

Geotechnical Site Investigation  
*measured & derived geotechnical parameters*  
*Part ONE*

Common *in situ* tests

***SPT (standard penetration test)***

***CPT (cone penetration test)***

*FVT (vane shear test)*

*DMT (dilatometer test)*

*PMT (pressuremeter test)*

*Permeability test*

# The Purpose

1. To fully understand the tasks we are carrying out  
*Standard Penetration Test: it is a very boring job; it is so simple any one can do it.*  
*SPT should be carried out properly so that the result will approximately reflect the undrained shear strength of soil and soft-rocks.*
2. To be aware of derived parameters used as engineering design parameters  
*SPT –N needs to be corrected ( $N_{60}$  ,  $N_{1(60)}$ ) to obtain derived geotechnical design parameters*
3. To appreciate the basic foundation engineering design methods  
*ASD: allowable stress design*  
*LRFD: load & resistance factor design*

## ASD vs LRFD

### **Allowable Stress Design (ASD)**

$$\text{ASD: } R_n / FS \geq \sum Q_i$$

Resistance  $\geq$  Effects of Loads

Limitations

- ❖ Does not adequately account for the variability of loads and resistance
- ❖ Does not embody a reasonable measure of strength
- ❖ Subjective selection of factor of safety

### **Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD)**

$$\text{LRFD: } R = \phi R_n \geq \sum \eta_i \gamma_i Q_i = Q$$

Limitations

- ❖ Require the availability of statistical data and probabilistic design algorithms
- ❖ Resistance factors vary with design methods
- ❖ Require the change in design procedure from ASD

## *Explanation*

Where

$R_n$  = nominal strength (e. g., ultimate bearing capacity)

$\sum Q_i$  = nominal load effect

FS = factor of safety

$R_n$  = nominal resistance

$\phi$  = statistically-based resistance factor

$\eta_i$  = load modifier to account for ductility, redundancy and operational importance

$\gamma_i$  = statistically-based load factor

$Q_i$  = load effect.

## LRFD: *load & resistance factor design*

LRFD approach applies separate factors to account for uncertainties in loads and resistances based on the reliability theory.

Reliability-based design takes into account the statistical variability by using the mean and the standard deviation (or the coefficient of variation) of all loads and resistance parameters. Given a set of loads and resistance parameters the process can calculate the “probability of failure”.

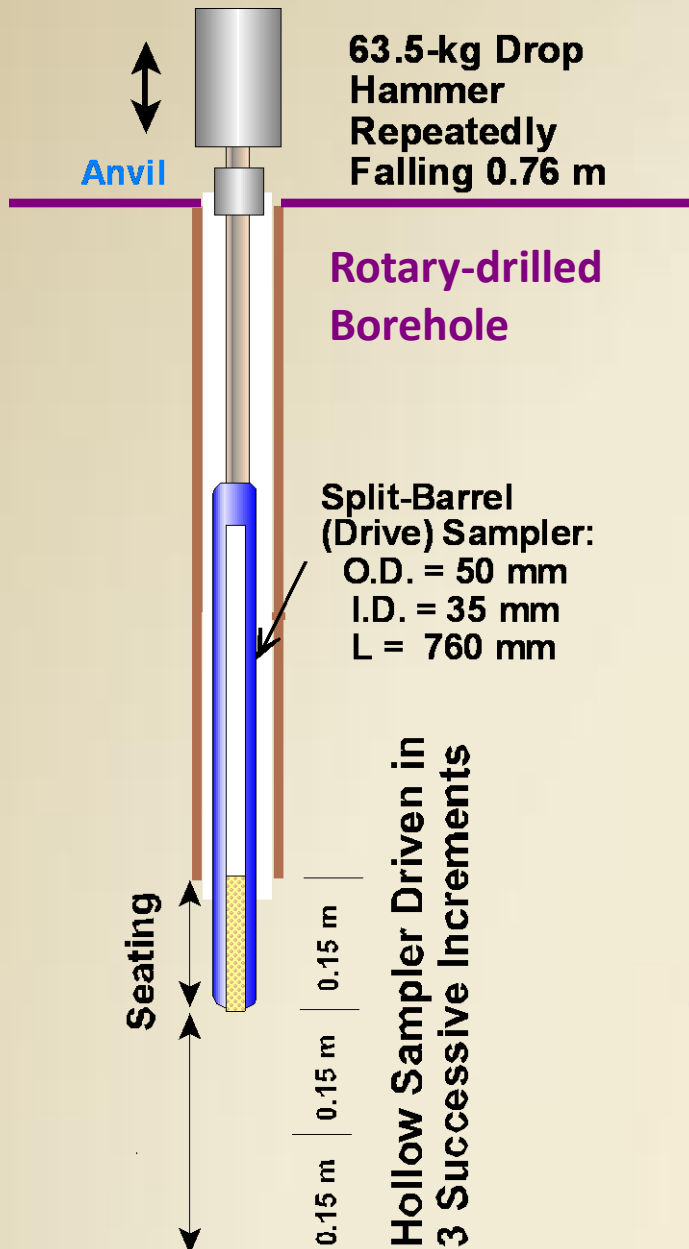
In the LRFD method, external loads are multiplied by load factors while the soil resistances are multiplied by resistance factors.

LRFD recognizes the difference in statistical variability among different loads by using different multipliers for different loads.

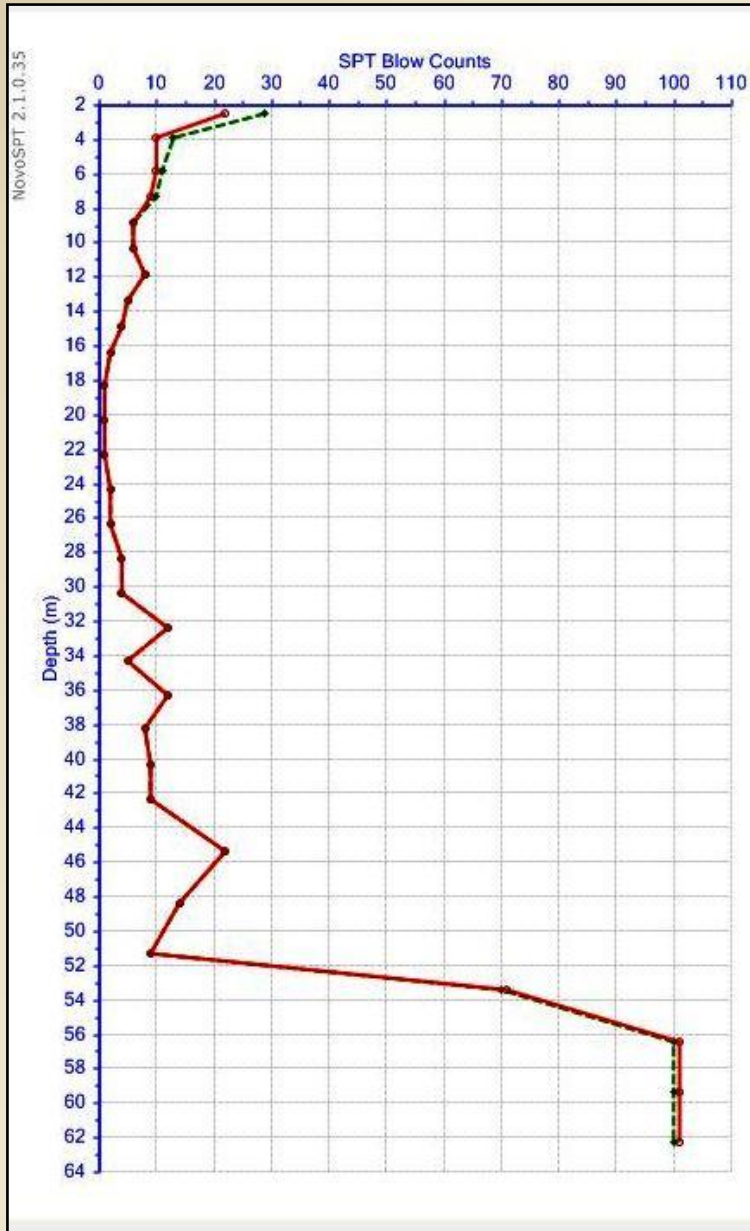
Load and resistance can be modeled by a normal or log normal probability density function based on its distribution characteristics.

SPT-N,  $N_{60}$ ,  $N_{1(60)}$ ,  $N_{1(60)sc}$   
&  
derived parameters

# Standard Penetration Test



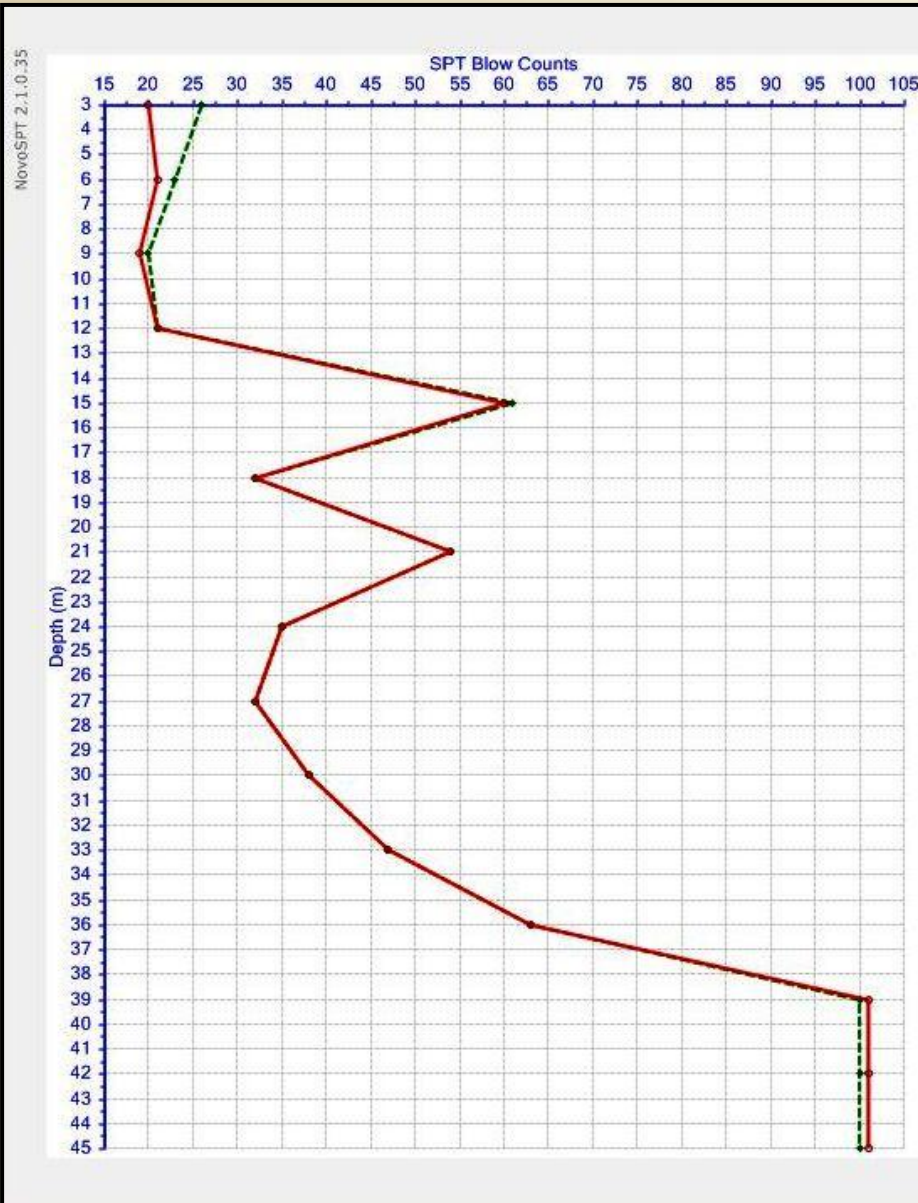
**Standard Penetration Test (SPT)**  
**N = measured Number of Blows to drive sampler 300 mm into soil.**



Data		
Depth (m)	SPT N	SPT N60=N.Ce.Cs.Cr.Cb
2.46	29	22
3.95	13	10
5.85	11	10
7.35	10	9
8.85	6	6
10.35	6	6
11.85	8	8
13.35	5	5
14.85	4	4
16.35	2	2
18.35	1	1
20.35	1	1
22.35	1	1
24.35	2	2
26.35	2	2
28.35	4	4
30.35	4	4
32.35	12	12
34.35	5	5
36.35	12	12
38.25	8	8
40.35	9	9
42.35	9	9
45.35	22	22
48.35	14	14
51.35	9	9
53.45	70	71
56.44	100	101
59.38	100	101
62.27	100	101

*Typical SPT-N & N60 in FILL, Marine CLAY and OA*



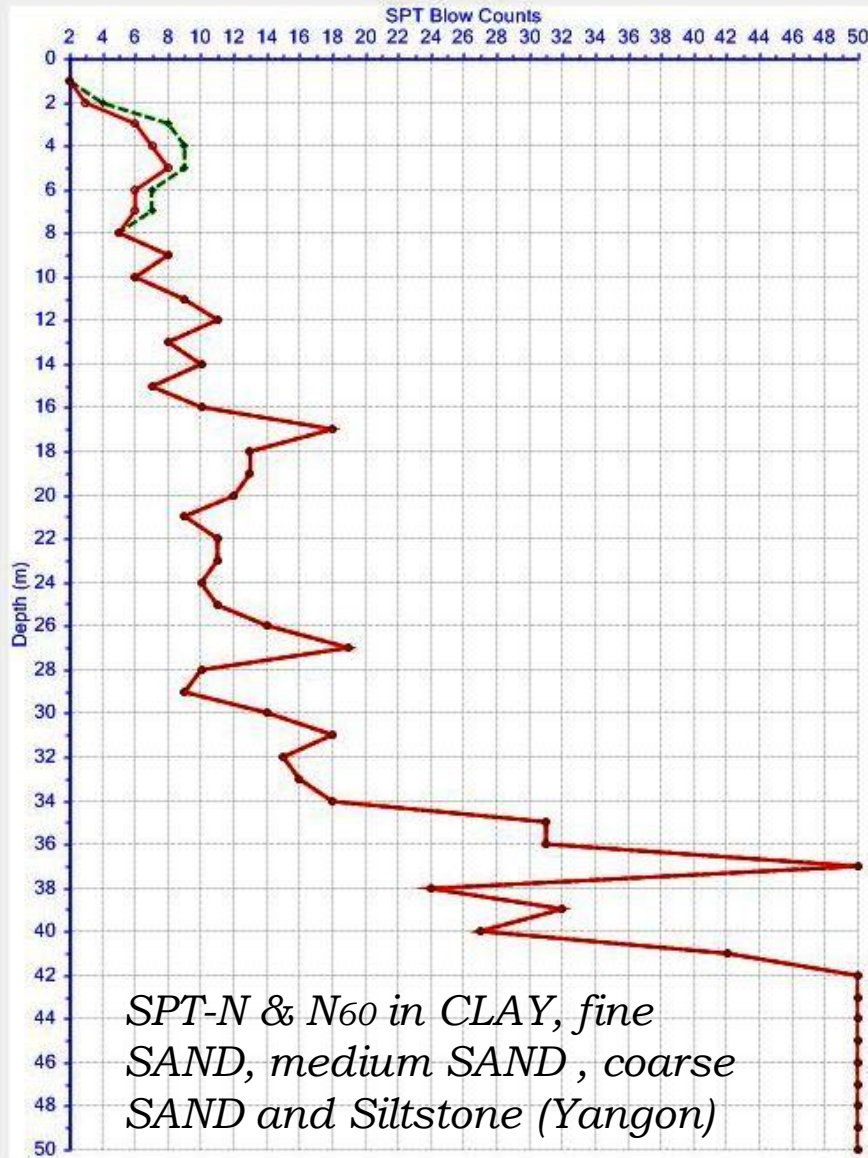


Data

Depth (m)	SPT N	SPT N60=N.Ce.Cs.Cr.Cb
3	26	20
6	23	21
9	20	19
12	21	21
15	61	60
18	32	32
21	54	54
24	35	35
27	32	32
30	38	38
33	47	47
36	63	63
39	100	101
42	100	101
45	100	101

