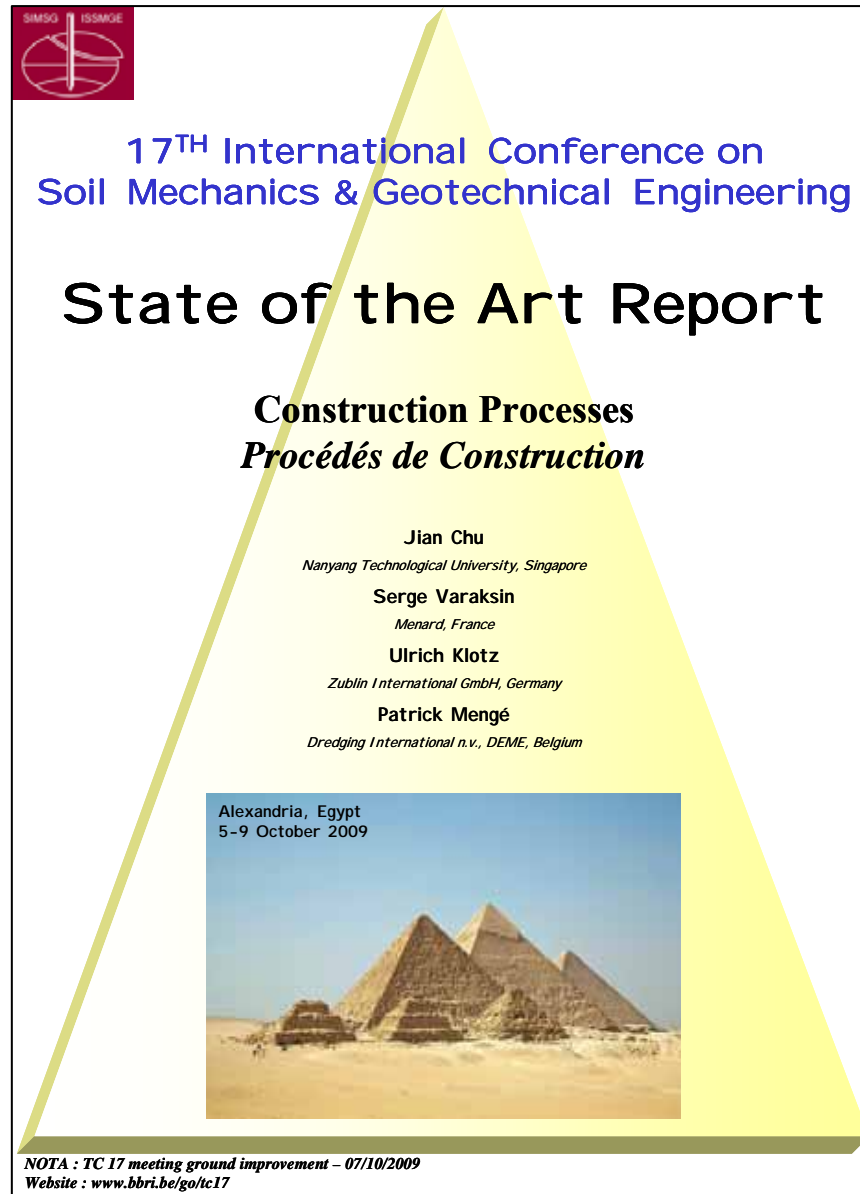


# Concept and Parameters related to Ground Improvement illustrated by Case Histories

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Category	Method	Principle
A. Ground improvement without admixtures in non-cohesive soils or fill materials	A1. Dynamic compaction	Densification of granular soil by dropping a heavy weight from air onto ground.
	A2. Vibrocompaction	Densification of granular soil using a vibratory probe inserted into ground.
	A3. Explosive compaction	Shock waves and vibrations are generated by blasting to cause granular soil ground to settle through liquefaction or compaction.
	A4. Electric pulse compaction	Densification of granular soil using the shock waves and energy generated by electric pulse under ultra-high voltage.
	A5. Surface compaction (including rapid impact compaction).	Compaction of fill or ground at the surface or shallow depth using a variety of compaction machines.
B. Ground improvement without admixtures in cohesive soils	B1. Replacement/displacement (including load reduction using light weight materials)	Remove bad soil by excavation or displacement and replace it by good soil or rocks. Some light weight materials may be used as backfill to reduce the load or earth pressure.
	B2. Preloading using fill (including the use of vertical drains)	Fill is applied and removed to pre-consolidate compressible soil so that its compressibility will be much reduced when future loads are applied.
	B3. Preloading using vacuum (including combined fill and vacuum)	Vacuum pressure of up to 90 kPa is used to pre-consolidate compressible soil so that its compressibility will be much reduced when future loads are applied.
	B4. Dynamic consolidation with enhanced drainage (including the use of vacuum)	Similar to dynamic compaction except vertical or horizontal drains (or together with vacuum) are used to dissipate pore pressures generated in soil during compaction.
	B5. Electro-osmosis or electro-kinetic consolidation	DC current causes water in soil or solutions to flow from anodes to cathodes which are installed in soil.
	B6. Thermal stabilisation using heating or freezing	Change the physical or mechanical properties of soil permanently or temporarily by heating or freezing the soil.
	B7. Hydro-blasting compaction	Collapsible soil (loess) is compacted by a combined wetting and deep explosion action along a borehole.

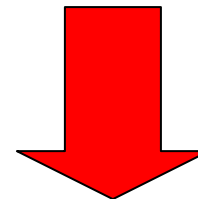
C. Ground improvement with admixtures or inclusions	C1. Vibro replacement or stone columns	Hole jetted into soft, fine-grained soil and back filled with densely compacted gravel or sand to form columns.
	C2. Dynamic replacement	Aggregates are driven into soil by high energy dynamic impact to form columns. The backfill can be either sand, gravel, stones or demolition debris.
	C3. Sand compaction piles	Sand is fed into ground through a casing pipe and compacted by either vibration, dynamic impact, or static excitation to form columns.
	C4. Geotextile confined columns	Sand is fed into a closed bottom geotextile lined cylindrical hole to form a column.
	C5. Rigid inclusions (or composite foundation, also see Table 5)	Use of piles, rigid or semi-rigid bodies or columns which are either premade or formed in-situ to strengthen soft ground.
	C6. Geosynthetic reinforced column or pile supported embankment	Use of piles, rigid or semi-rigid columns/inclusions and geosynthetic girds to enhance the stability and reduce the settlement of embankments.
	C7. Microbial methods	Use of microbial materials to modify soil to increase its strength or reduce its permeability.
	C8 Other methods	Unconventional methods, such as formation of sand piles using blasting and the use of bamboo, timber and other natural products.

D. Ground improvement with grouting type admixtures	D2. Chemical grouting	Solutions of two or more chemicals react in soil pores to form a gel or a solid precipitate to either increase the strength or reduce the permeability of soil or ground.
	D3. Mixing methods (including premixing or deep mixing)	Treat the weak soil by mixing it with cement, lime, or other binders in-situ using a mixing machine or before placement
	D4. Jet grouting	High speed jets at depth erode the soil and inject grout to form columns or panels
	D5. Compaction grouting	Very stiff, mortar-like grout is injected into discrete soil zones and remains in a homogenous mass so as to densify loose soil or lift settled ground.
	D6. Compensation grouting	Medium to high viscosity particulate suspensions is injected into the ground between a subsurface excavation and a structure in order to negate or reduce settlement of the structure due to ongoing excavation.
E. Earth reinforcement	E1. Geosynthetics or mechanically stabilised earth (MSE)	Use of the tensile strength of various steel or geosynthetic materials to enhance the shear strength of soil and stability of roads, foundations, embankments, slopes, or retaining walls.
	E2. Ground anchors or soil nails	Use of the tensile strength of embedded nails or anchors to enhance the stability of slopes or retaining walls.
	E3. Biological methods using vegetation	Use of the roots of vegetation for stability of slopes.

# Why Soil improvement ?

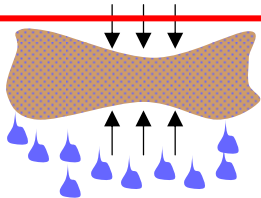
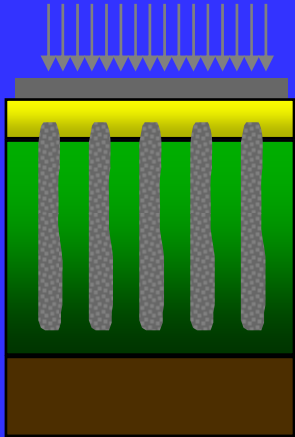
- To increase bearing capacity and stability (avoid failure)
- To reduce post construction settlements
- To reduce liquefaction risk (seismic area)

## Advantages / classical solutions



- avoid deep foundation (price reduction also on structure work like slab on pile)
- avoid soil replacement
- save time
- Avoid to change site
- Save money !

# Soil Improvement Techniques

	Without added materials	With added materials
<b>Cohesive soil</b> Peat , clay ...	<div>                         1 Drainage                          2 Vacuum                     </div> 	4 Dynamic replacement  5 Stone columns 6 CMC 7 Jet Grouting 8 Cement Mixing
<b>Soil with friction</b> Sand , fill	3 Dynamic consolidation 4 Vibroflotation	

# Parameters For Concept

## -Soil characteristics

- cohesive or non cohesive
- blocks ?

Water content, water table position

## - Organic materials

## -Soil thickness

## -Structure to support

- Isolated or uniform load
- Deformability

## -Site environment

-Close to existing structure

-Height constraints

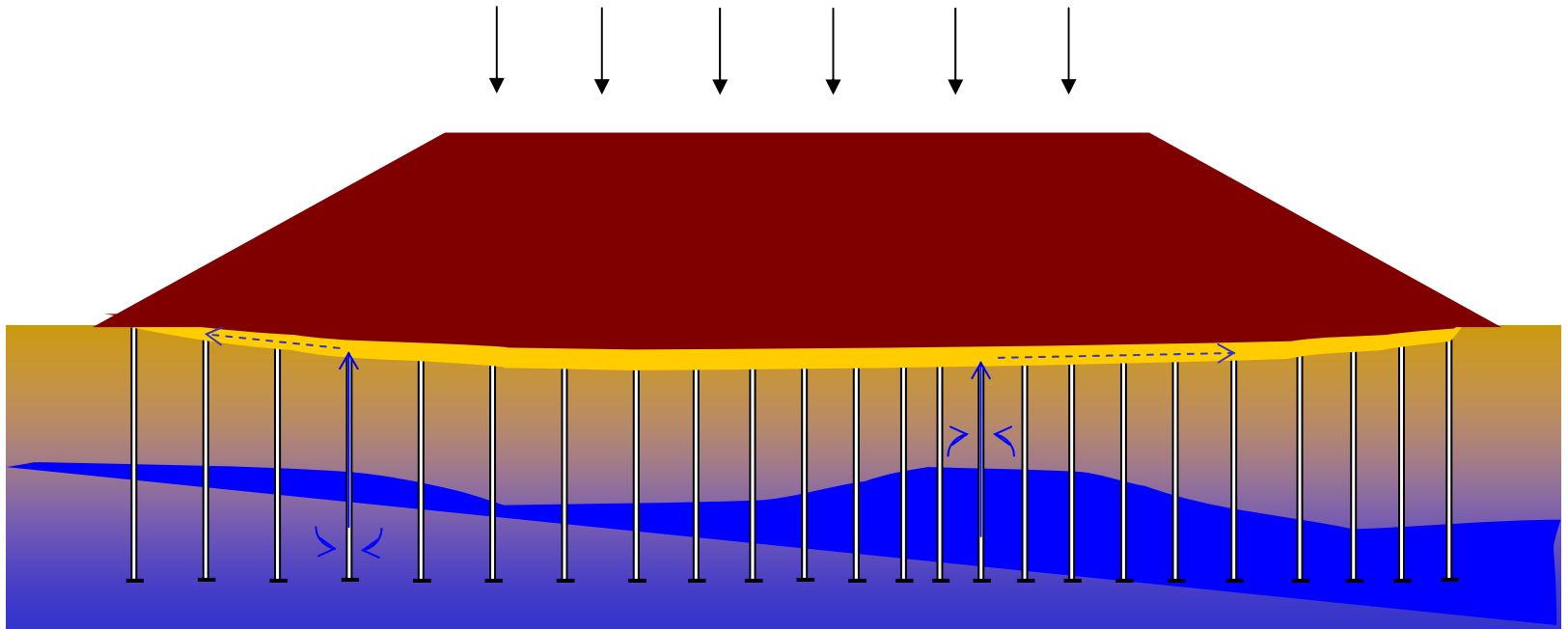
## -Time available to build



# Prel oading with vertical drains

high fines contents soils

$$\sigma = \sigma' + u$$



## CONCEPT

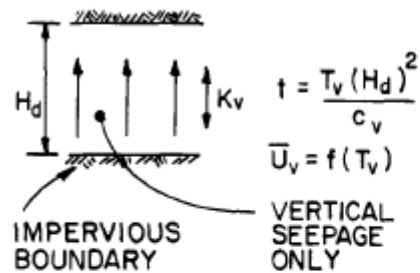
- Stable subsoil for surcharge
- Soil can be penetrated
- Time available is short
- Some residual settlement is allowed

## PARAMETERS

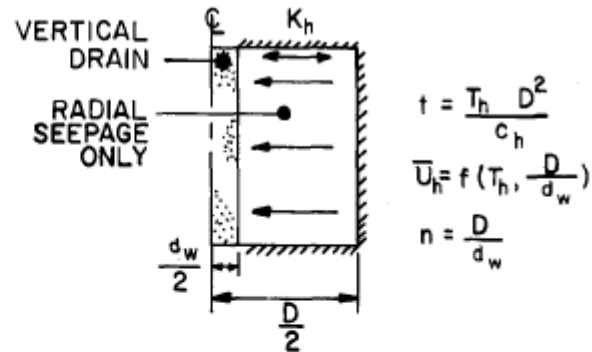
- 1 – Depth
- 2 – Drainage path
- 3 – Cohesion
- 4 – Consolidation parameters  
(oedometer, CPT)  
 $e_o$ ,  $C_C$ ,  $C_V$ ,  $C_R$ ,  $C_\alpha$ ,  $t$ ,  
CPT dissipation test

# Radial & Vertical Consolidation

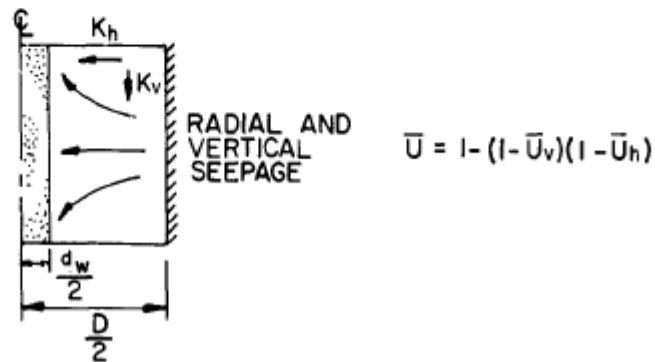
(A) VERTICAL DRAINAGE ONLY



(B) RADIAL DRAINAGE ONLY



COMBINED VERTICAL AND RADIAL DRAINAGE



## High fines contents soils



Flat drain

circular drain



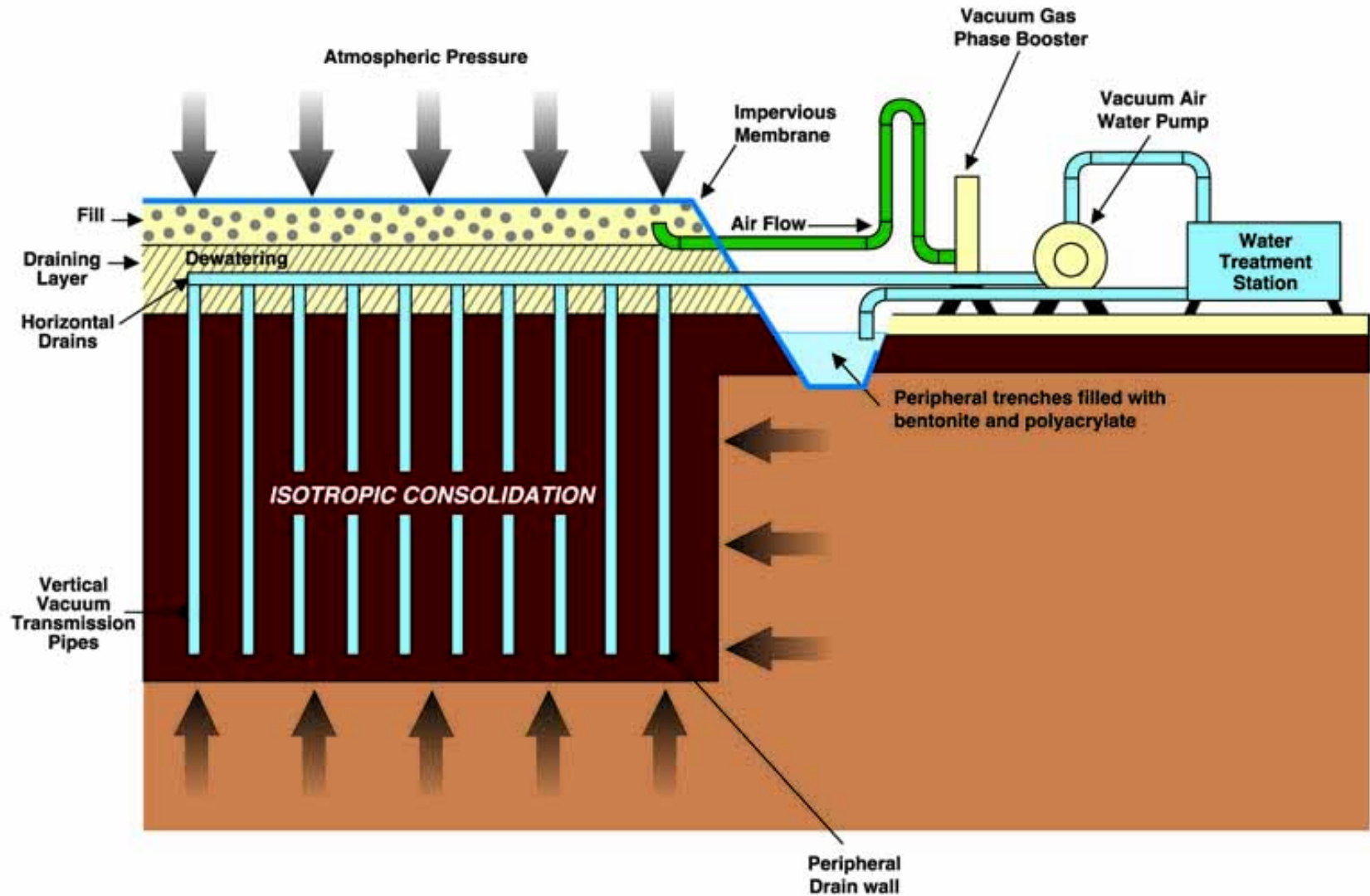
5 cm , PVC

*vertical drain + geotextile*

# Vertical Drains



# Vacuum Consolidation (high fines contents soils)



VACUUM (J.M. COGNON PATENT)

## CONCEPT

- Soil is too soft for surcharge
- Time does not allow for step loading
- Surcharge soil not available
- Available area does not allow for bems

## PARAMETERS

- 1 – Depth
- 2 – Drainage path
- 3 – Condition of impervious soil
- 4 – Water table near surface
- 5 - Absence of pervious continuous layer
- 6 – Cohesion
- 7 - Consolidation parameters  
(oedometer, CPT)  
 $e_0$ ,  $C_C$ ,  $C_V$ ,  $C_R$ ,  $C_\alpha$ ,  $t$ ,  
CPT dissipation test
- 8 – Theoretical depression value
- 9 – Field coefficient vacuum
- 10 – Reach consolidation to effective pressure in every layer
- 11 – Target approach







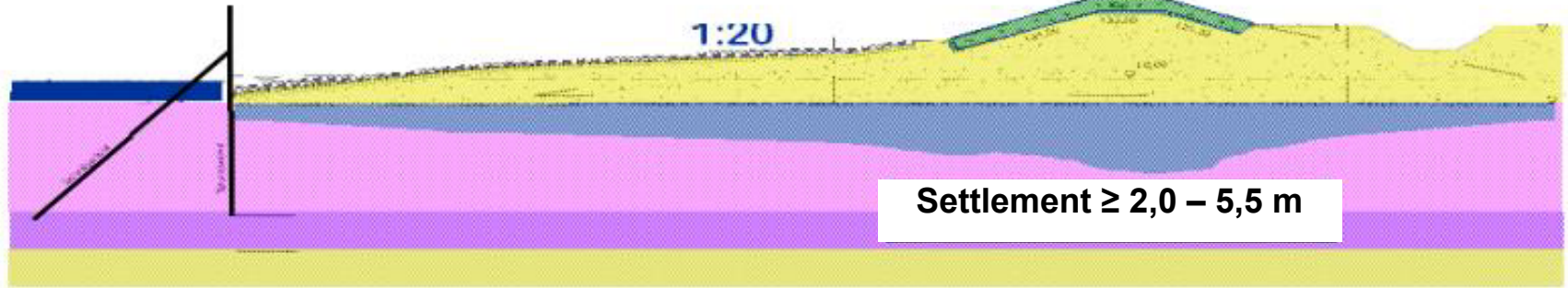
# Case history – EADS Airbus Plant, Hamburg

