

Article



# Influence of Base-Angle Bolt Support Parameters and Different Sections on Overall Stability of a Roadway under a Deeply Buried High Stress Environment Based on Numerical Simulation

Qinzheng Wu<sup>1</sup>, Huanxin Liu<sup>1,\*</sup>, Bing Dai<sup>2</sup>, Li Cheng<sup>1</sup>, Danli Li<sup>2</sup> and Penghui Qin<sup>2</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Deep Mining Laboratory, Shandong Gold Group Co., Ltd., Yantai 261400, China
- <sup>2</sup> School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering, University of South China, Hengyang 421001, China
- \* Correspondence: liuhuanxin@sd-gold.com

**Abstract:** Strengthening the base-angle of a roadway can have a beneficial impact on its overall stability, but the specific optimal parameter selection range is still unclear. Fast Lagrangian Analysis of Continua 3D (FLAC3D) software is used to carry out the stability analysis of 5 kinds of roadway models with different section shapes under the conditions of no support and different base-angle bolt support angles, and the simulation verification is carried out under the actual working conditions of the Sanshandao Gold Mine. The conclusion is as follows: without support, the self-stability of a tri-centric arch roadway is the best, and that of a rectangular roadway is the worst. When the base-angle bolt dip angle is between 15° and 45°, a better supporting effect can be obtained under the established 5 kinds of roadway sections. In the straight wall circular arch roadway of the Sanshandao Gold Mine, the roadway stability is the best when the angle of the base-angle bolt is 15°. However, changing the length of the base-angle bolt, even if the length of the base-angle bolt is increased to a certain extent, will decrease the overall supporting effect of the supporting structure. This paper can provide a reference for the selection of tunnel bottom corner bolt support parameters.

**Keywords:** numerical simulation; base-angle bolt; inclined angle of the bolt; bolt length; support optimization

# 1. Introduction

With the gradual depletion of shallow resources, an inexorable trend of exploiting deep minerals has developed; worldwide, there are already more than 100 mines operating at depths greater than 1000 m [1]. After entering the deep area, the roadway environment is more complex, and the complex environment of three "high" and one "disturbance" puts forward higher requirements for roadway support. Controlling the convergence of surrounding rock and the failure of base-angle area is the key to the support of a deep roadway. Compared with the roadway roof, the importance of its sidewall and floor is often ignored [2]. The base-angle area of the roadway is an easy location to concentrate force, but it breaks the region near the base-angle area, which has a negative impact on the stability of the overall roadway.

To solve the above problems, some experts and scholars have studied the support problem of the base-angle area of the roadway. For example, Shan Ren liang and other experts [3,4] first studied the support effect under different support schemes made up of soft and broken surrounding rock coal through numerical simulation, and the "strong sidewall and corner support control technology" was proposed. It was determined that this method could effectively control the deformation of a soft and broken surrounding rock coal lane. In addition, they verified the effectiveness of "strong angle support technology" through similar simulation experiments. At the same time, a detailed numerical simulation



Citation: Wu, Q.; Liu, H.; Dai, B.; Cheng, L.; Li, D.; Qin, P. Influence of Base-Angle Bolt Support Parameters and Different Sections on Overall Stability of a Roadway under a Deeply Buried High Stress Environment Based on Numerical Simulation. *Sustainability* **2023**, *15*, 2496. https://doi.org/10.3390/ su15032496

Academic Editor: Adam Smoliński

Received: 1 November 2022 Revised: 21 January 2023 Accepted: 24 January 2023 Published: 30 January 2023



**Copyright:** © 2023 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). scheme was developed to study the role of each parameter of the gang bolt in the "strong sidewall and corner support control technology." By carrying out similar physical tests, Kong et al. [5] deeply analyzed the effect of strong side and strong angle support, suggesting the three-step design method of coal roadway support, and found that the damage of coal roadway mainly occurred at the side and corner. Zhen et al. [6], through similar simulations and industrial tests, verified the effectiveness of a strong angle support technique in the empty lane, and obtained good results in the application of the empty lane. Moreover, they determined that it can fully mobilize the carrying capacity of the deep surrounding rock by enhancing the strength of the support and the corner support to achieve the purpose of improving the stress state of the surrounding rock. By means of 3D numerical simulation, Yang et al. [7] demonstrated the important role of the base-angle bolt in the control of the bottom drum, and the working mechanism of the control bottom and the design method of the asymmetric bottom bolt were put forward. Yang et al. [8] established the mechanical analysis model of the tunnel bottom drum according to the bolt and the mechanical analysis of the action mechanism of the bottom drum controlled by the baseangle area bolt. Meanwhile, they determined the most suitable type of tunnel bottom shaft through an indoor experiment, achieving good results in the actual engineering application. Liang et al. [9] analyzed the principle of a base-angle area bolt bar control bottom drum, and the feasibility of inhibiting the floor deformation was verified by FLAC3D numerical simulation software. In addition, the cyclic impact load generated by roadway mining will also accelerate the fragmentation of the base-angle area and other locations, increasing the difficulty of support in this area. Dai et al. [10–13] studied the mechanical and energy dissipation characteristics of granite under a cyclic impact load, providing a theoretical basis for base-angle area support from the mechanical and energy perspectives. Moreover, Krykovskyi et al. [14] carried out research on the strengthening effect of grouting the rock bolt onto weak surrounding rock, which enriched the strengthening theory of bolt support. Dyczko et al. [15] verified the importance of the roof bolt and applied it to engineering practice to carry out relevant monitoring. Małkowski et al. [16] evaluated the stability of the roadway using five different techniques and continuous monitoring for six years, based on the premise of large-scale rock mass and support monitoring. Ratan et al. [17] used a numerical method based on the finite element code to determine the influence of different bolt lengths and diameters on the maximum induced boundary displacement in jointed rock mass. It was determined that the increase in bolt length did not significantly reduce the boundary displacement, while the increase in bolt diameter significantly reduced the tunnel boundary displacement. Gabriel et al. [18] presented the results of roadway response and support performance monitoring in two longwall mines at 180m and 600m cover depths, demonstrating the potential of numerical models to help mine engineers optimize longwall layout and roadway support systems.