*SPT-N and N60 in reclamation area (Sand FILL and OA) at Changi East*

NovoSPT 2.1.0.35



Data

Depth (m)	SPT N	SPT N <sub>60</sub> =N.Ce.Cs.Cr.Cb
1	2	2
2	4	3
3	8	6
4	9	7
5	9	8
6	7	6
7	7	6
8	5	5
9	8	8
10	6	6
11	9	9
12	11	11
13	8	8
14	10	10
15	7	7
16	10	10
17	18	18
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26	14	14
27	19	19
28	10	10
29	9	9
30	14	14
31	18	18
32	15	15
33	16	16
34	18	18
35	31	31
36	31	31
37	50	50
38	24	24
39	32	32

## The meaning of SPT- $N$ value

*SPT-  $N$  value in sandy soil indicates the friction angle in sandy soil layer*

*SPT-  $N$  value in clay soil indicates the stiffness the clay stratum*

## Correlation between Friction Angle ( $\phi$ ) & SPT- $N$ Value

### Hatakanda and Uchida Equation (1996)

$$\phi = 3.5 \times (N)^{0.5} + 22.3$$

where,  $\phi$  = friction angle

$N$  = SPT value

*Note: This equation ignores the particle size.  
Most tests are done on medium to coarse sands  
Fine sands will have a lower friction angle.*

Correlation between Friction Angle ( $\phi$ ) SPT( $N$ ) Value  
*contd.*

Hatakanda and Uchida Equation (1996)

*Modified*

$$\phi = 3.5 \times (N)^{0.5} + 20 \quad \text{fine sand}$$

$$\phi = 3.5 \times (N)^{0.5} + 21 \quad \text{medium sand}$$

$$\phi = 3.5 \times (N)^{0.5} + 22 \quad \text{coarse sand}$$

where,  $\phi$  = friction angle

$N$  = SPT value

Hatakanda, M. and Uchida, A., 1996: Empirical correlation between penetration resistance and effective friction angle of sandy soil. *Soils and Foundations* 36 (4): 1-9

$$\phi = 53.881 - 27.6034 \cdot e^{-0.0147N}$$

Where,

N = average SPT value of strata (soil layer)

Peck, R. *et al.*, 1974. Foundation Engineering. John Wiley & Sons, New York

## SPT vs. Coefficient of sub-grade reaction

<b>SPT-N</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>
k (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.67E-6	4.08E-6	7.38E-6	9.74E-6	1.45E-5

Johnson, S. M, and Kavanaugh, T. C., 1968. The Design of Foundation for Buildings. McGraw-Hill, New York.

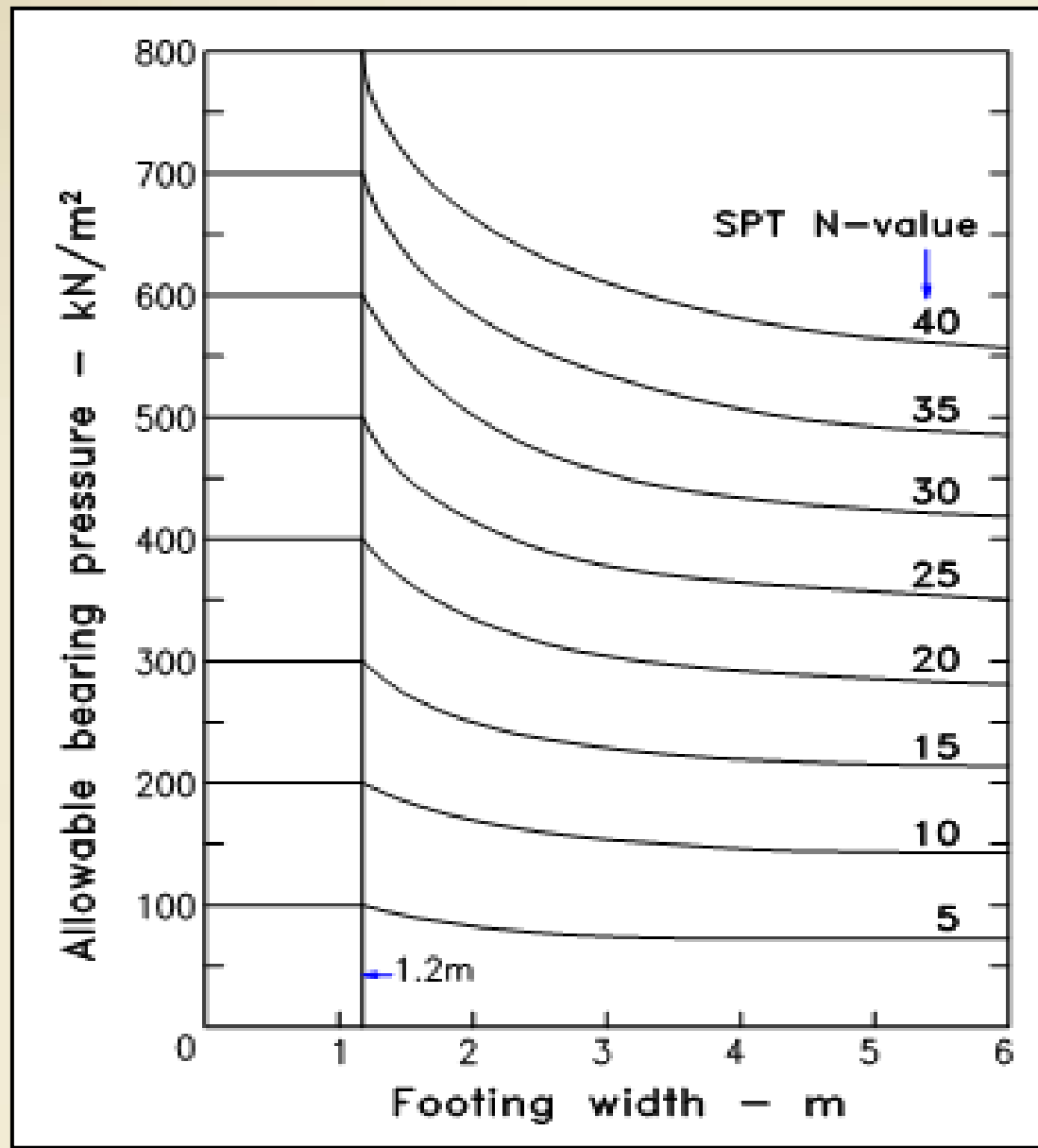
## ASD: allowable stress design based on SPT-N

$Q_{\text{allowable}} =$  1.5 N ksf (Meyerhoff, 1956),  
1.0 N ksf (Terzaghi and Peck, 1967),  
0.37 N ksf (Strounf and Butler, 1975), and  
0.5 N ksf (Reese, Touma, and O'Neill, 1976)  
(1 ksf = 47.88 kPa)

- All these empirical formulas for the allowable end bearing capacity were proposed by different researchers and practitioners assuming a factor of safety of 2.5.
- All uncertainty is embedded in the factor of safety (FS).
- These formula gears towards ASD, for it predicts the allowable soil and rock resistances using the SPT blow count (N) alone.
- Allowable stress design (ASD) treats each load on a structure with equal statistical variability.



Allowable bearing pressure for footing of settlement limited to 25 mm (Bowles, 1982)



## *Rule of thumb* methods to compute bearing capacity

Bearing capacity of FINE SAND:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Allowable bearing capacity (kPa)} &= 9.6 N_{\text{average}} \text{ (not to exceed } 380 \text{ kPa)} \\ &= 0.2 N_{\text{average}} \text{ (not to exceed } 8 \text{ ksf)}\end{aligned}$$

Procedure

Step 1. Find the average SPT-N value below the bottom of footing to a depth equal to width of the footing.

Step 2. If the soil within this range is fine sand, the above rule of thumb can be used.

*Rule of thumb* methods to compute bearing capacity  
*contd.*

Bearing capacity of Medium to Coarse SAND:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Allowable bearing capacity (kPa)} &= 9.6 N_{\text{average}} \text{ (not to exceed} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad 575 \text{ kPa)} \\ &= 0.2 N_{\text{average}} \text{ (not to exceed} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad 12 \text{ ksf)}\end{aligned}$$

Procedure

Step 1. Find the average SPT-N value below the bottom of footing to a depth equal to width of the footing.

Step 2. If the soil within this range is medium to coarse sand, the above rule of thumb can be used.

Note: if the average SPT-N value is < 10, soil should be compacted.

# SPT-N corrections

## Corrected SPT: $N_{60}$ & $N1(60)$

$$N_{60} = N_m \times C_E \times C_S \times C_B \times C_R$$

$$N1(60) = C_N \times N_{60}$$

Where,

$N_m$  = SPT measured in field

$C_N$  = overburden correlation factor =  $(P_a/\sigma')^{0.5}$

$P_a$  = 100 kPa

$\sigma'$  = effective stress of soil at point of measurement

$C_E$  = energy correlation factor for SPT hammer, safety hammer(0.6 – 0.85);  
donut hammer (0.3-0.6); automatic hammer (0.8-1.0)

$C_B$  = borehole diameter correction, 65 – 115 mm (1.0); 150 mm(1.05);  
200 mm (1.15)

$C_R$  = rod length correlation, <3m (0.75); 3 – 4m, 0.8, 4-6m, 0.85; 6-10m, 0.95;  
10-30m, 1.0)(i.e., adjustment for weight of rods)

$C_s$  = sampling method, standard sampler (1.0); sampler w/o liner (1.1-1.3)

## Bearing capacity methods using $N_{60}$

Meyerhof, 1976 (based on 25mm settlement)

$$q_a = N_{60} \cdot K_d / F_1 \quad B \leq F_4$$

$$q_a = N_{60} \cdot K_d \cdot (B + F_3) / (B \cdot F_2) \quad B > F_4$$

where

$$K_d = 1 + D_f / (3B) \leq 1.33,$$

F1 to F4 defined as SI units:

- $F_1 = 0.05$  ,  $F_2 = 0.08$  ,  $F_3 = 0.30$  ,  $F_4 = 1.20$
- $N_{60}$  = average SPT blow counts from  $0.5B$  above to  $2B$  below the foundation level.

## Bearing capacity methods using $N_{60}$ (*contd.*)

Burland and Burbidge, 1985 (based on 25 mm settlement)

$$q_a = 2540 \cdot N_{60}^{1.4} / (10^T \cdot B^{0.75})$$

Where

$N_{60}$  = average SPT blow counts to a depth of  $B^{0.75}$  below footing

$T \sim 2.23$

Parry, 1977 (based on 25mm settlement)

The allowable bearing capacity for cohesionless soil

$$q_a = 30N_{60} \quad D_f \leq B$$

Where

$N_{60}$  = average SPT blow counts below  $0.75B$  underneath the footing.

## General Terzaghi Formula

The following Terzaghi equation is used for indirect estimation of bearing capacity of shallow footing on cohesionless soil.

$$q_{ult} = (qN_q) + (0.5\gamma BN_\gamma)$$

where:

$q$  = the overburden stress at foundation level ( $D_f$ ).

$$N_q = e^{[\pi \cdot \tan(\phi)]} [\tan(\pi/4 + \phi/2)]^2 \quad \text{Bowles 1996}$$

$$N_\gamma = 1.5(N_q - 1) \cdot \tan(\phi) \quad \text{Brinch \& Hansen 1970}$$

$\phi$  = friction angle correlated by Hatanaka and Uchida (1996) equation, based on SPT at foundation level



$N_{1(60)}$

Peck, 1974

Allowable bearing capacity using  $N_{1(60)}$

$$q_a = 10.6N_{1(60)}$$

$$N_{1(60)} = C_n \cdot N_{60}$$

Example computation using a SPT program (NovoSPT pro 2.1.035)  
SPT data: Marina South

- A shallow foundation is placed on SAND
- The footing depth ( $D_f$ ) is 4.15 m below ground level (where sand layer starts)
- The footing width ( $B$ ) is 1.0 to 3.0 m
- Shear Failure Safety Factor is 3.0

Note: Safety factor is applied only to Terzaghi method. Others are based on 25 mm settlement.

Soil parameters

- ✓  $\phi$  (Hatanaka & Uchida, 1996) = 32.1
- ✓  $N_q$  (Bowles, 1996) = 23.45
- ✓  $N_\gamma$  (Brinch & Hansen, 1970) = 21.12
- ✓  $N_{60} = 7$ ;  $N_{1(60)} = 8$
- ✓ Effective stress at  $D_f$  (kPa) = 76.91

## Bearing Capacity (kPa) results *for comparison*

Equation	B=1m	B=1.5m	B=2m	B=2.5m	B=3m
Burland and Burbidge, 1985 (25mm settlement)	228	168	216	182	159
Bowles /Meyerhof, 1976 (25mm settlement)	259	195	201	200	208
Parry, 1977 (25mm settlement)	$D_f > B$				
Terzaghi (Ultimate)	652	677	703	728	754

# End bearing capacity of piles in sandy soil

$$q = c \times N \text{ (MN/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$q = 20.88 \times c \times N \text{ (ksf)}$$

*q = end bearing capacity of the pile*

*Total end bearing = q x area ( $\pi d^2 / 4$ )*

*N = SPT-N value (per 30.48cm)*

*c = 0.45 for pure sand*

*c = 0.35 for silty sand*

Martin, R. E, Seli, J. J., Powell, G. W. , and Bertoulin, M. 1987.  
Concrete Pile Design in Tidewater Virginia. *ASCE Journal of  
Geotechnical Engineering* 113(6):568-585.

