
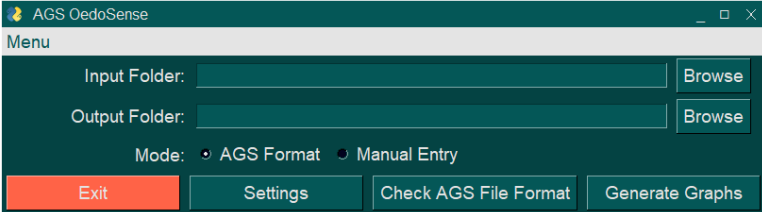
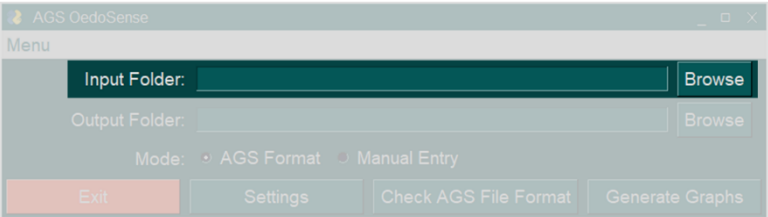
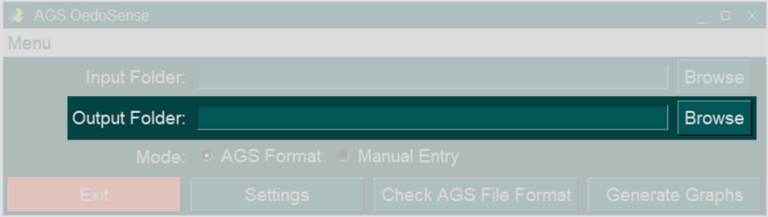
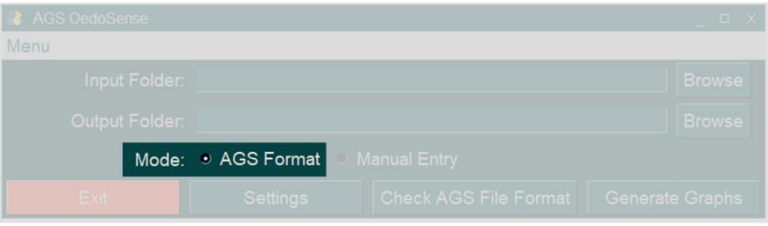
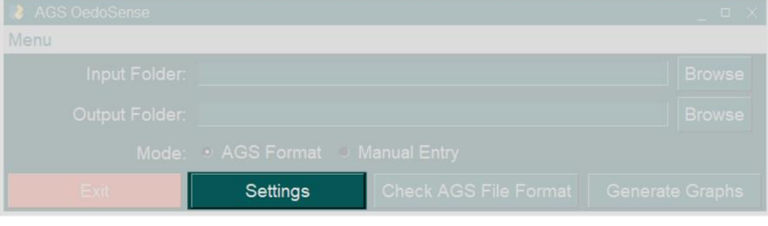
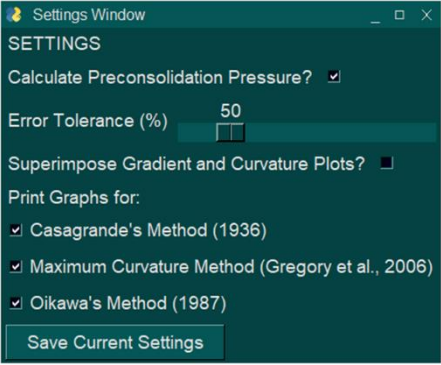
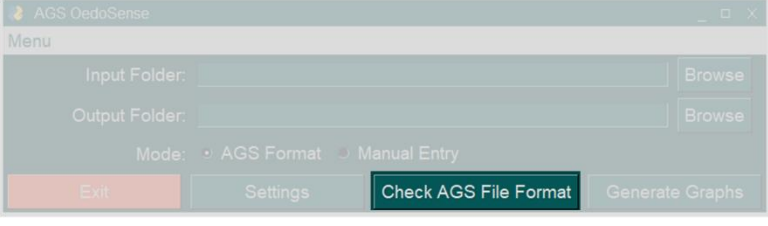