## General overview of Airbus site

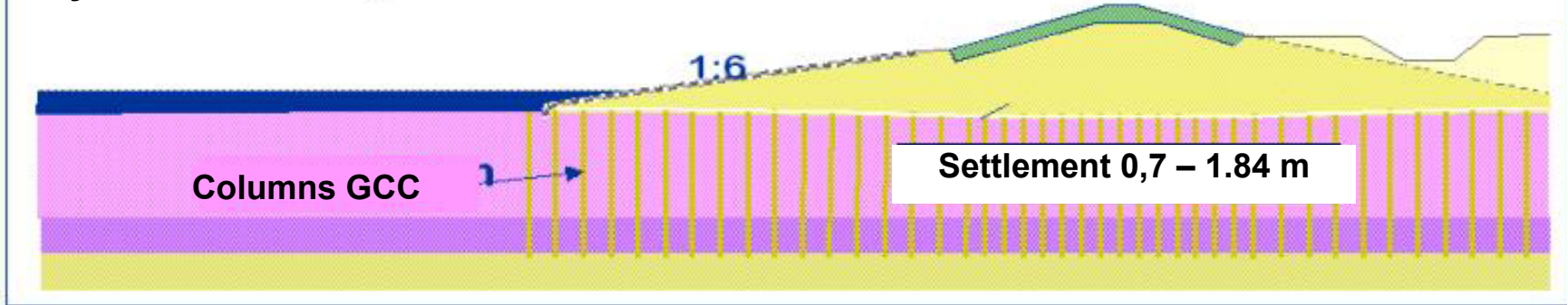


# Basic design and alternate concept of Moebius-Menard

Temporary sheet pile wall – in 5 month – dyke construction in 3 years



Dyke construction to +6.5 in 8.5 month and to + 9.00 in 16 month



# Subsoil characteristics

Soil type	Water content	Density	Shear strength		Deformation Modulus (under $\sigma_z = 100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ )	Coefficient of consolidation	Coefficient of secondary consolidation
	W (%)	$\gamma/\gamma' - \text{kN/m}^3$	$\delta'(^{\circ})/c' \text{ (kN/m}^2)$	$C_u \text{ (kN/m}^2)$	$E_s \text{ (MN/m}^2)$	$C_v \text{ (m}^2/\text{year)}$	$C_{\alpha} \text{ (-)}$
Mud	142	13/3	20/0	0.5-5	0.8	0.35	0.03
Young clay	119	14/4	20/0	2-10	0.9	0.35	0.03
Clay	70	15/5	17.5/10	5-20	1.5	0.5	0.02
Peaty clay	139	14/4	20/5	5-20	0.9	0.4	0.03
Peat	240	11/1	20/0	5-15	0.5	$\geq 0.4$	0.04



# Case history – EADS Airbus Plant, Hamburg



How to move on the mud !

# Case history – EADS Airbus Plant, Hamburg



# Case history – EADS Airbus Plant, Hamburg







# PORT OF BRISBANE – PADDOCK S3B

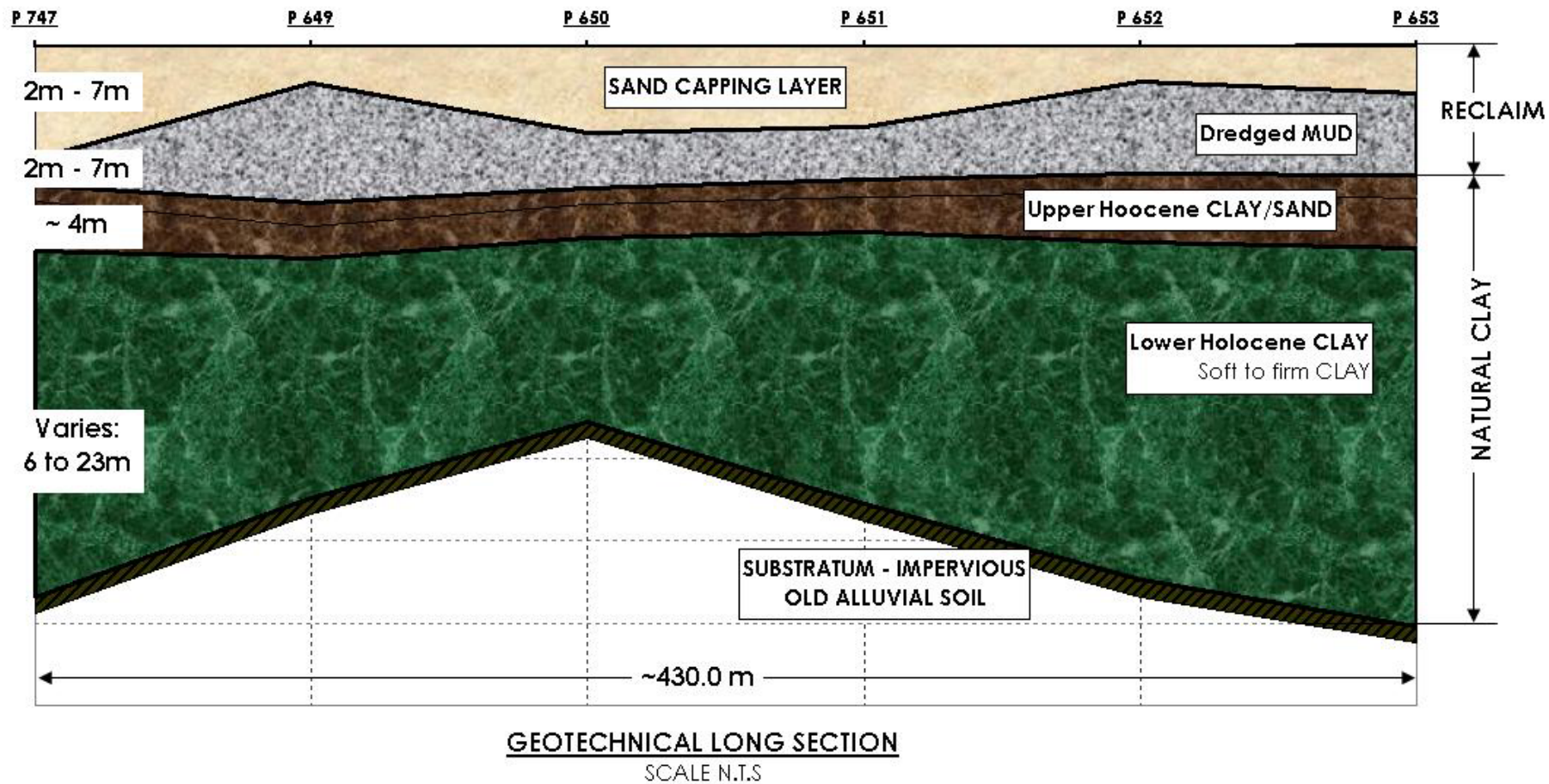
## PROJECT OVERVIEW



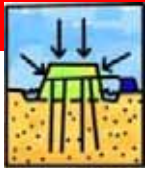
- Located at the mouth of the Brisbane river;
- New reclamation area: 234 ha enclosed in the Port Expansion Seawall;
- Part of the new reclaimed area to be ready in 5 years;
- Seawall construction completed in 2005;



## GEOTECHNICAL LONG SECTION

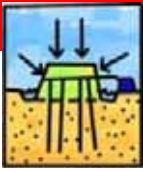






## GEOLOGICAL PARAMETERS

Parameter	Unit	Dredged Material	Upper Holocene Sand	Upper Holocene Clay	Lower Holocene Clay
$C_c/(1+e_0)$	[-]	<b>0,235</b>	<b>0,01</b>	<b>0,18</b>	<b>0,235</b>
$C_\alpha/(1+e_0)$	[-]	<b>0,0059</b>	<b>0,001</b>	<b>0,008</b>	<b>0,0076</b>
$\gamma$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
$C_v$	[m <sup>2</sup> /y]	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.9</b>
$C_h$	[m <sup>2</sup> /y]	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.8</b>
$S_u$	[kPa]	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
$S_u / \sigma'_v$	[-]	<b>0,25</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>

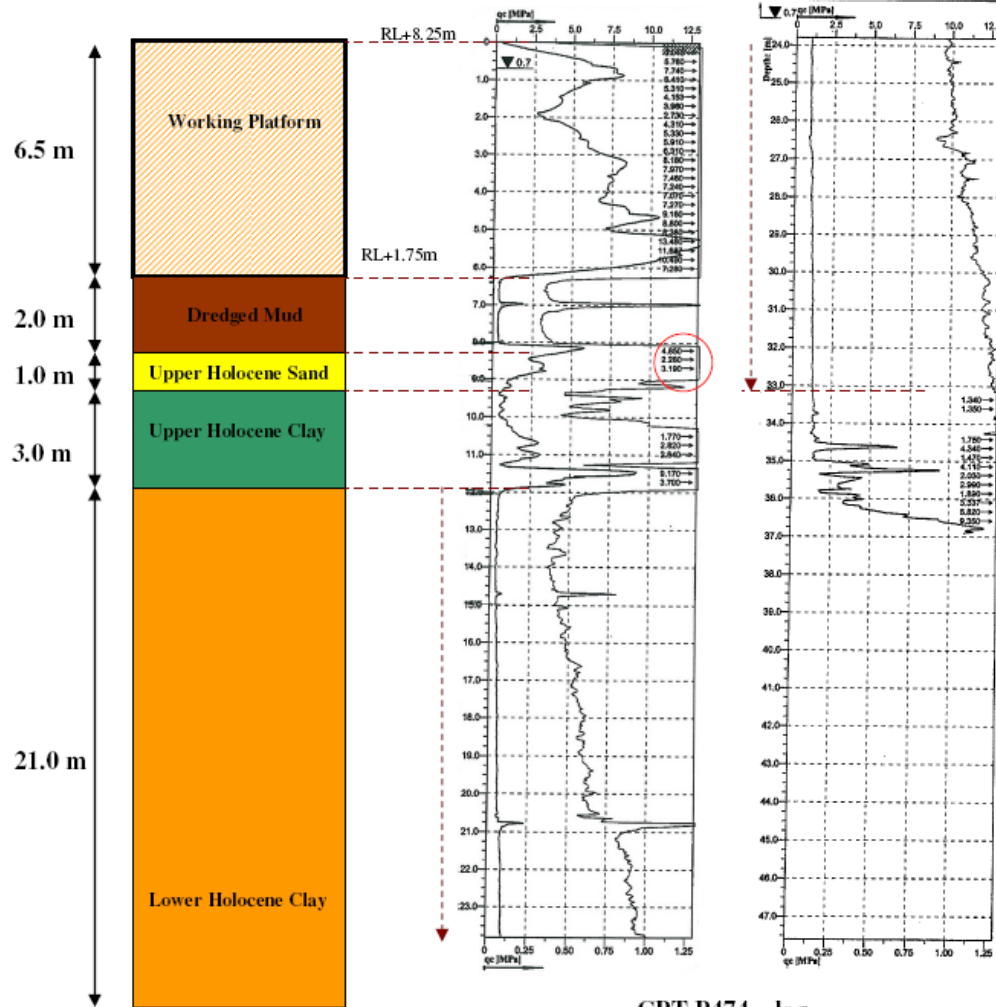


## GEOLOGICAL SOIL PROFILE

### AREA 2a

#### P474 location

- Water level during construction:  
RL+7.1m and RL+8.3m at vacuum start
- Working platform at RL+8.6m  
(thickness=6.8m) as of 22/12/08



Simplified Soil Profile for  
Consolidation Calculation

CPT P474 – log  
As of 06/09/06



# PORT OF BRISBANE – PADDOCK S3B

## DESIGN CRITERIA & ASSUMPTIONS

Service Load:

<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>36kPa</b>
<b>Zone 2:</b>	<b>25kPa</b>
<b>Zone 3:</b>	<b>15kPa</b>
<b>Zone 4:</b>	<b>5kPa</b>

Residual Settlement (20y):

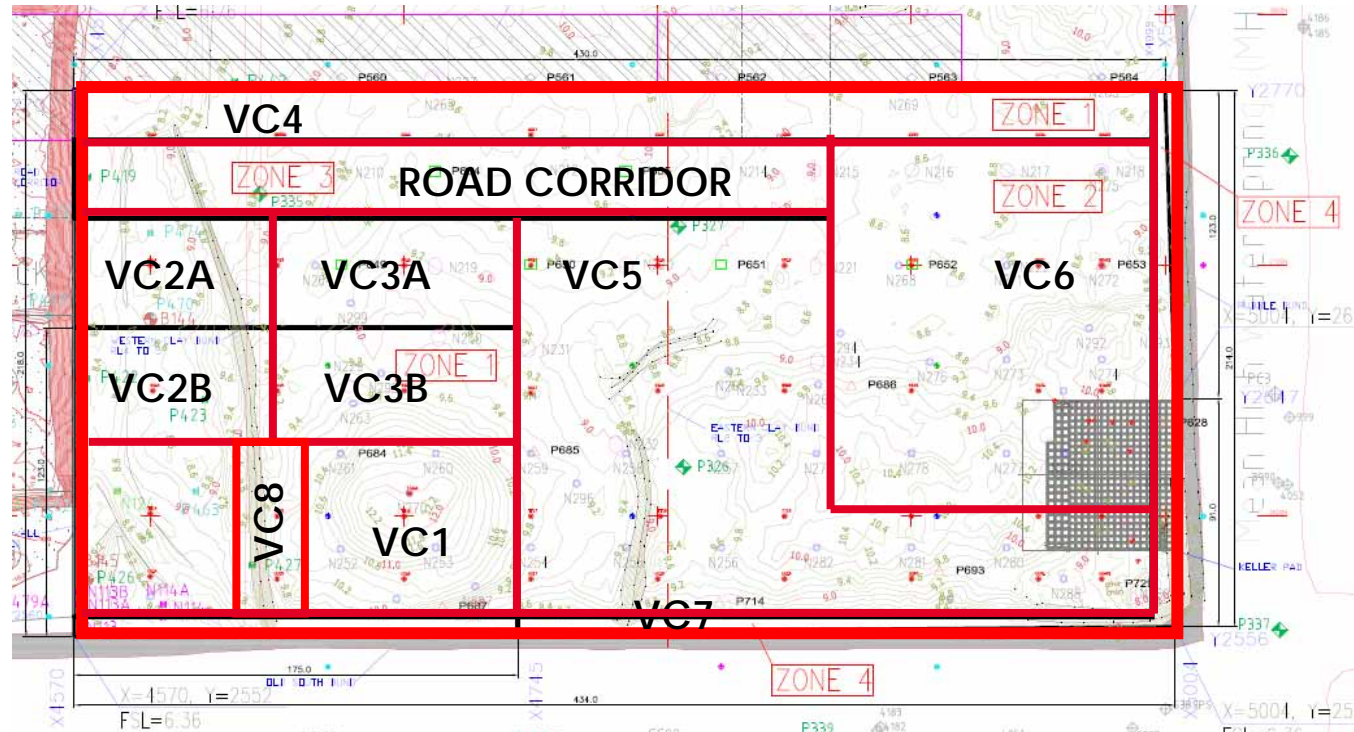
<b>Zone 1 to 3:</b>	<b>150mm</b>
<b>Zone 4:</b>	<b>300mm</b>

Vacuum pumping operation:

**18 months**

Vacuum depressure:

**75.0 kPa**



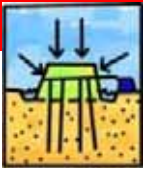


## DESK STUDY – NUMERICAL ANALYSIS USING EXCEL SPREADSHEET SETTLEMENT CALC.XLC

Calculation of *primary and secondary* settlement;

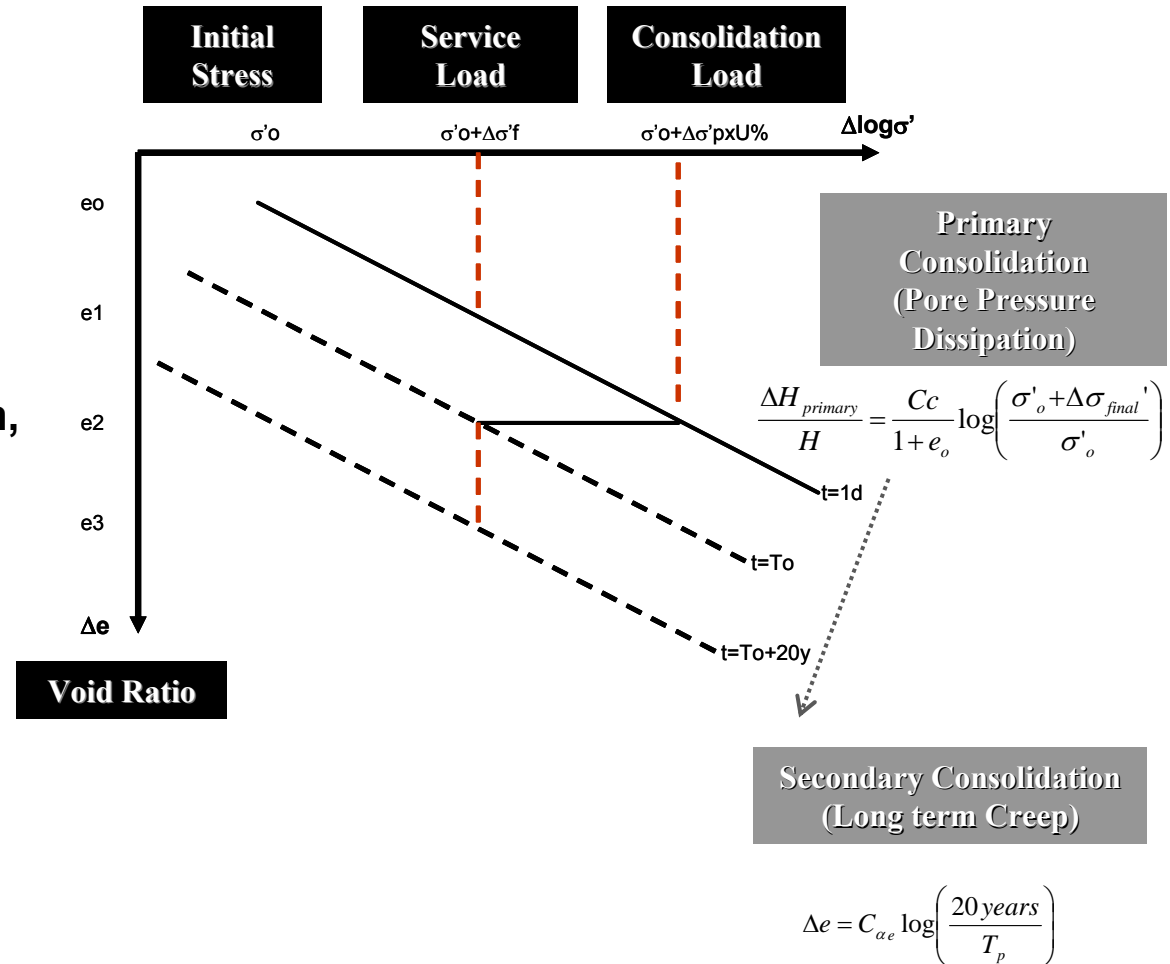
- Secondary settlement to commence after primary settlement;
- Change in vertical stress is constant over the depth of the stratum;
- Buoyancy effect on the fill below the groundwater level due to settlement
- Fill to be removed instantaneous at the end of preloading period;
- Design load immediately applied at end of preloading period;

Number of surcharge steps (up to 10)										1>Create Steps		<div><div>STEP1: Fill is cell J1 and click on "1&gt;Create Steps"</div><div>STEP2: Fill is cell J2 and click on "2&gt;Create Layers"</div><div>STEP3: Fill is cells outlined in yellow and click on "3-Target cells" &amp; "4-Bottomless Cells"</div><div>STEP4: Fill is cells outlined in green and click on "5-Checkbuoyancy"</div></div>
Number of layers (up to 24)										2>Create Layers		
Calculation of secondary settlement over how many years?										3-Target cells		
<div><div>Bottomless cells calculation - 2001-2004</div><div>Bottomless cells calculation - 2005-2008</div></div>										4-Bottomless cells		
How to compute the settlement calculation										5-Checkbuoyancy		
INITIAL SOIL PARAMETERS												
Layer	Unit	Symbol	Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4						
Thickness of the layer	m	H	8.100	1.000	2.000	10.000						
Specific gravity of the soil	-	Gs	2.650	2.650	2.650	2.650						
Secondary compression	-	Cs	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Void ratio	-	e	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Compression index	-	Cc	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Preconsolidation pressure	kPa	p0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Soil type	-	St	1	1	1	1						
Unit weight of soil	kN/m³	γ	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	-18.00	-18.00	-18.00	-18.00	-18.00	
Horizontal permeability	m/s	kh	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000						
Vertical permeability	m/s	kv	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000						
Drainage length	m	L	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Initial saturation	-	S0	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000						
Compression index with depth	-	Cc	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Is the layer considered as anisotropic? (yes=1, no=0)	-	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fill parameters												
Unit	Symbol	Value										
Long term GW RL (m)	zgw	0.000										
Final Platform RL (m)	zfill	0.000										
Area load (kPa)	q	0.000										
Vacuum pressure (kPa)	uv	0.000										
Name of stage												
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## ANALYSIS METHOD

- **Secondary Settlement**  
Program uses a method based on Bjerrum's concept to calculate instantaneous and delayed consolidation (Bjerrum, 1967).



