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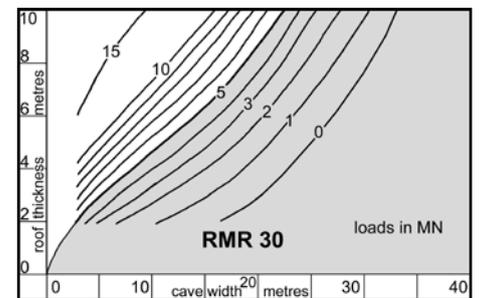
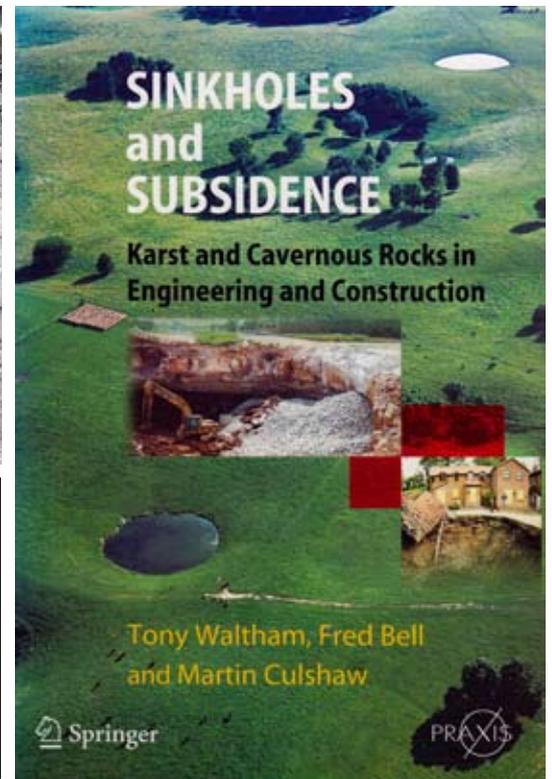
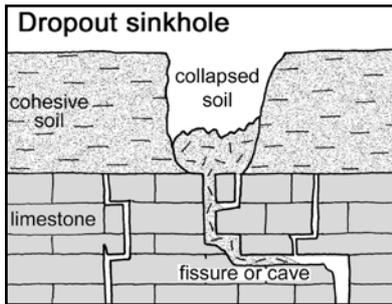
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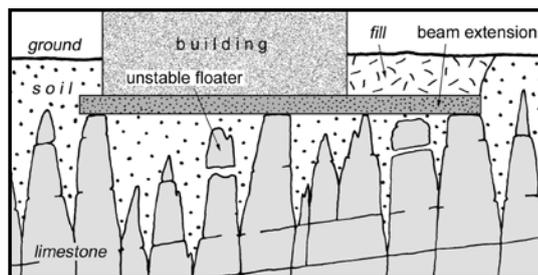
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The Case Studies

Remediation of a sinkhole over gypsum at Ripon, UK
Collapse sinkhole at Dishman Lane, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Caves and sinkholes in motorway construction, Slovenia
Road built over Sung Gul lava tube, Korea
Prevention of karst collapse for the Shui-Nan Highway, China
Construction over a cave in Huntsville, Alabama
Sinkhole destruction of Corporate Plaza Building, Pennsylvania
Subsidence over a chalk pipe at Chalfont St Peter, UK
Geophysical investigations of sinkholes in chalk, UK
Detection of caves by microgravity geophysics, Bahamas
Sinkholes and subsidence over salt at Wink, Texas
Subsidence over buried karst at Centurion, South Africa
Agriculture on sinkhole karst on gypsum, Lithuania
Sinkhole remediation over Weeks Island salt dome, Louisiana
Hazard assessment on dolomite at Simunye, South Africa
Ground investigation in covered karst near Tournai, Belgium