## End bearing capacity in Clay (driven pile)

Skempton (1959)

$$q = 9 \cdot C_u$$

$q$  = end bearing capacity

$C_u$  = cohesion of soil at tip of pile

Cf#

Martin et al., 1987

$$q = C \cdot N \text{ MN/m}^2$$

$C = 0.20$        $N = \text{SPT value at pile tip}$

## End bearing capacity in Clay (bored pile)

Shioi and Fukui (1982)

$$q = C \cdot N \quad \text{MN/m}^2$$

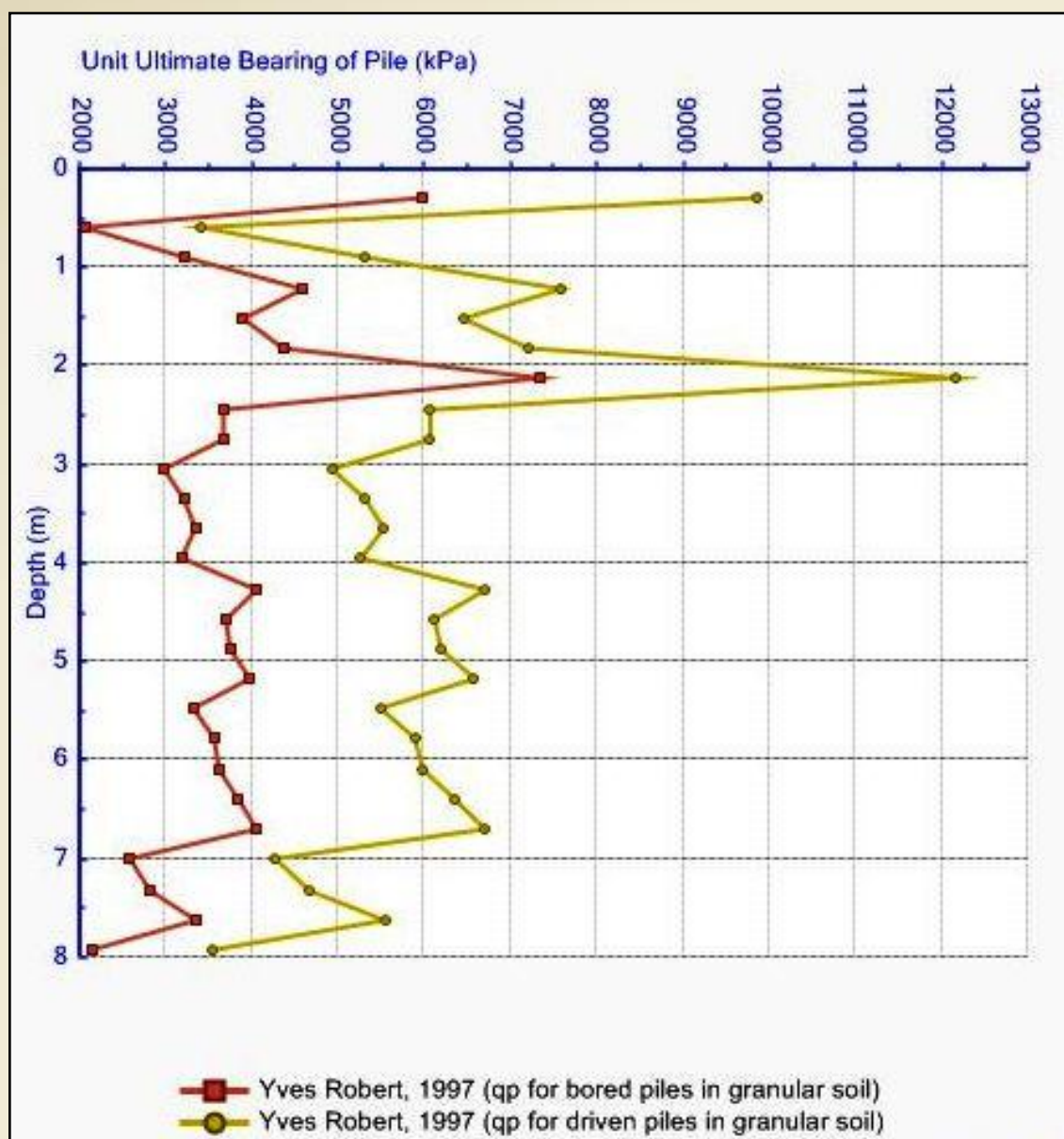
$q$  = end bearing capacity

$C = 0.15$

$N$  = SPT value at pile tip

# Unit Ultimate Bearing Capacity of piles

Example using NovoSPT



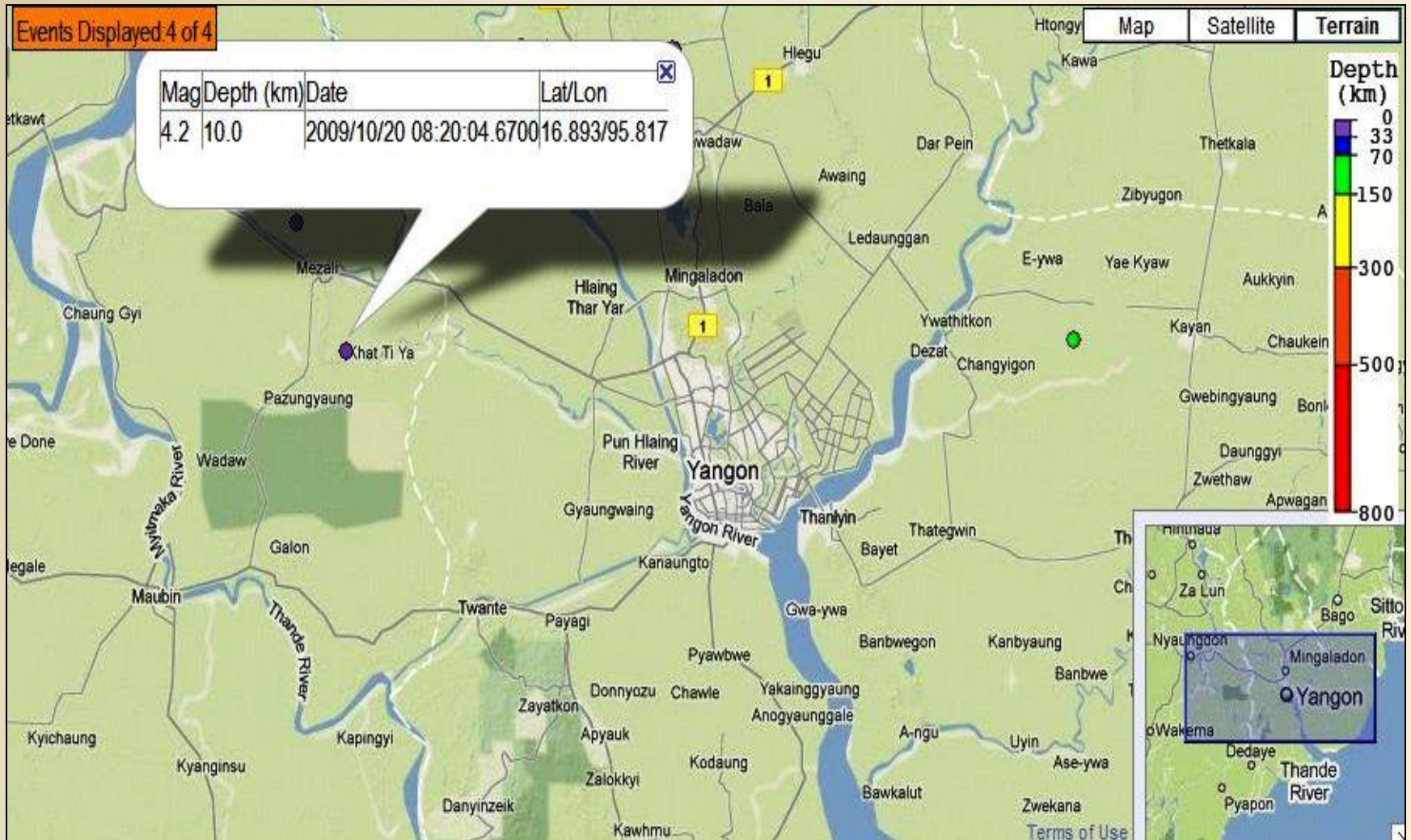
## Liquefaction

Sandy and silty soils have tendency to lose strength and turn into a liquid-like state during earthquakes.

This is due to increase in pore pressure in the soil caused by seismic waves.

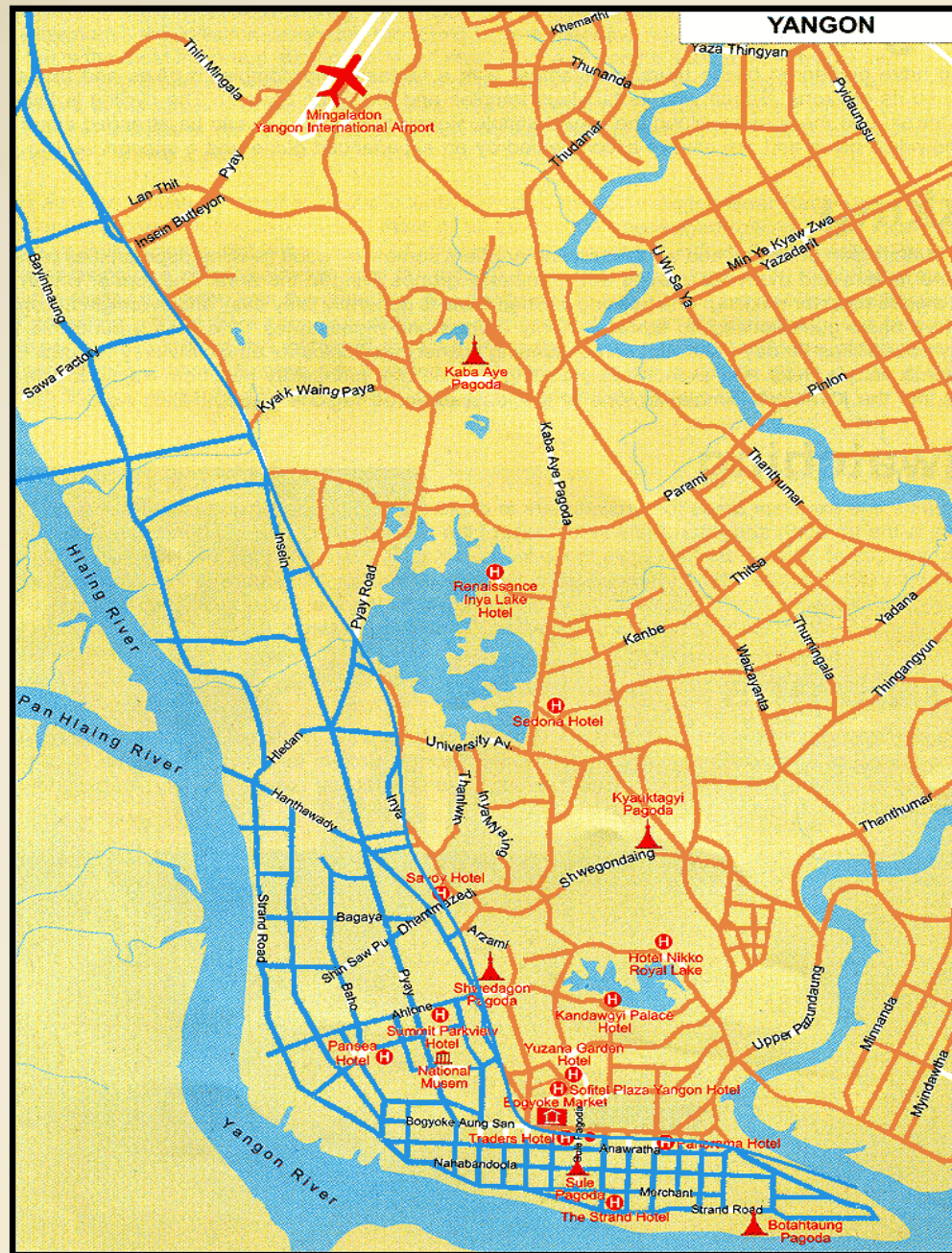


# Iris EQ web browser data





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Unconsolidated  
Sediments

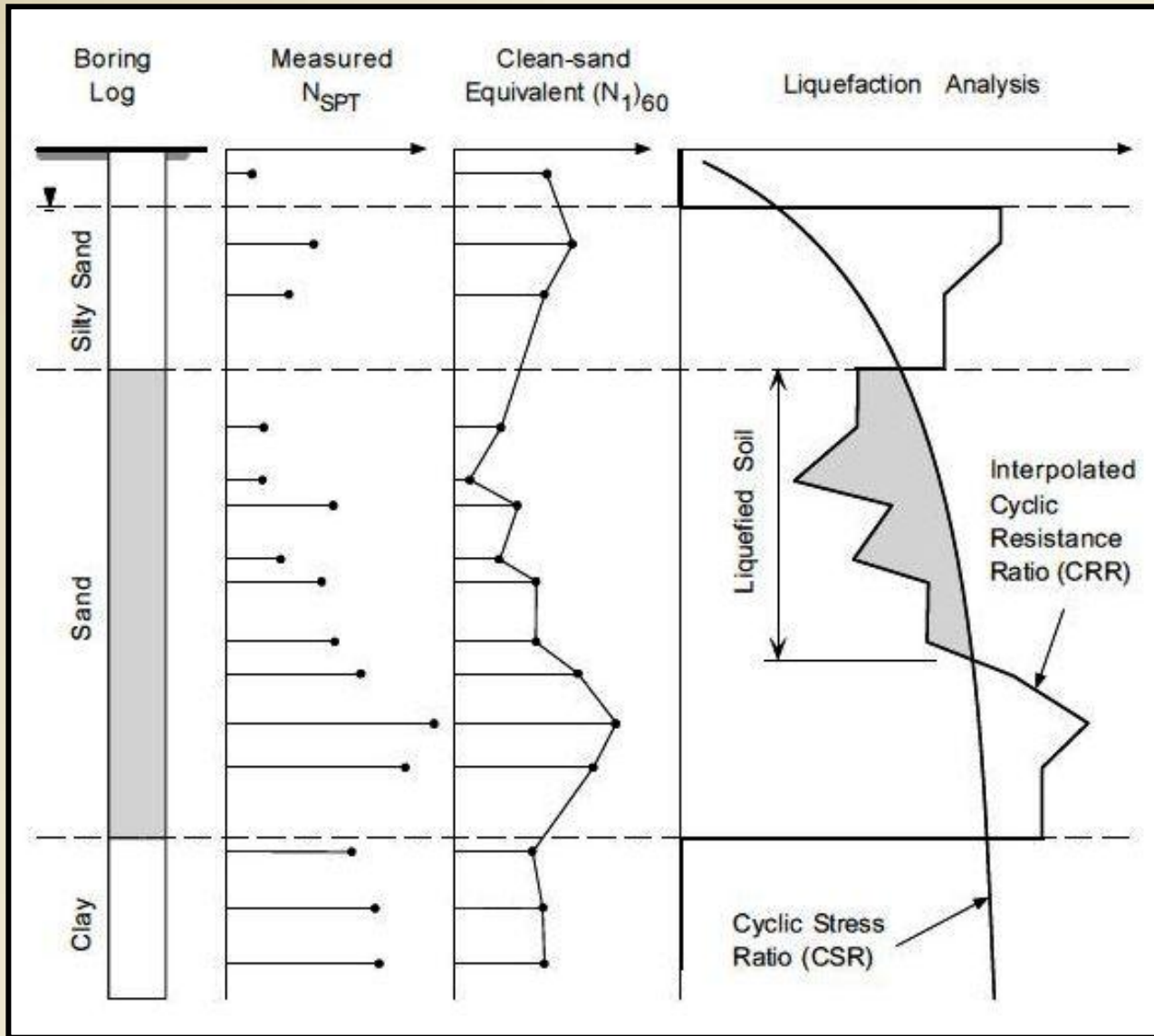




## Site ONE: liquefaction analysis for foundation



# LQF Analysis by SPT-N





CSR (cyclic stress ratio) or SSR (seismic stress ratio)

$$CSR = \frac{\tau_{ave}}{\sigma'_{vo}} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \frac{\sigma_{vo}}{\sigma'_{vo}} r_d$$

where:  $CSR$  = Cyclic stress ratio.

