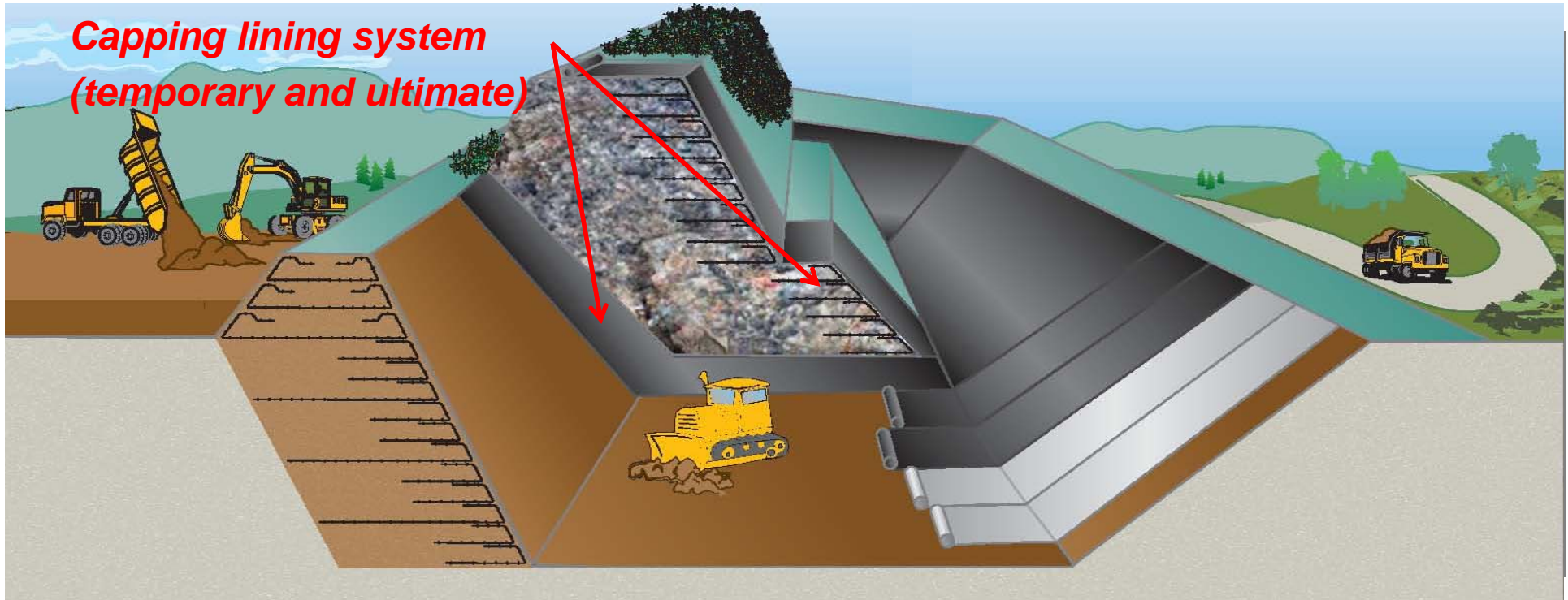


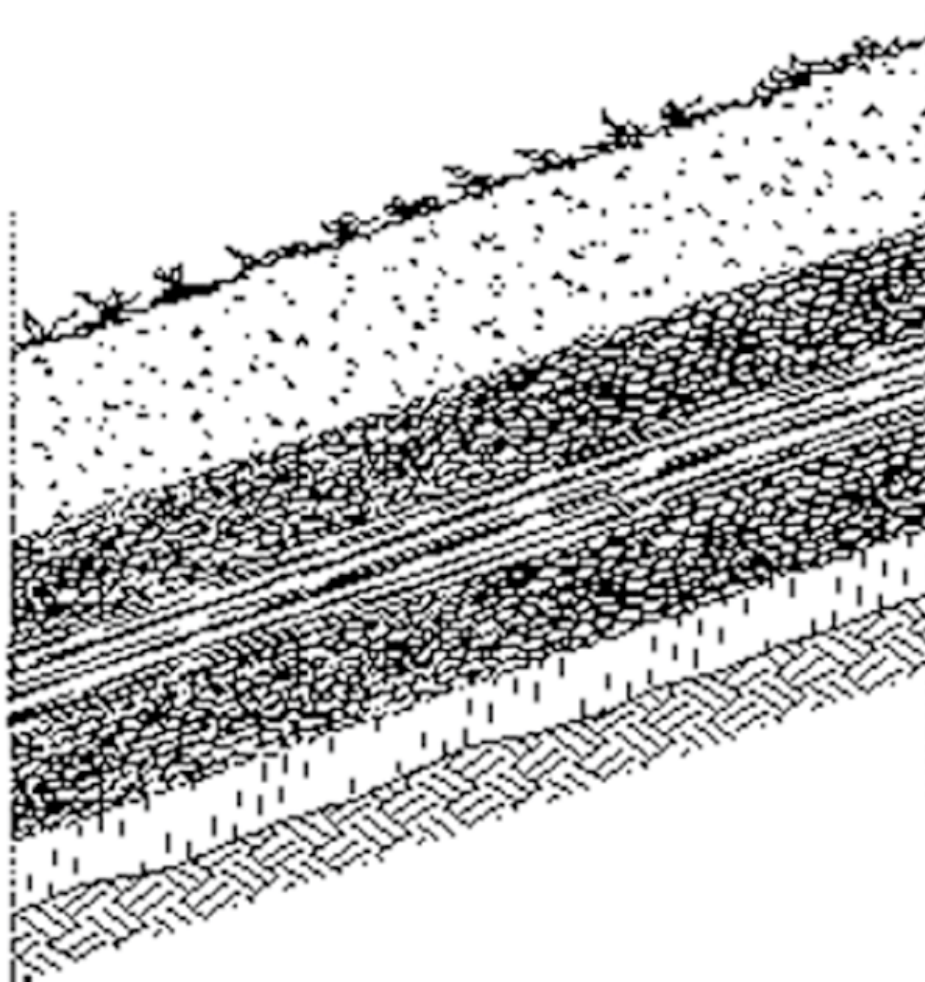
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GEOSYNTHETICS

*Capping lining system
(temporary and ultimate)*



***Landfills
The capping solutions***



outer vegetation cover layer: thickness > 1.0 m.

drainage layer: thickness > 0.50 m;

1×10^{-8} m/sec permeability barrier layer:
thickness > 0.50 m;

biogas drainage layer thickness > 0.50 m;

levelling layer;

body of waste;

- The standard solution according to European standards

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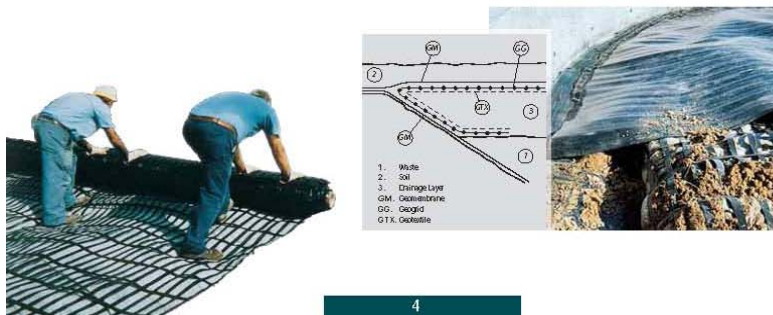
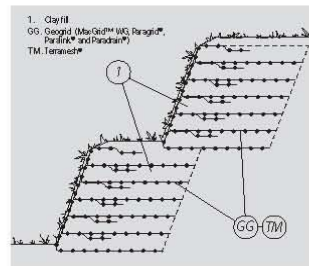


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Foundation support and reinforcement

This includes the consolidation of the base of the landfill or of the waste, in order to provide a stable foundation layer and/or the overall stability of the landfill. This aspect is particularly relevant where a new landfill has to be constructed on a soft surface (e.g. an old landfill, unstable clays soils) or in soils subjected to landslides or when existing facilities need enlarging. Geogrid products such as MacGrid™ WG, Paragrid®, Paradrain®, Paralink® or even Gabions or Terramesh® units can provide, in various combinations, an answer to many problems faced by the designer during initial planning stages or in emergencies or unforeseen situations.



