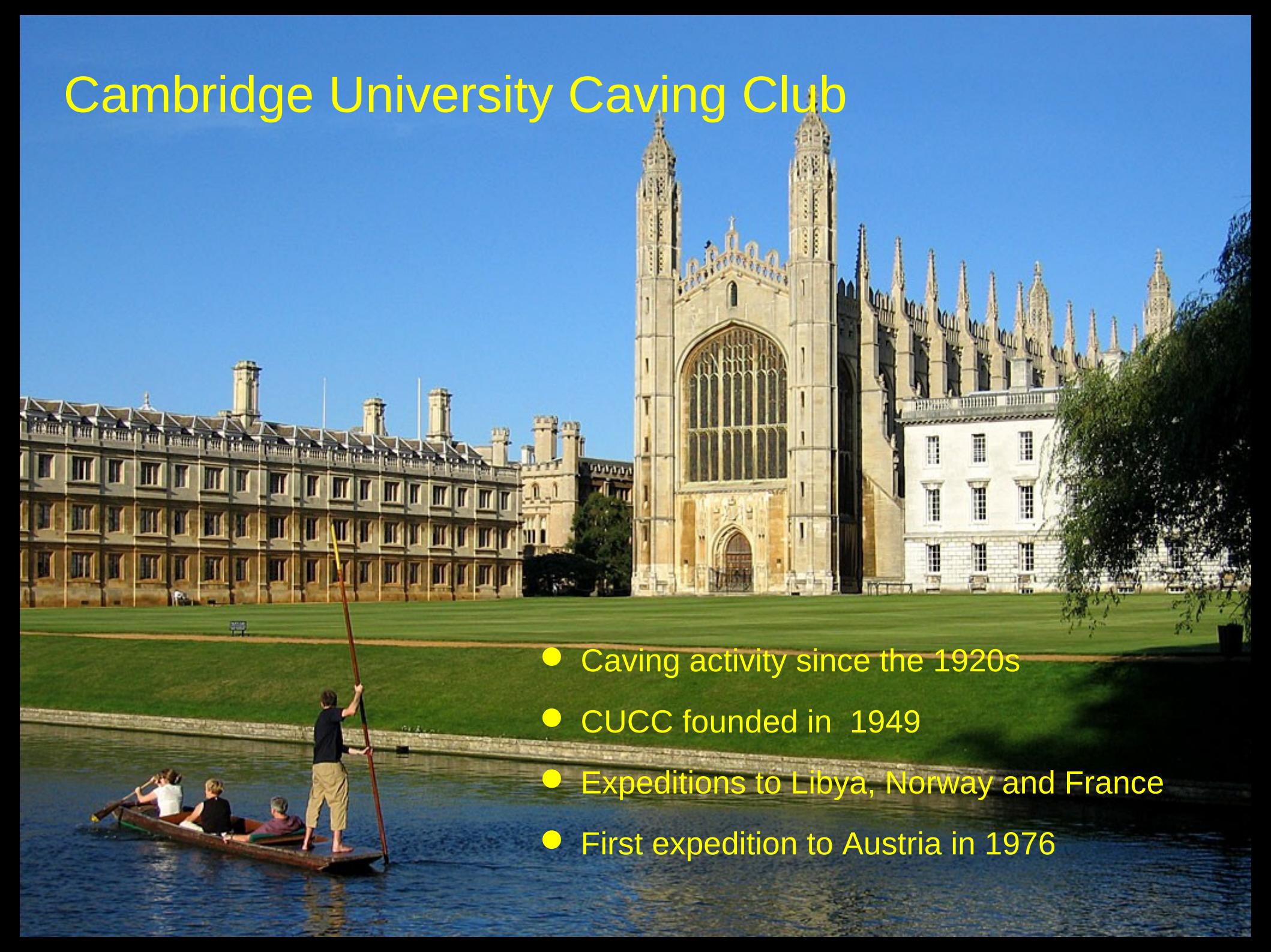


A scenic view of the Alps, featuring a large, rugged mountain peak in the background. The foreground is covered in rocky terrain with patches of green vegetation. In the middle ground, two people are standing on a rocky outcrop. The sky is clear and blue.

**Cambridge University Caving Club
in Austria, 1976-2012**

Cambridge University Caving Club

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- Caving activity since the 1920s
 - CUCC founded in 1949
 - Expeditions to Libya, Norway and France
 - First expedition to Austria in 1976

Location



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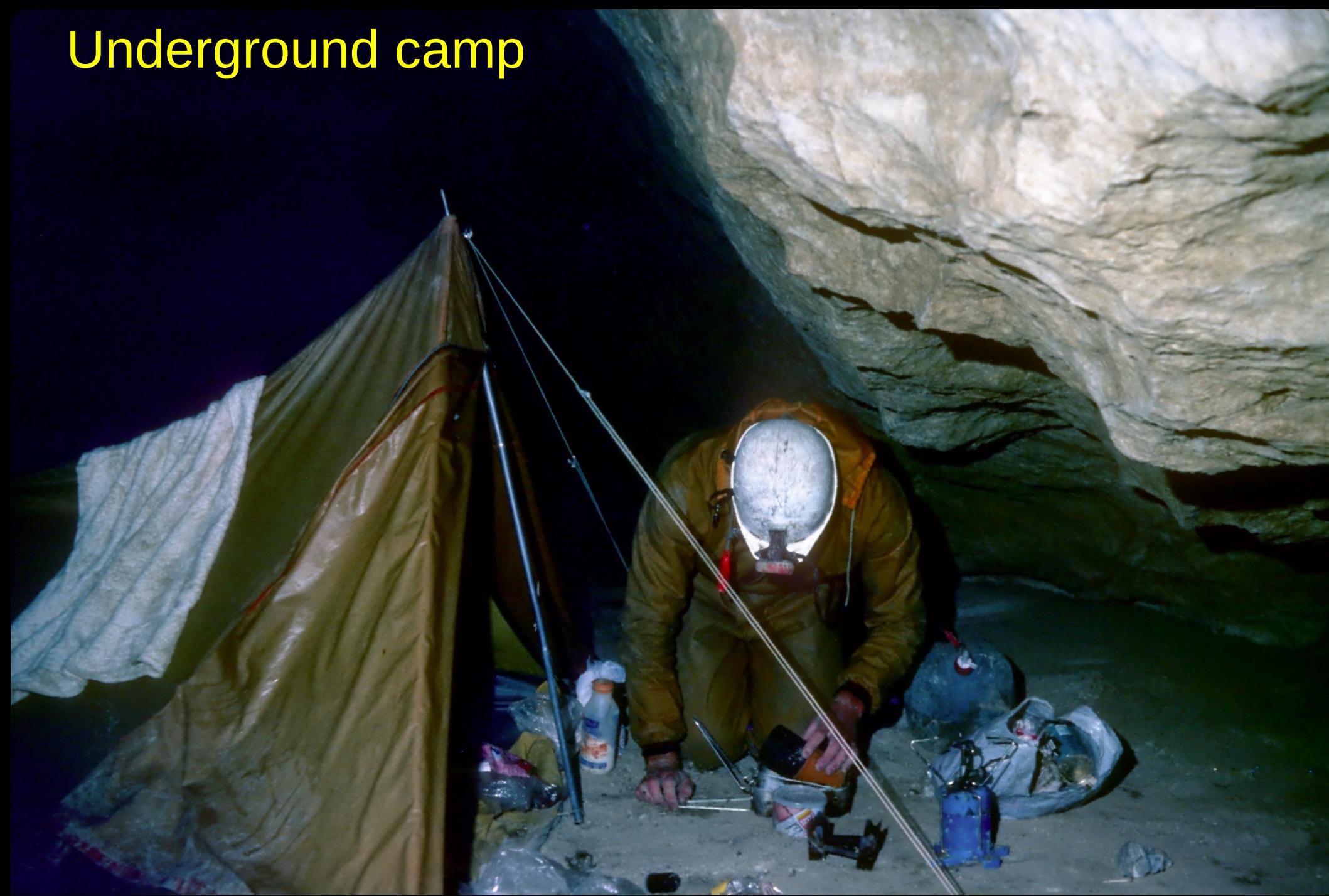
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Dartford Tunnel



