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**The Gotthard Base Tunnel  
The world's longest railway tunnel**

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# The Gotthard Base Tunnel



- **concept**
- challenges
- key success factors

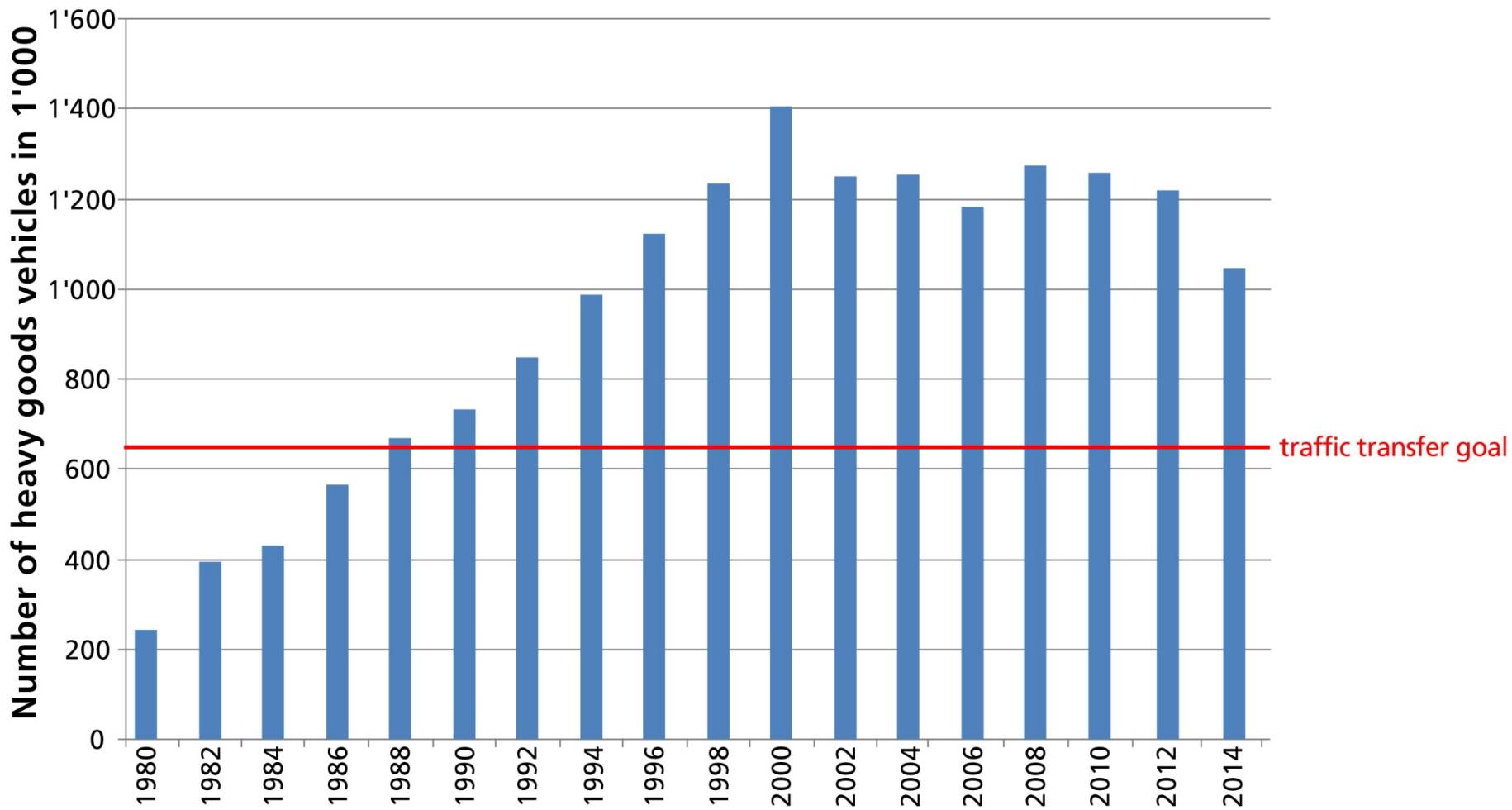
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concept: freight corridor 1 Rotterdam - Genoa



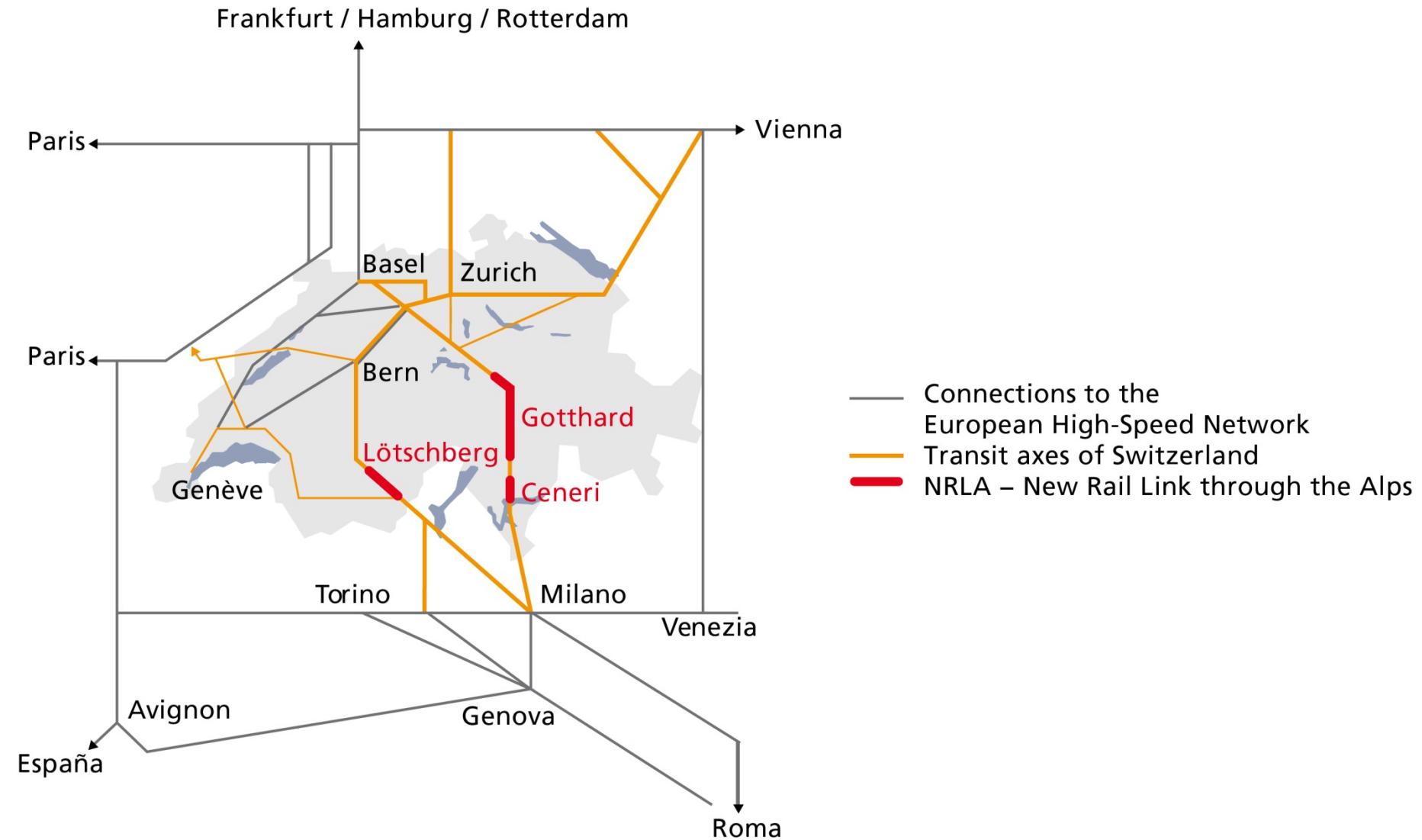
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concept: transalpine goods traffic