Improvement of the site's geological characteristics

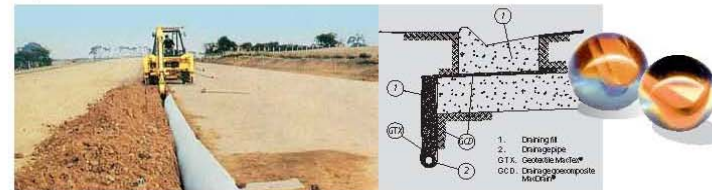
To limit the impact of leachate losses that are ultimately anticipated to take place through any barrier system, the standards allow for either a natural low permeability layer or alternatively a geo-clay-barrier composite chosen from the MacLine® GCL family. This second application is on slopes within the landfill cell where it is necessary to take into consideration the serious difficulties of placing and compacting cohesive soils (typically clay) on such surfaces.

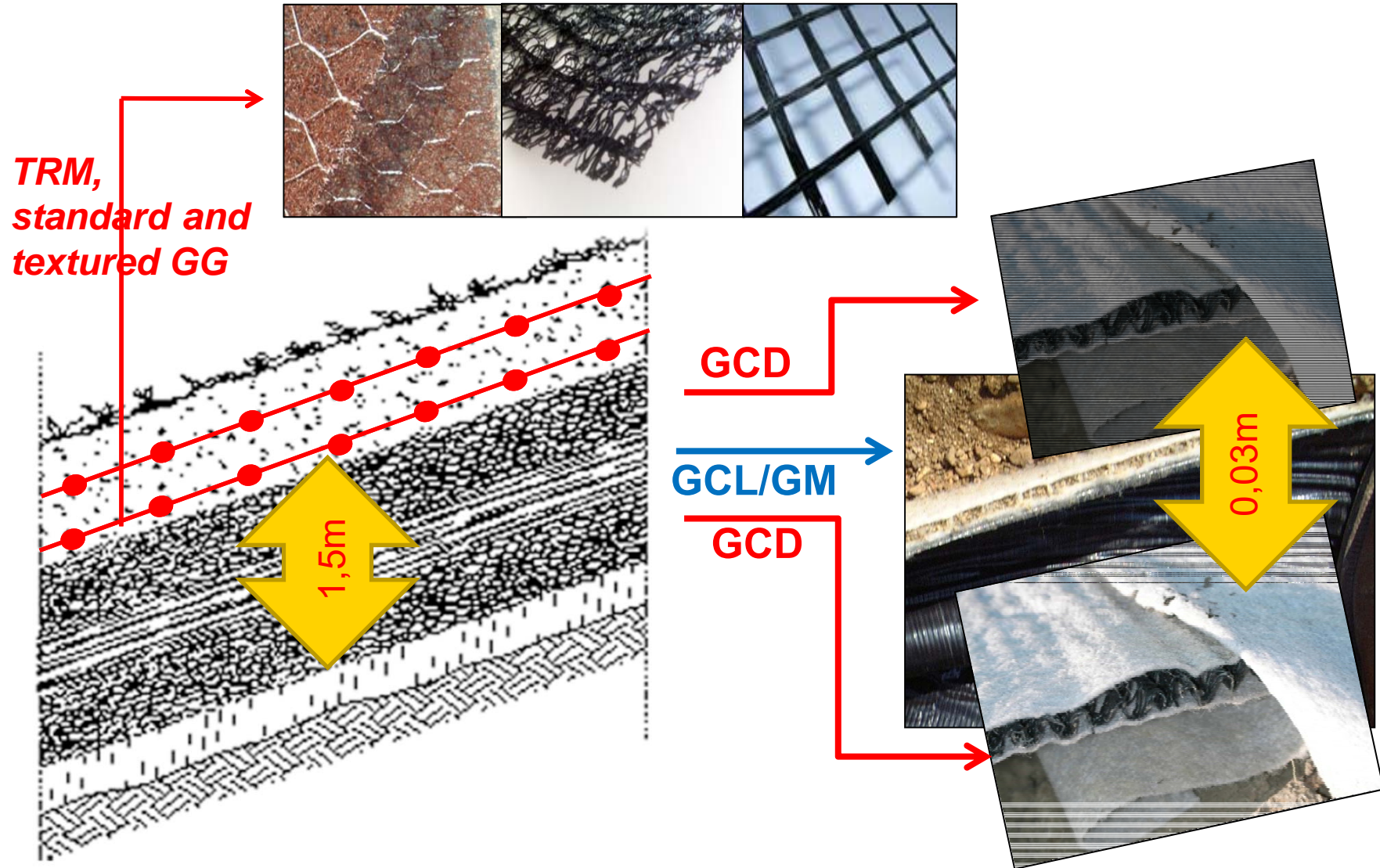


Water drainage and filtration

Leachates arising from rainfall or from phreatic surfaces or water tables adjacent to the landfill must be diverted to avoid pollution by the waste and to avoid possible landfill stability problems or problems with the buoyancy of the barrier. It can be overcome with the use of natural materials or by the use of drainage geocomposites chosen from the large family of the MacDrain® geocomposite products. These

provide drainage paths within the cell to reduce water pressure. In case of conventional drainage trenches, the traditional filtration systems can be conveniently replaced and with greater efficiency by the use of MacTex® the non-woven geotextiles. In special circumstances, when used in contact with the waste MacTex® HF woven geotextiles can be used.





Maccaferri products vs APPLICATION

SOIL FOUNDATION
GEOTECHNICAL
IMPROVEMENT

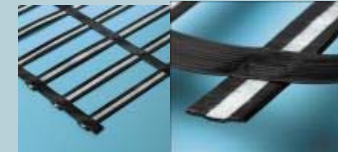
Paragrids, Paralink



SOIL REINFORCED
SLOPES WITH CLAY

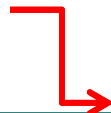


SOIL REINFORCEMENT
APPLICATIONS WITH COHESIVE
SOIL OR STANDARD CLAY



BOTTOM LINING

SOIL REINFORCED
SLOPES WITH WASTES
and CONTAMINATED SOILS

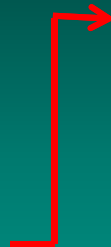


SOIL
REINFORCEMENT
APPLICATIONS
WITH
AGGRESSIVE
SOIL:
contaminated soils,
high ph & similar,
wastes



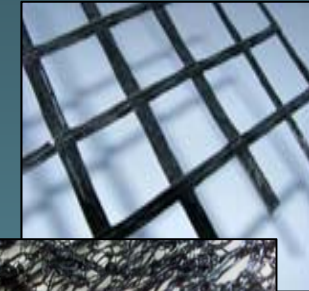
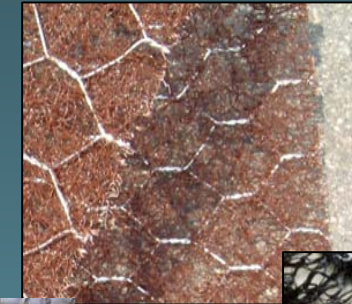
CAPPING SYSTEM

