



Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Lecture Session III

Liquefaction of Soils during Earthquakes

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- 5. Liquefaction Mitigation Methods**

1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

Dynamic: Foundation failure by liquefaction after the 1964 Niigata Earthquake. (USGS)



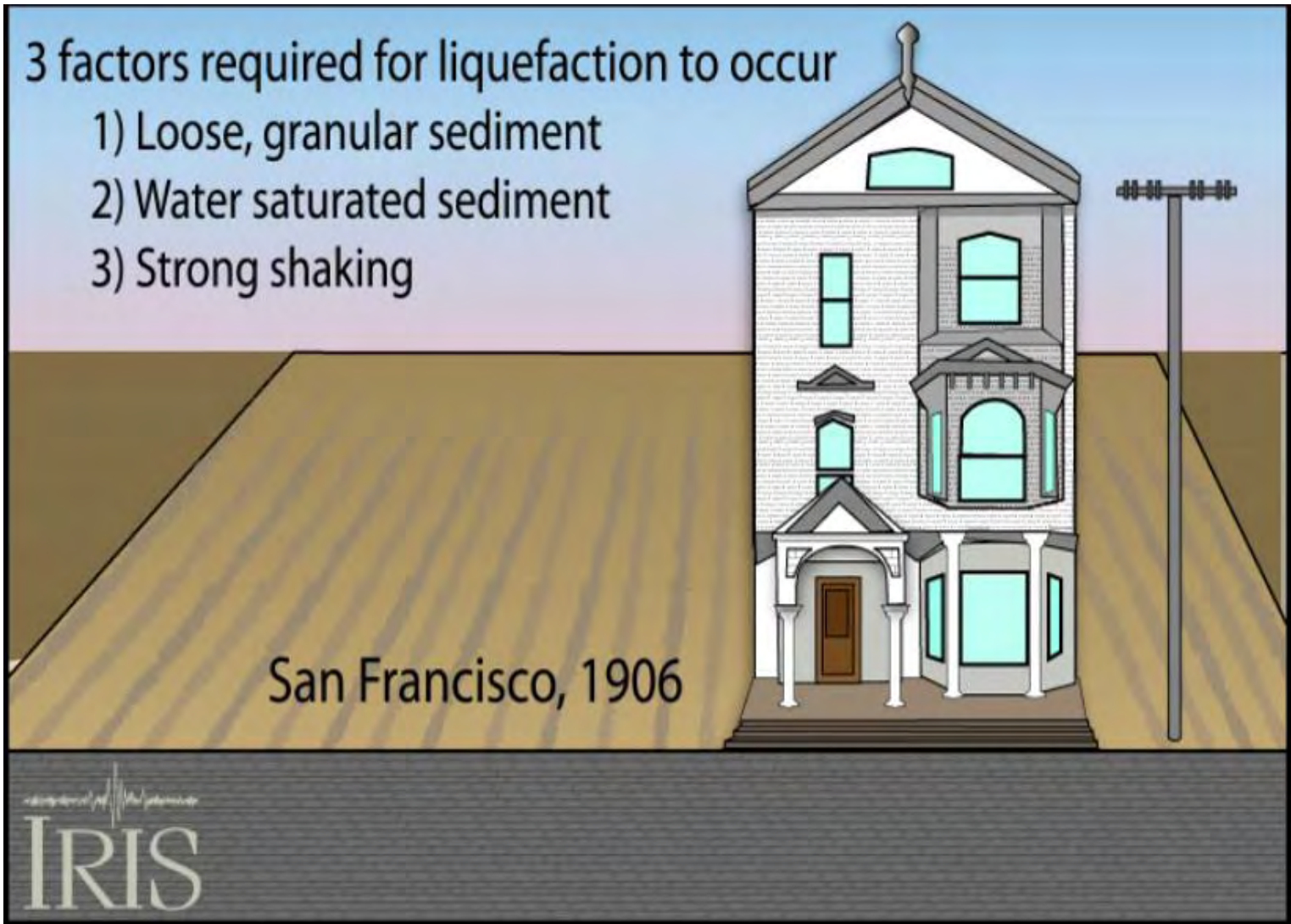
Sand Boils, June 16 Niigata Earthquake M 7.5



Sand boils near Niigata (photo by K. Steinbrugge, courtesy of EERC, Univ. of California)

3 factors required for liquefaction to occur

- 1) Loose, granular sediment
- 2) Water saturated sediment
- 3) Strong shaking

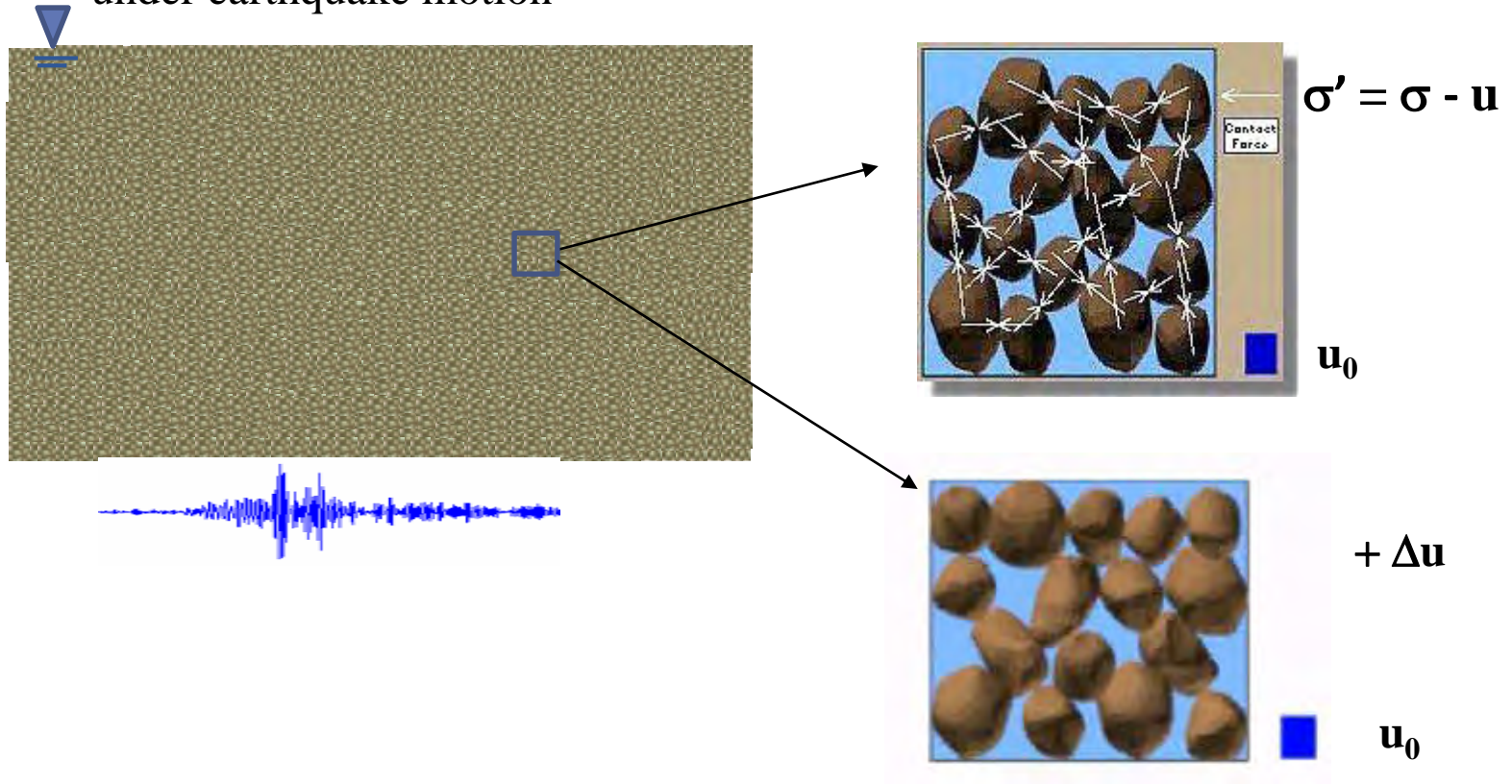



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1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

Mostly occurs in loose saturated sands. However studies show that silty sands and even silts may also liquefy

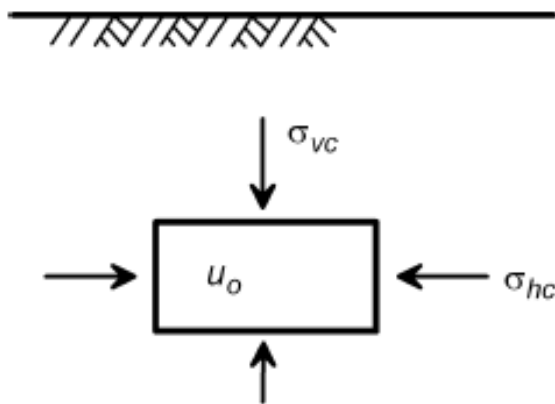
A loose saturated sand layer under earthquake motion



1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

Liquefaction:

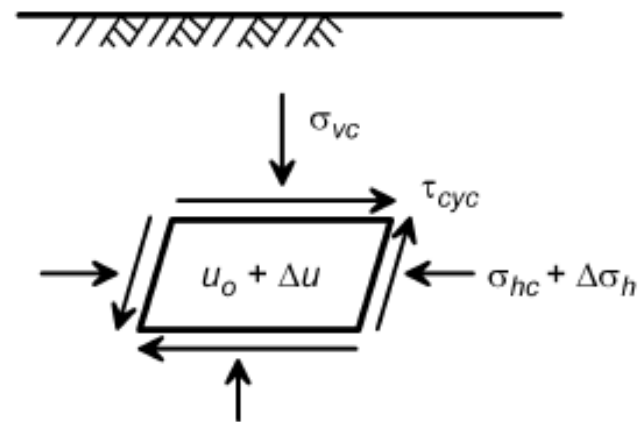
Tendency for densification under dynamic loading causes excess pore water pressures to develop under undrained conditions, which in turn reduces the effective stresses.



Consolidation stresses

$$\sigma'_{vc} = \sigma_{vc} - u_o$$

$$\sigma'_{hc} = K_o \sigma'_{vc}$$



Undrained cyclic loading

$$\sigma'_v = \sigma_{vc} - (u_o + \Delta u) = \sigma'_{vc} - \Delta u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'_h &= (\sigma_{hc} + \Delta\sigma_h) - (u_o + \Delta u) \\ &= \sigma'_{hc} + (\Delta\sigma_h - \Delta u) = K \sigma'_v \end{aligned}$$

1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

Liquefaction occurrence in sands is affected by:

- Relative Density D_R
- Effective confining stress σ'_c , (initial stresses)
- Particle size, shape and gradation (influences volume change behavior)
- Stress history
- Fines content
- Mode of deposition,
- The distance from the epicenter and the magnitude of the EQ

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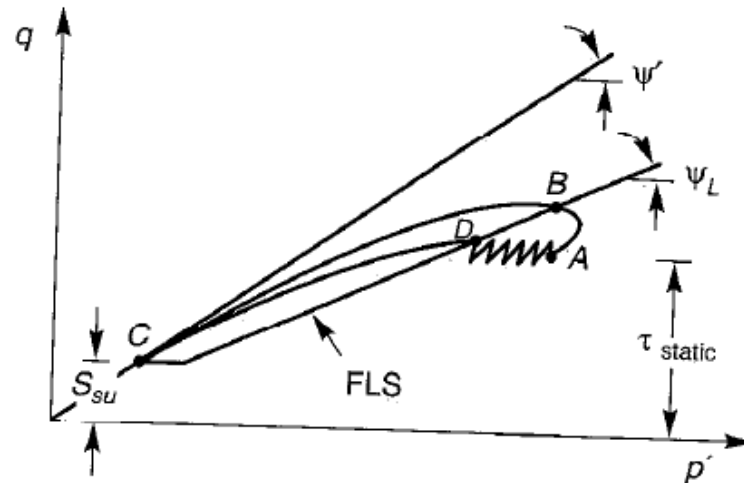
• Flow Liquefaction

- Initial static shear stresses $>$ Undrained residual shear strength
- Failure before reaching 0 effective stress condition
- Usually occurs in loose saturated sand, due to their strain softening behavior under undrained conditions.
- Failure Types: Loss of bearing capacity (Kavagishi-cho Apt)
(Foundation Failures)
Slope Instability, e.g. dam failures



Initiation of flow liquefaction by cyclic loading

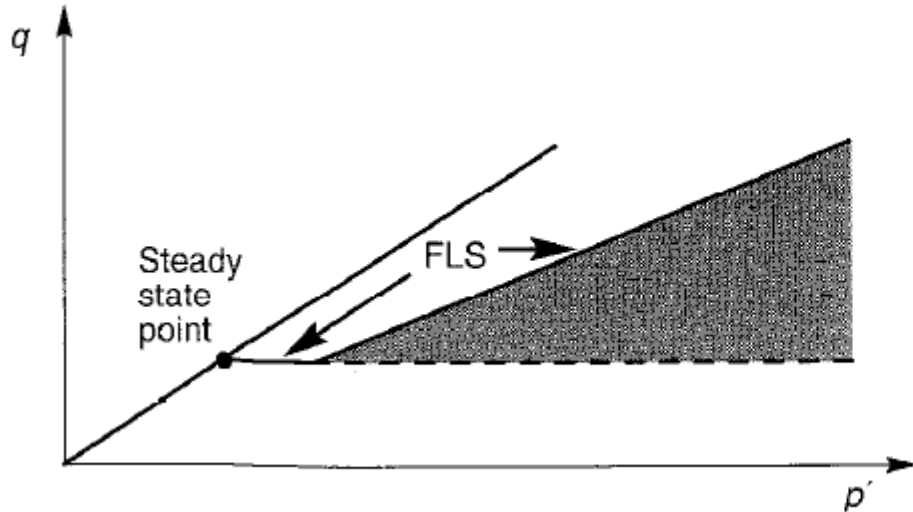
S_{su} = steady state shear strength or residual shear strength



Kramer 1996

1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

- **Flow Liquefaction**



Kramer 1996

Figure 9.19 Zone of susceptibility to flow liquefaction. If initial conditions fall within the shaded zone, flow liquefaction will occur if an undrained disturbance brings the effective stress path from the point describing the initial conditions to the FLS.



Loss of Bearing Capacity, Tilting of Kavagishi-cho Apartment Buildings, 1964 Niigata



Loss of Bearing Capacity, Tilting of a building during Adapazari EQ 1999

1. Undrained Response of Sands under Dynamic Loads

• Cyclic Softening

- Initial static shear stresses $<$ Undrained residual shear strength
- Occurs in both loose and dense saturated sands
- Excessive deformations
- 2 types: cyclic mobility (no zero shear stress condition)
cyclic liquefaction (zero shear condition)
- A special case is "*level ground liquefaction*", which means without initial shear stresses, $\sigma' \approx 0$ condition is reached
- Failure Types: Lateral Spreading
Level Ground Deformations; sand boils, settlements, differential transient deformation

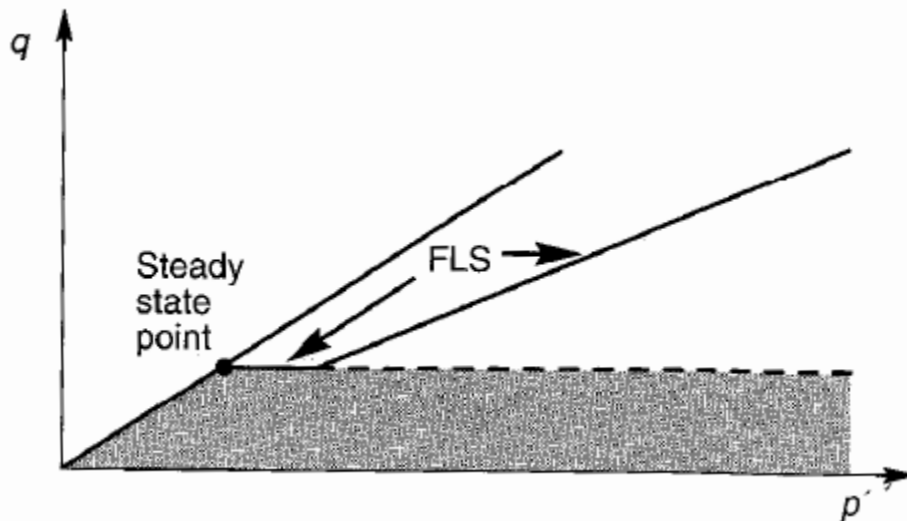


Figure 9.21 Zone of susceptibility to cyclic mobility. If initial conditions plot within shaded zone, cyclic mobility can occur.

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- **Cyclic Mobility**

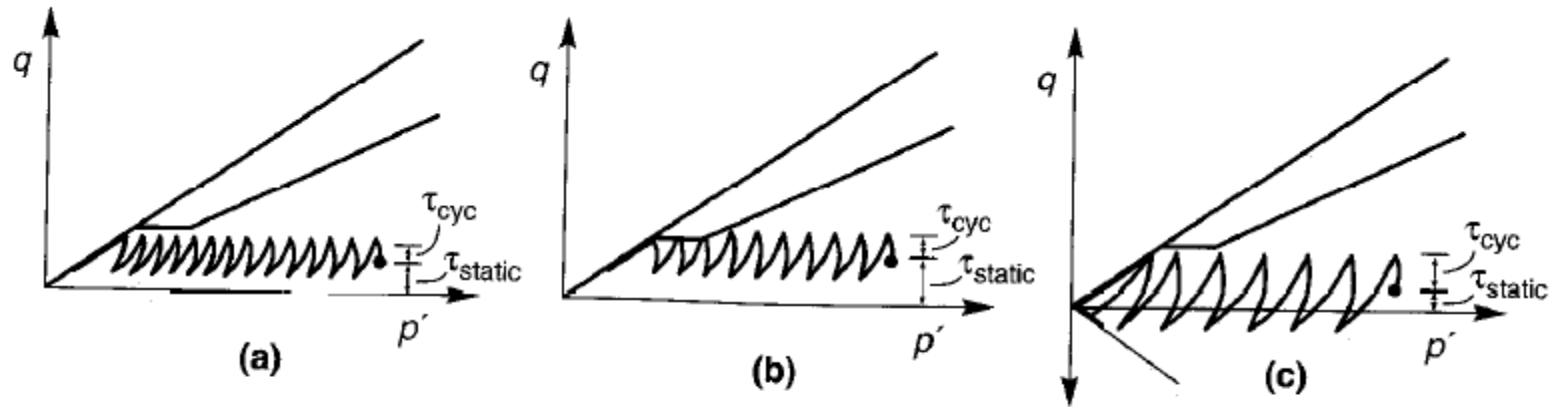
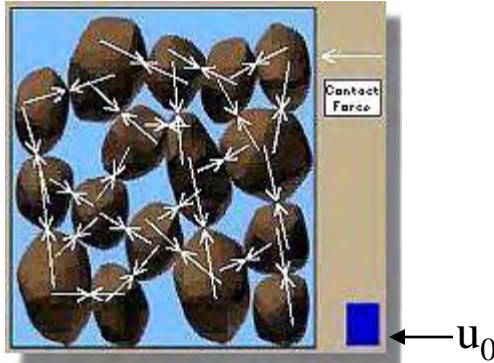


Figure 9.22 Three cases of cyclic mobility: (a) no stress reversal and no exceedance of the steady-state strength; (b) no stress reversal with momentary periods of steady-state strength exceedance; (c) stress reversal with no exceedance of steady-state strength.

2. Initial Liquefaction

Governing Equation
 $\sigma' = \sigma - u$



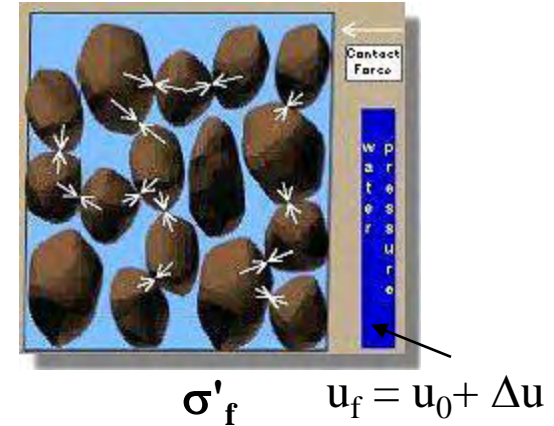
σ'_0

Before Liquefaction:

$$\sigma'_0 = \sigma - u_0$$



$+\Delta u$



σ'_f

$u_f = u_0 + \Delta u$

After Liquefaction:

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma - u_f$$

Level Ground (Initial) Liquefaction :

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma - (u_0 + \Delta u) = 0$$

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma'_0 - \Delta u = 0$$

Pore pressure ratio:

$$r_u = \Delta u / \sigma'_0$$

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma'_0 (1 - r_u) = 0$$

$$1 - r_u = 0$$

$$r_u = \Delta u / \sigma'_0 = 1$$

2. Initial Liquefaction



Sand boils on the field
along Hwy 98 during 1979
El Centro EQ

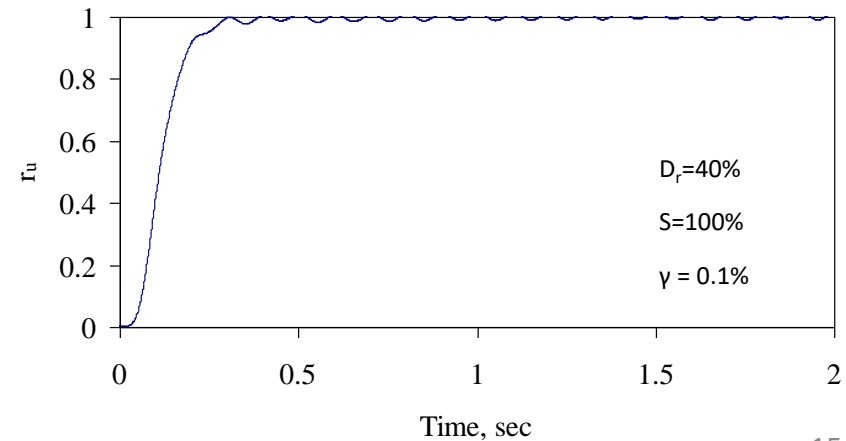
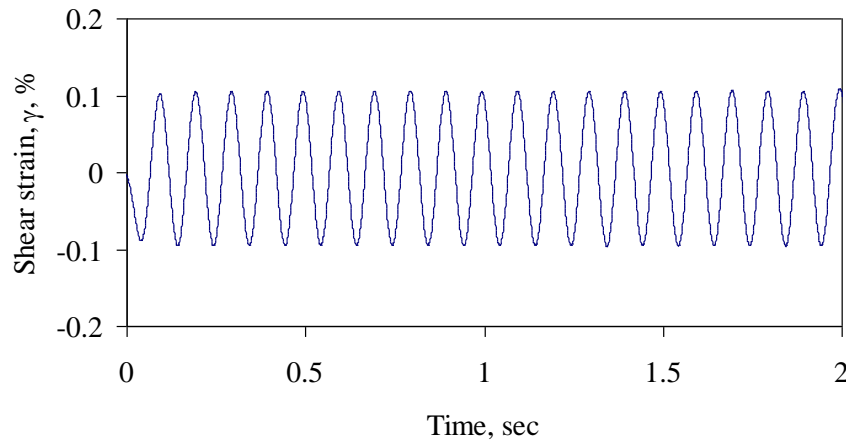


