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**Ground Improvement Works
at the Airport Site in Bangkok**

COMMON GROUND IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES

Thick soft fined grained soil
(silt and clay)

“Mixture” of soils

Thick loose coarse grained
soil (sand and gravel)

CONSOLIDATION methods



Prefabricated
Vertical Drains



Vacuum
Consolidation™

REINFORCEMENT methods

Semi-Rigid Inclusion
(cement grout etc.)



Controlled Modulus
Columns™

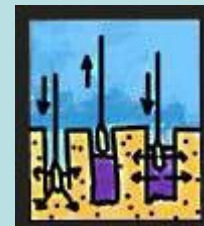


Soil Mixing
Columns

Natural Inclusion
(sand, stone, etc.)



Dynamic
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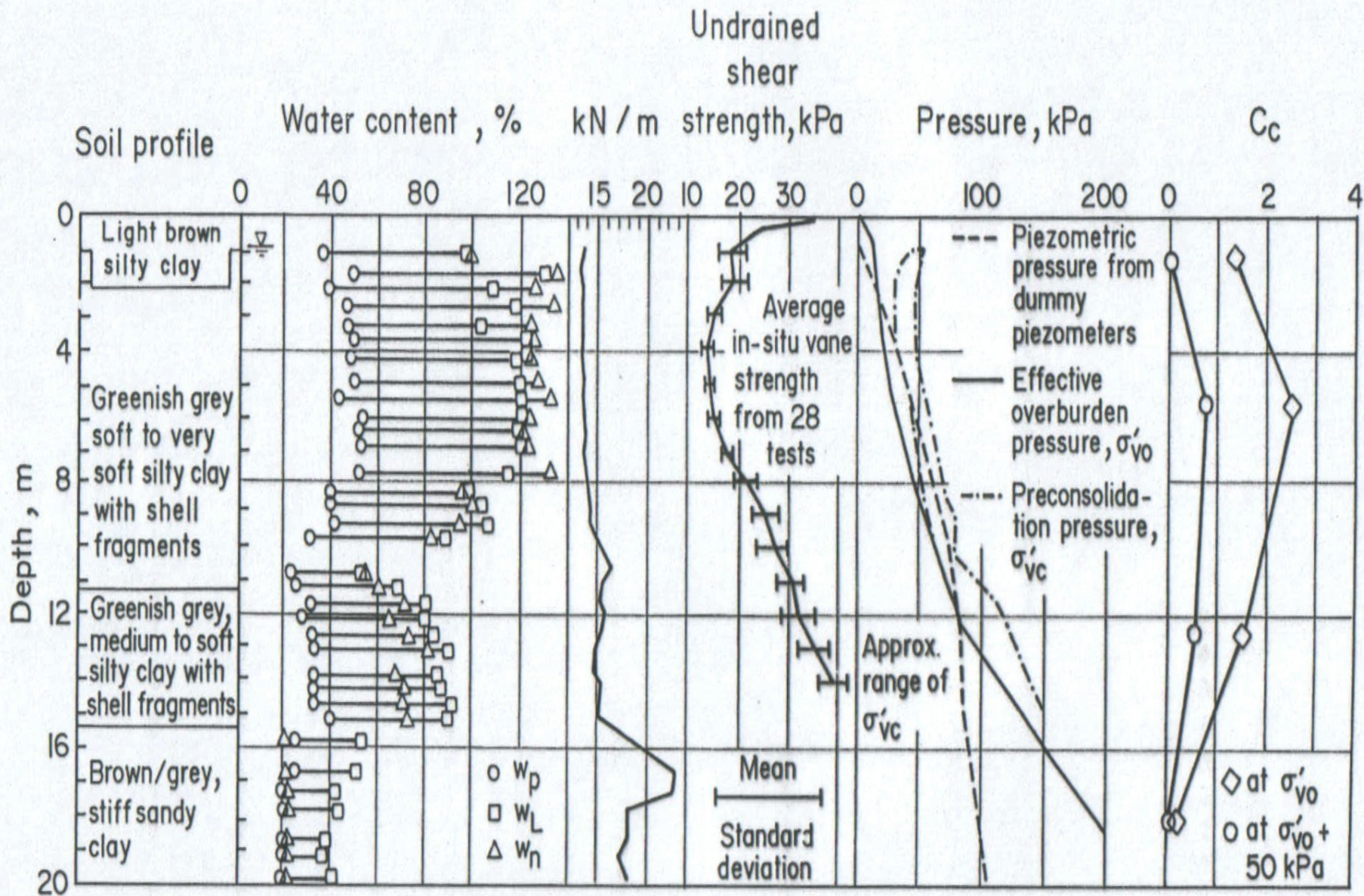
COMPACTION methods



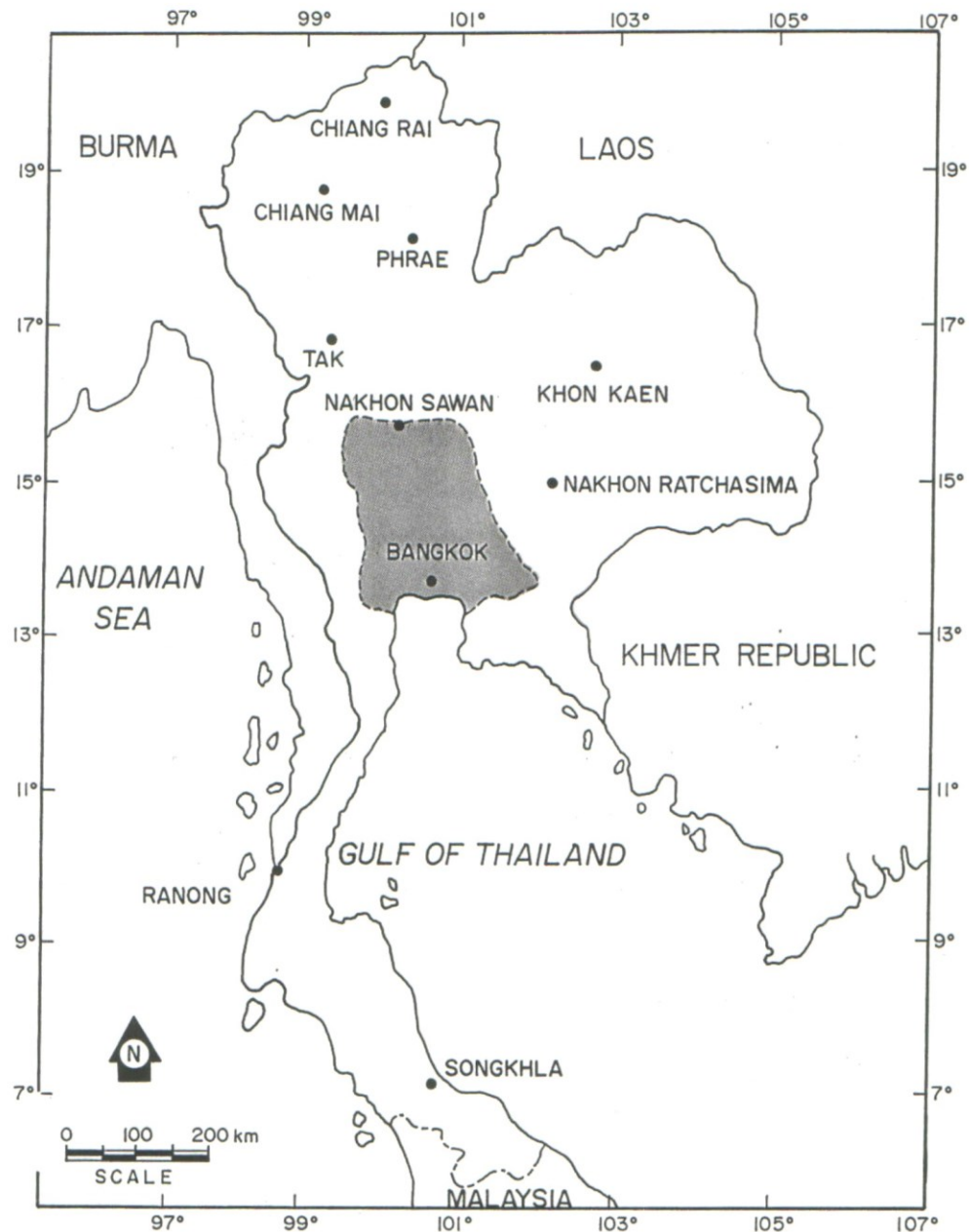
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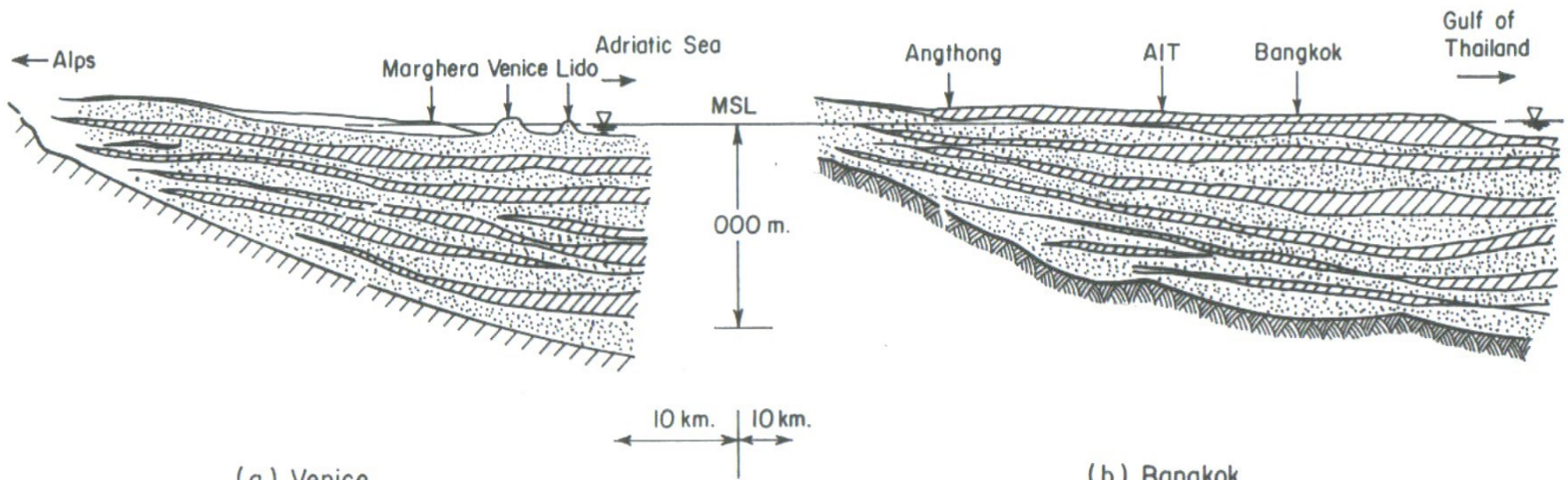
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Geotechnical characteristics of soft Bangkok clay at Bangpli

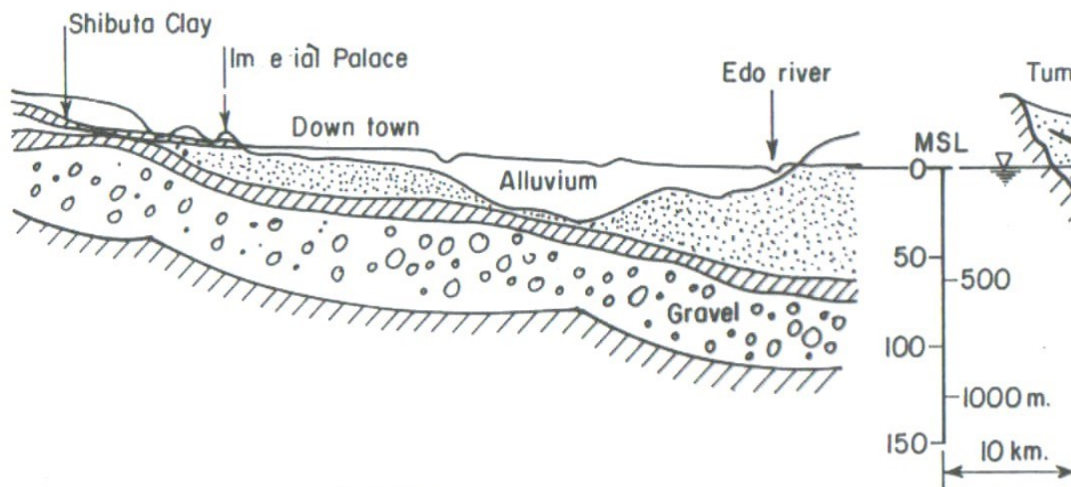


**Location Map of the Lower Central Plain of Thailand
Showing Approximate Location of Bangkok**

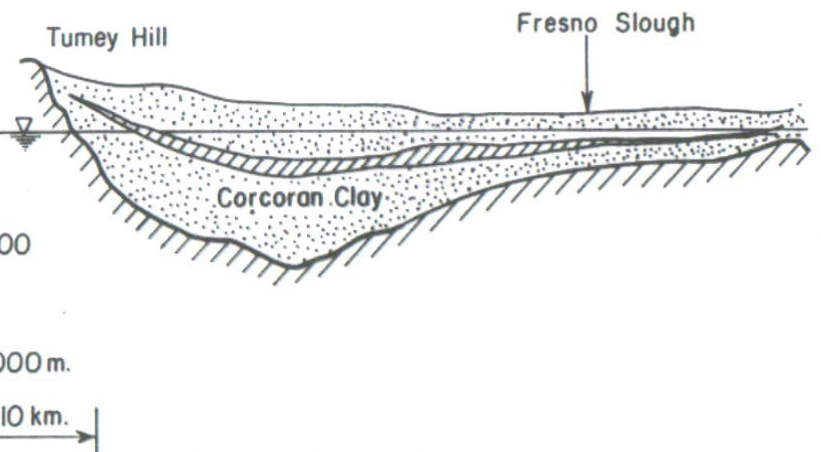


(a) Venice
(GAMBOLATI et al, 1974)

(b) Bangkok
(BRAND & APBHABHIRAMA, 1973)



(c) Tokyo
(NAKANO et al, 1969)



(d) San Joaquin Valley, California
(POLAND et al, 1975)

Geologic Profiles of Some Areas of Land Subsidence

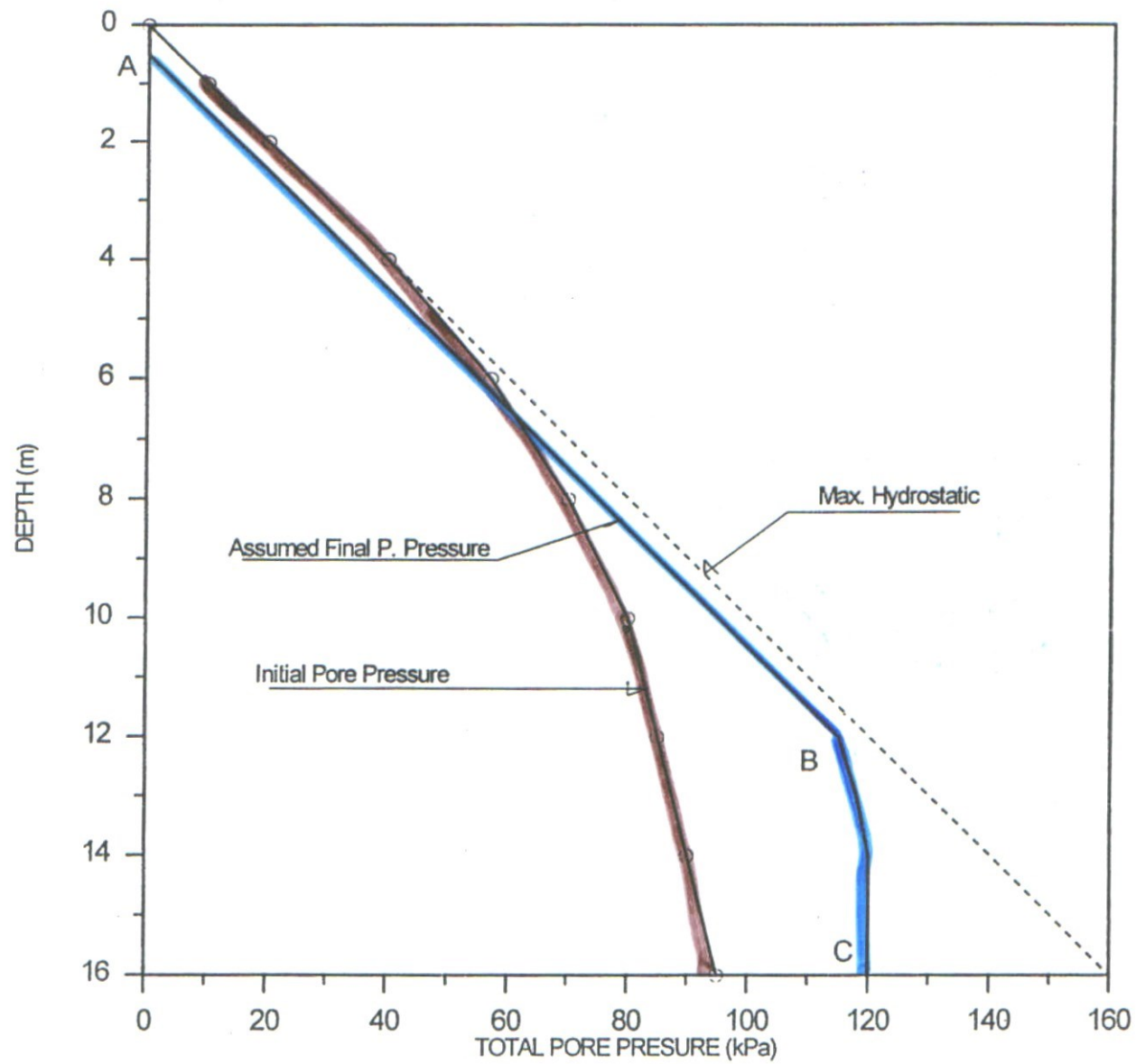
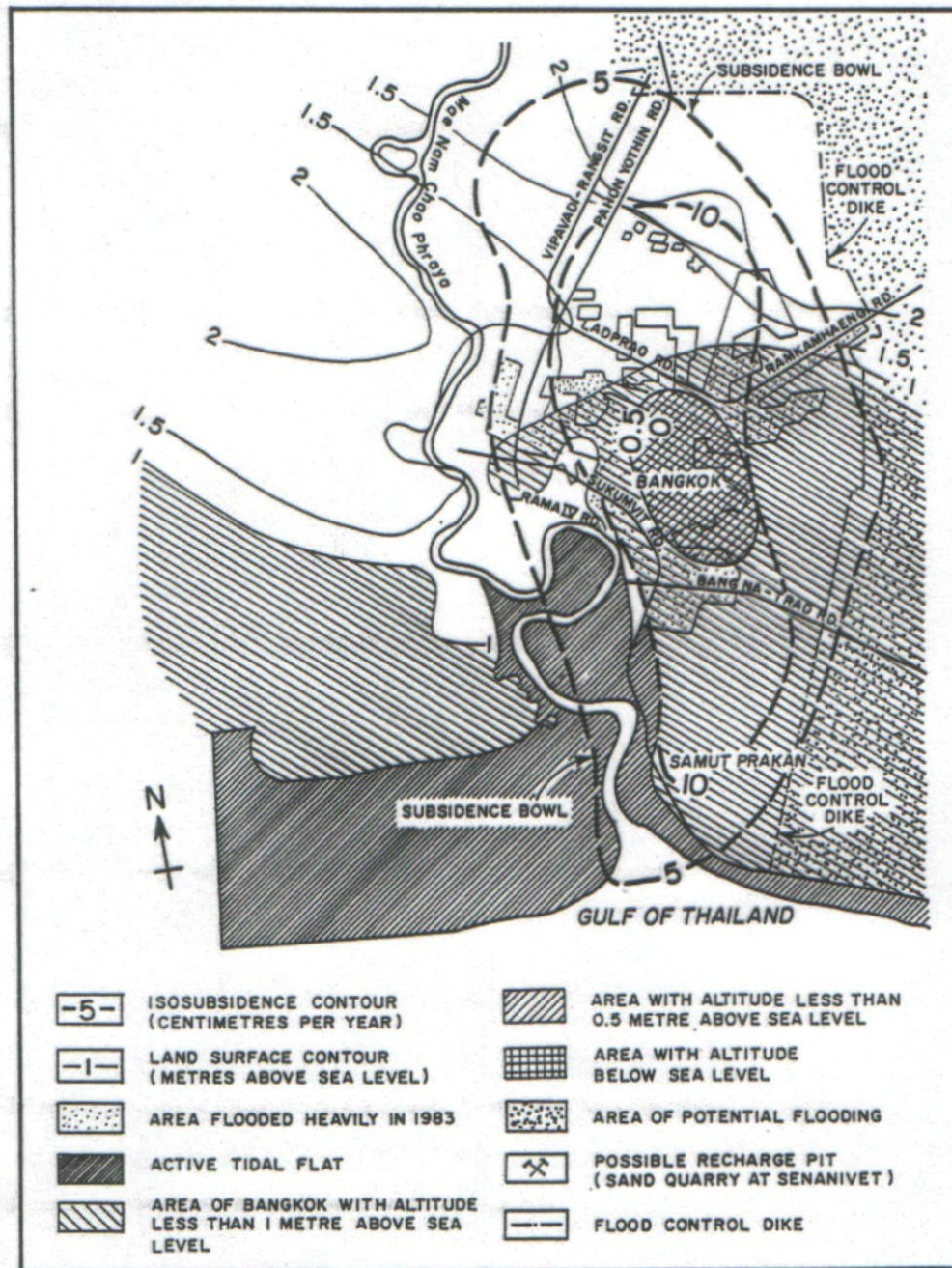
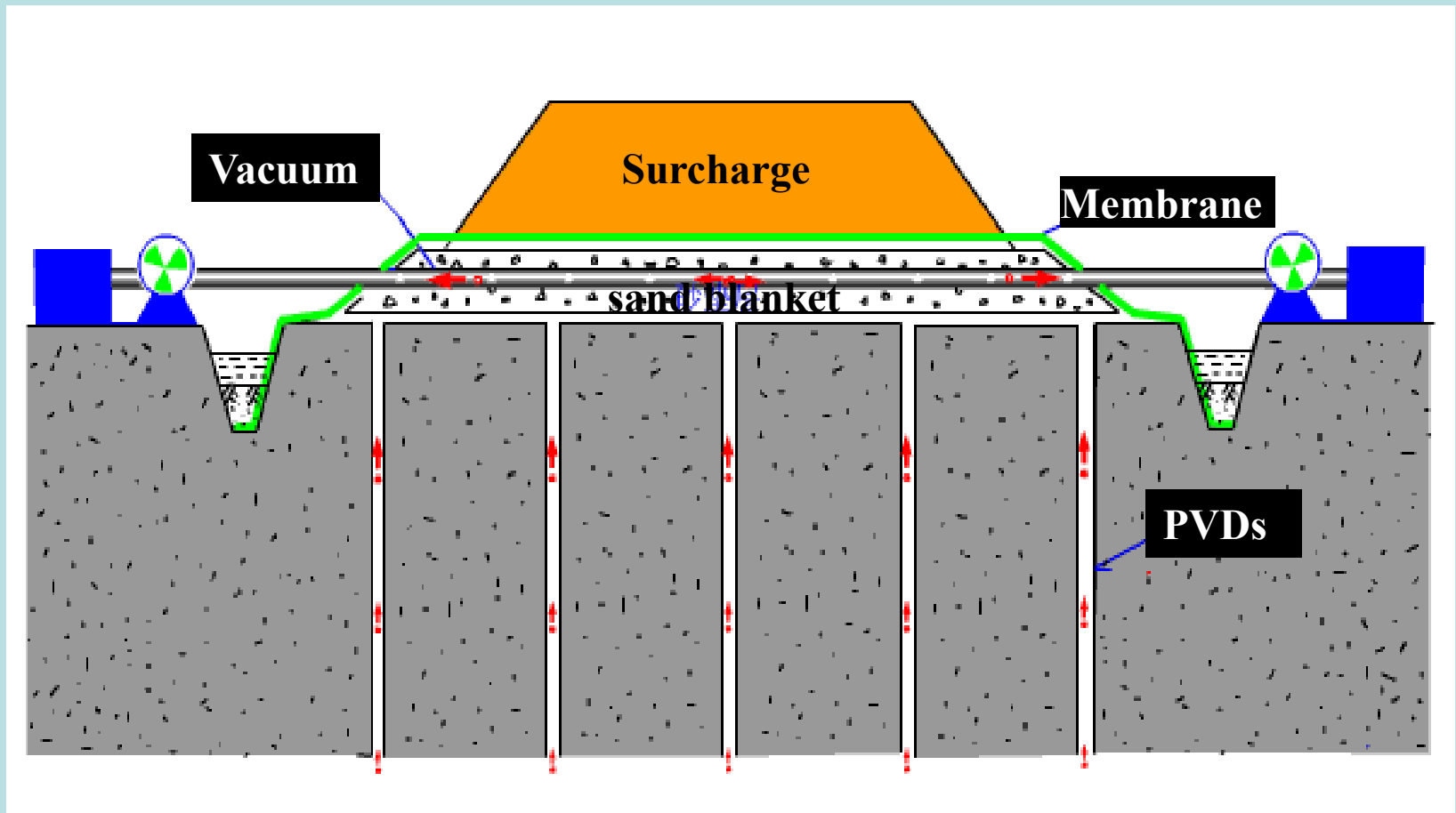


Fig. 6.26: Piezometric Drawdowns (Initial and Assumed Final Values)



Sources : Prinya Nutalaya (AIT), Dept. Mineral Resources, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

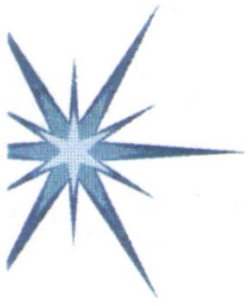
Principle



**Geotechnical studies at the
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Bangkok international airport
site
(1972-1996)**

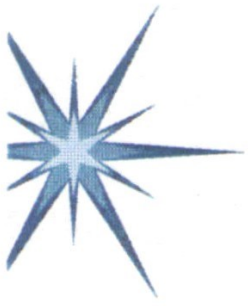


**Full scale field tests of
prefabricated vertical
drains (PVD) for the
Second Bangkok
International Airport**



Geotechnical Investigation at Nong Ngo Hao Airport Site

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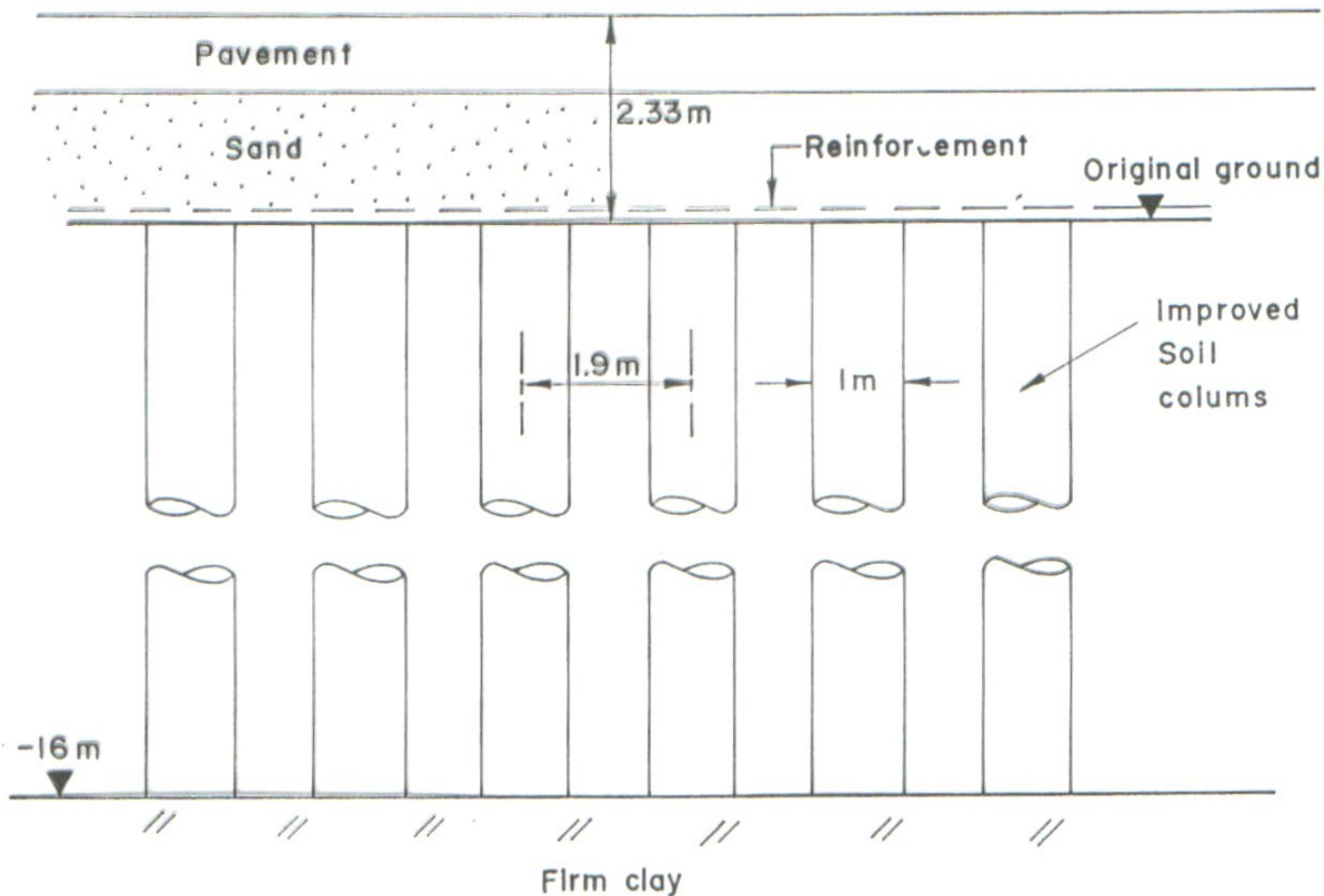
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Alternative Design Concepts

- **Preconsolidation with Vertical Drain**
- **Deep Soil Improvement**
- **Piles supporting a free spanning concrete slab**
- **Relief Piles with Caps**
- **Light Weight Fill Material**

