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### SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour and Testing

Mayne, Coop, Springman, Huang,  
and Zornberg (2009)

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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

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- 20 years in geotechnical engineering
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- Vice-President of the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS)
- Chair of the International Activities Council (IAC) of Geo-Institute, ASCE



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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

### □ An-Bin Huang

- 30 years in geotechnical engineering
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- Expertise: site characterization, in-situ testing, physical modeling, field instrumentation, liquefaction
- Core Committee Member of TC16 - Ground property characterization by in-situ tests
- Member: ISSMGE, TGS, SEAGS, ASCE, TRB



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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

### □ Sarah M. Springman

- Active in geotechnical engineering since 1974
- Professor – Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zürich, Switzerland
- Expertise: Soil Structure Interaction, Geohazards, Modelling
- Chair of TC2 – Physical Modelling in Geotechnics
- FEng, FICE, CEng, MInstRE, SIA



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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

### □ Matthew Coop

- 28 years in geotechnical engineering
- Professor, Imperial College, UK
- Expertise: experimental soil mechanics, mechanics of sands, structured soils, weak rocks and transitional soils
- 2003 Géotechnique lecture.
- British Geotechnical Society Prize 1999
- ICE Geotechnical Research Medal 1990
- Telford Prize 2002
- George Stephenson Medal 2005.



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- Chair of TC16 - Ground property characterization by in-situ tests
- Member: ISSMGE, ASCE, ADSC, ASTM, CGS, DFI, MAEC, TRB, USUCGER



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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

- SOA-1 is 100 pages
- Total 76,776 words
- 749 references + 43 equations
- 5 tables + 228 figures, photos, and graphs
- Define 145 different parameters and symbols



SOA Record - Singapore 2003  
225 pages + 110 p.  
= 335 pages

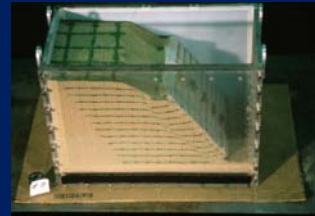
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## SOA-1: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

### Six Sections:

- Introduction
- Soil Behaviour
- Physical Modelling
- In-Situ Testing
- Cyclic Response and Liquefaction
- Soil-Geosynthetic Interfaces

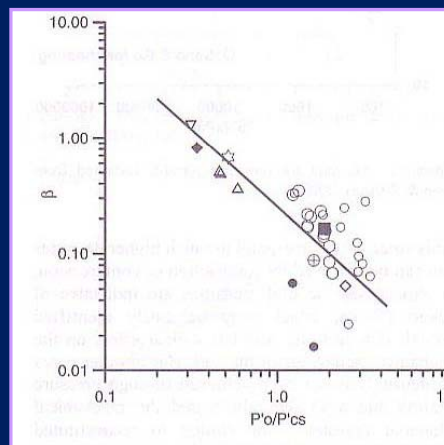


Geosynthetic-reinforced soil in a centrifuge. (Zornberg 1998)

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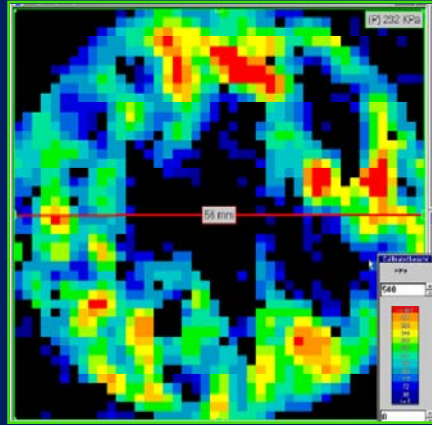
- Experimentation sites
- Methods of testing
- Interpretative framework
- Test modes
- Sample disturbance
- Local strain measurements
- Small-strain stiffness
- Critical-state soil mechanics
- Laboratory testing methods
- Yield surfaces
- Soil behaviour
- Particle behaviour
- Influence of fabric
- Intermediate grading
- Transitional geomaterials
- Rate effects



Shaft friction data for field pile tests  
(Coop, 2005 - IS-Lyon)

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## SOA-1 TOPICS: Geomaterial Behaviour & Testing

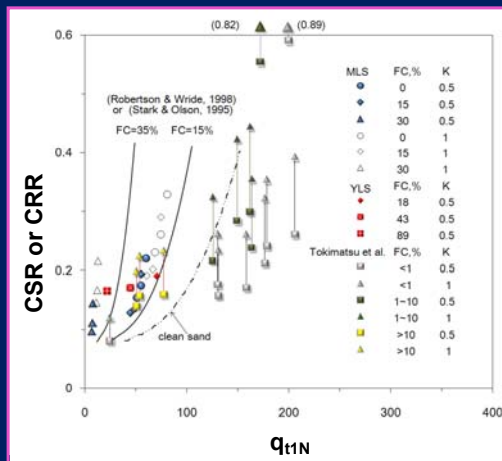


Contact stress measurements under an axisymmetric footing (Springman et al. 2002).

- Constitutive Modeling
- Physical Testing
- Numerical simulation
- 1-g tests
- Small scale model testing
- Shake tables
- Dimensional analysis
- Large scale testing
- Centrifuge modeling
- Mechatronics and robotics
- Installation devices
- Serviceability limit states
- Chamber boundary effects
- Beams and drums
- Environmental chambers
- Imaging

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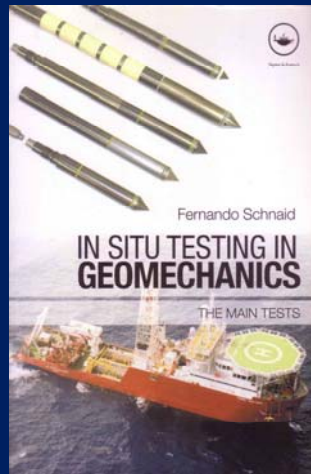
Soil Liquefaction Potential of sands with fines from CPT (Huang & Huang, 2007)

- Cyclic soil behaviour
- Liquefaction potential
- Undisturbed sampling of sands
- Stress-based procedures
- Cyclic resistance ratios (CRR)
- Evaluations from in-situ results: SPT ( $N_1$ )<sub>60</sub>, CPT  $q_{t1}$ , DMT  $K_D$ , and stress-normalized shear wave velocity,  $V_{s1}$
- Critical state lines for sands
- Effects of fines contents
- Porewater pressure influences
- Susceptibility to liquefaction
- State parameter approach
- Probabilistic liquefaction boundary

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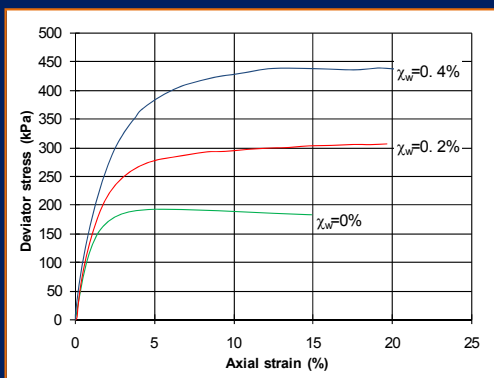
- In-situ testing
- Direct-push site characterization
- Interpretation of soil parameters
- Soil behavioural type
- Identification of cemented soils
- Geostatic stress state
- Intracorrelative trends
- Preconsolidation stresses
- Effective stress friction angle
- Stiffness of geomaterials
- Initial tangent shear modulus
- Modulus reduction curves
- New and advanced methods
- Twitch testing
- Full flow penetrometers
- Continuous  $V_s$  profiling



Schnaid (2009)

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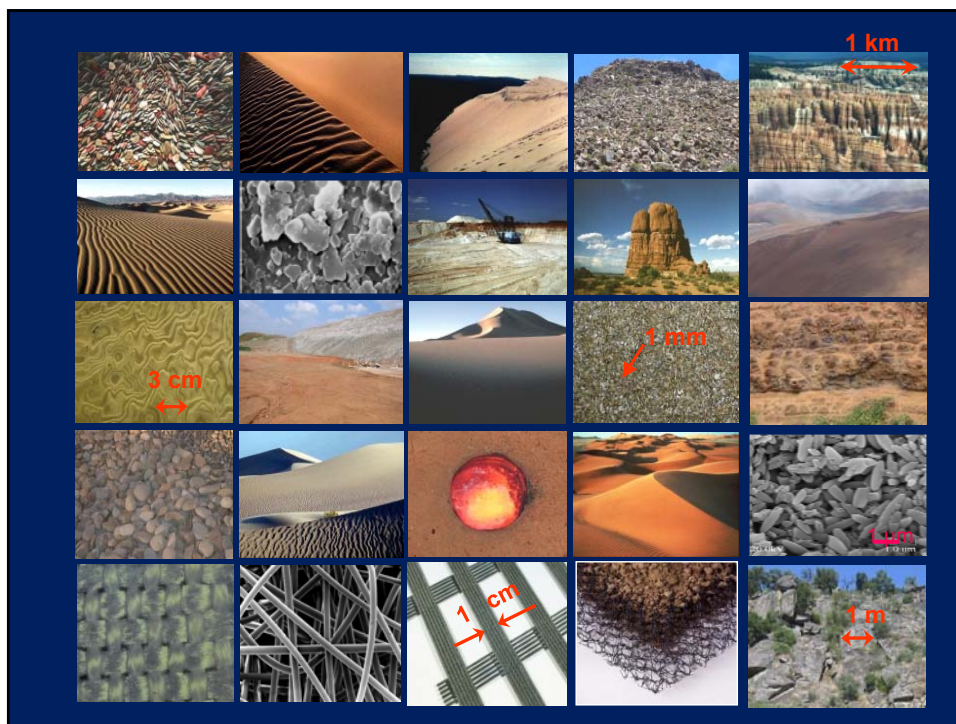
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Stress-strain behavior of fiber-reinforced sand (Zornberg and Li, 2003)

- Geosynthetic materials
- Behaviour of interfaces
- Soil-geosynthetic interaction
- Geogrids and geotextiles
- Geonets
- Geomembranes
- Geocomposites
- Geopipes
- Geocells
- Fiber reinforcements
- Clay liner interfaces
- Roughness
- Shear displacement rate effects
- Resistance mechanisms
- Stress-strain-strength behaviour

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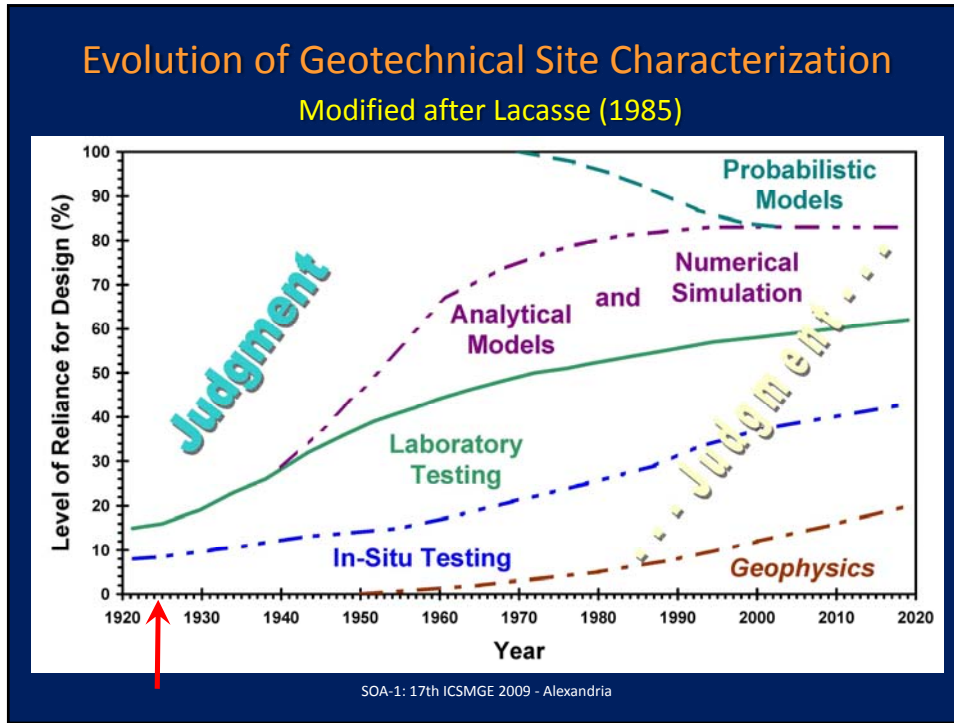


*"...when you can measure what you are speaking about and express it in numbers, you know something about it; but when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind"*

**Lord Kelvin (1883)**

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## Initial Conditions

### INDICES

- Origin
- Geologic Age,  $A_G$
- Grain Sizes,  $D_{50}$
- Mineralogy
- Plasticity,  $PI$
- Shape (fractals)
- Sphericity,  $S_{ph}$
- Roundness,  $R_n$
- Angularity,  $A_{ng}$
- Packing limits:  $e_{max}$  and  $e_{min}$
- Grain Properties: strength, stiffness, roughness
- Geosynthetics:
  - resin type
  - carbon black

$Z_w$

$Z$

Soil Element A

### STATE

- Void Ratio,  $e_0$
- Unit Weight,  $\gamma_T$
- Relative Density,  $D_R$
- Vertical Stress,  $\sigma_{vo}$
- Hydrostatic,  $u_0$
- Saturation,  $S$  (%)
- Geostatic  $K_0 = \sigma_{ho}' / \sigma_{vo}'$
- Stiffness,  $G_0 = G_{max}$
- State Parameter,  $\psi$
- Cementation
- Fabric, void index  $I_{vo}$
- Intact or Fissured
- Geosynthetics:
  - thickness
  - mass per unit area
  - melt index

## Geomaterial Parameters and Properties

**CONDUCTIVITY**

- Hydraulic:  $k_v, k_h$
- Thermal:  $k_e$
- Electrical:  $\Omega, \zeta$
- Chemical:  $D_f$
- Transmissivity,  $T_m$
- Permittivity,  $P_m$

**COMPRESSIBILITY**

- Recompression index,  $C_r$
- Yield Stress,  $\sigma_v'$  (and YSR)
- Preconsolidation,  $\sigma_p'$  (and OCR)
- Coefficient of Consolidation,  $c_v$
- Virgin Compression index,  $C_c$
- Swelling index,  $C_s$