## APPENDIX: STEP-BY-STEP USER MANUAL

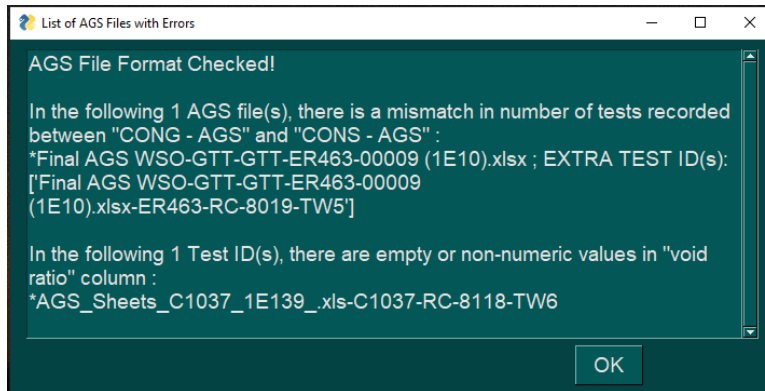
Getting Started with the *AGS OedoSense* application:

- Part A: Check preconsolidation pressure ( $p_c'$ ) for AGS files in MS-Excel format (“AGS MS-Excel files”)
- Part B: Check preconsolidation pressure ( $p_c'$ ) for MS-Excel files (with oedometer data manually entered)
- Part C: Prepare MS-Excel file for manual entry of oedometer test data

Part A: Check preconsolidation pressure ( $p_c'$ ) for AGS MS-Excel files	
Step	Details
A1	<p>Double-click on the icon to launch the application. You should see a loading screen immediately.</p> 
A2	<p>Once ready, a window will appear as shown below.</p> 
A3	<p>Click “Browse” to select the input folder containing the AGS MS-Excel files. All the AGS MS-Excel files within the folder will be read.</p> 
A4	<p>Click “Browse” to select the output folder to store results generated by the application.</p> 

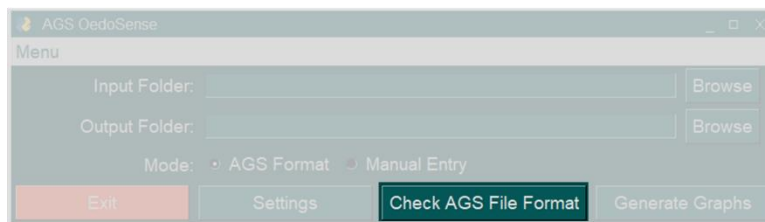
<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Under Mode, select “AGS Format”.</p> 
<p><b>A6</b></p>	<p>Click “Settings” to configure the settings.</p> 
<p><b>A7</b></p>	<p>A new “Settings” window will appear.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tick the box for “Calculate Preconsolidation Pressure?” if you wish to calculate <math>p_c'</math>. Else, leave it unticked and skip ahead to Step <b>A7(v)</b>.</li> <li>Adjust the slider for “Error Tolerance”. If the average percentage error between the <math>p_c'</math> in the AGS MS-Excel files and the calculated <math>p_c'</math> for the same oedometer test exceeds this error threshold, that specific oedometer test will be flagged up. It is recommended to use the default value of 50%.</li> <li>Tick the box for “Superimpose Gradient and Curvature Plots?” if you wish to plot the first derivative, the second derivative and the curvature of the fitted compressibility curve. This allows better understanding of how <math>p_c'</math> is calculated and will prove useful in troubleshooting unexpected results generated by the application.</li> <li>Tick the boxes for the interpretation methods you wish to generate the graph for.</li> <li>Once done, click on “Save Current Settings” to return to the main window.</li> </ol> 
<p><b>A8</b></p>	<p>Click “Check AGS File Format” to check the AGS file format.</p> 

- A9** A list of AGS MS-Excel files with formatting error would be highlighted as such. Amend these AGS MS-Excel files with formatting errors.

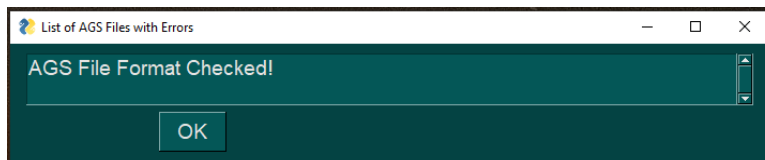


Note: For illustration purposes, the values in the AGS MS-Excel files have been modified to the wrong format to generate the window above.

