

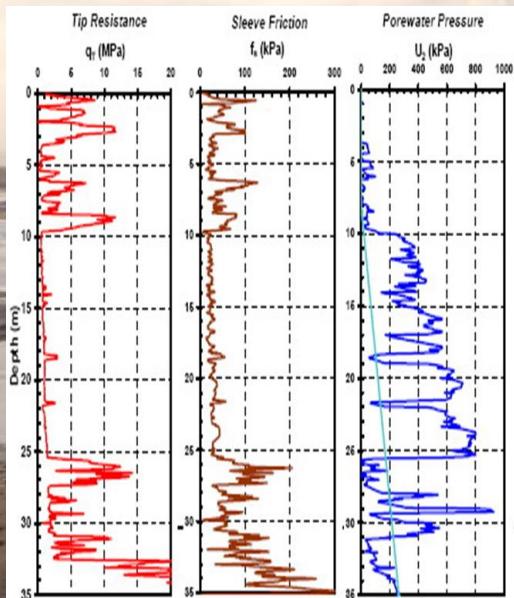


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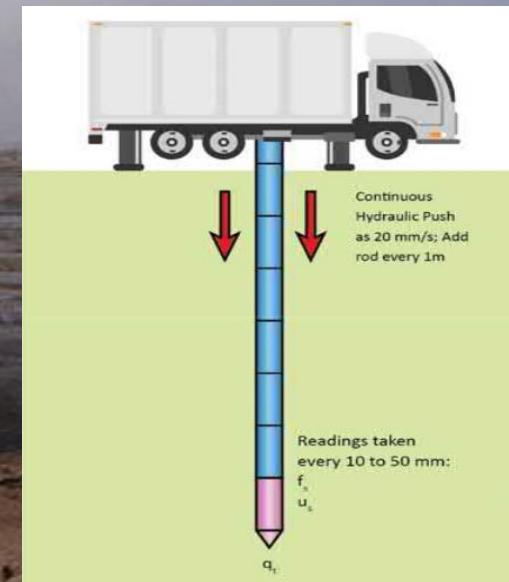
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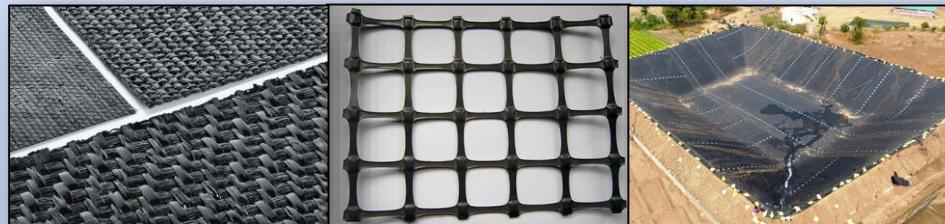
## Geotechnical Engineering World

### ❖ **Geomaterials:**

Soil, Rock & Ground Water

### ❖ **Geosynthetics:**

Geotextile, Geogrid, Geomembrane, ...



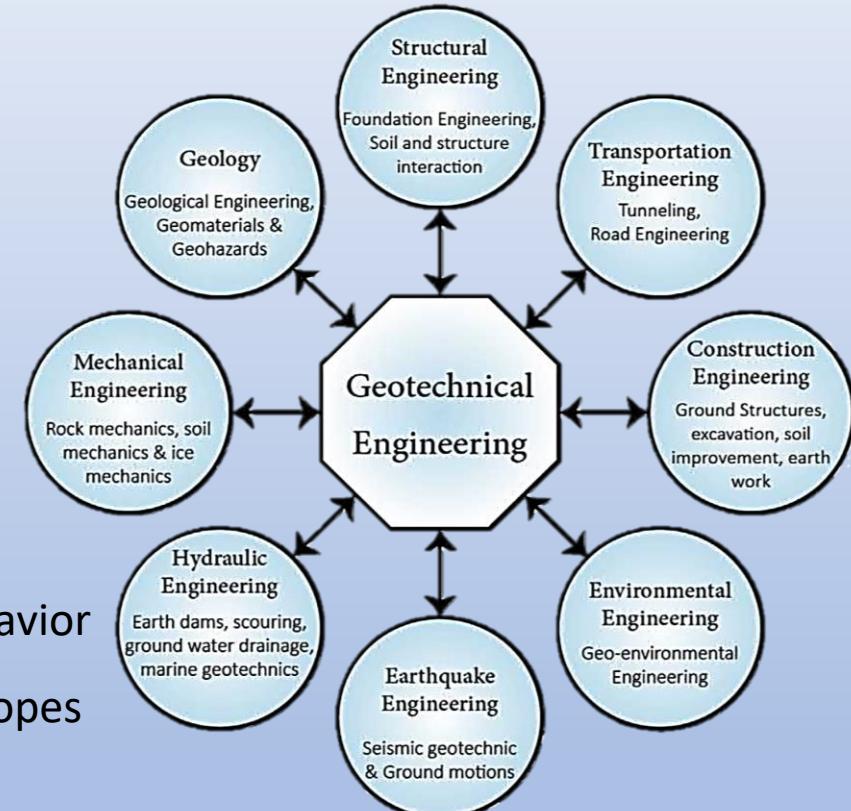
### ❖ **Geostructurs:**

Foundation, Earth Retention Systems, ...



## Major Topics in Geotechnical Engineering (GE)

- (1) Sample recovery
- (2) Subsurface profiling & Groundwater table
- (3) Site response to geohazards
- (4) Selecting and design of foundation systems
- (5) Sufficiency of geomaterials for borrowing
- (6) Health, safety and strategy management
- (7) Recognition of underground structures behavior
- (8) Support and stabilization of deposits and slopes



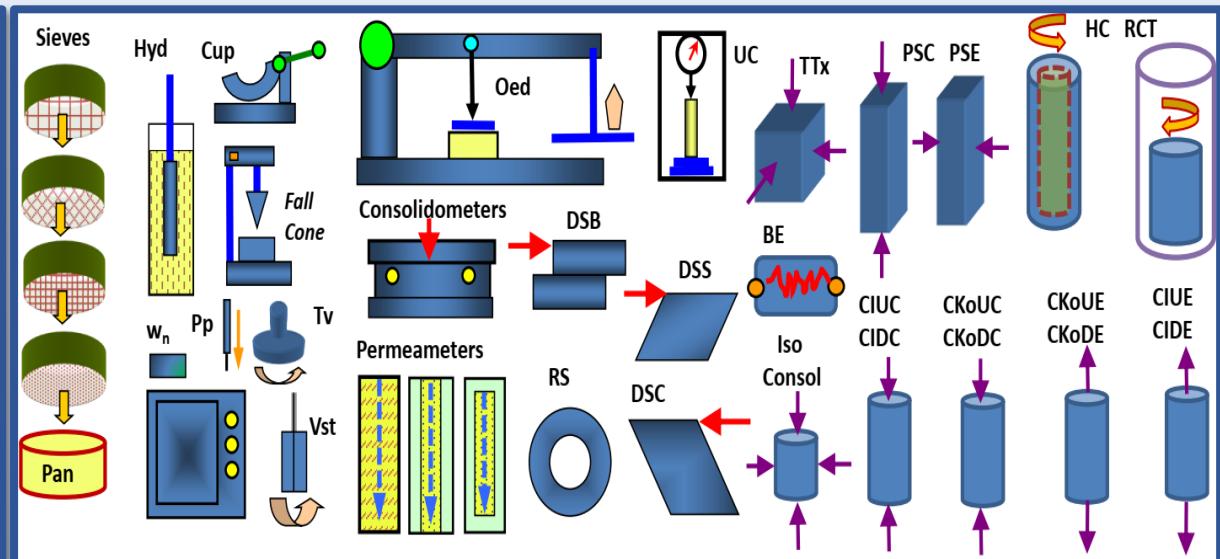
Overlap of Geotechnical Engineering with Other Disciplines

## Data Sources

- (1) Maps
- (2) Aerial Photos
- (3) Site Visit
- (4) Non Destructive Tests
- (5) Remote Sensing
- (6) On-Situ Testing
- (7) In-situ Penetration Testing
- (8) Boring and Sampling
- (9) Laboratory Testing
- (10) Physical Modeling
- (11) Full-scale Tests
- (12) Instrumentation & Monitoring

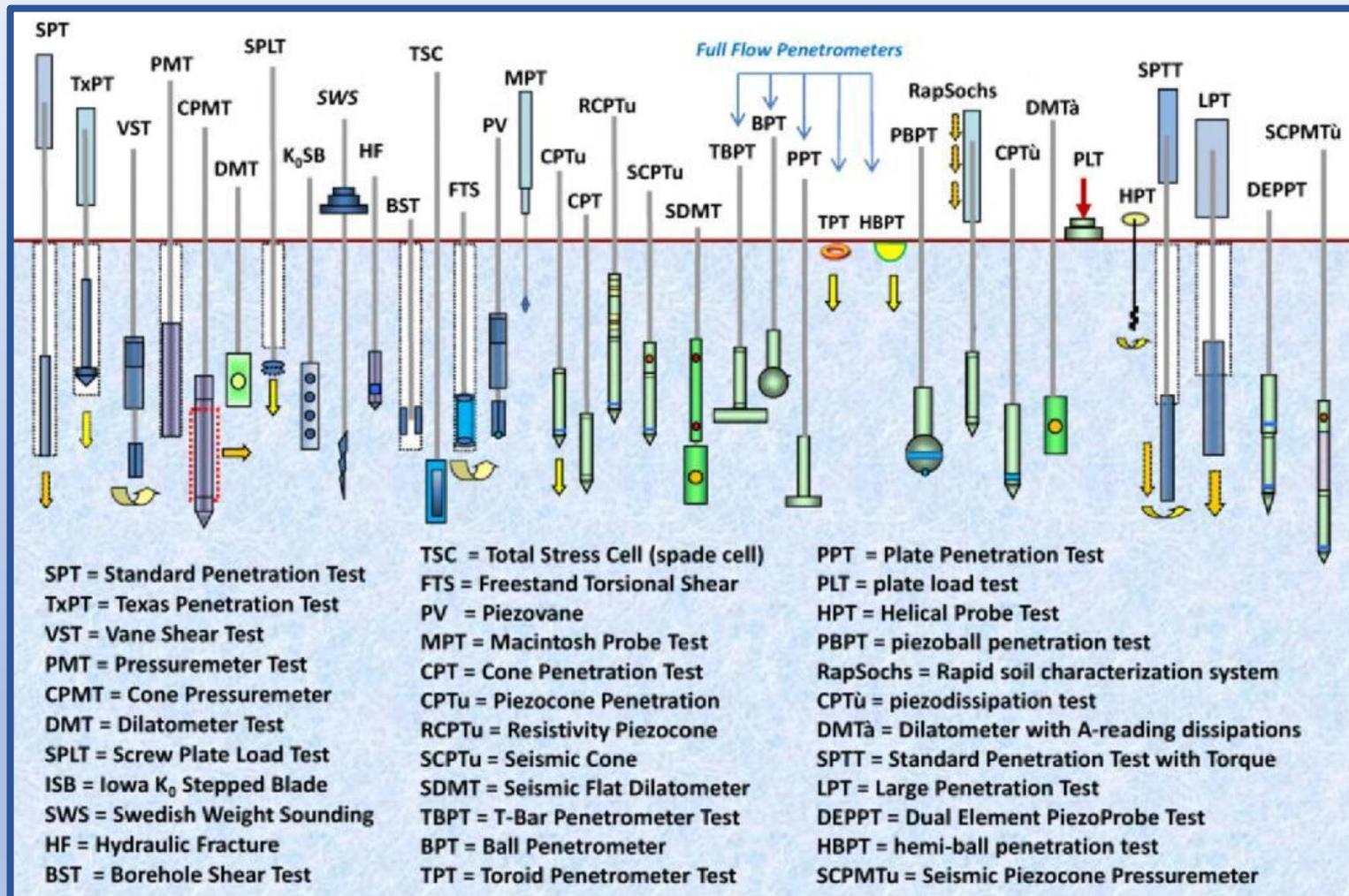


## Major Approaches: Boring, Sampling & Laboratory Testing



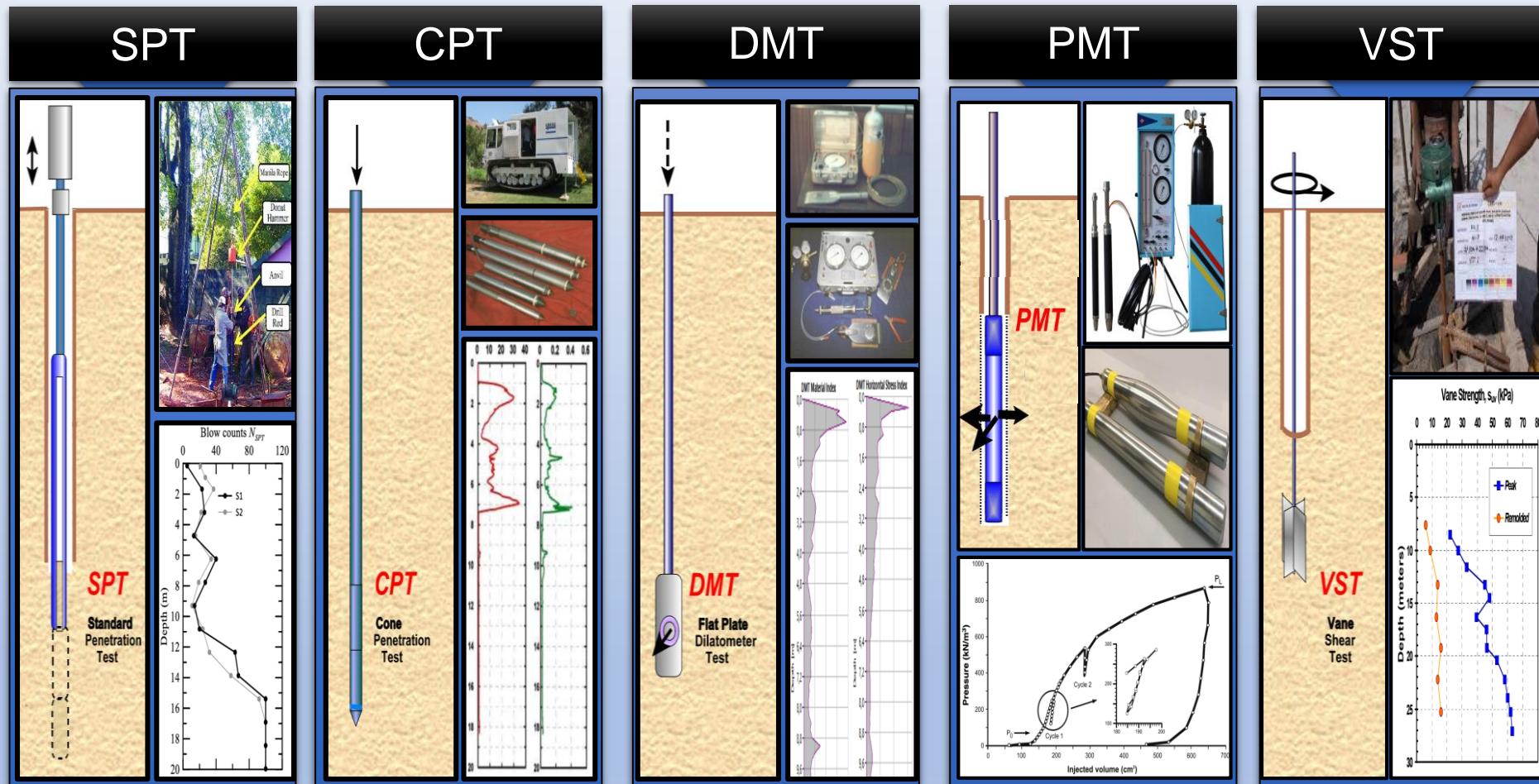
<b>Grain size analyses</b>	<b>Mechanical oedometer</b>	<b>Triaxial apparatus (iso-consols,</b>
Hydrometer	Consolidometer	<b>CIUC, CKoUC, CAUC, CIUE, CAUE,</b>
Water content by oven	Constant rate of shear (CRS)	<b>CKoUE, stress path, CIDC, CKoDC,</b>
Liquid limit cup	Falling-head permeameter	<b>CIDE,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

## Major Approaches: Field Testing Devices and Probes



(Mayne, 2016)

## Major Approaches: In Situ Penetration Tests



NikoueiNahali, A. & Eslami, A. (2020 – 2022)

## In Situ Tests and Their Applicability

Group	Device	Soil Parameters													Ground Type						
		Soil type	Profile	u	*ϕ'	S <sub>u</sub>	I <sub>D</sub>	m <sub>v</sub>	c <sub>v</sub>	k	G <sub>0</sub>	β <sub>h</sub>	OCR	δ-ε	Hard rock	Soft rock	Gravel	Sand	Silt	Clay	Peat
Penetrometers	Dynamic	C	B	-	C	C	C	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	-	C	B	A	B	B	B
	Mechanical	B	A/B	-	C	C	B	C	-	-	C	C	C	-	-	C	C	A	A	A	A
	Electric (CPT)	B	A	-	C	B	A/B	C	-	-	B	B/C	B	-	-	C	C	A	A	A	A
	Piezocene (CPTU)	A	A	A	B	B	A/B	B	A/B	B	B	B/C	B	C	-	C	-	A	A	A	A
	Seismic (SCPT/SCPTU)	A	A	A	B	A/B	A/B	B	A/B	B	A	B	B	B	-	C	-	A	A	A	A
	Flat dilatometer (DMT)	B	A	C	B	B	C	B	-	-	B	B	B	C	C	C	-	A	A	A	A
	Standard penetration test (SPT)	A	B	-	C	C	B	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	-	C	B	A	A	A	A
	Resistivity probe	B	B	-	B	C	A	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	A	A	A	A
Pressuremeters	Pre-bored (PBP)	B	B	-	C	B	C	B	C	-	B	C	C	C	A	A	B	B	A	B	B
	Self-boring (SBP)	B	B	A(1)	B	B	B	B	A(1)	B	A(2)	A/B	B	A/B(2)	-	B	-	B	B	A	B
	Full displacement (FDP)	B	B	-	C	B	C	C	C	-	A(2)	C	C	C	-	C	-	B	B	A	A
Others	Vane	B	C	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	B/C	B	-	-	-	-	-	A	B	
	Plate load	C	-	-	C	B	B	B	C	C	A	C	B	B	B	A	B	B	A	A	A
	Screw plate	C	C	-	C	B	B	B	C	C	A	C	B	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A
	Borehole permeability	C	-	A	-	-	-	-	B	A	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	B	
	Hydraulic fracture	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	C	C	-	B	-	-	B	-	-	-	A	C	
	Crosshole/downhole/surface seismic	C	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	B	-	A	A	A	A	A	A	

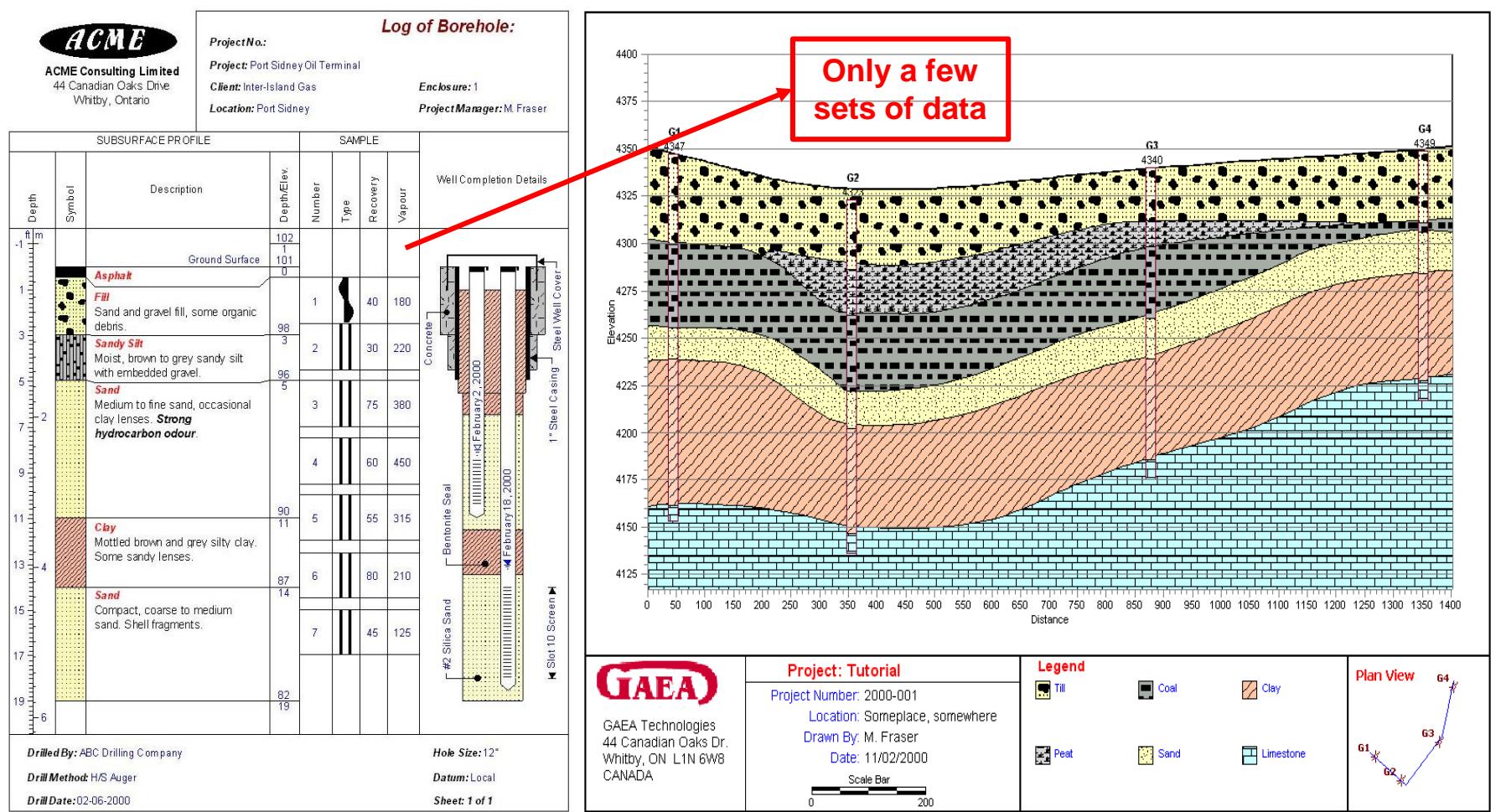
Applicability: A = high, B = moderate, C = low, - = none

\*ϕ' = Will depend on soil type, (1) = Only when pore pressure sensor fitted; (2) = Only when displacement sensor fitted

(Lunne et al., 1997)

# 1. Geotechnical Engineering & Site Investigations

## Typical Subsurface Log & Profile: Conventional Approach



## Why In-Situ Testing?

### Laboratory Tests Limitations

Difficulties for undisturbed sampling

Soil disturbance & maintenance

Soil volume change

Omitting confinement pressure

Size effect and boundaries

### Field Tests Advantages

Overcome sampling difficulties

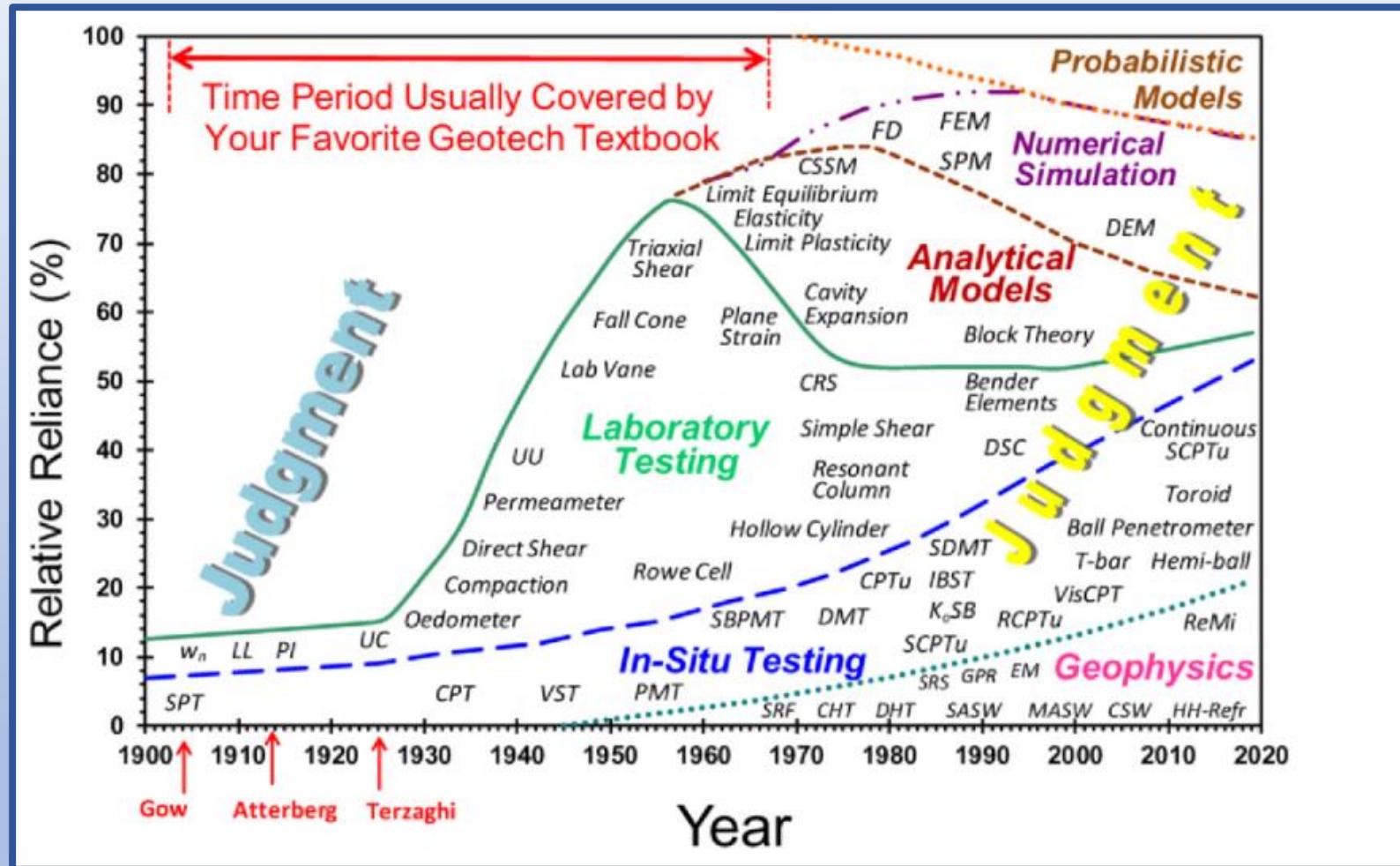
Minimum changes in stress state

Simple and fast

Economical

Dominant applications in FE

## Evolution of Geotechnical Design Basis



(Mayne, 2016, adapted from Lacasse 1985)

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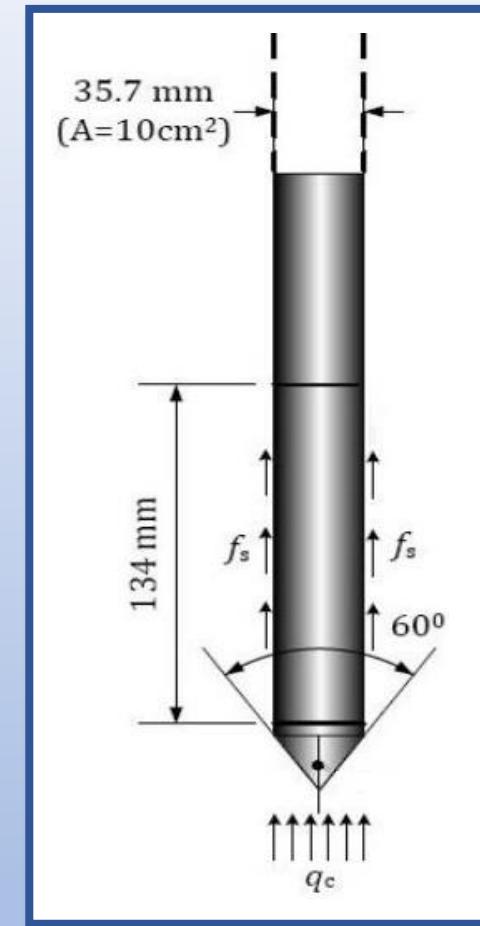
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### Summary and Conclusions

### Background

CPT involves driving a system of a steel cone and rods into the ground, and recording the mobilized resistance to penetration in the soil.

