

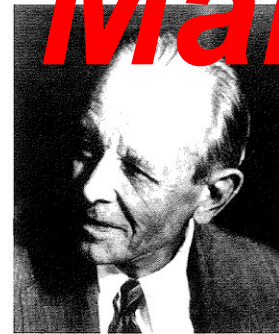
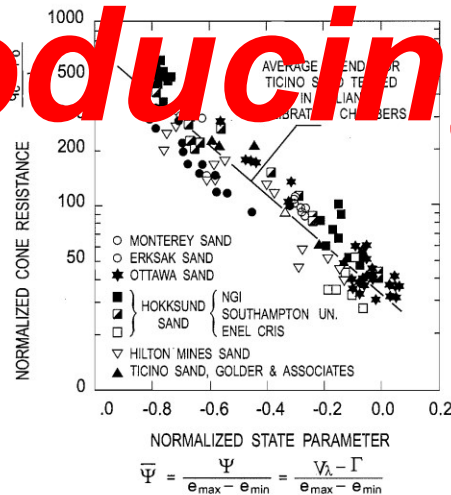
Marchetti's Dilatometer (DMT)



In situ 2001

In situ Testings and Soil Properties Correlations

Introducing Marchetti



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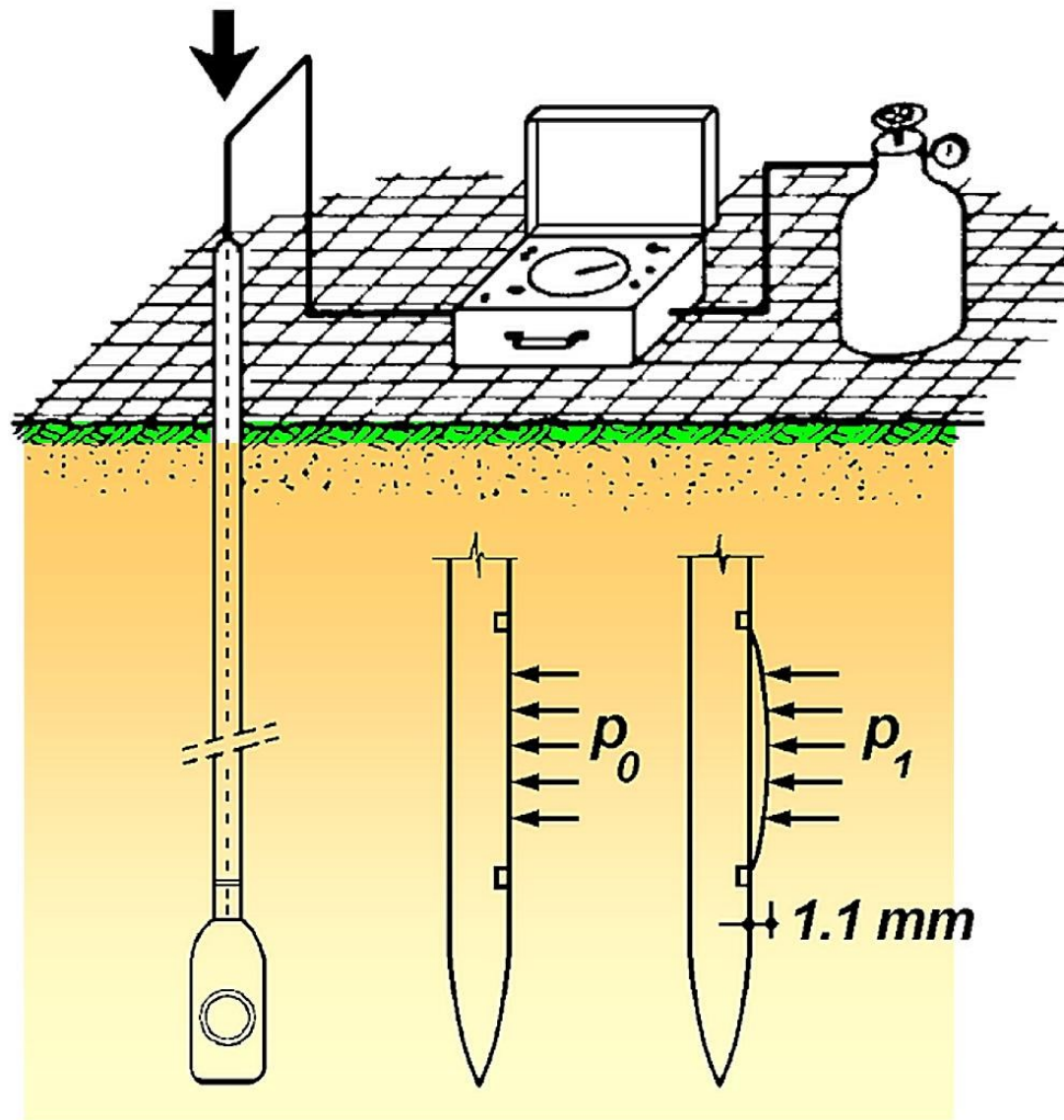




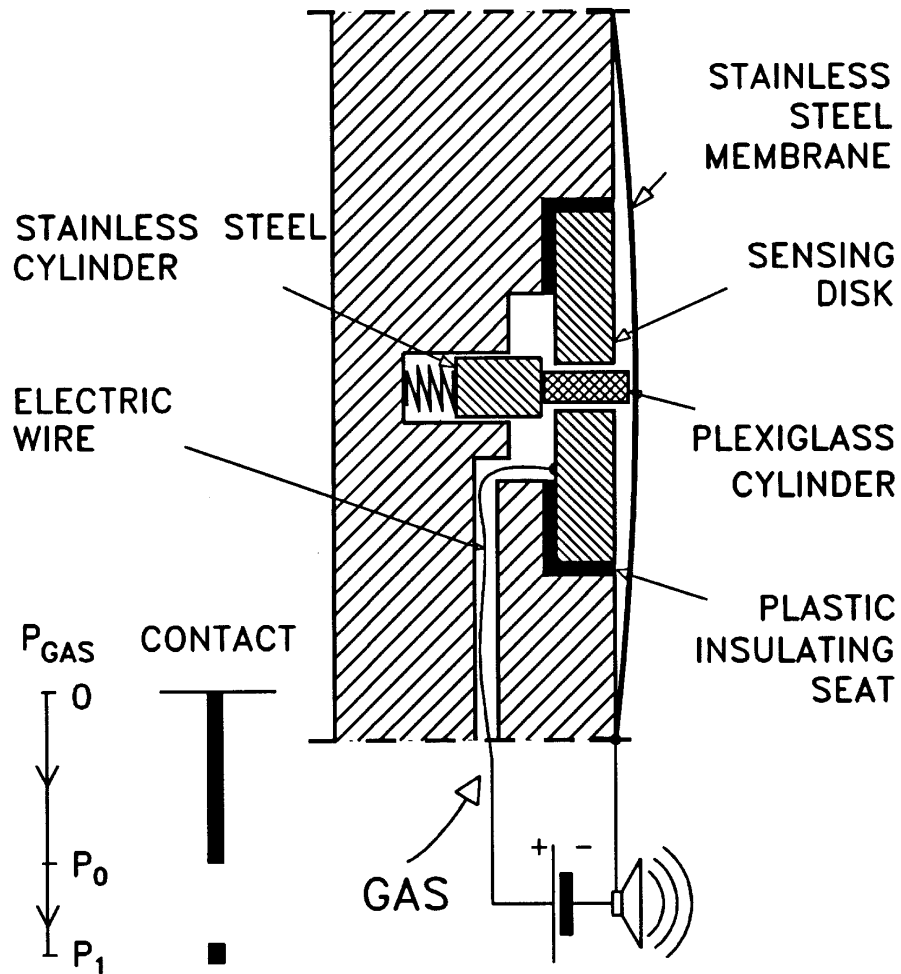
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WORKING PRINCIPLE



Only mechanical parts.

Fixed dims. (± 0.01 mm).

Cannot be regulated.

Verify: only pressure (1.10 mm by construction)

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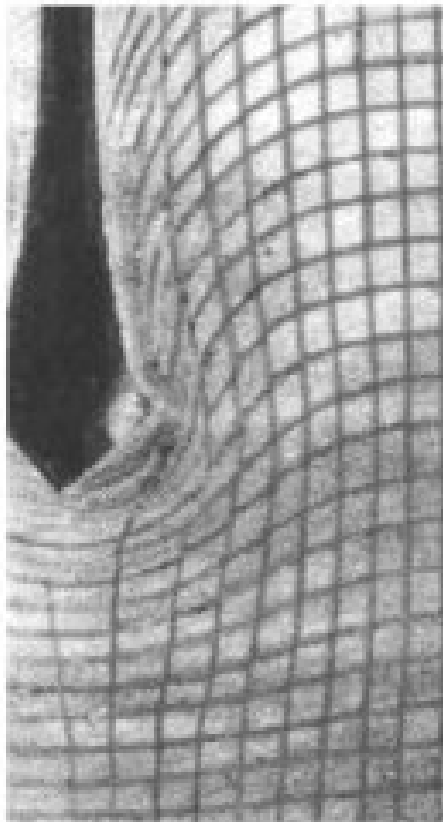
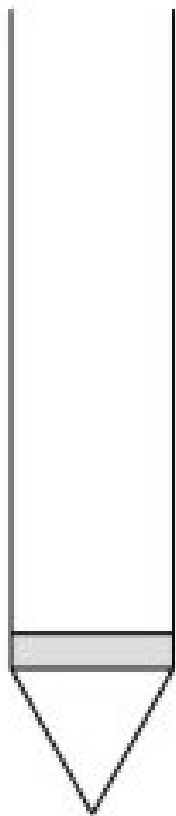
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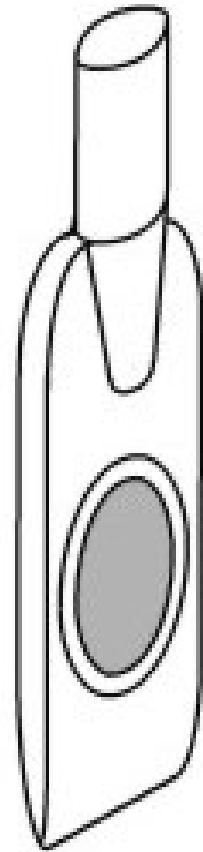
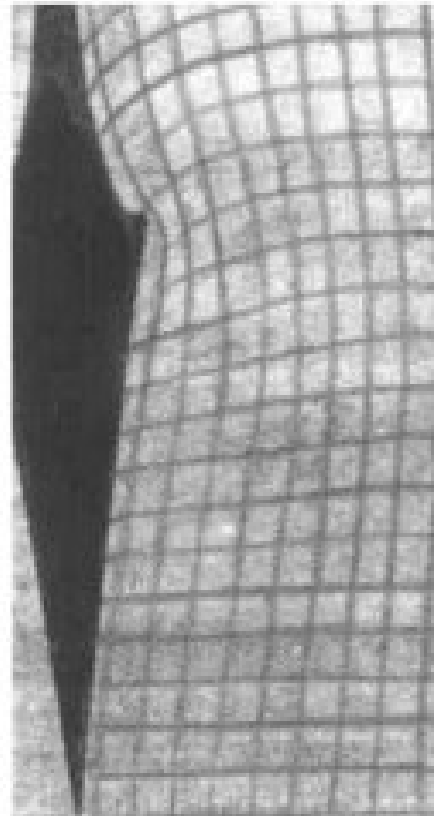
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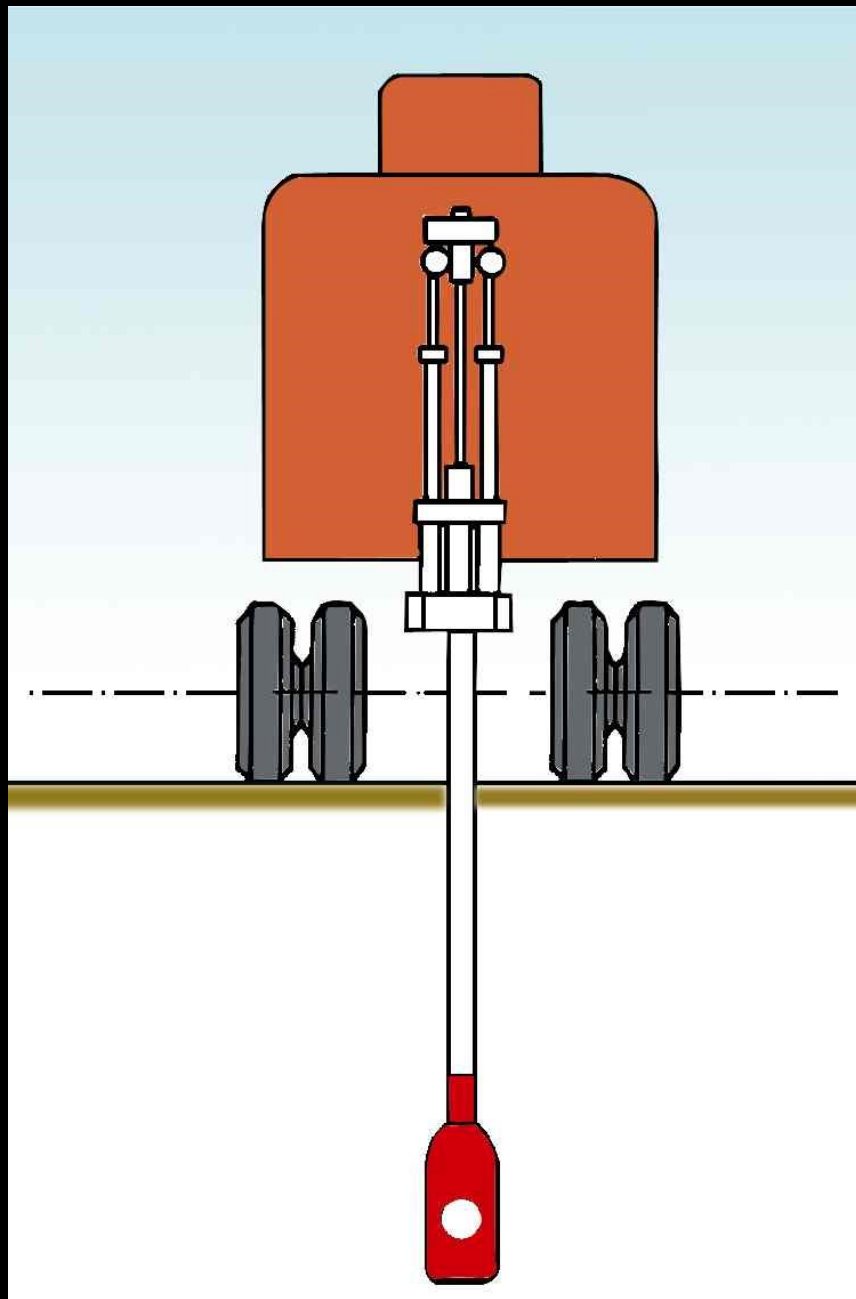
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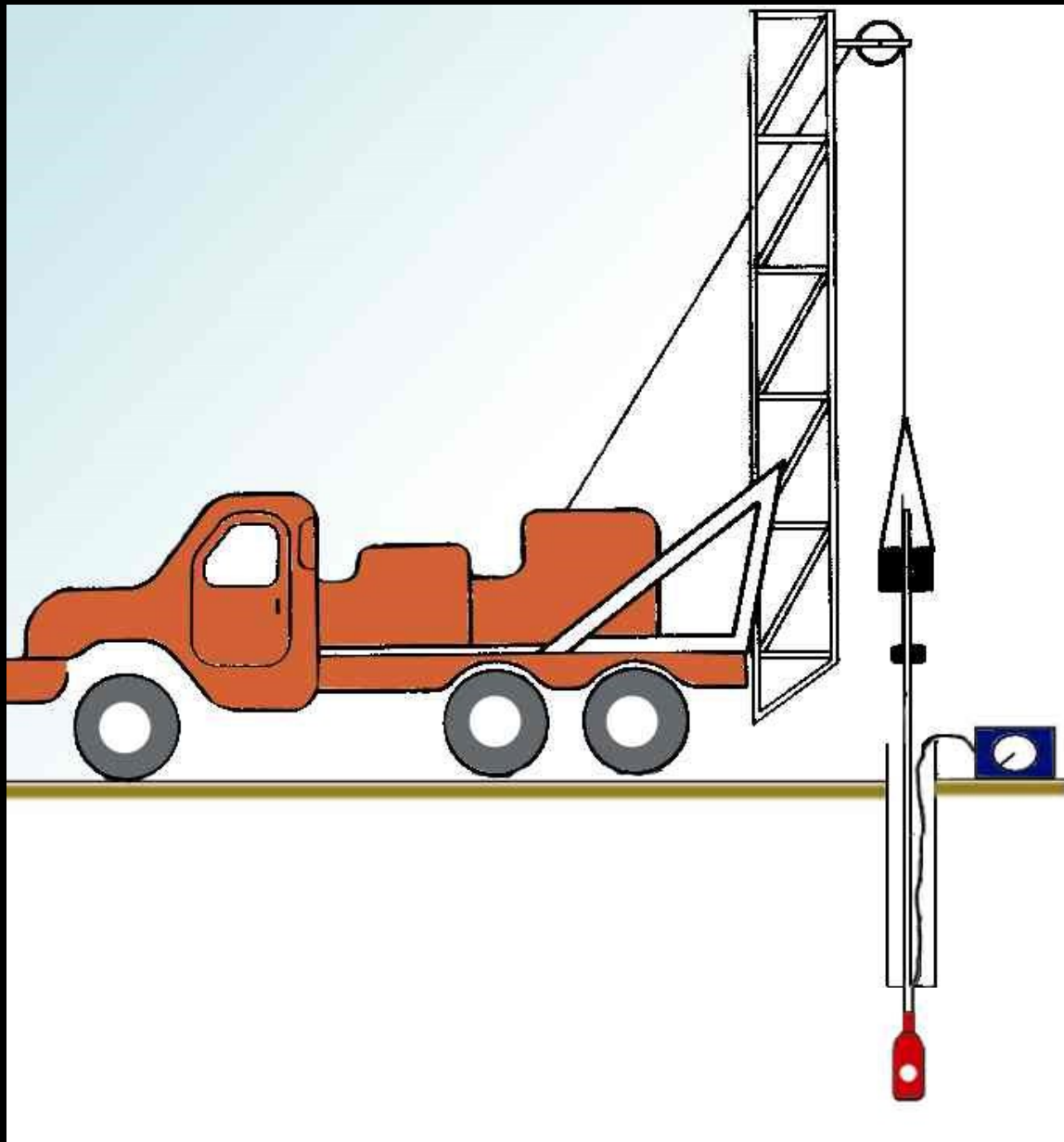


