

CE394M: Critical State and Cam-Clay

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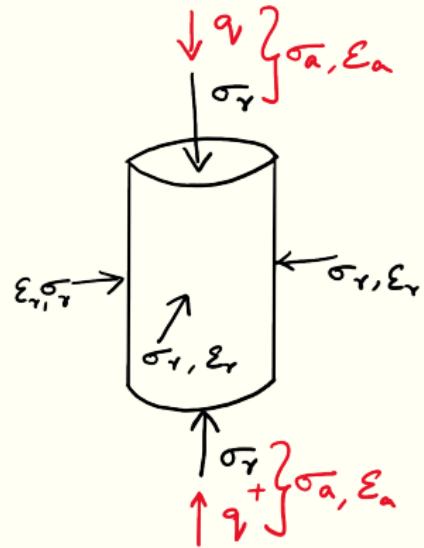
# Critical State Soil Mechanics

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

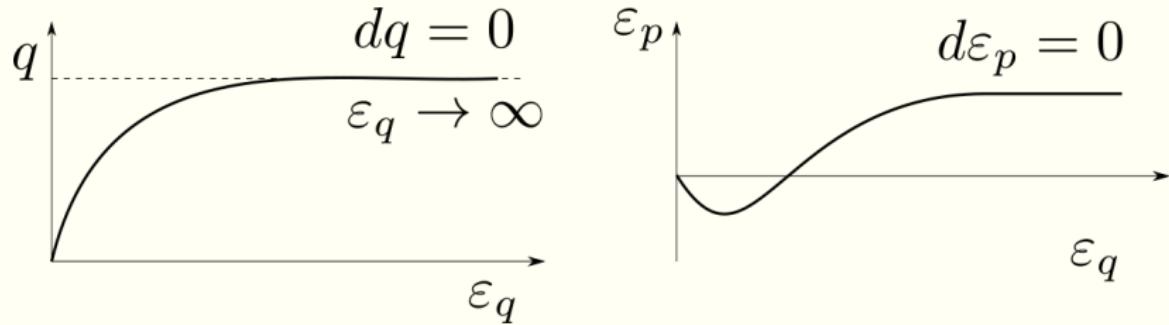
- Mean stress:  $p' = \frac{\sigma'_a + 2\sigma'_r}{3} = p - u$ .
  - Deviatoric stress:  $q = \sigma'_a - \sigma'_r = \sigma_a - \sigma_r$
  - Specific volume:  $v = \frac{V_T}{V_s} = \frac{V_s + V_v}{V_s} = 1 + e$ .



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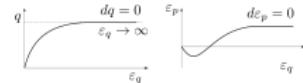
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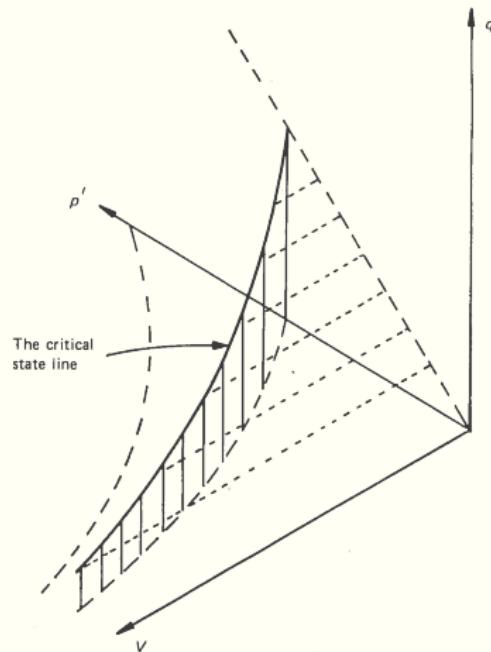


Soil is sheared to a point where stresses are stationary ( $dq = dp' = 0$ ) with no further change in volume ( $d\varepsilon_v = 0$ ), unlimited shear strains ( $d\varepsilon_s \gg 0$ ) and  $q/p'$  has a fixed value: **critical state**.

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

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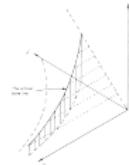
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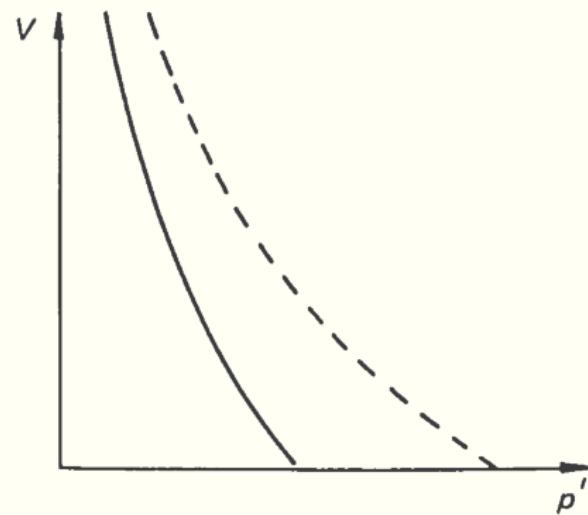
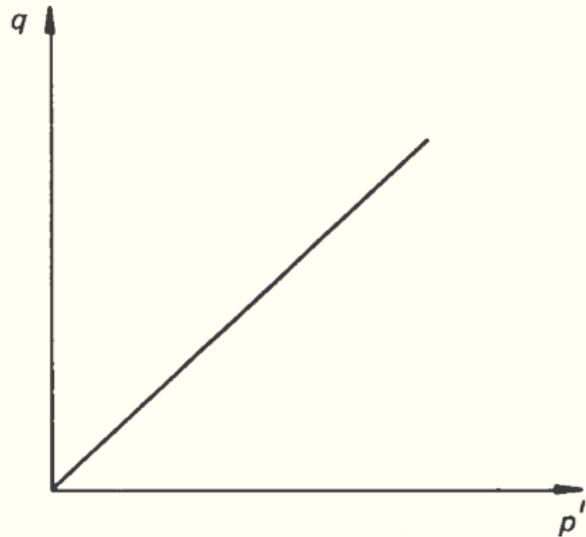
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Critical state curve connecting critical state points:

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

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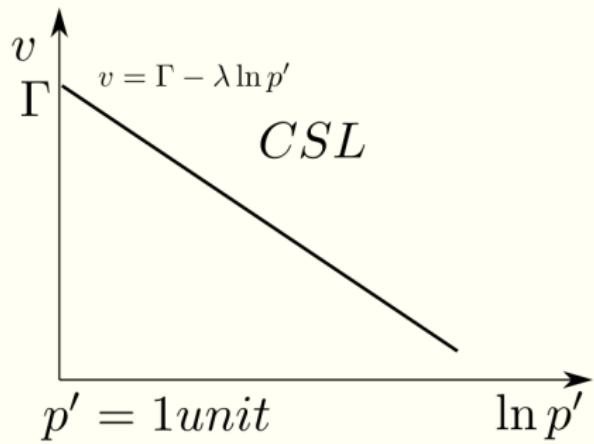
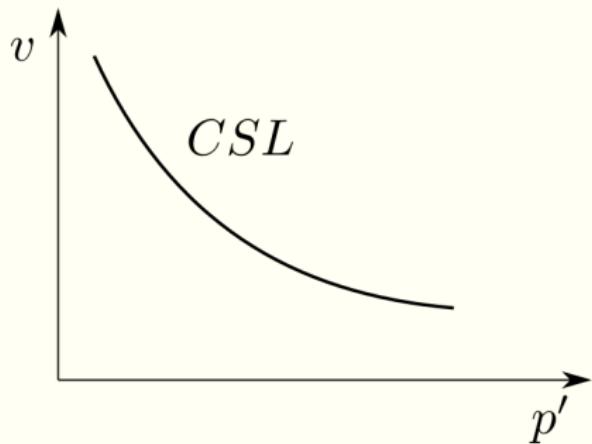
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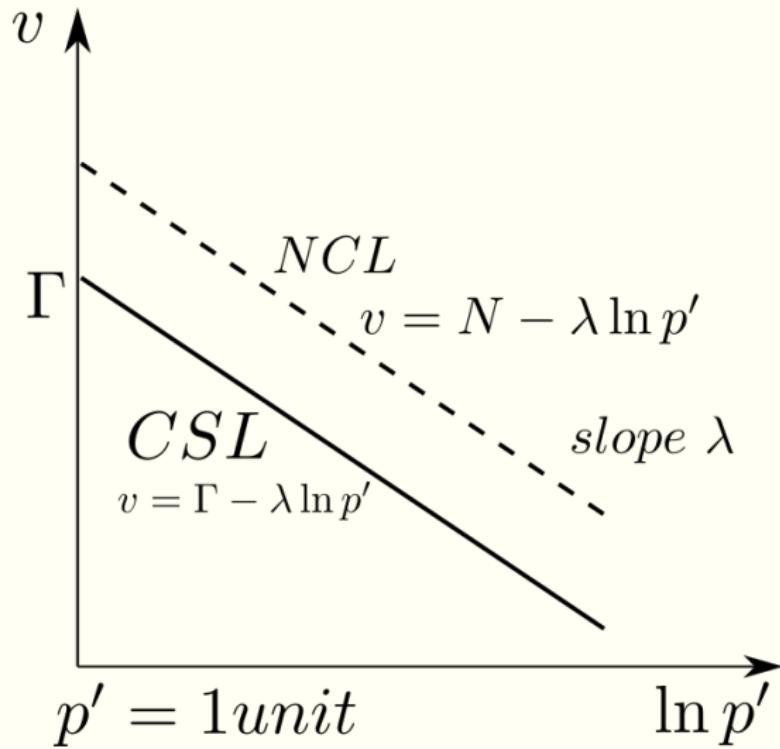
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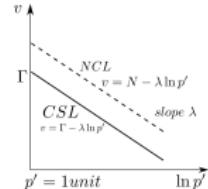
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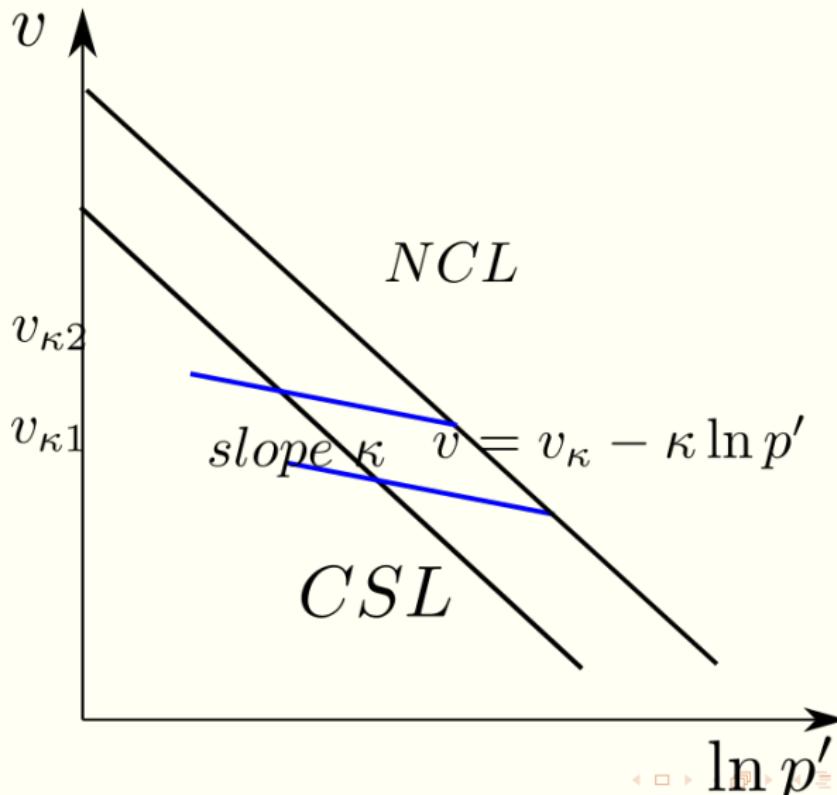




Isotropic virgin compression line (VCL)  $\eta = 0$ . NCL is parallel to CSL.  
VCL is  $\eta = 0$ , while CSL  $\eta = M$ . Oedometer falls between VCL and CSL  
at a constant  $\eta$ :  $0 < \eta < M$ .

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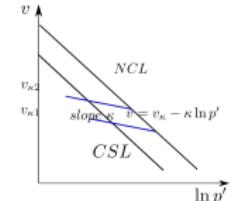


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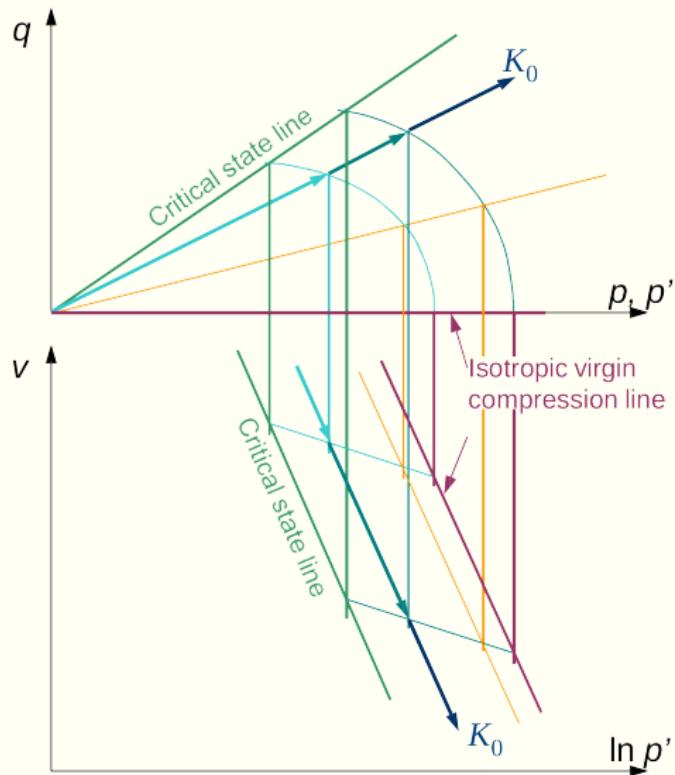
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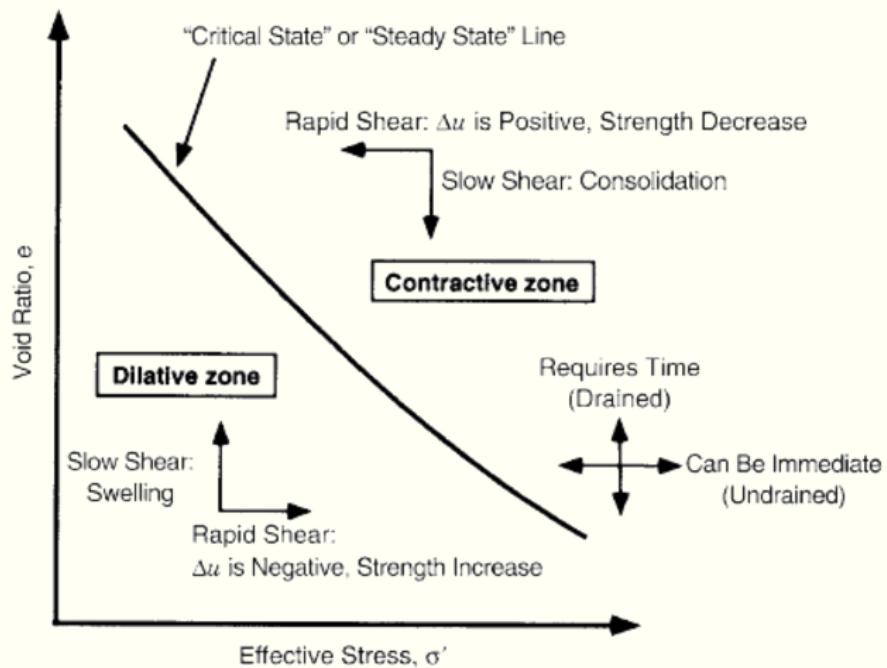
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$v_{\kappa}$  depends on which  $\kappa$  line you are on.  $\kappa \neq c_r$  and  $\lambda \neq C_c$

