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M4B: A Tool for the Multiphysics  
Analysis of the Deformational  
Behaviour of Soils and its Interaction  
with Building Foundations

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# Introduction

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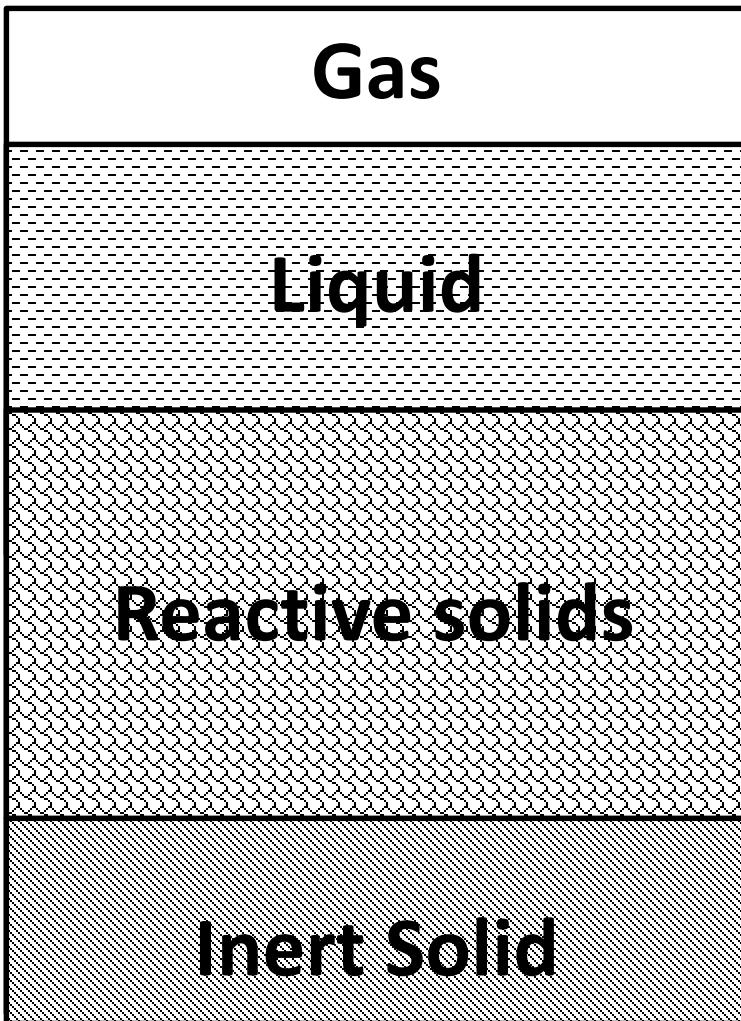
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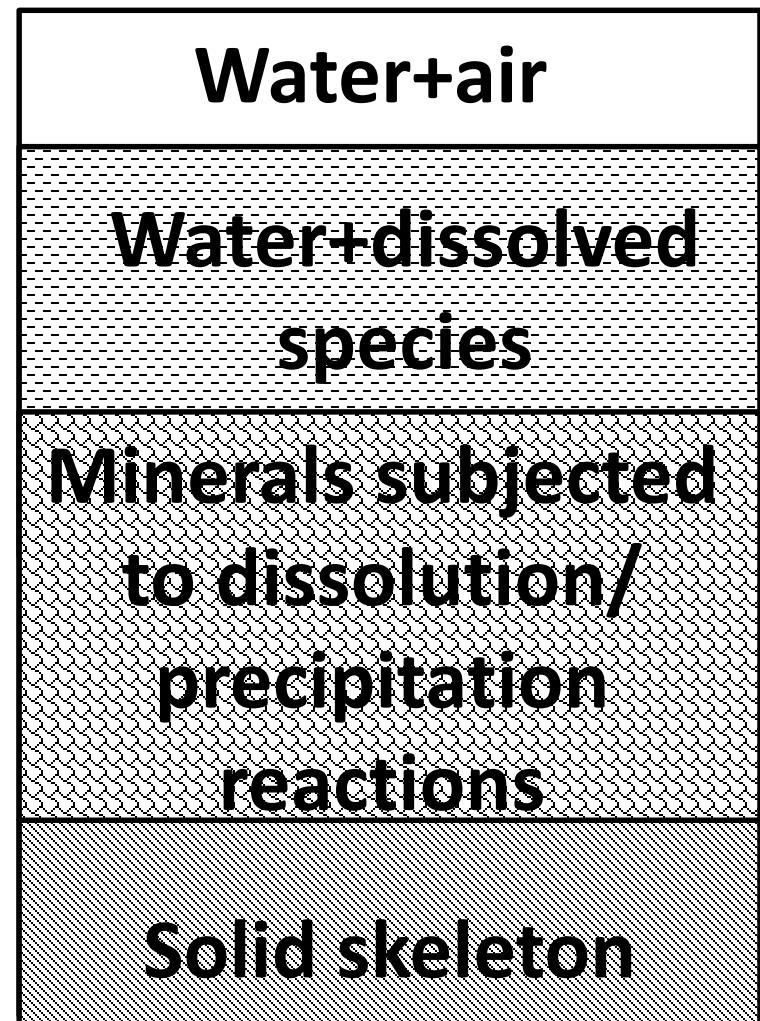
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# Introduction