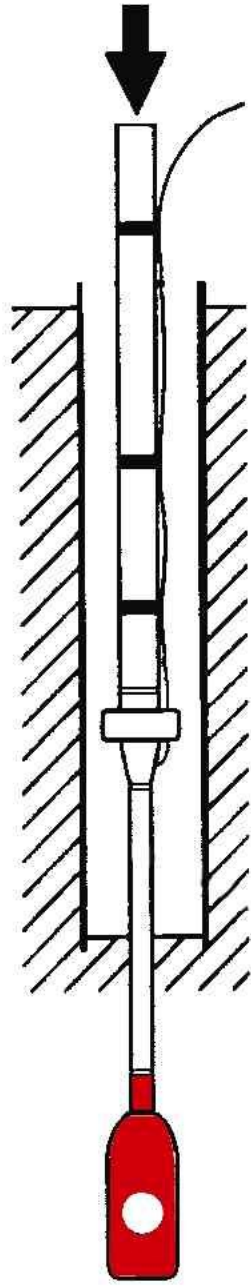
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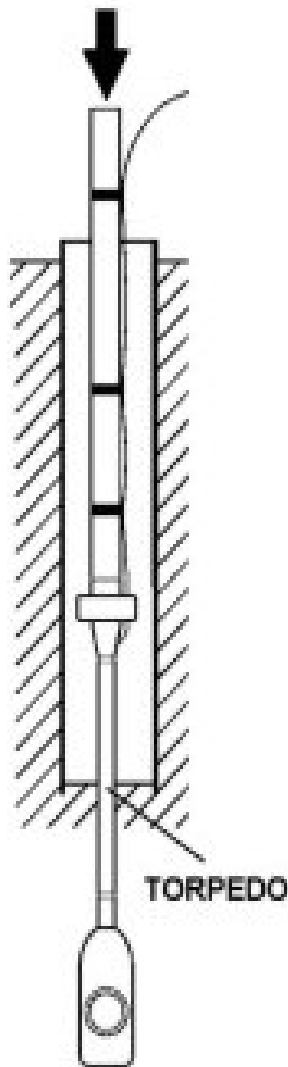






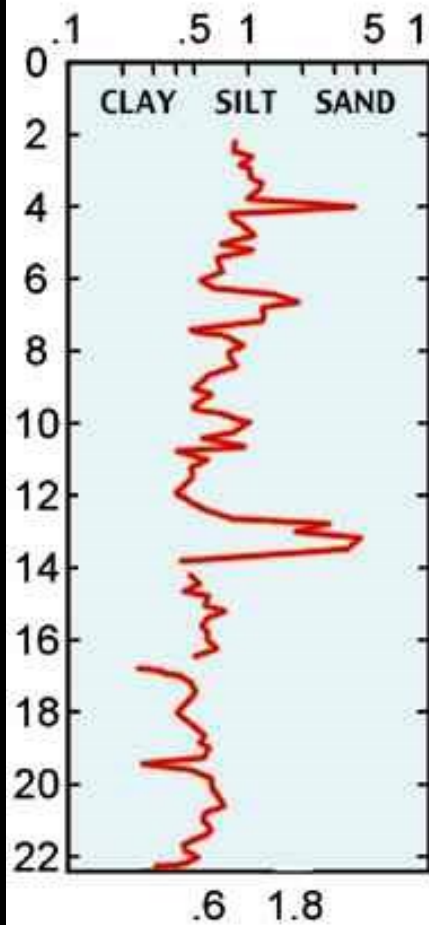


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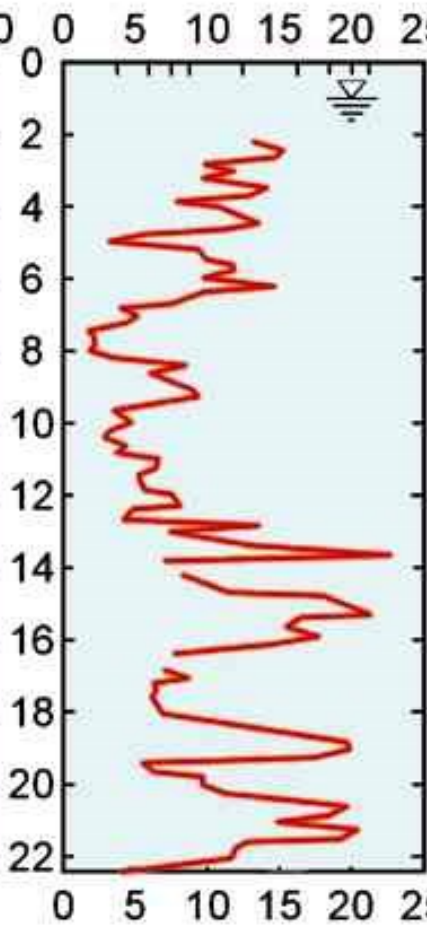




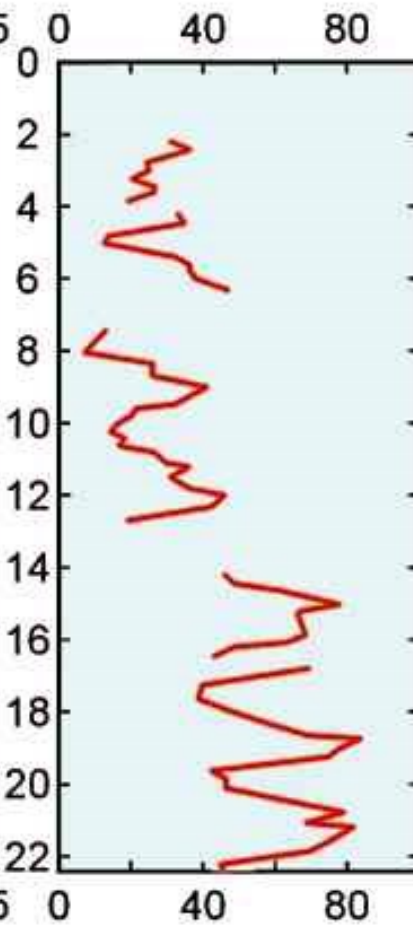
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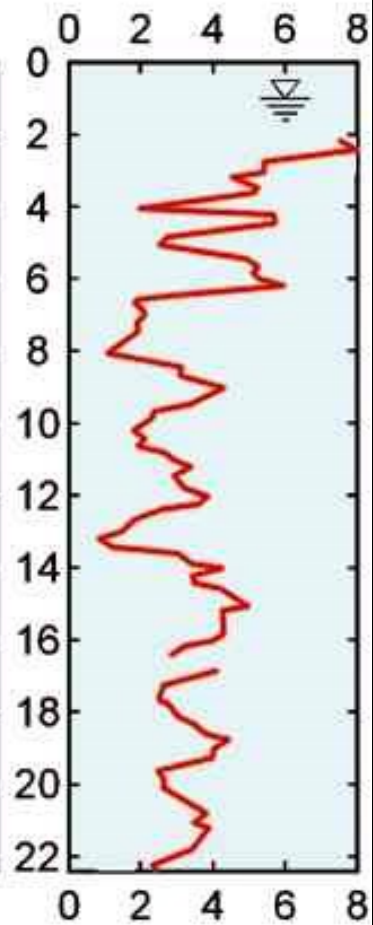
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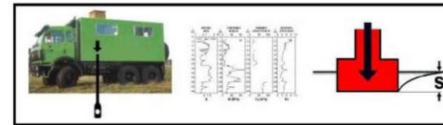
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Abstract : A dilatometer test consists of pushing a flat blade located at the end of a series of rods. Once at the testing depth, a circular steel membrane located on one side of the blade is expanded horizontally into the soil. The pressure is recorded at specific moments during the test. The blade is then advanced to the next test depth.

The main application of the DMT is to estimate **Settlements** and **Operative Moduli**, both in sands and clays.

Other design applications include: compaction control, detecting slip surfaces in slopes, liquefiability, laterally loaded piles and other geotechnical problems using the soil parameters for which the instrument provides estimates.

Distinctive features of DMT

Soil distortions. The dilatometer distorts the soil substantially less than any other penetration test.

Arching effect. The penetration of cylindrical probes creates a stiff soil ring surrounding the probe (Robertson & Hughes 1995). Such obstacle /parasitic screen reduces the sensitivity to σ_h (Huang 1994). Such arching effect is nearly nonexistent with the DMT flat blade (L/B ratio = 7), resulting in a higher sensitivity to σ_h .

Compaction control. The DMT is about twice as sensitive to compaction as other penetration tests (e.g. Schmertmann 1986, Jendebý 1992, Pasqualini 1993, De Cock-Van Impe-Peiffer 1993).

Key references (all downloadable – see list below):

- The **TC16 DMT Report by the ISSMGE (2001)** is a comprehensive document incorporating all the most important information on DMT.
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- **Manual of the software DMT Elab.**

Slide Show - General Information on (S)DMT ([824 KB](#)) ([print version 2.6 MB](#))

Control Box and Blade	Test Layout	Machines for DMT Insertion
Examples of Results	Settlement-Moduli Comparisons	Cu comparisons
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- Second International Conference On the Flat Dilatometer Washington, D.C. April 2-5, 2006
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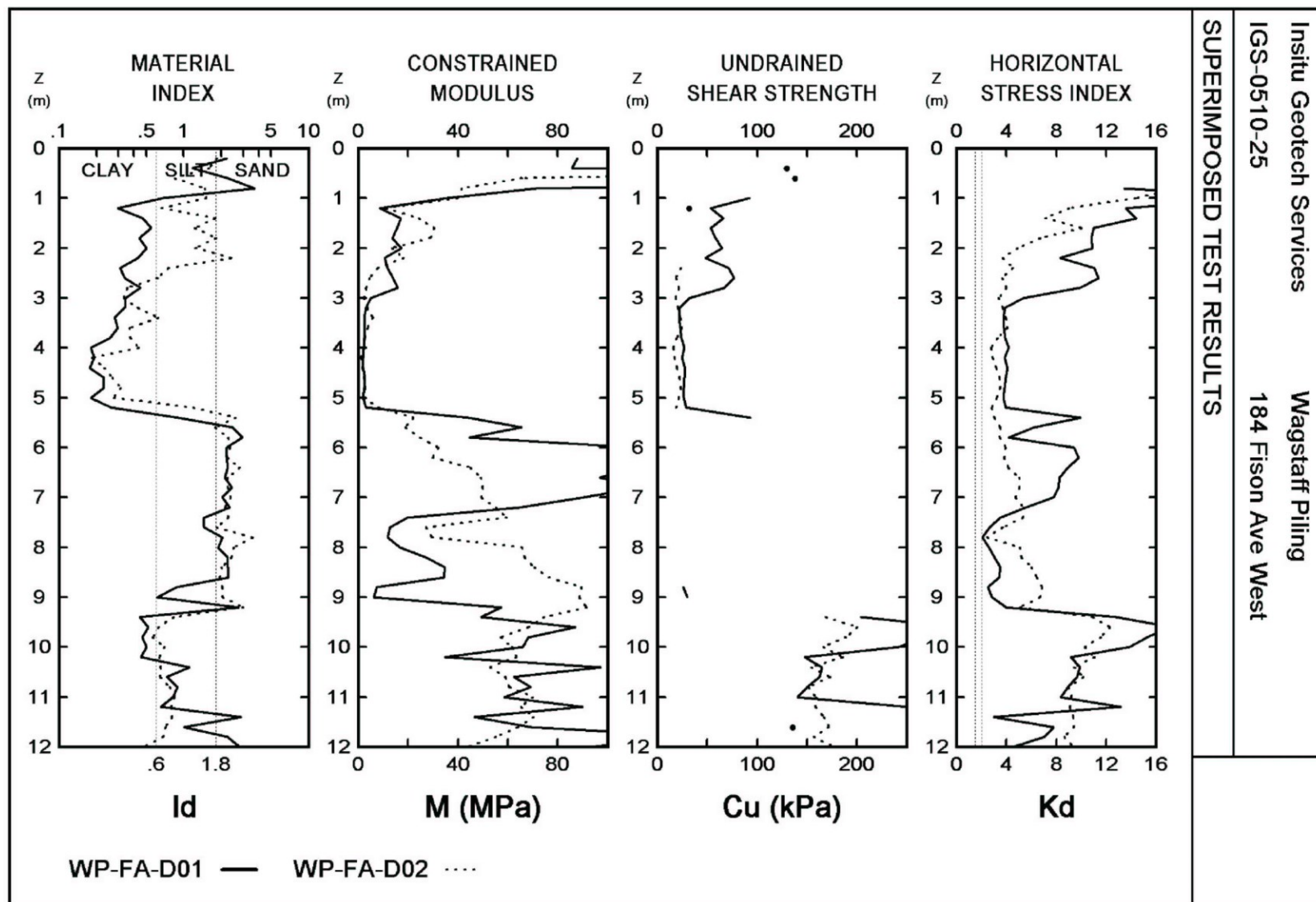
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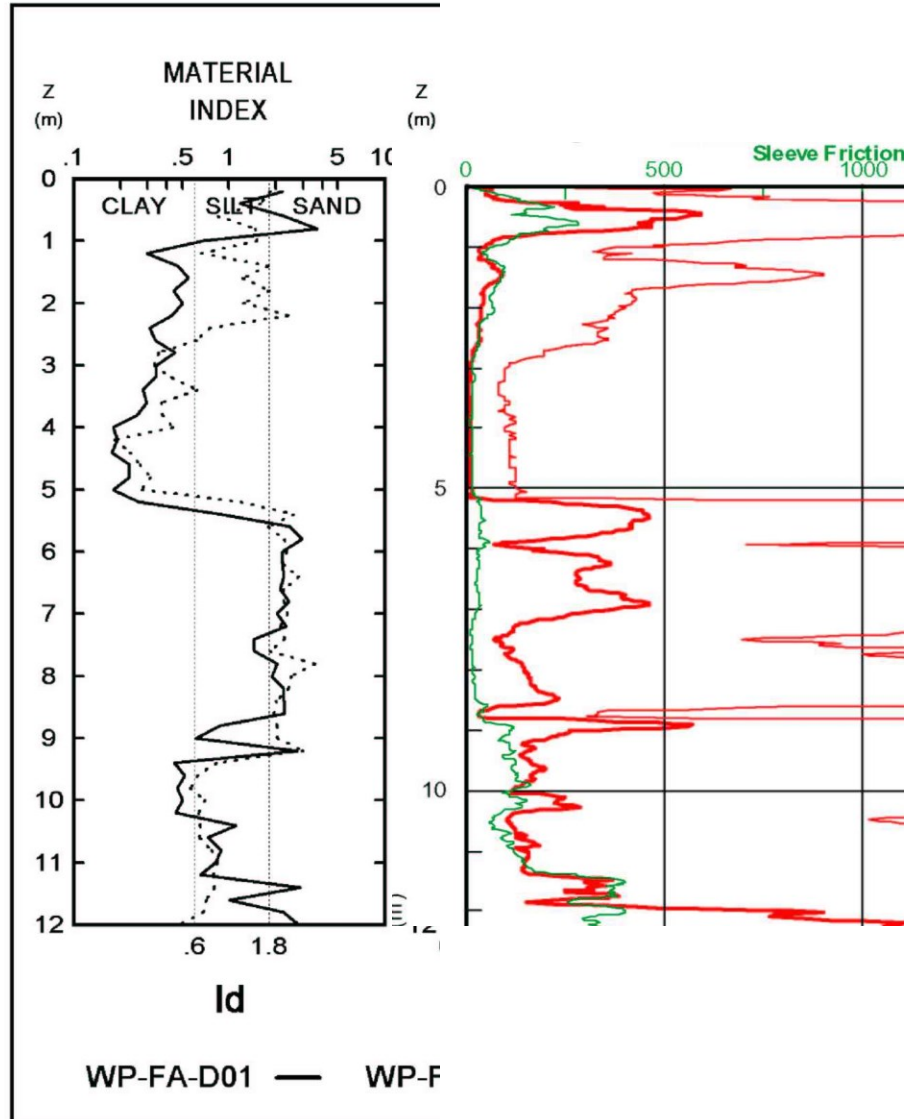
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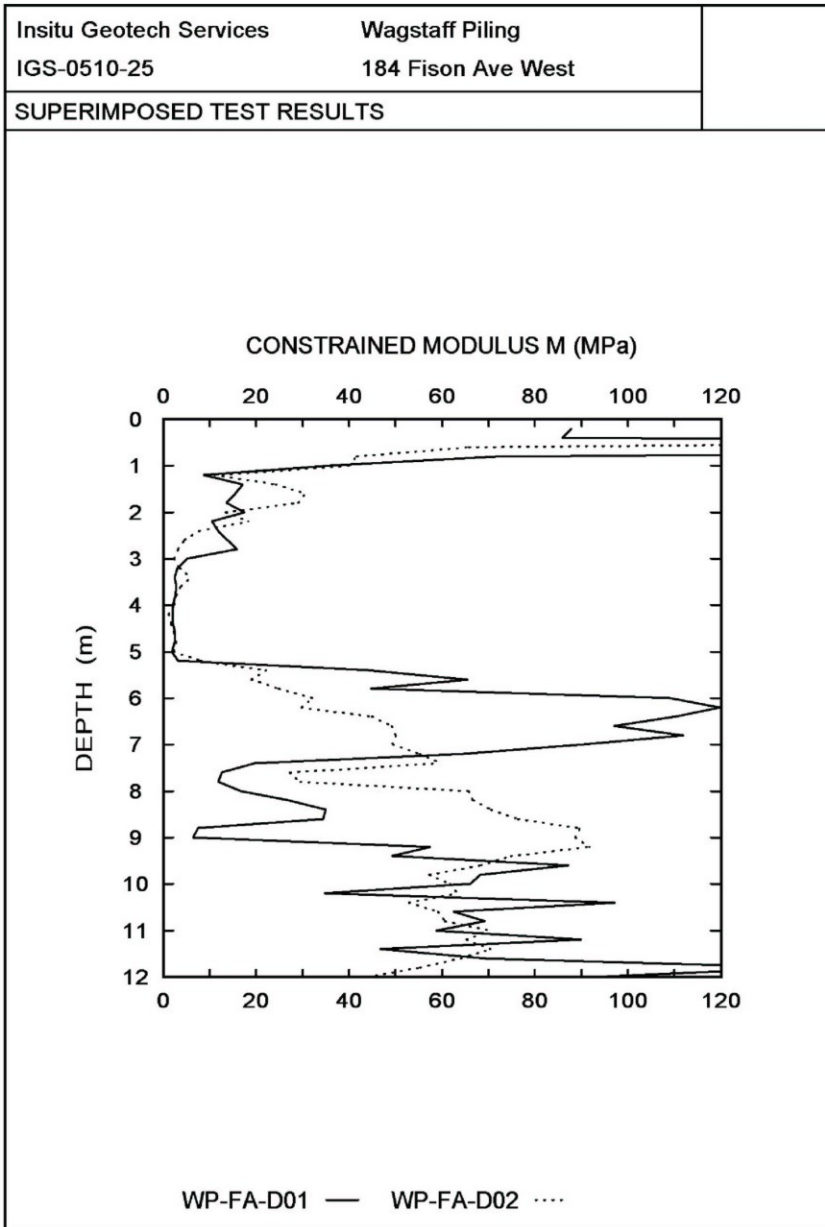
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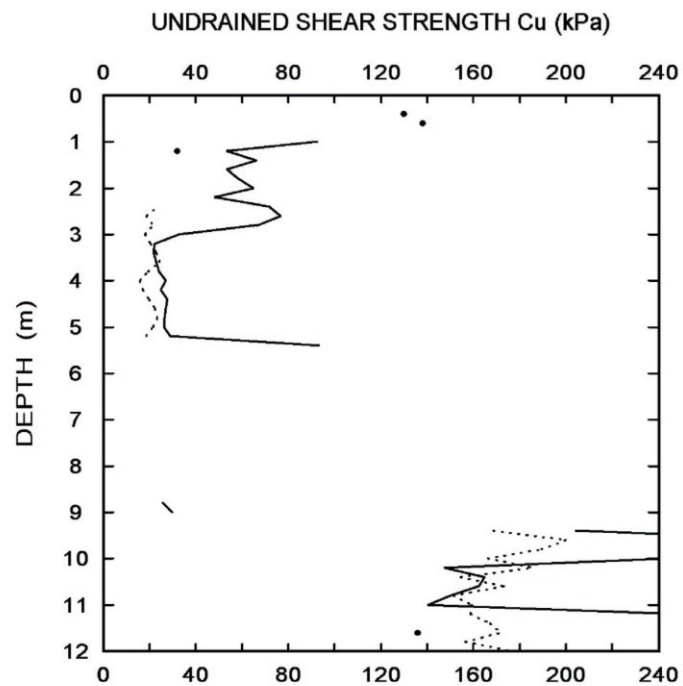
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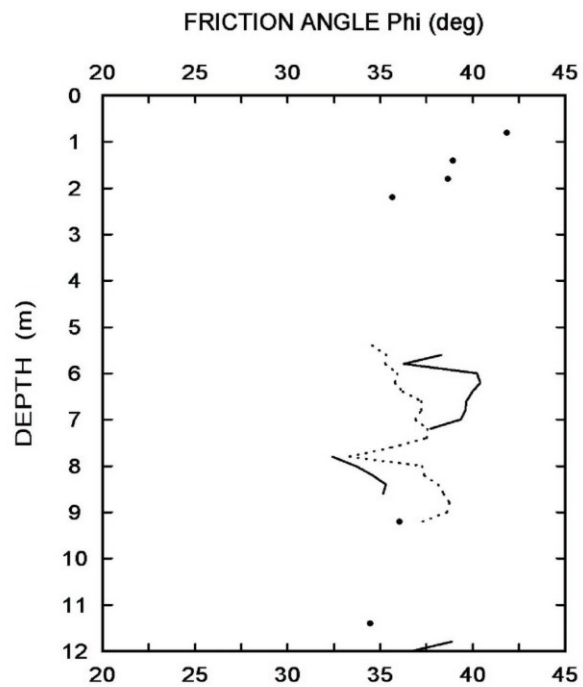
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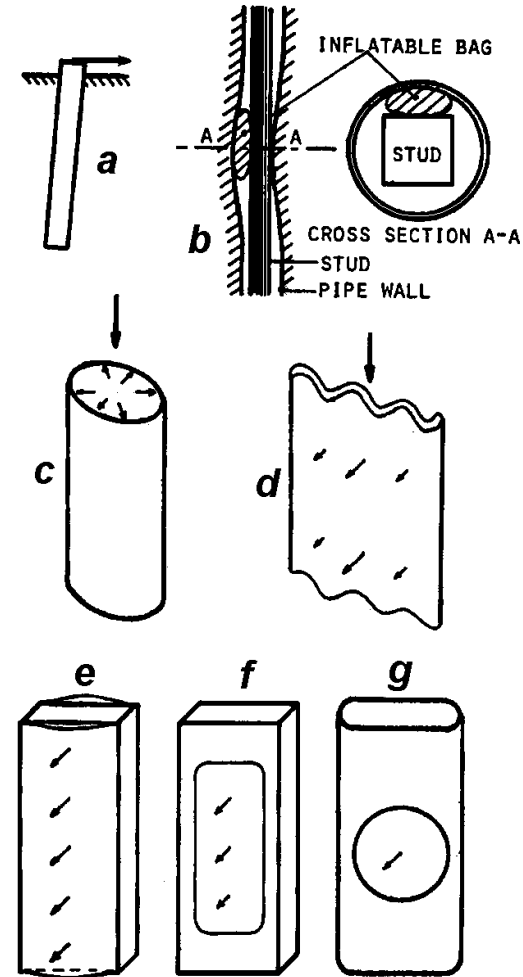