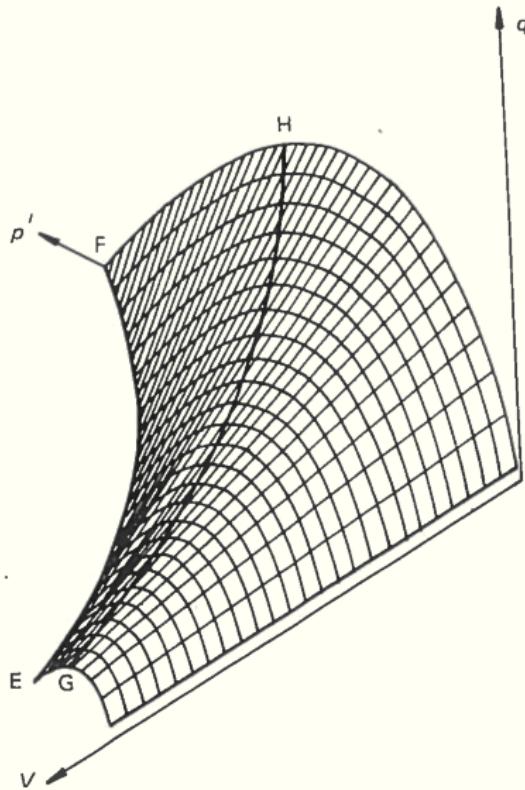
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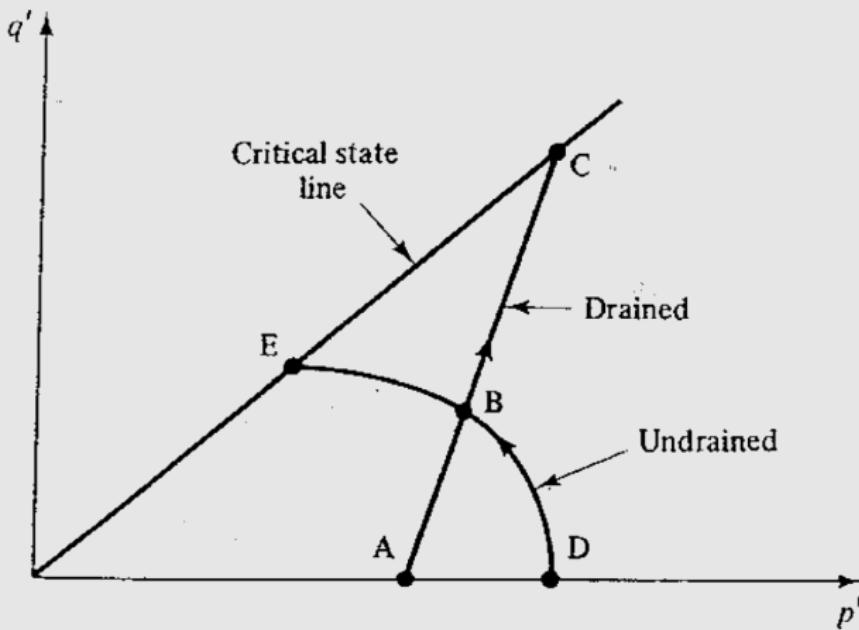
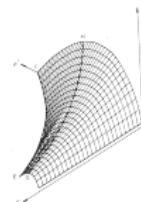
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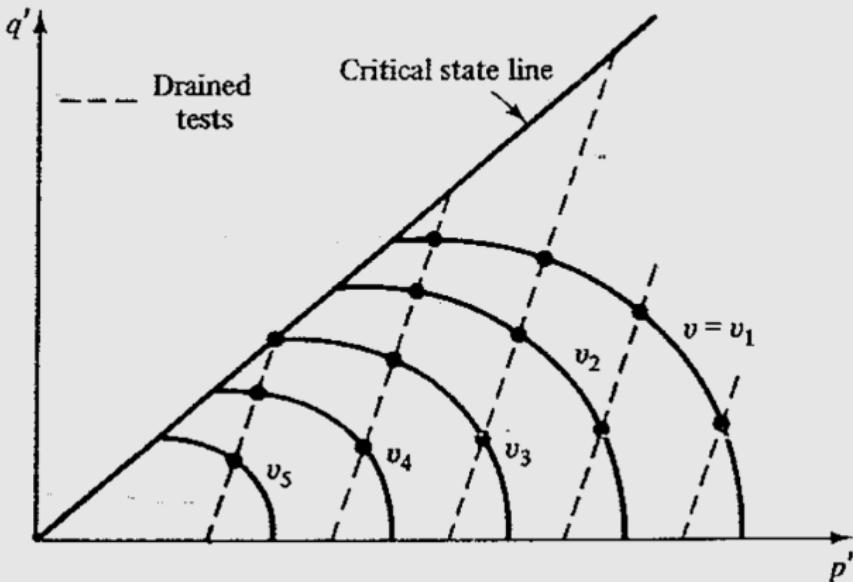
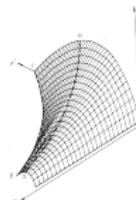


