

# JKR LECTURE

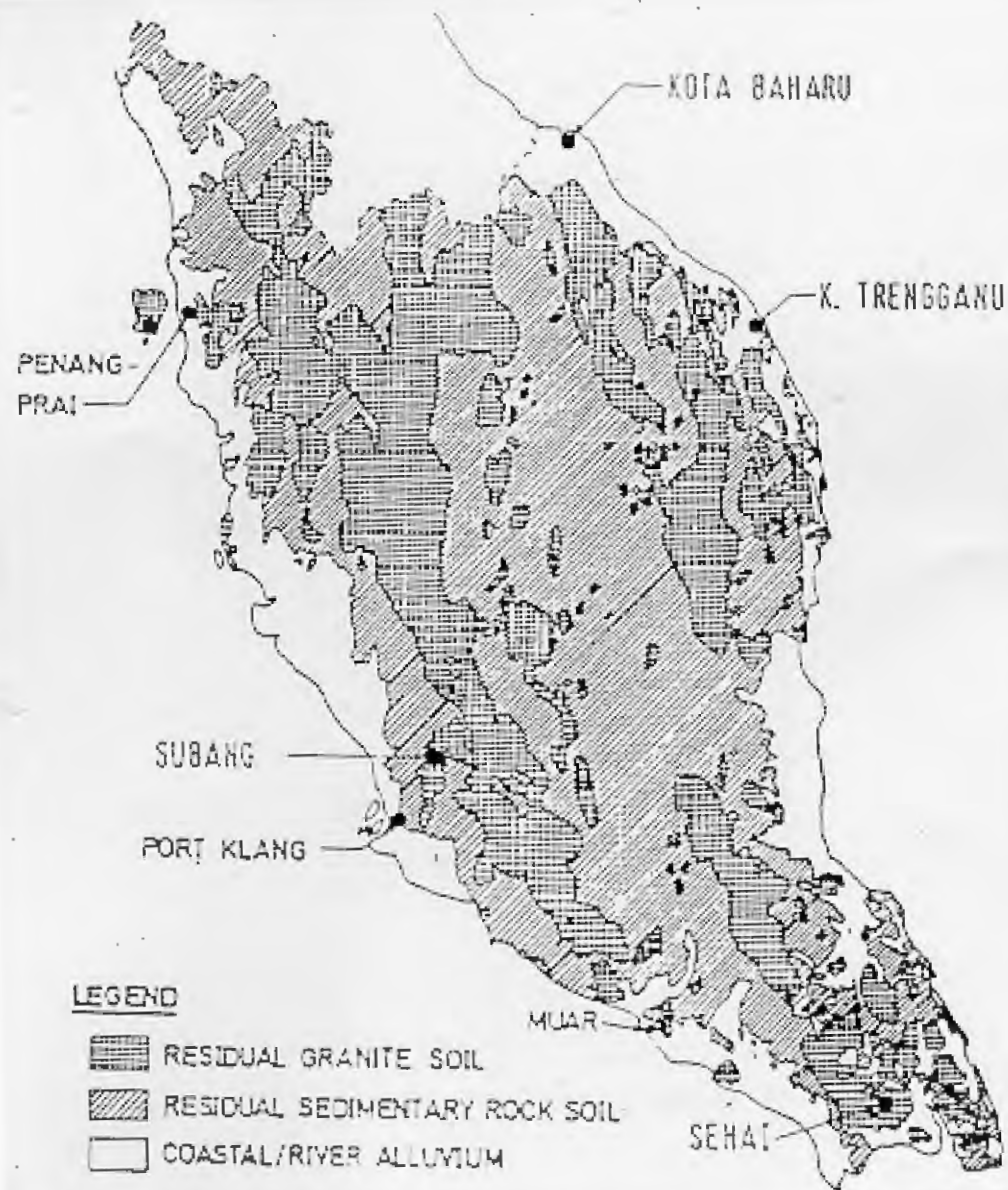
## **Design and construction of roads on soft clay**

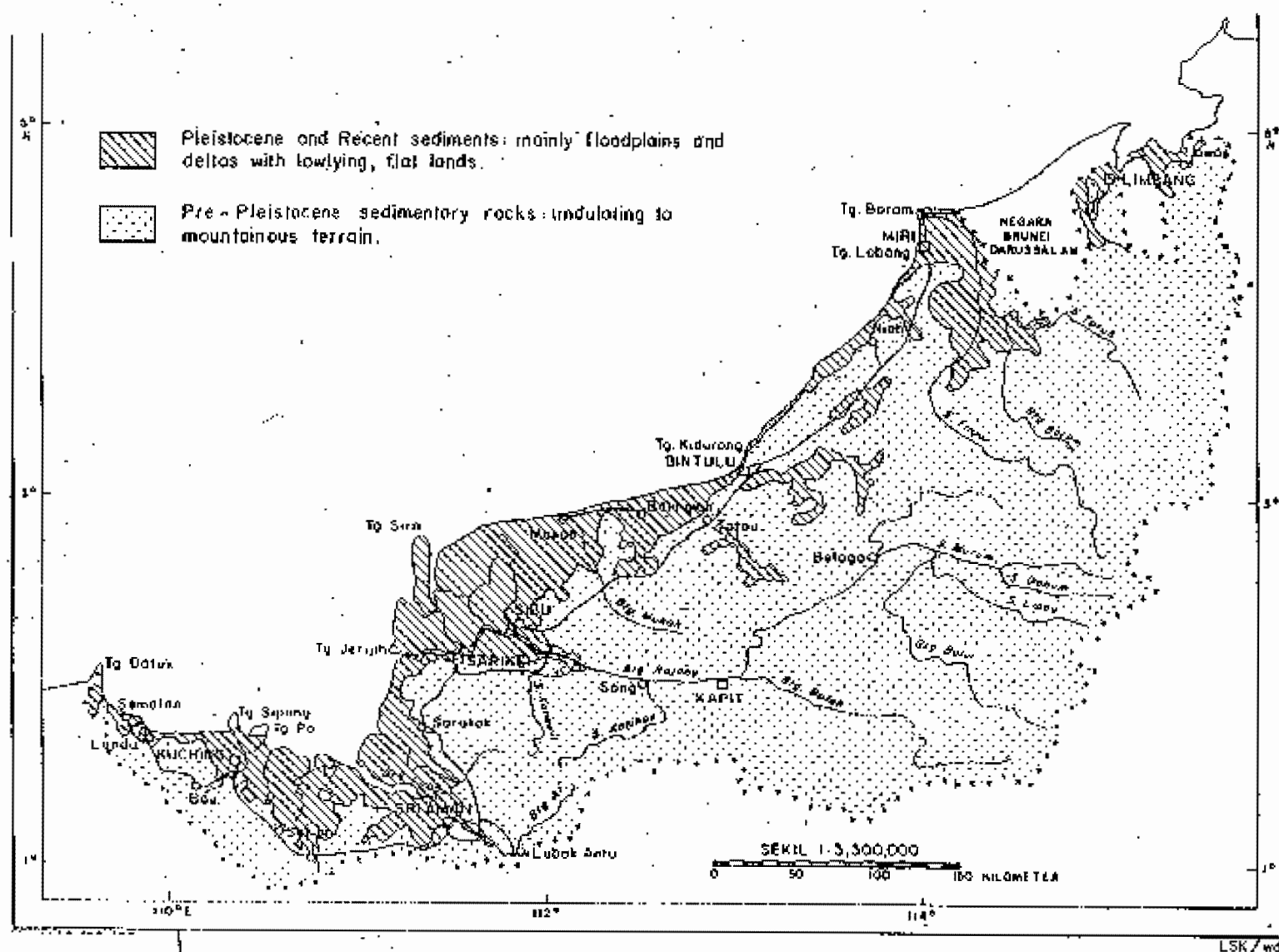
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# DISTRIBUTION OF SOFT CLAY

- LOW LYING AREAS ON THE WEST COAST AND EAST COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.
- COASTAL AND ALLUVIAL PLAINS OF SABAH AND SARAWAK.





Geographic and geologic setting of some major urban centres in Sarawak

# SOFT CLAY TOPICS

- (i) Stability
- (ii) Settlement
- (iii) Actual behavior of embankments
- (iv) Embankment stabilization and settlement mitigation

# SOFT CLAY STABILITY TOPICS

- Mechanism of instability and the development of the mechanism
- Methods of stability analysis
- Relevant parameters and factors affecting stability
- Soil investigation to obtain relevant parameters
- Design factors of safety
- Lateral movements

# SOFT CLAY SETTLEMENT TOPICS

- Consolidation
- Relevant soil investigation
- Methods of analysis

# SOFT CLAY. EMBANKMENT BEHAVIOR

- Pore pressure behavior
- Pre-consolidation pressure
- Lateral movements
- Undrained and drained volume change
- Settlement due to lateral movements
- Gain in strength

# SOFT CLAY TREATMENT TOPICS

Purpose of treatment :

- Mitigate long term settlement
- Enhance the stability of the embankment
- Reduce lateral movements

## METHODS

- Stability berms
- Stage construction with gain in strength
- Preload / surcharge
- Vertical drains
- Stone columns
- Pile embankments

# SOFT CLAY STABILITY MECHANISMS

- Slope failure mostly circular extending into the soft clay.
- However if thin soft clay present failure can be planar.

# Soft clay. stability

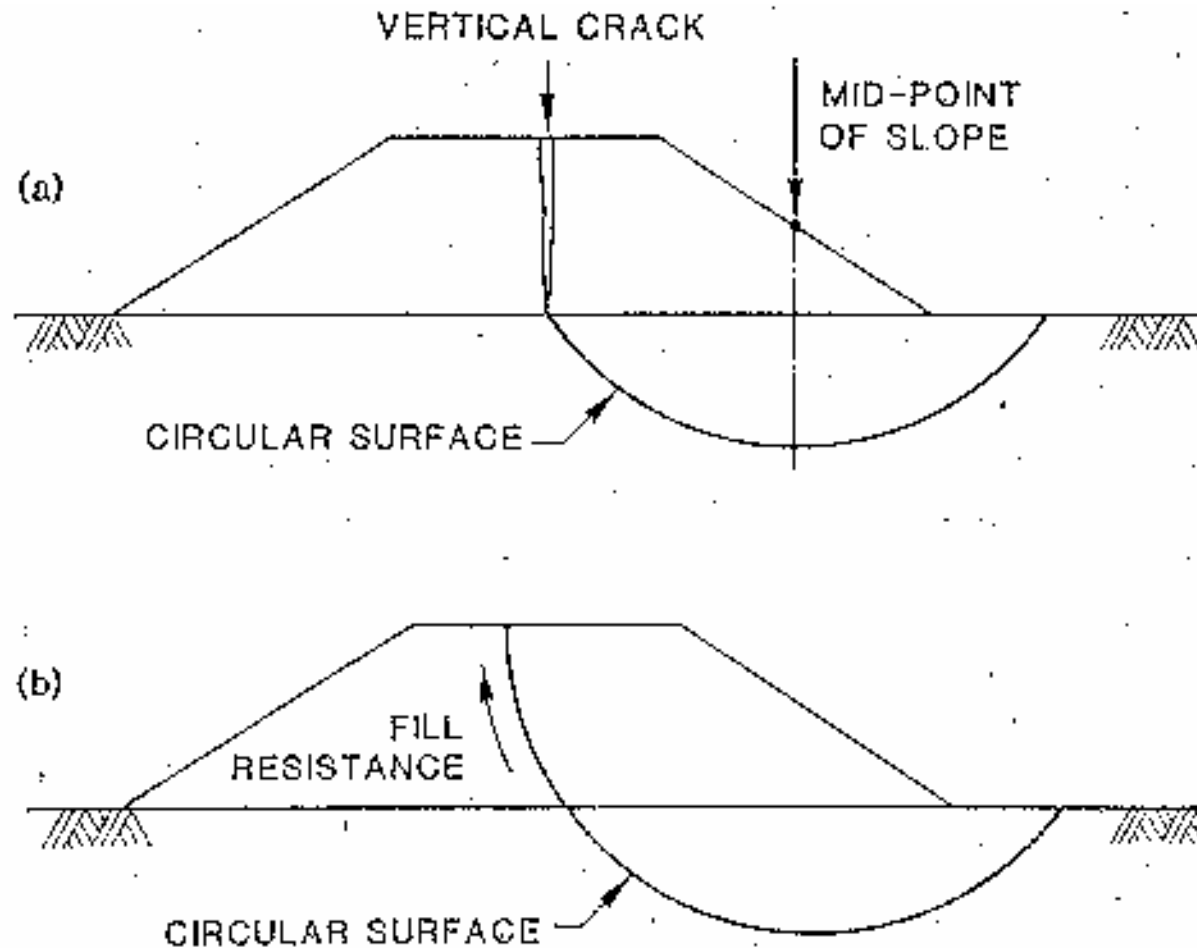


Figure 4 The two basic modes of embankment failure : (a) tension crack through fill - no shearing resistance; (b) full mobilization of fill shearing resistance

# Soft clay stability

## METHODS OF STABILITY ANALYSIS

# Soft clay stability. Critical conditions

- Embankment instability mostly occur within a short period (days or a few weeks) after completion of embankment construction when pore pressures highest
- Short term conditions critical
- Use total stress analysis. No need to know pore pressure distribution. Use un-drained shear strength.
- Can also use effective stress analysis but this will require knowledge of pore pressures

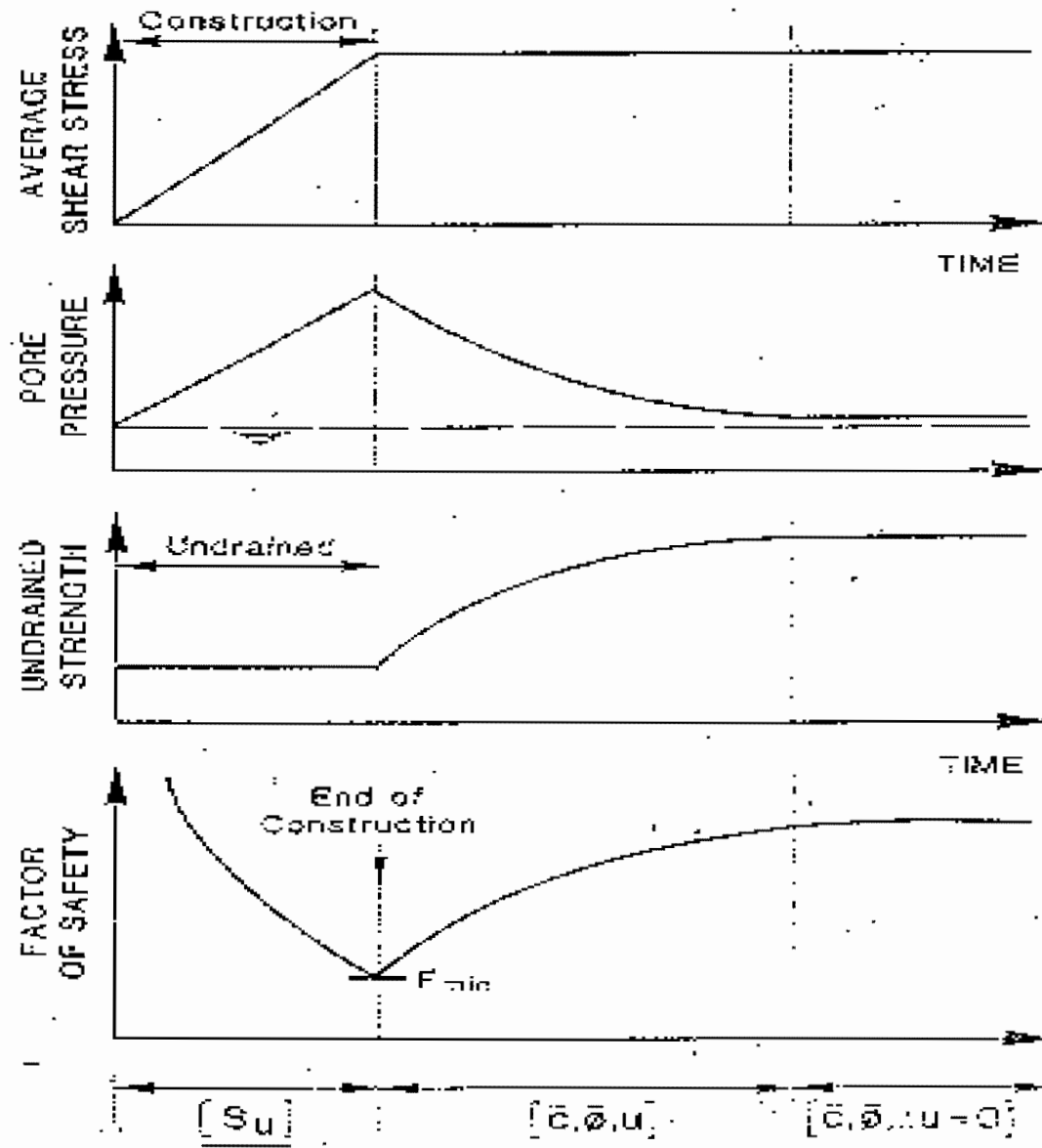


Figure 3 Changes in safety factor under an embankment built rapidly on soft clay (Bishop & Bjerrum, 1960)

# PARAMETERS

## TOTAL STRESS ANALYSIS:

- Un-drained shear strength of the soft clay.  
Best to use the vane shear strength.  
 $c_u$  or  $S_{uv}$
- No need to consider pore pressures. Total implies all effects encompassed in the un-drained shear strength.
- Shear strength of the embankment fill material. Usually  $c$  and  $\phi$

# PARAMETERS

## EFFECTIVE STRESS ANALYSIS

- $C'$  AND  $\phi'$  OF SOFT CLAY
- $C'$  AND  $\phi'$  OF EMBANKMENT
- PORE PRESSURES THROUGHOUT SOFT CLAY AT FULL EMBANKMENT HEIGHT – This is difficult and will need a coupled effective stress finite element with consolidation to estimate.

# METHODS OF LIMIT EQUILIBRIUM ANALYSIS

- Swedish (Fellenius)
- Bishop (Rigorous)
- Bishop (Simplified)
- Janbu (Rigorous)
- Janbu (Simplified)
- Spencer
- Morgenstern – Price
- Sarma
- Gwedgem

# NOTES ON CIRCULAR SLIPS

- Swedish – least accurate, can be un-conservative, errors can be up to 60 %
- Bishop (simplified) – Most popular, similar answers to Bishop (rigorous)
- Bishop(simplified) – Usually error less than 5 %. Often less than 2 % compared to Bishop (rigorous)
- Bishop(simplified) gives similar answers compared to Spencer, Morgenstern – Price and Janbu
- If in doubt check using Morgenstern – Price, Spencer, Janbu

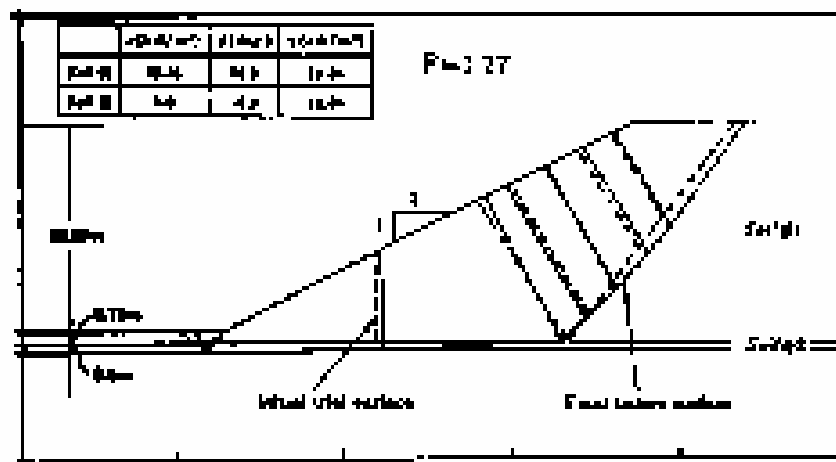
# Comparisons on circular slips by Whitman & Bailey (1967)

| CASE | Accurate F<br>of S | Bishop<br>(simplified) | Fellenius |
|------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| A    | 1.58 TO<br>1.62    | 1.61                   | 1.49      |
| B    | 1.24 TO<br>1.26    | 1.33                   | 1.09      |
| C    | 0.73 TO<br>0.78    | 0.72 TO<br>0.82        | 0.66      |
| D    | 2.01 TO<br>2.03    | 2.00                   | 1.14      |

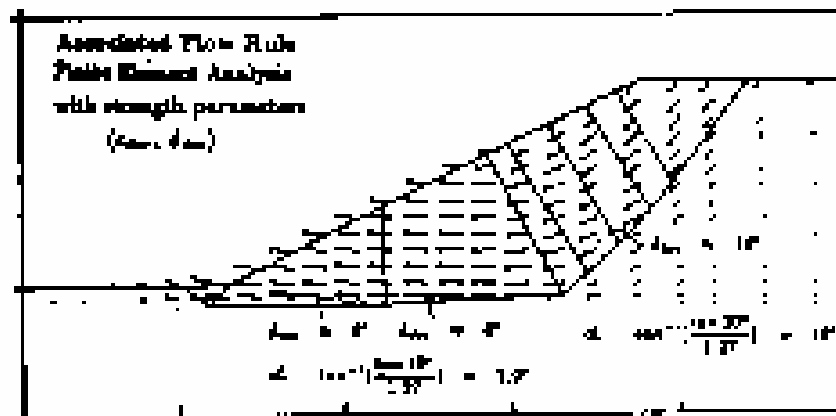
# COMPARISONS OF METHODS OF STABILITY ANALYSIS BY FREDLUND AND KRAHN

| Method /<br>case        | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bishop<br>(simplified)  | 2.08 | 1.38 | 1.77 | 1.12 | 1.83 | 1.25 |
| Spencer                 | 2.07 | 1.37 | 1.76 | 1.12 | 1.83 | 1.25 |
| Morgenster<br>n - Price | 2.08 | 1.38 | 1.77 | 1.12 | 1.83 | 1.25 |
| Janbu                   | 2.04 | 1.45 | 1.74 | 1.19 | 1.83 | 1.34 |

# Choosing the correct method of analysis



Donald (1995) carried out different types of stability analysis on bi-linear mechanism.



True solution. Upper bound solution.  
Factor of Safety = 1.25

# Donald (1995)

| Method of analysis  | Factor of safety |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Bishop simplified   | 1.50             |
| Janbu simplified    | 1.45             |
| Janbu rigorous      | 1.43             |
| Morgenstern - Price | 1.38             |
| Spencer             | 1.29             |
| Sarma               | 1.28             |
| GWEDGEM             | 1.27             |
| EMU                 | 1.27             |
| UPPER BOUND         | 1.25             |

# Soft clay total stress parameters

## VANE

- Most common method of strength indexing
- Approximate empirical tool for strength measurement, need to relate the vane shear strength to the actual shear strength by back analysis of failed embankments
- Bjerrum, Larsson and Ladd correction factors

# Soft clay. Stability. vane

Commonly adopted vane:

- Height / Diameter ratio = 130/65 or 110 / 55
- Gear driven
- Area ratio < 12 %
- Vanes in boreholes – Acker, Geonor, Farnell. **Acker vane should not be used.**
- Vanes jacked into the ground (without borehole). Geonor vane.

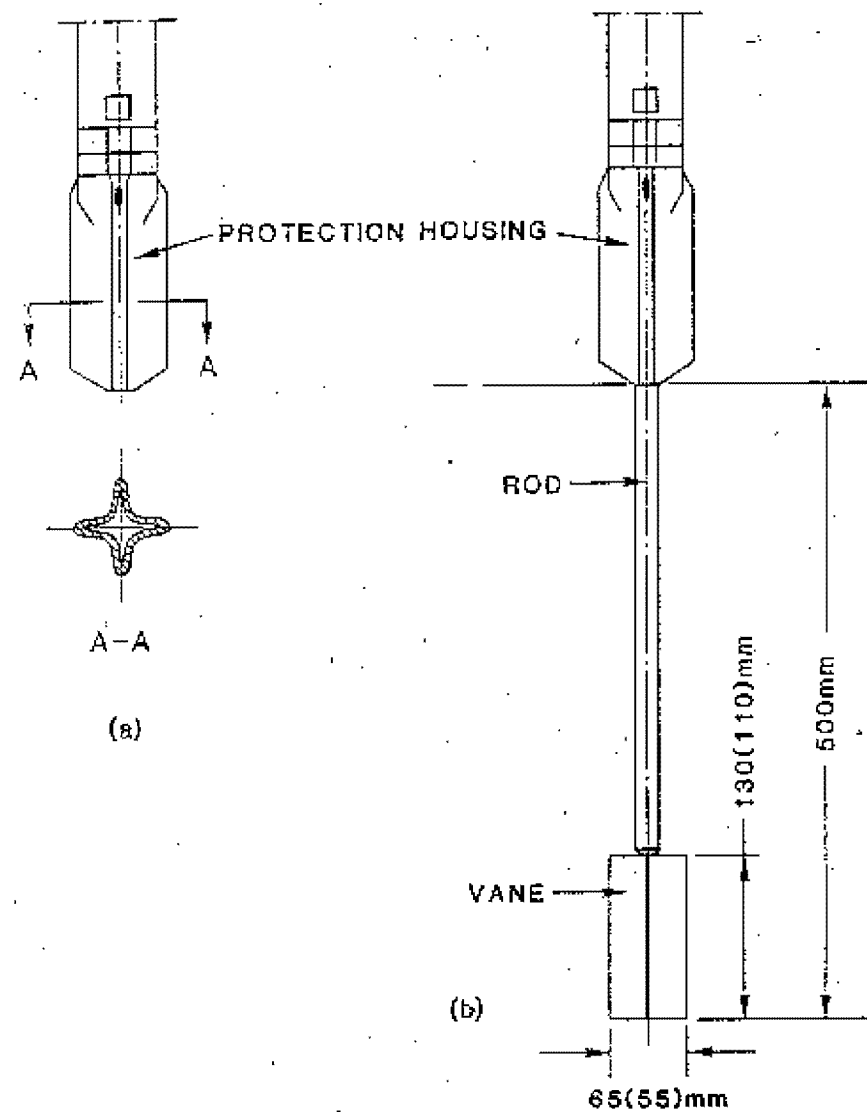


Figure 5 The vane borer for soft clays : (a) during penetration,  
(b) during shear

# Soft clay. Stability. vane

## Test procedure

- Penetrate vane beneath borehole depth – 3 diameter (BS) or 5 diameter (Chandler) or 500 mm (Norwegian)
- Rate of rotation – 6 to 12 degree / min
- Time to failure – 5 min (BS) ; 1 to 3 min (Norwegian)
- If carried out inside borehole, can be disturbed and lower shear strengths. Preferable independent of borehole

# Soft clay. Stability. vane

- In 1973, Bjerrum showed that embankments on soft clay failed when using vanes to design even if  $F$  of  $S > 1.0$  theoretically.
- Bjerrum attributed this to:
  - (i) vane shear tests carried out at high strain rate overestimates field undisturbed strength
  - (ii) Vane unable to measure the effects of anisotropy – different strengths in horizontal and vertical directions

# Soft clay, stability. Vane

Wroth (1974) quoting the work of Donald et al (1977) and Menzies & Merrifield(1980) concluded:

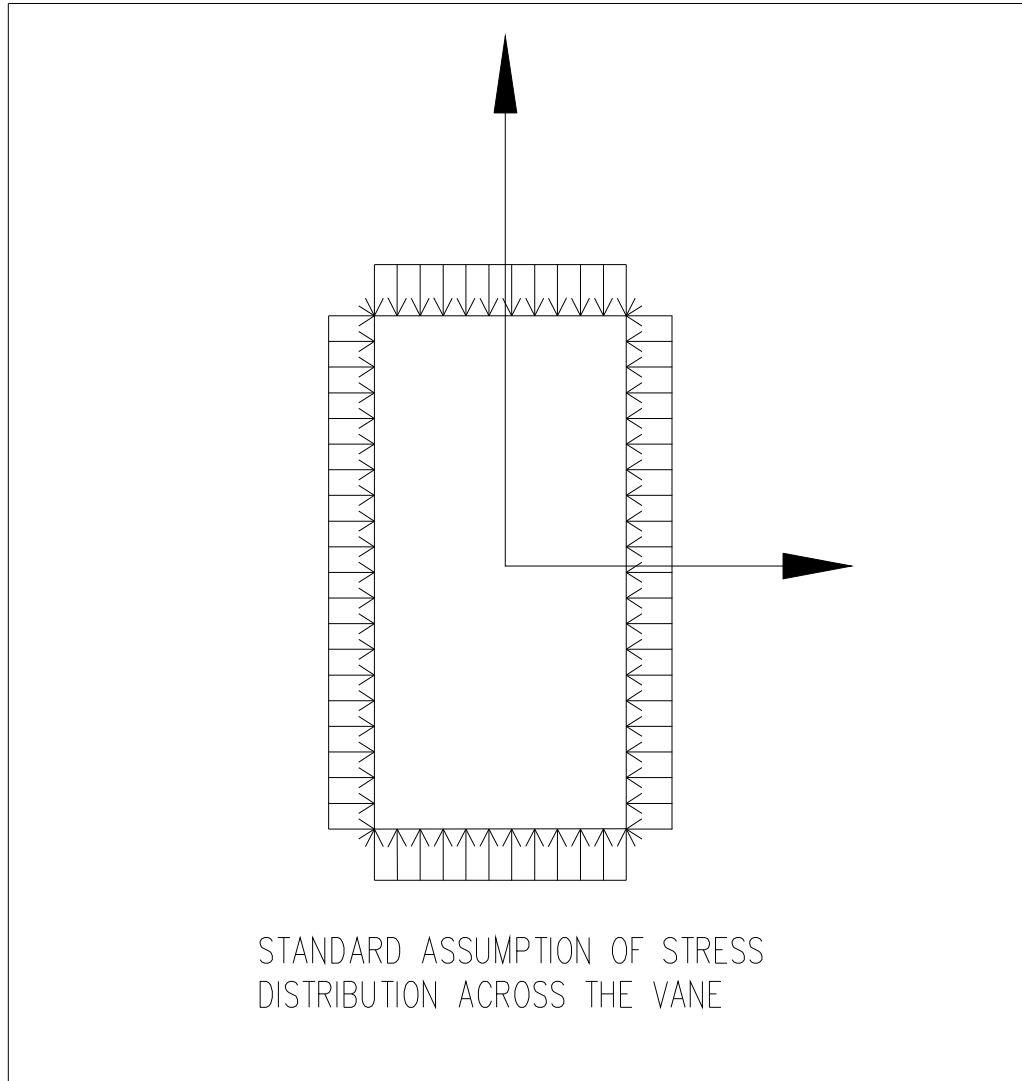
Shear stress distribution around the vane is different from that assumed when computing the vane shear strength from the measured torque.

