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CHARACTERISATION OF GROUND & FOUNDATIONS FOR BRIDGES

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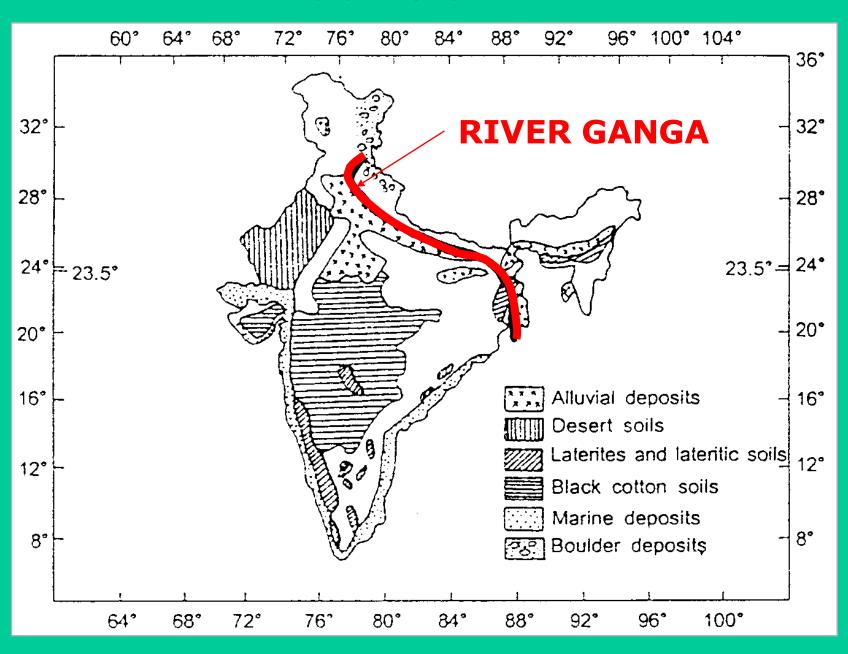


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Lecture 1

CHARACTERISATION OF GROUND & FOUNDATIONS FOR BRIDGES

DEPOSITS OF INDIA



THE GROUND

Qualitative

- Reconnaissance
- Google Maps
- Site History
- Adjacent Structures

Quantitative

- Limits Liquid, Plastic, Shrinkage, etc.
- Grain Size, Shape, Clay Content, Mineral Type
- Relative Density (State Parameter)

Quantitative Tests

- Routine Lab. Tests
- Compressibility,
 Consolidation
- Permeability
- Direct Shear
- Triaxial

• In Situ Tests

- Standard Penetration
- Static/Dynamic Cone
- Vane Shear
- Plate/Pile Load tests

Advanced/Specialized Tests

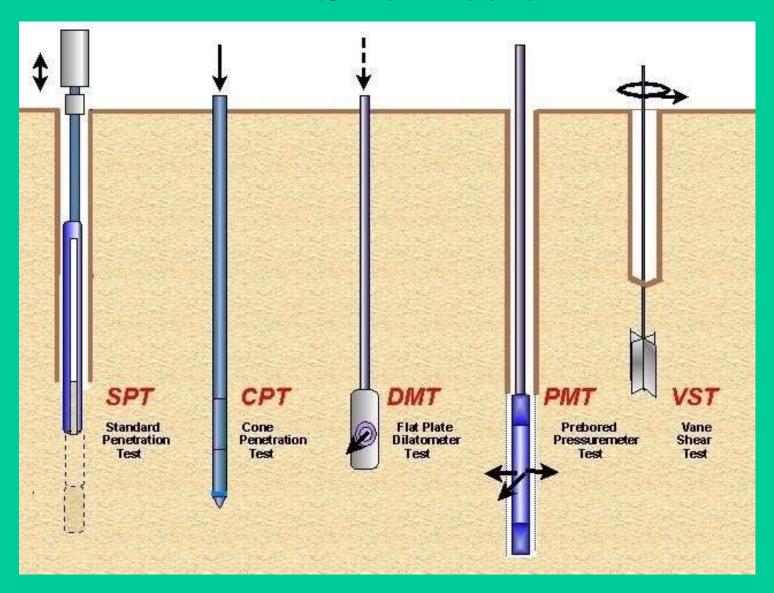
Laboratory

- Simple Shear
- Stress Path Controlled
- Plane Strain
- True Triaxial

• In Situ

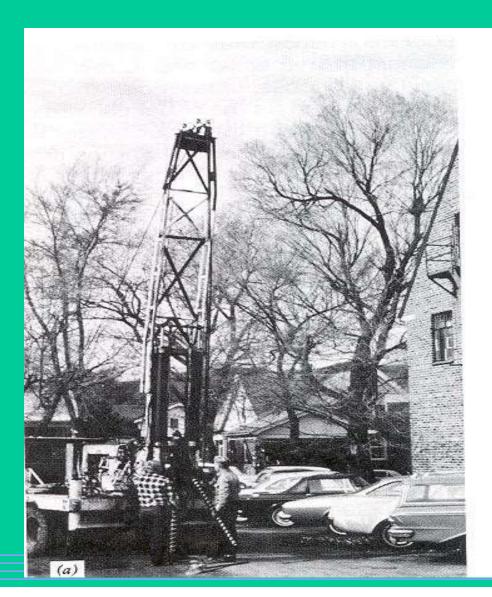
- Pressuremeter
- Dilatometer
- Piezo-cone, Seismic Cone
- SASW, etc.

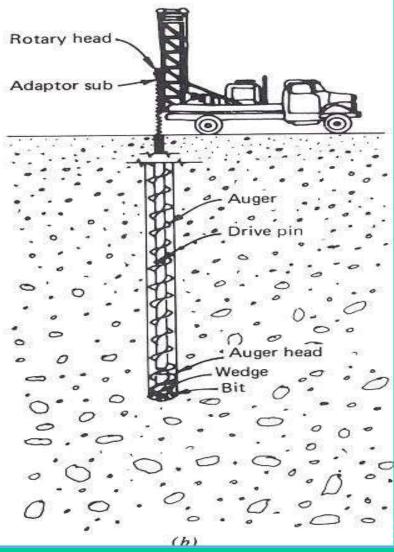
In-Situ Tests

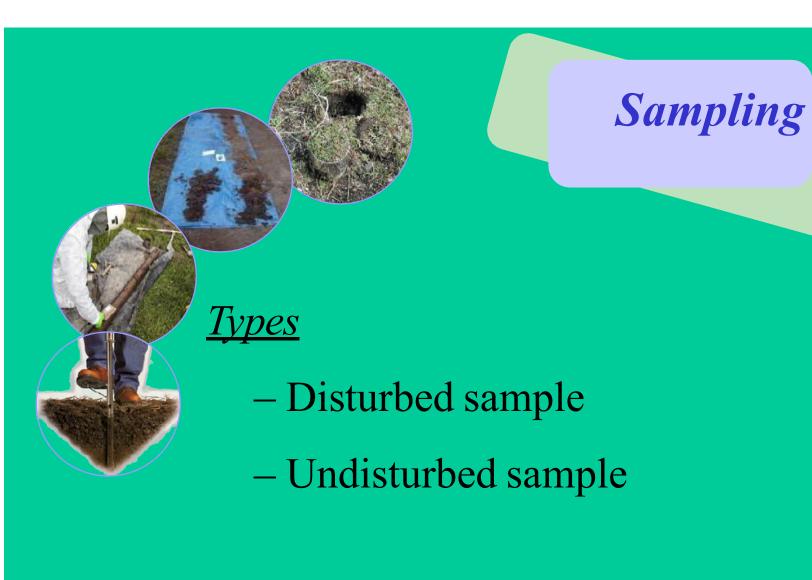


Rotary Drilling

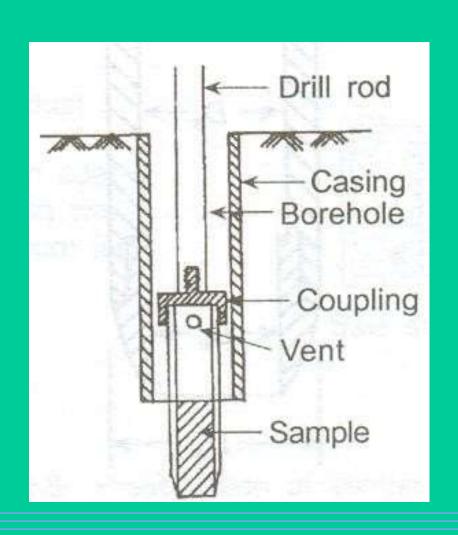
Progress faster Disturbance - slight





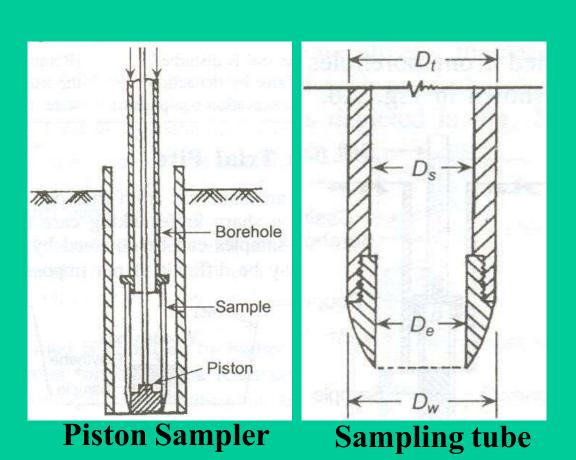


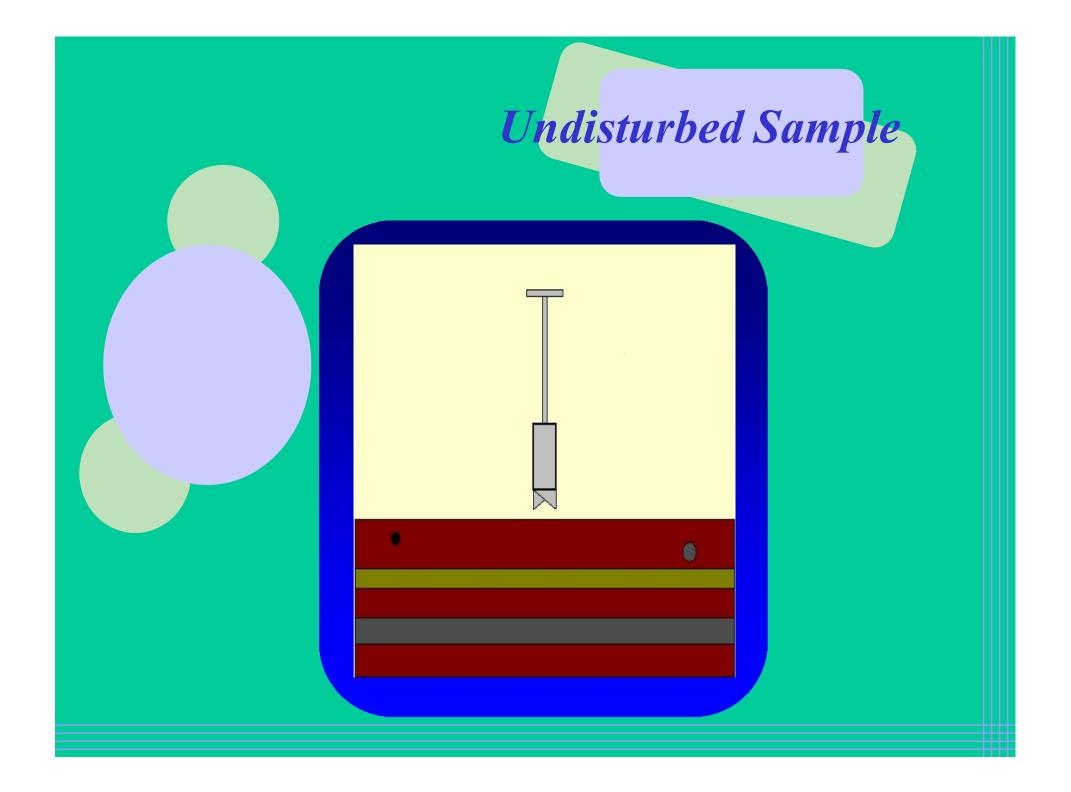
Sampling





Samplers



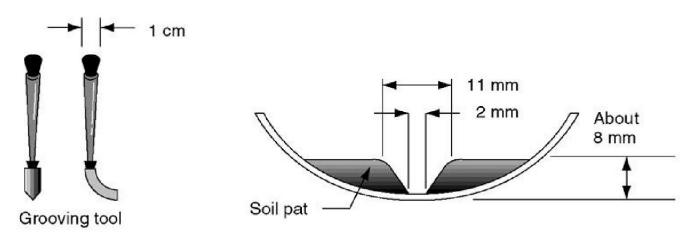


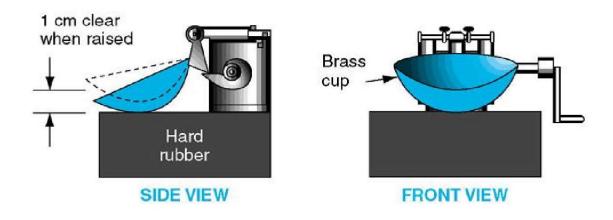
Laboratory Tests

- ✓ Moisture Content
- ✓ Density/Unit Weight
- **✓ Atterberg Limits**
- ✓ Particle Size Distribution
- ✓ Specific Gravity of Soil Solids

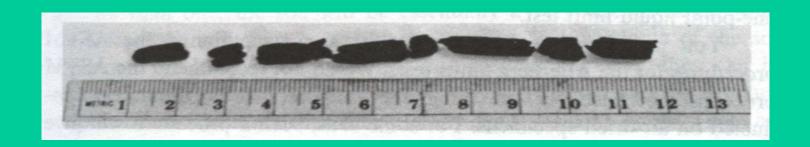
Liquid Limit

Check the fall distance of the cup in the liquid limit device and adjust, if necessary, so that the height of fall is exactly 1 cm. It is important that this measurement be made between the base and the point on the cup that comes in contact with the base. The grooving tool handle is a 1-cm rule.



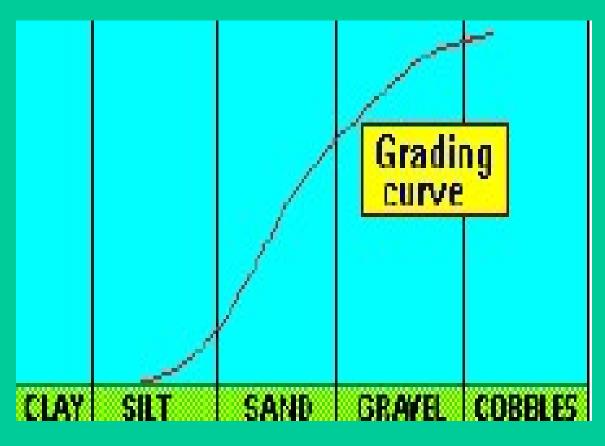


Plastic limit



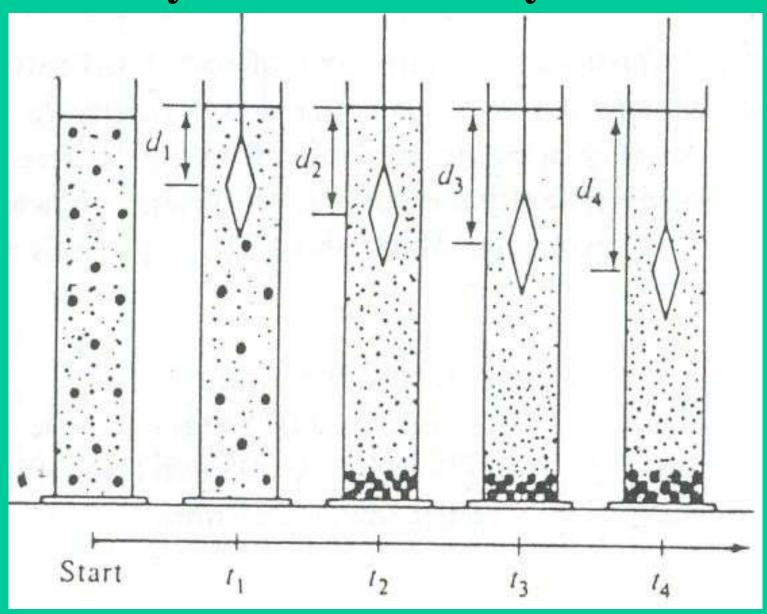
Particle Size-Sieving





Grading Curve

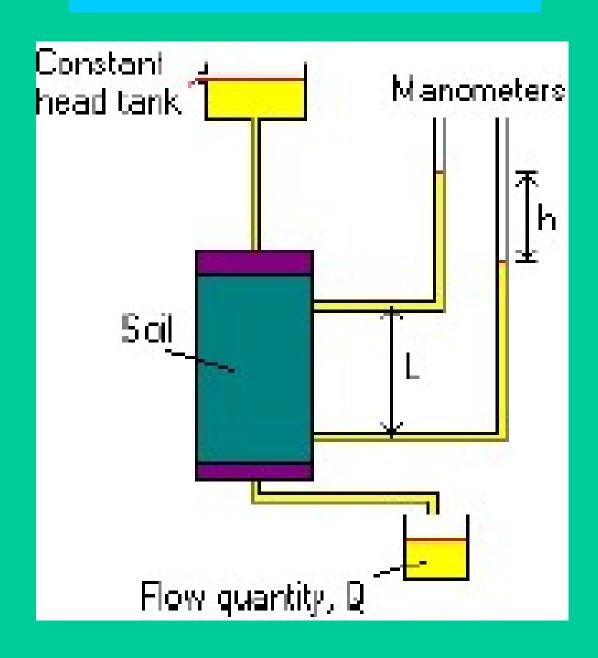
Hydrometer Analysis



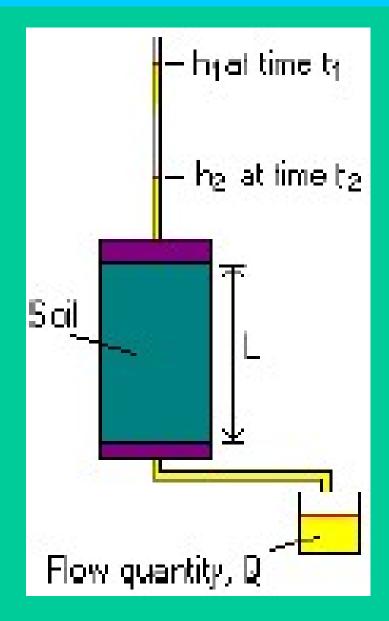
Permeability - Tests

- **✓** Constant Head
- **✓** Falling Head

Constant Head Test



Falling Head Test



Compaction Tests

- ✓ Density/Moisture Content Relationship
- ✓ California Bearing Ratio (CBR) Test
- ✓ Maximum/Minimum Density Test