Sand boils near Niigata (photo by K.
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3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

Laboratory Tests

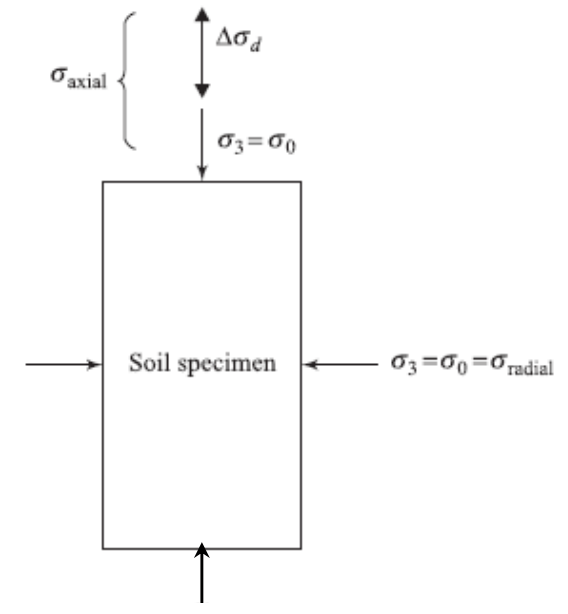
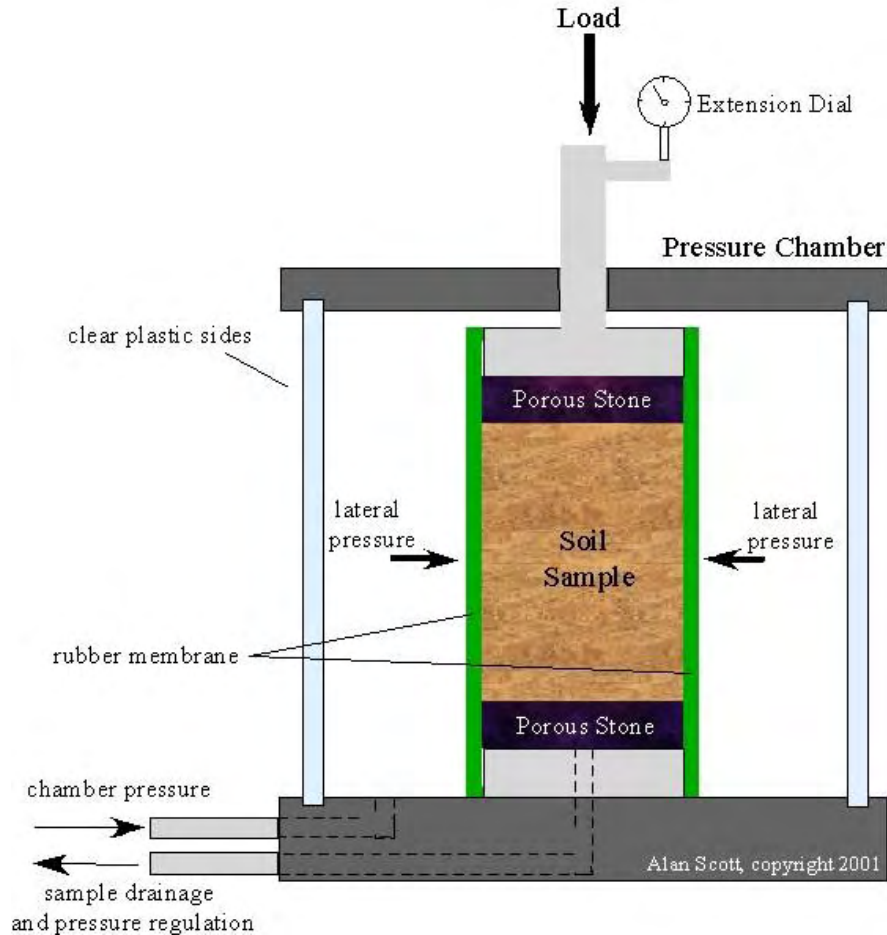
- Cyclic triaxial, cyclic simple shear, torsional shear tests, shaking table and centrifuge tests.
- Initial Liquefaction Criteria :
 - Number of cycles to Liquefaction, $N_L = N$ for 5% DA for triaxial
 - $=N$ for $r_u=1$
- Stress-controlled or strain-controlled tests, r_u generation



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Cyclic Triaxial Tests



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Cyclic Triaxial Tests

Stress-Controlled

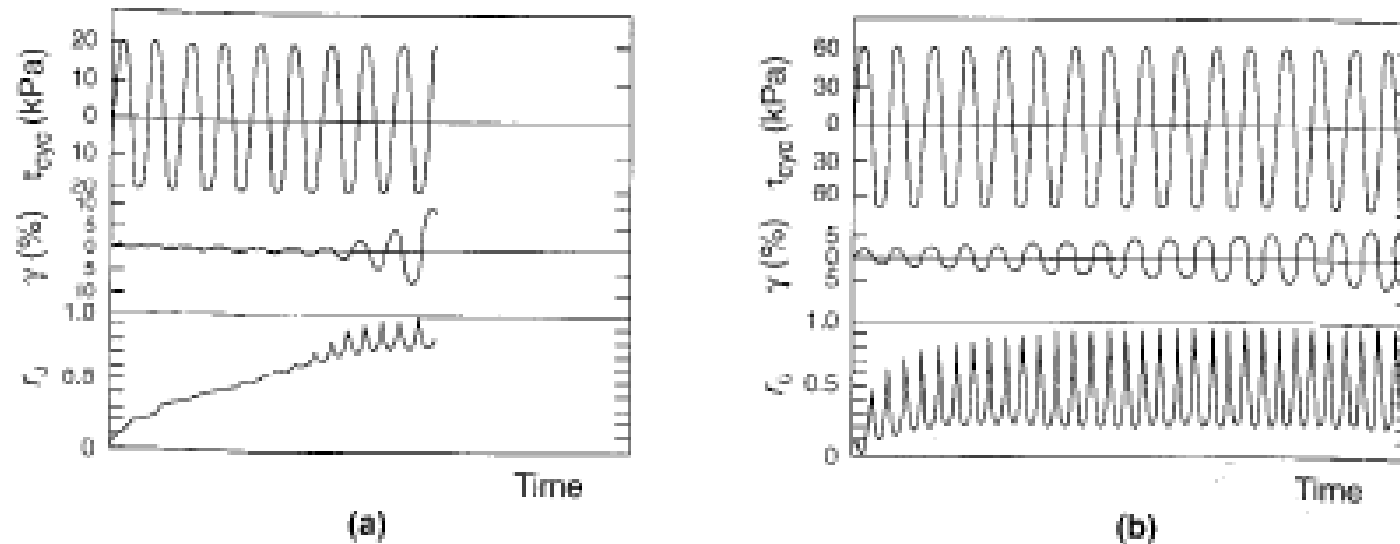


Figure 9.26 Results of torsional shear tests on isotropically consolidated ($\sigma'_0 = 98$ kPa) specimens of (a) loose sand (47% relative density) and (b) dense sand (75% relative density). Loose specimen reached initial liquefaction ($r_u = 1.00$) on 10th loading cycle. Despite much higher loading, dense specimen has not quite reached initial liquefaction after 17 cycles. (After Ishihara, 1985; used by permission of Kluwer Academic Publishers.)

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Cyclic Triaxial Tests

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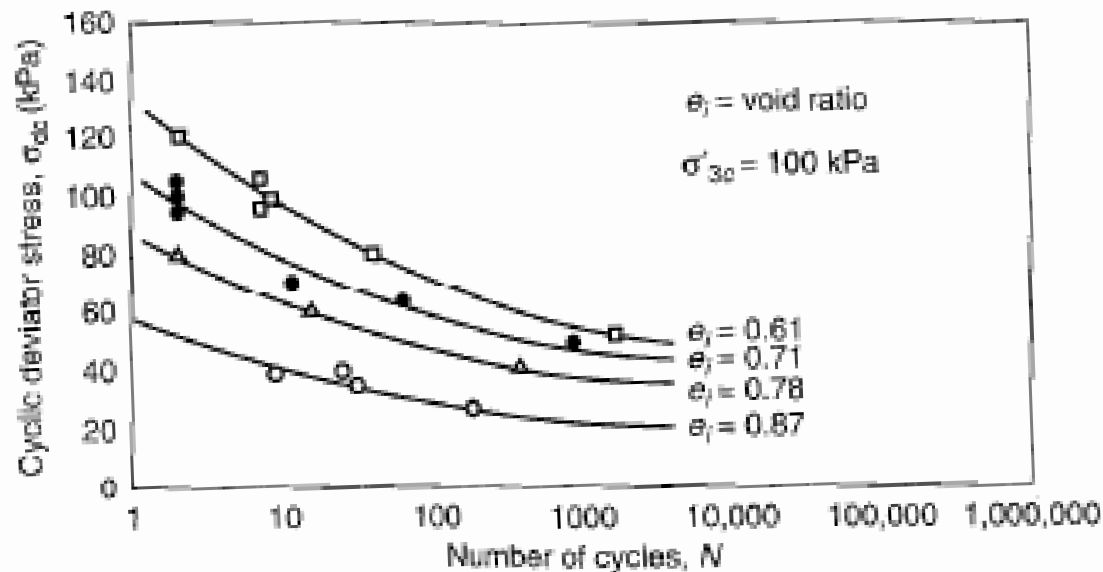


Figure 9.27 Cyclic stresses required to produce initial liquefaction and 20% axial strain in isotropically consolidated Sacramento River Sand triaxial specimens. (After Seed and Lee, 1965.)

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Cyclic Triaxial Tests

Strain-Controlled

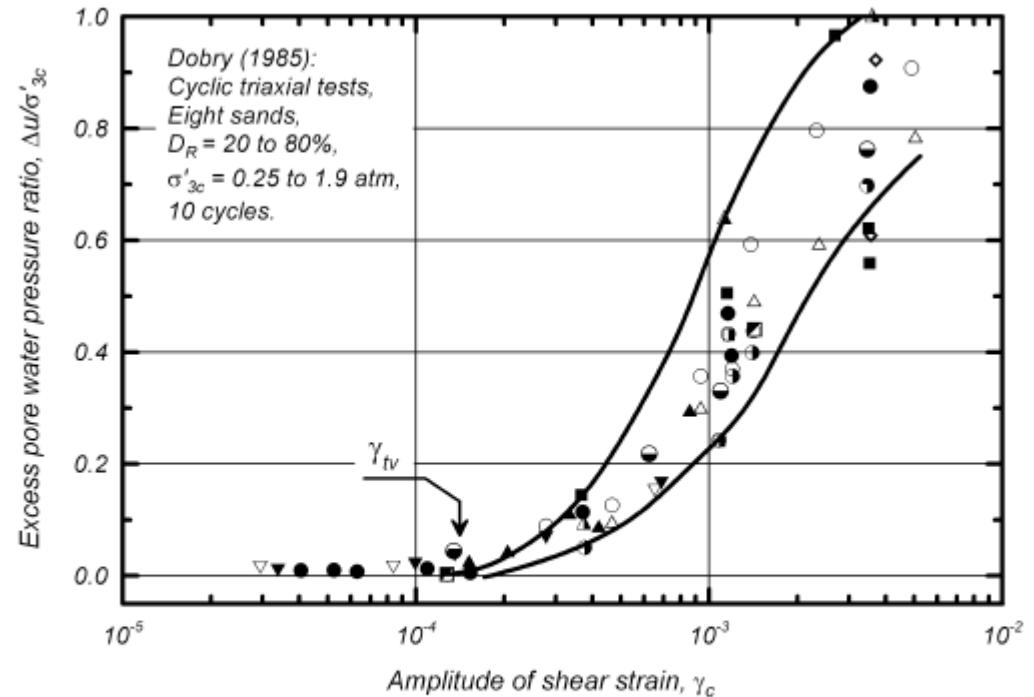
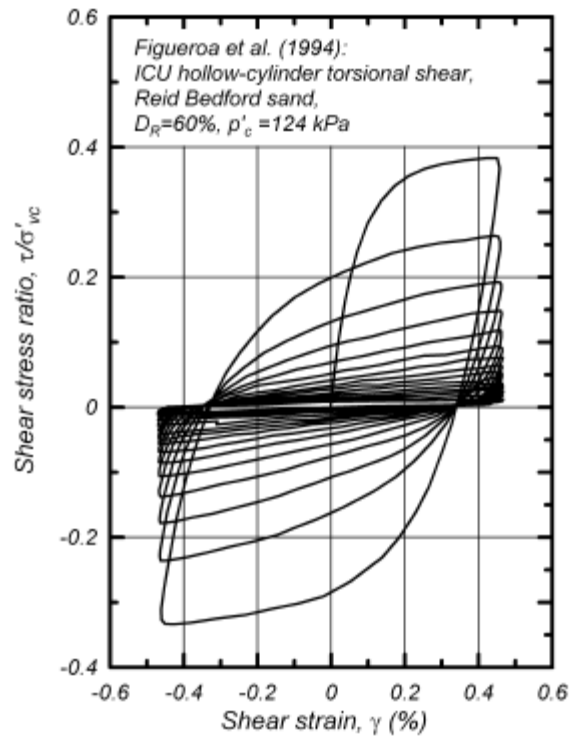


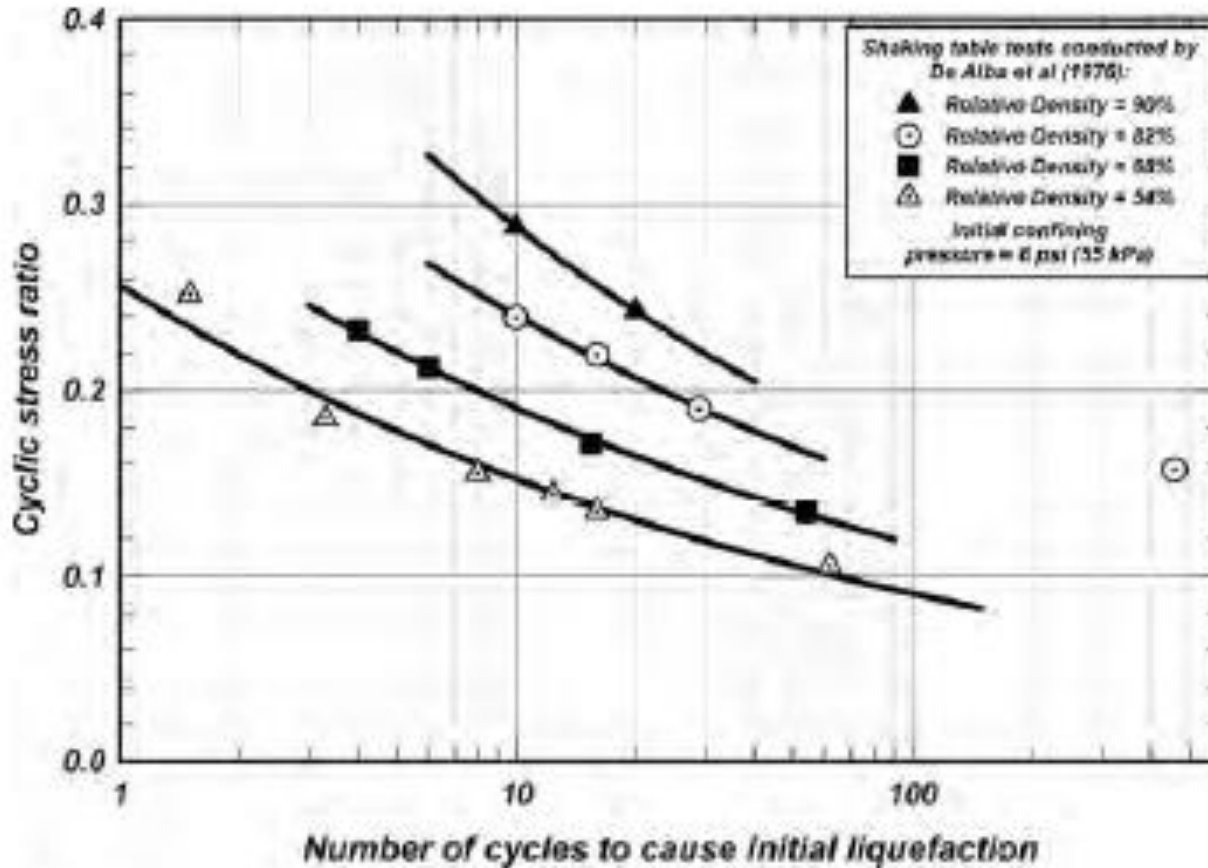
Figure 35. Excess pore water pressure generation versus shear strain amplitude in strain-controlled cyclic undrained triaxial tests on sand (NRC 1985).

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Cyclic Simple Shear Tests:

Stress-Controlled



$$CRR = a.N^{-b}$$

b is 0.34 for clean sands

a depends on many factors

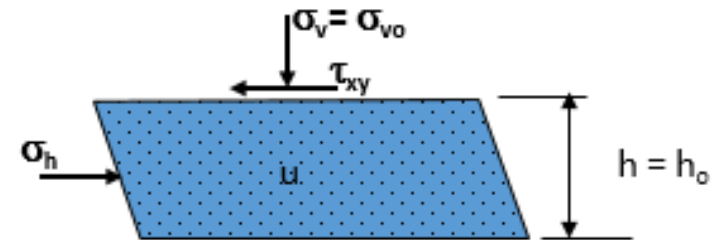
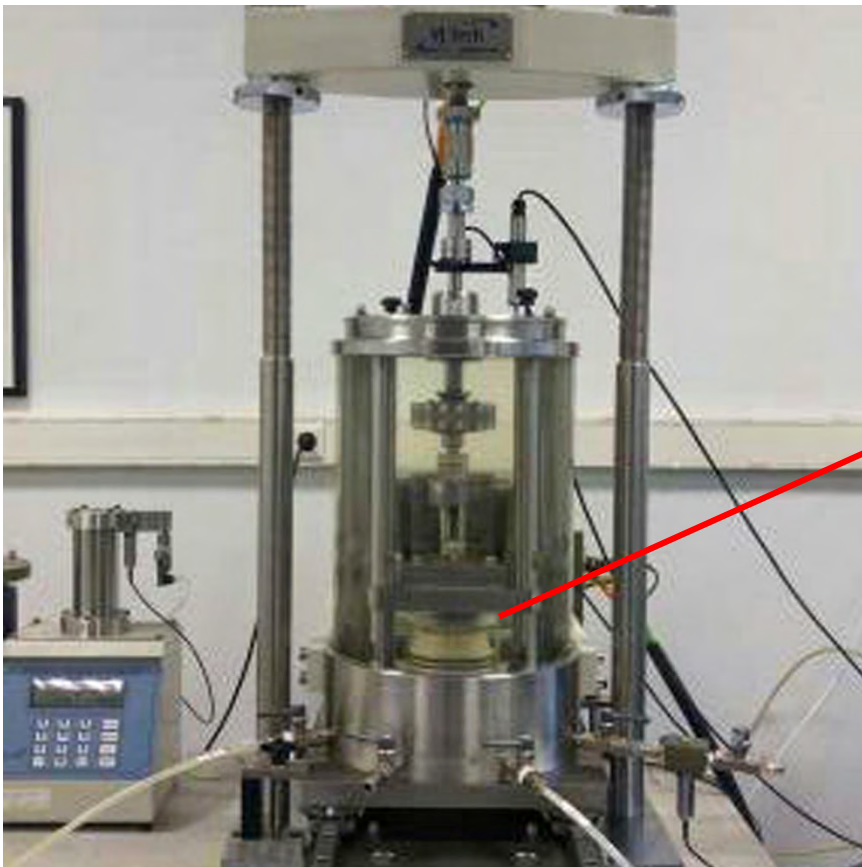
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Cyclic Simple Shear Tests:

Dynamic Simple Shear (DSS) with Confining Pressure Testing System

- Simple Shear with flexible membrane, cell pressure and pore pressure measurements



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Laboratory Tests

DSS with Confining Pressure Testing System

Client: Client | **Jobfile:** Job | **Borehole:** BH1 | **Sample:** S1

Assistant

- Step 1: Hardware Setup
- Step 2: Specimen Details
- Step 3: Saturation Method
- Step 4: Consolidation Setup
- Step 5: Static Loading Setup
- Step 6: Cyclic Stress or Strain Setup
- Step 7: Liquefaction Cyclic Shear Setup

Transducer Live Readings

Cell Pressure Input	σ_{CP}	700.0	(kPa)
Back Pressure Input	u_{BP}	599.0	(kPa)
Pore W Press Input	u_{PP}	697.0	(kPa)
Vertical Load Input	F_v	-14.1	(N)
Vertical Displacement Input	Pos_v	13.030	(mm)
Horizontal Load Input	F_h	-3.6	(N)
Horizontal Displacement Input	Pos_h	11.138	(mm)
Back Volume Input	V_{BP}	151.106	(cm ³)

Liquefaction Live Data

Specimen 1 | Stage Undrained - Cyclic Loading | Lock

Calculated Parameters

Shear Stress	τ_{xy}	-0.9	(kPa)
Shear Strain	γ	-0.120	(%)
Excess Pore Pressure	Δu	97.0	(kPa)
Stress Ratio	τ_{xy} / σ'_v	-1.045	
Shear Cycle Count		20	
Effective Vertical Stress	σ'_v	0.8	(kPa)
Effective Horizontal Stress	σ'_h	3.0	(kPa)
PWP Ratio	$\Delta u_{pp} / \sigma$	0.992	
Total Vertical Stress	σ_v	98.8	(kPa)
Total Horizontal Stress	σ_h	101.0	(kPa)

Test Times

Liquefaction Time	00:03:28	(h:m:s)
Time	T_0	00:03:28 (h:m:s)

Liquefaction Time Related Curves

Primary | Secondary | Schedule Undrained - Cyclic Loading | Lock | Options | Section Time Related C

