



FHWA's Future Scour Design Approach

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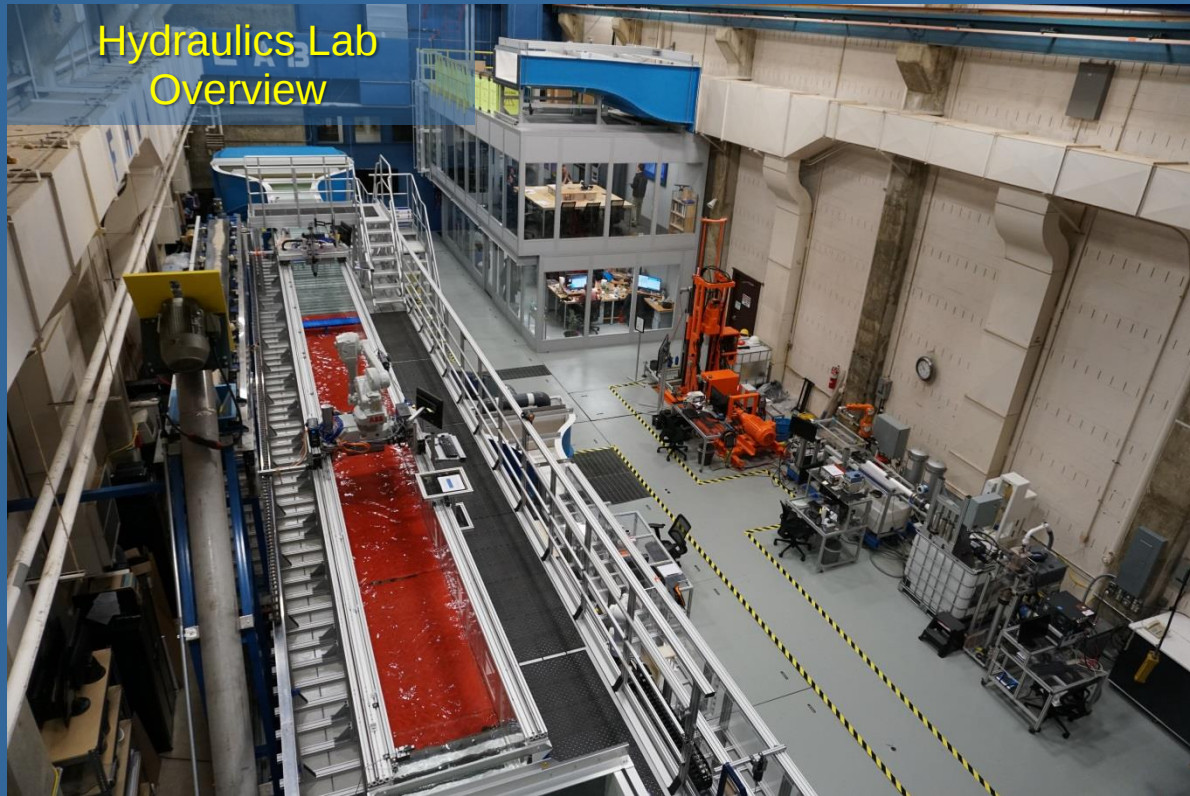
Physical Modeling

40 %

Numerical Modeling

60 %

Hydraulics Lab
Overview



Live Bed Bridge Scour
Experiments



Robotic Arm
Carriage System



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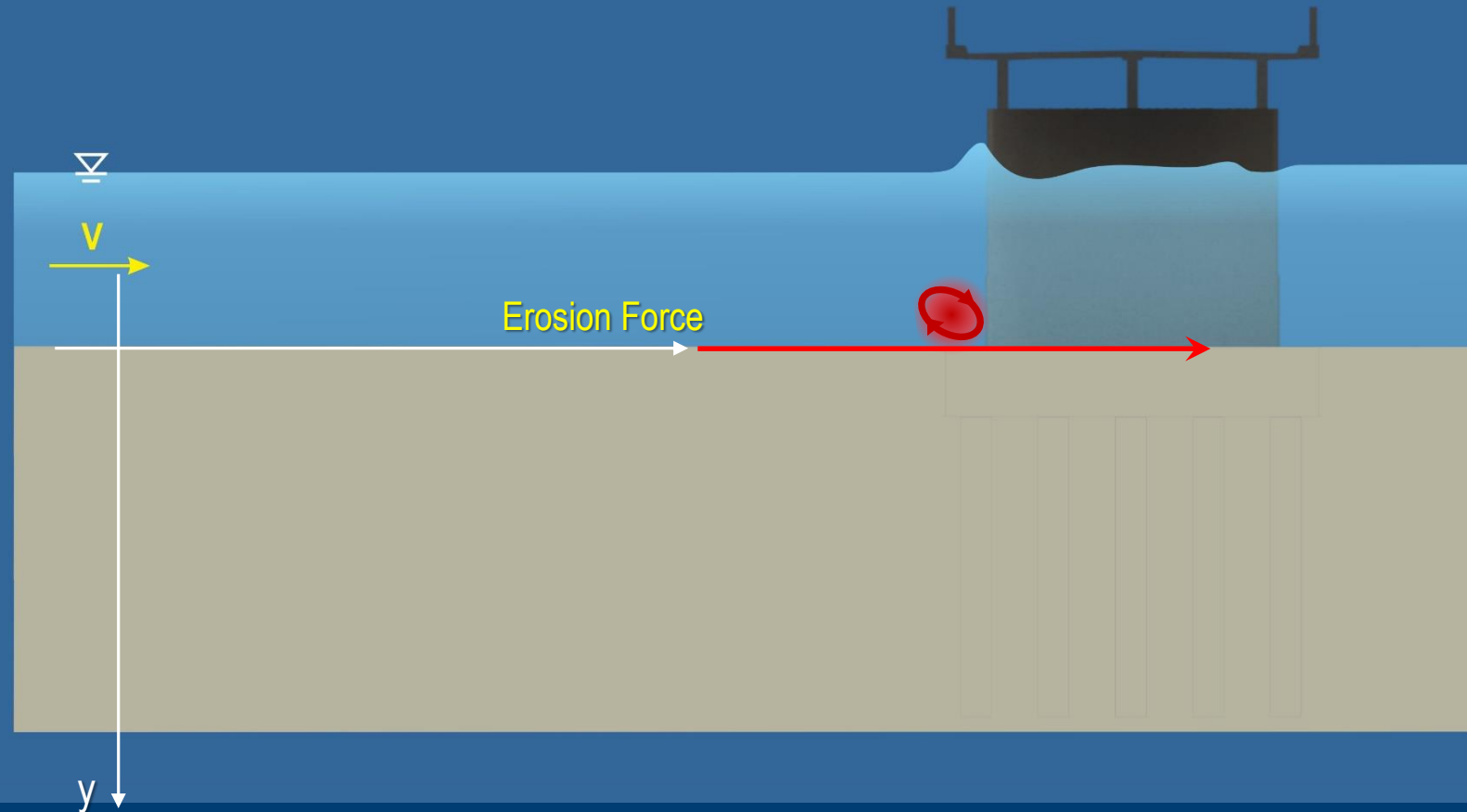
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Concept of Hydraulic loading and Erosion force Decay Function



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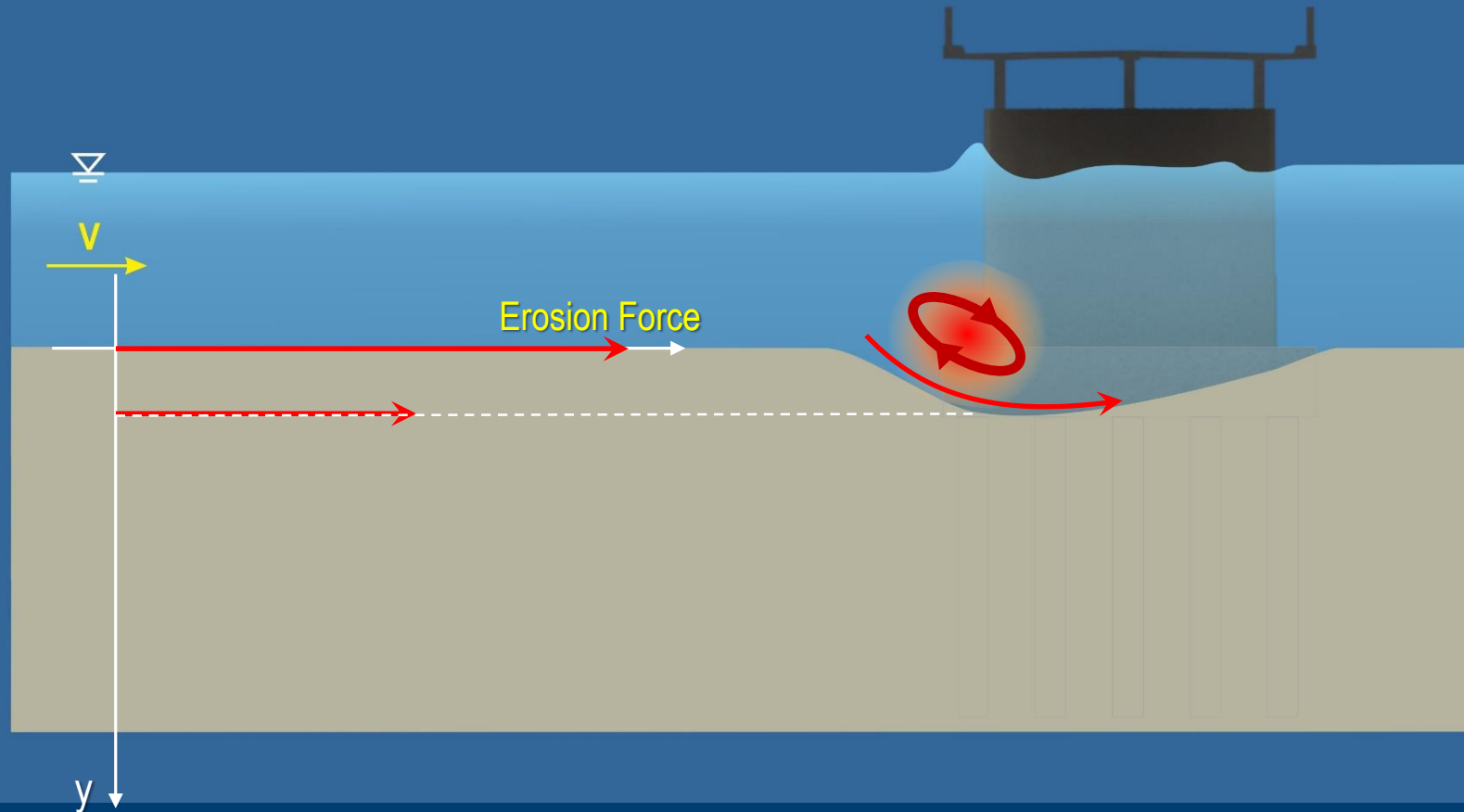
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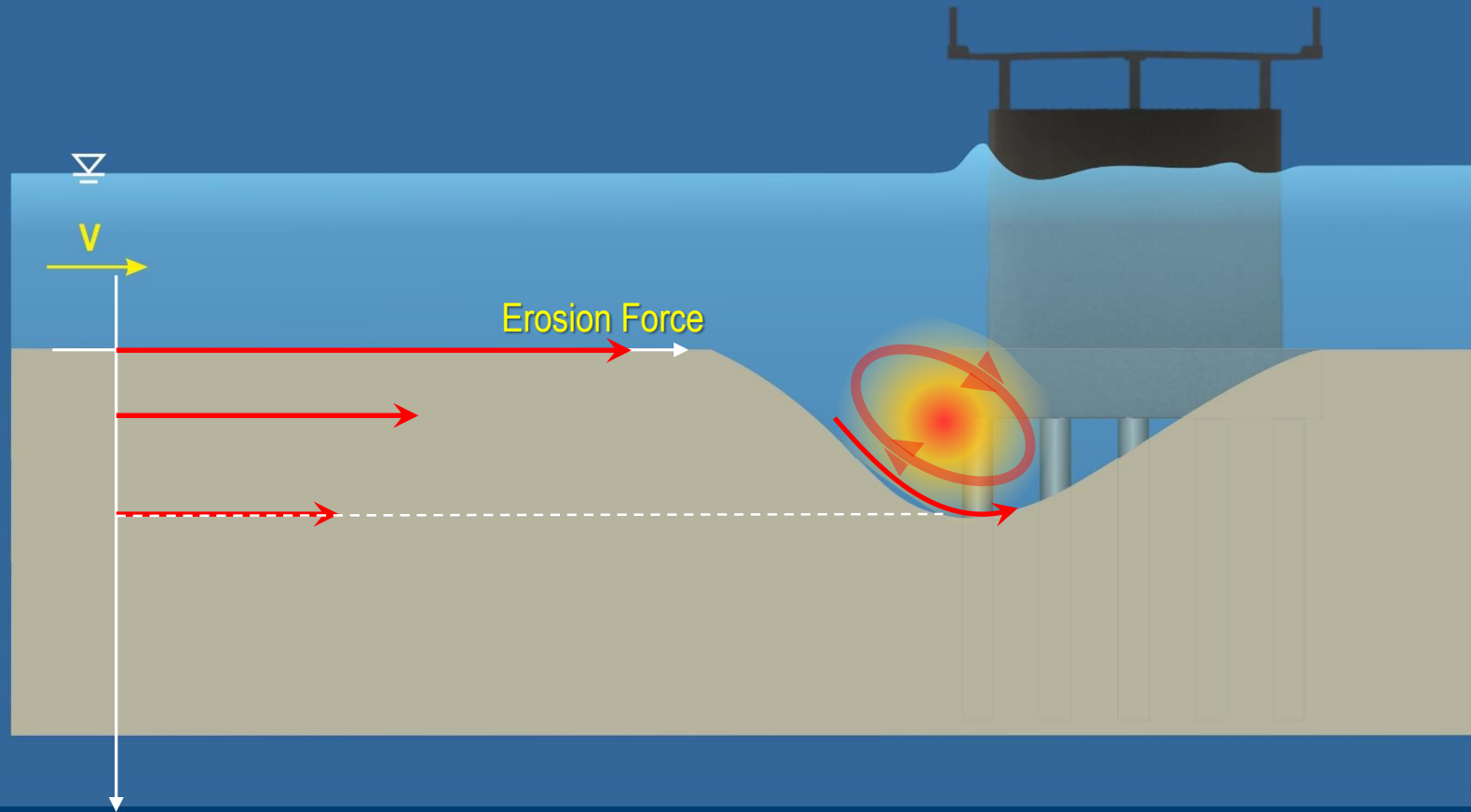