Mould and Hammer for compaction Tests

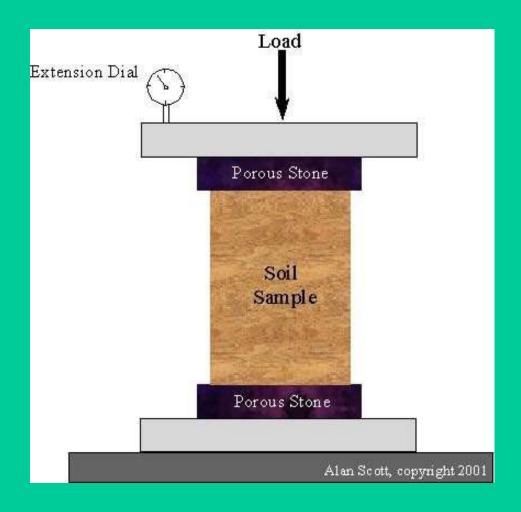
CBR Test



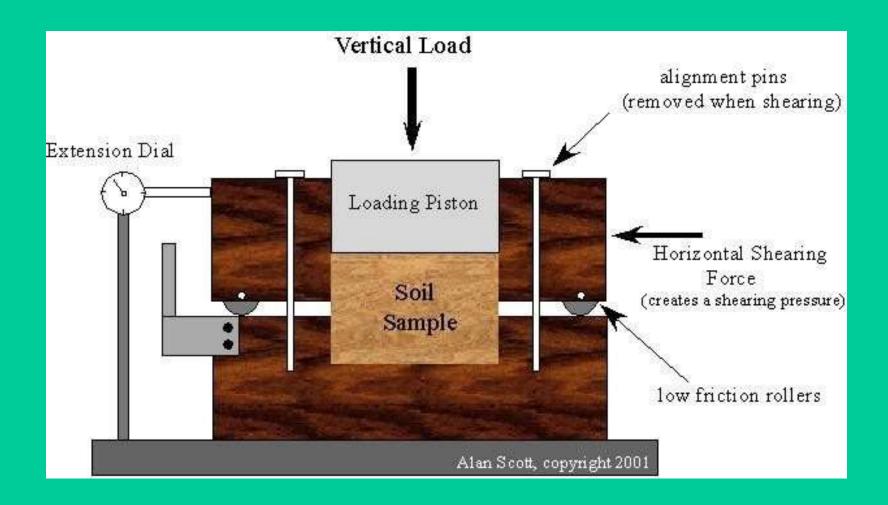
Shear Strength Tests

- ✓ Shear Box
- ✓ Vane Shear
- Unconfined Compression Test
- Undrained Triaxial Test (Total Stress)
- ✓ Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Test (Effective & Total Stress)
- Drained Triaxial Test (Effective Stress)

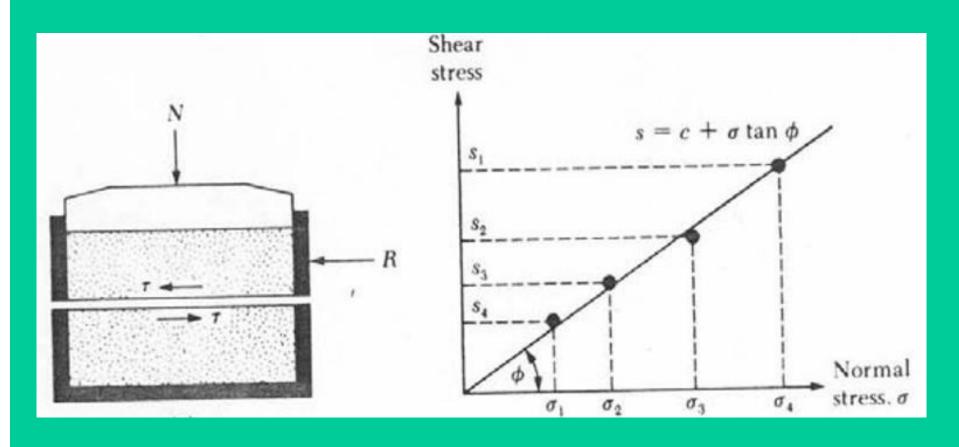
UCC Test



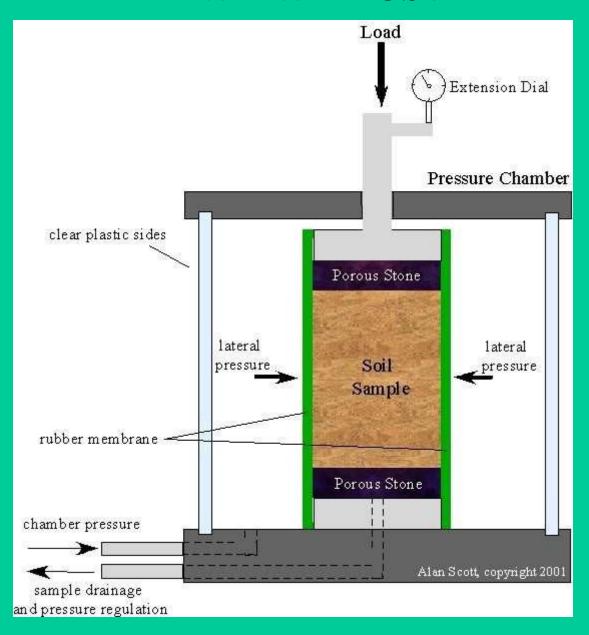
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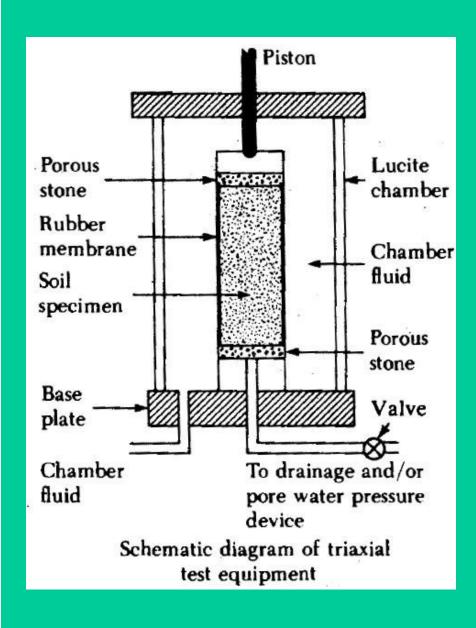
Direct shear test



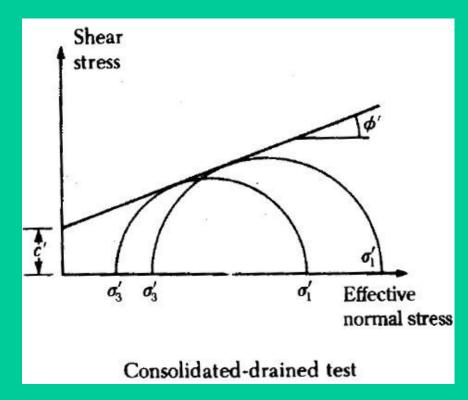
Triaxial Test



Triaxial Test



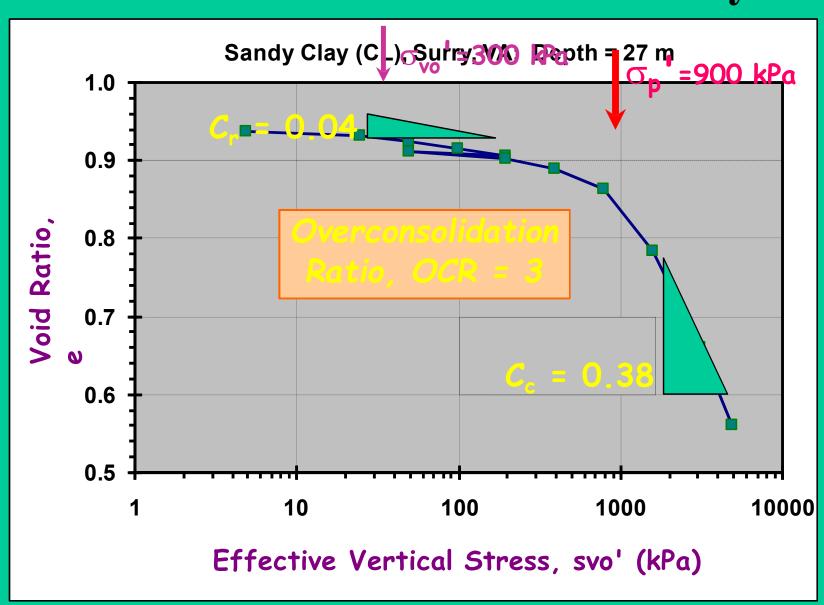
Consolidated Drained Test



Compressibility & Consolidation Tests

- ✓ Oedometer/One Dimensional Consolidation
- Triaxial Consolidation
- **✓** Swelling Tests

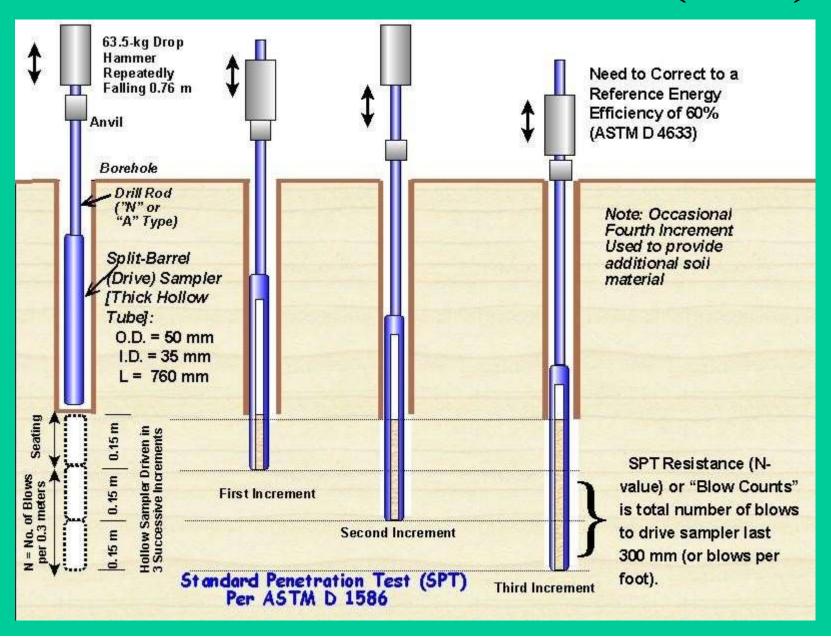
Void ratio vs log (effective stress) & Preconsolidation Stress of Clays



Standard Penetration Test

- Most common geotechnical test
- Been in use for over 75 years
- Universal availability of equipment
- Fairly well known outside of geotechnical community

Standard Penetration Test (SPT)



Standard Penetration Test

•Disturbed sample from SPT Sampler



Testing of soils

No of blows (N/30 cm)	Relative density RD = (emax – e) x100 % (emax – emin)	Relative State
0 – 4	0 – 15 %	Very loose
4 – 10	15 – 35 %	Loose
10 – 30	25 – 65 %	Medium
30 – 50	65 – 85 %	Dense
>50	>85%	Very dense

Shear strength of cohesive soils			
Consistency	Undrained strength, cu (kPa)	N	
Very soft	0 - 12.5	0 - 2	
Soft	12.5 - 25.0	2 - 4	
Medium	25.0 - 50.0	4 - 8	
Stiff	50.0 - 100.0	8 - 16	
Very Stiff	100.0 - 200.0	16 - 32	
Hard	> 200.0	32	

Stop Test If

- More than 50 blows required for any interval
- If more than 100 total blows required
- Either of these events known as:
- Refusal
- Will be so noted on borings

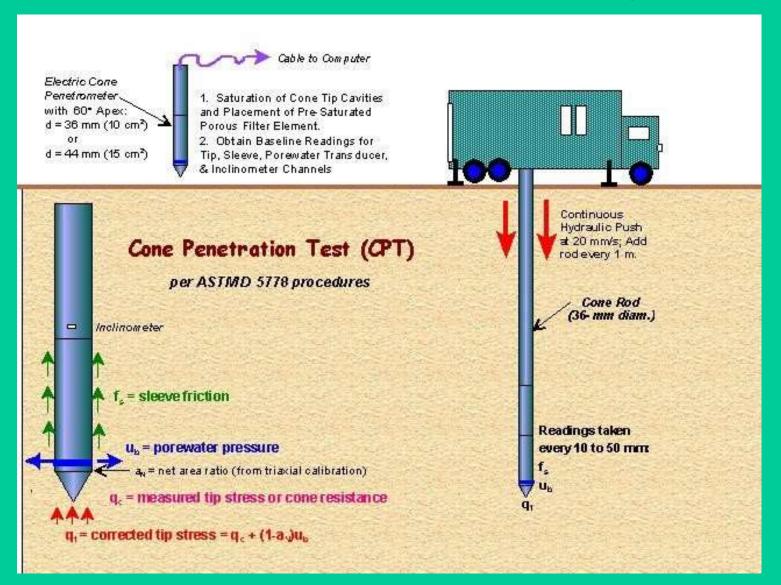
Cone Penetration Test

Instrumented steel cone is pushed into the ground at a rate of 2 cm/sec

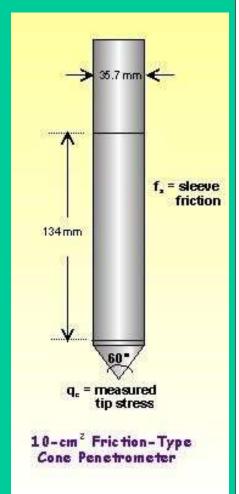
Measurements include:

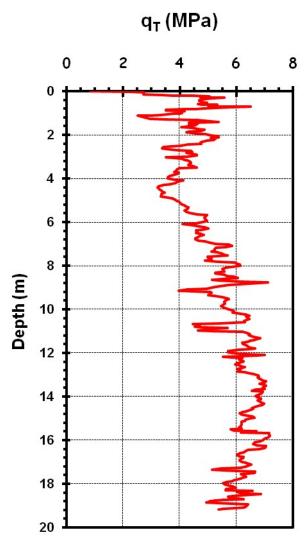
- tip resistance
- sleeve friction
- pore water pressure
- shear wave velocity

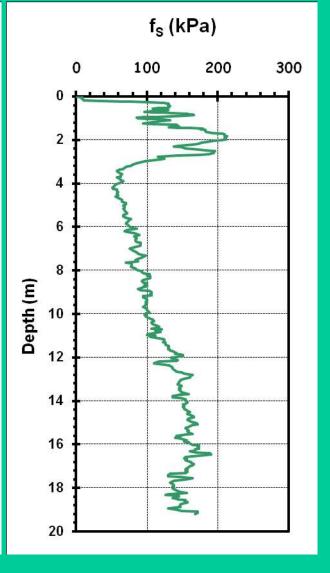
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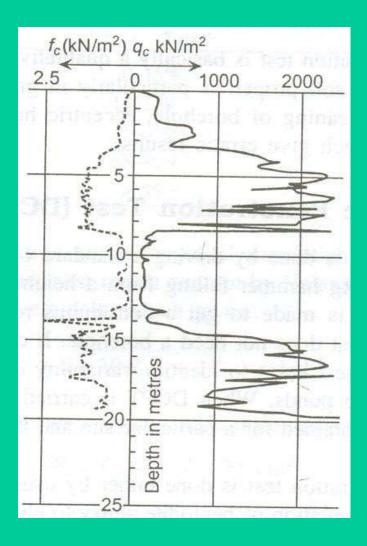
Cone Penetrometer





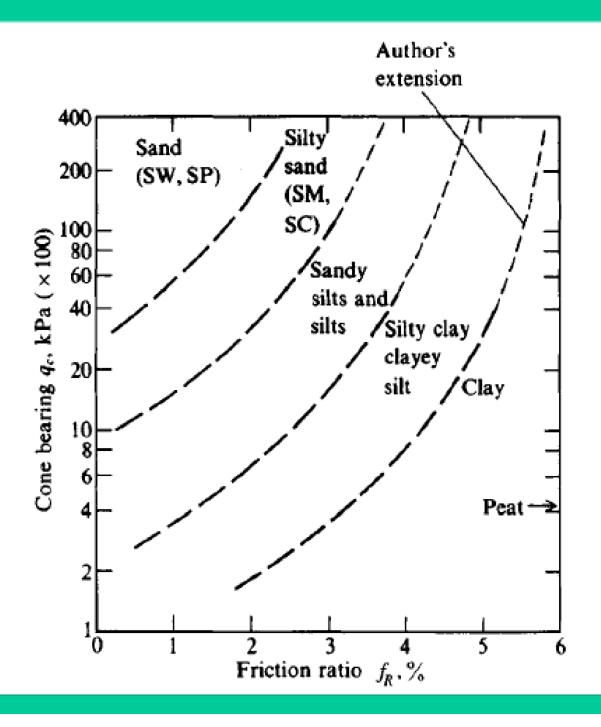


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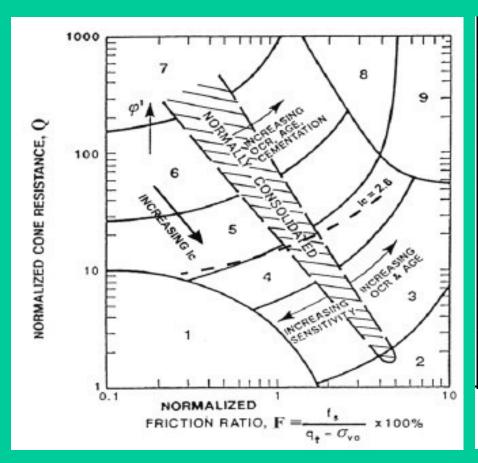
Cone Penetration Test





Classification of Soils by CPT

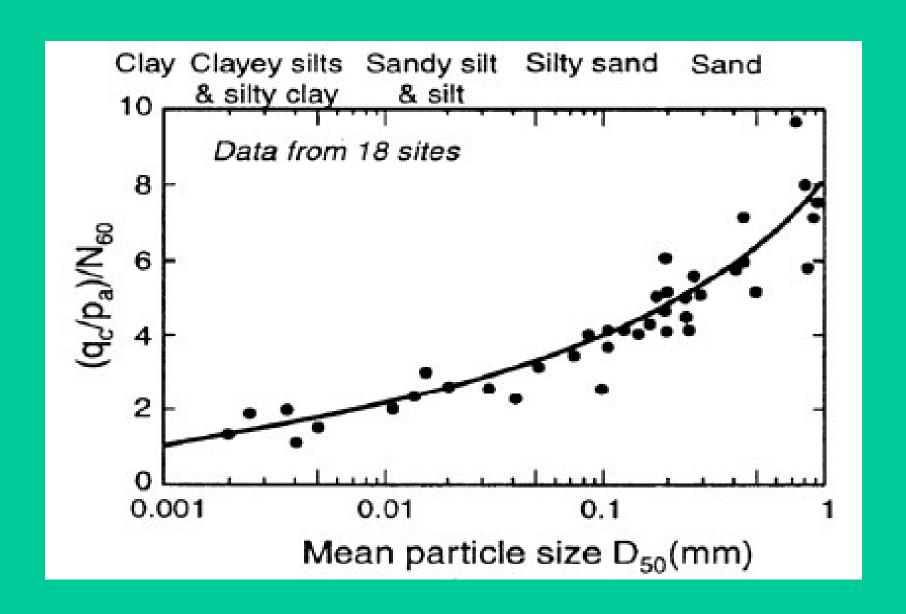
Chart based on Normalised Values



Zone	Soil Behavior Type	I_c
1	Sensitive, fine grained	N/A
2	Organic soils – peats	> 3.6
3	Clays – silty clay to clay	2.95 - 3.6
4	Silt mixtures – clayey silt to silty clay	2.60 - 2.95
5	Sand mixtures – silty sand to sandy silt	2.05 – 2.6
6	Sands – clean sand to silty sand	1.31 – 2.05
7	Gravelly sand to dense sand	< 1.31
8	Very stiff sand to clayey sand*	N/A
9	Very stiff, fine grained*	N/A

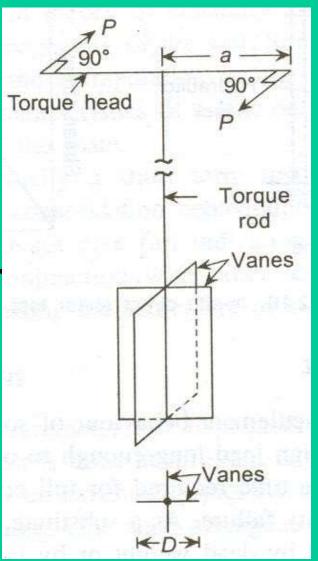
^{*} Heavily overconsolidated or cemented