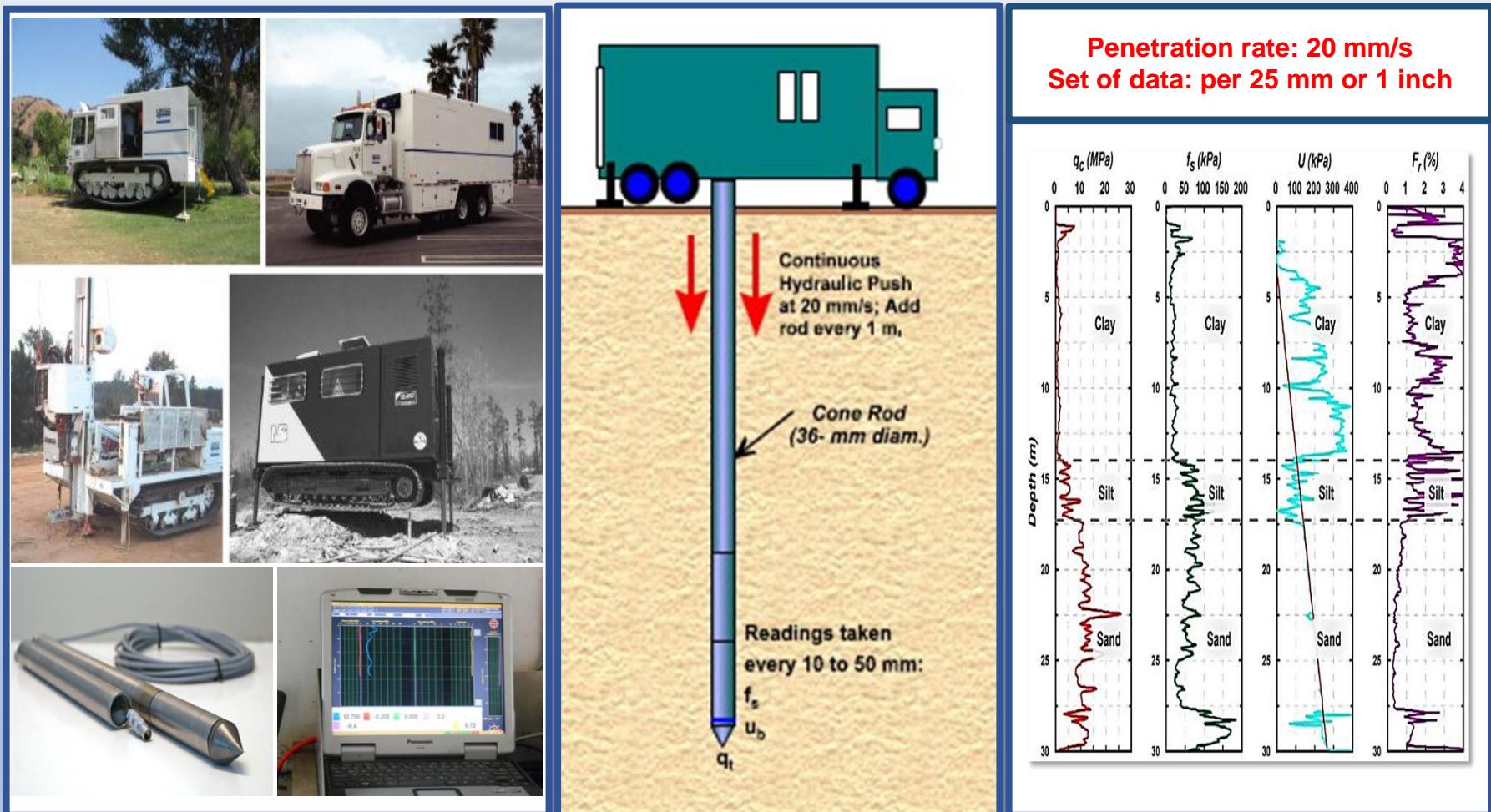
- ❖ Simple and relatively economical.
- ❖ Continuous records with depth.
- ❖ Interpretable on both empirical and analytical bases.
- ❖ Sensors can be incorporated with penetrometer.
- ❖ A large experience-based knowledge is now available



**CPT; mostly applicable in soft to medium,  
compressible & problematic deposits**

## 2. Cone & Piezocone Penetration Tests (CPT & CPTu)

### Equipment & Procedure



### Data & Graphical Presentation

#### 1. Measured Parameters

$q_c$ ,  $f_s$ ,  $u$

#### 2. Corrected Parameters

- Corrected tip resistance:

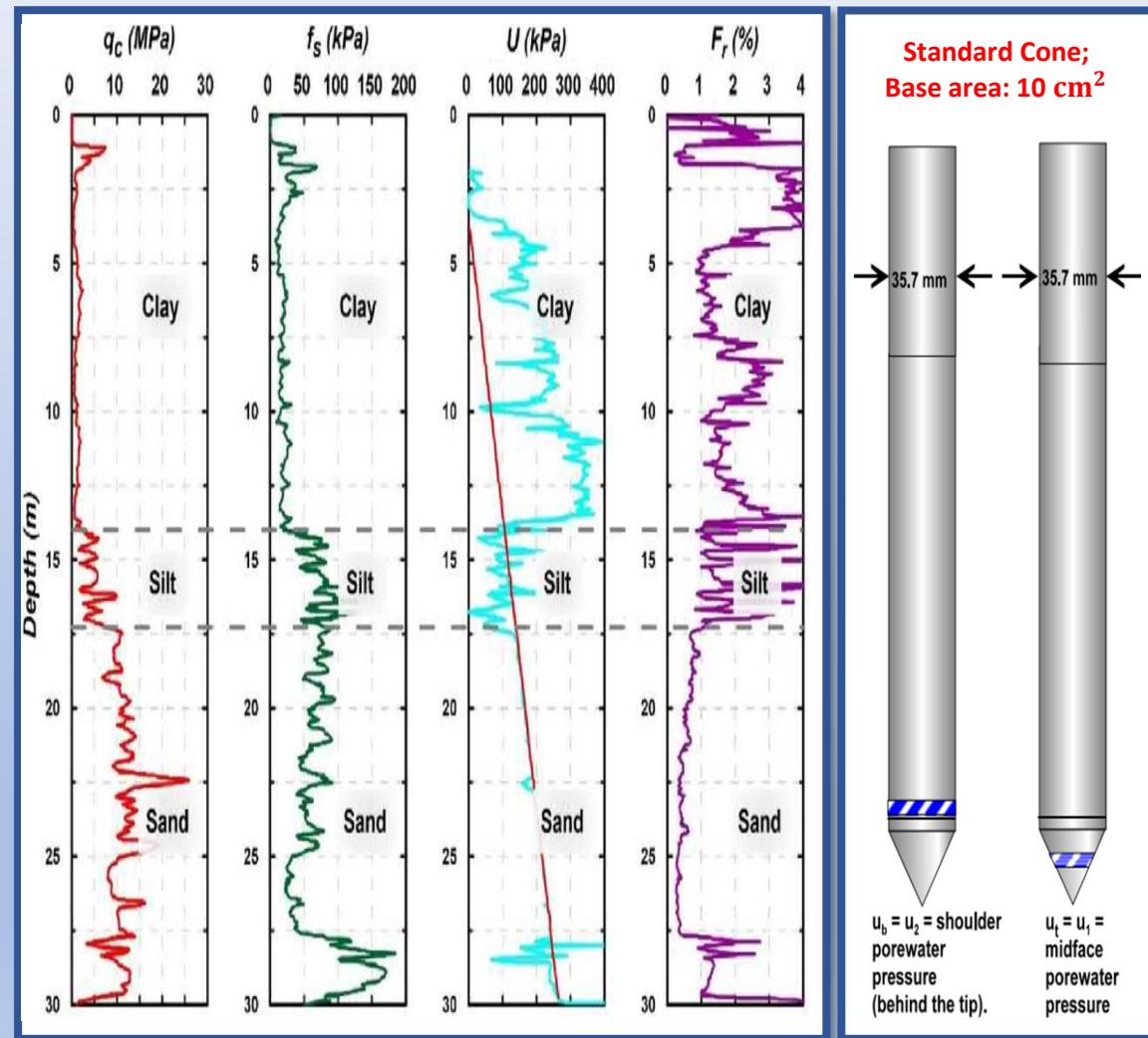
$$q_t = q_c + u_2(1 - a)$$

- Friction ratio:

$$R_f = f_s/q_c$$

- Pore pressure coefficient:

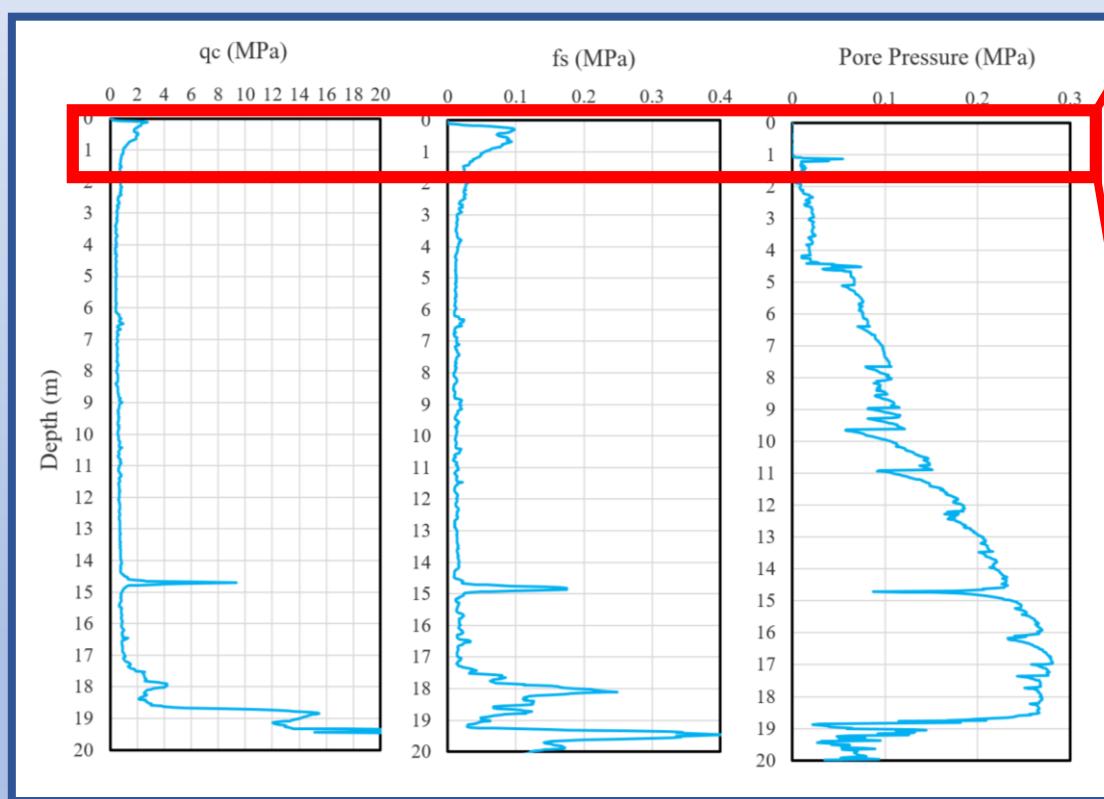
$$B_q = \Delta u / (q_t - \sigma_{vo})$$



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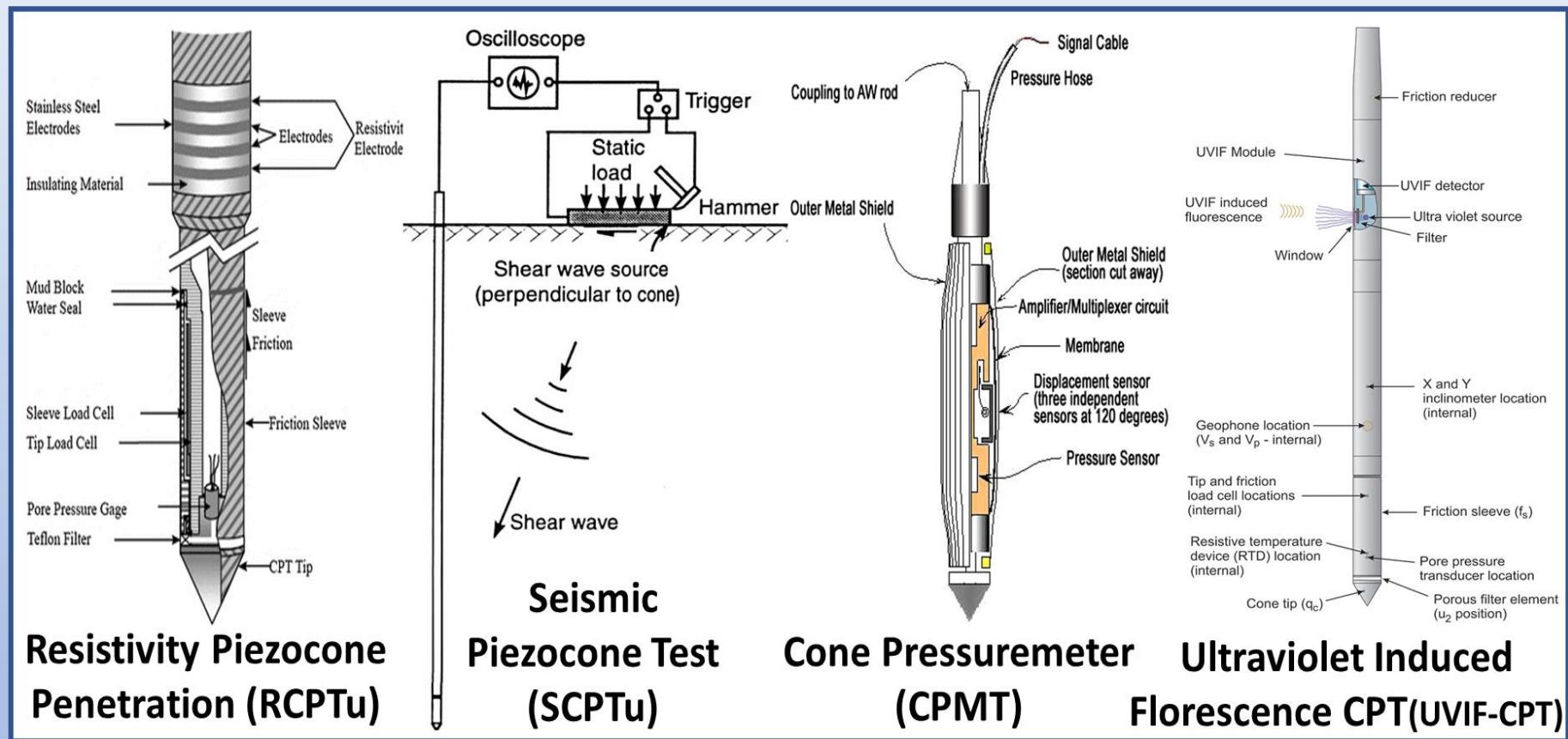
*Tons of Data in 1 Meter !!!*



(Fakharian et al., 2021)

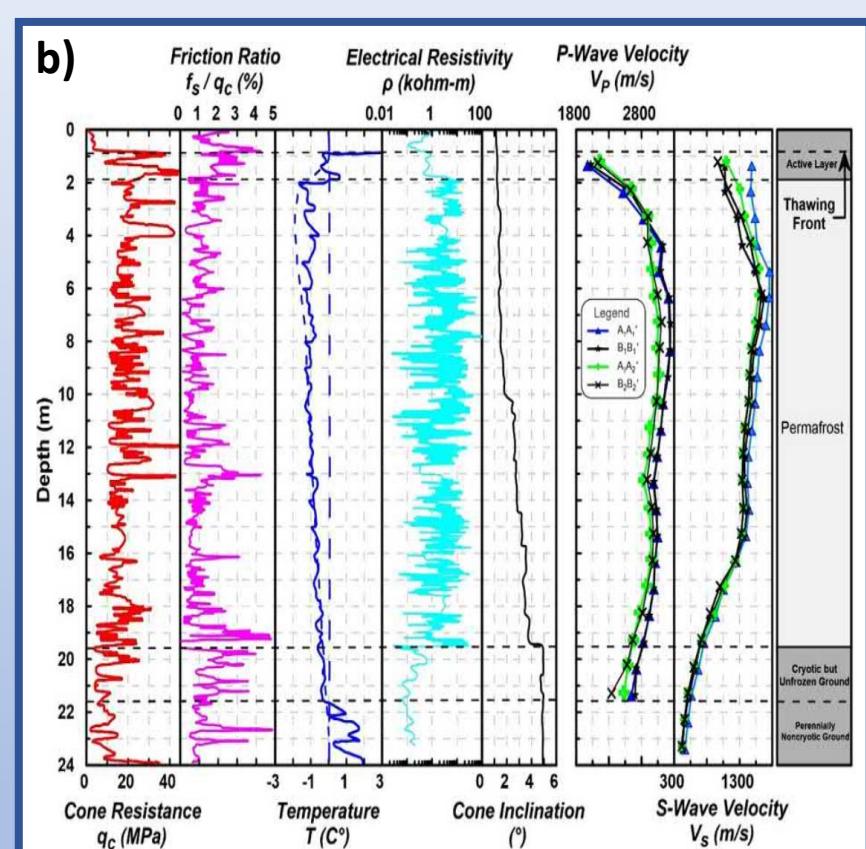
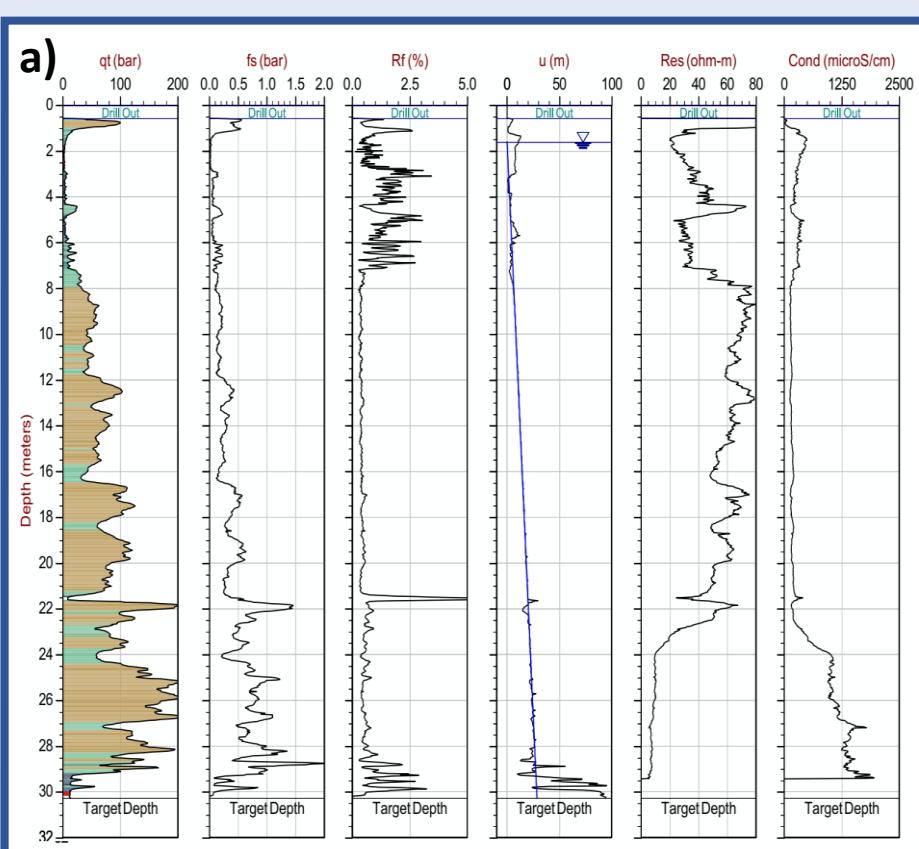
z m	qc MPa	fs MPa	u2 MPa
0	0	0	0
0.02	0.06	-0.0003	0
0.04	0.24	-0.0003	0
0.06	0.16	0.001	-0.0005
0.08	0.71	0	-0.0005
0.1	2.47	0.0004	-0.001
0.12	2.79	0.0147	-0.001
0.14	2.48	0.0215	-0.001
0.16	2.31	0.0386	-0.001
0.18	2.32	0.0479	-0.001
0.2	2.27	0.0639	-0.001
0.22	2.27	0.0759	-0.0005
0.24	2.22	0.0878	-0.0005
0.26	2.1	0.0957	-0.001
0.28	2.07	0.0976	-0.001
0.3	1.99	0.0981	-0.0005
0.32	1.88	0.096	-0.0005
0.34	1.81	0.0926	-0.0005
0.36	1.79	0.092	-0.0005
0.38	1.75	0.0873	0
0.4	1.75	0.083	0
0.42	1.83	0.0764	0
0.44	1.92	0.0728	0
0.46	1.96	0.072	0
0.48	2.06	0.0743	0
0.5	2.08	0.0762	0
0.52	2.05	0.0812	-0.0005
0.54	1.99	0.0863	-0.0005
0.56	1.97	0.0879	-0.001
0.58	1.91	0.0897	-0.001
0.6	1.92	0.0888	-0.0005
0.62	1.91	0.0865	-0.0005
0.64	1.9	0.0885	-0.0005
0.66	1.83	0.0903	-0.0005
0.68	1.73	0.0935	0
0.7	1.68	0.0918	-0.0005
0.72	1.5833	0.0877	0
0.74	1.4867	0.0836	0
0.76	1.39	0.0795	0
0.78	1.36	0.0806	0
0.8	1.33	0.0792	0
0.82	1.28	0.0775	0
0.84	1.2	0.0772	0
0.86	1.18	0.0739	-0.0005
0.88	1.16	0.0704	-0.0005
0.9	1.14	0.0648	0
0.92	1.09	0.0634	-0.0005
0.94	1.04	0.0619	0
0.96	1.02	0.0586	-0.0005
0.98	0.98	0.0558	0
1	0.99	0.0536	0

### Special Cones



## 2. Cone & Piezocone Penetration Tests (CPT & CPTu)

### Special Cones



**a)** Example of resistivity piezocone profiles (ConeTec, 2019) & **b)** Example of seismic cone records and soil profiling

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## Essential Applications of CPT in GE

Soil Characterization and Profiling

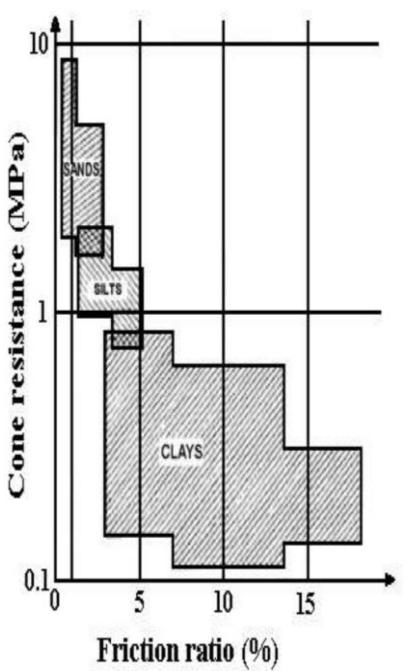
Soil Behavior Classification (SBC)

Estimating Soil Engineering Parameters

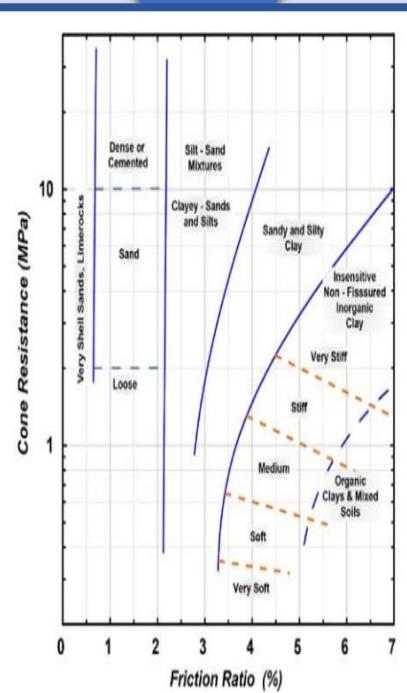
Identifying Problematic Deposits

## Soil Behavior Classification and Profiling

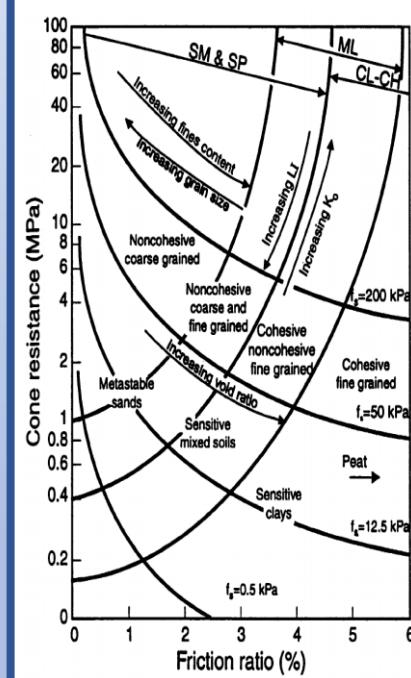
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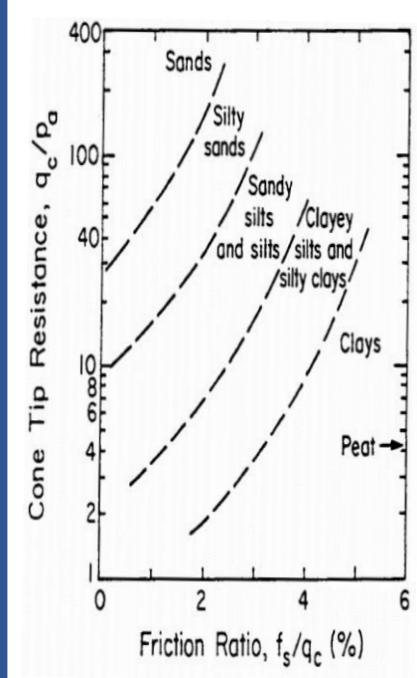
Schmertmann  
(1978)



Douglas and  
Olsen(1981)

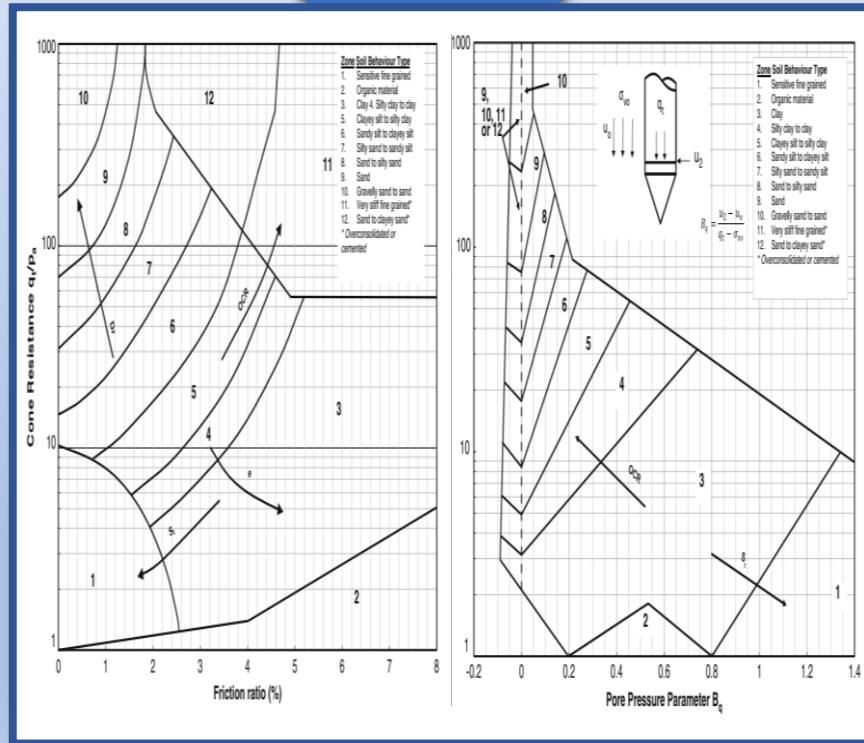


Campanella et al.  
(1983)

