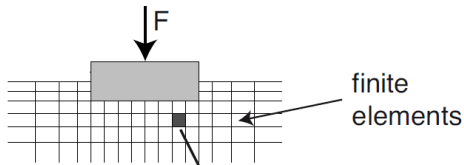


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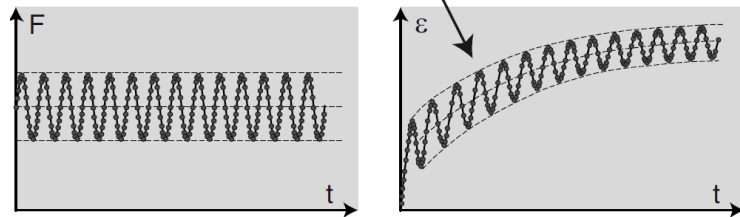
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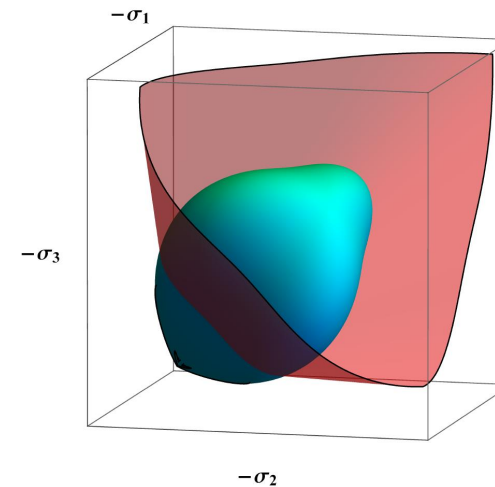
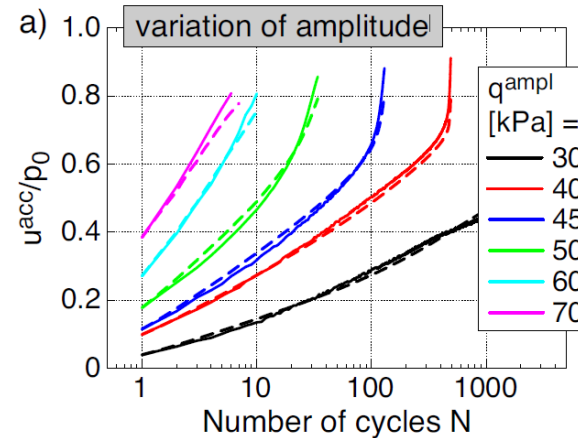
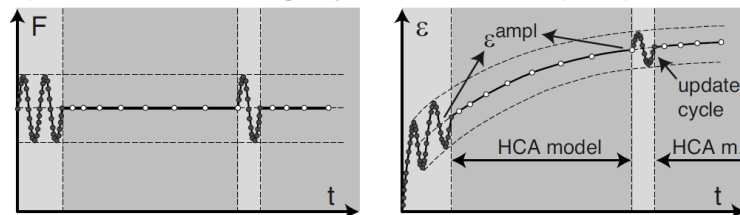
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a) conventional calculation



b) calculation with a high-cycle accumulation (HCA) model



$$F(\sigma, \sigma_B) = \mathbf{w} : \mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{3} M_w^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{p}{p_B} \right)^{c_B} \right] \left[1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\boldsymbol{\Omega} : \boldsymbol{\Omega}}}{M_{\Omega}}} \right]^2$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{f}_N f_e f_p f_Y \mathbf{m}$$

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Motivation



- Cyclic loading from e.g. wind and waves
- Decrease of the effective stress
- Increase of excess pore water pressure
- Decrease of the stiffness of the soil
- Accumulation of deformation under medium- and high-cycle loading of foundations
- Serviceability problem



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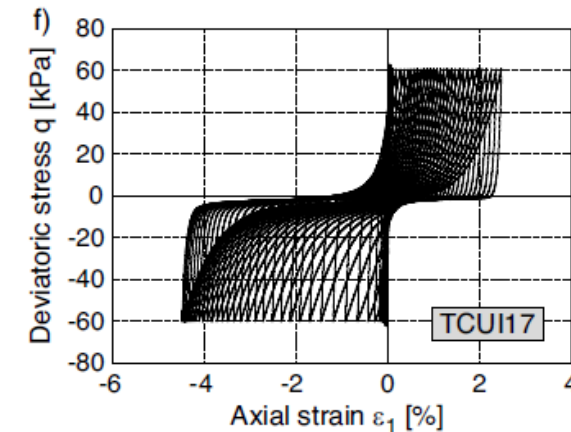
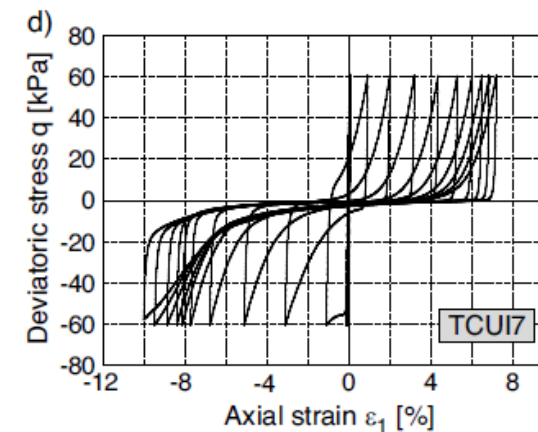
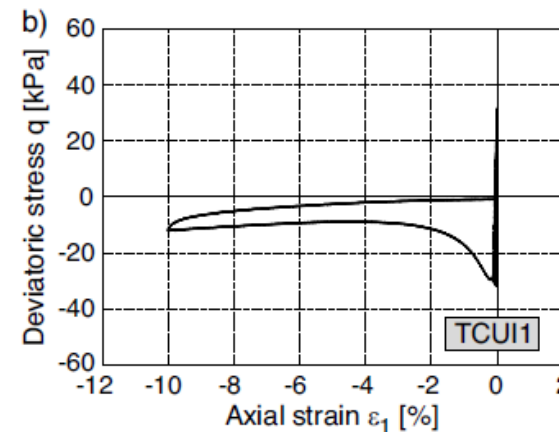
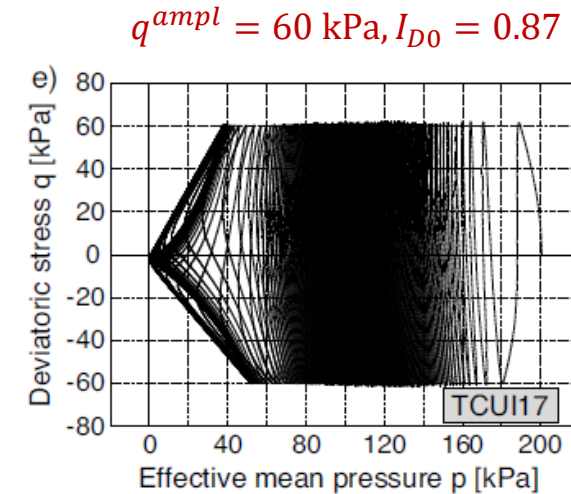
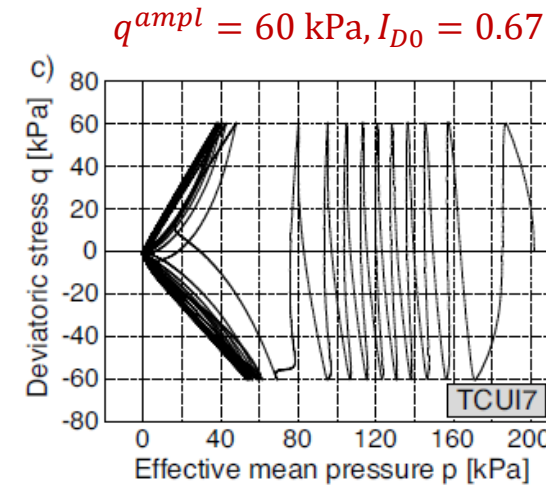
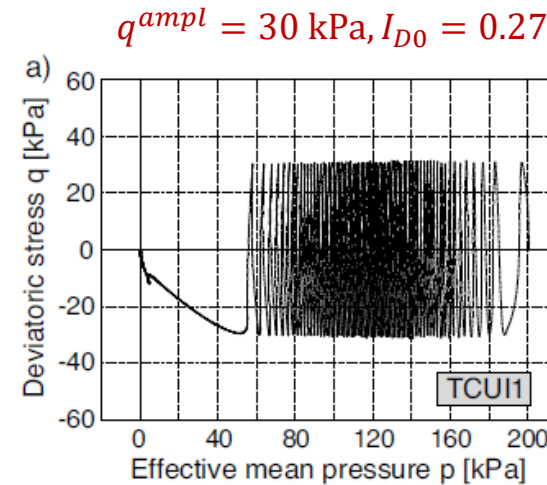
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Soil behaviour under cyclic loading

- Sand
 - undrained triaxial tests
 - variation of deviatoric stress amplitude q^{ampl}
 - variation of initial relative density I_{D0}

$$q^{ampl} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow$$

$$I_{D0} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow$$



(Wichtmann&Triantafyllidis 2016)

