

Basal Heave Stability

How do we check basal heave stability?
Which method should we use?

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- Terzaghi
- Bjerrum & Eide
- Eide et al.
- Tschebotarioff
- Goh
- Chang
- Wong and Goh
- O'Rourke
- Su et al.
- Ukritchon et al.
- Plaxis

Does FOS = 1 mean failure?

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Methods of Analysis

- Terzaghi (1943)
- Bjerrum & Eide (1956)
- Eide et al. (1972)
- Goh (1994)

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Terzaghi's Method (Terzaghi, 1943)

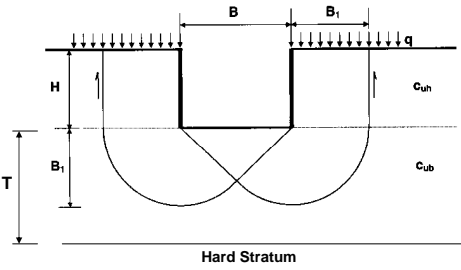
Range of Applications

- For wide excavation
- For excavation with length much greater than width
- For sheetpile walls regardless of penetration depth
- For diaphragm walls with short penetration depth

Limitations

- May not be applicable to narrow excavation
- Does not consider effect of shape of excavation area
- Does not consider contribution from adhesion
- Does not consider contribution from wall penetration
- Does not consider the effect of wall stiffness

Terzaghi's Method



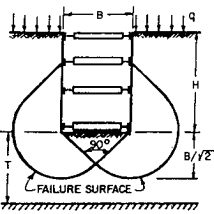
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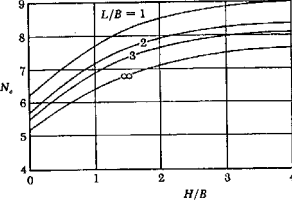
If T 0.7B, B₁ = 0.7B

If T 0.7B, B₁ = T

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Bjerrum and Eide's method (1956)






$$FS = \frac{c_u N_c}{\gamma H + q}$$

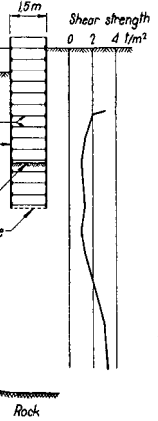
Range of Applications & Limitations:

- For narrow excavations
- Ignored effect of wall penetration
- Ignored effect of clay thickness
- Ignored effect of wall stiffness

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Basal Heave Stability
(Bjerrum and Eide, 1956)





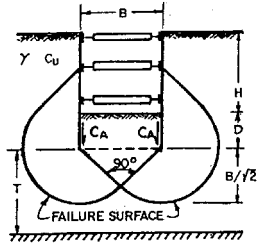
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Eide et al.'s Method (1972)

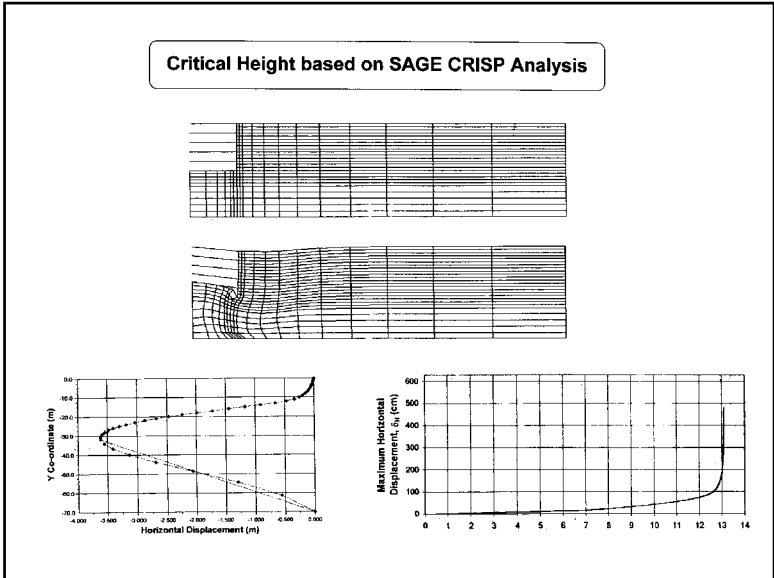
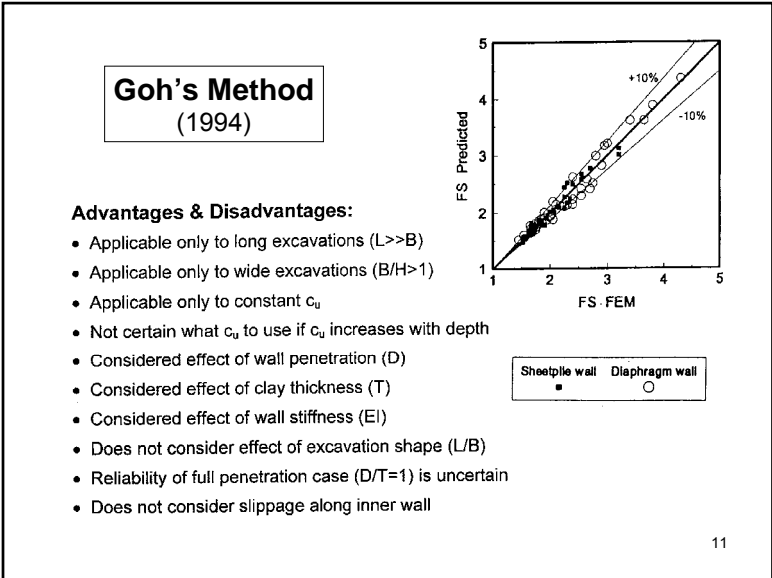
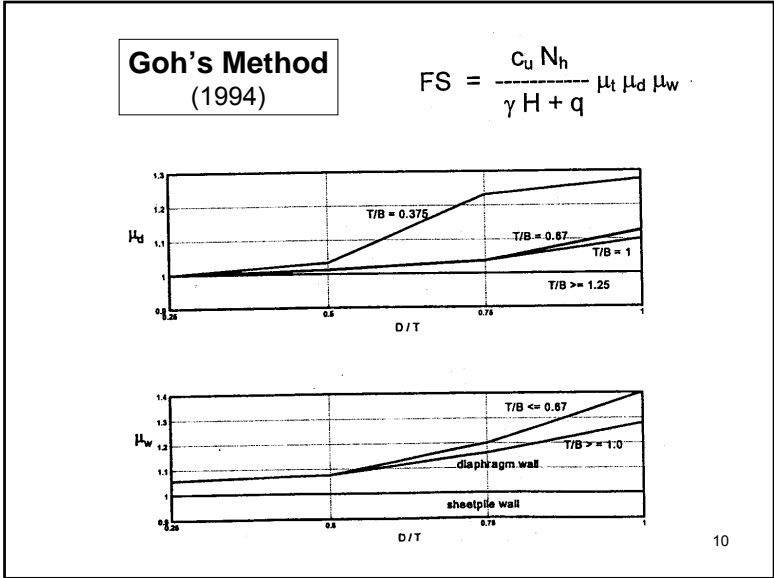
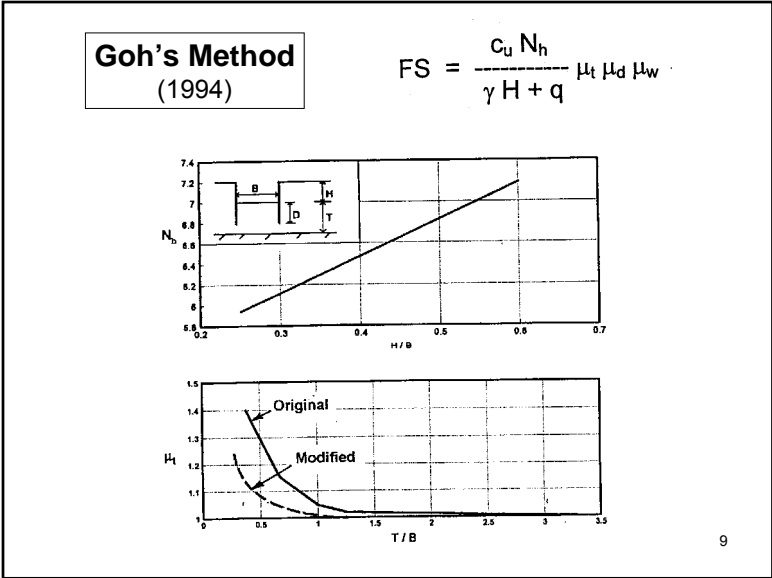
$$FS = \frac{c_u N_c + 2 c_a D (1 + B/L) / B}{\gamma H + q}$$