At present, there is no research on the optimal supporting parameters of the base-angle bolt under different roadway section shapes, and there are few studies on the dip angle and length of the base-angle bolt; therefore, to solve the above problems, based on FLAC3D, this paper analyses the support effect of different base-angle bolt inclined angles for five typical cross-sectional profiles of the roadway, The optimal slope range of the base-angle bolt, with high applicability, was obtained, verifying the influence of the base-angle bolt inclined angle and the base-angle bolt length on the overall stability of the roadway using the deep roadway in the Xishan area of the Sanshandao gold mine as an example. This study can provide a reference for the design of a roadway support scheme, including the selection of parameters such as roadway section, dip angle, and length of base-angle bolt, illustrating the beneficial effect of "strong side and strong angle" on the overall stability of a roadway.

## 2. Mechanism of Action of Base-Angle Bolt

# 2.1. Bolting Mechanism of the Base-Angle Bolt

The bolt anchoring mechanism refers to using an anchoring agent that will bond to form a whole anchor rod body with the surrounding rock, improving the mechanical parameters of the surrounding rock near the tunnel. During excavation, roadway crosssection contour deformation occurs, and the nearby surrounding rock stress redistributes, affording bolt stress, and the load transfer to the stability of the deep strata, which hinders the continuous deformation of the rock mass. At present, there is both macroscopic and microscopic research on the anchorage mechanism of the bolt. Macroscopically, the main research direction is the change law of mechanical parameters and the bearing capacity of solid anchor after reinforcement. The main research direction at the micro level is the distribution characteristics of bolt axial force and shear stress at anchorage interface [19].

When the two sides of the bolt are parallel to the horizontal line, the anchorage area is mainly distributed in the two sides, and the surrounding rock of the floor has not been significantly improved, which can easily produce floor heave. The bolt applied to the base-angle area can strengthen the floor and give a certain degree of support to the floor, controlling the floor heave and improving the overall stability of the roadway. The bolt-reinforced surrounding rock is shown in Figure 1.

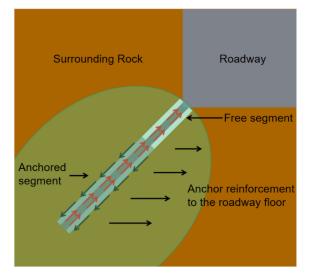


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of bolt reinforcement of the roadway floor by the base-angle bolt.

#### 2.2. Current Status of Base-Angle Bolt Applications in the China

According to the statistics in the literature regarding roadway support optimization in China over the last two years, it is noted that only a few mines use base-angle bolt applications for support, and most mines do not strengthen the support of the baseangle area, and more than half of the roadways have deflected the bolts at the floor of the two sidewalls, with the angle mainly concentrated between 5° and 30°, as shown in Table 1. Common base-angle bolt support inclined angles are: 0°,10°,15°,25°, and 30°, of which 15° is the most widely used [20]. Currently, there is no unified understanding and theoretical support for the selection of the inclined angle of the base-angle bolt, and often only approximate parameters are selected, based on engineering experience. It is important to obtain a base-angle bolt support inclined angle that is suitable for most of the roadway, which will improve the stability of the roadway floor without increasing the bolt density and without reducing the support strength of the sidewall.

Mines	Cross-Sectional Profile	Depth of Burial/m	Inclined Angle of the Bolt at the Bottom of the Side Wall/°	Yes or No Base-Angle Bolt	
Wangpo Coal Mine, 3209 working faces	Rectangular	450	5–15	No	
Songzao Coal and Electricity Company's Datong I Mine,	Straight wall, rounded arch	500	15	No	
15,312 working faces in a coal mine	Rectangular	240-300	0	No	
Taoyuan Coal Mine II Mining Area	Straight wall, rounded arch	518–799	30	No	
A coal mine pump room substation roadway	Straight wall, rounded arch	850	15	No	
21,126 Haulage Lane, Panjiang Hengpu Coal Industry, Guizhou	Straight wall, rounded arch	-	10	Yes	
3316 working faces at Shuangliu Coal Mine	Rectangular	600	0	No	
3# coal seam in a coal mine	Rectangular	453	0	No	
Longquan Coal Mine tape tunnel	Rectangular	600	15	No	
Yangquan Mine, Shang She Mine, Yangquan District, 9304 intake road	Rectangular	230–270	0	No	

**Table 1.** Base-angle bolt parameters in the roadway support optimization literature (2020–2021) in China [21–29].

## 3. Numerical Simulation Study of Different Cross-Sectional Roadway Profiles

FLAC is a numerical simulation software developed by ITASCA. FLAC3D [30,31] is an extension of the two-dimensional finite difference program FLAC2D; it adopts explicit Lagrangian algorithm and mixed-discrete partitioning technology, which can simulate the plastic failure and flow of materials very accurately. It can simulate the mechanical properties and analyze the plastic flow of soil, rock, and other materials. Meanwhile, FLAC3D has the characteristics of fast and accurate calculation, along with a wide application range, and has been widely used in geotechnical engineering analysis [32].

