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Contributions towards Geoparameter
Evaluation Using the Cone Penetration Test

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Principle of Effective Stress

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u$$

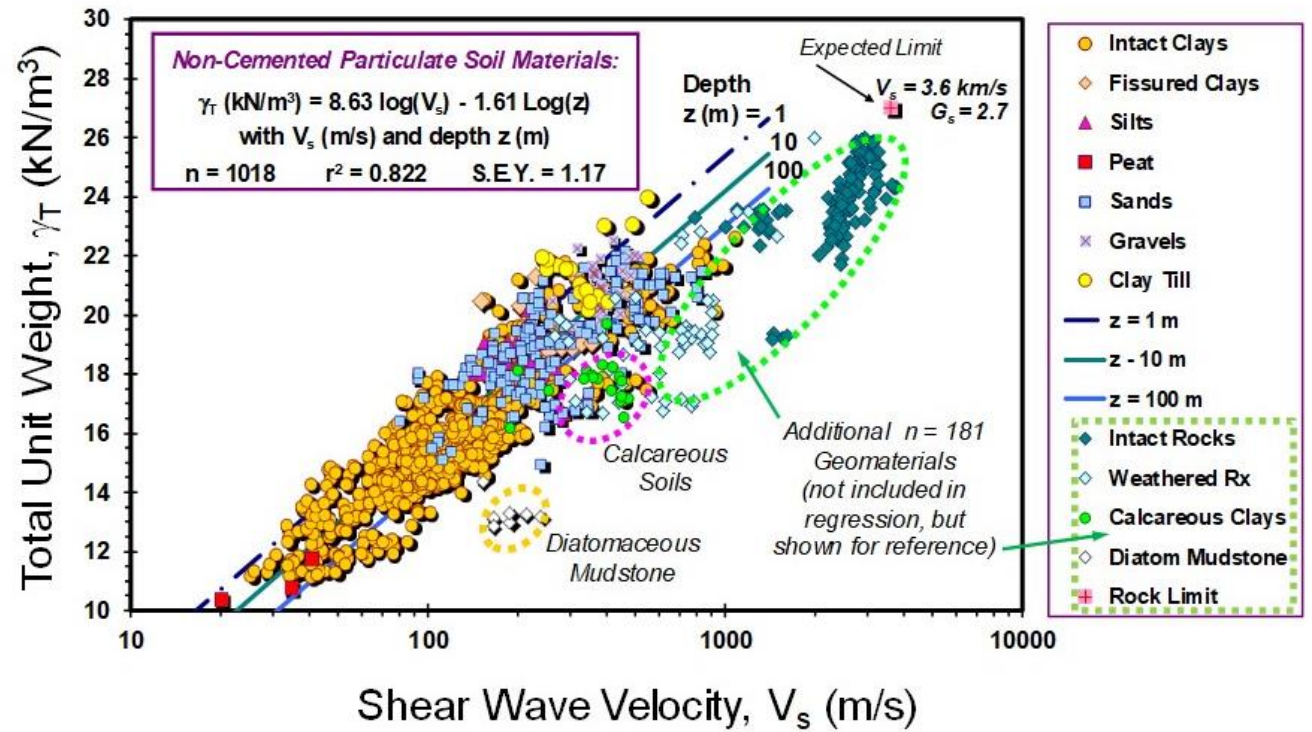
(Karl von Terzaghi, 1947)



The name is Mayne Dots are my game

Database compilations are useful for:

- Finding trends
- Verification of hypotheses
- Validation of theories
- Cross-check for anomalies
- Predicting performance
- Deciding boundaries
- Statistical analyses
- Sorting groups of data
- Developing correlations



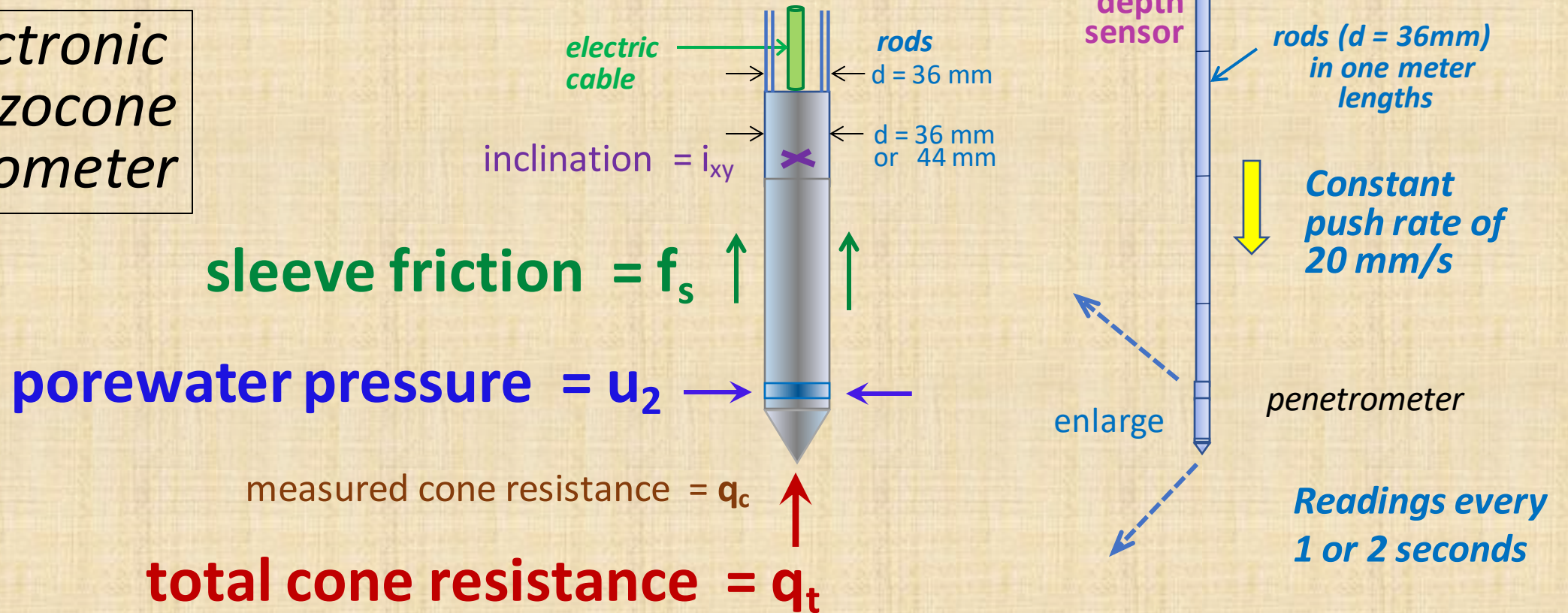
CONE PENETRATION TEST (CPT)
ASTM D 5778
ISO Standard 22476-1



CPT Rig
(20 tonnes)

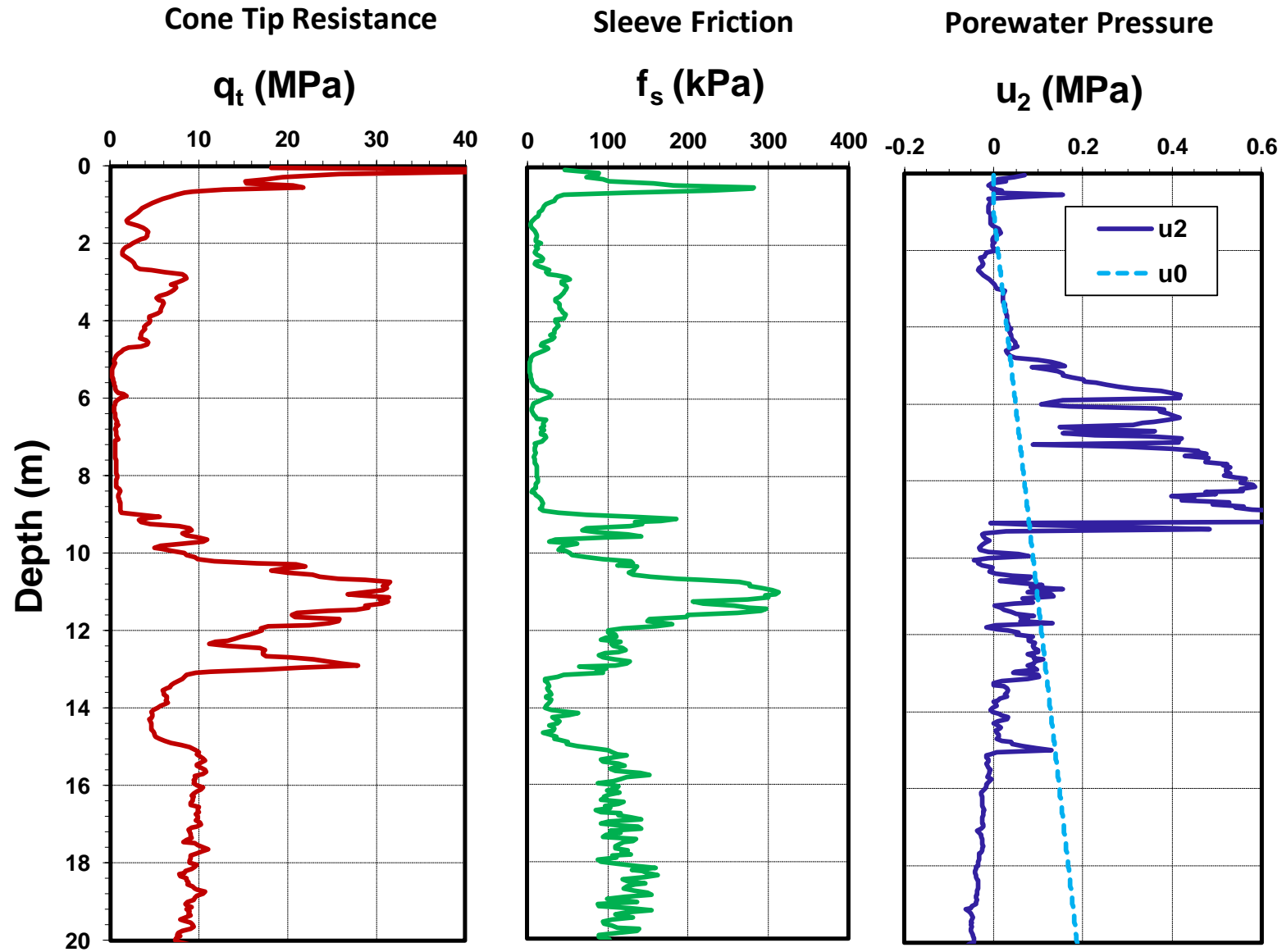
ground surface

*electronic
 piezocone
 penetrometer*



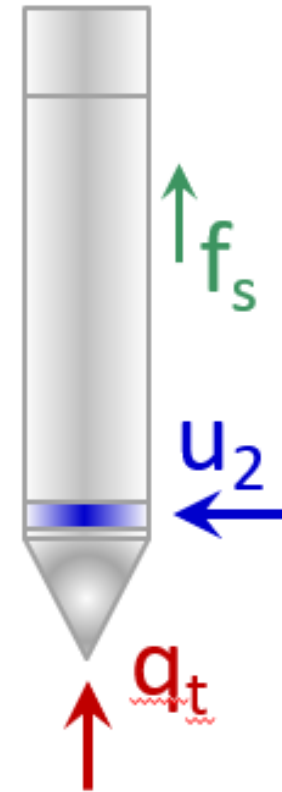
where $q_t = q_c + (1 - a_{net}) \cdot u_2$ and $0.35 \leq a_{net} \leq 0.90$ depends on equipment

CPT Sounding, Ghent District, Virginia

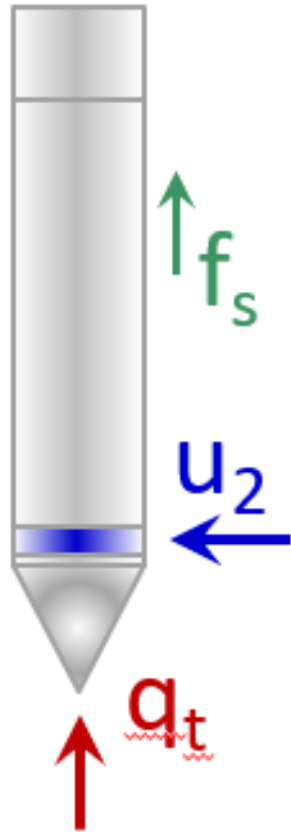


Data Courtesy of Ethan Cargill

CONETEC



Post Processing and Normalization of CPT Readings



$q_{\text{net}} = q_t - \sigma_{v_0}$ = net cone tip resistance

$\Delta u_2 = u_2 - u_0$ = excess porewater pressure

$q_E = q_t - u_2$ = effective cone resistance

$Q = Q_t = Q_{t1} = q_{\text{net}}/\sigma_{v_0}'$ = normalized cone resistance

$U = \Delta u_2/\sigma_{v_0}'$ = normalized porewater pressure = $Q \cdot B_q$

$B_q = \Delta u_2/q_{\text{net}}$ = pore pressure ratio

$F_r = 100 f_s/q_{\text{net}}$ = normalized friction ratio (%)

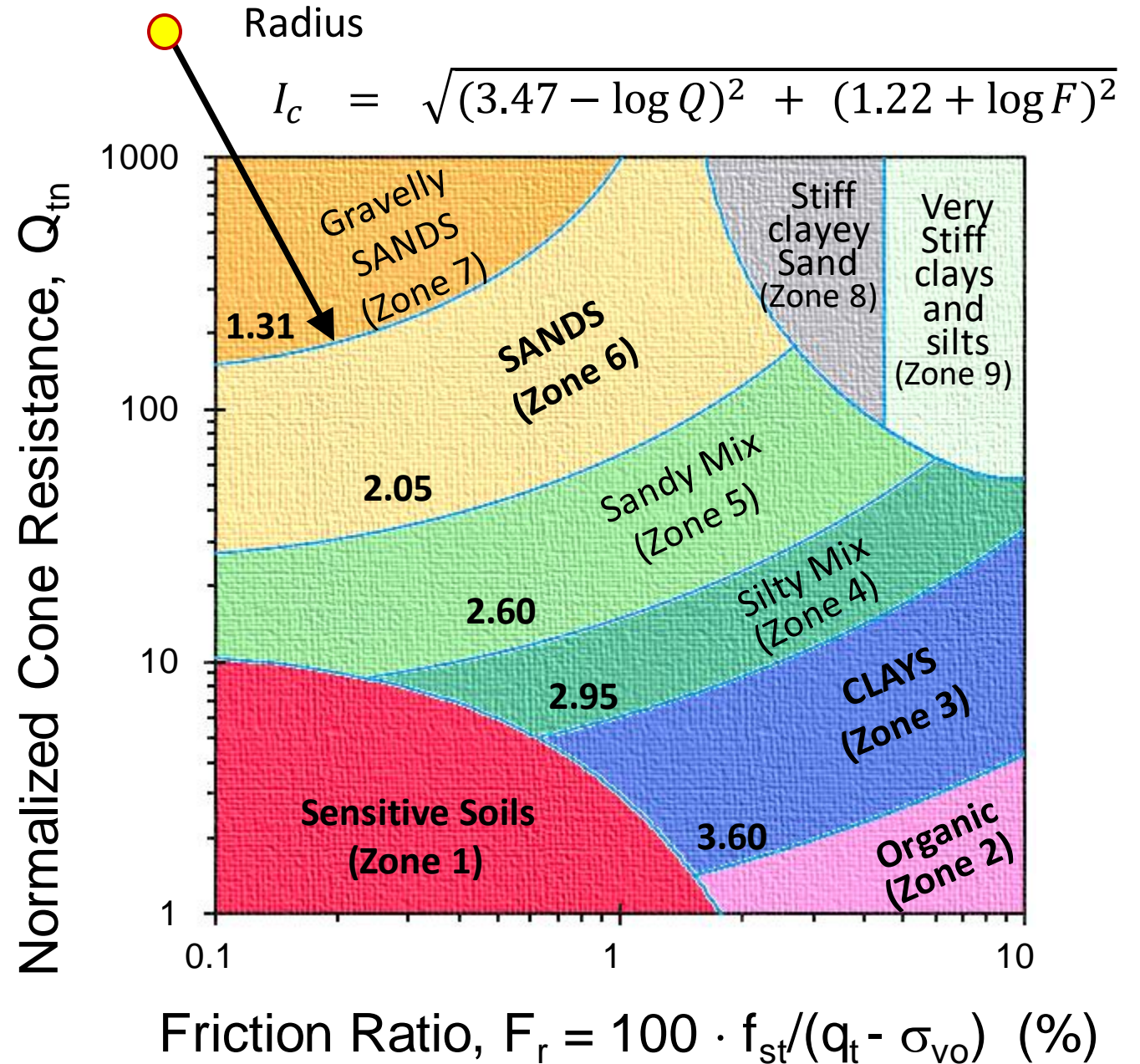
$Q_E = q_E/\sigma_{v_0}'$ = normalized effective cone resistance

$Q_{tn} = q_{\text{net}}/(\sigma_{v_0}')^n$ in bars where $n = fctn$ (soil type and/or I_c)
[e.g., $n = 1$ clay; 0.75 silt; 0.5 sand]

CPT Soil Behavior Type (SBTn) Chart

(Robertson 1990, 2009)

CPT Material Index, I_c



Overview on CPT contributions

- Effective Stress Friction Angle, ϕ' Sands, Silts, Clays
- Yield stress (preconsolidation), σ_p' Sands, Silts, Clays
- Sensitivity and Remolded Strength Clays
- State parameter, ψ Sands, Silts, Clays
- Equipment and Innovations
- New directions for “ConeHeads”

Undisturbed Sands to Silty Sands Database (number of sites, N = 28; no. triaxial tests, n = 68)

Soil Number	Site Name	Site Location	Reference Source	Type Sand	Method of Sampling
1	Blessington	Ireland	Doherty & Gavin (2010, CPT'10, California)	Glacial fine Sand	Sonic
2	Charleston	South Carolina	Esposito et al. (2016, ASCE JGGE)	Pleistocene Sand	Frozen
3	Duncan Dam	British Columbia	Plewes et al. (1994, CGJ)	Glaciofluvial Sand	Frozen
4	Edo	Japan	Mimura (2003, C&EPNS, Singapore)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
5	Ekofish	North Sea	Mitchell & Lunne (1972, JSMFD ASCE)	Marine	Samples
6	Gioia Tauro	Italy	Ghionna & Porcino (2004, ISC-2 Porto)	Natural Coarse Sand	Frozen
7	Hibernia	North Atlantic	Thompson & Long (1989, CGJ)	Marine Sand	Frozen
8	Highmont	British Columbia	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Tailings	Frozen
9	Holmen	Norway	Lunne, et al (2003, C&EPNS, Singapore)	Natural Alluvial	Tube/Frozen
10	J-pit	Alberta	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Hydraulic Fill	Frozen
11	Kao Hsiung	Taiwan	Huang (2016, ISC-5, Australia)	Alluvial Sands	Gel Sampler
12	Kidd	British Columbia	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
13	Kilmore	New Zealand	Taylor (2015, PhD - Univ. Canterbury)	Fluvial & Aeolian	Gel Sampler
14	LL Dam	British Columbia	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Tailings	Frozen
15	Madras-Armagh	New Zealand	Taylor (2015, PhD - Univ. Canterbury)	Fluvial & Aeolian	Gel Sampler
16	Massey	British Columbia	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
17	McDonald Farm	British Columbia	Robertson (1983, Dissertation, UBC)	Fraser River Sands	Piston Tube
18	Mildred L.	Alberta	Robertson, Wride, et al. (2000, CGJ)	Hydraulic Fill	Frozen
19	Milford Dam	Illinois	Stark et al. (2011, ASCE JGGE)	Alluvial Sands	Tube/Frozen
20	Natori	Japan	Matsuo & Tsutsumi (1998, ISC-1, Atlanta)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
21	Piedmont	Georgia	Harris & Mayne (1994, FHWA Orlando)	Residual silty Sands	Shelby Tube
22	Po River	Italy	Ghionna et al (1995, ISP-5, Quebec)	Alluvial Sands	Not Known
23	Tone	Japan	Matsuo & Tsutsumi (1998, ISC-1, Atlanta)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
24	West Kowloon	Hong Kong	Lee, Shen, Leung, Mitchell (1999, JGGE)	Hydraulic Fill	Mazier Tube
25	Yodo	Japan	Mimura (2003, C&EPNS, Singapore)	Natural Alluvial	Frozen
26	Yuan Lin	Taiwan	Huang et al (2004, Soil Dyn & EQ Engrg)	Alluvial Sands	Gel Sampler
27	Zelany Most	Poland	Jamiolkowski (DMT 2015, Rome)	Silty fine Sand Tailings	Frozen
28	Øysand	Norway	Quinteros (2022), PhD Imperial College	Fluvial	Frozen

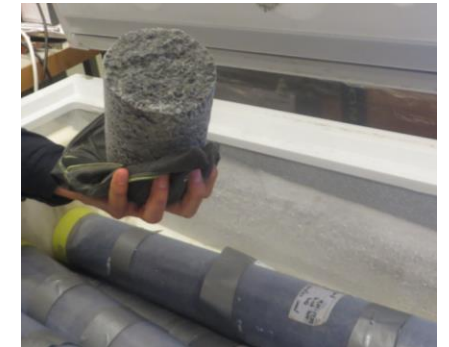
Notes: JGGE = Journal of Geotechnical & Geoenvironmental Engineering
ISC = International Conference on Site Characterization (ISSMGE TC 102)
C&EPNS = Characterization & Engineering Properties of Natural Soils
ISP = International Symposium on Pressuremeter
JSMFE = Journal Soil Mechanics & Foundations Division (ASCE)

DMT = Intl. Conf. on Dilatometer Testing
CPT = Intl. Symp Cone Penetration Test
FHWA = Federal Highway Administration
CGJ = Canadian Geotechnical Journal

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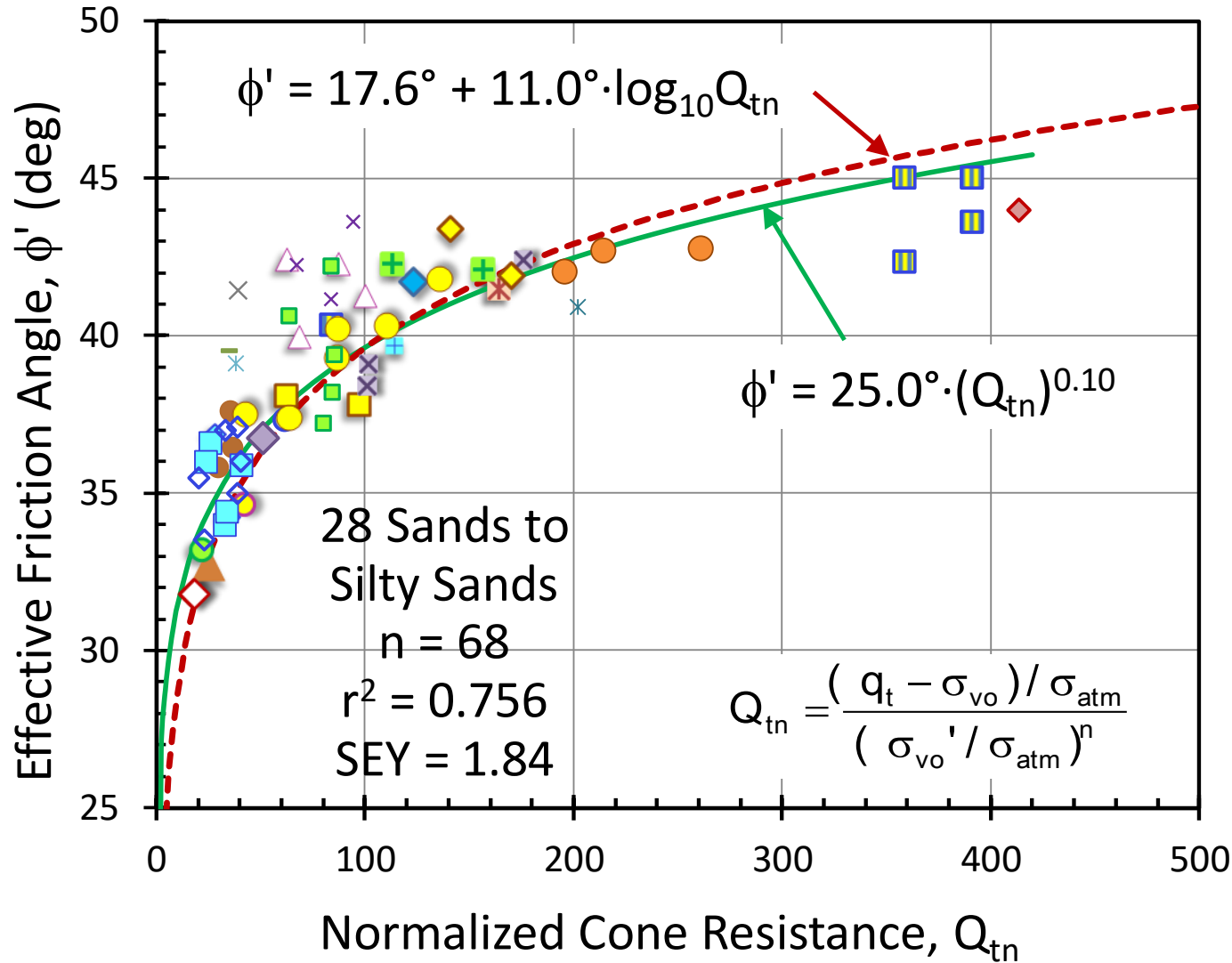
NGI Frozen Øysand



Gel-Push Sample

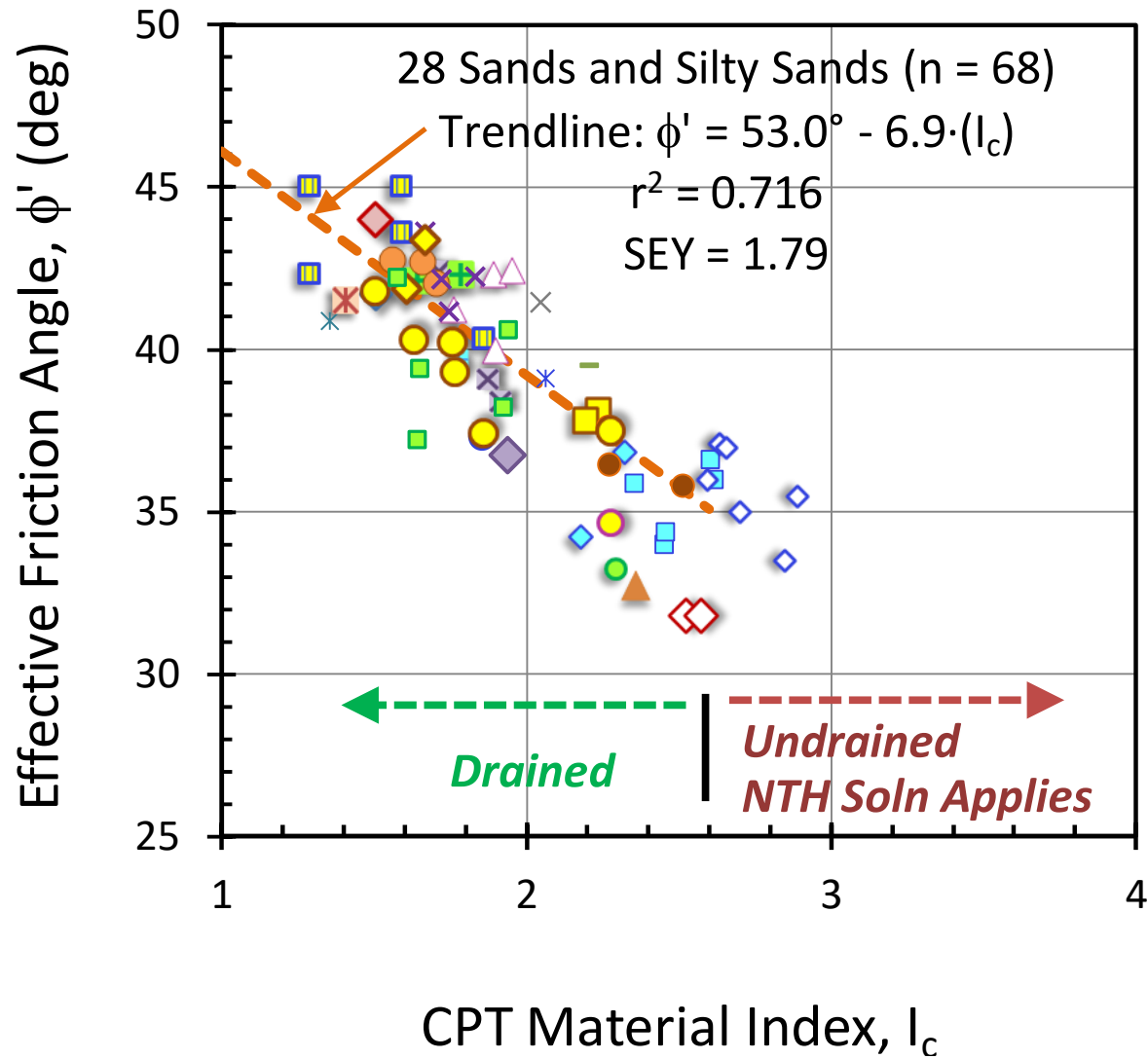


Effective Friction Angle of Sands and Silty Sands from CPT



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| ■ Edogawa, Japan | — Mildred Lake, Alberta |
| ◆ Massey, BC | ● Kidd, BC |
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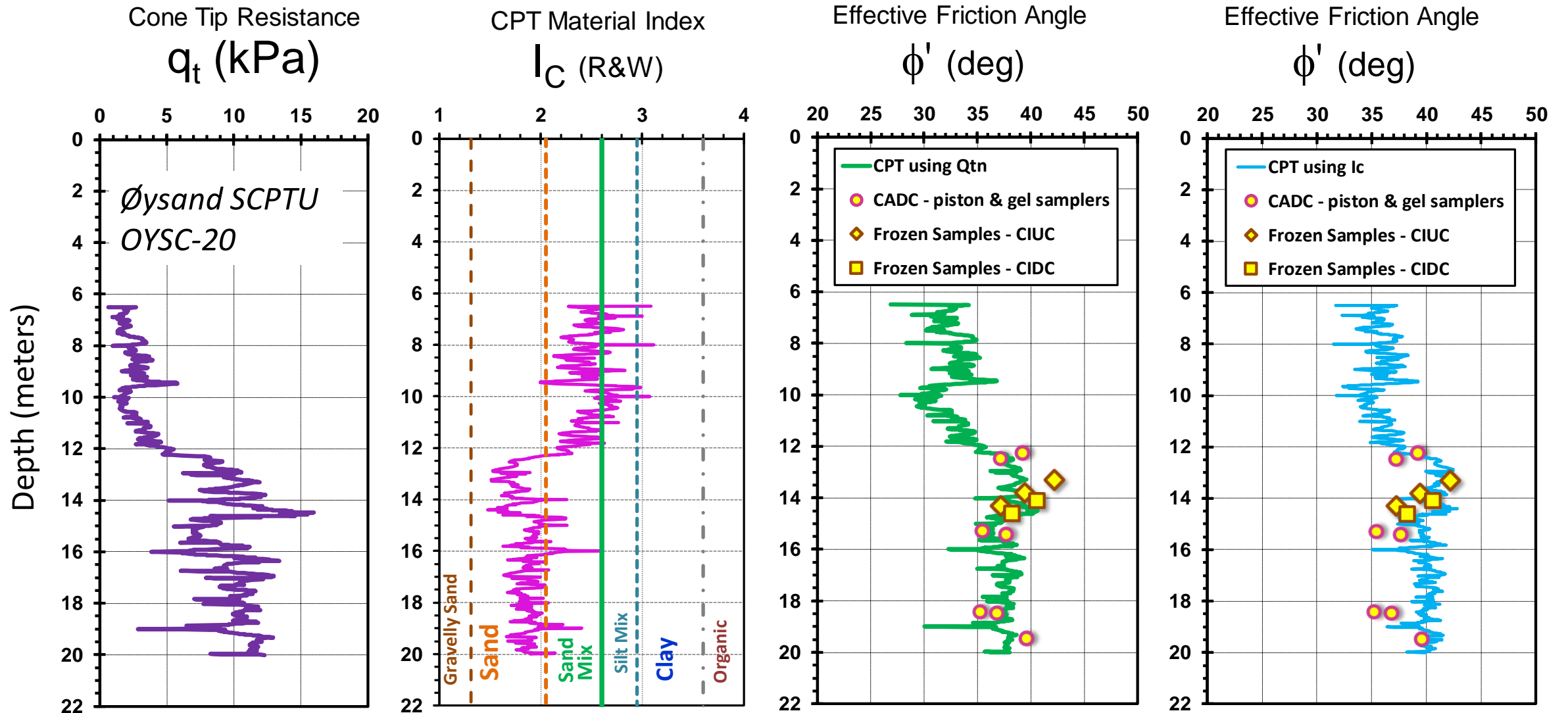
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Øysand International GeoTest Site, Norway

(Quinteros, et al. 2019; 2022 PhD – Imperial College)



NTH Solution for ϕ' from CPTU for undrained penetration

NTH = Norwegian Institute of Technology, now NTNU, Trondheim)

Effective stress limit plasticity theory ($c'=0$):