**RHEOLOGICAL**

- Coef. secondary comp,  $C_{\alpha\epsilon}$
- Strain rate,  $\delta\epsilon/\delta t$
- Age (T)
- Creep rate,  $\alpha_R$
- Time to creep rupture,  $t_{cr}$

**STIFFNESS**

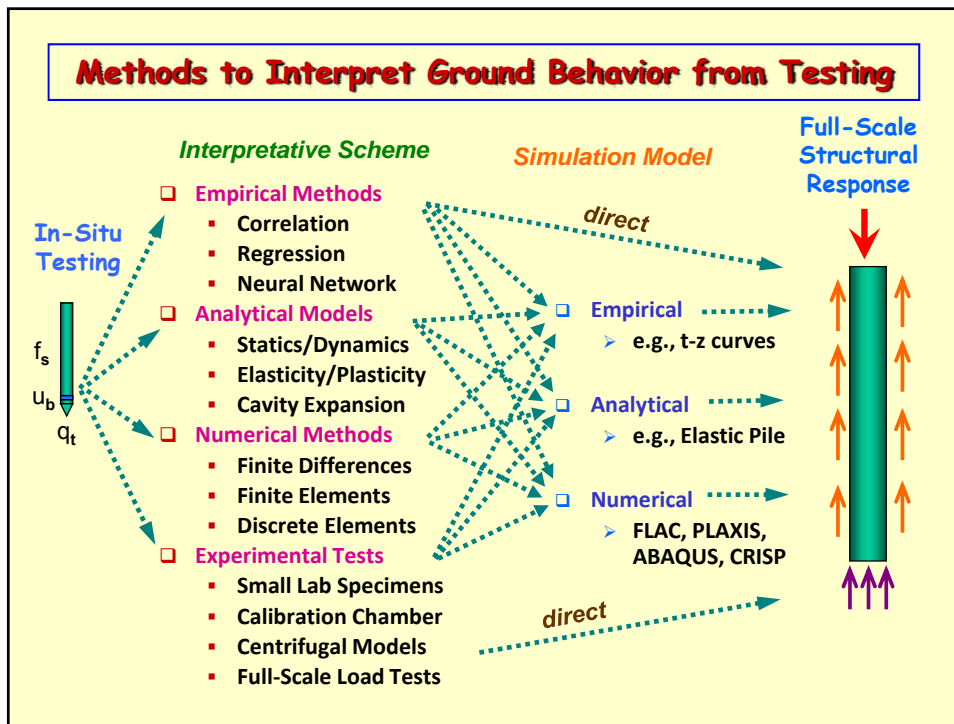
- Stiffness:  $G_0 = G_{max}$
- Shear Modulus,  $G'$  and  $G_u$
- Elastic Modulus,  $E'$  and  $E_u$
- Bulk Modulus,  $K'$
- Constrained Modulus,  $D'$
- Tensile Stiffness,  $K_T$
- Poisson's Ratio,  $\nu$
- Effects of Anisotropy ( $G_{vh}/G_{hh}$ )
- Nonlinearity ( $G/G_{max}$  vs  $\gamma_s$ )

**STRENGTH**

- Drained and Undrained,  $\tau_{max}$
- Peak ( $s_u, c', \phi'$ )
- Post-peak,  $\tau'$
- Remolded/Softened/CS,  $s_u (rem)$
- Residual ( $c_r', \phi_r'$ )
- Cyclic Behavior ( $\tau_{cyc}/\sigma_{vo}'$ )
- Geosynthetics: tensile strength, pullout resistance, interface shear strength.

## Mechanical Laboratory Testing Methods

<p>Grain size analyses Hydrometer Water content by oven Liquid limit cup Plastic limit thread Fall cone device Pocket penetrometer Torvane Unconfined compression Miniature vane Digital image analysis</p>	<p>Mechanical oedometer Consolidometer Constant rate of shear (CRS) Falling-head permeameter Constant-head permeameter Flow permeameter Direct shear box Ring shear Unconsolidated undrained Tx Simple shear Directional shear cell</p>	<p>Triaxial apparatus (iso-consols, CIUC, CKoUC, CAUC, CIUE, CAUE, CKoUE, stress path, CIDC, CKoDC, CIDE, CKoDE, constant P) Plane strain apparatus (PSC, PSE) True triaxial (cuboidal) Hollow cylinder Torsional Shear Resonant Column Test device Non-resonant column Bender elements</p>
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## State-of-the-Art → State-of-the-Practice

This SOA presentation versus SOA Technical Paper

What can be implemented to improve issues of forecasting, risk, economy, reliability by geotech community ?

How can our professional image be upgraded ?

Directed at 18,000 members of ISSMGE who are not here



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## SOA-1: Selected Topics for Presentation

- ❑ **Bad News**
  - ❑ Undrained Shear Strength
  - ❑ Sample Disturbance
  - ❑ Reconstituted vs Undisturbed
- ❑ **Good News**
  - ❑ Critical State Soil Mechanics ←
  - ❑ Effective Friction Angle,  $\phi'$
  - ❑ Preconsolidation Stress,  $\sigma_p'$
  - ❑ International Geotechnical Test Sites

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## Geotech profession not using Critical State Soil Mechanics

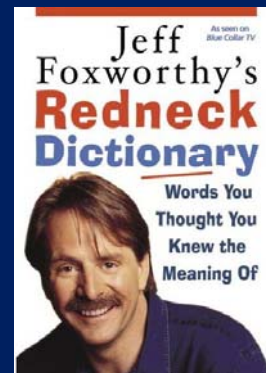
### Parody on "You might just be a redneck"

Comedian defines "redneck" as  
"a person who gloriously lacks of  
sophistication"

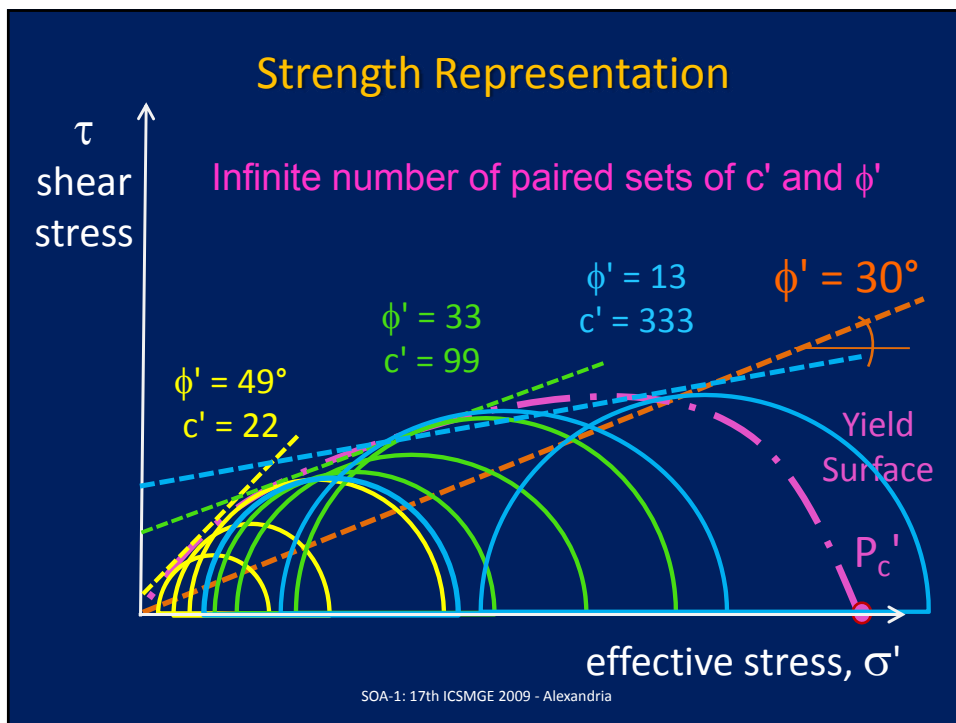
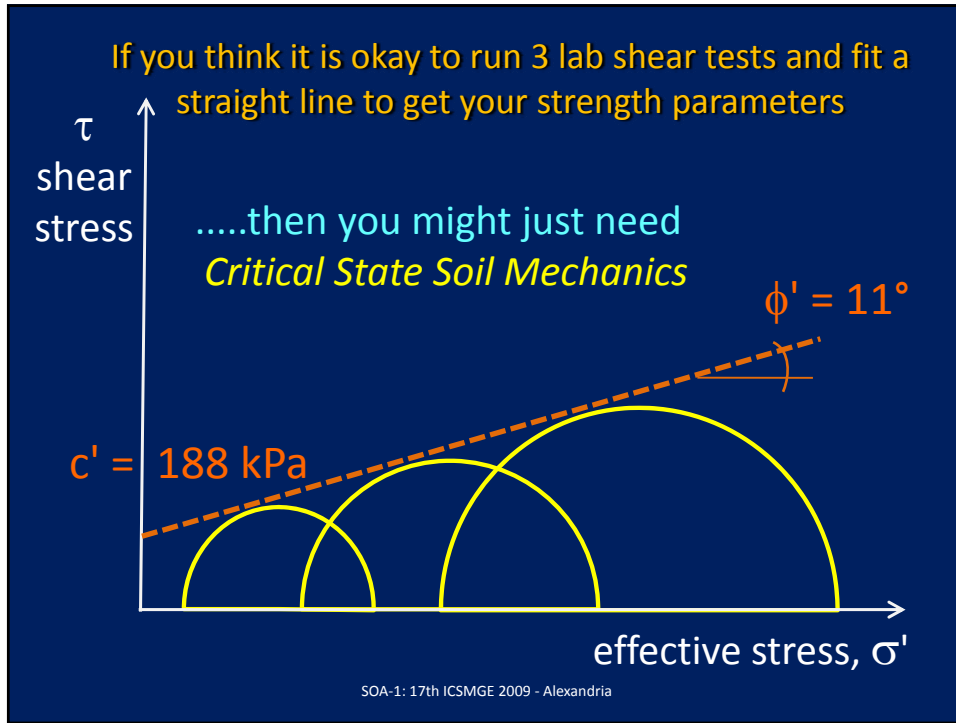
If you come home from the  
garbage dump with more  
than you went in with.....

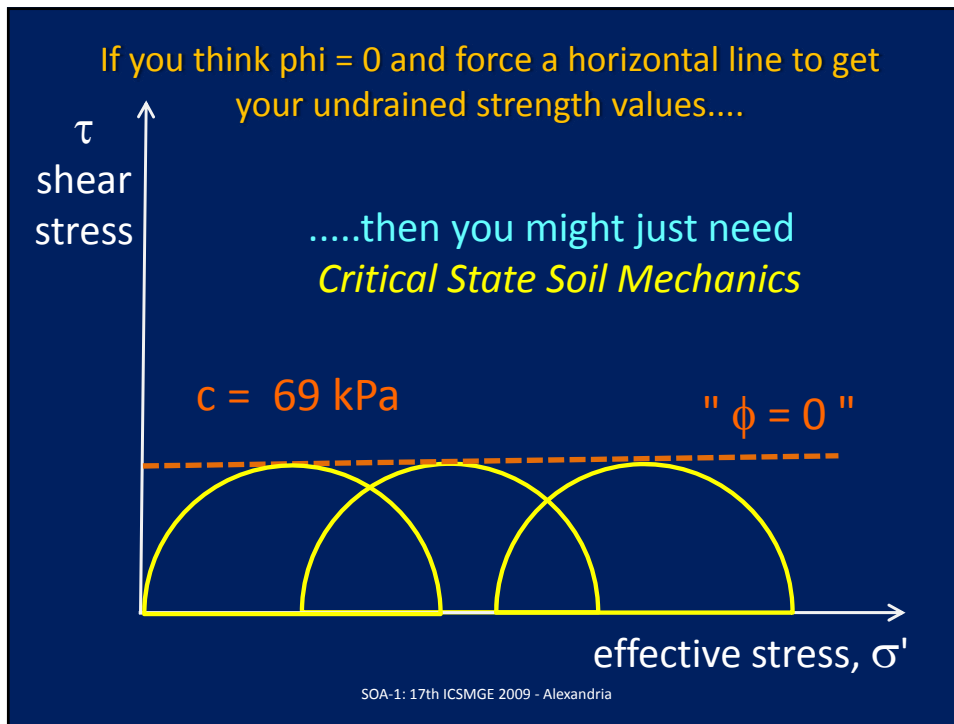
....You might just be a redneck

Parody: Geotech Counterpart - - - -  
You might just need critical-state soil mechanics



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- ❑ I say clay
- ❑ You say "undrained"
- ❑ I say sand
- ❑ You say "drained"

Sand Art at the Beach

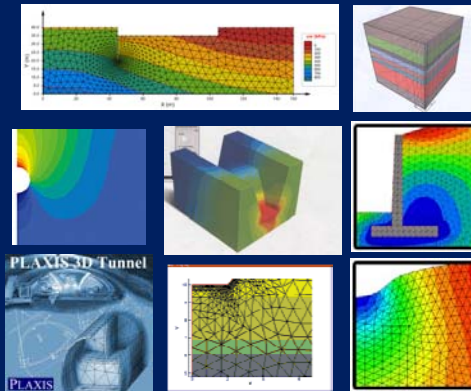
..... then you just might need  
*Critical-State Soil Mechanics*

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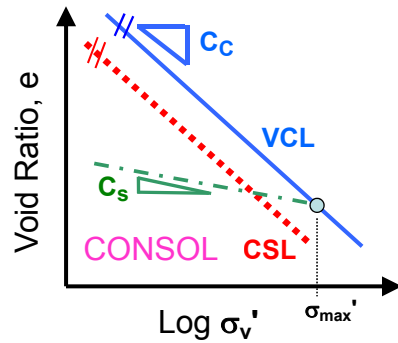
If you are using any of the following software

