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utility tunnels & their sustainable application!
Climate Change

International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report 2007

- Climate Change is HERE!
- So how is our future going to be?

- News Last Week:
  1. Global Temperature = +2° in 2050 now expected – not in 2100 – react now immediately or accept the consequences. (*2052 - A Forecast for the Next Forty Years* by Jorgen Randers - Club of Rome)
  2. New Antarctic Ice Shelf Melting Mechanism discovered - much faster melting processes and glaciers speeds sliding off Antarctica are now expected (Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Ocean Science - Bremerhaven / Germany)

Source:
http://www.clubofrome.de/aktuelles.html (last access 15.05.2012)
"Klimawissenschaftler entdecken neue Schwachstelle des antarktischen Eisschilds."
[http://www.awi.de/de/aktuelles_und_presse/pressmitteilungen/detail/item/climate_scientists_discover_new_weak_point_of_the_antarctic_ice_sheet/?cHash=c3926d4358623140f4b63315ac3761bb](http://www.awi.de/de/aktuelles_und_presse/pressmitteilungen/detail/item/climate_scientists_discover_new_weak_point_of_the_antarctic_ice_sheet/?cHash=c3926d4358623140f4b63315ac3761bb) (last access 15.05.2012)

Figure SPM.3: Solid lines are multi-model global averages of surface warming (relative to 1980–1999) for the scenarios A2, A1B and B1, shown as continuations of the 20th century simulations. Shading denotes the ±1 standard deviation range of individual model annual averages. The orange line is for the experiment where concentrations were held constant at year 2000 values. The grey bars at right indicate the best estimate (solid line within each bar) and the likely range assessed for the six SRES marker scenarios. The assessment of the best estimate and likely ranges in the grey bars includes the AOGCMs in the left part of the figure, as well as results from a hierarchy of independent models and observational constraints. (Figures 10.4 and 10.29)

G8 commitment as given in 2007 now no longer achievable?!

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PERSPECTIVES IN A CHANGING WORLD

Where are we going? Changing Problems = Changing Tasks

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- Climate Change is HERE!
- A closer look at the consequences to our lives!
- Any temperature change above (maybe at) 2°C has likely serious consequences on a SPECIES level!

If we continue to think this is just a political mindgame and continue to squander our time

And this means the HUMAN SPECIES!!

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Examples of regional impacts [T20.9]. See caption for Table TS.3.

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- Climate Change is HERE!
- The Models are very well verified to observations

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The Squandering of Our Inheritance

Energy Use of the World

- climate relevant energy sources:
  - 91.2% (81.4%)

- loss by energy use of raw-material resources each year:
  ~14 non-energy use material supply years

- loss by burning of total non-renewable petro-chemical raw material resources each year:
  ~18 non-energy use material supply years

Source: see diagram

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- **total world energy system losses:**
  **estimated 62%**

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a historical depiction
The first Mega-Cities reacting to social crisis cholera, typhoid and the beginning of modern sanitation technology

Reacting to nature Japan searches for earthquake proof solutions

Collective technology in collective societies

the East goes precast with varied success, the West goes to universities and overboard in complexity?

Refurbishing cities keeping inner cities alive through redevelopment

Developing Technologies seizing creative opportunities in difficult times

WHAT IS A UTILITY TUNNEL ?

many cities - many situations - many ideas
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For Example:
In year 40 of a road life it will have 2 pipe damages and repair construction points per km.

Overall it will have accumulated ~30 to 34 repair or refurbishing works to rectify damages or make changes along each road km during these 40 years.
1 Intersection 20m x 20m – 1970 to 2012
Developing Concepts for Humane Cities

Understanding our current systems performance

The myth of proper separation and sub-surface coordination teams up with the ravages of soil & water on utilities over time – and wreaks havoc on city budgets.

LIFE EXPECTANCY & ACTUAL LIFESPAN of the different utility systems as derived from the constructive site data in the streets of the AUSTRIAN CAPITAL VIENNA

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myths and realities of the lifetime of utility pipes

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comparing UD-CAPEX: utility tunnel – conventional

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Summary on sustainable urban construction:

1. Our current buried systems are far more vulnerable and less dependable than is assumed.
2. Construction at utilities & utility down times have a significant economic ripple effect in the productive urban economy - and can KILL businesses!
3. Conventional utility lines are MURDER on road surfaces.
4. The higher CAPEX of Utility Tunnels is in many cases recovered already by the higher construction speed and the faster area marketing or minimized business impact.
5. Utility Tunnels are operational assets - their OPEX is chargeable to both service providers and the connected.
6. Utility Tunnels must be managed both in their creation and in their maintenance - they require joint coordination.