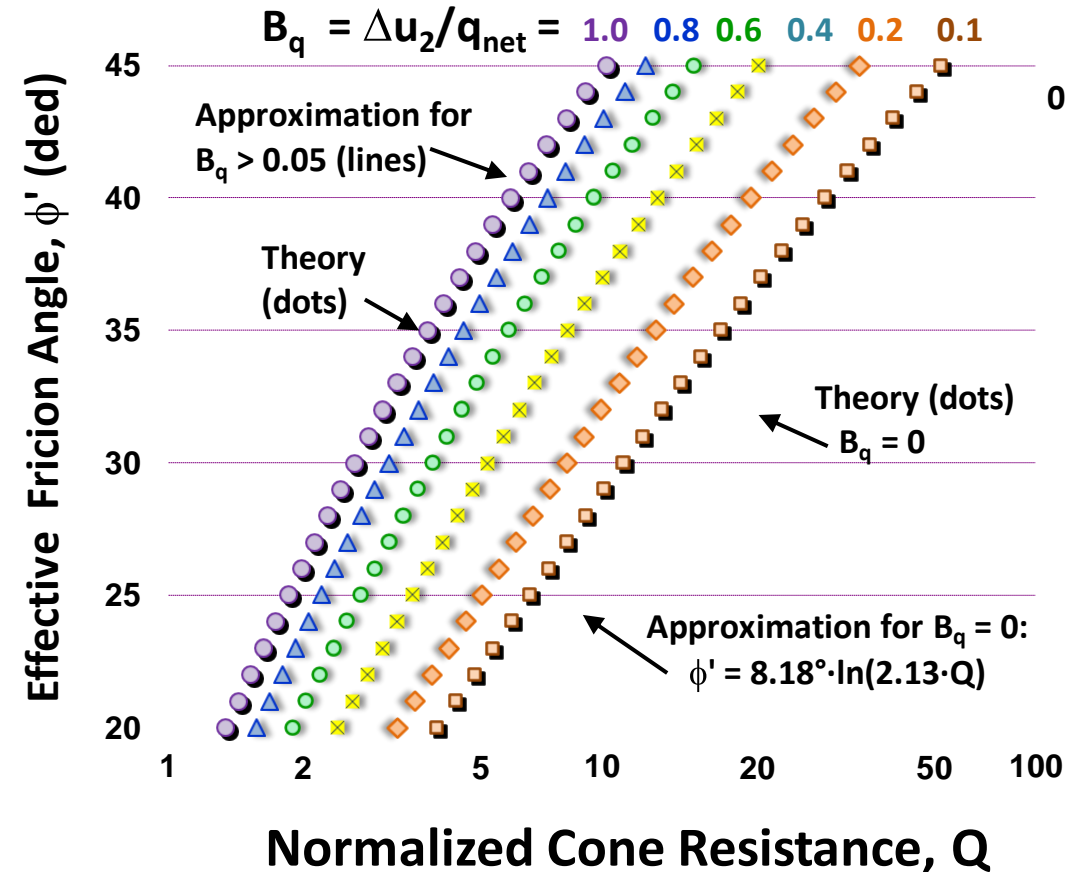
$$Q = \frac{\tan^2(45^\circ + \phi'/2) \cdot \exp[(\pi - 2\beta) \cdot \tan \phi'] - 1}{1 + 6 \cdot \tan \phi' \cdot (1 + \tan \phi') \cdot B_q}$$

Approximation for undrained case ($\beta = 0^\circ$):

$$\phi' \approx 29.5^\circ \cdot B_q^{0.121} \cdot [0.256 + 0.336 \cdot B_q + \log Q]$$

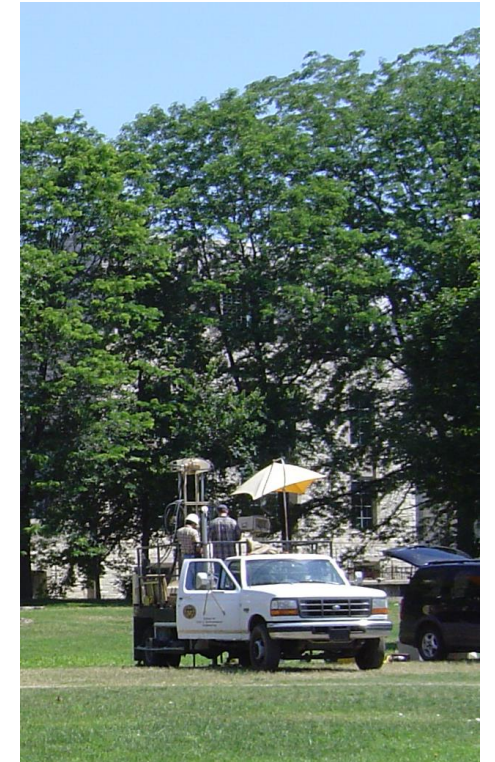
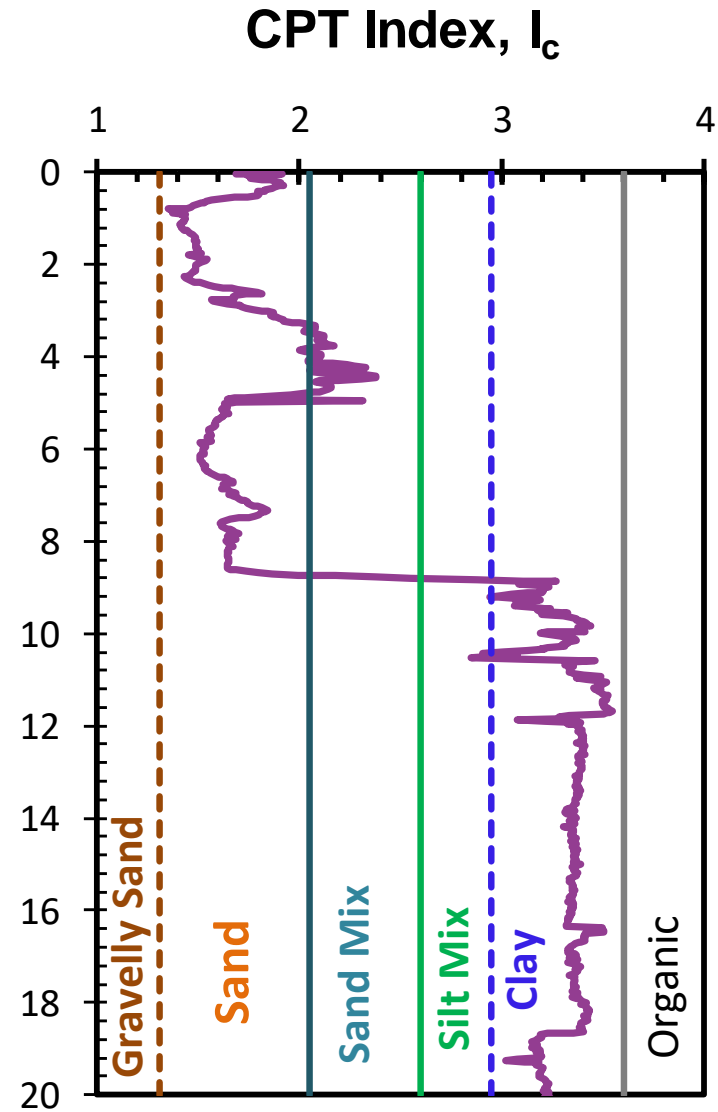
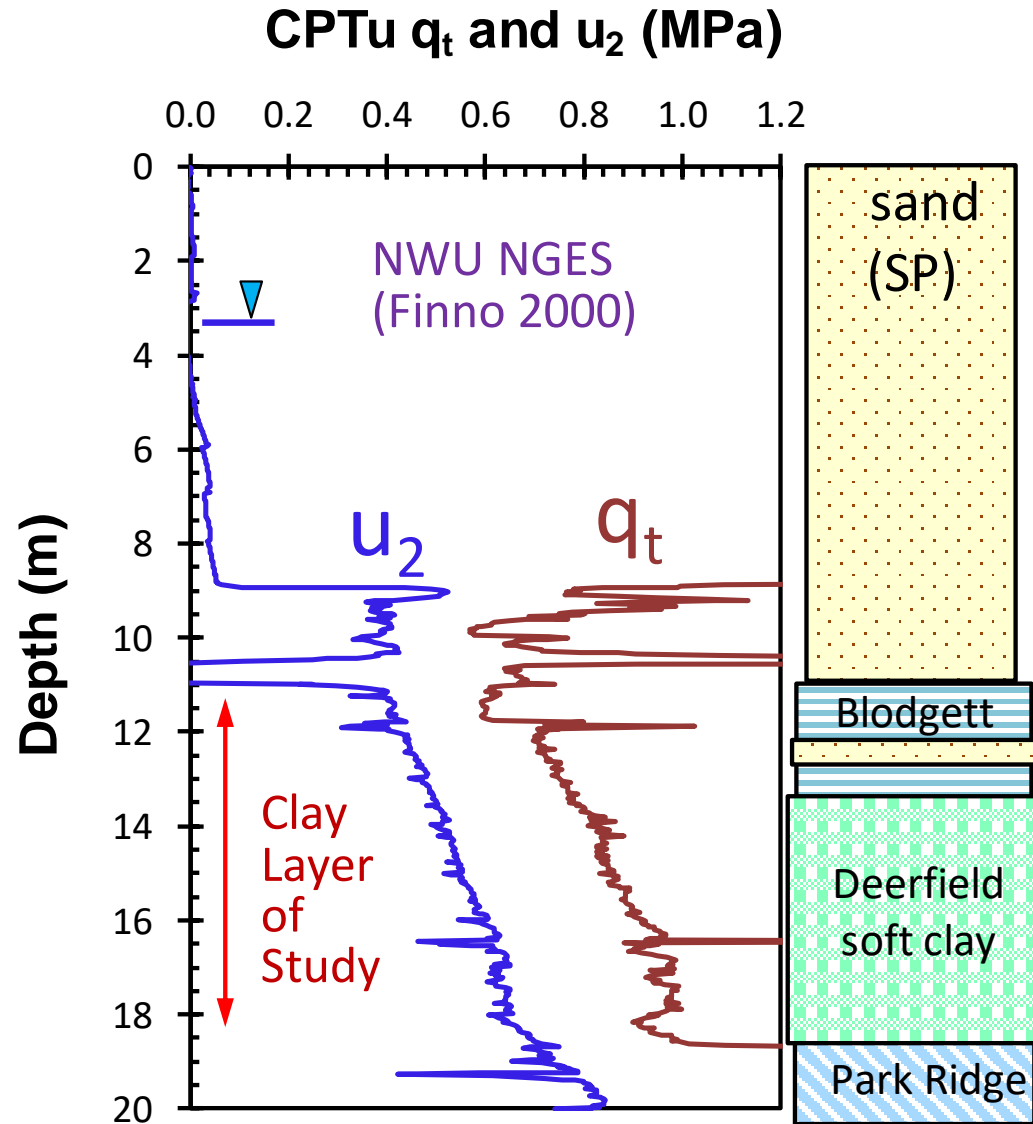
Applicable to clays for OCRs < 2.5 and ranges: $0.05 \leq B_q \leq 1$ and $18^\circ \leq \phi' \leq 45^\circ$

Note: for Modified NTH Solution (Sandven et al. 2016), substitute $Q' = Q \cdot \text{OCR}^{-\Lambda}$ in above equations



Janbu & Senneset (1974)	Sandven et al. (2015)
Senneset & Janbu (1985)	Sandven et al. (2016)
Senneset et al. (1989)	Ouyang & Mayne (2018)
Sandven (1990)	Ouyang & Mayne (2019)
Sandven & Watn (1995)	Ouyang & Mayne (2023)

Soft Chicago Clay at Northwestern University GeoTest Site



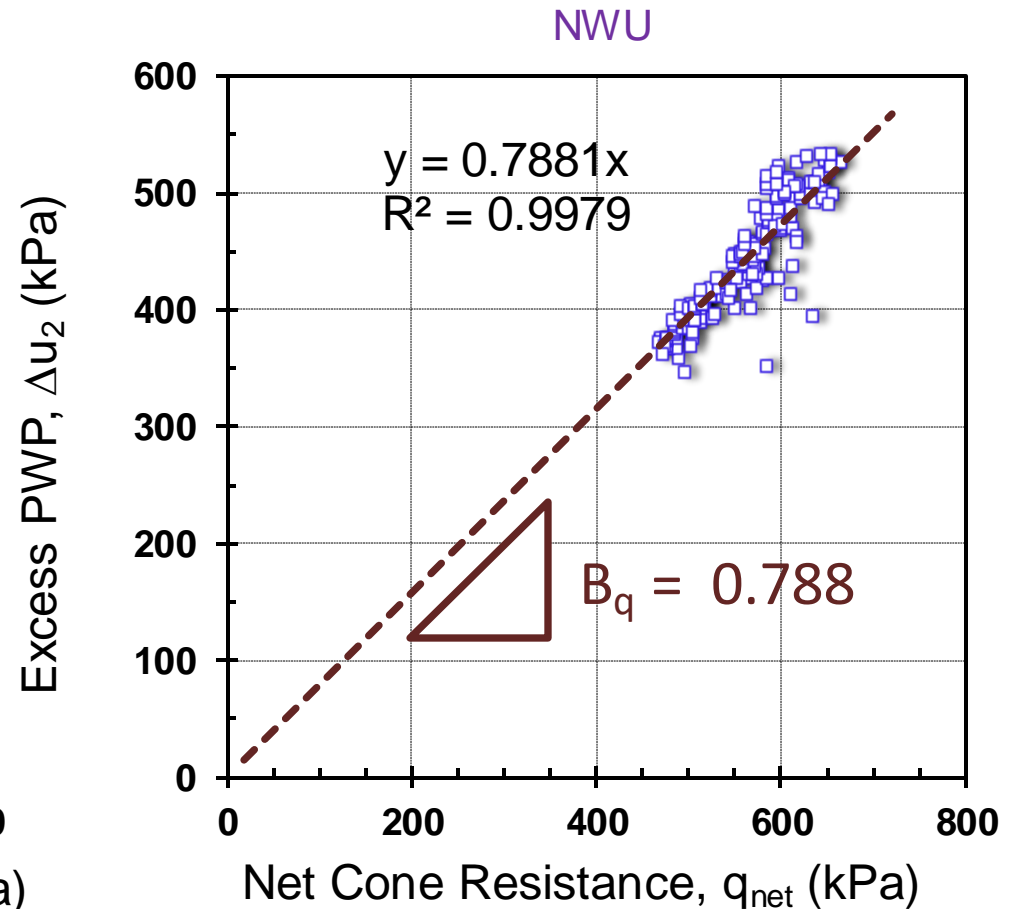
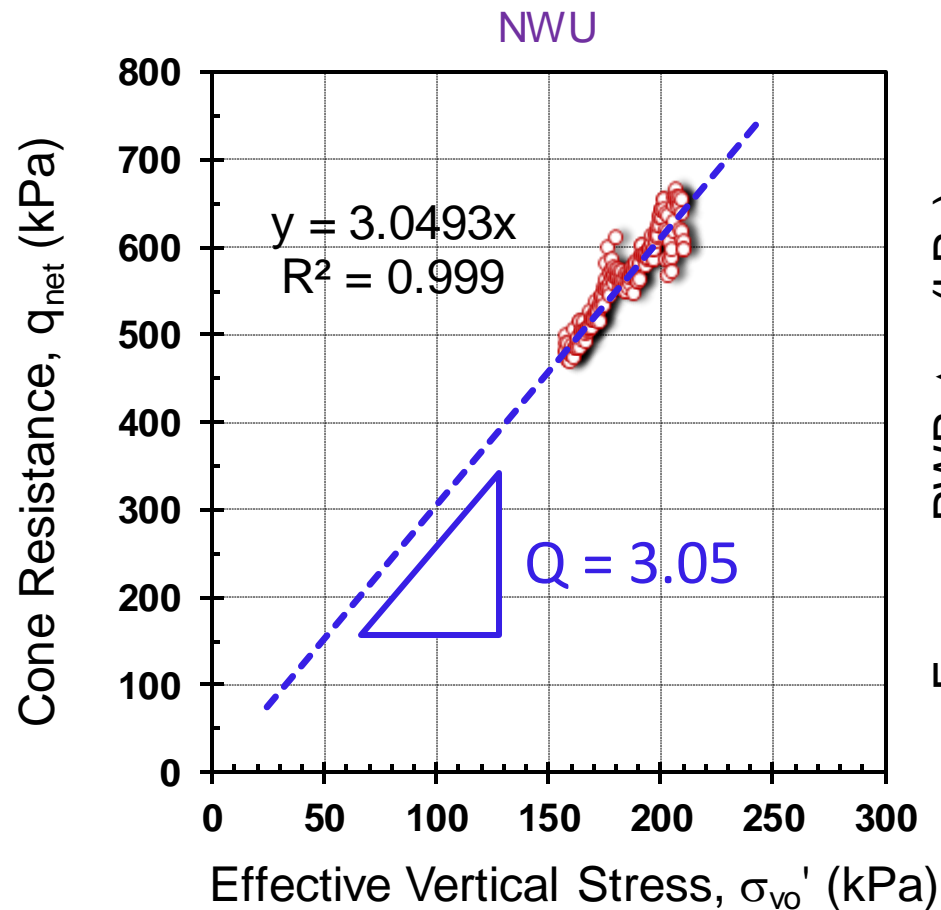
Clay Sensitivity
From VST:

$$S_t \approx 2$$

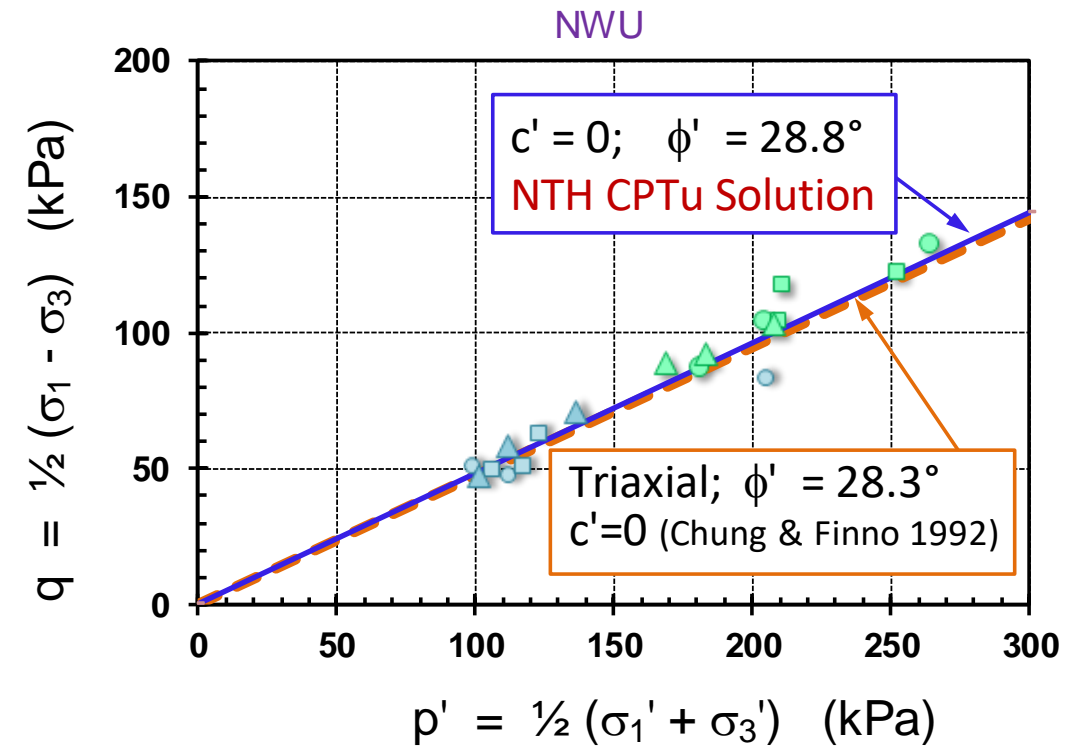
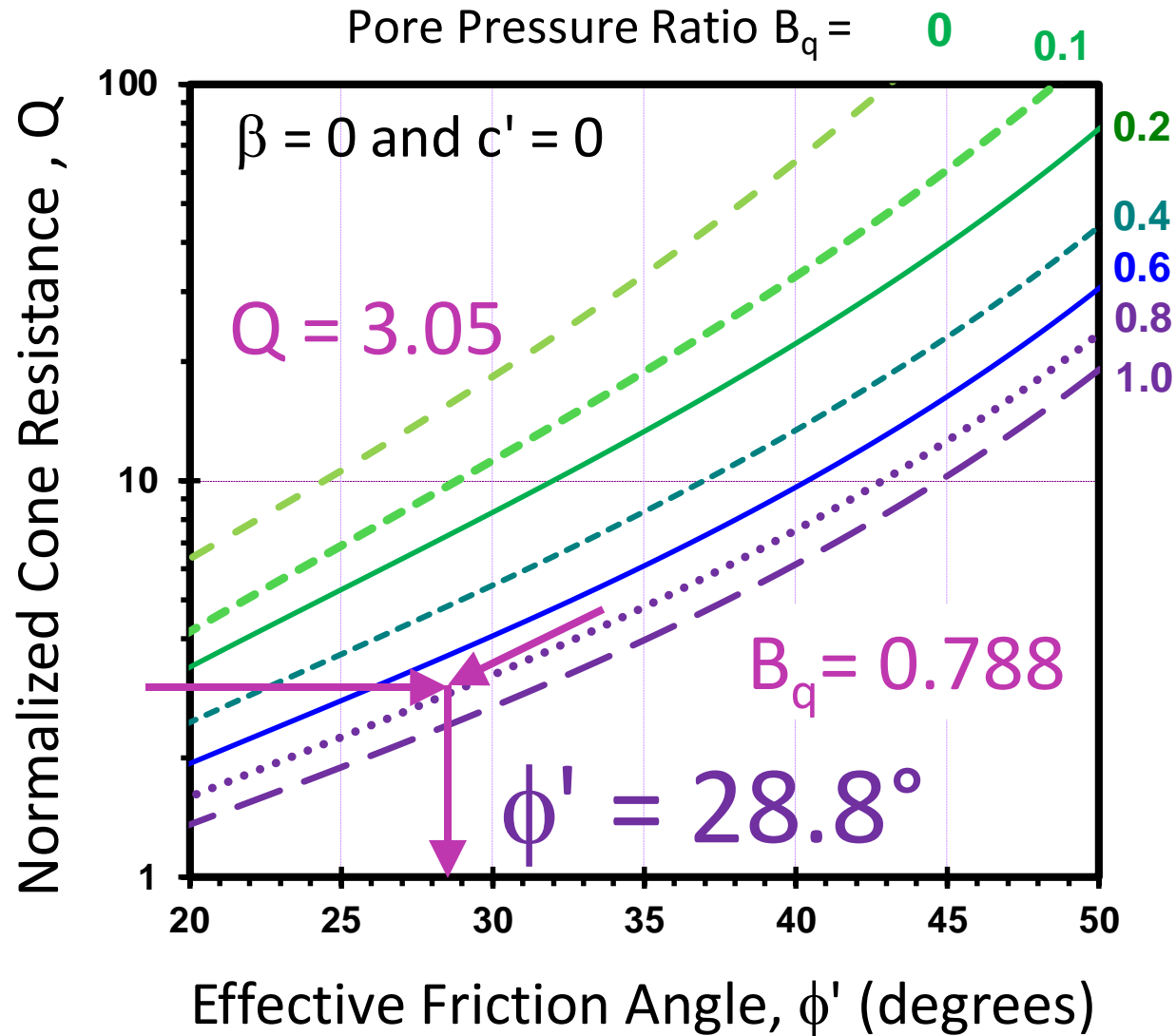
NGES - Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

$$Q = \frac{\tan^2(45^\circ + \phi' / 2) \cdot \exp(\pi \cdot \tan \phi') - 1}{1 + 6 \cdot \tan \phi' \cdot (1 + \tan \phi') \cdot B_q}$$

$$\phi' = 28.8^\circ$$



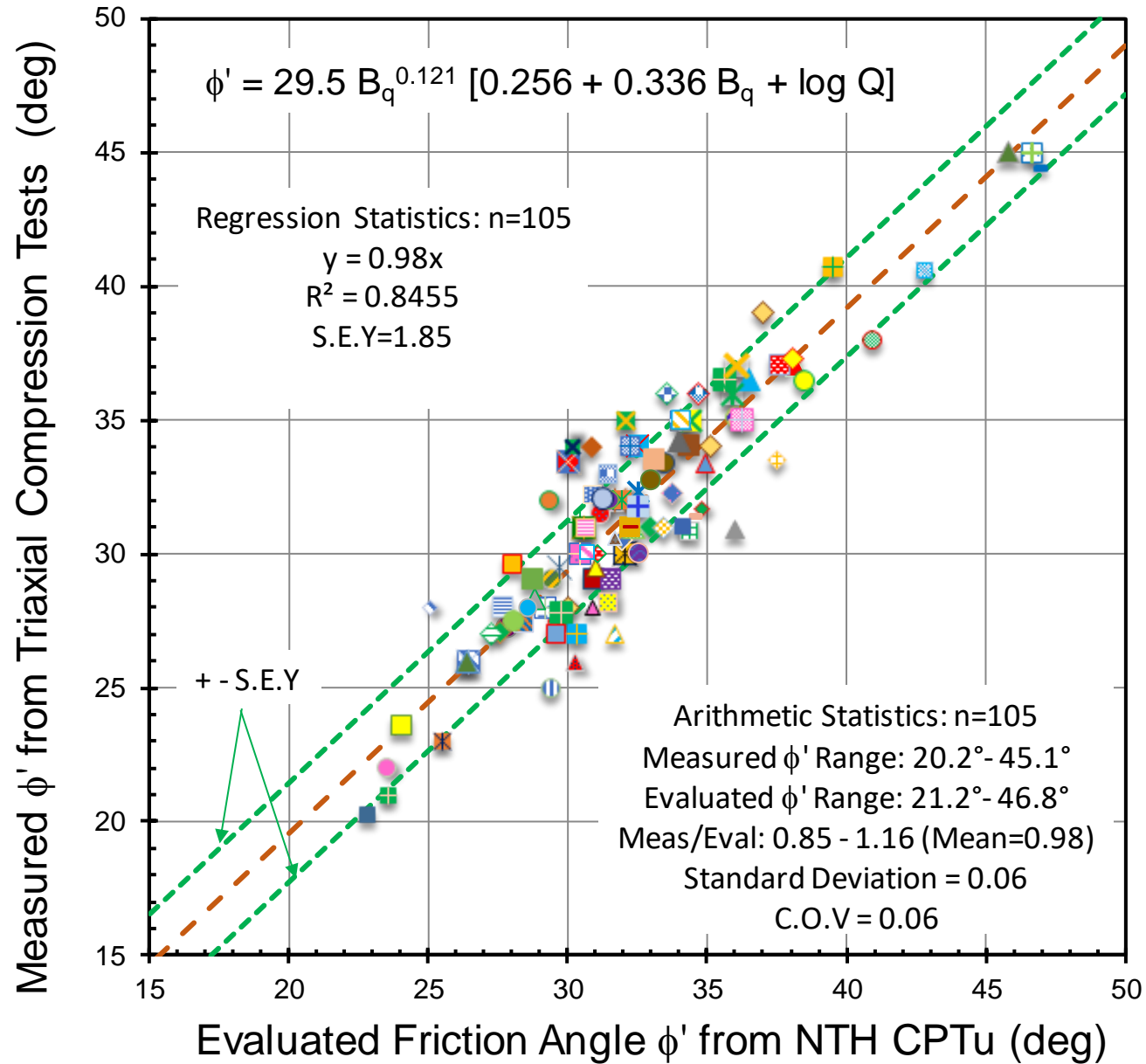
Evaluate ϕ' in Soft Chicago Clay from NTH Solution



Comparison of Triaxial ϕ' and NTH ϕ' from CPTu



Triaxial Apparatus



Database of 105
NC-LOC Natural Clays

Electronic
Piezocone
Penetrometers

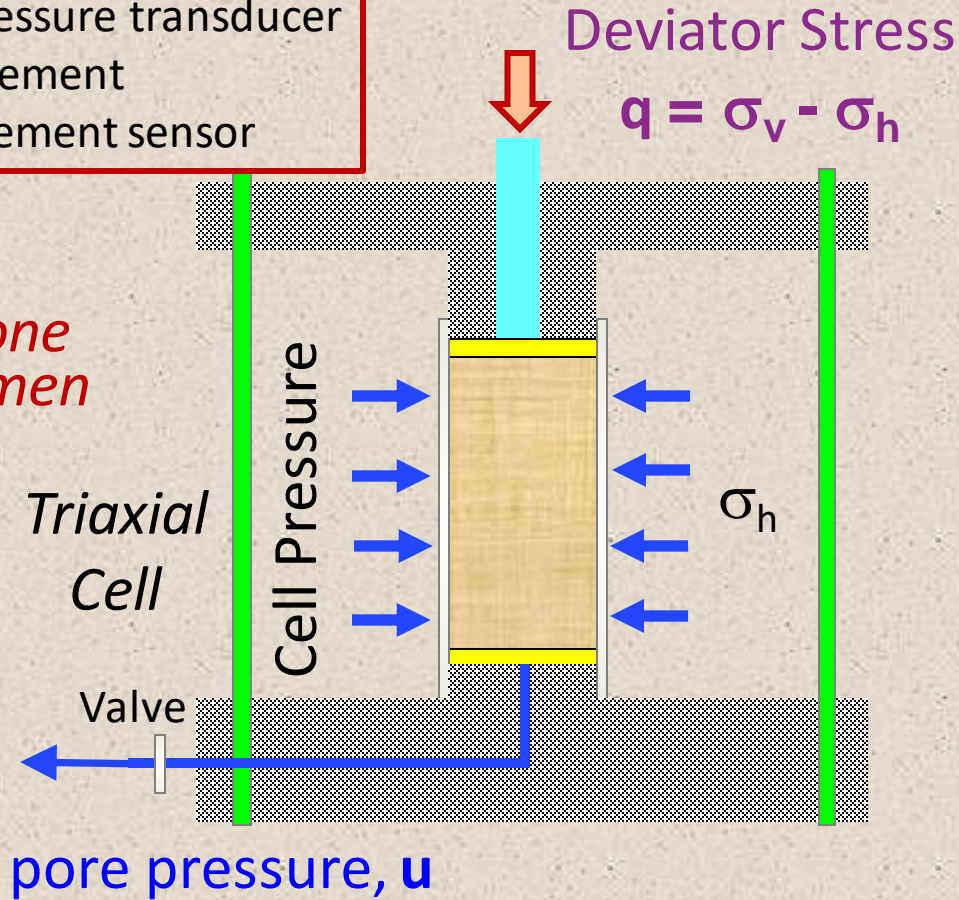


Principle of effective stress: $\sigma' = \sigma - u$ (Terzaghi 1925)

Triaxial Compression Test

- Axial load cell
- Pore pressure transducer
- Filter element
- Displacement sensor

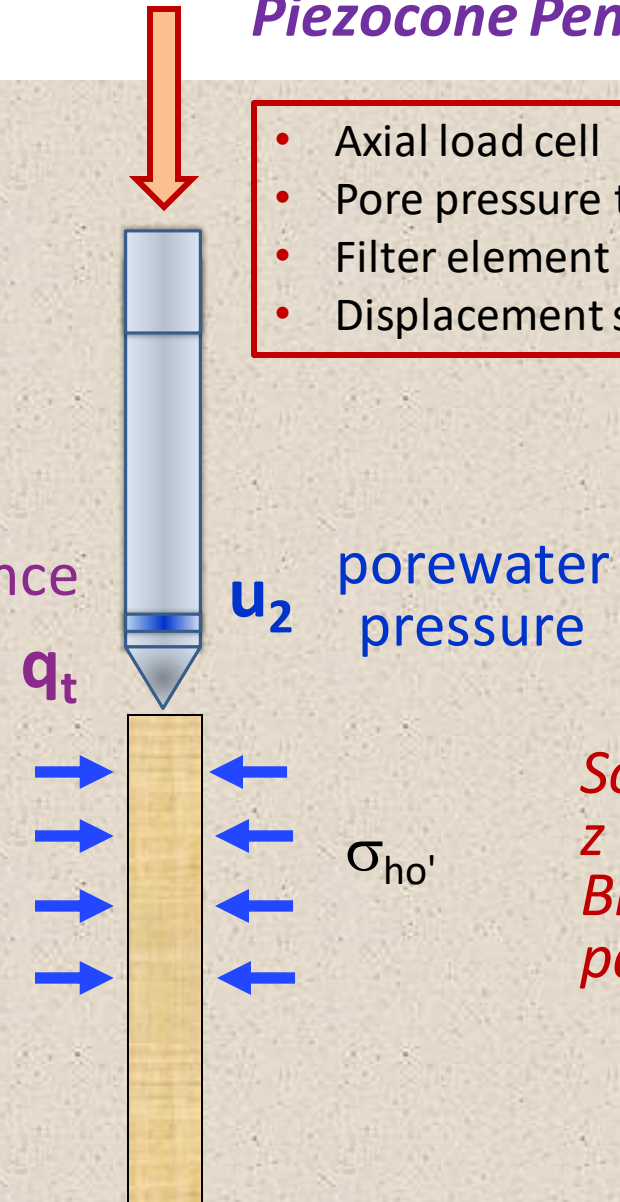
Test one specimen



Piezocone Penetrometer

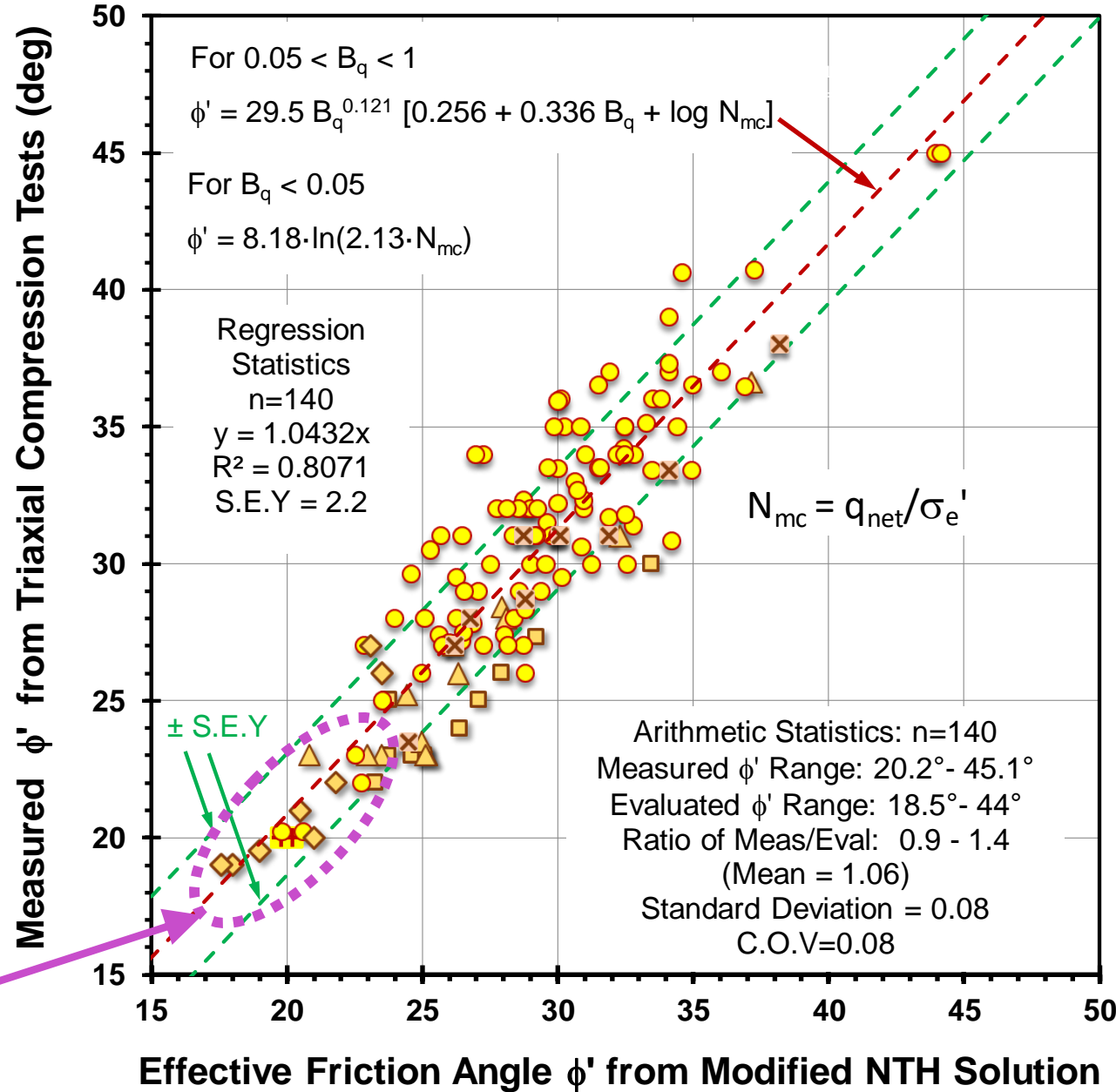
- Axial load cell
- Pore pressure transducer
- Filter element
- Displacement sensor

cone resistance



*Soil Column
z > 30m
Billions of soil
particles tested*

Comparison of Triaxial ϕ' and Modified NTH ϕ' from CPTu



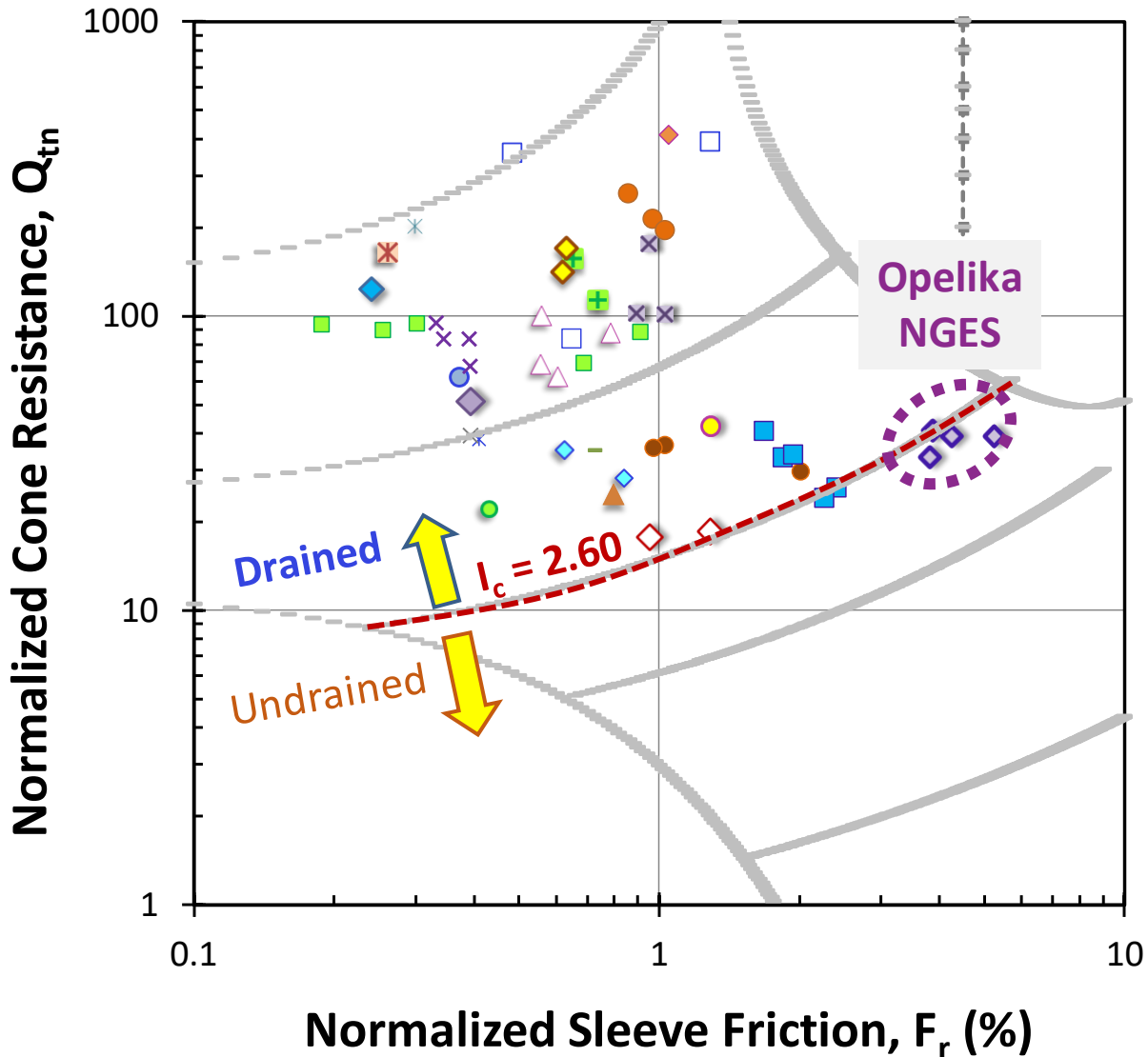
Low Friction
 Kaolin from
 Lab tests with
 $\phi' \approx 20^\circ$ to 23°