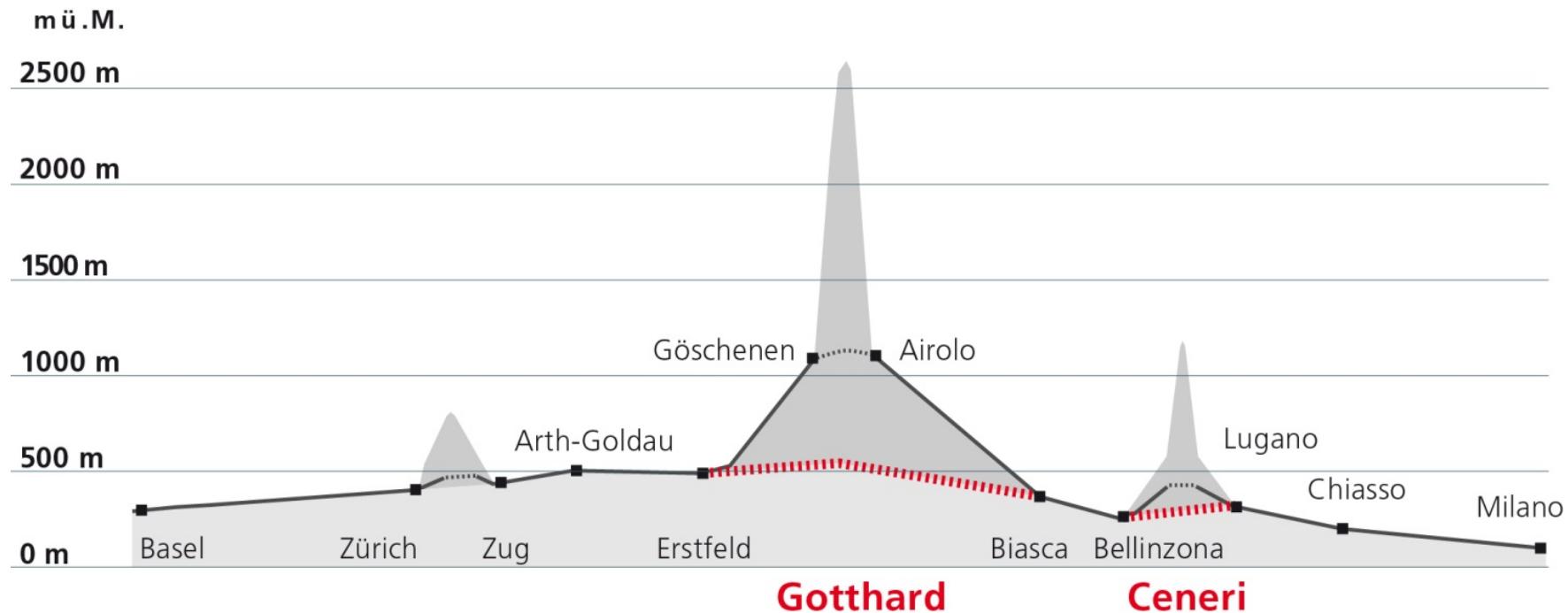
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concept: connections to the european high-speed rail network



