

Key parameter variation effect on frost penetration and frost heave in pavement structures

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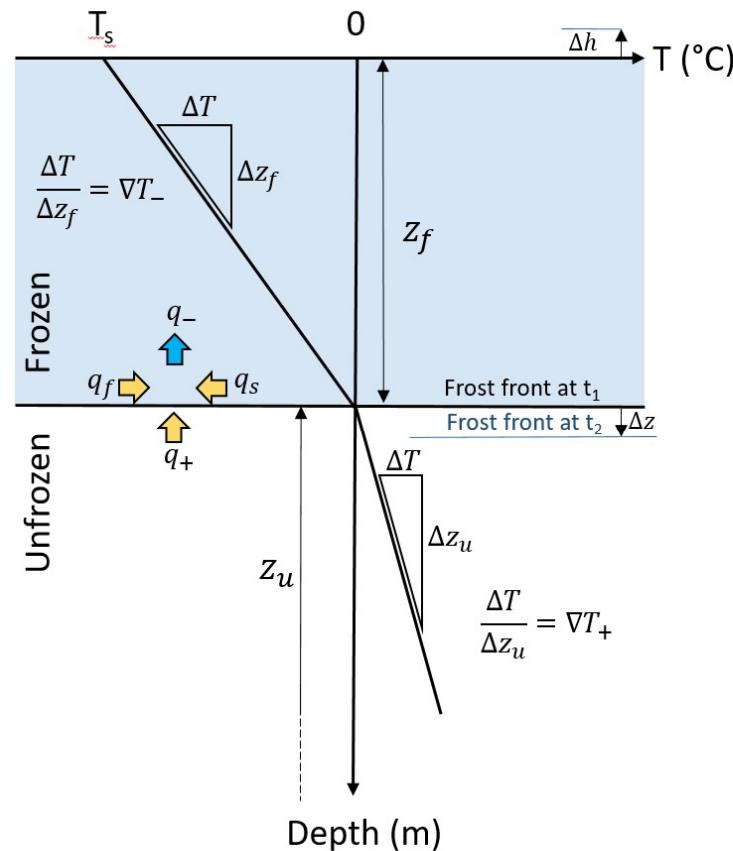
Sensitivity analysis

- Present work are linked to VegDIM project, specifically the ERApave PP design software (Norwegian – Swedish collaboration)
- A (simple) sensitivity analysis was completed using the SSR model and a FEM to analyse p_d and w (or indirectly porosity and degree of saturation), and SP_0 variation effects on the frost depth and frost heave.

SSR

- Simple, and physics is good
- Have done it's proof (Canada, Finland, lot's of validation)
- Implemented in ERA Pavé PP (not ready yet).
- Several datasets were validated using both Erapave and CHAUSSEE2
- Use of CHAUSSEE2 in open mode (MTQ software Canada)

SSR Model



Energy balance at frost front

$$q_- = q_f + q_+ + q_s$$

$$\lambda_f \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta z_f} = L_s \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} + \lambda_u \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta z_u} + SP \cdot L_w \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta z_f}$$



Segment homogène

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Nationale

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entre 5000 et 20000

Années ÉCAS (millions)
30 0.01 Outil ÉCAS

BB reporté à l'an prochain : 0 mm

Couches de matériaux

Matière	H (mm)	
1 BB	80	
2 MG 20	170	
3 MG 56	870	
4 MG 56	930	
5		
6		
7		
8 ML, ML-CL (IL< 0.9)	Total = 2050	

 Réinitialiser les matériaux

Objectifs

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STRUCTURAL GEL GEL (1994)

P _d (t/m ³)	Eau (%)	SPo (mm ² /KH)	a (MPa ⁻¹)	Ku (W/mK)	Kf	Sr (%)	L _f (Wh/m ³)
2.4	0.0	0.0		1.63	1.63	0	1250
1.98	4.0	0.0		1.46	1.50	27	7108
1.62	1.0	0.0		0.52	0.49	4	1306
1.8	4.0	1.3	15.0	1.16	1.18	20	6461
Dry density	Water content						
1.65	23.0	8.1	10.0	1.46	2.25	98	30740

