

Unsaturated soils: small-to-large

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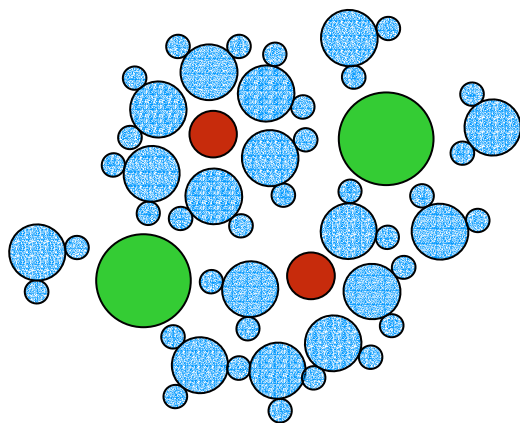
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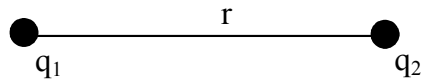


FROM MOLECULES TO WETTING



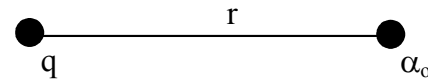
Electrical Forces (ions and molecules)

Ion-to-Ion



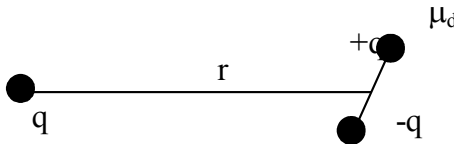
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Ion-to-Polarized Molecule



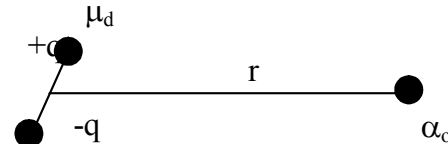
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Ion-to-Dipole



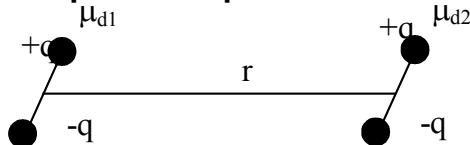
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Dipole-to-Polarized Molecule



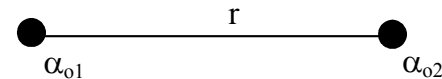
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Dipole-to-Dipole



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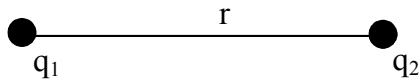
Two Polarized Molecules



$$F = -\frac{9h\nu\alpha_o^2}{2(4\pi\epsilon_0\kappa')^2 r^7} \quad \text{London Disp.}$$

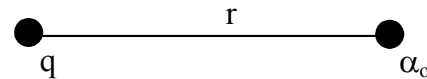
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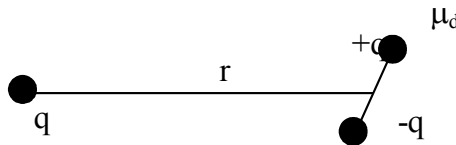
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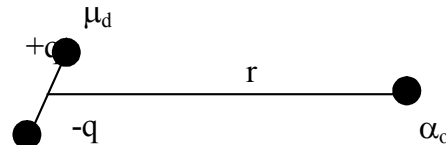
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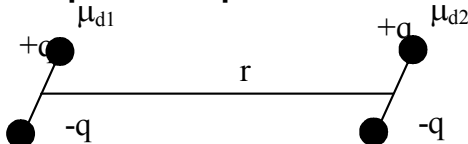
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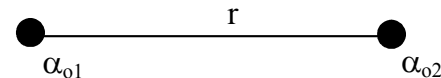
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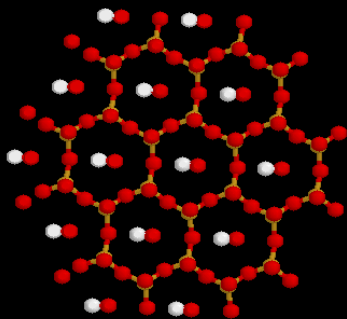
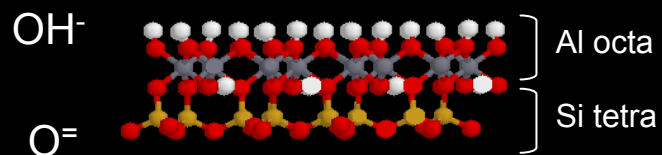


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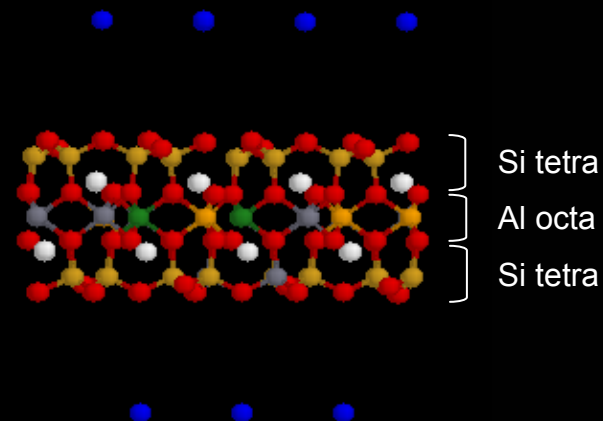
van der
Waals

Minerals

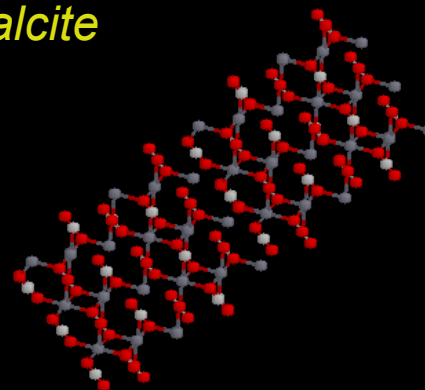
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montmorillonite



calcite

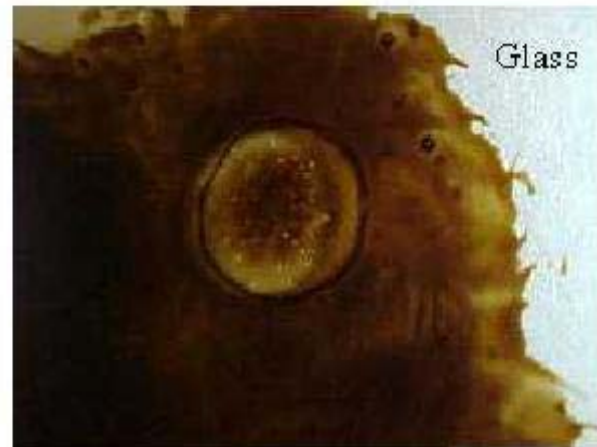


Contact Angle

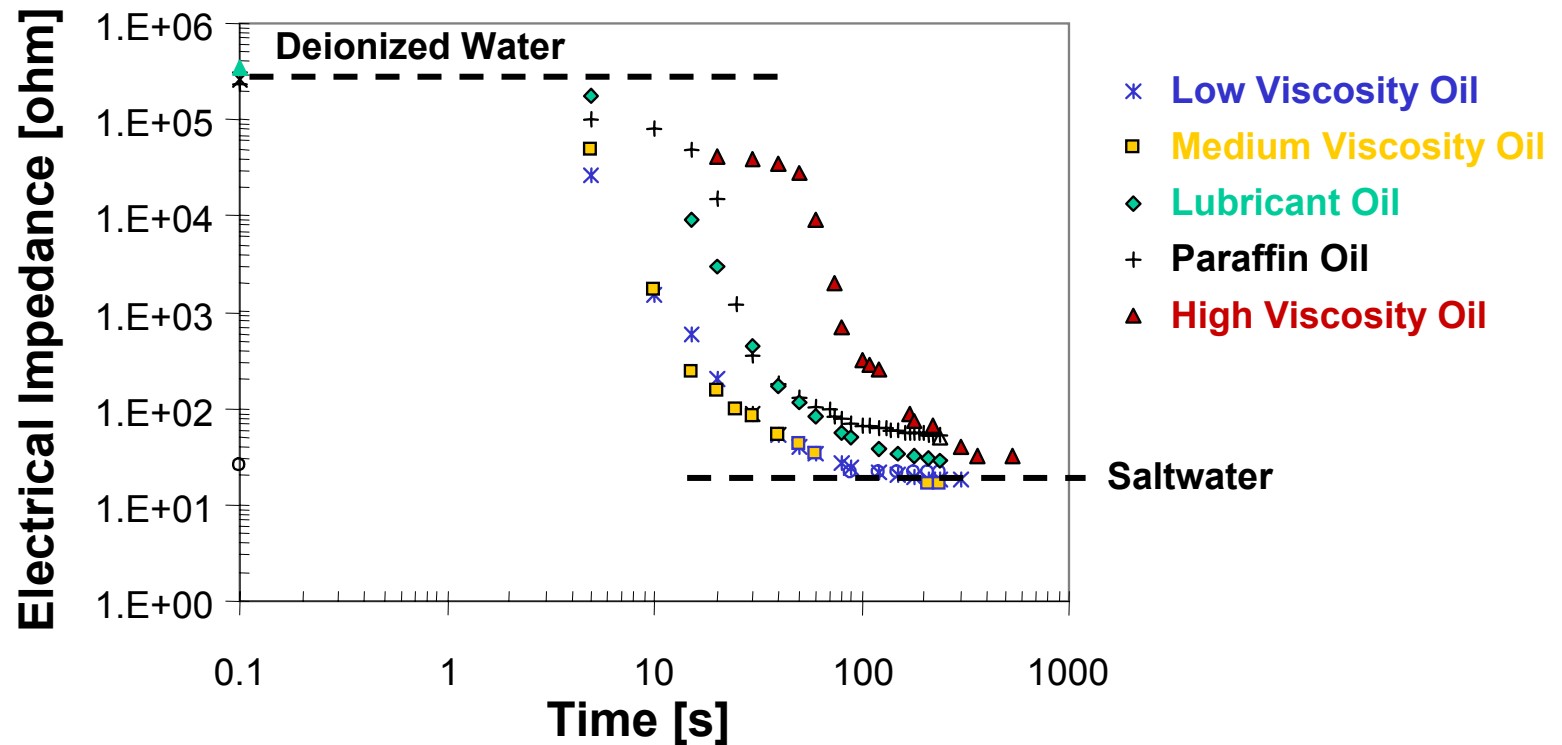
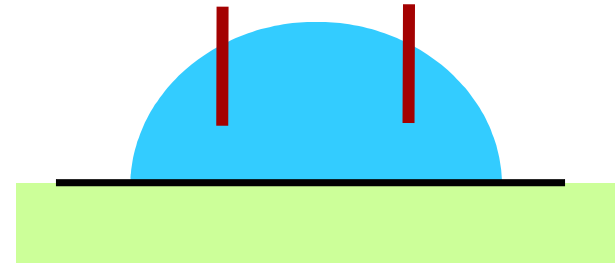
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sigma_{OS} - \sigma_{WS}}{\sigma_{OW}}$$

<i>(in air)</i>	Water	Paraffin Oil	Silicone Oil	Lubricant Oil	Isopropyl Alcohol
Calcite	49.6 ±7.9	8.8 ±1.8	≈ 0	22.4±2.3	22.9±3.8
Quartz	13.1 ±2.0	≈ 0	≈ 0	7.5±1.4	≈ 0
Biotite	32.6 ±2.9	≈ 0	≈ 0	7.0±1.5	9.5±1.4
Muscovite	16.6 ±3.5	≈ 0	≈ 0	9.9±2.4	≈ 0

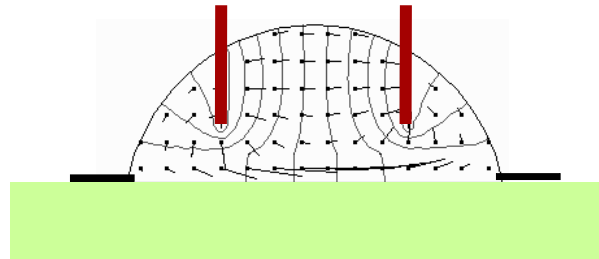
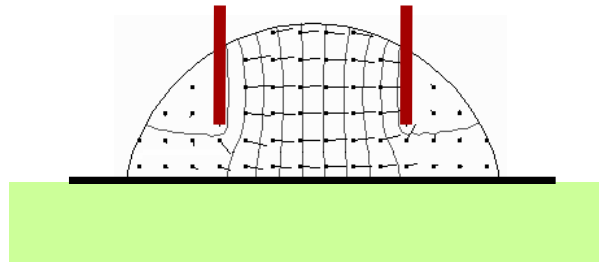
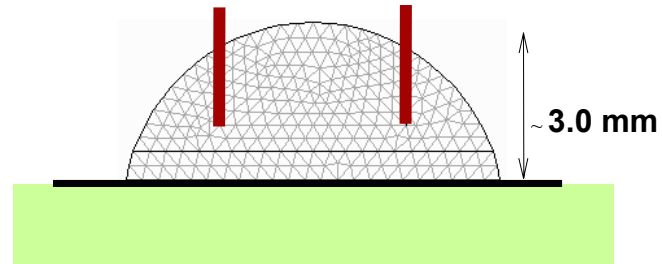
Film Breakage (oil and water)



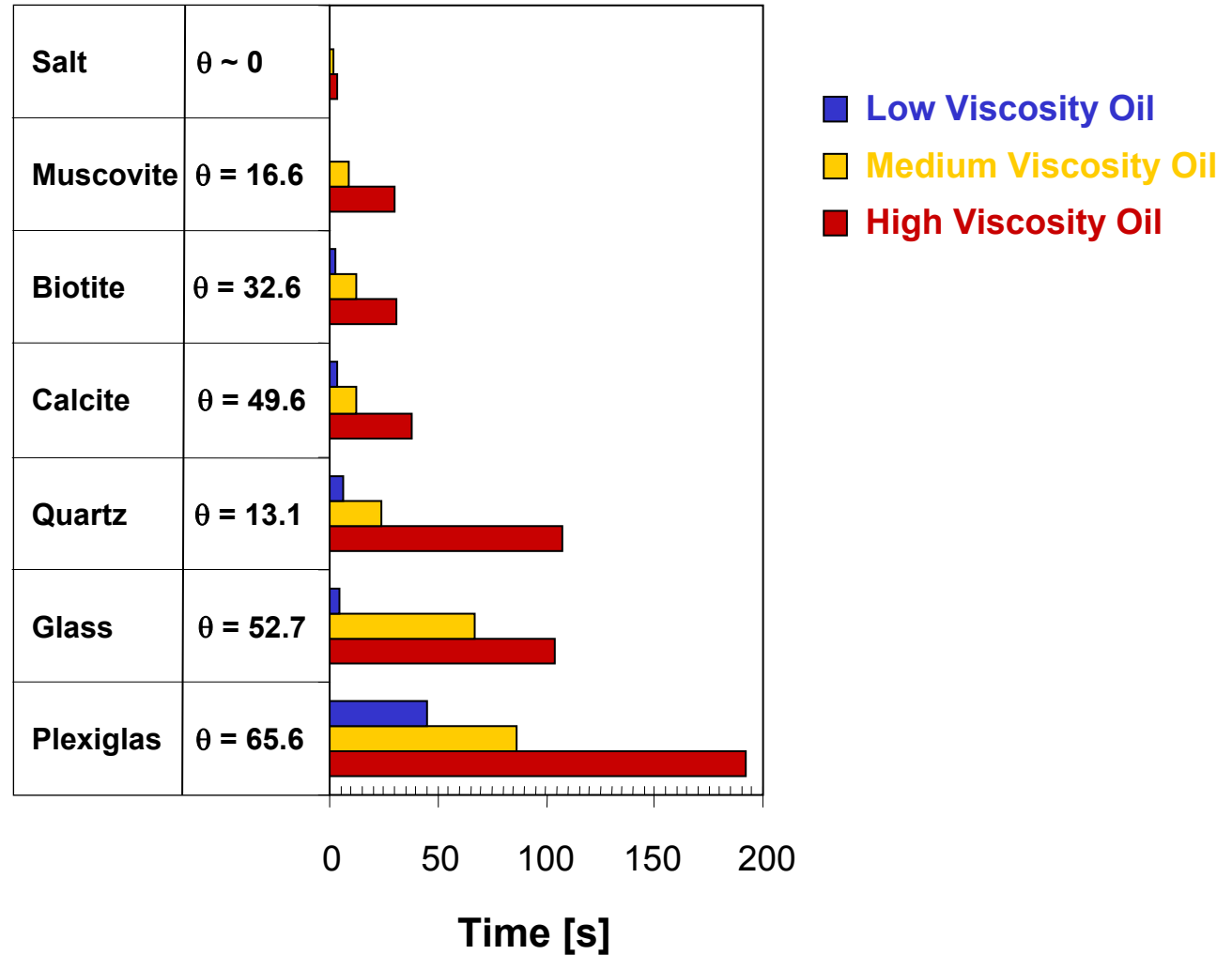
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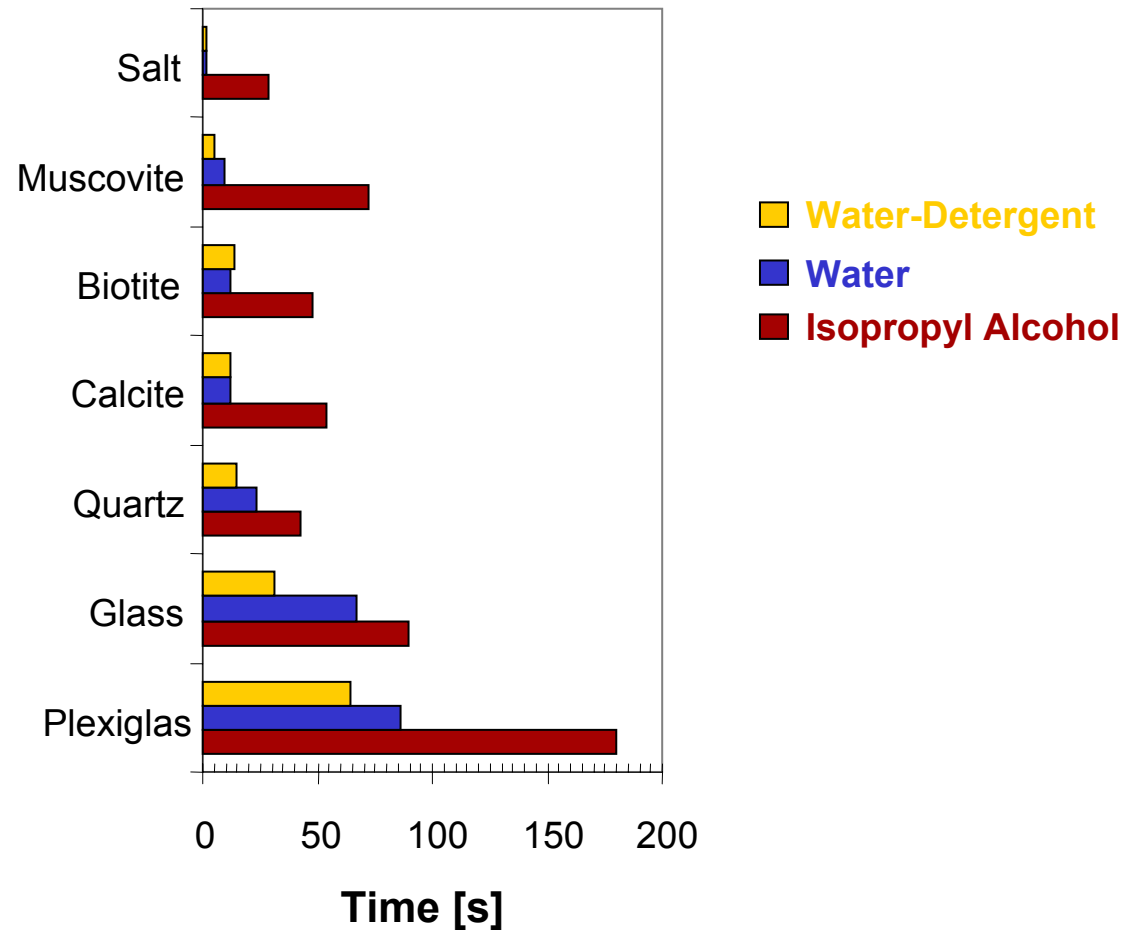
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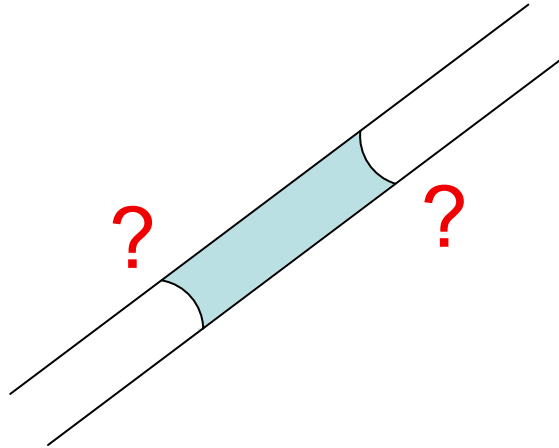


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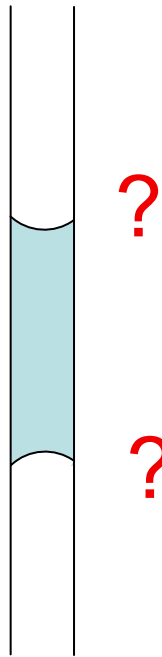
Droplet in Capillary Tube



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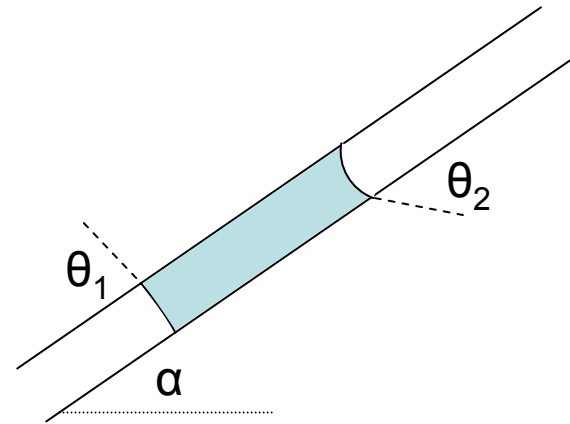
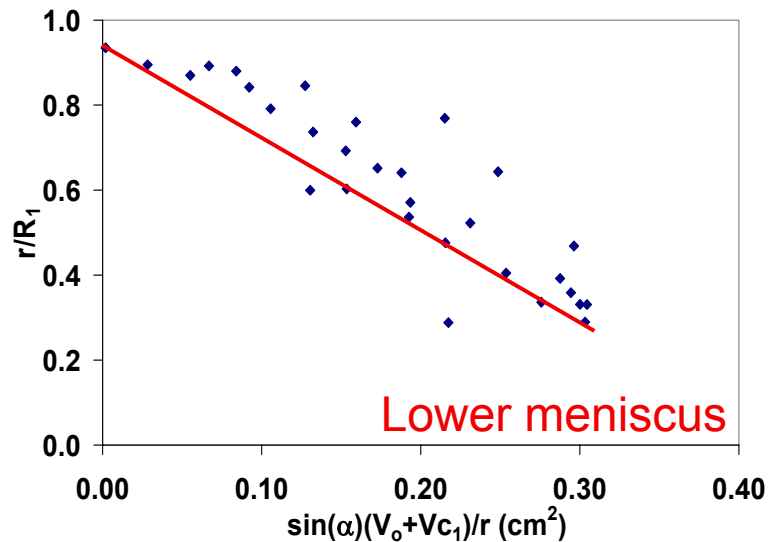
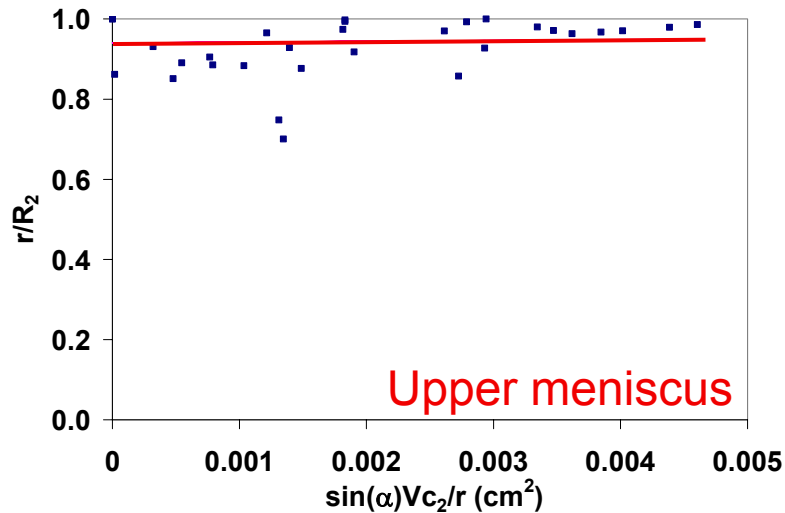
Droplet in Capillary Tube



