CE394M: Critical State and Cam-Clay

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Overview

1. Critical State Soil Mechanics
2. Cam-Clay
3. Modified Cam-Clay

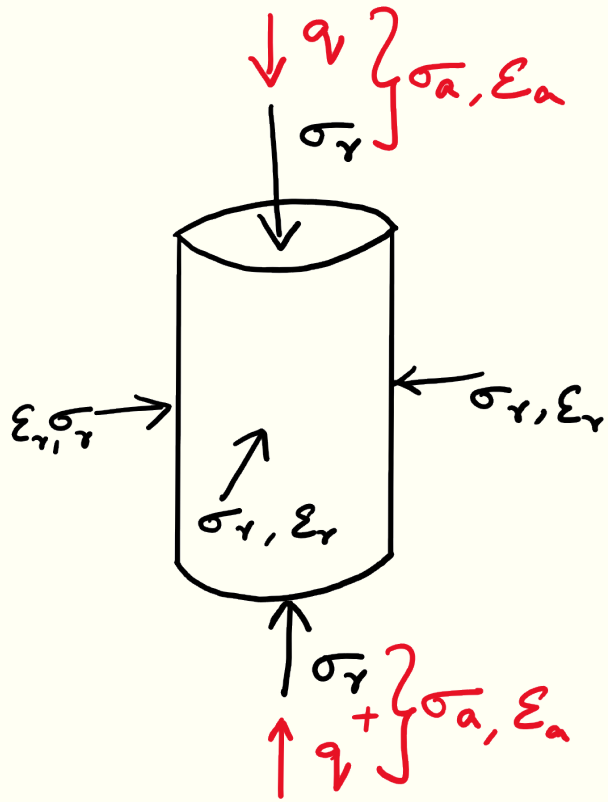
Critical State Soil Mechanics

Roscoe et al., (1958), Schofield & Worth (1968), Wood (1990):

- Provides a conceptual framework in which to interpret stress-strain-strength-volumetric strain response of soil.
- Started as a qualitative, rather than a mathematical model
- A unified framework of known or observed soil responses: drained / undrained / etc

Critical state variables

- Mean stress: $p' = \frac{\sigma'_a + 2\sigma'_r}{3} = p - u.$
- Deviatoric stress: $q = \sigma'_a - \sigma'_r = \sigma_a - \sigma_r$
- Specific volume: $v = \frac{V_T}{V_s} = \frac{V_s + V_v}{V_s} = 1 + e.$



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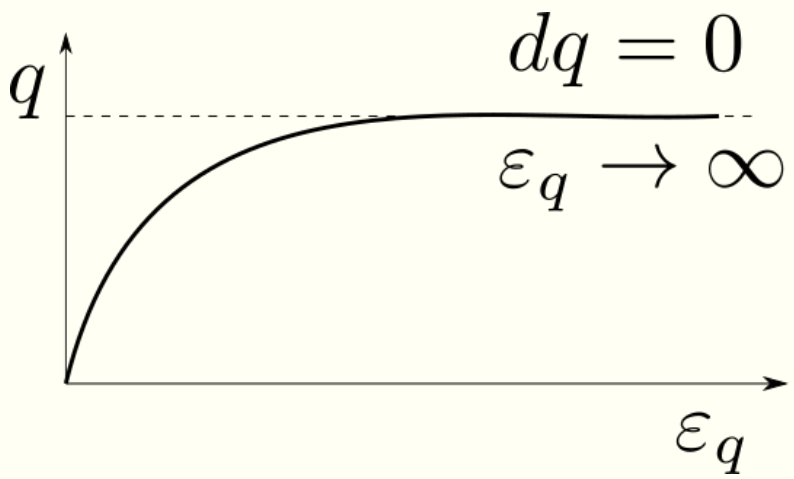

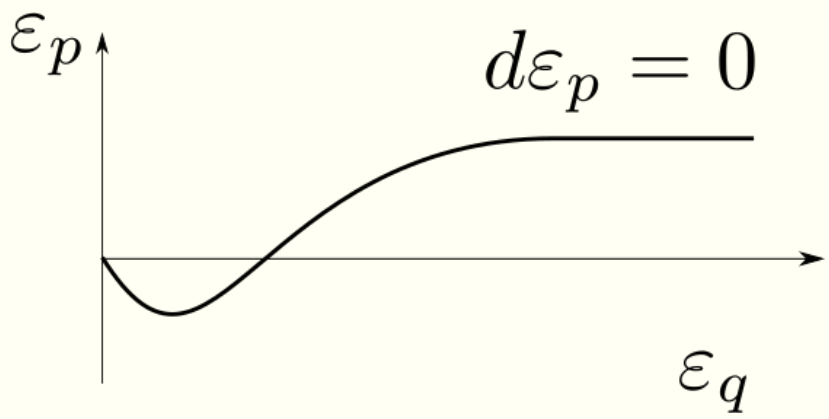

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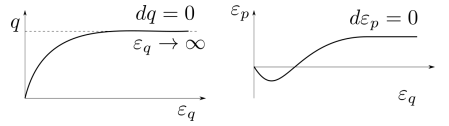

Soil is sheared to a point where stresses are stationary ($dq = dp' = 0$) with no futher change in volume ($d\varepsilon_v = 0$), unlimited shear strains ($d\varepsilon_s >> 0$) and q/p' has a fixed value: **critical state**.

M can be related to phi': $M = \frac{6 \sin \phi'}{3 - \sin \phi'}$.

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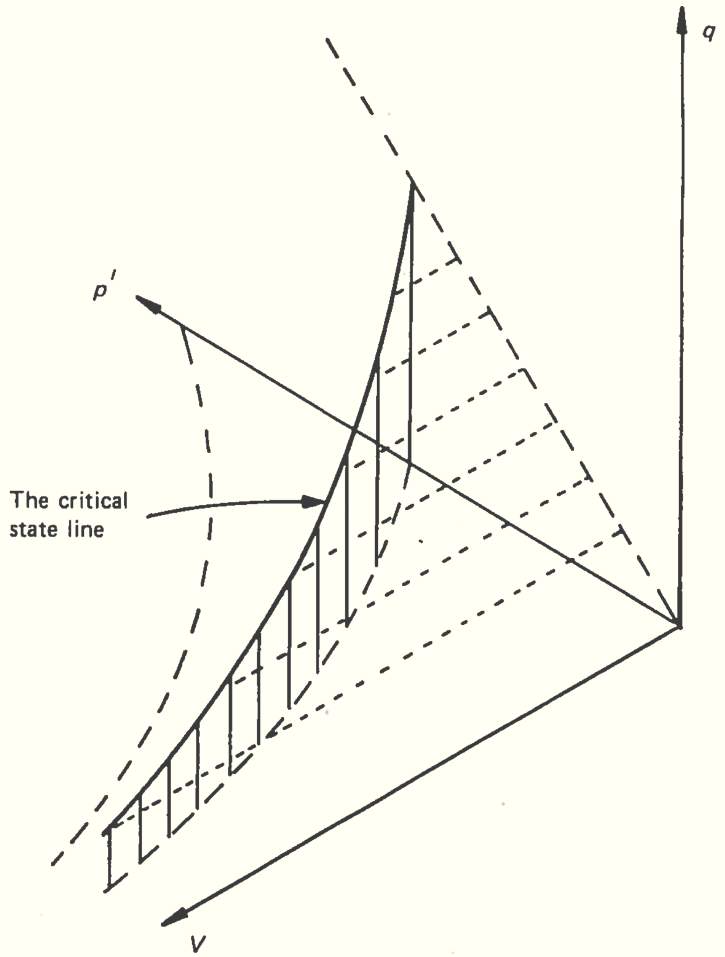