#### 3.1. Model Construction

Rhino modeling software was used to construct five types of roadway models: rectangle, horseshoe shaped, tri-centric arch, straight wall, and semi-circular arch; finally, FLAC3D mesh files were generated through the Griddle plug-in. The model size is  $50 \times 50 \times 5.5$  m, and the area near the roadway is encrypted to enhance the calculation accuracy near the tunnel [33]. The combination of the Mohr circle and the Coulomb envelope forms the Mohr–Coulomb (M-C) failure criterion [34–36], which is a set of linear equations describing the failure conditions of isotropic materials in the principal stress space, and which is widely used to solve various engineering problems as a standard for determining the failure of rock materials. Thus, the Mohr-Coulomb model is selected for this structure model, and after the model is built, the boundary constraints are applied so that the front, rear, and bottom boundary displacements are 0. The roof of the model is not constrained, and the gravitational acceleration is set to  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ; considering the effect of geostress, apply stress to the model to generate the initial stress field, and the constructive stress coefficient is taken as 1.0, the size is taken as 40 MPa, and the model calculation parameters are shown in Table 2. At present, scholars have carried out corresponding studies on the shape of roadway sections [37–39]. Referring to the above studies and the general types of mine roadway section shapes in China, five kinds of roadway models have been established; the numerical model of five kinds of roadways is shown in Figure 2 (hereafter referred to as Rec, Swsa, Tca, Rou, and Hs); they have the same length and width  $(5 \times 4 \text{ m})$  to reduce interference from other factors.

Bulk Modulus K/GPa	Shear Modulus K/GPa	Cohesion C/MPa	Internal Friction Angle ψ/(°)	Density γ/(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	Tensile Strength σ <sub>t</sub> /MPa
10	6	2	30	2.6	1
	not exact. Th		according to the common surror ly the universal law. Rectangle 4 1 5	Straight wal semicircular a	
	Tri-co 4	entric arch	Round 5 🛊 💽	horseshoe sha 4 1 0 5	pe

Table 2. Calculated constitutive model parameters.

Figure 2. Five numerical models of a roadway.

# 3.2. Program Design

To find the best inclined angle for the base-angle bolt, 7 base-angle bolt angle solutions were designed for each cross-sectional profile, for a total of 35 sets of solutions. The length of the bolt was 2.2 m, the distance between rows was  $0.9 \times 0.9$ m, and the distance from the front and rear surfaces of the model was 0.5m. The inclined angle of the base-angle bolt support differed by 15° for each scheme to selectively enhance the effect of the bolt support so that the law of observation could be easily detected, and the specific schemes are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Simulation scenarios for different inclined angles of the base-angle bolt.

Туре	Inclined Angle/°								
Rec	0	Hs	0	Тса	0	Rou	0	Swsa	0
Rec	15	Hs	15	Tca	15	Rou	15	Swsa	15
Rec	30	Hs	30	Tca	30	Rou	30	Swsa	30
Rec	45	Hs	45	Tca	45	Rou	45	Swsa	45
Rec	60	Hs	60	Tca	60	Rou	60	Swsa	60
Rec	75	Hs	75	Tca	75	Rou	75	Swsa	75
Rec	90	Hs	90	Tca	90	Rou	90	Swsa	90

#### 3.3. Simulation Results

The cloud diagram of the roadway surrounding rock plastic zone, displacement, vertical stress, and horizontal displacement without support is shown in Table 4. Under the conditions set by the experimental scheme, the existing plastic zone of the roadway surrounding rock, with all cross-sectional profile shapes, is the shear failure plastic zone, and these zones are mainly concentrated on both sides of the roadway. The displacement

in the corner of the roadway cross-sectional profile shape is less than that in other areas of the sectional contour (roof, floor, sidewall); the distribution law of a mining stress field is roughly the same in a roadway with different cross-sectional profile shapes. Due to the excavation of the roadway, the cavitation surface is formed, and the stress is redistributed, which leads to the reduction of stress in the area near the roadway, and more stress is transferred to the deep area.

**Table 4.** Cloud diagram of surrounding rock without support (plastic zone, displacement, vertical stress, horizontal stress, in turn).

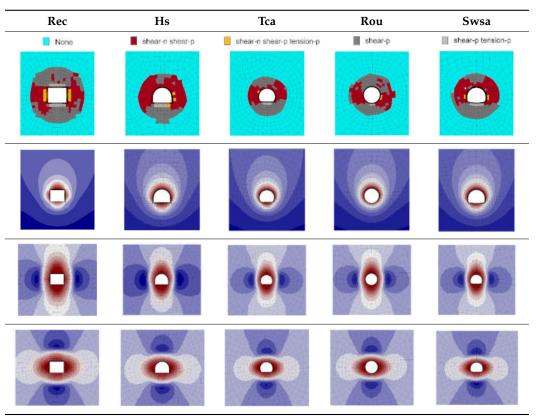
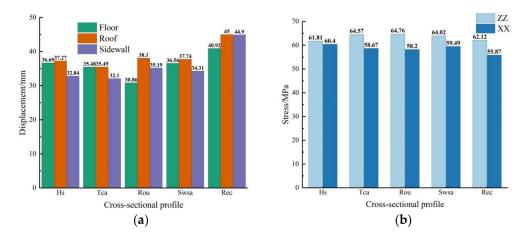


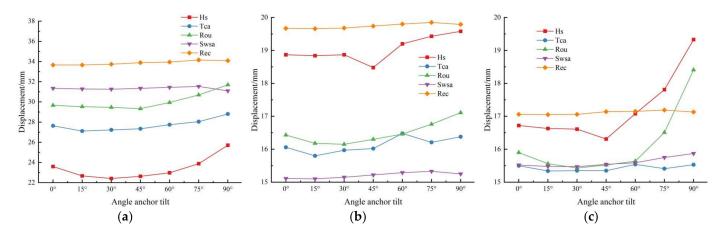
Figure 3 shows the maximum displacement and maximum stress parameters of the roadway when excavation is carried out for five designs using cross-sectional profile, without support. In the relationship between the size of the sidewall and the floor, different sections have different patterns. Unlike the other four sections, the displacement of the sidewall part in the rectangular roadway is very close to the roof displacement, and the horizontal displacement control effect of this cross-sectional profile is weak.