# Soft clay. Stability. vane

Donald et al (1973) and Tavenas & Leroueil (1980) concluded:

- (i) On the complexity in analyzing the vane
- (ii) At best an approximate tool for indexing strength

# Soft Clay. Assumed shear stress across Vane to relate Torque to $S_{uv}$



# ANALYSIS OF VANE TO GET SUV

- Measure torque
- $\text{Torque} = (\text{Suv} \times \text{top area of vane} \times \text{moment arm}) + (\text{Suv} \times \text{side perimeter area of vane} \times \text{moment arm})$ .
- Assume Suv same throughout
- Torque gives Suv

# ANALYSIS OF VANE TO GET SUV

Torque =

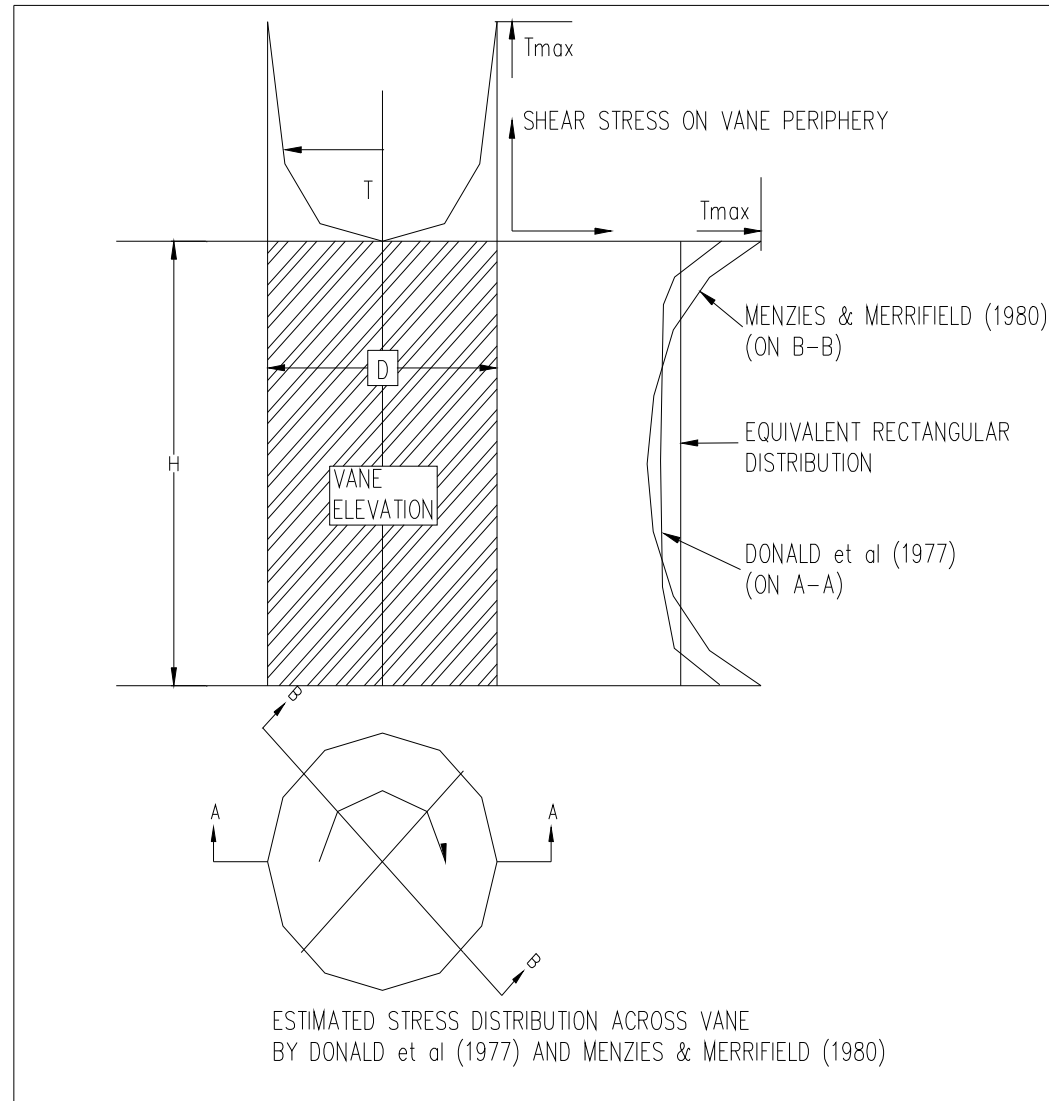
$S_{uv} \times 3.14 \times d^2 / 4 \times d / 4 +$

$S_{uv} \times 3.14 \times d \times l \times d/2$

Measure torque and calculate  $S_{uv}$

Basic problem is assumption that  $S_{uv}$   
constant across the top and side of vane

# Vane. Actual shear stress from Donald et al and Menzies



# Error in basic assumption

- Analysis of Suv distribution across diameter and height of vane implies that basic assumption to relate Torque to Suv is not correct
- Therefore there is need to correct vane shear strengths

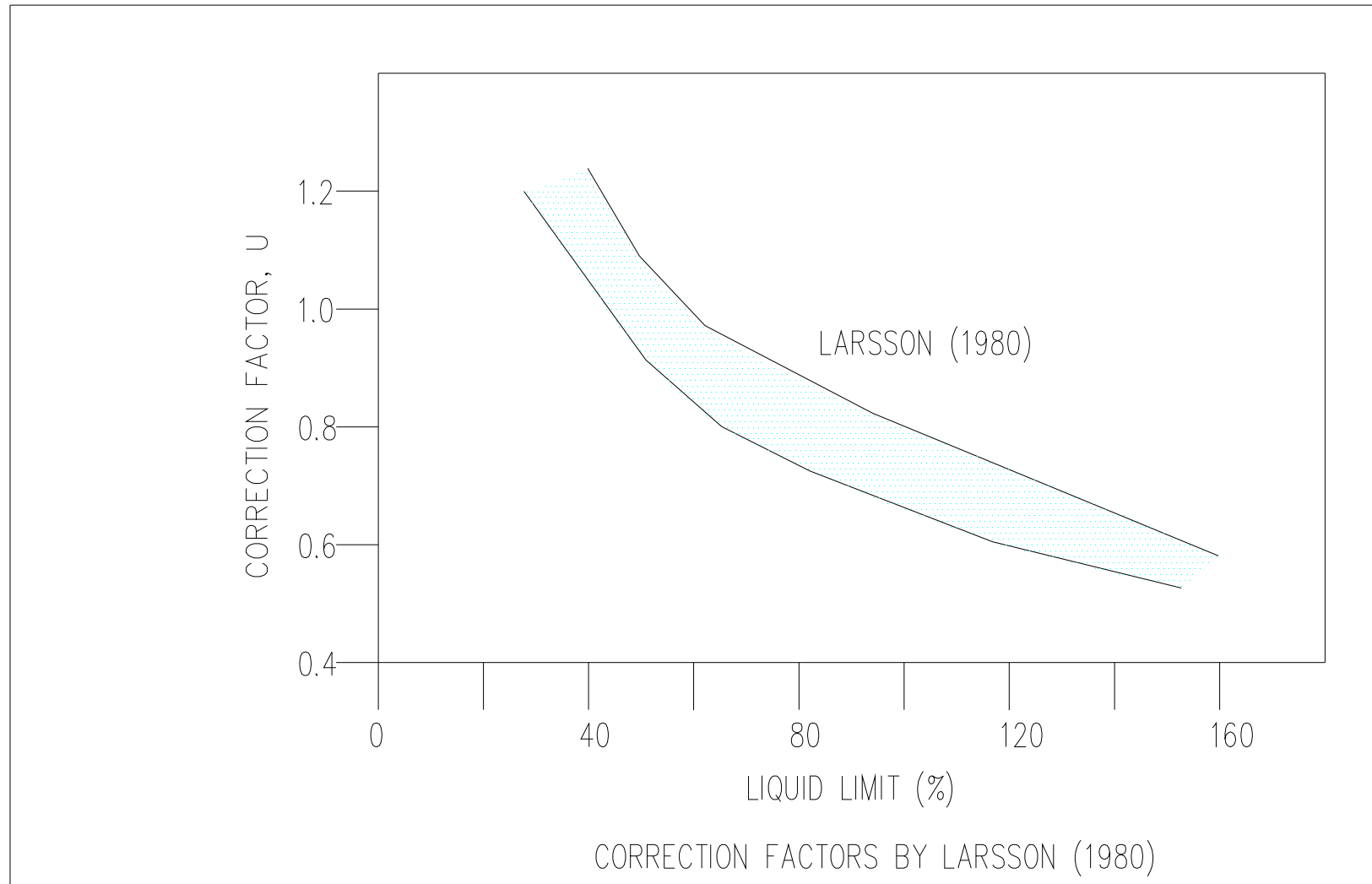
# Soft clay. Stability. vane

Methods of indexing vane:

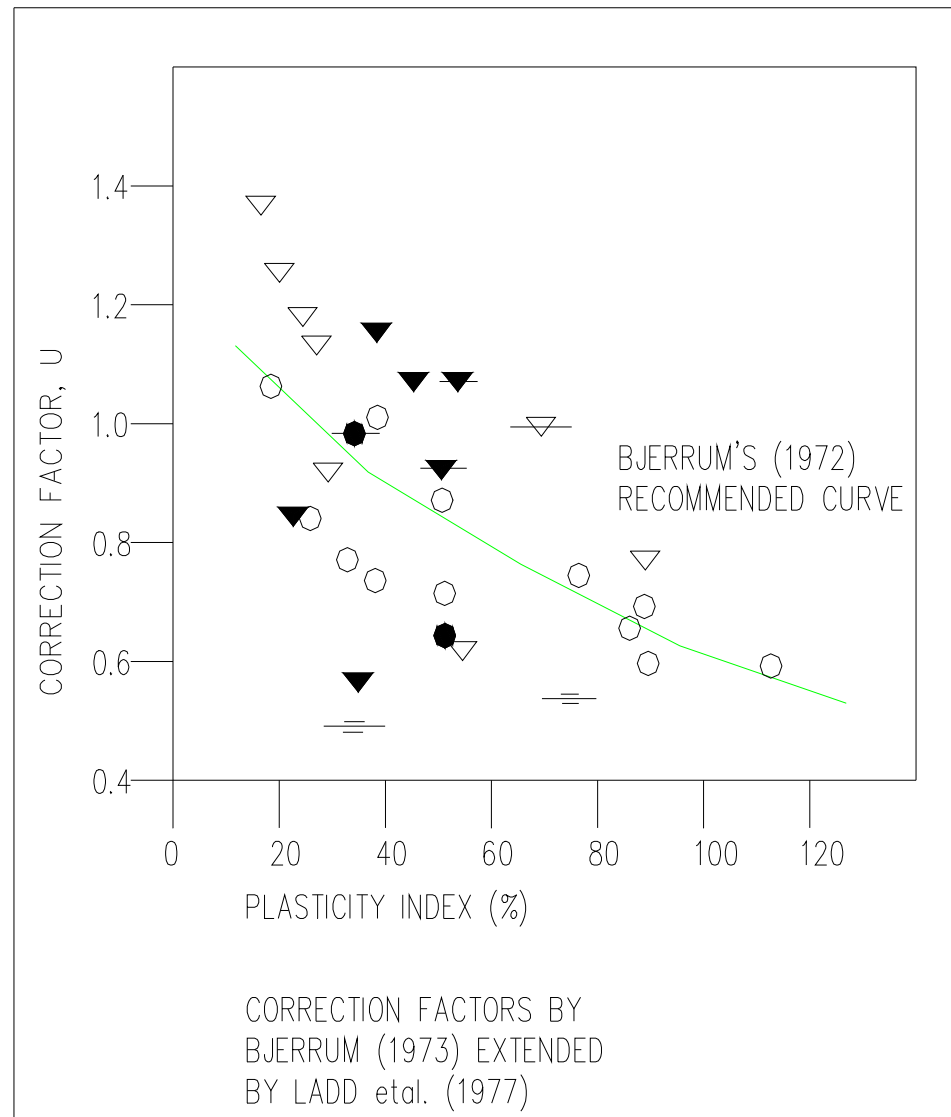
- Bjerrum correction factor dependent on plasticity index
- Larsson correction factor dependent on liquid limits

Undrained shear strength = correction factor  
x Vane shear strength

# Soft Clay. Vane Correction



# Soft Clay. Vane Correction

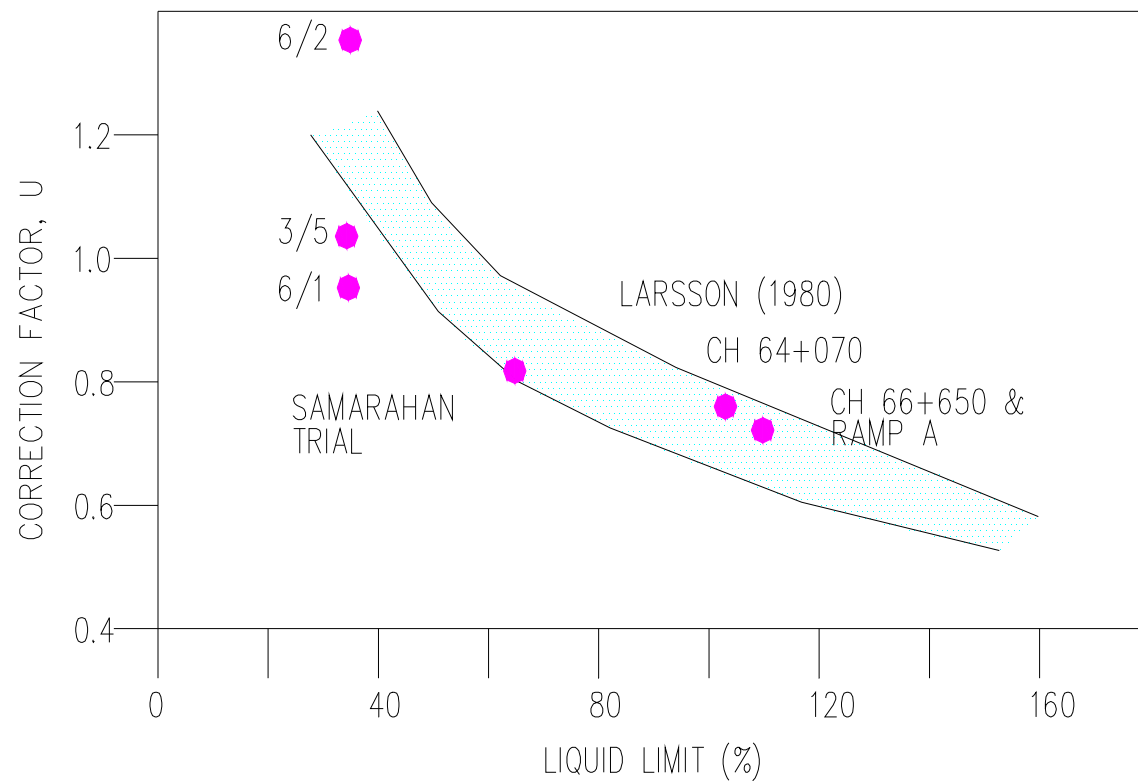


# Soft clay. Stability. Local correction factors

Chee Sai Kim has analyzed a number of embankment failures in soft clay and compared against the properties of the soft clay.

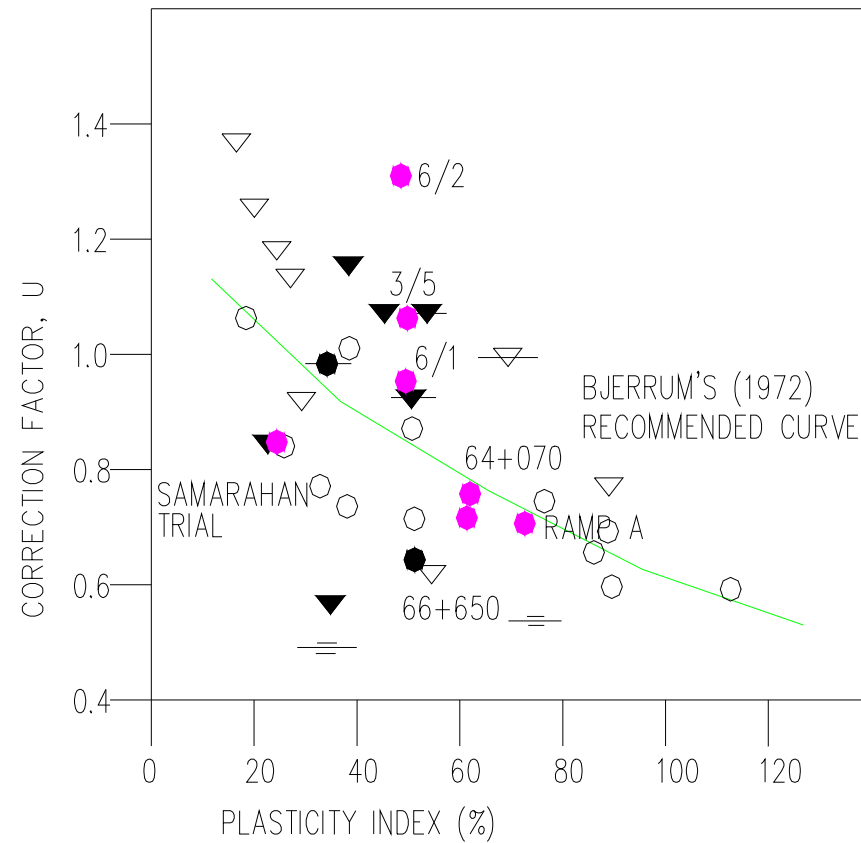
The correction factors are plotted against the set of international data. The trends are similar.

# Vane Correction. Malaysian Data



VANE CORRECTION FACTORS AS  
FUNCTION OF LIQUID LIMIT

# Vane Correction. Malaysian data



VANE CORRECTION FACTORS  
AS FUNCTION OF PLASTICITY  
INDEX

# Soft clay. Stability. Factors of safety

JKR. Immediate at end of construction without considering effects of gain in strength = 1.2

Should try to obtain 1.4 to 1.5 if gain in strength not considered.

If stage construction with gain in strength required, at each stage the F. of S. with gain in strength at each stage should be 1.2

# Soft Clay. Stability. vane

Scatter in vane shear strength expected at any location:

- Natural variability of the soil e.g. sand lenses, organic matter, etc
- Deviation from standard method of testing
- Variations in degree of disturbance due to rotation of the vane during insertion

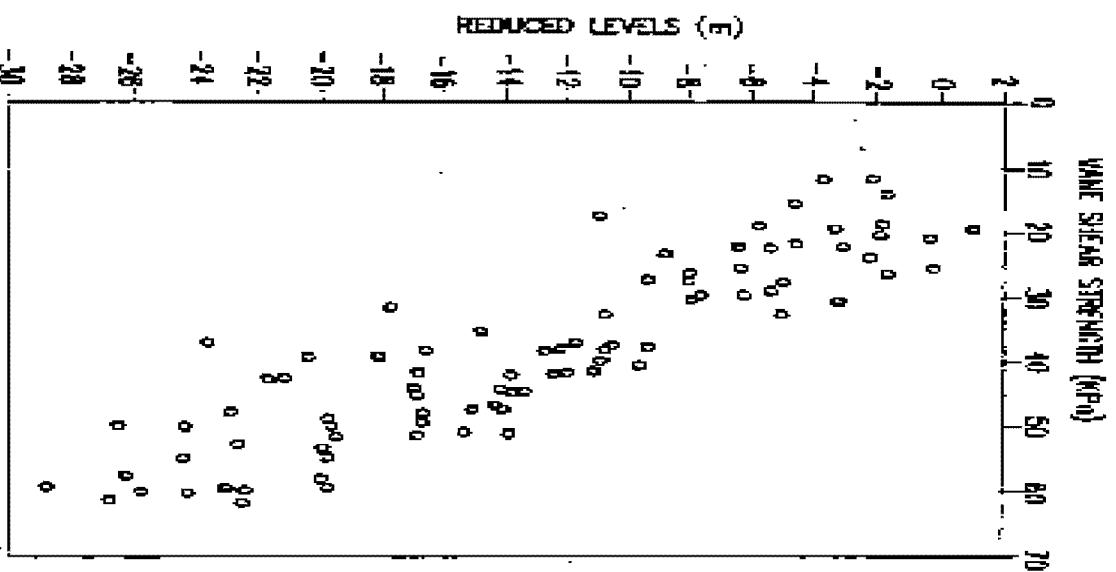


FIG. 5a - VANE SHEAR STRENGTH FROM VANES  
BENTHIC BOREHOLES

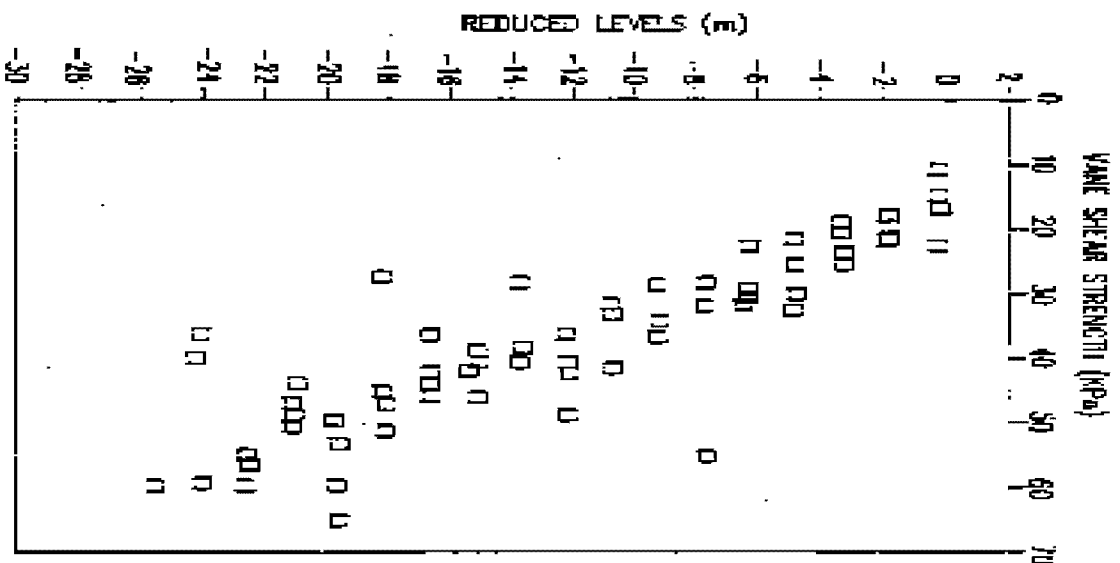


FIG. 5b - VANE SHEAR STRENGTHS FROM  
PENETRATION VANES

# Soft clay. Stability. vane

Scatter would imply that any site there must be sufficient number of vane tests to ensure that the complete range of the scatter is actually captured.

Designer must then decide whether to use lower bound, median or some other values.

Computation of median values should not include exceptionally high values which may be due to tests in sand layer, shells, roots, etc

# Soft clay. Stability. Choice of strength

Generally vane correction factors should be applied to median values

Lesser or no correction factors if lower bound vane shear strengths are adopted.

Usually applying correction factor to median would result in near lower bound conditions.

Also designer need to make judgment about degree of disturbance if vane tests in boreholes

# Soft clay. Stability. Strength

- Vane shear strengths from vanes in boreholes generally lower compared to jack – in vanes because of borehole disturbance.
- There is a natural scatter in the vane shear strength results due to natural heterogeneity.

# Soft clay. settlement

Basic parameters for analysis:

- Depth and thickness of the different layers;
- Drainage boundaries – sand layers
- Over consolidation ratio OCR
- $C_c / (1 + e_o)$  – compressibility index after  $p_c$
- $C_r / (1 + e_o)$  – compressibility index before  $p_c$
- $C_v$  - coefficient consolidation after  $p_c$
- $C_{vr}$  - coefficient consolidation before  $p_c$

# Soft clay. Settlement

Typical values:

OCR – 1 to 1.5

$C_r / (1 + e_o) = 0.02 \text{ to } 0.03$

$C_c / (1 + e_o) = 0.2 \text{ to } 0.3$

$C_v = 2 \text{ sq m per year}$

$C_{vr} = 5 \text{ to } 10 \text{ sq m per year}$

# Soft clay. Settlement

## Soil investigation method

- Boreholes
- Undisturbed samples – use stationary thin wall piston sampler for minimal disturbance
- Laboratory oedometer tests. Should modify BS standard for load increments. Use small (10 kPa) pressure increments until pass pc.

# Soft clay settlement

TERZAGHI classical theory

$$S_f = C_c / (1 + e_0) \times H \times \text{Log} ( 1 + \Delta p / p_0')$$

$$T = C_v t / H^2$$

U (degree of consolidation) related to T

For U = 0.9 (90 % consolidation)

$$T = 0.848$$

# Soft clay settlement

Problem is Terzaghi theory is for a point in the soil layer.

In calculating  $U$  and time, often simplify by using  $H$  as the drainage distance.