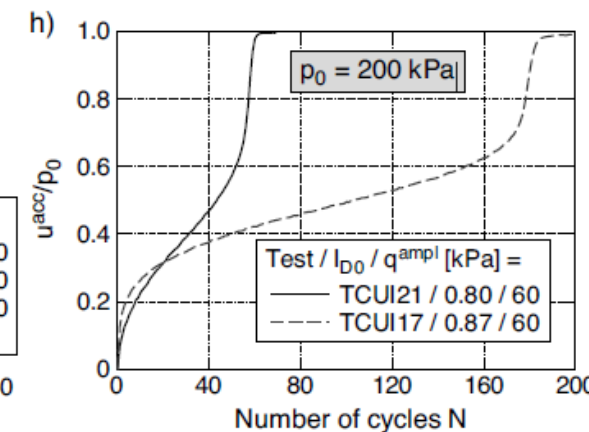
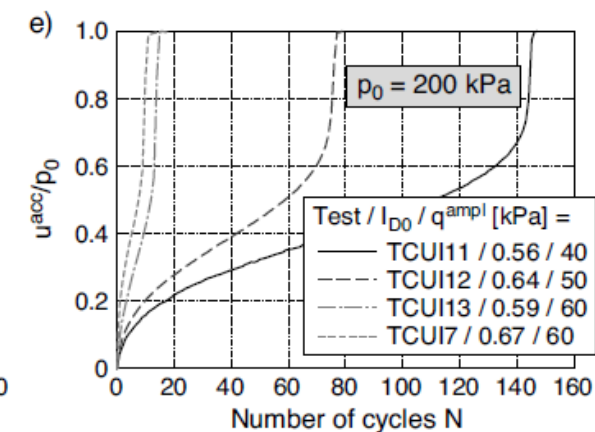
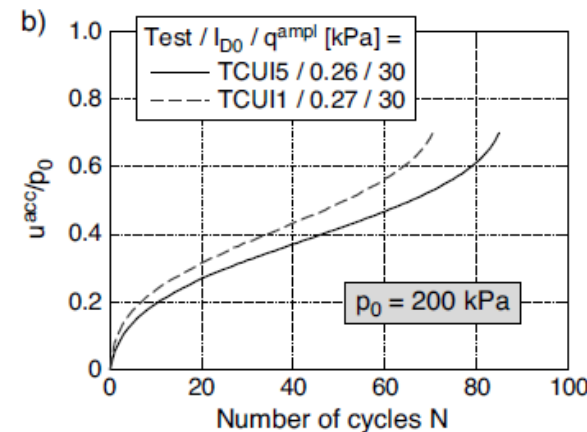
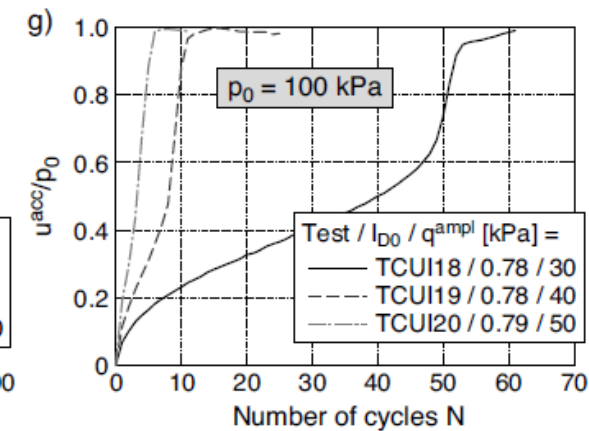
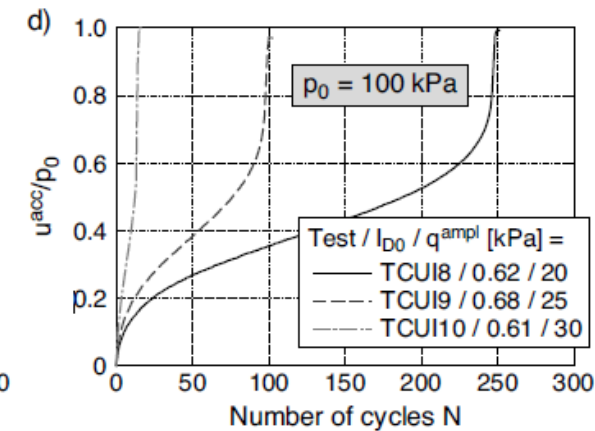
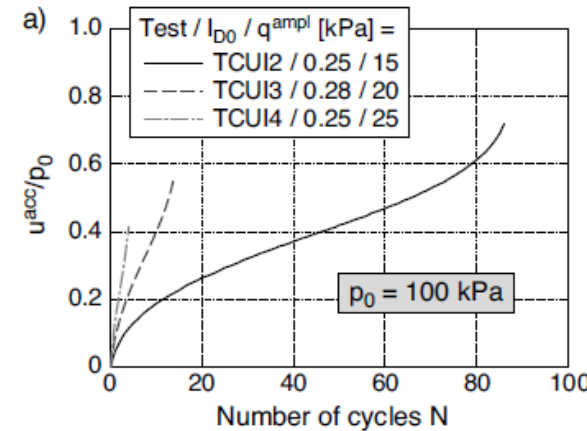
Soil behaviour under cyclic loading

- Sand
 - undrained triaxial tests
 - variation of deviatoric stress amplitude q^{ampl}
 - variation of initial relative density I_{D0}
 - variation of initial mean pressure p_0

$$q^{ampl} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow \Rightarrow u^{acc} \uparrow$$

$$I_{D0} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow u^{acc} \downarrow$$

$$p_0 \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow u^{acc} \downarrow$$



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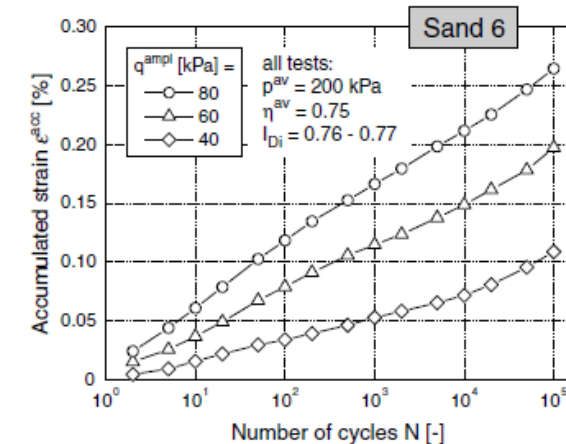
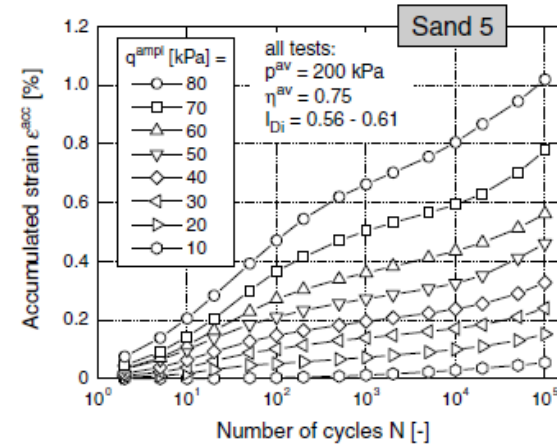
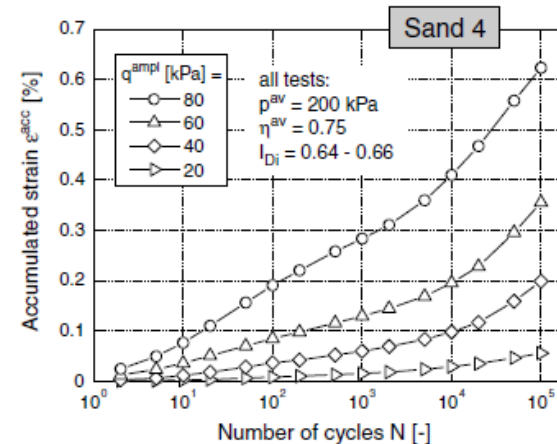
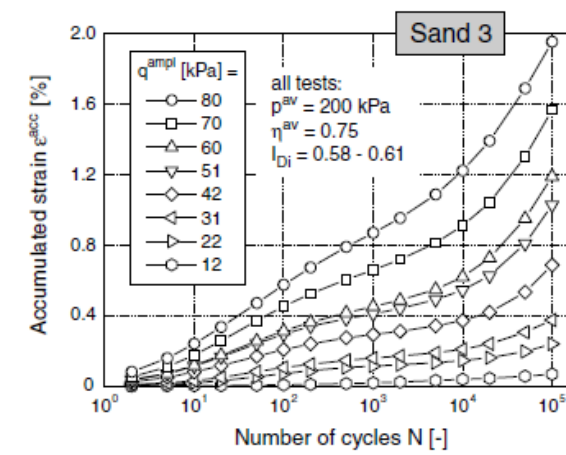
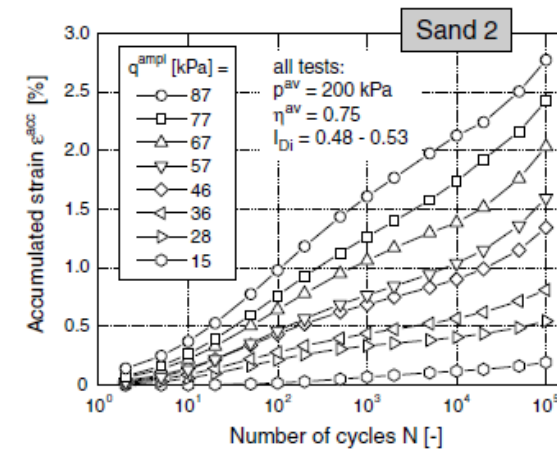
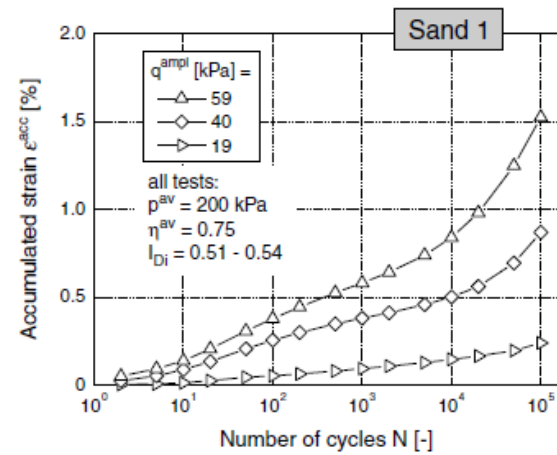
Soil behaviour under cyclic loading

- Sand
 - drained triaxial tests
 - variation of deviatoric stress amplitude q^{ampl}
 - variation of initial relative density I_{D0}
 - variation of initial stress ratio η_0

$$q^{ampl} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \uparrow$$

$$I_{D0} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \downarrow$$

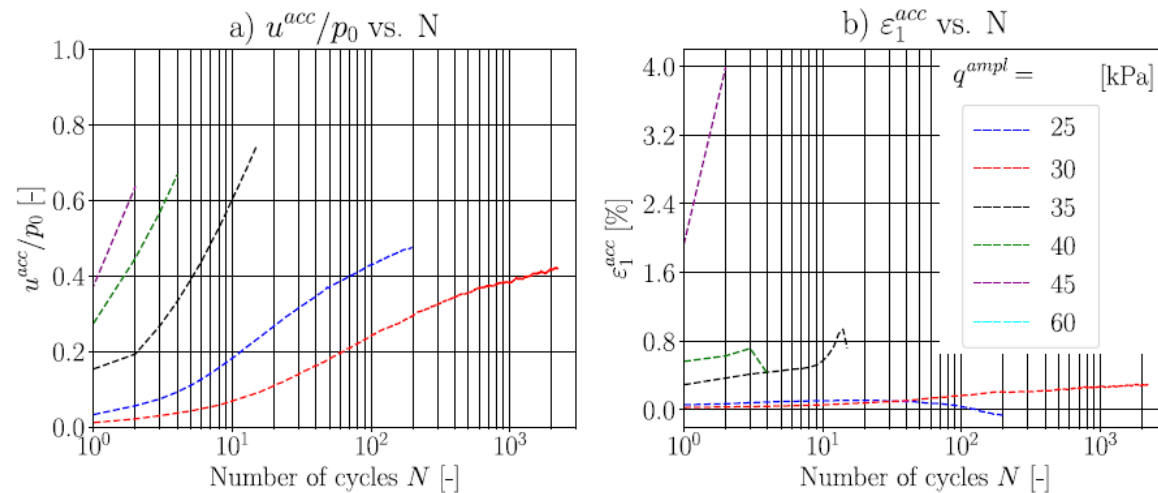
$$\eta_0 \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \downarrow$$



