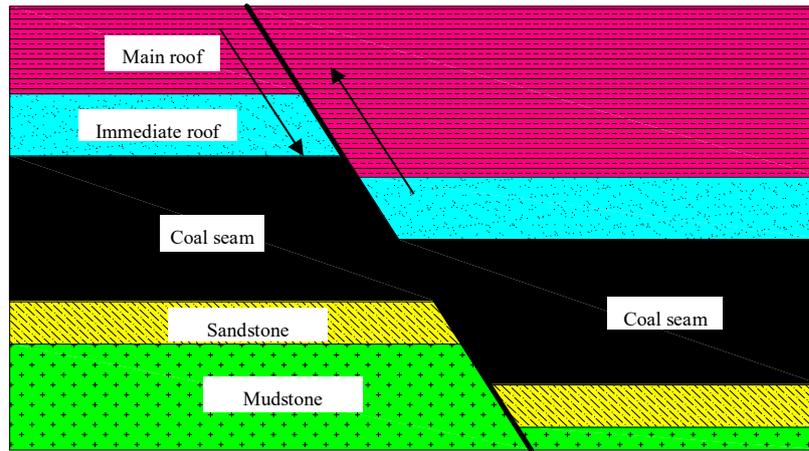


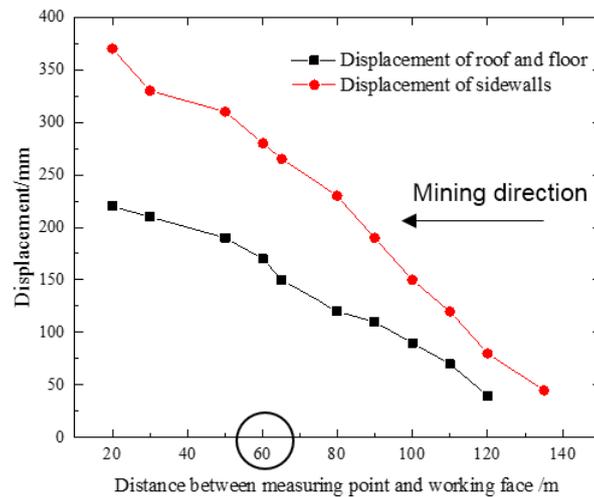
Fig. 4 fault location of working face

### 3.2 Deformation characteristics of roadway

Figure 5 (a) shows the change curve of the roof and bottom of the roadway and the two sides with the mining face. Field observations show that when the mining roadway does not cross the fault, the increase in the cumulative amount of deformation of the roof and the two sides of the roadway is small (that is, the slope of the curve  $k$  is small). The deformation of the surrounding rock of the roadway tends to a stable deformation state with the mining of the working face. From the perspective of the total deformation, the displacement of the top and bottom of the roadway is greater than the displacement of the two sides of the roadway, indicating that the deformation of the top and bottom of the roadway is greater than the deformation of the two sides. When the roadway crosses the fault location, the deformation of the roof and floor and the two sides of the roadway changes obviously, and the curve slope  $k_2$  is obviously greater than  $k_1$  at this time. Especially when the stoping roadway is 20m away from the measuring point (within the fractured zone of the fault), under the original support conditions, the convergence value of the roof and bottom of the roadway and the displacement of the two sides have reached the maximum value, respectively 231.5mm and 364.0mm. The malignant expansion of the large deformation of the roadway has exceeded the maximum extension length of the glass fiber reinforced plastic bolts used for the support, resulting in the failure of many bolts in the roadway near the working face, and the coal wall of the roadway is smashed and the roof is serious<sup>[10]</sup>.

Figure 5(b) shows the stress change law of the top and bottom plates and the two sides. With the continuous advancement of mining at the working face, the bolt-bearing load generally shows an increasing dynamic trend; At a position 60m away from the front of No. 4 station, due to the

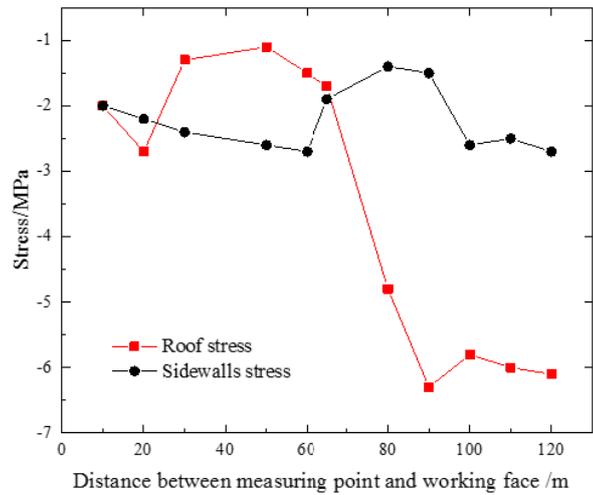
180 occurrence of a normal fault, the roadway roof bolt stress reached the maximum value of 6.288  
 181 MPa at 30m (90m in the figure) in front of the fault; and as the working face crossed the fault 10m  
 182 ( At 50m) in the figure, the roof pressure gradually releases, at this time the concentrated stress of  
 183 the roadway decreases to the minimum value of 1.008MPa; and when the working face is mined  
 184 within 50m of the No. 4 station, the roof pressure begins to increase again. Therefore, the fault  
 185 structure leads to changes in the direction and magnitude of the initial principal stress field of the  
 186 surrounding rock of the roadway in the mining face. The local stress of the roadway accumulates  
 187 unevenly, resulting in uneven large-scale deformation of the roadway. At the same time, during the  
 188 forward advancement of the working face, the closer the distance to the fault is, the significantly  
 189 increased supporting pressure in the front unmined coal body appears.



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(a)



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Fig. 5 change curve of field measurement points with mining of working face: (a) displacement; (b) stress

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Figure 6 is a peep view of typical surrounding rock boreholes under the influence of fault

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structure in the track roadway at 5302 working face of Zhaolou Coal Mine, a kilometer deep mine.

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It can be observed that the surrounding rock fragmentation can be divided into severe, medium,

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and minor damage zones from the inside to the outside. When the roadway crosses a fault or

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structural zone, the surrounding rock fragmentation range is relatively large, the range of the

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minor damage zone can reach 4.88m, the range of the medium damage zone is 3.70m, and the

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range of the severe damage zone is 2.28m. Therefore, the failure area is mainly distributed around

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the plastic zone of the roadway, and in the fault fracture zone, the degree of broken surrounding

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rock shows irregular expansion and development, specifically the character-

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istics of left side>right side>roof<sup>[22]</sup>.

