

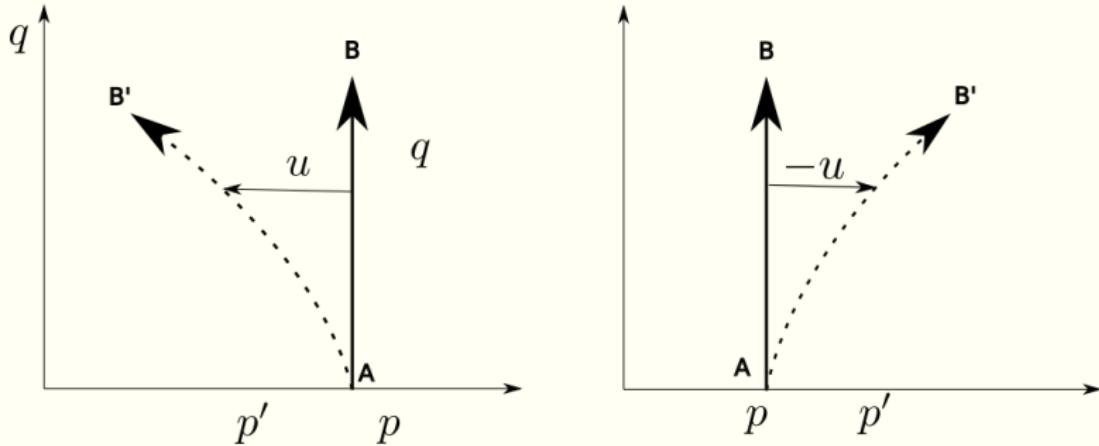
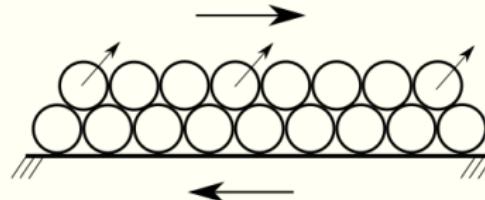
# CE394M: Friction

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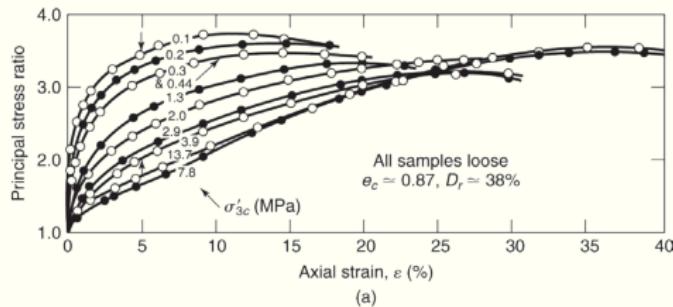
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## Triaxial compression undrained: loose v dense

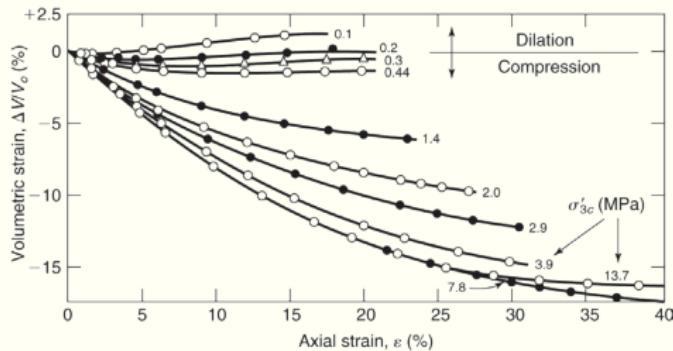


Total and effective stress paths for undrained triaxial test: (a) on soil that wishes to contract as it is sheared, and (b) on soil that wishes to expand as it is sheared.