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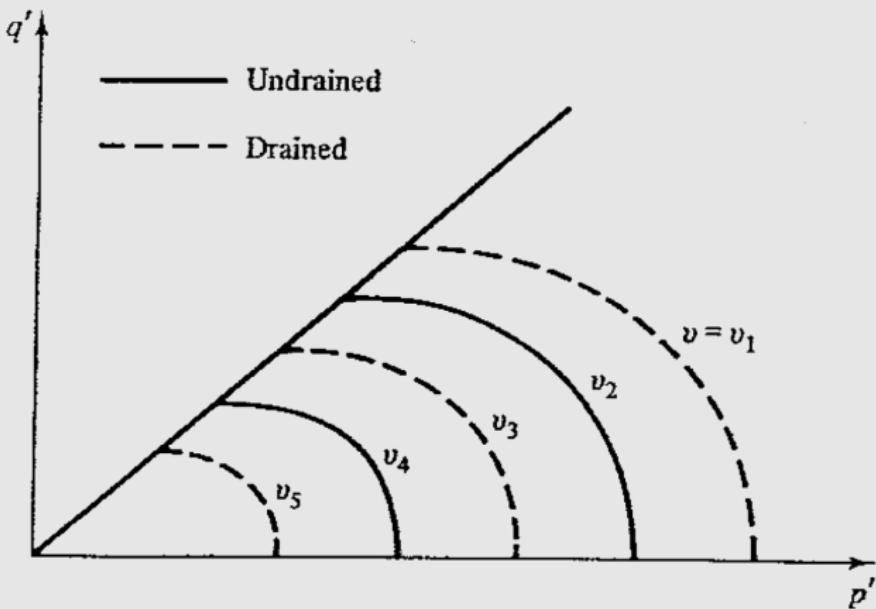
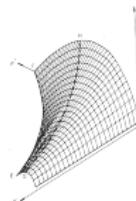


Drained and undrained paths in  $q' - p'$

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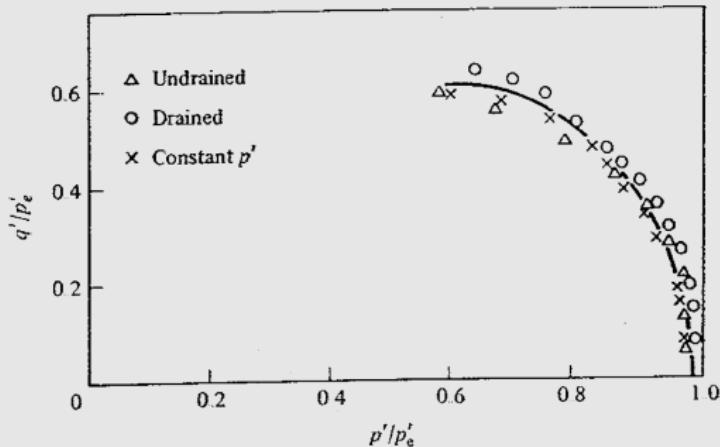
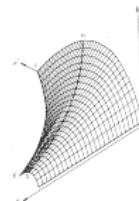
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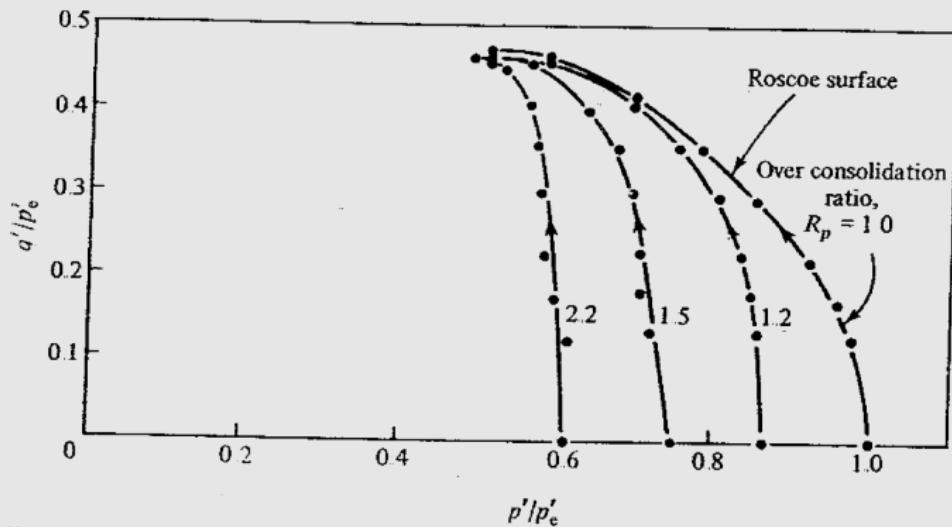
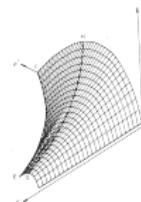


Test paths in  $q/p'_e$  and  $p'/p'_e$  for a drained, undrained and a test at a constant  $p'$  on NC Kaolin clay (Balasubramanian., 1969).

$p'_e$  is the mean normal effective stress on the NCL at that specific volume.

