

The PLPAK™

The Pile-Pile/Soil interactions (P-PPAK) **MANUAL**

PLPAK™ Version 2.00

The Advanced Single-Floor (Foundation) Package

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The P-PPAK is an add-in tool to the PLPAK that allows simulation of pile-pile/soil interactions effects underneath piled rafts.

P-PPAK consider three types of interaction effects:

		Piles DOFs	Soil DOFs
Piles DOFs		P-P interactions (1)	P-S interactions (3)
	Soil DOFs	S-P interactions (3)	S-S interactions (2)

1- Consider Pile-pile interaction effects (P-P). These interaction effects could be considered using elastic approach, load transfer approach or user field measurements interaction factors. In case of multi-layered soil, these interactions are considered using three different approach:

- a- Average soil young's modulus (E_{avg}) between two points each has its layer's young's modulus E.
- b- Equivalent soil young's modulus (E_{equ}) for all layers.
- c- Modified soil young's modulus (E_{mod}) using Poulos and LEE modifications.

2- Consider soil-soil interaction effects (S-S). These interaction effects could be considered using EHSPAK.

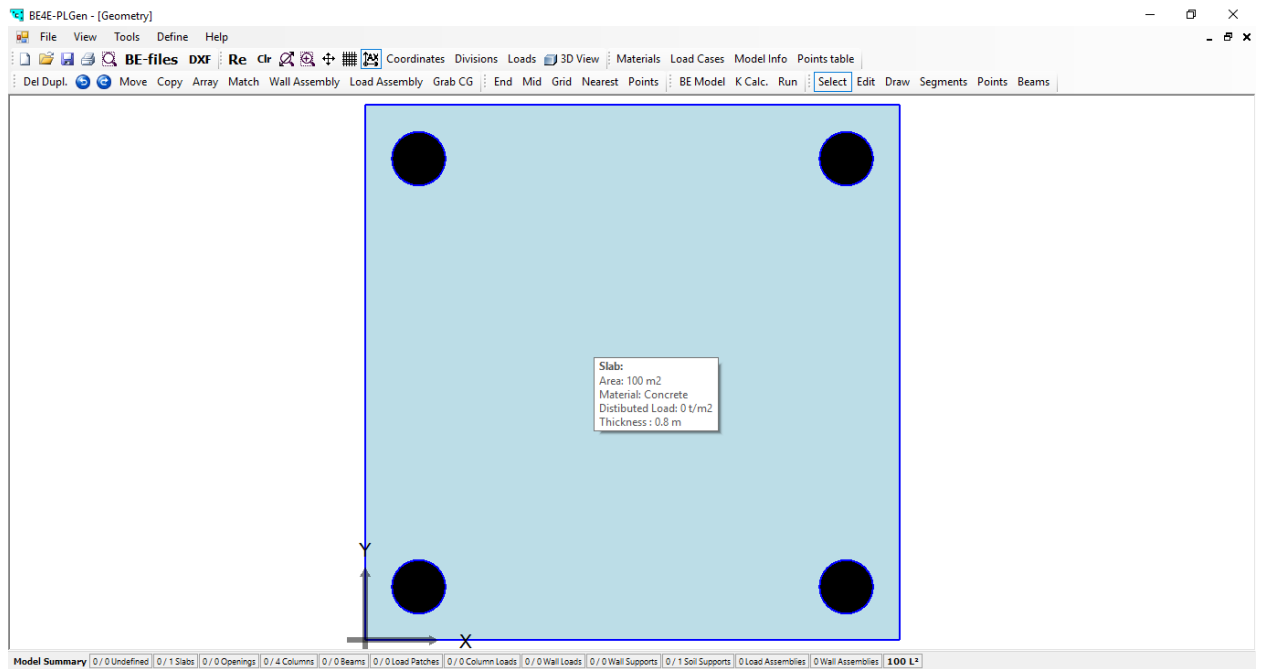
3- Consider Pile-soil interaction effects (P-S). These interaction effects could be considered using Mindlin's solution. Also, in case of multi-layered soil, the same three approaches in (1) are used.

For more clarification, The P-PPAK is described using simple two examples. For different input files structures see appendix 2.

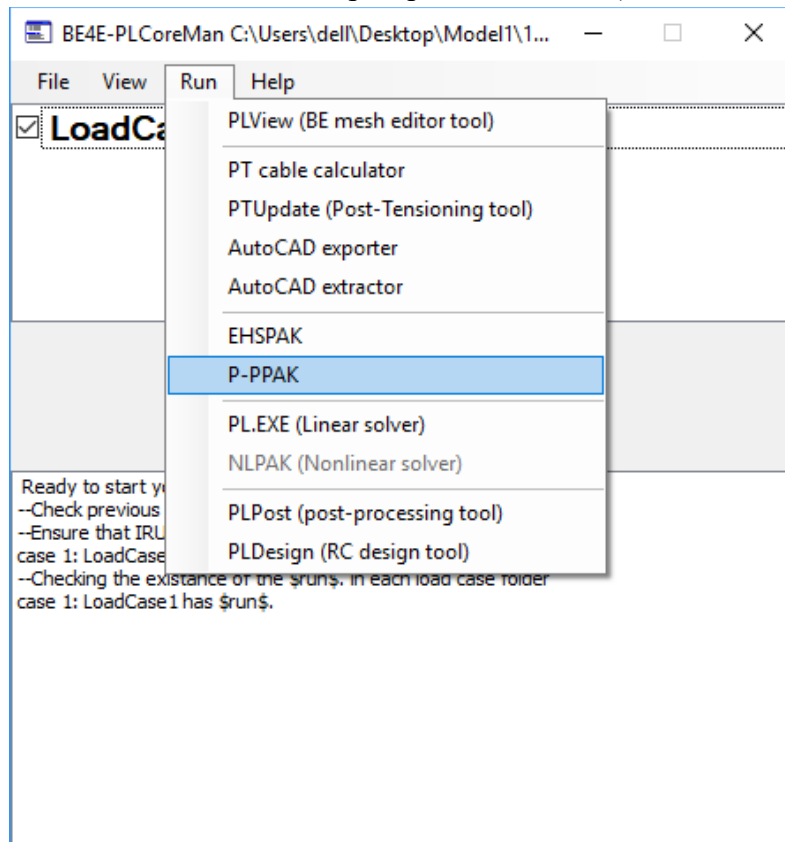
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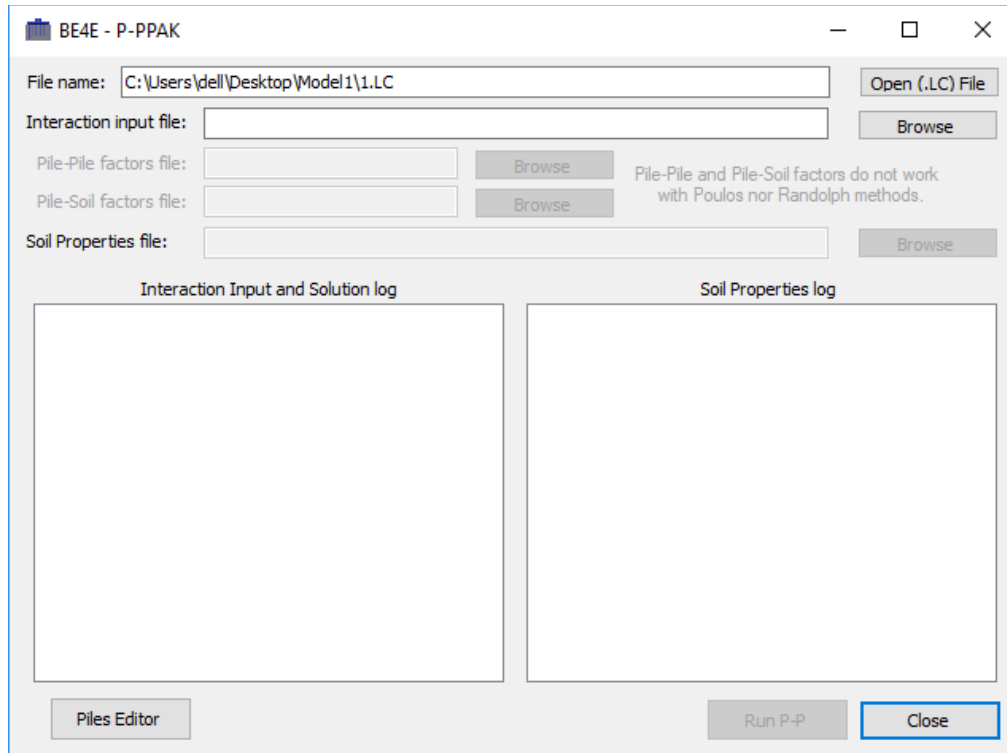
This problem is 10 × 10 m piled raft with thickness 0.8 m supported on four piles each 0.5 m radius subjected to its own weight.