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Original stimulus for development of DMT ➡ tool for parameters for **DESIGN of laterally loaded piles**

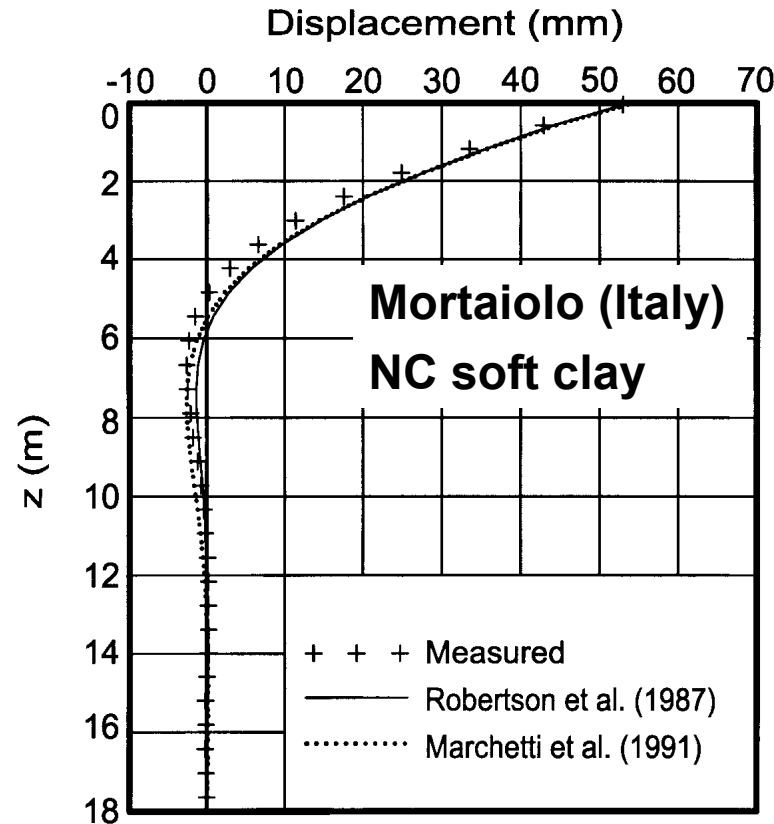
Similarity DMT – LL PILES

1. Structural element installed in soil
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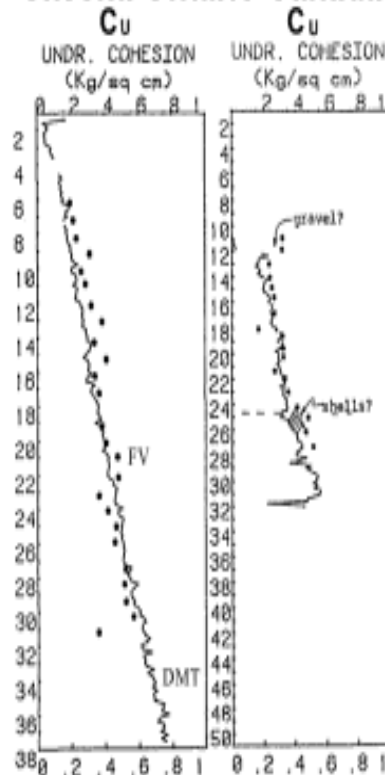