CPT – SPT Correlation

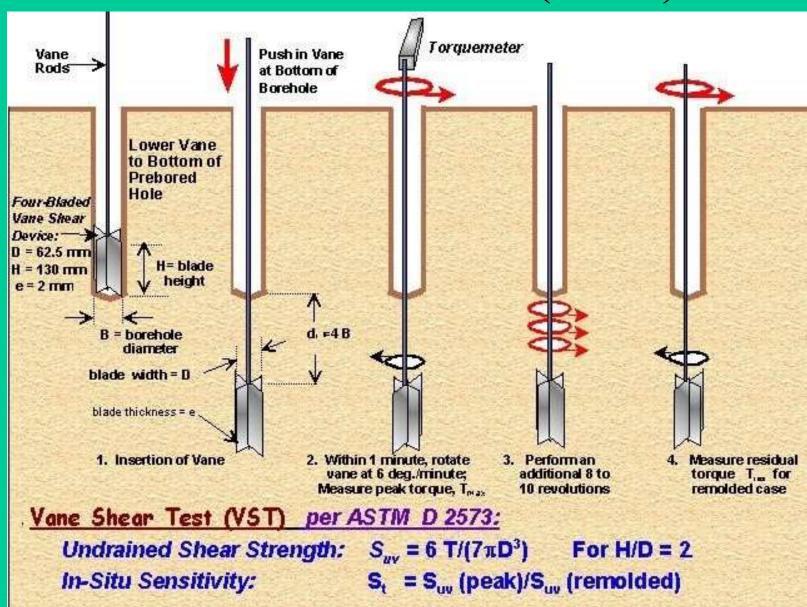


Vane Shear Test (VST)

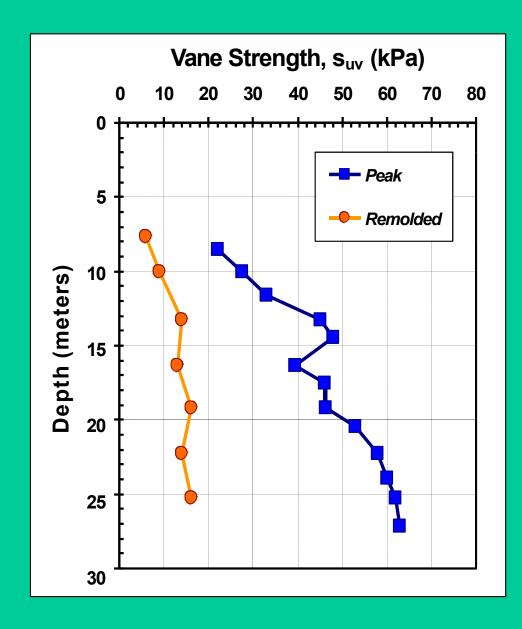
- Performed at bottom of boring
- •Four-sided blade pushed into clays and silts to measure:
- s_{uv} (peak) = Peak Undrained Strength
- •s_{uv} (remolded) = Remolded Strength (after 10 revolutions)
- -Sensitivity, $S_t = s_{uv}(peak)/s_{uv}$ (remolded)

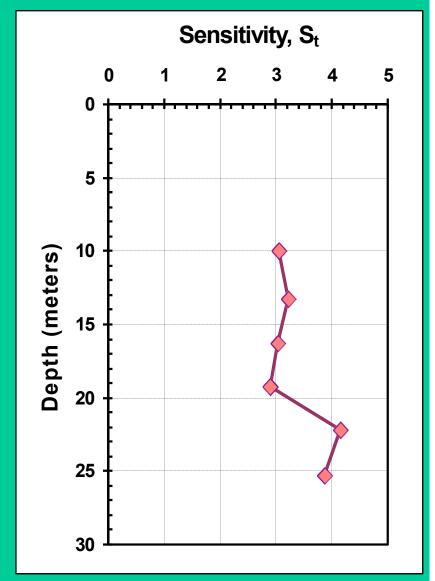


Vane Shear Test (VST)



Results from Vane Shear Tests





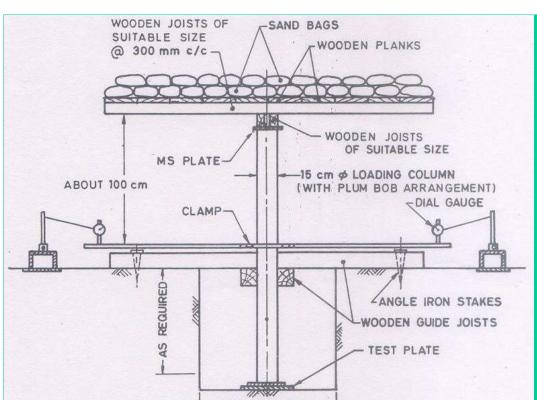
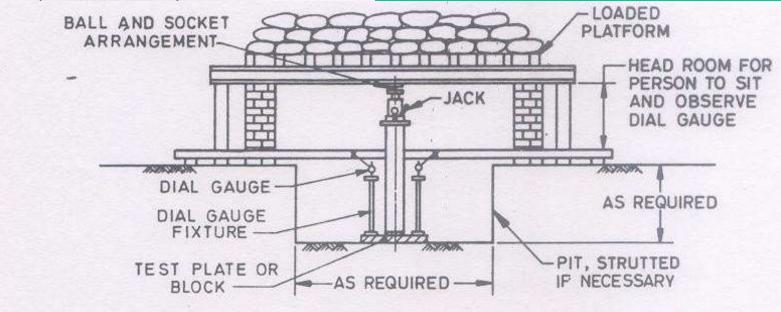
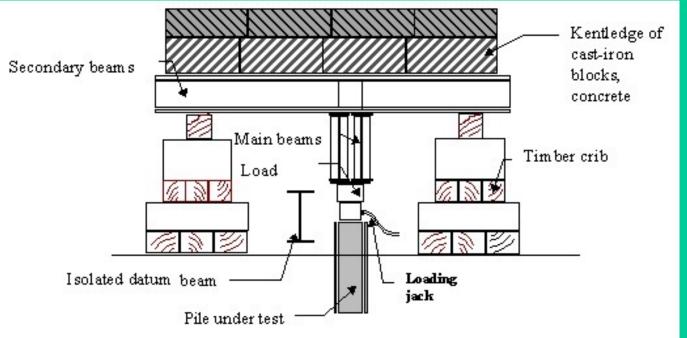


Plate Load Test

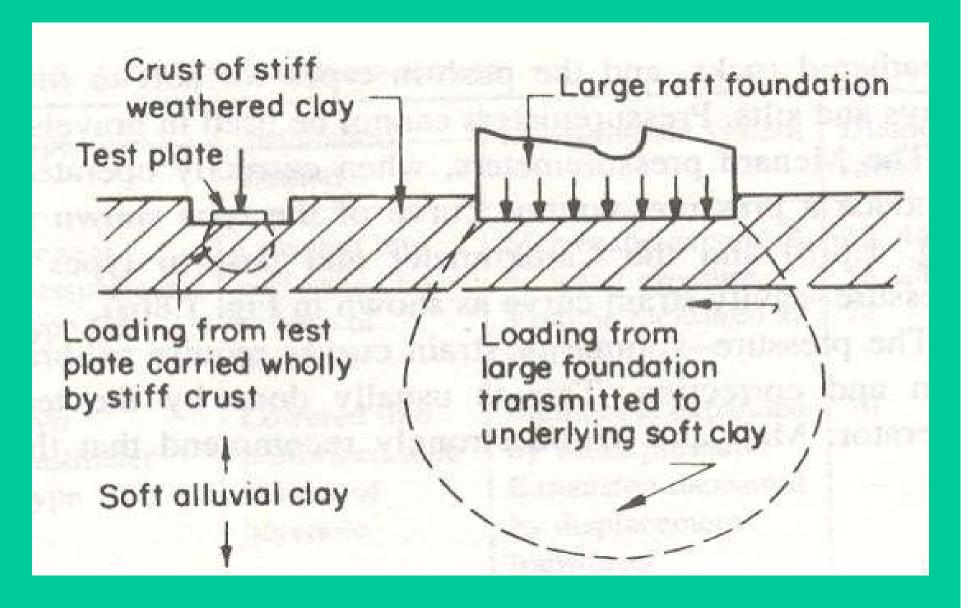


Pile Load Test

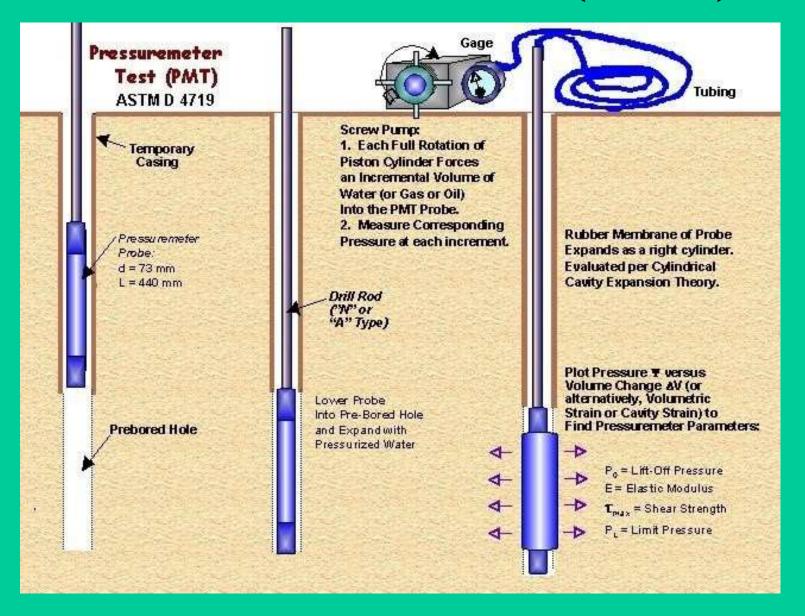




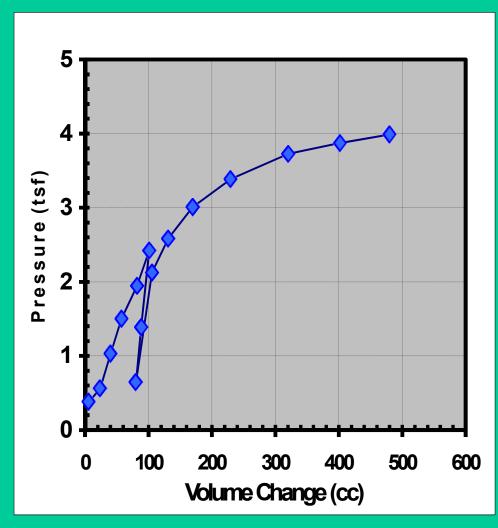
Limitation of Plate Load Test

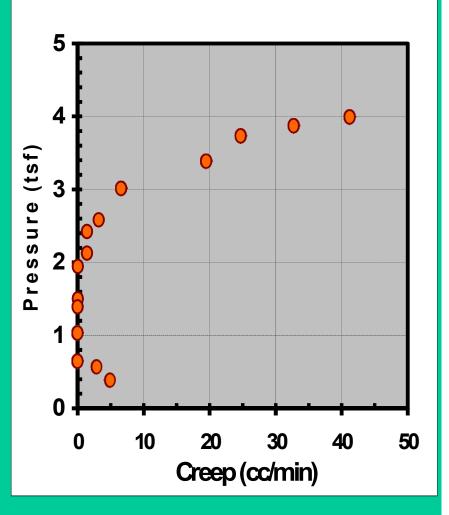


Pressuremeter Test (PMT)

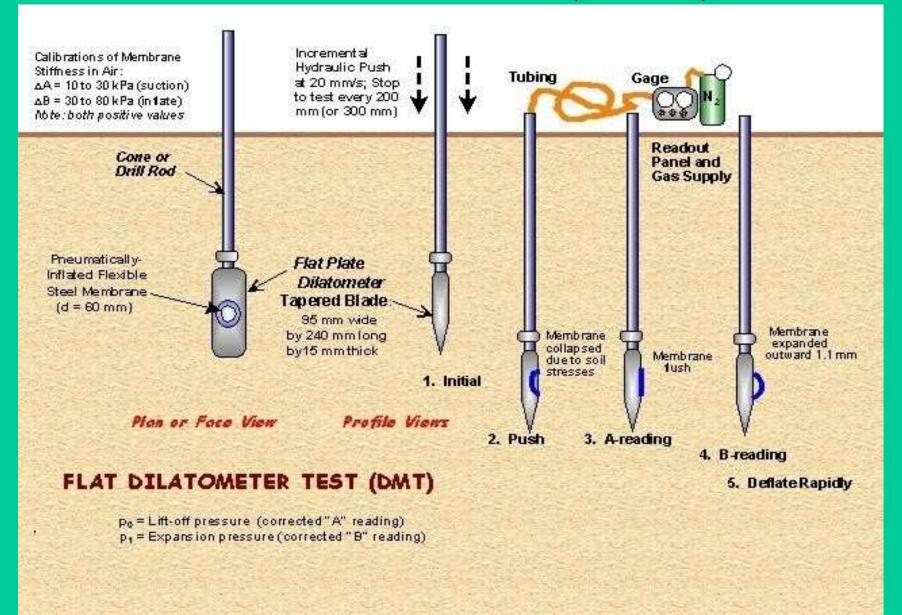


Pressuremeter Test (PMT) Data

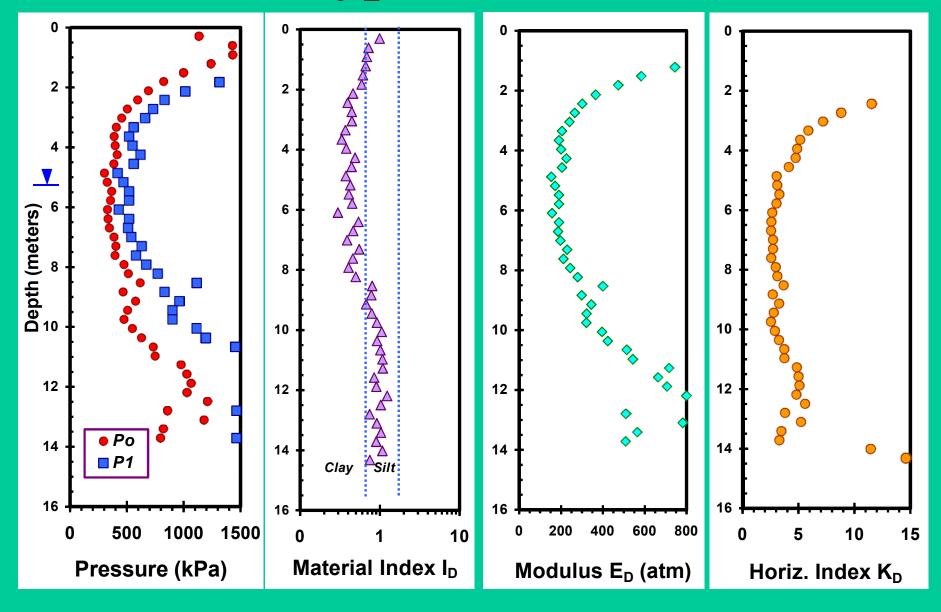




Dilatometer Test (DMT)



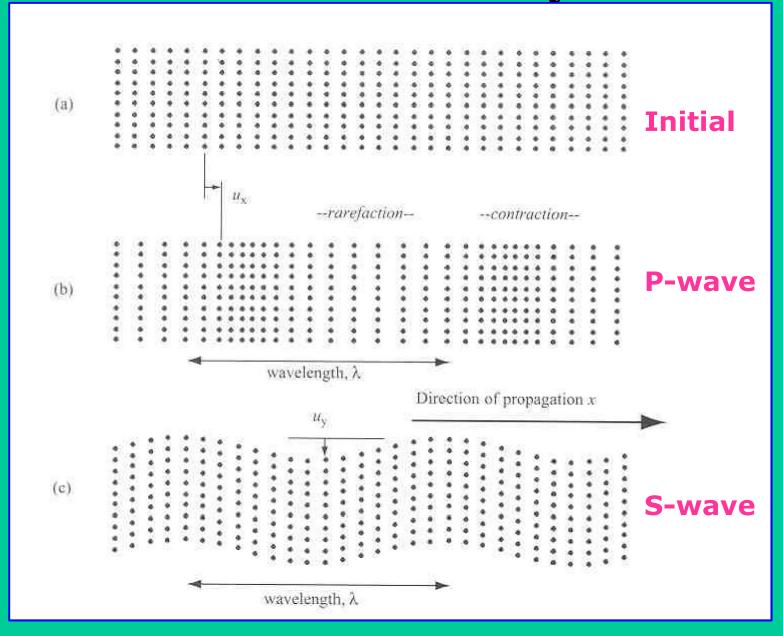
Typical Results

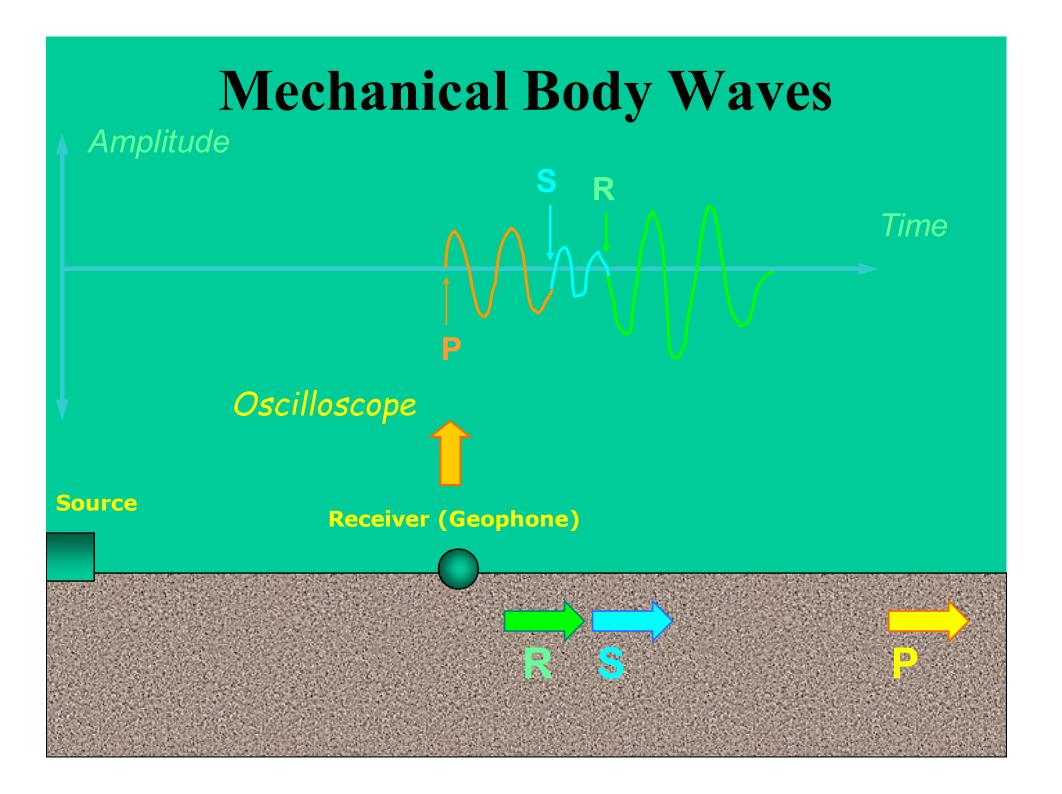


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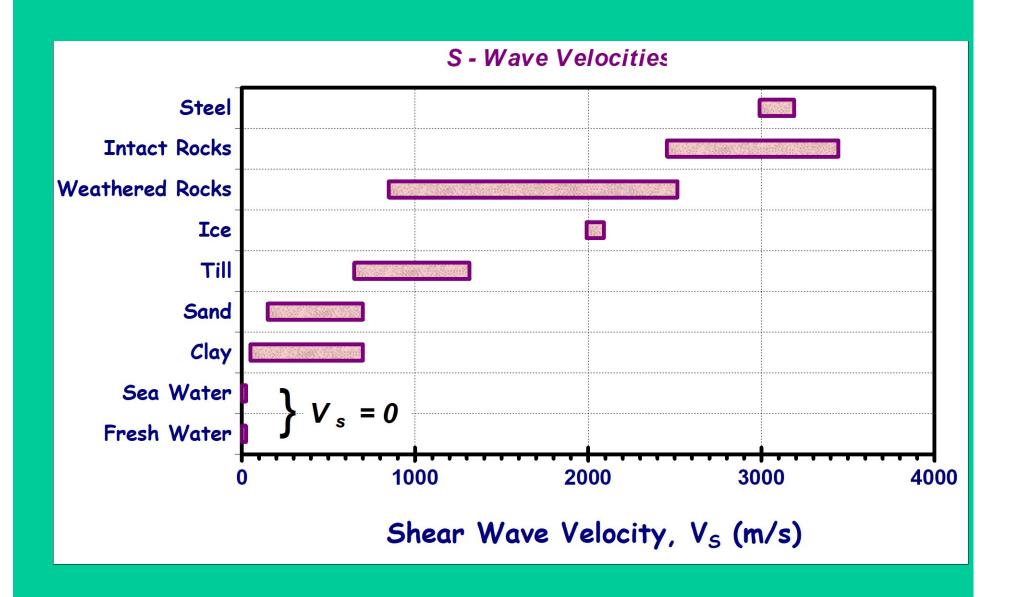
- Mechanical Wave Measurements
- > Electromagnetic Wave Techniques

