

Modelling of static-drilled rooted pile construction

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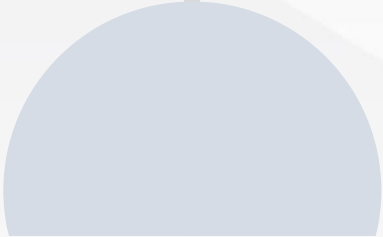
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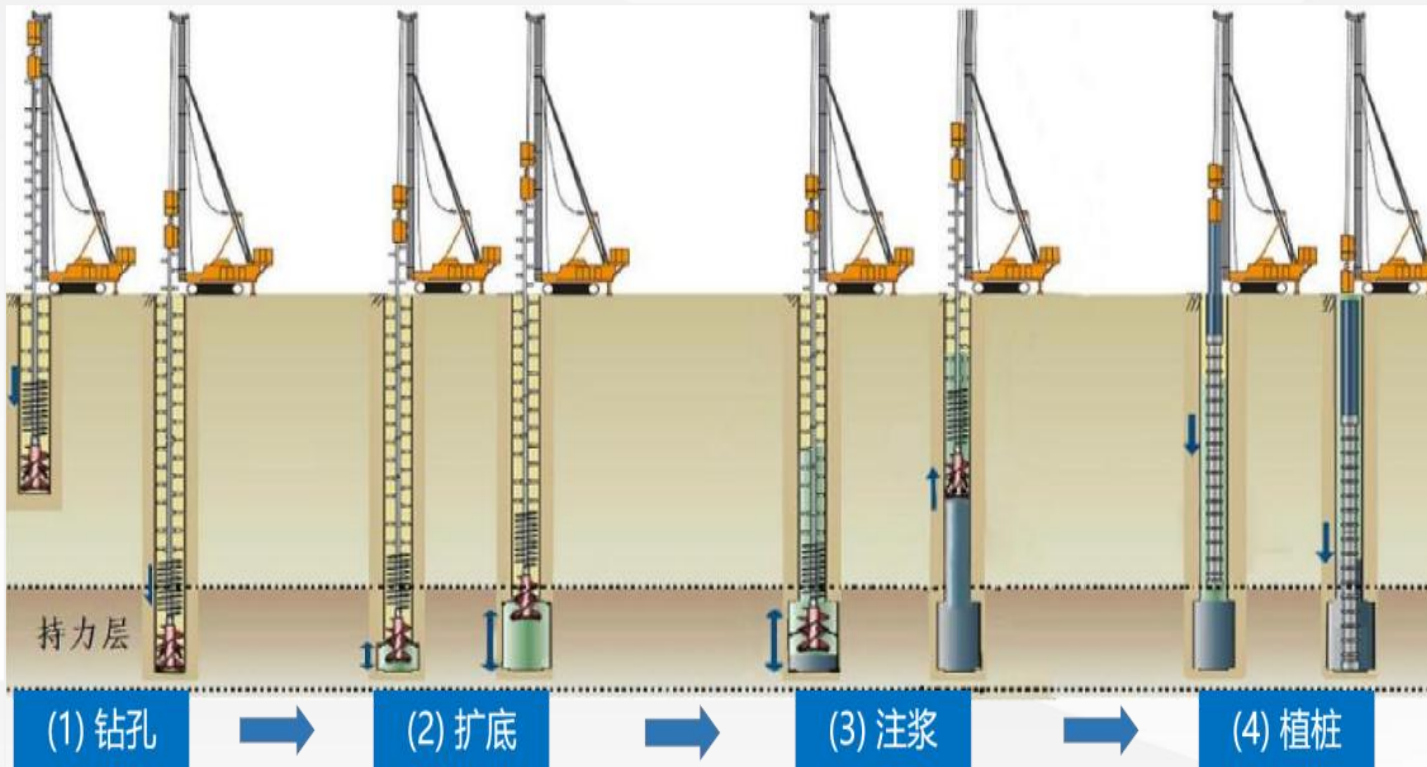
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1 Introduction



- **Static-drilled rooted pile** is a new, green, non-displacement implanted precast pile foundation technology that combines the advantages of bored cast-in-place piles and precast piles



Drill

Under-ream

Grout

Insert piles





1 Introduction



- **Despite being promoted as a non-displacement pile, the static-drilled rooted pile still inevitably causes some soil squeezing in practice during installation**
- **Thus, how do we model the construction process and its impact on nearby soil displacement?**

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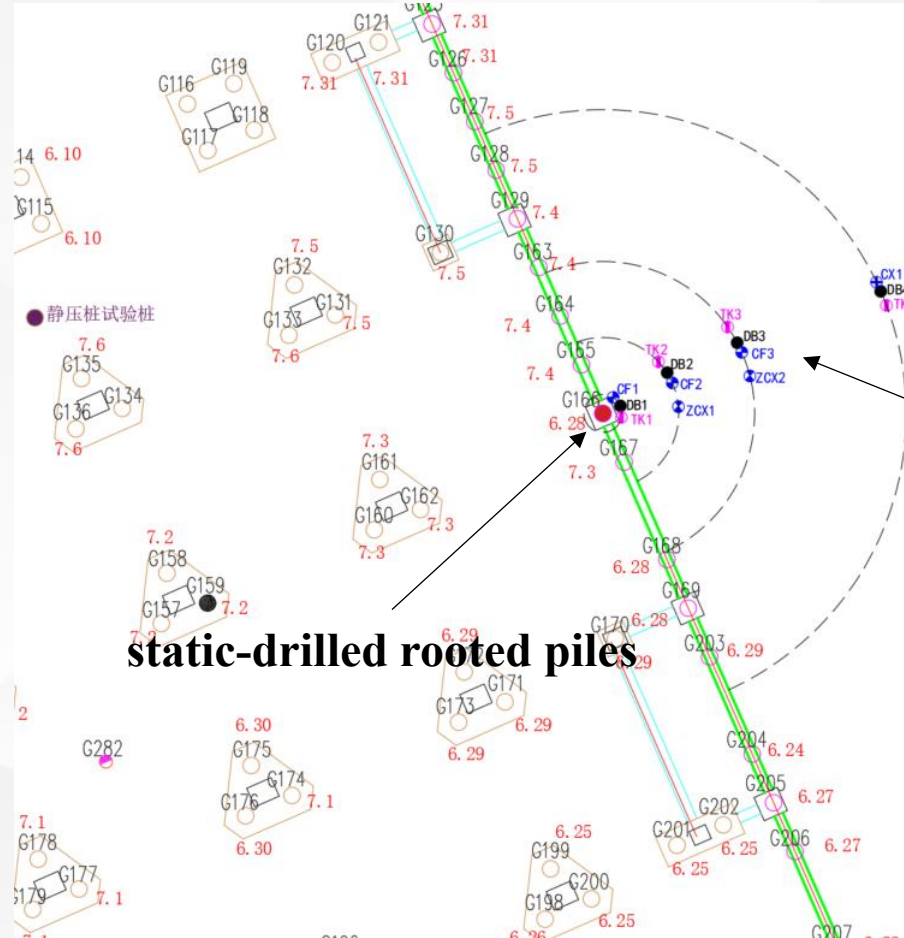
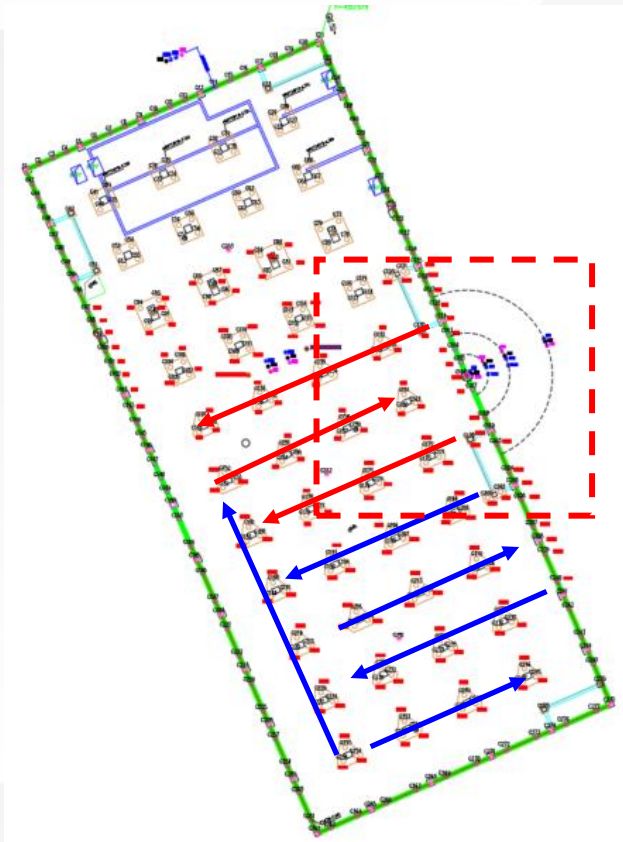
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2.1 Field test



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Monitoring points,
including inclinometer,
settlement, pore water
pressure, and earth pressure