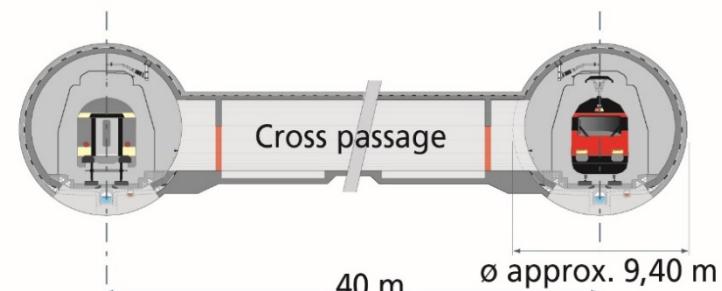
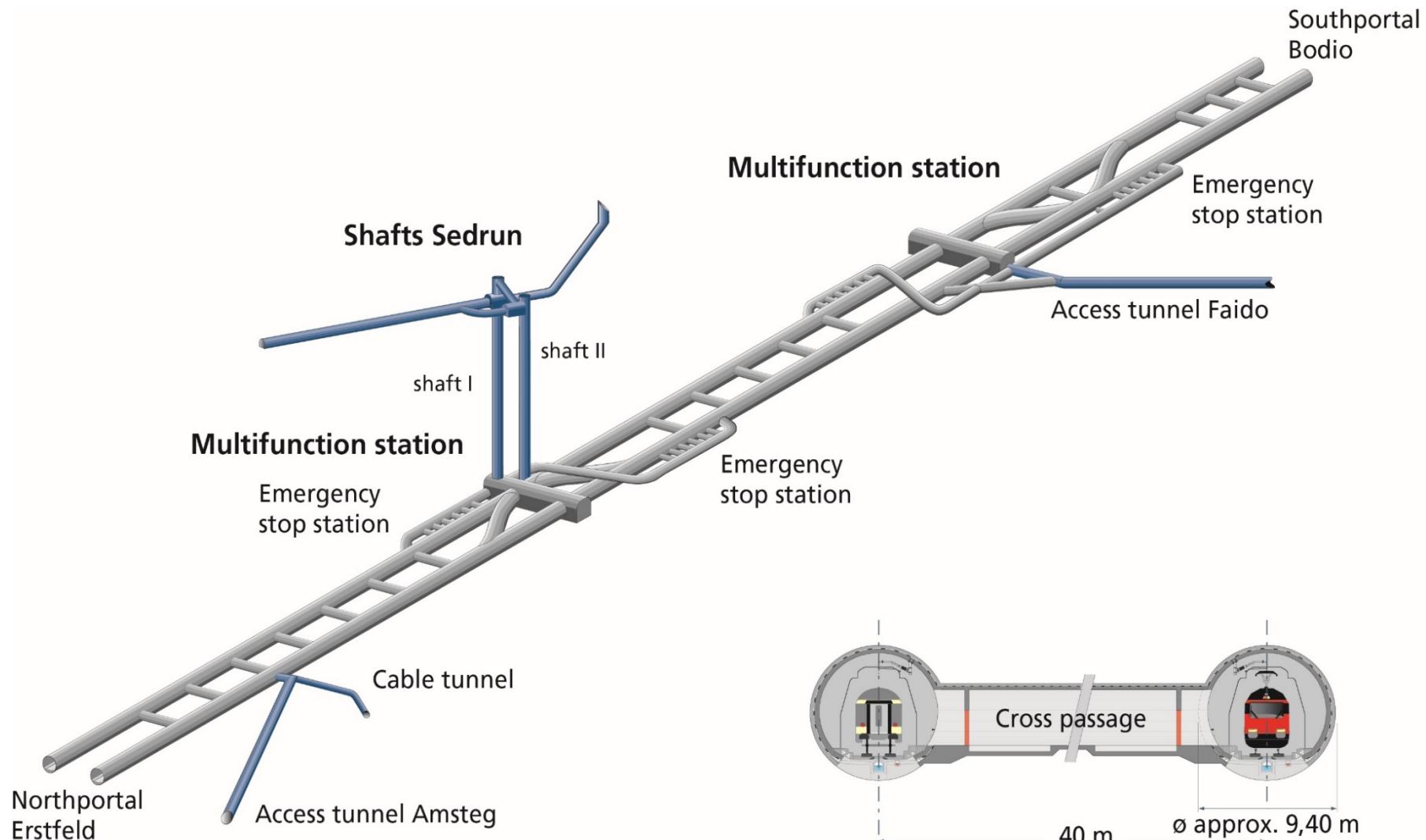
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concept: flat route through the Alps



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## concept: tunnel system



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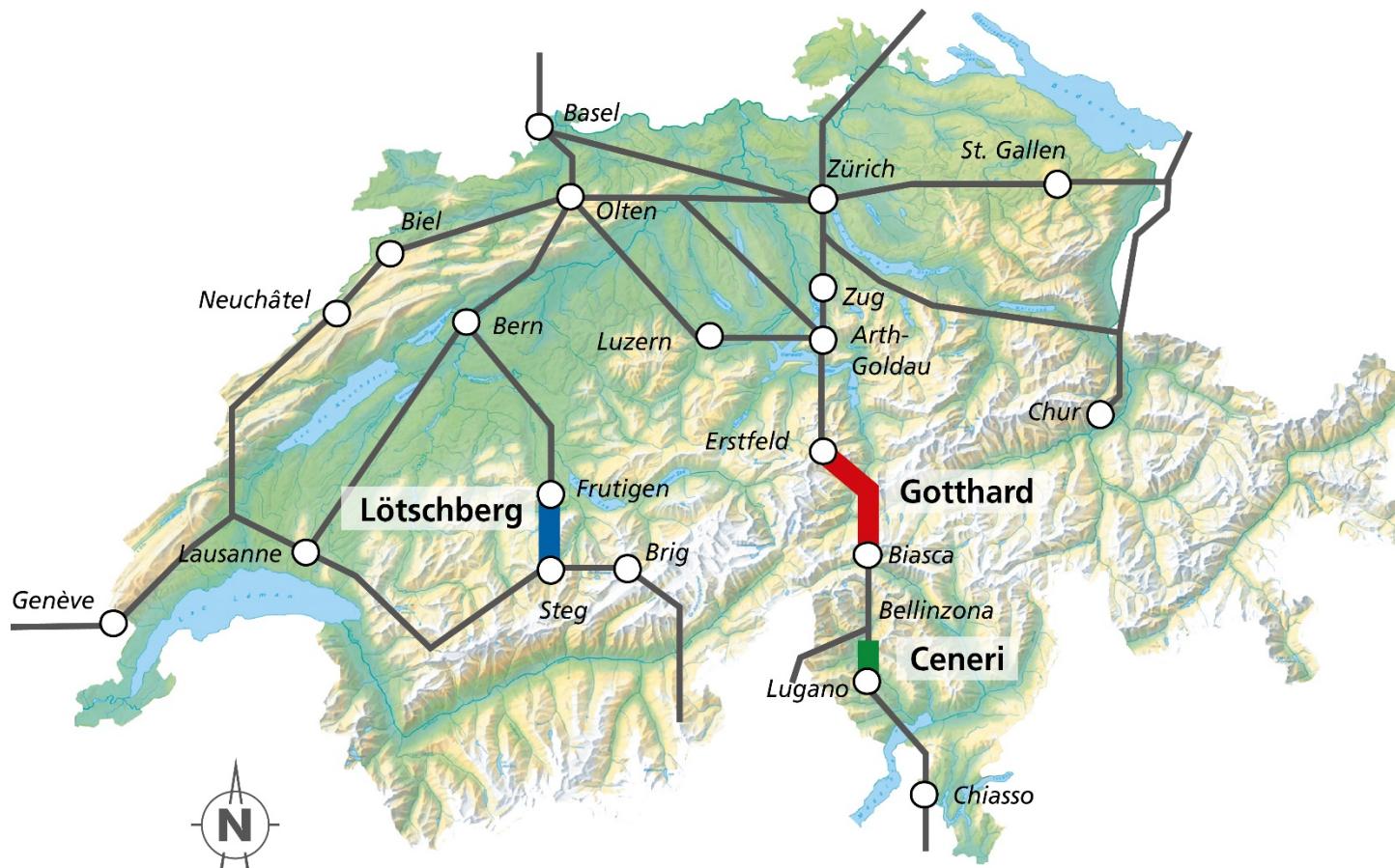