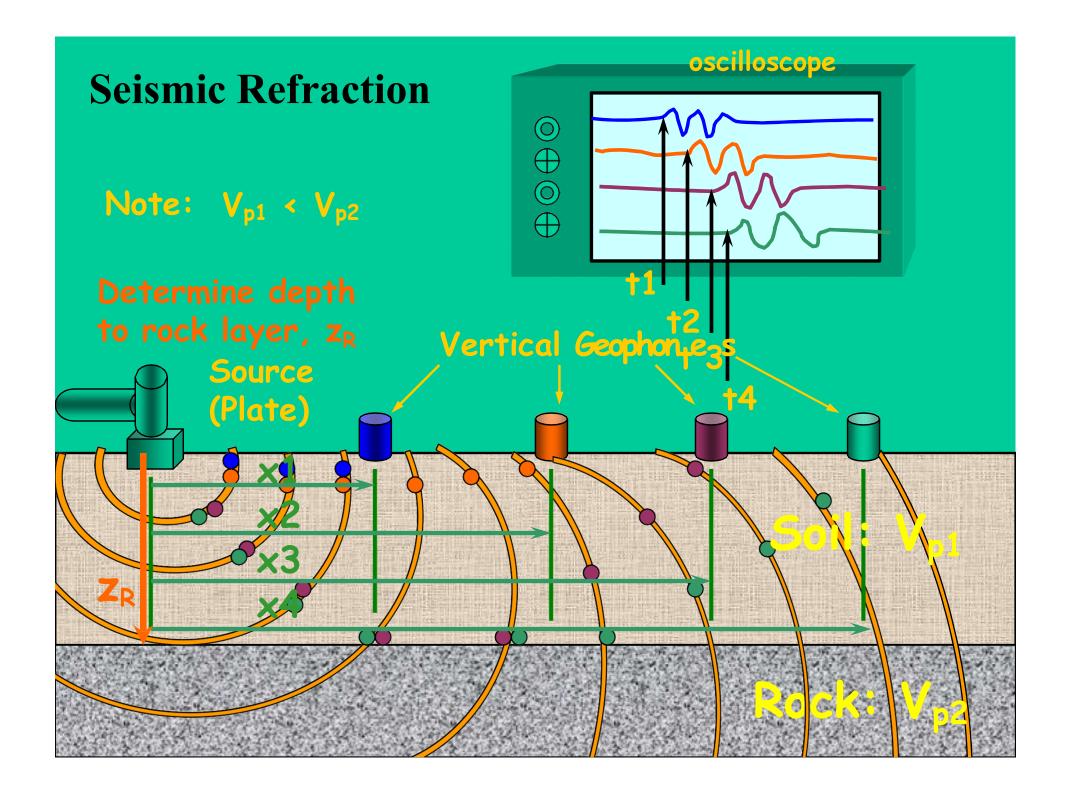
Mechanical Body Waves



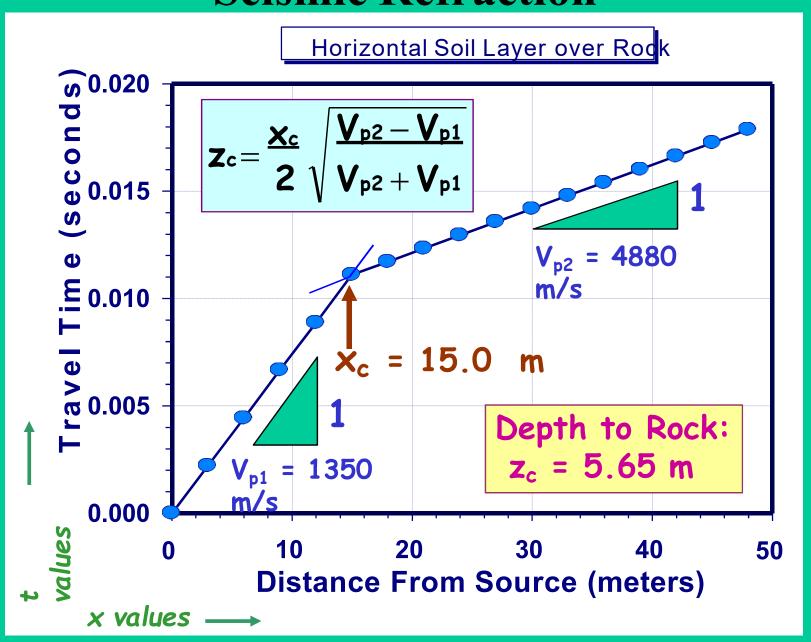


Shear Waves



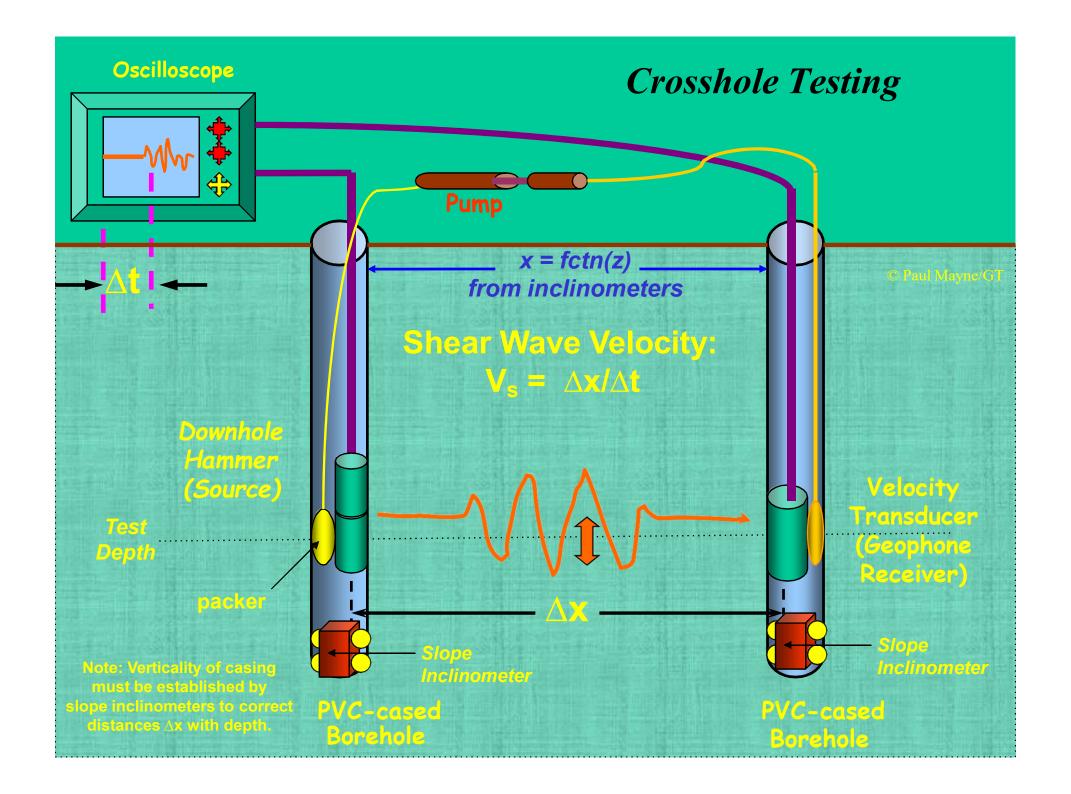


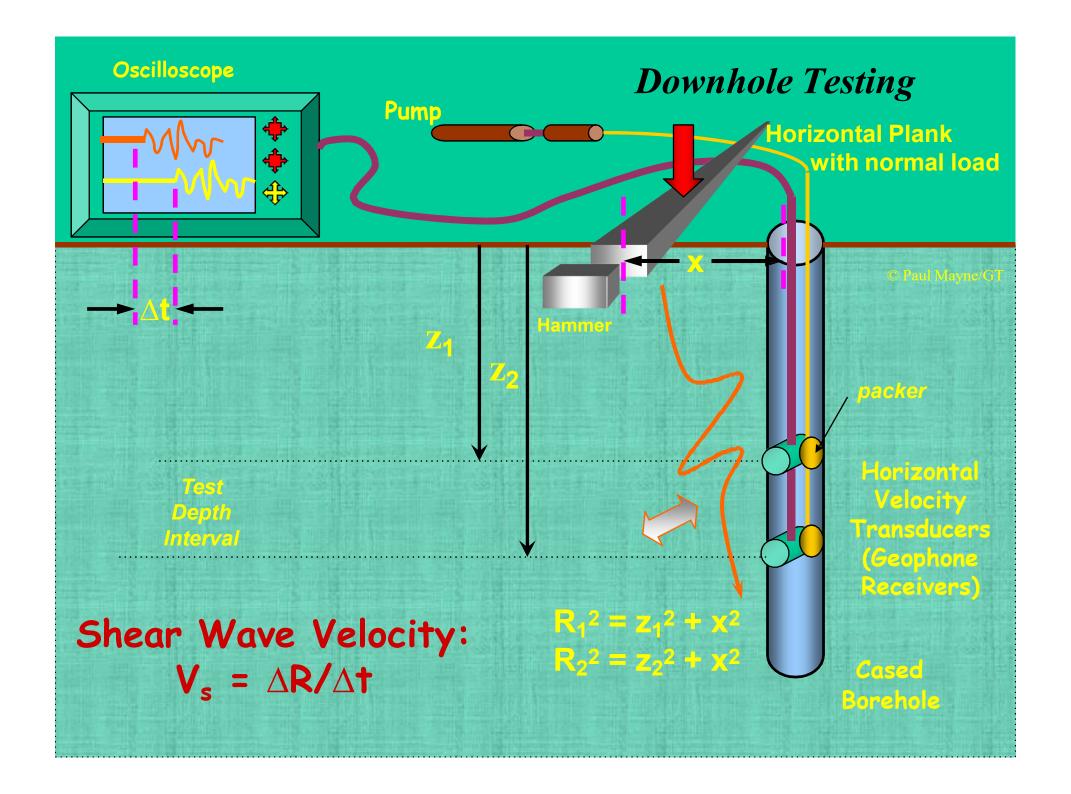
Seismic Refraction



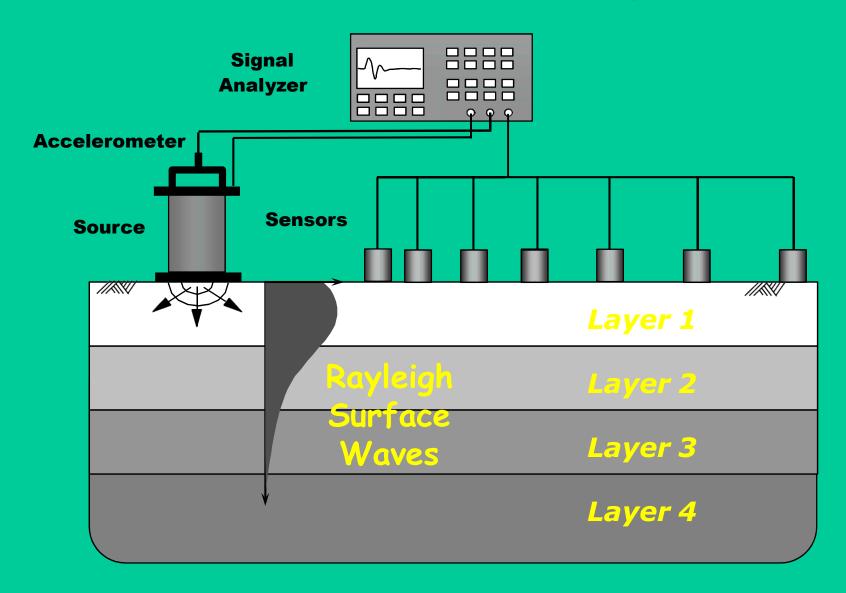
Shear Wave Velocity, V_s

- Fundamental measurement in all solids (steel, concrete, wood, soils, rocks)
- Initial small-strain stiffness represented by shear modulus: $G_0 = \rho_T V_s^2$
- $(G_{dyn} = G_{max} = G_0)$
- Applies to all static & dynamic problems at small strains (γ_s < 10-6)
- Applicable to both undrained & drained loading cases in geotechnical engineering.

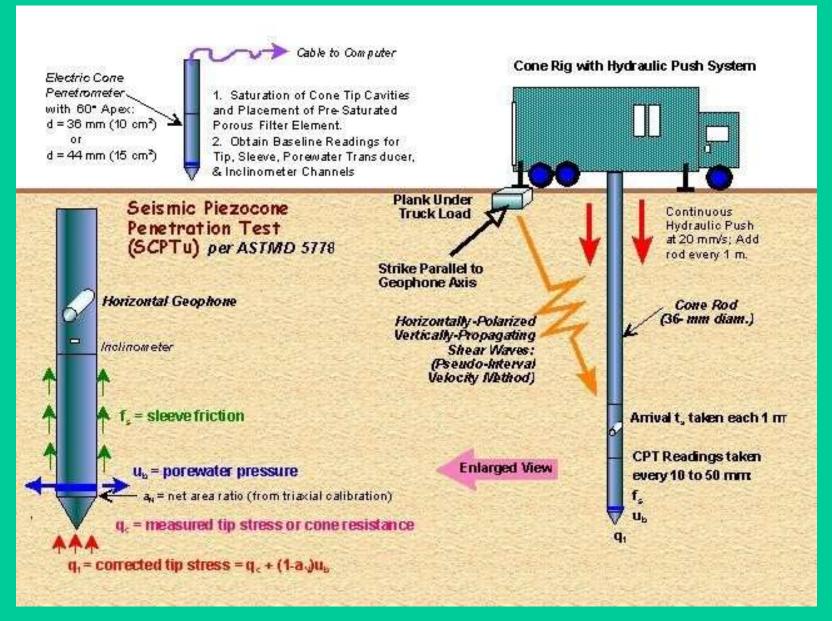




Surface Wave Testing



Seismic Piezocone Test (SCPTu)



Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)





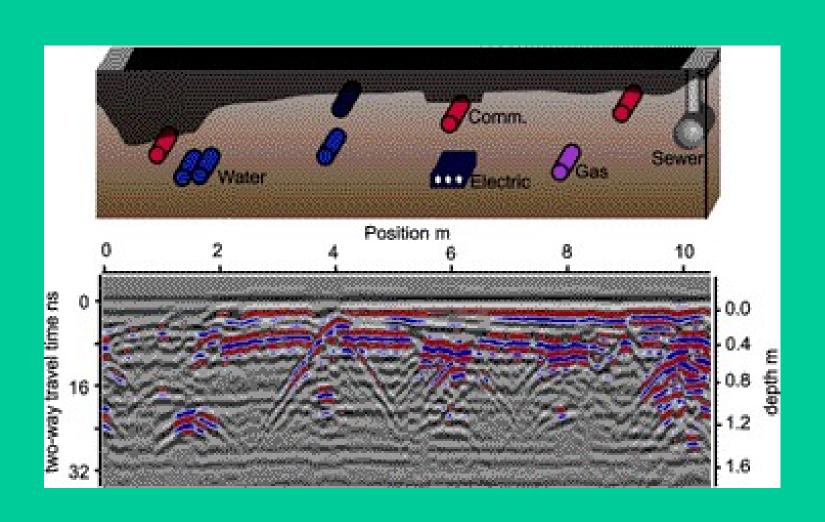


Radar

Sensors & Software

GeoRadar

Illustrative Results from GPR



Spacing & Depth of boreholes

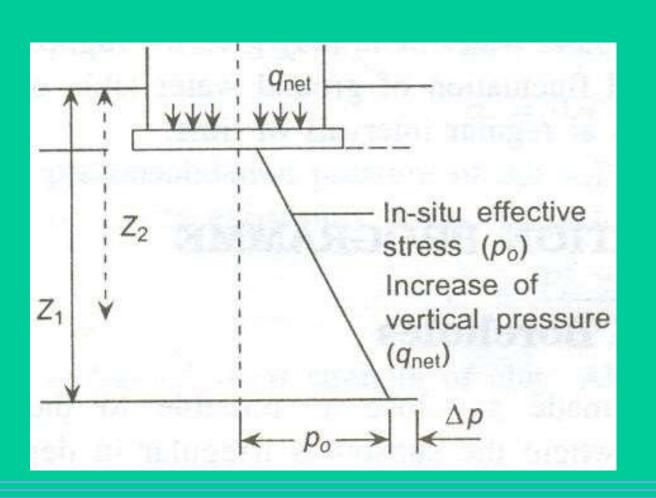
• Spacing:

- -buildings 10-30 m apart
- bridges one/two per pier & abutment
- road lines 30-300 m apart
- landslides at least 5 in line for profile

• Depth:

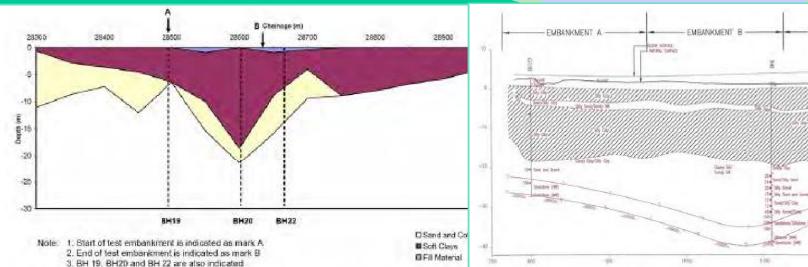
- 1.5 x foundation width + 2-5 m control hole
- -3 m below rock head