- construction sequence

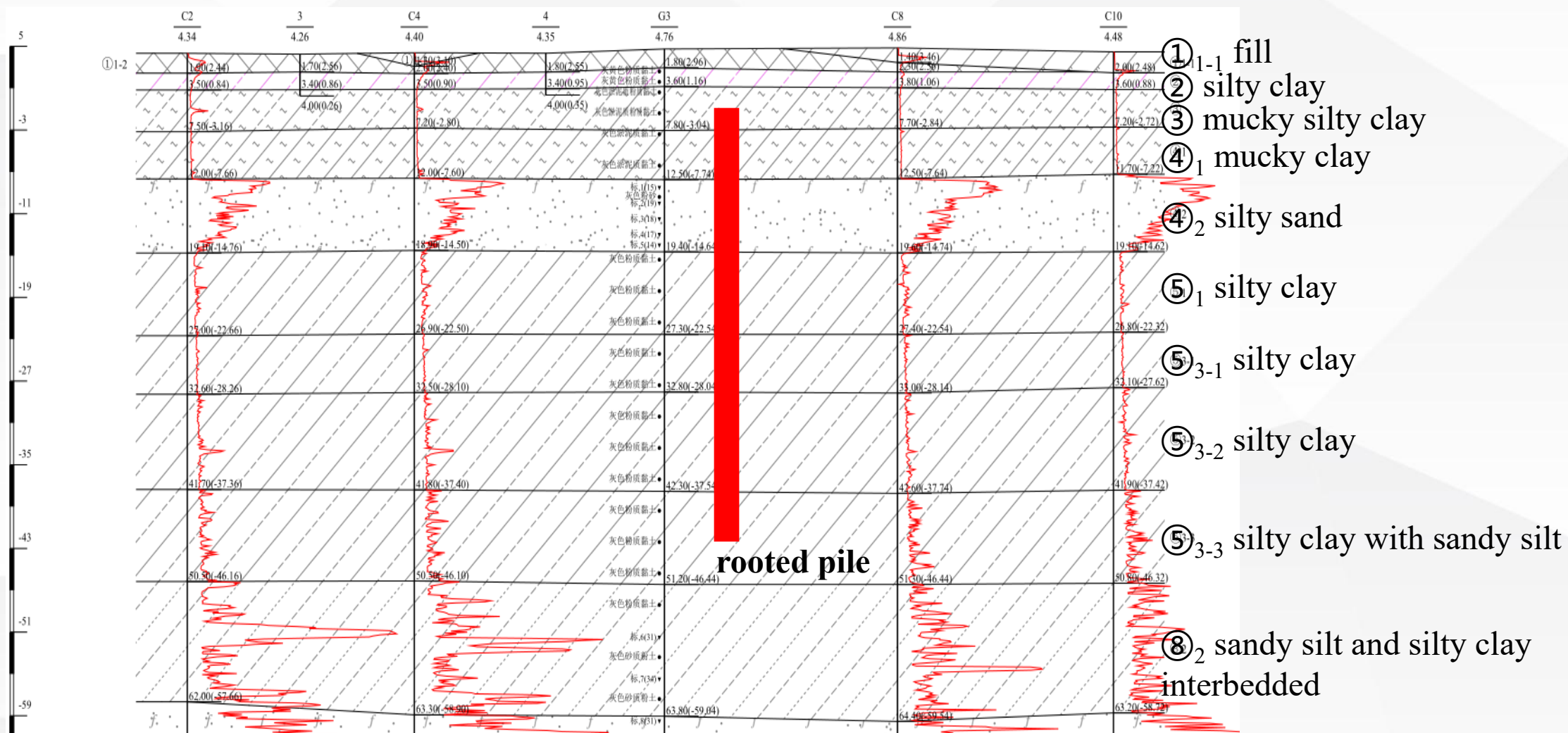
- Project layout



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➤ Soil profile



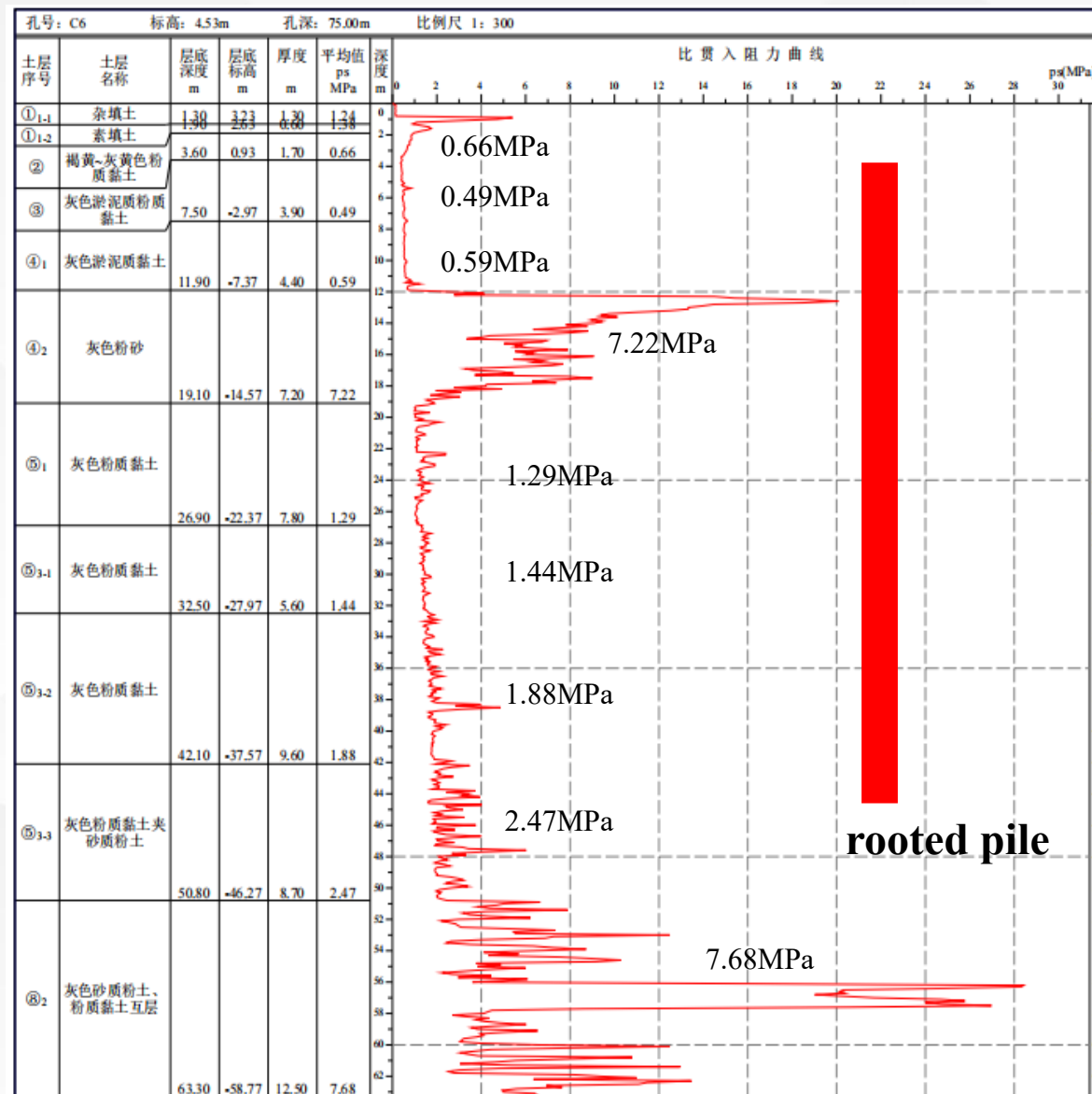


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➤ Typical CPT profile

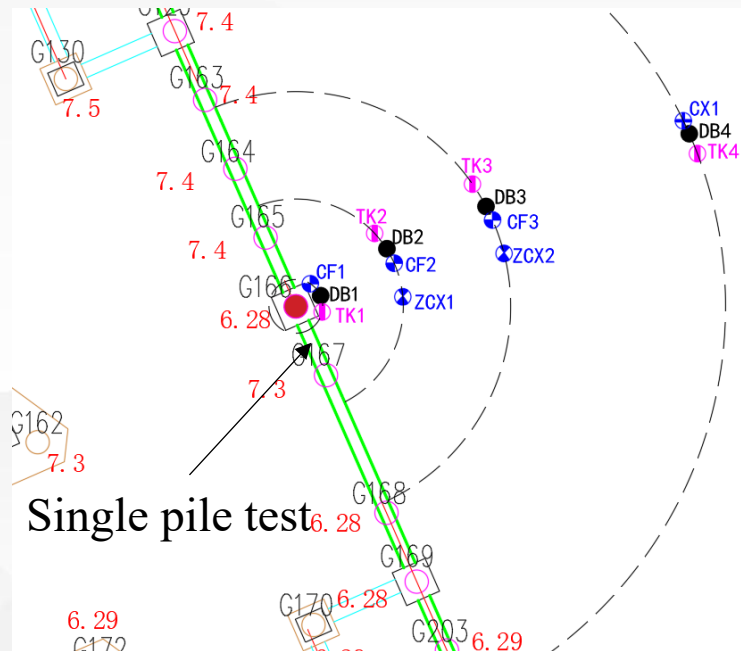
- ①₁₋₁ fill
- ② silty clay
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- ⑤₃₋₁ silty clay
- ⑤₃₋₂ silty clay
- ⑤₃₋₃ silty clay with sandy silt
- ⑧₂ sandy silt and silty clay interbedded





➤ **Typical construction process—taking the single pile test as an example**

Process	Time
Drilling (D ₁ =750mm)	8:25~9:05
Grouting	9:50~10:20
Pile installation (D=600mm)	10:30~11:00