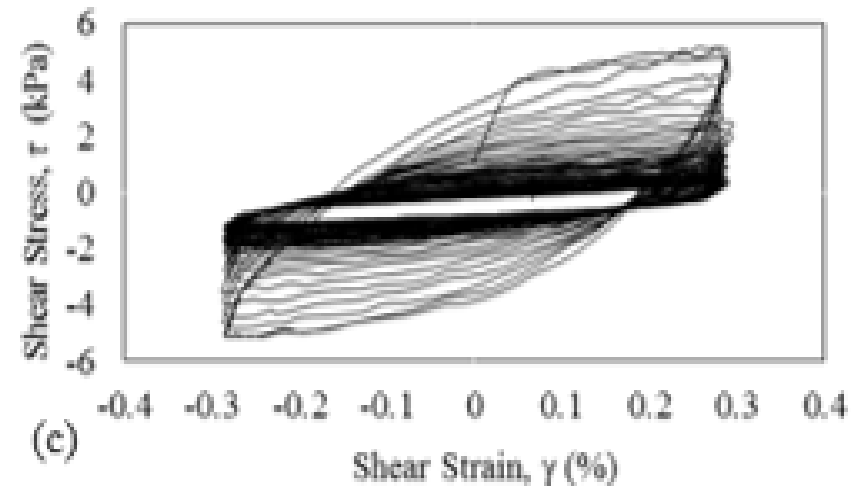
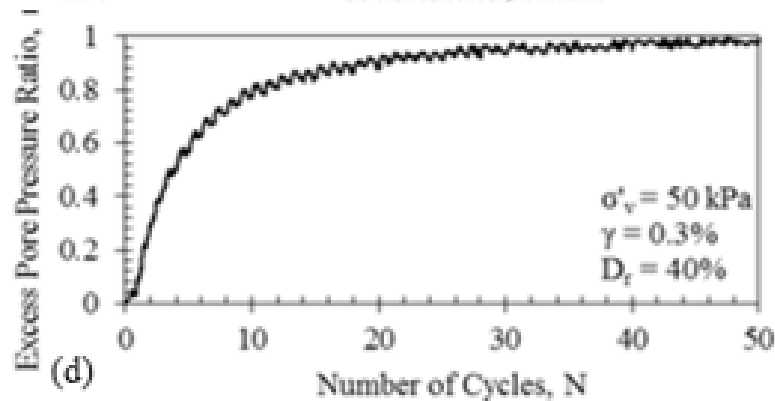
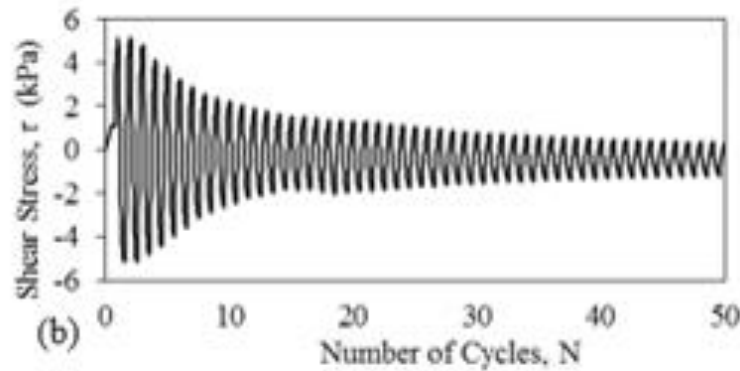
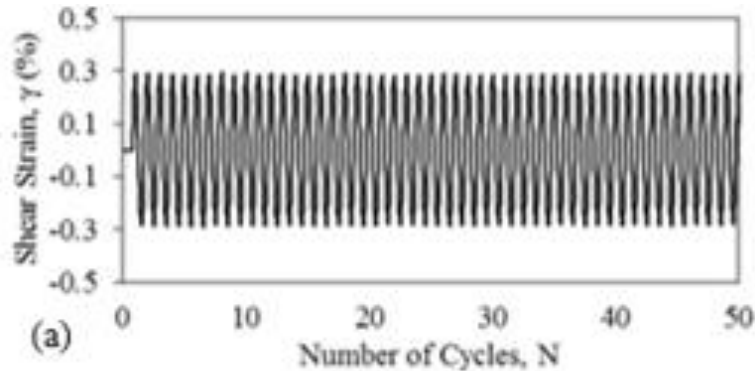
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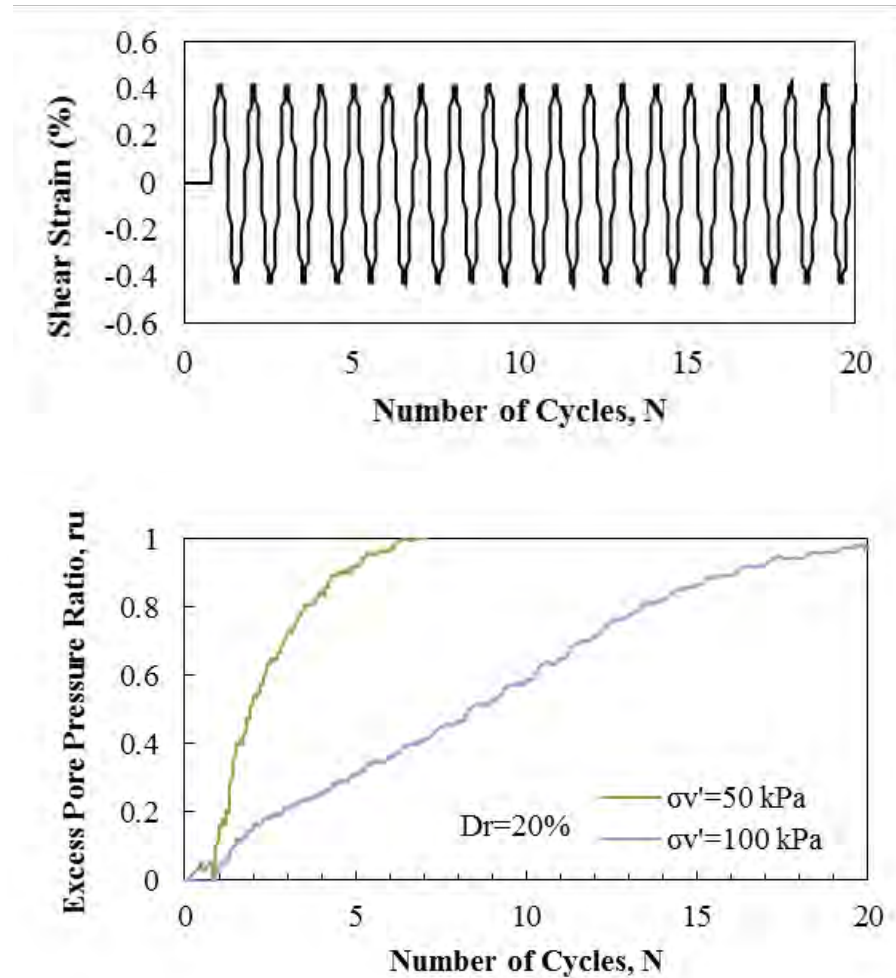
DSS with Confining Pressure Testing System Strain-Controlled



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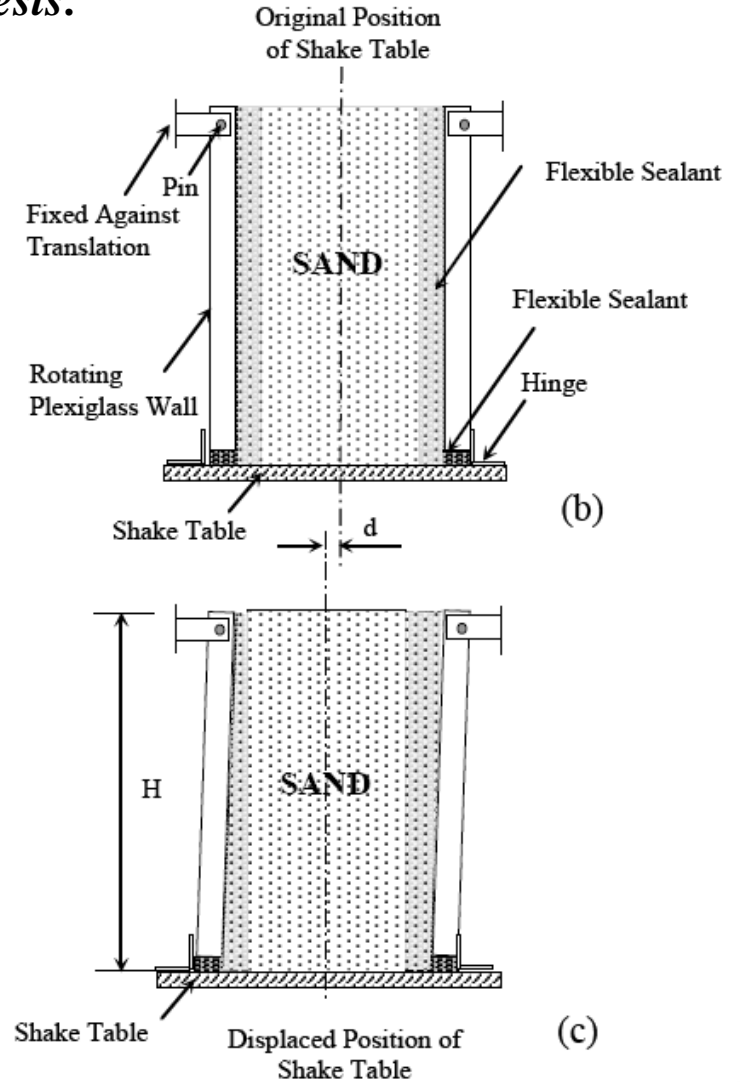
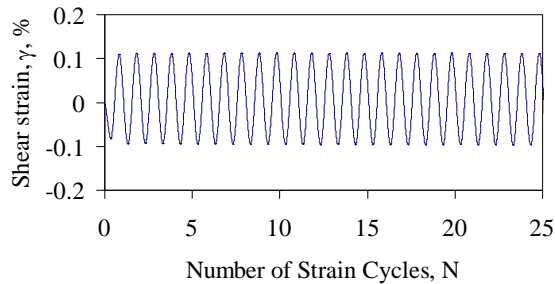
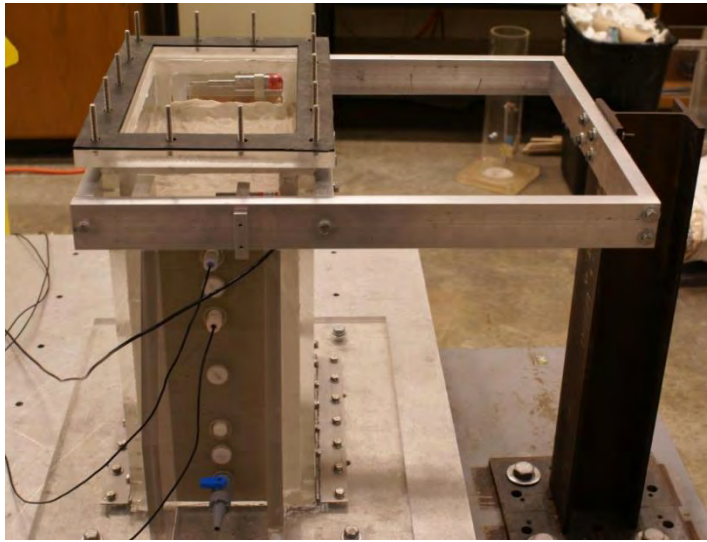


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Laboratory Tests:

Model Tests : 1. Shaking table tests:

Cyclic Simple Shear Liquefaction Box CSSLB



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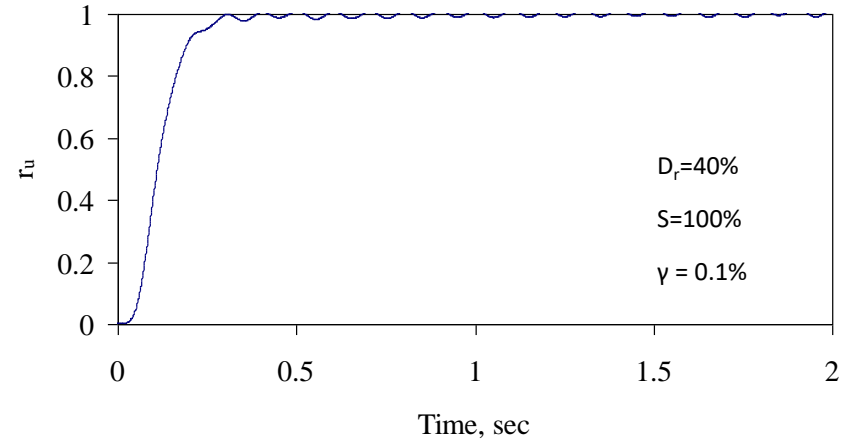
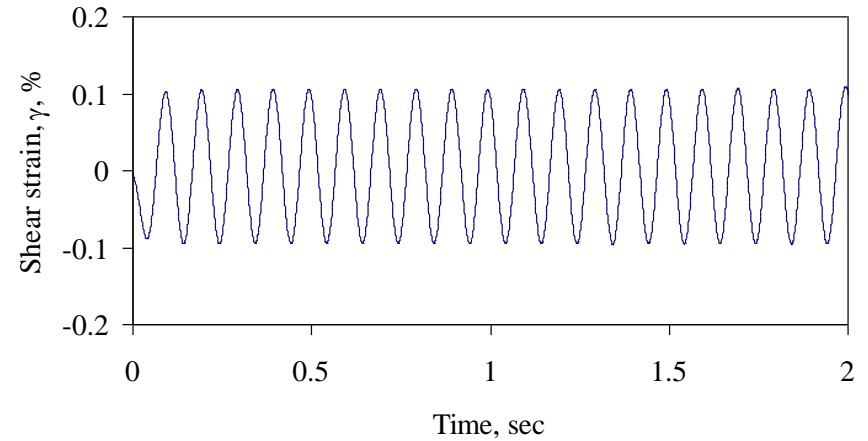
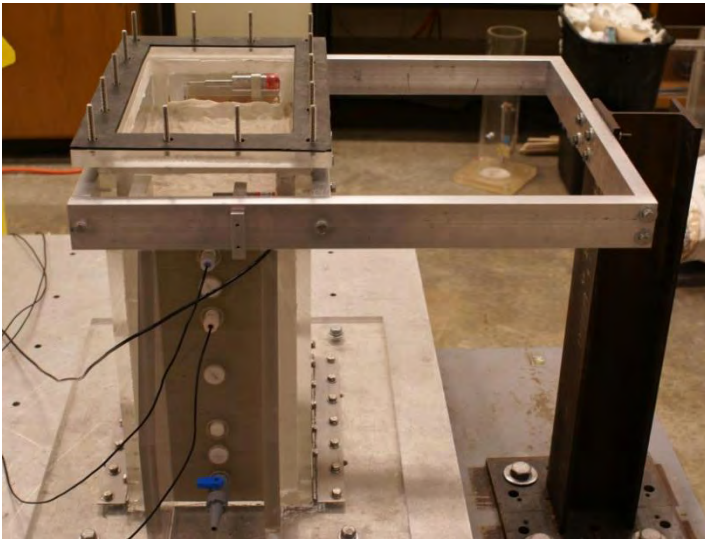
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1. Shaking table tests:

Laminar Box

- The enclosed volume can be filled with a saturated sand or soil to a maximum capacity of 82.5 cubic meters, using a hydraulic slurry pump and distribution system.
- A supply of Ottawa (F-55) sand is stored in three 50 cubic yard outdoor storage containers and may be available for use.
- The structure consists of 39 rings or laminates (I-beam-cross sections) stacked vertically to form a rectangular box. Two base rings are available:
 1. A level ring for assembling and testing a vertical soil column
 2. A sloped ring that allows the testing of a soil column with a 2-degree incline

height of six meters.



UB EQ Eng Lab

5 m x 2.75 m

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Laboratory Tests:

Model Tests :

2. Centrifuge tests:

- 1/N scale model at a distance r from the axis of a centrifuge
- Rotated at a rotational speed $\Omega = \sqrt{N/r}$ which provides N times the acceleration of gravity.
- Viscous fluid such as glycerin are often used as pore fluids since dissipation of pore water is 10000 faster than the real in the field.

Table 6-2 Scaling Factors for Centrifuge Modeling^a.

Type of Event	Quantity	$\frac{\text{Model Dimension}}{\text{Prototype Dimension}}$
All events	Stress	1
	Strain	1
	Length	1/N
	Mass	1/N ³
	Density	1
	Force	1/N ²
	Gravity	N
Dynamic events	Time	1/N
	Frequency	N
	Acceleration	N
	Strain rate	N
Diffusion events	Time	1/N ²
	Strain rate	N ²

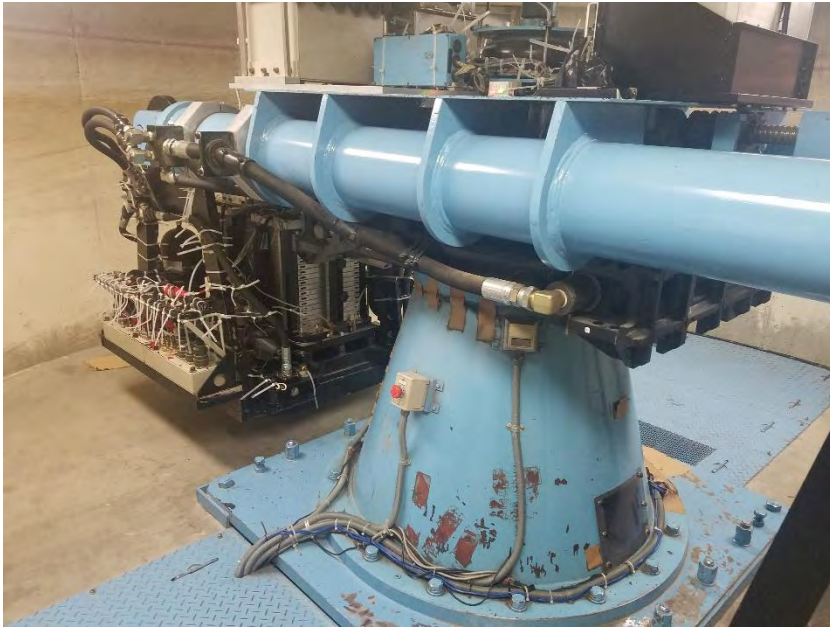
Source: After Kutter and James (1989).

^aValues are based on the assumption that the same soils and fluid are used in the model and the prototype and that the soil properties are not rate dependent.

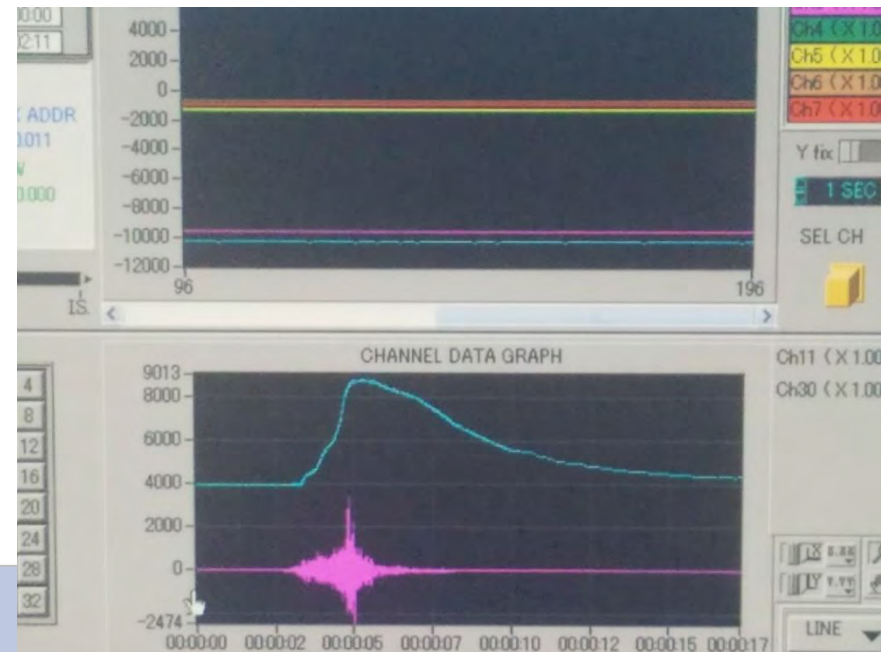
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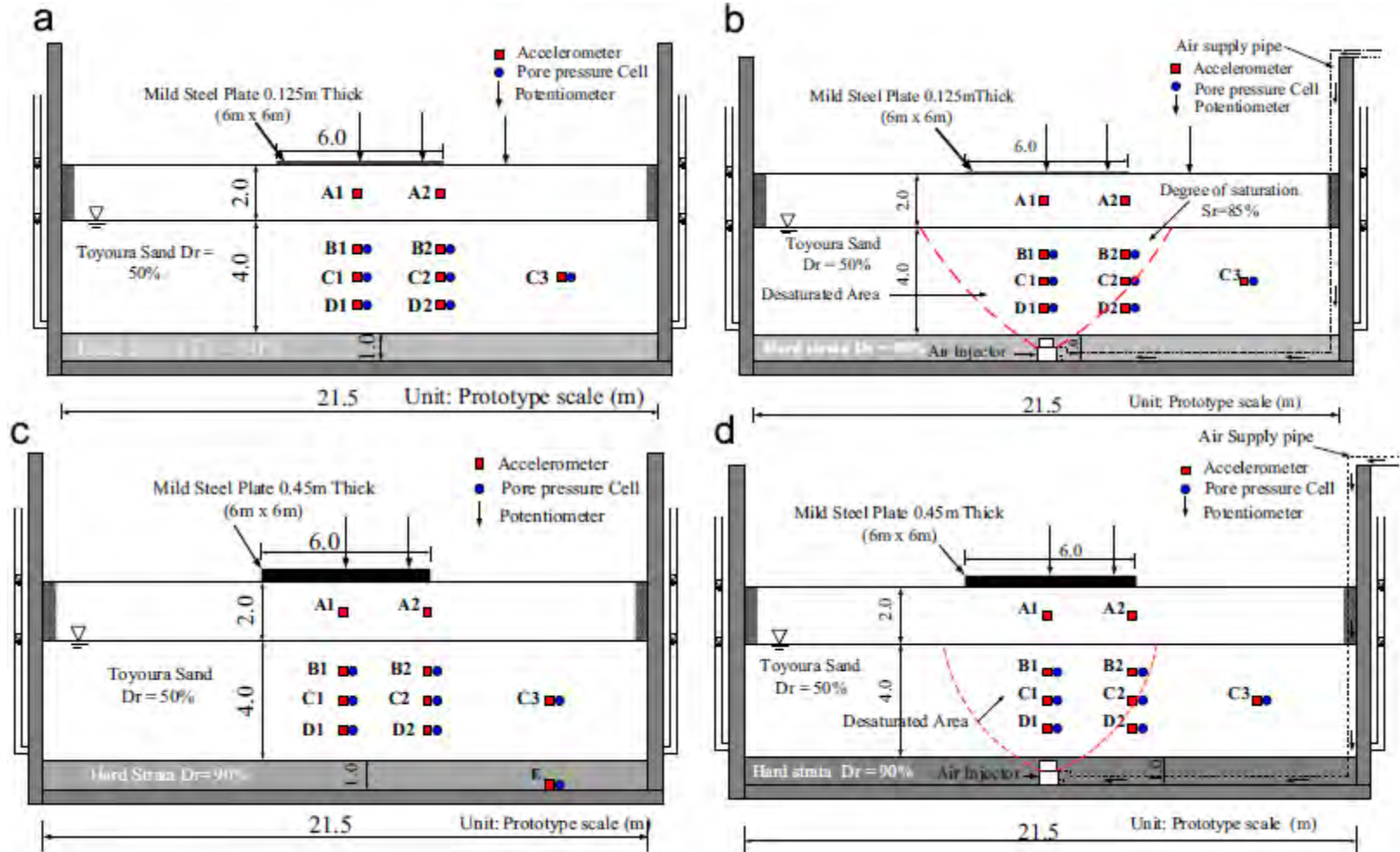
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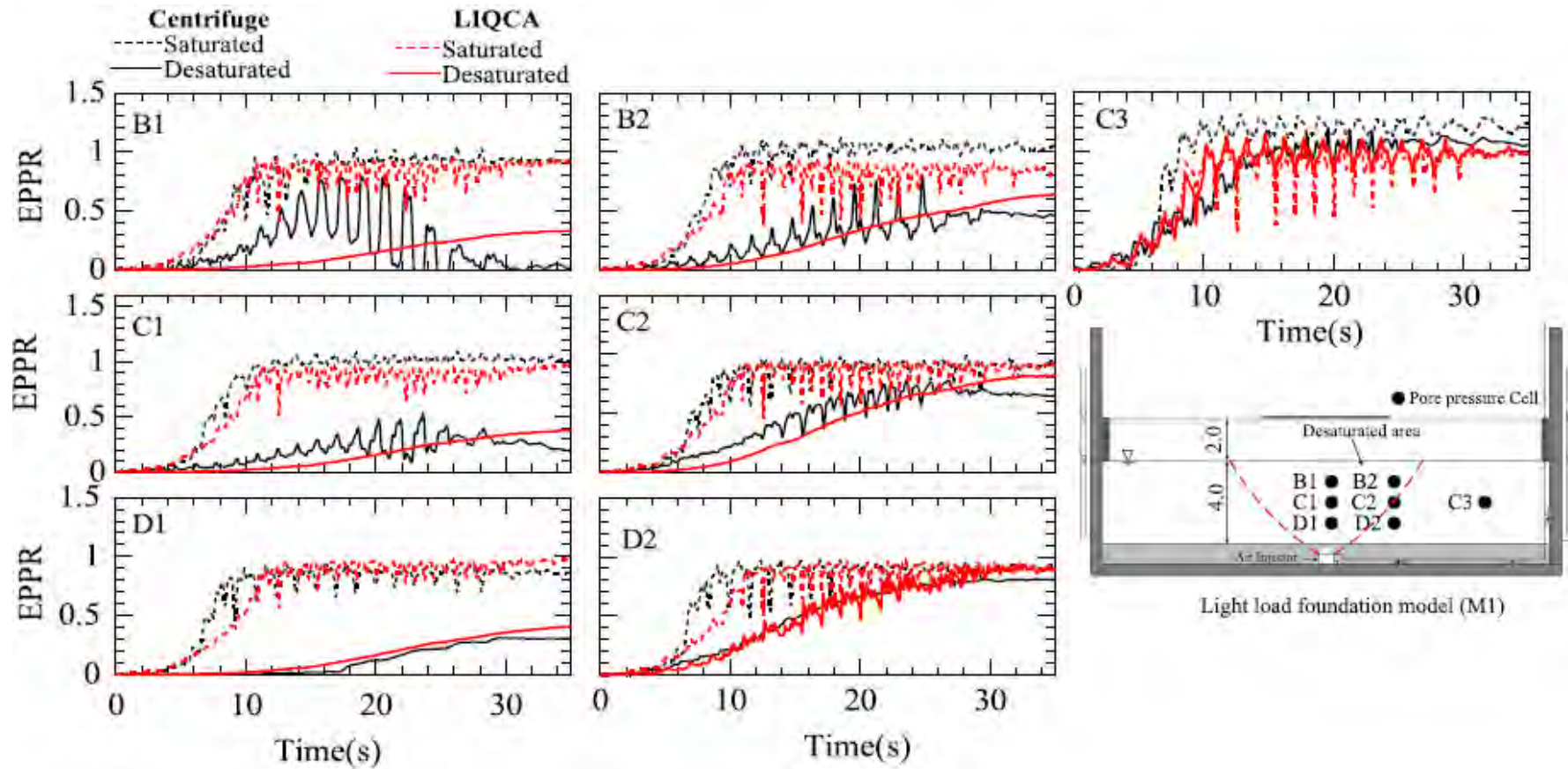


Centrifuge model configurations. (a) M1-1 (b) M1-2 (c) M2-1 and (d) M2-2.