With the excavation of the roadway, the stresses are redistributed and the stresses around the roadway are reduced, forming a stress relaxation zone, and most of the stresses are transferred to a deeper area. The vertical and horizontal stresses in the stress concentration area increase from 40 MPa to over 60 MPa and 55 MPa, with the most significant effect of vertical stress concentration in circular roadways, and the most significant effect of horizontal stress concentration in horseshoe-shaped roadways. In a comprehensive view, the concentration effect of vertical stresses is generally greater than that of horizontal stresses, the mining unloading effect of rectangular roadways is the weakest, and the unloading effect of horseshoe-shaped roadways on each vertical and horizontal stress is more uniform.



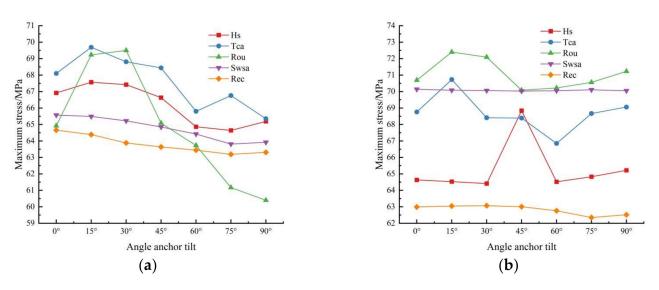
**Figure 3.** Displacement and stresses in unsupported excavation of the roadway with different cross-sectional profile, among the rest: (**a**) Maximum displacement; (**b**) Maximum stress.

The displacements of the five designed cross-sectional profiles of the roadway under different inclined angles for base-angle bolt support schemes are shown in Figure 4. Where (a–c), respectively, represent the displacement changes in the floor, roof, and sidewall parts under five different section shapes and different base-angle bolt inclination angles. With the increase in the angle between the base-angle bolt and the horizontal plane, the displacement at different positions of the roadway presents a general evolution law, that is, "increase first and then decrease". Among them, the displacement of the horseshoe shape, tri-centric arch, and the circular roadway is more obvious, while the displacement of the straight wall semicircle arch and rectangular roadway is less significant, but it can still be observed that the minimum value of overall displacement is mainly concentrated in the base-angle bolt of the angle anchor between  $15^{\circ} \sim 45^{\circ}$ . It is worth noting that the displacement of the roof and the sides of the horseshoe shaped roadway decreases significantly when the angle is  $45^{\circ}$ .



**Figure 4.** Effect of the angle of base-angle bolt support inclined angle on the displacement of 5 cross-sectional profiles of the roadway: (**a**) floor; (**b**) roof; (**c**) sidewall.

As shown in Figure 5, the maximum stress variation and maximum displacement variation patterns of the five designs of the cross-sectional profile of the roadway under different inclined angles of the base-angle bolt support schemes remain basically the same. When more stress is concentrated in the deeper part of the roadway, the better the unloading effect near the roadway section, which in turn is reflected in the smaller maximum displacement of the roadway, which reflects the constitutive model link between stress variation and displacement manifestation.



**Figure 5.** Effect of the angle of the base-angle bolt support inclined angle on maximum stress for 5 types of cross-sectional profiles of roadways: (**a**) vertical; (**b**) level.

The stability of the roadway is controlled by all parts of the roadway, resulting in a whole in which each part affects the other and works together. When the support of one part is neglected, the displacement of other parts will increase, which will affect the stability of the whole roadway. From the above analysis, a bolt angle of around 15° to 45° can achieve good support in most cross-sectional profiles of the roadway.

#### 4. Numerical Simulation Study of Engineering Examples

## 4.1. Overview of Roadway

Based on the above research, this paper optimizes the parameters of base-angle bolt support for the base-angle area of the north lane of section 945 in the west mountain mining area of the Sanshandao gold mine, where the cross-sectional profile shape of the roadway is Swsa, with a span of 4.4m, two sidewall heights of 2.75 m, and an arch height of 1.15 m. The row distance is  $1m \times 1m$ , shotcrete is the material for the M20 mortar, and the thickness is 100mm; the specific support design is shown in Figure 6. The simulation focuses on the impact of the bolt effect, so ignore the impact of the concrete spray layer. The area of the roadway buried depth is large, and it has been in a high stress state. According to the field measurement results, 945 m buried channel deep ground stress of 31.0 MPa~44.1 MPa; for this simulation of structural stress coefficient to take 1.0, vertical stress = horizontal stress = 44.1 MPa; the physical and mechanical parameters of the surrounding rock are shown in Table 5.

# 4.2. Model Construction

A grid model with a specification of  $50 \times 50 \times 6$  m (width × height × length) was created, and the grid near the roadway was encrypted with 34,884 zones and 26,793 nodes. After the model was established, displacement constraints were applied to the front and rear surfaces, left and right surfaces, and lower surfaces of the model, and the top of the model was a free surface. Considering the influence of gravity, the gravitational acceleration of the model is set as 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>. The in situ stress was applied to the model to generate the initial stress field. The structural stress coefficient was set at 1.0; that is, the horizontal stress and vertical stress were both set at 44 MPa. The section shape and parameters of the roadway were the same as the actual conditions of the roadway above, and the roadway model with the initial stress field cloud is shown in Figure 7.