## Phases



## Components



# HYDRAULIC EQUATIONS

- Water mass balance

$$\frac{D_S m^W}{Dt} + m^W \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_s + \nabla \cdot (\rho^W \mathbf{q}^W) = 0$$

- Water content

$$m^W = n S_L \rho_L^W + n S_G \rho_G^W$$

- Mass water flux

$$\rho^W \mathbf{q}^W =$$

$$-\rho_L^W \frac{\mathbf{K}_L k_{rL}^W}{\mu_L} (\nabla P_L + \rho g \nabla z) - S_G n \tau D_v \nabla \cdot \rho_G^W$$

- Vapour density

$$\rho_G^W = \frac{W_W P_V}{RT}$$

- Vapour pressure

$$P_V = H P_V^0$$

$$H = \exp \left[ \frac{W_W s}{\rho_L RT} \right]$$

# HEAT EQUATIONS

- Energy Conservation Equation

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla(\mathbf{l}_E) = f^Q$$

$$E = E_S + E_L + E_G$$

- Internal Energy

$$E_G = c_G^W \rho_G^W S_G n T + l \rho_G^W S_G n$$

$$E_S = c_S \rho_S (1 - n) T$$

$$E_L = c_L^W \rho_L^W S_L n T$$

- Heat Flux

$$\mathbf{l}_E = \mathbf{i}_C + \mathbf{l}_S + \mathbf{l}_L + \mathbf{l}_G$$

- Advection

$$\mathbf{l}_G = \mathbf{q}_G^W E_G + E_G \mathbf{v}_s$$

$$\mathbf{l}_L = \mathbf{q}_L^W E_L + E_L \mathbf{v}_s$$

$$\mathbf{l}_S = E_S \rho_S (1 - n) \mathbf{v}_s$$

- Conduction

$$\mathbf{i}_C = -\lambda(T) \nabla T$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_S^{1-n} \lambda_L^{S_L n} \lambda_G^{(1-S_L)n}$$

# EQUATIONS

- Conservation of individual species

$$\frac{\partial nS_L C_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot j_i = nS_L (R_i + R_i^{MIN})$$

$$\frac{\partial m_{MIN,i}}{\partial t} = -m_{MIN,i} \nabla \cdot v_s + R_i^{MIN}$$

- Massic flux of individual species

$$j_i = q^W C_i - nS_L D_i \nabla C_i$$

- Conservation of conserved substances

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{ik} \left( \frac{\partial nS_L (C_i + C_i^a)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot j_i = nS_L R_i \right) = 0$$

$$k = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{ik} R_i = 0$$

- Conservation of conserved substances

$$T_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{ik} (C_i + C_i^a) \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\frac{\partial nS_L T_k}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{ik} \nabla \cdot j_i = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

- Electroneutrality condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^N z_i C_i = 0$$