REINFORCED STEEP SLOPE
& Capping SYSTEM



Maccaferri products vs APPLICATION

CAPPING SYSTEM



Erosion control natural blankets

Soil Veneer reinforcement

Drainage Water Rainfall

Waterproofing

Biogas Drainage – if applicable

- Standard geogrids

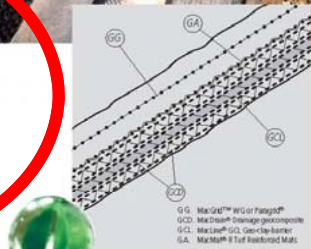
Textured geogrids

+Turf reinforced mats



Gas and water run-off collection

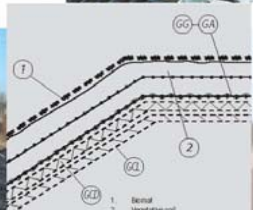
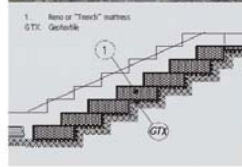
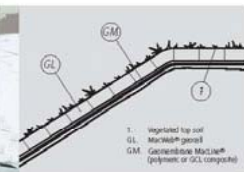
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SYNTHETICS

**propylene mat with waved profile
(longitudinal channel shape) of various thickness
various mass:**



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TESTING OF GEOCOMPOSITES ACCORDING TO EN AND ISO:

The following tests are applicable to draining geocomposites:

Short term flow rate test (EN ISO 12958)

Compressive creep test with shear load applied (EN ISO 13432)

Detachment peel and junction shear tests for geocomposites (EN 13426-2)

Direct shear test (EN ISO 12957-1)

Inclined plane test (EN ISO 12957-2)

Long term protection efficiency test (EN 13719).

MacDrain®

Under **normal compressive creep** loads of **50, 100, 200 and 500 kPa** using both the **Isothermal Method (SIM)** and of **time-temperature superposition (TTS)** in accordance with EN ISO 12958:2010 and the ISO 25619-1:2008 up to **120 years** design life.

In addition, **tests under normal and shear loads** are performed to simulate drainage on slopes (e.g. on road pavements) with a load of **50kPa**. The flow rate of the composites is obtained by applying a set of **Reduction Factors** which take into account all the phenomena that may decrease the flow rate over the entire design life compared to the short term permeability rate measured in EN ISO 12958:2010 or EN ISO 12958:2010 (2013) tests. With the information obtained through performance tests, **Design Data Sheets (DDS)** were developed for each MacDrain product providing reduction factors

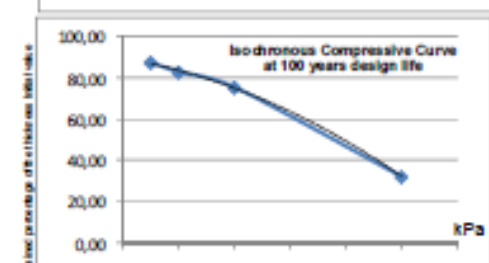
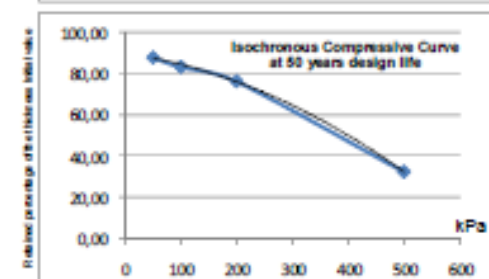
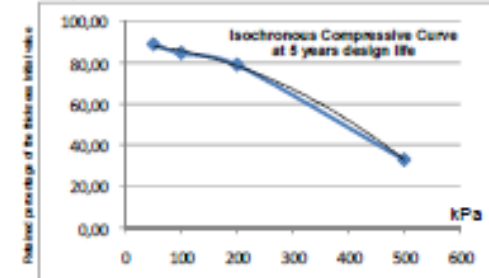


MACDRAIN W 1081-1091-1101®
DRAINAGE GEOCOMPOSITES

Compressive Creep performances of MacDrain® W (grades 1081-1091-1101)

The MacDrain® geocomposites are made of synthetic polymers, hence the compressive creep behavior can significantly affect their long term draining performances due to the variation of thickness at constant loads. The info reported in this DDS are based on tests run under normal compressive loads of 50, 100, 200 & 500 kPa using both the Stepped Isothermal Method (SIM) of Time-Temperature superposition (TTS) compressive creep tests and conventional isothermal compressive creep tests performed at room temperature. The testing method used were the ASTM D7361-07 (2012), Accelerated Compressive Creep of Geosynthetic Materials Based on Time-Temperature Superposition Using the Stepped Isothermal Method and the ISO 25619-1:2008, Geosynthetics - Determination of Compressive behavior - Part 1: Compressive Creep Properties.

Isochronous Compressive Creep Curves as variation of the core thickness (as percentage of the initial one) according to different values of the design life at various loads



For all applications, the available flow rate of the geocomposite shall be obtained by applying a set of Reduction Factors which take into account all the phenomena that may decrease the flow rate over the entire design life compared to the short term flow rate measured in EN ISO 12958:2010 or ASTM D4716-08 (2013) tests:

$$Q_a = \frac{Q_s \cdot F_s}{RF_{in} \cdot RF_{in-C} \cdot RF_{in} \cdot RF_{in}}$$

- Q_a = available long term flow rate for the geocomposite;
- Q_s = short term flow rate obtained from laboratory tests;
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- RF_{in-C} = Reduction Factor for the compressive creep of the geocomposite;
- RF_{in} = Reduction Factor for chemical clogging of the draining core;
- RF_{in} = Reduction Factor for biological clogging of the draining core;
- F_s = empirical factor to be applied when the test results for Q_s are available for contact conditions different from the project conditions

RF _{in-C}	50 kPa	100 kPa	200 kPa	500 kPa
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10 years	1,021	1,080	1,153	1,956
20 years	1,028	1,088	1,161	2,026
50 years	1,031	1,090	1,170	2,148
≥ 100 years	1,036	1,099	1,185	2,242

RF _{in}	values can change according to the type of geotextile used, the applied load and the contacts in testing conditions (R/R, R/S, S/S)	1.0 - 1.5
RF _{in}	higher values are suggested for water with high content of eroding materials	1.0 - 1.3
RF _{in}	higher values are suggested for leachate, sewage, biological fluids	1.0 - 1.3

F _s for all MacDrain	Contacts used for flow rate tests		
Contacts in project conditions	Rigid / Rigid	Rigid / Soft	Soft / Soft
Rigid / Rigid	1.0	1.5 - 2.5	2.0 - 4.0

$$Q_a = \frac{Q_L \cdot F_{lr}}{RF_{in} \cdot RF_{cr-Q} \cdot RF_{cc} \cdot RF_{bc}}$$

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Soft / Soft	0.3 - 0.5	0.4 - 0.6	1.0

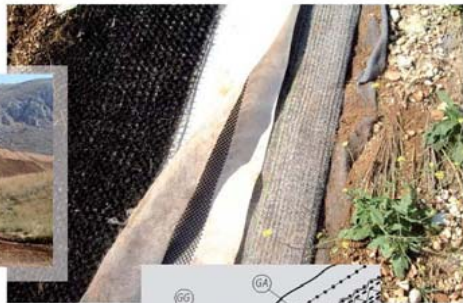
MacDrain W Drainage Composites



Final capping of Gello
ITALY (Pisa), 2011-2013
MacDrain W 1081
drainage geocomposite
used as soil gas drainage
and as rainfall water
drainage in the final
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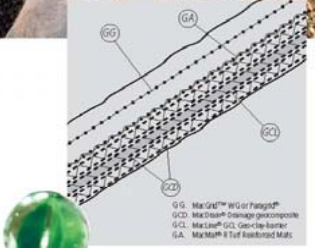
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W 1051 drainage
site used as soil gas