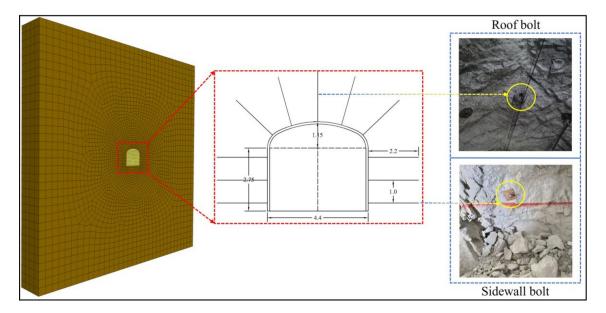


Figure 6. Diagram of the roadway.

**Table 5.** Surrounding rock parameters of the north lane of section 945 at the Xishan mine area, Sanshandao Gold Mine.

Bulk Modulus	Shear Modulus	Cohesion	Poisson's	Internal Friction	Density	Tensile Strength $\sigma_t/MPa$
K/GPa	K/GPa	C/MPa	Ratio ບ	Angle ψ/°	γ/(t/m³)	
21.08	9.73	4.0	0.3	30	2.67	1.53

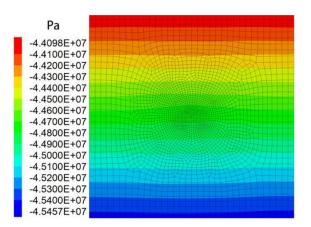


Figure 7. Initial stress field (Mohr–Coulomb).

## 4.3. Program Design

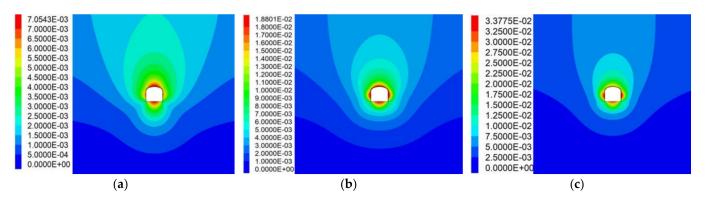
Through the above research, the optimal support dip angle range of base-angle bolt under various section shapes is obtained, but the parameters used are not the section shapes and specifications of the actual engineering. Therefore, taking the Sanshandao Gold Mine as an example, the subsequent simulation is completed by comparing the displacement size of the roadway, without support, under three constitutive models and selecting a constitutive model more suitable for actual engineering. In order to provide a more comprehensive reference for the base-angle bolt support design, the parameter of bolt length is added, while verifying the optimal range of the base-angle bolt support angle.

The elastic model, Mohr–Coulomb model, and softening Mohr–Coulomb model were chosen for the calculations, with the softening Mohr–Coulomb coefficients shown in Table 6 and Figure 8. The displacements were 7.05 mm for the elastic constitutive model, 18.80 mm for the Mohr–Coulomb constitutive model, and 33.78 mm for the softening Mohr–Coulomb

model, with a similar distribution of displacements in the sidewall, roof, and floor of the roadway. Compared with the other two models, the internal friction angle, cohesion, and shear expansion angle of the softening Mohr–Coulomb model decrease with increasing shear strain, which is more in line with the deterioration process of the roadway envelope during the actual excavation of the area.

Table 6. Softening Mohr–Coulomb model of strain softening parameters.

Cumulative Shear Strain Increment	0	0.01	0.1	1
Internal friction angle/°	30	27	22	20
Cohesion/MPa	4	2	0.5	0.1
Shear expansion angle/°	10	2	0	0



**Figure 8.** Displacements of the three constitutive models: (**a**) elasticity; (**b**) Mohr–Coulomb; (**c**) Softening M–C; the units are all "m".

The softening Mohr–Coulomb model is used as the constitutive model to adjust the base-angle bolt at the sidewall of the roadway, and inclined angles for four base-angle bolts of 0°, 15°, 30°, and 45° are designed. The optimum inclined angle is obtained after comprehensive analysis, and the length of the base-angle bolt under the optimum inclined angle is changed, as shown in Table 7.

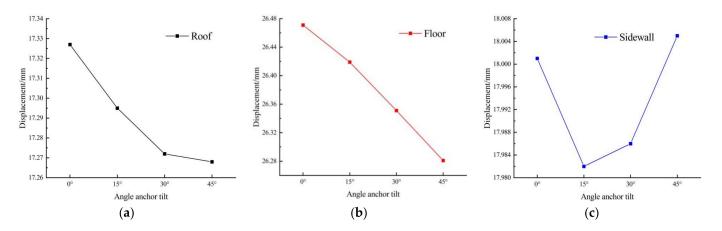
Table 7. Simulation design scheme.