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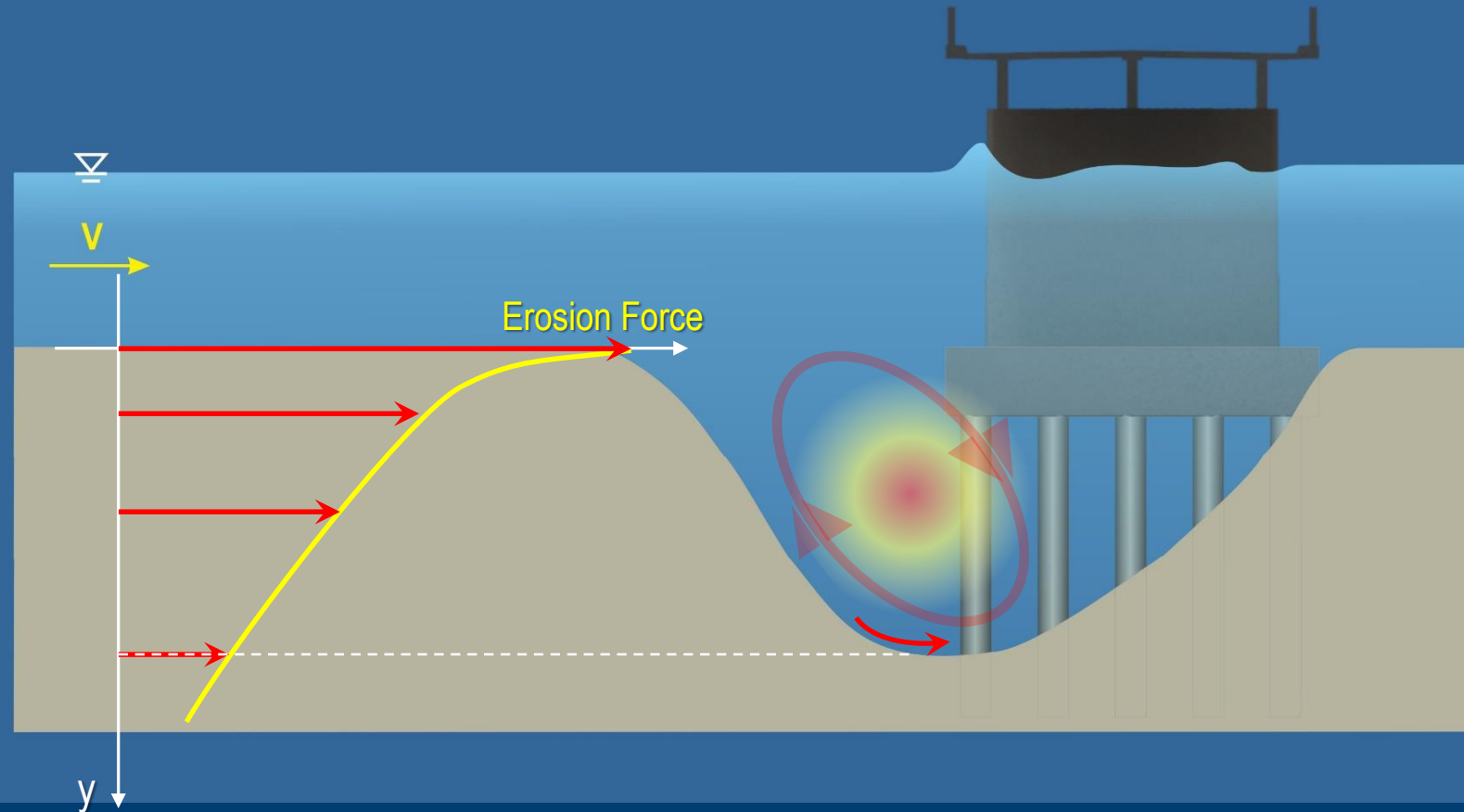
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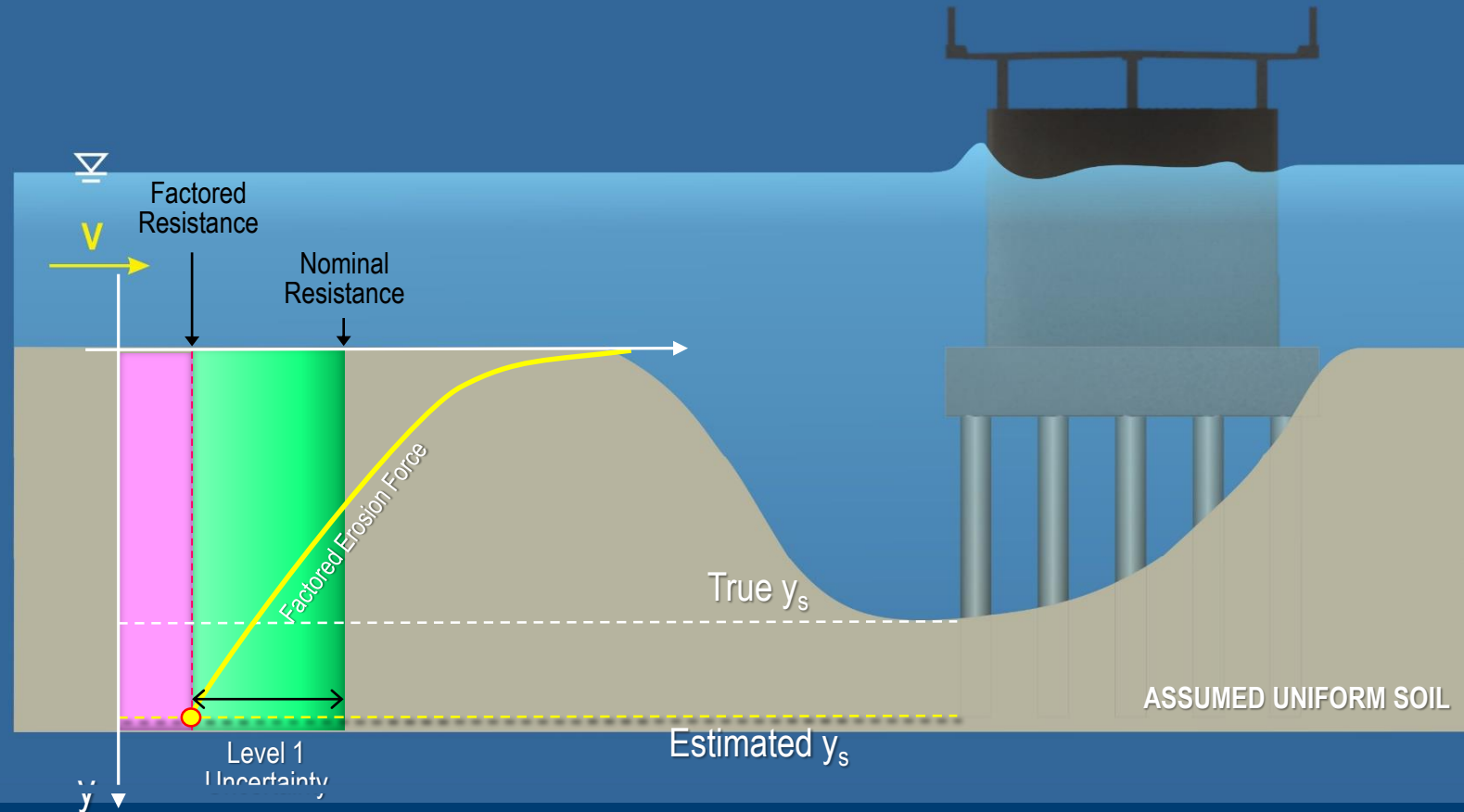
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Concept of Soil Erosion Resistance

Level 1: Using current assumptions of uniform soil (e.g. D_{50})



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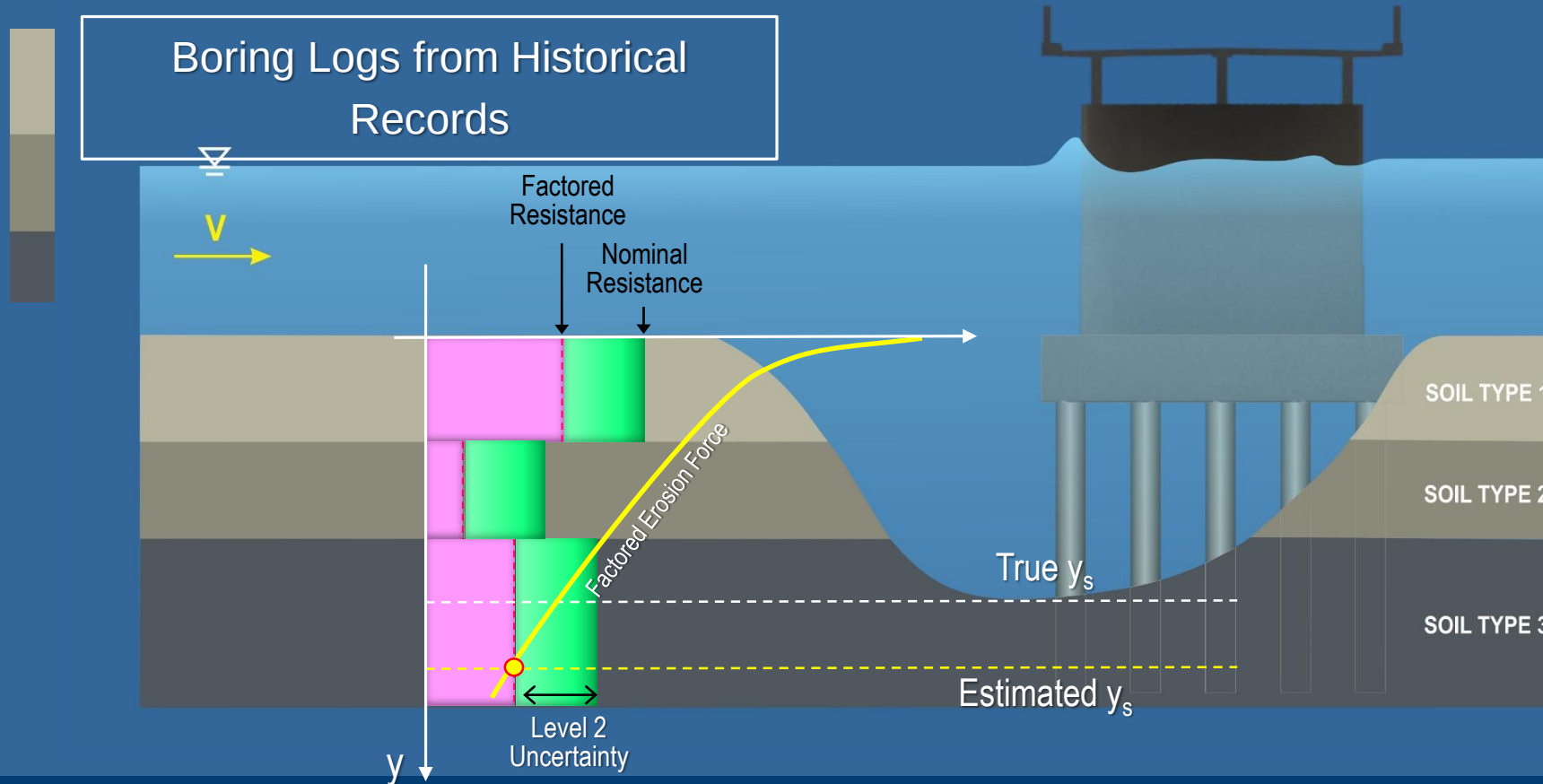
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Concept of Soil Erosion Resistance