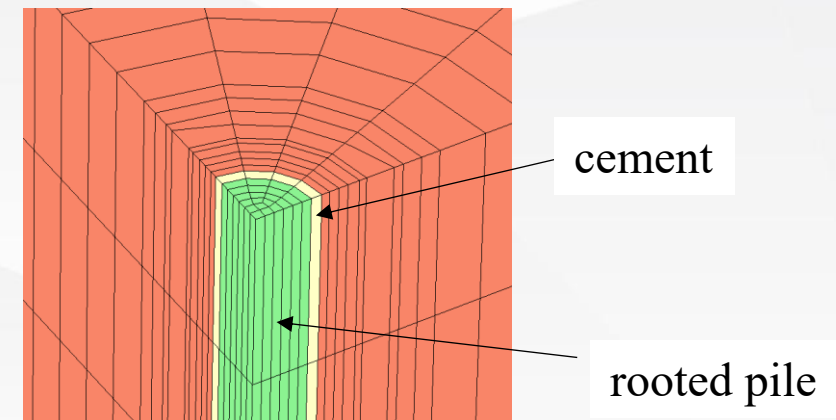
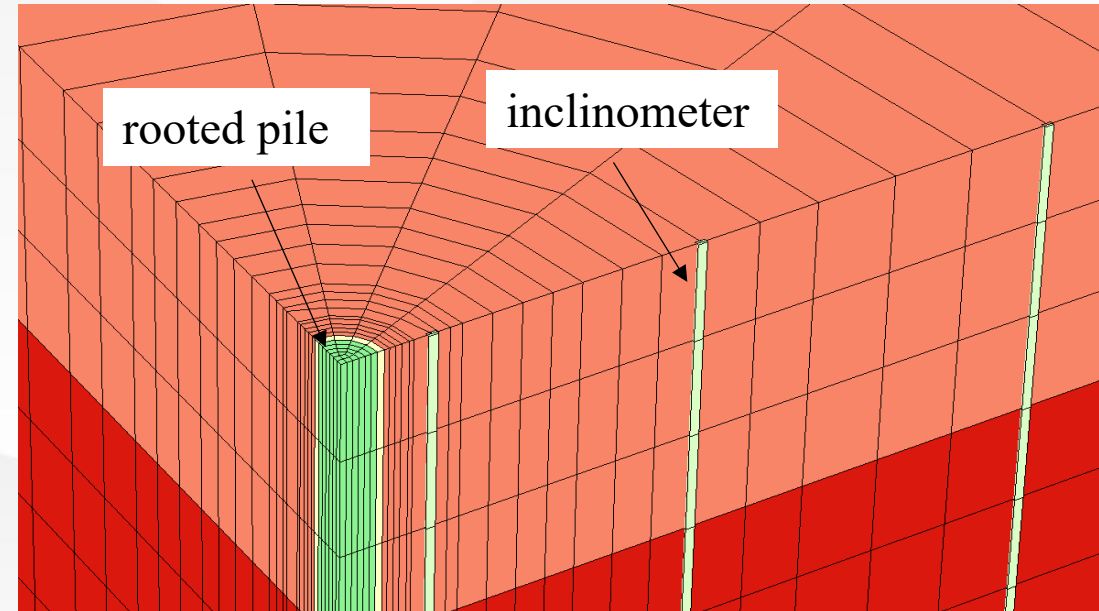
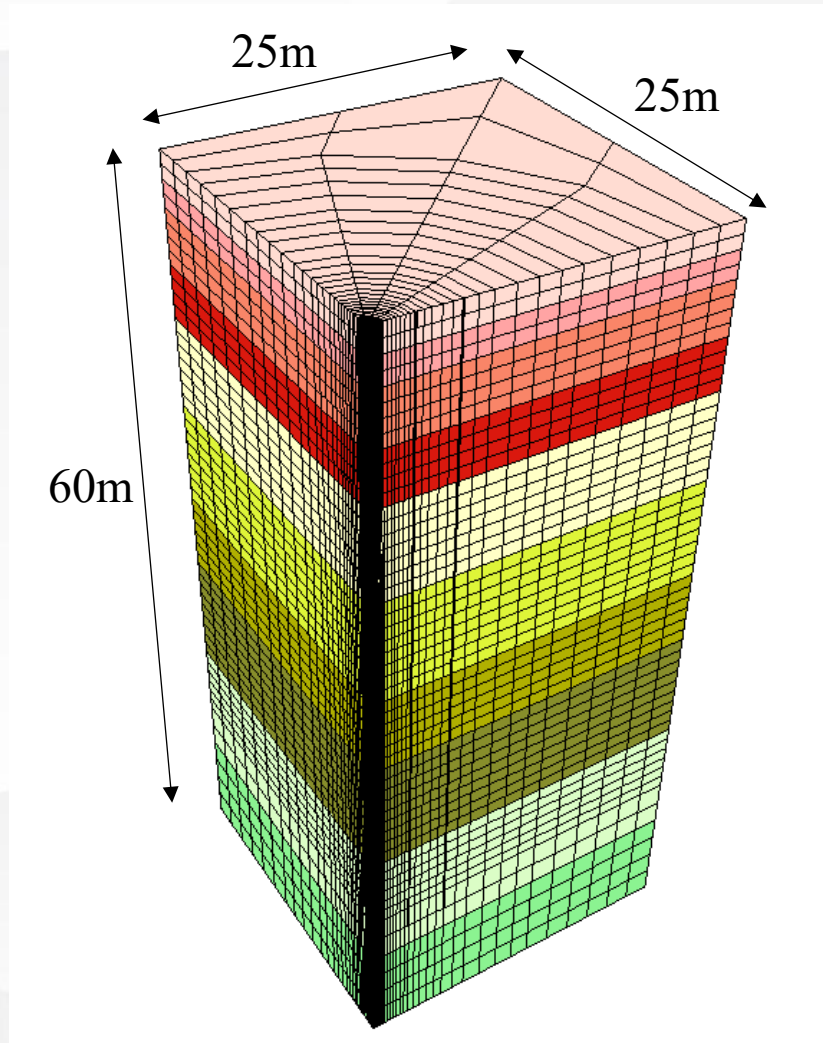




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➤ Typical numerical model for the single pile

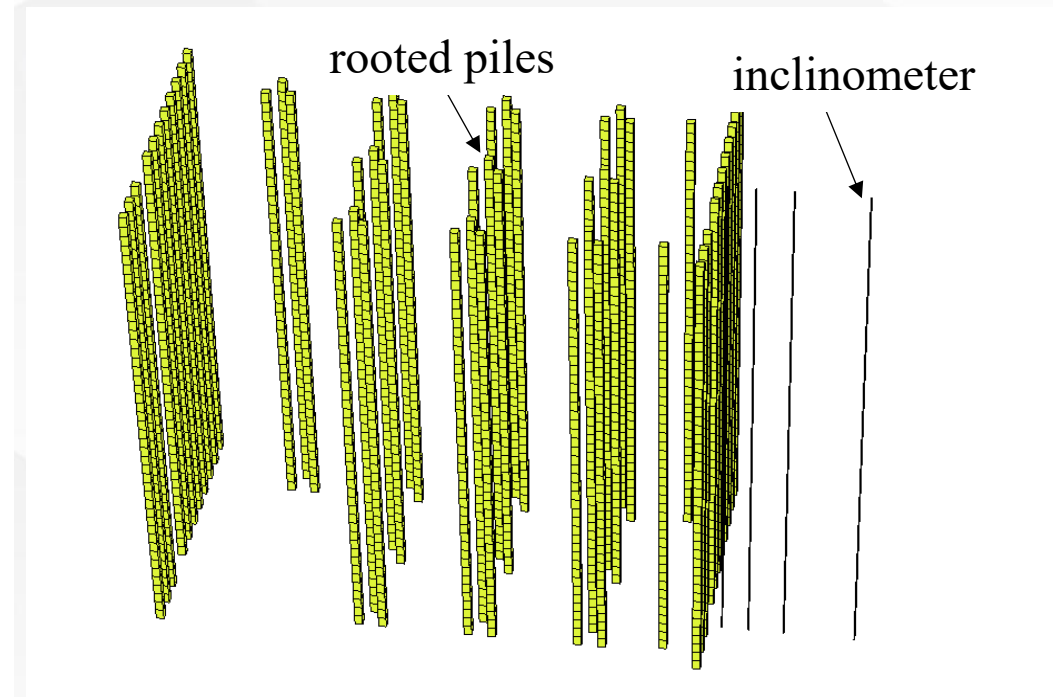
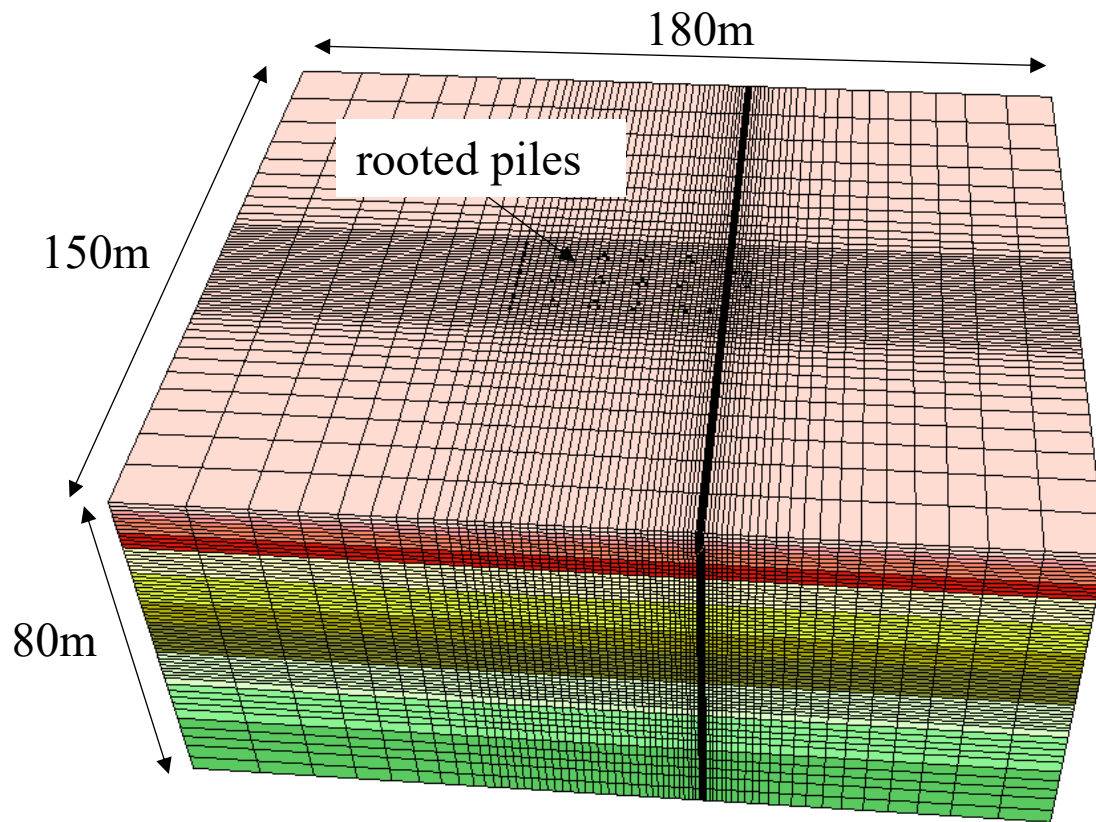




