

2nd generation

Decoding ^ Eurocode 7

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generation Eurocodes

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The 2nd generation of Eurocodes

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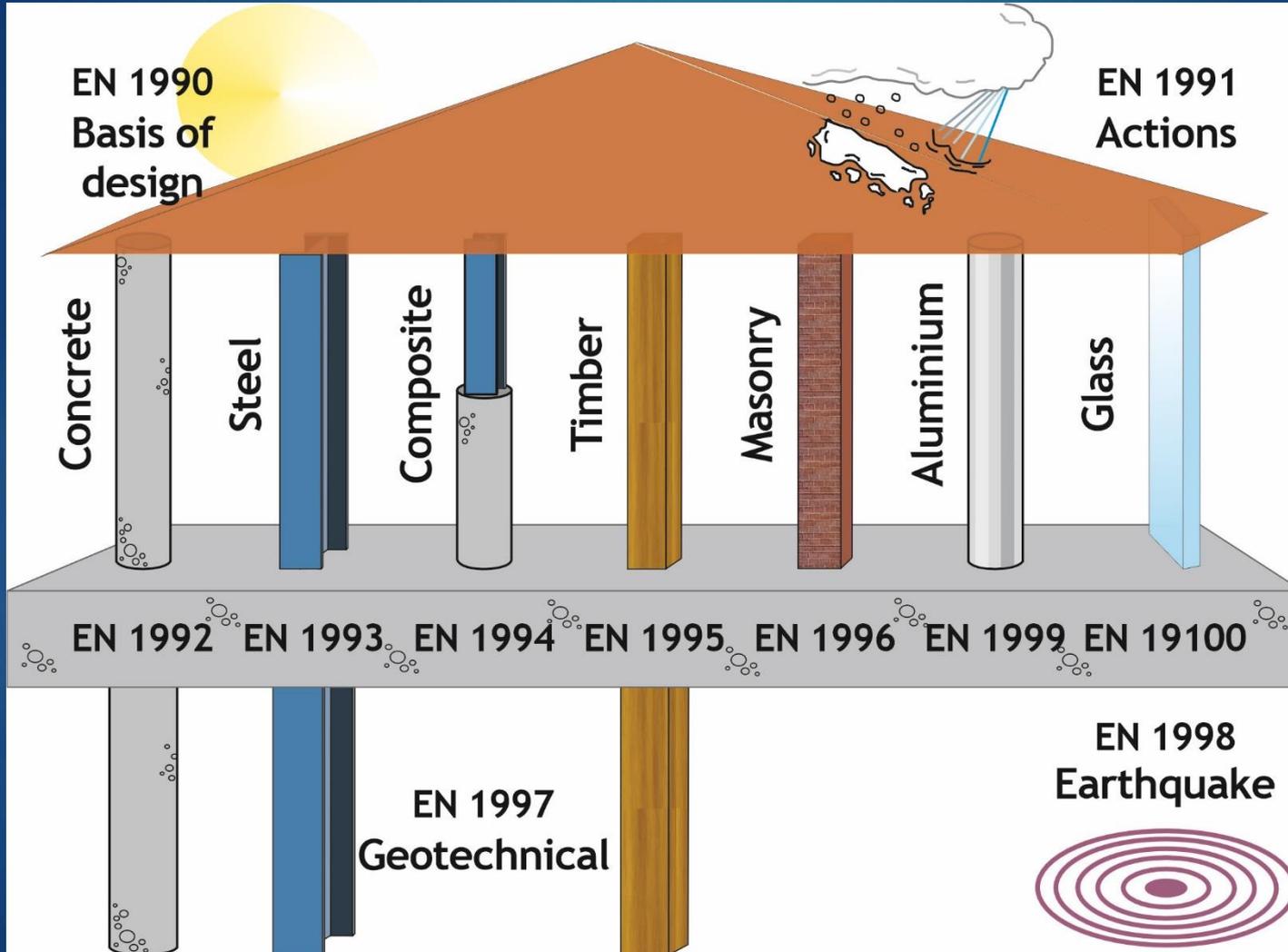
A 2nd generation of Eurocodes is coming ...

- ▶ In Europe – and in many other countries of the world – **structural and geotechnical design is governed by the EN Eurocodes**
- ▶ The 1st generation of EN Eurocodes was published between 2002 and 2007 and are still current
- ▶ **The 2nd generation Eurocodes will be published in the mid 2020s**