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1.1. construction:

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sustained urban space: life-cycles & cost sharing
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The how to, why & what of UTs
Building a “Hole in the Ground” called Utility Tunnel

Understanding the Utility Tunnel hull system

Compile the capacity requirements & develop optimized dimensions
Understand the geometric situation above and below ground
Define the loads and performance characteristics of the structure
Consider your construction time target

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel - steel hull

A puzzle with thousands of parts:
- Gives amazing flexibility in shape and situation adaptation
- Has a medium to high construction speed
- Is cost dependant on the world steel price market
- Performance and lifetime dependant on the production quality of the galvanization or paint and the proper backfill compaction
- Light weight & easy transportable
- Has many joints and requires high quality joint manufacture and sealing
- Needs a high quality of design, pre-planning and pre-manufacturing
- Good heat & electricity Conductor
- Builds an electrical Faradays’ cage

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**Understanding the Utility Tunnel PEHD Hull**

A puzzle with hundreds of parts:
- Gives amazing *flexibility* in shape and situation adaptation
- Has a very high construction *speed*
- Is cost dependant on the world oil *price* market

Performance and lifetime dependant on the quality of the backfill compaction and shouldn't be stored long in open direct *sunlight* and heat

- **light: weight high transport volume**
- Has only welded joints and is *fully sealed*
- Needs a high quality of design, pre-planning and pre-manufacturing
- Poor heat & electricity conductor
- Builds no Faradays’ cage electrically

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**Performance of Utility Tunnels**

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel fibre concrete hull

Creating pre-cast quality in-situ:

Has a machine determined cross section and requires extra structures at bends and cross sections

Has a medium construction speed

Is cost not dependant on the world oil or steel price markets

Is performance and lifetime dependant on the quality of the concrete, fiber additives and curing process

Very heavy

Has test seal-band joints and is fully sealed

Needs a low quality of design and pre-planning - no pre-manufacturing

Poor heat & electricity conductor

Builds no Faradays’ cage electrically

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel end user connections

Connecting the users:
- Understand the real end user demand expectation
- Pre-planning of pre-fabricated utility tunnel elements
- Provide for the future additional services or demand changes
- Should provide for connection modification without digging in the public road space => hull pipes to the properties
- Can be in separate or combined utility connectors to the properties
- Should not connect buildings in an unsecured walk-able or crawl-able way
- Require coordination in regard to internal main line placing of services

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel access points

Getting people and material in and out:
There is a requirement for main access points and secondary and emergency escape points.

How does one get standard pipe lengths into a utility tunnel?

There are utility tunnels with internal fire walls and such without.

Utility tunnel access must be restricted and controlled.

Consider the internal ventilation - surface exhaust gases must not be allowed to enter.

All openings need to be rodent protected - in certain cases also barriers against snakes and insects are needed.

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel outfitting

Installing the pipes and cables:

The easy part is the straight uninterrupted stretch

But there are main connection points - e.g. for 18 kV lines to transformer stations

And utility tunnel intersections - that need to be walk-able

And for real maintenance there are internal light and control systems

So how do we mount all these elements?

And how do they move?

And what effects can they have on each other?

So how do we arrange them to create an efficient use of the available space and retain future modification flexibility

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Understanding the Utility Tunnel application

Installing the pipes and cables:
Many situations = many different solutions

Understanding the complexity of interactions, interference, safety, security and operational stability

to achieve optimized supply and retain maximum flexibility for change in the future

> Creating a sustainable technology

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Constructing a “Hole in the Ground” called Utility Tunnel

The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Unexpected

Utility Tunnel on the move:

A sealed UT floats like a submarine

Understand your construction environment and its hazards - and understand your construction process and their interdependence.

This UT under construction was moved up to 0.8 m sideways over a length of ~120 m by a differential water pressure of 0.1 bar (1 m water) between both sides of the construction ditch during a rain event.