CPTU and TX
 Tests on 140
 Clays



28 Undisturbed Sands to Silty Sands Database

Drained Behavior: $-0.06 \leq B_q \leq +0.01$ Range (mean $B_q = -0.01$)



N = 28 Sands

n = 68 Triaxial tests

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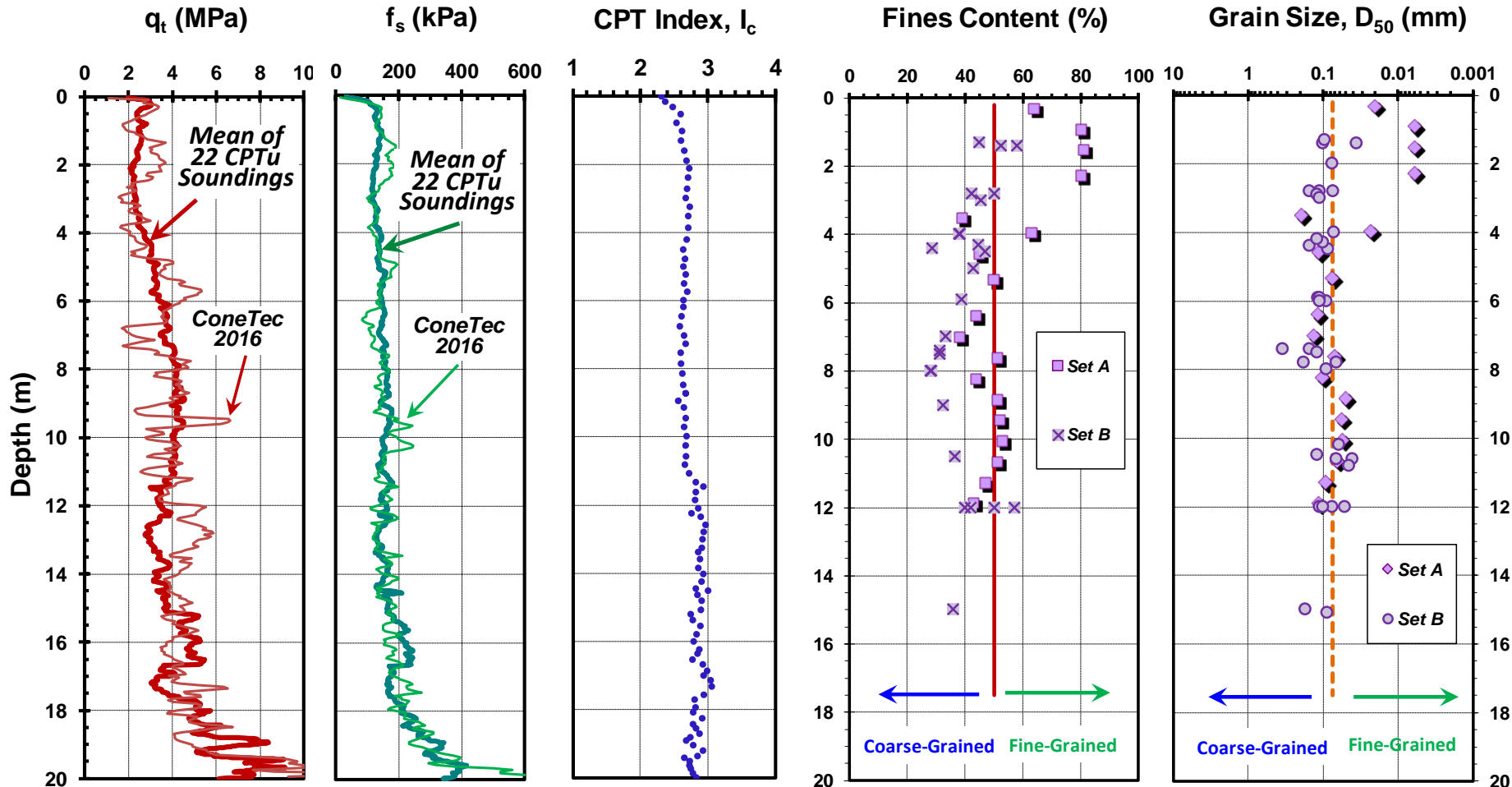
Opelika National Geotech Experimentation Site, Alabama

Fine sandy Silts to silty fine Sands (SM - ML)

$I_c \approx 2.60$

$FC \approx 50\%$

$D_{50} \approx 0.075 \text{ mm}$



350 hectare site

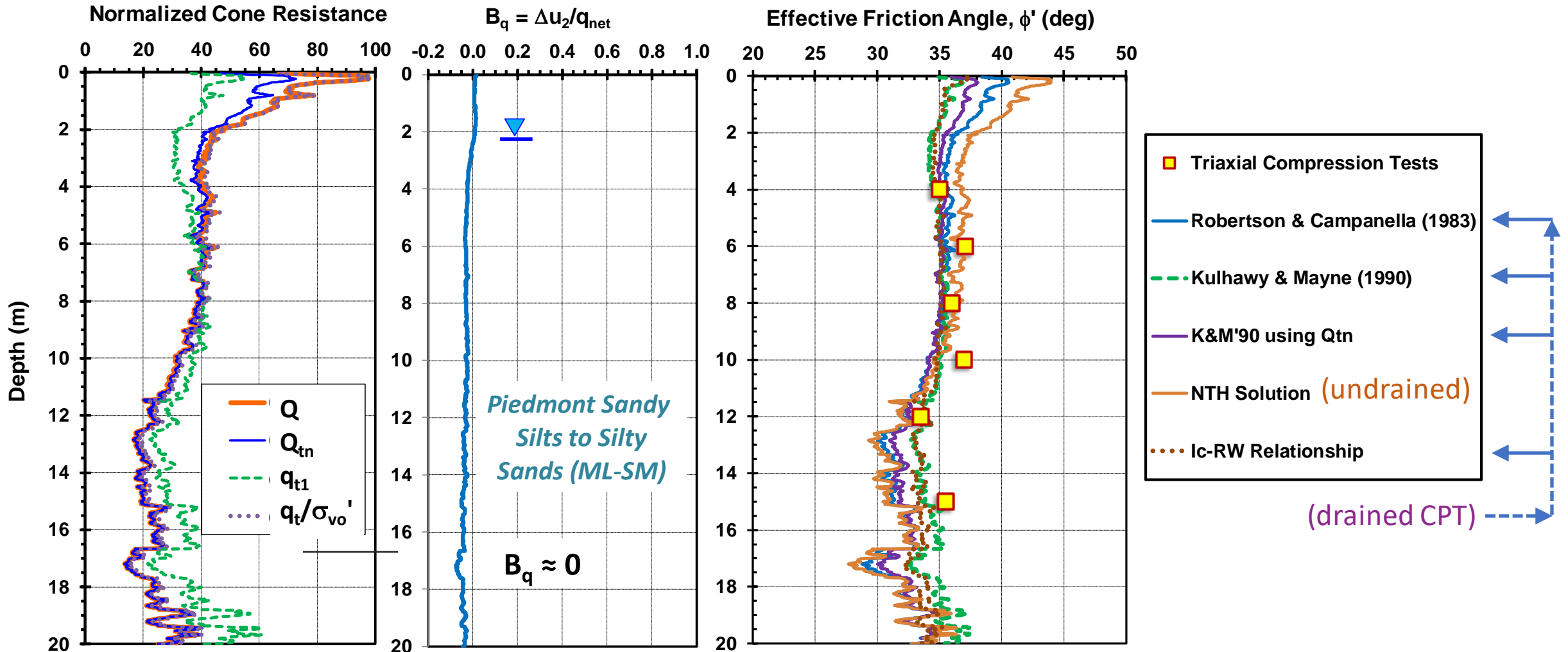
Owned by Alabama DOT

Managed by
Auburn University

- Dan Brown
- Brian Anderson
- Jack Montgomery

Opelika National Geotechnical Experimentation Site, Alabama

Fine sandy Silt to silty fine Sand (ML-SM) of the Appalachian Piedmont



What is "Spruce Pine" and why is it relevant to geotechnics ?





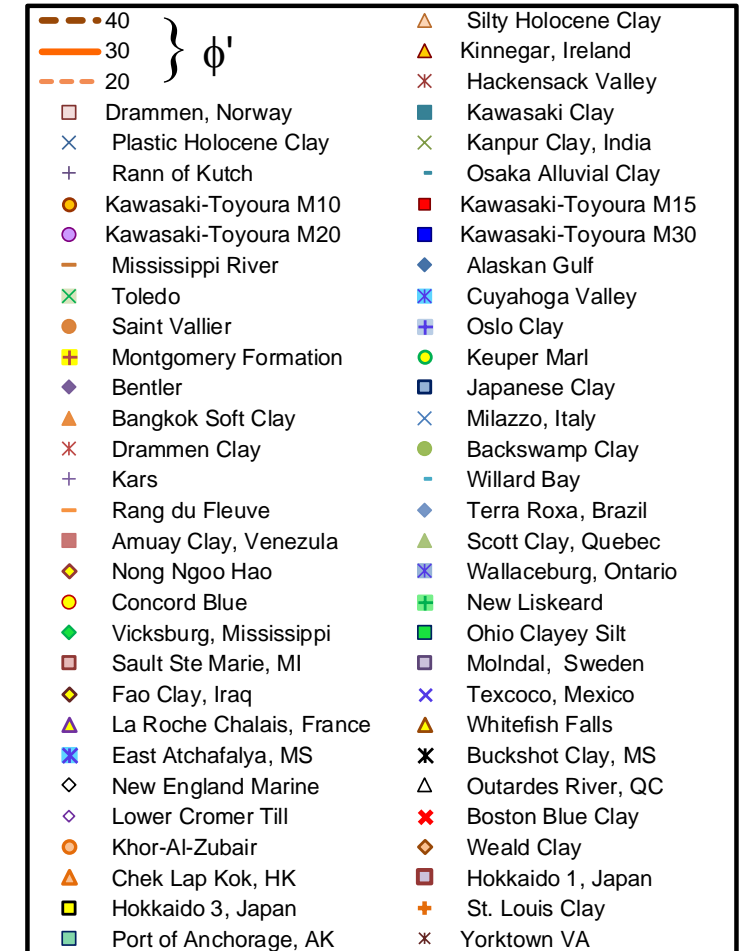
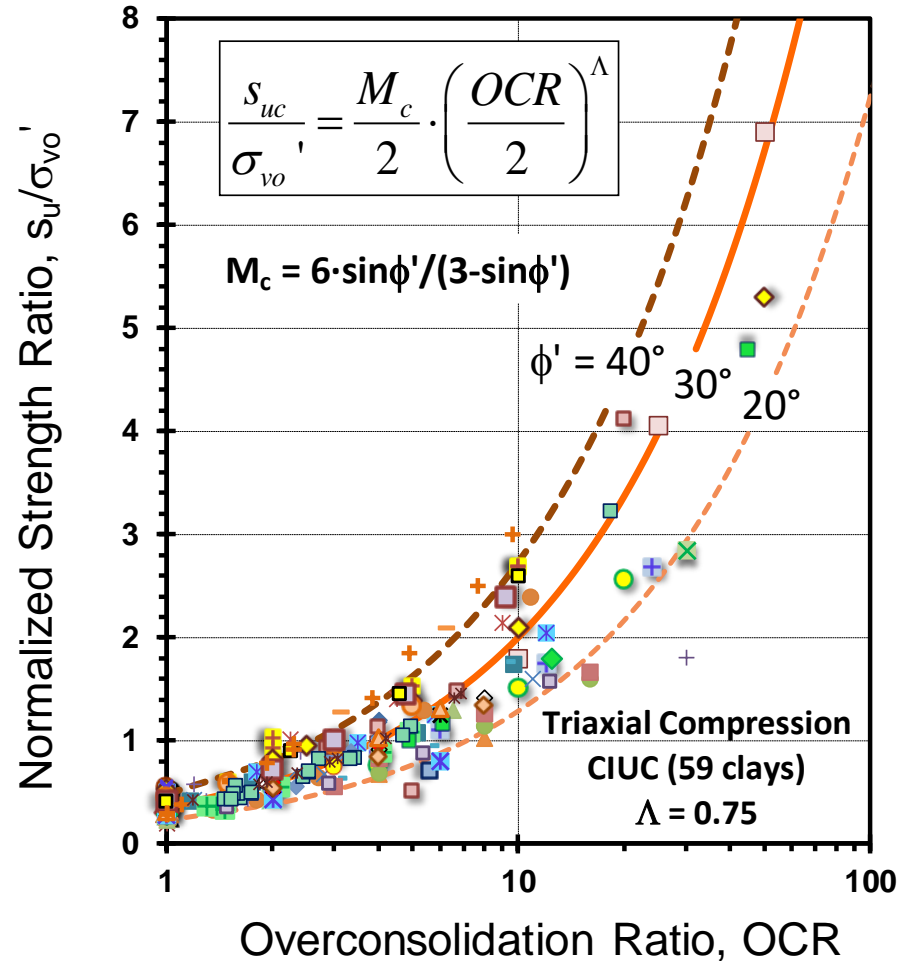
The Quartz Corporation



- Spruce Pine is the sand used in the Masters Tournaments
- Mined near Asheville, NC
- Purest quartz sand in the world (99.998% SiO₂)
- \$20,000/ton (compared to \$20/ton regular sand)

Cam-clay predictions of undrained strength (Mayne, JGE 1980)

- Triaxial series on clays
- Undrained shear strength, s_{uc}
- Effective friction angle, ϕ'
- Overconsolidation ratio, OCR
- Compressibility parameters
- $\Lambda \approx 1 - C_s/C_c$
- SHANSEP
- CSSM



SCE-CSSM Analytical Method for CPTu in clays

YSR = yield stress ratio = OCR

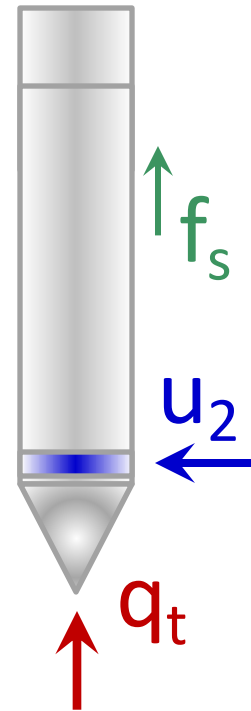
$$YSR = 2 \left[\frac{(2/M_c) \cdot Q}{(4/3)(\ln I_R + 1) + \pi/2 + 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$

$$YSR = 2 \left[\frac{U - 1}{(2M_c/3) \cdot \ln(I_R) - 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$

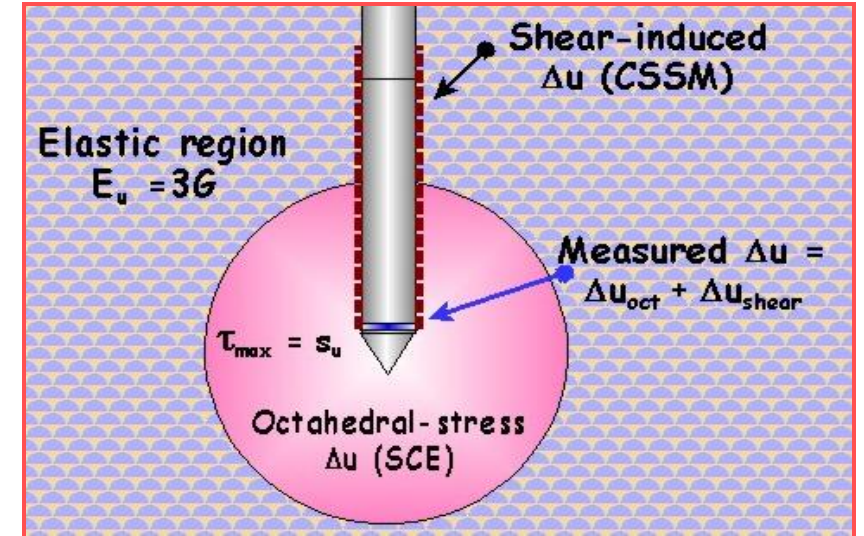
$$YSR = 2 \cdot \left[\frac{Q_E}{1.95M_c + 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$

$$I_R = \exp \left[\frac{1.5/M_c + 2.925 \cdot a_q}{1 - a_q} \right] \quad \text{where } a_q = \frac{(u_2 - \sigma_{vo})}{(q_t - \sigma_{vo})}$$

$$\text{Vesic (1977): } s_{uc} = \frac{q_{net}}{N_{kt}} \quad \text{where } N_{kt} = \frac{4}{3} [\ln(I_R) + 1] + \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$



SCE = spherical cavity expansion
 CSSM = critical state soil mechanics



$$M_c = 6 \sin\phi' / (3 - \sin\phi')$$

$I_R = G/s_u =$ rigidity index

$$s_u = (M/2)(OCR/2)^\Lambda \sigma_{vo}'$$

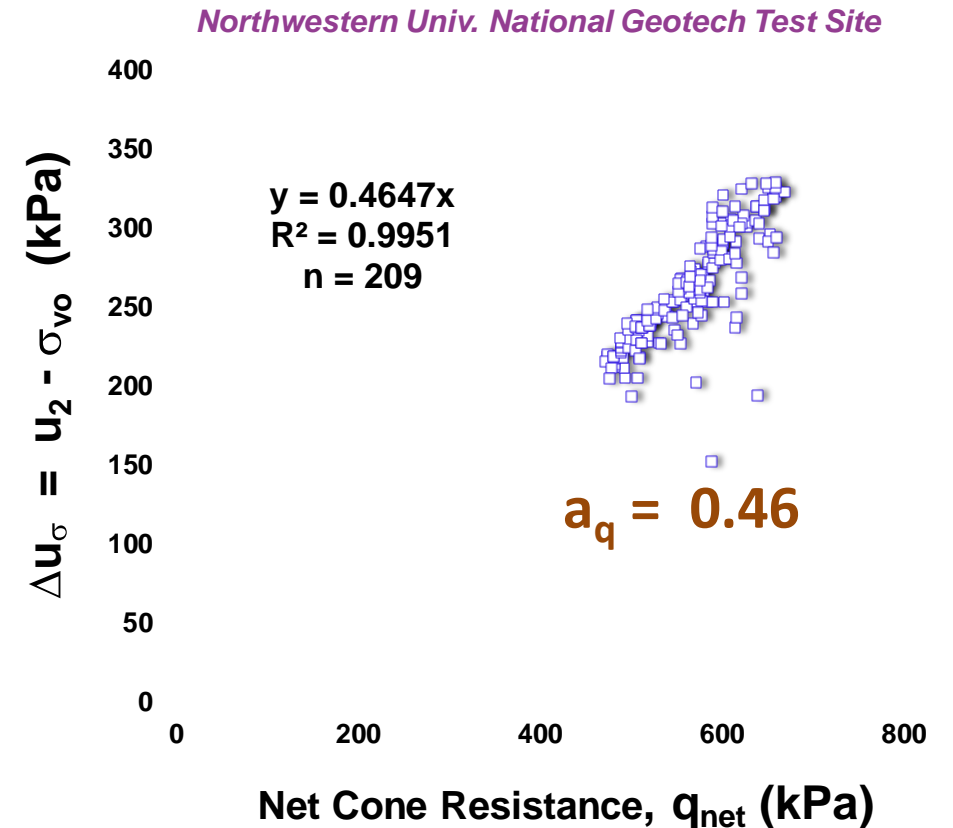
$$\Lambda = 1 - C_s/C_c$$

Soft Chicago Clay at Northwestern University

$$I_R = \exp \cdot \left(\frac{1.5 + 2.925 \cdot M_c \cdot a_q}{M_c \cdot (1 - a_q)} \right)$$

where $a_q = \frac{(u_2 - \sigma_{v0})}{(q_t - \sigma_{v0})} = \frac{U - 1}{Q}$

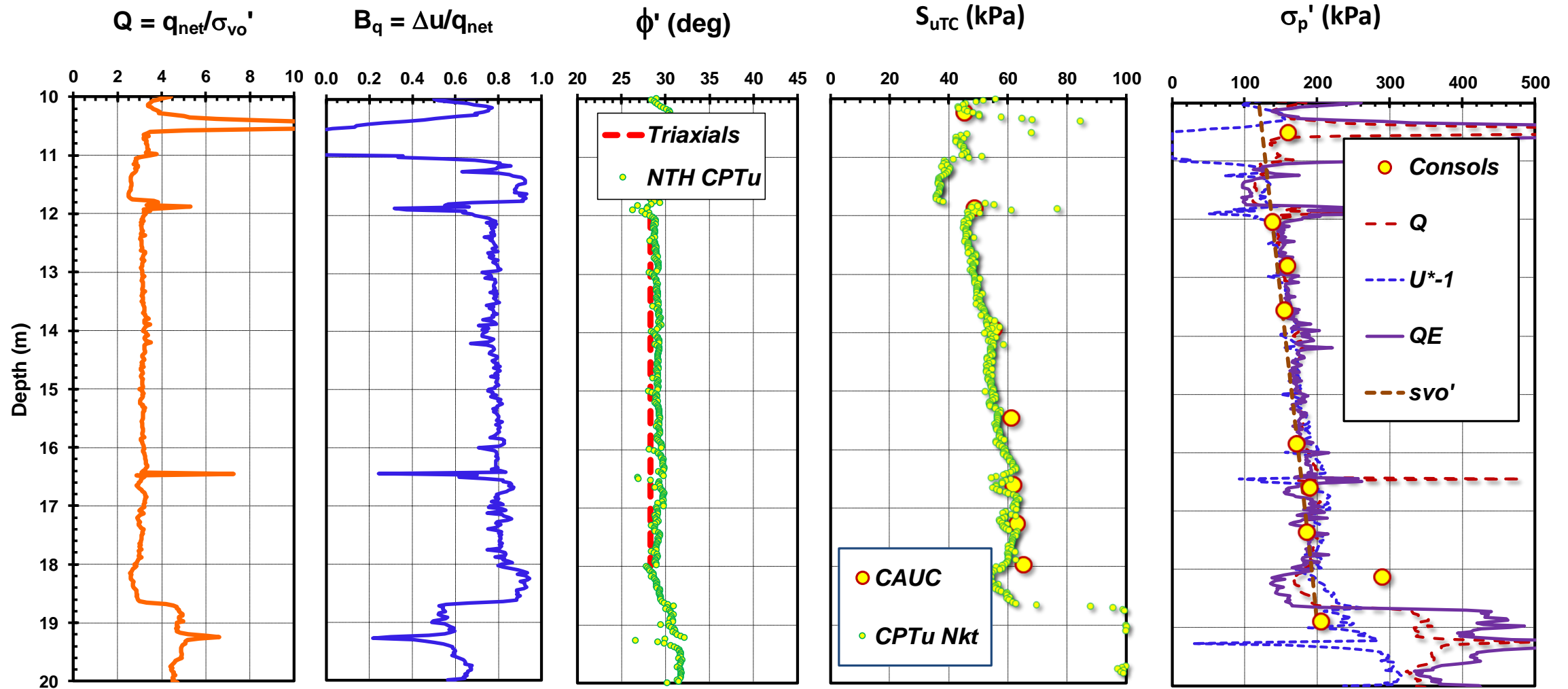
Parameter $a_q = (U-1)/Q$	=	0.46
Effective Friction Angle, ϕ'	=	28°
$M_c = (6 \sin \phi') / (3 - \sin \phi')$	=	1.11
$I_R =$ Rigidity Index	=	147
$N_{kt} =$ cone bearing factor	=	10.6



CPTU in soft Chicago clay at Northwestern Geotechnical Test Site

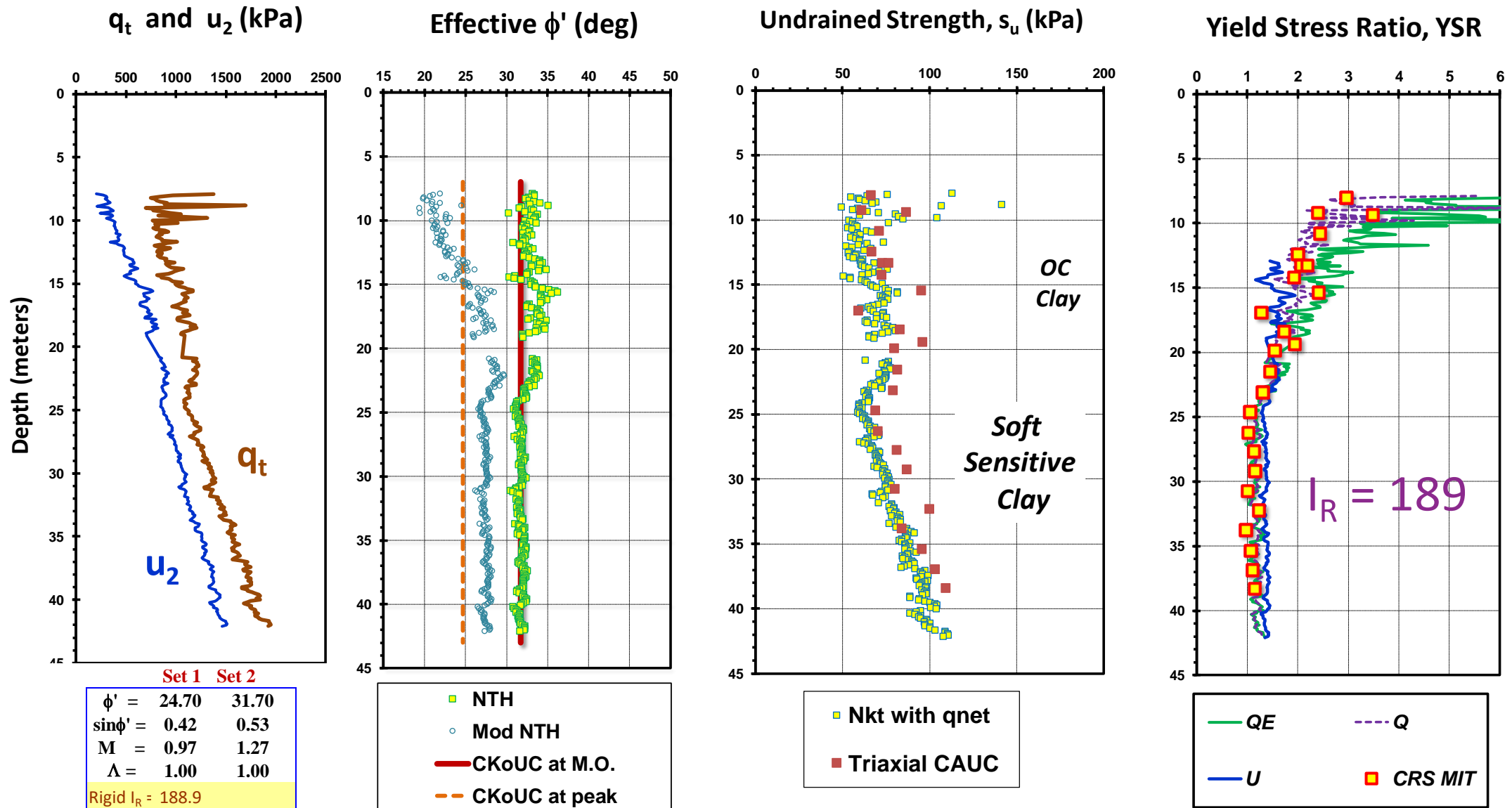
Parameter $a_q = 0.460$

Rigidity Index, $I_R = 147$



Boston Blue Clay, Saugus, Massachusetts

(Varner 1998; Sutabutr, et al. 2001; Whittle et al. 2001; Agaiby & Mayne 2022)



Simplified SCE-CSSM Solution for Monotonic Dissipation

(Burns 1998; Burns & Mayne 1998; Burns & Mayne 2002)

Measured time for 50% consolidation: t_{50}

SCE-CSSM Solution:

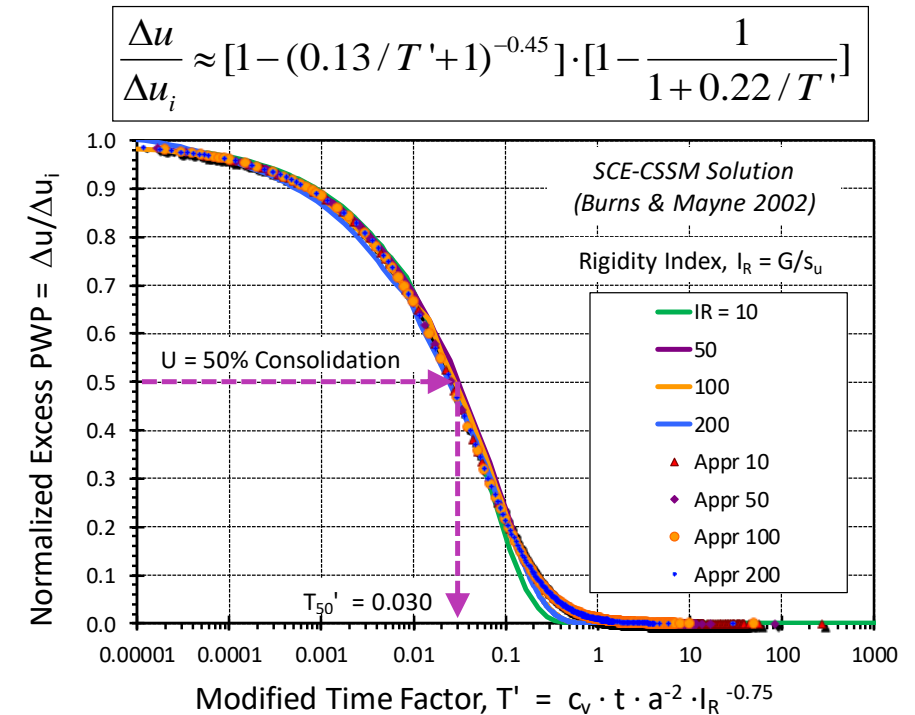
$$C_{vh} = \frac{T'_{50} \cdot (a_c)^2 \cdot (I_R)^{0.75}}{t_{50}}$$