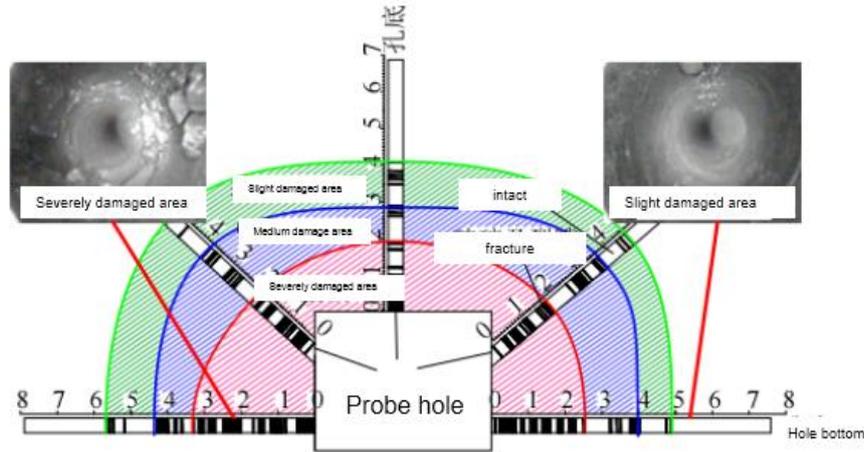


Fig. 6 Drilling in broken surrounding rock of typical fault passing roadway

## 4. Numerical model experimental research

### 4.1 Model establishment

In order to better study the damage of the roadway through the fault and the support effect, this section uses the Flac<sup>3D</sup> numerical software to establish a corresponding numerical model to conduct a finite element simulation analysis on the actual roadway through the fault. According to the engineering geological conditions of the site, the site conditions are appropriately simplified, and the complete rock tunnel model before the fault is processed as follows<sup>[23,24]</sup>: (1) Ignore the weight of the rock mass; (2) The surrounding rock of the roadway is regarded as a continuous and isotropic material; (3) The mechanics of the surrounding rock of the roadway is treated as a plane strain problem. The model of the roadway crossing the fault fracture zone is similar to the modeling process of the complete rock roadway. Due to the existence of the fault structure, the surrounding rock of the roadway is in a relatively broken state<sup>[3]</sup>. Therefore, the rock parameters other than the coal seam are assigned to the fracture zone rock parameters

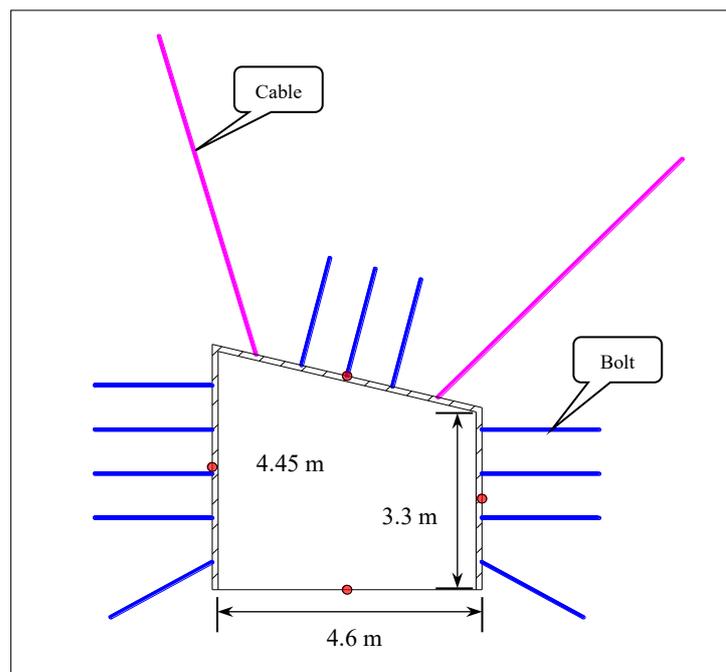
for the stability analysis of roadway fault. The numerical model is built with a size of 50×50×20m, with a total of 60,291 nodes and 55,360 units. The specific rock mechanics calculation parameters are shown in Table 2

Table 2 Mechanical calculation parameters of each stratum

Surrounding Rock Number	Rock thickness	Bulk density $\gamma/g.cm^{-3}$	Uniaxial compressive	Uniaxial tensile	Cohesion $C/MPa$	Internal friction	Elastic Modulus	Poisson's ratio $\mu$
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1	Sandy shale	13.44	2.71	78	2.04	16.73	37	2.29	0.45
2	Fine	8.74	2.54	65	1.03	13.21	26	1.42	0.21
3	Siltstone	5.24	2.67	40	1.80	18.69	32	1.65	0.22
4	Clay	1.54	2.48	14	1.12	12.55	31	0.38	0.16
5	Coal seam	9.17	1.37	12	1.43	10.60	29	0.45	0.19
6	Limestone	4.60	2.60	28	2.07	25.30	35	1.05	0.22
7	Siltstone, fine	7.17	2.50	39	2.99	26.40	35	1.23	0.19
8	Medium	10.69	2.40	36	2.91	13.31	31	1.24	0.24
9	Fault zone	1.50	0.98	1.15	0.08	0.02	10	0.20	0.44

225 The cross section of the on-site roadway is a trapezoidal roadway, with a width of 4.6 m, 4.45  
226 m on the left side and 3.3 m on the right side. The original support scheme is a combined support  
227 of bolts and cables, as shown in Figure 7. Among them, the diameter of the anchor rod is  $\phi 22 \times$   
228 2400 mm, and the distance between rows is  $700 \times 600$  mm; the anchor cable is  $\phi 22 \times 7300$  mm in  
229 diameter and the distance between rows is  $1600 \times 800$  mm. In addition, in the numerical process, a  
230 measuring point is set on the top and bottom plates and the two sides to monitor the convergence  
231 of each part of the roadway.



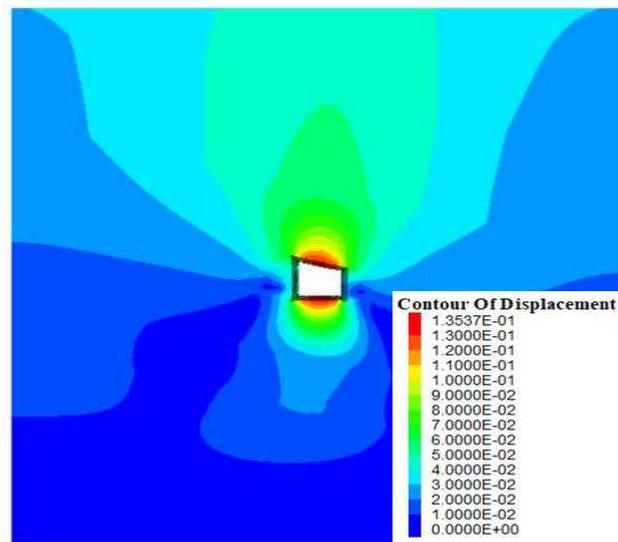
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Fig. 7 support structure and inspection point layout

234 **4.2 Deformation characteristics of roadway before crossing the fault**

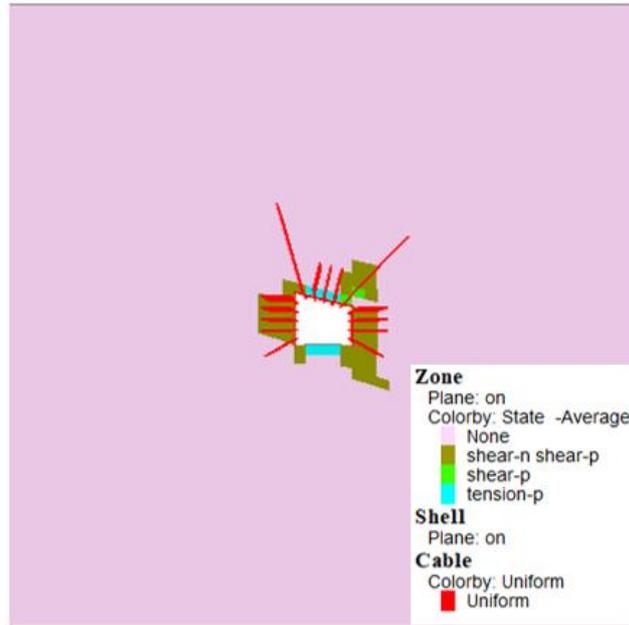
235 Figure 8 shows the support plastic zone, total displacement contour cloud map and  
236 monitoring point convergence before the roadway crosses the fault. It can be found that before the  
237 roadway crosses the fault, the original support scheme can better support and stabilize the  
238 deformation of the surrounding rock, and the total deformation of the roadway is small (the  
239 deformation of the roof and floor does not exceed 250mm). Judging from the distribution of the  
240 plastic zone, the distribution range of the plastic zone of the surrounding rock of the roadway is  
241 also small, and the original support scheme has a better coordination and stability effect on the  
242 complete surrounding rock.