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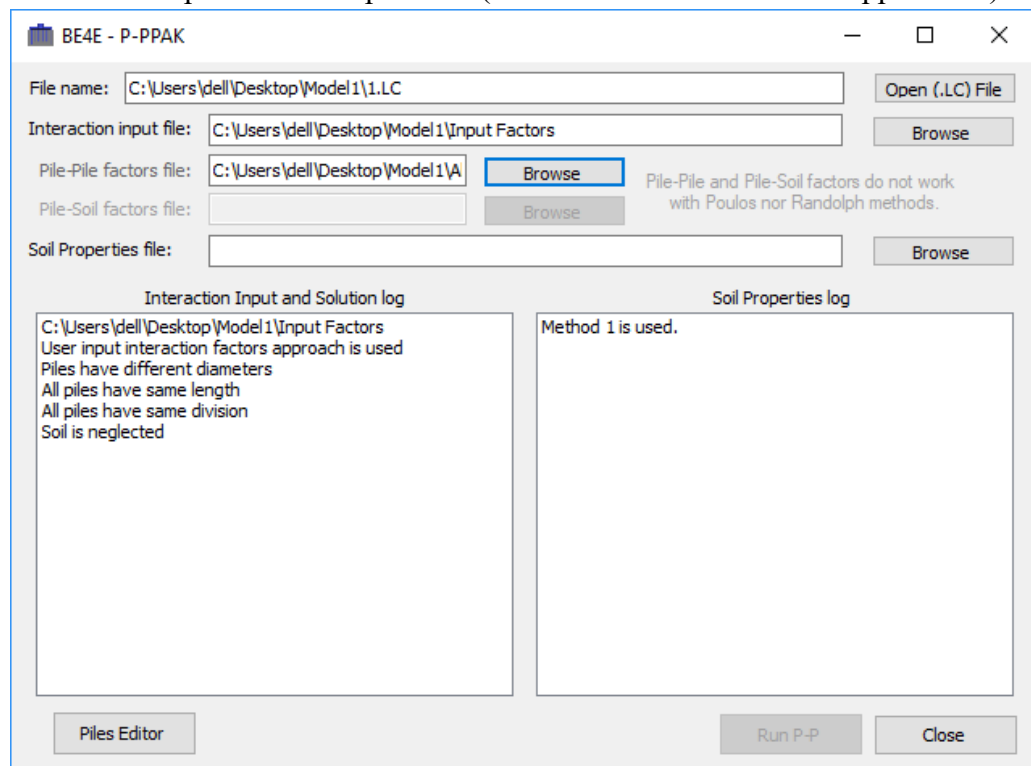


- 2- Run the problem from PLGen or load it from PLCoreMan.
- 3- From PLCoreMan run P-PPAK to extract pile-pile stiffness in (PL\$MATK\$.4).

