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Introduction



Densely urbanized environment



Shallow NATM tunnel



Geotechnical monitoring

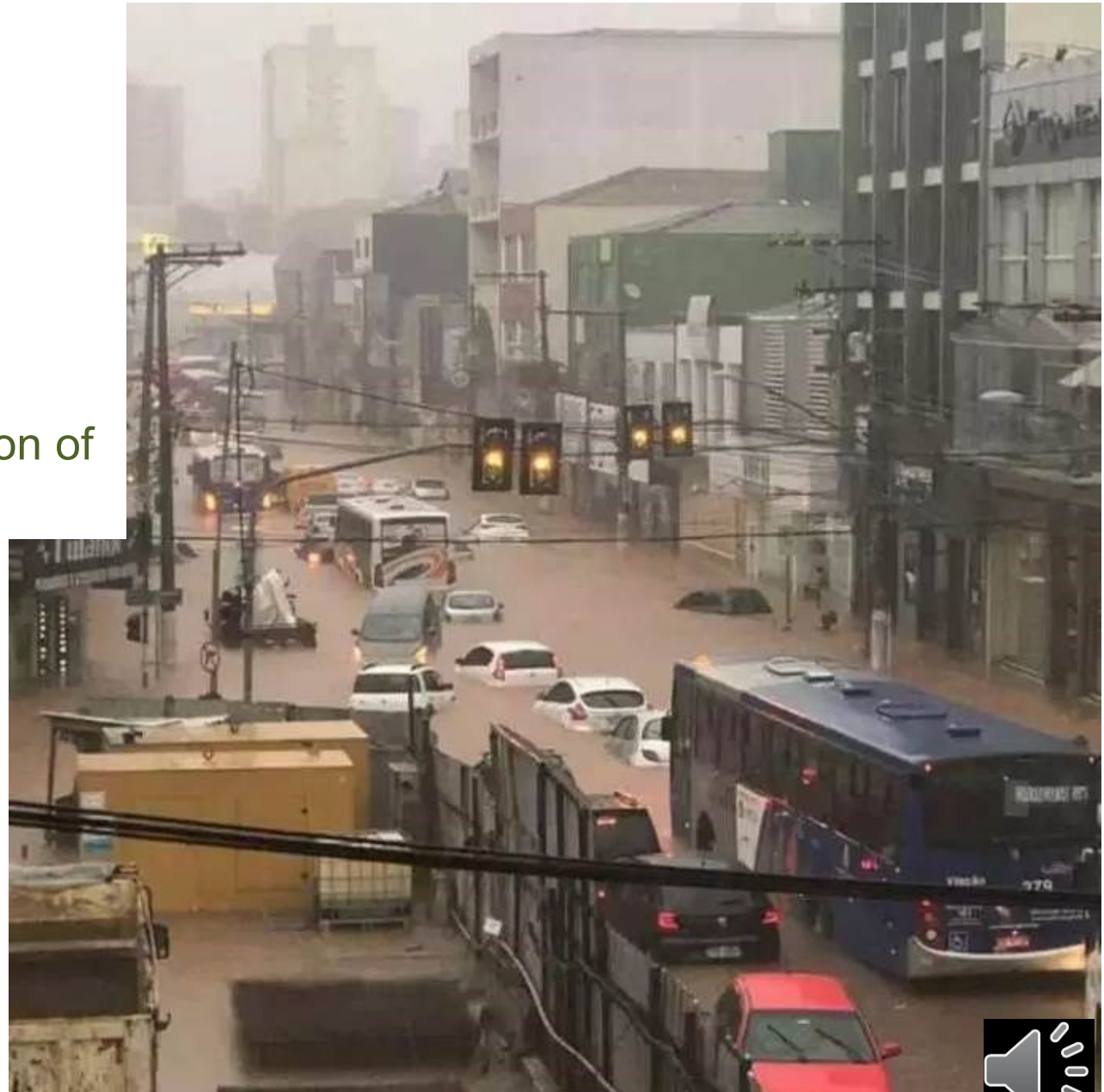


Seismic monitoring



Localization

- Jurubatuba Street
- São Bernardo do Campo
- Metropolitan Region of São Paulo, Brazil