Graphe Z (m) 2.091 h (m) 0.017

Maximal frost penetration (m)

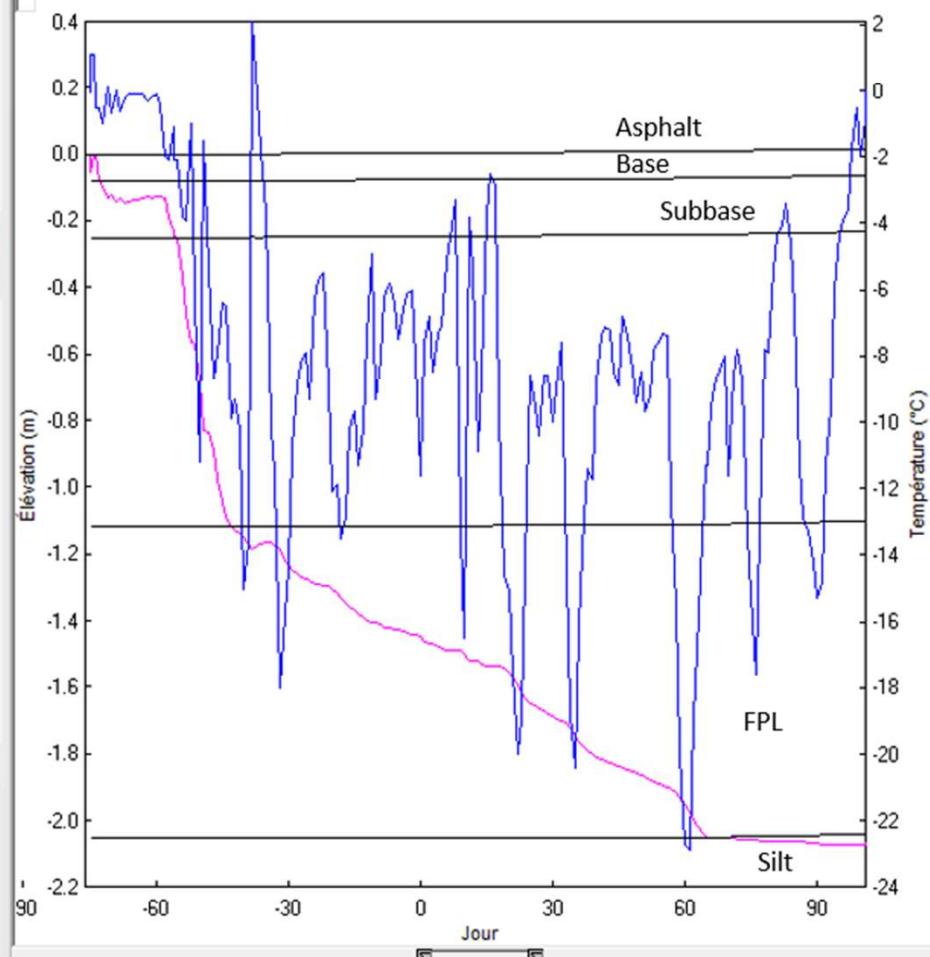
Frost heave (m)

Mean annual air temperature
Station météorologique
MAST Roros 2017-18 Ro1 CORR... Choisir

Zone	T _{BB}	T _{ma}	I _{Gn}	σ _{IG}
Sud	20.5	1.1	1461	240
Simulation	PR	IG		
Hiver 2017			1458	
n			IGs	1458
	1.0			

Design surface freezing index (°C·d)