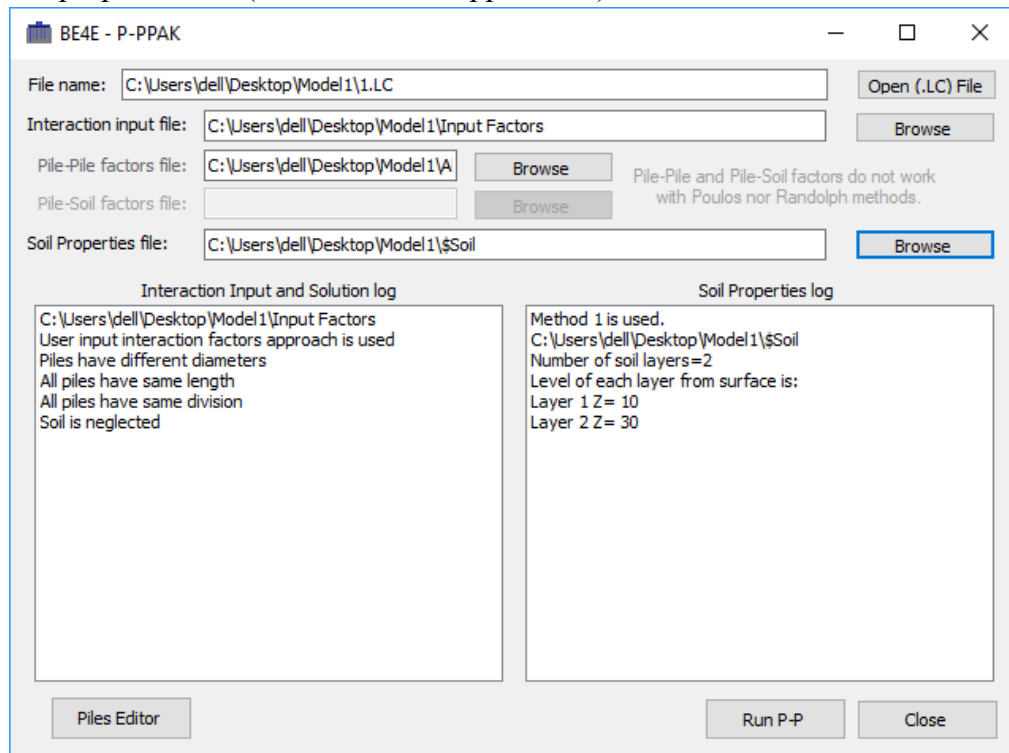




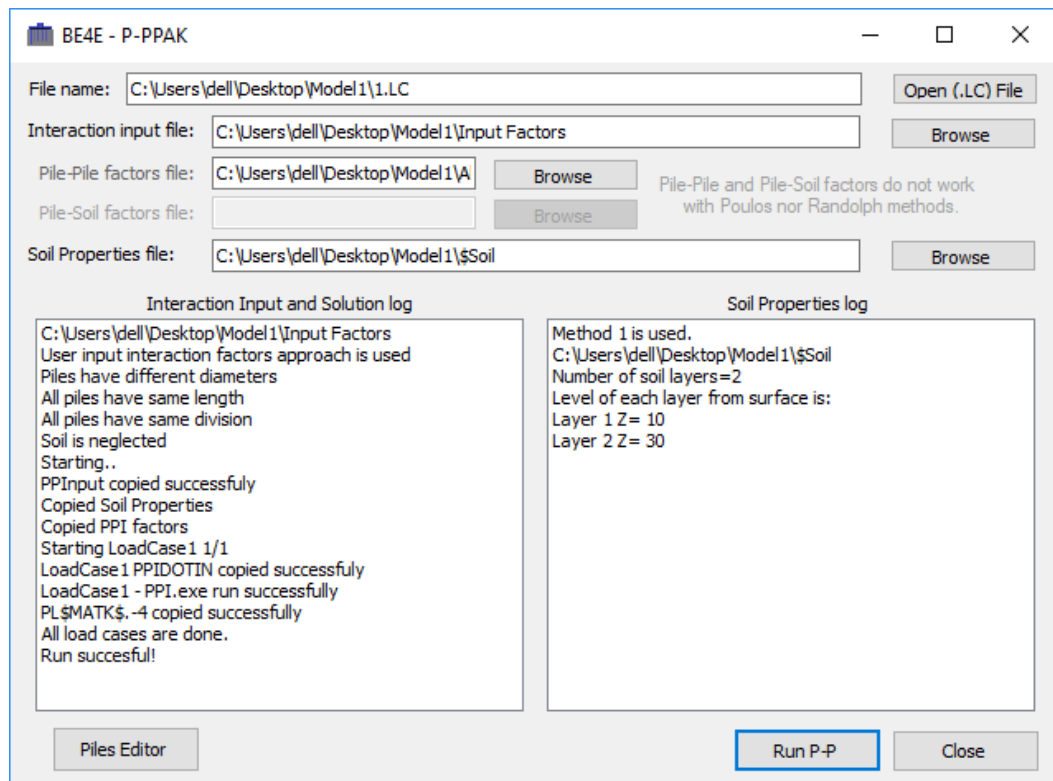
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b. Load soil properties file (File format see appendix 1).

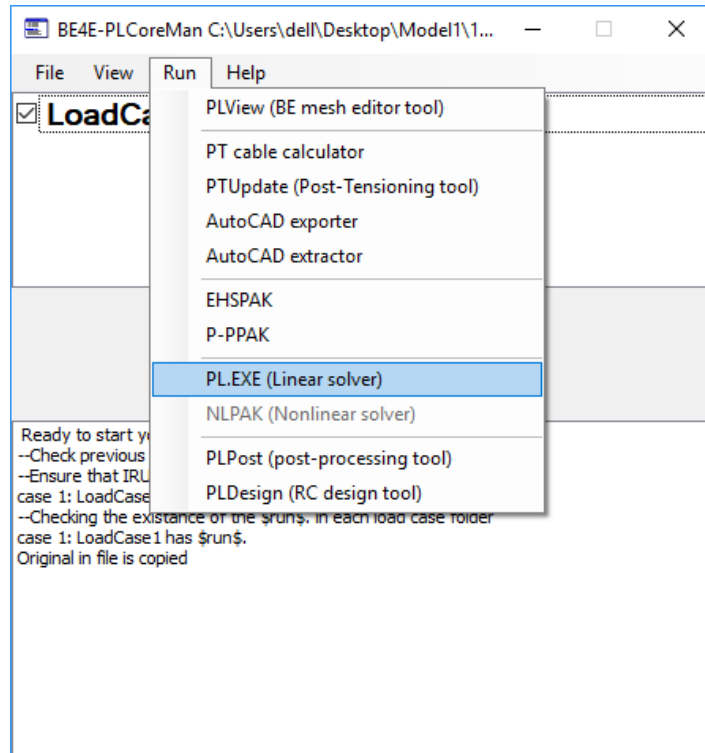


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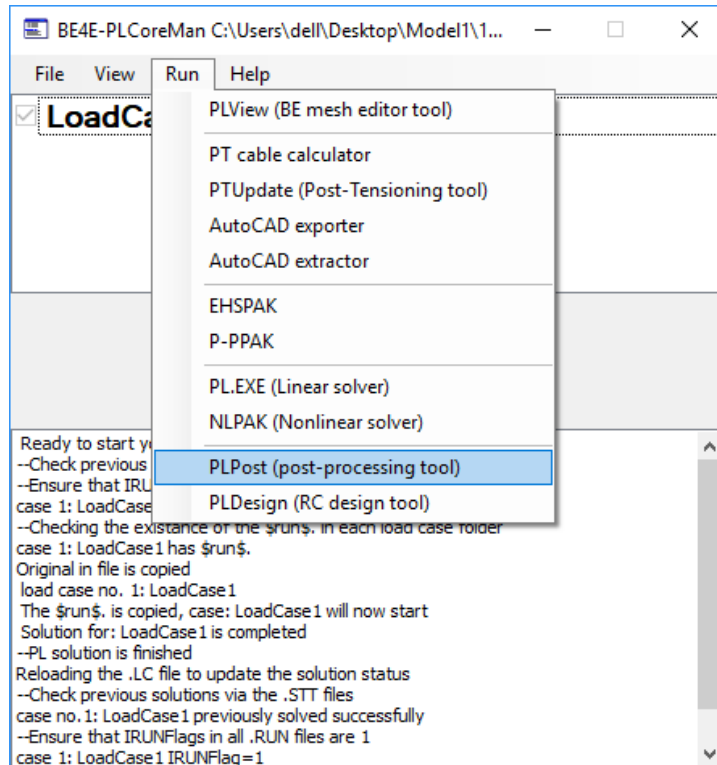