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## challenge: political process

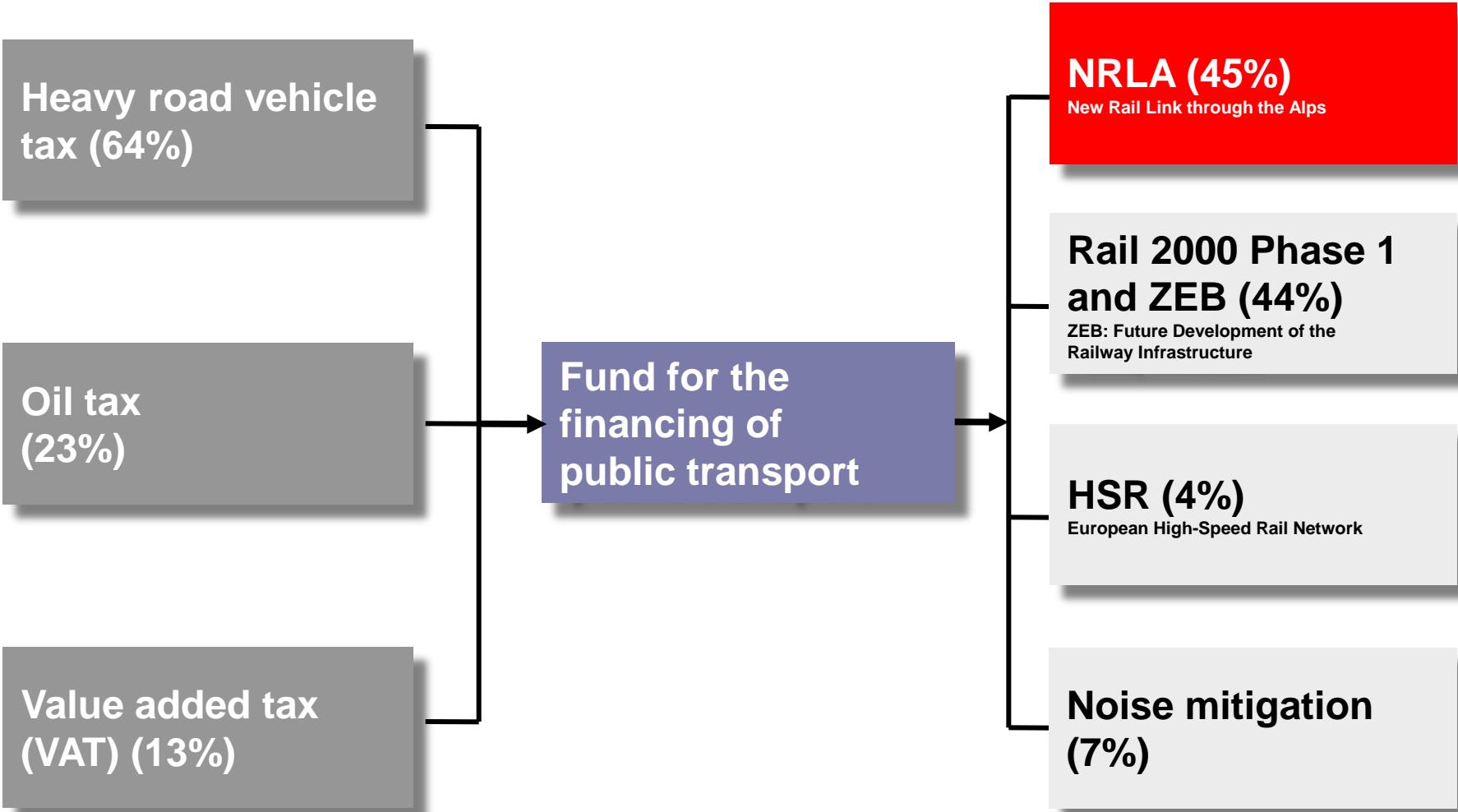
- 1992 approval to the concept by the Swiss People



- 1998 approval to the financing by the Swiss People

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### Swiss Government Decision on Amendment of the NRLA Total Credit (Alp Transit Financing Decision)

of September 16, 2008

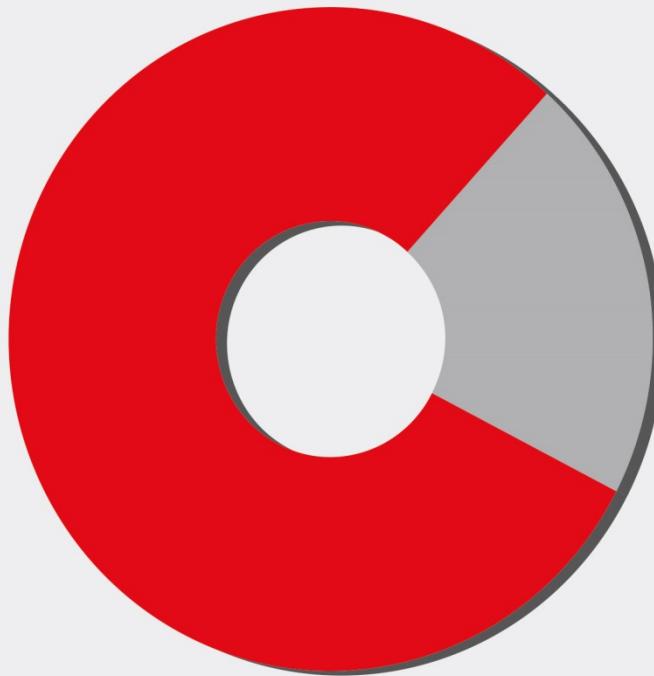
#### Art. 1

For the realisation of the New Rail Link through the Alps, a total credit of 19 100 billion Swiss francs including reserves (price level 1998 according to NRLA inflation index and project status 2007, without inflation, value added tax and construction interest) is approved and divided into the following committed credits:

	Investments in CHF million
a. Project management	98
b. Lötschberg route	4 311
<b>c. Gotthard route</b>	<b>13 157</b>
d. Upgrade Susten	112
e. Link to Eastern Switzerland	100
f. Upgrade St. Gallen–Arth-Goldau	101
g. Other upgrades, Lötschberg route	365
h. Other upgrades, Gotthard route	441
i. Reserves	415
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 100</b>

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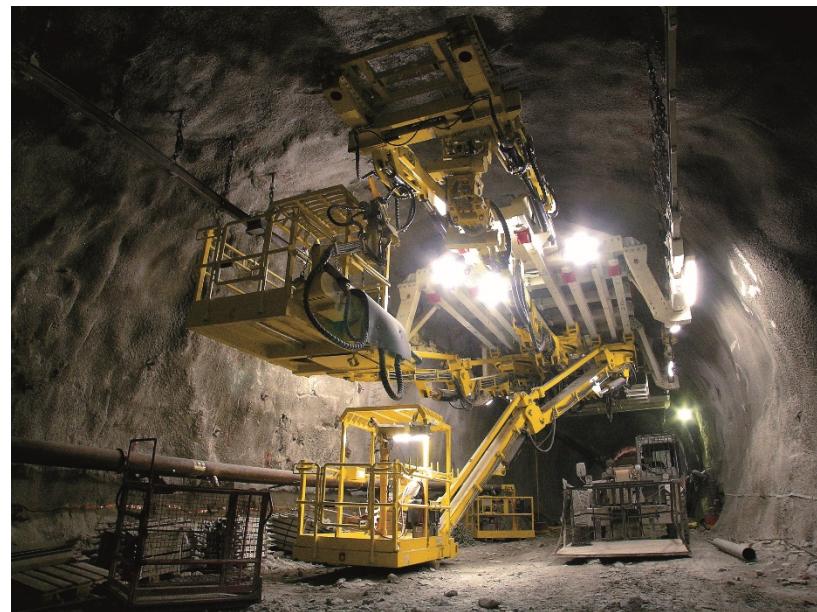
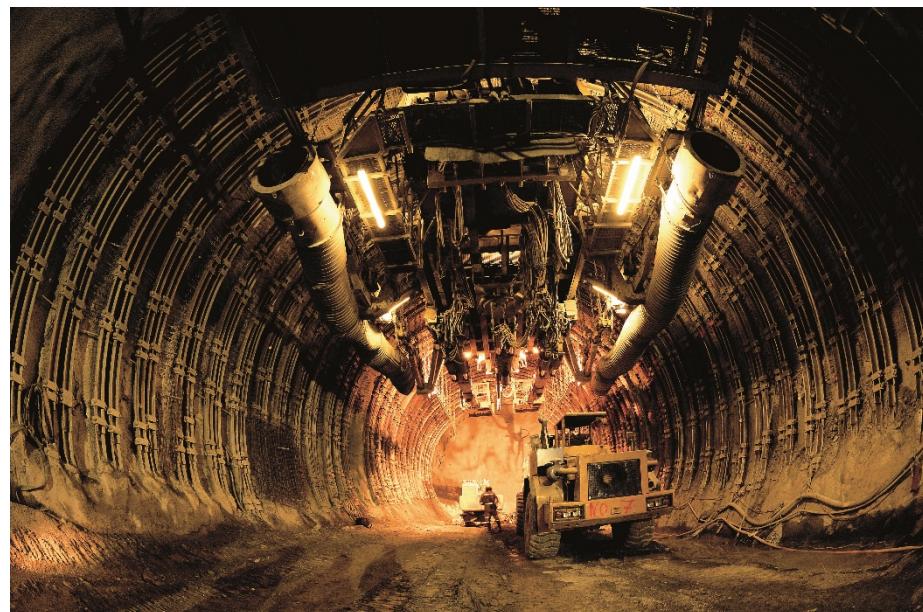
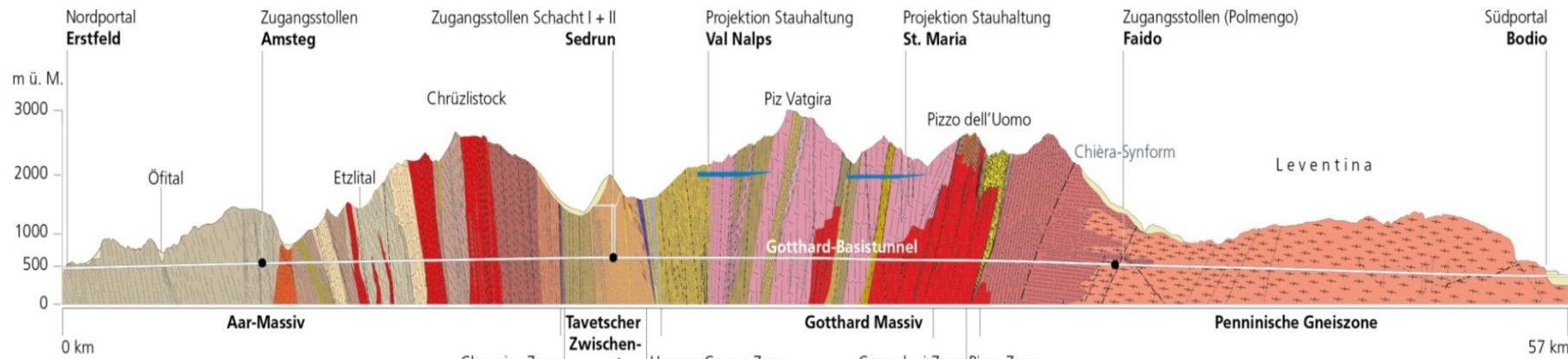
Gotthard Base Tunnel  
CHF 9'541 billion