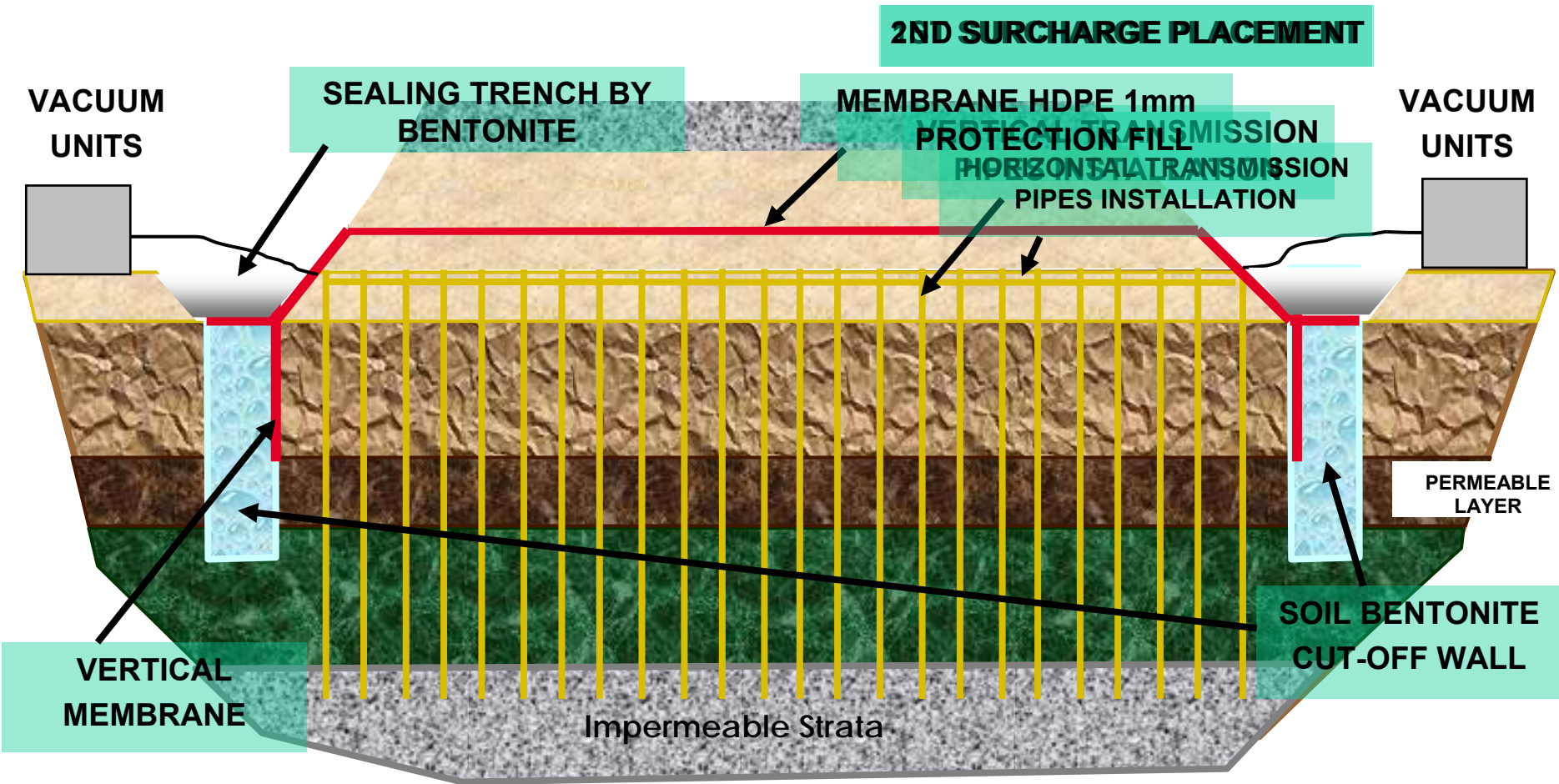




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## CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE





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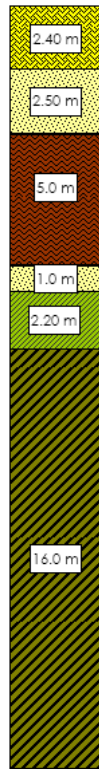




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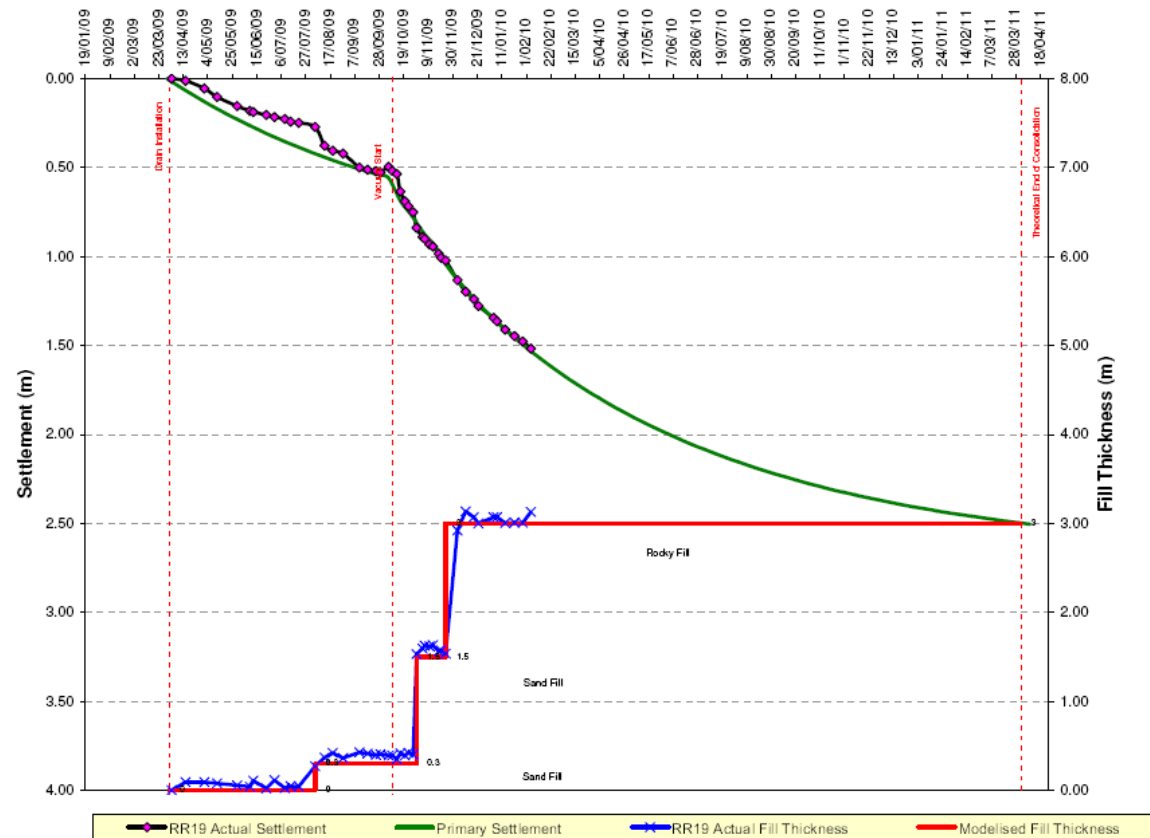
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**SIMPLIFIED SOIL PROFILE**

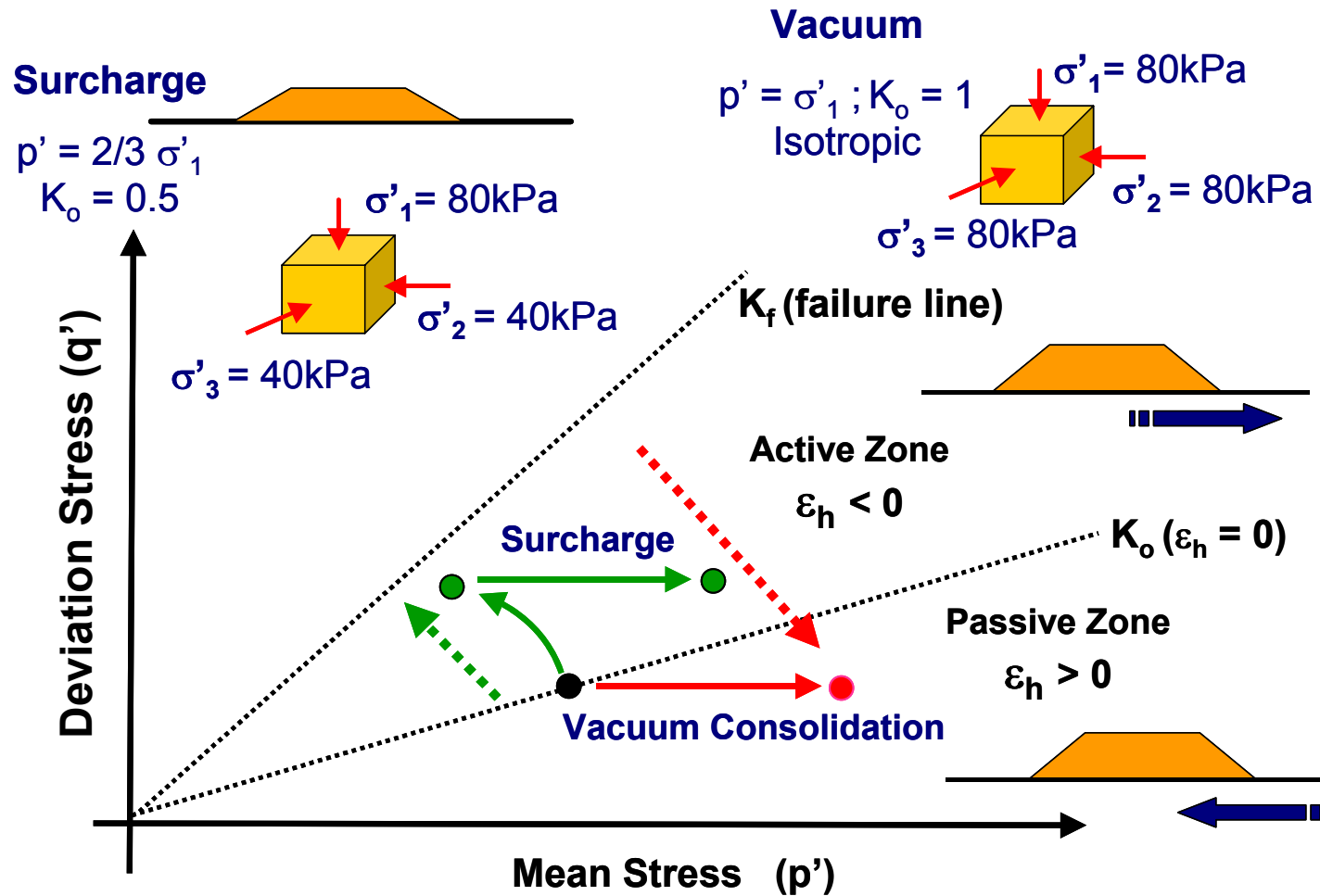


WATER LEVEL: R.L. +7.10  
 DURING PUMPING: R.L. +8.80  
 WORKING PLATFORM: R.L. +9.00  
 SOIL PROFILE: CPT: P651

**SETTLEMENT / FILL THICKNESS**



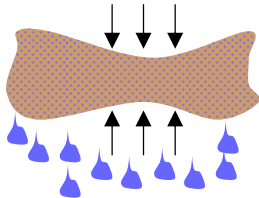
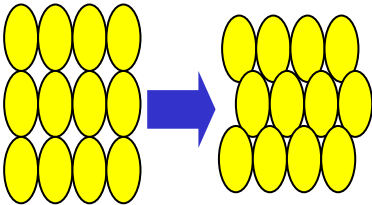
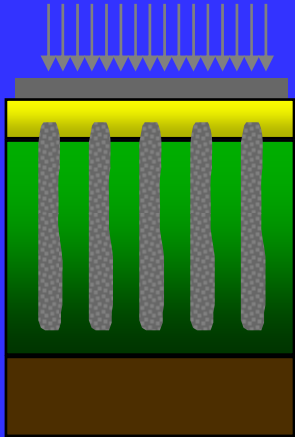
# Stress path for Vacuum Process



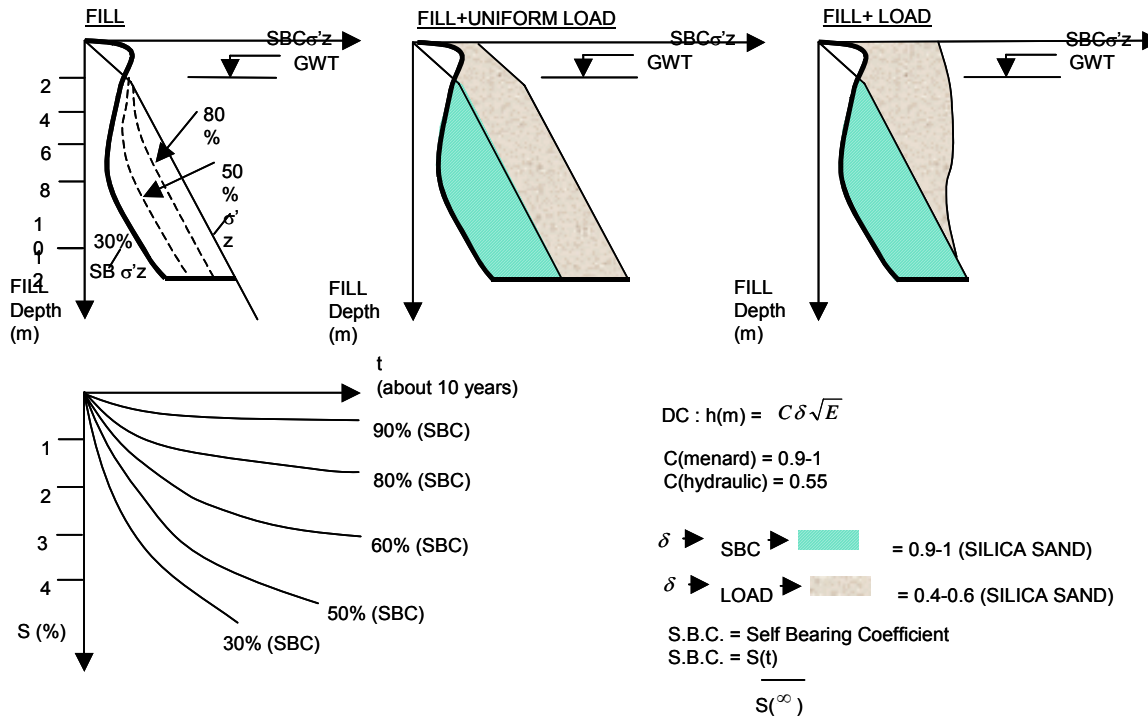
## Case history : Kimhae (Korea) - 1998



# Soil Improvement Techniques

	Without added materials	With added materials
<b>Cohesive soil</b> Peat , clay ...	1 Drainage 2 Vacuum 	4 Dynamic replacement  5 Stone columns 6 CMC 7 Jet Grouting 8 Cement Mixing
<b>Soil with friction</b> Sand , fill	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         3 Dynamic consolidation                          4 Vibroflotation                     </div> 	

## CONCEPT



## PARAMETERS

- Age if fill saturated or not
- $P_L$
- Selfbearing level
- $\phi$
- $E_P$  or  $E_M$
- $Q_C, F_R,$
- $N$
- R.D. (???)
- Shear wave velocity
- Seismic parameters
- Grain size

## Nice Airport runway consolidation

Granular soil



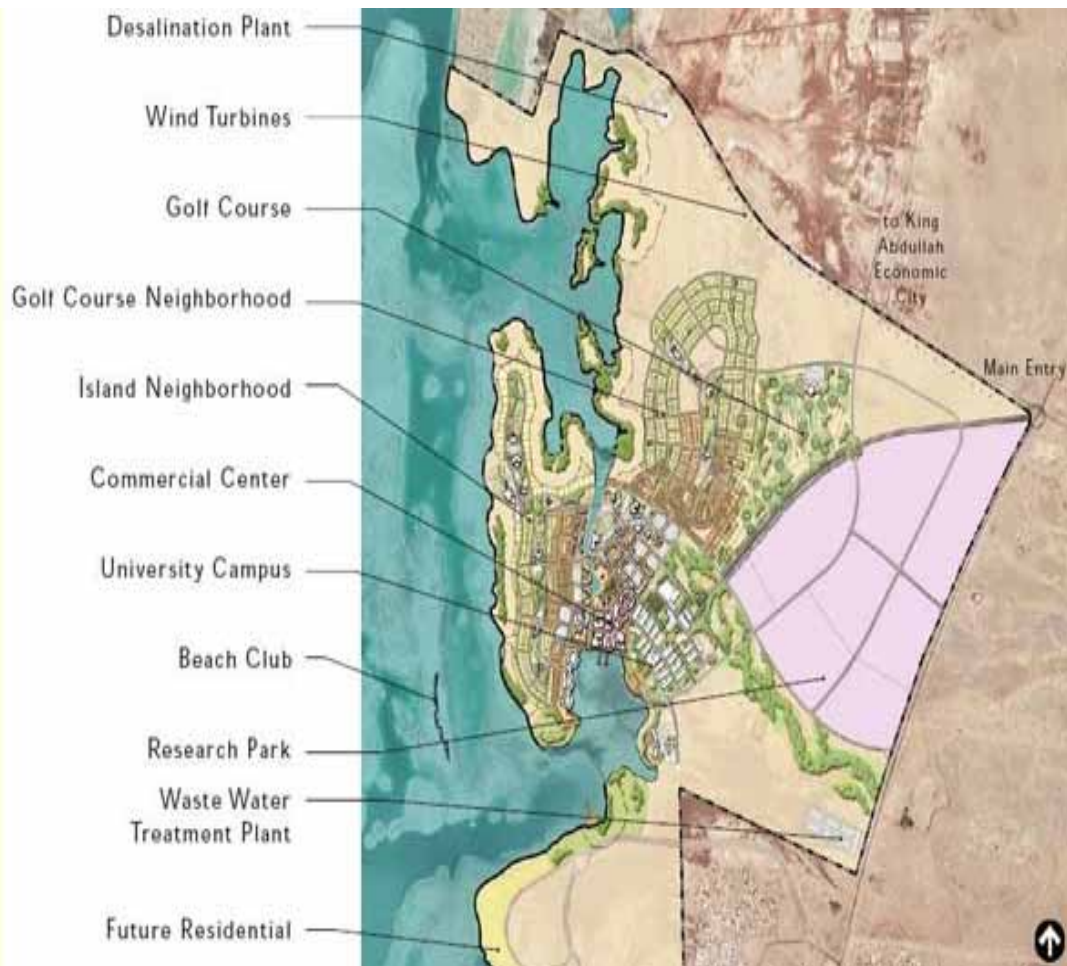
**Very high energy (170 t, 23 m)**

**Concept and application of ground improvement  
for a 2,600,000 m<sup>2</sup>**

**FUTURE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**



# Typical Master Plan





# Discovering the Habitants



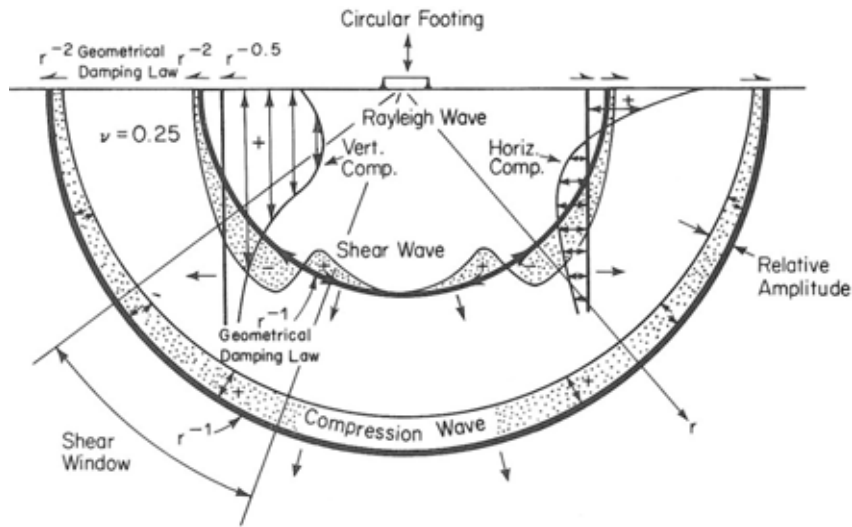


## Areas to be treated

- Al Khodari 1,800,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Saudi Bin Ladin 720,000 m<sup>2</sup>