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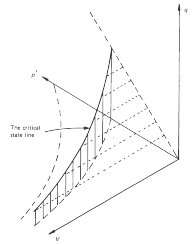

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Critical state curve connecting critical state points:

- Crticial state line
- Defined in 3D but we'll look at projections into $q - p'$ and $v - p'$ space

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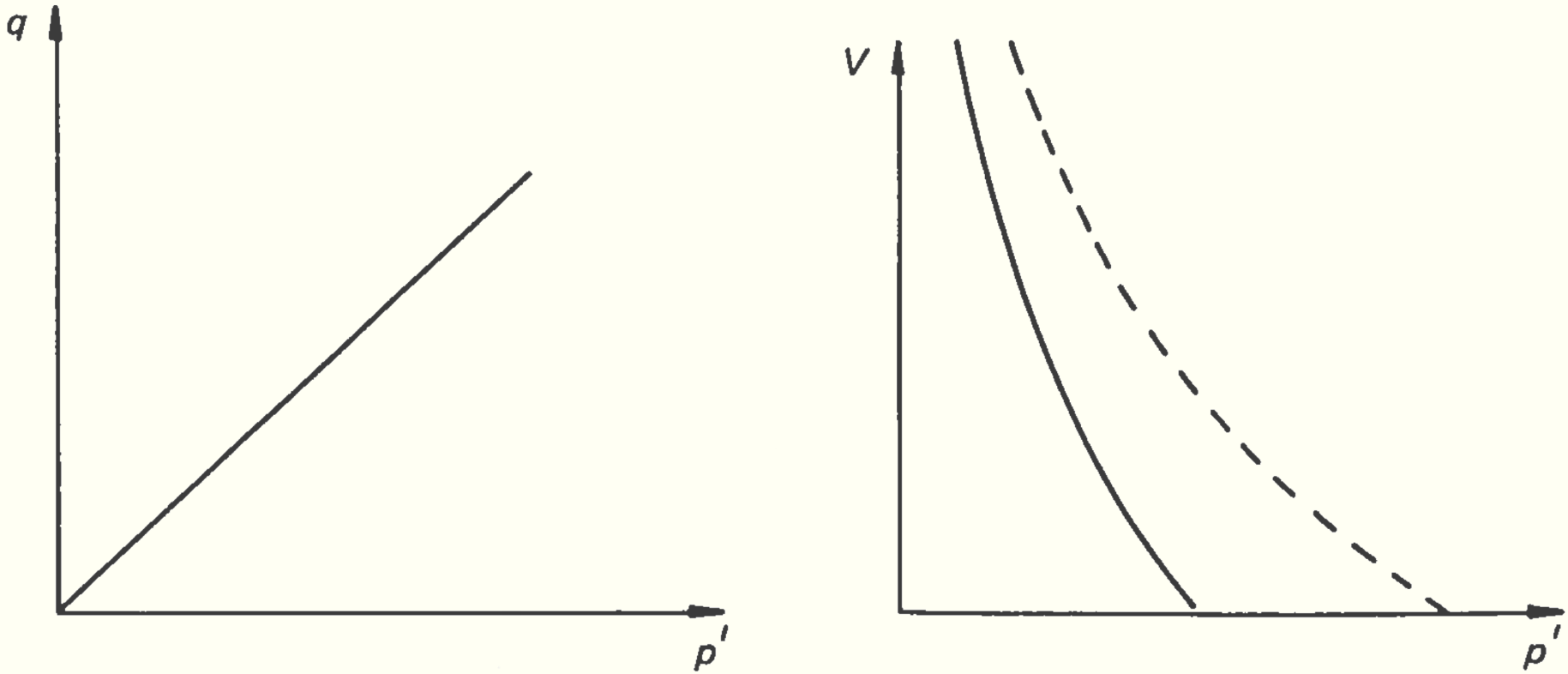

The CSL in (a) (p', q) plot and (b) (p', v) plot (isotropic normal compression line is shown in dashed)

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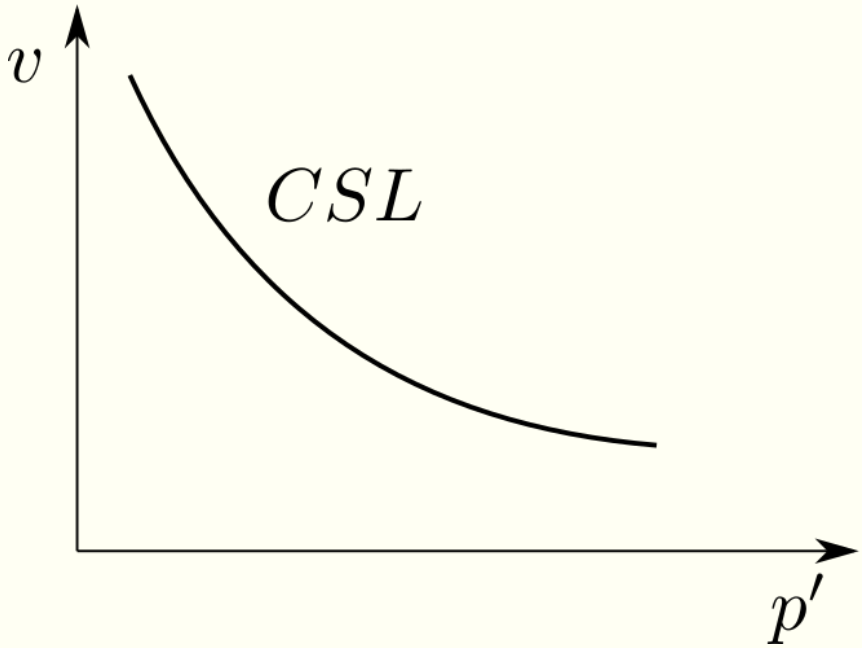

