



# ***Deep Ground Improvement by Controlled Modulus Columns (CMC) and Prefabricated Vertical Drains (PVD) Future Fuel Terminal Tuxpan, Veracruz, México***

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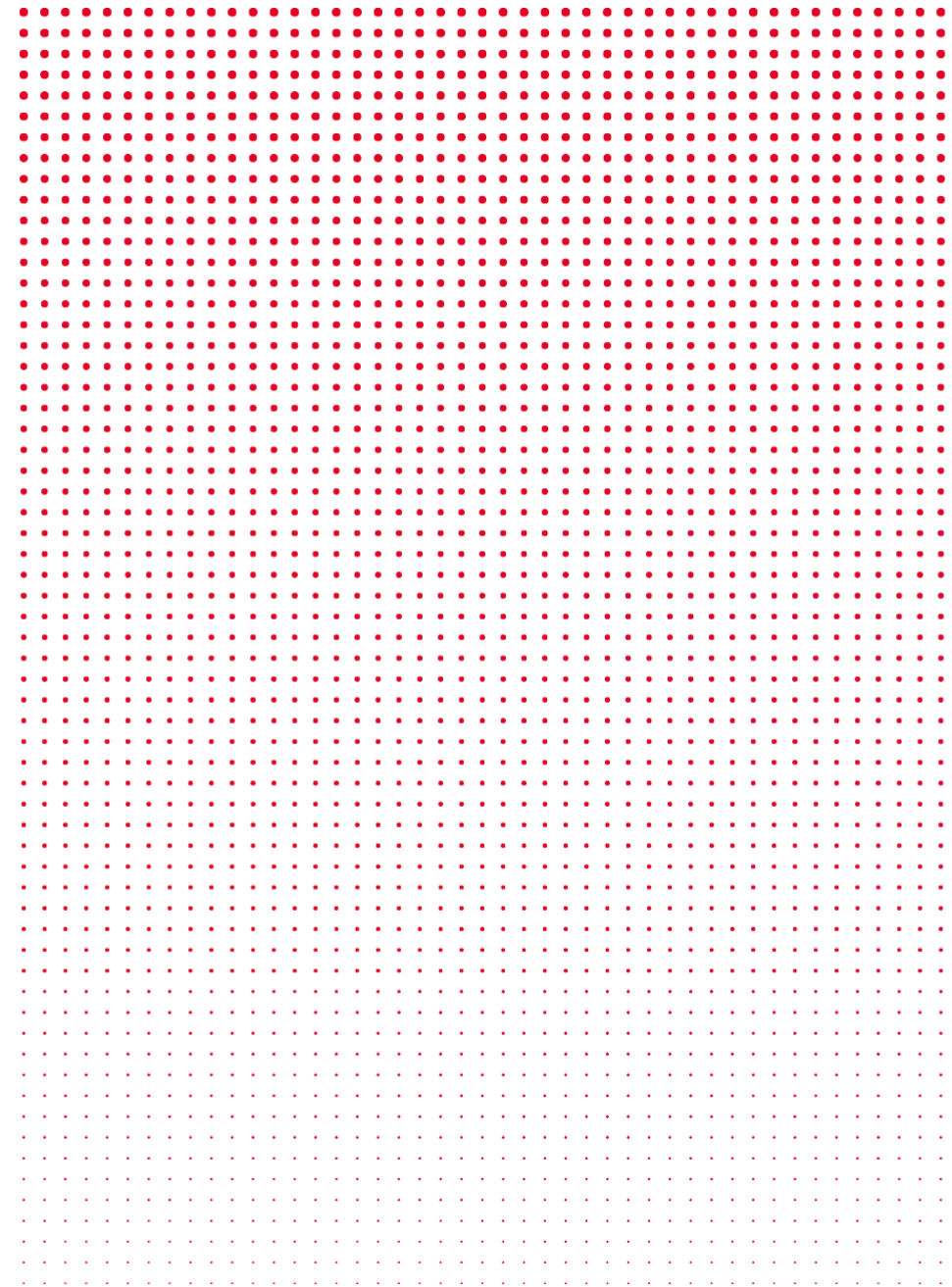
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# 01

# Project



# Deep Ground Improvement by CMC and PVD





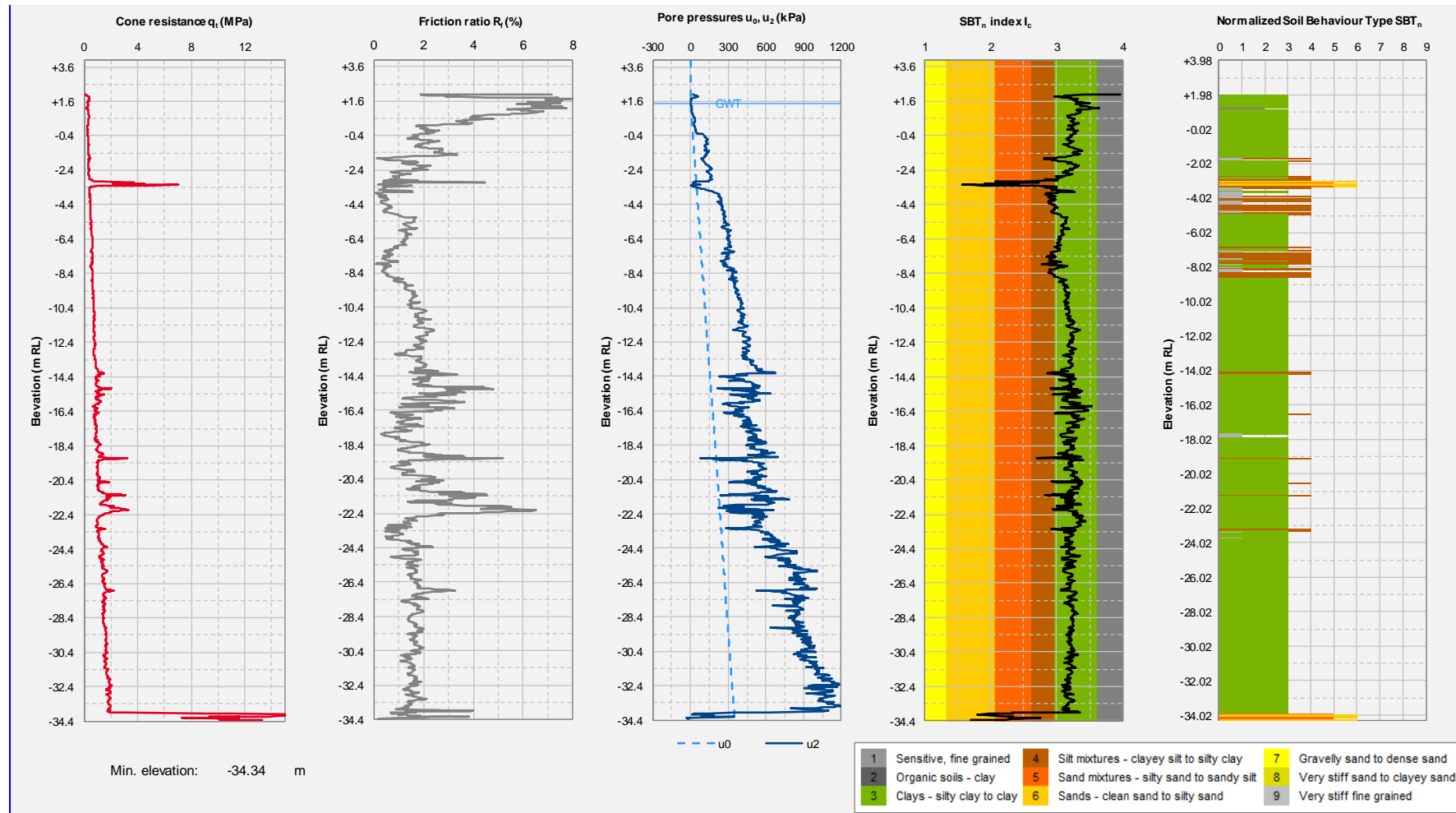
# Deep Ground Improvement by CMC and PVD

