

# Helmholtz Innovation Lab 3D-Underground-Seismic Lab

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## Reiche Zeche, Germany



- Part of BSUIN network
- Located in Eastern Germany in Freiberg
- Former ore mine for silver
- Now research and education mine
- Rock type: Freiburger gneiss with lead-zinc deposit
- Main level at 150 m depth, down to 230 m accessible
- Good infrastructure
- Several existing underground laboratories or galleries
- Good accessibility but limitations by shaft entrance

# GFZ-UndergroundLab

At Reiche Zeche

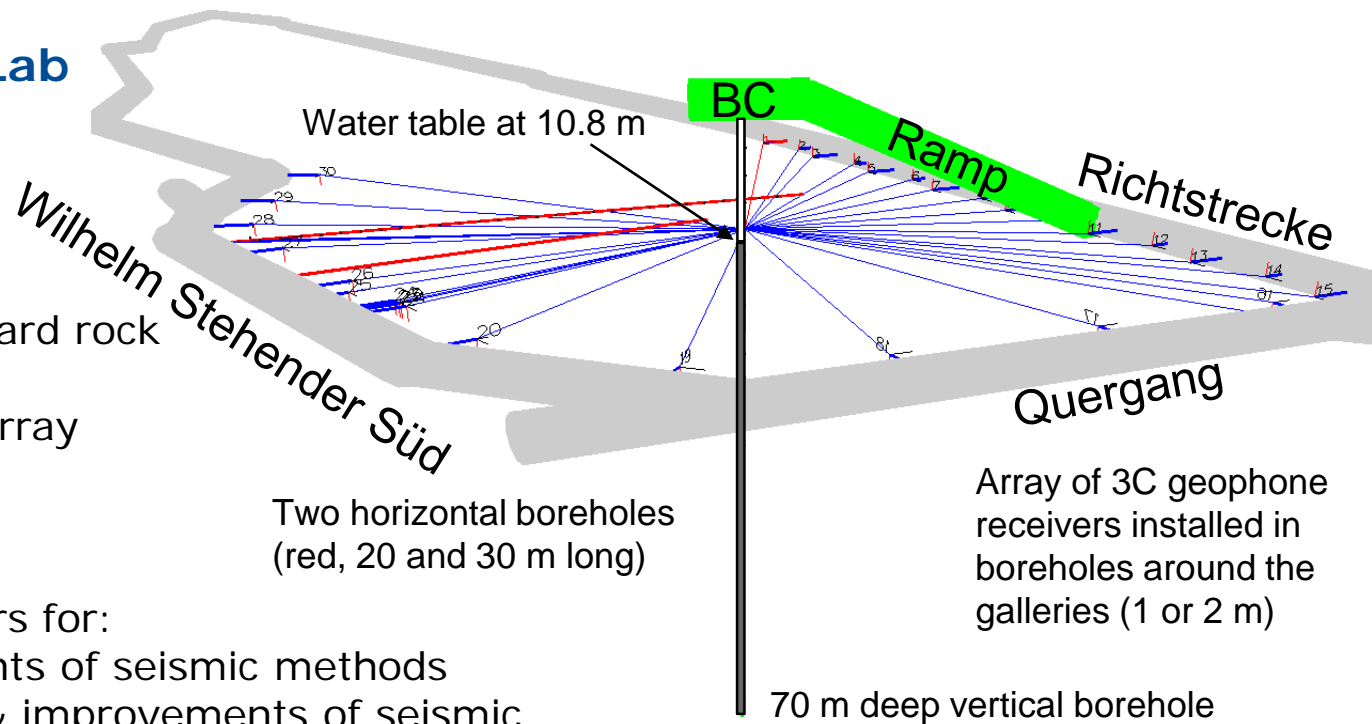
## Infrastructure

- Underground lab in hard rock
- 8 1/2" boreholes
- Permanent receiver array
- Test rig for drill rods

## Issues

Used since over 20 years for:

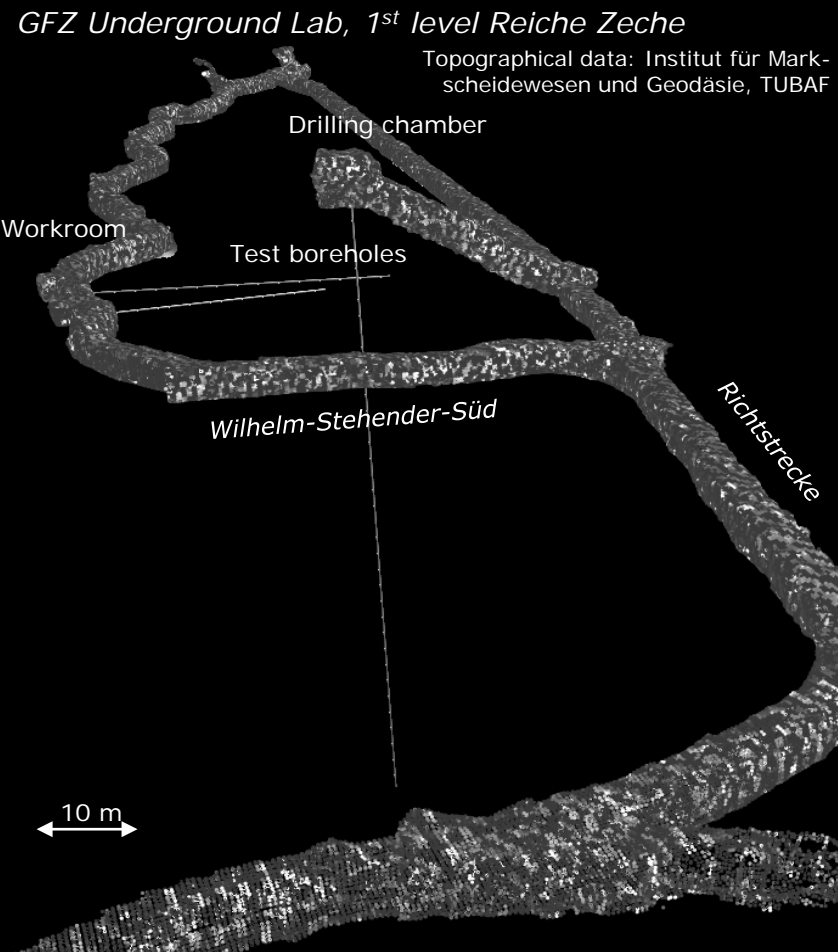
- Technical developments of seismic methods
- Place for calibration & improvements of seismic measurements
- Reproducibility of seismic measurements
- Project development
- Development of new applications of seismic exploration



## Key component:

# GFZ Underground Lab in the Reiche Zeche mine Freiberg

- Physical place to test, evaluate and adapt new technologies for the application in drill holes and along mining surfaces under close to reality conditions
- Demonstration of newly developed hard- and software products for costumers and industrial partners (roadshows)



## Example: Test of SPWD-wireline prototype at the GFZ-UndergroundLab





# Helmholtz Innovation Lab 3D-Underground-Seismics

## 3D-US Lab



Seismic prediction  
while tunneling



Seismic exploration  
around boreholes



Seismic 3D-exploration  
in underground

**GFZ-Undergroundlab at LFB Freiberg**

# Technology lab 3D-US within Helmholtz Association improves the effective and safe construction of underground buildings by an

- Exploration of fluid-filled horizons and salt solution areas
- Exploration and monitoring of disposal sites of radioactive wastes
- Exploration of shafts and galleries for mining mineral resources used for digital infrastructure and E-mobility
- Exploration ahead of tunnels in the field of transport & logistics