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  - FLAC
  - TNO Diana
  - ABAQUS
  - CRISP
  - ADINA
  - GEOSLOPE
  - FLEA
  - Soilvision3d
  - GeoFEAS
  - ZSOIL
  - Seep3d
  - WANFE
  - GEO5
  - OASYS
  - SIGMA/W
  - SETTLE
  - GFAS
  - OpenSees
- Numerical Simulations
- Finite Elements
  - Finite Differences

then you just might need CSSM



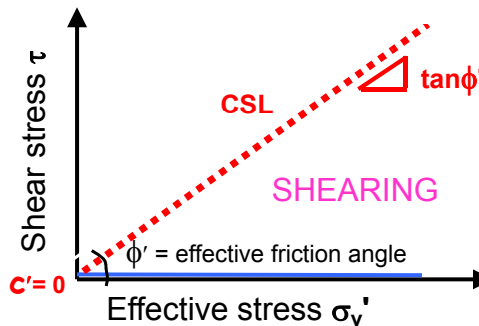
Simplified Critical State Soil Mechanics (CSSM)

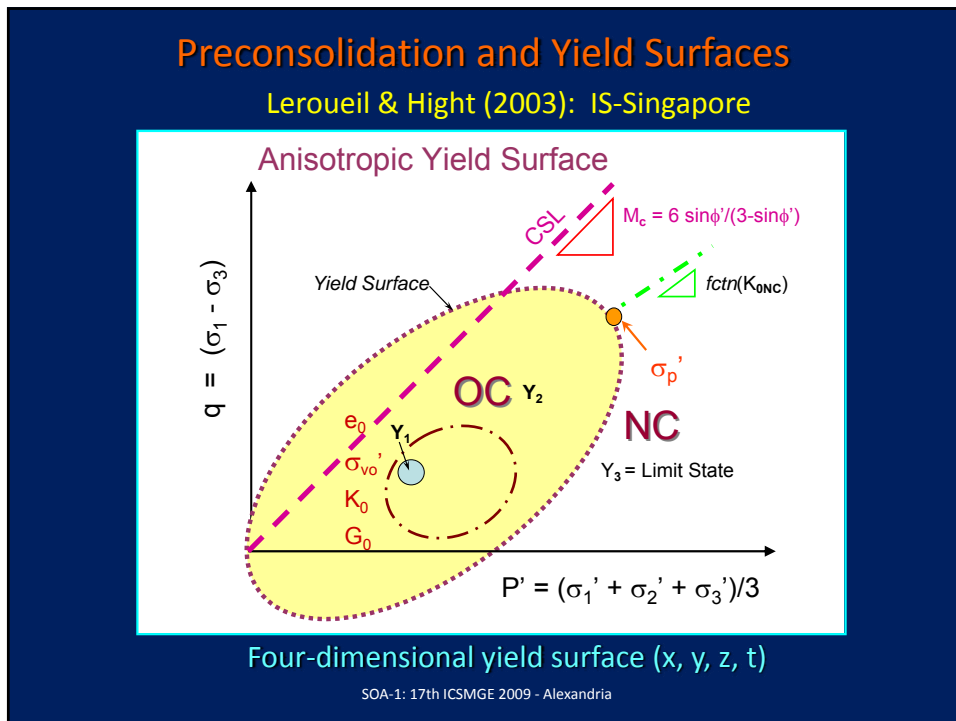
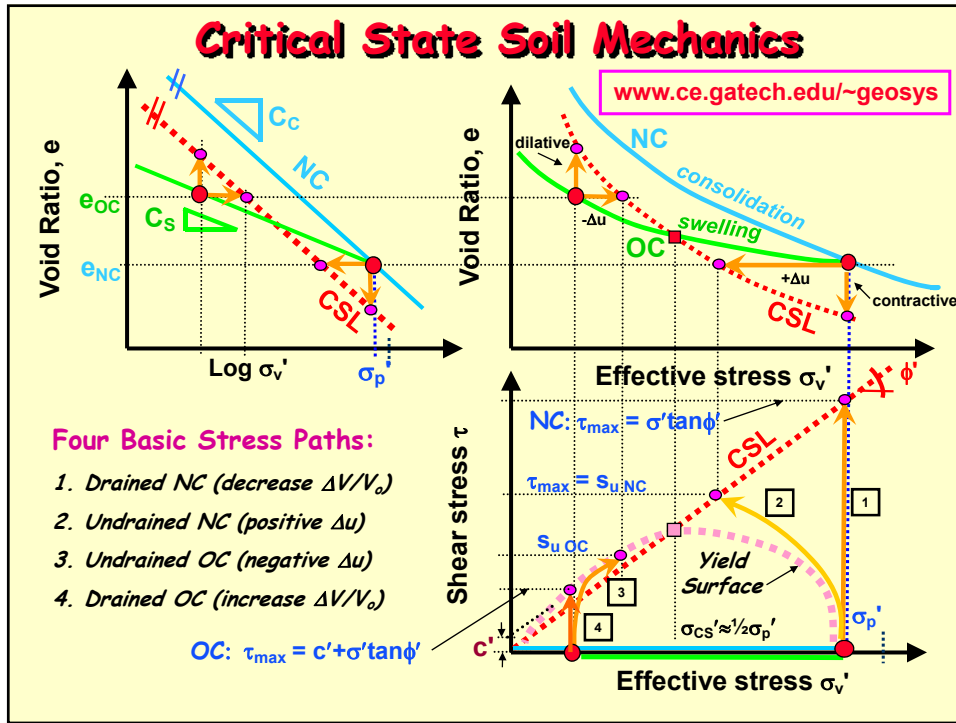


CSSM = Link between Consolidation, Swelling, and Shear

**Critical State Soil Mechanics for Dummies**

[www.webforum.com/tc16](http://www.webforum.com/tc16)







## Undrained Shear Strength

- Undrained Shear Strength of Clays =  $c = c_u = s_u = \tau_{max}$
- Classical interpretation of CPT and VST in clays:

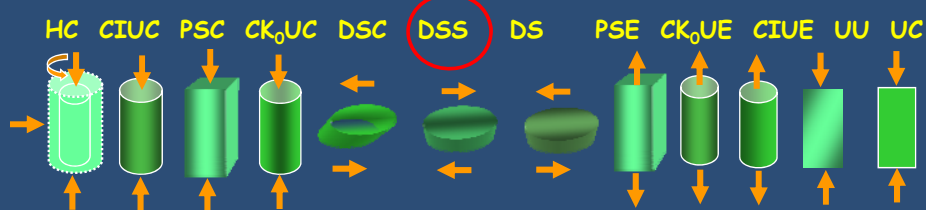
$$s_{u\text{CPT}} = \frac{q_t - \sigma_{vo}}{N_{kt}}$$

$$s_{u\text{-Mobilized}} = \mu_v \cdot \frac{6T}{7\pi d^3}$$

□ Which  $s_u$  ?

$N_{k\text{CPT}} \approx 15 \pm 5$

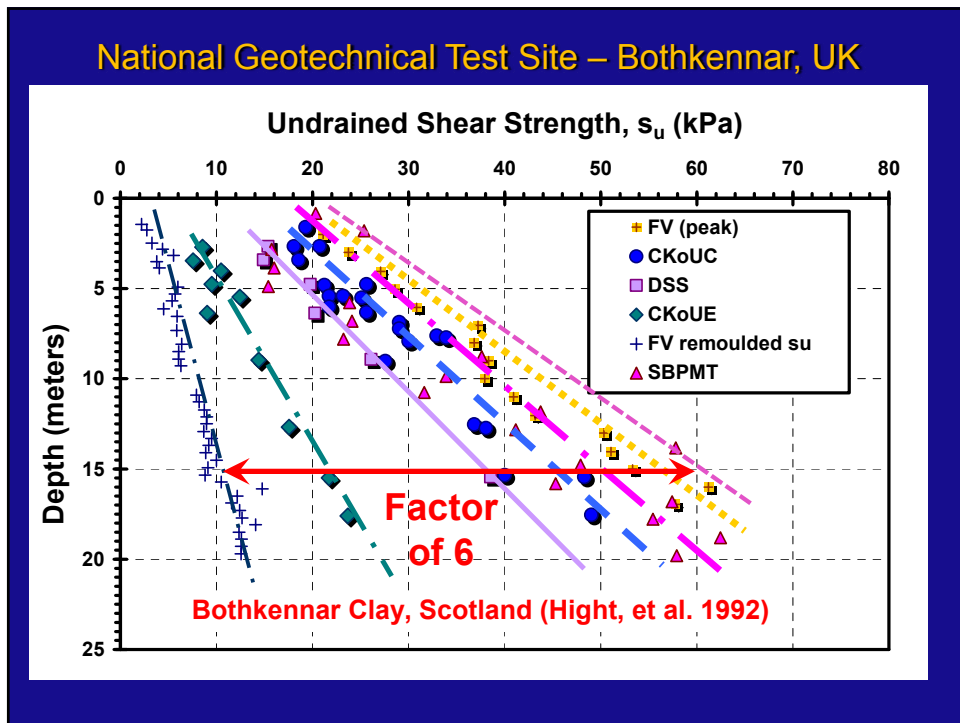
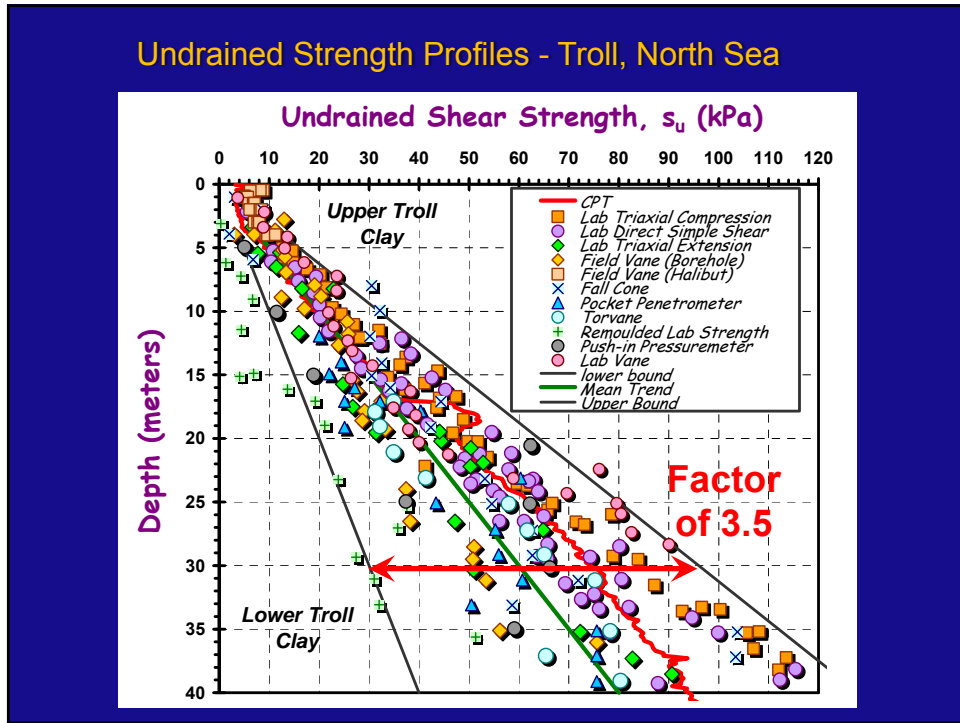
$\mu_{\text{vane}}$  decreases with  $PI$

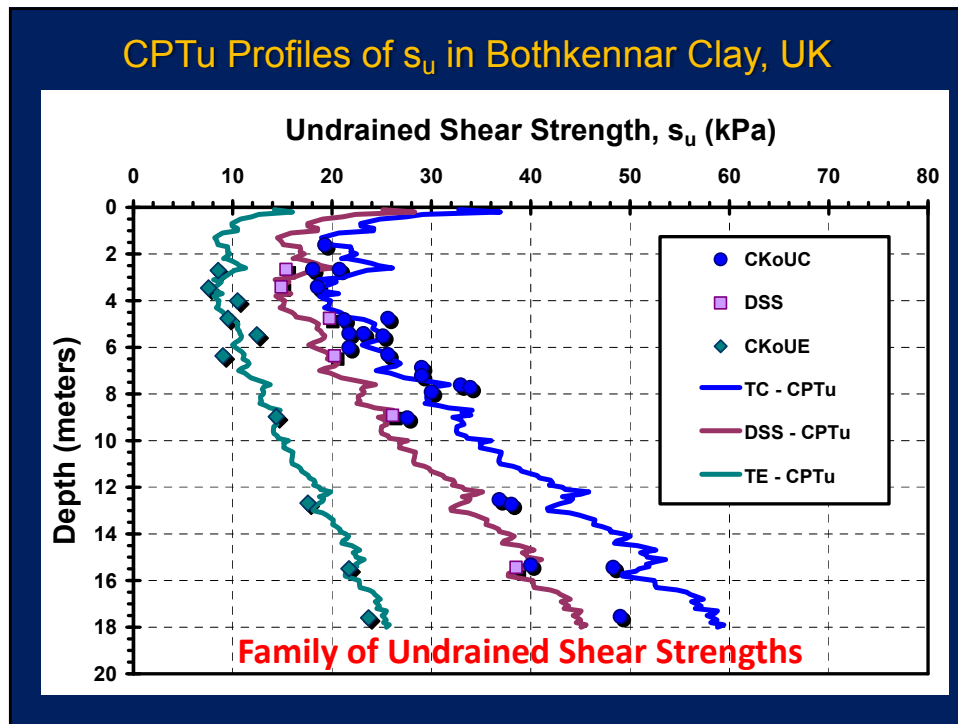


### Undrained Shear Strengths for Boston Blue Clay

Test Method/Mode	$S = s_u / \sigma_{vo}' NC$
Self-boring pressuremeter (SBPMT)	0.42
Plane strain compression (PSC)	0.34
Triaxial compression (CK <sub>0</sub> UC)	0.33
Unconsolidated Undrained (UU)	0.275
Field vane shear test (FV)	0.21
Direct simple shear (DSS)	0.20
Plane strain extension (PSE)	0.19
Triaxial extension (CK <sub>0</sub> UE)	0.16
Unconfined compression (UC)	0.14

Ref: MIT Reports; Ladd (1991); Ladd, et al. (1980), Whittle (1993)





## Undrained Shear Strength of Clays

- 1. Critical-state soil mechanics for intact clays (Cambridge and Oxford Universities):

$$s_u / \sigma_{v0}'_{DSS} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \phi' OCR^\Lambda \quad \text{Wroth (1984)}$$