$T'_{50} = 0.03$ = time factor for 50% porewater dissipation

a_c = radius of penetrometer or probe or piling

I_R = undrained rigidity index of the clay

C_{vh} = coefficient of consolidation



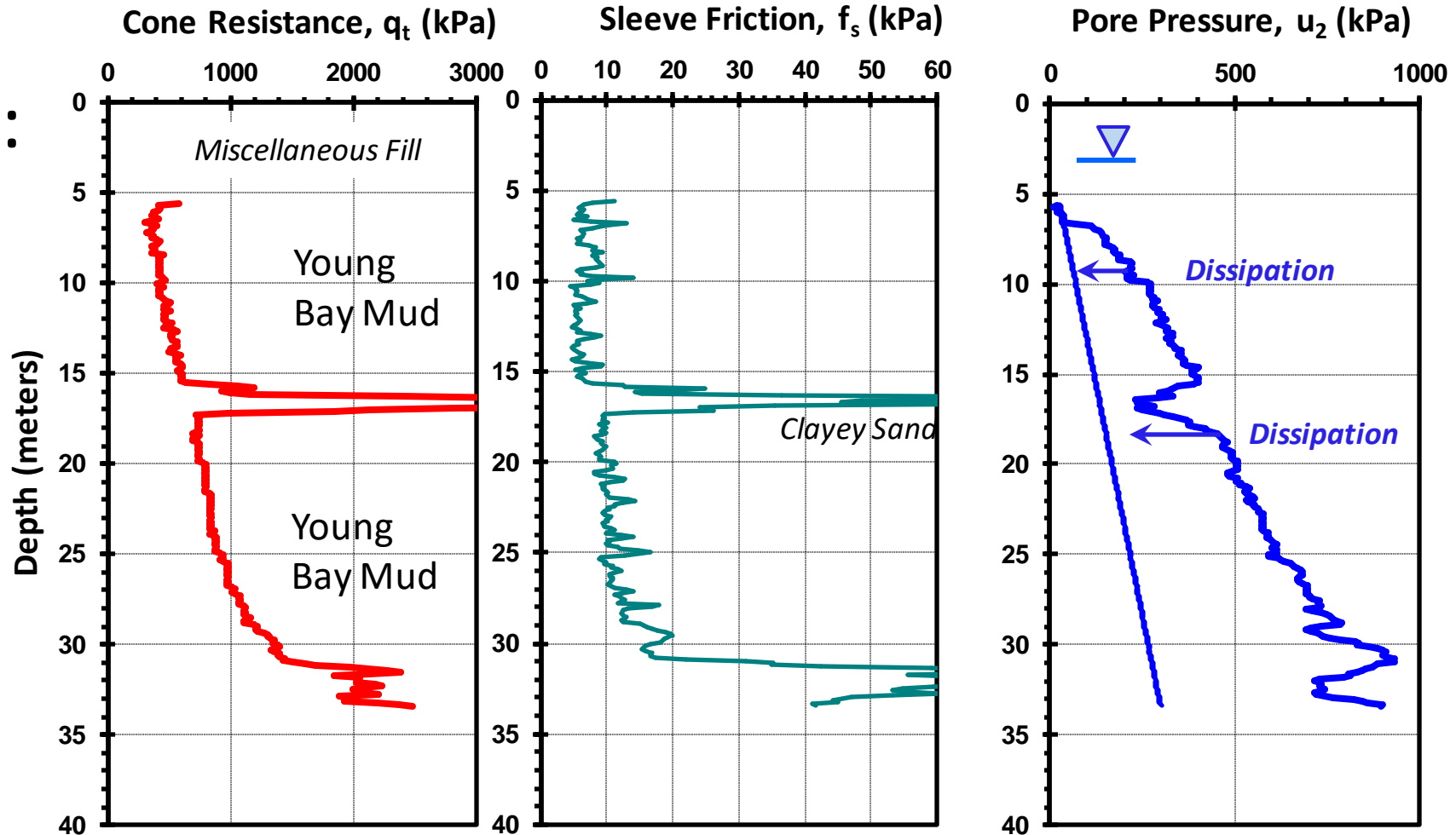
CPTU in San Francisco Bay Mud

(Hunt, Pestana, and Bray 2001a, 2001b in JGGE)

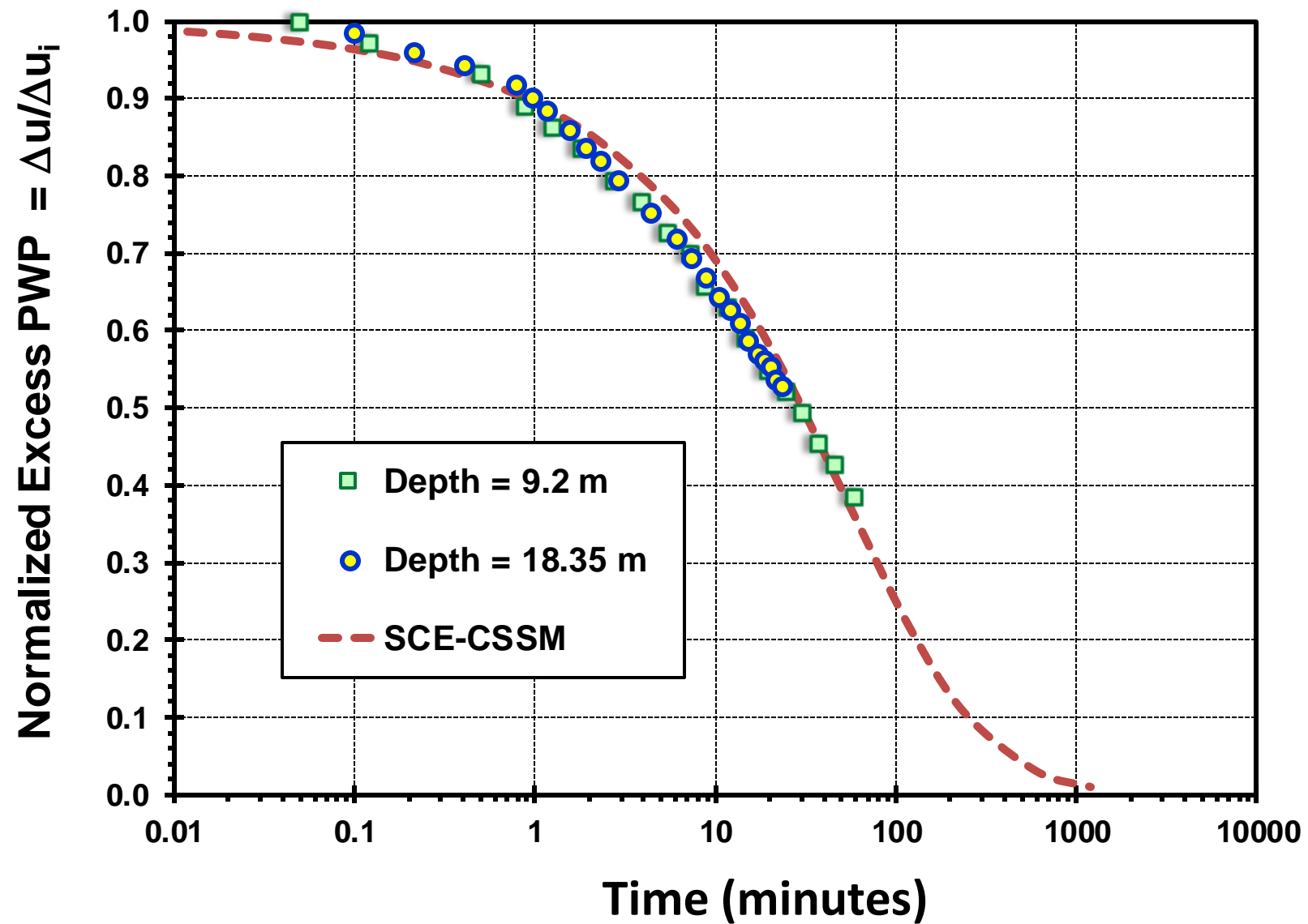
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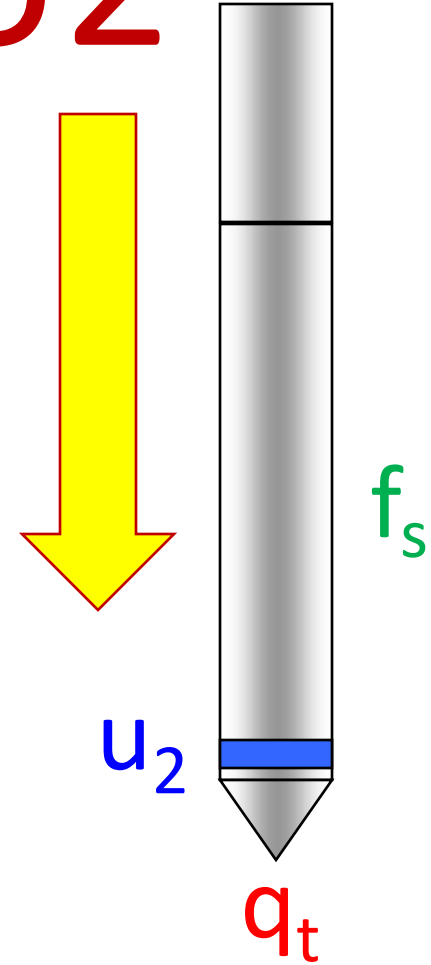
- ϕ'
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CPTU Dissipations in San Francisco Bay Mud



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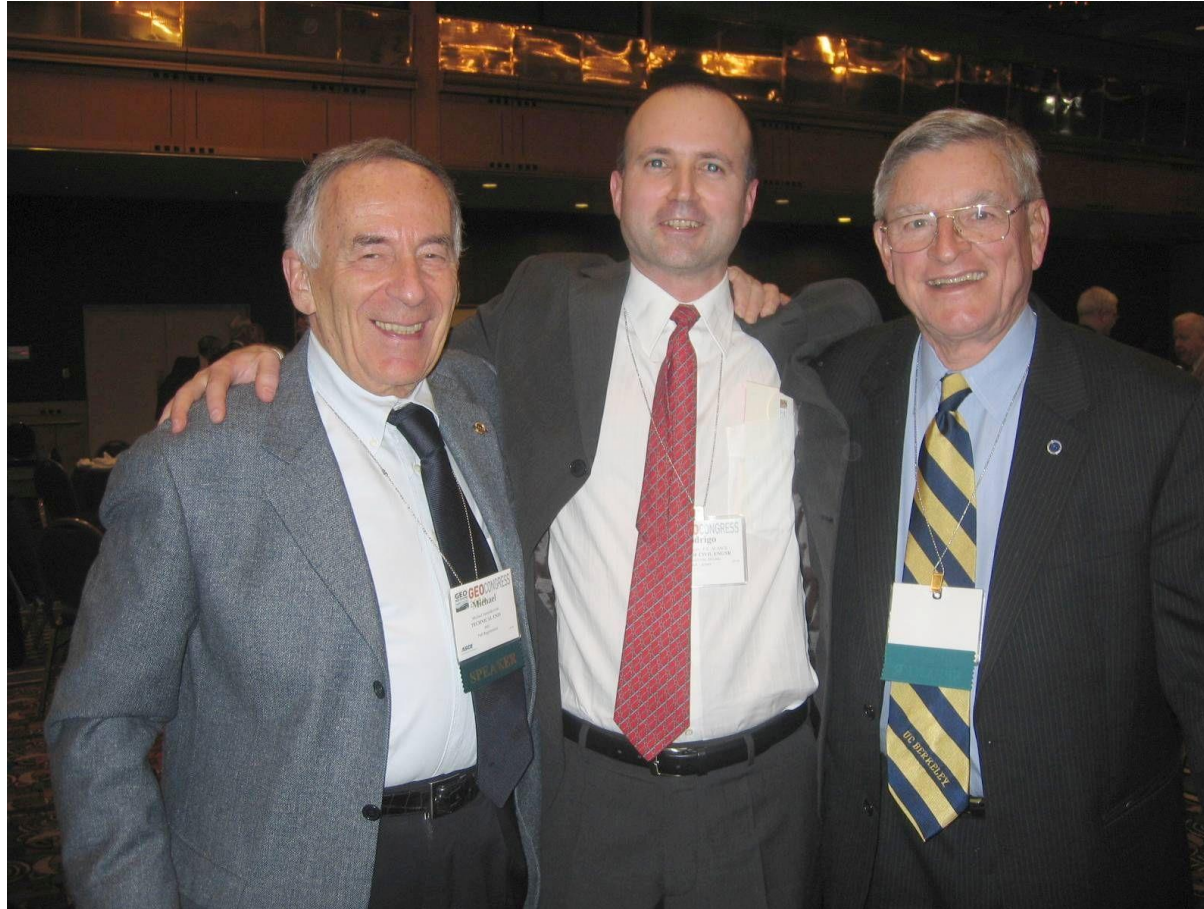
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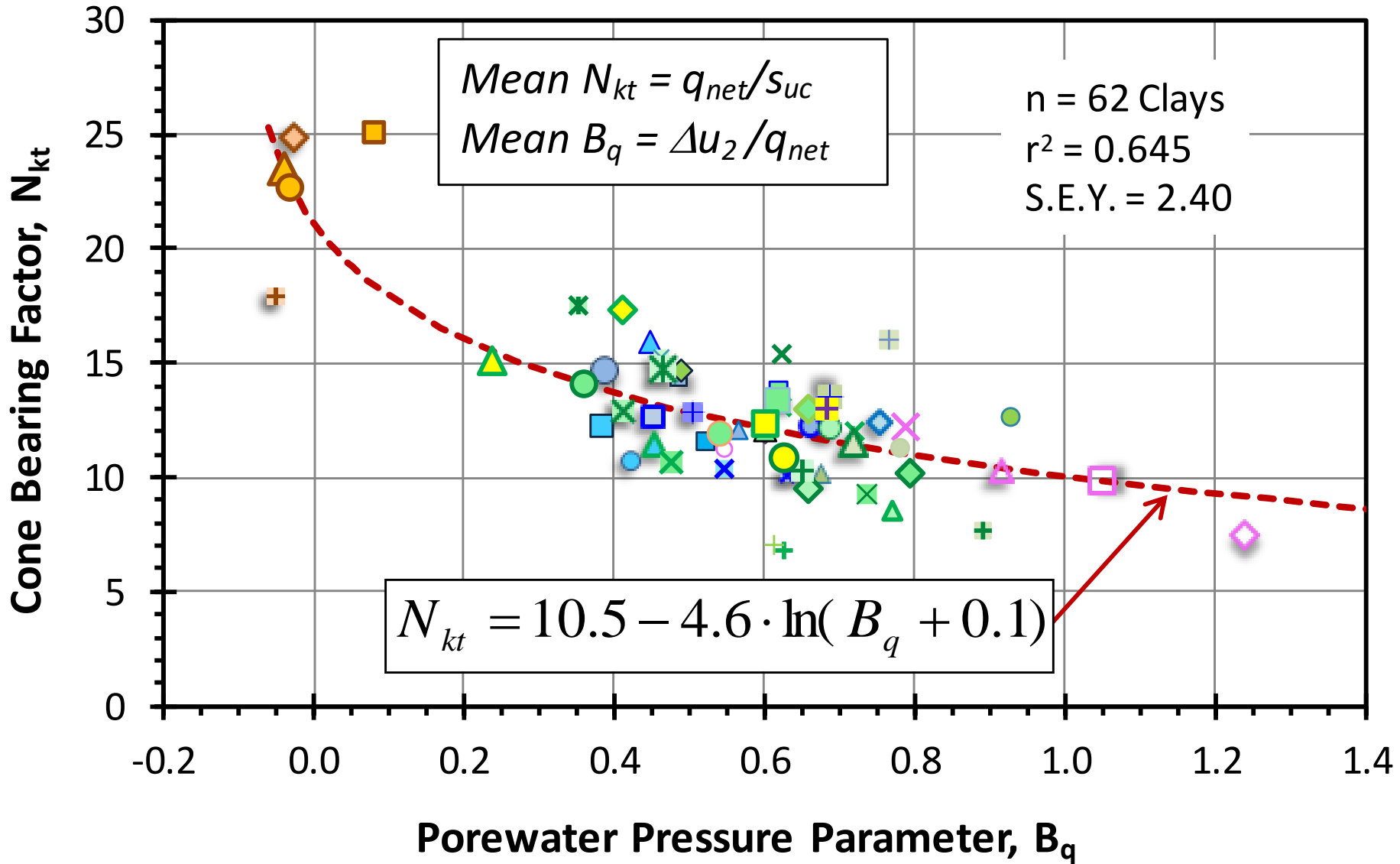
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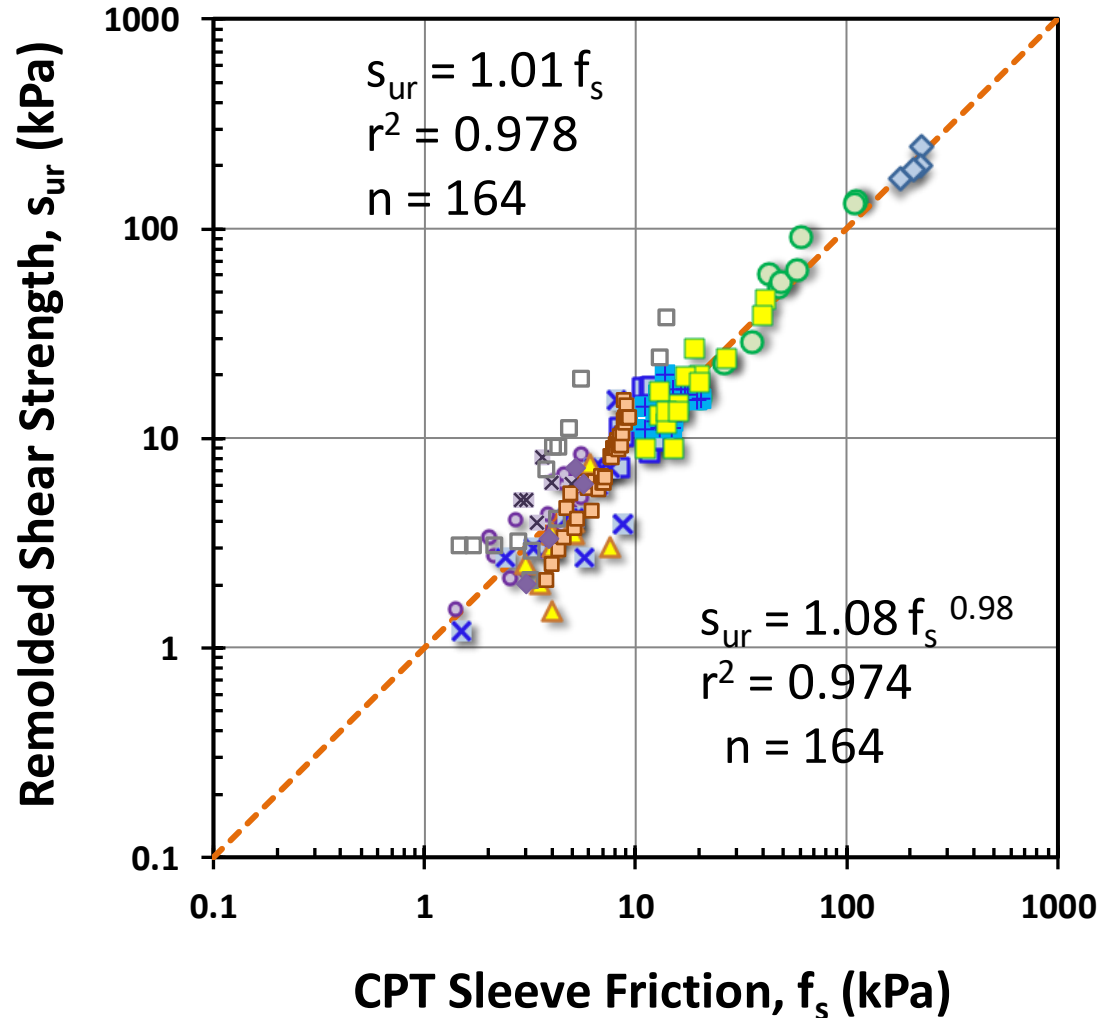


Direct CPTU Method for s_u from 62 natural clays



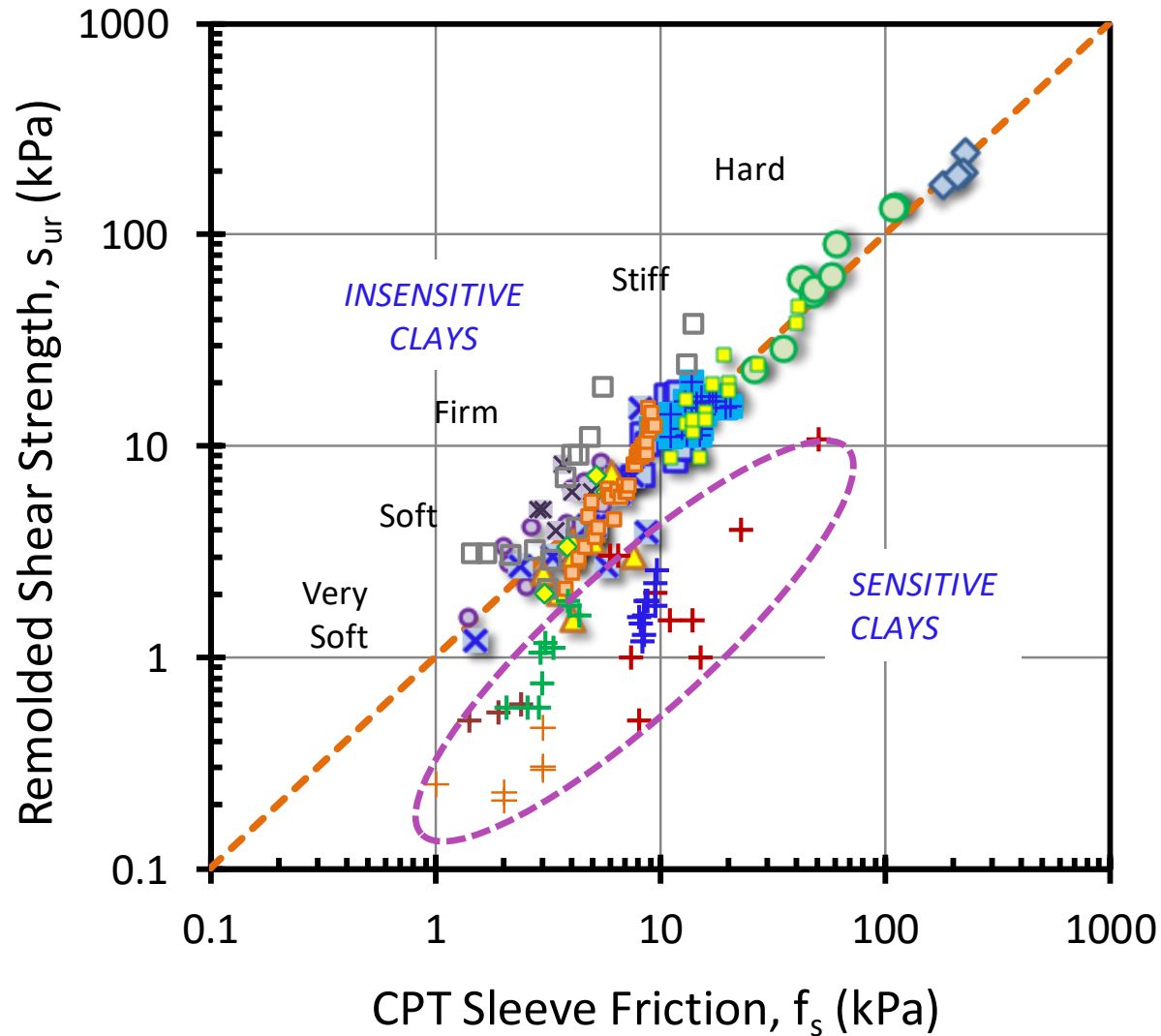
Remolded Undrained Shear Strength, s_{ur}

Dataset: s_{ur} and f_s for 12 Clays of low-medium sensitivity: $S_t < 10$



- New Orleans, LA - Field Vane (Mayne 2008)
- Burswood, Australia - Field Vane (Low PhD, UWA 2009)
- ◇ Orman Lange - Lab Fall Cone (Powell & Lunne 2005)
- × Offshore West Africa - Miniature Lab Vane (Velosa et al 2013)
- Santa Barbara, CA - Remoulded UU (Quiros & Young 1988)
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- McDonald Farm, BC - Field Vane (Greig 1985)
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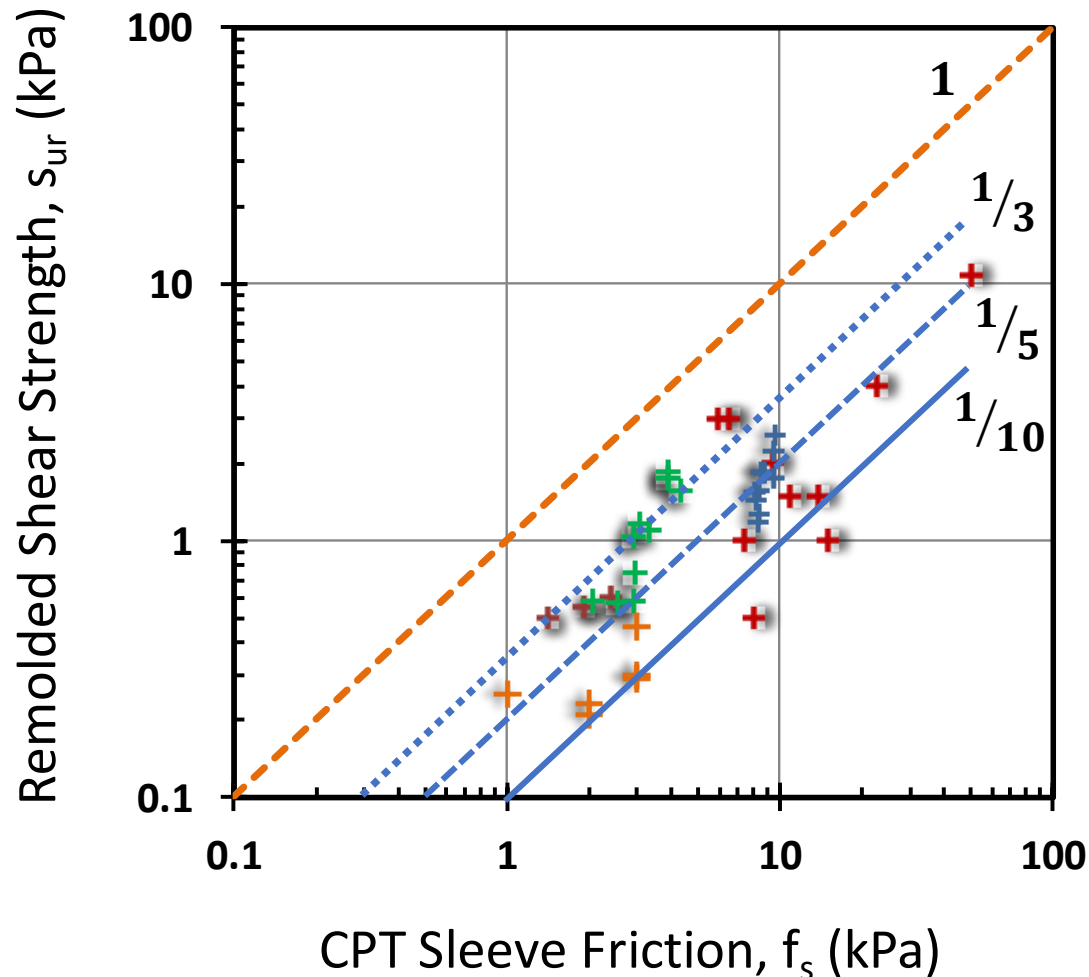
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- + Sensitive Pernio Clay, Finland (DiBuo et al. 2019) - Fall Cone
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Remolded Undrained Shear Strength, s_{ur}

Dataset: s_{ur} and f_s for 5 Clays of high sensitivity: $S_t > 10$

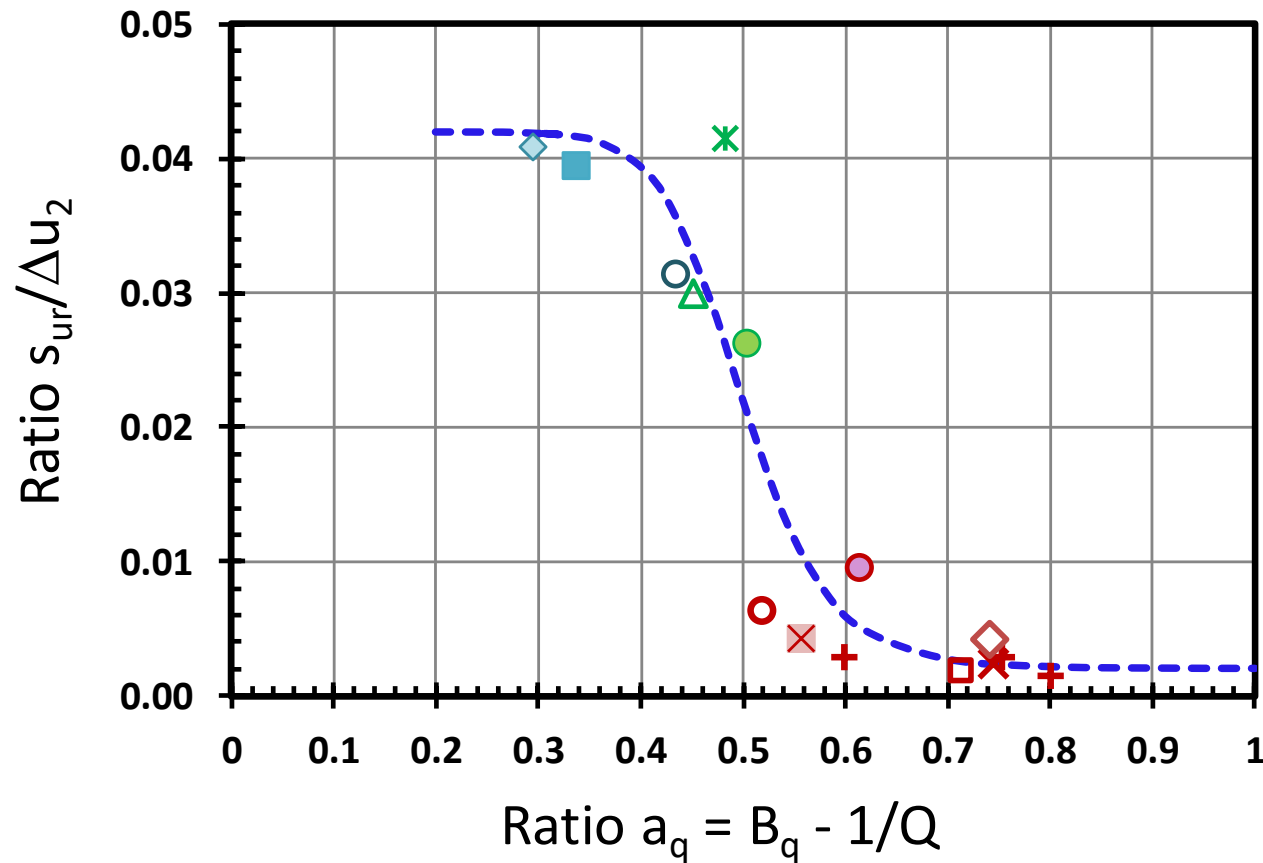


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Remolded Undrained Shear Strength, s_{ur}

New VST-CPTU database from 14 natural clays

$$Ratio \frac{s_{ur}}{\Delta u_2} \approx 0.002 + \frac{0.04}{1 + (a_q / 0.5)^{12}}$$



- + Gloucester
- × Dover, NH
- Newbury, MA
- × Pernio Finland
- Tiller-Flotten, Norway
- ◇ Louiseville, QC
- Mink Creek BC
- △ Bothkennar, UK
- × Northwestern NGES
- ◇ Burswood, Australia
- Kreuzlinger, CH
- Gulf of Guinea
- Tubarao, Brazil
- Taipei Clay
- Trend

7 highly sensitive to quick clays
($15 < S_t < 100+$)

7 clays of low-medium sensitivity
($2 < S_t < 8$)

What famous geo-song did the
artist **Sting** perform?

Sting: You Don't Have to Put on the Red....



