

**METU – Civil Engineering Department  
CE 464 Ground Improvement - Fall 2016**

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**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this course is to provide students the fundamental knowledge and familiarize them to ground improvement techniques.

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

determine what type of soil conditions may need ground improvement,

which type of ground improvement method can be preferred in each case,

understand advantages and limitations of each method,

design preloading with or without vertical drains, design ground improvement by compaction, design stone columns, design grouting, design geosynthetic reinforced walls and slopes, design soil nails.

**Prerequisites:** CE363 Soil Mechanics, CE366 Foundation Engineering

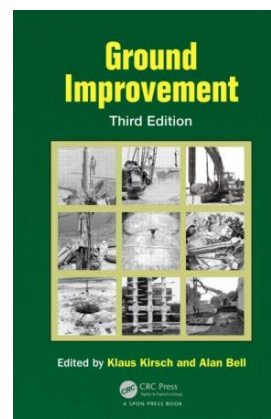
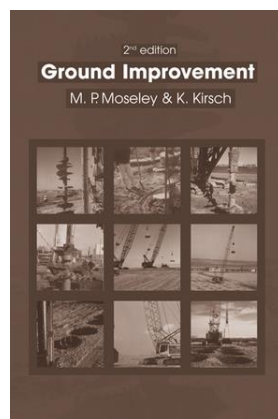
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6	Deep Vibratory Methods (vibro-compaction, vibro-replacement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weekly assignments / class exercises</li> <li>- Handouts and additional reading</li> <li>- Computer Usage: Rocscience SETTLE3D and SLIDE</li> <li>- Guest lecturers and a field trip</li> </ul>
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**GRADING:** 25%+25% Two Midterm Exams  
 15% Assignments and Class Exercises  
 30% Final Exam  
 5% Attendance and Participation

**REFERENCE BOOKS:** (available at METU Library Reserve)

- Ground improvement, 2004, Moseley and Kirsch., Library Call No: TA715.G76 2004
- Ground improvement, 2013, Kirsch and Bell, Library Call No: TA715.G76 2013



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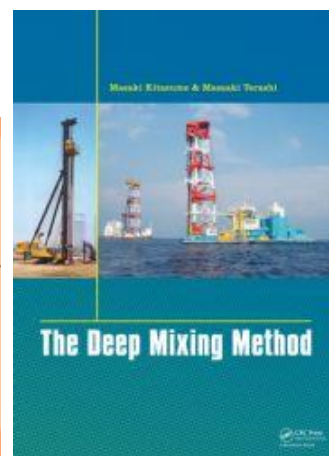
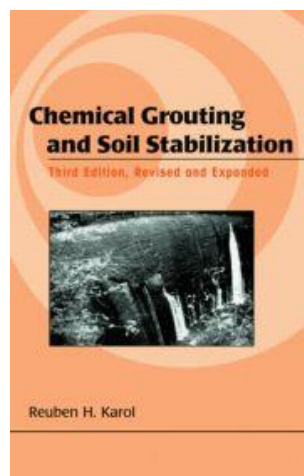
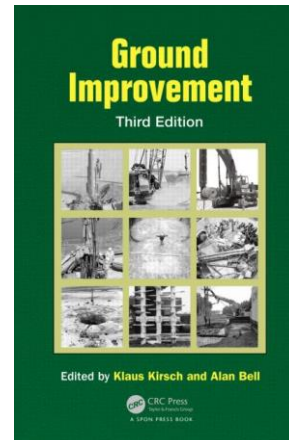
Jet grouting