DEEP GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

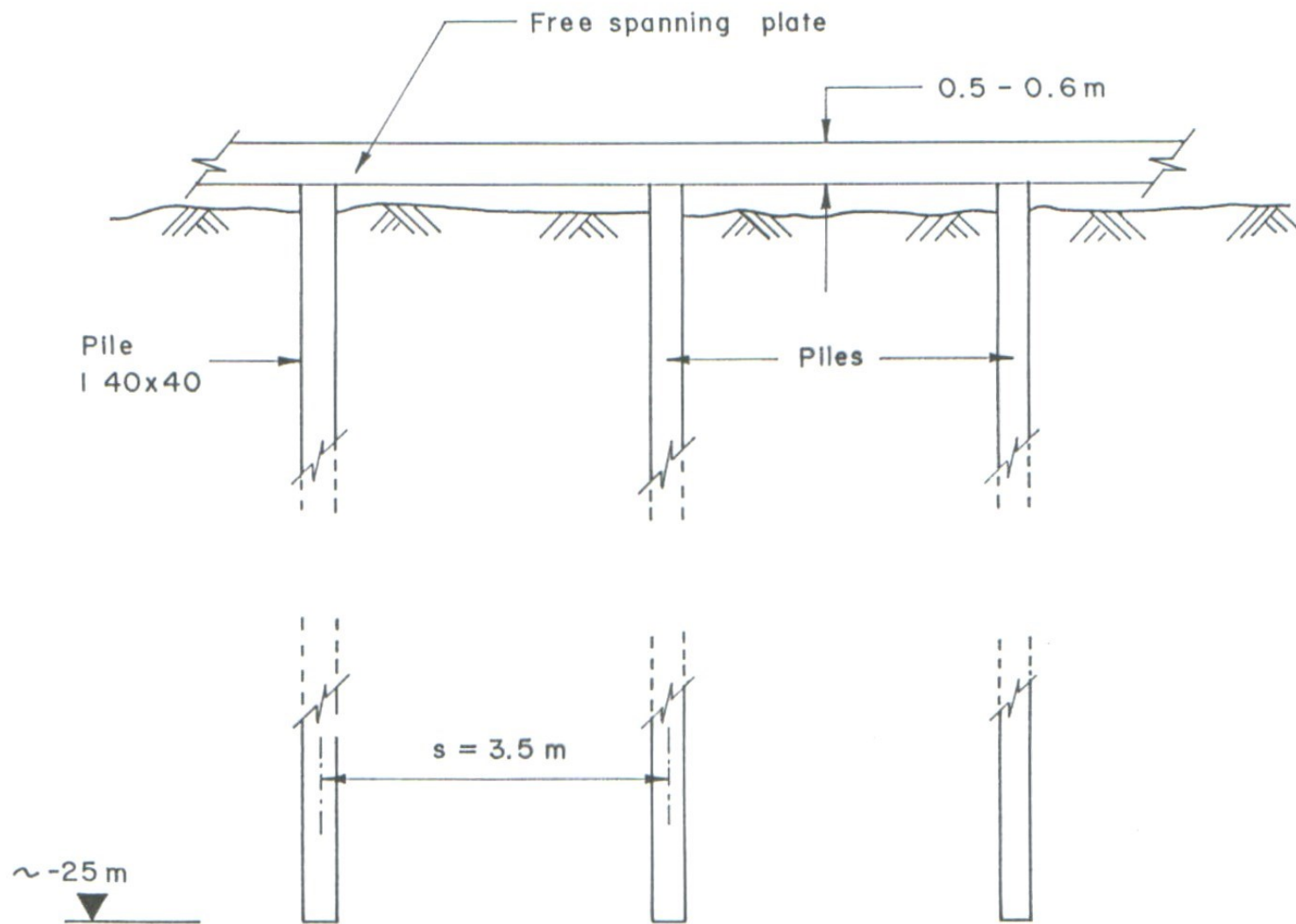


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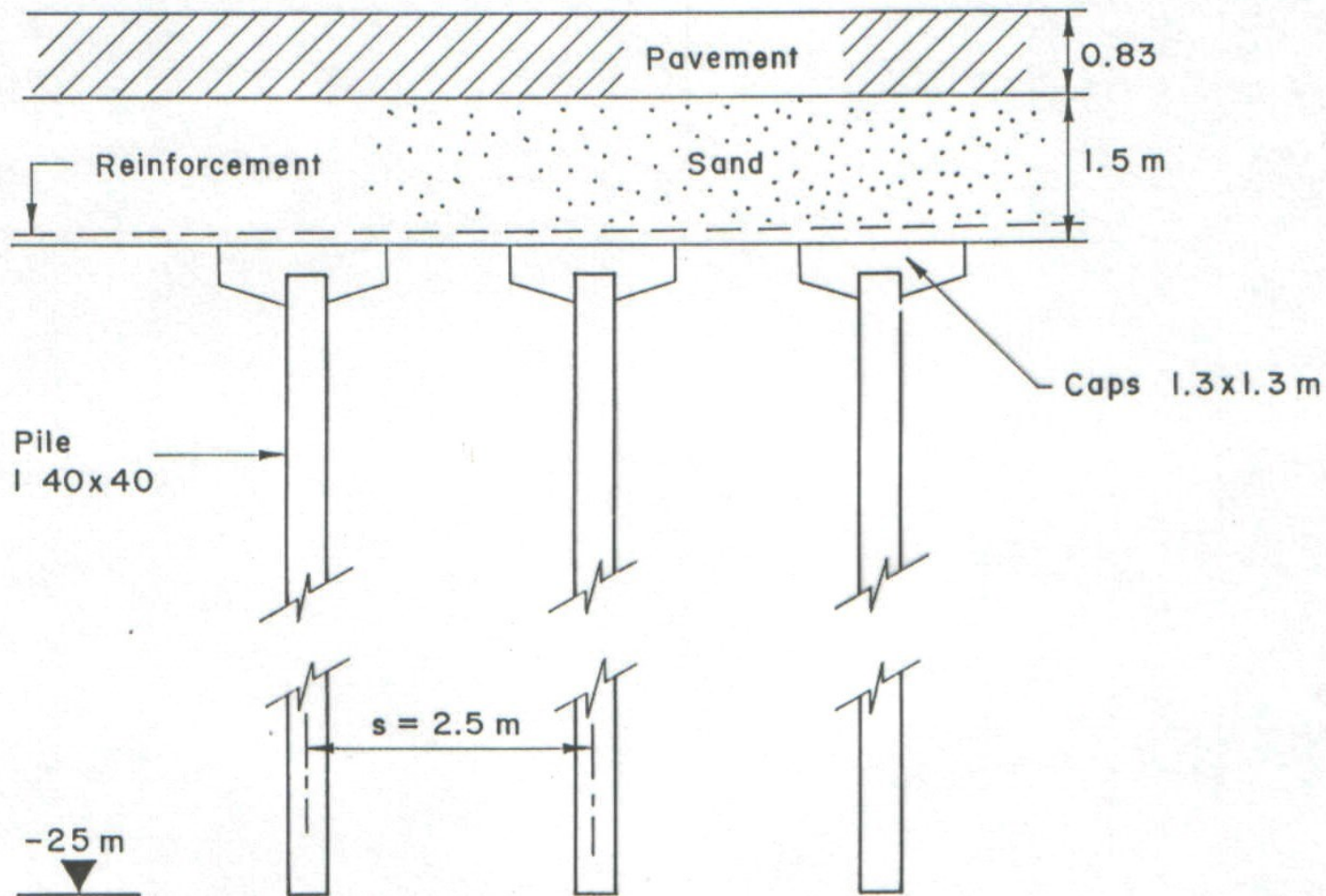
Minimum tension capacity = 10t/m

Improved soil columns:

$q_u \geq 200\text{t/m}^2$



Piles: Allowable load 103 t



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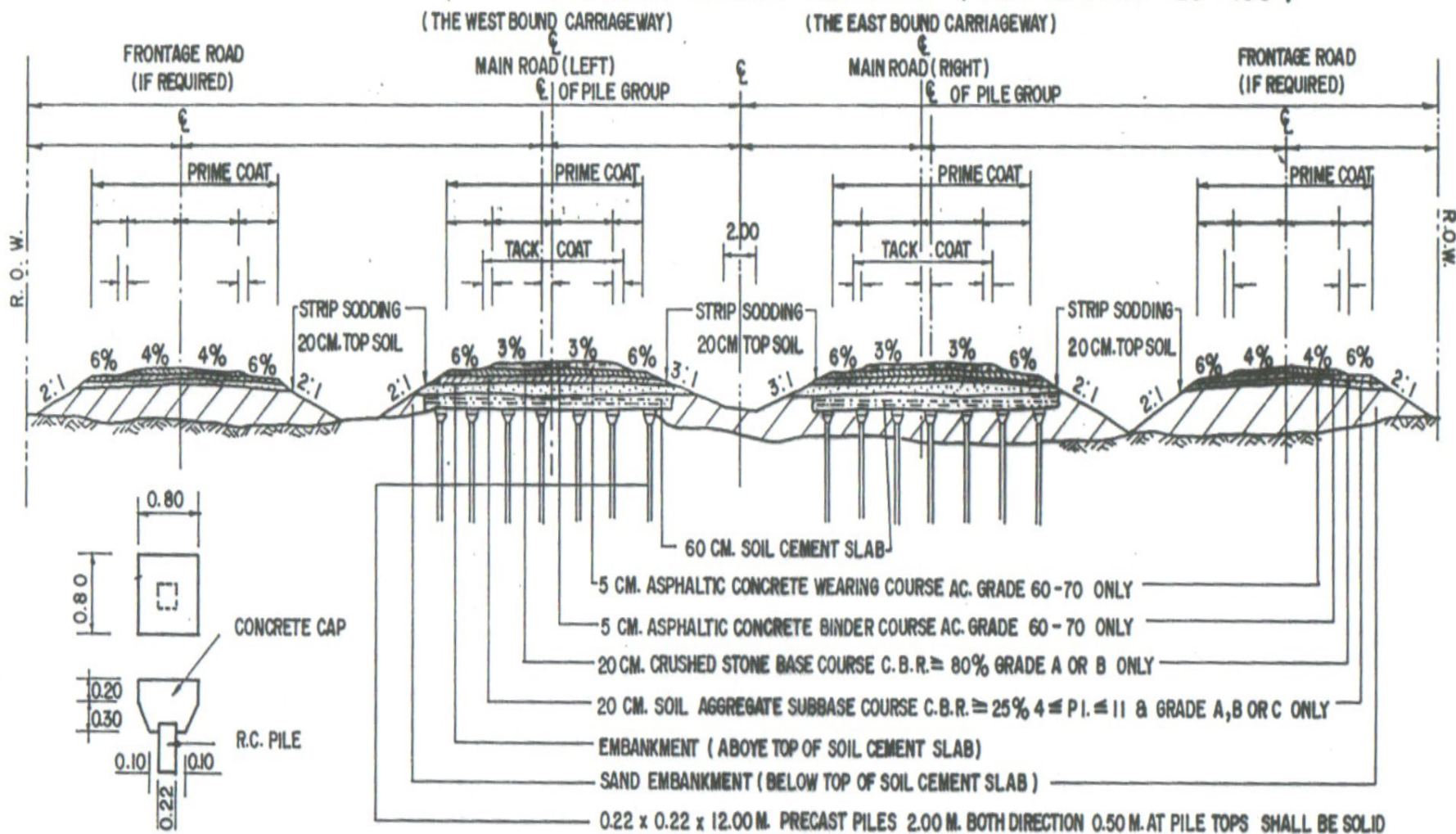
Reinforcement :

**Woven polyester
tension capacity 25 t/m**





TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION (STA. 12 + 000 - 20 + 100)





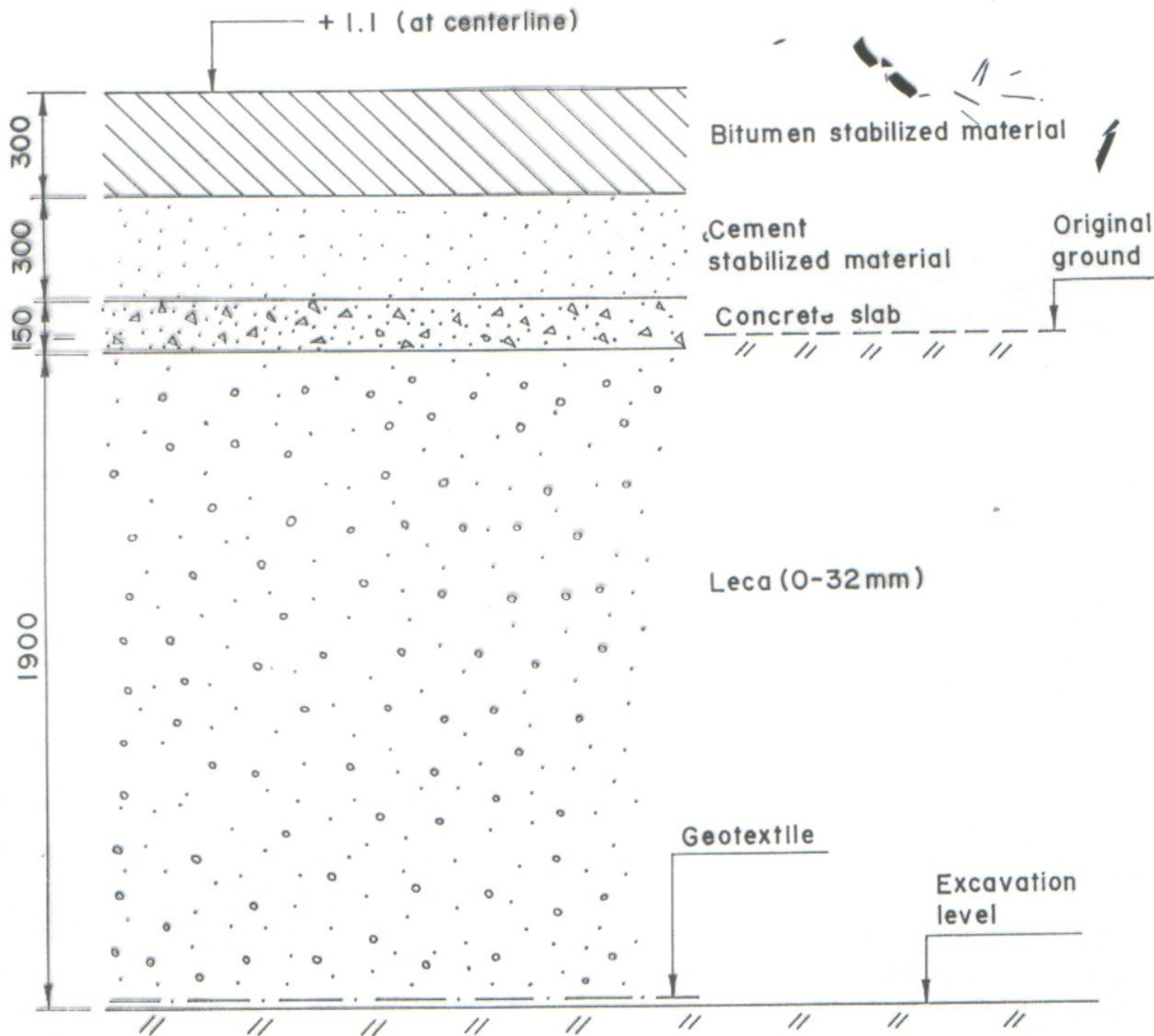




Fig. A-19 PVD Installation in Field



Fig. A-20 PVD Installation in Field



Scope of Work

1. **From published information, the types of suitable Prefabricated Vertical Drains (PVD).**
2. **Laboratory tests to determine the desirable PVD properties.**
3. **Field performance of at least three PVD types.**
4. **Controlling parameters, i.e., PVD properties, spacing and depth of PVD.**
5. **Comparative performance of PVD and sand drains (as studied in 1983).**
6. **Criteria for selecting PVD, design approach, installation procedures and specifications.**

Background

- 1. Previous negative experience with large diameter sand drains by NGI in highway projects in Bangkok.**
- 2. Previous negative experience with sandwicks at the Dockyard site in Bangkok.**
- 3. Previous negative experience with vacuum drains at the airport site in Bangkok.**
- 4. No clear evidence of pore pressure dissipation at the Changi reclamation project in Singapore.**
- 5. Performance of Desol PVD at the Muar site in Malaysia.**
- 6. Piezometric draw-down due to deep well pumping and possible fear of hydraulic connections between PVD and the underlying aquifers in Bangkok.**



PVD Selection, Installation Procedures and Specifications

- **Criteria to ensure safe installation of the Drains**
- **Criteria to ensure the Optimal Performance of the Drains**
- **Proven record of successful use in similar Soil Conditions**
- **Cost and Availability**



List of PVD Considered from Worldwide Survey...••

- **Alidrain (Studded on both sides)**
 - **Ameridrain (408)**
 - **Castle Board (CS1)**
 - **Colbond (CX 1000)**
 - **Flodrain (FD4-EX)**
 - **Geodrain (L-Type)**
 - **Mebra (MD-7007)**
- (i) **Drains with separate core and filter:**
- (a) **grooved core :Ameridrain,
Mebra and Geodrain**
 - (b) **studded core :Flodrain**
 - (c) **filament core :Colbond**
- (ii) **Drains with filter fixed to core**
- (a) **grooved core : Castle Board**



Specifications for Properties of PVD

Mechanical Properties for Survivability	SPECIFICATION	
	Federal Highway Authority, USA	Department of Highways, Thailand
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D-4672)	355N	350N
Puncture Strength (ASTM D-3728)	220N	200N
Burst Strength (ASTM D-3786)	900 kPa	900 kPa
Trapezoidal Shear Strength (ASTM D-4637)	110N	100N



Specifications Criteria for PVD

Properties	Test Designation	Proposed Values
Apparent Opening Size, μm	ASTM D4751-87	Less than 90
Grab Tensile Strength, kN	ASTM D4632-91	Greater than 0.35
Trapezoidal Tear Strength, kN	ASTM D4533-91	Greater than 0.10
Puncture Resistance, kN	ASTM D4833-88	Greater than 0.10
Burst Strength, kN	ASTM D3786-80a	Greater than 900
Discharge Capacity at 7 days, 200 kPa at Hydraulic Gradient of $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$	ASTM D4716-87	Greater than 500
Discharge Capacity @ 200 kPa and Hydraulic Gradient of $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$	Modified Triaxial (Straight)	Greater than 500
Equivalent Dia. = (Length + Width)/2		Greater than 50 mm
O_{90}/D_{85} (Opening Size of Filter / Grain Size of Clay)		Less than 3
O_{50}/D_{50} (Opening Size of Filter / Grain Size of Clay)		Less than 24



Fig. A-14 Modified Triaxial Cell: Twisted Specimen

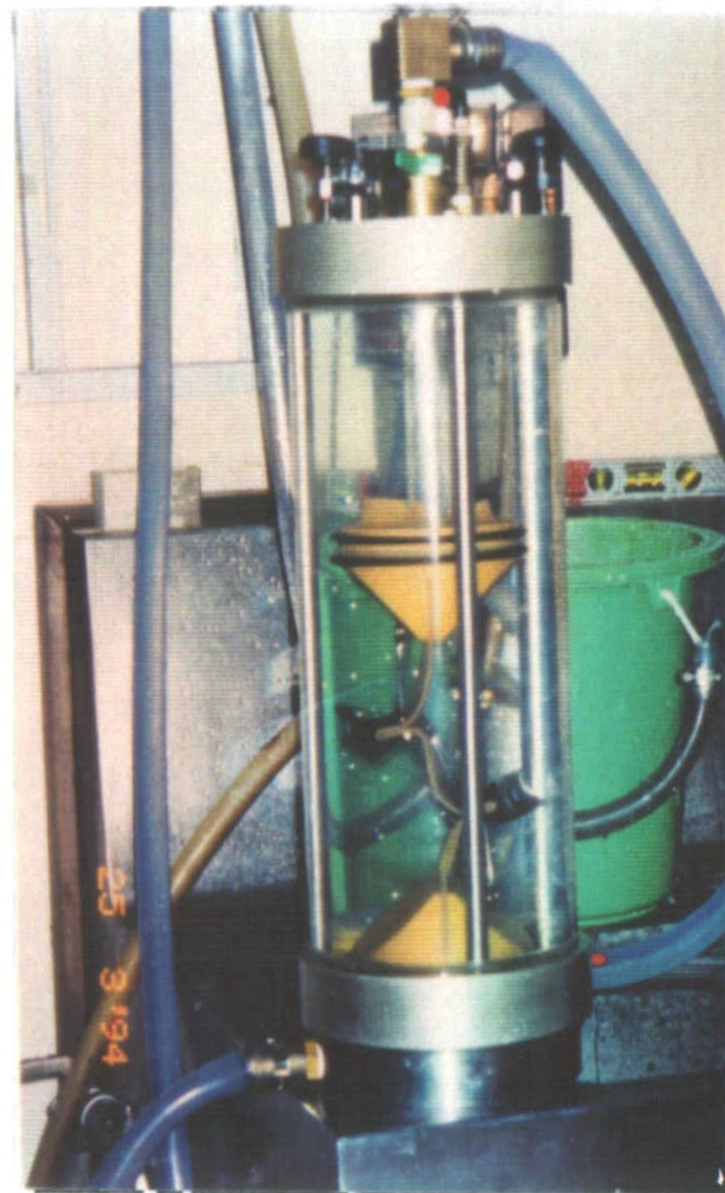


Fig. A-15 Modified Triaxial Cell: Clamped Specimen

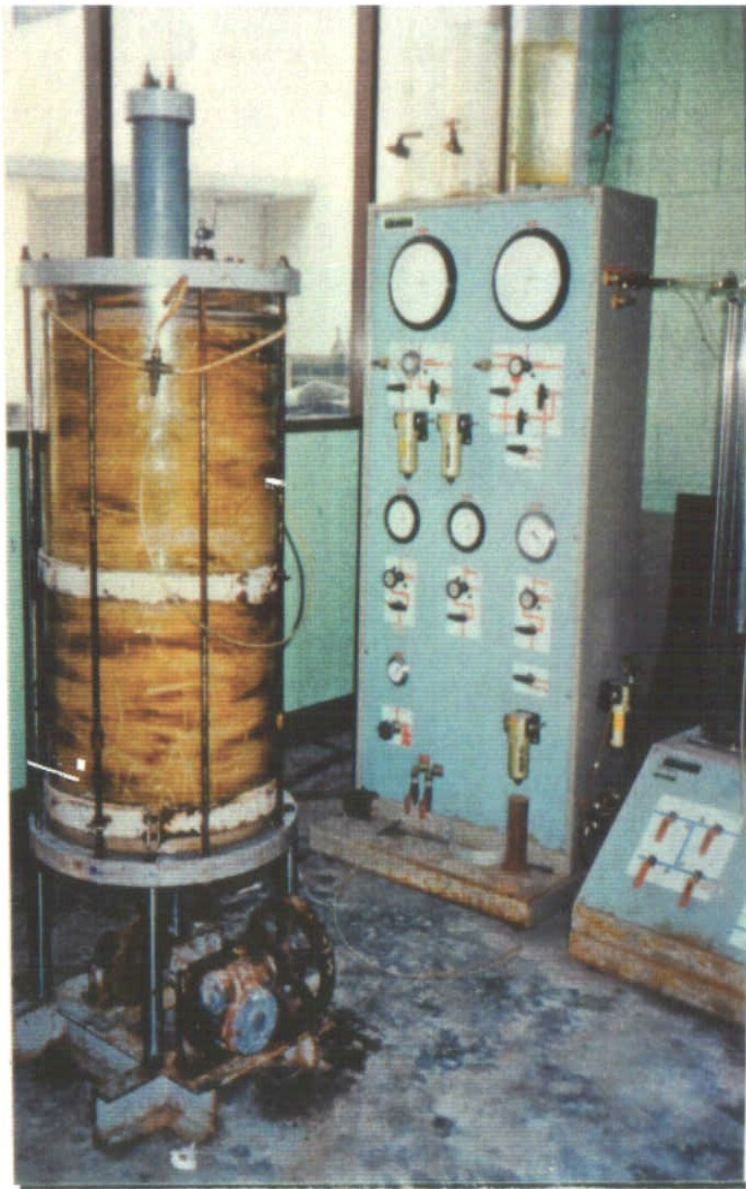


Fig. A-16 Large Consolidometer with Central Drainage

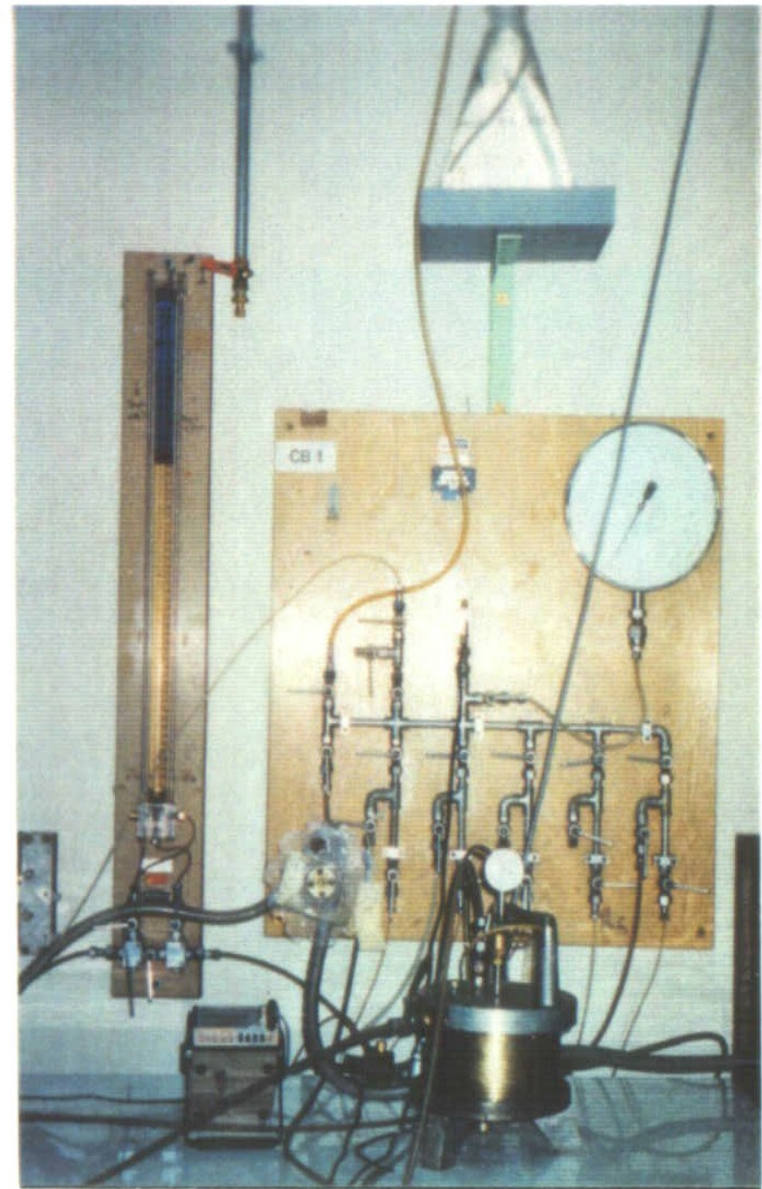
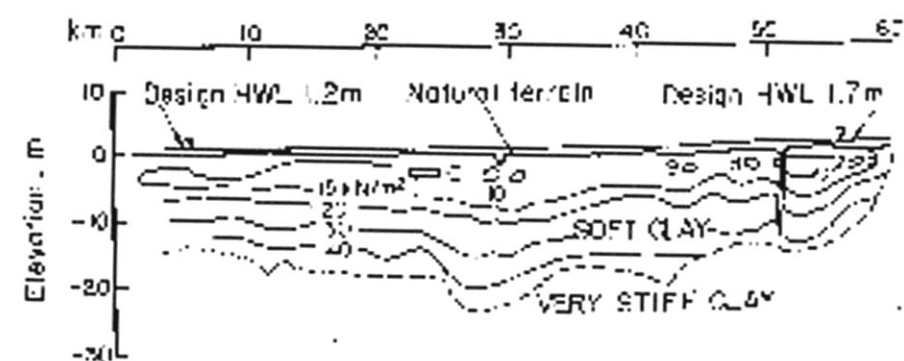
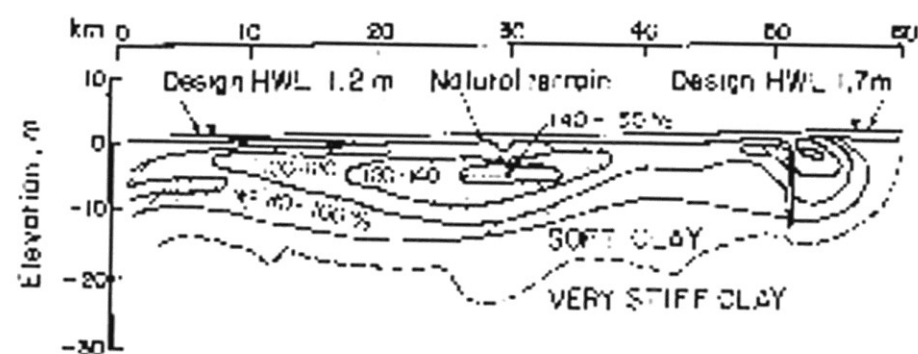
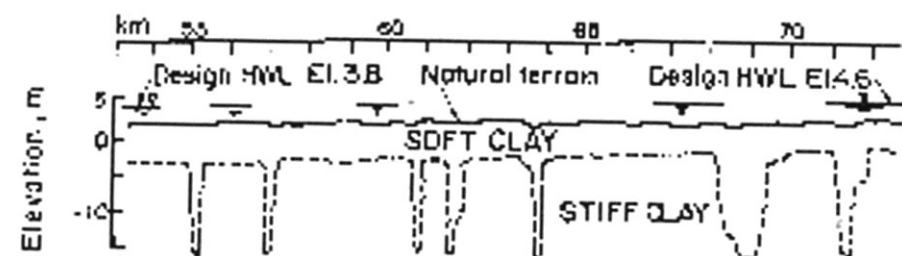


Fig. A-17 Rowe Cell Test Apparatus

Salient Features

Geotechnical Investigation at Nong Ngo Hao Airport Site

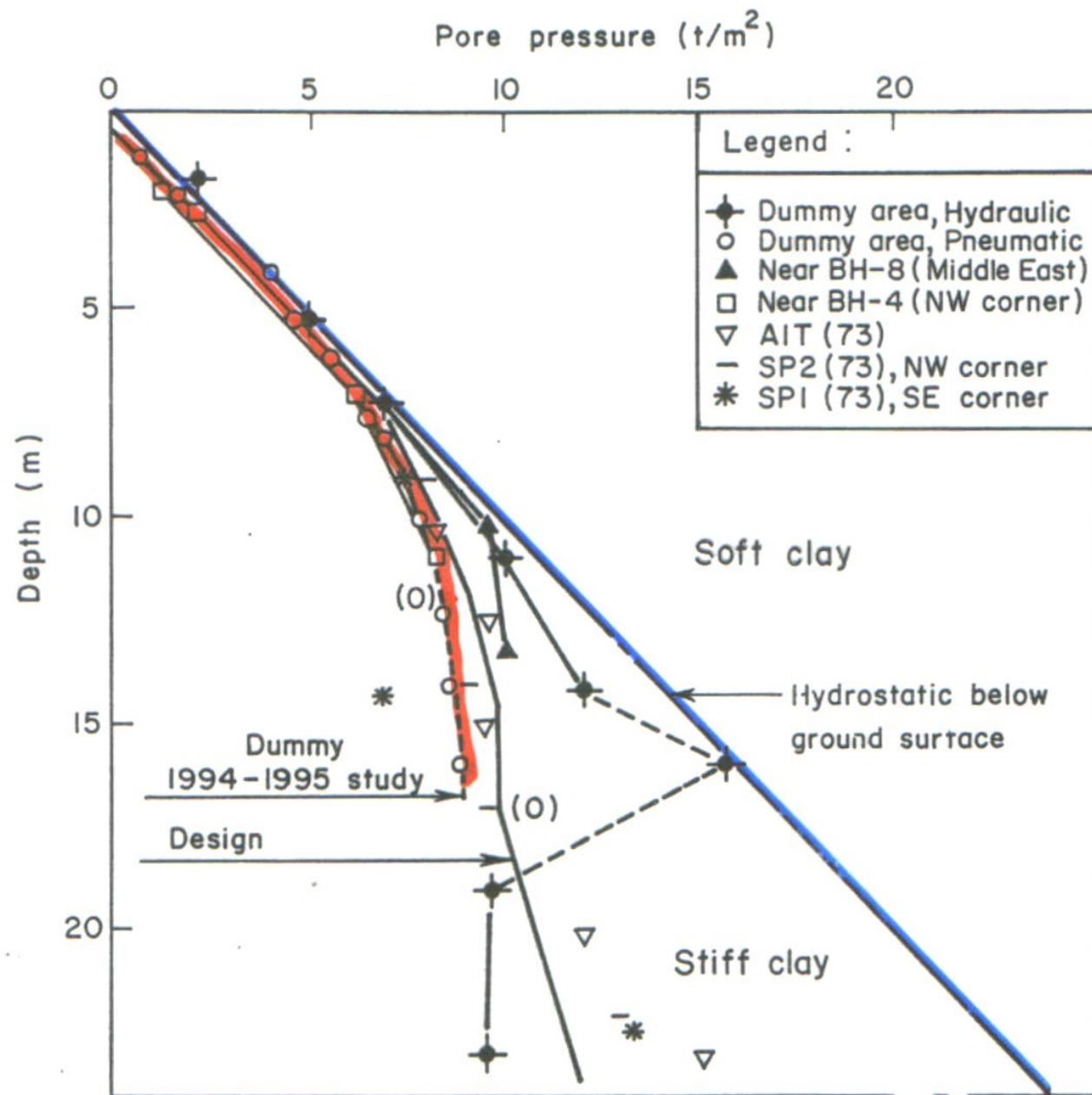
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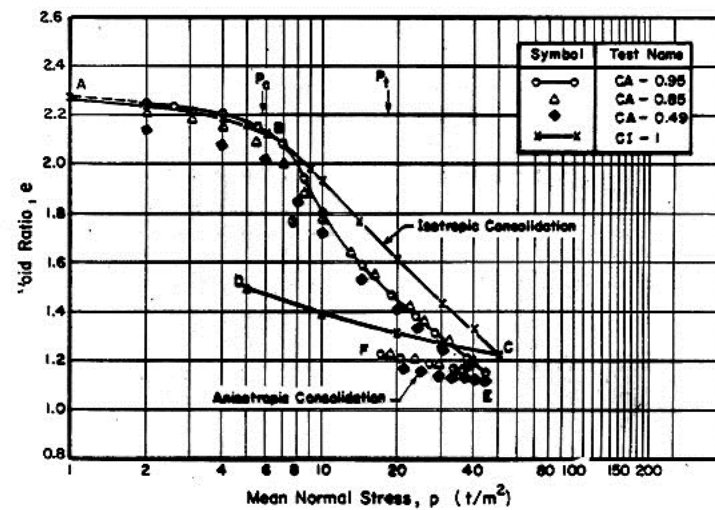
- 1. The need to characterize the various soil layers and to identify the possible presence or absence of deep gullies of soft clays would have resulted in having a large number of boreholes and insitu tests.**
- 2. The test embankments and the excavation were carried out to monitor the field settlements under various magnitude of surcharge and to ensure the stability of the embankment and the excavation on a full scale basis and to compare the values estimated from single element laboratory tests and small scale in-situ tests**