Ceneri Base Tunnel  
CHF 2'510 billion

Total costs Gotthard Route  
CHF 12'051 billion

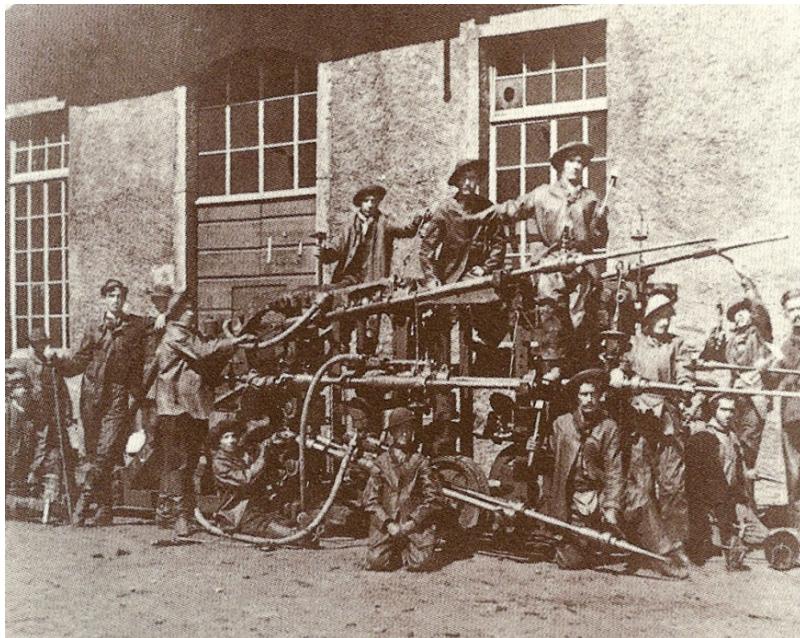
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## challenge: geology



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## challenge: technics

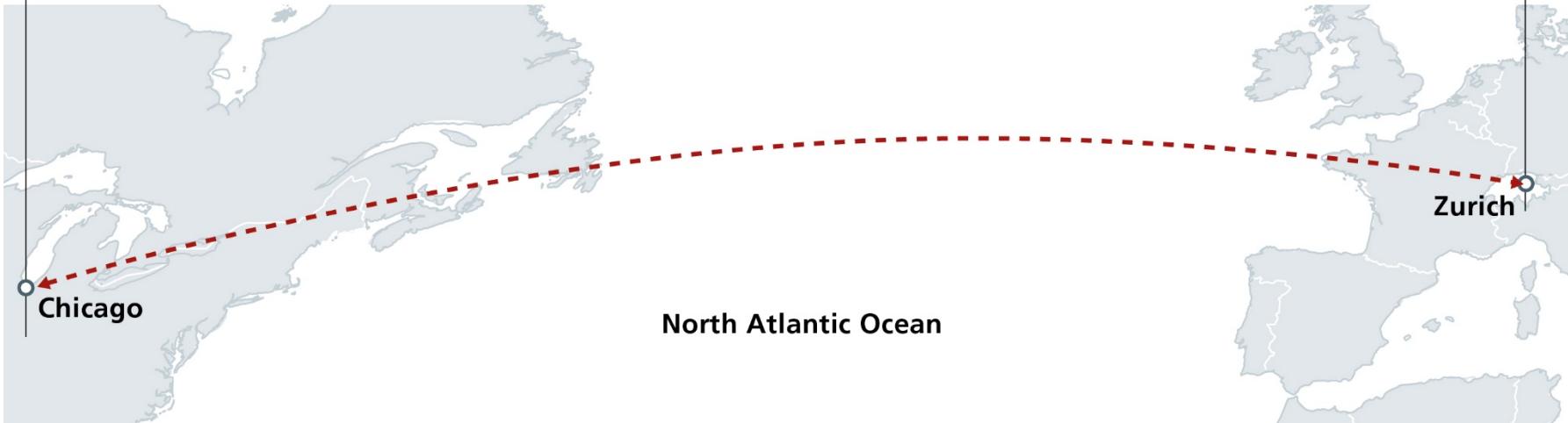


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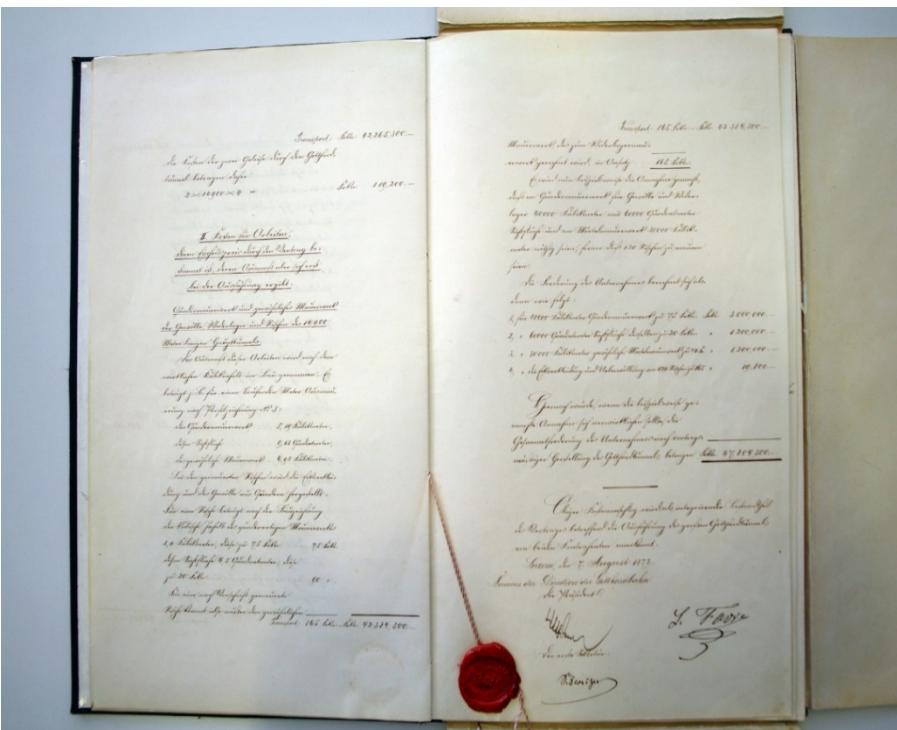
## challenge: spoil management