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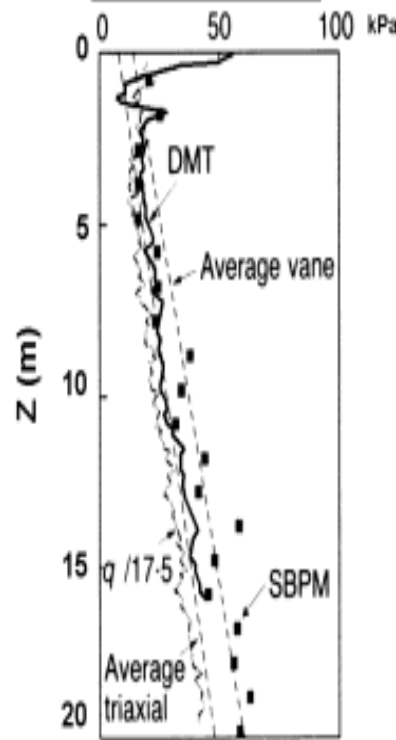
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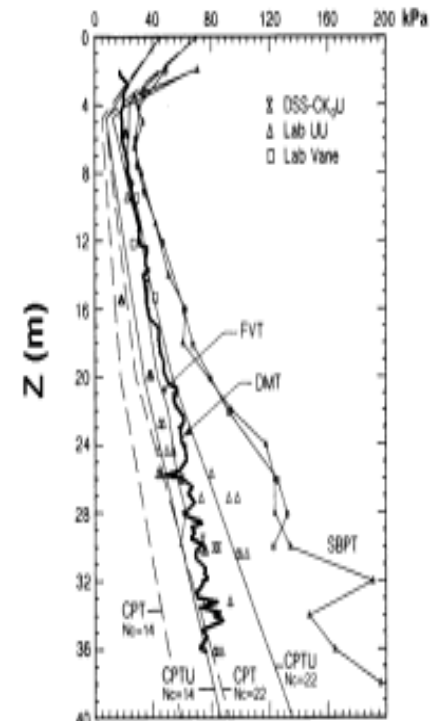
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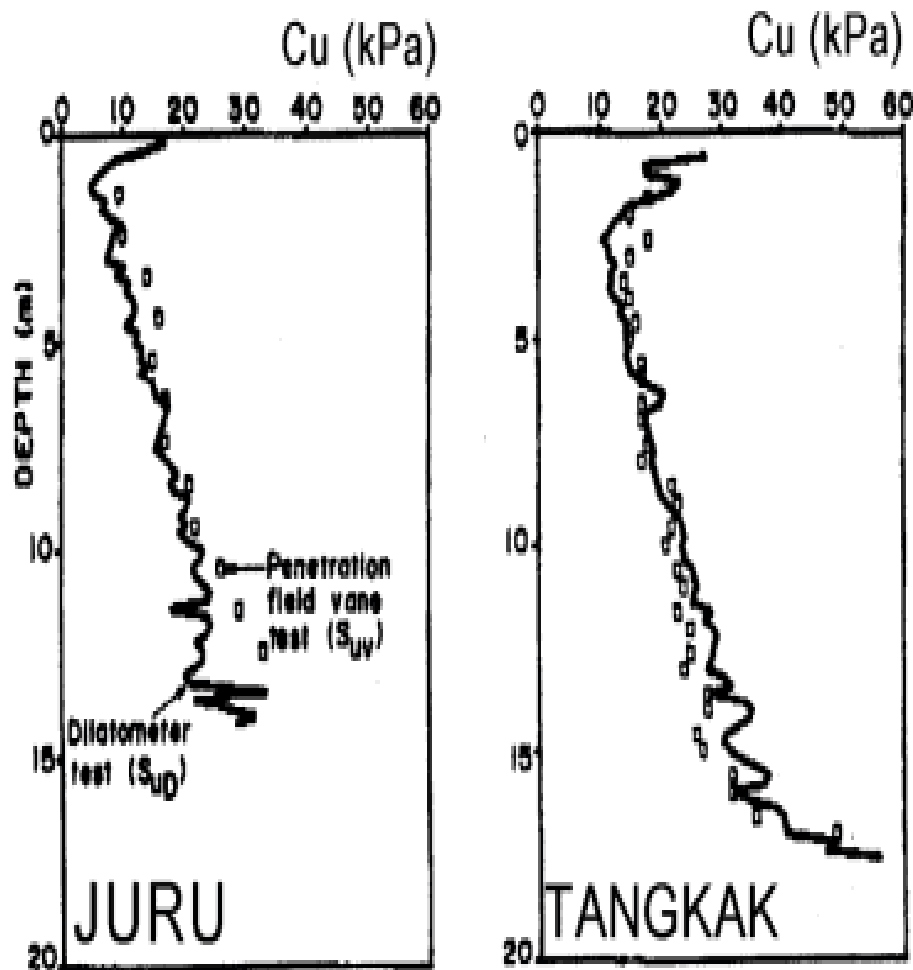
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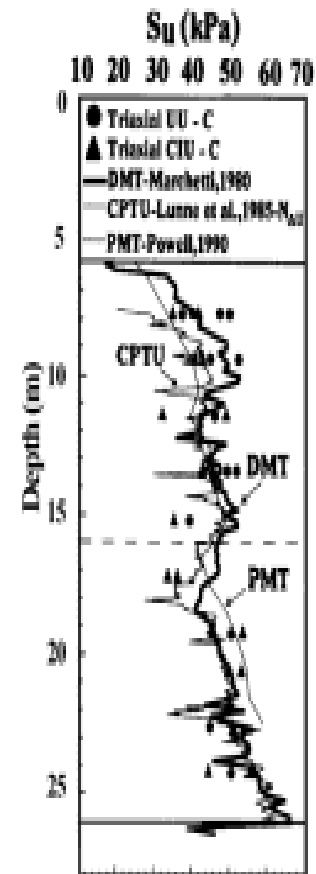
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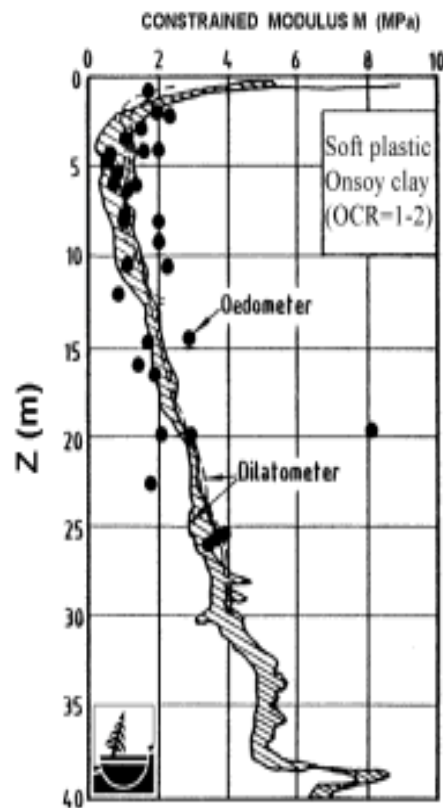
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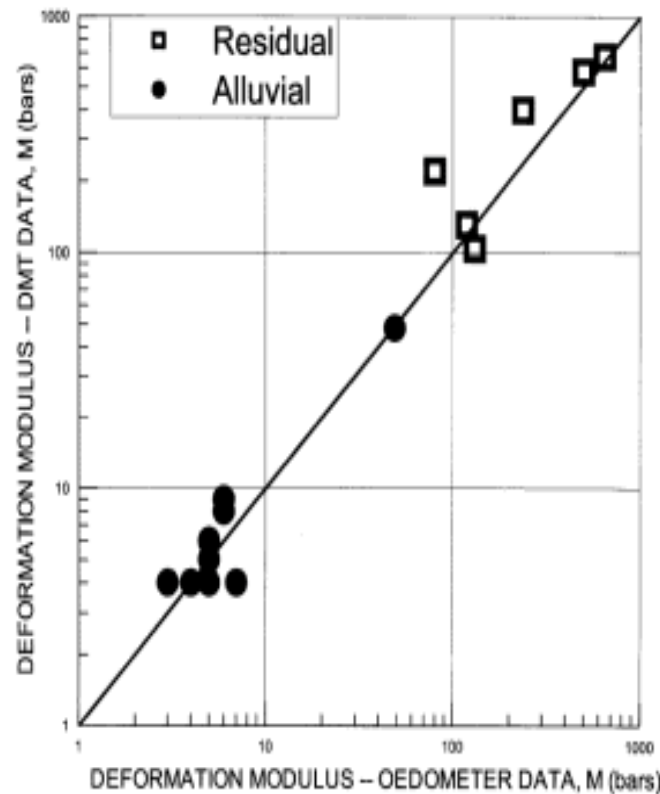
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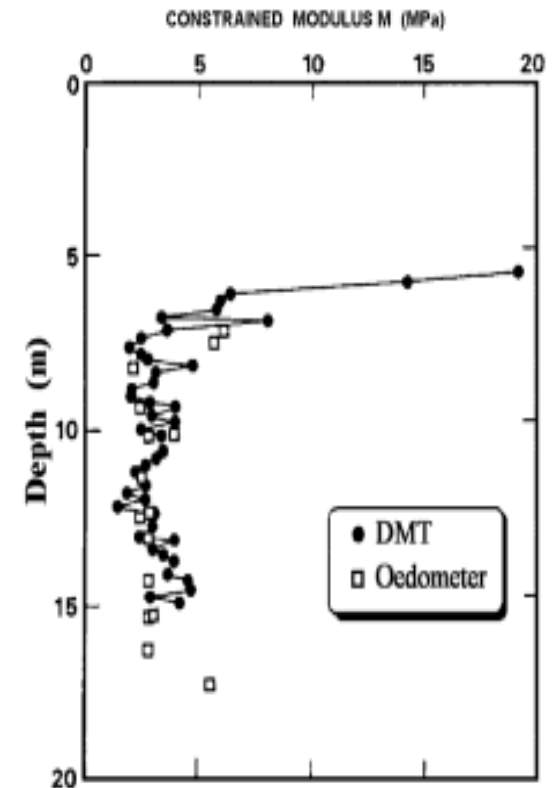
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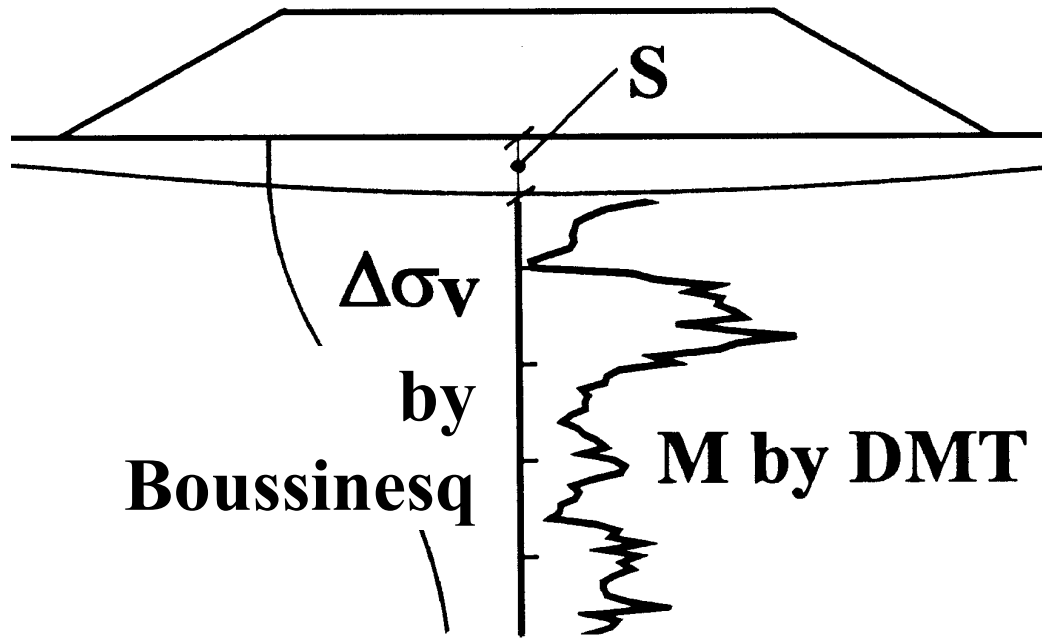
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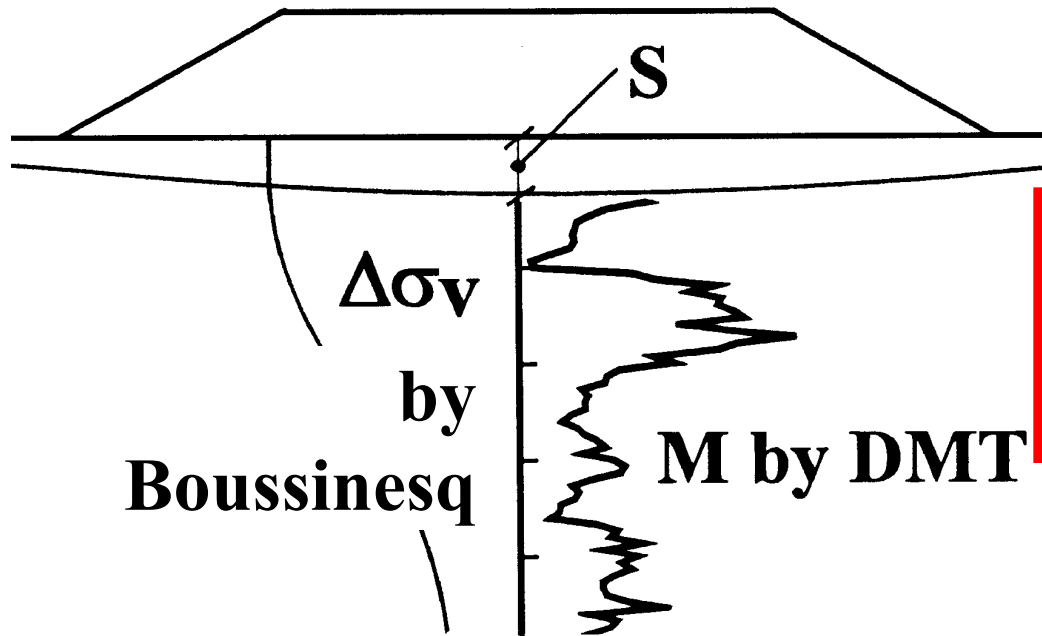
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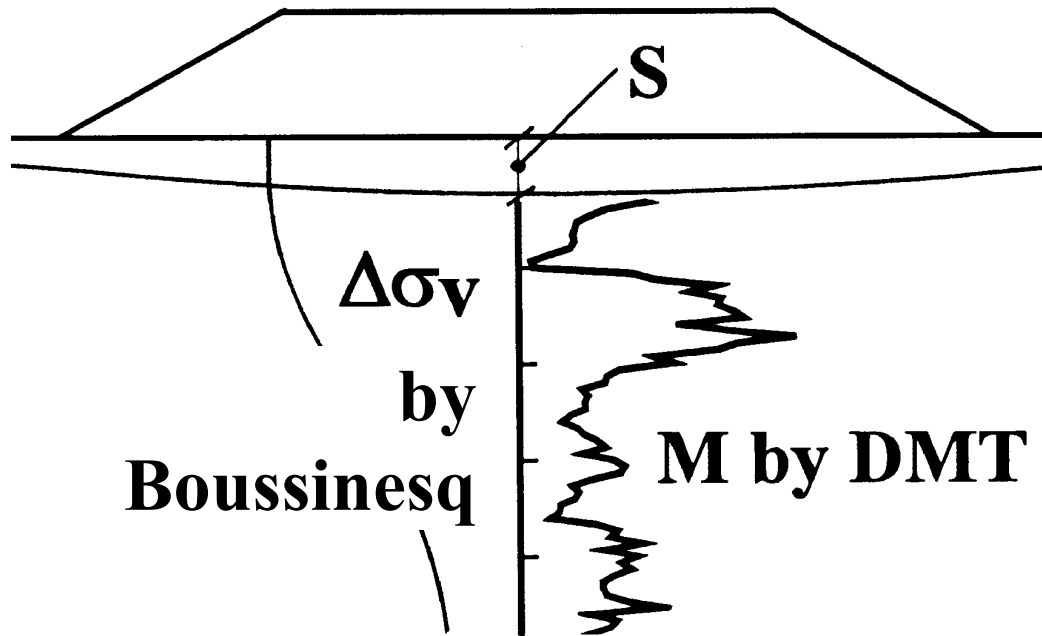
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DMT-calculated vs observed SETTLEMENTS

SCHMERTMANN, 1986 - 16 CASE-HISTORY

Proc. In Situ '86 ASCE Spec. Conf. VIP, Blacksburg, p.303.

No	Location	Structure	Compressi ble soil	Settlement (mm)			Ratio DMT/ meas.
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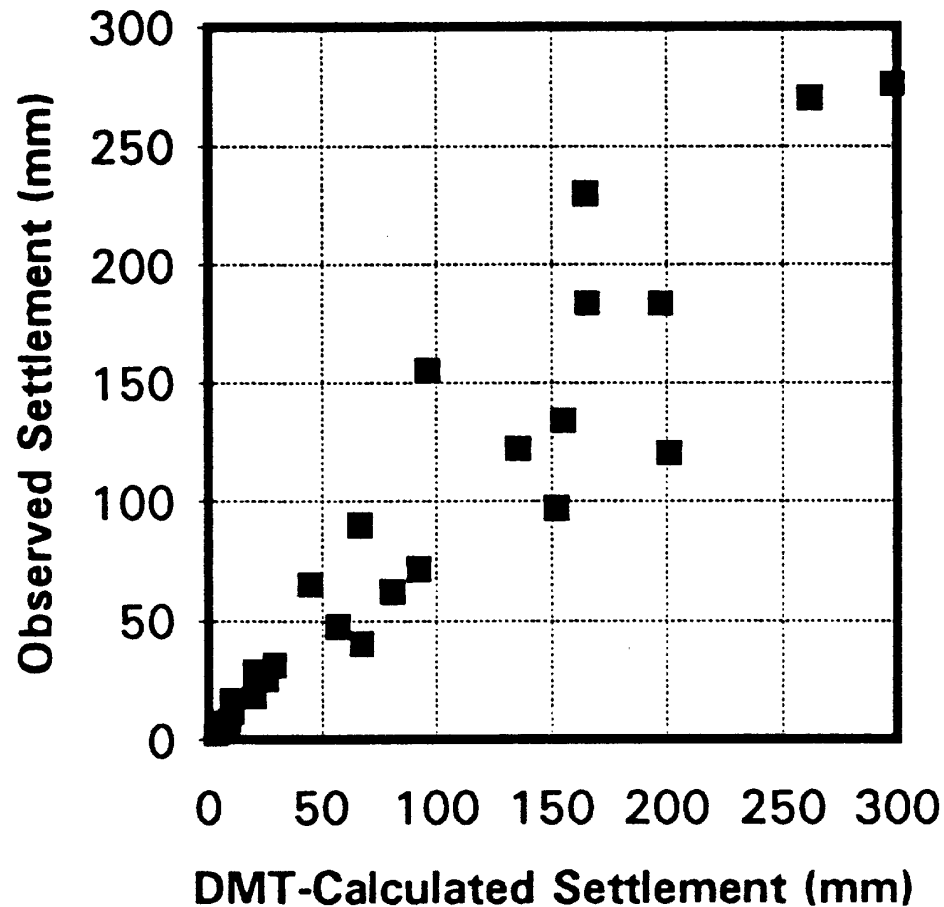
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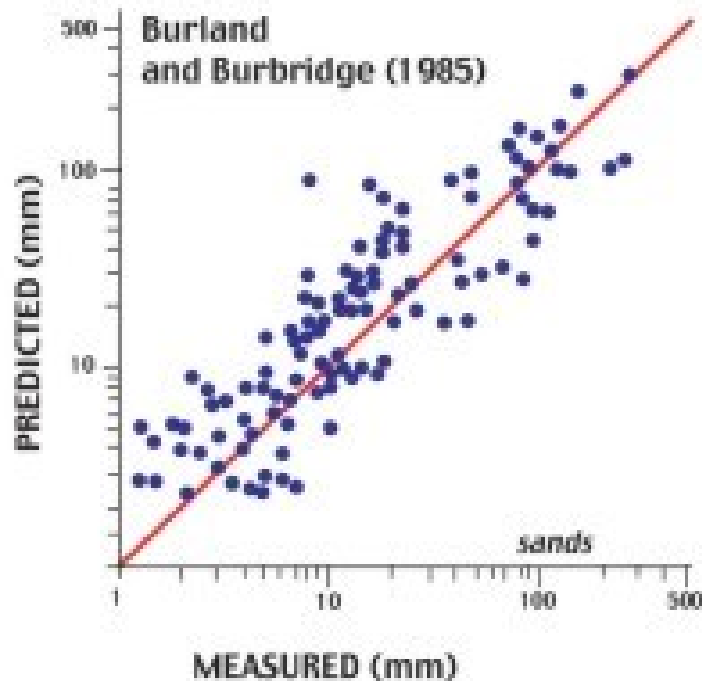


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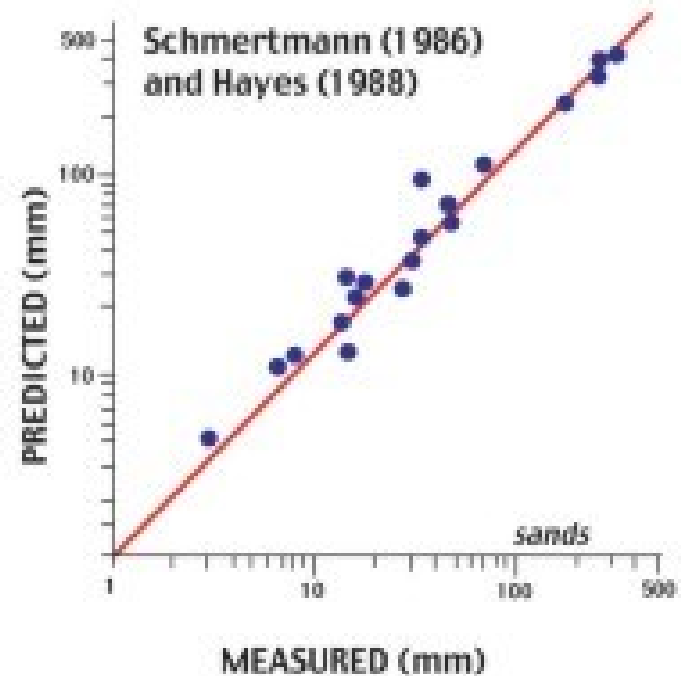
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SETTLEMENT PREDICTION

SPT predicted Settlements



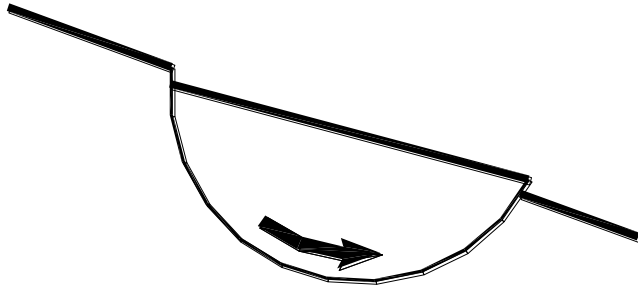
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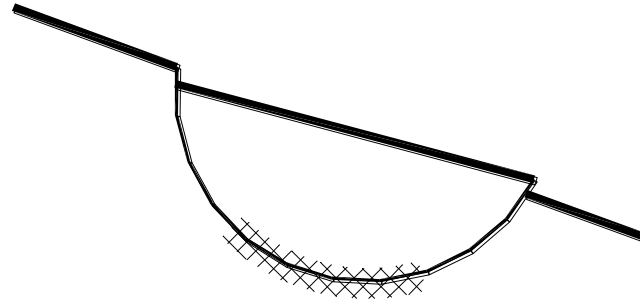
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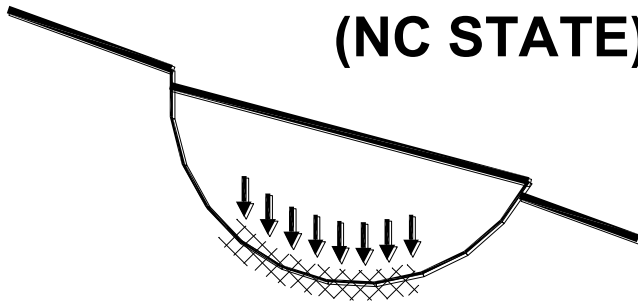
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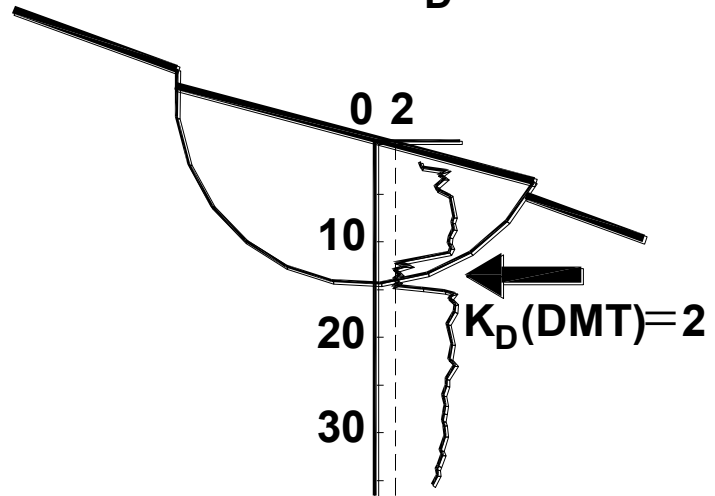
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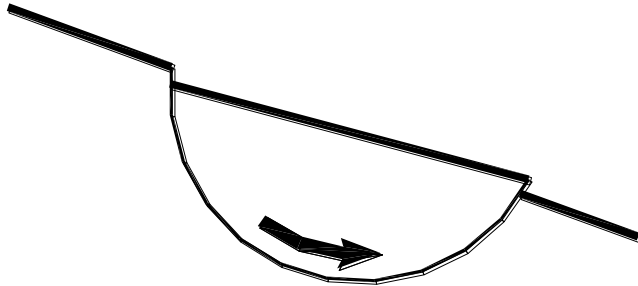