Underground camp



Lake Pitch



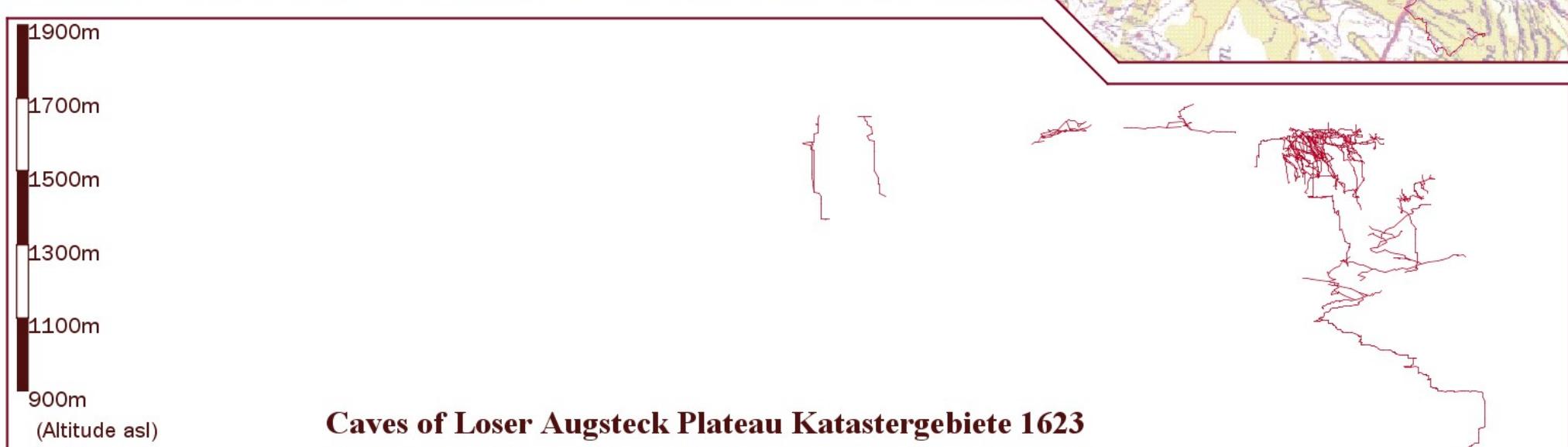
Swimming duck



Stellerweg sump



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Triassic Park



Shortage of Walls



Splatdown



Kaninchenhöhle sump

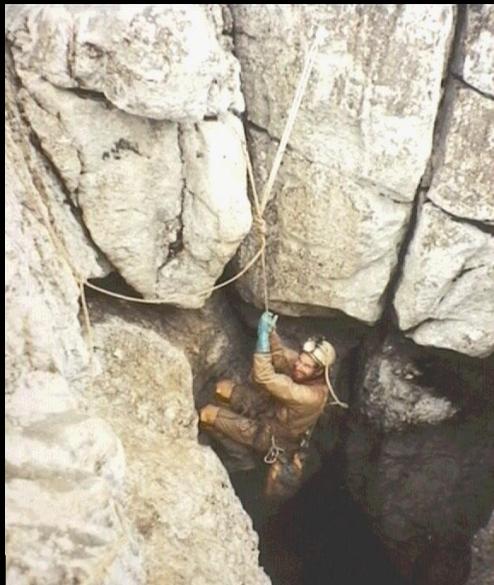


Tyrolean traverse



New entrances

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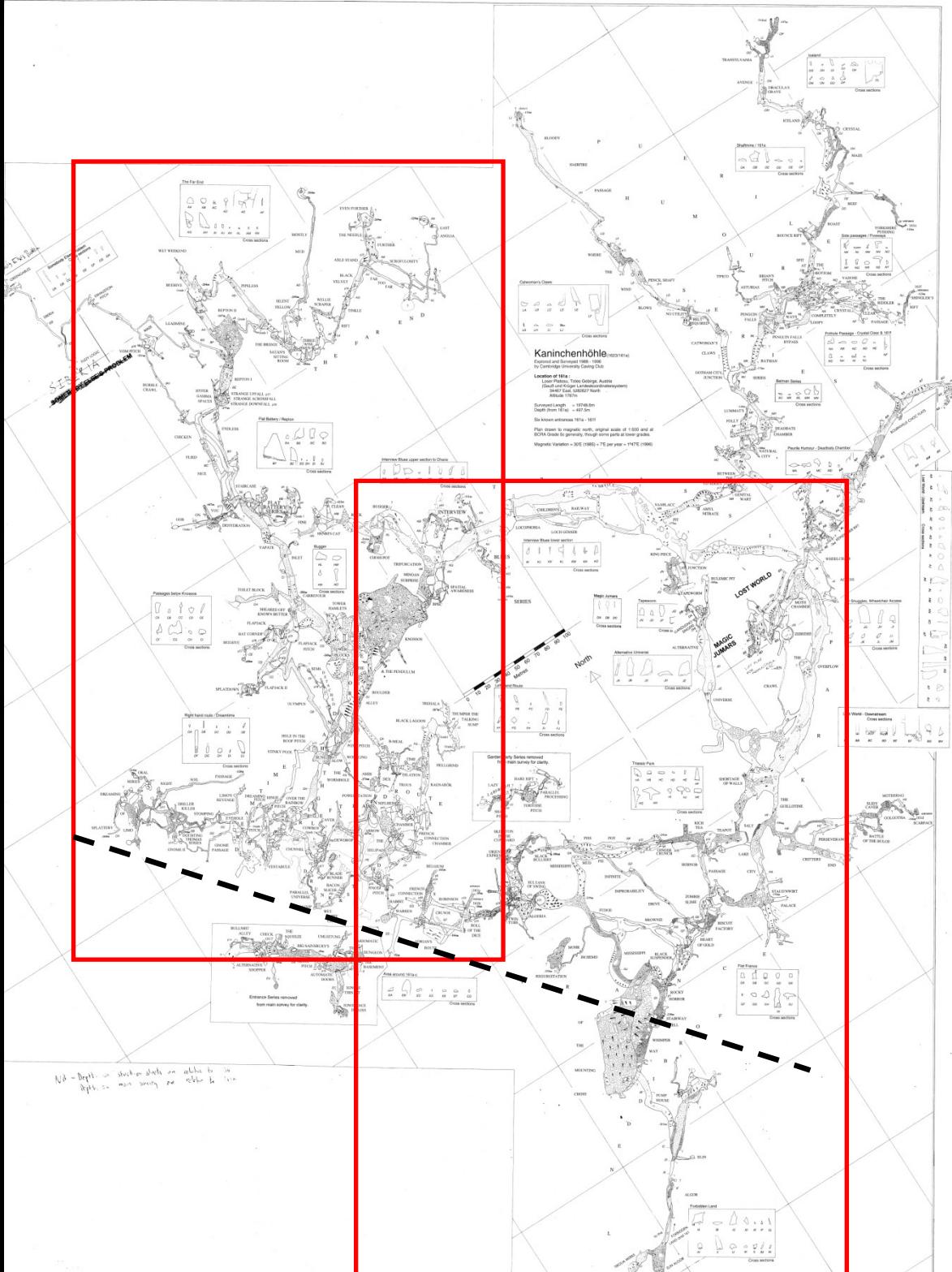
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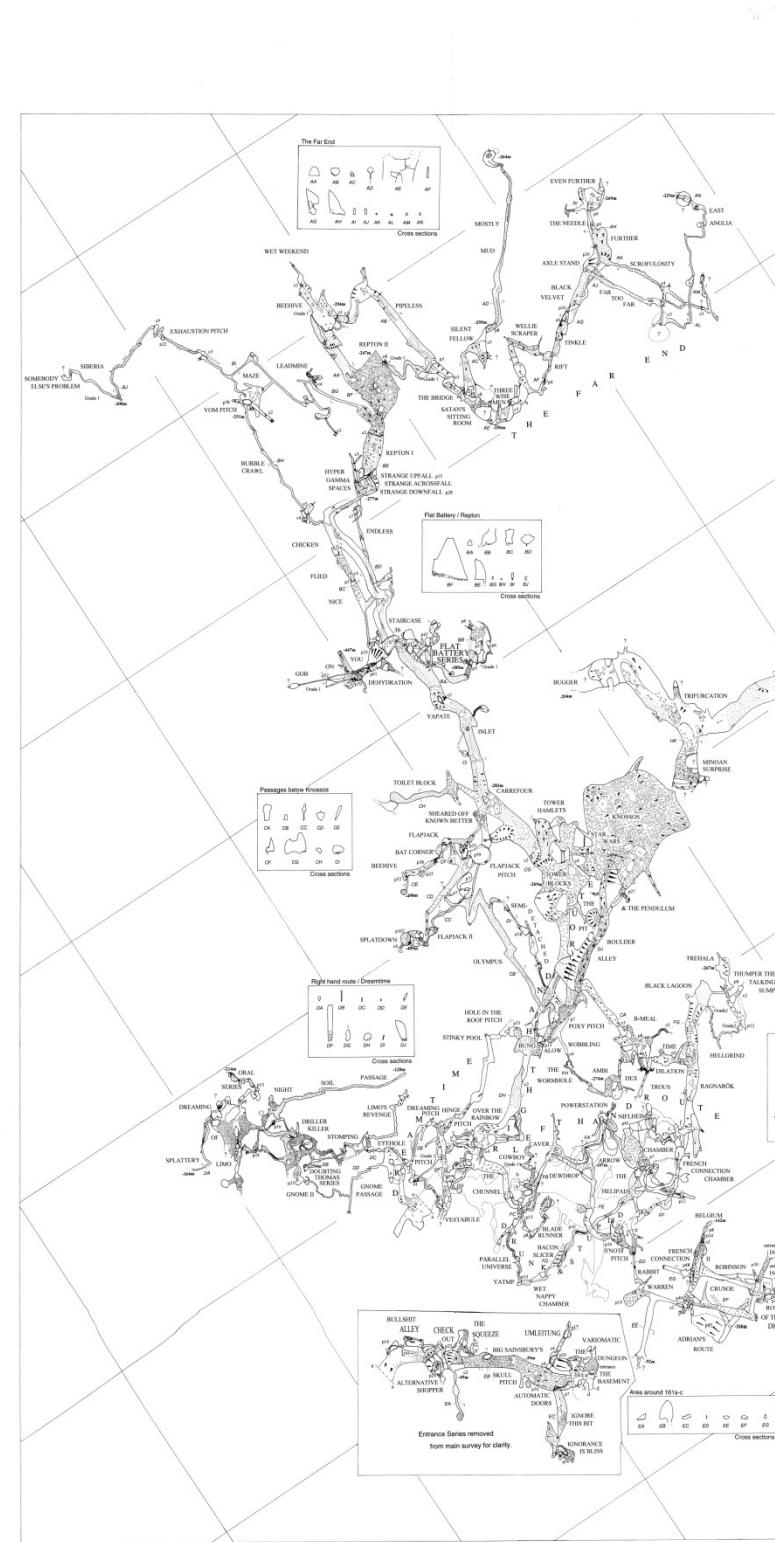
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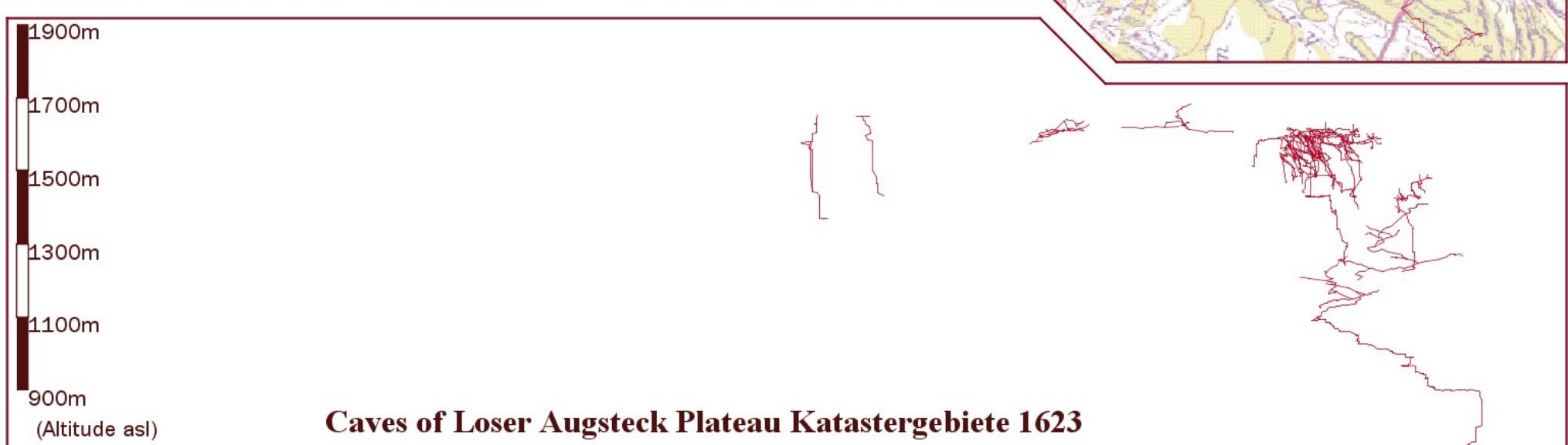
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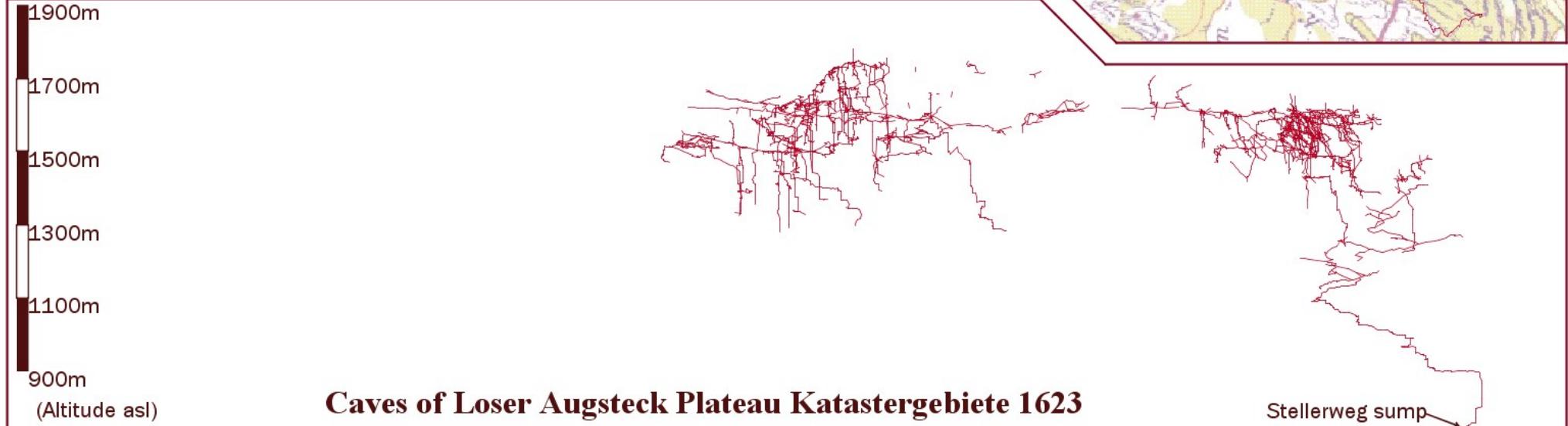
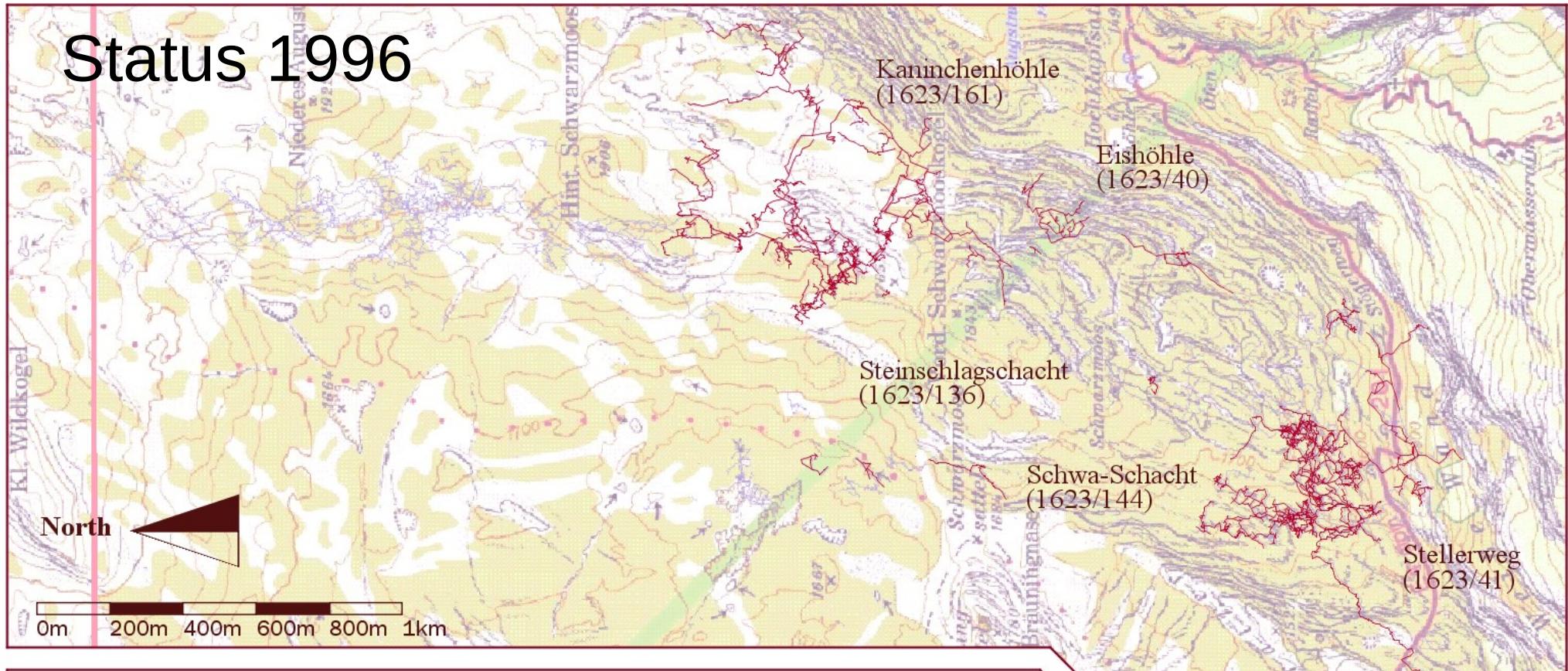