Simplified SCE-CSSM Solution for CPTU in Clays

For $\Lambda = 1 - C_s/C_c = 1$

$$YSR = 2 \left[\frac{\left(\frac{2}{M}\right)(q_t - \sigma_{vo}) / \sigma_{vo}'}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)(\ln I_R + 1) + \frac{\pi}{2} + 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$



$$\sigma_P' = \frac{(q_t - \sigma_{vo})}{M \cdot \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \ln(I_R)\right]}$$

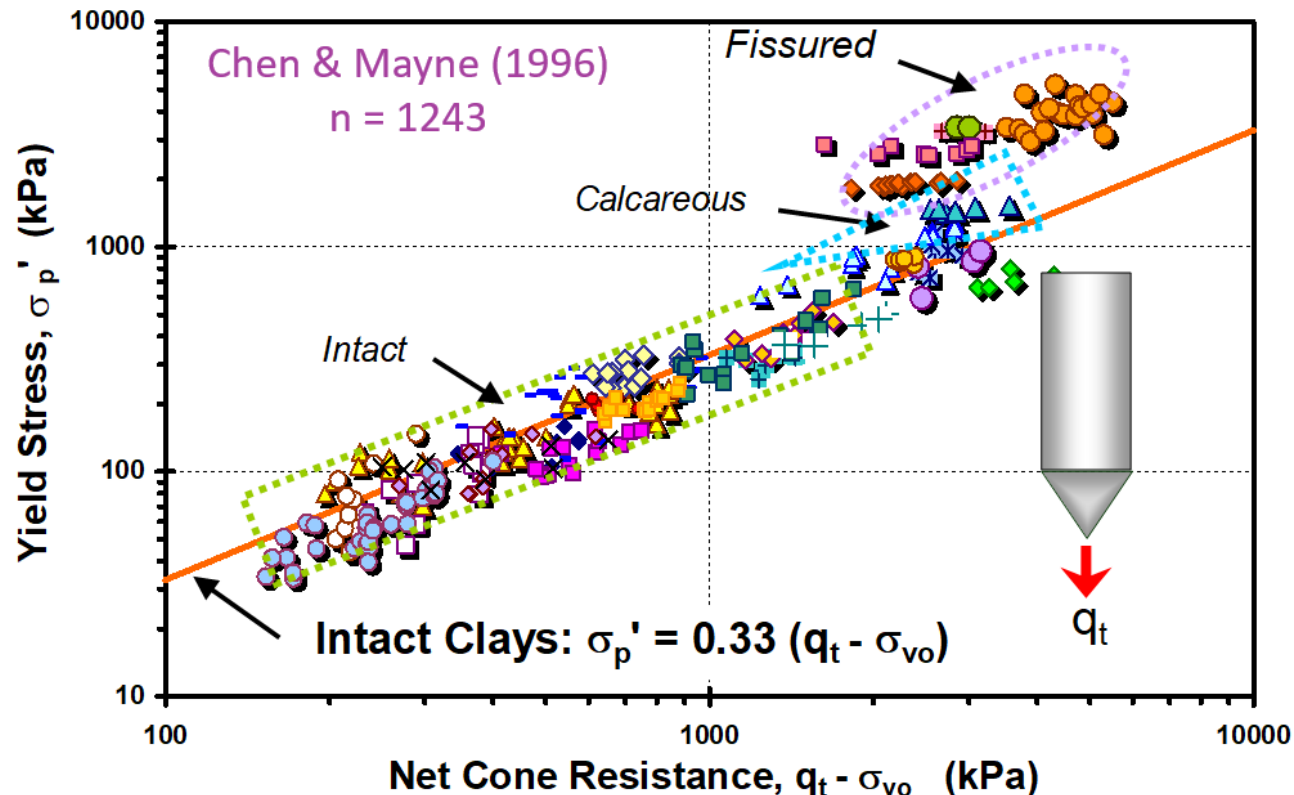
$$\phi' = 30^\circ$$

$$I_R = G/s_u = 100$$



$$\sigma_P' = 0.33 \cdot (q_t - \sigma_{vo})$$

First-Order Approximation



Evaluating Yield Stresses in Sands by CPT

Oxford University

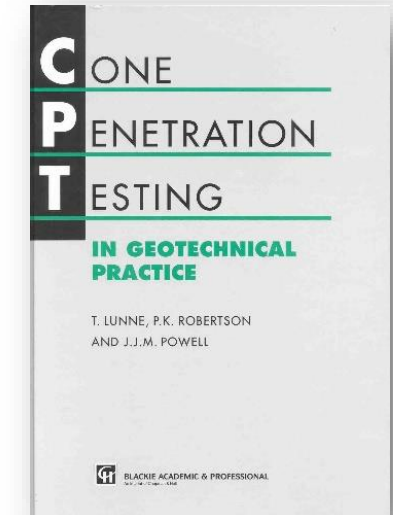
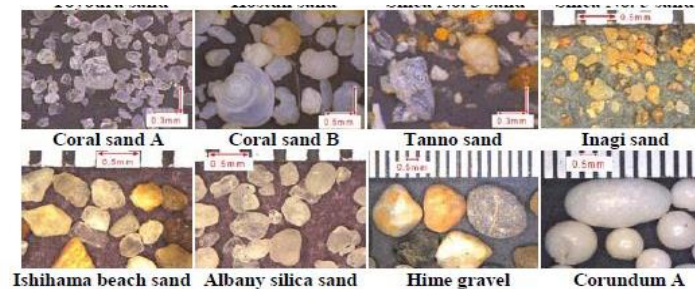
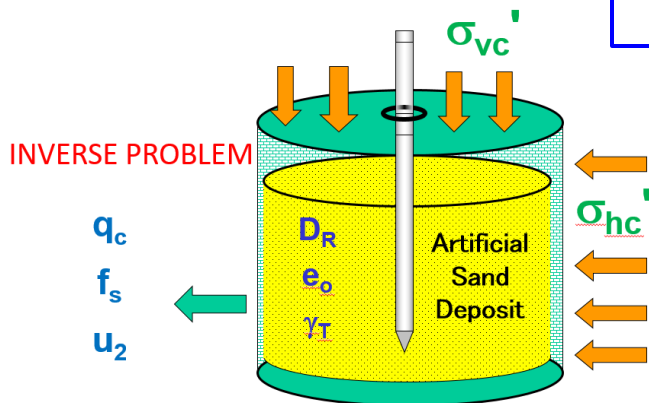


Calibration Chamber Data

- Flexible Wall Chambers
- Essentially large triaxial test
- 706 tests from 26 sands

$$YSR = \left[\frac{0.192 \cdot (q_{net} / \sigma_{atm})^{0.22}}{(1 - \sin \phi') \cdot (\sigma_{vo}' / \sigma_{atm})^{0.31}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\sin \phi' - 0.27}}$$

Virginia Tech



Generalized yield stress evaluation from CPT

26 SANDS (n = 706 chamber tests)

206 CLAY SITES (n = 1234)

$$YSR = \left[\frac{0.192 \cdot (q_{net}/\sigma_{atm})^{0.22}}{(1 - \sin \phi') \cdot (\sigma_{vo}'/\sigma_{atm})^{0.31}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\sin \phi' - 0.27}}$$

where σ_{atm} = atmospheric pressure (1 atm \approx 1 bar = 100 kPa).



$$YSR \approx \left[\frac{(q_{net}/\sigma_{atm})^{0.72}}{13.8 \cdot (\sigma_{vo}'/\sigma_{atm})^{1.02}} \right]$$

For $\phi' = 35^\circ$

**First-Order
Approximation**

Units of kPa

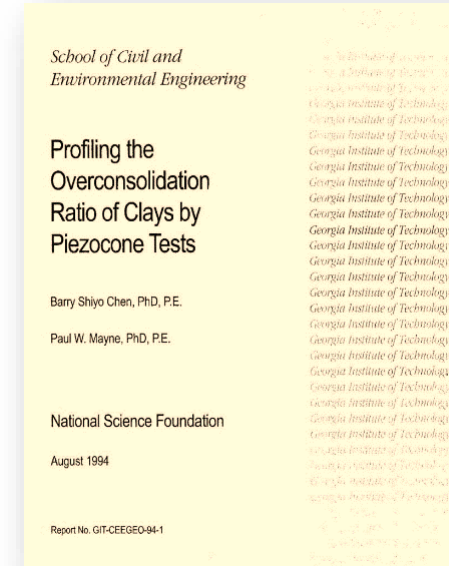


$$\sigma_p' \approx 0.32 \cdot (q_{net})^{0.72}$$

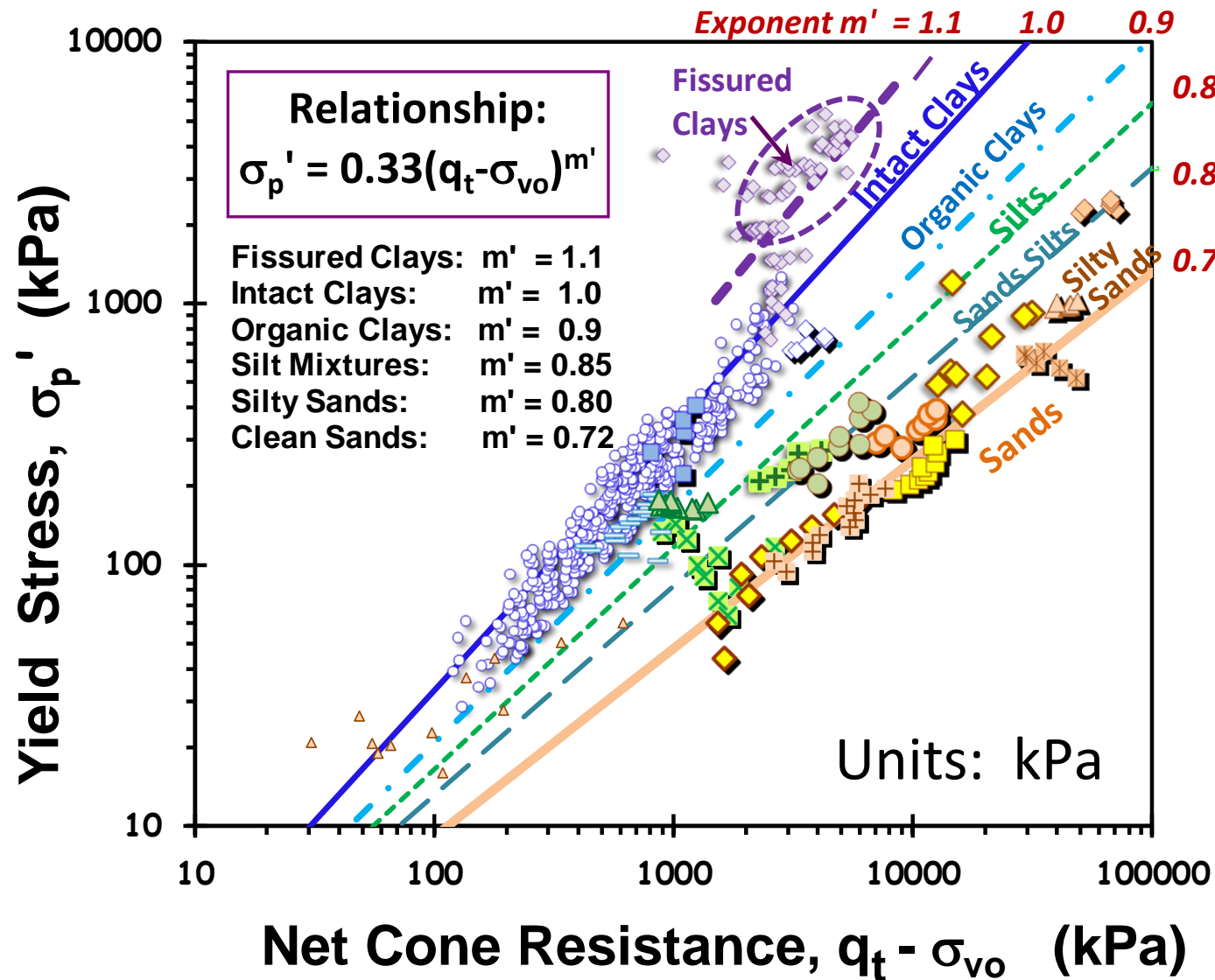
$$\sigma_p' \approx 0.33 \cdot (q_{net})$$



$$\sigma_p' (kPa) = 0.33 \cdot (q_t - \sigma_{vo})^{m'}$$



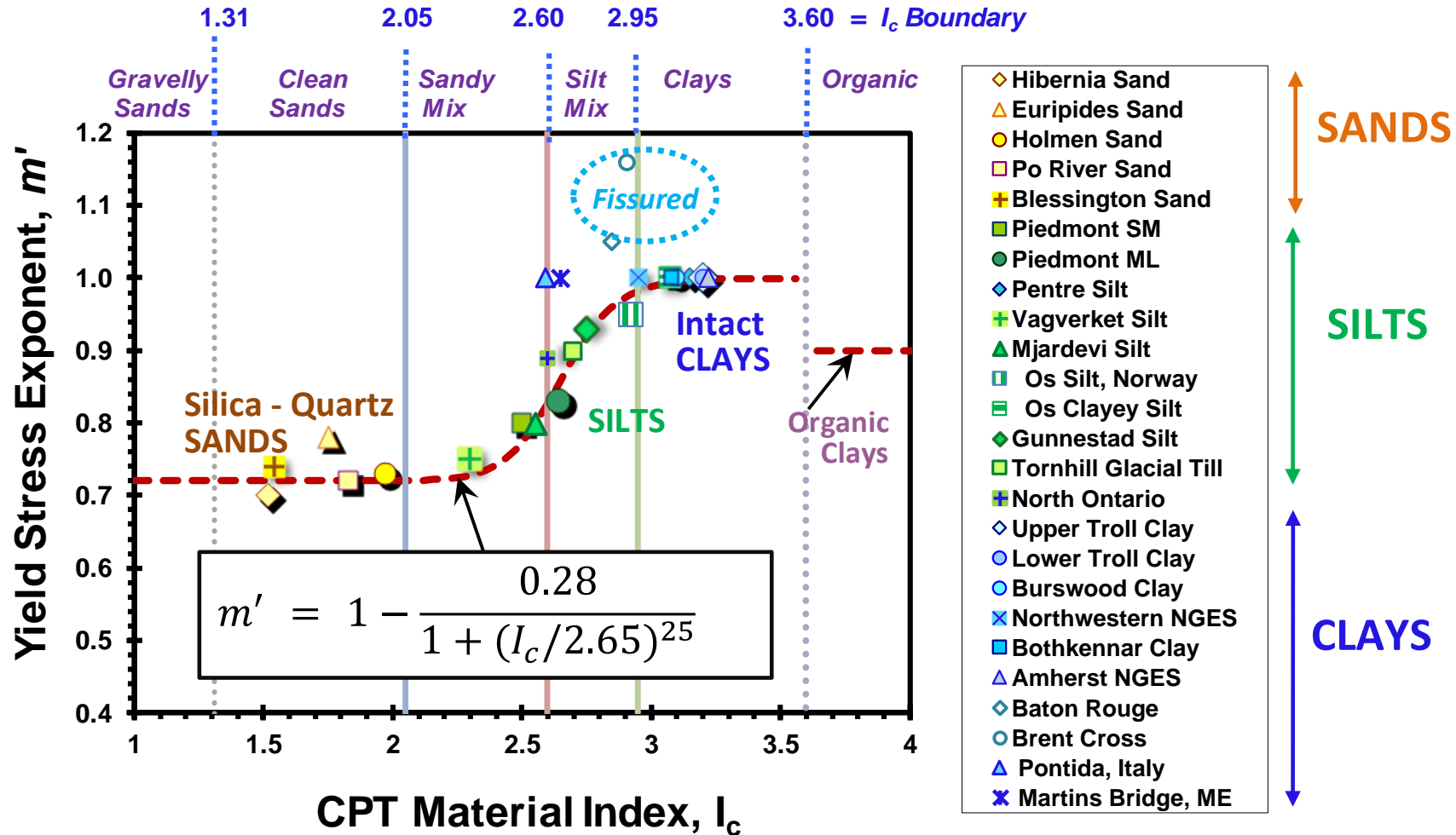
Generalized yield stress evaluation from CPT



SOA-1 at ICSMGE (2009, Egypt): Mayne, Coop, Springman, Huang, and Zornberg

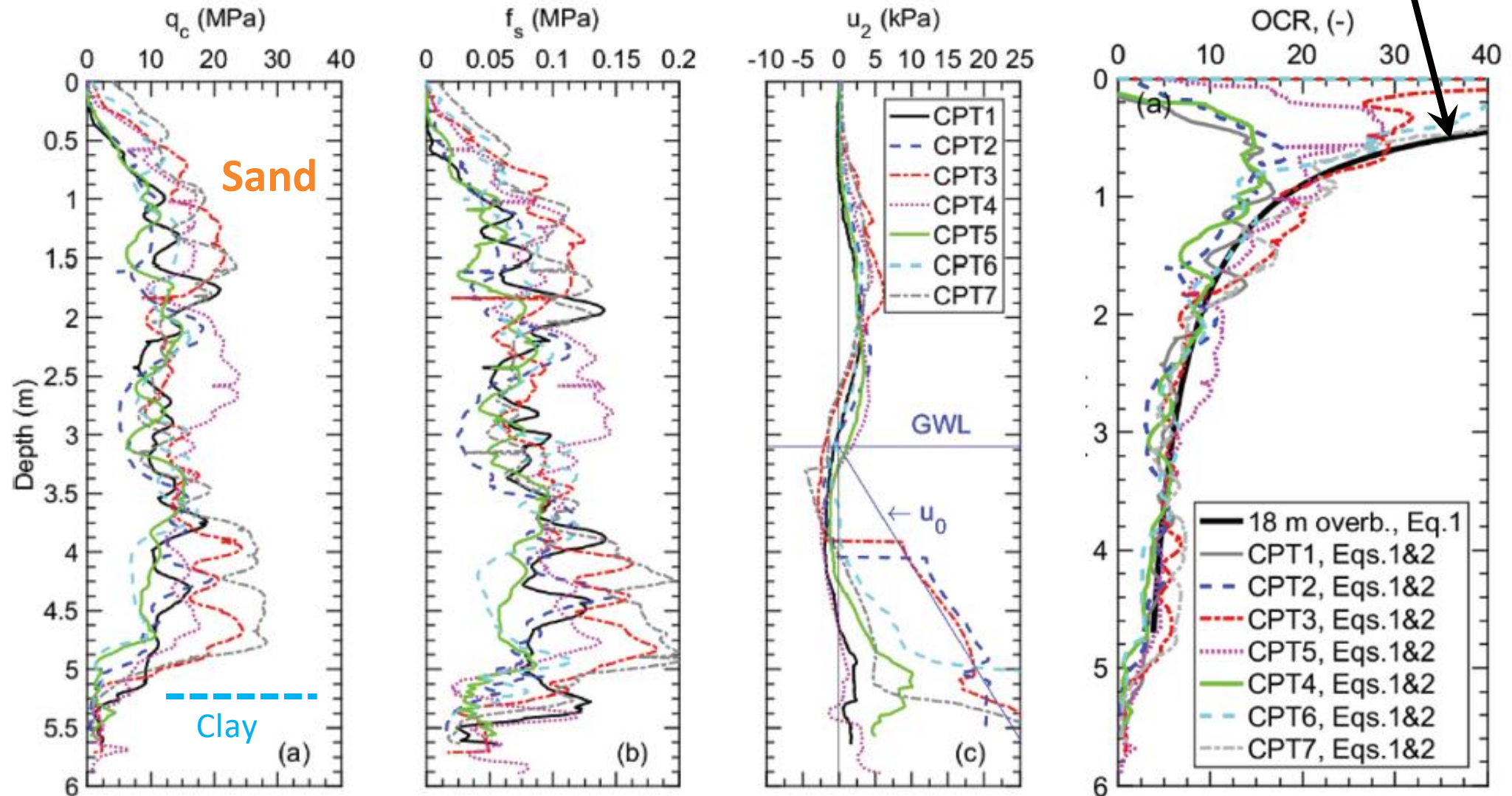
Trend of Exponent m' with CPT Material Index, I_c

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



OC Sand at Cuxhaven, Germany (Quinteros, Lunne, Krogh, et al. CPT'18)

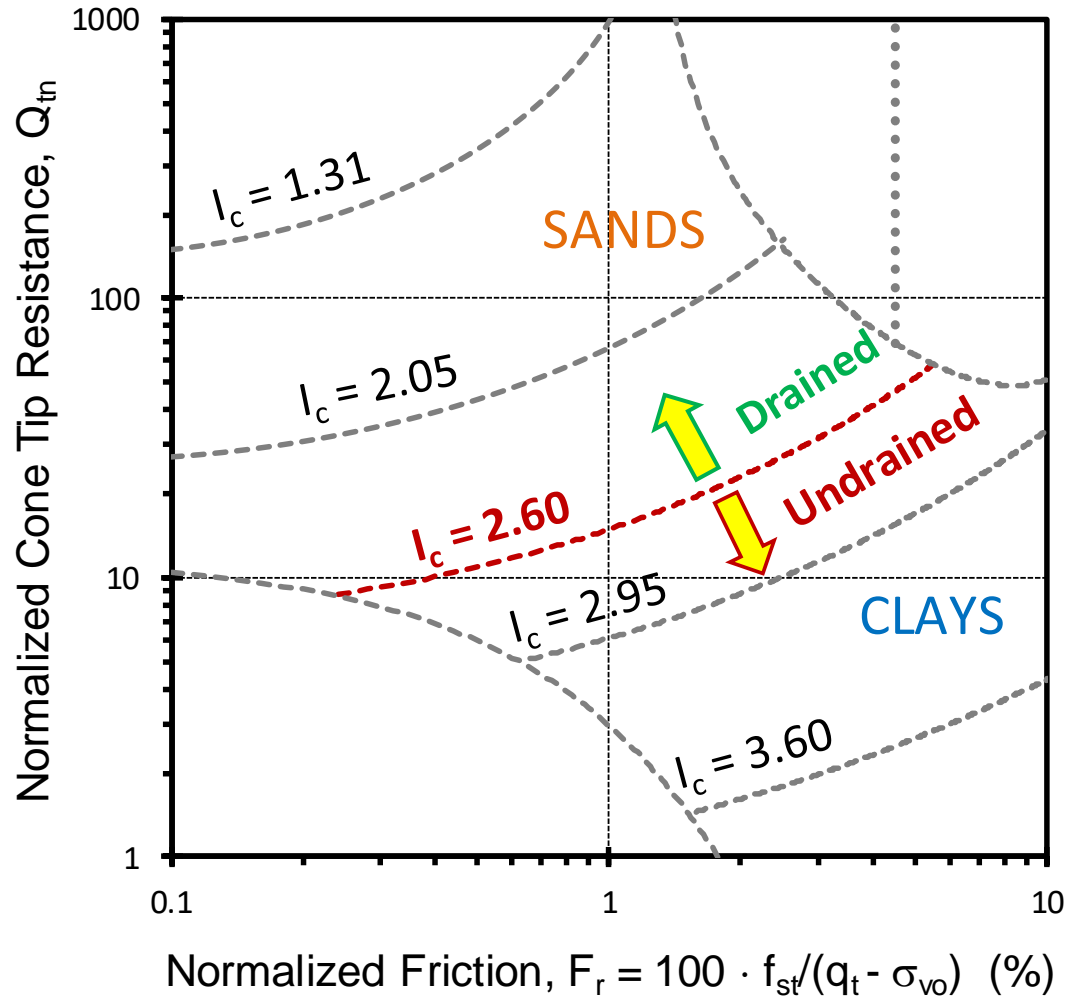
Calculated OCR due to 18 m of overburden removal



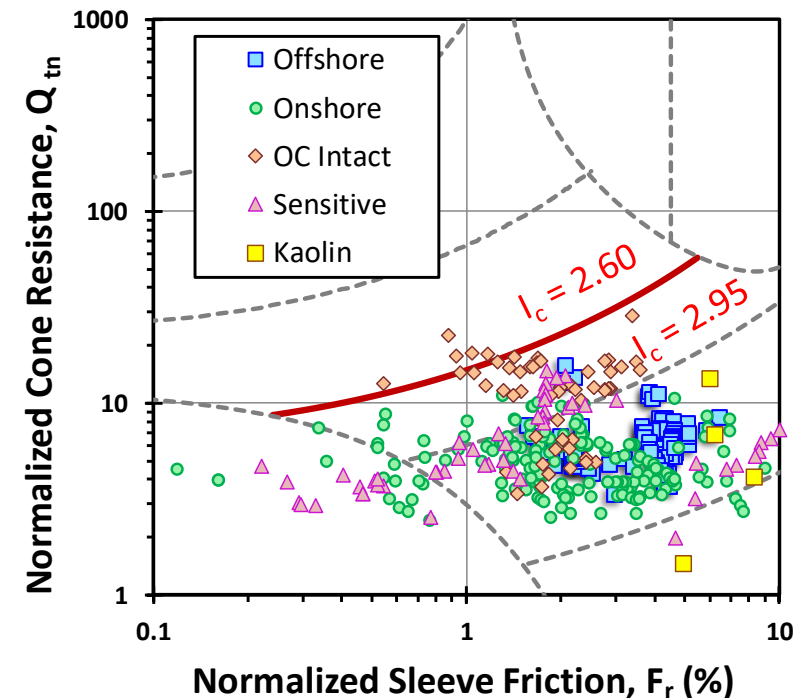
Undrained-Drained Threshold on Q_{tn} - F_r Chart (Robertson 2009)

Conventional Definition: Undrained when $I_c > 2.60$; Drained when $I_c < 2.60$

9-Zone CPT Soil Behavior Chart (Robertson 2009)



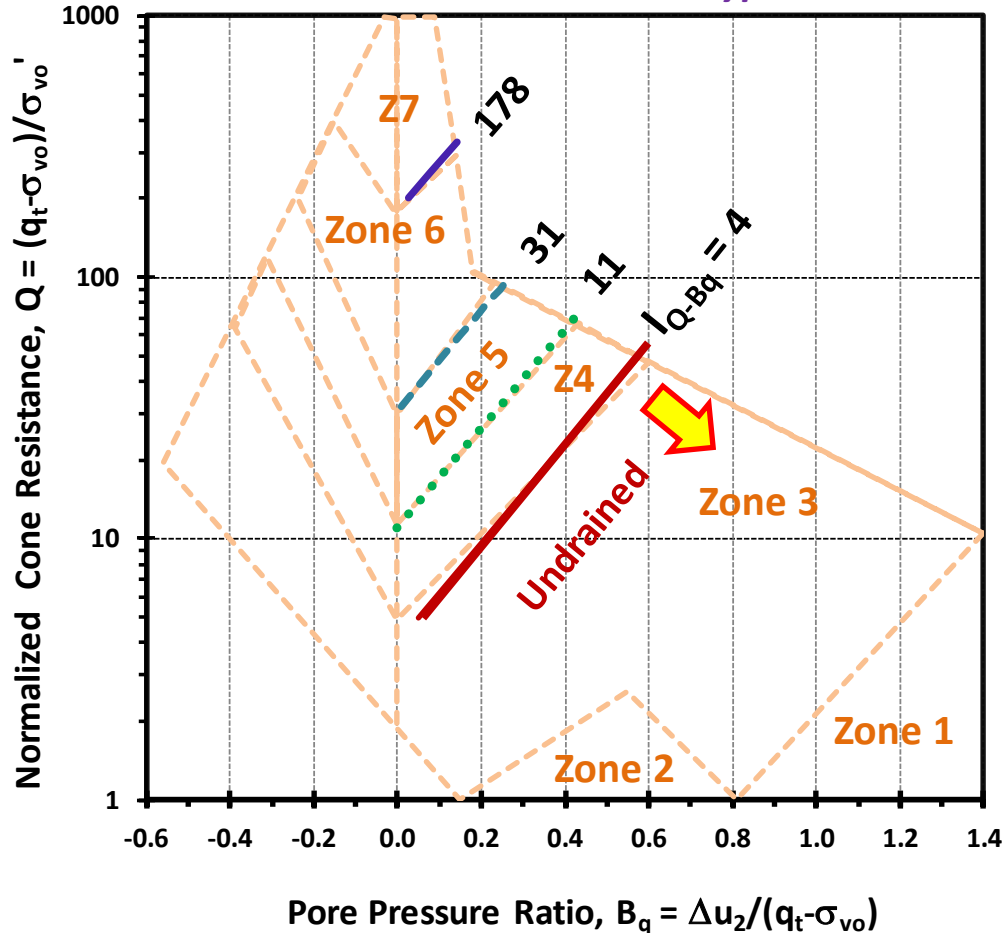
Clay Database (N = 70; n = 440)



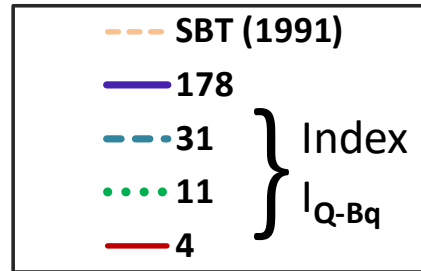
Defining undrained behavior on Q – B_q Chart

Undrained when $I_{Q-Bq} < 4$

Soil Behavior Type Chart



Robertson 1991 Canadian Geotech. Journal



Soil Behavior Type (SBT) Zones

- Z1 = sensitive soils
- Z2 = organic soils
- Z3 = clays to clayey silts
- Z4 = silts and silty mixtures
- Z5 = sandy mixtures
- Z6 = sands
- Z7 = gravelly sands

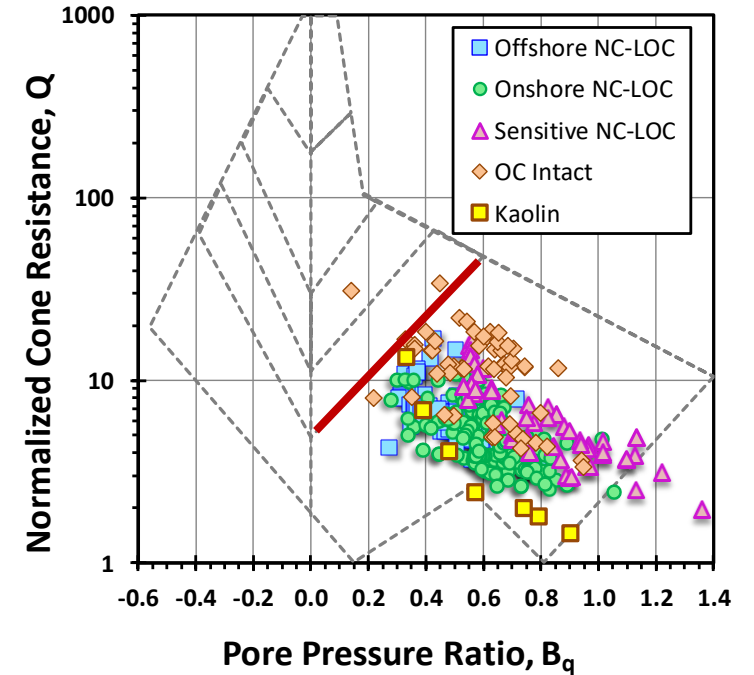
For $B_q > 0$

$$I_{Q-Bq} = Q \cdot 10^{-1.9 \cdot B_q}$$

Index defined by Torrez-Cruz (2015 PCSMGE, Buenos Aires)

$$I_{Q-Bq} = Q \cdot 10^{(-1.9 B_q)}$$

Clay Database (N = 70; n = 440)



Caveat: Generalized Method: Yield Stress of Soils from CPT

$$\sigma_p' \approx 0.33 (q_{\text{net}})^{m'} \quad (\text{units of kPa})$$

A. If **undrained**, use simplified method with $m' = 1$

B. Otherwise, evaluate exponent m' from I_c expressions:

- $m' \approx 1 - 0.28 / [1 + (I_c/2.65)^{25}]$ (Agaiby & Mayne, 2019)

- $m' \approx 1 = 0.28 / [1 + (I_c/2.6)^{15}]$ (Robertson & Cabal 2022)

Geotechnical Site Investigations

“Soils are made by Nature, and not by man,

[thus] the products of Nature are always complex”

Karl von Terzaghi - 1936



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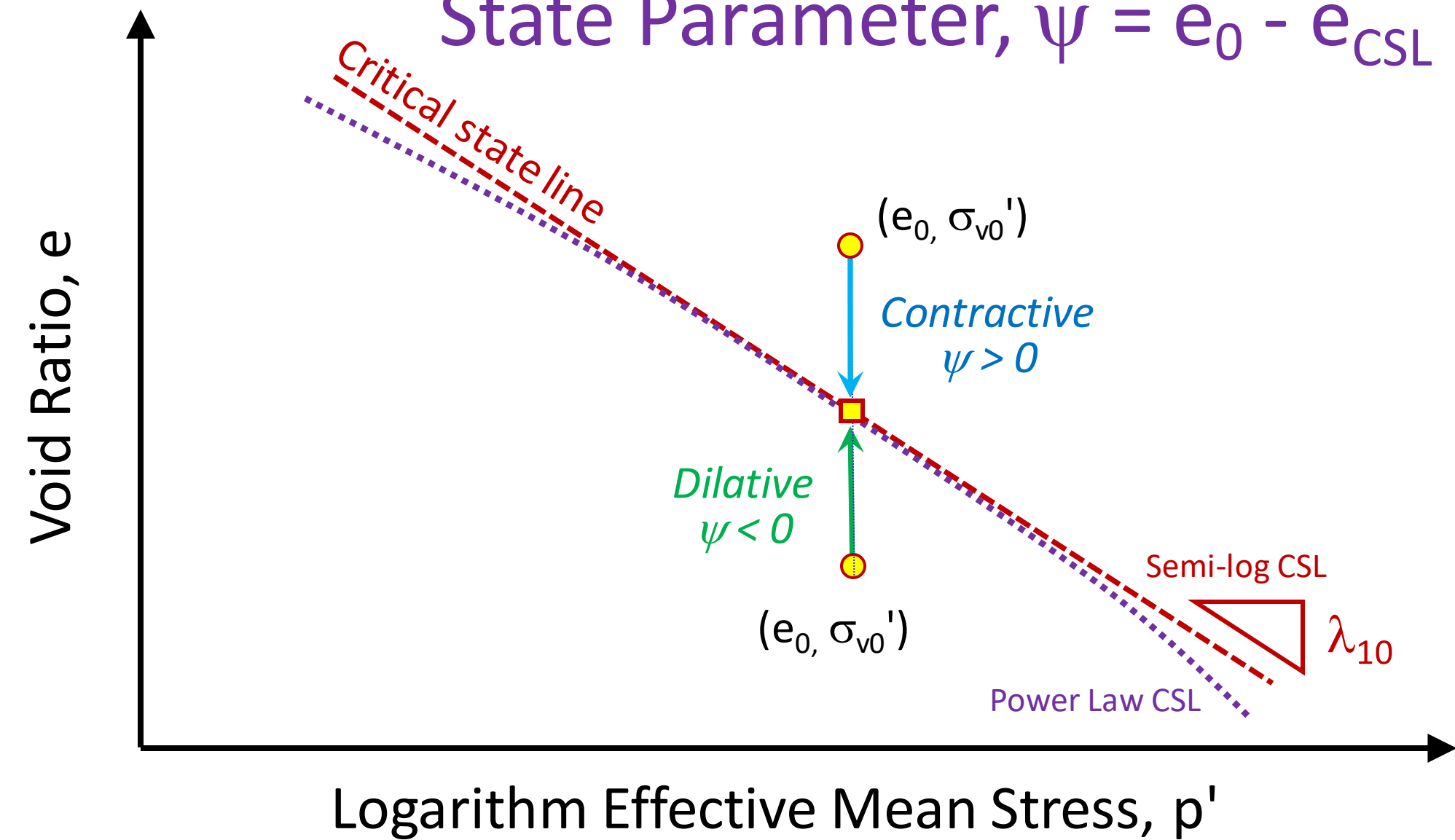




Toyota Colors



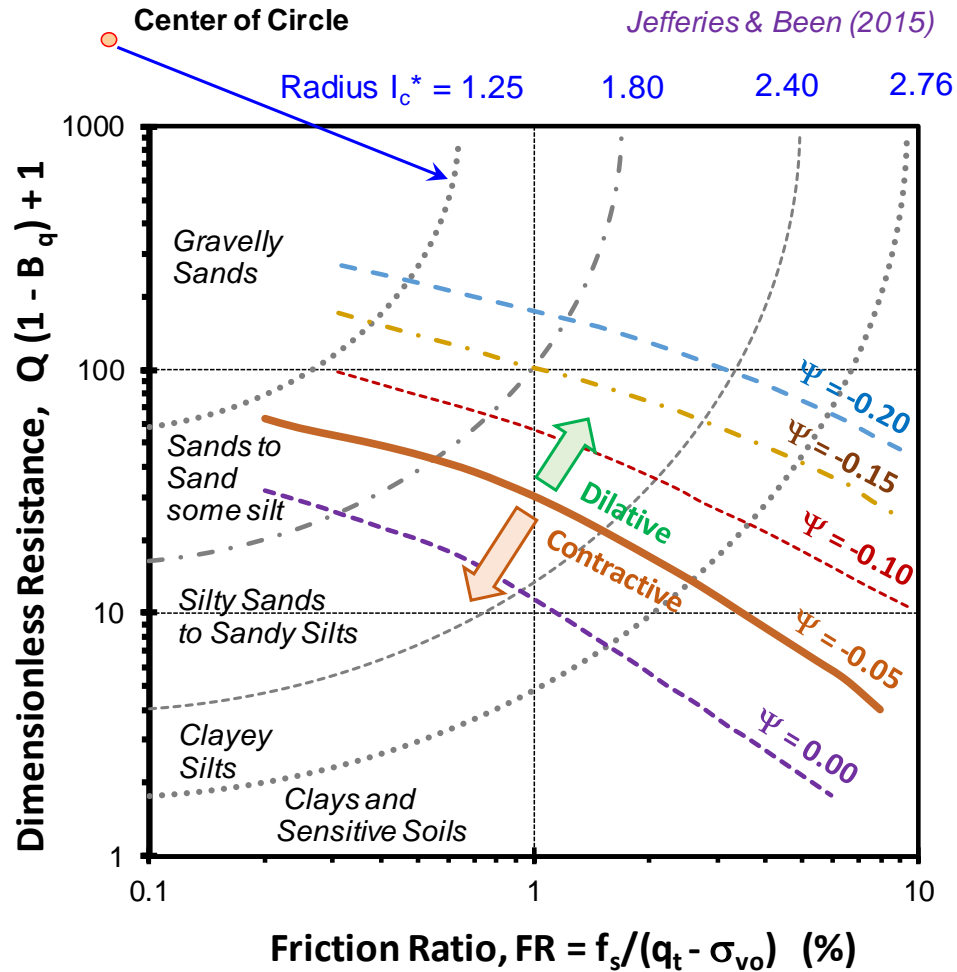
State Parameter, $\psi = e_0 - e_{CSL}$



Methods for Screening State Parameter by CPTU

Jefferies and Been (2006, 2015)