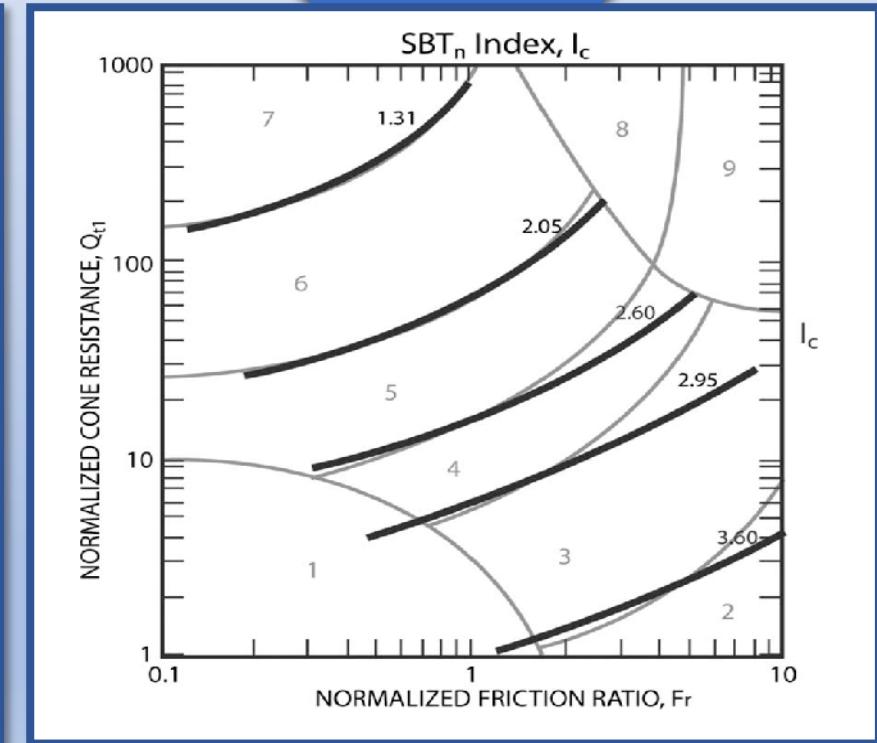


## Soil Behavior Classification and Profiling

Robertson et al. (1986)

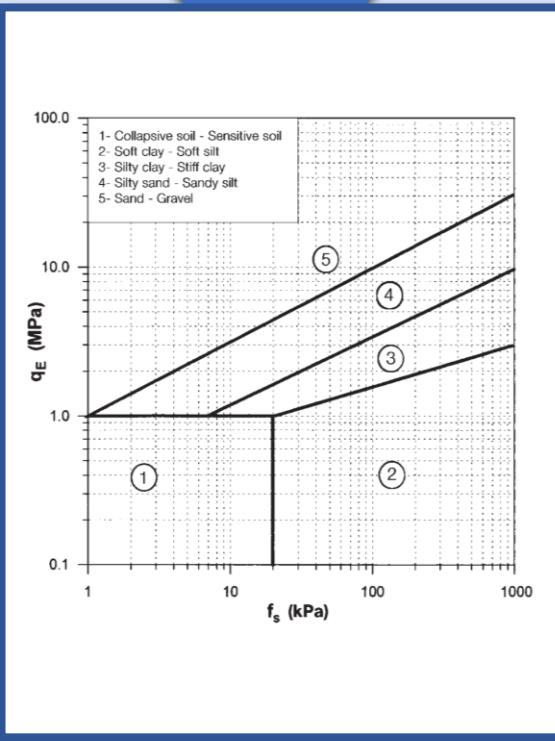


Robertson (2010)

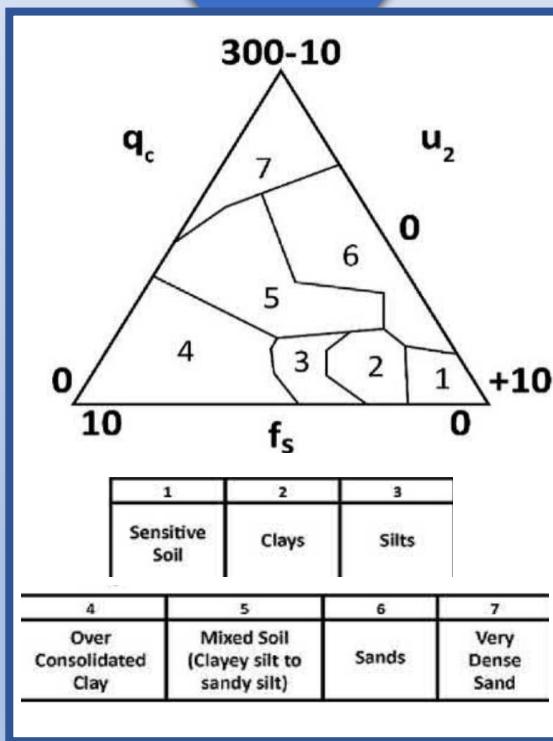


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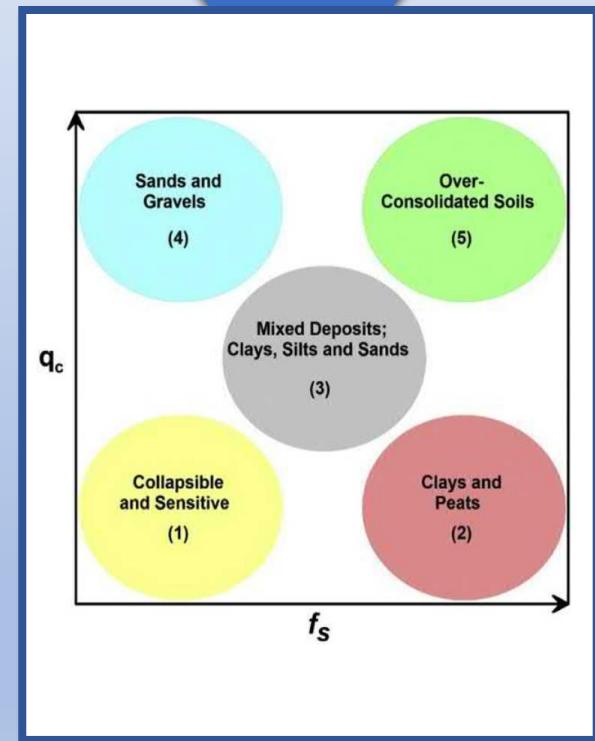
Eslami and Fellenius  
(1997)



Eslami et al.  
(2016 & 2022)



Eslami et al.  
(2018)



## Estimating Soil Engineering Parameters

- ❖ Case – based empirical methods
- ❖ Simplified analytical methods
- ❖ Numerical analyses
- ❖ Soft computing in data handing

### CONDUCTIVITY

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

### COMPRESSIBILITY

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

### RHEOLOGICAL

- Strain rate,  $\delta\varepsilon/\delta t$
- Time since consolidation (T)
- Secondary compression,  $C_{\alpha\varepsilon}$
- Creep rate,  $\alpha_R$
- Time to failure,  $t_f$

### 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  $\gamma_s$ )
- Subgrade Modulus,  $k_s$
- Spring Constants,  $k_z, k_x, k_w, k_\theta$

### STRENGTH

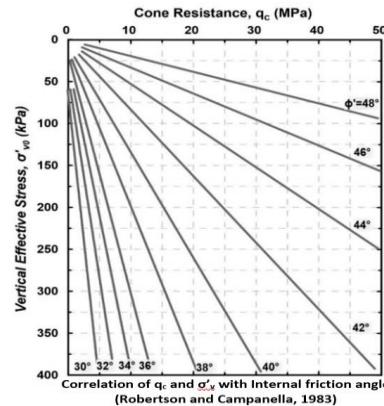
- Drained and Undrained,  $\tau_{max}$
- Peak ( $s_u, c', \phi'$ )
- Post-peak,  $\tau'$
- Remolded strength
- Softened or critical state,  $s_u$  (rem)
- Residual ( $c_r', \phi_r'$ )
- Cyclic Behavior ( $\tau_{cyc}/\sigma_{vo}'$ )

## Estimating Soil Engineering Parameters

### Relative Density ( $D_r$ )

Proposed correlations for friction angle based on CPT result

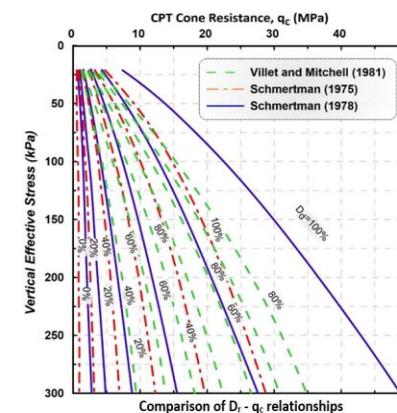
Reference	Correlations	Soil type and Remarks
Meyerhof (1974)	$\varphi = \tan^{-1}(q_c / 0.5N_q)$	Sand $q_c$ (MPa)
Robertson et al. (1986)	$\varphi = \tan^{-1}[0.1 + 0.38\log(q_c/\sigma'_v)]$	Sand
Kulhawy and Mayne (1990)	$\varphi = 17.6 + 11\log(q_c/\sqrt{100\sigma'_v})$	Sand $\sigma'_v$ and $q_c$ are in kPa unit
Uzielli et al. (2013)	$\varphi = 25(q_c/\sqrt{100\sigma'_v})^{0.1}$	Sand $\sigma'_v$ and $q_c$ are in kPa unit
Mayne (2007)	$\varphi' = 17.6 + 11\log(q_{t1})$ $q_{t1} = (q_{ct}/p_a)/\sqrt{(\sigma'_v/p_a)}$	Sand
Robertson and Cabal (2012)	$\tan\varphi' = \frac{1}{2.68} (\log(q_c/\sigma'_v) + 0.29)$	Uncemented, unaged, moderately compressible quartz sands
Mayne (2014)	$\varphi = 29.5B_q^{0.121}[0.256 + 0.33B_q + \log Q_t]$ $Q_t = \frac{q_t - \sigma_v}{\sigma'_v}$ $B_q = \frac{u_2 - u_0}{q_t - \sigma_v}$	Cohesive Soils



### Friction Angle ( $\varphi$ )

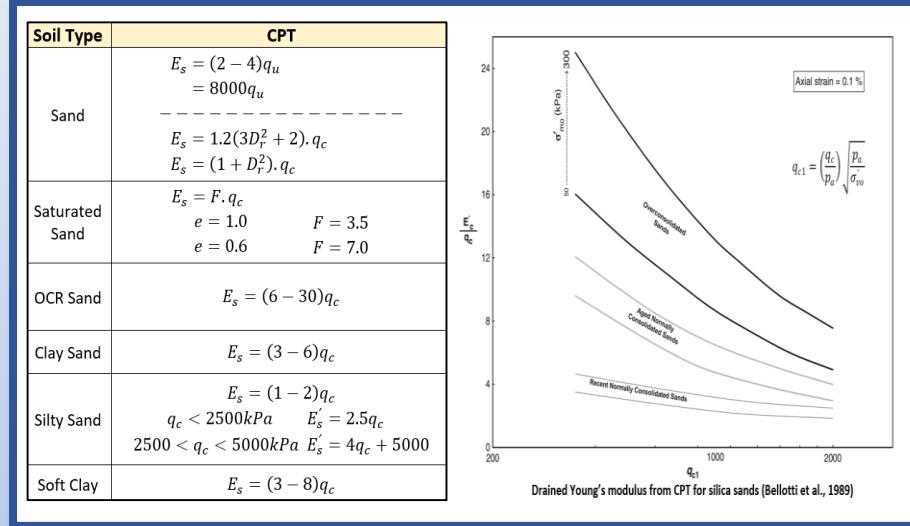
Correlations predicting  $D_r$  from CPT records

Reference	Proposed correlation	Remarks
Baldi et al. (1986)	$D_r = \frac{1}{C_2} \ln\left(\frac{q_c}{C_0(\sigma'_v)^{0.55}}\right)$	$C_0$ and $C_2$ : soil constants, $C_0=157$ and $C_2=2.41$ normally consolidated sand). $q_c$ and $\sigma'_v$ are in kPa unit
Jamiolkowski et al. (2001)	$D_r = 26.8 \ln \frac{q_c/p_a}{(\sigma'_v/p_a)^{0.5}} - b_x$	$b_x = 52.5$ for high compressibility sands $b_x = 67.5$ for medium compressibility sands $b_x = 82.5$ for low compressibility sands
Kulhawy and Mayne (1990)	$D_r = \frac{Q_{cn}}{305Q_c Q_{OCR}}$	$Q_{cn} = q_t/p_a / (\sigma'_v/p_a)^{0.5}$ $Q_c$ = Compressibility factor (0.91 for high, 1.0 for medium, and 1.09 for low). $Q_{OCR}$ = Over consolidation factor, $OCR^{0.18}$
Mayne (2007)	$D_r = 100(0.268 \ln \frac{q_t/p_a}{\sqrt{\sigma'_v/p_a}}) - 0.675$	$q_c$ and $\sigma'_v$ are in kPa unit



## Estimating Soil Engineering Parameters

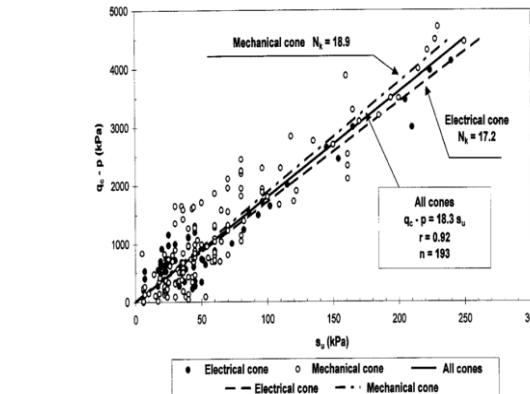
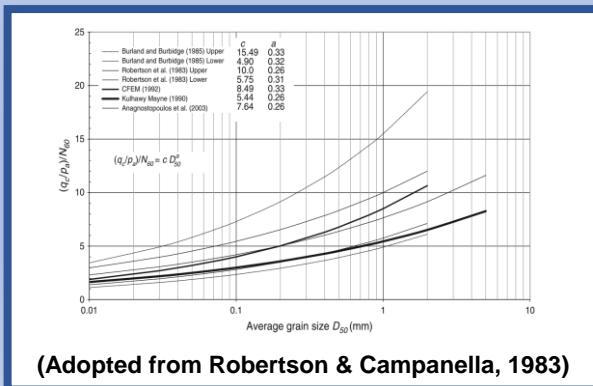
### Stiffness ( $E_s$ )



### Undrained Shear Strength ( $S_u$ )

Correlations for undrained shear strength of the cohesion of soils		
Reference	Correlations	Remarks
Lunne et al. (1997)	$S_u = (q_c - \sigma_v)/N_c$	$N_c$ : cone factor
Risery (1974)	$S_u = q_c/23$	-
Kulhawy and Mayne (1990)	$S_u = \frac{\Delta u}{N_{\Delta u}}$	$\Delta u$ = excess pore pressure measured at $u_2$ position = $u_2 - u_0$ $N_{\Delta u}$ = Pore pressure cone factor $N_{\Delta u} = N_{kt} B q$ $N_{\Delta u}$ varies between 4 and 10
Naeini and Moayed (2007)	$S_u/\sigma'_v = 0.107 + 0.111q_{cn1}$	$q_{cn1}$ : normalized cone tip resistance; FC<30%
Rémai (2013)	The same as Kulhawy and Mayne (1990) method	$N_{\Delta u}=24.3 B q$

### CPT ( $q_c$ ) correlations with SPT ( $N$ )

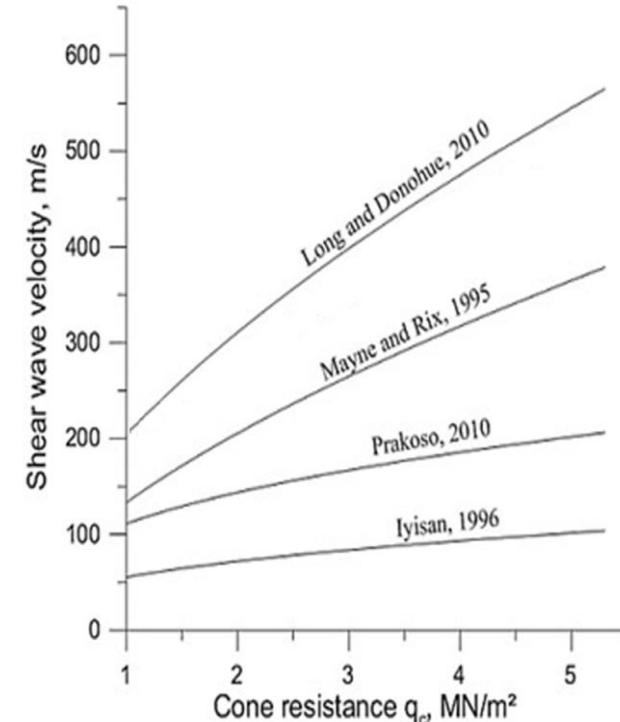


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### Shear Wave Velocity ( $V_s$ )

Empirical correlations between  $V_s$  and CPT data (Ameratunga et al., 2016)

Reference	Proposed correlation (m/s)	Soil Type	Units of Parameters	
			$q_c$	$f_s$
Hegazy and Mayne (1995)	$V_s = 12.02(q_c)^{0.319}(f_s)^{-0.0466}$	Sand	kPa	kPa
	$V_s = 3.18(q_c)^{0.549}(f_s)^{0.025}$	Clay	kPa	kPa
Mayne and Rix (1995)	$V_s = 1.75(q_c)^{0.627}$	Clay	kPa	kPa
Madiai and Simoni (2004)	(1) $V_s = 211(q_c)^{0.23}$	All	MPa	MPa
	(2) $V_s = 155(q_c)^{0.29}(f_s)^{-0.10}$			
Mayne (2006)	$V_s = 18.5 + 118.8 \log(f_s)$	All	-	kPa
MolaAbasi et al. (2015)	$V_s = 100[1.36 - 0.35f_s + 0.15q_c - 0.05f_s^2 - 0.018q_c^2 + 0.39f_s q_c]$	Clay	MPa	MPa
	$V_s = 100[1.73 + 2.74f_s + 0.03q_c - 4.015f_s^2 - 0.00026q_c^2 + 0.007f_s q_c]$	Sand	MPa	MPa
	$V_s = 100[1.47 + 2.07f_s + 0.10q_c + 9.50f_s^2 - 0.0023q_c^2 - 0.034f_s q_c]$	Mixed	MPa	MPa
	$V_s = 100[1.40 + 1.59f_s + 0.09q_c - 1.33f_s^2 - 0.002q_c^2 + 0.05f_s q_c]$	All	MPa	MPa



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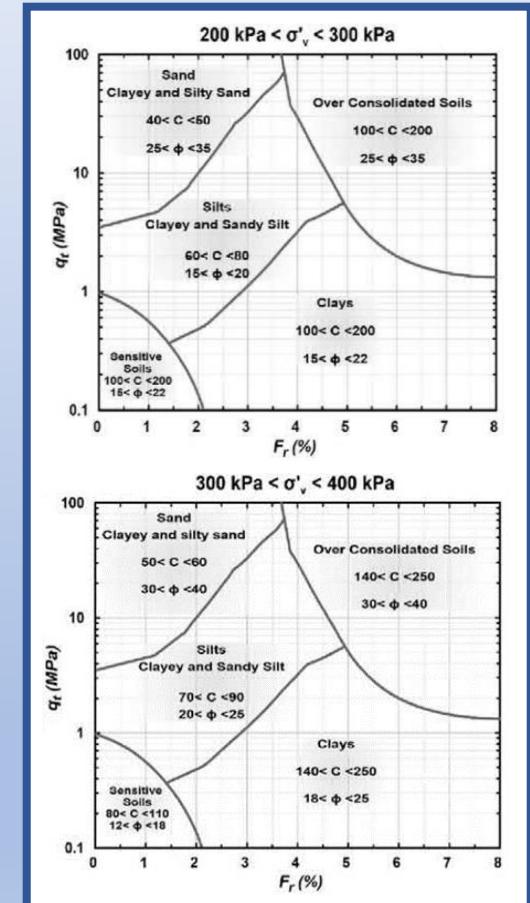
- Eslami & Mohammadi (2016)

$q_c, f_s, u_2$

$C', \phi'$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C + 0.000789(1 - \sin\phi)\sigma'_{v_0} \tan\left(\frac{2}{3}\phi\right) \left[ \frac{q_c - \left(\frac{\sigma_{v_0} - 2\sigma_{h_0}}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{\sigma'_{v_0} - 2\sigma'_{h_0}}{3}\right)} \right]^{1.44} = f_s \\ \left( \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) e^{\pi \tan\phi} - 1 \right) C \cot\phi + \bar{q} \cdot \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) e^{\pi \tan\phi} + \\ \gamma B \left[ \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) e^{\pi \tan\phi} + 1 \right] \tan\phi = q_E + N_u \Delta U \end{array} \right.$$

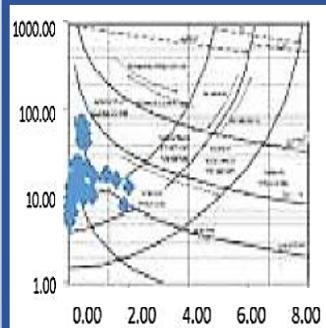
Variation range for C (kPa) and  $\phi$  (Degree)



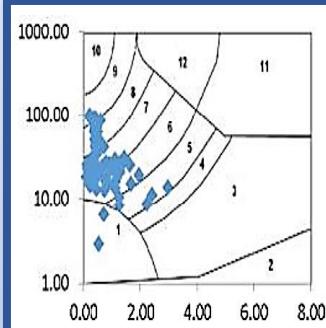
## Identifying Problematic Deposits

- ***Collapsible Soils*** Boundaries in Different Charts

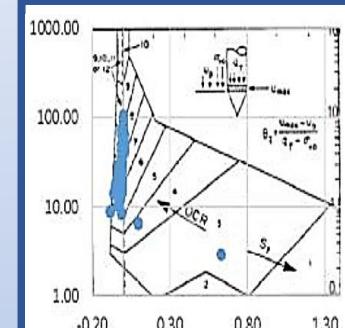
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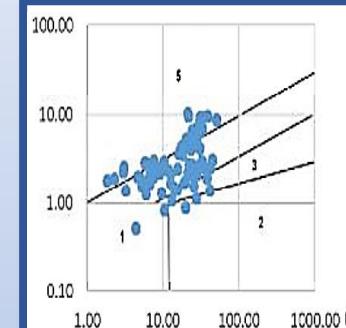
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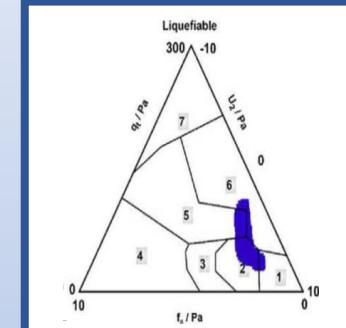
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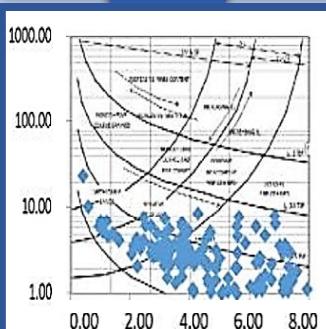


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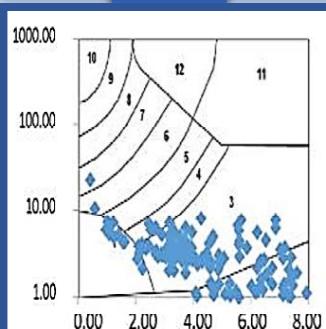


- ***Peaty Soils*** Boundaries in Different Charts

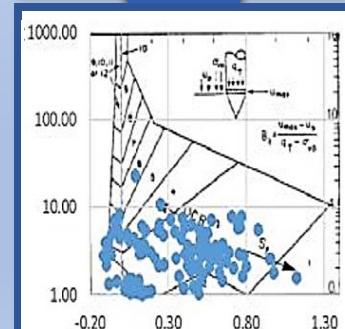
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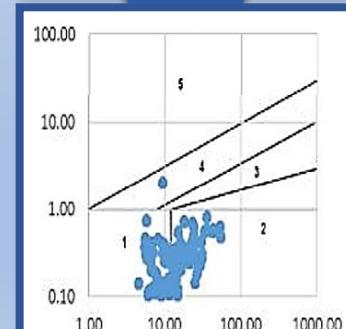
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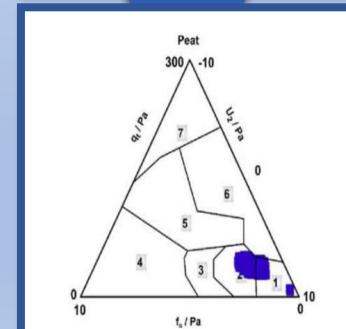
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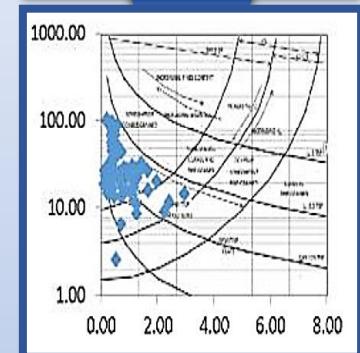
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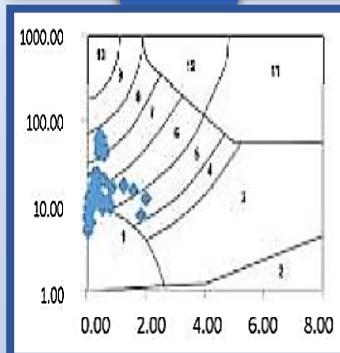
## Identifying Problematic Deposits

- **Liquefiable Soils** Boundaries in Different Charts

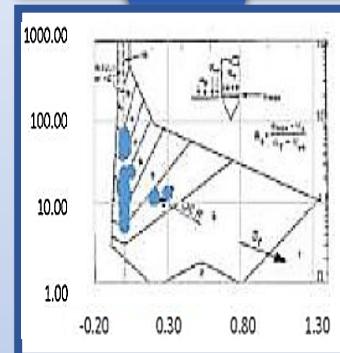
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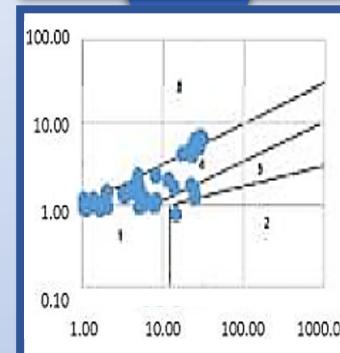
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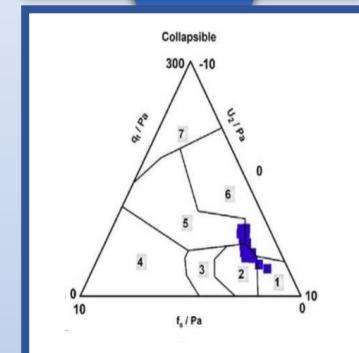
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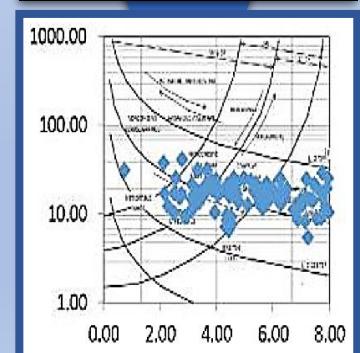