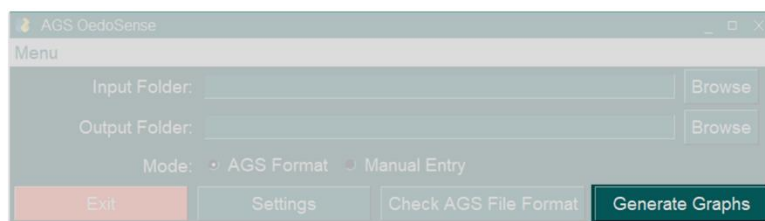
- A10** Click “Check AGS File Format” to re-check the AGS file format.



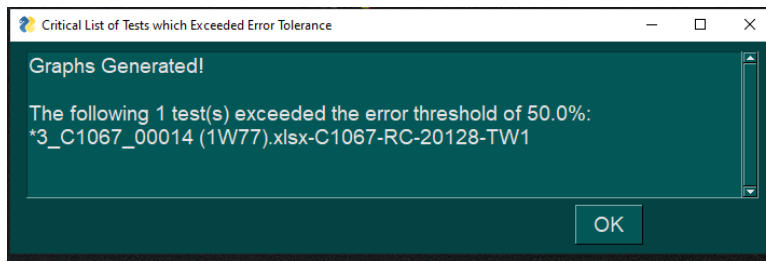
- A11** Only proceed to Step **A12** when there are no further formatting errors highlighted. Else, repeat Step **A8-A10**.



- A12** Click “Generate Graphs” to run the application and generate the results.




















**A13** A list of oedometer tests exceeding the error tolerance set would be highlighted as such.




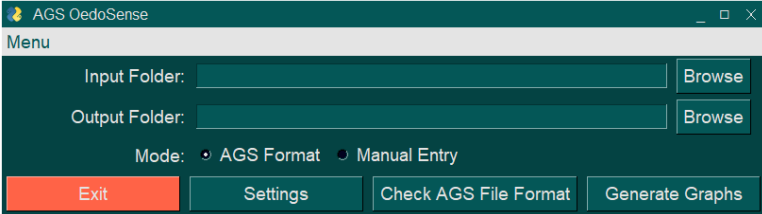
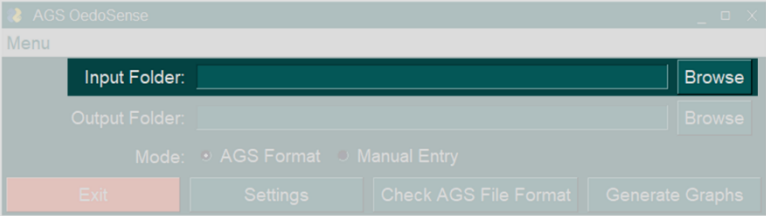
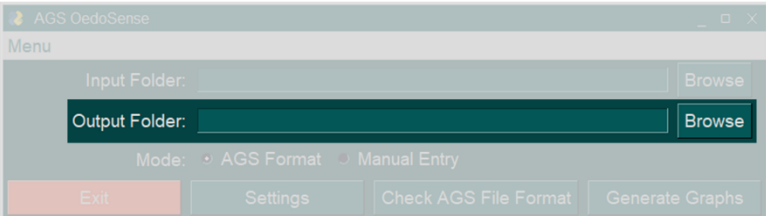
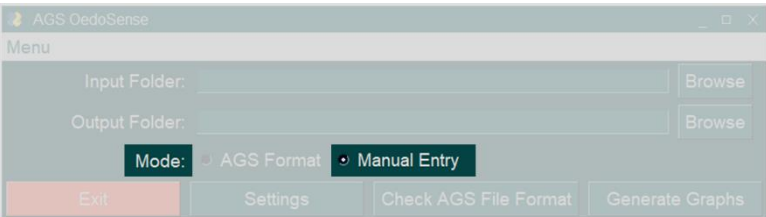
Note: For illustration purposes,  $p_c$  in the AGS MS-Excel files has been updated to an erroneous value to generate the window above.