$a_{max}$  = Soil surface of acceleration.

$g$  = Acceleration due to gravity.

$\sigma'_{vo}$  = Initial effective vertical stress at depth  $z$ .

$\sigma_{vo}$  = Total vertical stress at depth  $z$ .

$r_d$  = Dimensionless parameter that accounts for the stress reduction due to soil column deformability.

## CRR (cyclic resistance ratio): soil resistance to liquefaction

A general rule is that any soil that has an SPT value higher than 30 will not liquefy.

For clean sand with less than 5% fines,

$$CRR_{7.5} = 1 / [34 - (N_1)_{60}] + (N_1)_{60} / 135 + 50 / [10 \times (N_1)_{60} + 45]^2 - 2 / 200$$

$CRR_{7.5}$  = soil resistance to liquefaction for an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.5 Richter

Note: correlation factor is needed for other magnitudes

# $N_{1,60cs}$

(NCEER 1997, Youd et al. 2001)

$$N_{1,60cs} = \alpha + \beta N_{1,60}$$

where:

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } FC \leq 5\% \\ \exp[1.76 - (190/FC^2)] & \text{for } 5\% < FC \leq 35\% \\ 5.0 & \text{for } FC > 35\% \end{cases}$$

$$\beta = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{for } FC \leq 5\% \\ [0.99 - (FC^{1.5}/1000)] & \text{for } 5\% < FC \leq 35\% \\ 1.2 & \text{for } FC > 35\% \end{cases}$$

## Summary of liquefaction Analysis

(site classification for seismic site response)

Hledan Kamayut site (site category E & F)	SPT- N1(60) (average)	Dr, %	V <sub>s</sub> m/sec	V <sub>s</sub> (30) (Vs1sc)	Thickness, m	LQF zone* (0.3g, M7.5)
HLD BH-02	6	< 50	189	160 (138)	13.0	10.0 – 23.0 m
HLD BH-06	5	< 45	178	150 (132)	17.0	8.0 – 25.0 m

Bo Soon Pat site (site category E)	SPT- N1(60) (average)	Dr, %	V <sub>s</sub> m/sec	V <sub>s</sub> (30) (Vs1sc)	Thickness, m	LQF zone* (0.3g, M7.5)
BSP BH-04	11	>50	230	185 (160)	20	8-28
BSP BH-08	10	> 55	213	220 (157)	5	8.5-13.5

\* below ground level

Note: amplification is greater in lower velocity

expected Site Period ≈ 1.0 s

$$(Vs1)cs = 87.7 [N1(60)cs]^{0.253}$$

( after Andrus et al., 2003)



## Comments on liquefaction analysis

Summary of soil index and post liquefaction parameters								
Site		Soil Index			Post LQF Parameters			Site Category
Hledan Kamayut		N1(60)cs	$\sigma'$ , kPa	Dr,%	Shear Strain, % (Max.)	Settlement, cm (Max.)	LDI, cm (Max.)	E & F
Depth, m 8.0 – 25.0	0.2g	5-15	110-280	< 50	50	55	450	
	0.3g				>50	105	1000	
Bo Soon Pat Downtown		N1(60)cs	$\sigma'$ , kPa	Dr,%	Shear Strain % (Max.)	Settlement, cm (Max.)	LDI, cm (Max.)	E
Depth, m 8.0 – 28.0	0.2g	10-18	100-300	35-55	50	20	110	
	0.3g				50	55	450	

Thickness of penetrated surface layer is about 6.0m (after Obermeier *et al.*, 2005) at both sites at 0.3g.

# CPT: *cone penetration test*

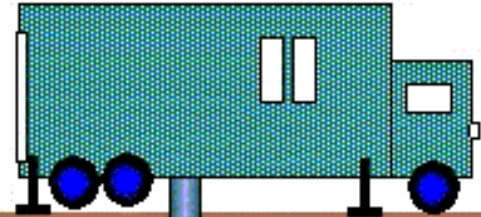
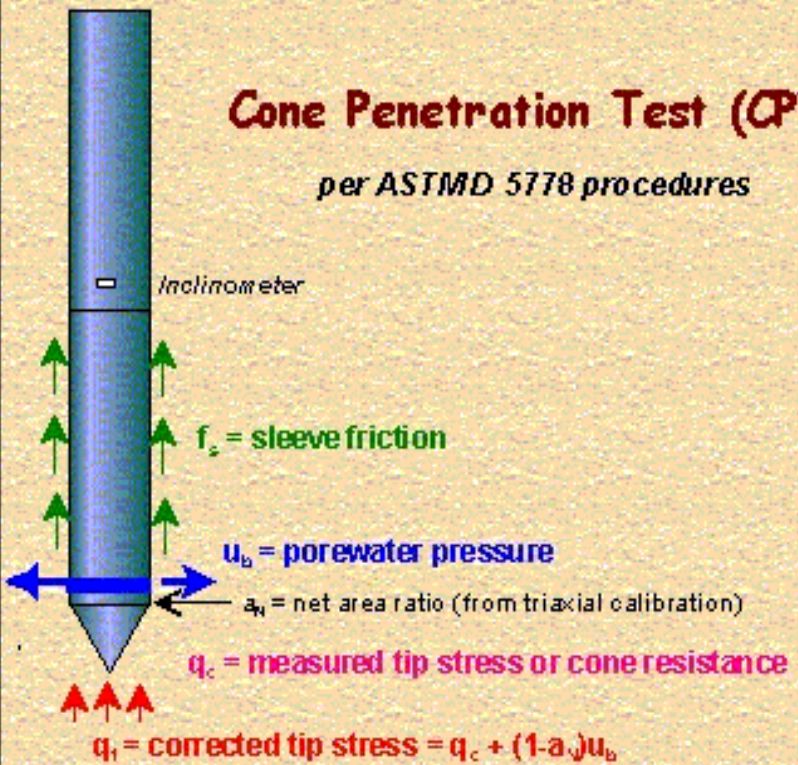
# Cone Penetration Test

Electric Cone Penetrometer  
with 60° Apex:  
d = 36 mm (10 cm<sup>2</sup>)  
or  
d = 44 mm (15 cm<sup>2</sup>)

- Cable to Computer
1. Saturation of Cone Tip Cavities and Placement of Pre-Saturated Porous Filter Element.
  2. Obtain Baseline Readings for Tip, Sleeve, Porewater Transducer, & Inclinometer Channels

## Cone Penetration Test (CPT)

per ASTM D 5778 procedures



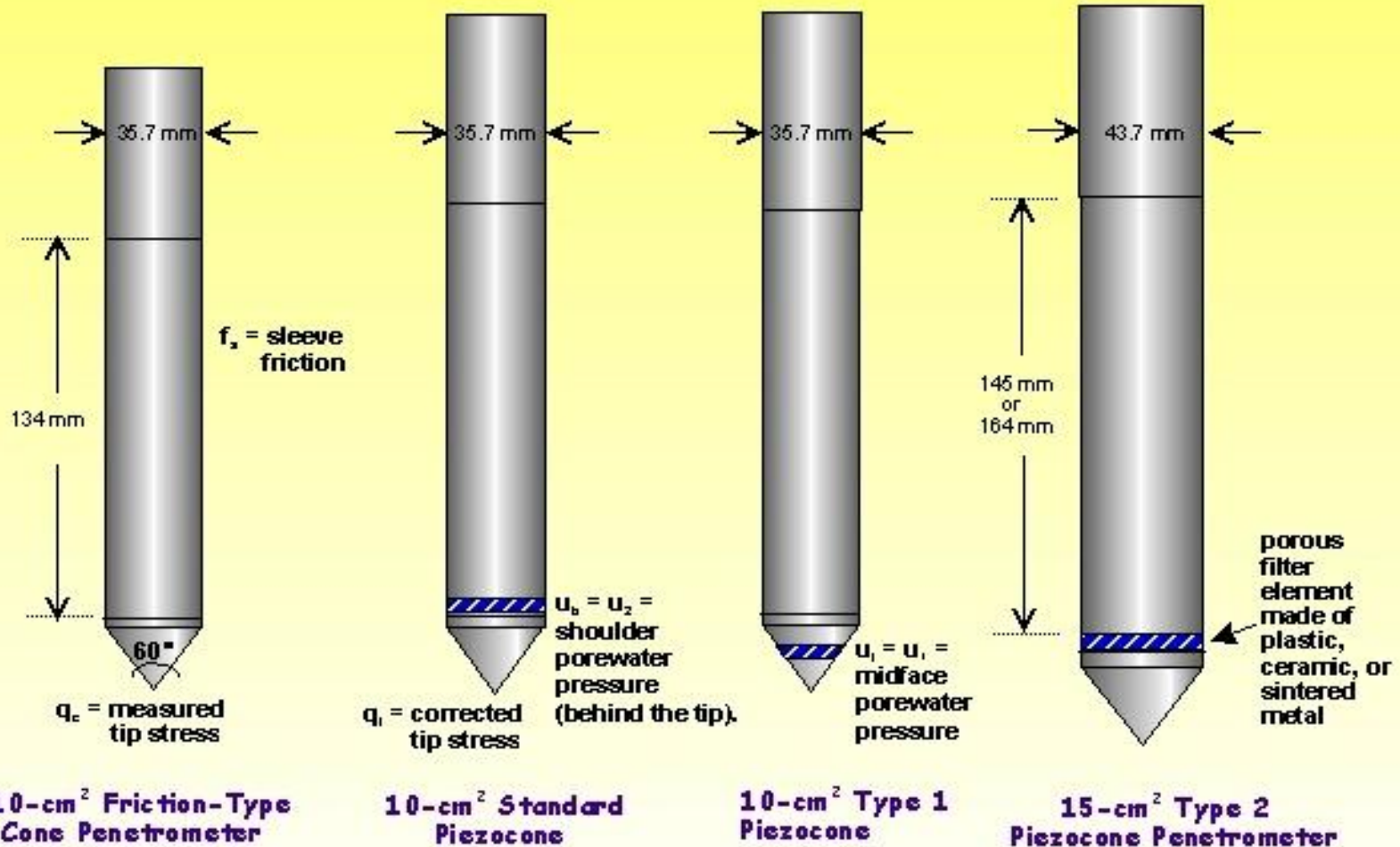
Continuous Hydraulic Push at 20 mm/s; Add rod every 1 m.

Cone Rod (36-mm diam.)

Readings taken every 10 to 50 mm

$f_s$   
 $u_b$   
 $q_t$

# piezocones



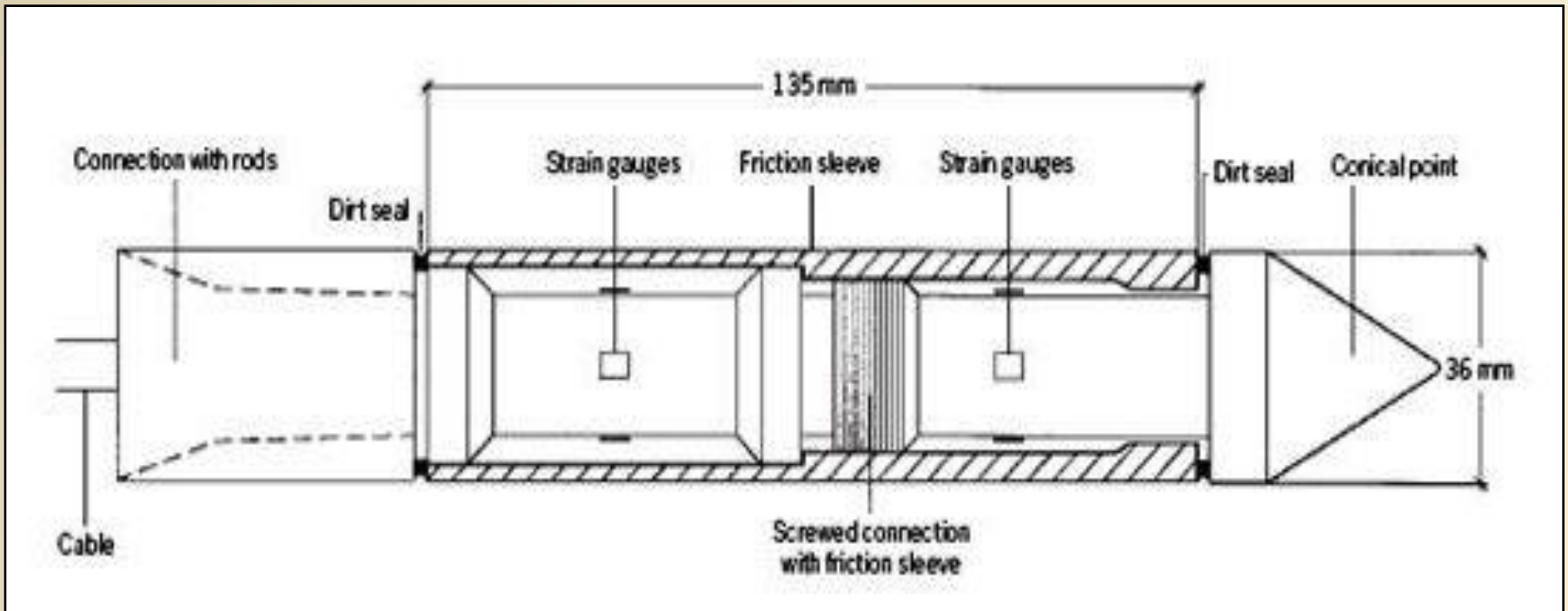


## GEOTECH AB

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

	<u>Nova</u>	<u>Classic</u>
<b>Point resistance (qc)</b>	20, 50, 100 MPa	10, 50, 100 MPa
-Accuracy	< 0.2% FS	< 0.4% FS
-Resolution	< 0.0025% FS	< 0.08% FS
-Net area factor, cone	0,82	0,58
<b>Sleeve friction (fs)</b>	0.5 and 1 MPa	0.5 MPa
-Accuracy	< 0.2% FS	< 0.4% FS
-Resolution	< 0.0025% FS	< 0.08% FS
-Net area factor, sleeve friction	0.0	0.014
<b>Dynamic por pressure (u)</b>	1, 1.5 and 5 MPa	2.5 MPa
-Accuracy	< 0.4% FS	< 0.5% FS
-Resolution	< 0.0025% FS	< 0.08% FS
<b>Tilt sensor</b>	0-40 deg.	0-40 deg.
<b>Weigth</b>	~ 1.25 kg	~ 2,1 kg
<b>Length</b>	230 mm	470 mm