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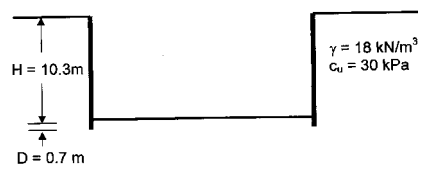
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Comparison of Methods – Case 1 – Sheetpile Wall

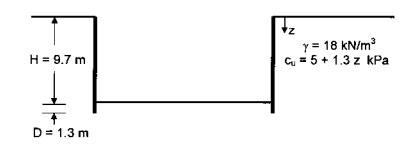


$H = 10.3\text{ m}$
 $D = 0.7\text{ m}$
 $\gamma = 18\text{ kN/m}^3$
 $c_u = 30\text{ kPa}$

FEM (Sage Crisp)	=	1.00
Terzaghi (1943)	=	1.00 (1.00)
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	=	0.89
Eide et al. (1972)	=	0.90
Goh (1994)	=	1.02

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Comparison of Methods – Case 2 – Sheetpile Wall



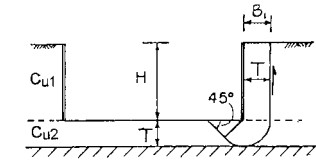
$H = 9.7\text{ m}$
 $D = 1.3\text{ m}$
 $\gamma = 18\text{ kN/m}^3$
 $c_u = 5 + 1.3 z\text{ kPa}$

FEM (Sage Crisp)	=	1.00
Terzaghi (1943)	=	1.05 (1.04)
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	=	0.55 (c_u at H)
	=	0.98 ($c_{u,AVG}$ within 0.7B below H)
Eide et al. (1972)	=	0.61 (c_u at H)
	=	1.05 ($c_{u,AVG}$ within 0.7B below tip)
Goh (1994)	=	--- (0.99)

Use $c_{u,AVG}$ within 0.5B below H

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Modification to Terzaghi's Method



c_{u1} , c_{u2} , H , T , 45° , B_1

Terzaghi (1943)

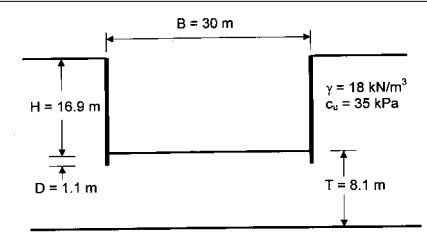
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Modified Terzaghi