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➤ Typical numerical model for pile groups

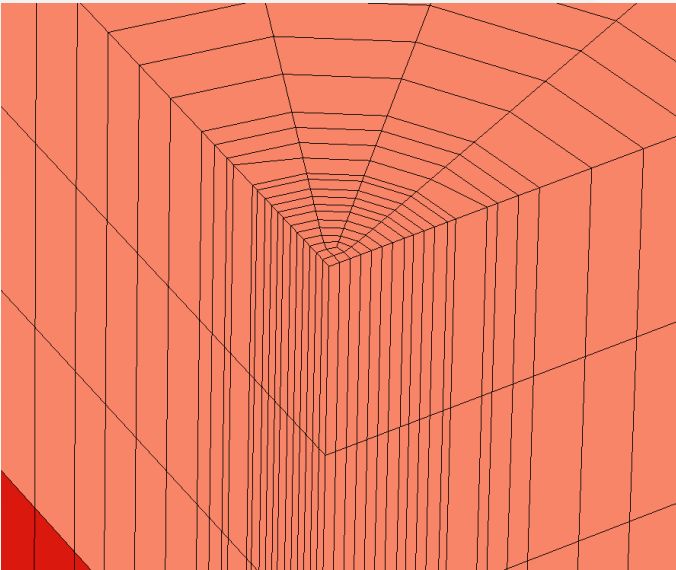




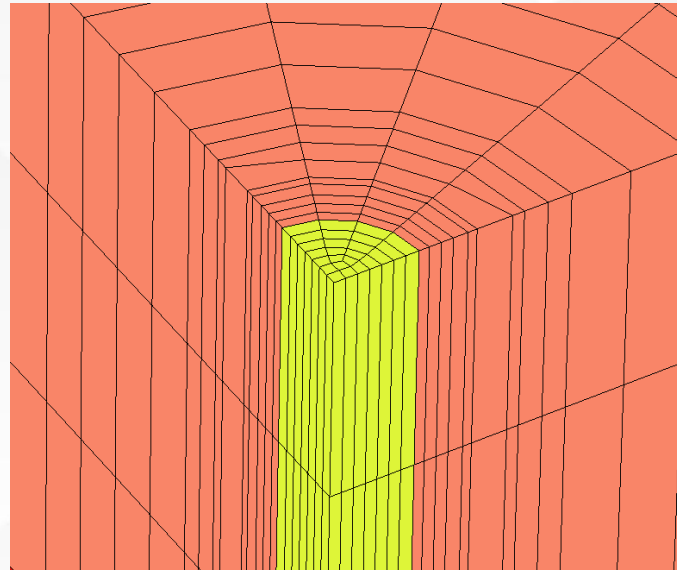
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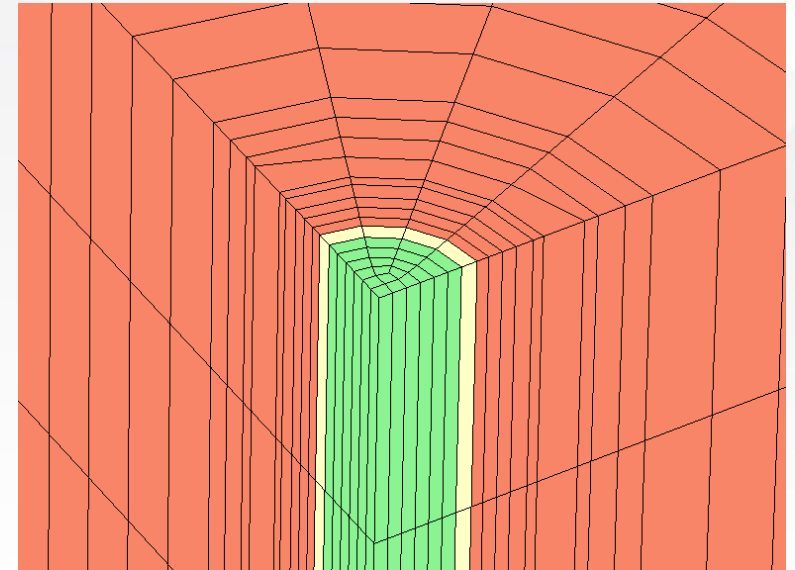
➤ Calculation condition



- initial ground stress generation



- drilling and grouting



- pile installation



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➤ Parameters of the soil constitutive model (HS-small strain model)

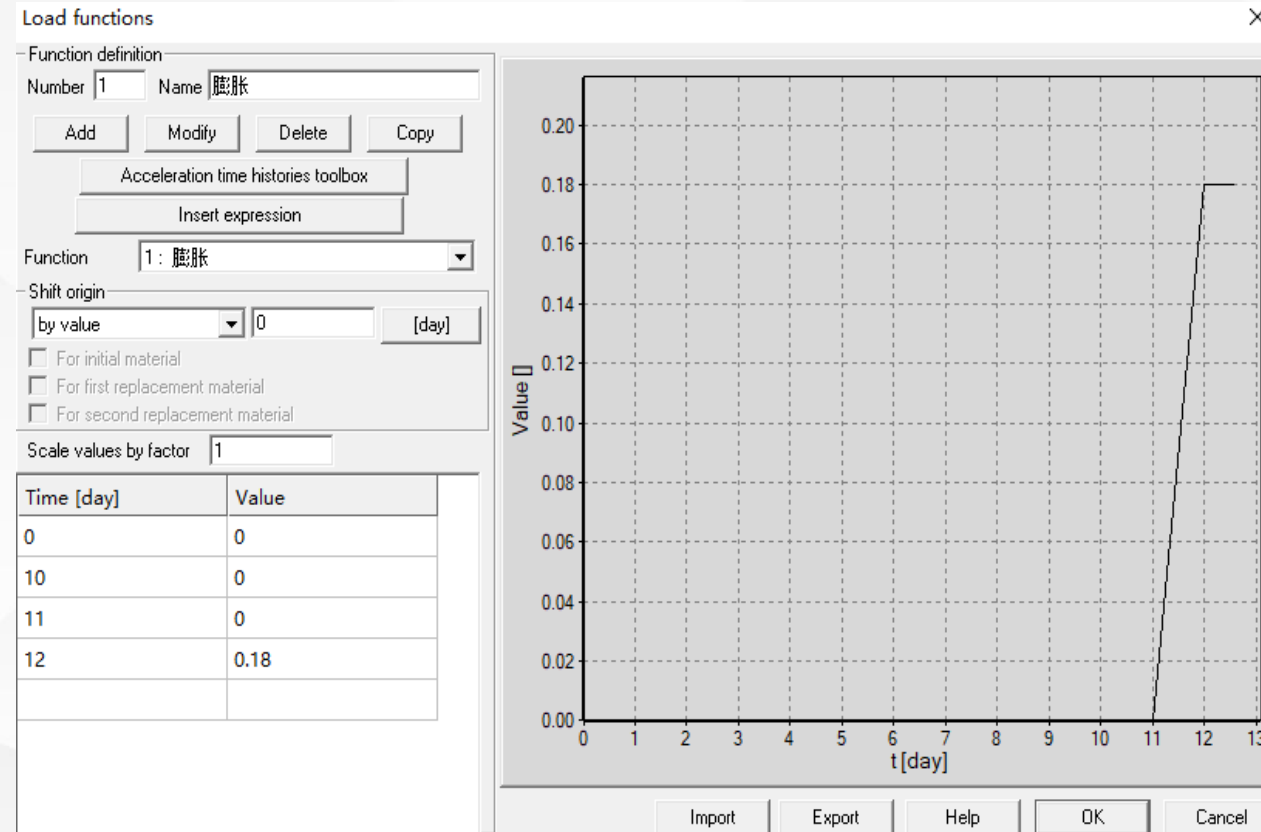
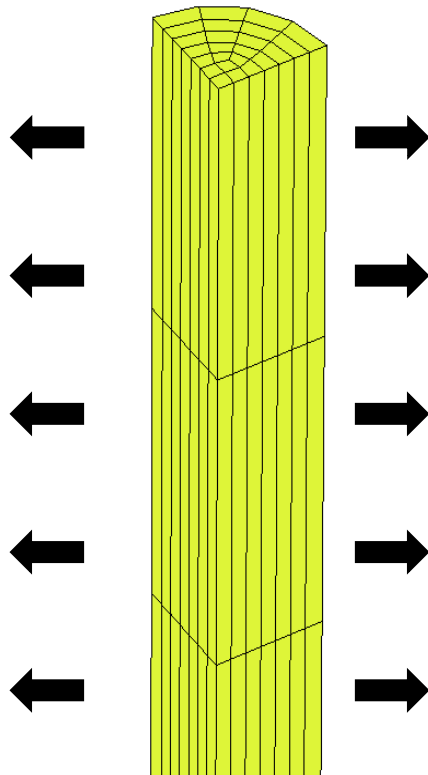
Soil	unit weight (kN/m ³)	water content (%)	$\varphi(^{\circ})$	c(kPa)	E ₅₀ (MPa)	E _{ur} (MPa)	E ₀ (MPa)
① ₁₋₁ fill	18	30	24	10	1.7	8.7	70
② silty clay	19	28.3	28	8	2.4	12.2	98
③ mucky silty clay	17.6	40.4	24	10	1.6	8.2	65.8
④ ₁ mucky clay	17	49.5	22	10	1.7	8.9	71.4
④ ₂ silty sand	19.1	24.5	29	5	21.5	107.9	863.8
⑤ ₁ silty clay	18	34.7	26	10	3.8	19	152.6
⑤ ₃₋₁ silty clay	18.1	34.1	27	15	4.4	22.2	177.8
⑤ ₃₋₂ silty clay	18.2	33.7	28	15	5.5	27.8	222.6
⑤ ₃₋₃ silty clay with sandy silt	18.4	32.3	29	15	7.9	39.7	317.8
⑧ ₂ sandy silt and silty clay interbedded	18.5	30.5	30	10	18.4	92.4	739.2



