

# **Three Dimensional Numerical Simulations of Residential Buildings on Expansive Soils**

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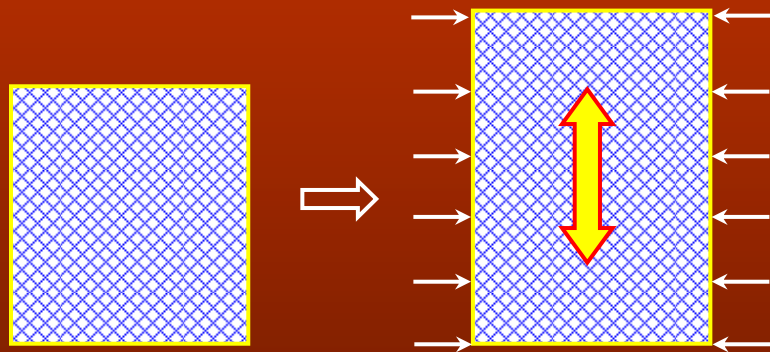
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# **OUTLINE**

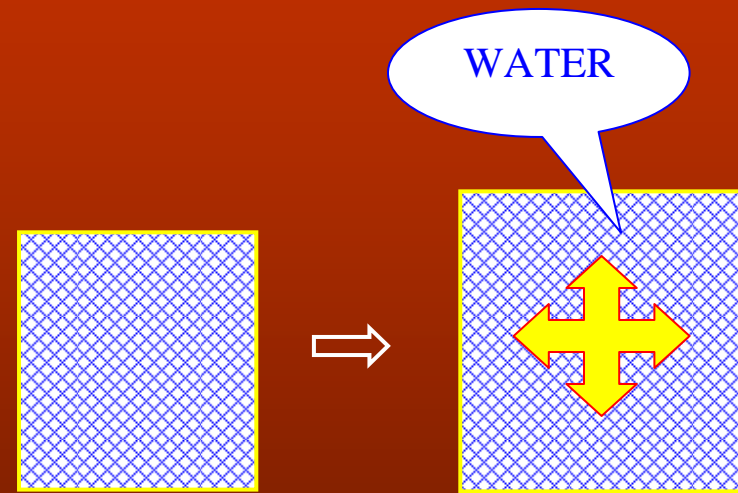
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- **INTRODUCTION**
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# FACTORS INFLUENCING THE VOLUME OF EXPANSIVE SOILS



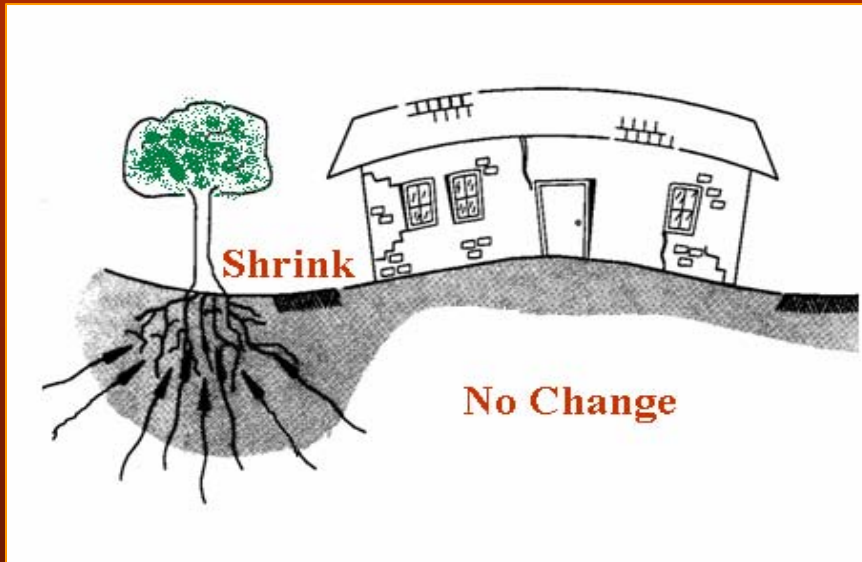
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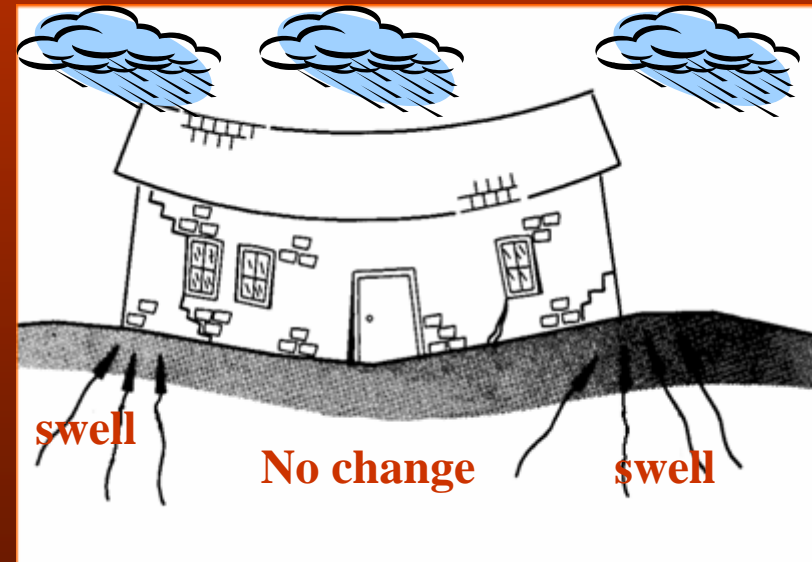
**MATRIC SUCTION**

# TYPICAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY EXPANSIVE SOILS

**SUMMER**

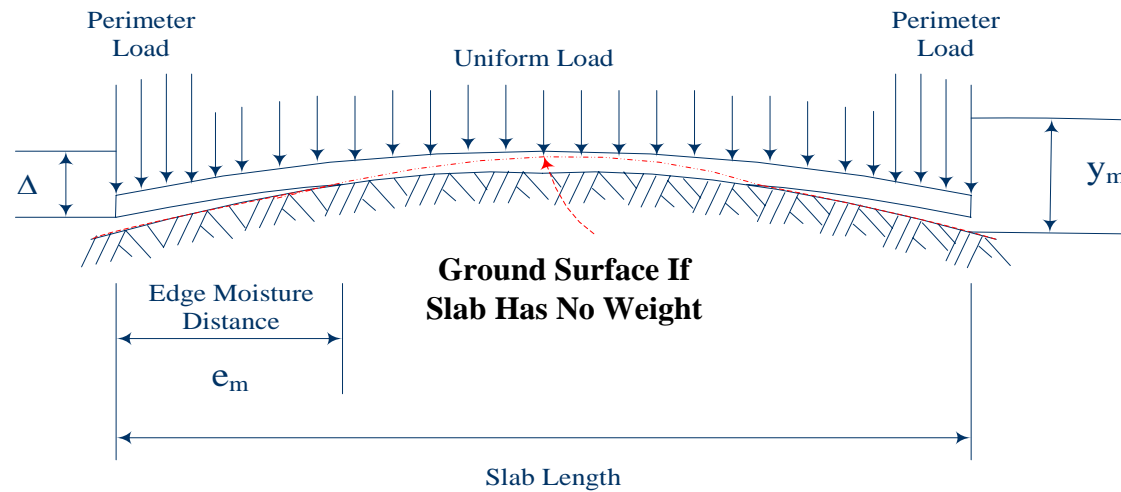


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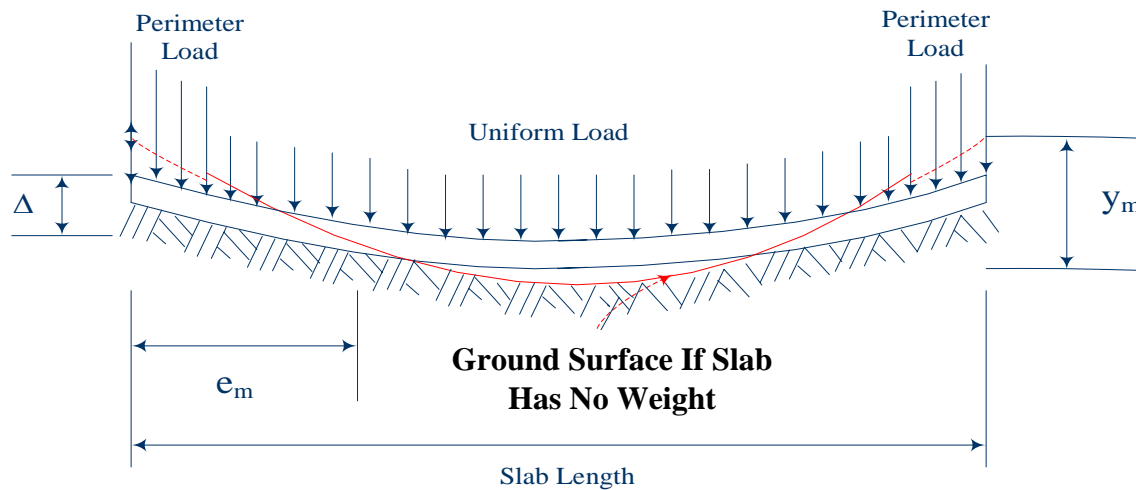


\* MODIFIED FROM WRAY (1995)

# DAMAGE MODES FOR SLAB ON EXPANSIVE SOILS



(a) Center lift (or Edge drop) case



(b) Edge lift (or Center drop) case

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH**

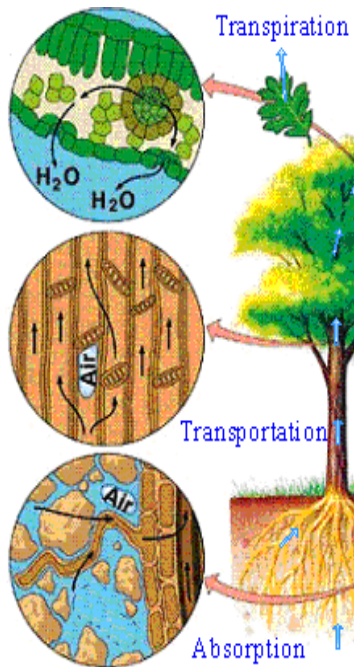
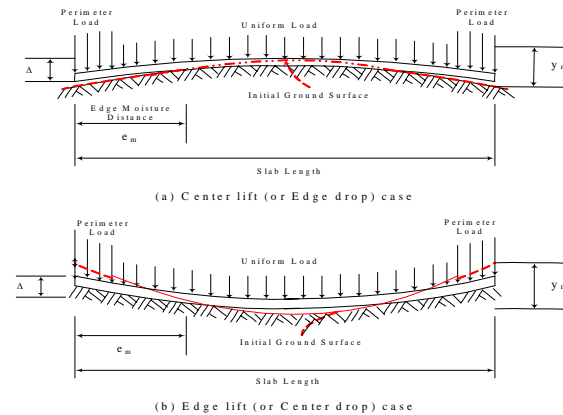
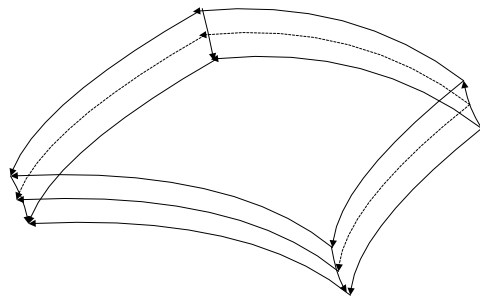
- 1. JONES AND HOLTZ (1973): \$2.2 BILLION/YEAR**
- 2. KROHN AND SLOSSON (1980): \$7.0 BILLION/YEAR**
- 3. JONES AND JONES (1987): \$9.0 BILLION/YEAR---MORE THAN TWICE THE COMBINED DAMAGE FROM EARTHQUAKE, FLOODS, TORNADOS AND HURRICANES**
- 4. WRAY (1989): 8,470 RESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION FAILURES IN ONLY ONE YEAR IN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, 98% OF WHICH OCCURRED IN EXPANSIVE SOILS**

# MODELS NEEDED FOR THE SIMULATIONS

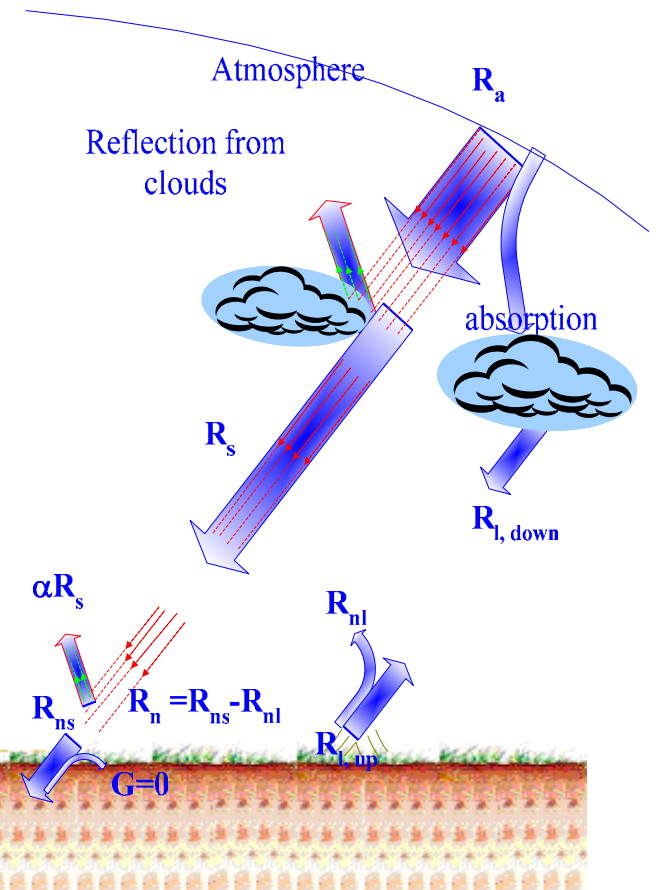
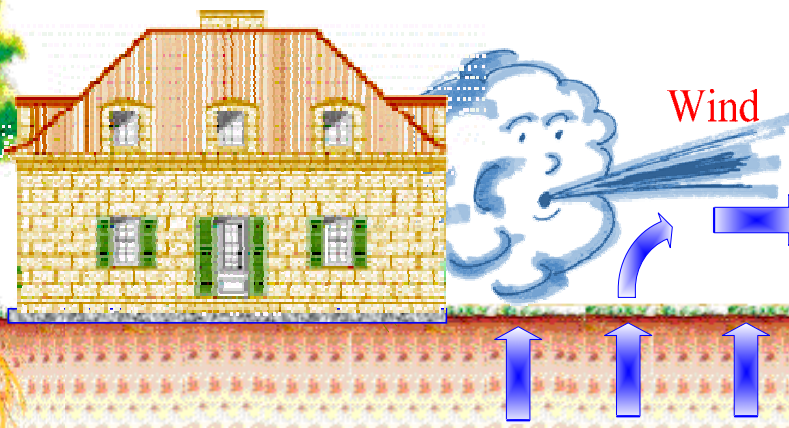
4. Shell elements for walls

3. Soil-structure interaction

2. Evaporation & transpiration



5. Damages in the walls



1. Coupled consolidation theory for saturated and unsaturated soils

# **MODELS NEEDED FOR THE SIMULATIONS**

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- **COUPLED HYDRO-MECHANICAL STRESS ANALYSIS**
  - VOLUME CHANGE OF EXPANSIVE SOILS**
- **ESTIMATION OF EVAPOTRANSPIRATION AND INFILTRATION**
  - INFLUENCE OF WEATHER AND VEGETATION (WATERING)**
- **SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION**
  - SHEAR, SLIP AND SEPARATION BETWEEN SOIL AND SLAB**
- **SIMULATION OF SLABS AND WALLS**
  - MOMENTS AND STRESSES IN THE WALL AND SLAB**
- **CRACKING MODEL**
  - DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE**



# GOVERNING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{\partial(\sigma_x - u_a)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial\tau_{zx}}{\partial z} - \frac{\alpha E}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial(u_a - u_w)}{\partial x} + X = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial\tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\sigma_y - u_a)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial\tau_{zy}}{\partial z} - \frac{\alpha E}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial(u_a - u_w)}{\partial y} + Y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial\tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\sigma_z - u_a)}{\partial z} - \frac{\alpha E}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial(u_a - u_w)}{\partial z} + Z = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ k \frac{\partial u_w}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ k \frac{\partial u_w}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial u_w}{\partial z} + 1 \right) \right] = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d\theta_\sigma + d\theta_{u_a - u_w}}{dt} = m_1^w \frac{d(\sigma_m - u_a)}{dt} + m_2^w \frac{d(u_a - u_w)}{dt}$$

MATERIAL PARAMETERS NEEDED: E,  $\nu$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $m_1^w$ ,  $m_2^w$  and K

# **LABORATORY TESTS NEEDED (I)**

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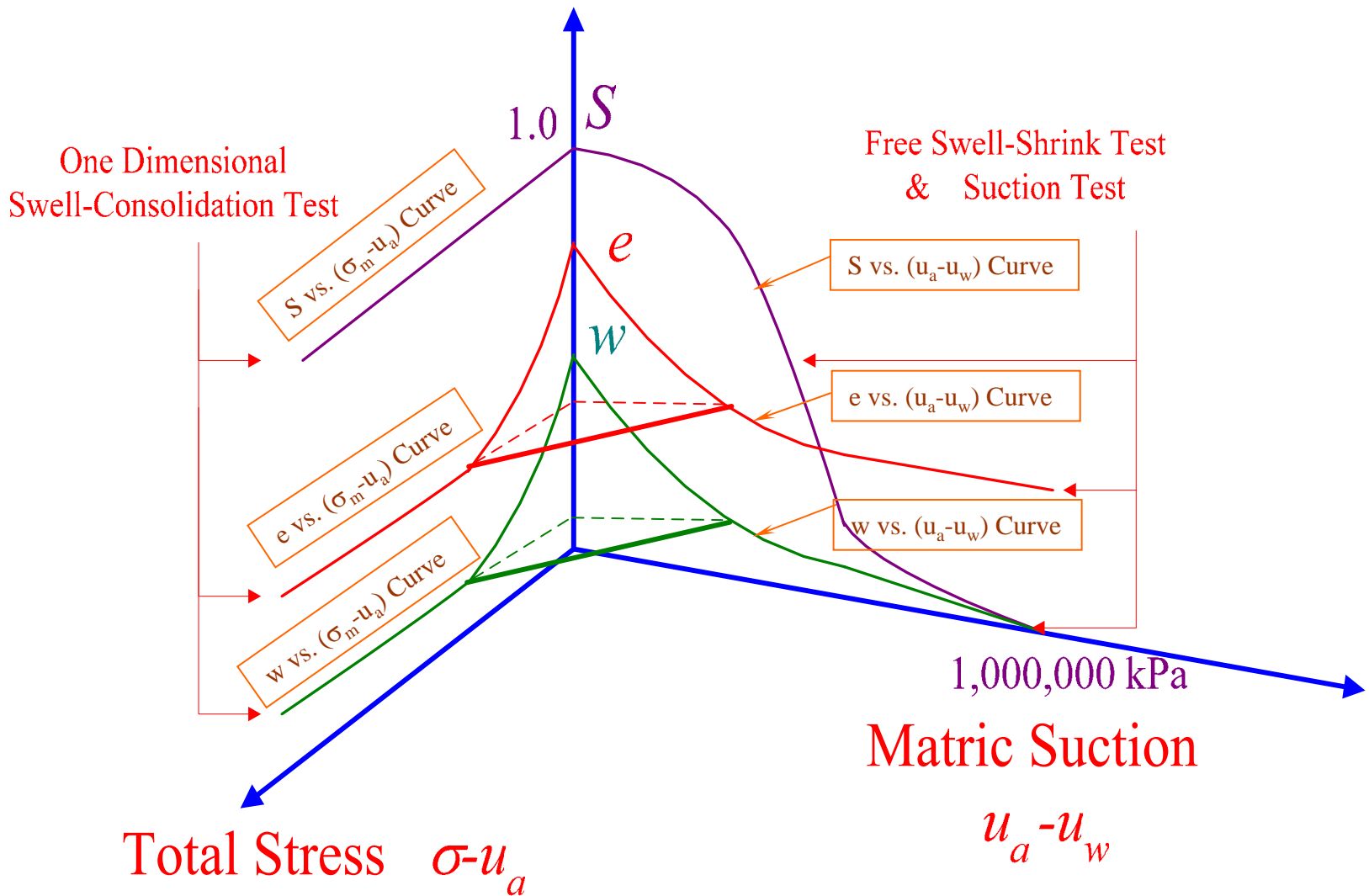
## **METHOD PROPOSED BY XIONG ZHANG**

- **ONE DIMENSIONAL CONSOLIDATION TEST**
- **FREE SWELL-SHRINK TEST**
- **SUCTION TESTS**

**(PRESSURE PLATE & SALT CONCENTRATION TESTS)**

- **SPECIFIC GRAVITY TEST**

# CONSTITUTE SURFACES OF UNSATURATED SOILS



# **LABORATORY TESTS NEEDED (II)**

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## **METHOD PROPOSED BY PTI MANUAL**

- **ATTERBERG LIMITS**

**LIQUID LIMIT**

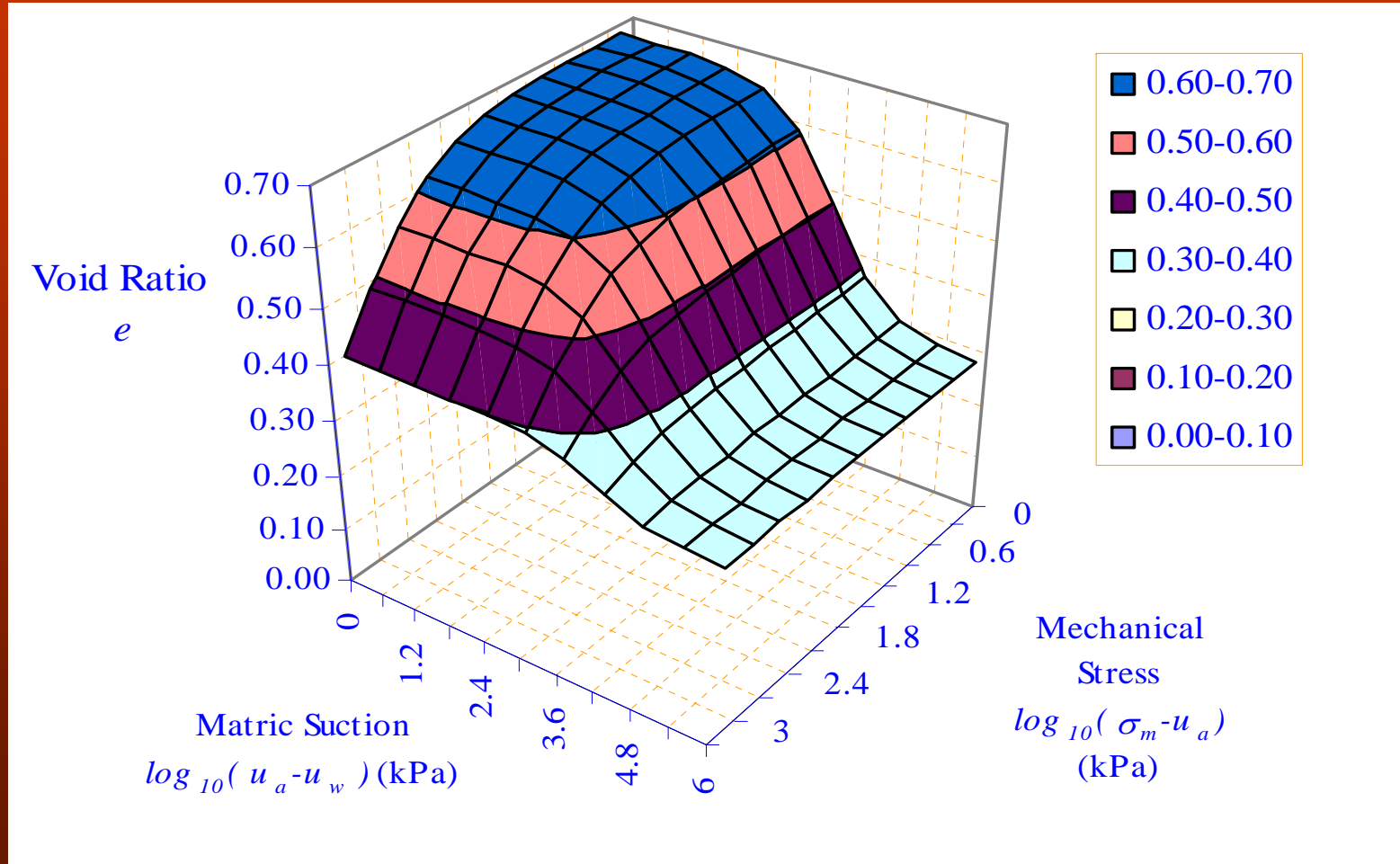
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