4. INSPECT K_D PROFILE

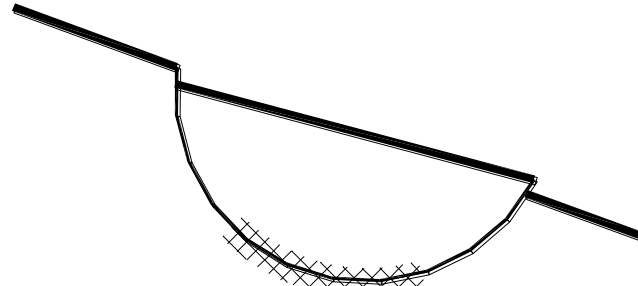


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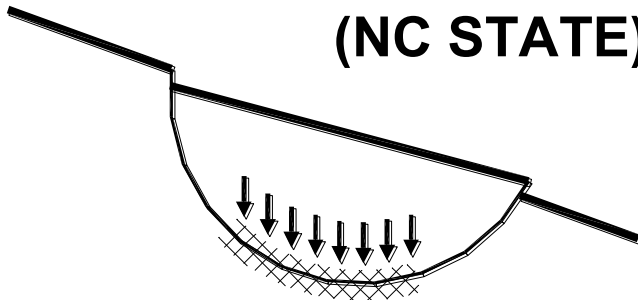
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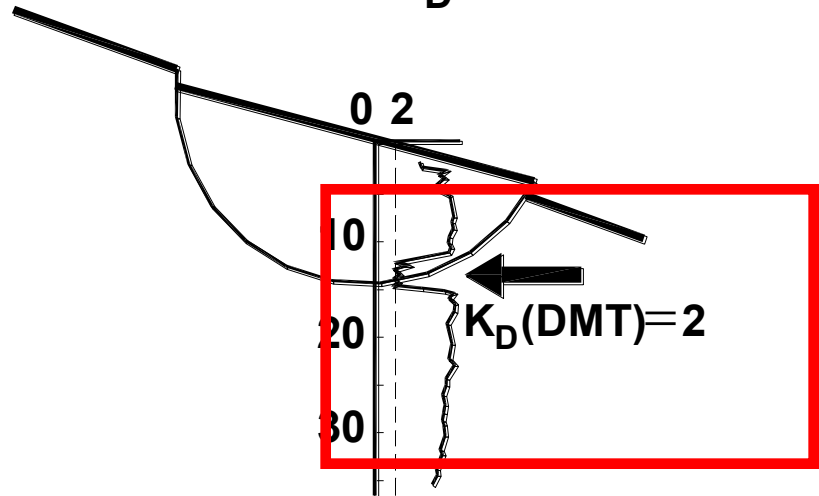
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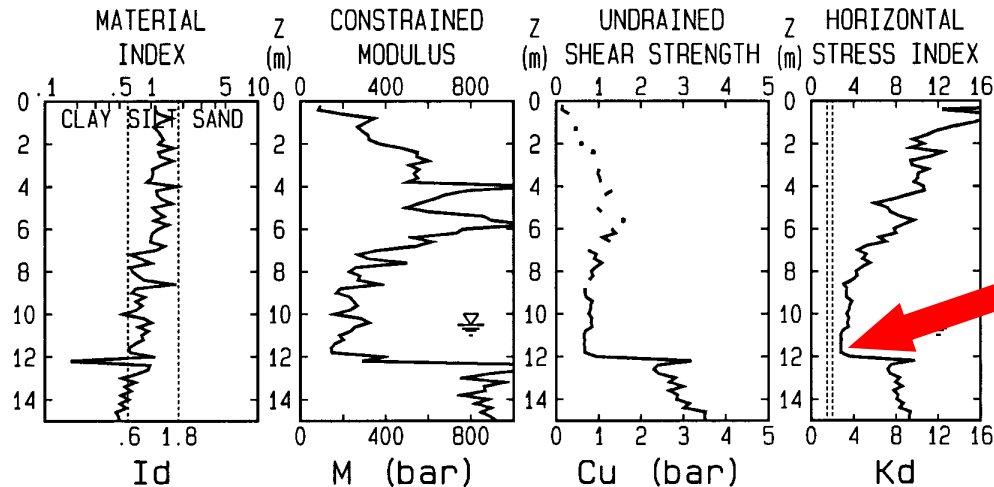


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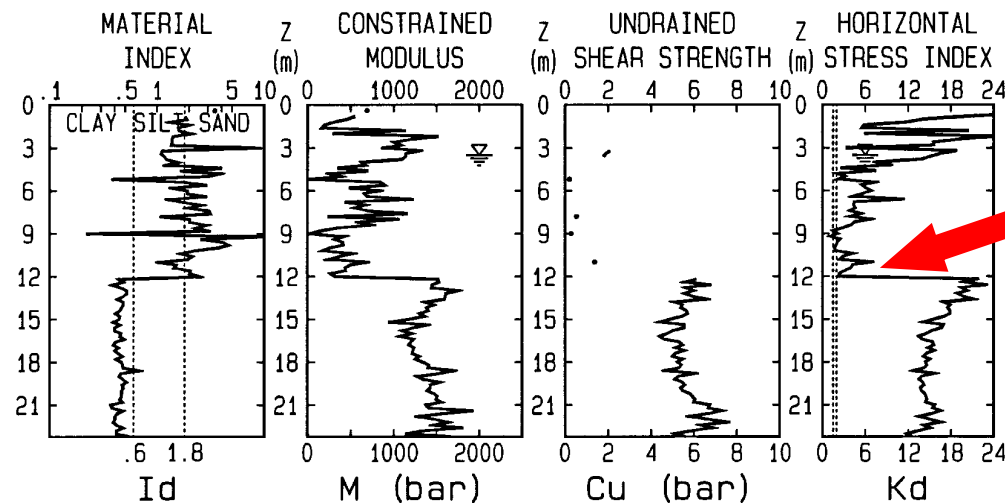
Examples of $K_D \approx 2$ in slip surfaces

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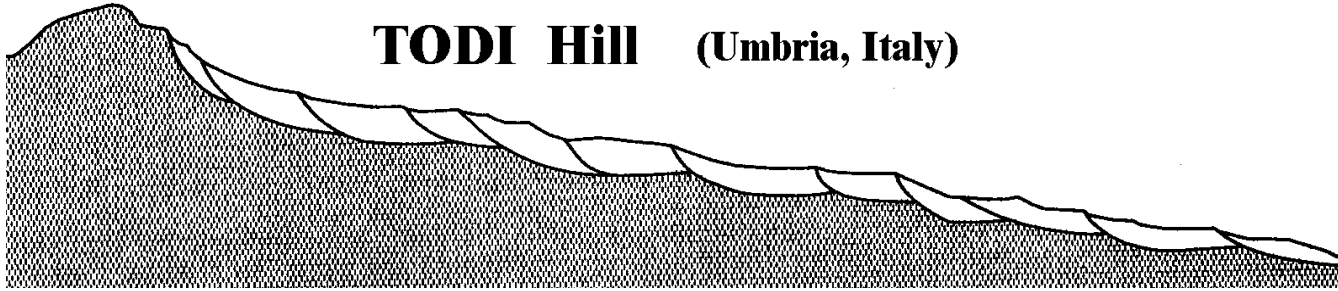
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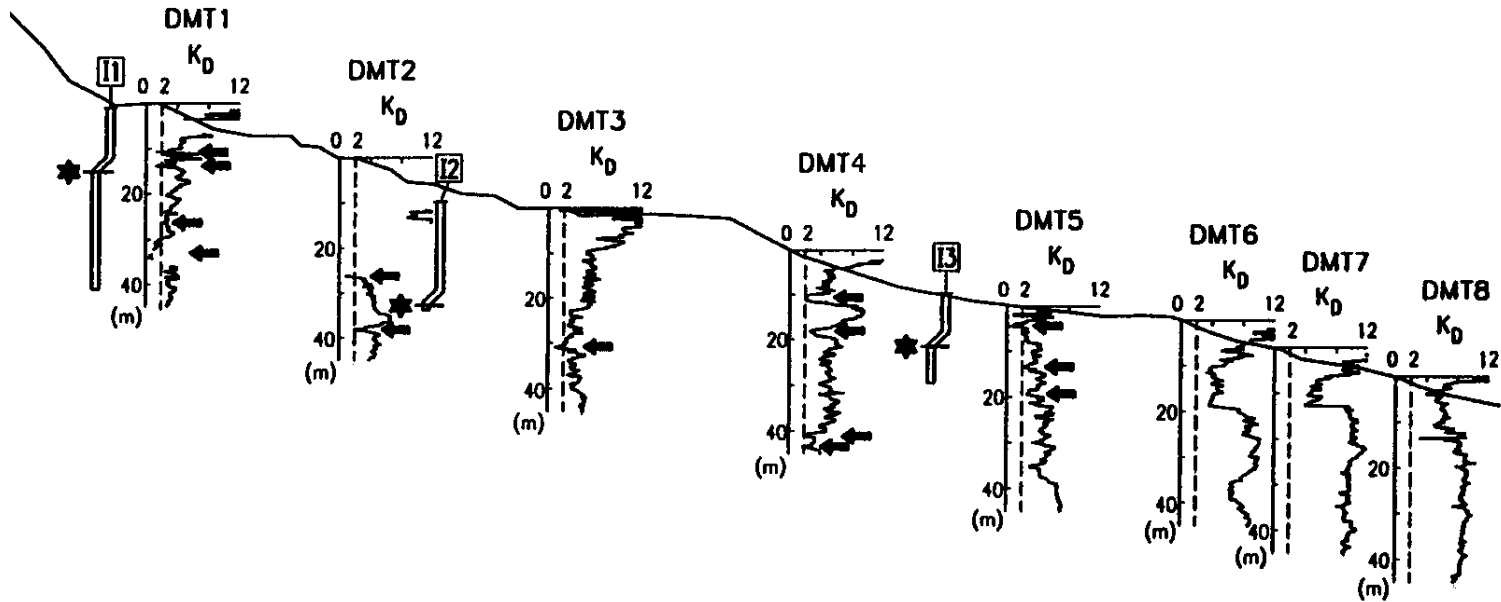


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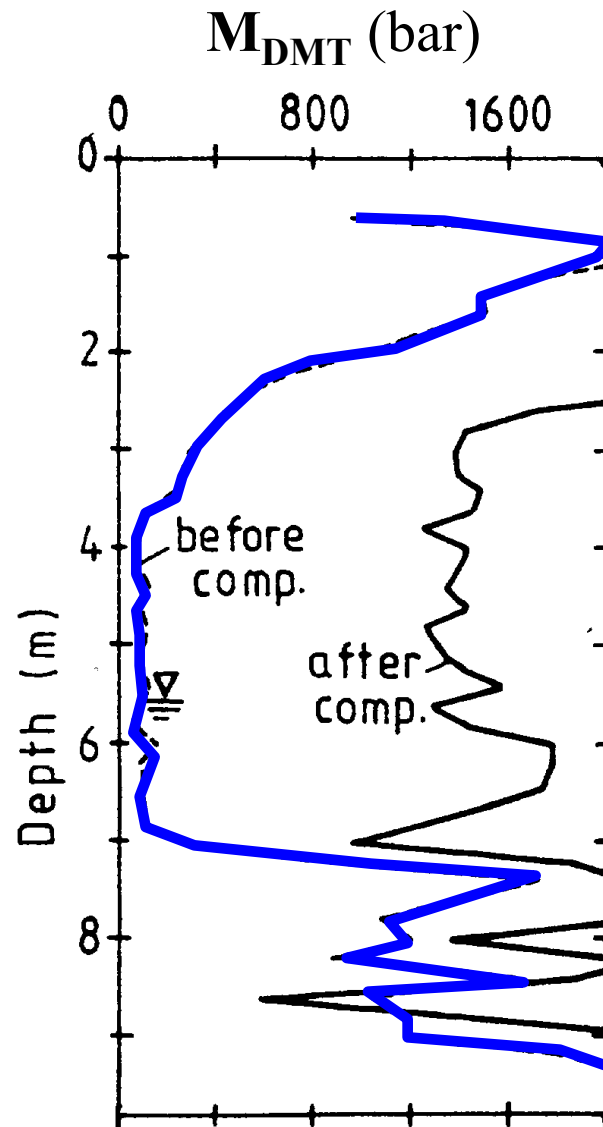


Qualitative reconstruction (Tonnetti 1978)