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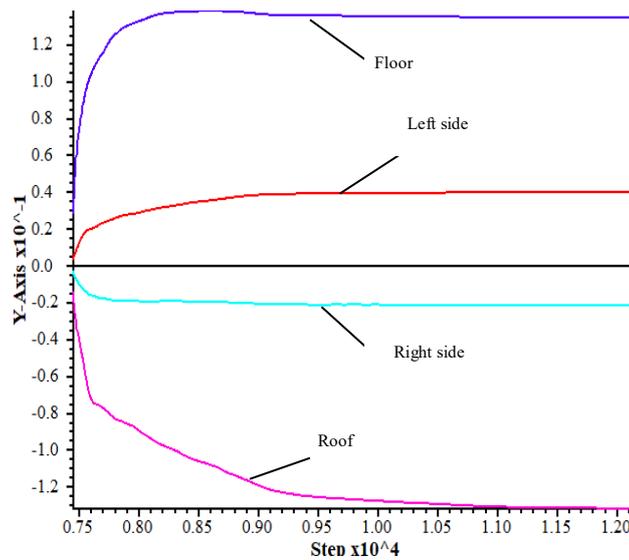
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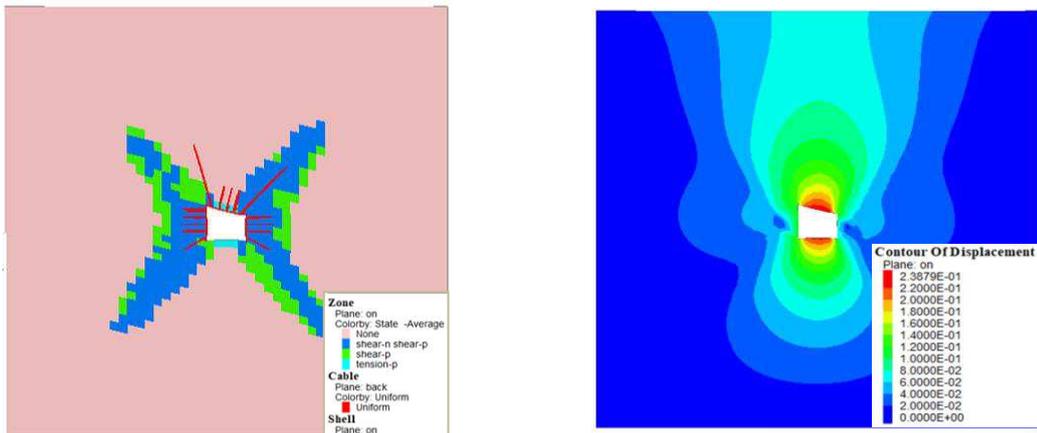
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249 Fig. 8 deformation of roadway before passing through fault: (a) plastic area; (b) isoline cloud chart of total  
250 displacement; (c) convergence curve of monitoring point

### 251 4.3 Control countermeasures and support optimization of roadway crossing fault

252 When the roadway passes through the fault, the rock mass is severely broken and the stress  
253 changes greatly. As shown in Figure 9, the plastic zone of the roadway crossing the fault has  
254 obvious malignant expansion, presenting a similar "butterfly" plastic zone range. Large  
255 deformation failure occurs in the mining roadway, the essence of which is that the stress failure  
256 zone of the roadway is irregular, and the support means cannot control the malignant development

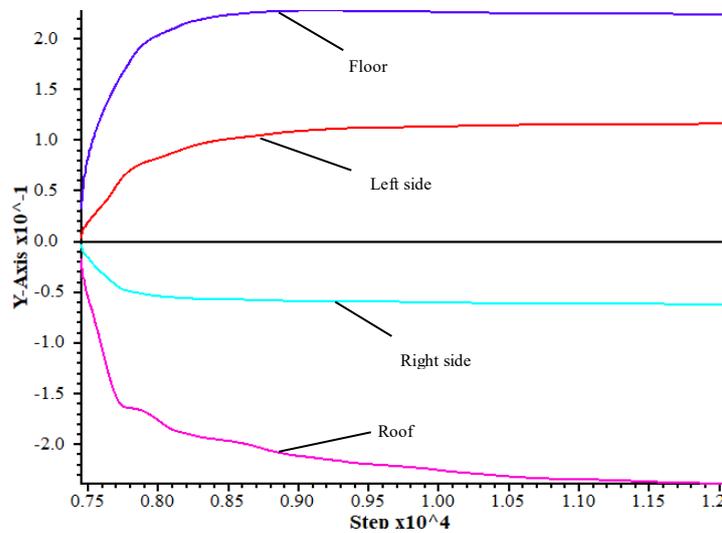
257 of the plastic zone, especially for the "butterfly" failure theory<sup>[25-26]</sup>. The original support plan of  
 258 the roadway was within the "butterfly" plastic zone, and the support structure failed. The original  
 259 support method cannot maintain the stability of the roadway well at this time, the uneven  
 260 deformation of the surrounding rock of the roadway continues to increase, the full section of the  
 261 roadway shrinks seriously, and the displacement convergence of the roof and floor and the two  
 262 sides can reach nearly 6,000 mm.



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(a)

(b)



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(c)

267 Fig. 9 numerical calculation results of roadway passing through fault: (a) plastic area after original  
 268 support (plastic area expands maliciously and support fails); (b) isoline cloud chart of total displacement; (c)  
 269 convergence curve of monitoring point

270 The control countermeasures and support principles for the main fault-crossing and  
 271 large-deformation roadways are as follows:

- 272 1) Advance grouting in key areas

273 Using high-pressure grouting, after being squeezed or permeated in the criss-cross cracks of  
274 the surrounding rock of the roadway, an interconnected network skeleton structure is formed in the  
275 cracked rock mass of the surrounding rock. Improve the overall mechanical properties of the  
276 damaged surrounding rock of the roadway, reduce the permeability of the rock formation, improve  
277 its self-bearing strength and long-term surrounding rock stability.

278 2) Multiple support in stages

279 ① Reserve the maximum possible deformation space of the roadway; ② The primary  
280 support allows a certain amount of surrounding rock deformation and can release the high and  
281 residual stresses in the surrounding rock; ③ The secondary support mainly controls the  
282 long-term engineering rheology of the surrounding rock .