Level 2: Soil Erosion Resistance Data from Historical Records





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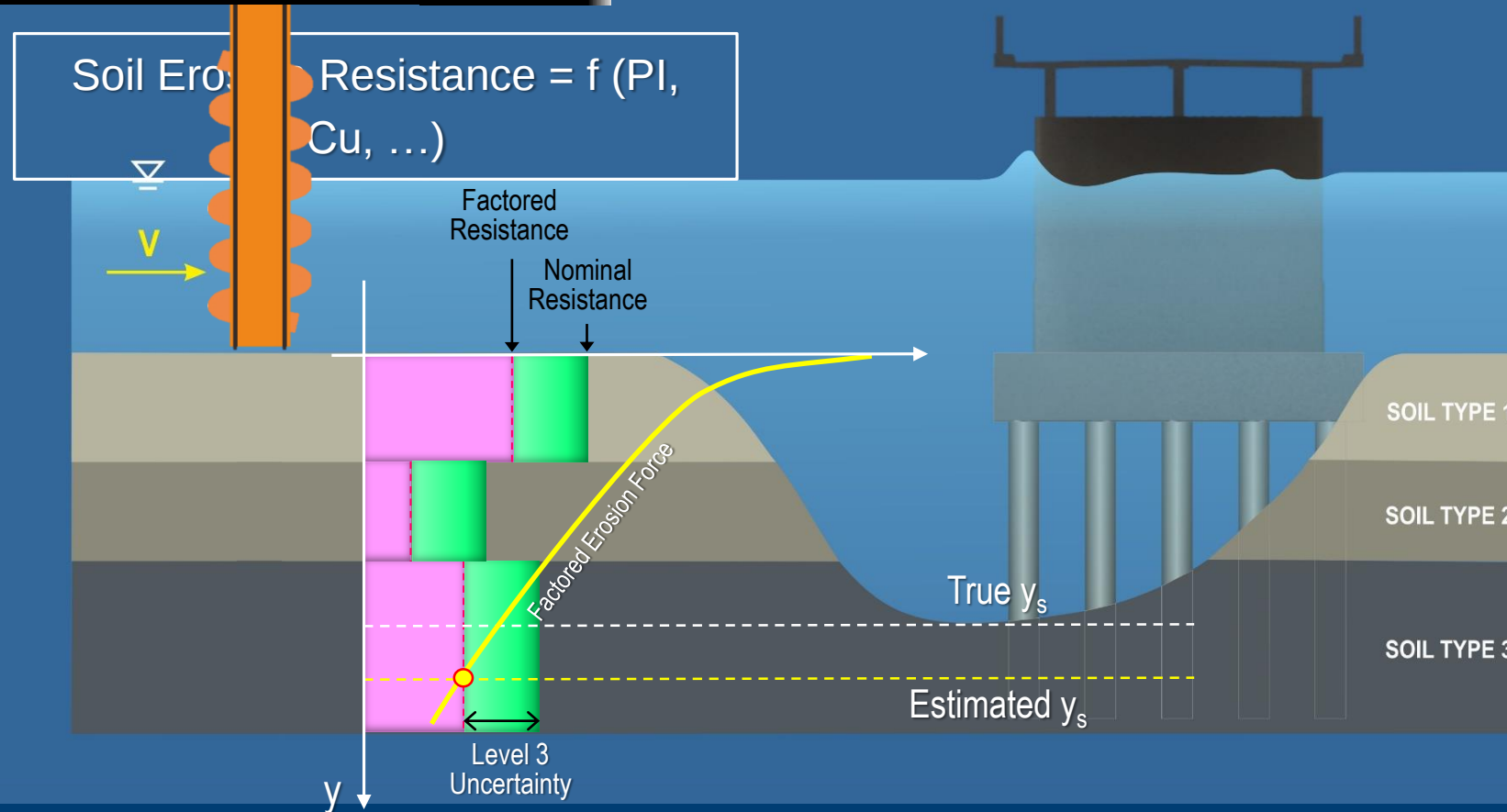
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Concept of Soil Erosion Resistance

Level 3: Soil Erosion Resistance from Geotechnical Properties

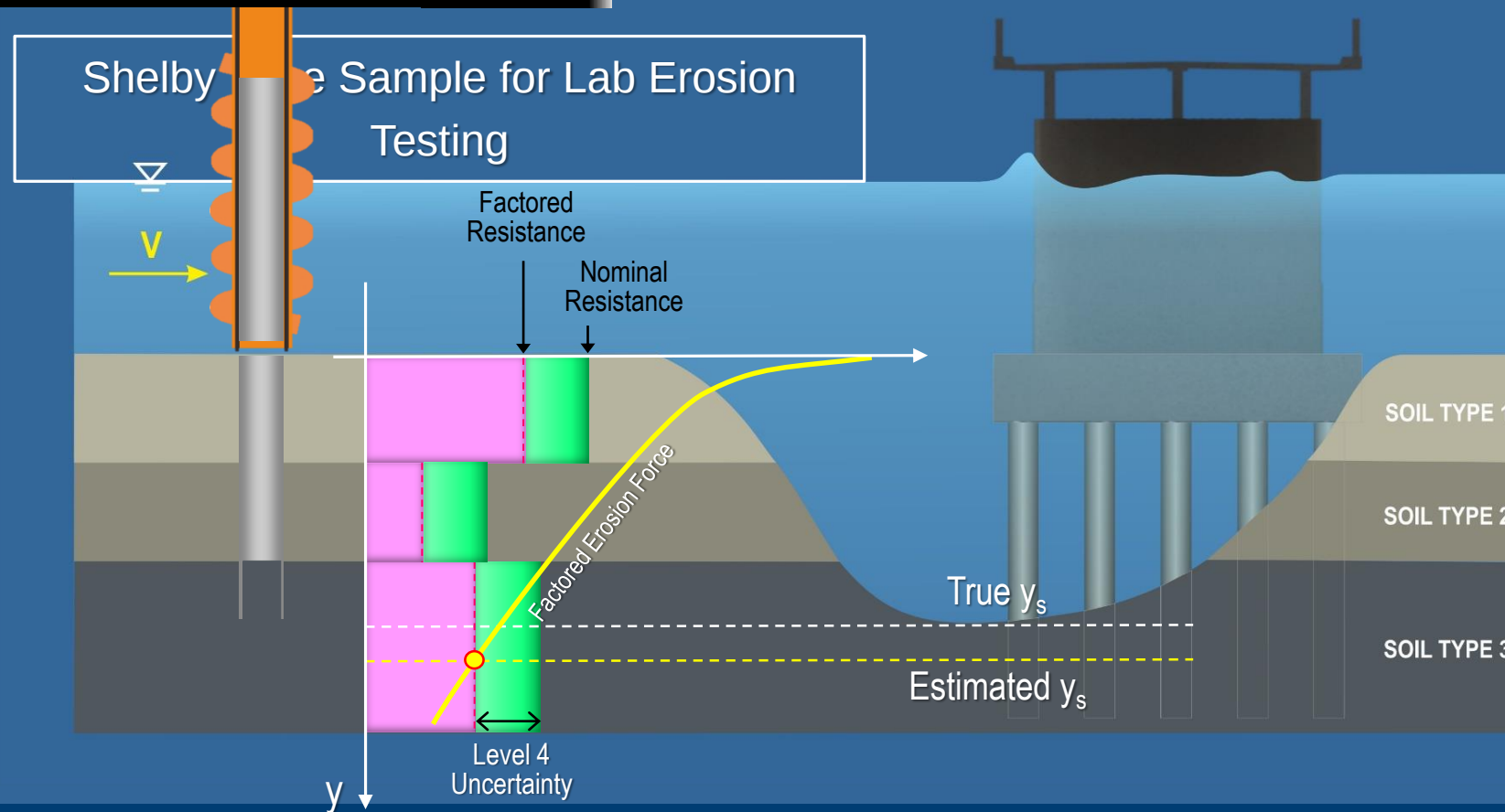


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Concept of Soil Erosion Resistance

Level 4: Soil Erosion Resistance from Lab Erosion Testing



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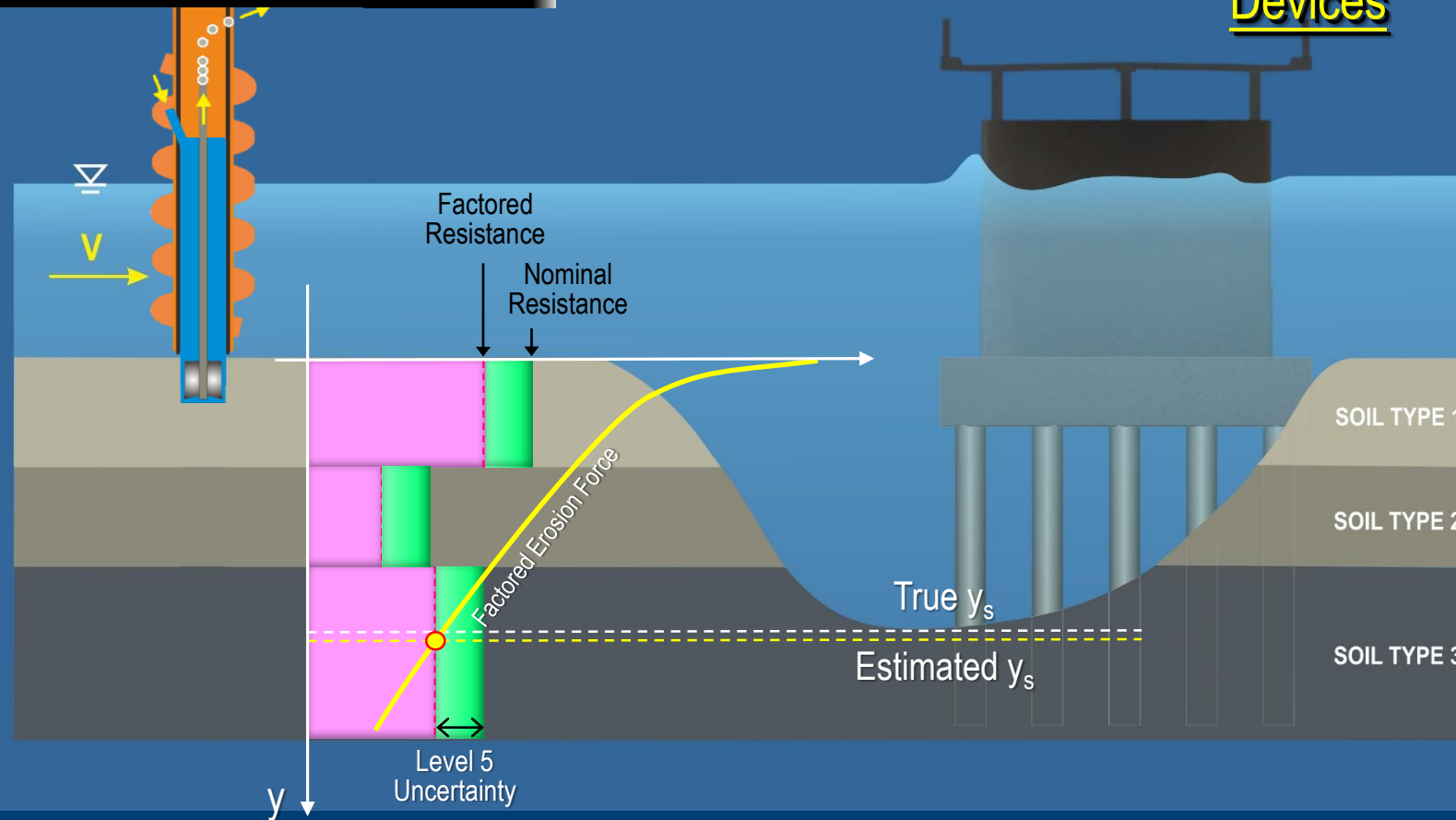
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Concept of Soil Erosion Resistance Level 5: Soil Erosion Resistance from In-situ Scour Testing Devices