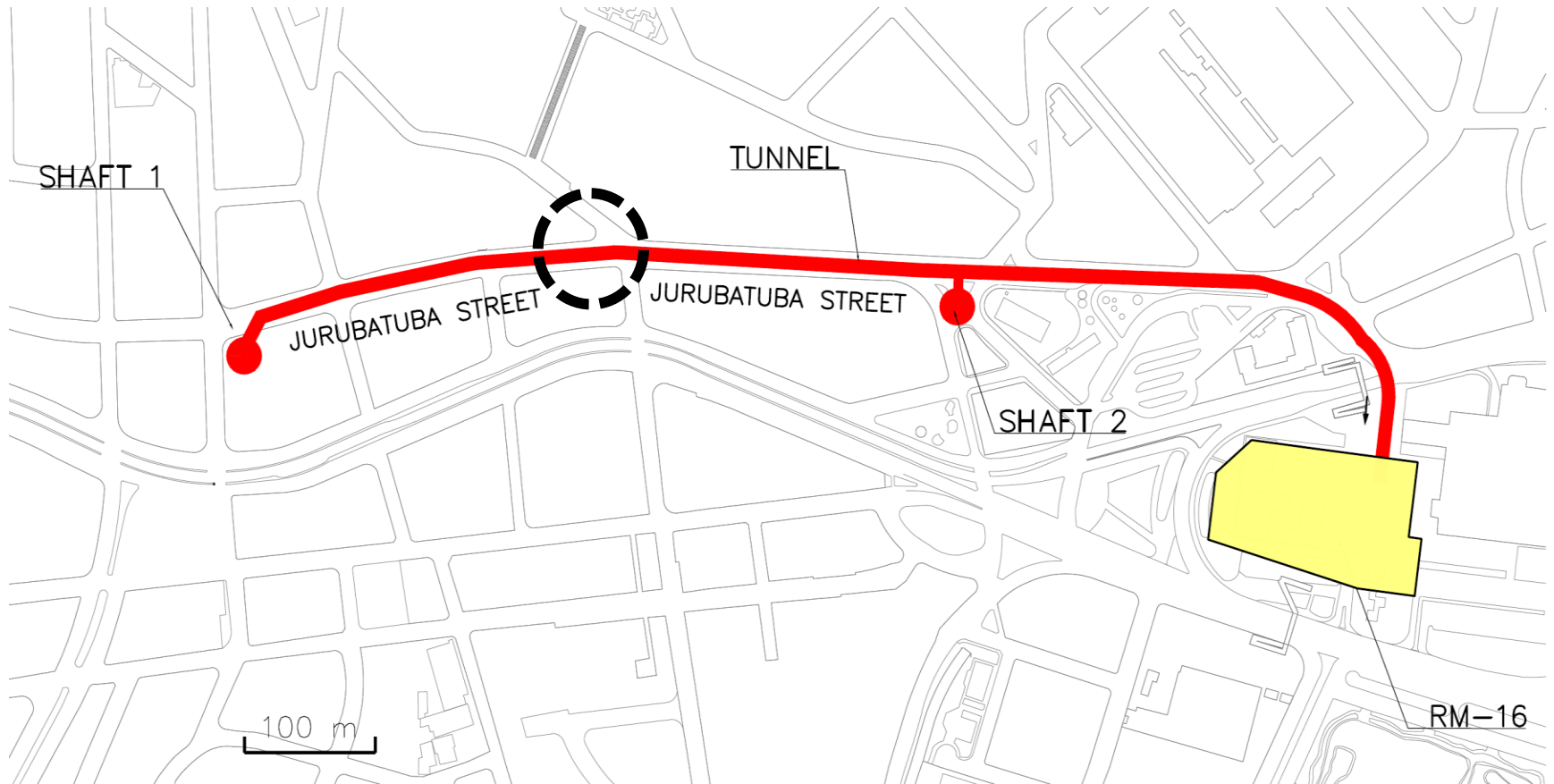
The Tunnel

- 960 m long
- Circular shape
- Steel ribs, wire mesh, spiles, shotcrete
- Tassometers, piezometers, settlement markers, monument pins