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Laboratory Tests:

Model Tests : 2. Centrifuge tests:



Marasini and Okamura (2015)

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

Field Evaluation:

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

$$FS = \frac{CRR}{CSR}$$

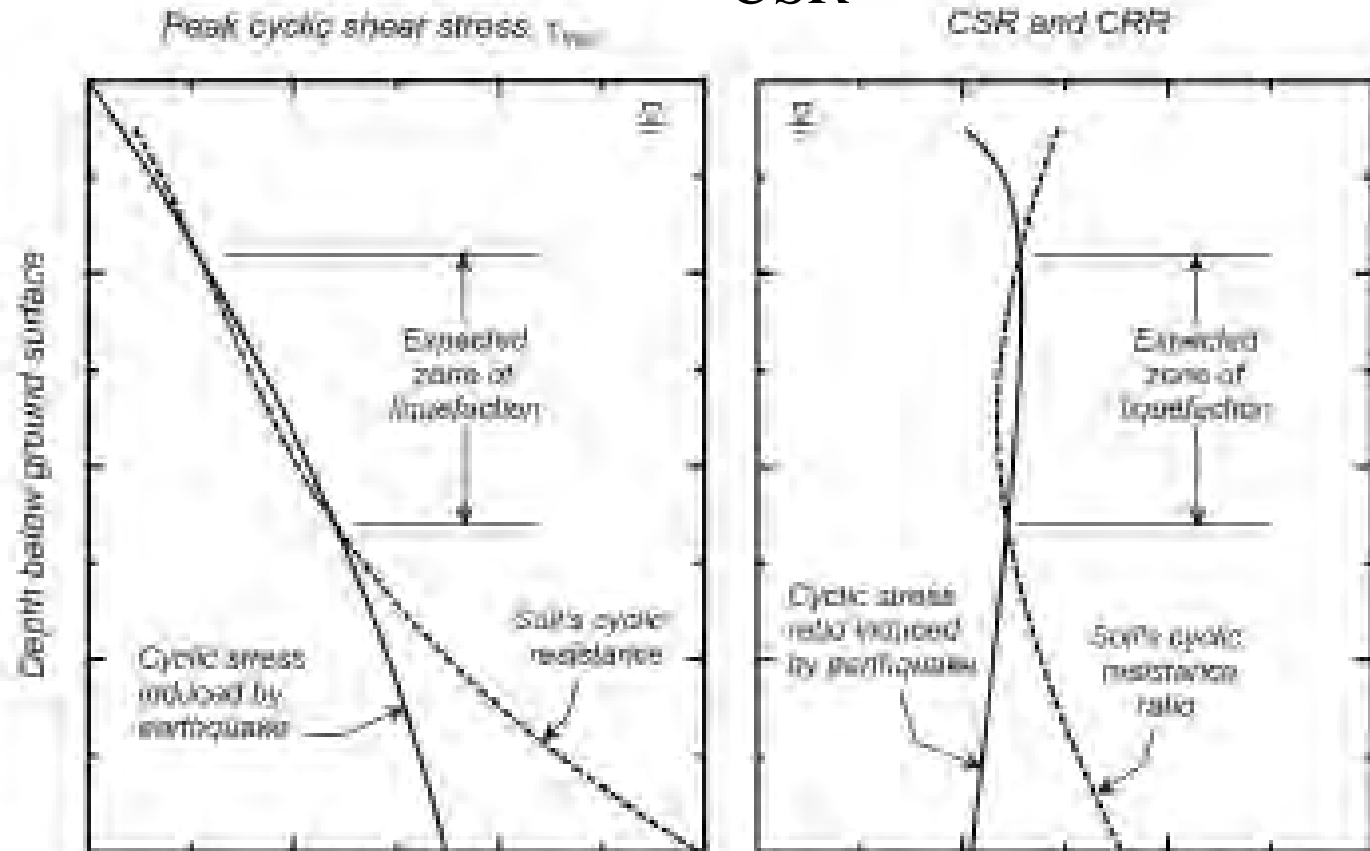


Figure 48. The expected zone of liquefaction is determined by comparing the earthquake-induced cyclic stresses with the cyclic resistances of the soil.

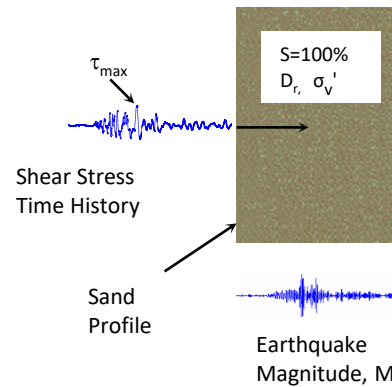
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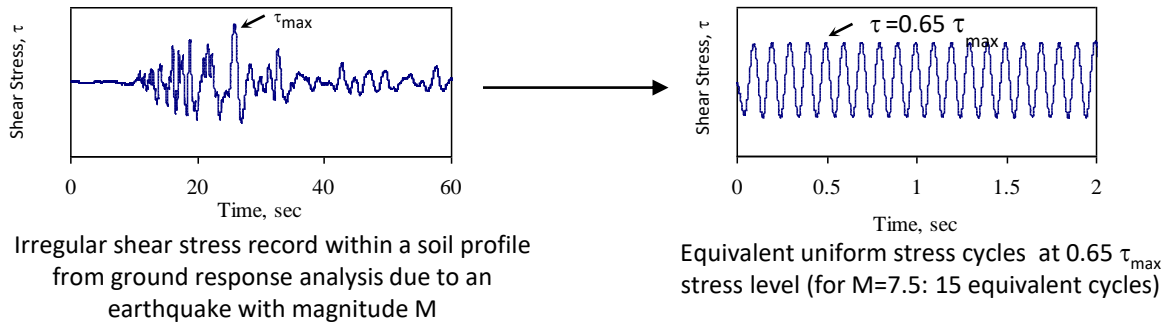
1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of shear stresses induced at the site for CSR:

1. From ground response analysis



2. Simplified Procedure for Estimating Earthquake Induced Stresses (Seed and Idriss)



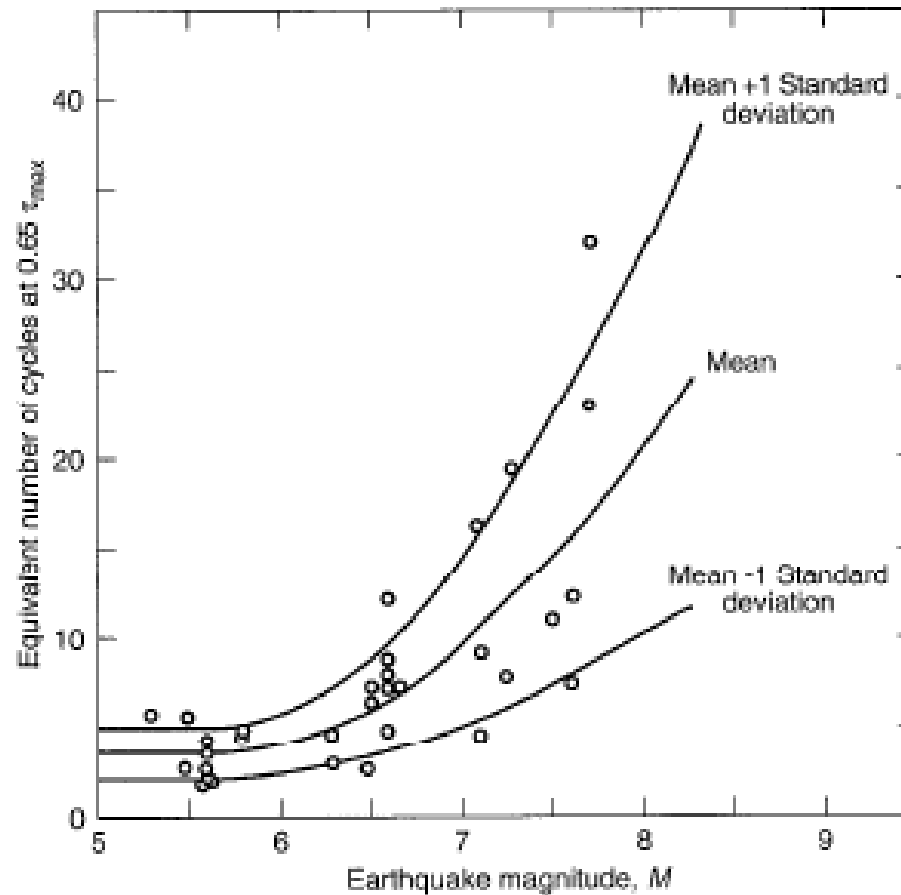
$$\tau_{cyc} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \sigma_v r_d$$

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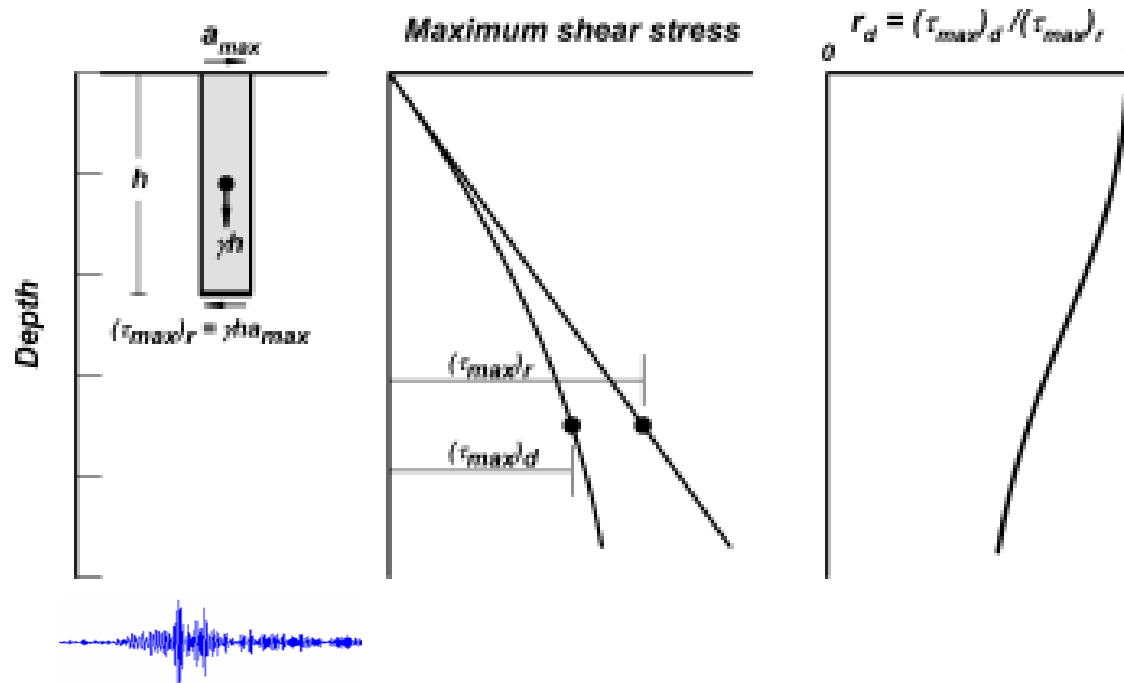
Irregular earthquake-induced loading is characterized by a level of uniform cyclic shear stress that is applied for an equivalent number of cycles



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1. Cyclic Stress Approach

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$$\tau_{cyc} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \sigma_v r_d$$

$$CSR = \frac{\tau_{cyc}}{\sigma'_v} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma'_v} r_d$$

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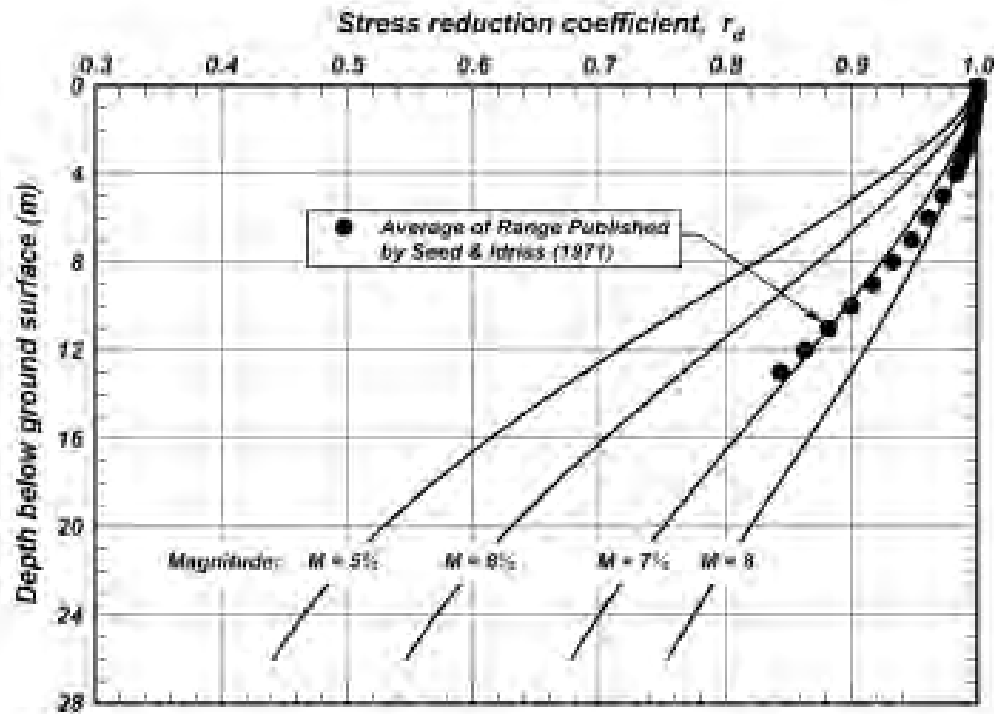


Figure 51. Variations of the stress reduction coefficient r_d with depth and earthquake magnitude (Idriss 1999).

$$\tau_{cyc} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \sigma_v r_d$$

$$r_d = \exp(\alpha(z) + \beta(z)M)$$

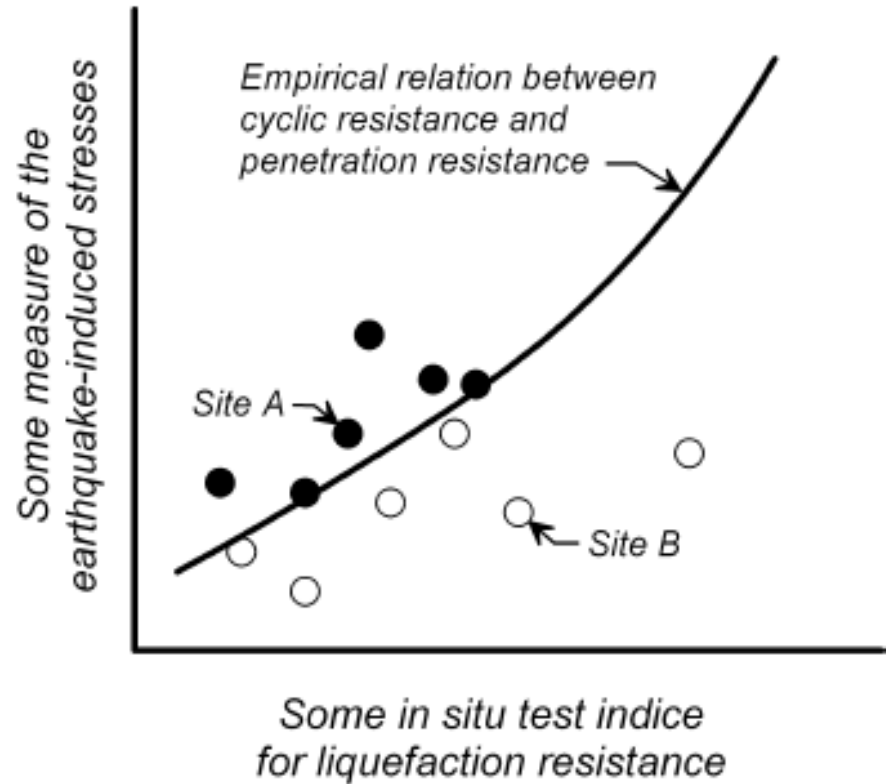
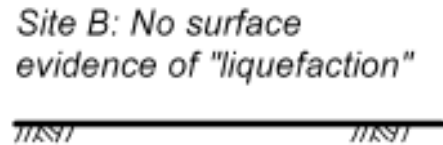
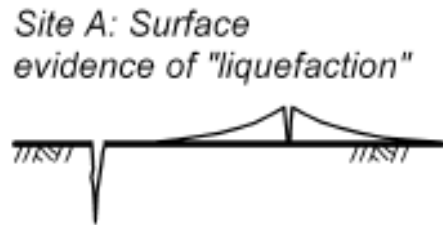
$$\alpha(z) = -1.012 - 1.126 \sin\left(\frac{z}{11.73} + 5.133\right)$$

$$\beta(z) = 0.106 + 0.118 \sin\left(\frac{z}{11.28} + 5.142\right)$$

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):



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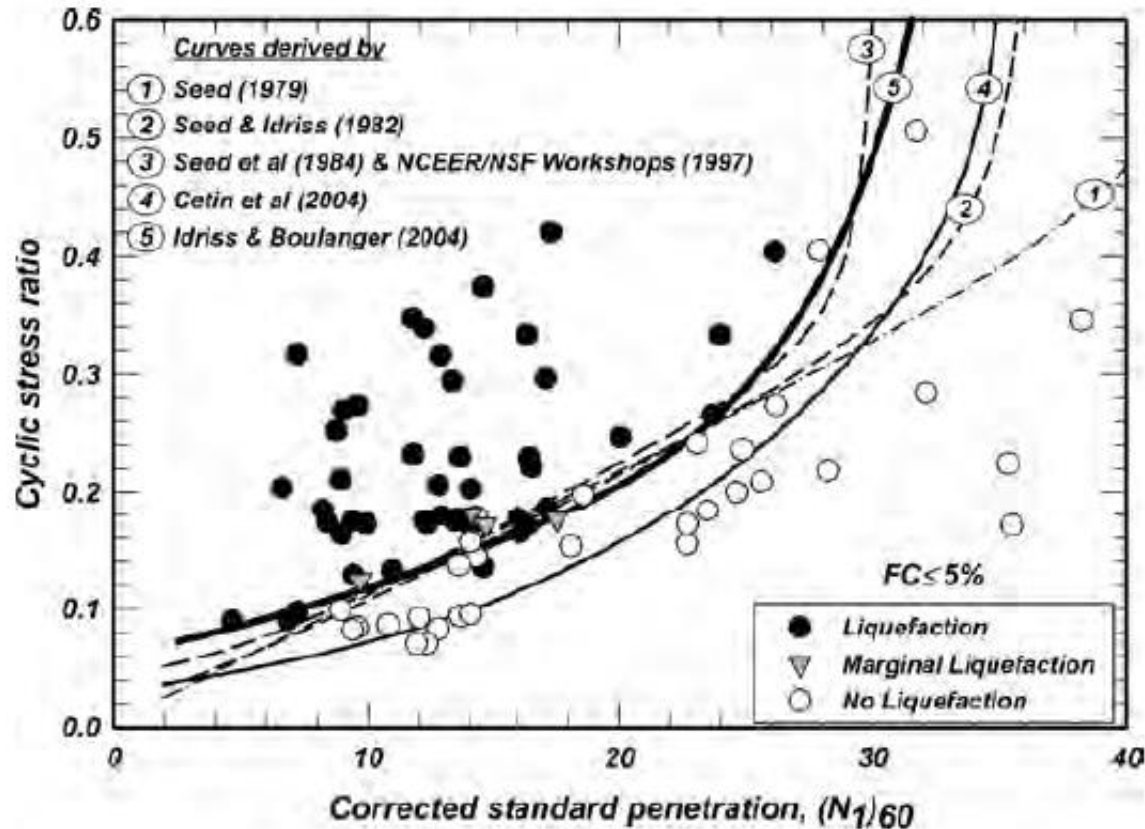


Figure 66. Curves relating the CRR to $(N_1)_{60}$ for clean sands with $M = 7.5$ and $\sigma'_{vc} = 1$ atm.