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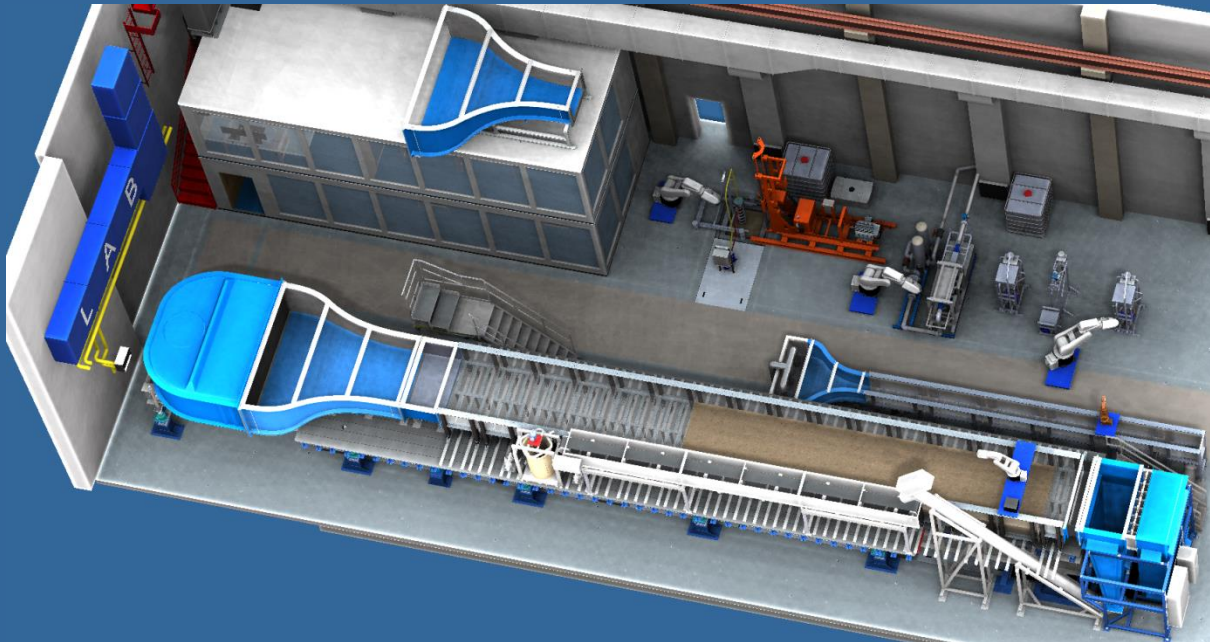
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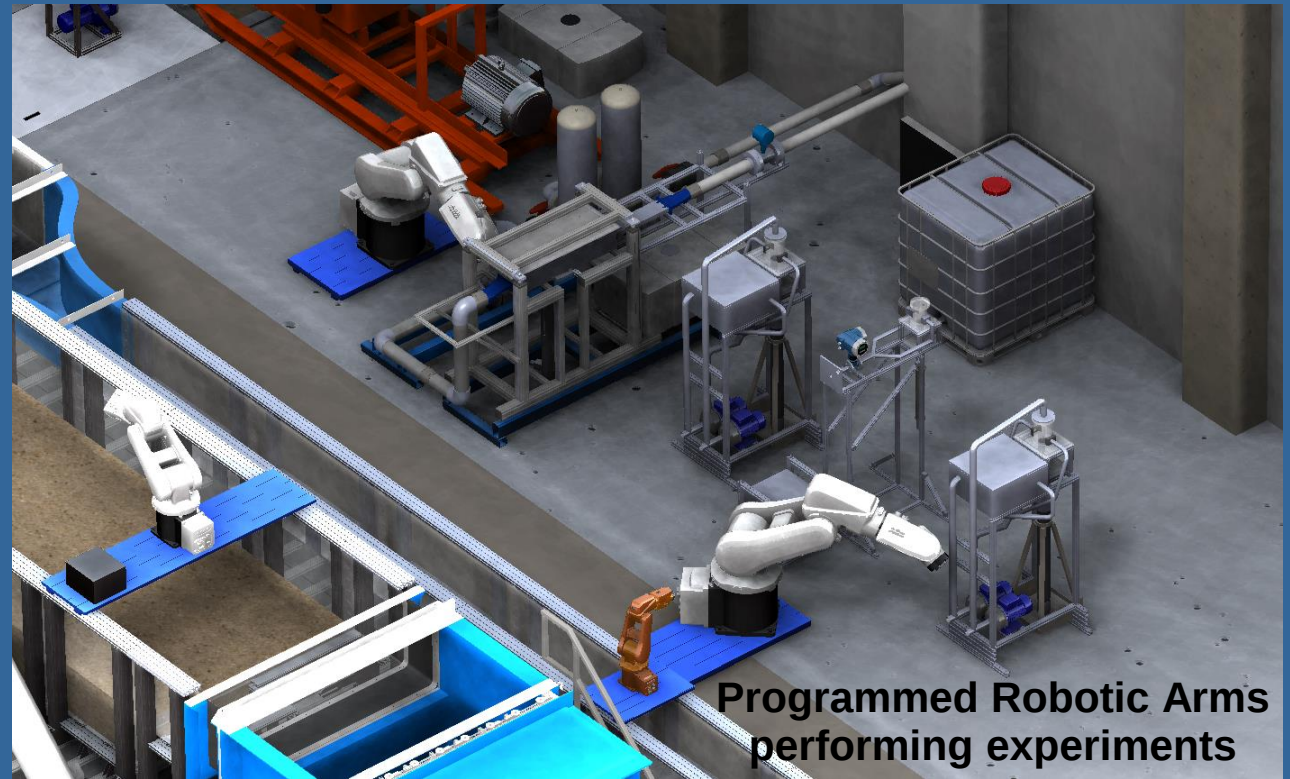
Physical Modeling 30 %

Numerical Modeling 70 %

Hydraulics Lab Overview



Automation of Soil Erosion Resistance Experiments



Programmed Robotic Arms
performing experiments

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Physical Modeling

20 %

Numerical Modeling

80 %

Potential Future Procedure for Determining Soil Erosion Resistance

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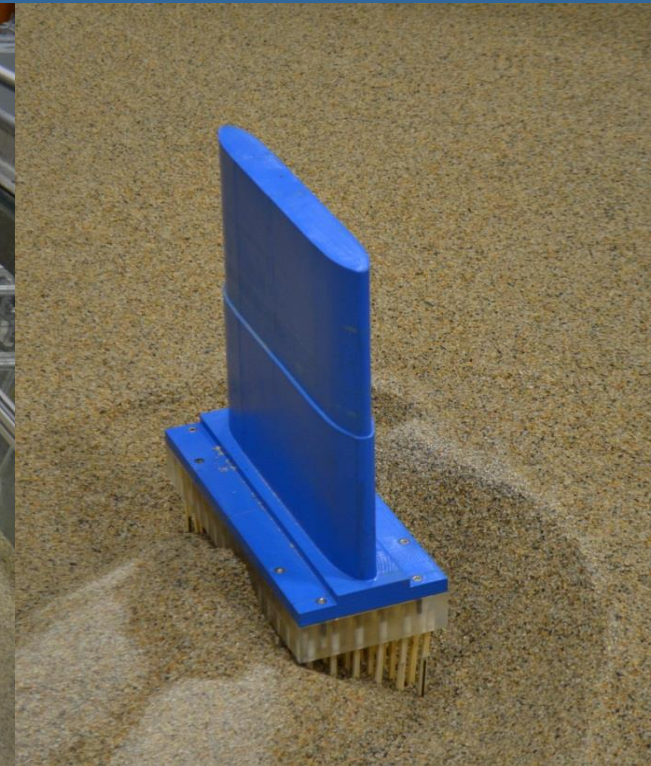
MFS and CFD to Determine Shear Erosion Forces



Example: Feather River Bridge, Sacramento, CA,
Scour Study

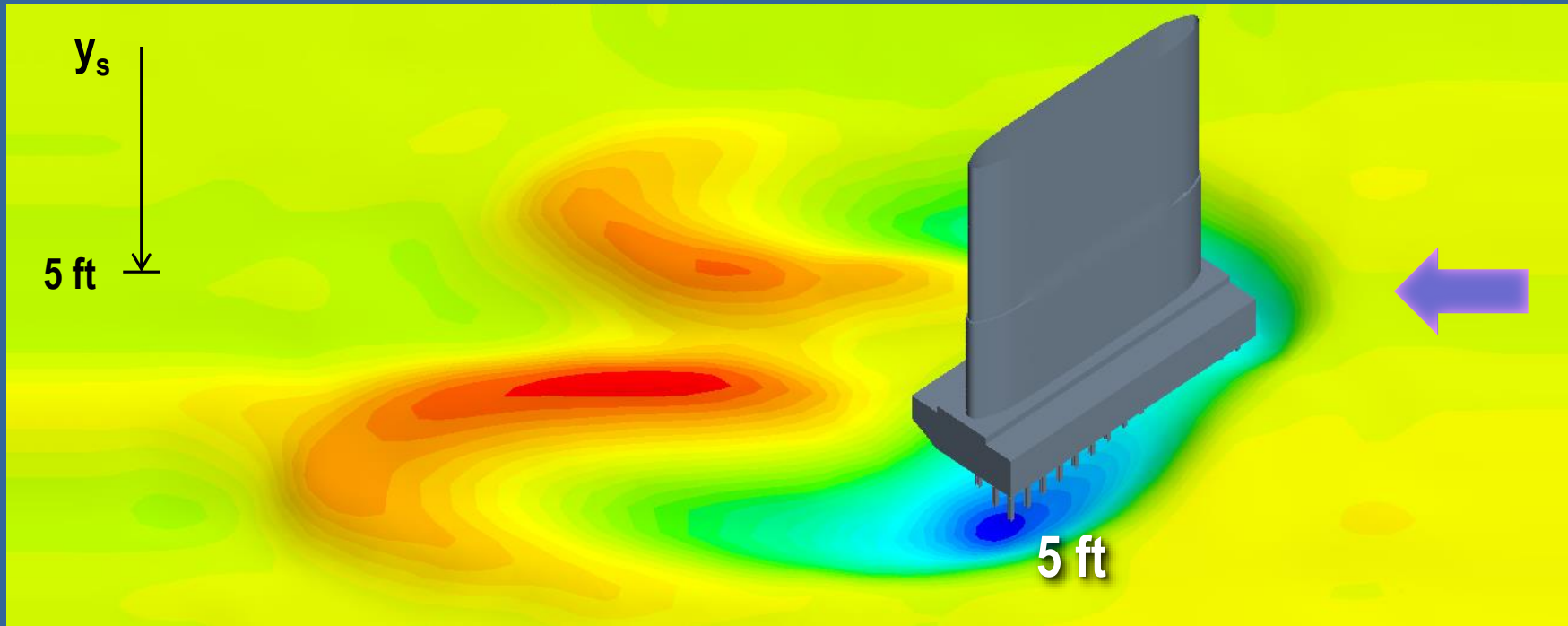


MFS and CFD to Determine Shear Erosion Forces (cont'd)