# Triaxial compression drained: loose

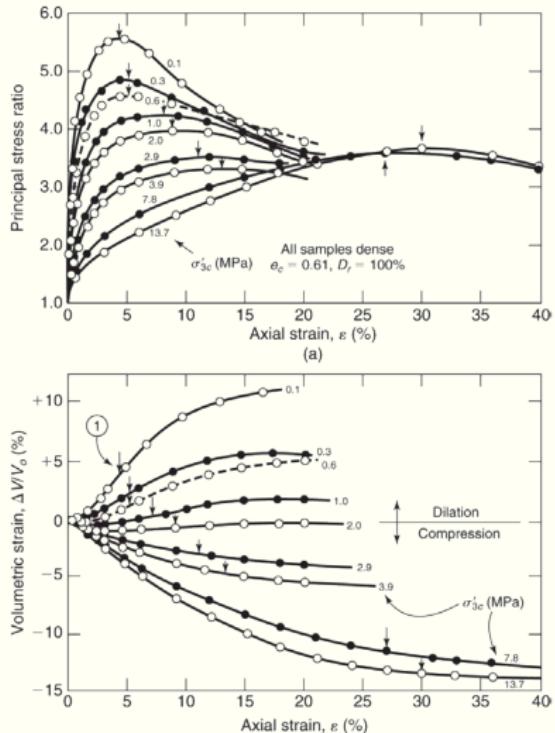


(a)



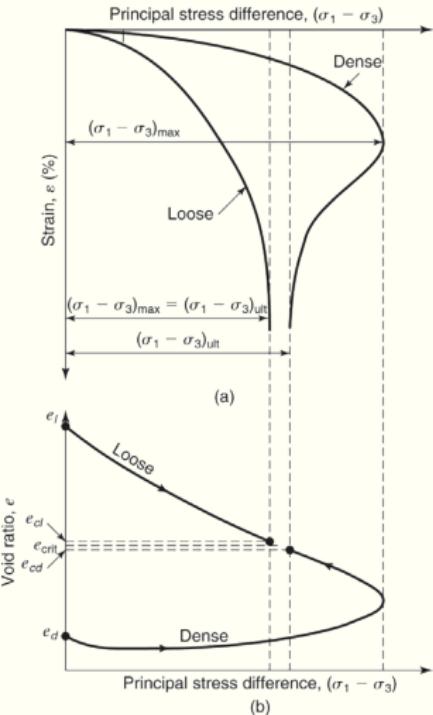
Loose Sacramento River sand: (a) principal stress ratio versus axial strain; (b) volumetric strain versus axial strain (Lee, 1965).

# Triaxial compression drained: dense



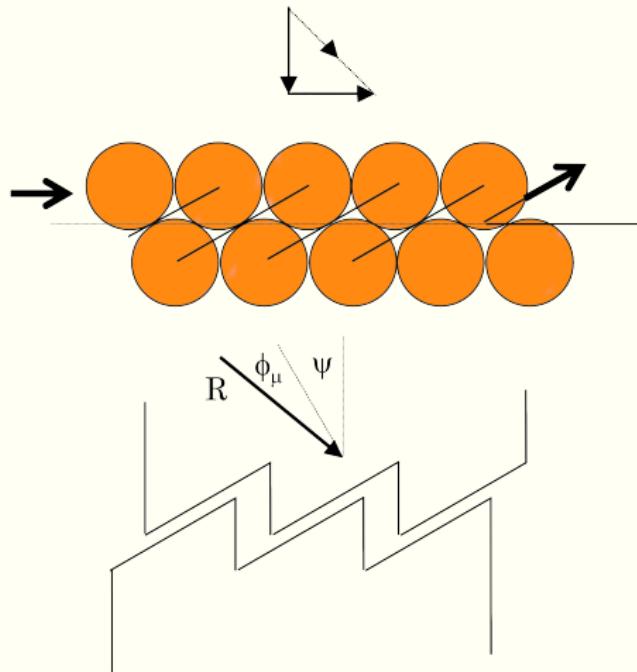
Dense Sacramento River sand: (a) principal stress ratio versus axial strain; (b) volumetric strain versus axial strain (Lee, 1965).