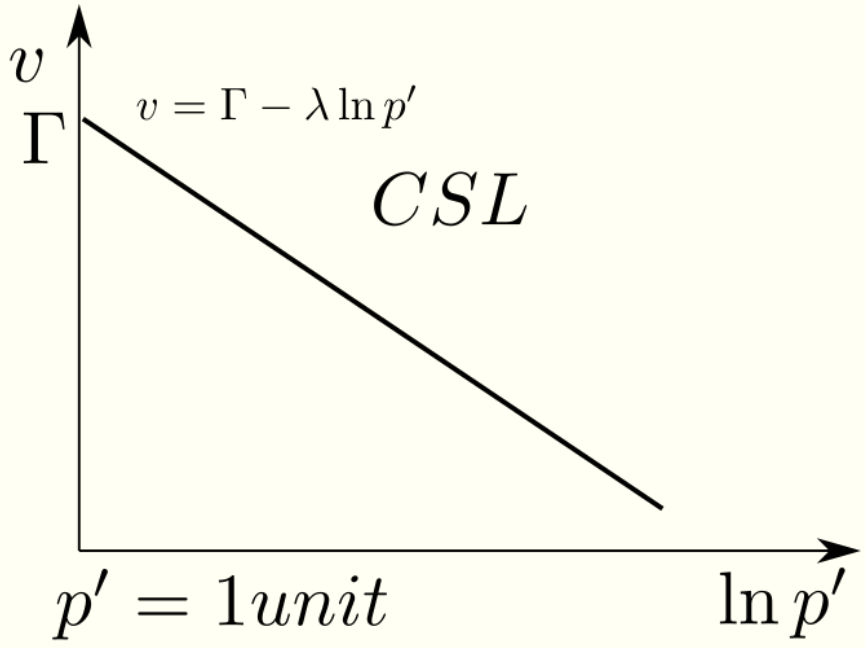

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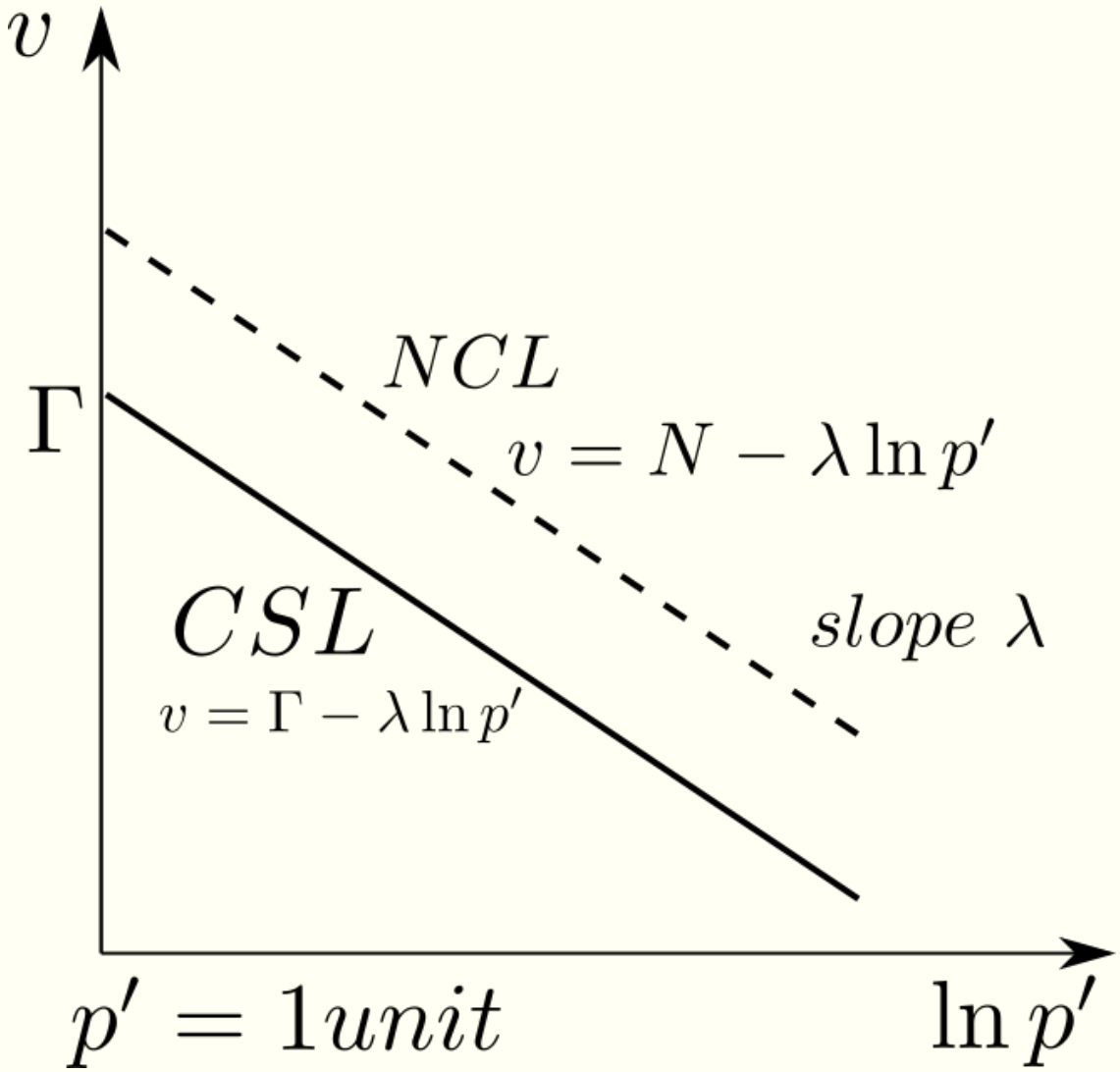

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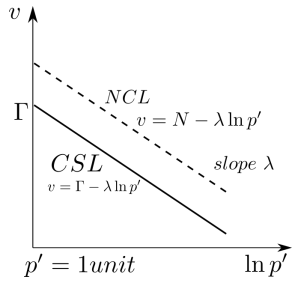

Isotropic virgin compression line (VCL) $\eta = 0$. NCL is parallel to CSL. VCL is $\eta = 0$, while CSL $\eta = M$. Oedometer falls between VCL and CSL at a constant η: $0 < \eta < M$.

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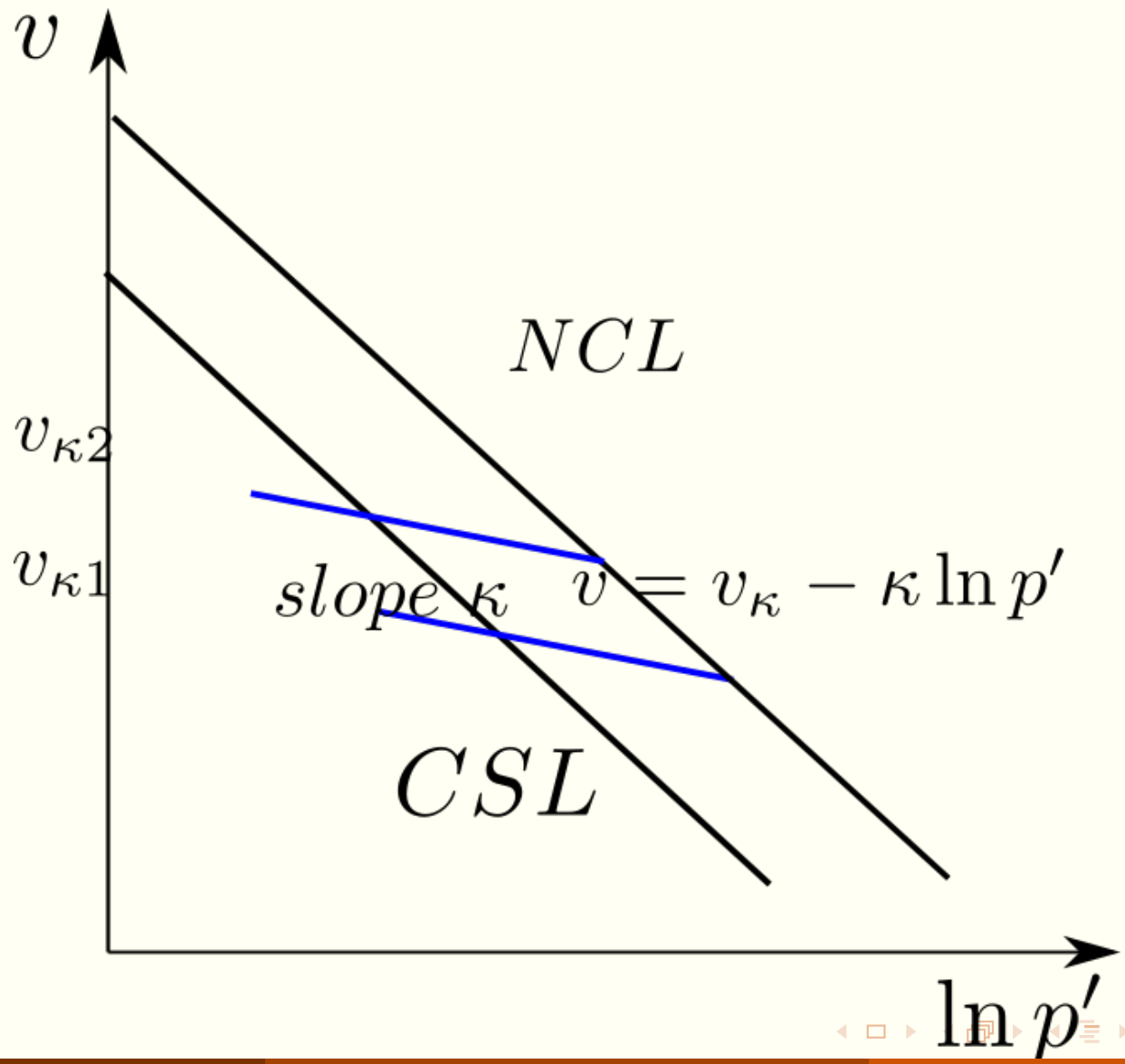