- **HYDROMETER TEST**

**%-No.200**

**%-2 MICRONS**

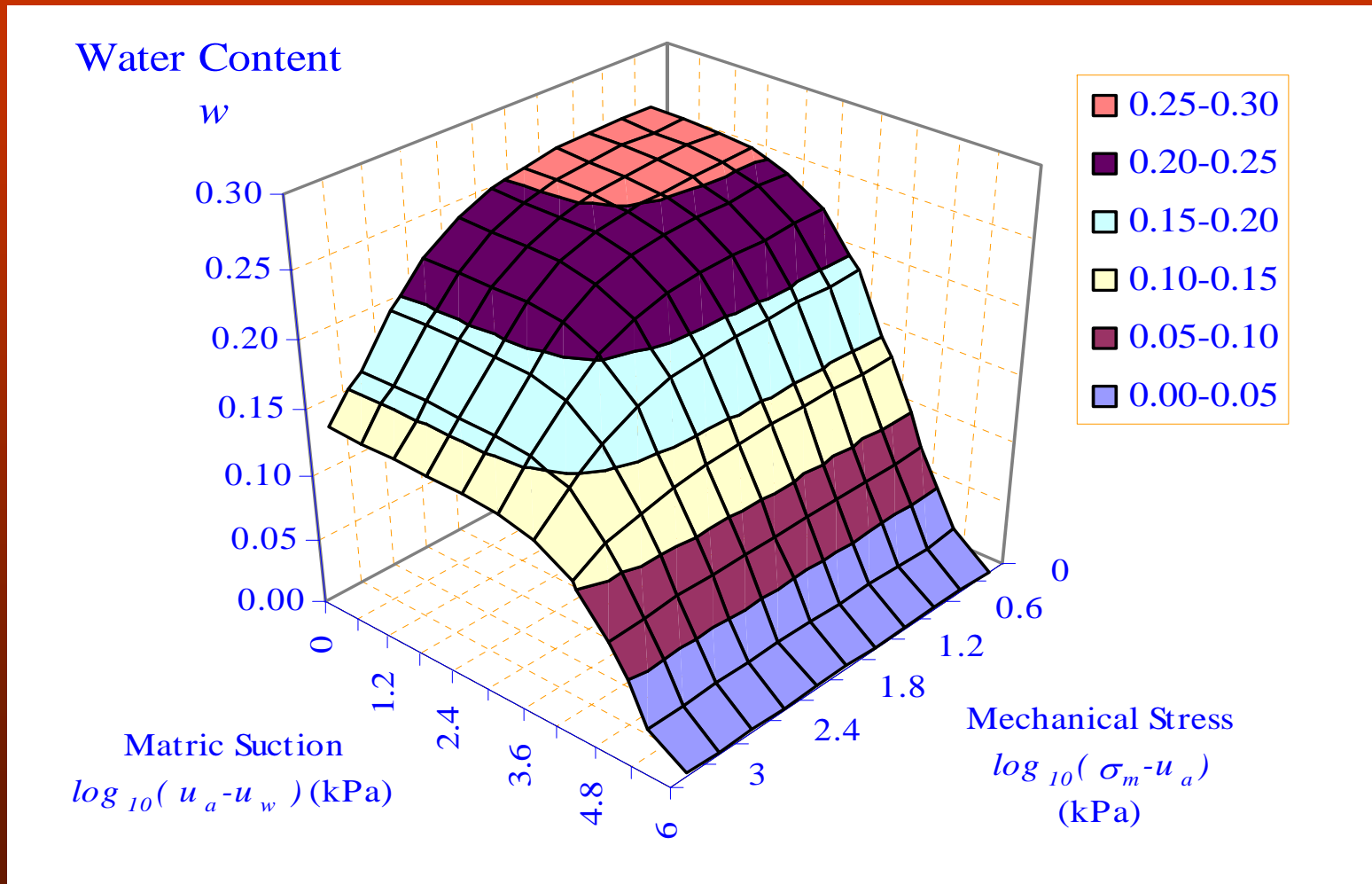
# VOID RATIO CONSTITUTIVE SURFACE OF A SOIL AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS



MATHEMATICAL EXPRESSION:

$$\frac{(\sigma_v - u_a)}{10^{\left(0.422 \ln \left( \frac{0.492}{(e-0.195)} - 1 \right) + 2.640 \right)}} + \frac{(u_a - u_w)}{10^{\left(0.456 \ln \left( \frac{0.387}{(e-0.299)} - 1 \right) + 3.624 \right)}} = 1$$

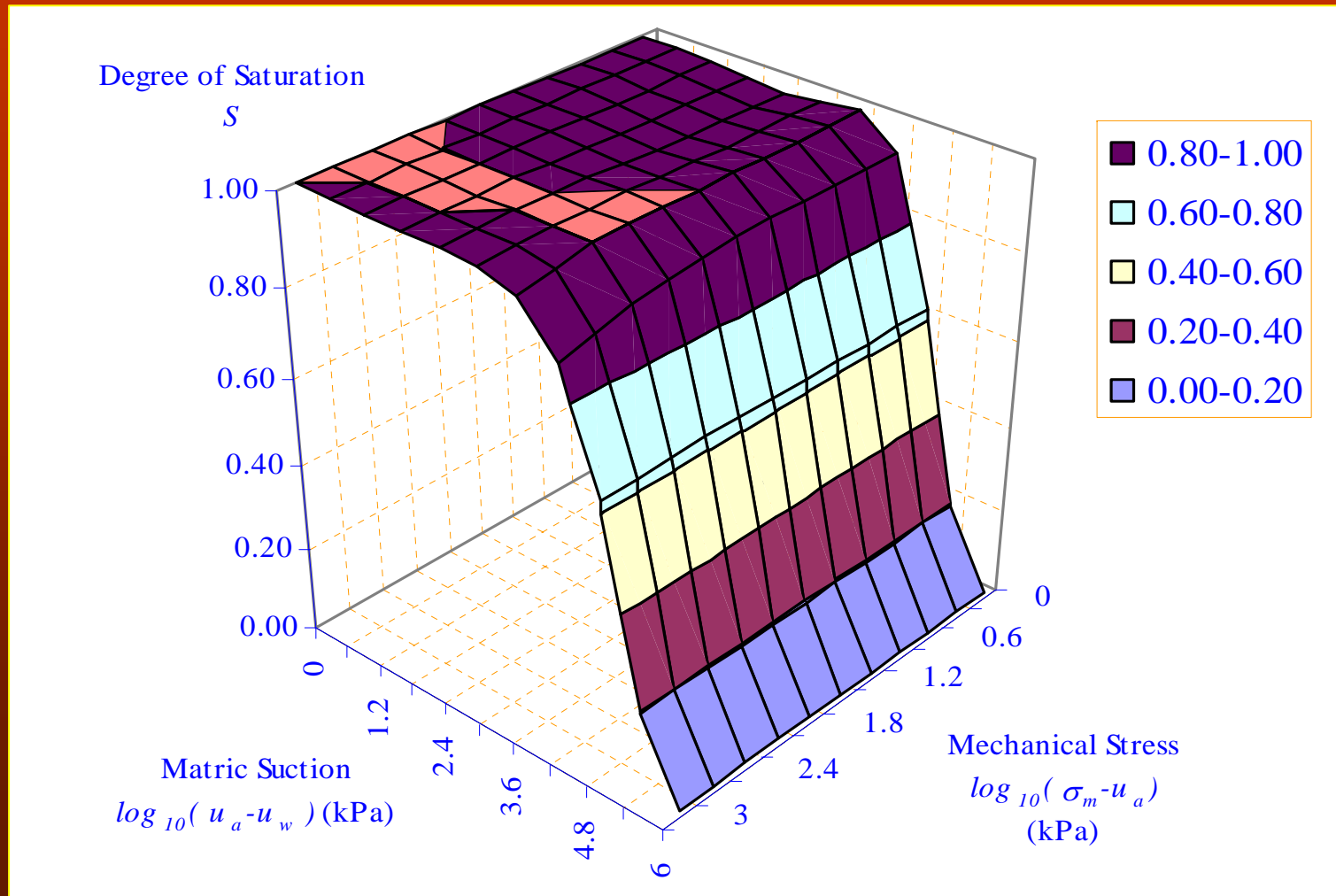
# WATER CONTENT CONSTITUTIVE SURFACE OF A SOIL AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS



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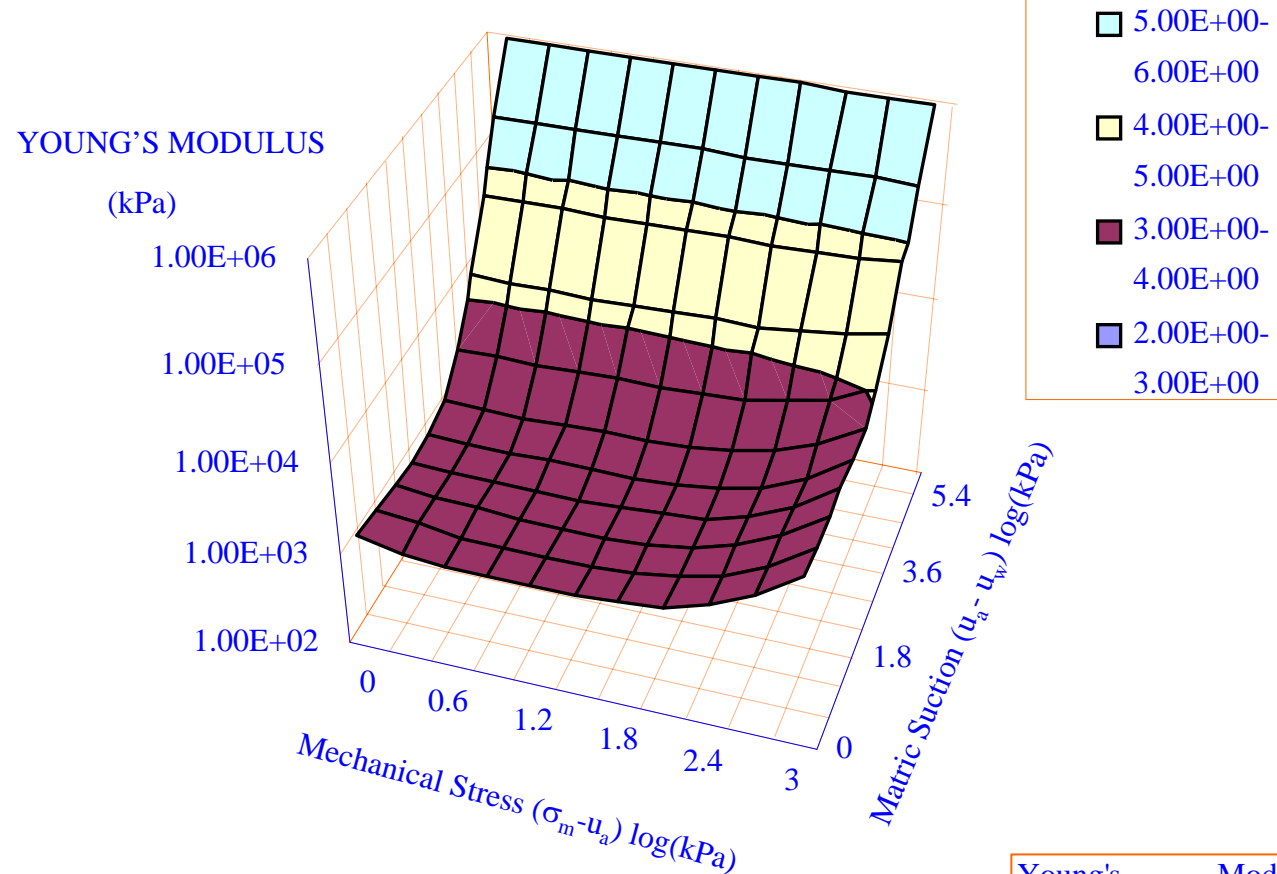
$$\frac{\sigma_v - u_a}{10^{\left(0.422 \ln \left( \frac{0.186}{(w-0.0737)} - 1 \right) + 2.640 \right)}} + \frac{u_a - u_w}{10^{\left(0.672 \ln \left( \frac{0.286}{(w+0.0263)} - 1 \right) + 4.386 \right)}} = 1$$

# DEGREE OF SATURATION CONSTITUTIVE SURFACE OF A SOIL AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS



# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (I)

## YOUNG'S MODULUS SURFACE \*



Young's Modulus:

$$E = \frac{3(1-2\mu)}{m_1^s}$$

\* RELATED TO THE MEAN PRINCIPAL STRESS COMPRESSION INDEX  $\gamma_\sigma$  IN THE PTI MANUAL



# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (II)

## COEFFICIENT OF EXPANSION SURFACE \*

Expansion  
Coefficient  $\alpha$   
(1/kPa)

1.E-04

1.E-05

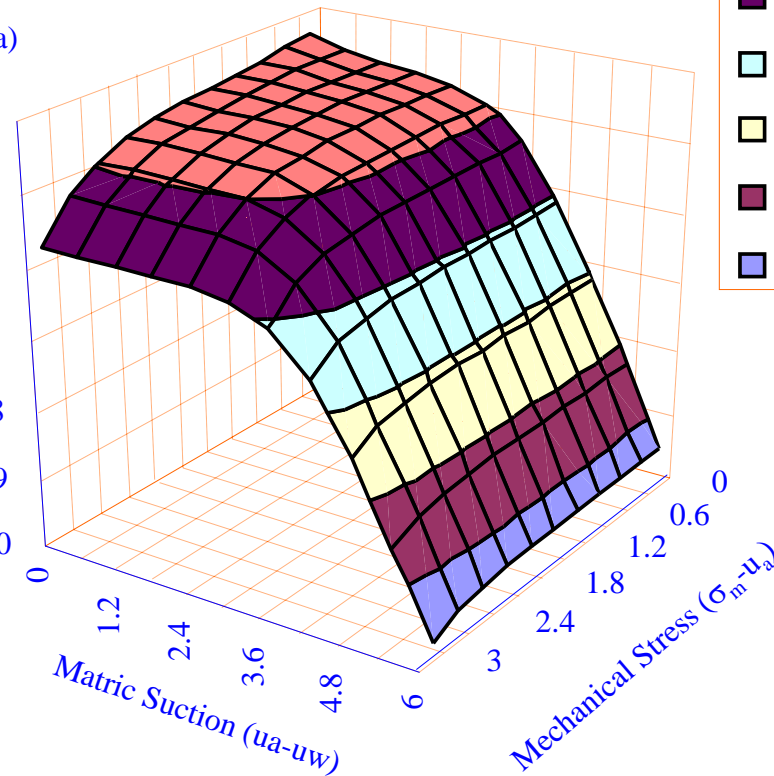
1.E-06

1.E-07

1.E-08

1.E-09

1.E-10



-5.00E+00--4.00E+00

-6.00E+00--5.00E+00

-7.00E+00--6.00E+00

-8.00E+00--7.00E+00

-9.00E+00--8.00E+00

-1.00E+01--9.00E+00

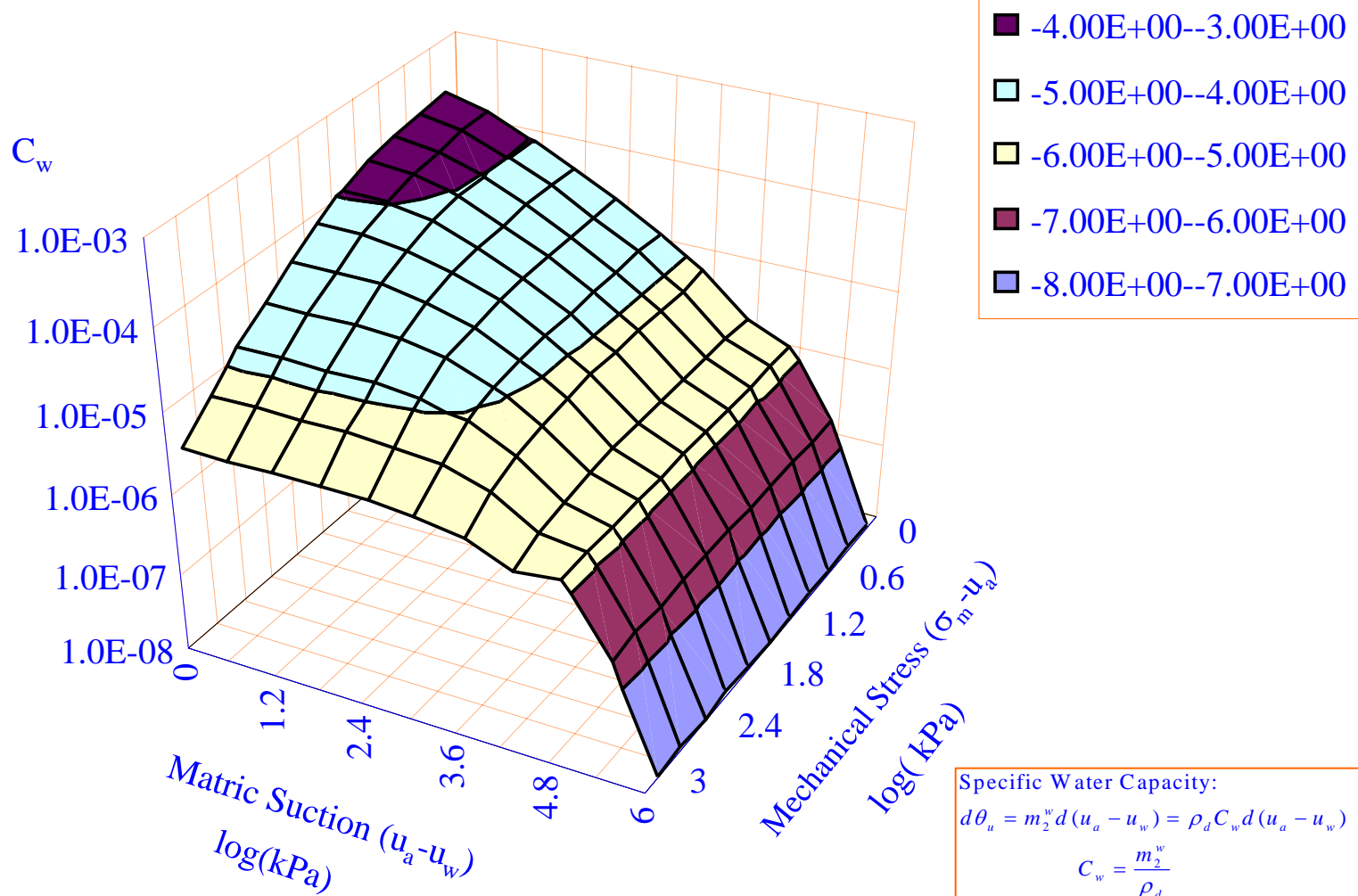
Coefficient of Expansion:

$$\alpha = \frac{m_s}{3}$$

\* RELATED TO THE SUCTION COMPRESSION INDEX  $\gamma_h$  IN THE PTI MANUAL

# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (III)

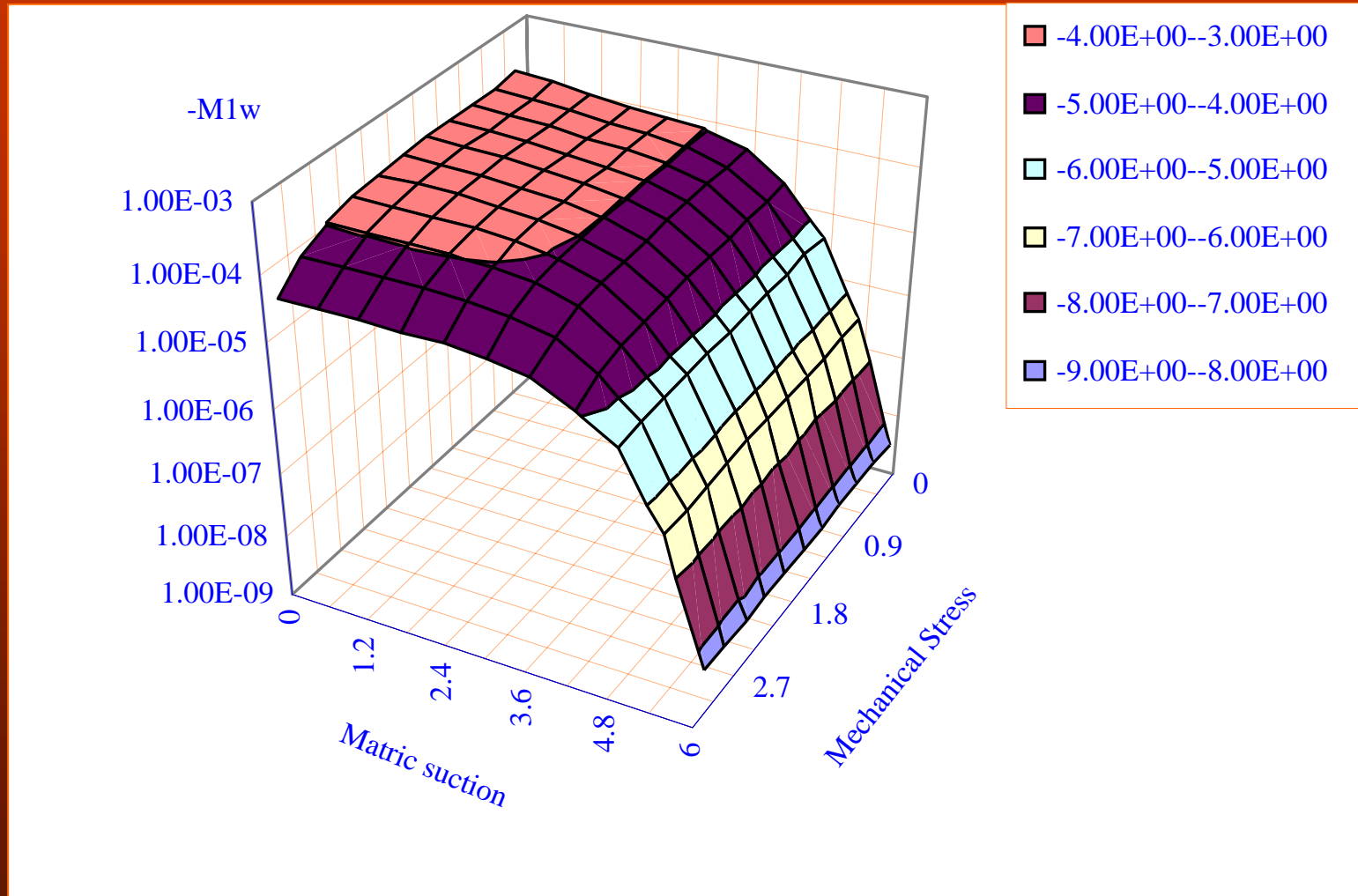
## SPECIFIC WATER CAPACITY SURFACE \*



\* RELATED TO S VALUE IN THE PTI MANUAL

# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (IV)

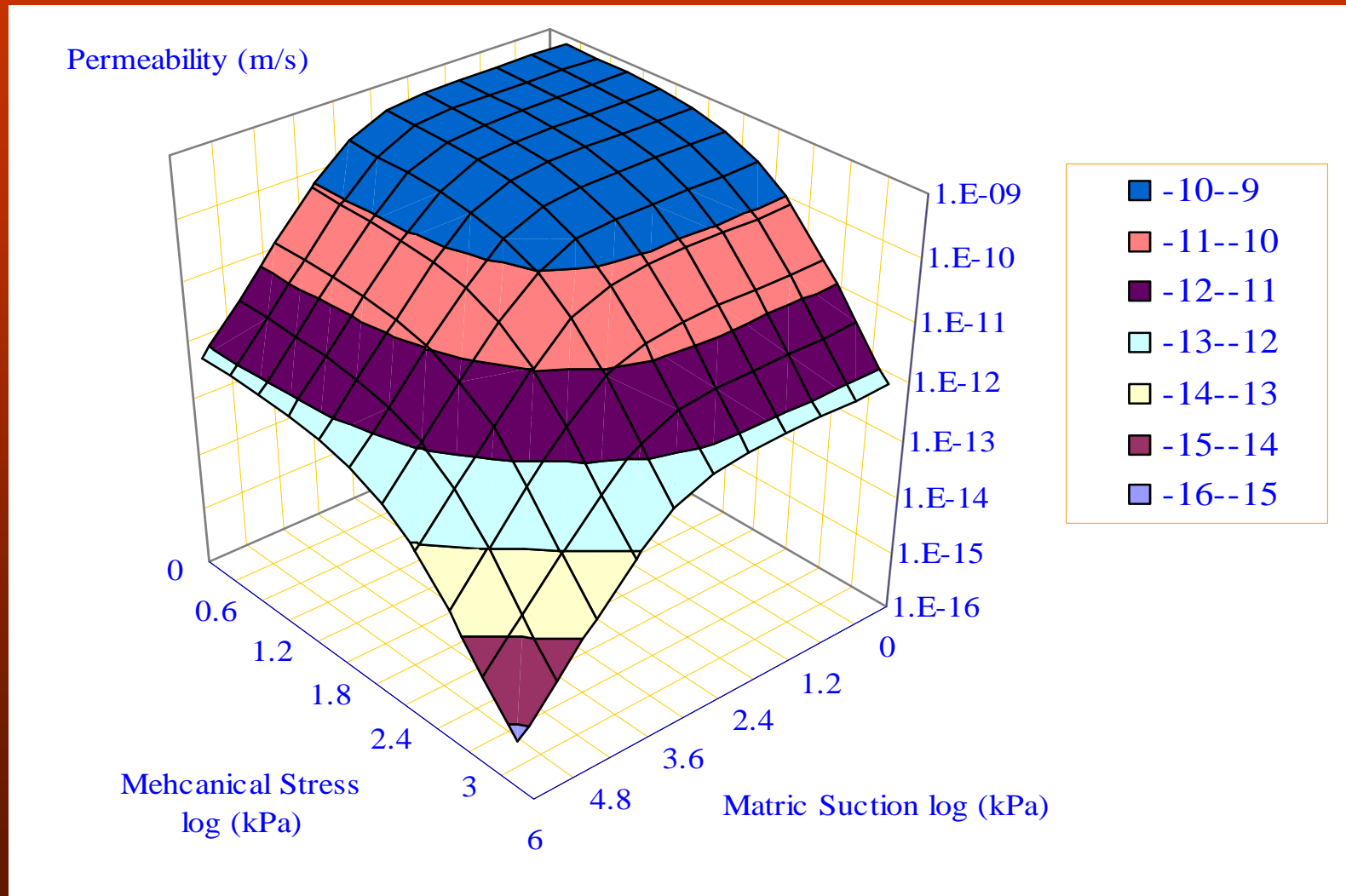
## WATER GENERATION PARAMETER SURFACE\*



\* THE ABILITY OF THE MEAN MECHANICAL STRESS TO SQUEEZE WATER OF THE SOIL

# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (V)

## COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY SURFACE\*



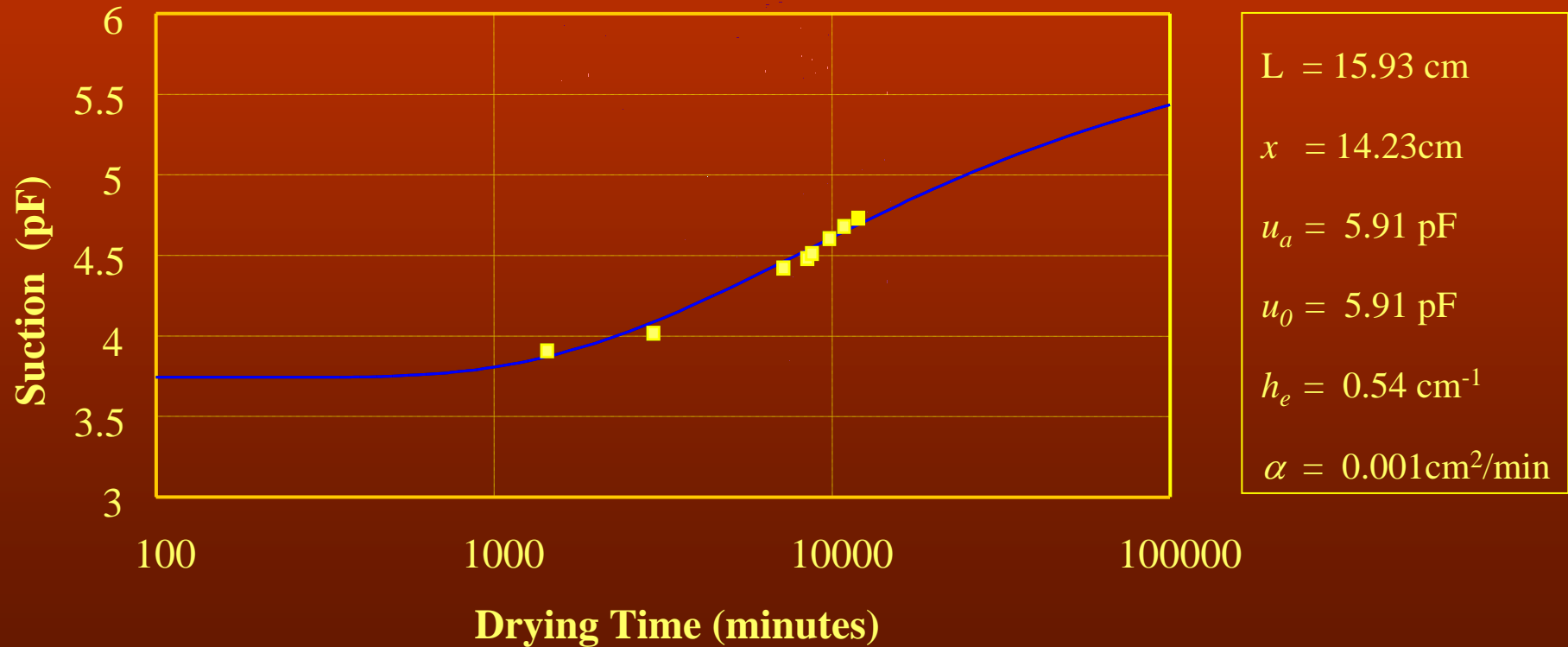
\* RELATED TO THE DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT  $\alpha$  IN THE PTI MANUAL

# MEASURING DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT SAMPLE PARAPRATION & EQUIPMENT SETUP



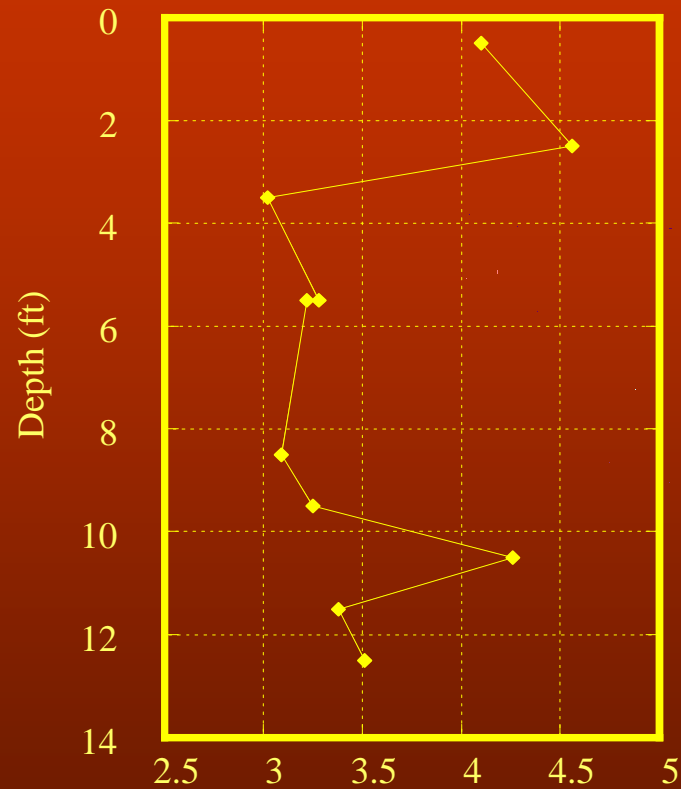
# BACKCALCULATING DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

## DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT FOR BHC 2



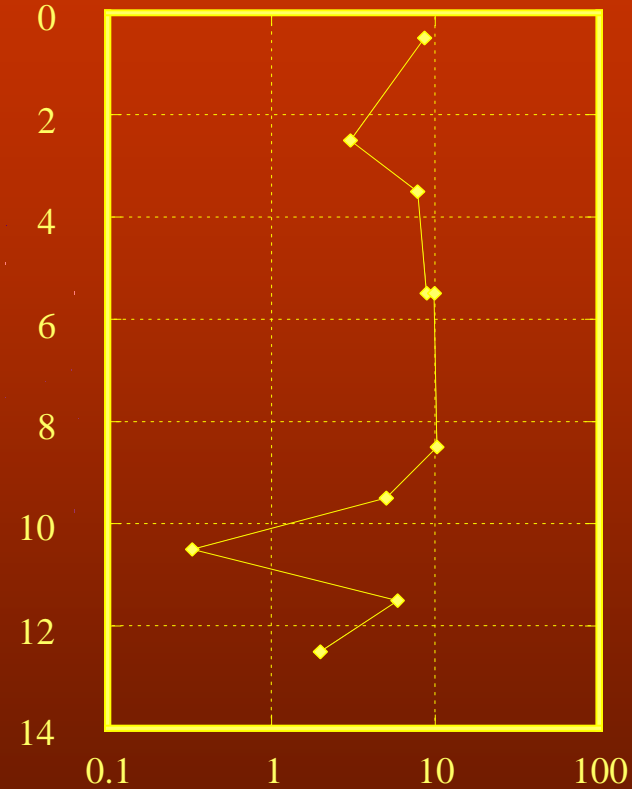
# MATERIAL PARAMETERS (VI)

## DETERMINATION OF DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT



Initial Suction (pF)

**SUCTION PROFILE  
(Fort Worth IH 820)**

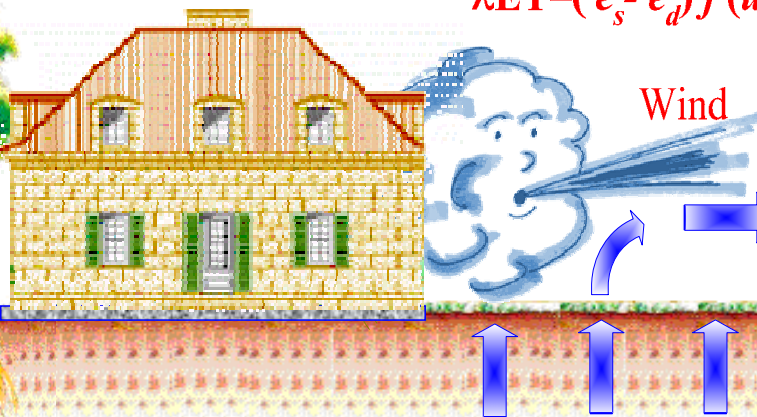
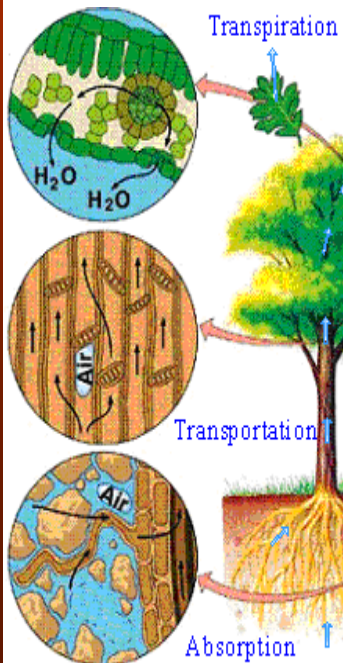
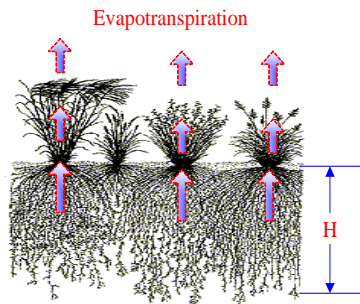


Diffusion Coefficient,  $\alpha$  ( $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ )

**MEASURED DIFFUSION  
COEFFICIENT**

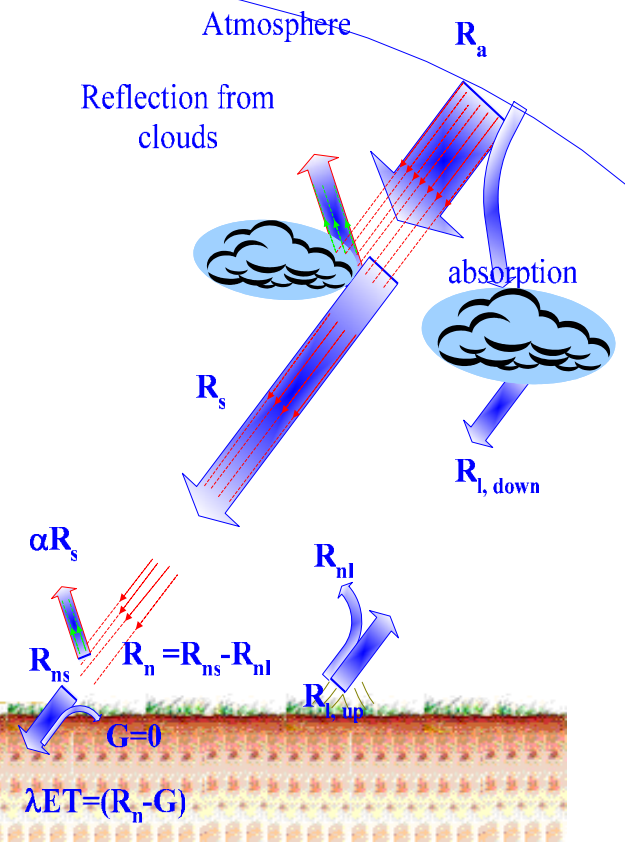
# FACTORS INFLUENCING EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

$$ET_0 = \frac{0.408 \Delta (R_n - G) + \gamma \frac{900}{T + 273} u_2 (e_s - e_a)}{\Delta + \gamma (1 + 0.34 u_2)}$$



Mass Transfer Process

Energy Balance





# **EVAPOTRANSPIRATION PROCESS**

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- **TWO PROCESSES**

- 1. VAPORIZATION OF WATER**
- 2. VAPOR REMOVAL**

- **SEVEN INFLUENCING FACTORS**

- 1. SOLAR RADIATION**
- 2. RELATIVE HUMIDITY**
- 3. WIND SPEED**
- 4. RAINFALL**
- 5. VEGETATION TYPES**
- 6. SOIL PERMEABILITY**
- 7. SOIL WATER CONTENT**

# **ESTIMATION OF EVAPOTRANSPIRATION**

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- **CURRENTLY AVAILABLE METHODS**

- 1). **THE TEMPERATURE METHODS**

(THORNTHWAITE, MCCLLOUD, MBC)

- 2). **THE RADIATION METHODS**

(MMBC, HARG, TURC)

- 3). **THE COMBINATION METHODS**

(FAO 56 PM, ASCE2000 PM)

- **THE FAO 56 PENMAN-MONTEITH METHOD**

- 1). **AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD, GLOBALLY VALID**

- 2). **CAN USE DAILY OR HOURLY WEATHER DATA**

- 3). **METHOD FOR ESTIMATING MISSING DATA AVAILABLE**

# POTENTIAL VS. ACTUAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

The FAO 56 Penman-Montieth Method

$$ET_0 = \frac{0.408\Delta(R_n - G) + \gamma \frac{900}{T + 273} u_2 (e_s - e_a)}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + 0.34u_2)} K_s$$

$$ET_c = K_c ET_0$$

$$ET_c \text{ adjusted} = K_s \times K_c \times ET_0$$

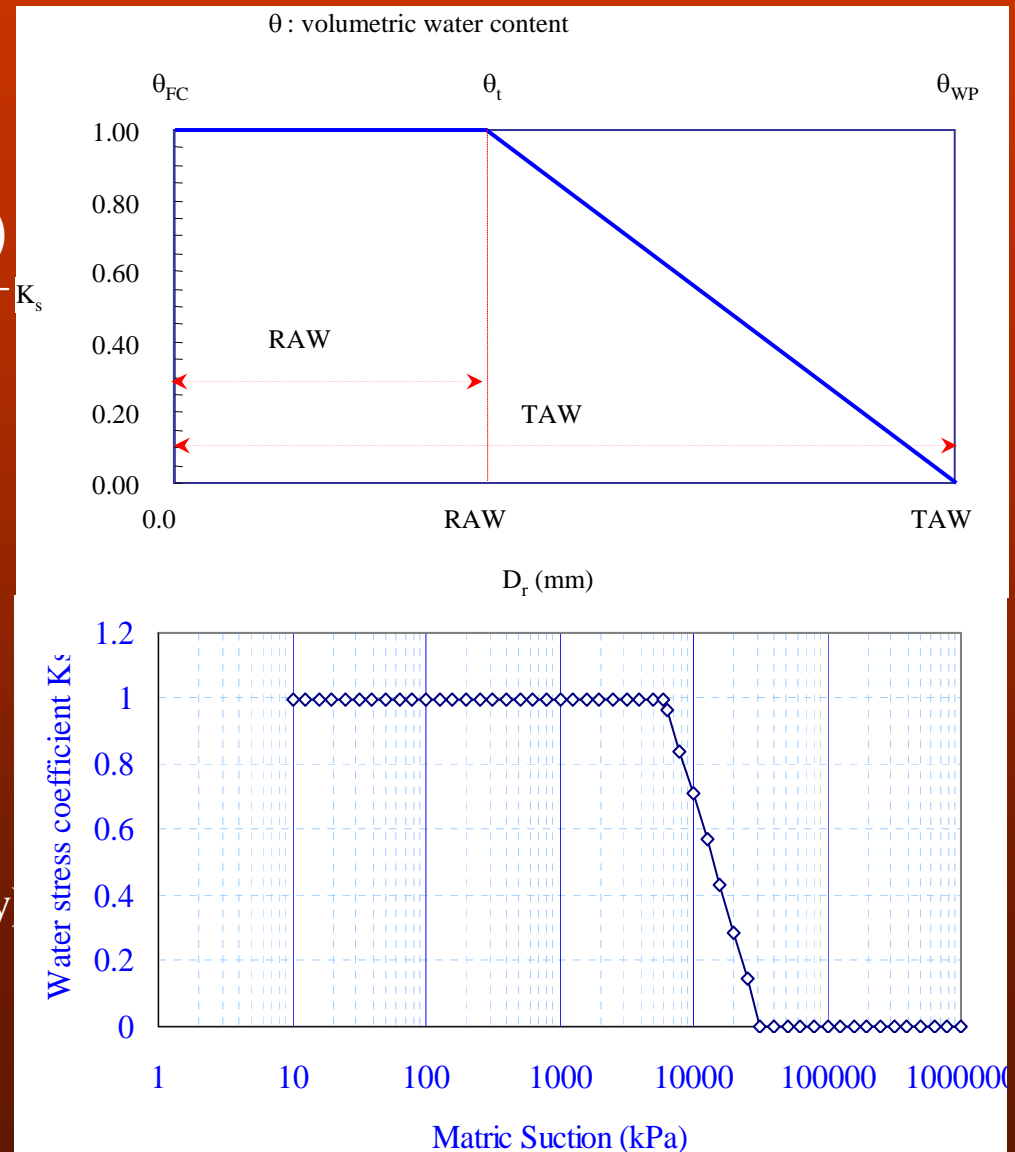
$ET_0$  =reference evapotranspiration (mm/day)

$ET_c$ =crop evapotranspiration (mm/day)

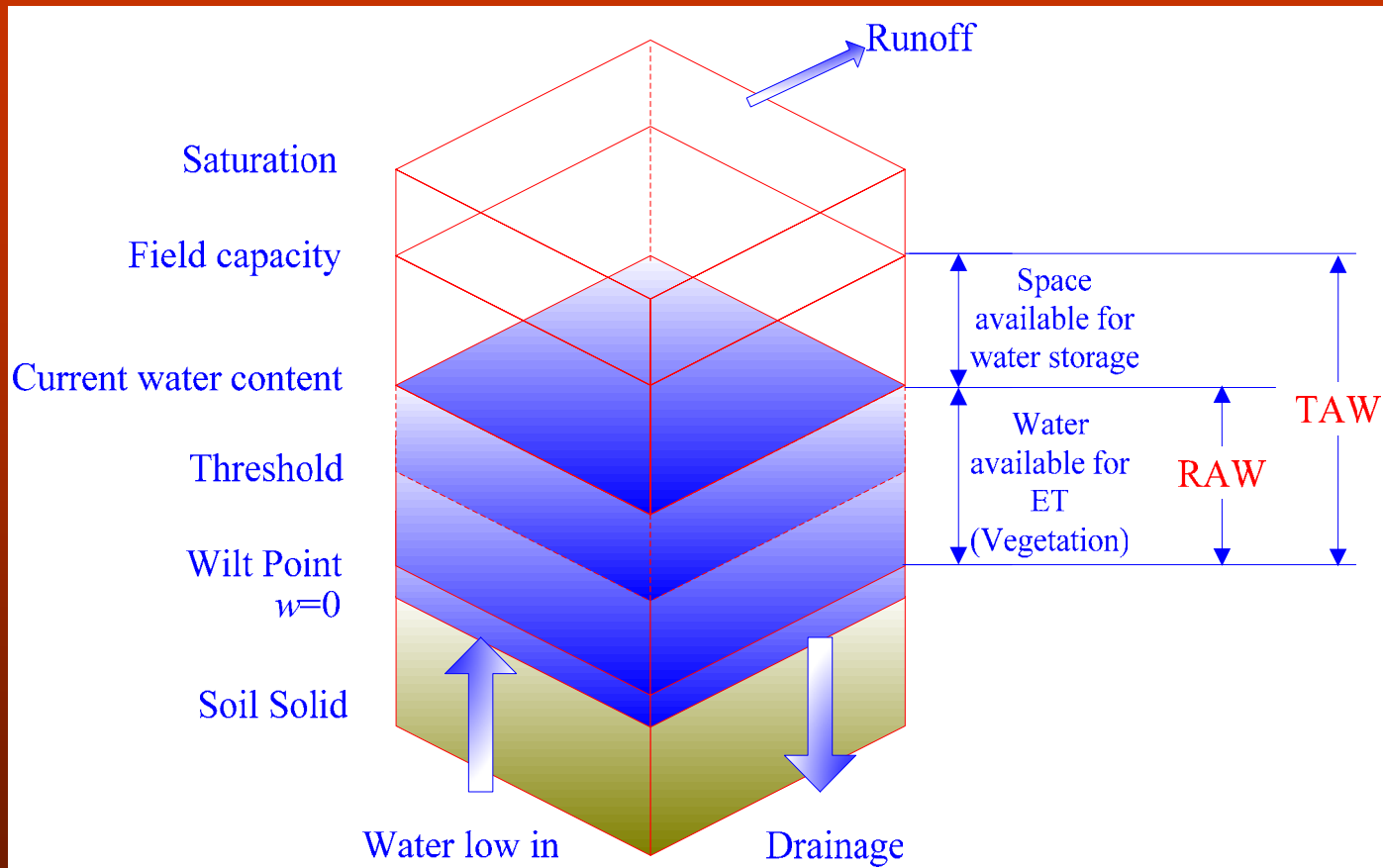
$(ET_c)_{adj}$ =actual evapotranspiration (mm/day)

$K_c$ =crop coefficient (dimensionless)

$K_s$ =water stress coefficient(dimensionless)



# SOIL WATER BALANCE



**TAW=the total available soil water in the root zone (mm)**

**RAW= the readily available soil water in the root zone (mm)**

# FOUNDATION MODELS (I)

- **WINKLER FOUNDATION MODEL**

**ASSUMPTION:** THE FOUNDATION IS CONSIDERED AS A NUMBER OF CLOSELY SPACED, VERTICAL, INDEPENDENT, LINEAR ELASTIC SPRINGS PROVIDING VERTICAL REACTION ONLY.

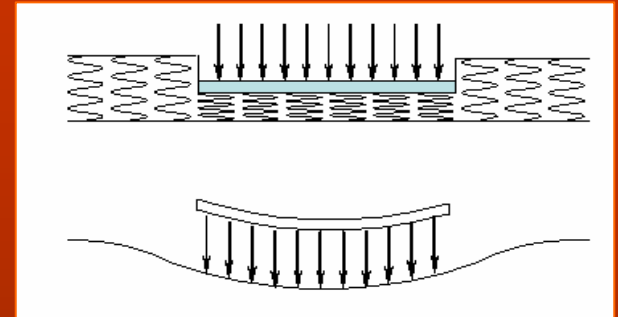
**DRAWBACK:** SHEAR DEFORMATION CAN NOT BE SIMULATED.