# Triaxial compression drained: loose v dense



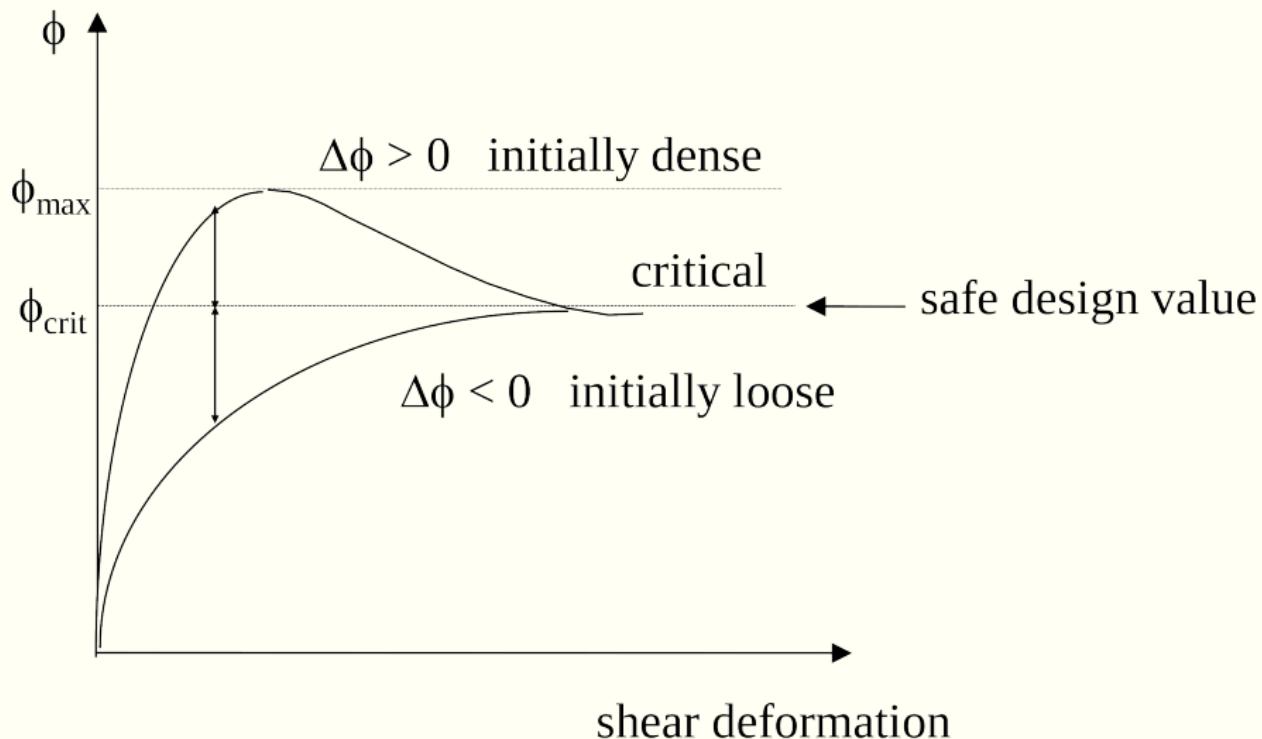
Triaxial tests on “loose” and “dense” specimens of a typical sand: (a) stress-strain curves; (b) void ratio changes during shear (Hirschfeld, 1963).

# Friction: Is this correct?



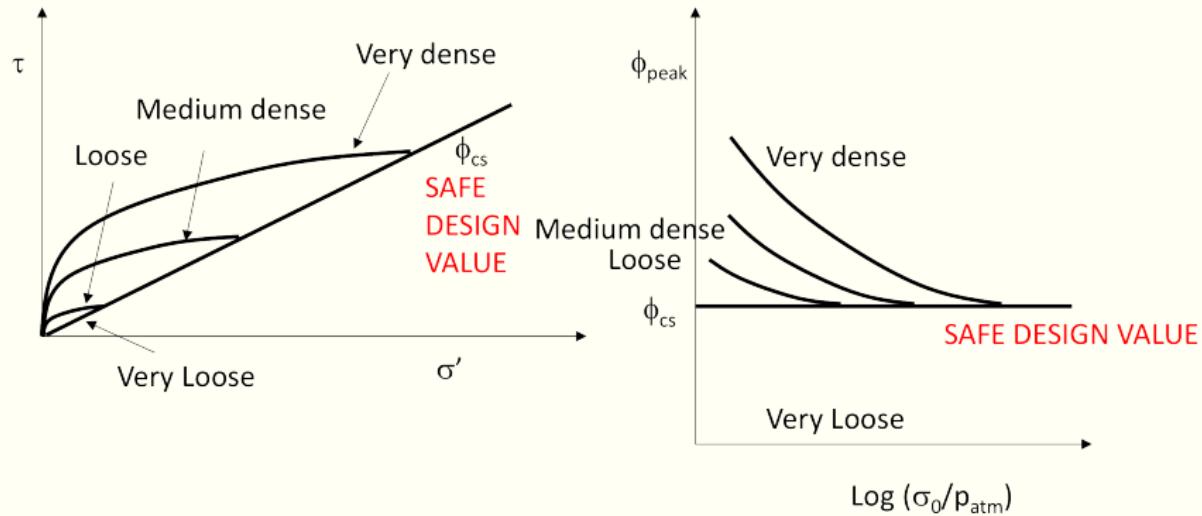
$$\phi_{ss} = \phi_\mu + \psi_{ss}$$

Macroscopically, as soil aggregates...