## Scope:

- Landfill of 3m thick (113,000m<sup>2</sup>), distributed load 50 kPa
- Foundation of 11 tanks, diameter 43m, applying 202 kPa on the ground



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## Scope of work / **geotechnical challenges** / **ground improvement solution**:

- Landfill of 3m thick (113,000m<sup>2</sup>), distributed load 50 kPa
  - ✓ Settlements (medium and long term)
    - Prefabricated Vertical Drains and Preload
- Foundation of 11 tanks, diameter 43m, applying 202 kPa on the ground
  - ✓ Total and differential settlements
  - ✓ Bearing capacity
    - Controlled Modulus Columns (CMC)

# 02

# Design



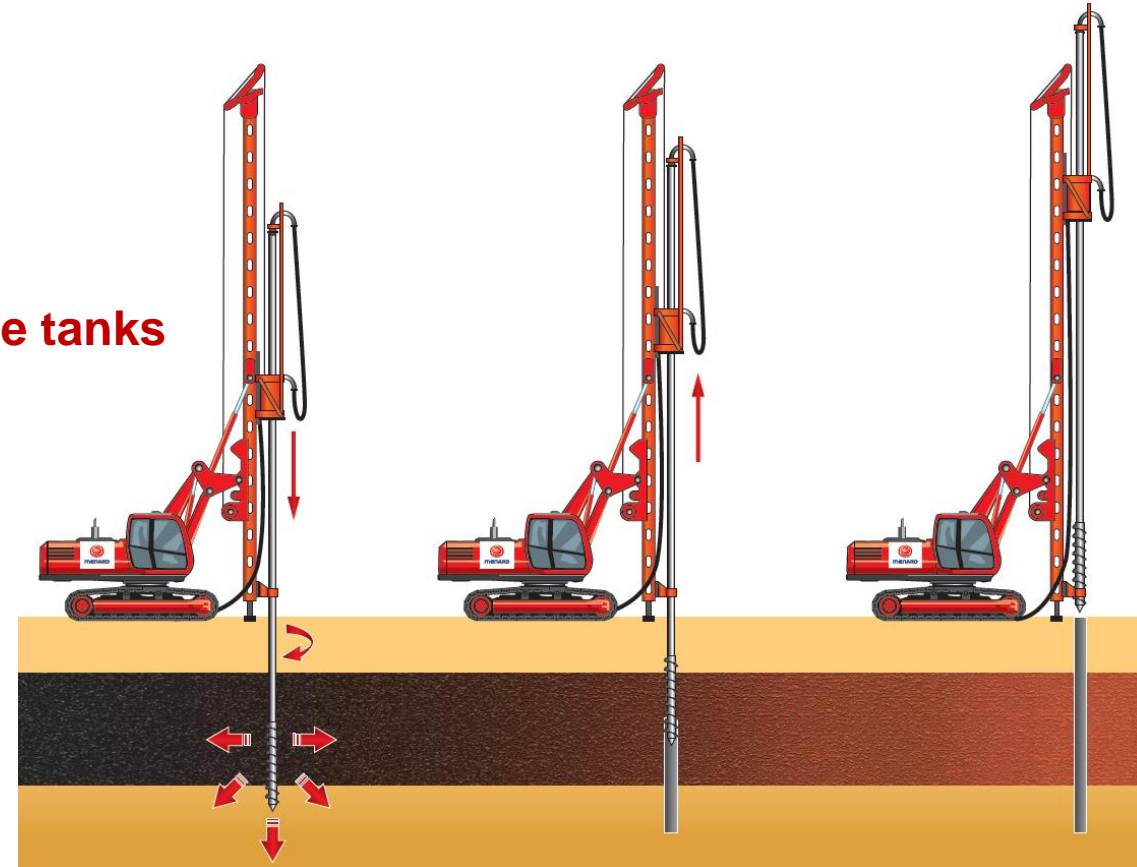
# Deep Ground Improvement by CMC and PVD

## Design basis:

- Controlled Modulus Columns (CMC)
  - Diameter 400 mm
  - Distance 2.0 to 2.5 m
  - Depth from 35 to 38 m
- Prefabricated Vertical Drains (PVD)
  - Prefabricated Material
  - Distance about 2.0 m
  - Depth from 33 to 35 m