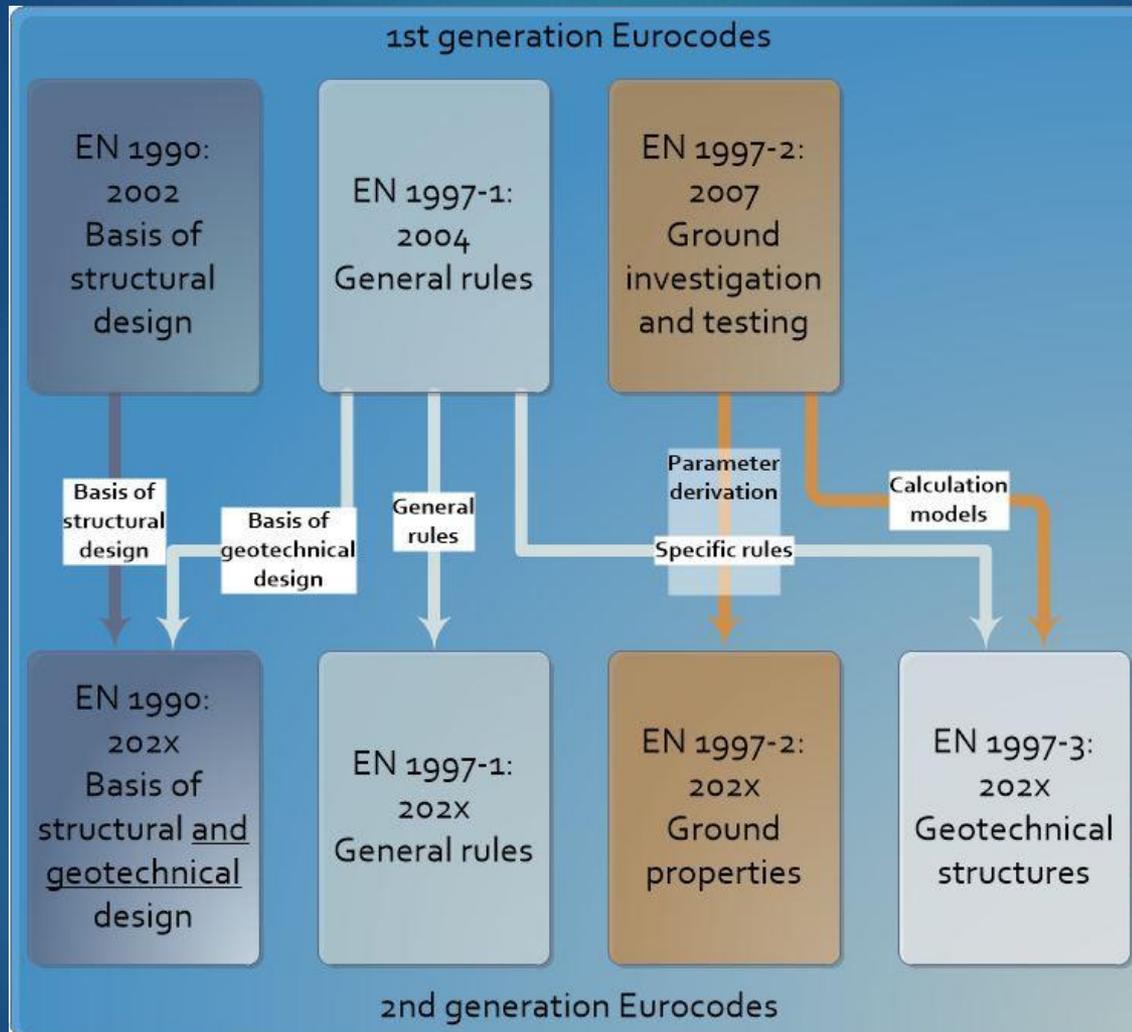
*The Eurocodes are intended for use by **designers, clients, manufacturers, constructors, relevant authorities** (in exercising their duties in accordance with national or international regulations), **educators, software developers**, and committees drafting standards for related product, testing and execution standards.*

Introduction to the Eurocodes (2nd generation)

