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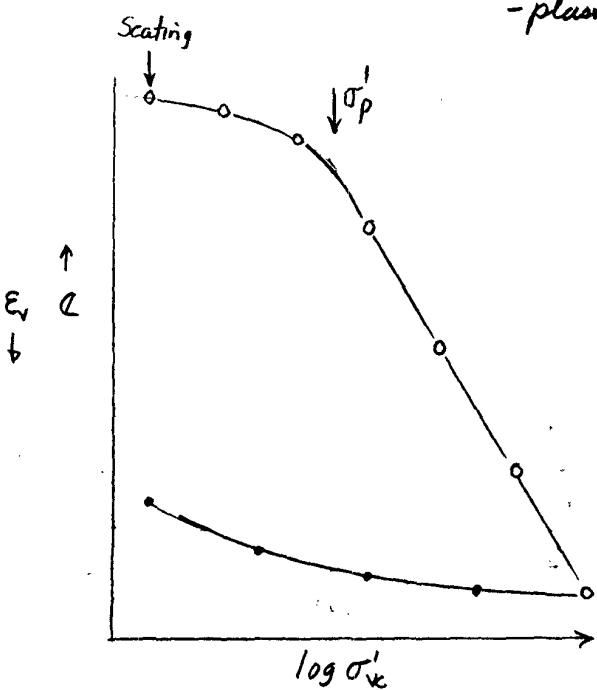
## 1-D CONSOLIDATION: MAGNITUDE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

1. ROLE OF OEDOMETER (1-D Consolidation Test)1.1 Objectives of Test - 5 items

- 1)  $\sigma'_p$  = yield stress
- 2)  $CR, RR, SR \rightarrow$  compressibility
- 3)  $C_v \rightarrow$  rate of primary consolidation
- 4)  $C_s =$  rate of secondary compression
- 5)  $K_o = \sigma'_{uc}/\sigma'_{vc}$  for  $\epsilon_h = 0$  (special projects, e.g., using FE w/ GMS)

1.2 Std. Procedure - Incremental (ASTM D 2435-90)

- 1) Seating  $\sigma = 0.1$  atm. : when add water?
- 2) LIR = 1 (Standard)
  - a) When reduce?
  - b)
- 3)  $t_c = 24$  hr. (Std) : How get EOP?
- 4) Misc -
  - Max. stress to define VCL &  $\sigma'_p \rightarrow$
  - $S_i$  - always check
  - Filter material - paper (can not)  
- plastic

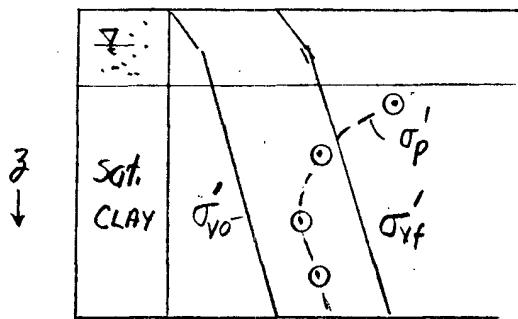


$H = 2$  cm  
 $D = 6-7$  cm  
 Why  $D/H \geq 3$ ?

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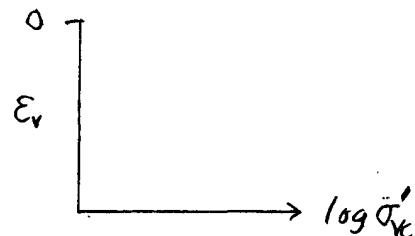
2. SETTLEMENT COMPUTATIONS2.1 Problem

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$$RR = \frac{Cr}{1+e_0} ; CR = \frac{Cc}{1+e_0}$$

Have raw data from  
4 oed. tests

2.2 Questions (Ignoring effects of disturbance & creep)

1) Egn for  $P_{cf} = \sum H_i (RR \log \bar{\sigma}_p / \bar{\sigma}_{v0} + CR \log \bar{\sigma}_{vf} / \bar{\sigma}_p)$

2) How evaluate parameters?

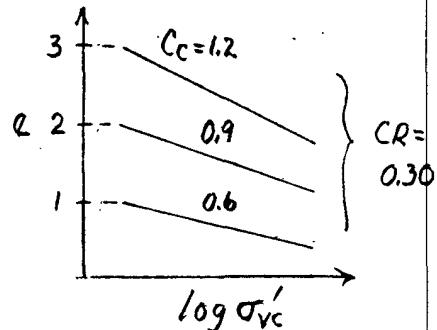
3) Most important variable =  $\sigma'_p$

2.3 Discussion

1) Plotting  $\epsilon$  or  $E$  vs  $\log \sigma'_{vc}$   
 research  
 practice

2) Typical values CR  
 (soft  $\rightarrow$  med. stiff, low-mod. St.)

CL  $\rightarrow 0.25 \pm 0.1$  } for non-structured  $\rightarrow$   
 CH  $\rightarrow 0.35 \pm 0.1$  } const. CR



3) Typical values of  $RR/CR \leq 0.1-0.2$  (unless significant "structure" - S-curves)

- a) Collective evaluation of RR & CR
- b) Supplemental information  $\rightarrow \sigma'_p$  profile
  - (1) geology  $\rightarrow$  help explain/predict trends
  - (2) In-situ testing  $\rightarrow$  spatial variability (Mini-problem)

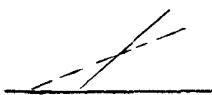
### 3. MECHANISMS OF VOLUME CHANGE (Part A, IV)

- 1) Elastic particle deformation:  
especially "bending" platy particles
  - 2) Change in "closest" spacing ( $\approx$ constant orientation)

## Rebound



- 3) Change particle orientation & sliding at contacts



- 4) "Particle" crushing

  - Clay flocs & aggregates
  - Sand

#### 4. MECHANISMS CAUSING PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE

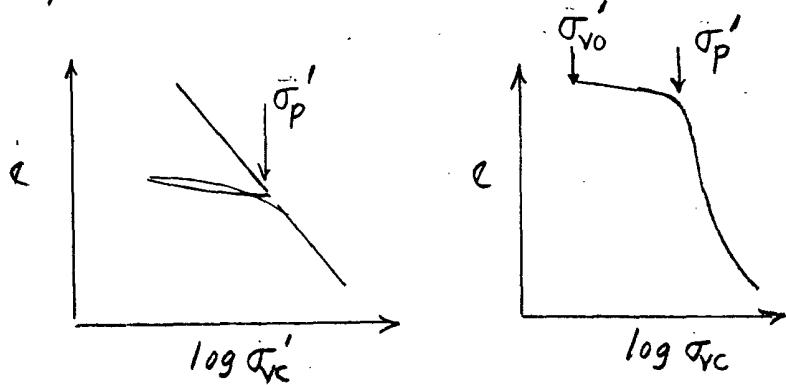
## 4.1 Physical Significance

$$\bar{\sigma}_p = \sigma_p' = \bar{\sigma}_{ym} = p_c'$$

## Yield Stress for 1-D loading separating

"elastic" behavior - small strains  $\rightarrow$  recoverable

vs "plastic" behavior - large strains, mostly non-recoverable



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## 4.2 "Four" Principal Mechanisms

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TABLE V SF '85 p66

Preconsolidation Pressure Mechanisms (For Horizontal Deposits with Geostatic Stresses)

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42 SHEETS 100 SQUARE  
42 SHEETS 200 SQUARE



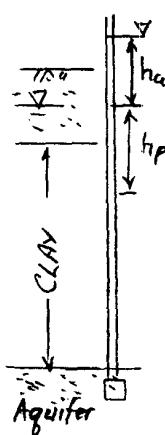
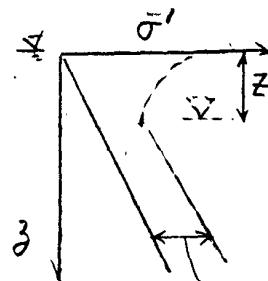
Category	Description	Stress History Profile	In situ Stress Condition	Remarks / References
A) Mechanical One Dimensional	1) Changes in total vertical stress (overburden, glaciers, etc.) 2) Changes in pore pressure (water table, seepage conditions, etc.)	Uniform with constant $\sigma'_p - \sigma'_{vo}$ (except with seepage)	$K_o$ , but value at given OCR varies for reload vs. unload	Most obvious and easiest to identify
B) Desiccation	1) Drying due to evaporation vegetation, etc. 2) Drying due to freezing	Often highly erratic	Can deviate from $K_o$ , e.g. isotropic capillary stresses	Drying crusts found at surface of most land deposits; can be at depth within deltaic deposits
C) Drained Creep (Aging)	1) Long term secondary compression	Uniform with constant $\sigma'_p / \sigma'_{vo}$	$K_o$ , but not necessarily normally consolidated value	Leonards and Altschaeffl (1964); Bjerrum (1967)
D) Physico-Chemical	1) Natural cementation due to carbonates, silica, etc. 2) Other causes of bonding due to ion exchange, thixotropy, "weathering" etc.	Not Uniform	No Information	Poorly understood and often difficult to prove. Very pronounced in eastern Canadian clays, e.g. Sangrey (1972), Bjerrum (1973), Quigley (1980)

4.3 "Mechanical"  $\Delta\sigma' = \Delta\sigma - \Delta u$ a)  $\Delta\sigma$ 

- 1) Overburden
- 2) Prior structures
- 3) Glaciation
- 4) Waves -  $\Delta\sigma$  (Madsen, 1978 geot)

Constant  
 $(\sigma'_p - \sigma'_{vo})$      $\sigma'_p / \sigma'_{vo}$     Erratic

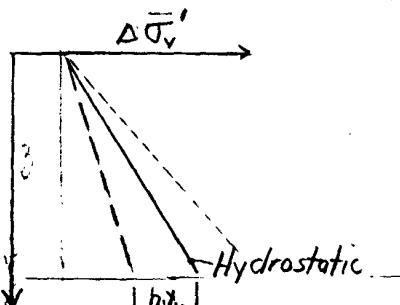
NOTE: Also review 1.361 Notes Part IV-4

b)  $\Delta U$  at Boundaries1)  $\Delta$  Water Tableb) Artesian --  
Pumping -----

$$(\bar{\sigma}_p - \bar{\sigma}_{vo}) \quad \frac{\bar{\sigma}_p}{\bar{\sigma}_{vo}} \quad \text{Erratic}$$

$$\Delta\sigma'_v = z \gamma_w \text{ if } \bar{U} \rightarrow 100\% \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \approx 100\% \text{ (within crust)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Delta\sigma'_v = z (\gamma_b \pm j = i \gamma_w)$$



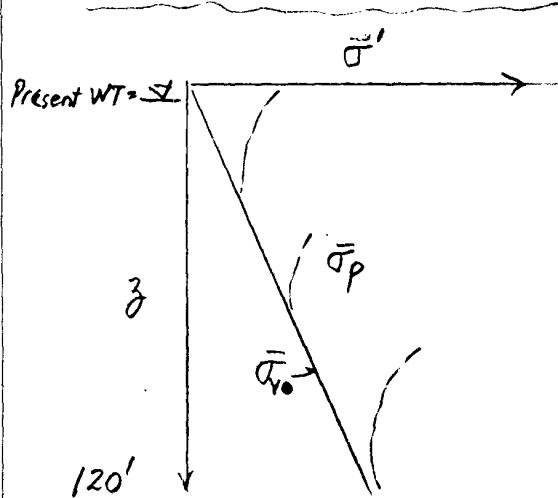
• Mexico City, Houston, Tokyo, Taipei, Bangkok

#### 4.4 Desiccation (Drying crust)

1) Evaporation, vegetation, etc.

2) is very significant (esp. trees) { changes during seasons  
within "active" zone. Can reach 10±5 m!

2) Frost

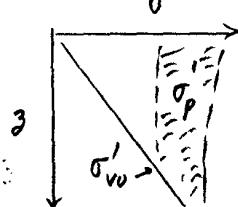
• Both can  $\rightarrow$  v. high "soil suction"•  $K_o$  or not

• Observed deltaic flood plain,  
e.g. Mississippi River.

How explain?

• Tidal mud flat deposits (Holocene)

How get OC?



See Kenney (1964) p5a/b

# SEA-LEVEL MOVEMENTS AND THE GEOLOGIC HISTORIES OF THE POST-GLACIAL MARINE SOILS AT BOSTON, NICOLET, OTTAWA AND OSLO

*Geotechnique (1964)*

14(3) 203-230

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## SYNOPSIS

The Paper is divided into two separate parts; the first part deals with eustatic sea-level movements which have occurred during the past 20,000 years, and the second part concerns the geologic history of marine soil deposits at Boston, Nicolet, Ottawa, and Oslo.

Eustatic sea-level movements are determined by synthesizing direct and indirect evidence concerning sea-level movements. Direct evidence consists of the ages and elevations of marine fossils and other materials, and elevations and ages of deposition and erosion surfaces which were controlled by sea-level movements. Indirect evidence consists of the dates of climate and temperature changes and the dates of major activity of the continental glaciers. From these data a provisional sea-level movement curve has been drawn for the period extending over the past 20,000 years.

Geologic histories of marine soil deposits are dependent on, among other things, sea-level and local crustal movements. For each of the above mentioned sites, time curves of sea-level and crustal movements are drawn, and from a study of these curves and other geological evidence, the general geologic history of the soils at each site is determined. Geotechnical data are presented in the form of boring profiles and results of laboratory tests, and these are discussed with respect to the previously determined geologic history. In certain cases there are apparent discrepancies between the geologic histories and the interpretations of geotechnical data, and these apparent discrepancies are commented upon.

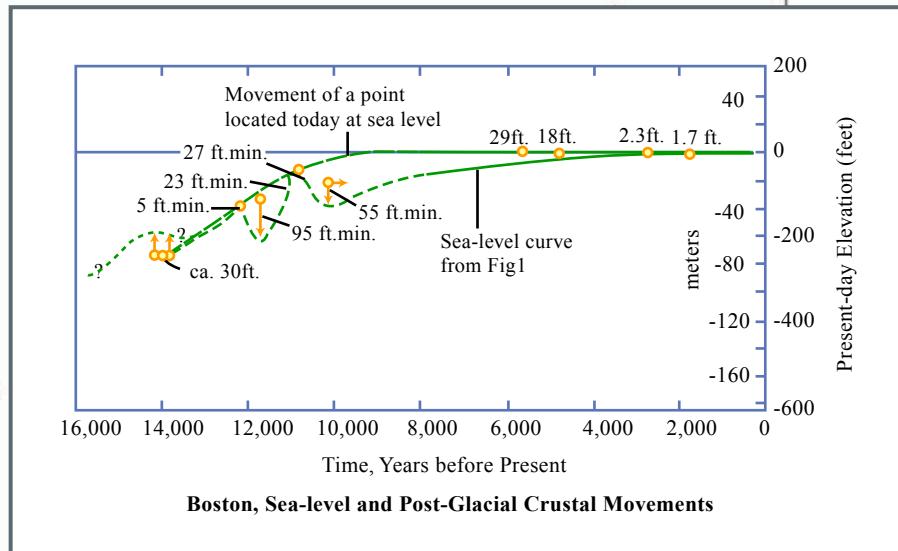
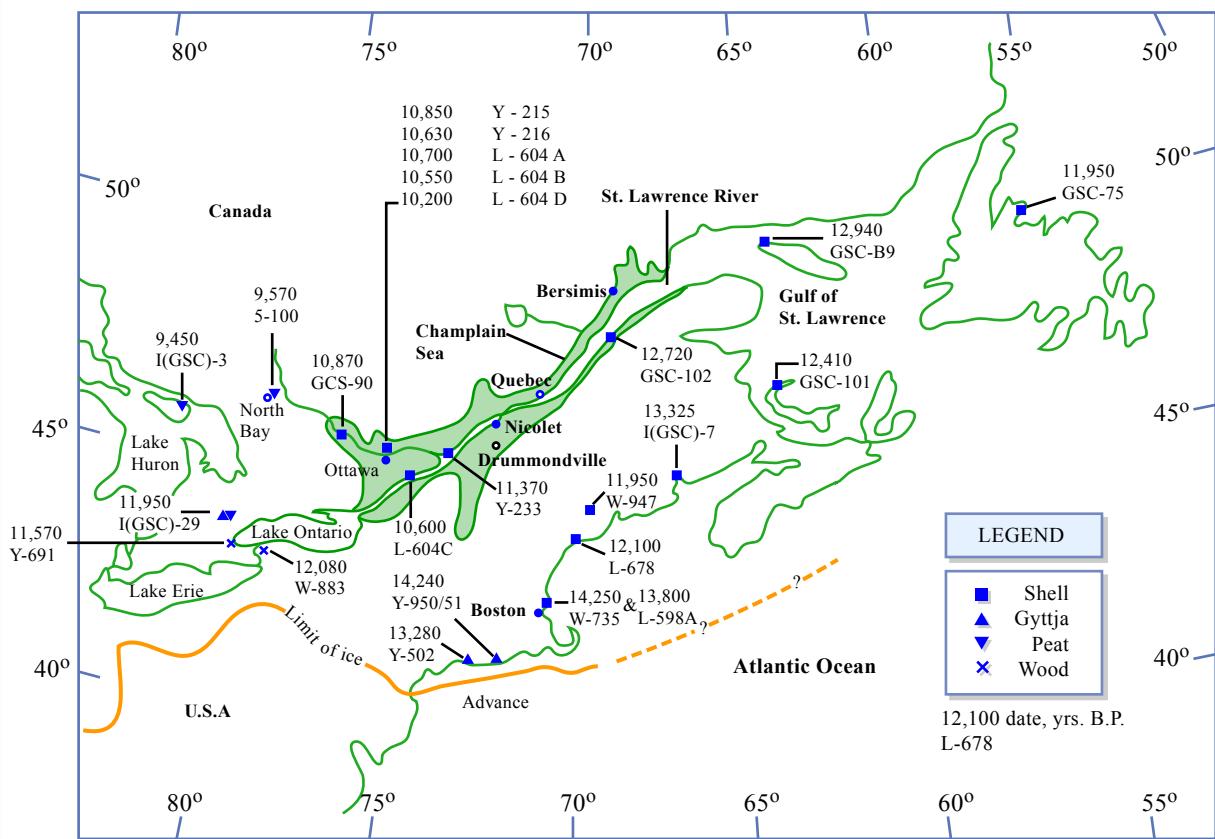