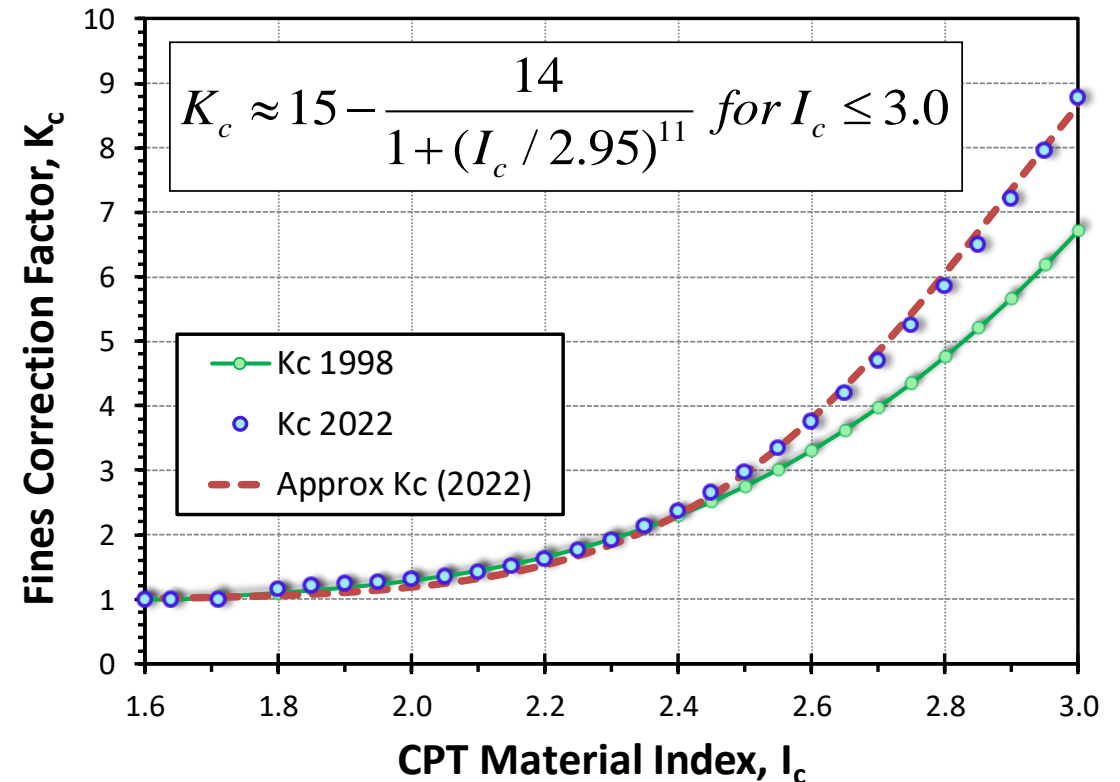
$$I'_c = \sqrt{\{3 - \log_{10}[Q(1 - B_q)]\}^2 + \{1.5 + 1.3 \log_{10}(F_r)\}^2}$$



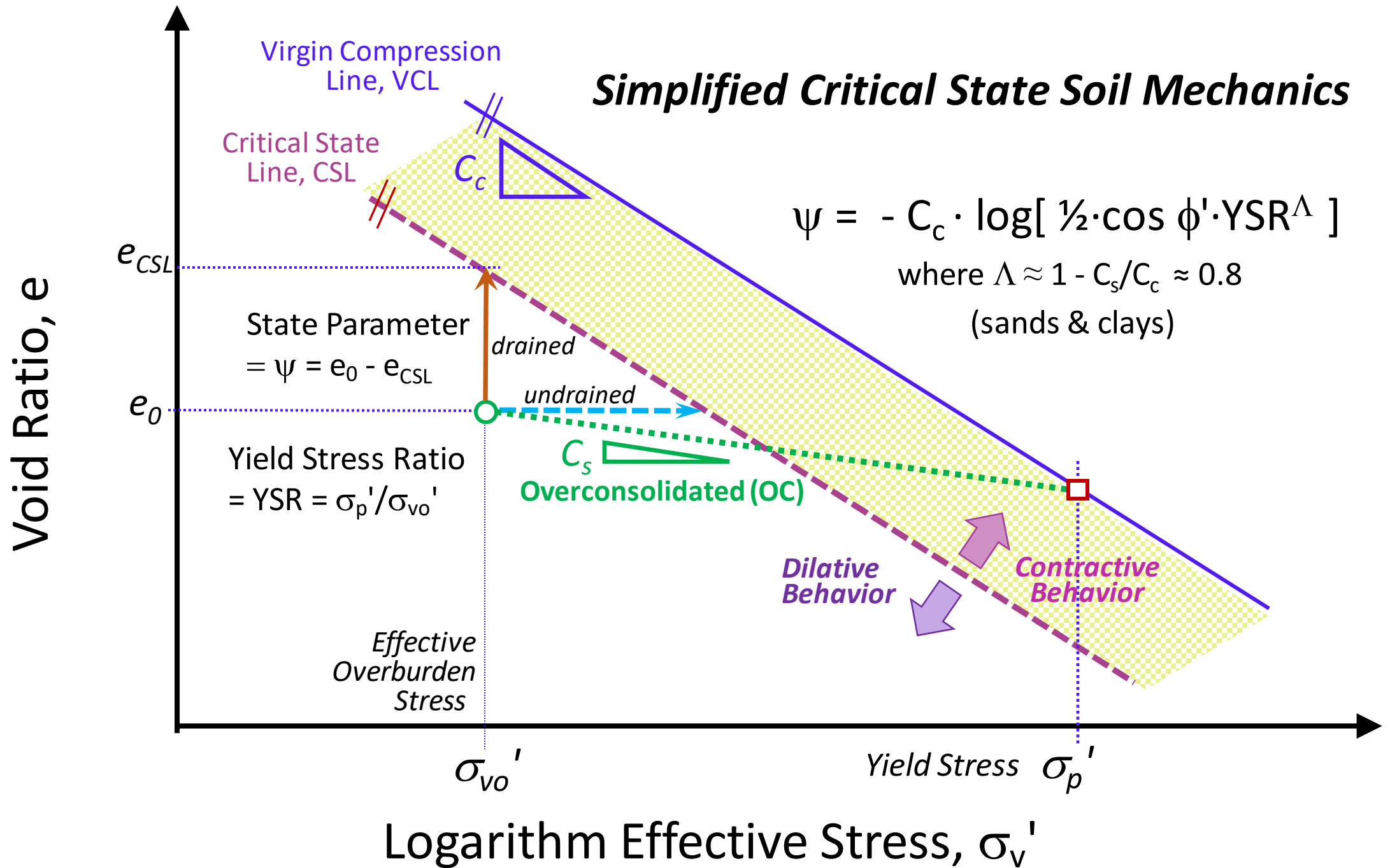
Robertson (2010, 2022)

$$\psi = 0.56 - 0.33 \cdot Q_{tn-cs}$$

$$Q_{tn-cs} = K_c \cdot Q_{tn}$$

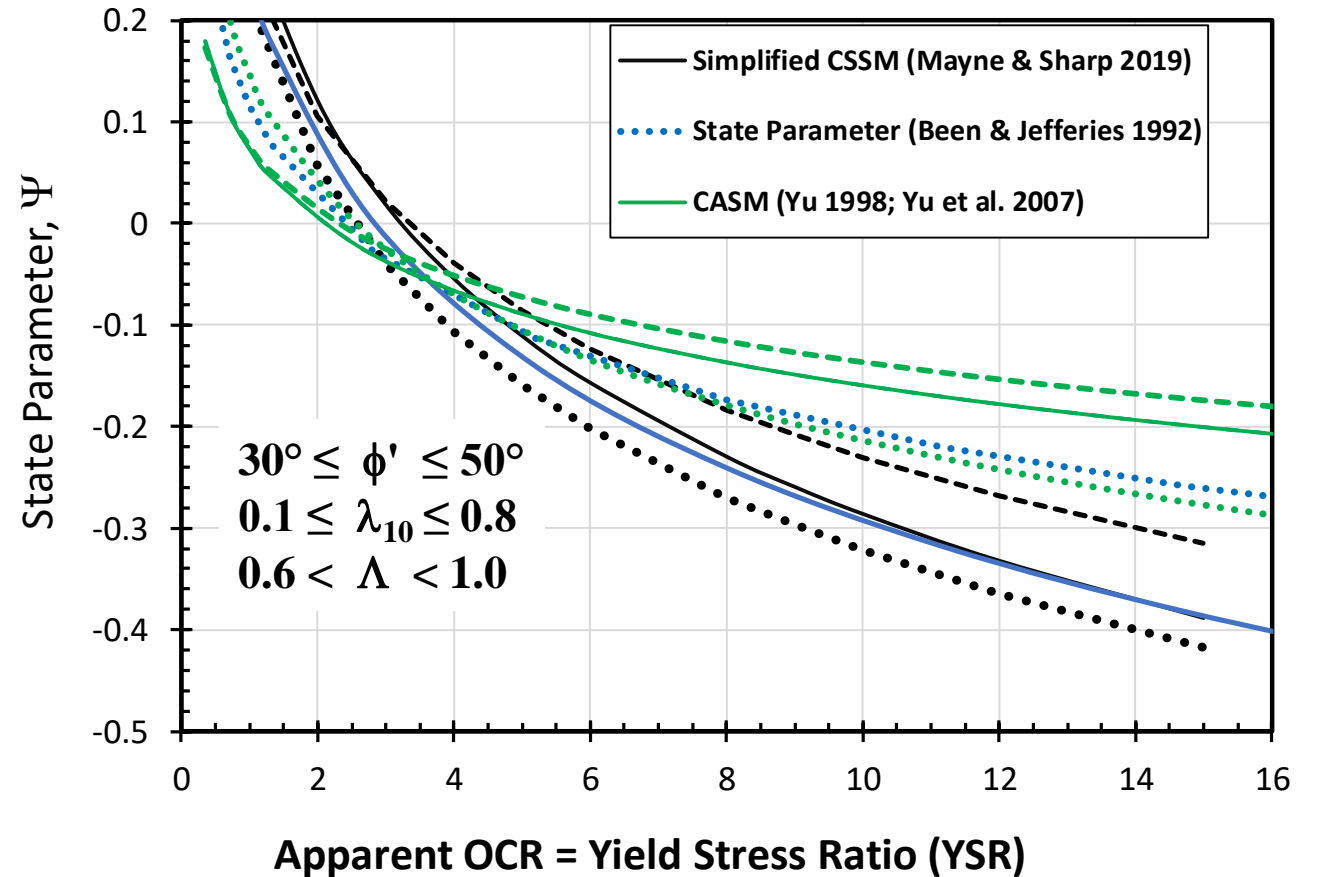


Simplified Critical State Soil Mechanics



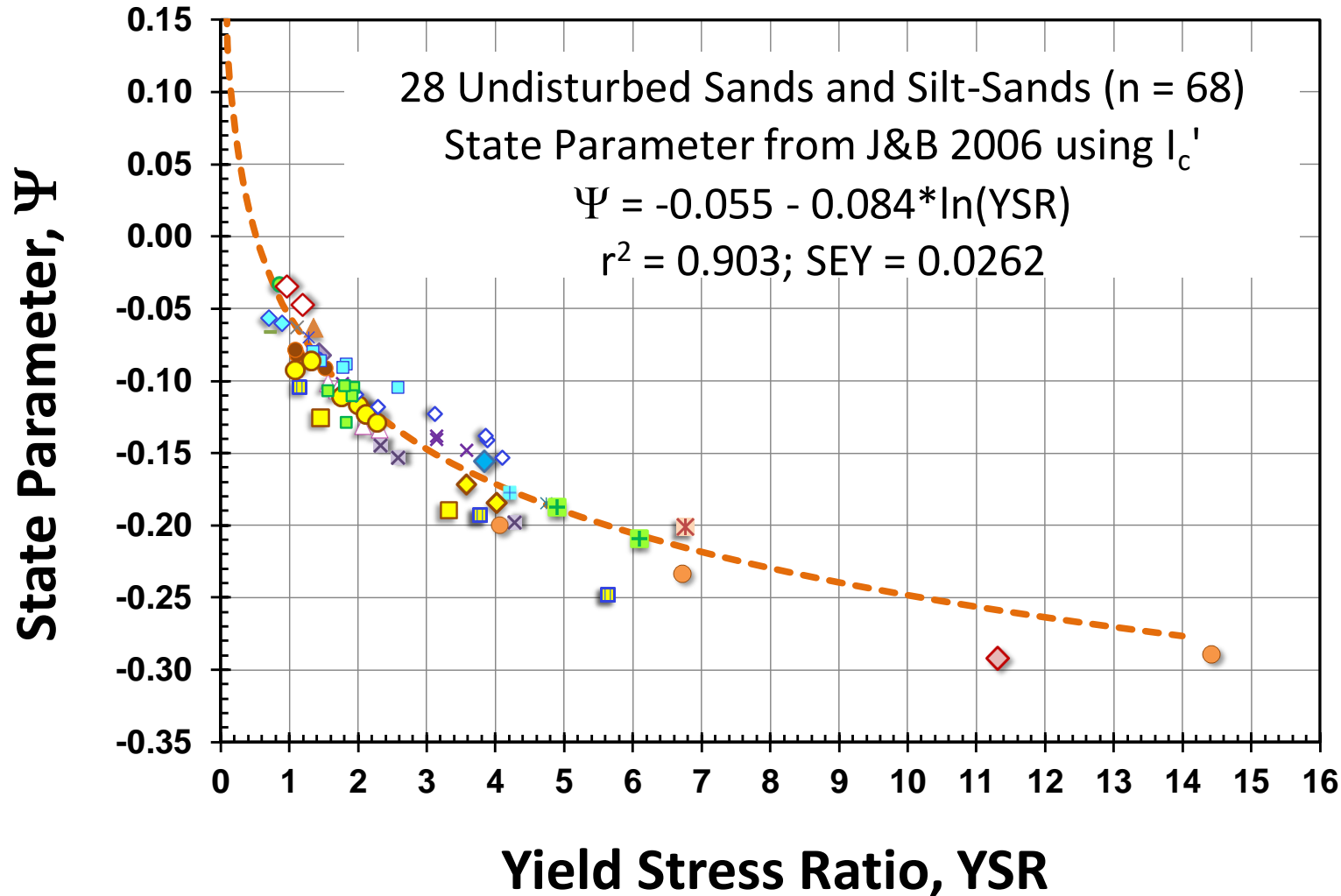
Interrelationships between State Parameter ψ and YSR

- Been et al. (1989)
- Plewes et al. (1992)
- Been & Jefferies (1992)
- Yu (1998, 2006)
- Mayne & Sharp (2019)



Nexus between State Parameter ψ and YSR for Sands

Jefferies & Been (2006, 2015):
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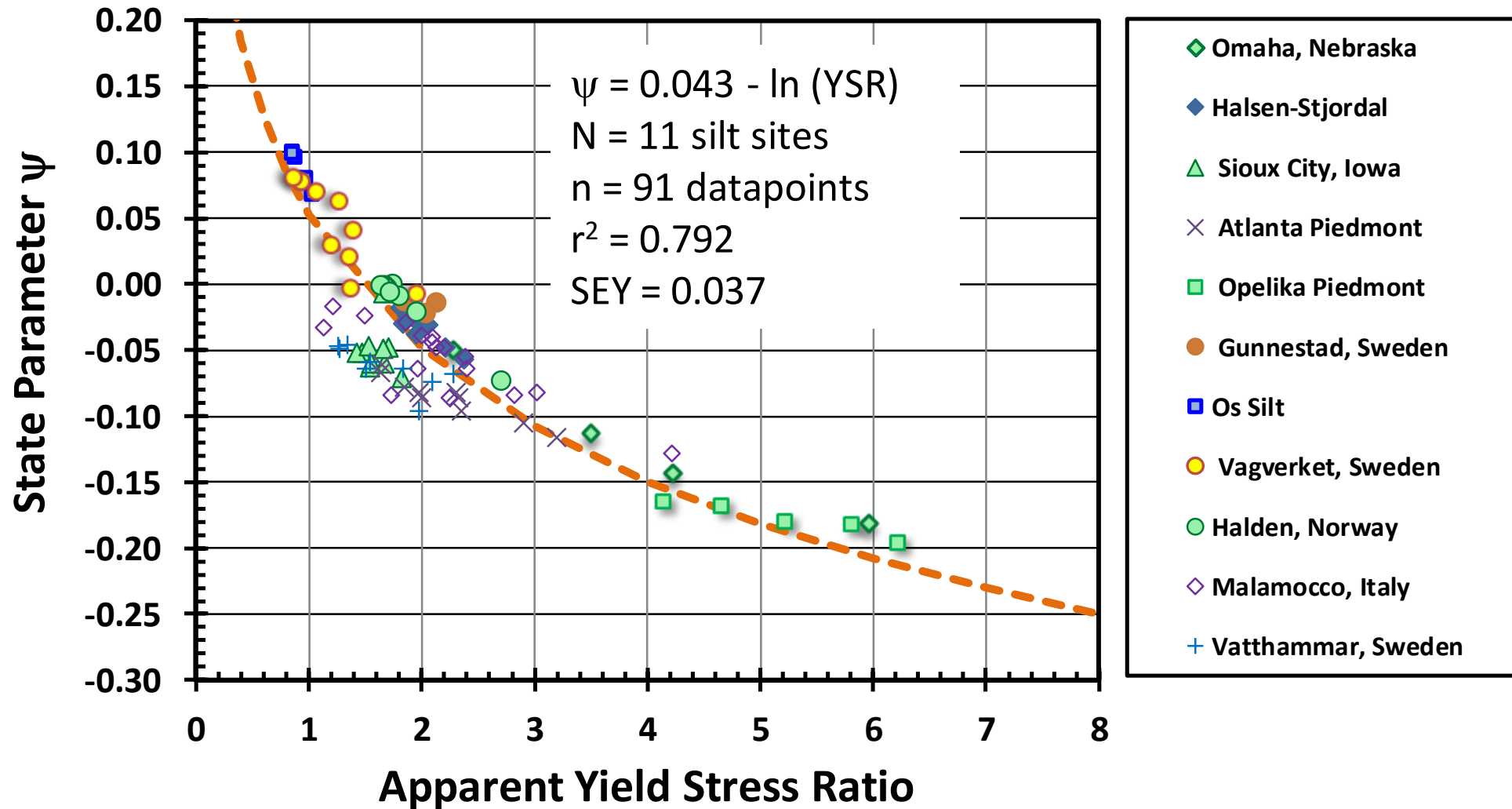


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| ■ Edogawa, Japan | — Mildred Lake, Alberta |
| ◆ Massey, BC | ● Kidd, BC |
| ▲ J-Pit Tailings, AB | ● Holmen, Norway |
| × Gioia Tauro, Italy | ■ Hibernia, North Atlantic |
| ■ CREC Charleston, SC | ● Milford Dam, Kansas |
| ● Blessington, Ireland | ◆ Zelany Most, Poland |
| ◇ Yuan Lin, Taiwan | △ Kilmore, NZ |
| × McDonald Farm, BC | × LL Dam Tailings, BC |
| × Highmont Dam, BC | ● Kao Hsiung, Taiwan |
| ■ Atlanta Piedmont | ● Po River, Italy |
| ◆ Madras-Armagh, NZ | ◇ Ekofish, North Sea |
| ◆ Opelika NGES, AL | ■ Oysand, Norway |

State Parameter ψ and YSR for Silt Database

Silt Database Using PKR (2022) and R&C (2022)

11 SILTS



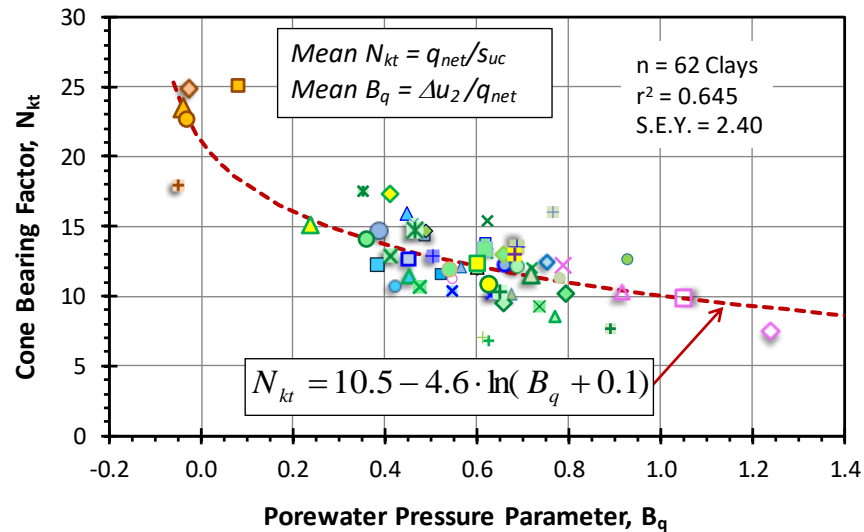
CPTU Clay Database

Focus on CAUC s_{uc}

from 70 natural clays

(n = 501)

(Mayne & Peuchen,
CPT'18; CPT'22)



CPTu Methodology for s_{uCAUC}

GoG 2	Brage 2
China	Chinguetti
East India	Gullfaks C
Laminaria	GoG 1
GoG 3	GoG 4
GoG 5	GoG 6
Lower Troll	Norwegian Sea
Osaka Bay	Upper Troll
Snorre	South Gloucester Upper
South Gloucester Lower	Hilleren
Tiller	Oz (lower)
Oz (Upper)	Amherst
Ariake	Ballina
Bangkok NNH	Boston Blue Clay 246
Belfast	Bothkennar
Busan	Goteborg 1-470b
Hamilton AFB	Kurihama
Lake Bonneville	Liyungang
Lierstranda	Lilla Mellosa
Louiseville	Newbury
Nile River Delta	Northwestern Univ.
Onsoy	Pisa
Porto Tolle	Recife
San Francisco	Sarapui
Saro Road 6/900	Singapore
Taipei Clay K1	Torp
Anchorage	Cooper Marl
Haltenbanken	Haga
Taranto	Baytown
Baton Rouge	Brent Cross
Dublin Boulder Clay	Beaufort Sea

Offshore
NC-LOC Clays

Sensitive Clays

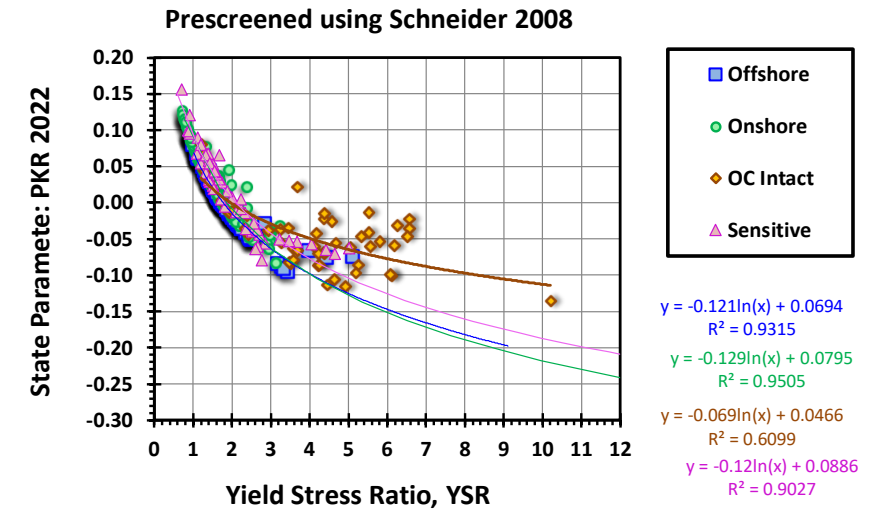
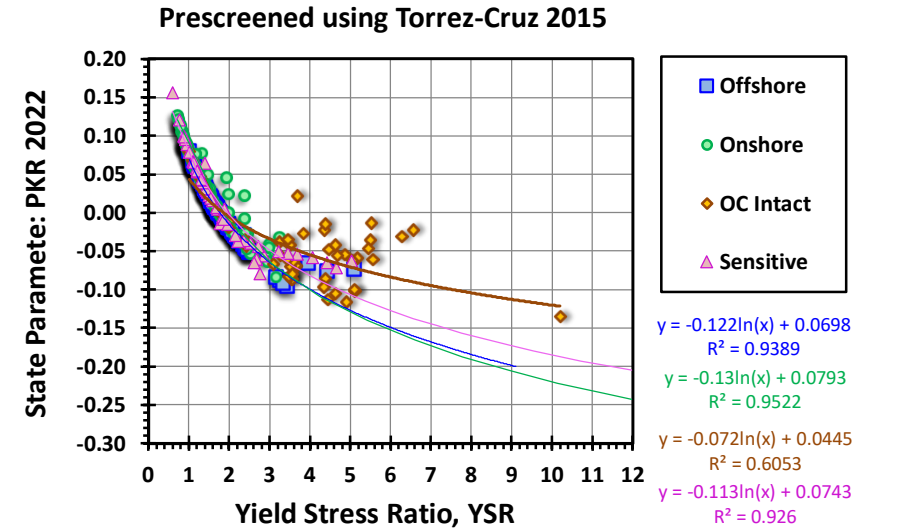
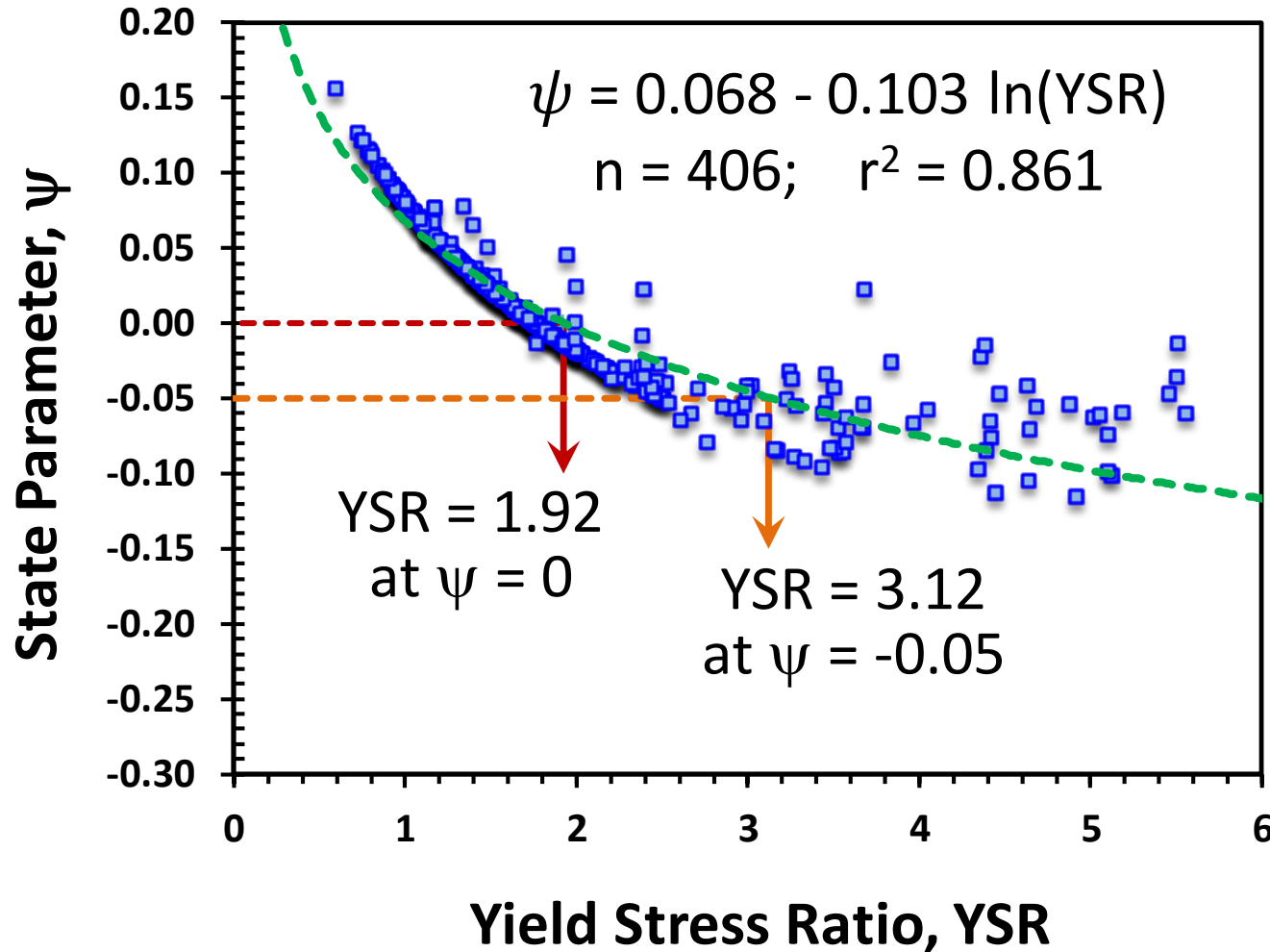
Onshore
NC-LOC Clays

OC Intact

OC Fissured

Nexus between State Parameter ψ and YSR in clays

All Four Types of Clays



State Parameter ψ and YSR in sands, silts, and clays

Contractive-Dilative Threshold at $\psi = -0.05$

Clays: $\psi \approx + 0.06 - 0.1 \cdot \ln(\text{YSR})$

Silts: $\psi \approx + 0.02 - 0.1 \cdot \ln(\text{YSR})$

Sands: $\psi \approx - 0.02 - 0.1 \cdot \ln(\text{YSR})$

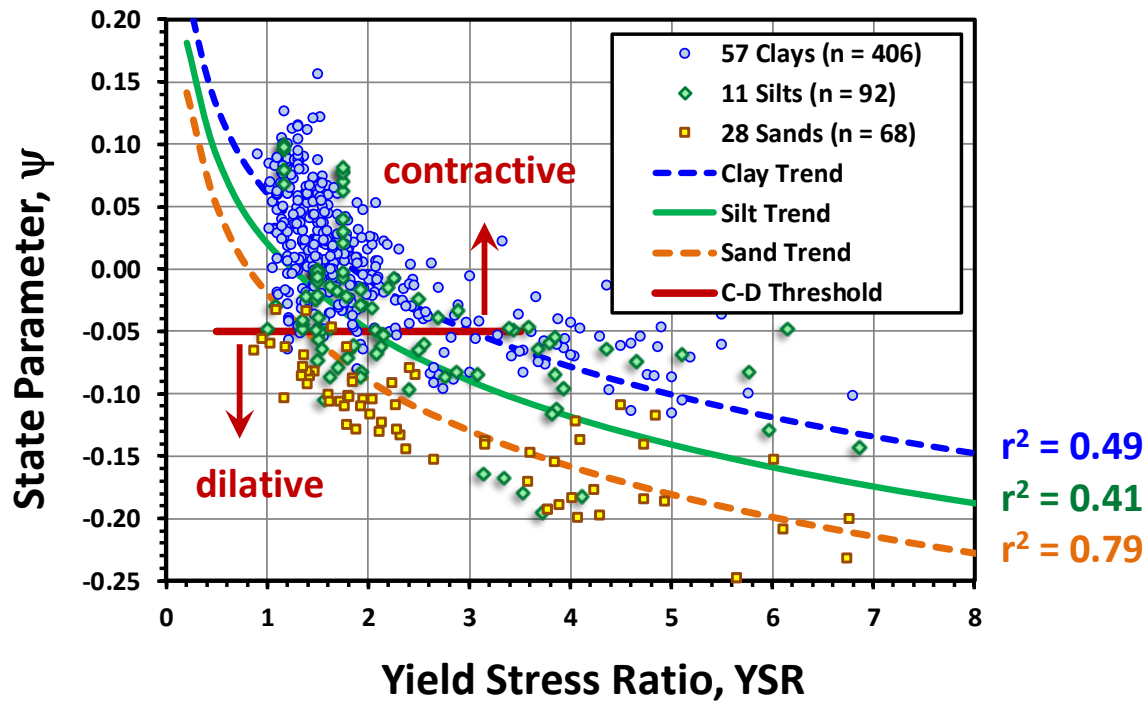
Contractive Behavior

Clays: $\text{YSR} < 3$

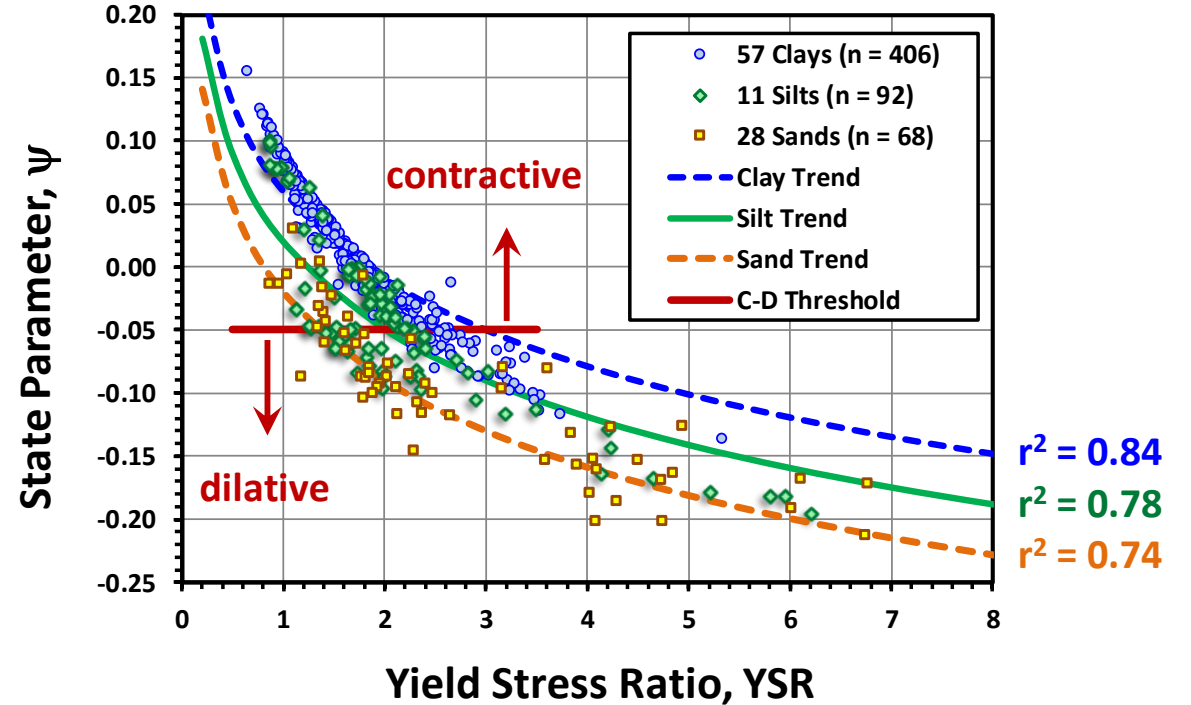
Silts: $\text{YSR} < 2$

Sands: $\text{YSR} < 1.35$

Sand ψ from J&B'06; YSR of clays & silts from consols



YSR from P&C 2022 and ψ from PKR 2022



CASM = clay and sand model (Yu et al. 2019)