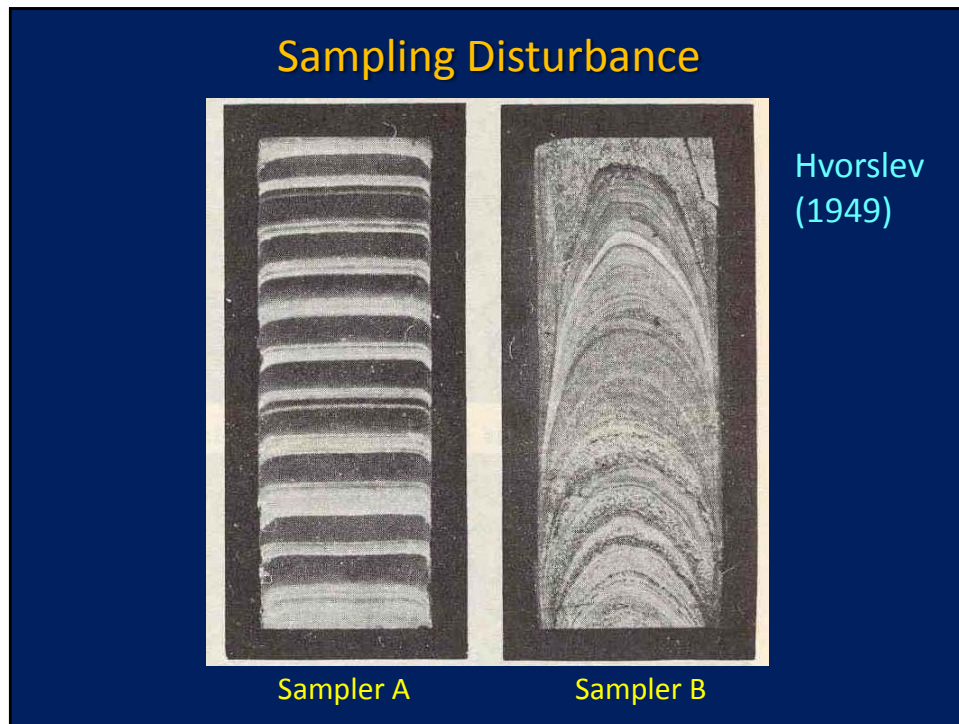
where  $\Lambda \approx 1 - C_s/C_c$

- 2. Experimental lab work by MIT:

$$s_u / \sigma_{v0}'_{DSS} = 0.23 OCR^{0.8} \quad \text{Ladd (1991)}$$

- 3. Vane Shear Tests calibrated with failure case studies of embankments, footings, & excavations:


$$s_u \text{ Mobilized} \approx 0.22 \sigma_p' \quad \text{Mesri (1975)}$$



## Issue of Sample Disturbance

I say "Undisturbed Sampling"

You say "Shelby Tube"



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## Sample Disturbance Effects (after Tanaka, 2000)

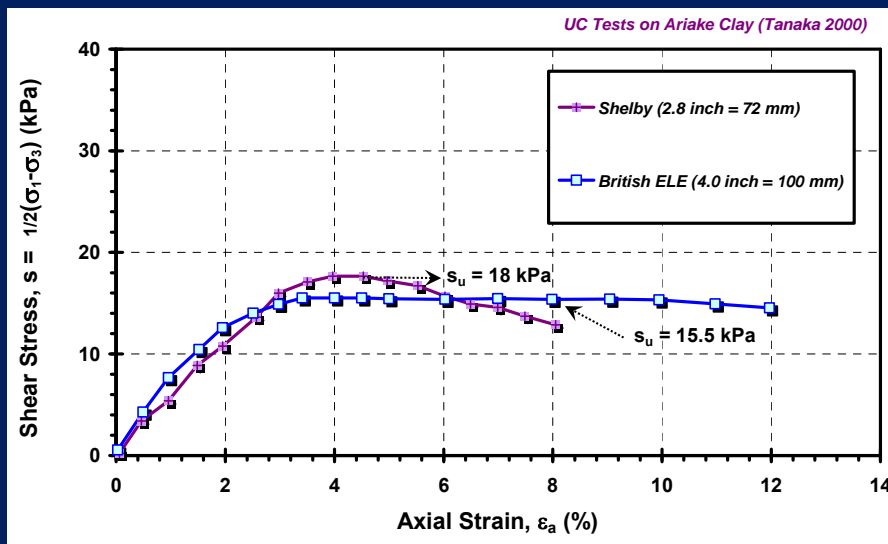
Sampler	O.D. (mm)	I.D. (mm)	Length (mm)	Wall t (mm)	Piston
JPN	78	75	1000	1.5	Yes
Laval	216	208	660	4.0	No
Shelby	75.3	72	610	1.65	No
NGI-54	80	54	768	13	Yes
ELE100	104.4	101	500	1.7	Yes
Sherbrooke	N/A	350	250	N/A	No
NGI-95	105.6	95	1000	5.3	Yes
Split-Barrel	51.1	34.9	600	8.1	No

Gel Sampler (Huang 2007)  
Mazier Tube  
Dames & Moore

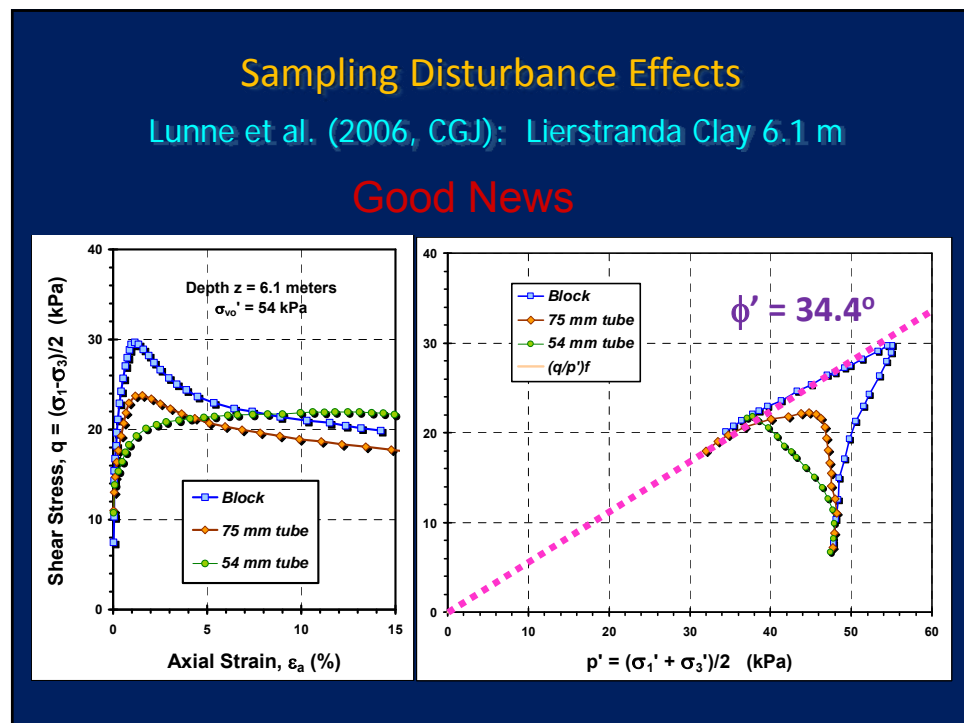
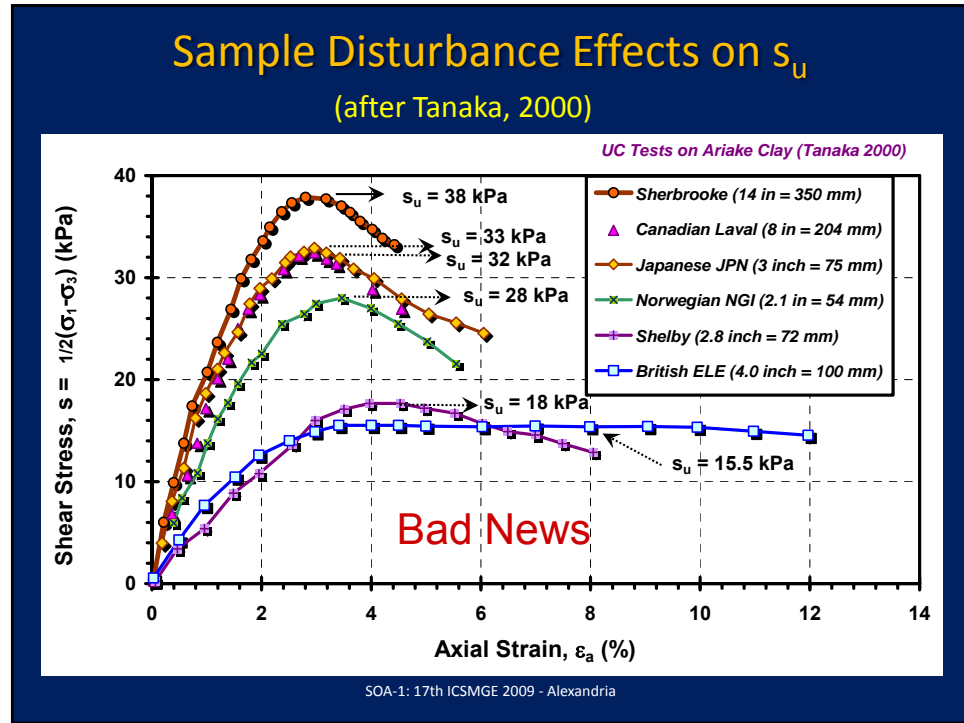
NGI Block Sampler  
Gus Sampler  
Osterberg Sampler

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## Sample Disturbance Effects on $s_u$ (after Tanaka, 2000)



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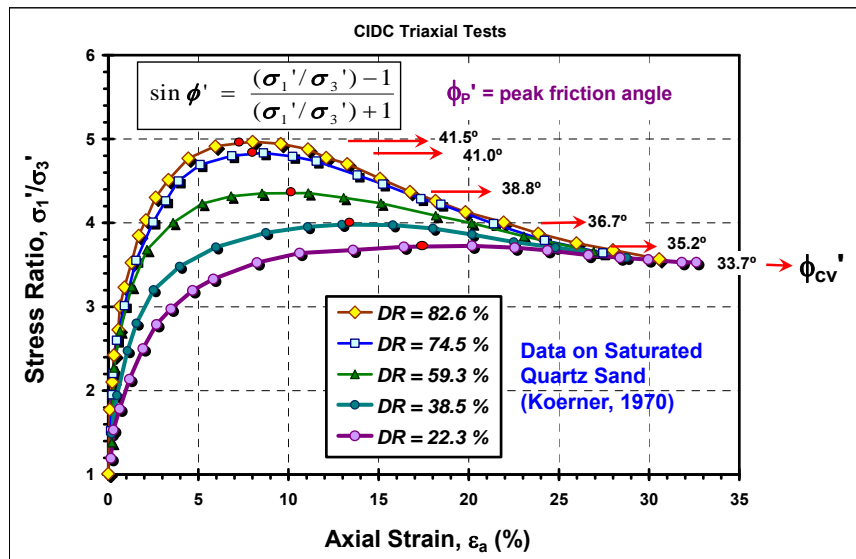
## Quantification of Lab Sample Disturbance

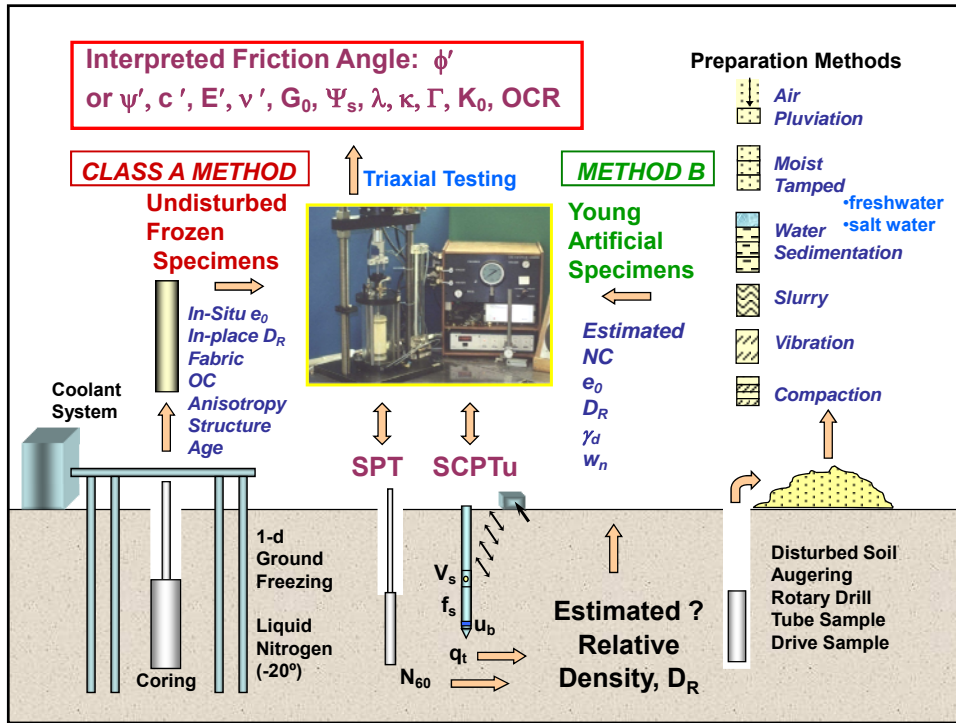
Lunne, et al. (2006, Canadian Geot. Journal)

**RATE SPECIMEN QUALITY: Ratio of  $\Delta e/e_0$  to attain  $\sigma_{v0}'$**

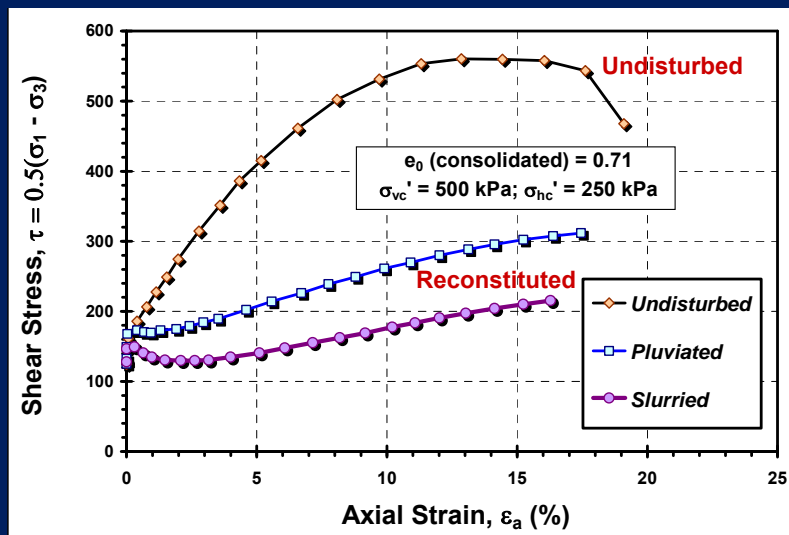
OCR	Excellent to Very Good	Good to Fair	Poor	Very Poor
1 to 2	< 0.04	0.04 to 0.07	0.07 to 0.14	> 0.14
2 to 4	< 0.03	0.03 to 0.05	0.05 to 0.10	> 0.10