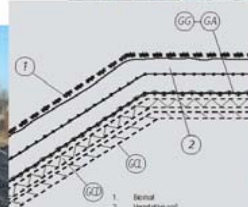
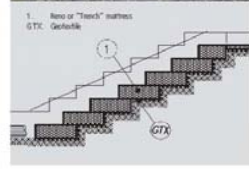
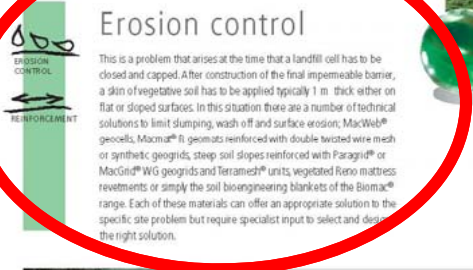
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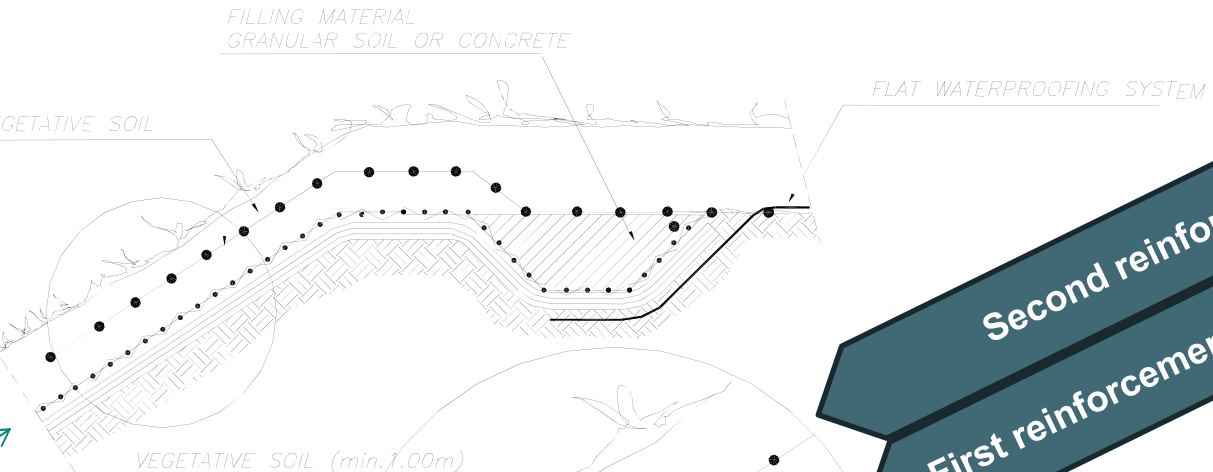
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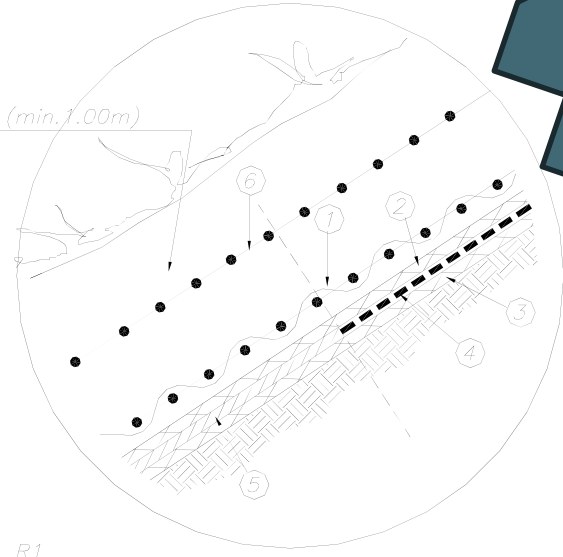
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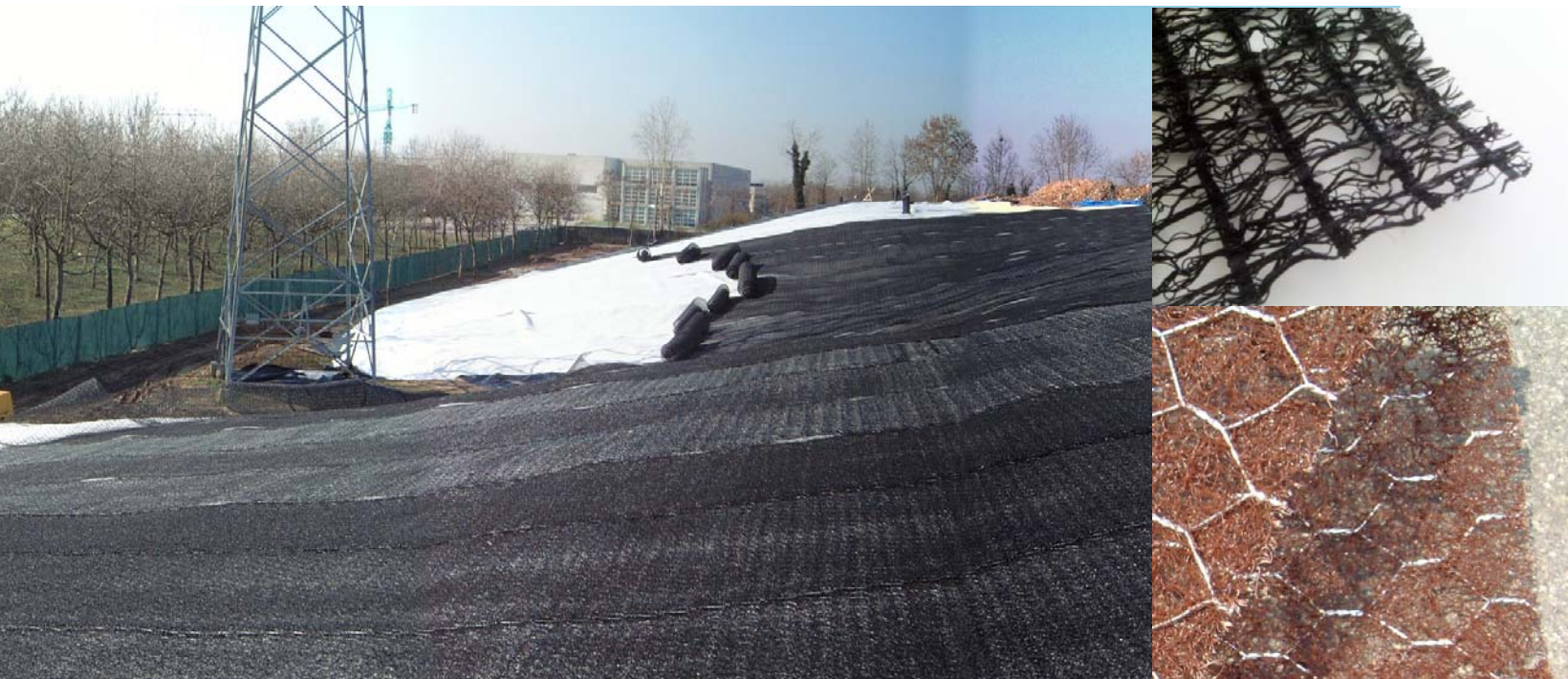
Second reinforcement into the soil
First reinforcement at the interface GCD-soil