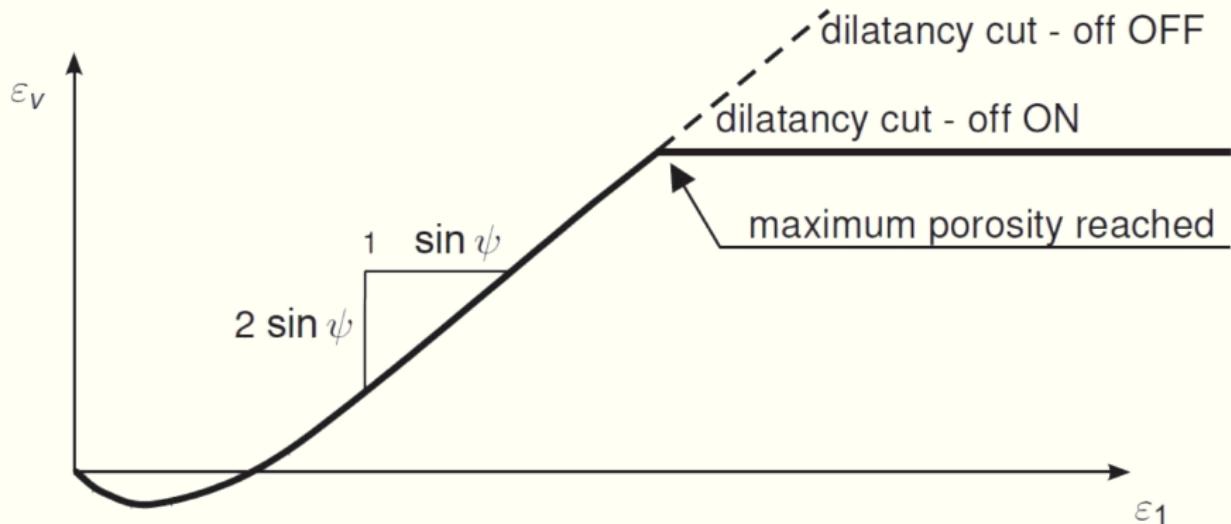
$$\phi = \phi_{cs} + \Delta\phi_{dilatancy}$$

# Critical state friction angle and density



$$\phi_{peak} = \phi_{cs} + \Delta\phi \text{ (confining stress, initial void ratio)}$$

## Dilation angle $\psi$



- ① Simulate CD or CU test and check the volume change behavior (for CD) and excess pore pressure behavior (for CU)!
- ② For CU, if the computed undrained shear strength is greater than the actual value, use Undrained (B).

# Friction angle (Bolton., 1986)

## Friction angle

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{peak} - \phi_{cs} &= 3I_R \quad \text{for triaxial compression} \\ &= 5I_R \quad \text{for plane strain}\end{aligned}$$

## Relative density index

$$I_R = I_D \cdot I_c - 1$$

$$\text{Relative crushability } I_c = \ln \left( \frac{\sigma_c}{p'} \right)$$

$$\sigma_c \text{ for quartz} = 20 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\text{Relative density } I_D = \frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$$

## Dilation angle

$$\psi \approx 1.25(\phi_{peak} - \phi_{cs})$$

$$\psi = 0 \text{ when } \phi_{peak} = \phi_{cs}$$

# Macroscopic friction angle

- $\phi_{crit}$  is the angle of friction measured at constant volume of a soil aggregate, and  $\Delta\phi$  dilatancy is the extra dilatant contribution to friction angle  $\phi$ . Typical values are:
- Critical state friction  $\phi_{crit}$ :
  - clay:  $22^\circ$
  - uniform rounded sand:  $32^\circ$
  - well-graded angular sandy gravel:  $38^\circ$
- peak strength of pre-compressed or uncrushable grains, densely compacted, and: shearing in plane strain  $\Delta\phi$ :
  - shearing in plane strain:  $\Delta\phi_{max} = 20^\circ$
  - shearing in axial symmetry:  $\Delta\phi_{max} = 12^\circ$