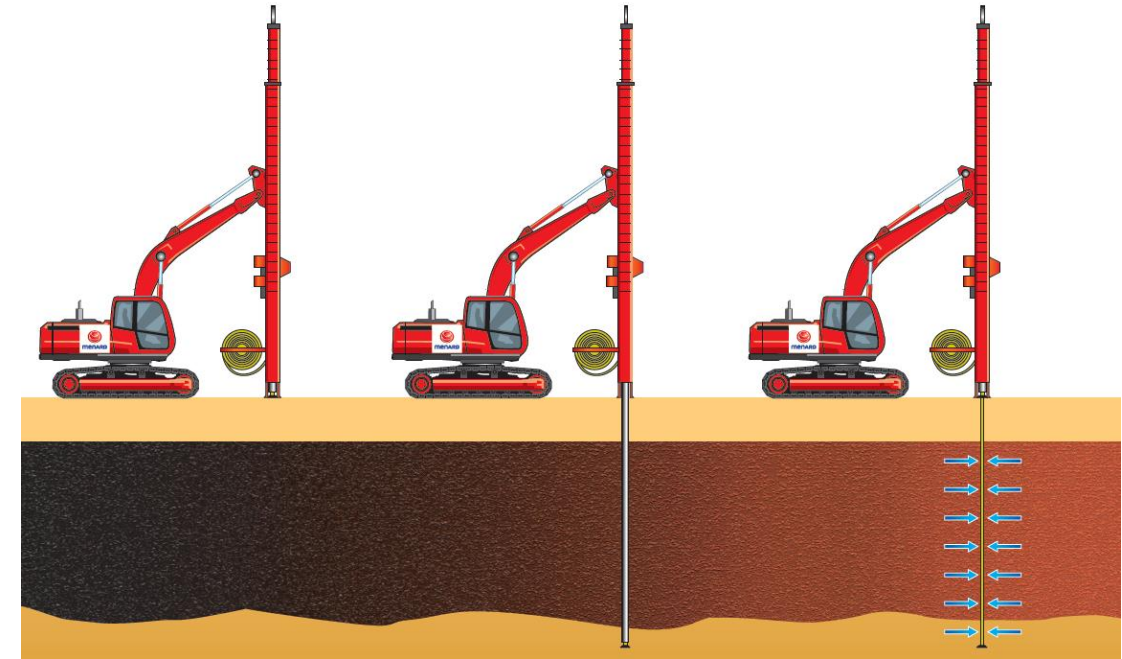
**Below the tanks**



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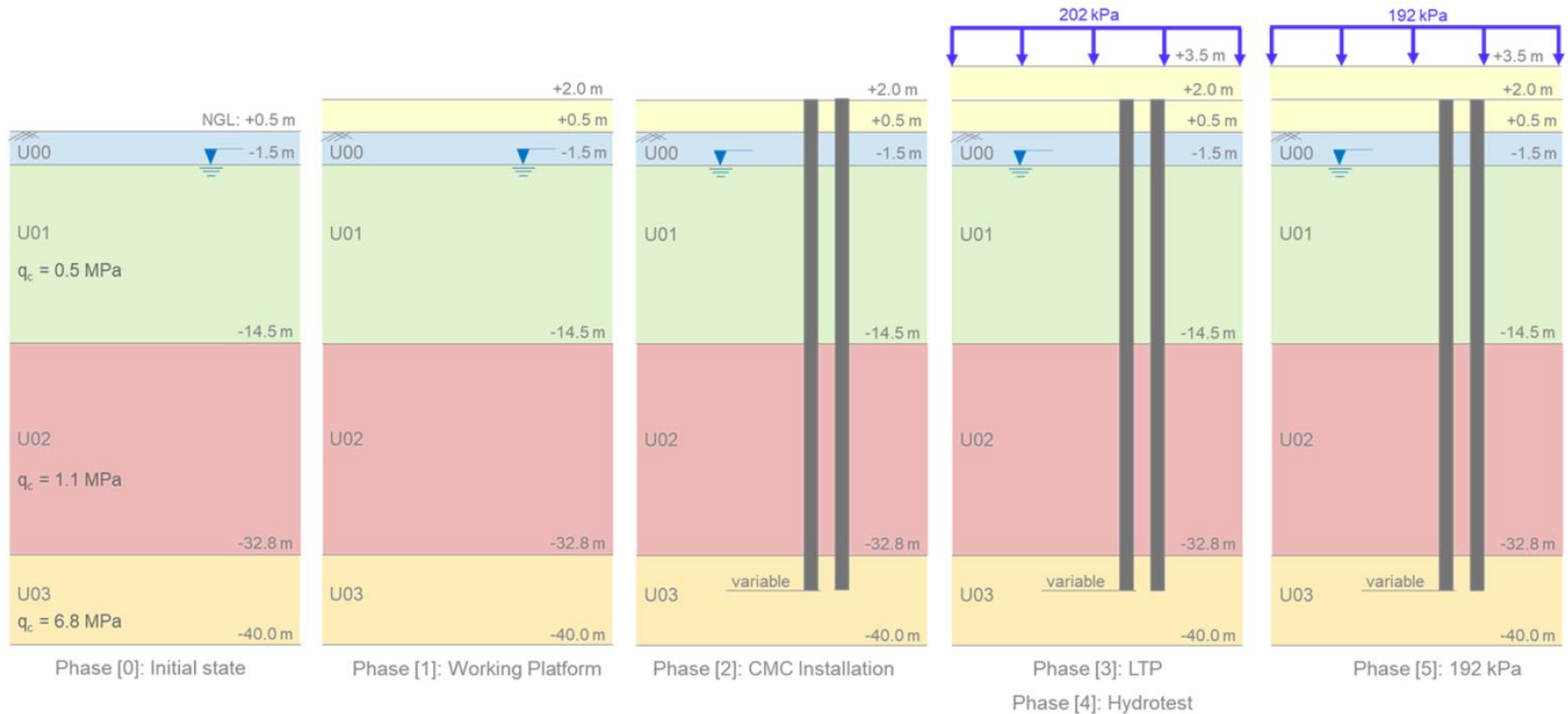
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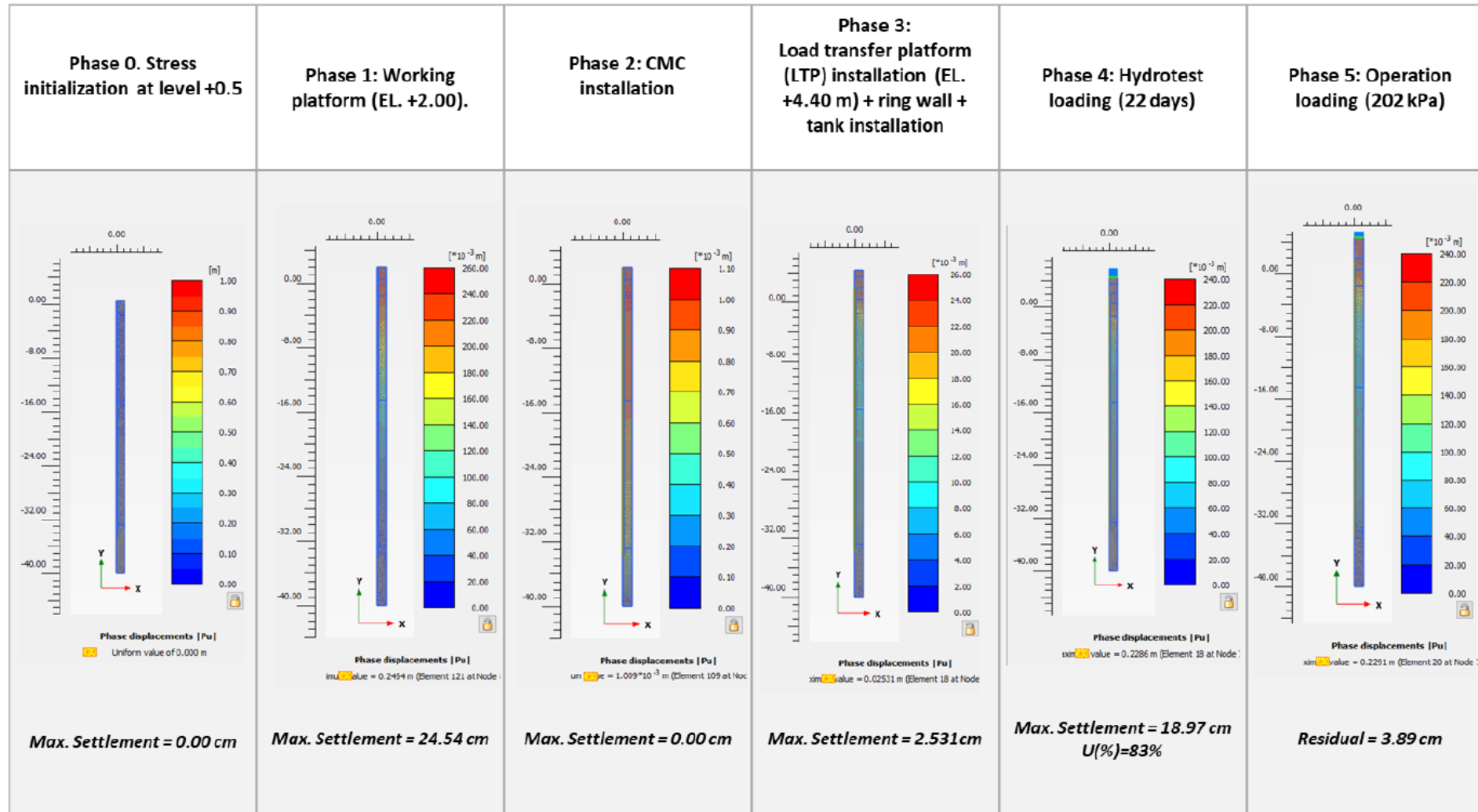