- SOLUTION 2
- 1: COMPOSITE REINFORCEMENT MAT: MacMat R1
 - 2: RAINFALL WATER DRAINAGE COMPOSITE MacDrain
 - 3: BIOGAS DRAINAGE: DRAINAGE COMPOSITE MacDrain
 - 4: WATERPROOFING LAYER: HDPE GEOMEMBRANE MACLINE SDH OR RMH
 - 6: REINFORCEMENT GEOGRIDS: ParaGrid-MacGrid WG-MacGrid T

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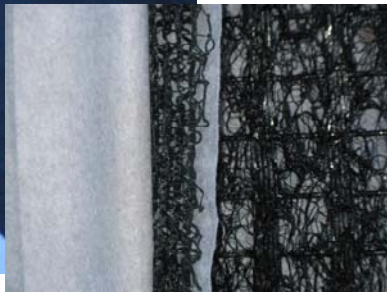


most popular reinforcement are turf mats reinforced with a
meric geogrid or with a metallic reinforcement or textured
grids; 3d material are preferred to standard biplanar geogrids
e interface with GCD to better contain the soil

MacMat R1 Turf reinforced Mat

Final capping of Chivasso
ITALY (Torino), 2010

MacMat R350 geocomposite used to stabilize the latest lift of vegetative soil having a 3.3 ft thickness on 30° sloped finished surfaces.



Final capping of Gavorrano
ITALY (Grosseto), 2001

MacMat R1 8127GN geocomposite used to stabilize 2 ft of vegetative soil on 35° sloped finished surfaces.



MacGrid Geogrids



Final capping of Montecalvo in Foglia
ITALY (Pesaro & Urbino), 2010
MacGrid T200 geocomposite
used (13,900yd²) to stabilize the
latest lift of vegetative soil having
a 3.3 ft thickness on 30° sloped
finished surfaces.

MacGrid Geogrids



Final capping of Avlona Landfill
GREECE – Avlona/Malakasa,
Attica (TS), 2011
MacGrid T55 geocomposite used
(49,000yd²) to stabilize the latest
lift of vegetative soil having a 1 ft
thickness on 25°-35° sloped
finished surfaces.

MACCAFERRI
SYNTHETICS



SOIL REINFORCEMENT APPLICATIONS

VERTICAL & SLOPED APPLICATIONS

FLAT APPLICATIONS

MACSTARS

Steep & shallow slopes

Slopes with cohesive soils

Hybrid structures

Piled Embankments

Sink Holes

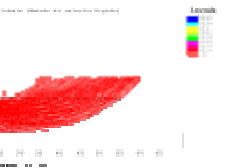
MACFLOW

Drainage Applications

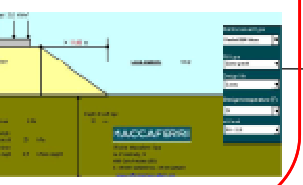
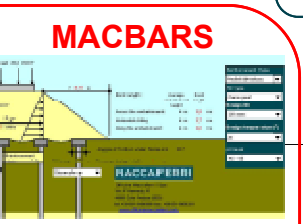
Embankments on soft soil

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Soil nailing



al embankment stability use:
MACSTARS



MACFLOW H

DESIGN OF MACDRAIN GEOCOMPOSITES FOR DRAINAGE IN SUB-HORIZONTAL FLOW APPLICATIONS

MACFLOW S

DESIGN OF MACDRAIN GEOCOMPOSITES FOR DRAINAGE ON SLOPES

MACFLOW V

DESIGN OF MACDRAIN GEOCOMPOSITES FOR DRAINAGE IN VERTICAL FLOW APPLICATIONS

Equivalent Drainage

MACFLOW EH

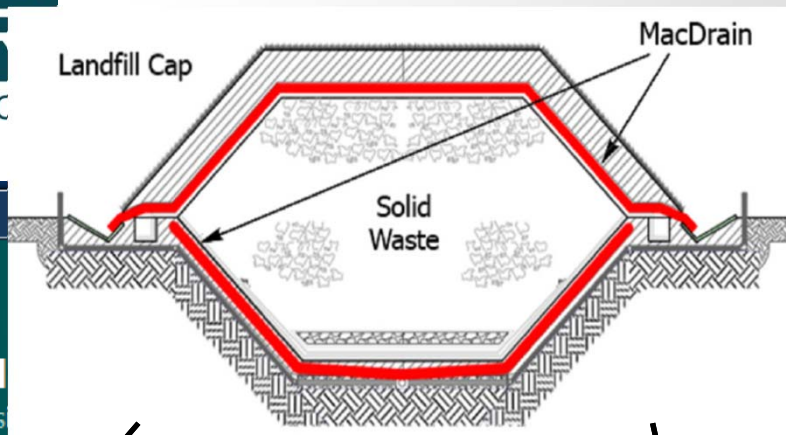
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MACFLOW ES

DESIGN OF MACDRAIN GEOCOMPOSITES EQUIVALENT TO A MINERAL LAYER FOR WATER FLOW ON SLOPES

MACFLOW EV

DESIGN OF MACDRAIN GEOCOMPOSITES EQUIVALENT TO A MINERAL LAYER FOR VERTICAL WATER FLOW



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Project Information

Length along slope [m]

MacDrain (>= 10) [deg]

of infiltration

MacDrain application

Soil / Material on MacDrain

Water or liquid to be drained

Final surficial flow rate

Input

Project Information

Geometry

MacDrain application

Soil / Material on MacDrain

Water or liquid to be drained

Rain

Pluviometric curve $h = a t^n$

Parameter a [mm/hour]	<input type="text" value="48"/>
Exponent	<input type="text" value="0.42"/>
Duration of critical rain [hours]	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>

Given rain height in 1 hour
(Set = 0 if pluviometric curve has to be used)

Design Calculation

Reference water temperature [°C]	20.00
Reference dynamic viscosity	1.005
Design dynamic viscosity	1.142
Correction for liquid temperature and viscosity	0.880
Maximum pressure on MacDrain [kPa]	17.00
Hydraulic gradient	0.375

**Optimum solution is MacDrain W Range.
Specific MacDrain selected is:**

Drain	Contact	QL	Qa	Safety Factor	Result
051	R/R	0.66	0.545	1.17	OK
061	R/R	0.985	0.814	1.748	OK
071	R/R	1.021	0.844	1.811	OK
081	R/R	1.374	1.136	2.437	OK

Design Calculation

Rain height for design duration [mm]	35.88
Rain intensity for design duration [mm/h]	71.75
Input flow in MacDrain [l/s/m]	0.359
Design input flow for MacDrain	0.466

IDENTIFICATION

Number	
Year	
Project	
Location	

DESCRIPTION

Site	
Soil	
Water	
Other	

DESIGN INFORMATION

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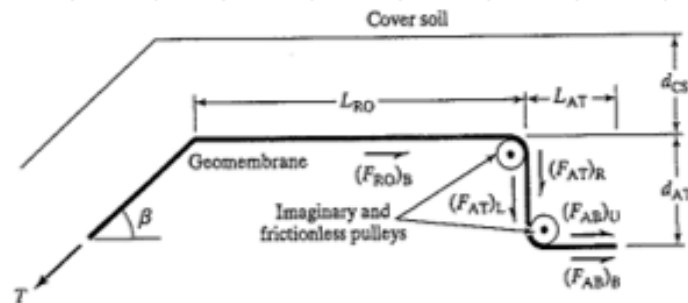
With Geosynthetic - Soil Retention - Ed. 1997 - MK Books - 3.2. Page 269-282

When a soil cover is covered with a geotextile, a stability calculation should be made to assess the potential for sliding of the soil on the barrier layer. Four situations come to mind: landfill liners with leachate collection gravel above them until such time that the solid waste acts as a passive resistance to sliding; impoundment liners where the cover geotextile is placed over the geomembrane to shield it from ultraviolet light, heat degradation, and equipment damage; landfill covers that have topsoil and vegetation placed over the geomembrane; and general slopes and embankments containing various types of material being covered with a layer of geotextile. In all cases the geotextile layer is placed over the soil (3 to 1.0 m), hence the sliding stability of such a veneer of cover geotextile is the issue.