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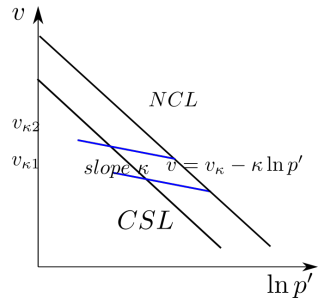
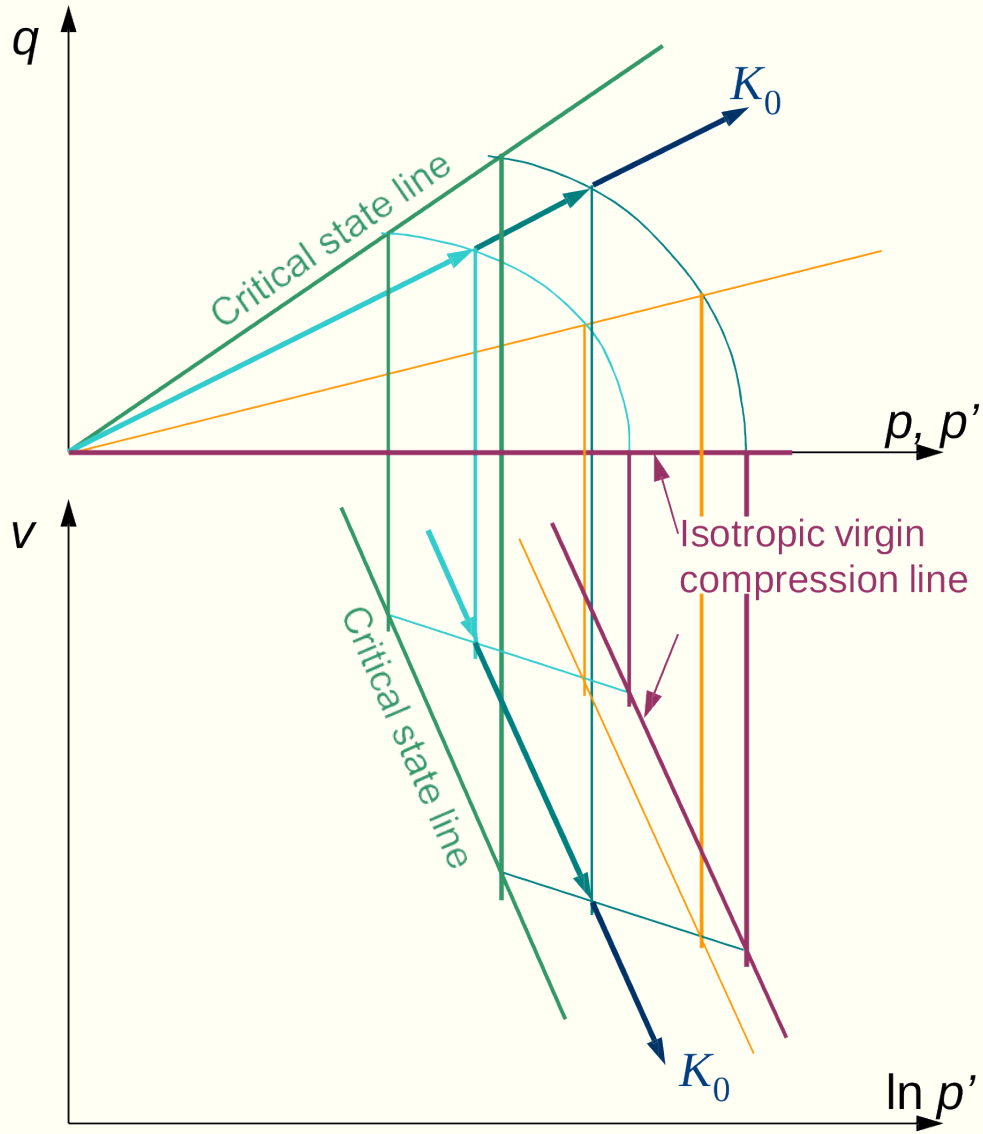
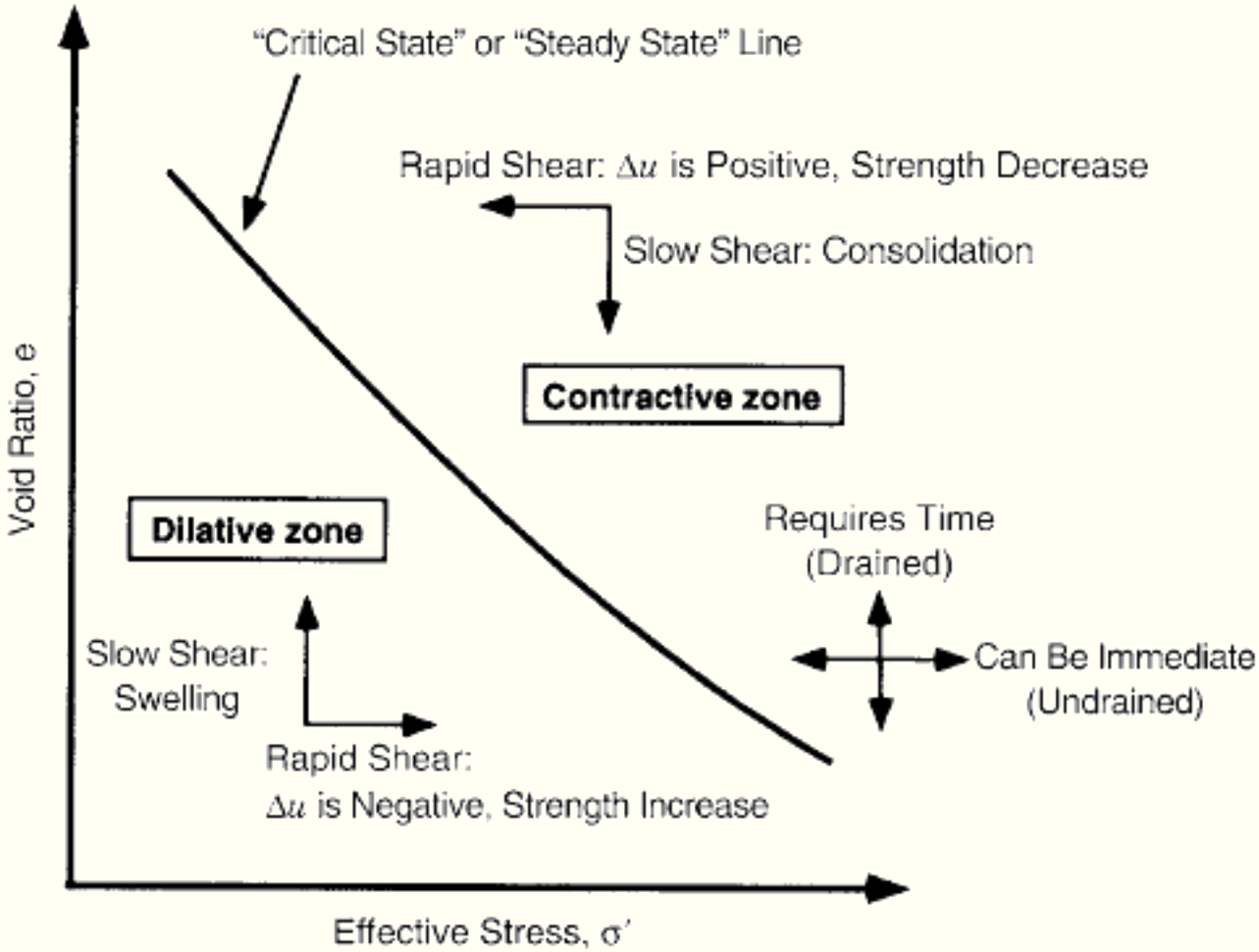


