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The rock mechanical models presented account for the influence of discontinuities on the stress-strain behavior and the permeability of jointed rock masses.

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With the aid of back-analysis of the stresses and displacements measured during the construction and operation of the different structures, he continuously revised and improved these models. His ambition is to transfer his knowledge, especially to the employees of WBI and to his children, working together with him. The results of his activities and works are published in numerous papers and publications.

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