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ANCHOR TRENCH DESIGN



Ref. Geotechnical Aspects of landfill design and construction - R. Gian, R.M. Kavouras, D. H. Gray - pag. 4.

DESIGN INFORMATION

SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
β	22	°	side slope angle
d_{CS}	0.3	m	thickness covering soil
T_{geot}	19	kn/m	weight of geotextile
d_{AT}	1	m	trench depth
L_{RT}	1	m	length of geosynthetic runoff
L_{AT}	2	m	length of geosynthetic inside the trench
θ_{geot}	30	°	trench soil friction angle
δ_C	22	°	friction angle between the geosynthetic and the underlying soil
δ_T	18	°	friction angle between the geosynthetic and the backfill soil
T_{ult}	110	kn/m	Ultimate tensile strength of the geosynthetic
RF	2		Reduction factor (RF = $RF_{CS} \times RF_{L} \times RF_{FS} \times FS$)
T_{all}	55.00	kn/m	Allowable tensile strength

RESULTS

Factor of Safety	
Sliding	
Other	

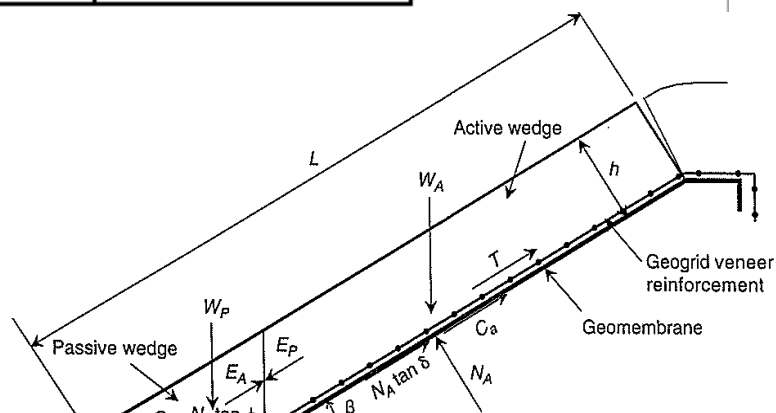
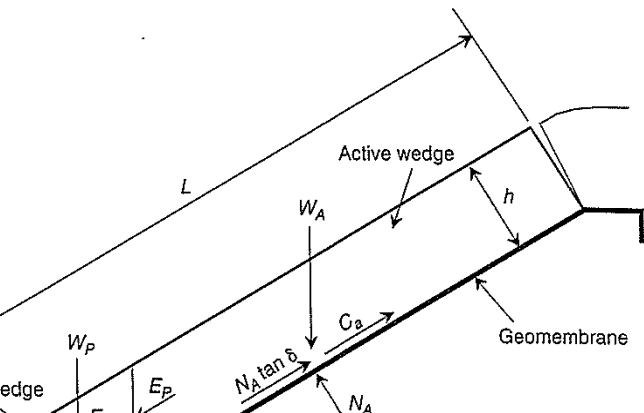
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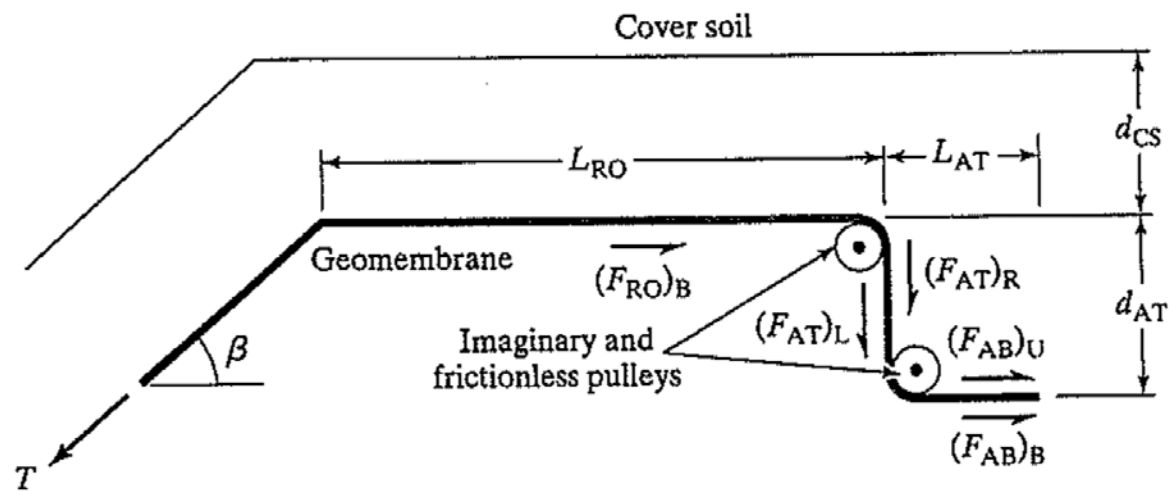
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
γ	19	kN/m ³	unit weight of cover soil
ϕ	22	deg	friction angle of the cover soil
c	0	kpa	cohesion of the cover soil
h	0.3	m	thickness of the cover soil
β	22	°	soil slope angle
L	50	m	length of the slope
ca	0		adhesion between cover soil of the active wedge and geomembrane
δ	22	°	interface friction angle between cover soil and geomembrane

WITHOUT REINFORCEMENT

SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
Wa	280.8	kN/m ³	total weight of the active wedge
Na	260.3	kN	effective force normal to the failure plane of the active wedge
Ca	0.0	kN	adhesive force between cover soil and gsy
Wp	2.5	kN/m ³	total weight of the passive wedge
C	0.0	kN	cohesive force along the failure plane of the passive wedge
a	36.5		n/a
b	-42.9		n/a
c	6.0		n/a

FoS_{unrein}	1.01
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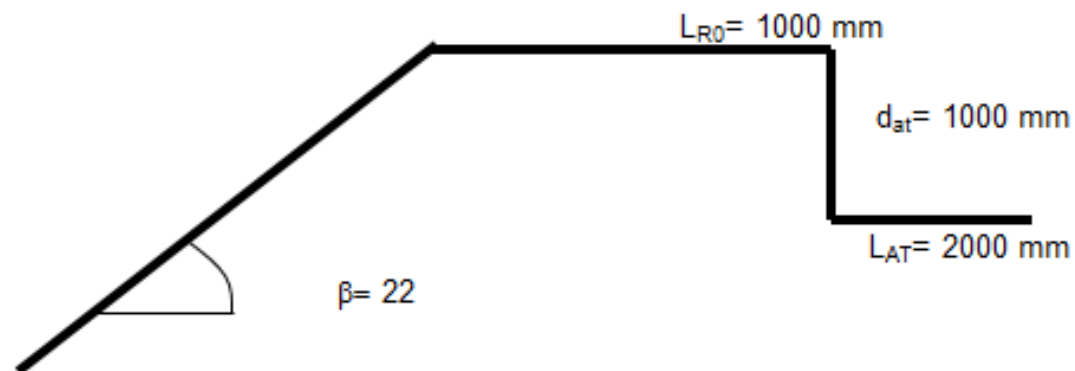