Why - because it had a double folded segregation plastic foil between it and the lean concrete base, to ensure later earthquake movement flexibility. One plastic layer would have been enough but would have meant to cut the plastic lengthwise.

Result - the outside water seals either disconnected from the concrete or ripped completely on more than 50% of the joints between moved UT segments and needed to be repaired, and a permanent kink in the UT remained.

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how they hold up over time

Utility Tunnels

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Maintaining a “Hole in the Ground” called Utility Tunnel

The Reality of Time & Life:
- The Expected

Corrosion and Degradation:
Revisiting the systems build between 1991 and 1995 in 2007 and 2012 - only few points of corrosion could be found:

- Cable trays on cement crossing crawlable side connectors - only directly in crossing
- Emergency exit door hinge pins

Localized evidence of water incursion was seen and found to be either still from construction or due to faulty maintenance procedures, NOT due to pipe faults.

No general degradation of building or installations could be found.

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The Reality of Time & Life: • The Expectable

Vandalism and Access Protection:
Many UT have problems with casual vandalism & intrusion
Unprotected or easily detectable elements like these Emergency Exits and the outside drainage control shaft will and have been abused - need to be hidden, secured & monitored
2009 a lot of small rubbish dumped in - 2012 additional longer wood pieces thrown on top - virtually undeatable
Graphity is also inside the UT - so unauthorized intrusion has taken place

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The Reality of Time & Life: -> The Unexpected

Water were non should be I:

When Information gets lost between design & construction and operations - maintenance can’t happen and damage develops unnecessarily

As yet no damage to UT & systems

Design info unknown to a new UT operator
- existence of pumps & drains unknown
result after some years:
>> 1 pump missing & 1 pump inoperative
>> no drainage inside of ground water seal
>> spot water penetration of collected rain water through UT-hull
- additional sealing activities

DYSFUNCTION IN OPERATIONAL SAFETY due to loss of Information

Situation rectified immediately after information recovery 2012

> 2012

Operation with partial system information

UT buoyancy safety volume & ground water protection
ground water seal
inside drainage with 2 pumps for redundant operational safety installed and commissioned

Steel UT hull: non pressurized water seal

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how they hold up over time

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The Reality of Time & Life: => The Expected

Pristine Surfaces after 18 Years:
Where Urban Coordination really saves money - NO DIGGING UP PIPES

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The Reality of Time & Life: The Unexpected

Water were non should be II:

When Urban Coordination loses the knowledge about its own systems - strange things happen e.g. a swimming pool and a sudden material access problem over a utility tunnel

As yet no damage to UT & systems

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how they hold up over time

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Between 1991 and 2008 A. & H. Laistner were involved in the development and/or modification of 10 utility tunnel systems. We were responsibly involved in the design of ~31 km of utility tunnels and constructed ~13.5 km to date. We experienced utility tunnels in ground water & earthquakes. We encountered unknown, or unexpected hazards. We've seen utility tunnels float in their construction ditches, and suffer from water incursion because the outside drainage protection system had been forgotten. With all this experience through 20 years we can unequivocally state: There is no more effective, efficient, economic, safe, supply, secure, environmental and sustainable urban supply and support systems technology than the UTILITY TUNNEL!

Why don’t we use more it - we wonder?
What’s holding us back?

A world wide lack of knowledge and comprehension of system complexity as synergy generator & driver

So listen-up educators!

We need to teach what is needed - not what is comfortable!

SUSTAINABLE CITIES OF THE FUTURE

need creative cross-educated engineers & planners
SPEAKERS DETAILS

**professional experience**

20 years

in urban development

and airport projects

with a 100% proven track record of

- **ON TIME**
- **IN BUDGET**
- **STATE OF THE HEART**

**educated in**

mechanical & civil engineering

business administration

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THE ECONOMY OF UTILITY TUNNELS

Dr. Axel Laistner - www.laistnerconsult.de:
Utility Tunnels long-term investment or short-term expense?
The new economic feasibility of an old idea
1996 INFRA'96 Les Infrastructures Urbaines
Montreal

Einsatz begehbarer Leitungsgänge / Infrastrukturkanäle in der öffentlichen Ver- und Entsorgung
1996 Doktorarbeit an der Technischen Universität Wien
Fakultät für Bauingenieurwesen Wien

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Utility Tunnels – where else?
The 1800s’ – Utility Tunnels

**a good idea gets started**

London

The Holburn-Viaduct 1866 – 72
and other projects throughout the century

Paris

Sewage System from the mid century onwards

Hamburg

Kaiser Wilhelm Strasse 1892

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Cholera in Europe - how calamity drives technology

London:

Together with the elevation of parts of the Holburn Street urban utility tunnels were erected along both sides of the viaduct. The adjacent buildings were connected directly to the tunnels. The remaining space in between both tunnels was rented out to commercial users. The Viaduct passes over two Streets, a double railway track and the canalized Fleet River. Its total length amounts to approximately 400m.