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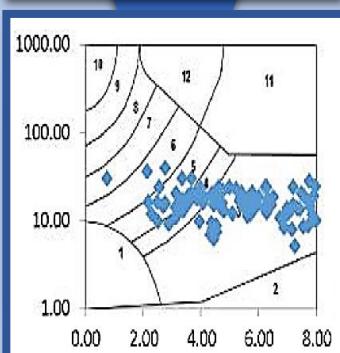


- **Expansive Soils** Boundaries in Different Charts

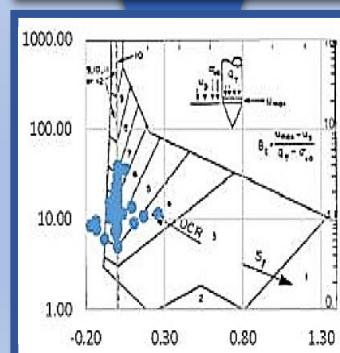
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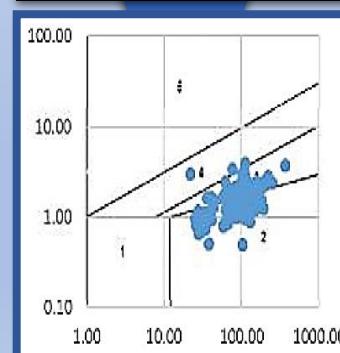
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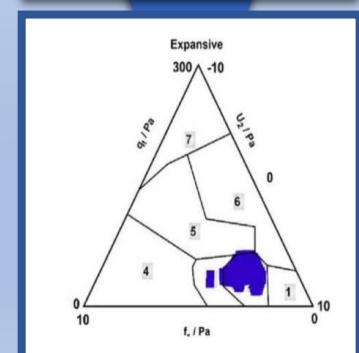
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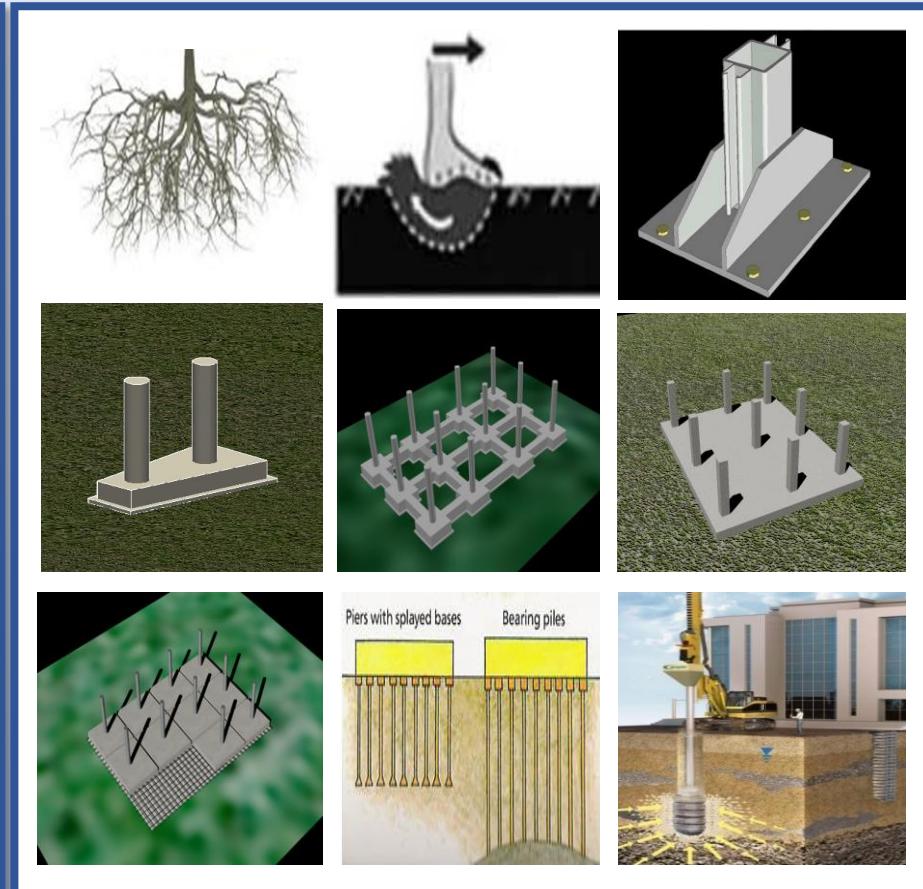
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## Summary and Conclusions

## Typical Structures

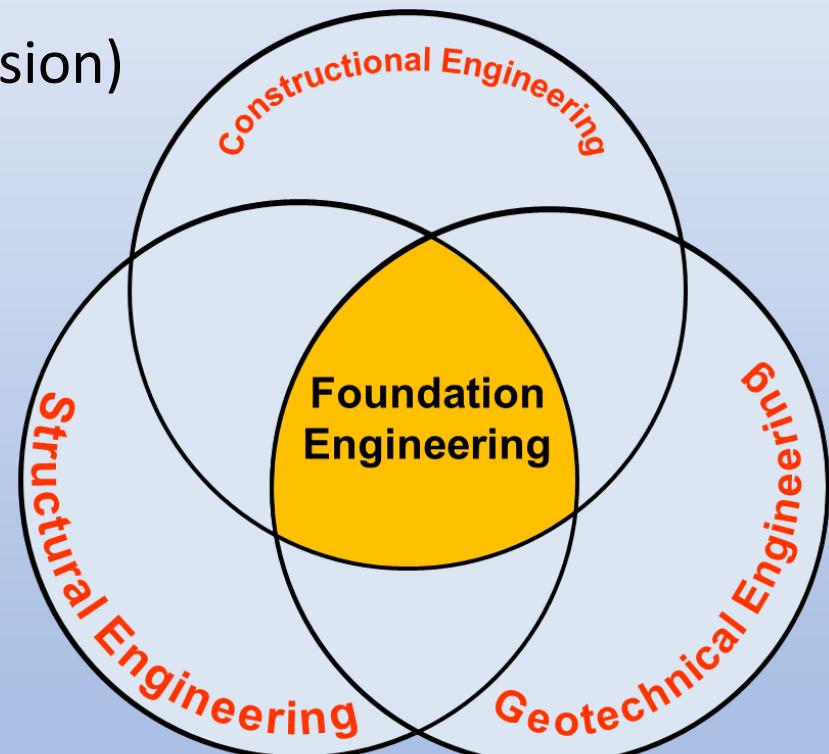


## Typical Foundations



## Major Analysis & Design Requirements

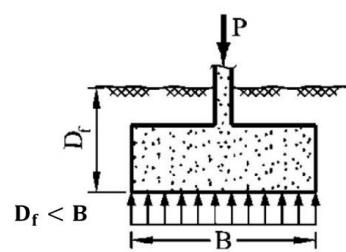
1. Bearing Capacity
2. Serviceability (Settlement and Torsion)
3. Structural Design
4. Stability Control
5. Full or Model Scale Testing
6. Constructional Aspects
7. Durability
8. Economic Requirements



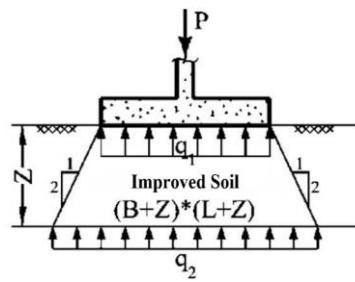
Multidisciplinary: Structural, Geotechnical  
and Constructional

## Foundations Classification

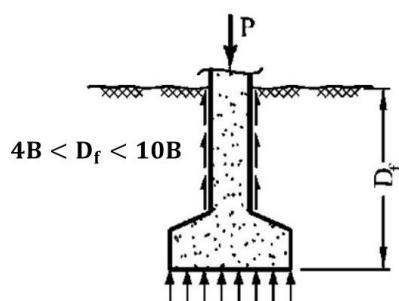
### • Embedment



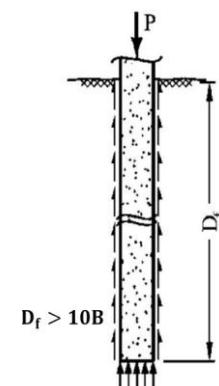
Shallow Foundations



Shallow Foundations + Soil Improvement

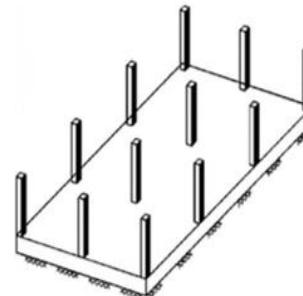


Semi-deep Foundations

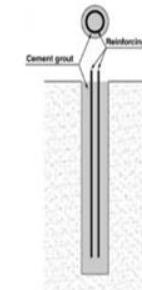


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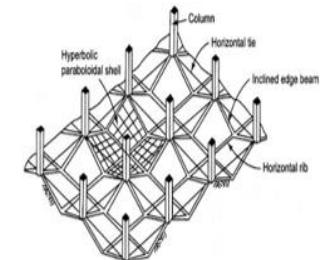
### • Load Transfer System



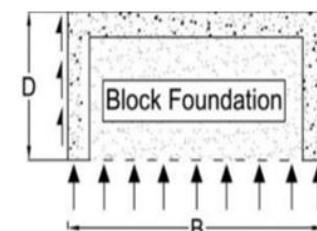
Section-act Foundation



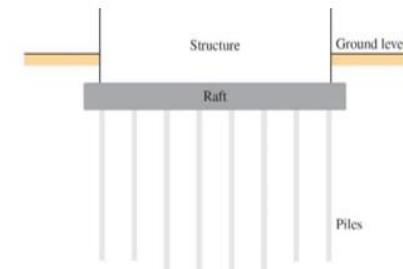
Vector-act Foundation



Surface-act Foundation



Block-act Foundation



Hybrid Foundation

(Eslami & Ebrahimpour, 2023)

## Databases

**Databases are collections of data which are organized in order to facilitate access and retrieving data when they are needed.**

### *Databases in Geotechnical Engineering*

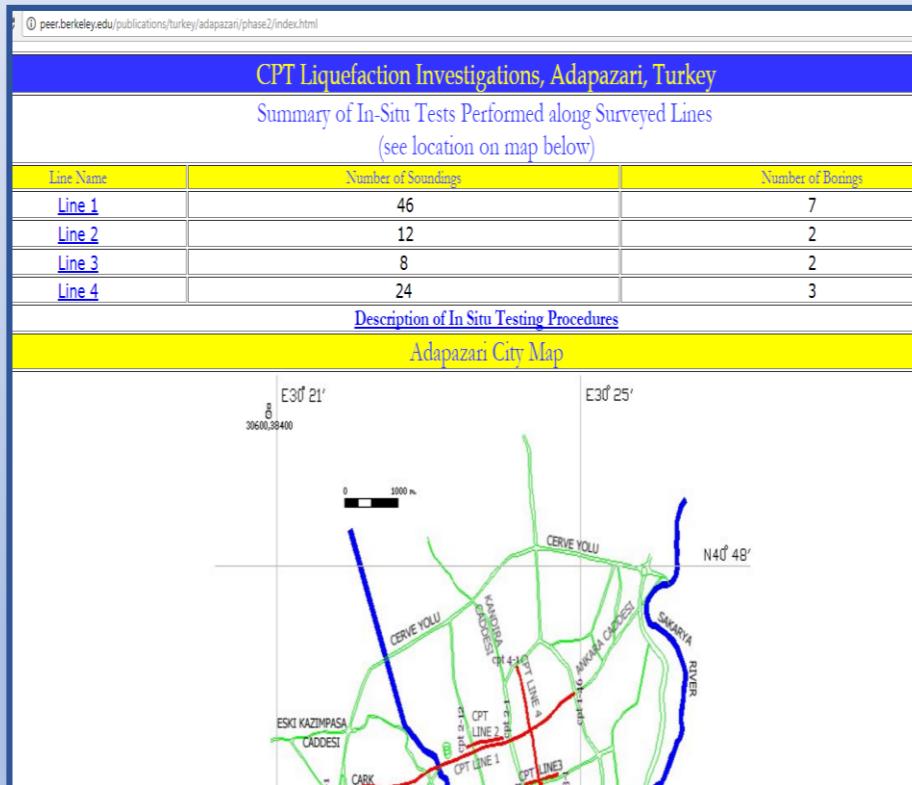
1. Pile loading test (vertical & lateral)
2. Retaining walls and displacement
3. In-situ tests
4. Specifications of geotechnical boreholes
5. Settlement of shallow foundations

### *Advantages & Applications*

1. Cost saving and project execution time
2. Optimization of design methods
3. Evaluation of design methods
4. Development of new methods
5. Improvement of geotechnical studies

## Overview of Some Databases in Geotechnical Engineering

### Berkeley Liquefaction Investigation



### USGS Earthquake Hazards Program

Earthquake Hazards Program

USGS science for a changing world

Table of CPT Data

All Regions

Arkansas

Ouachita River

Red River

California (Northern)

Alameda County

Mono County

Monterey County

San Francisco County

San Mateo County

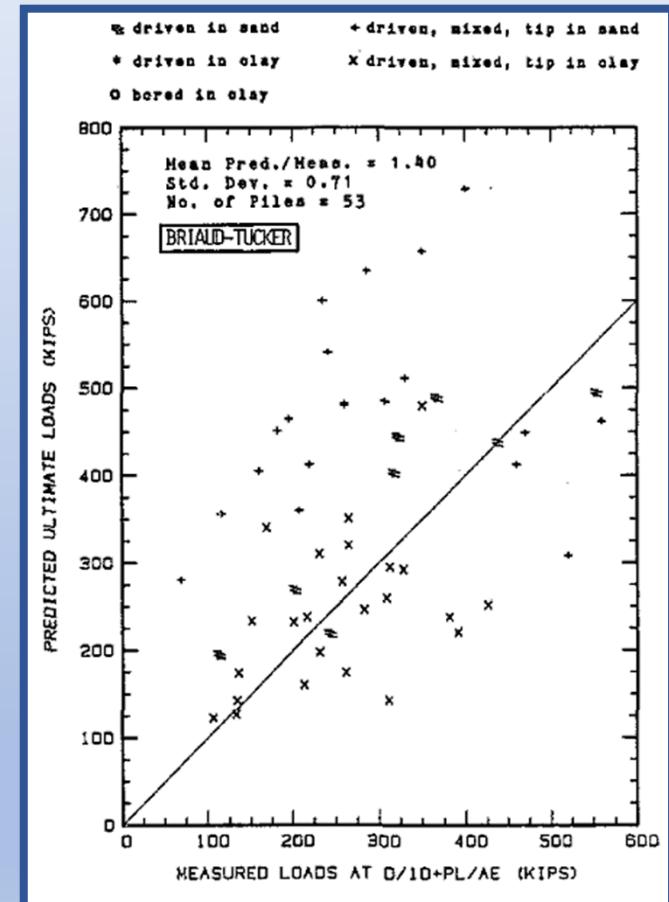
Santa Clara County

Sounding	Download	Date	Depth (m)	Longitude	Latitude	V,30 (m/s)
SCC136	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1975-05-05	10.4	-121.9257	37.41068	
SMC019	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1978-05-17	180	-122.13181	37.49645	
SMC024	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1979-06-25	9	-122.45215	37.67183	
SMC025	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1979-06-25	9.2	-122.45213	37.67182	
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SMC027	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1979-07-03	13	-122.4335	37.65504	
SMC028	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1979-07-03	12.2	-122.43352	37.65504	
SMC029	<a href="#">Adobe.pdf</a>   <a href="#">ASCII.txt</a>	1979-07-03	12.4	-122.43349	37.65504	

## Overview of Some Databases in CPT & Pile

### Briaud & Tucker (1988) Database

- Assessment of 13 methods for determining the bearing capacity and settlement based on SPT, CPT, PMT and dynamic formulas
- 98 case studies of steel and concrete piles with square, H, circular cross sections
- Pile lengths between 3 and 25 m
- The ultimate loads range from 307 to 2536 kN



## Overview of Some Databases in CPT & Pile

### Eslami & Fellenius (1997) Database

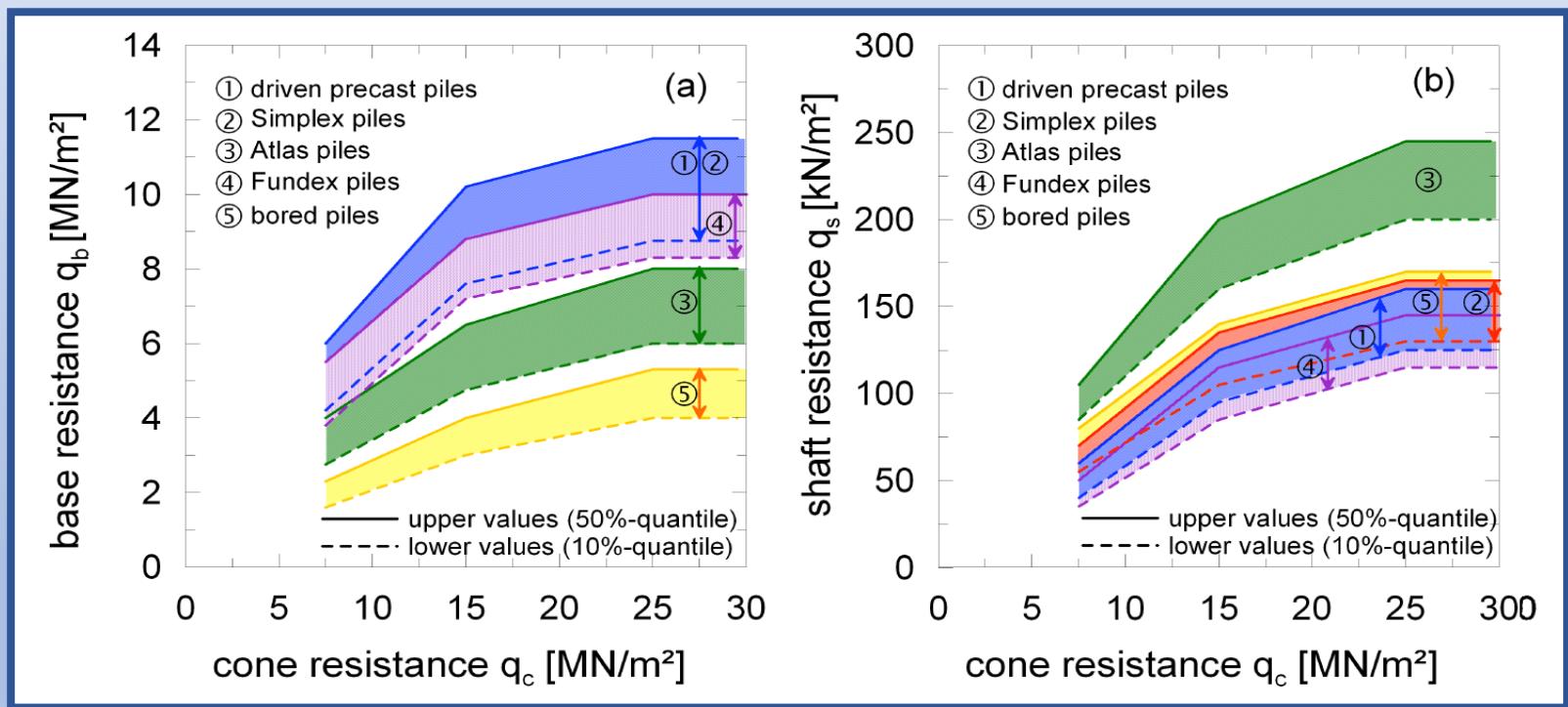
- 102 case studies from 40 sites and 13 countries**
- Clay, silt and sand deposits**
- Mainly square or circular in sections**
- Steel and concrete materials**
- Piles bearing capacity: 80 to 8000 kN**

No.	Case	Reference	Site location	Pile shape and material <sup>a</sup>	Pile diameter, b (mm)	Embedment length, D (m)	Total capacity, $R_{ult}$ (kN)	Soil profile
<b>Group I</b>								
1	UBC3	Campanella et al. 1989	B.C., Canada	P, S	324	16.8	630	Soft clay, sand
2	UBC5	Campanella et al. 1989	B.C., Canada	P, S	324	31.1	1100	Soft clay, sand, silt
3	NWUP	Finno 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	P, S	450	15.2	1020	Sand, clay
4	FHWASF	O'Neil 1988	Calif., U.S.A.	P, S	273	9.1	490	Sand
5	BGHD1	Altaee et al. 1992a, 1992b	Iraq	Sq. C	285	11.0	1000	Uniform sand
6	BGHD2	Altaee et al. 1992a, 1992b	Iraq	Sq. C	285	15.0	1600	Uniform sand
7	POLA1	CH2M Hill 1987	Calif., U.S.A.	Oct, C	610	25.8	5455	Silt, sand
8	POLA2TOE	Urkkada 1995	Calif., U.S.A.	Oct, C	610	32.5	3650	Silt, sand
9	TWNTP4	Yen et al. 1989	Taiwan	P, S	609	34.3	4330	Sand, clay, sand
10	TWNTP5	Yen et al. 1989	Taiwan	P, S	609	34.3	2500	Sand, clay, sand
11	TWNTP6	Yen et al. 1989	Taiwan	P, S	609	34.3	4460	Sand, clay, sand
12	L&D314	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	HP, S	360	12.0	1170	Sand
13	L&D35	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	P, S	350	12.2	630	Sand
14	L&D316	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	HP, S	360	11.2	870	Sand
15	L&D32	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	P, S	300	11.0	500	Sand
16	L&D38	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	P, S	400	11.1	945	Sand
17	L&D315	Briaud et al. 1989	Ill., U.S.A.	HP, S	360	11.3	817	Sand
18	A&N2	Haustorfer and Plesiotis 1988	Australia	Sq. C	450	13.7	4250	Sand
19	N&SB144	Nottingham 1975	Fla., U.S.A.	P, S	270	22.5	765	Sand
20	QBSA	Konrad and Roy 1987	Que., Canada	P, S	220	7.5	83	Sensitive clay
21	UHUC1	O'Neil 1981	Tex., U.S.A.	P, S	273	13.2	780	Clay, sandy clay
22	UHUT1	O'Neil 1981	Tex., U.S.A.	P, S	273	13.2	485	Clay, sandy clay
23	UHUC11	O'Neil 1981	Tex., U.S.A.	P, S	273	13.2	800	Clay, sandy clay
24	UHUT11	O'Neil 1981	Tex., U.S.A.	P, S	273	13.2	520	Clay, sandy clay

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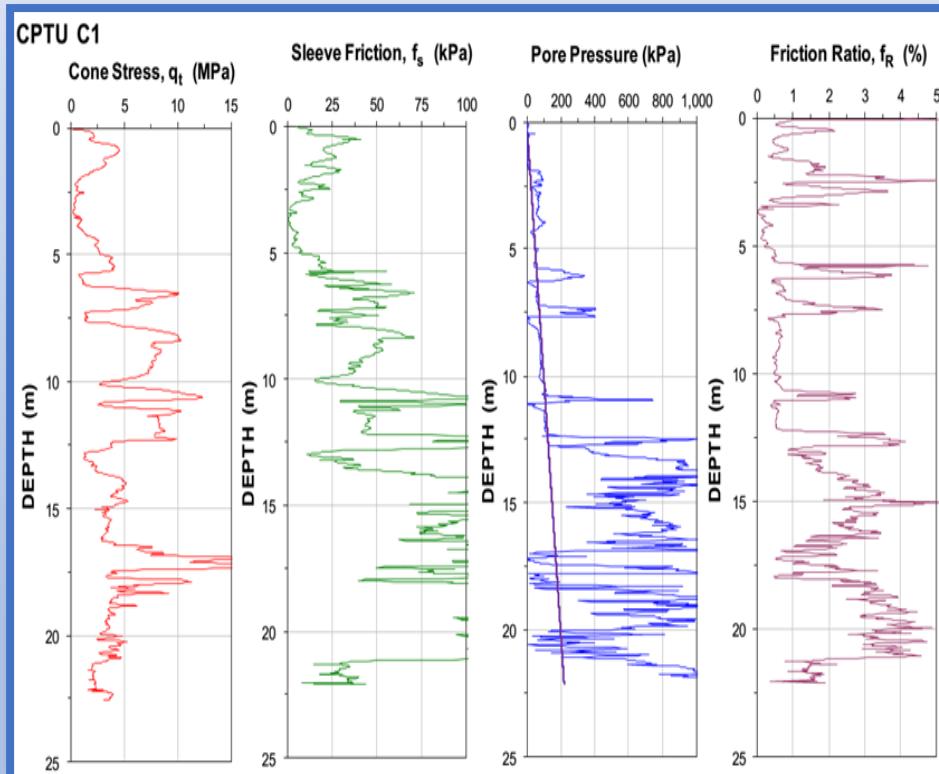
**Kempfert & Becker (2010)**

- German method
- 1000 case records

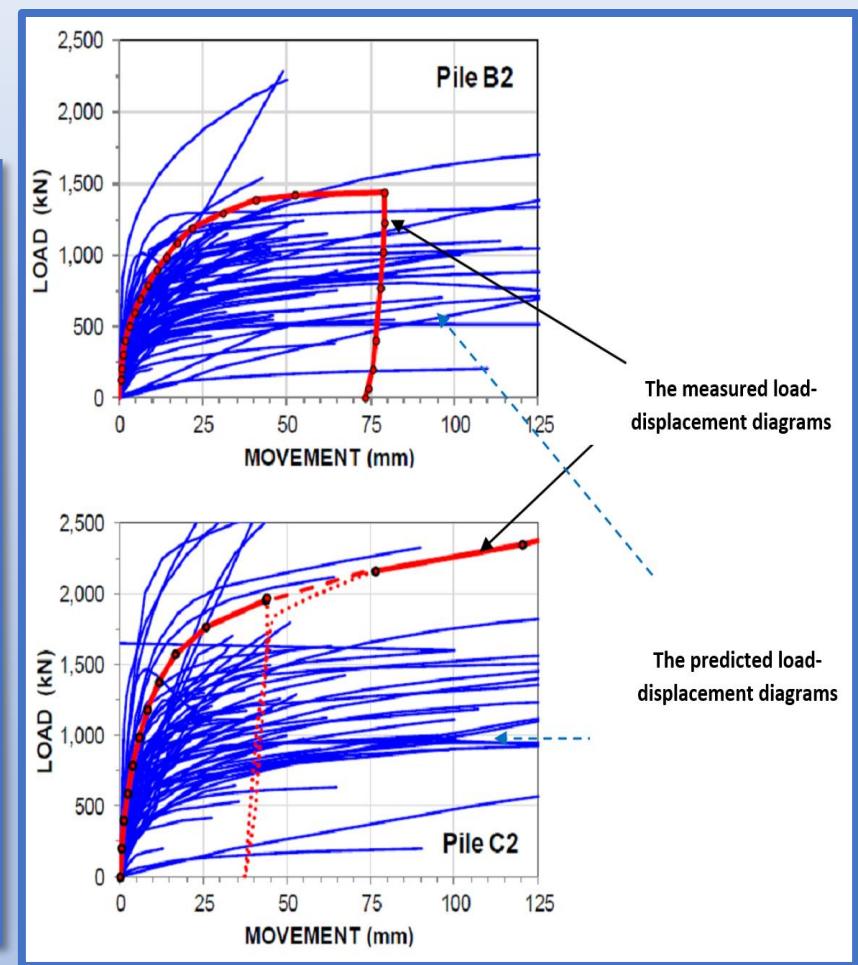


## Overview of Some Databases in CPT & Pile

### Bolivian Pile Prediction Event (Fellenius et al., 2017)



Typical CPTu log in the site



Typical predicted and measured load-movement

## **Several Comprehensive CPT & Pile Databases**

**Nottingham (1975)**

**Briaud & Tucker (1988)**

**Meyerhof (1976, 1983)**

**Alsamman (1995)**

**Schmertmann (1978)**

**Eslami & Fellenius (1997)**

**de Ruiter & Beringen (1979)**

**Abu-Farsakh & Titi (2004)**

**Bustamante & Gianesselli (1982)**

**Lehane et al., (2005)**

**Tummay & Fakhroo (1982)**

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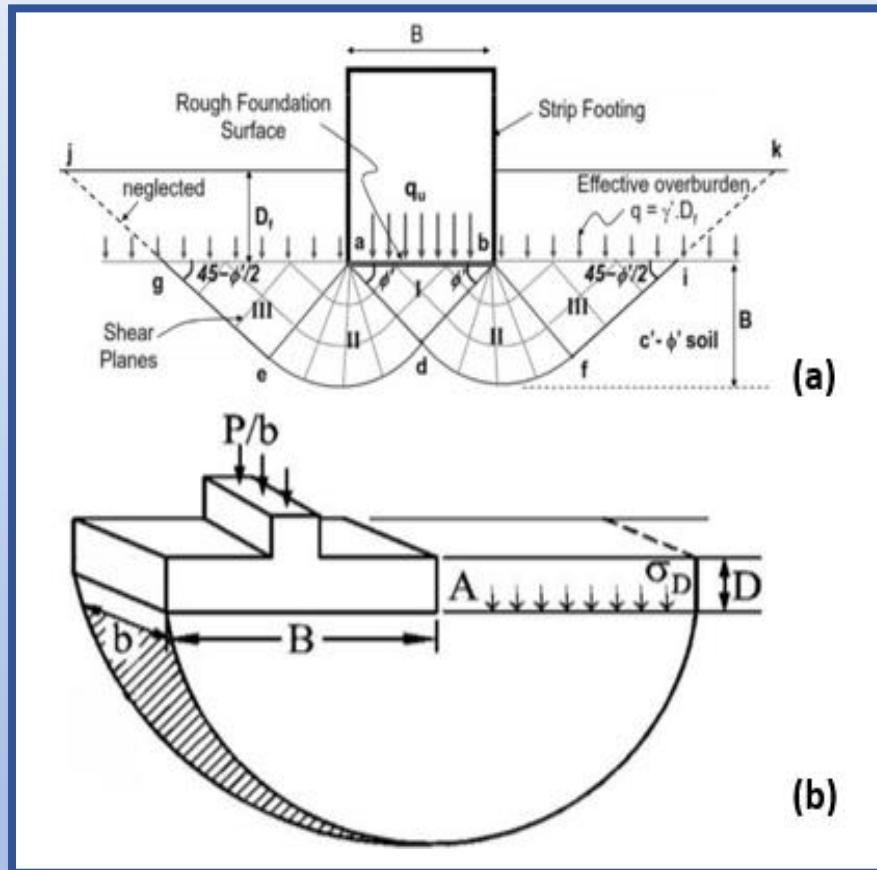
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## Case Studies