v_κ depends on which κ line you are on. $\kappa \neq c_r$ and $\lambda \neq C_c$

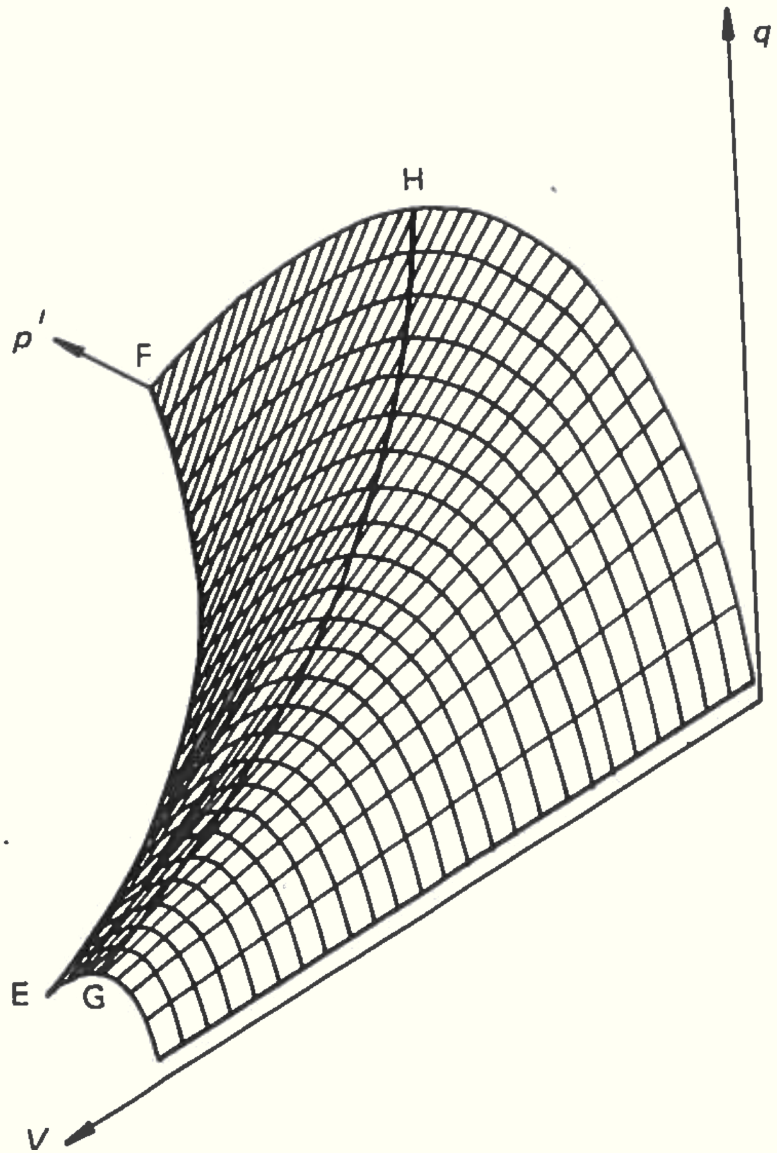
Stress paths $\sigma_3'/\sigma_1' = K_c = const$



Clay behavior



Critical state boundary surface



Summary of critical state behavior

- Can only traverse NCL in one direction
- Can traverse RCL (κ-line) in both directions
- To move from one κ-line to another must move along NCL. Hence, plastic volumetric strains must occur.
- Critical state line is **NOT** a yield surface. It's where it's going but a lot of plastic straining is needed to get there. (if $CSL = F = 0$) then with associative flow rule $d\varepsilon_v^p \neq 0$ at critical state. Real F is horizontal at critical state.

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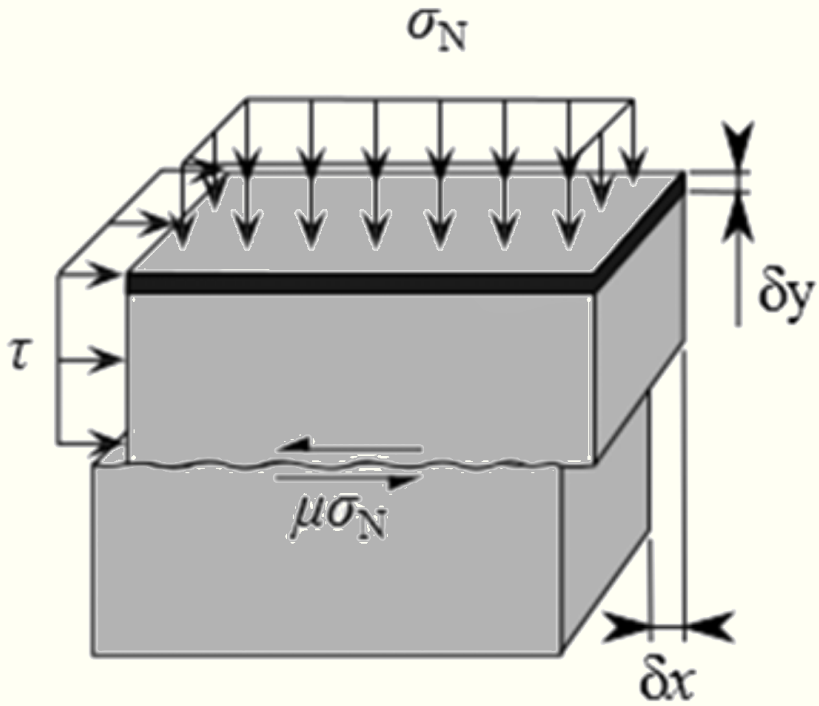

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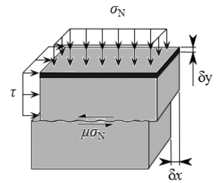