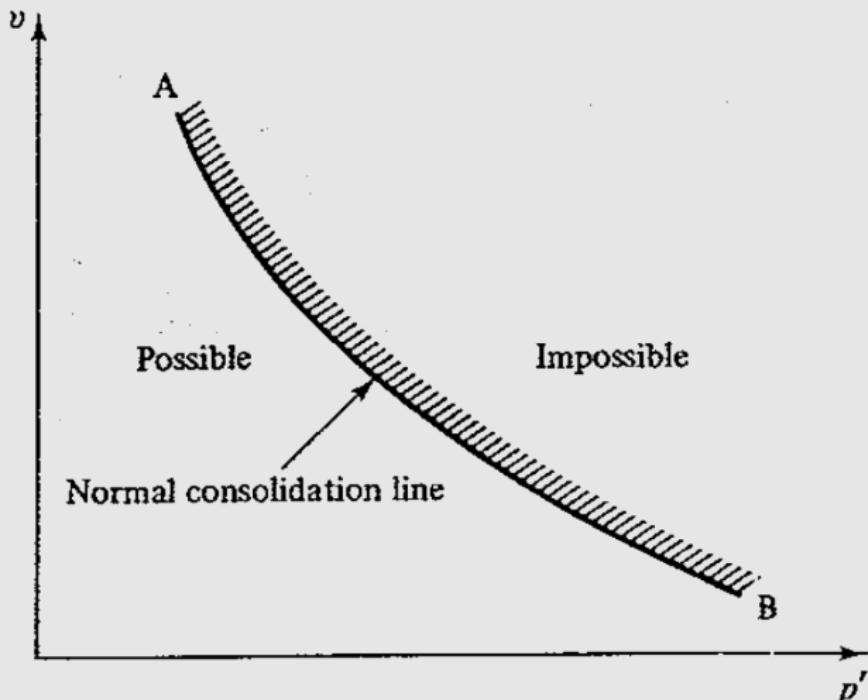
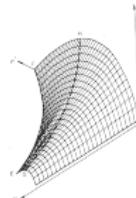
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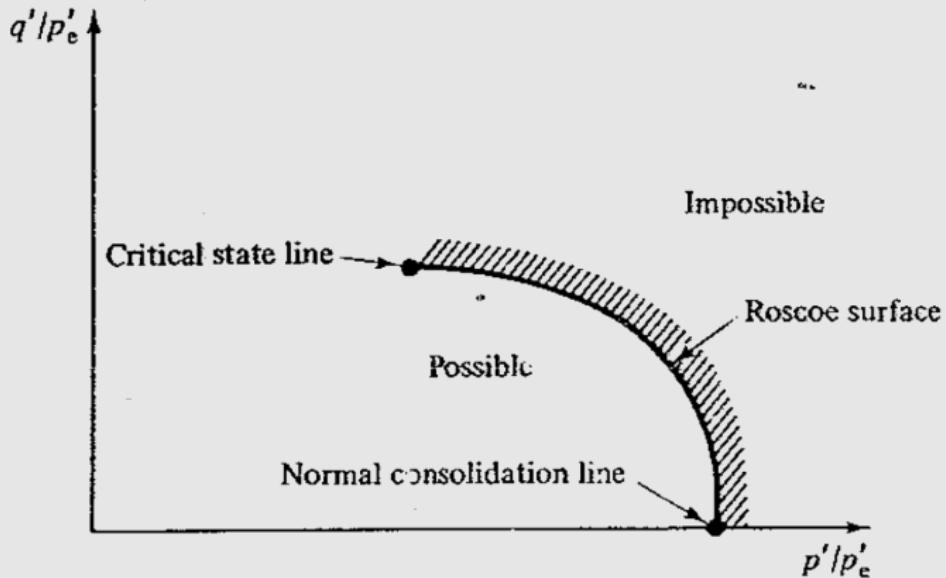
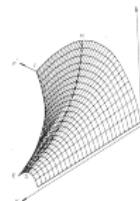
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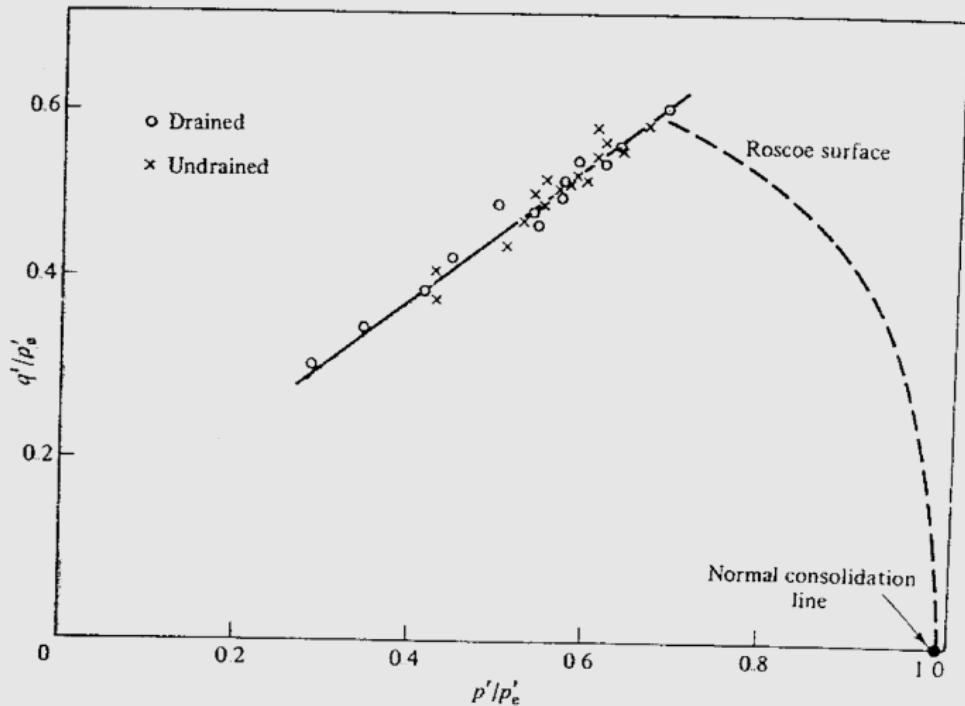
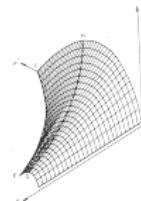




The Roscoe - Rendulic (1936) surface as a state boundary surface.

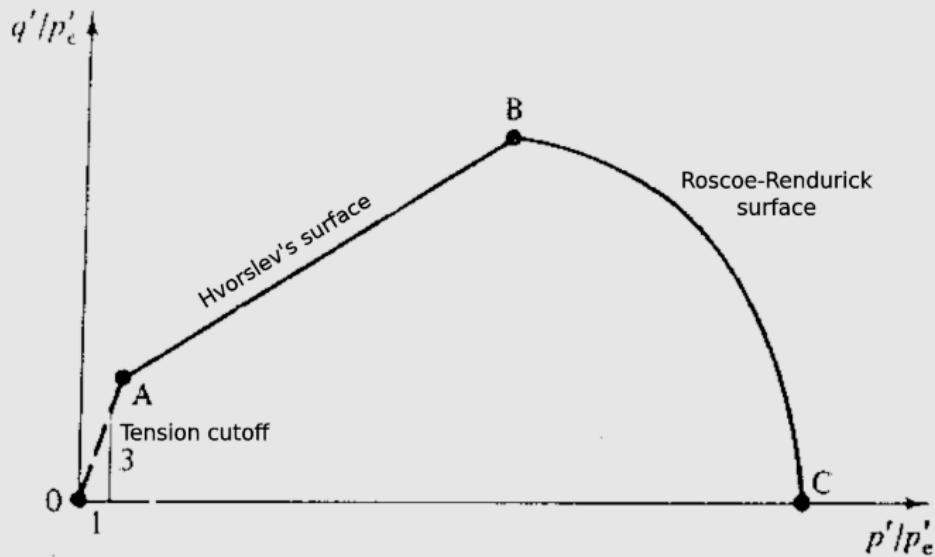
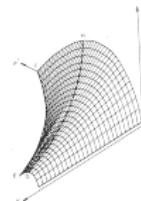
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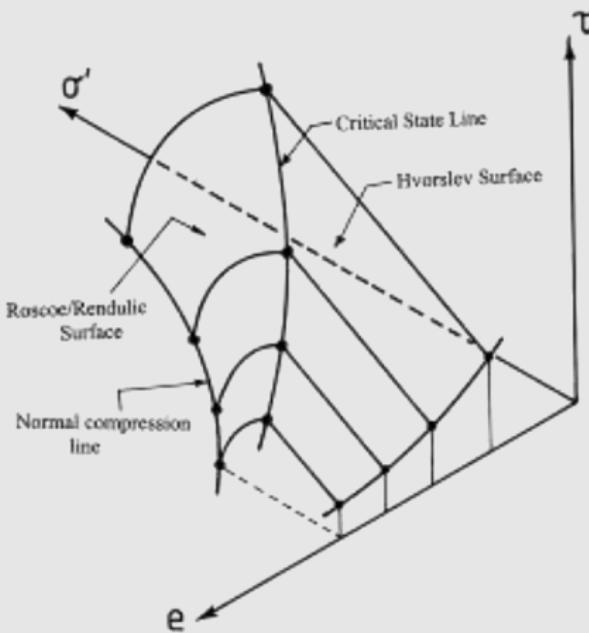
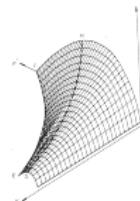
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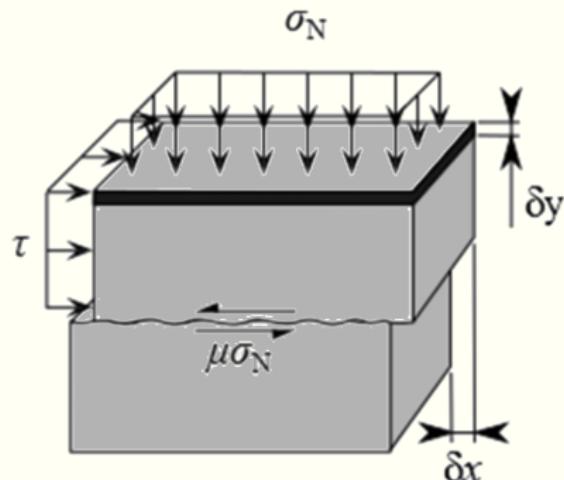


The complete state boundary surface  $q - p' - v$  space

# Summary of critical state behavior

- Can only traverse NCL in one direction
- Can traverse RCL ( $\kappa$ -line) in both directions
- To move from one  $\kappa$ -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.