- **ELASTIC HALF SPACE FOUNDATION**

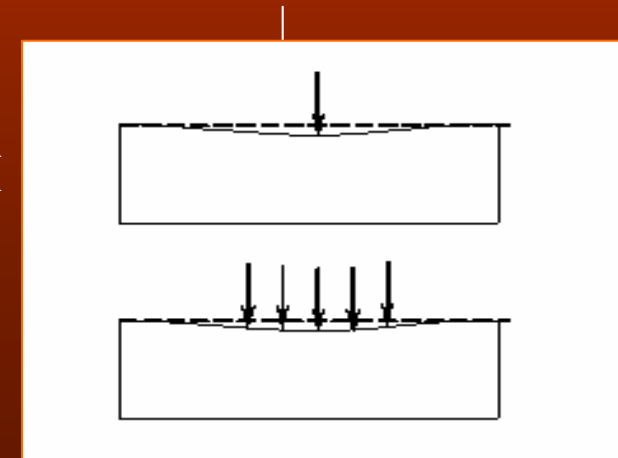
**ASSUMPTION:** THE SOIL IS CONSIDERED AS AN ELASTIC, ISOTROPIC, AND HOMOGENEOUS SEMI-INFINITE CONTINUUM WITH  $E$  AND  $\nu$

**DRAWBACKS:** (1). SEPARATION AND FRICTION BETWEEN THE SLAB AND THE FOUNDATION ARE NOT EASY TO SIMULATE.

(2) NOT EASY TO DETERMINE  $E$  AND  $\nu$  FOR MULTILAYERS



WINKLER FOUNDATION



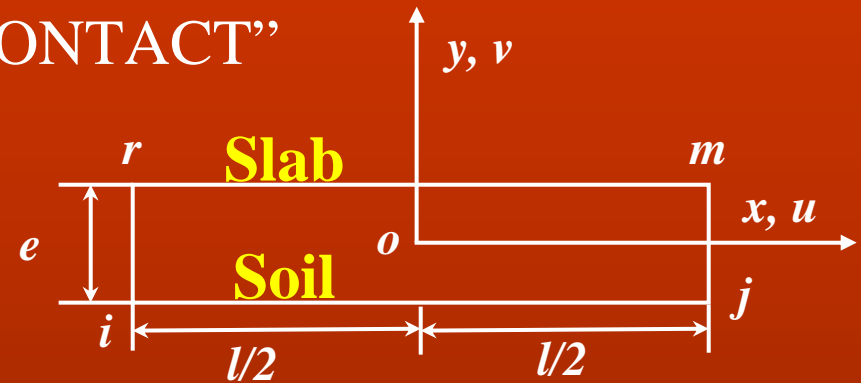
ELASTIC HALF SPACE

# SOIL STRUCTURE INTERACTION (II)-CONTACT ELEMENT

## 1. NORMAL BEHAVIOR : “HARD CONTACT”

$P=0$  for  $h>0$  (OPEN), AND

$h=0$  for  $P>0$  (CLOSED)



## 2. TANGENTIAL BEHAVIOR: COULOMB FRICTION MODEL

THE EQUIVALENT FRICTIONAL STRESS

$$\tau_{eq} = (\tau_x^2 + \tau_y^2)^{1/2}$$

THE CRITICAL STRESS \*

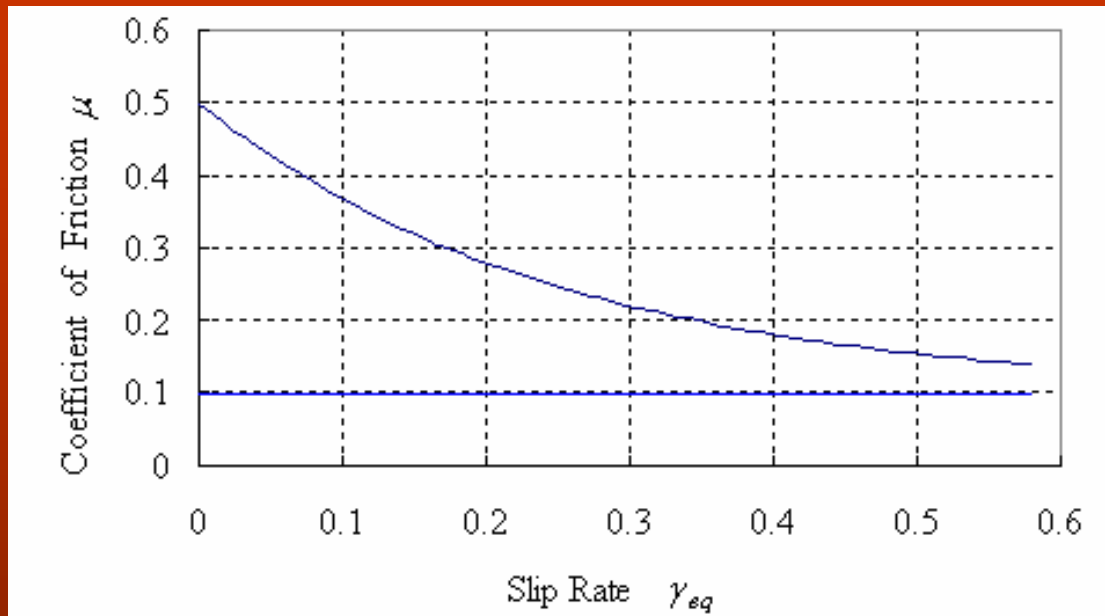
$$\tau_{critical} = \mu P$$

WHERE,  $P$ =CONTACT PRESSURE

IF  $\tau_{eq} \leq \tau_{critical}$ , NO RELATIVE MOTION

\* ALTERNATIVELY,  $\tau_{critical} = (\sigma - u_a) \text{tg} \phi' + (u_a - u_w) \text{tg} \phi'' + C$

# FRICITION COEFFICIENTS AFTER SLIPPING



IF  $\tau_{eq} > \tau_{critical}$ , THEN

$$\mu = \mu_k - (\mu_s - \mu_k) e^{-d_c \dot{\gamma}_{eq}} = 0.1 + 0.4 e^{-4 \dot{\gamma}_{eq}}$$

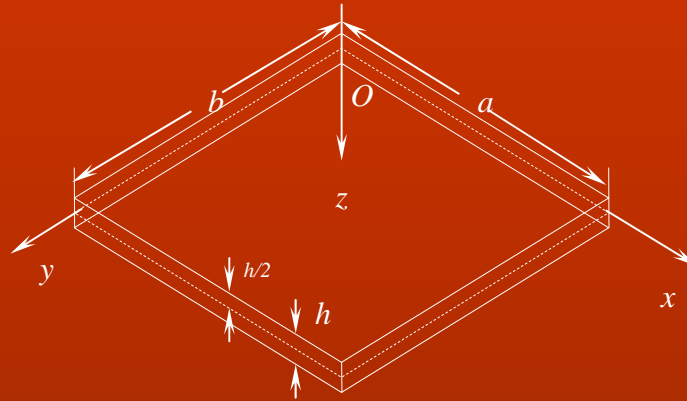
$\mu_k$  = the kinetic friction coefficient

$\mu_s$  = the static friction coefficient

$d_c$  = a user-defined decay coefficient, and

$\dot{\gamma}_{eq}$  = the slip rate (see Oden, J. T. and J. A. C. Martins, 1985).

# KIRCHHOFF PLATE THEORY (PURE BENDING)



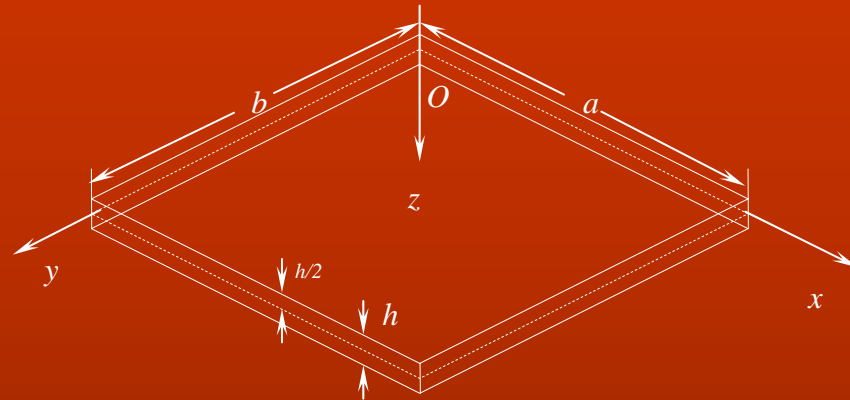
- STRAIGHT LINES PERPENDICULAR TO THE MID-SURFACE BEFORE DEFORMATION, REMAIN STRAIGHT AFTER DEFORMATION.
- THE TRANSVERSE NORMALS DO NOT EXPERIENCE ELONGATION.
- THE TRANSVERSE NORMALS ROTATE SUCH THAT THEY REMAIN PERPENDICULAR TO THE MID-SURFACE AFTER DEFORMATION.

$$\varepsilon_z = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0, \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = 0, \varepsilon_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$u_{z=0} = 0, v_{z=0} = 0, w_{z=0} = w(x, y)$$



# MINDLIN PLATE THEORY



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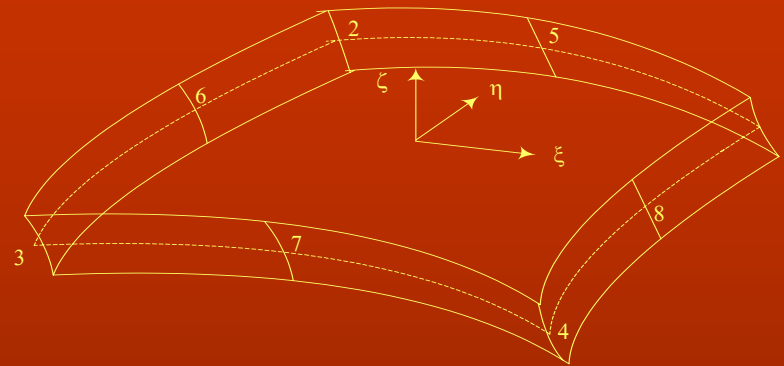
$$\varepsilon_z = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0, \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \neq 0, \gamma_{xz} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \neq 0$$

- THE TRANSVERSE NORMALS DO NOT EXPERIENCE ELONGATION.

$$u_{z=0} = 0, v_{z=0} = 0, w_{z=0} = w(x, y)$$

- THE TRANSVERSE NORMALS ROTATE SUCH THAT THEY REMAIN PERPENDICULAR TO THE MID-SURFACE AFTER DEFORMATION.

# GENERAL SHELL ELEMENT



- THE TRANSVERSE NORMALS REMAIN STRAIGHT AFTER DEFORMATION AND THE LENGTH REMAIN UNCHANGED.
- **ADVANTAGES:**
  1. 5 DEGREES OF FREEDOM, CAN SIMULATE PLATE BENDING WITH SHEAR DEFORMATION AND PLATE STRETCHING
  2. NEGLECT THE STRAIN ENERGY CAUSED BY  $\sigma_z$ , MORE ACCURATE.
  3. THE MID-SURFACE CAN BE ARBITRARY
  4. SHEAR LOCKING CAN BE SOLVED TO ANALYZE THIN SHELL.

# SOIL-STRUCTURE MOISTURE VARIATION SIMULATIONS

Concrete:

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_\sigma + \varepsilon_T = Bd\sigma + 3\alpha dT$$
$$= Bd\sigma$$

Contact Element :

$$k = 0$$

$$q = k(T_A - T_B) = 0$$

Concrete:

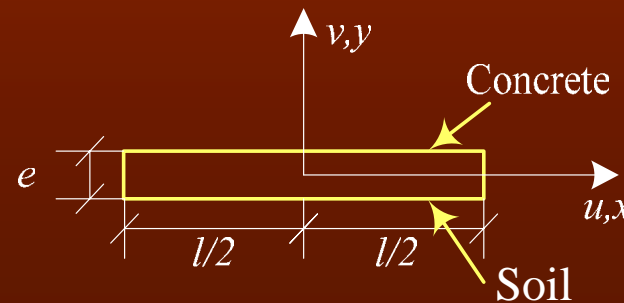
mechnaical stress analysis  
(shell elements)



Contact elements

Expansive Soils:

Coupled hydro-mechanical stress (thermal  
stress) analysis  
(three dimensional solid elements)



# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

## FLUX BOUNDARY CONDITION:

AD and BC:  $q_x=0$

AB:  $u_a - u_w = 10\text{kPa}$

DG and CH:  $q_y = \text{ETP} - \text{Rainfall}$  (Bare soil) or

$S = (\text{ETP} - \text{Rainfall}) / d_{\text{grass}}$  (Grass) or

$S = \text{ETP} / d_{\text{tree}}$  (Tree)

GH:  $q_y = 0$  \*

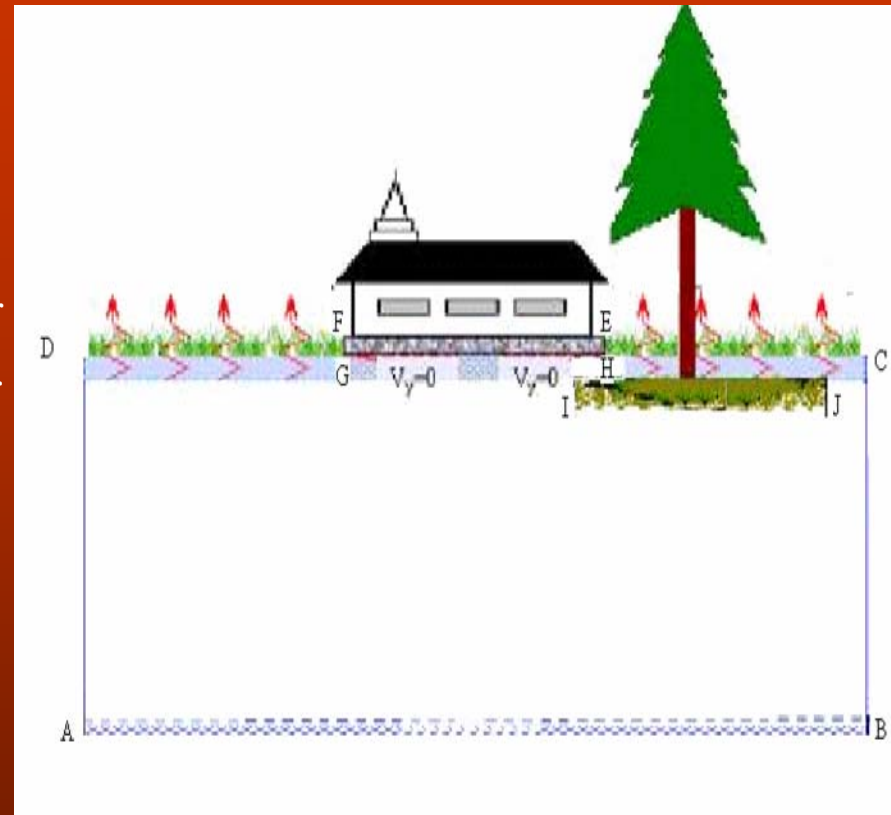
## MECHANICAL BOUNDARY CONDITION:

AD and BC:  $u=0$

AB :  $u=v=0$

DG and CH: None

GH : (Contact element)



Typical Environment around a House

\* It is realized by thermal behavior of contact element

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES FOR STRUCTURE

## Mechanical Behavior:

Linearly elastic concrete

## Thermal Behavior:

No Expansion

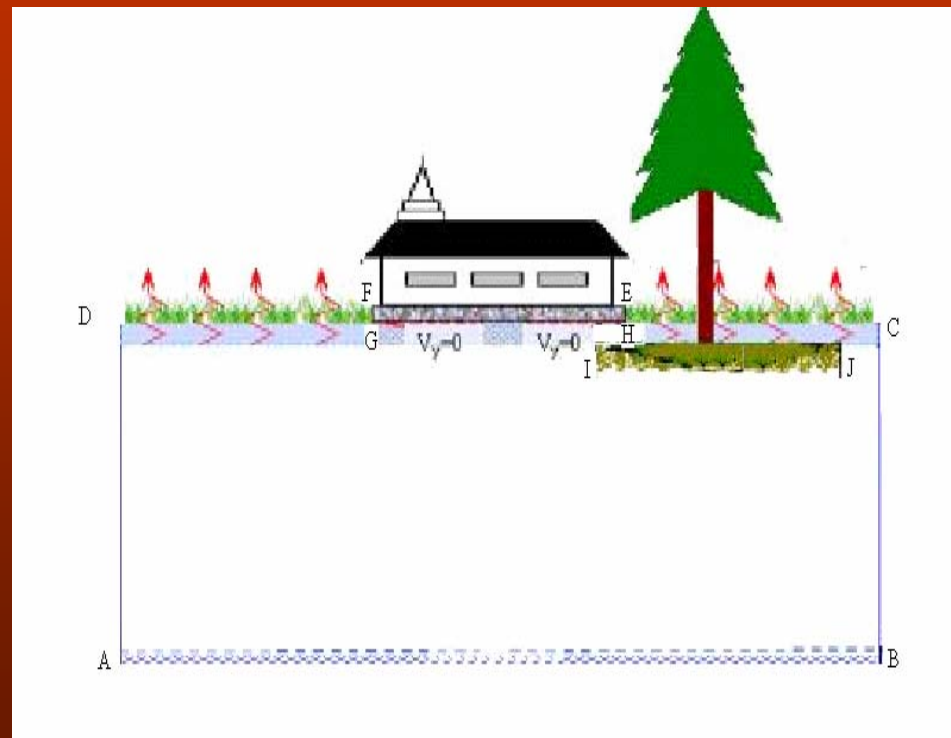
No Heat Generation

## Boundary Condition:

Zero Initial Condition

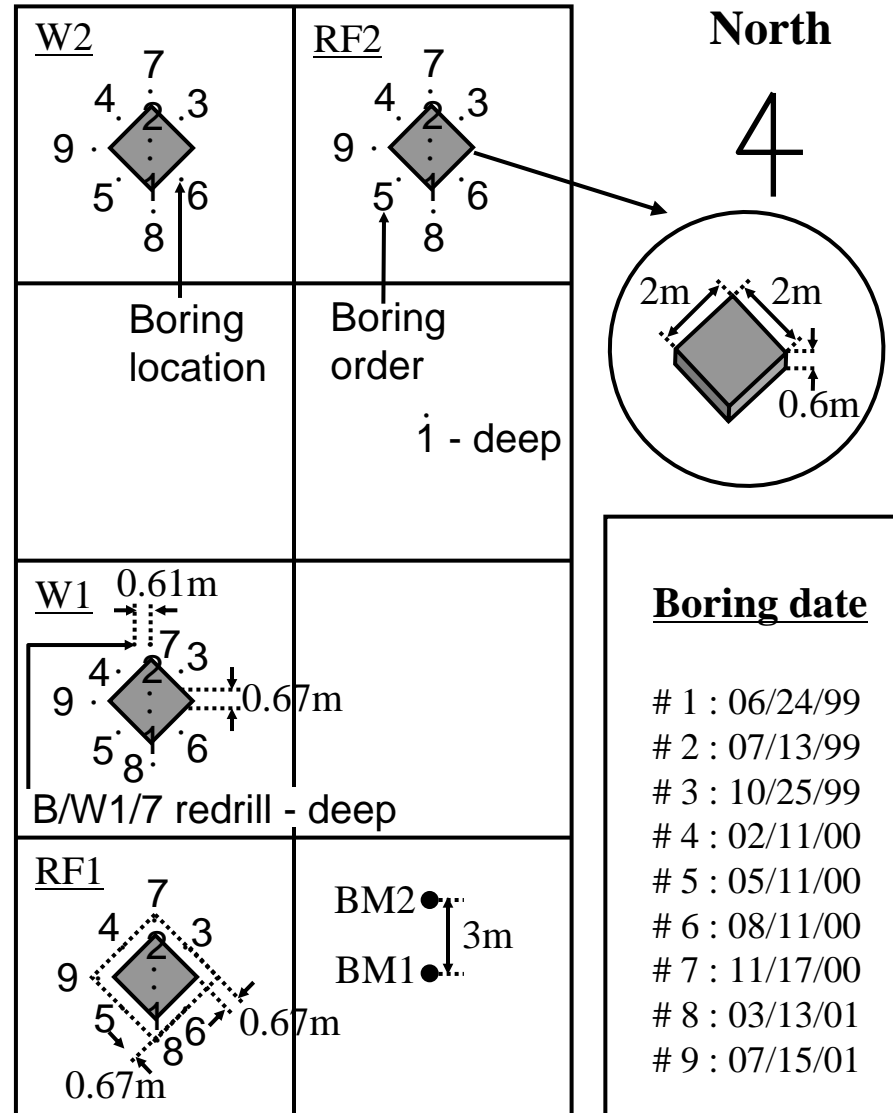
## Load:

Gravity



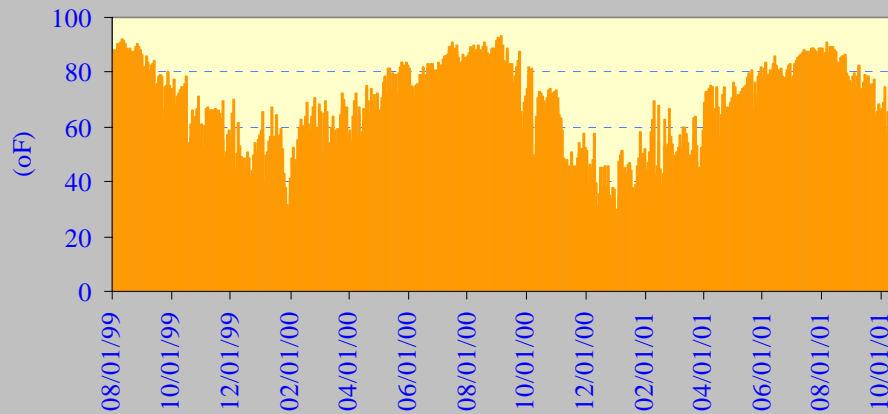
# VERIFICATION-PLAN VIEW OF THE SITE

Site in Arlington,  
Texas

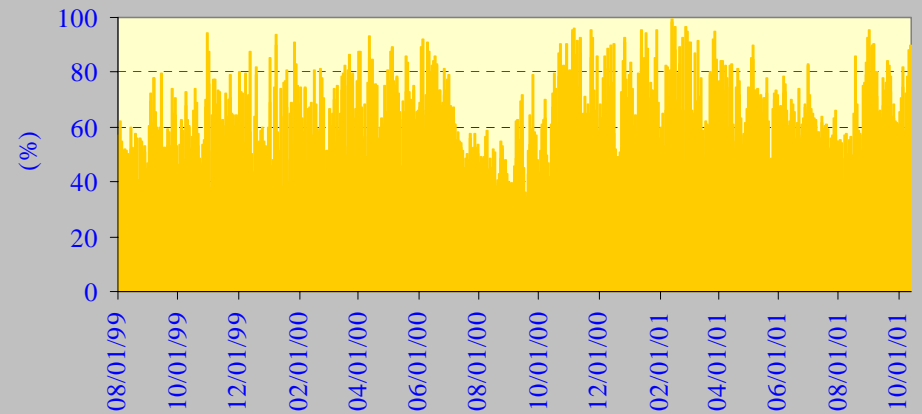


# ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AT ARLINGTON

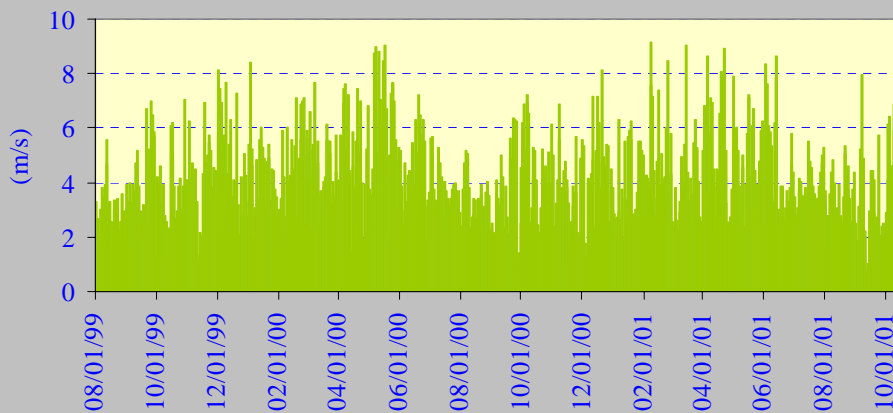
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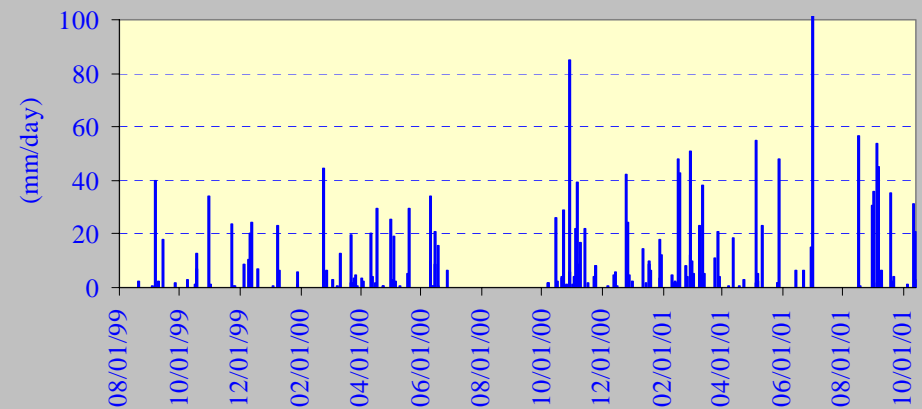
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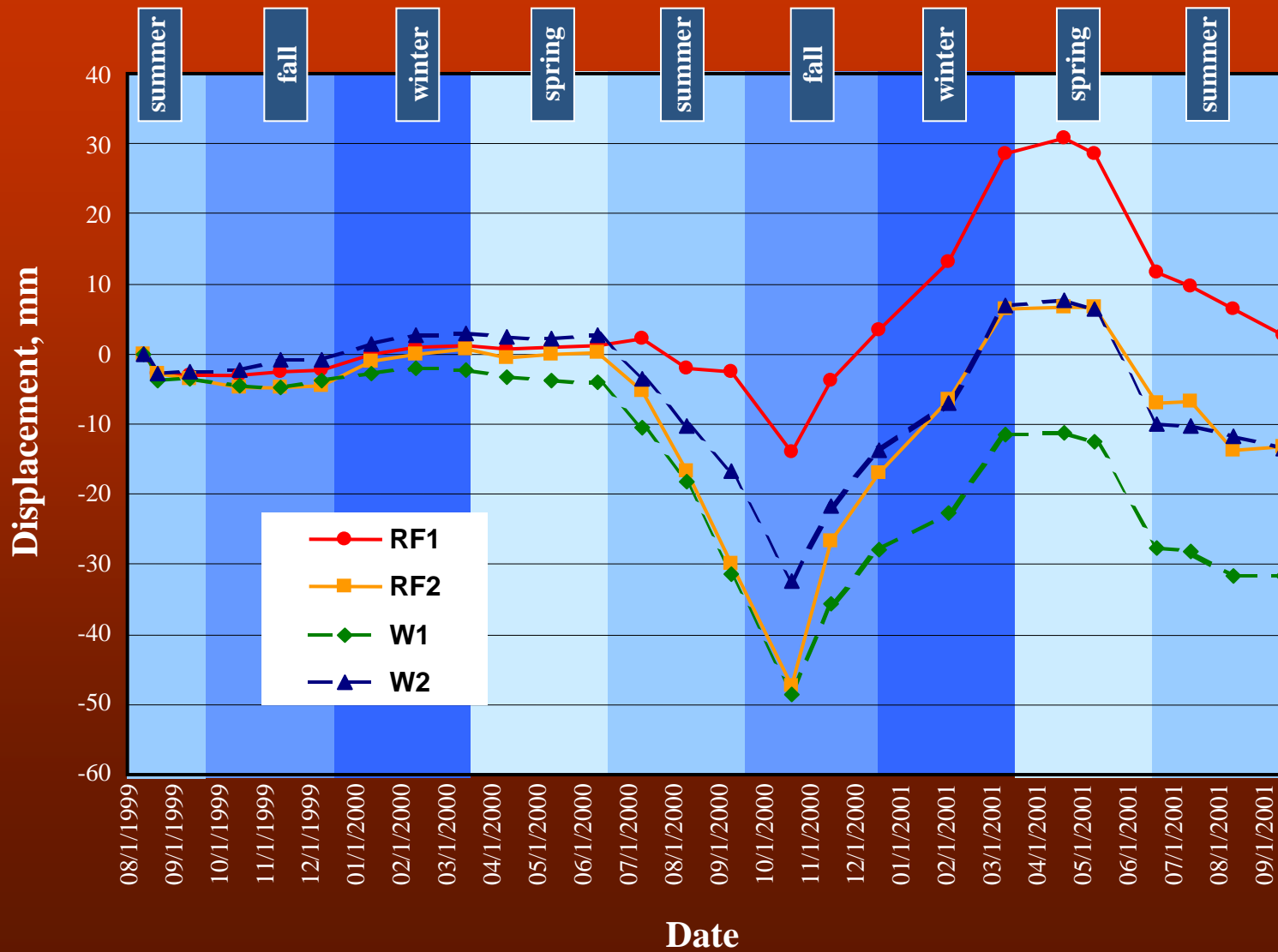
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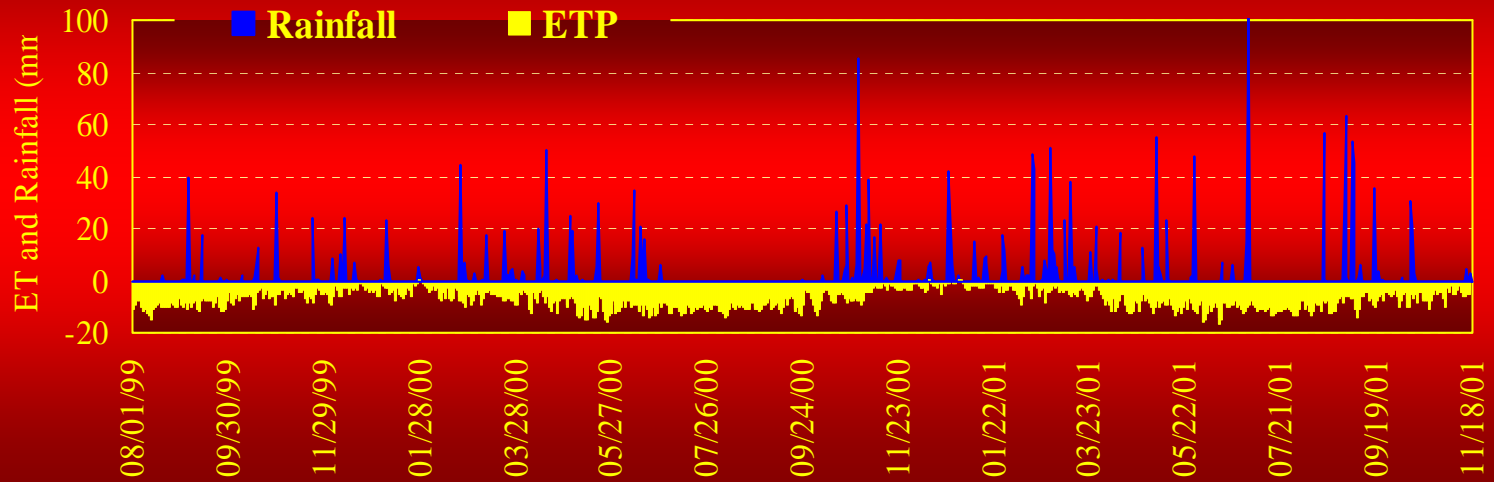


# FOOTING MOVEMENT OVER TWO YEARS

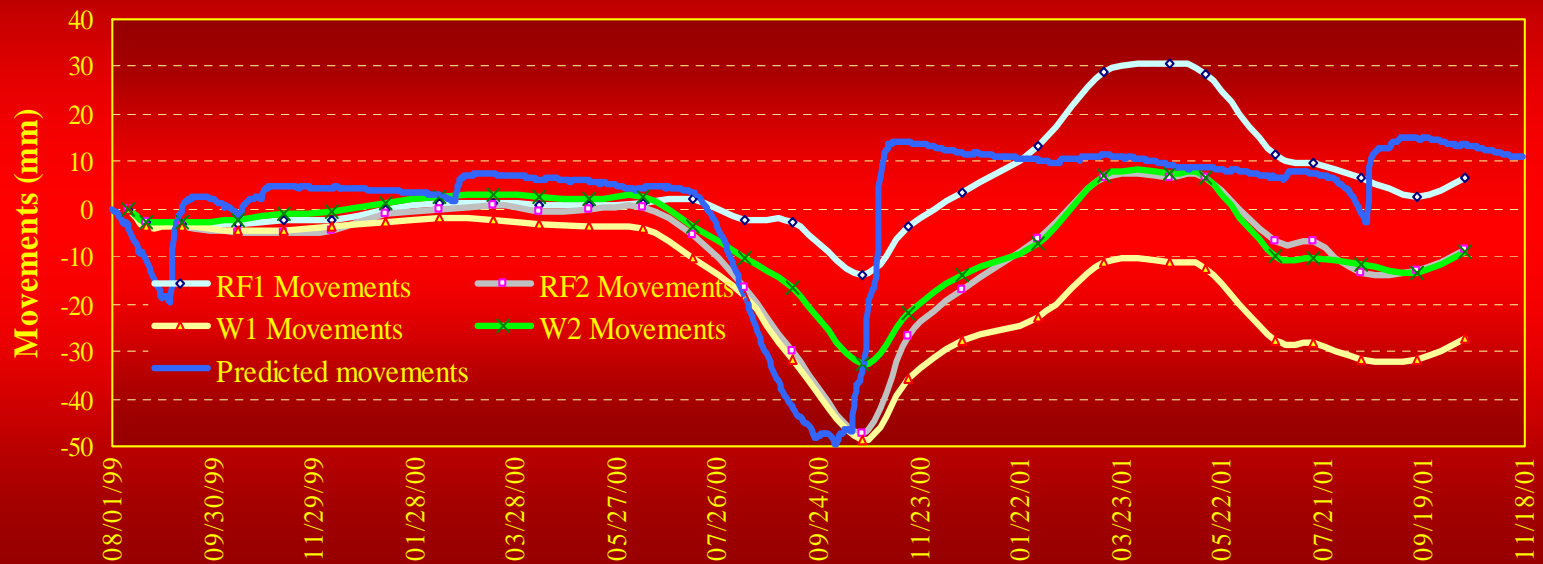




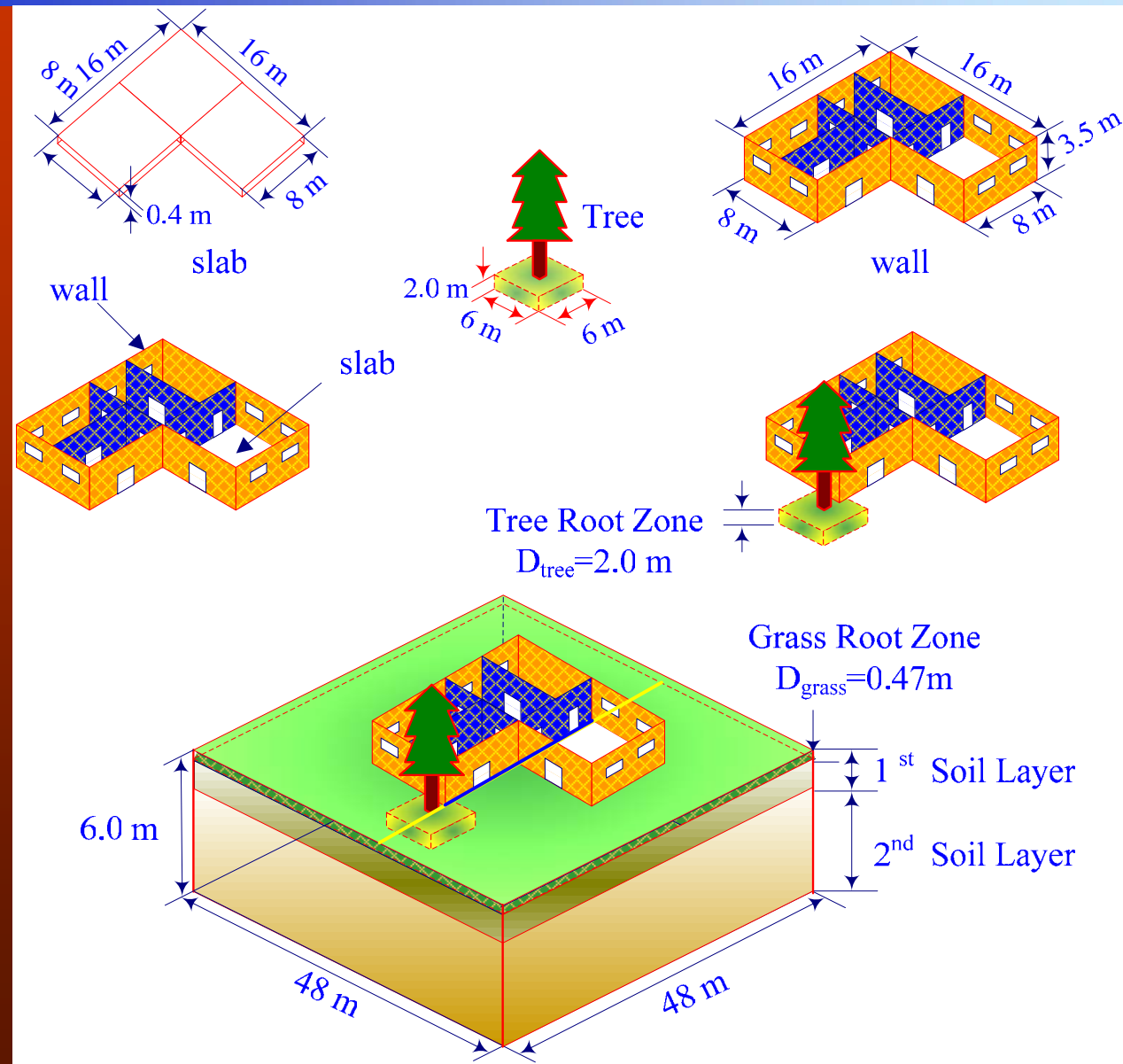
## Weather of Arlington, Texas



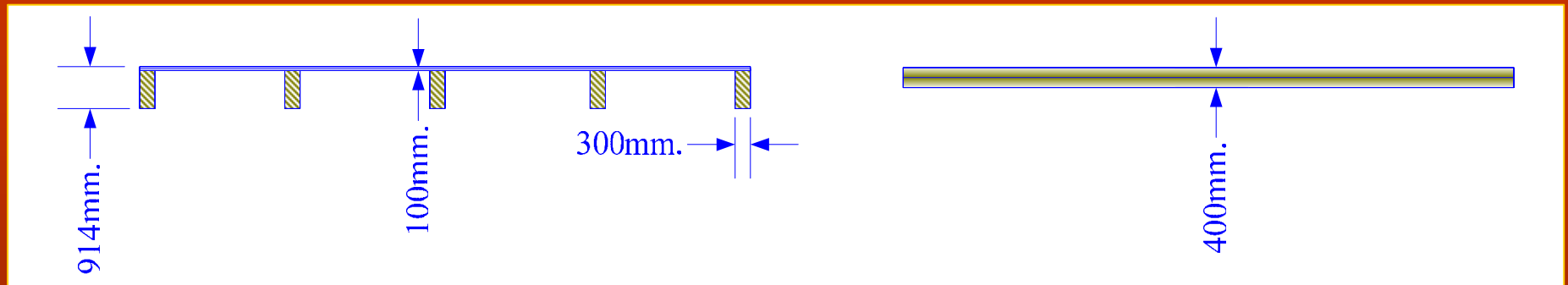
## Comparison Between Predicted and Measured Movements



# RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ON EXPANSIVE SOILS AN EXAMPLE FOR CENTER LIFT CASE



# DETERMINATION OF SLAB DIMENSION



## WALLS:

EXTERIOR: BRICK

INTERIOR: STUD AND DRYWALL

## SLAB:

FROM PTI MANUAL APPENDIX A.4 FOR AUSTIN, TEXAS;

STIFFENING BEAMS: 12"X34" @ 15ft SPACING

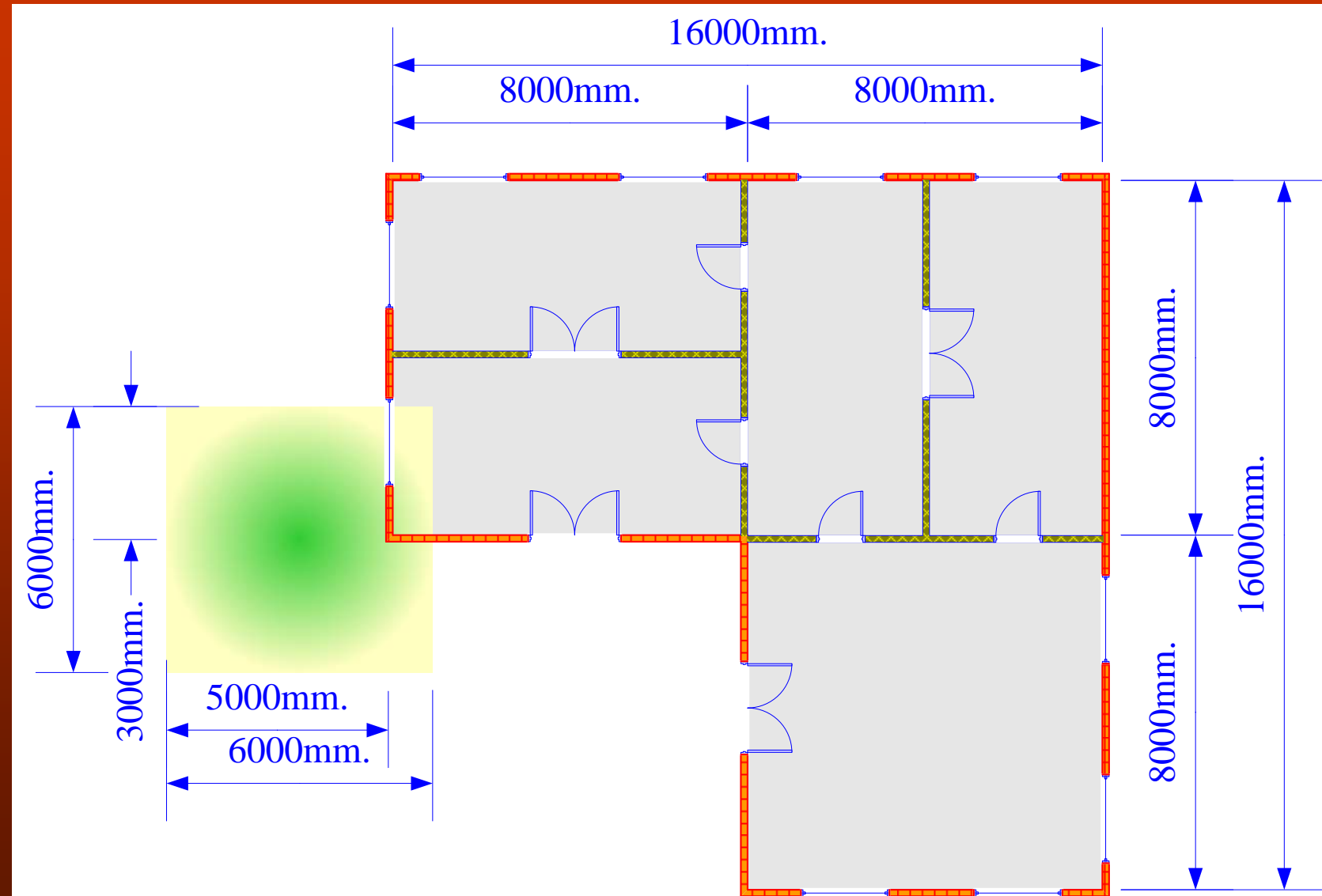
## EQUIVALENT SLAB WITH UNIFORM THICKNESS:

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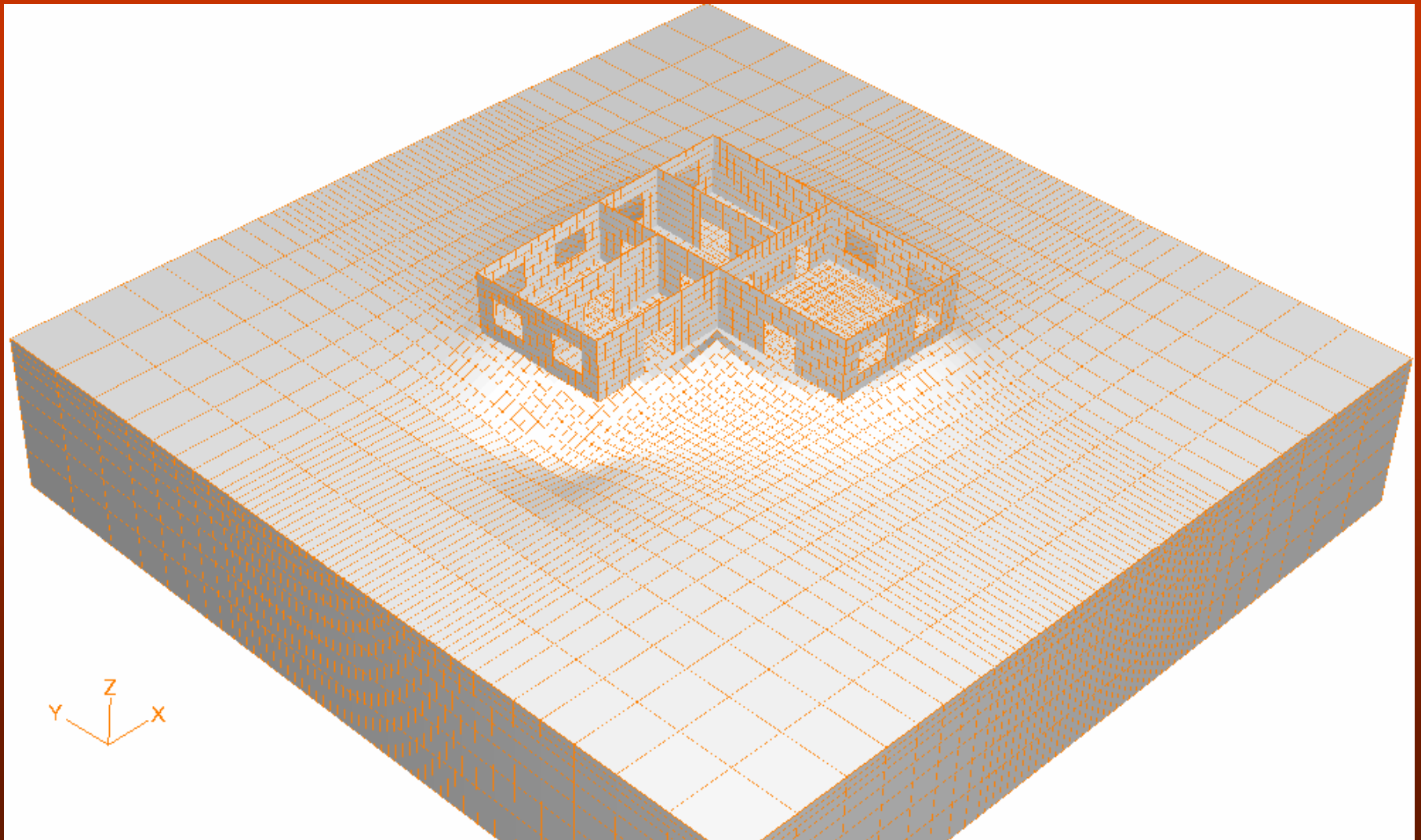
# CENTER LIFT CASE



# FLOOR PLAN OF THE BUILDING

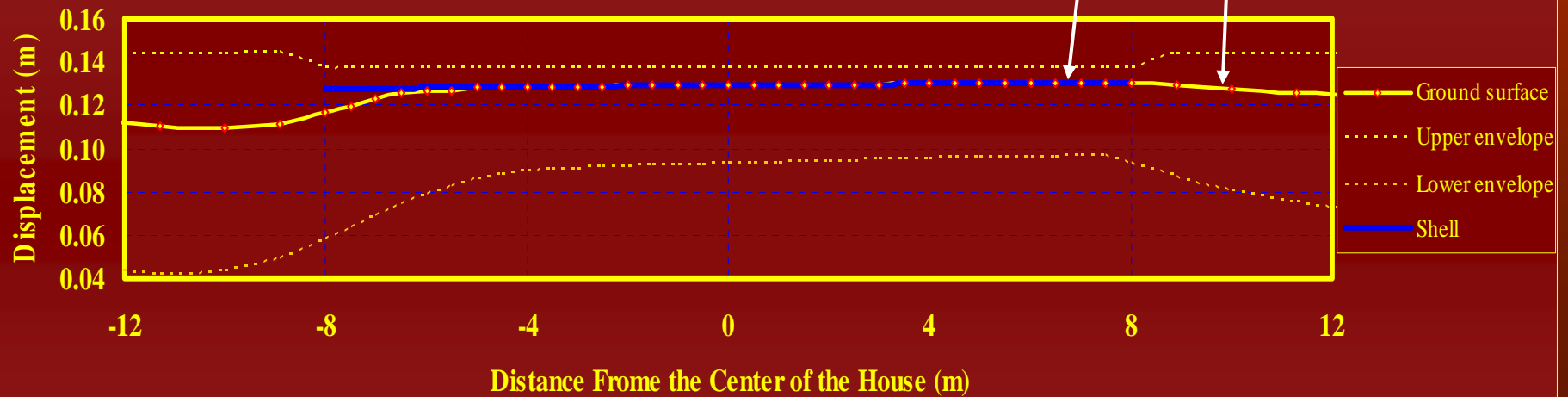
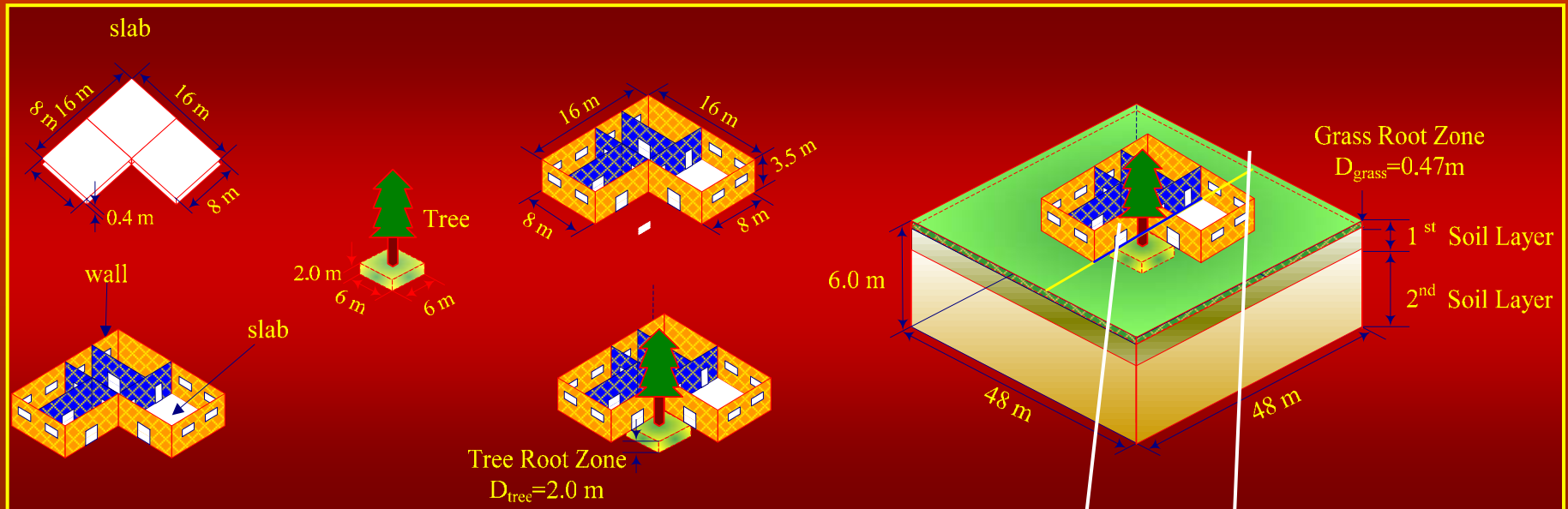