Soilfracture grouting

Compaction grouting

In-situ soil mixing

Dry mixing



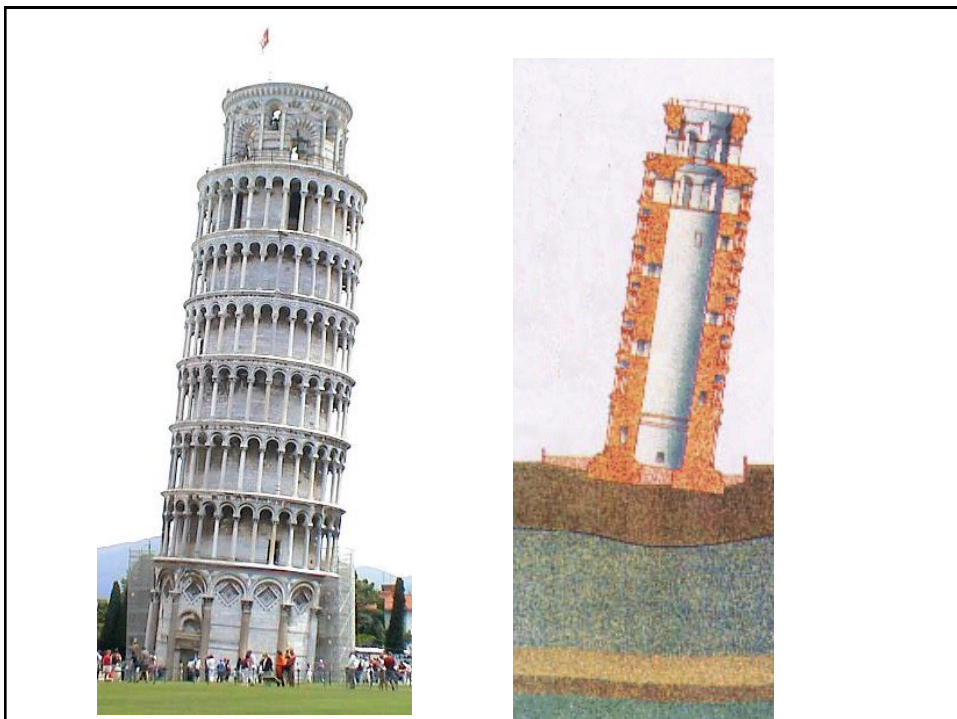
## **CE464 Ground Improvement INTRODUCTION**

Need for Ground Improvement?

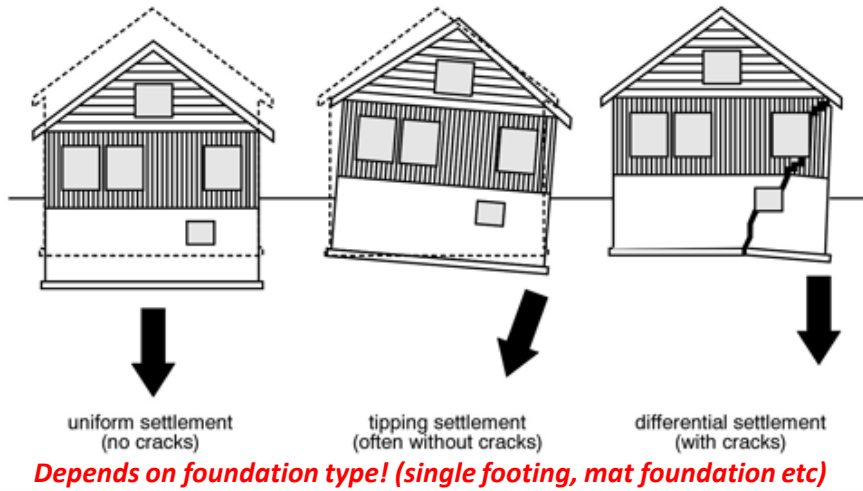
- Low bearing capacity,
- Significant amount of total settlement / time
- Significant amount of differential settlement
- Liquefaction
- Blocking Seepage
- Swelling soils
- Unstable slopes
- Karst and sinkholes

Strategies to deal with the need for ground improvement?