This is not correct and leads to incorrect answers

Proper analysis of Terzaghi equation requires finite difference or finite element numerical methods

# Soft clay settlement

## Short Comings Associated with the Conventional Method

- Submergence and Buoyancy Effect
- Large Strain Effect
- Non-Uniform Strain Effect
- Layered System
- Intermediate drainage due to sand layers
- Variations of  $C_c$ ,  $C_v$  with  $\bar{p}$
- Time Dependent Loading

# Soft clay settlement

Conventional hand calculations using charts  
not accurate

Not possible to calculate time effects for  
layered soils using hand calculations and  
charts

Require finite difference (1 dimensional) or  
finite element (2 dimensional) methods

# Soft clay settlement

Design criteria:

Peninsular MHA JKR – Post construction settlement less than 10 % of total consolidation settlement

Sarawak JKR – Post construction settlement of 200 mm over first 3 post construction years or over first 5 post construction years

# CONSEQUENCE OF 90% CRITERIA

- In almost all cases regardless of height of embankment and soft clay thickness  $> 3$  m, will need vertical drains
- Not a good criteria
- Criteria should be based on the time before first pavement overlay – maybe about 7 years

# Soft Clay. Embankment behavior pore pressures

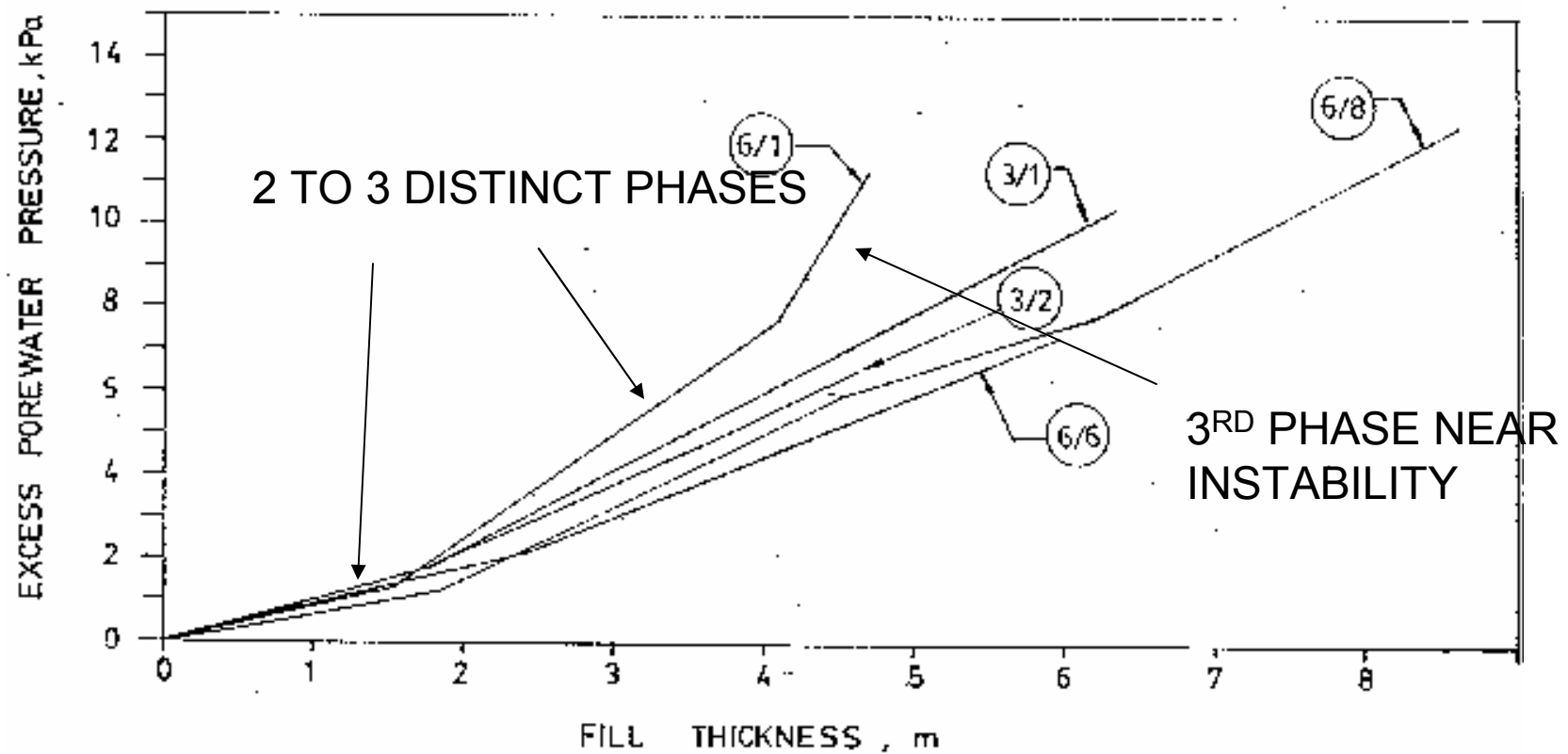


Fig. 3 EXCESS POREWATER PRESSURE RESPONSE

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior pore pressures

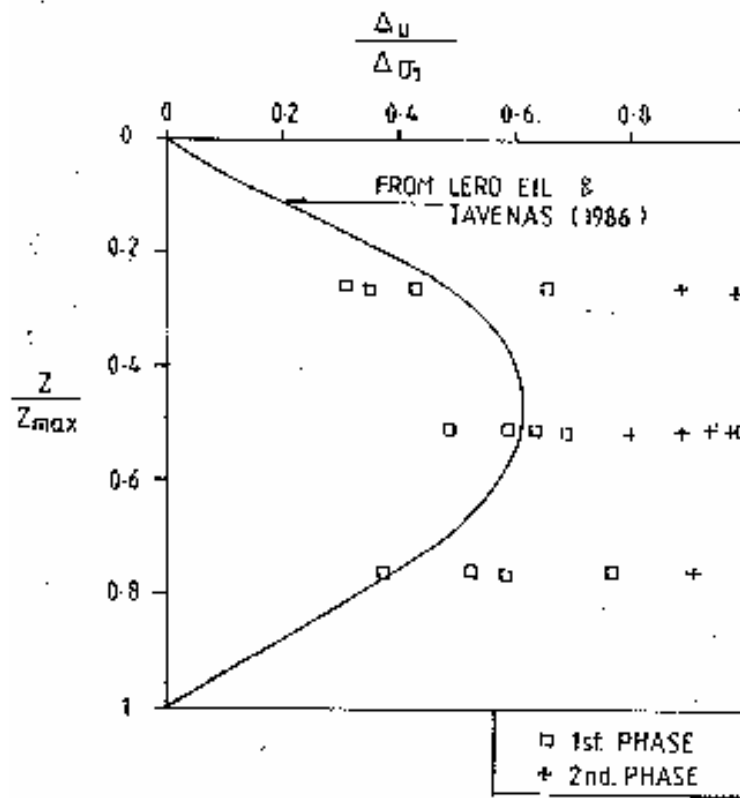


Fig. 4a CENTRELINE  
PIEZOMETER

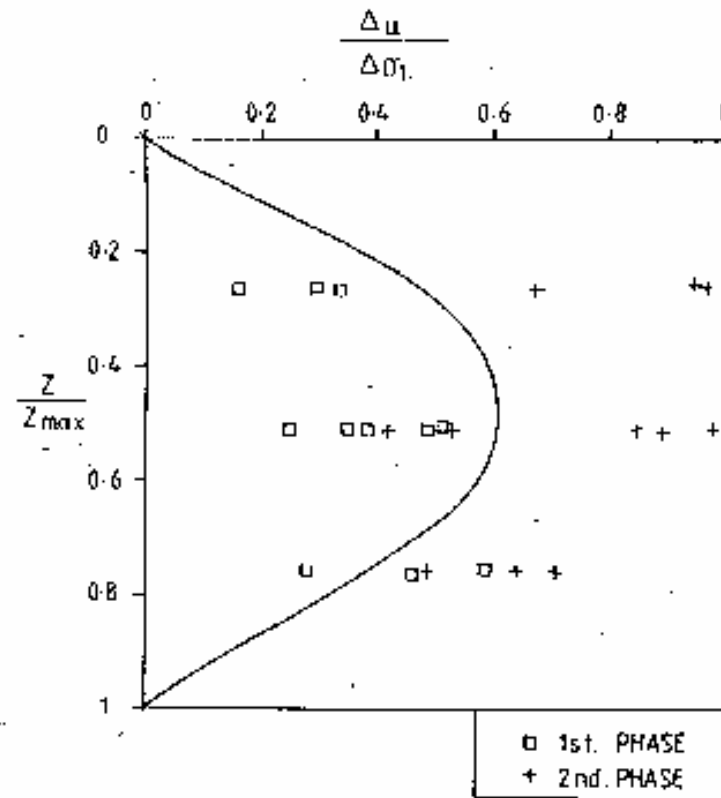


Fig. 4b EDGE  
PIEZOMETER

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

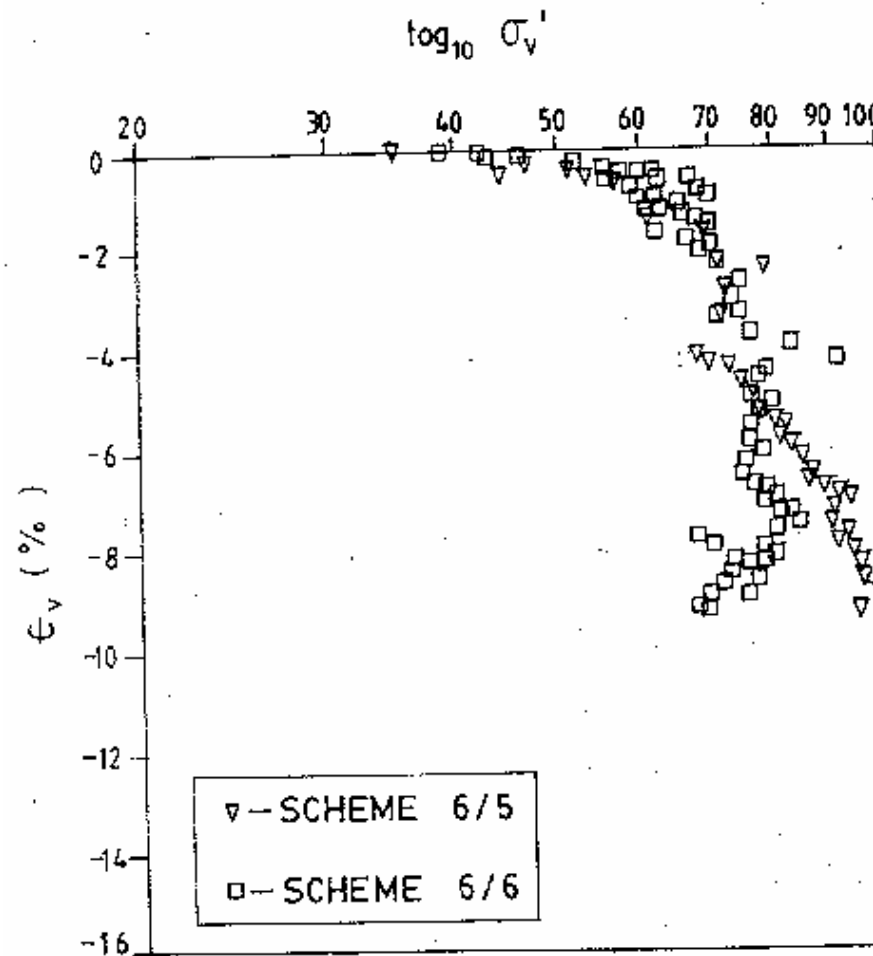


Fig. 6a FIELD  $\epsilon_v - \log_{10} \sigma_v'$   
(PIEZOMETER P4)

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

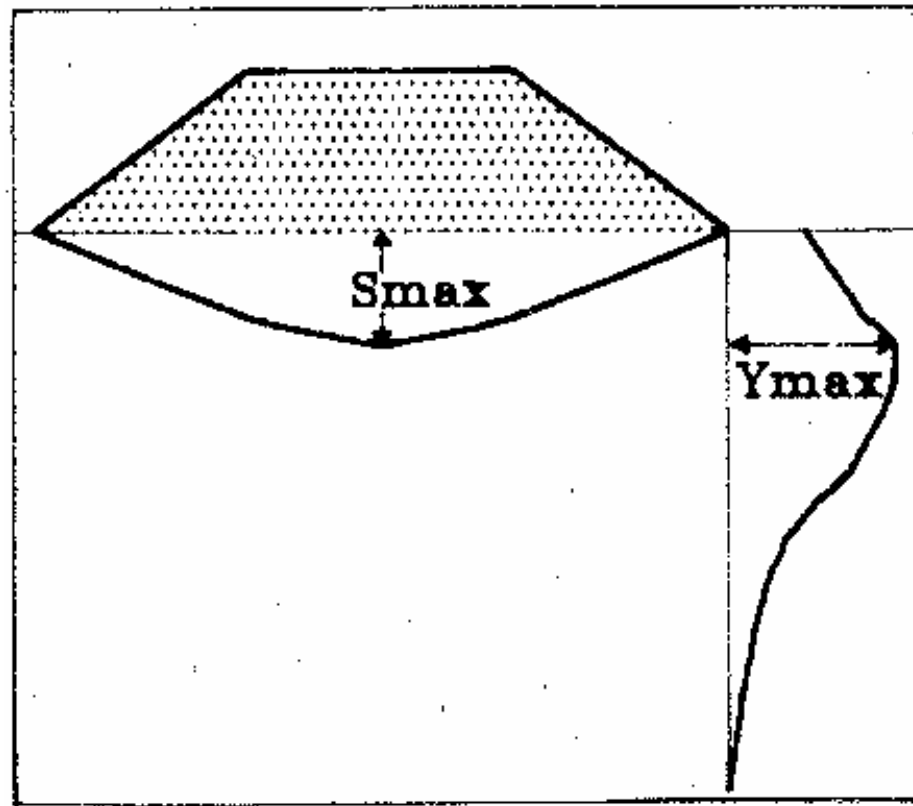


Fig. 28 Definitions of  $S_{max}$  &  $Y_{max}$

# Embankment behavior

Settlement that is measured is due to two components:

- Consolidation settlement
- Lateral movements causing embankment to settle

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

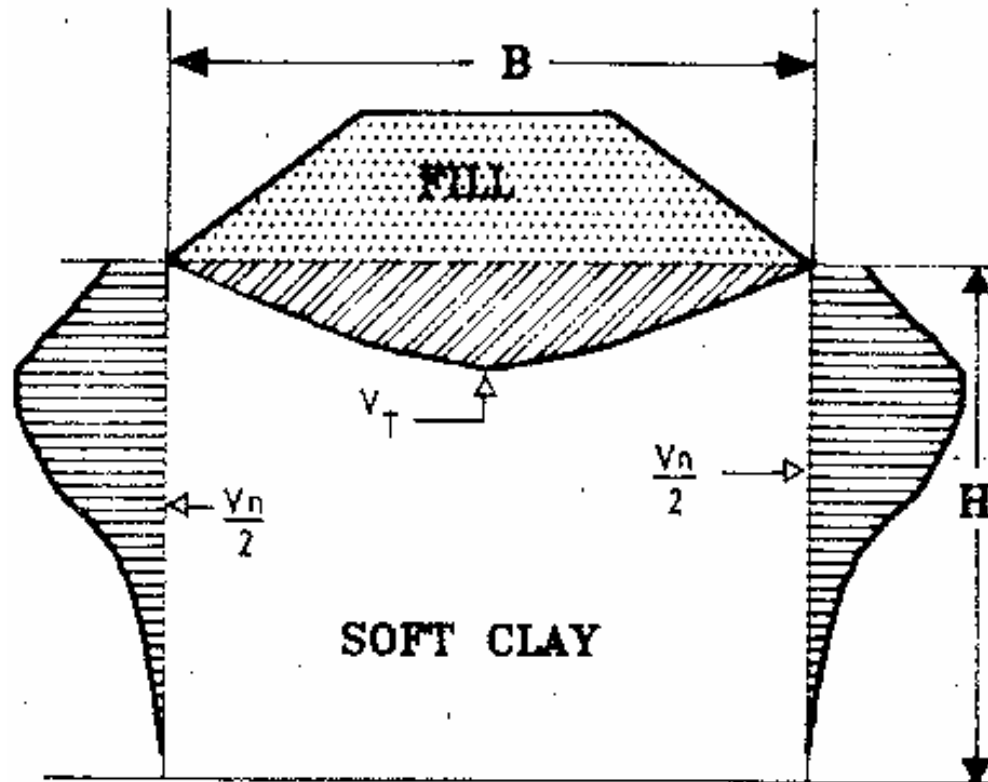
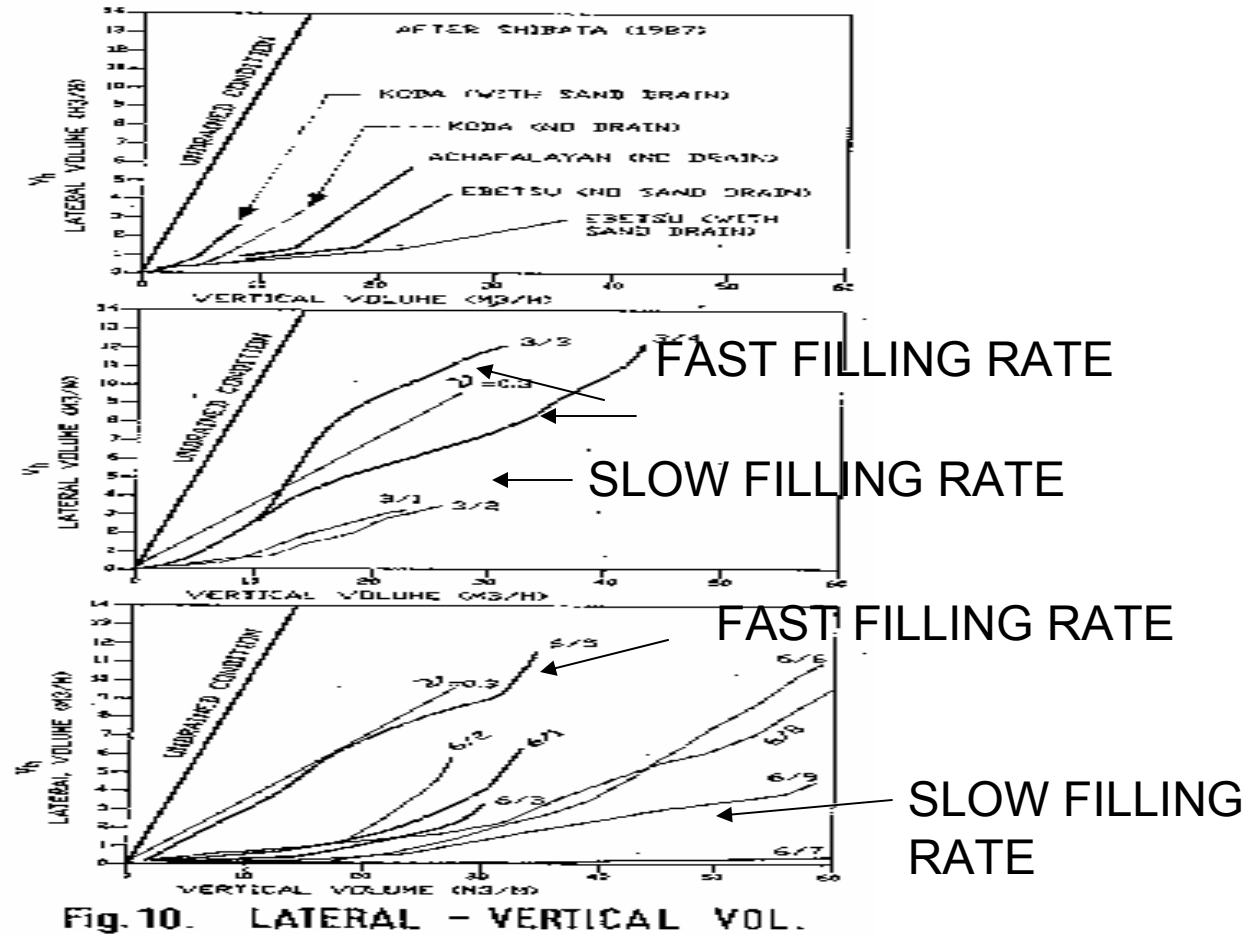


Fig. 29 Volumes Definitions

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior



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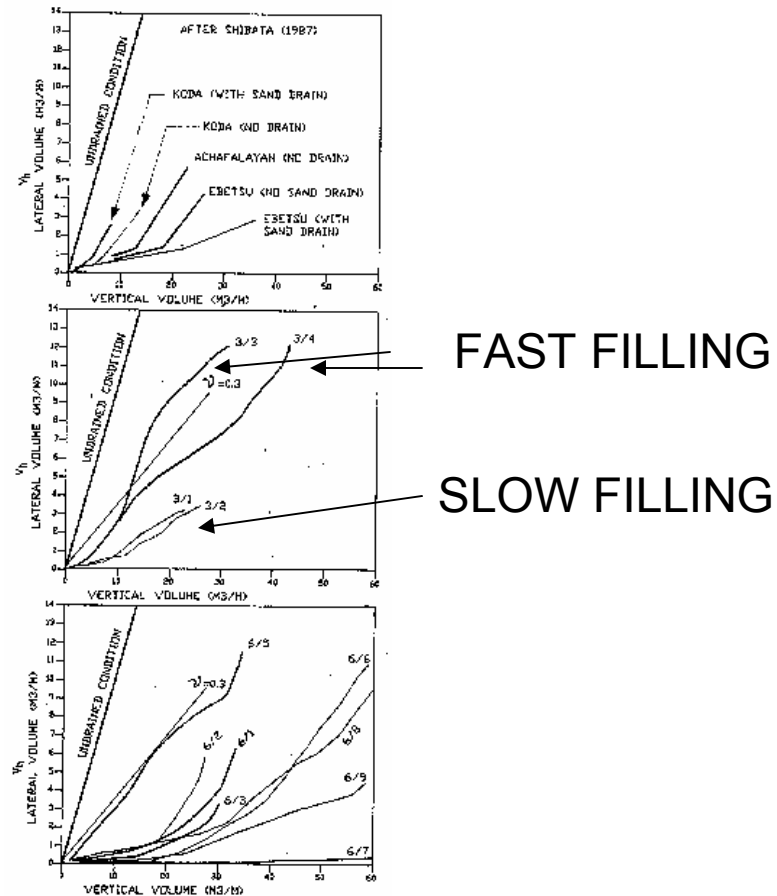


Fig.10. LATERAL - VERTICAL VOL.

# EMBANKMENT FILLING RATE

- SLOW FILLING RATE RESULTS IN LARGER CONSOLIDATION AND LESS LATERAL MOVEMENT
- FASTER FILLING RESULTS IN HIGHER PORE PRESSURES, HIGHER LATERAL MOVEMENTS AND LOW DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION

# EMBANKMENT FILLING RATE

- FAST RATE OF FILLING CAN LEAD TO TENSION CRACKS
- PREFER TO KEEP FILLING RATE TO LESS THAN 500 MM (TWO LAYERS A WEEK) IF NO STONE COLUMNS

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

SLOW FILLING  
HIGH DEGREE  
OF CONSOLIDATION  
LOW SH HIGH SC

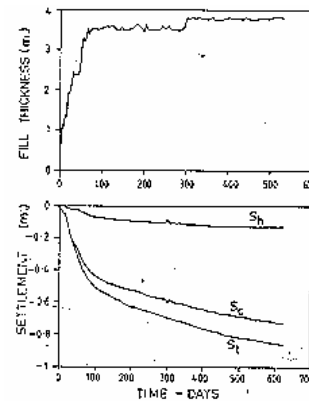


Fig. 11a COMPONENTS OF SETTLEMENT - 3/1

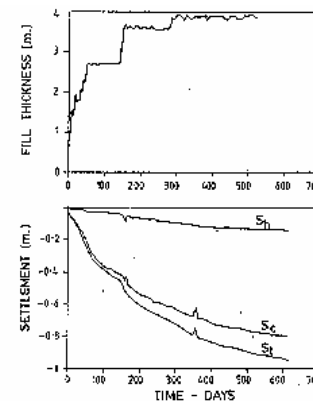


Fig. 11b COMPONENTS OF SETTLEMENT - 3/2

SH = LATERAL  
COMPONENT

ST = TOTAL  
SETTLEMENT

SC = CONSOLIDATION  
COMPONENT

$$SC = ST - SH$$

FAST FILLING  
LOW DEGREE  
CONSOLIDATION  
HIGH SH  
LOWER SC

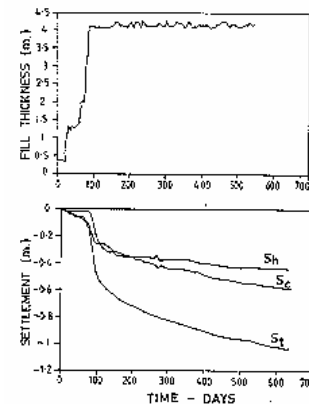


Fig. 11c. COMPONENTS OF SETTLEMENT - 3/3

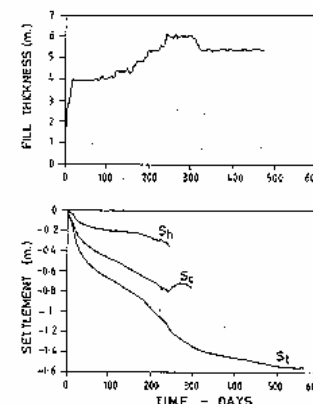
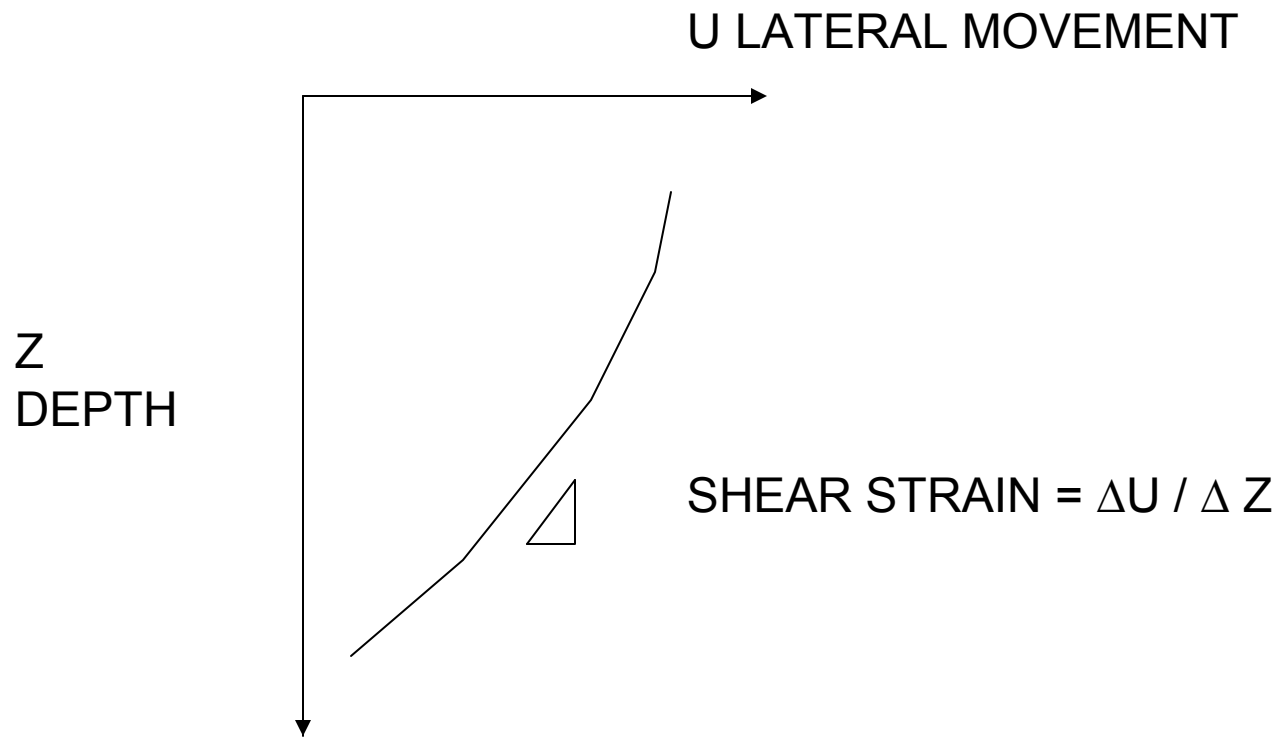
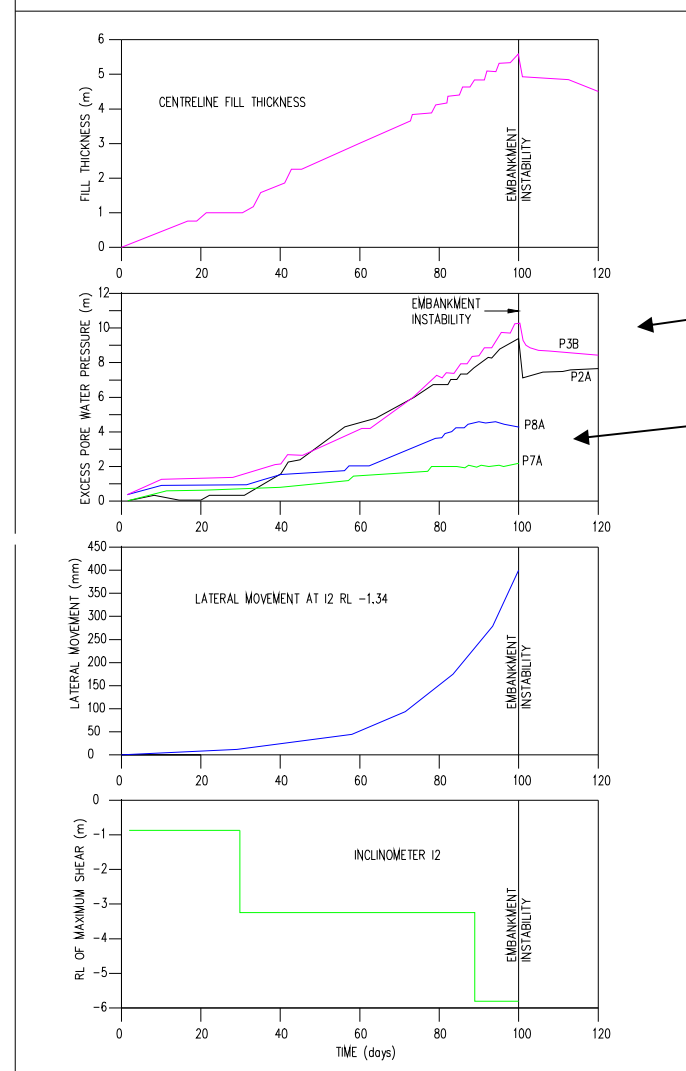