Roros Ro3_sensitivity_analysis_FDagen_2022 - Gel et soulèvement



- Variation of w and p_d ; SP and FI constant

pd = 1.6 Tma=1.1			
w (%)	Z (m)	h (m)	Sr (%)
1	2.091	0.023	4
2	2.110	0.024	8
3	2.108	0.023	11
4	2.103	0.020	15
6	2.064	0.012	23
8	1.875	0.011	30
10	1.737	0.010	38
16	1.510	0.008	60
22	1.401	0.007	83
24	1.381	0.011	90

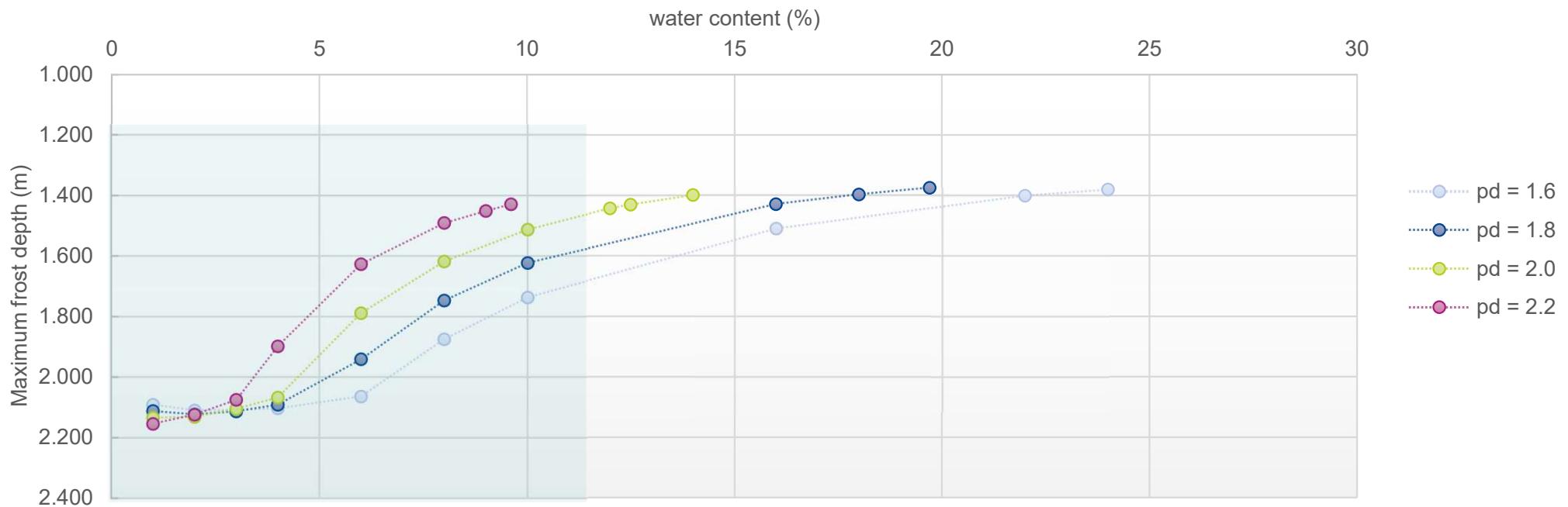
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1	2.112	0.025	5
2	2.123	0.024	10
3	2.113	0.021	15
4	2.091	0.017	20
6	1.941	0.010	30
8	1.747	0.009	41
10	1.623	0.008	51
16	1.429	0.007	81
18	1.397	0.012	91
19.7	1.375	0.014	100

pd = 2.0 Tma=1.1			
w (%)	Z (m)	h (m)	Sr (%)
1	2.134	0.026	7
2	2.131	0.023	14
3	2.105	0.017	21
4	2.067	0.010	28
6	1.789	0.008	42
8	1.618	0.007	57
10	1.513	0.007	71
12	1.443	0.006	85
12.5	1.431	0.009	88
14	1.399	0.012	99

pd = 2.2			
w (%)	Z (m)	h (m)	Sr (%)
1	2.154	0.026	10
2	2.124	0.019	21
3	2.075	0.011	31
4	1.898	0.007	42
6	1.627	0.007	62
8	1.491	0.006	83
9	1.451	0.011	94
9.6	1.429	0.011	98