Overview of the 2nd generation Eurocode suite



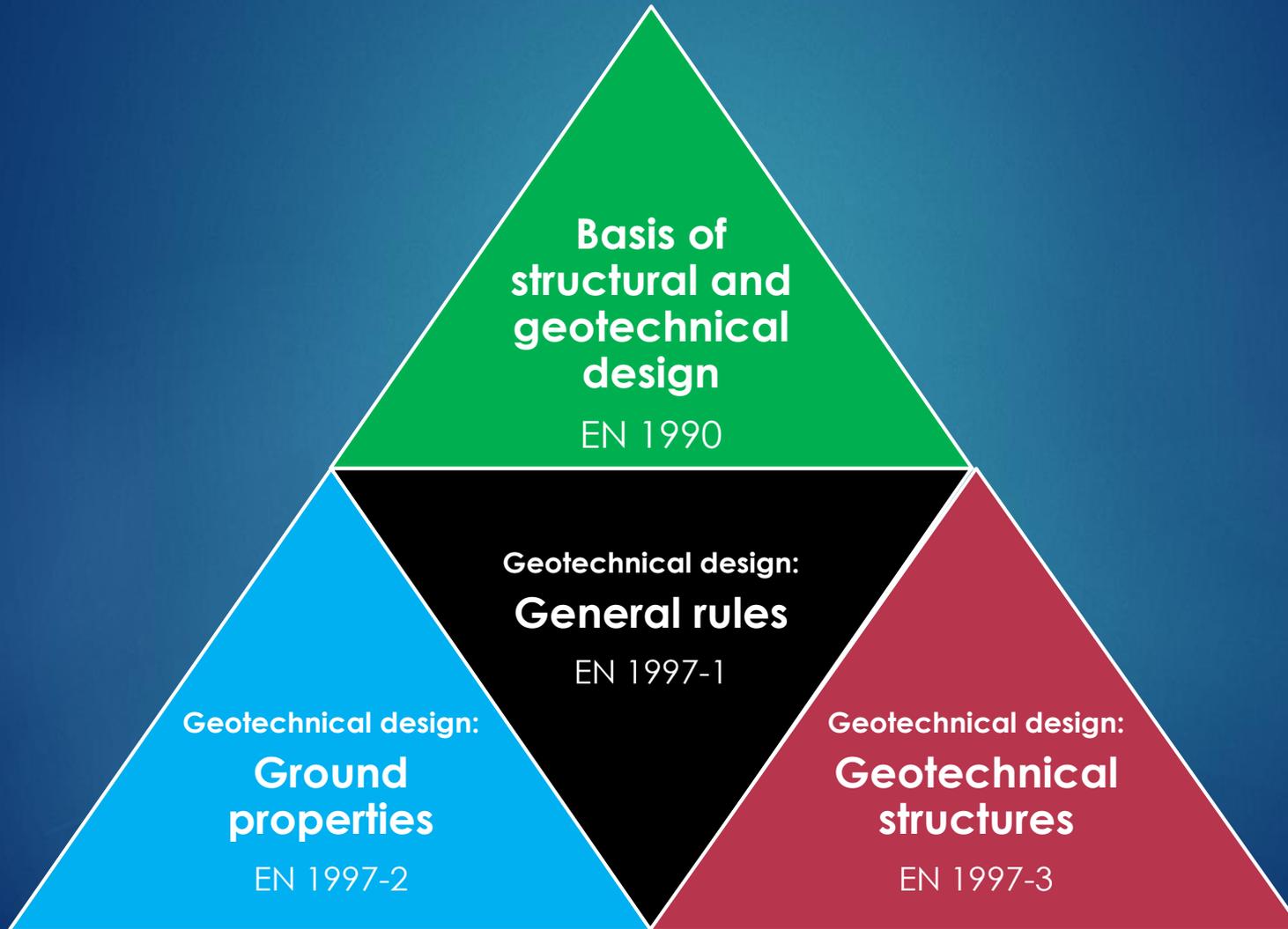
2nd generation – transformation of Eurocode 7 into 3 Parts



2nd generation Eurocodes

Core geotechnical design standards

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Scope of the Eurocode

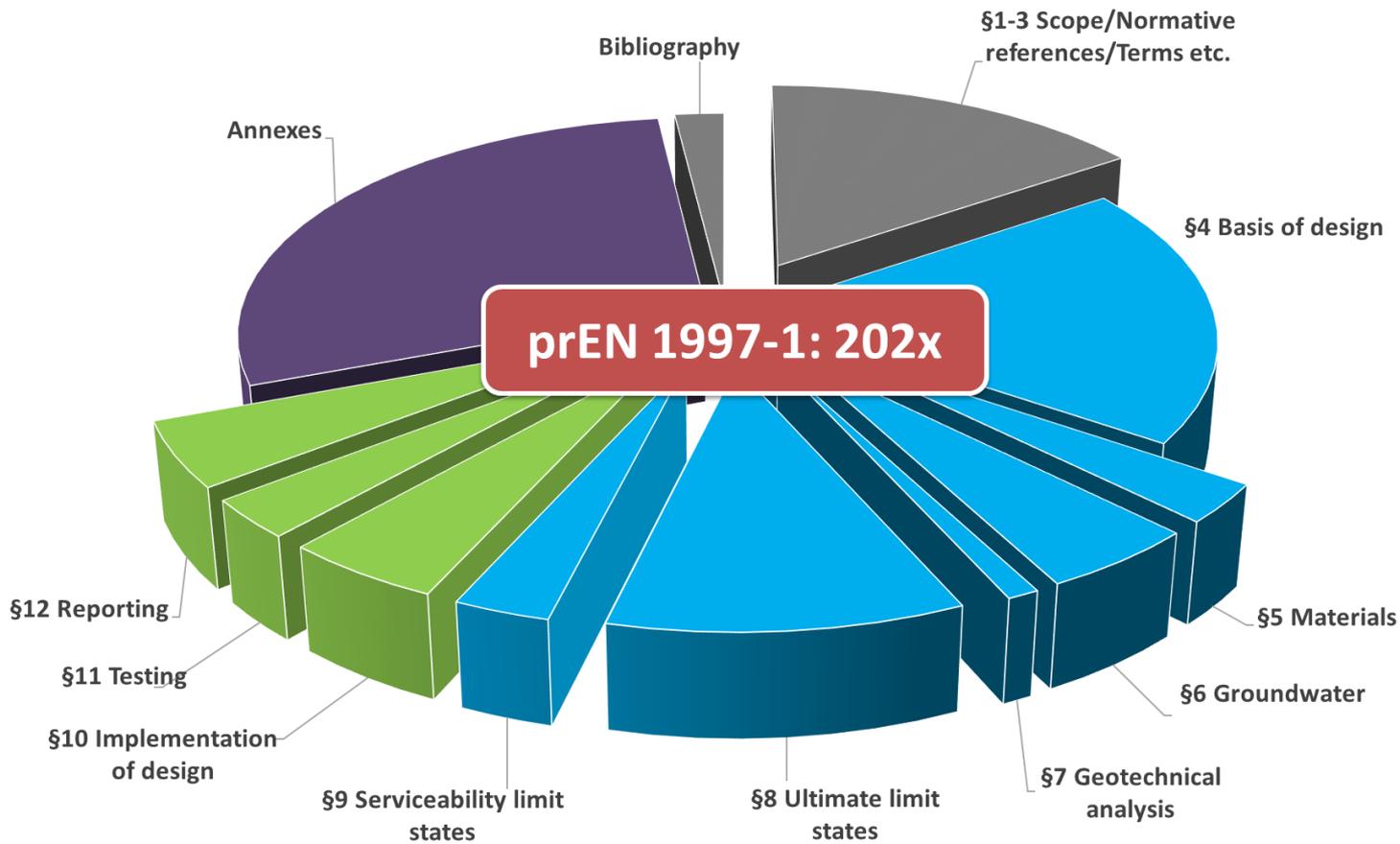
“[The Eurocode] establishes principles and requirements for the safety, serviceability, robustness and durability of structures, including geotechnical structures, **appropriate to the consequences of failure**.