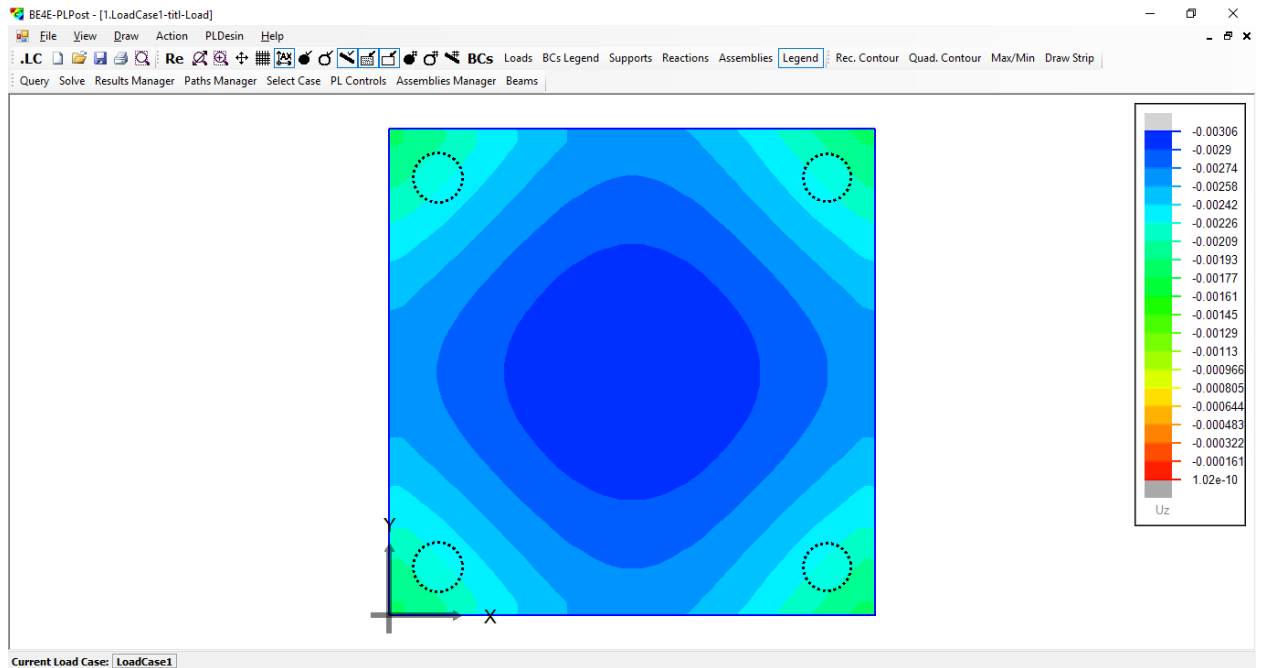
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5- Run PL.exe (Linear solver).



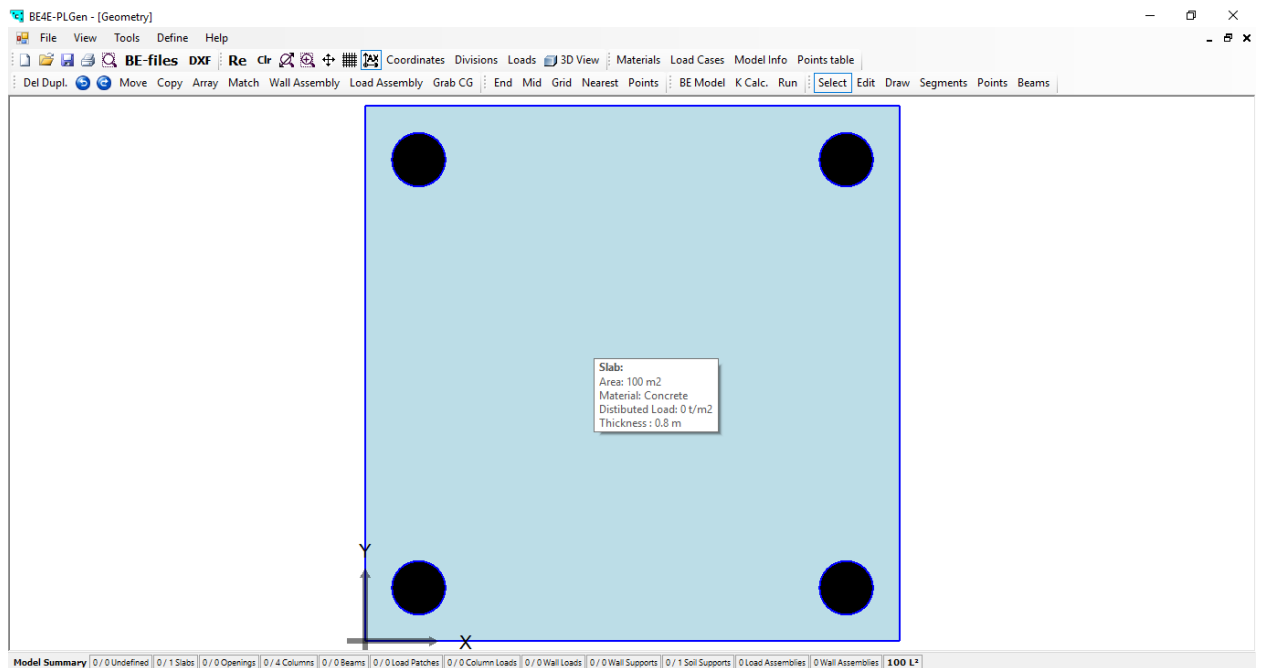
6- Show results on PLPost.



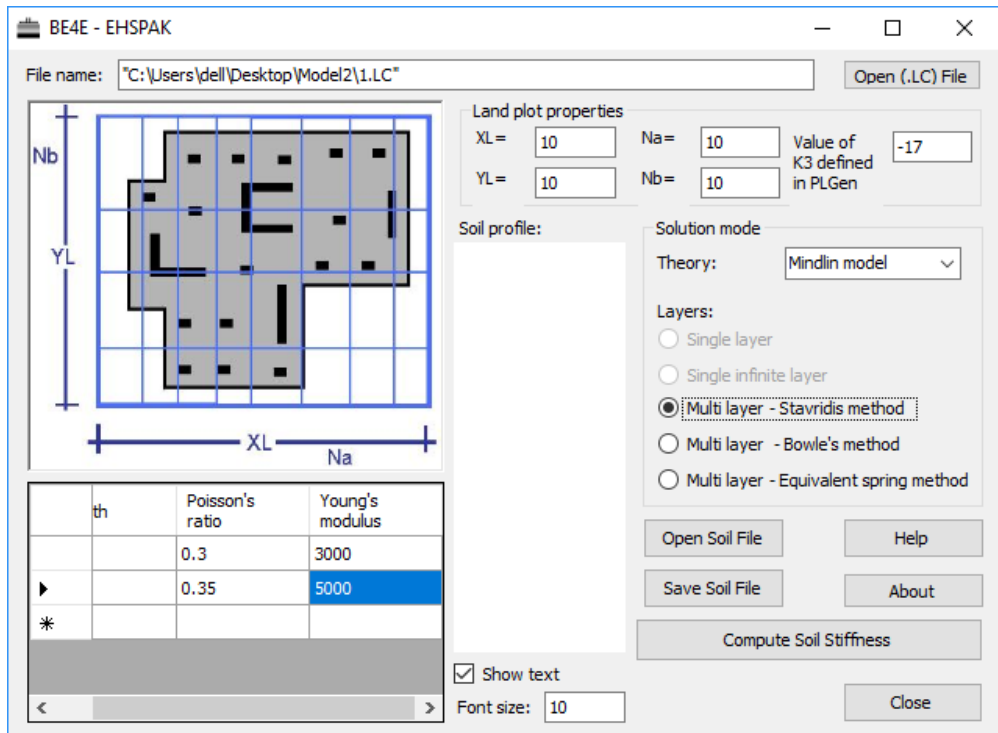
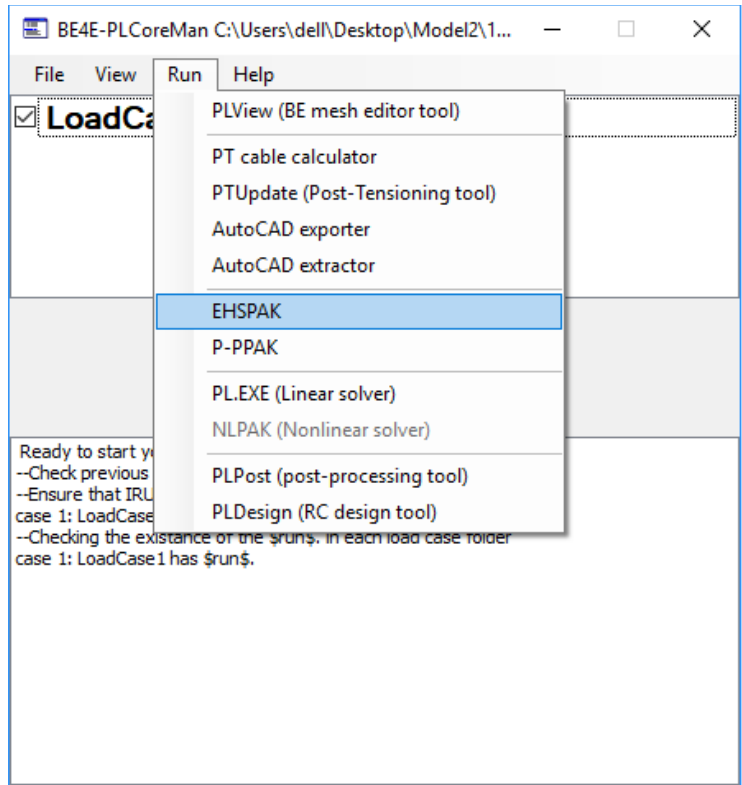