- 1. Selection of PVD**
- 2. Construction in the rainy season under flooded conditions**
- 3. Stability of the test embankments**
- 4. Have to really prove that the settlement is due to consolidation and not from undrained yielding without any volume change**

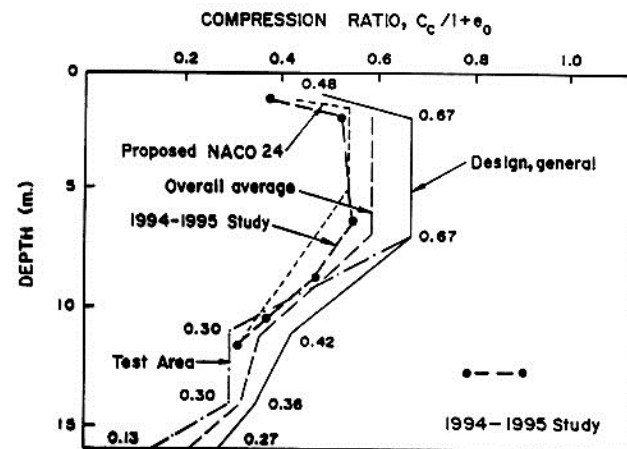
- 5. The piezometric draw-down due to subsidence made the computation of settlement from pore pressure dissipation difficult.**
- 6. Computations need to convince that the degree of consolidation estimated from pore pressure dissipation and settlement measurements are comparable.**
- 7. Undrained strength measurements should reflect the strength increase due to water content reductions.**
- 8. Reason for continuing settlements.**



Variation of Piezometric Pressures with Depth



Typical Consolidation and Swelling Curves



NOTE :

Design values are from proposed

$$\text{Correlation, } \frac{C_c}{1+e_0} = \left(\frac{w\%}{100} \right) \times 0.58$$

Fig. 5(e) Variation of Compression Ratio with Depth

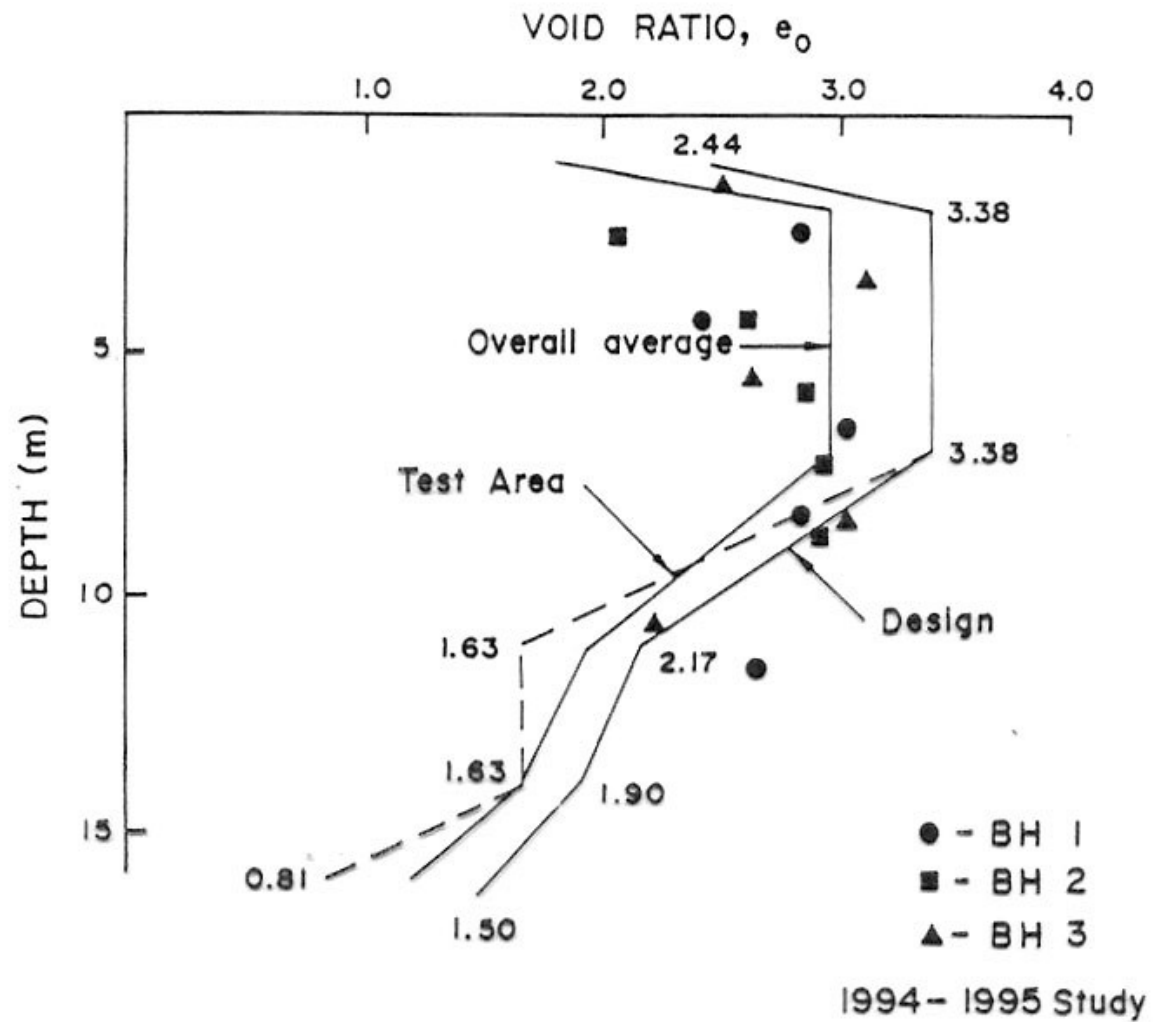
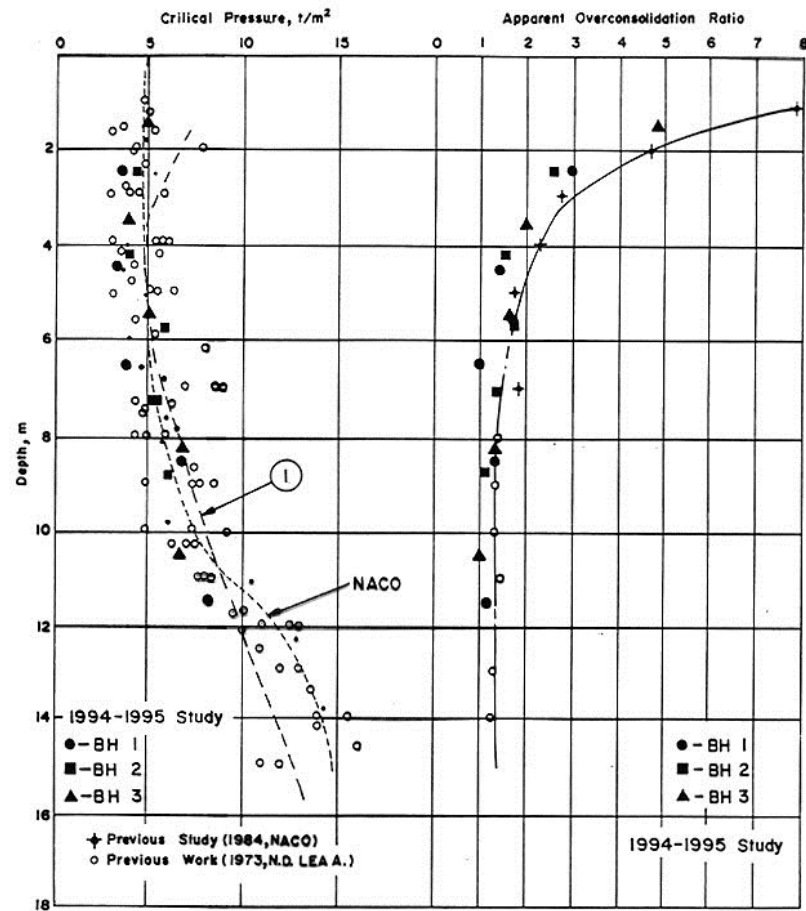
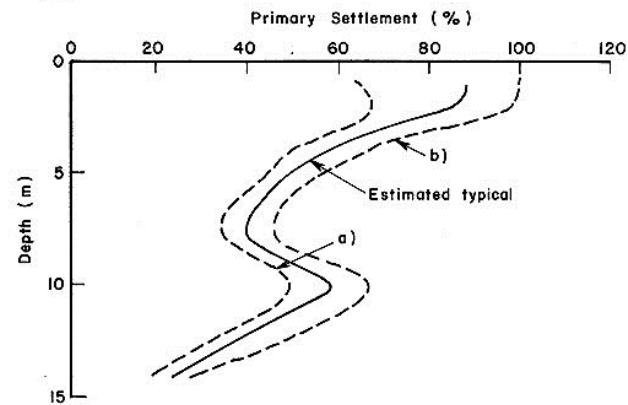
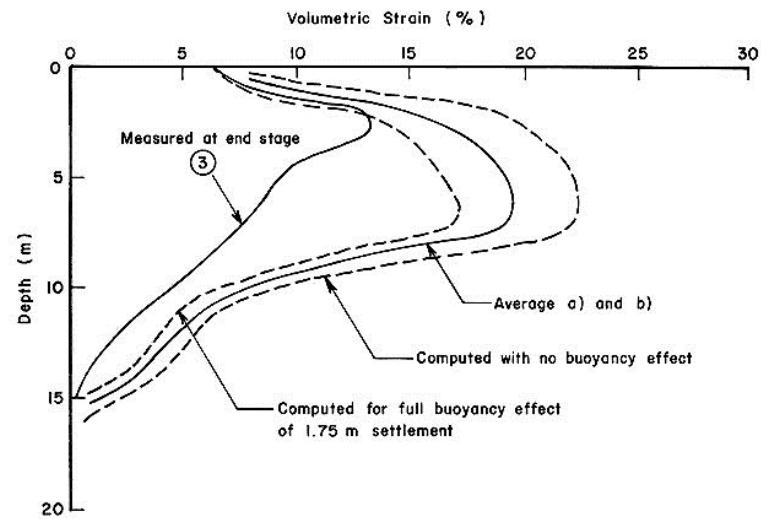


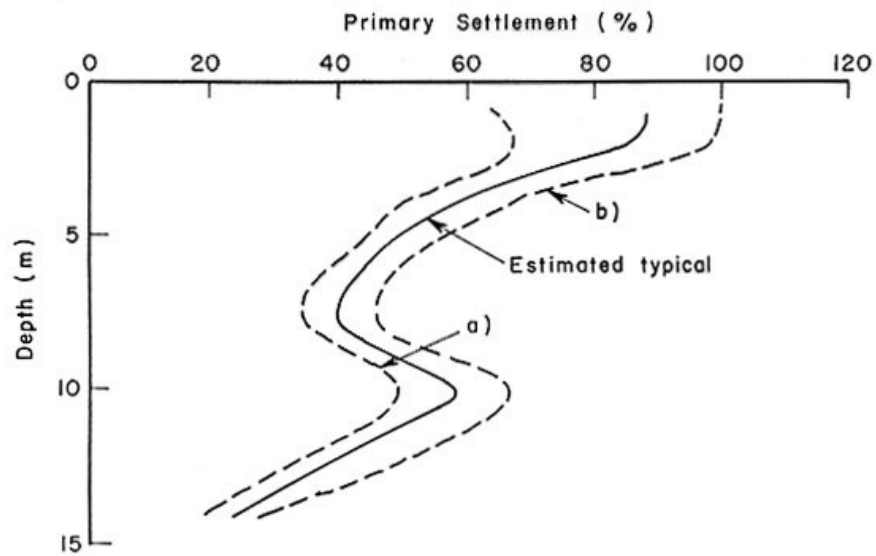
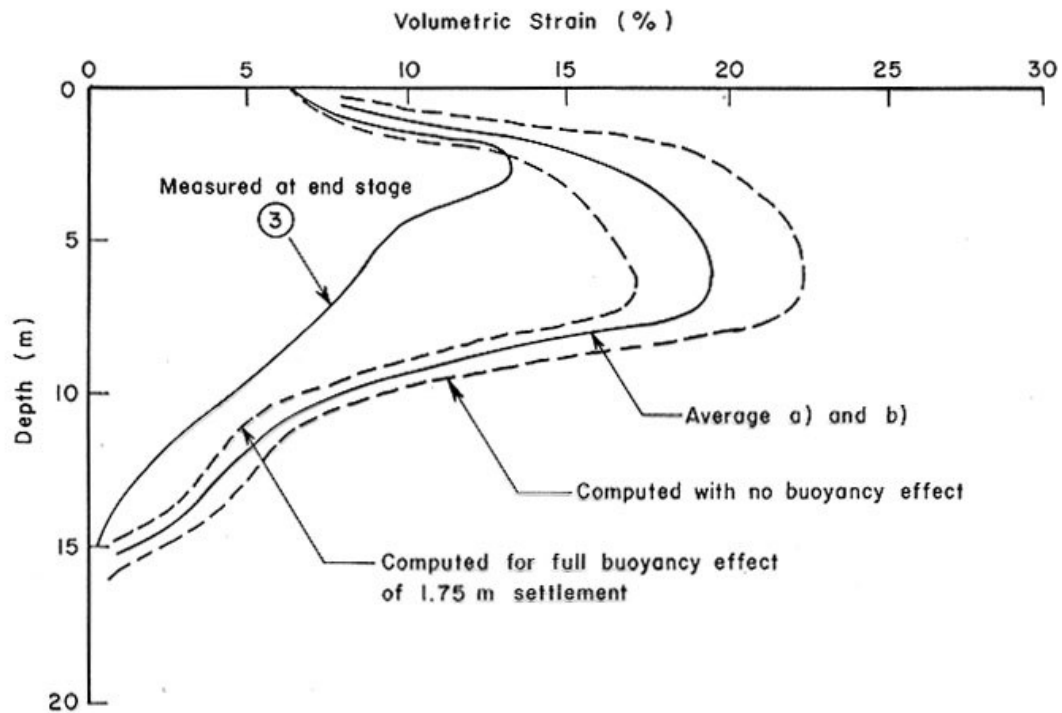
Fig. 5(c) Variation of Void Ratio with Depth



① This is based on correlation between OCR, (s_u/σ'_{v0}) vane and I_p according to Bjerrum (1973) and Aas et al. (1985)

Fig. 5(f) Variation of Critical Pressure and Apparent Overconsolidation Ratio with Depth





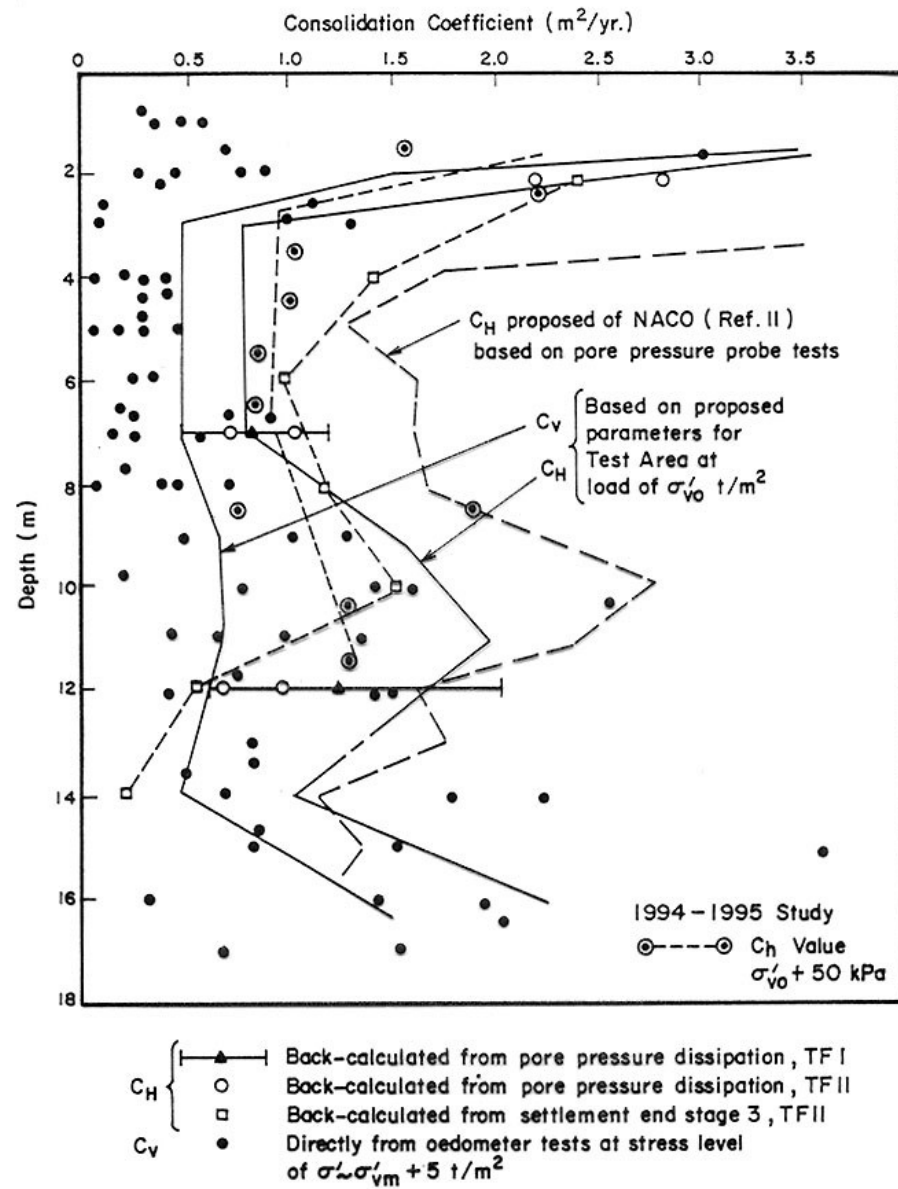


Fig. 5(h) Variation of Coefficient of Consolidation - c_h values

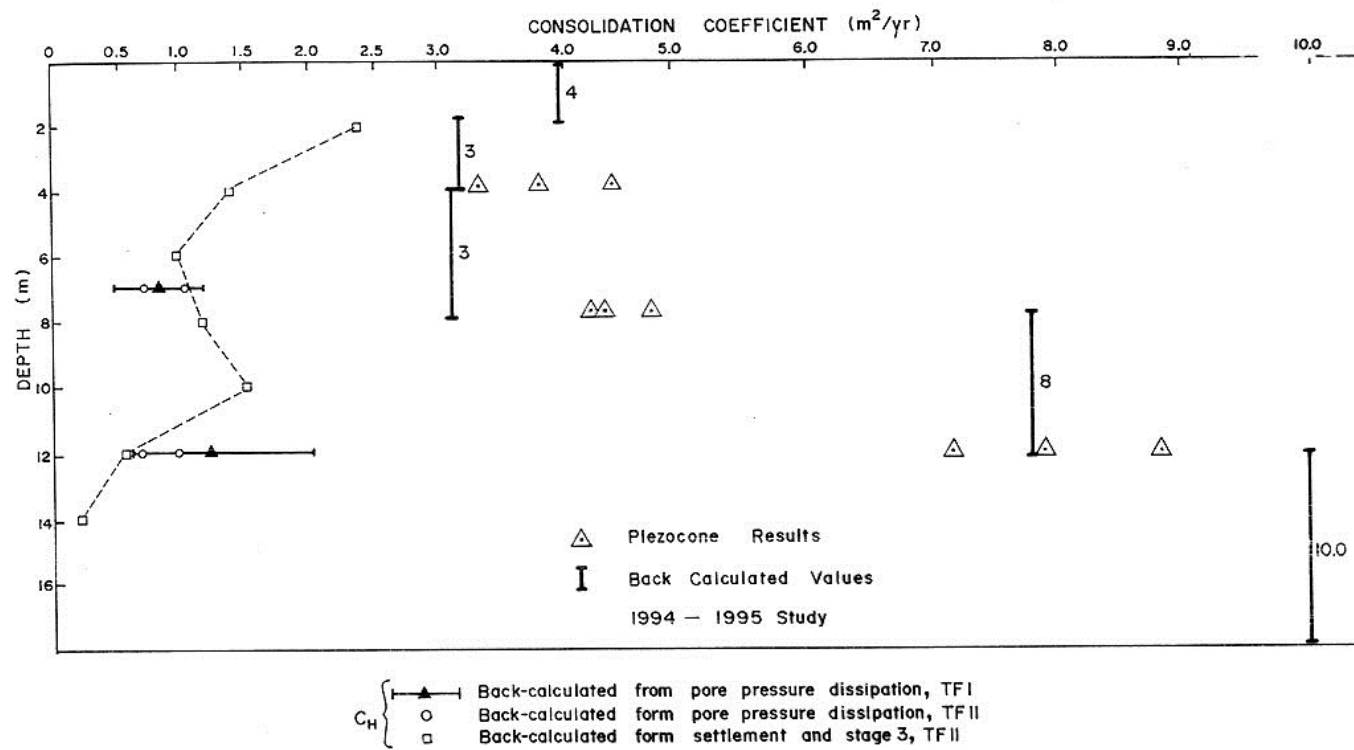


Fig. 2.17 Variation of Horizontal Coefficient of Consolidation (c_h)

Summary of settlement Parameters

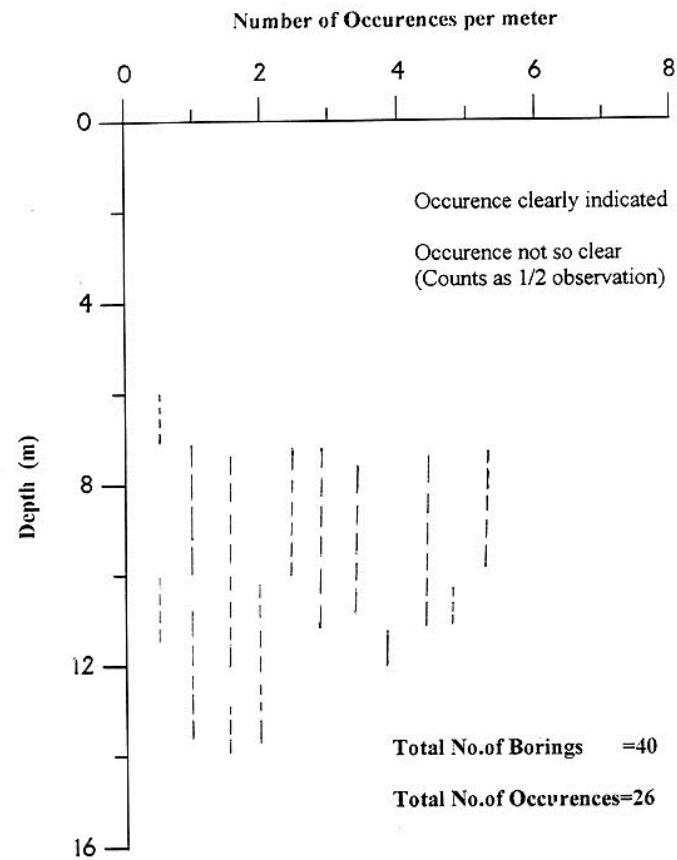
Depth (m)	σ'_{vo} (t/m ²)	P'_c (t/m ²)	e_o	C_c $1 + e_o$	Permeability (x 10 ⁻⁷ cm/sec)			Typ. Consol. Coeff. (m ² /yr.) (at $p' = \sigma'_{vo} + 5$ t/m ²)	
					k_{vo}	k_{ho}	C_k	C_v	C_h
1	1.15	5.00	2.44	0.48	10.0	10.0	1.17	6.00	6.00
2	1.70	5.00	3.38	0.67	4.0	6.8	1.52	1.50	2.50
4	2.62	5.00	3.38	0.67	1.5	2.55	1.52	0.45	0.77
7	4.00	5.80	3.38	0.67	1.5	2.55	1.52	0.45	0.77
11	7.80	8.40	2.17 (1.63)	0.42 (0.30)	0.5 (0.24)	1.45 (0.7)	0.98 (0.73)	0.65 (0.67)	1.88 (1.94)
14	11.60	11.6	1.90 (1.63)	0.36 (0.30)	0.35 (0.17)	0.82 (0.4)	0.86 (0.73)	0.75 (0.43)	1.75 (1.00)
16	14.80	14.8	1.50 (0.81)	0.27 (0.13)	0.18 (0.11)	0.32 (0.2)	0.68 (0.36)	0.75 (1.27)	1.36 (2.30)

Summary of Main Settlement Parameters in the Soft Clay Layer

Depth (m)	σ'_{vo}	P'_c	CR	Permeability ($\times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec)		Typ. Consol. Coeff. ($m^2/yr.$) (at $p' = \sigma'_{vo} + 5 \text{ t/m}^2$)	
				k_{vo}	k_{ho}	C_v	C_h
1	1.15	5.00	0.48	10.0	10.0	6.00	6.00
2	1.70	5.00	0.67	4.0	6.8	1.50	2.50
4	2.62	5.00	0.67	1.5	2.55	0.45	0.77
7	4.00	5.80	0.67	1.5	2.55	0.45	0.77
11	7.80	8.40	0.42	0.5	1.45	0.65	1.88
14	11.60	11.6	0.32	0.35	0.82	0.75	1.75
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Calculated Total Primary Consolidation Settlements

Applied Preload (t/m ²)	Total Consolidation Settlements (m)
5.0	1.12
6.0	1.54
6.5	1.72
6.85	1.84
7.0	1.90
7.5	2.06



Statistical Distribution of Sand Lenses Based on Pore Pressure Probe Tests



Soil Parameters used in Settlement and Stability Analysis

Zone	Depth (m)	Z_t (m)	Γ (kN/m ³)	$\bar{\sigma}_{vo}$ (kPa)	$\bar{\sigma}_p$ (kPa)	OCR	CR	RR	c_h (m ² /yr)	S_u (kPa)
1	0.3-2.0	0.85	16.0	12.1	75	6.20	0.30	0.030	10	12.5
2	2.0-5.0	4.2	14.5	28.5	50	1.75	0.55	0.055	3	10.0
	5.0-7.0									10.5
3	7.0-9.0	8.7	14.5	48.7	65	1.35	0.045	0.045	4	14.0
	9.0-11.0									17.5
4	11.0-13.0	11.7	16.0	64.7	87	1.35	0.035	0.035	4	23.0
5	13.0-15.0	13.7	16.5	77.2	105	1.35	0.030	0.030	4	30.0

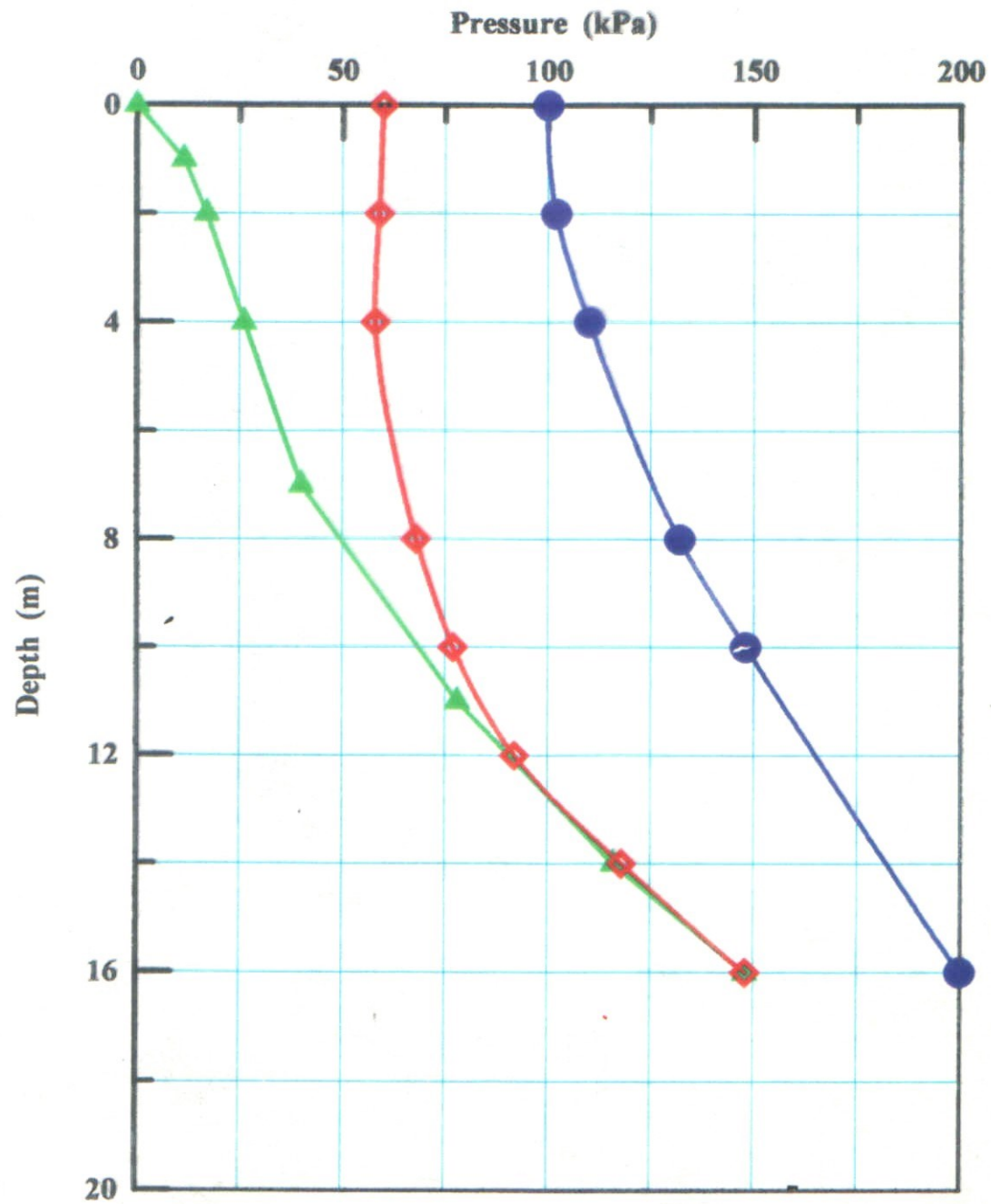


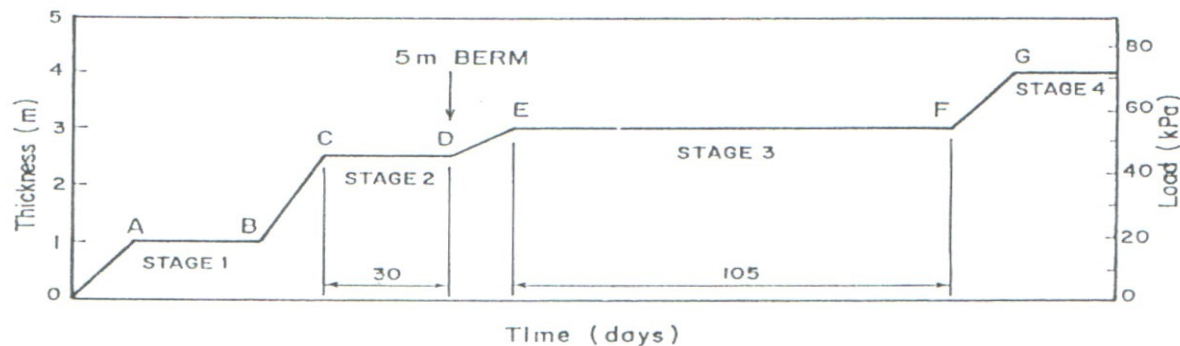


Soil Parameters used in the F. E. M. Analysis

Depth (m)	λ	κ	M	ν	k_v 10^{-4} (m/day)	k_h 10^{-4} (m/day)	e_{cs}
0-2	0.34	0.07	1.2	0.25	25.9	25.9	2.80
2-7	0.90	0.18	0.9	0.30	5.9	10.1	5.90
7-12	0.50	0.10	1.0	0.25	2.6	5.2	4.00
12-15	0.34	0.07	1.2	0.25	1.0	2.1	3.00
15-22	0.10	0.02	1.2	0.20	0.3	0.5	1.30