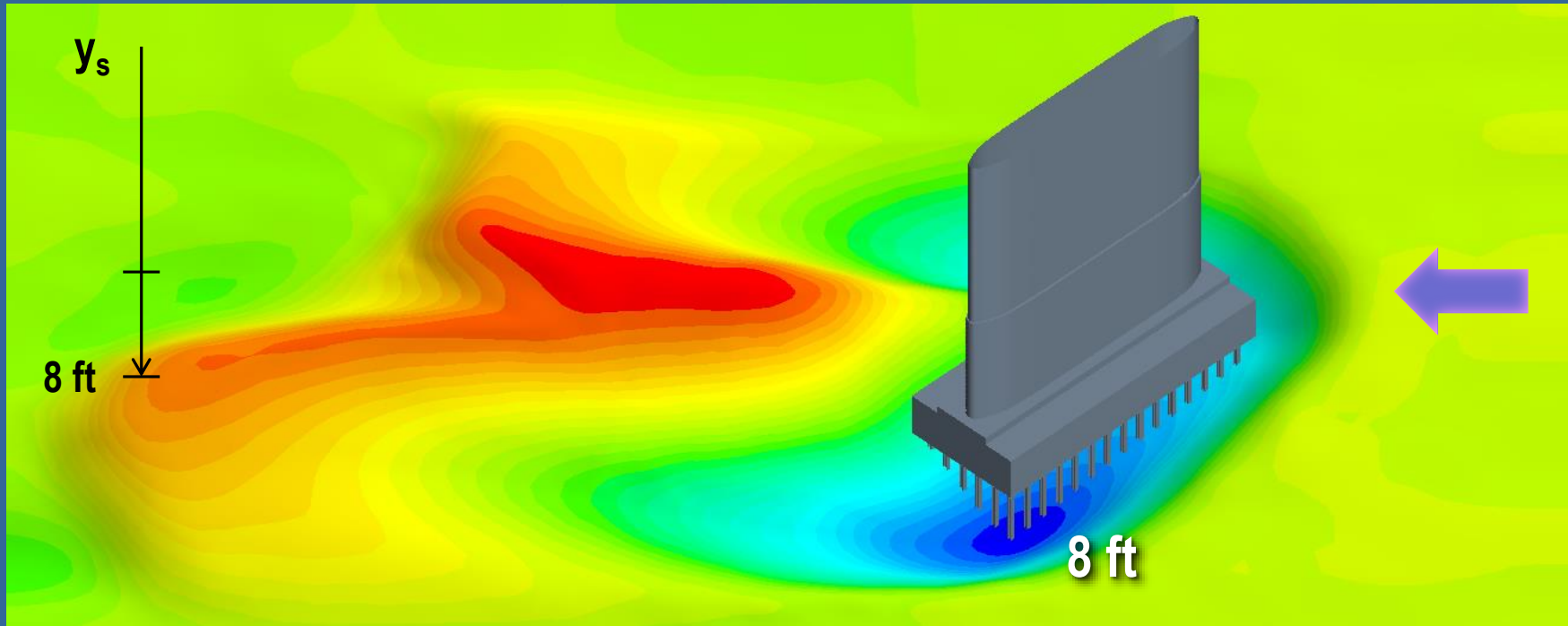


Digitized Scour Bathymetry



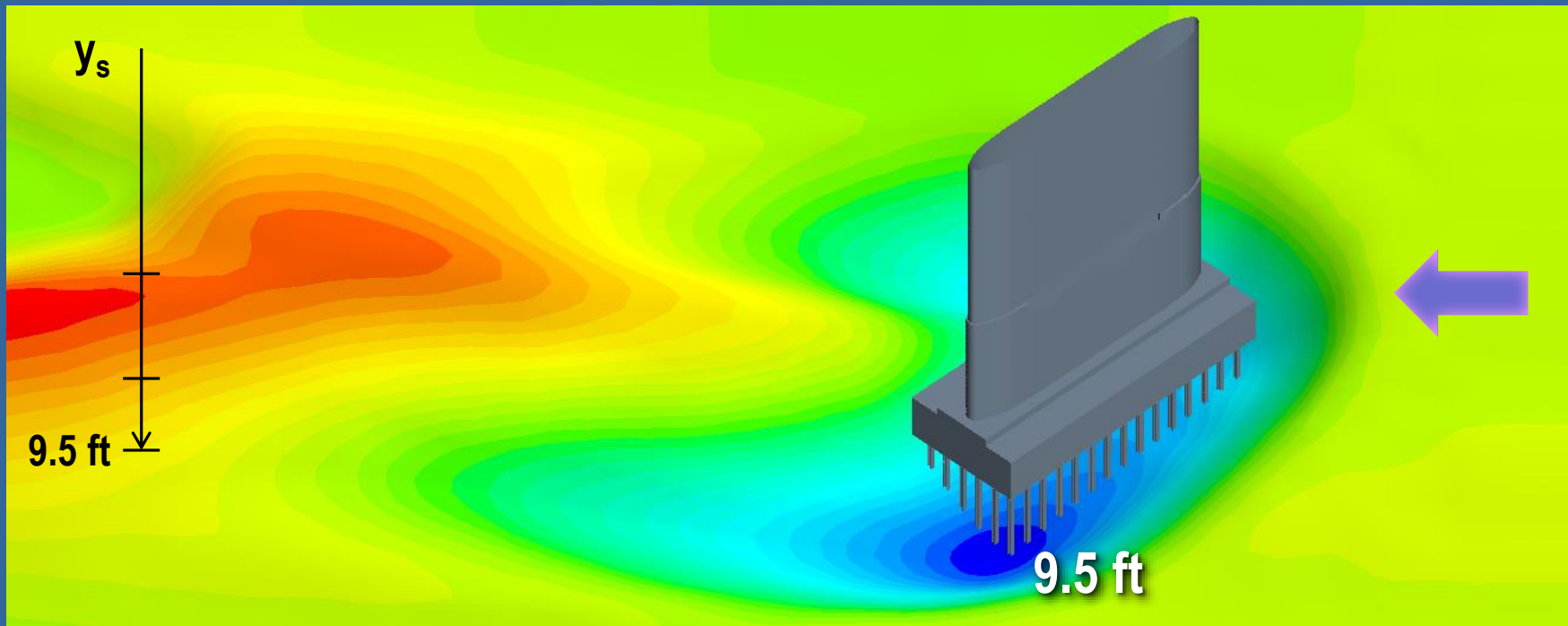


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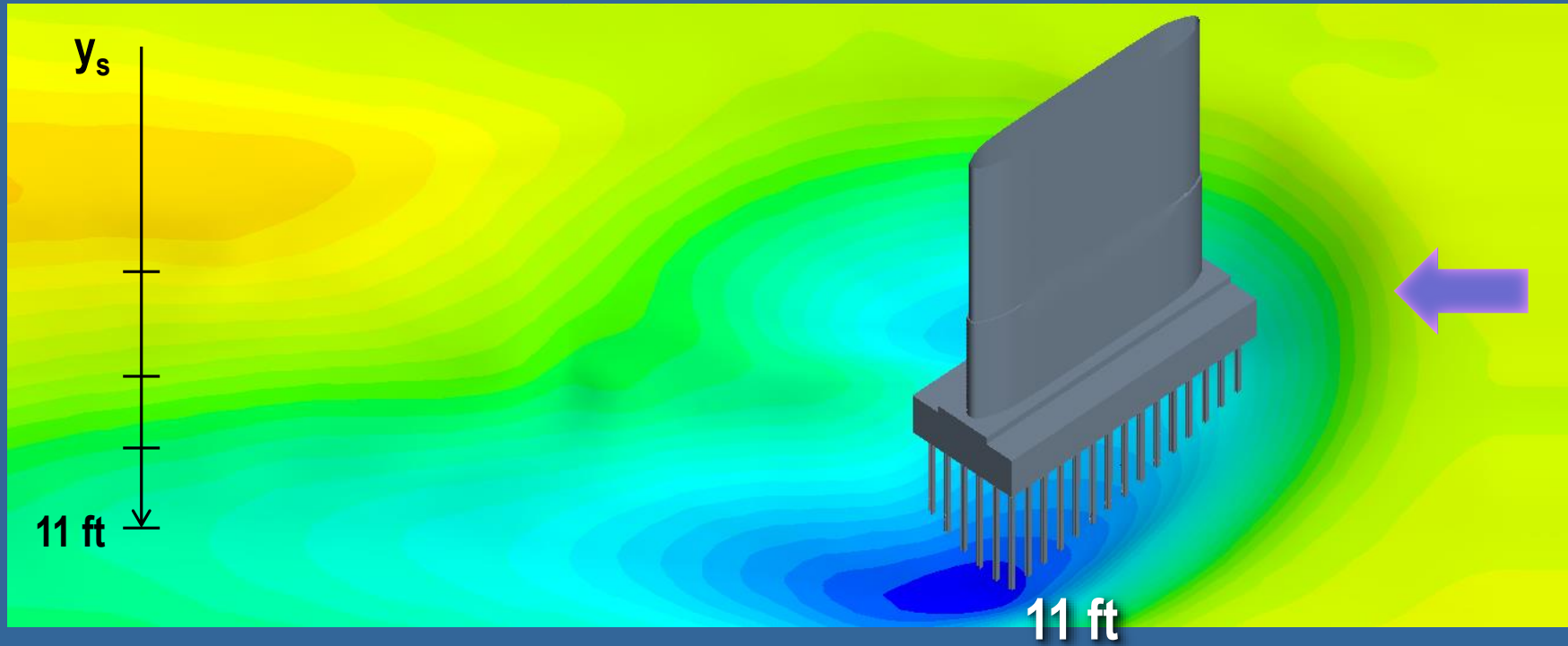


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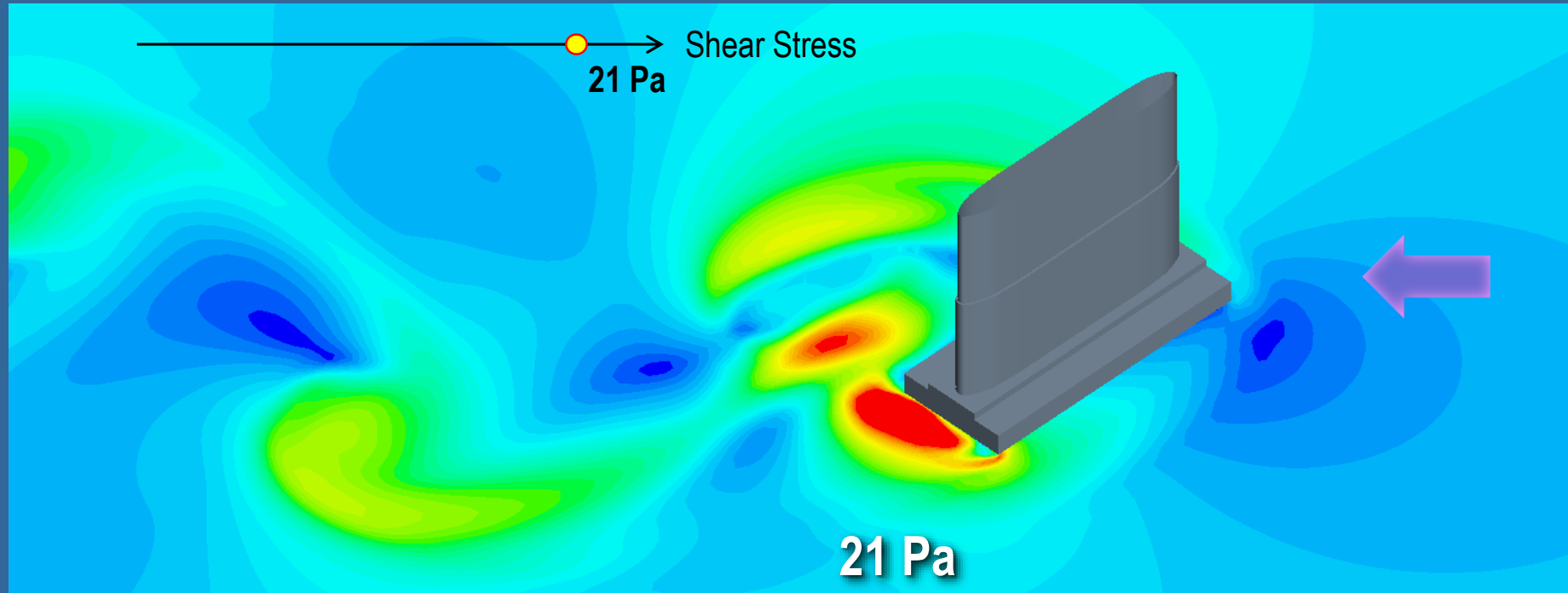


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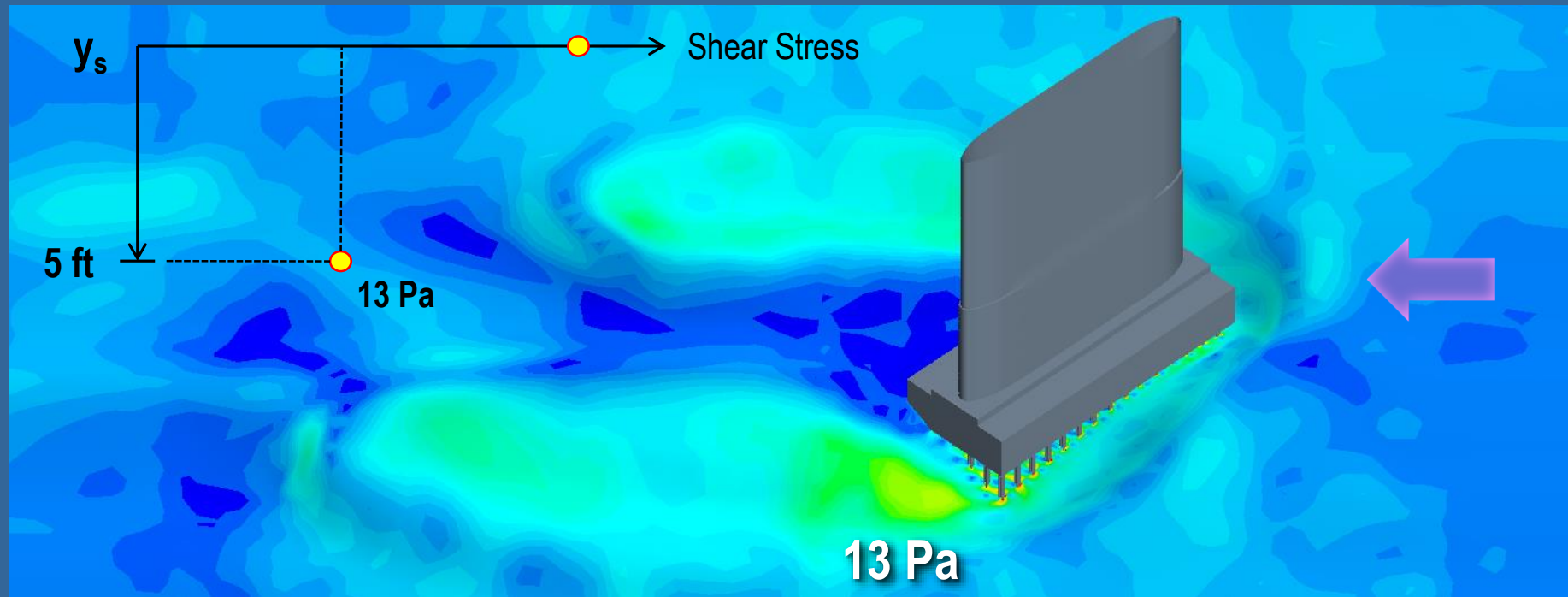