The Tunnel

- Four fronts and two shafts



Projection, in the plan, of the tunnel and shafts 1 and 2 (red line); the location of fragmentation using plasma technology (black circle); and the RM-16 Reservoir (yellow)



Geological and Geotechnical Characterization

- Embu Complex
- Alluvial sediments
- Water Level



The Plasma Blasting Method



Holes bored in the rock



Capsules triggered by electrical currents



Energy accumulator



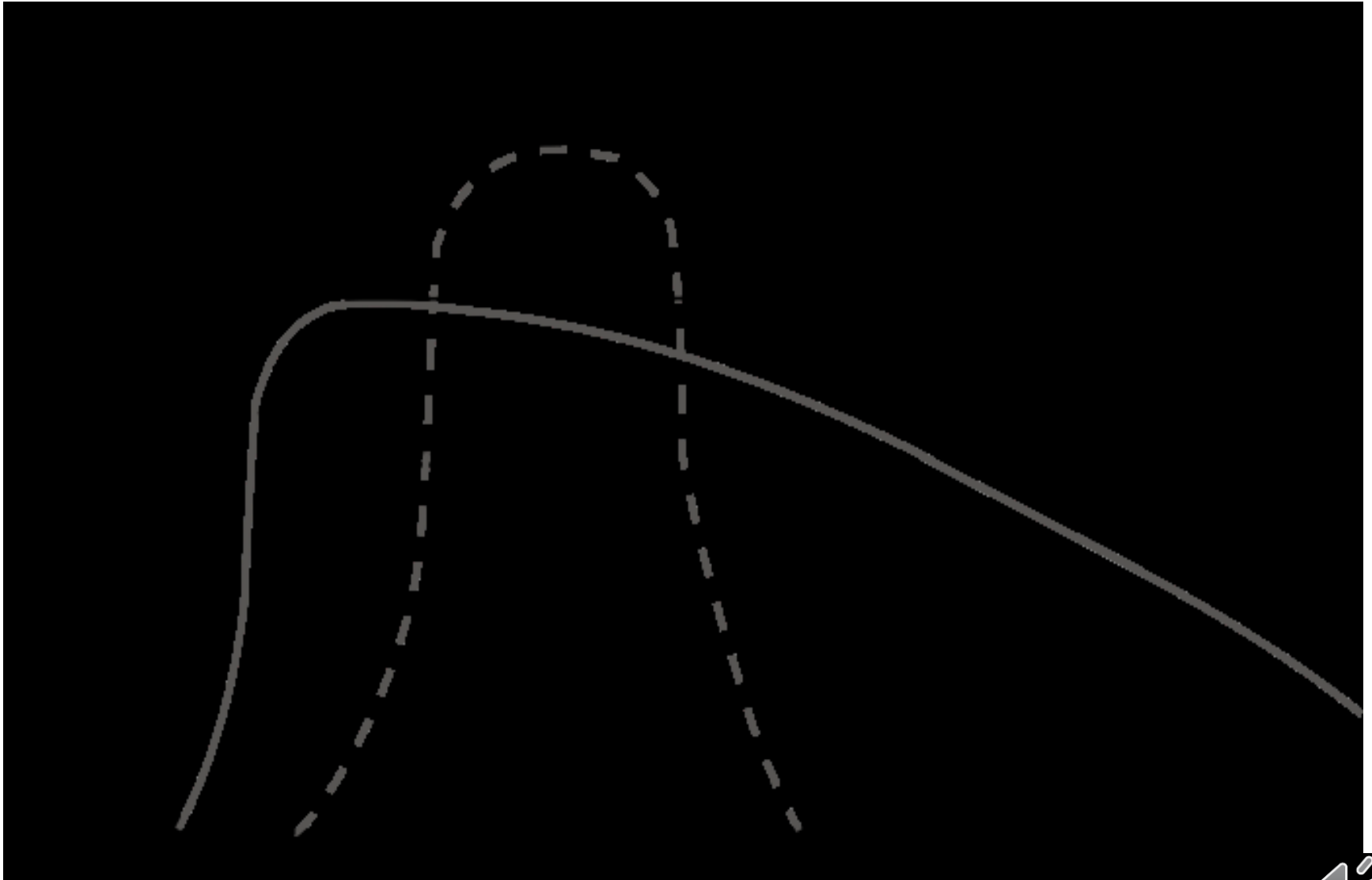
The Plasma Blasting Method

PLASMA TECHNOLOGY vs. BLASTING BY EXPLOSIVES

- Low volume of gases generated
- Attenuation of the peak particle velocity (PPV) as a function of the distance
- High vibration frequency of particles due to the blasting
- Attenuation of the occurrence of flyrock fragments and noise generation