Constitutive Soil Model Based on Critical State Soil Mechanics

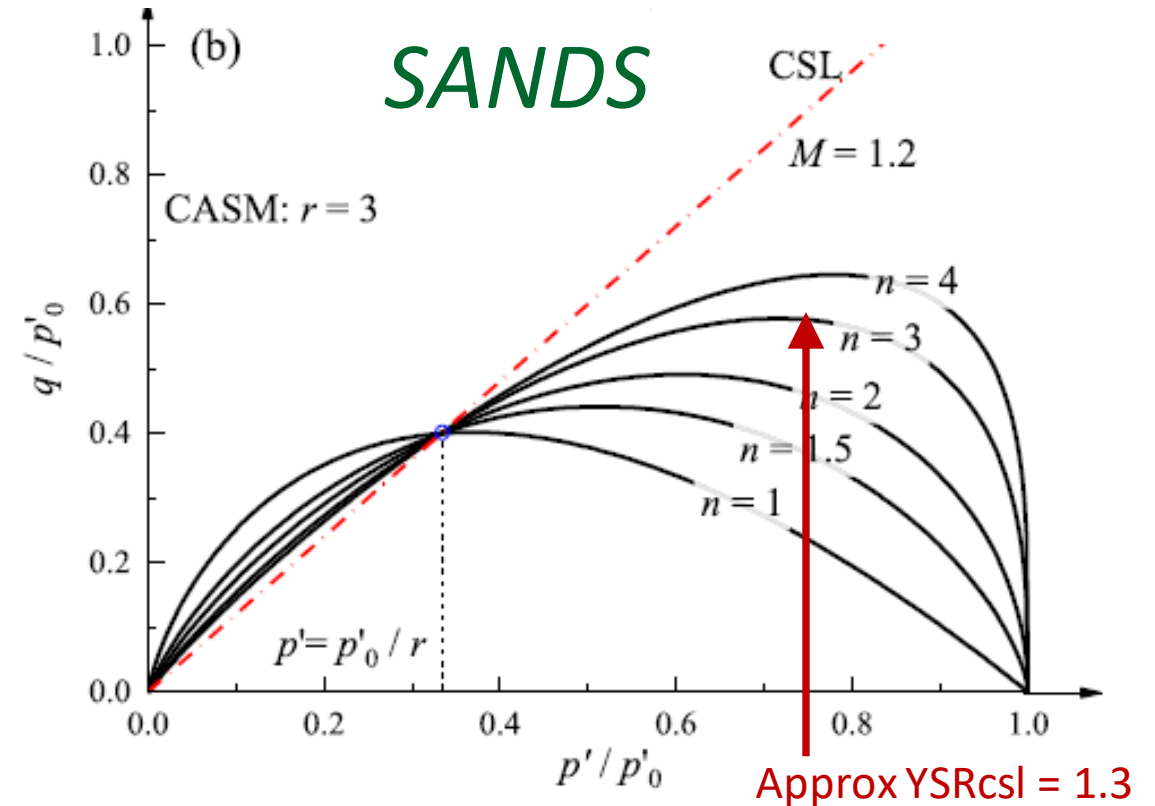
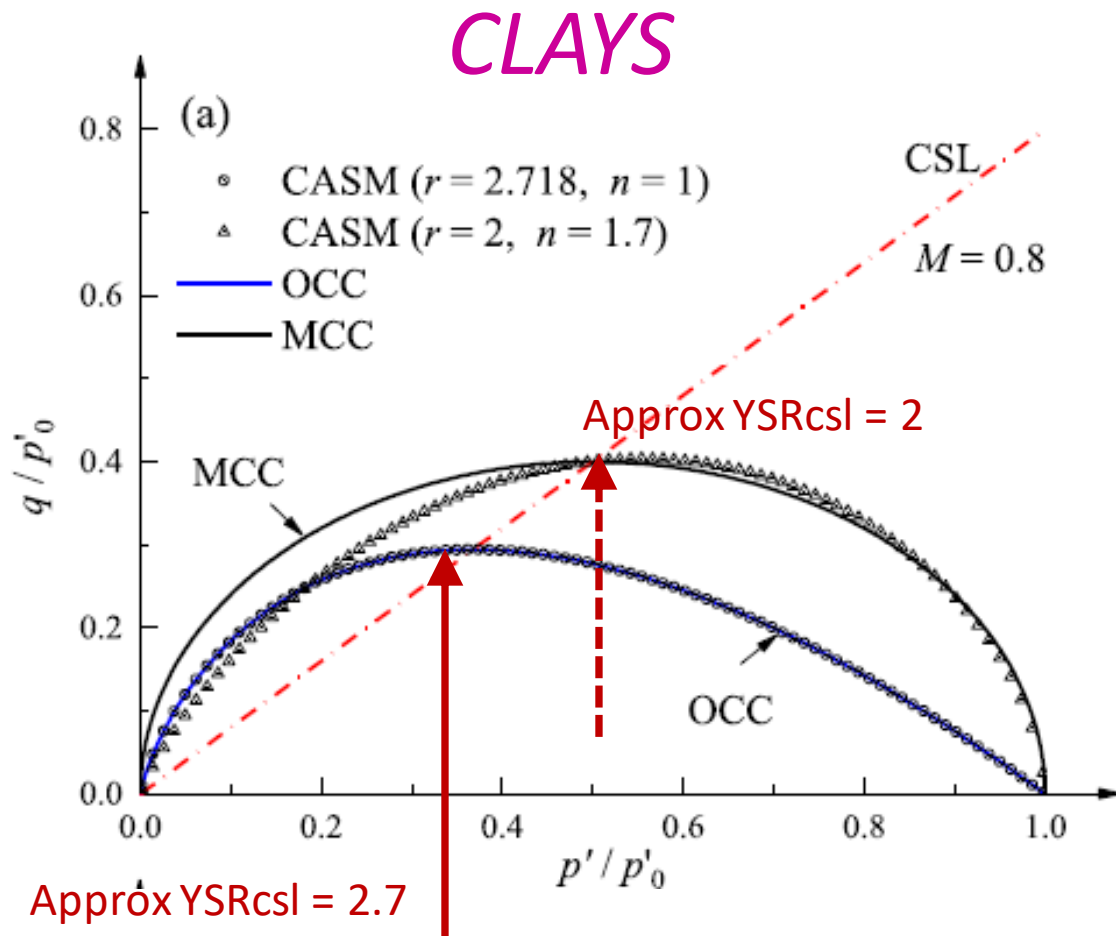
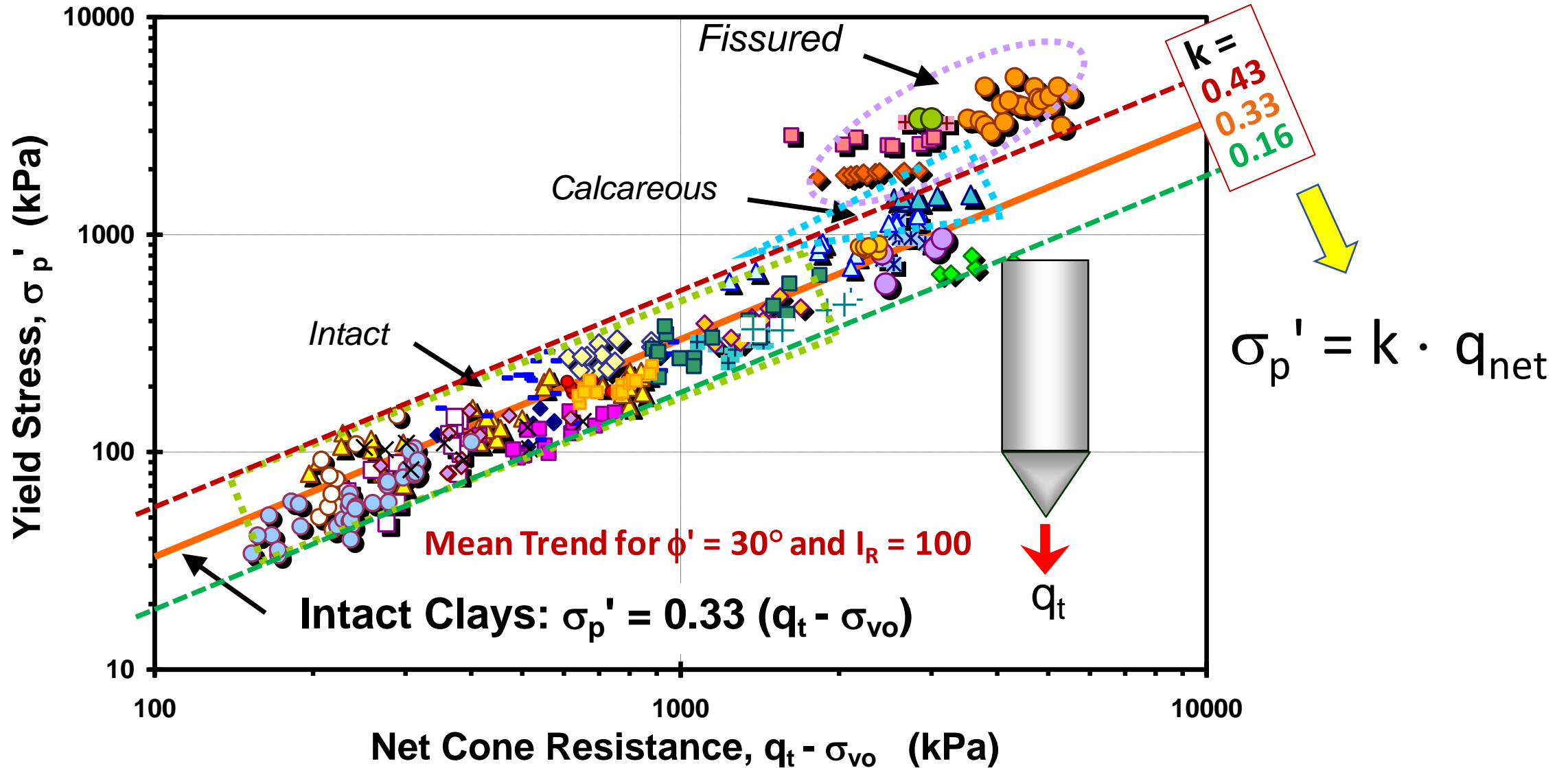


Fig. 3. (a) Comparisons of yield surfaces of OCC, MCC, and CASM; and (b) Example yield surfaces of CASM.

Profiling Yield Stress in Clays by CPT



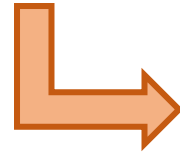
SCE-CSSM Solutions for YSR

*First-order approximations
for insensitive, inorganic clays*

$$YSR = 2 \left[\frac{(2/M)Q}{(4/3)(\ln I_R + 1) + \frac{\pi}{2} + 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$

For $\Lambda = 1$

$$\phi' = 30^\circ$$
$$I_R = 100$$

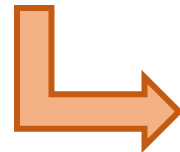


$$\sigma_P' = \frac{(q_t - \sigma_{vo})}{M \cdot [1 + \frac{1}{3} \ln(I_R)]}$$

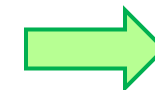


$$\sigma_P' \approx 0.3(q_{net})$$

$$YSR = 2 \left[\frac{U - 1}{2/3 M \cdot \ln(I_R) - 1} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)} \approx 2 \left[\frac{U}{2/3 M \cdot \ln(I_R)} \right]^{(1/\Lambda)}$$



$$\sigma_P' = \frac{3 \cdot (u_2 - u_o)}{M \cdot \ln(I_R)}$$

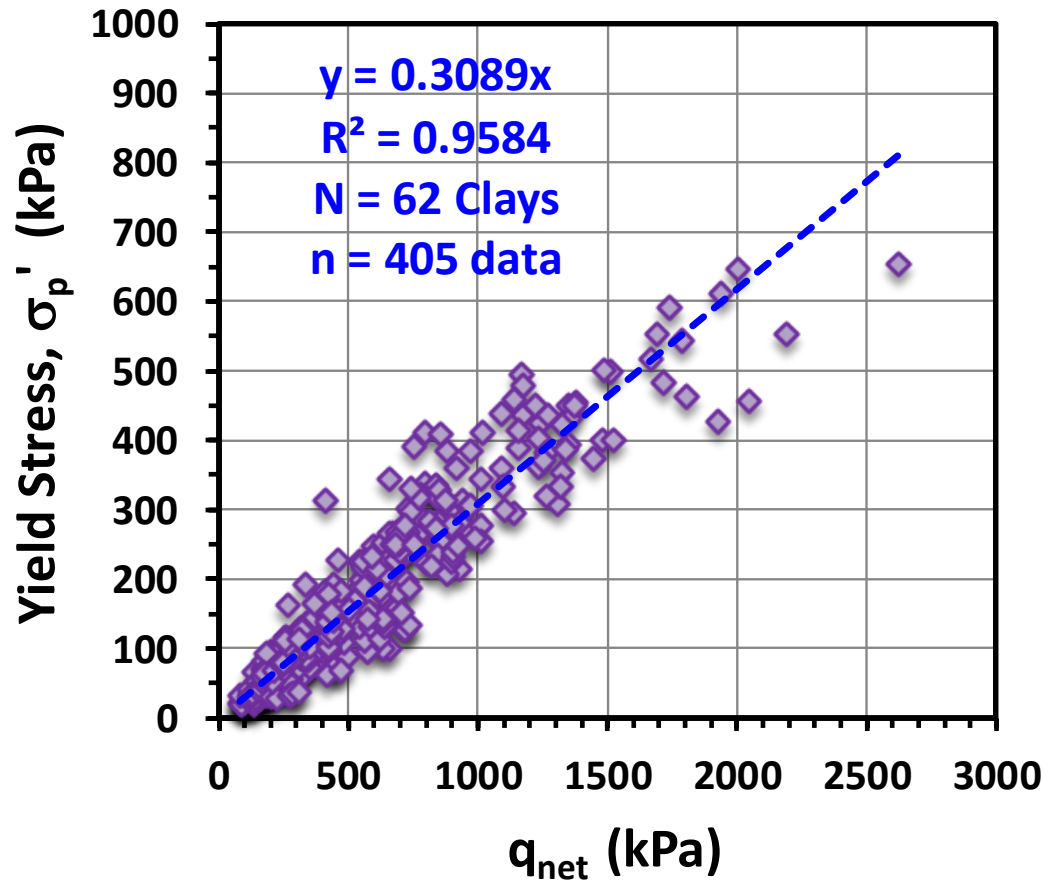


$$\sigma_P' \approx 0.5(\Delta u_2)$$

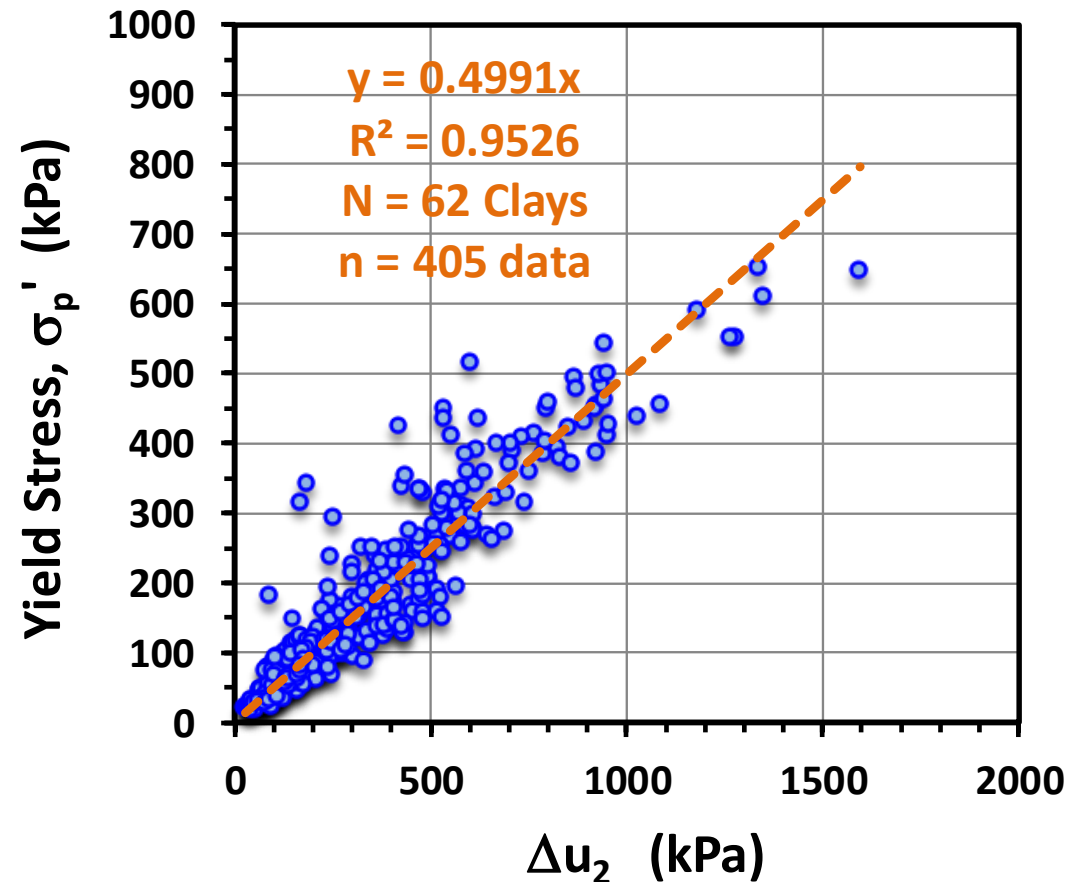
Yield stress of clays from CPTU (2023)

Regression lines from best fit lines (b = 0)

$$\sigma'_p = 0.3 q_{net}$$



$$\sigma'_p = 0.5 \Delta u_2$$



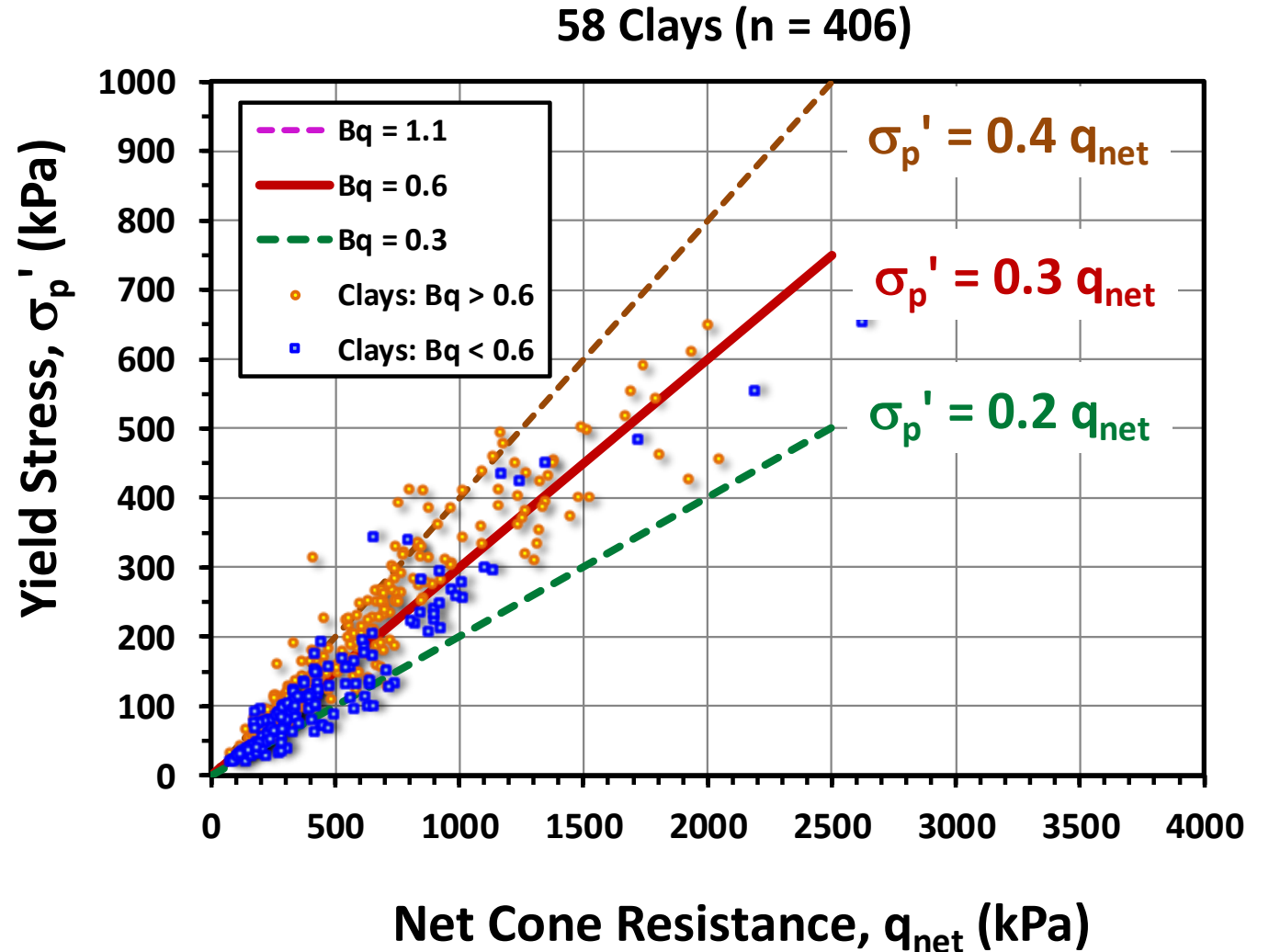
Yield stress of clays from CPTU (2023)

$$\sigma_p' = \sqrt{(\sigma_p')^2}$$

$$\sigma_p' = \sqrt{(0.3 q_{net}) \cdot (0.5 \Delta u_2)}$$

For $B_q = \frac{\Delta u_2}{q_{net}} > 0.3$

$$\sigma_p' = 0.3 q_{net} \sqrt{\frac{B_q}{0.6}}$$

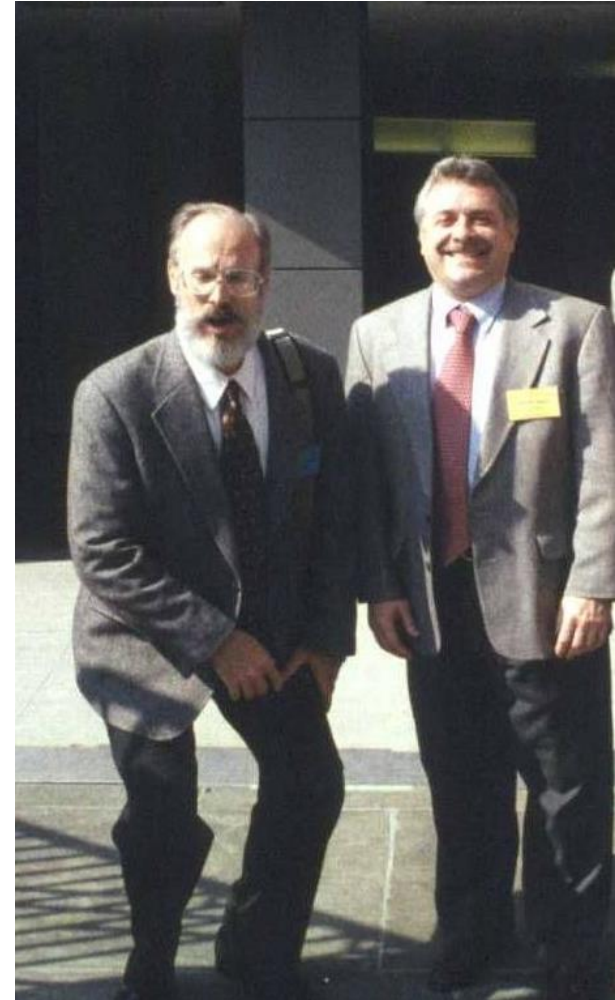


Legacy - Terzaghi Lecturers



Music with
James K. Mitchell
TL 1984

The Shortest TL



Music with
Harry Poulos
TL 2004



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Beer for CPT Users



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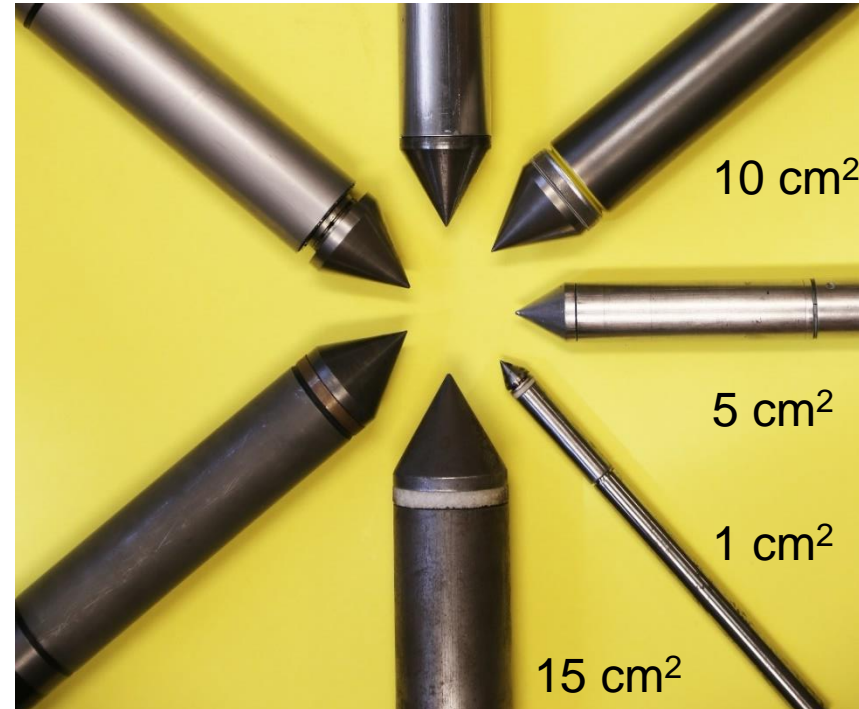
Cone Penetrometer Sizes

10 cm² 10 cm² 15 cm² 15 cm²



2 cm²

10 cm²



Cone Penetrometer Sizes

10 cm² 15 cm² 40 cm²



ConeTec
Penetrometers



Fugro
Penetrometers



33 cm² 15 cm² 10 cm²



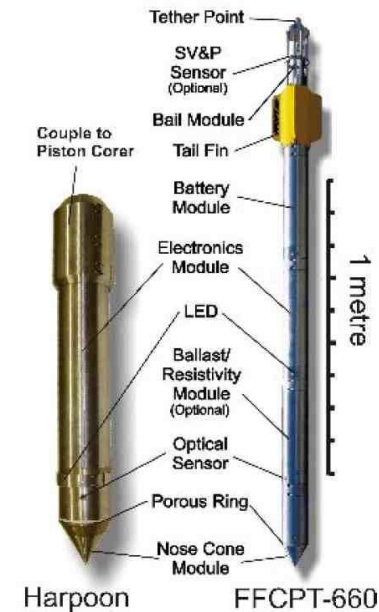
Free Fall Cone Penetrometers

For investigating rivers and waterways

Harpoon Penetrometers

44 mm < d < 250 mm

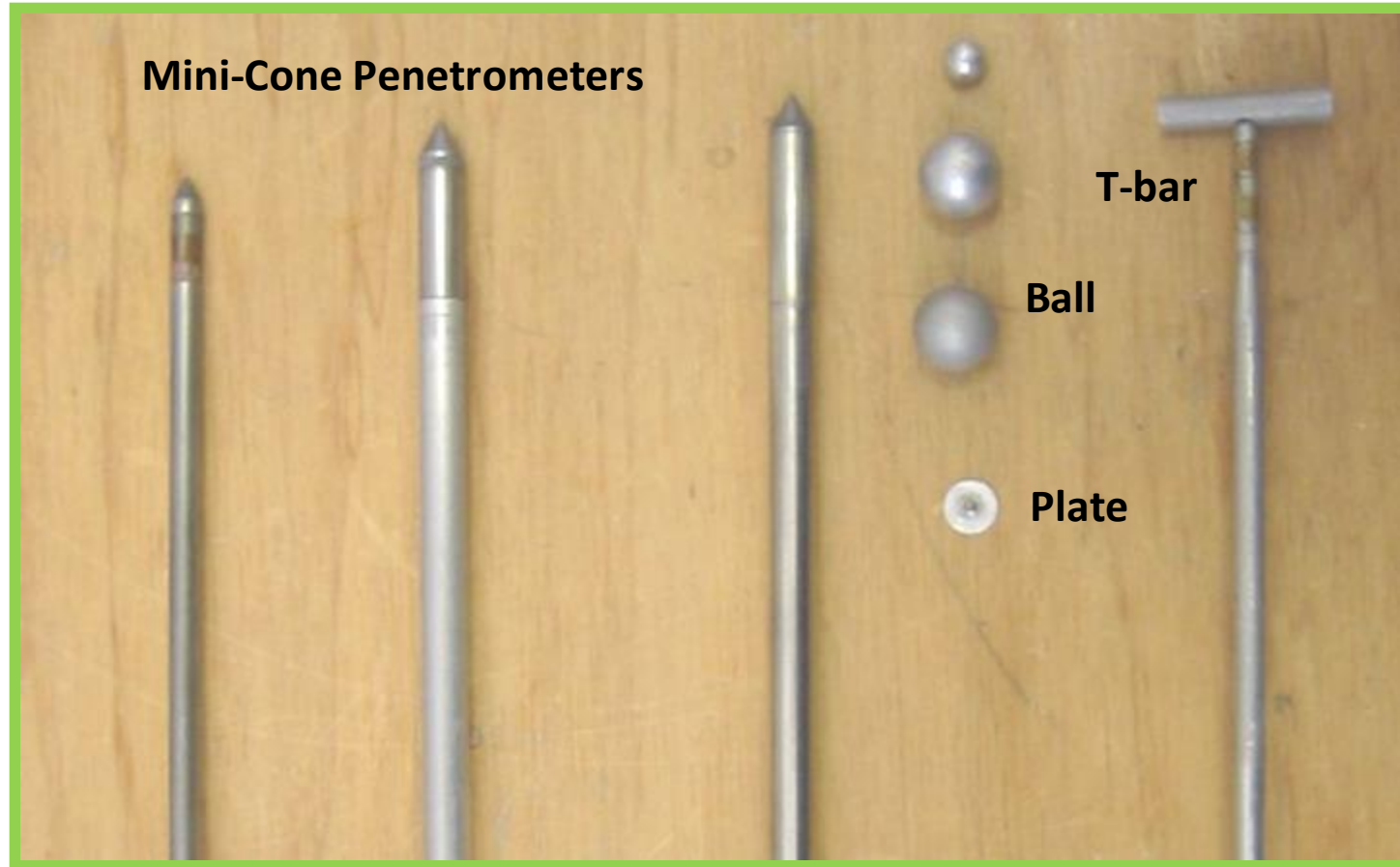
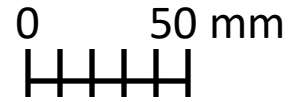
- US Navy XDP
- Canadian FFCPT
- German MARUM
- Australian FFP
- Brasil COPPE



Mini-Cone Penetrometers

CPT Piezocones for Centrifuge - University of Western Australia

d = 10 and 12 mm



Main Centrifuge

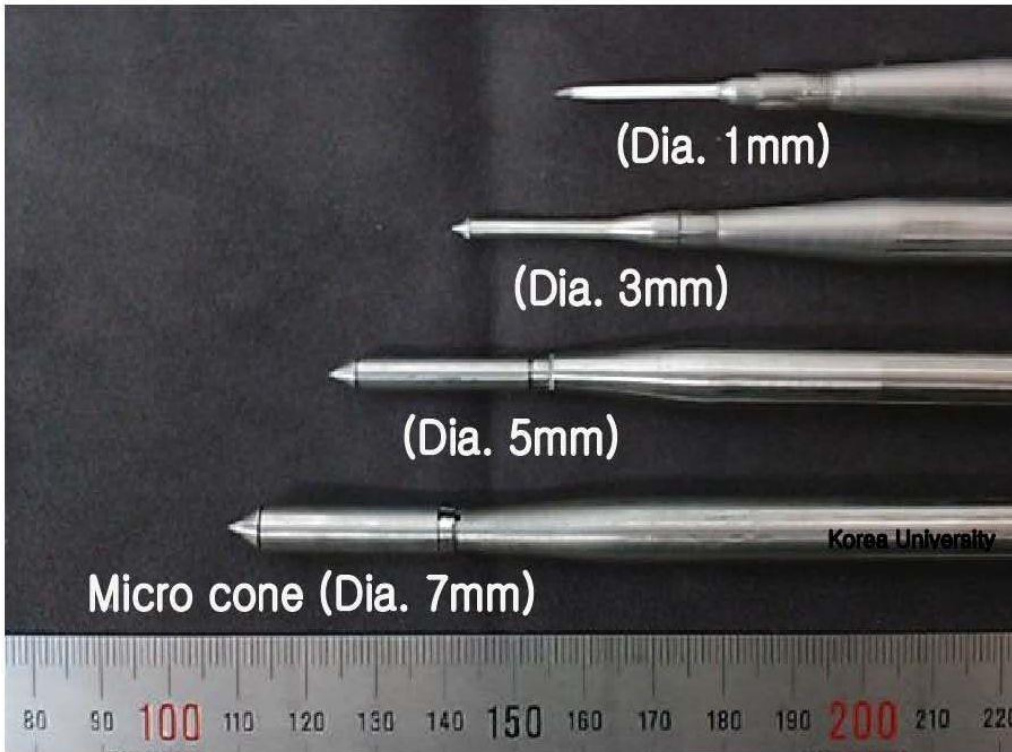


Drum Centrifuge

Micro-Cone Penetrometers

Kim, Choi, Lee & Lee: Korea University (GeoFlorida 2010)