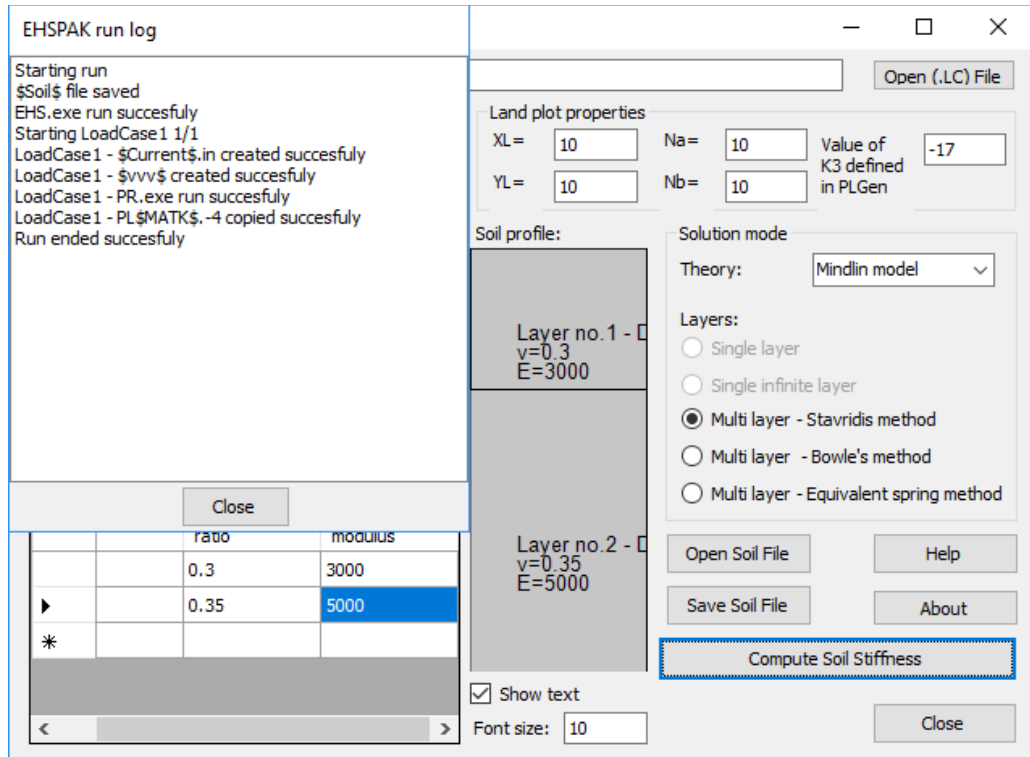
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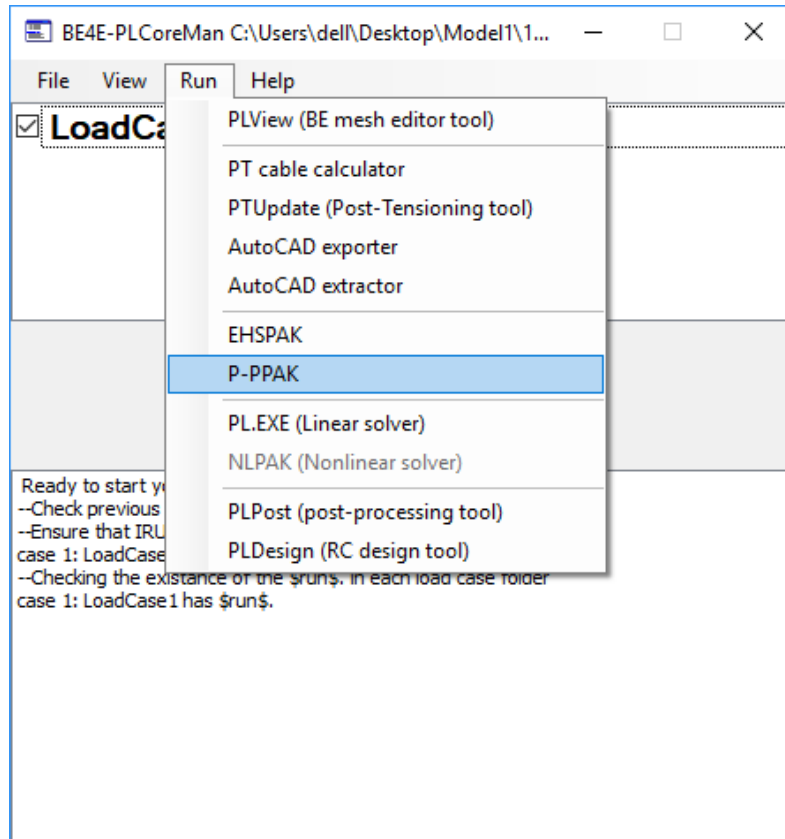