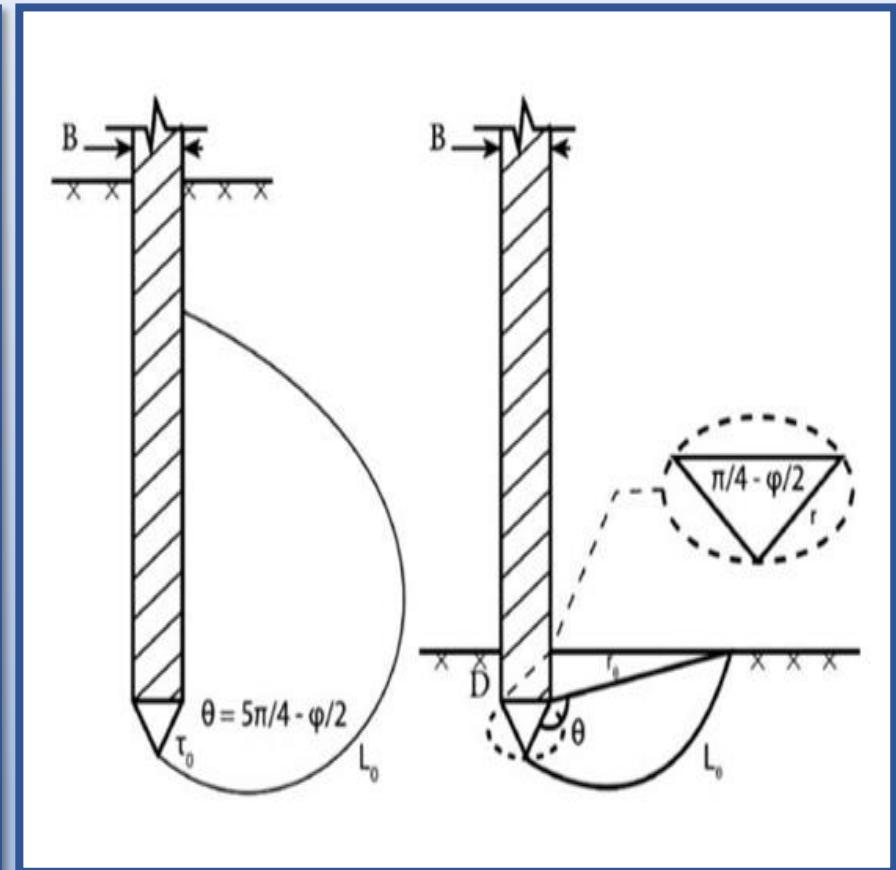
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## Direct Application for Settlement & Load-Displacement



## **Shear failure zone, a) drained condition, b) undrained (Terzaghi, 1943)**



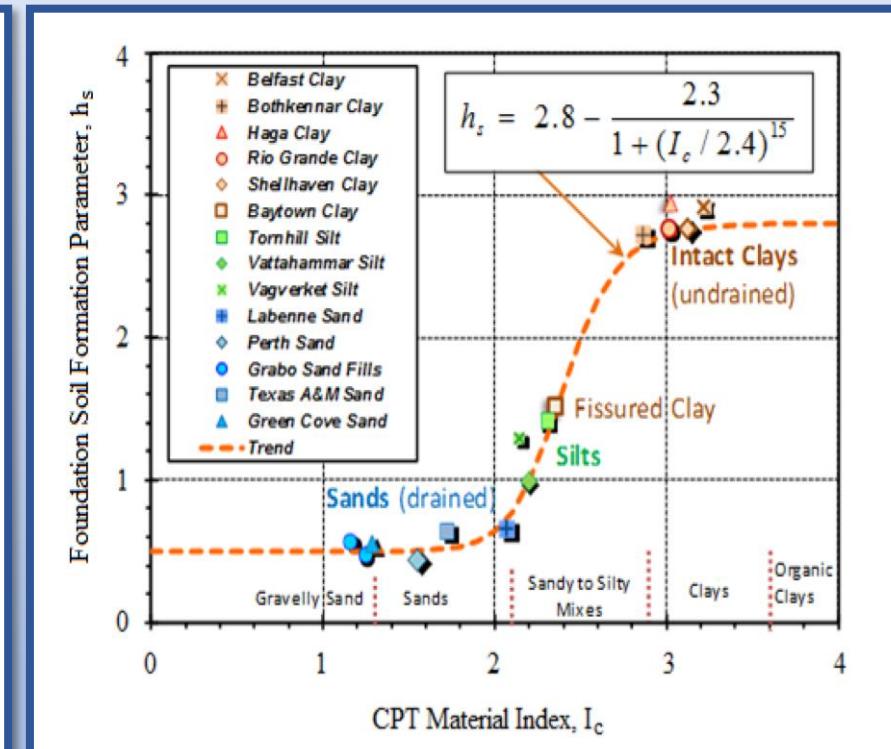
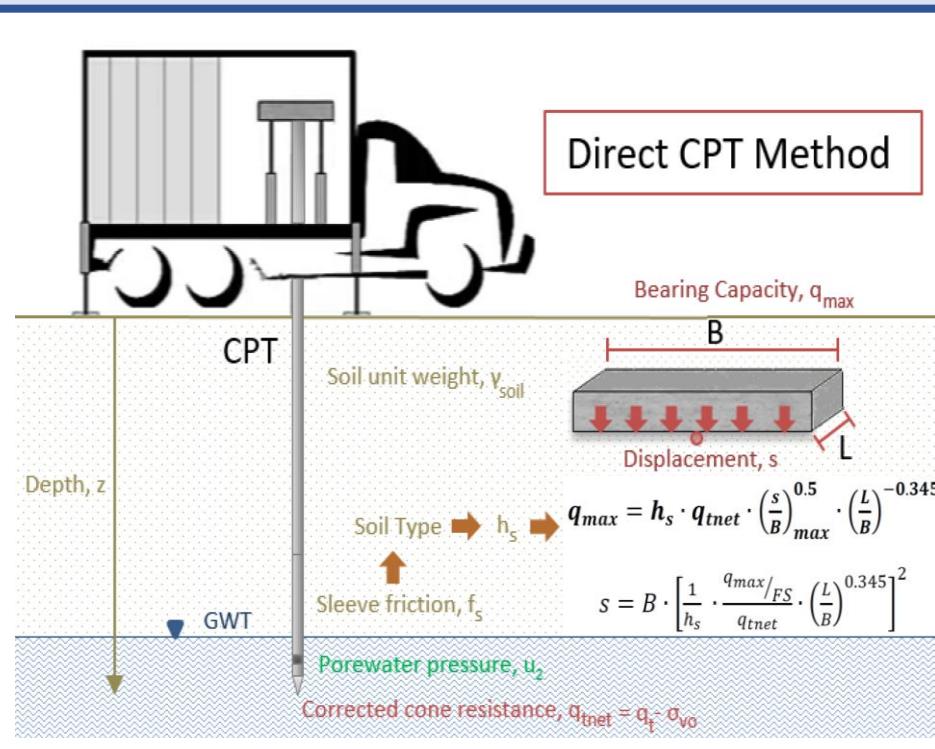
## Comparison of rupture surface length for shallow and deep conditions

## Direct Application for Settlement & Load-Displacement

Reference	Equations	Remarks
Schmertmann (1978)	$q_{ult} = \bar{q}N_q + 0.5\gamma BN_\gamma$ $N_q = N_\gamma = 1.25\sqrt{q_{c1} \times q_{c2}}$	$q_{c1}$ = arithmetic average of $q_c$ values in an interval between footing base and 0.5B beneath footing base. $q_{c2}$ = arithmetic average of $q_c$ values in an interval between 0.5B to 1.5B beneath footing base.
Meyerhof (1976)	$q_{ult} = \bar{q}_c \left( \frac{B}{12.2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$	$\bar{q}_c$ = arithmetic average of $q_c$ values in a zone including footing base and 1.5B beneath the footing. F.S. at least 3 is recommended
Bowles (1996)	$q_{ult} = 28 - 0.0052(300 - \bar{q}_c)^{1.5},$ for strip footings $q_{ult} = 48 - 0.0052(300 - \bar{q}_c)^{1.5},$ for square footings	$\bar{q}_c$ = the arithmetic average of $q_c$ values in an interval between footing base and 1.5B beneath, in terms of kg/cm <sup>2</sup> .
CFEM (2006)	$q_{ult} = 0.30 \bar{q}_c$ $q_{all} = 0.10 \bar{q}_c$	a safety factor of 3 has been suggested
Tand et al. (1994)	$q_{ult} = R_k q_c + \sigma_{v0}$	R <sub>k</sub> values range from 0.14 to 0.2, depending on the footing shape and depth, and $\sigma_{v0}$ is the initial vertical stress at the footing base.
Eslami and Gholami (2006)	$q_{ult} = \bar{\alpha} \times \bar{q}_{cg}$ $\varphi = \frac{\log \left( \frac{\bar{q}_c}{\gamma z} \right) + 0.5095}{0.0915}$	$\bar{q}_{c,g}$ = geometric average of $q_c$ values from footing base to 2B beneath footing depth.

## Direct Application for Settlement & Load-Displacement

- Minnesota CPT Design Guide (2018)



Foundation soil formation parameter  $h_s$  versus CPT material index,  $I_c$  (Mayne, 2017)

## Direct Application for Settlement & Load-Displacement

- Valikhah & Eslami (2019)

$$\Delta H = \left( \frac{1}{mj} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma'_0 + \Delta\sigma'}{\sigma'_r} \right)^j - \left( \frac{\sigma'_0}{\sigma'_r} \right)^j \right] \right) \times H$$

$$m = 0.25b \times \left( \frac{2B+1}{3B} \right)^3 \times q_c$$

$b$ : penetration cone diameter

$B$ : foundation width

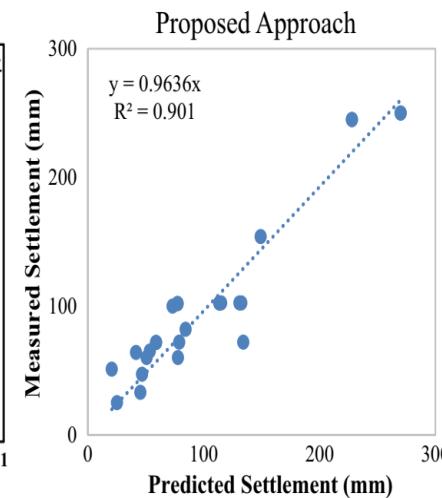
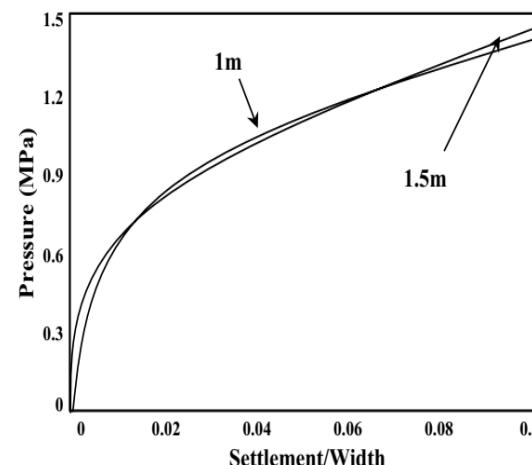
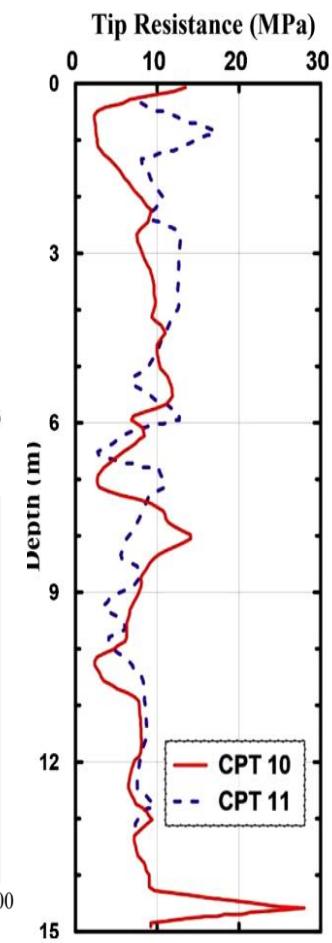
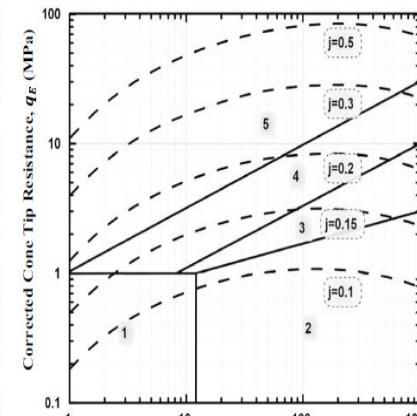
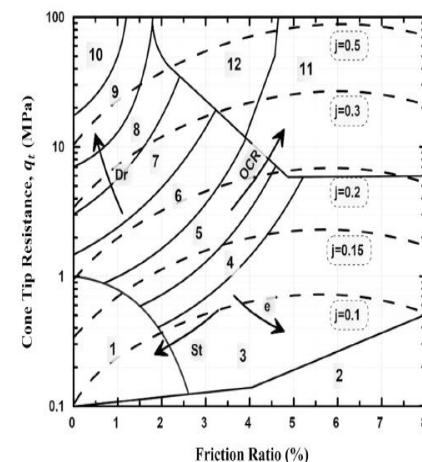
( $b$  and  $B$  are in m and  $q_c$  is in kPa)

$$j = \frac{q_c}{x + yq_c}$$

$$x = 0.02R_f + 0.5$$

$$y = 7.53(\sigma'_0)^{-0.25}$$

( $q_c$  and  $\sigma'_0$  are in kPa)



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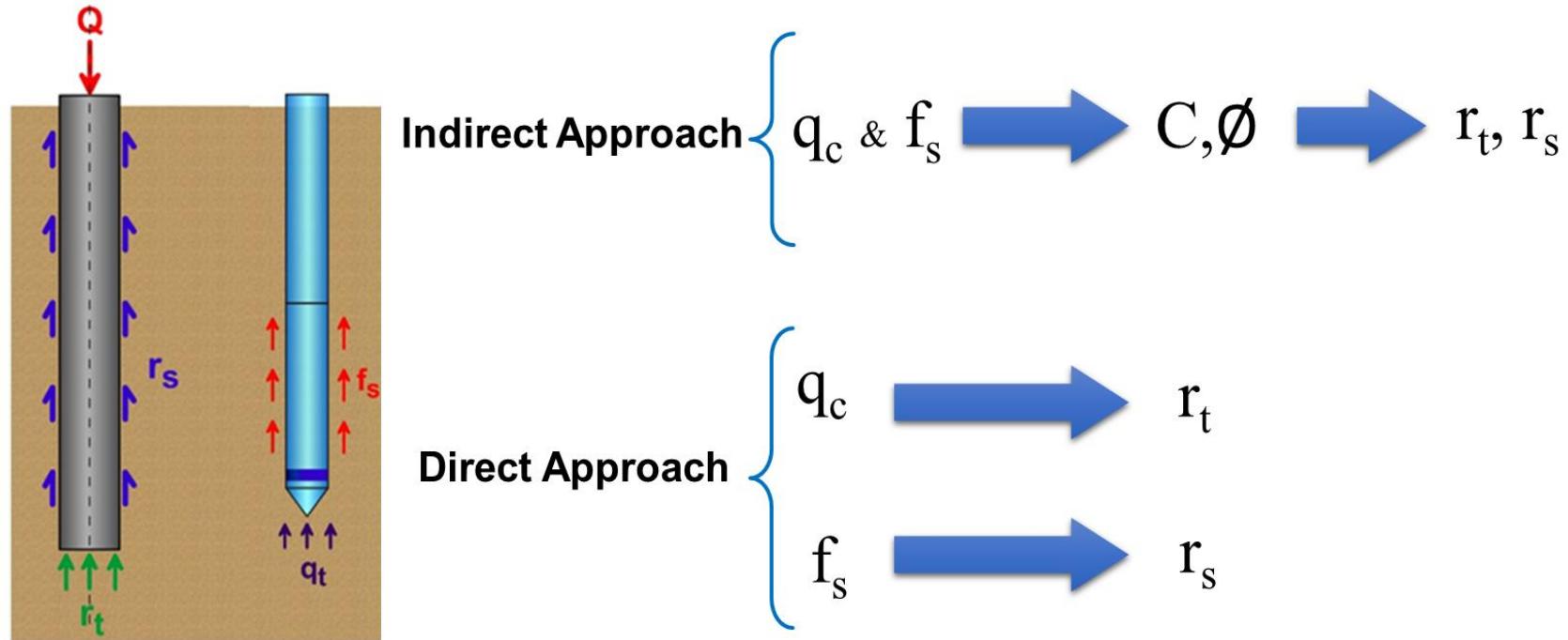
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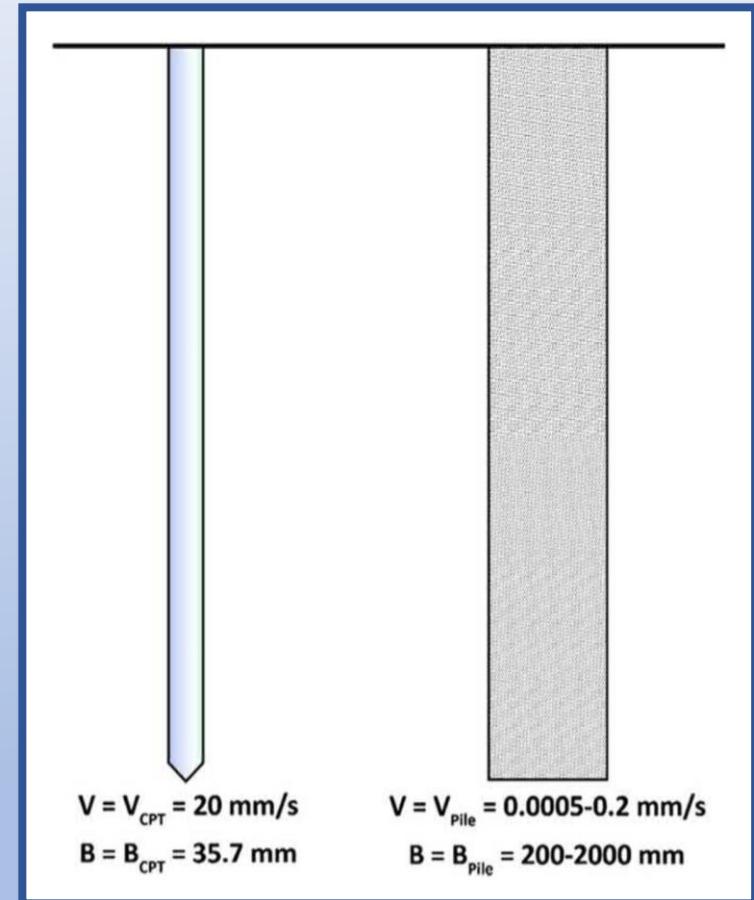


Penetrometers can be realized as a *model pile*

### Scale Effect Correlations

- Determinant Factors for Toe Capacity

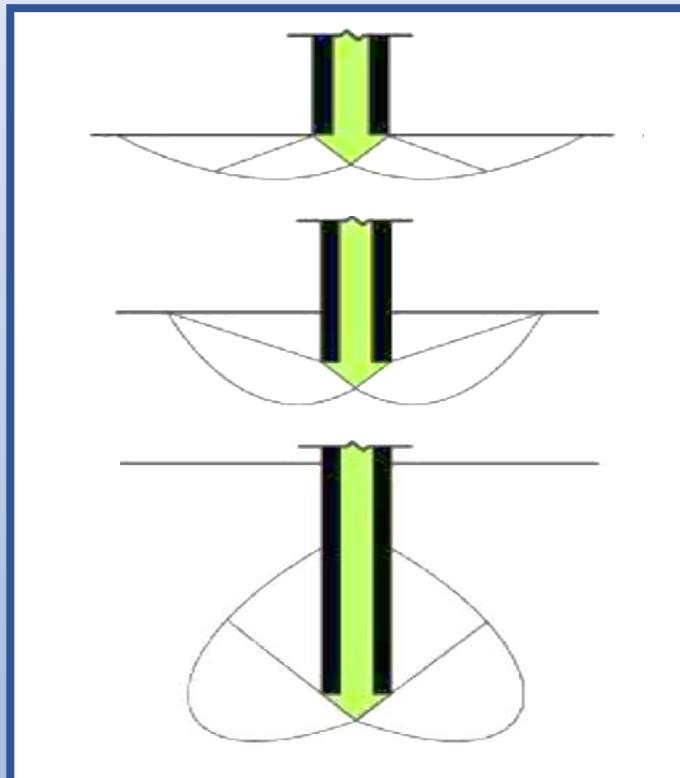
1. Embedment depth
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Pile and CPT differences

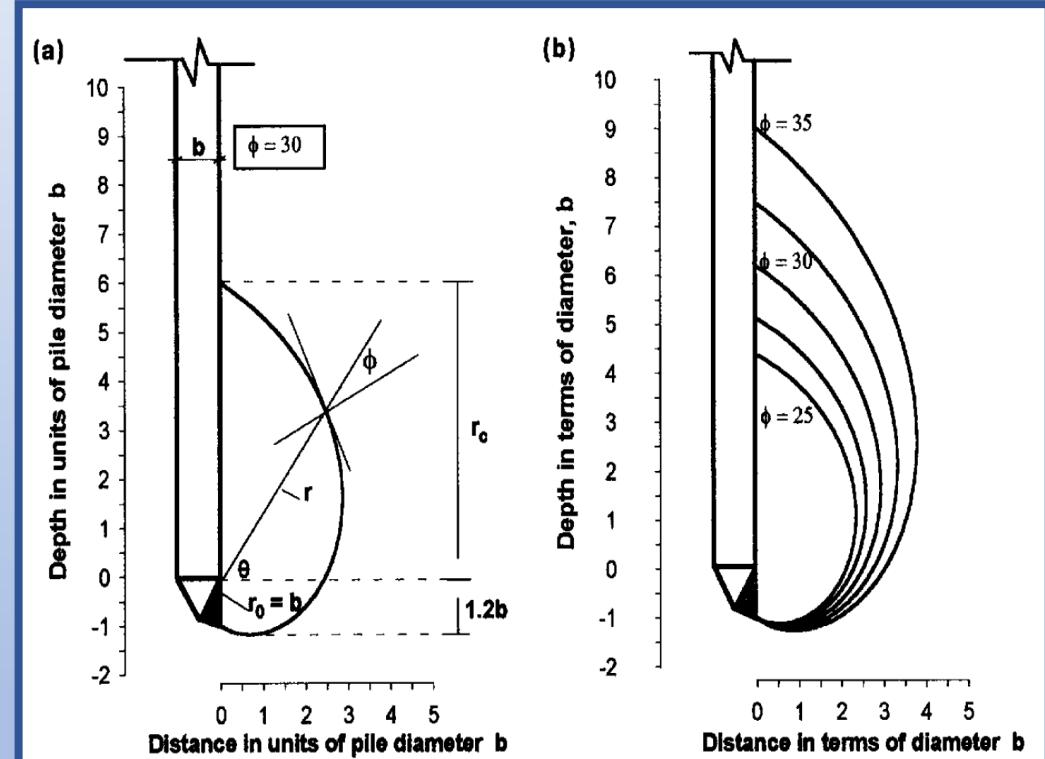
## Scale Effect Correlations

### Embedment Depth



Schematic view of transformation of shear failure from shallow to deep (Nottingham, 1975)

### Influence Zone



a) Principle of a logarithmic spiral rupture, b) rupture surfaces around pile toe for different soils (Eslami & Fellenius, 1997)

## Direct Application for Deep Foundations Bearing Capacity

List of common CPT- and CPTu-based methods for pile bearing capacity

No.	Method/ Reference	No.	Method/ Reference
1	Begemann (1963, 1965, 1969)	15	Fugro-05 (Kolk et al. 2005)
2	<b>Meyerhof (1956, 1976, 1983)</b>	16	UCD-05 (Gavin and Lehane 2005)
3	Aoki and Velloso (1975)	17	<b>ICP-05 (Jardine et al. 2005)</b>
4	<b>Nottingham (1975), Schmertmann (1978)</b>	18	<b>UWA-05 (Lehane et al. 2005)</b>
5	Penpile (Clisby et al. 1978)	19	NGI-05 (Clausen et al. 2005)
6	Dutch (de Ruiter & Beringen 1979)	20	Cambridge-05 (White & Bolton 2005)
7	Philipponnat ( 1980)	21	Togiliani (2008)
8	<b>LCPC (Bustamante &amp; GIANESELLI 1982)</b>	22	<b>German (Kempfert and Becker 2010)</b>
9	Cone-m (Tumay & Fakhroo 1982)	23	UCD-11 (Igoe et al. 2010, 2011)
10	Price and Wardle (1982)	24	V-K (Van Dijk and Kolk 2011)
11	Gwizdala (1984)	25	SEU (Cai et al. 2011, 2012)
12	<b>UniCone (Eslami &amp; Fellenius 1997)</b>	26	HKU (Yu and Yang 2012)
13	KTRI (Takesue et al. 1998)	27	UWA-13 (Lehane et al. 2013)
14	TCD-03 (Gavin and Lehane 2003)	28	<b>Modified UniCone (Niazi and Mayne 2016)</b>