# Discrete Element Method

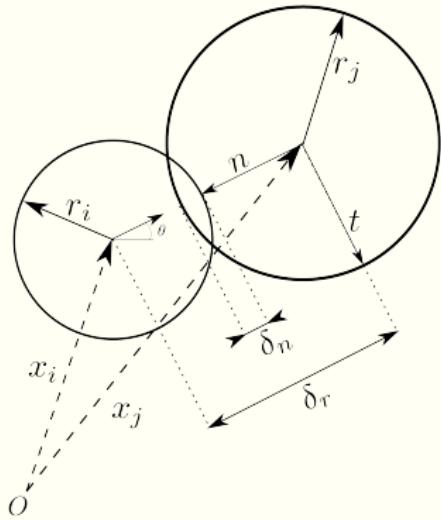
- ① Particle level interaction based on Newton's equation of motion
- ② The contact normal force is computed as:

$$F_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \delta_n > 0 \\ -k_n \delta_n - \gamma_n \frac{d\delta_n}{dt}, & \delta_n < 0 \end{cases}$$

- ③ The contact tangential force is computed in a similar way, but has a frictional limit.

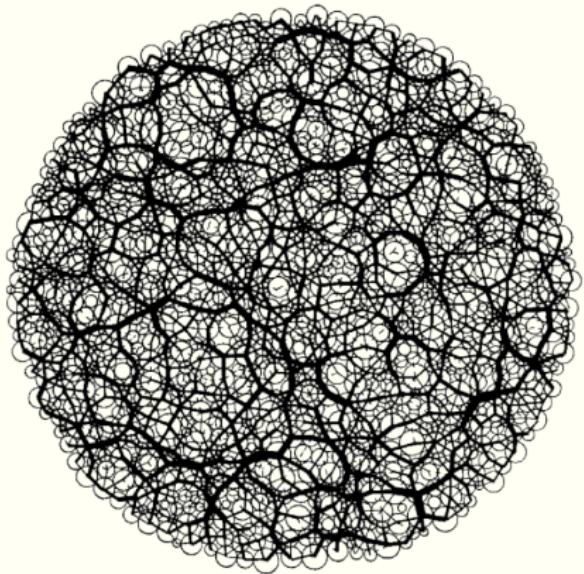
$$F_t \leq \mu F_n$$

- ④ Solve Newton's second law and the angular momentum equation (including rotational resistance).