$$FS = \frac{5.7 c_{u2} B_1 + c_{u1} H}{\gamma H B_1}$$

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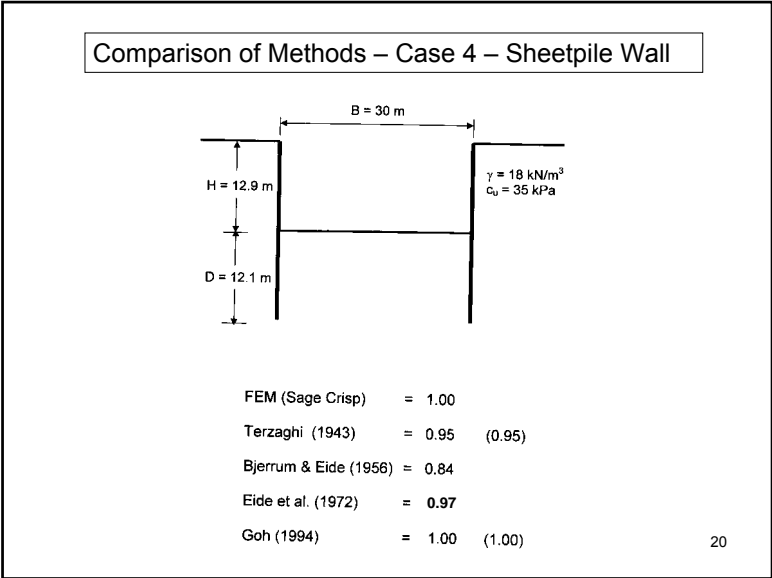
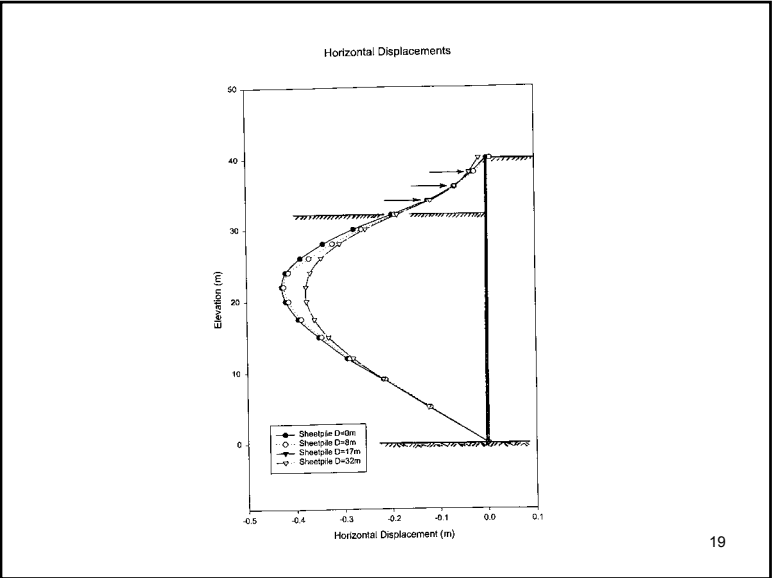
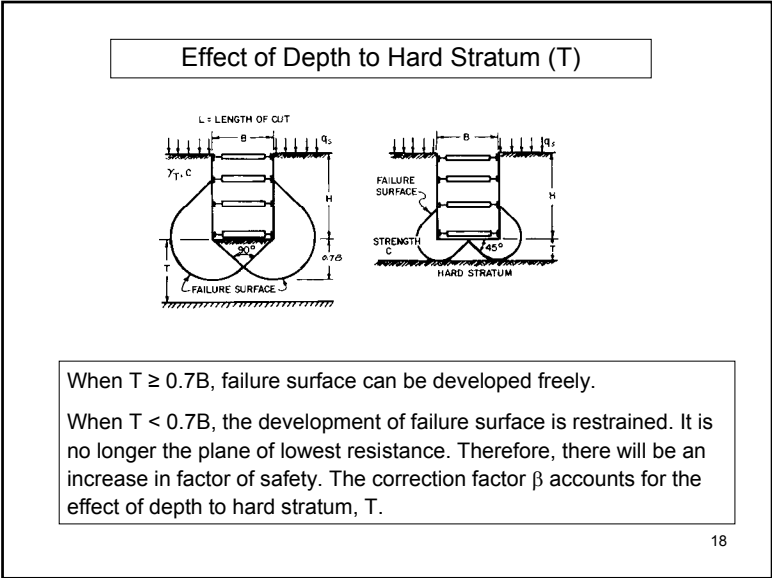
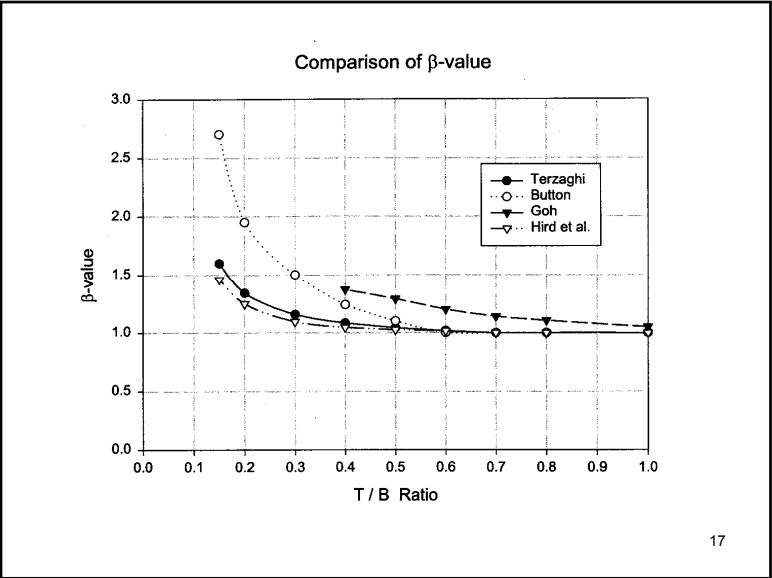
Comparison of Methods – Case 3 – Sheetpile Wall



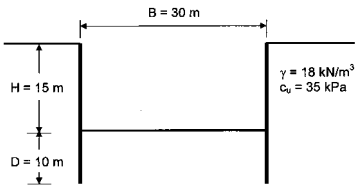
$B = 30\text{ m}$
 $H = 16.9\text{ m}$
 $D = 1.1\text{ m}$
 $T = 8.1\text{ m}$
 $\gamma = 18\text{ kN/m}^3$
 $c_u = 35\text{ kPa}$

FEM (Sage Crisp)	=	1.00
Terzaghi (1943)	=	0.86 (0.90)
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	=	0.67
Eide et al. (1972)	=	0.69
Goh (1994)	=	1.20 (1.00)

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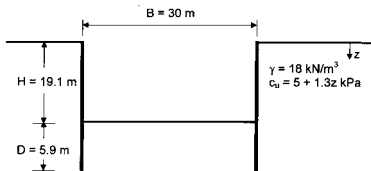
Comparison of Methods – Case 5 – Diaphragm Wall



FEM (Sage Crisp)	=	1.00
Terzaghi (1943)	=	0.81 (0.83)
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	=	0.75
Eide et al. (1972)	=	0.89
Goh (1994)	=	0.93 (0.93)

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Comparison of Methods – Case 6 – Diaphragm Wall

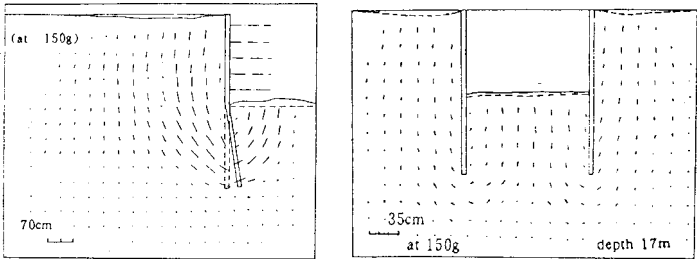


FEM (Sage Crisp)	=	1.00
Terzaghi (1943)	=	0.76 (0.77)
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	=	0.52 (cu at H)
	=	0.75 (cu,AVG within 0.7B below H)
Eide et al. (1972)	=	0.83 (cu at H)
	=	0.98 (cu,AVG within 0.7B below tip)
Goh (1994)	=	--- (0.99)

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Effect of Wall Penetration

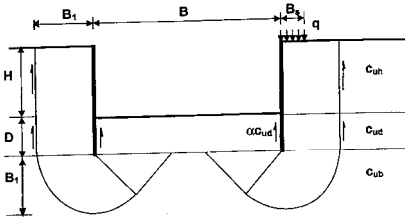
(Zhang and Zhang, 1994)



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Modified Terzaghi's Method for Diaphragm Wall

(Wong and Goh, 2001)