283 Generally speaking, in addition to the impact of the stress disturbance on the roadway, the  
284 more important thing is that the

285 roadway is broken, which reduces the integrity of the surrounding rock, and the support  
286 system and the surrounding rock cannot jointly bear the broken deformation of the surrounding  
287 rock. In order to better control the deformation and failure of extremely broken surrounding rocks  
288 when such roadways pass through faults, according to the numerical calculation results, in order to  
289 reduce the extent of the roadway plastic zone, the emphasis is on strengthening the corners of the  
290 roadway "butterfly" zone. Therefore, comprehensively considering the characteristics of the  
291 plastic zone of the fault-broken roadway, a joint optimization support scheme considering the  
292 strengthening of the roadway angle is proposed: when the roadway crosses the fault, the roadway  
293 angle is densified or the bolts and cables are lengthened; for special fractures The surrounding  
294 rock of the roadway considers strengthening the support, and cooperates with the grouting  
295 reinforcement, the partial damage is serious, and the full-section support reinforcement is carried  
296 out.

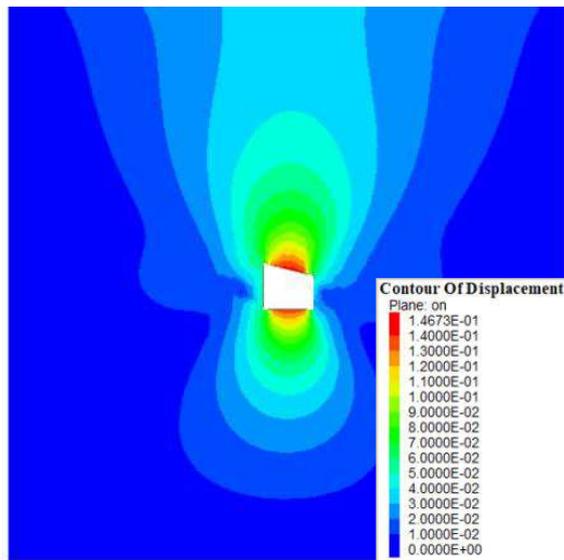
297 Figure 10 shows the numerical calculation results of the reinforced support scheme for the  
298 roadway crossing the fault. It can be found that after the roadway plastic zone is strengthened, the  
299 "butterfly" plastic zone area is reduced, and the anchor cables and bolts are outside the plastic  
300 zone. The malignant development of the plastic zone is well controlled. The long-term  
301 displacement of the surrounding rock of the roadway has been well controlled (when the  
302 calculation reaches 12,000 steps, the distance between the two sides of the roadway does not

303 exceed 70mm; the distance between the roof and floor does not exceed 280mm). And judging  
304 from the maximum shear stress diagram, the concentrated stress around the roadway is also  
305 relatively small. Therefore, the proposed "bolt, anchor cable, grouting" combined support scheme  
306 has good stability for the support of extremely broken roadways through faults, and ensures the  
307 stability and long-term use of the roadways.  
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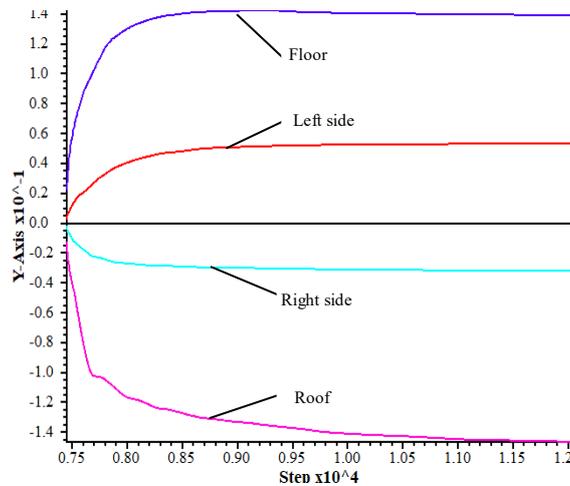
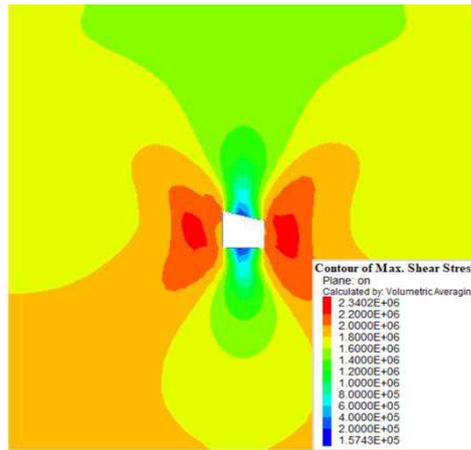
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Fig. 10 Numerical calculation results of the optimal support scheme for roadway passing through faults: (a) plastic zone; (b) contour of total displacement; (c) maximum shear stress; (d) convergence curve of monitoring points

## 5. Conclusions

(1) The mechanical characteristics and failure characteristics of the fault fracture zone are summarized, and the mining activation mechanism of concealed small faults and small structures is explored through fracture mechanics theory, and the critical value of water inrush due to floor failure caused by fault activation is obtained.

(2) The fault fracture zone has the characteristics of plastic faults, resembling a “butterfly” distribution. The internal structure of the rock mass is obviously different, and the mechanical unity of the rock formation is reduced within a certain range.

(3) The roadway crosses the fault and the rock is broken, the main stress state and the direction of the stress field change, showing large deformation and long-term rheological failure.

329 The original supporting structure cannot maintain the stability of the surrounding rock of the  
330 roadway, and its supporting capacity cannot be increased to the maximum Good support effect.

331 (4) Summarized the principles and key points of the support control of the fault-crossing  
332 roadway. By analyzing the expansion form of the "butterfly" plastic zone in the roadway corners  
333 of the fault-crossing section under the original plan, the "bolt + anchor cable + anchor" "Grouting"  
334 is the main optimization support scheme. The numerical results show that the convergent  
335 deformation of the surrounding rock of the roadway under this scheme gradually stabilizes, the  
336 final convergence value is small, the stress distribu- tion is uniform, and the support anchor cables  
337 are anchored into the stable deep rock. The overall stability of the roadway section crossing the  
338 fault is guaranteed.

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349 The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding  
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# Figures