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Contac angle: Gravity

Water and borosilicate tube

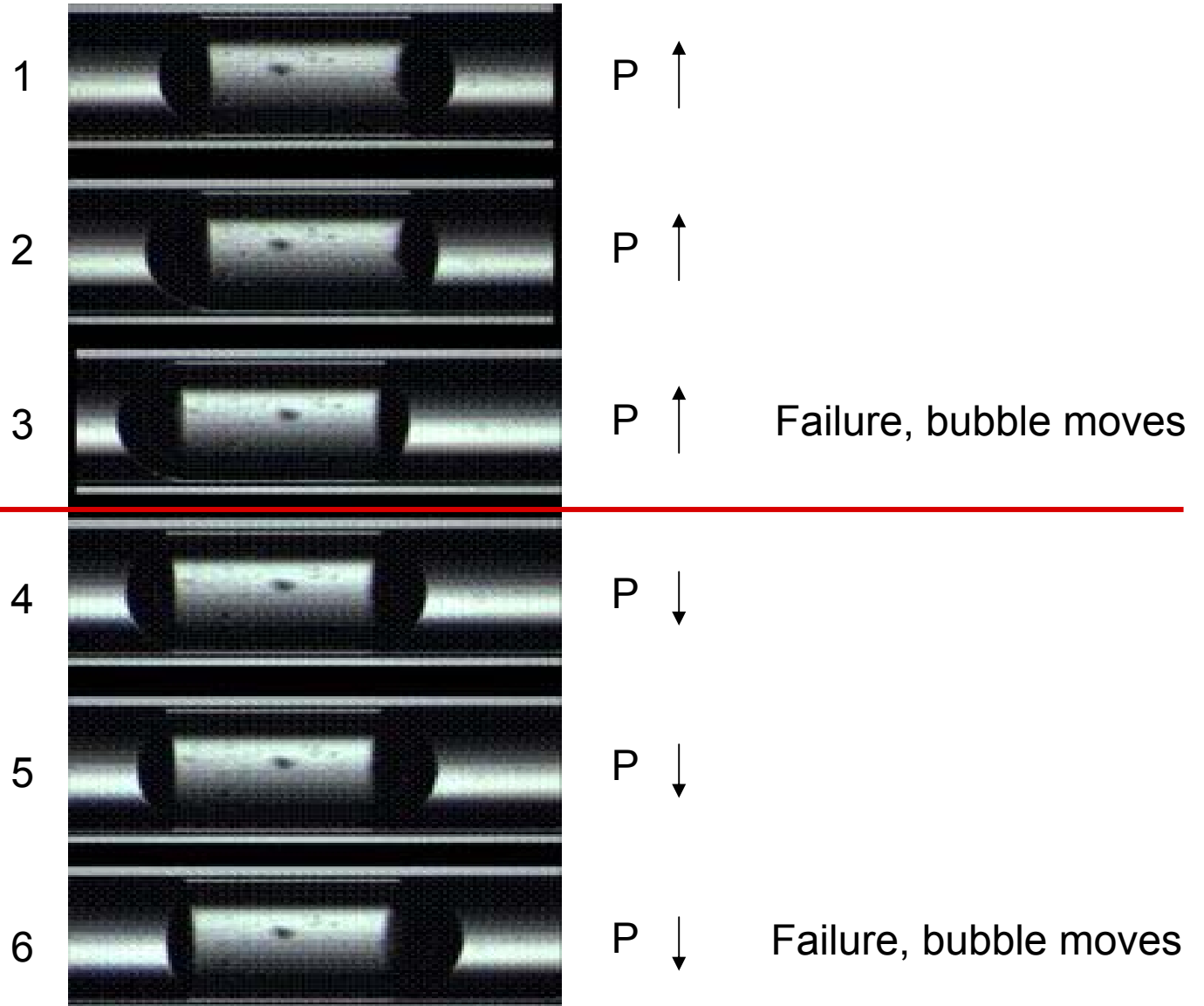


$$\cos(\theta_2) = \frac{r}{R_2} = \cos(\theta_o) + \frac{\rho \cdot g \cdot \sin(\alpha)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot \gamma_{lg}} \cdot (Vc_2)$$

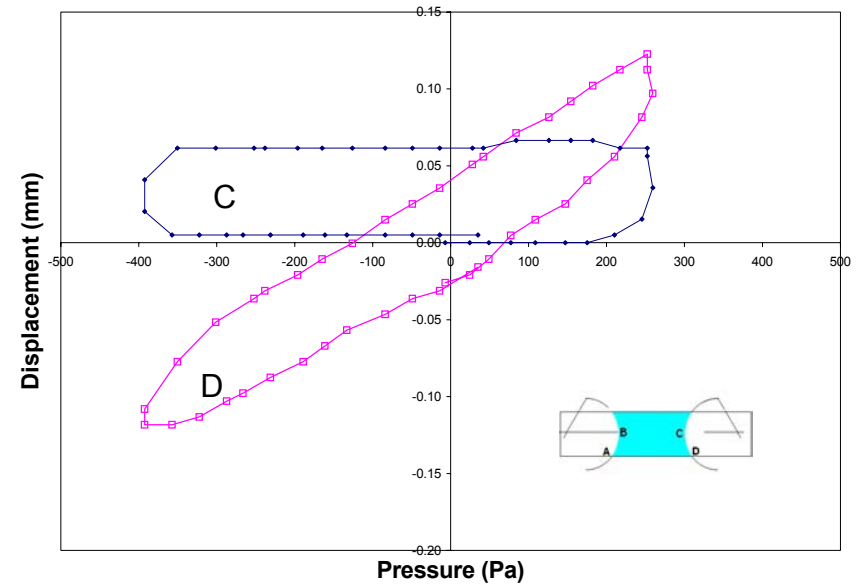
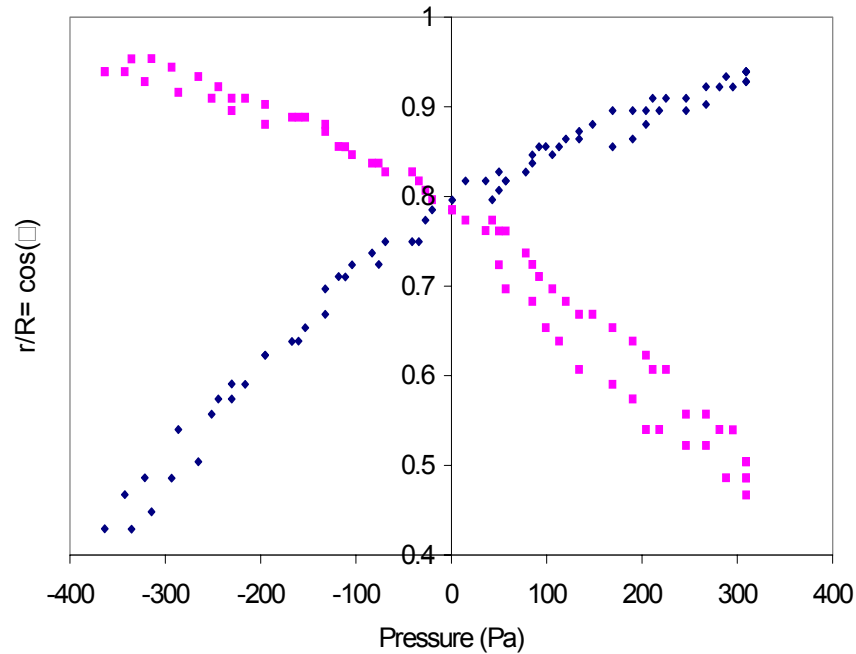
$$\cos(\theta_1) = \frac{r}{R_1} = \cos(\theta_o) - \frac{\rho \cdot g \cdot \sin(\alpha)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot \gamma_{lg}} \cdot (V_o + Vc_1)$$

Lines: model for surface tens. $72 \cdot 10^{-3}$ N/m and mass density 1000 kg/m^3

Contact angle: Pressure gradient



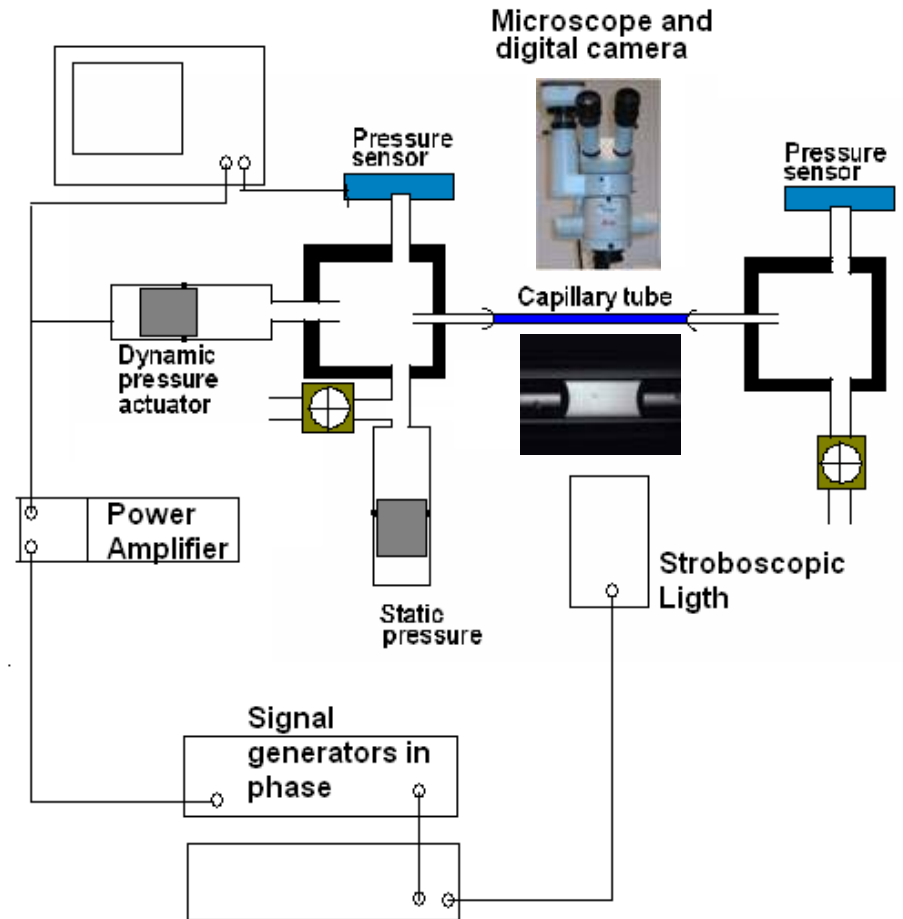
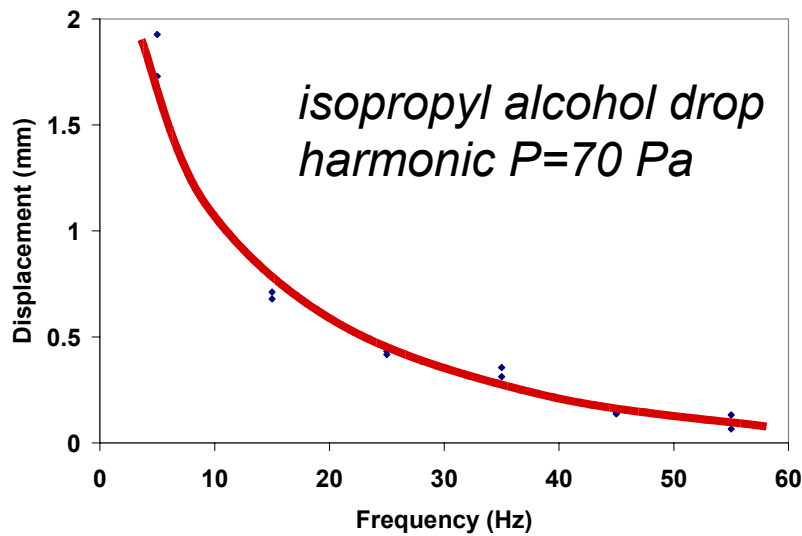
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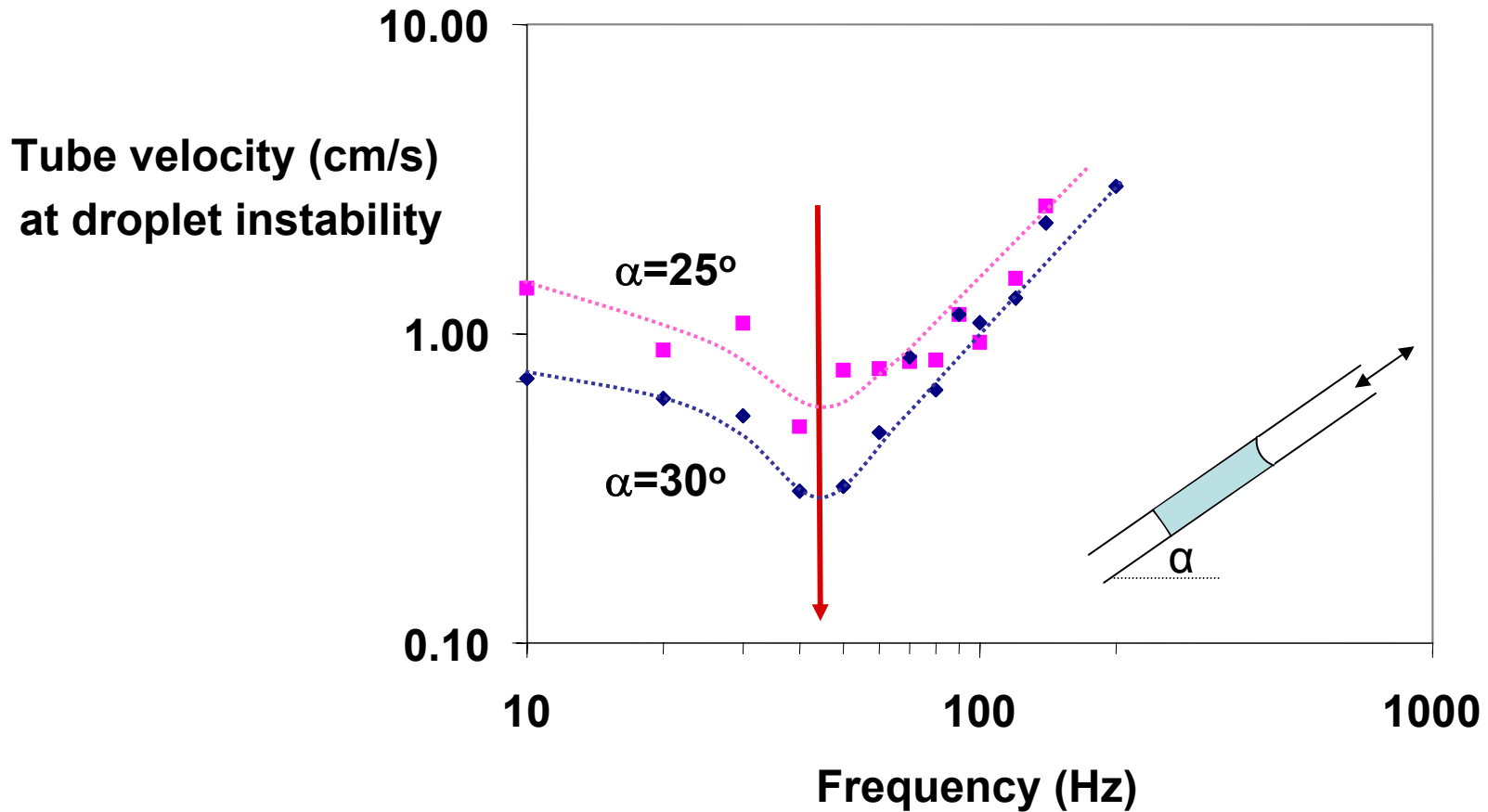
$$\cos(\theta_1) = \frac{r}{R_1} = \frac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma l g} - \frac{r}{4 \cdot \gamma l g} \cdot \left(\frac{r^2}{h_1 \cdot R_1} - 1 \right) \cdot (P_1 - P_2)$$

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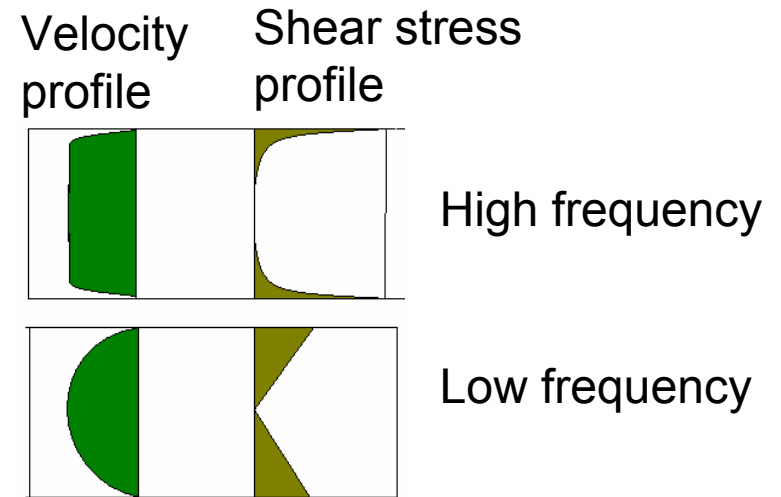
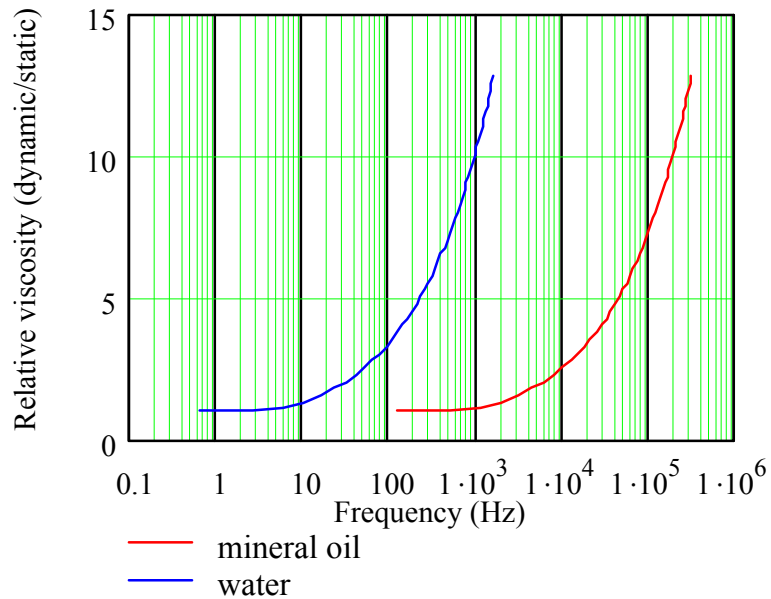
AC Fluid Pressure: Relaxation



AC Tube Vibration: Resonance



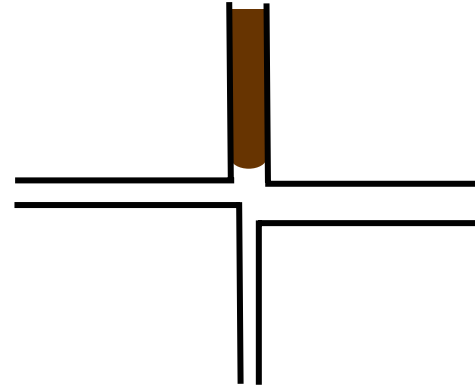
Biot solution



SPATIAL VARIABILITY

Advancing a Non-wetting Fluid

Pore network



$$N_{\text{cap}} = \frac{F_{\text{viscous}}}{F_{\text{capil.}}} = \frac{V_{\text{darcy}} \mu_w}{\gamma_{ow} \cos \theta}$$

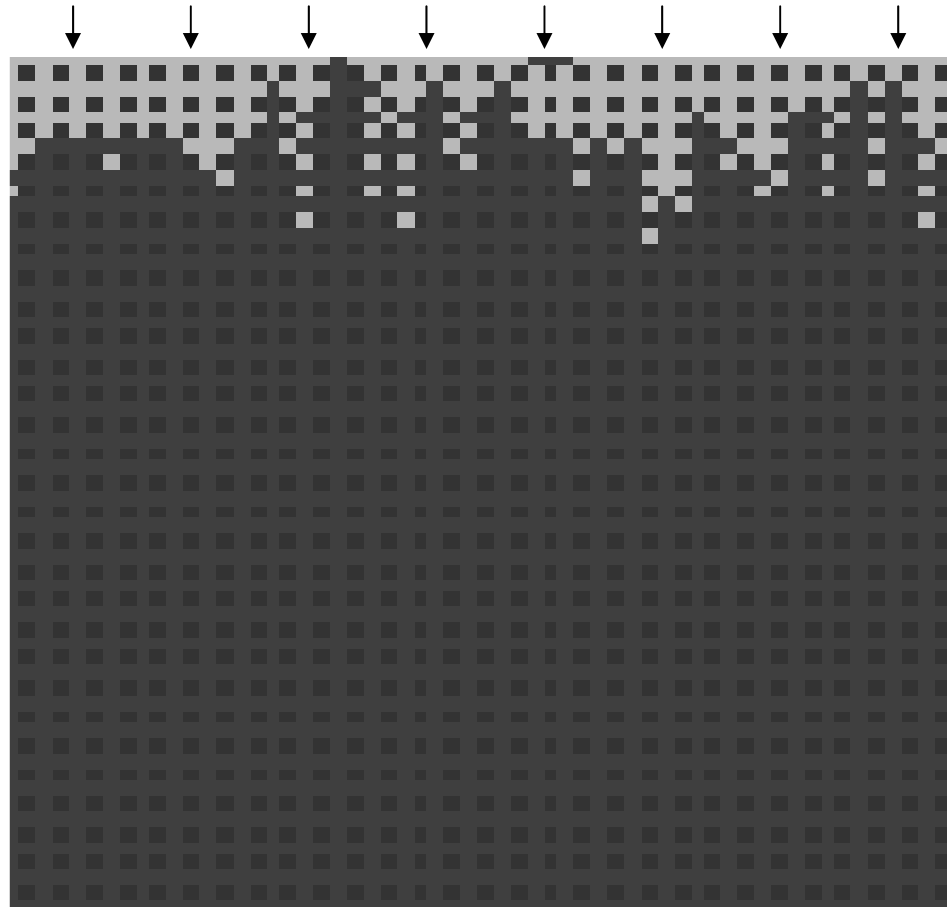
$N_{\text{Cap}} < 10^{-5}$ constant irreducible saturation

$N_{\text{Cap}} > 10^{-4}$ irreducible saturation $f(v_{\text{darcy}})$

$$N_{\text{bond}} = \frac{F_{\text{gravity}}}{F_{\text{capil.}}} = \frac{\Delta \rho g k_w k_{rw}}{\gamma_{ow} \cos \theta}$$

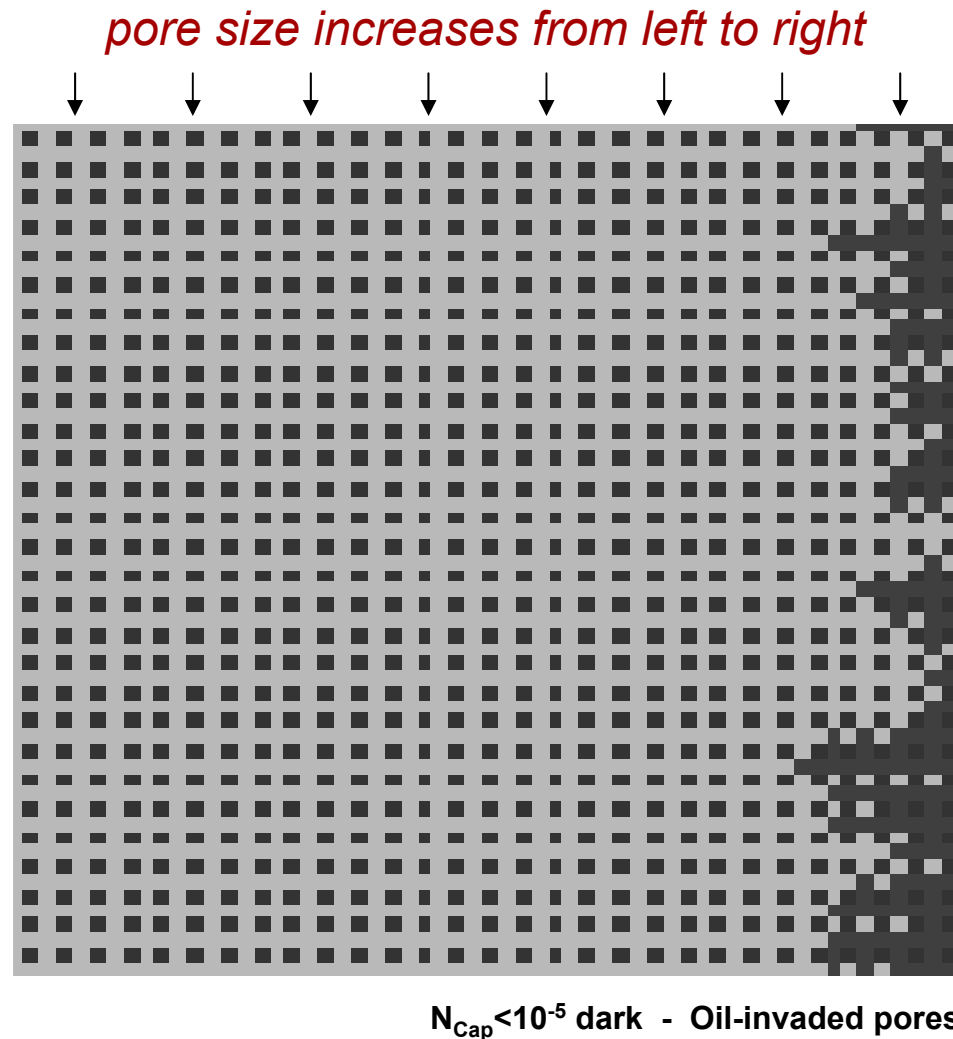
Advancing a Non-wetting Fluid

pore size decreases with depth (e.g., volcanic ash soils)