# DEFORMATION OF THE SOIL AND THE SLAB



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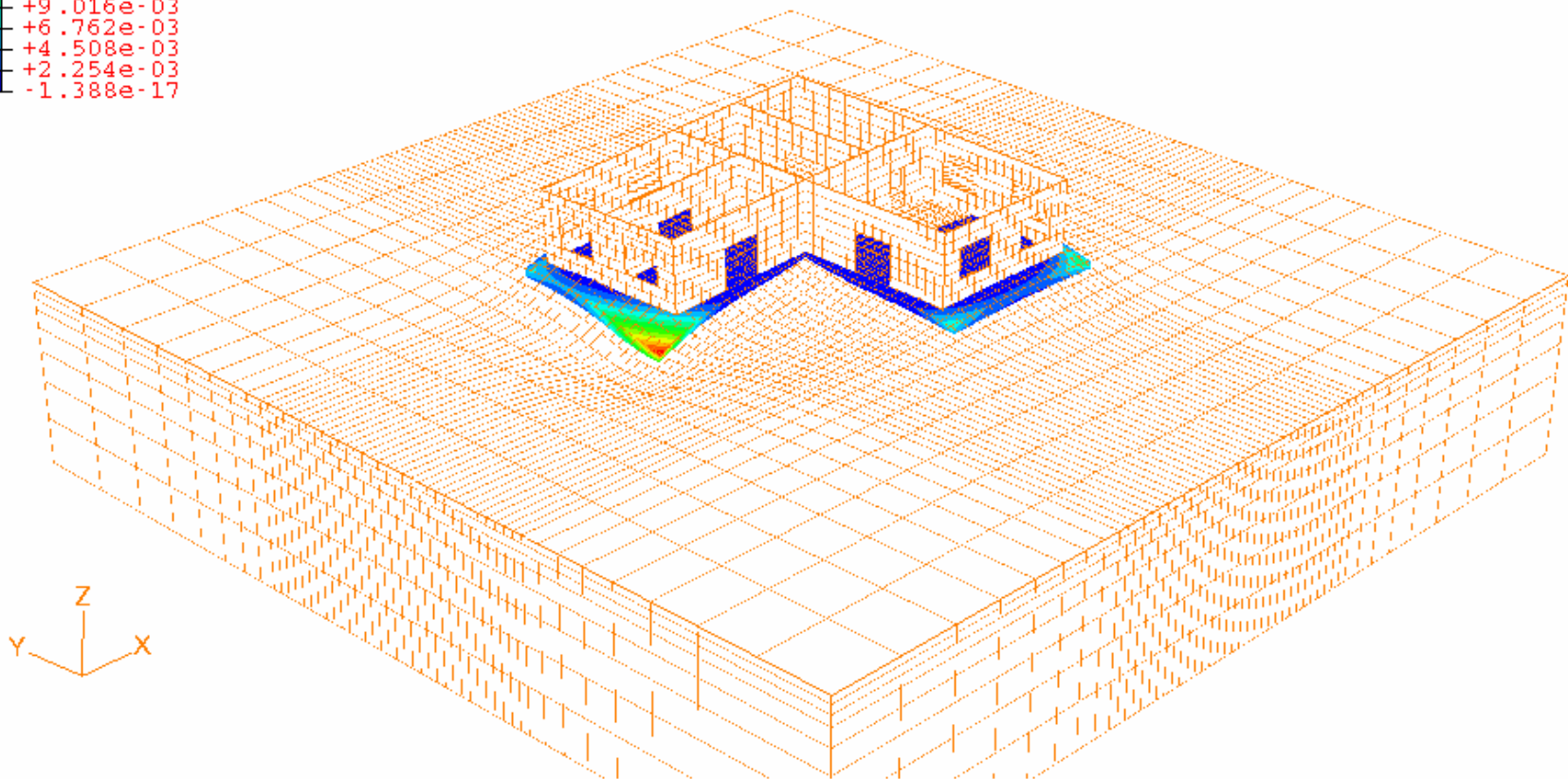
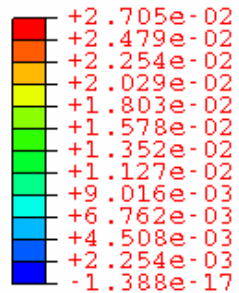
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# SEPARATION BETWEEN THE SLAB AND THE GROUND SOILS

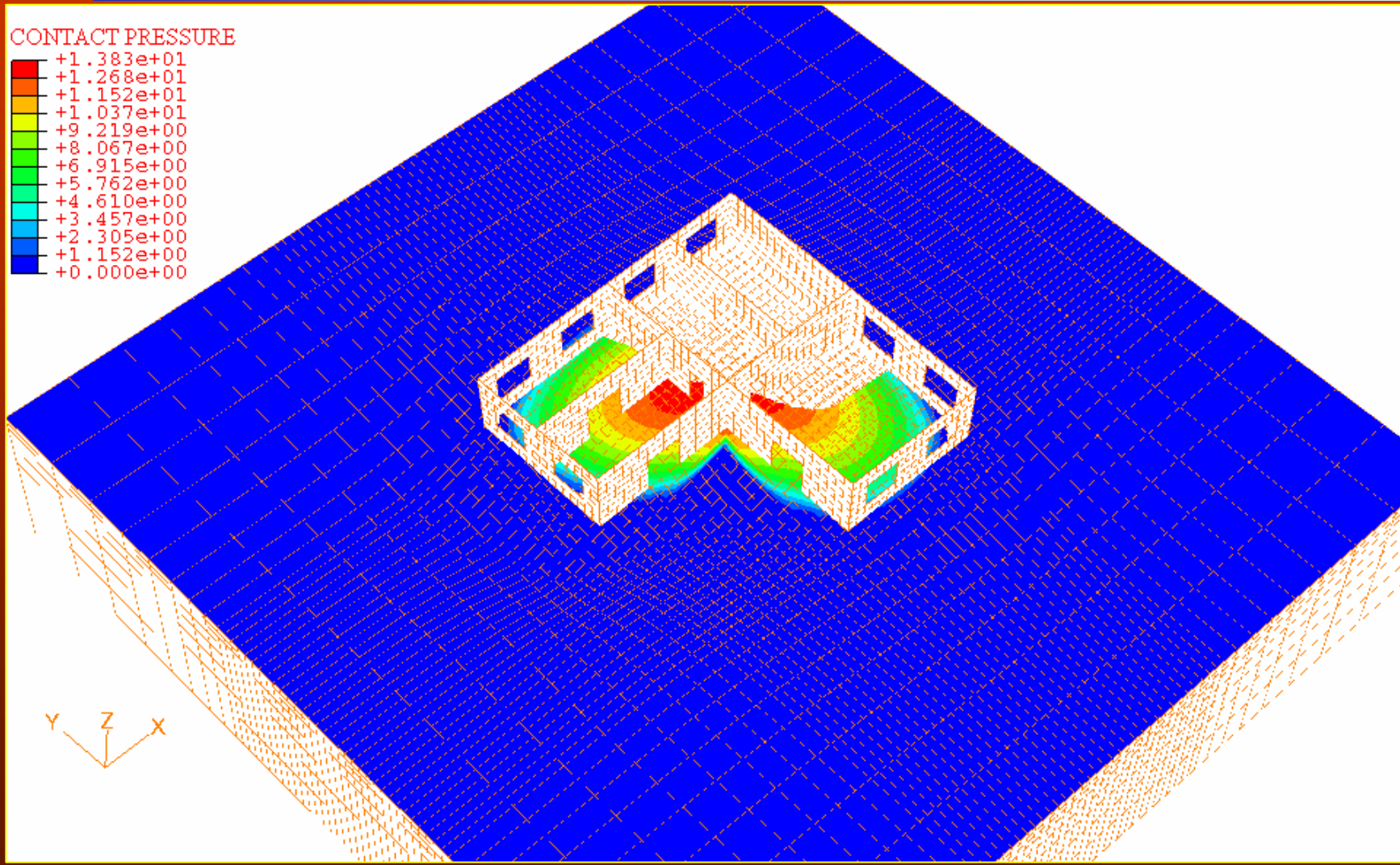
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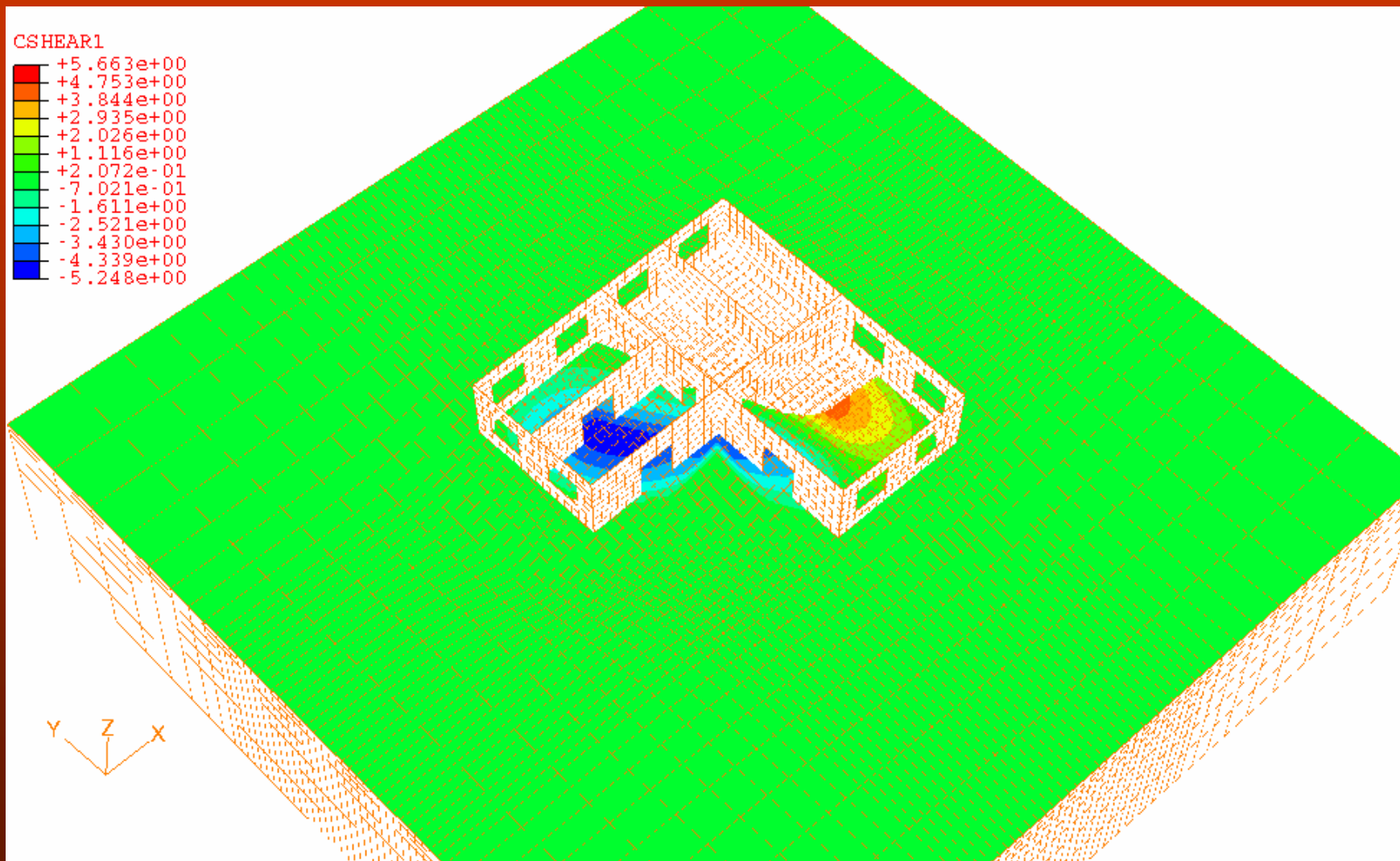


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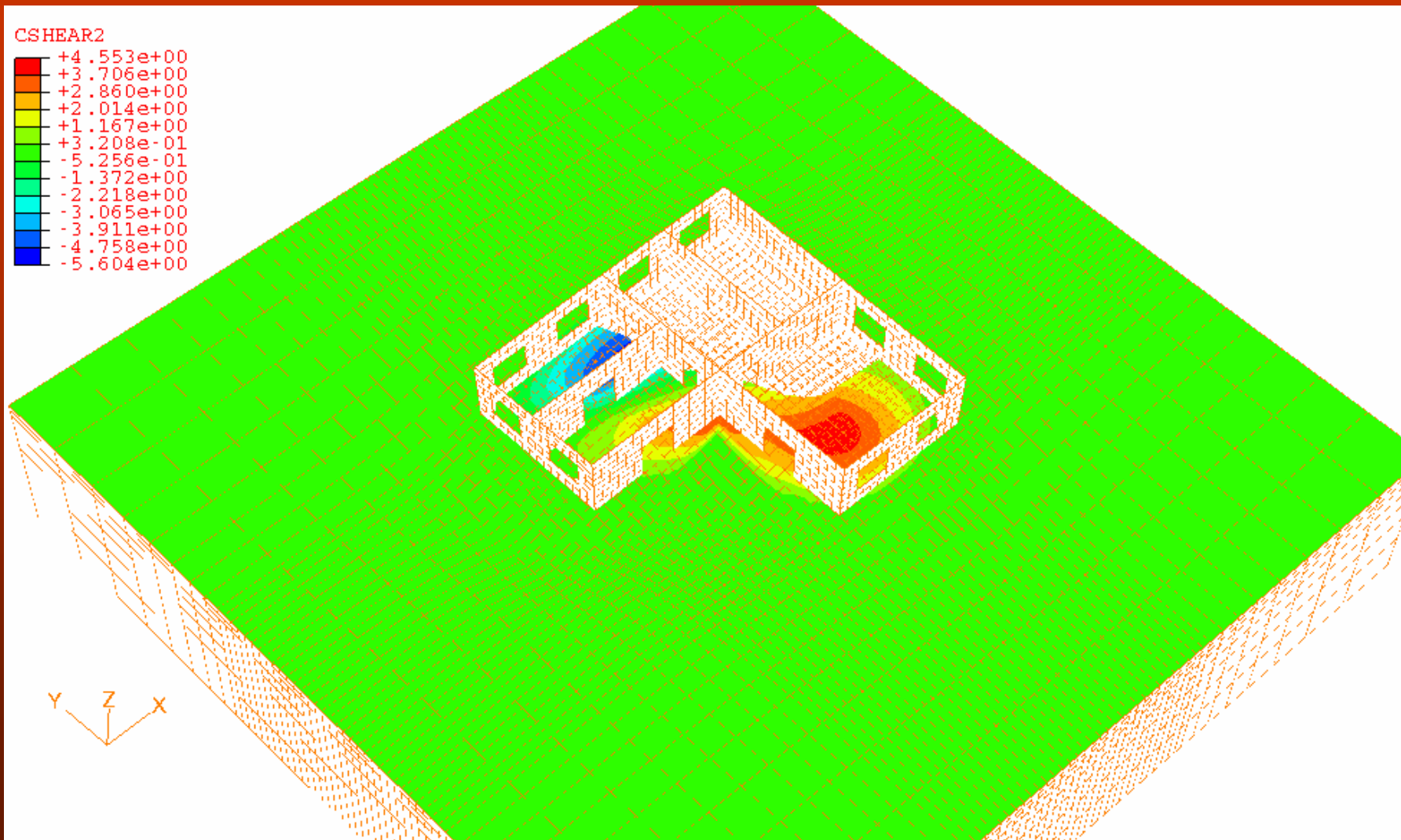
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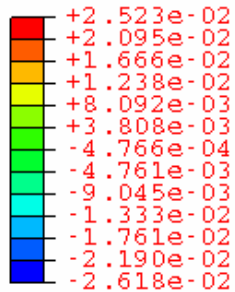
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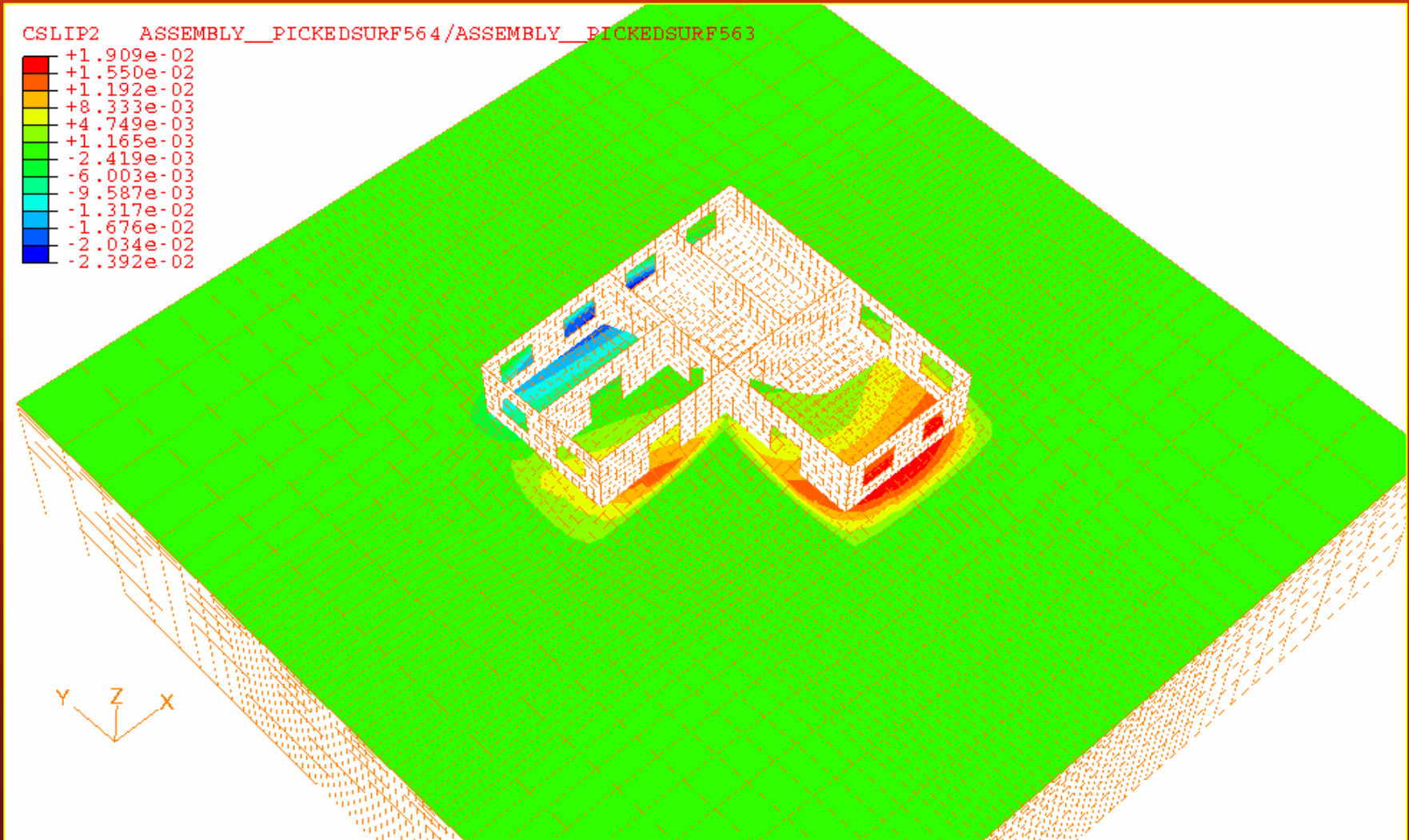
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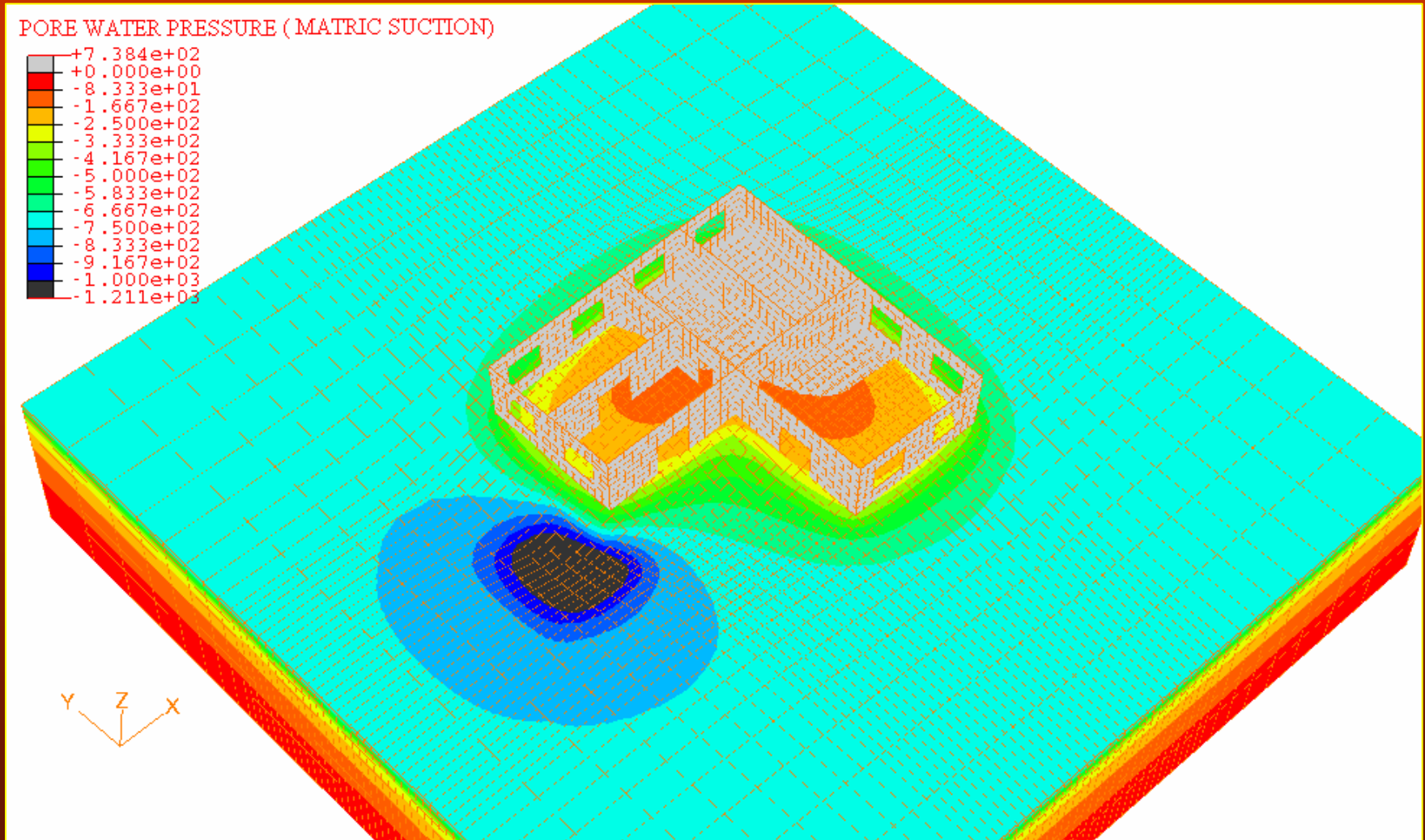
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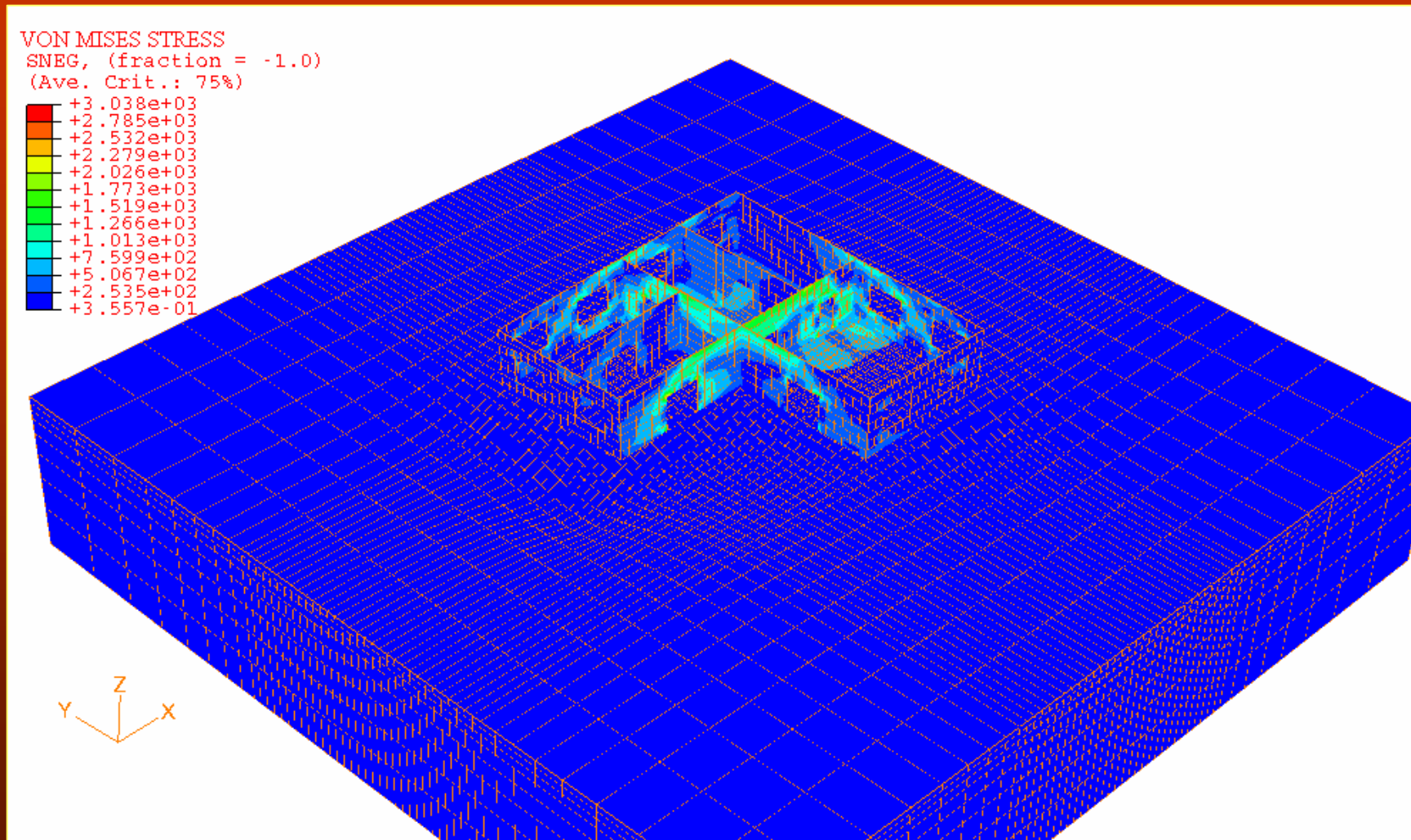
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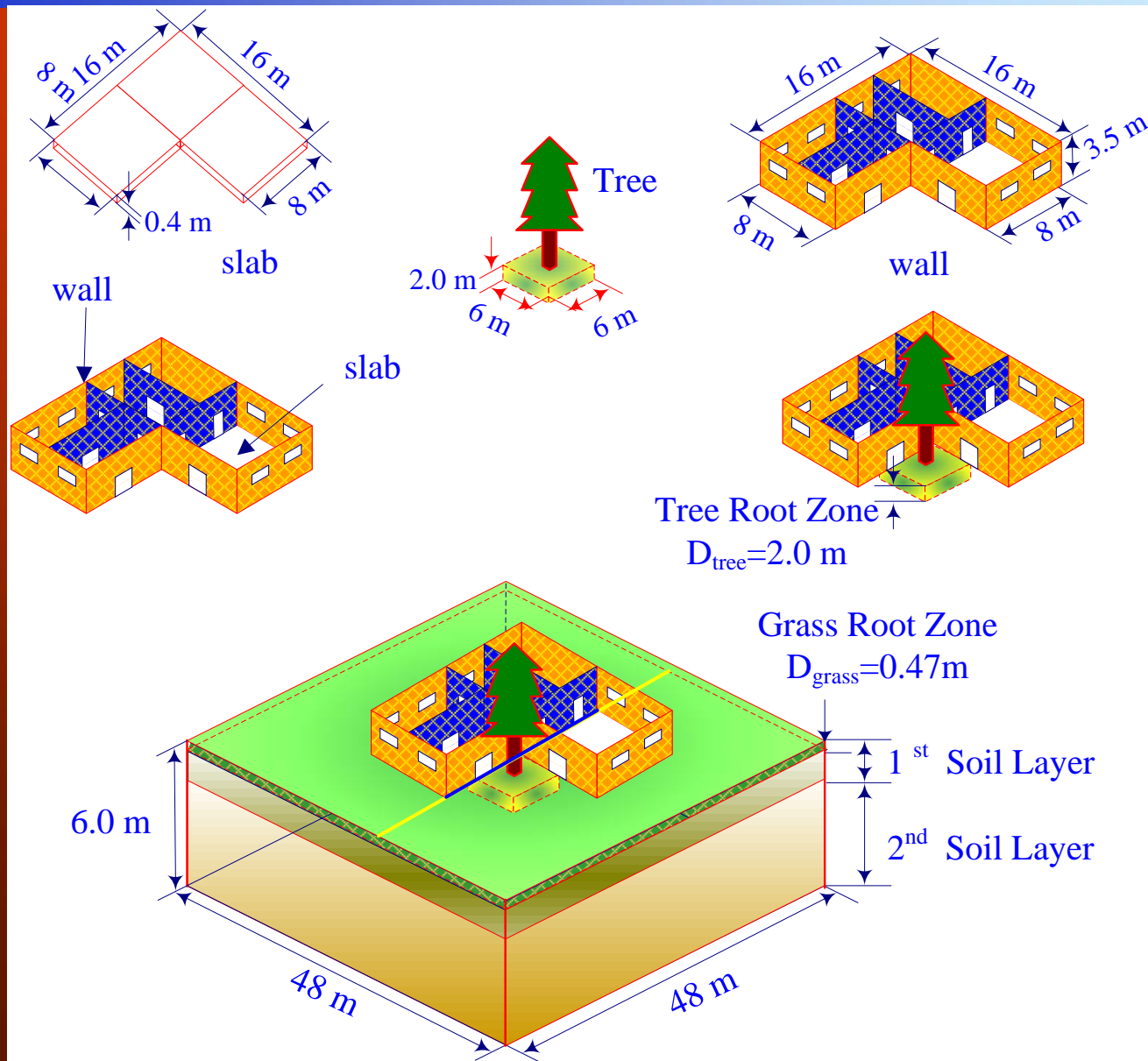
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# RESIDENCE USED IN THE SIMULATION