“[It] is intended to be used in conjunction with the other Eurocodes for the design of buildings and **civil engineering works, including temporary structures**”

FprEN 1990:2022

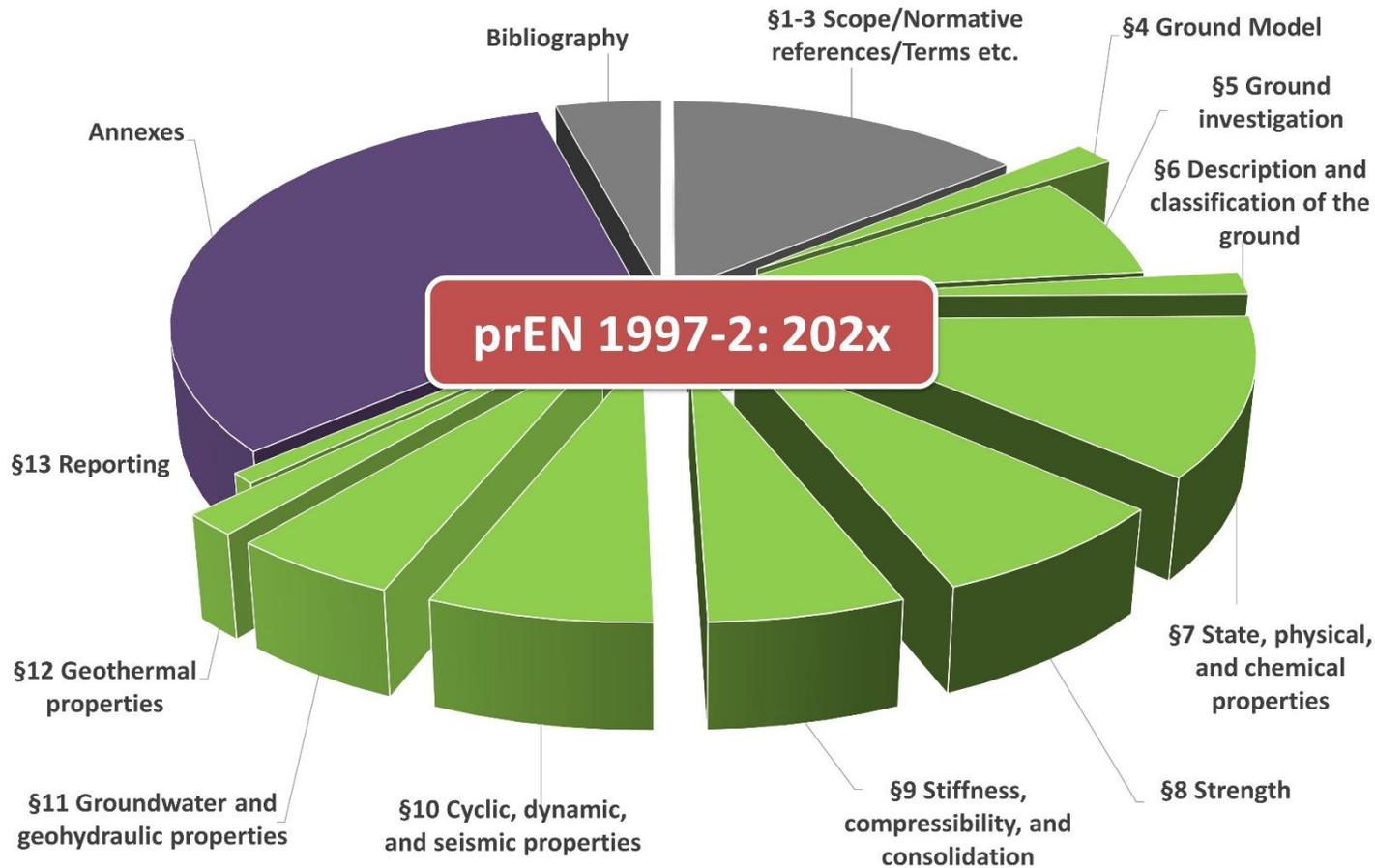
- ▶ The Eurocode:
 - ▶ describes the basis for structural and geotechnical design and verification according to the limit state principle
 - ▶ gives verification methods based primarily on the partial factor method
- ▶ EN 1990 is also applicable for:
 - ▶ **structural assessment of existing structures**
 - ▶ **developing the design of repairs, improvements and alterations**
 - ▶ **assessing changes of use**
 - ▶ the design of structures where materials or actions outside the scope of the other Eurocodes are involved

Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical design – Part 1: General rules



Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical design – Part 2: Ground properties

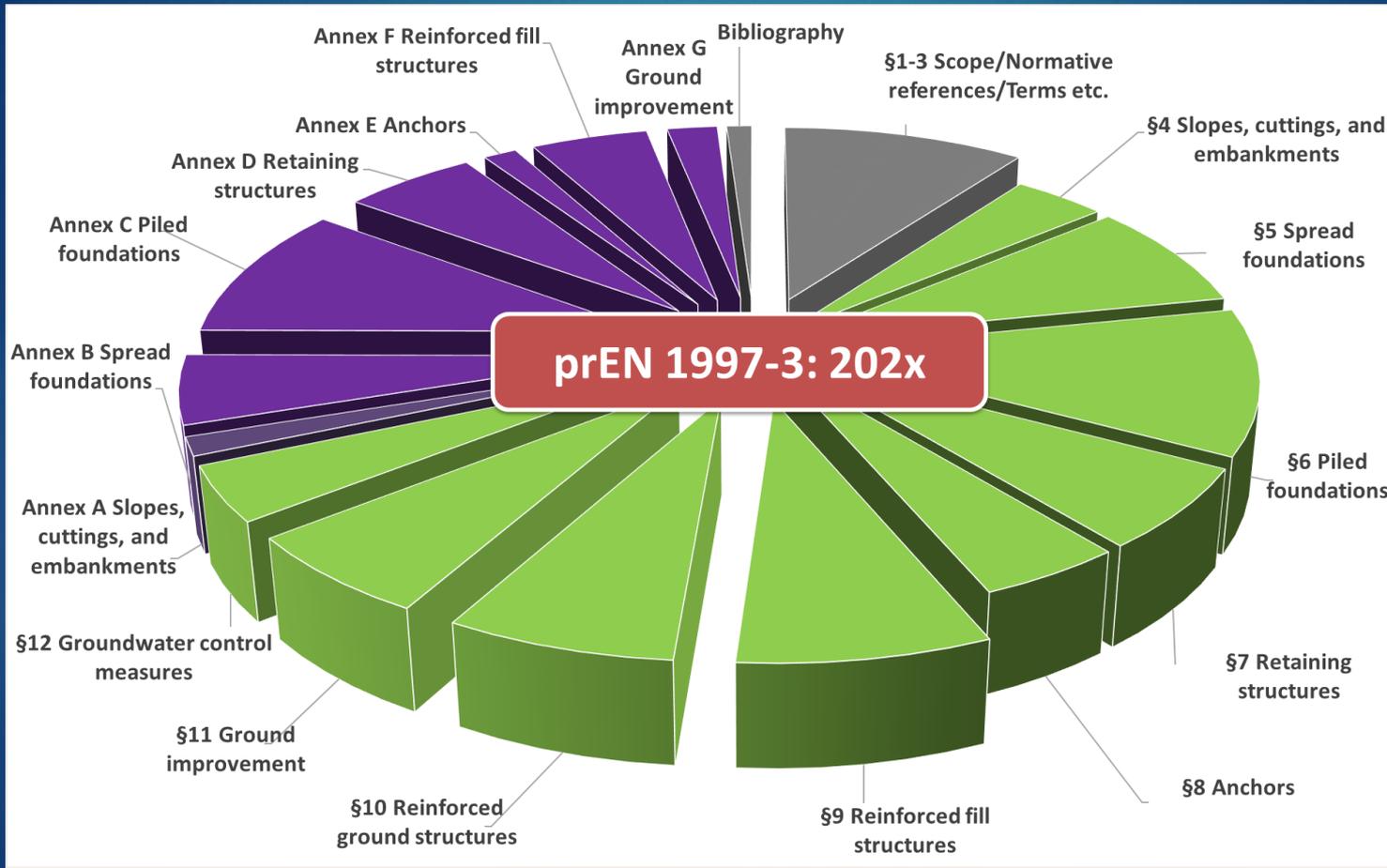
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Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical design