**Below the tanks + preloaded areas**

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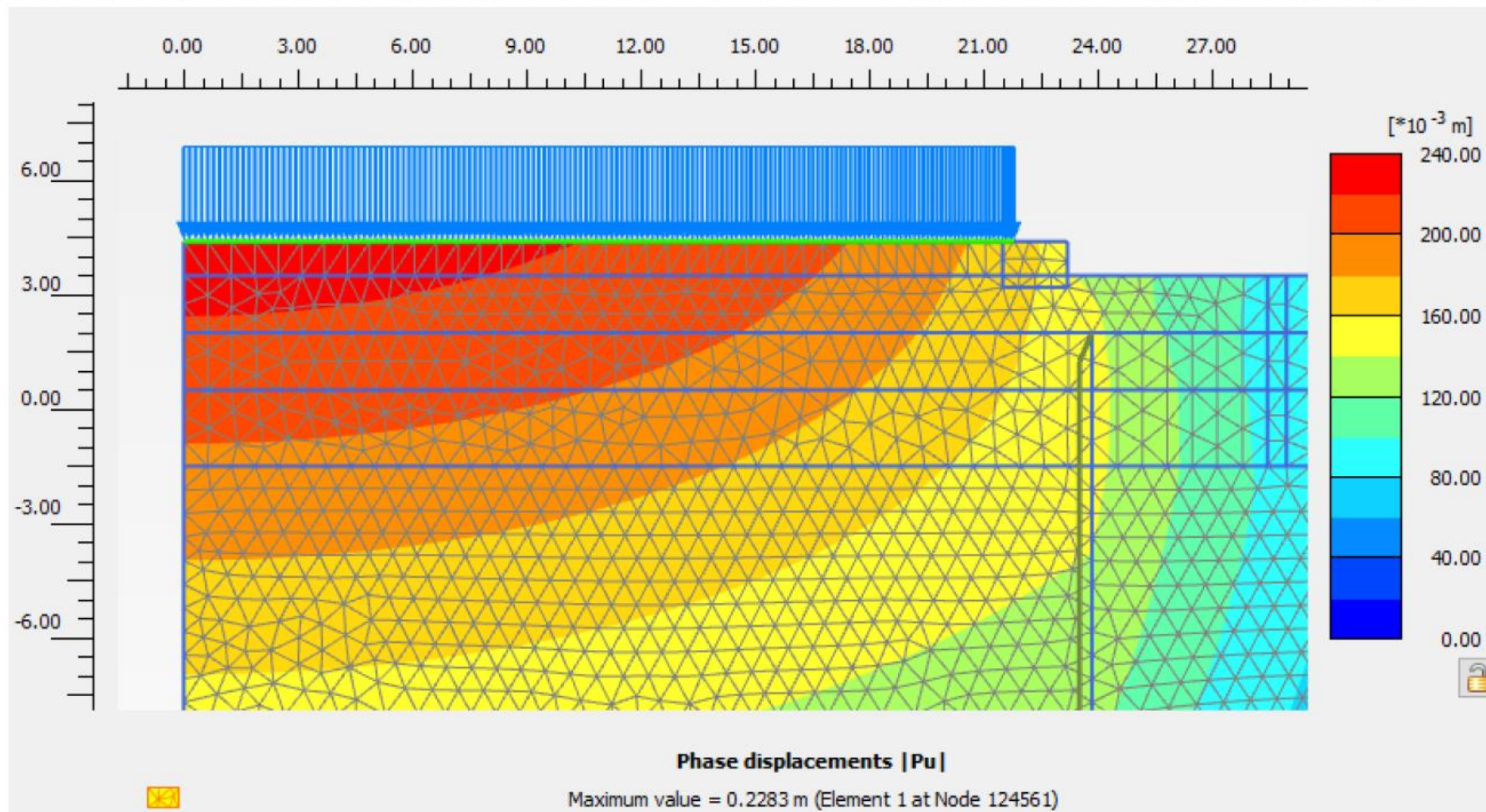


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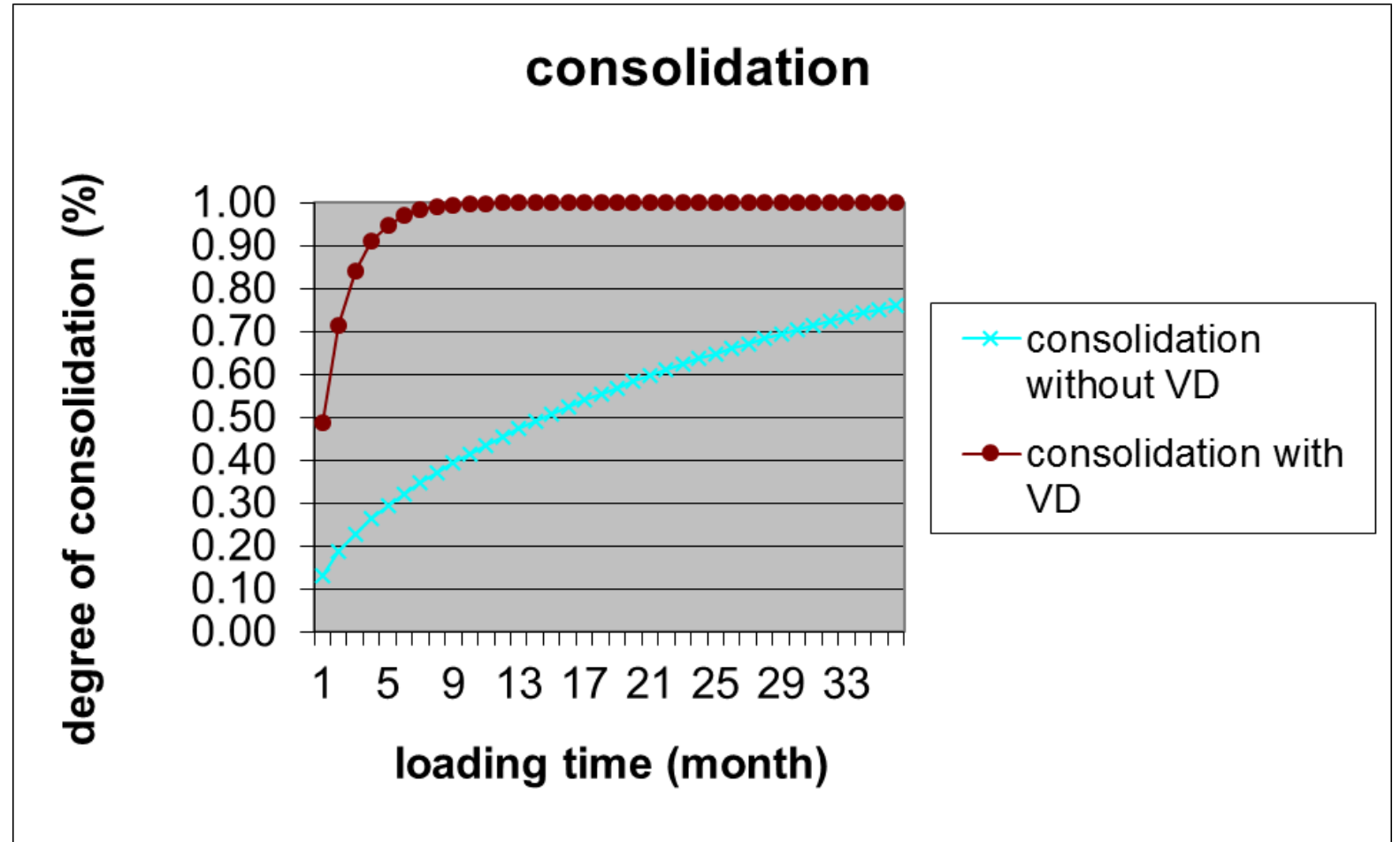