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Field Tests

Standard Penetration Tests

- The sampler is driven into the soil by hammer (**140 lb or 63.5 kg**) blows to the top of the drill rod from a specific height (**0.76 m-30 in.**)
- # of blows (N) for **6 in or 15.24 cm** penetrations are recorded

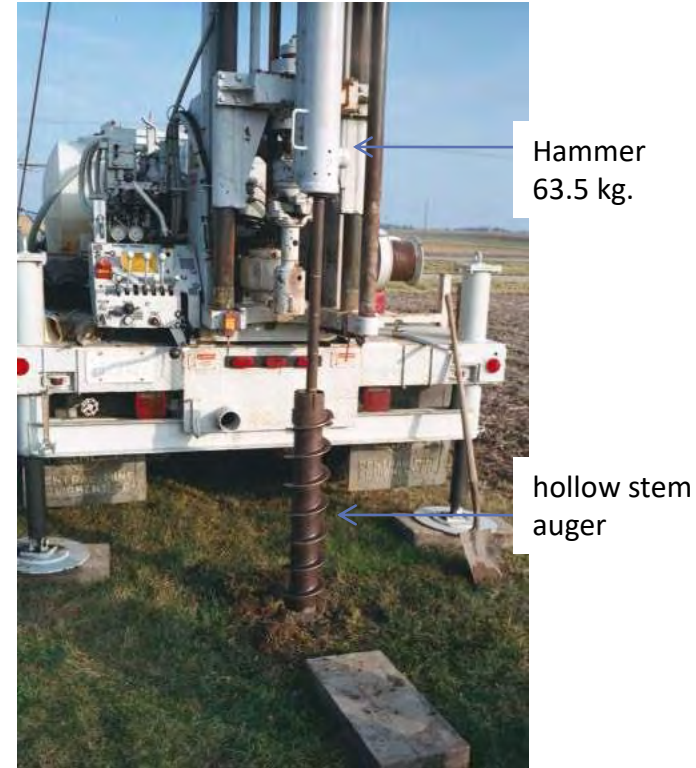


For 3 "6 in." intervals
N for Last 2 intervals are used to get
"Standard Penetration Number (SPT N)"
=Total of N's for the last 2 intervals
N per 12in. or N per feet



STANDARD PENETRATION TEST

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRoBXfrA9sw&feature=related>



USGS

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sAXjeL_pAM&feature=related

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

Field Tests: High Strain Tests

Standard Penetration Tests

➤ Correction for test conditions:

- ✓ N_{60} : based on the standard (rope and pulley release and safety hammer type) 60% of the input energy is transferred to the sampler

$$E_r(\%) = \frac{\text{actual hammer energy to the sampler}}{\text{input energy}}$$

$$\text{input energy} = Wh$$

- ✓ correction factors needed when test conditions are different than the standard.

$$N_{60} = \frac{N \eta_H \eta_B \eta_S \eta_R}{60}$$

1. Variation of η_H				2. Variation of η_B		
Country	Hammer type	Hammer release	η_H (%)	Diameter		η_B
				mm	in.	
Japan	Donut	Free fall	78	60-120	2.4-4.7	1
	Donut	Rope and pulley	67			
United States	Safety	Rope and pulley	60	150	6	1.05
	Donut	Rope and pulley	45	200	8	1.15
Argentina	Donut	Rope and pulley	45			
China	Donut	Free fall	60			
	Donut	Rope and pulley	50			
3. Variation of η_S				4. Variation of η_R		
Variable	η_S			Rod length		η_R
	m	ft				
Standard sampler	1.0			>10	>30	1.0
With liner for dense sand and clay	0.8			6-10	20-30	0.95
With liner for loose sand	0.9			4-6	12-20	0.85
				0-4	0-12	0.75

Das 2006

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Standard Penetration Test

$$CRR_{M=7.5, \sigma=1, \alpha=0} = e^{\left\{ \frac{(N_1)_{60}}{14.1} + \left(\frac{(N_1)_{60}}{126} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{(N_1)_{60}}{23.6} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{(N_1)_{60}}{25.4} \right)^4 - 2.8 \right\}}$$

$$(N_1)_{60} = (N)_{60} \times C_N$$

$$C_N = \left(\frac{P_a}{\sigma'_{vc}} \right)^m$$

$$m = 0.784 - 0.521 \times D_R$$

Modified from Liao and Whitman
1986

Simpler version is $m=0.5$ and σ'_v is
in kg/cm^2 (100 kPa)

or correlate D_R to $(N_1)_{60}$ $D_R = \sqrt{\frac{(N_1)_{60}}{46}}$

$$C_N = \left(\frac{P_a}{\sigma'_{vc}} \right)^{0.784 - 0.0768 \times \sqrt{(N_1)_{60}}} \leq 1.7$$

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Cone Penetration Test

$$CRR_{M=7.5, \sigma'_v=1, \alpha=0} = e \left\{ \frac{q_{c1N}}{540} + \left(\frac{q_{c1N}}{67} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{q_{c1N}}{80} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{q_{c1N}}{114} \right)^4 - 3 \right\}$$

$$q_{c1} = (q_c) \times C_N$$

$$C_N = \left(\frac{P_a}{\sigma'_{vc}} \right)^m$$

$$m = 0.784 - 0.521 \times D_R$$

$$D_R = 0.478(q_{c1N})^{0.264} - 1.063$$

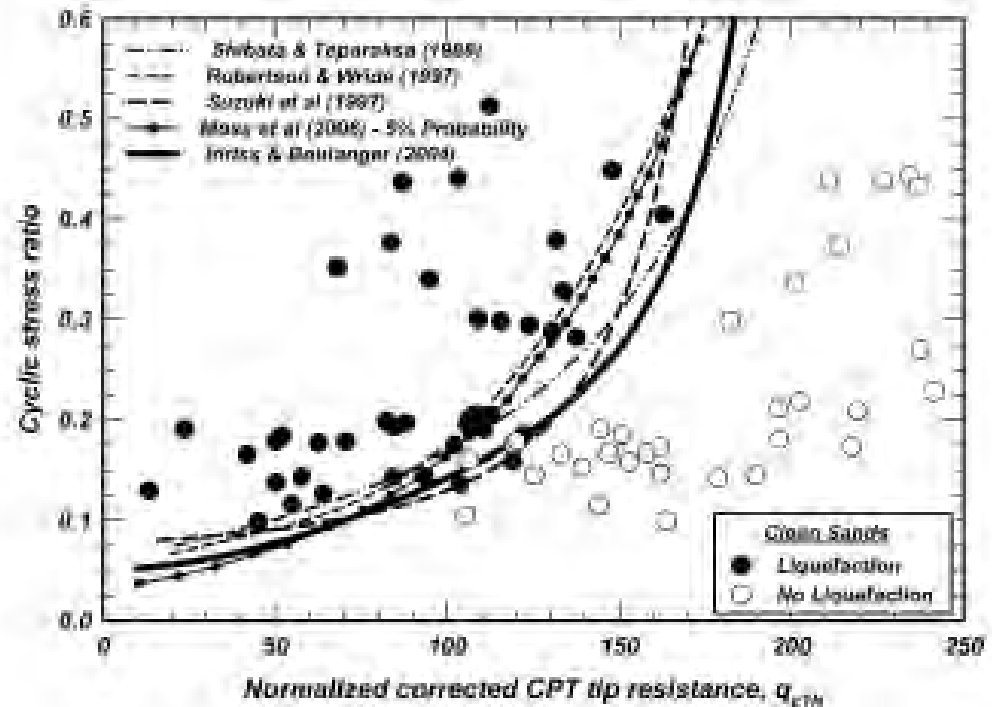


Figure 67. Curves relating the CRR to q_{c1N} for clean sands with $M = 7.5$ and $\sigma'_{vc} = 1$ atm.

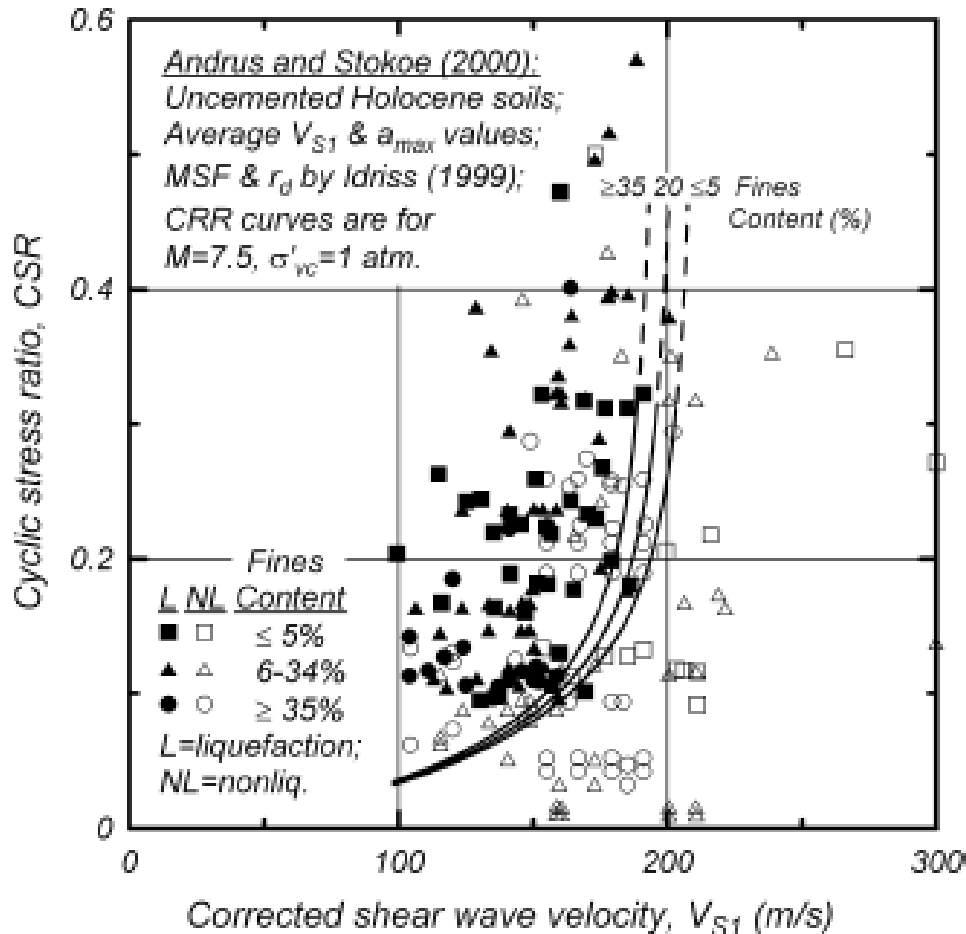
3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

Based on in-situ Test:

- Using V_s Shear wave velocity measurements



V_{s1} is normalized to $1 \text{ tons/ft}^2 (96 \text{ kPa})$

$$V_{s1} = \frac{V_s}{(\sigma'_{vo})^n}$$

$n = 3$ by Tokimatsu et al. 1991

$= 4$ by Finn 1991

σ'_{vo} is in tons/ft^2

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

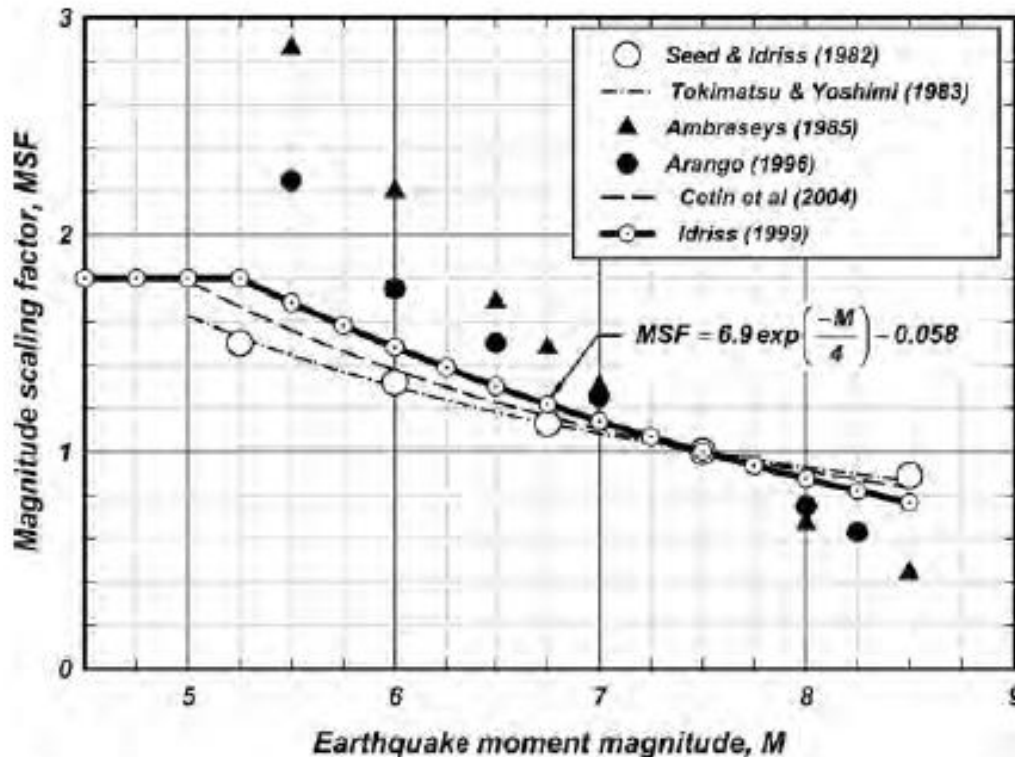
$$CRR = CRR_{M=7.5} \times MSF \times K_{\sigma} \times K_{\alpha}$$

Magnitude Scaling Factor MSF:

$$MSF = \frac{CRR_M}{CRR_{M=7.5}}$$

$$MSF = 6.9 \exp\left(\frac{-M}{4}\right) - 0.058$$

$$MSF \leq 1.8$$



3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

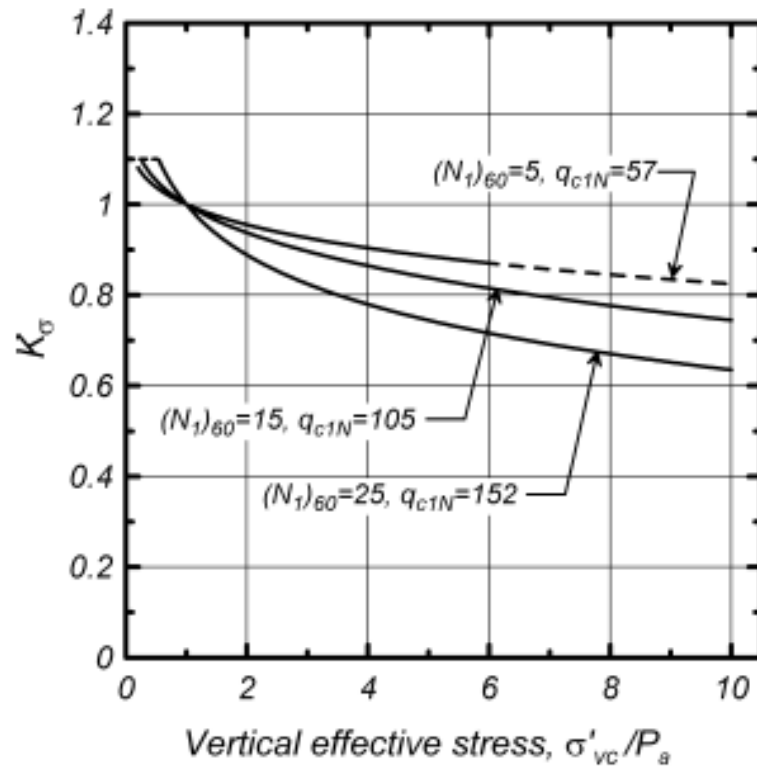
1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

$$CRR = CRR_{M=7.5} \times MSF \times K_{\sigma} \times K_{\alpha}$$

Correction for Overburden stress K_{σ} :

$$K_{\sigma} = 1 - C_{\sigma} \ln \left(\frac{\sigma'_{vc}}{P_a} \right) \leq 1.1$$



$$C_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{18.9 - 17.3D_R} \leq 0.3$$

$$C_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{18.9 - 2.55\sqrt{(N_1)_{60}}} \leq 0.3$$

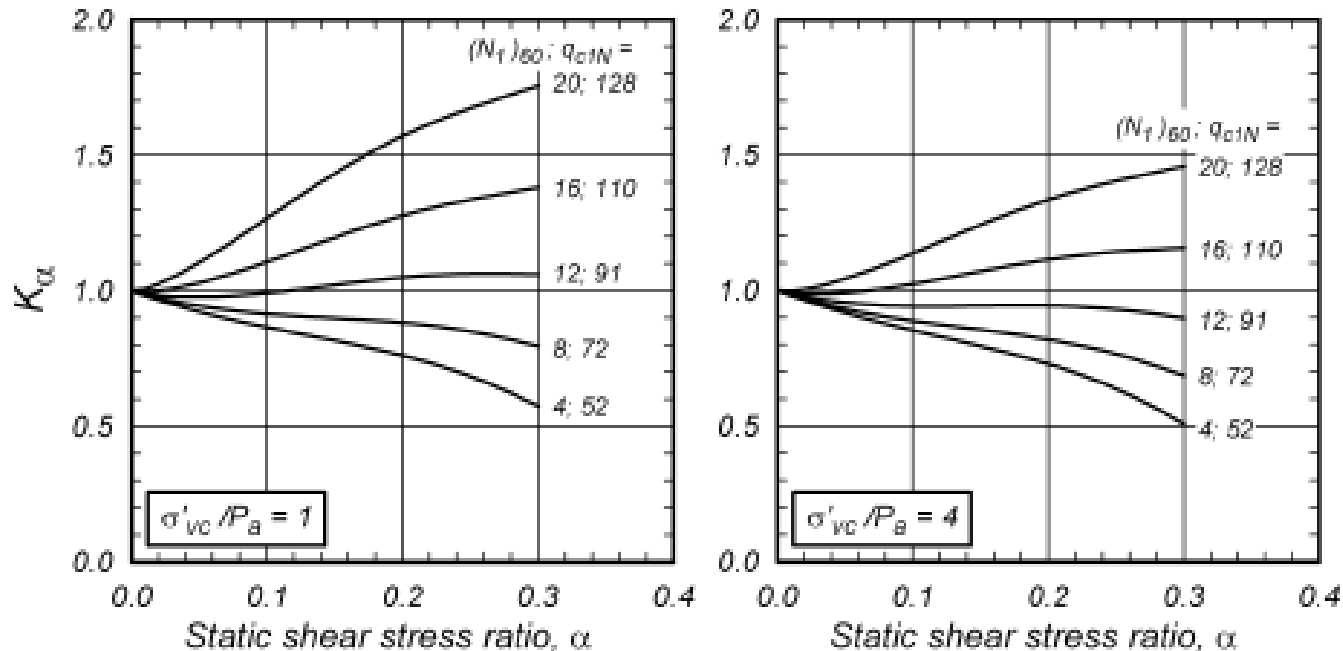
$$C_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{37.3 - 8.27(q_{c1N})^{0.264}} \leq 0.3$$

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

$$CRR = CRR_{M=7.5} \times MSF \times K_{\sigma} \times K_{\alpha}$$



$$\alpha = \frac{\tau_{static}}{\sigma'_{vo}}$$

Figure 65. Variations of K_{α} with SPT and CPT penetration resistances at effective overburden stresses of 1 and 4 atm.

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of the soil (CRR):

$$CRR = CRR_{M=7.5} \times MSF \times K_{\sigma} \times K_{\alpha}$$

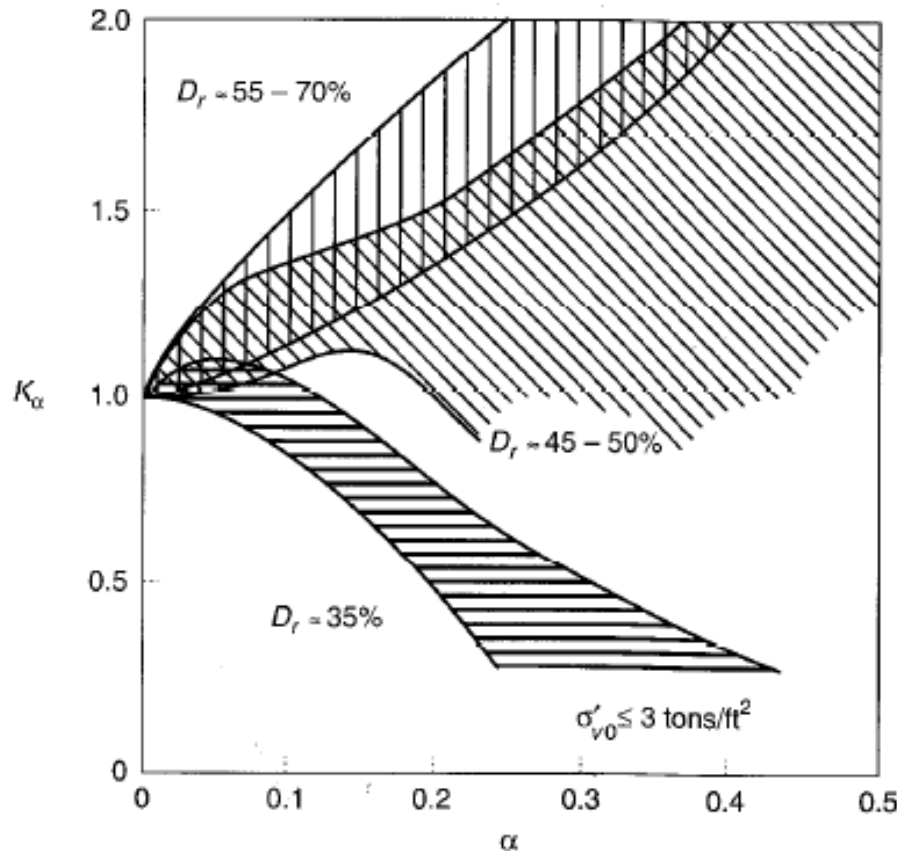


Figure 9.32 Variation of correction factor, K_{α} , with initial shear/normal stress ratio. (After Seed and Harder, 1990. *H. Bolton Seed Memorial Symposium Proceedings*, Vol. 2, p. 364. Used by permission of BiTech Publishers, Ltd.)