Fig. 11d. COMPONENTS OF SETTLEMENT - 3/4

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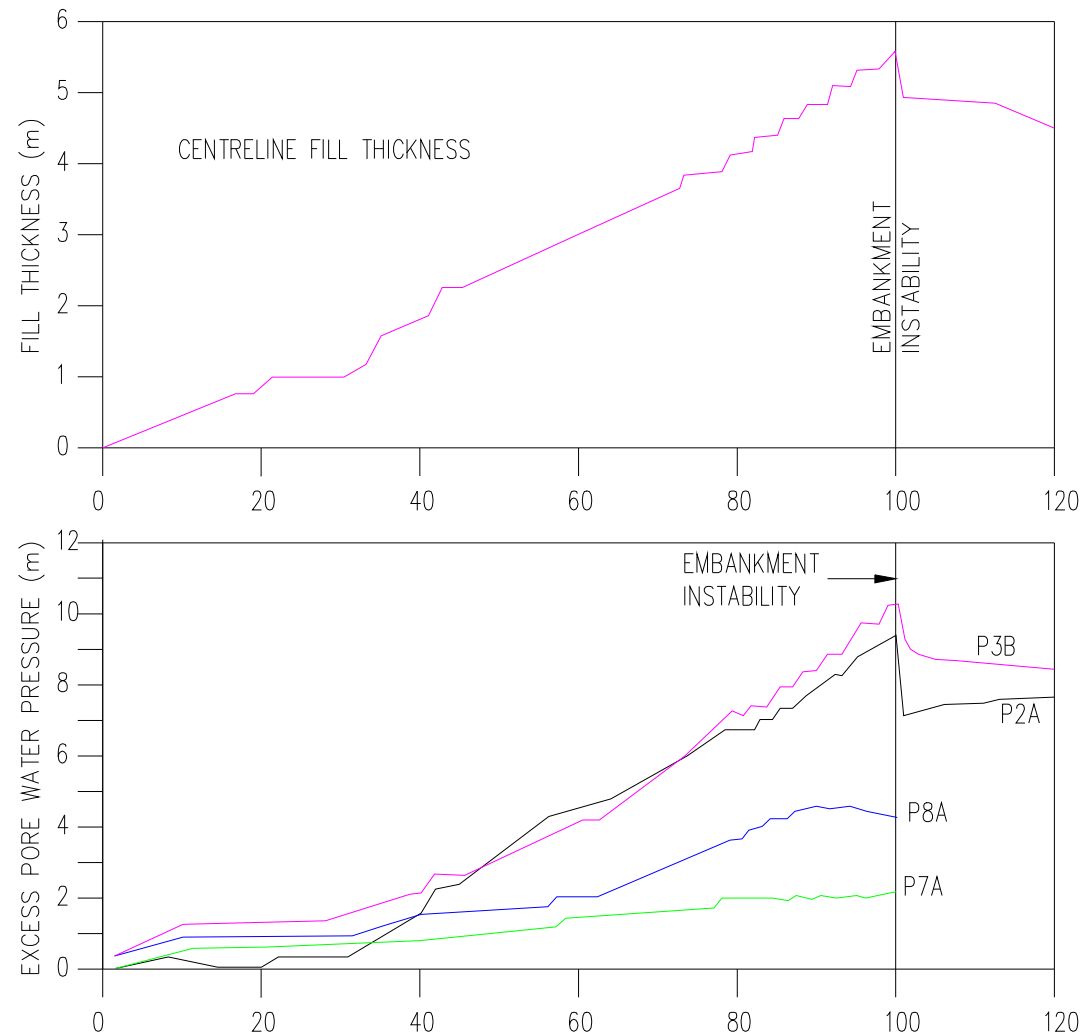
# Soft clay. Embankment behavior up to failure



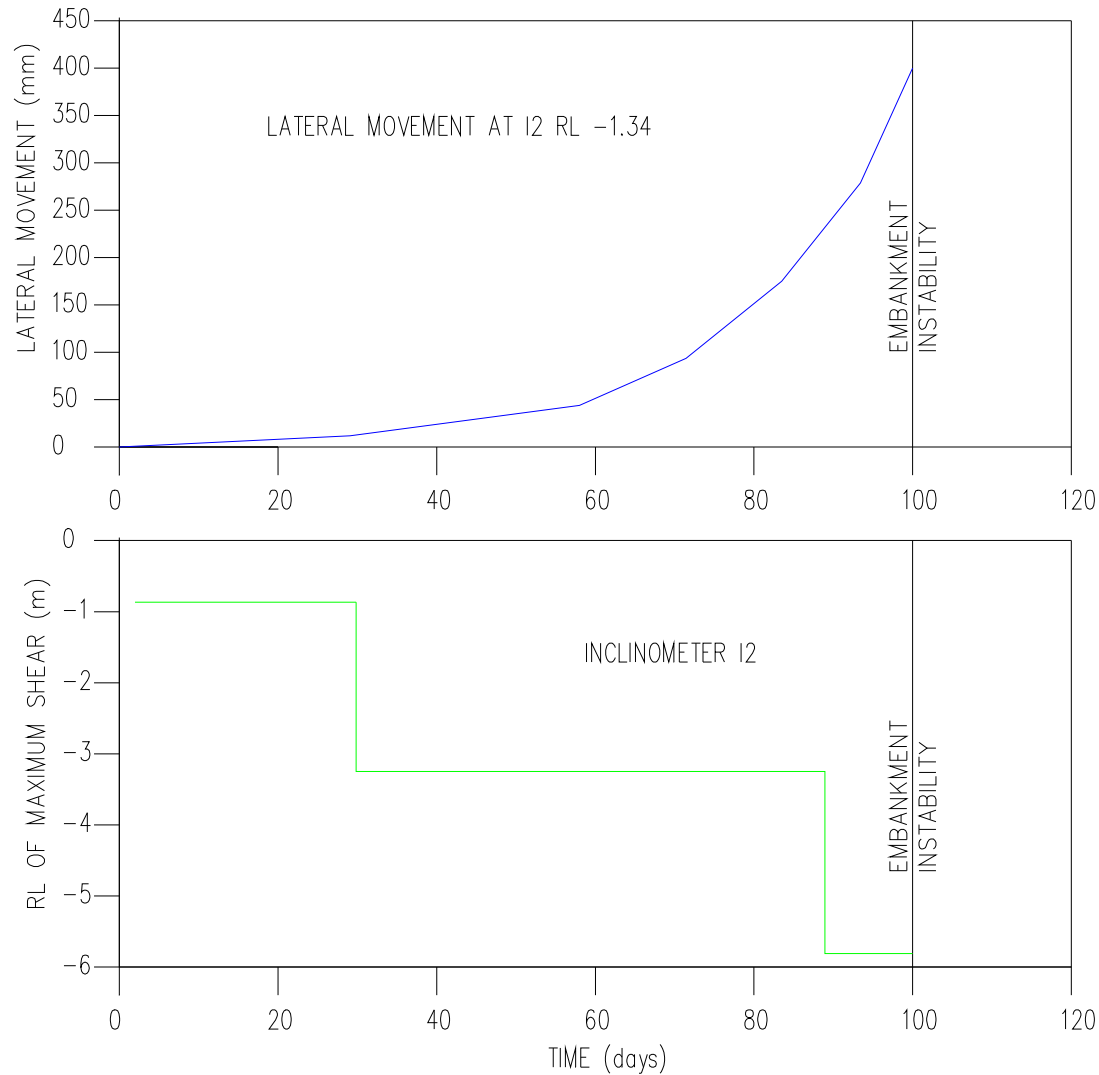
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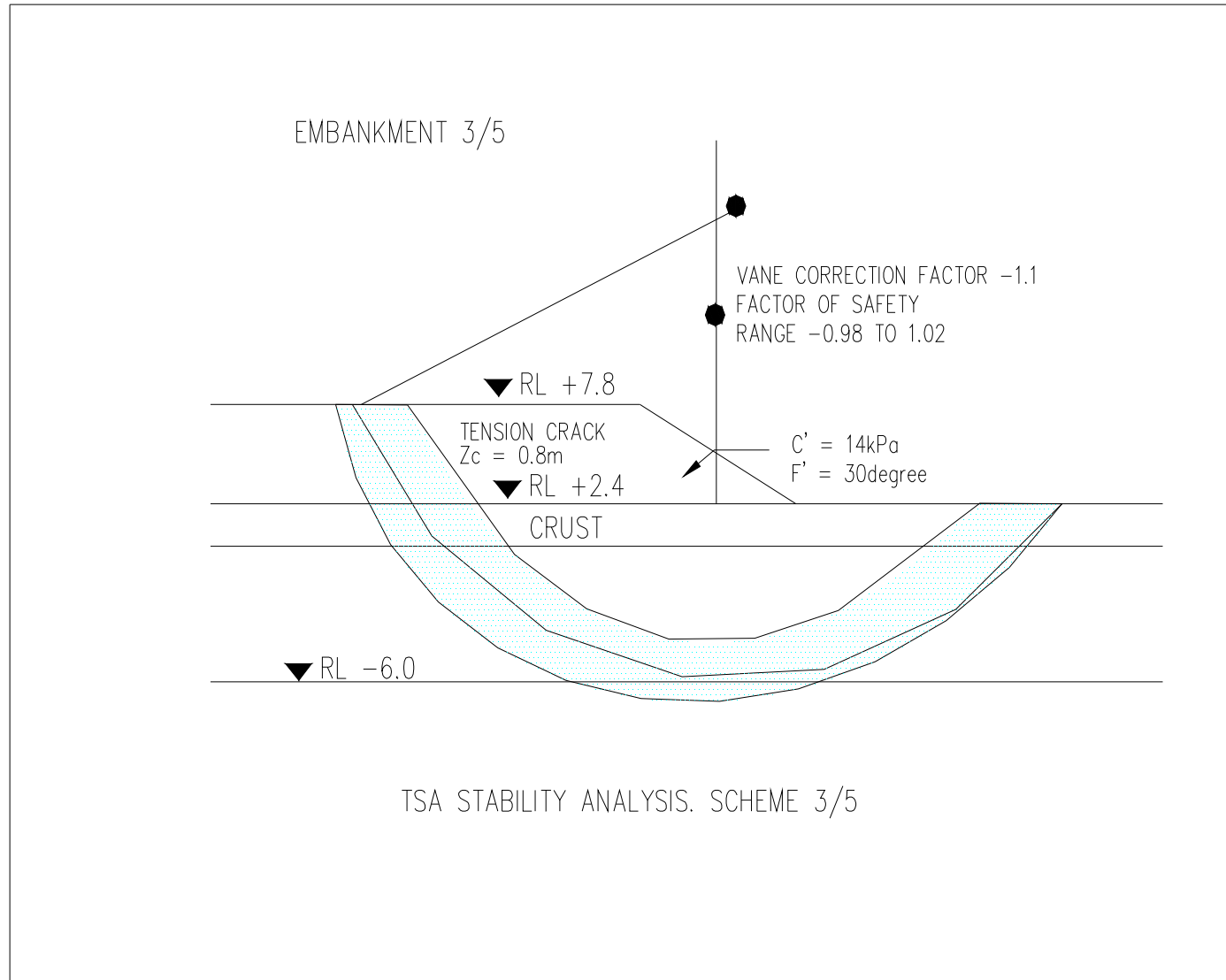
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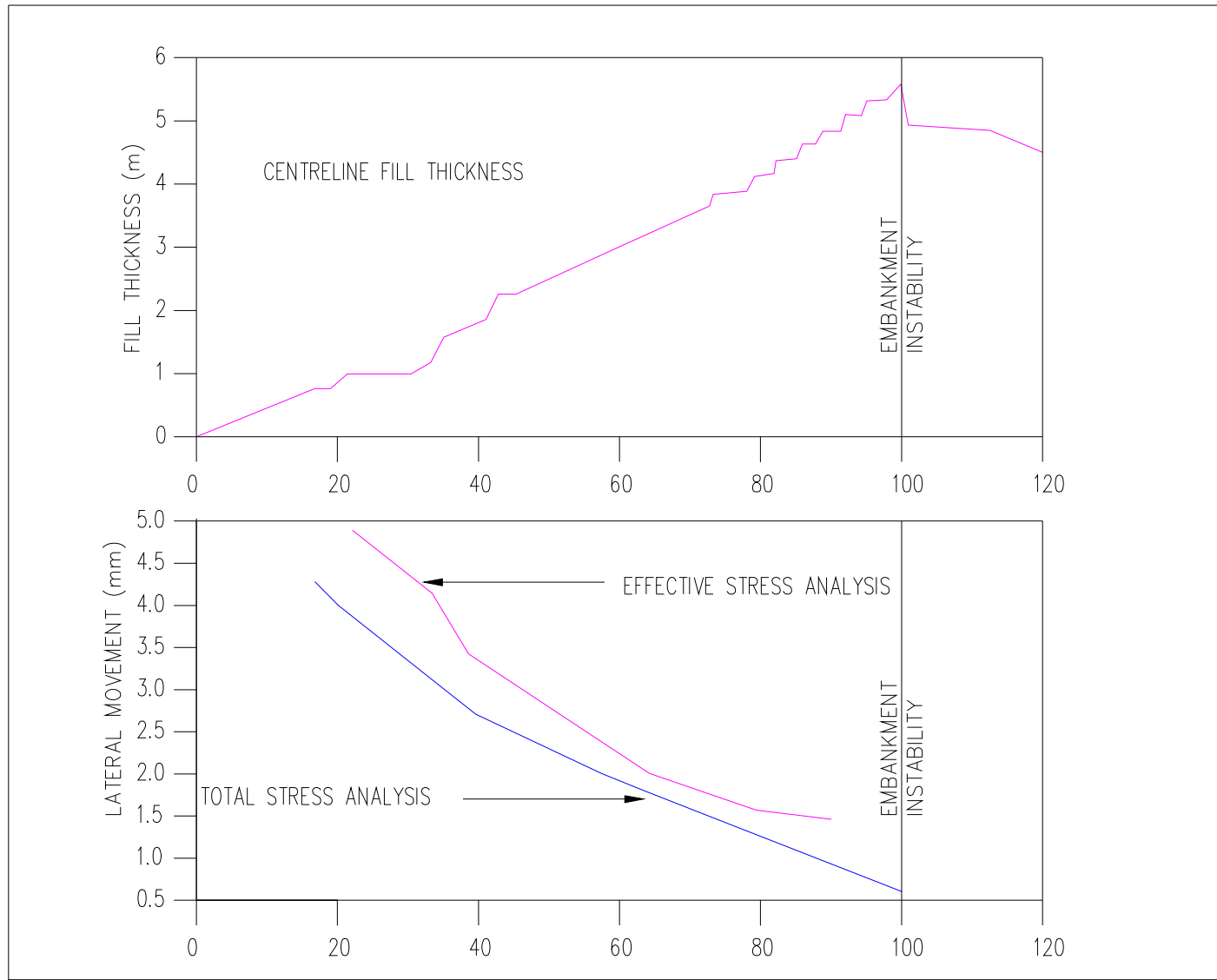
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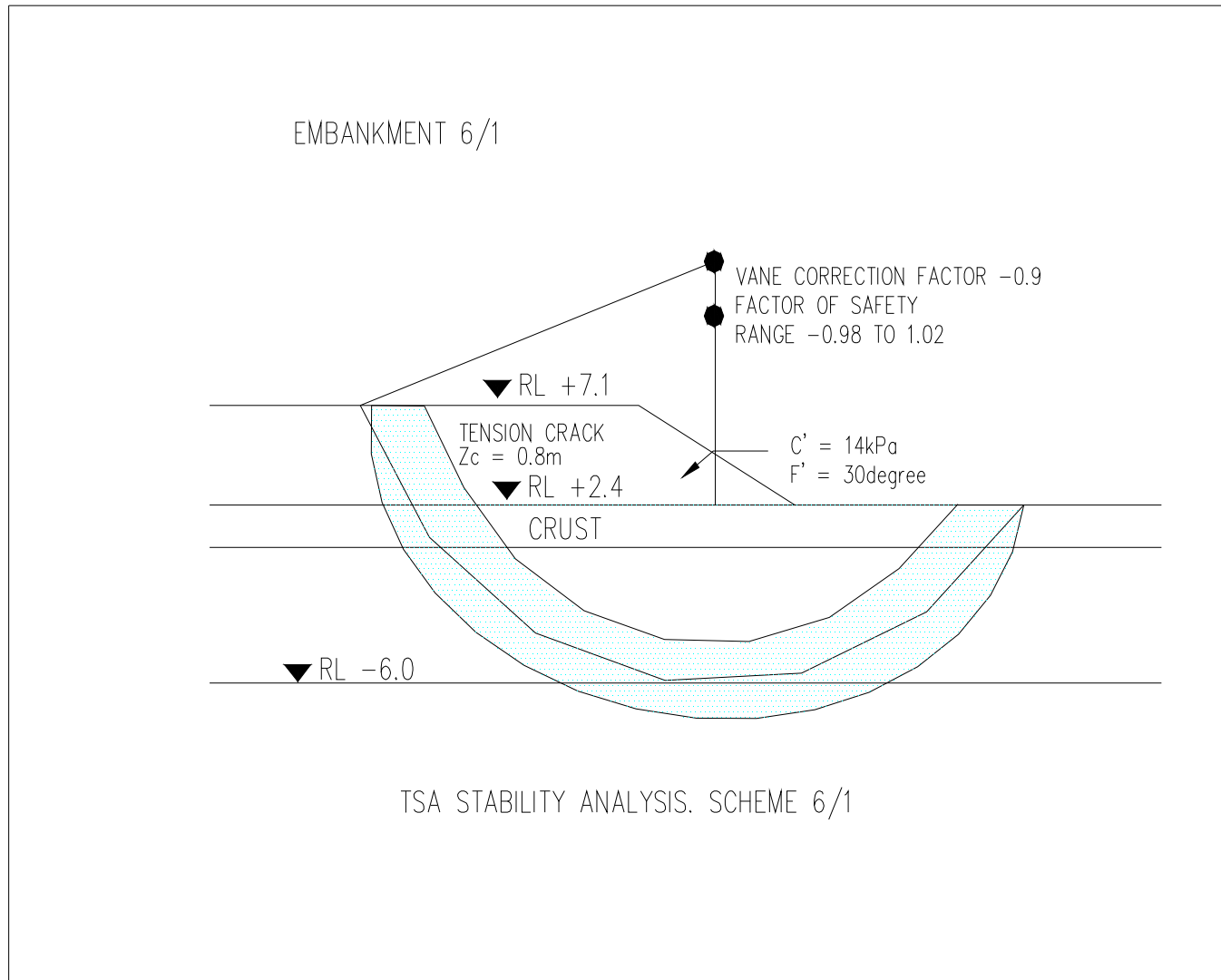
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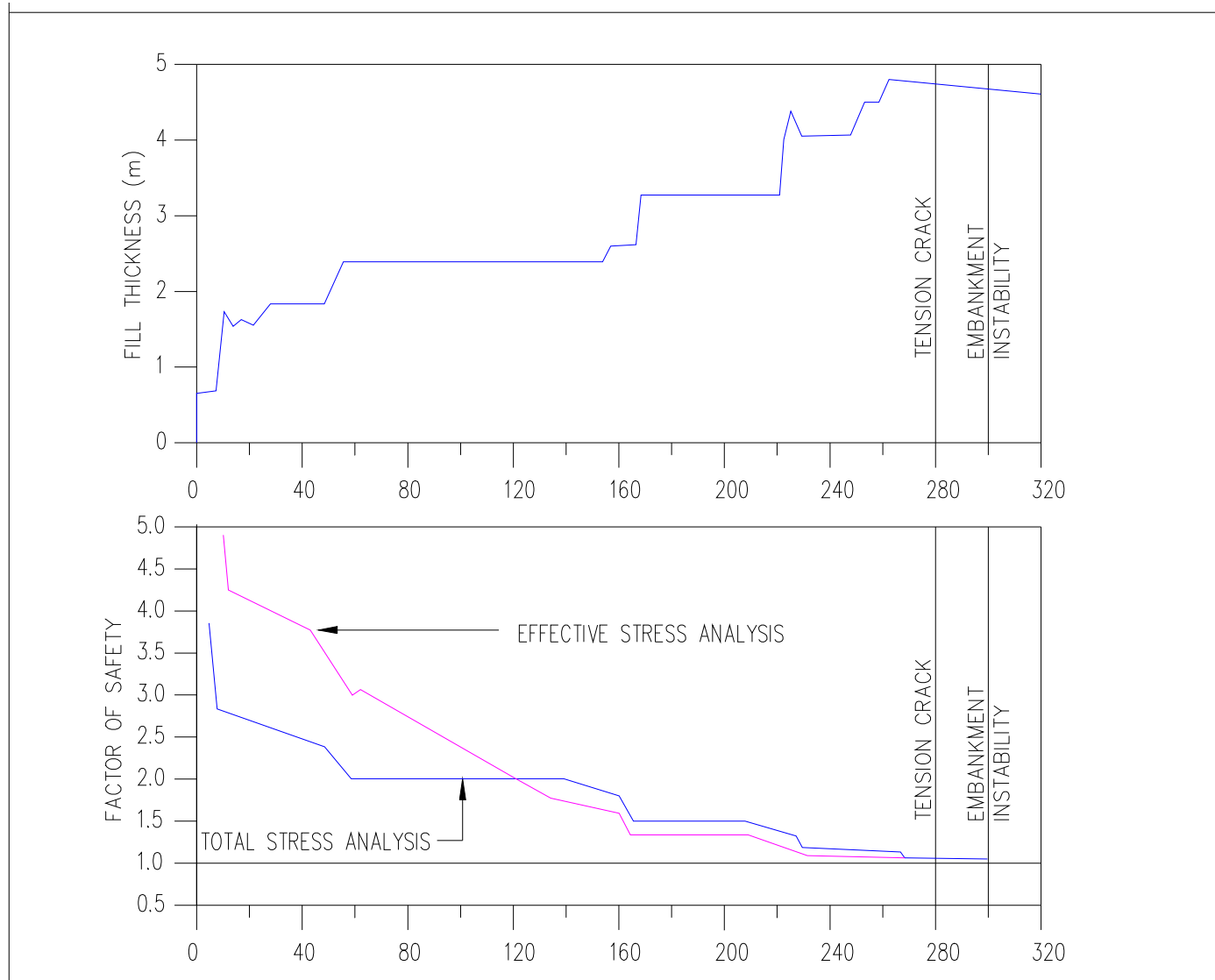
# Soft clay. Embankment behavior up to failure



# Soft Clay. Stability. Backanalysis



# Soft clay. Stability back analysis



# GAIN IN STRENGTH

- Yes if there is consolidation;
- Lesser if there has been larger lateral movements ( $S_h$  high) and lower degree of consolidation ( $S_c$  low)

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

## GAIN IN STRENGTH

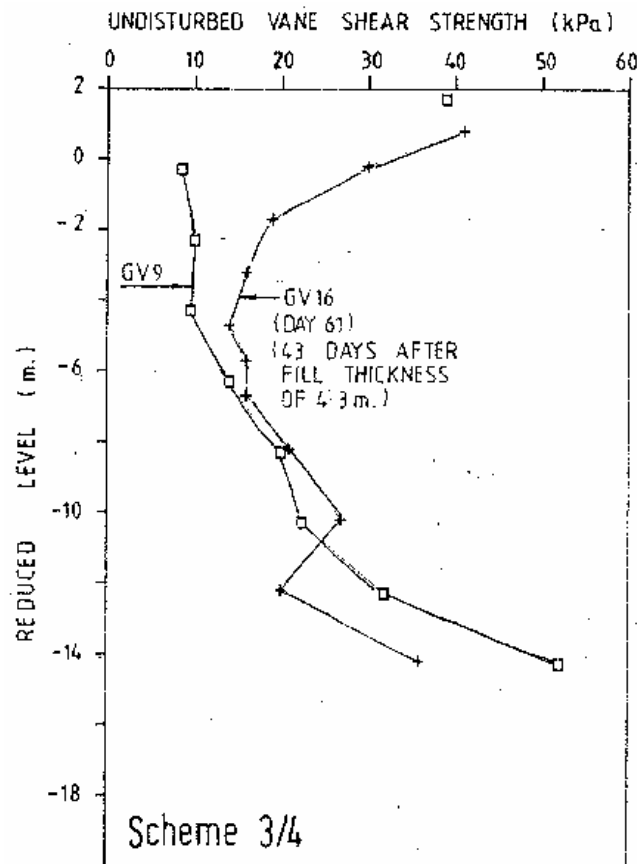


Fig. 7b GAIN IN STRENGTH

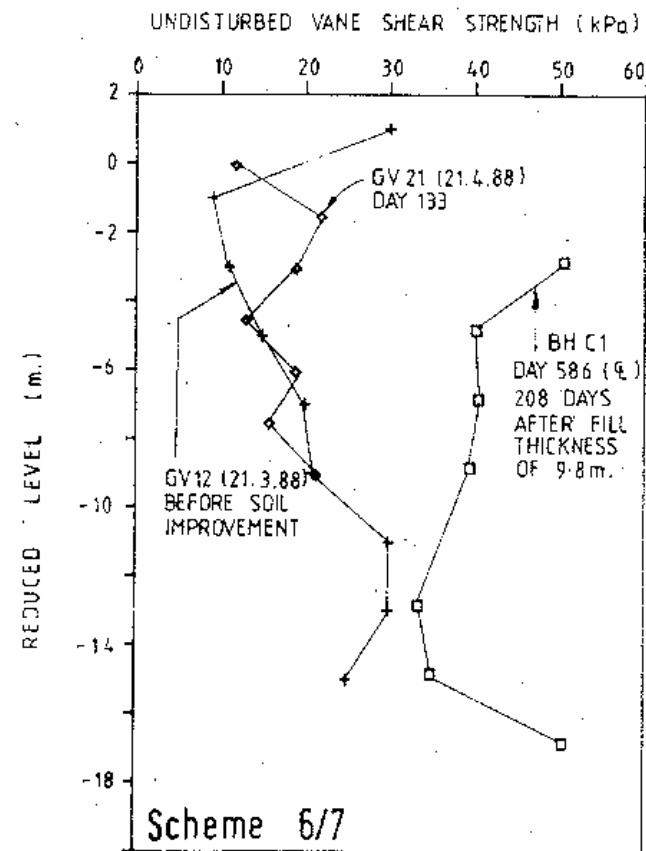


Fig. 7c GAIN IN STRENGTH

# Soft clay. Embankment behavior

## GAIN IN STRENGTH

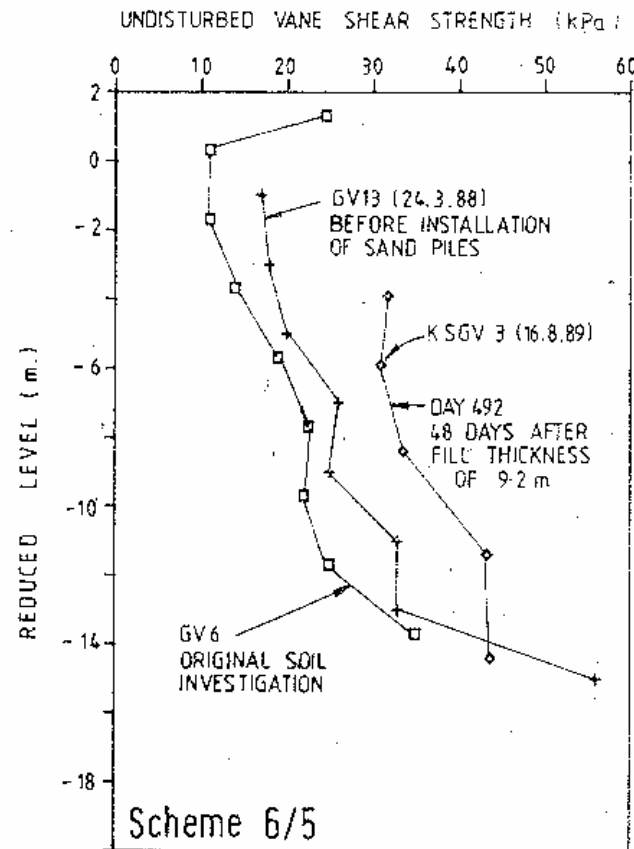


Fig. 7d GAIN IN STRENGTH

# COMMON METHODS OF SOFT CLAY TREATMENT

- Surcharge without prefabricated vertical drains
- Surcharge with prefabricated vertical drains
- Stone columns
- Pile embankments

# SURCHARGE WITHOUT PVD

- Just build embankment to a height higher than the final height and allow the embankment to settle until an acceptable post construction settlement.
- Consolidation settlement analysis as discussed earlier

# SURCHARGE WITH PVD

- Use prefabricated vertical drains to accelerate consolidation settlement and reduce surcharge time.