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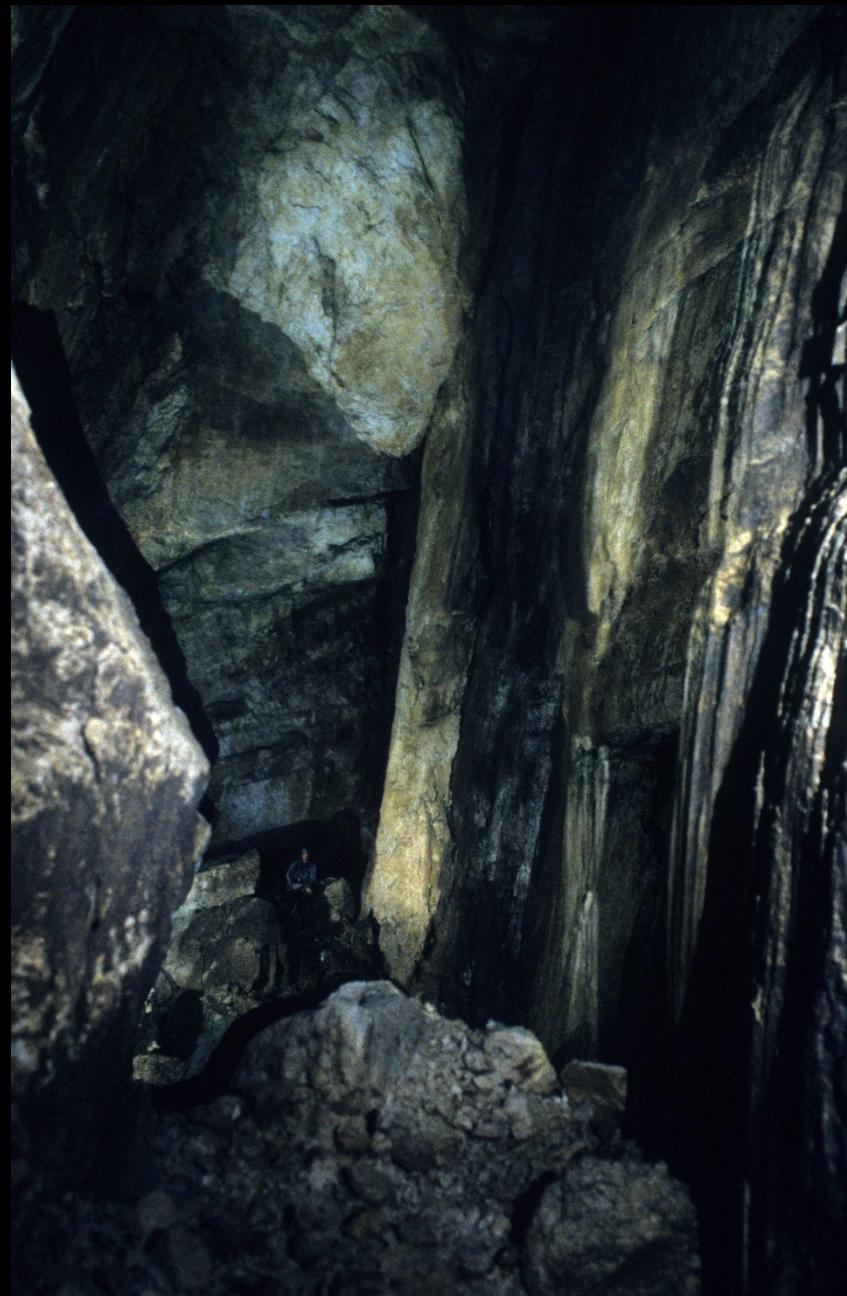
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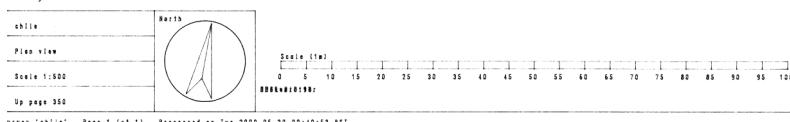
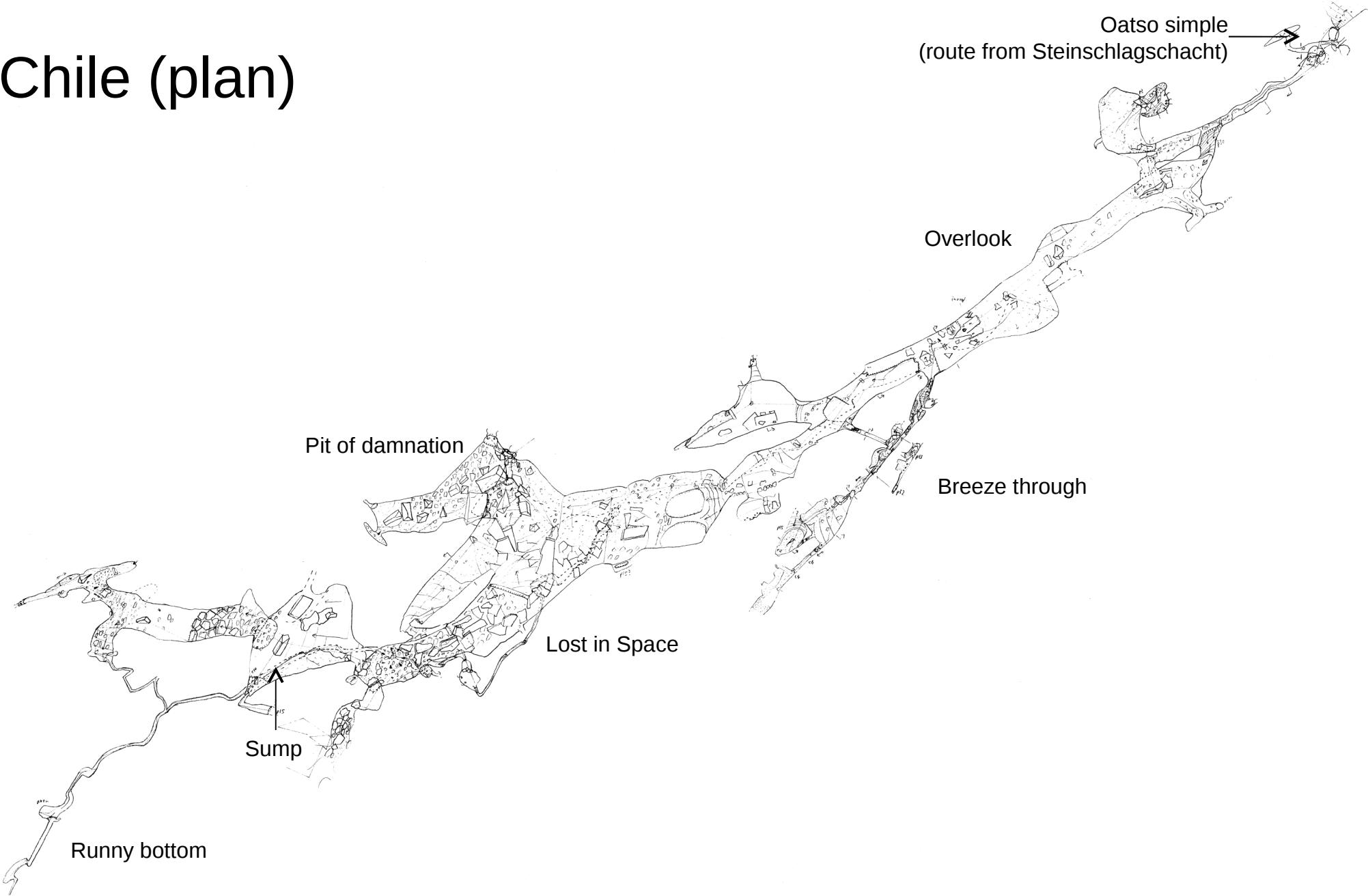
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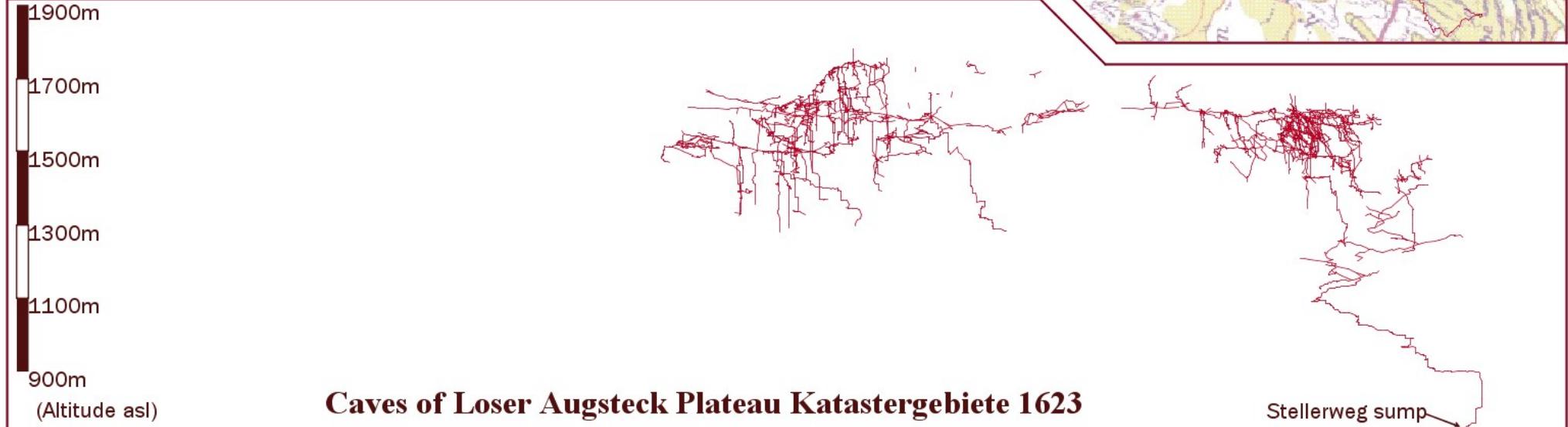
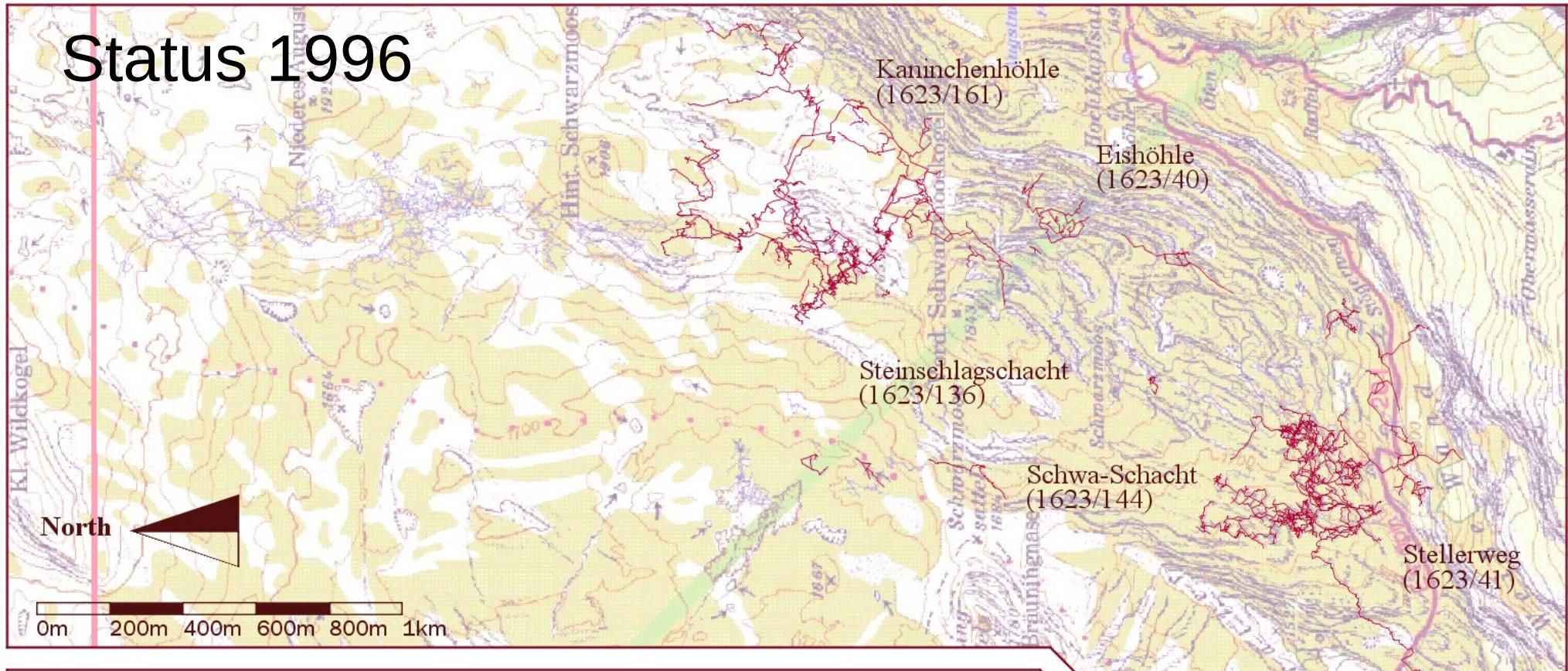
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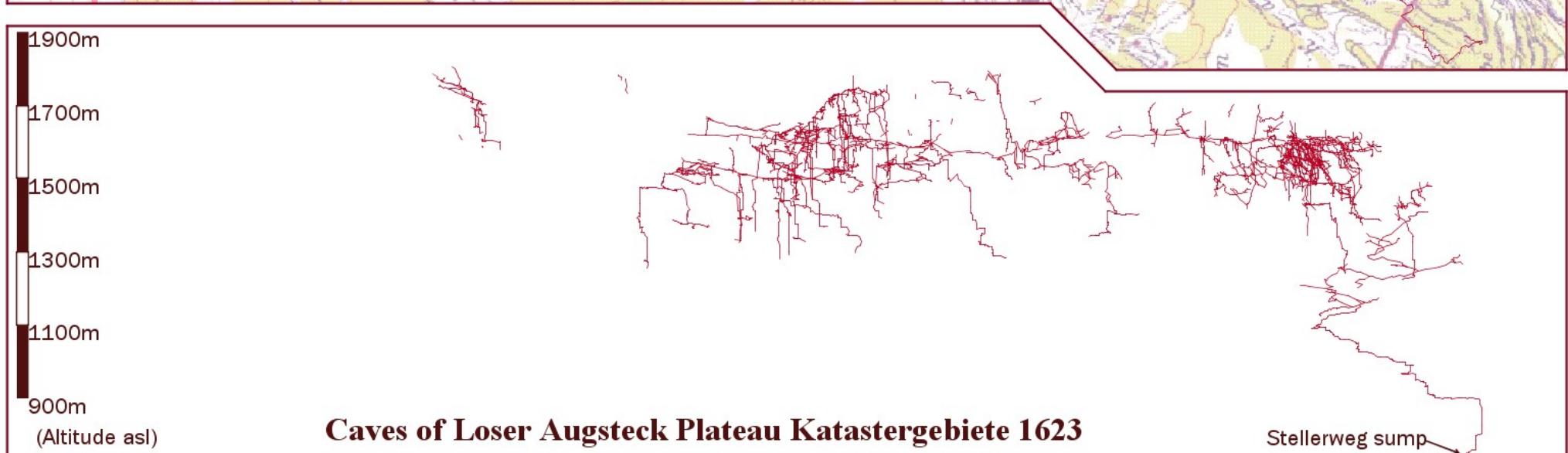
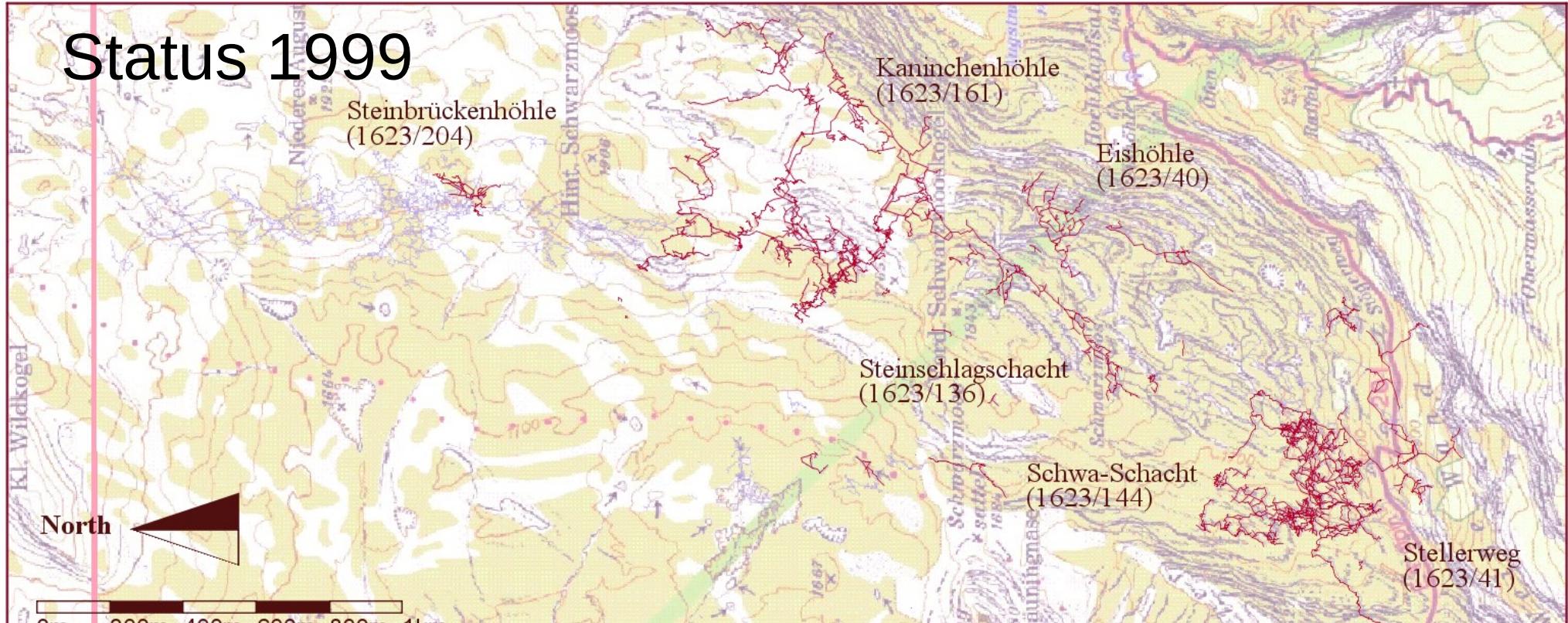
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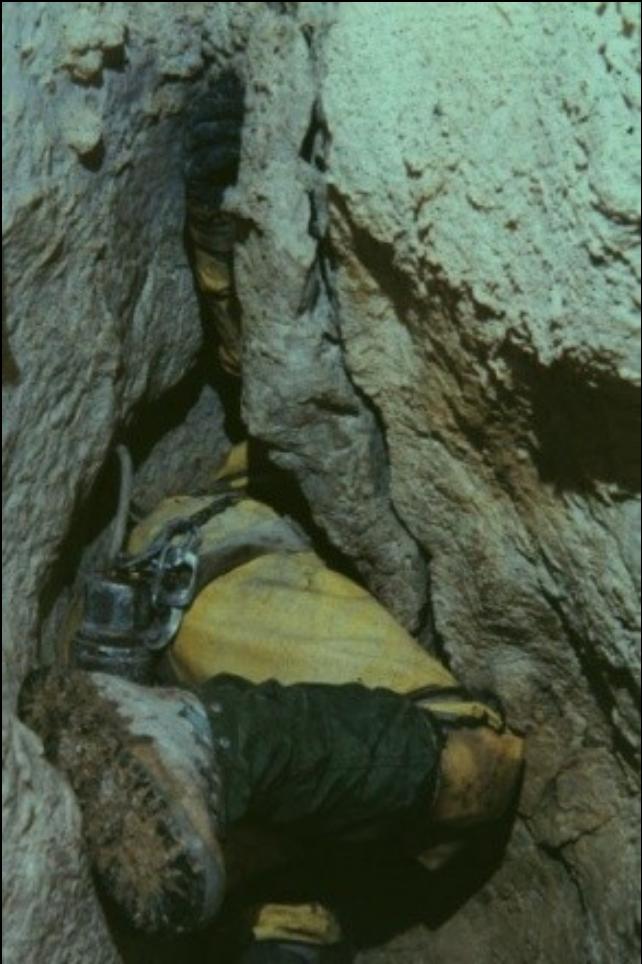
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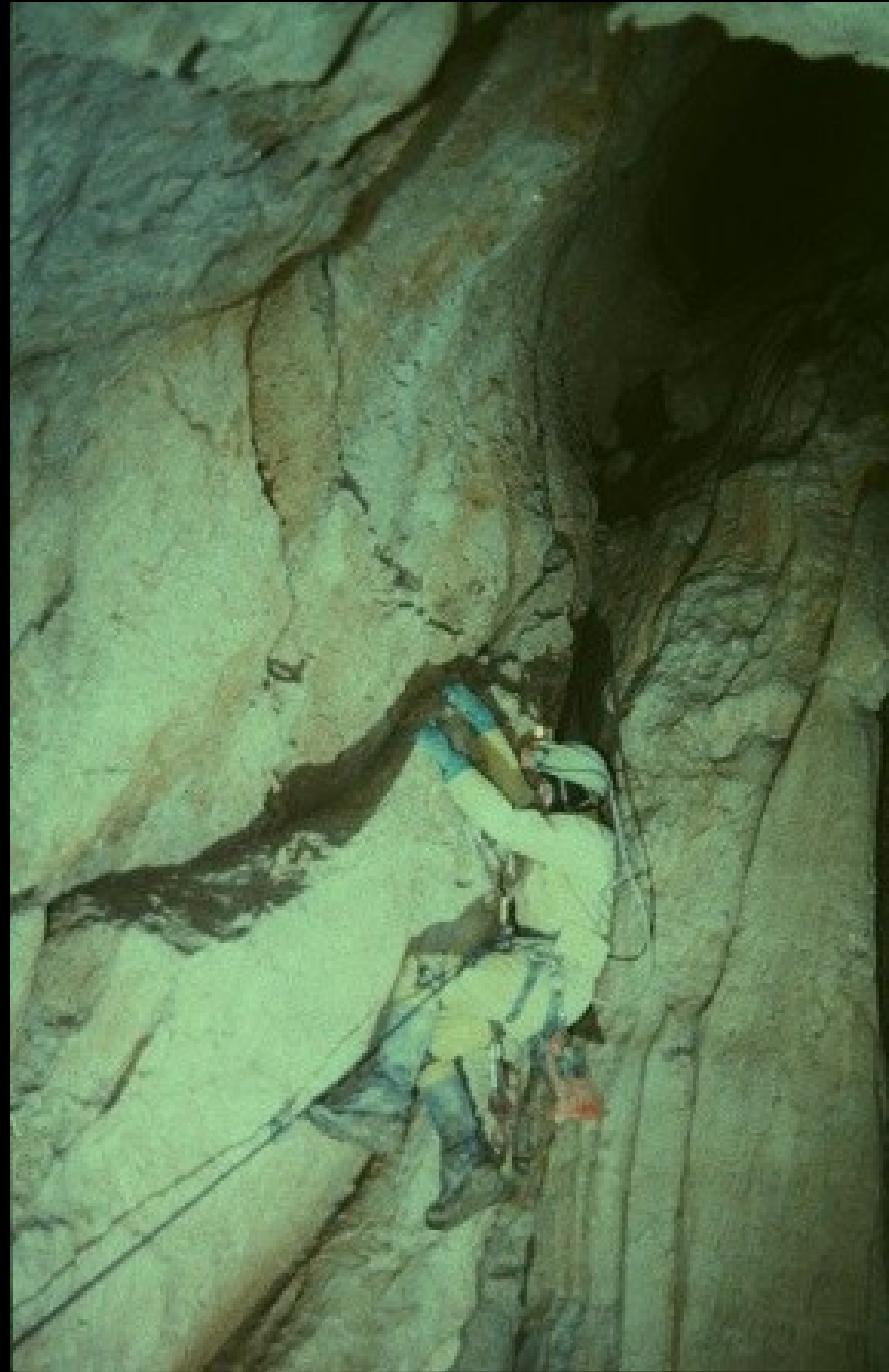
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Stellerweg sump