# Details of a piezocone



# CPT rig set up for operation

*Start CPT animation*



## Coneplot Setup

Customer Name

A/D Counts per Volt

Pore Pressure Time Step (s)

Channel 2 Pore Pressure Scale Factor

Plot Hydrostatic Pressure  Yes  No

Depth Units  Meters  Feet

Soil Behavior Graph Style  Line  Text  
 Color Bar

Soil Behavior Rolling Average Interval (# of readings)  1  3  5  7

Foreign Language Support  Yes  No

Print Values on Step Graphs  Yes  No

Sounding Printout Style  Classic  New

Dissipation Printout Style  Classic  New

Seismic Printout Style  Classic  New

KEY

OK

Cancel

### Tip Resistance Plot Options

- Uncorrected (Qc)  
 Corrected (Qt)

### Friction Plot Direction

- Left-to-Right  
 Right-to-Left

### Friction Ratio Plot Direction

- Left-to-Right  
 Right-to-Left

Soil Density  (lb/cu ft)

Net Area Ratio

Use mPD Depth

Print Graph in Color

### PRINTER LINE WIDTHS

Data  Borders

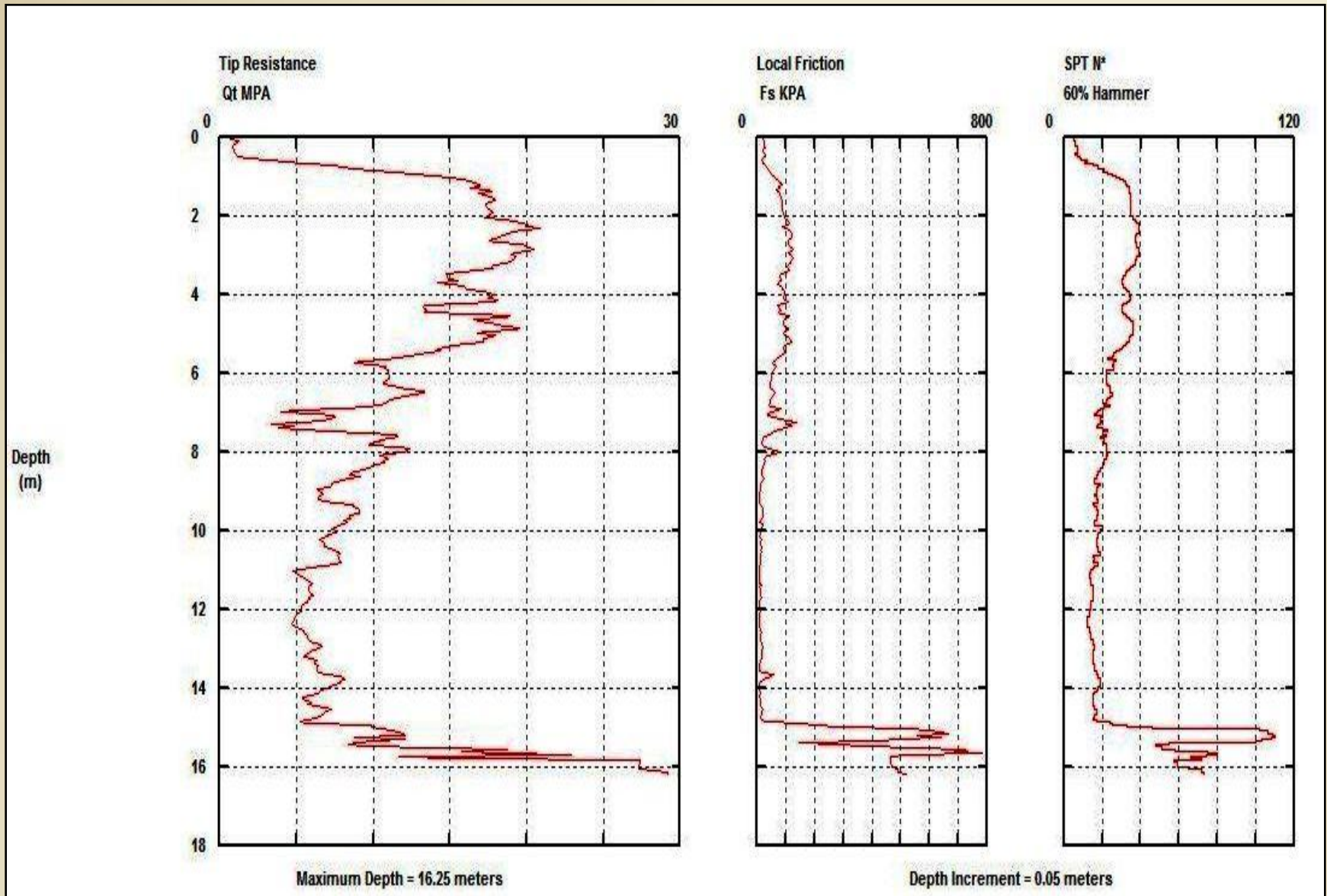
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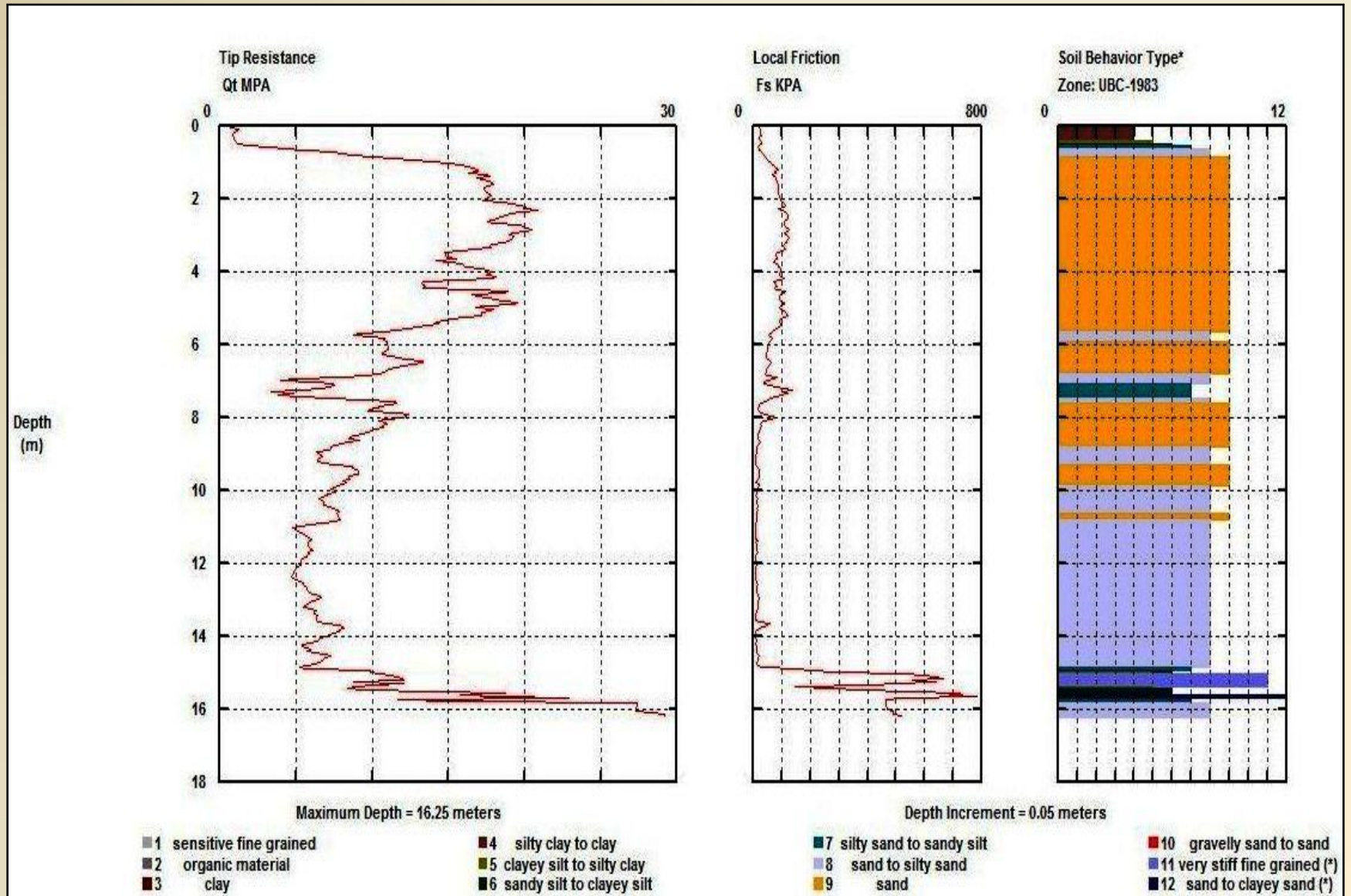
Cone name		Serial number	Date of purchase		
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Ranges		Geometric parameters		Scaling factors	
Point resistance	<input type="text"/> [MPa]	Area factor a	<input type="text"/>	Point resistance	Summary length
Local friction	<input type="text"/> [MPa]	Area factor b	<input type="text"/>	Local friction	<input type="text"/> [m]
Pore pressure	<input type="text"/> [MPa]	Tip area	<input type="text"/> [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Pore pressure	Length from last calibration
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Show Marina CPT example with NovoCPT