# HANSBO EQUATION FOR PVD

$$t = (D_e^2 / 8C_h) \times \mu \times z (1 / (1 - U_h))$$

$$\mu = \ln(n/s) - 0.75 + (k_c / k'_c) \ln(s) + nz(2 - z)k_c/q_v$$

$D_e$  = equivalent drain diameter = 0.05

$S$  = smear zone ratio =  $D_s / D_e = 4$

$n$  = drain spacing ratio =  $D_w / D_e$

$D_w = 1.128 \times \text{spacing of drain}$

# HANSBO EQUATION FOR PVD

$k_c$  = permeability of soil

$k_c'$  = permeability of disturbed zone

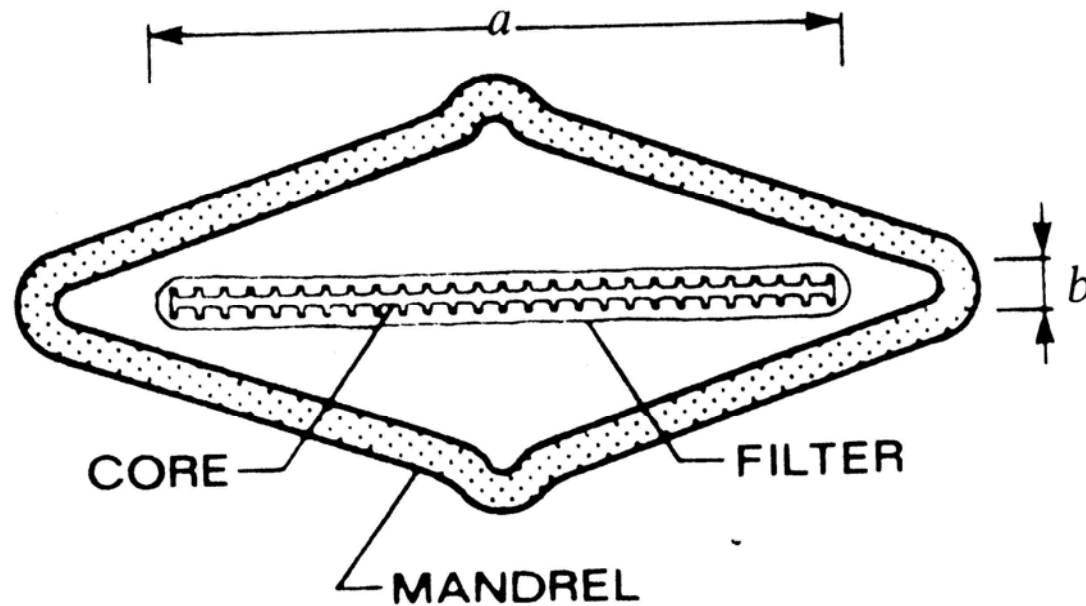
$k_c / k_c' = 3$

$z$  = depth from open end

$q_v$  = discharge capacity of drain

Hansbo's equation takes into account smear effects and limited discharge capacity of the drain

# Cross section mandrel with pvd



$$d_w = [2(a + b)]/\pi$$

# Installation of pvd with mandrel



# Installation of pvd



# Completed pvd installation

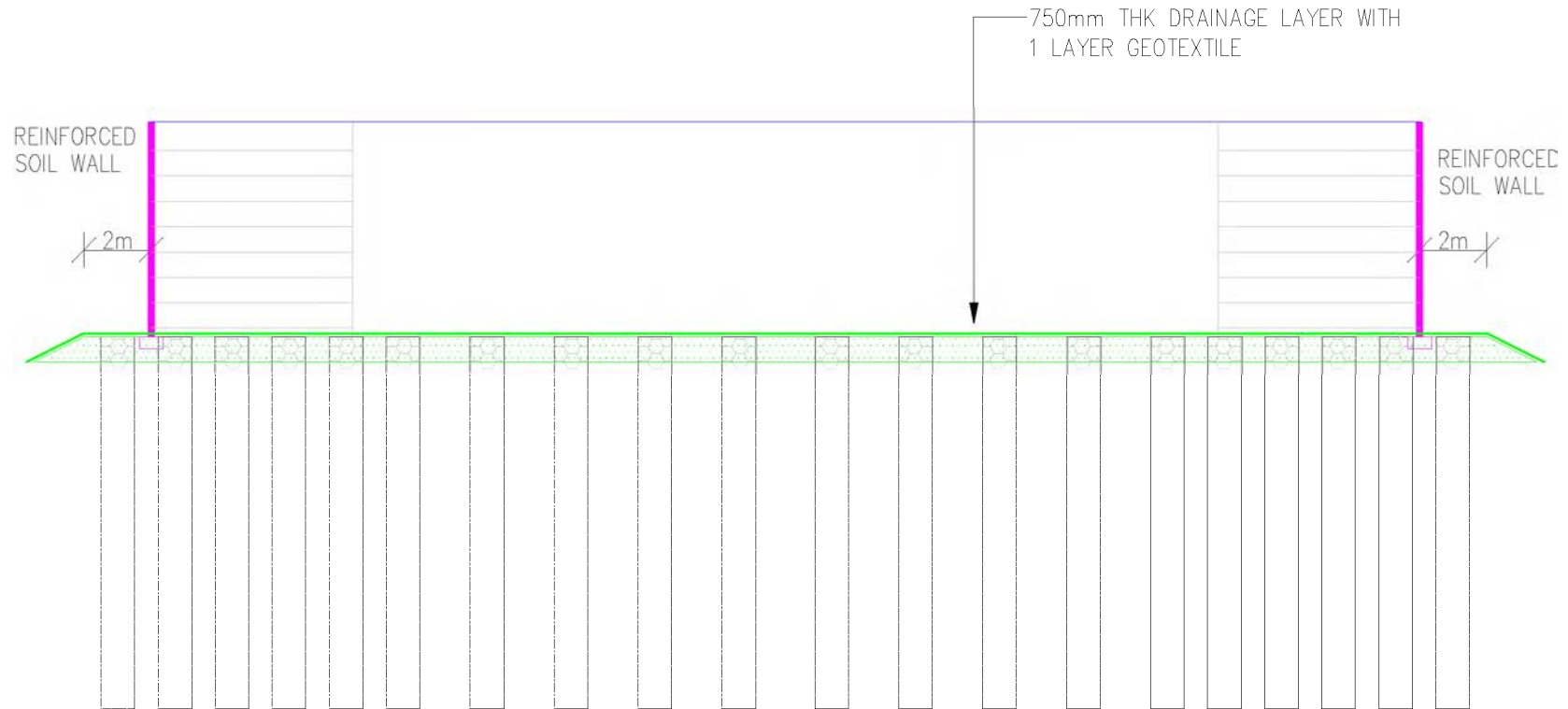


# STONE COLUMNS

# STONE COLUMNS

- Adopted to stabilize the soft clays and loose sands to support the highway embankments and retaining walls.
- To ensure that adequate factor of safety against stability
- To minimize post construction settlement

R.O.W.



R.O.W.

1.0m DIAMETER STONE  
COLUMN AT SPACING  
SHOWN ON PLAN  
MIN. BLOCK WIDTH = 10m

1.0m DIAMETER STONE  
COLUMN AT 2.5m CENTRES

1.0m DIAMETER STONE  
COLUMN AT SPACING  
SHOWN ON PLAN  
MIN. BLOCK WIDTH = 10m

## STONE COLUMN TREATMENT

# STONE COLUMNS

- Developed by KELLER in 1957
- Method of constructing columns of compacted stones through weak cohesive soils by use of deep vibrators

# STONE COLUMNS

- Improvement in stiffness of the sub soil serves to decrease settlement
- Rapid consolidation of the sub soil – acts as very large vertical drains
- Improvement in the shear strength of the sub soil thereby improvement bearing capacity and overall stability of embankments
- Capacity depends on confining pressure due to embankment weight and therefore can carry high loads
- Densification of loose silts to mitigate potential for liquefaction due to vibratory loads

# STONE COLUMNS

- Usually 800 mm to 1000 mm diameter
- Usual stone column spacing between 1.5 m and 2.5 m centers
- Depth usually between 6 m and 20 m

# CONSTRUCTION OF STONE COLUMNS

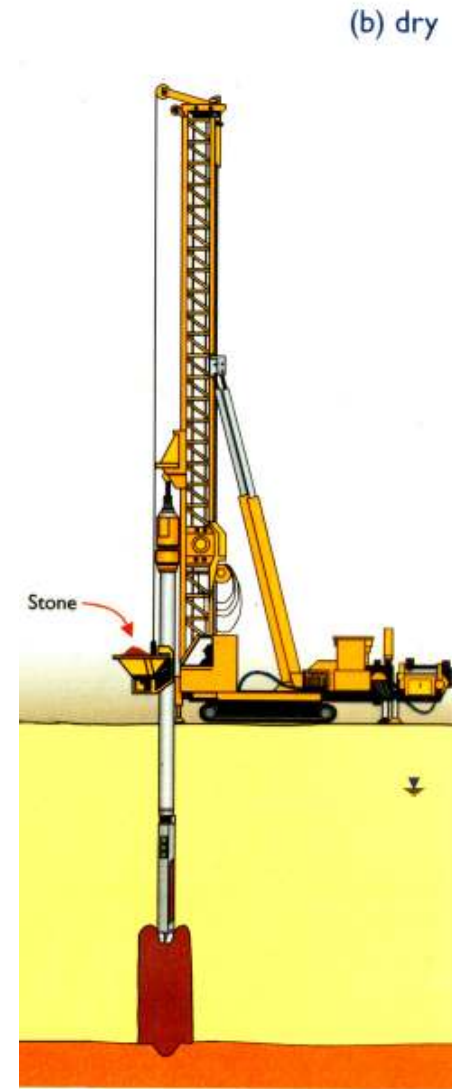
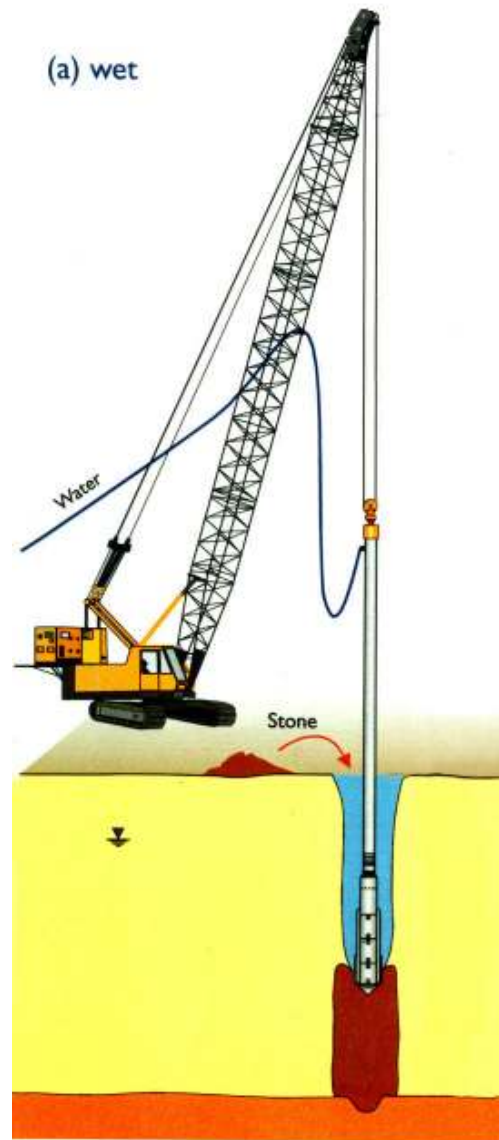
- Vibrator to penetrate to design depth
- Penetration by jacking – in (dry method) or by flushing – in with water (wet method),
- Fill the resulting cavity with clean, hard, inert stones.
- Necessary for the stone fill to be introduced and compacted in stages.
- Each charge of stones to be thoroughly compacted.

# WET and DRY METHODS

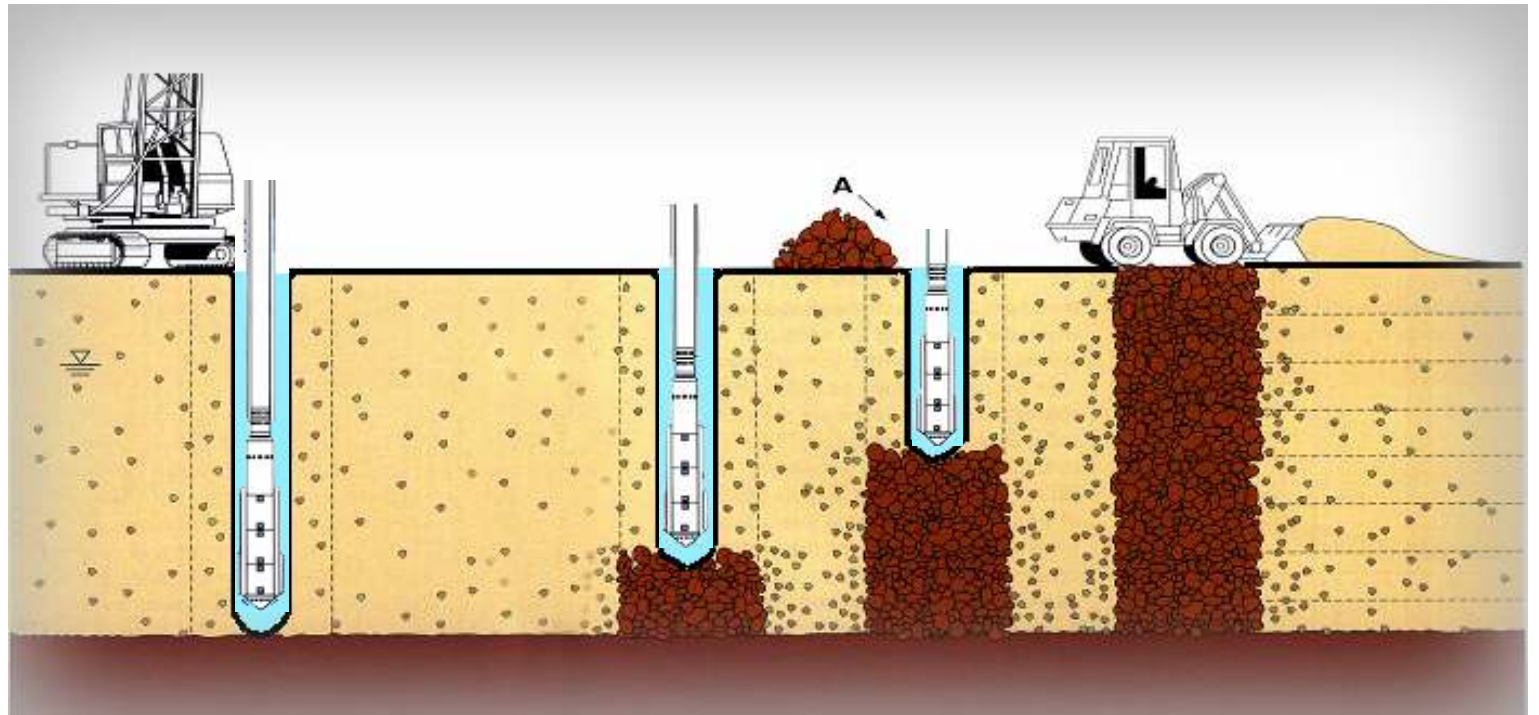
Two methods of forming stone columns:

- **WET** method where water is used to flush out soils and stones fed into the hole – **VIBRO REPLACEMENT**
- **DRY** method where mandrel is jacked into the ground and stones fed through mandrel – **VIBRO- DISPLACEMENT**

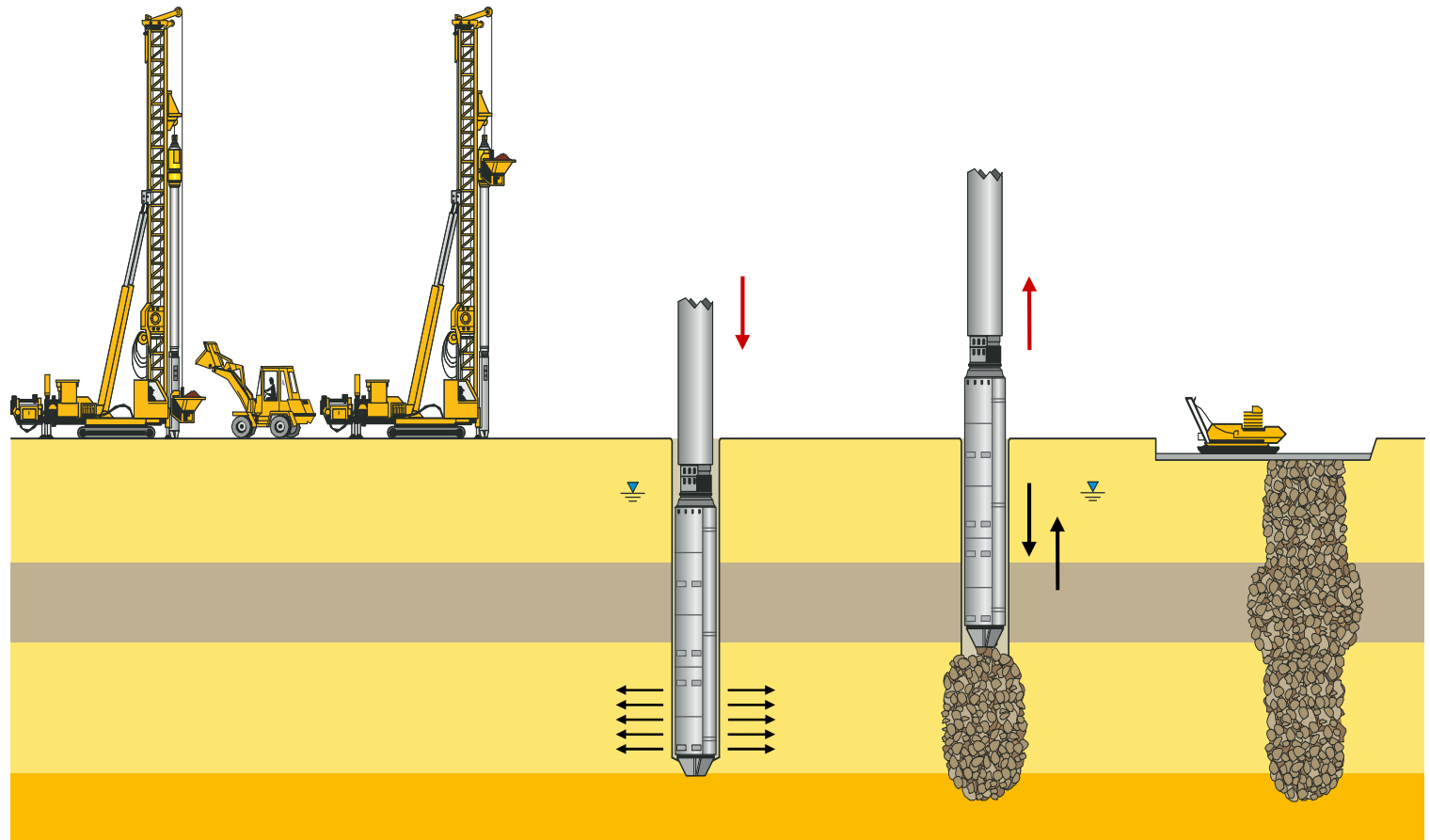
## Stone Column Installation Method



# Column Installation - Wet



# Column Installation - Dry



# Differences between dry and wet method

## DRY METHOD

- Vibro displacement method
- Soil is displaced due to penetration of the vibrator – mandrel
- Ground heave of 500 to 1000 mm will occur
- Displacement can cause lateral movement affecting nearby structures and infrastructures
- No need for silt traps and sedimentation ponds to limit suspended solids for discharge to streams
- Ideal for urban conditions
- Require customized equipment

# Differences between dry and wet methods

## WET METHOD

- Vibro – replacement method
- Soft soils replaced – washed out by the velocity and constant flow of water
- Water stabilized the bore hole and stones fed in
- Sand cannot be used as sand will be washed out. Therefore cannot form sand columns
- Soil flushed out in liquid state will have to be directed to sedimentation ponds – sometimes more than one to ensure compliance with DOE's suspended solids requirements

# Dry method and wet methods



# Placing stones into hopper – dry method



# Placing stones into hopper – dry method



# Compacting to form stone columns



# Wet method equipment



# Forming stone columns wet method



# Compacting stones wet method



# 1.0 m diameter stone column



# Load testing stone columns



# Soft Clay Embankment Treatment

Case History 1: Bandar Semariang

Case History 2: Pulau Indah railway

Case History 2: Gurun Reinforced Soil wall

Case History 3: Putrajaya Core Island

Case History 4; Johore Causeway

Case History 5; Light weight Tatau

# Soft Clay. Case History 1.

## Bandar Semariang

- Low lying area at RL 2.0m
- 13 to 24 m soft clay
- None to 4 layers of sand between soft clay layers
- Surcharge to limit post construction settlement less than 200 mm
- Low cost housing on flexible raft without piles

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang

## Soft clay properties

- NMC about 60 % top 8m
- NMC decreases with depth until 30 % at 20m
- PI = 40 % constant with depth
- LL = 70 to 80 % over top 10m. 60 to 65 % at greater depths
- $C_c / (1 + e_o) = 0.2$  to  $0.3$
- $C_r / (1 + e_o) = 0.03$  to  $0.06$
- $C_v = 2$  sq m / year mostly
- $C_{vr}$  varies from 5 to 30 sq m per year

# Bandar Semariang. Soft Clay

| Condition | Depth   | OCR |
|-----------|---------|-----|
| 1         | 0 to 2m | 8   |
|           | 2 to 8m | 4   |
|           | > 8m    | 3   |
| 2         | 0 to 2m | 8   |
|           | > 2m    | 2   |
| 3         | 0 to 2m | 8   |
|           | > 2m    | 1.2 |
| 4         | 0 to 2m | 8   |
|           | 2 to 8m | 1.2 |

# Bandar Semariang. Soft clay

Condition 1 will have least settlement

Condition 4 will have highest settlement

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang

Surcharge procedure.

- Fill from RL 2.3 m (OGL) to RL 3.55 m rapidly
- Consolidate over 60 days
- Raise surcharge to RL 4.8 m
- Consolidate for 6 months
- Remove fill to RL 3.4 m
- Apply building loads of 10 kPa

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang

Theoretical finite difference analysis.

- Soft clay thickness : 15 to 26 m
- $C_{vr} = 5$  to 30 sq m per year
- OCR Condition1
- Settlement at end of surcharge = 180 to 290 mm
- Post construction settlement = 70 to 120 mm
- Clay thickness will influence settlement only after 1 ½ years
- Heave immediately after removal surcharge. After 30 days settlement resumes

# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang

Analysis also carried out for low OCR conditions and sand layers.

CASE 1. OCR = 8 at top 2m. OCR = 2 for depths > 2m.  $C_v = 1 \text{ sq m / yr}$ .  $C_{vr} = 10 \text{ sq m / yr}$

CASE 2. OCR = 8 at top 2m. OCR = 1.6 for depths > 2m.  $C_v = 1 \text{ sq m / yr}$ .  $C_{vr} = 10 \text{ sq m / yr}$

# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang

| Case | Settlement at end of surcharge (mm) | Post construction settlement at 20 years (mm) |
|------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1    | 365                                 | 15  |
| 2    | 405                                 | 35  |

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang

Sand lenses cause settlement to occur quicker. Therefore settlement during surcharge higher. Long term settlement lower.

# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang

## Settlement measurements

Set 1. Similar to Condition1. High OCR.  $C_{vr}$   
= 5 and 15 sq m per year

Set II. Similar to Condition1. High OCR.  $C_{vr}$   
= 30 sq m per year

Set III. Similar to multiple sand lenses  
condition.