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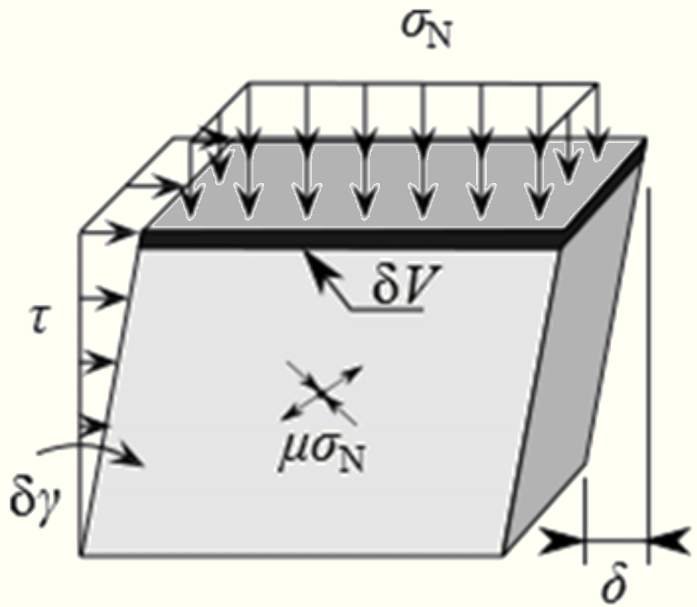

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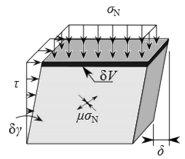

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This dissipation function can be regarded simply as generalisation of Taylor's equation. It should be noted that both Taylor's equation and Cam-Clay dissipation function equation assume that when there is some combination of volumechange (dy or $\partial\varepsilon_v$) and of shear distortion (dx or $\partial\varepsilon_s$) it is the shear strain that determines the dissipation rate. The dilation or volume change is a geometrical consequence of interlocking, and does not appear explicitly in the dissipation function.

Cam-Clay (OCC): Stress dilatancy relation

$$p' d\varepsilon_v^p + q d\varepsilon_s^p = M p' d\varepsilon_s^p$$

Rearranging the terms (divide by $p' d\varepsilon_s^p$):

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The critical state is defined by an absence of volume change or, in other words, a nil dilatancy conditions. Therefore, at critical state, the stress-dilatancy rule yields to the critical state condition $\eta = M$.

Cam-Clay (OCC): flow-rule

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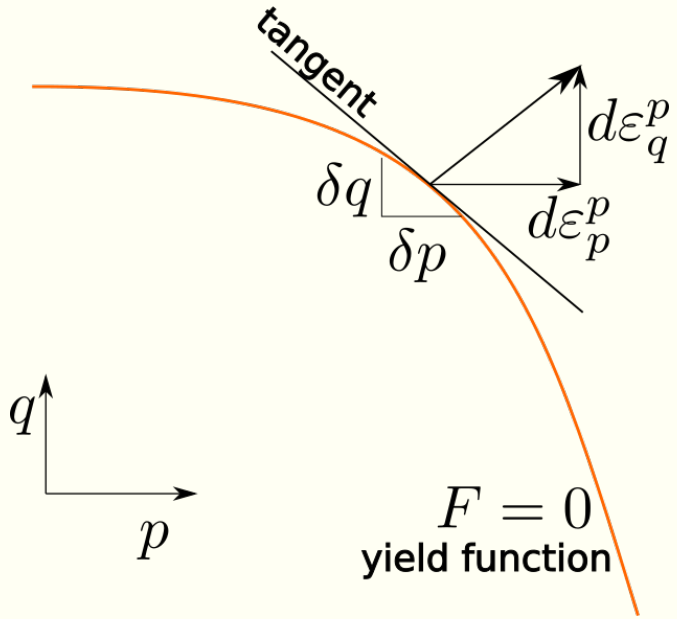

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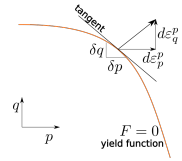

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Which gives:

$$d\eta = \frac{dq}{p} - \frac{q}{p^2} dp \rightarrow \quad dq = pd\eta + \eta dp$$

We know from flow rule and orthogonality: $dq = dp(-M + \eta)$
Equating the above 2 equations:

$$dp = pd\eta + \eta dp = dp(-M + \eta)$$

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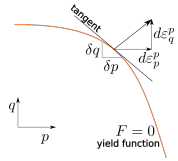

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To find the constants, for $\eta = 0$, we get $p = p_c$:

$$0 = -M \ln p_c + C \quad C = M \ln p_c$$

Which gives:

$$\eta = M \ln p_c - M \ln p$$
$$q/p = M \ln (p_c/p)$$

Yield function:

$$F = q - Mp' \ln(p_c'/p') = 0$$

Cam-Clay (OCC): Elastic properties

Swelling: $\delta v_\kappa = \kappa \ln(p'_1/p'_2)$

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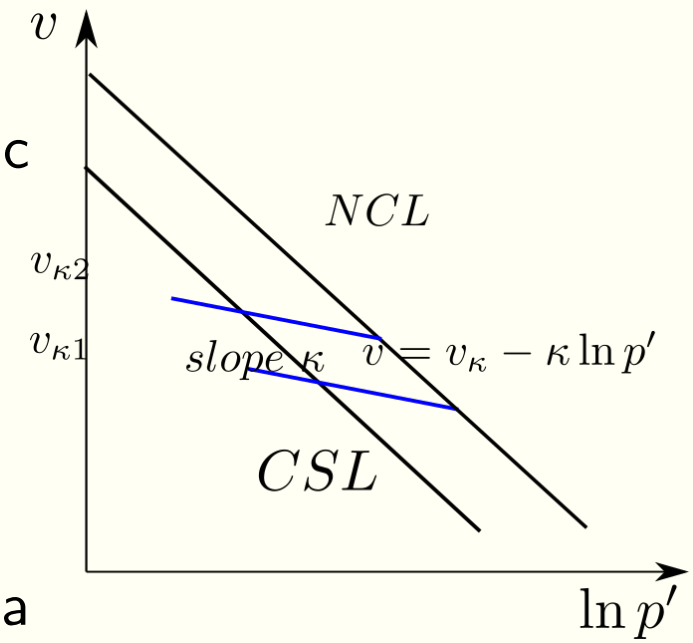

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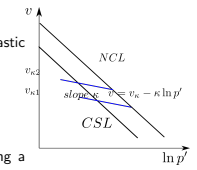

Observation:

- Stiffness K increases with p': correct.
- Stiffness increases with void ratio (not right)!

Note: The original derivation assumed that there were no recoverable (elastic) shear strains so $G = \infty$. We can find the stress-strain relationships for a single element in this case, but for a finite element forumulation we need to have a finite G^e. So there are two options:

- Define $G = f(e, p')$.
- Use a constant "elastic" Poisson ratio. Ratio between the shear and bulk modulus is constant. $2G/K = const$.

The first alternative has the shortcoming that depending on the choice of G we may have unreasonable values of the "elastic" Poisson's ratio. I prefer the second choice.

Cam-Clay (OCC): Hardening law

We need to define how the yield surface hardens as plastic work is being performed. Only "*memory*" parameter in our yield surface is the size: p'_c. From the isotropic NCL:

$$d\varepsilon_v = \frac{-dv}{v} = \frac{-de}{1+e} = \frac{+\lambda}{v}\frac{dp'_c}{p'_c}$$

But the increment in elastic volumetric strain is:

$$d\varepsilon_v^e = \left(\frac{-dv}{v}\right)^{elastic} = +\frac{\kappa}{v}\left(\frac{dp'_c}{p'_c}\right)$$