SUMMARY OF THE STABILITY ANALYSIS

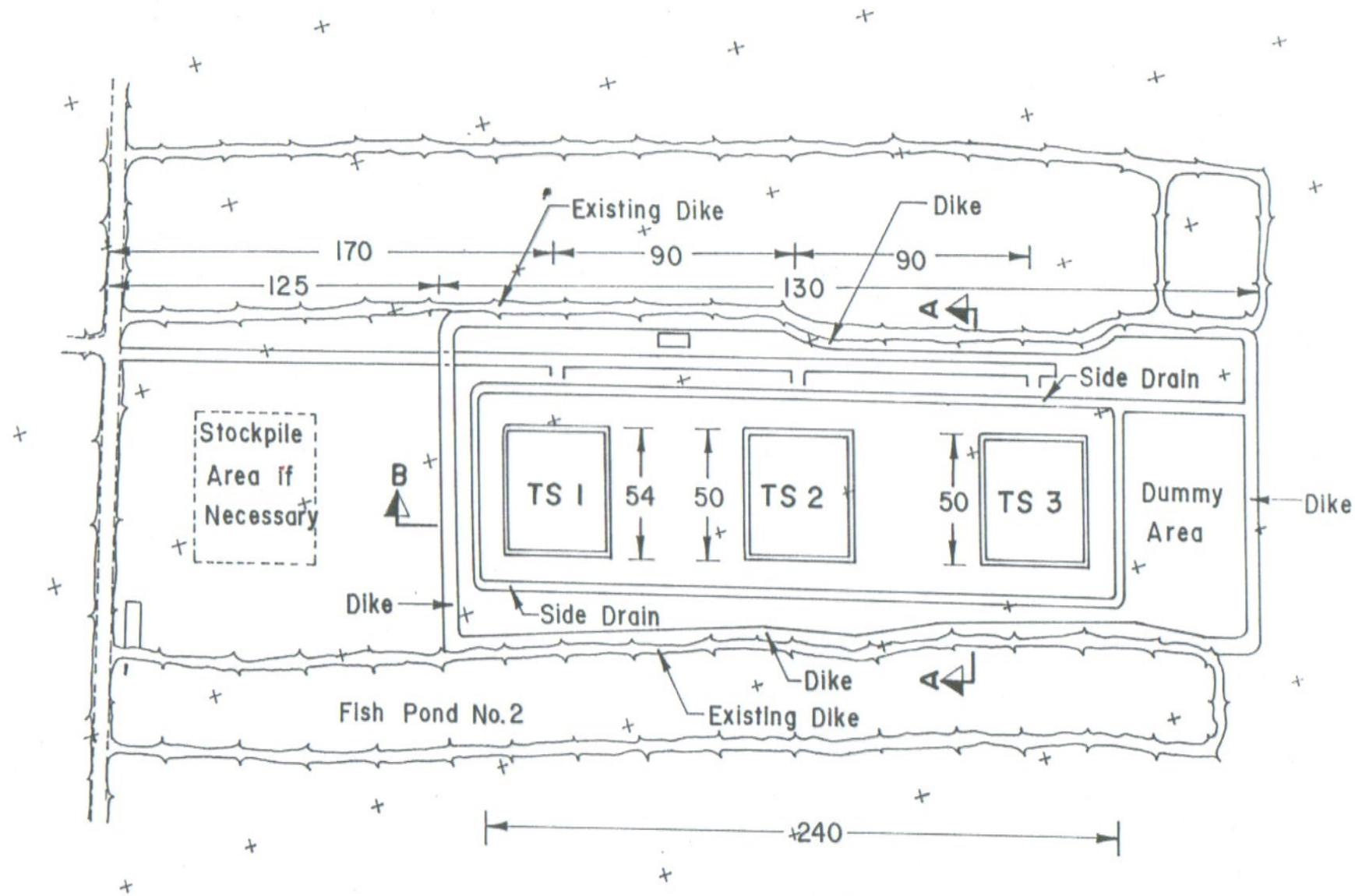
POINT	THICKNESS (m)	LOAD (kPa)	DURATION (Days)	FACTOR OF SAFETY	
				with 5 kPa Load	without Load
C	2.5	45		<u>1.18</u>	1.30
D	2.5	45	30	1.33	1.48
E	3.0	54		1.23	1.34
F	3.0	54	105	1.54	1.65
G	4.0	72		1.26	1.34

Calculated Strength Gain and Settlement at the End of Each Loading Stage

POINT	$\Delta\sigma_v'$ (kPa)	RS_u $=S_u/S_{u0}$	$\Delta\sigma_v'/\Delta q_c$	$\Delta\sigma_v'/\Delta u_p$	S_c (cm)	S_c/S_{cf}
D	11.4	1.07	0.25	0.25	22	0.17
F	35.1	1.42	0.65	0.83	65	0.50

- $\Delta\sigma_v'$: Increase of effective stress at calculated time
 σ_c : Embankment load at calculated time
 Δu_p : Excess pore pressure just after adding the additional load including the remaining pore pressure from the previous stage
 S_c : Consolidation settlement at calculated time
 S_{cf} : Final consolidation settlement at 72 kPa load=130 cm

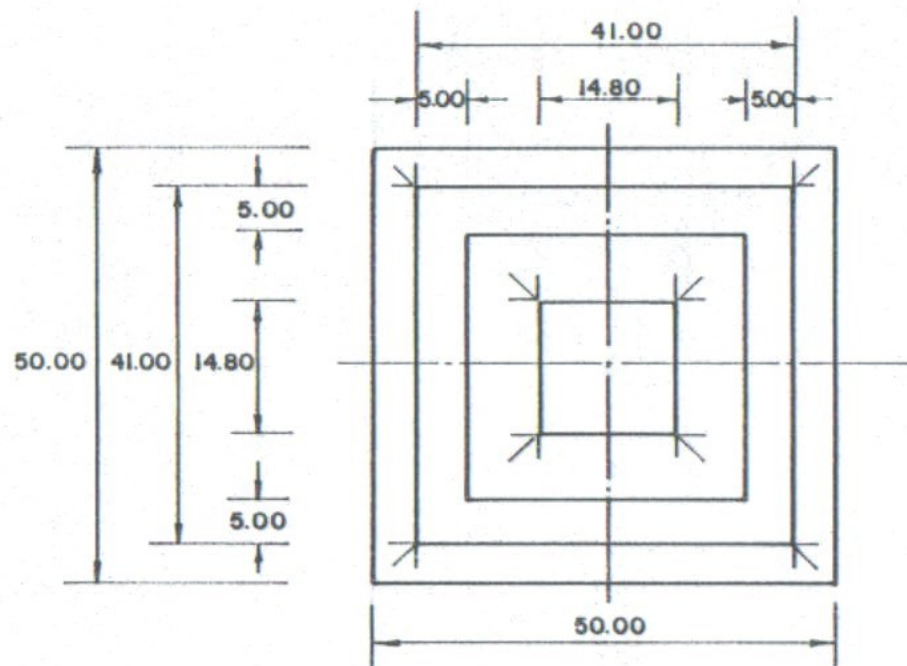
Fig. 4.18 Summary of Stability and Settlement Analyses for Embankment TS3 (with 1.0 m Drain Spacing)



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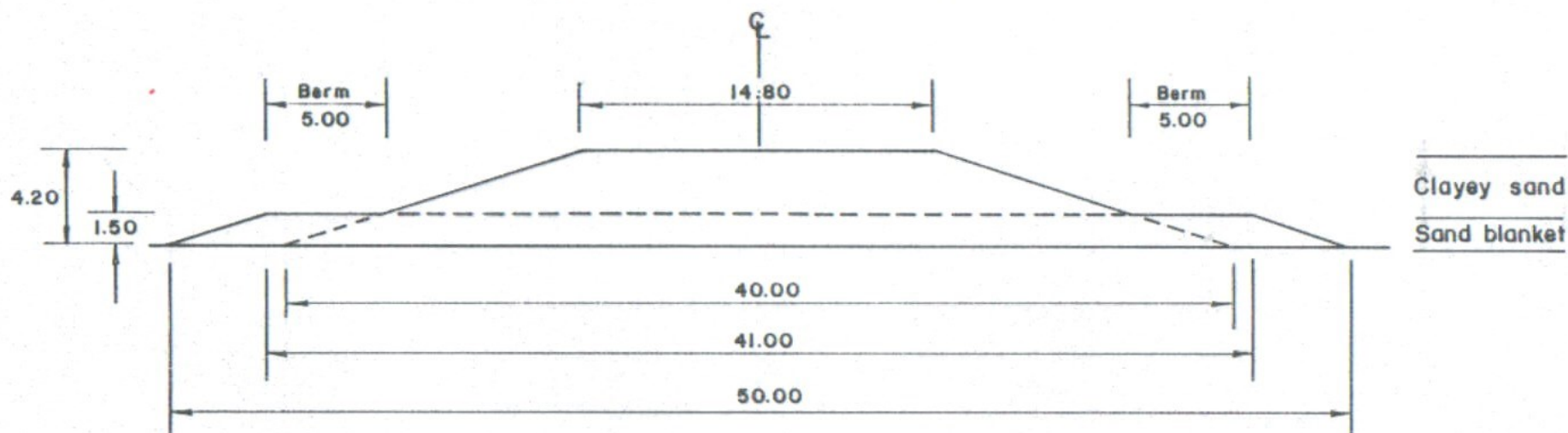
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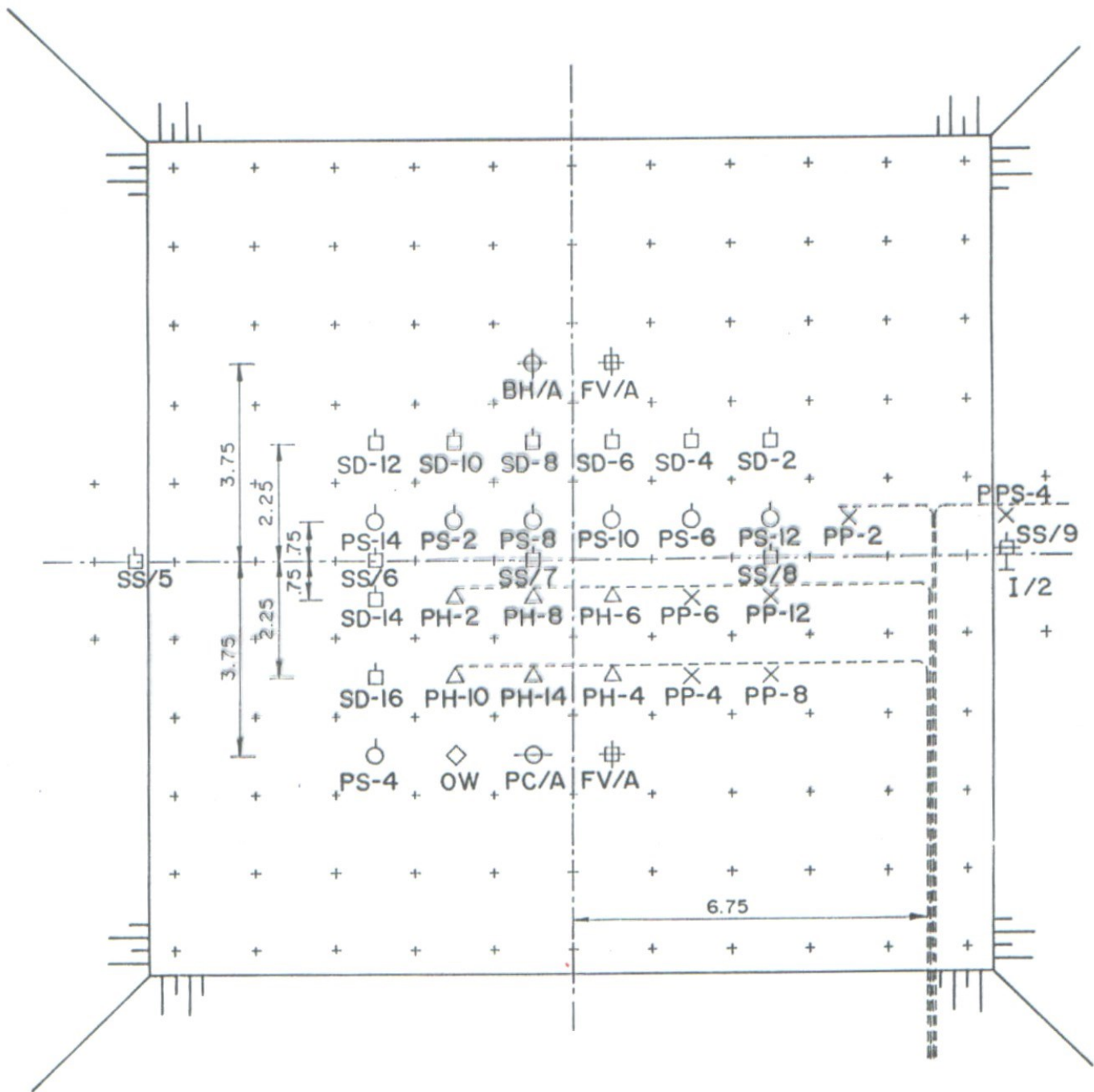
TS-2 & TS-3

Plan 1 : 750



Section 1 : 250

Details of Test Embankments TS2 and TS3



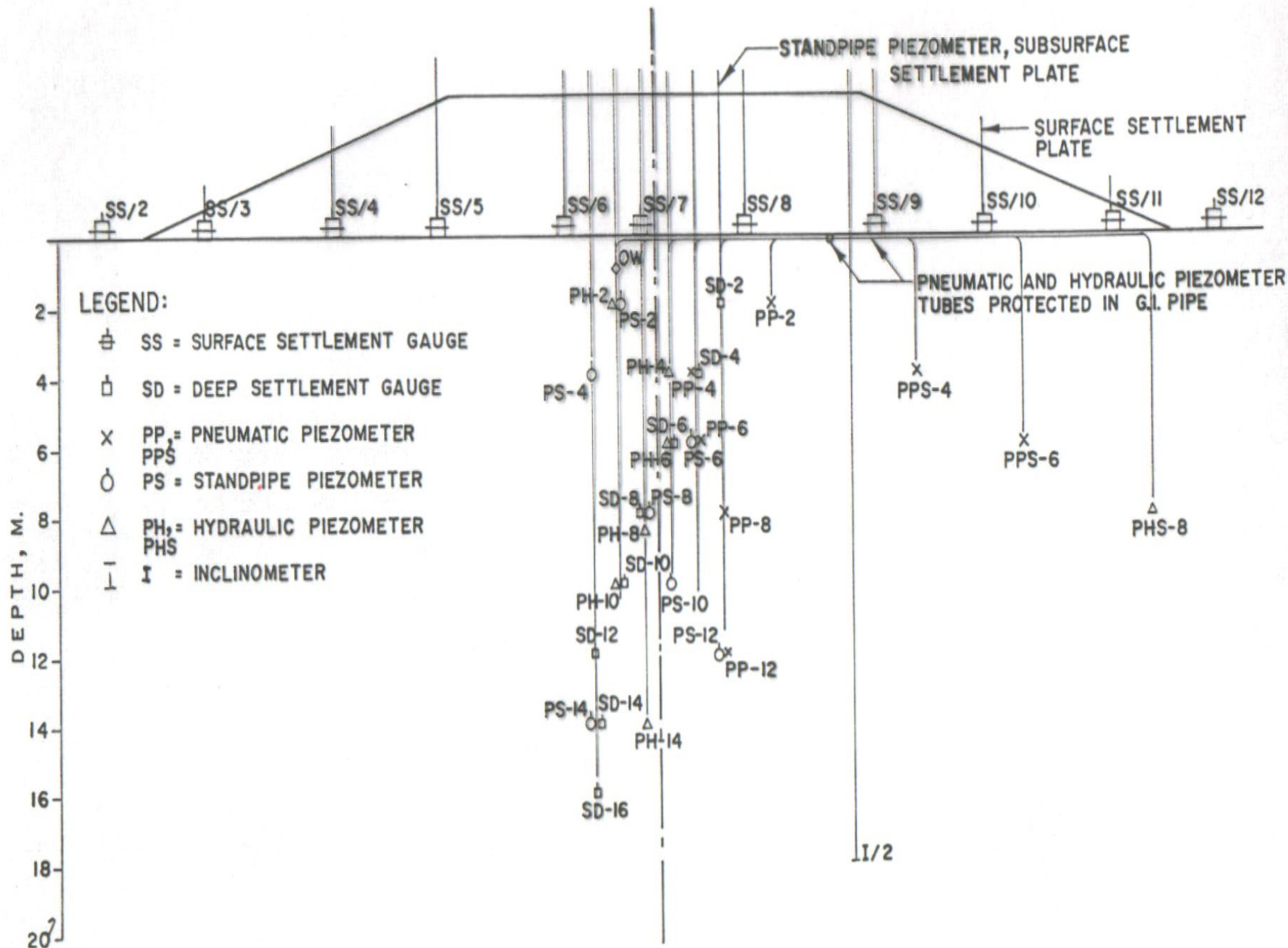
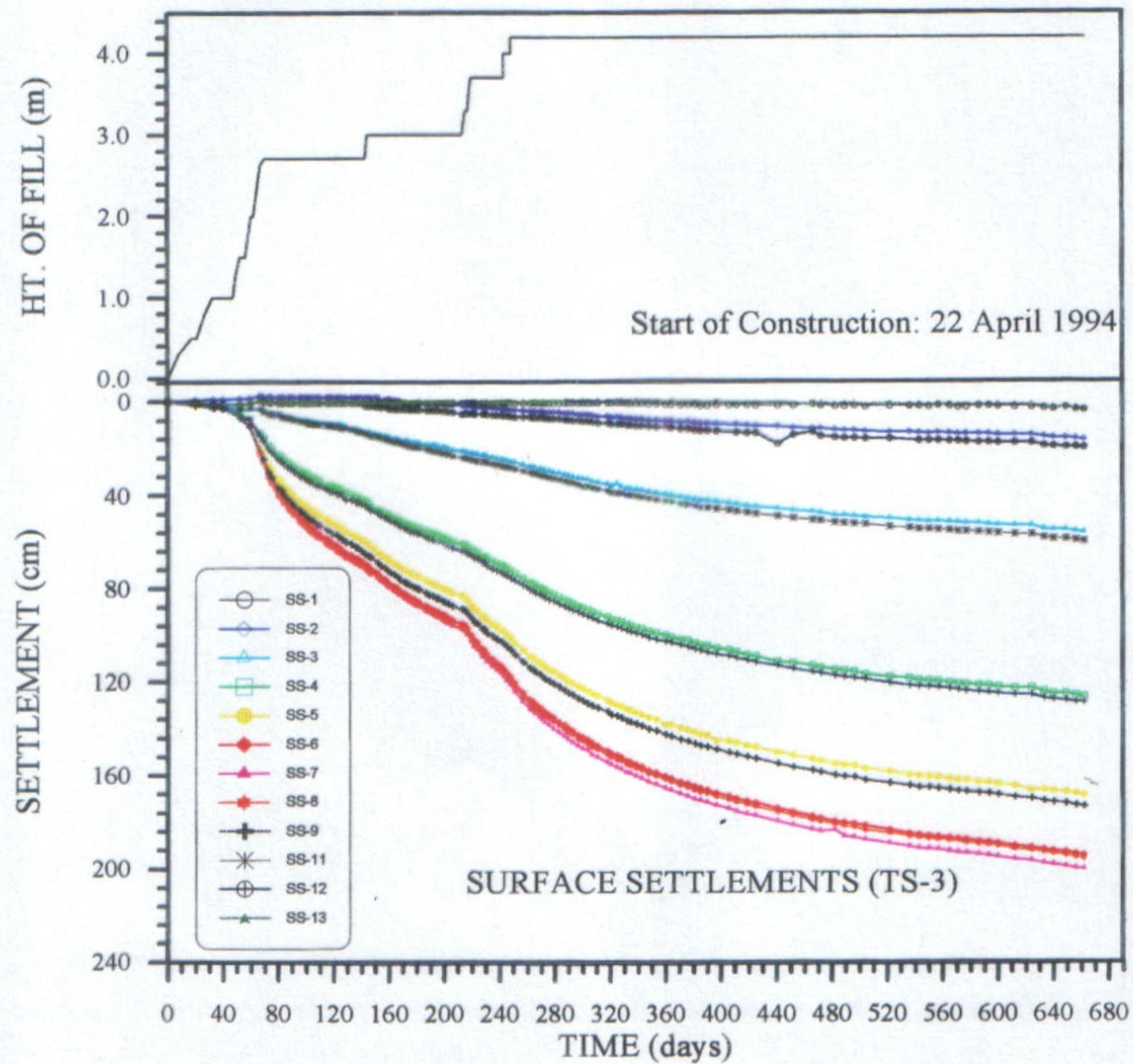




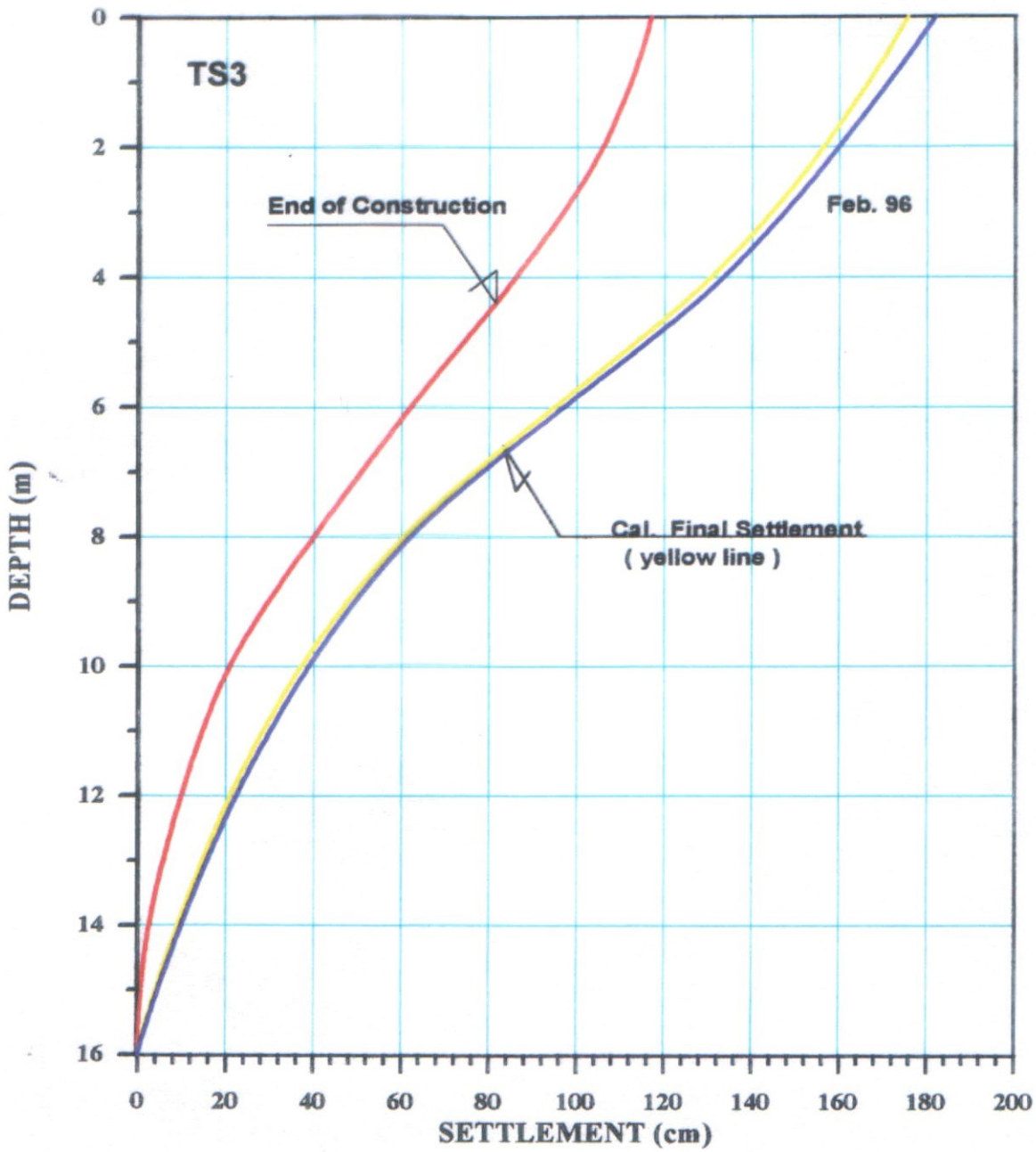
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Fig. A-20 PVD Installation in Field



**Fig. 3 Time-Settlement Plot (TS3) with Loading Schedule
(Surface Settlement Gauge Measurements)**



SETTLEMENT PROFILES OF TS3

LATERAL DEFORMATION (mm)

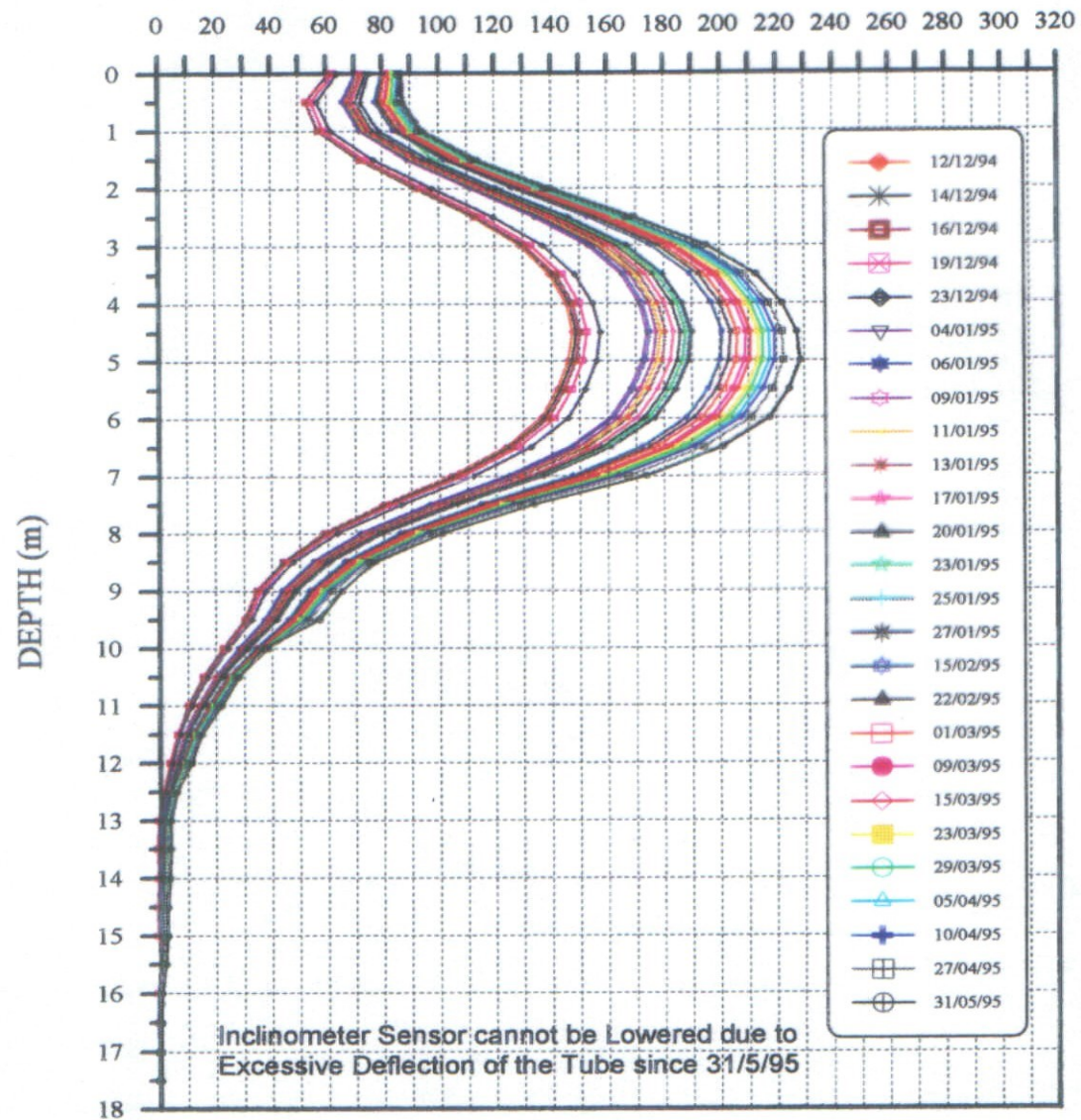


Fig. 12 Lateral Deformations with Depth (TS3 - I2)

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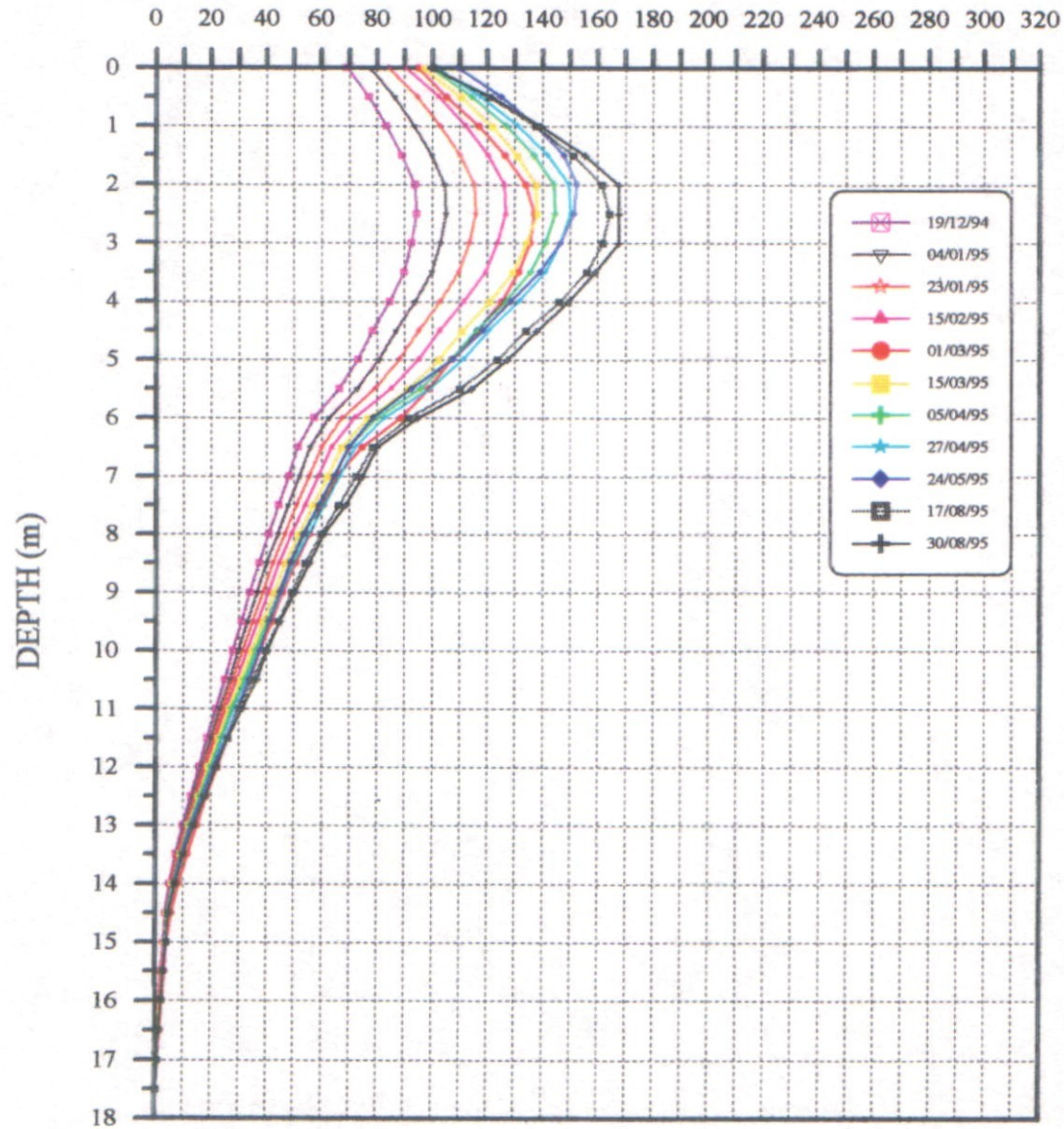


