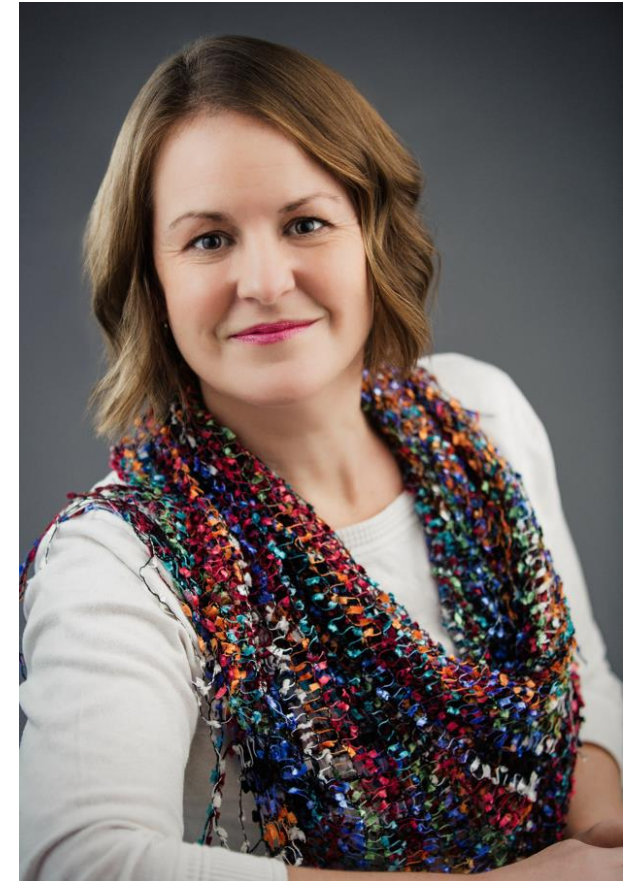




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Virgin stress states in most geological settings are complex due to many factors including: the weight of overlying strata, plate tectonics and the geological history of a site. In nearly all geological settings, stress gradients (and rotations) occur between lithological units and across geological structures due to contrasting material stiffnesses and the natural strain history of a rock mass. Because virgin in situ stress states are rarely homogeneous, advanced numerical modelling requires that stress state be initialized in a numerical model through strain-based loading consistent with historical geological processes to capture virgin stress state gradients associated with natural stiffness contrasts. This keynote utilizes numerous calibrated mining case studies to demonstrate methodologies for strain-based stress initialization and provides comparison of results for strain-based stress initialization versus homogeneous stress tensor initialization to demonstrate the critical need for adequately capture natural in situ stress gradients in geomechanical engineering studies.