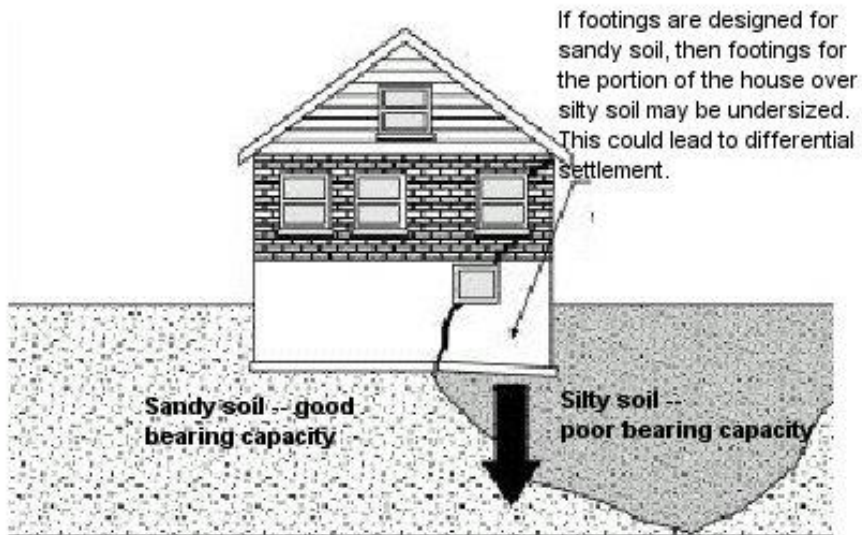
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