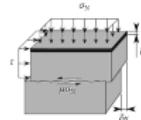
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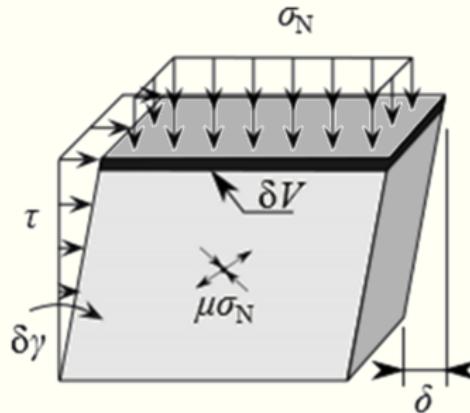
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Taylor (1948) proposed a stress-dilatancy theory based on the work balance equation: The external work corresponds to the product of the measured displacements and forces (assuming that the elastic deformation is negligible). The internal work corresponds to the frictional force.

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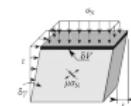


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This dissipation function can be regarded simply as generalisation of Taylor's equation. It should be noted that both Taylor's equation and Cam-Clay dissipation function equation assume that when there is some combination of volume change ( $dy$  or  $\partial\varepsilon_v$ ) 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

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

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Where  $\eta = q/p'$  is defined as the stress-ratio. This equation is known as the dilatancy expression and expresses the ratio in plastic volumetric and deviatoric components.

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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  $\eta = M$ .

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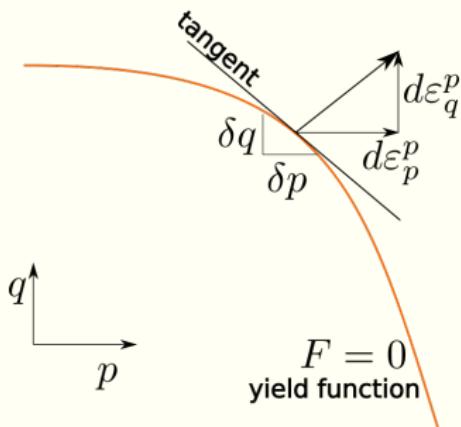
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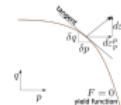
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Which gives:

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

We know from flow rule and orthogonality:  $dq = dp(-M + \eta)$

Equating the above 2 equations:

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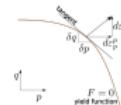
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To find the constants, for  $\eta = 0$ , we get  $p = p_c$ :

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

Which gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= M \ln p_c - M \ln p \\ q/p &= M \ln (p_c/p) \end{aligned}$$

Yield function:

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

# Cam-Clay (OCC): Elastic properties

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

Elastic bulk modulus:  $K = \frac{dp'}{d\varepsilon_v}$ .

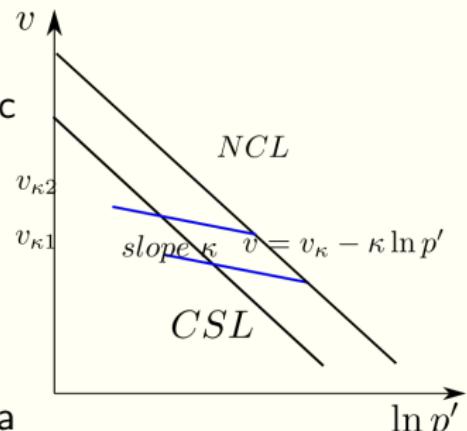
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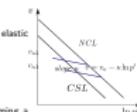
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$$K = \frac{dp}{dv_v} = \frac{v_0 p'}{\kappa} = \frac{(1+e_0)p'}{\kappa}$$

*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 formulation 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:

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

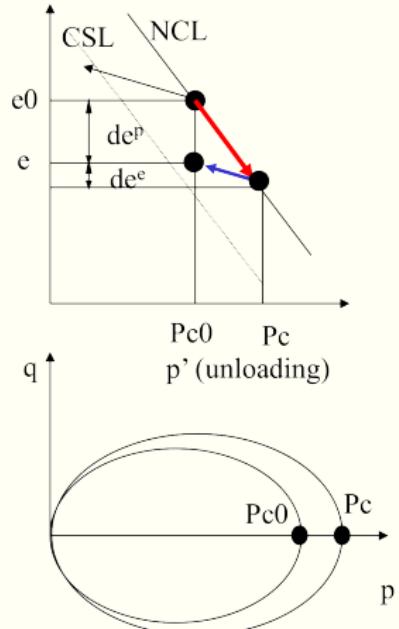
# Cam-Clay (OCC): Hardening law

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

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

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

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



## Cam-Clay (OCC): Hardening law

We have seen that the hardening law:

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

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

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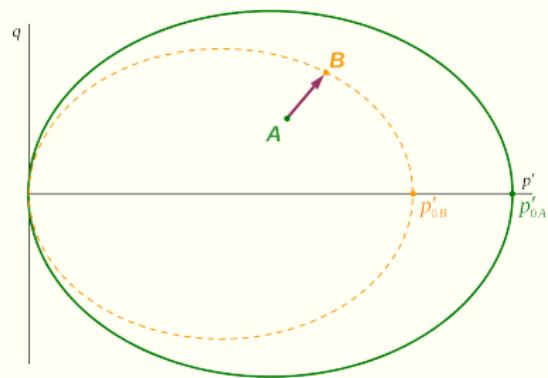
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial p'_c} = -Mp'/p'_c$$

$$\frac{\partial p'_c}{\partial \varepsilon^p} = \frac{\nu}{(\lambda - \kappa)} p'_c$$

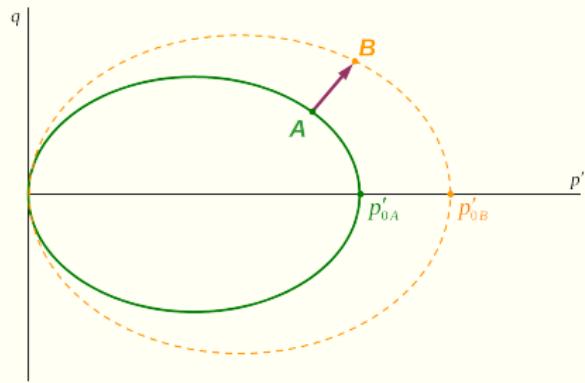
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} = P_p = Q_p = M - \eta$$

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

# Deformations under an applied stress path

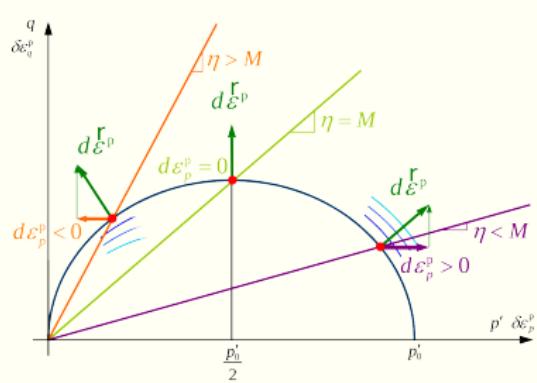


$P'_{0B} > P'_{0A}$  Elastic



$P'_{0B} < P'_{0A}$  Elasto-plastic

# Hardening law



$$d\epsilon_p^p = \frac{\lambda - K}{vp'_0} dp'_0$$

- $\eta < M \rightarrow d\epsilon_p^p > 0 \quad dp' > 0$   
Yield surface "expands"
- $\eta > M \rightarrow d\epsilon_p^p < 0 \quad dp' < 0$   
Yield surface "contracts"
- $\eta = M \rightarrow d\epsilon_p^p = 0 \quad dp' = 0$   
Yield surface "constant"

# 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

$$d\varepsilon_v = d\varepsilon_a + 2d\varepsilon_r = 0 \text{ (constant volume)}$$

$$d\varepsilon_s = (2/3)(d\varepsilon_a - d\varepsilon_r) = (2/3)(d\varepsilon_a - (-0.5d\varepsilon_a)) = d\varepsilon_a$$

- 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  $dp'$ .