CFD for Computing Decay of Shear Erosion Forces



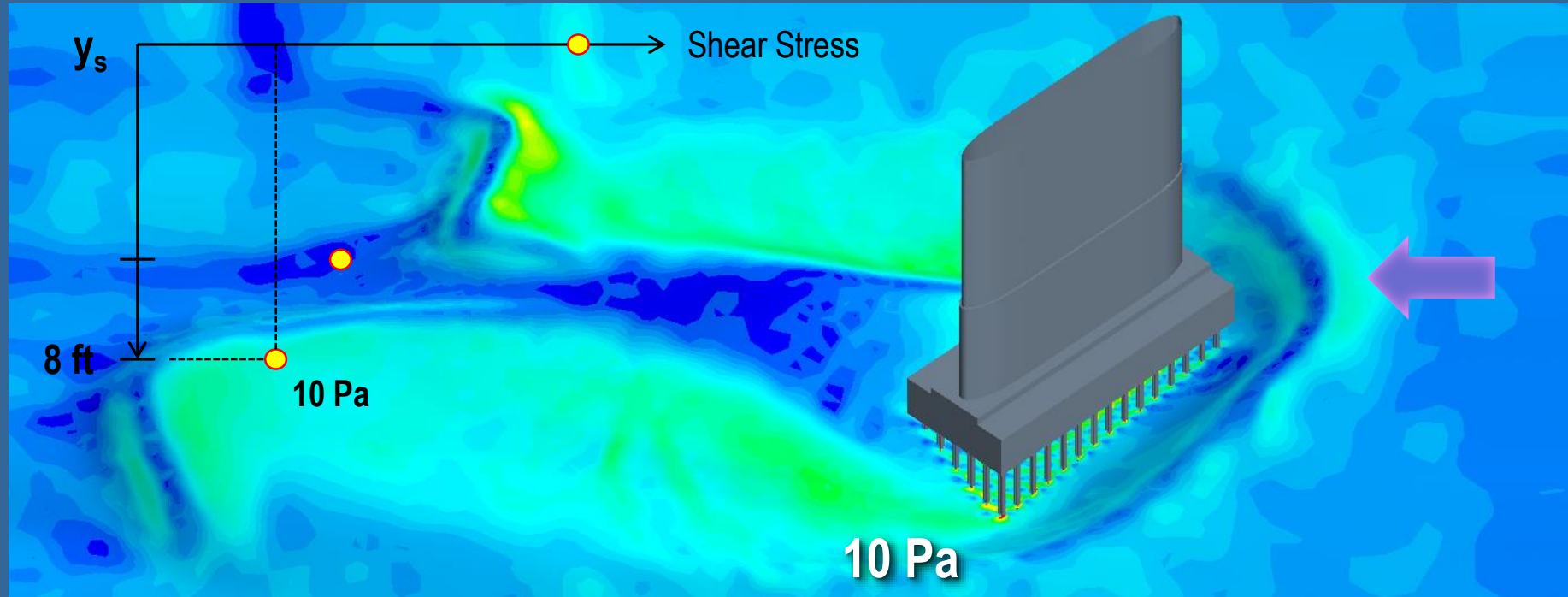


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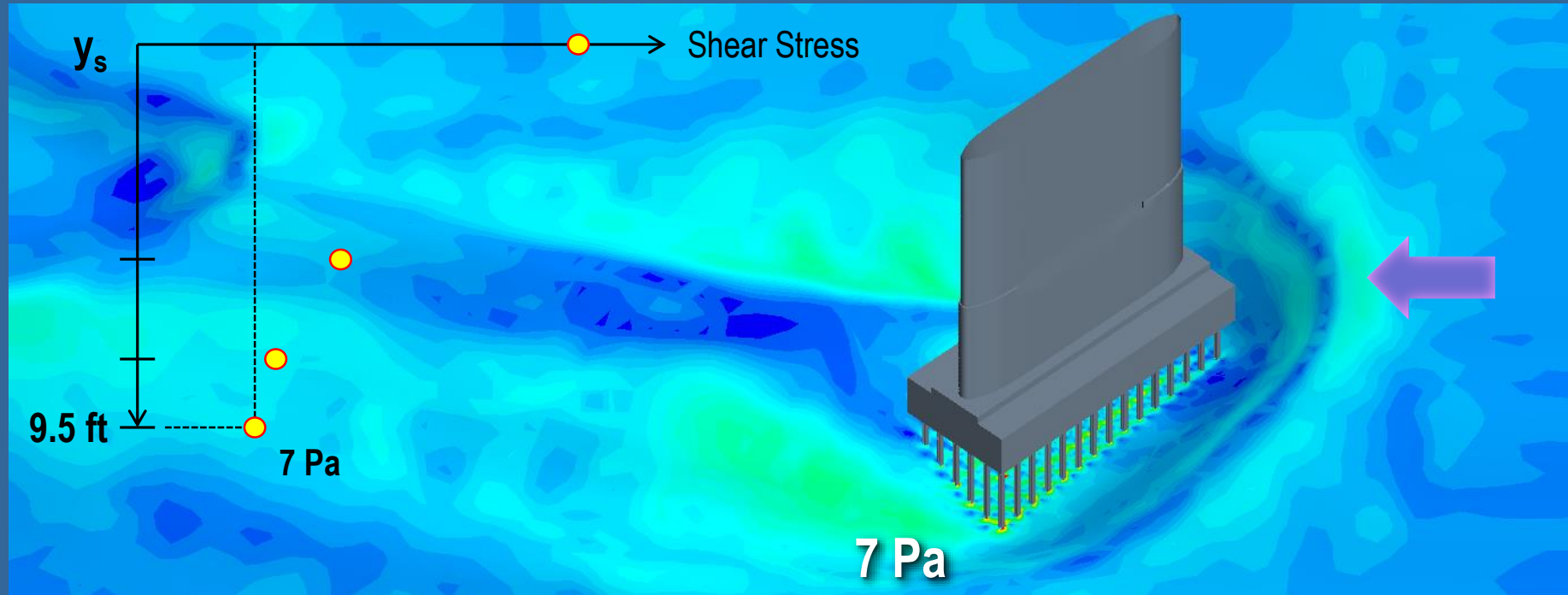


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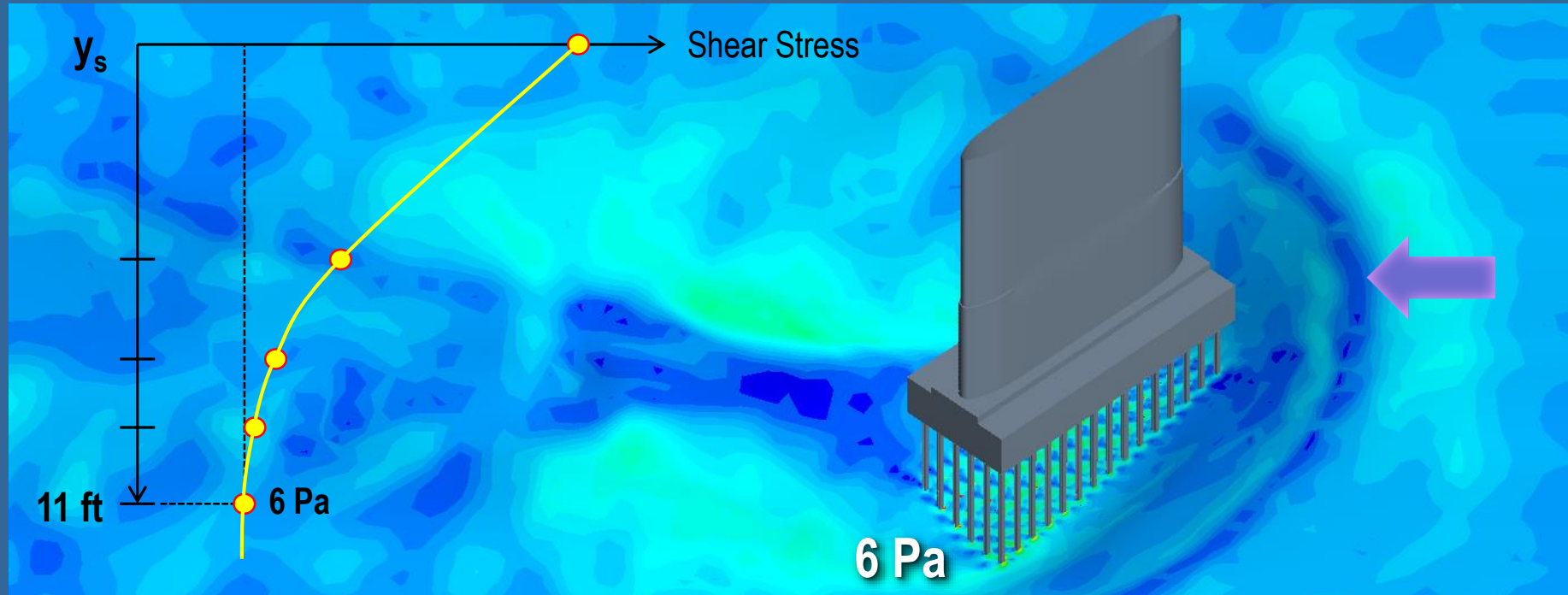


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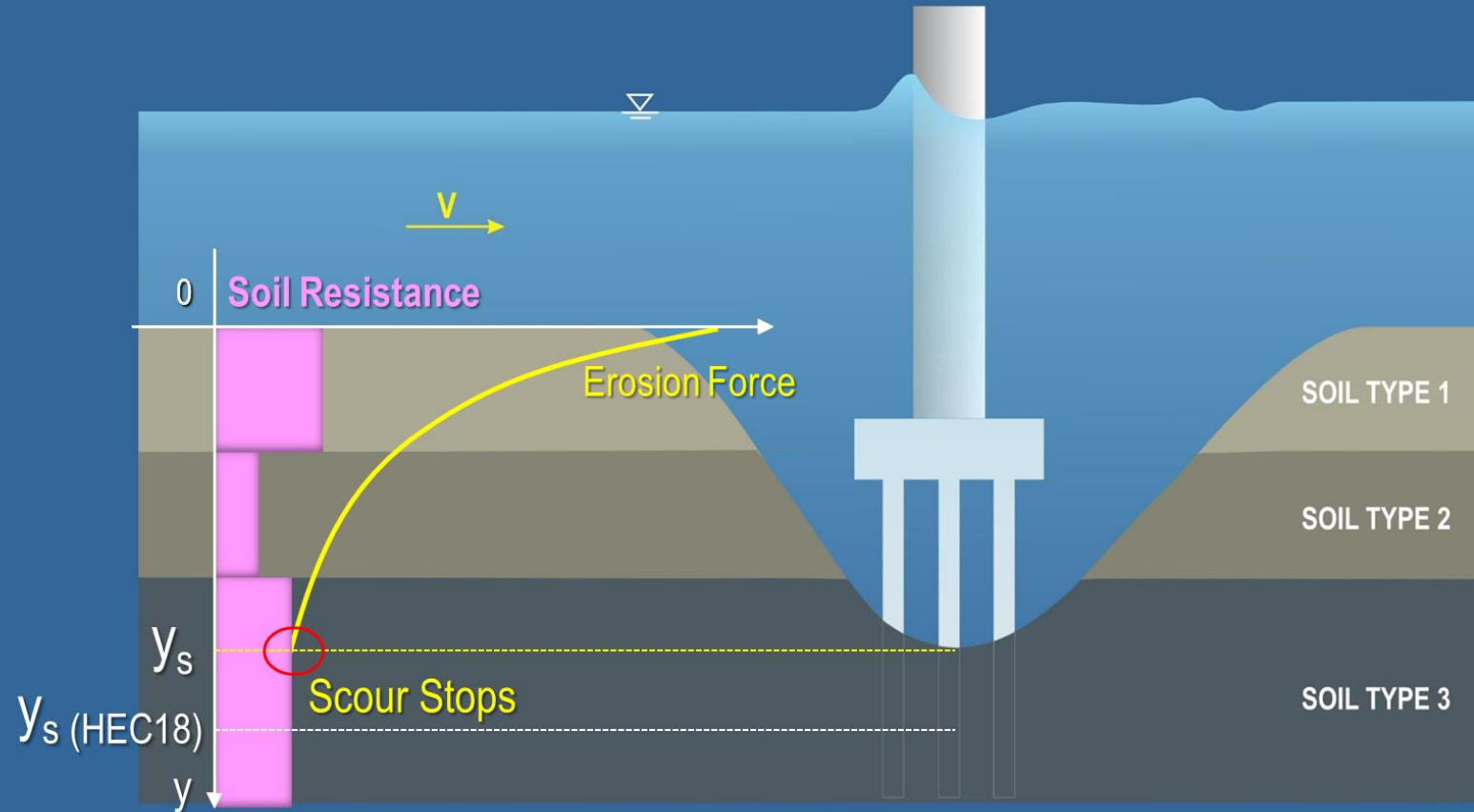