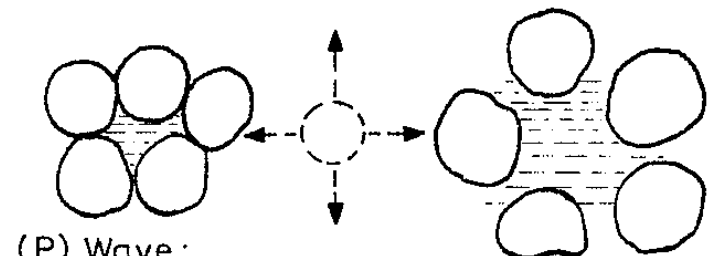
## Schedule

- 8 months



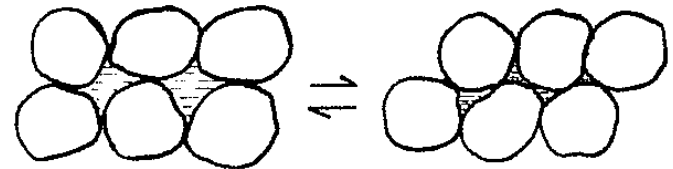
Wave Type	Percent of Total Energy
Rayleigh	67
Shear	26
Compression	7

After R.D. Woods (1968)



(P) Wave :

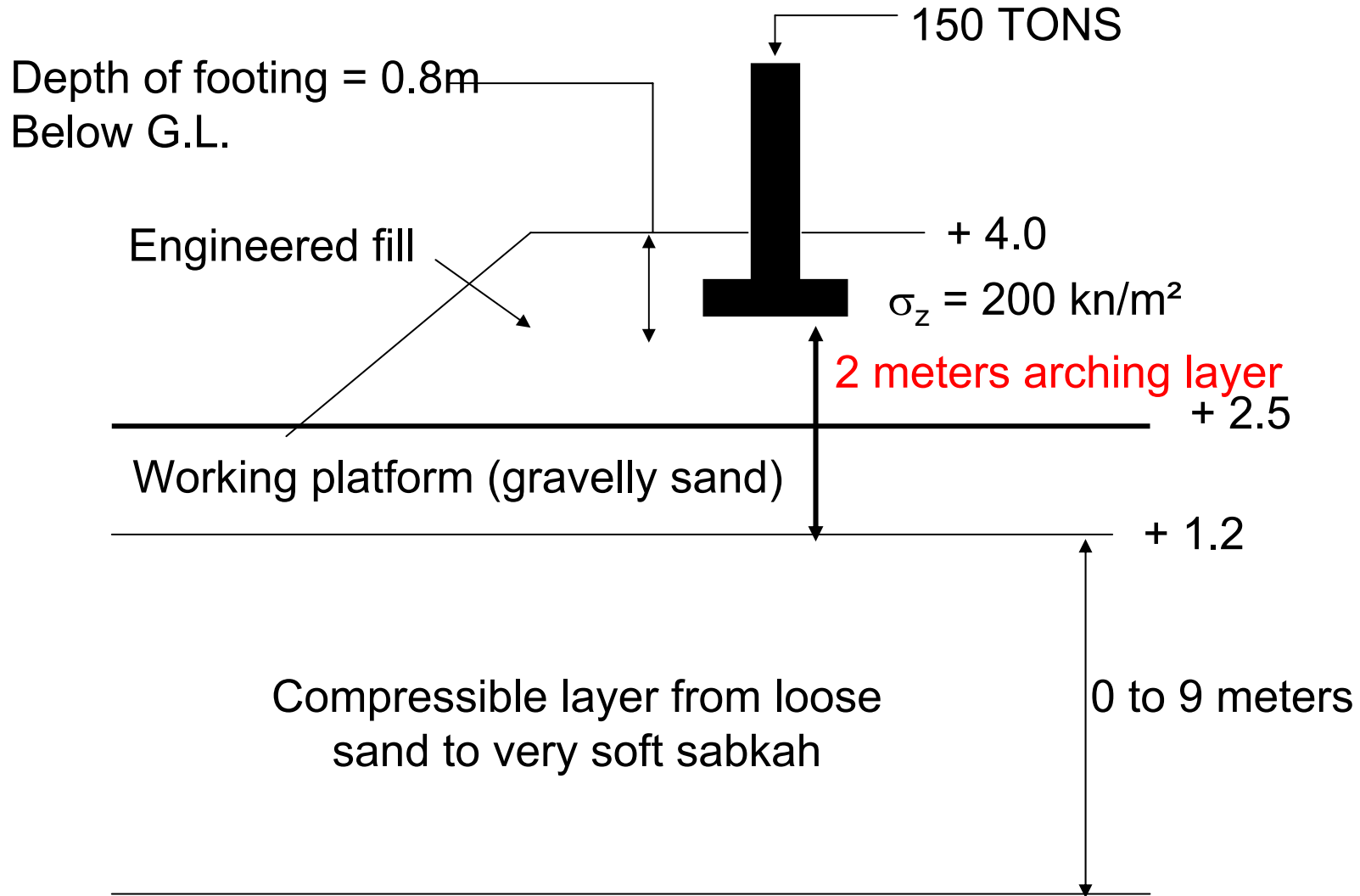
- Increases pore water pressure
- Dislocates soil matrix



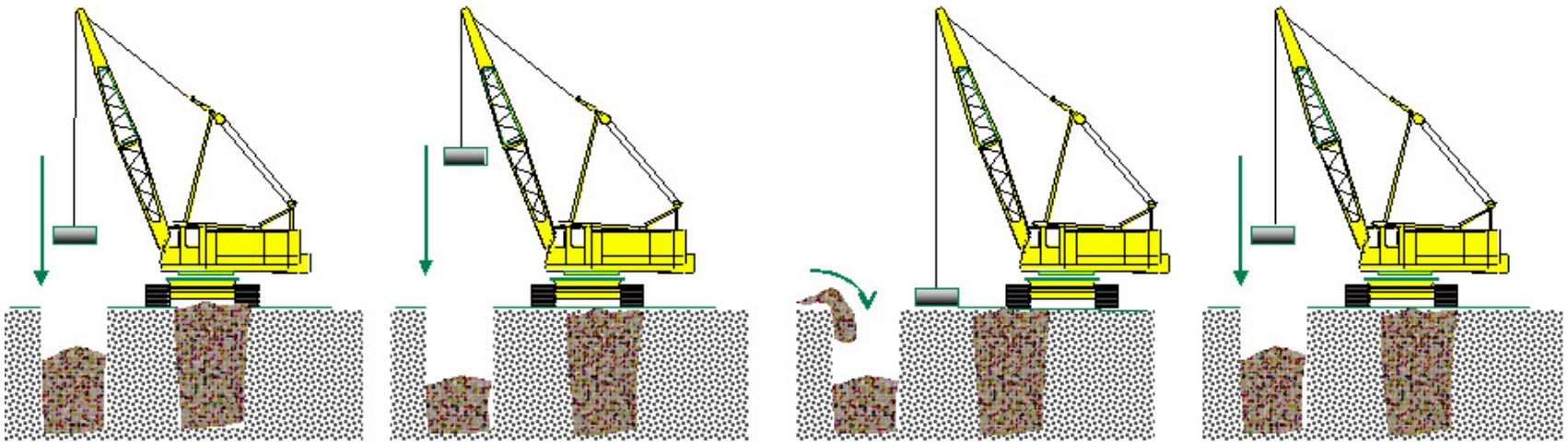
(S) And rayleigh waves:

- Shear soil grains
- Rearrange structure towards denser state

- **Isolated footings up to 150 tons**
- **Bearing capacity 200 kPa**
- **Maximum footing settlement 25 mm**
- **Maximum differential settlement 1/500**
- **Footing location unknown during soil improvement phase**

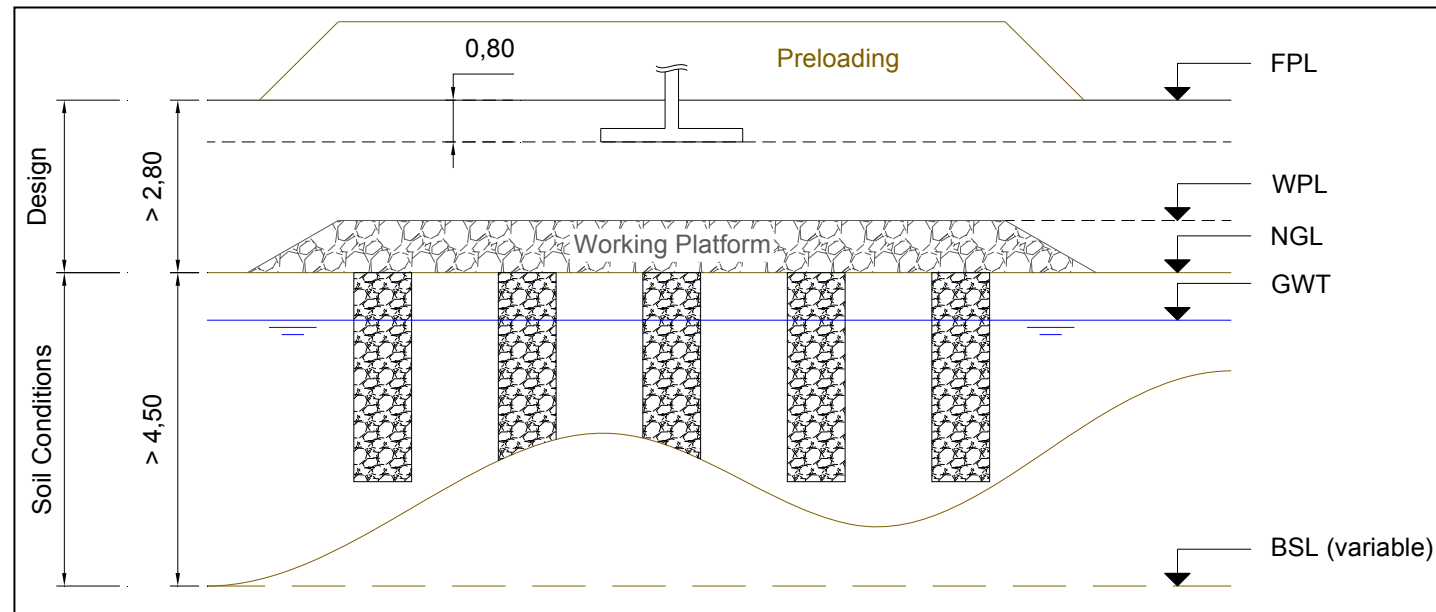


# Selection of technique



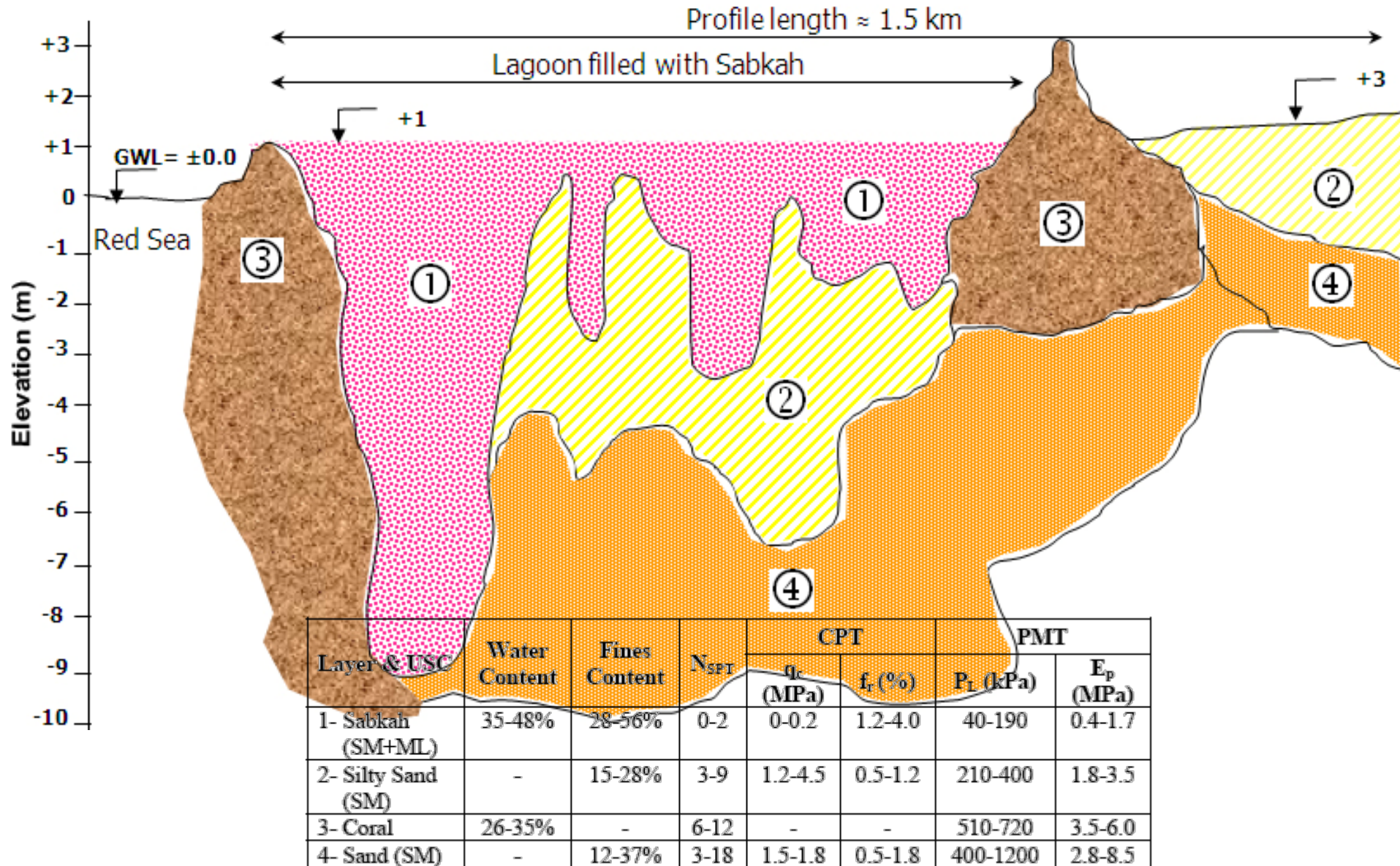
**DR (Dynamic Replacement)**

**HDR (High Energy Dynamic Replacement) + Surcharge**

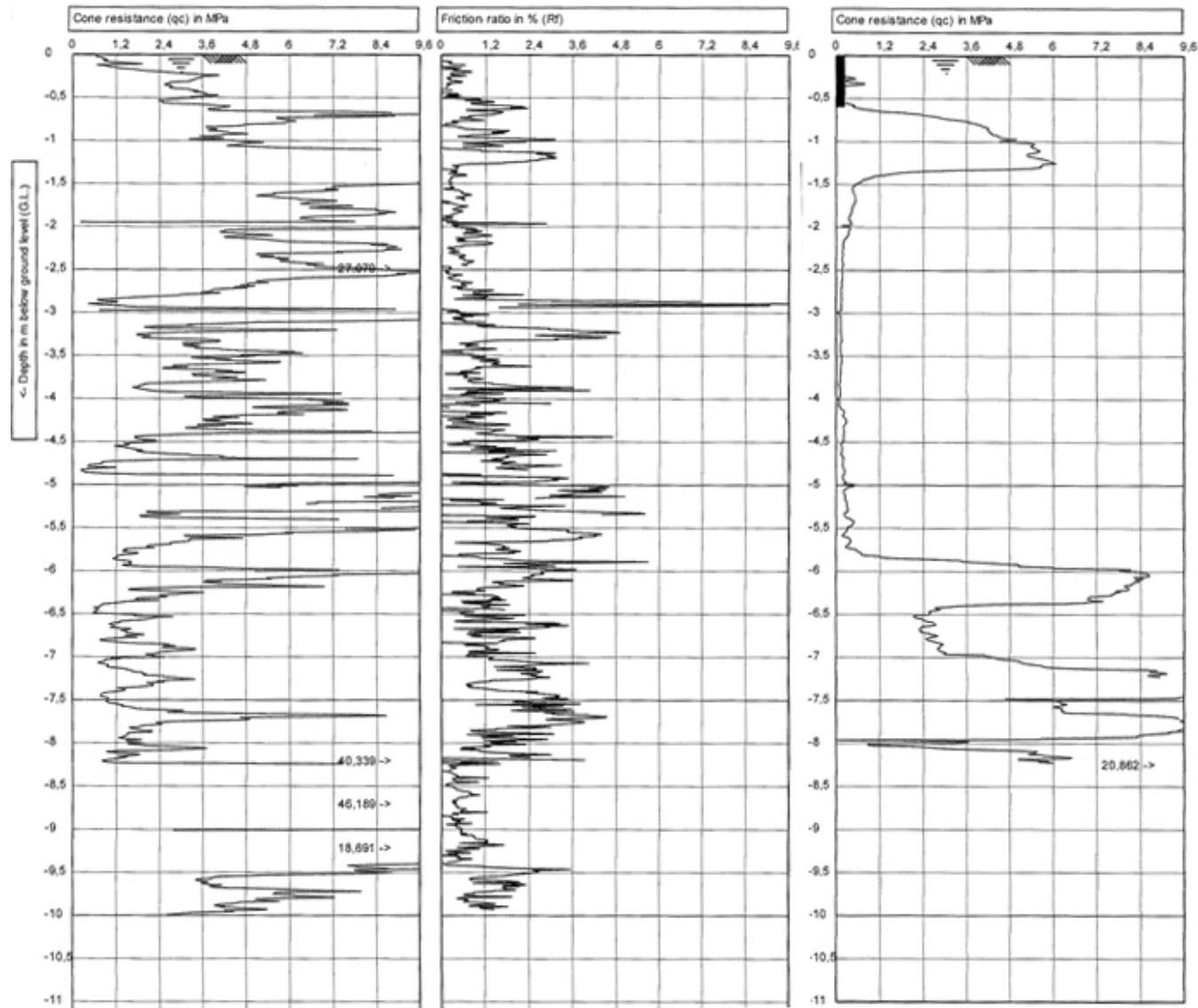




# Typical Site Cross Section of Upper Deposit



# Variation in soil profile over 30 meters





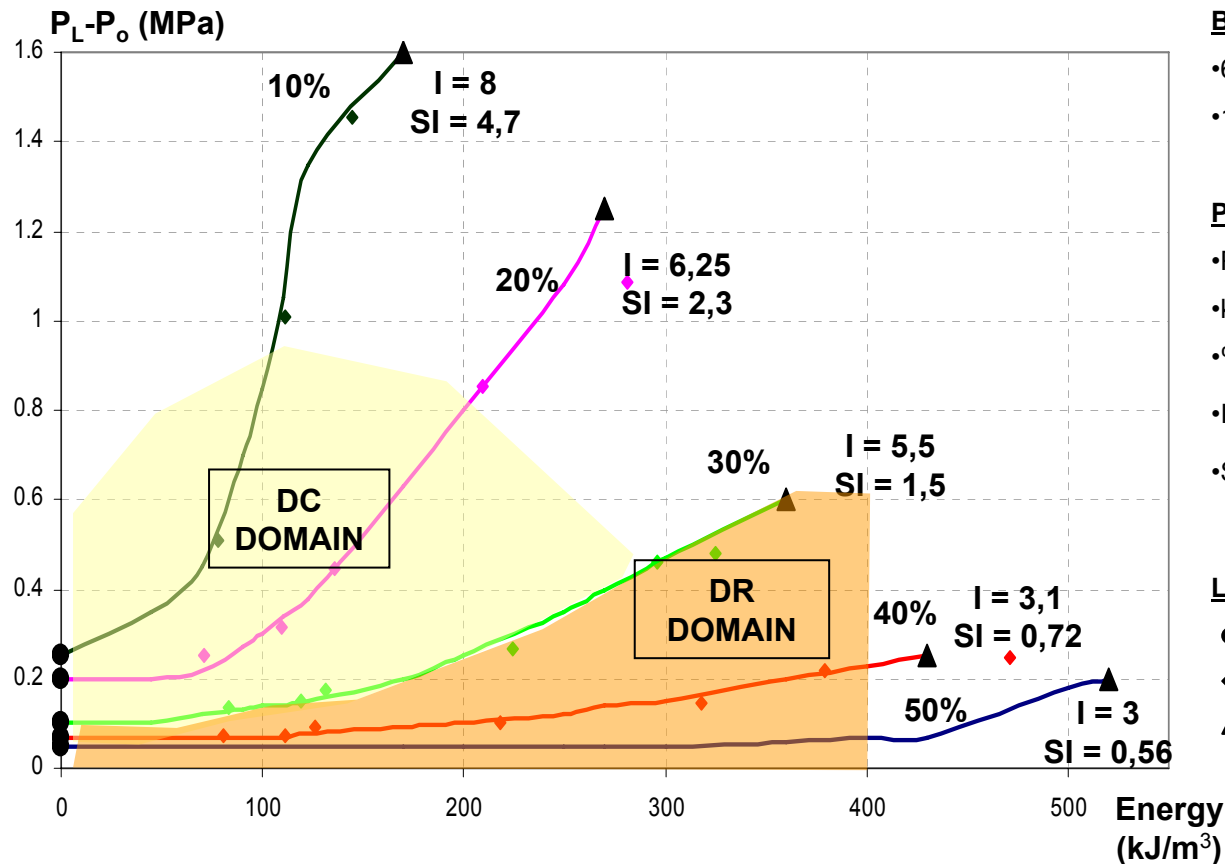
# Typical surface conditions





## ANALYSIS OF ( $P_L - P_o$ ) IMPROVEMENT AS FUNCTION OF ENERGY AND FINES

K.A.U.S.T. – Saudi Arabia



### BASIS

- 60 grainsize tests
- 180 PMT tests

### PARAMETERS

- $P_L - P_o$  = pressuremeter limit pressure
- $\text{kJ/m}^3$  = Energy per  $\text{m}^3$  (E)
- % = % passing n°200 sieve
- I = improvement factor  $\frac{P_{LF}}{P_{Li}}$
- S.I : energy specific improvement factor  $\frac{I \times 100}{E}$