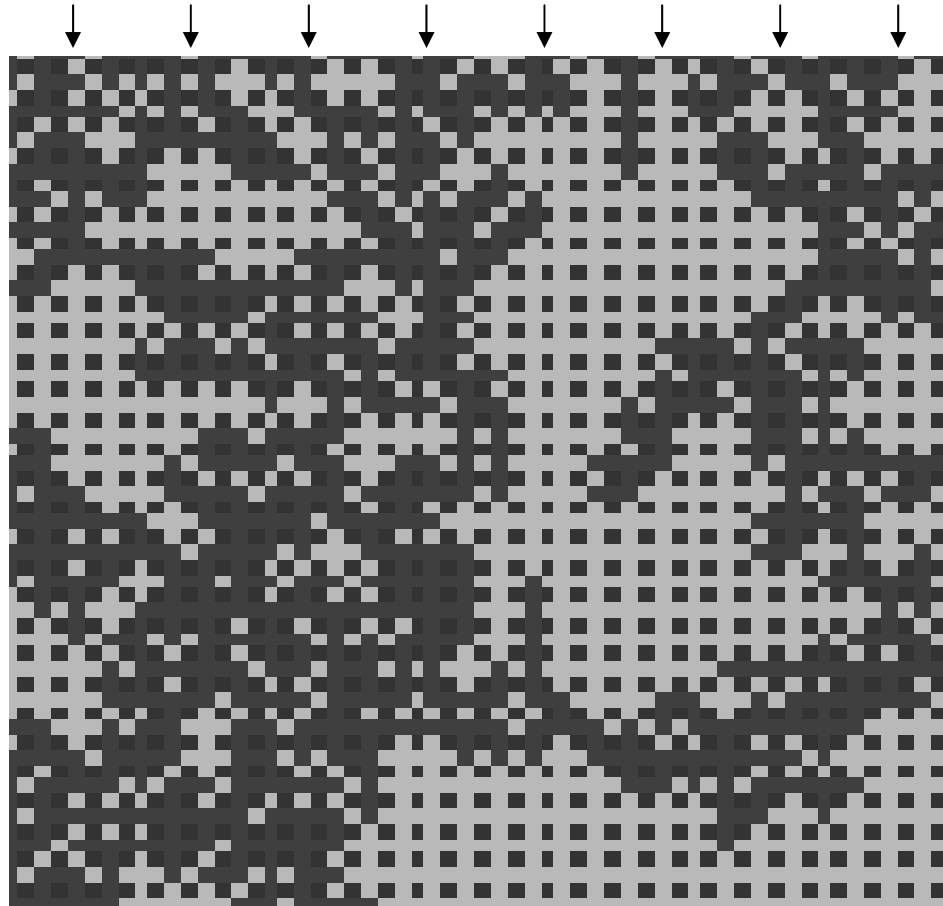
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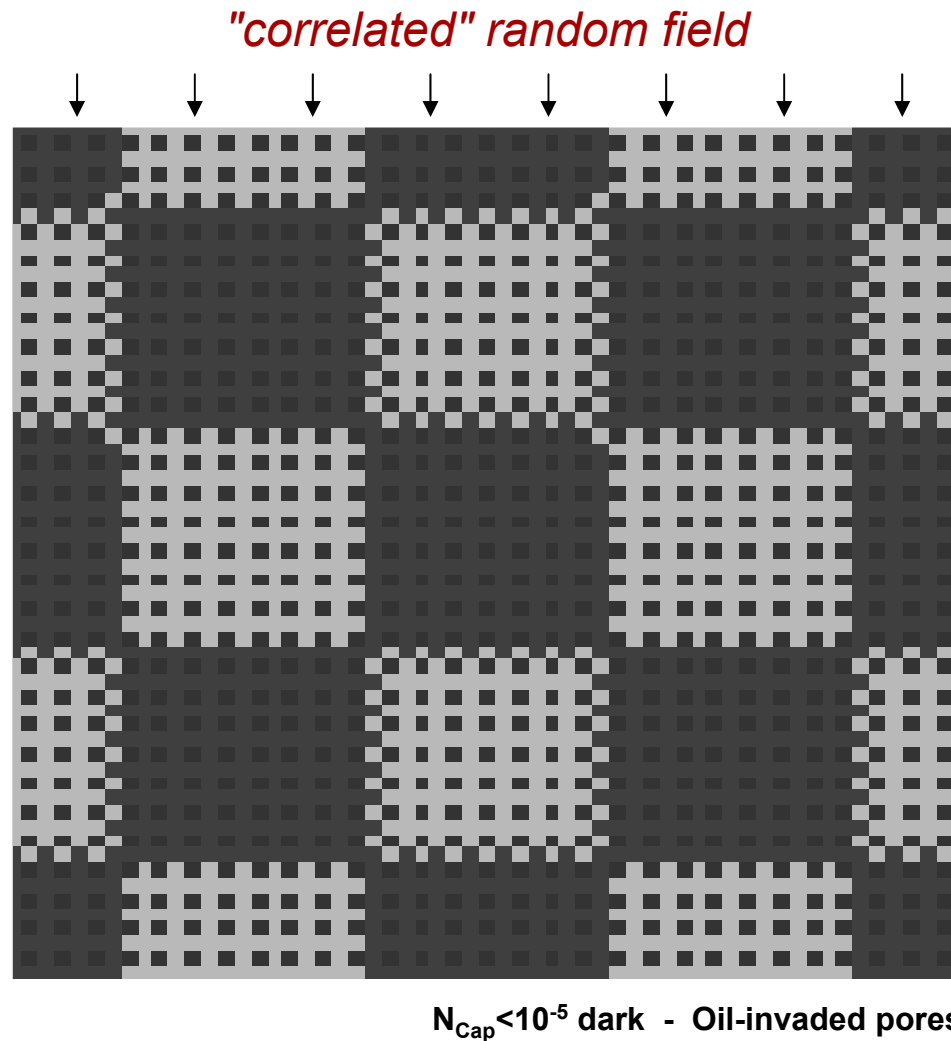
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random pore size distribution

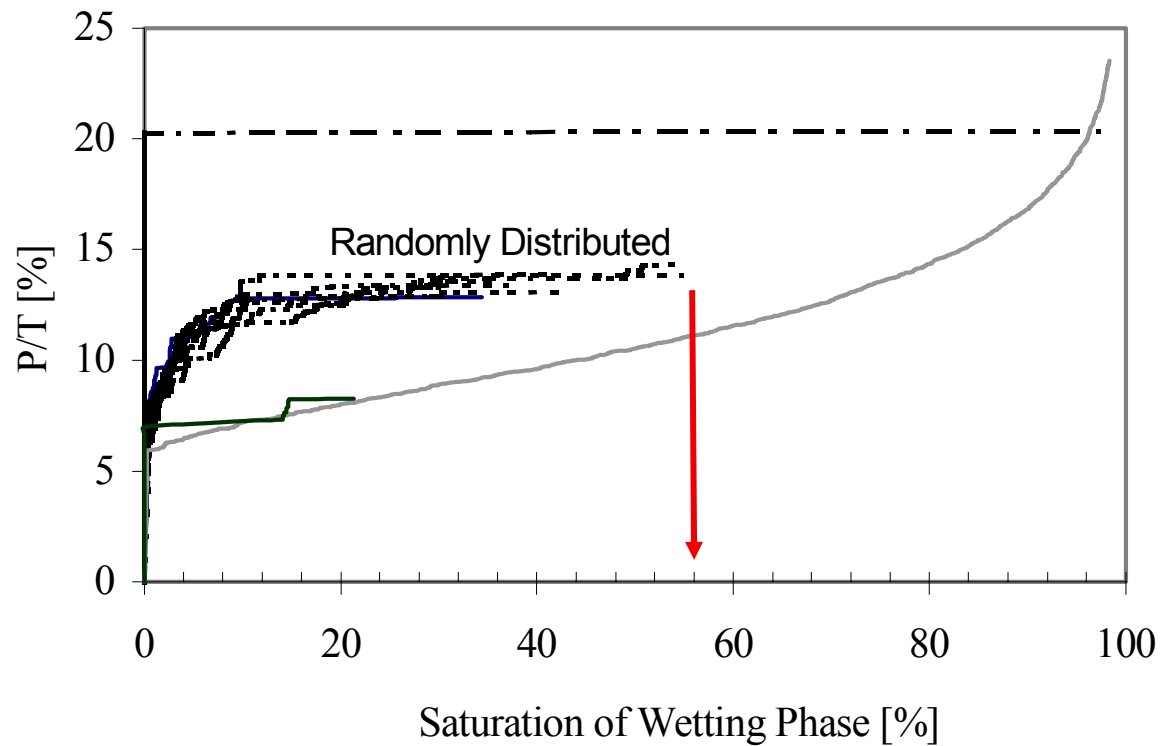


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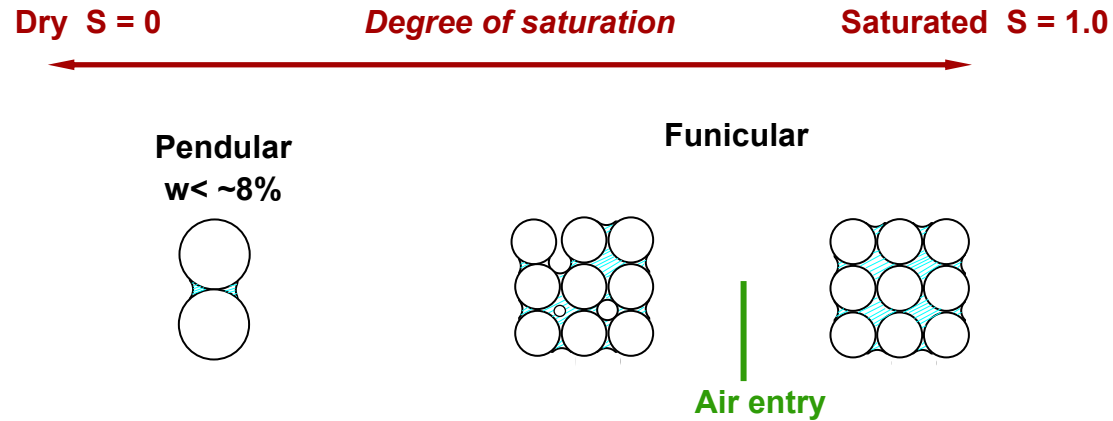


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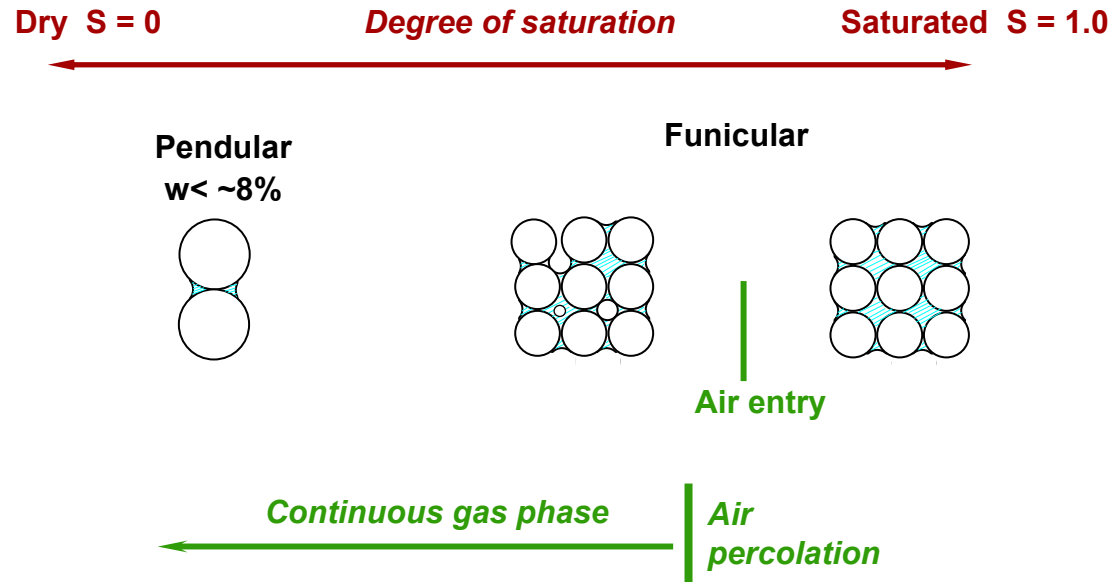


SATURATION REGIMES

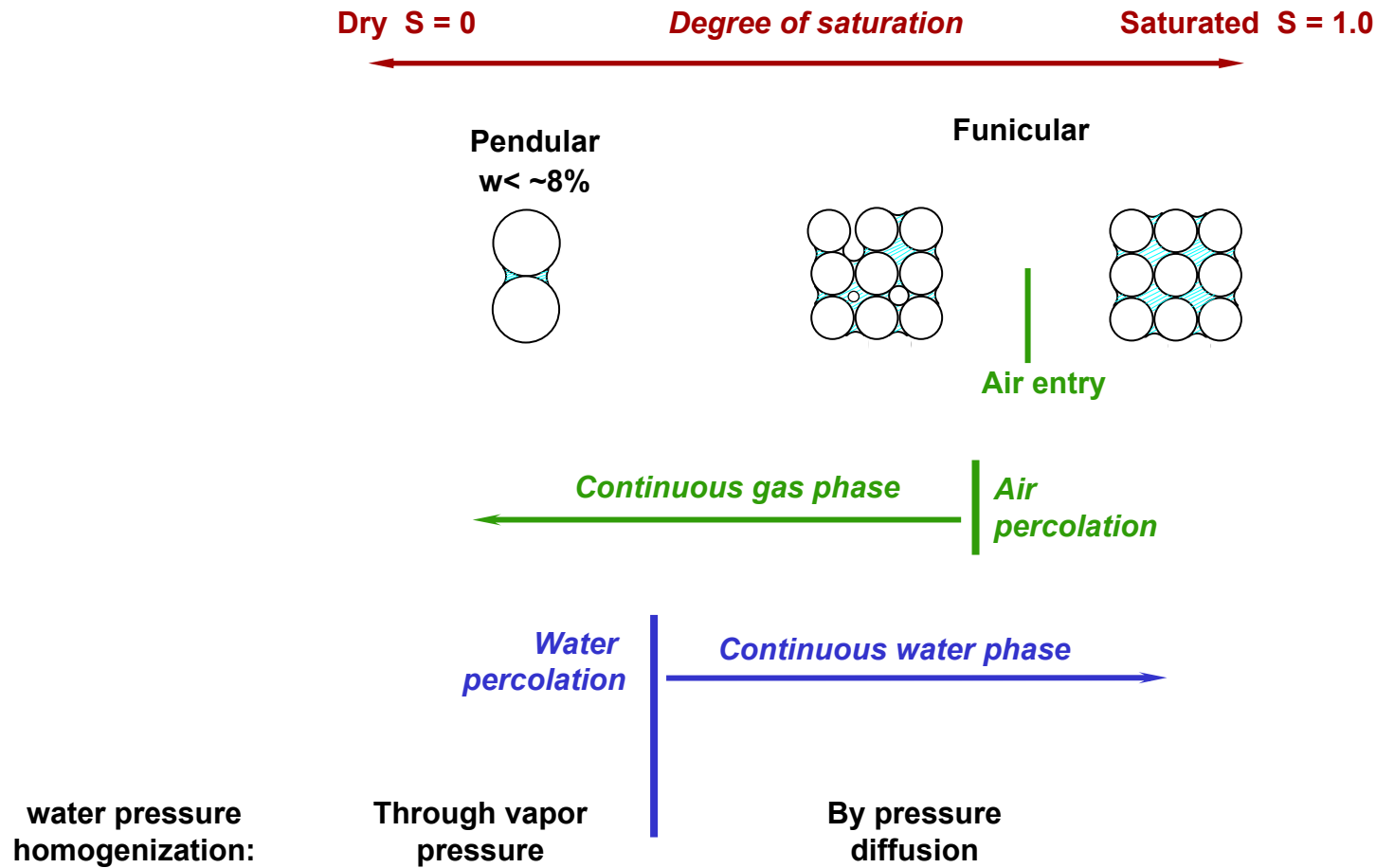
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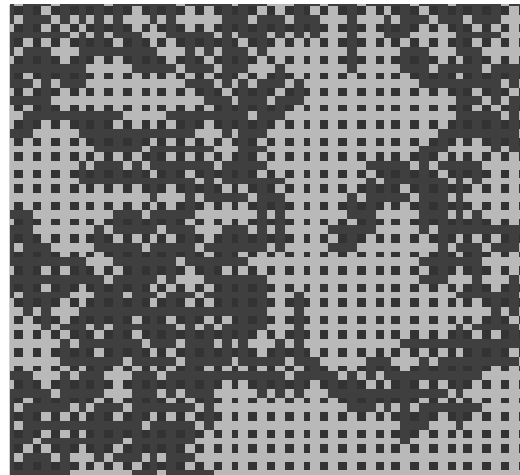
Dry $S = 0$ *Degree of saturation* Saturated $S = 1.0$



*Water
percolation*



*Air
percolation*



fractal !

Property = $c \cdot (\text{size})^{-D}$

PARTICLE FORCES

Particle Forces

Skeletal

Weight

Buoyant

Hydrodynamic

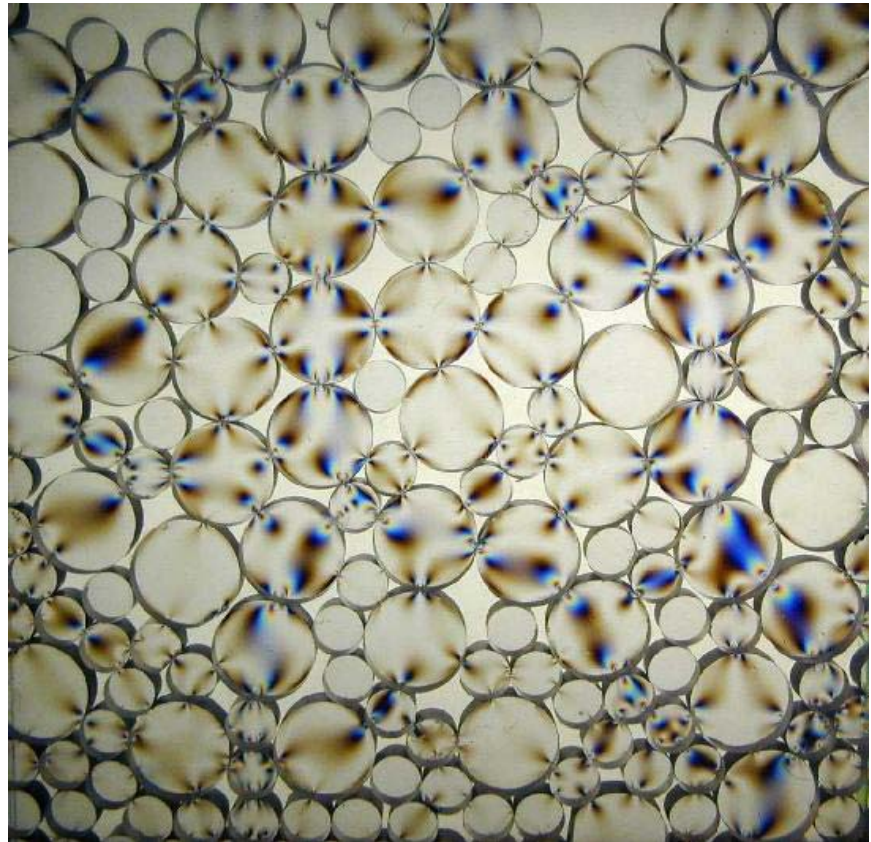
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Electrical

attraction

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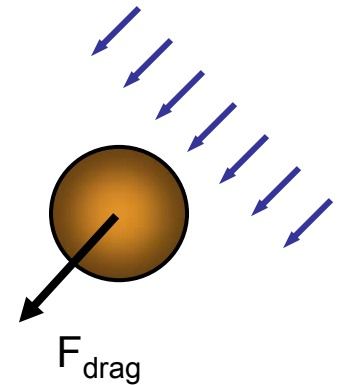
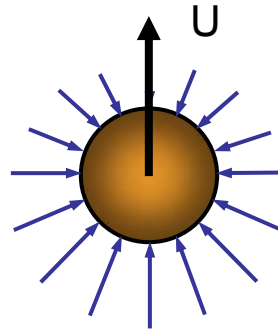
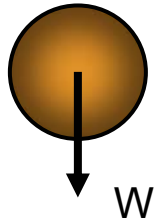
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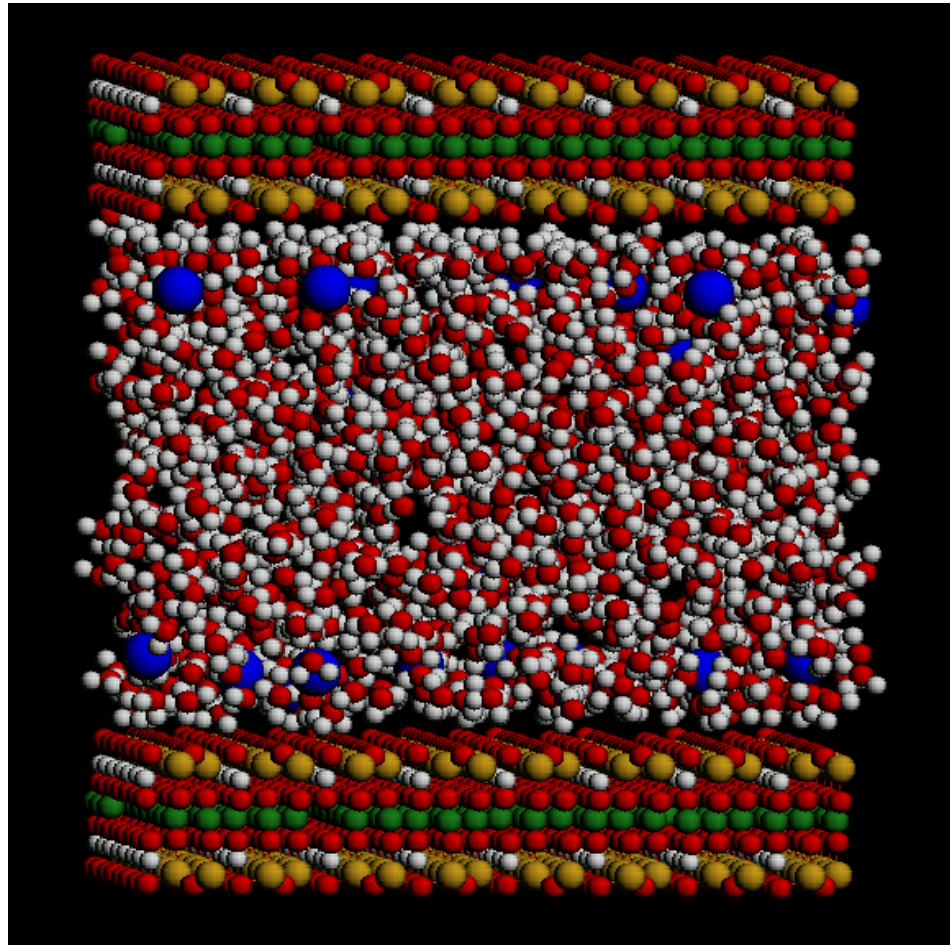
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Laponite

1200 H₂O 24 Na⁺



(N. Skipper - UCL)

Particle Forces – Spherical Particles

Skeletal	$\underline{N} = \sigma' d^2$	boundary-determined
Weight	$W = (\pi G_s \gamma_w / 6) d^3$	particle-level
Buoyant	$U = Vol \cdot \gamma_w = (\pi \gamma_w / 6) d^3$	
Hydrodynamic	$F_{\text{drag}} = 3\pi \mu v d$	
Capillary	$F_{\text{cap}} = \pi T_s d$	contact-level
Electrical	$A_{\text{tt}} = \frac{A_h}{24t^2} d$	
attraction		
repulsion	$Rep = 0.0024 \sqrt{c_o} e^{-10^8 t \sqrt{c_o}} d$	
Cementation	$T = \pi \sigma_{\text{ten}} t d$	