(Wichtmann et al. 2009)

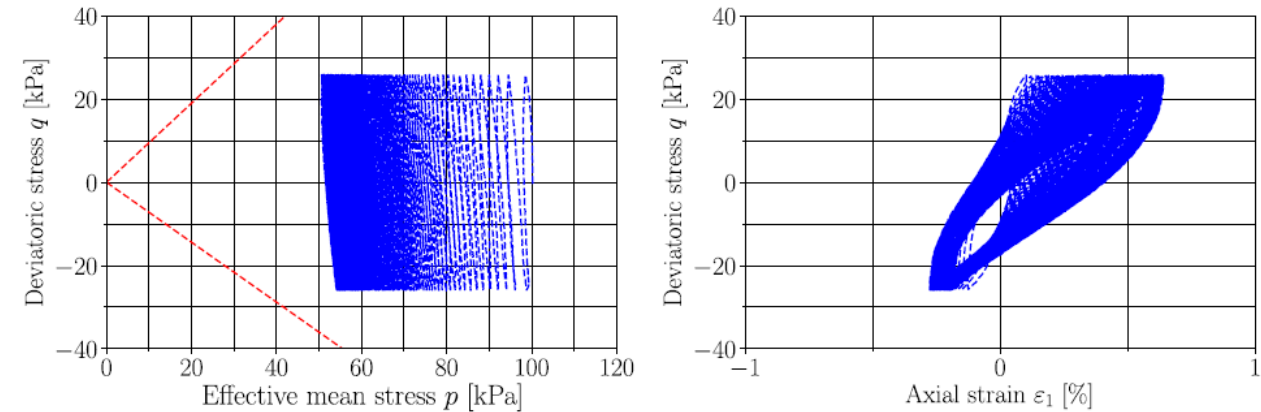
Soil behaviour under cyclic loading

- Clay
 - undrained triaxial tests
 - variation of deviatoric stress amplitude q^{ampl}

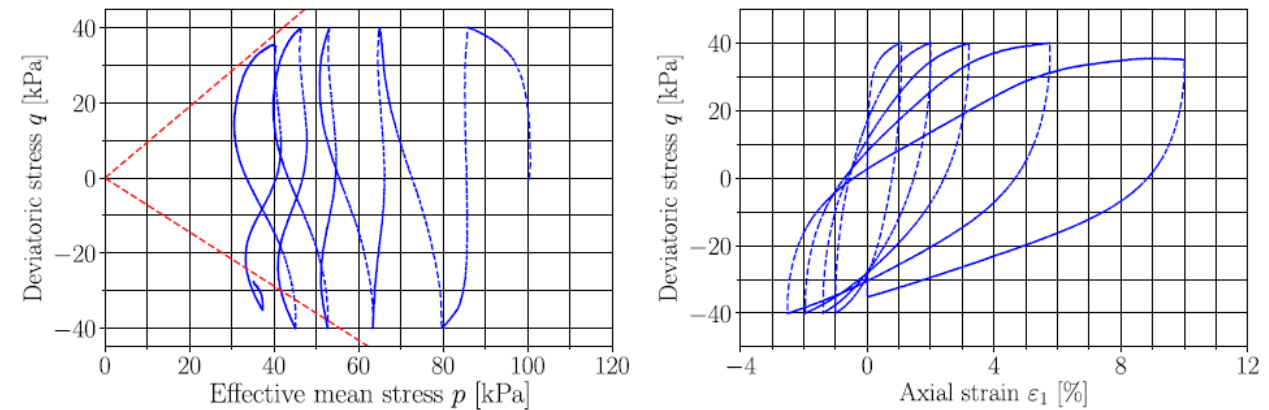


$$q^{ampl} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \uparrow$$

$$q^{ampl} = 30 \text{ kPa}, \dot{s} = 0.02 \text{ mm/min}$$



$$q^{ampl} = 40 \text{ kPa}, \dot{s} = 0.02 \text{ mm/min}$$



(Tafili et al. 2019, 2020)

Soil behaviour under cyclic loading

- Clay
 - undrained triaxial tests
 - variation of deviatoric stress amplitude q^{ampl}
 - variation of initial void ratio e_0
 - variation of initial stress ratio η_0
 - variation of displacement rate \dot{s}

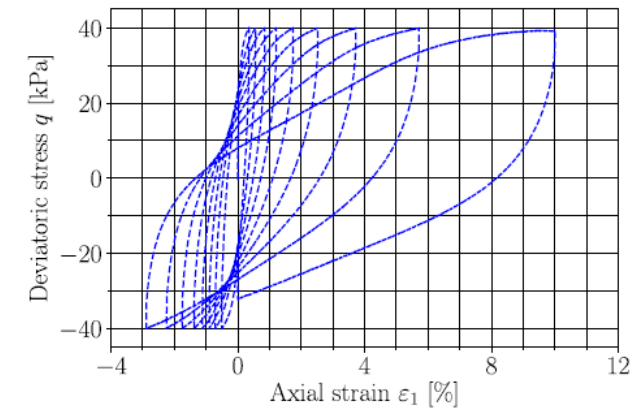
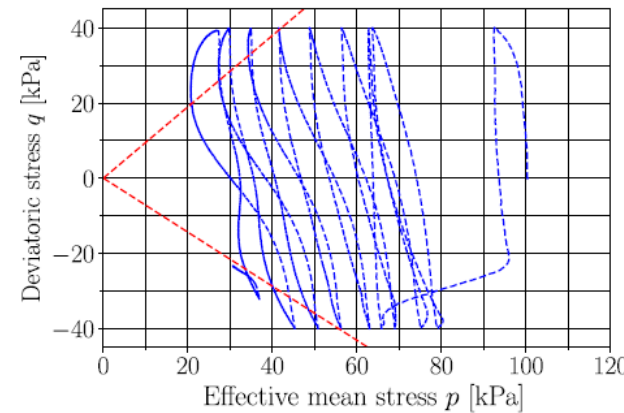
$$q^{ampl} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \uparrow$$

$$\dot{s} \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \downarrow$$

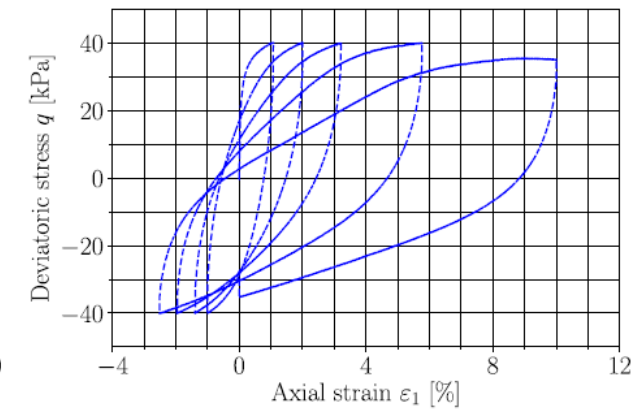
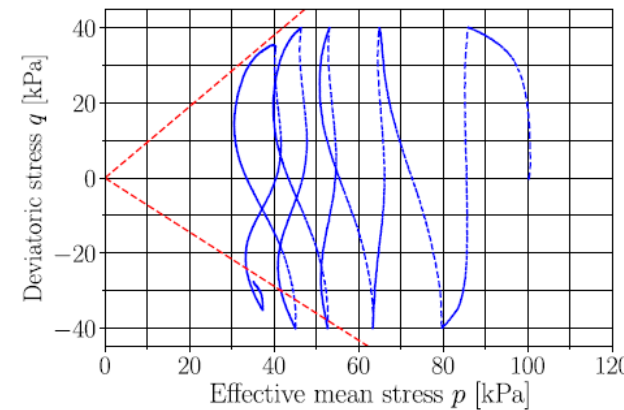
$$\eta_0 \uparrow \Rightarrow N \uparrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \downarrow$$

$$e_0 \uparrow \Rightarrow N \downarrow \Rightarrow \varepsilon^{acc} \uparrow$$

$$q^{ampl} = 40 \text{ kPa}, \dot{s} = 0.05 \text{ mm/min}$$



$$q^{ampl} = 40 \text{ kPa}, \dot{s} = 0.02 \text{ mm/min}$$



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Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

Ingredients

$$\dot{p} = K \left(\dot{\varepsilon}_v - \dot{\varepsilon}_v^{hp} - \dot{\varepsilon}_v^{vis} \right)$$

Bulk modulus

Virgin loading $\dot{\varepsilon}_v = -\frac{\dot{e}}{1+e} \Rightarrow K = \frac{p}{\lambda} \frac{(1+e)}{(1-Y_{min})}$

Non-linearity

Unloading and reloading

$$\dot{e} = -\kappa \frac{\dot{p}}{p} \Rightarrow Y_{min} = \frac{\lambda - \kappa}{\lambda + \kappa}$$

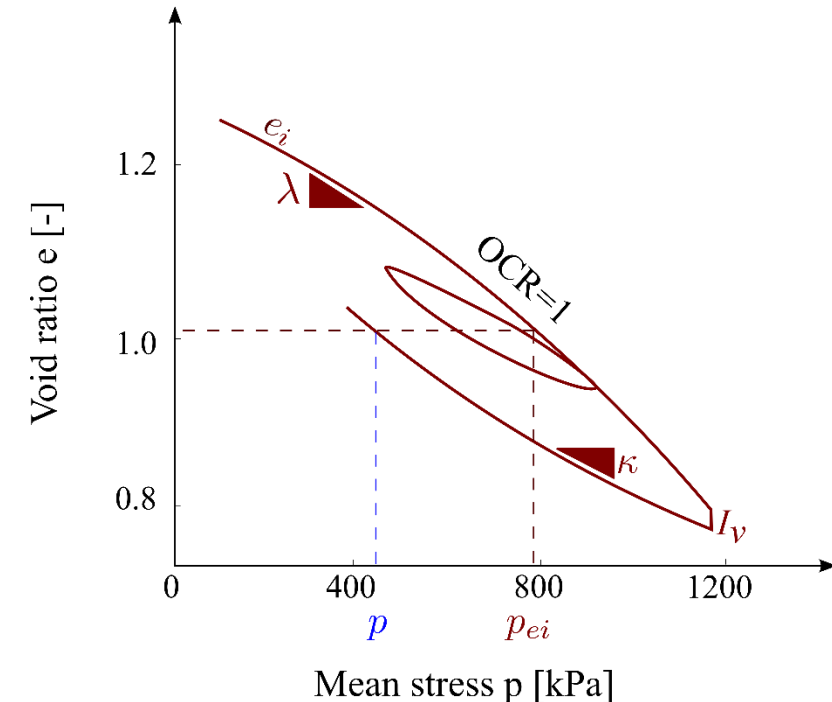
Previous loading

Normally consolidated line $\Rightarrow OCR = 1$

$$e_i = (1 + e_{i0}) \left(\frac{p_{i0}}{p} \right)^\lambda - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{ei} = p_{i0} \left(\frac{1+e_{i0}}{1+e} \right)^{1/\lambda}$$

$$OCR = \frac{p_{ei}}{p}$$



Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

- Ingredients

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{E} : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{hp} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{vis}) = \mathbf{E} : \left(\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - Y \mathbf{m} \|\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}\| - I_v \lambda \left(\frac{1}{\text{OCR}} \right)^{1/I_v} \mathbf{m} \right)$$