### LEGEND

- Average pre-treatment values
- ◆ Average values between phases
- ▲ Average post-treatment values



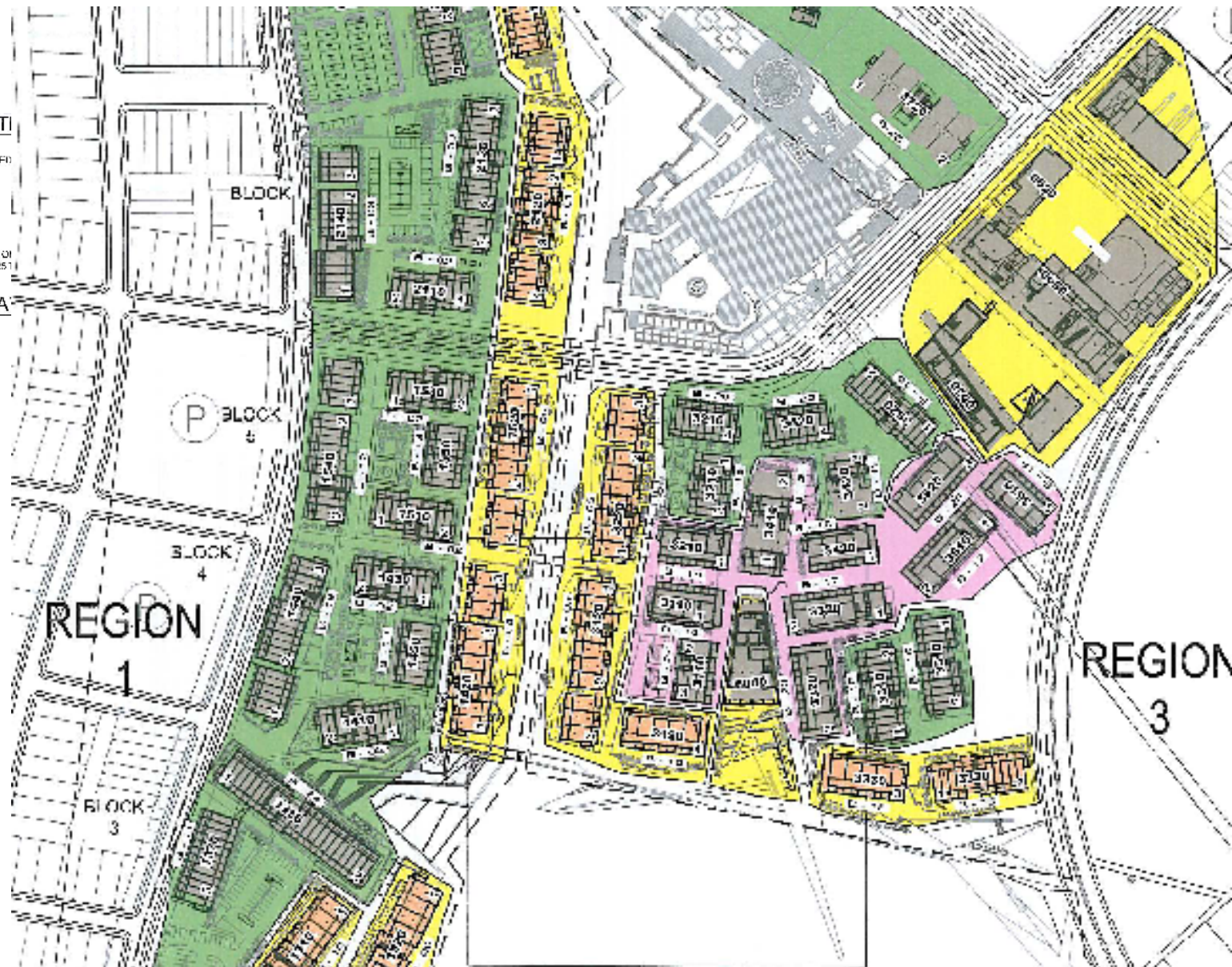
# Provisional master plan

## LEGEND - FOUNDATION SYSTEM

- STRIP FOOTING - NO PRELOADING REQUIRED
- BUILDING ON PILES
- RETAIL BUILDING ON RAFT FOUNDATION
- STRIP FOOTING - PRELOADING REQUIRED ON COLUMN LOAD  $> 169$  T AND STRIP LOAD  $> 251$

## LEGEND - BUILDING @ ELEVATION

- + 2.700 S.S.L.
- + 4.300 S.S.L.



It can be assumed that those impacts du generate a pore pressure at least equal to the pore pressure generated by the embankment load.

This new consolidation process with the final at a time  $t'_f$ , where

$$T_v = 0,848 = \frac{C'_v (t'_f - t_1)}{H^2} + \frac{C_v T_1}{H^2}$$

With

$$C'_v = C_v \left[ 1 + \frac{du}{\Delta\sigma(1 - U_1)} \right]$$

The following equation allows to compare the respective times of consolidation being :

$t'_f$  with impact

$t_f$  without impact

$$t'_f = \frac{du}{du + \Delta\sigma(1 - U_1)} t_1 + \frac{\Delta\sigma(1 - U_1)}{du + \Delta\sigma(1 - U_1)} t_f$$

For the considered case,

$$du = U\Delta\sigma$$

$$\text{and thus } t'_f = U_1 t_1 + (1 - U_1) t_f$$

The Table allows to compare the gain in consolidation time, at different degrees of consolidation.

$U_1$	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
$t_1/t_f$	0.009	0.037	0.083	0.148	0.231	0.337	0.474	0.669	1.00
$t'_f/t_f$	0.901	0.807	0.725	0.659	0.615	0.602	0.632	0.735	1.00

Supposing primary consolidation completed

$$U = 0.9 \quad \text{or} \quad T = 0.848 \quad \text{if} \quad du = U_1 \Delta\sigma, \\ \text{then } t'_f = U_1 t_1 + (1 - U_1) t_f$$

The optimal effectiveness occurs around  $U_1 = 60\%$ .

One can thus conclude that, theoretically the consolidation time is reduced by 20% to 50%, what is for practical purpose insufficient.

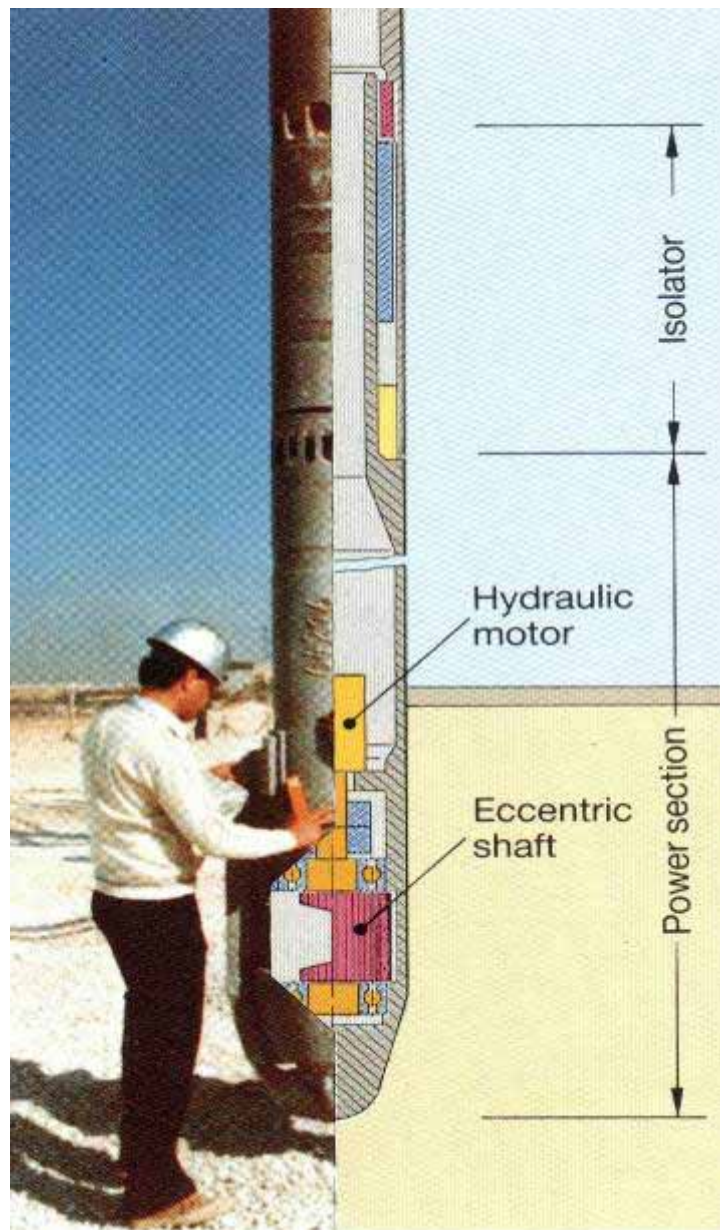








# VIBROFLOTS





# PORT BOTANY EXPANSION PROJECT

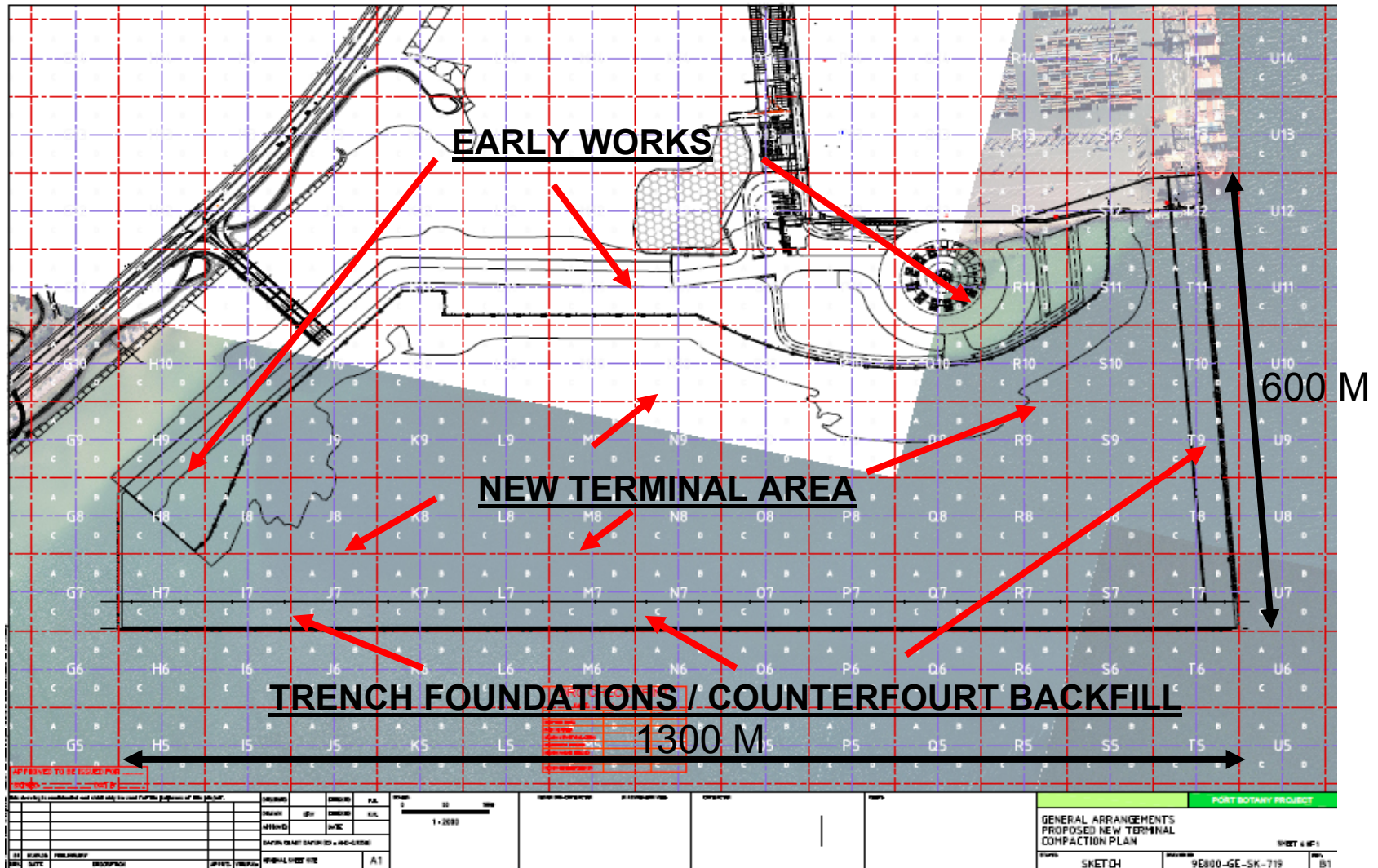
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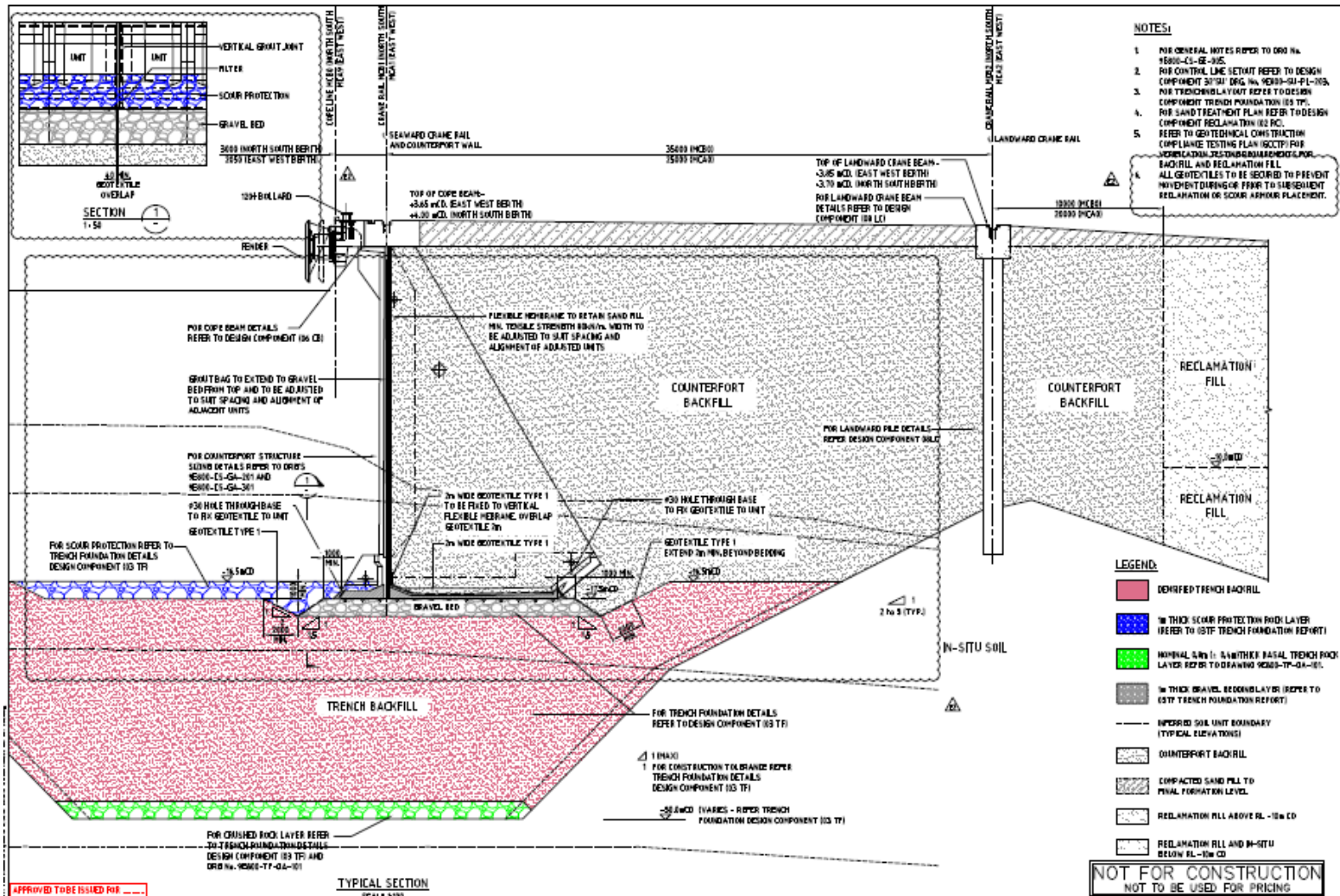


# PORT BOTANY EXPANSION PROJECT

## GROUND COMPACTION WORKS



## GENERAL ARRANGEMENT COUNTERFORTS INCLUDING RECLAMATION



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# PORT BOTANY EXPANSION PROJECT

## RESUME / QUANTITIES

PHASE	AREA (M2)	VOLUME (M3)	TECHNIQUE
EARLY WORKS	90,000	650,000	DYNAMIC COMPACTION / VIBRO COMPACTION
TRENCH FOUNDATIONS	64,000	800,000	OFFSHORE VIBROCOMPACTION
COUNTERFOURT BACKFILL	92,000	1,330,000	ONSHORE TANDEM VIBRO COMPACTION
NEW TERMINAL AREA	404,000	5,250,000	DYNAMIC COMPACTION
TOTAL	650,000	8,000,000	DC / VC