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➤ Volumetric strain method



- Volumetric strain method was applied for simulating soil displacement during the construction of static drilling rooted piles, including drilling, grouting and pile installation



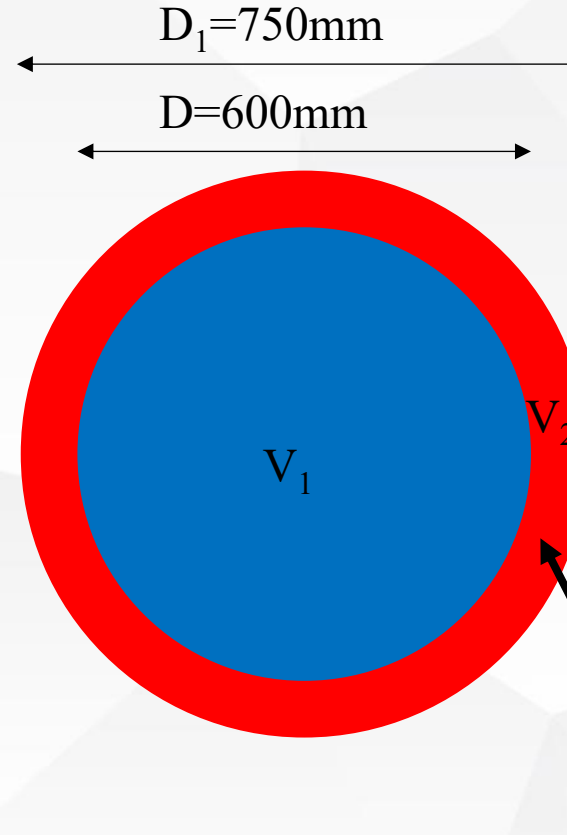
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➤ Volumetric strain method



- The volumetric strain due to drilling and grouting was approximately 55%



- During pile installation, 15% of the extruded volume V_1 was applied to the outer soil element (V_2)

Process	Volumetric strain
Drilling and grouting	55%
Pile installation	15%

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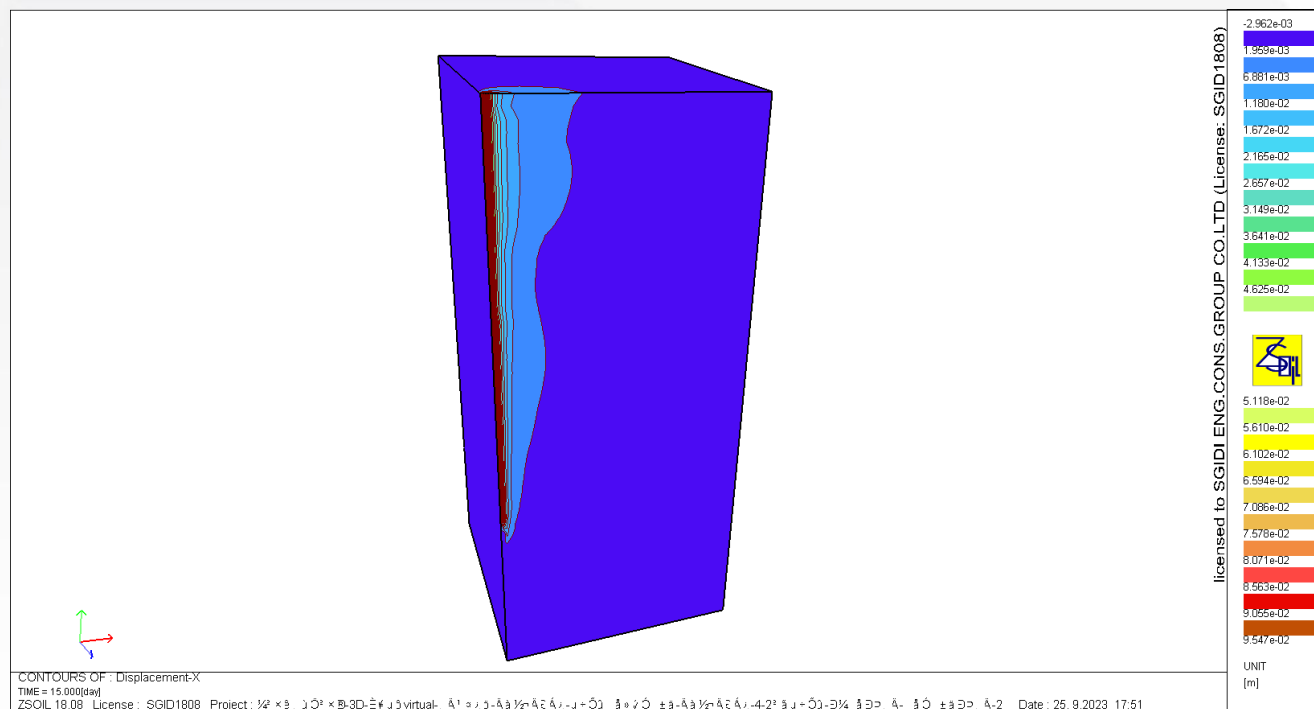
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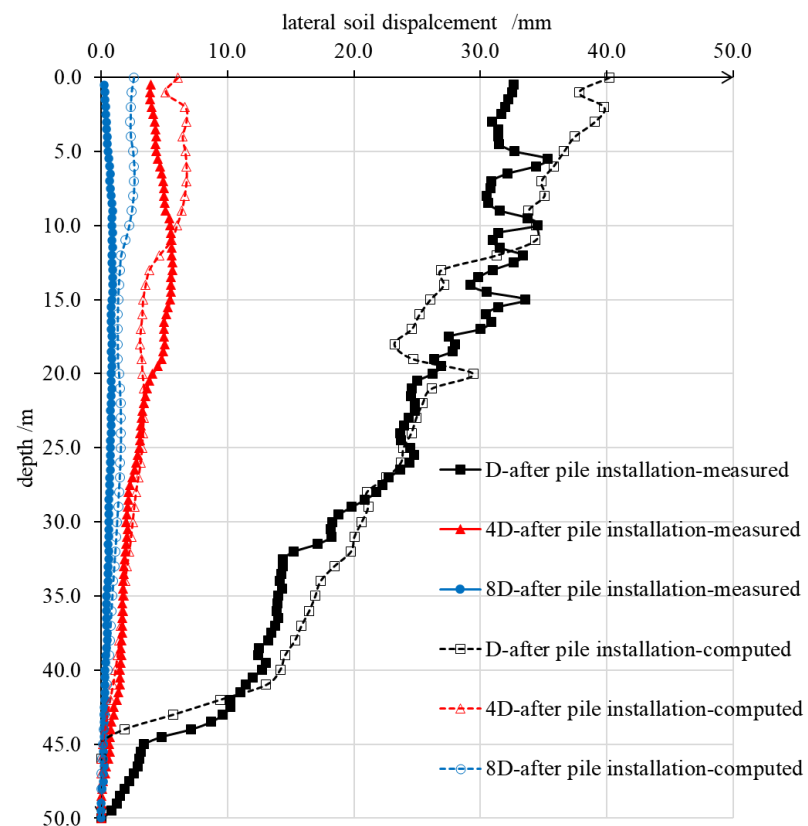
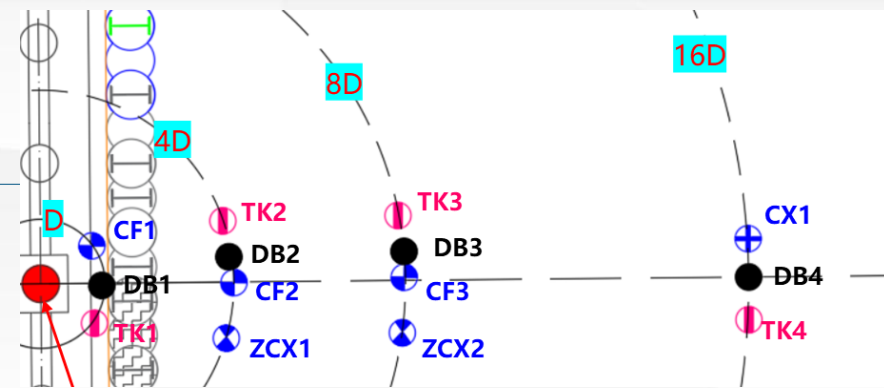