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Extent of the "classical" Wisconsin glaciation of North America

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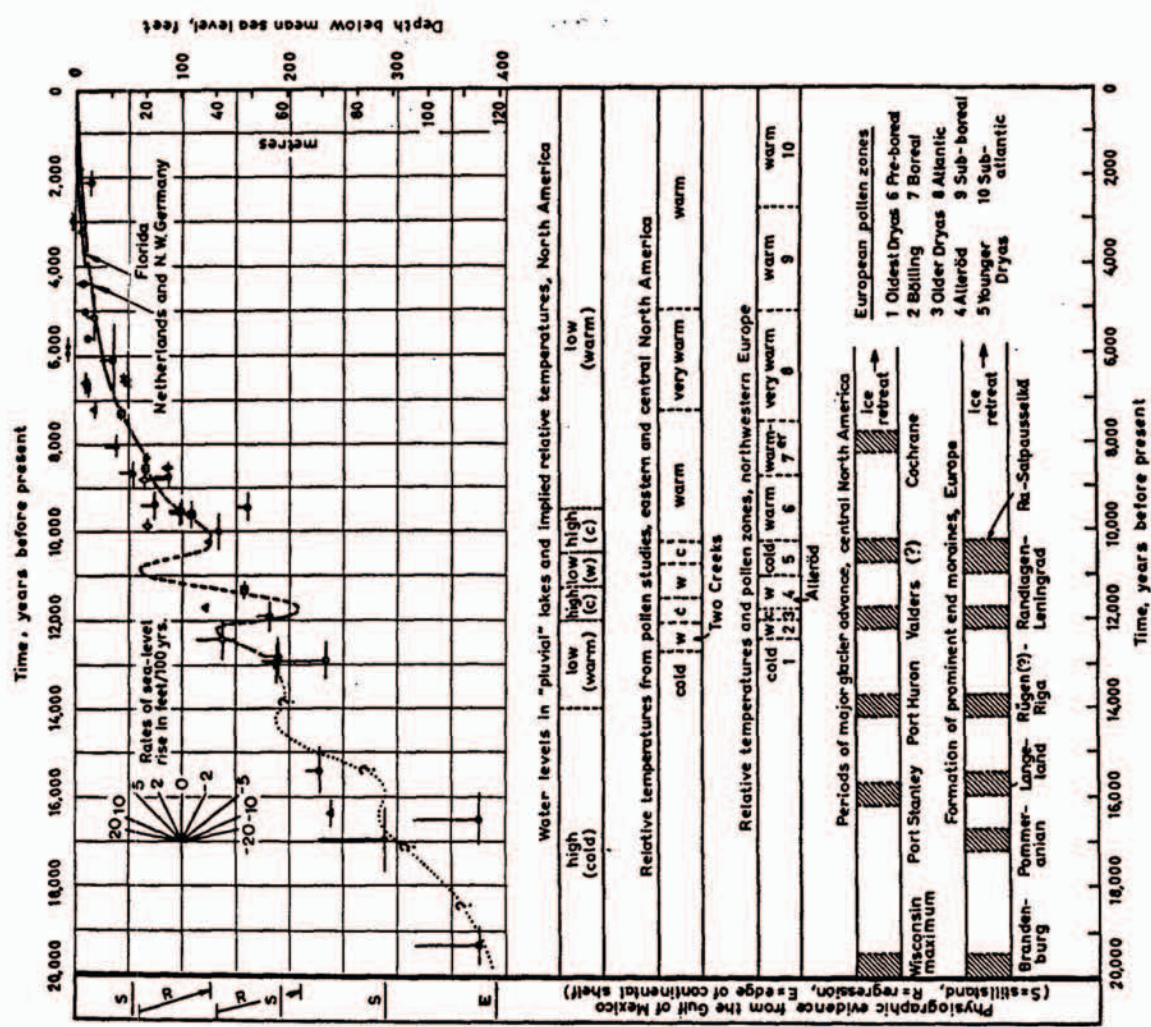
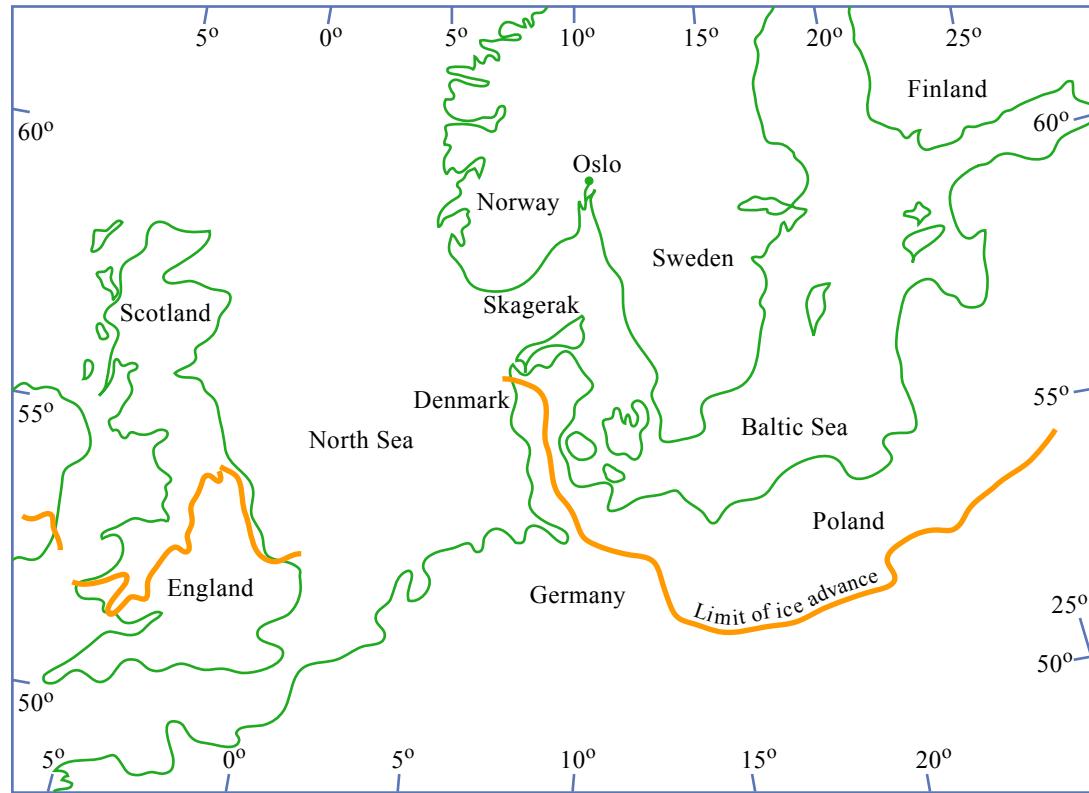


Fig. 1. Eustatic sea-level movement curve for the late Pleistocene period



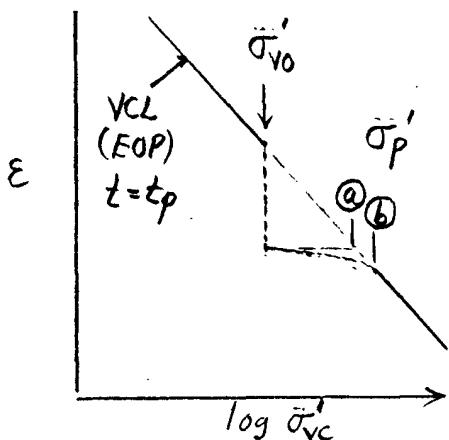
Extent of the Weichsel Glaciation of Europe

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4.5 Drained Creep (Sec. Compr. = Aging)

\* Note: Some authors use term "aging" to include D = Physico-Chem



$$\textcircled{a} \quad C_a \log(t/t_p) = CR \log(\bar{\sigma}'_p/\bar{\sigma}'_{v_0})$$

$$\log OCR = \frac{C_a}{CR} \log(t/t_p)$$

$$OCR = (t/t_p)^{C_a/CR}$$

$$C_a/CR = 0.045 \rightarrow$$

No. cycles	$m=1$	$m=0.8$
1	1.11	1.14
2	1.23	1.30
3	1.365	1.475
		$\approx 10-15\% / \text{lc}$

(b) Mesri & Castro (JGE 3/87)

$$C_a \log(t/t_p) + RR \log(\bar{\sigma}'_p/\bar{\sigma}'_{v_0}) = CR \log(\bar{\sigma}'_p/\bar{\sigma}'_{v_0})$$

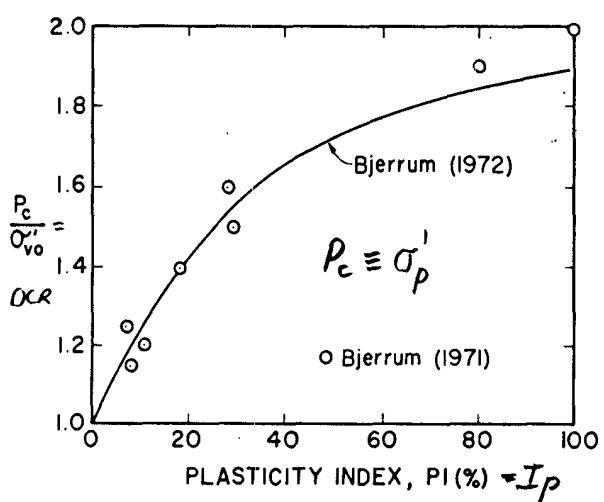
$$\underline{OCR = (t/t_p)^{\frac{C_a/CR}{m}}} \quad \text{where } m = 1 - C_s/C_c = 1 - RR/CR$$

NOTE: No difference in predicted  $\epsilon_{vf}$  if  $\sigma'_{vf} > \sigma'_p$

### Discussion

1) Does  $\sigma'_p$  lie on EOP? CC believes it should if no physico-chemical cementation.

2) Tokyo Fig 39 à la Bjerrum (1972) → Incl. OCR with incr. IP



Why is this plot suspect  
(CCL regrets including)?

Ans: If  $C_a/CR = \text{constant}$  & if  
deposits of same age, then OCR due  
to aging should not vary w/ IP

3) Confusing Terminology:

"Young" NC = little or no aging

"Old" NC = significant aging

? Should use "normally loaded"

Fig. 39 Precompression of late glacial  
and post glacial clays attributed  
to aging.

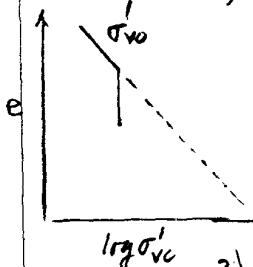
#### 4.6 Physico-Chemical (see Table V, p4)

##### 1) Discussion (Cementation & other causes of "bonding")

- Certain deposits do contain potential cementing agents like carbonates, Al-Fe oxides, silica, organic matter, etc.
- Other causes even less well documented
- CCL believes can be very significant in some deposits, but hard to prove

NOTE: If combination of high  $I_L$  + high  $\sigma'_p$  } then quite likely  
+ brittle clay behavior!  
e.g. Champlain  
Clays

##### 2) Example - James Bay B-6 (p8)

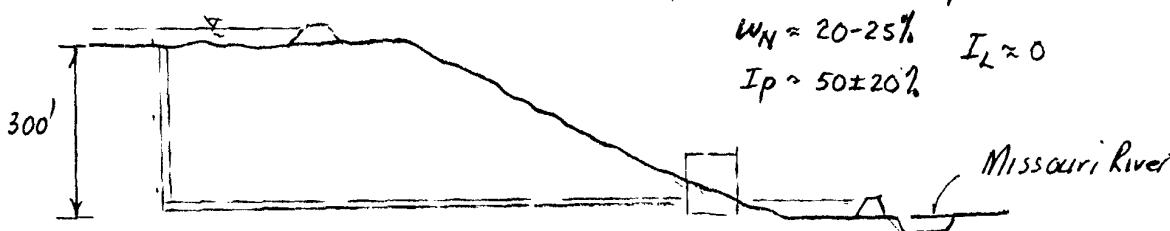


Why conclude Marine Clay had significant cementation?

- $\sigma'_p$  inconsistent w/ mechanical, desiccation and aging
- Variable  $\sigma'_p$  on block samples
- 1-D  $\rightarrow$  very compressible at  $\sigma'_n > \sigma'_p$
- CK<sub>UC</sub>  $\rightarrow$  very brittle w/ v. high yield surface

##### 3) Example - Nebraska Pumped Storage Project (p9)

Pierre Shale : upto 50% CaCO<sub>3</sub>



$$w_N = 20-25\% \quad I_L \approx 0$$

$$I_p \approx 50 \pm 20\%$$

- Most oedometer data  $\rightarrow \sigma'_p = 160 \pm 20$  atm vs. Geology predicted only 80 atm or ave.  $\bar{\sigma}'_v = 10$  atm
- If mechanical  $\sigma'_p \rightarrow$  v. high  $K_0 \rightarrow$  significant impact on slope stability ("spalling") and tunnel lining design
- McGowen SM - is high  $\sigma'_p$  due to cementation?
  - leach with HCl  $\rightarrow$  lower  $\sigma'_p$ ?
  - correlation with % CaCO<sub>3</sub>