# PORT BOTANY EXPANSION PROJECT

## Dynamic Compaction & Vibro Compaction



**POUNDER WEIGHT 25 TON / 23 METERS DROP HEIGHT**

**5 m X 5 m GRID / 3 PHASES – 10 BLOWS**

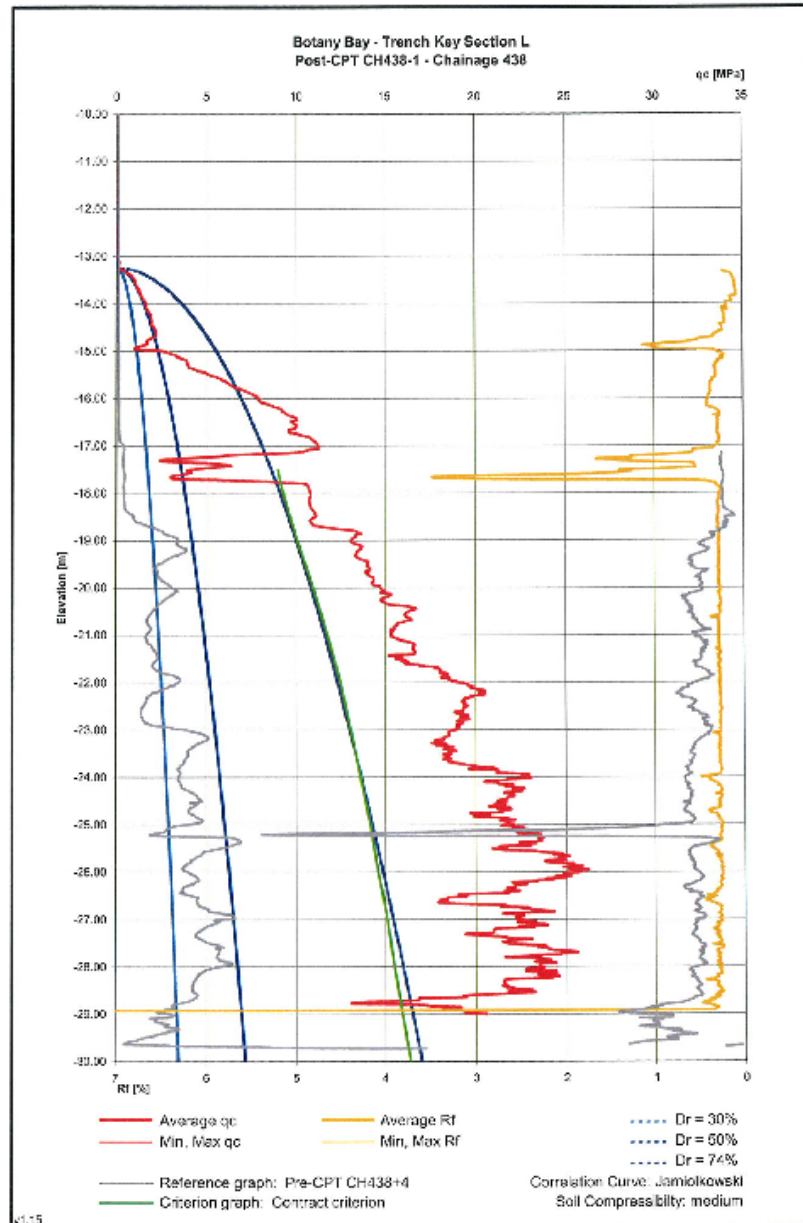


# PORT BOTANY EXPANSION PROJECT

## VIEW OF LOAD OUT WHARF – DC / VC WORKING



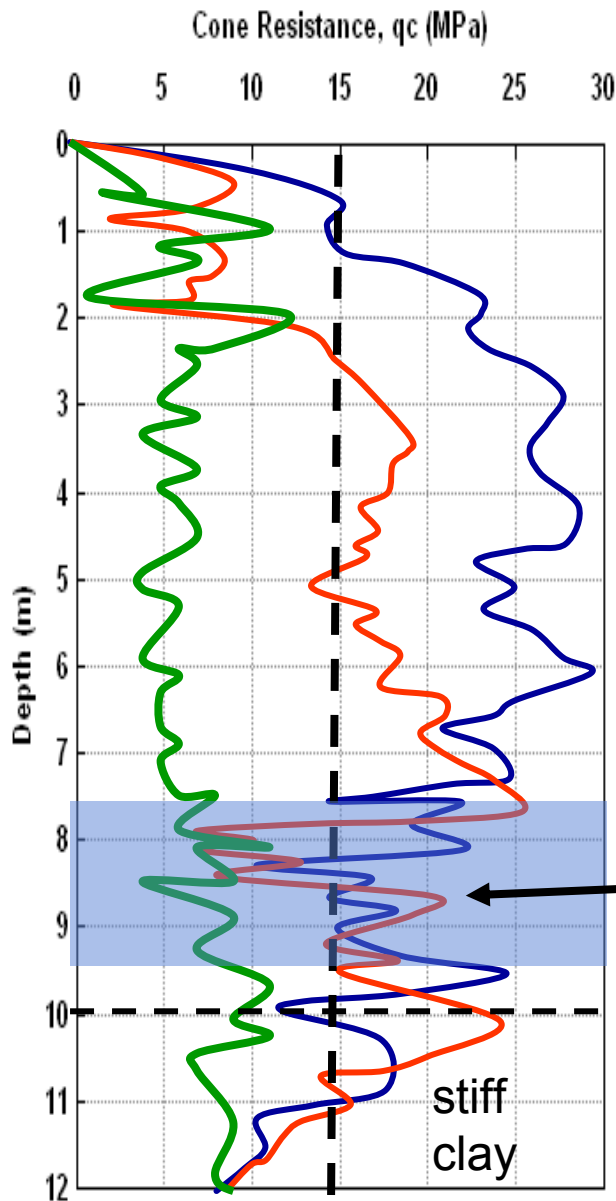
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# Pasir Panjang Container Terminal , Singapore



## RESULTS

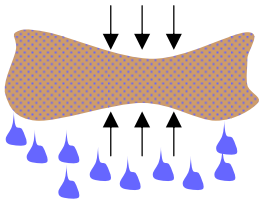
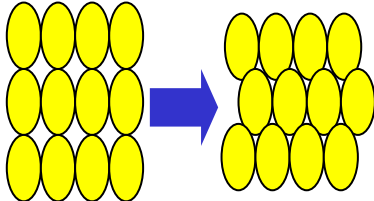
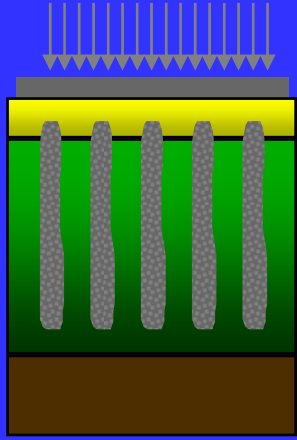


1. Except for the upper 50 cm, the combination of VC and DC satisfied the  $q_c$  of 15 MPa (upper 0.5 m requires surface roller compaction).
2. Enforced settlement:  
After VC – 47 cm  
After DC – 27 cm  
Total – 74 cm ( $\sim 10\%$  of treatment depth)

Compaction was less effective in this layer!



# Soil Improvement Techniques

	Without added materials	With added materials
<b>Cohesive soil</b> Peat , clay ...	1 Drainage 2 Vacuum 	4 Dynamic replacement 5 Stone columns 6 CMC 7 Jet Grouting 8 Cement Mixing
<b>Granular soil</b> Sand , fill	3 Dynamic consolidation 4 Vibroflotation 	



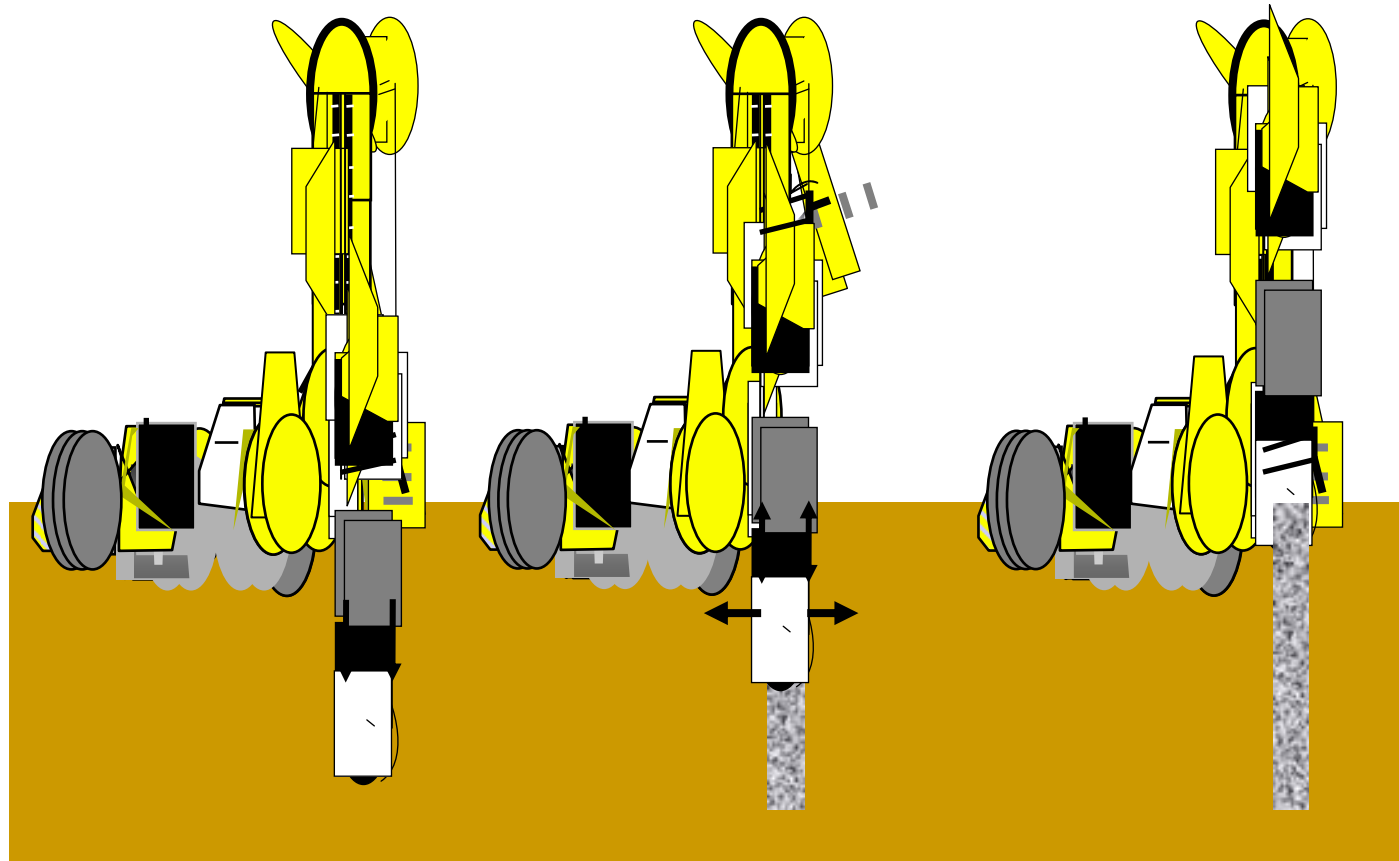
## CONCEPT

- Very soft to stiff soils
- Unsaturated soft clays
- Thickness of less than 6 meters
- Arching layer available

## PARAMETERS

- $C$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $E_y$  of soil, column and arching layers, grid
- or  $P_L$ ,  $E_p$ ,  $\mu$  of soil, column and arching layers, grid

# Stone Columns - Bottom Feed



Vibrator penetration

Material feeding

Vibration of  
material during  
extraction

Principle of the technology - bottom feed with air tank

# Stone Columns – Bottom Feed

**Stone Columns  
bottom feed to 22 m  
depth**



## CONCEPT

- Soft to stiff clays
- Thickness up to 25 meters
- Arching layer available

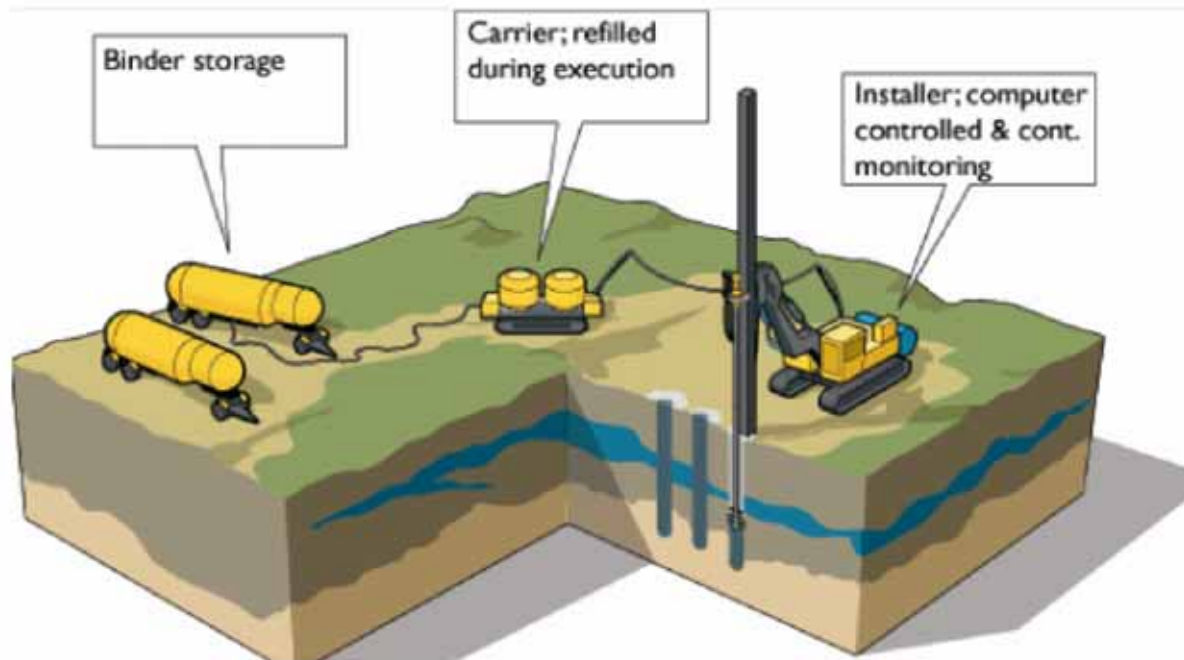
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## CONCEPT

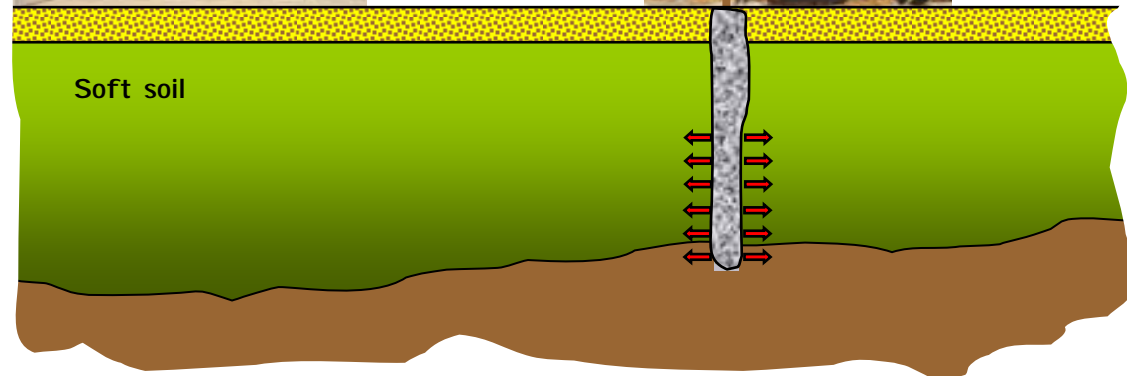
The MDM process (1)

### Site logistics

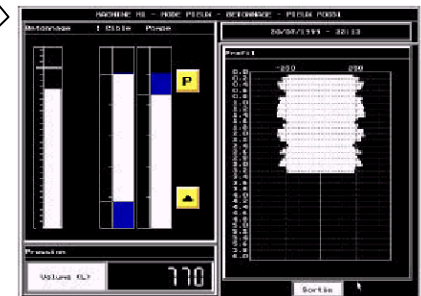




Fleet of specialized equipment  
Displacement auger → quasi no spoil  
High torque and pull down  
Fully integrated grout flow control



- **Load testing on isolated CMC**
  - Checking of individual capacity,
  - Checking of adequate soil parameters taken into account.
- **Compression tests on material**
  - Checking of good grout resistance
- **Data recording system during execution**
  - Recording of drilling parameters → Checking of anchorage,
  - Recording of grouting parameters → No necking



## SOIL

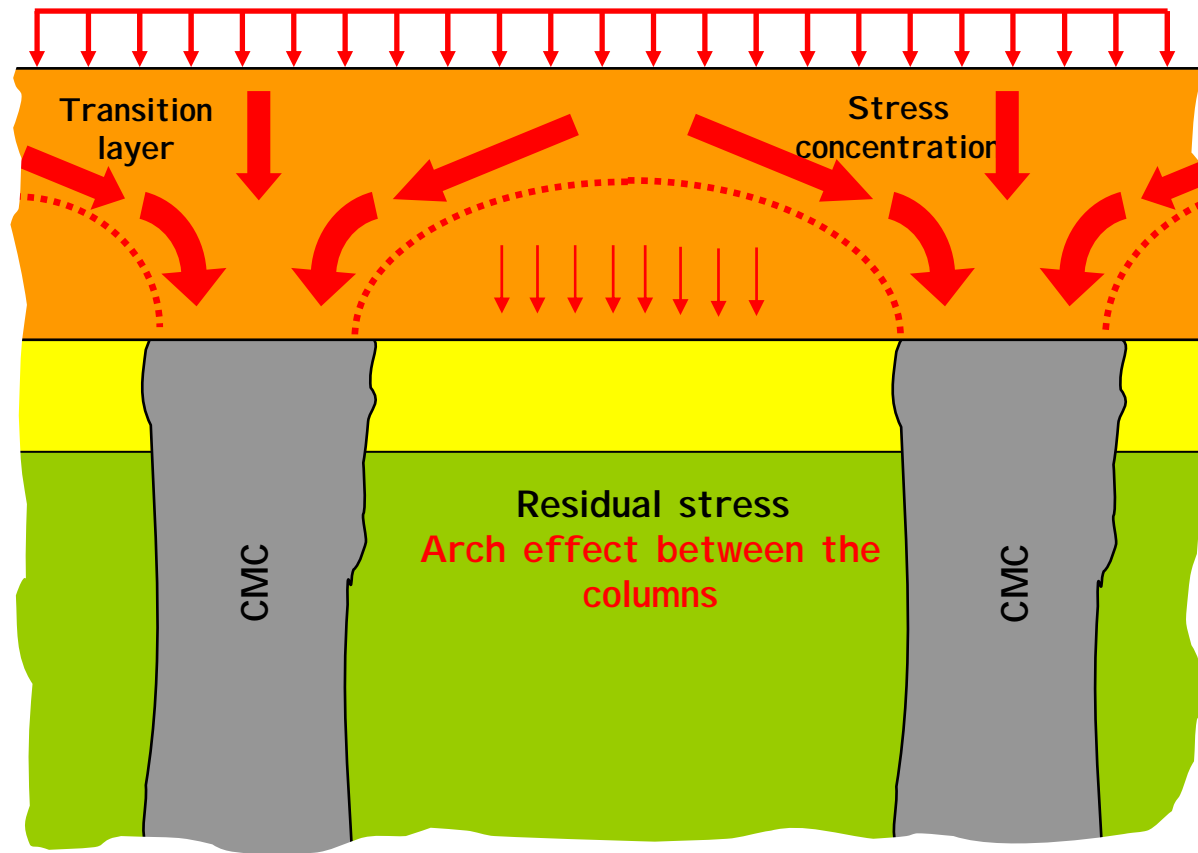
$-C', \phi', E_y, \mu, \gamma, \phi$

$-K_v, K_h$  if consolidation is considered

## INCLUSION

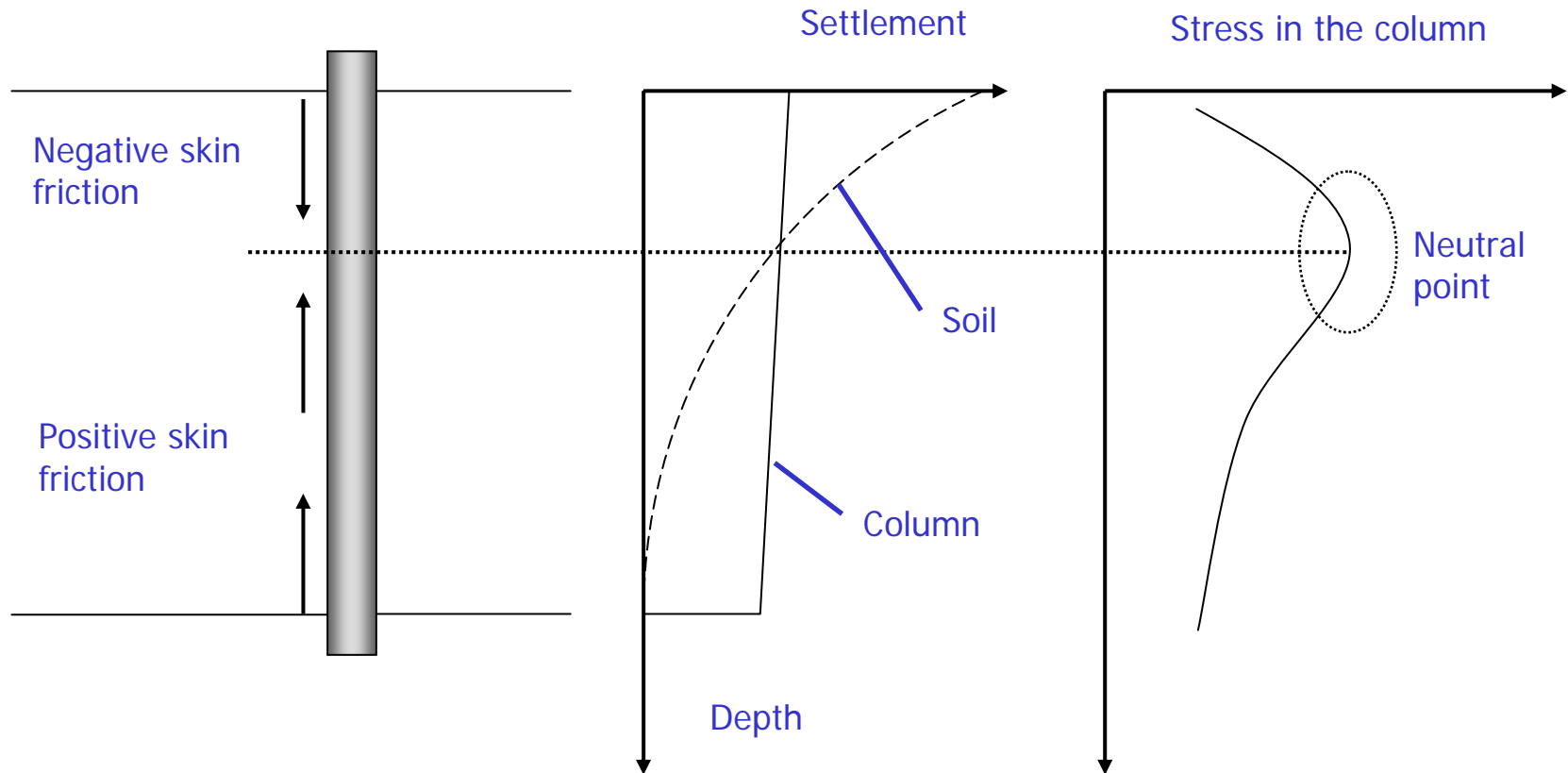
$-E_y, \mu, \gamma, D$  (non porous medium)