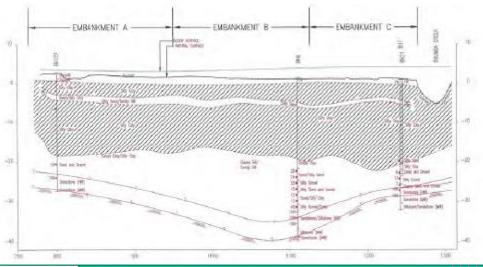
Depth of Boreholes

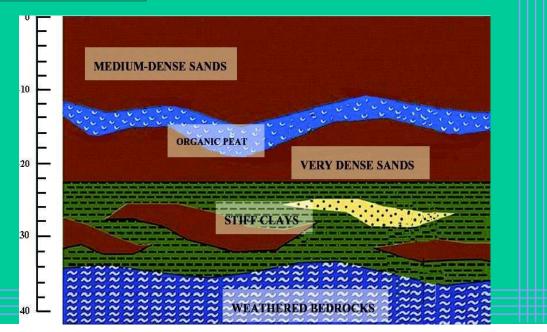




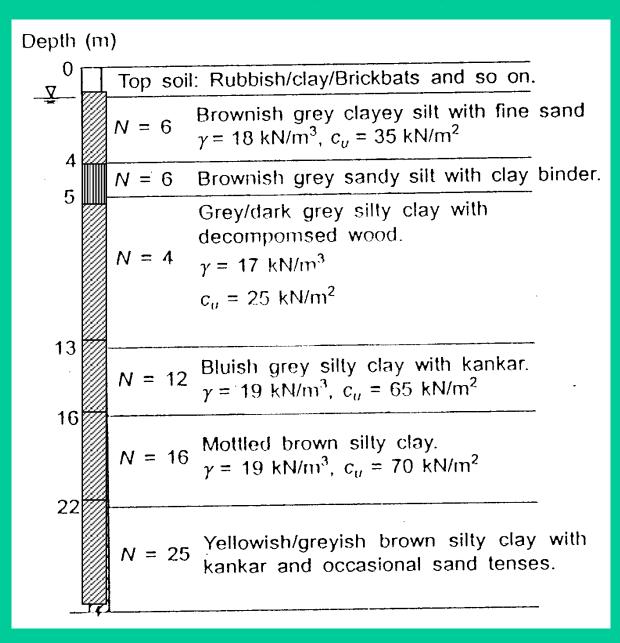
Typical Ground Profile







TYPICAL SOIL PROFILE





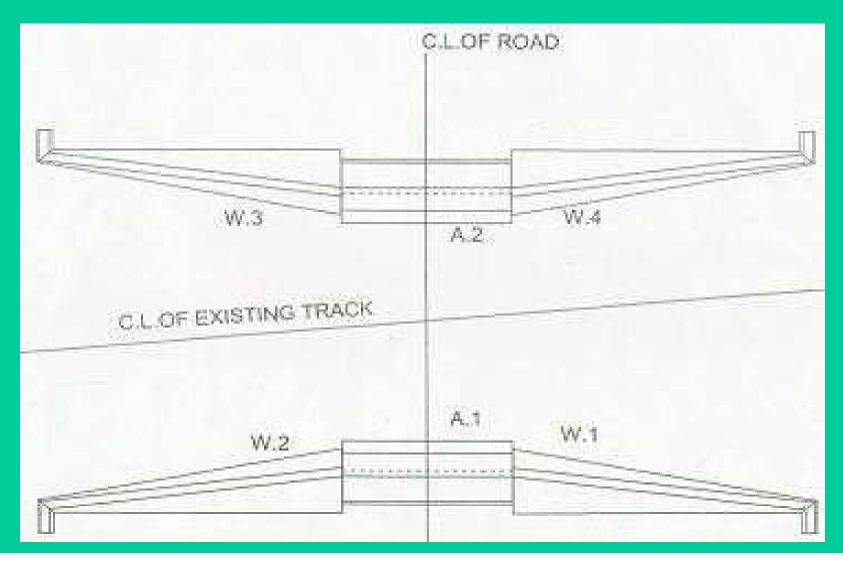
Geotechnical Considerations for Design of Culvert & Bridge Foundations



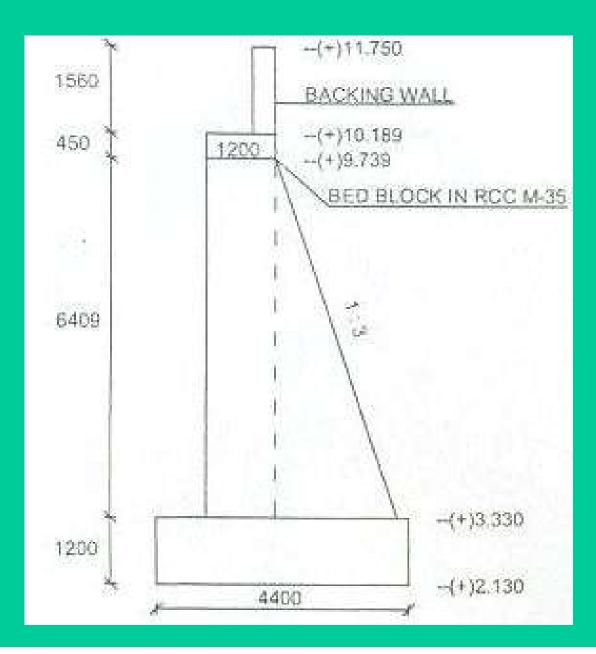


Damages due to Non-Consideration of Bridge and Approach Interactions

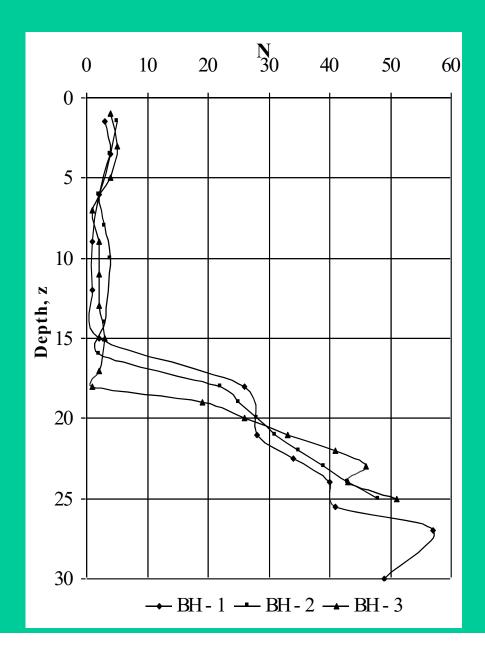
Plan of ROB

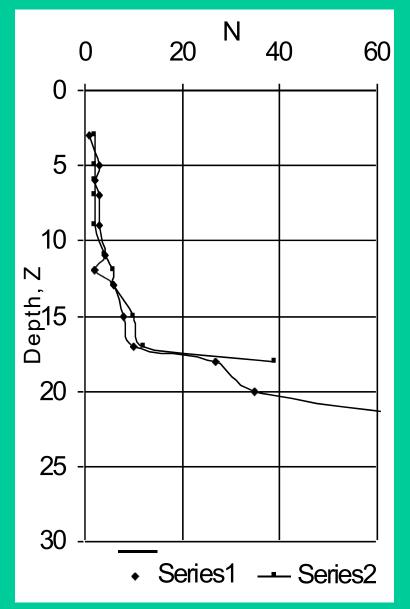


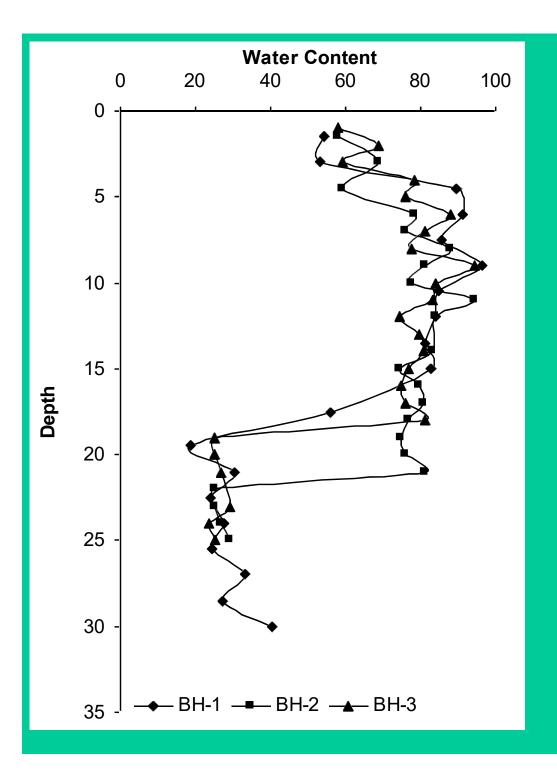
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SPT N







Natural Water Content



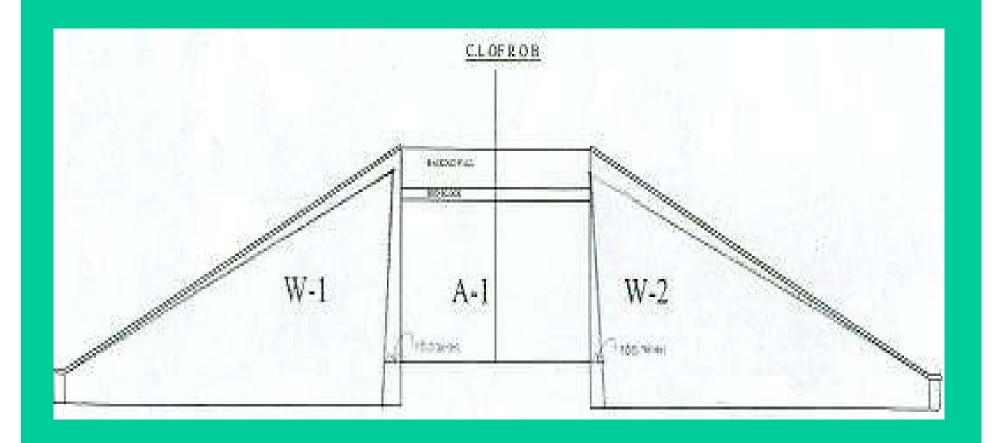






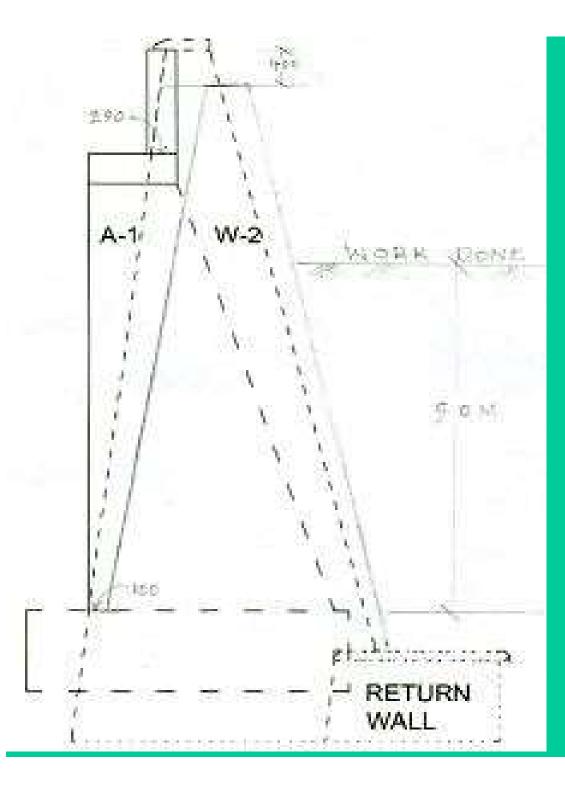


Overall View with Deformations



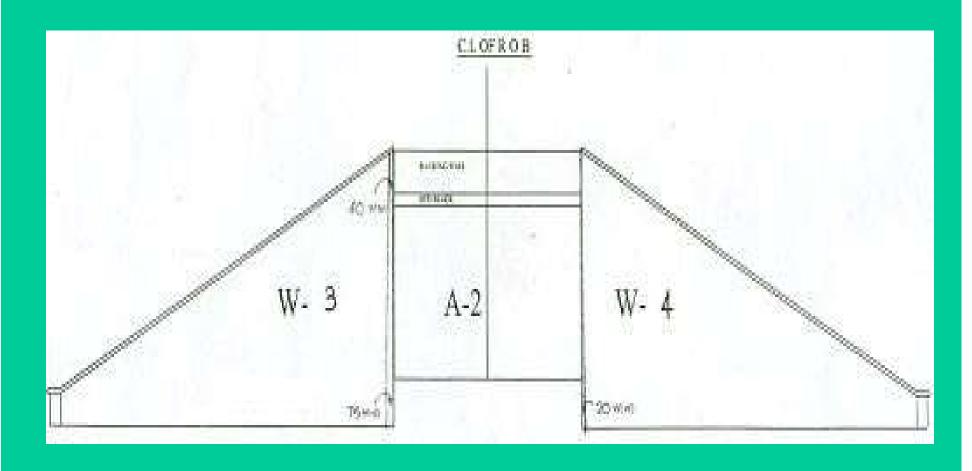
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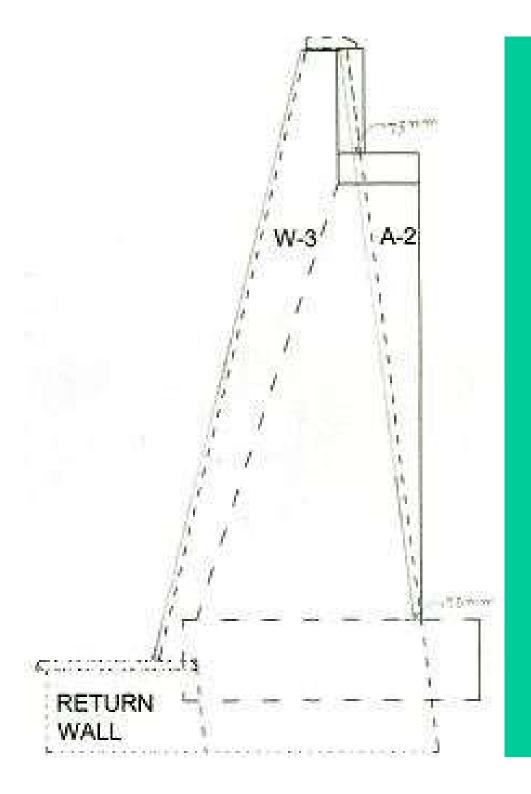
Movements of Wing Wall 1



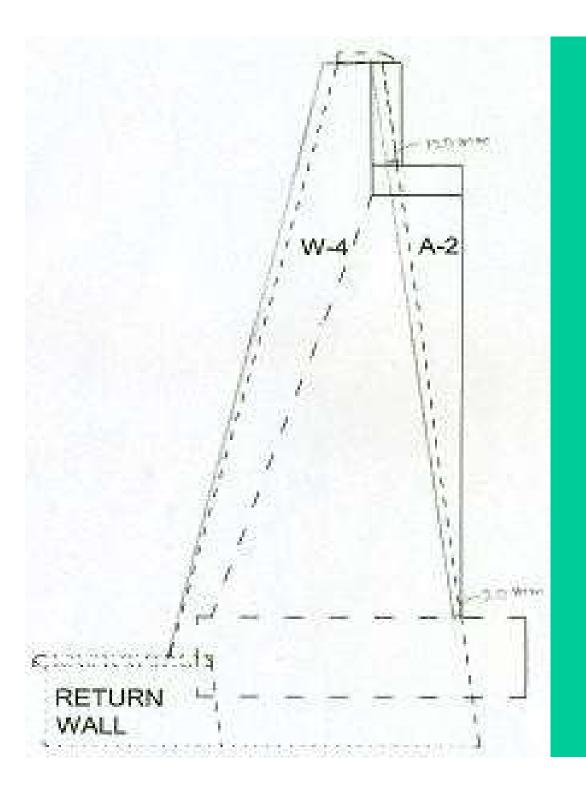
Movements of Wing Wall 2

Abutment 2 with Wing Walls 3 & 4





Movements of Wing Wall 3



Movements of Wing Wall 4

Abutment & Return Wall Incompatibility









Culvert & Wing Wall





Foundation Design

Foundation type depends on combinations of:

Foundation Materials & Conditions
Structure Type & Loads
Performance Criteria
Site Conditions/Construction

Constraints Extreme Event Effects
Seismic Loads (Liquefaction Potential)
Scour Depths
Costs & Construction Time

Foundation Design Process

Other Considerations:

In-Water Work Periods
Environmental Restrictions
Noise or Vibration Constraints
Construction Access/Traffic Control

Types of Foundations

Shallow Foundations
Spread Footings (on engineered fill)
MSE Abutment Wall / Spread Footing
Deep Foundations
Driven/Driven Cast In situ/Bored Piles/
Drilled Shafts/ Well Foundations

Pile Design

Bearing Resistance (compression and tension)

Lateral Resistance

Settlement and Downdrag Analysis

Corrosion Potential/Protection

Tip Protection

Pile Drivability (construction)