The Plasma Blasting Method



The Seismic Monitoring

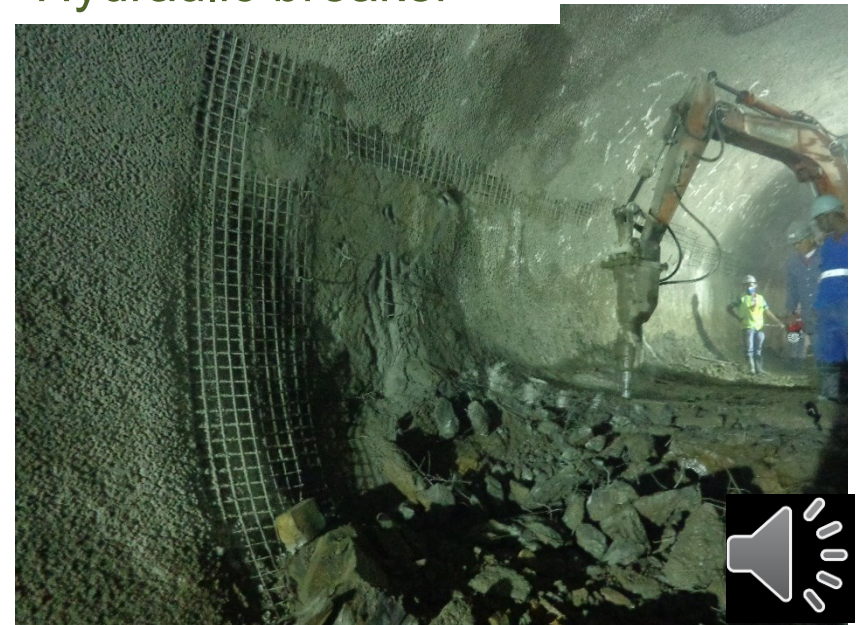
16 to 18 holes
1.6 m depth



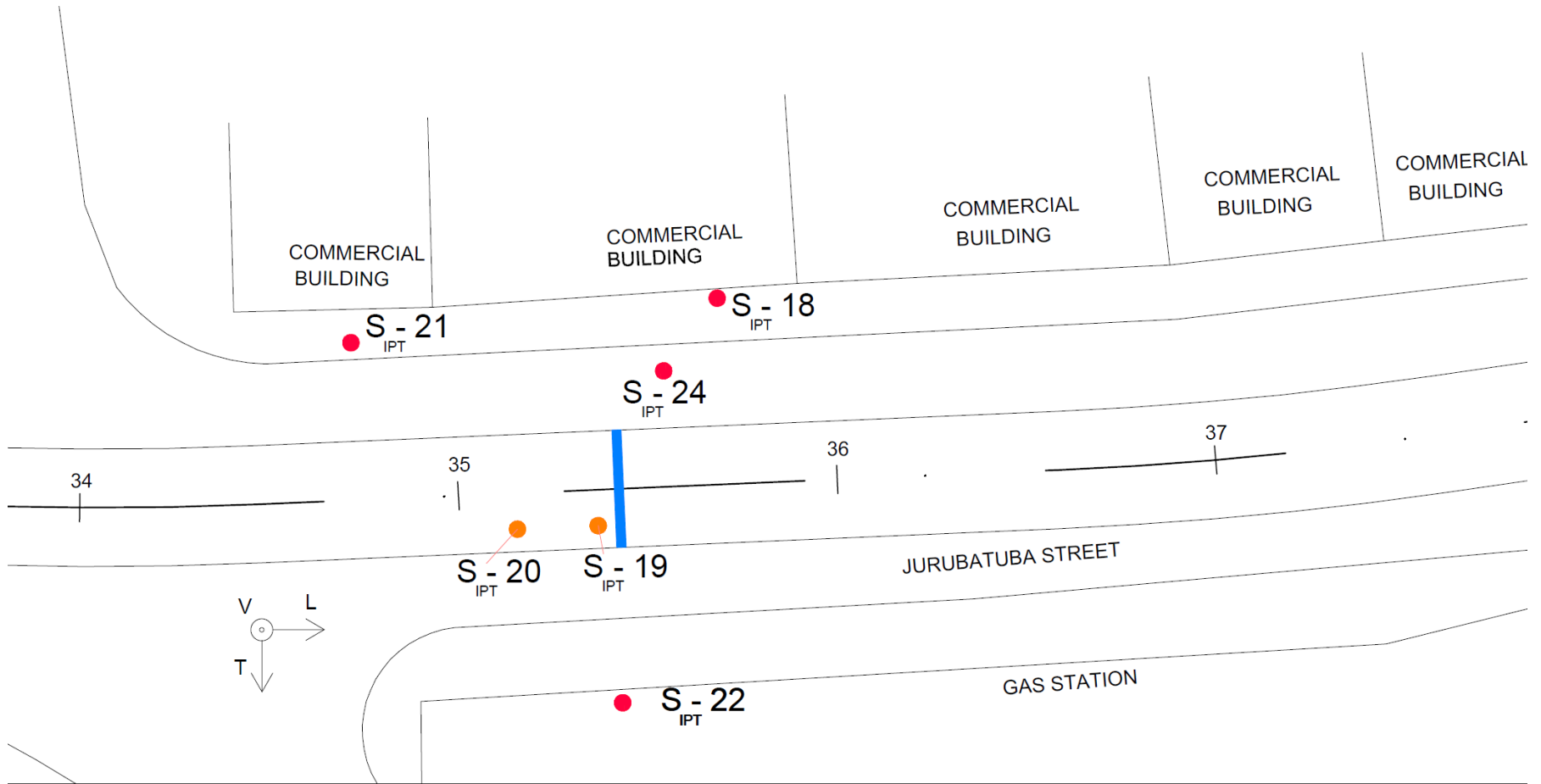
4 channels
20 ms delay



Hydraulic breaker