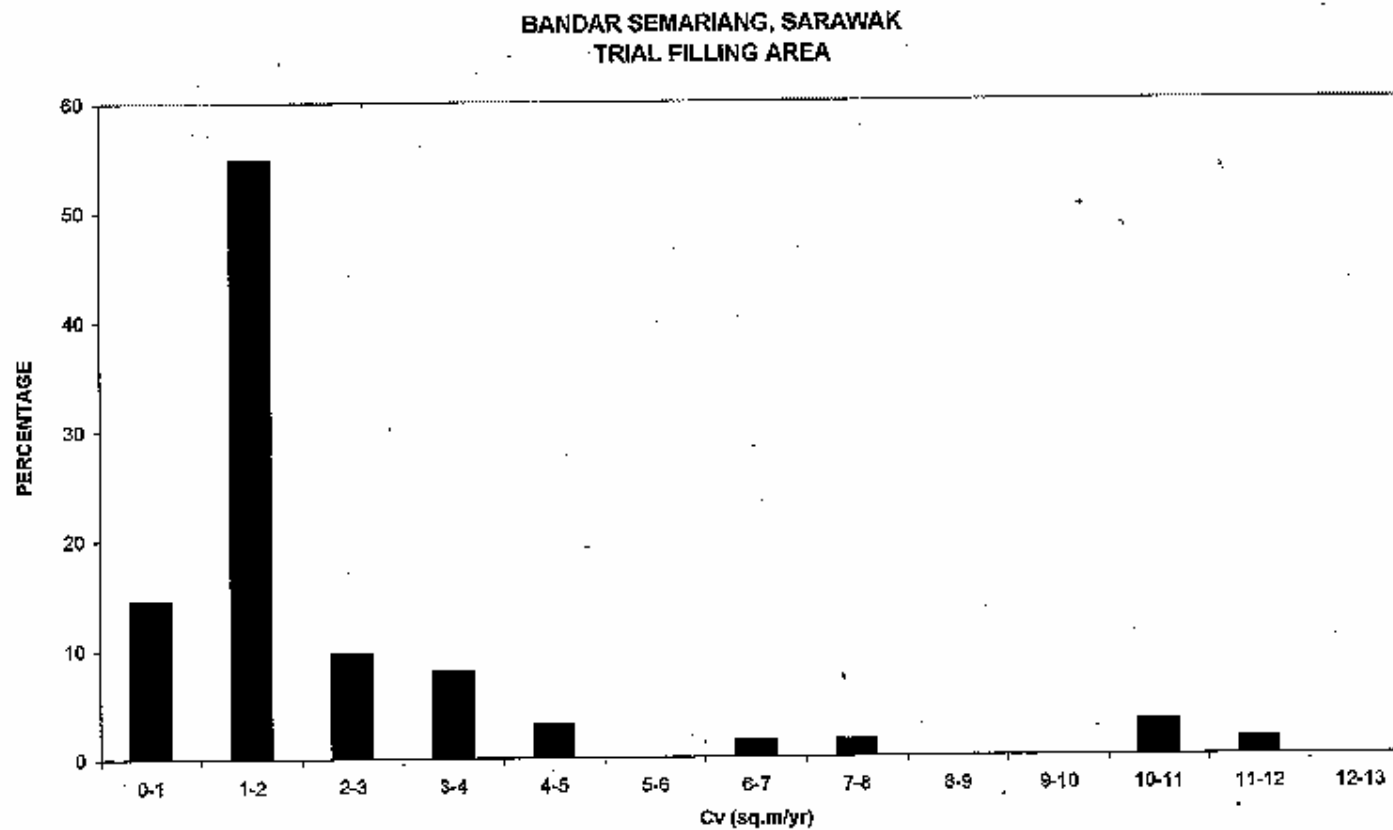
# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang

Surcharge area by area.

Successfully implemented.

Buildings constructed.

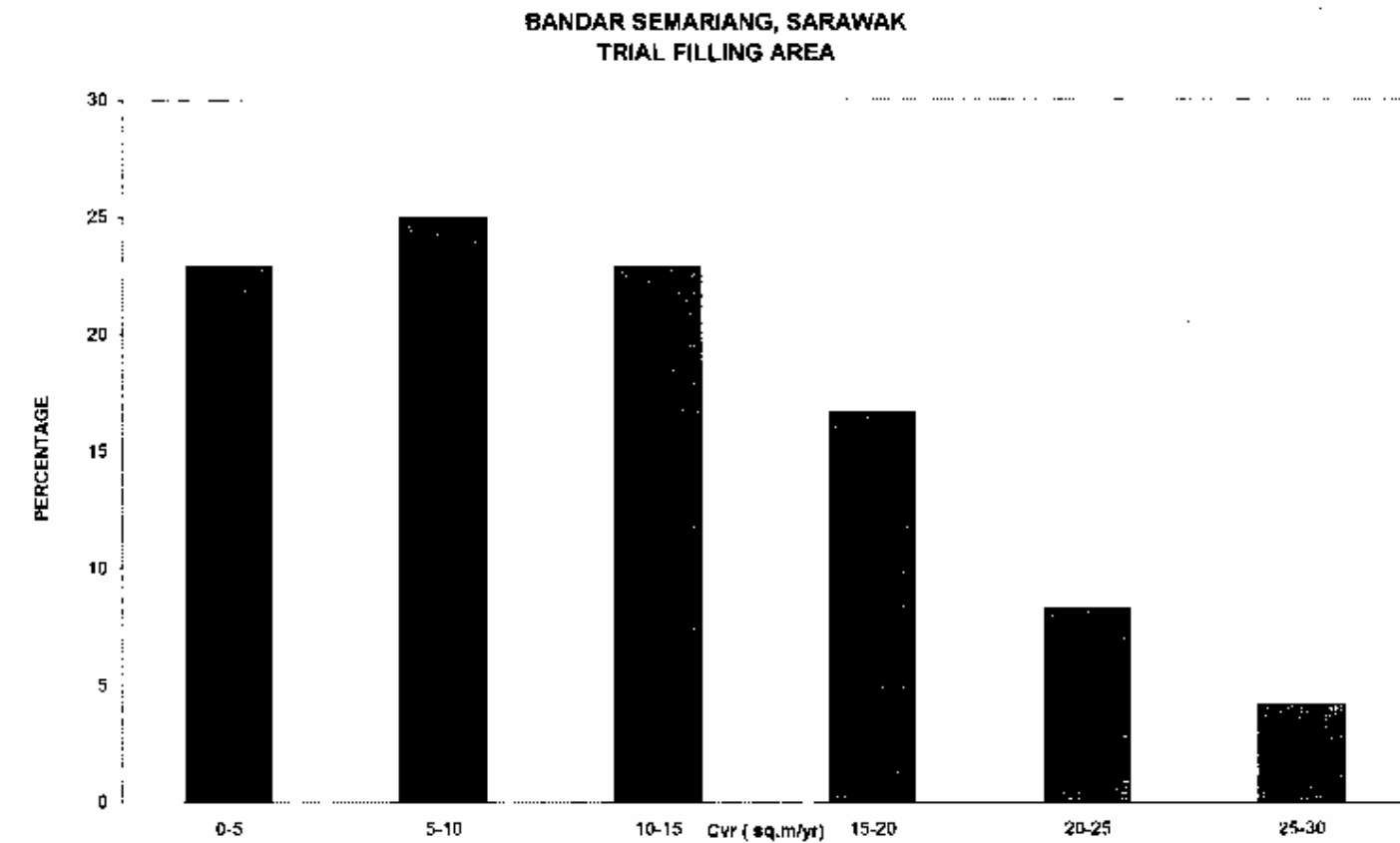
# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang. Cv



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FIG. 10a

# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang. Cvr

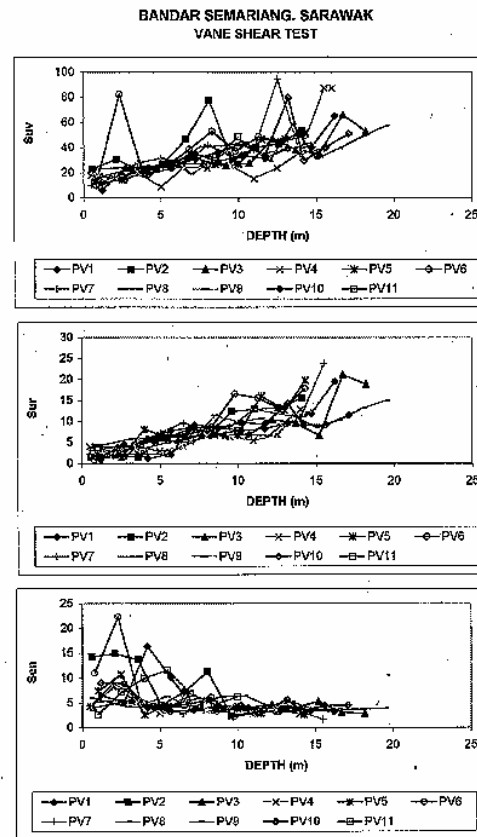


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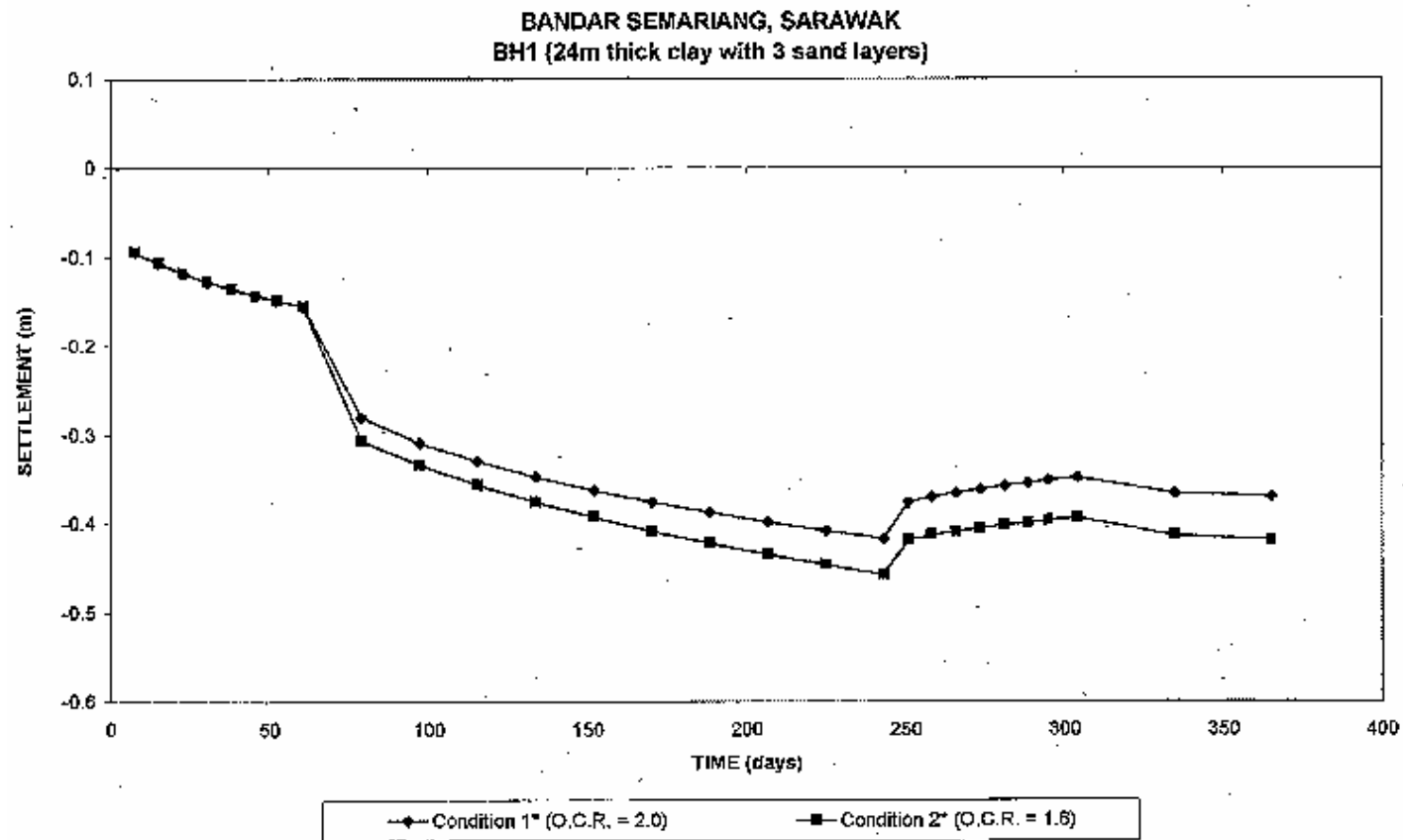
**FIG. 10b**

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang.

## Vane shear strength



# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang. Settlement analysis



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FIG. 16a

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang. Settlement analysis

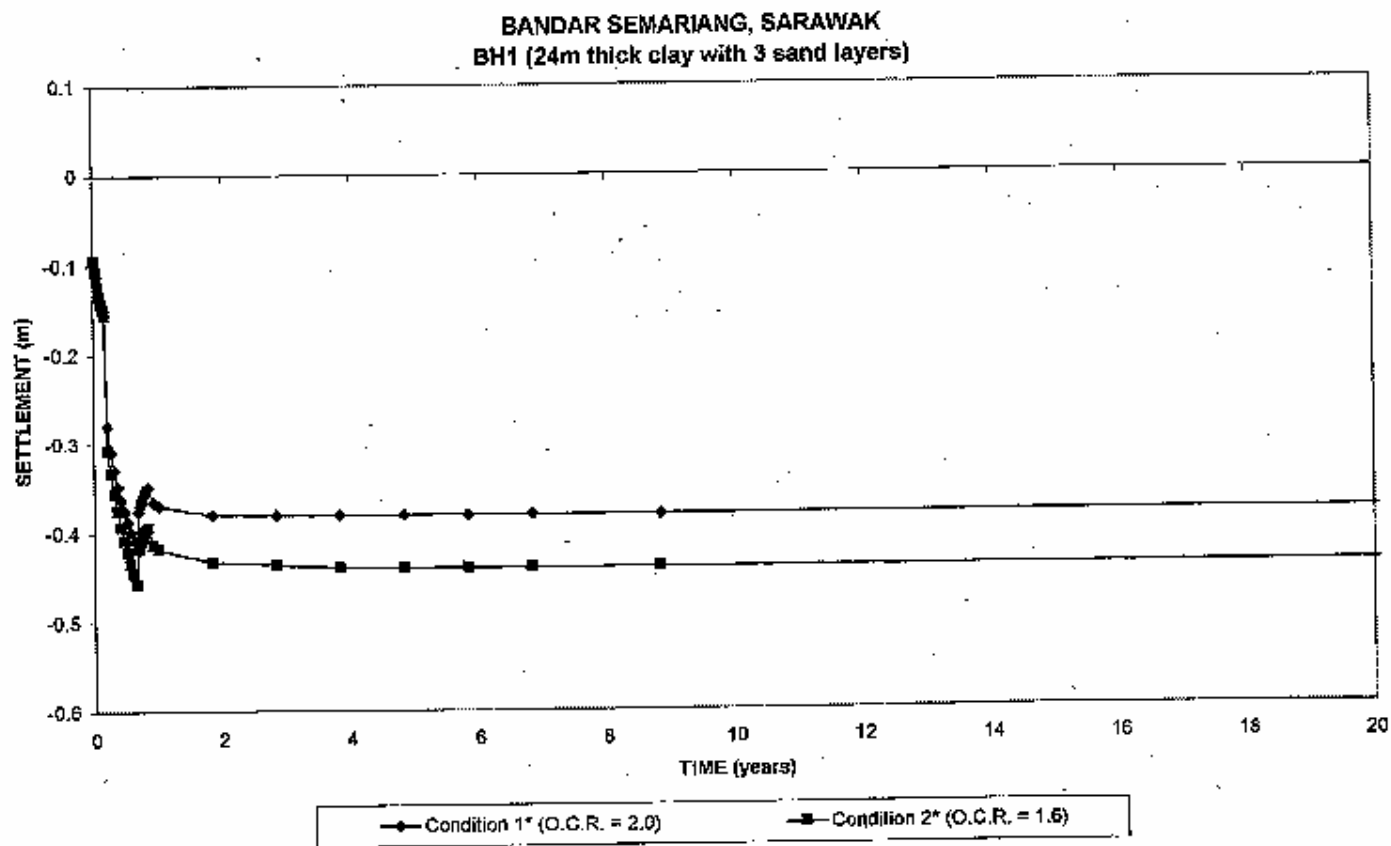
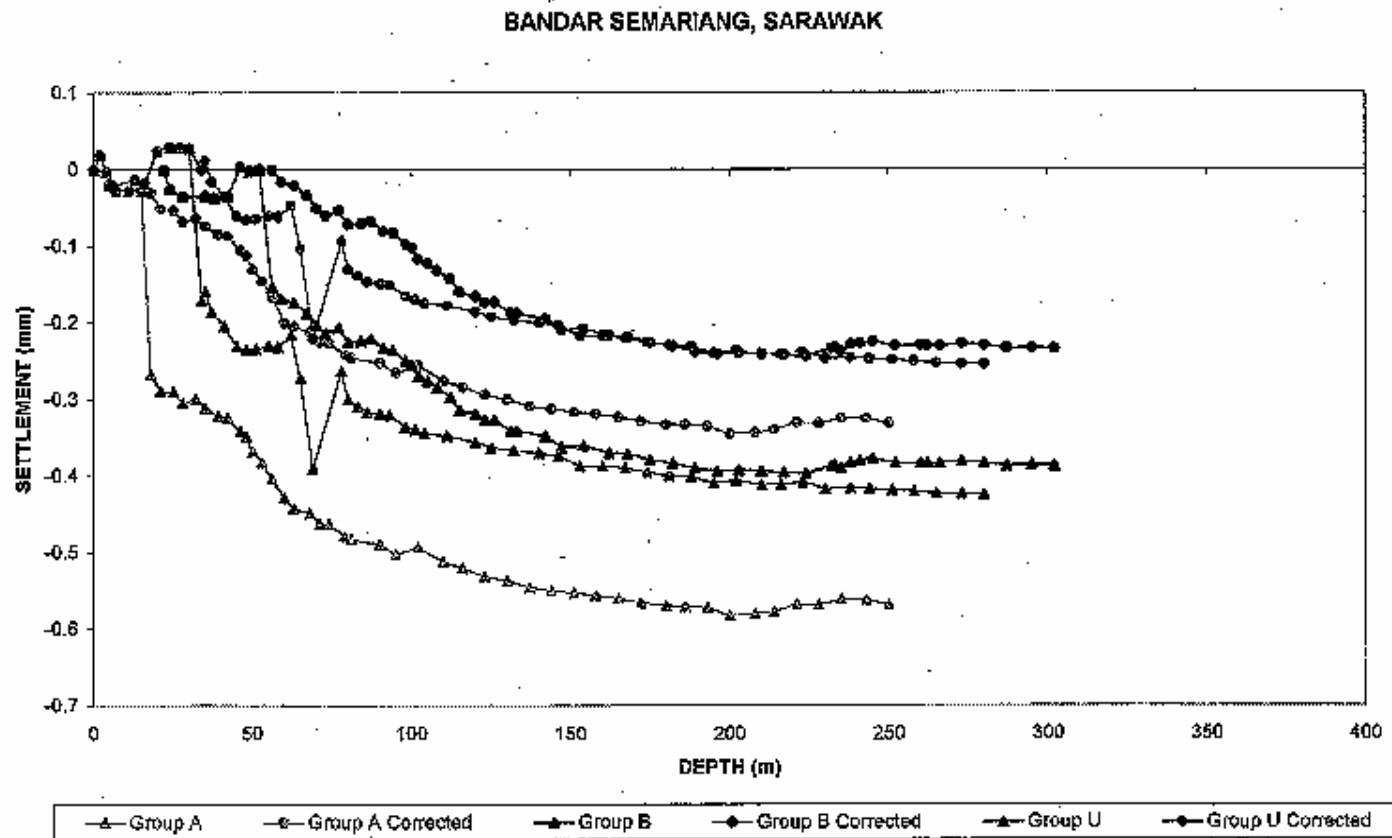


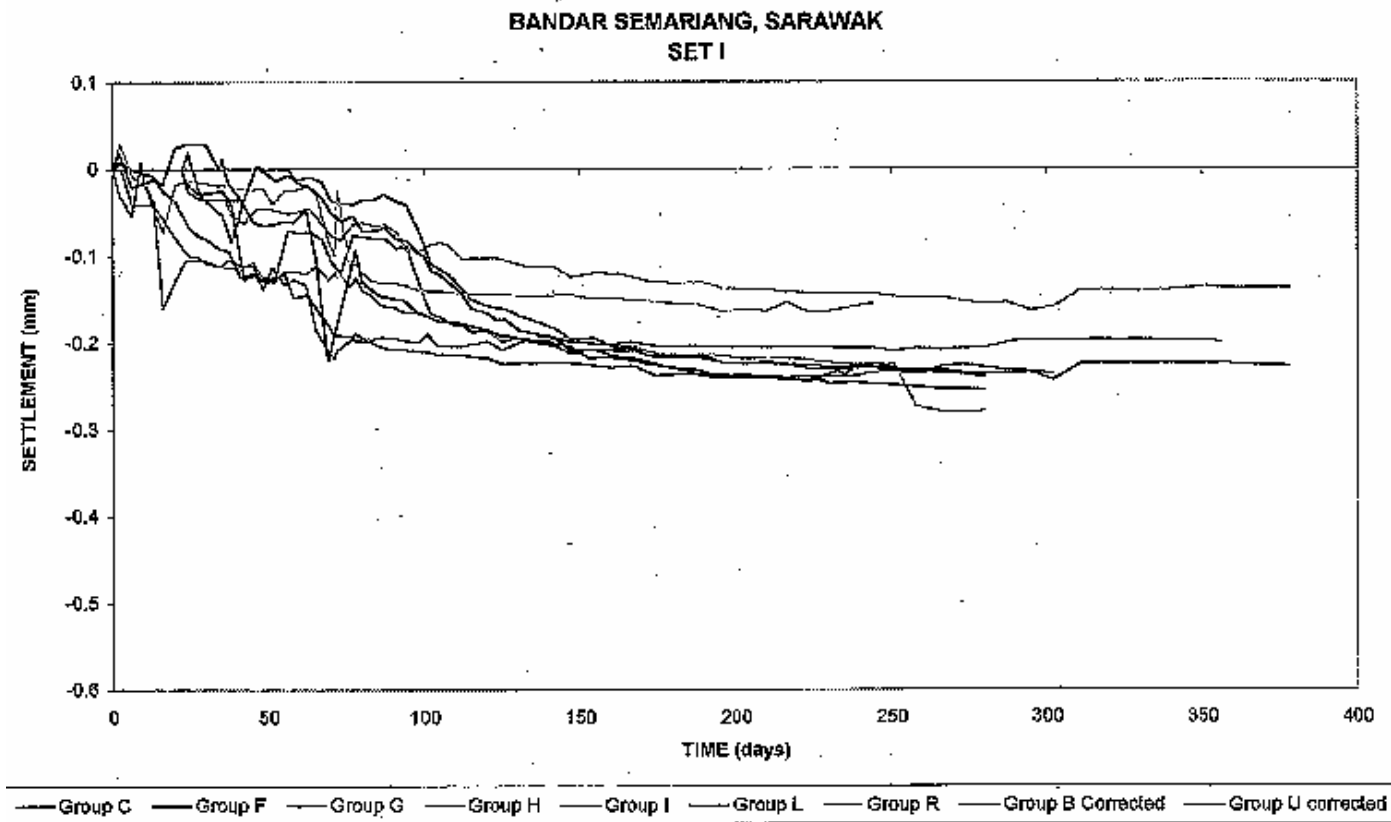
FIG. 16b

# Soft clay. Bandar Semariang.

## Measured settlement



# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang. Measured settlement

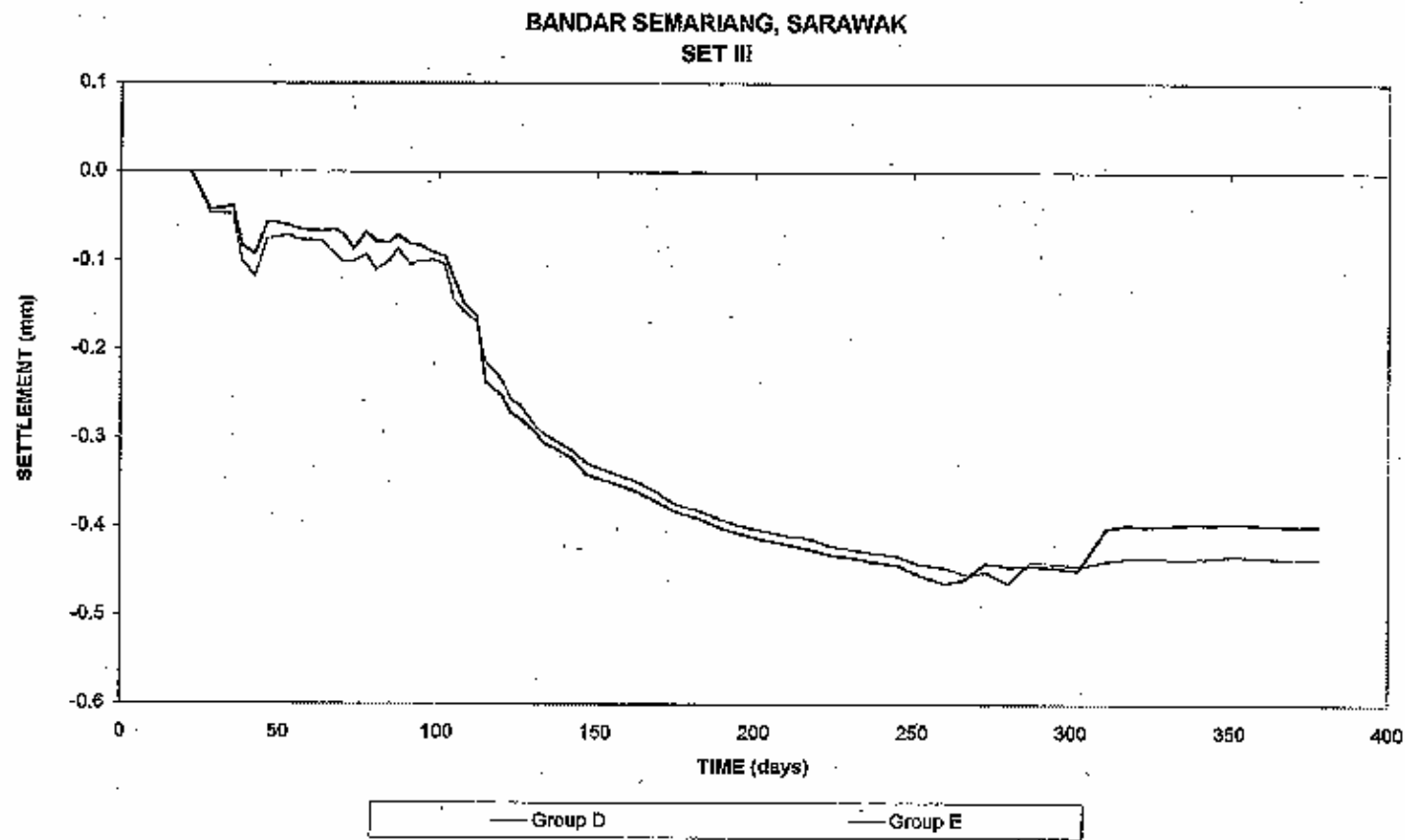


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FIG. 18a

# Soft Clay. Bandar Semariang.

## Measured settlement



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FIG. 18c

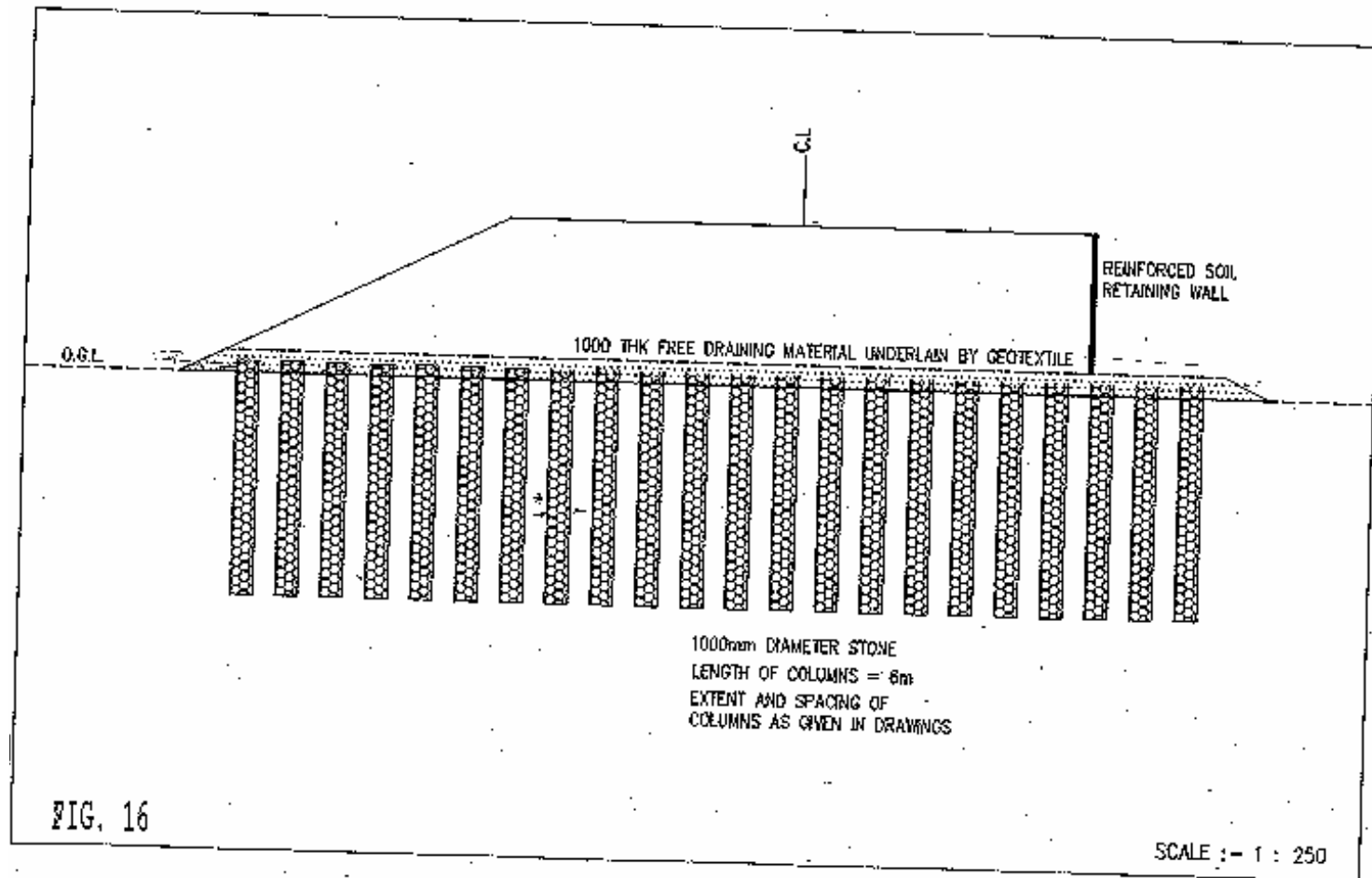
# Soft Clay. Gurun Railway Wall

- Double sided Reinforced Soil wall with railway track.
- 6 m soft clay.
- Vane shear strength = 10 to 30 kpa
- OCR = 3.0
- $C_c / (1 + e_o) = 0.1$  to 0.3
- $C_v = 4$  to 7 sq m /yr
- NMC = 40 %
- PI = 20 %