Force Balance: Deformation & Strength

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Hydrodynamic

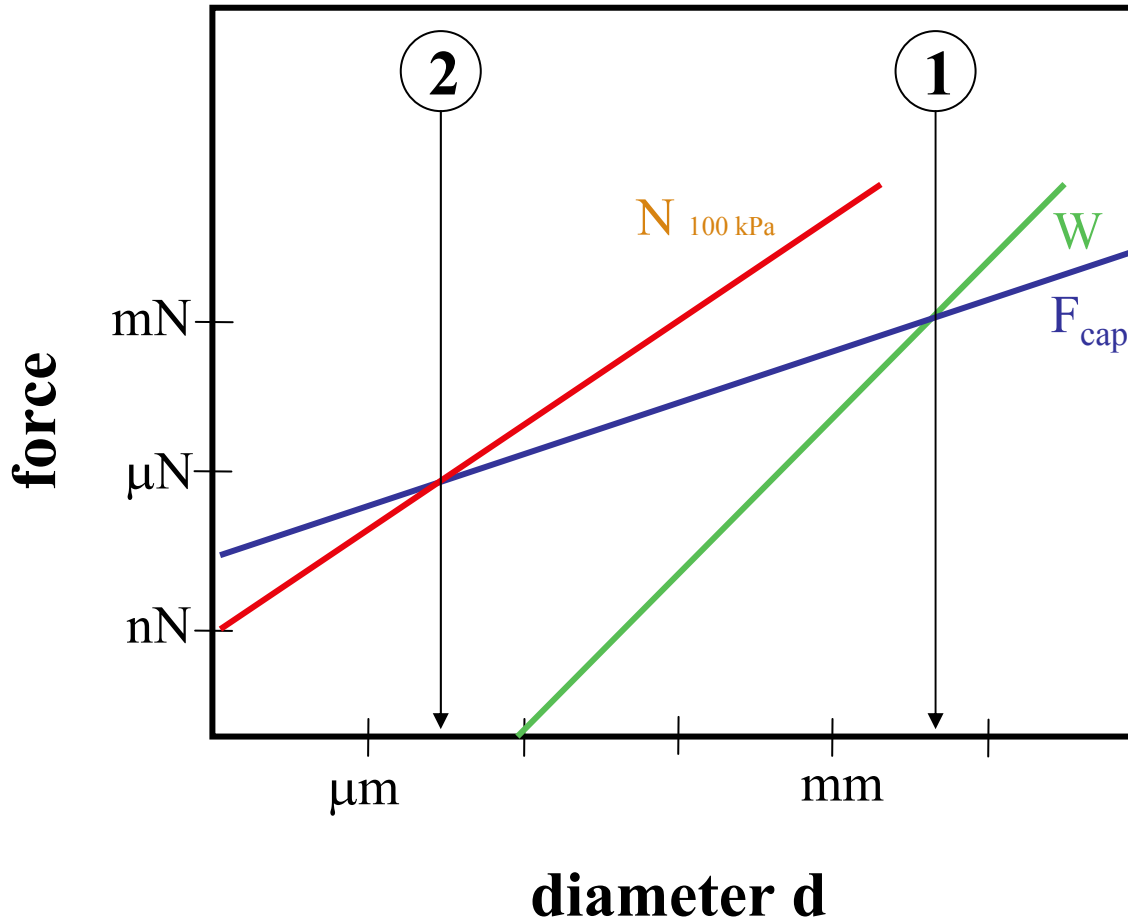
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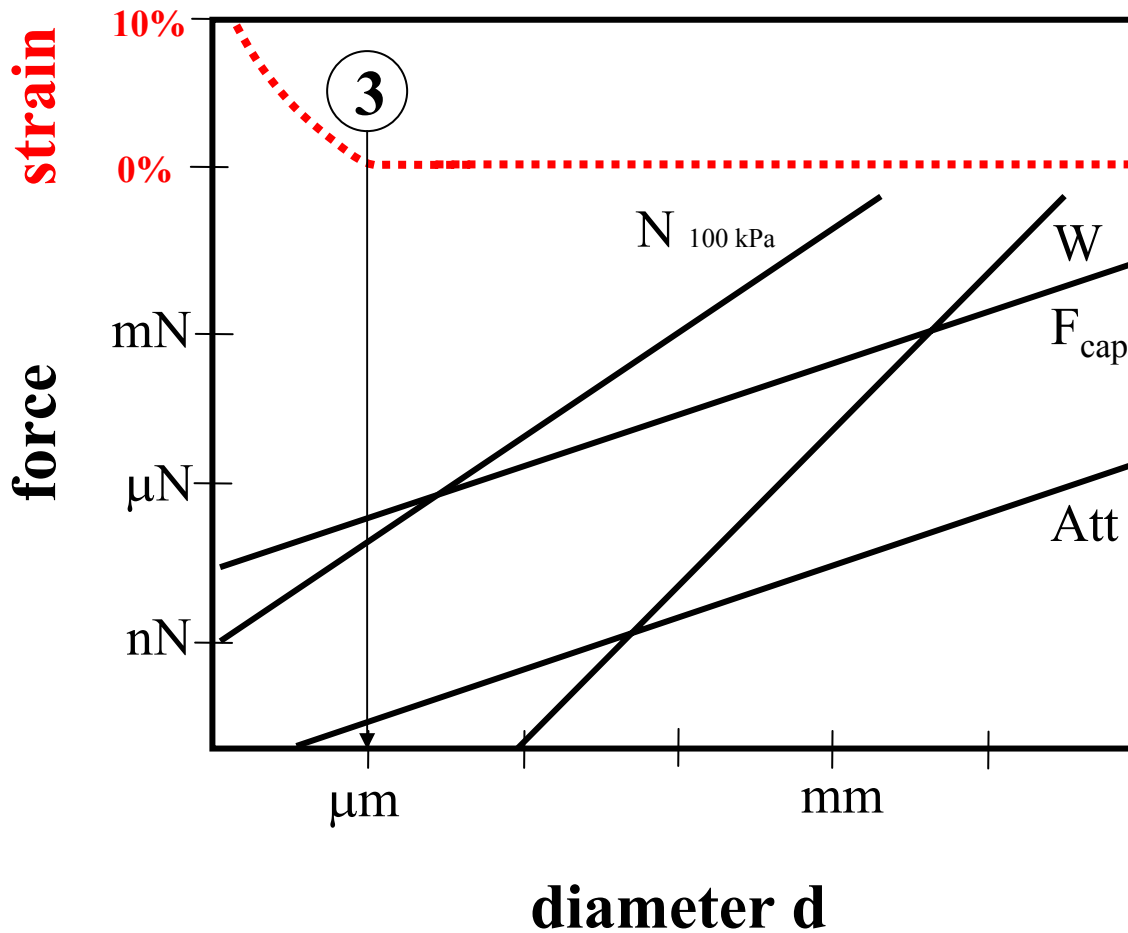
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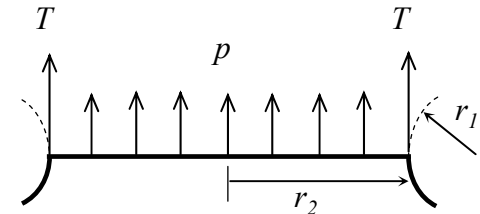
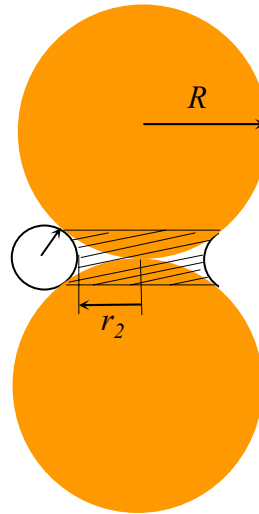


Inter-particle capillary forces

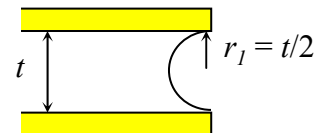
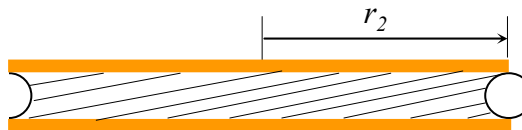
Laplace's Equation

$$p = T \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

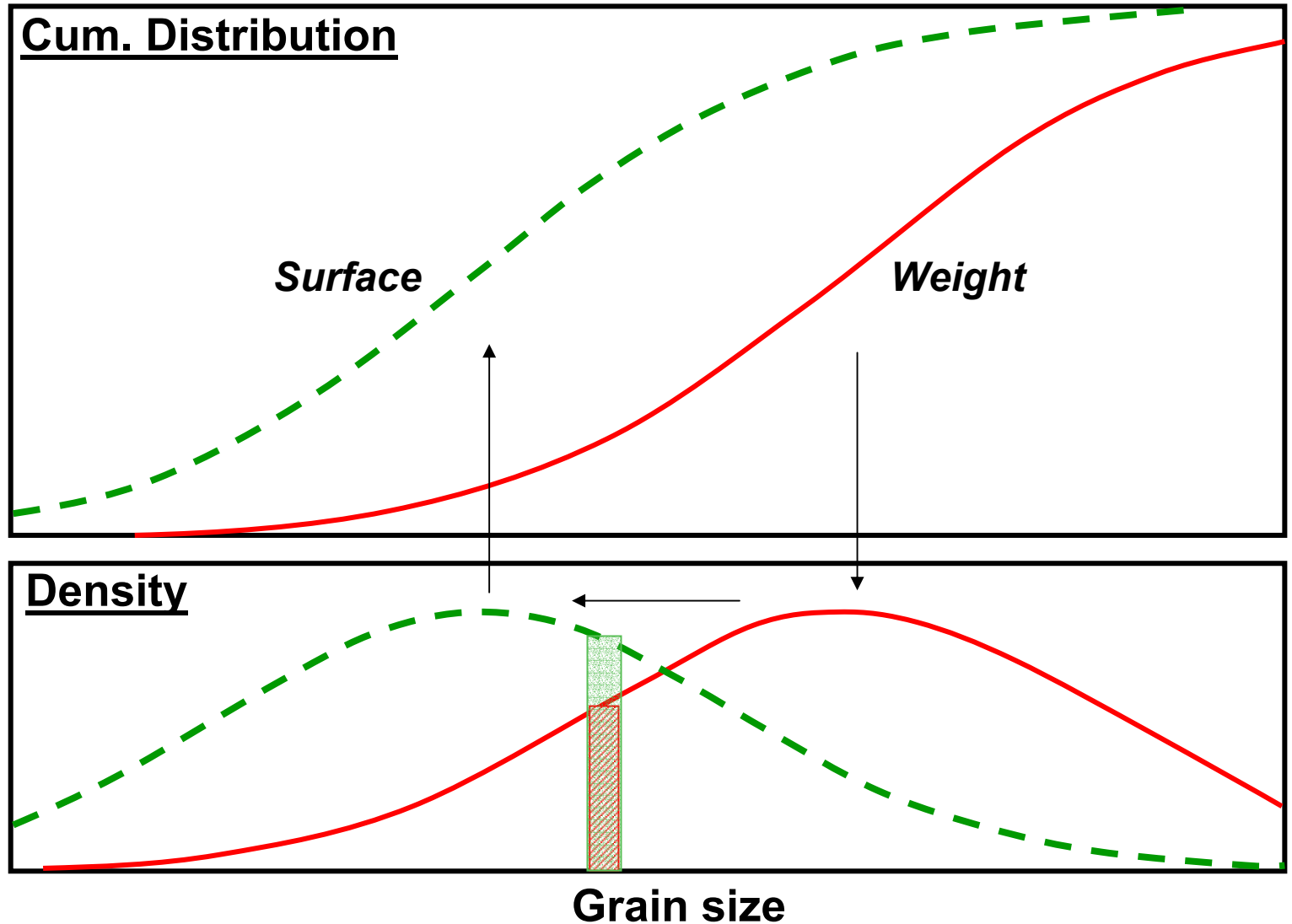
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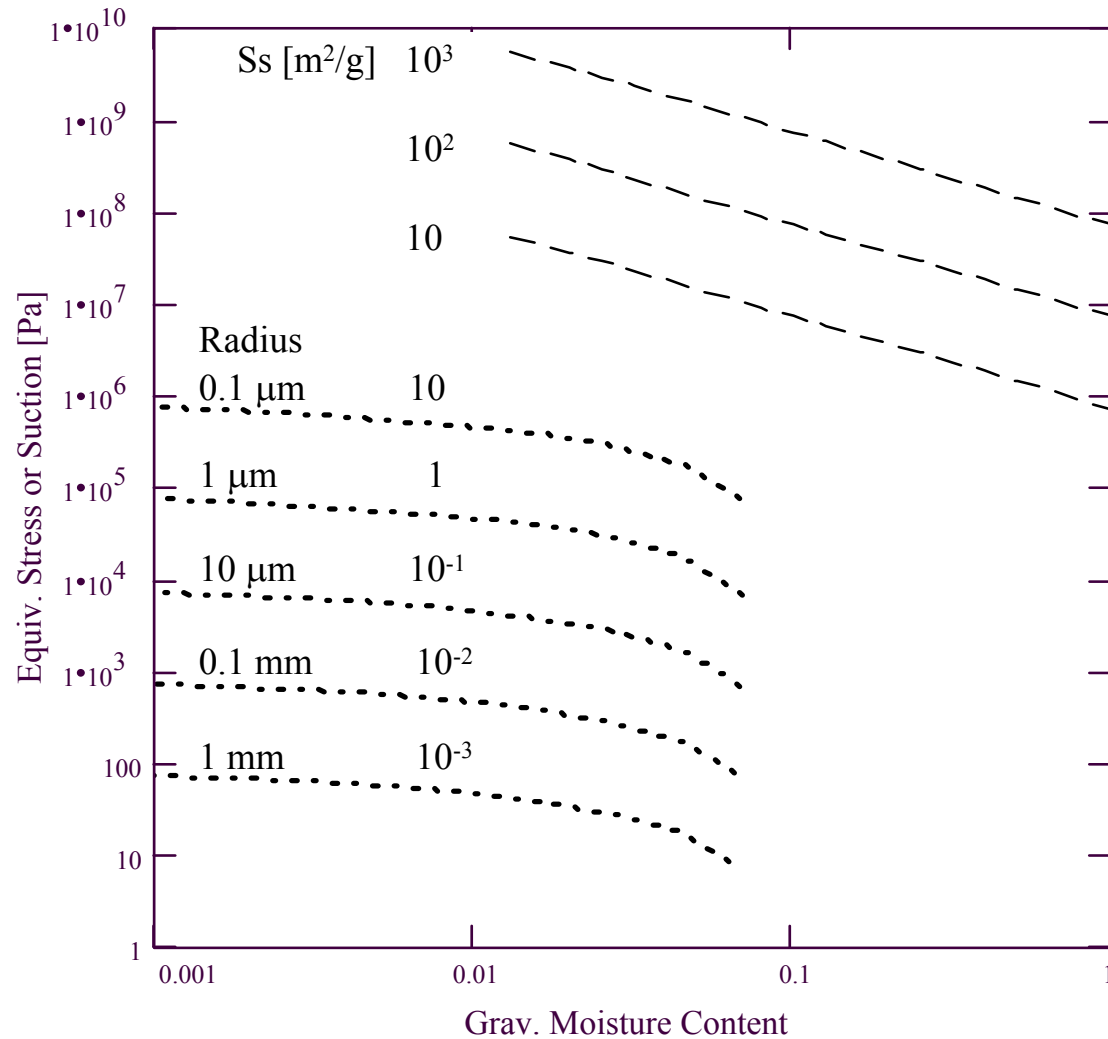
Disk particles



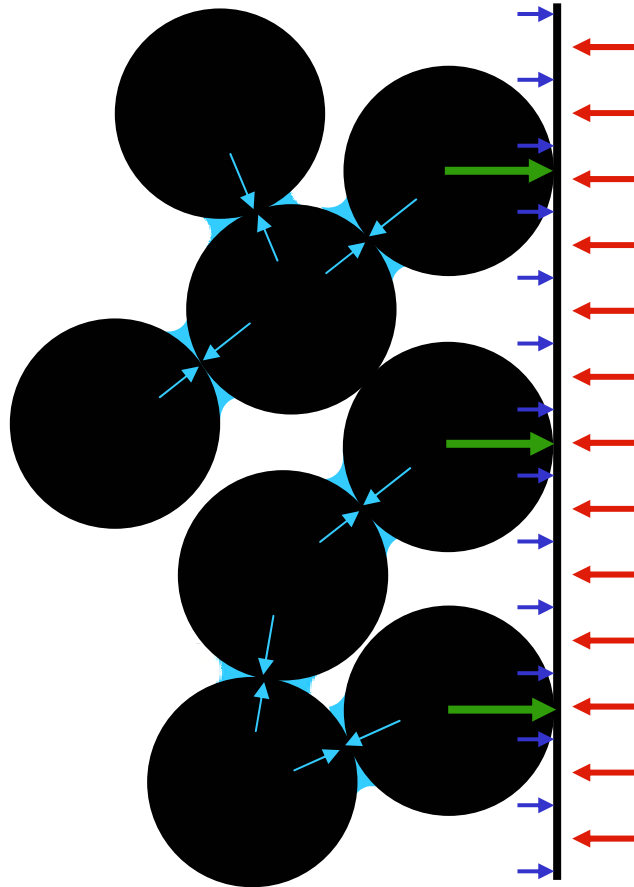
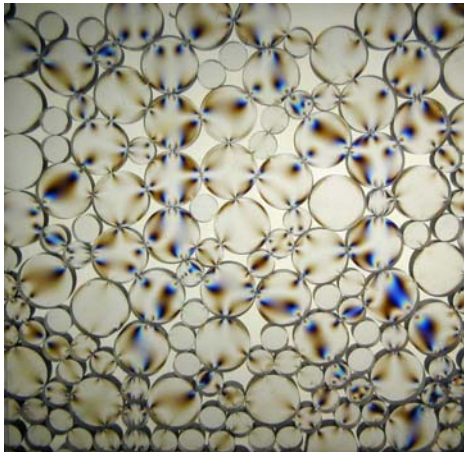
Size and Surface - Surface Phenomena



Capillary forces



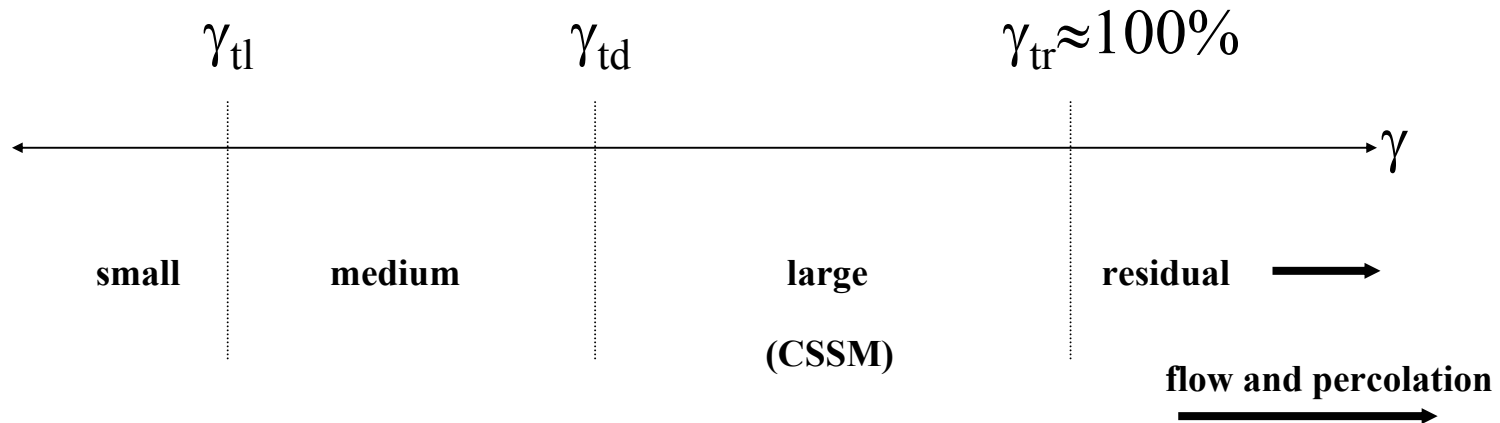
Effective stress ...where?



$$\sigma' + u = \sigma$$

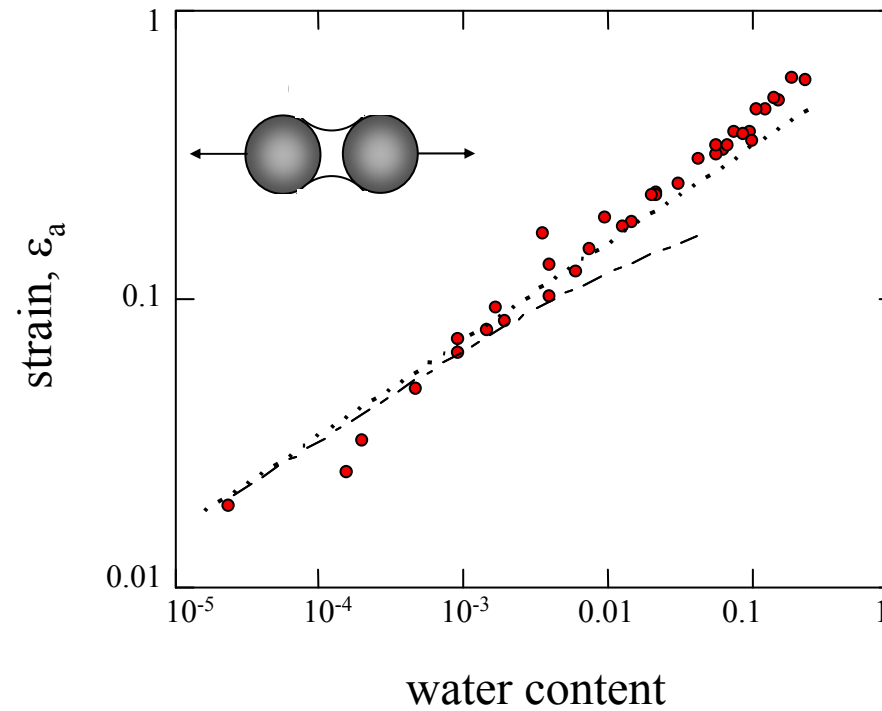
STRAIN REGIMES

Strain regimes

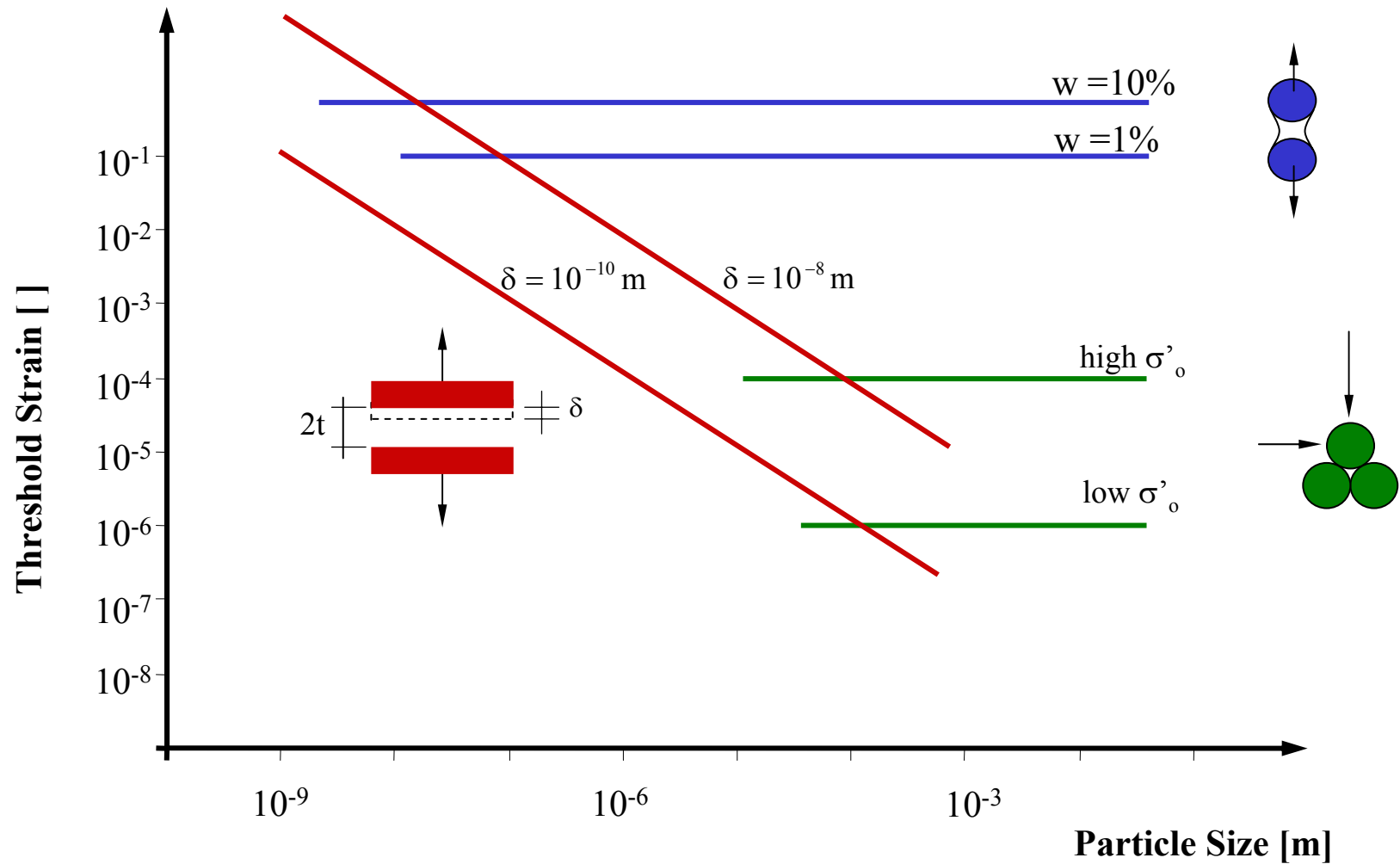


Inter.displacem. $< \approx 10^{-10}$ m	Inter. displacement $< \approx 9$	Change in neighbors	Particle alignment (<i>platy particles</i>)
Preserves molecular bonds	Neighbors preserved	Destruction initial fabric	Minimum drained shear strength
Very small energy losses	Minor fabric changes	Δu (undrain) ΔVol (drain)	Minimum drained shear strength
		High energy losses	Strain localization