- Create a composite material Soil + Rigid Inclusion (CMC) with:
  - Increased bearing capacity
  - Increased elastic modulus
- Transfer the load from structure to CMC network with a transition layer

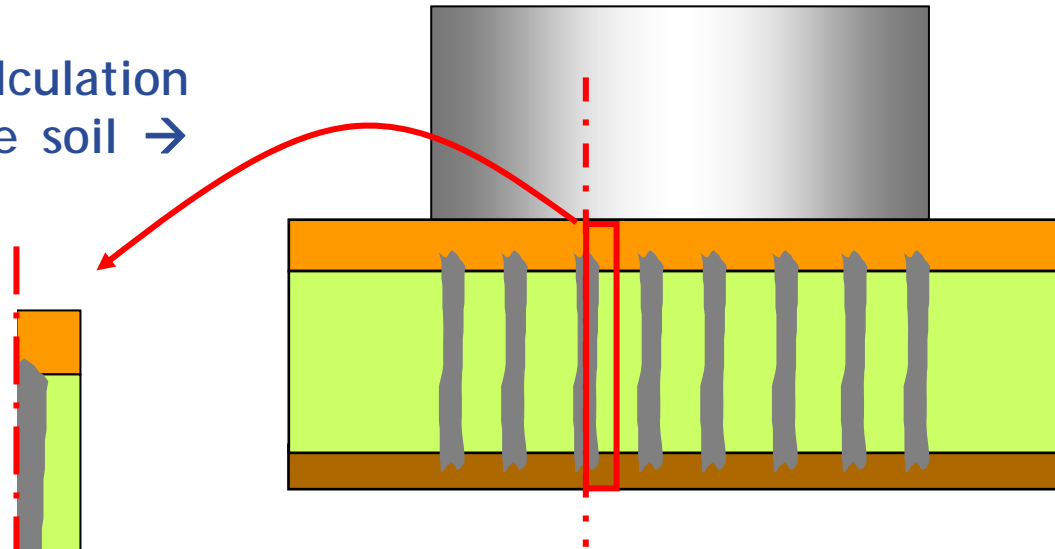




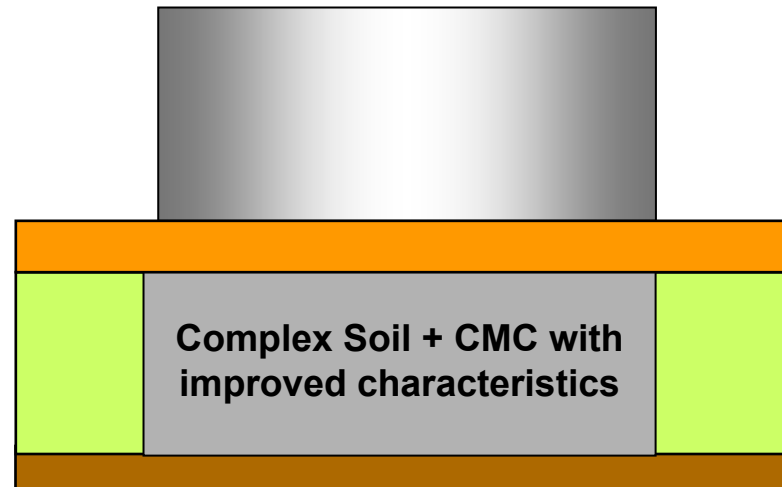
- Negative skin friction allows to develop a good arching effect

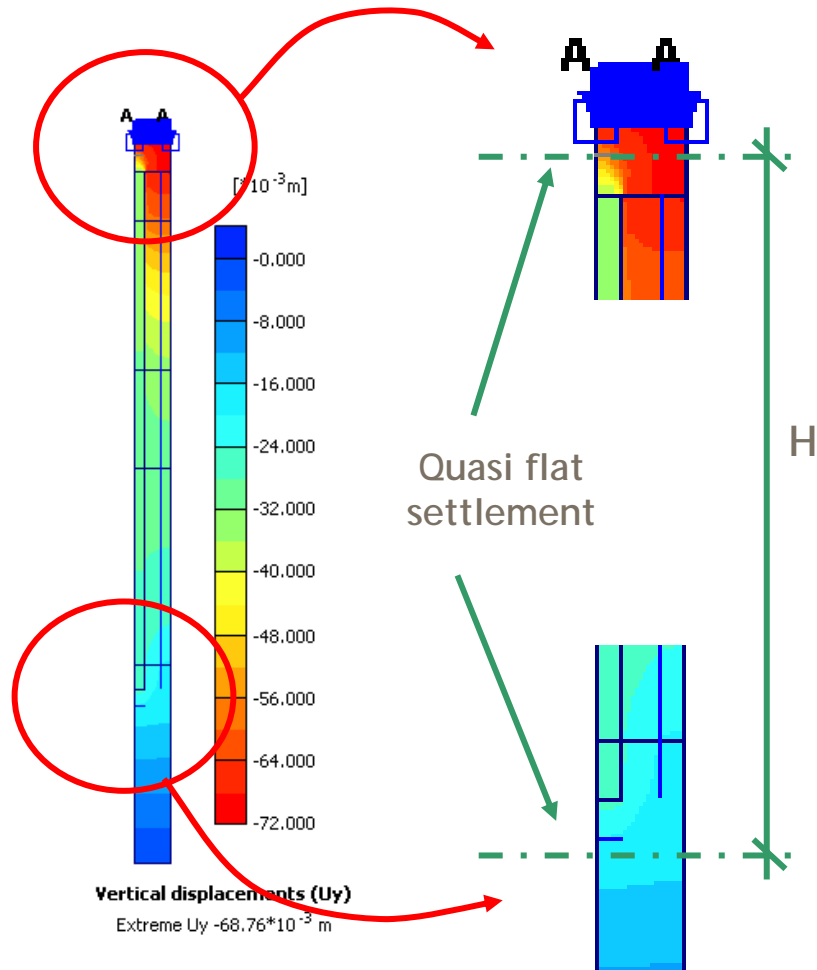


Axi-symmetric FEM calculation  
with one CMC and the soil →  
eq. Stiffness

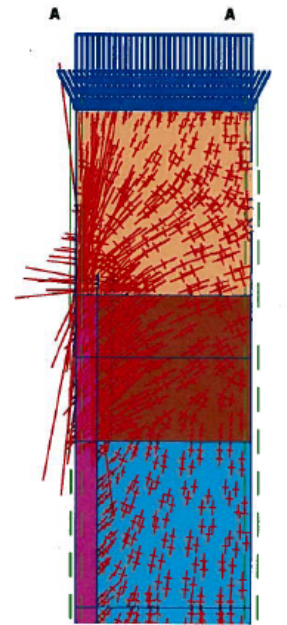


Global axi-symmetrical  
calculation by modelling the  
improved ground by material  
having an improved stiffness





Good arching



## Checkings:

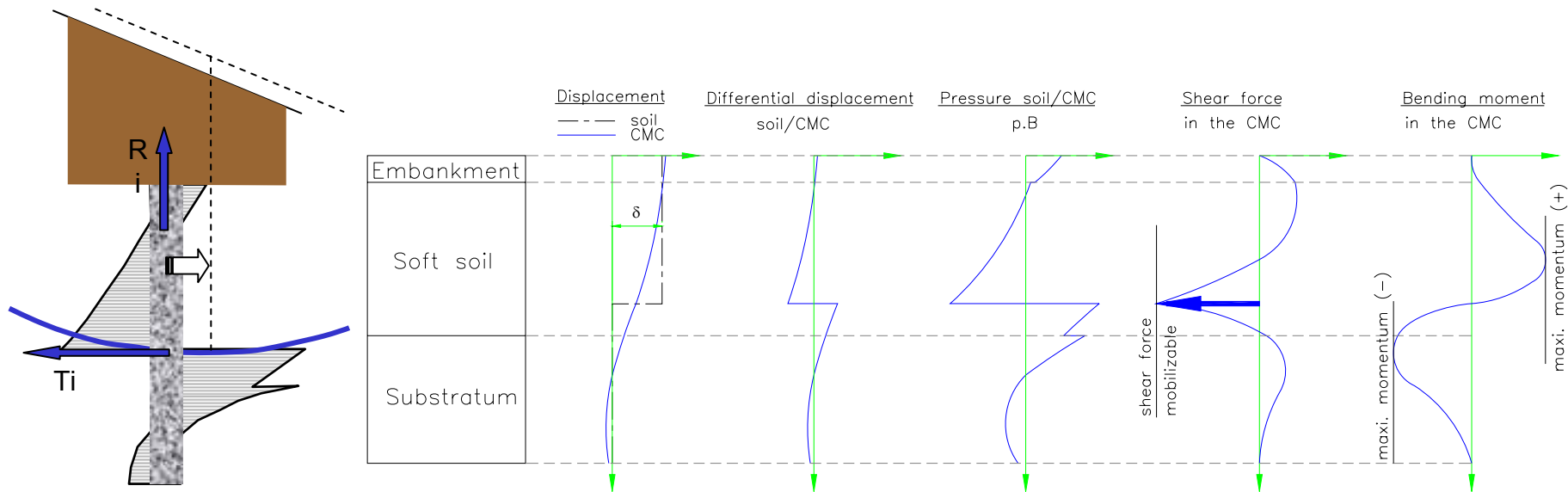
- Quasi flat settlement
- Good arching as shown by principal stress direction

The structure « see » the complex [soil + CMC] as a uniform soil with improved parameters

# CMC Design – Specific case of non vertical loading

## ■ Calculation principle

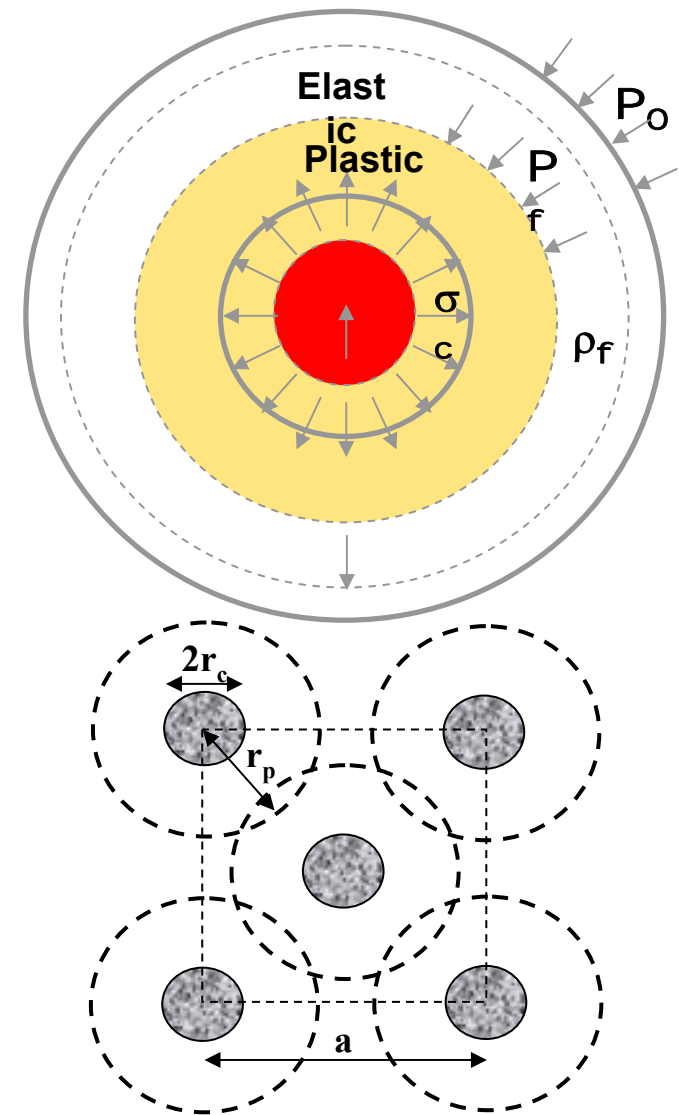
1. Estimation of the vertical stress in the column (% of the embankment load)
2. Thus maximum momentum so that  $M / N \leq D / 8$  (no traction in the mortar)
3. Thus maximum shear force taken by the inclusion (similar to a pile to which a displacement is applied)
4. Modelling of the CMC as nails working in compression + imposed shear force under Talren software (or equivalent)





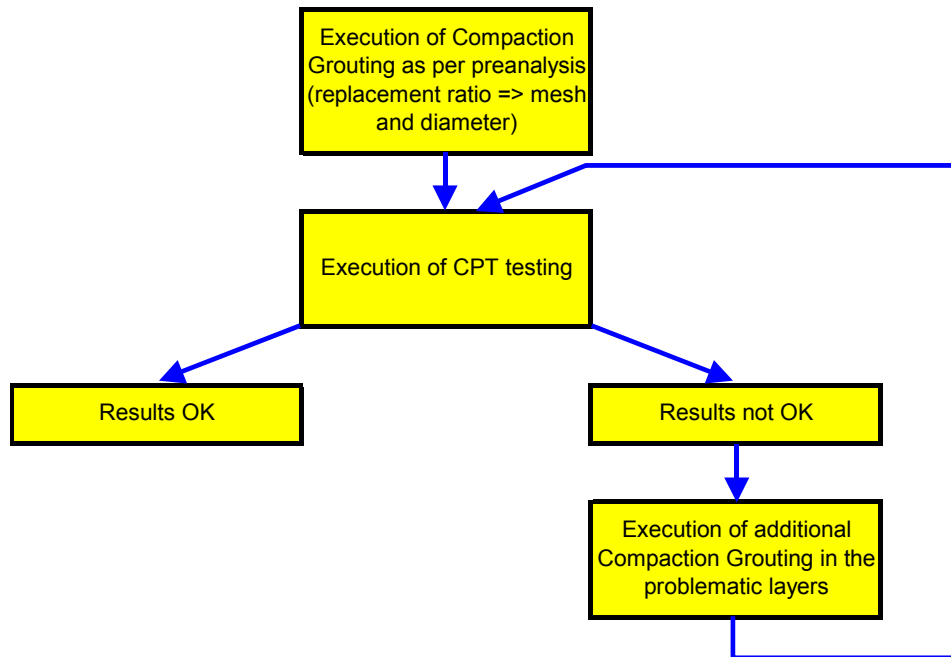
- Structure shall be designed as if soil was of good quality
  - Specialist contractor provides structural designer with bearing capacity,  $k$ , etc...
- No connection between foundation and structure
  - Structure is less complex to be designed,
  - No stiff connection, thus no increase under seismic analysis,
  - Structure very simple to be built: footings and slab on grade, no pile cap, thus benefit in terms of cost and speed of execution

- Aim of CMC to compact granular material to decrease liquefaction potential
- Method of densification
  - Injected mortar used to displace and compact the soil around the injection point
  - Successive injection according to a regular grid induce a global compaction of the soil
  - Mesh and diameter designed so as to achieve a given replacement ratio

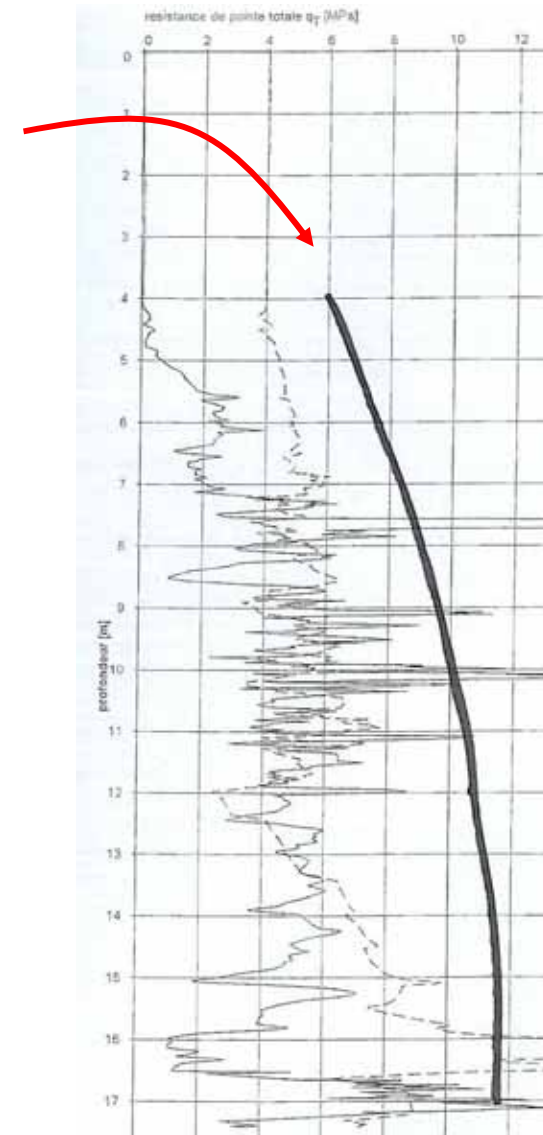


## ■ Principle: Execution and testing procedure

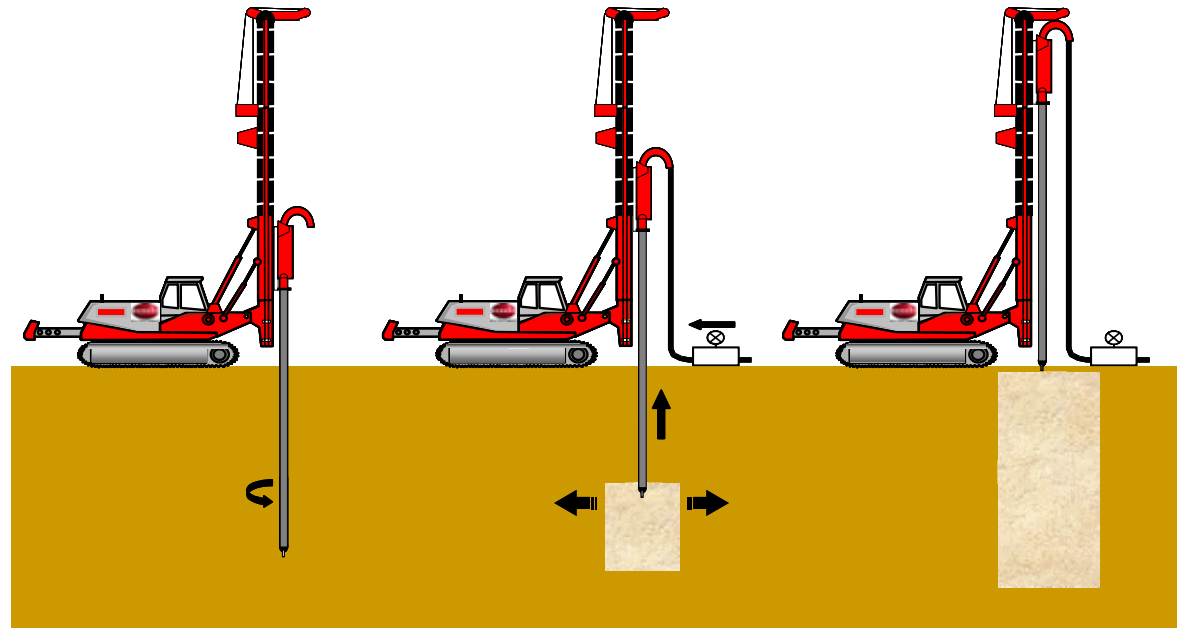
- Seismic parameters (PGA, Magnitude) →  $q_c$  soil profile to be achieved (NCEER)
- Estimation of replacement ratio to achieve required  $q_c$
- Execution of Works and testing by CPT
- Additional grouting if necessary