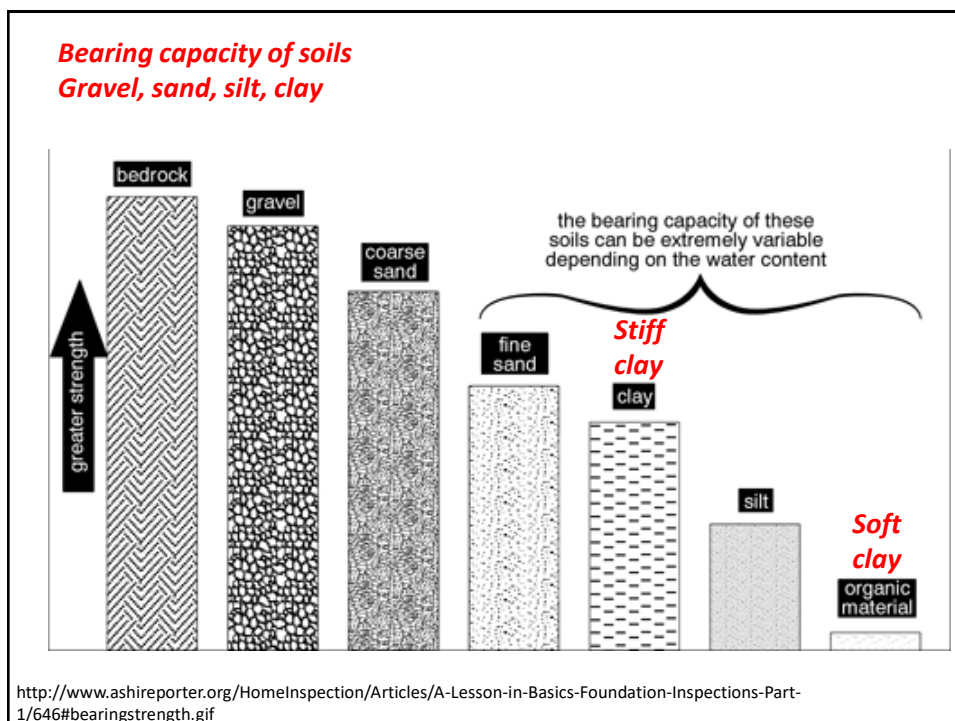
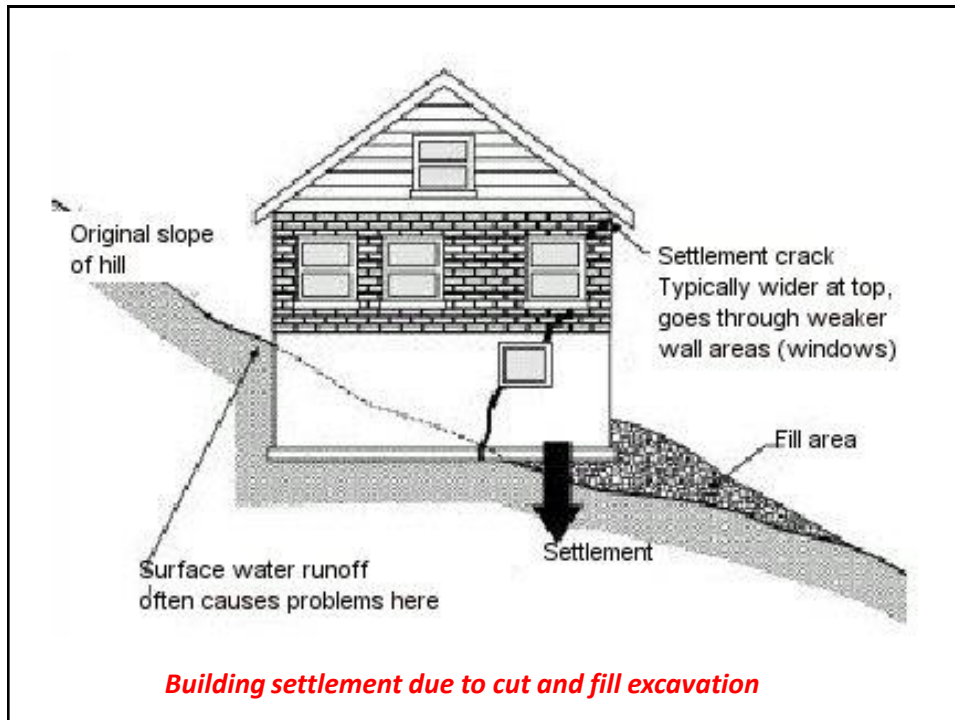
### Types of settlement