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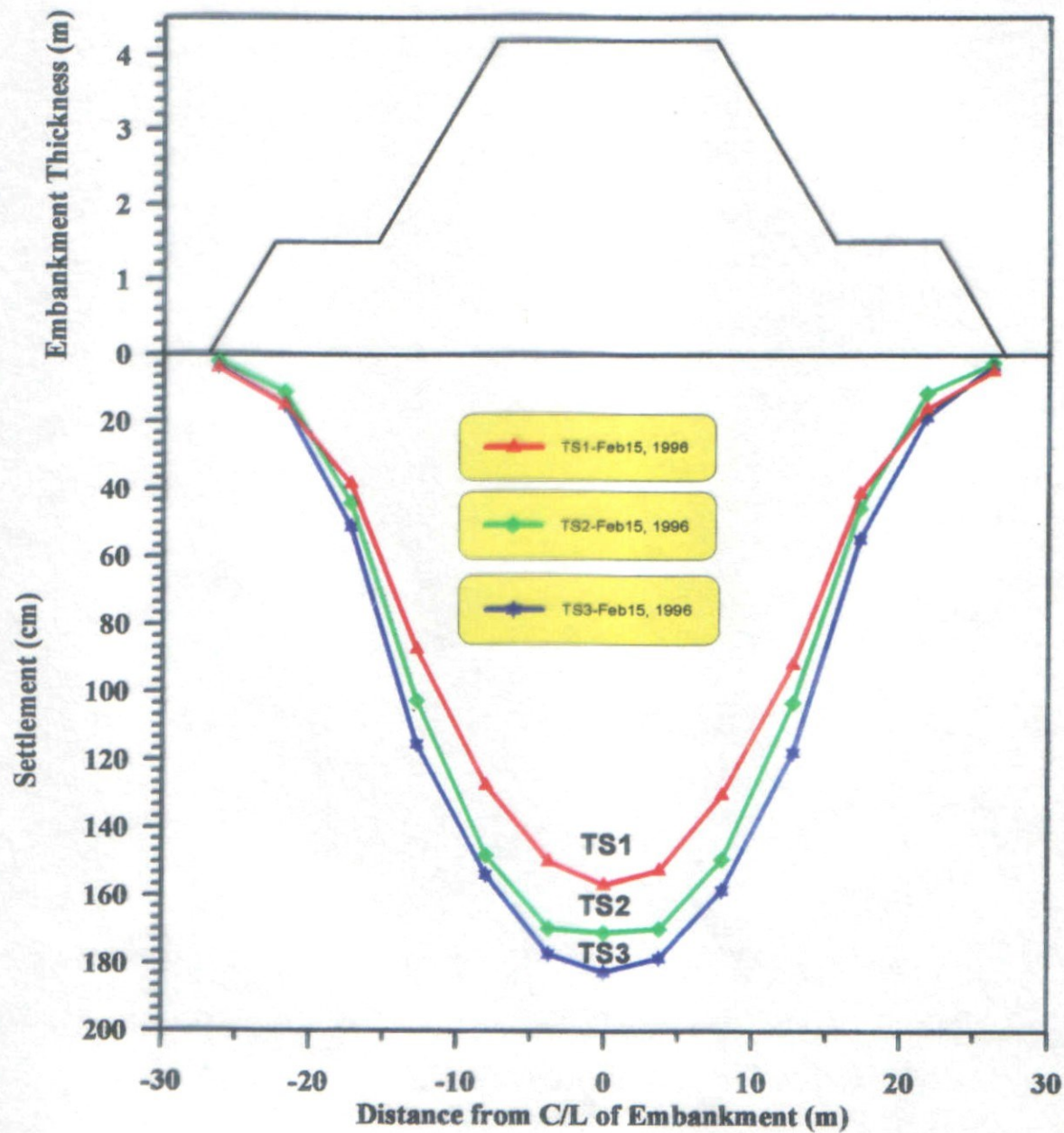
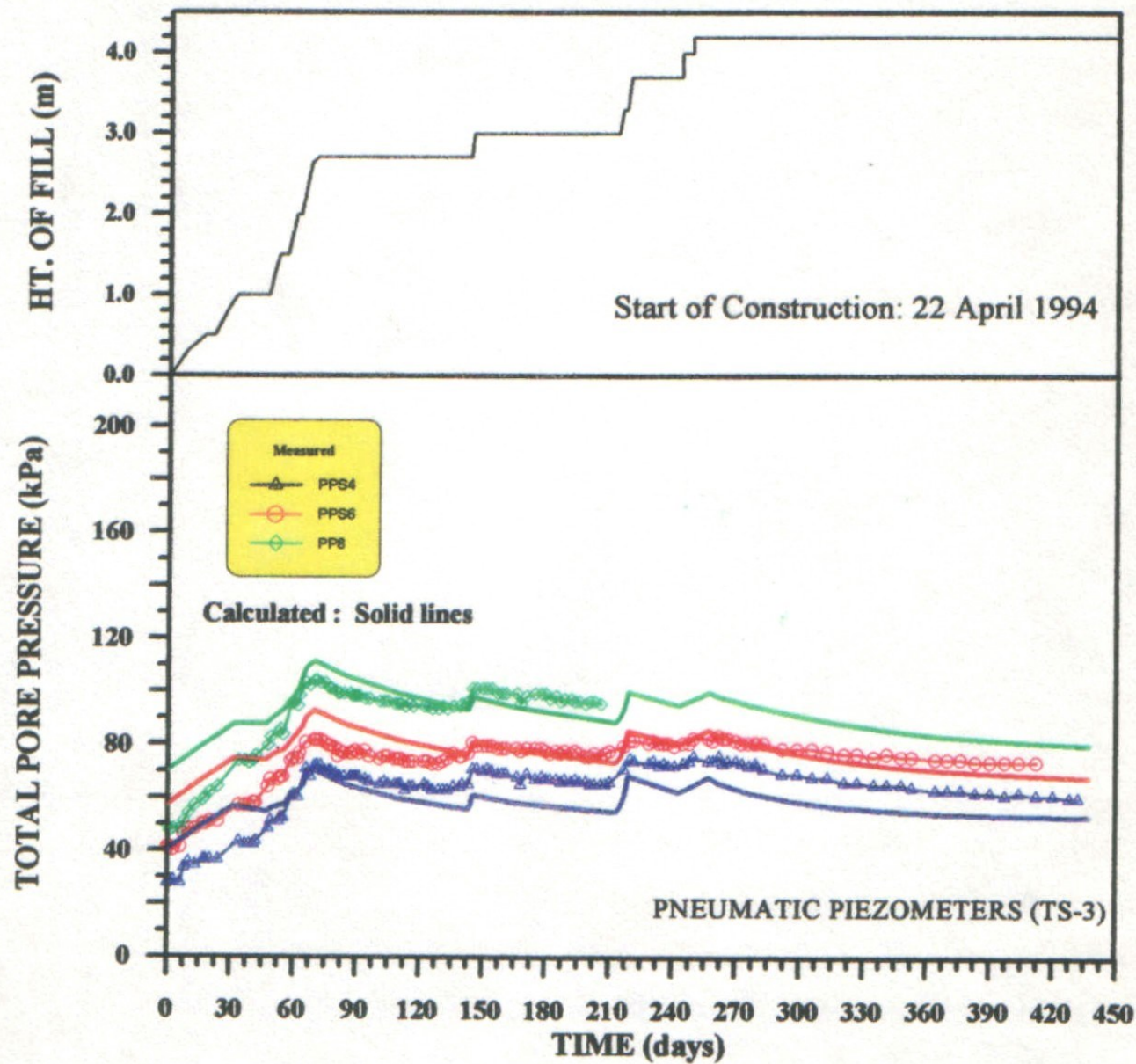


Fig. 6.7 Surface Settlement Profile across the Embankments Cross Sections (TS1, TS2 and TS3)



Comparison of FEM Calculated and Measured Total Pore Pressures at Different Depths 4 m, 6 m, and 8 m for TS3 Embankment

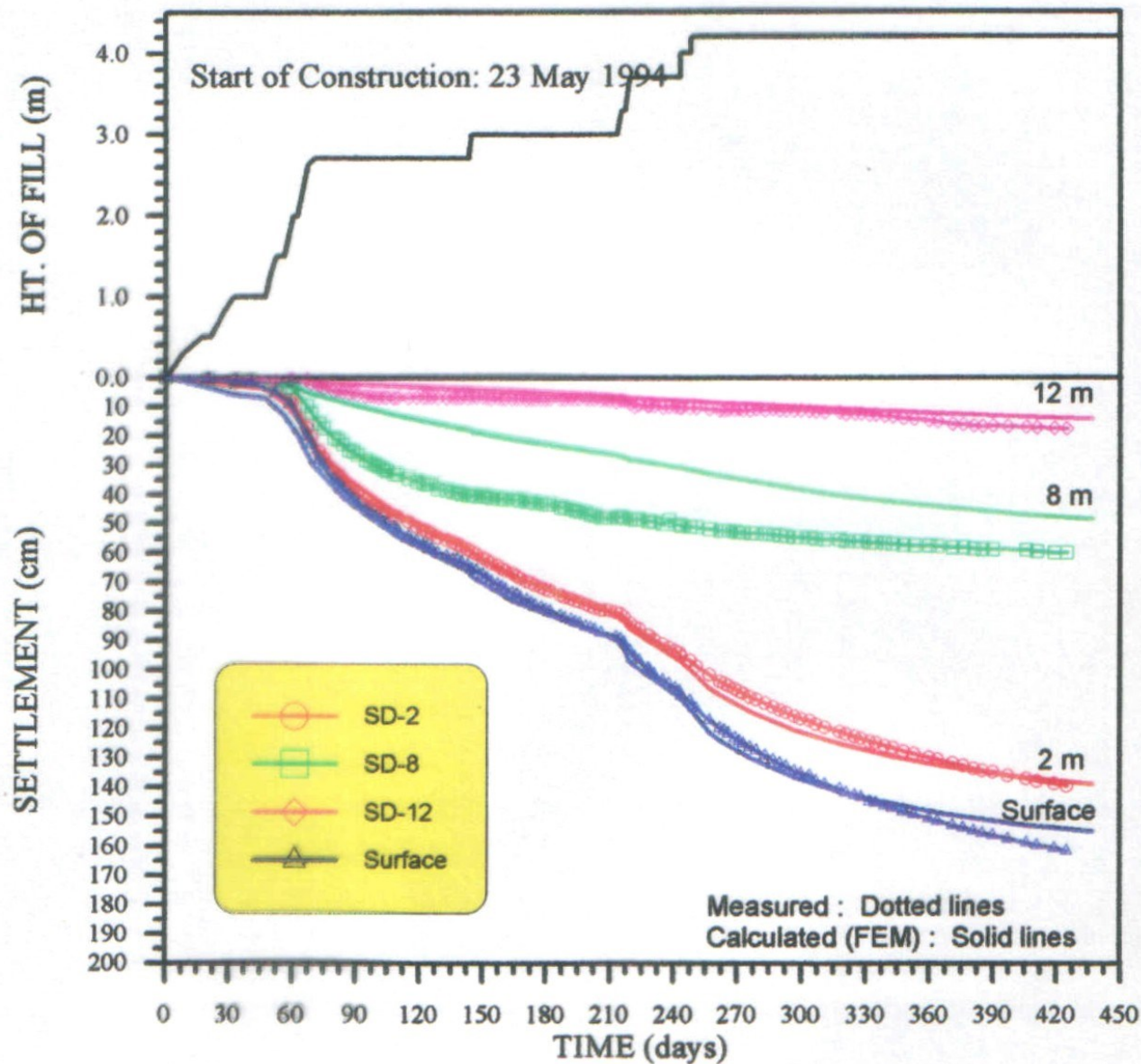


Fig. 6.42 Comparison of Calculated (by FEM) and Measured Settlements at 0 m, 2m, 8m, and 12m Depth for TS3 Test Embankment

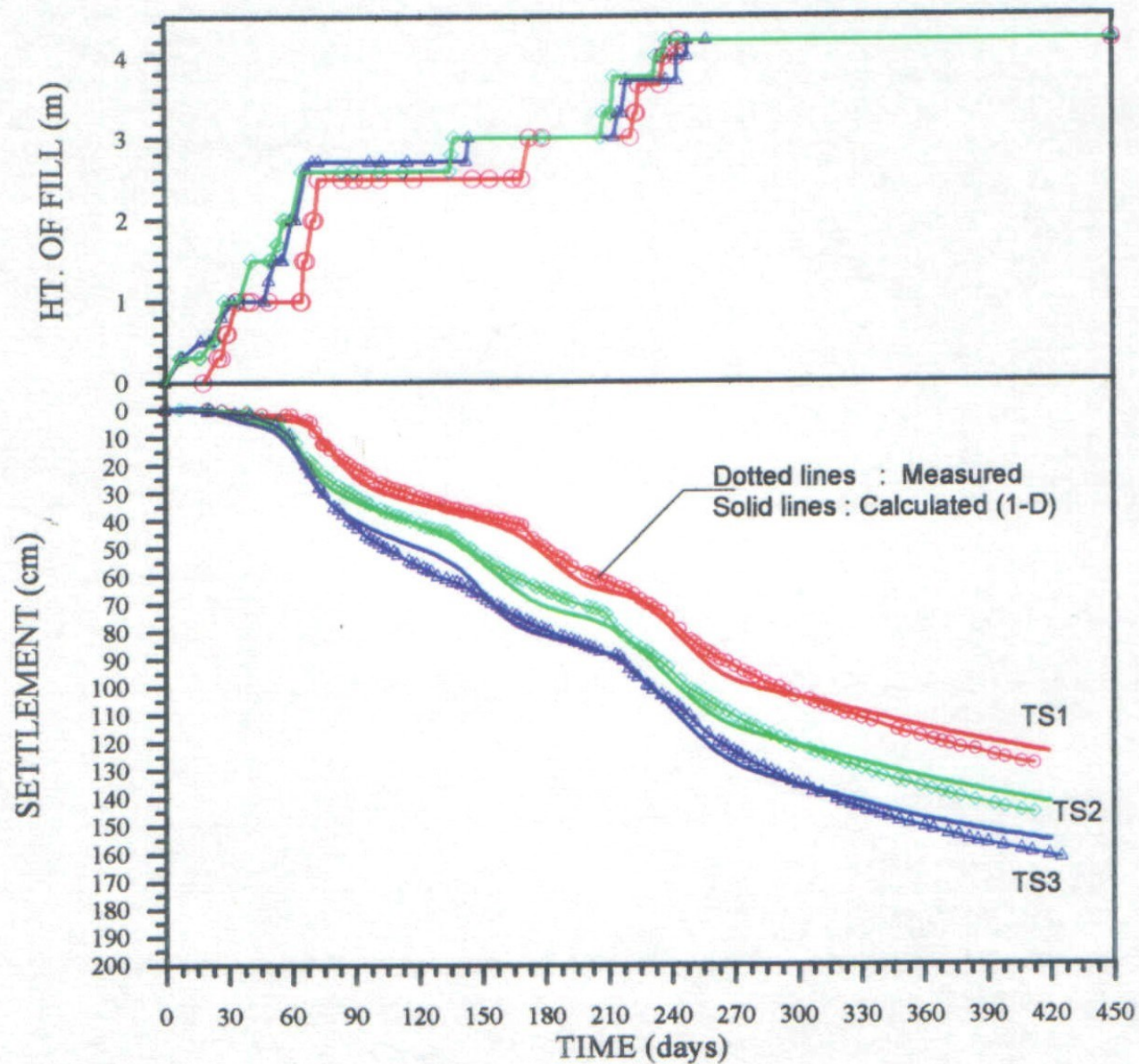
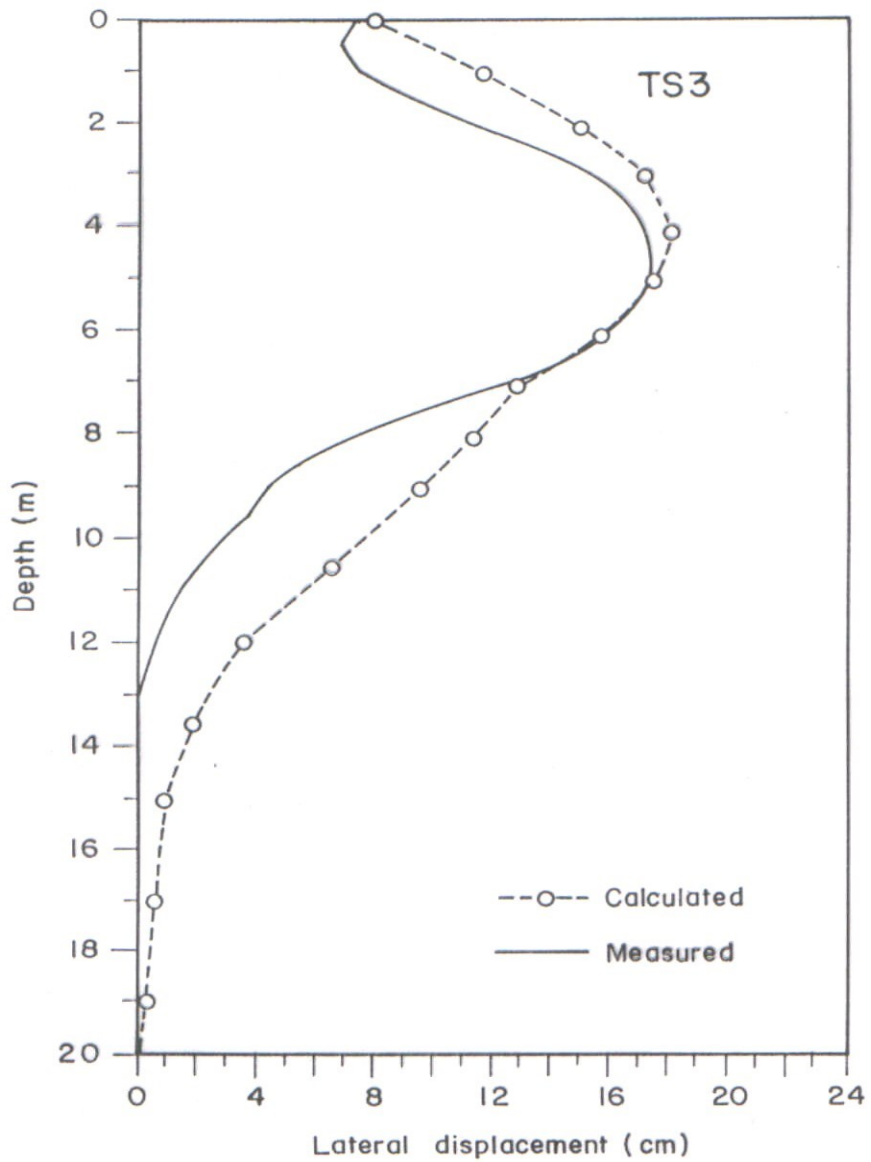


Fig. 6.35 Comparison of Measured and 1-D, Calculated Settlements for Three Test Embankments TS-1, TS-2, and TS-3



Comparison of Computed (FEM) and Measured Lateral Deformations at the end of Construction for Embankment TS3

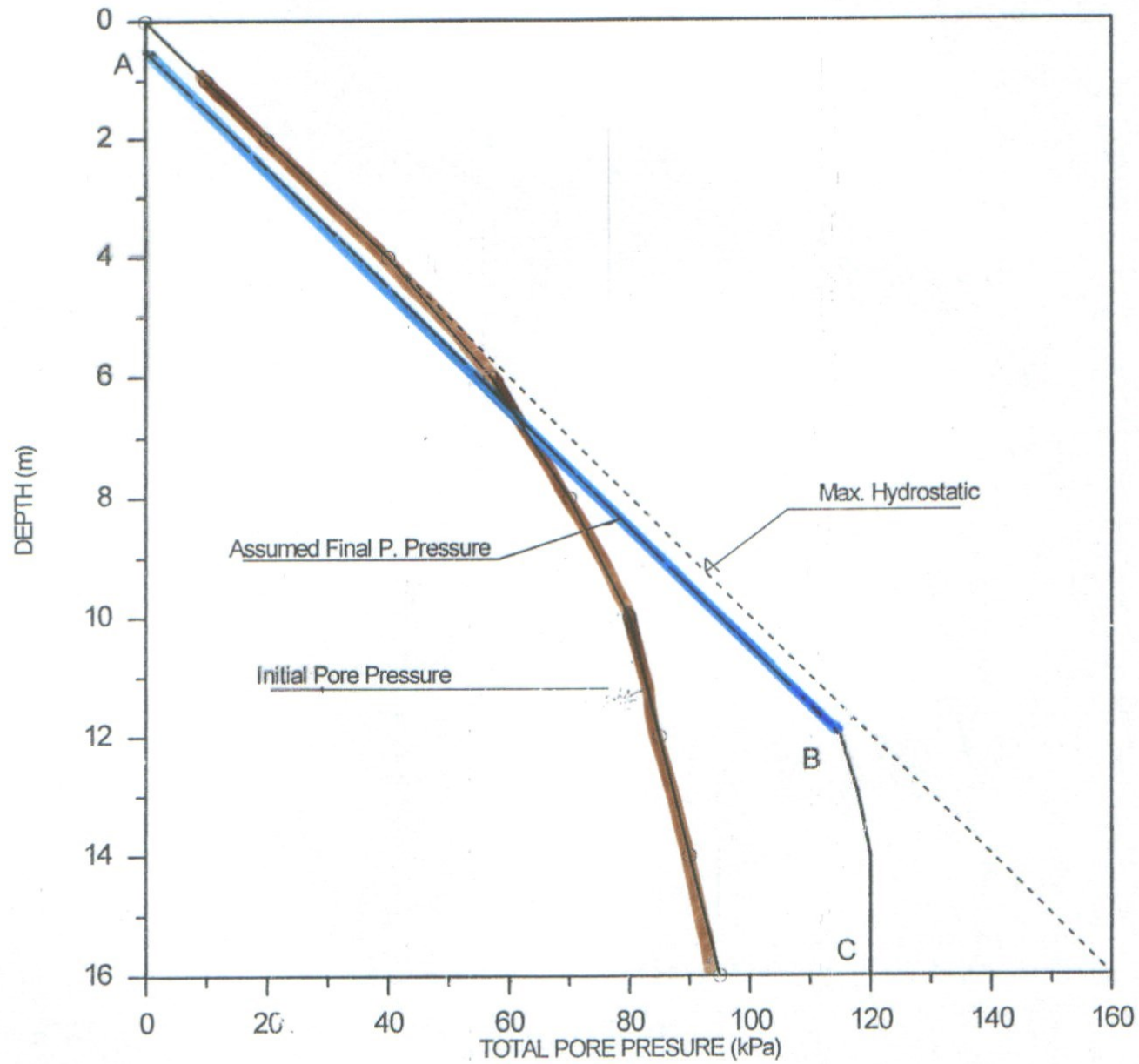
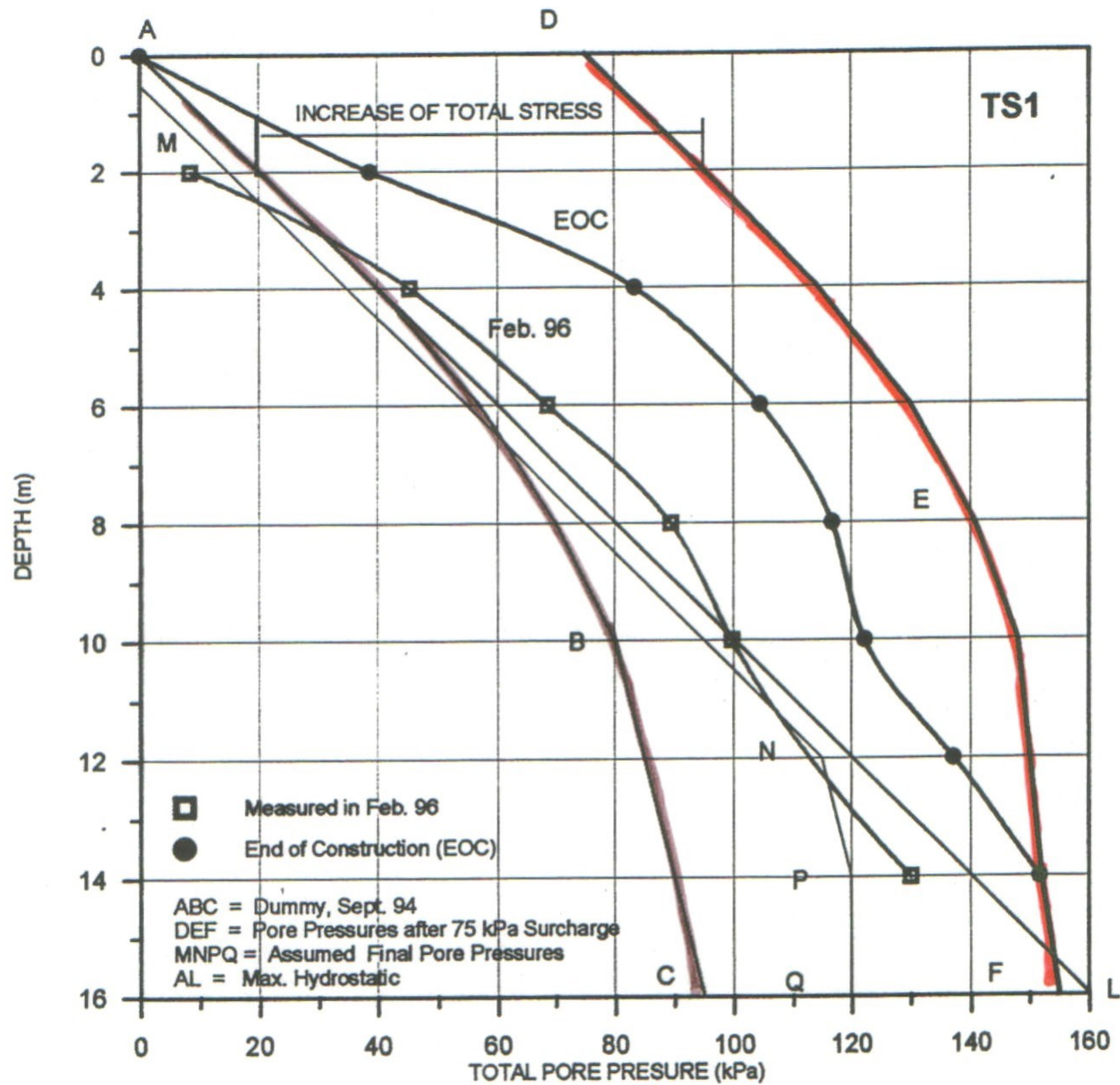
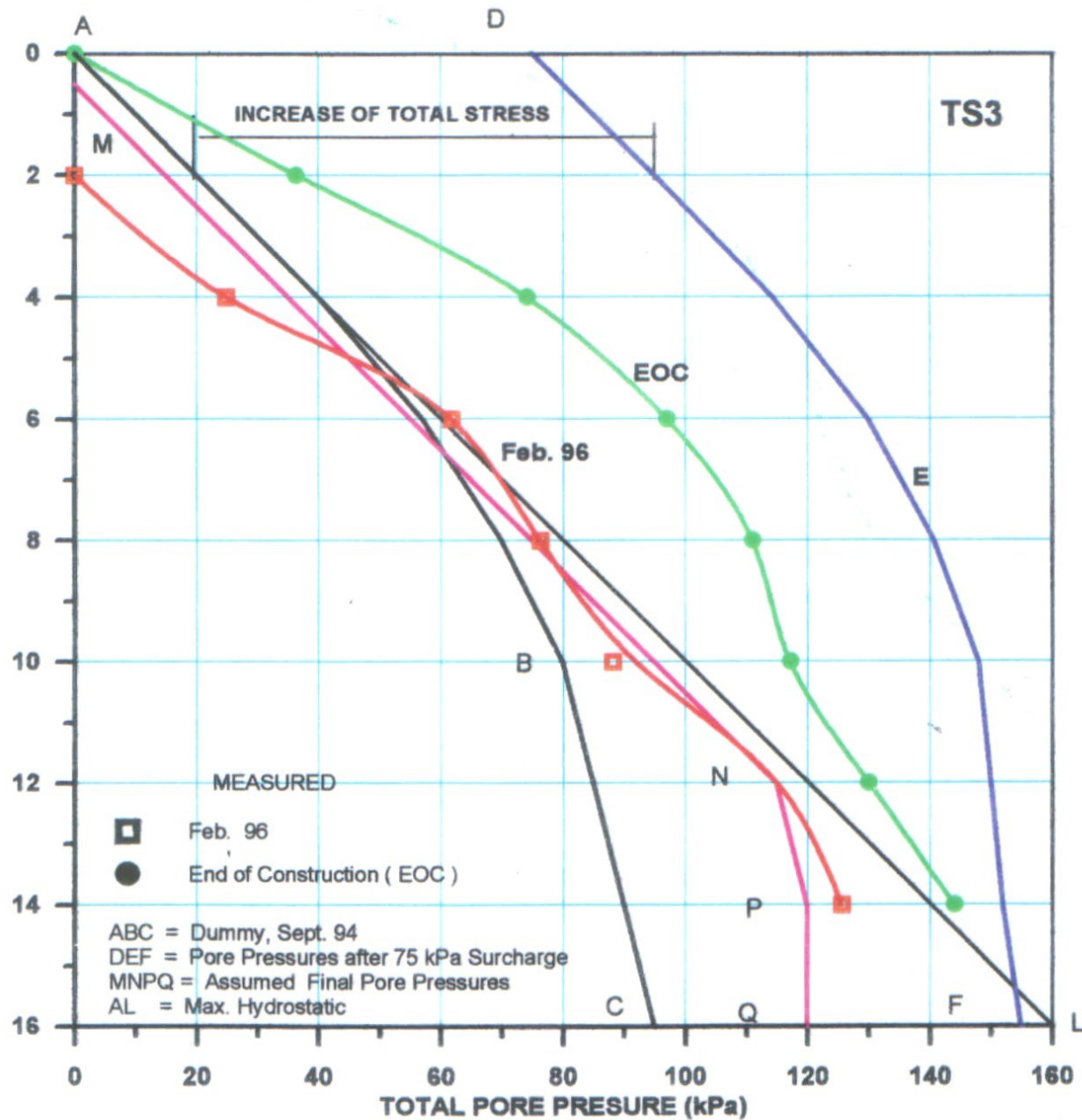


Fig. 6.26: Piezometric Drawdowns (Initial and Assumed Final Values)