CONSERVED SUBSTANCES	H <sup>+</sup> , CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup>
SPECIES	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , OH <sup>-</sup> , H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , CaHCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> , CaCO <sub>3</sub> , CaHSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , CaSO <sub>4</sub> , CaOH <sup>+</sup> , MgHCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> , MgCO <sub>3</sub> , MgSO <sub>4</sub> , MgOH <sup>+</sup> , NaHCO <sub>3</sub> , NaCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NaSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NaOH, KOH, H <sup>+</sup> , CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup>

# EQUATIONS

Nombre	Fórmula	<i>log k</i>	Base de datos	Reacción
Anhidrita*	Ca(SO <sub>4</sub> )	-4.440	ANDRA	Ca(SO <sub>4</sub> ) $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Antarcticita	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O	3.940	ANDRA	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 6H <sub>2</sub> O
Aragonito	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	-8.310	ANDRA	CaCO <sub>3</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Arcanita	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-1.850	ANDRA	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ 2K <sup>+</sup> + SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Artinita	Mg <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )(OH) <sub>2</sub> :3H <sub>2</sub> O	9.810	ANDRA	Mg <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )(OH) <sub>2</sub> :3H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ 2Mg <sup>+2</sup> - 2H <sup>+</sup> + CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 5H <sub>2</sub> O
Basanita	CaSO <sub>4</sub> :0.5H <sub>2</sub> O	-3.920	ANDRA	CaSO <sub>4</sub> :0.5H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 0.5H <sub>2</sub> O
Bischofita	MgCl <sub>2</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O	4.460	ANDRA	MgCl <sub>2</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Mg <sup>+2</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 6H <sub>2</sub> O
Bloedita*	Na <sub>2</sub> Mg(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> :4H <sub>2</sub> O	-2.350	ANDRA	Na <sub>2</sub> Mg(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> :4H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Mg <sup>+2</sup> + 2Na <sup>+</sup> + 2SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 4H <sub>2</sub> O
Brucita	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	17.100	ANDRA	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ Mg <sup>+2</sup> - 2H <sup>+</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O
Burkeita	Na <sub>6</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-0.770	ANDRA	Na <sub>6</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ 6Na <sup>+</sup> + CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 2SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Ca <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	Ca <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O	26.530	ANDRA	Ca <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ 2Ca <sup>+2</sup> - 2H <sup>+</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 3H <sub>2</sub> O
Ca <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> :13H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	Ca <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> :13H <sub>2</sub> O	68.730	ANDRA	Ca <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> :13H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ 4Ca <sup>+2</sup> - 6H <sup>+</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 19H <sub>2</sub> O
CaCl <sub>2</sub> :2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :2H <sub>2</sub> O	7.950	ANDRA	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :2H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O
CaCl <sub>2</sub> :4H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :4H <sub>2</sub> O	5.350	ANDRA	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :4H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + 4H <sub>2</sub> O
CaCl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O	7.850	ANDRA	CaCl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 2Cl <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O
CaCO <sub>3</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O	-7.600	ANDRA	CaCO <sub>3</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O
Calcita*	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	-8.480	ANDRA	CaCO <sub>3</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
CaMg <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (s)/Huntita	CaMg <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	-30.810	ANDRA	CaMg <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 3Mg <sup>+2</sup> + 4CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Carnalita	KMgCl <sub>3</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O	4.330	ANDRA	KMgCl <sub>3</sub> :6H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Mg <sup>+2</sup> + K <sup>+</sup> + 3Cl <sup>-</sup> + 6H <sub>2</sub> O
Dolomita*	CaMg(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-17.120	ANDRA	CaMg(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + Mg <sup>+2</sup> + 2CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Epsomita*	Mg(SO <sub>4</sub> ):7H <sub>2</sub> O	-1.880	ANDRA	Mg(SO <sub>4</sub> ):7H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Mg <sup>+2</sup> + SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 7H <sub>2</sub> O
Gaylussita	CaNa <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> :5H <sub>2</sub> O	-9.430	ANDRA	CaNa <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> :5H <sub>2</sub> O $\leftrightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup> + 2Na <sup>+</sup> + 2CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> + 5H <sub>2</sub> O
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# EQUATIONS

- Equilibrium equation

$$\nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{TOT}} + \rho g \nabla z = 0$$