# Soft Clay. Gurun Railway

Stabilized with stone columns

# Gurun Embankment



# Gurun Embankment

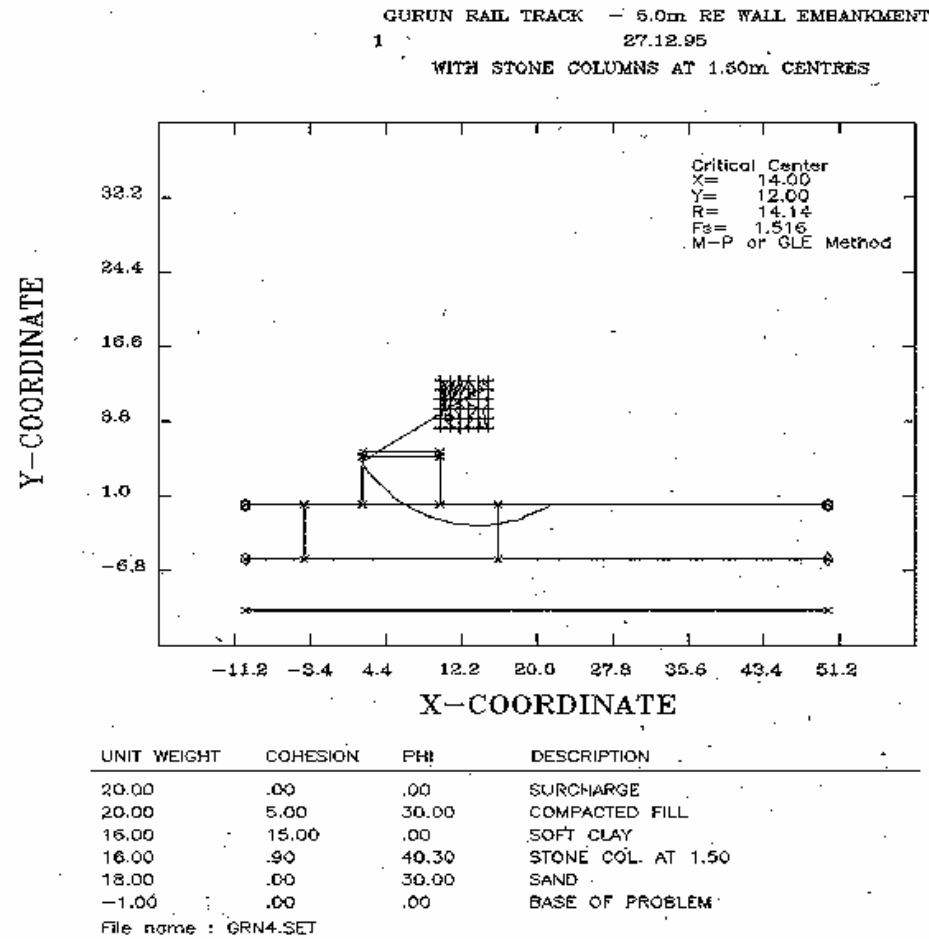
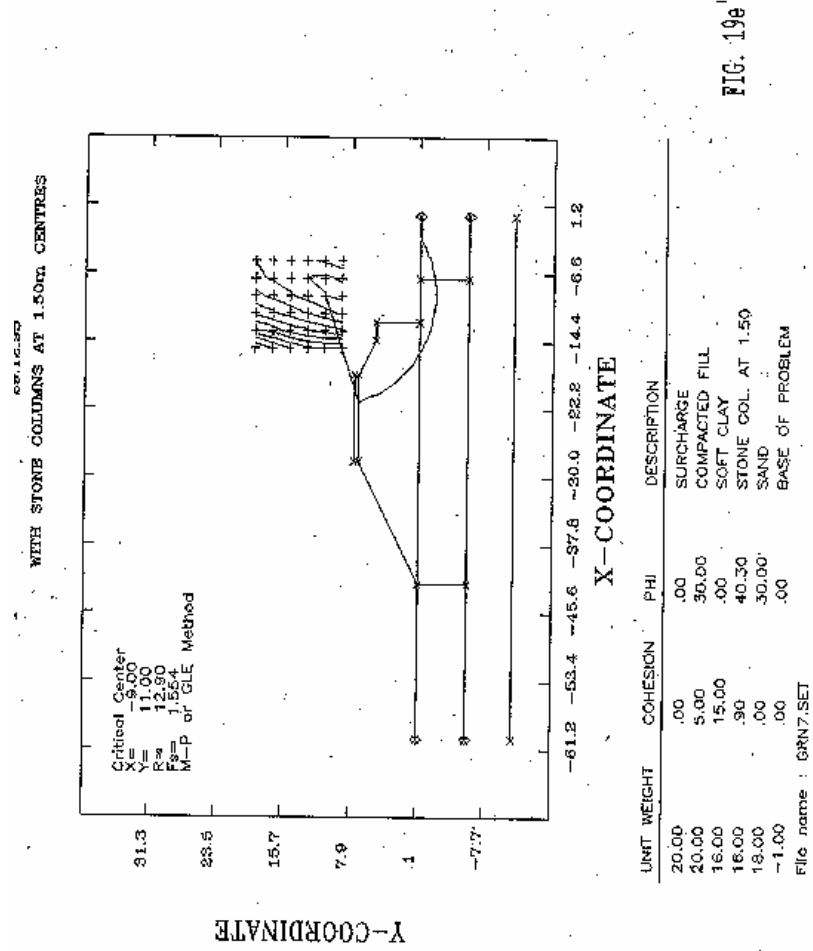


FIG. 19d

# Gurun Embankment



# Gurun. Railway embankment

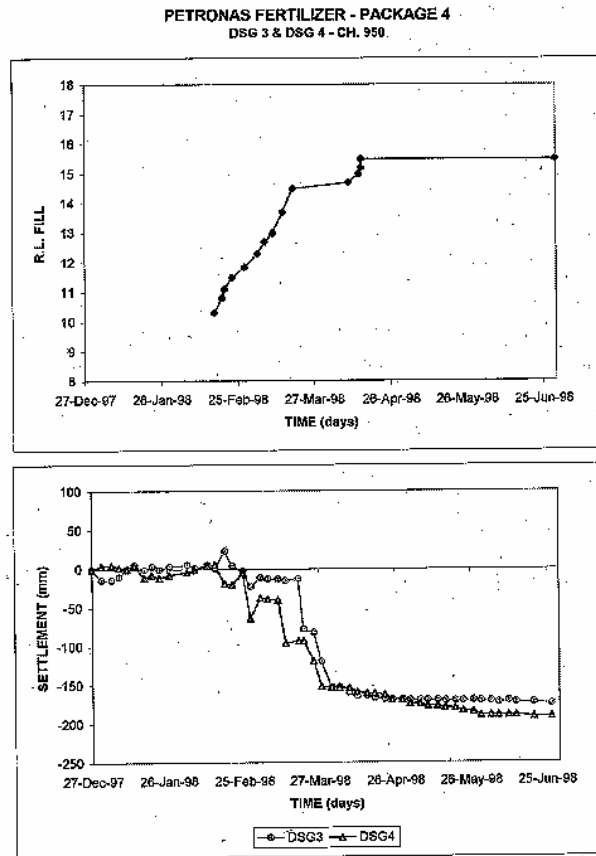


FIG. 2b

# Gurun railway Embankment



# Gurun railway embankment



# Gurun Railway Embankment



# Gurun Railway Embankment



# Gurun railway Embankment



# SOFT CLAY CASE HISTORY

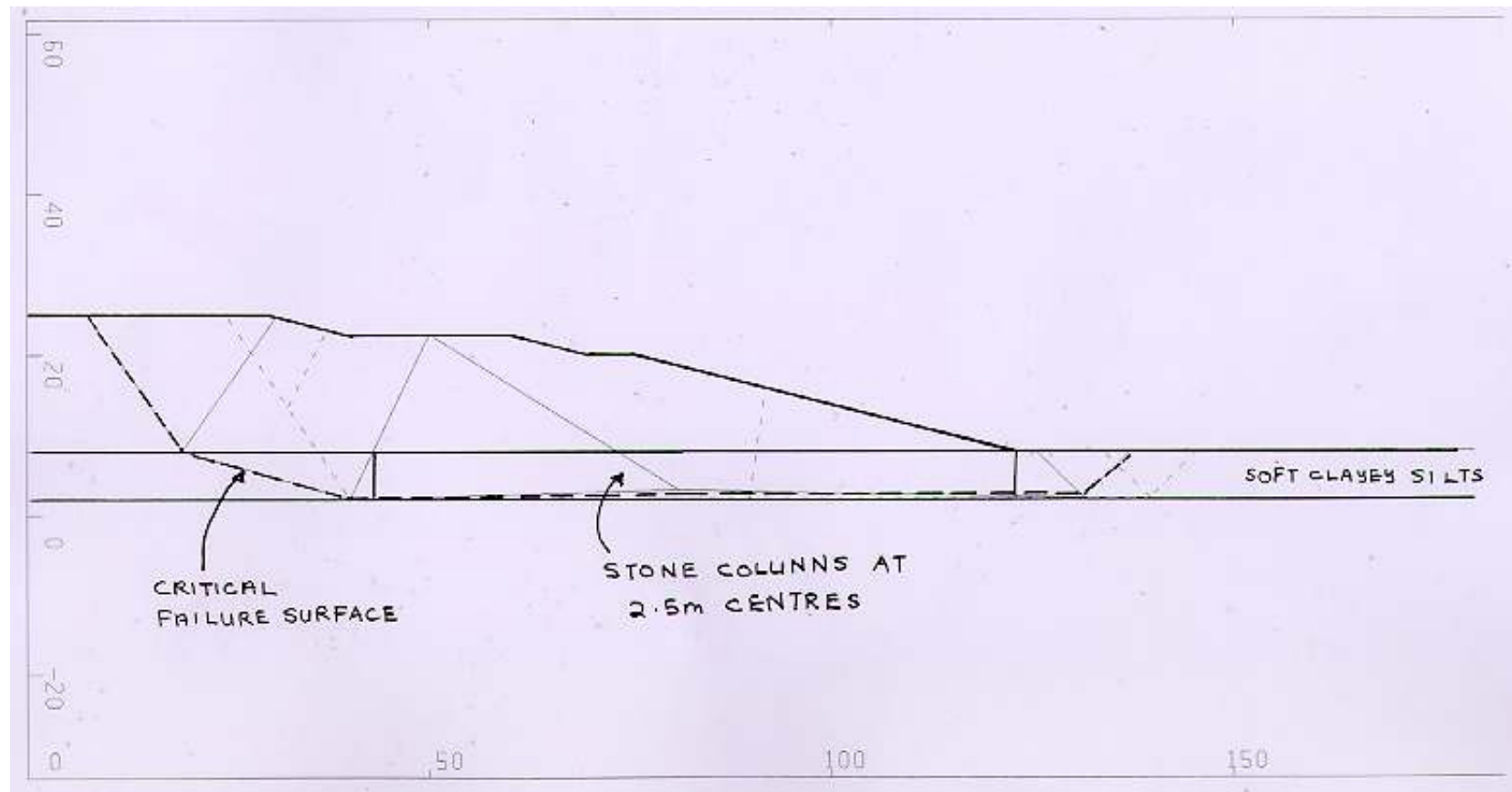
PUTRA JAYA CORE ISLAND.

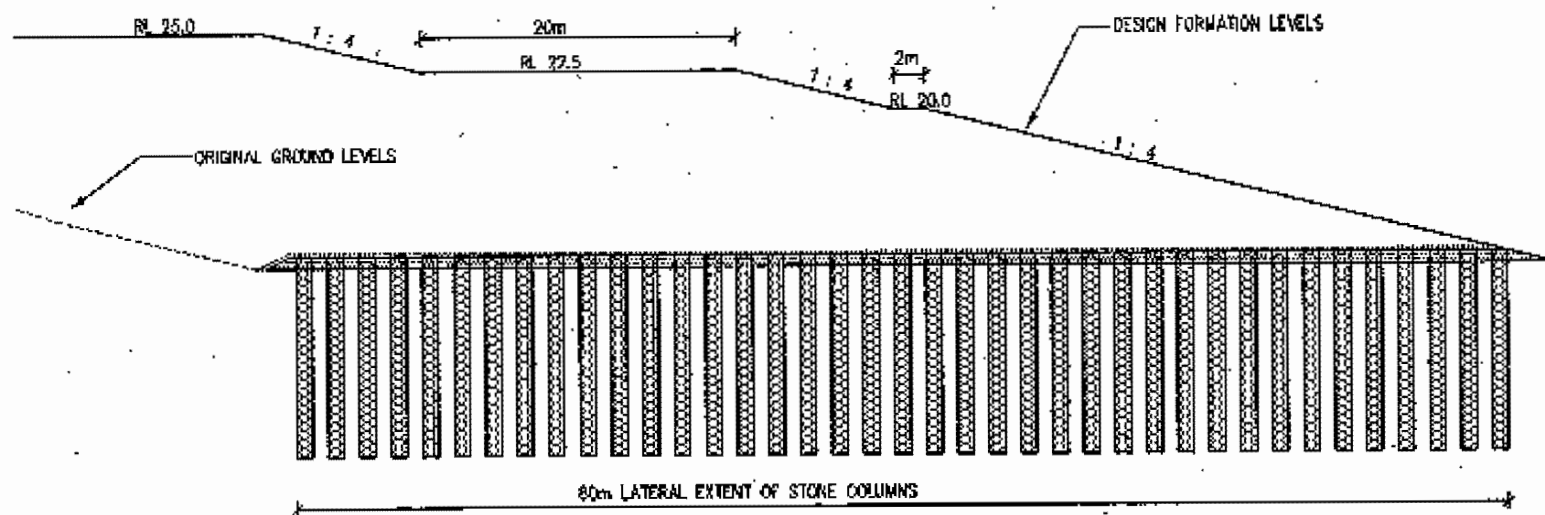
17 m high embankment on soft clay

Soft clay average 4 to 9 m deep

Embankments to form the banks of the  
Putra jaya lake

# Putrajaya Core Island. Stability analysis





EMBANKMENT ON STONE COLUMNS AT BOULEVARD; PUTRAJAYA

SCALE :- 1 : 400

# Soft Clay. Putra jaya Core Island



# Putra Jaya Core island



# Putra jaya Core Island. Stone columns



# Putra jaya Core Island. Stone column load test



# Putra jaya Stone column. Wet method



# Putra jaya. Stone column. Wet method



# Putra jaya Stone column. Dry method



# Putra jaya. Stone column. Dry method



# Putra jaya. Stone column



# Putra jaya. Stone column. Dry method



# Putra jaya. Approach embankment on stone column



# Putra jaya Core Island



# SOFT CLAY CASE HISTORY

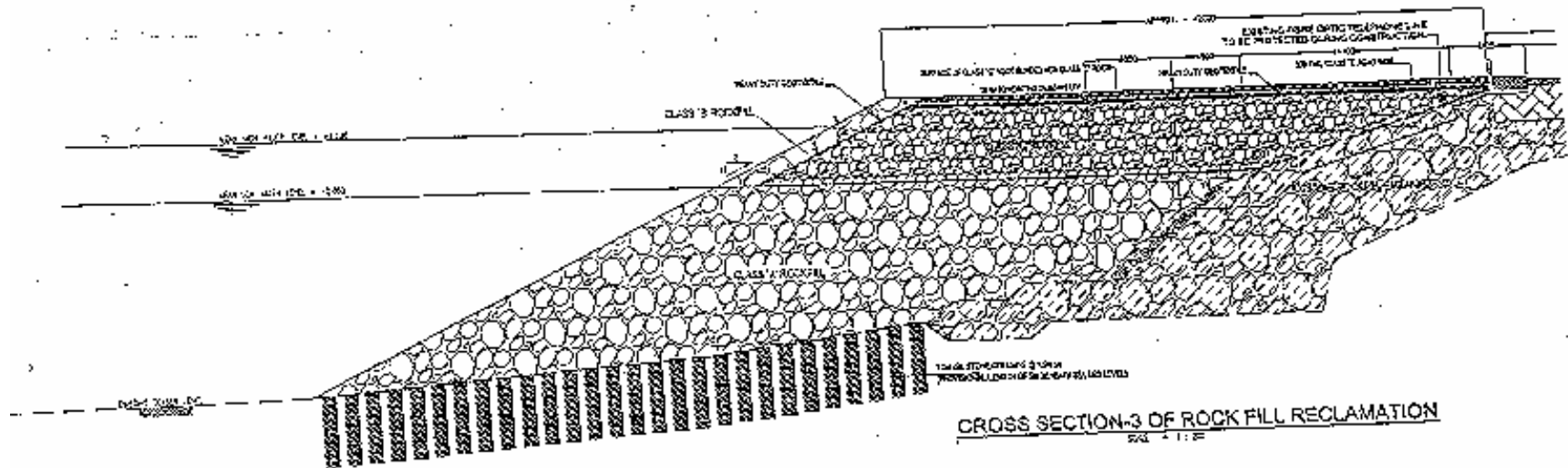
## WIDENING JOHOR CAUSEWAY

Thin soft clay < 5 m

Stabilized with stone columns

Installed under water

# Johore. Causeway widening. Stone columns



# JOHORE CAUSEWAY

## Crane hung method stone columns



# Johore Causeway. Crane hung method stone columns



# Johore Causeway. Crane hung method stone columns



# Johore Causeway. Crane hung method stone column



# Johore causeway. GPS positioning stone column



# SOFT CLAY CASE HISTORY

PULAU INDAH RAILWAY

RAILWAY EMBANKMENT MOSTLY 2.5 M  
TO 3.0 M HEIGHT

PRELOAD FOR 2 YEARS

SOFT CLAY EXTENDS TO  $> 25$  M

# SOFT CLAY. PULAU INDAH RAIL

Type B1 – Embankment height up to 2.0 m.

Preload without vertical drains

Type B2 – Embankment height 2 to 3 m. 10

m long prefabricated vertical drains to gain strength for stability

Transition Pile Embankment with 175 x 175

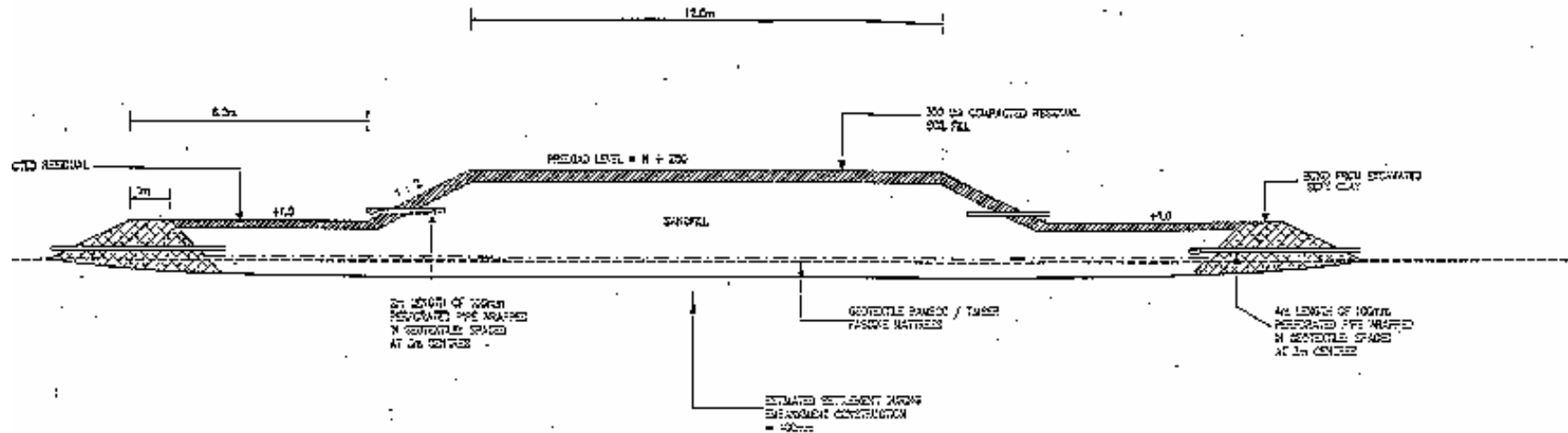
piles at 500 centres

# SOFT CLAY. PULAU INDAH

## Soft clay properties

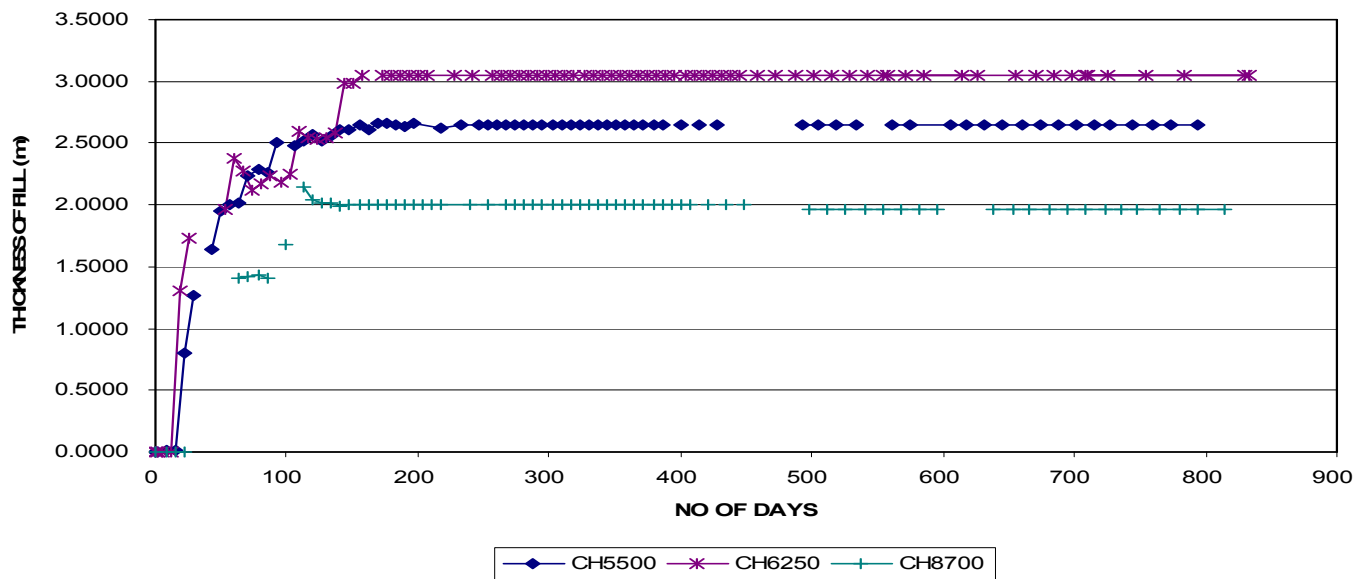
- Natural moisture content – 50 to 150 %
- Liquid Limit - 60 to 120 %
- Plastic Limit - 30 to 50 %
- Plasticity Index - 30 to 80 %
- $S_u$  10 kPa at top increasing with depth to 40 kPa at 20 m
- Sensitivity - 2 to 5
- OCR - 1.0
- $C_c/(1 + e_o)$  - 0.3 to 0.5
- $C_v$  0.7 sq m / year