## EDGE LIFT CASE

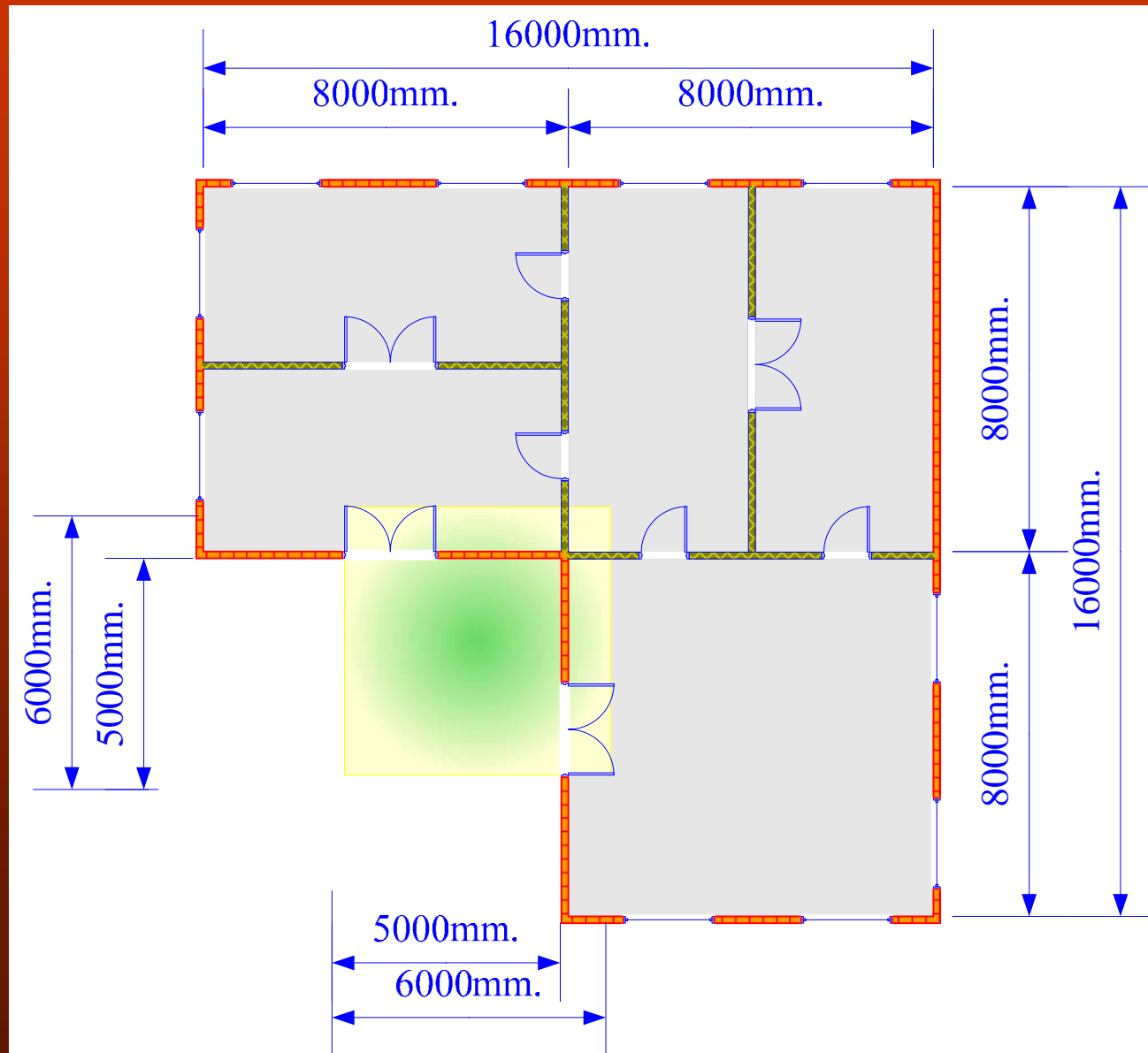




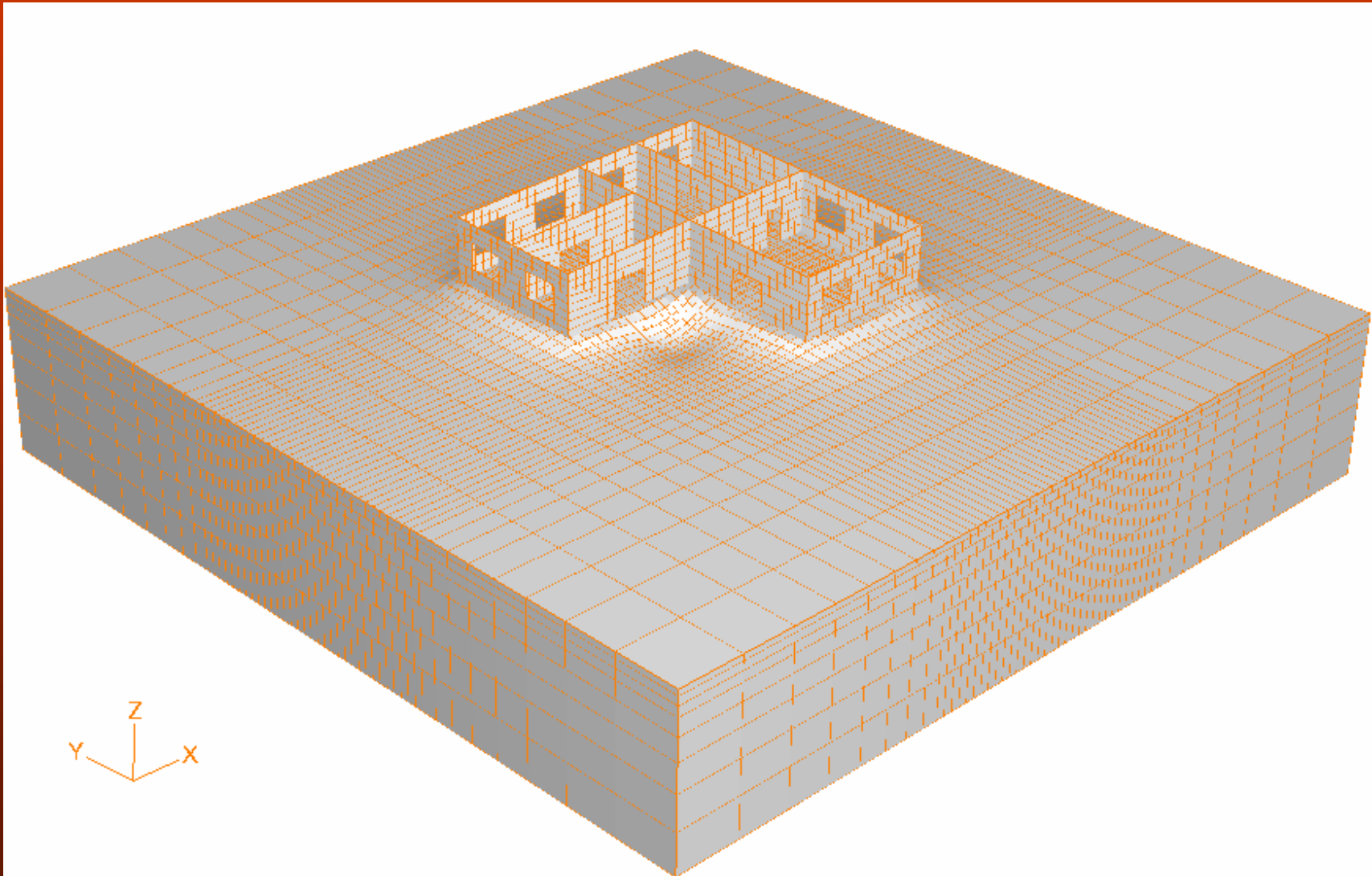
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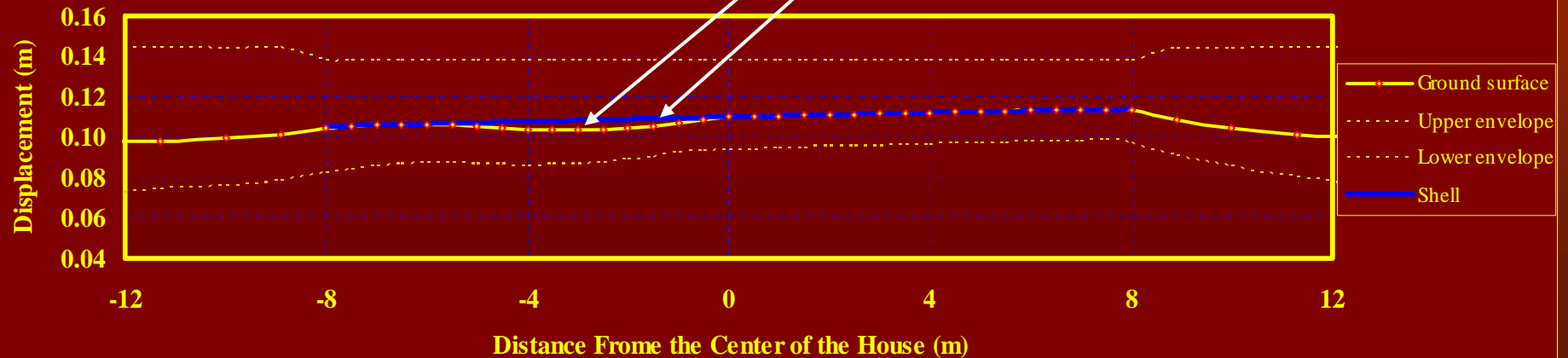
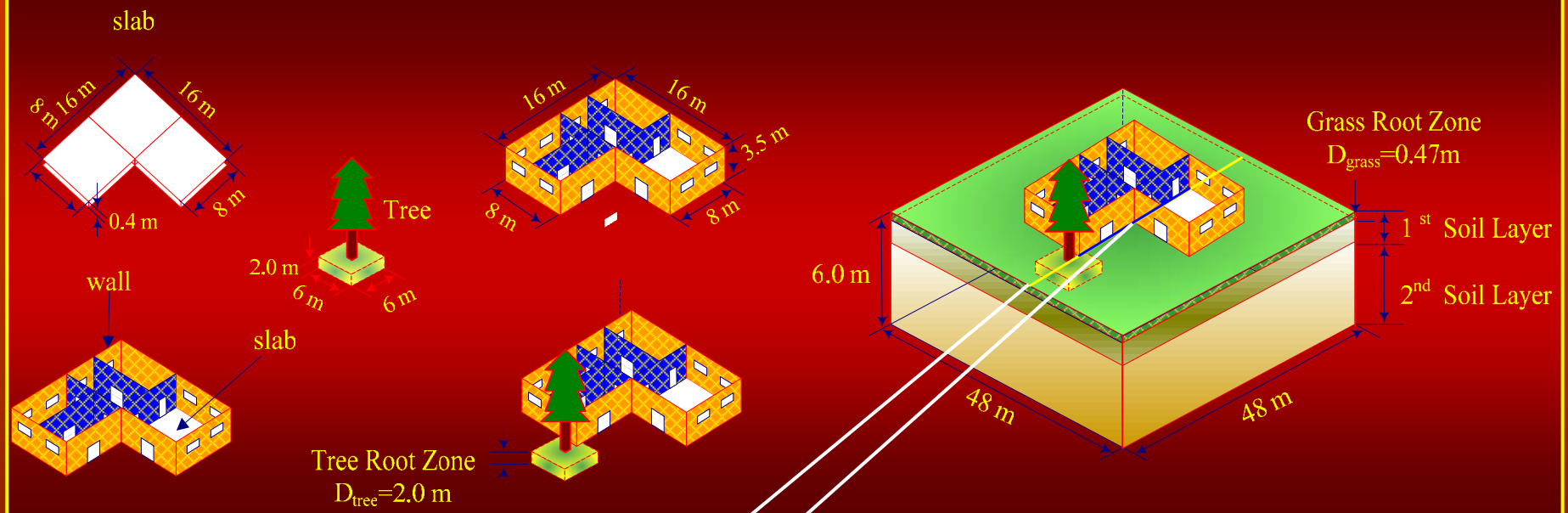