Threshold strain for menisci failure

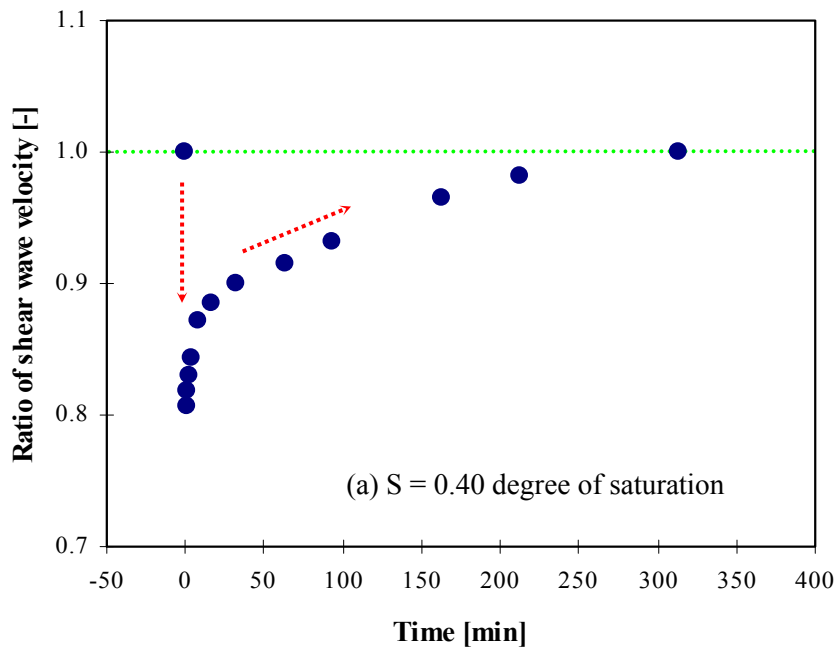


Threshold strains - Ranges



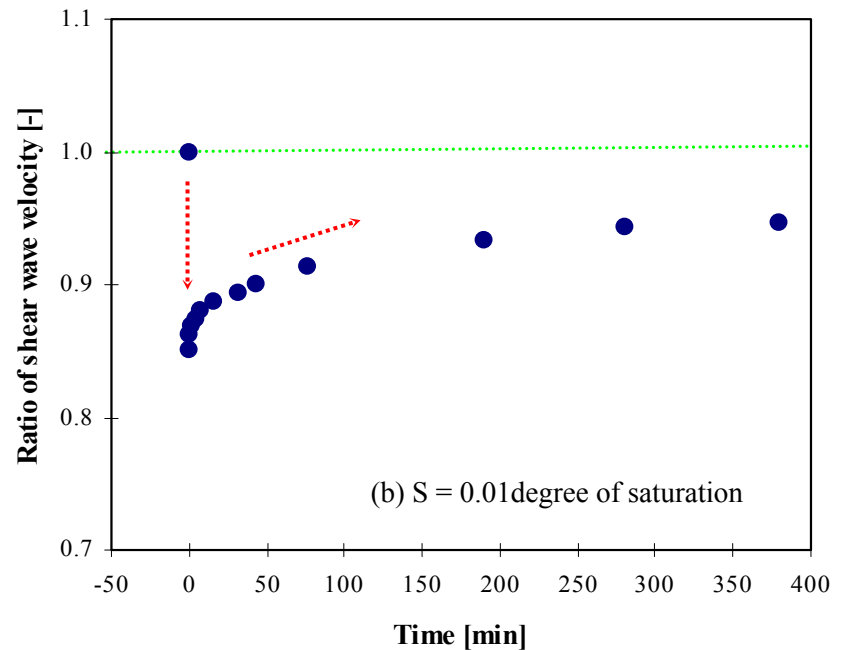
Thixotropy

S = 40% (Funicular)



By pressure diffusion

S = 1% (Pendular)

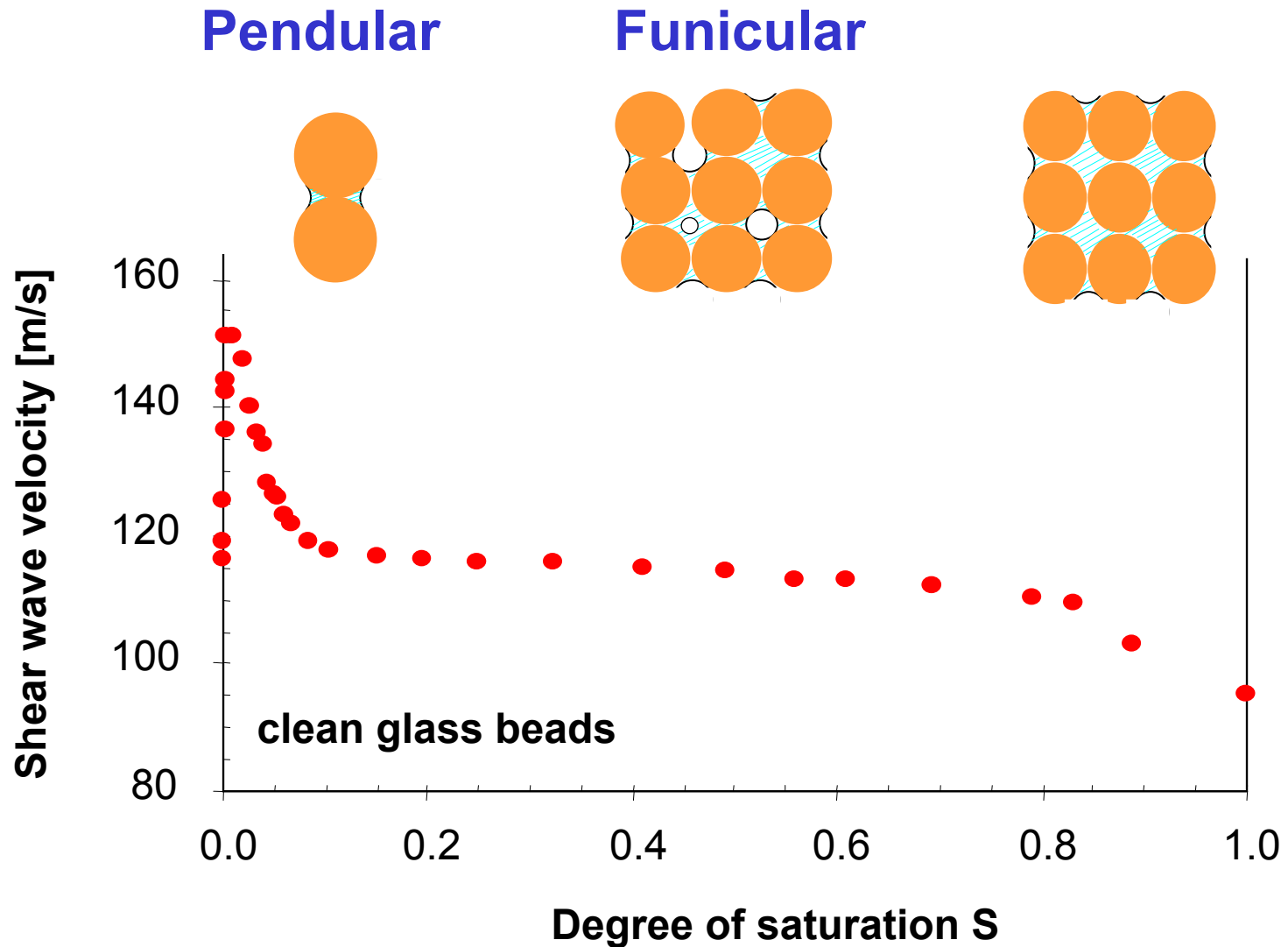


Through vapor pressure

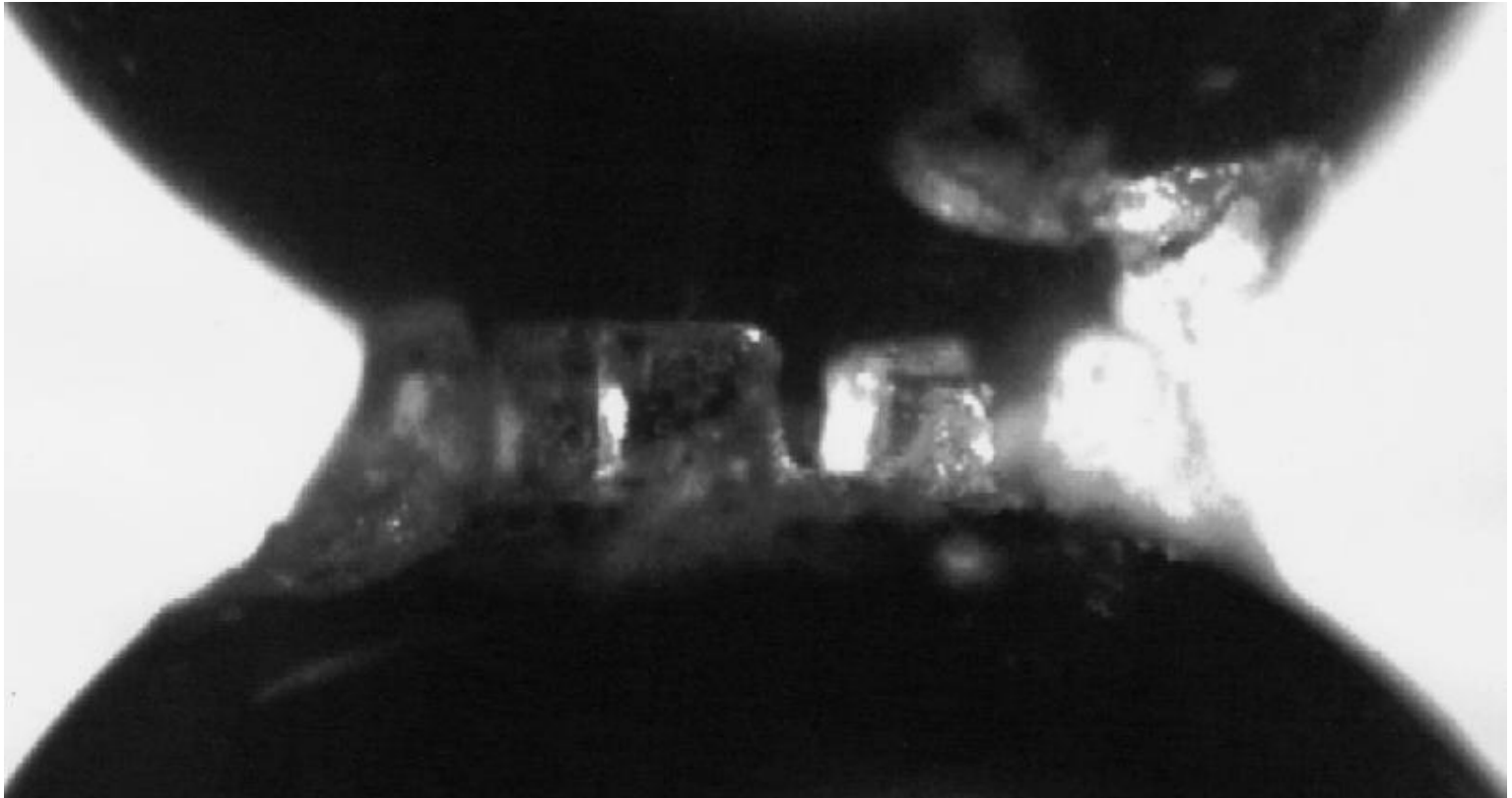
SMALL-STRAIN

SKELETAL STIFFNESS

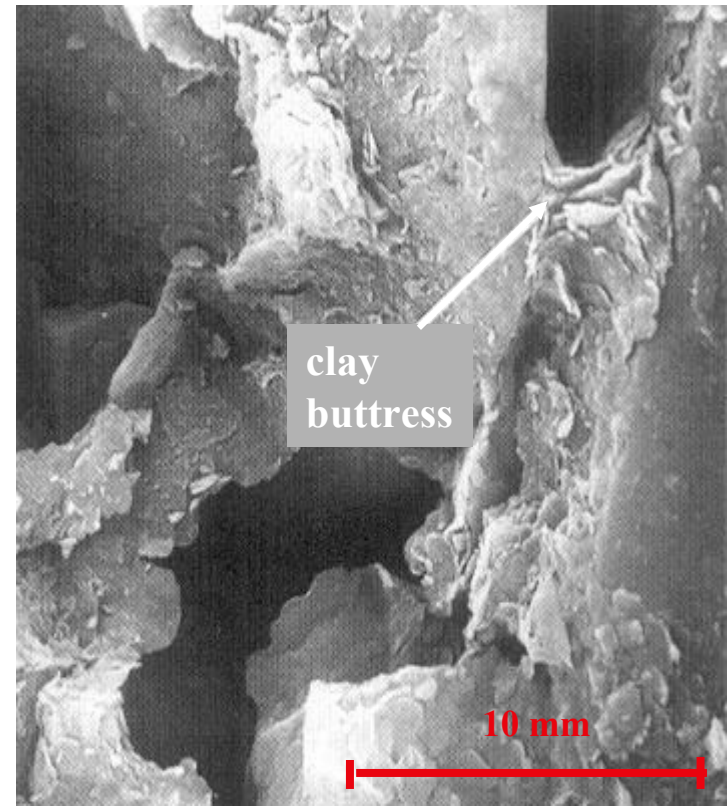
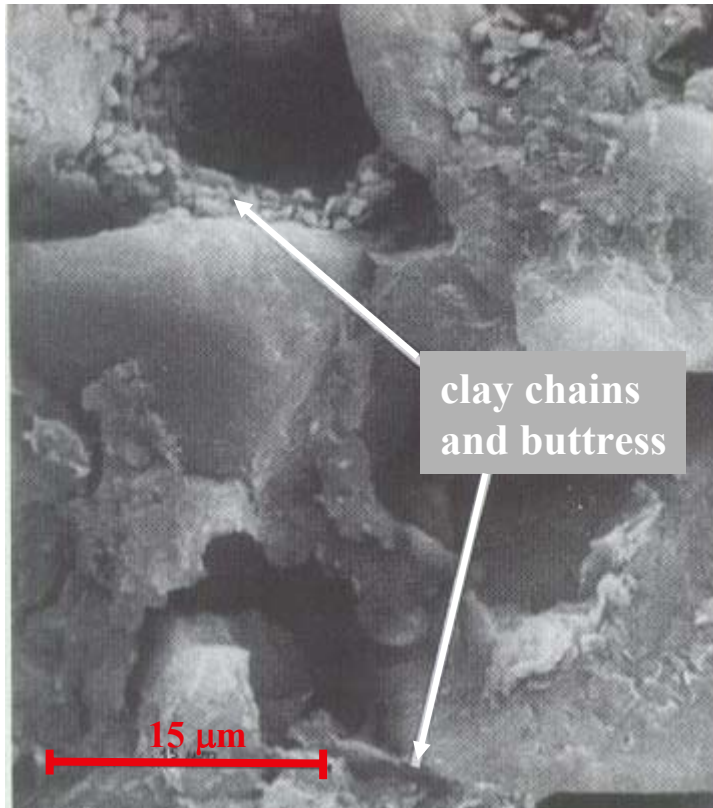
Drying – Unsaturated media



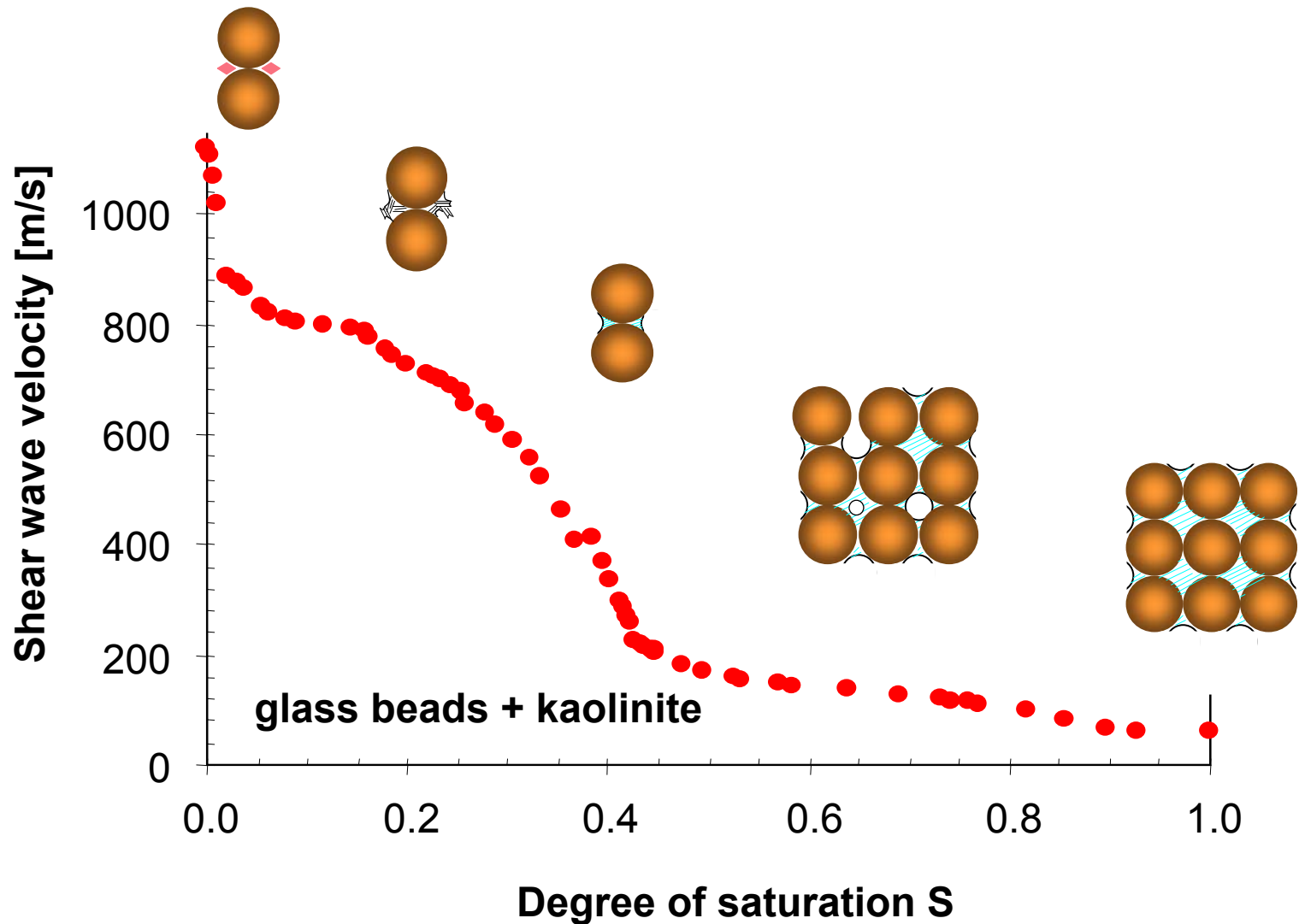
Inter-particle capillary forces



Loess



Drying – Unsaturated media



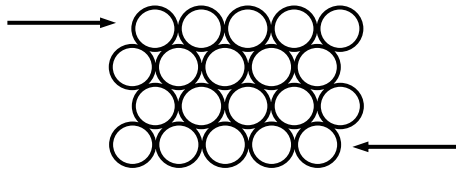
STRAIN LOCALIZATION

Case: Dilative drained

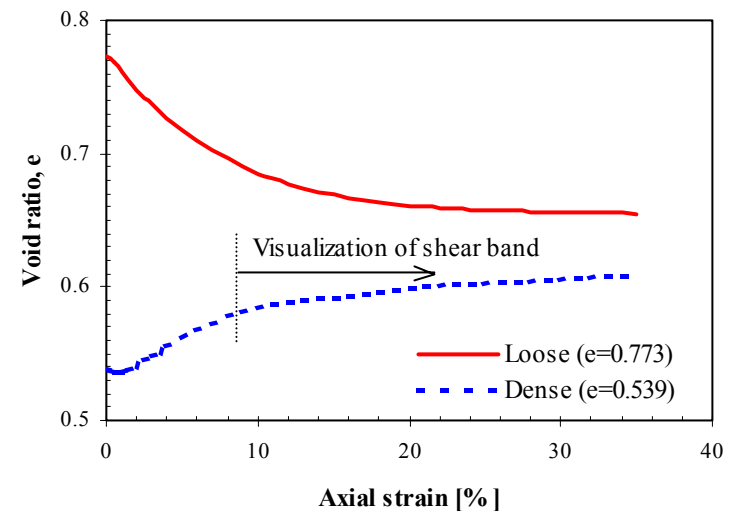
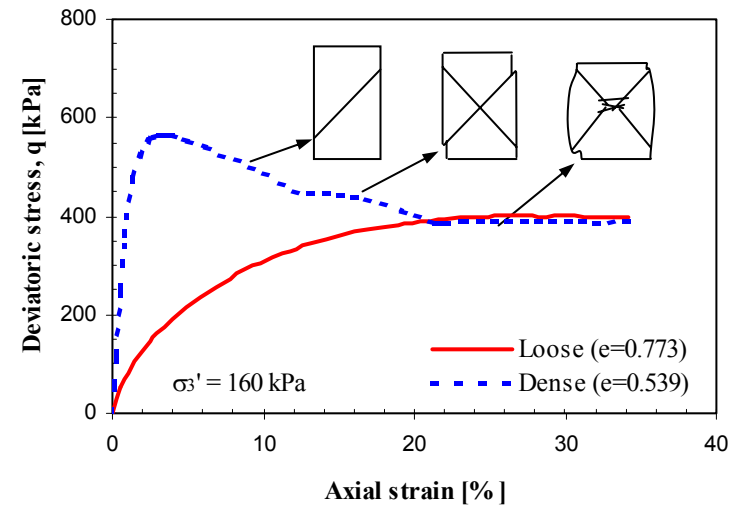
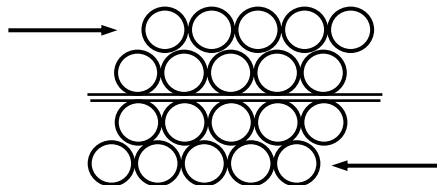
Soil: Sandboil sand

Mechanism: Dilatancy, buckling

- Initial



- Intermediate

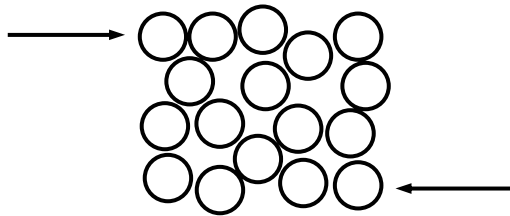


Case: Contractive undrained

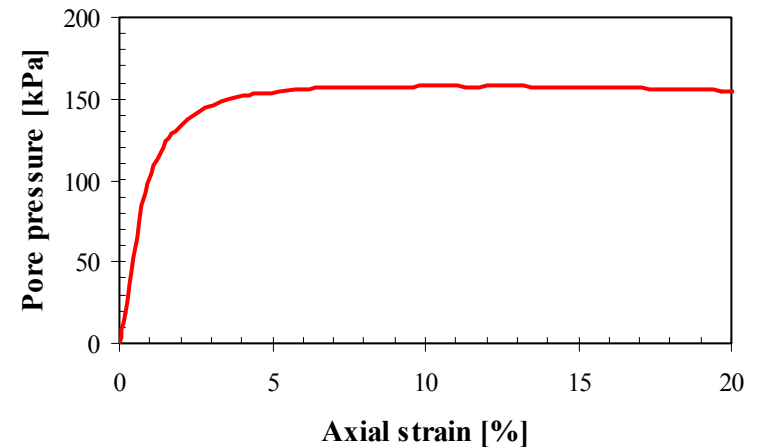
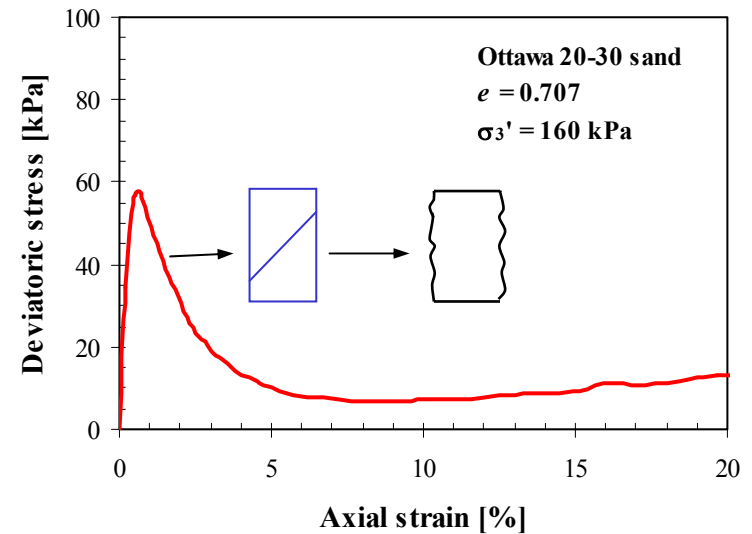
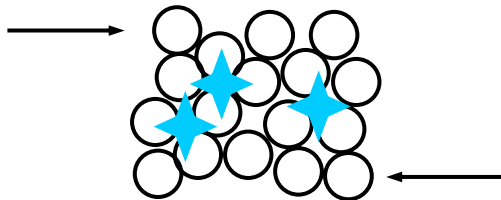
Soil: Ottawa 20-30 sand