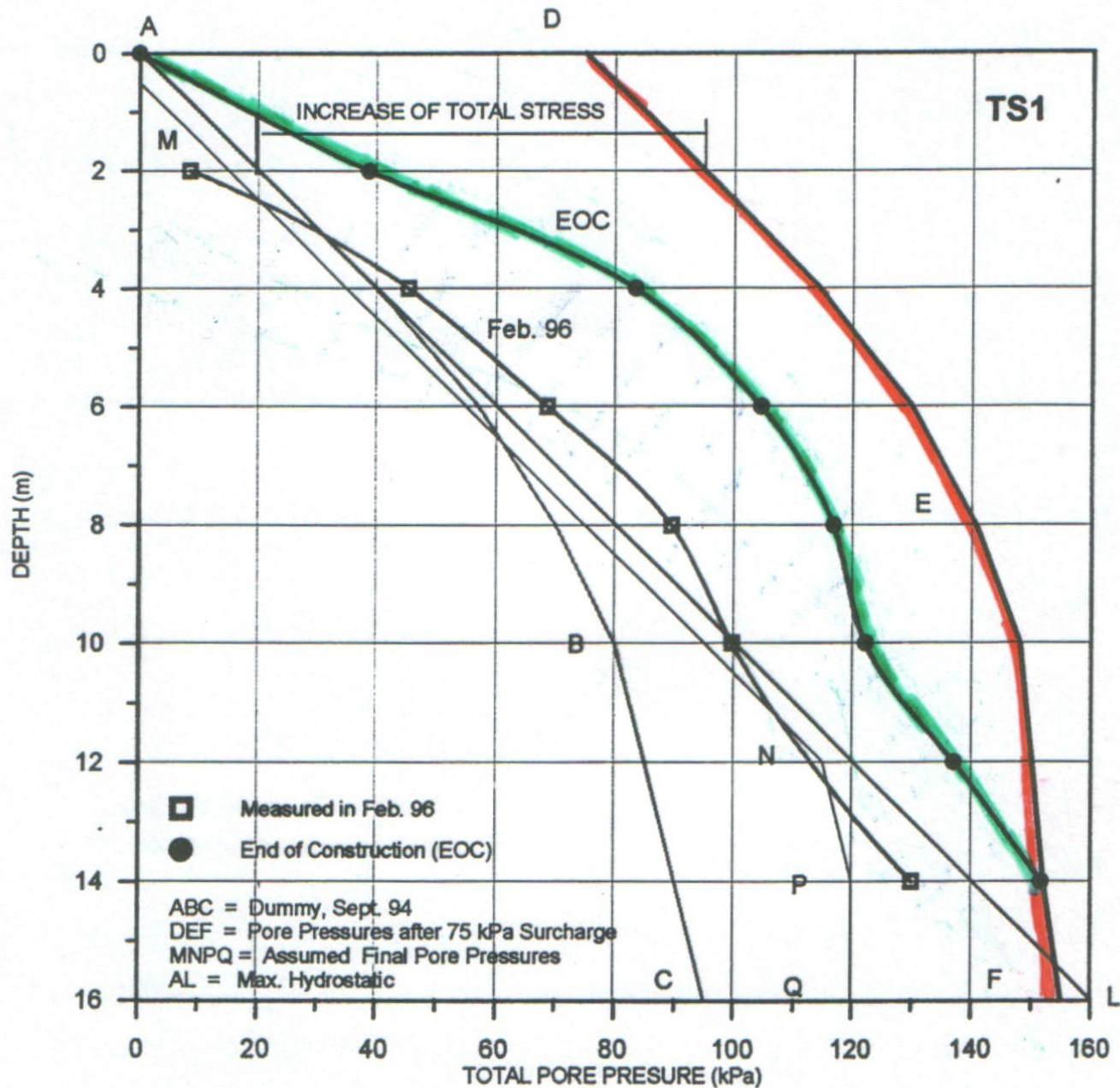


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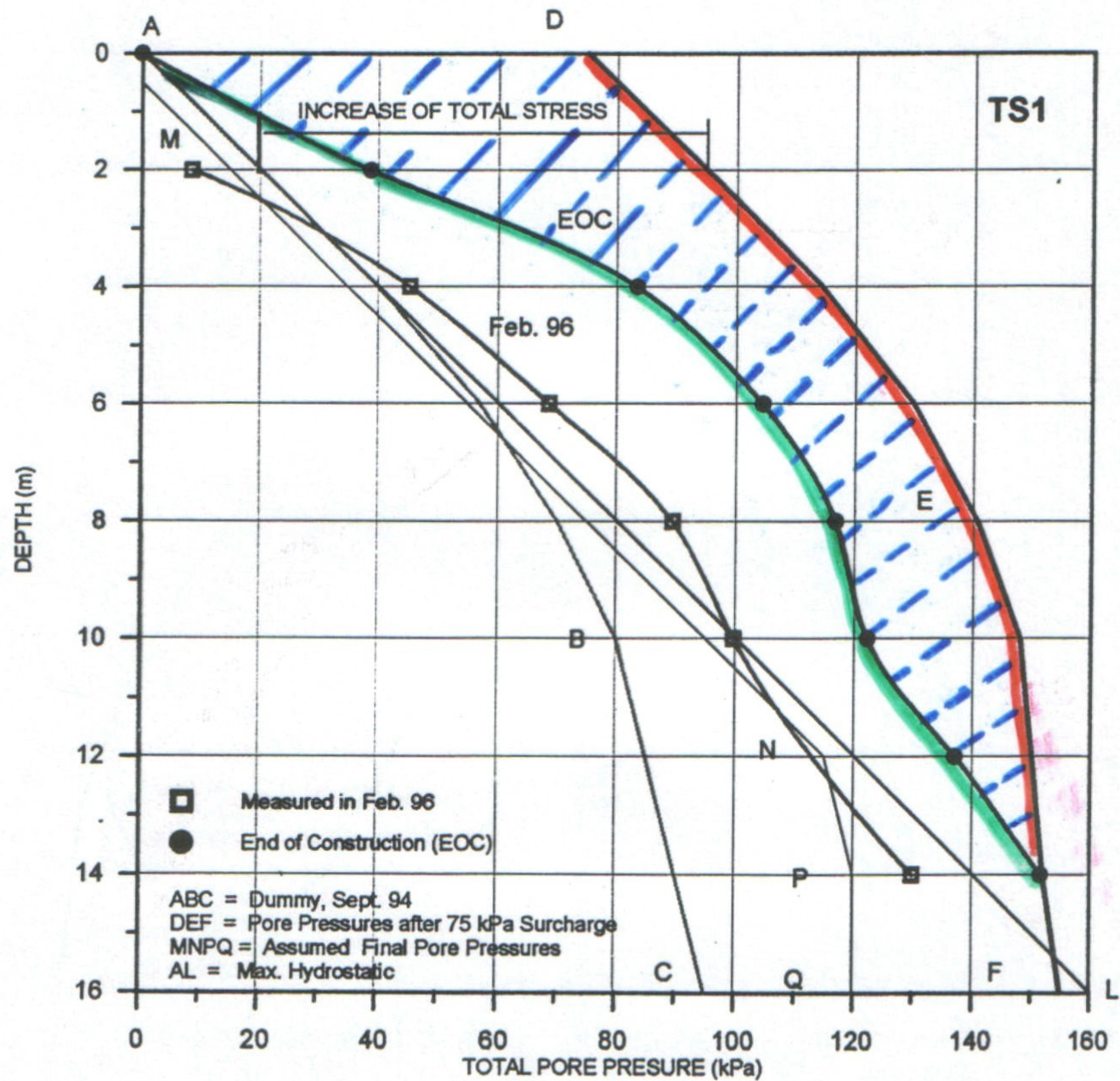
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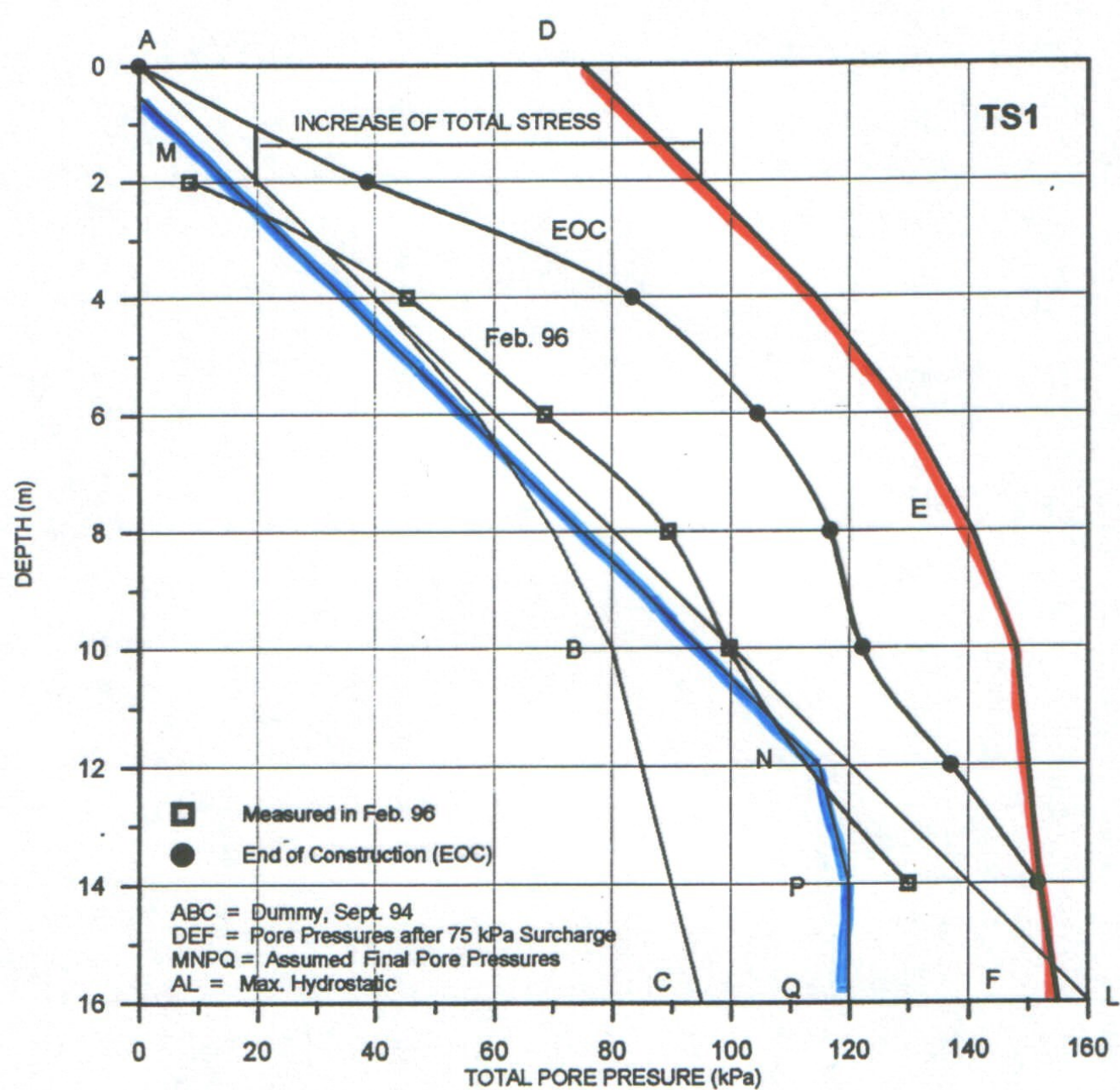
PORE PRESSURE PROFILES IN TS3



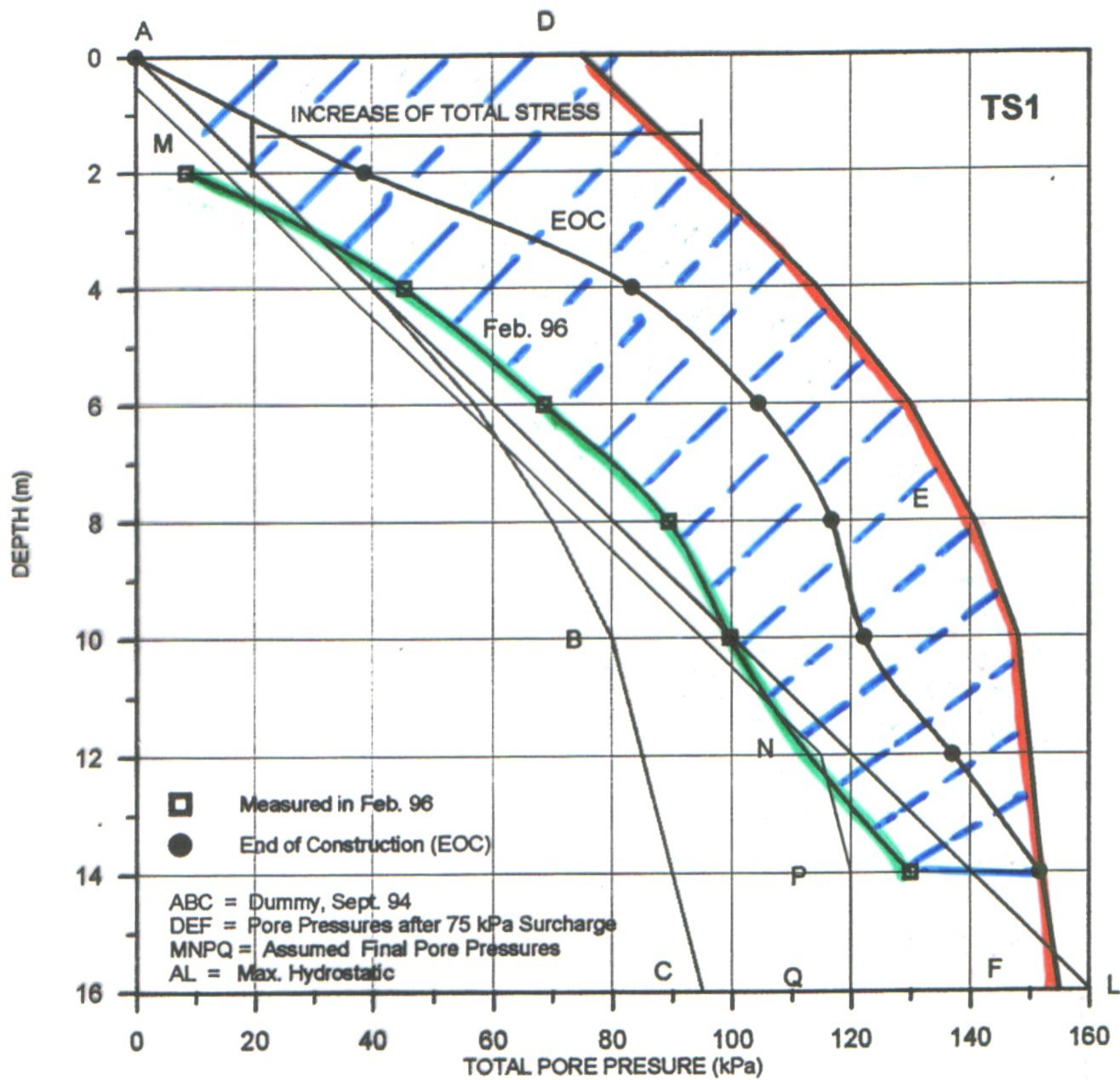
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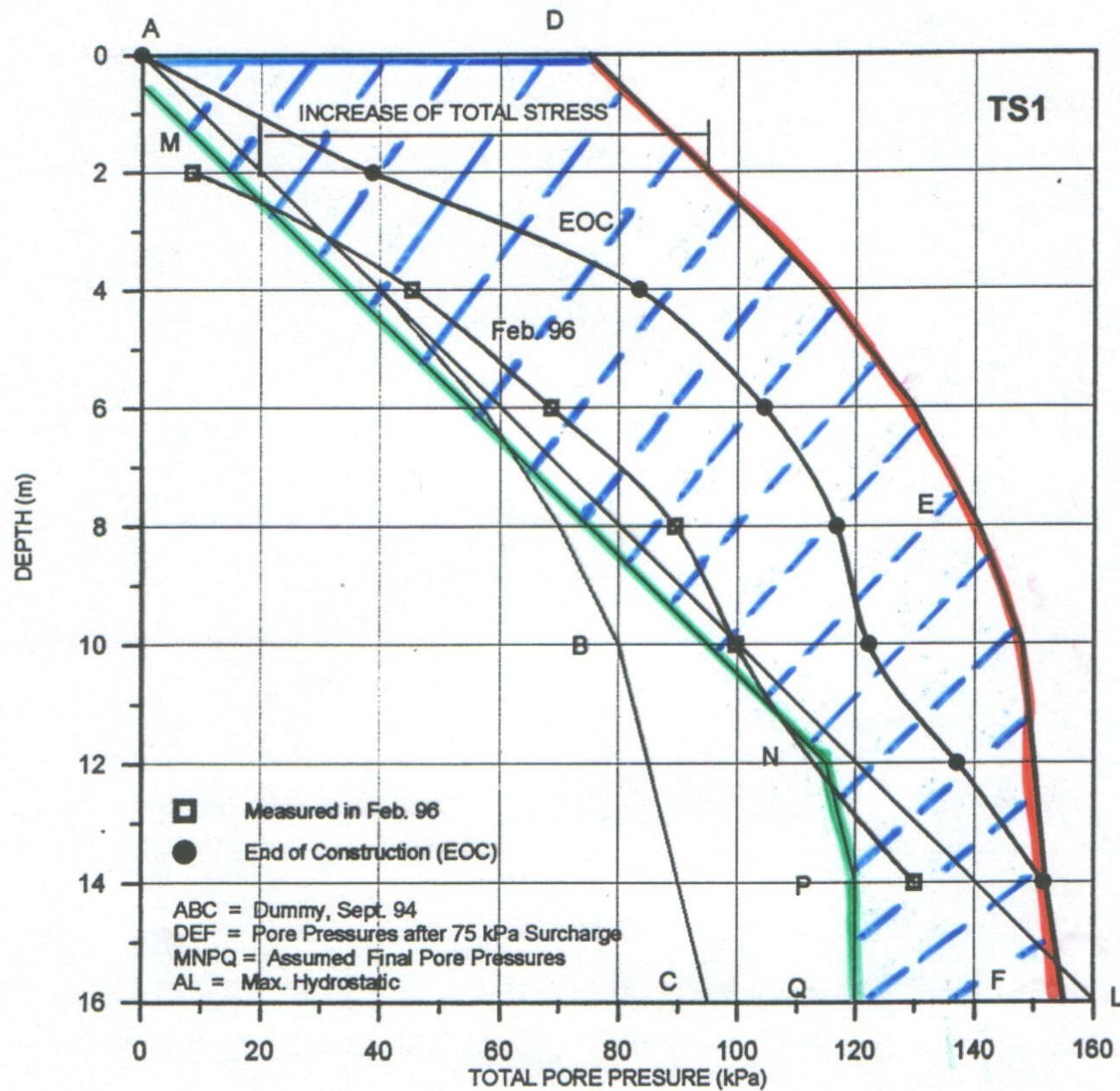
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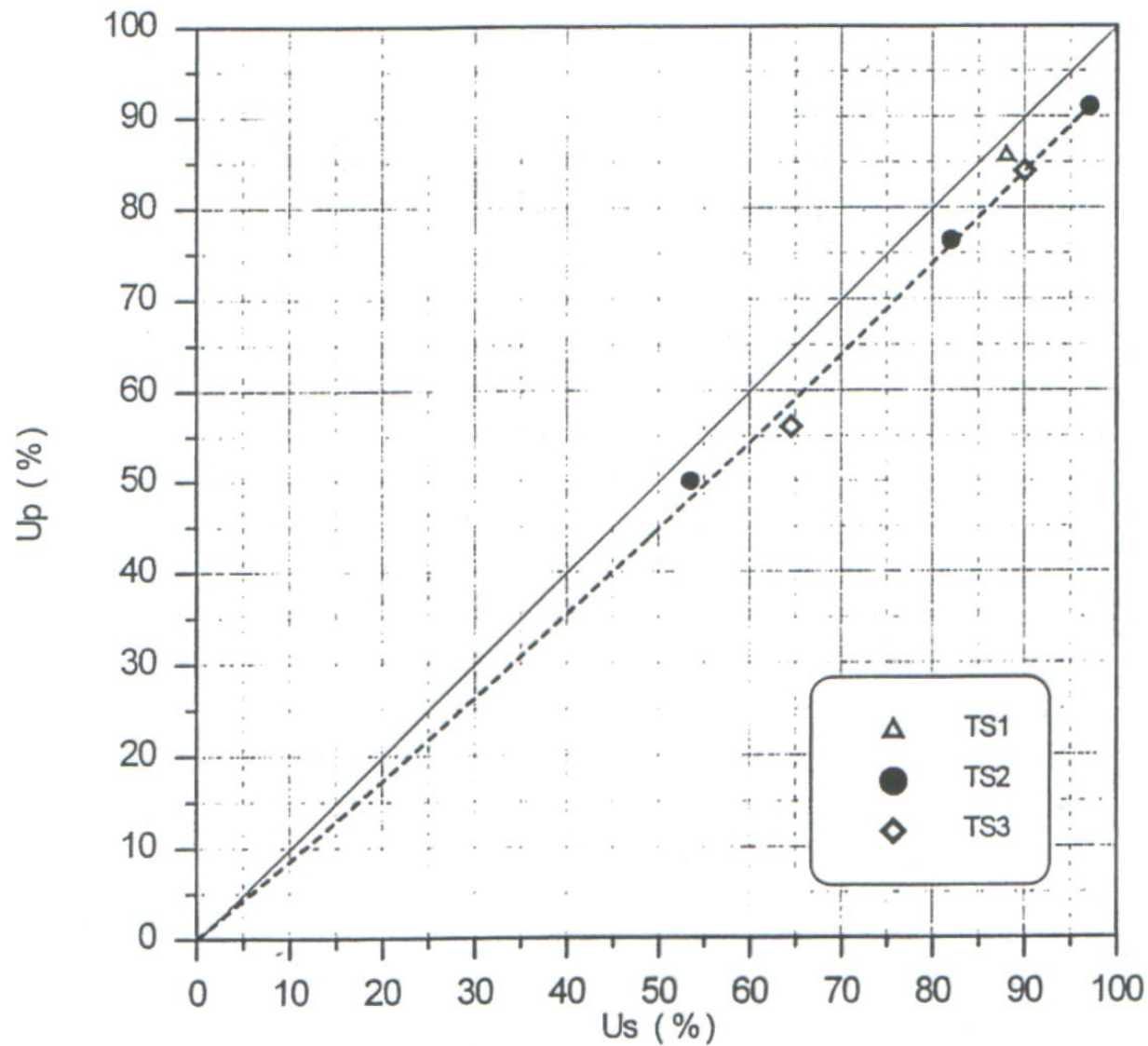
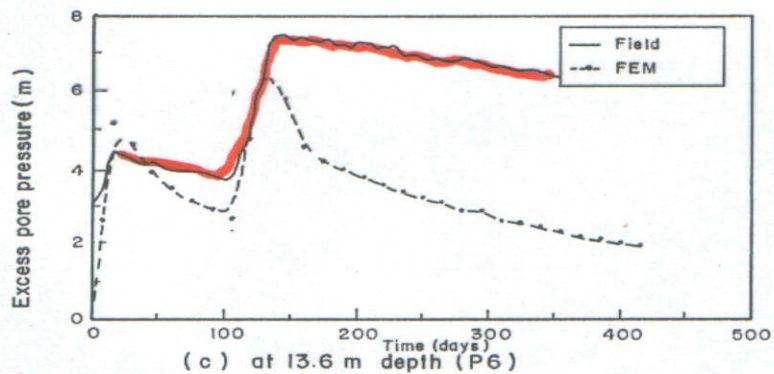
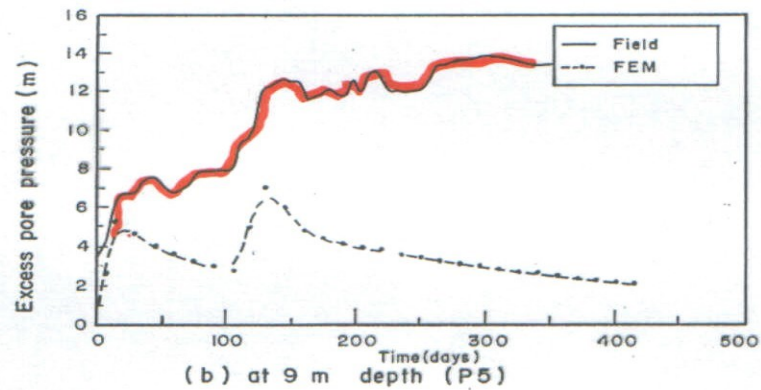
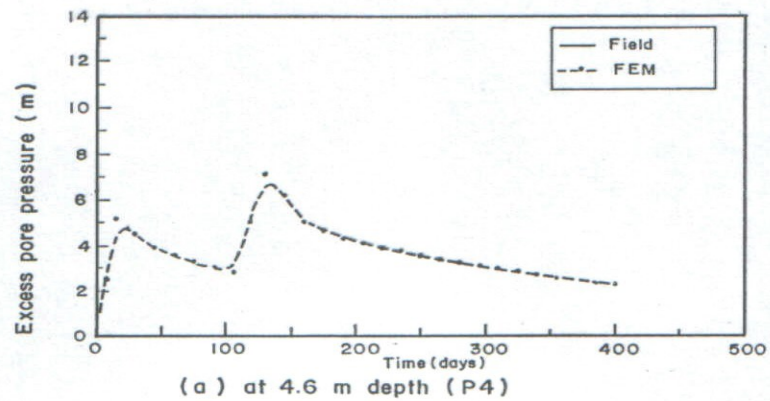
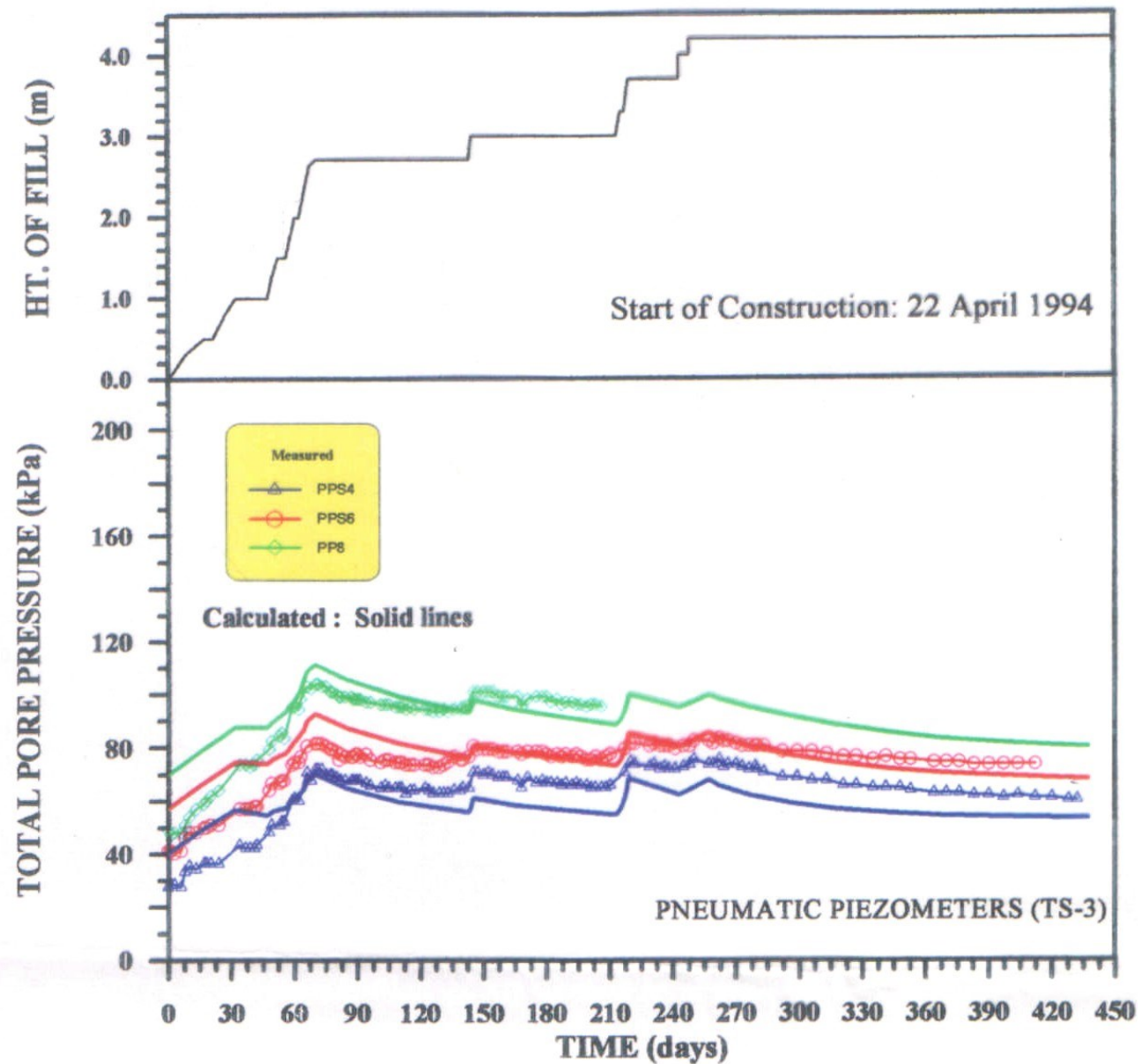


Fig. 14 Relation of Degree of Consolidation from Settlement (U_s and U_p)