- Stiffness tensor \mathbf{E}

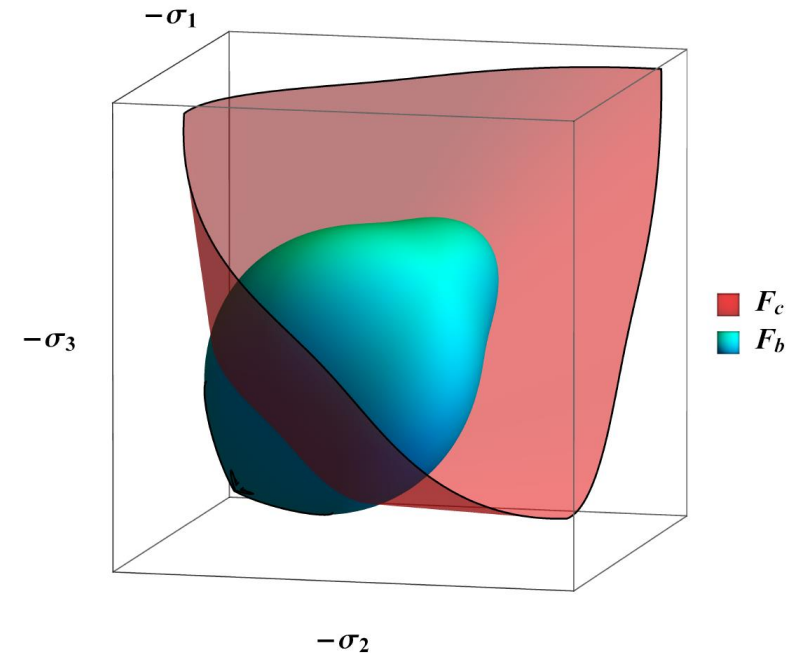
- Critical state and Dilatancy rule

- Loading surface

- 3D: $F_b(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^* : \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^* - \frac{2}{3f_b^2(M(\theta_\sigma))^2} = 0$

$$f_b = f(e, e_i, e_c),$$

$$\text{OCR} = \frac{p_{ei}}{p_{ei}^+}, p_{ei}^+ = p_{i0} \left(\frac{1 + e_{i0}}{1 + e^+} \right)^{1/\lambda}$$



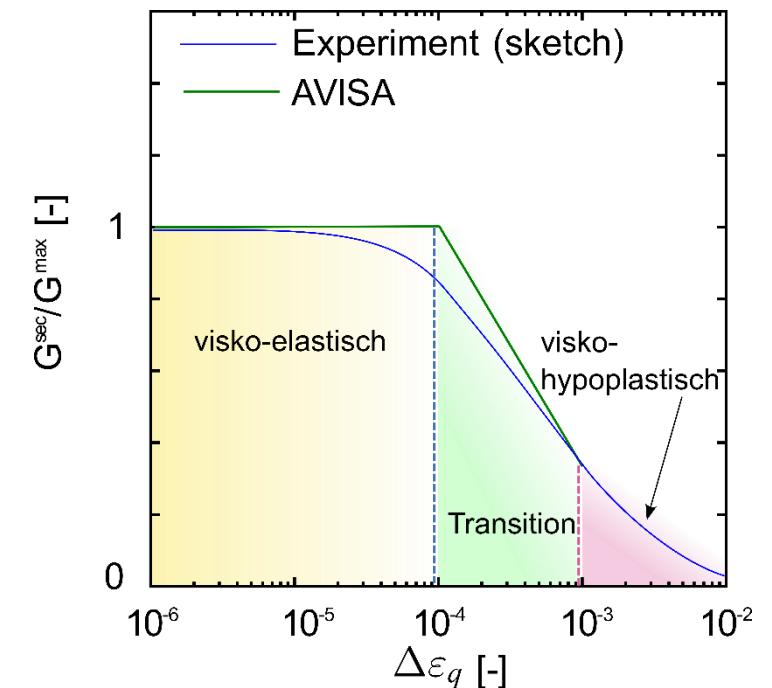
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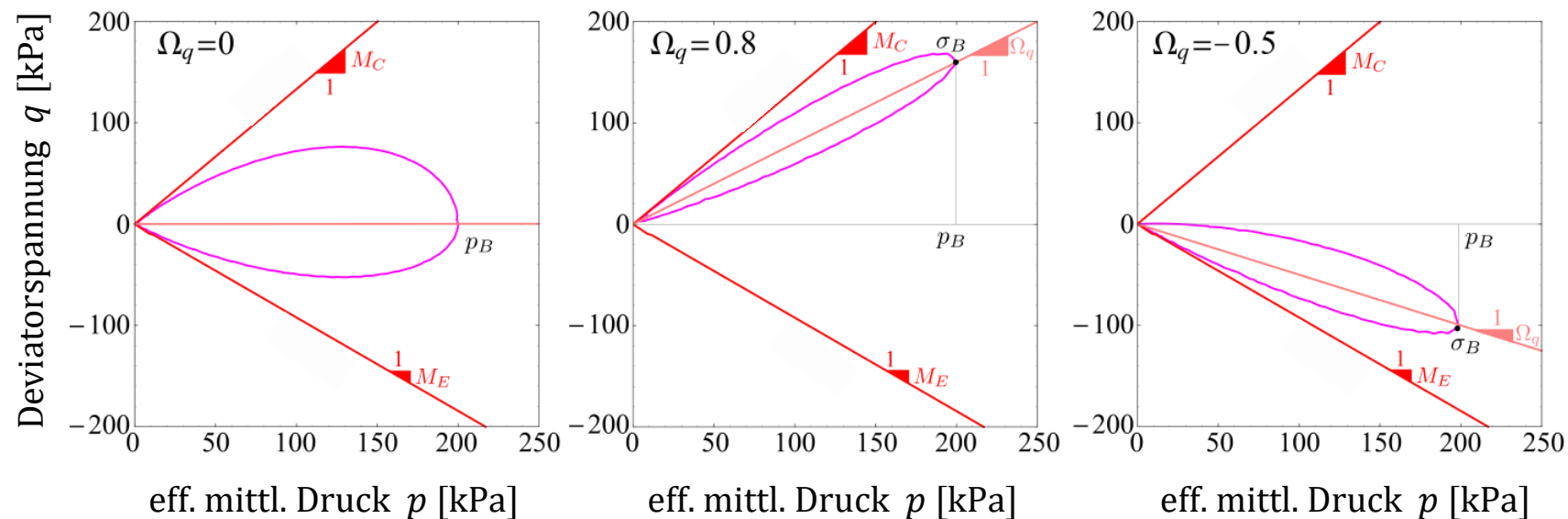
- Stiffness tensor \mathbf{E} ✓
- Critical state and Dilatancy rule ✓
- Loading surface ✓
- Shear modulus degradation
- Stiffness at small strains
- Anamnesis and
- Historiotropy of the soil

➡ incremental approach not sufficient



Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

- Constitutive anamnesis model (PhD Tafili 2019)
 - Historiotropic surface with
 - evolving size \Rightarrow shear modulus degradation
 - rotating bisector \Rightarrow induced anisotropy

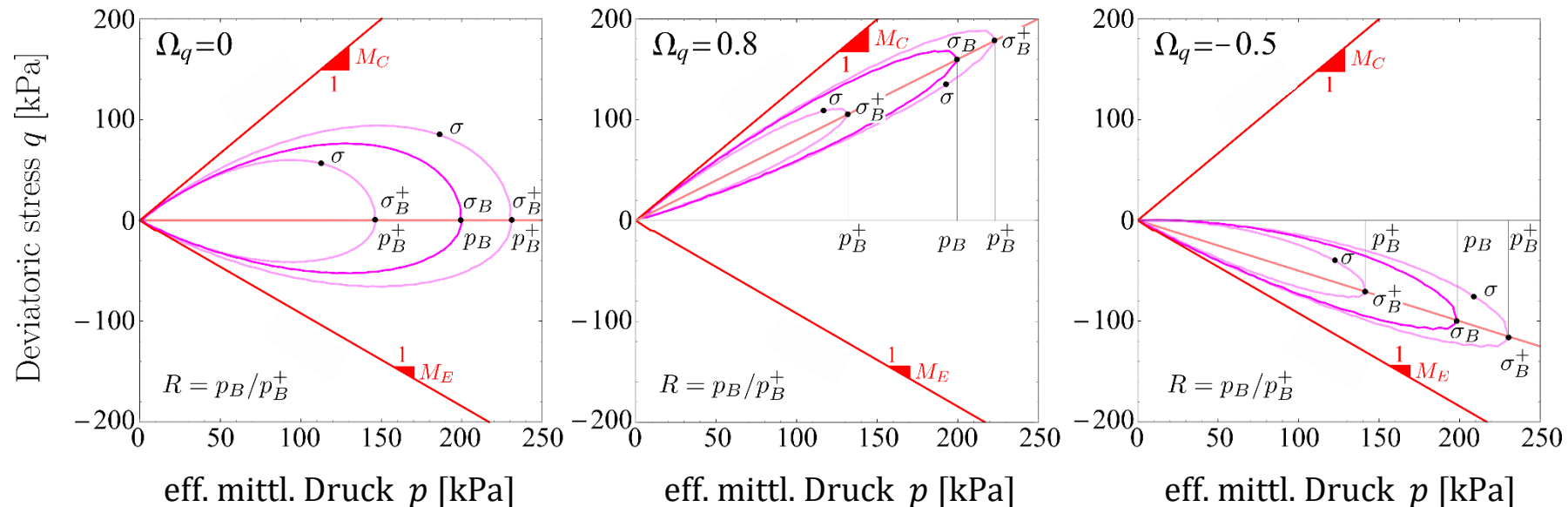


$$F(\sigma, \sigma_B) = \mathbf{w} : \mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{3} M_w^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{p}{p_B} \right)^{c_B} \right] \left[1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\boldsymbol{\Omega} : \boldsymbol{\Omega}}}{M_\Omega}} \right]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_B &= p_B(-1 + \Omega) \\ \mathbf{w} &= \hat{\sigma}^* - \Omega \\ \hat{\sigma}^* &= \sigma^*/p \end{aligned}$$