Program	No.	Inclined Angle of Base-Angle Bolt	Length of Base-Angle Bolt	Program	No.	Inclined Angle of Base-Angle Bolt	Length of Base-Angle Bolt
Unsupported	1	_	-		6	15	1.8
			Optimization	7	15	2.0	
Ontimization	2	0	2.2	1	8	15	2.2
Optimization of support (angle)	3	15	2.2	of support	9	15	2.4
	4	30	2.2	(length)	9	15	2.6
	5	45	2.2		10	15	2.8

4.4. Simulation Results and Analysis

#### 4.4.1. Angle

The roadway displacements at different bolt inclined angles are shown in Figure 9, with the roof and floor plate showing a decreasing trend with the increasing inclined angle, the roof leveling off in the region after reaching 45°, and the sidewall showing an increasing and then decreasing trend, reaching the lowest point at 15°. The shear strain increment and the maximum principal stress are shown in Figure 10, the shear strain increment is the smallest at 15°, the maximum principal stress first decreases and then increases and decreases again, and the size order is:  $0^{\circ} > 30^{\circ} > 15^{\circ} > 45^{\circ}$ . The maximum principal stress first decreases,



and then decreases again, in the following order:  $0^{\circ} > 30^{\circ} > 15^{\circ} > 45^{\circ}$ . Considering all these factors, a good overall support effect can be obtained at an angle of  $15^{\circ}$ .

Figure 9. Displacement at different gang angle support angles: (a) roof; (b) floor; (c) sidewall.

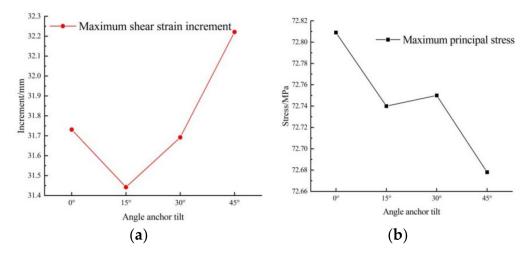
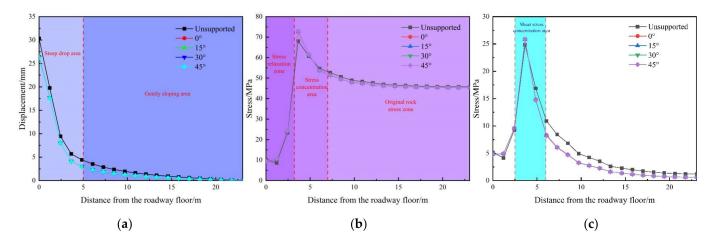


Figure 10. Maximum shear strain increment and maximum principal stress: (a) shear strain increments; (b) maximum principal stress.

The displacement, maximum principal stress, and maximum shear stress under the floor of each scheme were monitored, and the change curve is shown in Figure 11. Displacement is intrinsically related to stress, and the displacement tends to flatten out after 3 m, while the maximum principal stress and maximum shear stress are concentrated at 3 m. The stresses show a trend of increasing first and then decreasing, and the maximum principal stress appears obvious in the stress relaxation zone, the stress concentration zone, and original rock stress zone. After about 7.5 m, the stress change brought about by roadway excavation tends to be zero. After the support, more stress can be transferred to the stress concentration area, thus improving the stress state around the roadway.

A partial cloud of unsupported and 15° angle bolt support is shown in the Table 8 below.



**Figure 11.** Results of displacement and stress monitoring under the roadway floor: (**a**) displacement; (**b**) maximum principal stress; (**c**) maximum shear stress.

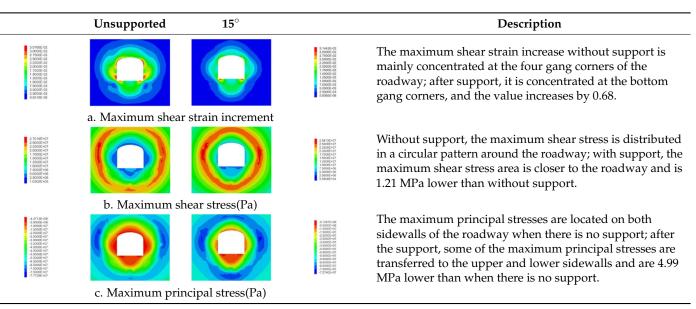


Table 8. Comparison of unsupported and 15° base-angle bolt inclined angle support.

# 4.4.2. Length

Combined with the above analysis, the 15° base-angle bolt inclined angle scheme is selected to study the influence of individually changing the base-angle bolt length on the overall supporting effect, and the new practice method of the theory of strong joint and strong angle is discussed. As shown in Figure 12, when the bolt length of the base-angle bolt is consistent with the bolt length of other parts, the displacement control effect of the base-angle area is the best, and the displacement control effect of the upper part is the second-best. Increasing or decreasing the bolt length of the base-angle bolt within a certain range has a negative impact on the control effect of the upper part and the floor.

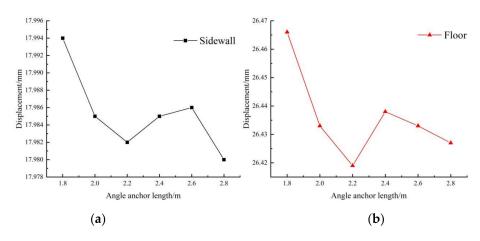


Figure 12. Roadway displacement of different lengths of base-angle bolts: (a) sidewall; (b) floor.

## 5. Conclusions

Aiming at solving problems such as the difficulty in the range of parameter values of base-angle bolt support at the base-angle in the design of roadway support scheme, the simulation scheme of 5 kinds of section shapes under different base-angle bolt support angles is designed, and the actual engineering simulation is carried out in the Sanshandao Gold Mine to explore the influence of the change of base-angle bolt length and angle on the stability of the roadway; the main conclusions are as follows:

(1) Under the same geotechnical parameters, the self-supporting capacity of a roadway with different section shapes is different. The optimal order of overall self-supporting capacity is as follows: tri-centric arch > horseshoe shaped arch > circular arch > straight wall circular arch > rectangle.