# Pulau Indah. Type B1

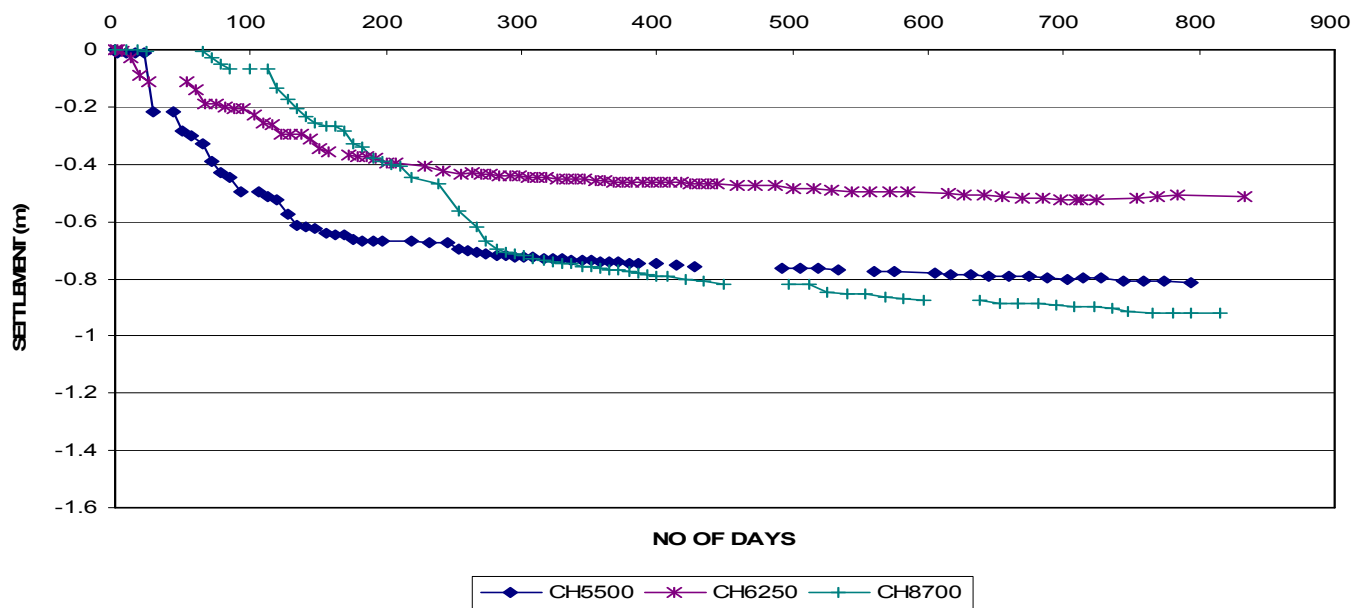


TYPE B1 -  $1m < H < 2m$

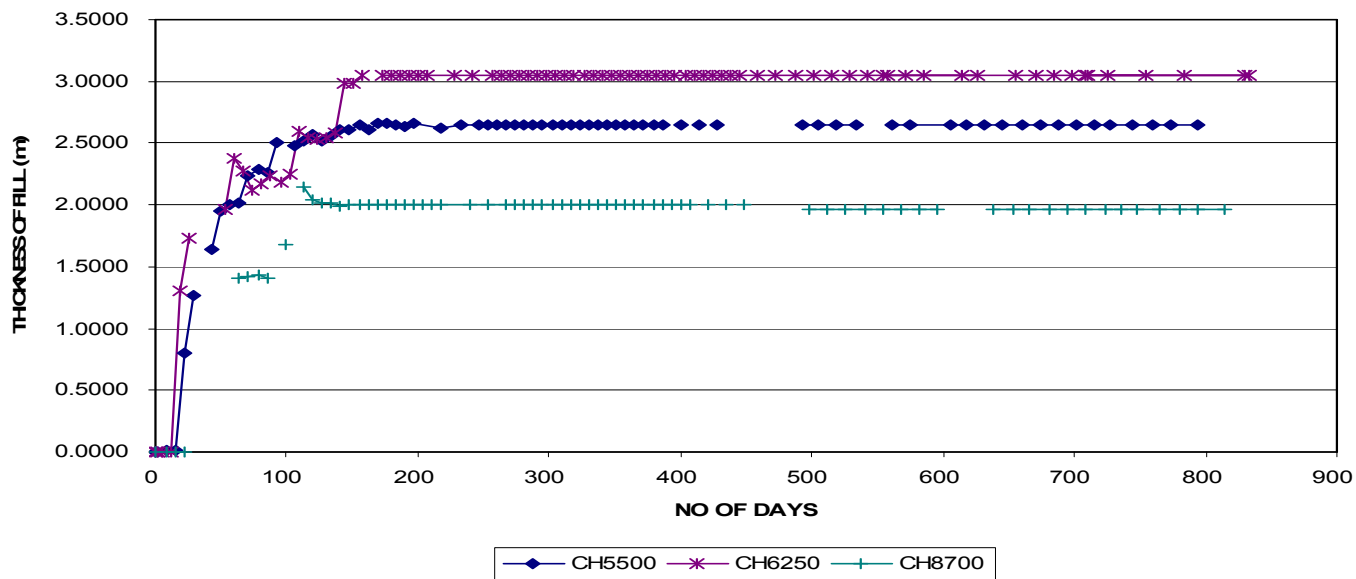
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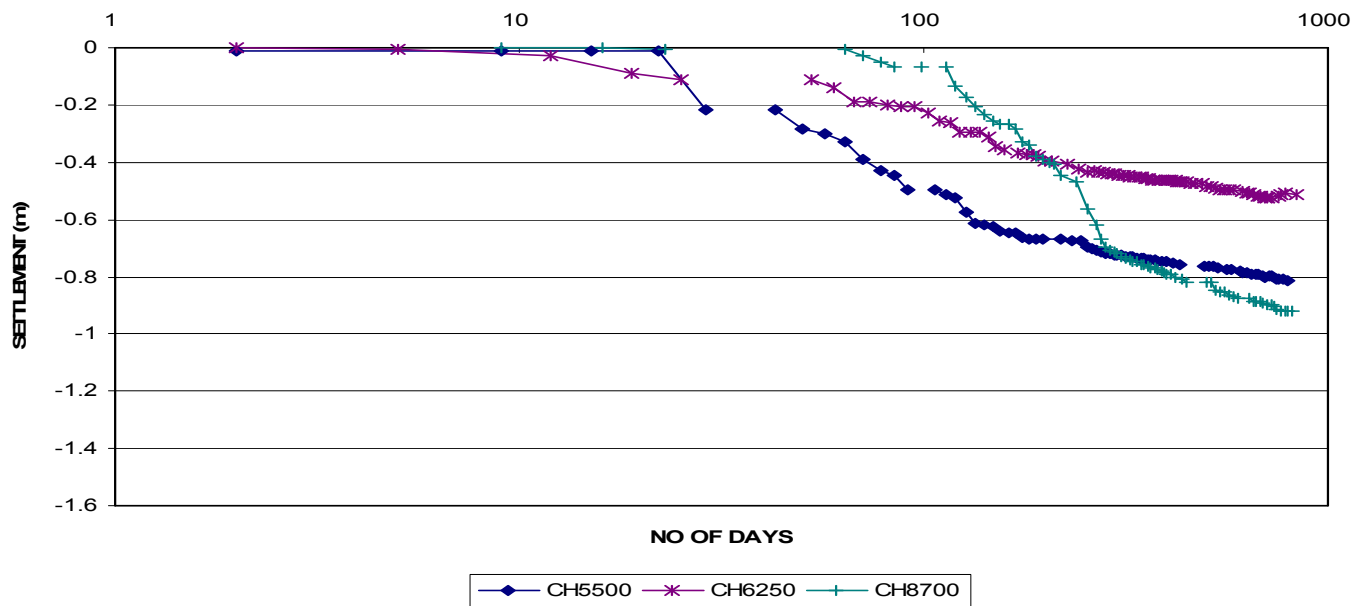
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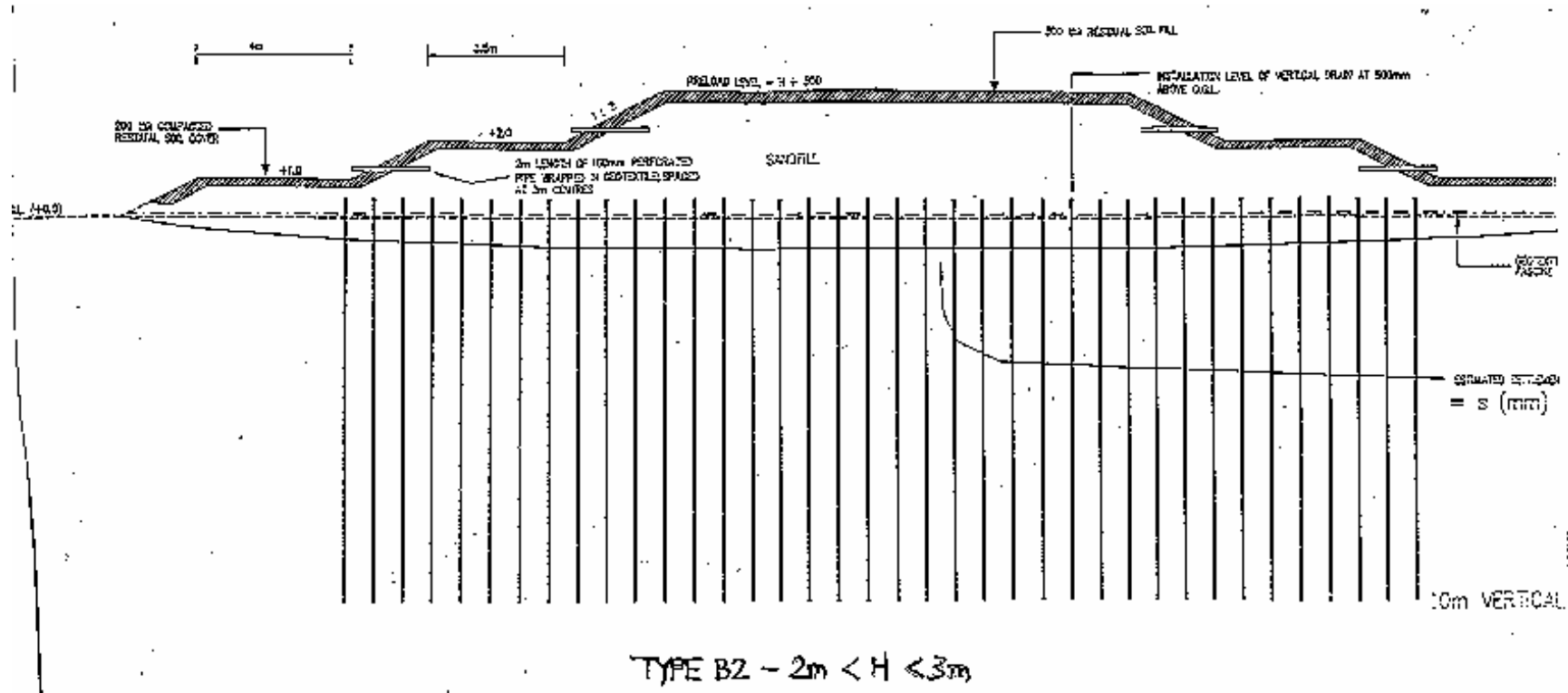
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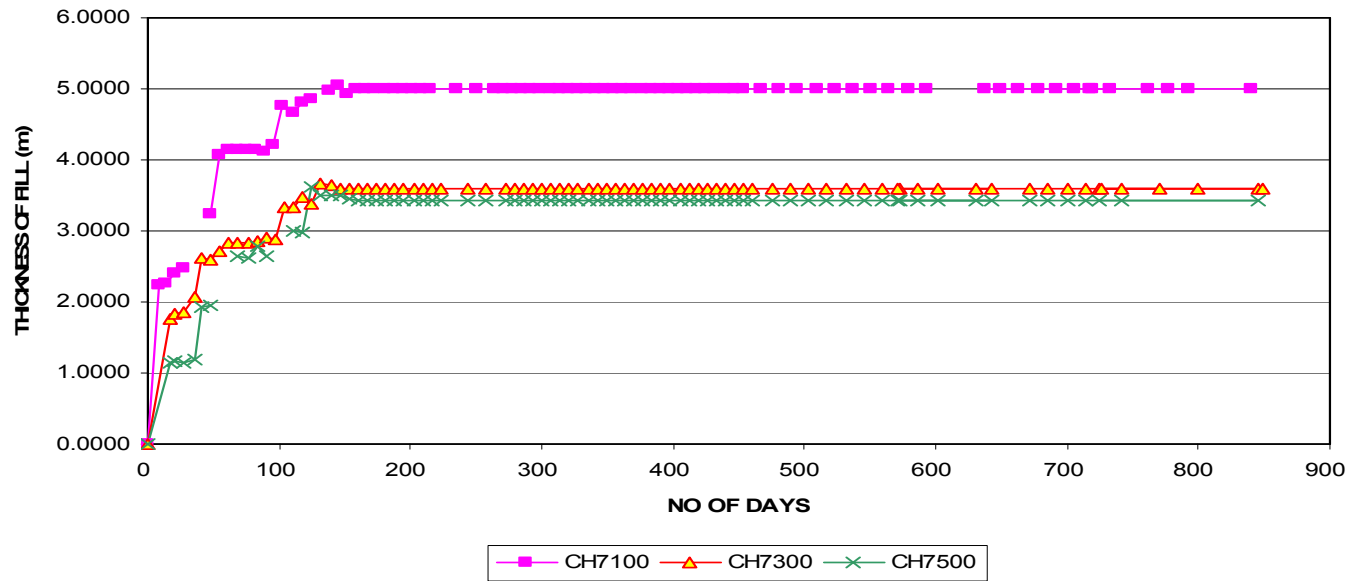
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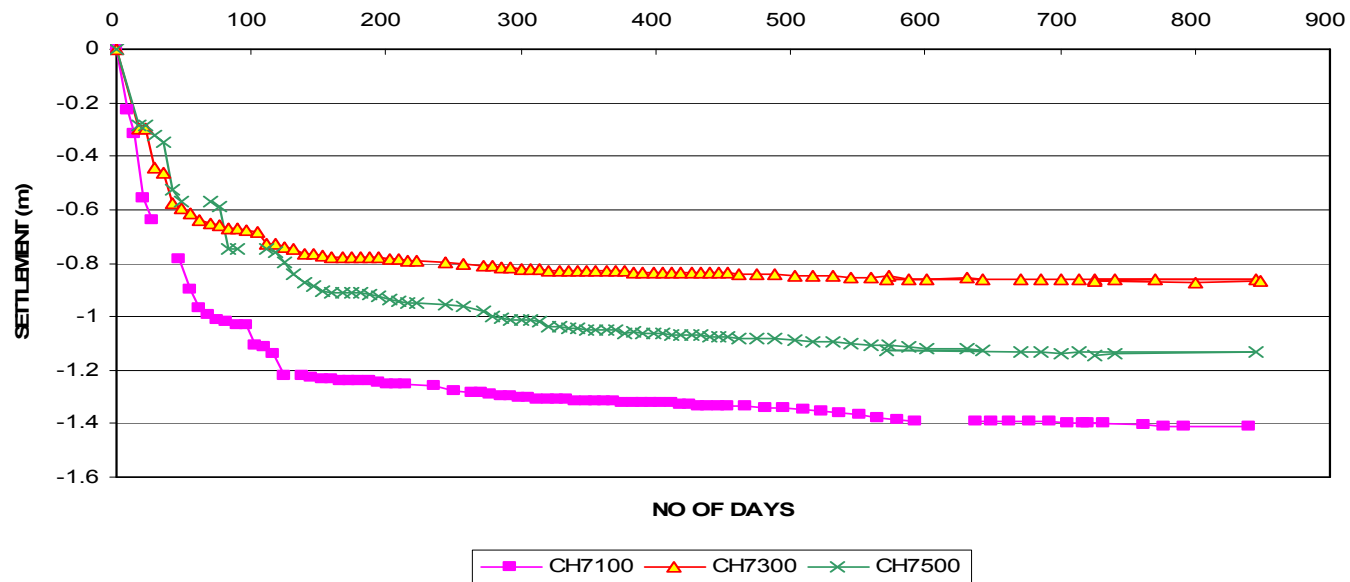
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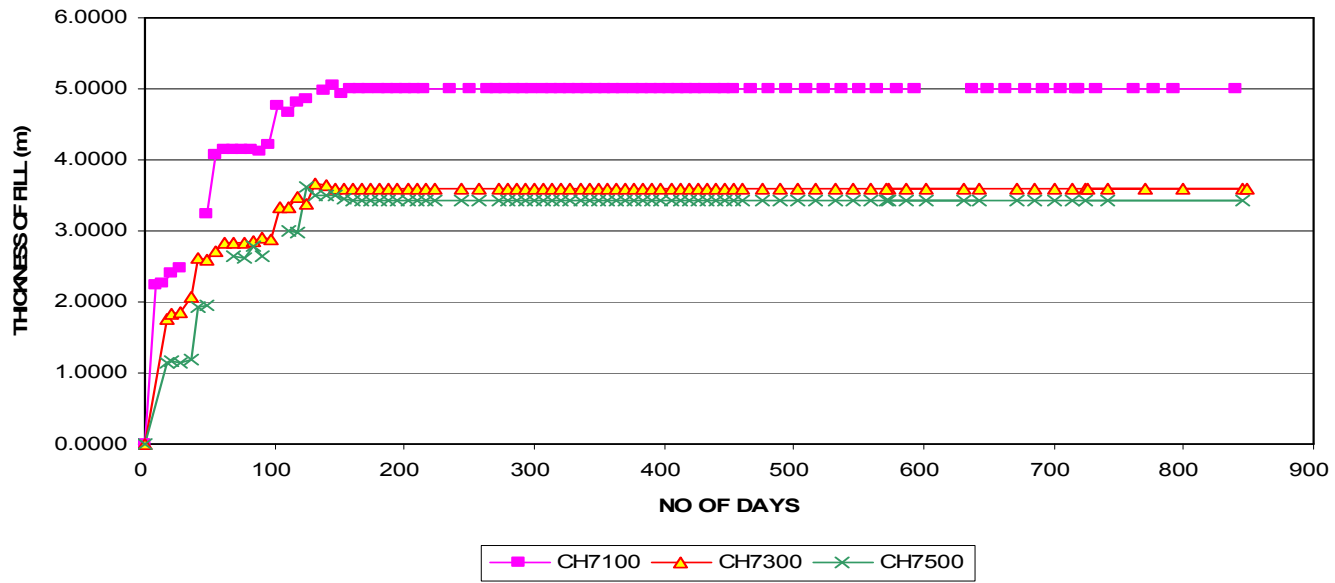
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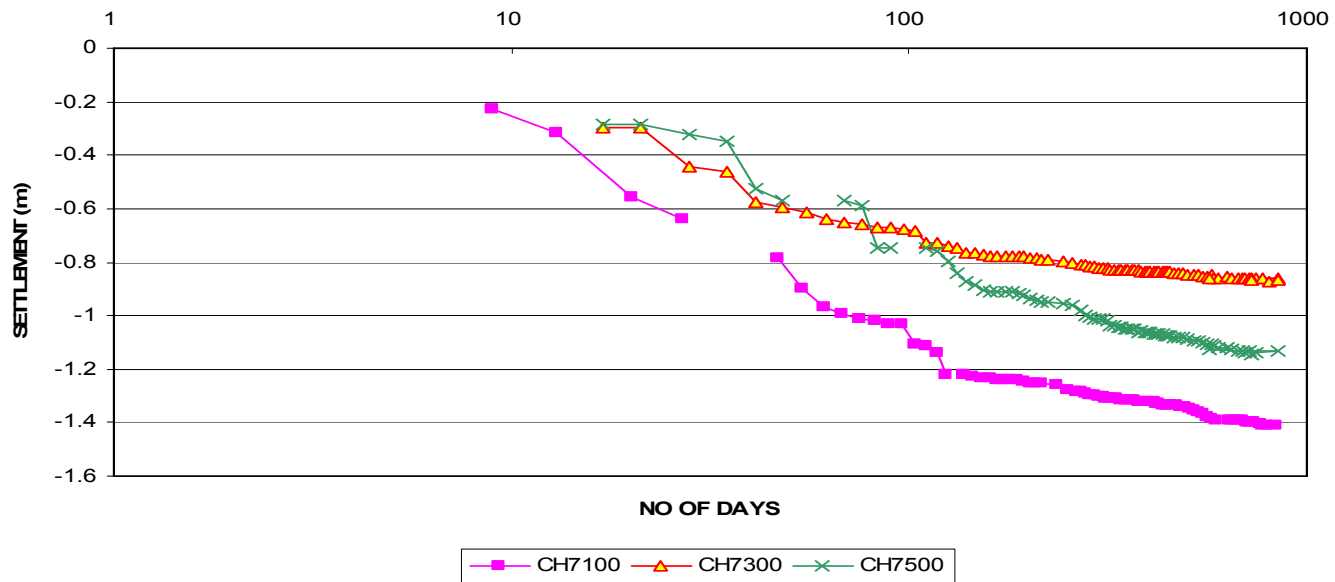
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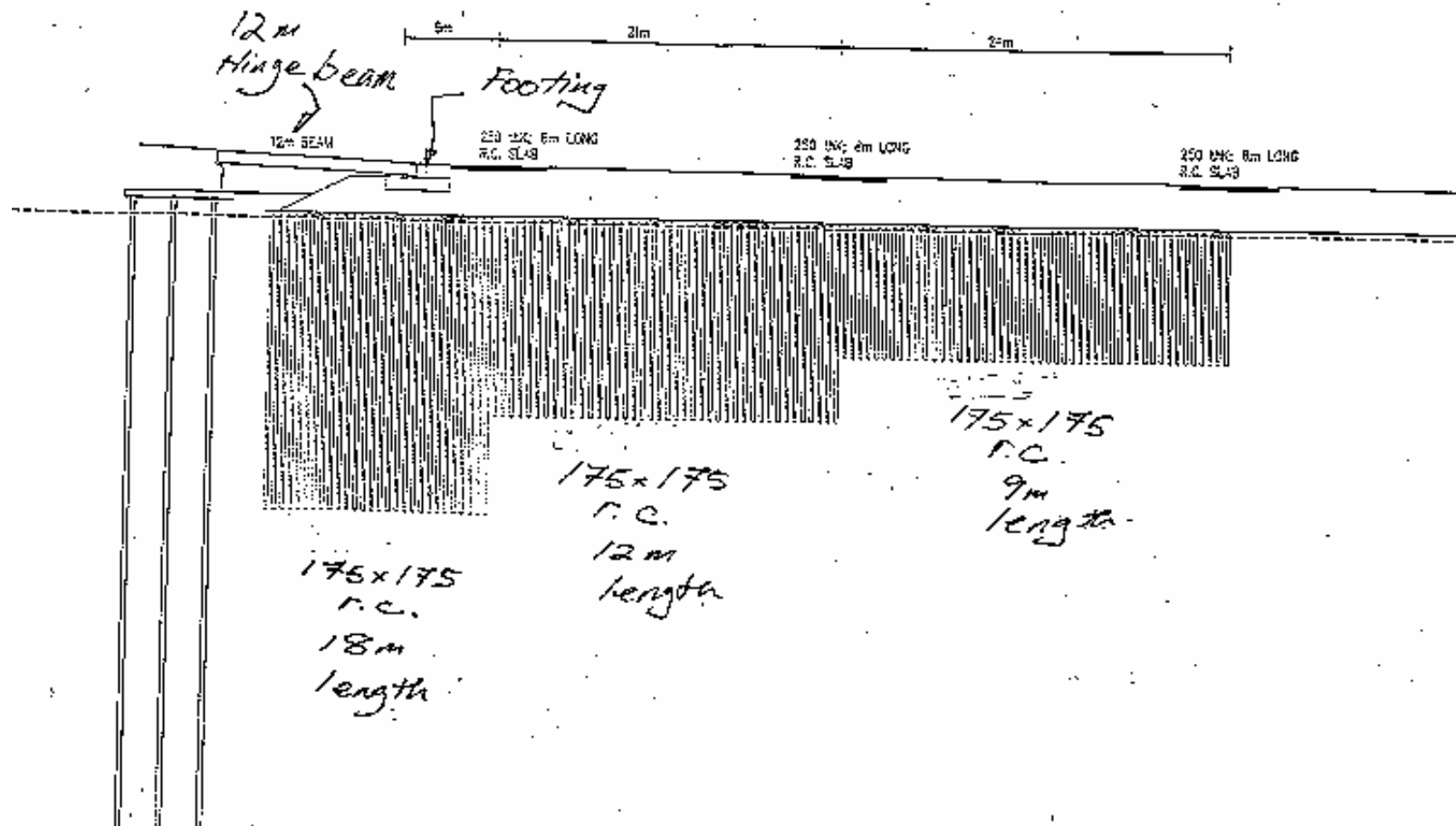
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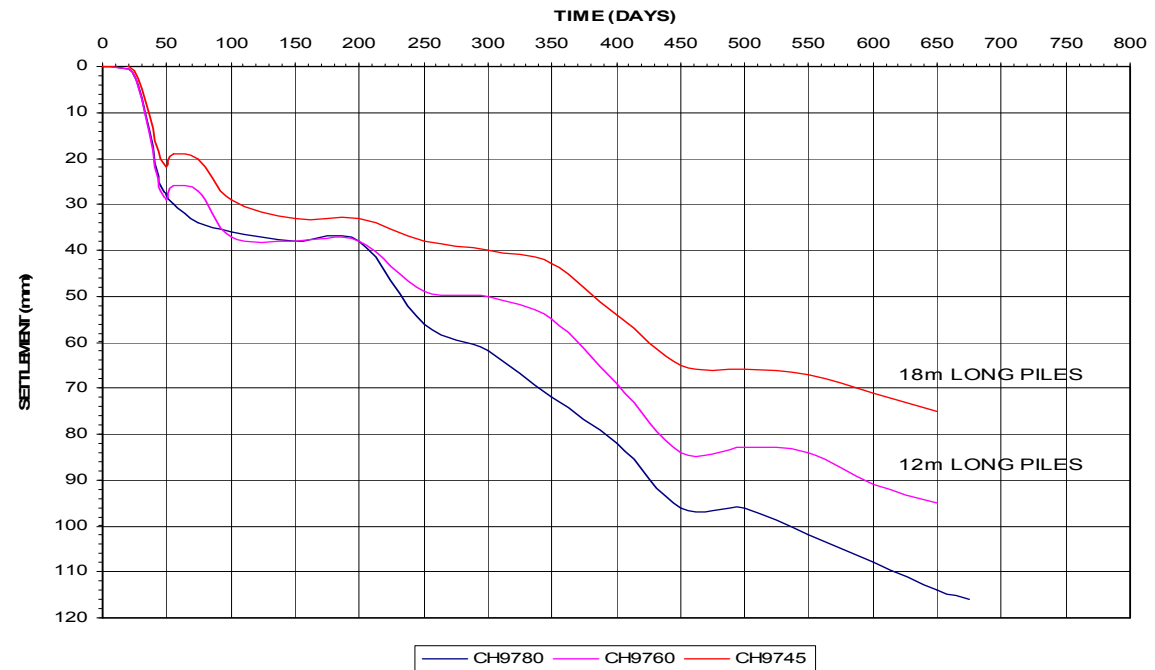
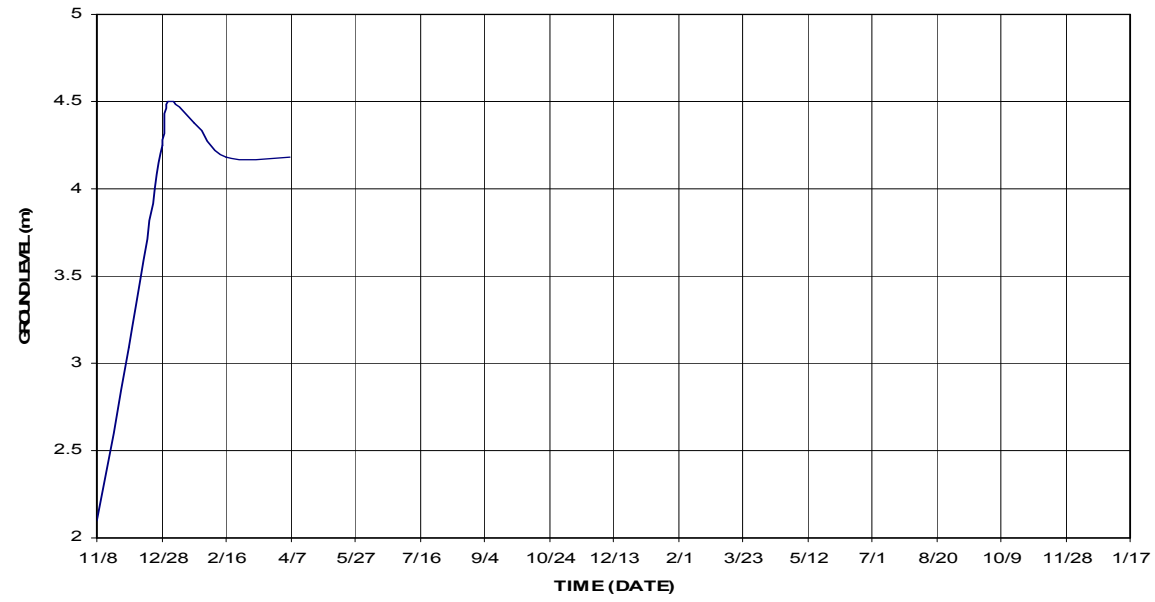
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# Pulau Indah. Embankment transition



**SAMBUNGAN REL KE PULAU INDAH  
TRANSITION PILE EMBANKMENT  
(CHANDONG BESAR UPPER)**



# TATAU EPS LIGHT WEIGHT FILL



# TATAU EPS



# TATAU EPS



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# TATAU EPS



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