- Constitutive stresses

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{TOT}} - P_\phi \mathbf{m}$$

$$P_\phi = \max(P_{\text{G}}, P_{\text{L}})$$

- Incremental stresses

$$d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D}^{el} \left( d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^s - d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{ch} - d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^m - d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p \right)$$

- Porosity variations

$$\frac{D_s n}{Dt} = (1-n) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_s - \sum_i \frac{1}{\rho_i} W_i R_i^{MIN}$$

- Strain component due to suction changes

$$d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^s = \frac{\kappa_s}{(s + P_{atm})} ds$$

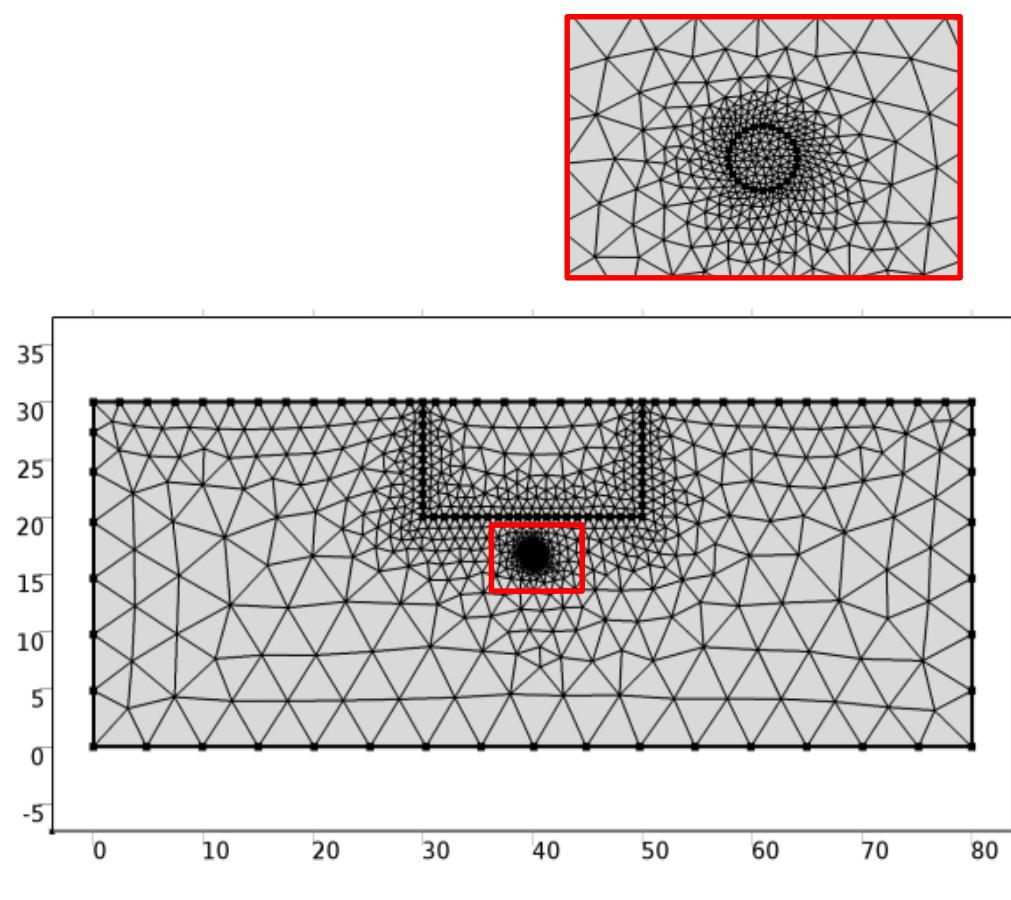
- Strain component due to dissolution/precipitation

$$d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_V^{CH} = \sum_i \frac{\gamma_i}{\rho_i} W_i R_i^{MIN}$$