– Part 3: Geotechnical structures

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Changes planned following latest public enquiries

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EN 1990 Basis of structural and geotechnical design to be sub-divided into:

- ▶ Part 1 – New structures (EN 1990-1)
- ▶ **Part 2 – Assessment of existing structures (EN 1990-2)**

Clause 10 of EN 1997-3 Geotechnical structures “Reinforced ground structures” to be divided into:

- ▶ Soil nailed structures (Clause 10)
- ▶ Rock bolts and surface support (Clause 11)
- ▶ (later clause numbers to be bumped by 1)

Technical changes

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Limit states

The following ultimate limit states shall be verified, as relevant:	EN 1990:2002
failure of the structure or the ground, or any part of them including supports and foundations, by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rupture • excessive deformation • transformation into a mechanism • buckling 	STR/GEO 
loss of static equilibrium of the structure or any part of it	EQU
failure of the ground by hydraulic heave, internal erosion, or piping caused by excessive hydraulic gradient	HYD
failure caused by fatigue	FAT
failure caused by vibration;	
failure caused by other time-dependent effects	

No single Design Approach – even in a country! (Bond and Harris, 2008)

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Verification of ultimate limit states

Ultimate limit states must be verified using:

$$E_d \leq R_d$$

For ultimate limit states caused by excessive deformation:

$$E_d \leq C_{d,ULS}$$

Factor may be applied to **actions**:

Verification Cases 1-3
(Factored actions)

Factors may be applied to **material properties**:

Material factor approach
(MFA)

or to **effects of actions**:

Verification Case 4
(Factored effects)

or to **resistance**:

Resistance factor approach
(RFA)

Partial factors for fundamental design situations (general application)

Action or effect				Partial factors γ_F and γ_E for Verification Cases 1-4				
Type	Group	Symbol	Resulting effect	Struct- ural*	Static equilibrium and uplift**		Geotechnical design	
				VC1	VC2(a)	VC2(b)	VC3	VC4
Permanent action (G_k)	All	γ_G	unfavourable/ destabilizing	On actions	On effects	On effects	G_k is not factored	
	Water	$\gamma_{G,w}$						
	All	$\gamma_{G,stab}$	stabilizing					
	Water	$\gamma_{Gw,stab}$						
	(All)	$\gamma_{G,fav}$	favourable					
Prestressing (P_k)		γ_P						
Variable action (Q_k)	All	γ_Q	unfavourable					
	Water	γ_{Qw}						
	(All)	$\gamma_{Q,fav}$	favourable					
Effects-of-actions (E)		γ_E	unfavourable	γ_E is not applied				
		$\gamma_{E,fav}$	favourable					

*Also used for geotechnical design; **Less favourable outcome of (a) and (b) applies
Values taken from prEN 1990:2022, Annex A.1

Partial factors for fundamental design situations (ground properties)

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Ground property	Symbol	M1	M2
Soil			
Shear strength in effective stress analysis (τ_f)	$\gamma_{\tau f}$	1.0	1.25 k_M
Coefficient of peak friction ($\tan \phi'_p$)	$\gamma_{\tan \phi, p}$		
Peak effective cohesion (c'_p)	$\gamma_{c, p}$		
Coefficient of friction at critical state ($\tan \phi'_{cs}$)	$\gamma_{\tan \phi, cs}$		1.1 k_M
Coefficient of residual friction ($\tan \phi'_r$)	$\gamma_{\tan \phi, r}$		
Shear strength in total stress analysis (c_u)	γ_{c_u}		1.4 k_M
Rock			
Unconfined compressive strength (q_u)	γ_{q_u}	Same as γ_{c_u}	
Shear strength of rock (τ_r)	$\gamma_{\tau r}$	1.0	1.25 k_M
Unconfined compressive strength of rock (q_u)	γ_{q_u}		1.4 k_M
Discontinuities			
Shear strength of rock discontinuities (τ_{dis})	$\gamma_{\tau dis}$	1.0	1.25 k_M
Coefficient of residual friction ($\tan \phi'_{dis, r}$)	$\gamma_{\tan \phi, dis, r}$		1.1 k_M