Cam-Clay (OCC): Hardening law

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\begin{aligned}
d\varepsilon_{vol} &= -\frac{de}{(1+e)} \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{(1+e)}\frac{dp'}{p'} + \frac{\lambda-\kappa}{(1+e)}\frac{dp'_c}{p'_c} \\
&= elastic + plastic \\
&= d\varepsilon^e_{vol} + d\varepsilon^p_{vol}
\end{aligned}
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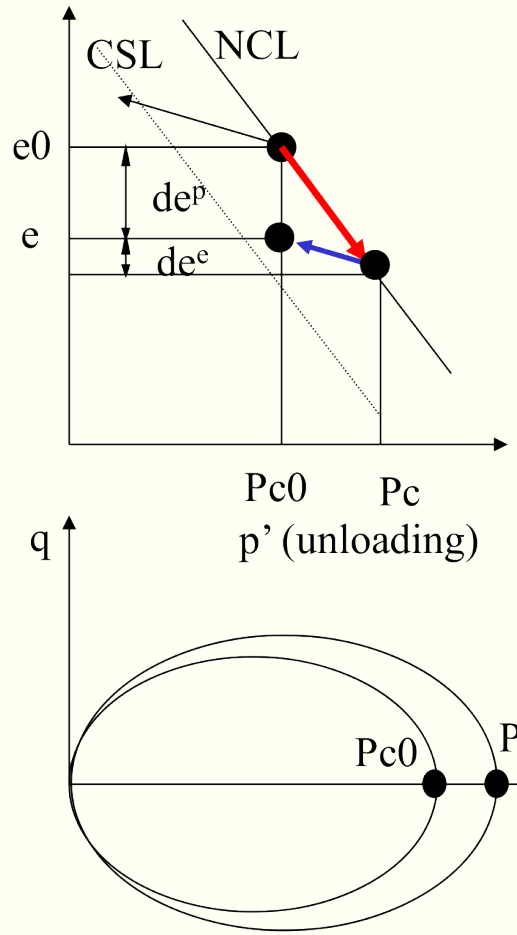

Therefore the increment of p_c can be related to the increment of plastic volumetric strain:

$$d\varepsilon^p_v = d\varepsilon_v - d\varepsilon^e_v = (\lambda-\kappa)\left(\frac{dp'_c}{p'_c}\right)$$

$$dp'_c = \left(\frac{v \cdot p'_c}{(\lambda-\kappa)}\right) \cdot d\varepsilon^p_v$$

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We have seen that the hardening law:

$$H = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Wp}\right)\left(\frac{\partial Wp}{\partial \varepsilon^p}\right)^T \cdot \frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma}$$

W_p is the vector of memory parameters. In our case, the CC model has only one parameter: p_c' and it's variation is only a function of the plastic volumetric strain. So:

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We know:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial p'_c} = -Mp'/p'_c$$
$$\frac{\partial p'_c}{\partial \varepsilon^p} = \frac{v}{(\lambda - \kappa)} p'_c$$
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} = P_p = Q_p = M - \eta$$

$$H = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial p'_c}\right)\left(\frac{\partial p'_c}{\partial \varepsilon^p}\right)^T \cdot \frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} = M\frac{(M-\eta)}{(\lambda-\kappa)} \cdot (1+e) \cdot p'$$

Limitations of original Cam-Clay

1. For an isotropically normally consolidated (saturated clay) specimen in TXC: Overpredicts the excess pore-pressure at failure.
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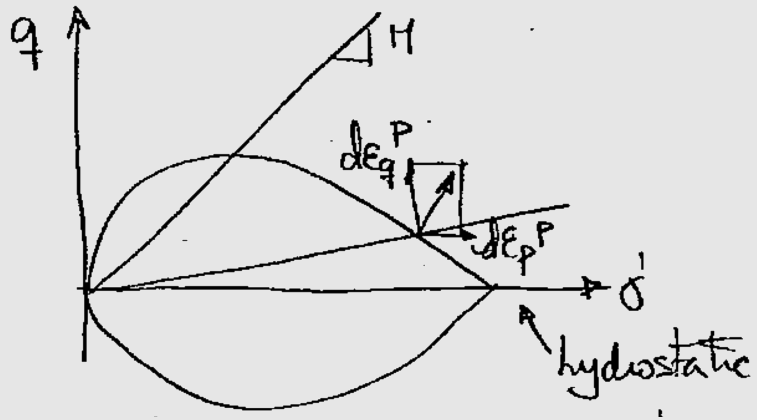

What can we change?

1. Yield function (yes)
2. Elastic constants (not really) controlled by the compression model.
3. Flow rule (for associated models it is tied to the yield function).
4. Hardening laws (constrained already by the compression model)

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This is referred to as the dilatancy expression. In contrast to the original Cam-Clay, this equation predicts only plastic volumetric strain at $\eta = 0$ (isotropic state).

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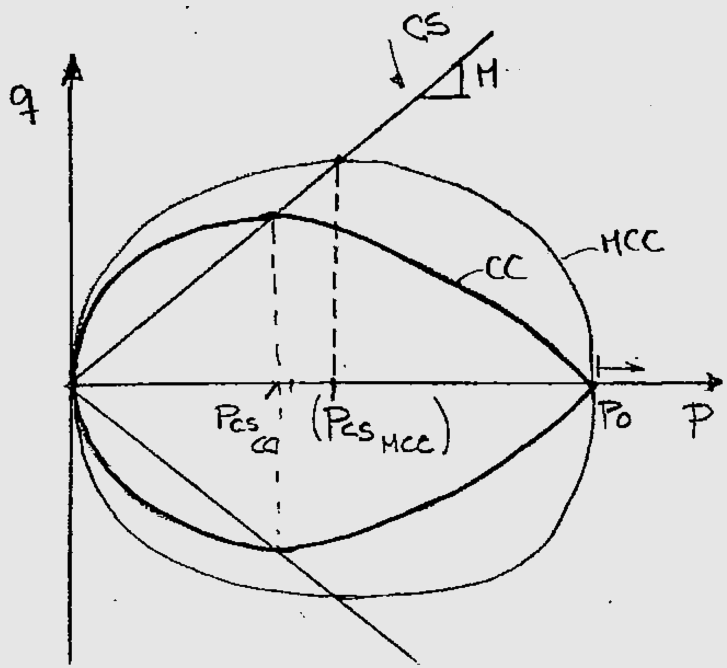
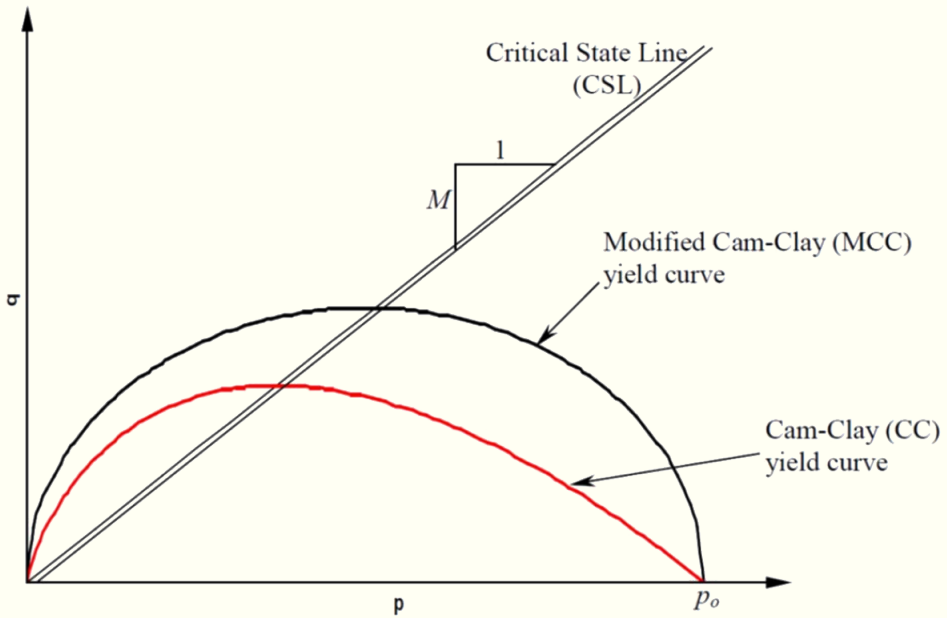