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

$$FS = \frac{CRR}{CSR} \text{ or}$$

$$= \frac{\tau_{cyc,L}}{\tau_{cyc}} = \frac{\text{cyclic shear stress required to cause liquefaction}}{\text{equivalent cyclic shear stress induced by earthquake}}$$

$$CSR = \frac{\tau_{cyc}}{\sigma'_{vo}} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \frac{\sigma_{vo}}{\sigma'_{vo}} r_d$$

$$CRR = CRR_{M=7.5} \times MSF \times K_{\sigma} \times K_{\alpha}$$

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of silty sands (CRR):

Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Standard Penetration Test

$$(N_1)_{60cs} = (N_1)_{60} + \Delta(N_1)_{60}$$

$$\Delta(N_1)_{60} = e^{\left(1.63 + \frac{9.7}{FC+0.01} - \left(\frac{15.7}{FC+0.01}\right)^2\right)}$$

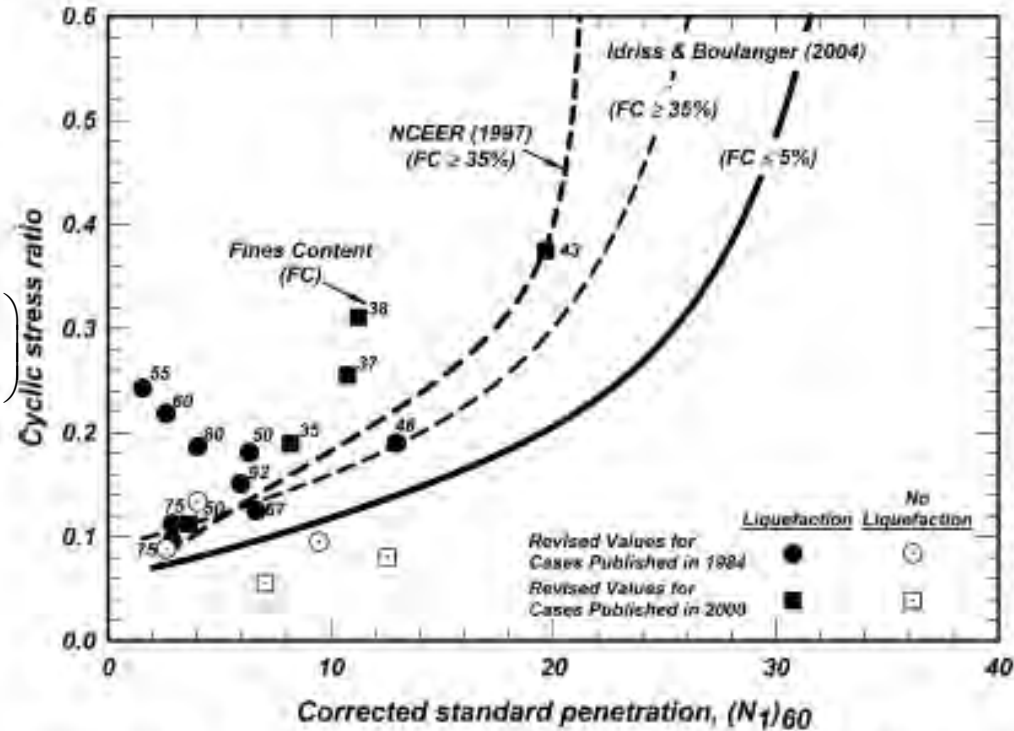


Figure 71. SPT case histories of cohesionless soils with $FC \geq 35\%$, the NCEER/NSF workshop curve (Youd et al. 2001), and the recommended curves for both clean sands and for $FC \geq 35\%$ for $M = 7.5$ and $\sigma'_{vc} = 1$ atm.

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

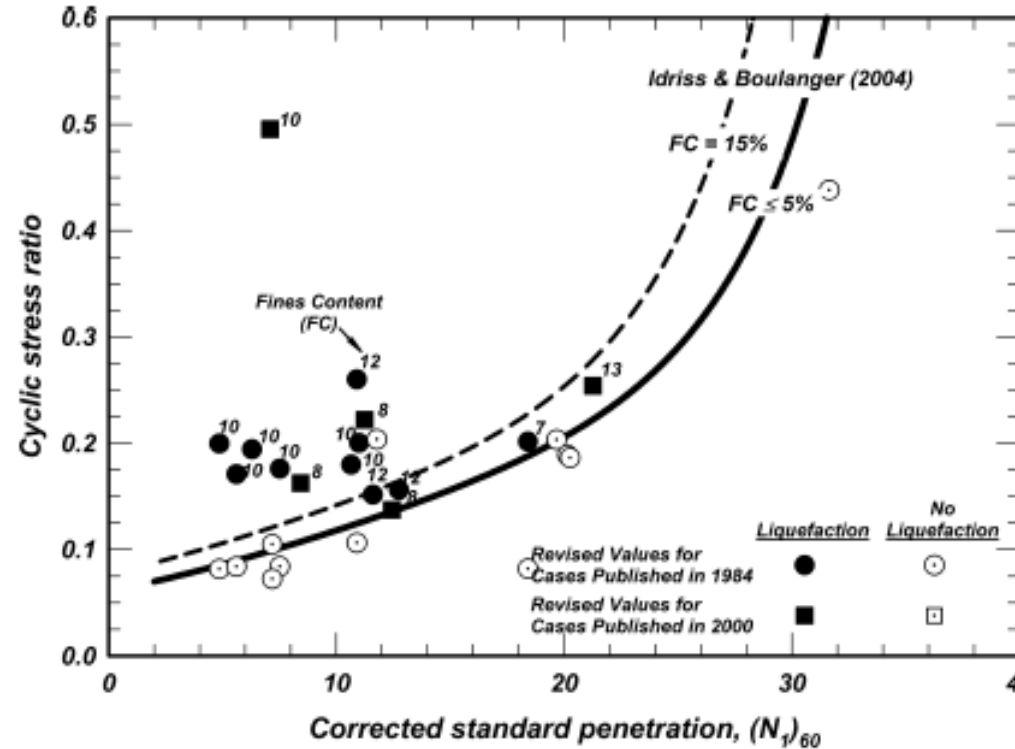
*Estimation of liquefaction resistance of **silty sands** (CRR):*

Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Standard Penetration Test

$$(N_1)_{60cs} = (N_1)_{60} + \Delta(N_1)_{60}$$

$$\Delta(N_1)_{60} = e^{\left(1.63 + \frac{9.7}{FC+0.01} - \left(\frac{15.7}{FC+0.01}\right)^2\right)}$$



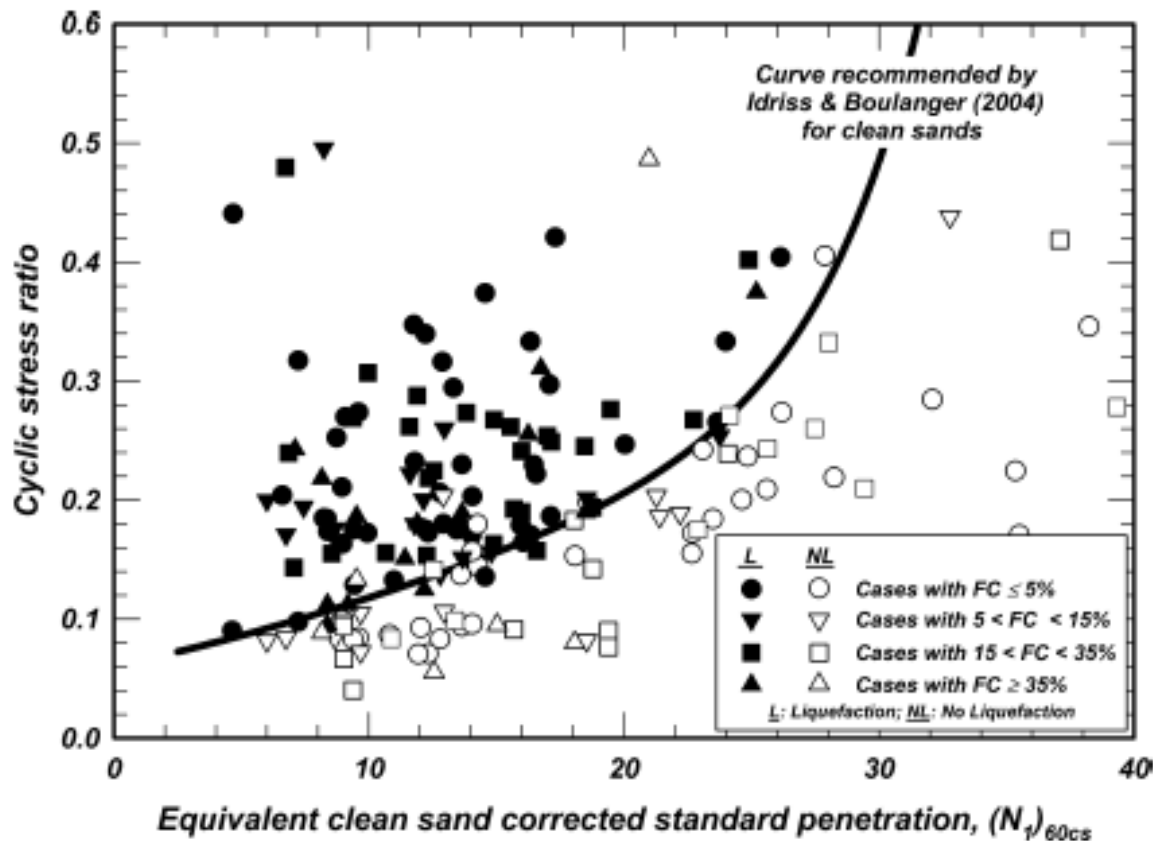
3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

*Estimation of liquefaction resistance of **silty sands** (CRR):*

Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Standard Penetration Test



3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Estimation of liquefaction resistance of silty sands (CRR):

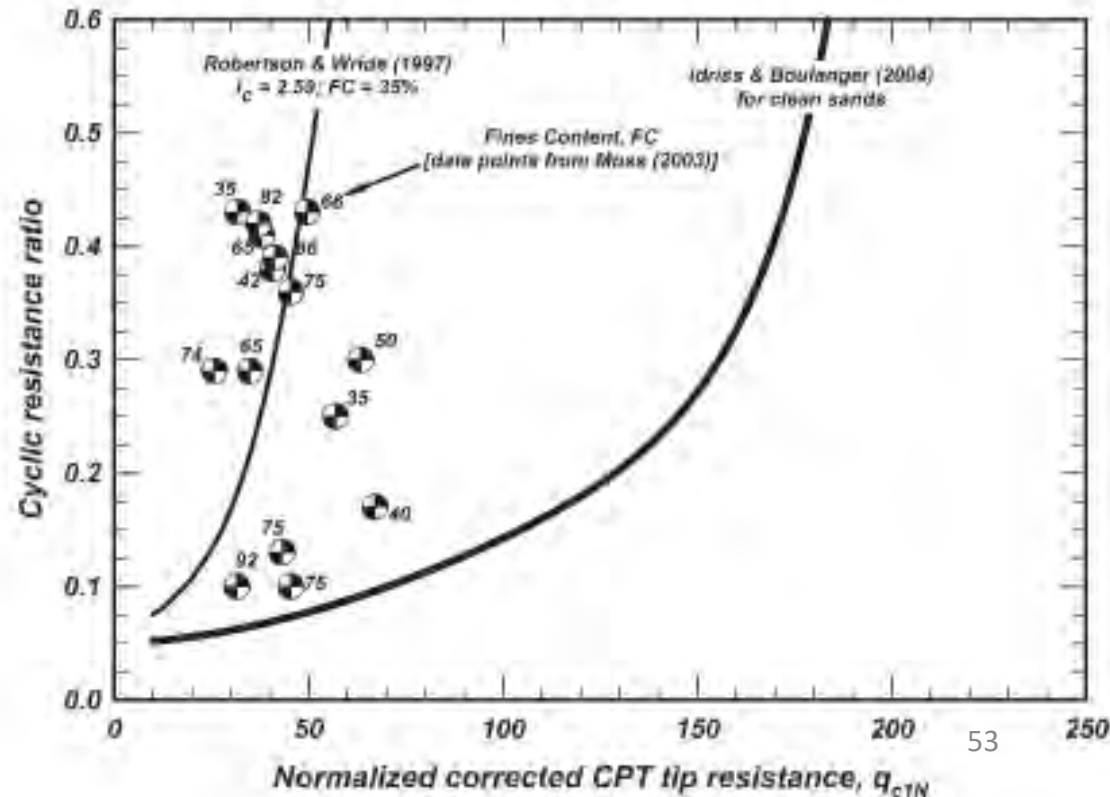
Based on in-situ Test:

➤ Using Cone Penetration Test

$$(q_{c1N})_{cs} = q_{c1N} + \Delta q_{c1N}$$

$$\Delta q_{c1N} = \left(5.4 + \frac{q_{c1N}}{16} \right) \times e^{\left(1.63 + \frac{9.7}{FC+0.01} - \left(\frac{15.7}{FC+0.01} \right)^2 \right)}$$

Boulanger and Idriss 2008



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1. Cyclic Stress Approach

*Estimation of liquefaction resistance of **silty sands** (CRR):*

Based on in-situ Test:

- Using Cone Penetration Test

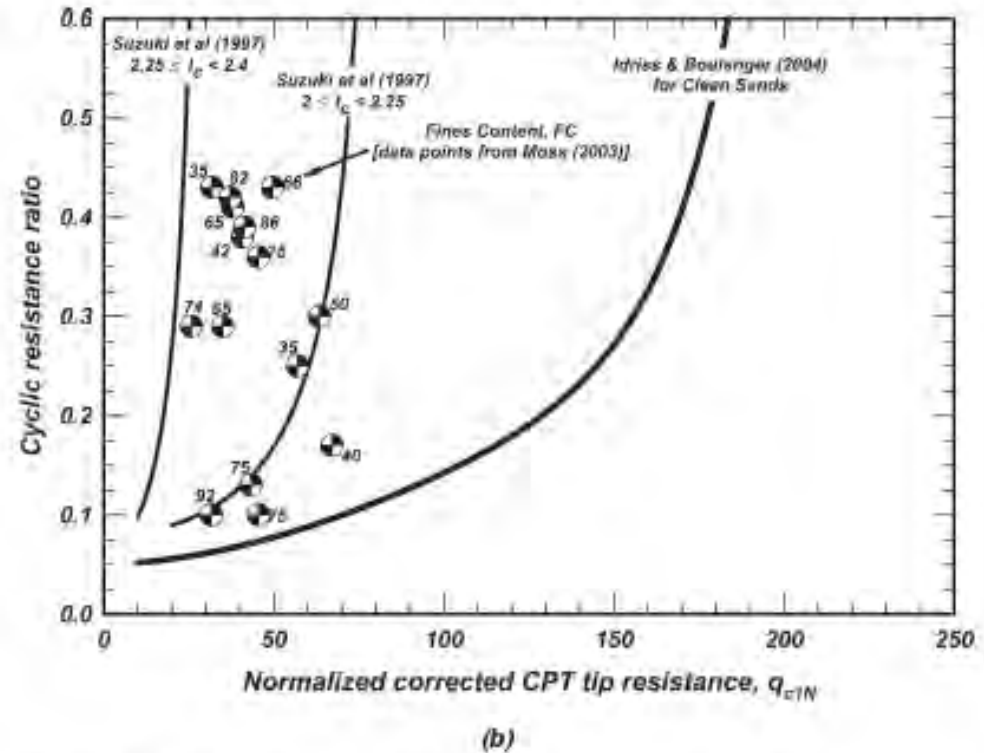
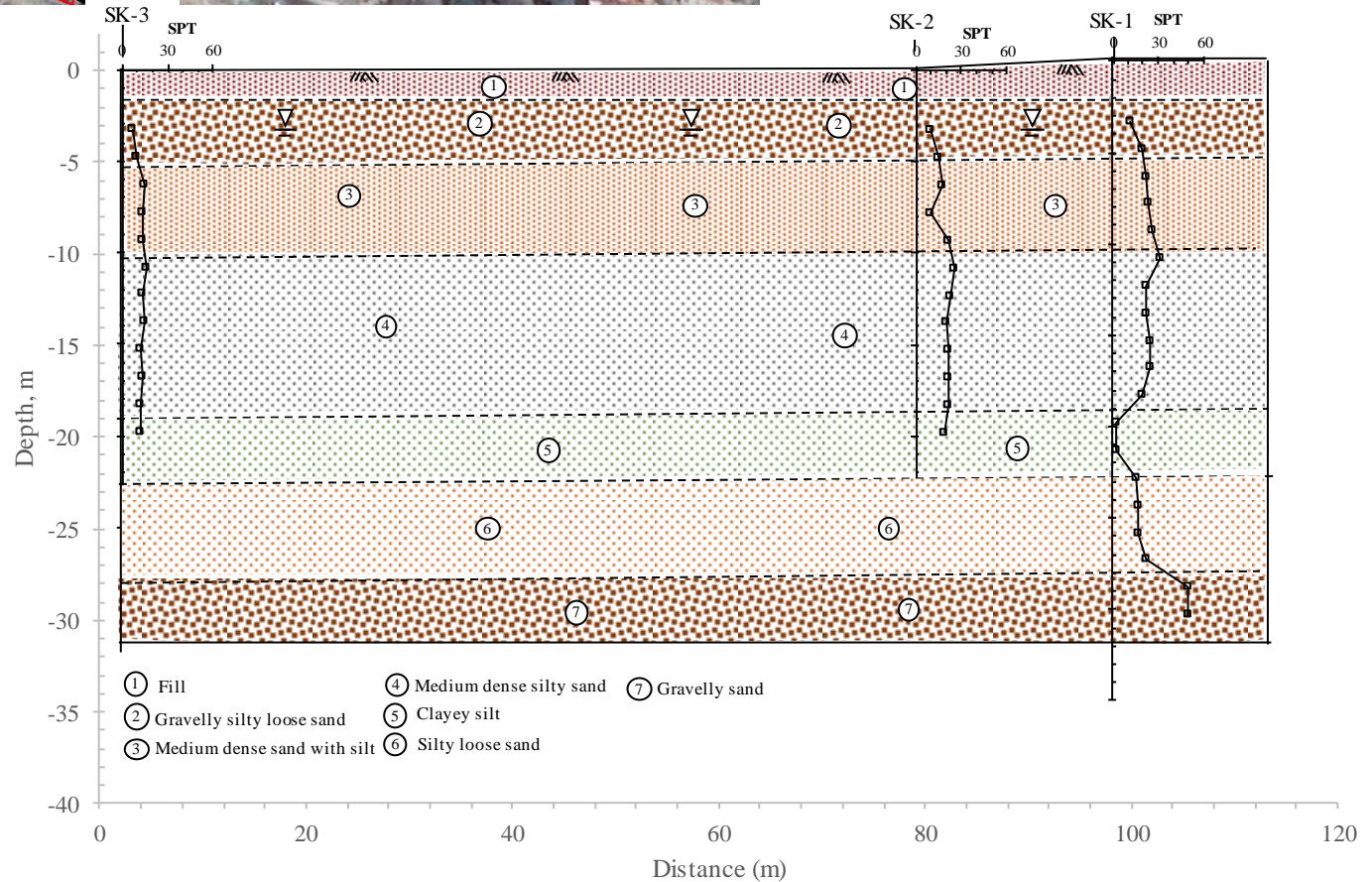
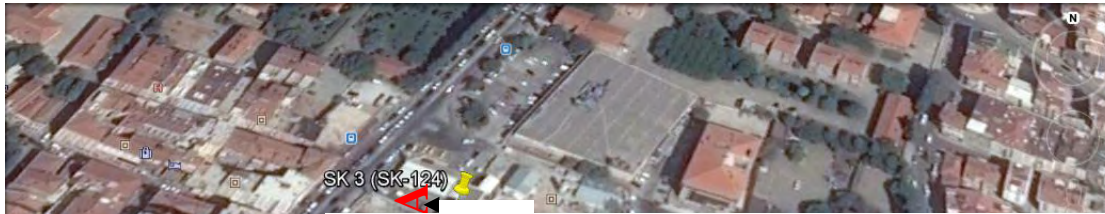


Figure 77. Comparison of field case histories for cohesionless soils with high fines content and the curves proposed by (a) Robertson and Wride (1997) for soils with $I_c = 2.59$ (apparent FC = 35%) and (b) Suzuki et al. (1997) for I_c values of 2.0–2.4.

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Example 1.



3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Example 1.

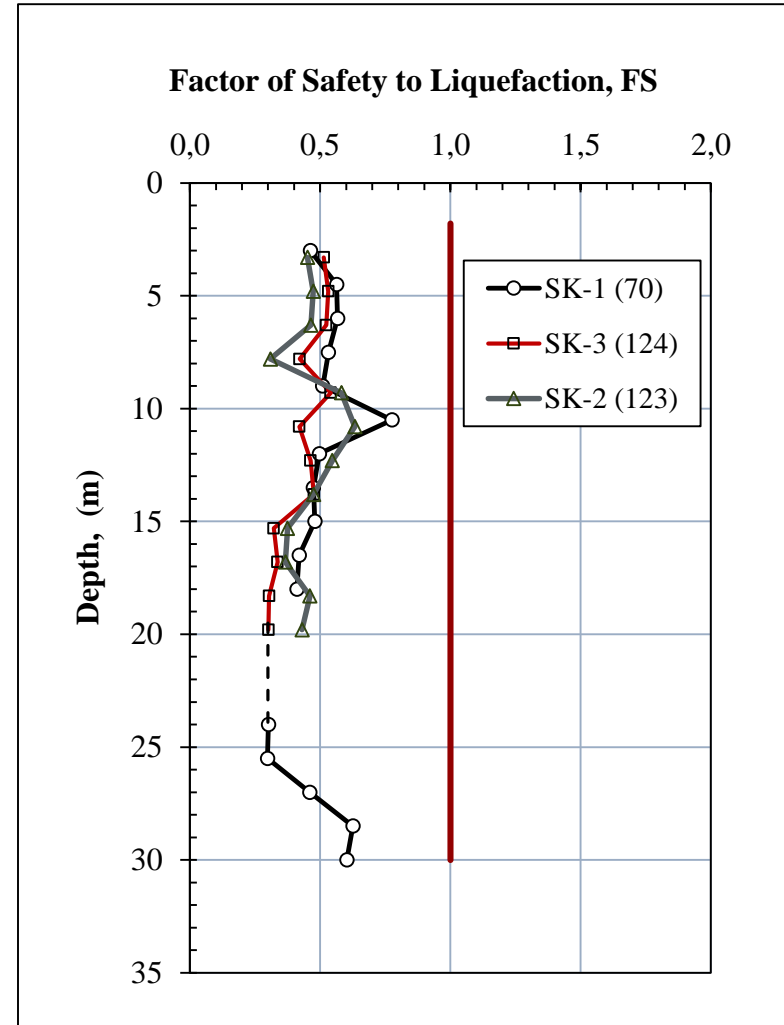
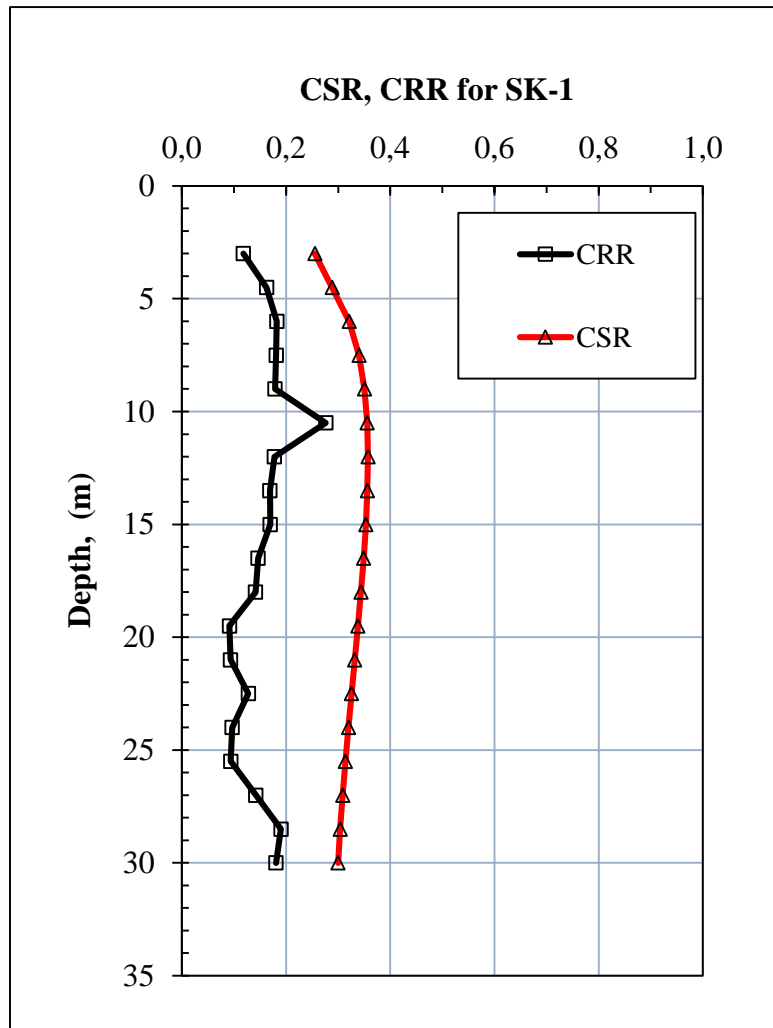
$$M_w=7.5 \quad a_{\max}=0.4 \text{ g}, \quad \gamma_d=16 \text{ kN/m}^3, \quad \gamma_{\text{sat}}=20 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

Depth (m)	N_{60}	FC (%)	σ_v (kPa)	σ'_v (kPa)	r_d	C_N	$(N_1)_{60}$	CSR	CRR	FS
3.00	11	6	48.0	48.0	0.982	1.44	9	0.255	0.118	0.46
4.50	19	6	76.0	66.2	0.966	1.23	15	0.289	0.162	0.56
6.00	22	6	106.0	81.5	0.949	1.11	17	0.321	0.182	0.57
7.50	24	8	136.0	96.8	0.930	1.02	18	0.340	0.181	0.53
9.00	26	8	166.0	112.0	0.910	0.94	18	0.351	0.179	0.51
10.50	31	18	196.0	127.3	0.889	0.89	25	0.356	0.276	0.78
12.00	22	19	226.0	142.6	0.867	0.84	18	0.357	0.178	0.50
13.50	22	19	256.0	157.9	0.845	0.80	17	0.356	0.169	0.47
15.00	25	15	286.0	173.2	0.822	0.76	18	0.353	0.169	0.48
16.50	25	11	316.0	188.5	0.800	0.73	15	0.349	0.146	0.42
18.00	19	20	346.0	203.8	0.778	0.70	14	0.344	0.141	0.41
19.50	2	63	376.0	219.0	0.757	0.68	7	0.338	0.091	--
21.00	3	54	406.0	234.3	0.737	0.65	7	0.332	0.093	--
22.50	15	53	436.0	249.6	0.717	0.63	13	0.326	0.128	--
24.00	17	8	466.0	264.9	0.699	0.61	8	0.320	0.096	0.30
25.50	17	7	496.0	280.2	0.682	0.60	8	0.314	0.094	0.30
27.00	22	40	526.0	295.5	0.667	0.58	15	0.309	0.142	0.46

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

1. Cyclic Stress Approach

Example 1.