## Friction Angle of Sands





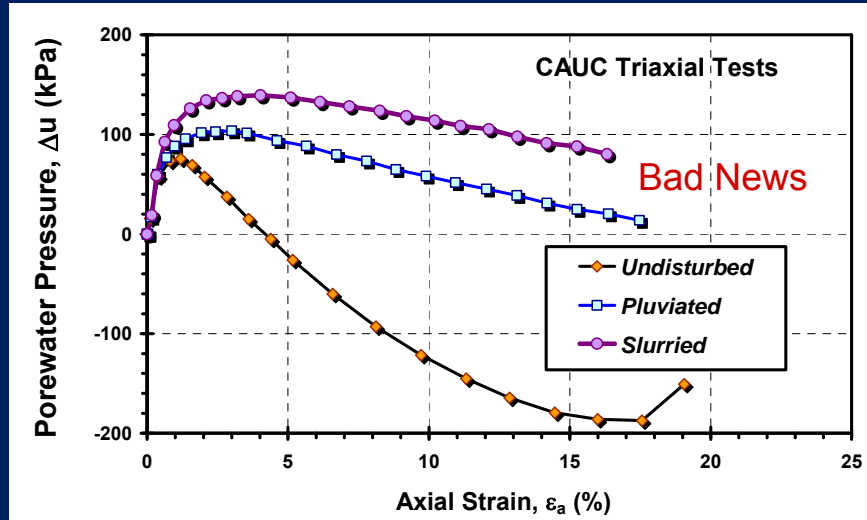
**Undrained Behaviour: Undisturbed vs. Reconstituted Sands**  
**Silty Sand (Høeg, Dyvik, & Sandbækken, 2000)**



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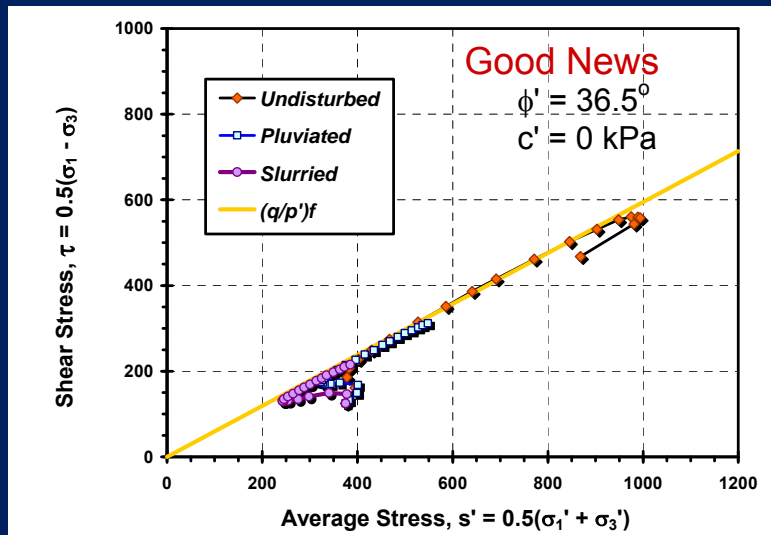


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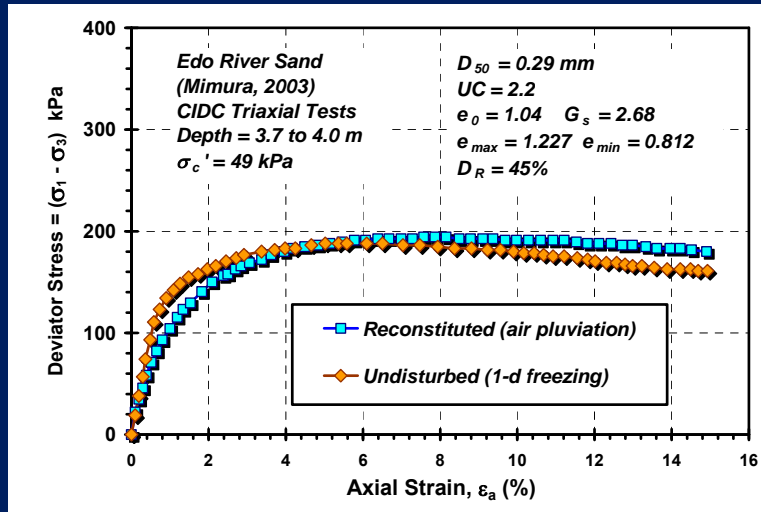
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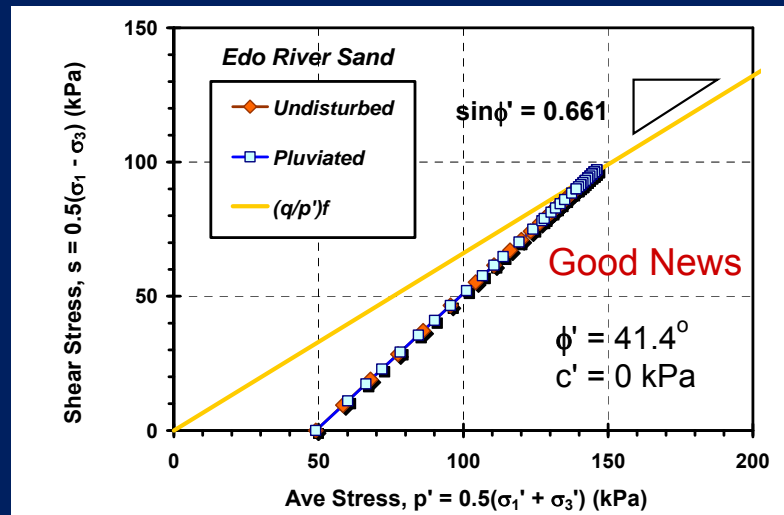
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## Undisturbed vs Reconstituted Sand Drained Triaxial Compression Tests (Mimura 2003)

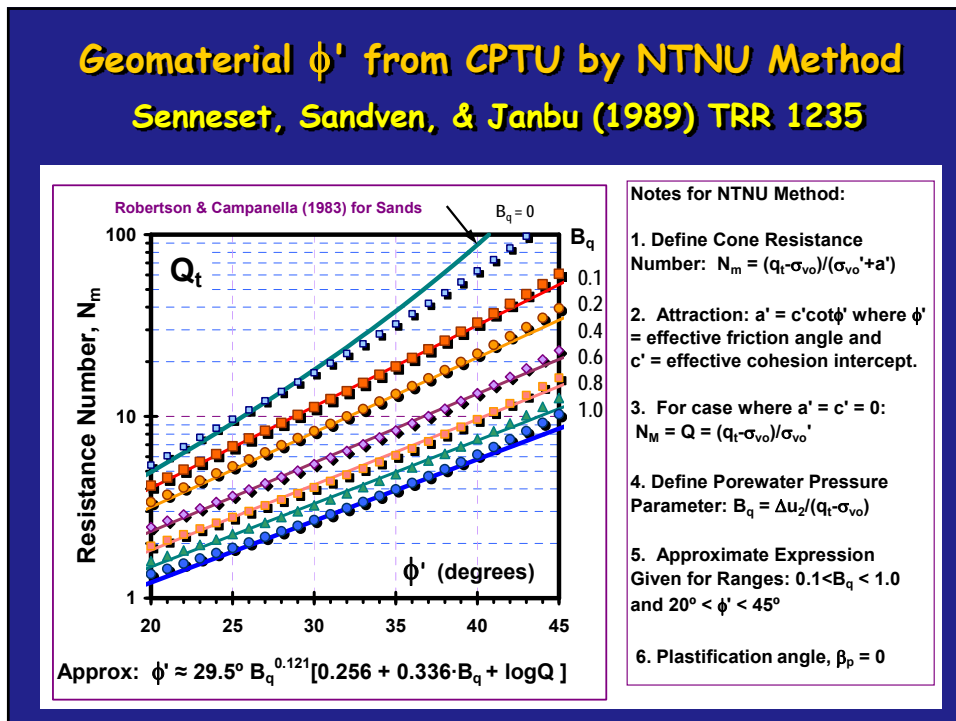
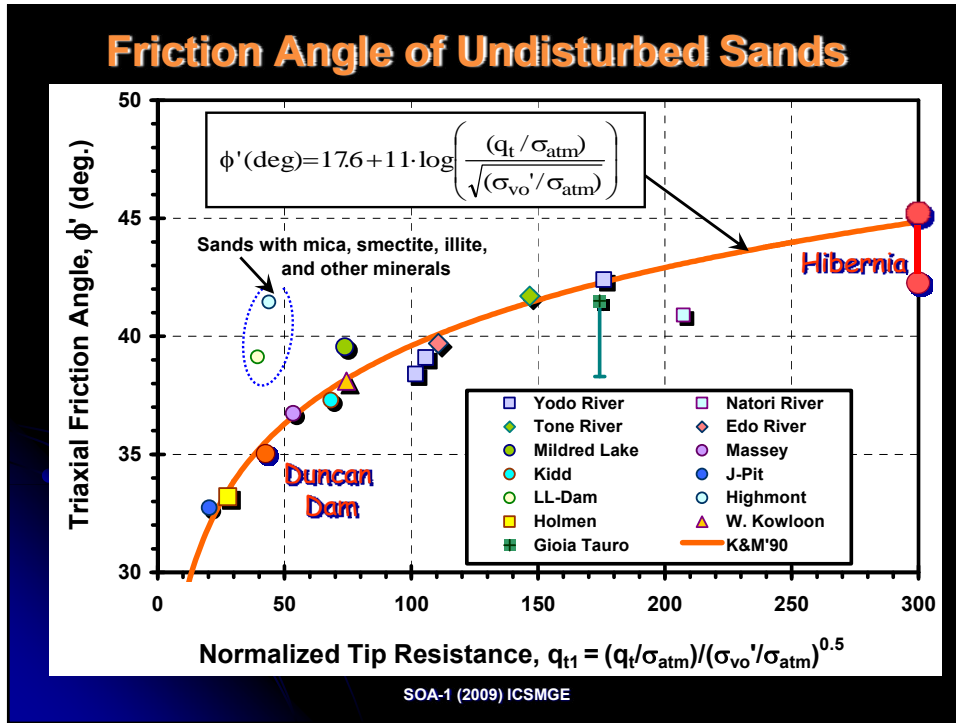


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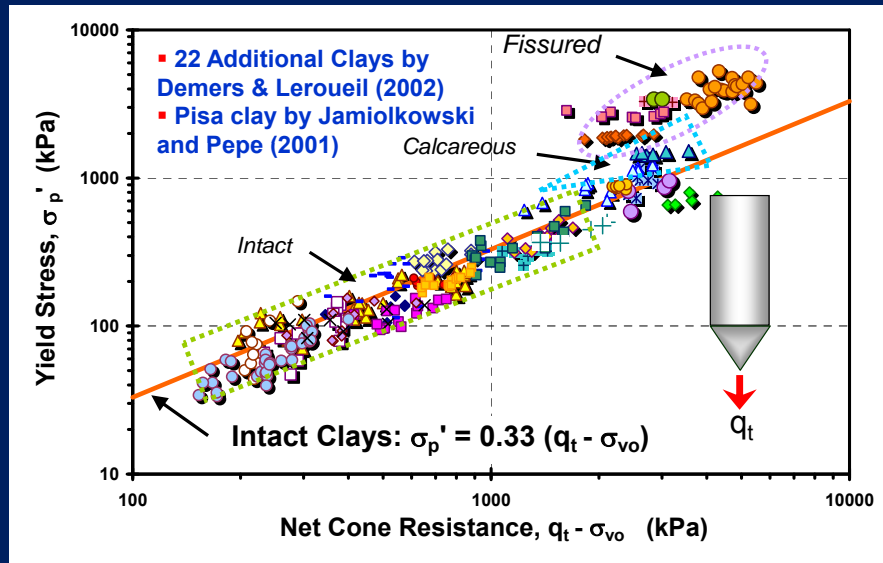
## Undisturbed vs Reconstituted Sand Drained Triaxial Compression Tests (Mimura 2003)



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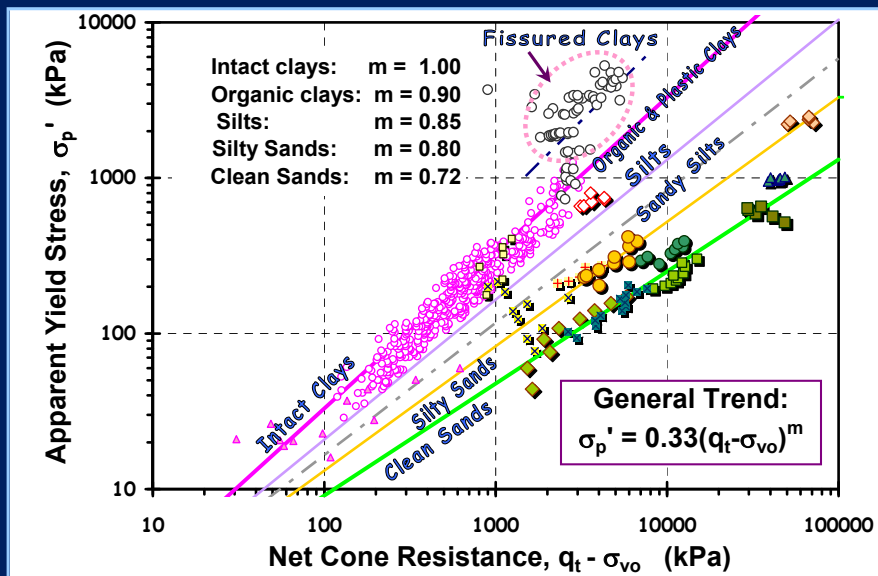