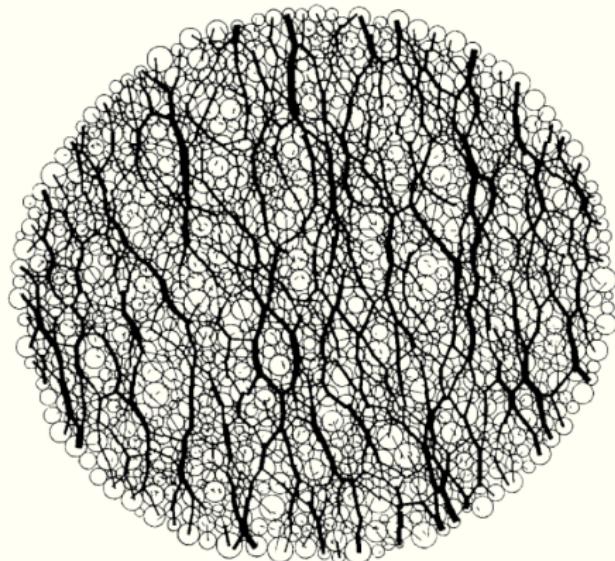


# Strong force network vs weak clusters

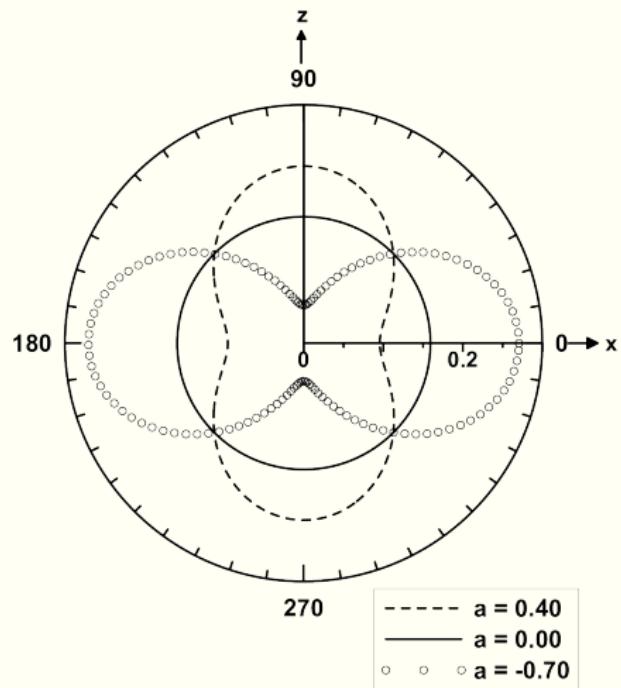
Isotropic Loading



Biaxial Loading



# Fabric anisotropy

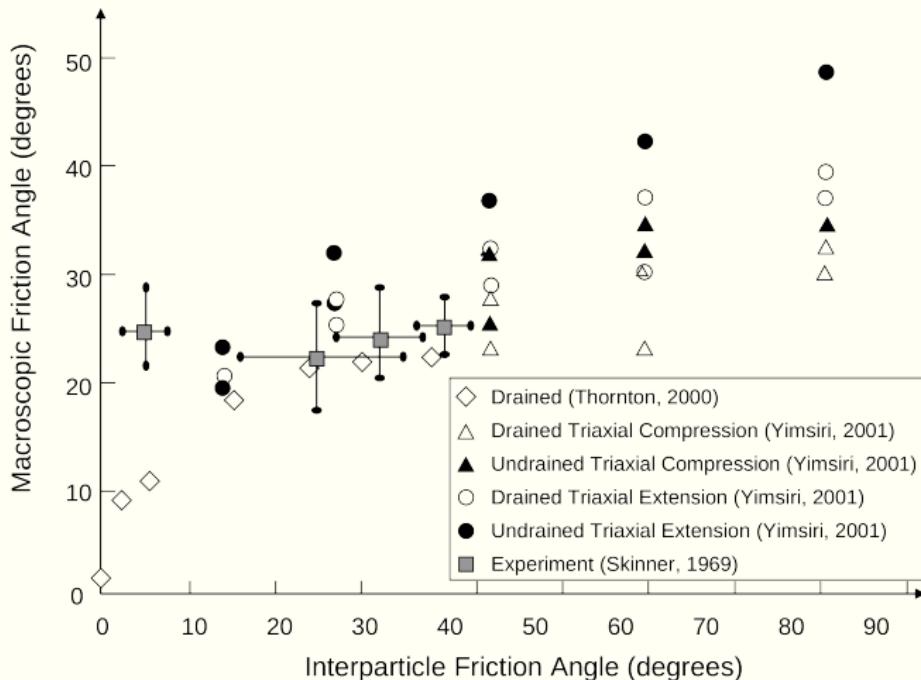


Fabric anisotropy under different stress conditions

# Interparticle friction angles

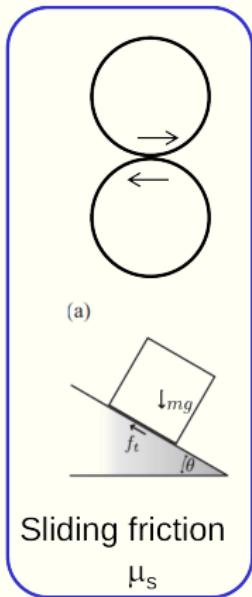
- For Quartz Sands: 26 degrees
- For Sheet Minerals (muscovite, phlogopite, biotite and chlorite): 7 - 13 degrees
  - Water acts as a lubricant
- Clay minerals: Probably 7 - 13 degrees
  - Similar to reported residual friction angles.
  - Sodium Montmorillonite: 4 degrees

# Micro to Macroscopic friction angle

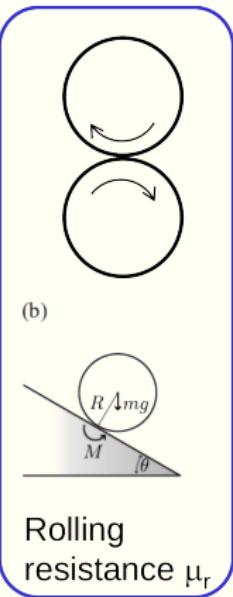


Relationship between macroscopic friction angle and interparticle friction angle (no rolling resistance) - Yimisir and Soga (2001)