Mechanism: Irregular high u_w

- Initial



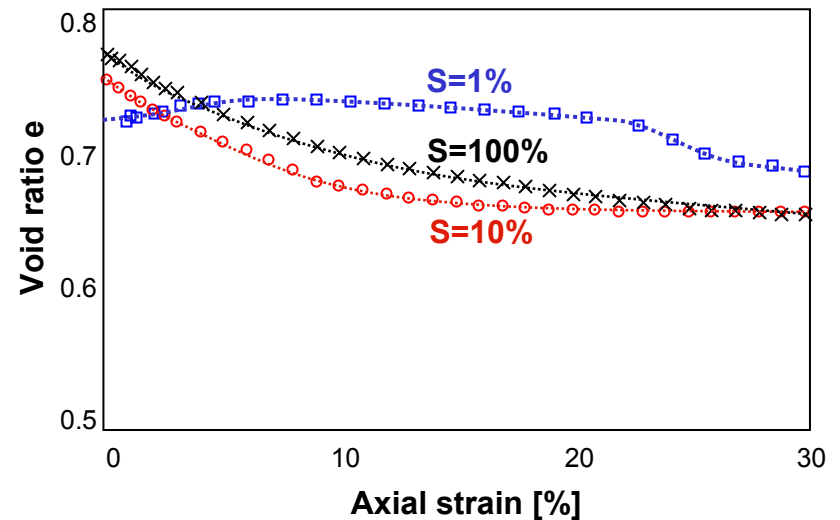
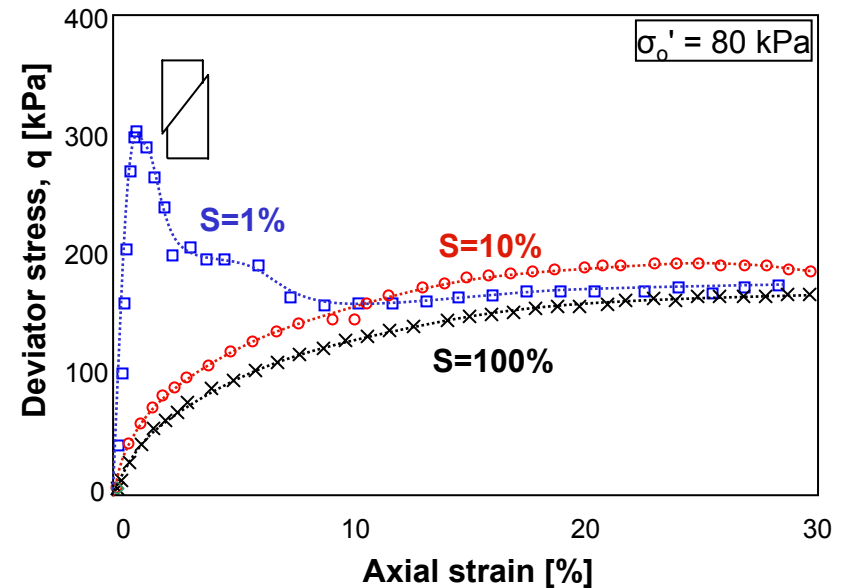
- Intermediate



Case: Unsaturated soil

Soil: 90% Ottawa F110
10% kaolin

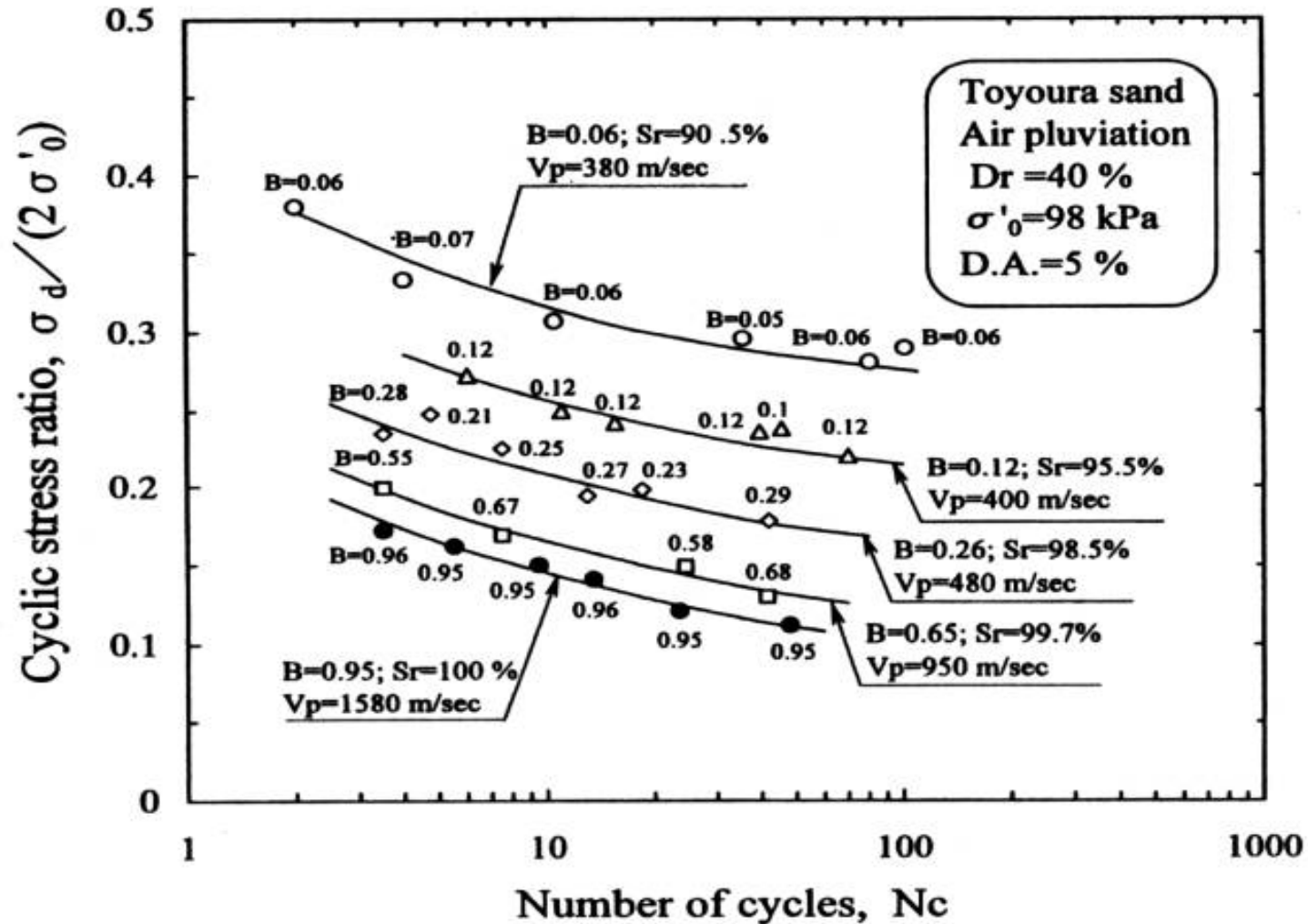
Preparation:
moist-tamped (loose)
saturation
air percolation (until target S%)



LIQUEFACTION

P-Waves: Saturation

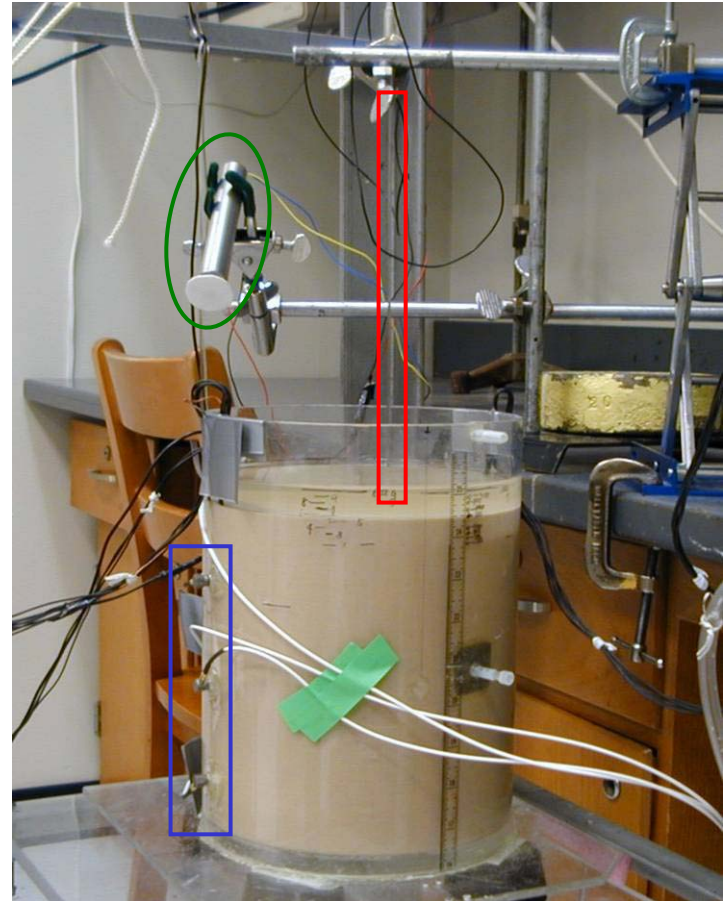
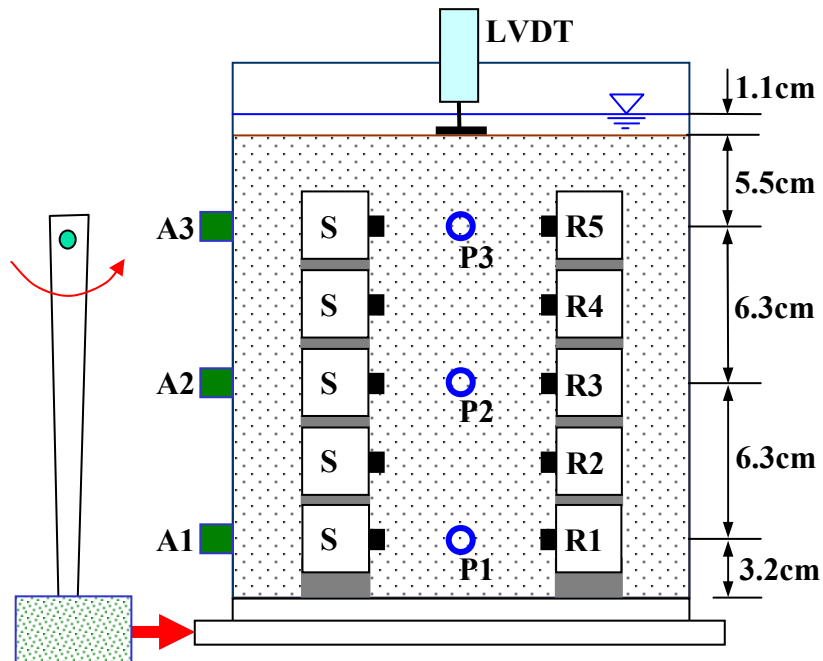
$$B_{\text{mix}} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(B_{\text{sk}} + \frac{4}{3} G_{\text{sk}} \right) + \left[n \left(\frac{S}{B_{\text{w}}} + \frac{1-S}{B_{\text{a}}} \right) + \frac{1-n}{B_{\text{g}}} \right]^{-1}}{(1-n)\rho_{\text{g}} + nS\rho_{\text{w}}}}$$



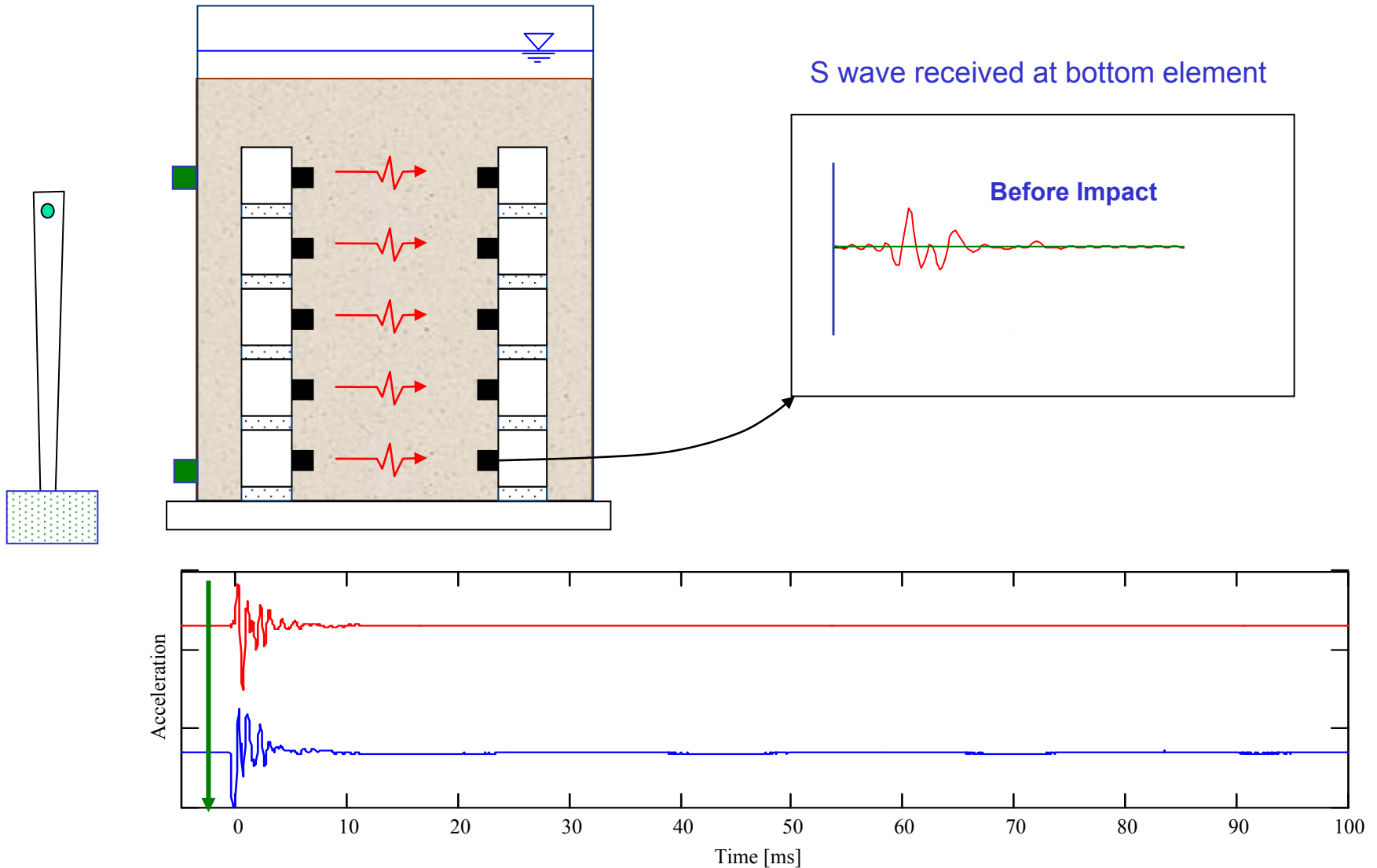
(Ishihara, 1999)

S-Waves: Effective Stress

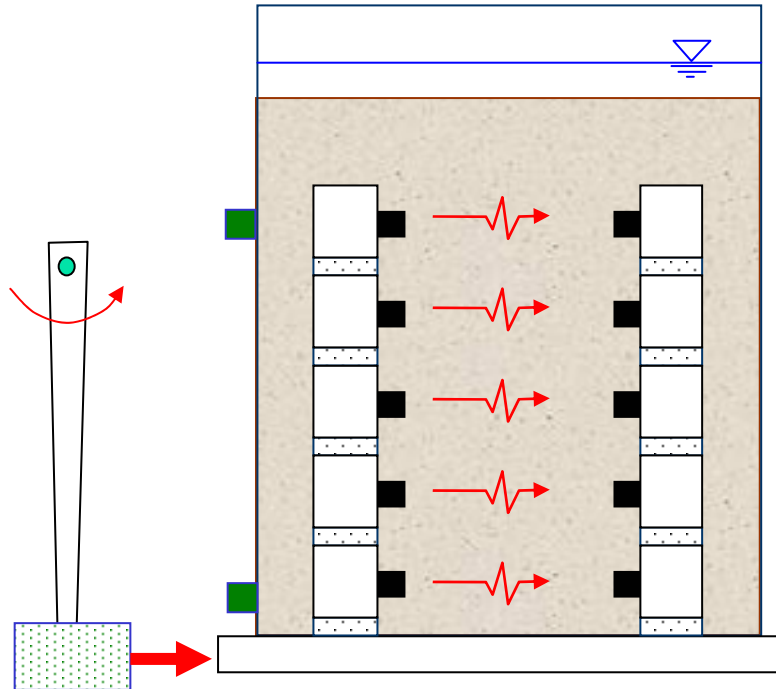
$$V_s = \alpha \left(\frac{\sigma'_x + \sigma'_y}{2 P_a} \right)^\beta$$