- **Developed FBG Cone Penetrometers**



- Diameter : 1~7mm
- FBG +S/G sensors
- Temperature transducer
- Dual stainless steel tube



FBG = Fibre Bragg Grating sensor

Vaccination Shots and Booster Jabs Using CPT

1-mm diameter cone penetrometer



Robotic CPT - AutoCuson

by A.P. van den Berg, Holland



Onshore

Offshore

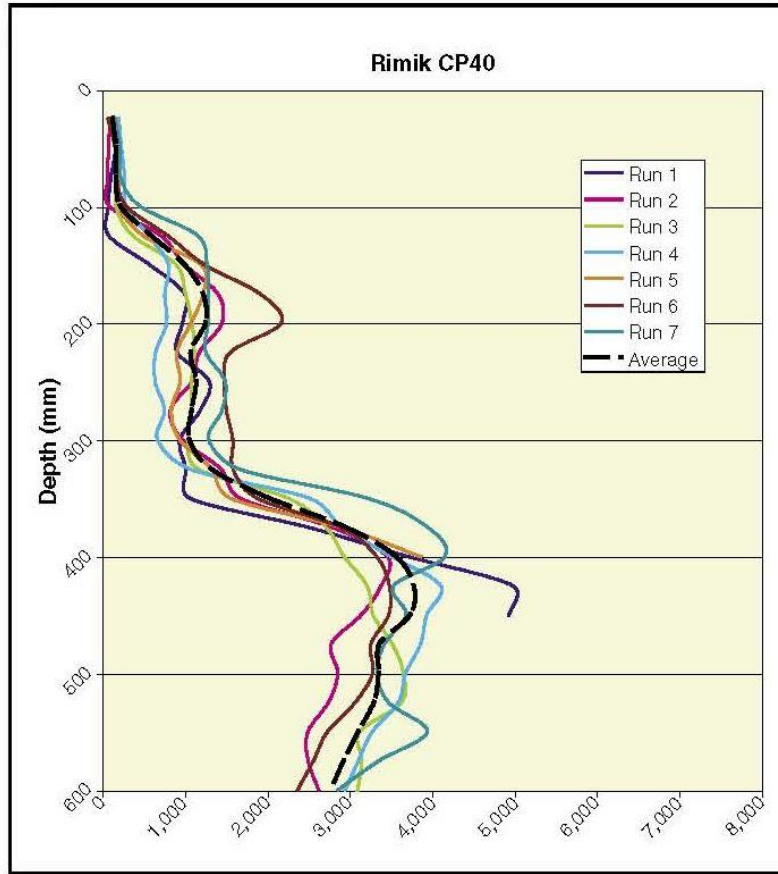


**PROD = Portable
Remotely Operated Drill**
by Benthic Geotech Australia

Cone Penetrometer Testing

Hand-held electronic cone penetrometers

Measured Penetration Resistance



Excellent Repeatability

Spectrum
Scout SC 900



Rimik CP40

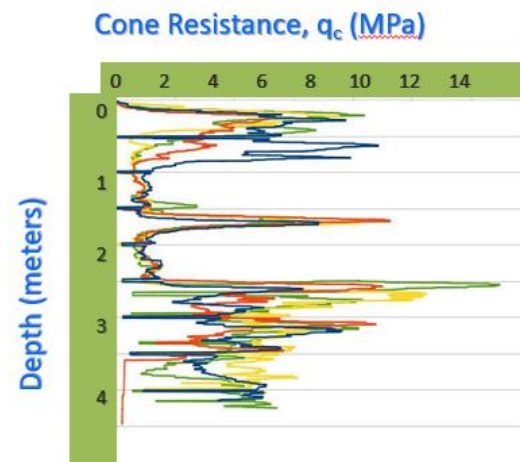
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CPTs in Antarctica

Adrian McCallum
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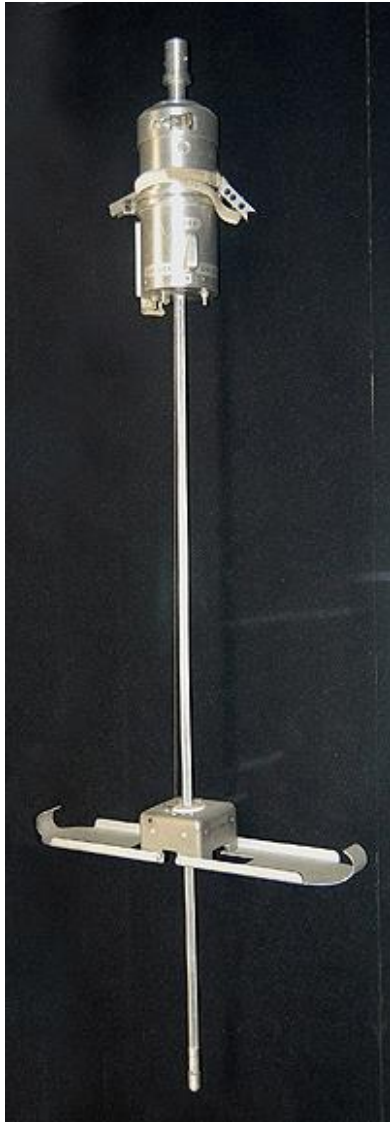
Earth

CPTs

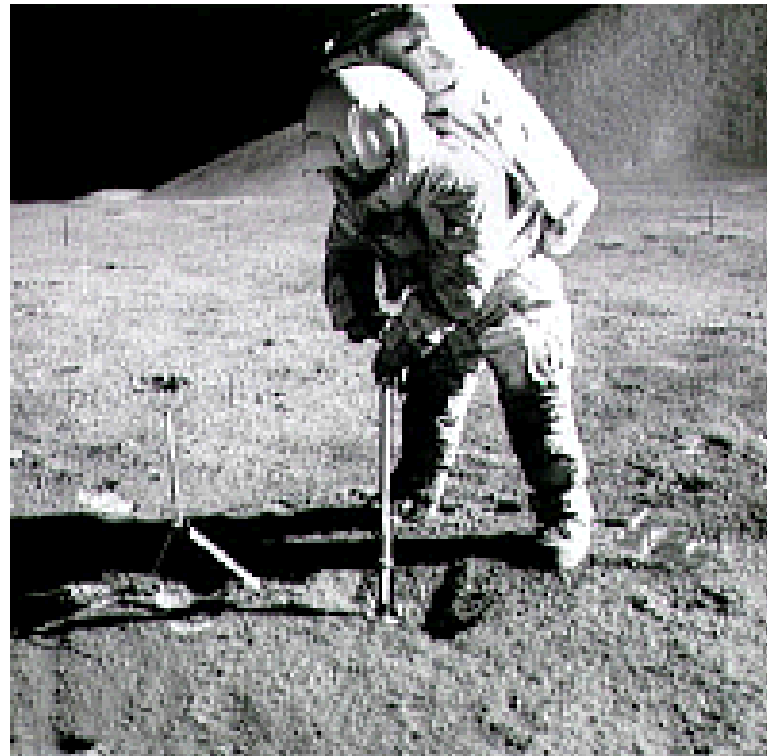
- all 7 continents
- all 5 oceans



Lunar Cone Penetrometer



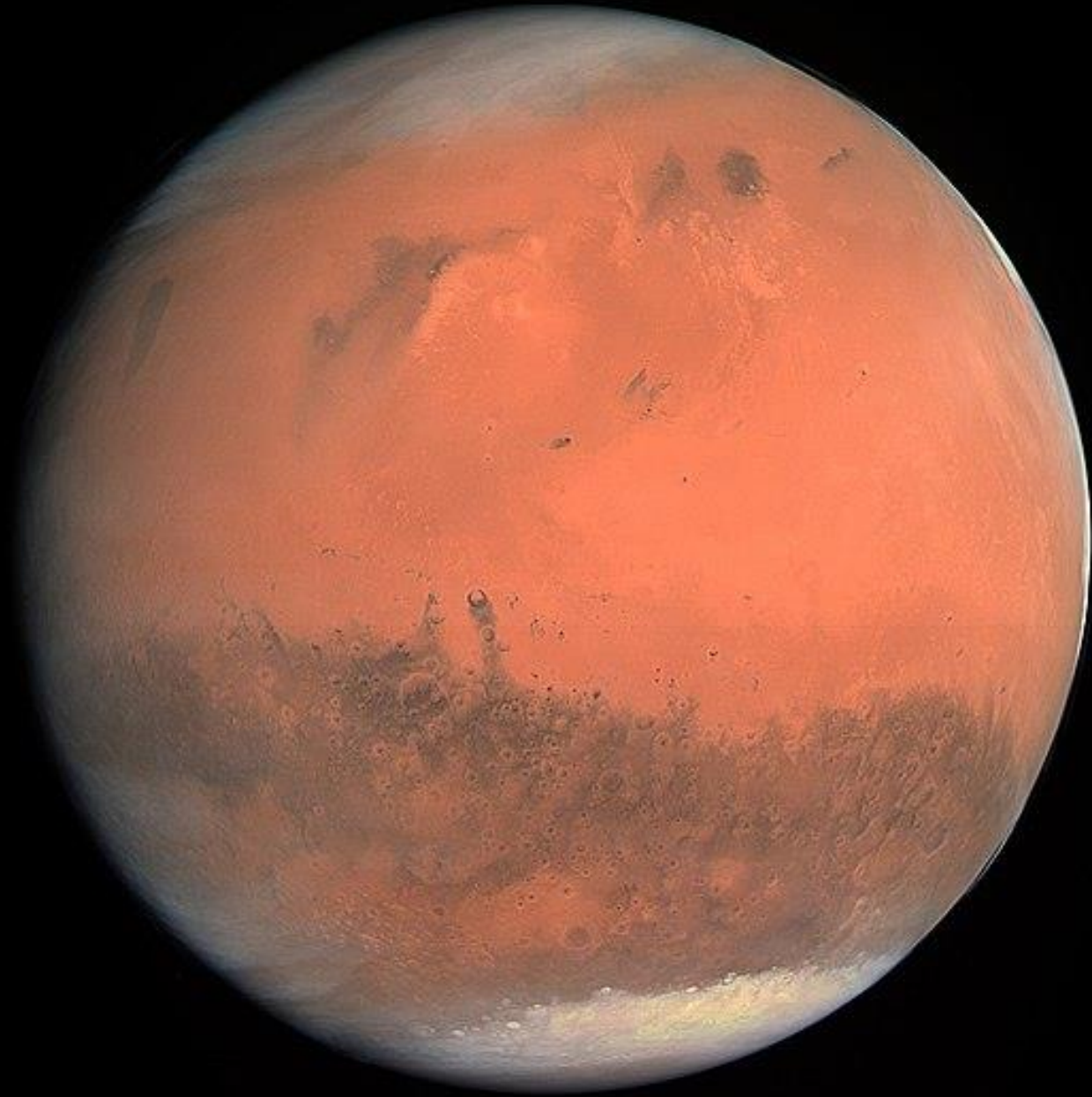
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The Moon

Mars

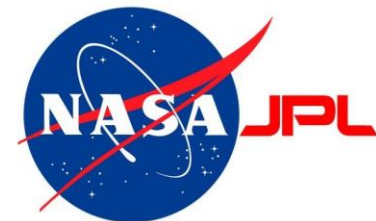
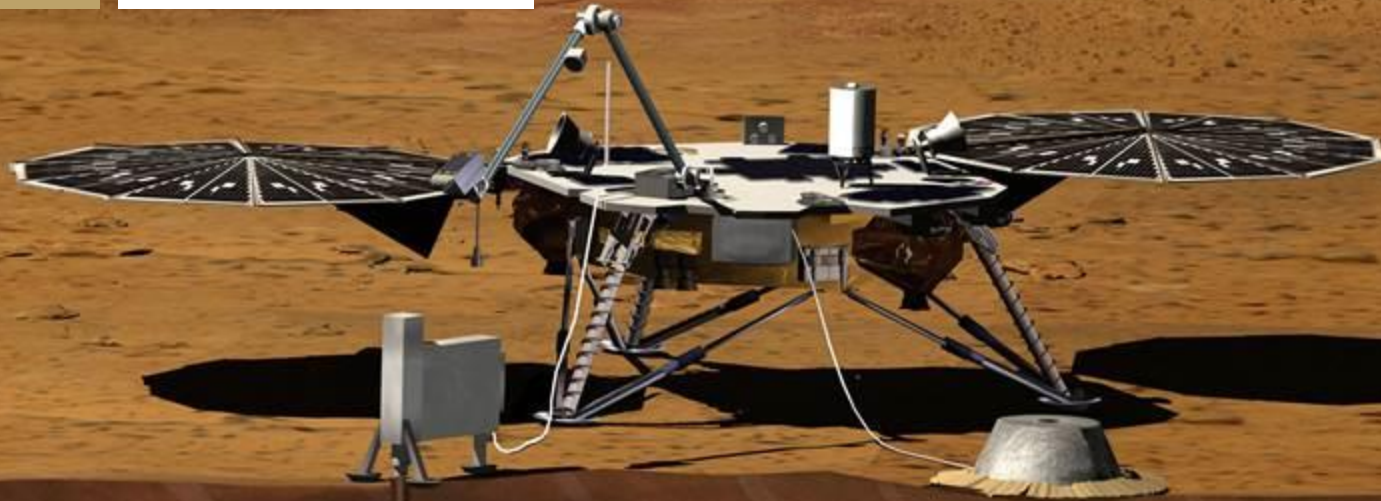
*In-Sight
Mission
by NASA*





Mars InSight Mission

Launched May 2018
Landed November 2018



INSIGHT MISSION: External Geotechnical Review Team at JPL



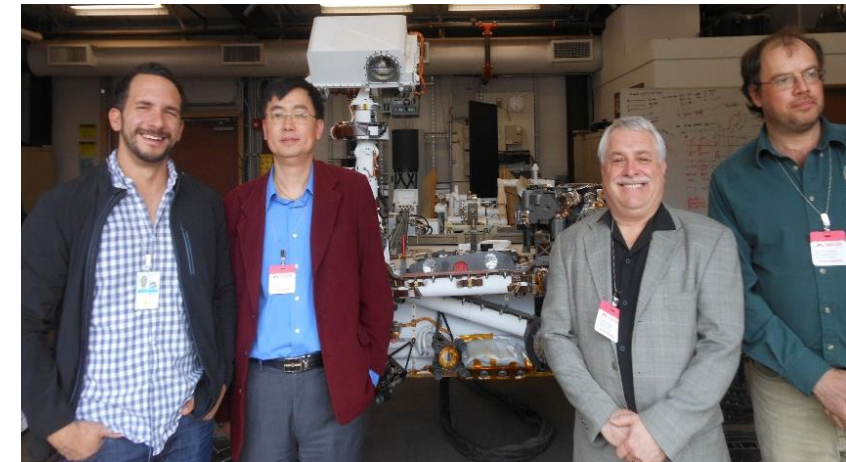
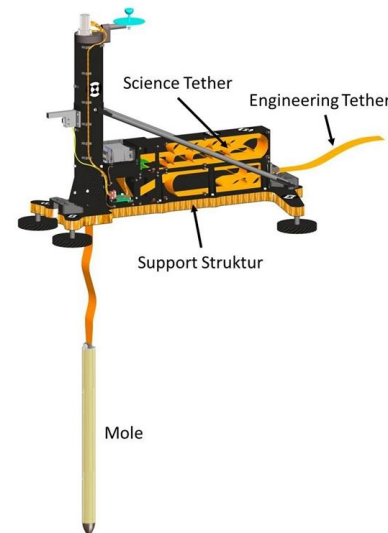
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David Zeng, Case Western Reserve, Professor and Chairman, Dept of Civil Engineering

Ralph Lorenz, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Planetary In-Situ instrumentation

Martian Penetrometer



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Pierre Delage, École des Ponts Paris Tech

INSIGHT MISSION

Mars Penetrometer

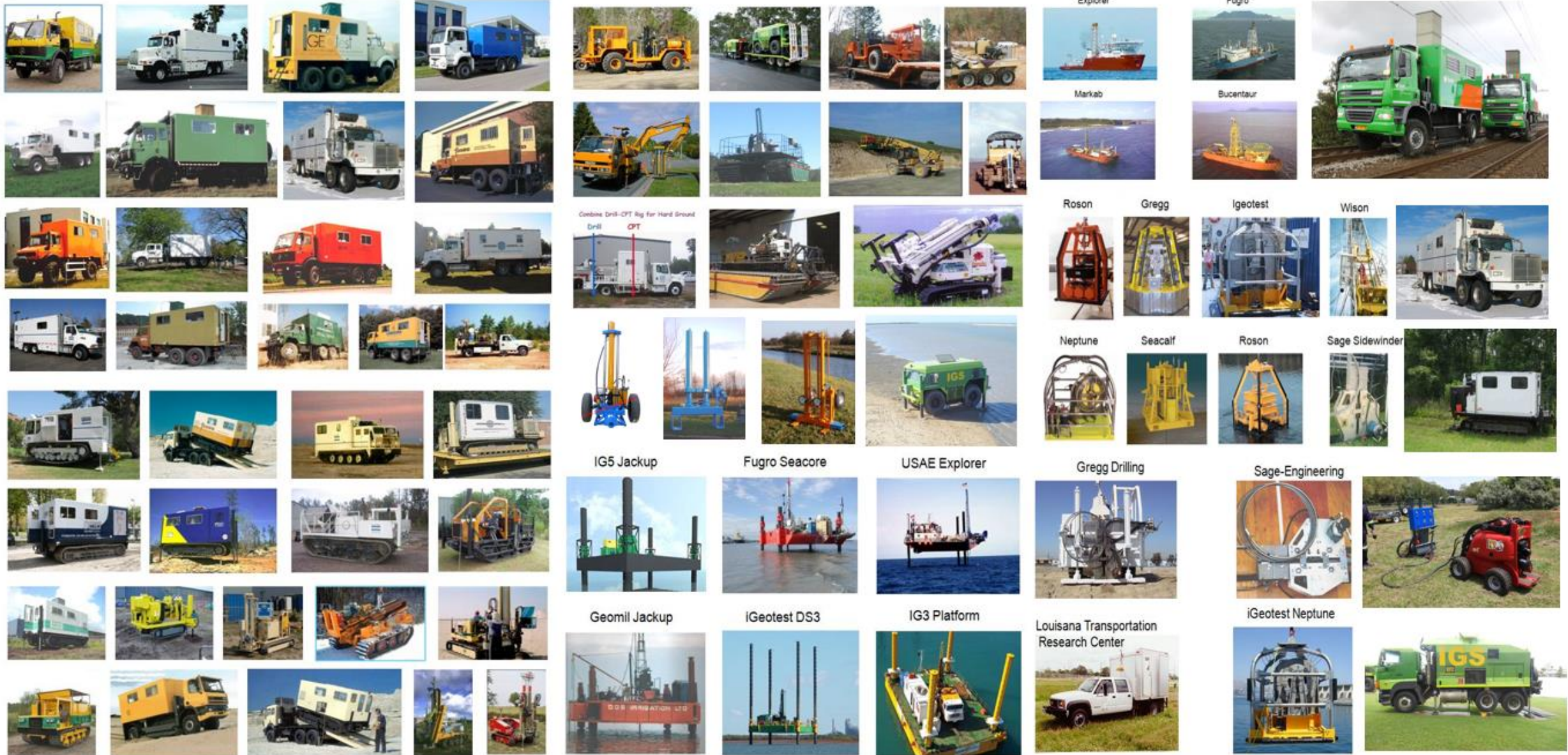
(inadvertently inclined CPT)



Cone Penetration Rig



Cone Penetration Rigs and Vehicles



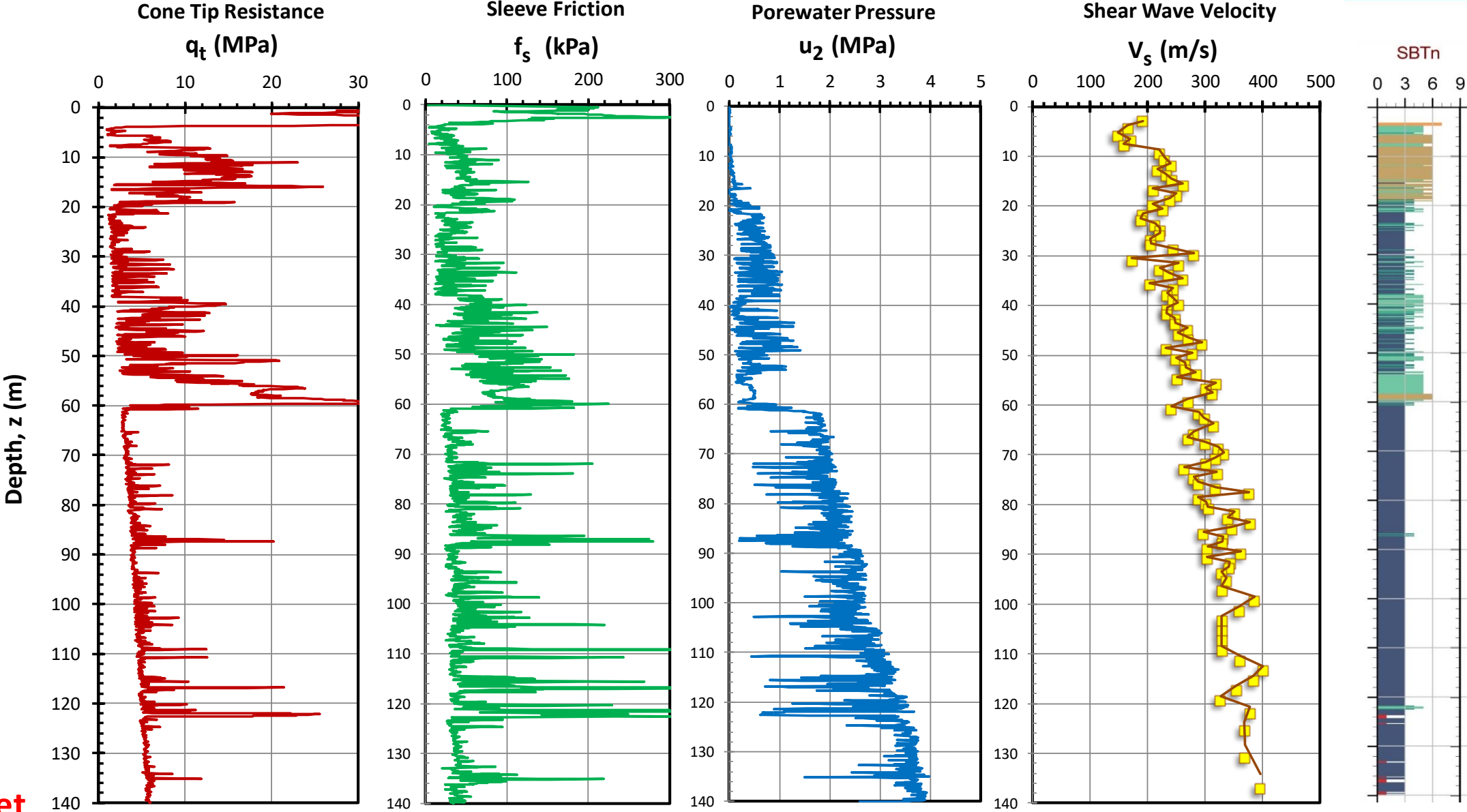


New Electric-Diesel Hybrid CPT Rig

Hybrid-EV Powered CPT Site Characterization



140-m deep SCPTU - Fraser River Delta, BC



460 feet

CBBG Self-Burrowing Robotic Integrated Sensor System



Courtesy:
Chloe Arson - GT

CBBG
Center for Bio-mediated &
Bio-inspired Geotechnics





CBBG Self-Burrowing Robotic Integrated Sensor System

NOW in 2023

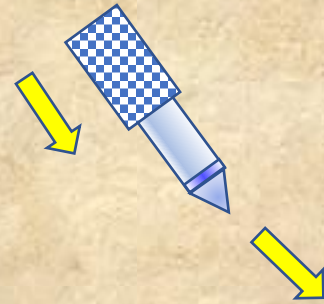


BACK TO THE FUTURE - 1,000,000 years of evolution by plants and self-propelling animals (earthworms)

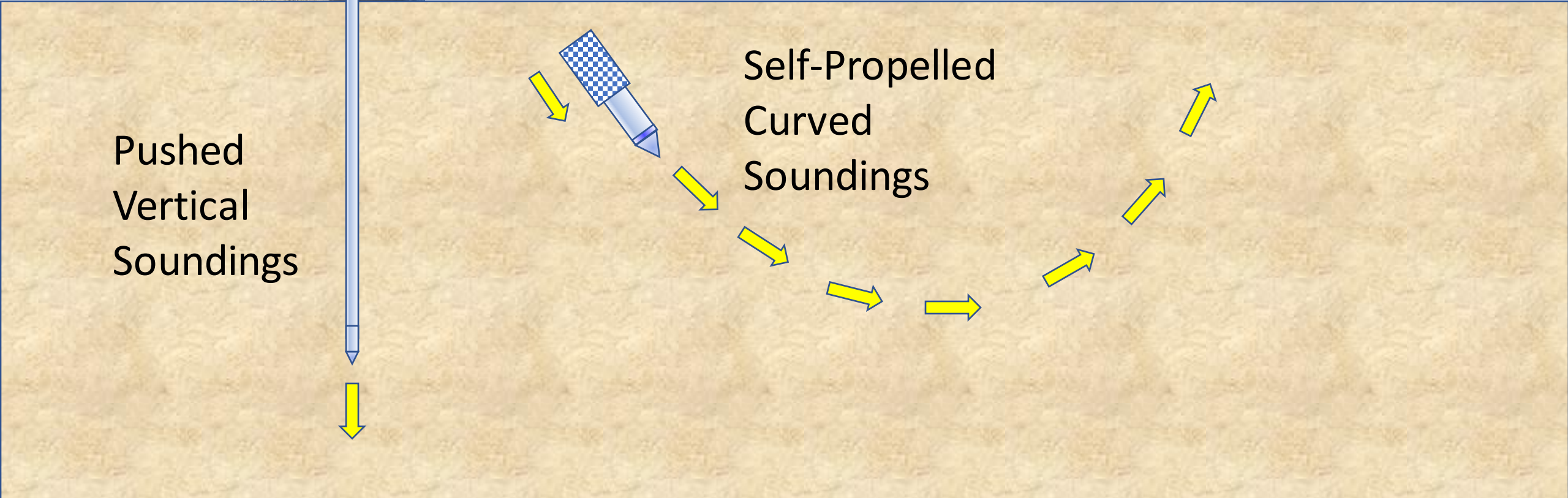
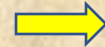
Researchers: Chloe Arson/GT, Alexandro Martinez/UCD
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Pushed
Vertical
Soundings



Self-Propelled
Curved
Soundings



Specialized CPTs

- Resistivity Cones
- Seismic CPT
- Cone Pressuremeter
- Conductivity CPT
- Gamma CPT
- pH CPTu
- Vision CPT (VisCPT)
- Dielectric CPTu
- Acoustic CPT
- Radio-isotope CPT
- Vibrocone (VCPT)
- Thermal (TCPT)



Any unanswered Questions ? Please see.....



Open AI

ChatCPT

ConeTec CPT Manual (2023)

Paul W. Mayne

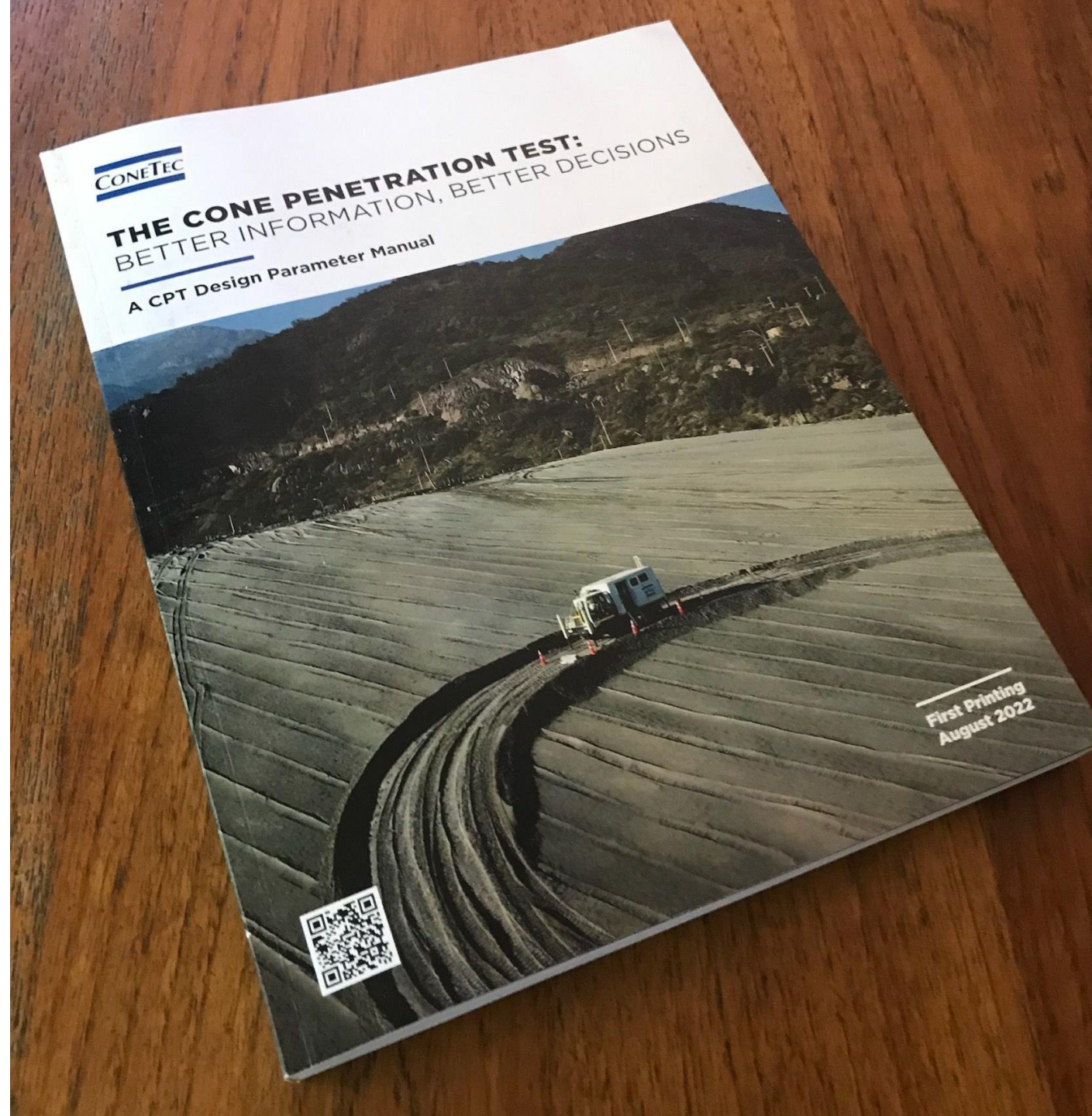
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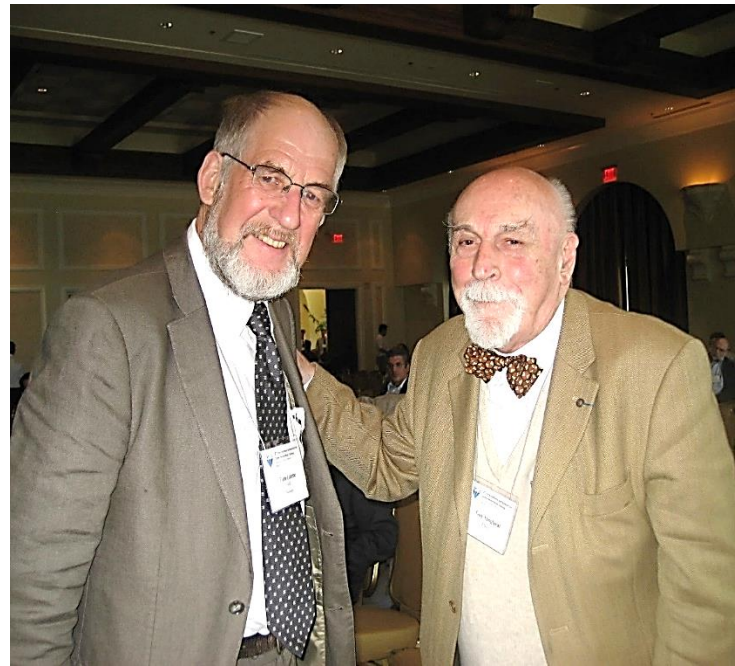
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Some Famous ConeHeads

Tom Lunne and
Guy Sanglerat



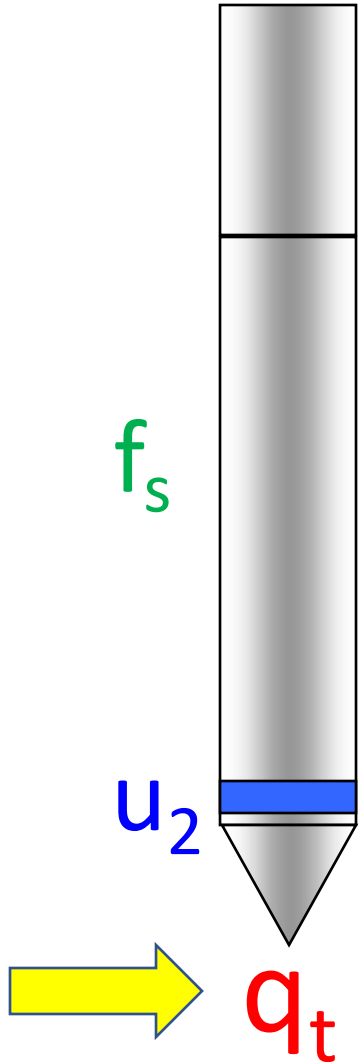
John Powell and
Peter Robertson



Band U2 formed in 1976



New Musical Band "qt"



Lead Vocalist:
Inger Sofie Senneset

A real "**Cutie**"
pronounced "qu-tee"

(Also a beer drinker)



Lead
Guitarist
for the band **qt**

Kaare
Senneset

ConeHeads from Around the World



Wines for ConeHeads



The Geotech Mascot is the Groundhog

Groundhog = Marmot = Woodchuck = Whistlepig



Whiskey

\$4369/bottle

What is the preferred alcoholic beverage by ConeHeads?



Cognac