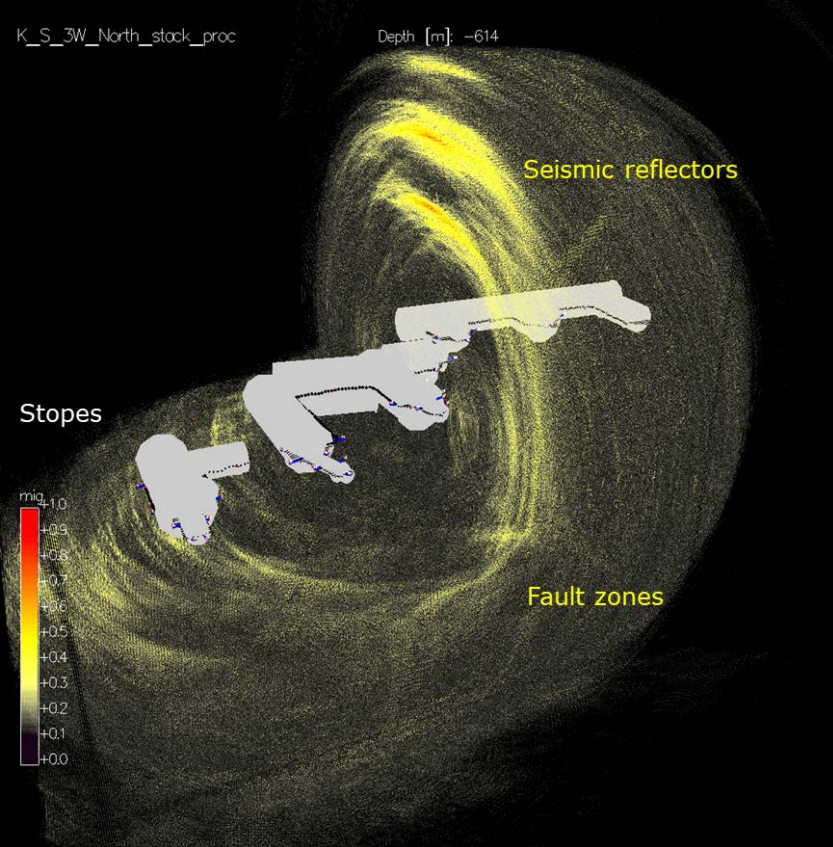
*Seismic survey in a salt mine*

*Exploration in boreholes in ore mine*

*Exploration in drill holes*

*(Kiruna, Sweden)*

*(PITOP, Italy)*



## Objectives of the 3D-US Lab

- Standardisation and modularization of developed seismic methods for mines, tunnel and boreholes to an unique **3D-US** technology
- Establishment of **3D-US** as standard and key technology for an effective and secure construction of underground buildings
- Exploitation the range of underground application

*Section of 3D data with seismic reflectors in the surrounding of salt working places*

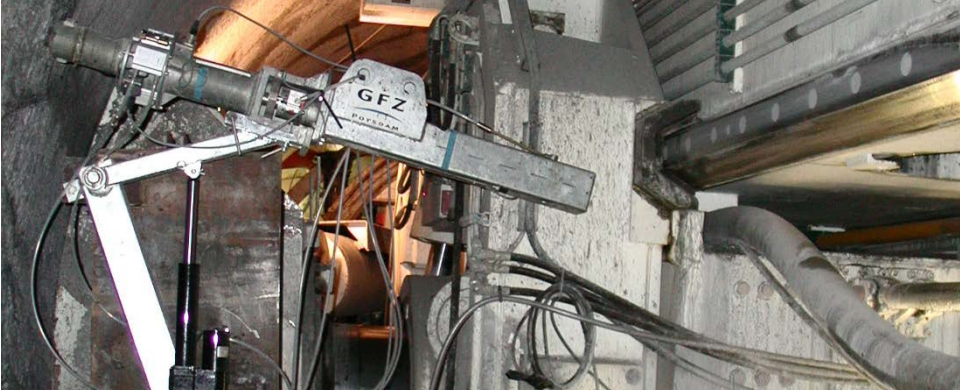


# Founding partners of 3D-US Lab

Partner	From start	Possible in future
<b>Mining</b>	K+S Aktiengesellschaft (K+S, <b>MoU</b> )	Glückauf Sondershausen Entwicklungs- und Sicherungsgesellschaft mbH (GSES) GTS Grube Teutschenthal Sicherungs GmbH & Co. KG
<b>Tunneling &amp; Logistics</b>	Amberg Technologies (AT, <b>MoU</b> )	China Railway Construction Heavy Industry coop. limited (CRCHI)
<b>Radwaste storage</b>	Bundesgesellschaft für Endlagerung (BGE, <b>LoI</b> ) National Cooperative for the Disposal of radioactive Waste (Nagra, <b>LoI</b> )	Luossavaara-Kiirunavaara AB (LKAB) Svensk Kärnbränslehantering AB (SKB)
<b>Science</b>	TU Bergakademie Freiberg (TUBAF, <b>LoI</b> ) Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB, <b>LoI</b> )	

# Summary

- **BSUIN - Networking for development of business and innovation of underground labs in the Baltic Sea**
  - **Standardization of underground labs, concepts and innovation possibilities**
  - **improvement for usage of underground labs of mines by networking, outreach and transfer of knowledge**
- **Initiation of Helmholtz Innovation Lab 3D-US at GFZ**
  - **Openness to research opportunities**
  - **Research in underground labs improves mining exploration in active mines**
  - **Technology transfer of applied research**



Many thanks for your attention, Glückauf!



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