## Profiling $P_c'$ in Clays by Cone Penetrometer



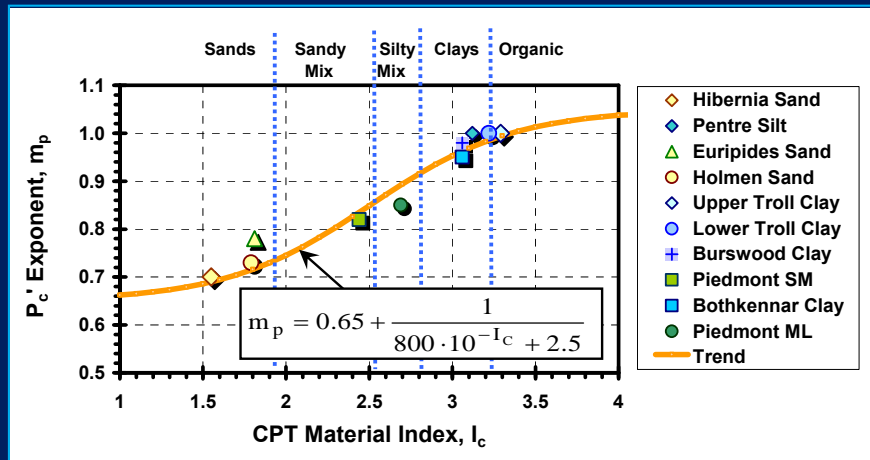
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## Generalized $P_c'$ Profiling by CPT for clays, silts, sands, and mixtures



## Generalized $P_c'$ Profiling by CPT

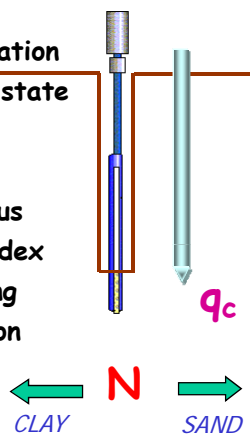
$$\sigma_p' = 0.33 \cdot (q_t - \sigma_{vo})^{m_p} \cdot (\sigma_{atm} / 100)^{1-m_p}$$



$$I_c = \sqrt{\{3 - \log[Q_t \cdot (1 - B_q) + 1]\}^2 + \{1.5 + 1.3 \cdot \log F\}^2}$$

## Is One Number Enough???

- $c_u$  = undrained strength
- $\gamma_T$  = unit weight
- $I_R$  = rigidity index
- $\phi'$  = friction angle
- OCR = overconsolidation
- $K_0$  = lateral stress state
- $e_o$  = void ratio
- $V_s$  = shear wave
- $E'$  = Young's modulus
- $C_c$  = compression index
- $q_b$  = pile end bearing
- $f_s$  = pile skin friction
- $k$  = permeability
- $q_a$  = bearing stress

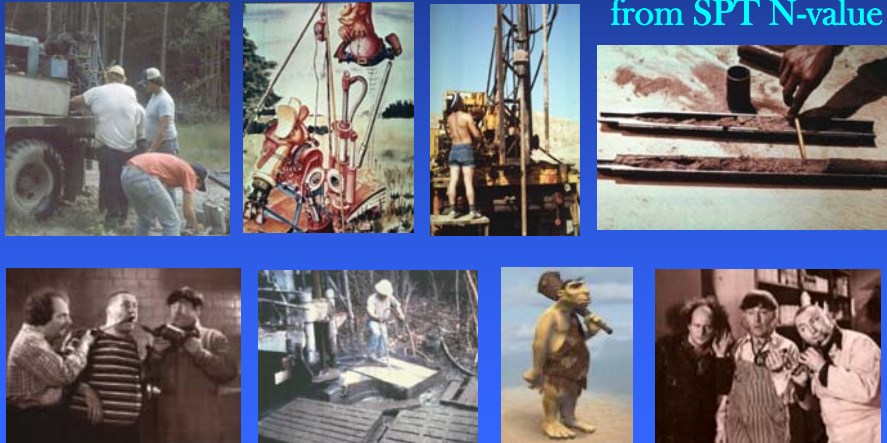


- $D_R$  = relative density
- $\gamma_T$  = unit weight
- LI = liquefaction index
- $\phi'$  = friction angle
- $c'$  = cohesion intercept
- $e_o$  = void ratio
- $q_a$  = bearing capacity
- $\sigma_p'$  = preconsolidation
- $V_s$  = shear wave
- $E'$  = Young's modulus
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- $q_b$  = pile end bearing
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Geotechnical Site Characterization

What is Our Image to the Public ?

Every Soil Parameter  
from SPT N-value ?



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What the Public Sees and Our  
Image to Structural Engineers & Architects



View of Geotech Site Investigation



View of Construction Operations

## Geotechnical Site Characterization



Need a Variety of Different Methods and Technologies to Ascertain Soil Parameters

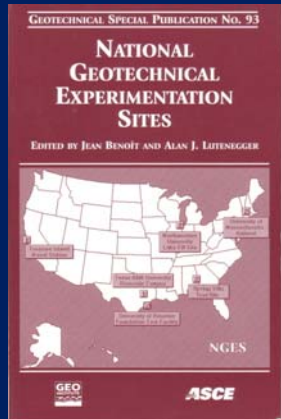
## Holmen Island in Drammen River (Lunne, et al. 2003)



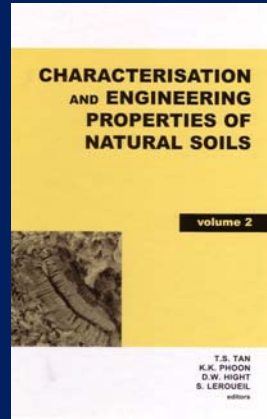
NGI testing: 1956 to 2009  
= 53 years

# Geotechnical Experimentation Sites

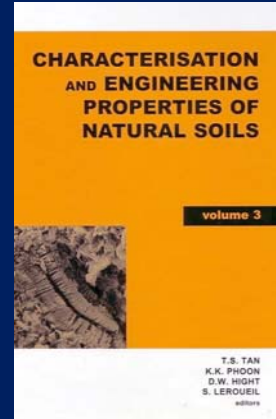
Todate: 65 International Test Sites



(2000)



(2002)

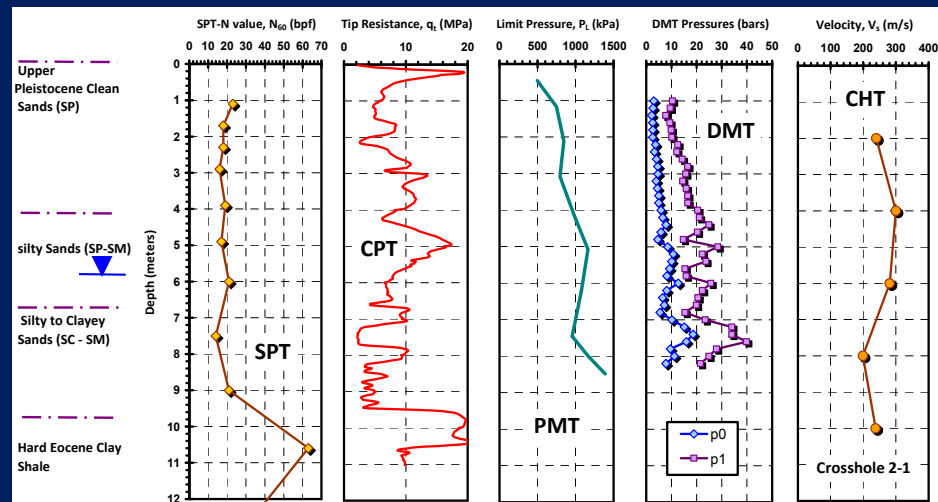


(2006)

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## Texas A&M Sand Site US National Geotechnical Test Site

(Briaud & Gibbens, 1999; Briaud, 2007, ASCE JGGE)

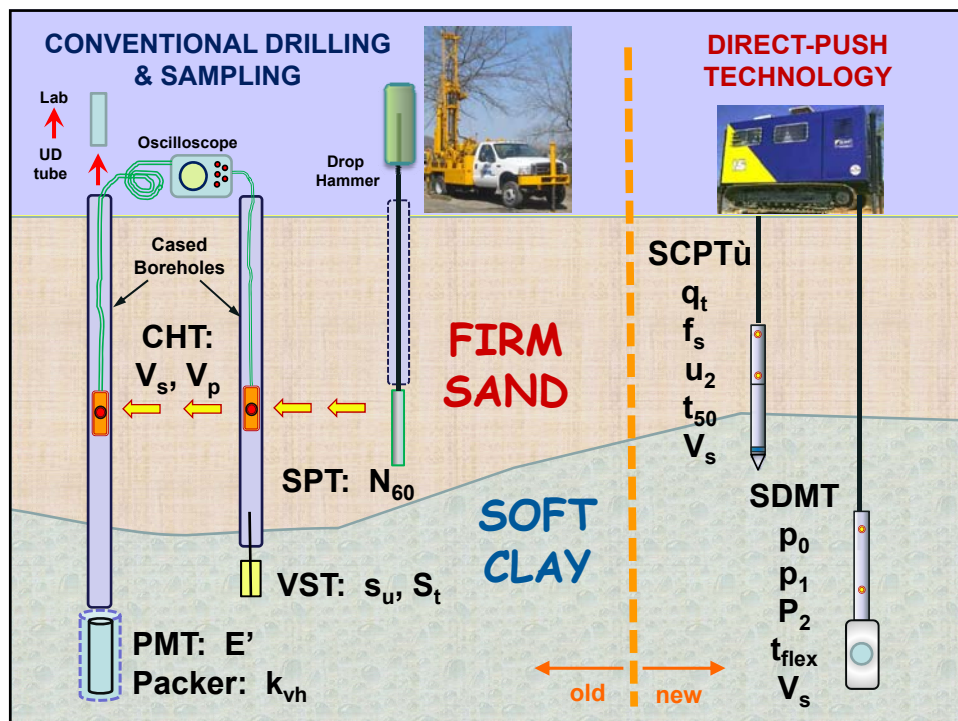


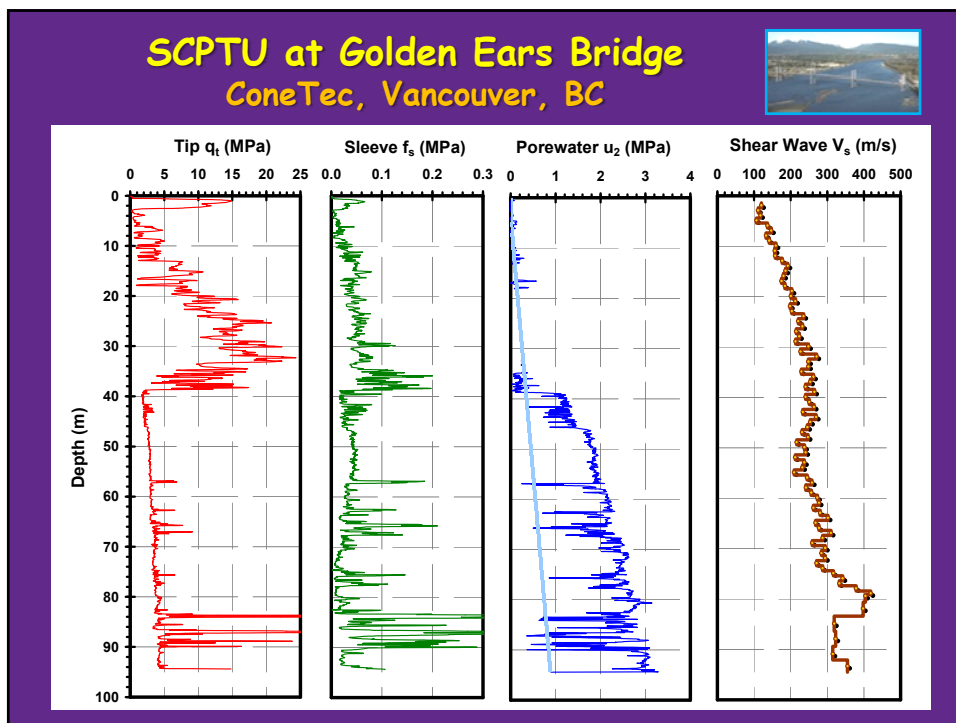
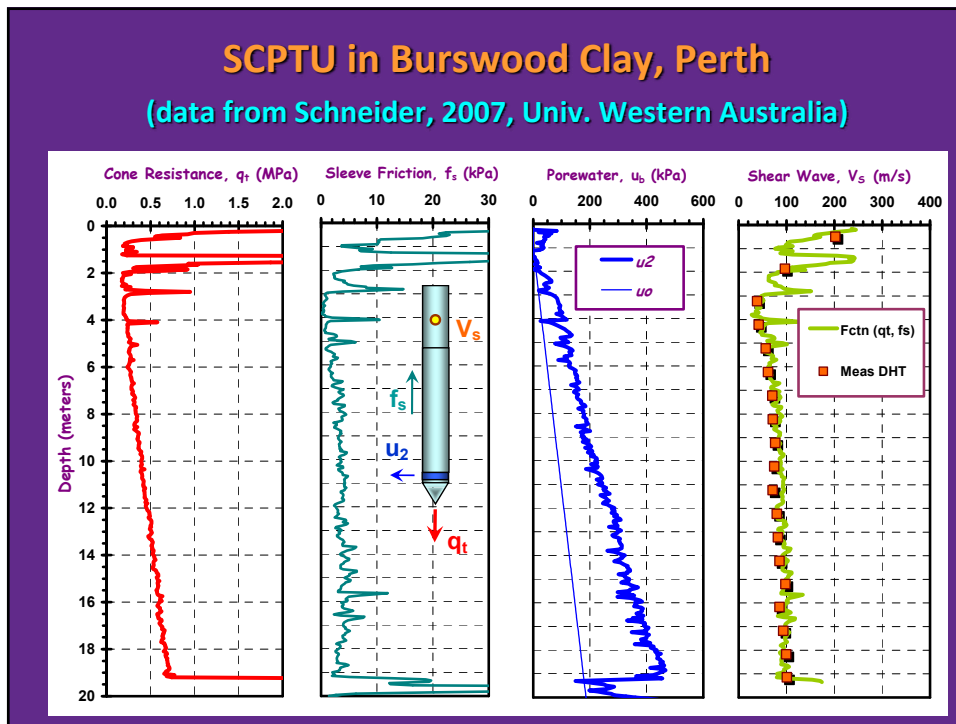