28,2 million metric tons  $\cong$  7160 km



# The Gotthard Base Tunnel challenge: procurement and contracts



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## challenge: environment and ecology



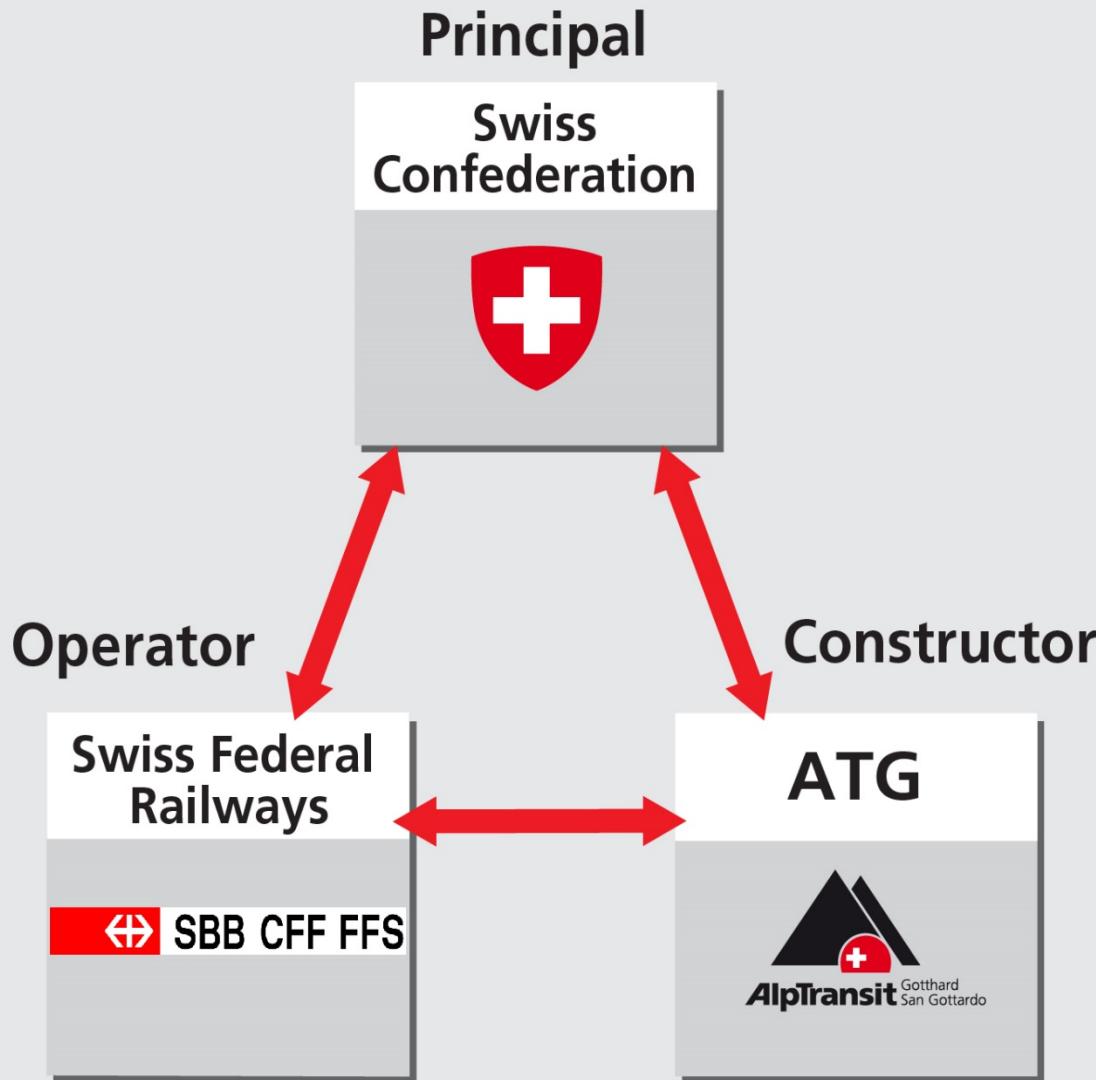
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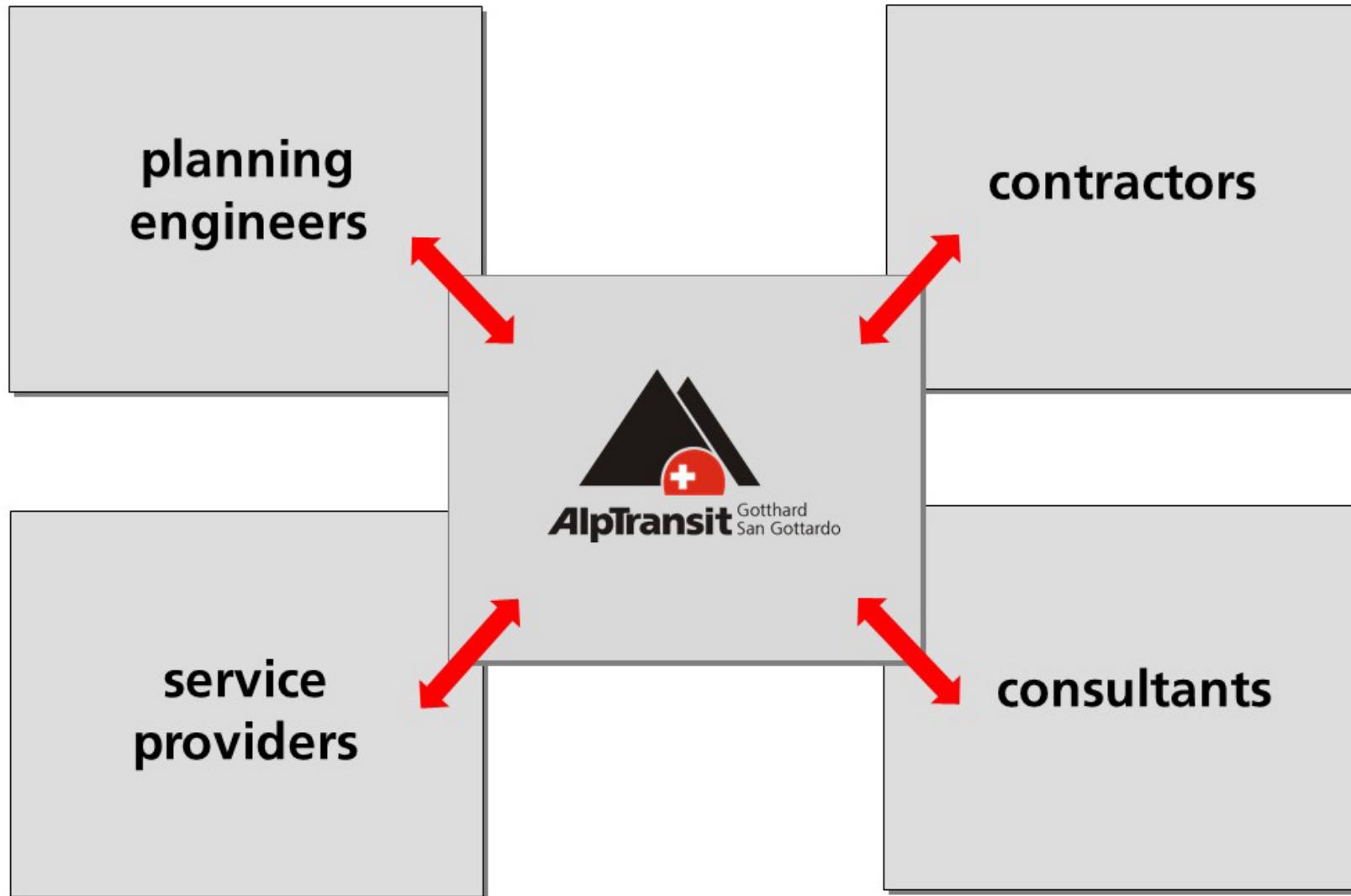
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key success factor: business model