# Measured & derived geotechnical parameters

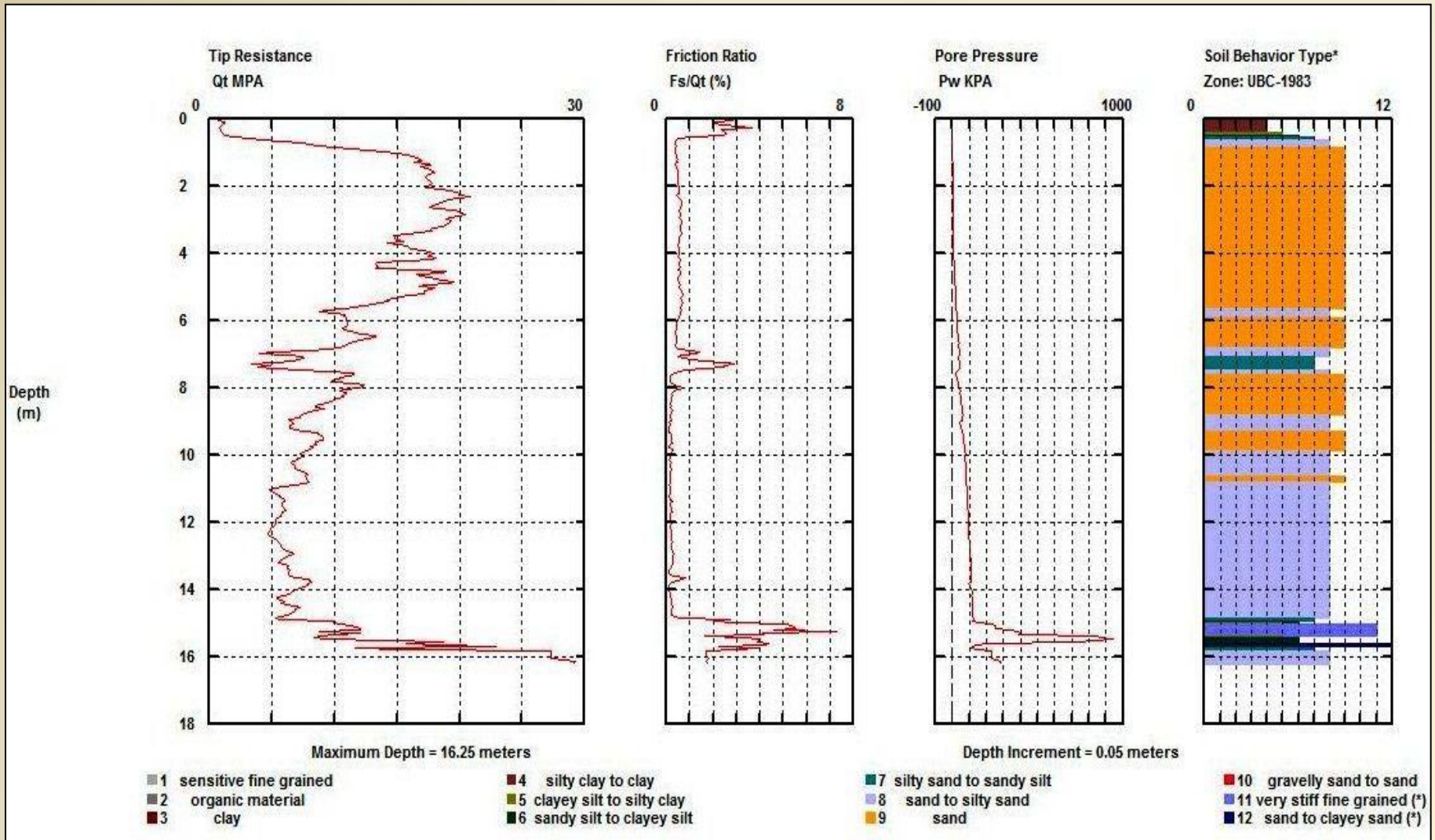


# Measured parameters with soil interpretation

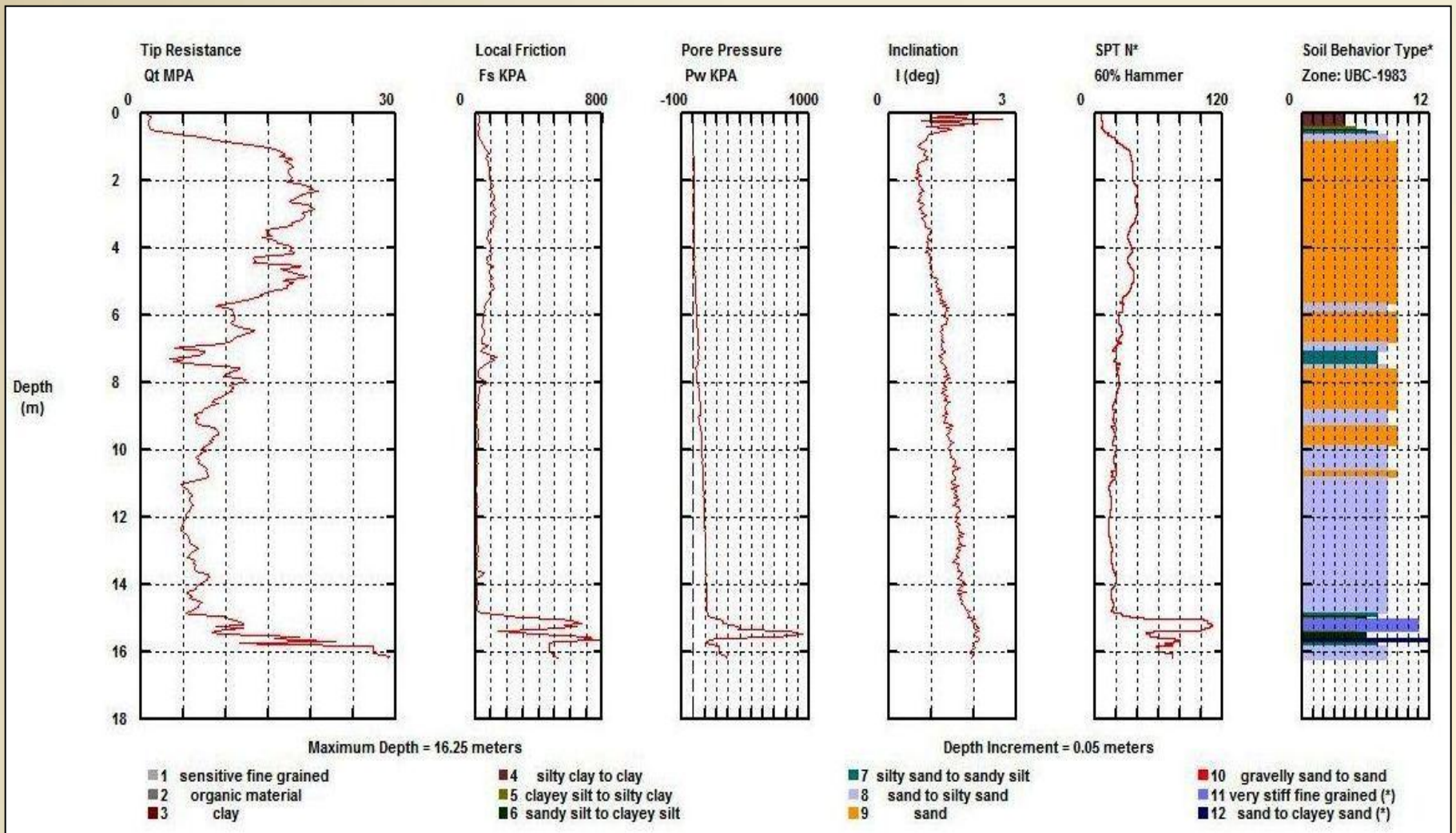




# CPT Profiles

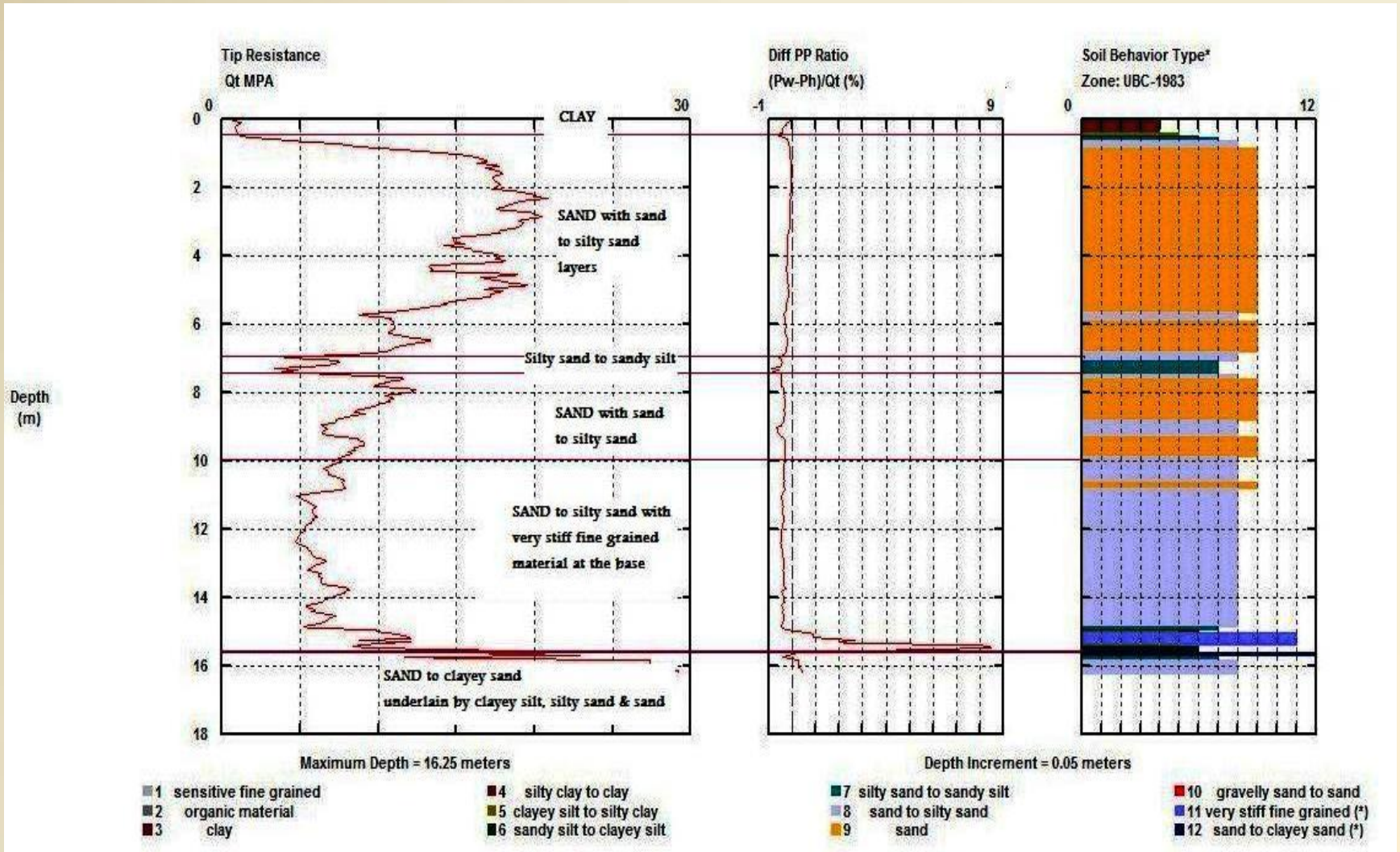


# CPT Profiles – basic parameters

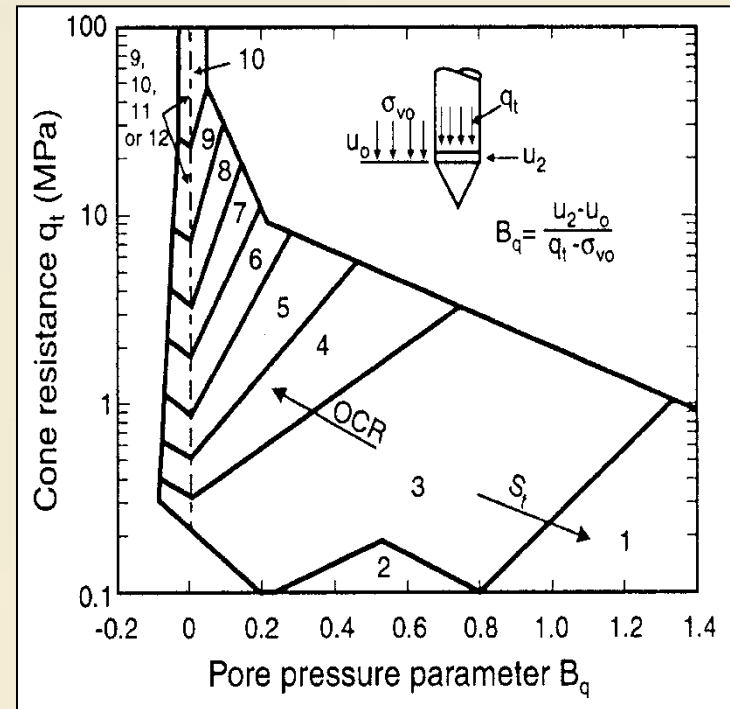
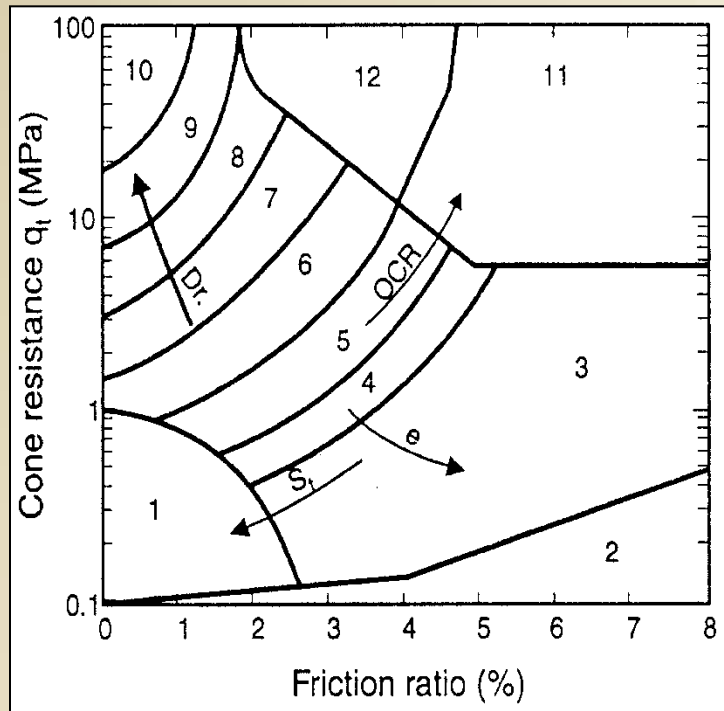




# Detail interpretation



# CPT Soil Behavioral Classification

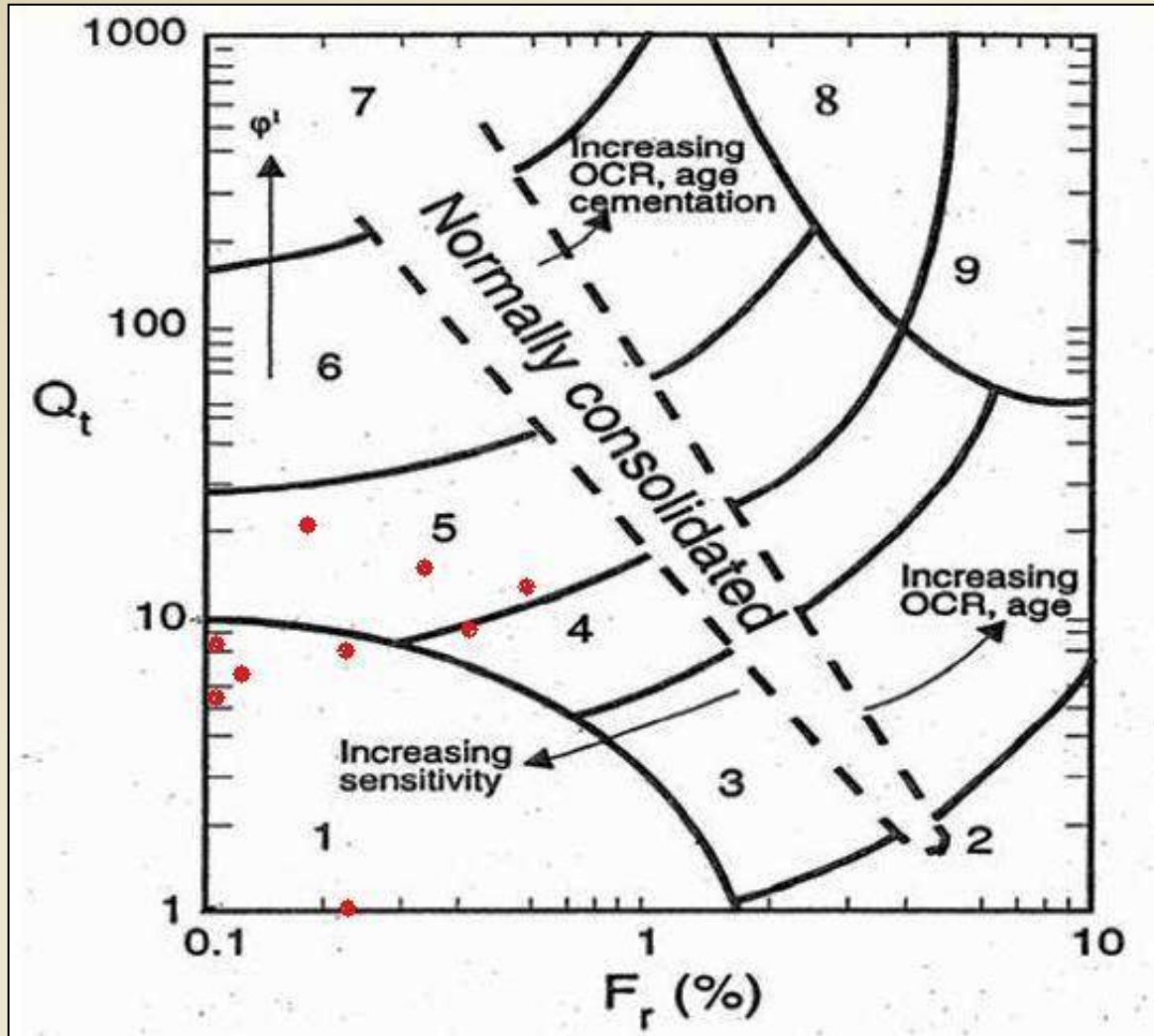


## Soil Behavior Type (Robertson et al., 1986; Robertson & Campanella, 1988)

- |                            |                               |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 – Sensitive fine grained | 5 – Clayey silt to silty clay | 9 – sand                      |
| 2 – Organic material       | 6 – Sandy silt to silty sand  | 10 – Gravelly sand to sand    |
| 3 – Clay                   | 7 – Silty sand to sandy silt  | 11 – Very stiff fine grained* |
| 4 – Silty clay to clay     | 8 – Sand to silty sand        | 12 – Sand to clayey sand*     |