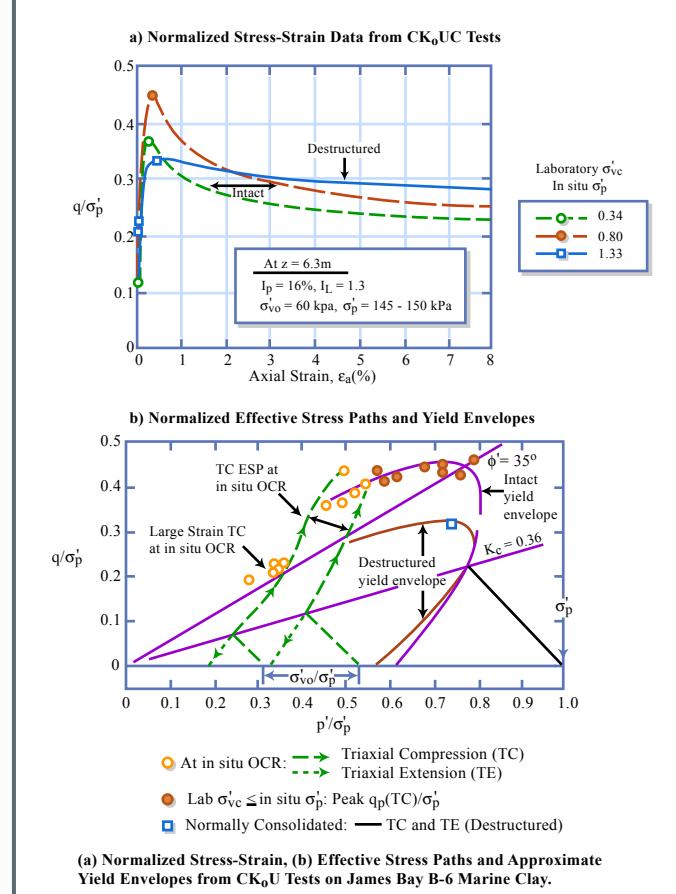
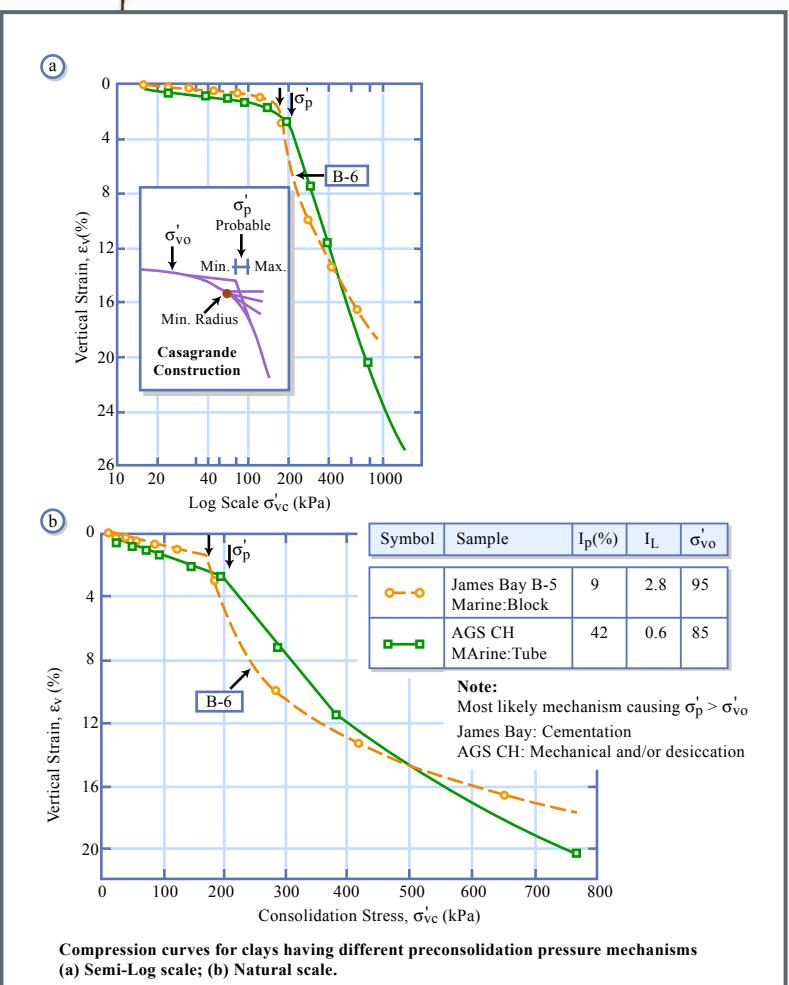
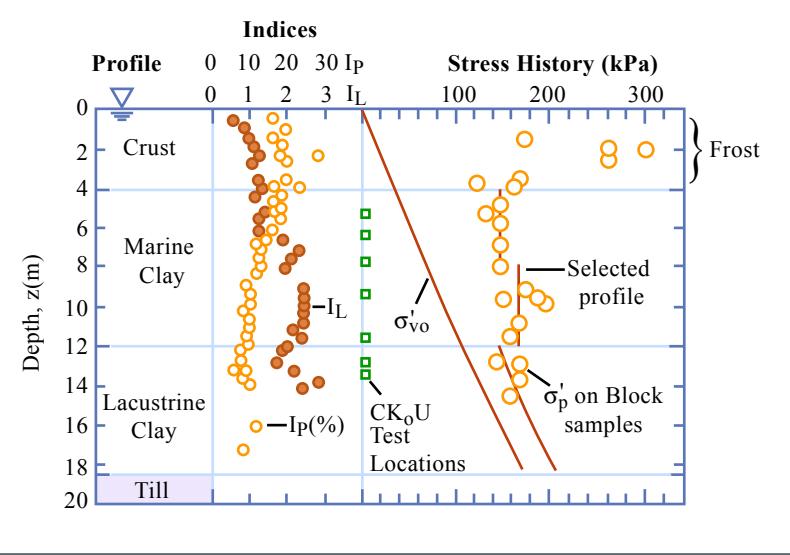
##### 4) Examples - MIT Biology Bldg (p9a) ; EB CAIT (p11a)

*Soil profile, index properties & stress history at James Bay B-6*

Marine Clay,  $z = 4\text{-}12\text{m}$

$$I_L = 2 \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sigma'_p = 1.65 \pm 0.3 \text{ bar}$$



Data from Lefebvre et al. (1983).

1-D f CK<sub>0</sub>UC data (from SF '85)

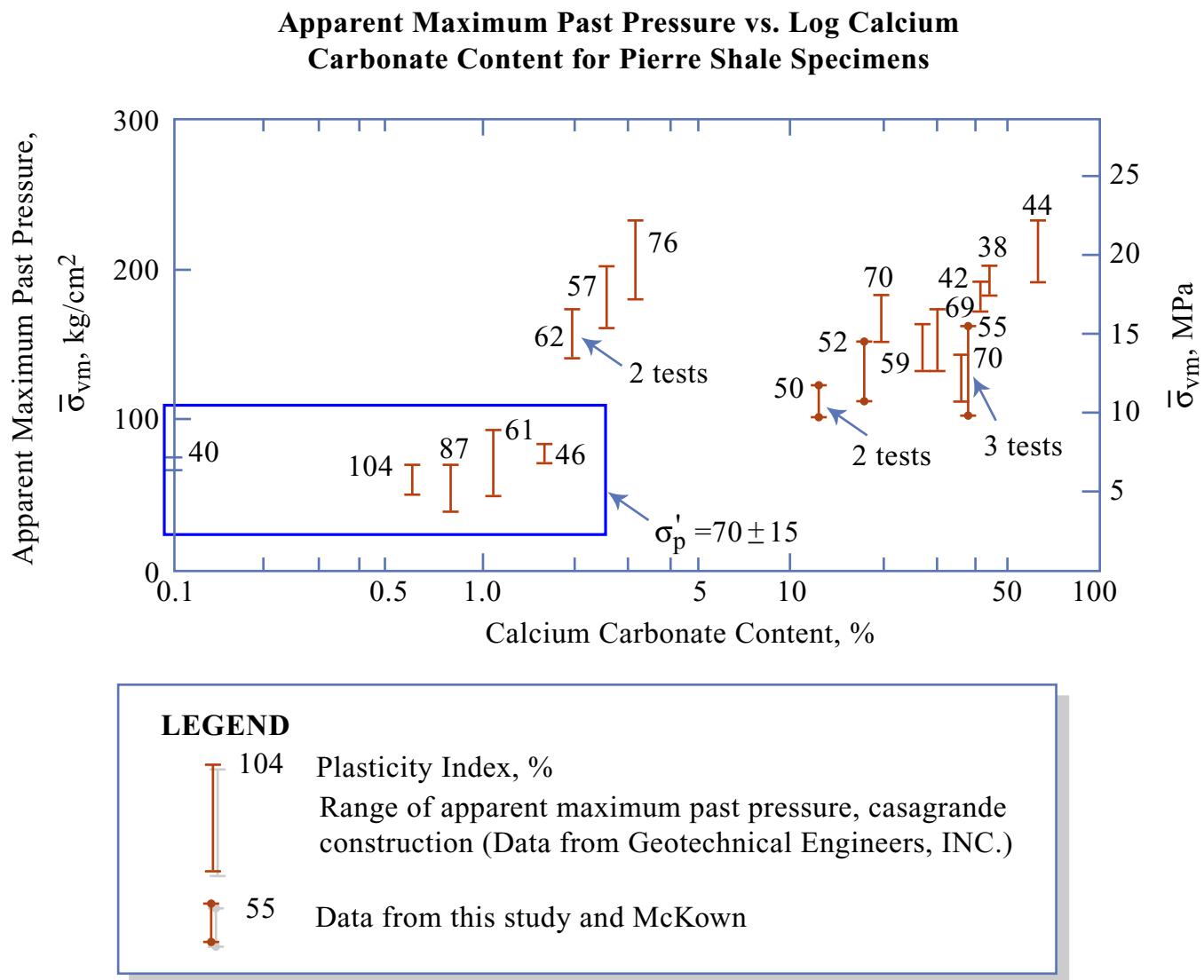


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ELEVATION vs. PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE and OVERCONSOLIDATION RATIO

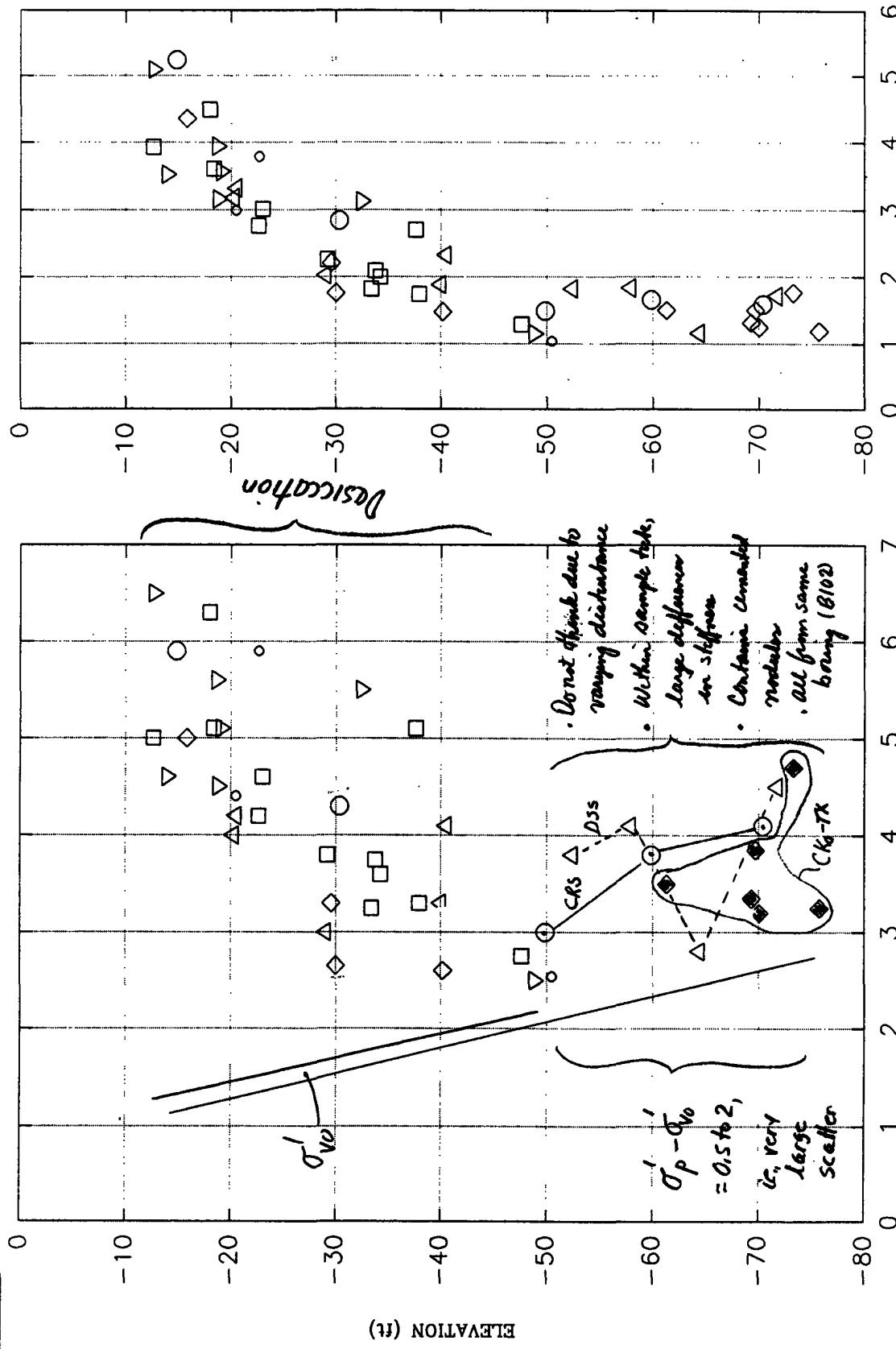
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### Consolidation II

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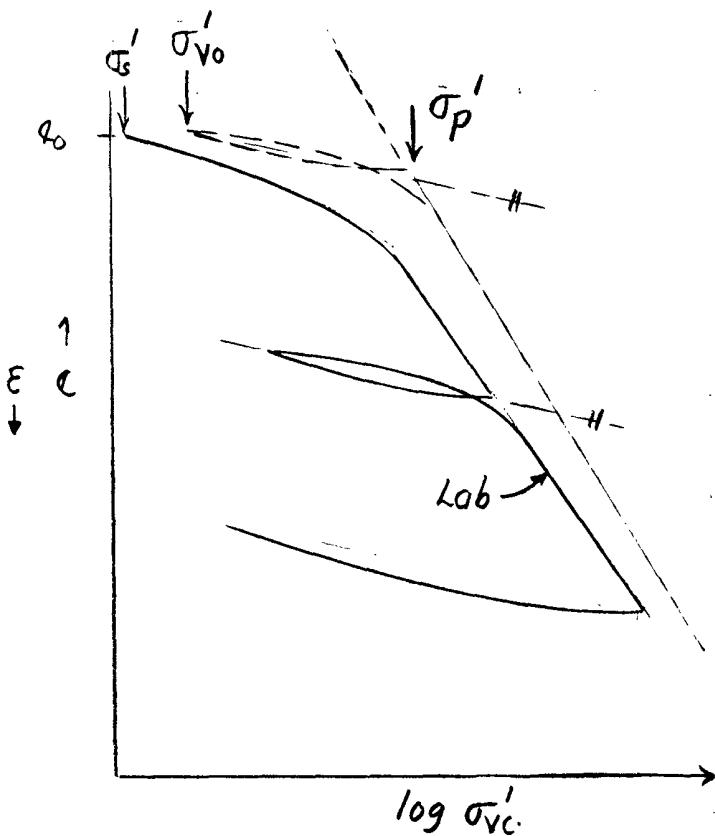


PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE (ksc),  $\sigma'_p$

OVERCONSOLIDATION RATIO, OCR

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## 5. SAMPLE DISTURBANCE (see Fig. 2-6, p10a)



## 5.1 Schematic

- Moderate quality
- Odd severe disturbance

← Validity of parallel assumption vs Mechanisms  
→  $\sigma'_p$ ?  
(Not for cementation)

## 5.2 Effects of Disturbance

- 1) Lower curve
- 2) Obscure & usually lower est.  $\sigma'_p$
- 3) Significance incr. recompression compressibility  
∴ Should include?

- 4) May. lower virgin compressibility  
(? Notes)

• Table 2-2 - low-moderate St

(using JHS) Corr./meas. CR  $\approx 1.15 \pm 0.05$  but can be much larger  
e.g., CAIT BBC 0.25 → 0.7 (p116)  
Orinoco Clay 0.25 → 0.35 (p13a,b)

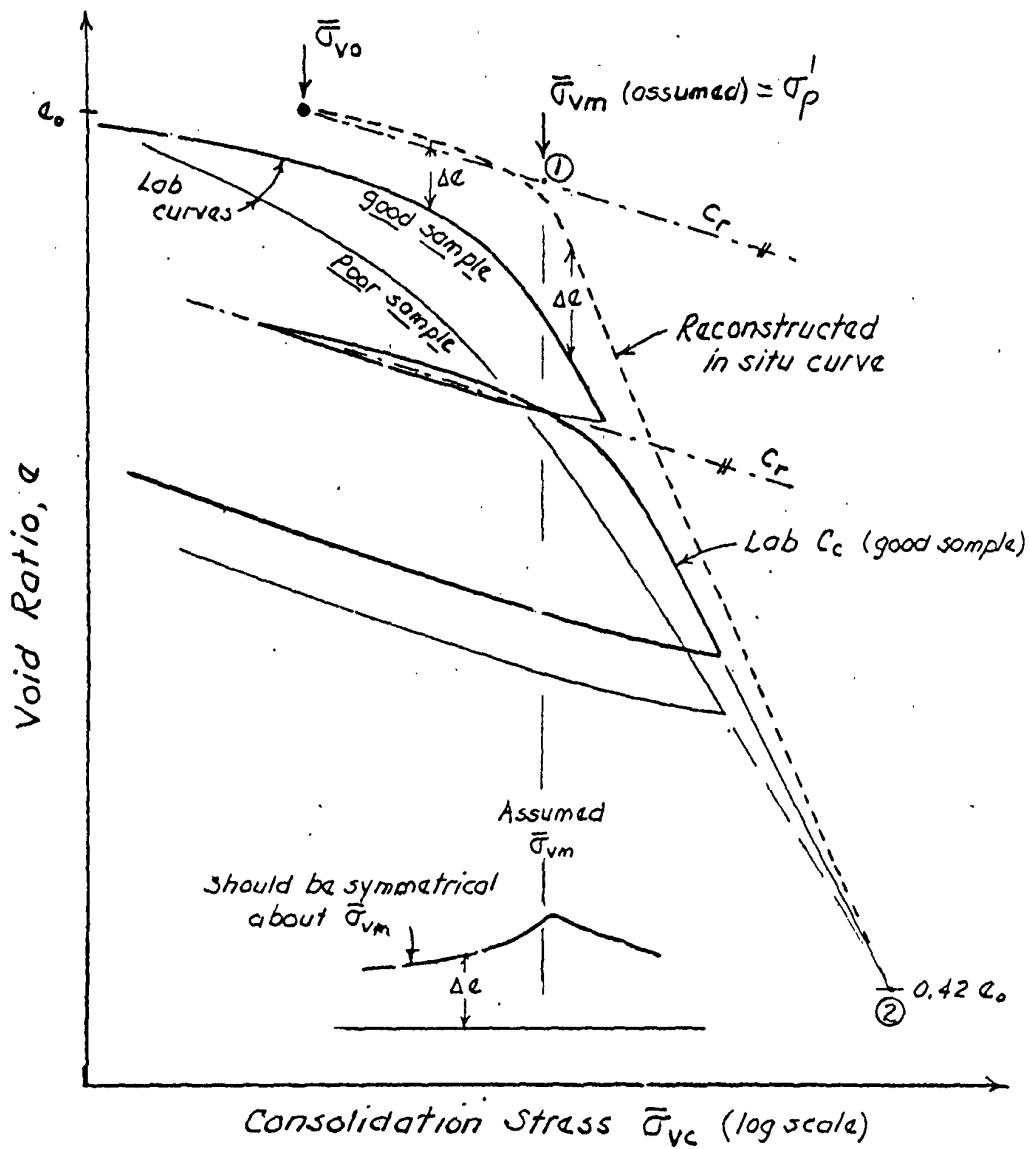
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- Reconstruction of In situ Compression Curve using Schmertmann's Method

JHS(1955) "The undisturbed consolidation of clay", 1955 Trans ASCE, 120, 1201-1233

NOTE: CCL recommends using linear (not curved) decompression and virgin compression lines to obtain  $\Delta e$  vs  $\log \bar{\sigma}_{vc}$



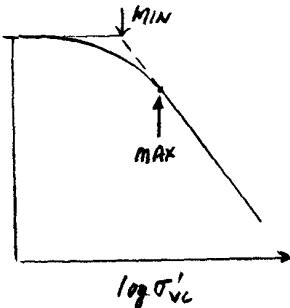
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## 6 GRAPHICAL METHODS TO ESTIMATE $\sigma'_p$

### 6.2 Casagrande (AC)

- Most common
- Use standard size scale: CCL prefers 3 cycle  $\sigma'_v^2 \times 11$  with  $\Delta\sigma_v / \Delta L_C = 10 \pm 2\%$
- Add min-max.