- Dissolution/precipitation rates

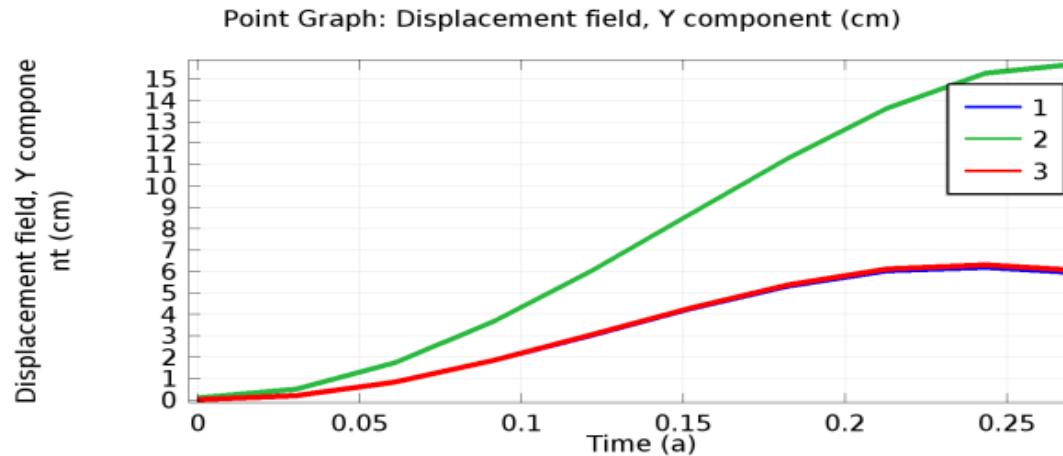
$$R_i^{MIN} = \frac{1}{W_i} \sigma_c k \xi_i \phi_i \left\{ \left| \frac{IAP_i}{K_i} \right|^{\theta} - 1 \right\}^n$$

# Example Model. Excavation and gypsum dissolution

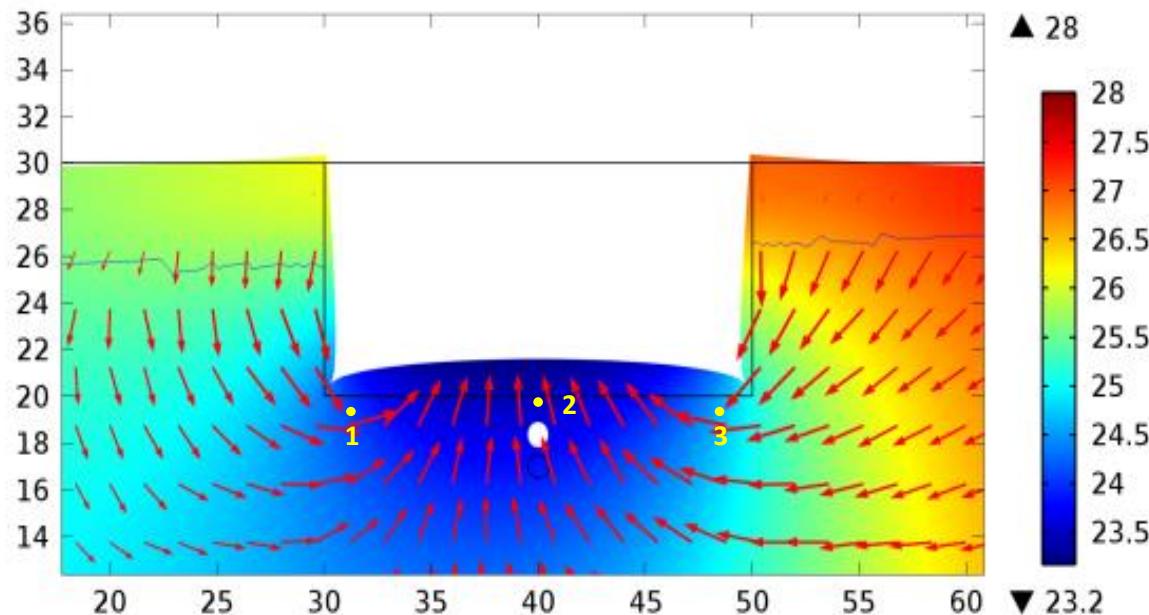


Parameter	Value
$\rho_s$ , soil density	2650 kgm <sup>-3</sup>
$k_s$ , bulk modulus related to suction changes	-0.02 MPa <sup>-1</sup>
$\gamma$ , coefficient related to crystal growth pressure	1
Elastic modulus	17 MPa
Poisson coefficient	0.3
Initial porosity, $n$	0.4
Intrinsic permeability, $K_L$	1.00 x 10 <sup>-17</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
Initial gypsum content	20 %
Initial sulphate concentration	0.002 mol l <sup>-1</sup>
Initial calcium concentration	0.014 mol l <sup>-1</sup>
$k\sigma_c$	3.4 x 10 <sup>-04</sup> kgm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>