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Soil parameters		Value	Unit
Vertical consolidation coefficient	$C_v$	1.3E-07	m <sup>2</sup> /s
Radial consolidation coefficient	$C_r$	3.9E-07	m <sup>2</sup> /s
Drained sides (1 ou 2)		2	
Drained thickness	$h$		m

Vertical Drains parameters		Value	Unit
Mesh	$L$	2.0	m
Triangular (1,05); Squared (1,13)		1.13	
Drains diameter	$d$	0.05	m

Determination of loading time		Value	Unit
Loading time	$t$	4.00	month
undrained consolidation	$U_v$	26.25	%
drained consolidation	$U$	90.95	%



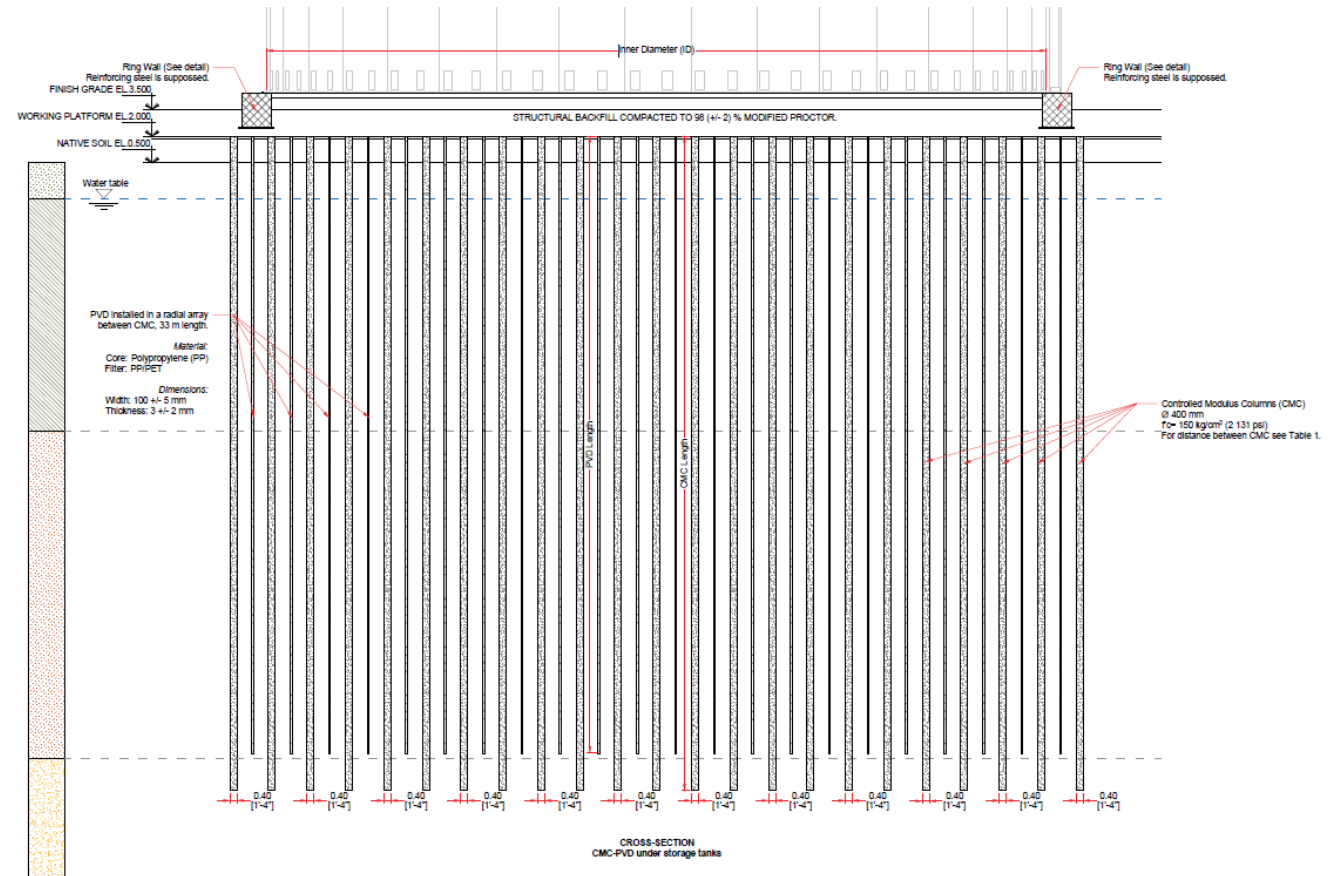
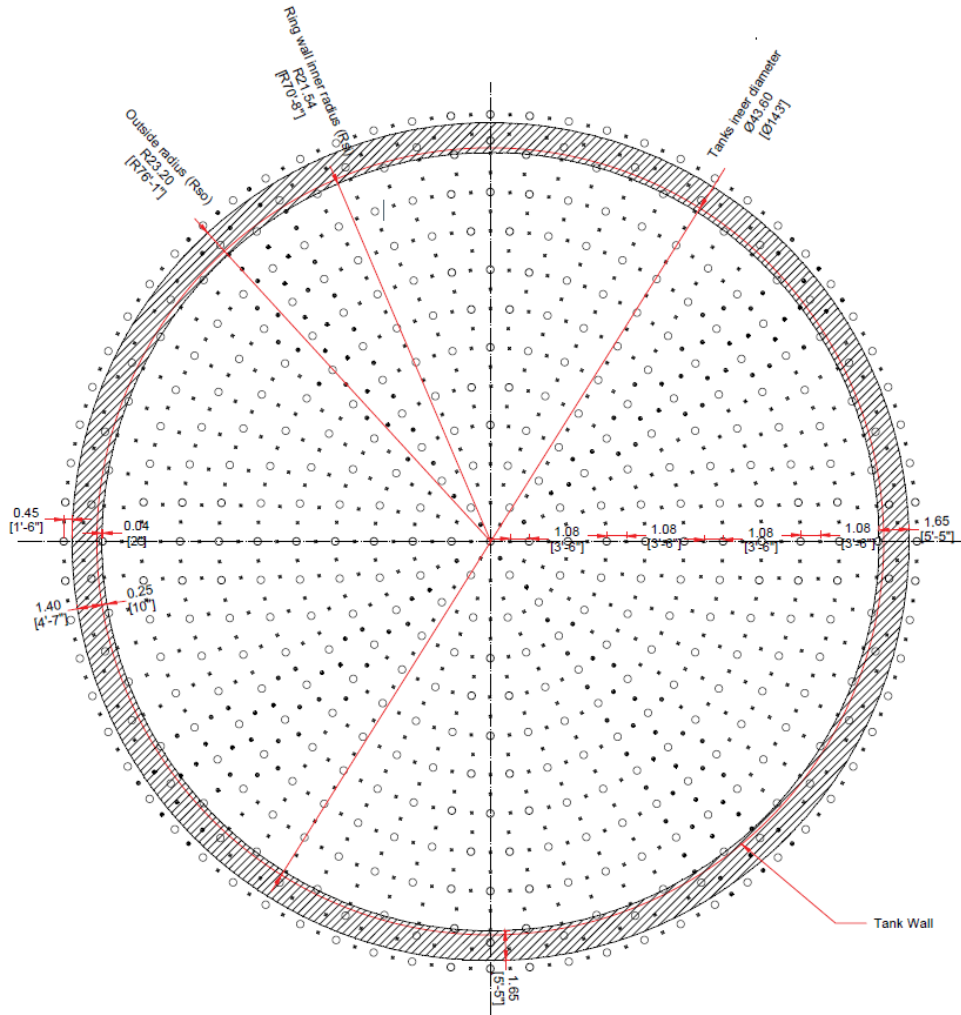
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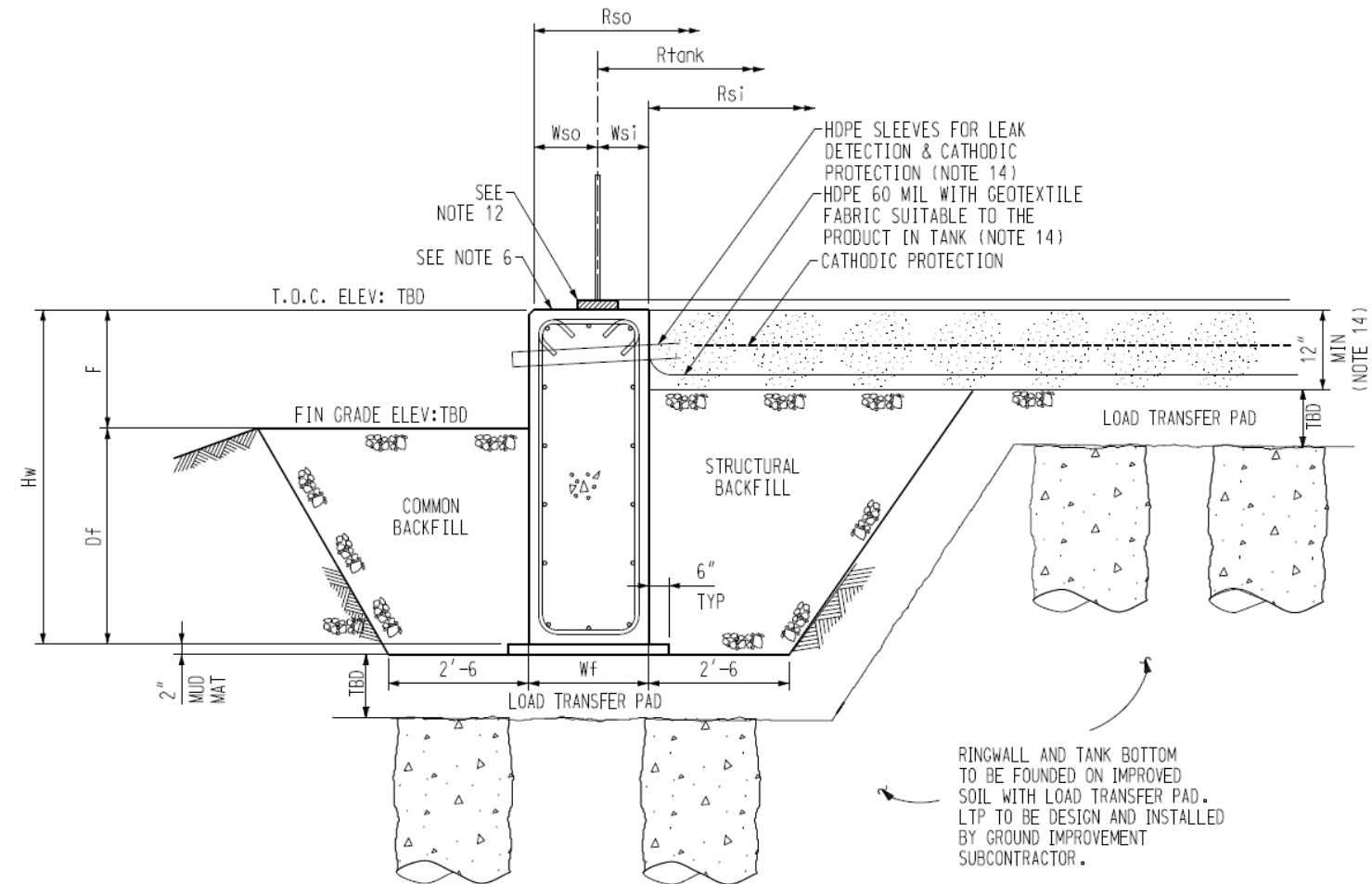
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## CMC + PVD combined solution