For the MCC we can find the value of p_{cs} the stress corresponding to the critical stress at CS: $q_{cs} = Mp'_{cs}$ and should be on the yield surface:

$$(Mp'_{cs})^2 = M^2(p'_{cs})^2\left(\frac{p'_c}{p'_{cs}} - 1\right) \qquad \frac{p'_c}{p'_{cs}} = 2 \rightarrow \quad p'_{cs} = p'_c/2$$

OCC v MCC

	Original Cam-clay model (Schofield and Wroth, 1968)	Modified Cam-clay model (Roscoe and Burland, 1968)
Dissipative work	$p'd\varepsilon_v^p + qd\varepsilon_s^p = Mp'd\varepsilon_s^p$	$p'd\varepsilon_v^p + qd\varepsilon_s^p = p'\sqrt{(d\varepsilon_v^p)^2 + (Md\varepsilon_s^p)^2}$
Associated flow rule	$(d\varepsilon_s^p/d\varepsilon_v^p)(dq/dp') = -1$	$(d\varepsilon_s^p/d\varepsilon_v^p)(dq/dp') = -1$
Yielding of Cam-clay	$q = Mp' \ln (p_c/p')$	$q^2 + M^2p'^2 = M^2p'p_c$
N and Γ	$N = \Gamma + \lambda - \kappa$	$N = \Gamma + (\lambda - \kappa)\ln 2$



MCC: Stress-strain relationship

$$\begin{bmatrix} d\sigma_{11} \\ d\sigma_{22} \\ d\sigma_{33} \\ d\tau_{12} \\ d\tau_{23} \\ d\tau_{31} \end{bmatrix} = [D(6\times 6)] \begin{bmatrix} d\varepsilon_{11} \\ d\varepsilon_{22} \\ d\varepsilon_{33} \\ d\gamma_{12} \\ d\gamma_{23} \\ d\gamma_{31} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d\sigma' = \left[D_e - \frac{D_e(\partial F/\partial \sigma')(\partial F/\partial \sigma')^T D_e}{-(\partial F/\partial p_c)(dp_c/d\varepsilon_v^p)(\partial F/\partial p') + (\partial F/\partial \sigma')^T D_e (\partial F/\partial \sigma')} \right] d\varepsilon$$

Elastic Stiffness

$$D_e = \begin{bmatrix} K+4/3G & K-2/3G & K-2/3G & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K-2/3G & K+4/3G & K-2/3G & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K-2/3G & K-2/3G & K+4/3G & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G \end{bmatrix} \qquad K = \frac{\nu p'}{\kappa}, G = \frac{3K(1-2\nu)}{2(1+\nu)}$$

MCC: I

$$d\sigma' = \left[D_e - \frac{D_e(\partial F/\partial \sigma')(\partial F/\partial \sigma')^T D_e}{-(\partial F/\partial p_c)(dp_c/d\varepsilon_v^p)(\partial F/\partial p') + (\partial F/\partial \sigma')^T D_e (\partial F/\partial \sigma')} \right] d\varepsilon$$

(A) Calculation of $\partial F/\partial \sigma'$

$$F = \frac{q^2}{M^2} - p' p_c + p^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma'} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial p'}\frac{\partial p'}{\partial \sigma'} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}\frac{\partial q}{\partial \sigma'}$$

$$\partial F/\partial p' = 2p - p_c$$

$$\partial F/\partial q = 2q/M^2$$

$$\partial p'/\partial \sigma' = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \qquad \partial q/\partial \sigma' = (3/2q)\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} - p \\ \sigma_{yy} - p \\ \sigma_{zz} - p \\ 2\sigma_{xy} \\ 2\sigma_{yz} \\ 2\sigma_{zx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma'} = \begin{Bmatrix} (2p - p_c)/3 + 3(\sigma_{xx} - p)/M^2 \\ (2p - p_c)/3 + 3(\sigma_{yy} - p)/M^2 \\ (2p - p_c)/3 + 3(\sigma_{zz} - p)/M^2 \\ 6\sigma_{xy}/M^2 \\ 6\sigma_{yz}/M^2 \\ 6\sigma_{zx}/M^2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

MCC: II

$$d\sigma' = \left[D_e - \frac{D_e(\partial F/\partial\sigma')(\partial F/\partial\sigma')^T D_e}{-(\partial F/\partial p_c)(dp_c/d\varepsilon_v^p)(\partial F/\partial p') + (\partial F/\partial\sigma')^T D_e(\partial F/\partial\sigma')} \right] d\varepsilon$$

(B) Calculation of $(\partial F/\partial p_c)(dp_c/d\varepsilon_v^p)(\partial F/\partial p)$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial p_c} = -p \qquad \frac{dp_c}{d\varepsilon_v^P} = \frac{\nu p_c}{(\lambda-\kappa)} \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} = 2p - p_c$$

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(C) Assemble [6x6] matrix

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Stress-strain relation in (p', q) and $(\varepsilon_v, \varepsilon_s)$ drained TX

1. Give strain and/or stress increments
2. Check if the current stress state is inside the yield surface or outside the yield surface $q/p' = M \ln(p_c/p')$
   1. If Elastic (stress inside yield surface):

$$\begin{bmatrix} d\varepsilon_v \\ d\varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/K & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dp' \\ dq \end{bmatrix}$$

   2. If Elastic-plastic (stress on the yield surface)

$$\begin{bmatrix} d\varepsilon_v \\ d\varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = D^{ep} \begin{bmatrix} dp' \\ dq \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^{ep} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1/K & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3G \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{Mp'} \frac{(\lambda - \kappa)}{(1 + e_0)} \begin{bmatrix} M - (q/p') & 1 \\ 1 & 1/(M - (q/p')) \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

3. Compute the unknown stress or strain increments and update the stress and strains
4. If plastic deformation, update p_c to satisfy Cam-Clay yield surface
5. Go back to step 1

Stress-strain relation in (p', q) and $(\varepsilon_v, \varepsilon_s)$ undrained TX

$d\varepsilon_v = d\varepsilon_a + 2d\varepsilon_r = 0$ (constant volume)
$d\varepsilon_s = (2/3)(d\varepsilon_a - d\varepsilon_r) = (2/3)(d\varepsilon_a - (-0.5d\varepsilon_a)) = d\varepsilon_a$

1. Give axial strain increment $d\varepsilon_a$ or dq
2. Check if the current stress state is inside the yield surface or outside the yield surface $q/p' = M \ln(p_c/p')$
   - If Elastic (stress inside yield surface):

$$\begin{bmatrix} d\varepsilon_v \\ d\varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/K & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dp' \\ dq \end{bmatrix}$$

$d\varepsilon_v =$ from the first equation gives $dp' = 0$. This means that the effective stress path is fixed to go in the vertical direction in $p' - q$ space irrespective of any total stress path.
The second equation gives $d\varepsilon_s$ for a given dq or dq for a $d\varepsilon_s$.

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   $d\varepsilon_v = 0$ and $d\varepsilon_s = d\varepsilon_a$ give dp' and dq
   or
   $d\varepsilon_v = 0$ and dq gives $d\varepsilon_s (= d\varepsilon_a)$ and dp'.

5. Update the stress and strain. The difference between the total mean pressure p and the effective mean pressure will give the pore pressure.
6. If plastic deformation, update p_c to satisfy Cam-Clay yield surface.
7. Go back to step 1