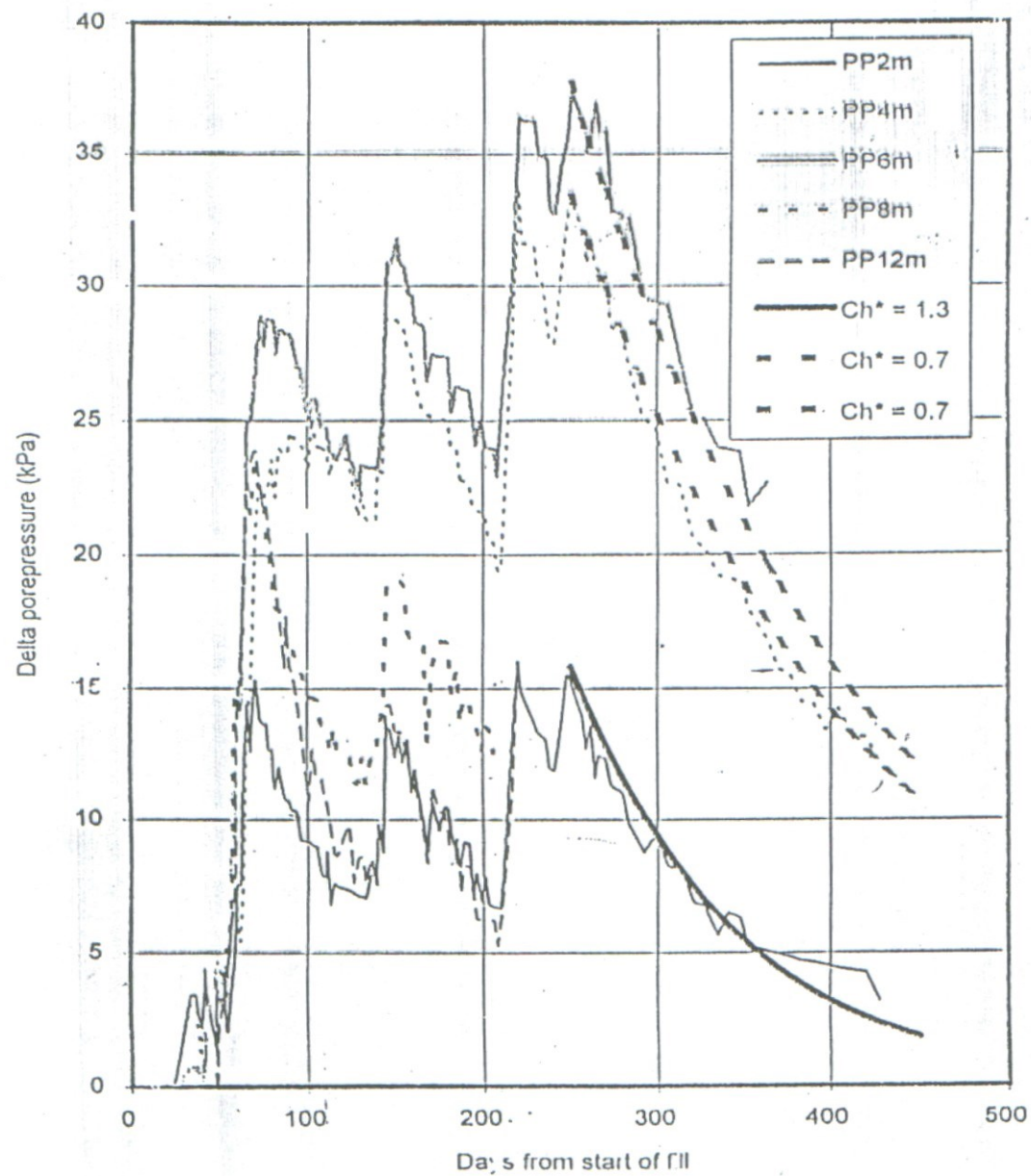


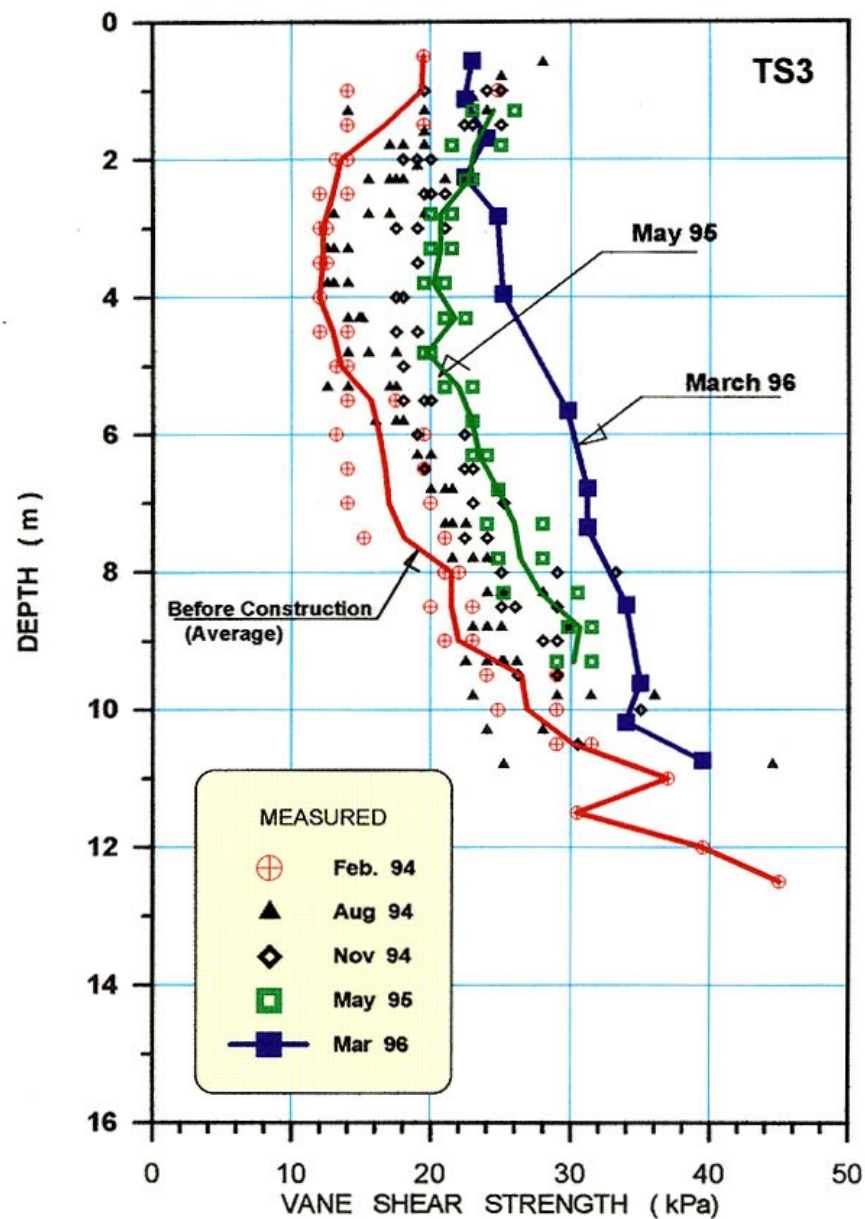
Center Line Excess Pore Pressure - Time Relationships
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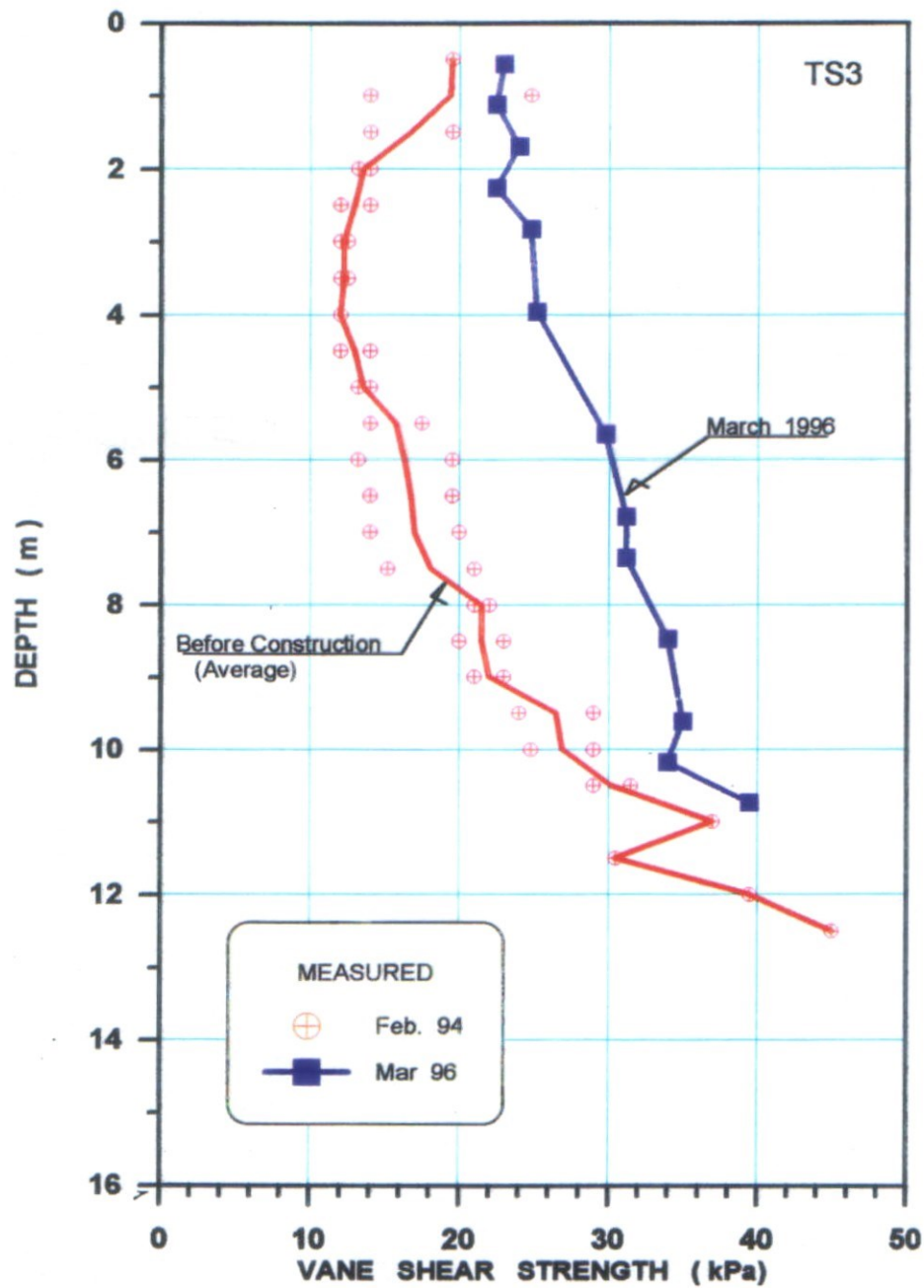
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Figure 3.1 Back calculation of pore pressure dissipation TS3





Field Vane Shear Strength Measured in Embankment TS3



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Concluding remarks

This presentation diagnosed the various phases of site investigation at the Bangkok new international airport site over a period of twenty- five years.

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The first phase of investigation should have been designed to obtain design parameters and to enable suitable construction techniques with a view to

- 1. Have flood protection with a bund-canal scheme**
- 2. Accommodate ground subsidence effects with time**
- 3. Use driven piles which are common foundation elements at that time**

The second phase of investigation explores the use of vacuum drainage and large diameter sand drains

- 1. Fissures and silt seams in the clay layer made it difficult to maintain the vacuum and the method was not implemented in the final stage. If successful the vacuum method could have eliminated the cost involved in the use of expensive sand as surcharge material**
- 2. Sand drains also caused excessive disturbance during the installation and the settlement was non-uniform with large lateral movements.**

The third phase concluded with the following methods to be adopted on the airfield side with the order of priority

- 1. Pre-consolidation with vertical drains**
- 2. Deep soil improvement**
- 3. Piles supporting a free spanning concrete slab**
- 4. Relief piles with caps**
- 5. Light weight fill material**

The confidence gained from the experience at the Changi site in Singapore, Muar site in Malaysia, the Hong Kong airport site and several other sites in Japan and other countries influenced the selection of pre-consolidation with vertical drains as the suitable ground improvement technique

Pre-consolidation with PVD as the vertical drains was studied in the fourth phase and was used successfully in the construction phase

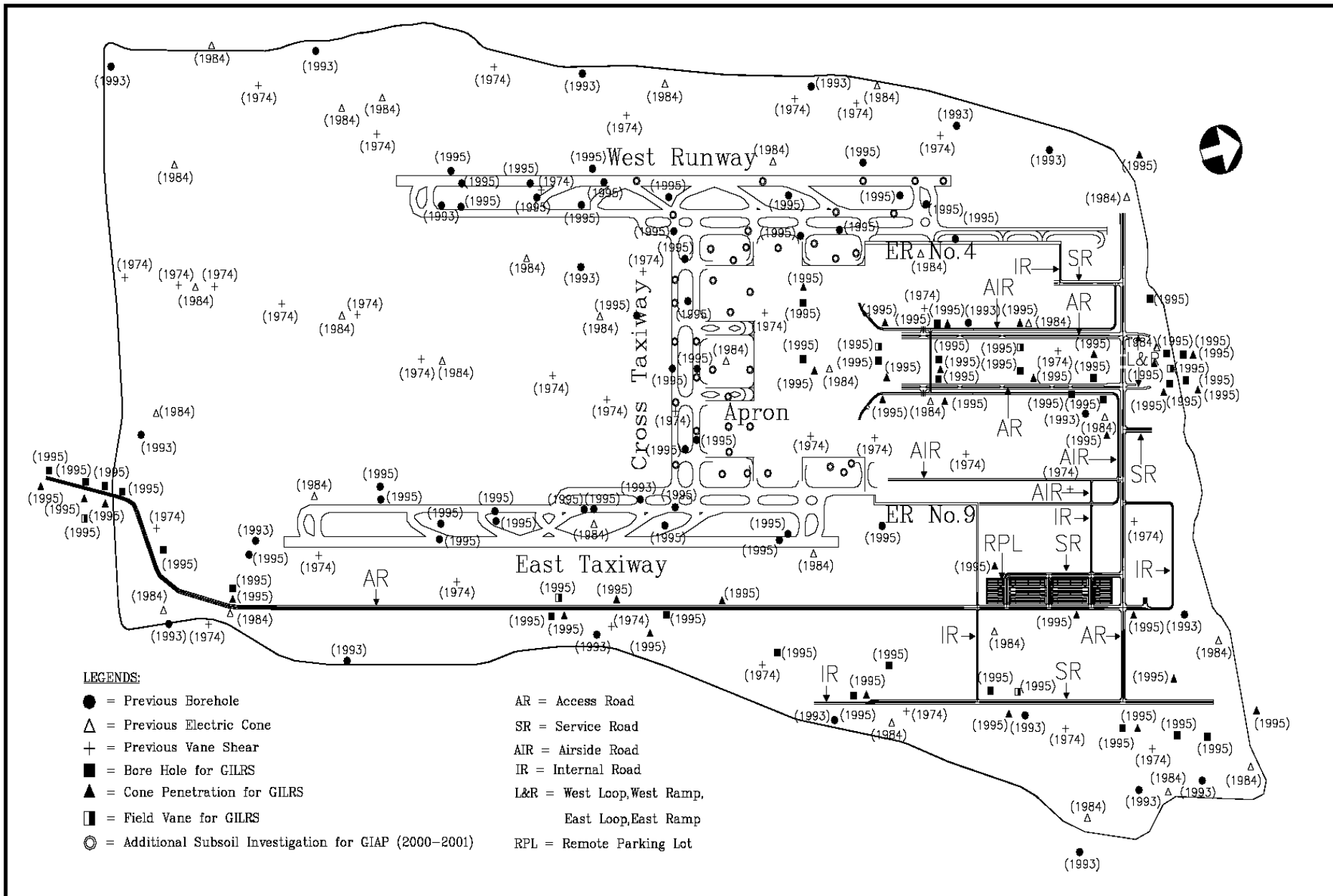
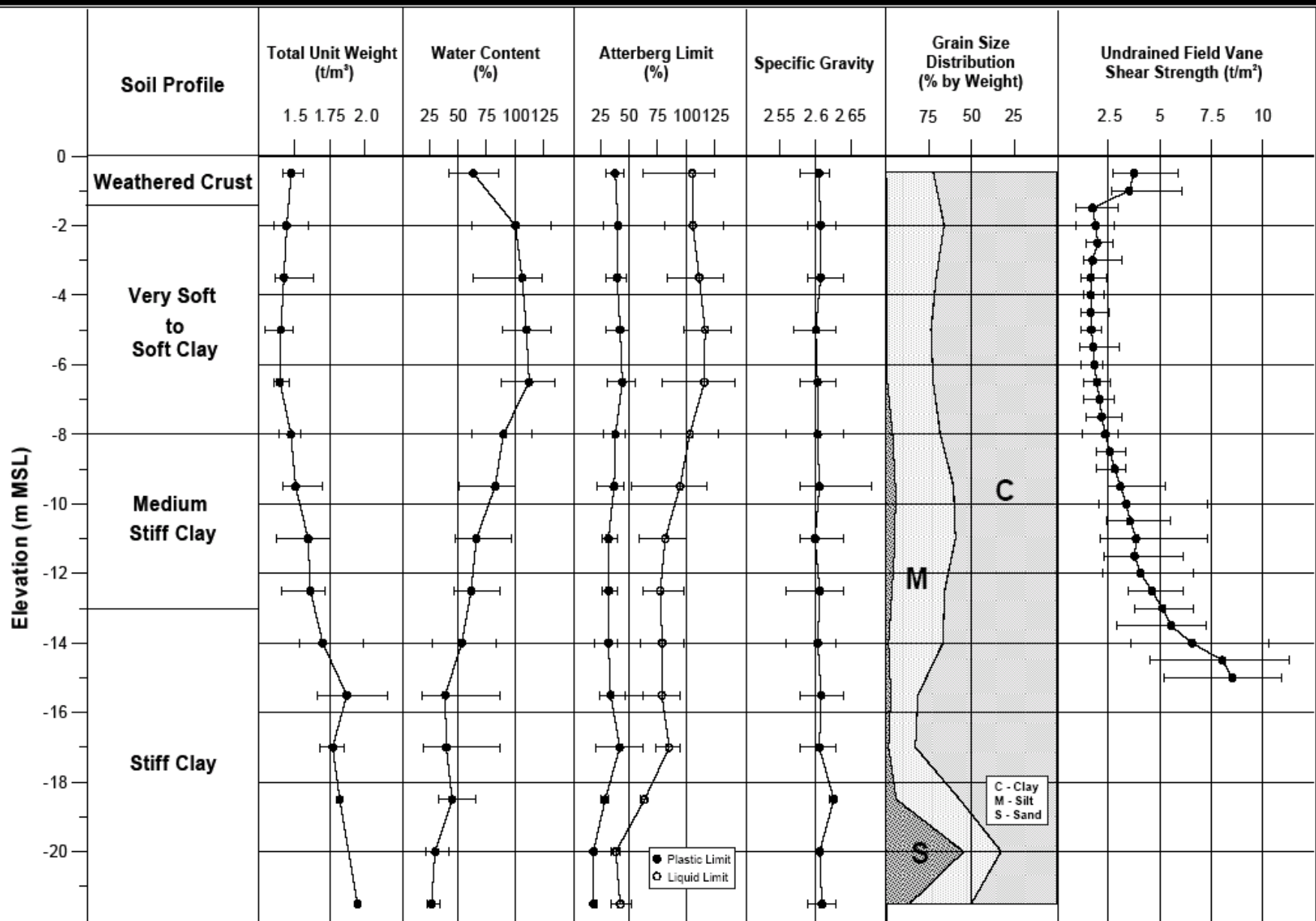


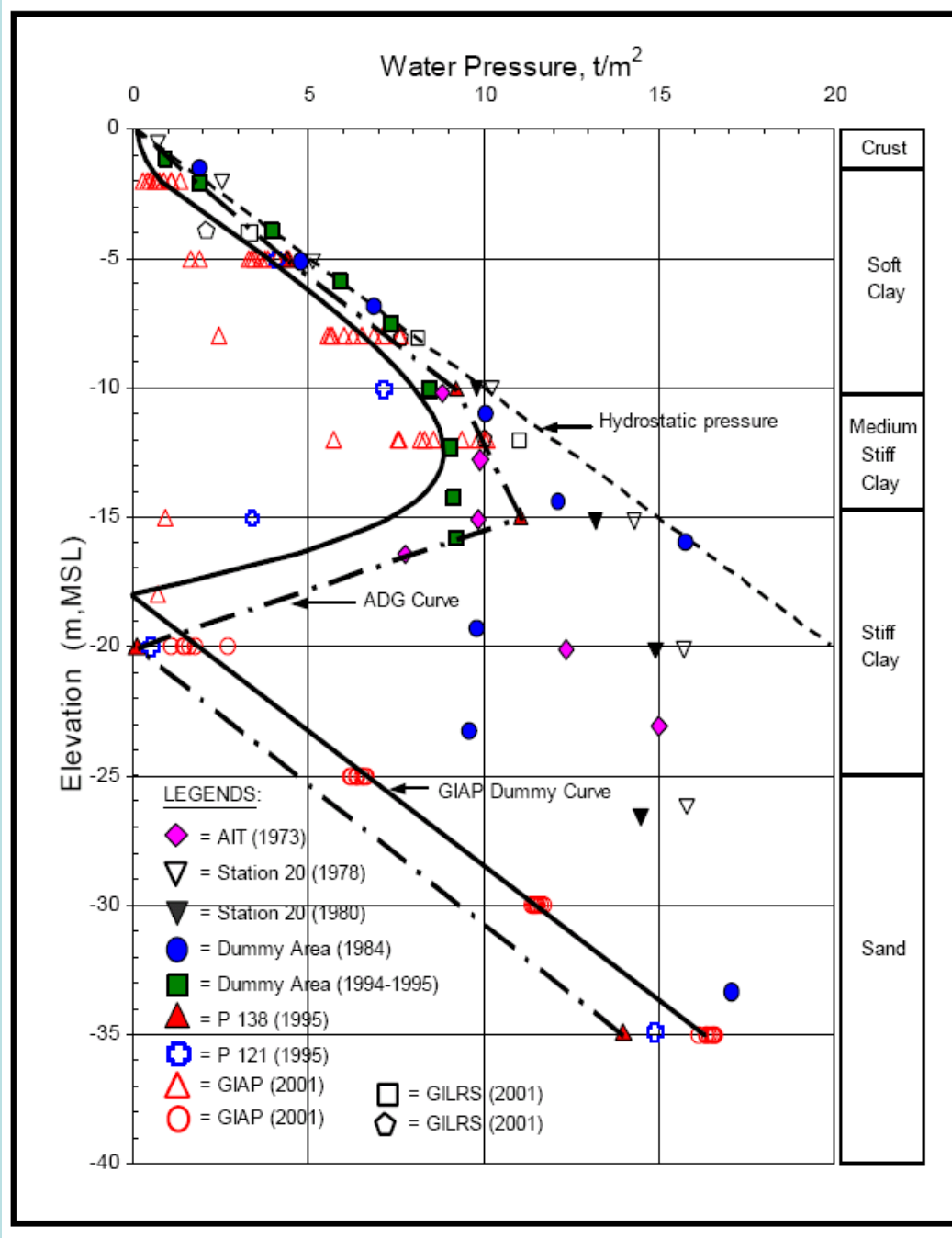
Figure 2 Locations of Soil Investigation at SIA Site

Project Data

	GIAP	GILRS
Total Construction Cost (Thai Baht)	8,419,205,000	1,767,488,000
Financial Source	Government Budget	OECD Loan (Japan)
Construction Period	01/11/97~30/04/02 (54 mos.)	01/12/00~19/04/03 (29 mos.)
Design	Airside Design Group	Moh and Associates
Construction Supervision	TEC/MAA/SIGEC/UIC/MTL	TEC/MAA/NK
G.I. Area (sq. m)	3,080,000	1,320,000
PVD (m)	33,580,000	10,889,600
Sand Blanket (cu. m)	4,550,000	899,600
Preloading Material (cu. m)	2,890,000 (Crushed Rock)	1,722,800 (Sand)



General Soil Properties at SIA Site



Dummy Pore Water Pressures

Comparison of Ground Improvement Design Between GIAP and GILRS

Item \ Project	GIAP	GILRS		
		Type I	Type II	Type III
Design Criteria	A min. 80% of the primary consolidation should be reached.	Rate of consolidation settlement of the subsoil should be less than 0.5 cm/mo. before pavement construction.		
Sand Blanket	150cm	50cm	80cm	130cm
PVD	10m deep with 1.0m spacing in square pattern	10m deep with 1.0m spacing in triangular pattern		
Filter Fabric	Below and above sand blanket	None		
Preloading Material	Crushed Rock	Sand		
Stage Loading	Two**	One	Two**	Three**
Embankment Thickness	3.8m & 4.2m	2.2m	3.5m	4.5m
Berm	15m wide & 1.7m high with 1:4 side slope	No berm with 1:3 side slope		
Design Load	75 kPa & 85 kPa	41.8 kPa*	66.5 kPa*	85.5 kPa*
Removing Criteria	Min. 6 (or 11) months waiting period, min. 80% consolidation & 2%~4% settlement ratio	Min. 6 months waiting period with max. 3 cm monthly settlement rate		

*: Embankment unit weight is assumed to be 19 KN/m^3 .

** : Three months waiting period is required before next stage loading construction.

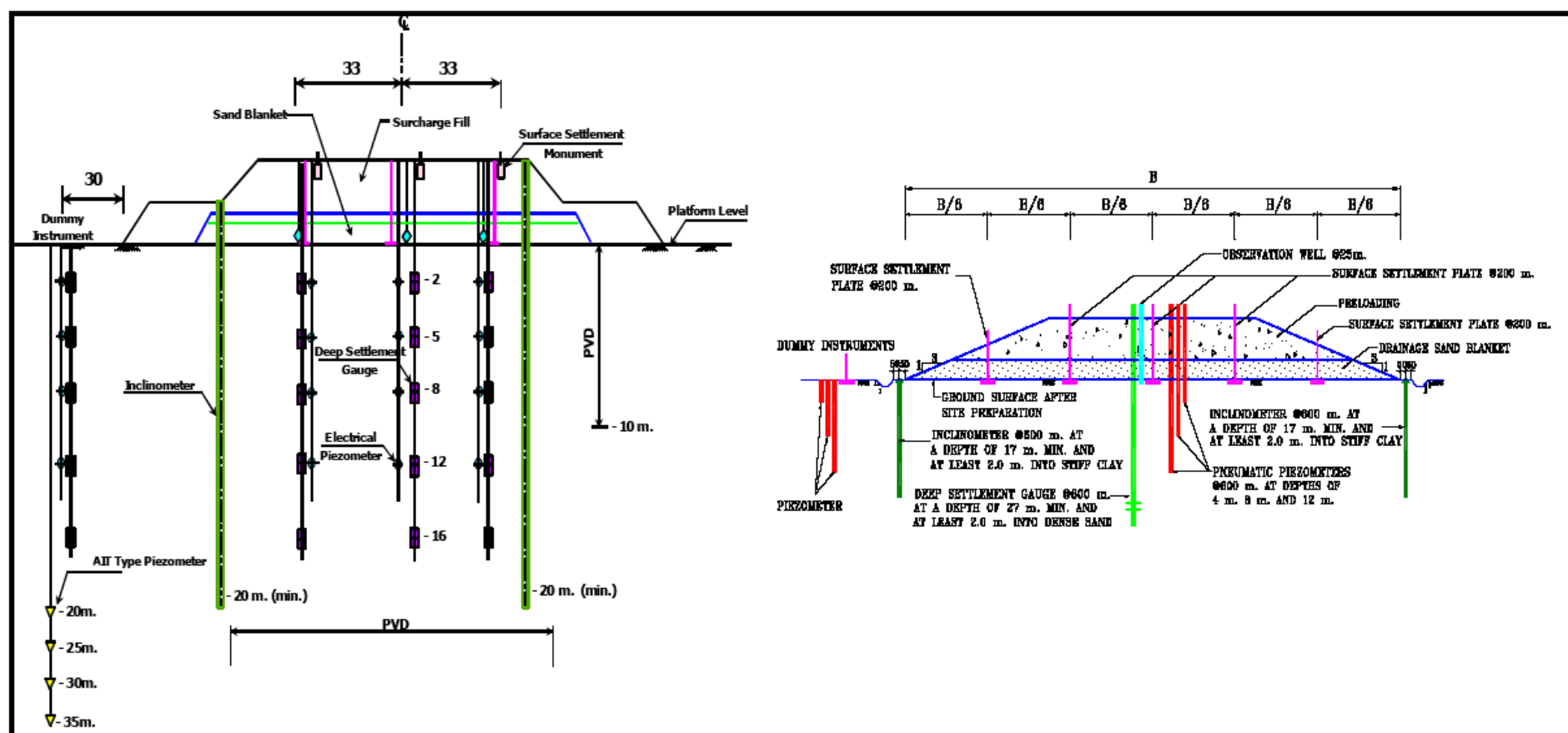
Total Quantity of Instrumentation

Item \ Project	GIAP		GILRS	
	Embankment	Dummy	Embankment	Dummy
Surface Settlement Plate	1,724	-	730	4
Surface Settlement Monument	553	-	-	-
Permanent Benchmark	-	2	-	-
Inclinometer	56	-	88	-
Deep Settlement Gauge	111*	11*	53**	-
Pneumatic Piezometer	-	-	159	6
Electric Piezometer	444	46	-	-
AIT-type Piezometer	-	40	-	-
Observation Well	1,722	-	1236***	-

*: One set includes 5 individual deep settlement gauges at 2m, 5m, 8m, 12m & 16m.

**: A deep settlement gauge includes sensor rings at every 2m to min. depth of 27m.

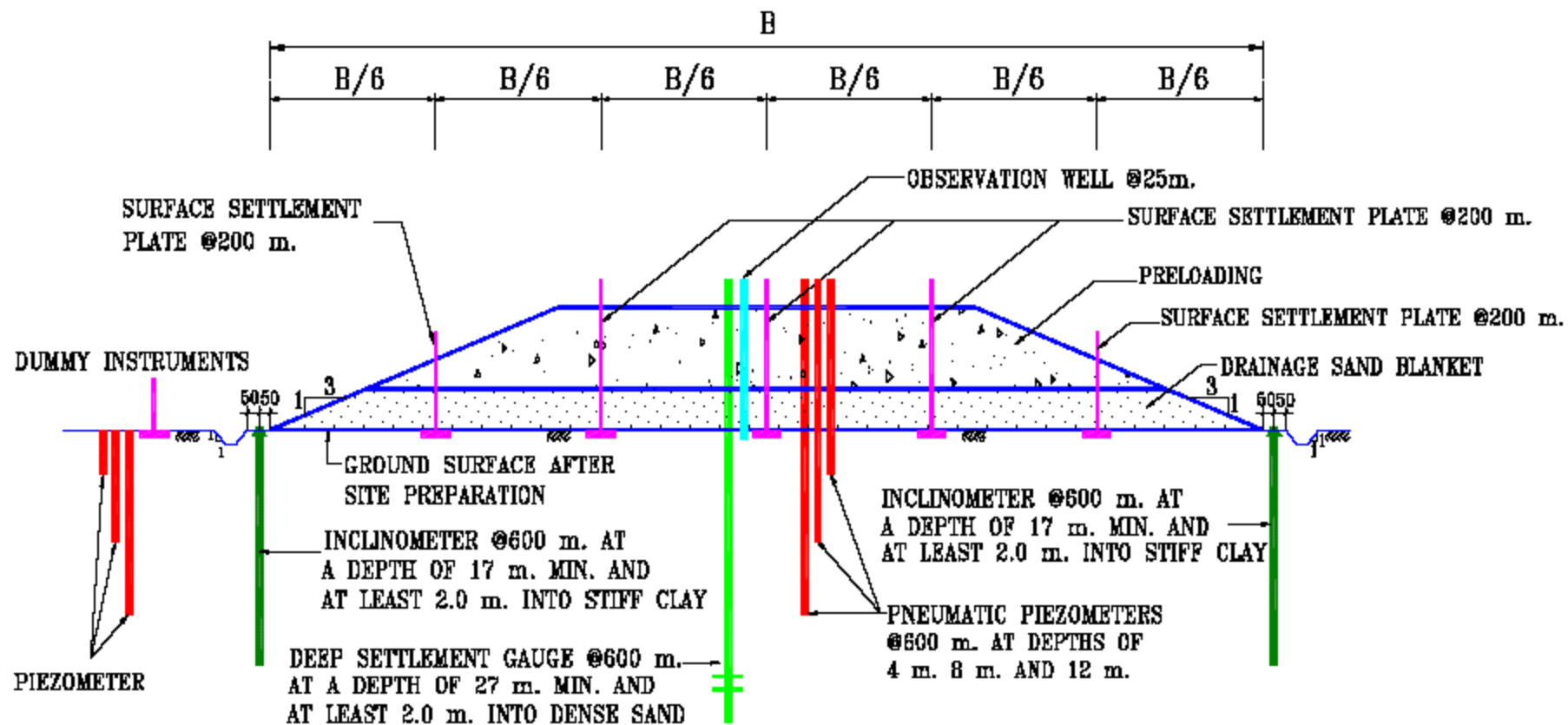
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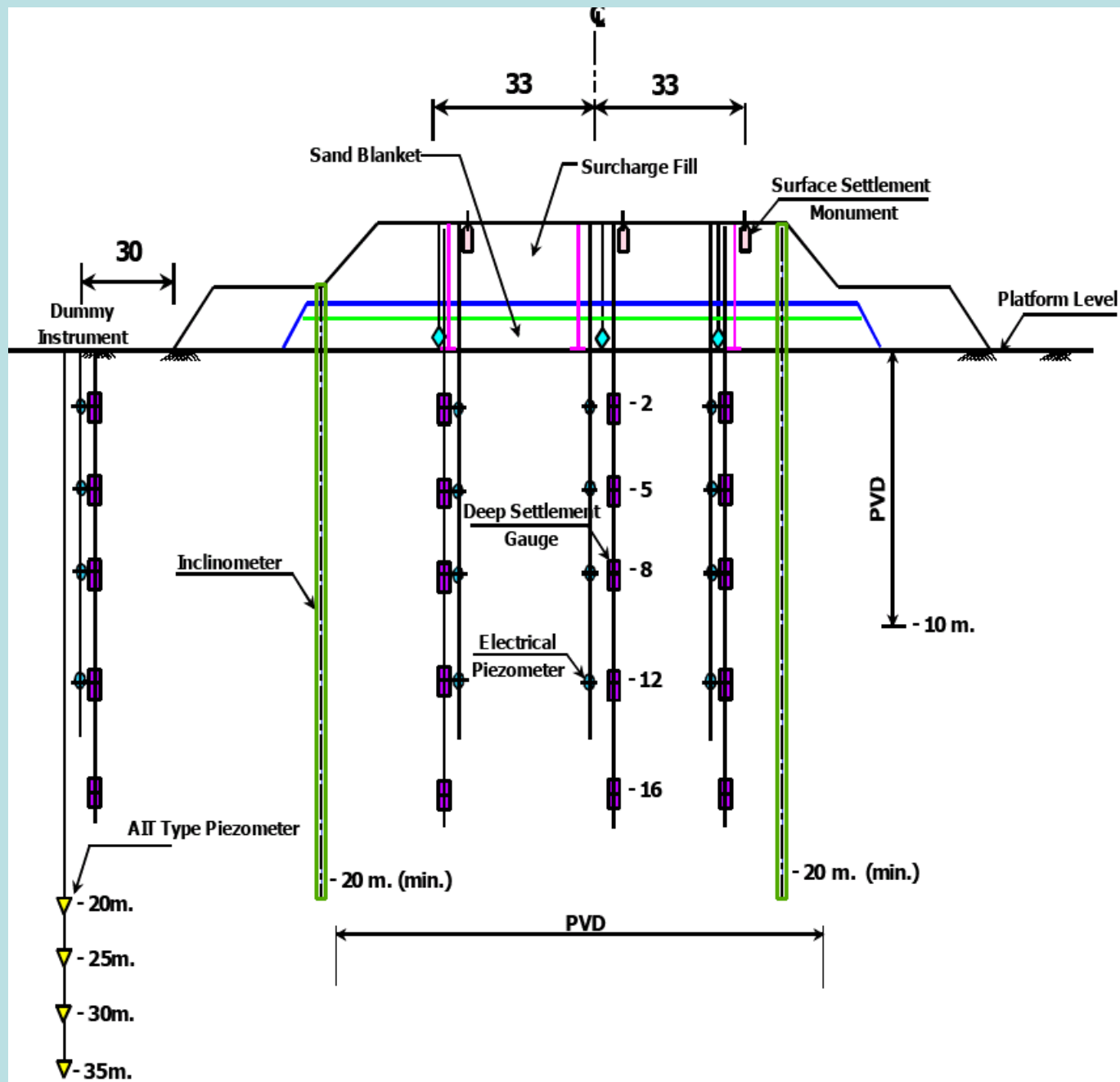