***Differential settlement caused by variable soil types***







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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5Uc0-EtOn4>

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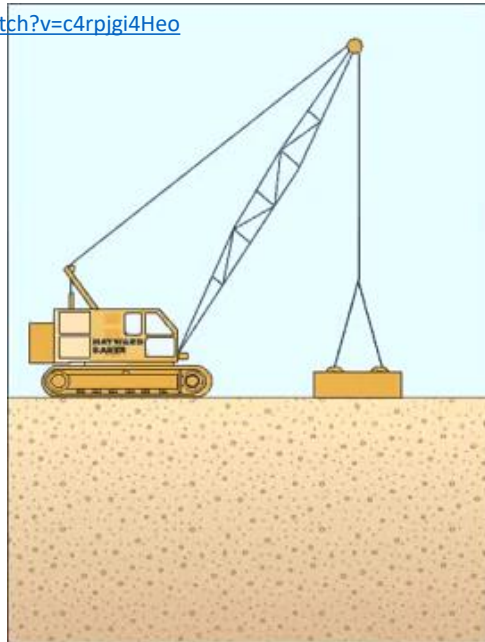


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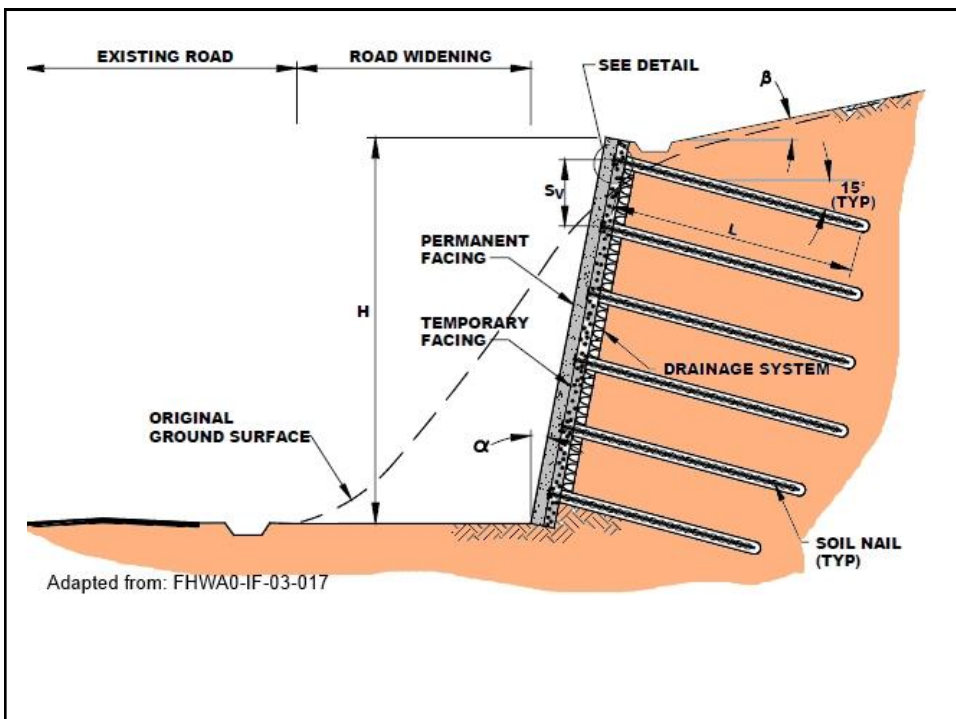
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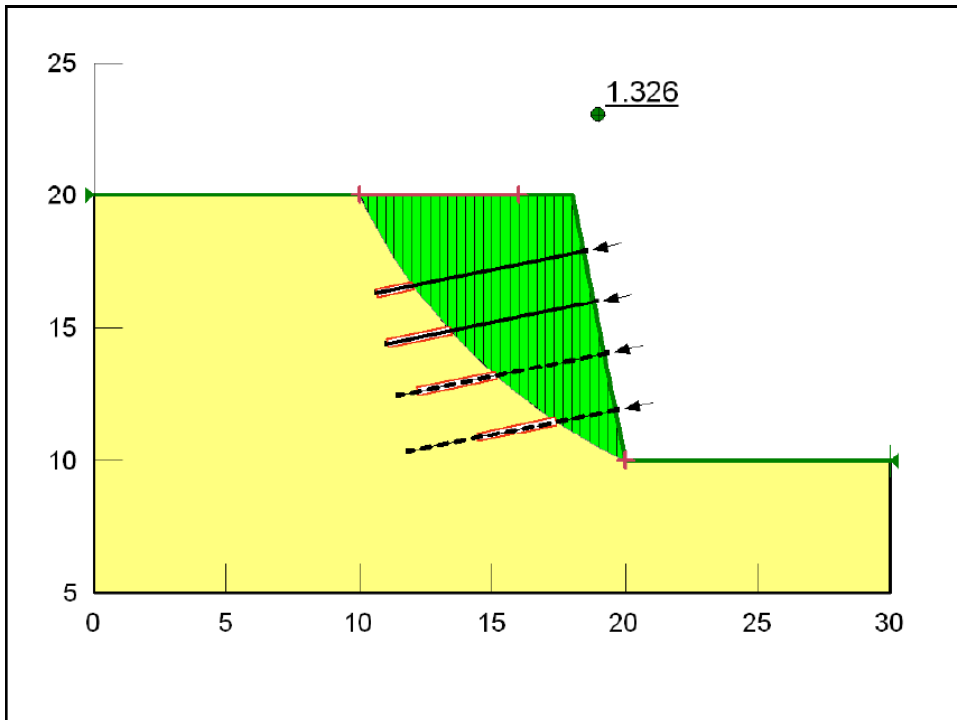
**dynamic compaction**