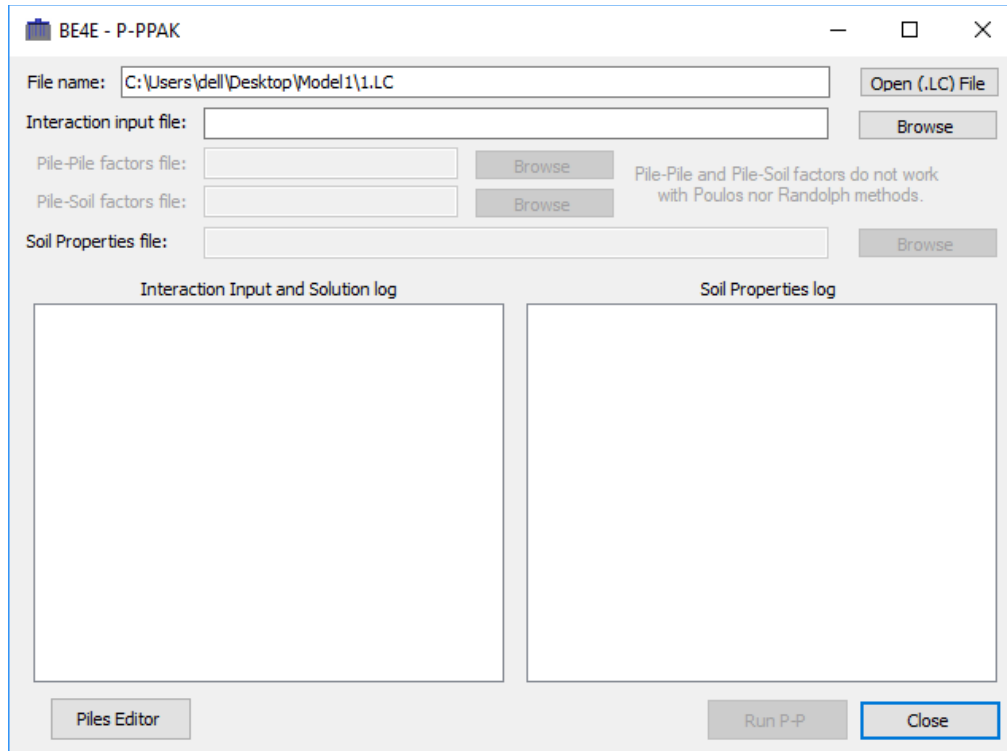
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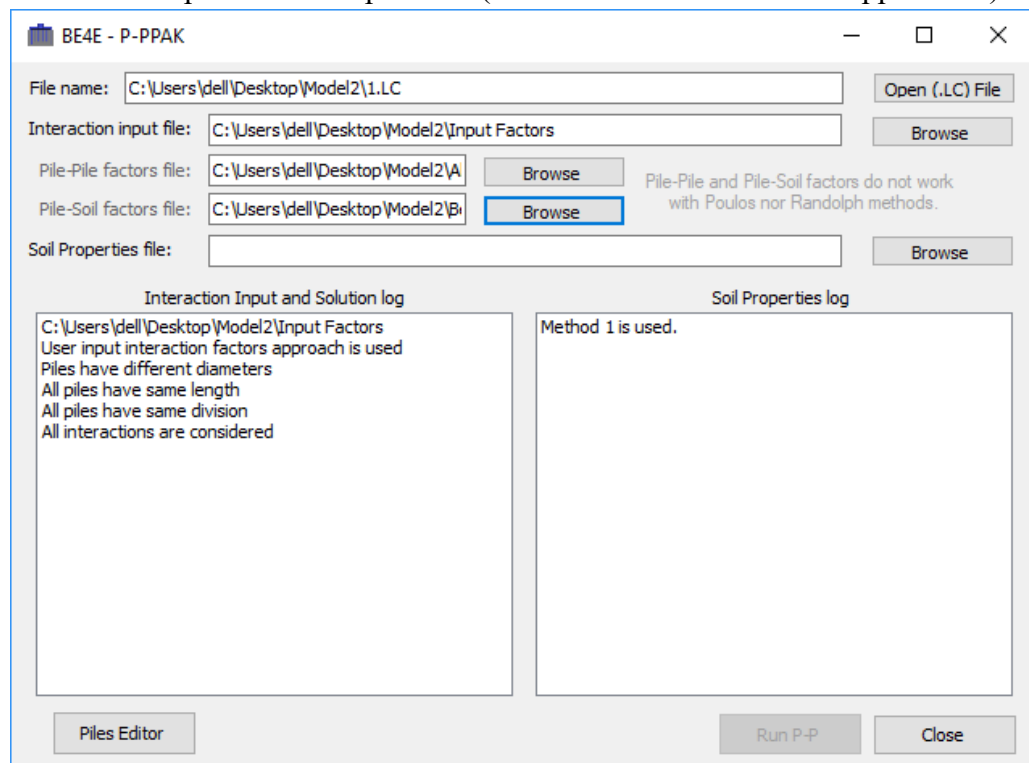


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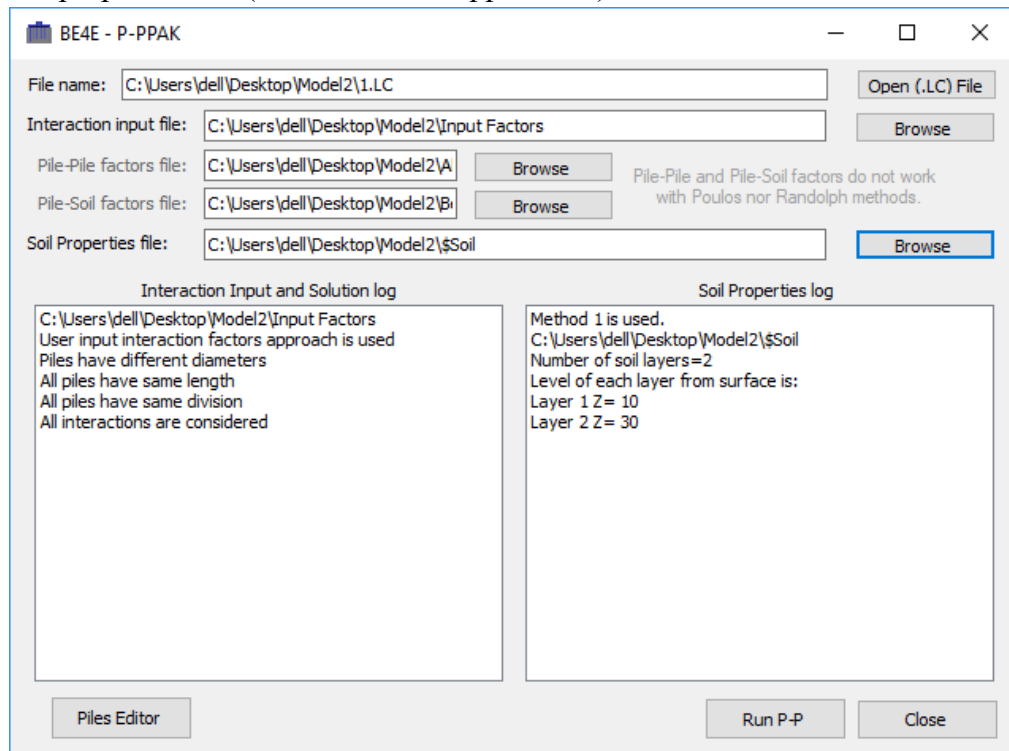