3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

2. Probabilistic Approach

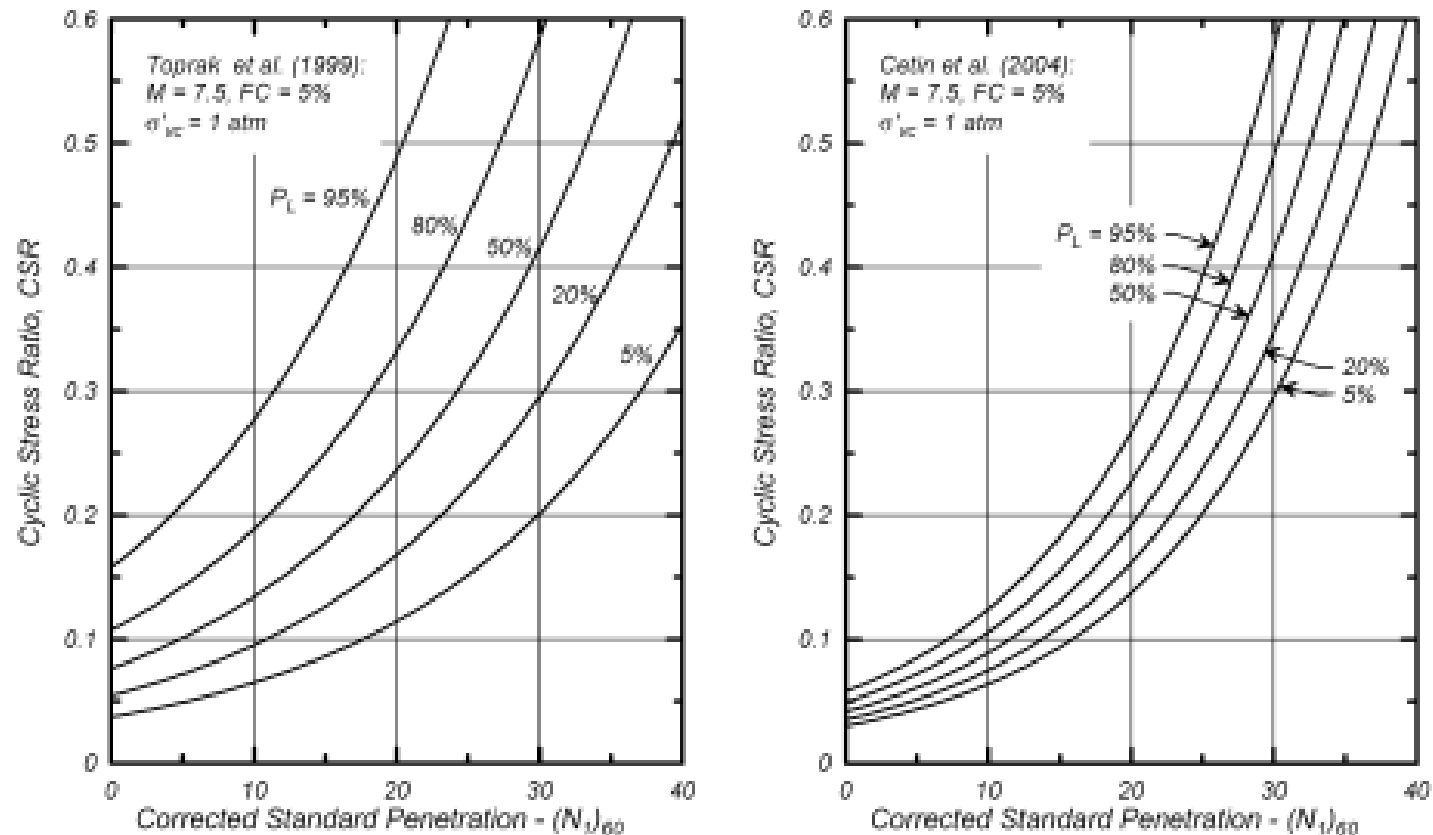
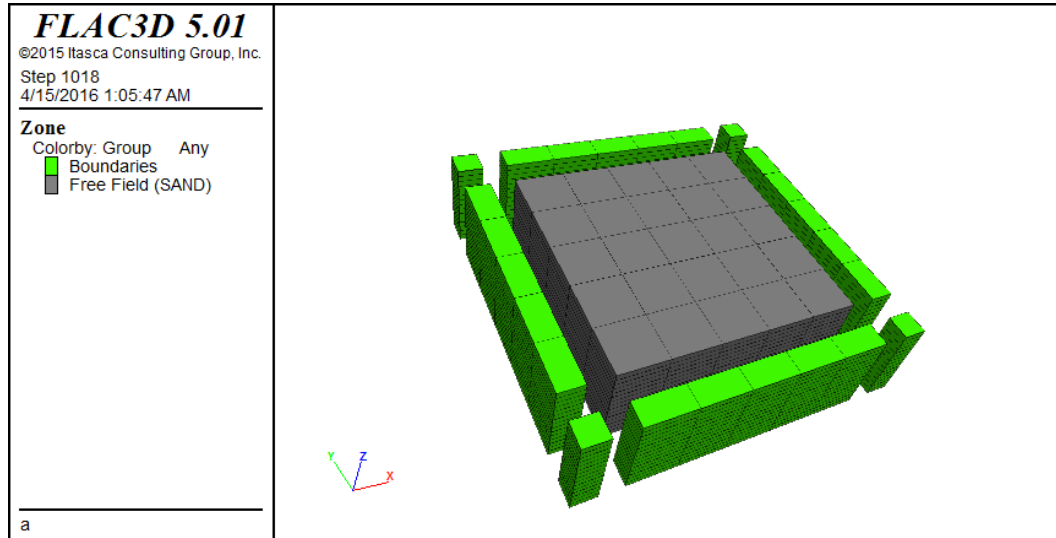


Figure 81. SPT-based probabilistic correlations for the CRR of clean sands for $M = 7.5$: (a) Toprak et al. (1999) and (b) Cetin et al. (2004, with permission from ASCE).

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3. Numerical Modeling



Finn Model (uncoupled)

Δu in undrained condition
is related

to

Volumetric strain
developped in drained
condition

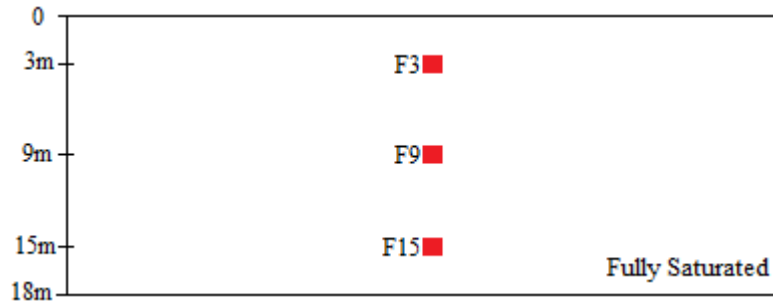
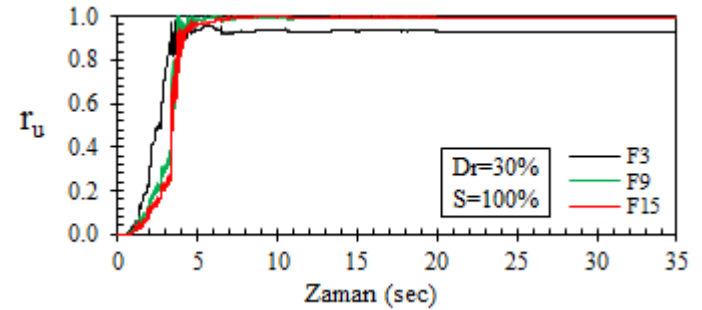
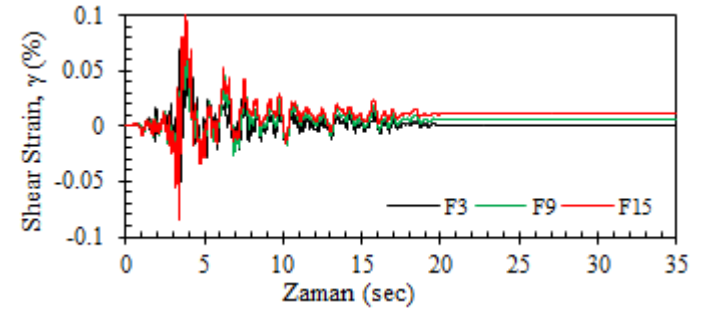
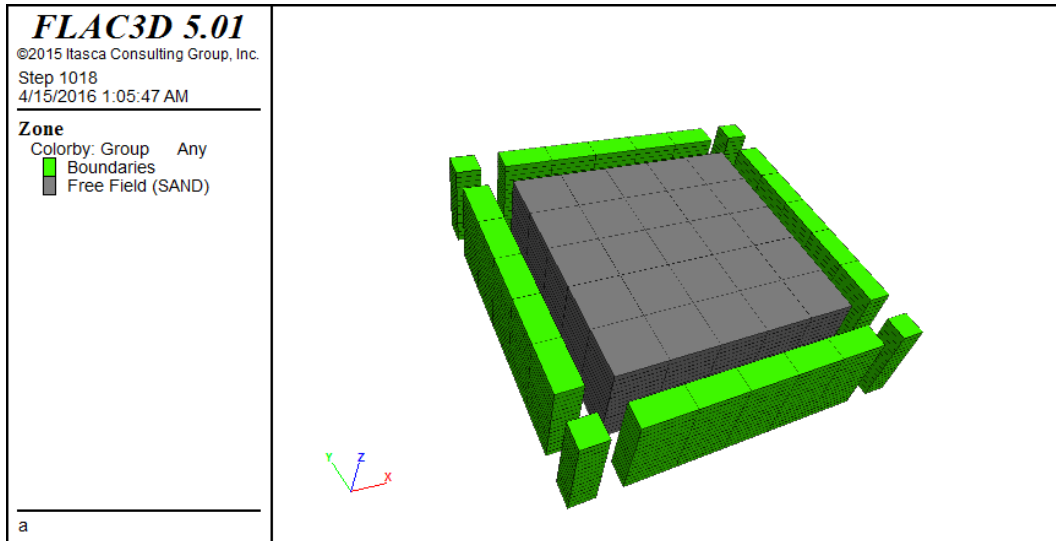
$$\Delta u = \frac{\Delta \epsilon_{vd}}{\frac{1}{E_r} + \frac{n_p}{K_w}}$$

$$\Delta \epsilon_{vd} = C_1(\gamma - C_2 \epsilon_{vd}) + \frac{C_3 + \epsilon_{vd}^2}{\gamma + C_4 \epsilon_{vd}}$$

**More coupled models
are developed:
UBCSand, PM4SAND,
NUTASAND..etc.**

3. Evaluation of Initiation of Liquefaction

3. Numerical Modeling



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

Liquefaction Failures



Bearing capacity failure of a building after Izmit EQ, 1999



Failure of a bridge due to span losing support in the Prince William Sound, Alaska Earthquake



Retaining wall damage and lateral spreading, Kobe 1995



Settlements and tilting of the buildings

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

1. Sand Boils



Sand boils near Niigata (photo by K. Steinbrugge, courtesy of EERC, Univ. of California)

Excess pore pressure dissipates by upward flow of pore water. When the hydraulic gradient reaches to critical value vertical effective stress will reach to zero. In this case water velocity will be sufficient to carry sand particles to the surface.

It depends on:

- magnitude of excess pore pressure,
- thickness,
- density,
- permeability

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

1. Sand Boils



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

1. Sand Boils



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

2. Settlement

The post-liquefaction reconsolidation strains are computed by using relationships that are largely derived from laboratory studies but which have been found to provide reasonably good agreement with field observations (Lee and Albaisa 1974, Tokimatsu and Seed 1987, Ishihara 1996). They concluded it depends on:

- Relative Density or SPT N
- Maximum shear strain

1) Tokimatsu and Seed 1987)

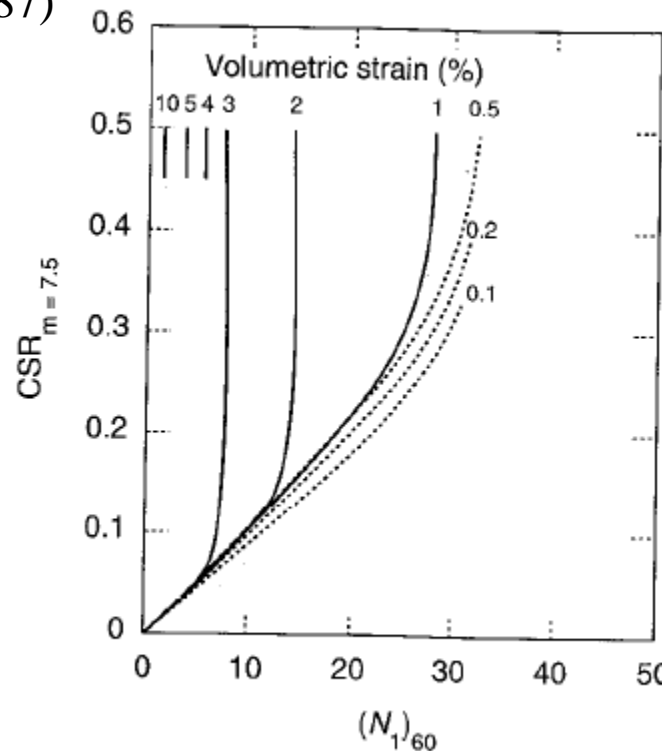


Figure 9.53 Chart for estimation of volumetric strain in saturated sands from cyclic stress ratio and standard penetration resistance. (After Tokimatsu and Seed, 1987. Evaluation of settlements in sand due to earthquake shaking, *Journal of Geotechnical Engineering*, Vol. 113, No. 8. Reprinted by permission of ASCE.)

$$CSR_{M=7.5} = \frac{CSR_{M=6.6}}{MSF}$$

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

2. Settlement

2) *Ishihara and Yoshimine 1992 approach*

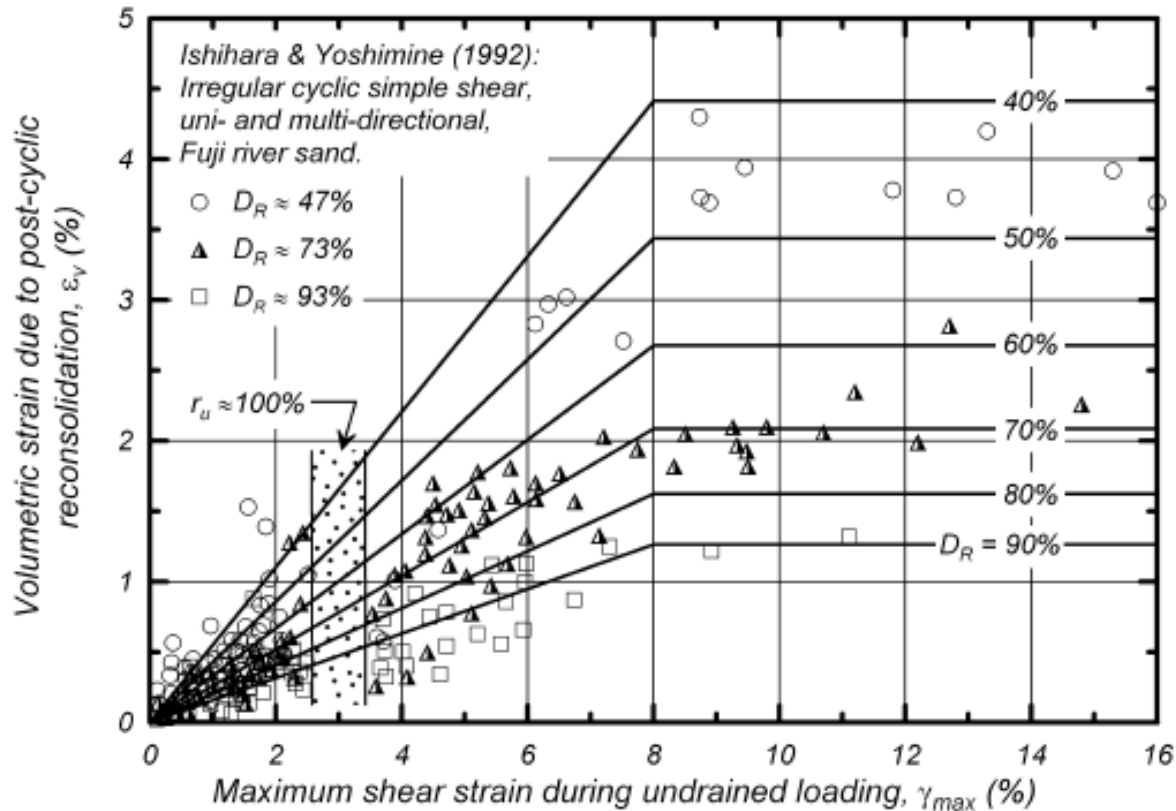


Figure 102. Relationship between post-liquefaction volumetric strain and the maximum shear strain induced during undrained cyclic loading of clean sand (after Ishihara and Yoshimine 1992).

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

2. Settlement

2) *Ishihara and Yoshimine 1992 approach*

$$\varepsilon_v = 1.5 \times e^{(-2.5 D_R) \times \min(0.08, \gamma_{\max})}, \text{ or}$$

$$\varepsilon_v = 1.5 \times e^{(-0.369 \sqrt{(N_1)_{60cs}}) \times \min(0.08, \gamma_{\max})}, \text{ or}$$

$$\varepsilon_v = 1.5 \times e^{(2.551 - 1.147 (q_{c1Ncs})^{0.264}) \times \min(0.08, \gamma_{\max})}$$

$$q_{c1Ncs} \geq 21$$

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

2. Settlement

2) Ishihara and Yoshimine approach

The same relationship can be also represented by FS vs volumetric strain

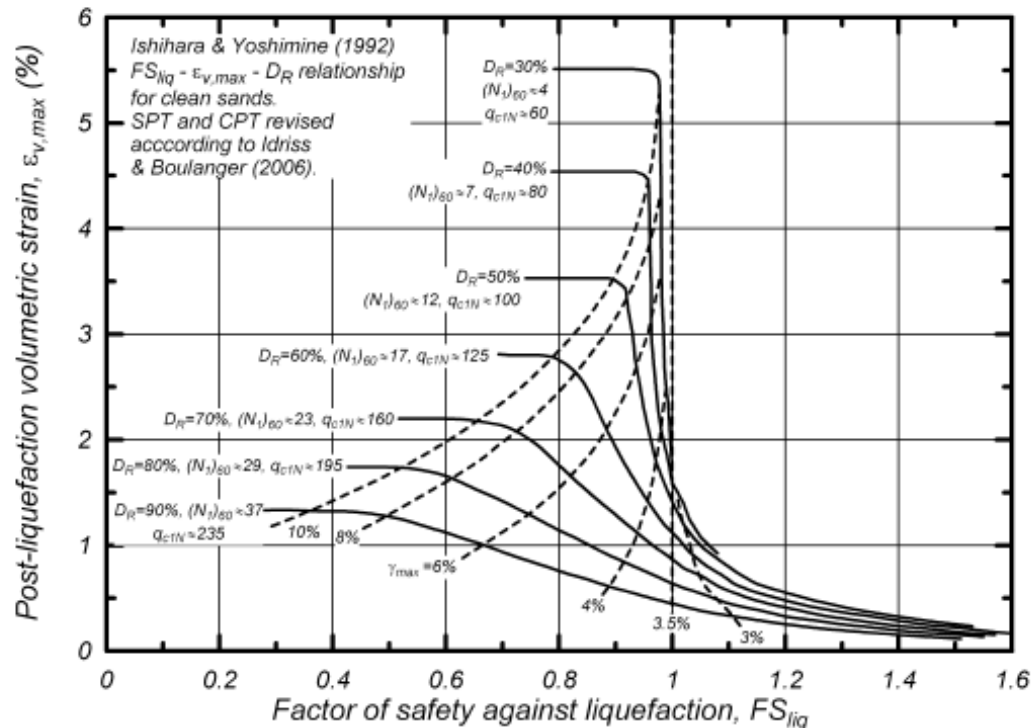


Figure 103. Post-liquefaction volumetric strains versus the factor of safety against triggering of liquefaction ($r_u = 100\%$) for clean sands of different initial relative densities (after Ishihara and Yoshimine 1992).

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

2. Settlement

Example 2.: Same site in Example 1.