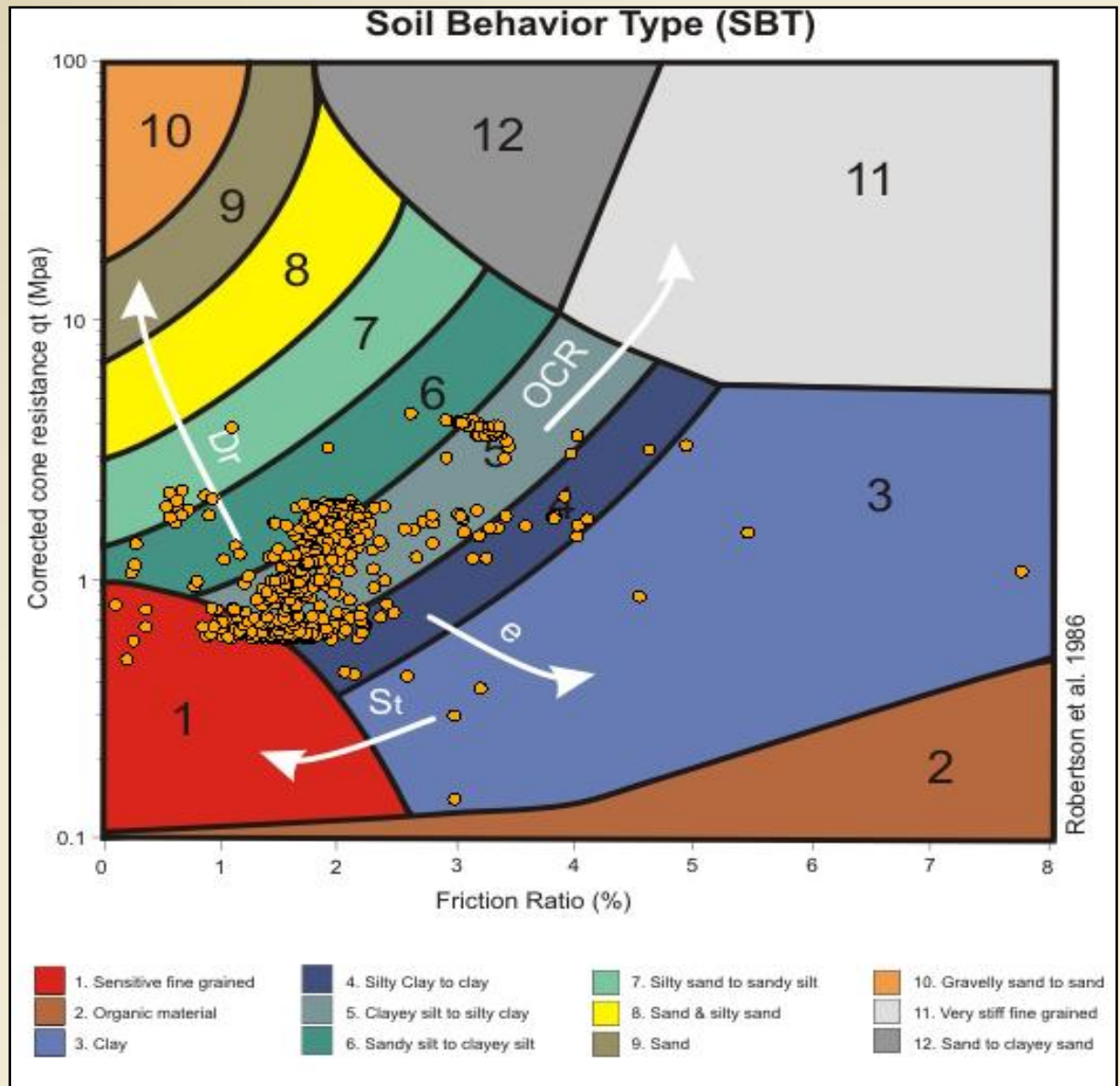
*\*Note: Overconsolidated or cemented*

# Soil interpretation based on $Q_t$ and $F_r$

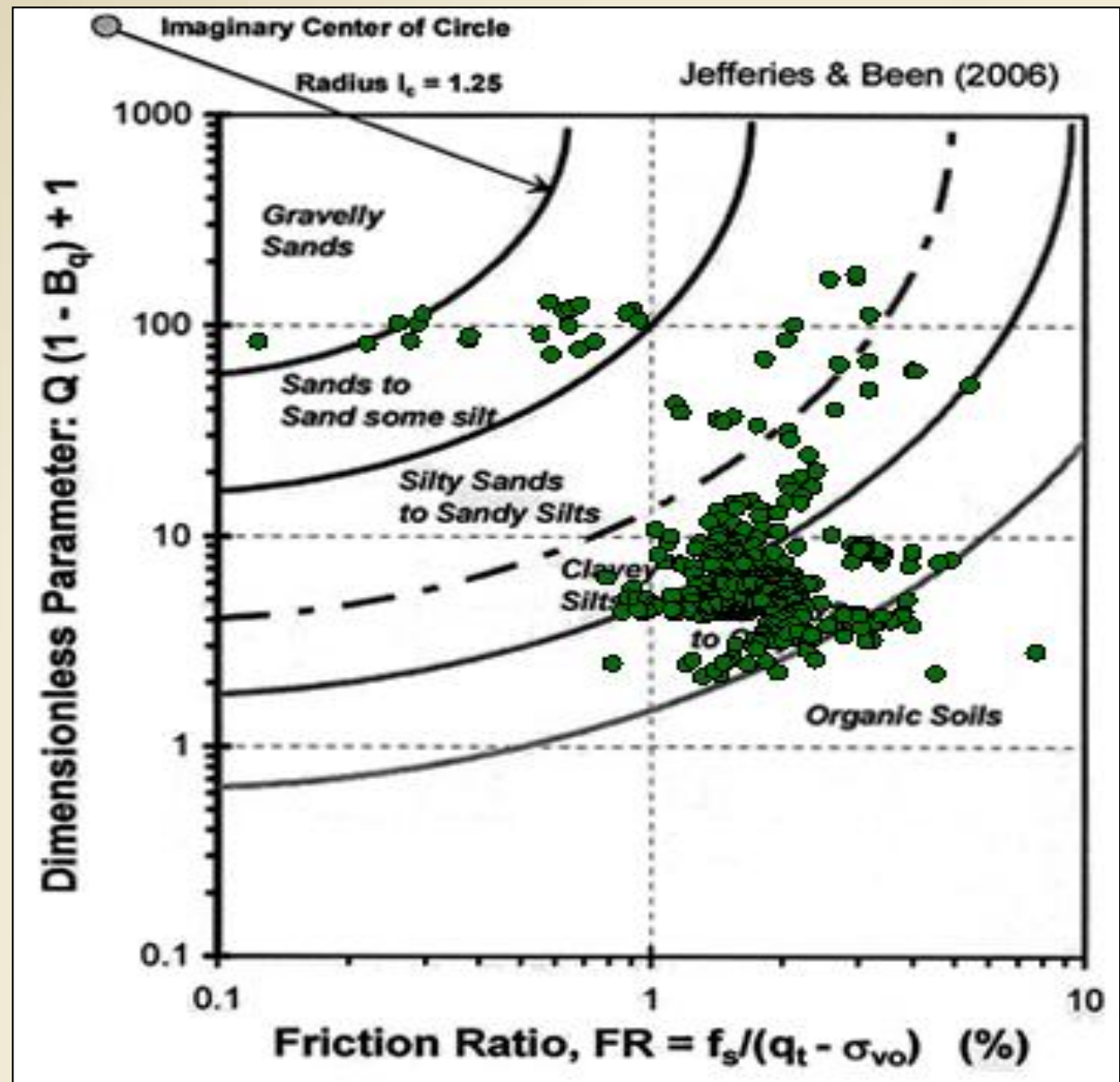




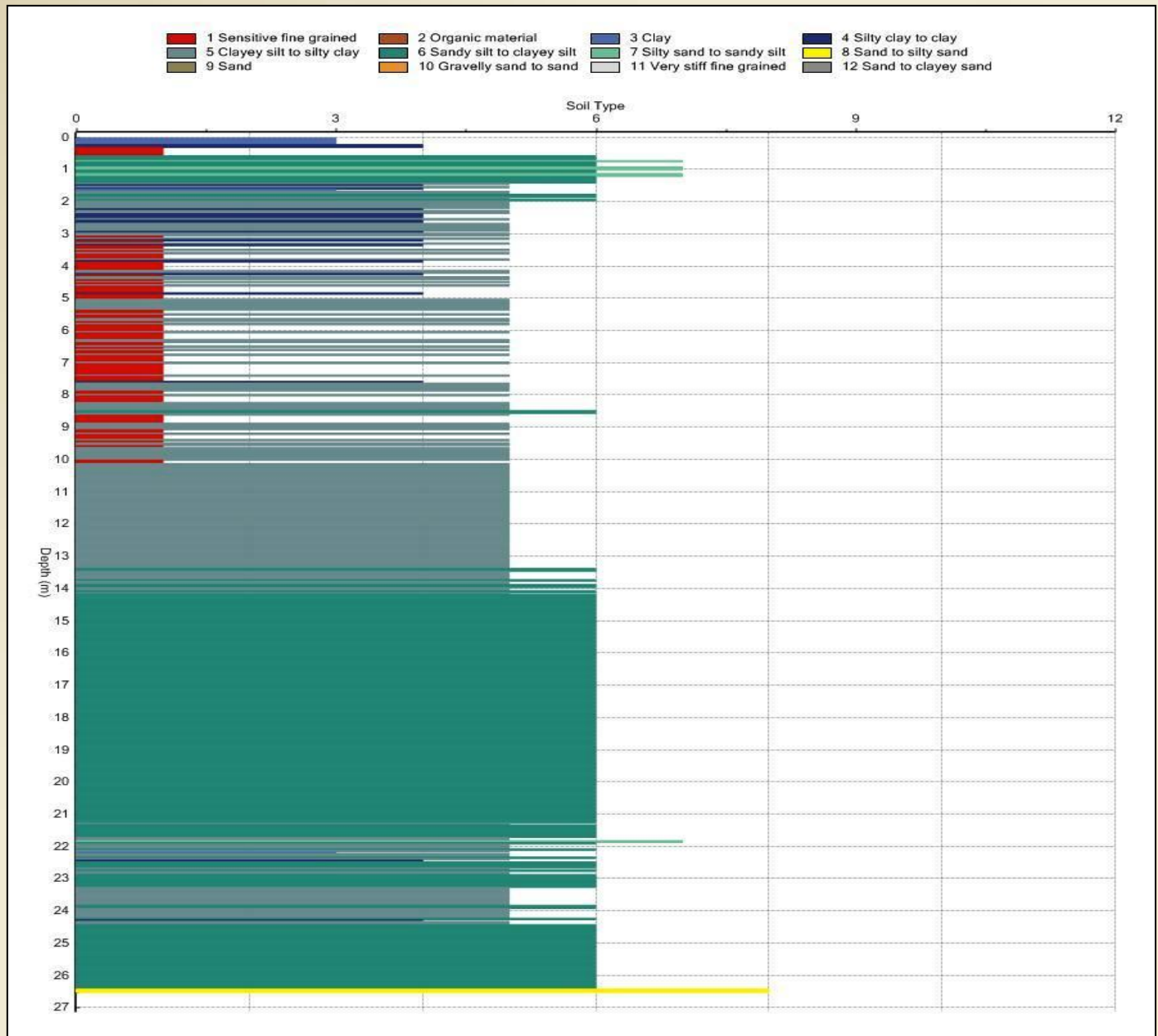
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at Marina  
South



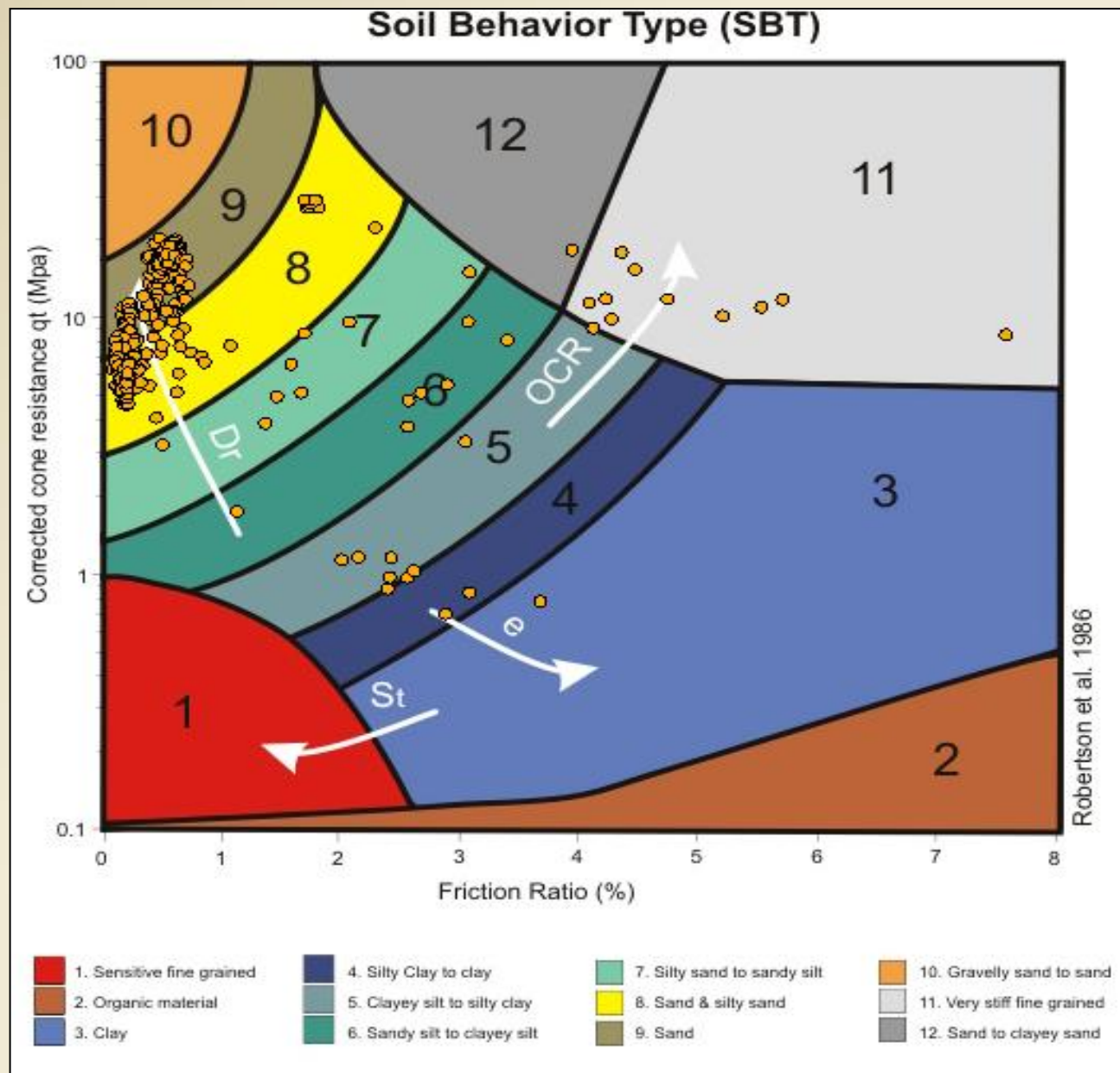
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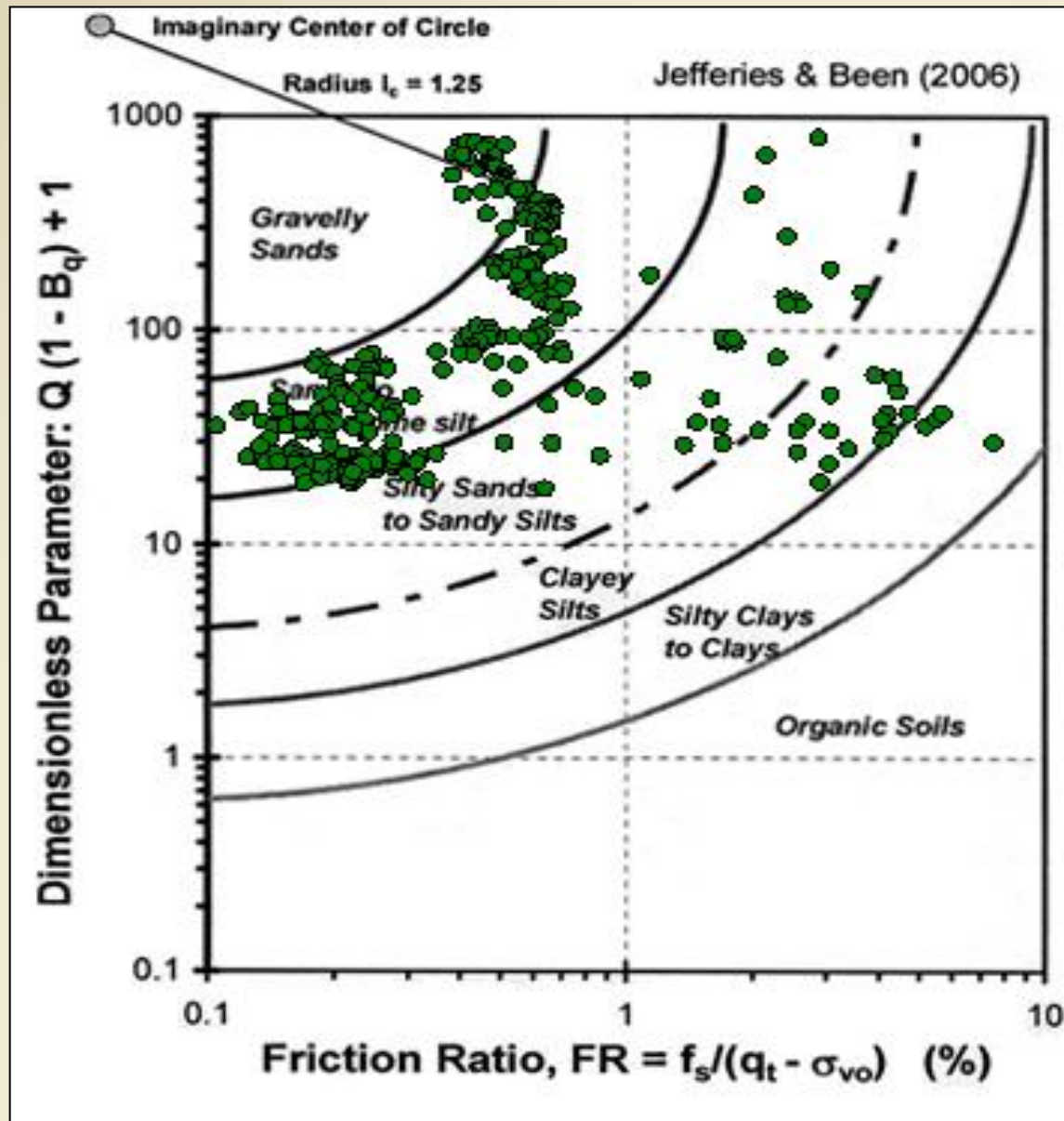
# Marina south soil profile