## International Geotechnical Test Sites

- ❑ Each site required decades of study
- ❑ Years worth of laboratory tests
- ❑ Many types of field testing
- ❑ Considerable amount of funds needed
- ❑ Backfigured soil engineering parameters from full-scale load tests
- ❑ Not have enough time !
- ❑ Conclusion: Need multiple measurements

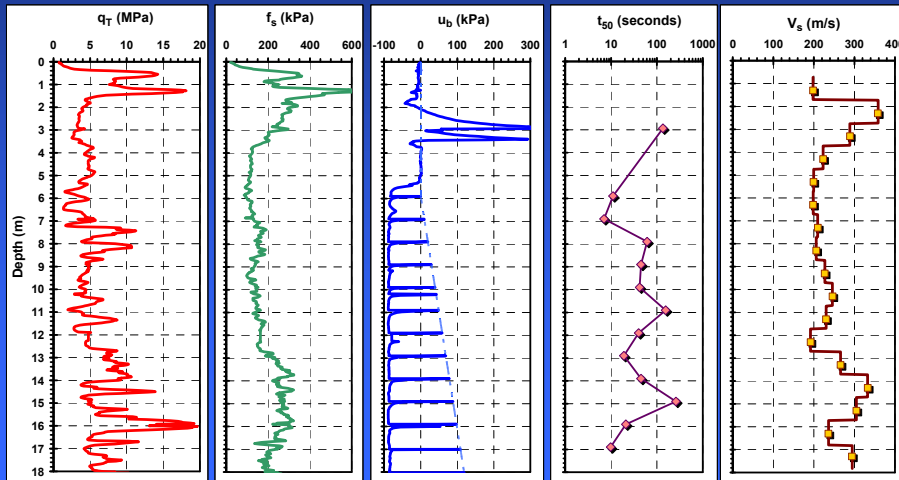
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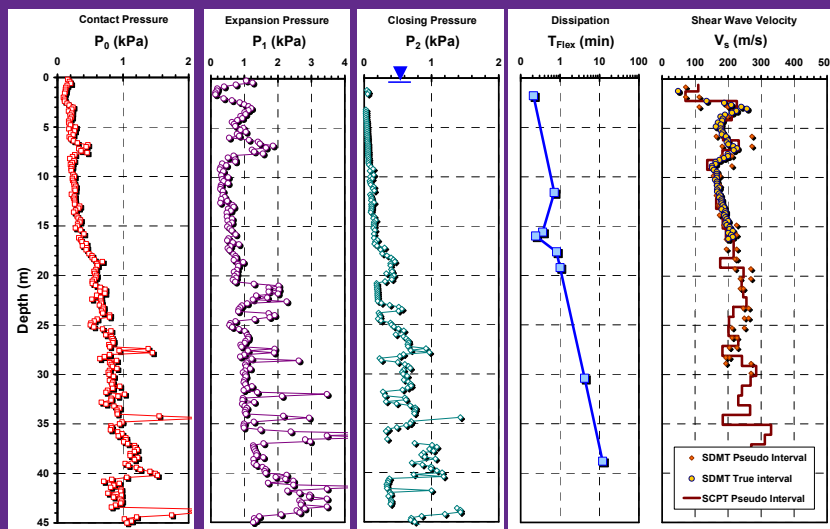


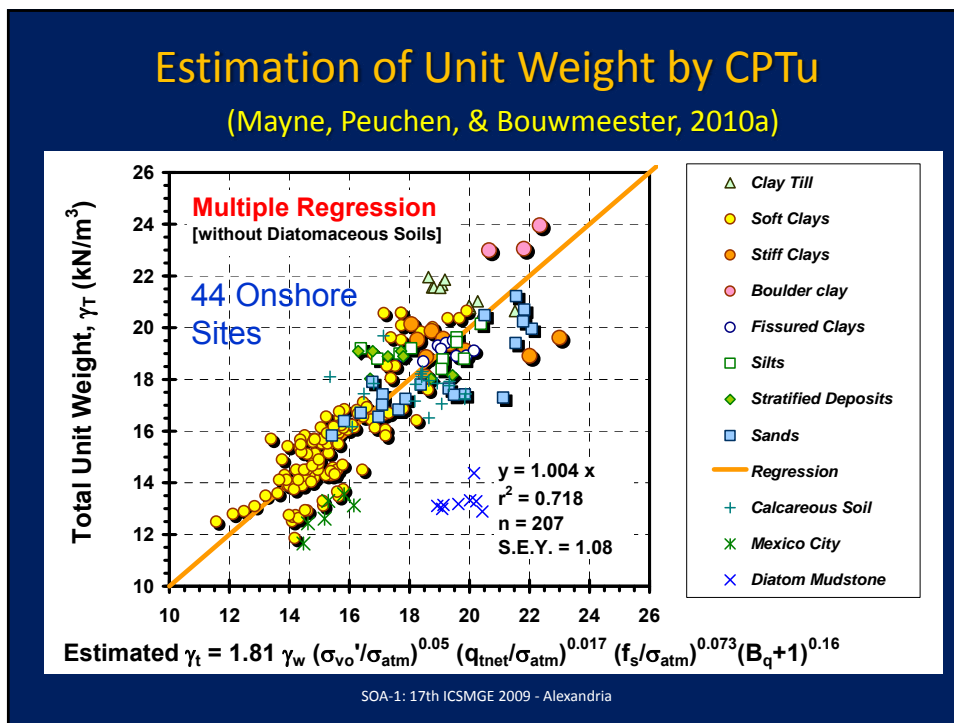
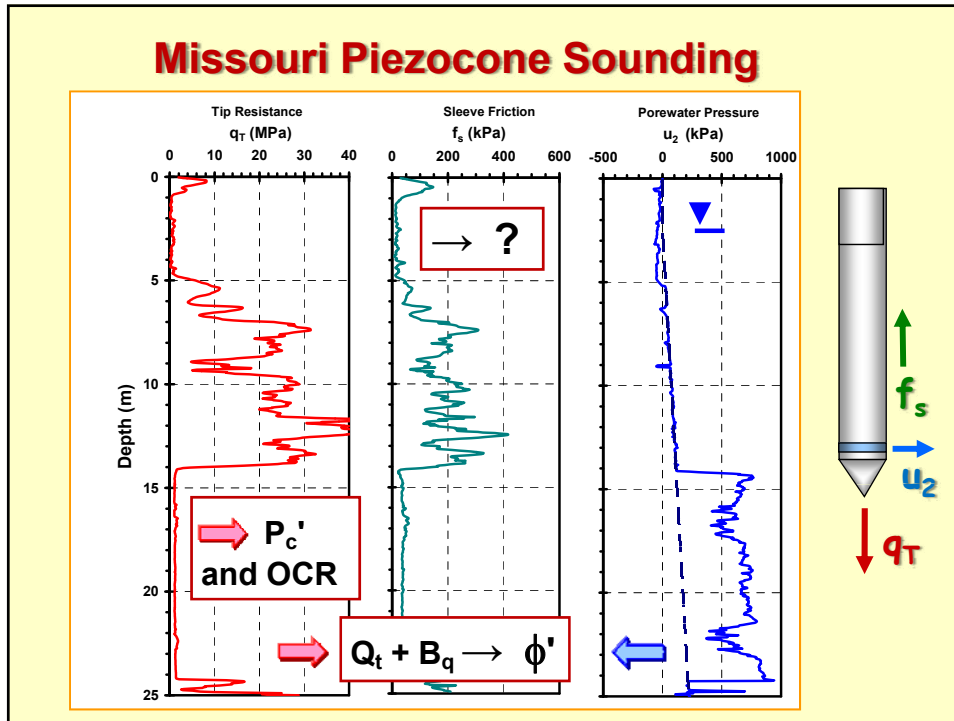
## SCPT<sub>u</sub> at Atlanta Airport Runway 5

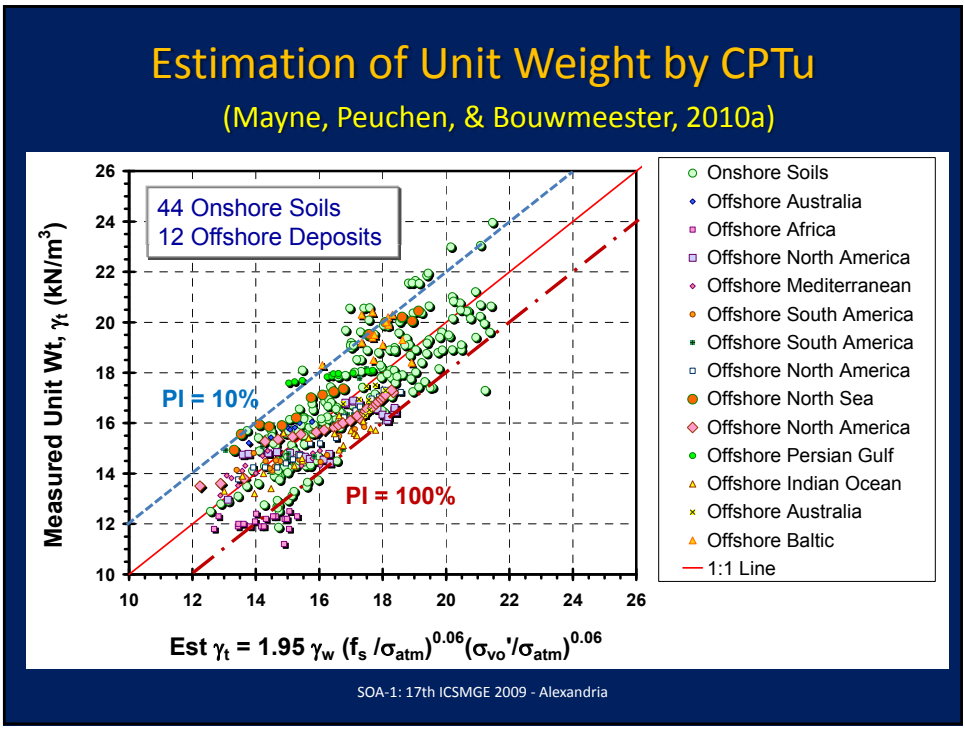
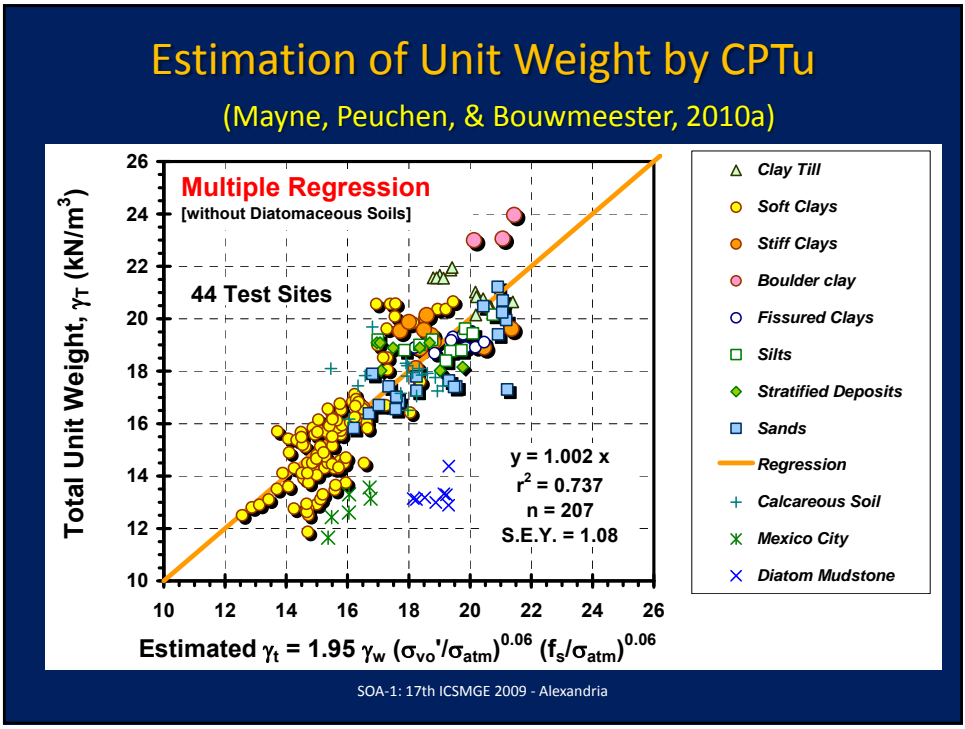
Five Independent Readings of Soil Behavior:  $q_t$ ,  $f_s$ ,  $u_b$ ,  $t_{50}$ , and  $V_s$ .