### Direct Application for Deep Foundations Bearing Capacity

**Meyerhof (1956, 1976, 1983)**

**Toe resistance:**  $r_t = q_{c.a} c_1 c_2$

$q_{c.a}$  = arithmetic average of  $q_c$  values in a zone ranging from “1b” below through “4b” above pile toe

$c_1 = \left(\frac{B+0.5}{2B}\right)^n$ ; modification factor for scale effect when  $b > 0.5$ , otherwise  $C_1=1$

$c_2 = \frac{D_b}{10B}$ ; modification factor for penetration into dense strata when  $D_b < 10b$ , otherwise  $C_2=1$

B = pile diameter (m)

n = an index; 1 for loose sand, 2 for medium dense sand, and 3 for dense sand

$D_b$  = embedment of pile (m) in dense sand strata

**Shaft resistance:**  $r_s = K f_s$  , ( $K = 1$ );  $r_s = c q_c$  , ( $c = 0.5\%$ )

### Direct Application for Deep Foundations Bearing Capacity

**Eslami & Fellenius (1997)**

➤ Toe Capacity

$$r_t = c_t \times q_{Eg}$$

$$q_E = q_t - u$$

$$q_t = q_c + (1 - a)u_2$$

Shaft coefficient correlation

Soil type	Cs
Soft sensitive soils	8.0%
Clay	5.0%
Stiff clay and mixture of clay and silt	2.5%
Mixture of silt and sand	1.0%
Sand	0.4%

➤ Shaft Capacity

$$r_s = c_s \times q_{Eg}$$

$$q_{Eg} = \sqrt[n]{q_{E1} \times q_{E2} \times \cdots \times q_{En}}$$

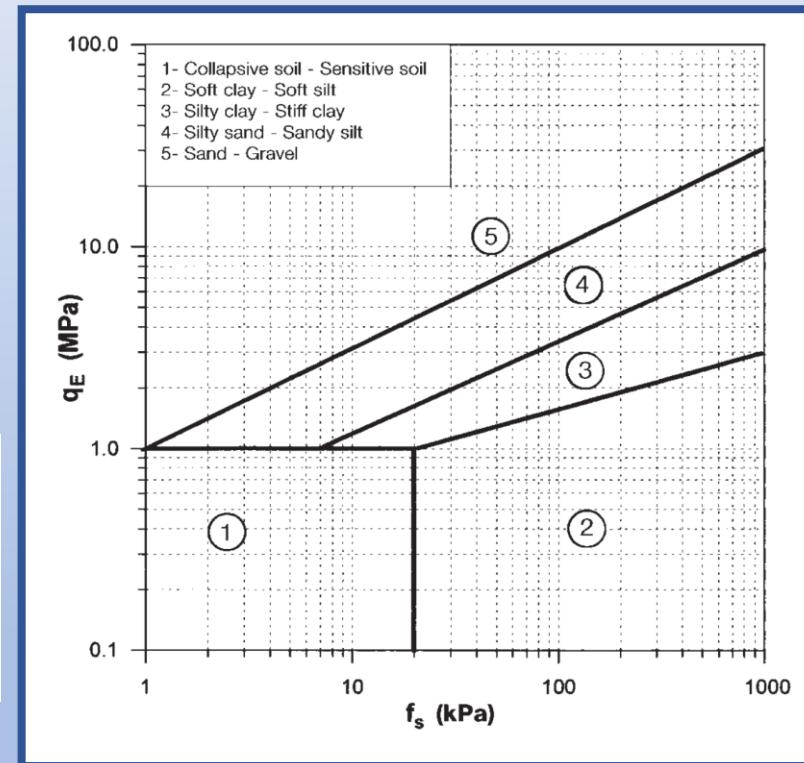
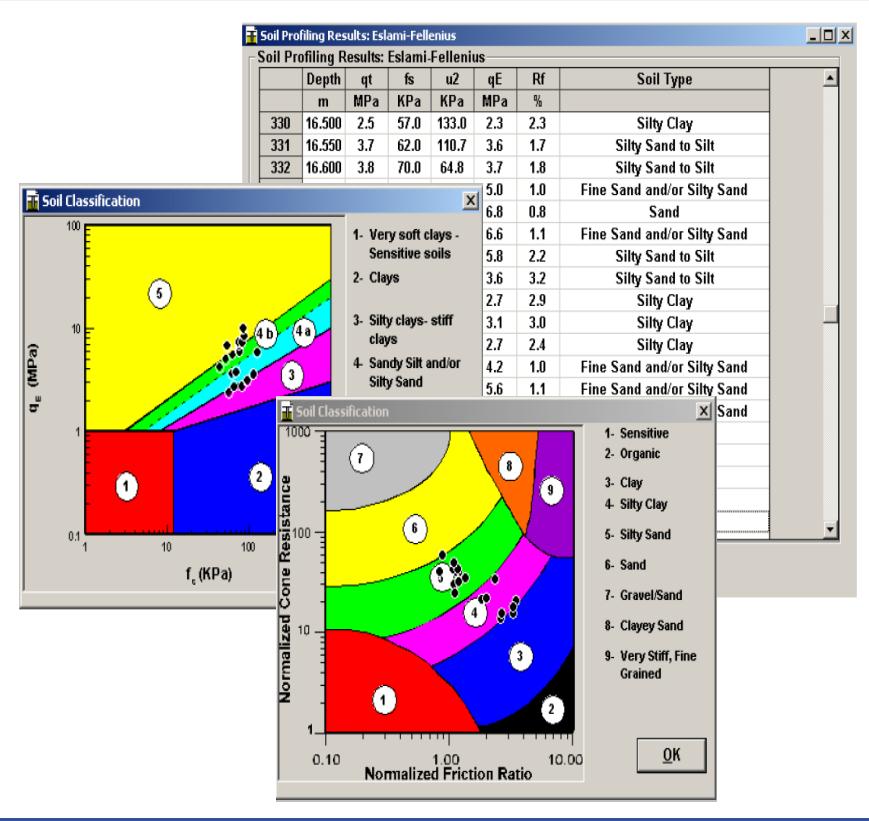


Chart for soil classification

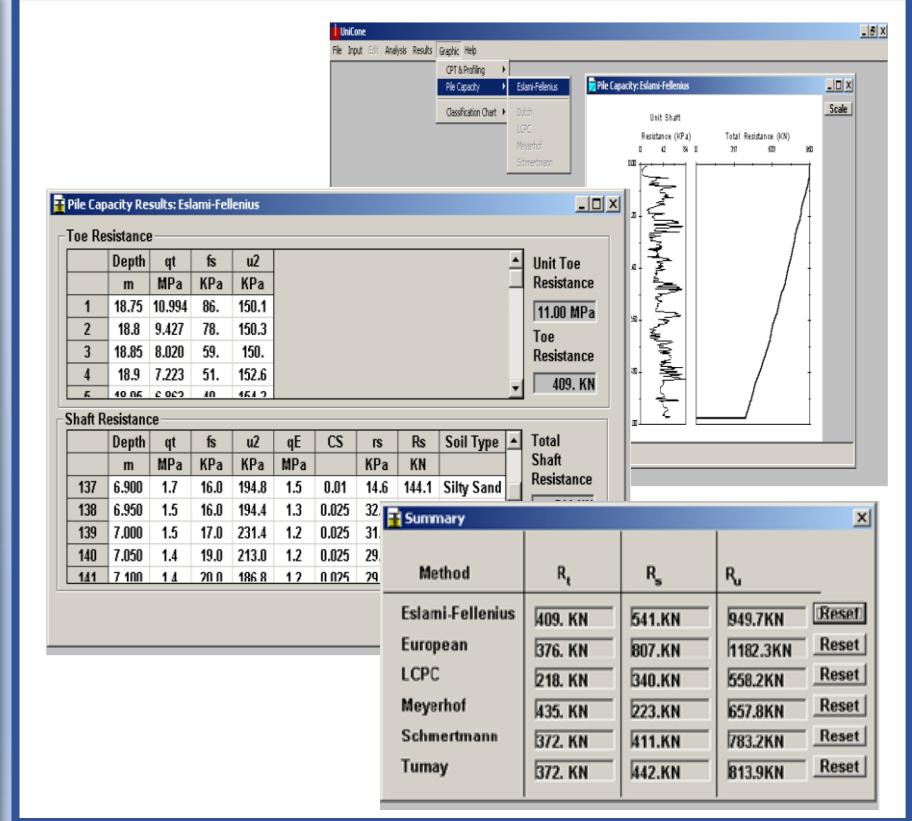
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### Unicone: Fellenius, Eslami & Infante (2002)

#### Pile Capacity Calculation



#### Soil Profiling



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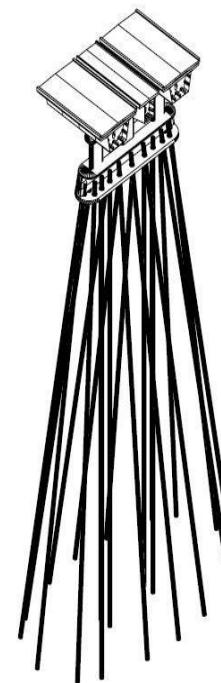
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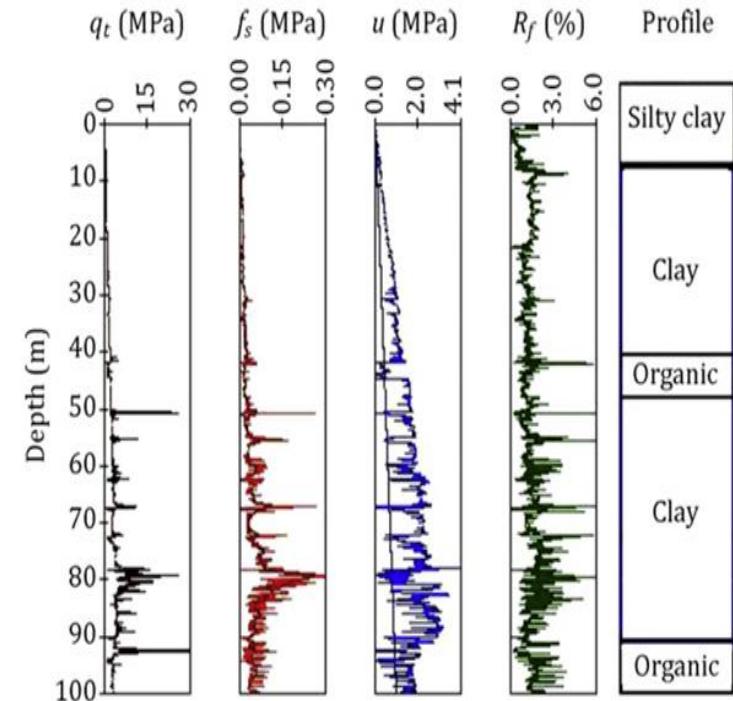
### Case No.1: Urmia Lake Causeway (Eslami et al., 2011)



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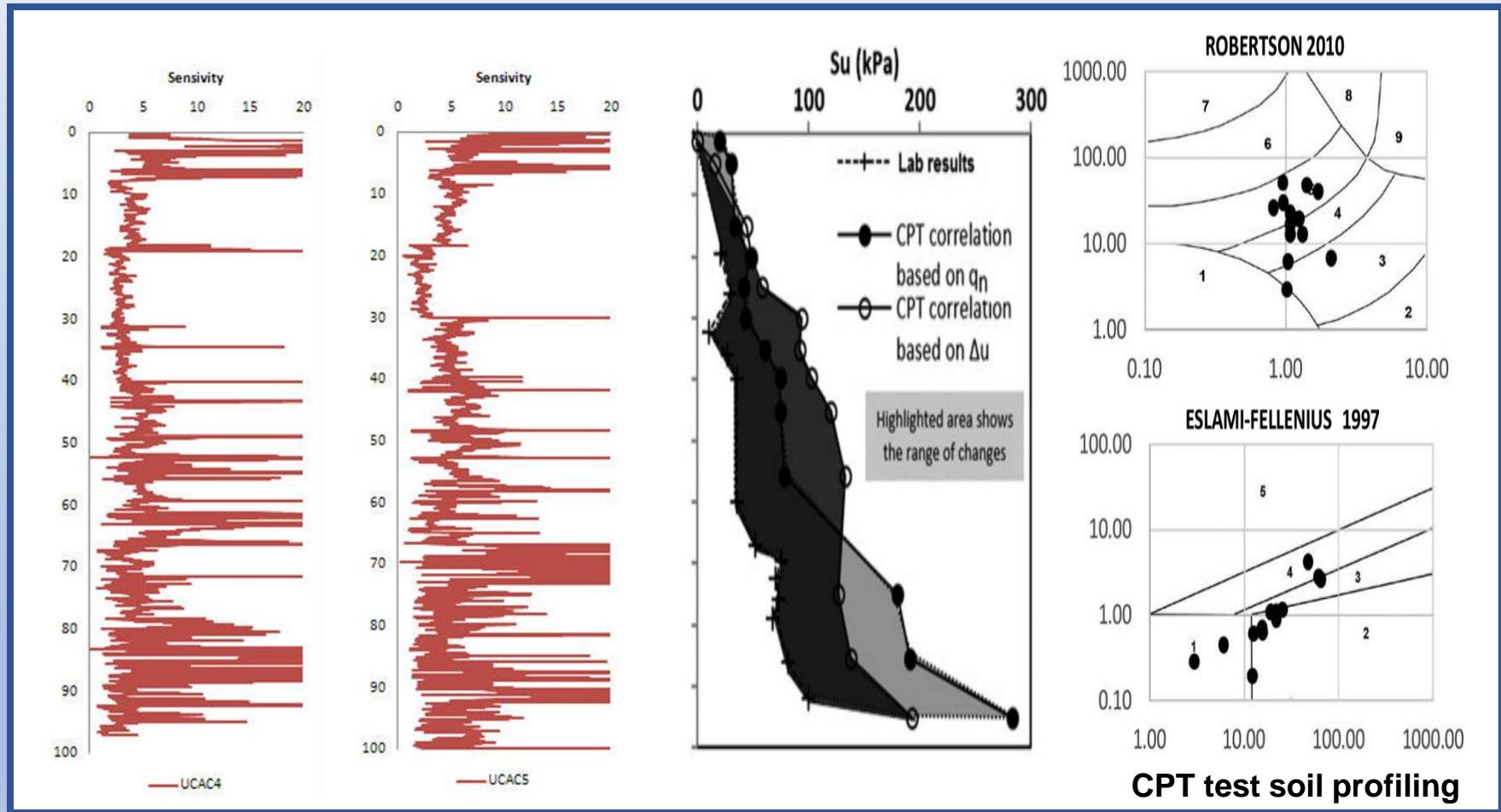
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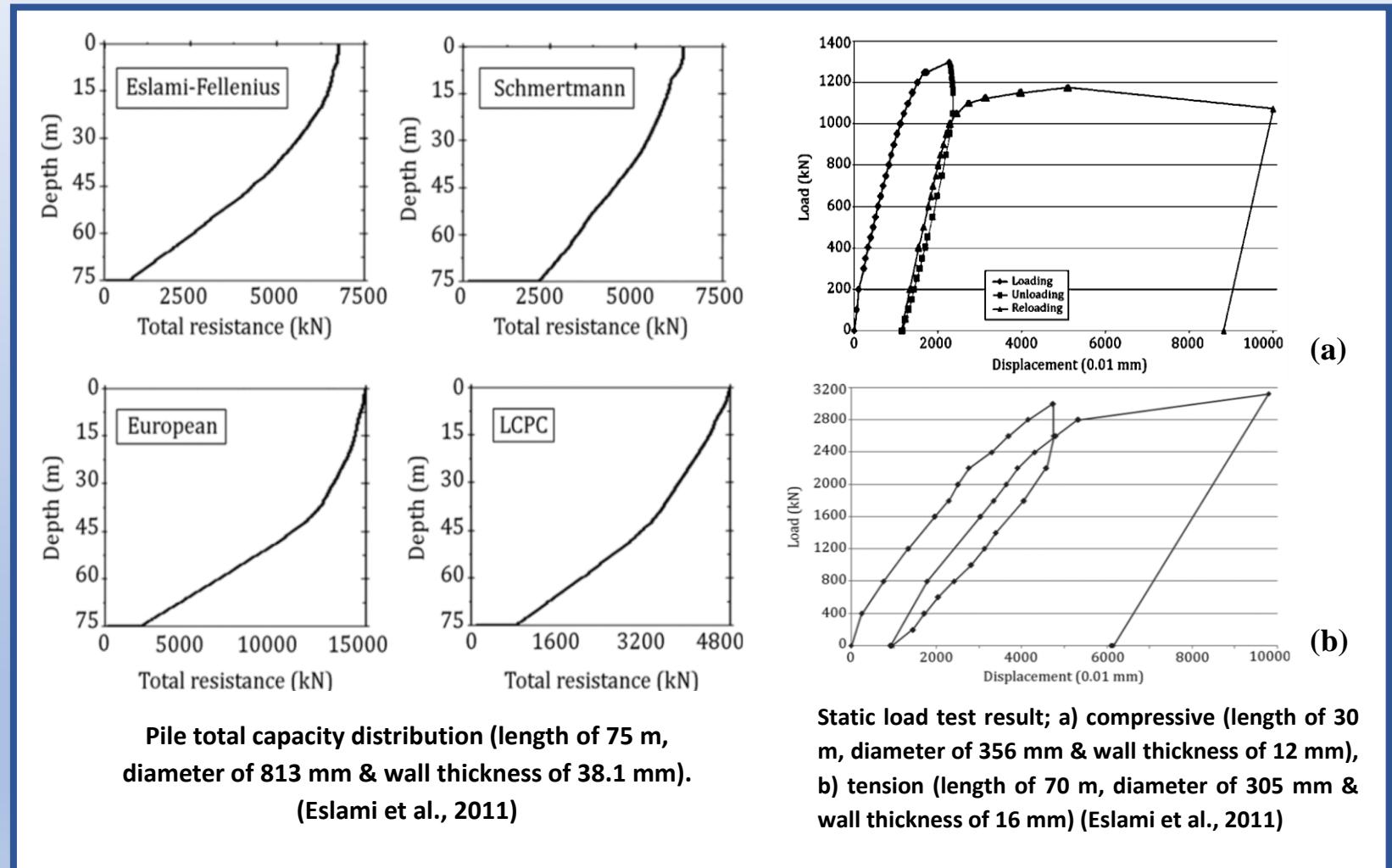
c)

a) Longitudinal view of the bridge, b) pile groups under each pillar , c) typical CPT logs

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### Case No.2: Torre Latino Americana, Mexico City, Mexico (Coduto et al., 2016)

- **43-story Building**
- **Milestone in floating foundations technology**

**The soil profile:**

- **0–5.5 m depth: Old fill (GWT at 2 m)**
- **5.5–9.1 m depth: Becarra sediments**
- **9.1–33.5 m depth: Tacubaya clays;**

**moisture content = 100 – 400%,  $C_c = 8$ ;  $S_u = 35\text{--}70 \text{ kPa}$ .**

- **33.5–70.0 m depth: Tarango sands**

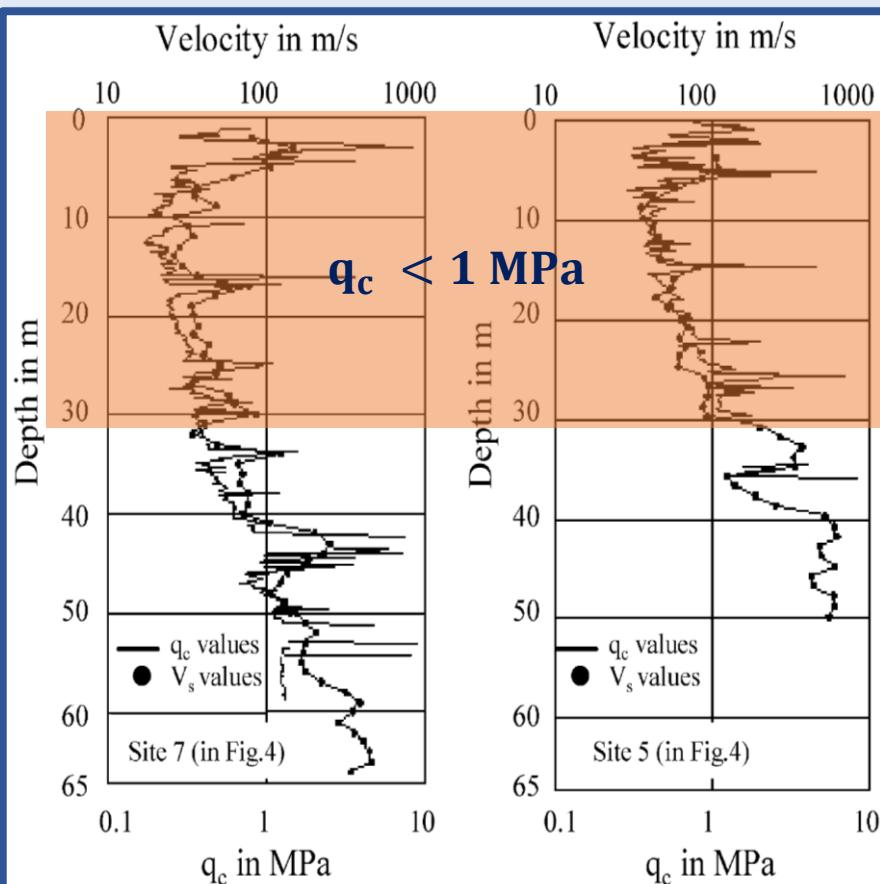
*The Palace of Fine Arts, located across the street from the Tower, settled **over 3 m (10 ft)** from 1904 to 1962 (Zeevaert, 1957).*

Typical compression Index  $C_c$  values  
(Holtz et al., 2011)

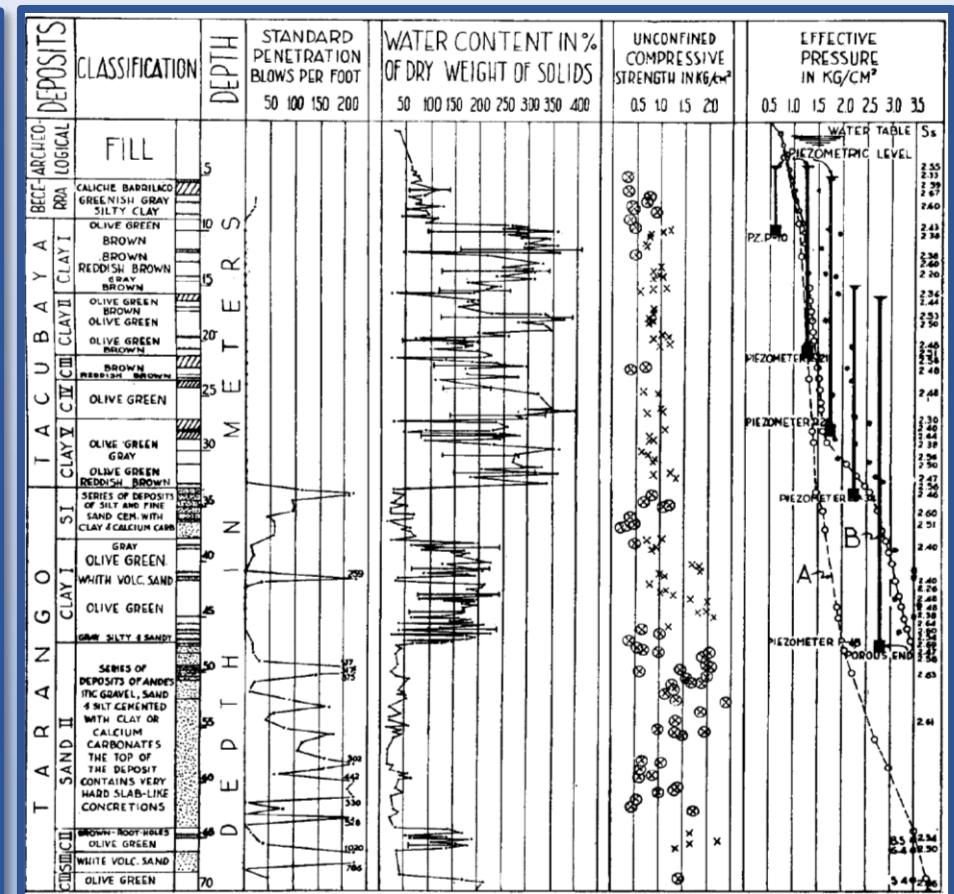
Soil	$C_c$
Normally consolidated medium sensitive clays	0.2 to 0.5
Chicago silty clay (CL)	0.15 to 0.3
Boston blue clay (CL)	0.3 to 0.5
Vicksburg buckshot clay (CH)	0.5 to 0.6
Swedish medium sensitive clays (CL-CH)	1 to 3
Canadian Leda clays (CL-CH)	1 to 4
<b>Mexico City clay (MH)</b>	<b>7 to 10</b>
Organic clays (OH)	10 to 15
Peats (Pt)	Long, short
Organic silt and clayey silts (ML-MH)	1.5 to 4
San Francisco Bay mud (CL)	0.4 to 1.2
San Francisco Old Bay clays (CH)	0.7 to 0.9
Bangkok clay	0.4

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## Stratigraphic characteristics of Mexico City soil deposits (Romo & Garcia, 2003)

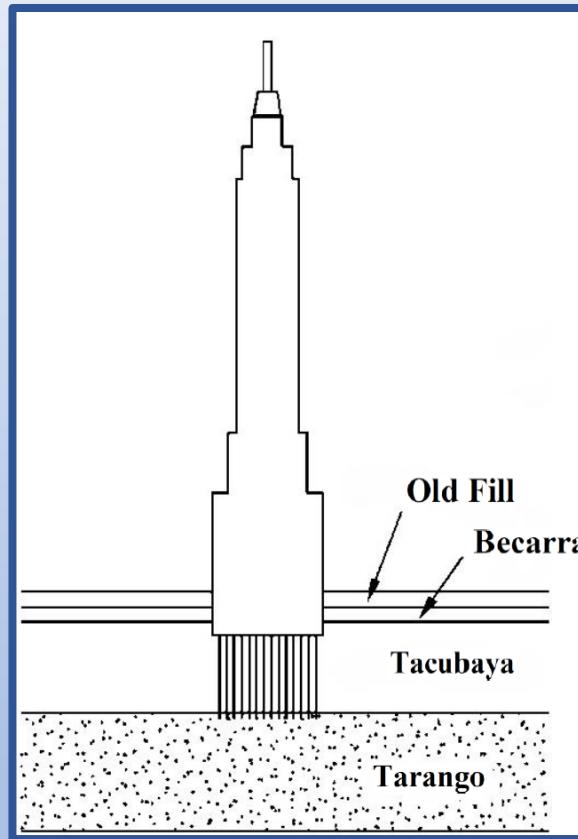


## Classic log & SPT result (Zeevaert, 1957)

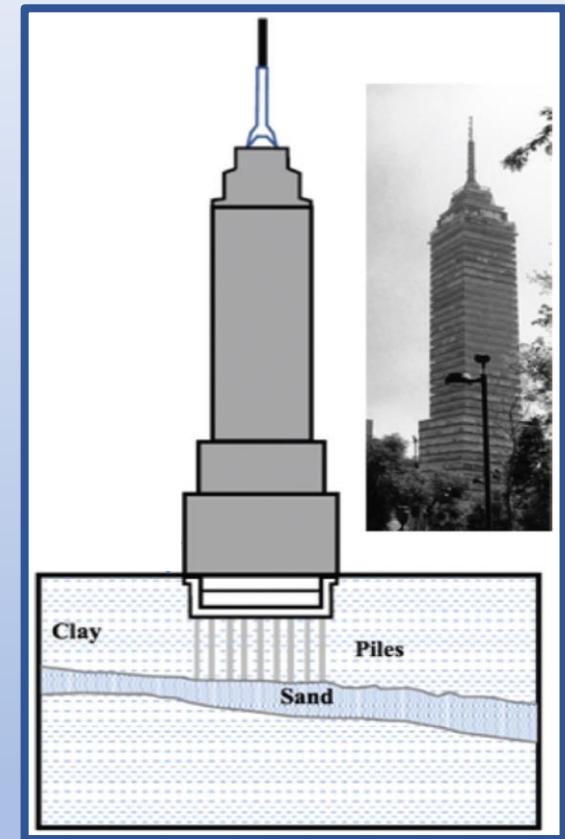
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(b)