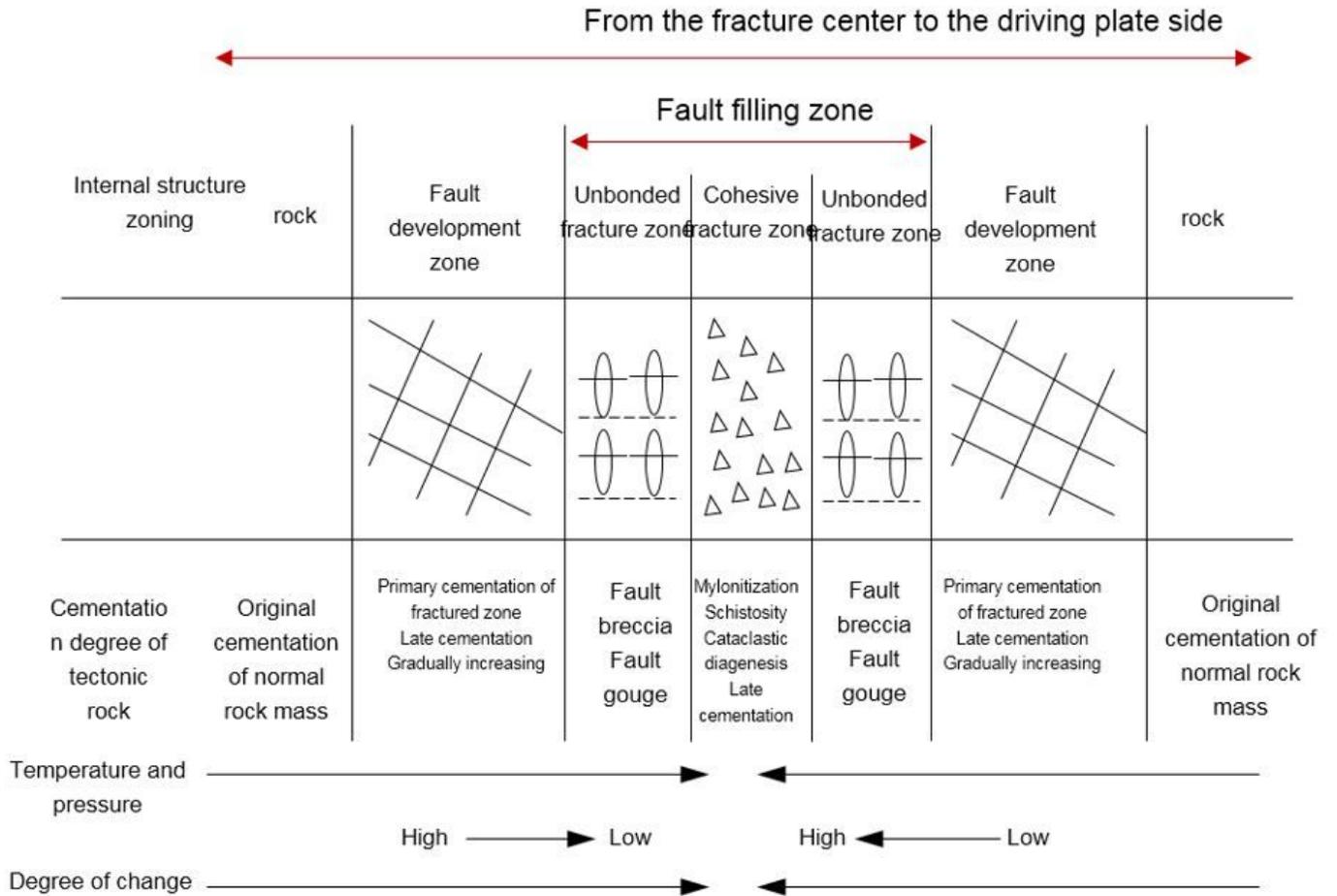


Figure 1

Characteristics of zoning in fault zone.

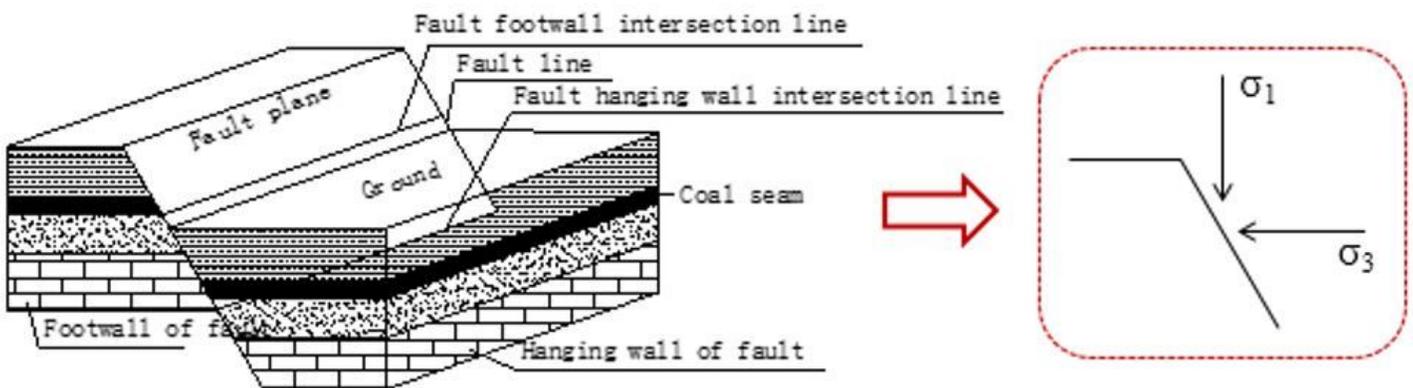


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Schematic diagram of coal bearing normal fault

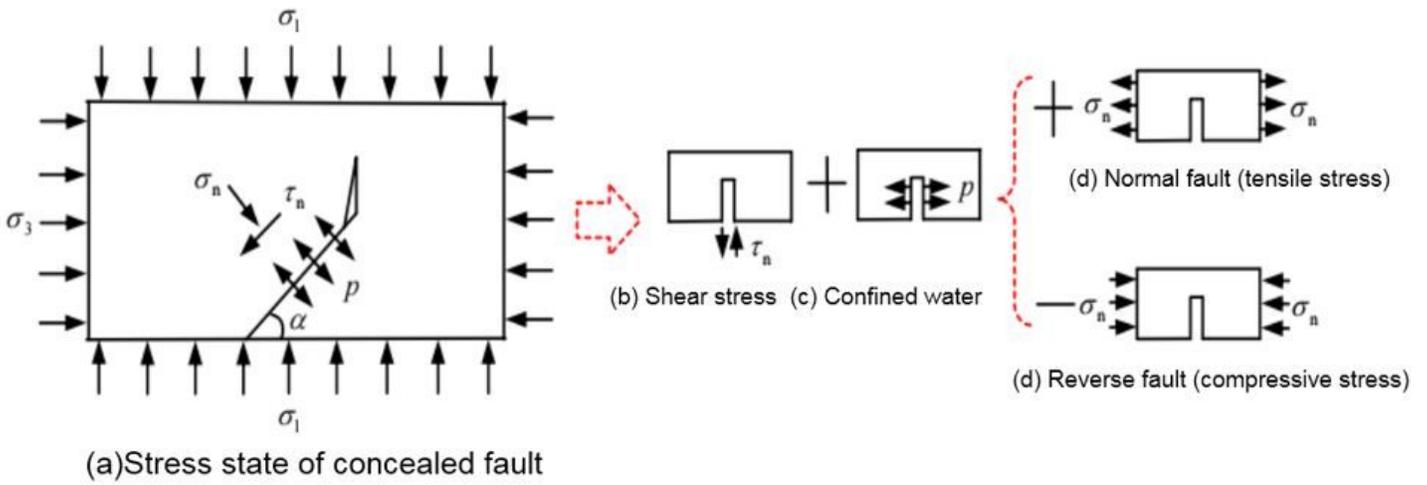


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Factorization of the extension stress intensity of concealed faults