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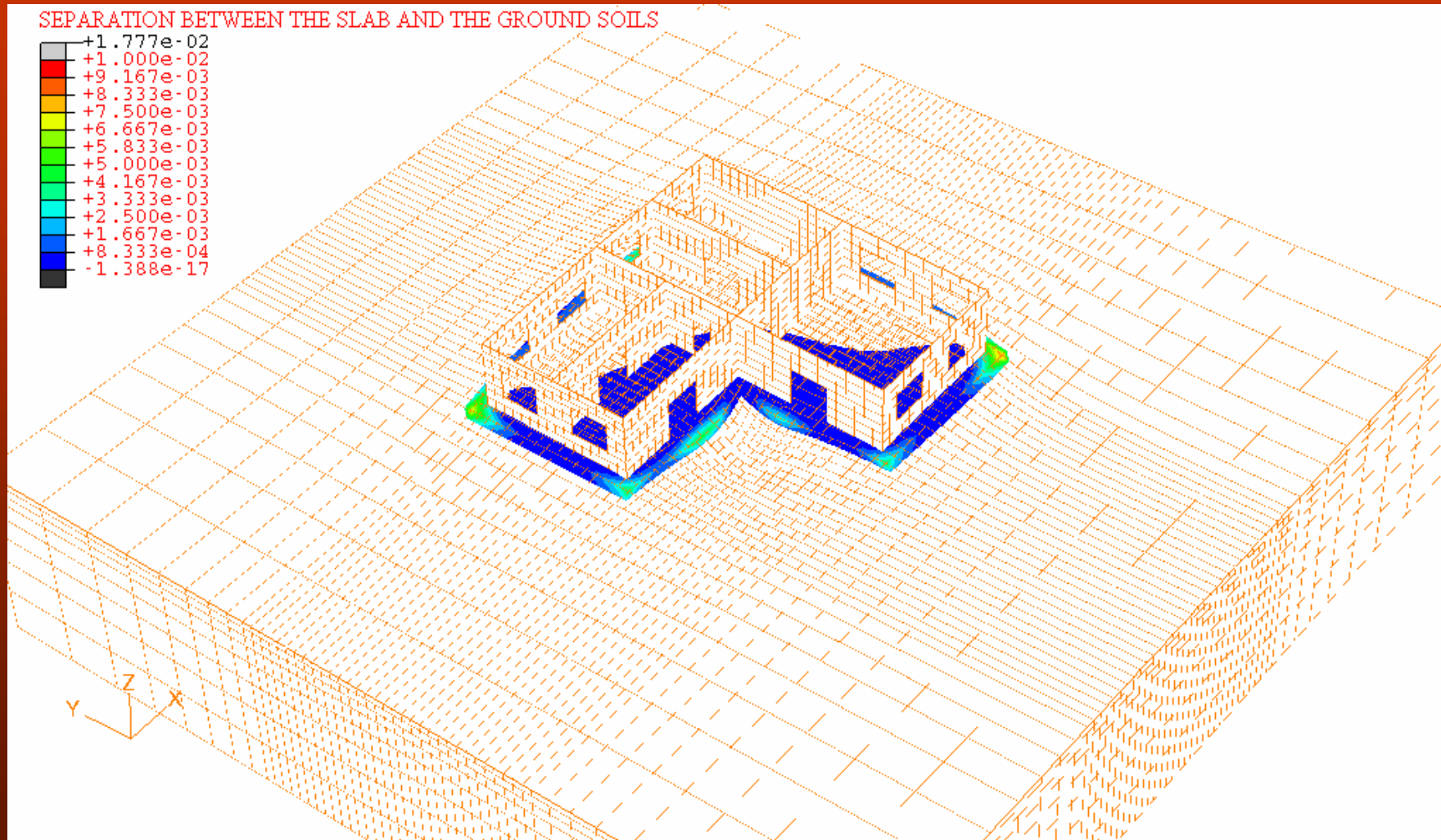
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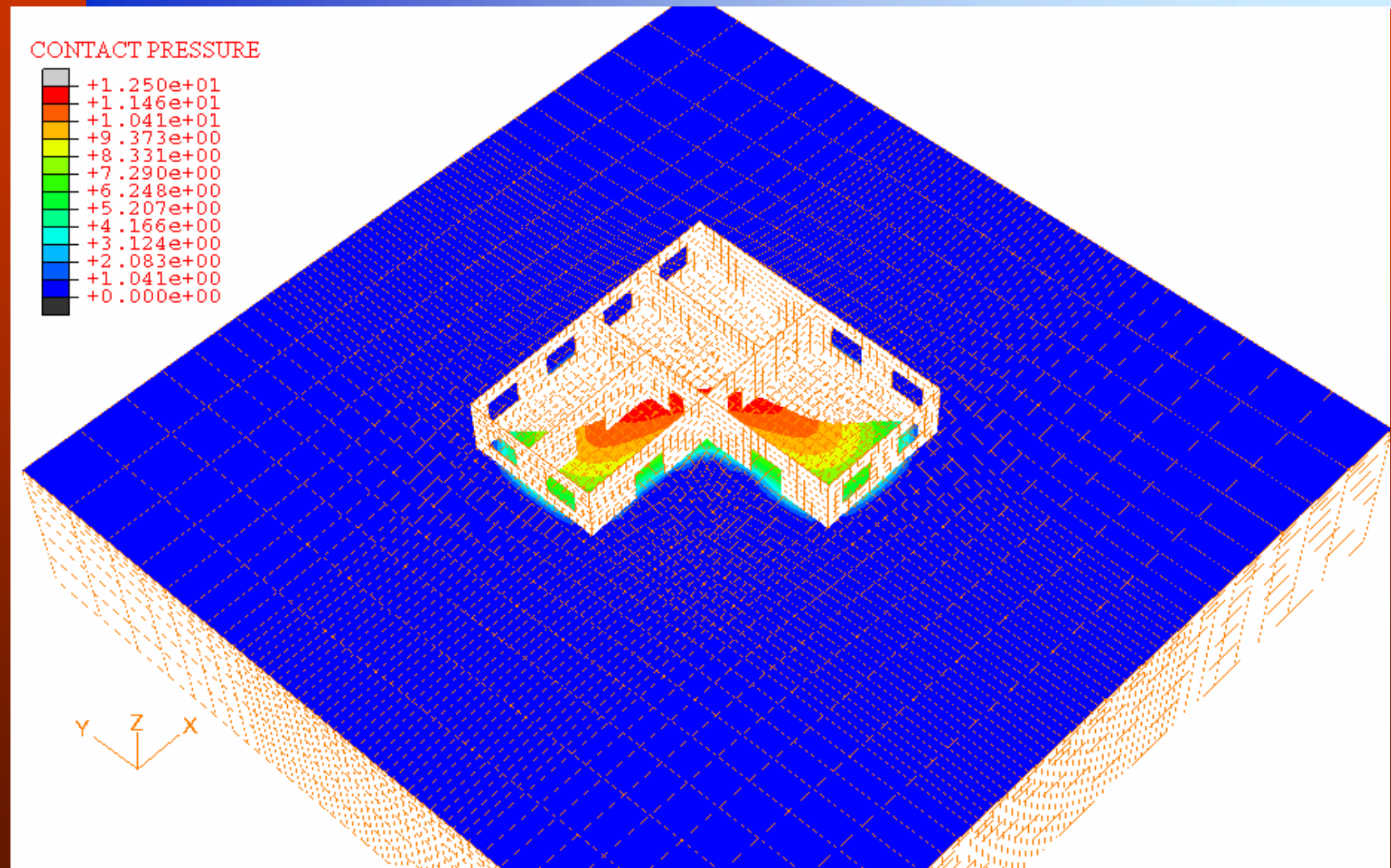
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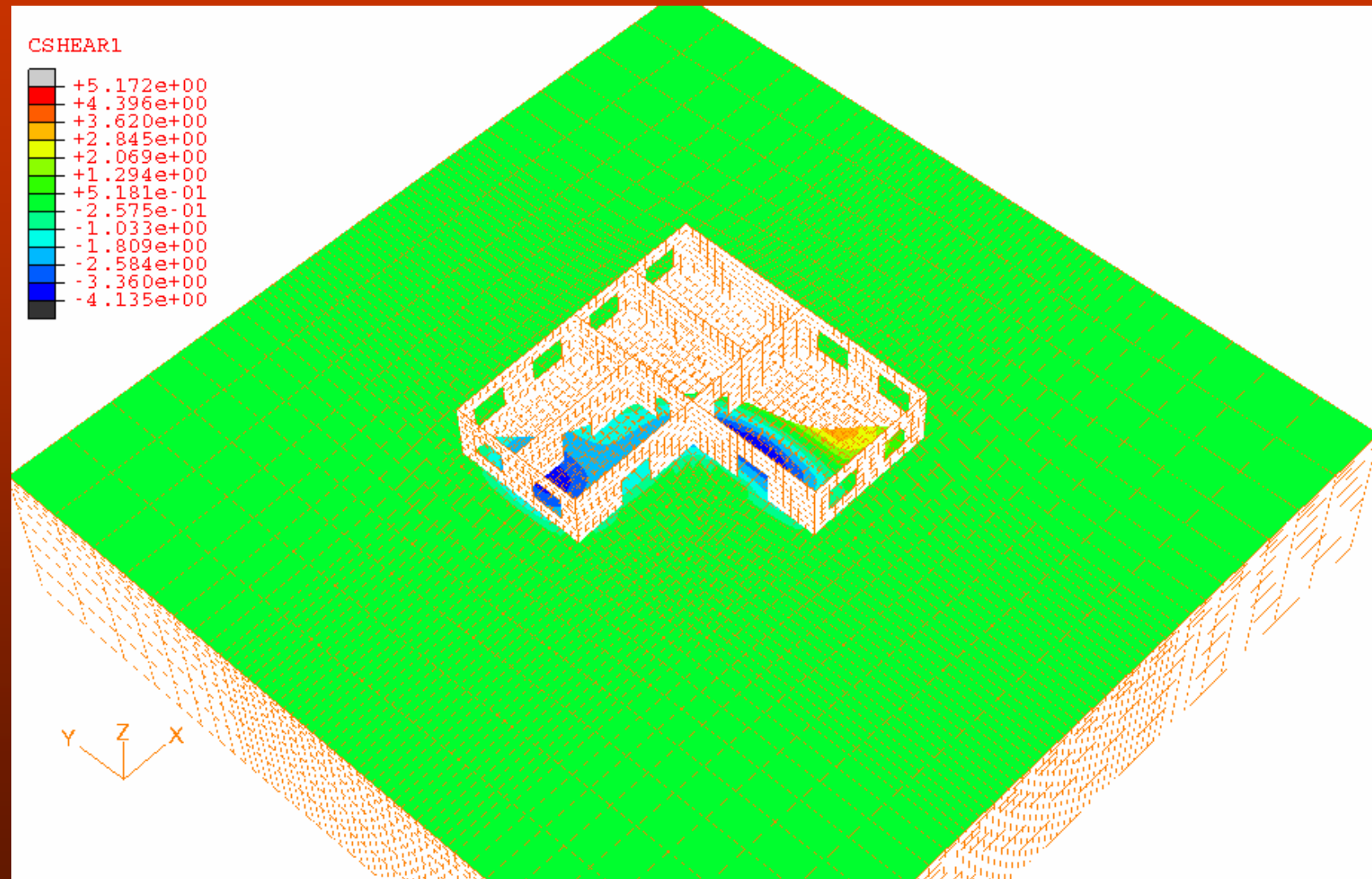
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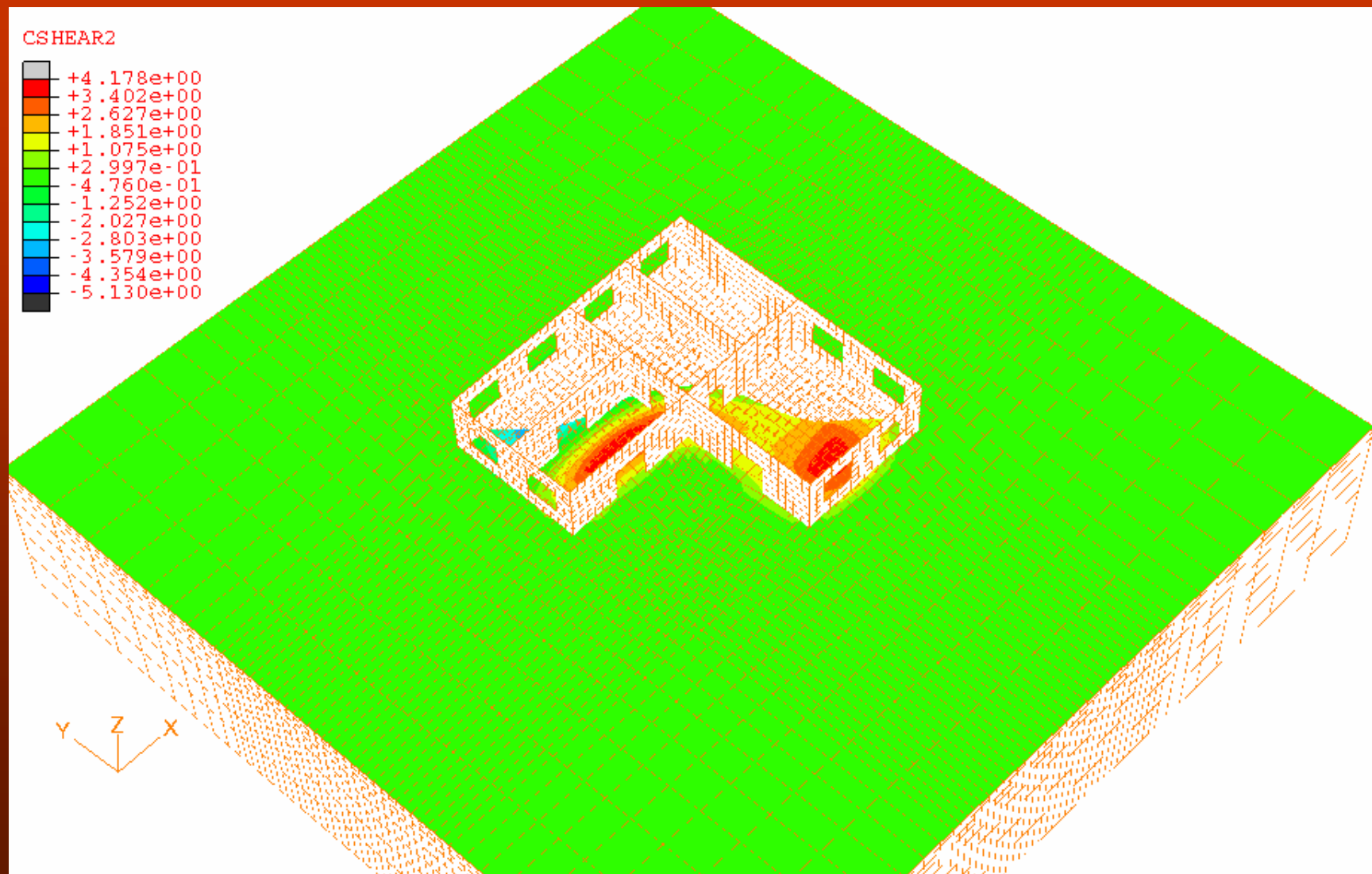
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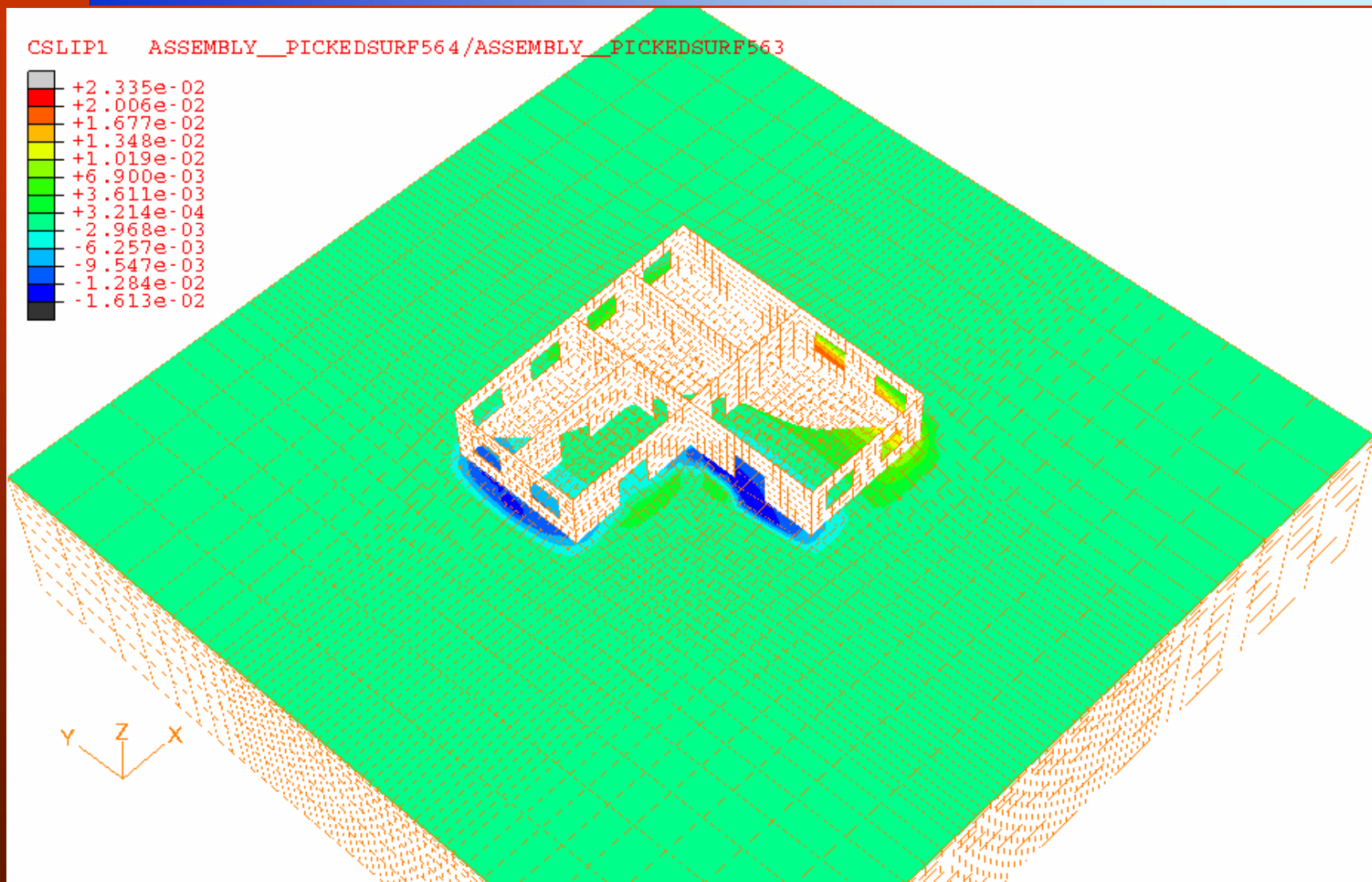
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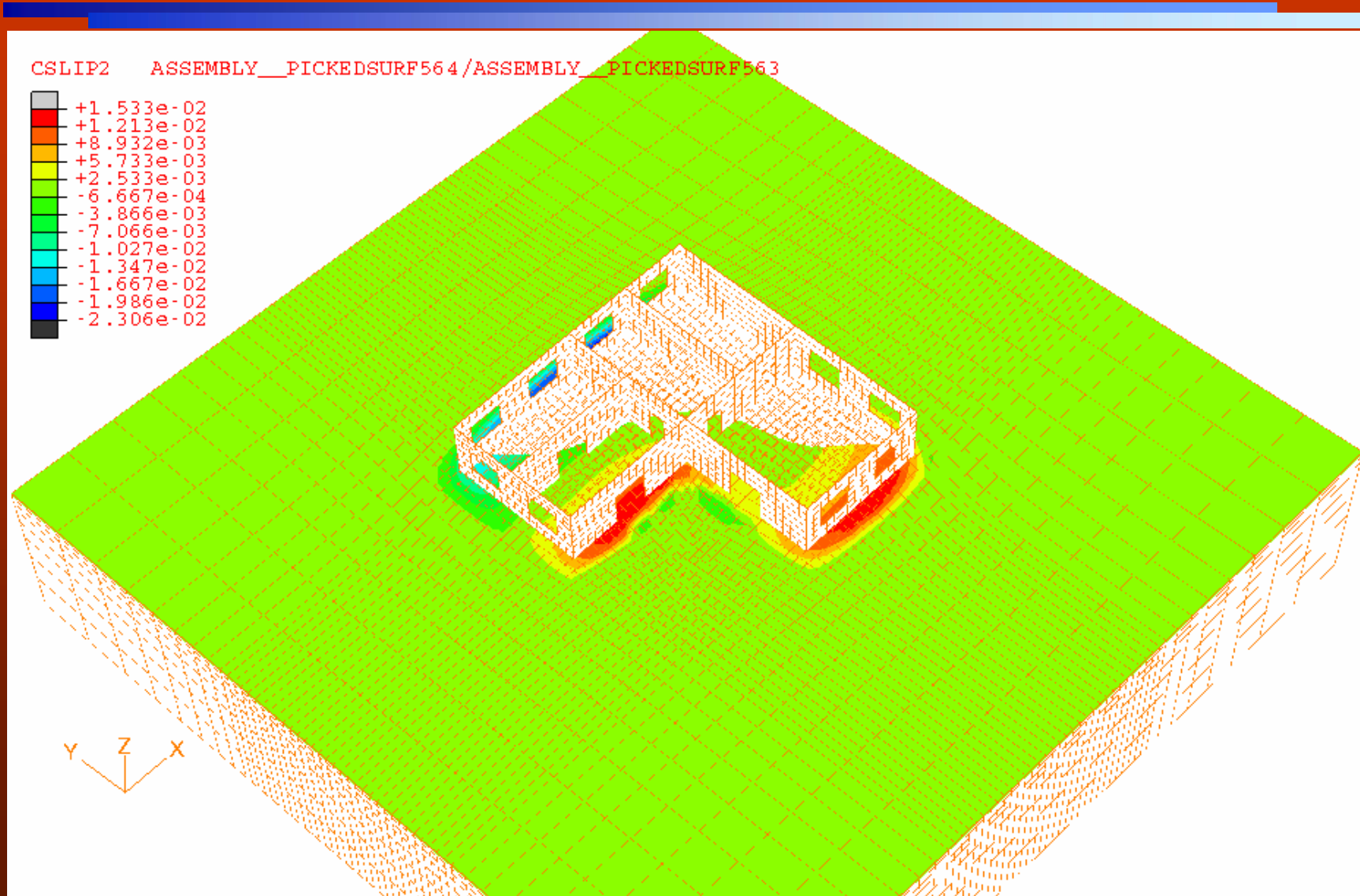


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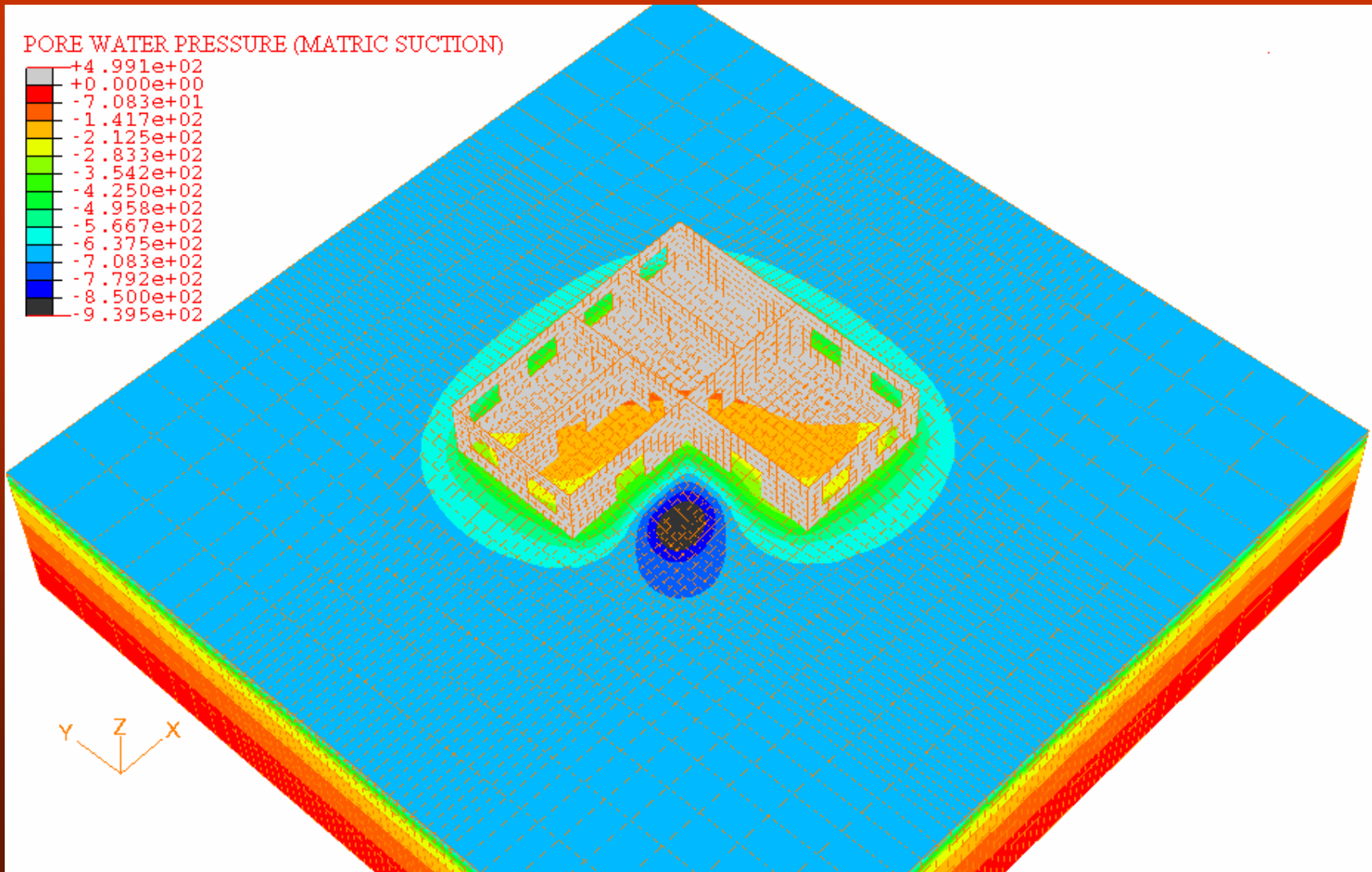
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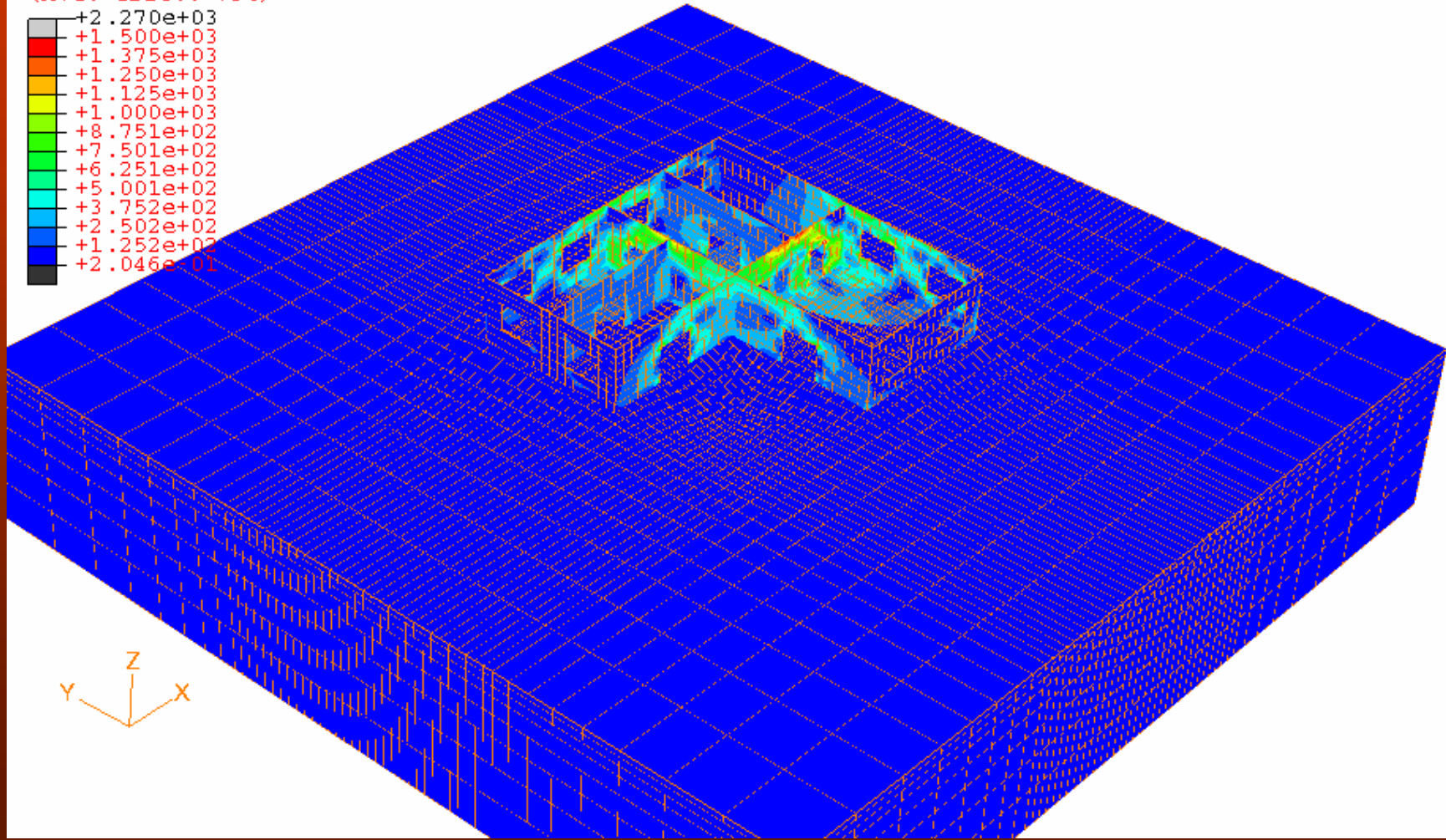
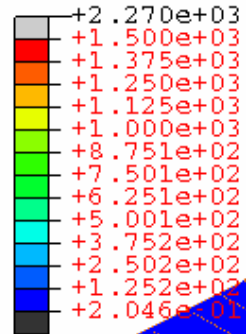
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# VON MISES STRESSES IN THE STRUCTRE

VON MISES STRESS  
SNEG, (fraction = -1.0)  
(Ave. Crit.: 75%)



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# CONCLUSIONS

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- READILY AVAILABLE HISTORIC WEATHER DATA SUCH AS DAILY TEMPERATURE, SOLAR RADIATION, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND SPEED AND RAINFALL AS INPUT;
- DIFFERENT SIMULATION METHODS FOR DIFFERENT BOUNDARY CONDITIONS SUCH AS TREE, GRASS, AND BARE SOILS;
- THE COUPLED HYDRO-MECHANICAL STRESS ANALYSIS ARE USED TO SIMULATE THE VOLUME CHANGE OF EXPANSIVE SOILS;

# CONCLUSIONS

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- “PSEUDO MOISTURE VARIATION SIMULATION” TECHNIQUE IS USED TO SIMULATE THE BEHAVIOR OF SLAB AND GROUND SOILS IN ONE PROGRAM
- CONTACT (JOINTED) ELEMENTS ARE USED TO SIMULATE THE SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION;
- GENERAL SHELL ELEMENTS ARE USED TO ANALYZE THE STRUCTURE BEHAVIORS;
- MOMENT-CURVATURE CURVES FOR CONCRETE CROSS SECTIONS WITH BONDED AND UNBONDED REINFORCING IS PROPOSED TO SIMULATE DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE.

**COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS**

**.....THANK YOU**