➤ Results for the single pile

□ Soil lateral displacement



- The maximum soil lateral displacement was 35mm
- The calculated soil displacements agree well with the measured data
- Lateral displacements outside 8D were small (D was the pile diameter), thus the influence zone was about 8D

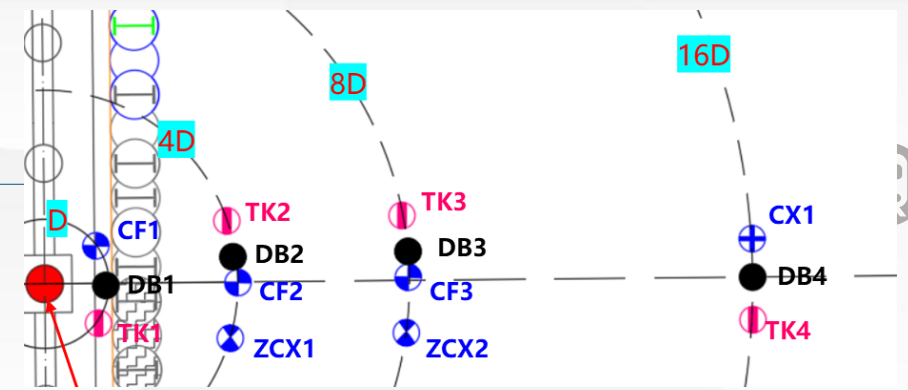
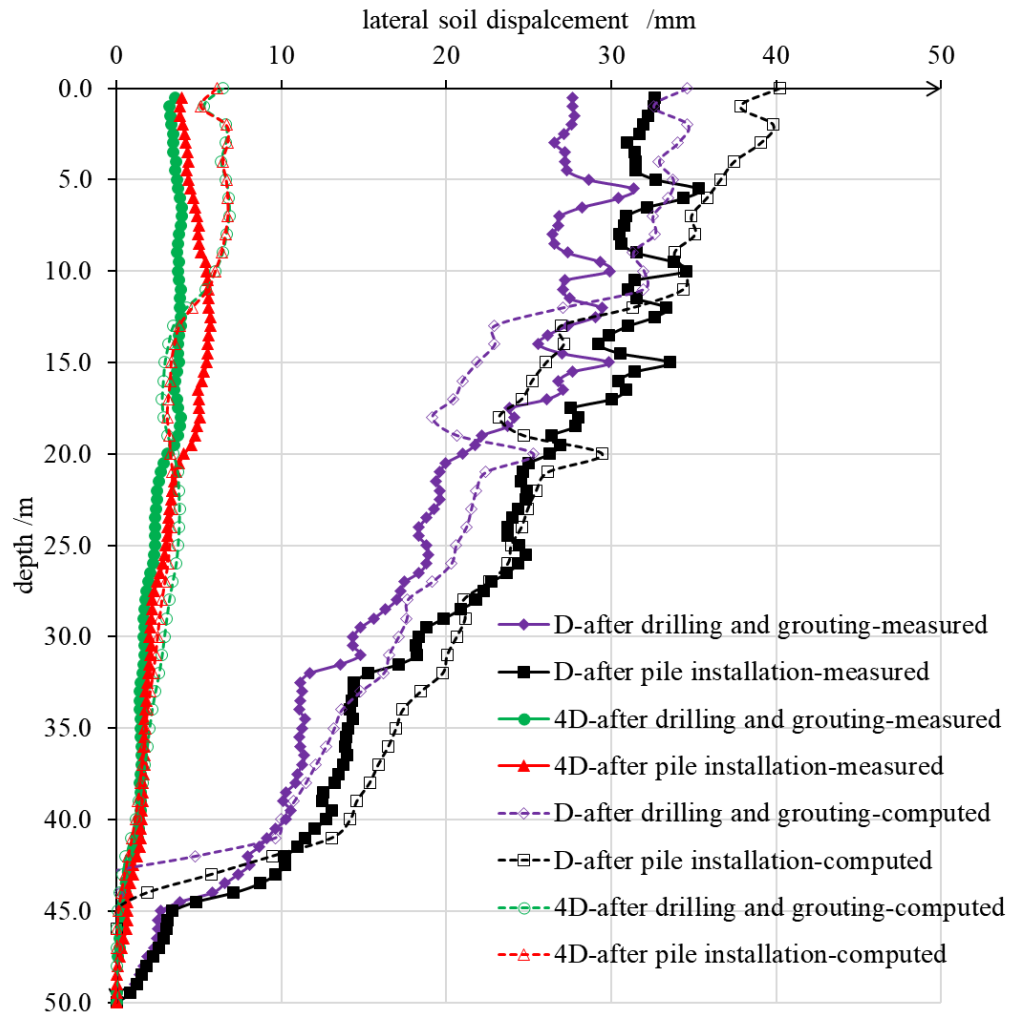




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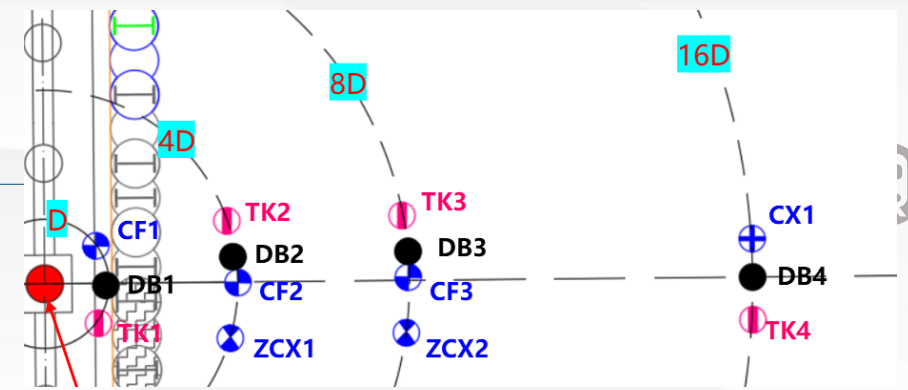
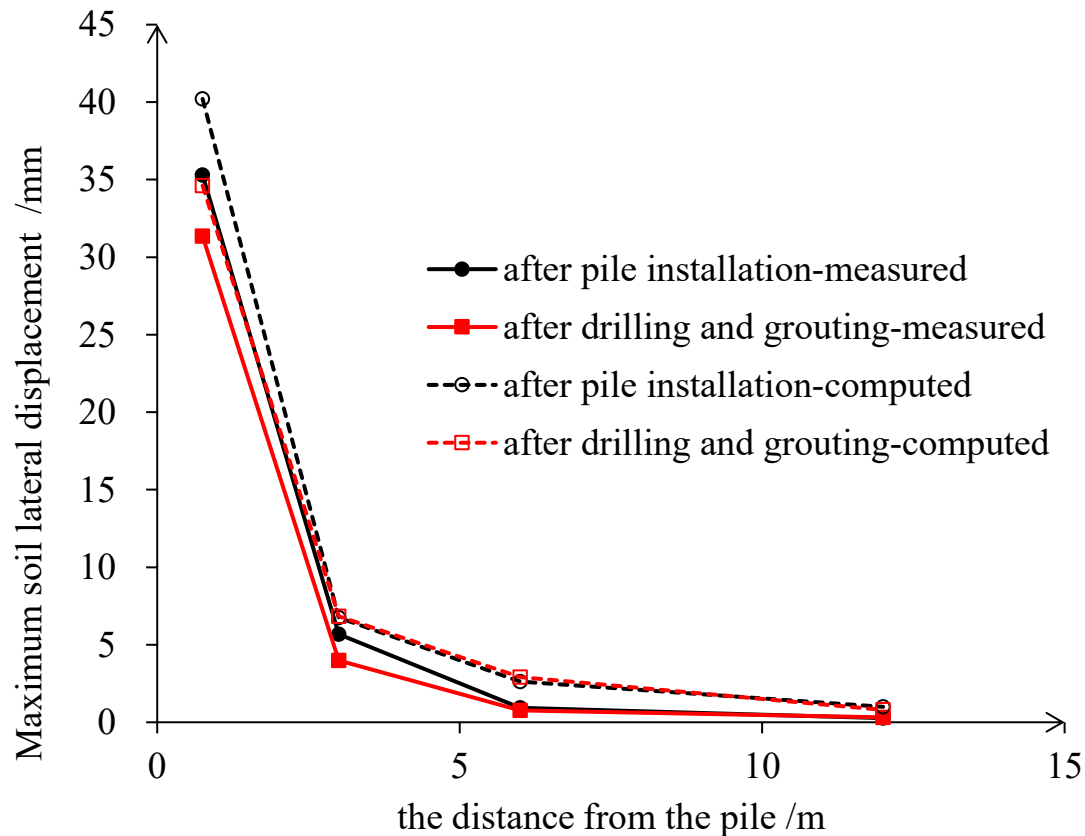
- According to the measured lateral displacement curves, the major deformation occurred during drilling and grouting, accounting for about 80-90% of the total
- The calculated and measured lateral displacement patterns were in good agreement, which demonstrates the feasibility of using the volumetric strain method to simulate the construction of the static-drilled rooted pile