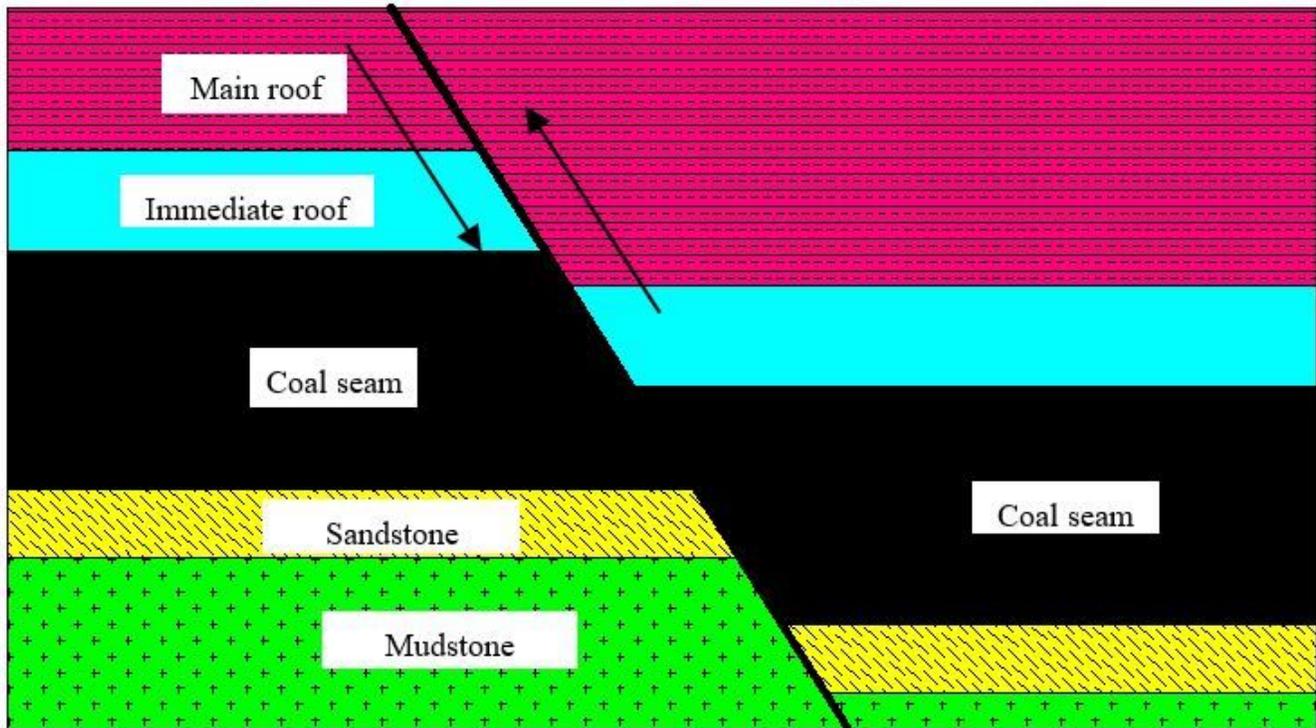
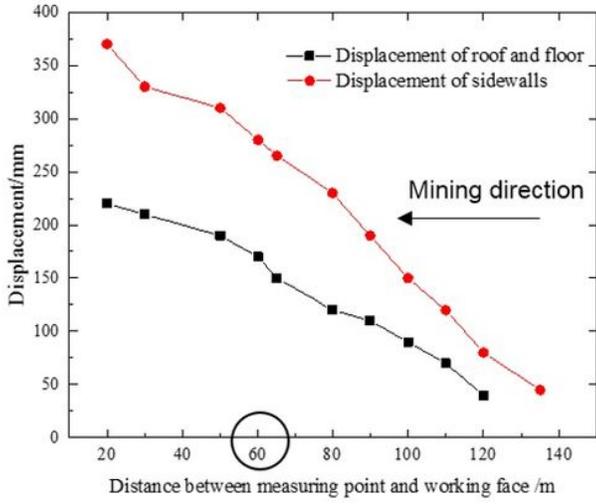
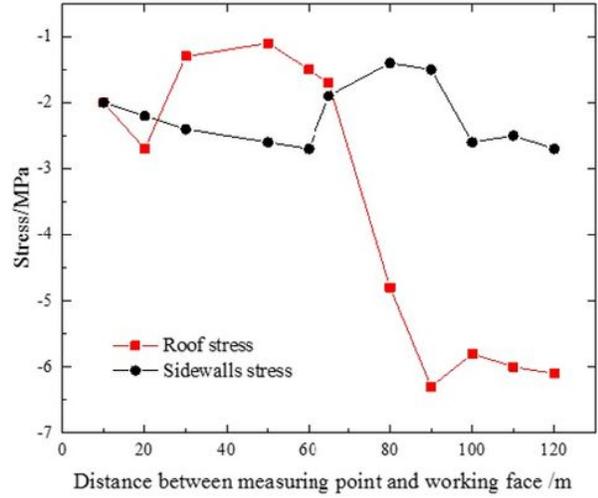


Figure 4

fault location of working face



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Figure 5

change curve of field measurement points with mining of working face: (a) displacement; (b) stress