# Micro to Macroscopic friction angle: Rolling resistance



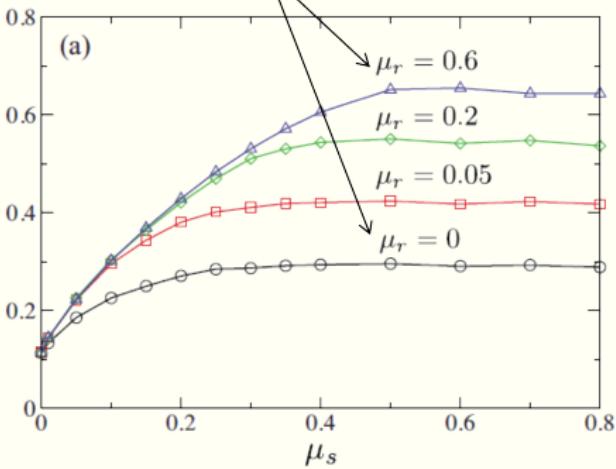
Sliding friction  
 $\mu_s$



Rolling  
resistance  $\mu_r$

Macroscopic friction angle  
 $\mu^* = \tan \phi_{\text{crit}}$

Different rolling resistances

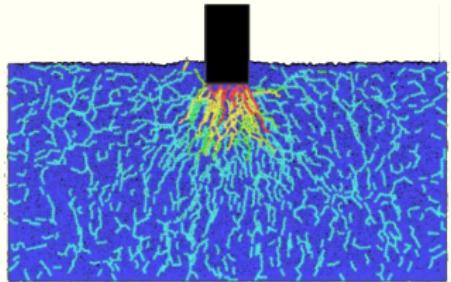


Microscopic sliding friction at  
particle contacts     $\mu_s = \tan \phi_\mu$

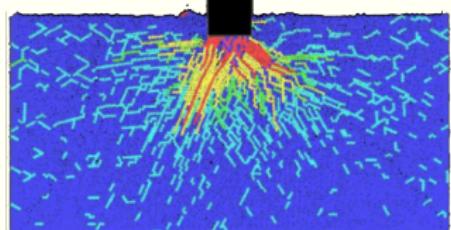
Estrada et al., (2001)

# Interparticle friction angles

- The interparticle friction acts as a kinematic constraint of the strong force network and not as the direct source of macroscopic resistance to shear.
- Increased friction at the contacts increases the stability of the system (development of anisotropic fabric) and reduces the number of contacts required to achieve a stable condition.
- As long as the strong force network can be formed, the magnitude of the interparticle friction becomes of secondary importance.



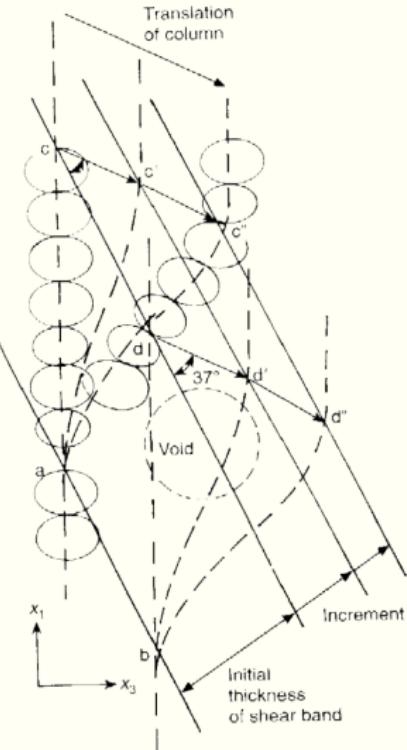
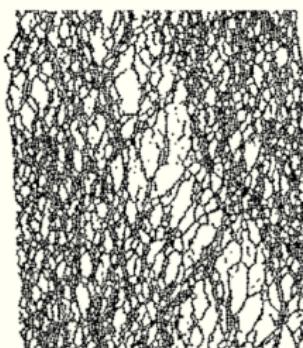
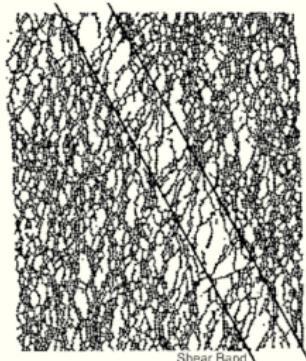
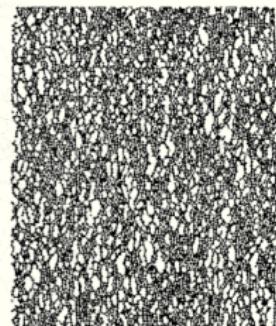
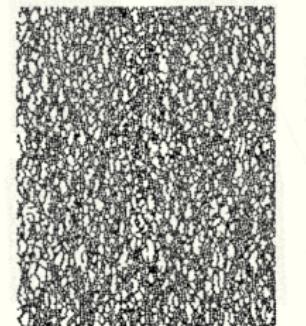
Loose