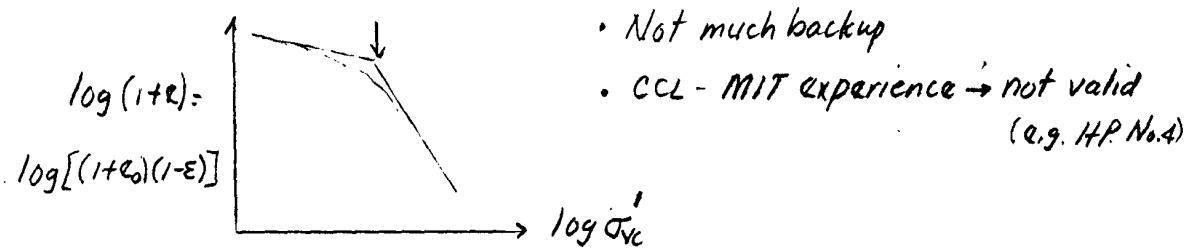
### 6.3 Schmertmann (Fig. 2-6 p Notes, p10a) Ev

- No published update since 1955
- Advantage  $\rightarrow$  "in situ" curve
- NOT APPLICABLE TO LOW OCR
- CCL prefers using linear (not curved) recompression - virgin compression lines to obtain  $\Delta\sigma_v$  vs  $\log \sigma'_v$

### 6.1 Testing Soils with S-Shaped VCL

- p11a SB/EB CAIT Test Series: Stress history
- p11b " " " : Typical compression curves & values of CR

### 6.4 Butterfield (1979 geot. No.4)



(NOTE: MIT-SI uses  $\log \epsilon$  vs  $\log \sigma'_v$  to cover very large range in  $\sigma'_v$ )

### 6.5 Strain Energy = Work/Unit Volume (Covered 1.361)

- See p12 (p12a (Notes delete U/R data); must use max. CR to VCL)
- Use of linear scale  $\rightarrow$  more precise  $\sigma'_p$  than via AC
- Need data at  $\sigma'_v < \sigma'_v^*$  to define initial slope

### 6.6 Recommendations

- 1) Always use AC since std. practice & simple to apply
- 2) But SE preferred since more accurate, less judgment (e.g. w/ rounded curves) and can automate, plus linear  $\sigma'_v$  scale
- 3) See p12b for example of Comparing SE n AC

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1.322 1-D Pct Part II

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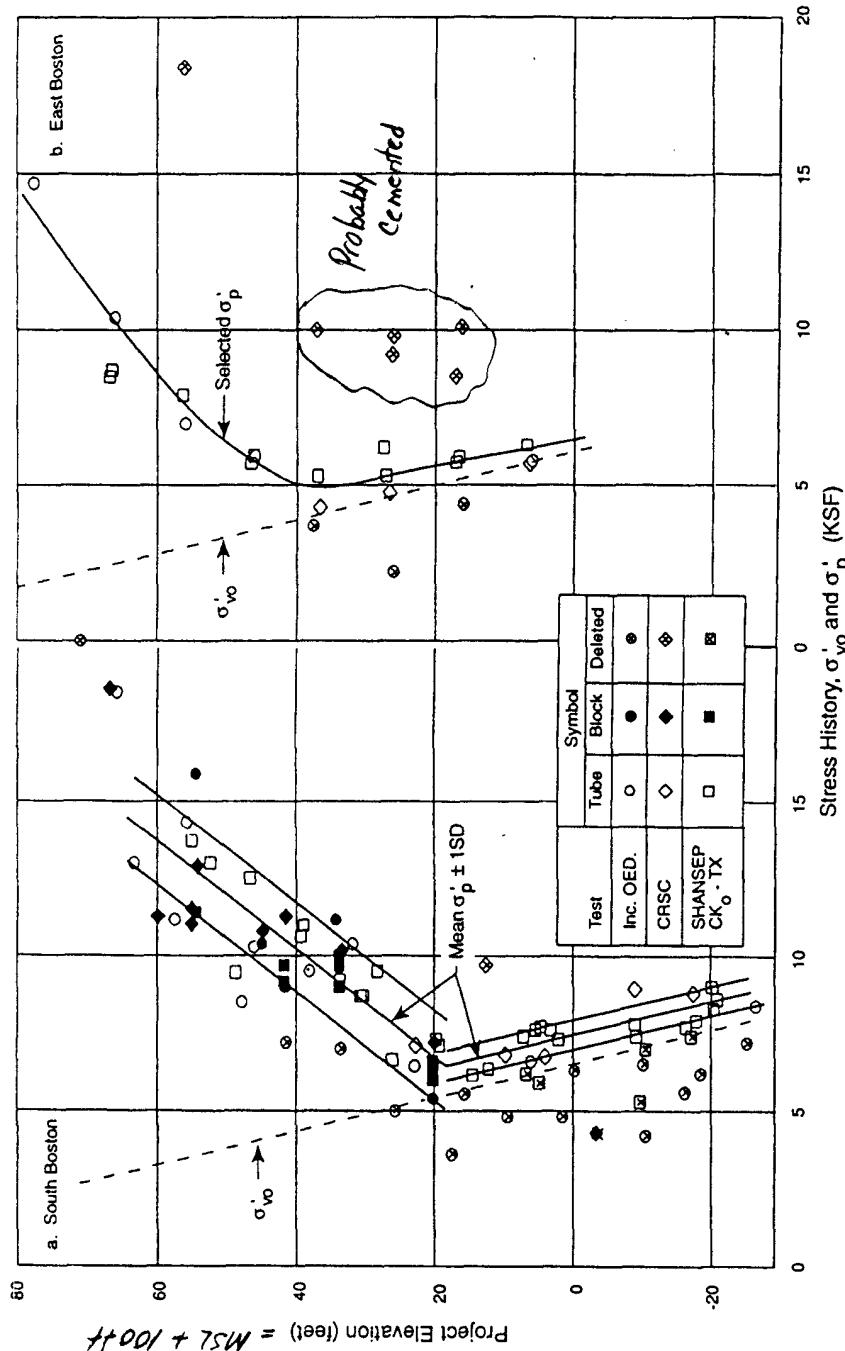


FIG. 6. Stress History from 1-D Consolidation Tests at SB and EB Test Sites (CA/T)

- Notes:*
- 1) Most of "good"  $\sigma'_p$  values from continuous loading tests (CRSC & SHANSEP CK<sub>0</sub>-TX)
  - 2) Deleted values due to excessive disturbance ( $\varepsilon_v \geq \sigma'_v$  too large for example) or  $\sigma'_p$  very high (probably localized cementation)
  - 3) Used heavy weight mud  $\rightarrow \sigma_v = \gamma d_m \approx \text{sat. } \sigma'_v$ ; fixed piston Sampler (3" dia) and Sharbroke 30cm dia block sampler (at SB to El. 20)

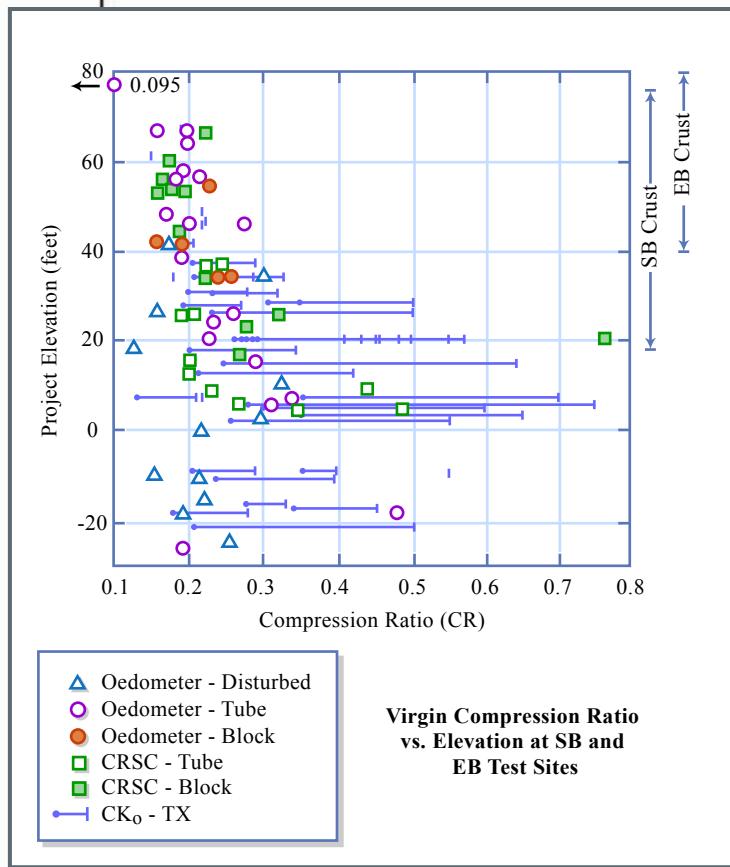


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- 1) In upper crust,  $CR_S, CK_o - TX \approx OED \rightarrow$  same values of max. CR  $\approx 0.2$  (since similar compression curves).
- 2) At greater depths, need continuous loading tests to define max. CR  $\approx 0.4 - 0.7$ . OED  $\rightarrow$  much lower values of max. CR, partially due to more disturbance (tests run before used special extension technique)

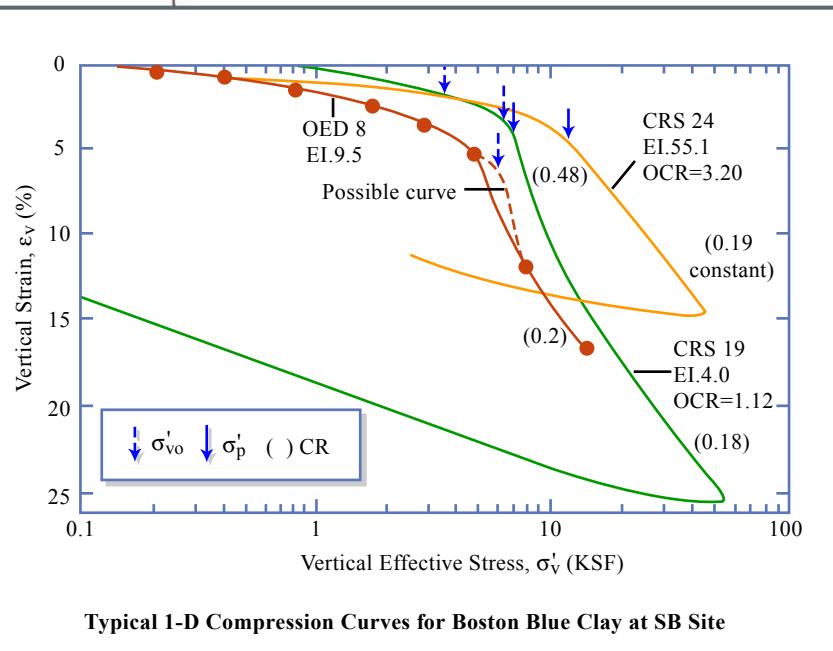


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Adapted from: Land et al. (1998) Geo-Congress 98

- 1) CRS 24 in crust  $\rightarrow$  linear VCL w/  $CR \approx 0.2$ .
  - Oed = CRS
  - SE better than AC
- 2) CRS 19 in low OCR clay  $\rightarrow$  S-shaped VCL w/ CR decreasing at increasing  $\sigma'_v / \sigma'_p$
- 3) OED 8 in low OCR clay  $\rightarrow$  ill-defined VCL can't define  $\sigma'_p$  and max. CR. Plus this specimen was moderately disturbed

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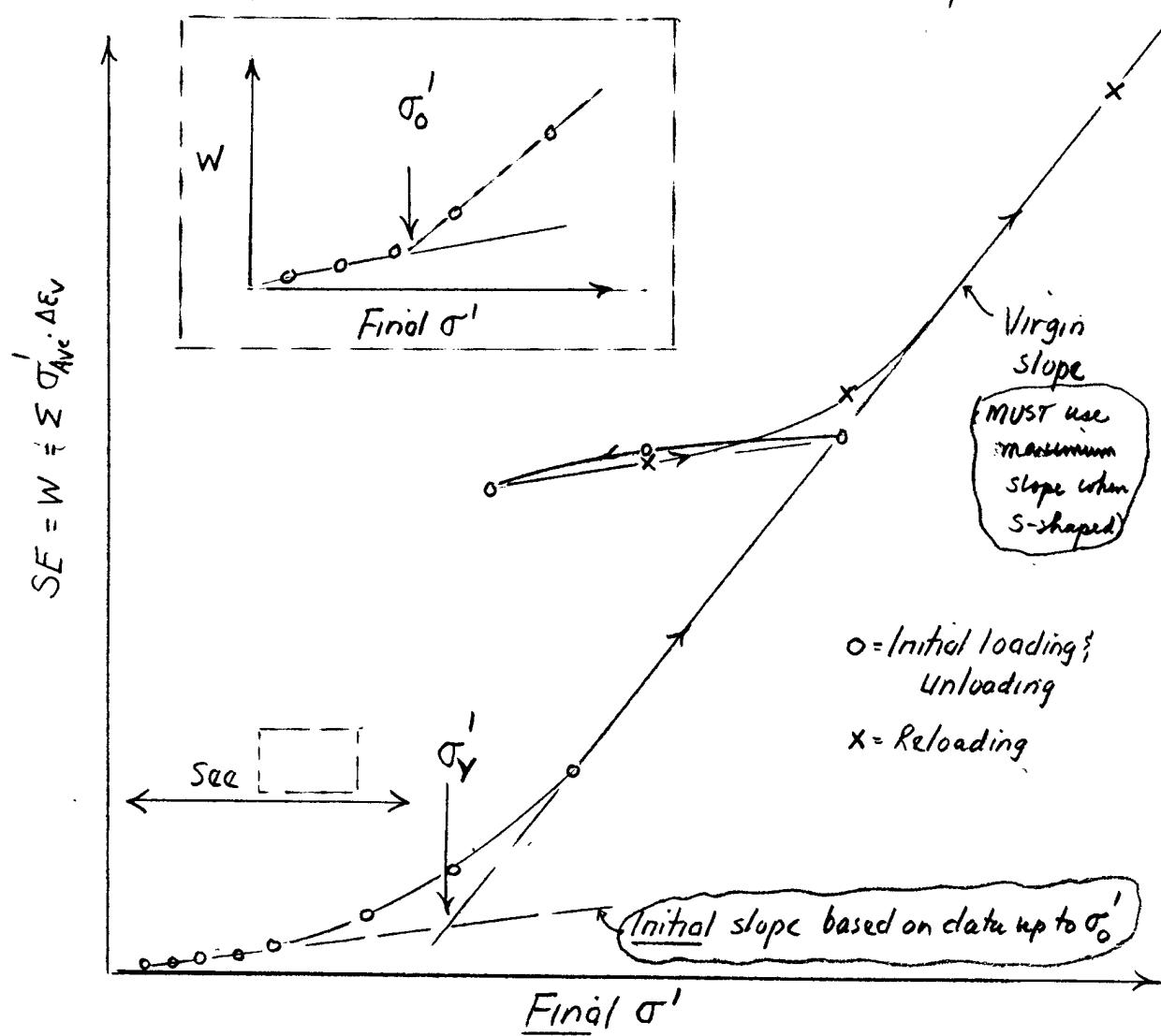
STRAIN ENERGY = WORK PER UNIT VOLUME  
SE WReferences

- (1) Crooks & Graham (1976), Geot. 26(2)
- (2) Tavenas, et al. (1979), Geot. 29(3)
- (3) Becker, Crooks, Been & Jefferies (1987), Can. Geot. J., 24(4)