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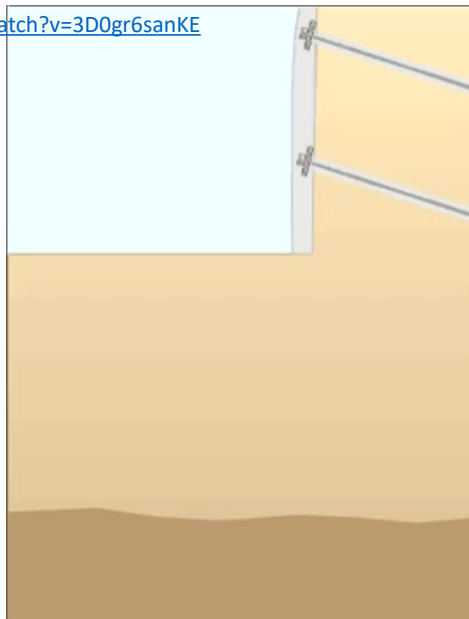
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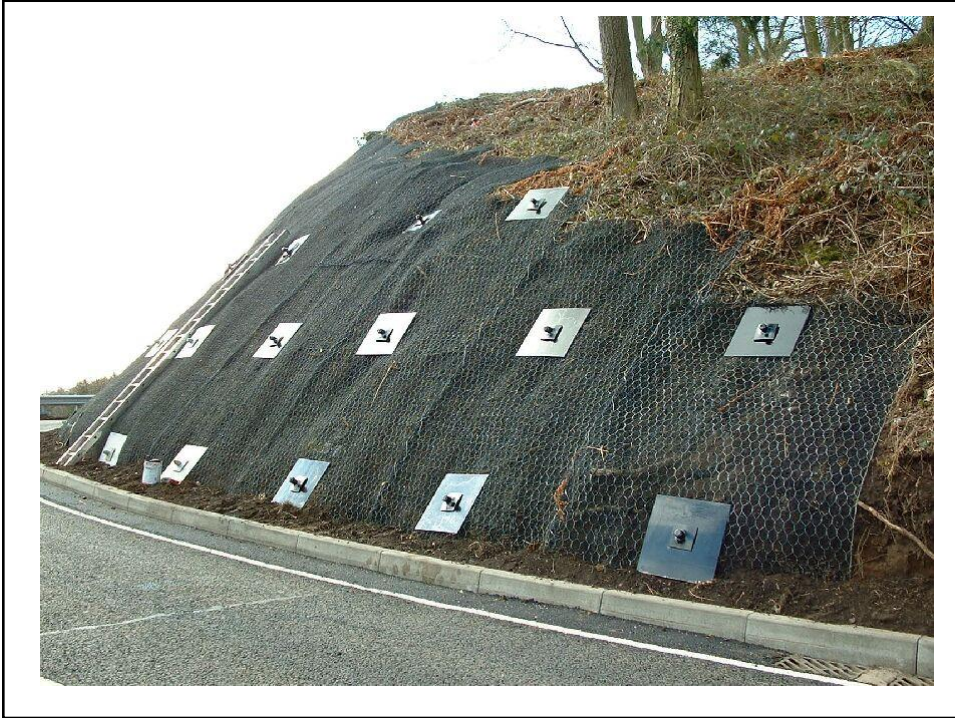