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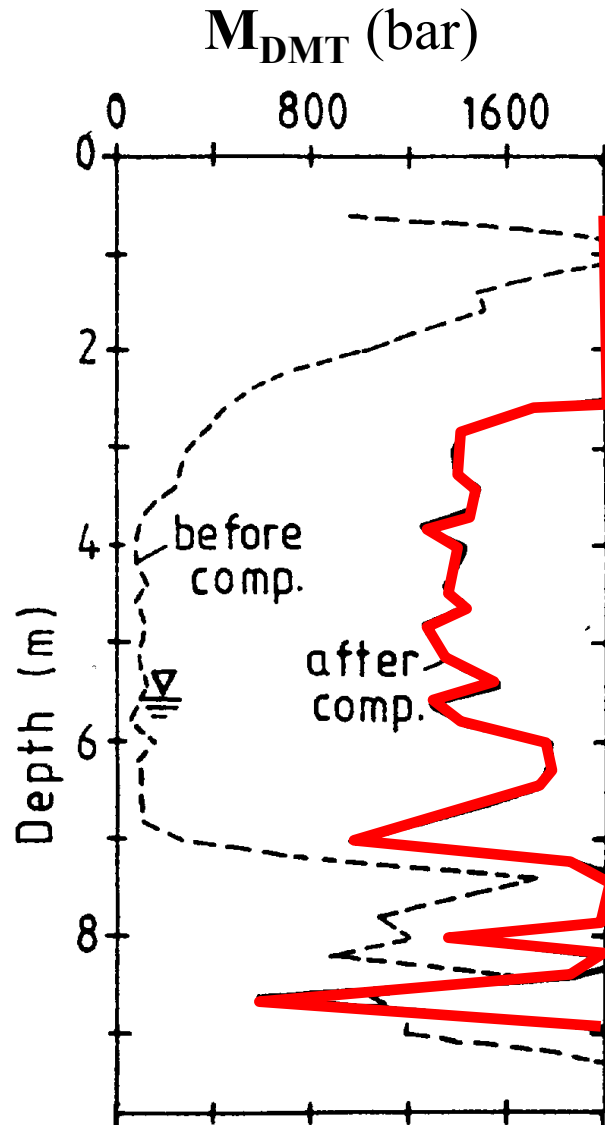
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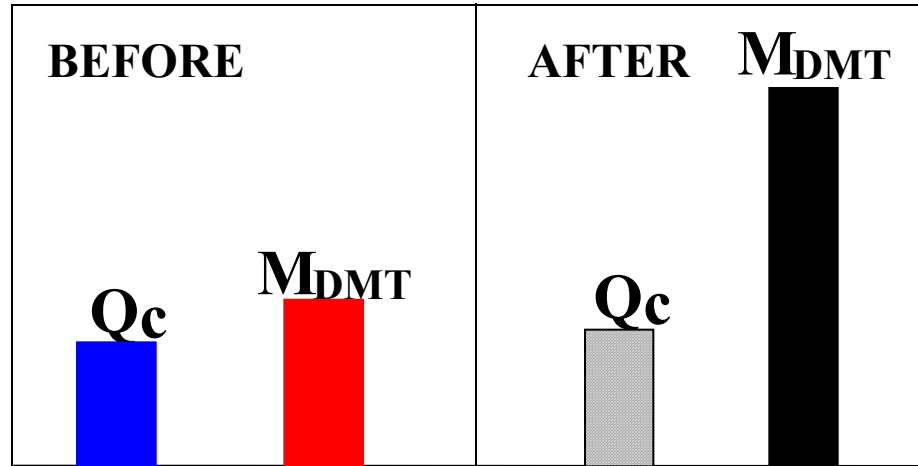
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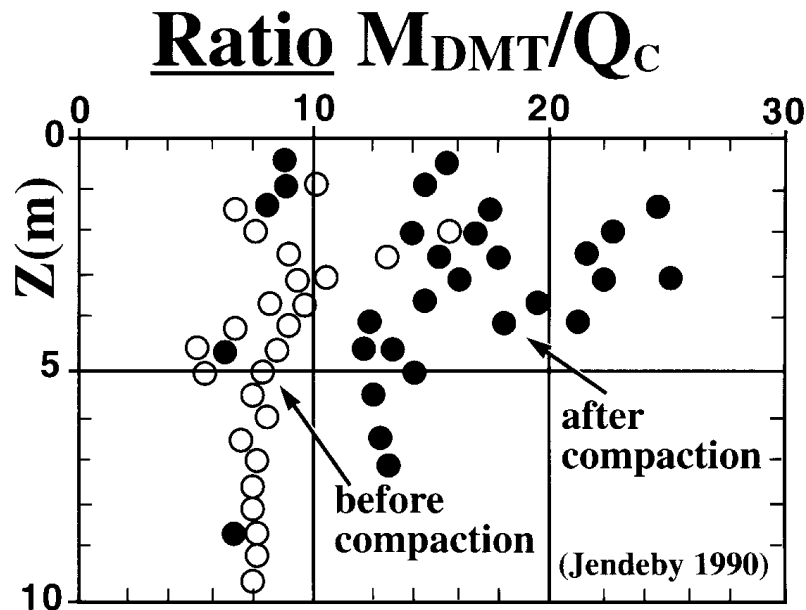
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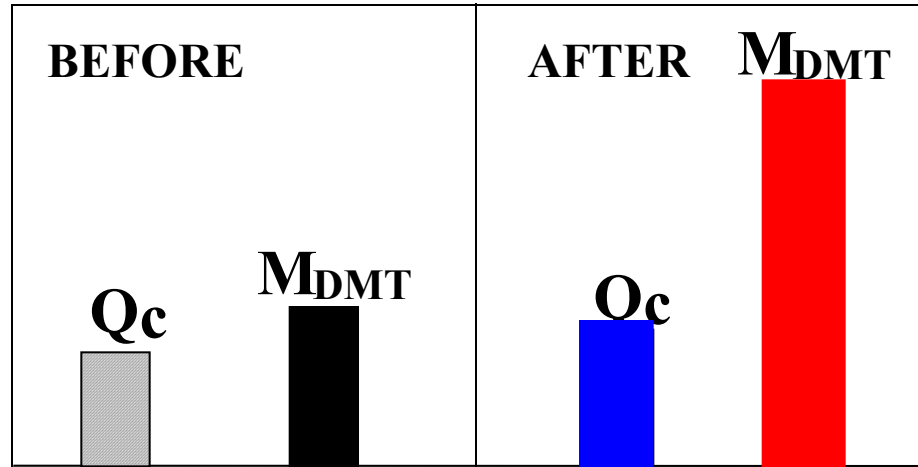
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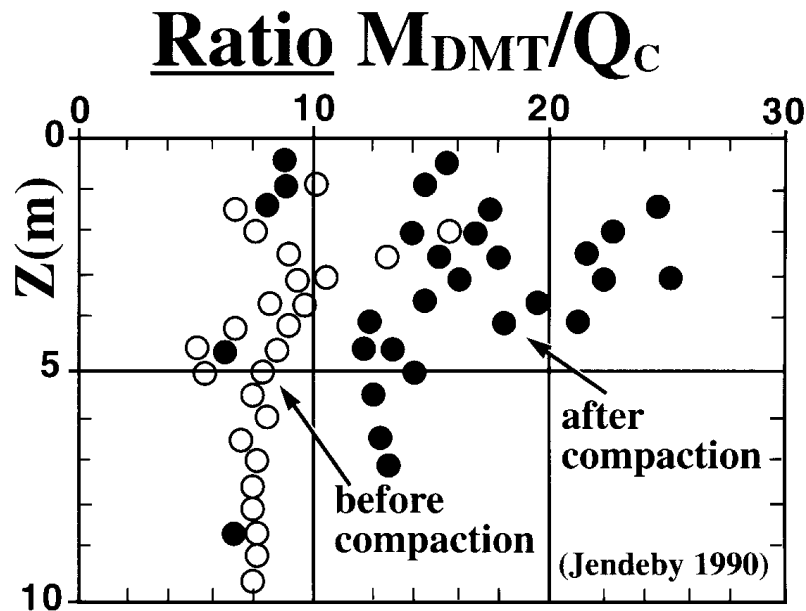
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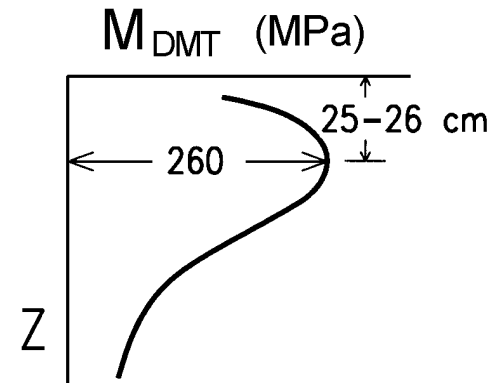
Bangladesh Subgrade Compaction Case History

90 Km Road Rehabilitation Project

As an alternative to specs [Proctor-CBR-Eplate] an acceptance M_{dm}t profile was fixed and used as an economical production method for quality control of compaction, with only occasional verifications



This was the acceptance profile.
Almost invariable the max of the
profile was found at 25-26 cm



One way of using DMT : convert E_d to CBR (Borden 86) but physical mismatching. A more direct alternative : calculate pavement using moduli

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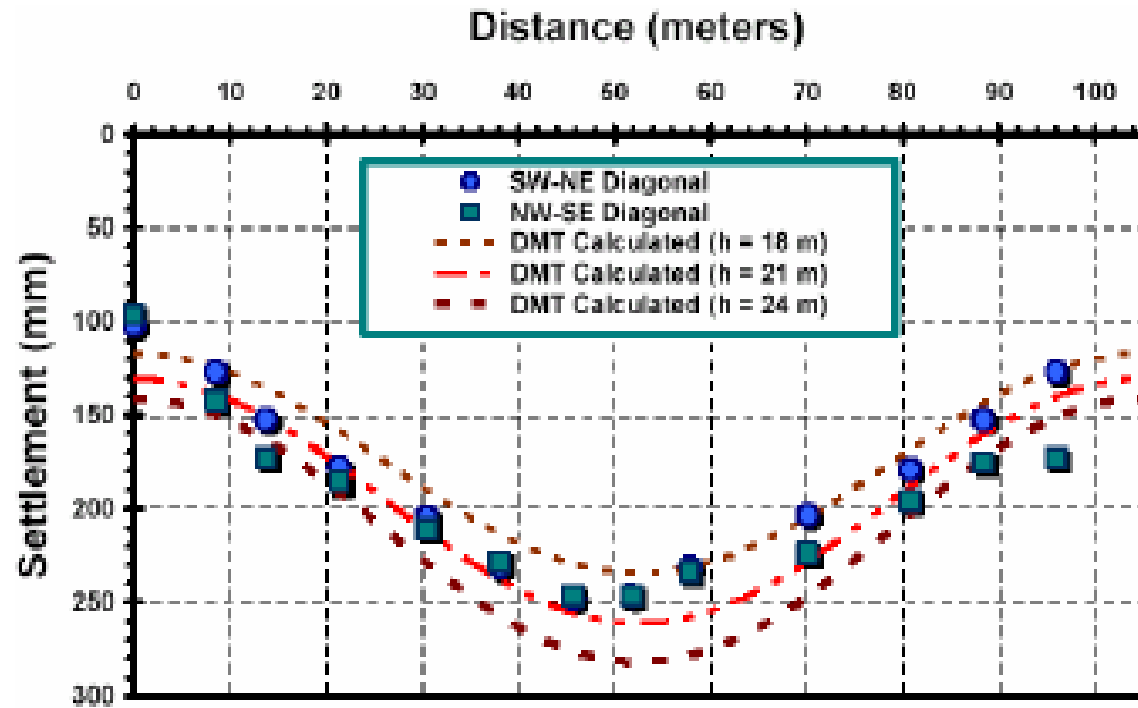


Fig. 7. Measured vs DMT-calculated settlement profiles along the diagonal axes of the mat foundation of a 13-story dormitory building in Atlanta, Georgia (Mayne 2005)

thicknesses are in excellent agreement with measured settlement profiles (Fig. 7). If carried out before, such calculations would have given essentially the correct answer and warned the designers of excessive displacements.

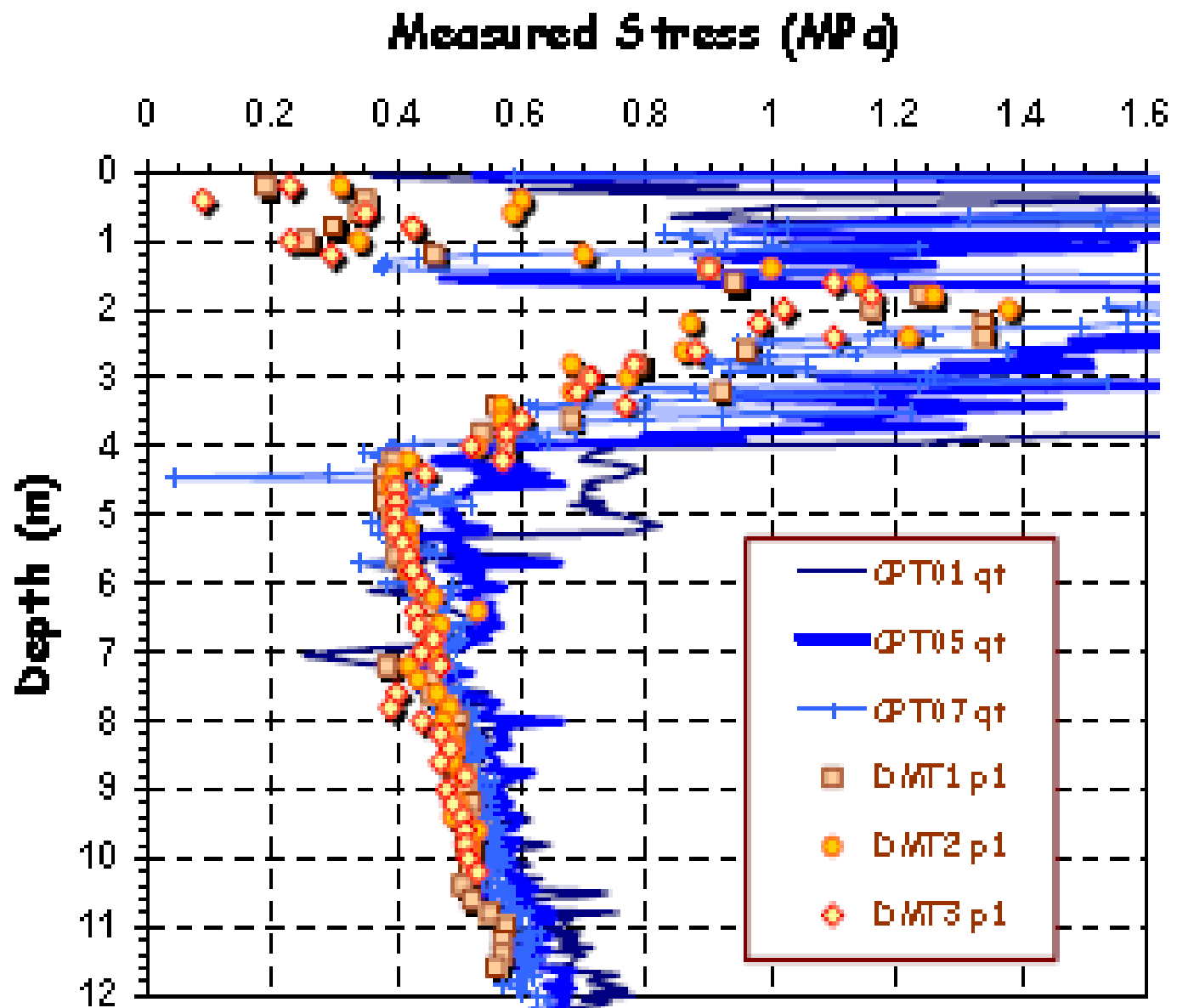
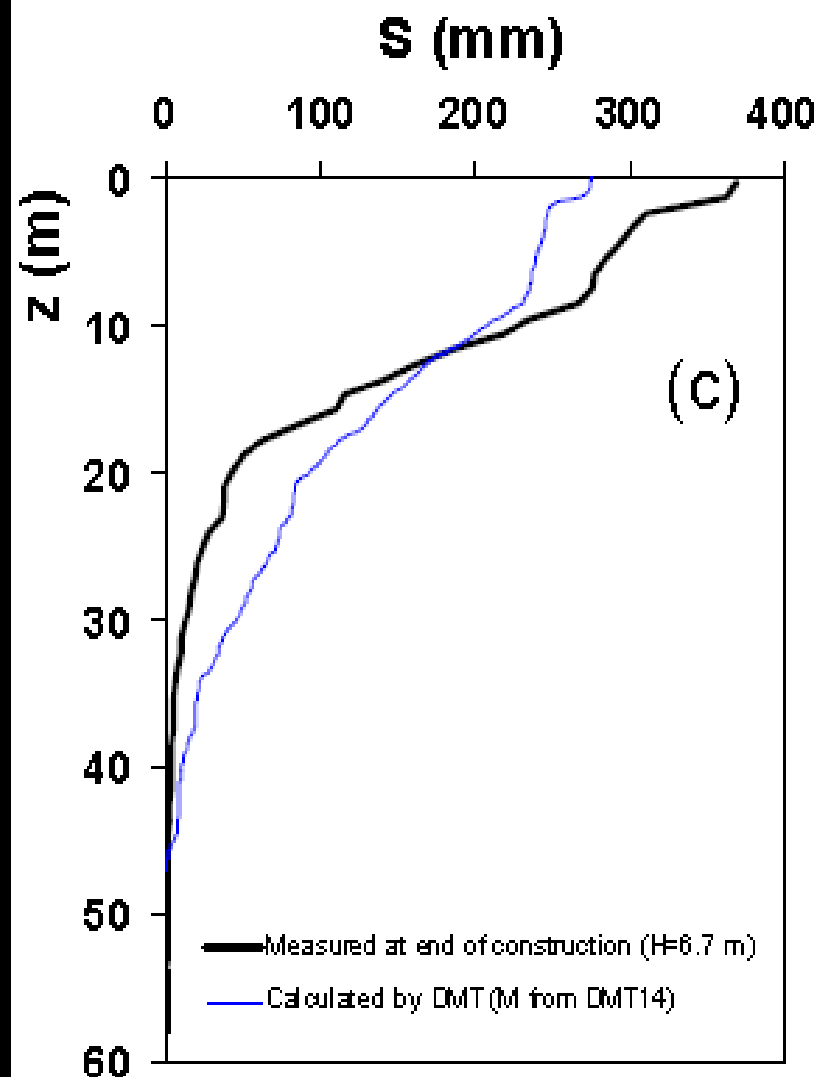


Figure 4. DMT p_1 and CPT q_t at Amherst NGES, MA.





9 CONCLUSIONS

A full-scale instrumented test embankment (40 m in diameter, 6.70 m high, applied load 104 kPa) was built at the site of Treporti, typical of the silty deposits in the Venice lagoon area.

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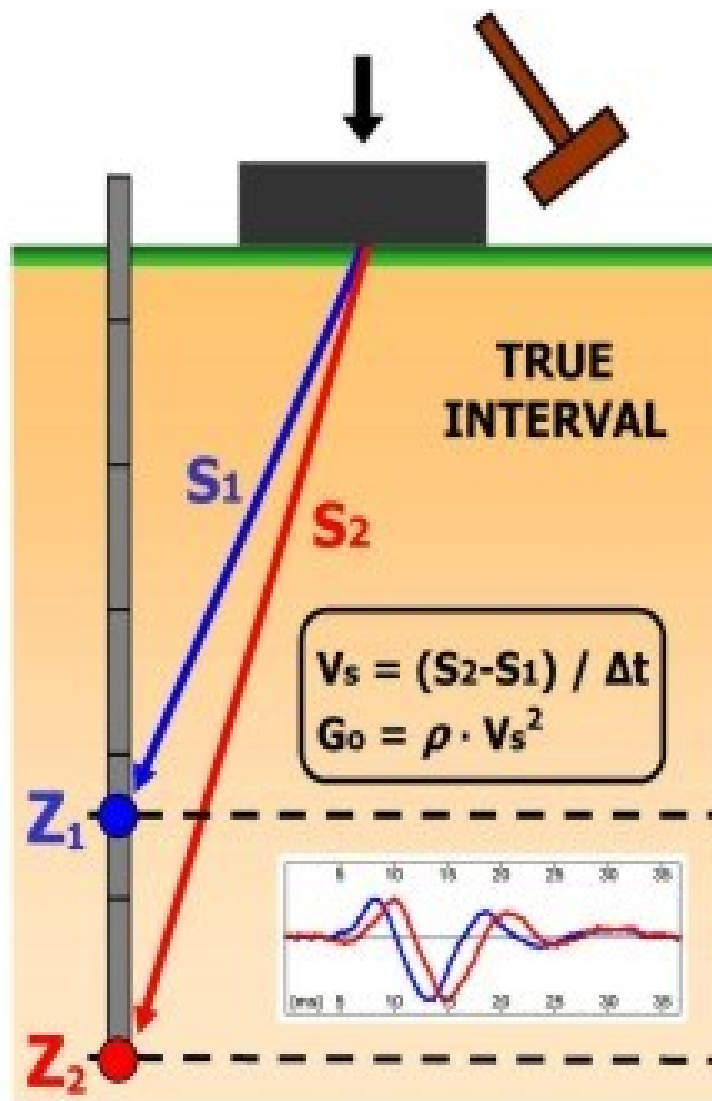
(a) The settlement predicted by DMT at the end of construction (net of secondary developed during construction) is in good agreement with the measured settlement.