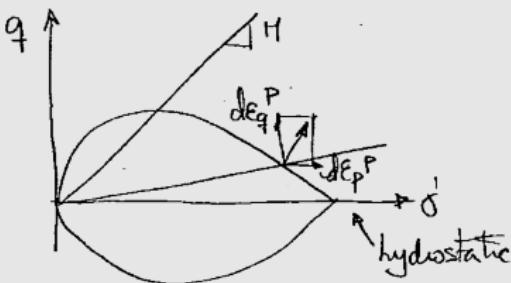
- ⑤ Update the stress and strain. The difference between the total mean pressure  $p$  and the effective mean pressure will give the pore pressure.
- ⑥ If plastic deformation, update  $p_c$  to satisfy Cam-Clay yield surface.
- ⑦ Go back to step 1

# Limitations of original Cam-Clay

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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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Derived from work considerations (Burland 1965, Roscoe and Burland 1968):

$$dW_{int}^P = p \sqrt{(d\varepsilon_v^P)^2 + (Md\varepsilon_s^P)^2}$$

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Squaring and re-arranging the terms:

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_v^P}{d\varepsilon_s^P} = \frac{M^2 - \eta^2}{2\eta} = -\frac{dq}{dp'}$$

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$$F(q, p) = q^2 - M^2 p^2 \left( \frac{\rho_0}{p} - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_v^P}{d\varepsilon_s^P} = \frac{M^2 - \eta^2}{2\eta}$$

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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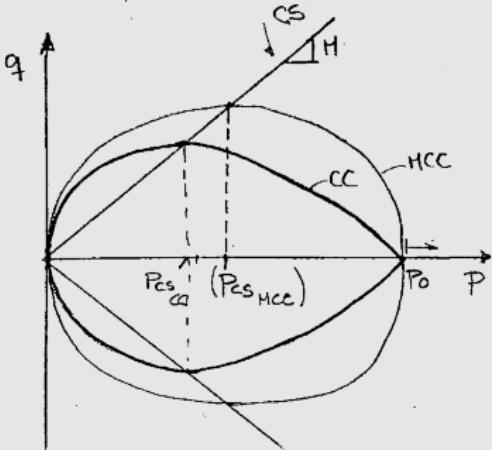
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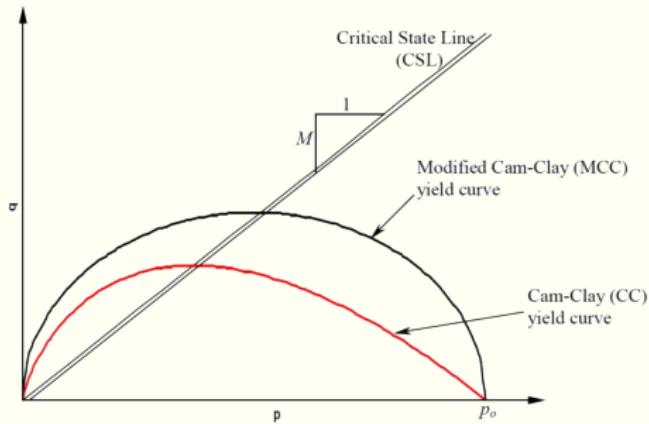


For the MCC we can find the value of  $p_{cs}$  the stress corresponding to the critical stress at CS:  $q_{cs} = Mp'_{cs}$  and should be on the yield surface:

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

# 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 $\Gamma$	$N = \Gamma + \lambda - \kappa$	$N = \Gamma + (\lambda - \kappa) \ln 2$



# 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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial p'} = 2p - p_c$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial q} = 2q/M^2$$

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

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

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

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

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

(C) Assemble [6x6] matrix

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

$$[6x1] = \left[ [6x6] - \frac{[6x6][6x1][1x6][6x6]}{[1x1][1x1][1x1] + [1x6][6x6][6x1]} \right] [6x1]$$

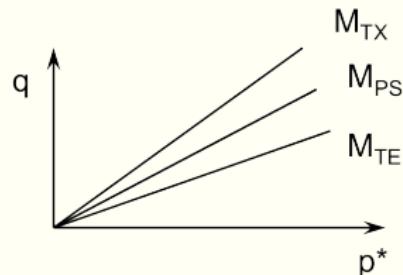
# Cam-Clay material properties determination: I

## Test required

- ① Slow drained or undrained test with pore pressure measurement at different preconsolidation pressure. Test must be taken to very large strains to reach to the critical state.
- ② Isotropic consolidation test or incremental loading consolidation test.

**Slope of failure line:  $M$  If  $\phi_{cs}$  is assumed to be constant, then  $M$  is not constant.**

- In TXC:  $M_{TXC} = \frac{6 \sin \phi_{cs}}{3 - \sin \phi_{cs}}$
- In TXE:  $M_{TXE} = \frac{6 \sin \phi_{cs}}{3 + \sin \phi_{cs}}$
- In PS:  $M_{PS} = 2 \sin \phi_{cs}$   
(assuming  $\sigma_2 \approx \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$ )



# Cam-Clay material properties determination: II

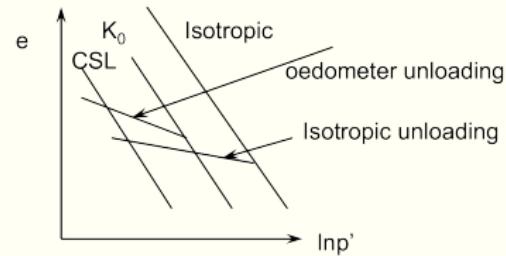
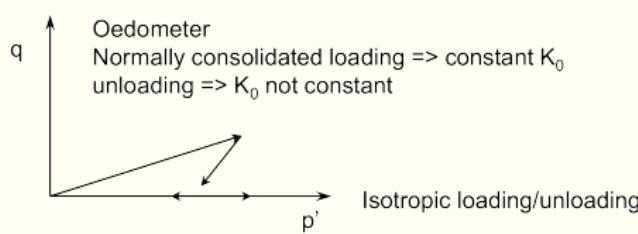
## $\lambda$ and $\kappa$ : Compression index and swelling index

- ① Use isotropic consolidation. Plot in  $v - \ln p'$  plane. Measure  $\lambda$  &  $\kappa$ .
- ② From oedometer test, plot void ratio  $e$  vs  $\log \sigma'_v$ :

$$\lambda = 0.4343 C_c$$

$$\kappa = 0.4343(1.4C_{r/s}) = 0.63C_{r/s} = (0.2 \ 0.33)\lambda$$

- ① swelling and recompression lines are highly nonlinear in  $e - \ln p'$  space.
- ②  $\kappa$  is usually not less than  $0.1\lambda$  or greater than  $0.5\lambda$ .
- ③  $\kappa$  is about 0.03 to 0.06 for many medium plasticity clays.
- ④ modify  $\kappa$  to try to fit data.  $\lambda$  is usually easier to accurately calculate.