Tokimatsu and Seed Ishihara and Yoshimine

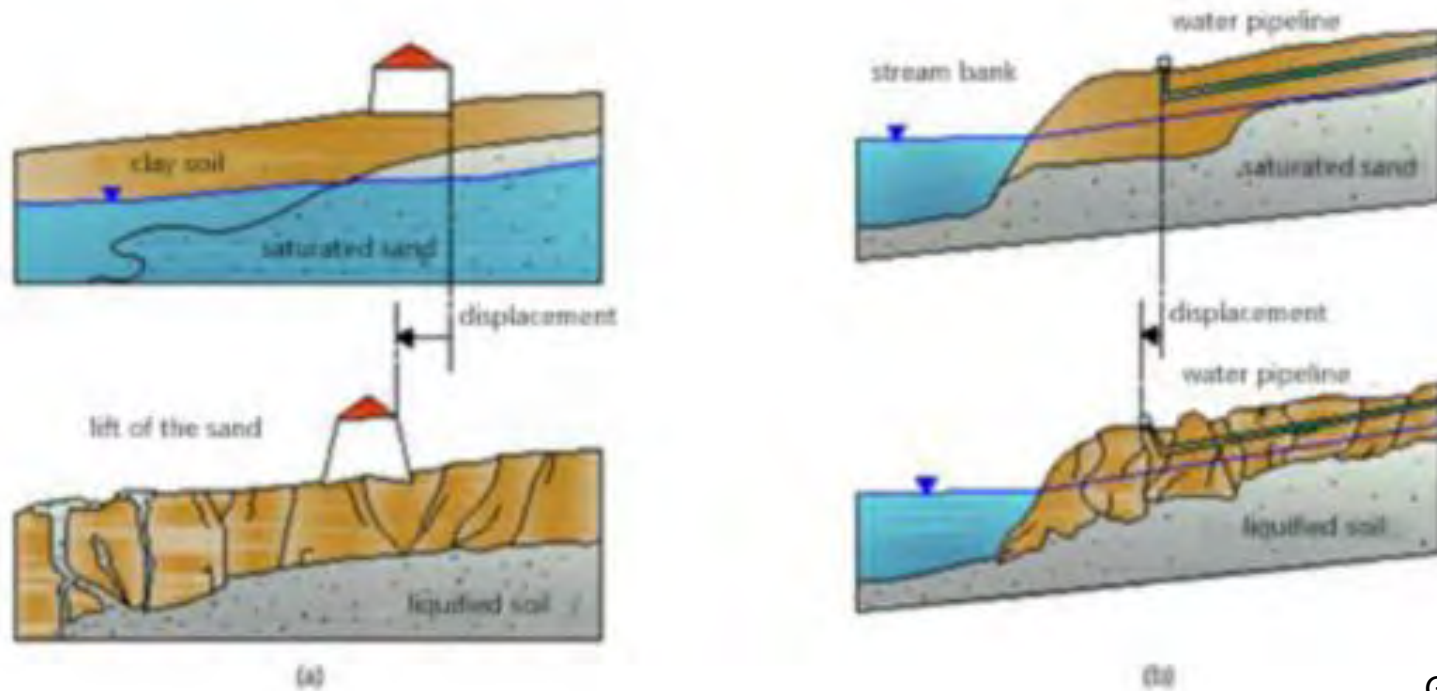
Depth (m)	N_{60}	FC (%)	$(N_1)_{60}$	CSR	CRR	FS	ϵ_v	$\Delta H, m$	ϵ_v	$\Delta H, m$
3.00	11	6	9	0.255	0.118	0.46	0.0272	0.041	0.0414	0.062
4.50	19	6	15	0.289	0.162	0.56	0.0186	0.028	0.0314	0.047
6.00	22	6	17	0.321	0.182	0.57	0.0168	0.025	0.0279	0.042
7.50	24	8	18	0.340	0.181	0.53	0.0161	0.024	0.0264	0.040
9.00	26	8	18	0.351	0.179	0.51	0.016	0.024	0.0264	0.040
10.50	31	18	25	0.356	0.276	0.78	0.0122	0.018	0.015	0.023
12.00	22	19	18	0.357	0.178	0.50	0.0162	0.024	0.0264	0.040
13.50	22	19	17	0.356	0.169	0.47	0.0161	0.024	0.0279	0.042
15.00	25	15	18	0.353	0.169	0.48	0.0162	0.024	0.0264	0.040
16.50	25	11	15	0.349	0.146	0.42	0.01875	0.028	0.0314	0.047
18.00	19	20	14	0.344	0.141	0.41	0.0185	0.028	0.0328	0.049
19.50	2	63	7	0.338		--				
21.00	3	54	7	0.332		--				
22.50	15	53	13	0.326		--				
24.00	17	8	8	0.320	0.096	0.30	0.0291	0.044	0.0428	0.064
25.50	17	7	8	0.314	0.094	0.30	0.0291	0.044	0.0428	0.064
27.00	22	40	15	0.309	0.142	0.46	0.0188	0.028	0.0314	0.047

Total Settlement, $\Sigma\Delta h$: **0.4 m**

0.65 m

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

3. Lateral Spreading



Geostru 2015

- The top layer will fracture into blocks and the material that constitutes the lower layer (liquefied) goes to fill the fractures.
- The fractured soil moves laterally toward the free surface with even metric displacements.
- Only empirical estimations

4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

3. Lateral Spreading

Sapanca Hotel, 16 August 1999



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

3. Lateral Spreading

Sapanca Hotel, On August 18, 1999



3. Lateral Spreading Pile Failure

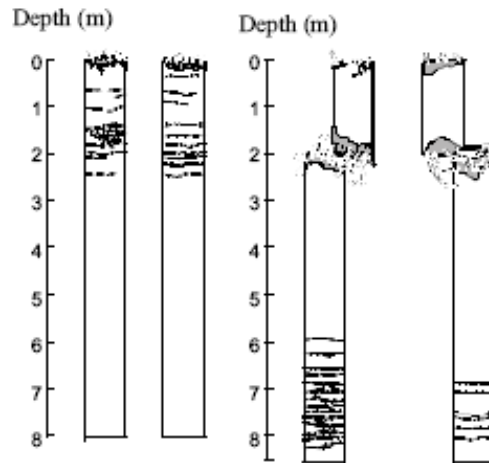


Fig. 24.62 Extent of damage in piles due to lateral displacement of liquefied subsoil (sketch by Prof. Nozomu Yoshida)

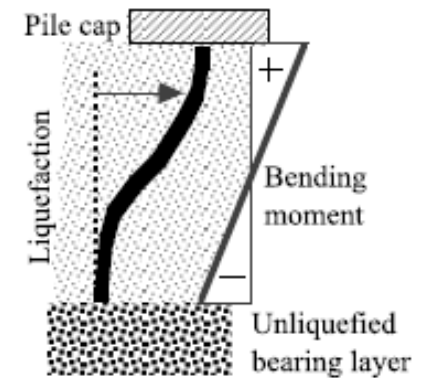


Fig. 24.63 Inferred mode of deformation along damaged pile



Fig. 24.64 Fallen Showa Bridge crossing Shinano River (Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo)

3. Lateral Spreading Pile Failure



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

4. Bearing Capacity Failure



Bearing capacity of the foundation drops due to the reduction in effective stresses consequently in the shear modulus of the foundation soil

Adapazarı, Turkey



4. Consequences of Soil Liquefaction

5. Ground Response

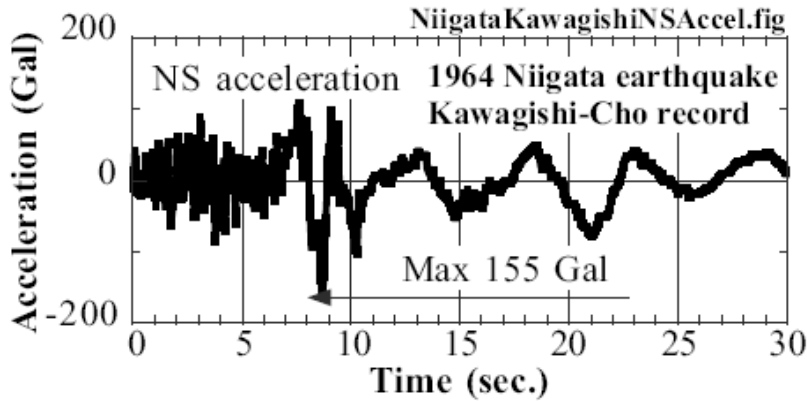


Fig. 17.45 Niigata Kawagishi-cho NS motion

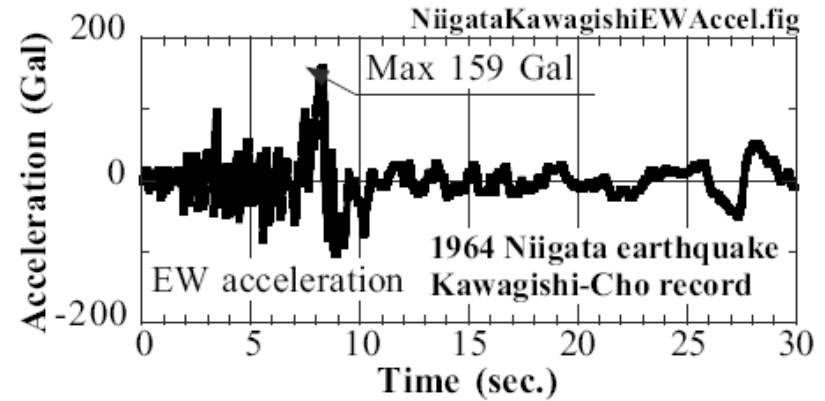


Fig. 17.46 Niigata Kawagishi-cho EW motion

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The maximum response is at long period since the soil shear modulus becomes lower as the excess pore pressures increases.

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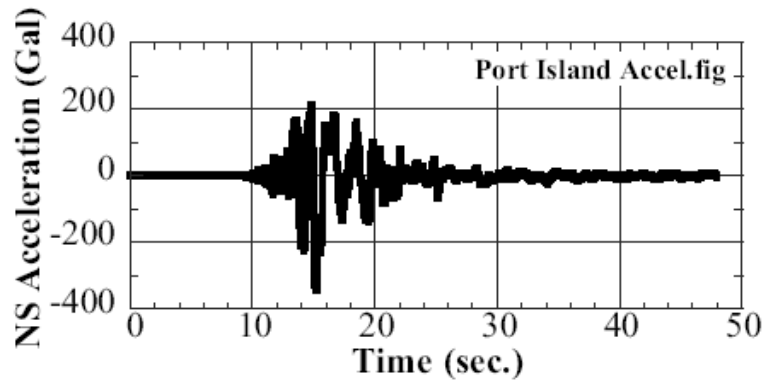


Fig. 17.47 Acceleration time history in Kobe Port Island (Kobe City Development Bureau)

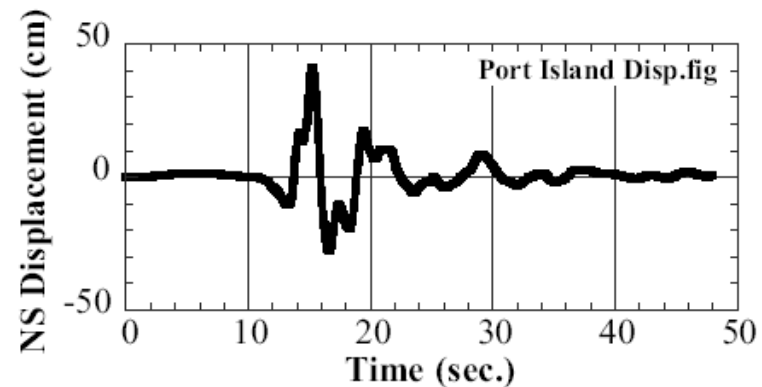


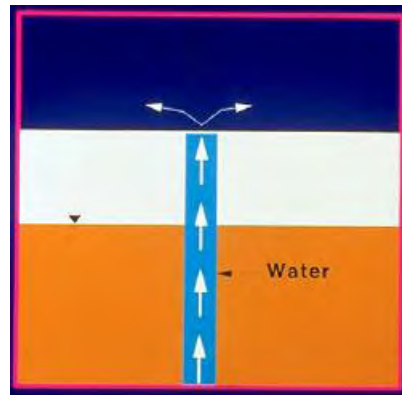
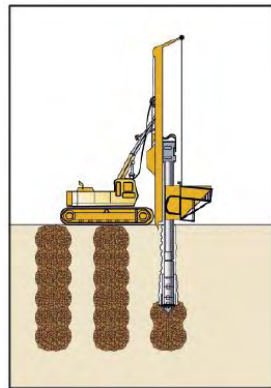
Fig. 17.48 Displacement time history in Kobe Port Island

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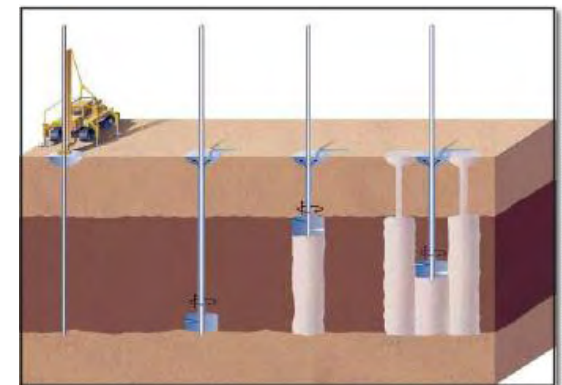
- reduces the acceleration at the surface,
- increases the surface displacement amplitude.
- ❖ Thus, displacement seems to be a more appropriate index of subsurface liquefaction.

❖ Performance-based analysis/design is needed

Liquefaction Mitigation Techniques



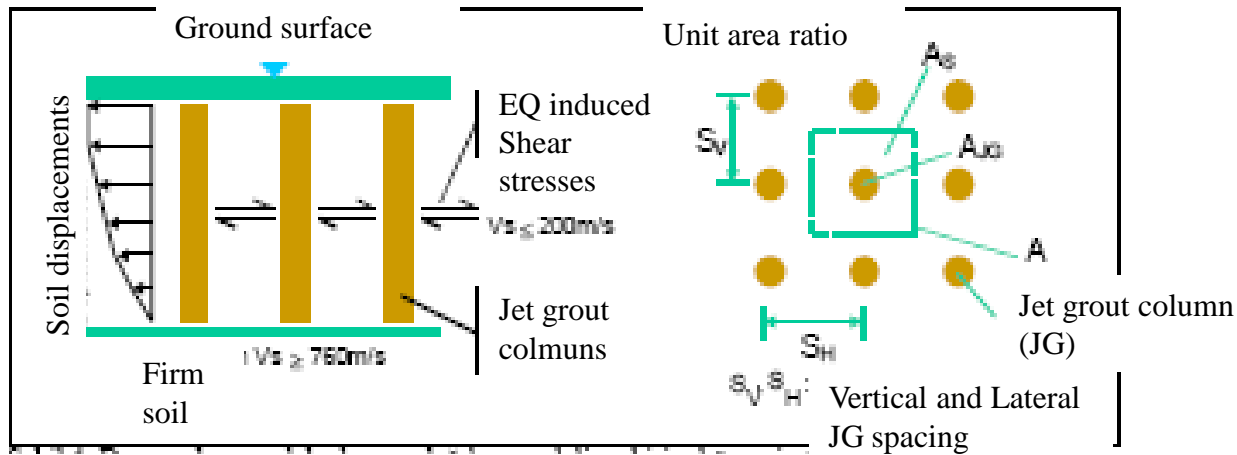
**Stone Columns or
Wick Drains**



Chemical Injection and Grouting

Liquefaction Mitigation Techniques

Jet grout



$$a_r = \frac{A_{JG}}{A}$$

$$a_s = \frac{A_s}{A} = 1 - a_r$$

Özsoy and Durgunoğlu 2003

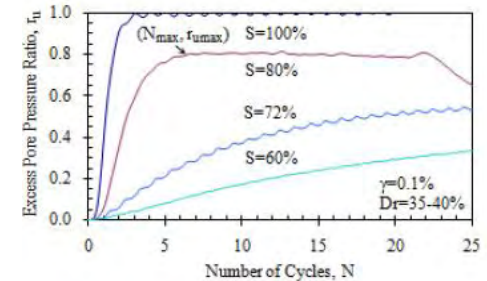
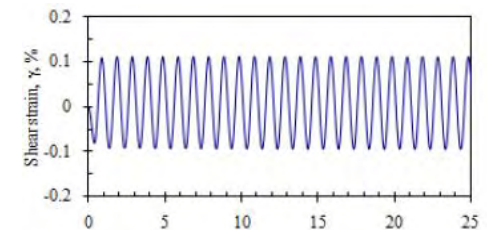
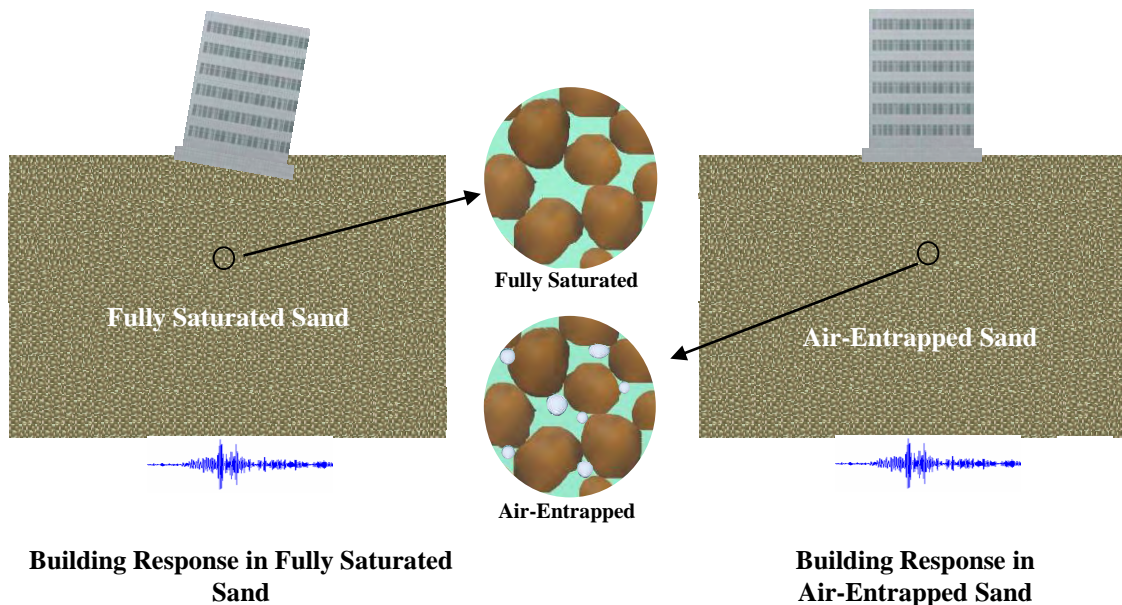
$$\tau = \tau_s a_s + \tau_{JG} a_r$$

$$\tau = \tau_s (1 - a_r) + \tau_{JG} a_r$$



Induced Partial Saturation

- Reduction of degree of saturation by the injection of sodium perborate which creates partially saturated sands in liquefiable areas, even under the existing buildings.



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$$C_{aw} = \frac{1}{K_{aw}}$$

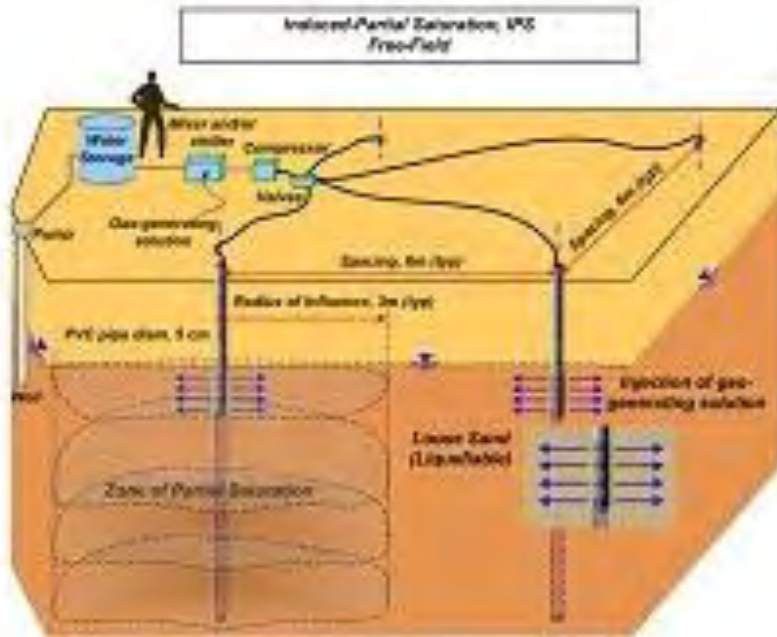
$$\Delta u = \frac{\Delta \epsilon_{vd}}{\frac{1}{E_r} + n_p C_{aw}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta u = \frac{\Delta \epsilon_{vd}}{\frac{1}{E_r} + n_p \left[SC_w + \frac{(1-S)}{u_a} \right]}$$

5. Liquefaction Mitigation Methods

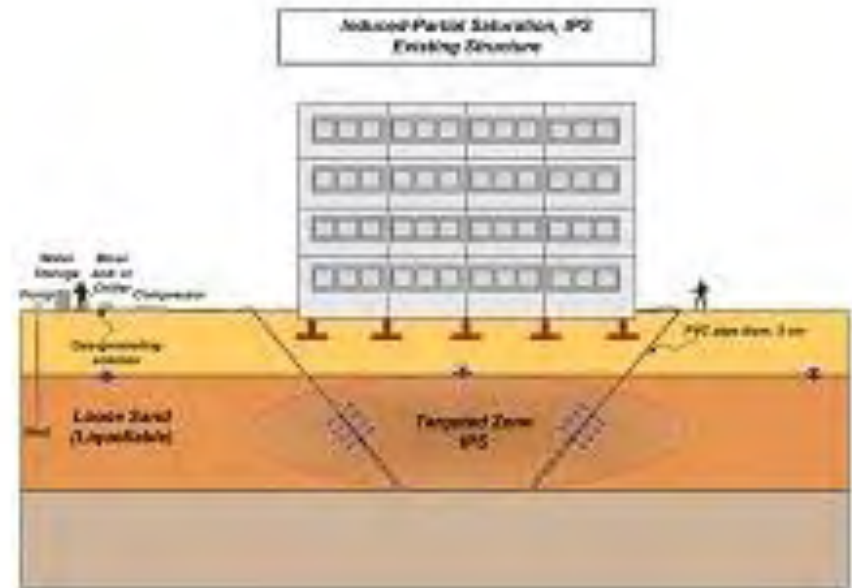
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Schematic of the IPS application in free field



Schematic of the IPS application under an existing structure



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Homework Assignment

Choose one of the following 2 questions for the HW:

1) For a site in Turkey, the following standard penetration test (SPT) data is given. Ground water table (GWT) is at 1 m below the ground surface. The characteristic earthquake for the site has 7.5M and 0.4g peak acceleration. Estimate the total settlement of the ground due to liquefaction, if there is any. Assume fine content (FC) <5%. Unit weight of the soil: $\gamma_{sat}=18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ $\gamma_{sub}=20 \text{ kN/m}^3$.

Depth, m	$(N_1)_{60}$
1.80	15.8
3.30	14.8
6.30	41.1
7.80	41.9
10.80	11.7
13.80	13.1
16.80	11.1

2) Please answer the following questions for your home-country:

- i. What is the most common liquefaction assesment (evaluation) procedure or method used according to the codes or application in practice ?
- ii. What type of liquefaction-induced failures observed most?
- iii. What is the most common mitigation technique applied in practice.

Your HW should be submitted before Oct. 28, to the address below.
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