## SDMT<sub>a</sub> near Venice, Italy Treporti Test Embankment



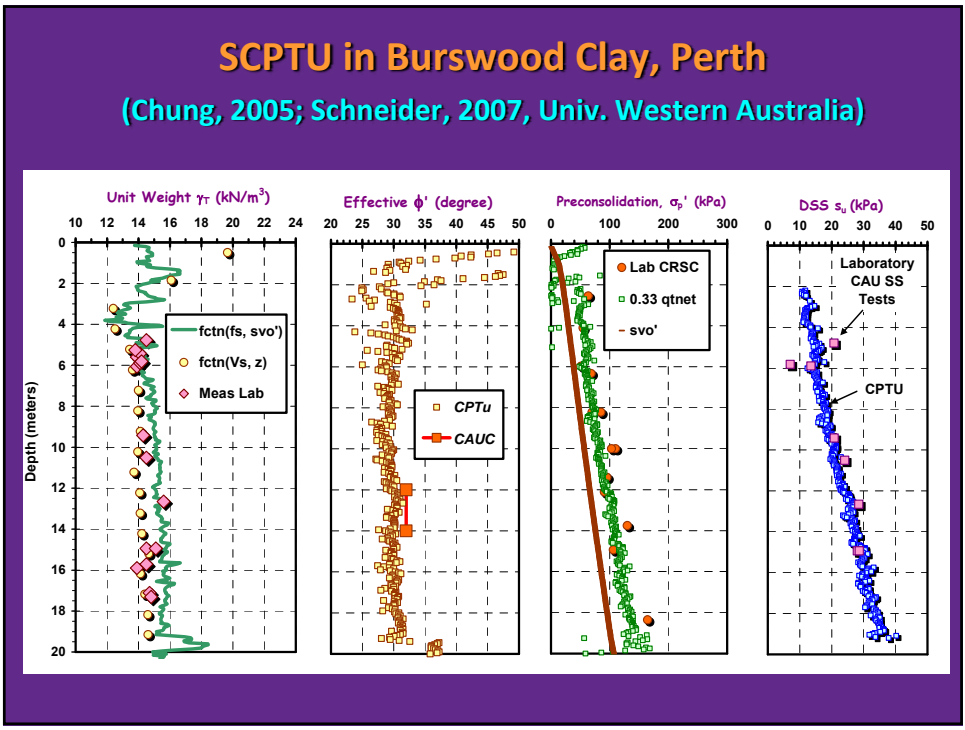


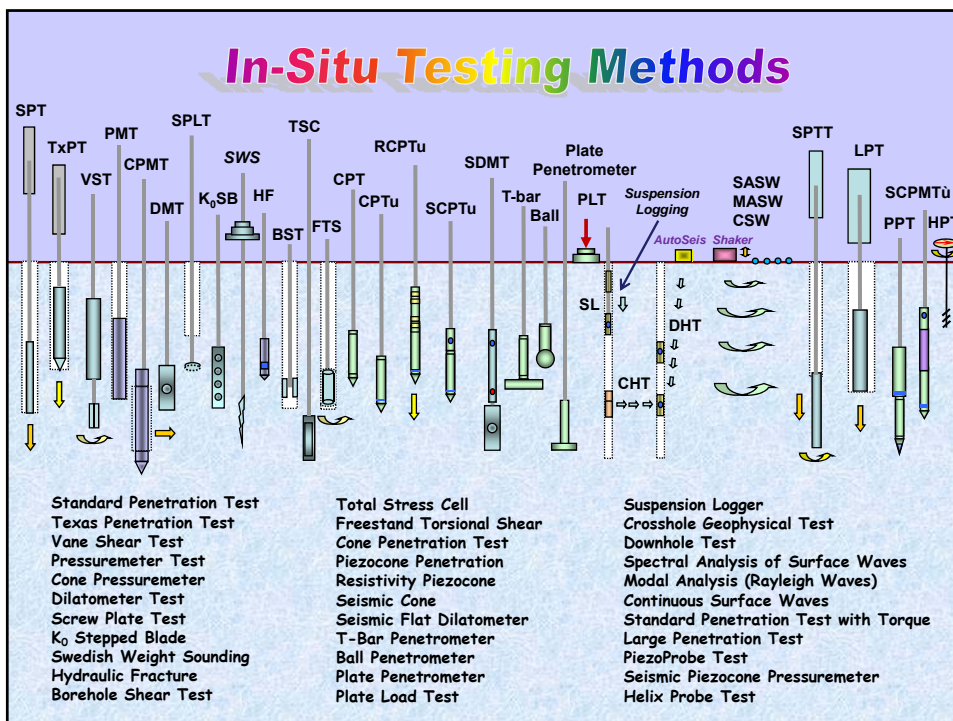
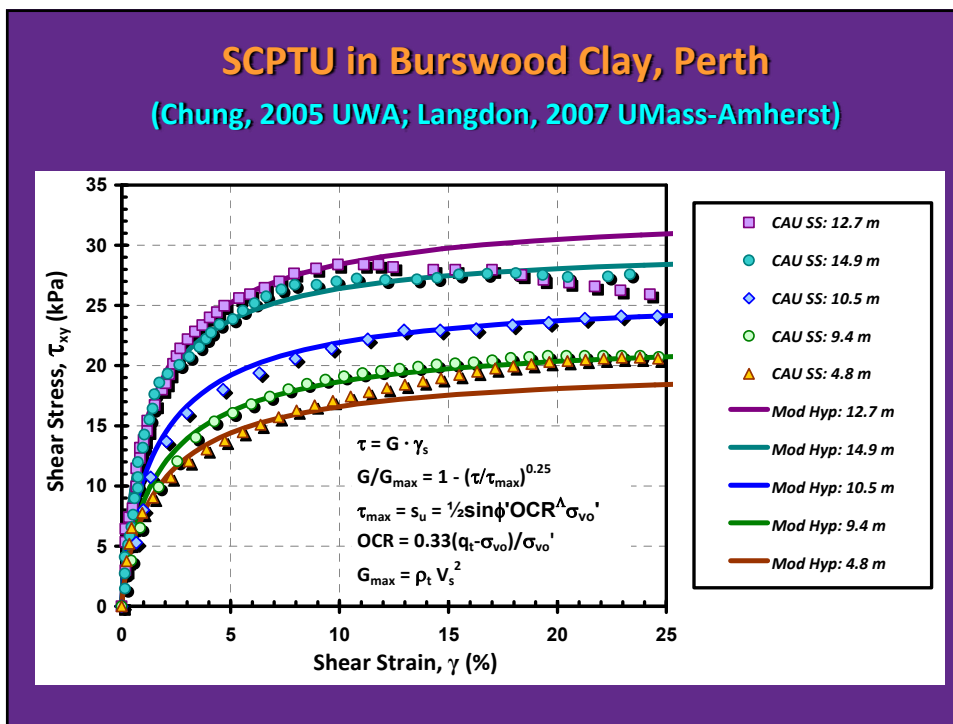


## Seismic Piezocone Tests (SCPTu)

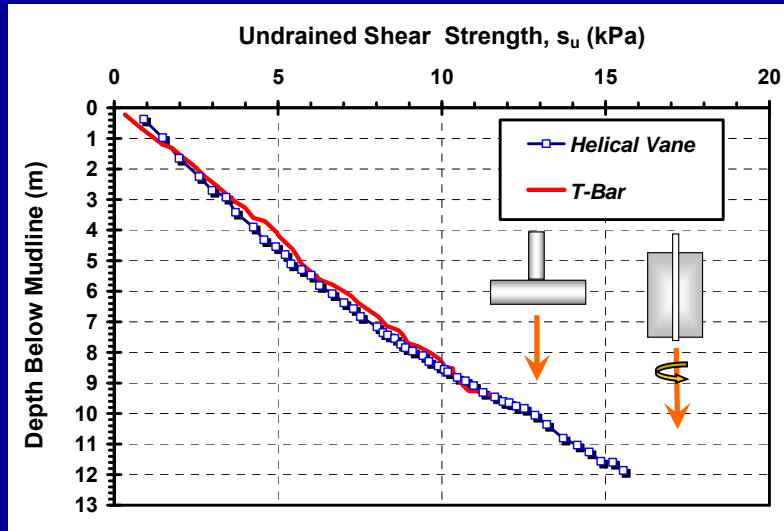
- ❑ Fast
- ❑ Economical
- ❑ Continuous
- ❑ Immediate results
- ❑ Multiple readings
- ❑ Digital data logged to computer
- ❑ Post-process information in real-time

The diagram shows a probe with parameters  $V_s$ ,  $f_s$ ,  $u_2$ , and  $q_t$  (with  $t_{50}$  at the tip). An arrow points to a list of derived parameters:  $\gamma_t$ ,  $G_{max}$ ,  $E'$ ,  $v'$ ,  $\phi'$ ,  $OCR$ ,  $P_c'$ , and  $K_{vh}$ . A second arrow points to a soil stress-strain plot. A bracket groups  $\phi'$ ,  $OCR$ ,  $P_c'$ , and  $K_{vh}$  as inputs for  $S_u$  and  $K_0$ .





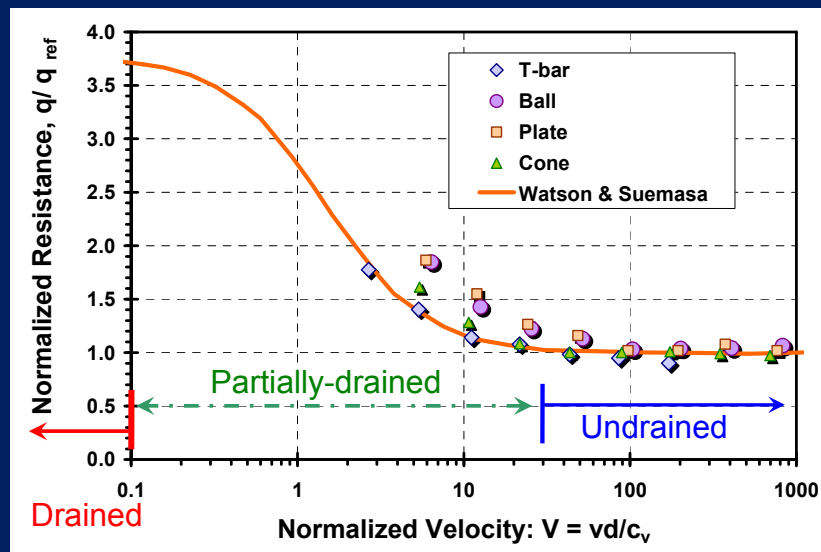
## Offshore Continuous Rotating Vane



House, Randolph, and Watson (ISOPE 2004)

## New Developments: Twitch Testing

Chung, Randolph & Schneider (2006, JGGE)

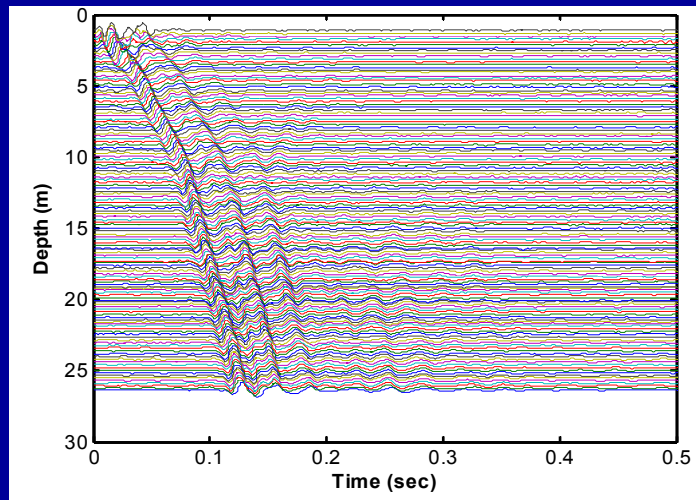




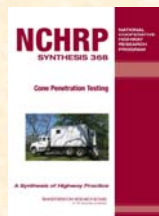
## Frequent-interval and Continuous $V_s$ profiling Charleston, South Carolina



GT AutoSeis



## Seismic Resistivity Dynamic Penetrometer Test (SRDPT) for hard ground, saprolites, and cemented geomaterials



Dynamic Driver Module  
(Impact, Sonic)

Shear Wave Velocity,  $V_s$

Lateral Stress,  $\sigma_L$

Resistivity,  $\Omega$

Tip Stress,  $q_d$

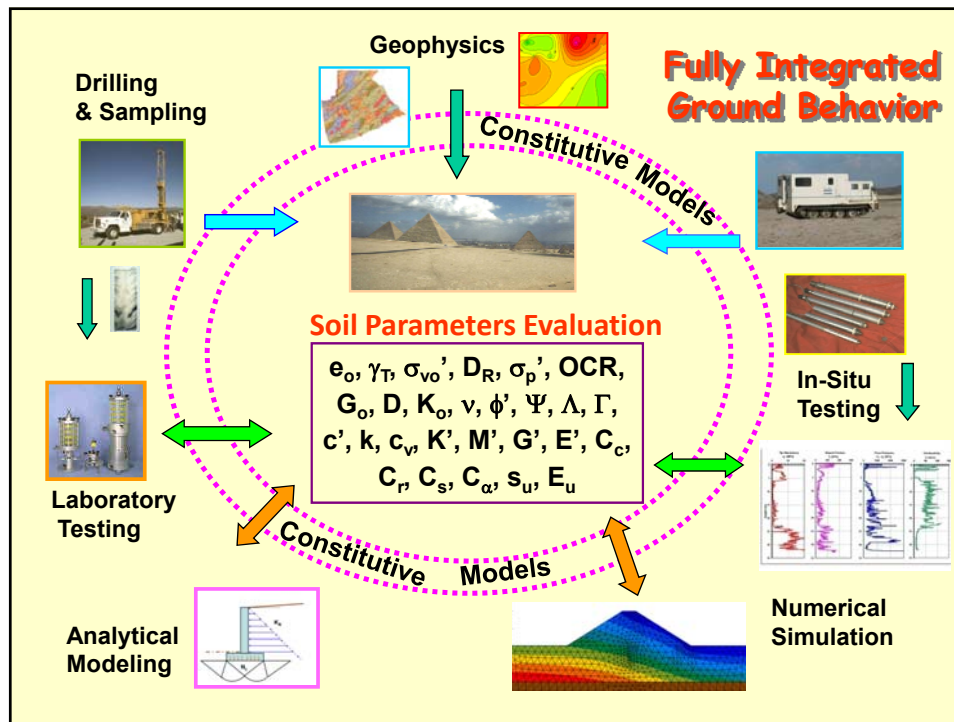
SRDPT design will provide 4 continuous readings with depth

Hydraulic Rig

Square Rods

Enlargement

Square Wedge Penetrometer



## Summary: SOA-1 - Geomaterial Behaviour

- ❑ Geomaterial characterization is challenging
- ❑ Need *multiple measurements* - One number is insufficient for evaluation of soil parameters
- ❑ Let us teach *critical-state soil mechanics* in our colleges and use it in practice.
- ❑ Adopt *seismic piezocone* as the minimum level of effort for routine site investigation
- ❑ Continue to develop *international geotechnical experimentation sites* for calibration & reference

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## 2nd International Symposium on Cone Penetration Testing

Huntington Beach, California

Host: Peter K. Robertson



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- Professor Roberto Quental Coutinho
- Federal University of Pernambuco
- Brazilian Soc. Soil Mechanics & Geotechnical Engrg.



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