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Torre Latino Americana Tower: a) general view of, b) the foundation and the sublayer profile (Coduto et al., 2016), c) schematic of the tower

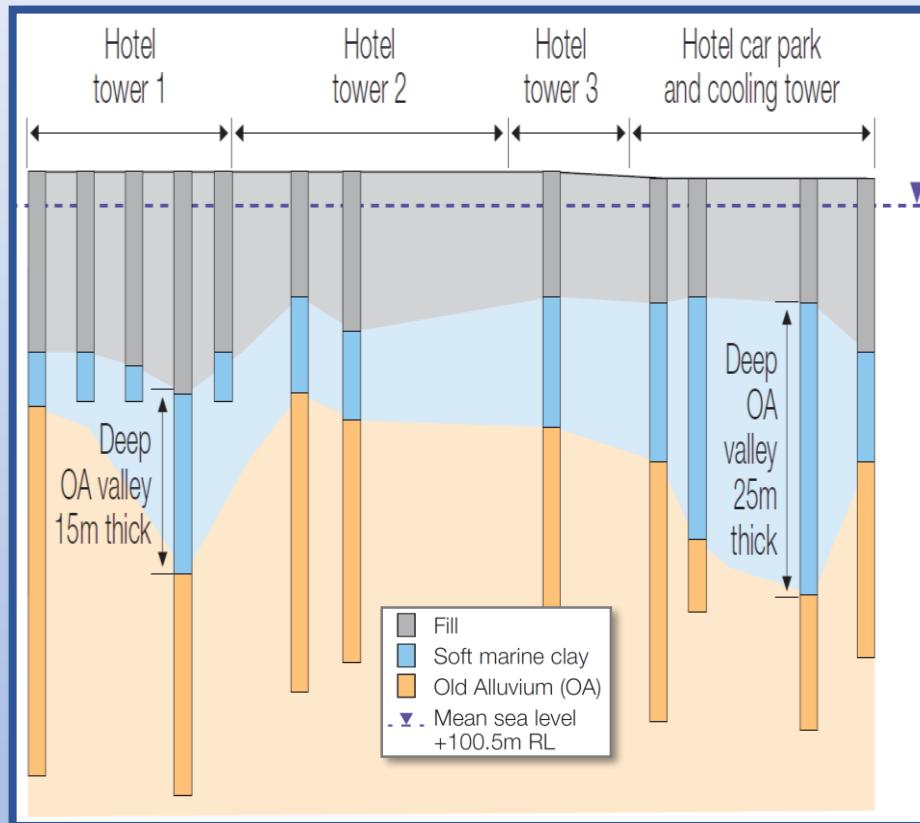
### Case No.3: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore (Arup Group, 2018)

- Year of Completion: 2010
- Height: 207 m
- Number of Storeys: 57
- Gross floor area:  $581,400 \text{ m}^2$
- Primary use: Hotel, Conference, Retail, Leisure

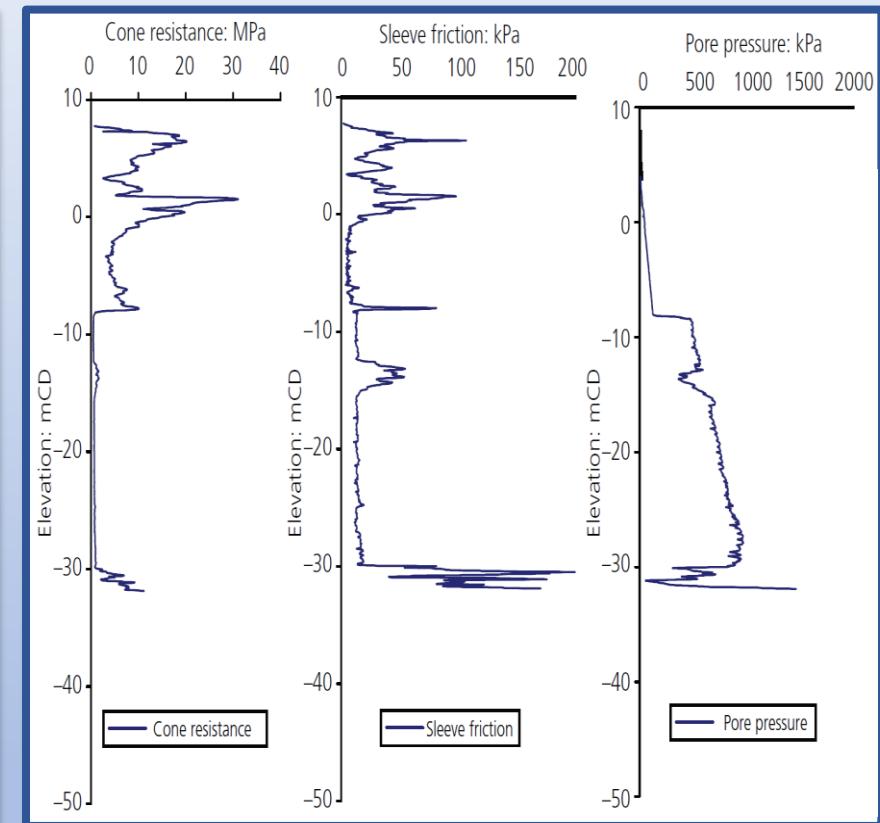


General View of the complex

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Typical Soil Profile of the site

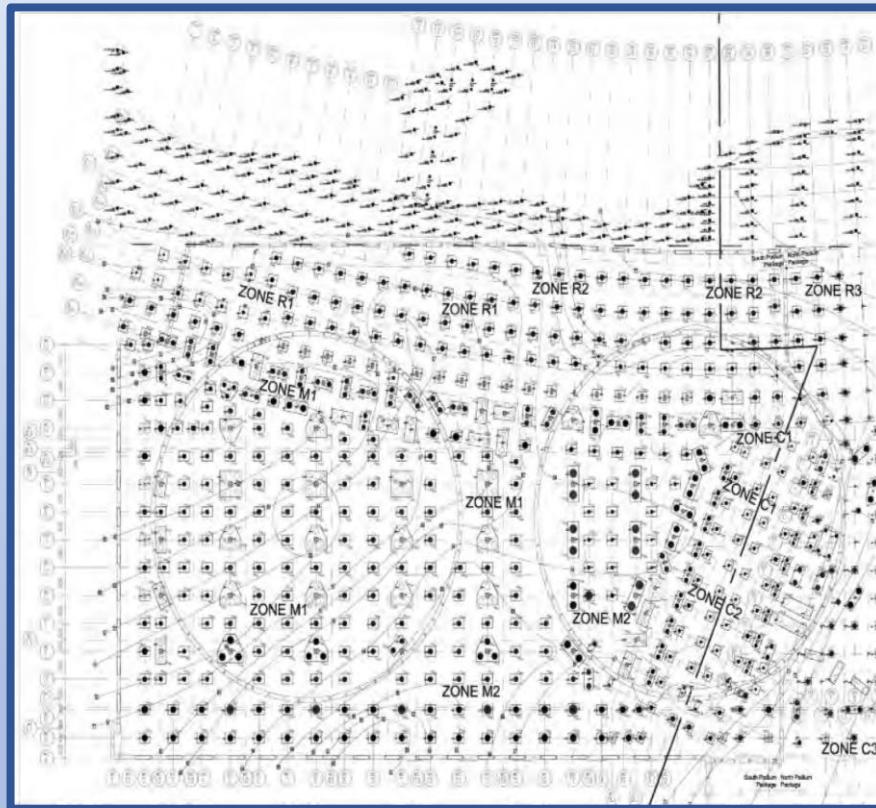


Typical CPTu result of marine clay in Singapore  
(Bo et al., 2019)

### Case No.3: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore (Arup Group, 2018)

#### Test Piles:

Diameter: 1.8 - 3 m, Length: 70 - 80 m, Threshold of Loading : 2200 – 5500 ton

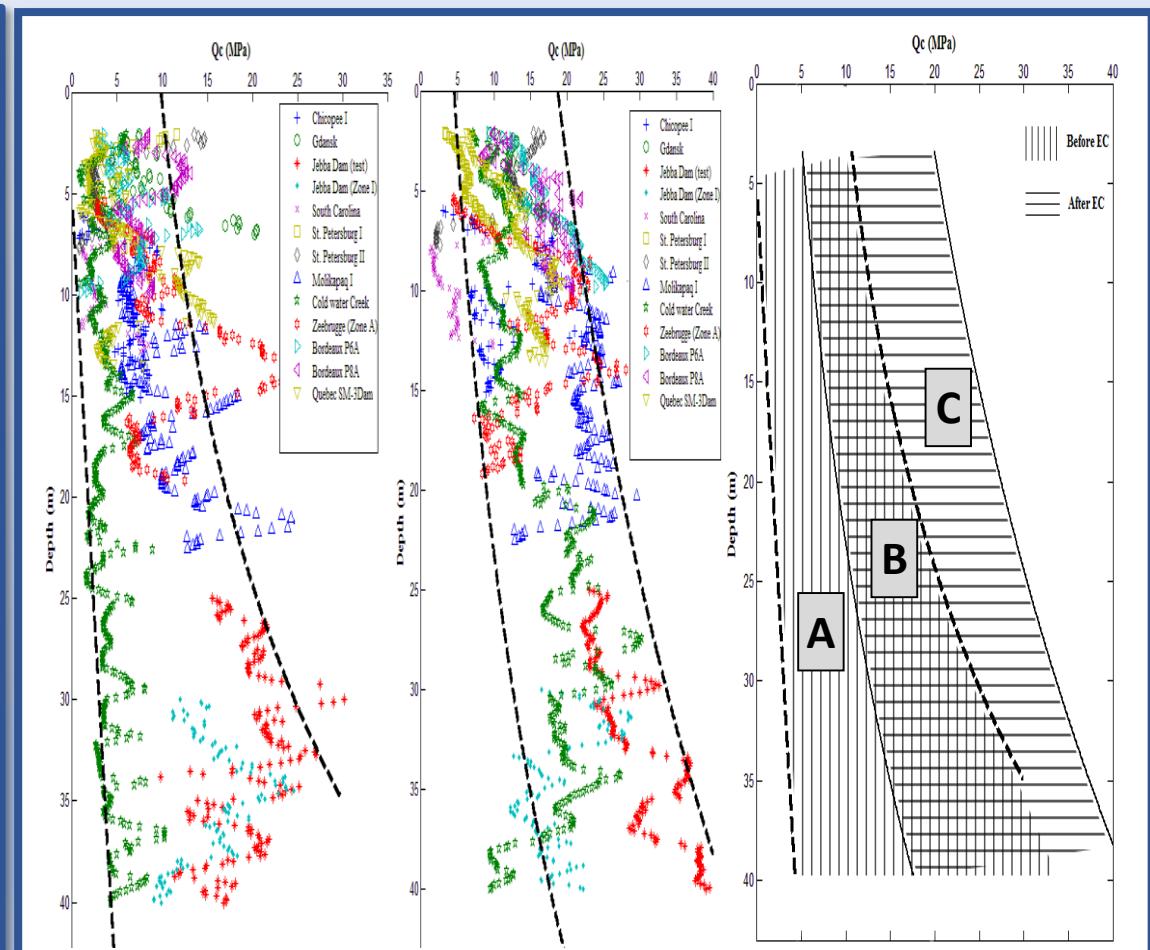
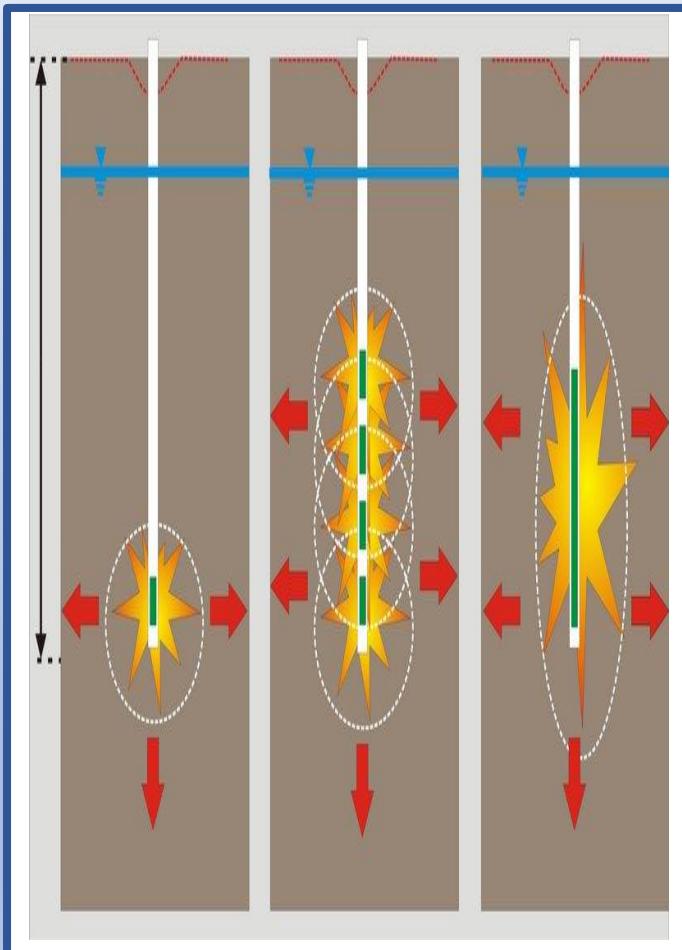


A forest of drilled shafts  
(Foundation Drilling, 2012)

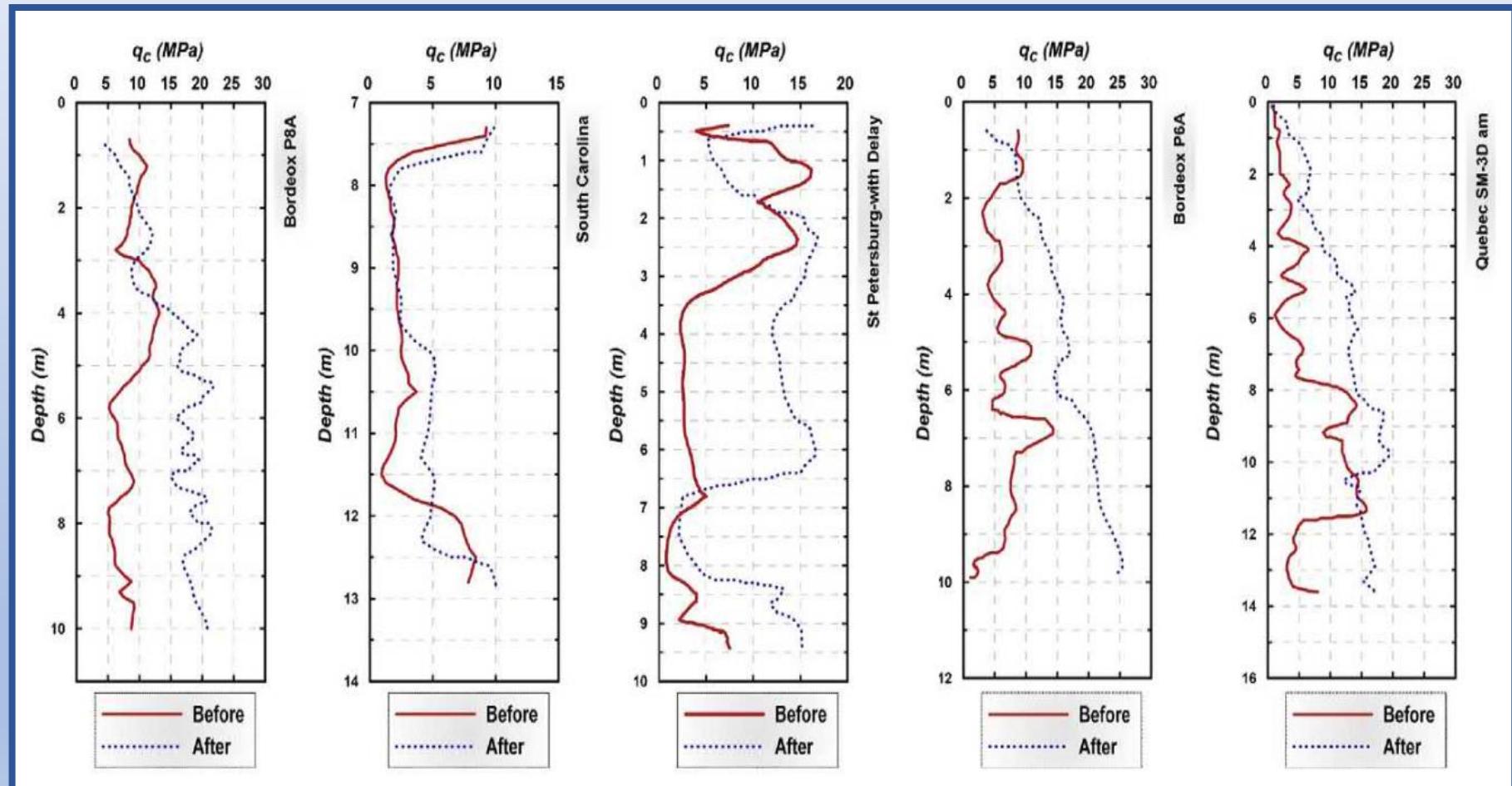


O-Cell implementation in Marine Bay Sands project  
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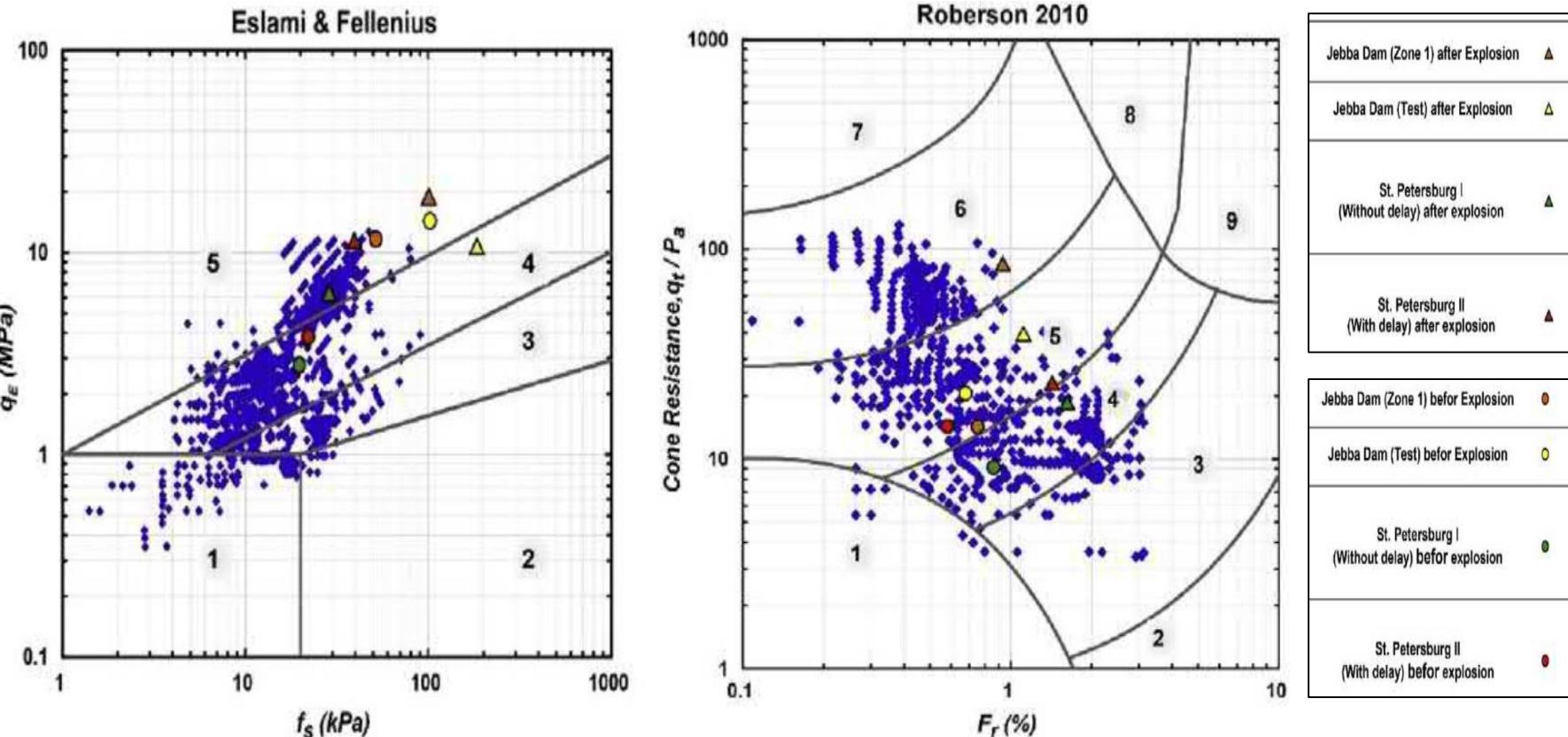
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SBC charts for soil behavior assessment before and after explosion

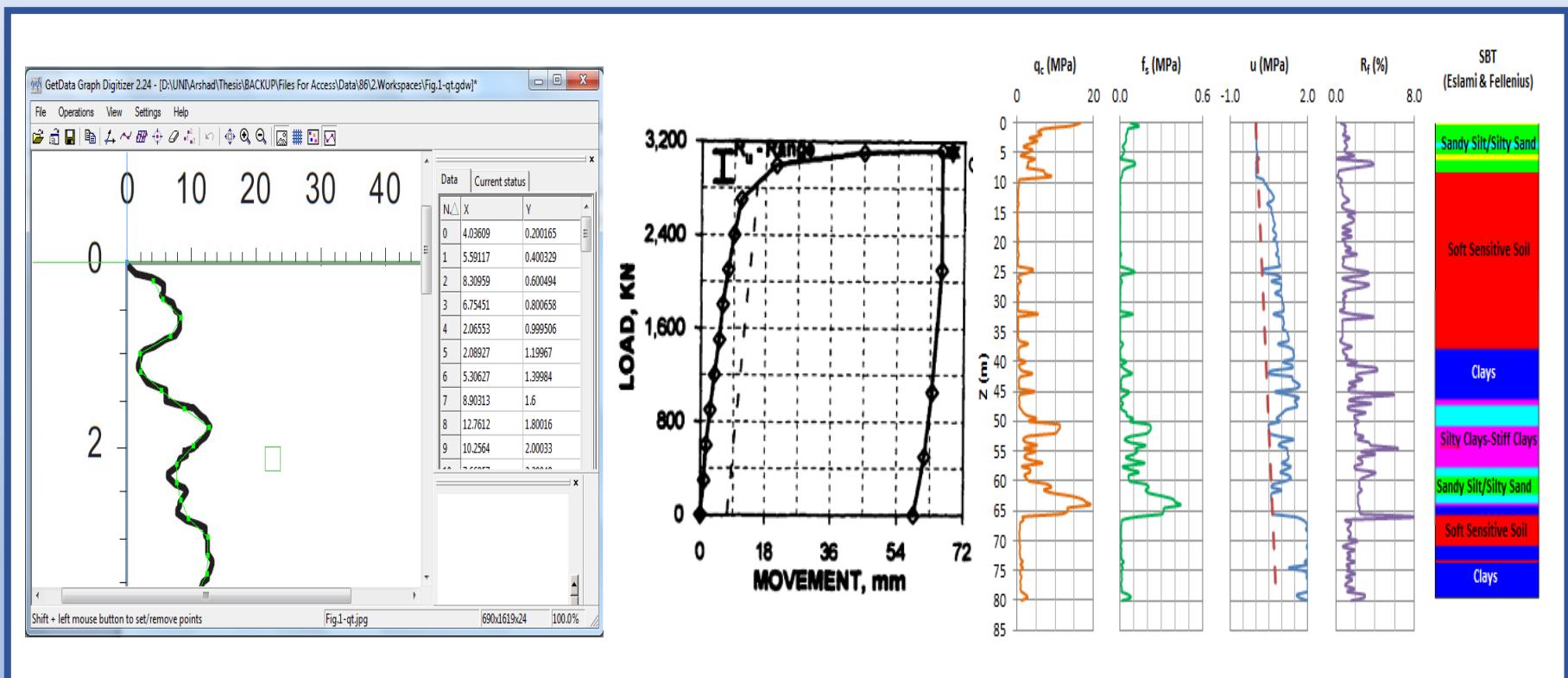
### Case No.5: AUT:Geo-CPT&Pile Database (Eslami et al., 2015 - 2019)

- **600 Records of pile axial loading tests along with adjacent CPT or CPTu profiles.**
- **Digitizing load-displacement diagrams derived from loading tests and CPT profiles**
- **Soil Properties**
  - **Clayey, silty and sandy soils.**
  - **Classified within three categories: Sandy, Clayey and Mixed soils**



## Case No.5: AUT:Geo-CPT&Pile Database (Eslami et al., 2015 - 2019)

**Digitizing load-displacement diagrams derived from loading tests and CPT profiles**



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#### Database structure

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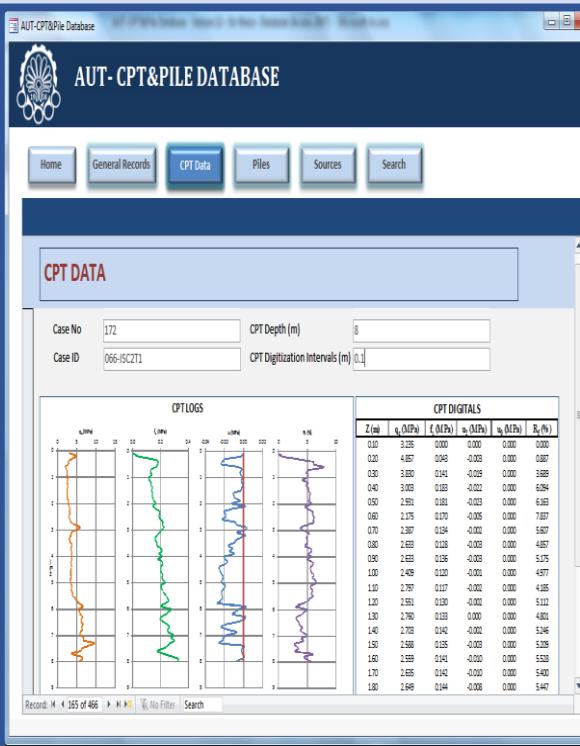
AUT-CPT&PILE DATABASE

GENERAL RECORDS FORM

Case No.	Case ID	Reference	Location	Shape	Material	Installation	b (mm)	D (m)
1	001-A&M1	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	Square	Concrete	Driven	400	8.8
2	001-A&M11	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	Square	Concrete	Driven	350	5.5
3	001-A&M14	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	H Pile	Steel	Driven	256	8.5
4	001-A&M16	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	H Pile	Steel	Driven	256	9.7
5	001-A&M19	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	Square	Concrete	Driven	400	8.4
6	001-A&M20	Eslami (1996)	Mass., U.S.A.	Square	Concrete	Driven	400	21

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##### CPT Data Form



##### Sources

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SOURCES

Source No: 003 Reference: Seo et al. (2009)

Assessment of the Axial Load Response of an H Pile Driven in Multilayered Soil  
Hoang Gao<sup>1</sup>, Tran Ziemph Vienken<sup>2</sup>, and Monica Prezzi<sup>3</sup>

**Abstract:** Most of the current design methods for driven piles were developed for clauded-tube piles driven in either sand or clay or gravel soils. Therefore, in this paper, the authors have tried to extend the available design methods to driven piles in multilayered soils. In addition, the ultimate bearing capacity of H piles driven in a sand and a mixture of three fine particle sizes. Therefore, accurate prediction of the ultimate bearing capacity of H pile driven is a mixed soil is very challenging. In addition, although results of well documented load tests on H pile piles are available, the literature contains limited information on the design of H piles. Most of the current design methods for driven piles do not provide specific recommendations for H pile. In this study, the authors have used load tests results on an H pile, which was driven in a sand and a mixture of three fine particle sizes. The results of the load tests are compared with the results obtained by the finite element analysis (FEA) using the H pile was calculated in a way close analysis, all types of pile by the same layer. This paper presents the results of the H pile was performed in characteristics of set grating of the soil load test. It also compares the measured pile resistance with those predicted with soil properties and its use-based method.