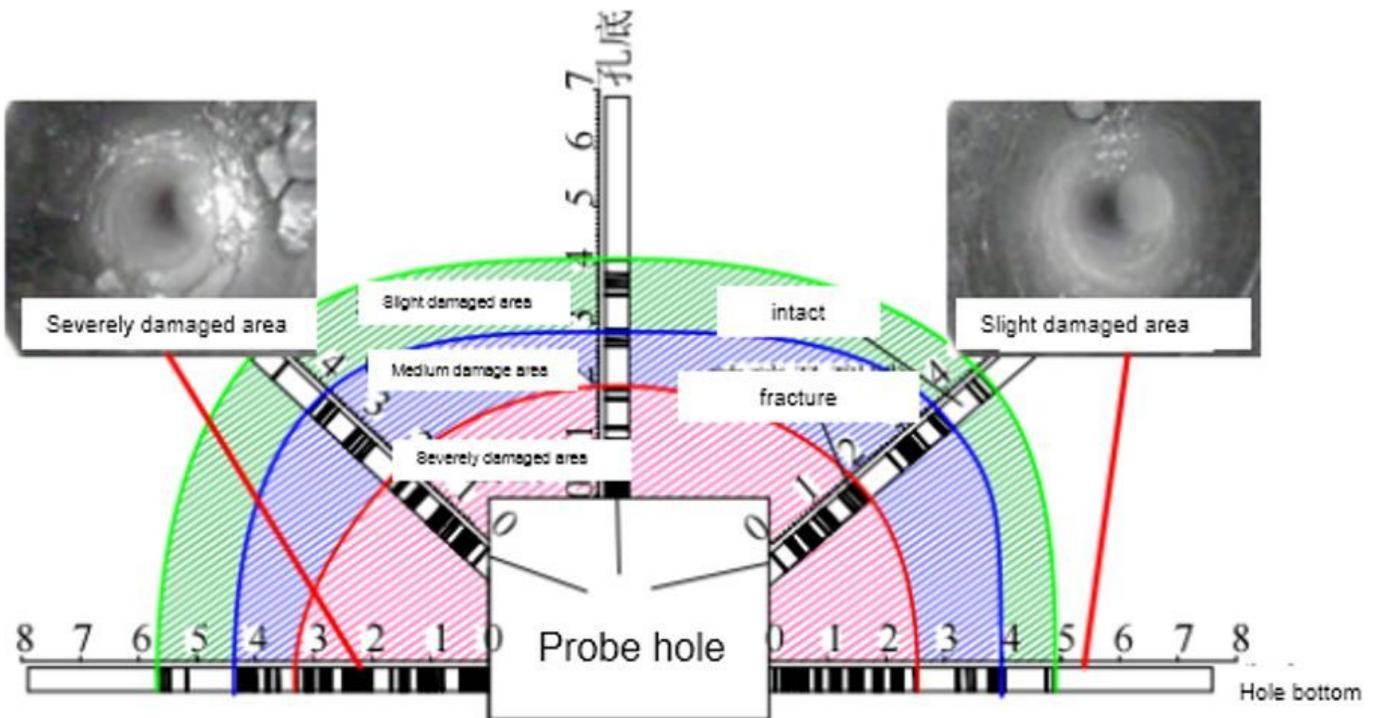


Figure 6

Drilling in broken surrounding rock of typical fault passing roadway

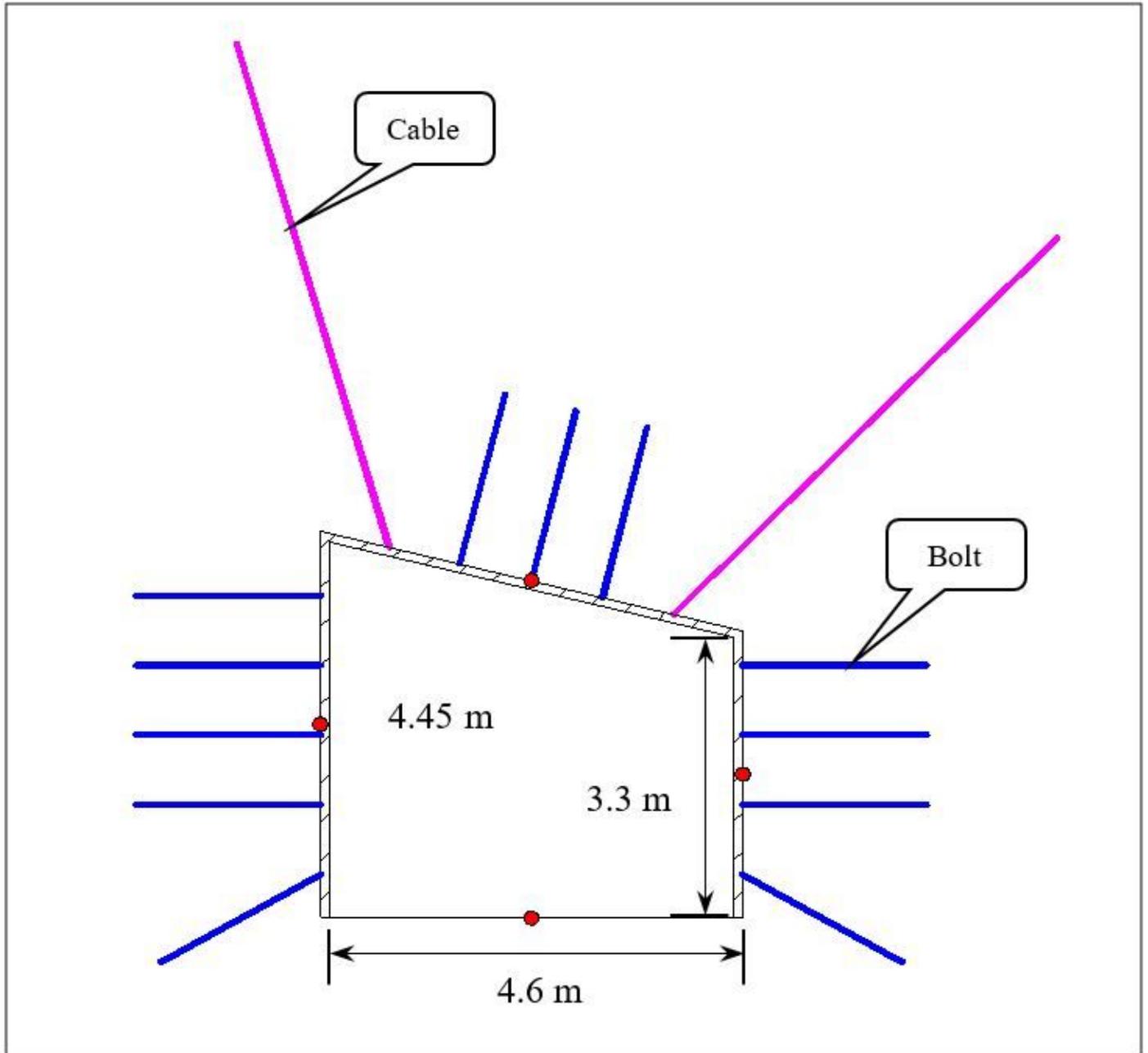
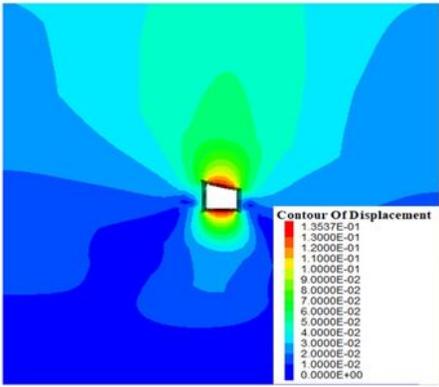
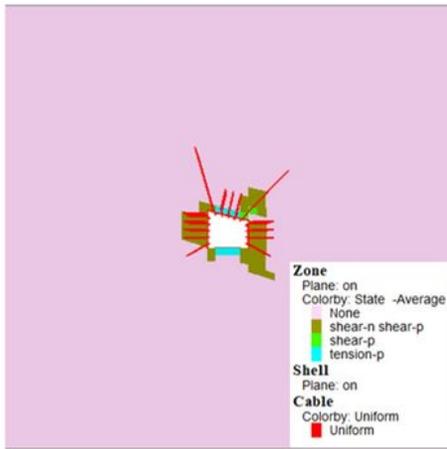