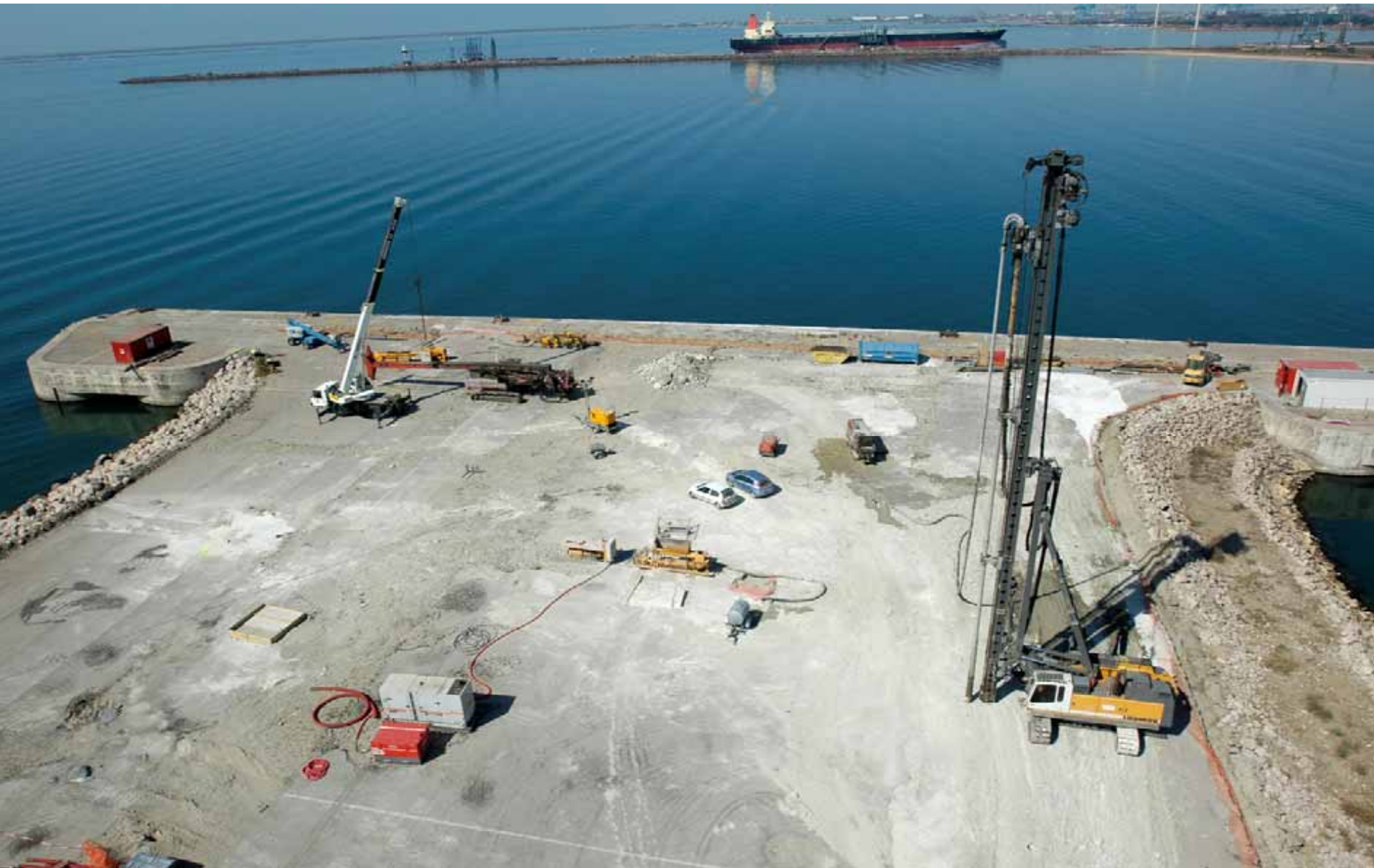
Until CPT  
results are  
satisfactory



- Same type of equipment as for CMC
  - Soil displacement rig and pump,
- Key points
  - Quality of grout (grain size distribution, workability, consistency)
  - Injection speed and successive phases
- Final Testing = CPT



# New Development - CMC Compaction – Fos LNG Terminal





# Future Caisson Stability Analysis

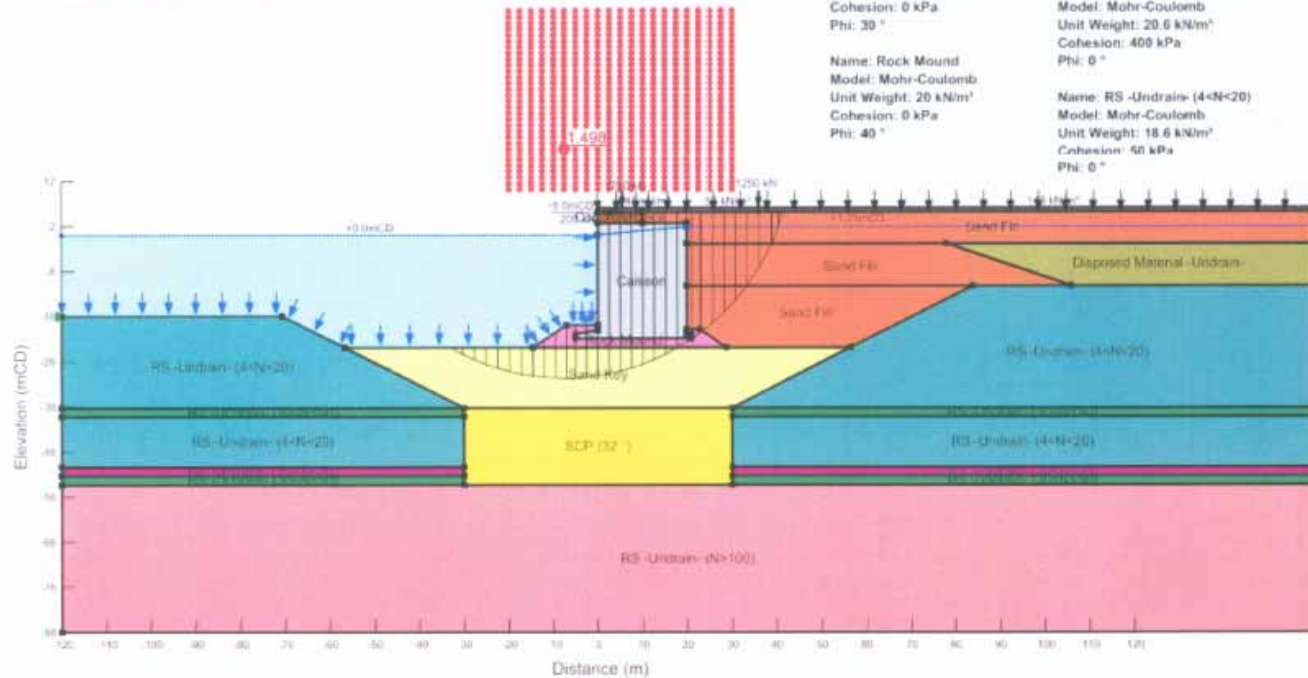
## 底部のみをSCPで改良した場合

File Name: Future Caisson at operation stage (undrain) SCP+Sandkey10.qsz

Future Caisson (Type-B) Slip Stability Analysis  
At Operation Stage (Undrain) **(Undrained)**

Factor of Safety: 1.498

改良範囲全体の $\phi$ は、仕様書により $32^\circ$ を用いる。  
Sandkeyの $\phi$ は $35^\circ$ 。



RECOMMENDATION FOR PASIR PANJANG

## EXHIBITED DESIGN

compacted sand fill  
 $\phi = 35^\circ$

dredged line

natural undisturbed clay  
( $N \geq 50$ )  
 $C_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$

## AS-BUILT CONDITION

compacted sand fill  
 $\phi = 35^\circ$

dredged line

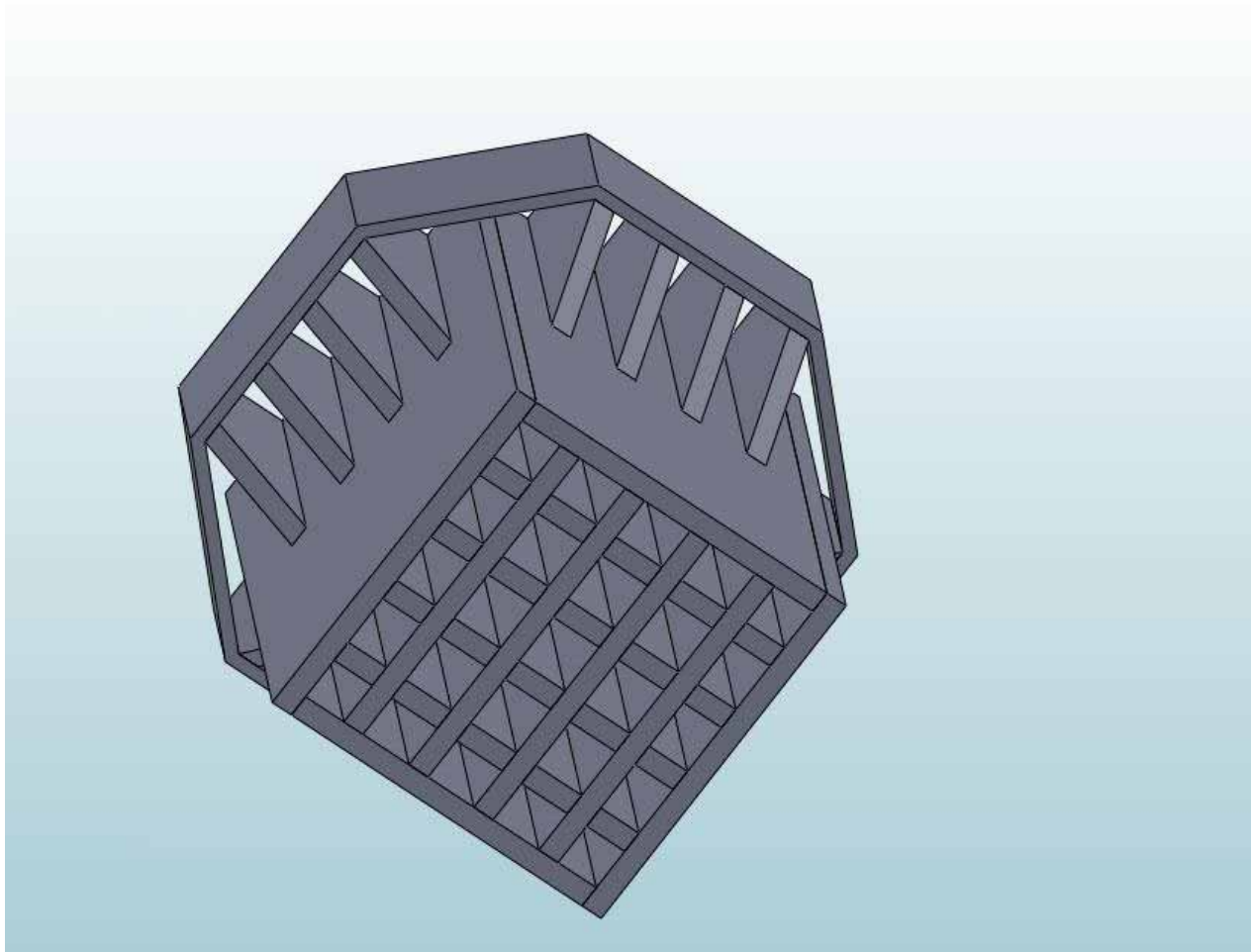
**disturbed/softened  
clay layer (1 – 1.5m)  
 $C_u = 50 \text{ kN/m}^2$**

dredged line

natural undisturbed clay  
( $N \geq 50$ )  
 $C_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$

# Proposed solution

<u>EXHIBITED DESIGN</u>	<u>PROPOSED SOLUTION</u>
compacted sand fill $\phi = 35^\circ$	compacted sand fill $\phi = 35^\circ$
1.3m compacted sand fill $\phi = 35^\circ C = 0$	1.3m <b>compacted rock mat</b> <b>(<math>\phi = 45^\circ C = 0</math>)</b>
1.5m undisturbed clay $\phi = 0^\circ C_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$	1.5m <b>15% rock (<math>\phi = 45^\circ</math>) + 85% clay (<math>C_u = 80 \text{ kPa}</math>)</b>
natural undisturbed clay ( $N \geq 50$ ) $\phi = 0^\circ C_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$	natural undisturbed clay ( $N \geq 50$ ) $\phi = 0^\circ C_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$



# View of pounder construction



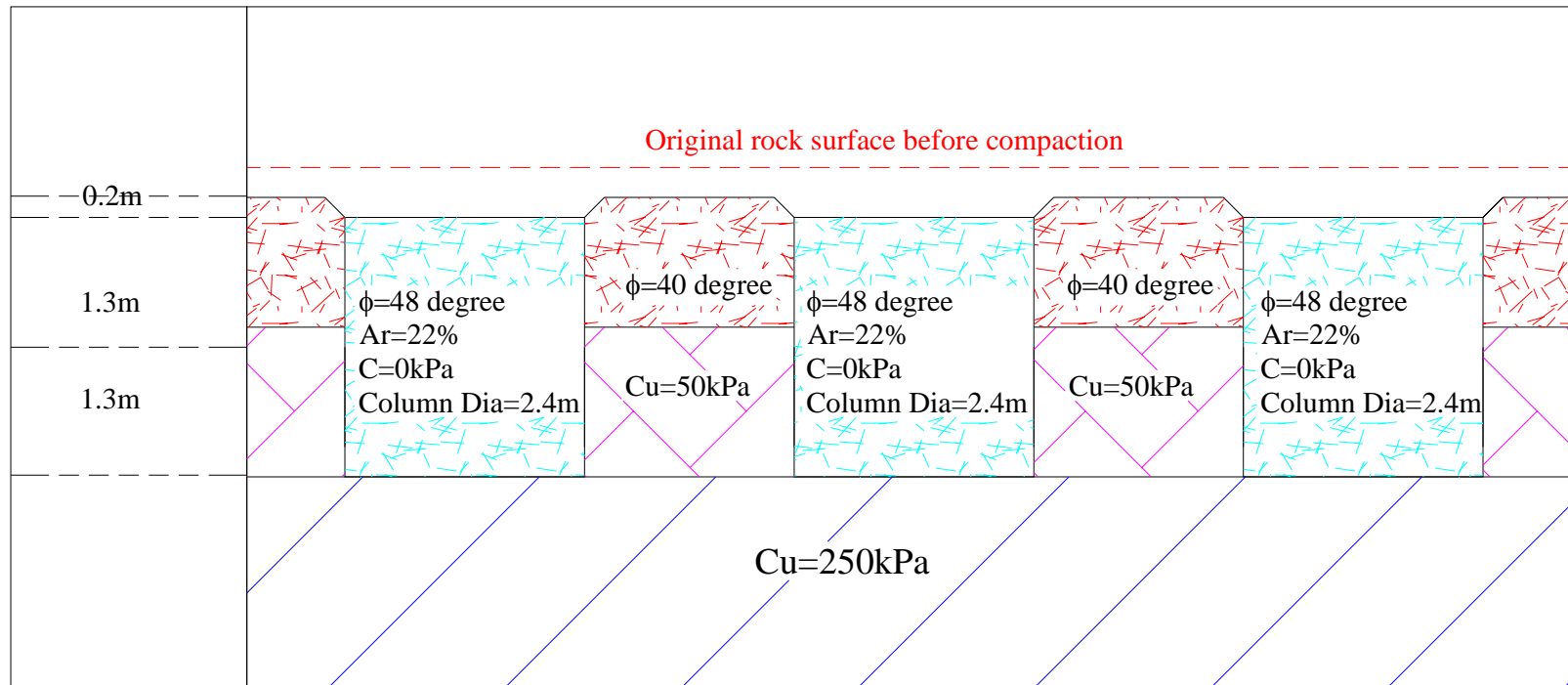


## View of pounder ready to work

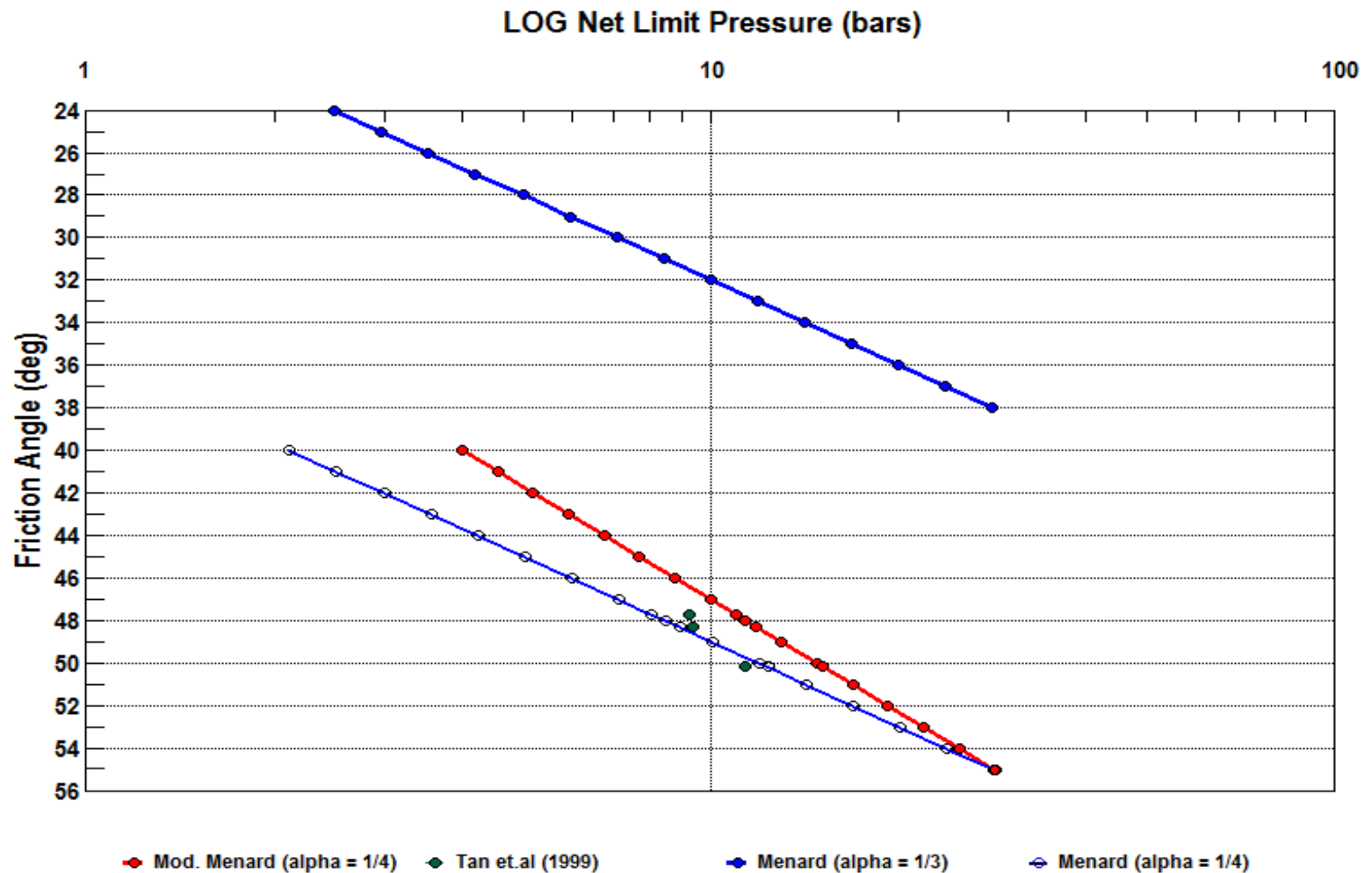




# After compaction actual results



# Determination of Friction Angle by PMT



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