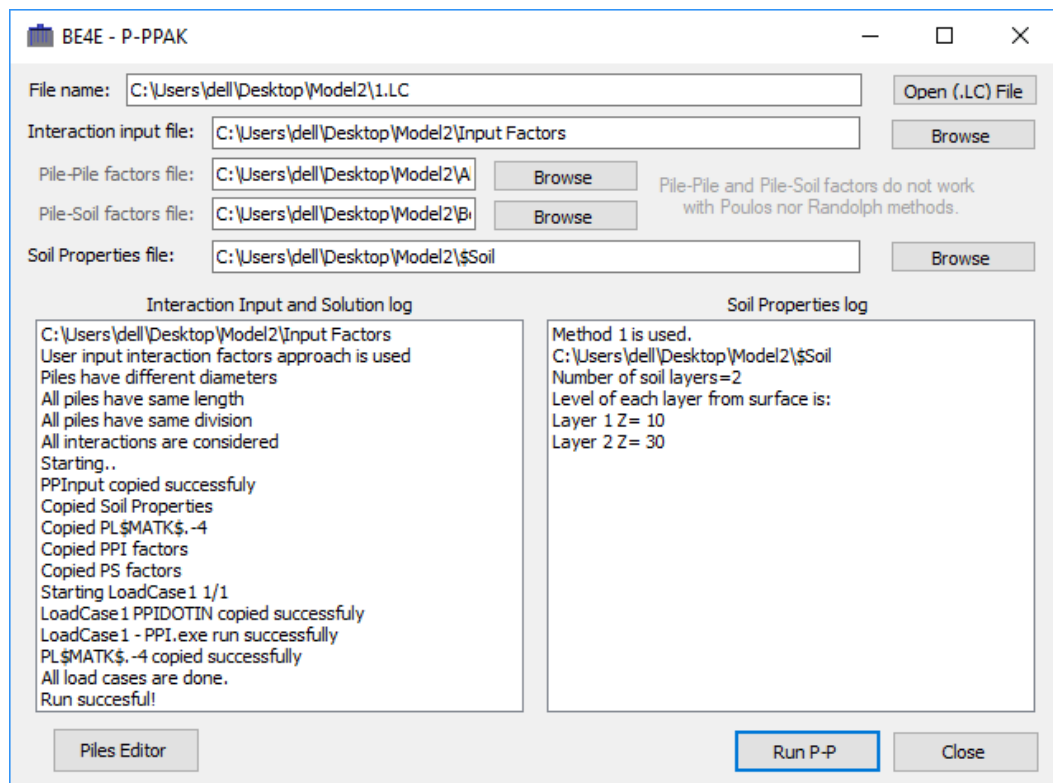
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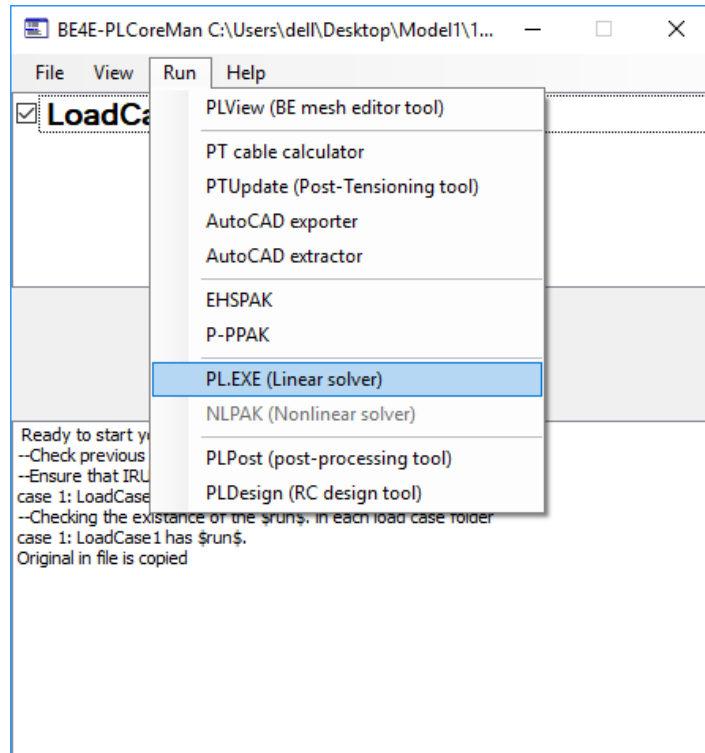


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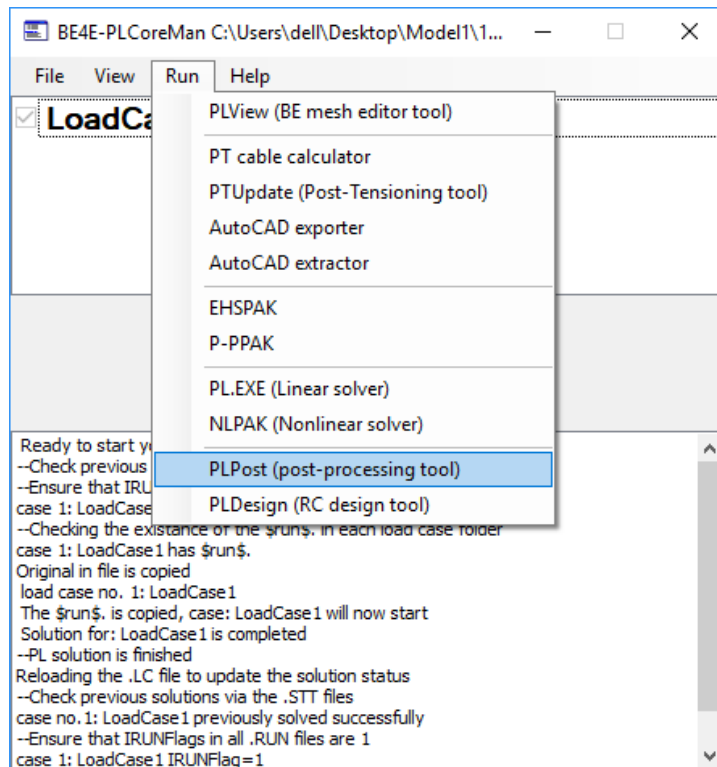