Sequences of failure

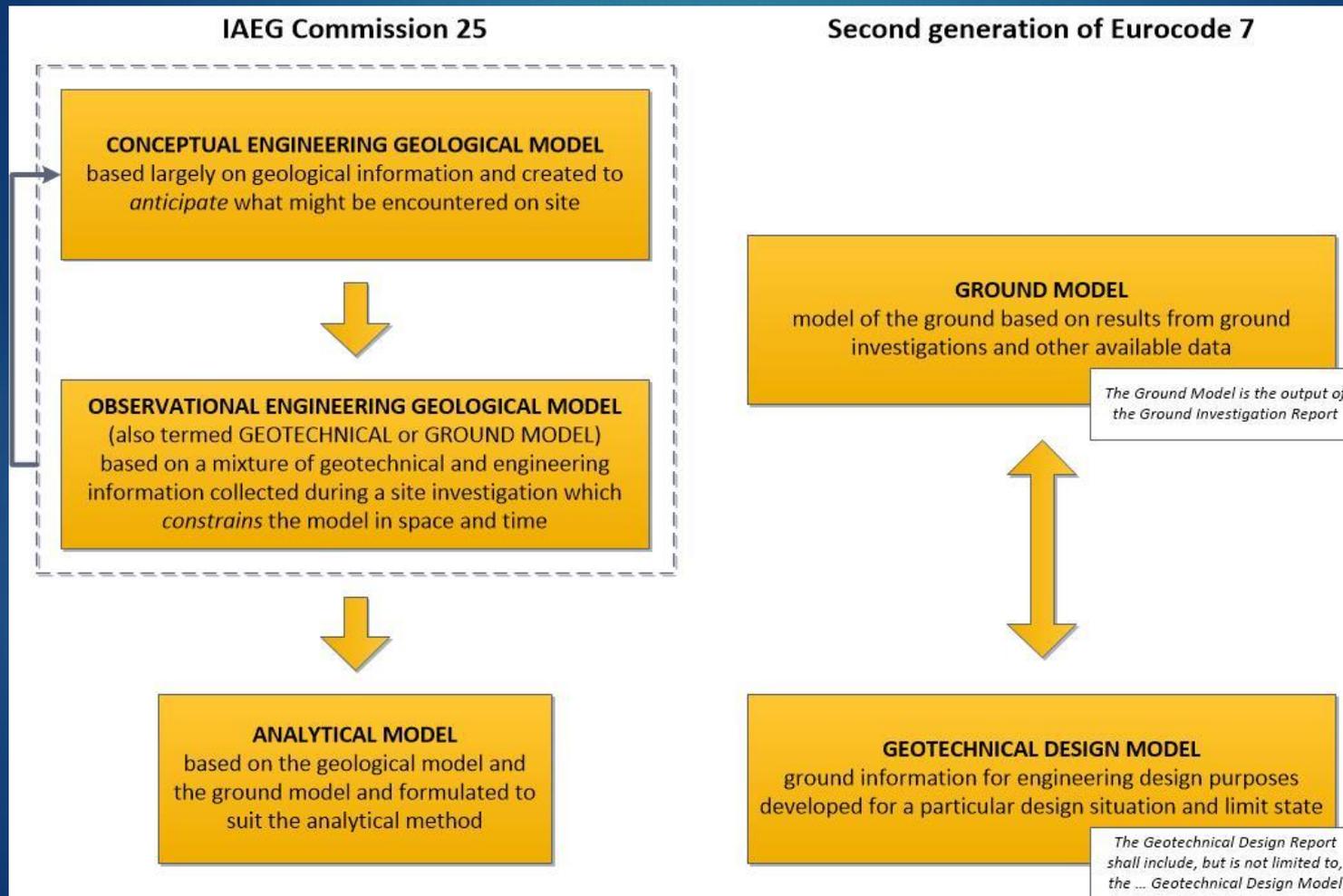
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Consequence class/ Description		Loss of human life*	Economic, social or environmental*	Examples of buildings where...	Factor k_F	Reliability index, β_{50}	Probability of failure, $P_{f,50}$
CC4	Highest	Extreme	Huge	Additional provisions can be needed			
CC3	Higher	High	Very great	people assemble e.g. grandstands, concert halls	1.1	4.3	$\sim 10^{-5}$
CC2	Normal	Medium	Considerable	people normally enter e.g. residential and office buildings	1.0	3.8	$\sim 10^{-4}$
CC1	Lower	Low	Small	people do not normally enter e.g. agricultural buildings, storage buildings	0.9	3.3	$\sim 10^{-3}$
CC0	Lowest	Very low	Insignificant	Alternative provisions may be used			