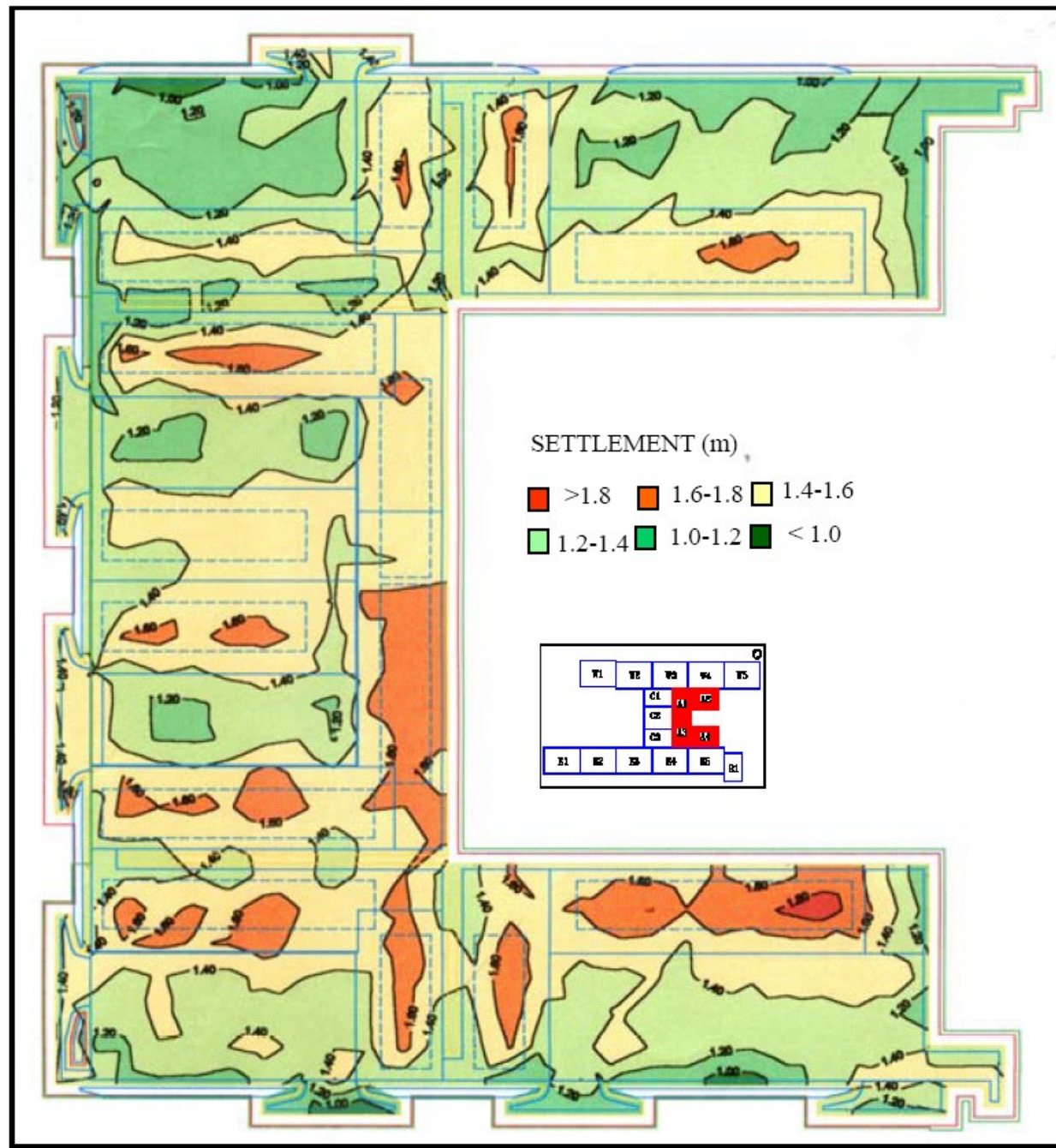
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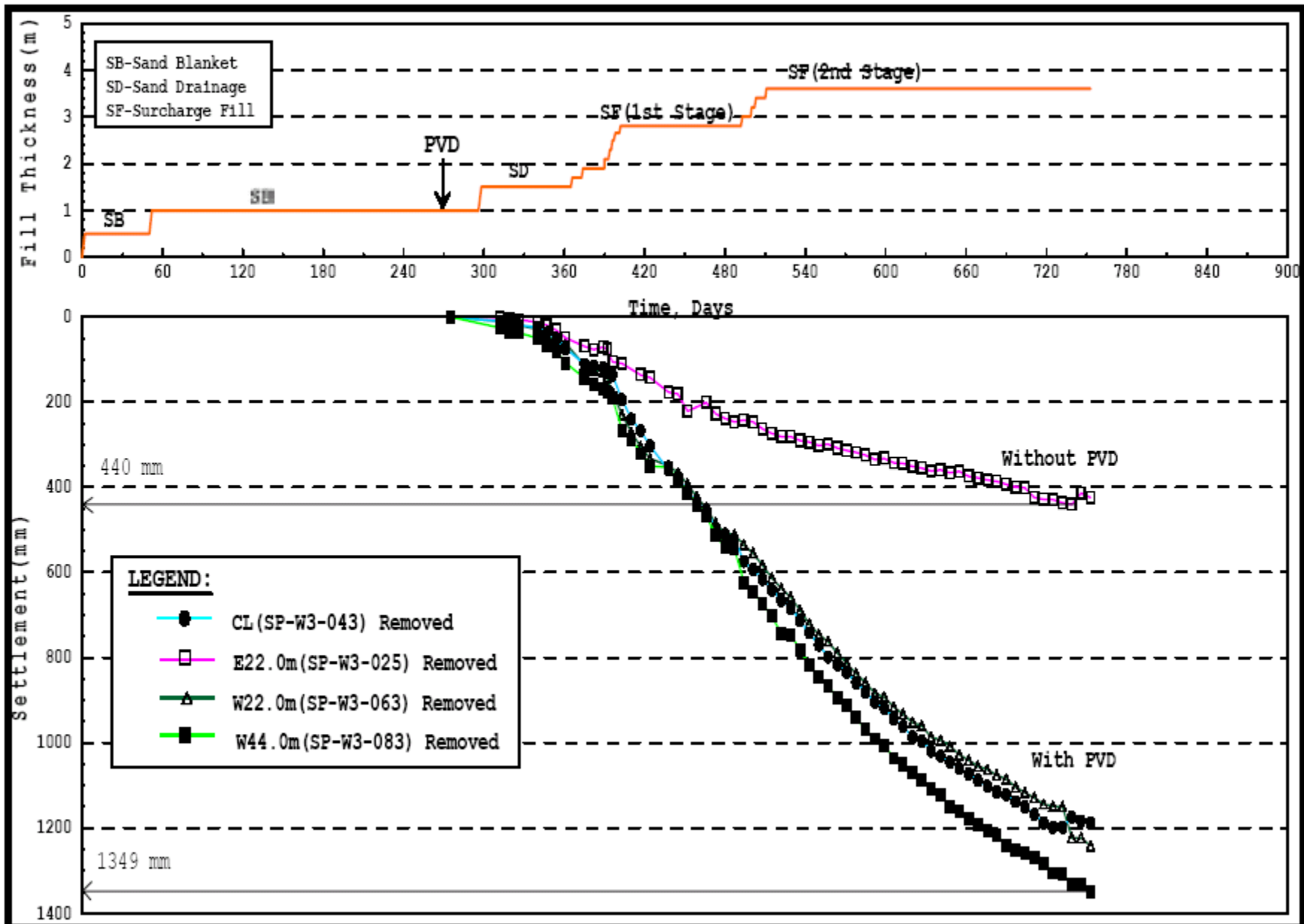
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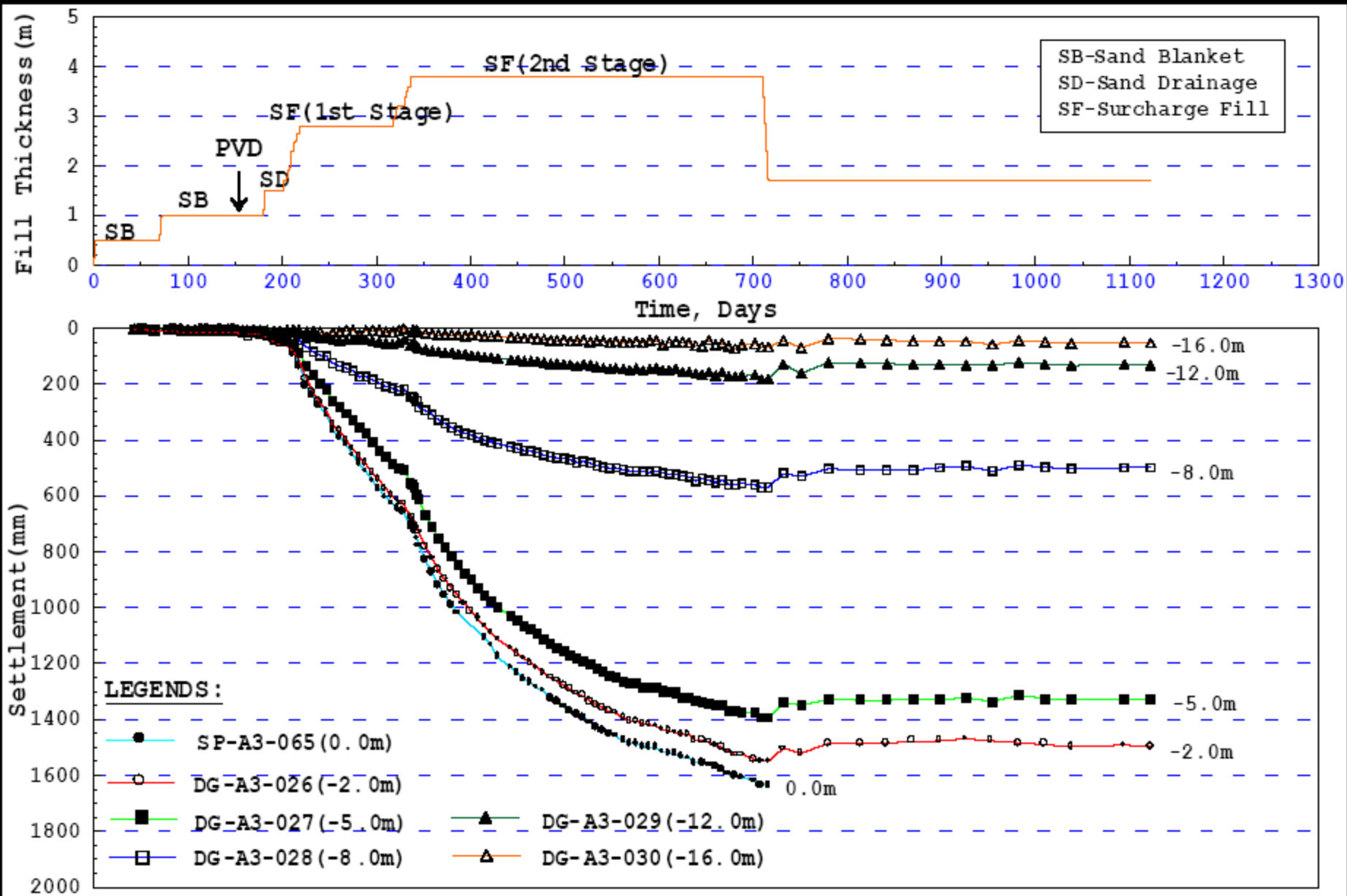




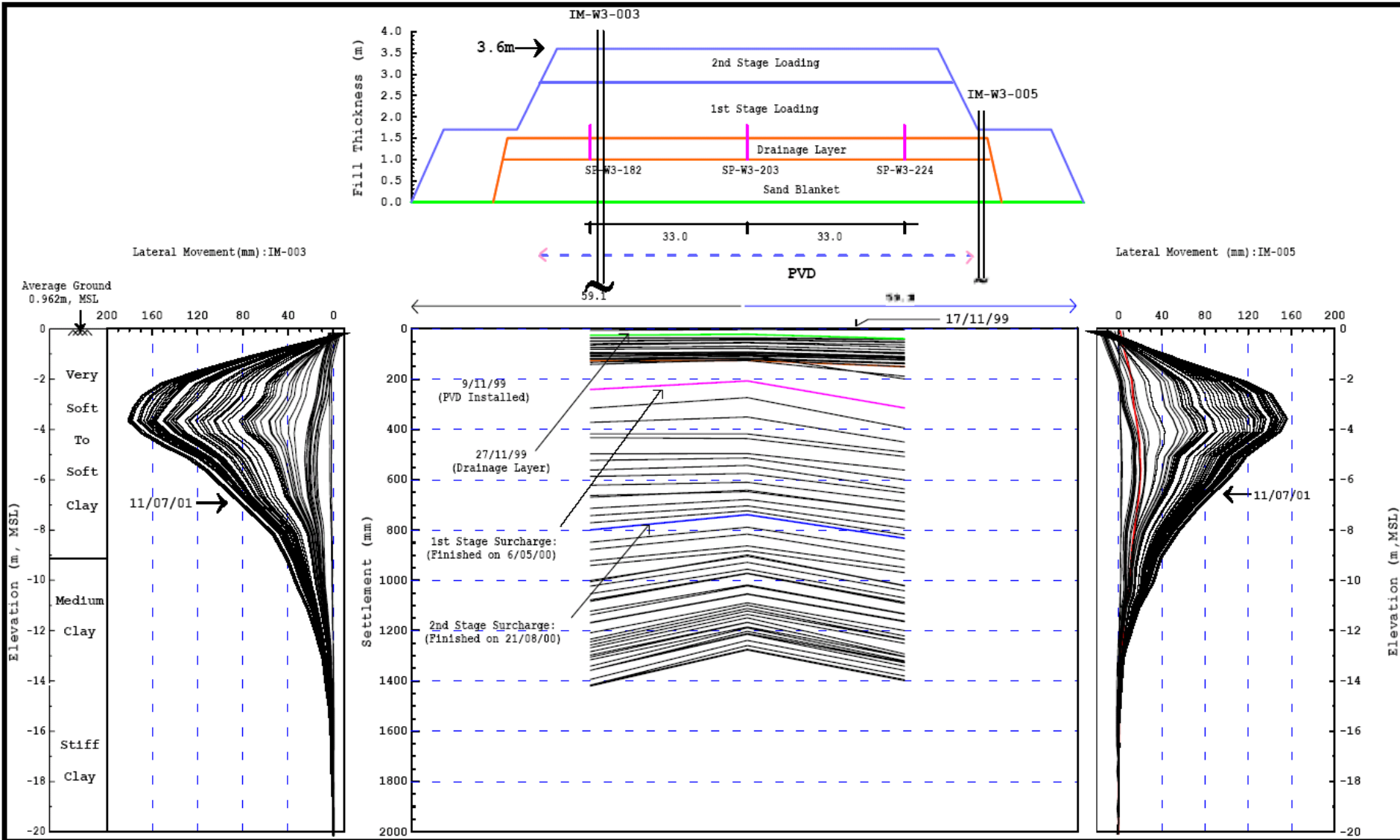
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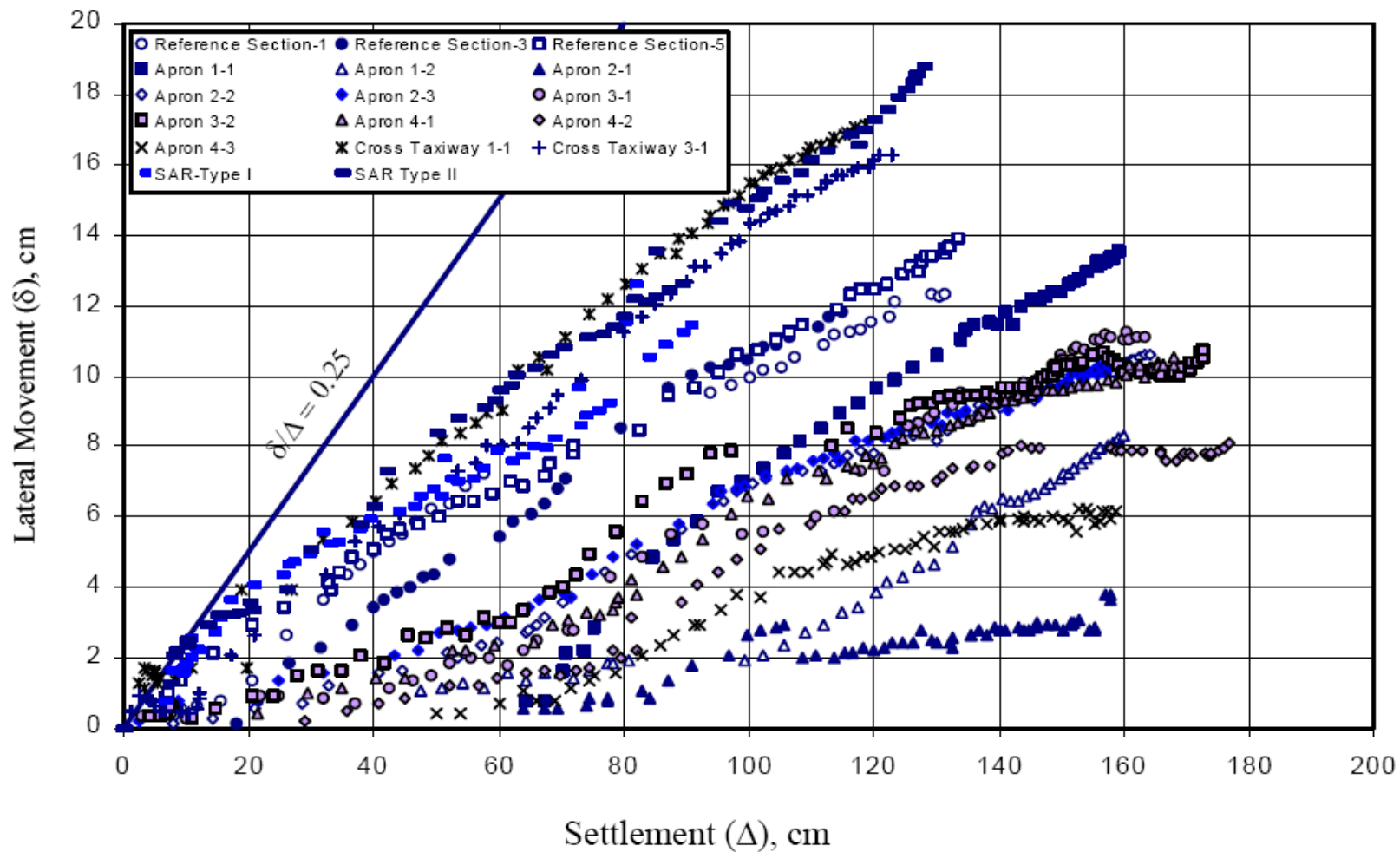
Comparison of Settlement between
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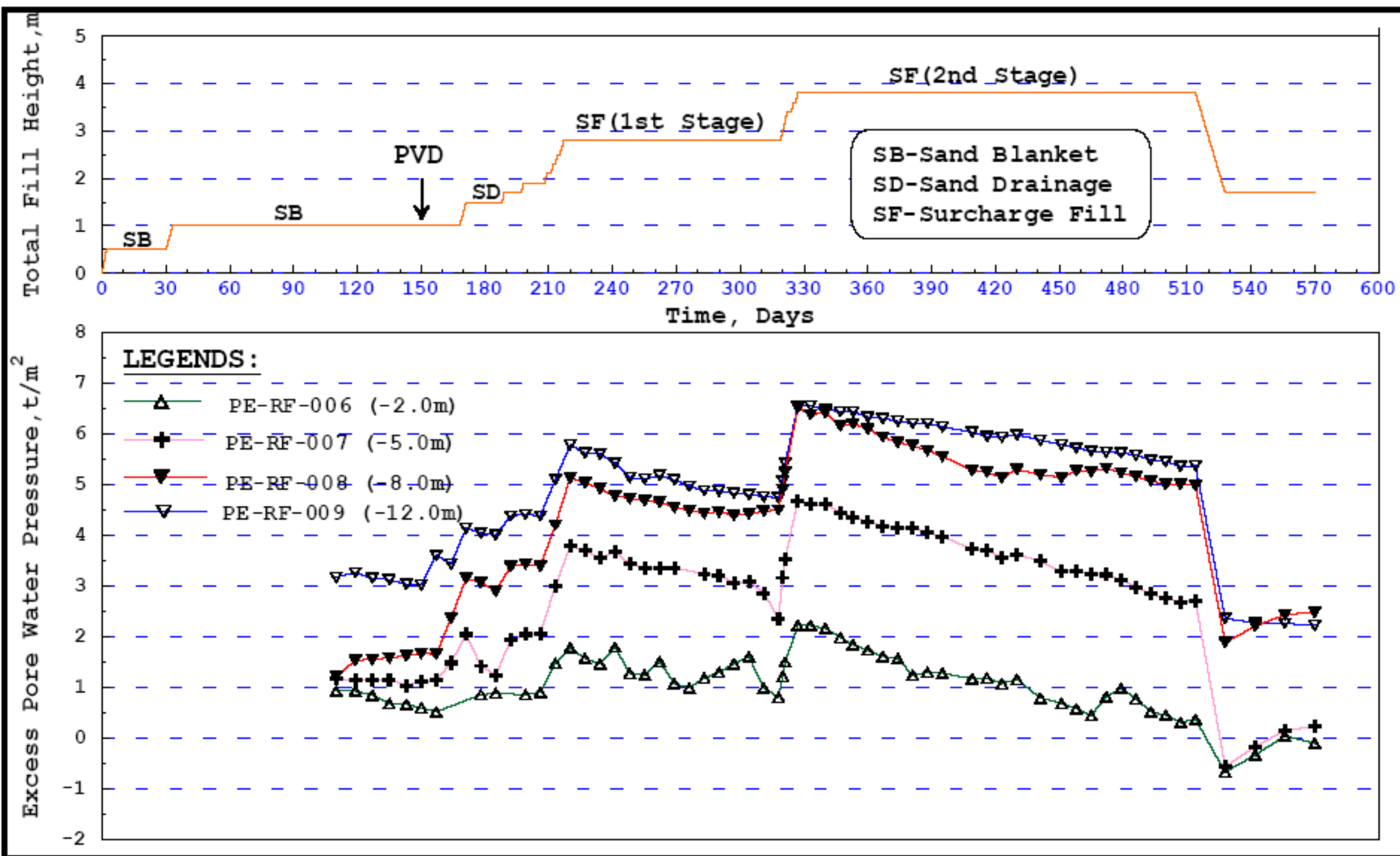
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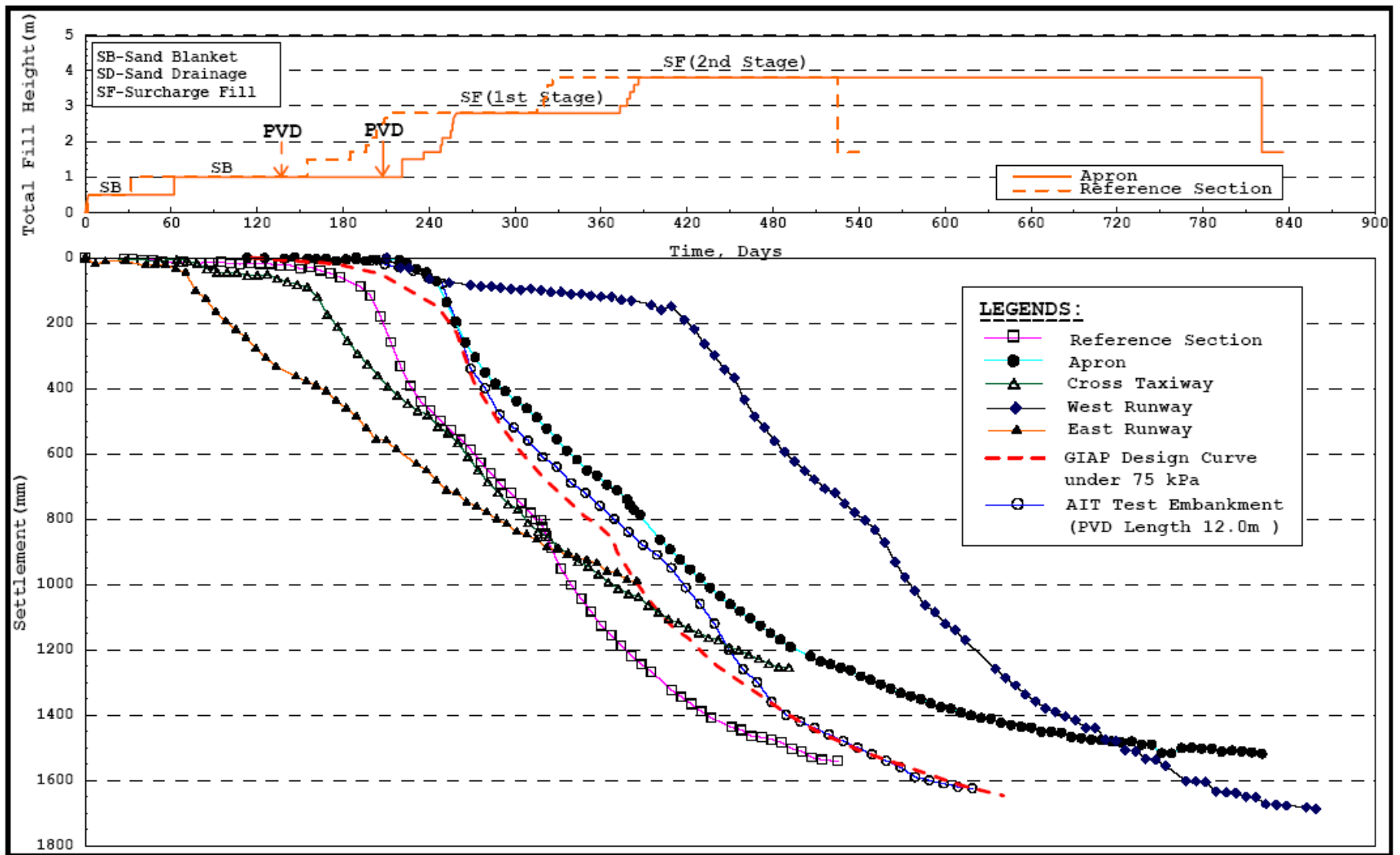
Observed Settlement and Lateral Movement Profile at West Runway



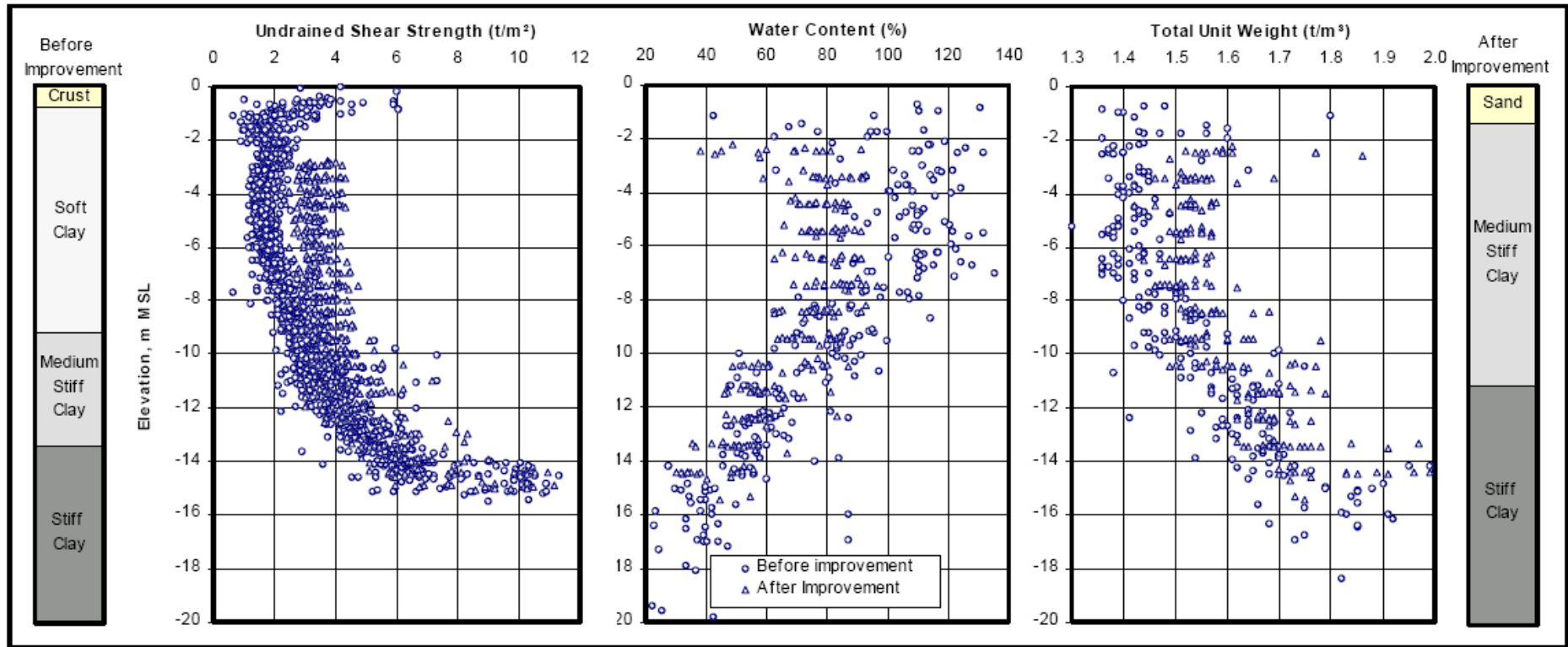
Ratios of Lateral to Vertical Movement at Apron, Cross Taxiway (GIAP) and SAR (GILRS)



Observed Excess Pore Pressure Distribution with Time and Fill Status at the Reference Section



Comparison of Field Settlements with the Design and AIT Test Embankment



Comparison of Soil Properties Before and After Ground Improvement