Other utility tunnels were built with urban infrastructure development at various places in London and surrounding boroughs ever since.

Paris

Following the Cholera epidemic of 1832, construction on the Paris sewage system was begun. Its mains vary in diameter between 5 x 6m and 2,5 x 1,5m. The system is additionally used for the placement of telephone-, telegraph-, water- and district heating mains. The total net length amounts to approximately 2000 km.

Hamburg

With the expansion of urban main roads a utility tunnel was erected under the Kaiser Wilhelm Strasse as new main thoroughfare to avoid future disturbances. Like London and Paris, Hamburg developed the sewage system following a devastating outbreak of the Cholora.

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**many cities - many ideas**
The 1900s’ - Utility Tunnels
a good idea gets going

City Management - spurts, starts and fits of technology

Moscow / Kiev / Suhl / Leipzig / Halle
The main standardization efforts on utility tunnels were made in the former eastern block states. The Academy on Civil Engineering of the GDR completed the development of a comprehensive technical standard on utility tunnels in 1976. Main interest originated with the realization of the utility tunnels positive effect on national economy as a whole.

Madrid
Utility tunnels were chosen to counter the problem of extensive soil settlement in the Madrid region. The security gained by the tunnel justified the higher investment expenses. The surface streets above were stabilized and their lifespan extended two- to threefold.

Seattle
Utility tunnels are most frequently used to service the supply needs of enclosed areas. Use in industrial plants is common, as well as at public installations like this cross section of utility tunnels at the University of Washington in Seattle. Utility tunnels are standard construction elements at many industrial plants and especially airports and civic centers.

Tokyo
In 1963 utility tunnels were named the preferable construction system for city utilities in Japanese law. The intention was to reduce the surface construction sites along roads and the minimization of so induced traffic problems. Researches had shown, in 1962 Tokyo had 1713 construction sites along utility lines of 1253 km total length in a street net of roughly 500 km; amounting to ~3 each km.

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The 1980s’ – Utility Tunnels
a good idea gets ambitious

Ulm University Medical Centre
Eselsberg 1985
- the most complete and
ambitious UT I know of

Zurich – Löwenstrasse 1992
a UT carries the tram!
Bratislava 1994
a UT System 24 m underground

City & Facility Management
- discovering potentials

Ulm - the all-rounder
Setting the most complete standard of subsurface supply systems yet. All supplies needed for four hospitals, lots of university institutes and two industrial research centers – all are transferred underground to insure a healthy environment for recuperation and studies.

Three automated cargo transport systems distribute pharmaceutical supplies, medical supplies, soiled and cleaned utensils, food and mail to all hospitals from a central technical complex. Two waste disposal systems collect clinical and normal wastes to a central disposal station.

Zurich – city center renewal – Werkleitungsstollen - Löwenstraße
In the heart of the city – in front of the main RR-Station – this UT had to be erected while maintaining the normal accessibility and supply situation to all adjacent buildings and shops.

High ground water and a shallow sewage line impacted the design. The design is based on the SIA 205 Swiss standard.

At both ends connections to other UT exist. The tramway tracks are placed on a floating bedding on top of the UT.

Bratislava – historic inner city utility reconnection
Utility tunnels were excavated as mine shafts and tunnels at ~24m below ground level under the historic city center.

With minimal disturbance above ground and no ground movement problems due to the depth all buildings were connected by horizontal drilling from below.