Eishöhle

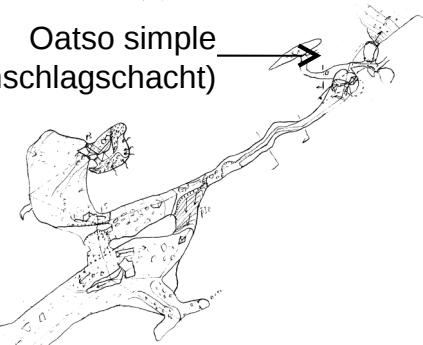


Eishöhle



Chile (plan)

Oatso simple
(route from Steinschlagschacht)



Overlook

Pit of damnation

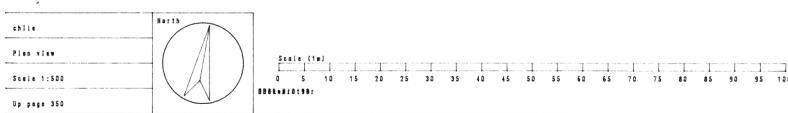
Breeze through

Lost in Space

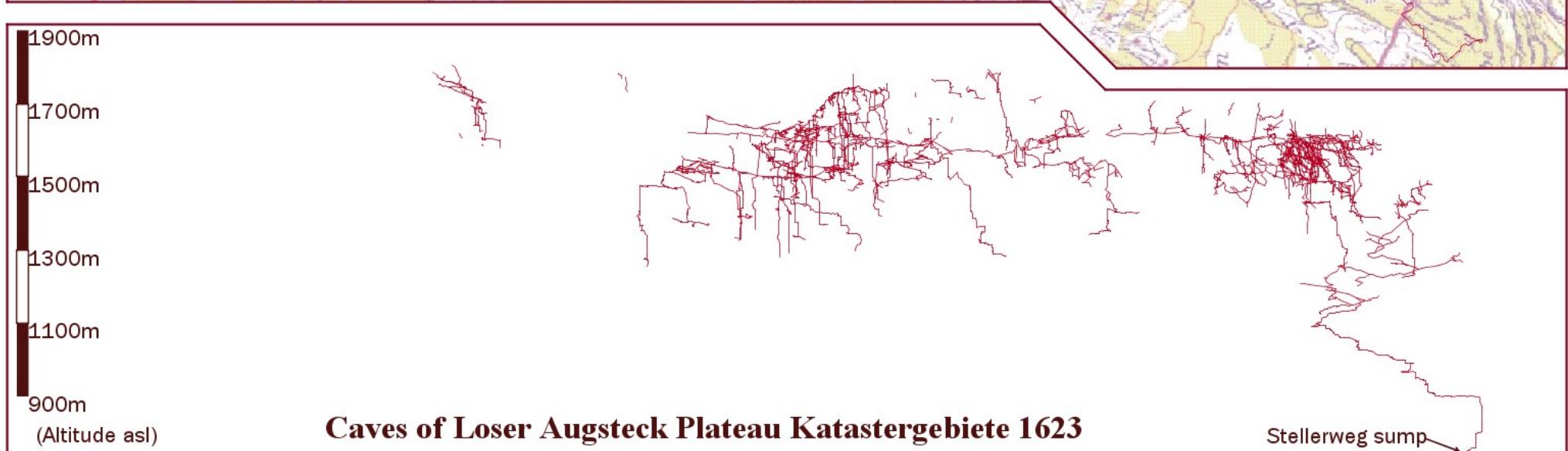
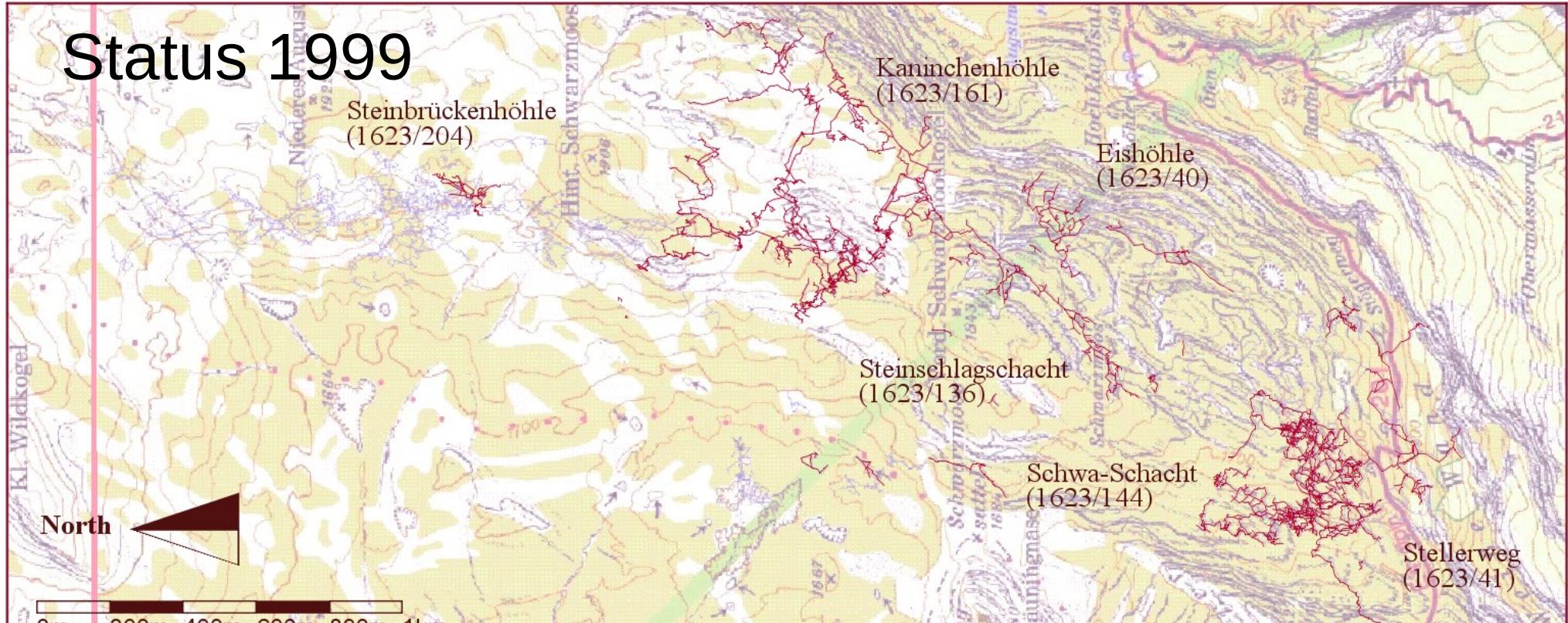
CONNECTION
POINT

Sump

Runny bottom



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Stone bridge



Steinbrückenhöhle entrance



Shallow passages



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Gaffered



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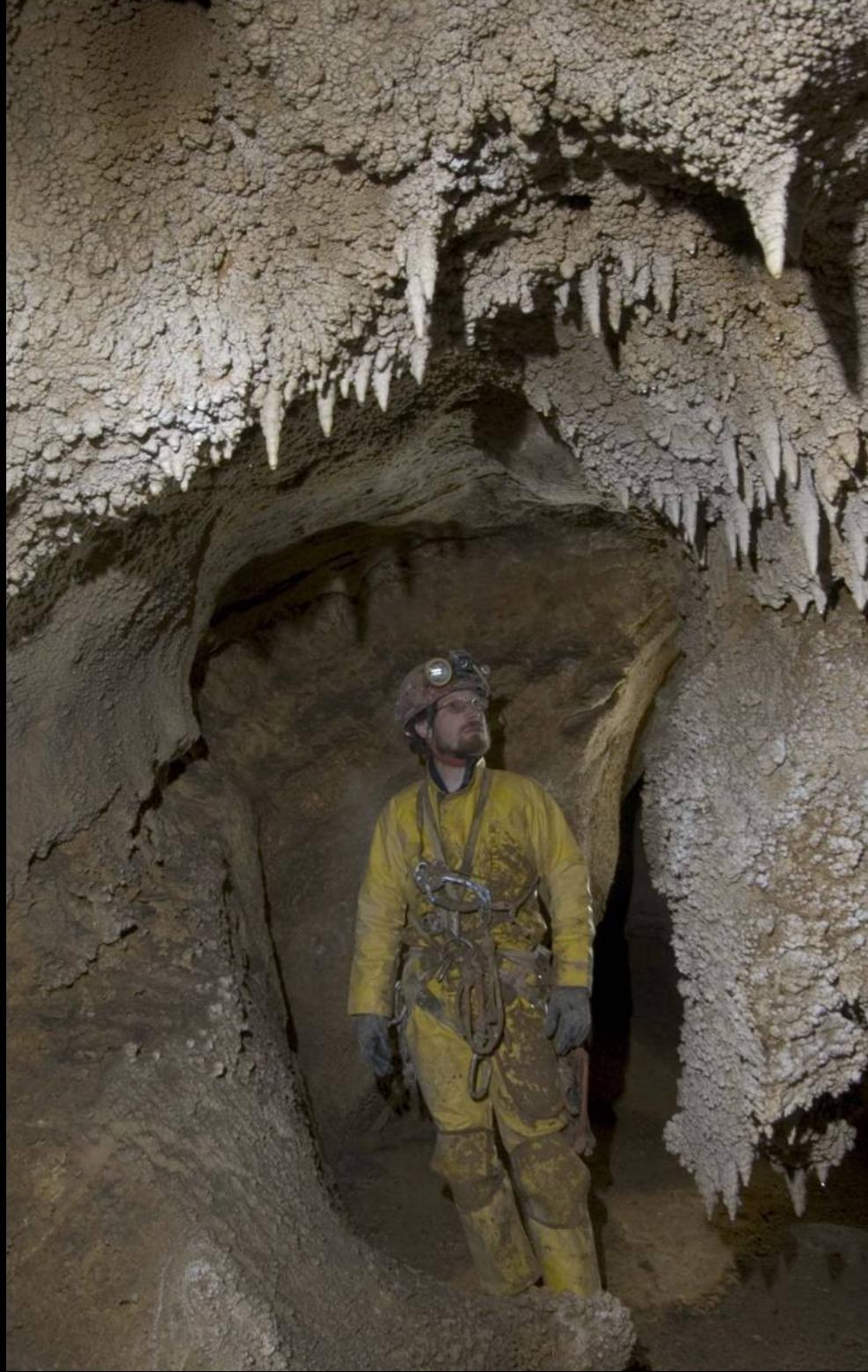
Underworld



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Hippo Hollows



Heavily soiled



Gardener's World



Subway



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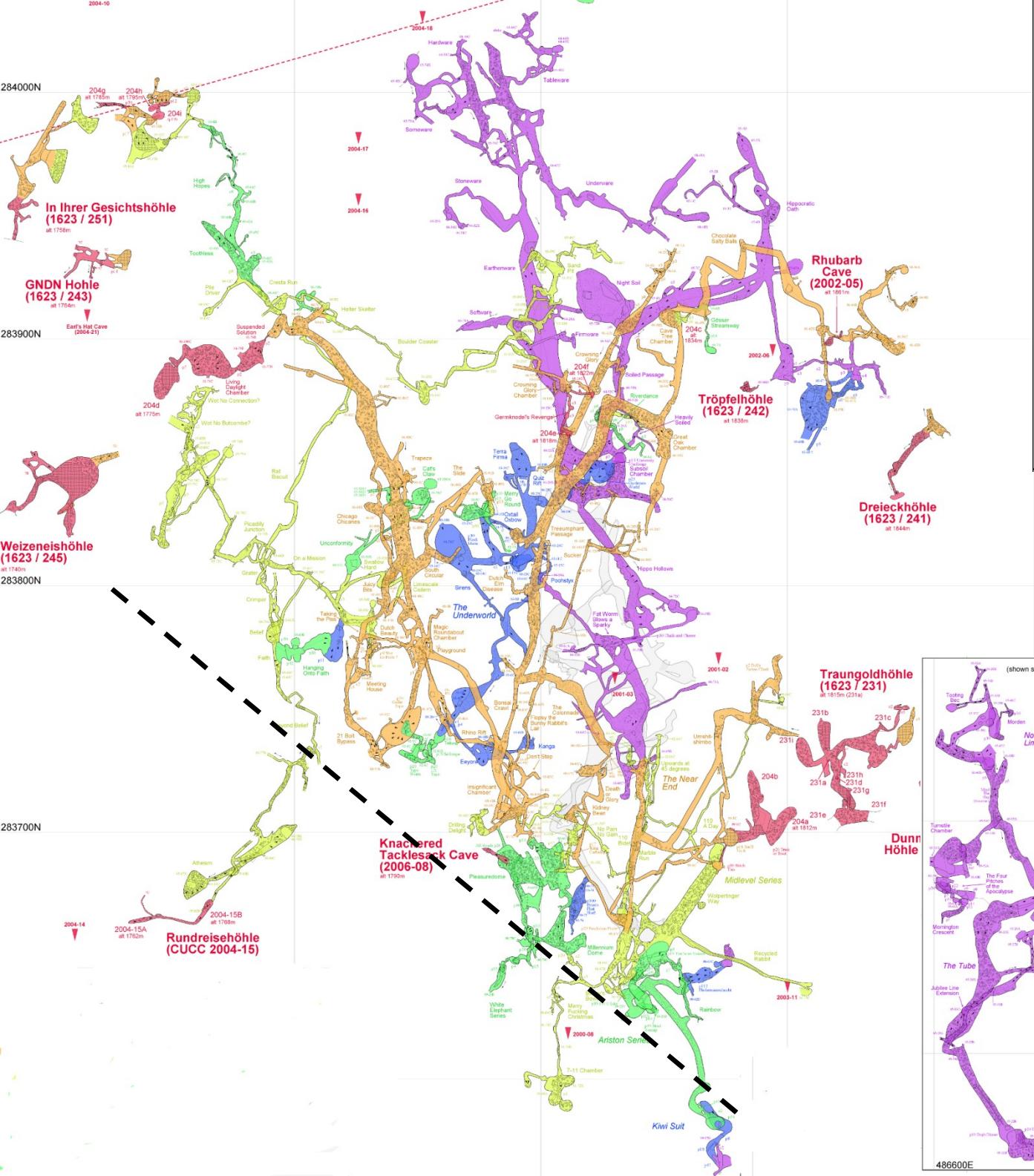
Steinbrückenhöhle (1623/204)

and surrounding area

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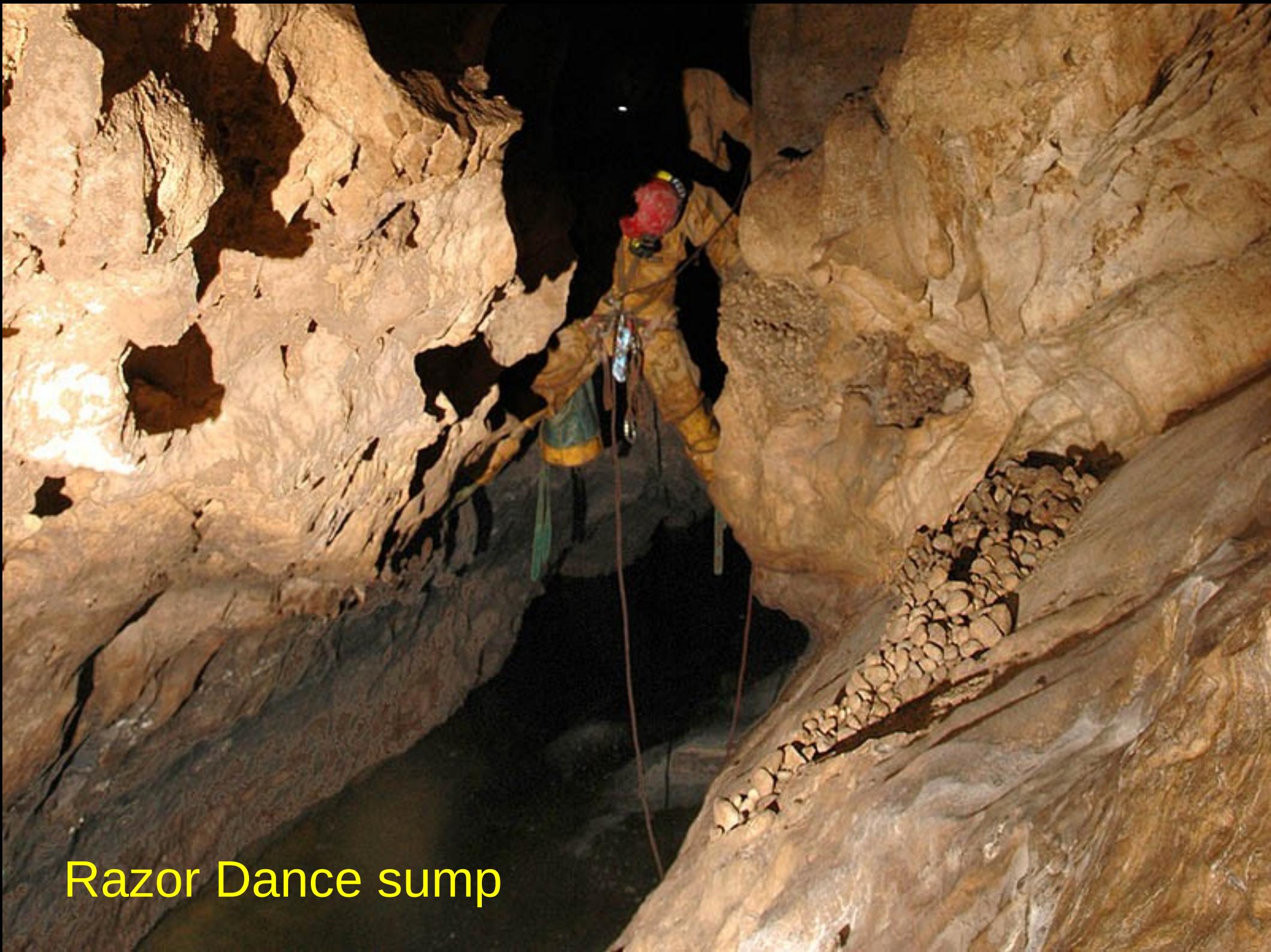