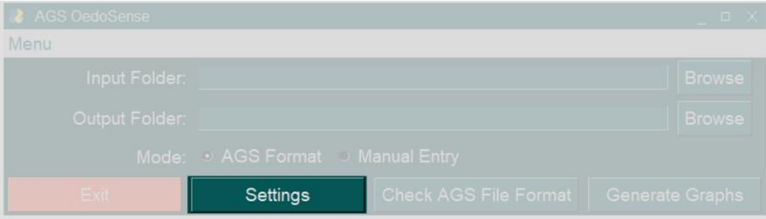
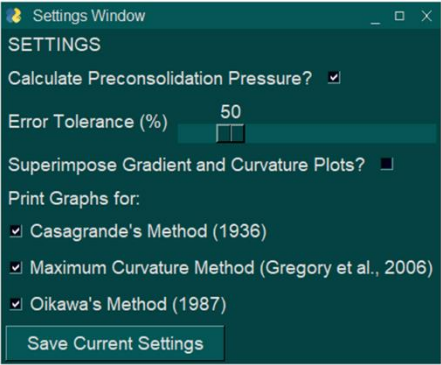
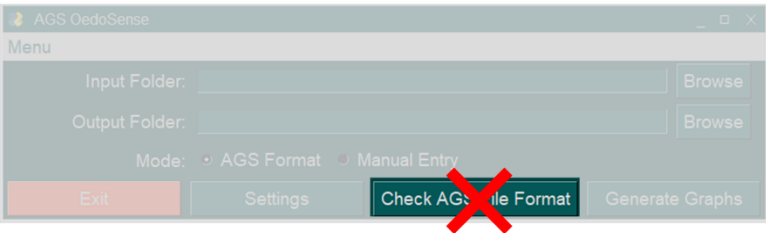

**A14** Navigate to the output folder to access the full results generated. This will include the graphs for each set of oedometer test data, as well as a MS-Excel file that summarises the results.

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**A15** Repeat Step A3-A14 to generate results for another set of AGS MS-Excel files.

**Part B: Check preconsolidation pressure ( $p_c'$ ) for MS-Excel files (with oedometer data manually entered)**

Step	Details
<b>B1</b>	<p>Double-click on the icon to launch the application. You should see a loading screen immediately.</p> 
<b>B2</b>	<p>Once ready, a window will appear as shown below.</p> 
<b>B3</b>	<p>Click “Browse” to select the input folder containing the MS-Excel file (with oedometer data manually entered). Refer to instructions given in <b>Part C</b> to prepare the MS-Excel file in the correct data format. All the MS-Excel files within the folder will be read.</p> 
<b>B4</b>	<p>Click “Browse” to select the output folder to store the results generated by the application.</p> 
<b>B5</b>	<p>Under Mode, select “Manual Entry”.</p> 
<b>B6</b>	<p>Click “Settings” to configure the settings.</p>

	
<b>B7</b>	<p>A new “Settings” window will appear.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tick the box for “Calculate Preconsolidation Pressure?” if you wish to calculate <math>p_c'</math> value. Else, leave it unticked and skip ahead to Step <b>B7(v)</b>.</li> <li>Adjust the slider for “Error Tolerance”. If the average percentage error between the <math>p_c'</math> in the MS-Excel file and the calculated <math>p_c'</math> for the same oedometer test exceeds this error threshold, that specific oedometer test will be flagged up. It is recommended to use the default value of 50%.</li> <li>Tick the box for “Superimpose Gradient and Curvature Plots?” if you wish to plot the first derivative, the second derivative and the curvature of the fitted compressibility curve. This allows better understanding of how <math>p_c'</math> is calculated and will prove useful in troubleshooting unexpected results generated by the application.</li> <li>Tick the boxes for the interpretation methods you wish to generate the graph for.</li> <li>Once done, click on “Save Current Settings” to return to the main window.</li> </ol> 
<b>B8</b>	<p>Do <u>NOT</u> click on “Check AGS File Format”. If the MS-Excel file has been filled up as per the instructions given in <b>Part C</b>, there should be no issues with the data format.</p> 
<b>B9</b>	<p>Click “Generate Graphs” to run the application and generate the results.</p> 
<b>B10</b>	<p>A list of oedometer tests exceeding the error tolerance set would be highlighted as such.</p>



## Part C: Prepare MS-Excel file for manual entry of oedometer test data

Step	Details
C1	Download the MS-Excel file named “Manual_Mode_Template.xlsx” from <a href="#">GitHub</a> . You may rename the MS-Excel file if you wish.
C2	<p>Navigate to the MS-Excel sheet named “main (to be updated)”. Do <u>NOT</u> change this sheetname. Fill up column A to column D with all the oedometer test data of interest – for this, you may refer to the format given in the MS-Excel sheet named “template (for reference)”.</p> 