Definition

- Strain Energy = Work/Unit Volume =  $\int (\sigma'_1 d\epsilon_1 + \sigma'_2 d\epsilon_2 + \sigma'_3 d\epsilon_3)$
- Oedometer:  $W = \int \sigma'_v d\epsilon_v \approx \sum (\sigma'_{v,Ave} \times \Delta \epsilon_v)$  for each increment  
Ref. 3) ↑ MUST be natural  
strain =  $\Delta H/H = \Delta e/(1+e)$

Technique à la Ref(3) : Obtain both YIELD & INSITU stresses,  $\sigma'_y$  &  $\sigma'_0$ !  
(see p 12a)



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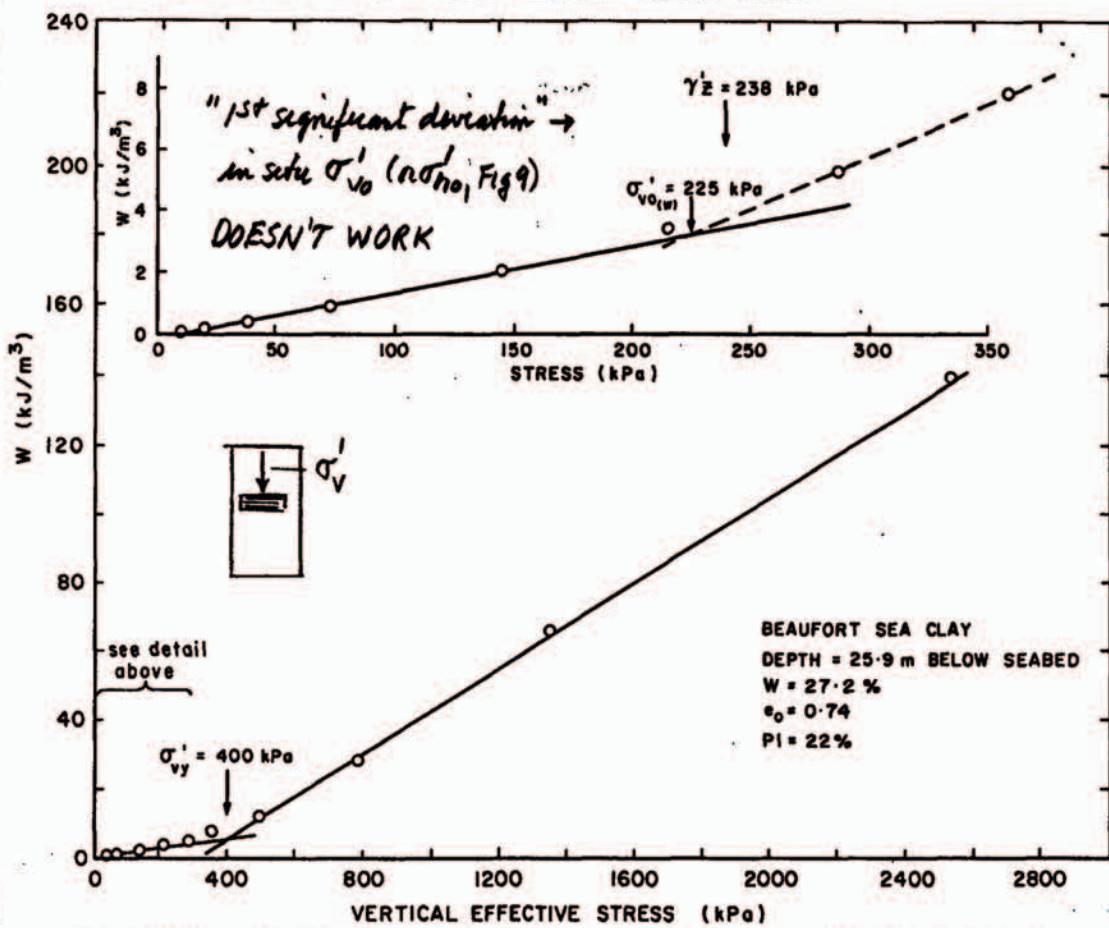
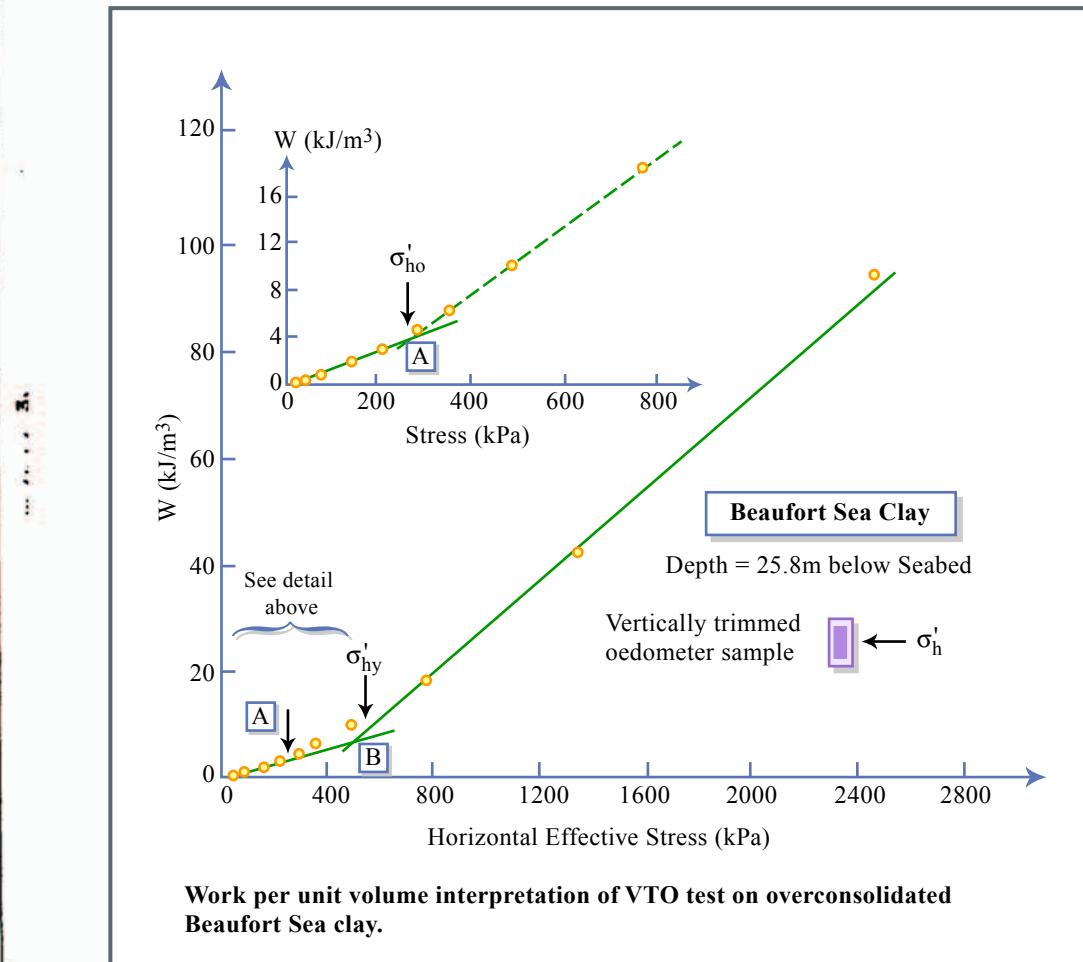


FIG. 6. Work per unit volume interpretation of oedometer test data for overconsolidated Beaufort Sea clay.



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Experimental data from Becker, et al. (1987) showing estimates of  $\sigma'_0$ ,  $\sigma'_{hy}$ ,  $\sigma'_{v0}$ , and  $\sigma'_{hy}$  obtained from Work Per Unit Volume = Strain Energy Technique

$\sigma'_{v0} = \sigma'_p + \sigma'_{hy}$

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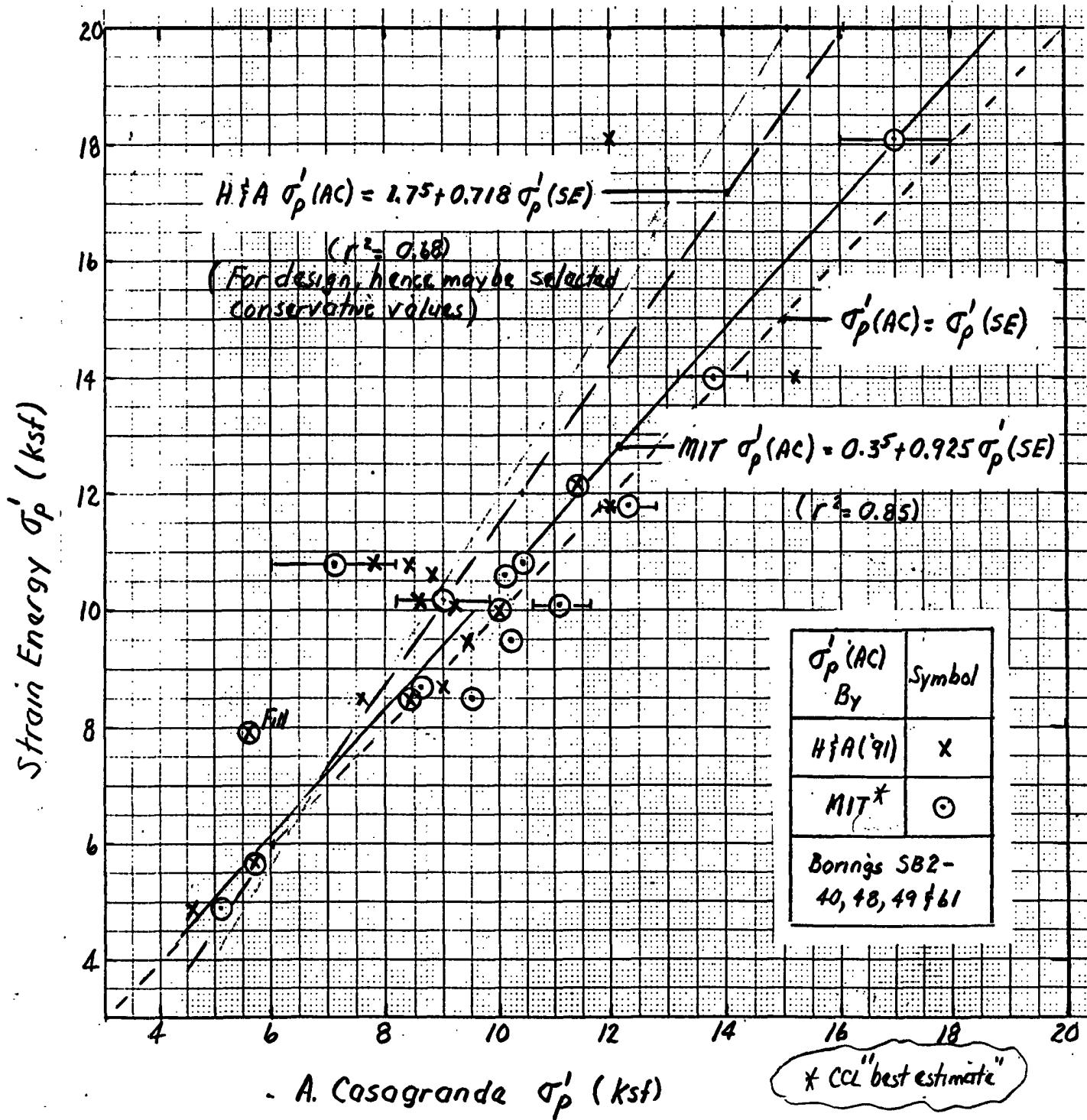


Fig. Comparison of Preconsolidation Pressures Estimated From Casagrande and Strain Energy Techniques for 17 Oedometer Tests on BBC (Fixed piston samples from SB 0004A)

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## 7. ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF SAMPLE DISTURBANCE ON $\sigma'_p$

7.1 General Guidance 1) Used mudded hole ( $3.8m \approx \sigma'_{ho}$ ), FPs samples & debond

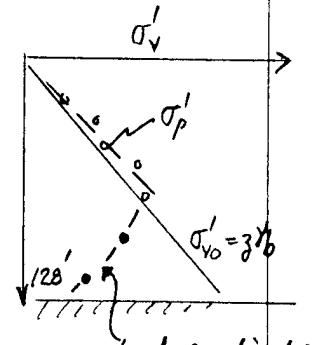
- 2) Always use radiography whenever possible
  - Select best quality soil for testing, etc., avoid more highly disturbed soil
  - Even best quality may show evidence of disturbance, e.g., rounded near edge
- 3) Always run  $s_u$  index above/below consolidation specimens to see if soil is weaker/stronger than typical (e.g., p 13a, b)
- 4) Measurements of  $\sigma'_s$  in companion UU tests also helpful.
- 5) Always compare  $\sigma'_p$  profile with in-situ testing data from FVT, CPTU, etc. (mini-profiler, Section 10)

### 7.2 Evidence of "Excuse" Disturbance

- 1) Increased  $E_v$  at  $\sigma'_{vo}$  compared to typical data (goes with lower  $\tau'_s/\sigma'_{vo}$ )
- 2) Lower OCR than typical and/or less S-shaped than typical
  - and more rounded than typical near  $\sigma'_p$
- 3) However, as of now, no definitive methodology to obtain corrected values of  $\sigma'_p$

### 7.3 Examples

- 1) Offshore Venezuela, Orinoco Clay (p 13a, b + Fig 10, p 13c)
  - 1st test  $\rightarrow$  "OCR" = 0.56 in 2nd test  $\rightarrow$  OCR = 1.15
  - Note very large increase in  $s_u$  with depth below top of tube (gross disturbance)
  - See Fig. 10 for correlation with  $E_v$  at  $\sigma'_{vo}$
- 2) Floating foundation on very thick varved clay (Fig. 4, p 13c)
- 3)  $E_v$  at  $\sigma'_{vo}$  data on BBC from CAIT 58 STP (p 13d)
  - New sample extraction technique à la Dr. Germaine (developed for Arctic sites) uses piano wire around perimeter after pre-cut top/bottom based on x-ray
- 4) TPM ('96) Sample Quality Designation (A  $\rightarrow$  E) for  $OCR < 4 \pm 1$  (plotted p 13d)
  - What SQD needed for reliable  $\sigma'_p$ ? - Incl.  $\sigma'_p \rightarrow$  min.  $E_v$  even with very high quality samples (p 13d)



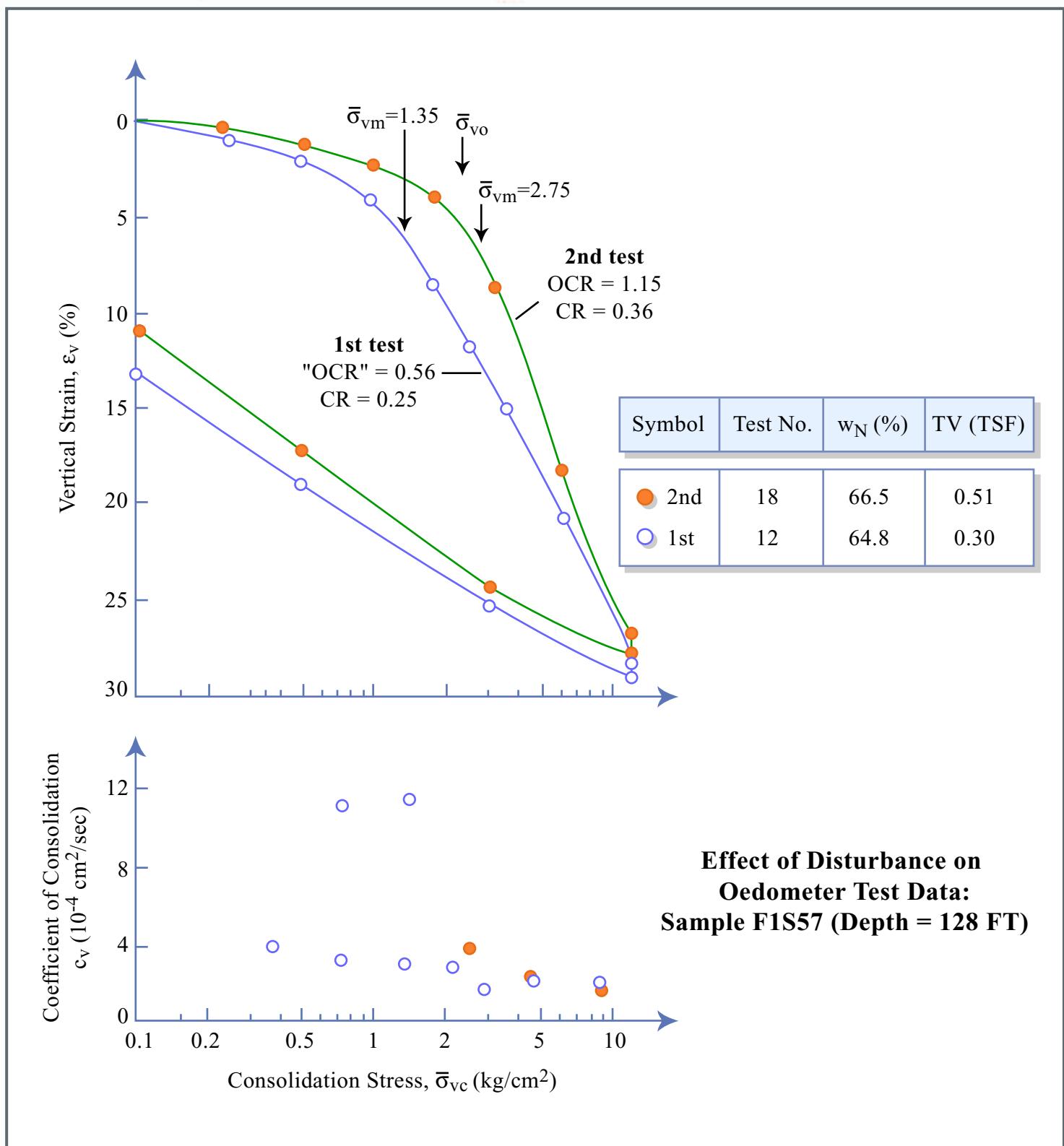


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Adapted from: Ladd et al. (1980)