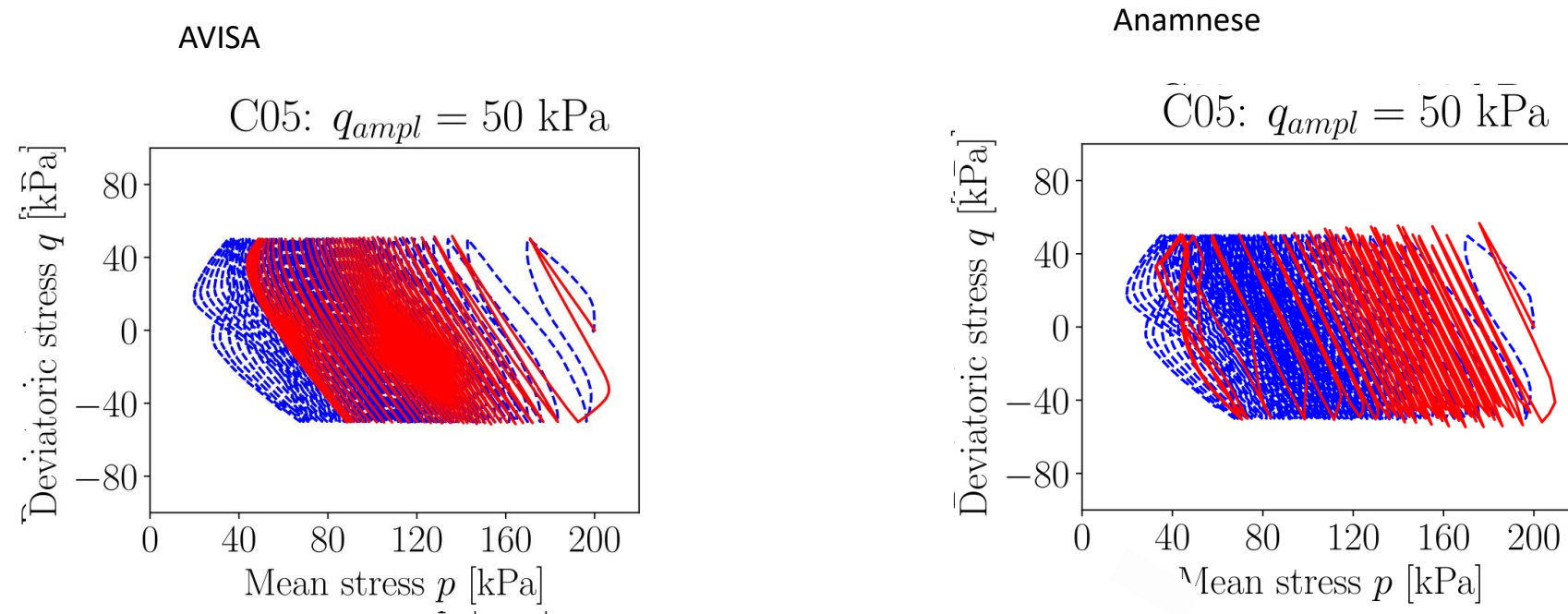
Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

- Constitutive anamnesis model (PhD Tafili 2019)
 - loading surface (back stress) $\sigma_B = p_B(-\mathbf{1} + \Omega)$
 - isotropic size $p_B = -\frac{p_B}{\lambda} \text{tr}(\dot{\epsilon}) - C_2(p - p_B) \|\dot{\epsilon}^*\| R^{-n_0}$
 - Bisector inclination $\dot{\Omega} = C_2(\hat{\sigma}^* - \Omega) \|\dot{\epsilon}\| R^{-n_0}$



Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

- Constitutive anamnesis model – Simulation of a triaxial cyclic test

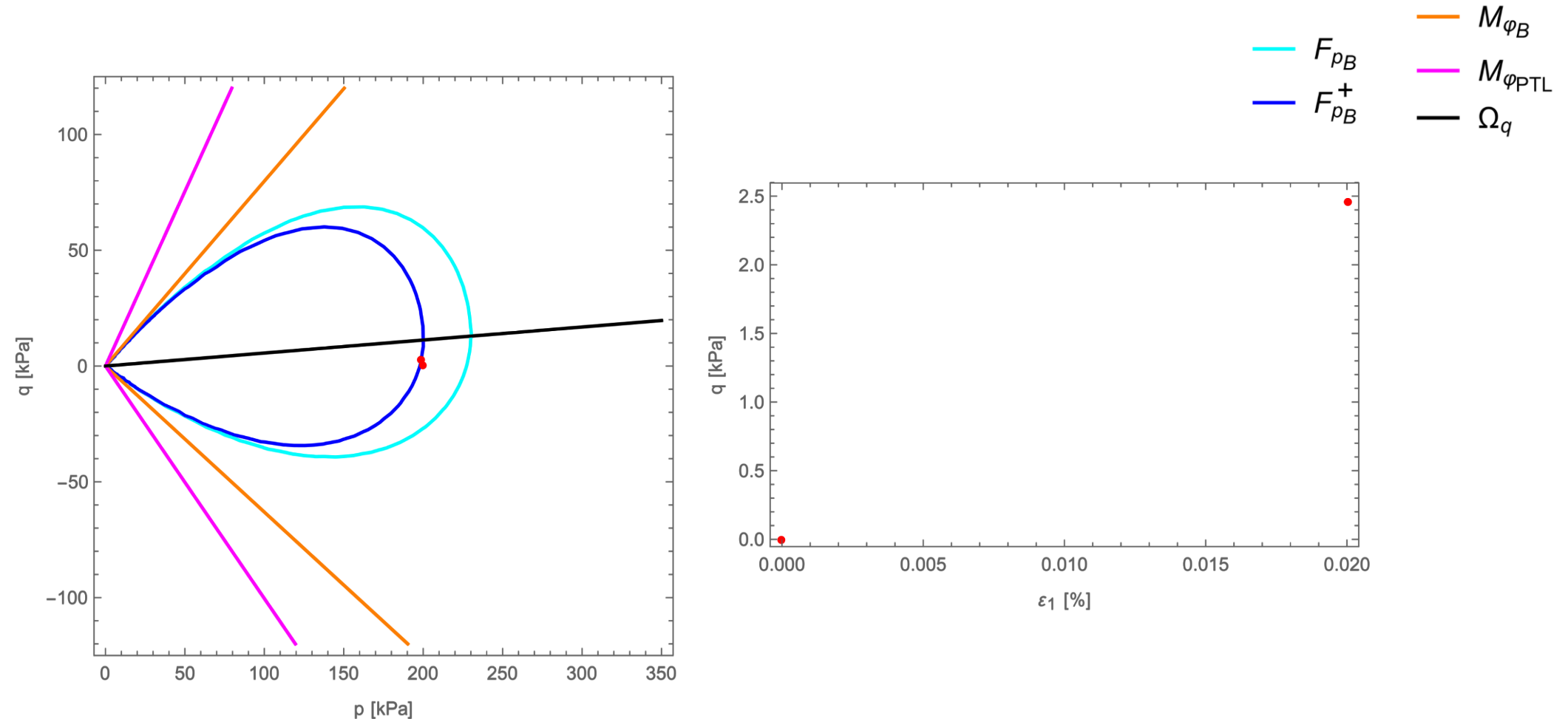


(Data: Tafili et al. 2019)

- accurate description of 8-shaped hysteresis
- accurate reproduction of the number of cycles N up to $\|\varepsilon_1\| \leq 10 \%$

Conventional constitutive models under low to medium-cycle loading

- Constitutive anamnesis model – Development of the hisotriotropic surface for $q_{ampl} = 70$ kPa



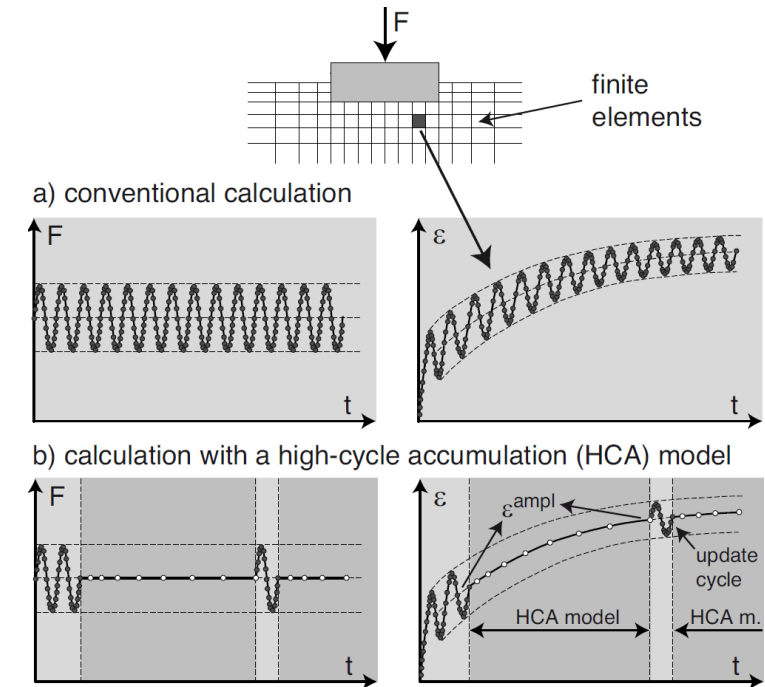
High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

- HCA for sand (Niemunis et al. 2005)