Soil Erosion Resistance – Testing

- In-situ Scour Testing Device

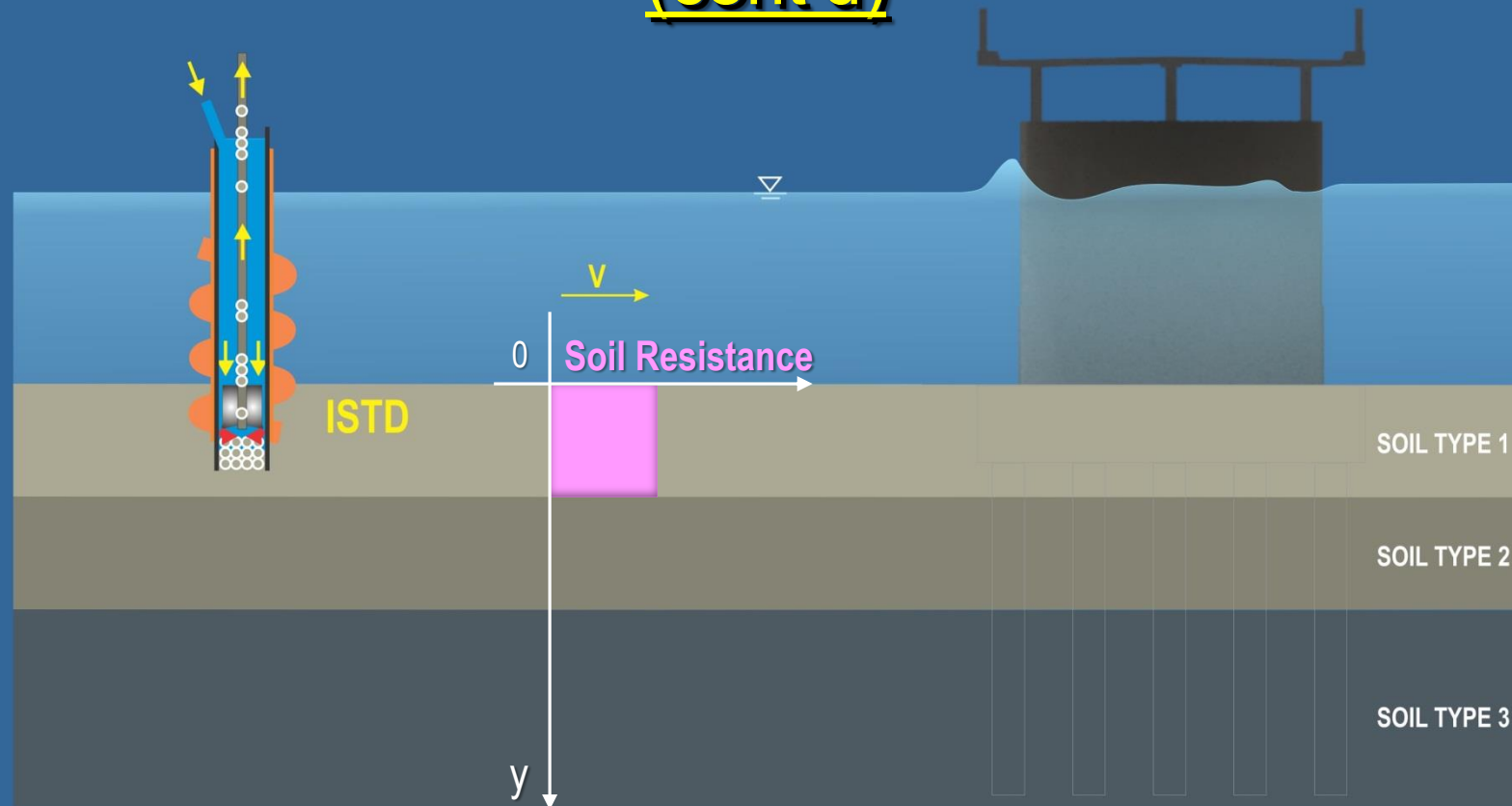


Proposed Future Scour Depth Design Method



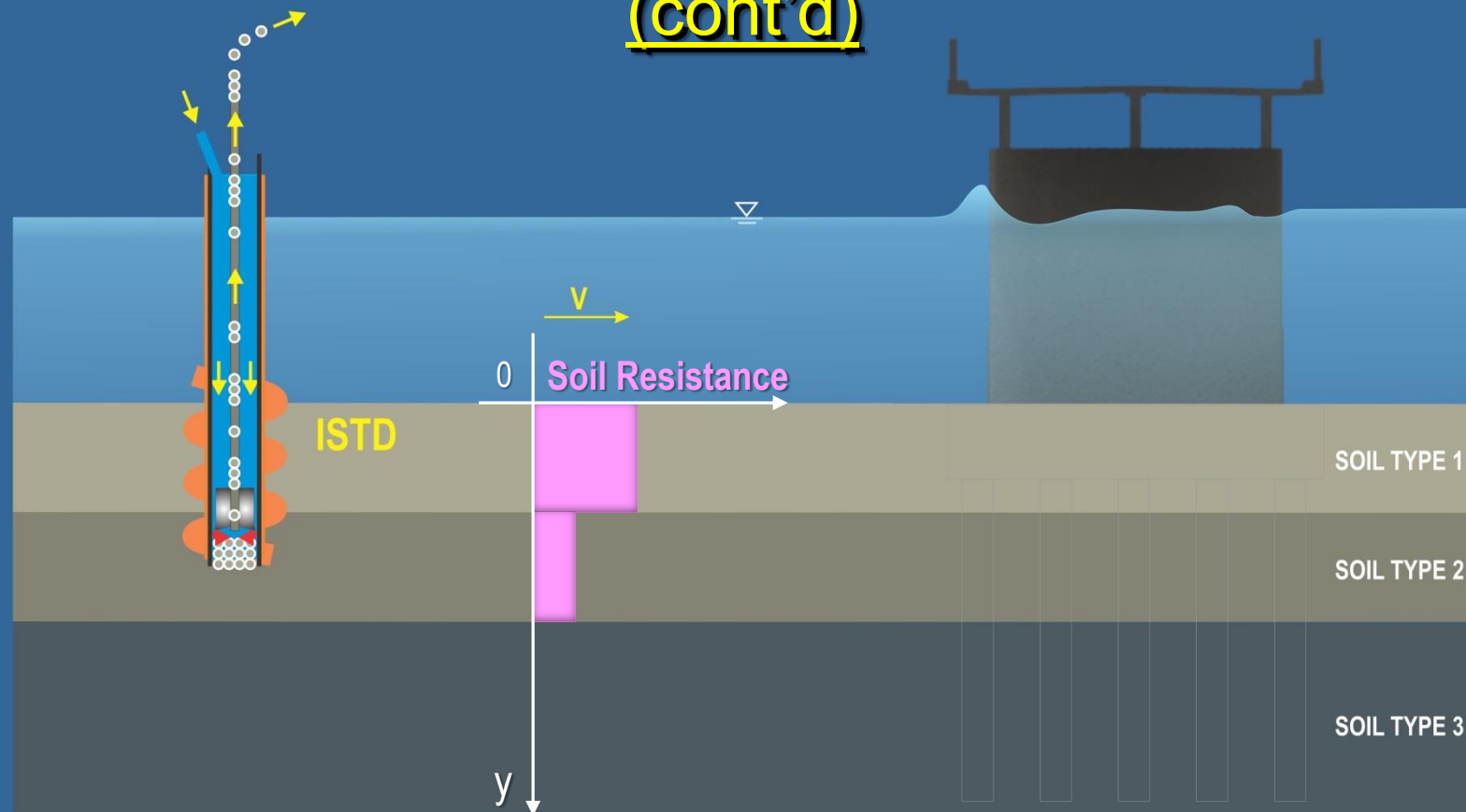


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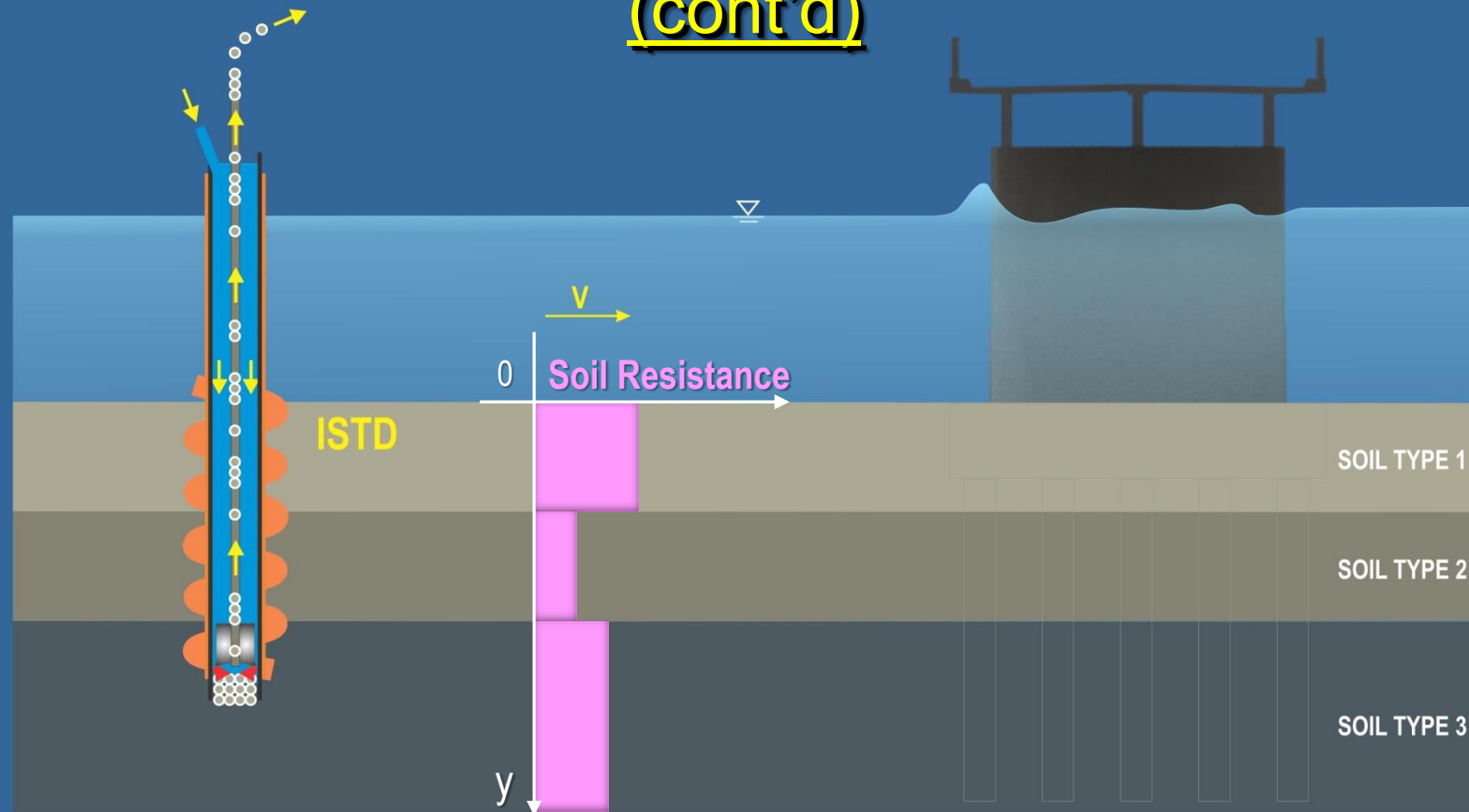
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In Situ Scour Testing Device (ISTD)