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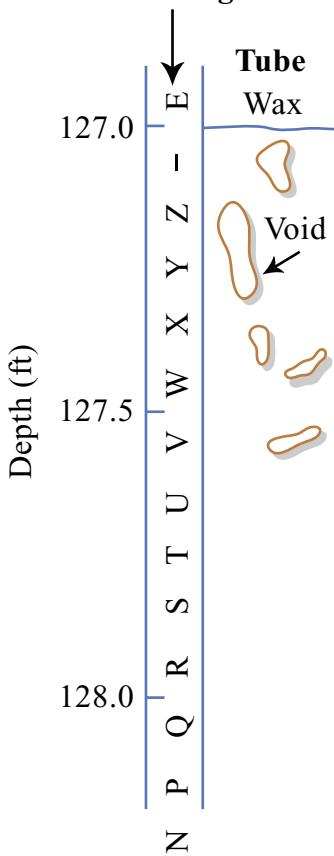
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## **Engineering Tests**

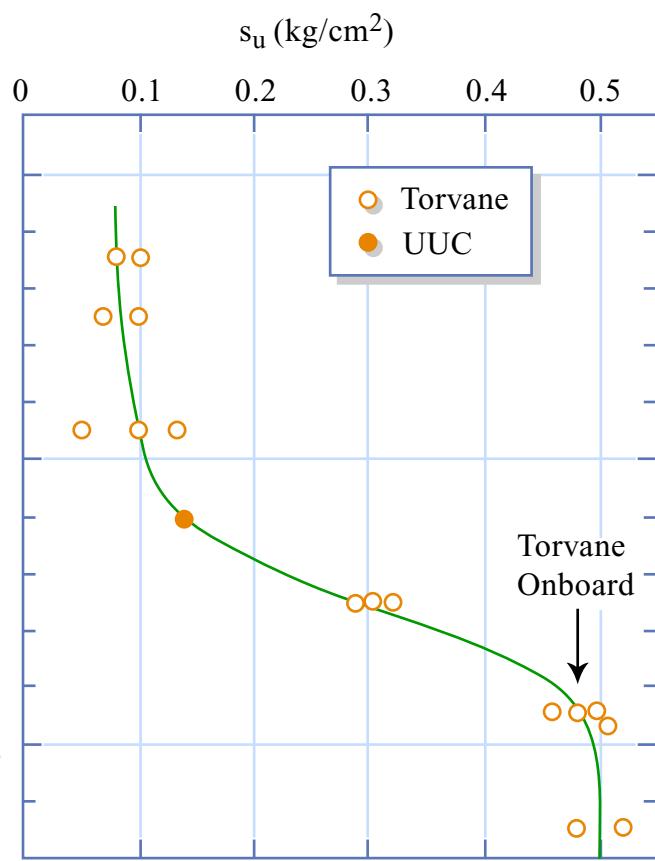
### Note:

- 1) Stresses in kg/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - 2) EST.  $\bar{\sigma}_{vo} = 2.40$
  - 3) Onboard TV = 0.48


 UUC no. 4  
 $s_u = 0.14$   
 $w_N = 72.2\%$

↑ OED no. 12,  $w_N = 64.8\%$   
↓  $\bar{\sigma}_{vm} = 1.35$ , CR = 0.25  
↔

OED no. 18,  $w_N = 66.5\%$   
 $\bar{\sigma}_{vm} = 2.75$ , CR = 0.36



## **Comparison of Oedometer and Strength Data with Radiograph for Push Sample of Orinoco Clay**

Figure by MIT OCW. Adapted from: *Ladd et al. 1980*.

From SF '85 SOA

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[from Ladd et al. (1980)].

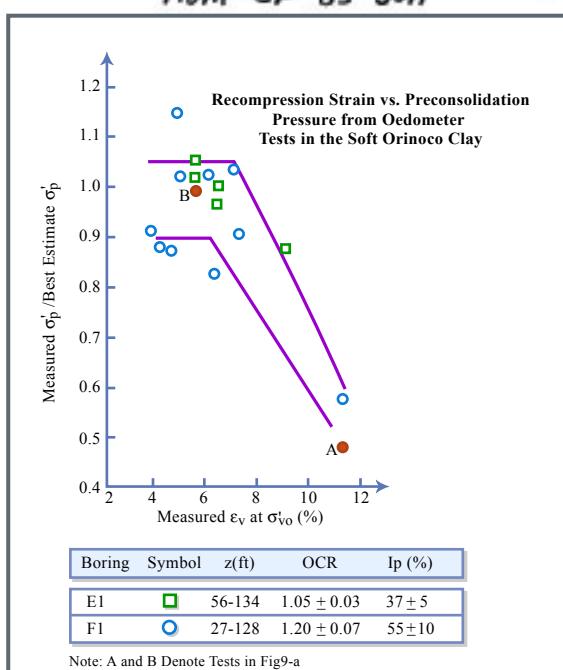


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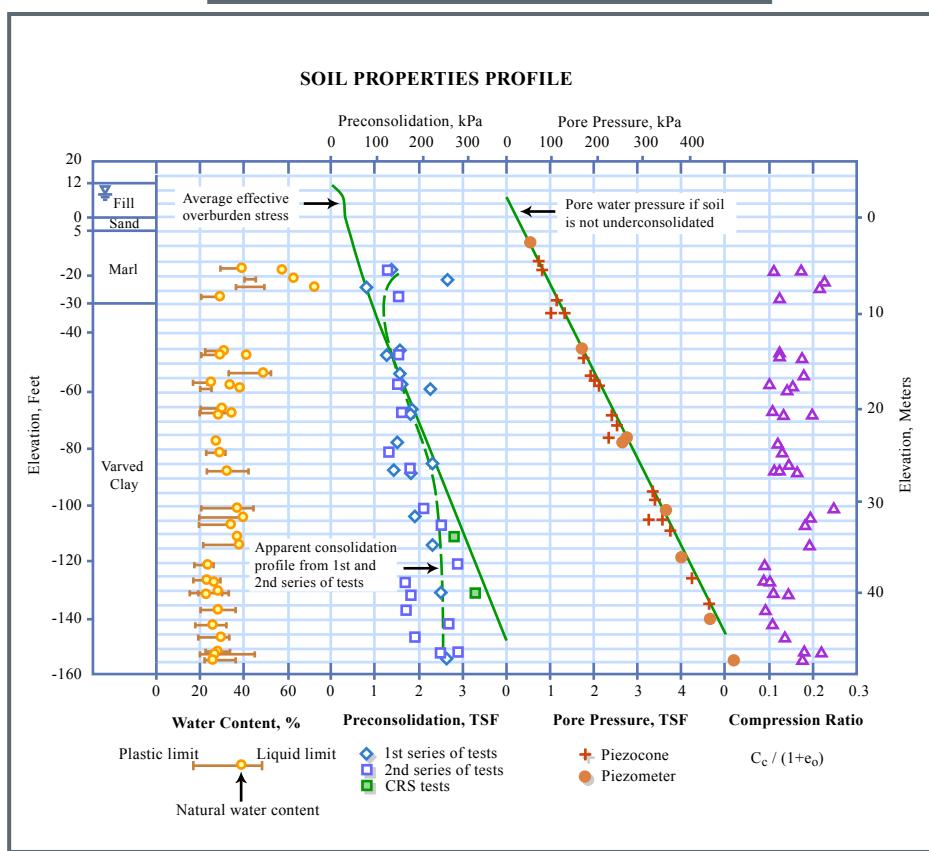


Figure by MIT OCW. Adapted from Steward, Lacy &amp; Ladd : ASCE P'94 Conf

Large shopping mall with floating foundation on thick deposit of varved clay in upper state NY

1) Initial oedometer → "underconsolidated" on bottom 70'  
(altho. CPTU dissipation + piezometers → hydrostatic u)

2) Subsequent CRSC at MIT on best quality clay from radiographs  
→ 2 values of  $\sigma'_p$  slightly below hydrostatic  $\sigma'_H$

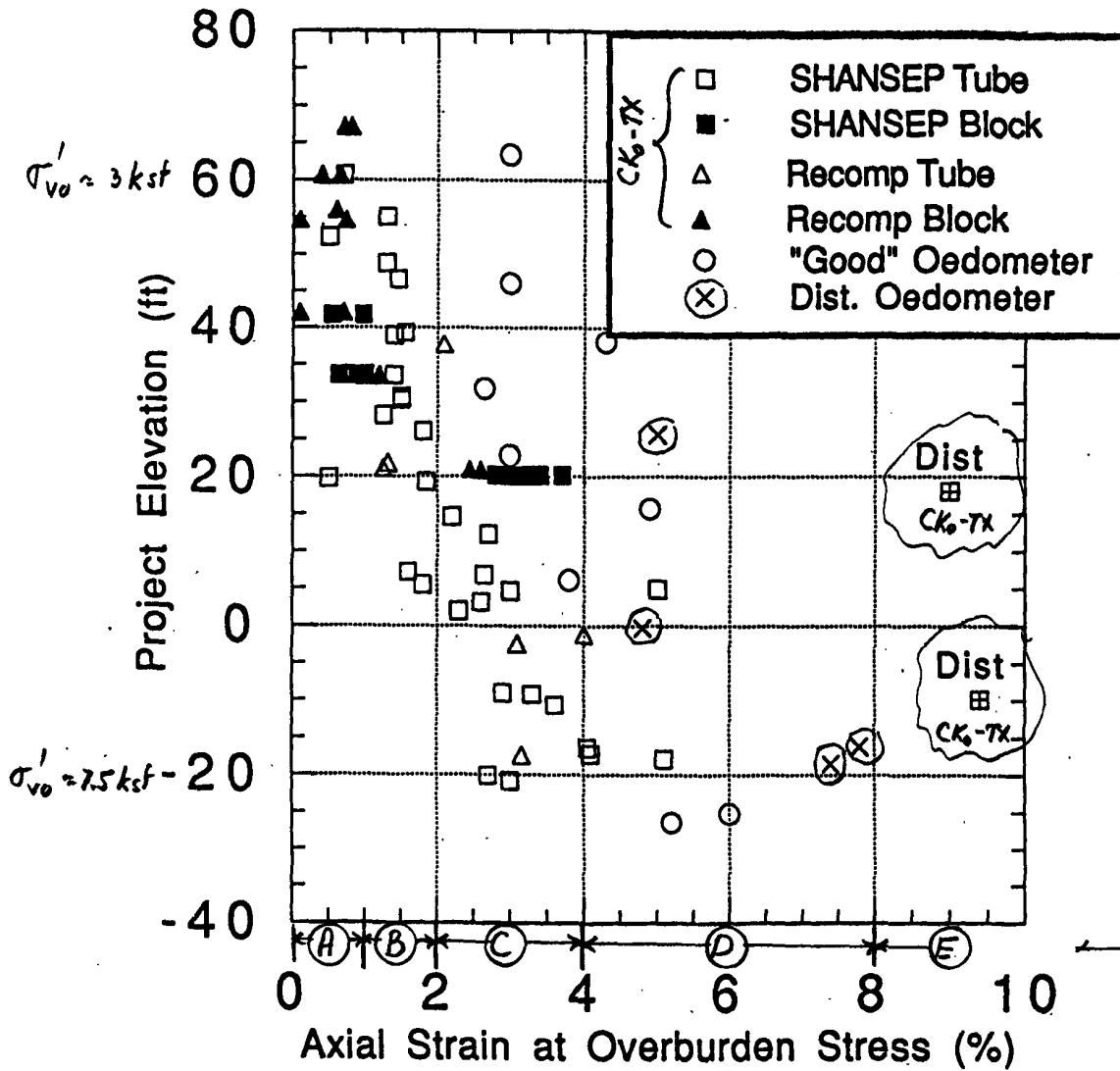
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6/97 Note that  $CK_0$ -TX  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $E_s$  than oedometer tests  
Also block  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $E_s$  than FP tube, except El. 20



Sample Quality Designation (SQD)  
a la TPM ('88) Table 11.2 for initial OCR < 4.1

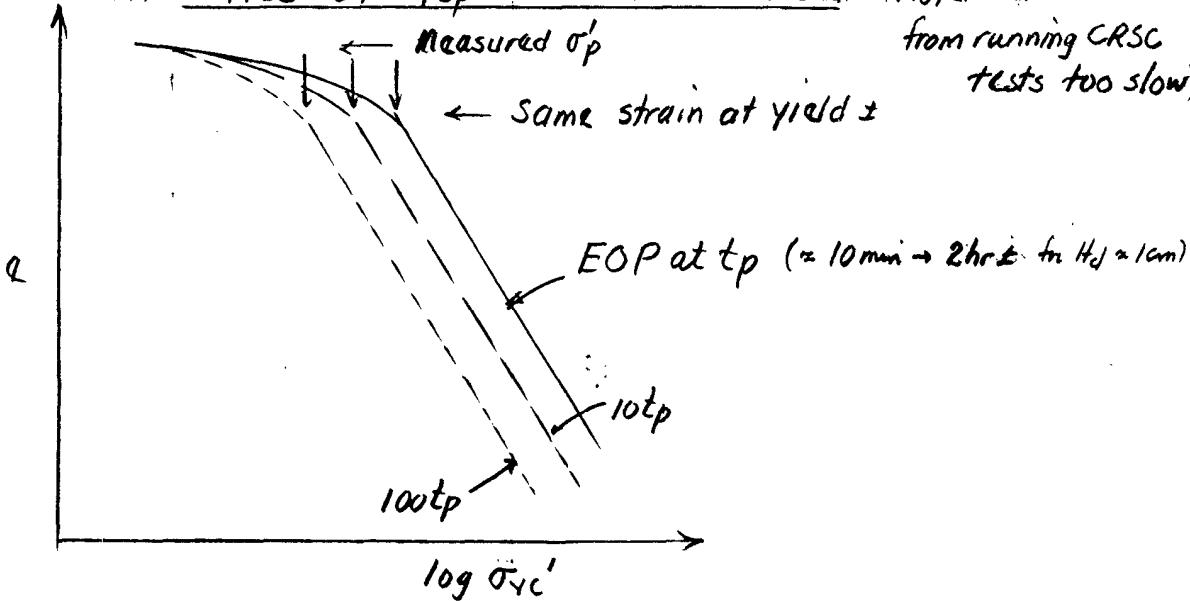
- (X) Dist. oedometer: mainly occurred during extrusion  $\rightarrow$  new technique where used piano wire to cut bond between BBC & Shelby tube

Figure 5-14: South Boston Elevation vs. Axial Strain at Overburden Stress from  $CK_0$  and Typical Oedometer Tests

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### 8. EFFECT OF TIME AND EOP

#### 8.1 Effect of $t/t_p$ with Incremental Oed. (Note: Get same results from running CRSC tests too slow)



- Obtain above via different tests with varying  $t$  or same test with data plotted varying  $t$ , or CRSC with varying  $\dot{\epsilon}_v$
- Not controversial concept for  $t \geq t_p$