DOI: 10.1016/j.autcpt.2018.06.000016  
CE Database subject headings: H pile, Load test, Load bearing capacity, Pile driving, Layered soil, Soil properties, In-situ test.

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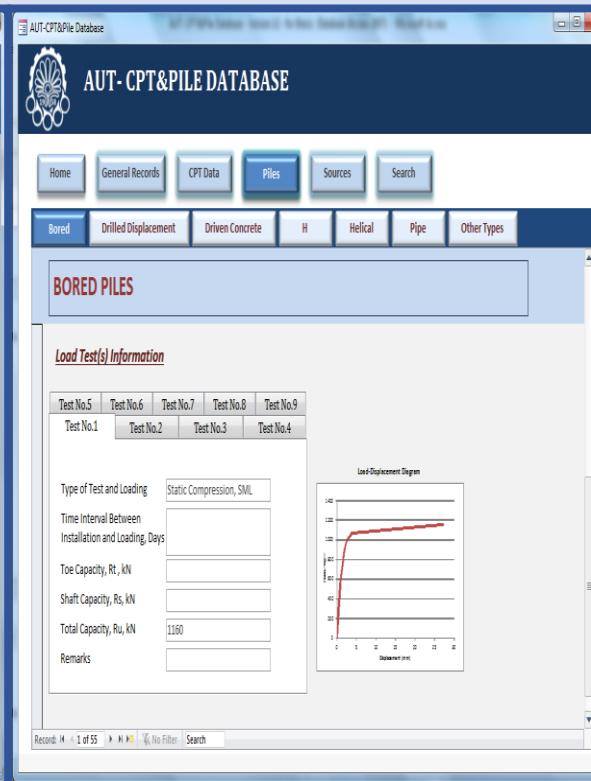
### Piles Information

**AUT-CPT&PILE DATABASE**

**BORED PILES**

Case No.	13	Case ID	001-A&M32
<b>Pile Characteristics</b>			
Shape	Round		
Material	Concrete		
Installation	Bored		
Embedment Length, D (m)	10.6		
Diameter, b (mm)	350		
Cross Sectional Area, A (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.0962		
Perimeter (m)	1.100		

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**SEARCH**

Search by Pile Characteristics:

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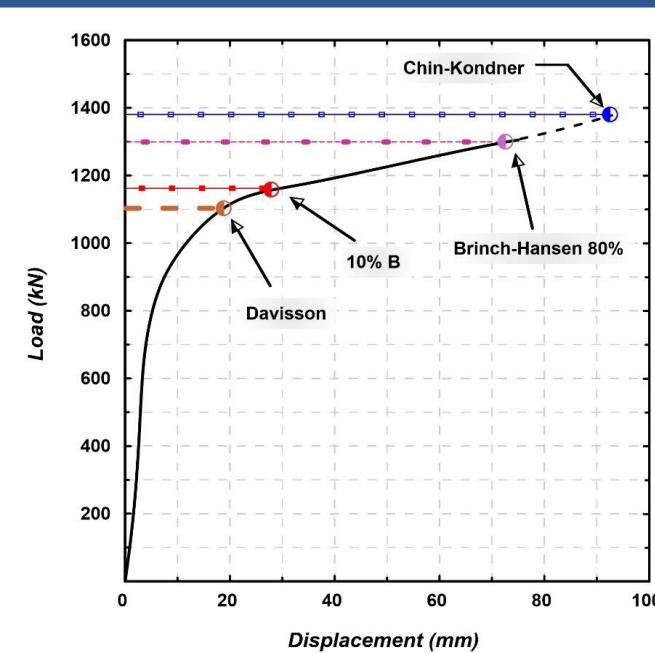
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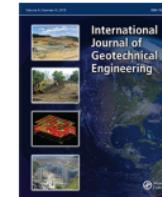
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#### Relevant Publications

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Interpretation of load displacement diagram for Case 001-L&D31 (Moshfeghi & Eslami, 2016)



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Due to the variety of current Cone Penetration Test (CPT)-based methods of estimating the pile bearing capacity, for optimum design, it is necessary to evaluate the performance of such methods in various geotechnical conditions. Geotechnical databases including piling and *in situ* testing records have been recognised as useful tools for analysis, design and economical construction. In order to evaluate current CPT-based pile bearing capacity methods, AUT-CPT and Pile database has been compiled including 450 full scale pile load tests and CPT sounding records. This database consists of different pile types with a relatively wide range of geometries and various soil conditions. Forty-three records of piles driven in sand deposits were then employed to evaluate effects of ultimate capacity interpretation criteria from load displacement diagrams. The Brinch Hansen 80% criterion and the load at the displacement of 10% of the pile diameter were compared to estimated capacities from 10 CPT-based design methods currently used in practice. The Brinch Hansen 80% criterion and the load at the displacement of 10% of the pile diameter lead to reasonable results, the Brinch Hansen 80% criterion showed less scatter. For evaluating the accuracy and the precision of CPT-based methods, the results were compared to estimated capacities. Methods with the best performance are introduced. Generally, comparisons indicate that the CPT-based methods mainly predict the pile capacity with reasonable accuracy.

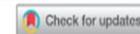
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##### ABSTRACT

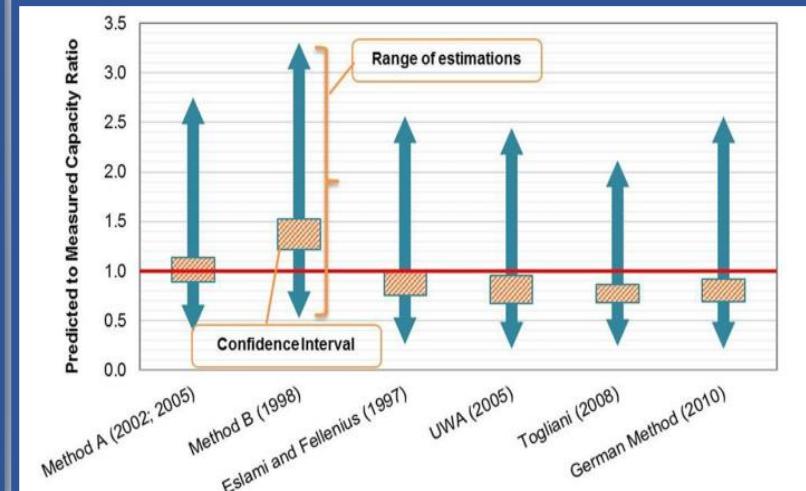
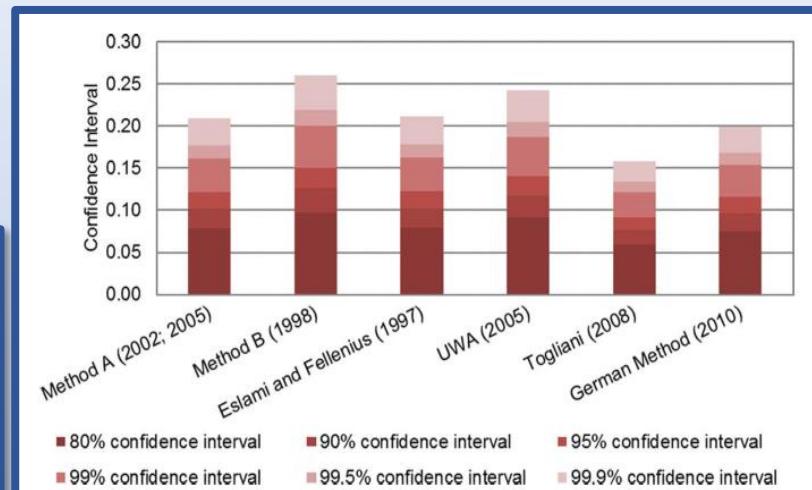
Drilled displacement piles (DDPs) are known as an alternative to conventional foundations in coastal areas, given the elimination of environmental impacts and difficulties caused by installation process of driven piles and more consistency with environment. Despite increasing employment of these piles, the extent of research works does not yet suffice the requisites to reach a routine design. This paper aims to analyze six cone penetration test (CPT)-based methods of determining the bearing capacity of DDP. The statistical and reliability-based approaches were used in two parts of assessing performance of the methods with respect to soil-pile characteristics followed by evaluating reliability of the prediction outcome. A database is compiled including 65 DDP load tests with adjacent CPT profiles. Performance of the methods are analyzed. Finally, a reliability parameter, i.e., confidence interval, is introduced to demonstrate a more realistic insight into the evaluations by expressing performance of the methods in terms of a range for possible average values of the predictions ratios, rather than simply an arithmetic mean. The study reveals that the commonly used CPT-based methods which have not been specifically developed for DDP show great potential for design. The results indicate that the investigated methods can have promising performance if some modifications are applied.

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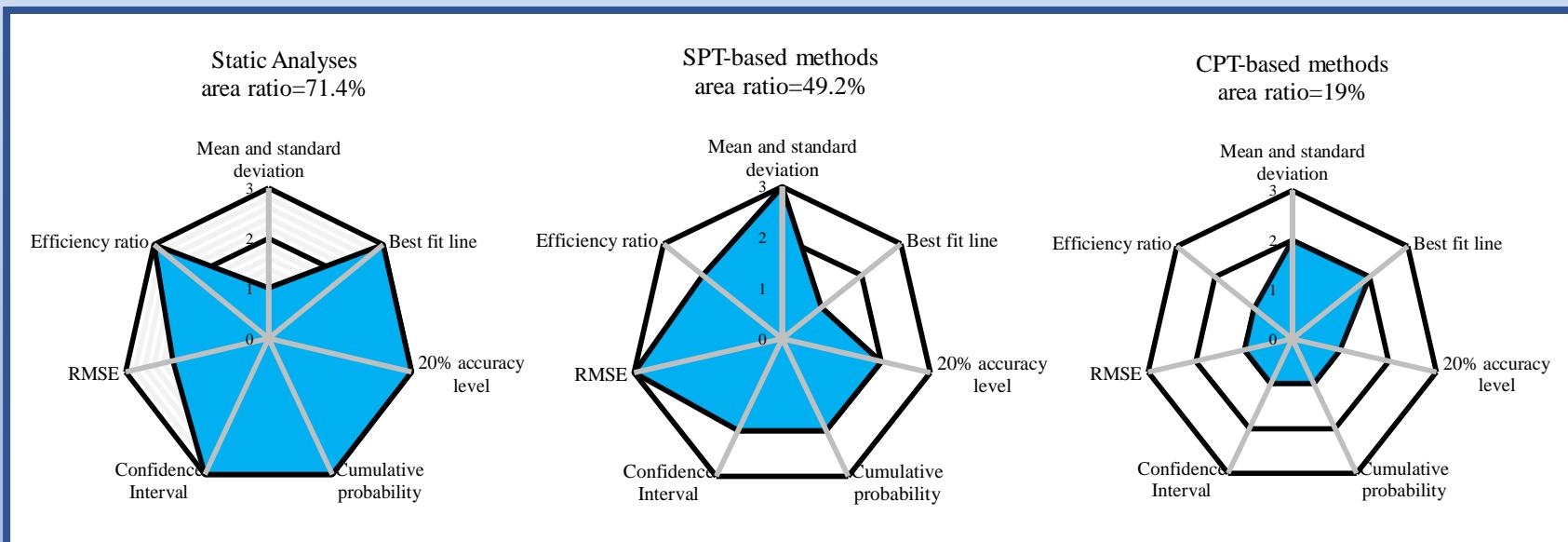


### Case No.5: AUT:Geo-CPT&Pile Database (Eslami et al., 2015 - 2019)

#### Relevant Publications

Heidarie, Jamshidi & Eslami (2019)

#### Reliability based assessment of axial pile bearing capacity; static analysis, SPT & CPT-based methods



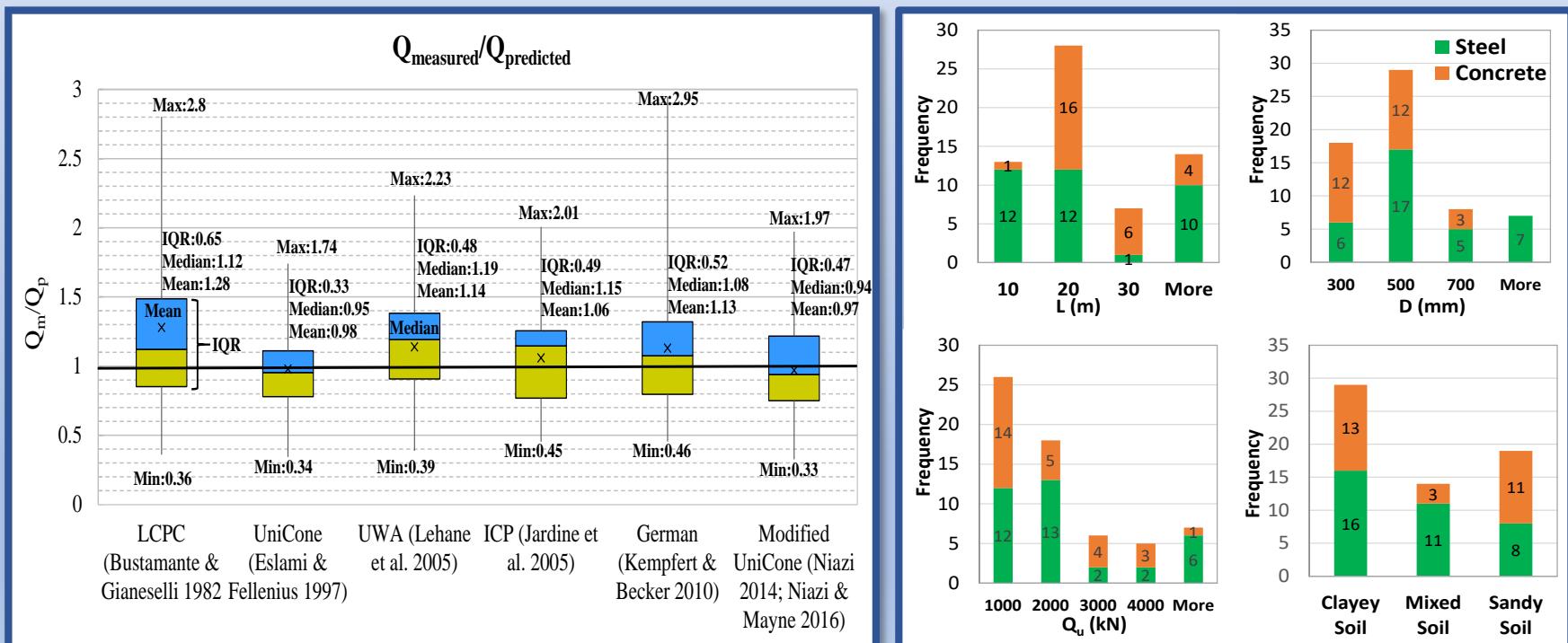
#### Associated error for approaches

### Case No.5: AUT:Geo-CPT&Pile Database (Eslami et al., 2015 - 2019)

#### Relevant Publications

Eslami & Heidari (2020)

#### Uncertainty and Reliability Appraisal of CPT-Based Methods for Axial Pile Bearing Capacity



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## Geotechnical Engineering (GE) & Site Investigations

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## Cone & Piezocone Penetration Tests (CPT & CPTu)

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## Applications of CPT & CPTu in GE

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## Databased Approach in Foundation Engineering (FE)

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## CPT & Shallow Foundations

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## CPT & Deep Foundations

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## Case Studies

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## Summary and Conclusions

- **Geotechnical Engineering (GE):**

- ❖ In-situ tests:

- ❖
  - ✓ Uncertainty reduction
  - ✓ Efficient approach

- **Cone & Piezocone Penetration Tests (CPT & CPTu):**

- ❖ Major records:  $q_t$ ,  $f_s$ ,  $u_2$ ; fast & continuous
- ❖ Providing tons of data

- **Major Applications of CPT in GE:**

- ❖ Versatile tool for soft to medium deposits
- ❖ Identification & remediation of surprising soils

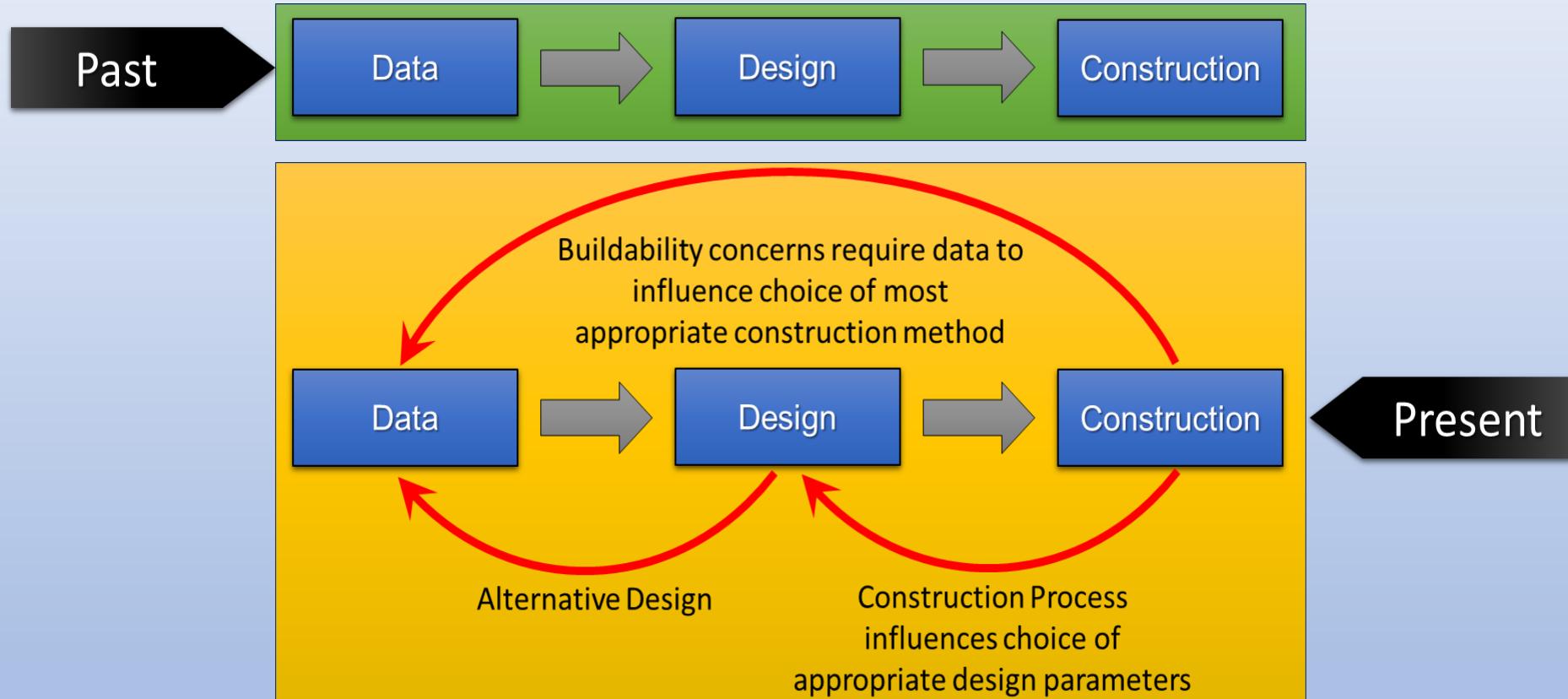
- **CPT and Foundation Engineering (FE)**

- ❖ In-situ tests more pronounced than laboratory tests
- ❖ Towards reliable design

- **Databases**

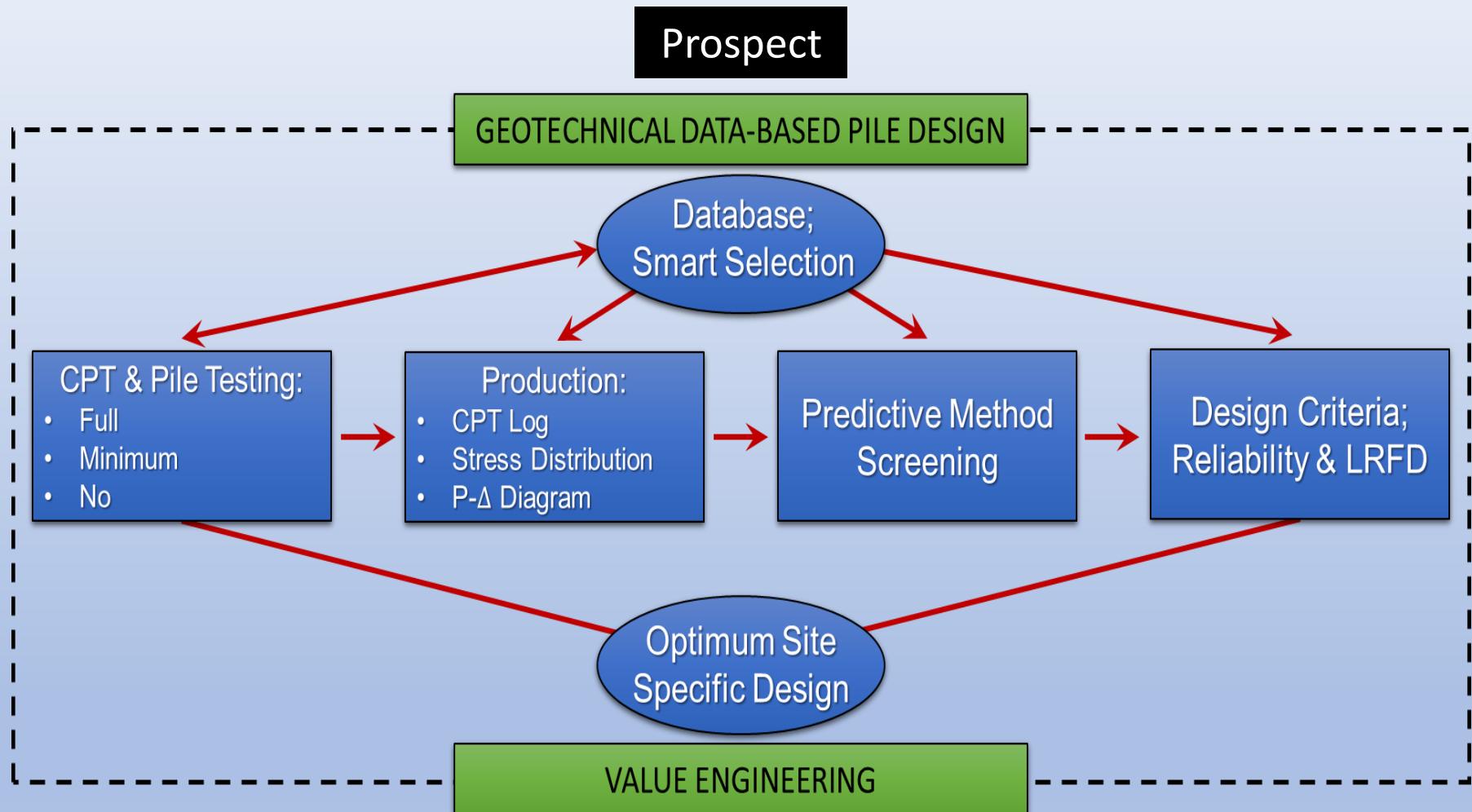
- ❖ Soft Computing as a tool
- ❖ Value Engineering as an aim

### Past & Present Trends in Design & Construction

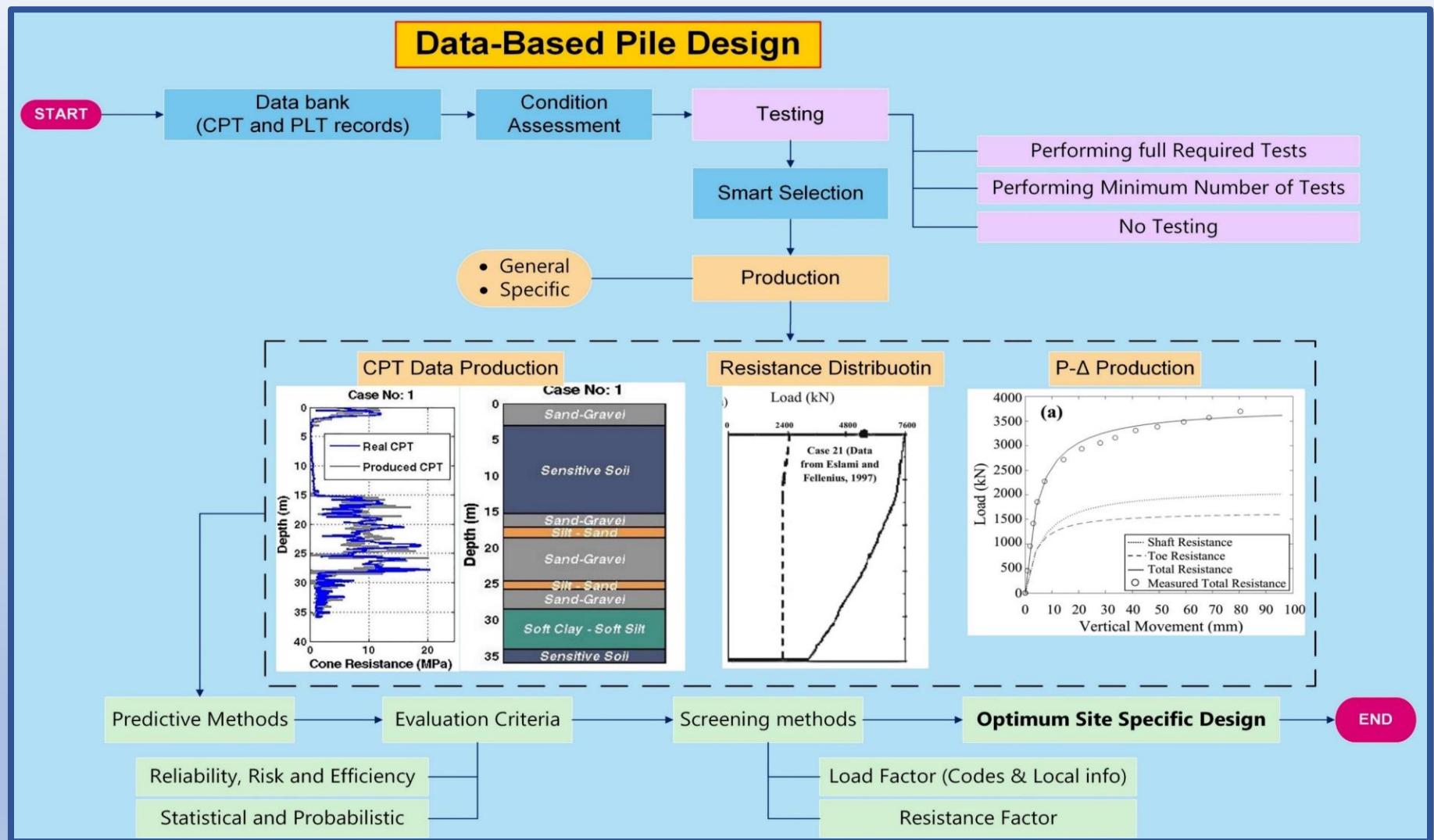


(ICE, Manual Geotechnics, 2012)

### Future Trend in Design & Construction



## 8. Summary and Conclusions



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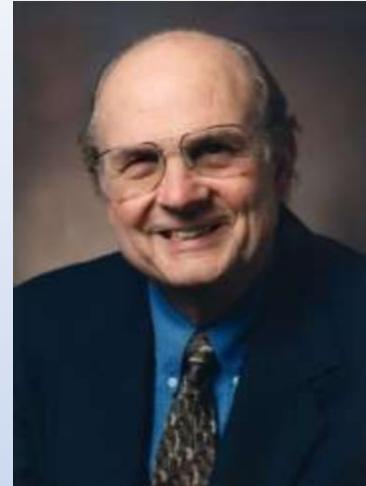
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