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Constructive details for  
treatment below the ringwall

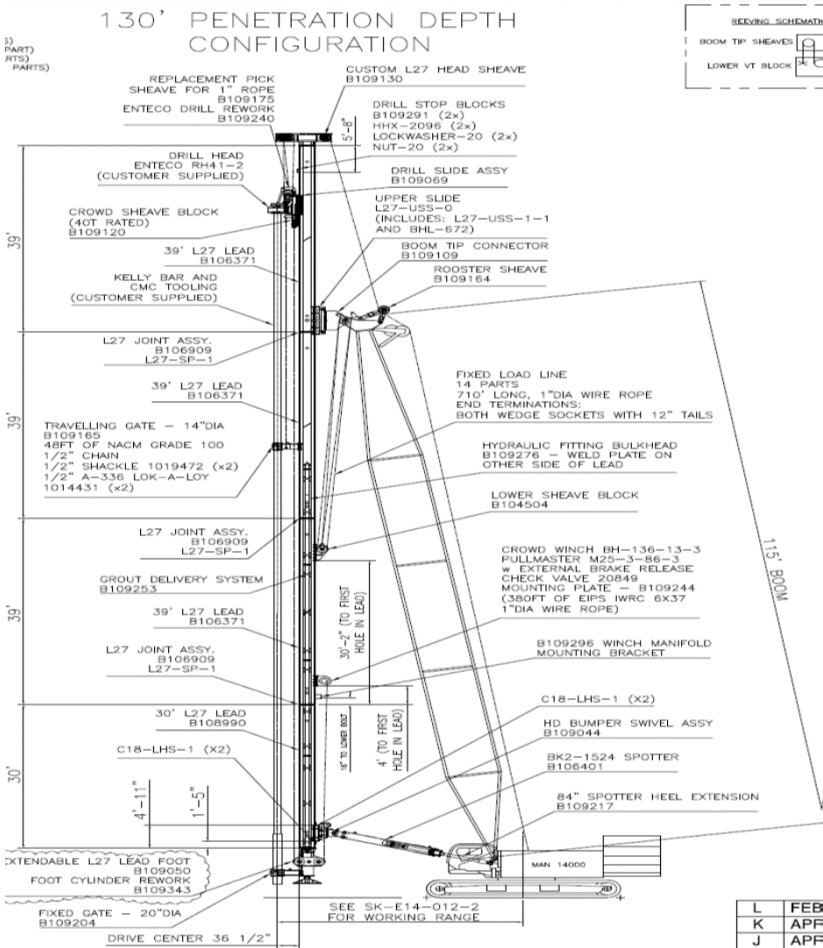
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CMC equipments