The Seismic Monitoring



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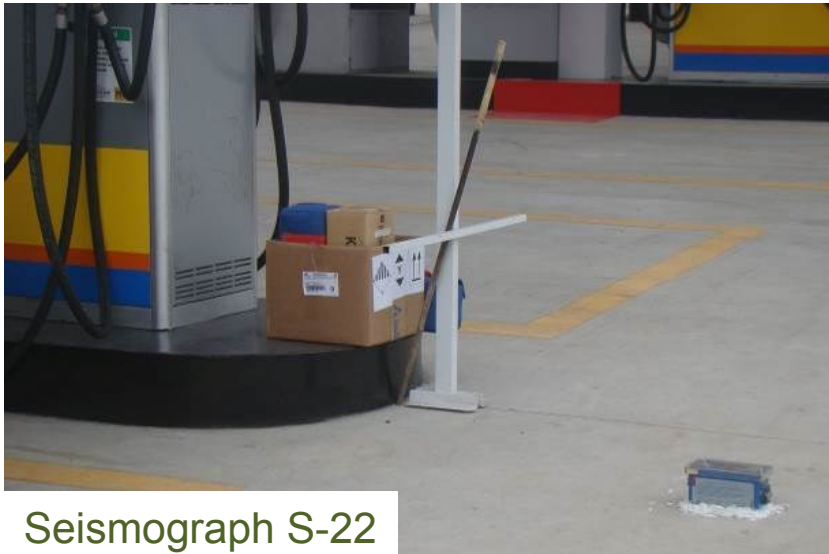
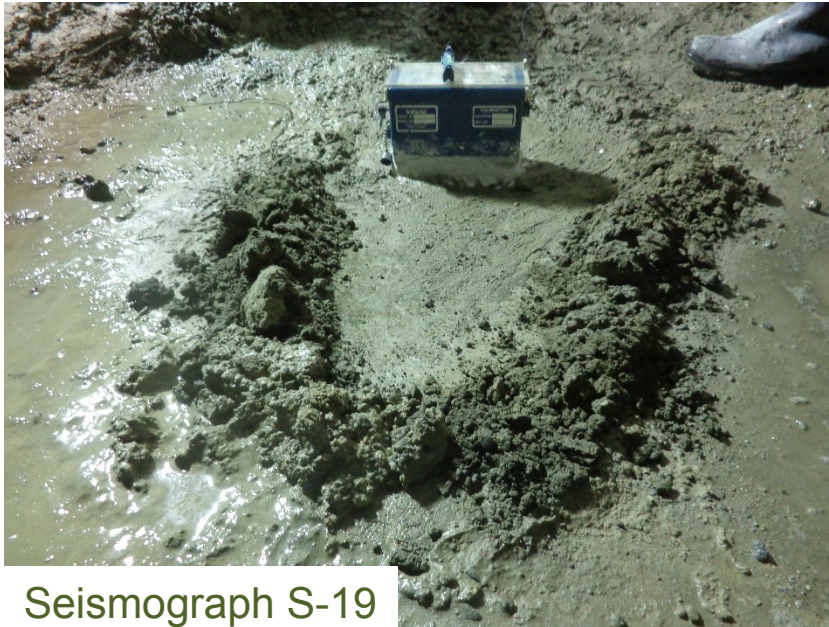
- IPT'S SEISMOGRAPHS INSTALLED ON THE SURFACE (JURUBATUBA STREET)