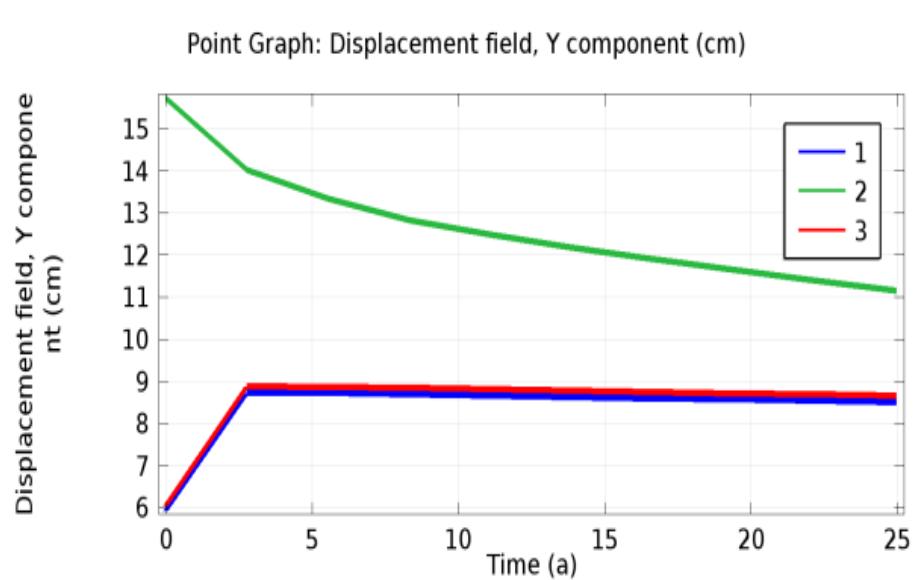
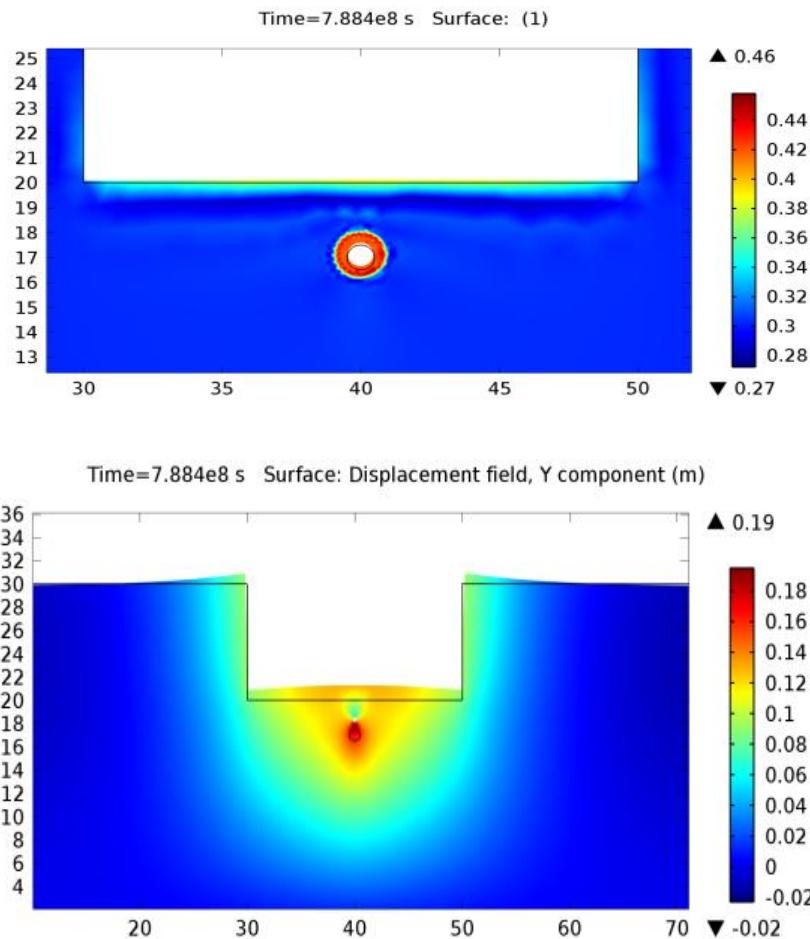
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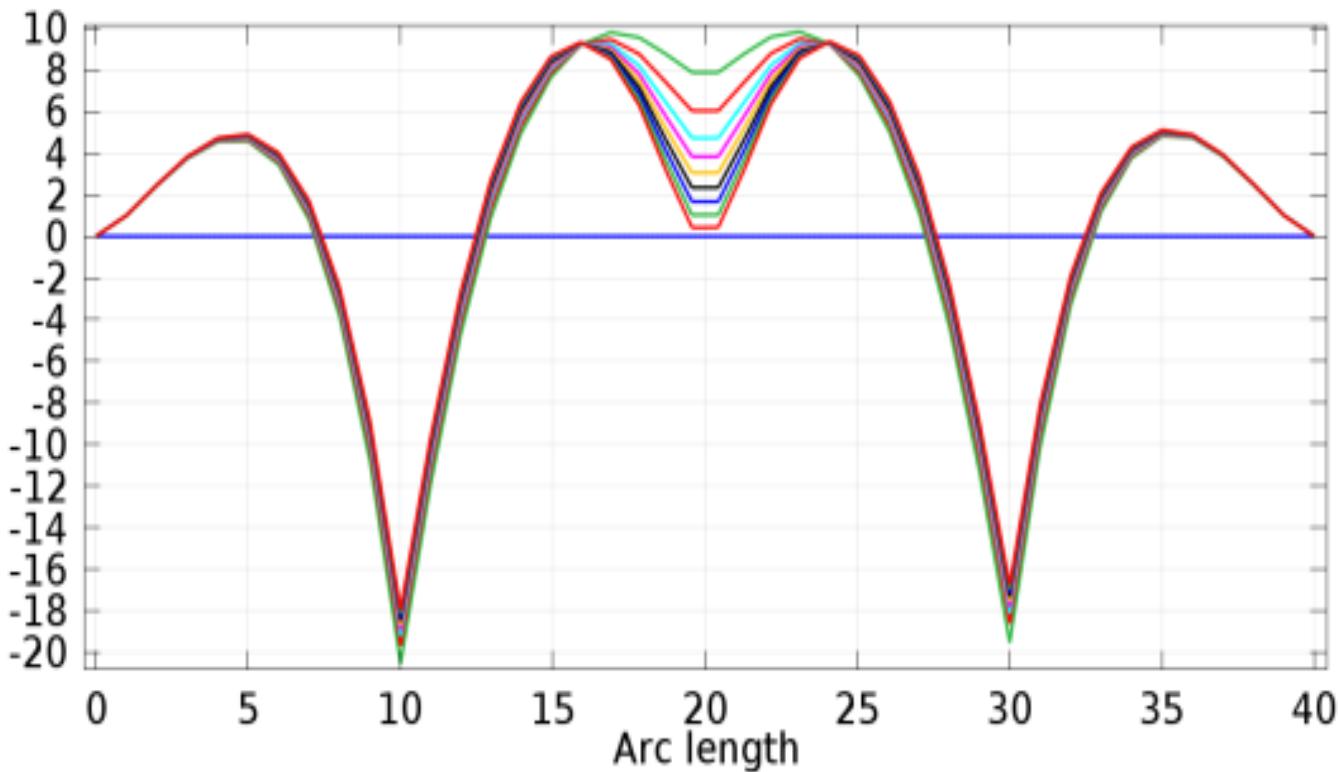
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# Dissolution



# Section forces



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