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155 years - Utility Tunnels
a good idea gets experience

Other more out of the ordinary UT constructions:

- White Sands – NY – 1967-70
- UT as nuclear blast proof
- fall out shelters

Listing of military Installation UTs:

- Former Base-Hospital Ulm (now Uni Ulm Michelsberg)
- Eielson Air Force Base
- Fort Wainwright
- U.S. Air Force Academy

Listing of civic & admin center complexes with UTs:

- Civic Center Area, Denver - City & County Buildings,
- Denver - Colorado State Capitol Buildings
- NASA Johnson Space Flight Center - Houston

UTs are also used on many airports around the world – but a listing is not given due to security considerations

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UT operational performance
- it runs & runs & runs ......

General operational performance history of Utility Tunnels world wide (as researched and experienced by POET & alcUG in own and others’ UTs):

- More than 90% better performance of individual supply pipe / cable life.
- No more micro-leakage in wet systems.
- Full continuous corrosion and degradation control
- Possibility of preventive maintenance of utility systems
- Possibility of using older systems for new purposes - e.g. London Embankment – using an old gas main as a cable casing pipe for high performance IT backbone cables
- 80% cheaper expansion, renewal, replacement costs
- 99% avoidance of pipe / cable repair costs through normal degradation
- 99% avoidance of pipe / cable repair costs through external damaging influence
- 200% to 300% life extension of road surfaces above – no excavations and other surface disturbances other than traffic loads
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Other more out of the ordinary UT constructions:
Vienna – Reichsbrücke 1978-80
a bridge is a UT & carries the metro and 6 traffic lanes across the Danube

Listing of
University UTs:
Ruhr-Universität Bochum  J. Liebig Universität Gießen
Universität Stuttgart Vaihingen  Universität Ulm
University of Alaska  University of Arizona
University of California  Florida Atlantic University
Georgia Institute of Technology  Purdue University
Michigan State University  University of Minnesota
University of Missouri  University of Oregon
University of Texas  University of Washington

Current list of known mishaps in Utility Tunnels in Germany
(as researched and experienced by POET & alcUG in own – between 1993 to 2011 – and others’ UTs):

- Leipzig Grüna in the 1980s – Cable Fire
  - destroyed ca. 30m of all cabling before extinguishing itself due to lack of oxygen. Piping of water supply and district heating was not impacted.

- Ruhr University Bochum in the 1980s – Water Main Break
  (d 300mm)
  filled the whole 6.5km UT system completely with water within 30 minutes. Effects: extensive cleaning of the UT & repair of the water main, some secondary support structure corrosion effects over the next year.

- ISK Wachau since 1993 – cable joint explosions
  - 2 cable joint explosions in 20 years – due to faulty cable joint manufacture – effect: cable joint repair – some minor damage to the UT hull inside galvanization at the lightning footpoint. Repairs both times fully effected within hours of fault.

- NO OTHER MISHAPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OR FOUND IN PUBLICATIONS WORLD WIDE – IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME OCCURRED, but not even in London during the WW2 bombing much damage seems to have occurred in UTs.

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a good idea gets cheaper

**POET UBP & ISK-Project** Wachau 1991-94
assuring economic success by
being faster and cheaper in a
tight property market

**POET UHP & ISK-Project** Fahrland 1993-95
proving that a
steel hull UT
urban development
is exactly as expensive
as a conventional utility
construction
– even in a high ground water table

**POET RHP & ISK-Project** Lauchheim 1995
setting a new speed record
by using PEHD & section prefabrication

**POET UHP & ISK-Project** Speyer 2004
making concrete work without
steel and saving cost & time

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New materials & methods –
time = money = savings

**POET Engineering Consultants**
and DI(FH), DI(FH), Hermann Laistner:

DI(FH), DI(FH), Hermann Laistner had first “re-invented” the idea of utility tunnels on a napkin over a beer, while in conversation with his professors during the completion of his second engineering degree as civil engineer in 1968 – being at the same time at the head of the college student body in a tumultuous political situation.

Back then already he combined the technical needs of the engineer with the understanding of political and fiscal realities and requirements of an urban environment – and came, like others before and after him, to the logical conclusion:

**The only thing that makes sense in the long run is a**
**UTILITY TUNNEL.**

Throughout his professional and political life he kept on the front end pushing new technical understanding and implementations – while finally capping his personal political & technical involvement by becoming the German delegation leader on urban development to the OECD.

Being well known and well respected as practical researcher on the leading edge – he saw and took the chance of German reunification – and designed and built a whole new generation and technological leap of sustainable urban development areas – including under ground a new generation of utility tunnels

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