- IPT'S SEISMOGRAPHS INTALLED ON THE CAST CONCRETE ARCH (INSIDE THE TUNNEL)
- BOREHOLES LOCALIZATION (INSIDE THE TUNNEL).

EVENT 3

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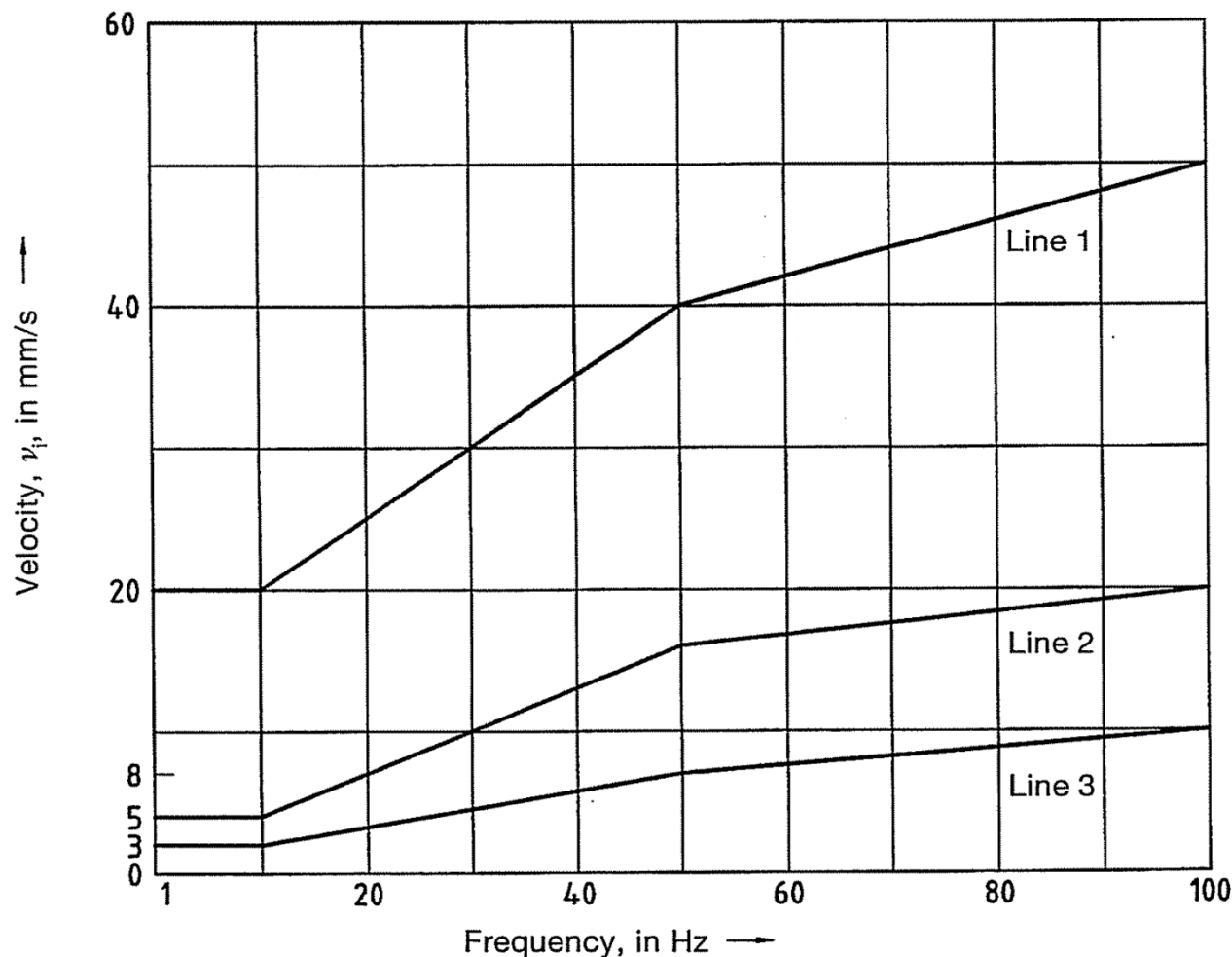