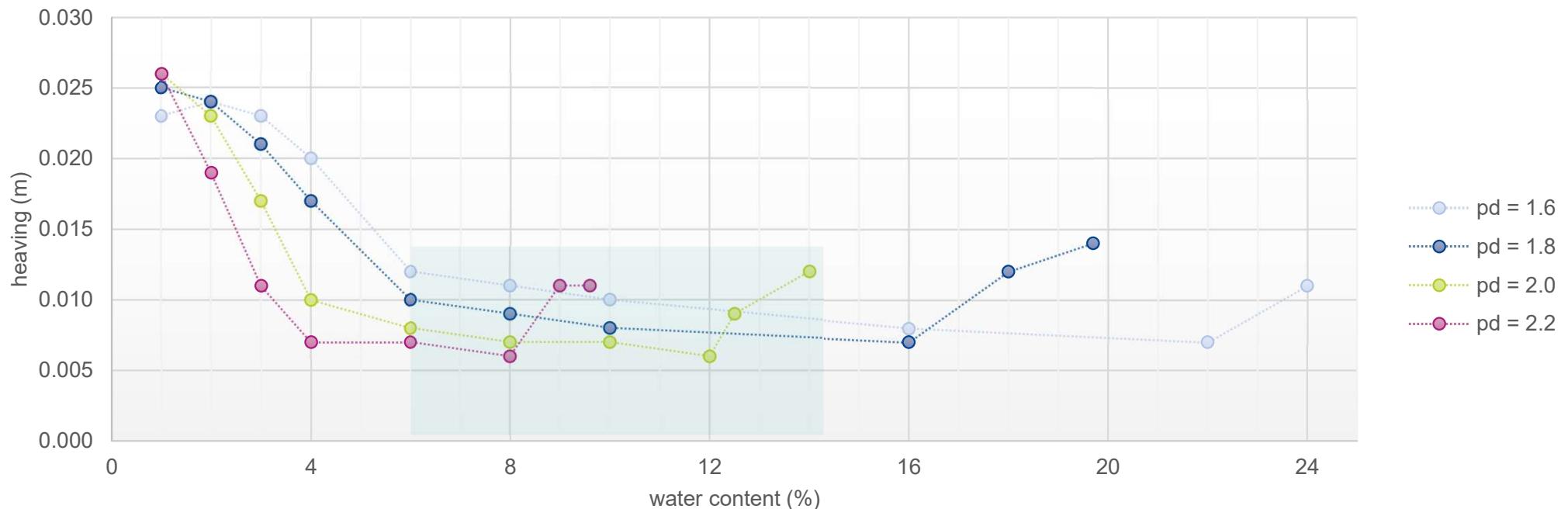
Variation of w and p_d ; SP and FI constant