(b) The comparison of the profiles of moduli M obtained from DMT and backcalculated from local vertical strains measured every 1 m depth under the center of the embankment, at the end of construction, shows an overall satisfactory agreement.

(c) Field measurements of pore water pressure

Company & Base	In Situ Tests Offered	Comment
GeoPave, Melbourne	CPT, CPTu, DMT	Division of VicRoads, truck rig
NewSyd, Newcastle (research & contracting)	CPT, CPTu, Seismic CPT, Conductivity Cone	Collaboration between University of Newcastle and Sydney University, truck rig
Insitu Geotech Services (IGS), Brisbane	CPT, CPTu, DMT, Vane Shear (2006), Seismic DMT (2006)	All-terrain balloon tyred testing machine
Cone Penetration Testing Services (CPTS), Brisbane	CPT, CPTu, Seismic CPT, Vane Shear	Truck rig and all-terrain track rig

SEISMIC DILATOMETER



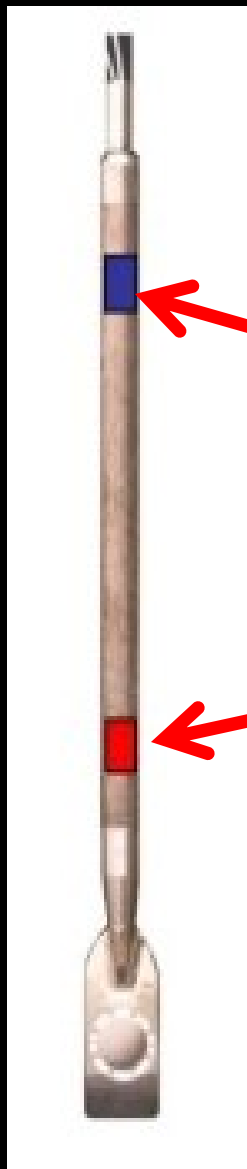


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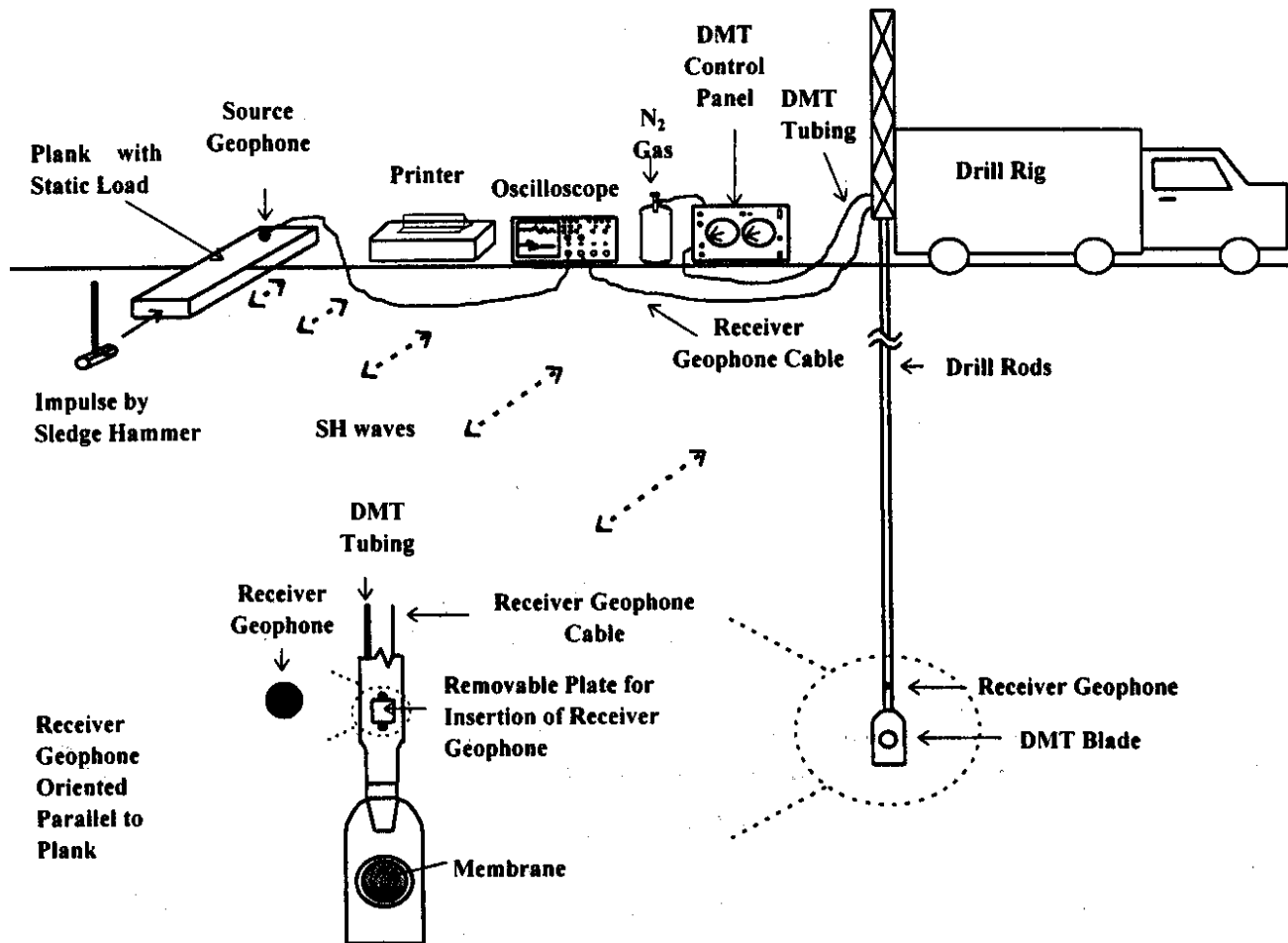
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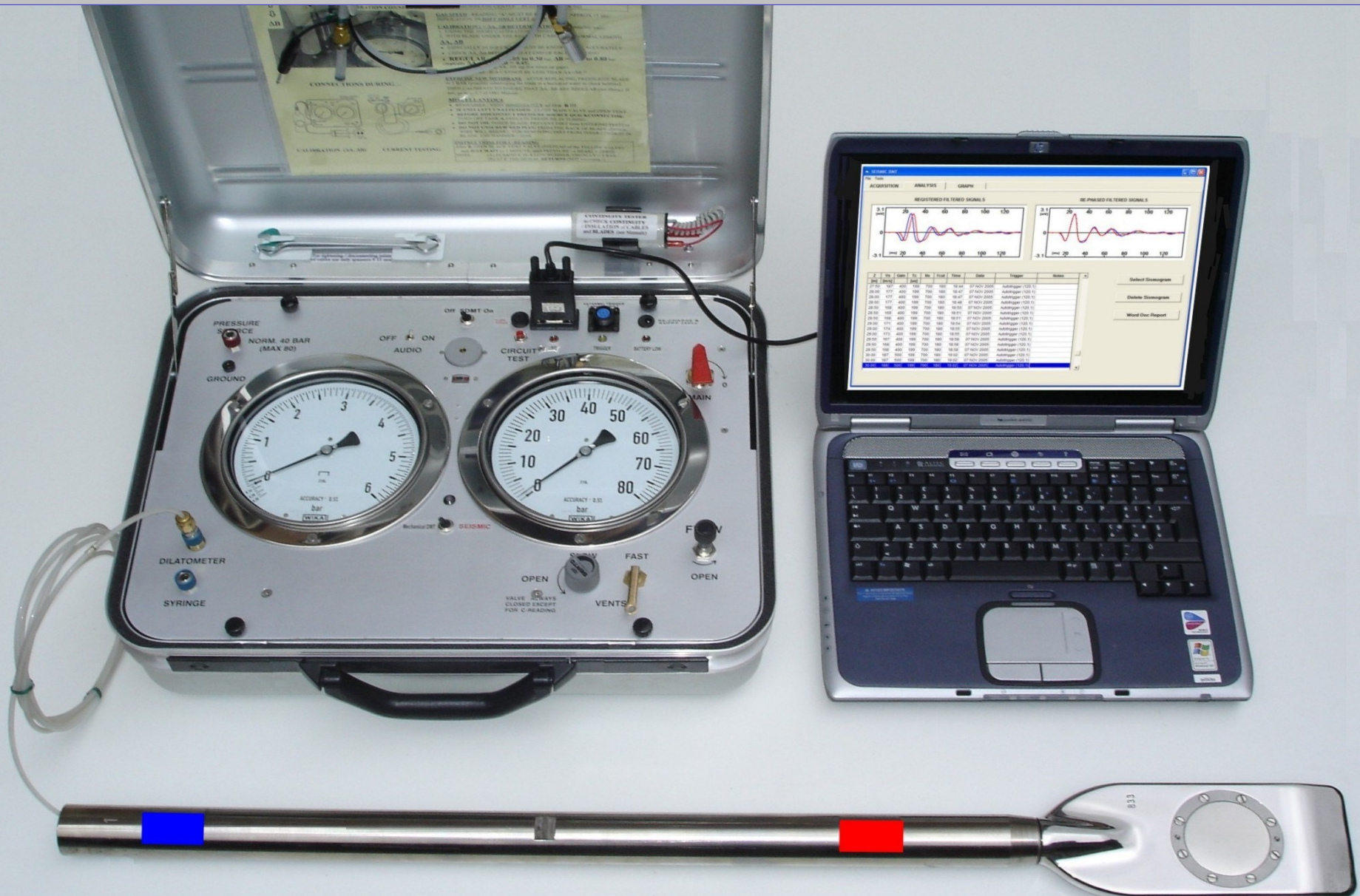


SDMT Test Setup



Mayne & Martin (1998). "Seismic flat dilatometer in Piedmont residual soils", ISC '98, Atlanta .

Seismic Dilatometer (SDMT)





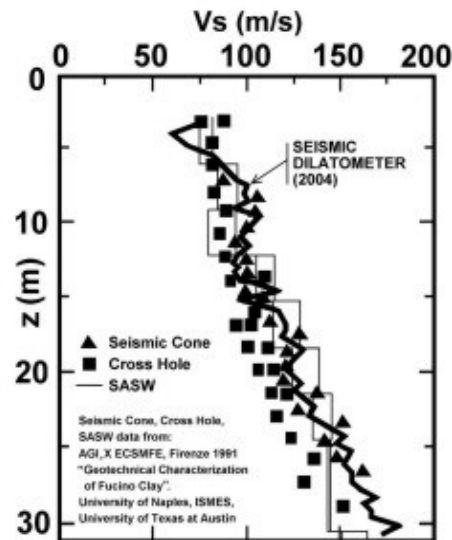
SDMT REPEATABILITY

Each Vs corresponds to a single blow of the hammer

Differences of Vs: 1 m/s

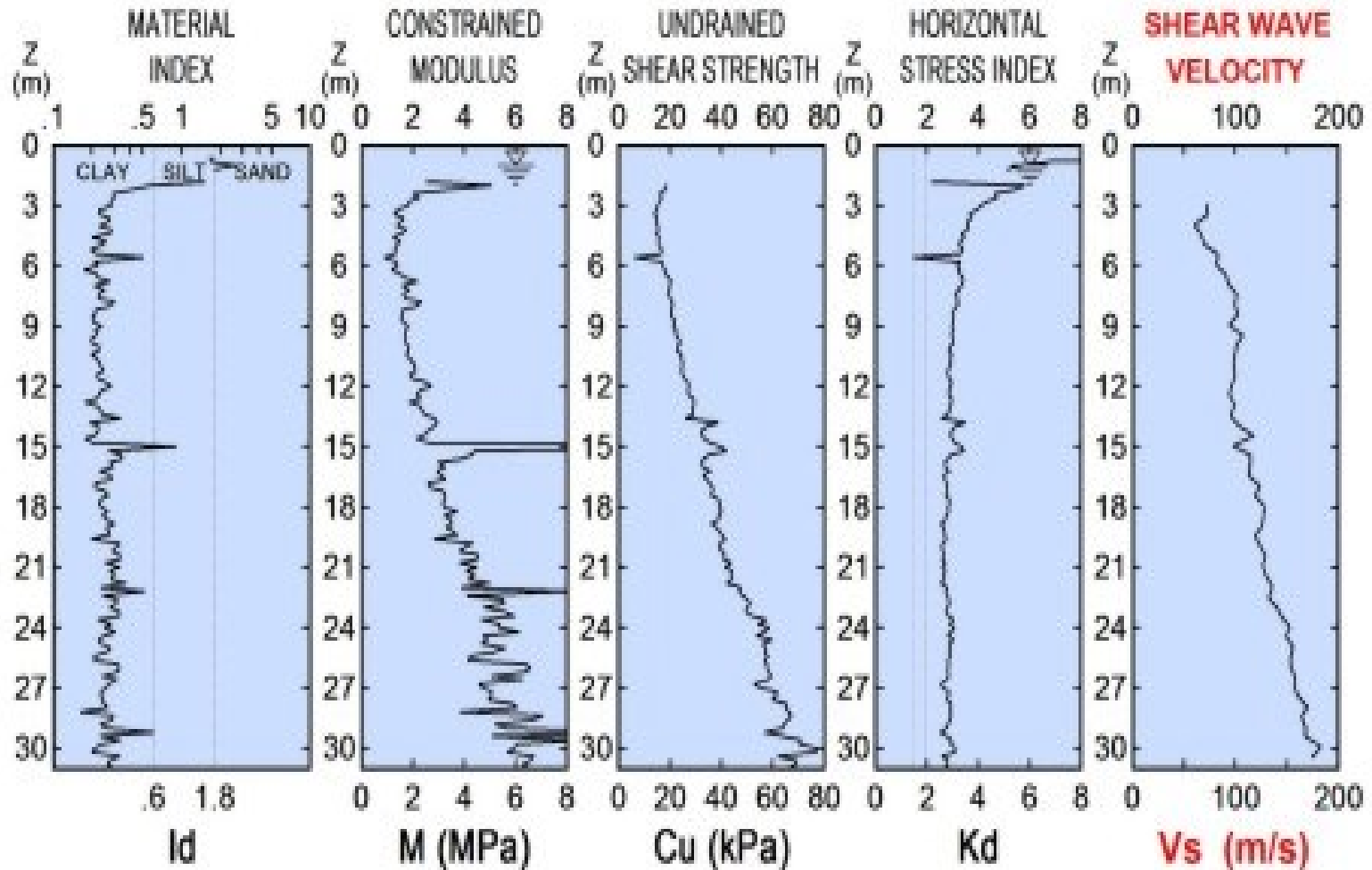
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10.5	99	99	
11.0	98	98	
11.5	99	100	
12.0	97	96	
12.5	94	94	
13.0	99	99	
13.5	95	95	
14.0	103	103	
14.5	117	117	117
15.0	98	98	98
15.5	115	115	
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16.5	113	113	
17.0	122	123	
17.5	119	119	
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18.5	127	127	
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VALIDATION