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PVD equipment





# 04

## QA / QC

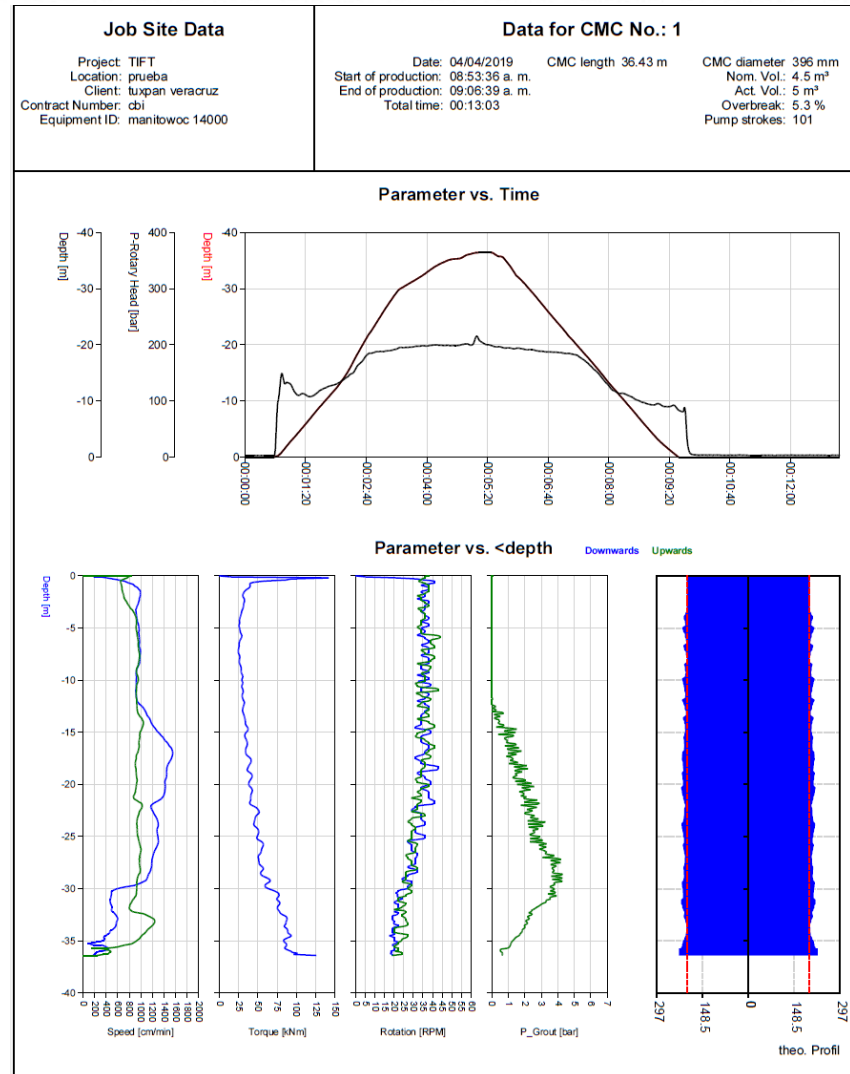
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Real time monitoring system



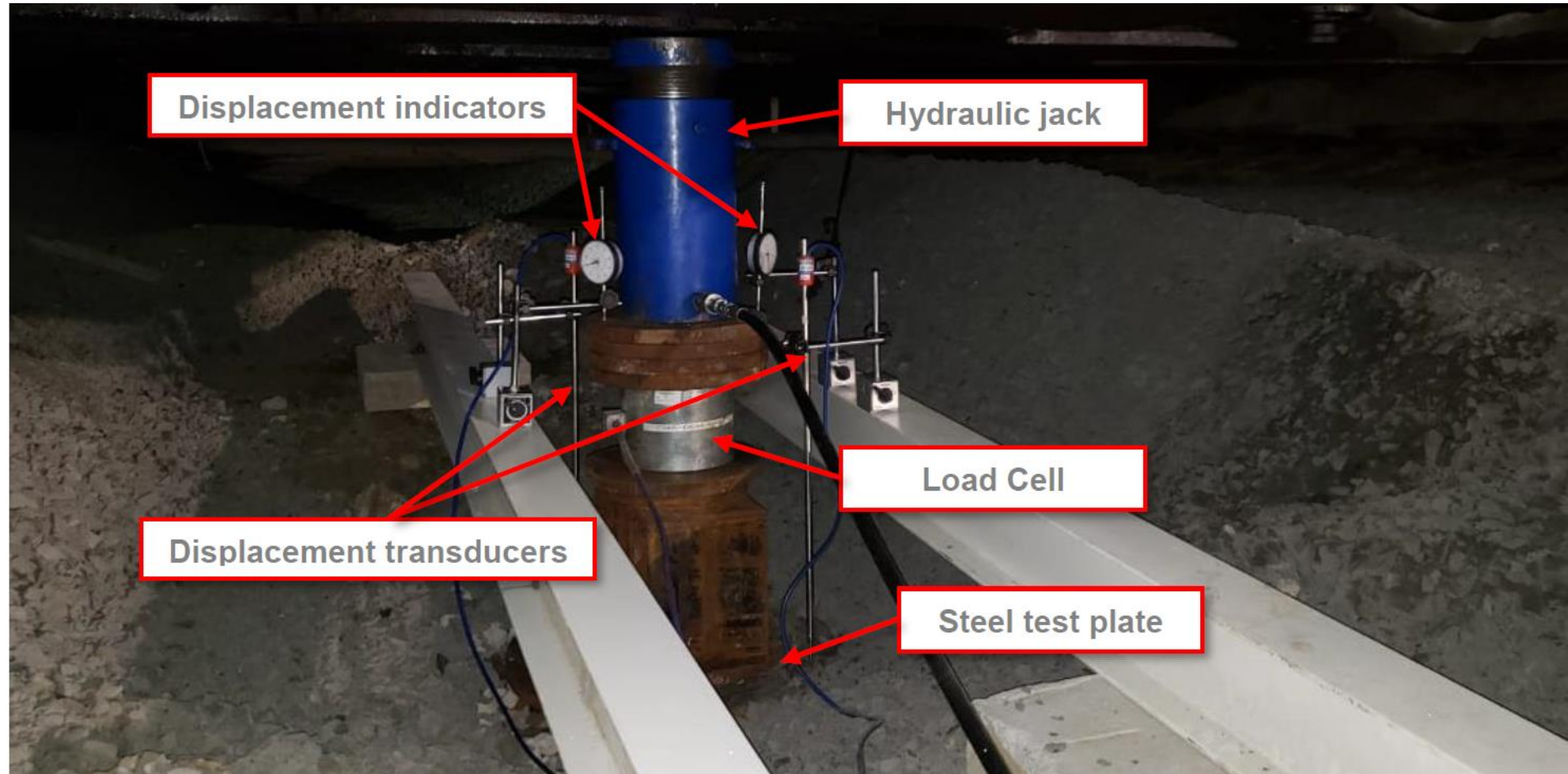
# Deep Ground Improvement by CMC and PVD

- Hydraulic pressure
- Concrete pressure
- Pull-down
- Torque
- Penetration speed
- Extraction speed
- CMC's profile