Note: $B_1 = 0.7B$ or $(T-D)$ whichever is smaller and $B_2 \leq B_1$

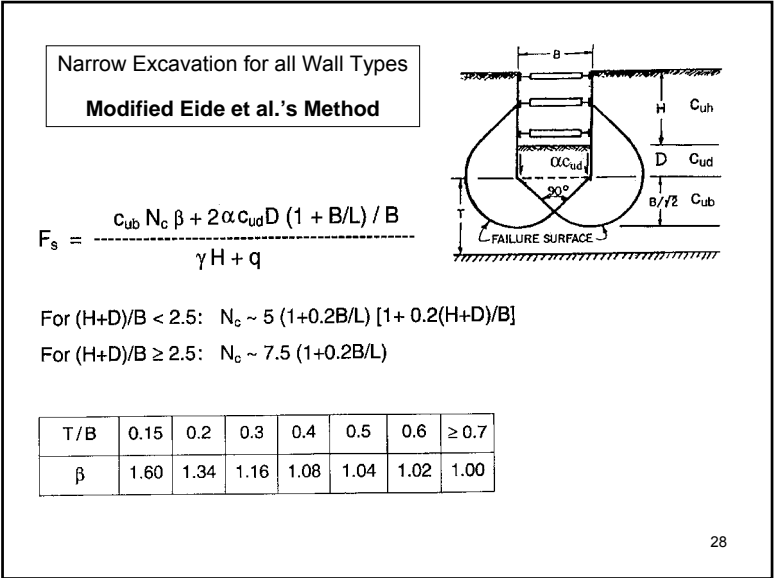
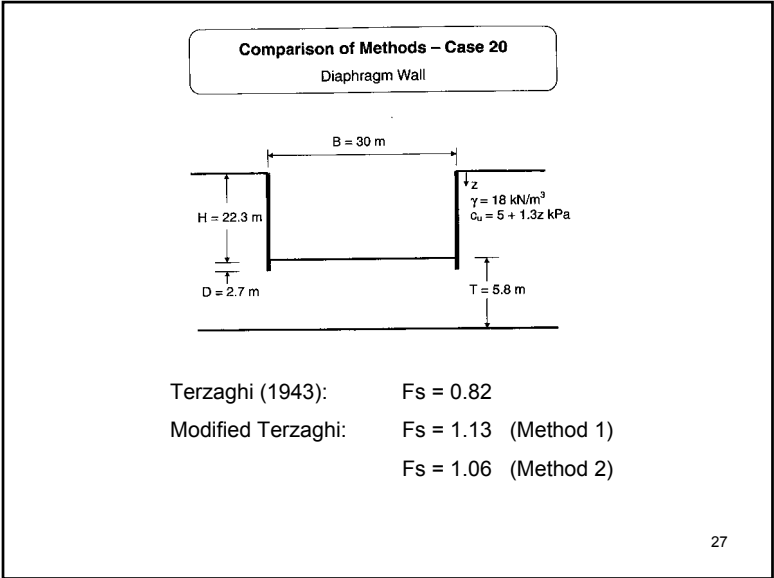
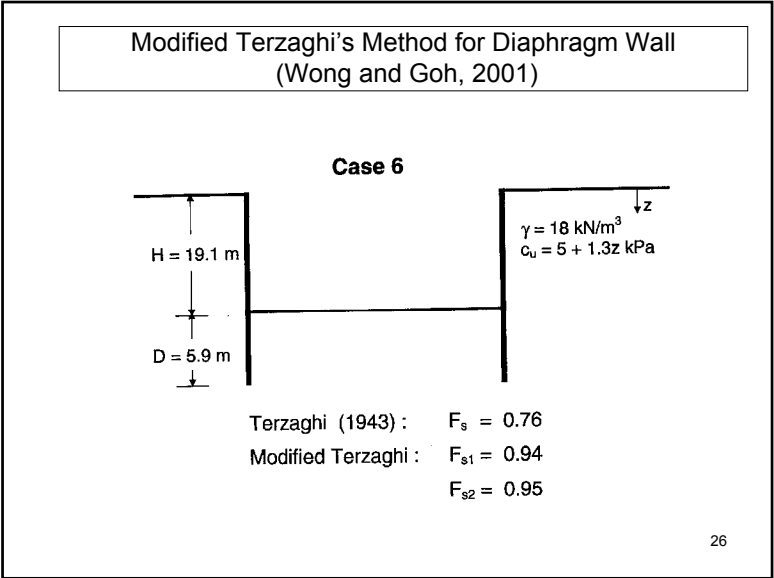
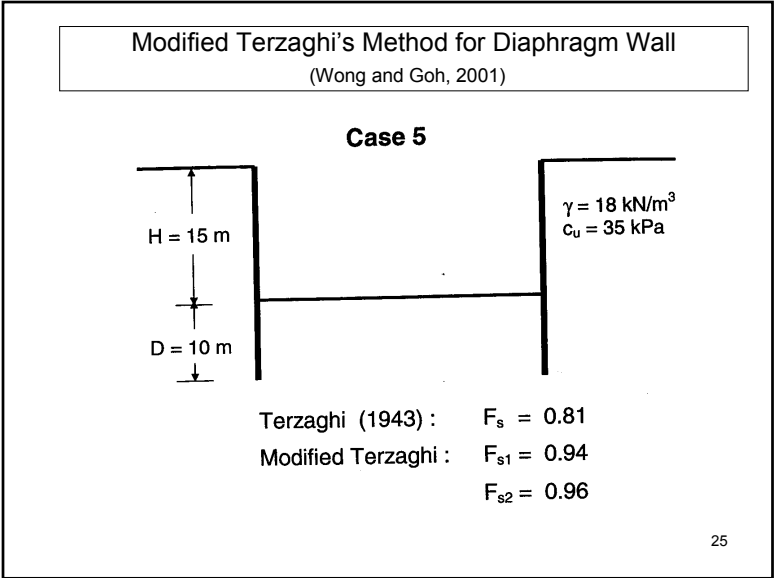
Method 1:

$$F_{s1} = \frac{5.7 c_{ub} B_1}{\gamma H B_1 - c_{uh} H - (1 + \alpha) c_{ud} D + q B_s}$$

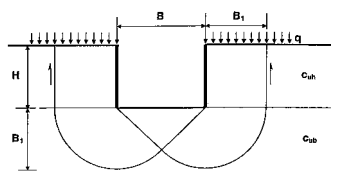
Method 2:

$$F_{s2} = \frac{5.7 c_{ub} B_1 + c_{uh} H + (1 + \alpha) c_{ud} D}{\gamma H B_1 + q B_s}$$

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Wide Excavation with Sheetpile Wall



Modified Terzaghi

$$F_s = \frac{5.7 c_{ub} B_1 + c_{uh} H}{\gamma H B_1 + q B_s}$$

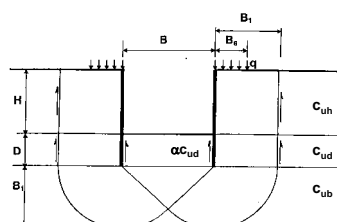
Goh (1994)

$$F_s = \frac{c_u N_h}{\gamma H + q} \mu_l \mu_d \mu_w$$

Note: $B_1 = 0.7B$ or T whichever is smaller and $B_s < B_1$

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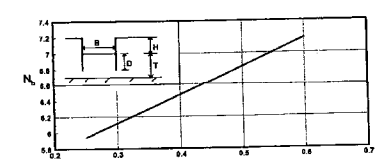
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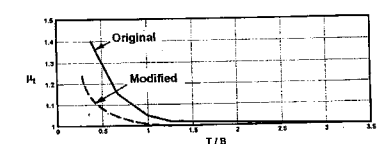
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Modified Goh's Method

$$FS = \frac{c_u N_h}{\gamma H + q} \mu_l \mu_d \mu_w$$

Use average c_u within 0.5B below the formation level.