Changi  
East

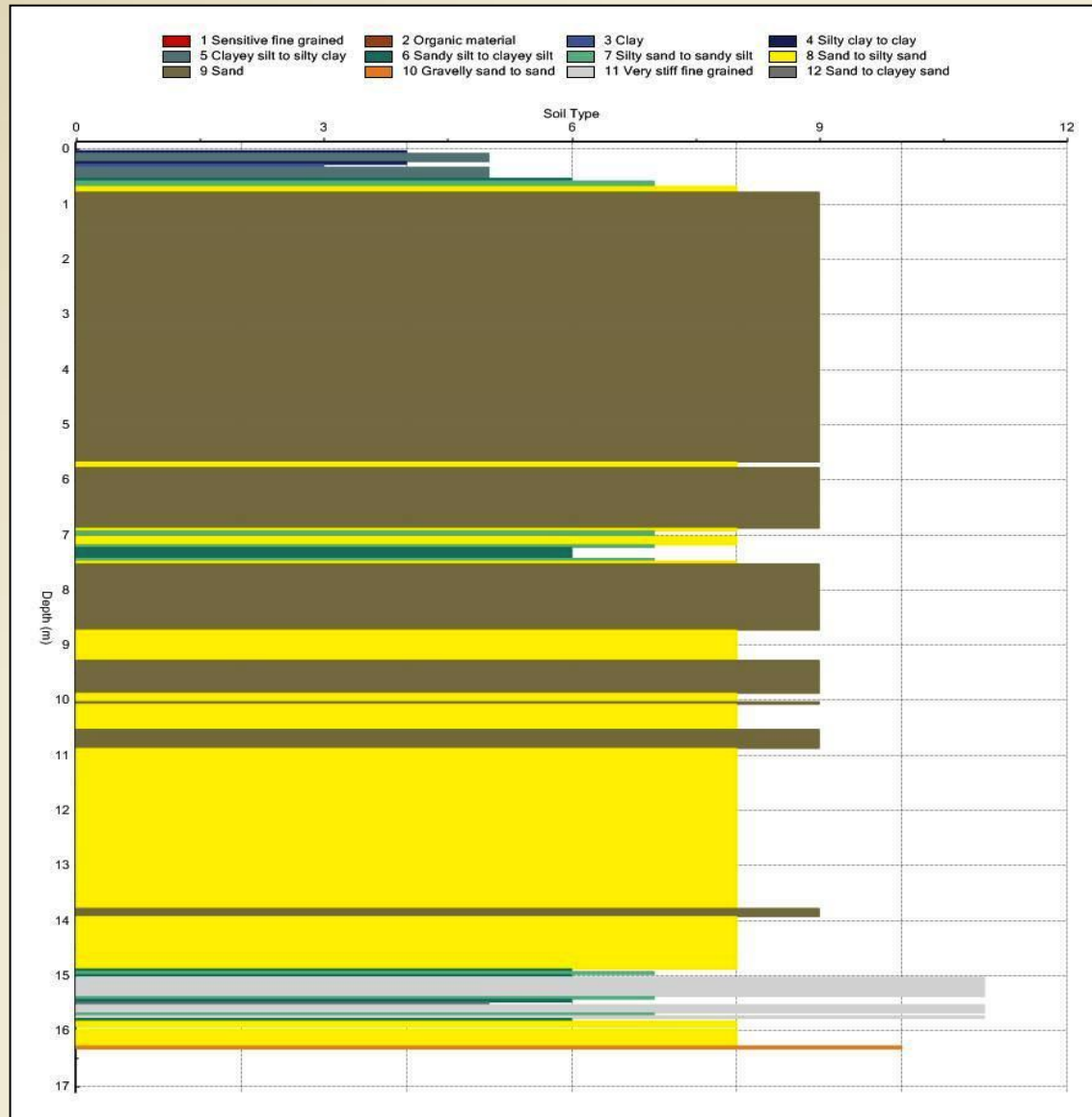


Changi east





# Changi East soil profile



## CPT measured parameters

qc	MPa	Cone resistance	Measured parameter
fs	MPa	Local friction	Measured parameter
Rf	%	Friction ratio	$f_s / q_c * 100\%$
I	°	Inclination	Measured parameter
u <sub>(1,2,3)</sub>	MPa	Dynamic pore pressure	Measured parameter
u <sub>0</sub>	MPa	Equilibrium pore pressure	$\rho_{\text{water}} * (\text{depth-water level})$
u / qc	-	Dynamic pore pressure ratio	$u_2 / q_c$
qt	MPa	Corrected cone resistance	$q_c + (1-\alpha_s) * u_2$ $\alpha_s \approx 0.81$
Δu	MPa	Excess pore pressure	$u_2 - u_0$
qe	MPa	Effective cone resistance	$q_c - u_2$
σ <sub>v;z</sub>	kPa	Total vertical stress	$\Sigma \gamma_{\text{dry}} + \Sigma \gamma_{\text{wet}}$
σ <sub>v;z'</sub>	kPa	Effective vertical stress	$\sigma_{v;z} - u_0$
qn	kPa	Net cone resistance	$q_t - \sigma_{v;z}$
Bq	-	Pore pressure ratio	$\Delta u / q_n$
qnorm	-	Normalised cone resistance	$q_n / \sigma_{v;z}'$
fnorm	%	Normalised local friction	$f_s / q_n * 100\%$

## CPT derived parameters

Dr	%	Relative density	$1/C2 * LN(qc/(C0*\sigma_v; z)^{C1})$ Consolidated: C0≈157, C1≈0.55, C2≈2.41 Over-consolidated: C0≈181, C1≈0.55, C2≈2.61
φ	°	Internal friction angle	$ARCTAN(a + b * LN(qc/\sigma_v; z))$ a≈0.105, b≈0.16
Su	kPa	Undrained shear strength	$(qc - \sigma_v; z) / Nk$ Nk(min)≈12, Nk(max)≈20
Ic		Soil behaviour type index	$sqrt((a - \log q_{norm}) + (\log f_{norm} + b))$ a≈3.47, b≈1.22
N60		Equivalent SPT N60 value	$(qc/p_a) / (8.5 * (1 - I_c / 4.6))$ p_a≈100
Qst	kN	Total friction	Measured parameter
Qt	kN	Total force	Measured parameter



# Correlated Soil Properties (derived parameters) from CPT data

## **Equivalent SPT, N60:**

Jefferies and Davis 1993

## **Permeability coefficient , K:**

Robertson et al. 1986

## **Shear strength , Su / Cu**

## **Overconsolidation ratio OCR:**

Powel et al. 1998

Lunne et al. 1989

Mayne 2005

## **Clay undrained Young's modulus Es:**

Duncan and Buchihmami 1976

## **Clay at-rest earth pressure Ko:**

Kulhawy and Mayne 1990

## **Sand relative density Dr:**

Jamiolkowski et al. 1985

Baldi et al. 1986

Tatsuoka 1990

## **Sand, Young's modulus , Es:**

Bellotti et al. 1989

## **Sand at-rest earth pressure, Ko:**

Kulhawy and Mayne 1990

## **Sand internal friction angle , $\phi$ :**

Kulhawy and Mayne 1990

Hatanaka and Uchida 1996

Robertson and Campanella 1983

Sunnaset et al. 1989

Mayne 2005

## **Unit weight:**

Robertson et al. 1986

## **Fines content , Fc:**

Robertson and Fear 1995 (FC=1.75\*I<sub>C</sub><sup>3</sup>-3.7)

## **Constrained modulus , M:**

Robertson 2009

## **Soil behaviour type index , Ic:**

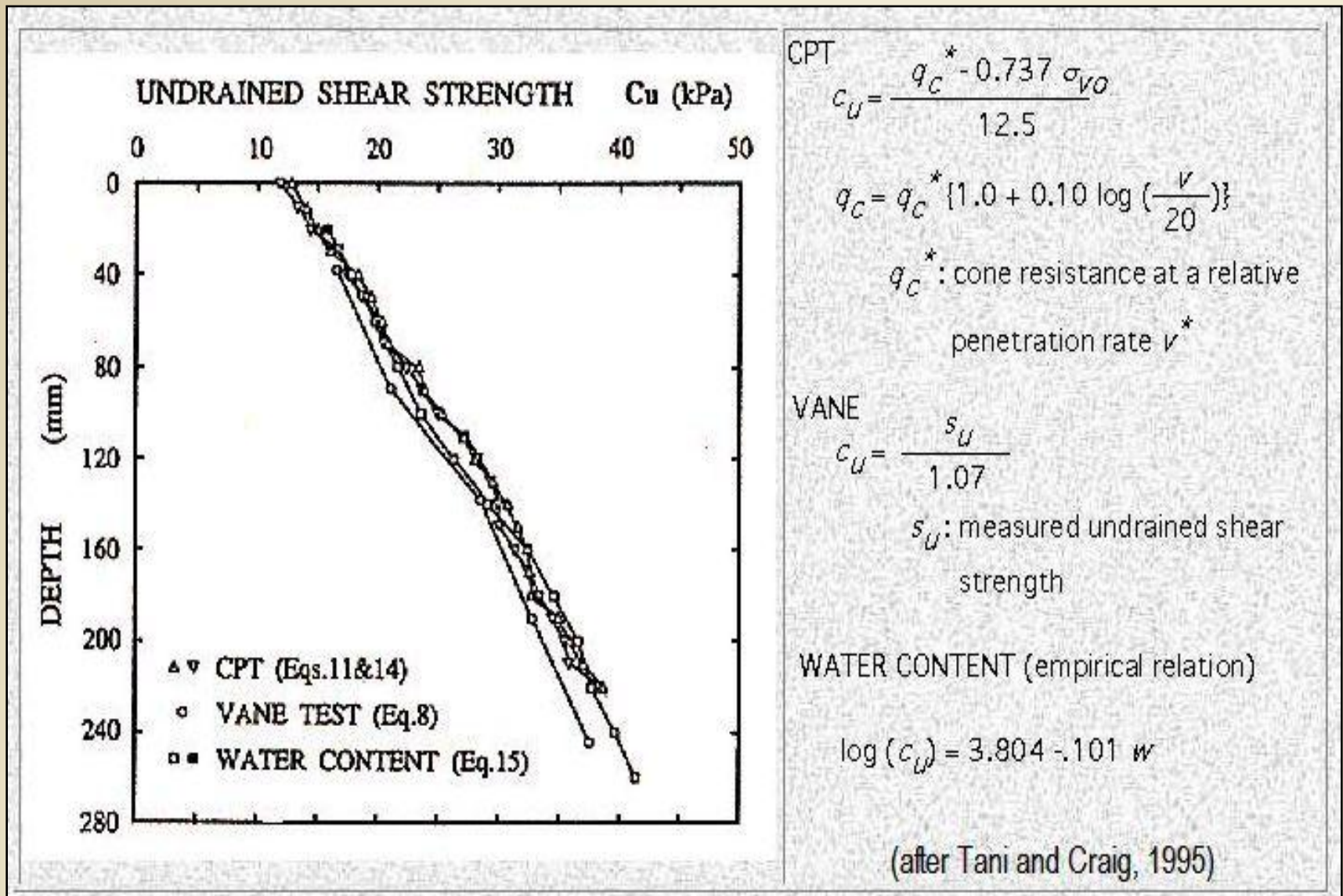
Robertson 1990

## Correlation of $N_{60}$ and $q_t$

$$N_{60} = (q_t / p_a) / [8.5(1 - I_c / 4.6)]$$

Jefferies, M. G. and Davies, M. P., (1993), "Use of CPTu to estimate equivalent SPT  $N_{60}$ ", *ASTM Geotechnical Testing Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 4

# Comparison of derived parameters based on CPT, FVT and Water Content



Shallow Foundation, Settlement & Pile Capacity  
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## SPT-CPT Correlations

Soil type	Mean grain size ( $D_{50}$ ), mm	$Q_c / N$
Clay	0.001	1.0
Silty Clay	0.005	1.7
Clayey Silt	0.01	2.1
Sandy Clay	0.05	3.0
Silty Sand	0.01	4.0
Sand	0.5	5.7
	1.0	7.0

$Q_c$  = CPT value in bars (1 bar = 100 kPa)

Robertson et al. (1983)

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