*CC is chosen based on the more severe of these two columns

Introducing the Ground Model into Eurocode 7





Risk

management

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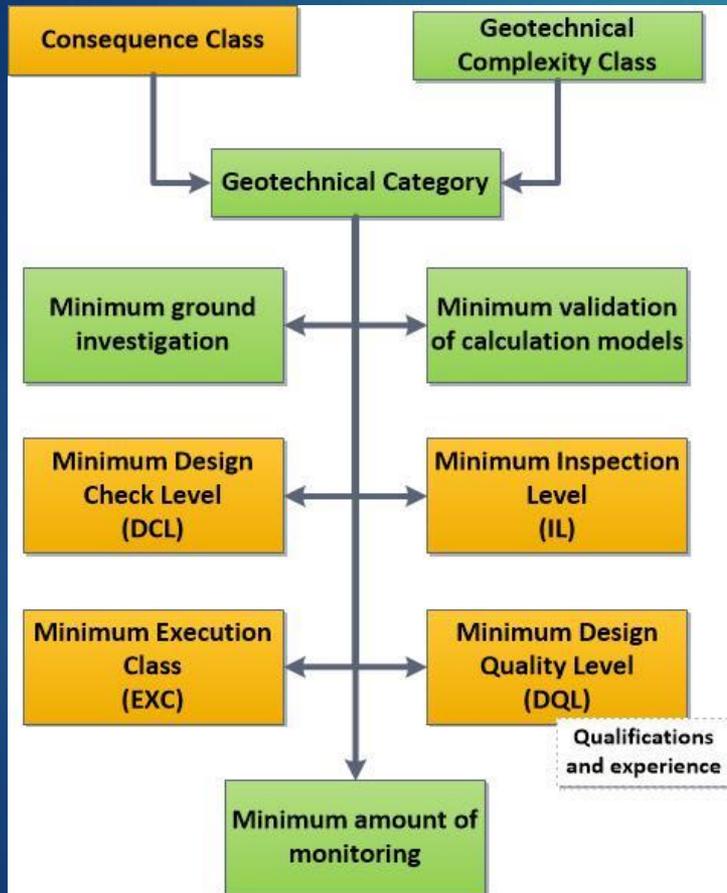
Technical management measures

Consequence class (CC)	Design qualification & experience level* (DQL)	Design check level* (DCL)	Execution class (EXC)	Inspection level* (IL)
CC3 Higher	DQL3 Complex design	DCL3 Extended independent	See relevant execution standards	IL3 Extended independent
CC2 Normal	DQL2 Advanced design	DCL2 Normal independent		IL2 Normal independent
CC1 Lower	DQL1 Simple design	DCL1 Self-checking		IL1 Self-checking

*Defined nationally

Additional project-specific requirements may be as specified by the relevant authority or, where not specified, agreed for a specific project by the relevant parties

Combining consequences with ground complexity



Ground complexity (GCC)

Consequence Class (CC)	Geotechnical Complexity Class (GCC)		
	Lower (GCC1)	Normal (GCC2)	Higher (GCC3)
Higher (CC3)			GC3
Medium (CC2)		GC2	
Lower (CC1)	GC1		

Timetable for adoption

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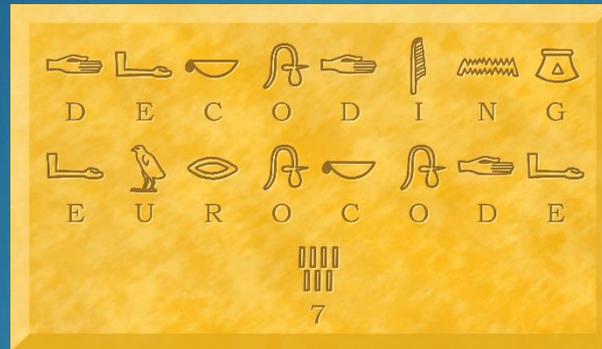
Timeline (as of June 2023)



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Our **2nd generation** courses include ...

- ▶ Decoding Eurocode 7 –
 - ▶ Basis of geotechnical design
 - ▶ Ground properties and ground investigation
 - ▶ Shallow foundations
 - ▶ Deep foundations
- ▶ Decoding Eurocode 3 – Steel foundations



Summary of key points

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Improvements in 2nd generation ...

EN 1990 *Basis of ... design*

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- ▶ Simplification of EQU, STR, and GEO
 - ▶ Improves treatment of combined ultimate limit states
- ▶ Catering for non-linearity and coupling
 - ▶ Incorporates basis of geotechnical design into EN 1990
 - ▶ Better treatment of non-linear structural design
- ▶ Verification Cases (VCs 1-4)
 - ▶ Simple packaging of complicated loading conditions
- ▶ Simpler presentation of combinations of actions
 - ▶ Greater clarity in the text
- ▶ Water actions
 - ▶ Clear specification of probabilities of exceedance
- ▶ Management measures to achieve the intended structural reliability
 - ▶ Flexible system that caters for national preferences

Improvements in 2nd generation ...

EN 1997 *Geotechnical design*

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- ▶ Organizational changes to Eurocode 7
 - ▶ Clearer layout aids ease-of-navigation
 - ▶ Greater consistency with EN 1990 aids ease-of-use
- ▶ No more Design Approaches!
 - ▶ Simpler choice of partial factors
 - ▶ Material Factor or Resistance Factor Approach
- ▶ Catering for different groundwater conditions
 - ▶ Better specification of groundwater pressures
- ▶ Separating consequence from hazard
 - ▶ Clear distinction between consequence of failure and complexity of the ground
 - ▶ Geotechnical Categories now drive meaningful decisions

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