Razor Dance



Razor Dance





Razor Dance sump

The Far East



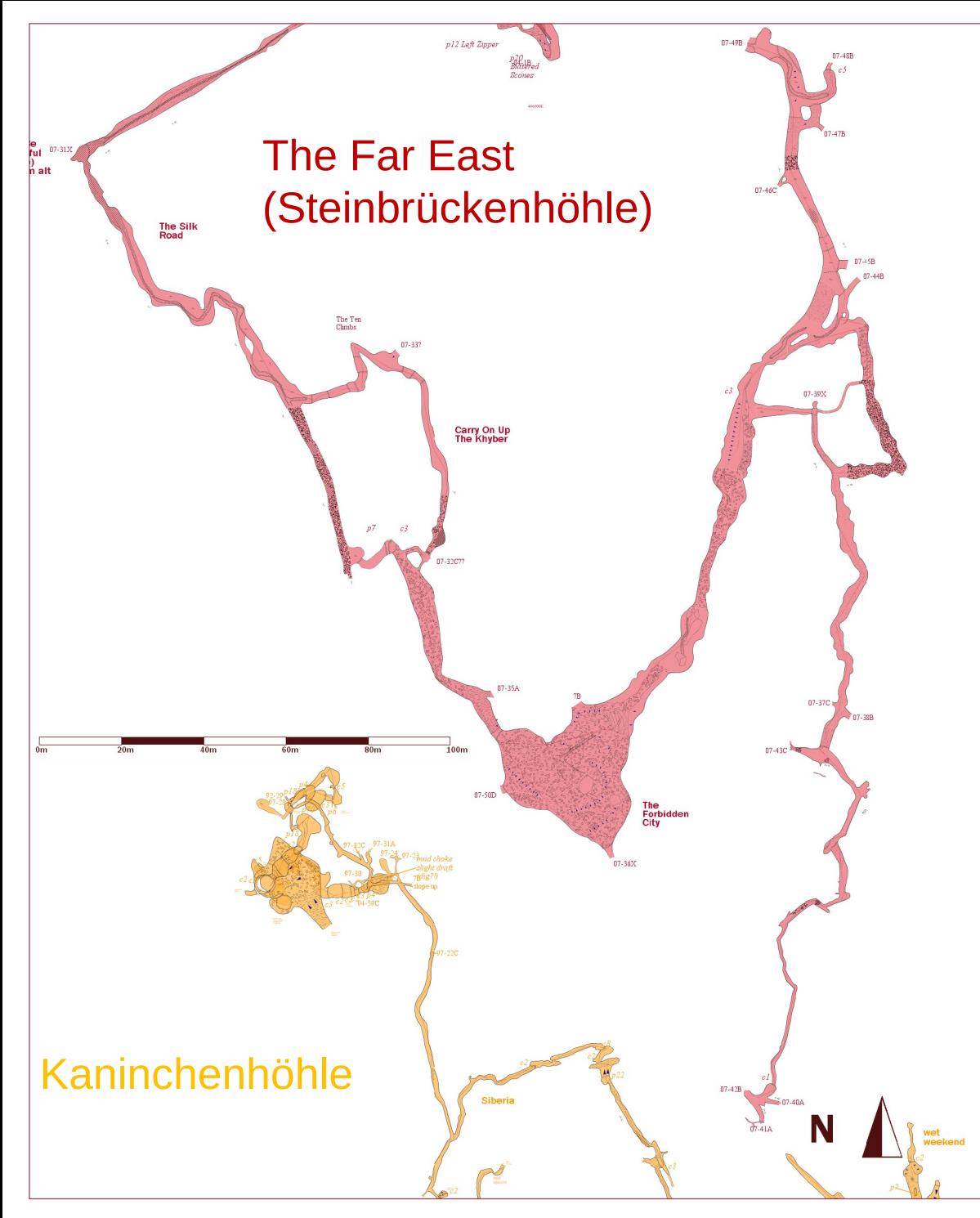
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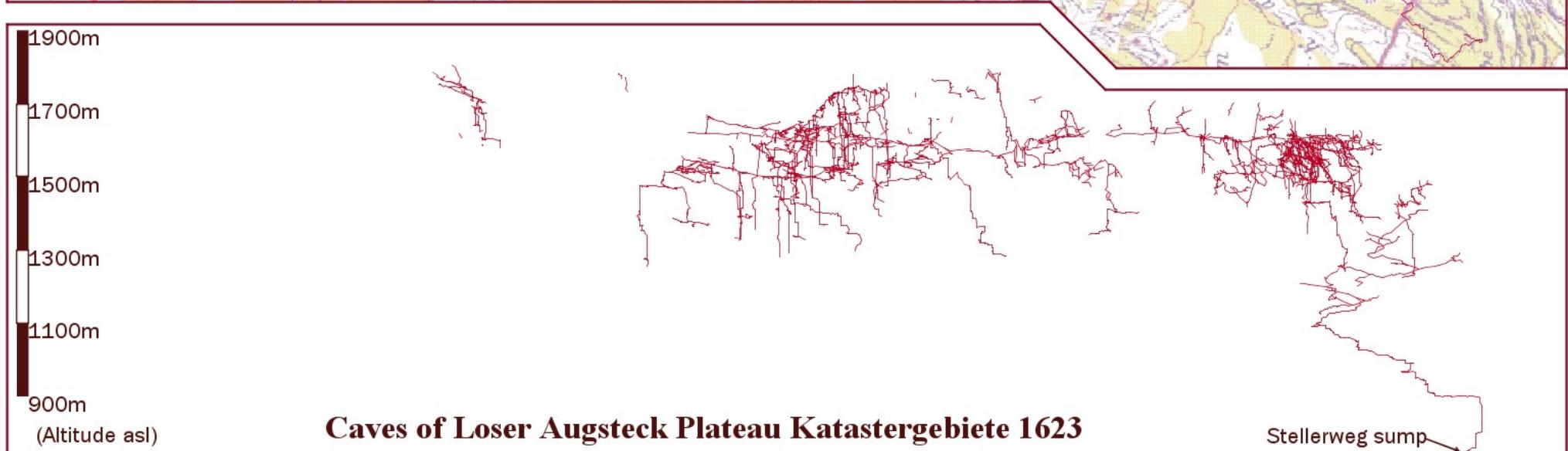
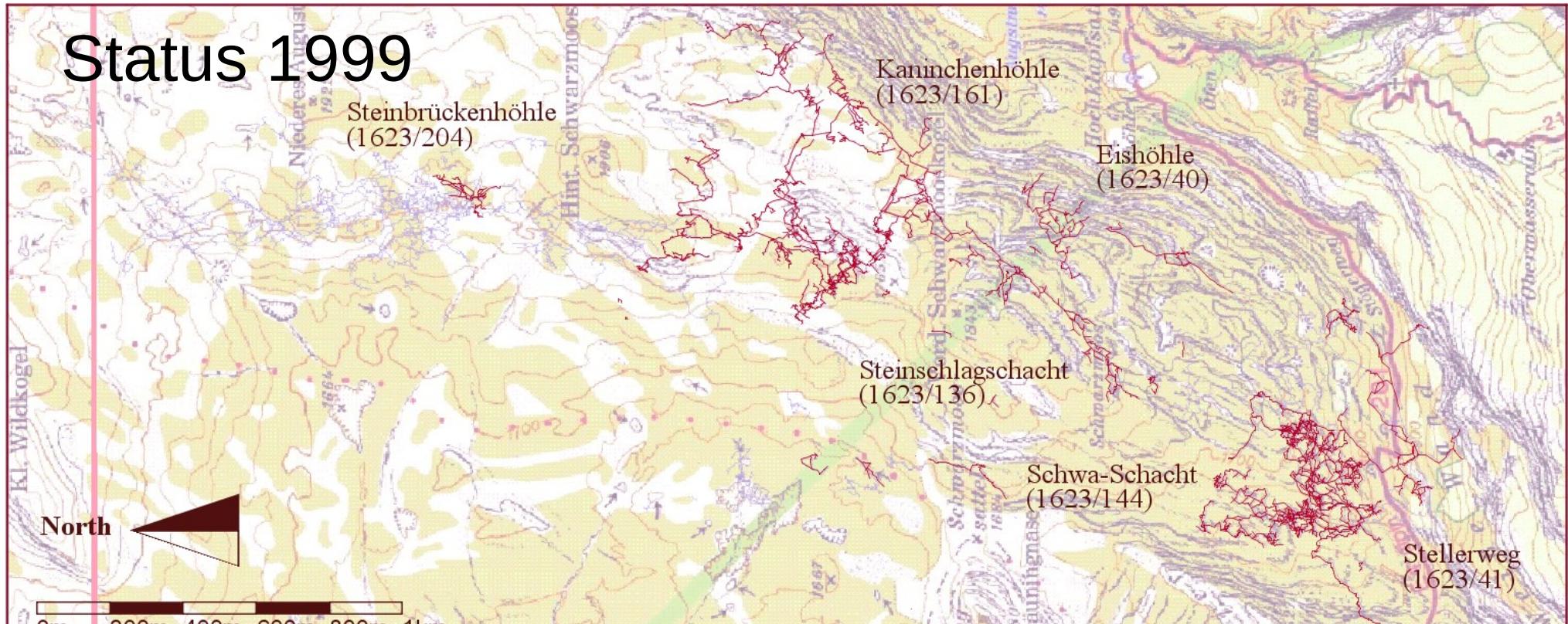
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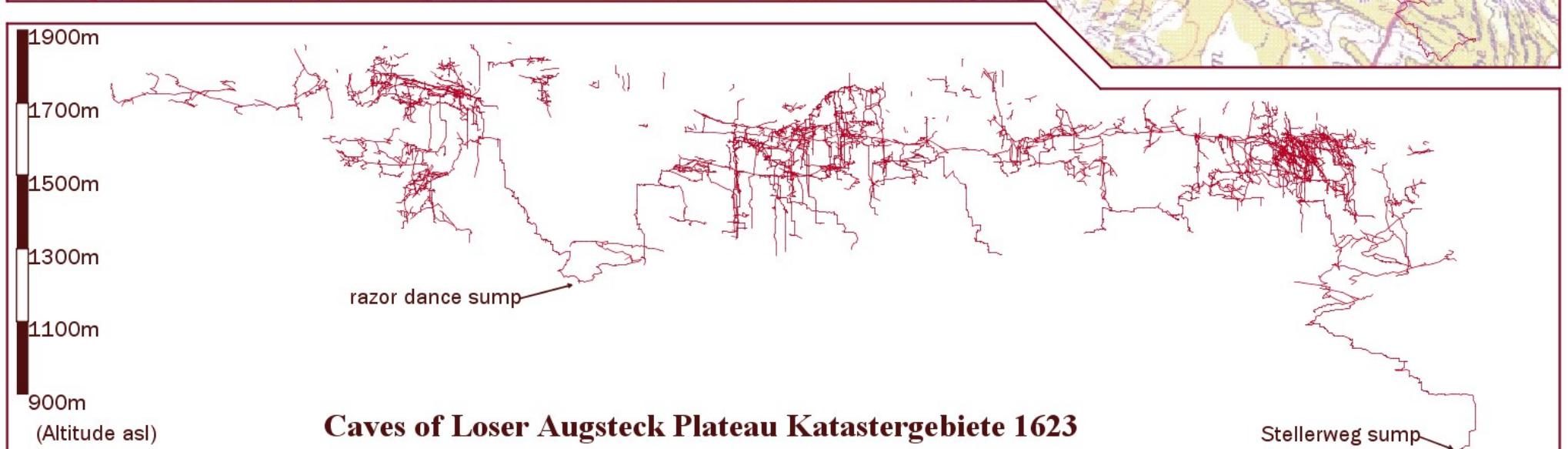
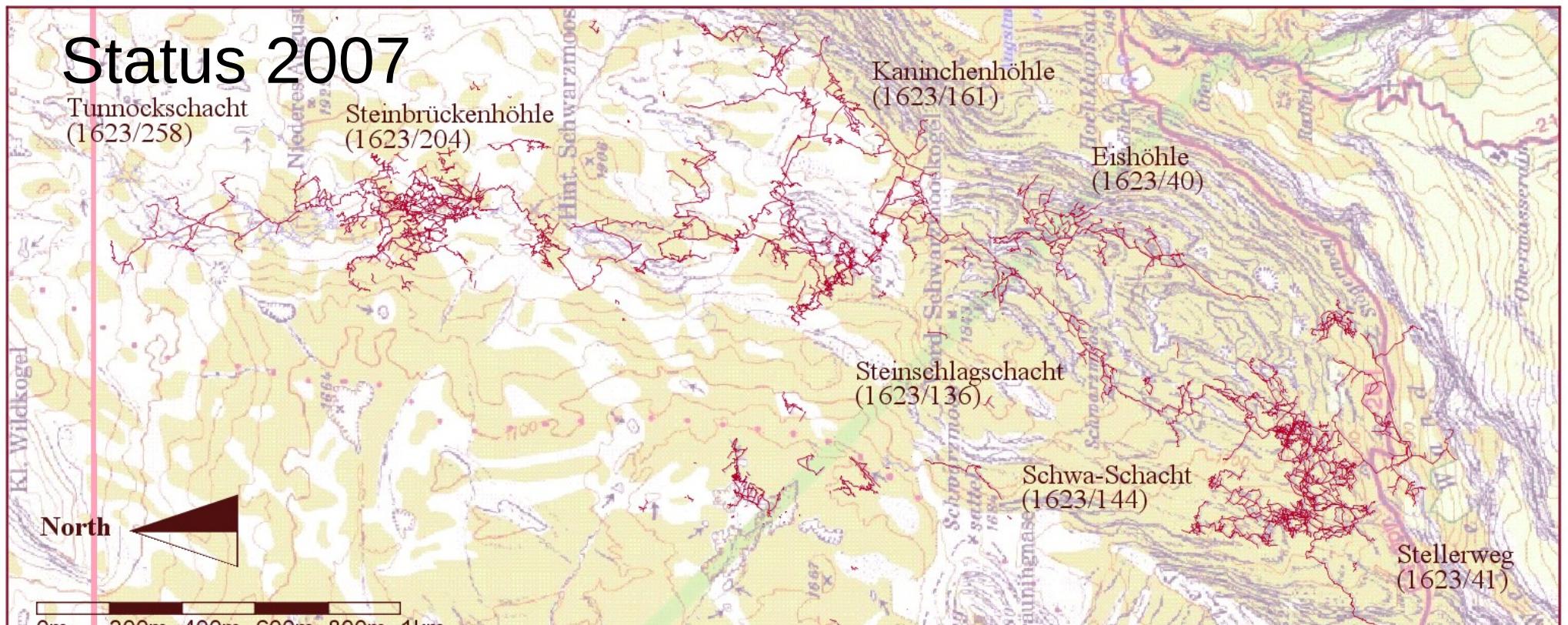
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Tunnockschacht entrance