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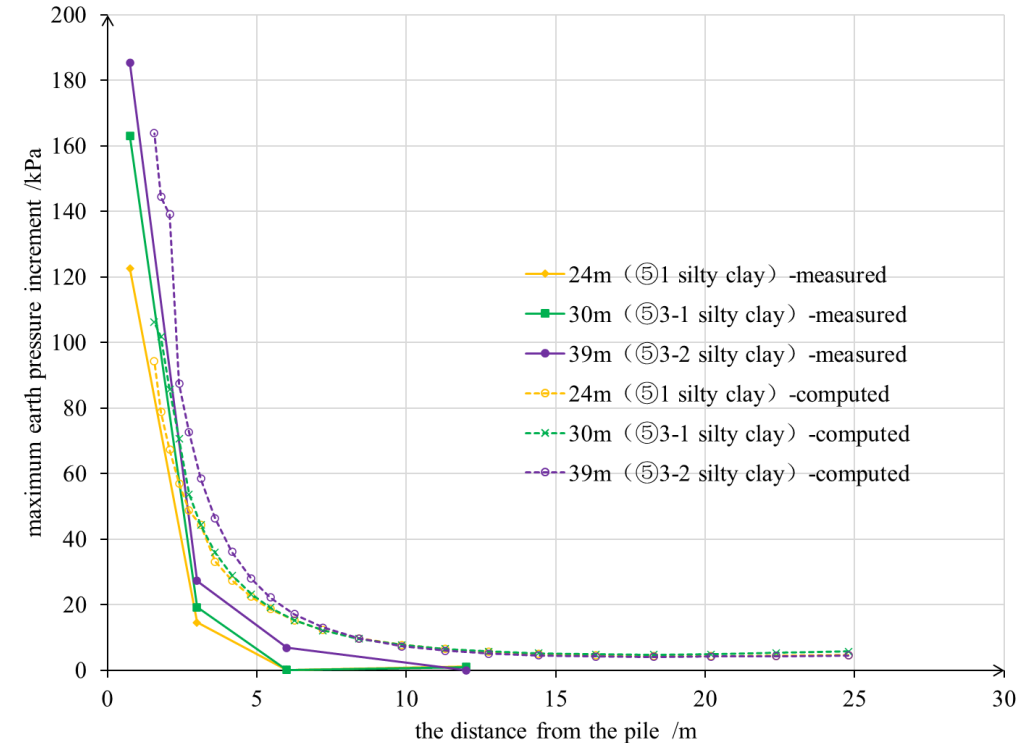
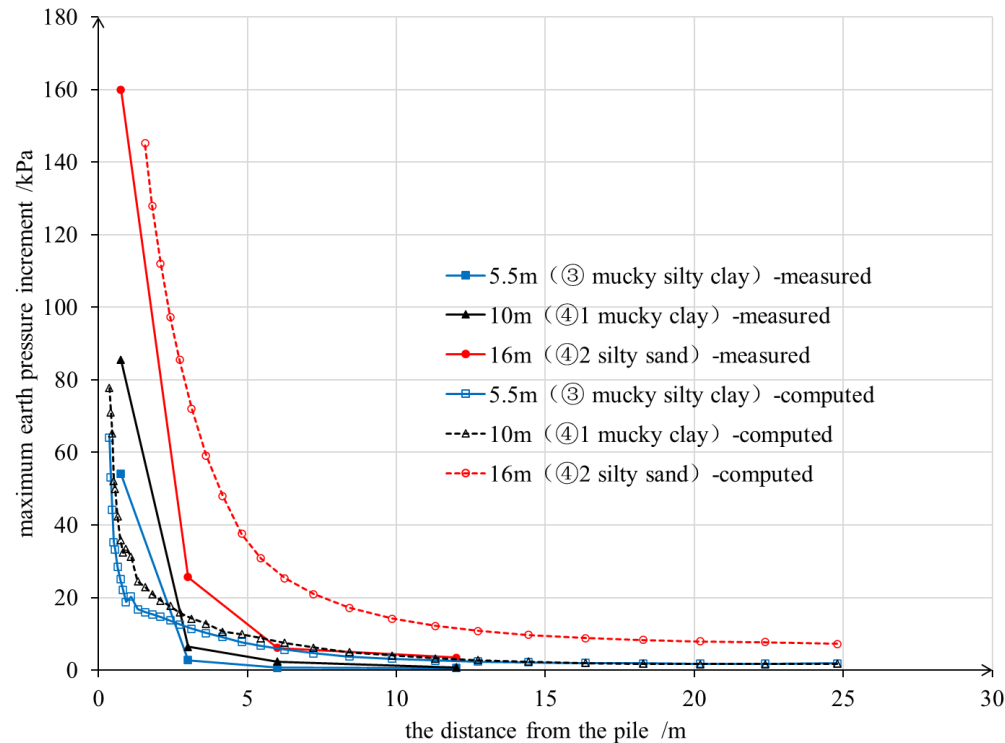
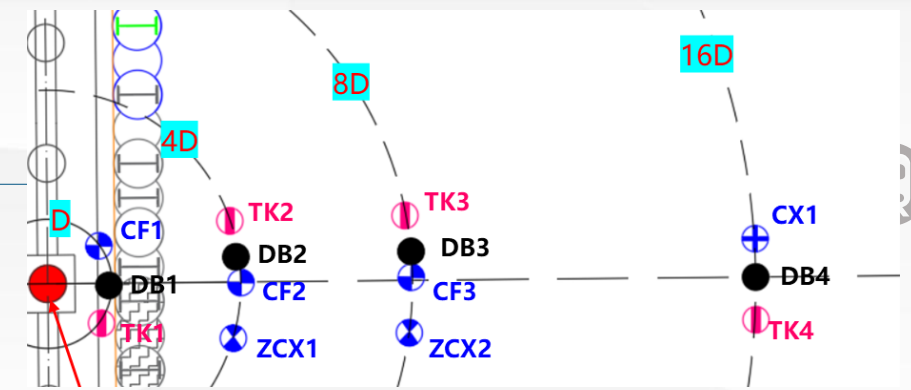
- As the distance from the pile increased, the maximum soil lateral displacement decreased exponentially
- The influence zone was 6m (about 8D)
- The calculated and measured lateral displacement patterns were in good agreement



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➤ Results for the single pile