DESIGN INFORMATION

SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
β	22	°	side slope angle
d_{CS}	0.3	m	thickness covering soil
γ_{soil}	19	kn/m ³	weight of soil
d_{at}	1	m	trench depth
L_{RO}	1	m	length of geosynthetic runout
L_{AT}	2	m	length of geosynthetic inside the trench
ϕ_{soil}	30	°	trench soil friction angle
δ_C	22	°	friction angle between the geosynthetics and the underlying soil
δ_F	18	°	friction angle between the geosynthetic and the backfill soil

RESULTS			
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
$(F_{R0})_B$	8.55	KN/m	friction force beneath runout geosynthetics
$(F_{AT})_R$	2.47	KN/m	friction force between the right side of the geosynthetic and the side wall of anchor trench
$(F_{AT})_L$	3.07	KN/m	friction force between the left side of the geosynthetic and the side wall of anchor trench
$(F_{AB})_B$	9.98	KN/m	friction force between the right side of the geosynthetics and the underlying soil at the botton of anchor trench
$(F_{AB})_U$	8.03	KN/m	friction force between the right side of the geosynthetics and the overlying soil at the botton of anchor trench
T_{MAX}	36.61	KN/m	geosynthetic tensile force developed by the anchor trench
T_D	25.95	KN/m	geosynthetic design tensile force
		FoS (T_{MAX}/T_D)	1.41





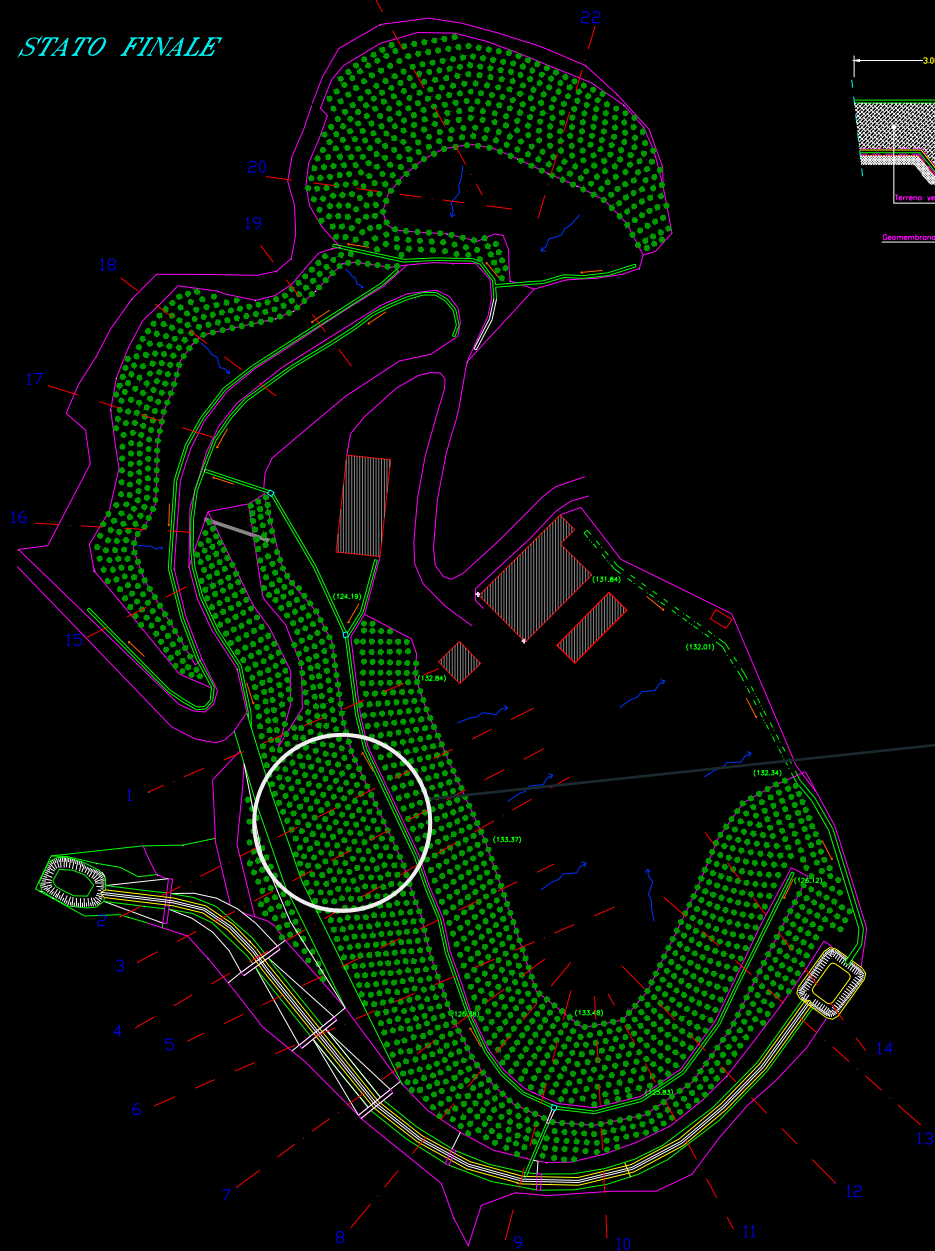
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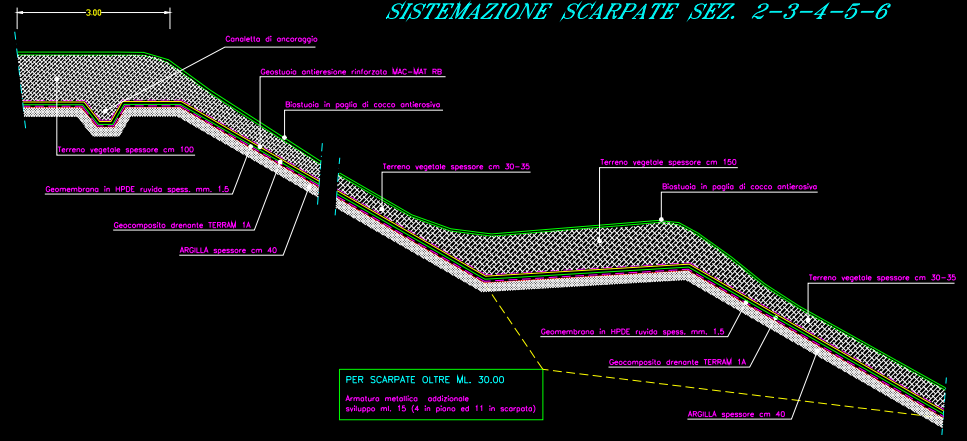
The Rigoloccio mine, located in
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STATO FINALE



SISTEMAZIONE SCARPATE SEZ. 2-3-4-5-6



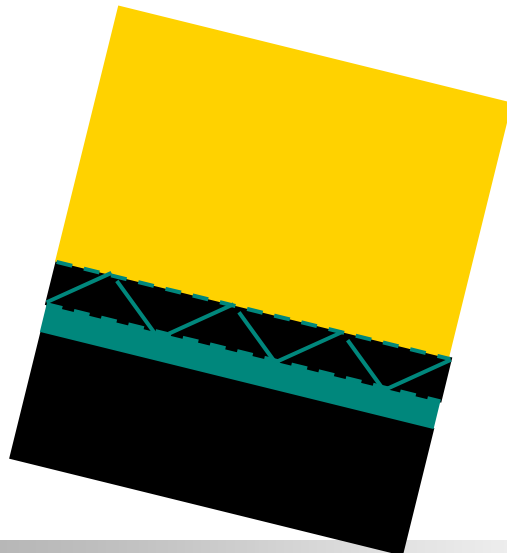
Area with the steepest and longest slope



Original solution:

Flat areas

- 0,50 m of vegetative soil;
- drainage layer of 0,15 m thk;
- smooth hdpe membrane (2 mm thk);
- 0,40 m of clay;
- waste.