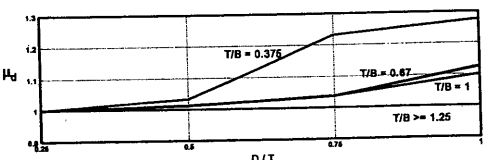


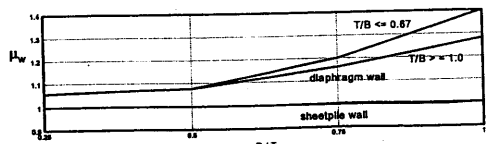


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Modified Goh's Method

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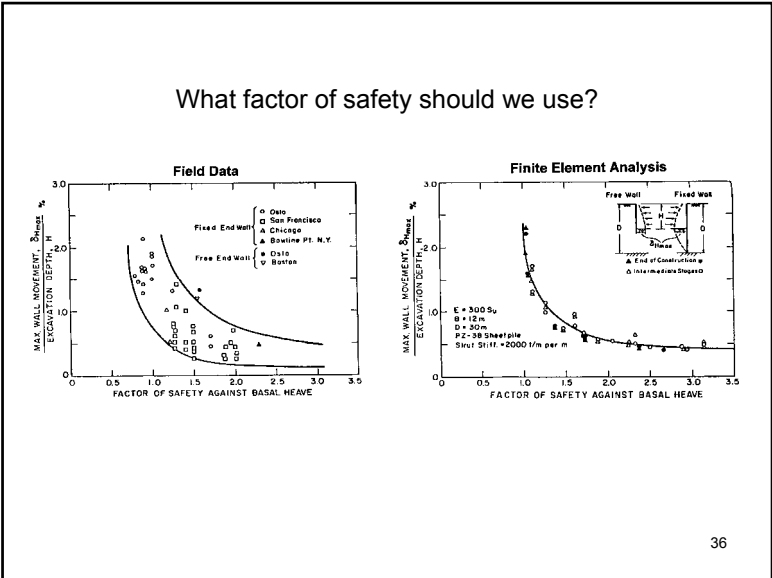
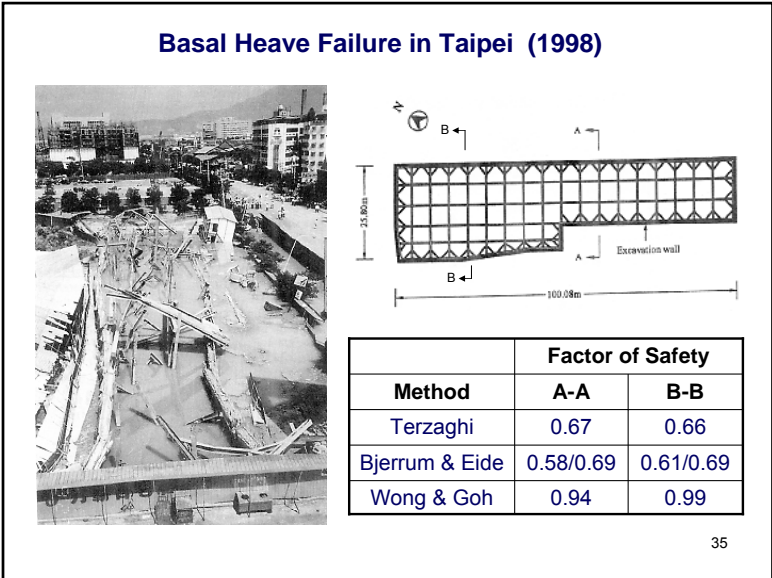
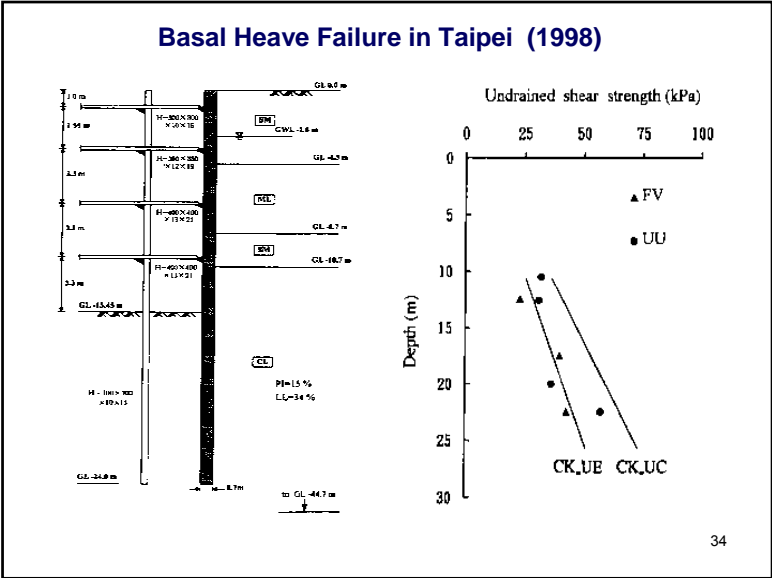




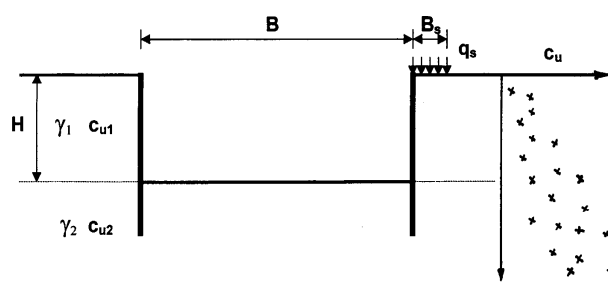
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How important is the shape factor?