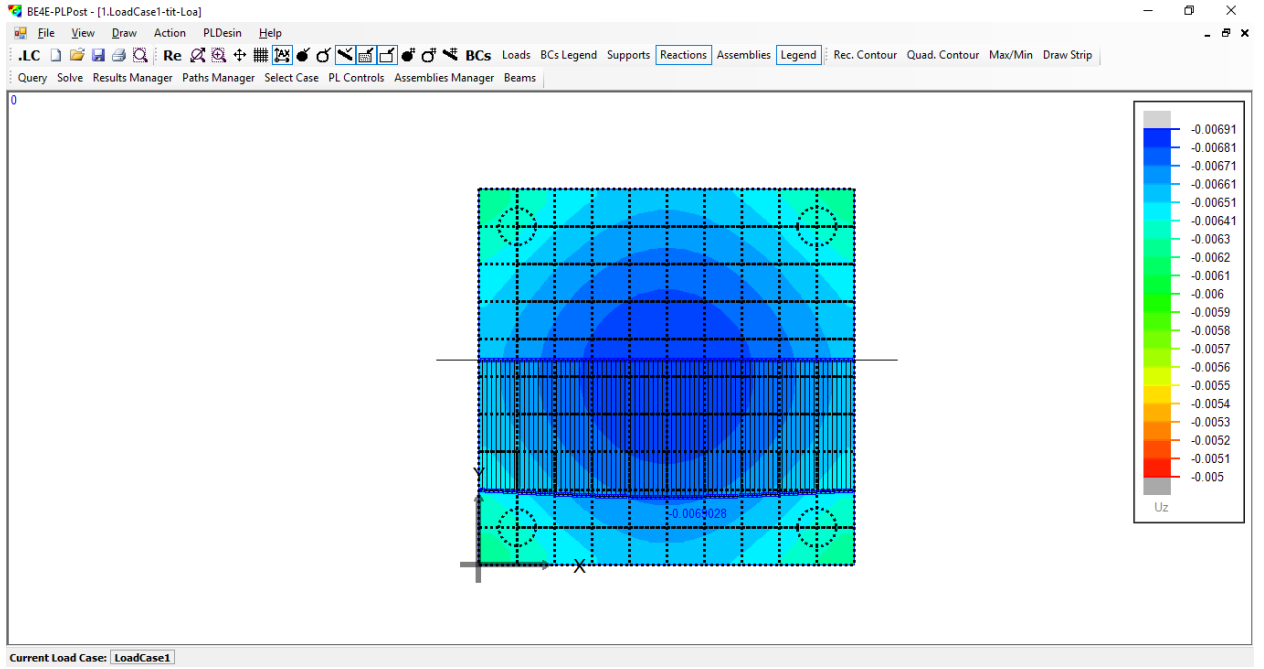
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7- Show results on PLPost.





Appendix 1
Input files Structure

1- Interaction input file:

- 0/1/2	0: if load transfer approach, 1: if elastic approach, 2: if user input interaction approach.
- N_p	Total number of piles.
- r₁ r₂ . . . r_{N_p}	} Radius for each pile.
- L₁,d₁ L₂,d₂ . . . L_{N_p},d_{N_p}	
- F₁ F₂ . . . F_m	} Factors for including or neglect friction or end bearing (see Figure A). ($m = \sum d(i) + 2N_p$ $i=1 \rightarrow N_p$) (Note: These factors are in cases load transfer approach and elastic approach only.)
- E_{p1} E_{p2} . . . E_{pN_p}	
- 0/1/2	0: for including P-P interactions only, 1: for including P-P and S-S interactions only (neglecting P-S interactions), 2: for including all interactions (P-P, S-S, P-S).
- Layering method 1/2/3.	1: Average E, 2: Equivalent E, 3: Poulos and Lee – (Modified E).

1.1. Pile-pile factors file (α):

- 1/2/3 1: U_{ii} read from this file, 2: U_{ii} calculated from load transfer approach, 3: U_{ii} calculated from elastic approach.

- U_1
 U_2
 \cdot
 \cdot
 \cdot
 U_{Np} } U_{ii} for each pile. (Exist only in case of U_{ii} read from this file" i.e. the first line is 1").

- α_{11}
 α_{12}
 \cdot
 \cdot
 \cdot
 $\alpha_{(Np*Np)}$ } $[\alpha]_{Np*Np}$ pile-pile interaction factors matrix as % from U_{ii} written as a one column.

1.2. Pile-soil factors file (β):

- 1/2 1: U_{ii} read from this file, 2: U_{ii} calculated from EHSPAK.

- U_1
 U_2
 \cdot
 \cdot
 \cdot
 U_{Np} } U_{ii} for each soil cell. (Exist only in case of U_{ii} read from this file "i.e. the first line is 1").

- β_{11}
 β_{12}
 \cdot
 \cdot
 \cdot
 $\beta_{(Np*Nhs)}$ } $[\beta]_{Np*Nhs}$ pile-soil interaction factors matrix as % from U_{ii} written as a one column (row₁, row₂ . . . row_{Np}). (Note: N_{hs} is the total number of half space soil cells.)

2- Soil properties file (This file already exist in case of running EHSPAK before P-PPAK. Its name is \$soil\$ @ PLPAK folder):

- $N_{layers}, Idum, Idum$ Total number of soil layers, Any two dummy integer numbers.

- $Idum, Idum$ Any two dummy integer numbers.

- H_L, E_s, ν_s
 H_L, E_s, ν_s
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 H_L, E_s, ν_s } Layer soil modulus, Layer's poisson's ratio, Layer depth from soil top surface.

Friction or End bearing factors

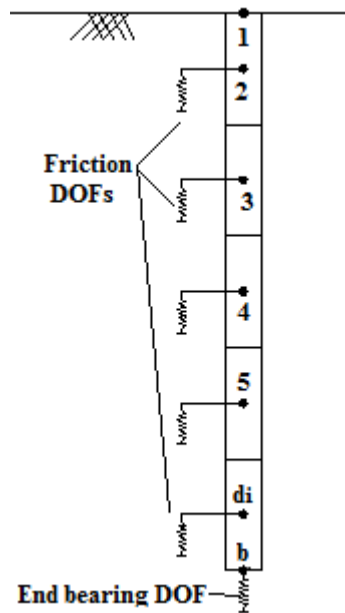


Figure A: Pile (i) friction and end bearing DOFs.

DOF 1: for connecting with the raft.

DOFs (2 to d_i): Friction DOFs.

DOF b: End bearing DOF.

Each pile has $(d_i(\text{number of divisions})+2(\text{top and bottom}))$ DOFs.

All piles has m DOFs = $\sum d(i) + 2N_p$.

Several examples for write one pile factors in Interaction input file:

1	0	1
1	0	1
1	0	1
1	0	1
1	0	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
Friction pile(i) factors	End bearing pile(i) factors	Friction and End bearing pile(i) factors

2- Pile-pile factors file (α):

Read U_{ii} from this file	Load transfer approach	Elastic approach
1	2	3
0.002	1	1
0.002	0.25	0.25
0.002	0.5	0.5
0.002	0.25	0.25
1	0.25	0.25
0.25	1	1
0.5	0.25	0.25
0.25	0.5	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.5
1	0.25	0.25
0.25	1	1
0.5	0.25	0.25
0.5	0.25	0.25
0.25	0.5	0.5
1	0.25	0.25
0.25	1	1
0.25		
0.5		
0.25		
1		

3- Pile-soil factors file (β):

Read U_{ii} from this file	EHSPAK
1	2
0.0035 I=1	1 I=1, J=1
0.0033 I=2	0.25 I=1, J=2
0.0032	0.5 I=1, J=3
0.0035	0.25
.	.
.	.
.	.
.	.
.	0.25 I=4, J=97
0.0034 I=100 (EHS discretization 10×10)	0.15 I=4, J=98
1 I=1, J=1	0.15 I=4, J=99
0.25 I=1, J=2	1 I=4, J=100
0.5 I=1, J=3	
0.25	
.	
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.	
0.25 I=4, J=97	
0.15 I=4, J=98	
0.15 I=4, J=99	
1 I=4, J=100	

4- Soil properties file (\$soil\$):

Problem 1	Problem 2
2 Any no. Any no.	2 17 12
Any no. Any no.	10 10
10 3000 0.3	10 3000 0.3
30 5000 0.35	30 5000 0.35
Any no. Any no.	10 10

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