The Seismic Monitoring



The Seismic Monitoring

- Trigger value of 0.5 mm/s (perceptual limit by people)
- Technical Standard: DIN 4150, NBR 9653 and CETESB D07.013



Line	Type of structure
1	Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings, and buildings of similar design
2	Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or occupancy
3	Structures that, because of their particular sensitivity to vibration, cannot be classified under lines 1 and 2 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. listed building under preservation)



Results

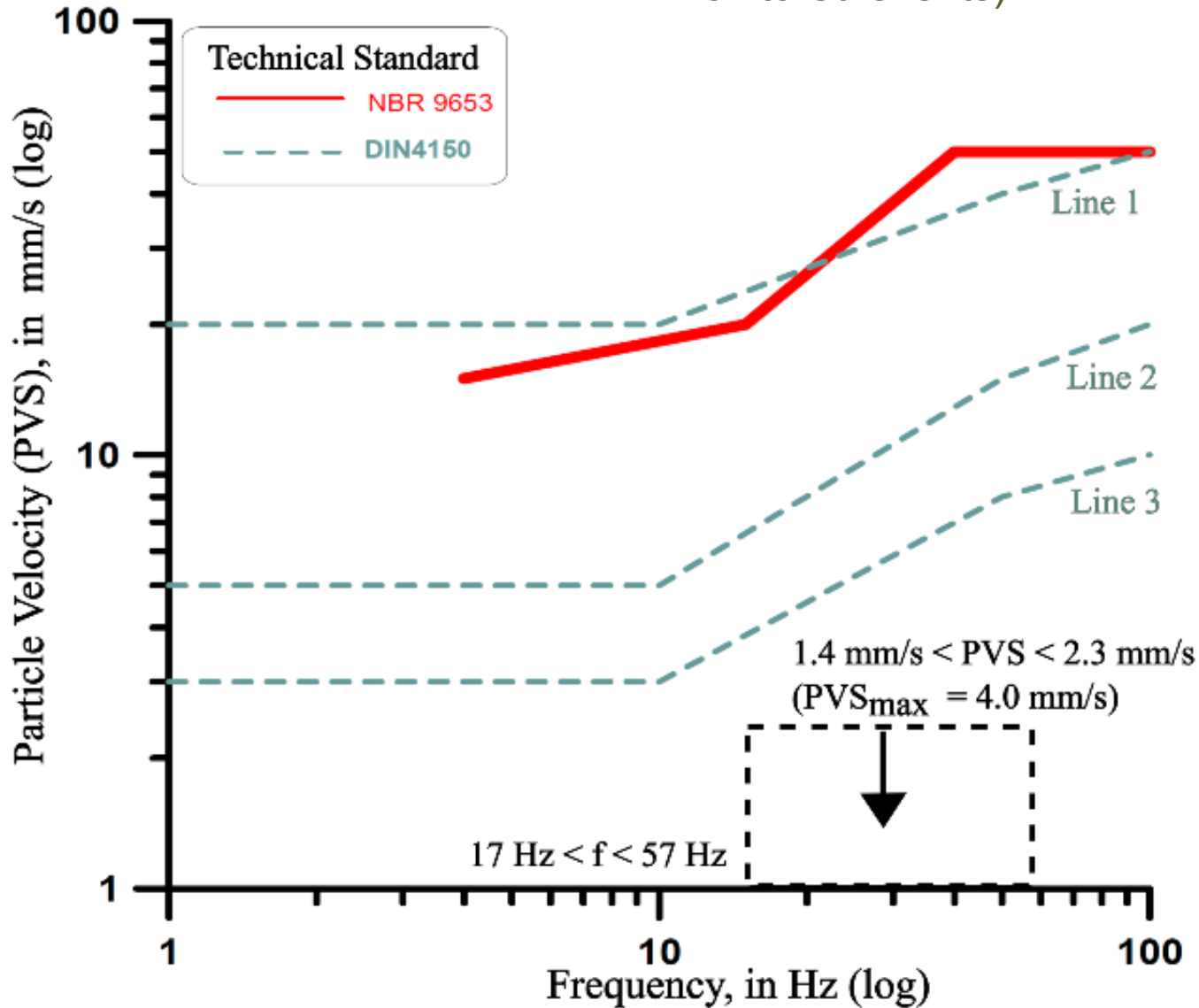
Event	Sism.	fT (Hz)	fV (Hz)	fL (Hz)	PVS (mm/s)	D (m)
1	S-18	25.6	17.1	30.1	1.39	22.7
	S-19	>100	>100	>100	2.54	7.8
	S-20	>100	>100	>100	1.85	3.2
	S-21	-	-	-	-	41.3
	S-22	22.3	18.3	36.6	0.70	25.4
	S-24	24.4	21.3	25.6	1.46	20.5
2	S-21	22.3	19.7	30.1	1.85	29.0
	S-22	17.1	22.3	36.6	3.11	22.5
3	S-18	46.5	16.5	42.7	2.12	21.6
	S-19	17.1	34.1	13.8	7.35	4.7
	S-20	73.1	>100	>100	3.66	8.7
	S-21	32.0	23.3	30.1	1.87	27.7
	S-22	42.7	24.4	51.2	2.09	22.4
	S-24	30.1	25.6	42.7	2.88	20.5
4	S-18	51.2	56.9	56.9	4.03	22.1
	S-19	>100	>100	85.3	6.51	6.4
	S-21	39.4	19.0	24.4	1.48	25.8
	S-22	46.5	26.9	46.5	1.81	22.1
	S-24	34.1	32.0	46.5	2.29	20.3

- unregistered, because particle velocity fell short of the seismograph recording trigger (below 0.5 mm/s)
D (m): shortest distance, in meters, between the region of the holes drilled inside the tunnel for insertion of the plasma capsules and the position of the respective seismograph. Was considered, obligatory, the particle trajectory through the tunnel support and the soil/rock mass.



Results

The prevalence of PVS was between 1.4 mm/s and 2.3 mm/s (64% of monitored events)



Results



Conclusions

- Plasma blasting technology was adequate for the excavation of shallow NATM tunnel in densely urbanized area
- The limits established in the Project and in Technical Standards were integrally obeyed
- Two main points:
 - The control of vibration frequencies
 - The protection against flyrock fragments
- Adequate rock drilling machinery
- Constant geotechnical and seismic monitoring during the excavation



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