#### 8.2 How to Obtain EOP From Incremental Tests

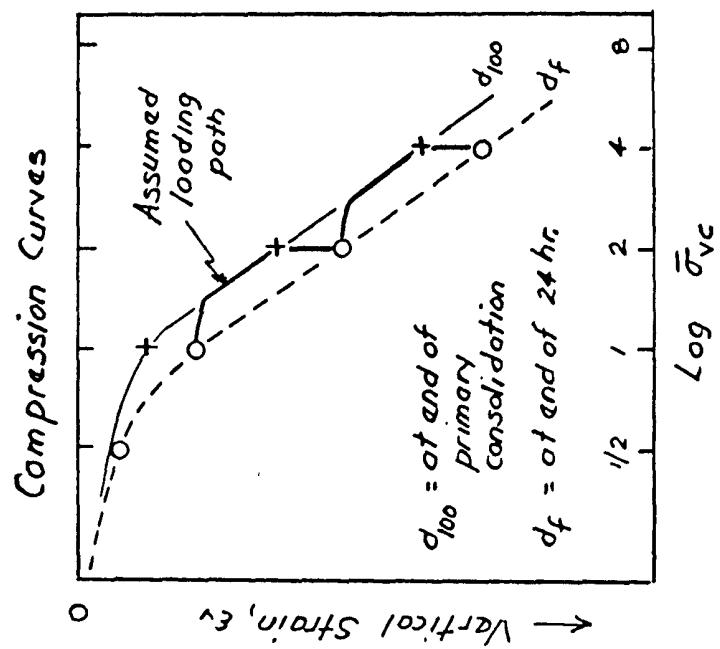
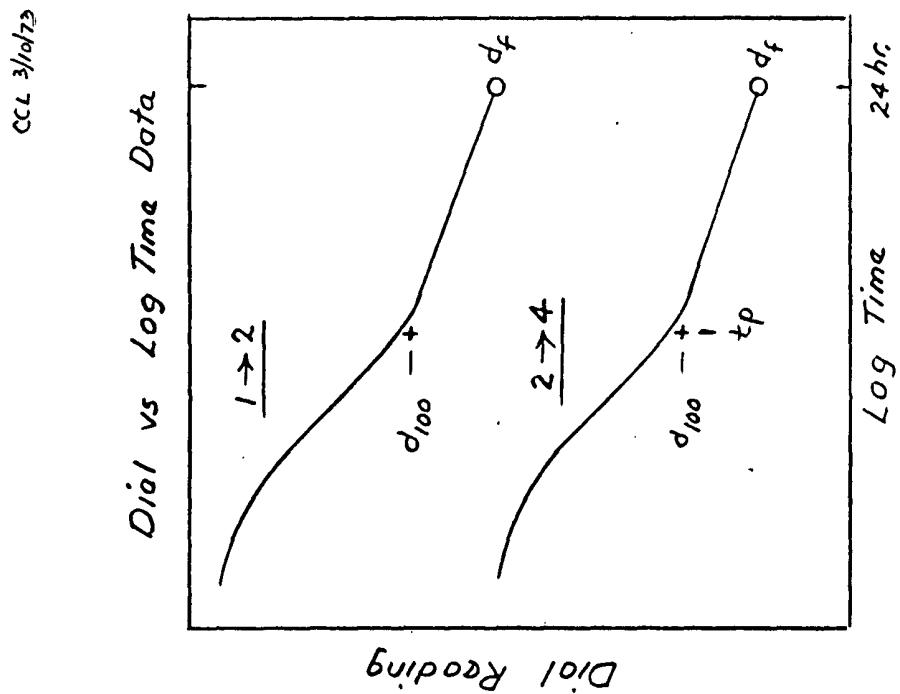
- 1) See Fig. 2-11 & Notes (p14a)
- 2) Typical differences  $\sigma'_p$  EOP vs 1 day  $\approx 15\pm 5\%$
- 3) Std. practice (ASTM D2435-90 allows either  $t_p$  or constant  $t_c$  up to 24 hr.) - Most use  $t_c = 24$  hr (except US I & MIP)
- 4) Problems in practical application
  - $t_p$  varies OC  $\rightarrow$  NC
  - Hard to define low-LIR & near  $\sigma'_p$
  - (true with both RT & long  $t$  methods to estimate  $\sigma_{100}$  at  $t_p$ )

CCL recommendation.  
Get typical NC  $t_p$  & use throughout, e.g.  
 $t = 10$  min lower  
 $t = 2$  hr higher  
Very Important

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CORRECTION OF OEDOMETER TEST DATA TO OBTAIN END OF PRIMARY CONSOLIDATION COMPRESSION CURVE

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8.3 CRSC (Wahls et al + Nissa et al)  
ASCE, JSMFD, 97(10)

## 1) Principle &amp; how operate

Linear Theory

$$\dot{\sigma}'_v = \sigma_v - \frac{2}{3} u_b$$

$$K = \frac{\dot{\epsilon} H_d^2 \gamma_w}{2 u_b}$$

$$c_v = \frac{H_d^2}{2 u_b} \left( \frac{\Delta \sigma_v}{\Delta t} \right) = \frac{\dot{\epsilon} H_d^2}{2 u_b m_v} = \frac{k}{m_v \gamma_w}$$

2) Effects of  $\dot{\epsilon}$  on measured  $\dot{\sigma}'_p$  - see p16

## 4) Advantages &amp; limitations

- Cont. data
- • Too fast  $\dot{\epsilon}$   $\rightarrow \dot{\sigma}'_p$  too high
- 1/10th time
- No  $C_k$
- Capital investment

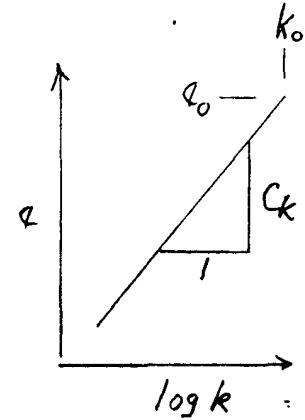
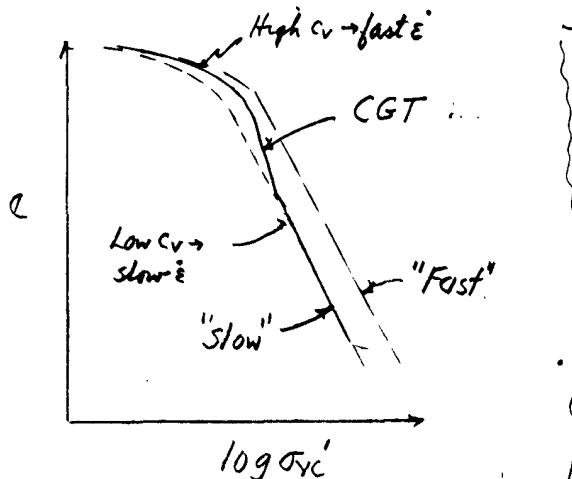
## 3) Mesri &amp; Castro (3/87 JGE)

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{k_0}{2 C_c / C_k H_d^2} \times \frac{\dot{\sigma}'_p}{\gamma_w} \times \frac{C_k e}{C_c}$$

(NOTE:  $\dot{\epsilon}$  to obtain EOP with  $u_b \approx 1 \text{ kPa}$   $\therefore$  too slow for CRSC tests to measure  $k_p$  &  $c_v$ )

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$$5) k = k_0 (10)^{\frac{(e-e_0)}{C_k}}$$

8.4 CGT (Maintains constant  $i = u_b/H_d$ )Why variable  $\dot{\epsilon}$  can  $\rightarrow$  erroneous compression curve

## 8.3 Continued: 6) Discussion p16

- Most of data on high  $I_L$  - high  $S_t$  clays that are probably cemented
- Will later conclude that Champlain clays have cementation bonds  $\rightarrow$  Yield envelope =  $f(\dot{\epsilon})$
- However, even more ordinary clays probably have a "structural viscosity"  $\rightarrow \dot{\sigma}'_p = f(\dot{\epsilon})$  at v. high rates

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## Leroueil et al (1983) CGT No.4

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TABLE 1. Geotechnical properties of clays

Champlain Clays

Site	Number and symbol	Depth (m)	w (%)	$w_L$	$I_p$	$I_L$	$S_t$ fall cone	$C_u$ field vane (kPa)	$\sigma'_{vo}$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_{p\text{conv}}$ (kPa)	Reference
Berthierville	1 ■	3.7	72	59	34	1.4	15	14	21	47	Samson et al. 1981
St-Césaire	2 +	4.2	89	68	42	1.5	22	25	55	80	Morin et al. 1983
St-Césaire	2 +	6.8	85	70	43	1.3	19	27	68	90	Samson et al. 1981
Gloucester	3 ×	3.7	88	52	28	2.3	70	20	35	65	Samson et al. 1981
Gloucester	3 ×	4.1	76	53	29	1.8	35	20	38	67	Leroueil et al. 1983
Gloucester	3 ×	7.5	93	53	29	2.4	88	25	58	87	
Varennes	4 *	8.9	62	65	39	0.9	28	60	64	216	Samson et al. 1981
Joliette	5 ★	6.7	65	41	19	2.3	108	29	40	110	Samson et al. 1981
Ste-Catherine	6 ●	3.8	88	60	35	1.8	30	18	20	60	Samson et al. 1981
Mascouche	7 ▽	3.8	65	55	30	1.3	52	70	34	270	Morin et al. 1983
St-Alban	8 Δ	3.9	60	40	18	2.1		13	25	55	Leahy 1980
Fort Lennox	9 □	6.1	60	45	22	1.7	30	30	54	105	Marchand 1982
Louiseville	10 ○	9.2	75	70	27	1.1	22	45	58	160	Leahy 1980
Batiscan	11 ◊	7.3	80	43	21	2.7	85	25	60	88	Leblond 1981
Other sites	◆										Bouchard 1982
											Authors' files

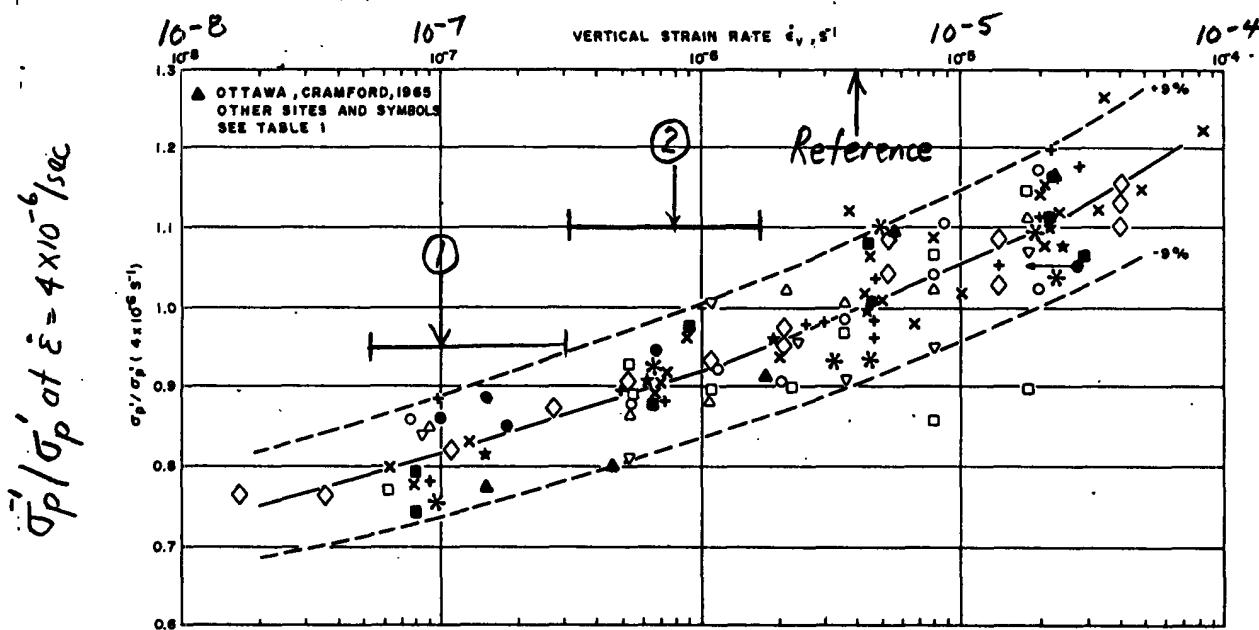


FIG. 7. Normalized preconsolidation pressure - strain rate relationship.

① Mean & range for  $\dot{\epsilon}$  typical oed. at  $t=1\text{ day}$

② " " " " " " " " " " " "  $t=t_p$  or  
 $u_b \approx 0$  in CRSC

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## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

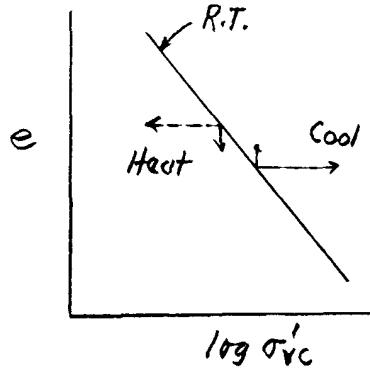
## 9.1 Temperature [Also Baldi, et al. (1988), CGJ 25(4), 807-825]

1) Results for Arctic Silt (see p17a)

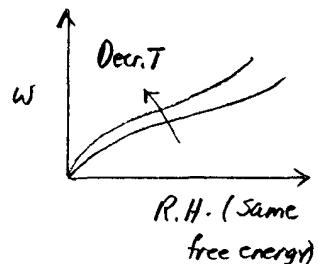
2) Other results (see p17b/c)

$$\left[ \frac{\sigma'_p(T) - \sigma'_p(20^\circ)}{\sigma'_p(20^\circ)} \right] \rightarrow \frac{\% \text{ Decr. } \sigma'_p}{\Delta T = +10^\circ C} \approx 5-10\%$$

Typical in situ  $T \approx 10^\circ C$  NC  
 $\approx -2^\circ C$  Arctic  
 $\approx 5^\circ C$  at great depth G. Mexico

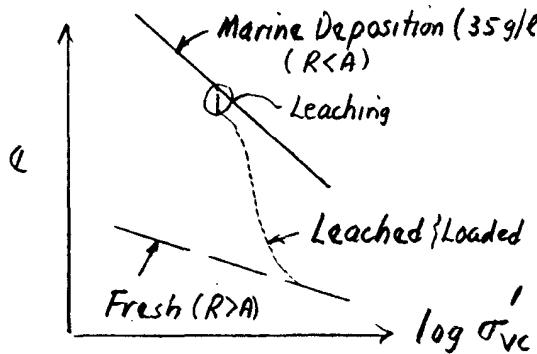
3)  $\Delta T$  during test $\Delta \sigma'_v \gg \Delta e$  - why?Not  $\Delta(R-A)$ 

Contact stress

Incr. water adsorption with decr.  $T \rightarrow$  incr.  $\bar{\sigma}_r$ ?

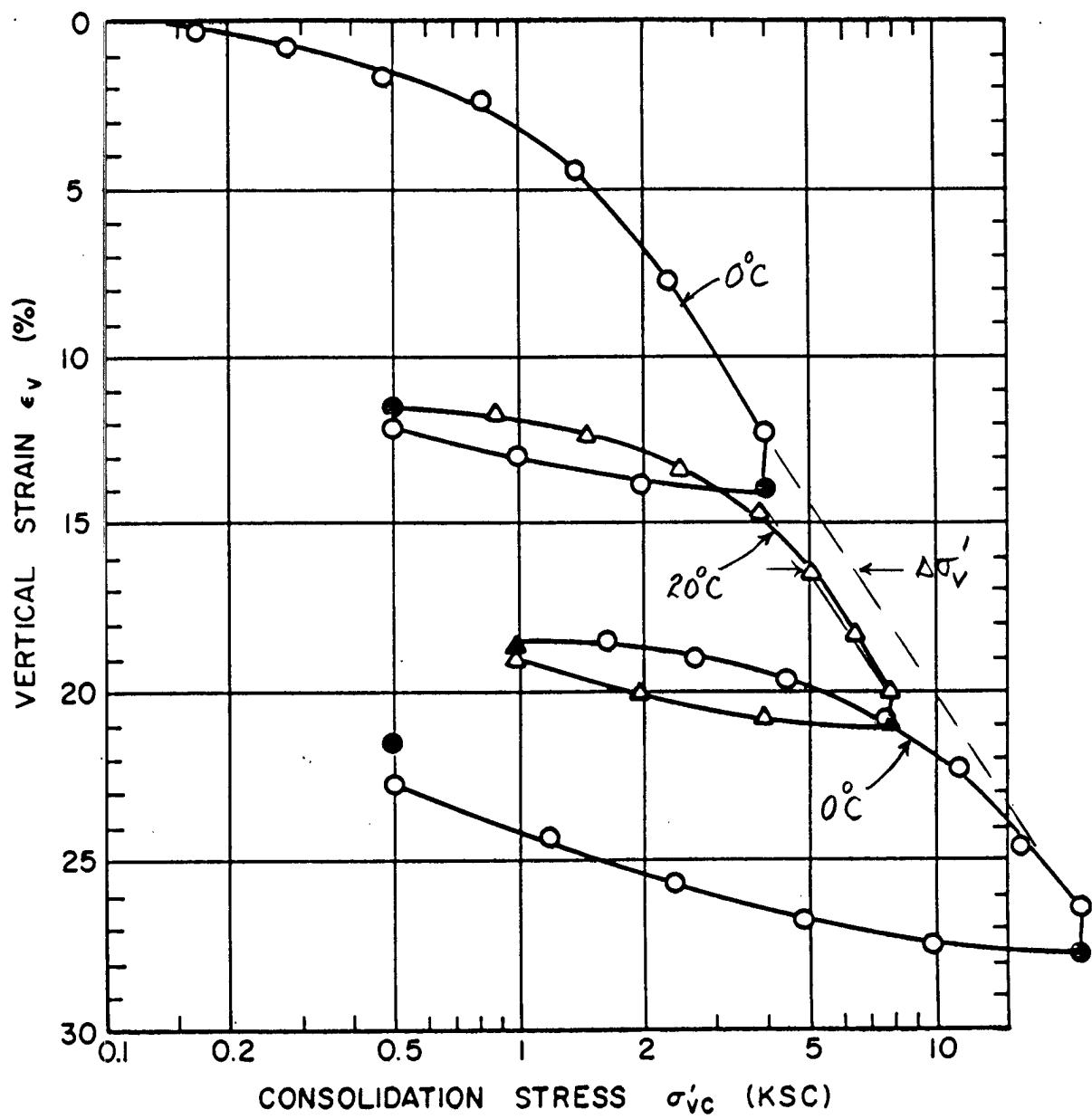
## 9.2 Pore Fluid (Covered Part A, II)

1) Schematic - marine illitic clays



2) Other potential effects

 $\bar{\sigma}_a$  • Kaolinite: anything that changes + edge charge $R-A$  • Smectite: ant swelling = f(salt conc., cation valence, dielectric const.)