Z (m) vs. w (%)
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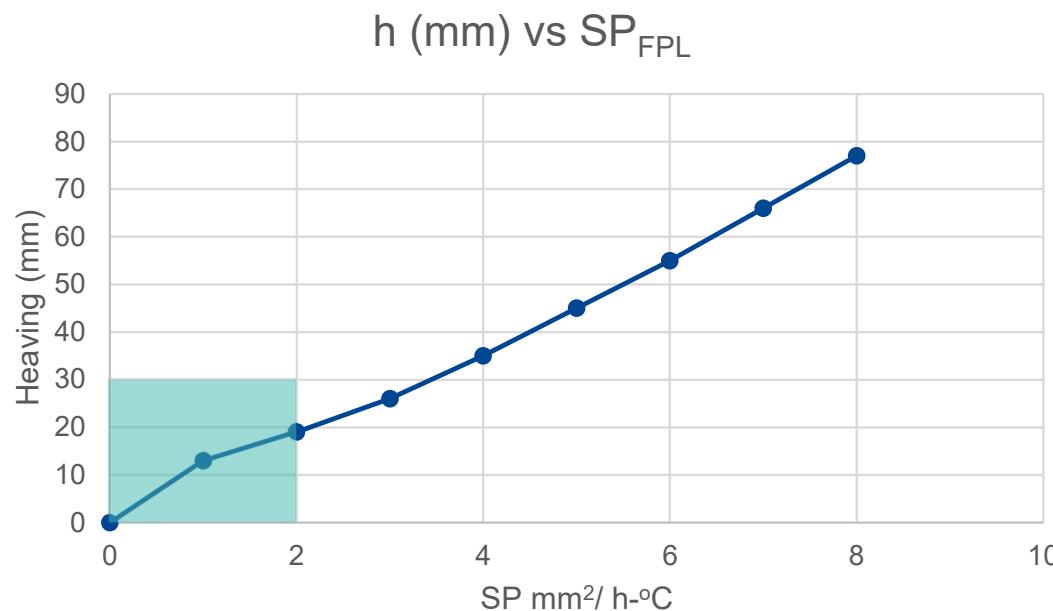
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- Variation of SP

FI = 35000		
pd = 1.8	w=4%	Tma=1.1
SP	Z (m)	h (m)
0	2.086	0.000
1	2.084	0.013
2	2.080	0.019
3	2.077	0.026
4	2.033	0.035
5	1.951	0.045
6	1.865	0.055
7	1.774	0.066
8	1.678	0.077