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{f}_N f_e f_p$$



High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

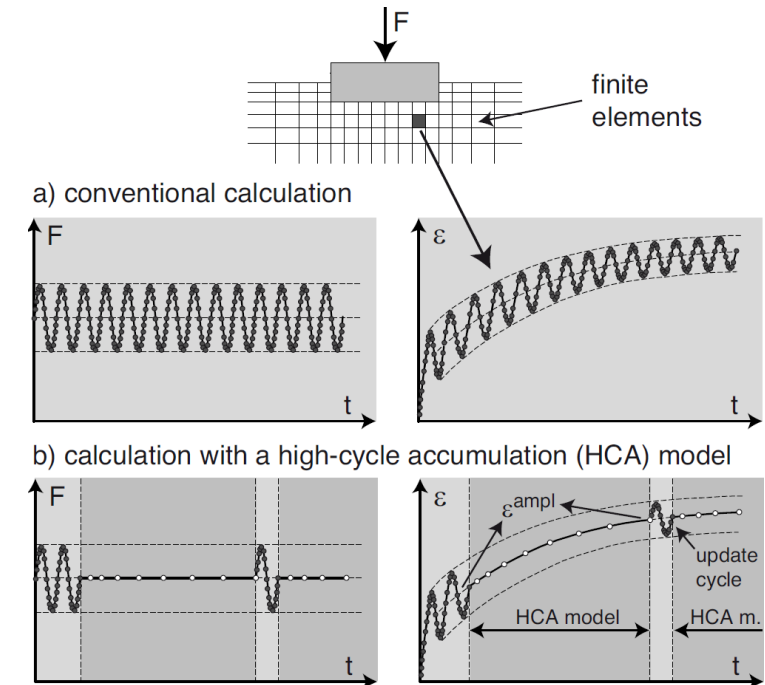
- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)

- Intensity of accumulation:

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial t$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{\epsilon}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$



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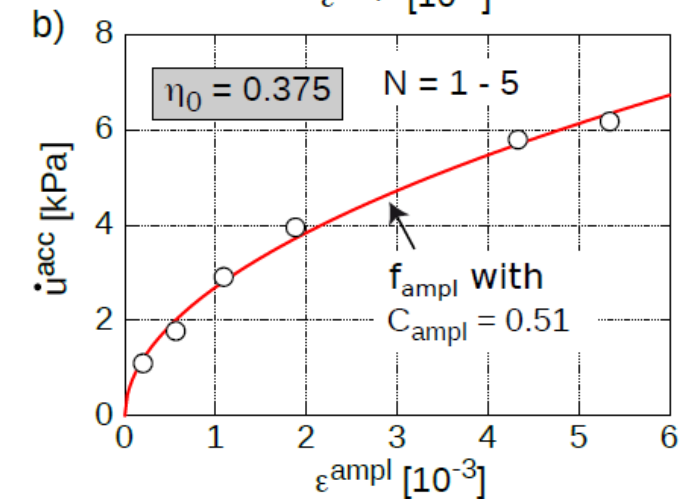
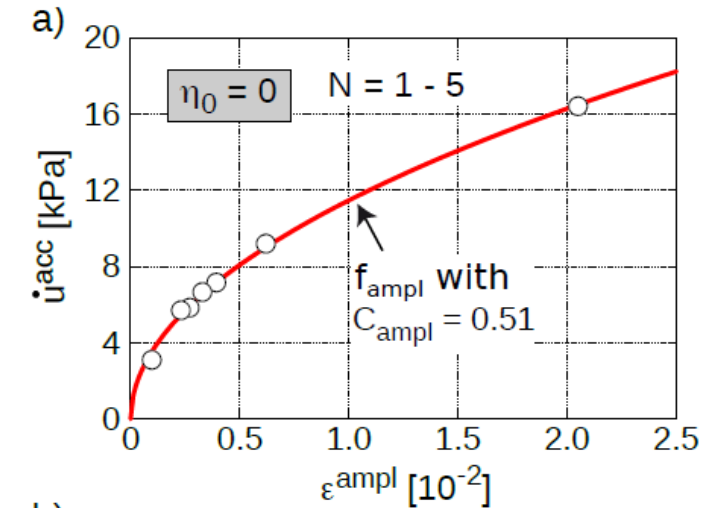
- Influence of the strain amplitude

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{\epsilon}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$f_{ampl} = \left(\frac{\epsilon^{ampl}}{\epsilon_{ref}^{ampl}} \right)^{C_{ampl}}$$



High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)

- Intensity of accumulation:

- Influence of the cyclic preloading

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{f}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$\dot{f}_N = \dot{f}_N^A + \dot{f}_N^B$$

$$\dot{f}_N^A = C_{N1} C_{N2} \exp \left[-\frac{g^A}{C_{N1} f_{ampl}} \right]$$

$$\dot{f}_N^B = C_{N1} C_{N3}$$

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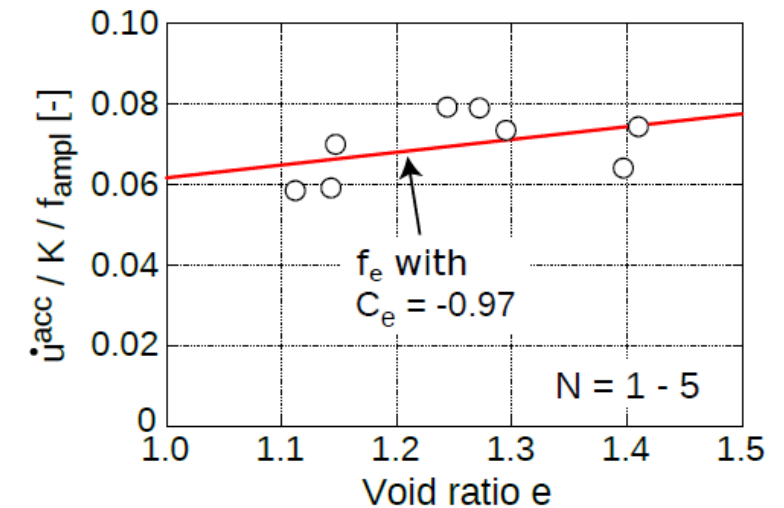
- Influence of the void ratio

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{\epsilon}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$f_e = \frac{(C_e - e)^2}{1 + e} \frac{1 + e_{ref}}{(C_e - e_{ref})^2}$$



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- Intensity of accumulation:

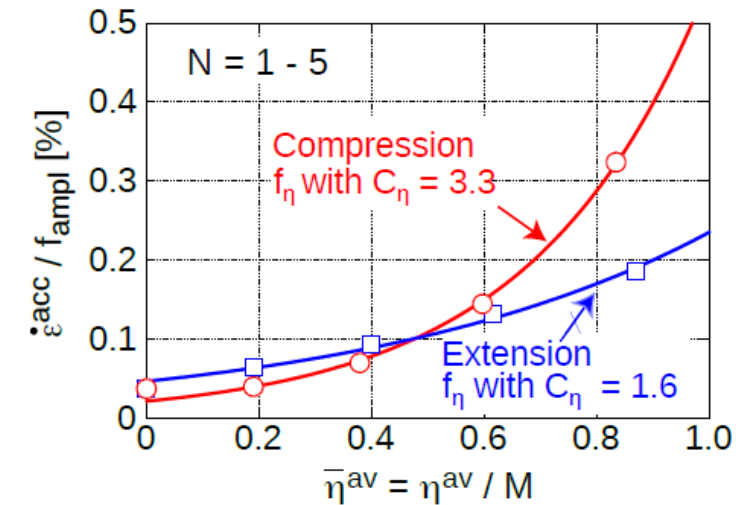
- Influence of the stress ratio

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} \mathbf{m}$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{f}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$f_\eta = \exp(C_\eta \bar{\eta}^{av})$$



High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

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- Intensity of accumulation:

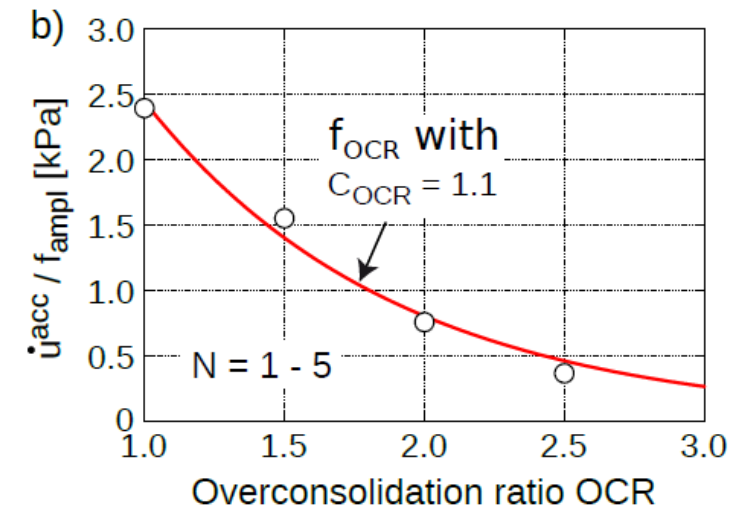
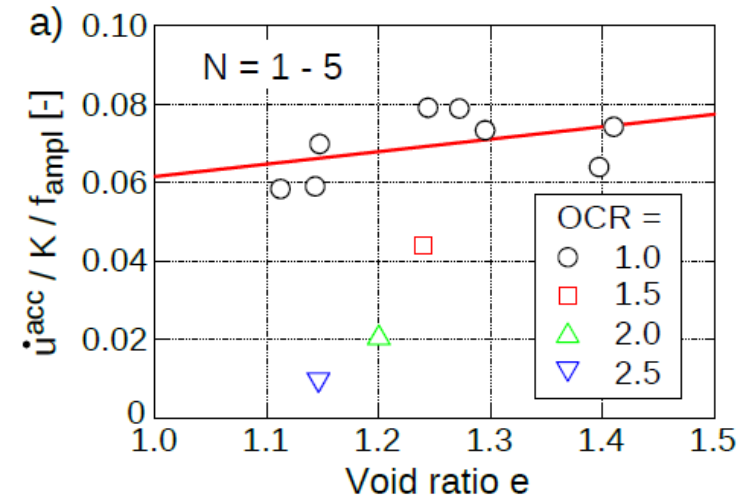
- Influence of the oveconsolidation ratio

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{\epsilon}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$f_{OCR} = \exp(-C_{OCR}(OCR - 1))$$



High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

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- Intensity of accumulation:

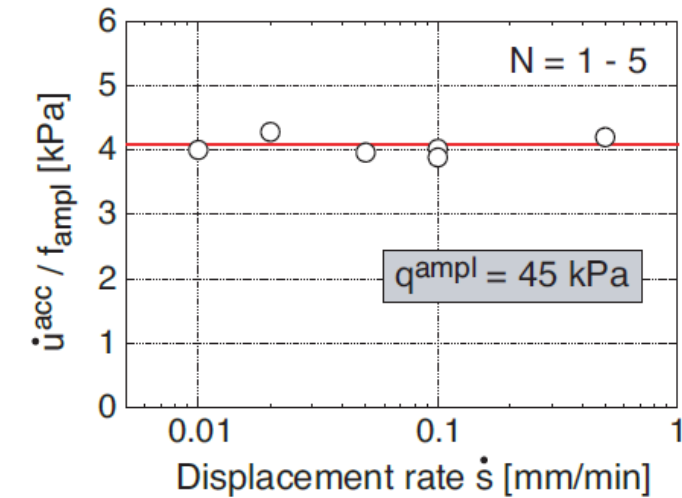
- Influence of the loading frequency

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{\epsilon}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$

$$f_f = 1 \text{ (Kaolin)}$$



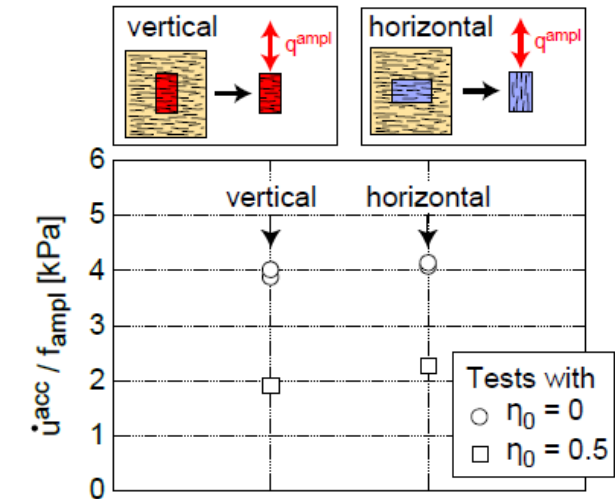
High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)
- Intensity of accumulation:
 - Influence of the loading direction with respect to the sedimentation axis

$$\dot{\sigma} = E: (\dot{\epsilon} - \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} - \dot{\epsilon}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\epsilon} = \partial \epsilon / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = \dot{\epsilon}^{acc} m$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{acc} = f_{ampl} \dot{f}_N f_e f_\eta f_{OCR} f_f$$



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- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)
- Direction of accumulation:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = E: (\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{acc} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} / \partial N$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{acc} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{acc} \mathbf{m}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(p^{av} - \frac{(q^{av})^2}{M^2 p^{av}} \right) \mathbf{1} + \frac{3}{M^2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{av})^* \right]^{\rightarrow} \quad (\text{similar to the MCC model approach})$$

High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)

- Plastic strain

- Associative flow rule

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{E} : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{acc} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\psi} = \partial \psi / \partial N$$



$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{pl} = \dot{\phi} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \dot{\phi} \mathbf{m}$$

- Hypoelastic stiffness

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{E} : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{acc} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{pl}) \text{ with } \dot{\psi} = \partial \psi / \partial N$$



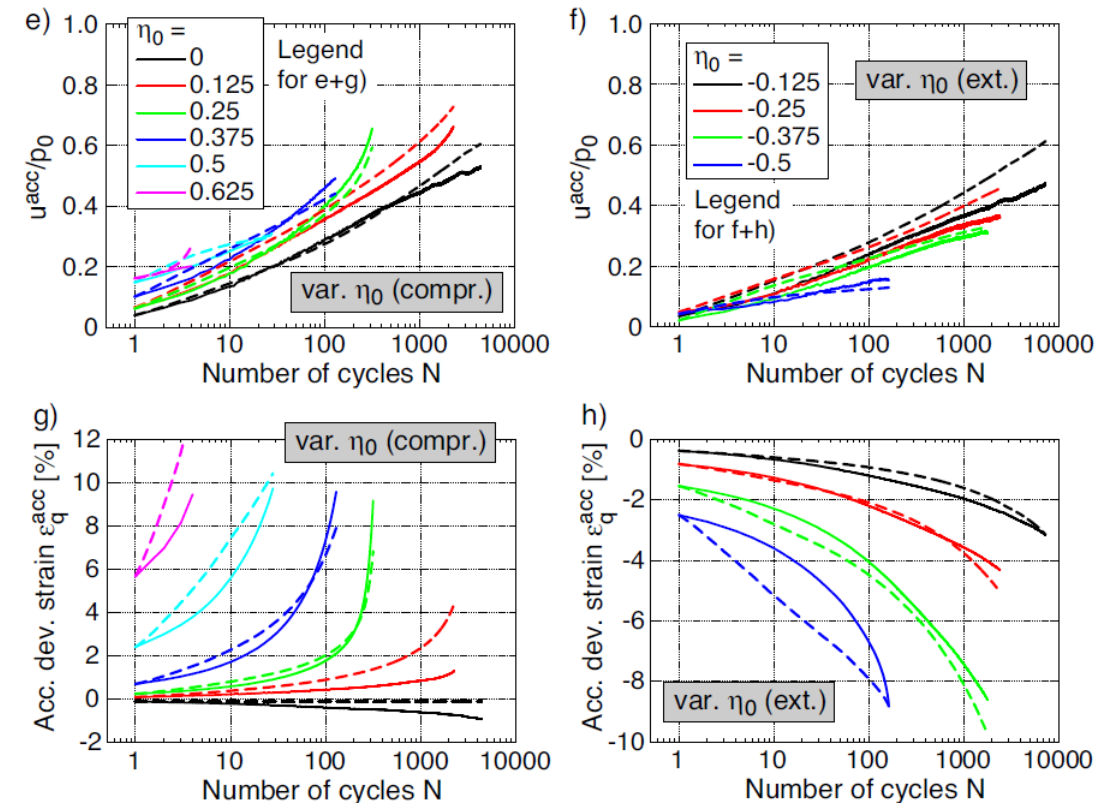
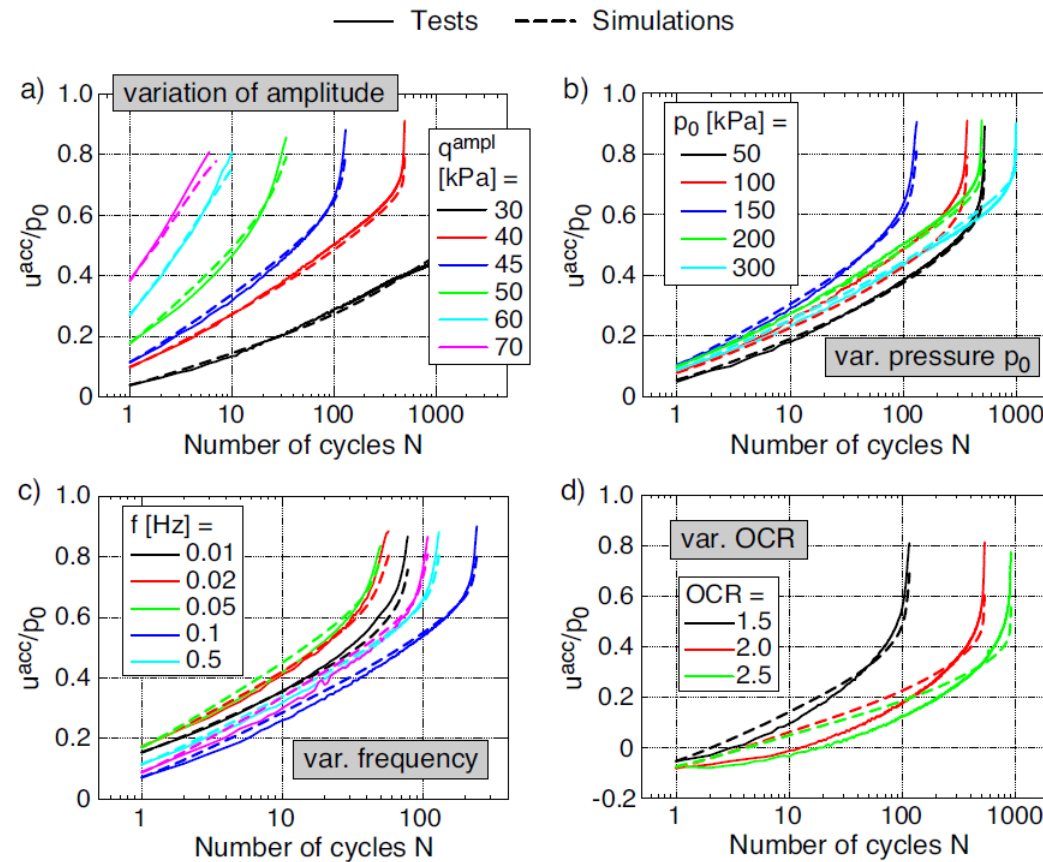
$$\mathbf{E} = K \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} + 2\mu \mathbf{I}$$

$$K = \frac{1+e}{\kappa} p, \quad \mu = \frac{3K(1-2\nu)}{2(1+\nu)}$$

High cyclic accumulation (HCA) model

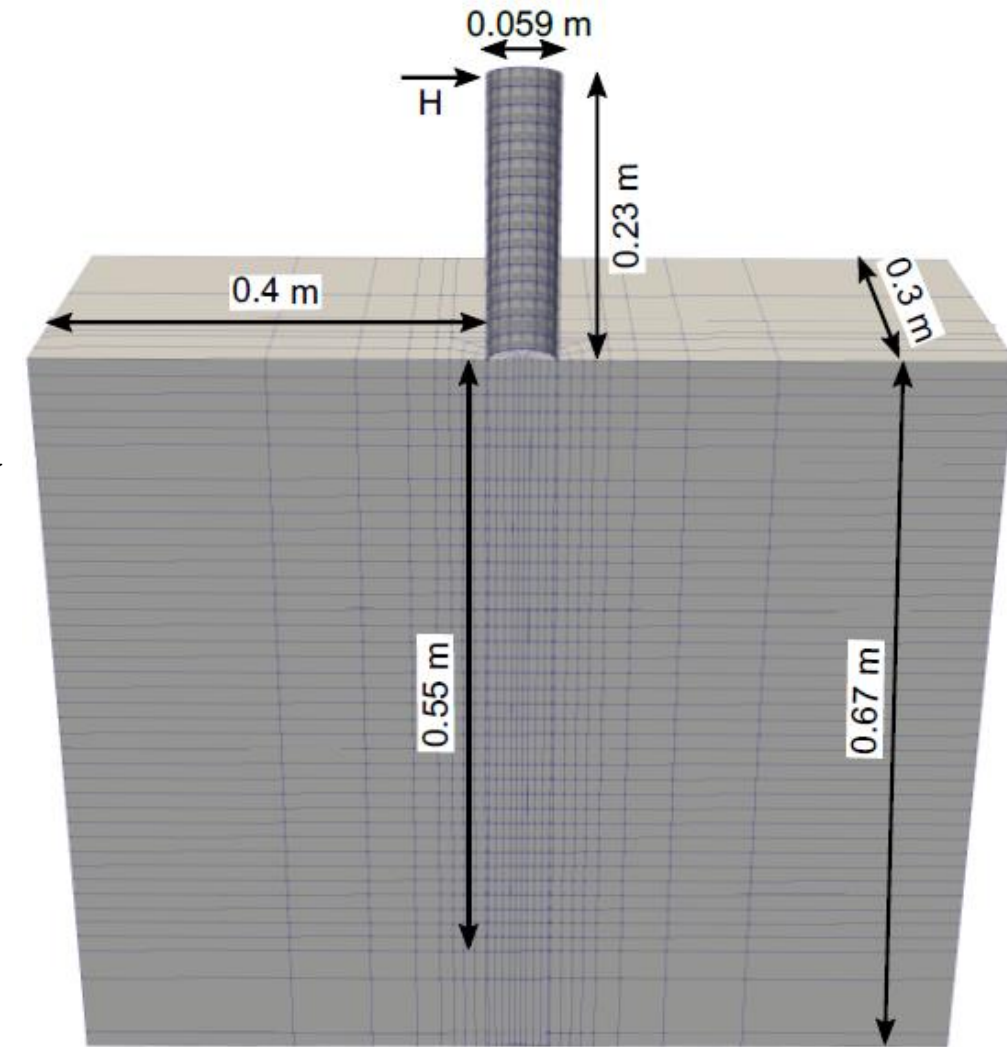
- HCA for clay (Staubach et al. 2021)
 - Element tests of Kaolin

f_{OCR}	C_{ampl}	C_{N1}	C_{N2}	C_{N3}	C_e	C_η	C_{OCR}
OCR_0	0.6	0.00115	0.8	0.0	-0.97	2.9	0.5
OCR	0.8	0.00125	0.5				