Sample No.	MP - B2 - S7	W <sub>N</sub> (%)	52.1	Estimated
Depth	16.3'	W <sub>L</sub> (%)	66.3	$\sigma'_{vo}$ 0.402 $\sigma'_p$ 1.7 KSC
Soil type	Gray Clayey Silt (MH)	W <sub>p</sub> (%)	31.3 I <sub>p</sub> (%) 35.0	CR 0.168    RR 0.027 G <sub>s</sub> 2.78    e <sub>o</sub> 1.494 S (%) 97.0
• At t <sub>p</sub>		Remarks	.	Corrected for apparatus compressibility.
• At t <sub>f</sub>				
COMPRESSION CURVE	TEST NO.	OED - B2 S7 TC - 1		

Figure 4-14 Compression Curve for Temperature Controlled Oedometer Test (OED-B2S7TC)

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Harrison Bay, Alaska

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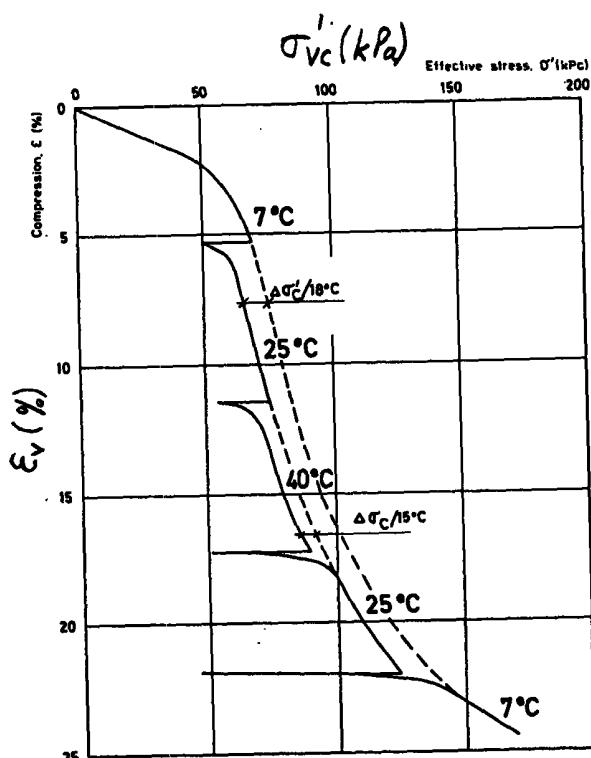


FIG. 5—CRS test with varying temperature. Clay from Bäckebol.

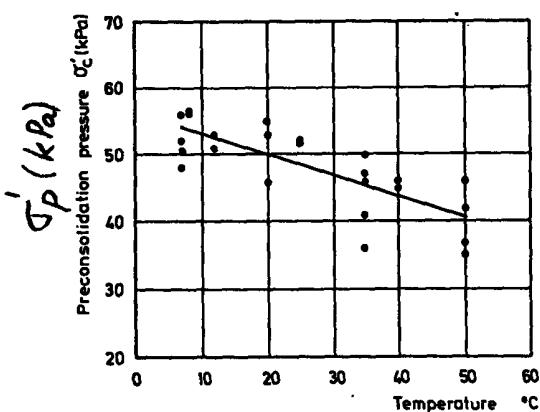
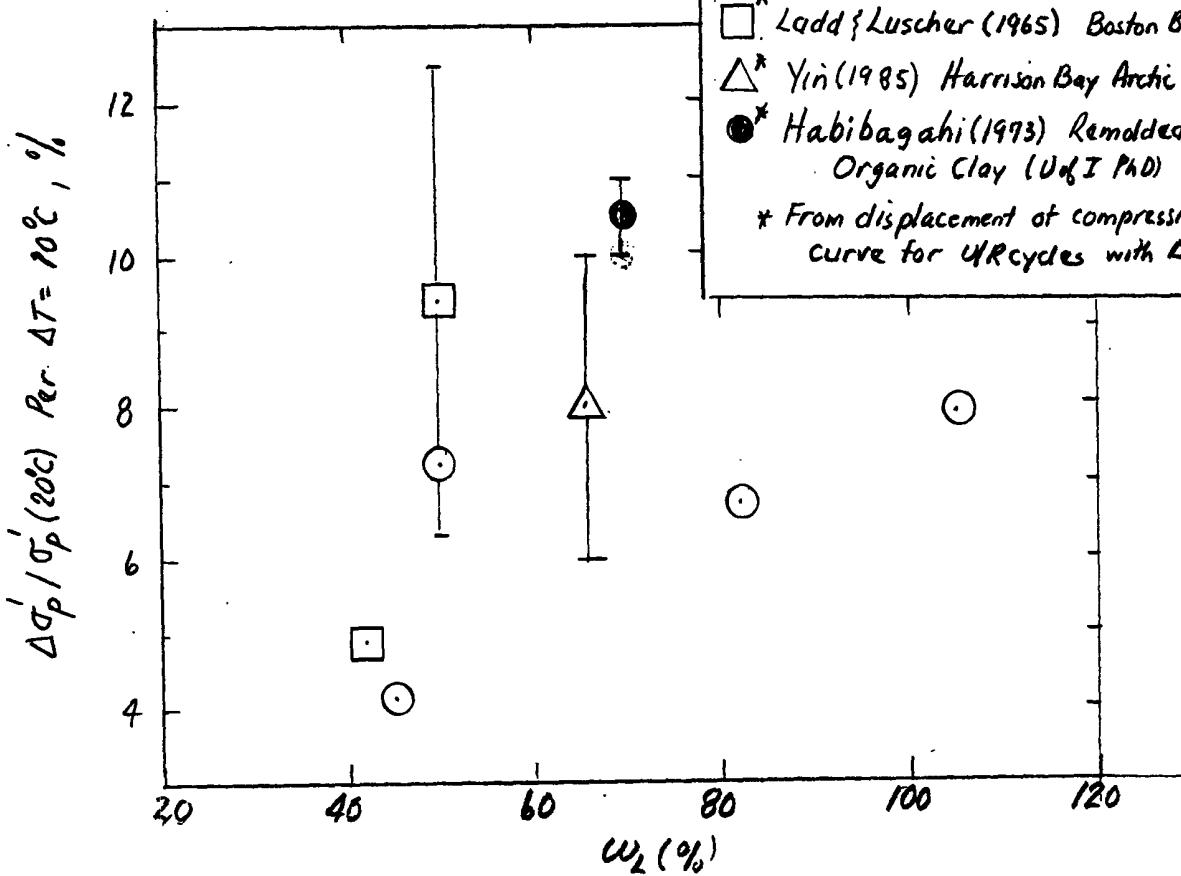


FIG. 6—Preconsolidation pressure as a function of test temperature for specimens taken at 7 m depth at Bäckebol. Full line shows results of linear regression analysis.

Tidfors & Sallfors (1989)

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T Data for 4 Swedish Clays



- Tidfors & Sallfors (1989) Swedish Clays  
Linear regression à la Fig. 6
  - Ladd & Luscher (1965) Boston Blue Clay
  - △\* Yin (1985) Harrison Bay Arctic Silt
  - \* Habibagahi (1993) Remolded Pauling Organic Clay (UofI PhD)
- \* From displacement of compression curve for 4 cycles with  $\Delta T$



Boudelle, Terpiloff & Marthy (1994) "Viscoelastic behavior of natural clays"  
13<sup>th</sup> ICSMFE, New Delhi, Vol. 1, 411-440

Site	Depth (m)	I <sub>p</sub> (%)	Type of oedometer test	$\sigma'_p$ (20°C) (kPa)	Range of temperature, °C	Reference	Symbol used in Fig. 8
Bethelerville	3.15-3.50	25	CMS, $\delta_c=1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$	58.5	-35	Present study	□
"	"	"	CMS, $\delta_c=1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$	58	"	"	■
"	"	"	CMS, $\delta_c=1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$	52.5	"	"	■
Louisville	8.70-8.76	29	CMS, $\delta_c=1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$	175	"	"	•
"	8.76-8.82	29	"	198	"	"	•
St-Jean-Vianney	4.60-4.94	16	"	980	"	"	★
"	5.60-5.72	16	"	1060	"	"	★
Argile noire	--	32	Conventional	--	20-95	Despax, 1975	○
Elliite	--	--	Isotropic consolidation	--	25-51	Campanella and Mitchell, 1968	●
Schistes	3.0-4.0	40	CMS, 0.0024mm/min	54	7-30	Tidfore and Sellfors, 1989	◆
Luleå	4.0	60	Conventional	50	5-55	Eriksson, 1969	★

Table 2. Clays considered in Fig. 8

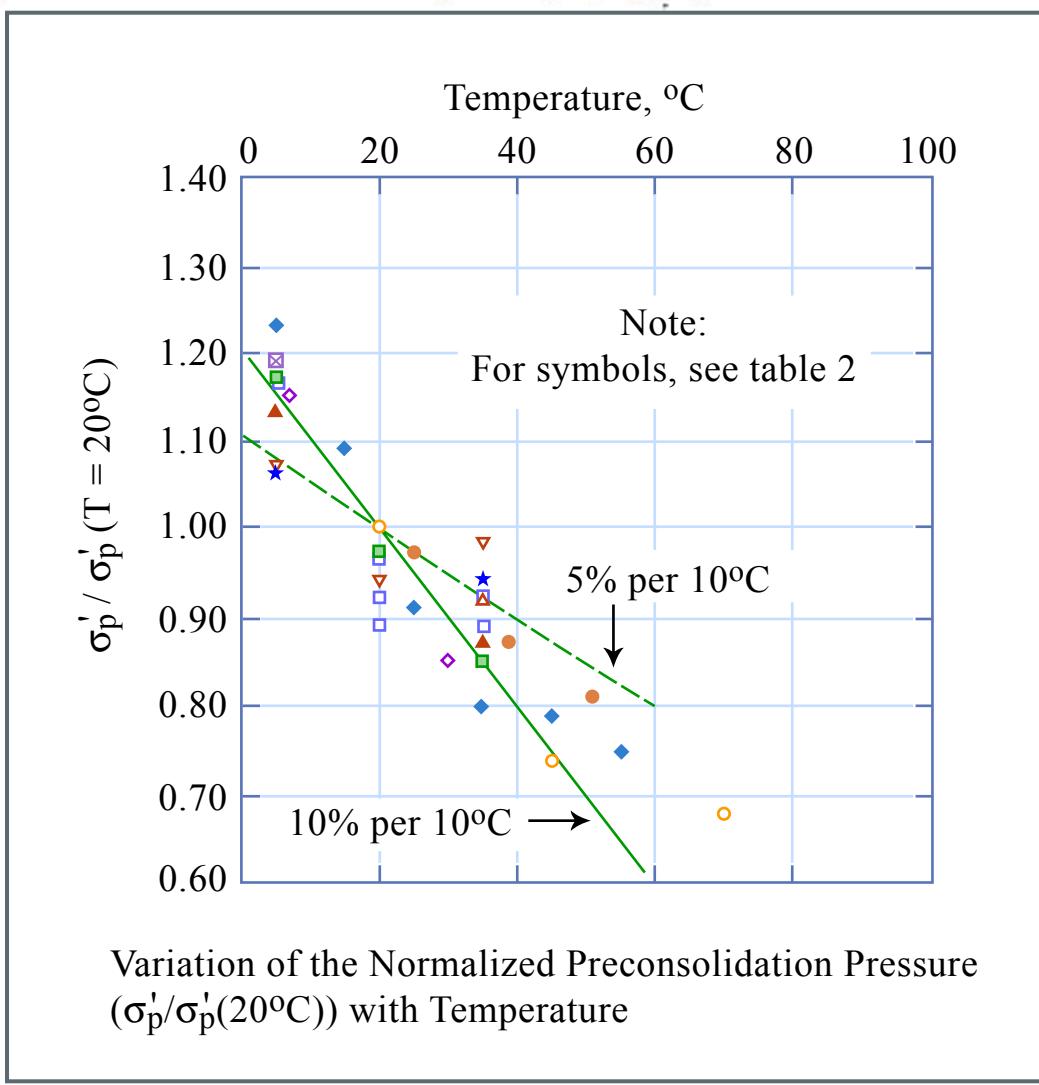


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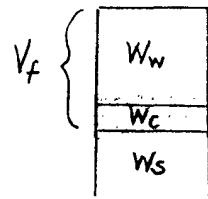
3) Check effect of salt conc. on AL, esp.  $w_L$

4) Effect of salt on measured  $w$  ( $c = \text{salt}$ )

- Measured  $w = \frac{W_w}{W_s + W_c}$

- Salt  $G_c = \text{specific gravity} (= 2.3)$

$C = \text{conc. g/cc of solution}$



- Fluid  $\gamma_f = \gamma_w + C \left( \frac{G_c - 1}{G_c} \right)$  = weight of voids if all pure H<sub>2</sub>O

- Corrected  $w' = \frac{V_f \cdot \gamma_w}{W_s} = \frac{w}{1 - C \left( \frac{1}{G_c} + w \right)}$

→ consistent  $\epsilon = V_v/V_s \& G_s w' = S \epsilon$

$$\left\{ \text{GSL } C = 0.150 \text{ g/cc } w = 51.5\% \rightarrow w' = 60\% \right\}$$

- Potentially large effect on AL-Plasticity Chart - empirical correlations, but constant  $I_L$  (sup 18a)

### 8.3 Side Friction Covered 1.37

### 10. PRACTICAL PROBLEM (Assuming Pcf = Poed)

- See p19 for problem - Class Discussion on \_\_\_\_\_

- For in situ consider : FVT  
CPTU  
DMT

- 2± sheets w/ answers + rationale

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2/22/98Supplement to Effect of Salt Conc on Water Content (for  $\gamma_w = 1.00 \text{ g/cc}$ )Definitions

$$w = \frac{w_w}{w_s + w_c}$$

$$w' = \frac{v_f \cdot \gamma_w}{w_s}$$

$$c = \frac{w_c}{v_f}$$

$$G_c = \frac{\gamma_c}{\gamma_w}$$

$$\gamma_c = \frac{w_c}{v_c}$$

$$\frac{w_c}{w_s} = \frac{c v_f}{v_f} = c w'$$

$$w_s = \frac{v_f \cdot \gamma_w}{w'}$$

$$= \frac{v_f}{w'}$$

Phase Relations

Water	$v_w = w_w \cdot \gamma_w = w_w$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} v_f = w_w + c v_f \\ v_c = c v_f / \gamma_c \\ v_s \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} v_f = w_w + c v_f \\ = \frac{w_w}{1 - c / \gamma_c} \end{array}$
Salt	$v_c = c v_f / \gamma_c$	
Solids	$v_s$	

$$\gamma_f = \gamma_w + c \left( \frac{G_c - 1}{G_c} \right)$$

Derivation

$$w' = \frac{v_f \cdot \gamma_w}{w_s} = \frac{w_w}{(1 - c / \gamma_c) w_s} = \frac{w (w_s + w_c)}{(1 - c / \gamma_c) w_s} = \frac{w (1 + w_c / w_s)}{(1 - c / \gamma_c)} = \frac{w (1 + c w')}{(1 - c / \gamma_c)}$$

$$\rightarrow w' = w / \left[ 1 - c \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_c} + w \right) \right]$$

Application when Add/Subtract water at Constant  $w_c$ 

Change from  $w_0$  to  $w_1$ , use  $C_1 = C_0 (w'_0 / w'_1) \approx C_0 (w_0 / w_1)$

Example ( $G_c = 2.33 = \gamma_c$  for  $\gamma_w = 1.00$ )

1) Initial condition:  $C_0 = 0.150 \text{ g/cc}$     $w_0 = 51.5\%$   $\rightarrow w'_0 = \frac{51.5}{1 - 0.150(0.429 + 0.515)} = 60.0\%$

2) Increase to  $w_1 = 100\%$ :  $C_1 \approx 0.150 \left( \frac{51.5}{100} \right) = 0.0773 \rightarrow w'_1 = \frac{100}{1 - 0.0773(0.429 + 1.00)} = 112.4\%$

3) Decrease to  $w_2 = 40\%$ :  $C_2 \approx 0.150 \left( \frac{51.5}{40} \right) = 0.193 \rightarrow w'_2 = \frac{40}{1 - 0.193(0.429 + 0.40)} = 47.6\%$

## 4) Plasticity Chart

Measured  $w \rightarrow w_L = 100\%$ ,  $I_p = 100 - 40 = 60\%$   $\rightarrow$  on A-line

Corrected  $w' \rightarrow w_L = 112.4\%$ ,  $I_p = 112.4 - 47.6 = 64.8\%$   $\rightarrow$  below A-line

## 5) Liquidity Index

Measured  $w \rightarrow I_L = (51.5 - 40.0) / 60 = 0.192$    } same

Corrected  $w' \rightarrow I_L = (60.0 - 47.6) / 64.8 = 0.192$