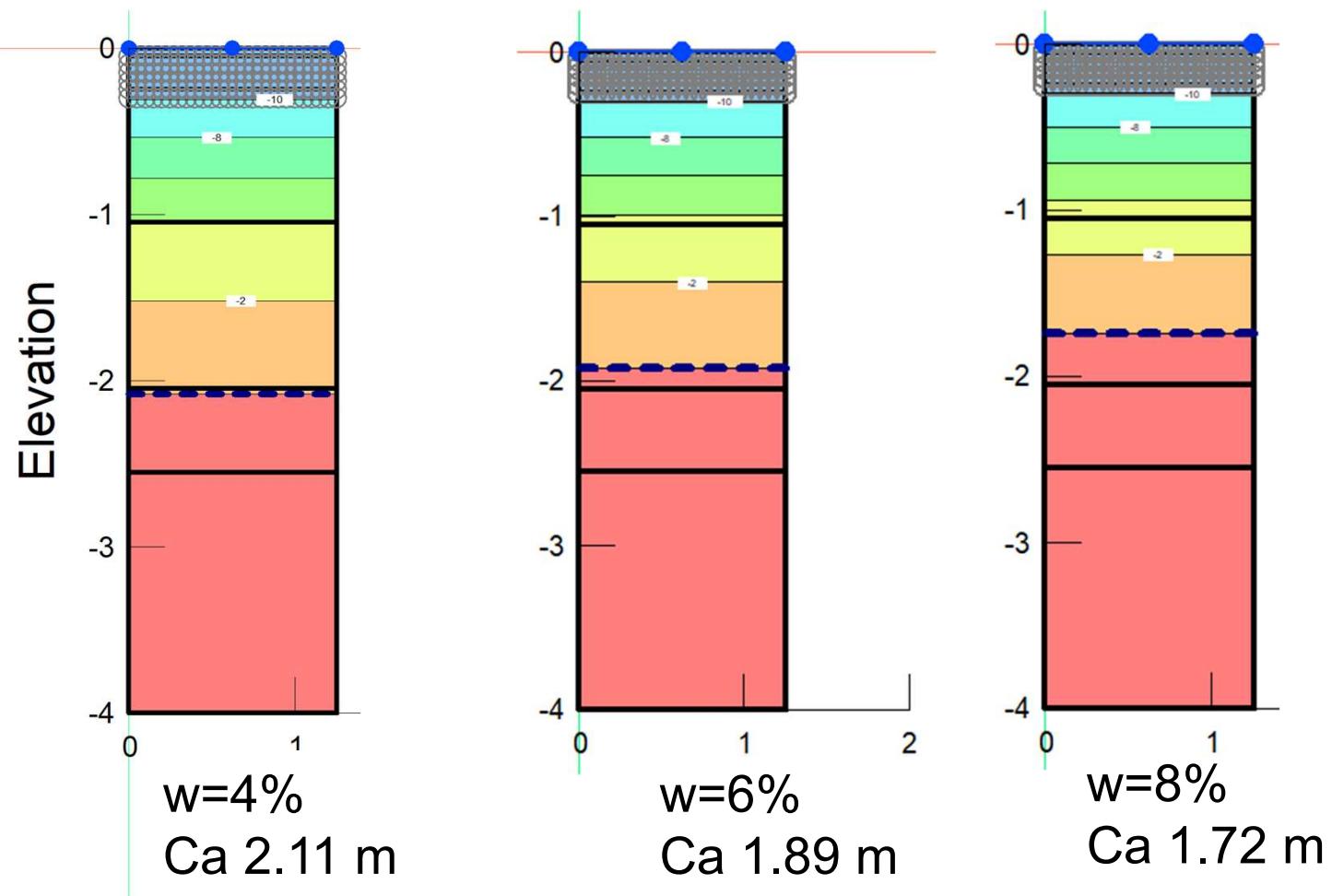


In Chaussee2 (approximately): Silty sands are 2-4, Clayey sands are 2, low fine content sands are 0.5, clays are 2-6 and silt 6-12

TEMP W – model analysis

- Finite element software
- Solve heat transfer in porous media
- Easy to use, but not free...