Group Settlement, Group Effects

FOUNDATION FAILURE

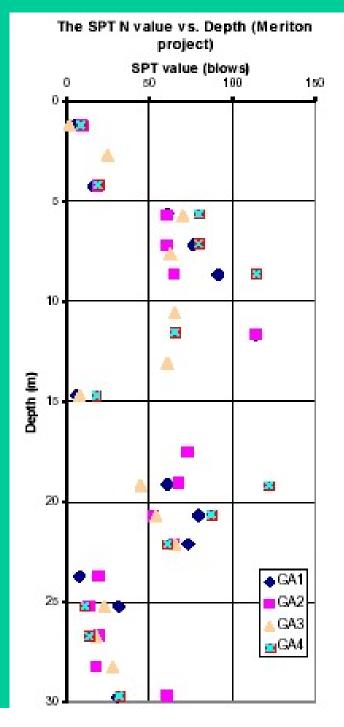
1. Bearing Capacity failure

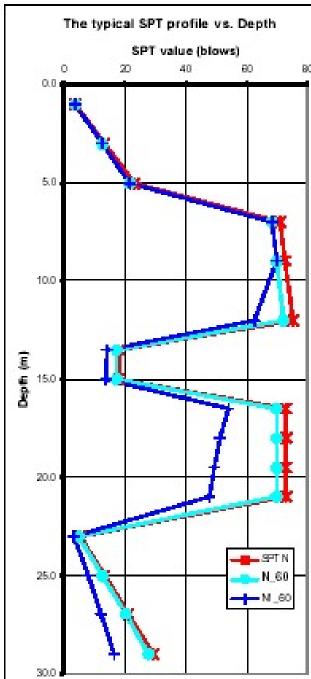
Collapse

2. Excessive Settlement

Cracks

Tilt



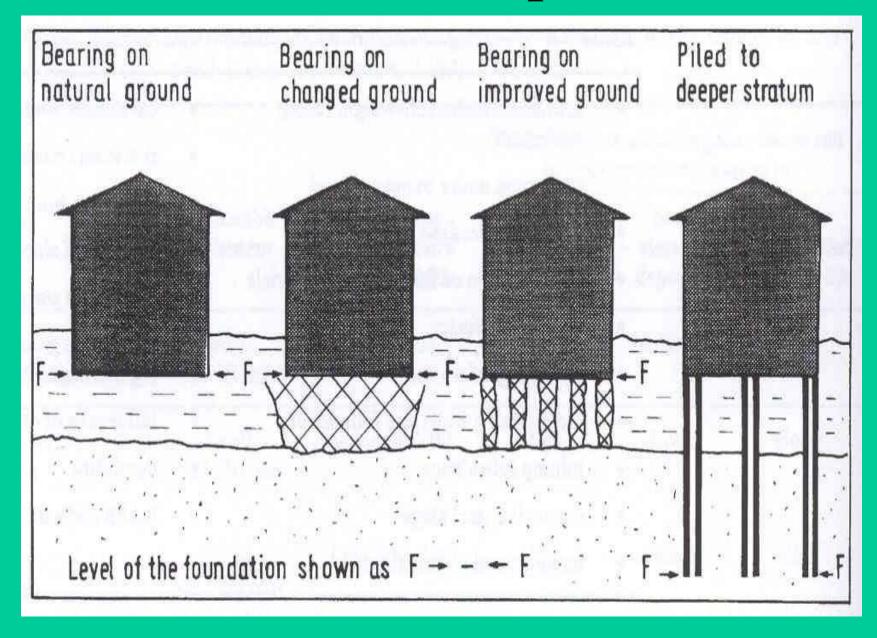


Typical SPT N Profile

Summary of Ground Profile and Properties

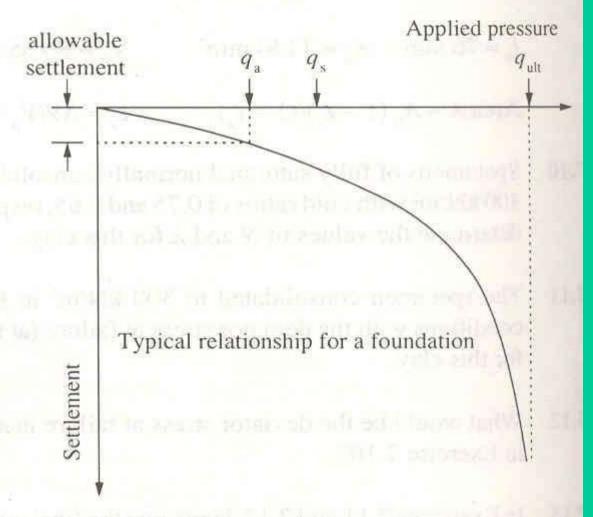
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0.00	-3.50 LAYER 1: LOOSE-MEDIUM SAND	$\begin{array}{lll} \text{N= 5-20} & \gamma = 15 \text{ kN/m3} & \nu = 0.30 \\ \text{N}_{\text{\tiny M}} = 4.7\text{-}18.2 & \gamma_{\text{\tiny M}} = 18 \text{ kN/m3} & E = 6 \text{ Mpa} \\ \text{N}_{\text{\tiny L}} = 4.7\text{-}18.2 & \varphi = 28^{\circ} \end{array}$
5.00	LAYER 2: VERY DENSE SAND	$\begin{array}{lll} \text{N= }70.4\text{-}75 & \text{γ_{sat}= }20 \text{ kN/m3} & \text{ν= }0.30\\ \text{N}_{\text{ss}}$= 67\text{-}72 & \text{$\phi$= }36^{\circ} & \text{E= }30 \text{ Mpa}\\ \text{N}_{\text{res}}$= 67\text{-}62 & & \end{array}$
13.00	LAYER 3: ORGANIC PEAT	N= 11
16.00	LAYER 4: DENSE SAND	N= 73 N _m = 70 γ_{sat} = 20 kN/m3 ν = 0.35 N _m = 53-47 ϕ = 36° E = 35 Mpa
30.00	LAYER 5: STIFF CLAY	N= 8-32 N _m = 7.6-30.6 γ _{sat} = 19 kN/m3 v= 0.30 N _m = 5-18.1 φ= E= 20 Mpa C= 80 Mpa

Foundation Options



Structure & Ground

Structure	Light	Medium	Heavy
Ground			
Soft	Shallow	Gr. Impr.	Deep
	Found./G.I	(G.I.)	Found.
Medium	Shallow	Gr. Impr.	Deep
Stiff	Found.	(G.I.)	Found./
			(G.I.)
Hard	Shallow	Shallow	Shallow
	Found.	Found./G.I.	Found./G.I



 $q_{\rm ult}$ = ultimate bearing capacity

 q_s = safe bearing capacity

$$=\frac{q_{\text{ult}}}{F}$$
 $F = \text{factor of safety}$

 q_a = allowable bearing pressure (related to allowable settlement of structure)

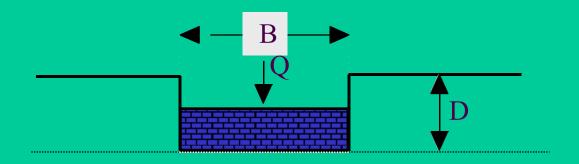
Allowable Bearing Capacity

$$q_a = \frac{q_{ult} - q_0}{F} + q_0$$

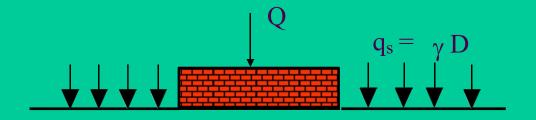
 q_a Allowable Bearing Capacity F Factor of safety

Shallow Foundations

Typical Buried Footing



Equivalent Surface Footing



Bearing Capacity - Definitions

- Gross Ultimate BC, $q_u = cN_c + q_0N_q + 0.5\gamma BN_{\gamma}$
- Net UBC, $q_{u,net} = q_u q_0$
- Safe BC, $q_s = q_u/FS Not Proper$
- $q_s = (q_u-q_0)/FS+q_0 = q_{u,net}/FS+q_0 Proper$
- Allowable BC, $q_a < or = q_s$
- Net Allowable BC, $q_{a,net}=q_a-q_0$

Terzaghi Bearing Capacity Formulas

For Continuous foundations:

$$q_{ult} = c'N_c + \sigma'_{zD}N_q + 0.5\gamma BN_{\gamma}$$

For Square foundations:

$$q_{ult} = 1.3c'N_c + \sigma'_{zD}N_q + 0.4\gamma BN_{\gamma}$$

For Circular foundations:

$$q_{ult} = 1.3c'N_c + \sigma'_{zD}N_q + 0.3\gamma BN_{\gamma}$$

Terzaghi Bearing Capacity Factors

$$N_q = \frac{a_{\theta}^2}{2\cos^2(45 + \phi'/2)}$$

$$a_{\theta} = \exp\left[\pi \left(0.75 - \phi' / 360\right) \tan \phi'\right]$$

$$Nc = 5.7$$
 when $\phi' = 0$

$$N_c = \frac{N_q - 1}{\tan \phi'} \quad when \quad \phi' > 0$$

$$N_{\gamma} = \frac{\tan \phi'}{2} \left(\frac{K_{p\gamma}}{\cos^2 \phi'} - 1 \right)$$

Vesic' Formula Shape Factors

$$s_c = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L}\right) \left(\frac{N_q}{N_c}\right)$$

$$s_q = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L}\right) \tan \phi'$$

$$S_{\gamma} = 1 - 0.4 \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)$$

Vesic' Formula Depth Factors

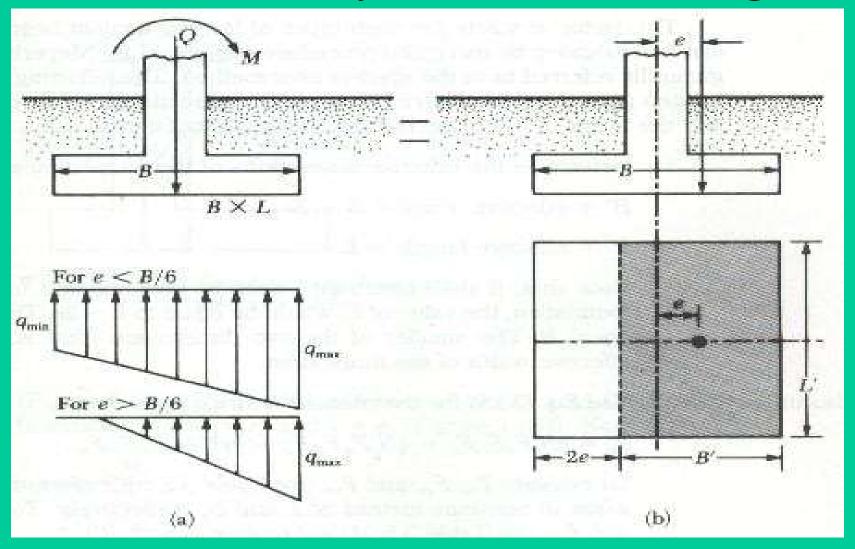
$$k = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{D}{B} \right)$$

$$d_c = 1 + 0.4k$$

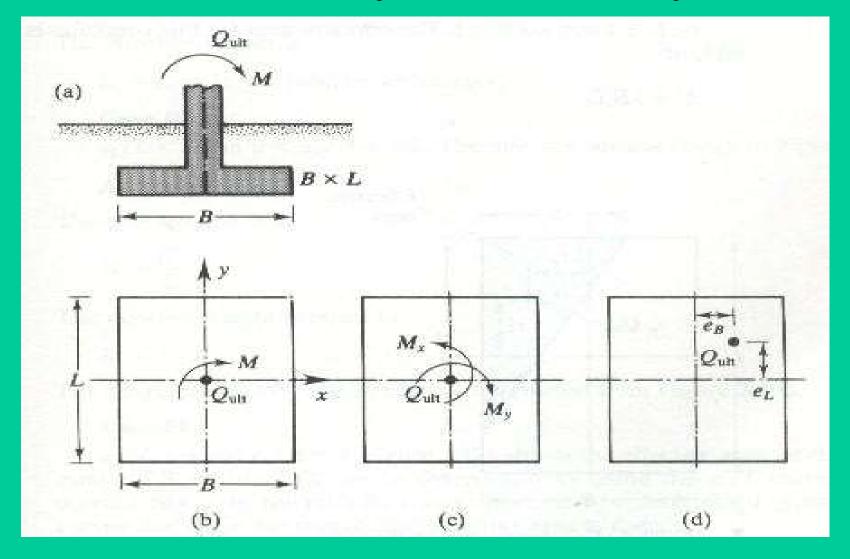
$$d_q = 1 + 2k \tan \phi' (1 - \sin \phi')^2$$

$$d_{\gamma} = 1$$

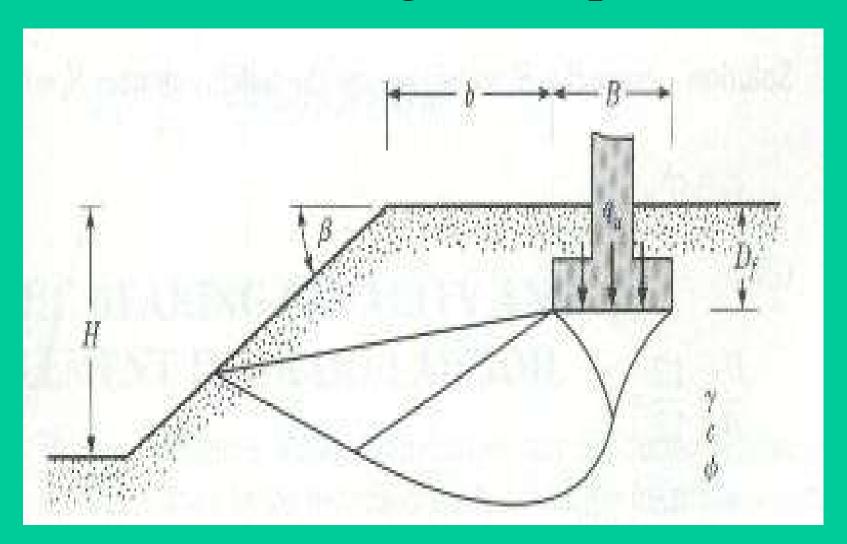
Eccentrically Loaded Footing



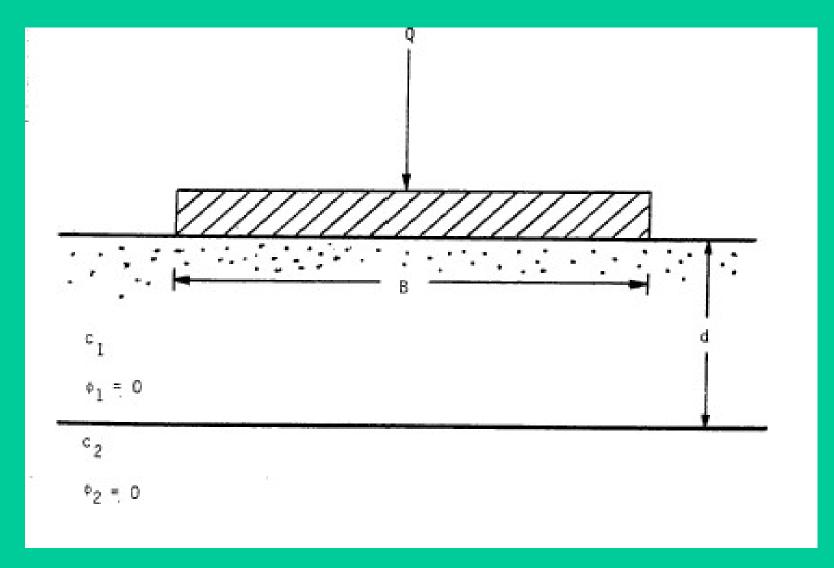
Two-Way Eccentricity



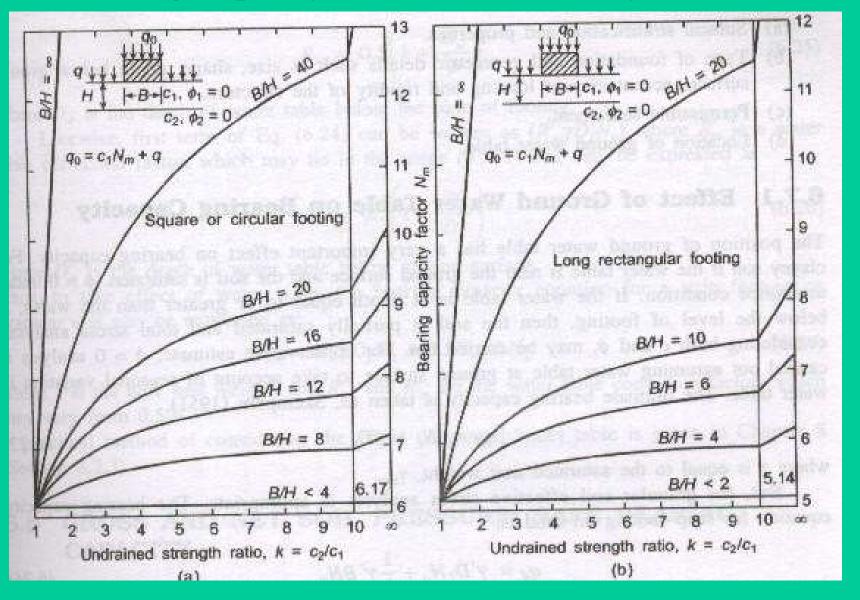
Footing on Slope



Two-Layered Soil



Bearing Capacity Factors for Two-Layered Soil



Allowable Bearing Pressure

$$q_{np} = 1.37 (N'-3) \left(\frac{B+0.3}{2B}\right)^2 R'_w R_{D1} S_a$$
 600

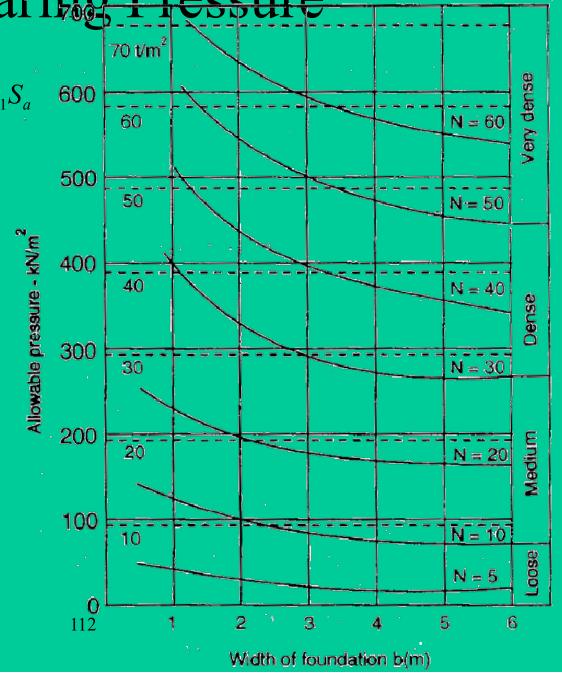
S_a in mm and all other dimensions in meter.

$$S_a = \frac{\text{Permissible settlement in mm.}}{(25 \text{ mm})}$$

$$R'_{w} = 0.5 \left(1 + \frac{D_{w} - D_{f}}{D_{f}} \right) \qquad [R'_{w} \le 1]$$

 R_{D1} = depth correction factor

$$= 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \le 1.2$$



Meyerhof (1965)

$$\delta_{\text{footing}}(\text{mm}) = \frac{1.33q(\text{kPa})}{N_{60}} \left(1 - \frac{D_f}{4B} \right) \quad \text{for } B \le 1.22 \text{ m}$$

$$\delta_{\text{footing}}(\text{mm}) = \frac{0.53q(\text{kPa})}{N_{60}} \left(\frac{2B}{B+0.3}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{D_f}{4B}\right) \text{ for } B > 1.22 \text{ m}$$

Burland & Burbridge (1985) with $z_I = B^{0.7}$

NC Soils

$$\delta_{\text{footing}} = q_{\text{net}} \frac{1.71}{\overline{N}_{60}^{1.4}} B^{0.7}$$

OC Soils

$$\delta_{\text{footing}} = \left(q_{\text{net}} - \frac{2}{3} \sigma_p' \right) \frac{1.71}{\bar{N}_{60}^{1.4}} B^{0.7} \quad \text{if } q \ge \sigma_p'$$

Shape Factor

Finite Layer

Creep Factor

$$f_s = \left(\frac{1.25L/B}{0.25 + L/B}\right)^2$$

$$f_{l} = \frac{H_{s}}{z_{l}} \left(2 - \frac{H_{s}}{z_{l}} \right)$$

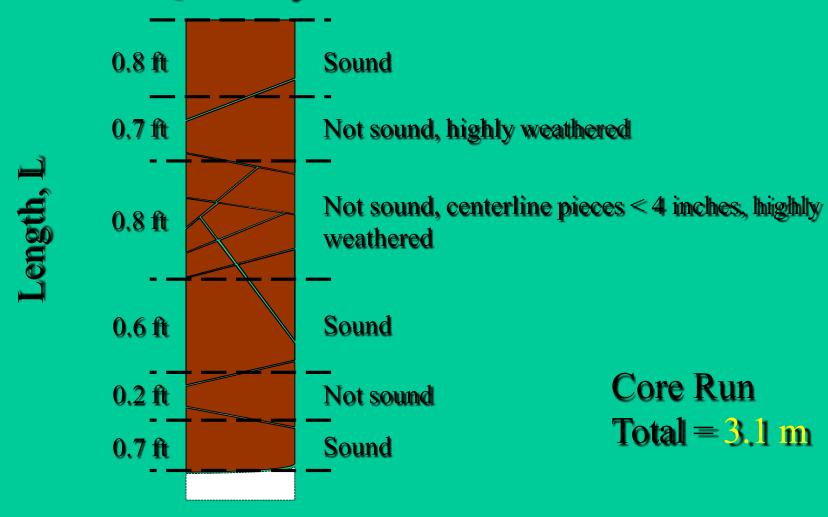
$$R_3$$
=0.3 to 0.7 & R_t =0.2 to 0.8

$$f_{t} = 1 + R_{3} + R_{t} \log \frac{t'}{3}$$

Foundations on Rock

- Drilling required at least 5m below the lowest cellar floor level.
- Core recovery, RQD and water levels required.
- Site geology (spacing and nature of discontinuities)
- Unconfined Compressive Strength.
- Interaction between geotechnical and structural engineers.