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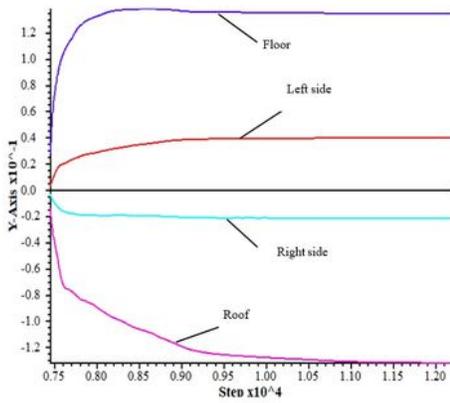
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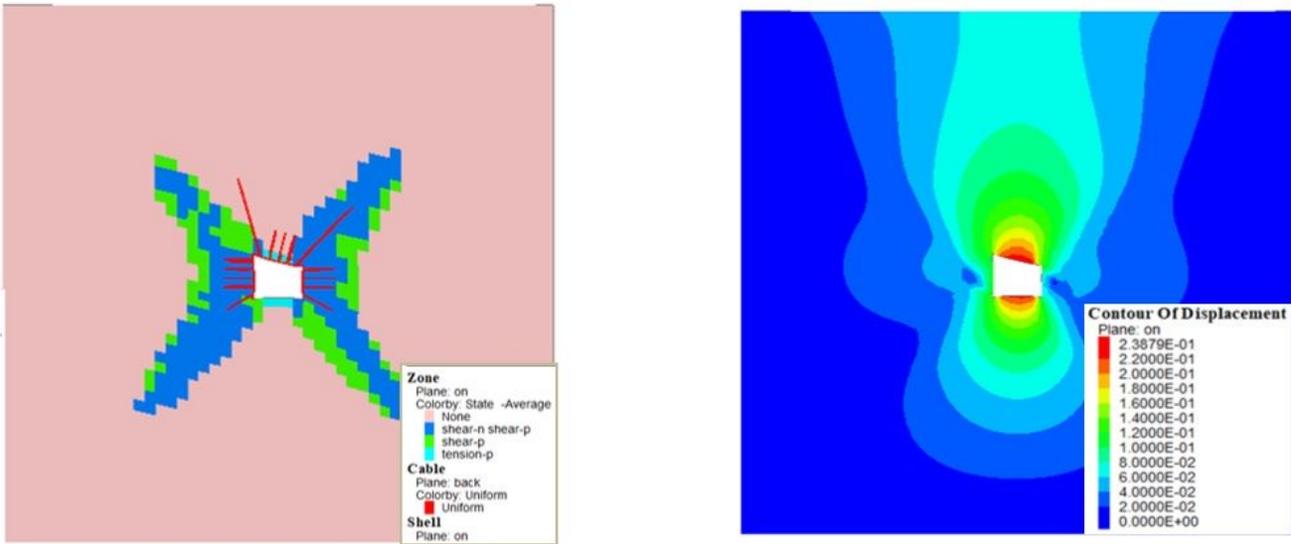
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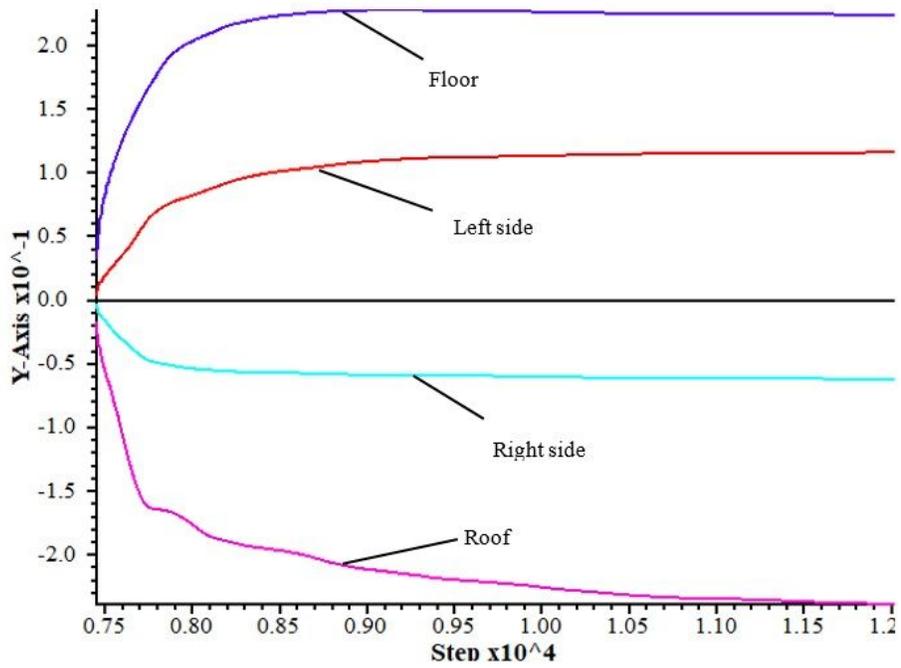
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deformation of roadway before passing through fault: (a) plastic area; (b) isoline cloud chart of total displacement; (c) convergence curve of monitoring point



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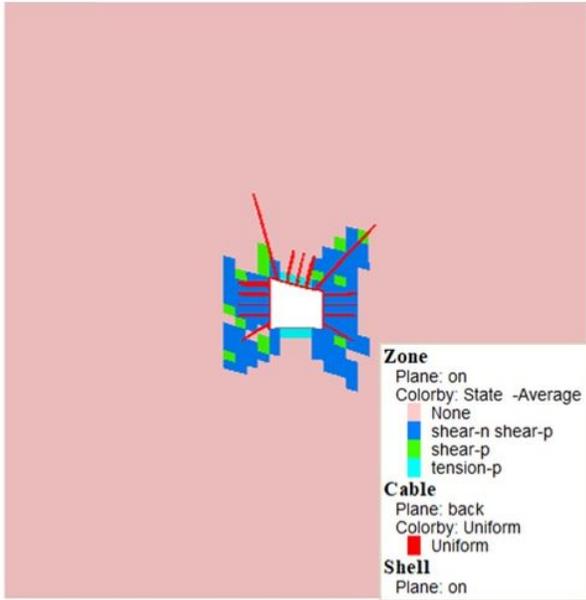
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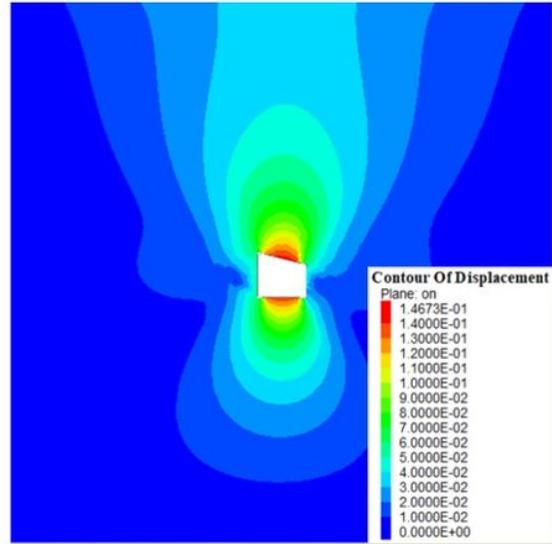
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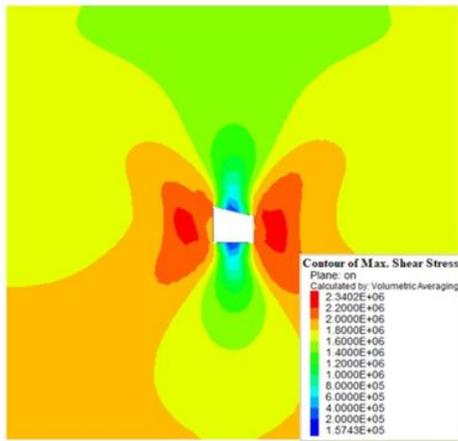
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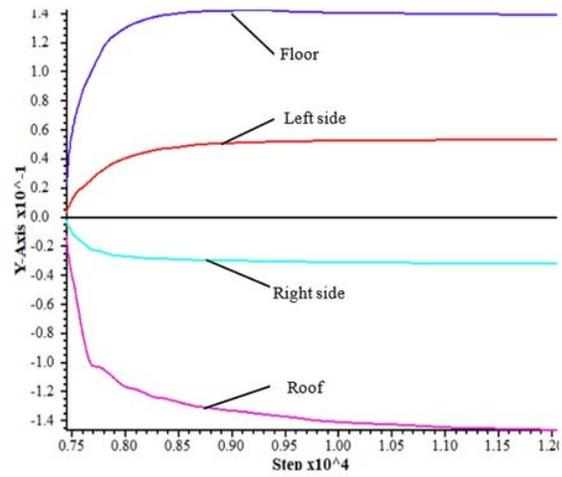
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**Figure 10**

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