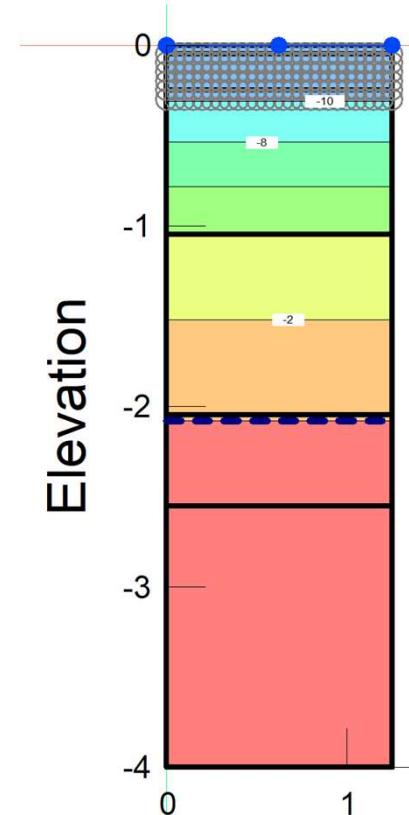
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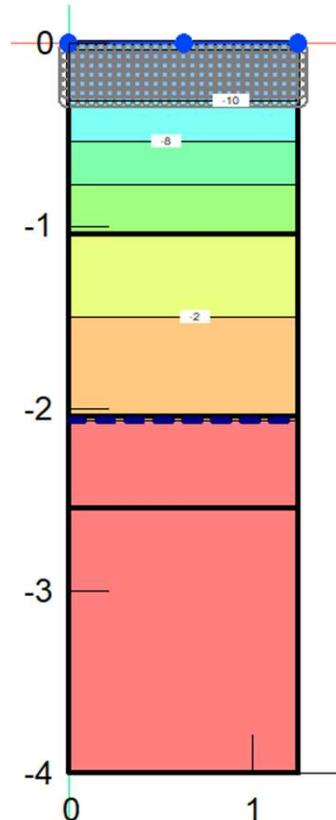
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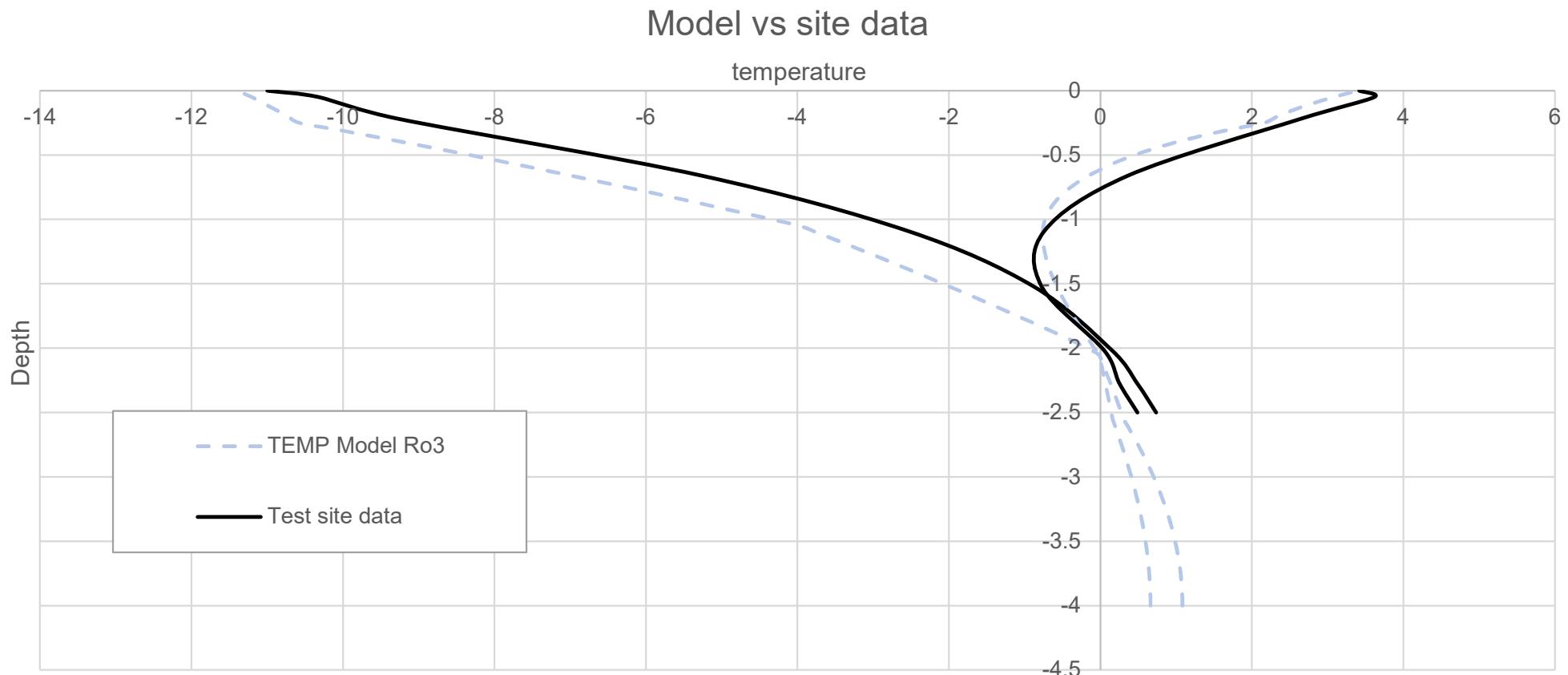
w=4%, pd = 2.2
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TEMP W vs Test site



Conclusion

- w and p_d are very important in modelling FD and FH
- The SSR and FEM gives similar results
- SP have an important effect in frost depth
 - release of latent heat from segregationnal ice lenses
- TEMP uses full unfrozen water content function and uses heat capacity.

Takk! Thanks!