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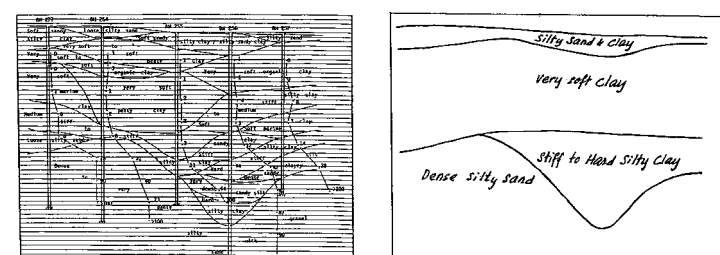


How reliable is the computed F.S.?


$$FS = \frac{5.7 c_{u2} B_1 + c_{u1} H}{\gamma H B_1 + q_s B_s}$$

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Subsoil Conditions & Idealized Soil Profile



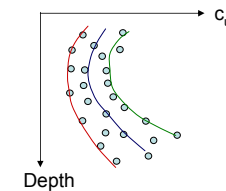
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What type of test should we conduct to determine c_u ?

- Field tests: FVT, SPT, CPT, PMT, DMT, BST
- Lab Tests: UU, UC, ICU, Ck_0TC , Ck_0TE , Ck_0DSS
- Others: Fall cone, Torvane, Pocket Penetrometer

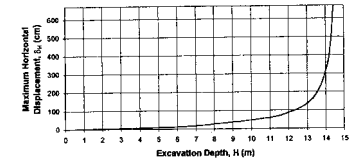
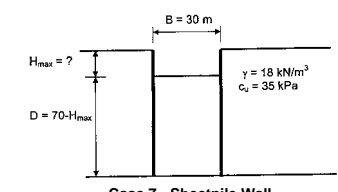
Which strength envelope should we use ?

- Most conservative:
"worst scenario"
- Best Estimate:
"most probable scenario"
- Most optimistic:
"most favourable scenario"



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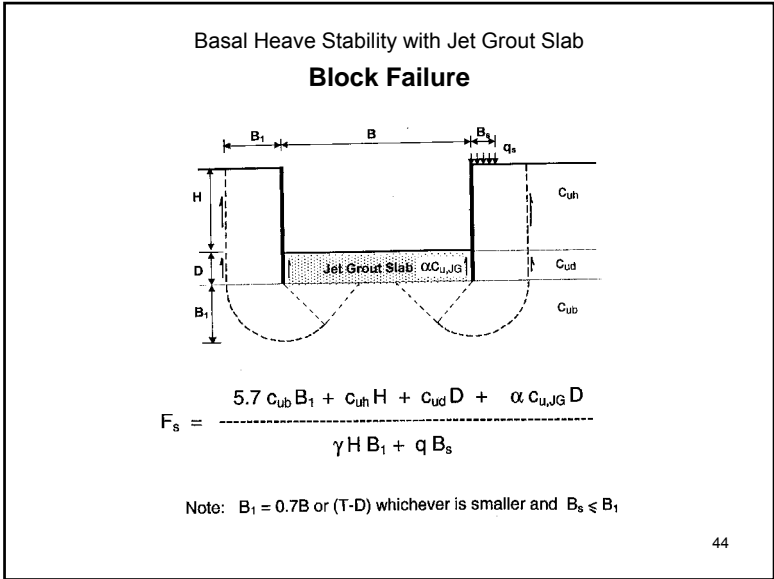
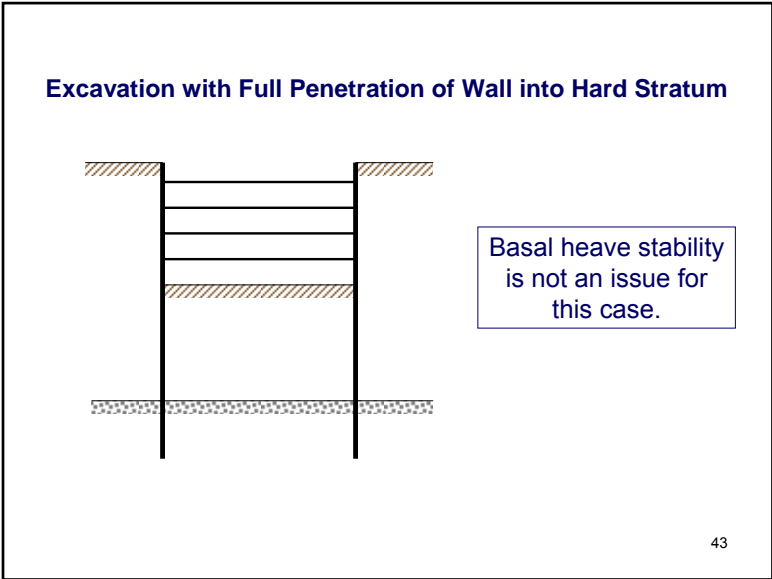
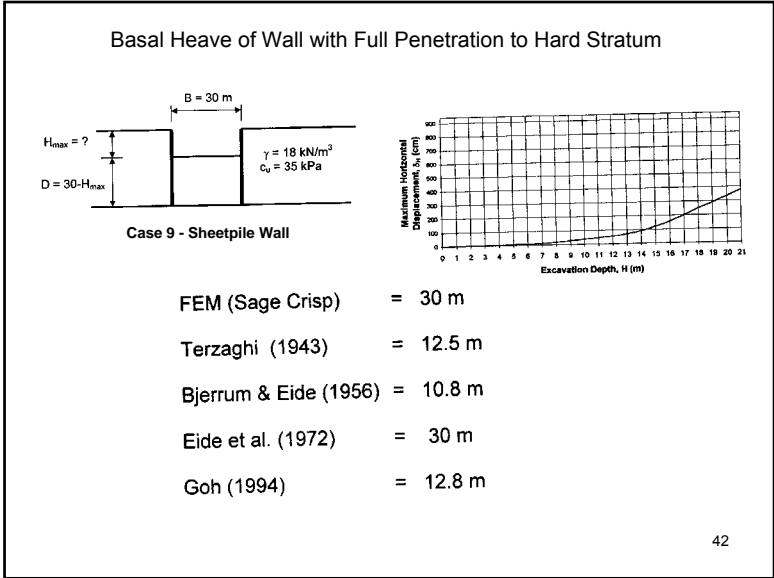
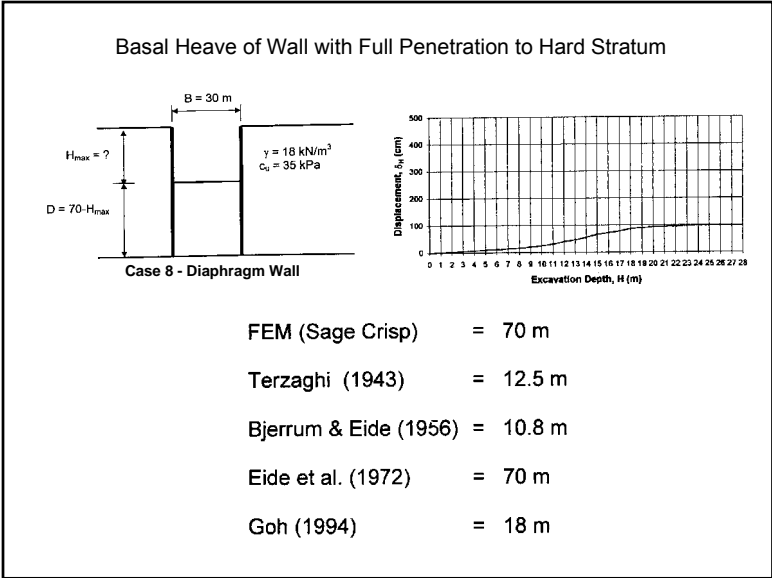
Basal Heave of Wall with Full Penetration to Hard Stratum