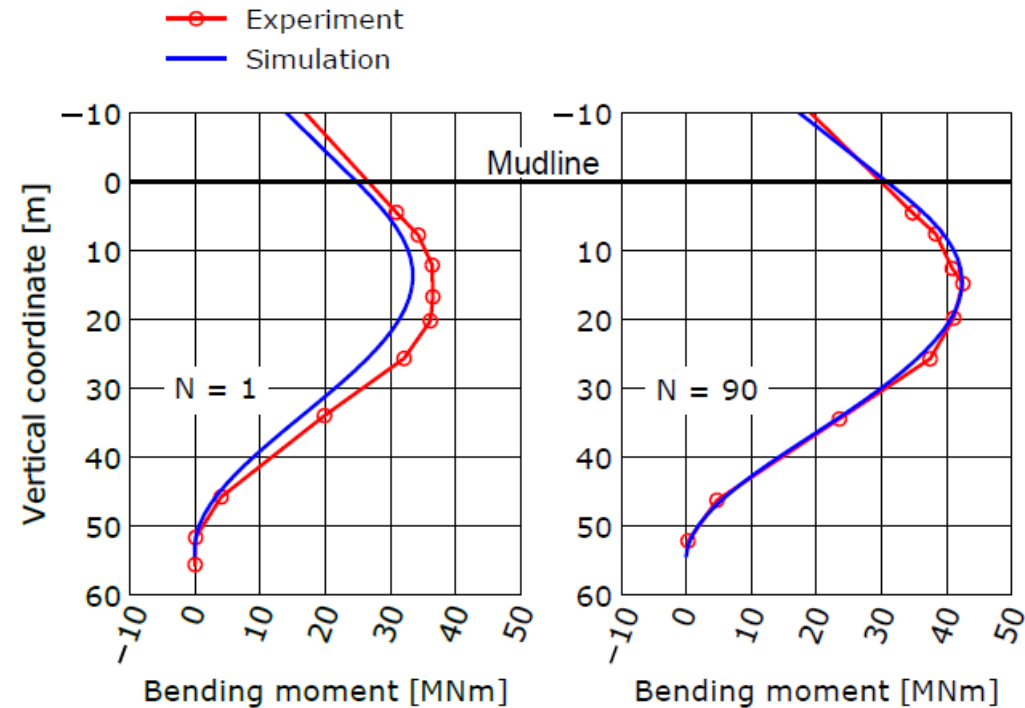
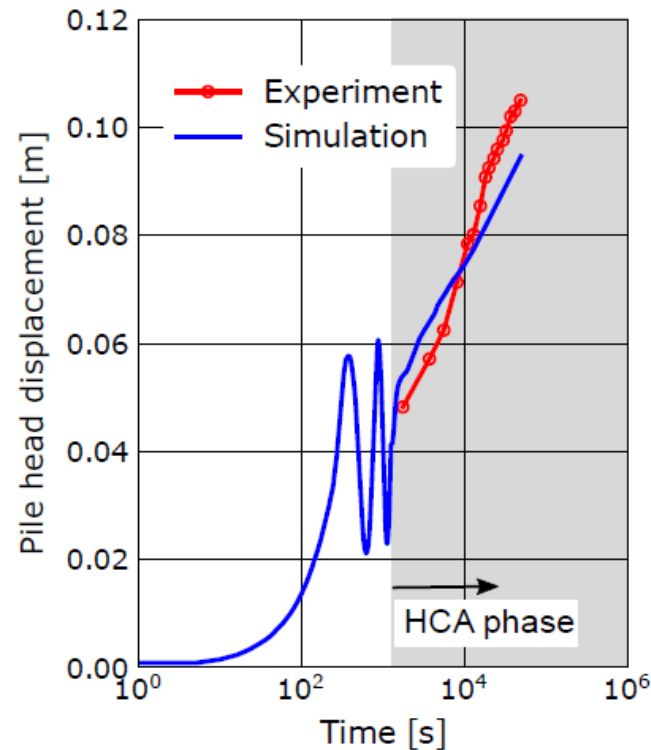
Back-analysis of centrifuge tests on monopiles in soft clay

- Finite Element model with numgeo (Staubach et al. 2021)
- Application of the self-weight of the soil and pile at 1 g
- Application of increased gravity to 100 g by the centrifuge
- Application of the average value of the lateral force $H_{av} = 62.5$ N
- Calculation of the first cycle, using the AVISA model
- The average load H_{av} was superposed by a sinusoidal cyclic load with the amplitude $H_{ampl} = 37.5$ N
- Calculation of the second cycle, using the AVISA model.
- Calculation of permanent deformations due to $N = 100$ further cycles using the HCA model.



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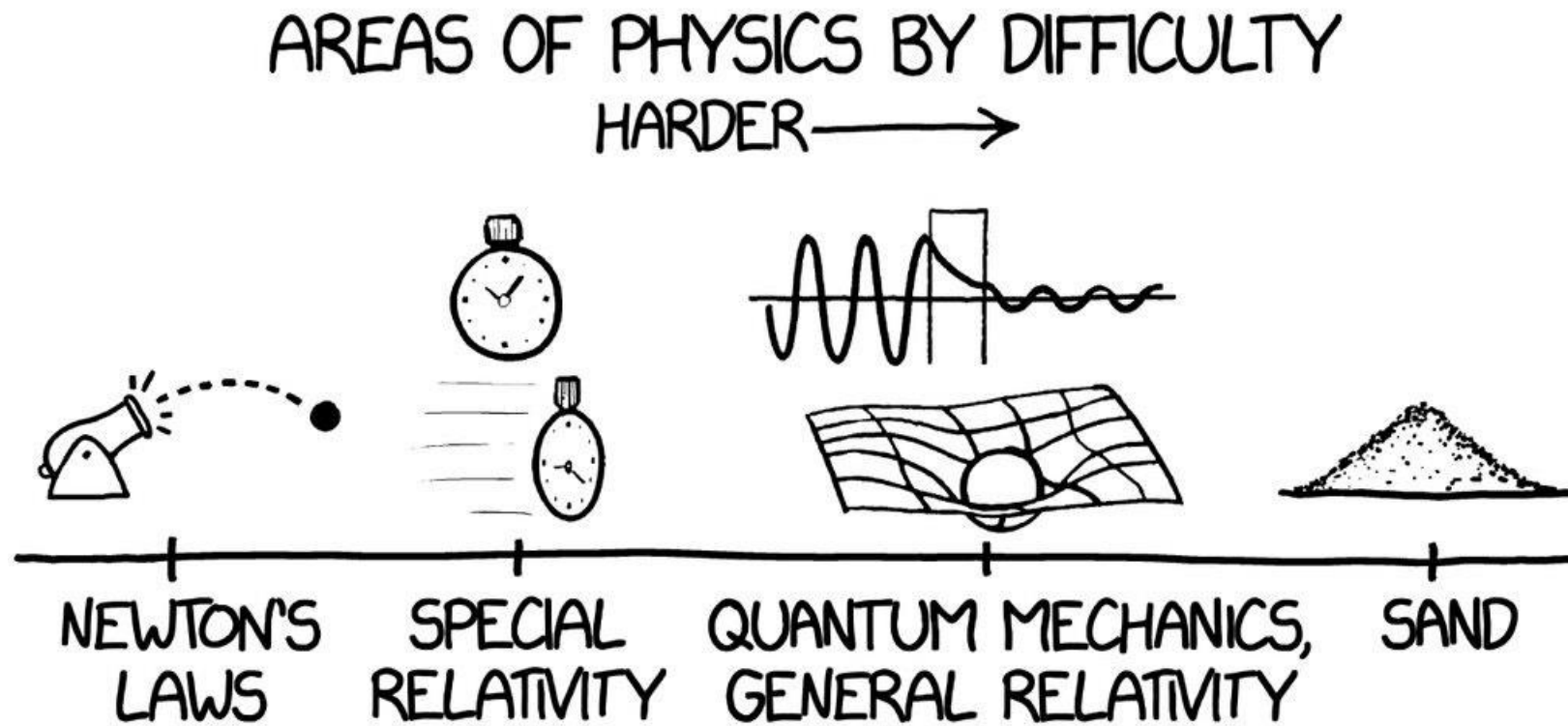


Summary and Conclusions

- Experimental investigations
- Explicite constitutive models
- Implicite constitutive models
- Calibration and verification



Function	Material constant	Ref. quant.
$f_{\text{ampl}} = \left(\varepsilon^{\text{ampl}} / \varepsilon_{\text{ref}}^{\text{ampl}} \right)^{C_{\text{ampl}}}$	C_{ampl}	$\varepsilon_{\text{ref}}^{\text{ampl}}$
$\dot{f}_N = \frac{C_{N1}C_{N2}}{1 + C_{N2}N} + C_{N1}C_{N3}$	C_{N1}, C_{N2}, C_{N3}	
$f_e = \frac{(C_e - e)^2}{1 + e} \frac{1 + e_{\text{ref}}}{(C_e - e_{\text{ref}})^2}$	C_e	e_{ref}
$f_\eta = \exp(C_\eta \eta^{\text{av}} / M)$	C_η	
$f_{OCR} = \exp[-C_{OCR}(OCR - 1.0)]$	C_{OCR}	
$f_f = 1$	-	



Thank You!