SDMT at
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SDMT TEST RESULTS



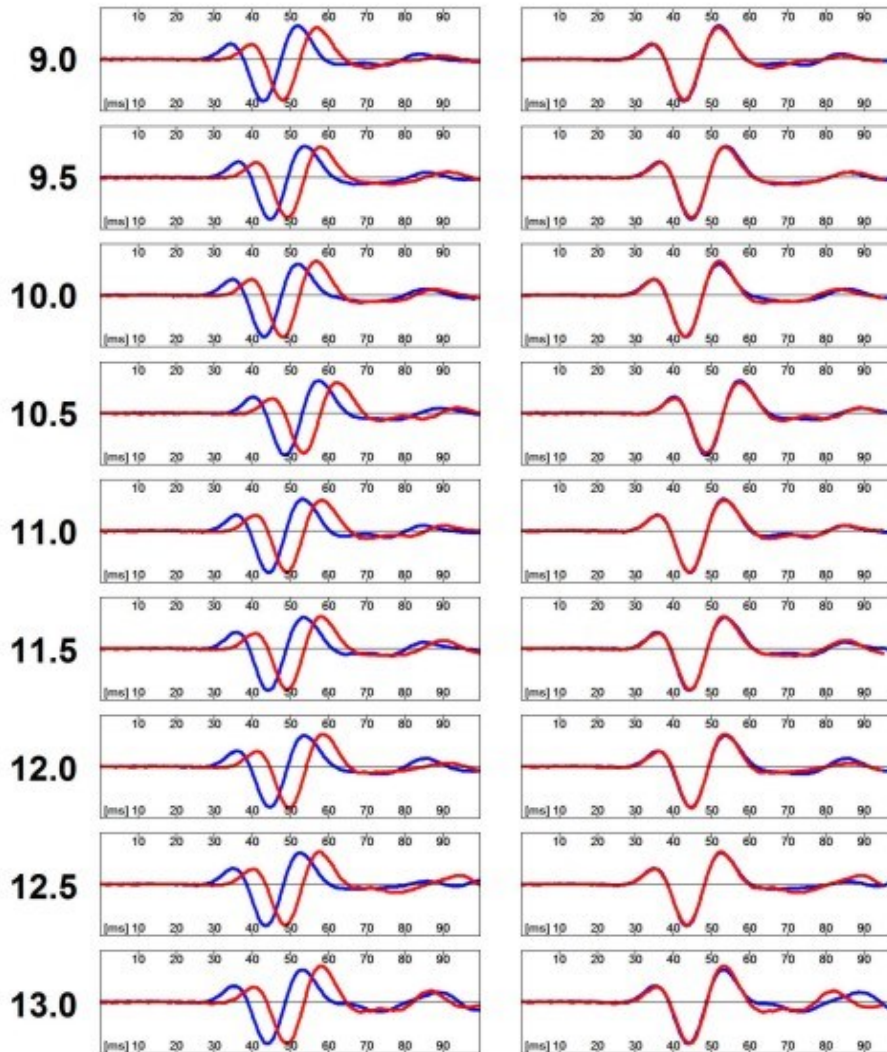
SDMT SISMOGRAMS

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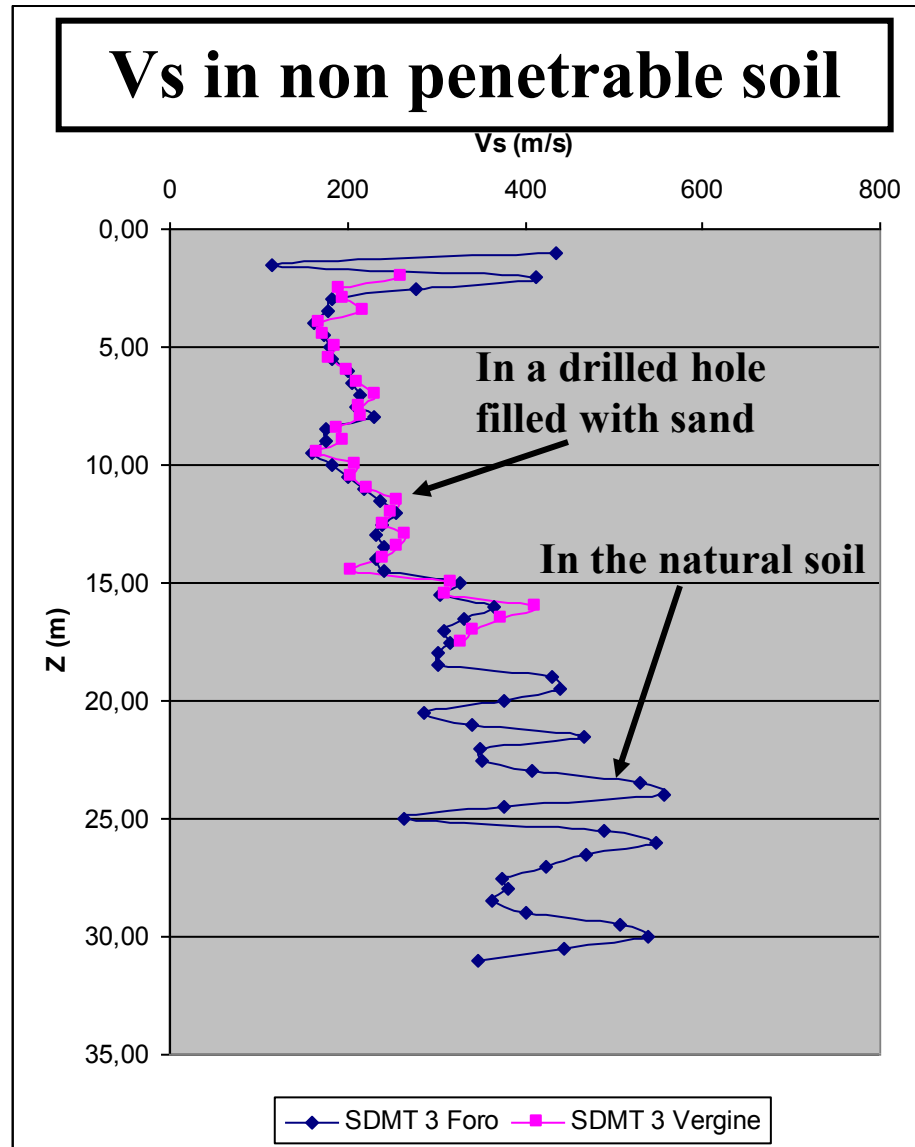
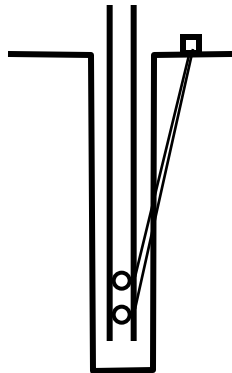
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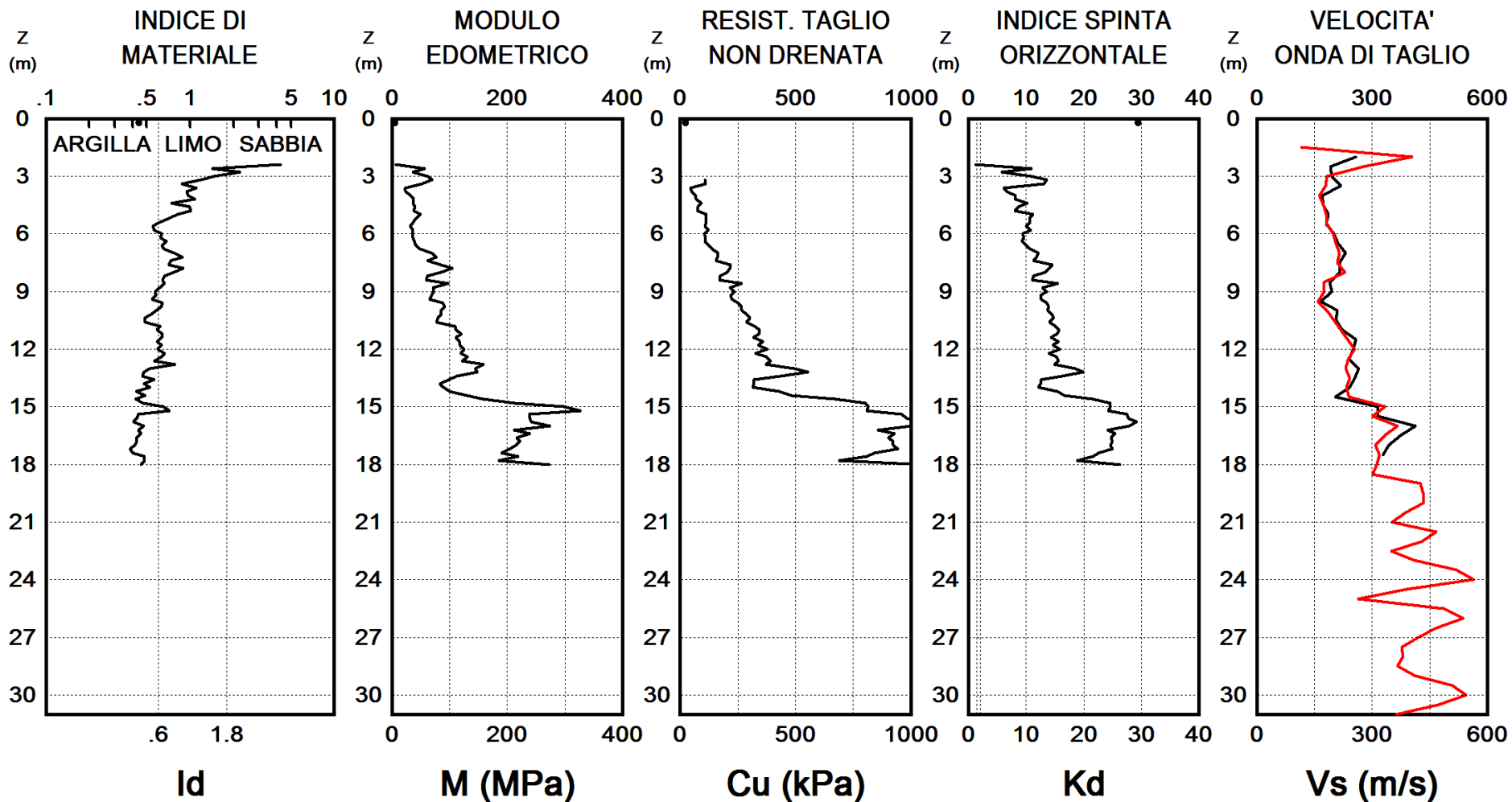


RE-PHASED



Drill a hole
Fill it with sand
Do SDMT (no DMT)

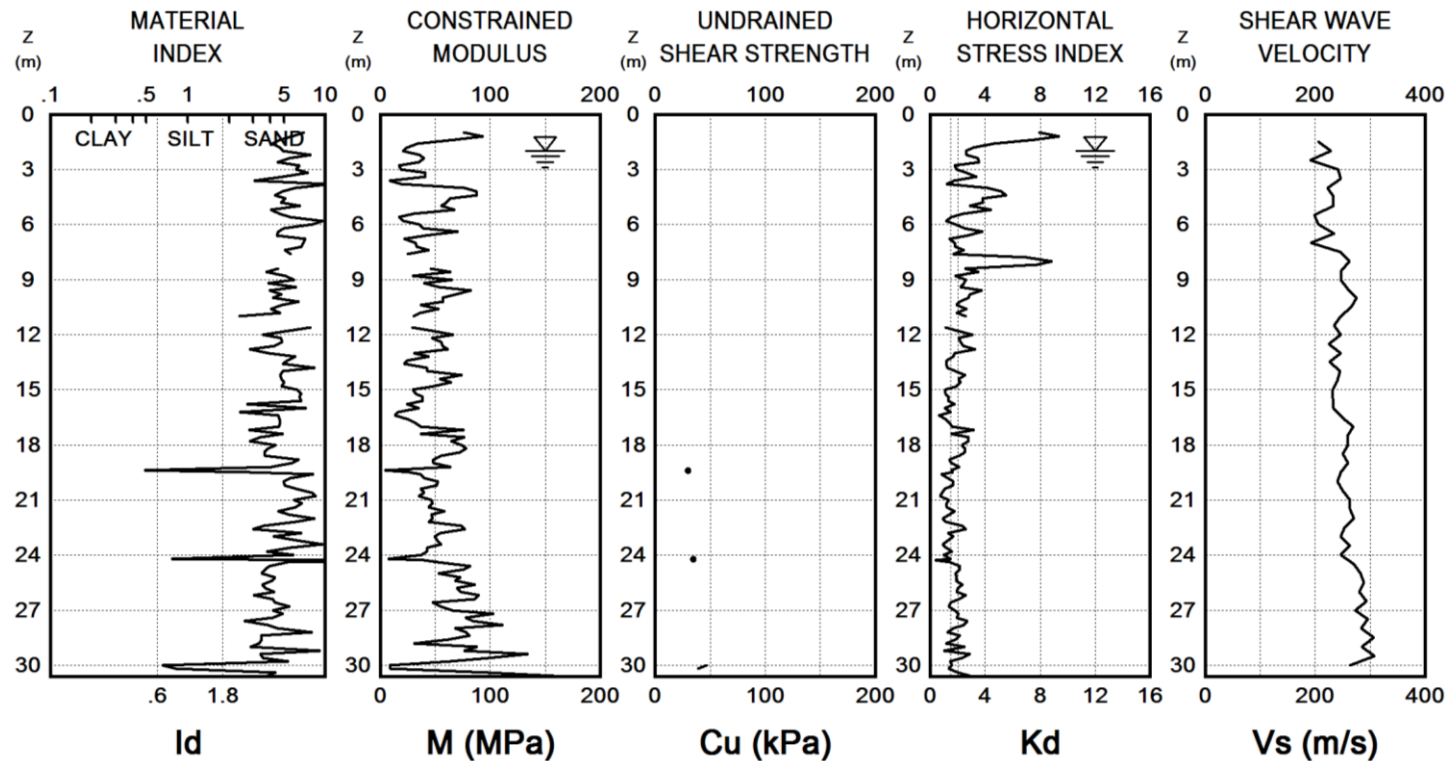




SDMT 3 —

SDMT 3 foro —

Zelazny Most – Poland



Zelazny Most – Repeatability of Vs

Z	Vs	Vs values	Std Deviation
[m]	[m/s]	[m/s]	[%]
7.00	179	178,178,180,180,180,179,179,180,180,180	0.50
7.50	231	234,232,232,230,229,231,232,229,230	0.68
8.00	225	227,225,224,225,225,225,226,226,225,224,224	0.40
8.50	276	276,276,280,273,275,273,271,273,287,281	1.68
9.50	248	244,251,250,247,250,249,250,249,242,248	1.11
10.00	292	292,289,290,293,289,292,289,-,292,296,295,293	0.79
10.50	320	321,323,320,325,323,325,316,314,308,321	1.61
11.00	291	293,291,293,291,291,290,290,291,290,290	0.38
11.50	321	324,320,320,322,320,322,319,319,320,320	0.48
12.00	309	311,307,311,309,309,311,309,309,307,311	0.50
12.50	286	287,285,285,285,287,285,285,287,287,287	0.35
13.00	265	264,265,265,265,264,265,265,265,266,265,266,264	0.24
14.00	312	313,312,312,322,310,312,310,310,310,312	1.10
14.50	298	301,298,299,299,298,296,299,298,299,298	0.44
15.00	309	307,309,307,309,309,309,309,309,309,309	0.29

Today SOA is a few m/sec scatter

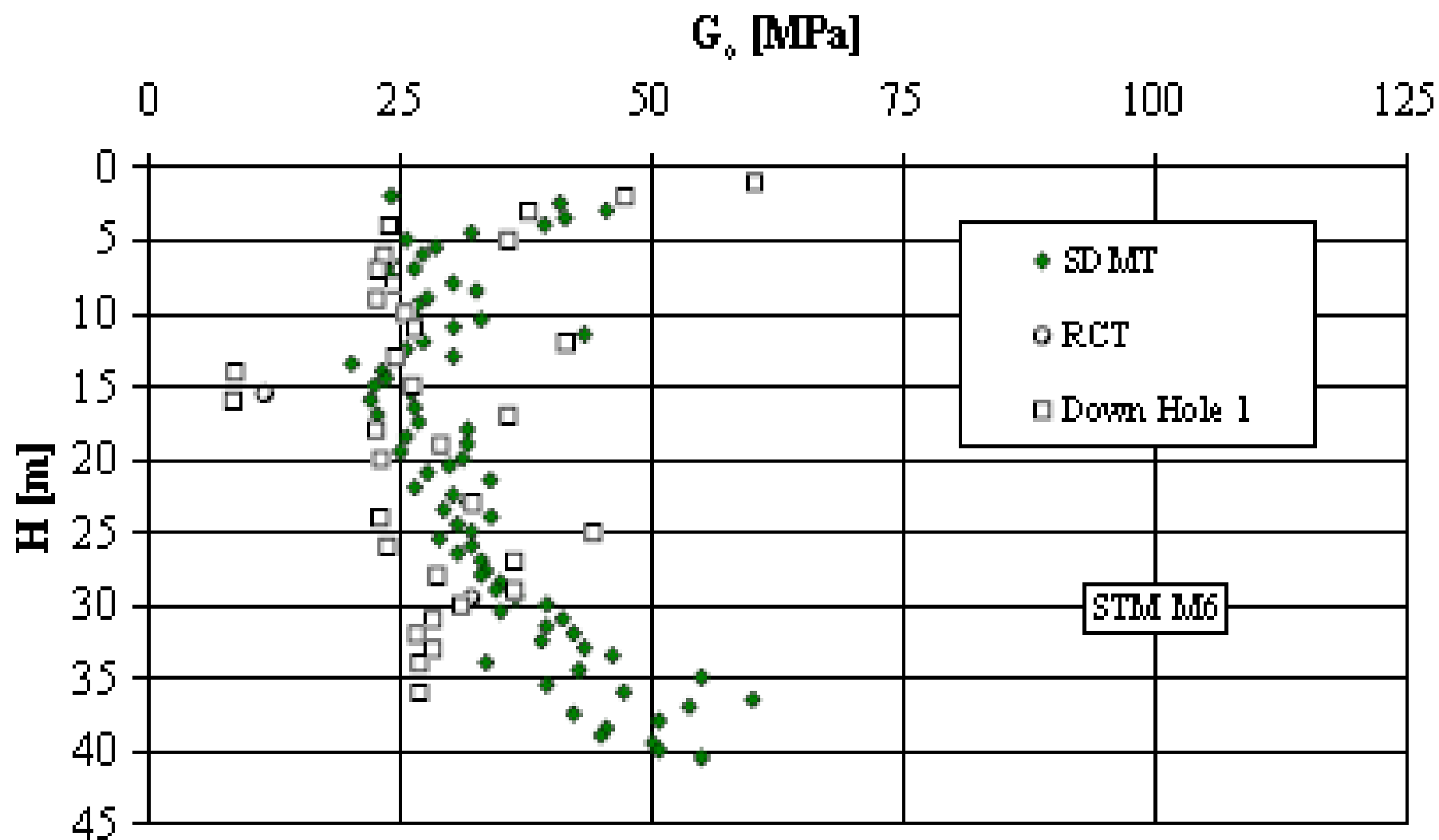


Figure 6. G_s from laboratory and in situ tests.

4 CONCLUSIONS

A site characterization for seismic response analysis has been presented in this paper. On the basis of the data shown it is possible to draw the following conclusions:

- SDMT were performed up to a depth of 42 meters. The results show a very detailed and stable shear wave profile. The shear wave profiles obtained by SDMT compare well with laboratory tests:

A photograph showing a severely damaged vehicle, possibly a truck or bus, partially submerged in a thick, dark, muddy sludge. The vehicle's front end is visible, with the windshield shattered and the hood crumpled. The surrounding landscape is flat and desolate, with a light-colored, sandy or silty ground. In the background, there are some sparse, low-lying bushes and a distant horizon line. The word "the" is overlaid in a large, red, cursive script font across the upper portion of the image.

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