Case 7 - Sheetpile Wall

FEM (Sage Crisp)	= 13.4 m
Terzaghi (1943)	= 12.5 m
Bjerrum & Eide (1956)	= 10.8 m
Eide et al. (1972)	= 70 m
Goh (1994)	= 12.8 m

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Basal Heave Stability with Jet Grout Slab

Bending Failure

$$q_{JG} = 12 M_{max} / B^2 = 4 c_{uJG} D^2 / B^2$$
$$F_s = \frac{5.7 c_{ub} B_1 + c_{uh} H + c_{ud} D + q_{JG} B_1}{\gamma H B_1 + q B_s}$$

Note: $B_1 = 0.7B$ or $(T-D)$ whichever is smaller and $B_s \leq B_1$

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$$F_s = 1.00$$
$$\text{Bending Failure: } F_s = 1.00$$
$$\text{Block Failure: } F_s = 1.25$$

PLAXIS:

$F_s = 1.00$

Bending Failure: $F_s = 1.00$

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Basal Heave Stability with Jet Grout Slab

$$F_s = 1.00$$
$$\text{Bending Failure: } F_s = 1.11$$
$$\text{Block Failure: } F_s = 1.03$$

PLAXIS:

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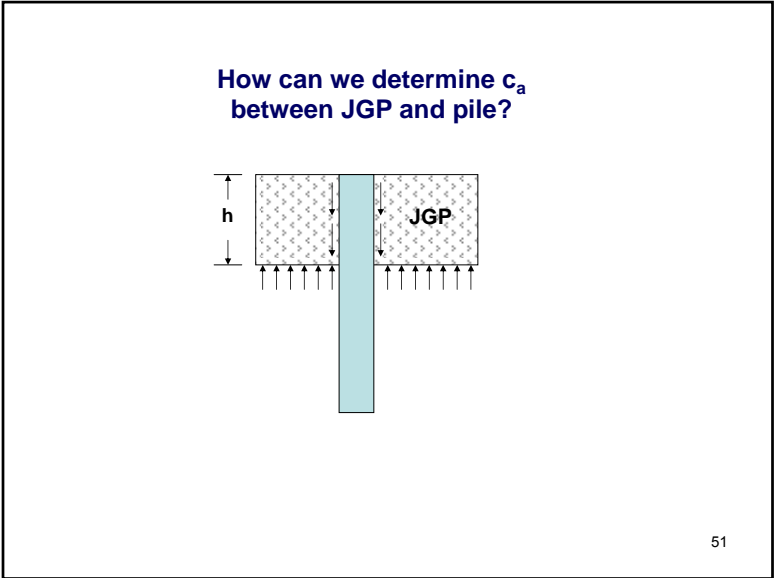
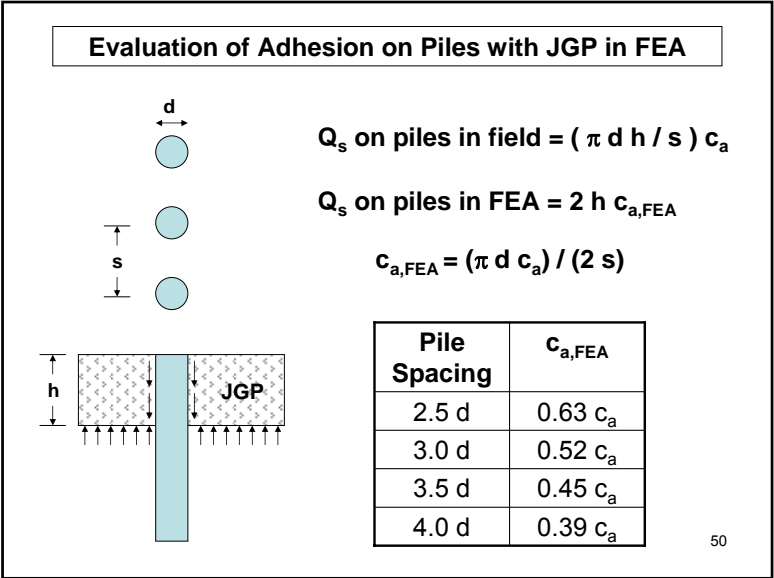
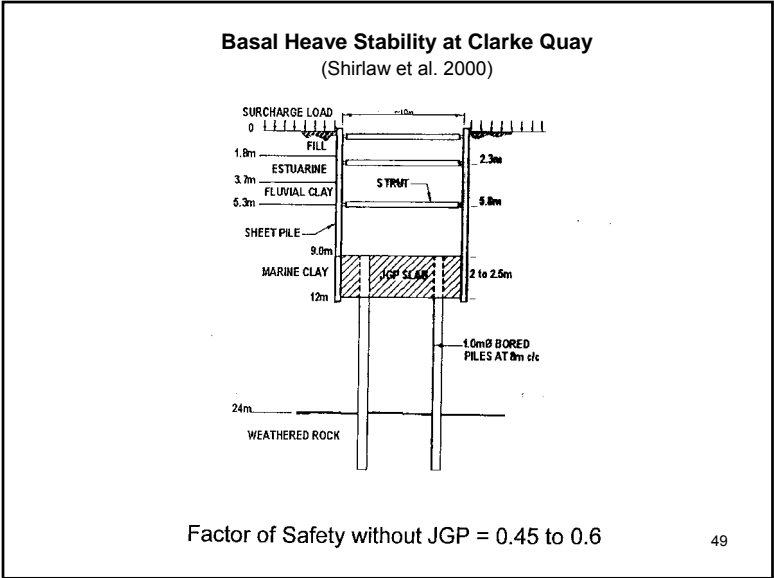
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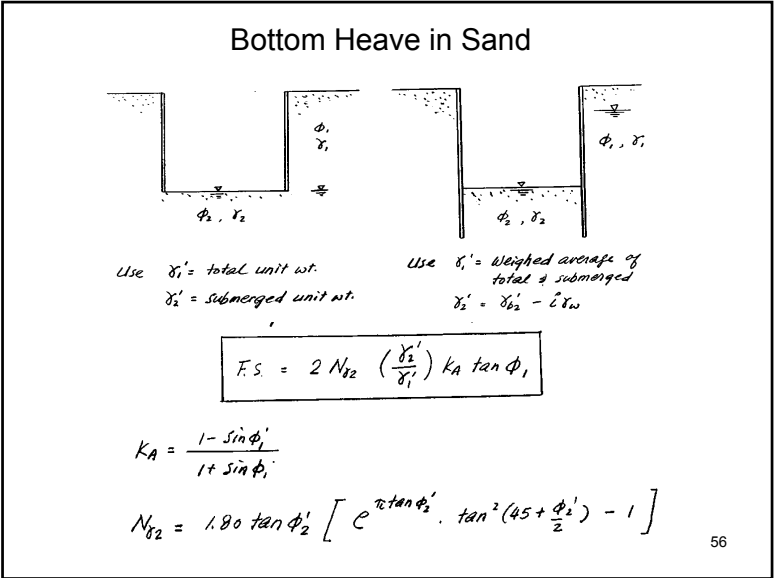