Dense

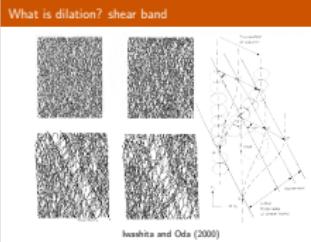
Muthuswamy and  
Tordesillas (2006)

# What is dilation? shear band



Iwashita and Oda (2000)

## └ What is dilation? shear band



Kuhn (1999) reports that their thicknesses are  $1.5D_{50}$  to  $2.5D_{50}$  in the early stages of shearing and increase to between  $1.5D_{50}$  and  $4D_{50}$  as deformation proceeds.

# Fabric evolution at critical state

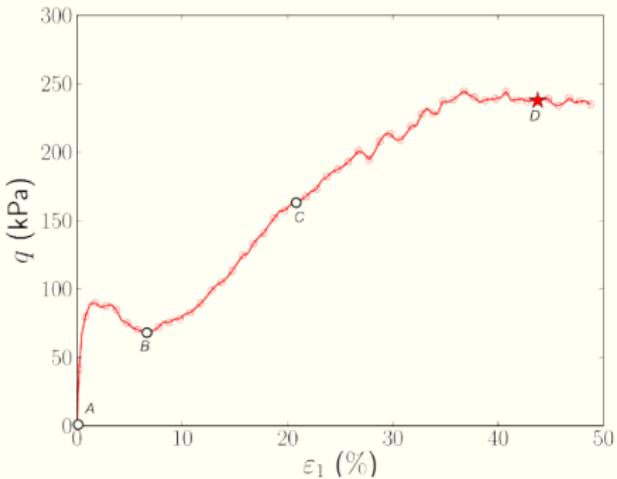


Fig.1 Undrained shear response of a medium dense sand and four stress states selected for examination of internal structure.

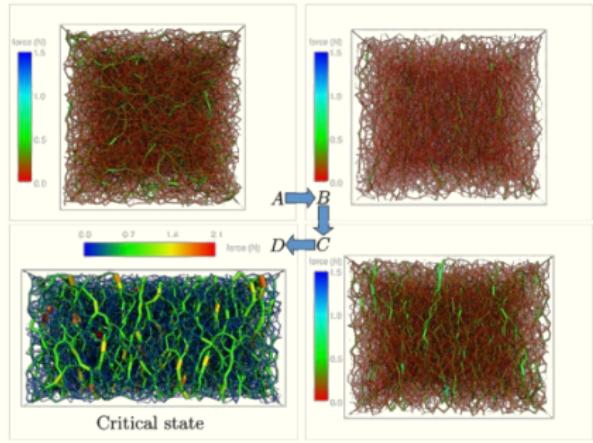
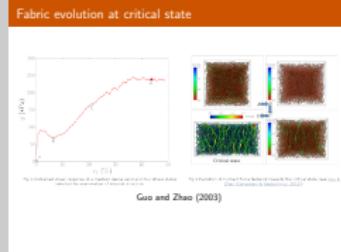


Fig.2 Evolution of Contact Force Network towards the critical state (see [Guo & Zhao \[Computers & Geotechnics, 2013\]](#)).

Guo and Zhao (2003)

## └ Fabric evolution at critical state



As deformation progresses,

- The number of particles in the strong force network decreases.
- With fewer particles sharing the increased loads.
- Anisotropic fabric develops, showing the formation of strong force network. Fabric of particles associated with strong forces is different from that associated with weak clusters.
- At critical state, force chain forms and buckles continuously. Likely to buckle when a force chain has 8 particles