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Caramel Catharsis



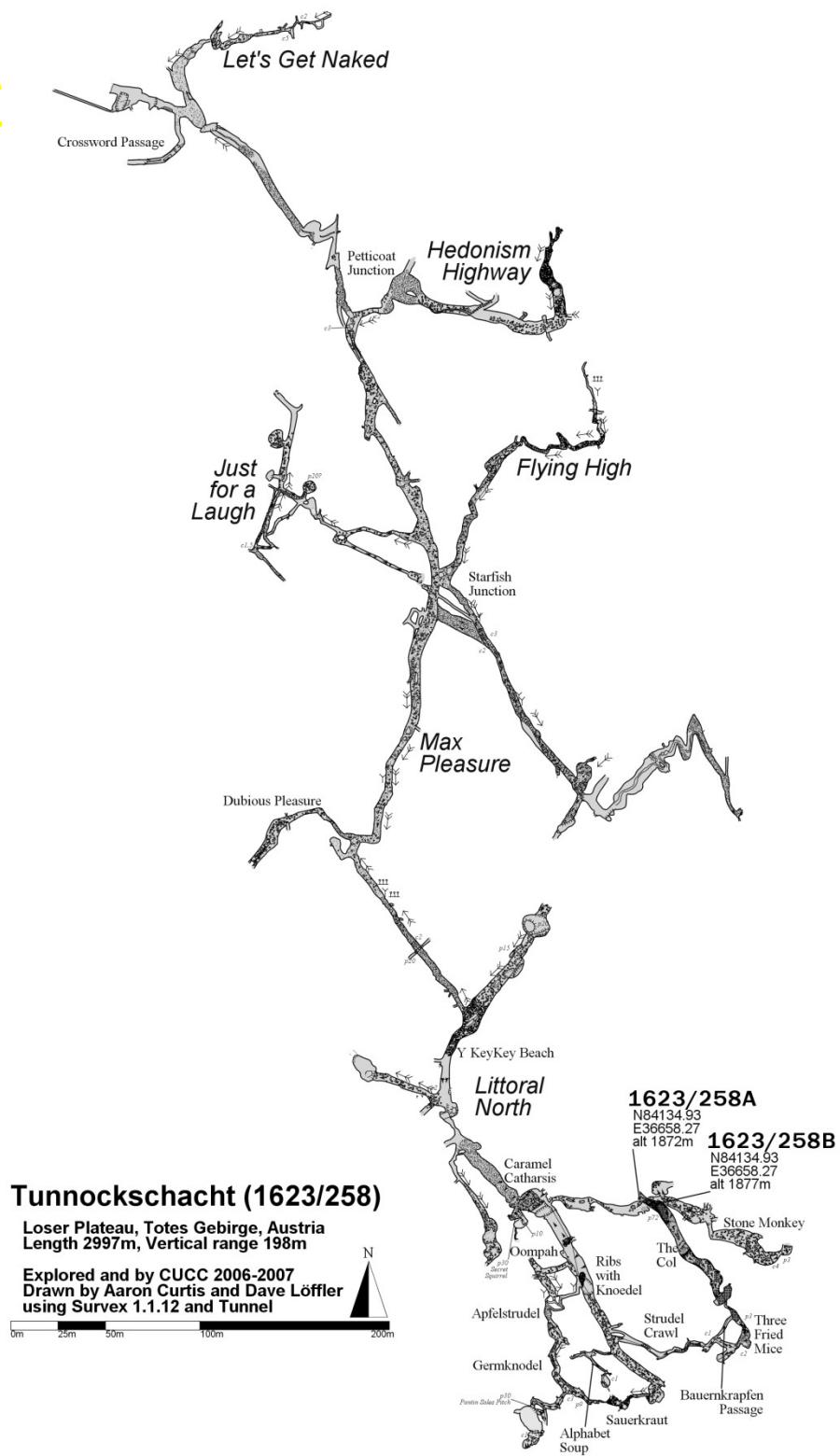
Below Caramel Catharsis



Tunnockshacht upper levels



Tunnockschacht 2007 (plan)



Usual SUSSpects



String Theory



Tunnockschacht lower level



Tunnockschacht lower level





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Camping in Steinbrückenhöhle



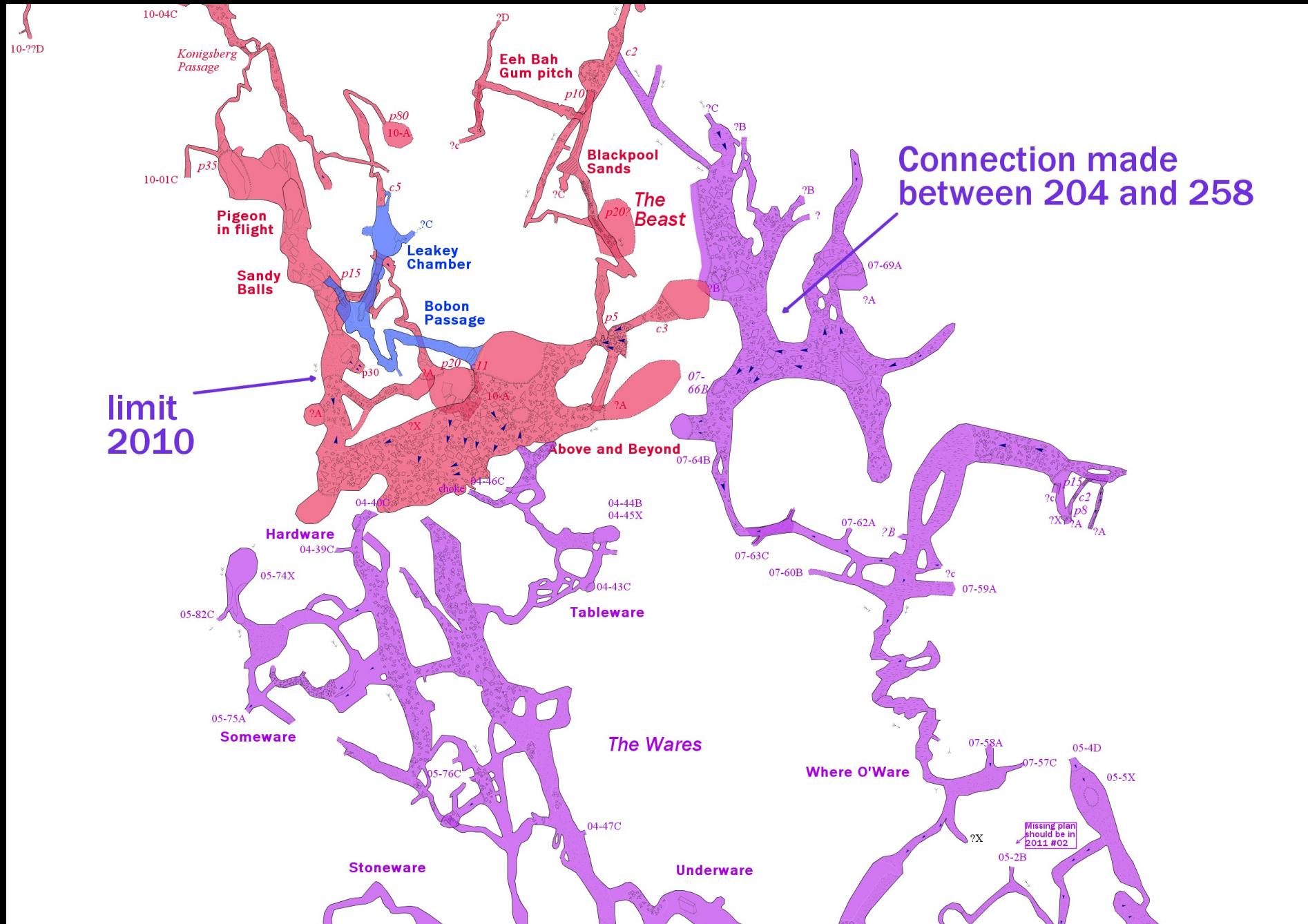
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Tunnock – Steinbrücken connection



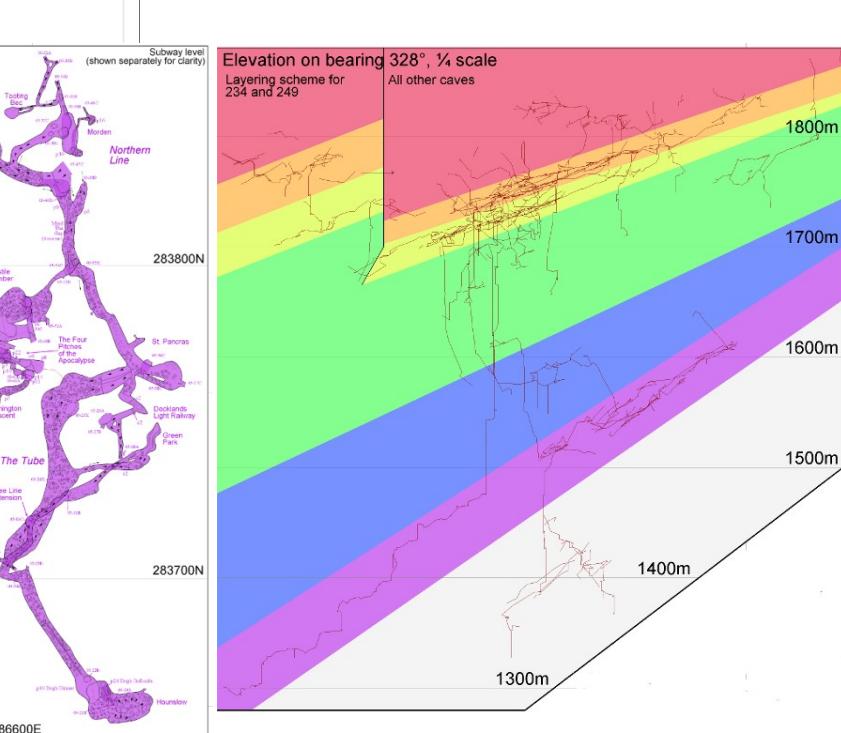
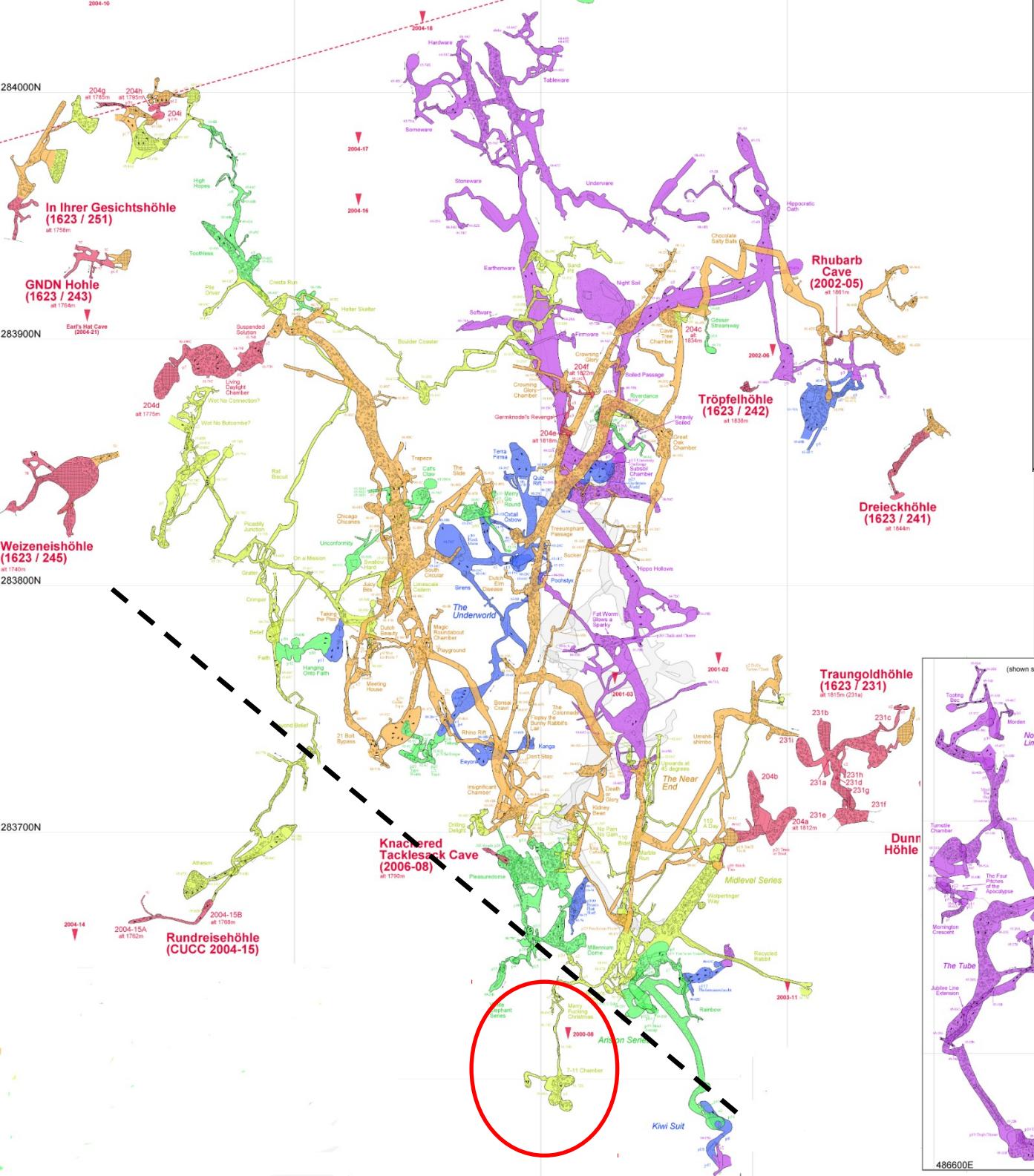
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The Slot



Puss in Bolts

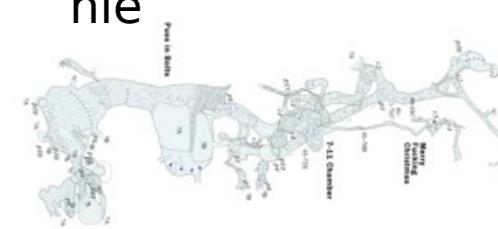


Kaninchenhöhle and Steinbrückenhöhle 2009 (plan)

Kaninchenhöhle



Steinbrückenhöle



A photograph of a large, rocky cave interior. The ceiling and walls are composed of massive, layered rock formations. A small pool of water is visible in the lower left foreground. A person wearing a red jacket and a green helmet stands in the water, providing a sense of scale to the enormous rock structures.