(2) There are differences in the optimal inclined angle of the base-angle bolt in roadways with different cross-sectional profile shapes, but the general trend of all roadways is as follows: with the increase in the inclined angle from  $0^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$ , the roadway stability shows a trend of first increasing and then decreasing. When the inclined angle of the base-angle bolt is  $15^{\circ}$  to  $45^{\circ}$ , most of the shaped roadways can achieve a good supporting effect.

(3) When the length of base-angle bolt is changed separately, even if the length is increased to a certain extent, the overall supporting effect of the supporting structure will decline. Therefore, it is not necessary to blindly increase the length of the base-angle bolt separately to avoid adverse changes in the surrounding rock bearing structure.

Author Contributions: Conceptualization, Q.W. and H.L.; methodology, Q.W.; software, D.L.; validation, Q.W., H.L., and B.D.; formal analysis, B.D.; investigation, L.C.; resources, H.L.; data curation, L.C.; writing—original draft preparation, L.C.; writing—review and editing, D.L.; visualization, B.D.; supervision, P.Q.; project administration, P.Q.; funding acquisition, H.L. All authors have read and agreed to the published version of the manuscript.

**Funding:** This paper was funded by the following: Key Project of Education Department of Hunan Province(22A0293), General Project of Education Department of Hunan Province(22C0235).

Institutional Review Board Statement: Not applicable.

Informed Consent Statement: Not applicable.

Data Availability Statement: Not applicable.

Conflicts of Interest: The authors declare no conflict of interest.

### References

- 1. Zhao, X.; Zhou, X.; Zhao, Y.; Yu, W. Research Status and Progress of Prevention and Control of Mining Disasters in Deep Metal Mines. *J. Cent. South Univ. Sci. Technol.* **2021**, *52*, 2522–2538.
- Bai, J.; Hou, C.-J. Control Principle of Surrounding Rocks in Deep Roadway and Its Application. J.-China Univ. Min. Technol.-Chin. Ed. 2006, 35, 145.

- 3. Shan, R.L.; Kong, X.S.; Yan, F.Y.; Meng, C. Research on Sidewall and Corner Strengthened Support for Coal Roadway by Modeling Experiments. *Chin. J. Rock Mech. Eng.* 2015, *34*, 2336–2345.
- Shan, R.L.; Peng, Y.; Kong, Y.; Xiao, Y.; Yuan, B.; Zheng, Y. Research Progress of Coal Roadway Support Technology at Home and Abroad. *Chin. J. Rock Mech. Eng.* 2019, 38, 2377–2403.
- Kong, X.S.; Shan, R.L.; Ju, T.D. Model Experiment of Deformation and Failure Mechanism of Coal Roadway Surrounding Rock and Its Engineering Application. J. Min. Saf. Eng. 2017, 34, 464–471.
- Zheng, Y.; Shan, R.; Huang, B.; Feng, J.; Peng, R. Similar model tests on strong sidewall and corner support of gob side entry retaining. J. Min. Saf. Eng. 2021, 38, 94–102.
- Yang, S.; He, M.; Liu, W.; Ma, X. Mechanics and Application Research on The Floor Anchor to Control The Floor Heave of Deep Soft Rock Roadway. *Chin. J. Rock Mech. Eng.* 2008, 27, 2913–2920.
- 8. Yang, J.; Shi, H.; Qi, G. Research on mechanism for floor heave control in the roadway by base-angel-bolt and its type selection test. *J. Min. Saf. Eng.* **2016**, *33*, 643–648.
- Liang, B.; Sun, H.; Li, G.; Wu, P. Genesis Analysis and Support Technology of Gob-side Entrydriving Floor Heave in Nanyangpo Coal Mine. *Chin. J. Undergr. Space Eng.* 2021, 17, 601–607.
- Dai, B.; Luo, X.; Shan, Q.; Chen, Y.; Liu, Y. Analysis on Damage Characteristics and Energy Dissipation of Rock with a Single Hole under Cyclic Impact Loads. *China Saf. Sci. J.* 2020, 30, 69.
- 11. Dai, B.; Chen, Y. A Novel Approach for Predicting the Height of the Water-Flow Fracture Zone in Undersea Safety Mining. *Remote Sens.* 2020, *12*, 358. [CrossRef]
- 12. Dai, B.; Zhao, G.; Konietzky, H.; Wasantha, P.L.P. Experimental Investigation on Damage Evolution Behaviour of a Granitic Rock under Loading and Unloading. *J. Cent. South Univ.* 2018, 25, 1213–1225. [CrossRef]
- 13. Dai, B.; Chen, Y.; Zhao, G.; Liang, W.; Wu, H. A Numerical Study on the Crack Development Behavior of Rock-Like Material Containing Two Intersecting Flaws. *Mathematics* **2019**, *7*, 1223. [CrossRef]
- Krykovskyi, O.; Krykovska, V.; Skipochka, S. Interaction of Rock-Bolt Supports While Weak Rock Reinforcing by Means of Injection Rock Bolts. Min. *Min. Depos* 2021, 15, 8–14. [CrossRef]
- 15. Dyczko, A.; Kamiński, P.; Jarosz, J.; Rak, Z.; Jasiulek, D.; Sinka, T. Monitoring of Roof Bolting as an Element of the Project of the Introduction of Roof Bolting in Polish Coal Mines—Case Study. *Energies* **2022**, *15*, 95. [CrossRef]
- Małkowski, P.; Niedbalski, Z.; Majcherczyk, T.; Bednarek, Ł. Underground Monitoring as the Best Way of Roadways Support Design Validation in a Long Time Period. *Min. Miner. Depos.* 2020, 14, 1–14. [CrossRef]
- 17. Das, R.; Singh, T.N. Effect of Rock Bolt Support Mechanism on Tunnel Deformation in Jointed Rockmass: A Numerical Approach. *Undergr. Space* 2021, *6*, 409–420. [CrossRef]
- 18. Esterhuizen, G.S.; Gearhart, D.F.; Klemetti, T.; Dougherty, H.; van Dyke, M. Analysis of Gateroad Stability at Two Longwall Mines Based on Field Monitoring Results and Numerical Model Analysis. *Int. J. Min. Sci. Technol.* **2019**, *29*, 35–43. [CrossRef]
- 19. Ning, L. Study on Anchorage Mechanical Mechanism and Application of Rock Bolt in Composite Rock Mass. *Chin. Univ. Min. Technol.* **2021**. [CrossRef]
- Liu, H.Y.; Zuo, J.P.; Liu, D.J.; Li, C.Y.; Xu, F.; Lei, B. Optimization of Roadway Bolt Support Based on Orthogonal Matrix Analysis. J. Min. Saf. Eng. 2021, 38, 84–93.
- 21. Tian, J. Optimization of Support Design for Transport Channel of 3209 Working Face. Shandong Coal Sci. Technol. 2021, 39, 15–16.
- 22. Guo, P.; Shen, D. Optimization design and numerical simulation of supporting scheme for deep mine roadway. *Min. Saf. Envi. Prot.* **2021**, *48*, 87–91.
- 23. Shen, B.; Yuan, C.; Gu, W.; Liu, Z.; Song, T.; Pan, H. Research on the stability control of surrounding rock in the roadway with dynamic pressure and high slope. *Ind. Mine Auto.* **2021**, *47*, 50–55.
- 24. Zhu, S.; Ding, K. Optimization of support parameters of water rich roadway based on thickness of grouting reinforce-ment circle. *Saf. Coal Min.* **2021**, *52*, 193–199+206.
- Zhao, W.; Fu, H.; Song, Y.; Ma, H.; Li, X. Failure Mechanism and Support Optimization of Sur-rounding Rock in Fault Crossing Roadway. *Min. Res. Develop.* 2021, 41, 129–134.
- Gao, L.; Deng, G.; Zhang, M.; Zhao, Q.; Ding, Y.; Zhang, E. Roadlway Surrounding Rock Control in Soft Rock Based on Theory of Composite Bolt-Rock Bearing Structure. *Min. Res. Develop.* 2021, 41, 140–144.
- 27. Chang, L. Study on Timing Characteristics and Stability Control of Roadway Influences by Mining in High Stress Area. *Taiyuan Univ. Technol.* **2021**. [CrossRef]
- Zhang, B.; Su, X.; Duan, Z.; Chang, L.; Fuzhou, W. Study on stability control of surrounding rock of roadway affected by driving disturbance. *Min. Saf. Envir. Prot.* 2020, 47, 19–24+31.
- Li, F. Anchor prestress field distribution characteristics and support optimization of multi type composite roof. *Chin. Min. Mag.* 2020, 29, 97–103.
- Zhai, Y. An Update of the 3D Analytical Solution for the Design of Barricades Made of Waste Rocks. Int. J. Rock Mech. Min. Sci. 2022, 158, 105176. [CrossRef]
- Cai, M.; Kaiser, P.K.; Morioka, H.; Minami, M.; Maejima, T.; Tasaka, Y.; Kurose, H. FLAC/PFC Coupled Numerical Simulation of AE in Large-Scale Underground Excavations. *Int. J. Rock Mech. Min. Sci.* 2007, 44, 550–564. [CrossRef]
- 32. Skrzypkowski, K.; Zagórski, K.; Zagórska, A.; Apel, D.B.; Wang, J.; Xu, H.; Guo, L. Choice of the Arch Yielding Support for the Preparatory Roadway Located near the Fault. *Energies* **2022**, *15*, 3774. [CrossRef]