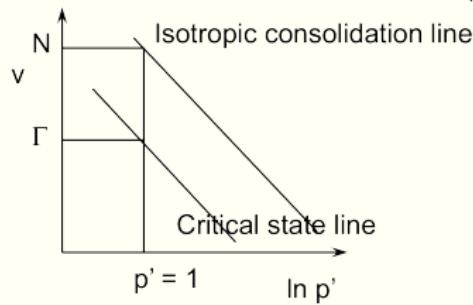


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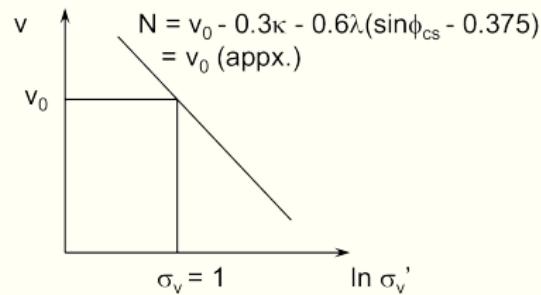
$\Gamma$  or  $N$

- ① Critical state line:  $v = \Gamma - \lambda \ln p'$
- ② Isotropic normally consolidated line:  $v = N - \lambda \ln p'$
- ③ Original Cam-Clay:  $N = \Gamma + (\lambda - \kappa)$
- ④ Modified Cam-Clay:  $N = \Gamma + (\lambda - \kappa) \ln 2$

(a) From isotropic consolidation test,



(b) From oedometer test,



# Cam-Clay material properties determination: IV

## Elastic properties: $G$ or $\nu$

- ① Elastic bulk modulus  $K_e = dp'/d\varepsilon_v = vp^P rime/\kappa$
- ② Choosing Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  constant gives  $G_e$  which varies as  $K_e$ .
- ③ Typically  $\nu = 0.2 - 0.4$ .

## Preconsolidation pressure $p_c$

- ① Estimate OCR
- ②  $\sigma_{v,max} = OCR\sigma_{v,current}$
- ③  $\sigma_{h,max} = K_{0,nc}\sigma_{v,max}$
- ④  $q_{max} = \sigma_{v,max} - \sigma_{h,max}, p_{max} = (1/3)(\sigma_{v,max} + 2\sigma_{h,max})$
- ⑤ Define  $p_c$ :
  - Cam-Clay:  $q_{max} = Mp_{max} \ln(p_c/p_{max})$
  - MCC:  $q_{max}^2 = M^2 p_{max}(p_c - p_{max})$

**Cam-clay parameters : Correlation** For clayey soils, attempts have been made to obtain the cam-clay parameters from index tests, especially plasticity index. It should be remembered that most of the soils tested for correlation were remoulded and direct application to natural clays requires caution. The users should be fully aware that limitations exist and these correlations should be regarded as a first approximation.

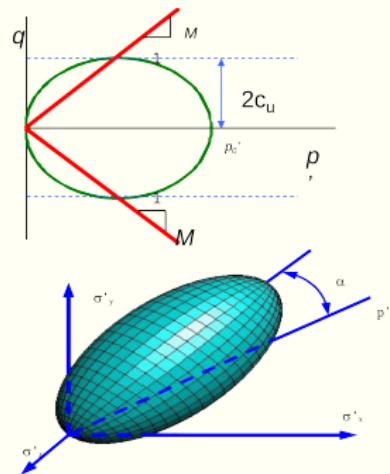
- Atkinson (1993)  $\lambda = PIG_s/460$     $\Gamma = 1.25 + \lambda \ln 10,000$
- Nakase, Kamei and Kusakabe (1988)- study based on Japanese clays:  
 $\lambda = 0.02 + 0.0045PI$        $\kappa = 0.00084(PI - 4.6)$        $N = 1.52 + 0.19PI$
- Nakase et al. (1988) and Frydman (1990) observed that  $M$  was independent of PI. Atkinson (1993) finds that  $M$  tends to increase with decreasing  $PI$ .

# Drawbacks of MCC: Computational problems

- In undrained triaxial test on a heavily overconsolidated soil, after the stress point reaches the yield surface (above  $M$  line), due to the negative direction of volumetric plastic strain vector, the yield surface contracts.
- This phenomenon is referred to as **strain softening**.
- Even though the constitutive model is perfectly able to model this aspect of mechanical behaviour, strain softening may lead to problems in a finite element analysis: e.g. mesh dependency and problems with convergence.
- That can be overcome with good coding & algorithms, but many leading codes still struggle and diverge or give erroneous results!

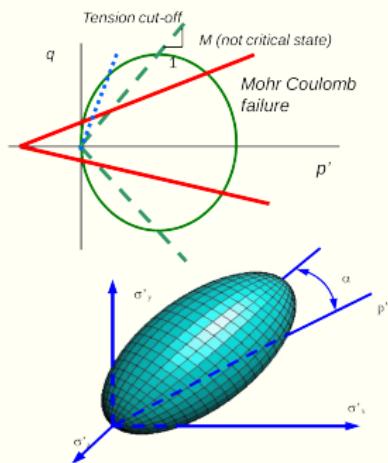
# Drawbacks of MCC: Strength prediction in undrained conditions

- MCC model assumes Drucker-Prager failure condition, which overestimates undrained strength in triaxial extension.
- Better predictions if Mohr Coulomb failure or Lode angle dependency is introduced
- Real soils are anisotropic and both the shape and size of the yield surface would need to change (see e.g., Wheeler et al. 2003, Can Geotech J for S-Clay1 model)



# Drawbacks of MCC: $K_0$ prediction

- Given MCC assumes an associated flow rule, the model predicts unrealistically high  $K_0$  values in normally consolidated range
- This has been fixed e.g. in the Soft Soil model by de-coupling the volumetric yield surface (cap) from the failure line
- Consequently, in the Soft Soil model, M has become a “shape” coefficient and no longer corresponds to the critical state line
- Alternatively, the anisotropic S-CLAY1 model also gives good  $K_0$  prediction
- Non-associated flow rule is also an option which will help with that issue



# Advantages and Limitations of Cam-Clay models

## Advantages:

- Unified framework of elastic - plastic behaviour, deals with volumetric & shearing strains, drained & undrained, prefailure and failure,
- Uses a small number of parameters ( $M, \lambda, \kappa, \Gamma, \nu$ )
- fairly well established,
- Qualitative prediction of soil behaviour - replicates many behaviour not possible to replicate in e.g. Mohr-Coulomb model.

## Limitations:

- ① Largely elastic for heavily OC clays (and dense sands).
- ② Soils do not always reach the critical state or necessarily stay there, such as by breakdown in fabric strain softening.
- ③ No anisotropy.
- ④ Stress reversals within elastic domain are purely elastic after initial yielding.
- ⑤ No creep.
- ⑥ Model predicts conservative  $K_0$  value.