Country for Old Men

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Bored of the Rings



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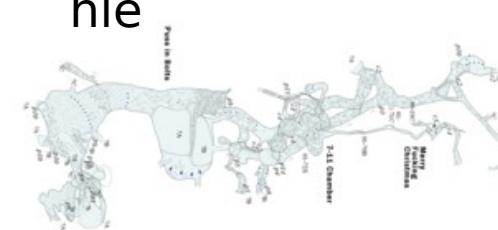


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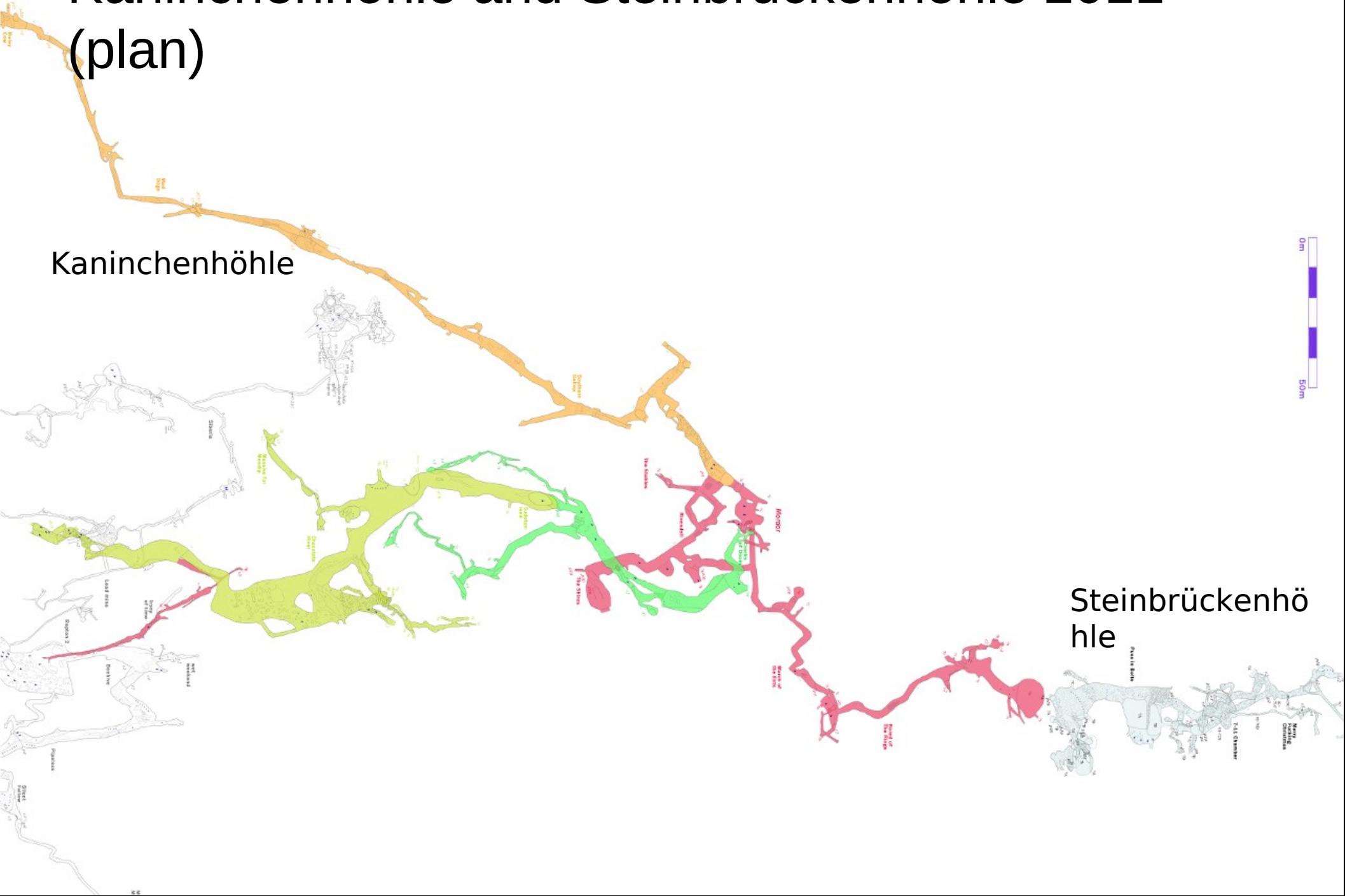
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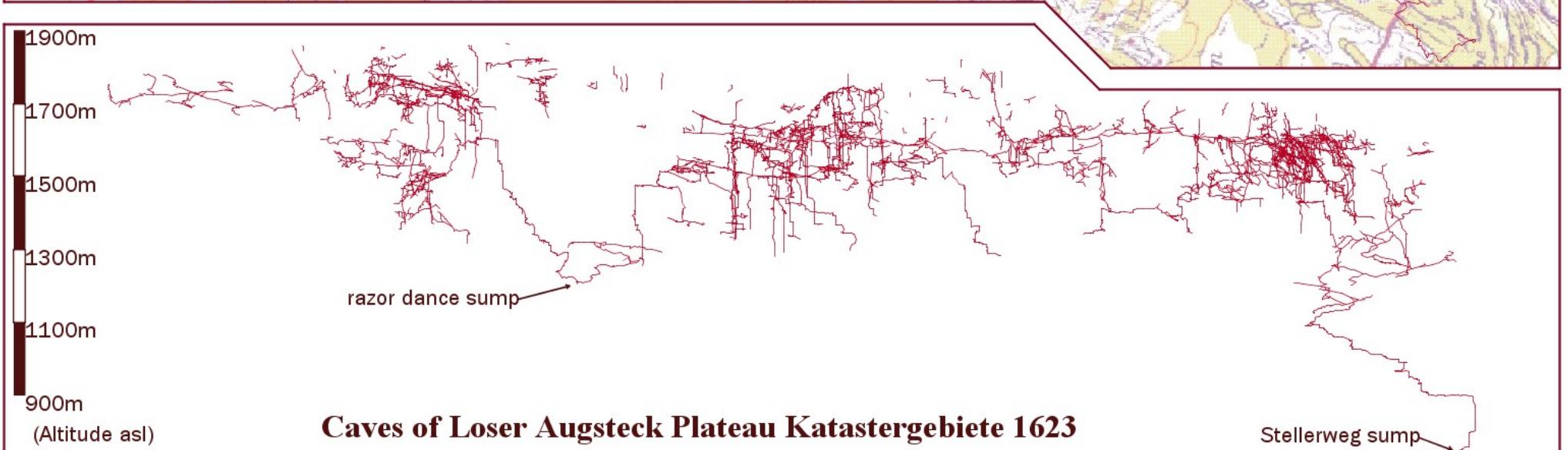
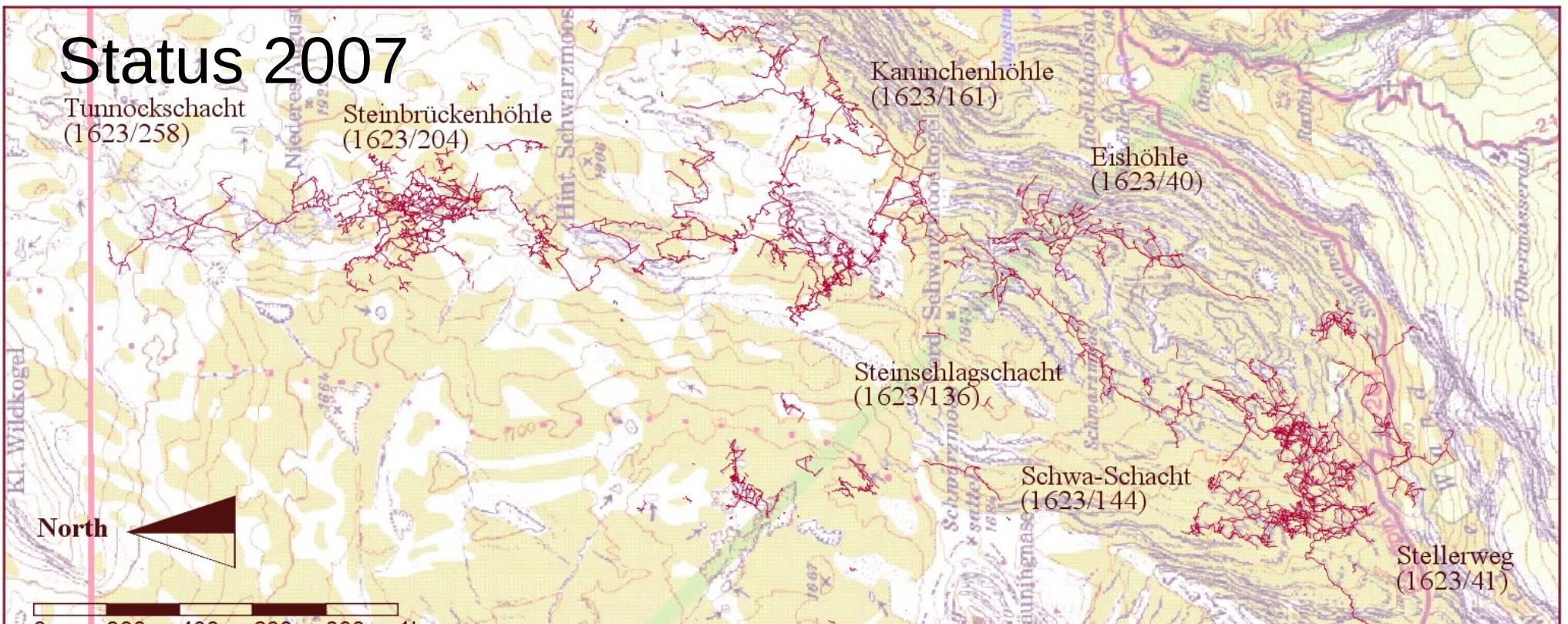
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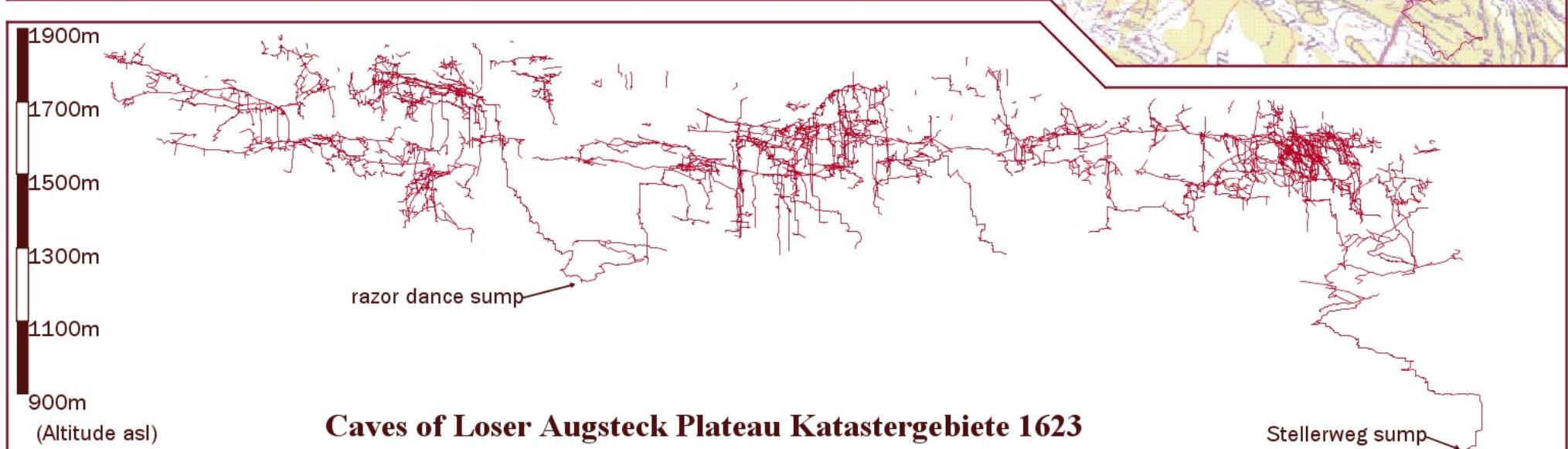
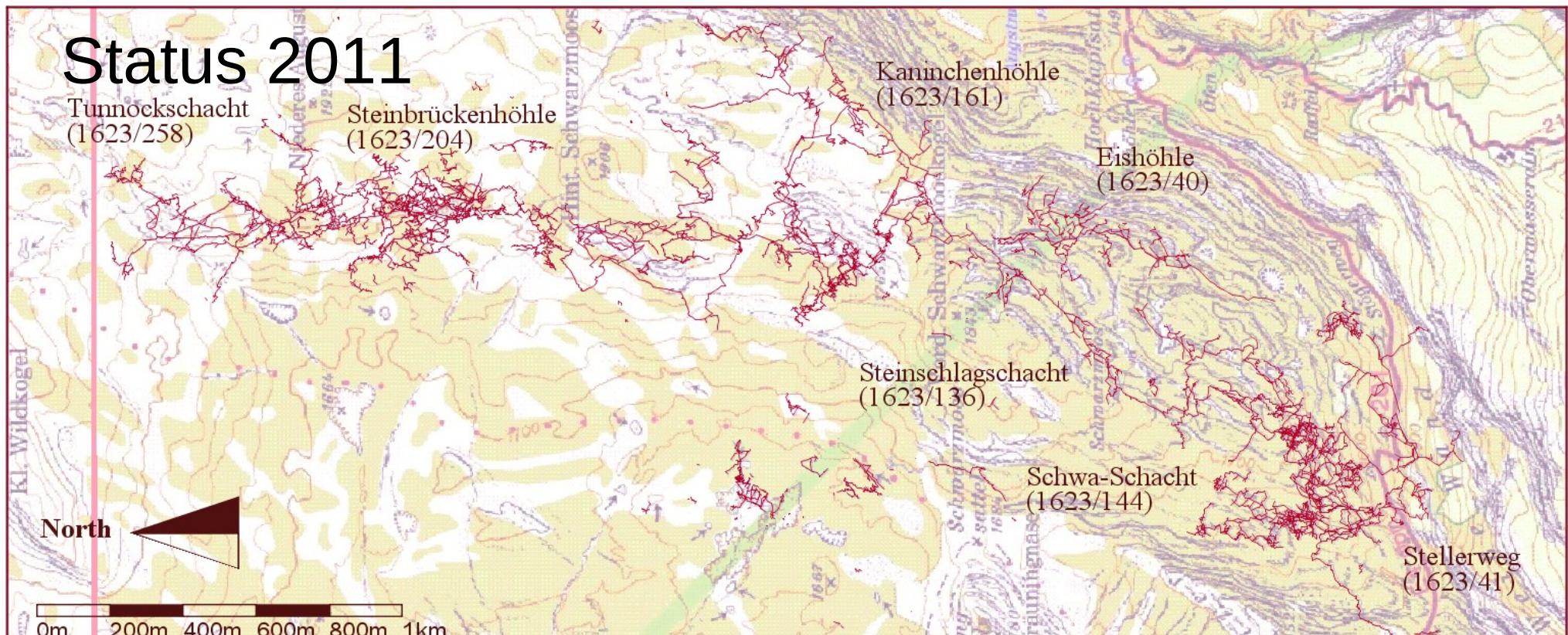