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**Soil Nails**

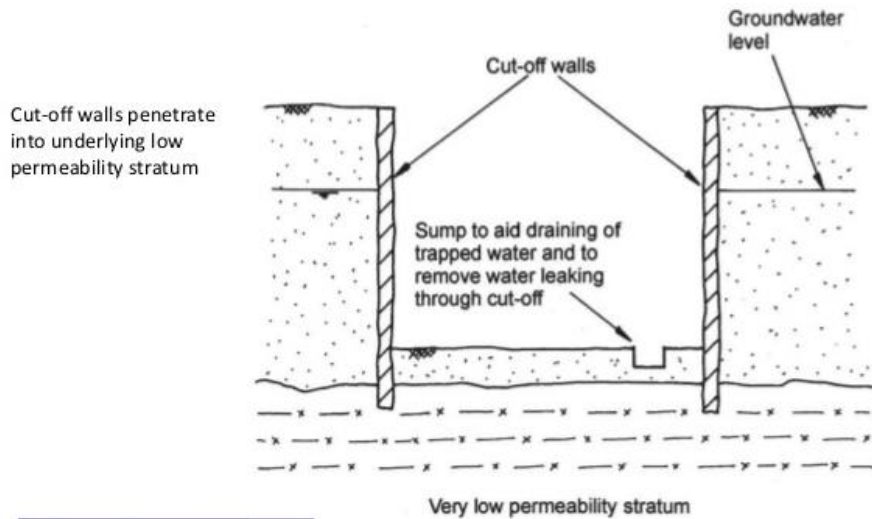




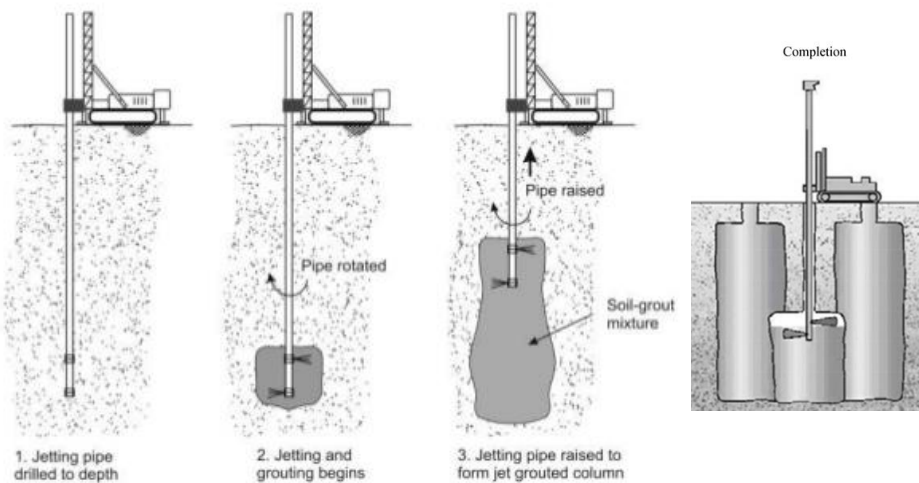




### *Creating a vertical cutoff wall for preventing seepage*

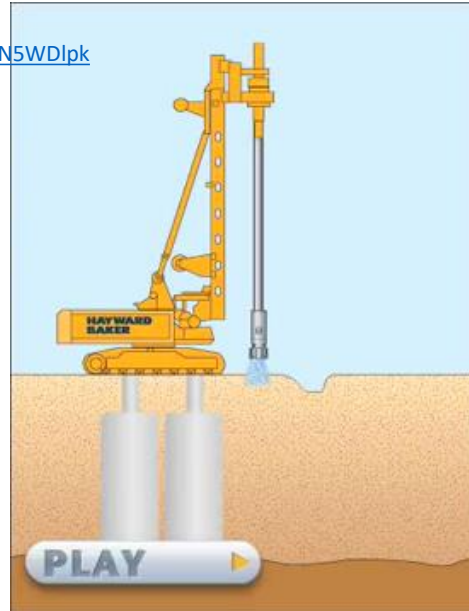


## JET GROUTING



**Jet grouting**

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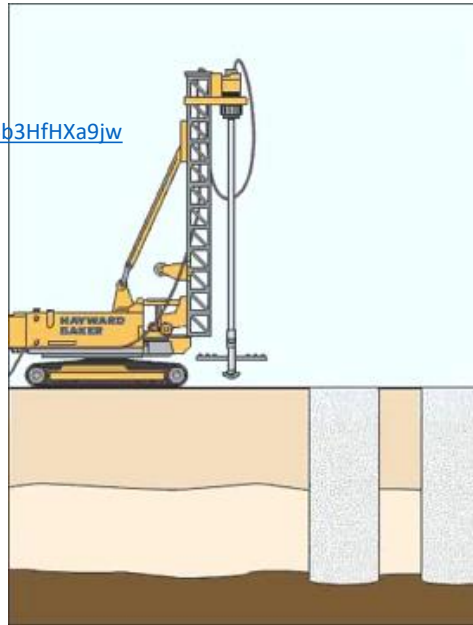


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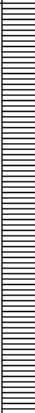
### deep mixing methods

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