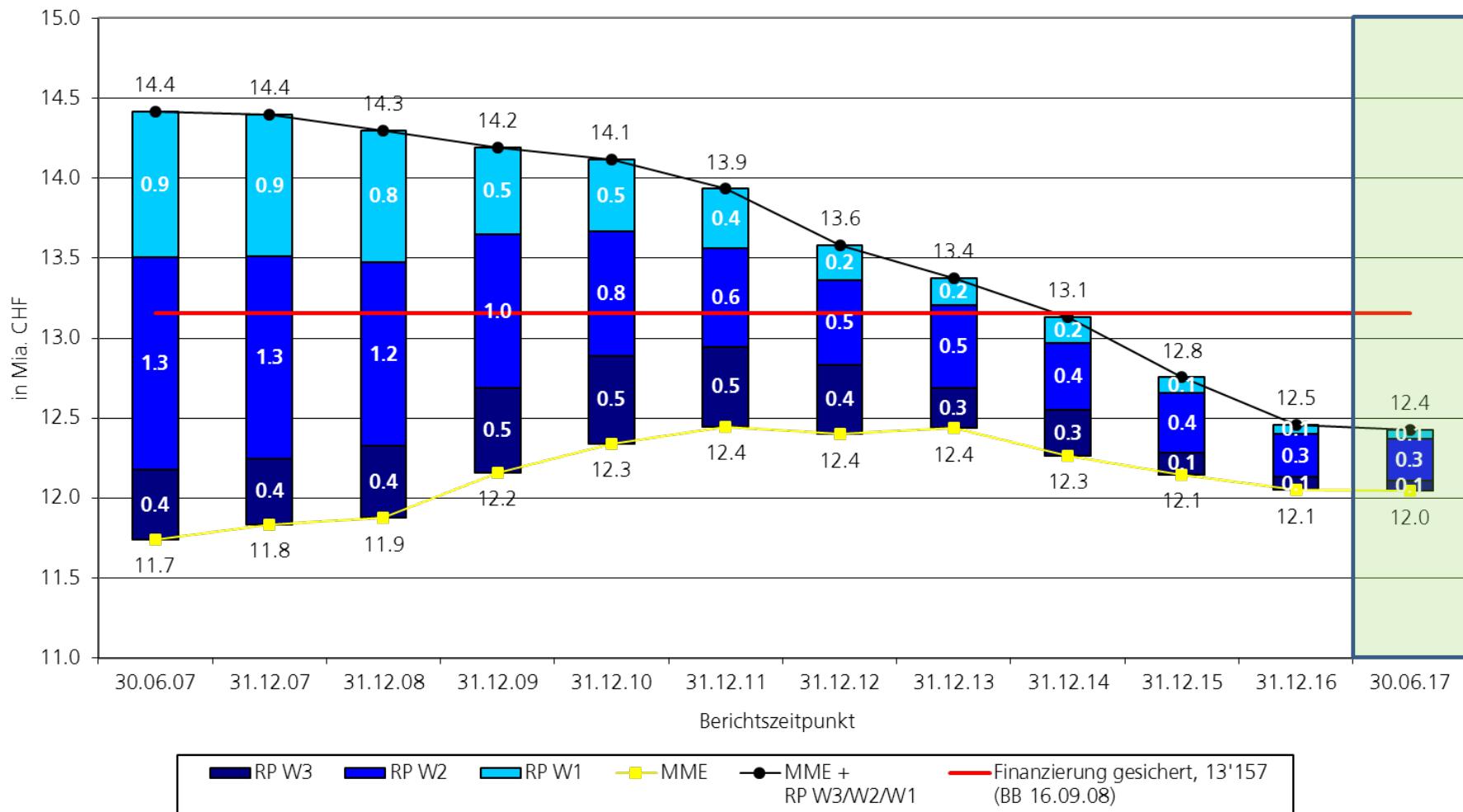
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key success factor: focus on project management



# The Gotthard Base Tunnel

key success factor: internal cost and risk control



Entwicklung mutmassliche Endkosten (MME) und Risikopotenziale (RP) (Gefahren – Chancen), auf CHF 100 Mio. gerundet (Stand 30.06.2017)

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key success factor: external project control



- politically: by a special commission of the Swiss Parliament
- legally: by approvals of the Federal Authorities
- technically: by independent experts
- financially: by audits
- in quality: by ISO certification



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key success factor: transparency and communication



# The Gotthard Base Tunnel

## key success factor: people



# The Gotthard Base Tunnel

key success factor: commissioning December 2016



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next step: Ceneri Base Tunnel 2020



- **Commissioning Ceneri Base Tunnel:  
December 2020**



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