- 33. Ma, S.-H.; Wang, W.-J. Comparative Analysis of Supporting Effect on Split-Set Bolt and GFRP Anchor Based on FLAC3D. *Met. Mine* **2012**, *41*, 9.
- 34. Griffiths, D.V. Failure Criteria Interpretation Based on Mohr-Coulomb Friction. J. Geotech. Eng. 1990, 116, 986–999. [CrossRef]
- 35. Hoek, E. Estimating Mohr-Coulomb Friction and Cohesion Values from the Hoek-Brown Failure Criterion. *Int. J. Rock Mech. Min. Sci. Geomech.* **1990**, *27*, 227–229. [CrossRef]
- 36. Labuz, J.F.; Zang, A. Mohr–Coulomb Failure Criterion. Rock Mech. Rock Eng. 2012, 45, 975–979. [CrossRef]
- 37. Dai, Y.; Chen, W.; Liu, Q.; Yi, X. Optimization Study on Cross Section of Deep Mine Tunnel under High in Situ Stress. *Ch. Nese J. Rock Mech. Eng.* **2004**, *23*, 4960–4965.
- Lü, A. Selection Method of Section Configuration of Underground Chamber in High Strata Stress Zone. J. China Coal Soc. 1997, 22, 495–498.
- 39. Hou, M.Z.; Li, M.; Gou, Y.; Feng, W. Numerical Simulation and Evaluation of the Fracturing and Tight Gas Production with a New Dimensionless Fracture Conductivity (FCD) Model. *Acta Geotech.* **2021**, *16*, 985–1000. [CrossRef]

**Disclaimer/Publisher's Note:** The statements, opinions and data contained in all publications are solely those of the individual author(s) and contributor(s) and not of MDPI and/or the editor(s). MDPI and/or the editor(s) disclaim responsibility for any injury to people or property resulting from any ideas, methods, instructions or products referred to in the content.