▣ Earth pressure increment



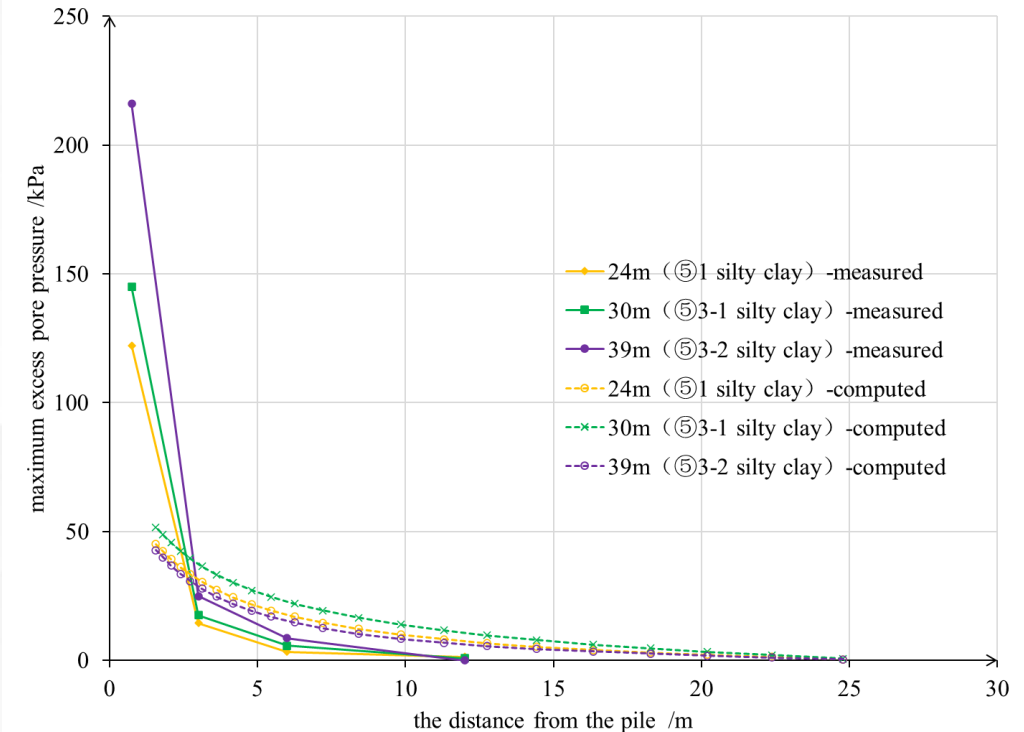
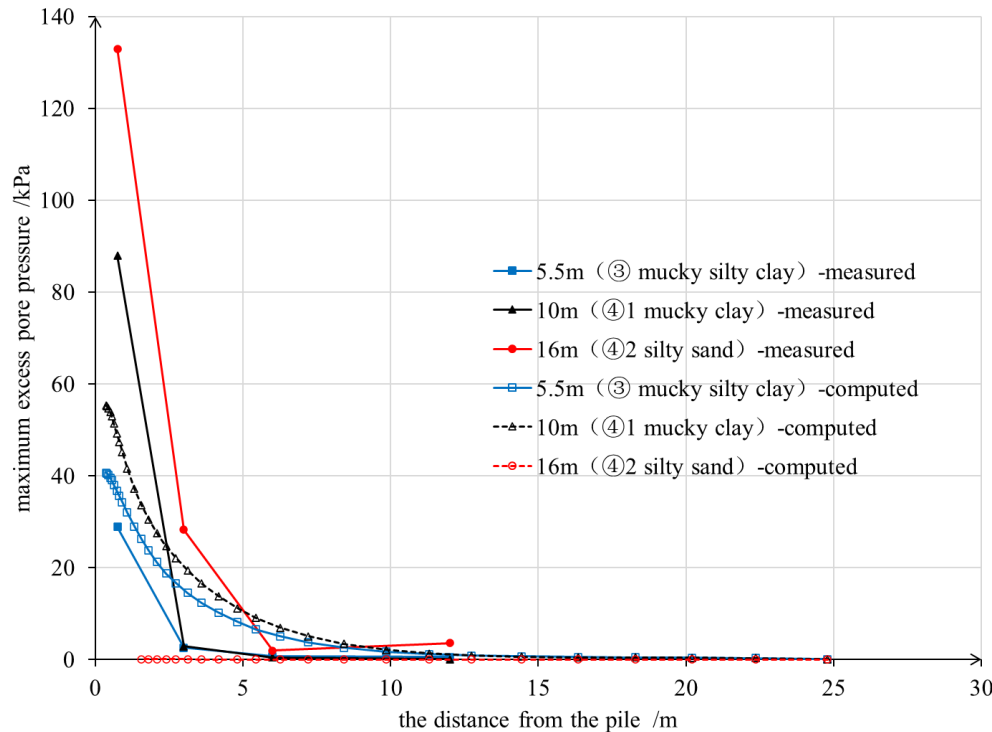
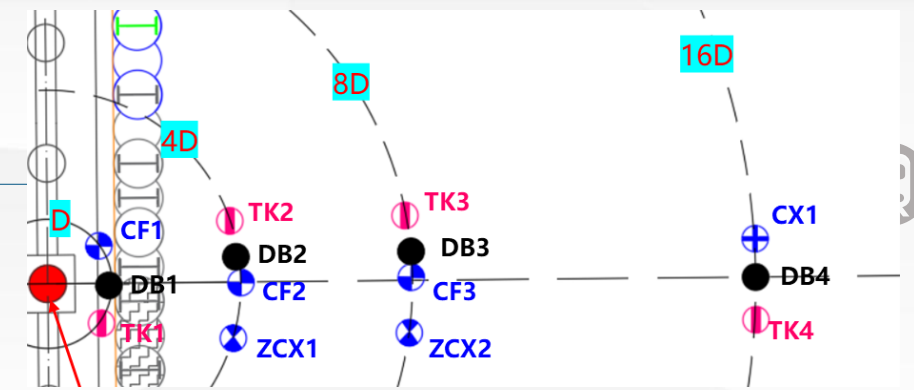
- Due to the application of the volumetric strain method, the earth pressure increment showed some deviation from the measured values within 3 m (4D); Measured maximum earth pressure increment was 186kPa
- Beyond 3m (4D), the calculated results were relatively close to the measured results in both magnitude and trend



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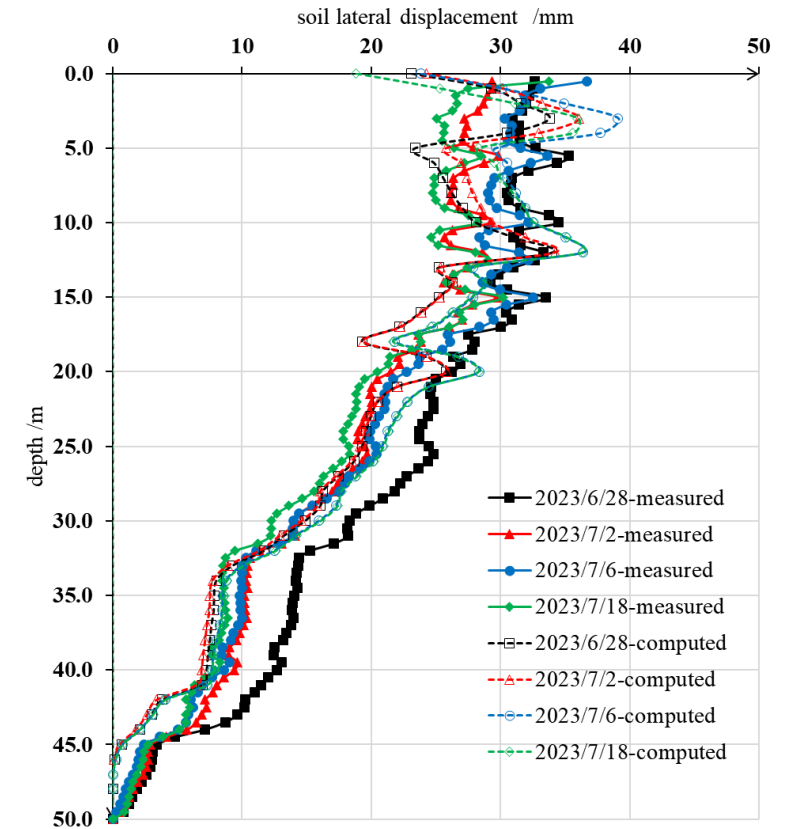
▣ Excess pore pressure



- Beyond 5m (6.6D), the calculated excess pore water pressure agreed with the measured results, but showed some deviation
- Measured maximum excess pore pressure was 216kPa
- For ④2 sandy silt, the calculated excess pore water pressure differed from the measured values, which can be attributed to its permeability



The distance from the measured point to the pile was 0.75m



- The calculated and measured soil lateral displacement were generally close
- Maximum soil lateral displacement was 37mm

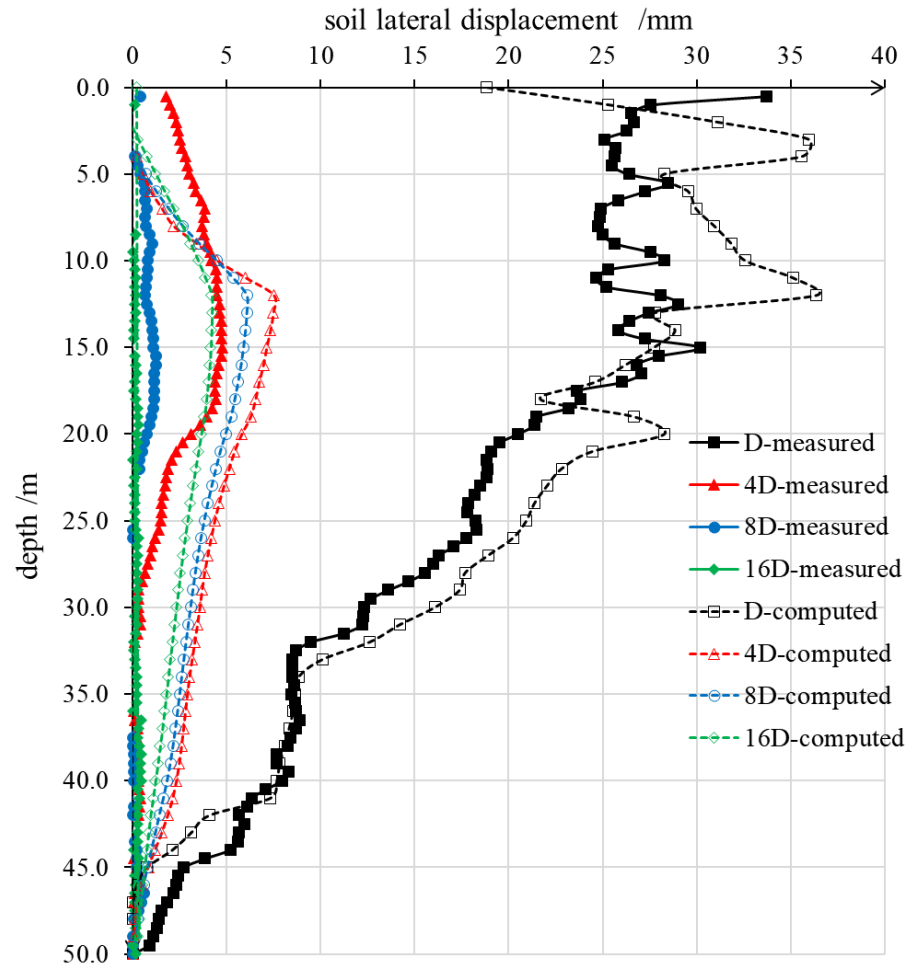


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➤ Results for pile groups

▣ Soil lateral displacement



- The calculated values were larger than the measured ones, but overall they were close
- It is indicated that the volumetric strain method can be used to analyze the influence of statically drilled rooted piles on adjacent soil and structures in practice

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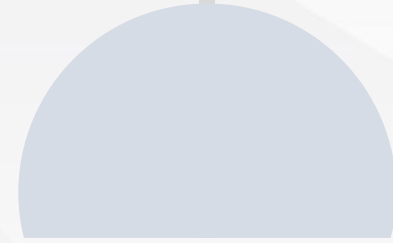
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- The volumetric strain method with HS-small strain model can reasonably simulate the influence of the static-drilled rooted pile on soil and structures
- The maximum soil lateral displacement was 37mm during the construction of the pile groups
- The drilling and grouting stages are the dominant construction phases, contributing approximately 80–90% of the total lateral soil displacement, as confirmed by both field measurements and numerical simulations

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