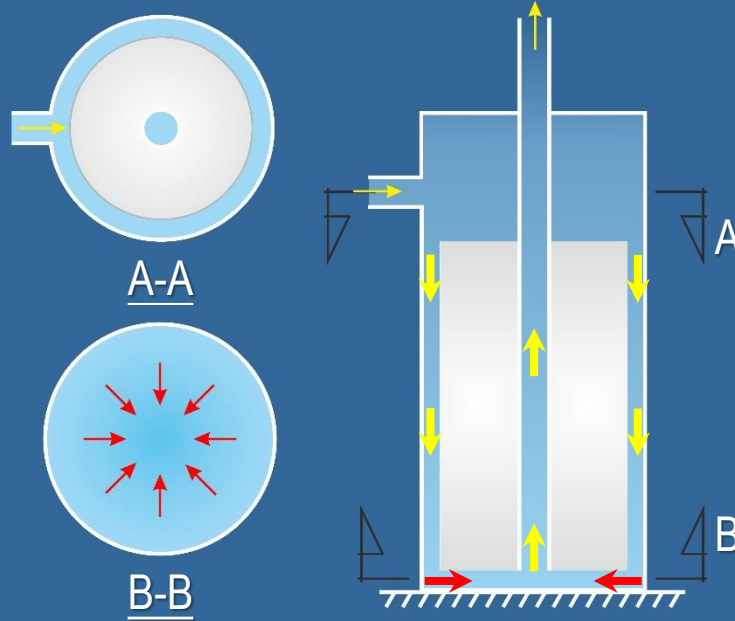


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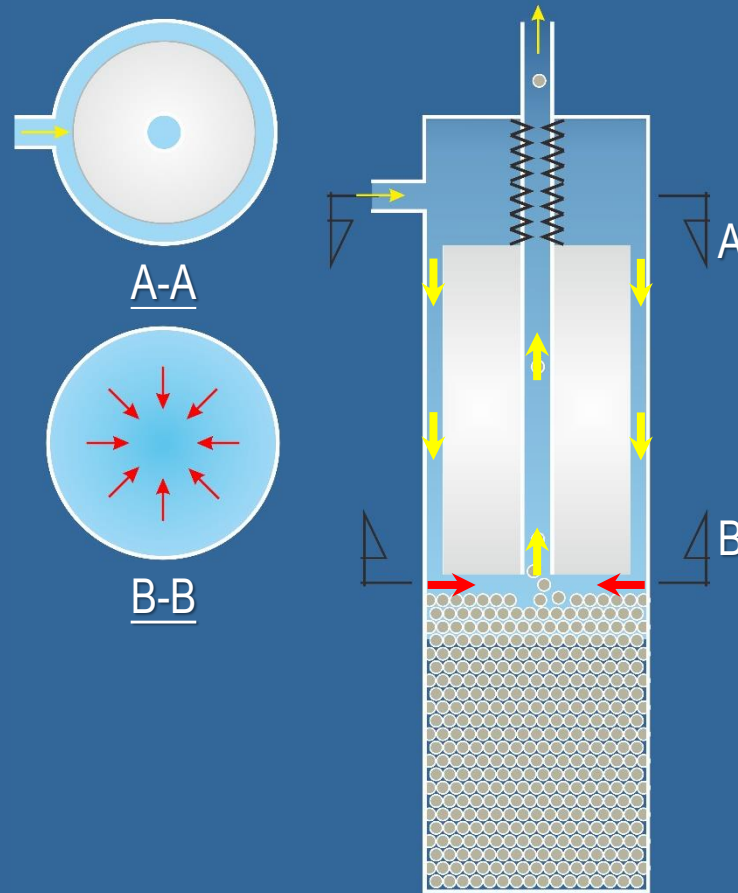


In-situ Scour Testing Device Concept (cont'd)



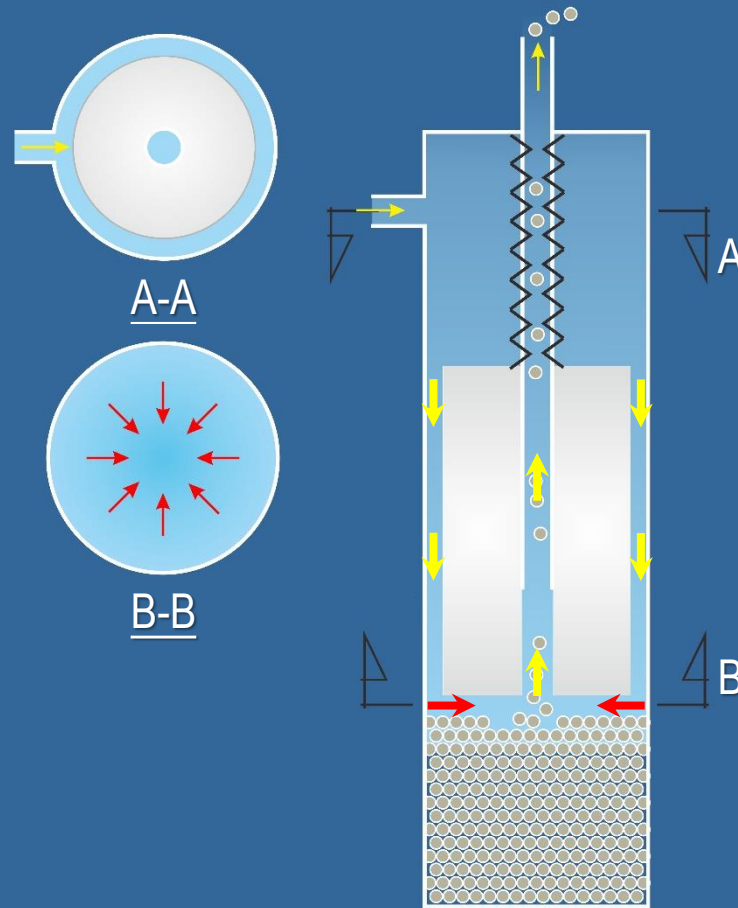


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Step 1: Standard drilling using auger with casing



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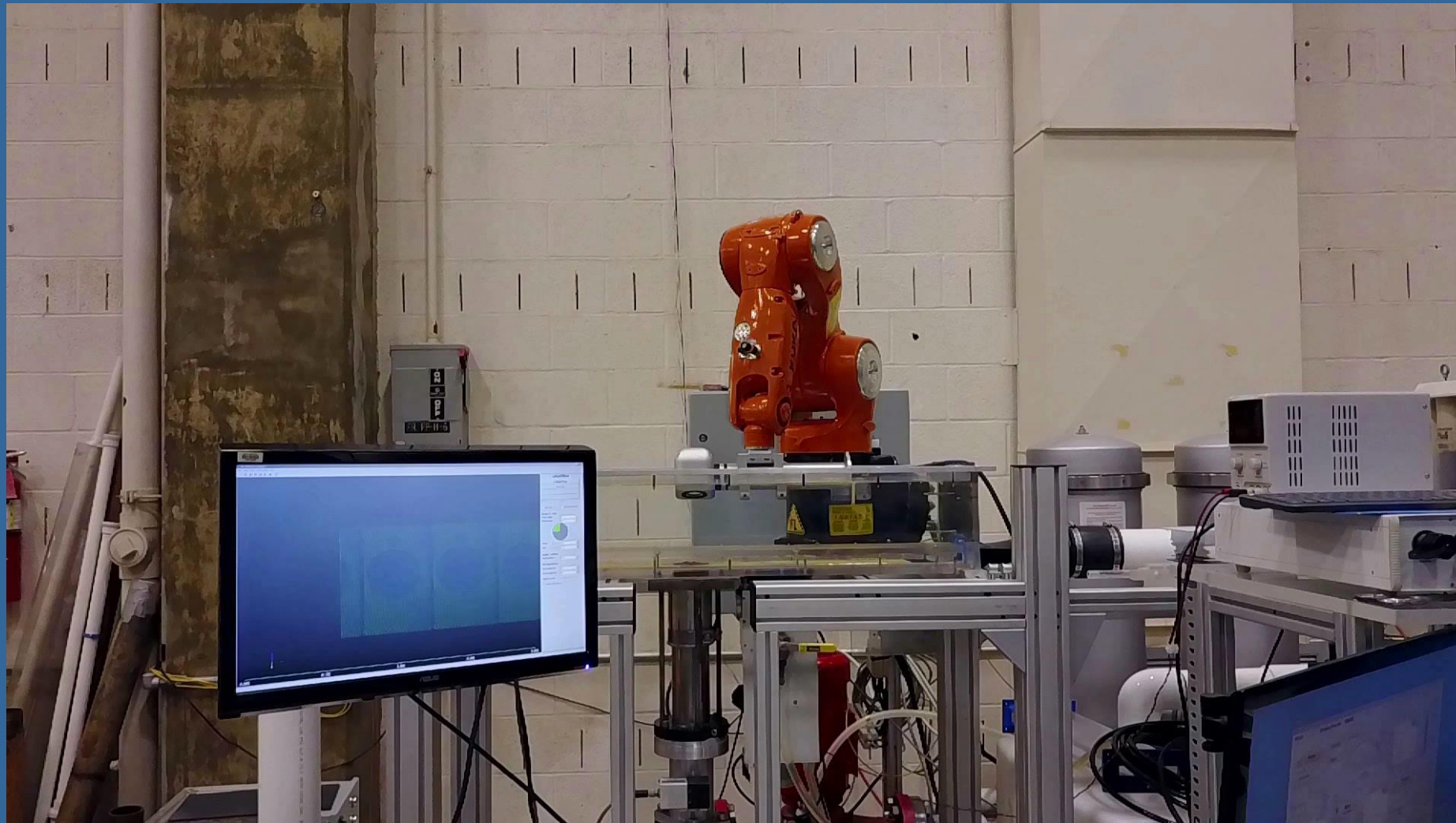
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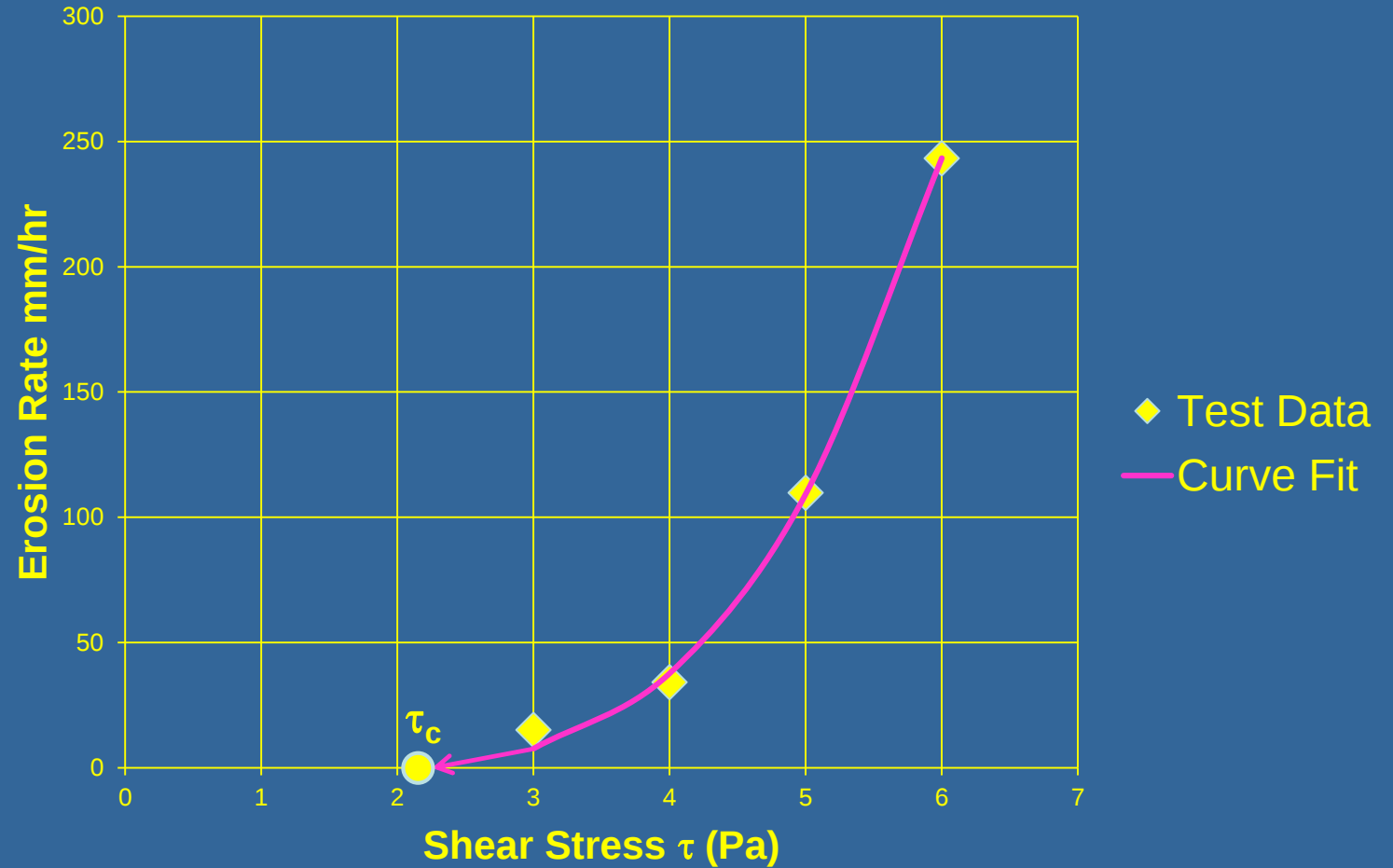
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Erosion Rate Curve is used for determining the Critical Soil Erosion Resistance (τ_c)

Erosion Rate Curve



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