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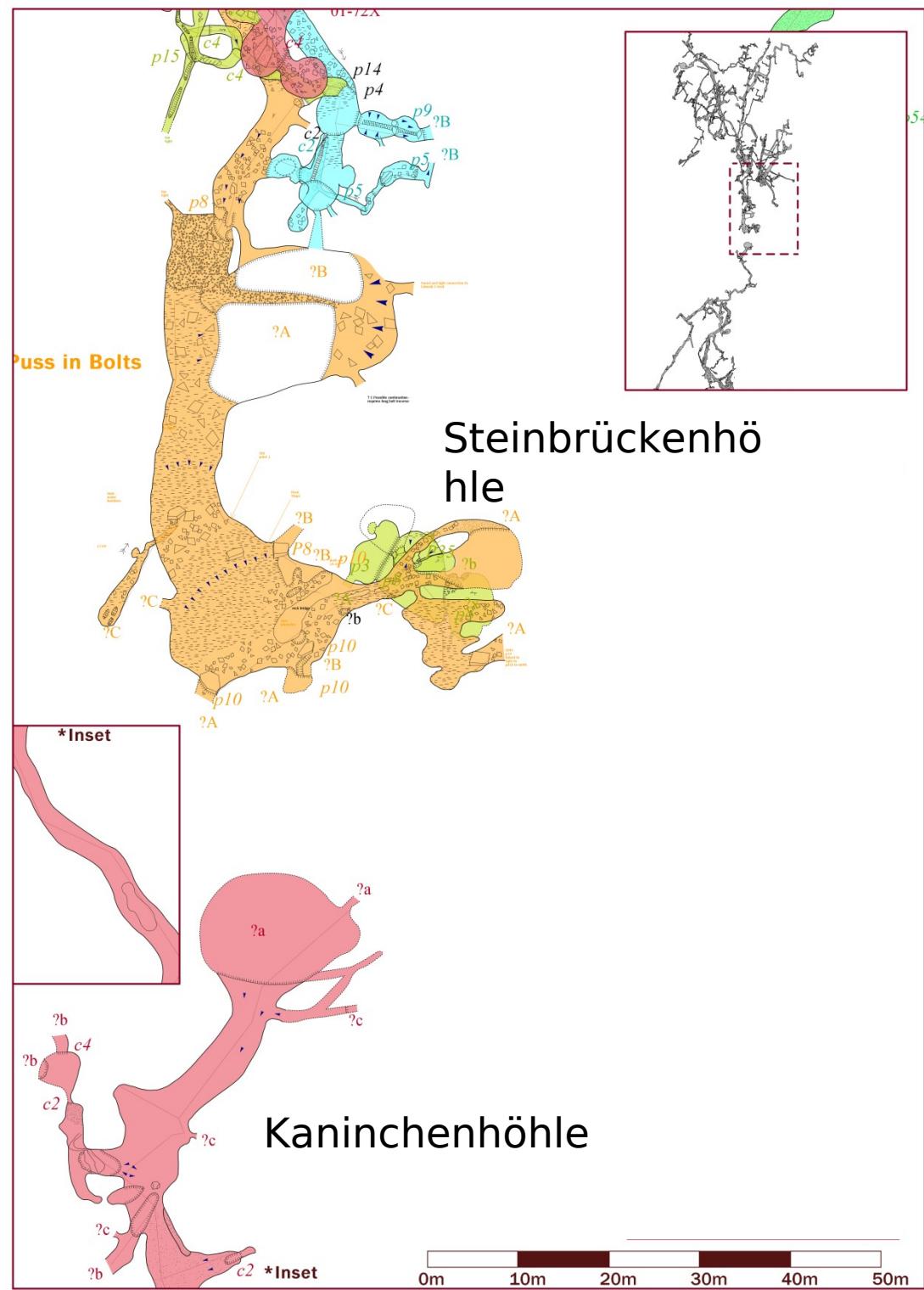
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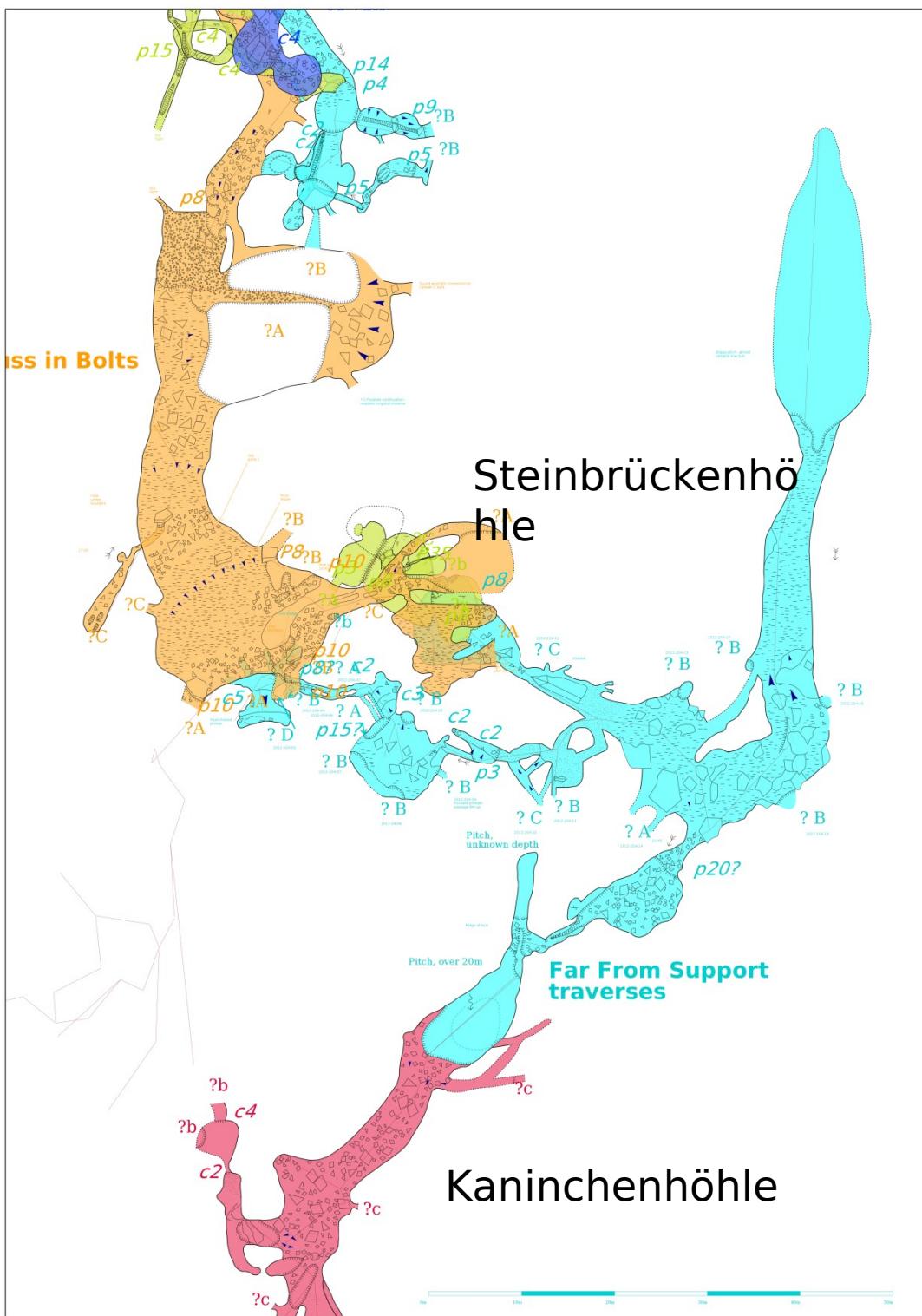
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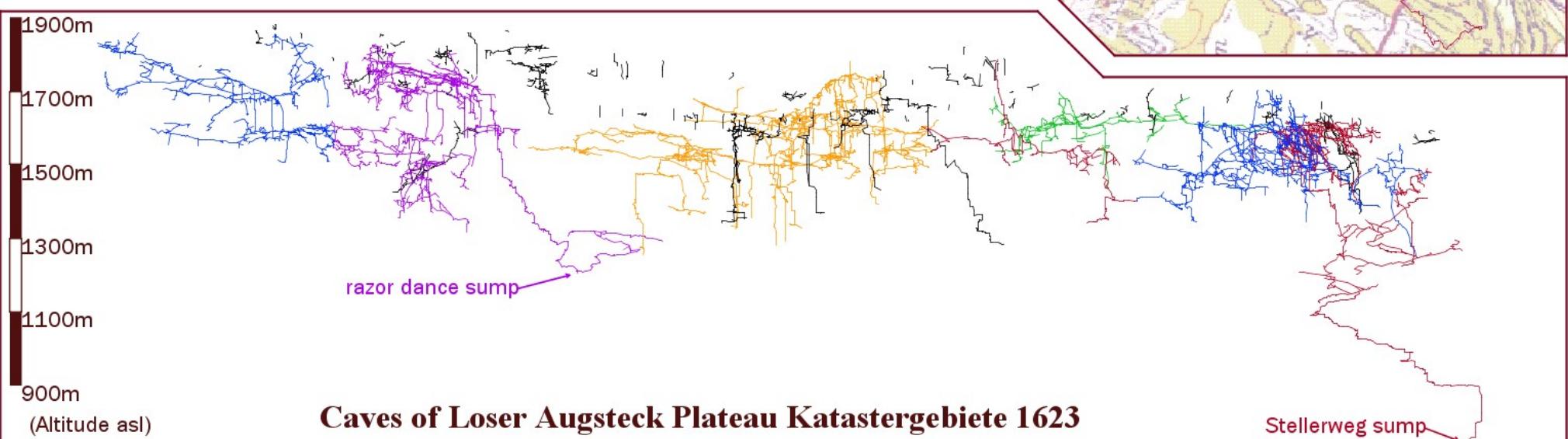
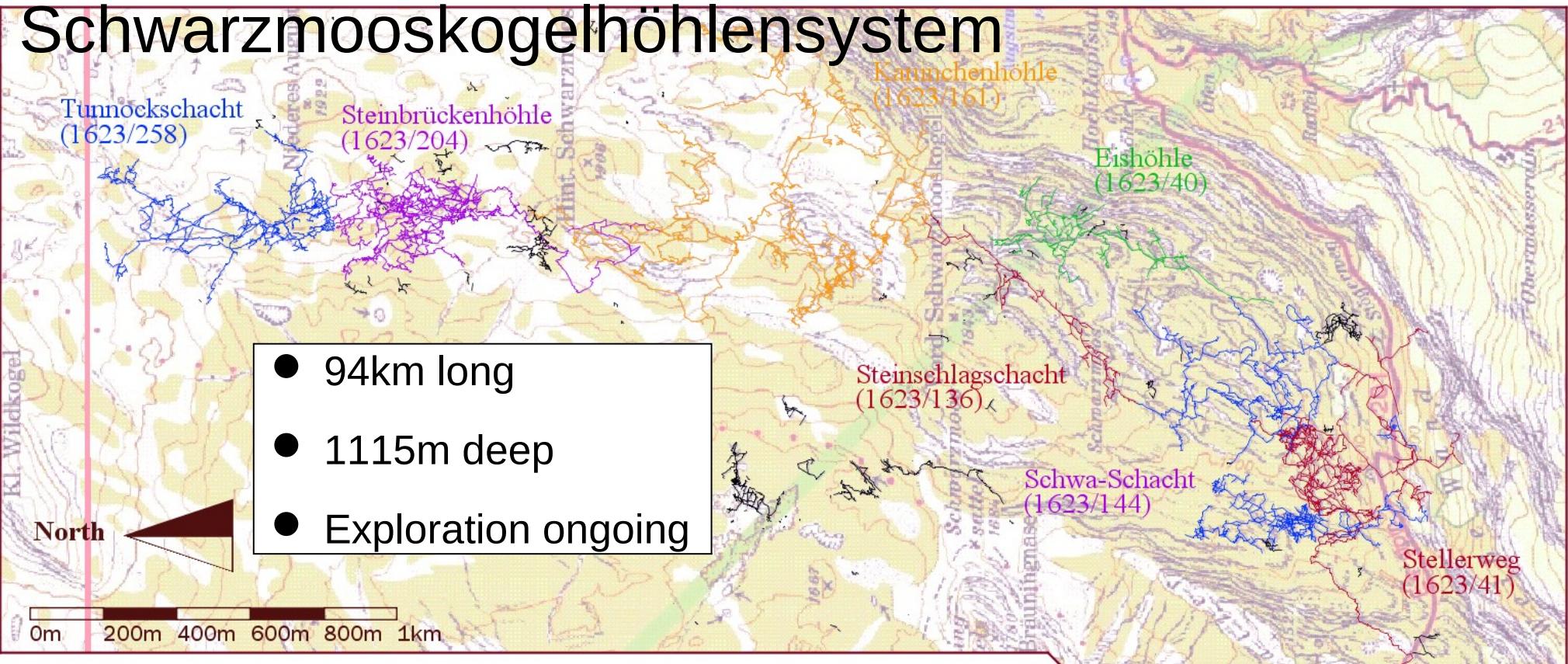
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Schwarzmooskogelhöhlensystem



Leads in Kaninchenhöhle



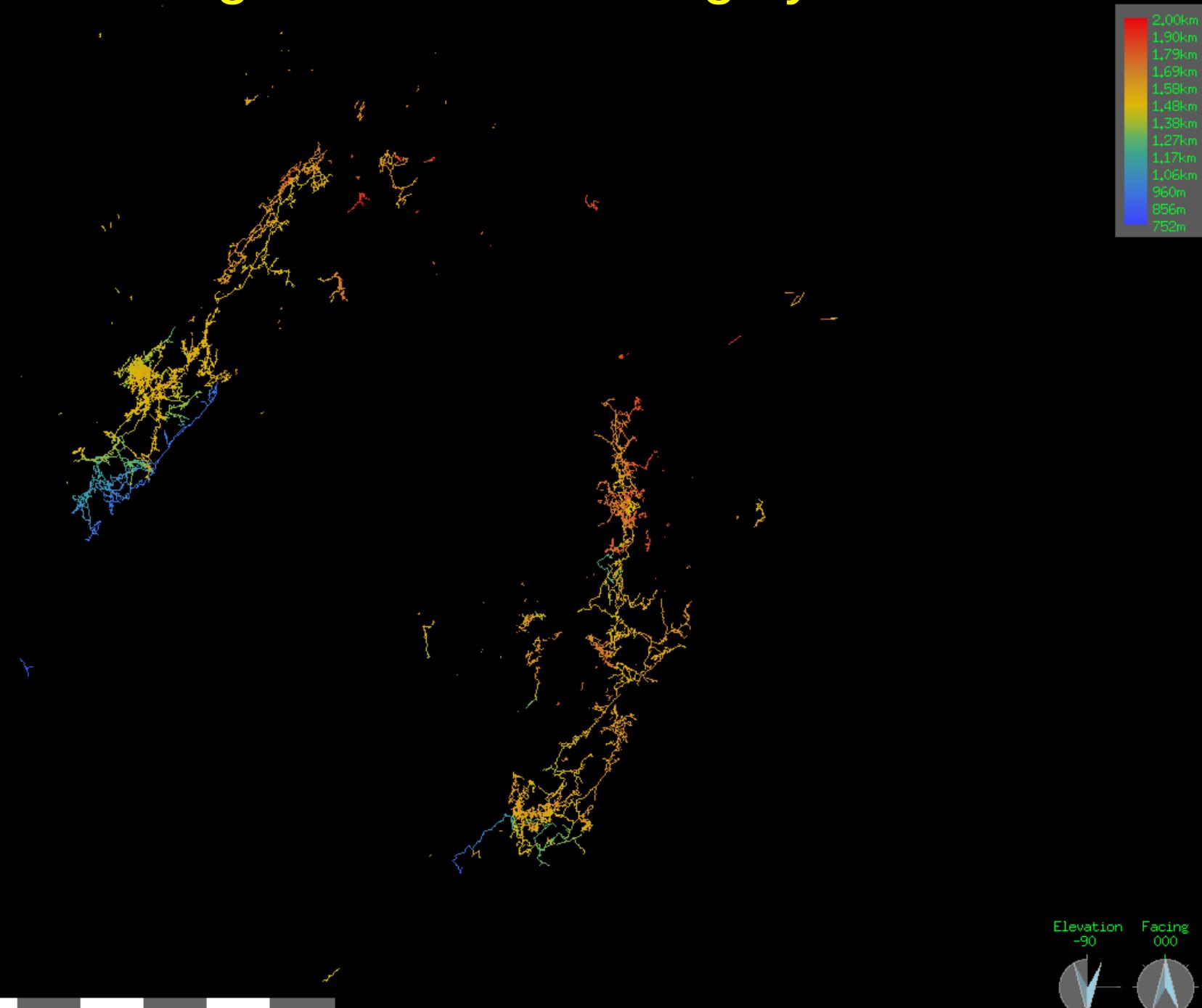
Heading north



Heading north



Schwarzmooskogel and Schönberg systems



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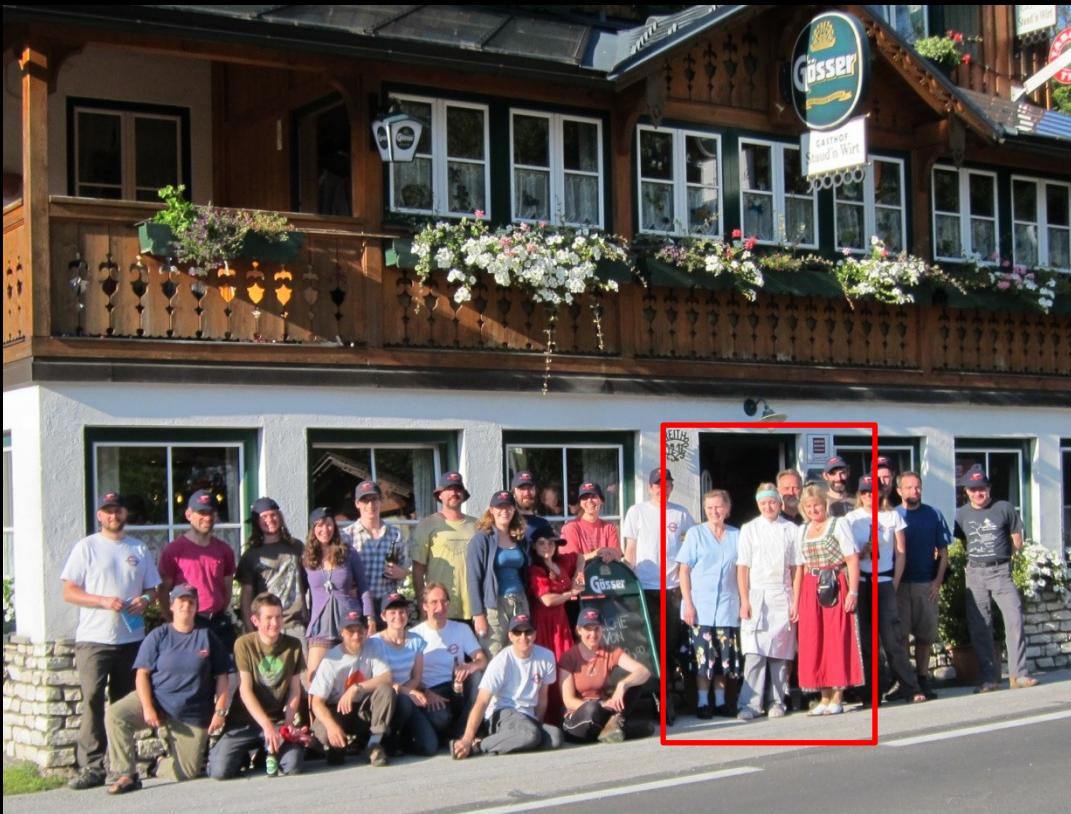
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