Rock Quality



$$CR = 95\%$$
 $RQD = 53\%$

Weathering

- Fresh
- Very light
- Slight
- Moderate
- Moderately severe
- Severe
- Very severe
- Complete

Engineering Judgment

Rock Parameters

- Core recovery (CR)
- Rock Quality Designation (RQD)

RQD Rating of rock mass

RQD, %	Rock Description		
< 25	Very poor		
25 – 50	Poor		
50-75	Fair		
75-90	Good		
>90	Excellent		

Rock Mass Rating (RMR)

<u>0 – 100 Rating</u>

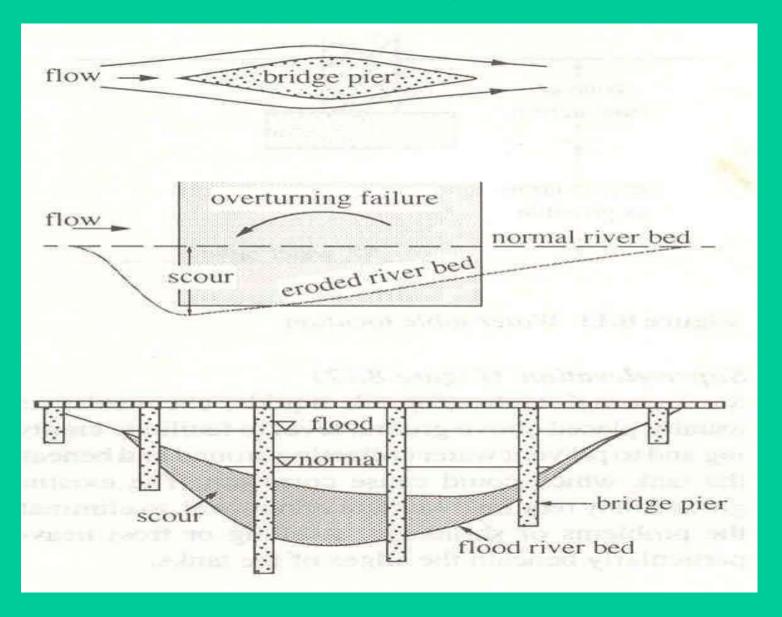
- UCC
- Spacing of discontinuities
- Condition of discontinuities
- Ground water conditions
- Orientation of discontinuities

Safe Bearing Capacity

Net safe bearing pressures based on RMR (IS: 12070-1987)

Classification No.	I	II	III	IV	V
Description of Rock	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
RMR	100 – 81	80 – 61	60 – 41	40 – 21	20 – 0
Net safe bearing pressure, kN /sq m	6000 - 4480	4480 – 2880	2800 – 1510	1450 — 900 — 580	550 – 450- 400

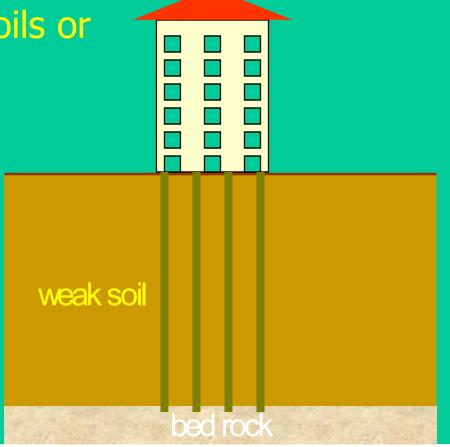
Effect of Scour



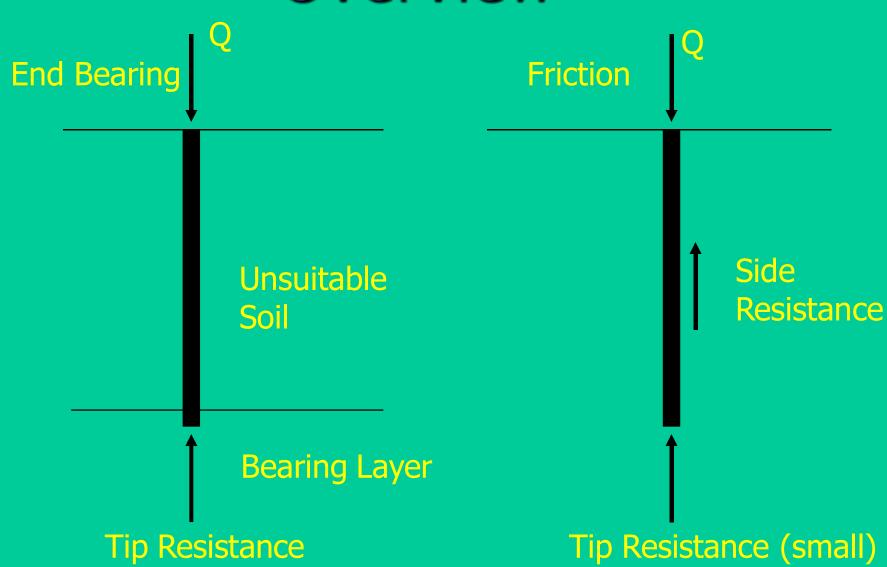
Deep Foundations

~ For transferring building loads to underlying ground

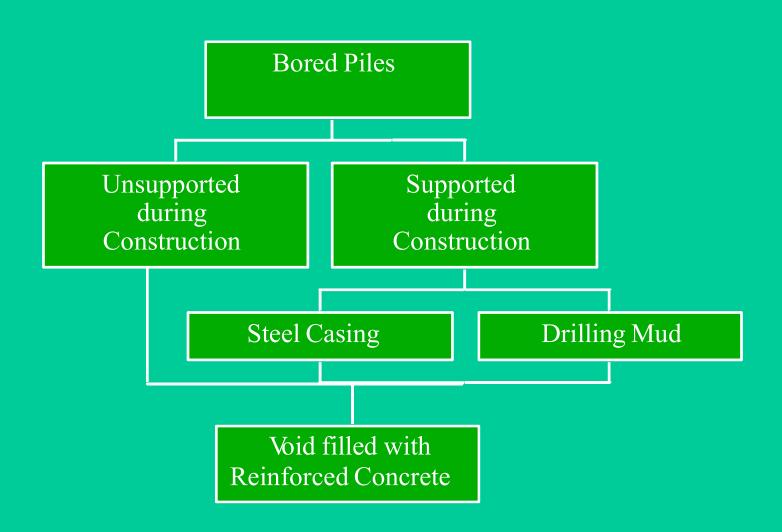
~ Mostly for weak soils or heavy loads



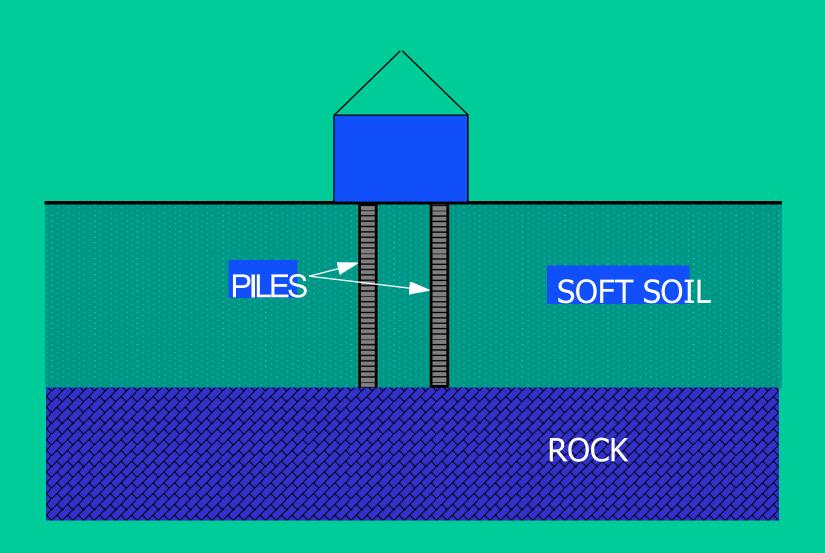
Deep Foundations Overview



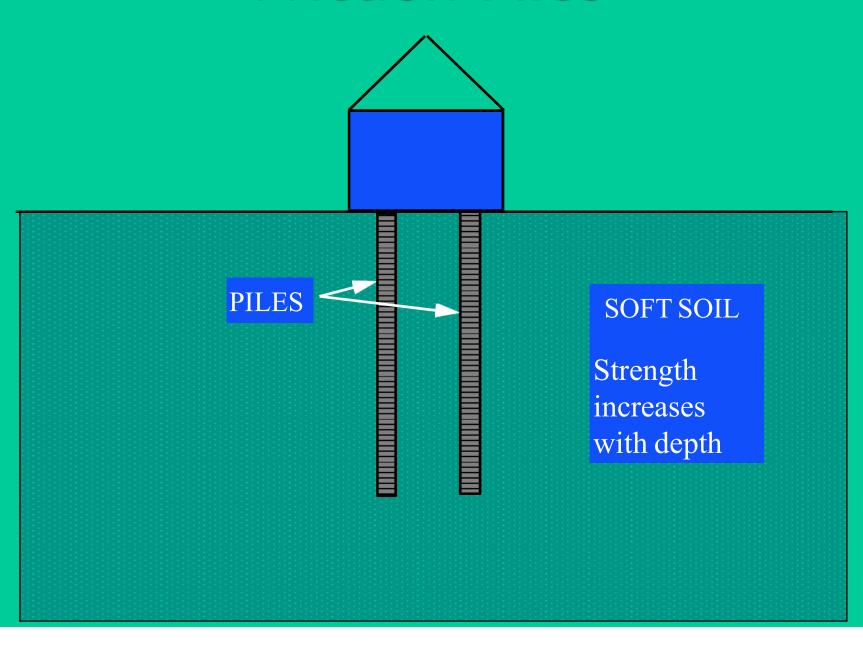
Types of Bored Piles



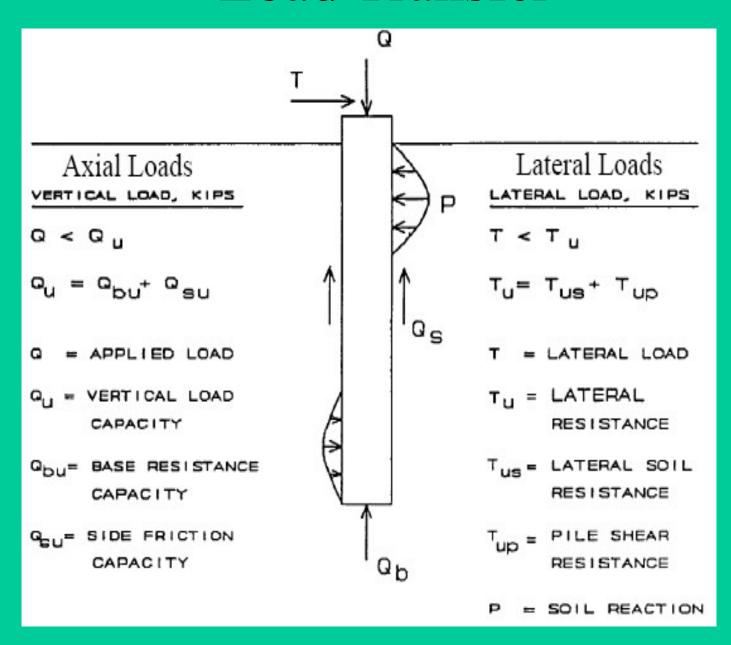
End Bearing Piles



Friction Piles



Load Transfer



Basics

Qu = Qs + Qp

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(a) Qallow =
$$\frac{Qu}{F_{\infty}}$$
 2.5 to 4

(b) Qallow = $\frac{Qs}{F_{\alpha}}$ + $\frac{Qp}{F_{\alpha}}$

Factor of safety

Tension

Tu = Qs + W weight of pile

(a) Tallow = $\frac{Tu}{F_{\alpha}}$

(b) Tallow = $\frac{Qs}{F_{\alpha}}$ + $\frac{W}{F_{\alpha}}$

Tip Resistance in Sands

$$q'_{t} = B \gamma N_{\gamma}^{*} + \sigma'_{zD} N_{q}^{*}$$

- q'_t = net unit toe-bearing resistance
- B = pile diameter
- N_{γ}^* , N_{q}^* = bearing capacity factors
- γ = unit weight of soil immediately below the pile toe (use submerged weight below the phreatic surface)
- σ'_{zD} = vertical effective stress at pile toe

Piles in Clay

$$q'_{t} = N_{c}^{*} s_{u}$$

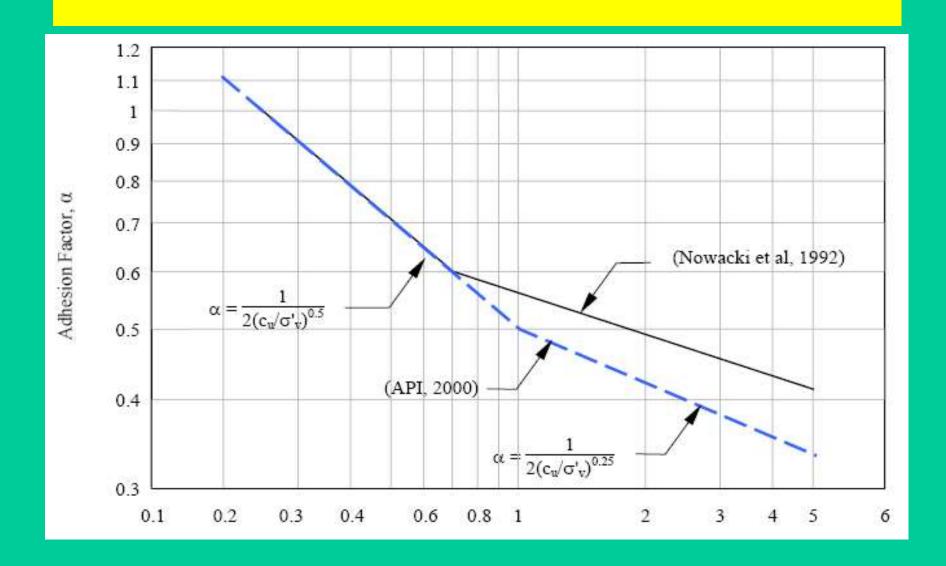
- q'_t = net unit toe-bearing pressure
- N_c^* = bearing capacity factor
 - 6.5 at $s_u \le 25 \text{ kPa } (500 \text{ psf})$
 - 8.0 at 25 kPa (500 psf) \leq s_u \leq 100 kPa (1000 psf)
 - 9.0 at s₁₁ > 100 kPa (2000 psf) ←
- s_u = undrained shear strength between the toe and
 2B below the toe

Shaft Resistance

$$f_s = \sigma'_x \tan \phi_f$$

- $f_s = unit shaft friction resistance$
- σ'_x = horizontal effective stress (i.e., perpendicular to the foundation axis)
- tan φ_f = μ = coefficient of friction between the soil and the foundation
- φ_f = soil-foundation interface friction angle (some notations use δ)

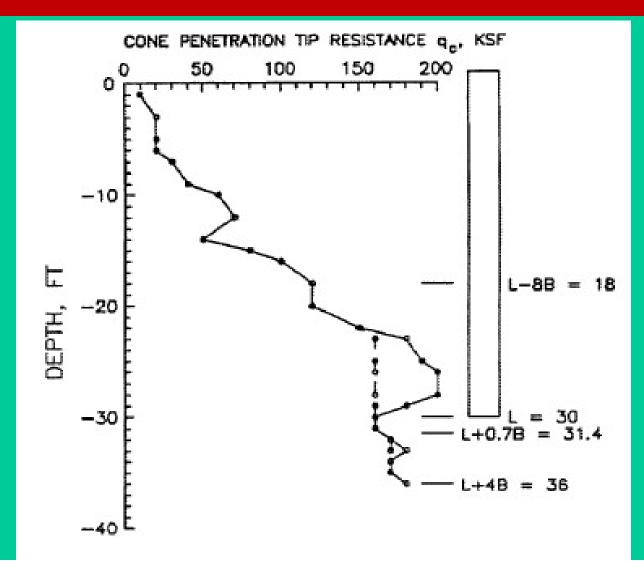
Adhesion Factor, α - Bored Piles



Design Based on SPT N

- q_{bu} (at S=0.01d) = (6 to 13)N
- $q_{bu} = 5N$ below GWL in Soils
- $q_{bu} = 10N$ above GWL

$q_{u,b}$ (from CPT)= $(q_{c1}+q_{c2})/2$ q_{c1} =Av. of q_c (L+0.7B to L+4B) & q_{c2} =Av. of q_c (L-8B to L)



Gr. Impr. Methods



CONSOLIDATION



Prefab. Vertical Drains



Vacuum Consolidation

REINFORCEMENT methods

Semi-Right Inclusions (cement grout etc.)



Controlled Modulus Columns



Soil Mixing Columns

Non-Rigid Inclusions (sand, stone, etc.)