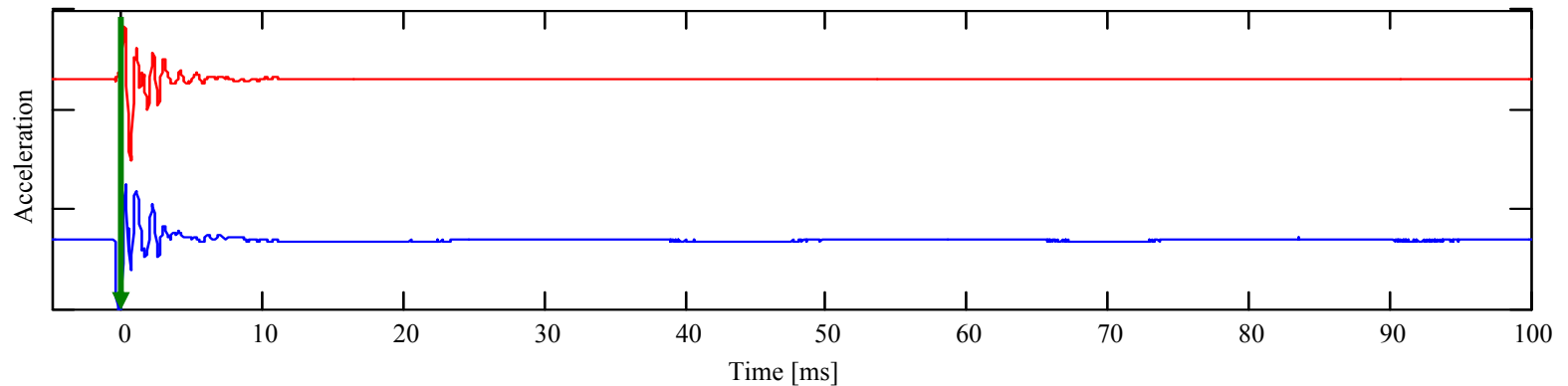
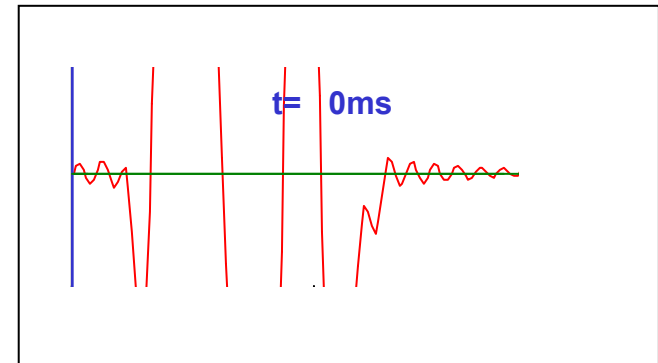
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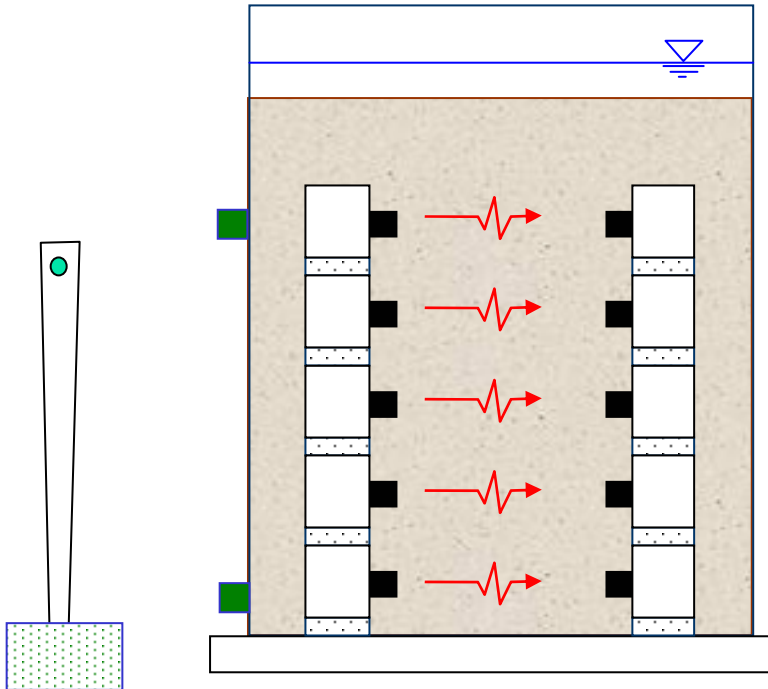
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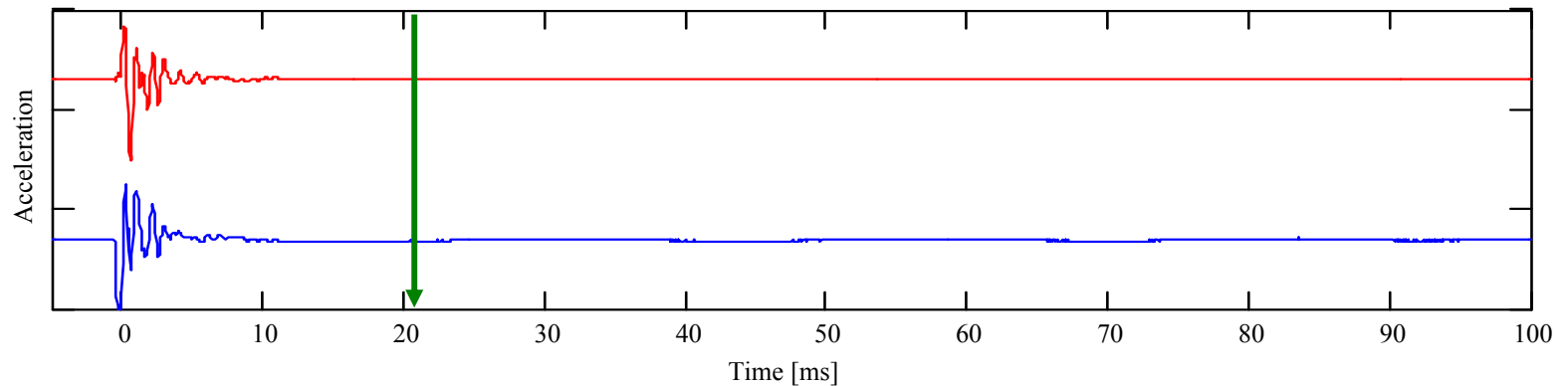
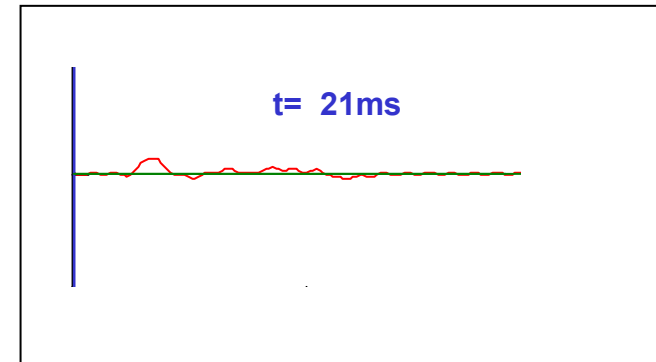
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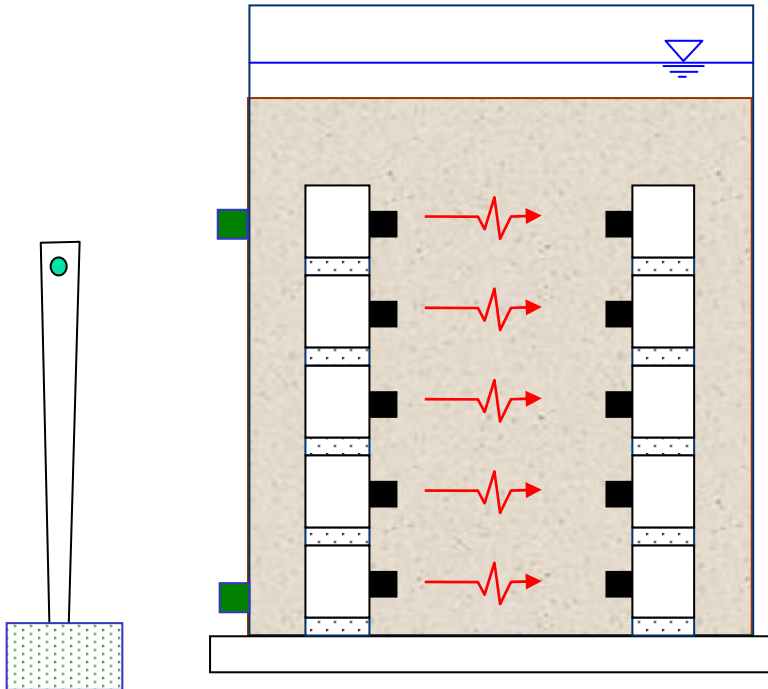
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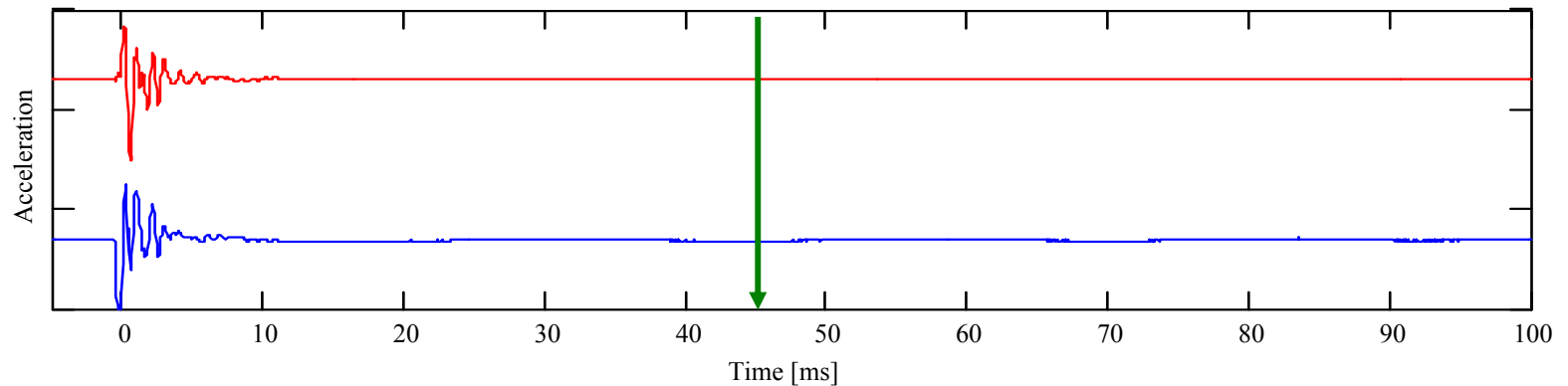
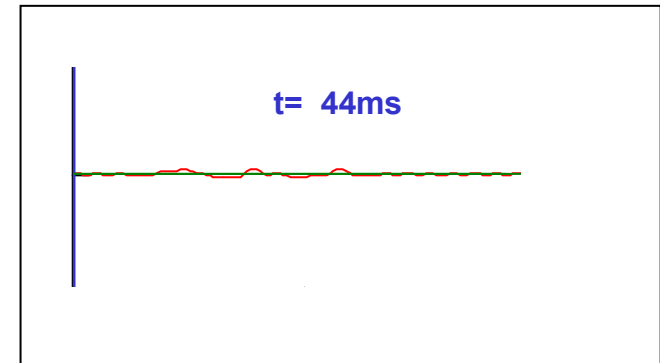
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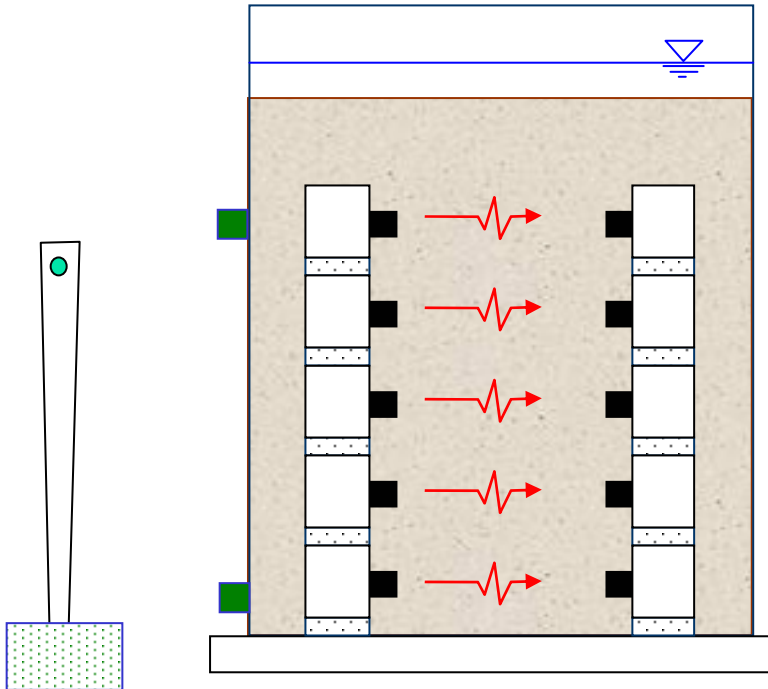
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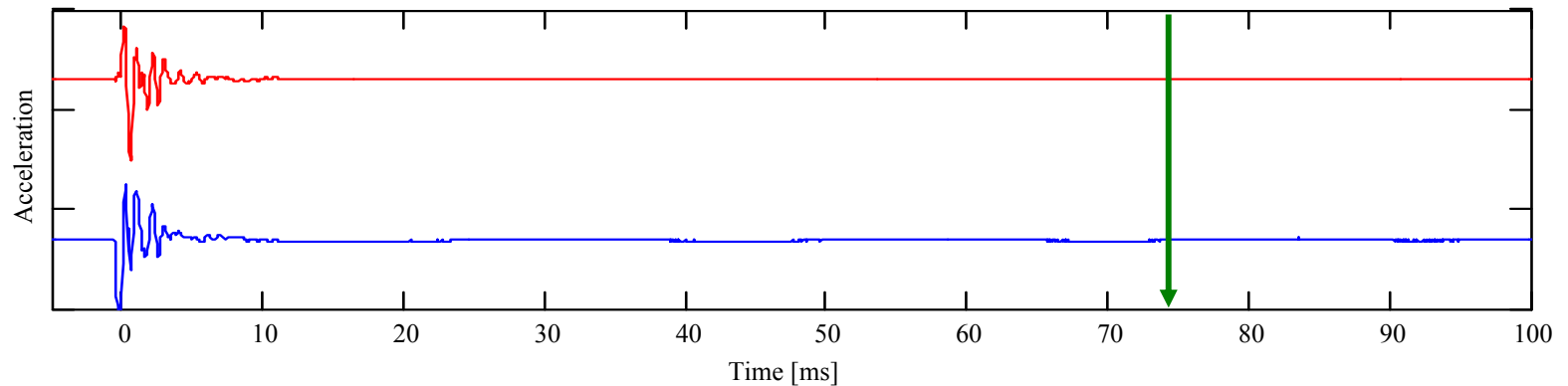
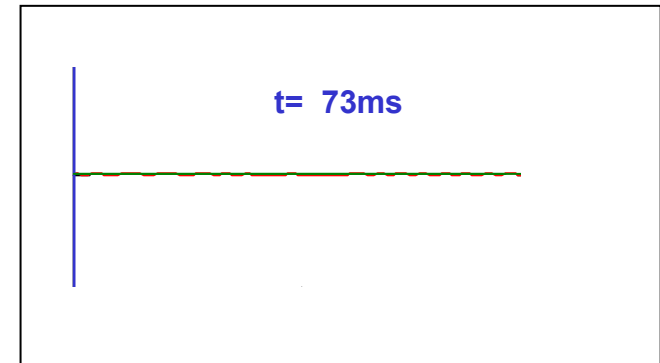
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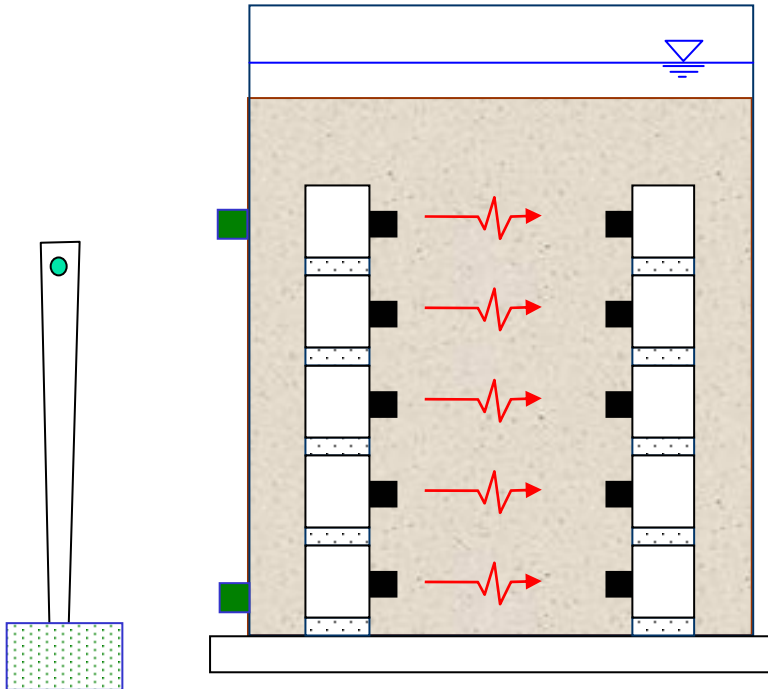
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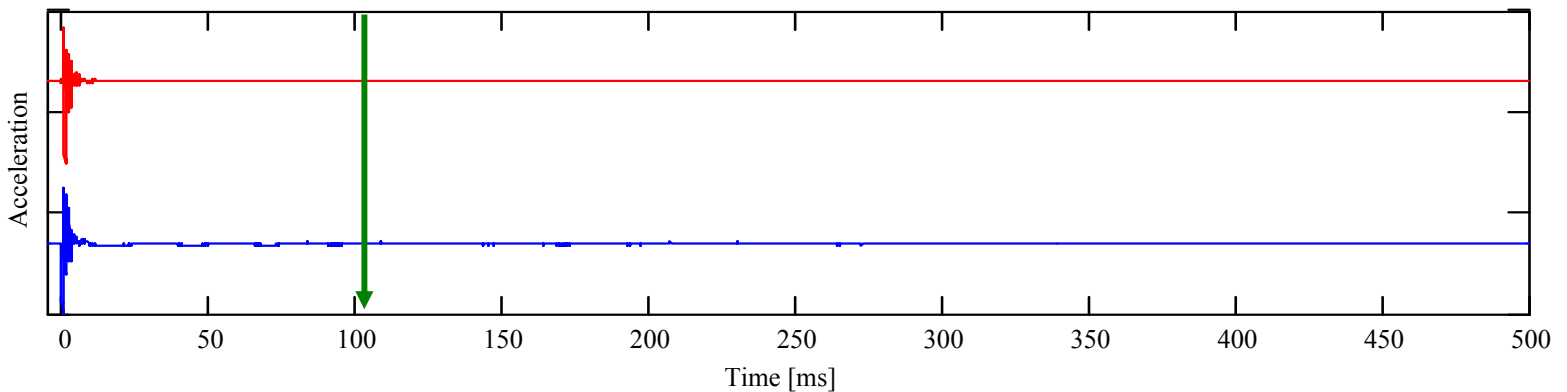
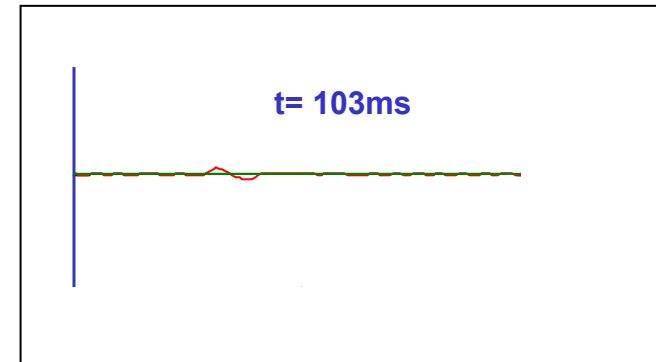
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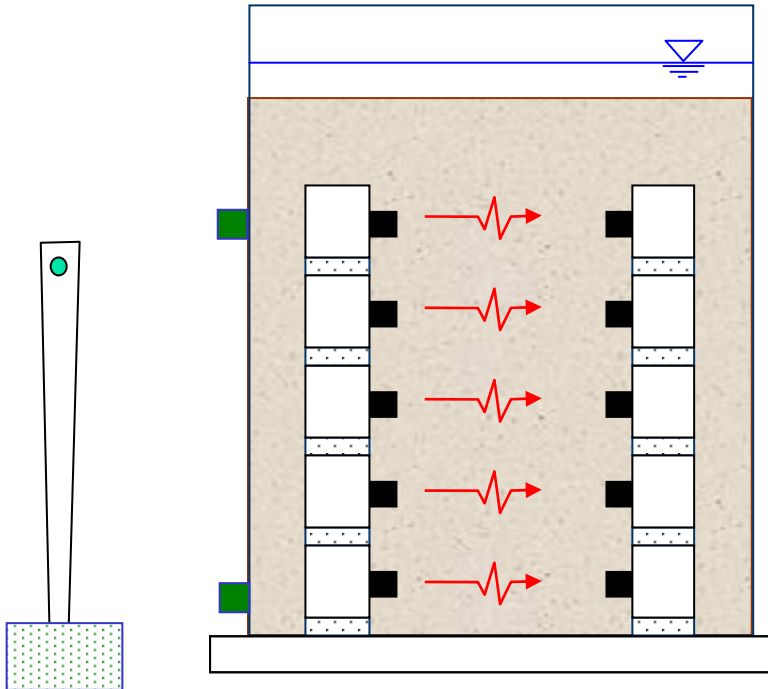
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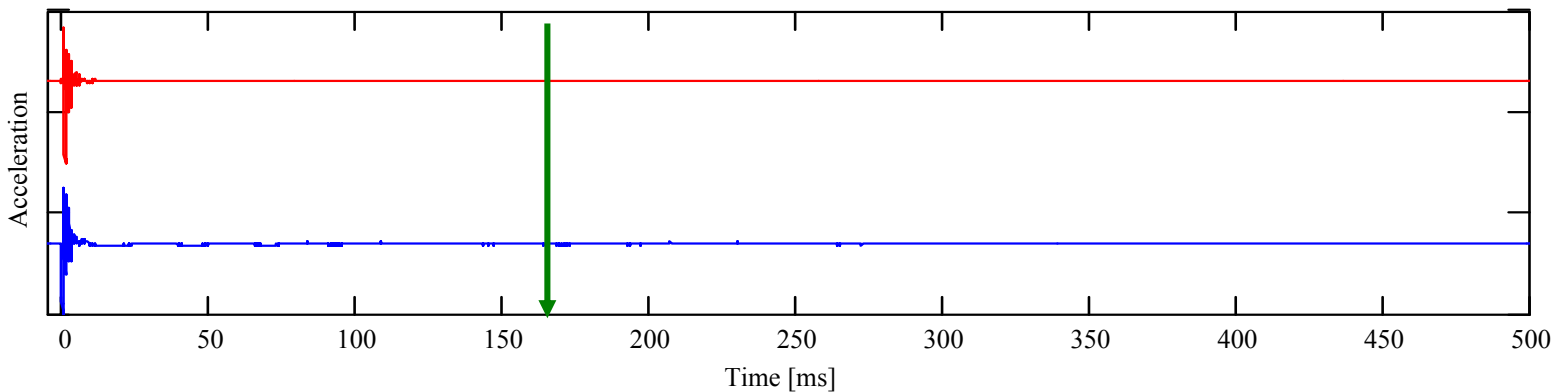
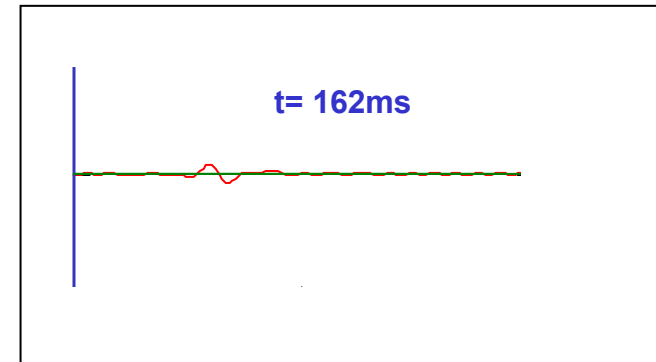
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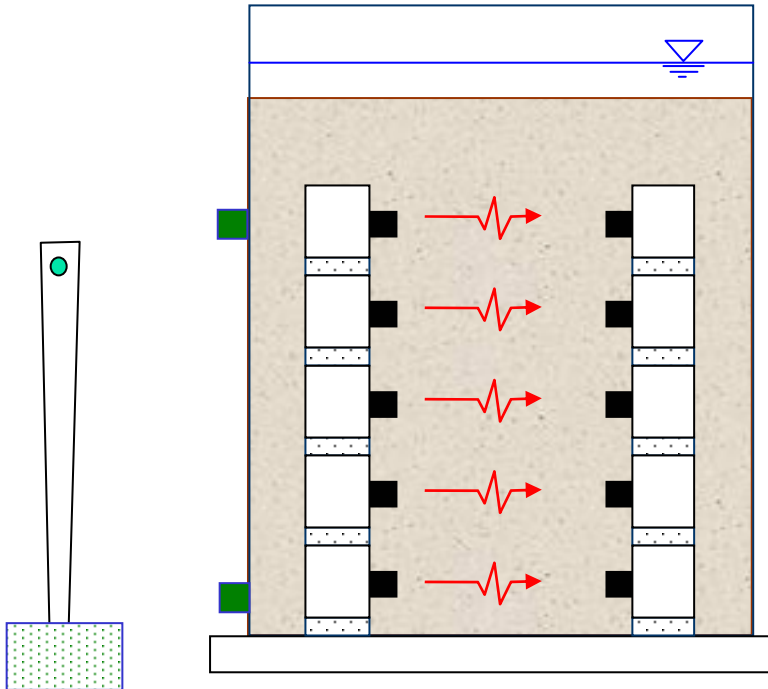