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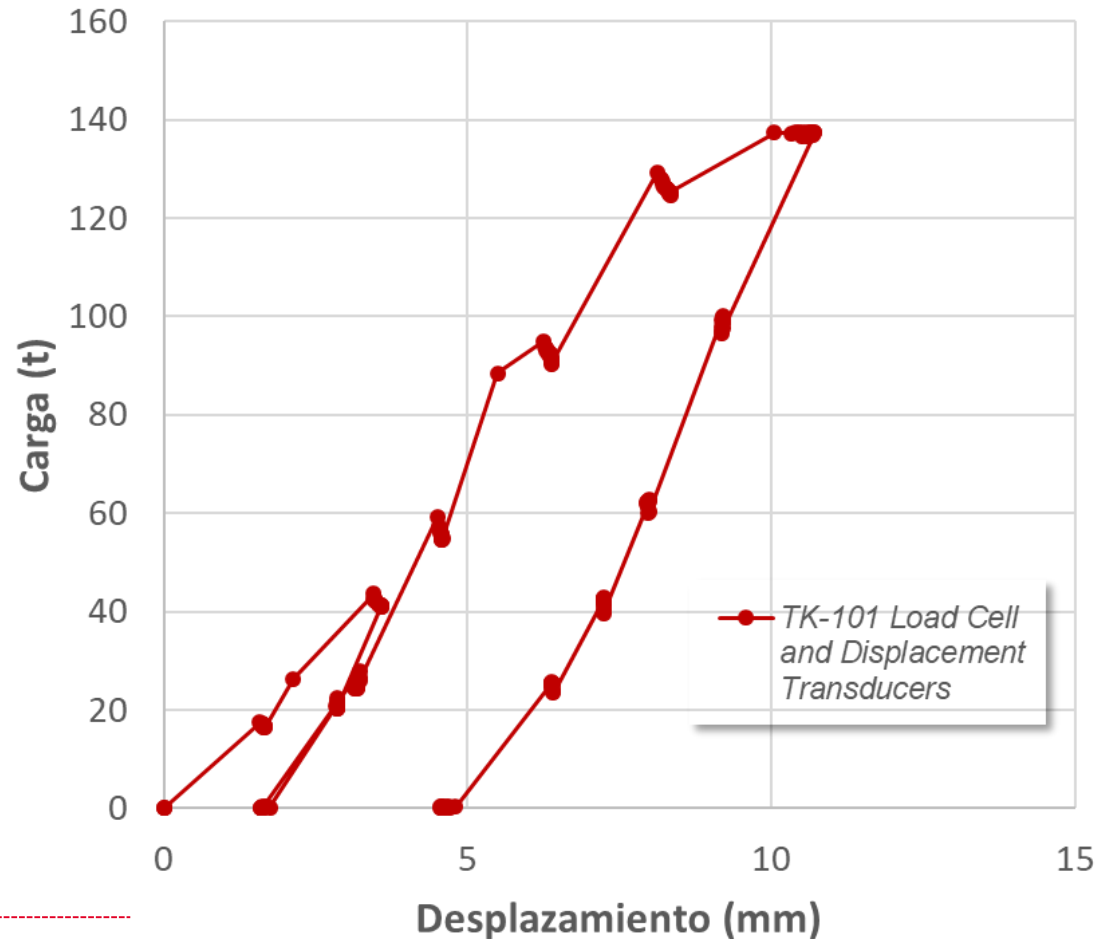


Load-bearing  
control test



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Curvas carga-deformación



Load-bearing control test

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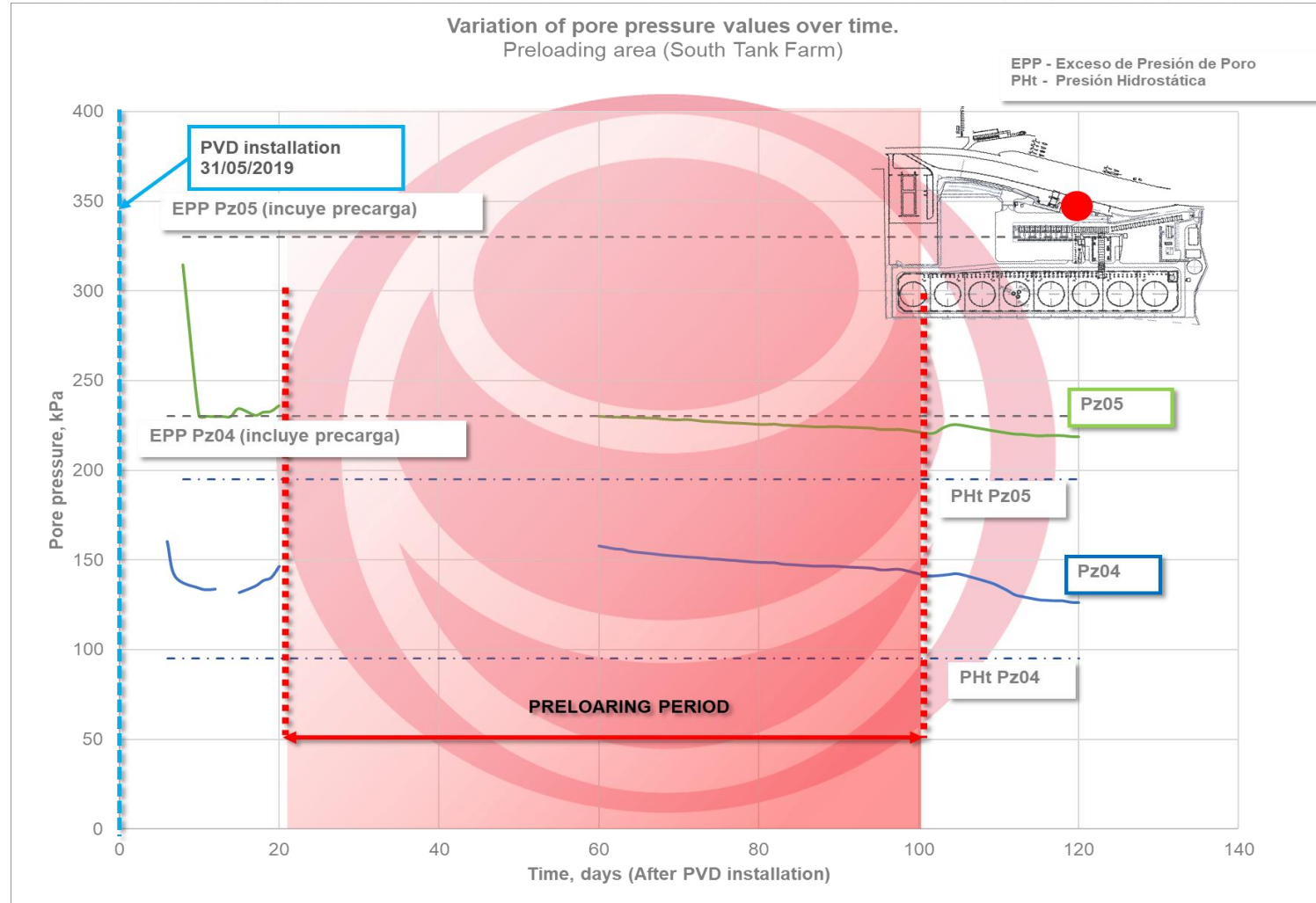


Concrete slump  
test



Compressive  
strength tests

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Piezometers



# ¡GRACIAS!