Dynamic Replacement Columns



Vibro Replacement Columns

loose sand

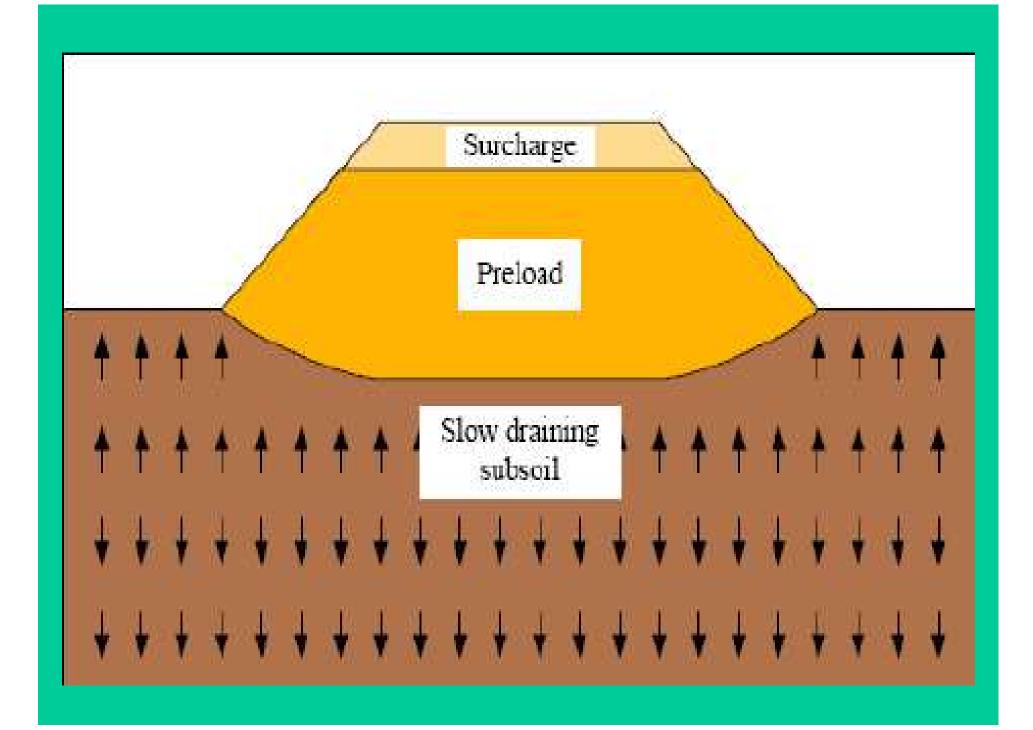
COMPACTION methods



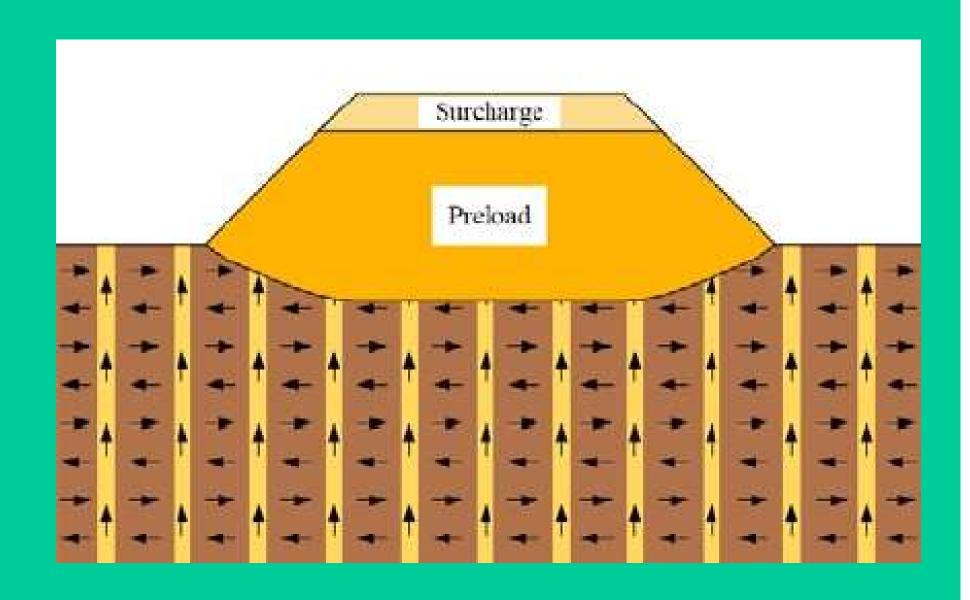
Dynamic Compaction



Vibro Compaction



Preload + Vertical Drains

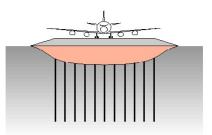


Original Ground

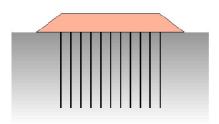








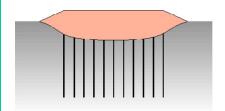
2. Preloading with PVD



1 2 log (Stress)

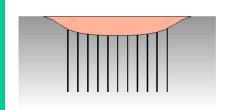
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3. Settlement



[↓]Vertical S train

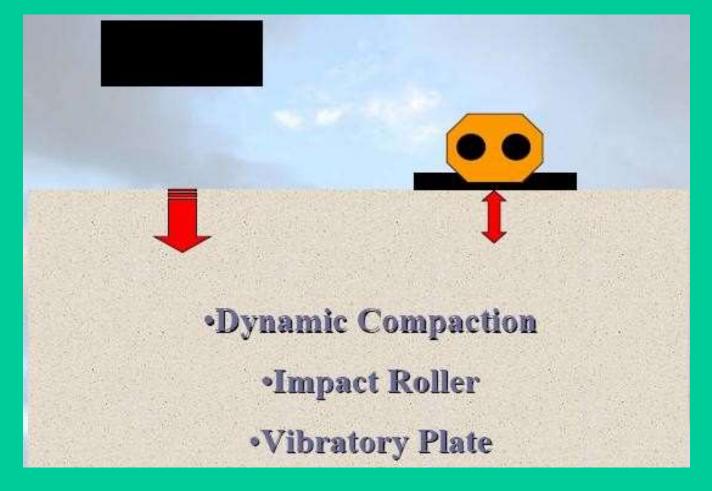
4. Removal of Surcharge



Stages in **Preloading**

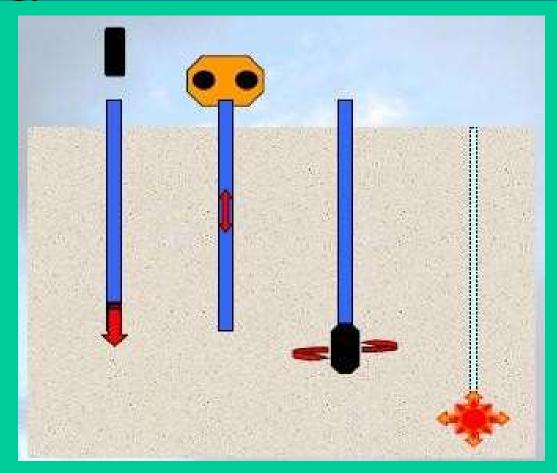


Energy applied at Ground Surface



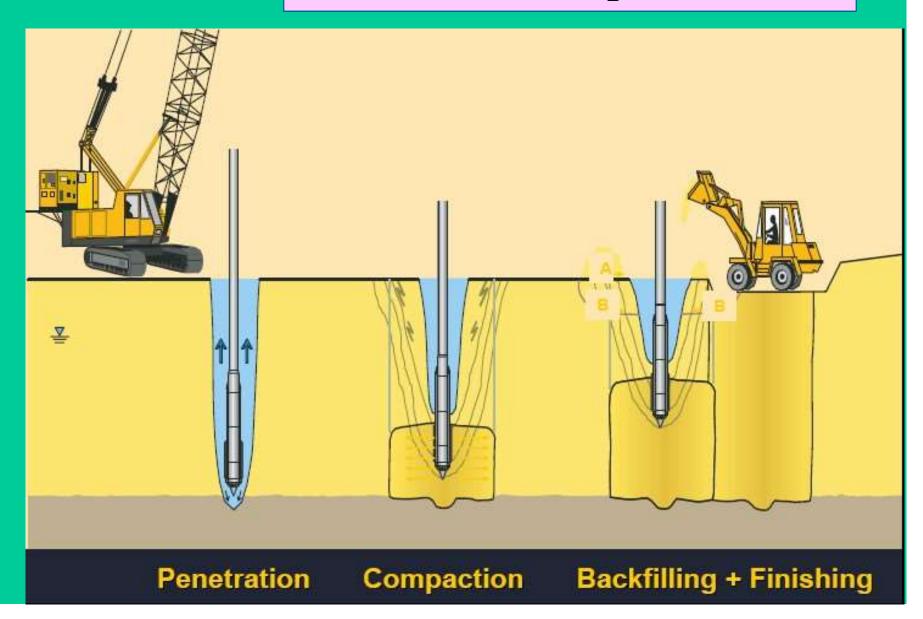


Energy Transfer below Ground Surface

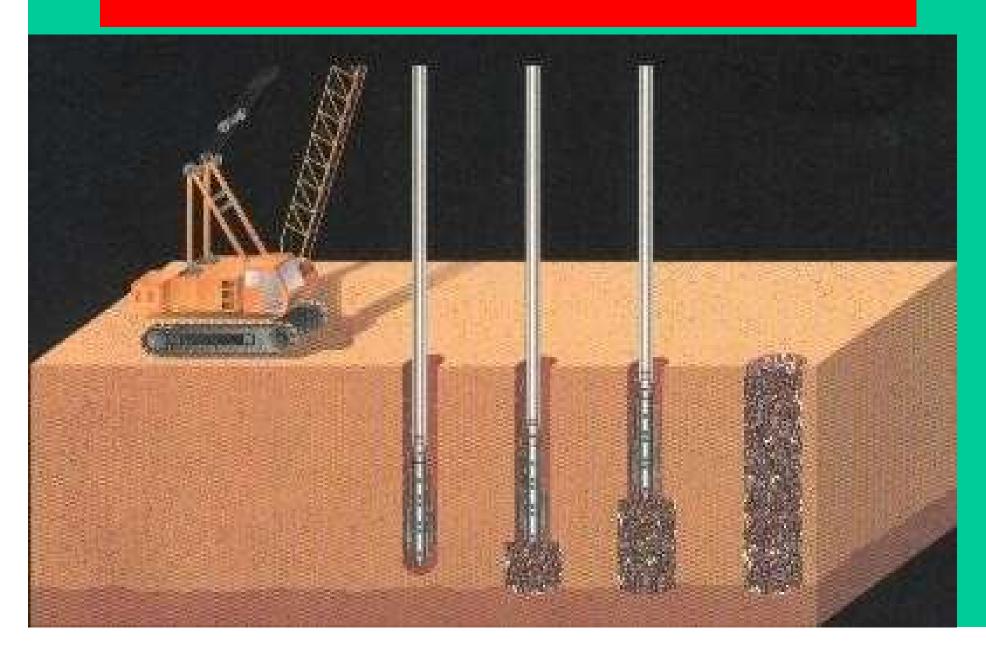


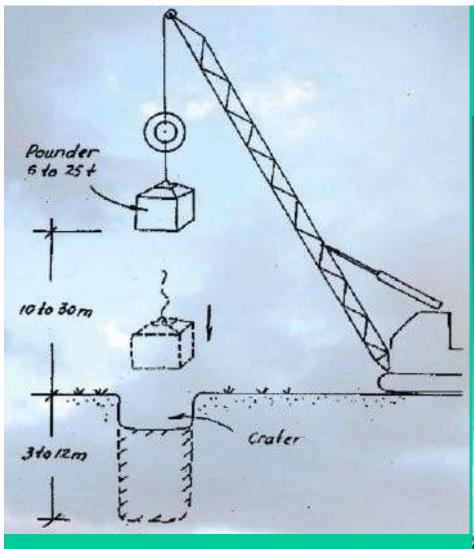
Displacement Pile Method, Driven Stone Column, Vibro--Probes Resonance Compaction; Vibro-flotation; Explosives

Vibro-Compaction

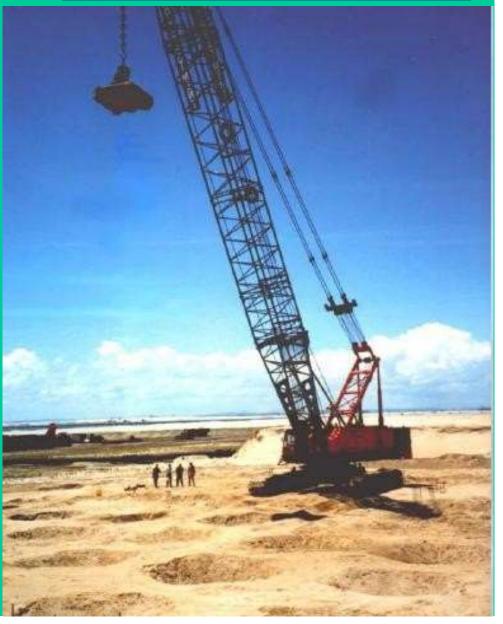


Vibro-Replacement

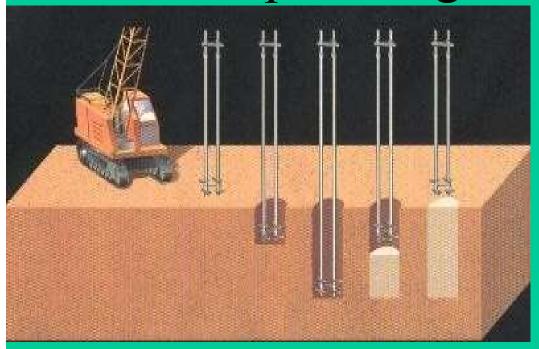




Heavy Tamping

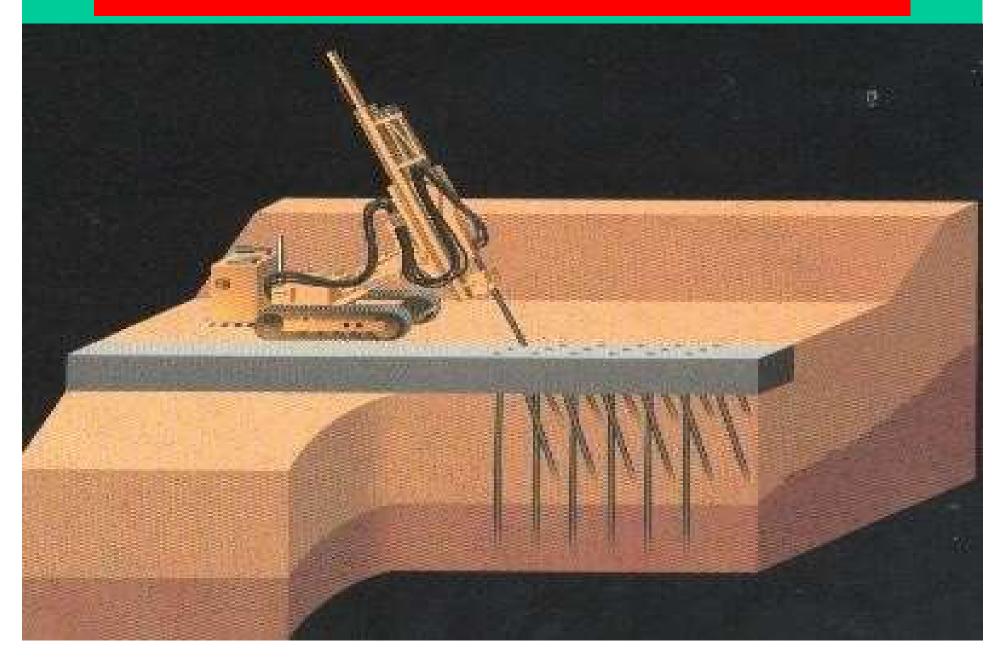


Deep Mixing – Cement/Lime

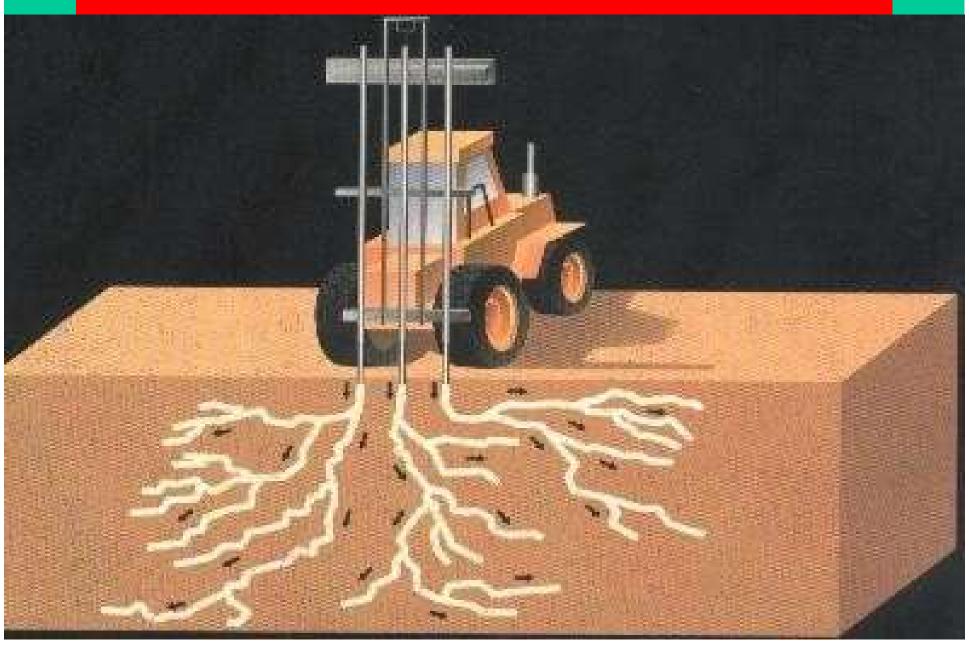




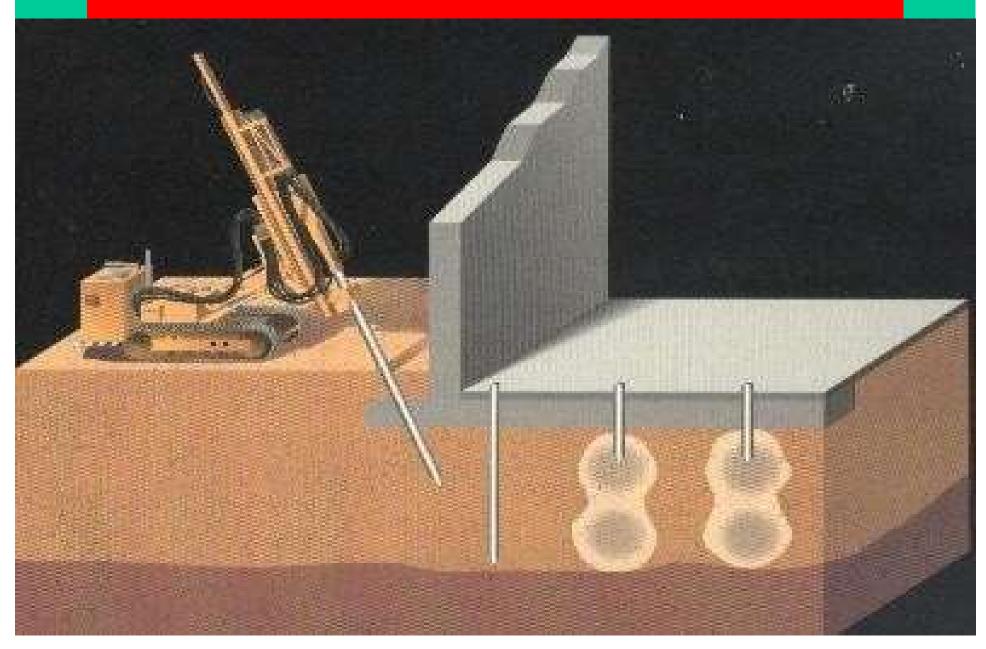
Micro-Piling



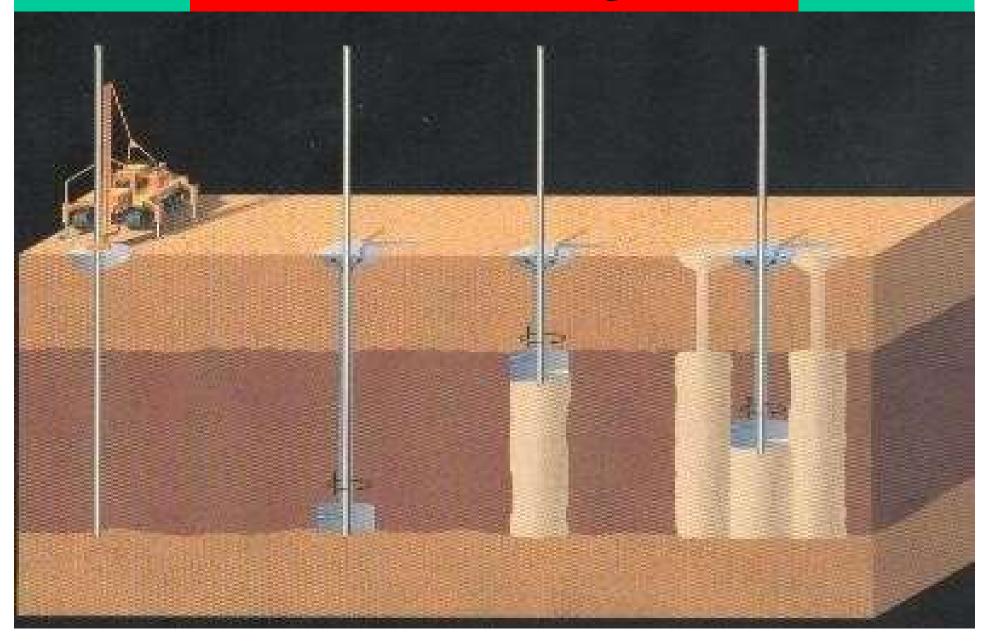
Injection Grouting



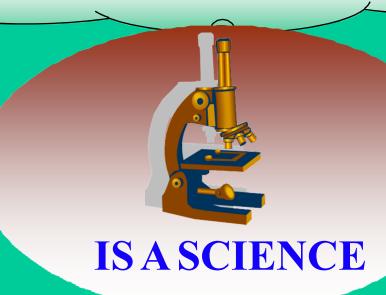
Compaction Grouting



Jet Grouting



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BUT ITS PRACTICE