Sloped areas

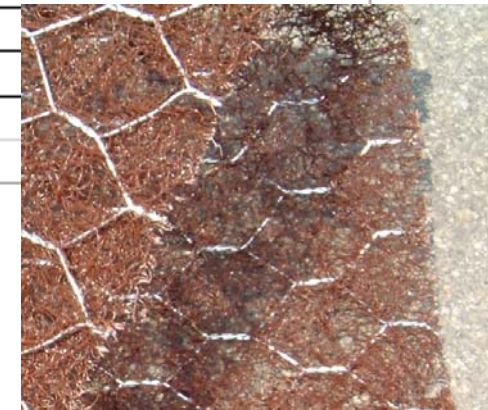
- **0,50 m** of vegetative soil;
- drainage composite (two geotextiles + net);
- textured hdpe membrane (2 mm thick);
- **0,40 m** of clay;
- waste.

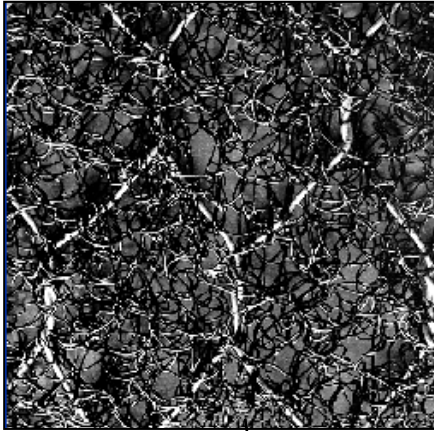
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DESIGN INFORMATION			
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
γ	19	kN/m ³	unit weight of cover soil
ϕ	30	deg	friction angle of the cover soil
c	0	kpa	cohesion of the cover soil
h	0.3	m	thickness of the cover soil
β	30	°	soil slope angle
L	20	m	length of the slope
ca	0		adhesion between cover soil of the active wedge and geomembrane
δ	10	°	interface friction angle between cover soil and geomembrane

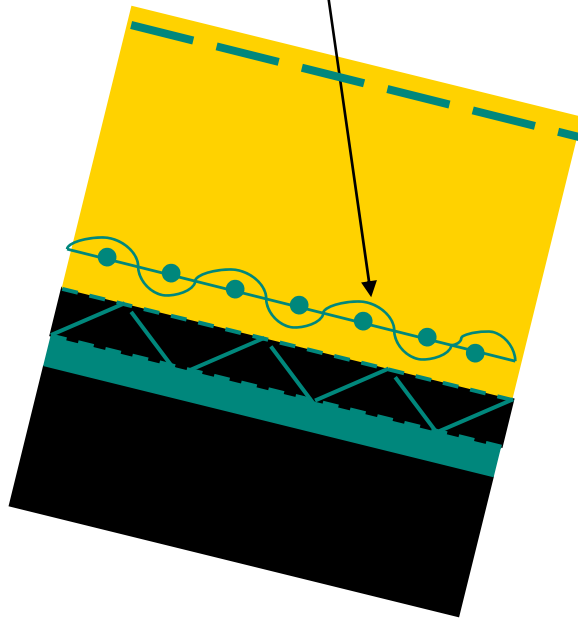
WITH REINFORCEMENT			
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
Tuts	94	kN/m	Ultimate tensile strength of the geosynthetic
RF	2		Reduction factor (RF=RFcrxRFidxRFenvxFS)
Tall	47.00	kN/m	Allowable tensile strength
δ_{Reinf}	8.00	°	interface friction angle between cover reinforcement and underlying gsy
a	3.70		n/a
b	-7.66		n/a
c	1.95		n/a
		FoS_{reinf}	1.77





In the sloped area solution was modified due to evident soil veneer stability problems during construction:

- Biomat blanket;
- **0,30** m of vegetative soil;
- TRM geocomposite to stabilize soil
- drainage composite (two geotextiles + net);
- textured hdpe membrane (2 mm thick);
- 0,40 m of clay;
- wastes.



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500 m² on a total
of 18.000 m² job
failed after heavy
rainfall



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Results of the back-analysis and on site investigations:

- The layer of vegetative soil was **30-40% thicker** than the one designed;
- **Friction angle reduced** below the design value (set to **12°**) occurred during the time due to heavy rains.
- Presumably an **increase in the soil weight** due to the cohesive component occurred.
- Failure of the mat occurred **predominantly at the end of the additional reinforcement** confirming that collapse was due to a **lack of mechanical strength** and, in few other sections, at different points along the slope. A back-analysis at the point of rupture confirmed the initial expectation. More difficult was to understand how failures occurred in the middle of the mat (probably due to poor connection).

DESIGN INFORMATION			
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
γ	19	kN/m ³	unit weight of cover soil
ϕ	12	deg	friction angle of the cover soil
c	0	kpa	cohesion of the cover soil
h	0.4	m	thickness of the cover soil
β	30	°	soil slope angle
L	20	m	length of the slope
ca	0		adhesion between cover soil of the active wedge and geomembrane
δ	10	°	interface friction angle between cover soil and geomembrane

WITH REINFORCEMENT			
SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
Tuts	94	kN/m	Ultimate tensile strength of the geosynthetic
RF	2		Reduction factor (RF=RFcrxRFidxRFenvxFS)
Tall	47.00	kN/m	Allowable tensile strength
δ_{Reinf}	8.00	°	interface friction angle between cover reinforcement and underlying gsy
a	11.43		n/a
b	-9.51		n/a
c	0.95		n/a
		FoS_{reinf}	0.72

**0.83 only
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What did we learn?

- the textured membrane in this case was ineffective and not capable to stabilise the soil; a smooth membrane could be used instead, reducing the costs;
- the interaction factors between the different geosynthetics are a key point; these values can vary in fact very much depending on the different situations;
- Thickness and “quality” of the soil placed on the reinforced mat are relevant issues:
 - The thickness (especially when small) is difficult to manage and it is likely to overload the geosynthetic;
 - The weight and also the quality of the soil are not homogenous and the characteristics are often different from those assumed. Changing the soil weight and/or quality can also increase the loads.

Conclusions:

- the design of an erosion system, like in this case, is a **real structural project** and the input data must be consistent with the real situation;
- the use of a textured membrane can be insufficient and ineffective, case to case;
- the reinforcement strength must be appropriate in the short-long term conditions in any operating situation (dry/wet);
- soil characteristics are important;
- installation operations are easy, but the design instructions must be strictly followed (thickness layer!).

- Maccaferri provides a **range of products** used in **Capping Systems**:
 - **Paragrids and Paralinks** for soil reinforcement with geogrids;
 - **MacDrain** for Drainage Geocomposites;
 - **MacMat-R** for soil erosion and reinforcement.
- Maccaferri provides **3 levels of service**:
 - **Level 1**: Supply of products;
 - **Level 2**: Design and Supply;
 - **Level 3**: Quality Management Systems, Training, Site Assistance, PI on Design.
- Maccaferri provides **design software and design service**:
 - **MacStars W** for soil reinforced structures;
 - **MacFlow** for drainage design;
 - **ENSPAMac** for veneer soil cover design and anchor design
- Maccaferri provides informative **design data sheets** relevant to Capping:
 - MacDrain with RFcr for long term analysis allowing reduction in costs.

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THANK YOU

Any questions?