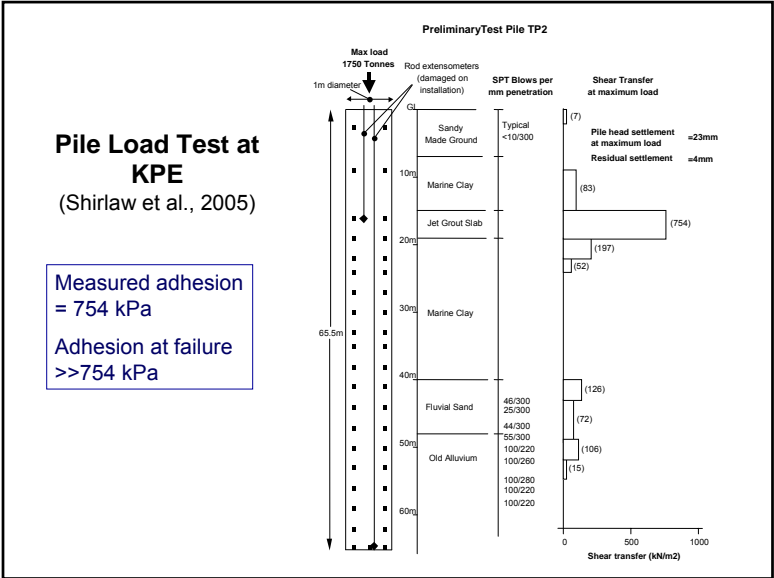
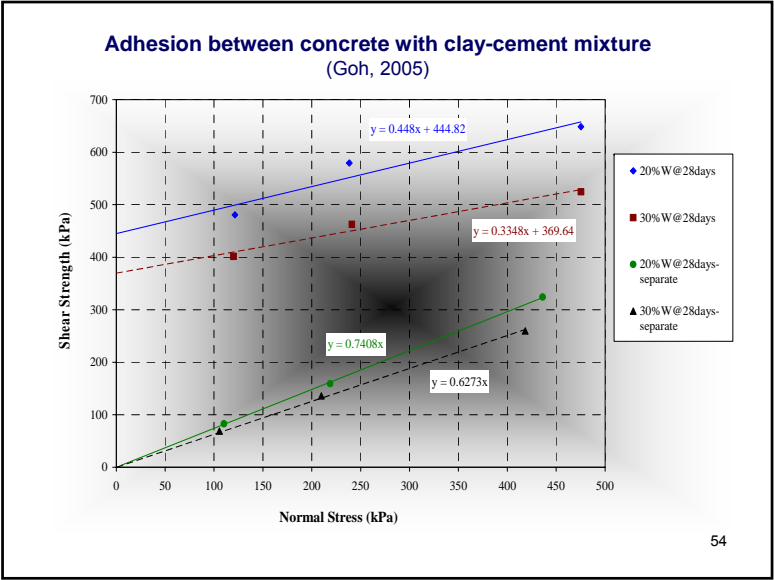
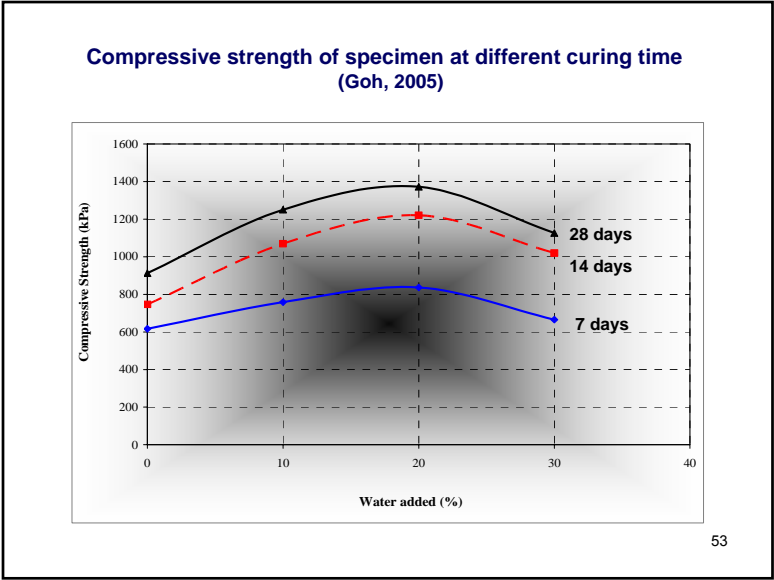
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Note: $B_1 = 0.7B$ or T whichever is smaller and $B_s \leq B_1$

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Piping in Sand

$i = \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta l}$

$i_{cr} = \frac{\gamma'}{\gamma_w}$

"Quick" conditions

$\frac{H}{n} \approx 11$

Flow net

Piping is a phenomenon of water rushing up through pipe-shaped channels due to upward seepage under high gradient. It can lead to total collapse of the system. Sufficient penetration of sheetpile must be used to lengthen the seepage path and to reduce the hydraulic gradient.

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Penetration Depth against Piping

(Teng, 1962)

Fs = 1.5

Site conditions

Width of excavation

	8D	4D	2D	D	1/2 D	1/4 D
1. Homogeneous with infinite depth						
Loose sand	0.7D	0.8D	0.9D	1.0D	1.2D	1.4D
Dense sand	0.4D	0.5D	0.6D	0.8D	1.0D	1.3D
2. Homogeneous, impervious layer below (dense)						
H1/D = 1	0.4D	0.4D	0.6D	0.8D	0.9D	
H1/D = 2	0.4D	0.5D	0.8D	1.1D	1.3D	