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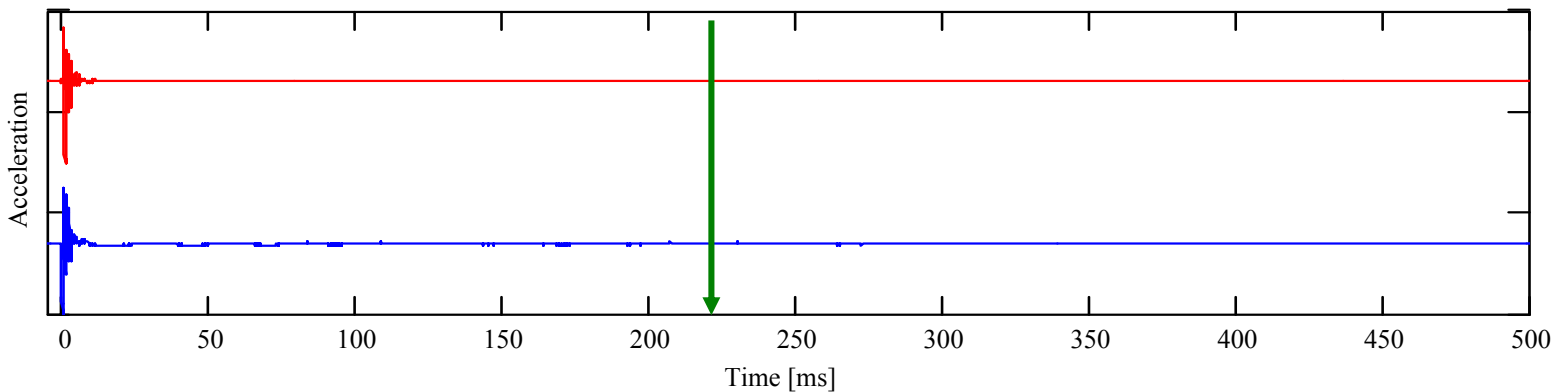
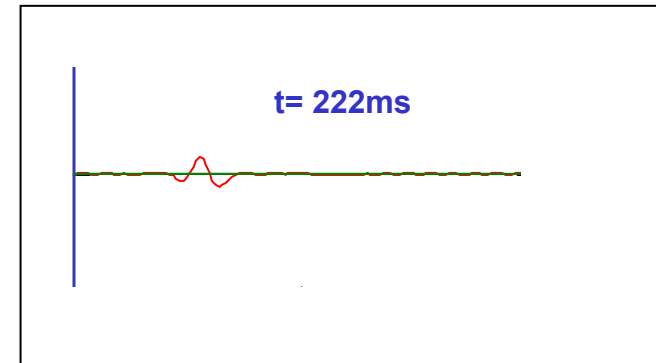
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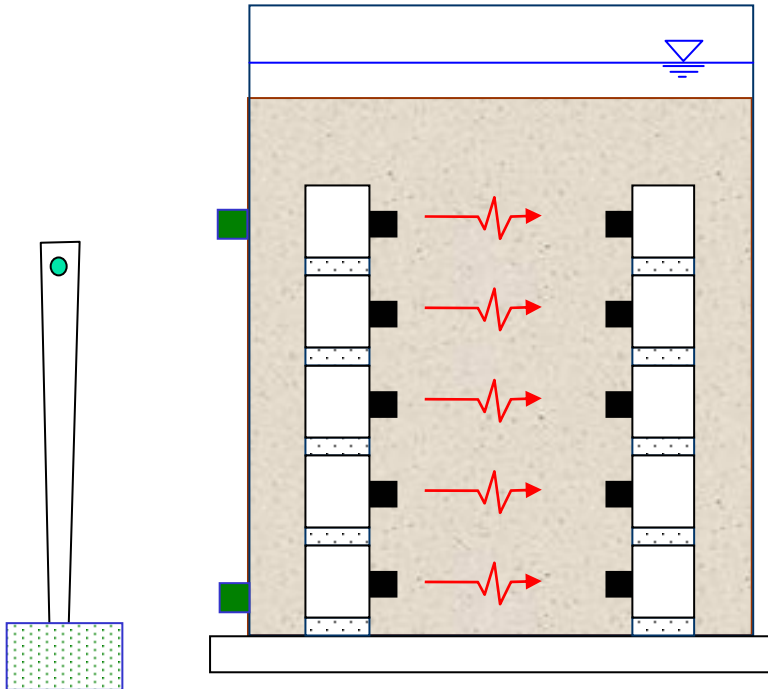
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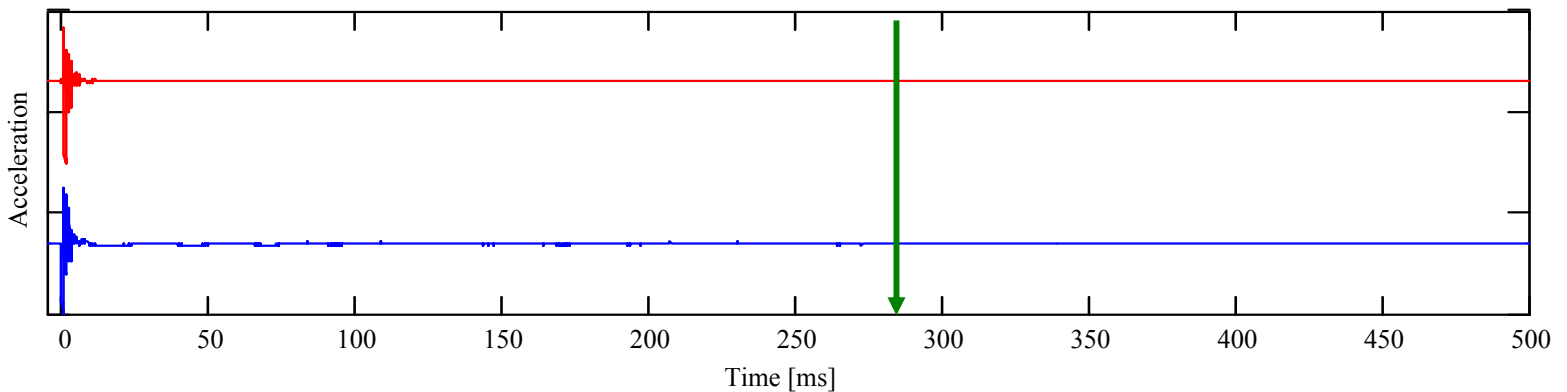
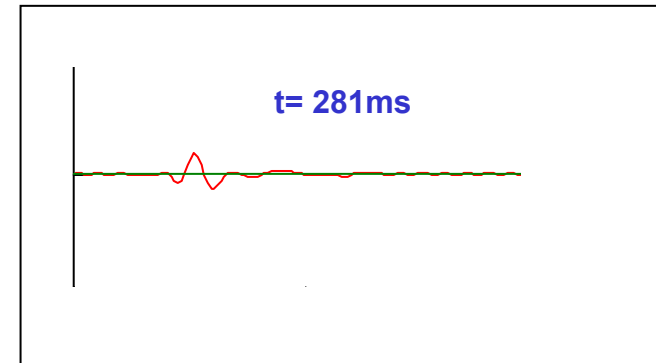
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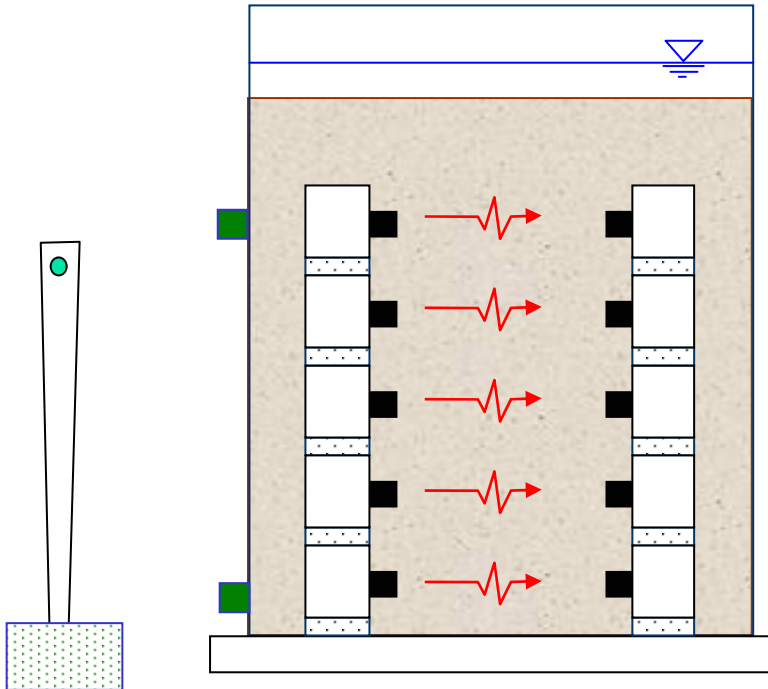
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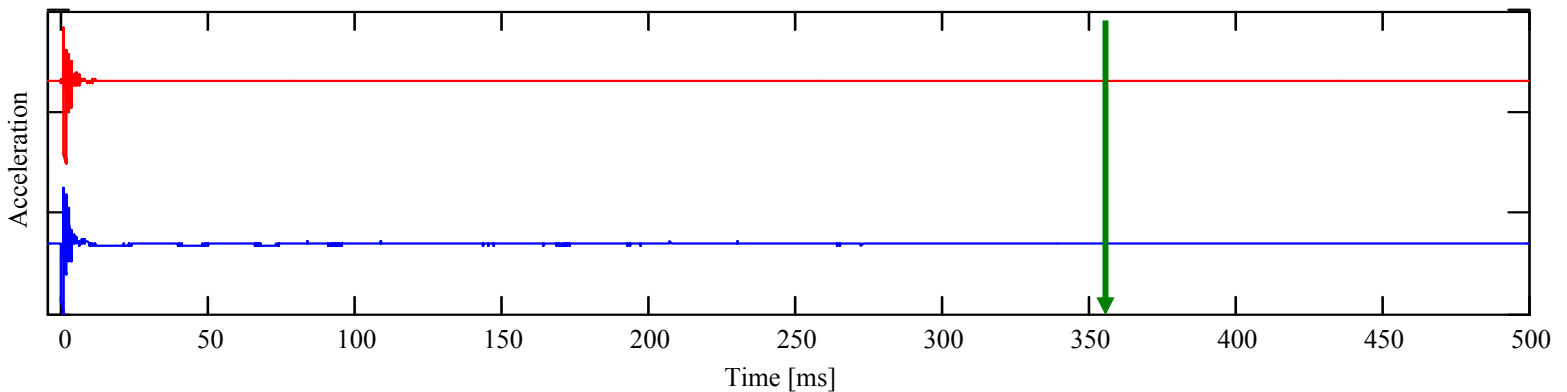
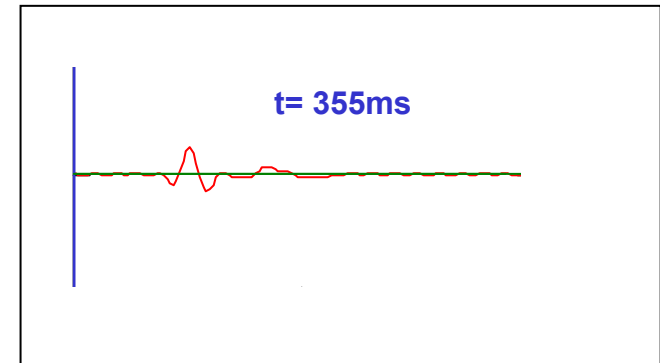
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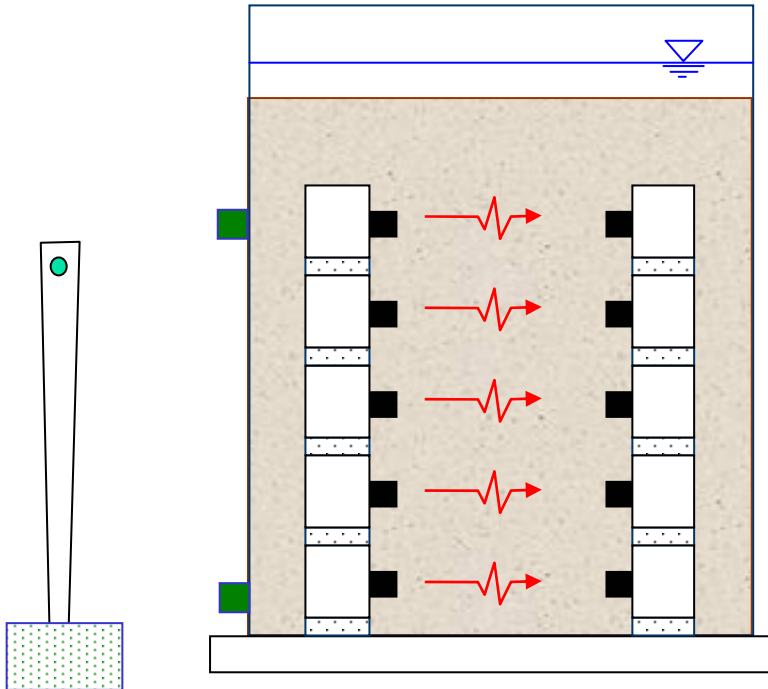
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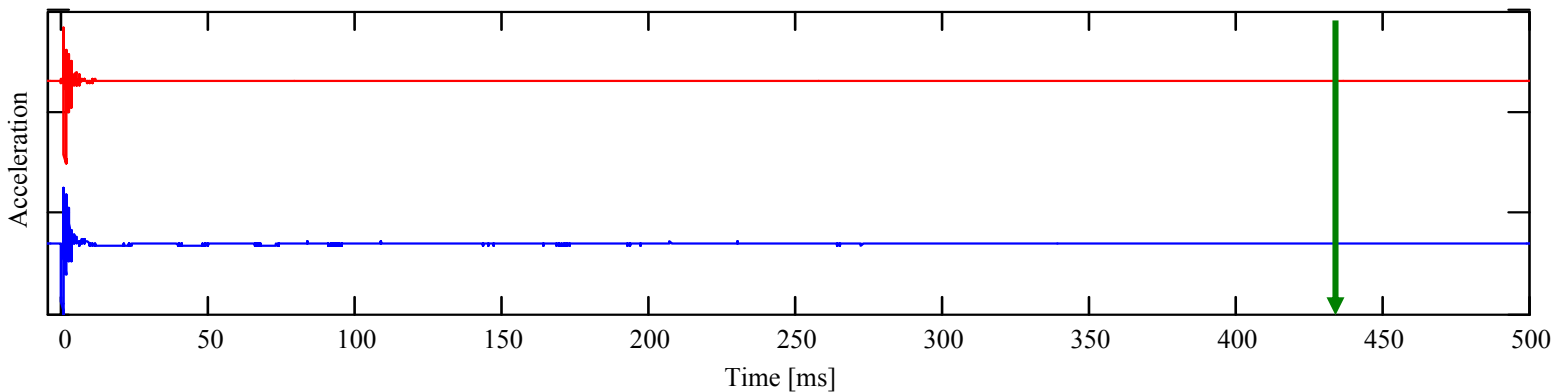
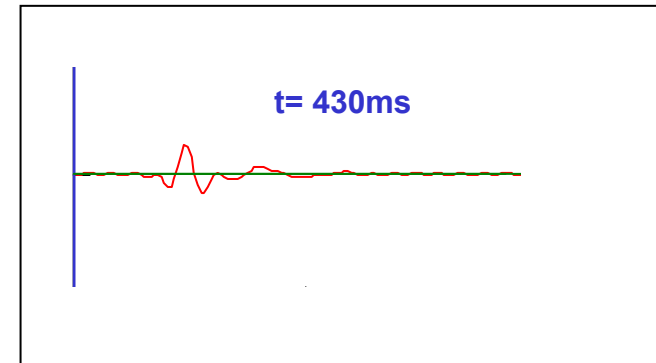
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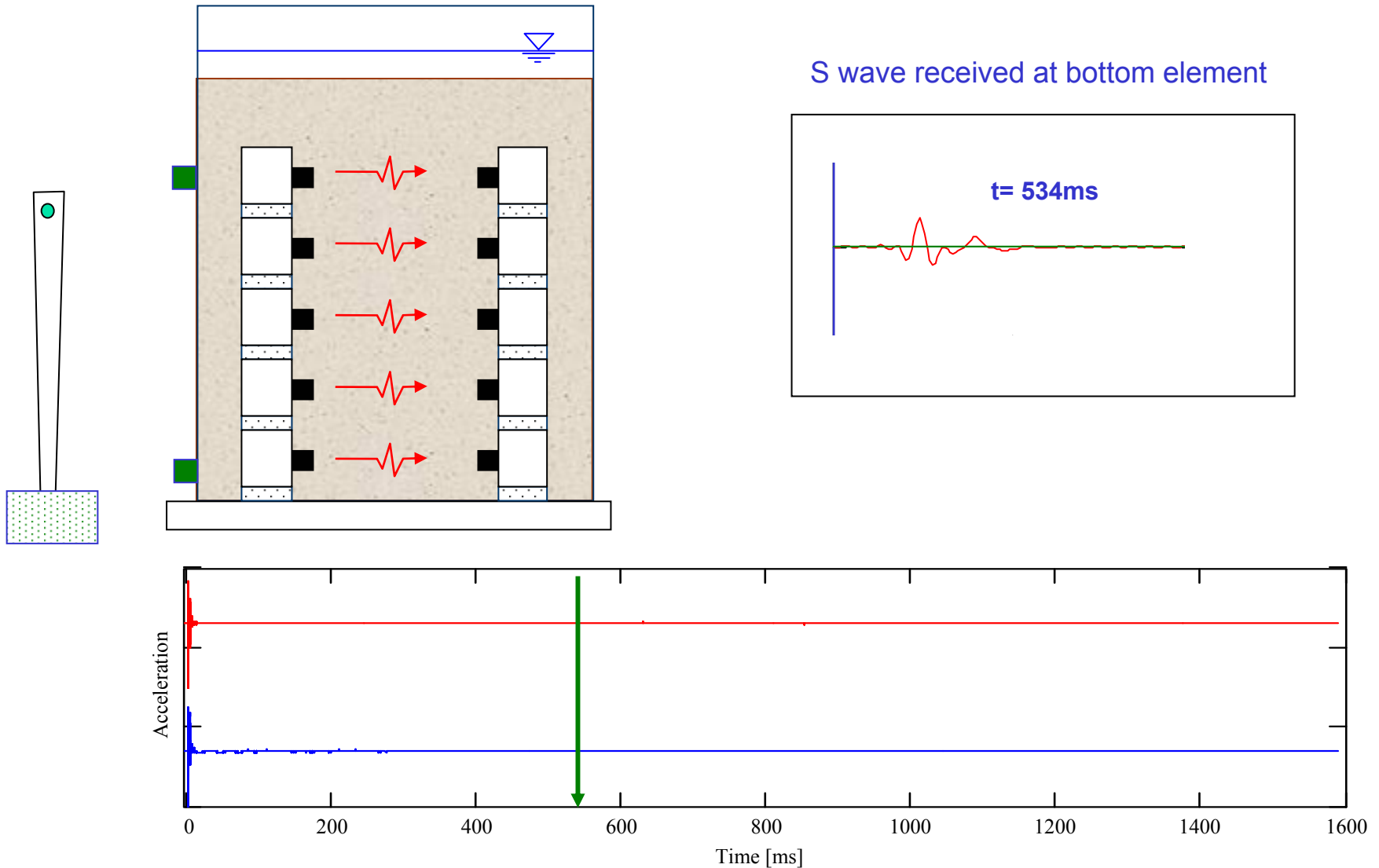
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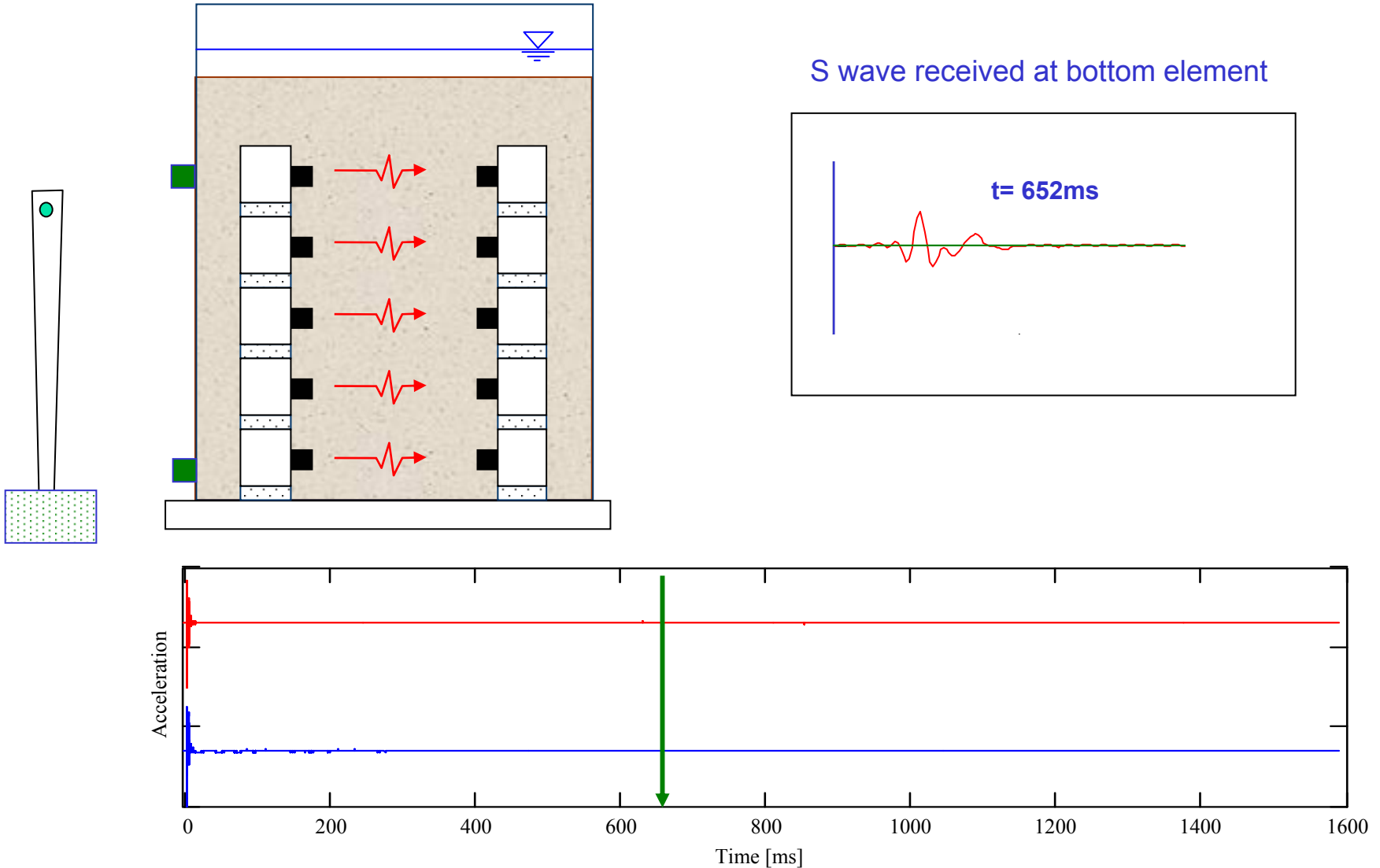
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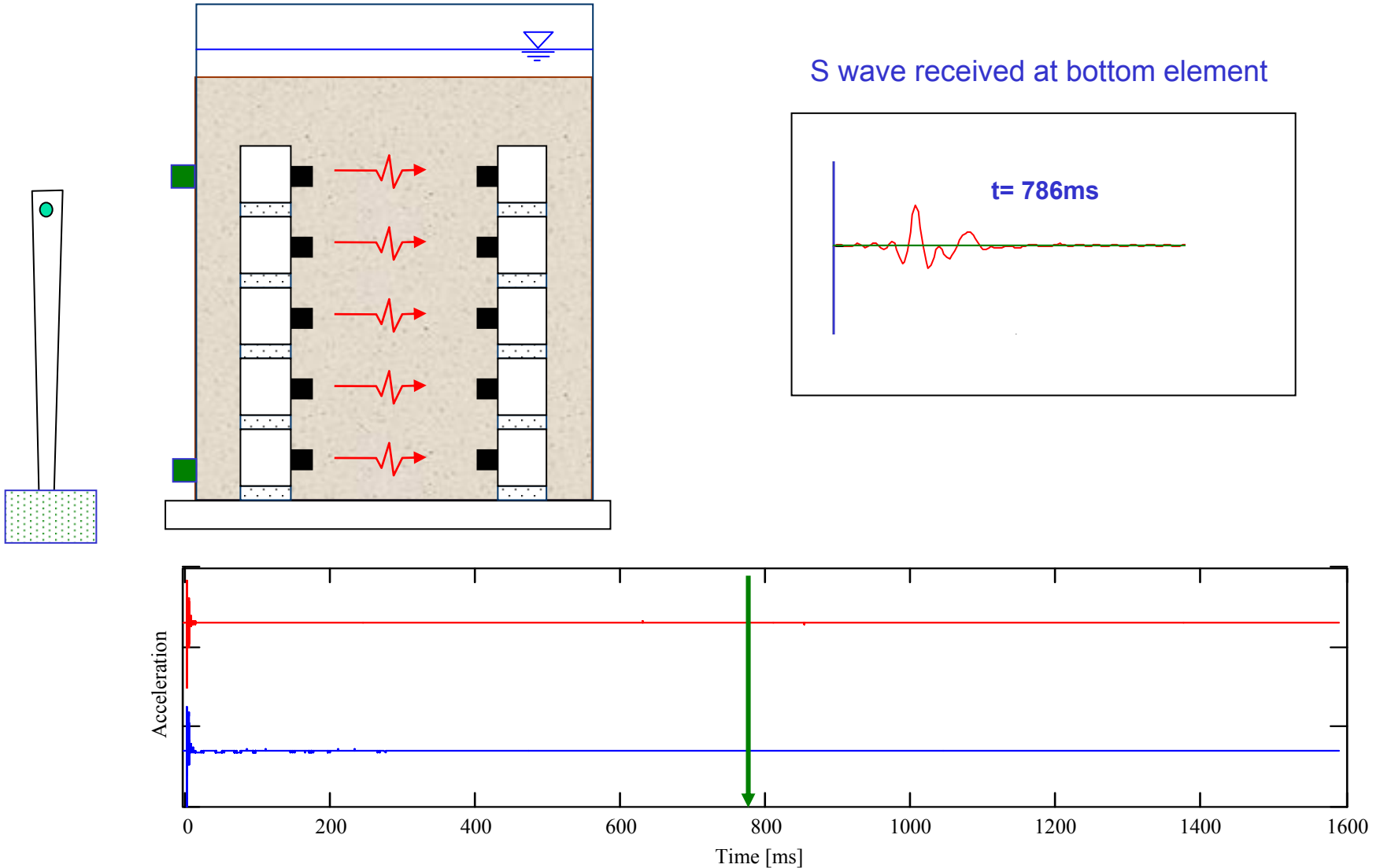
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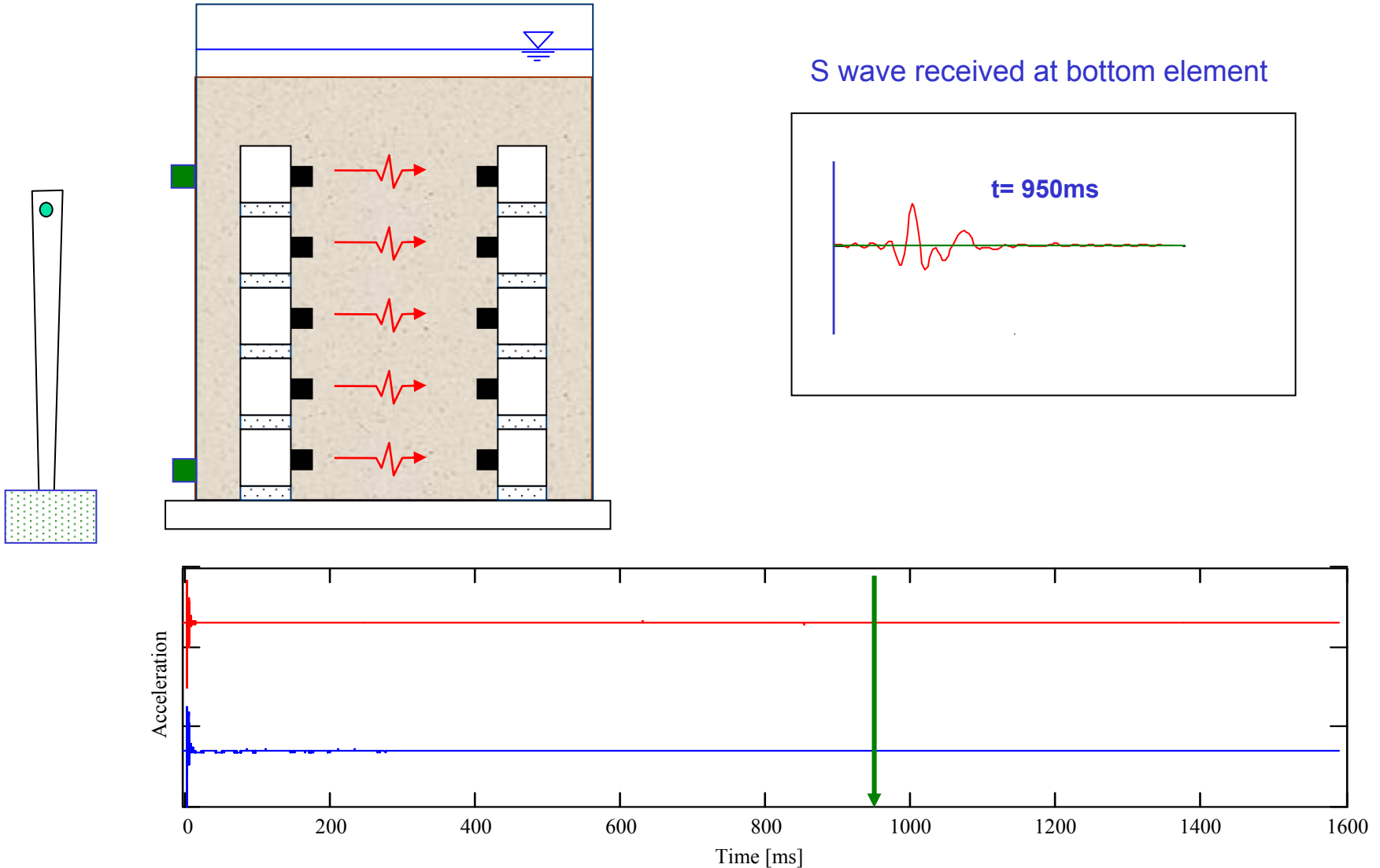
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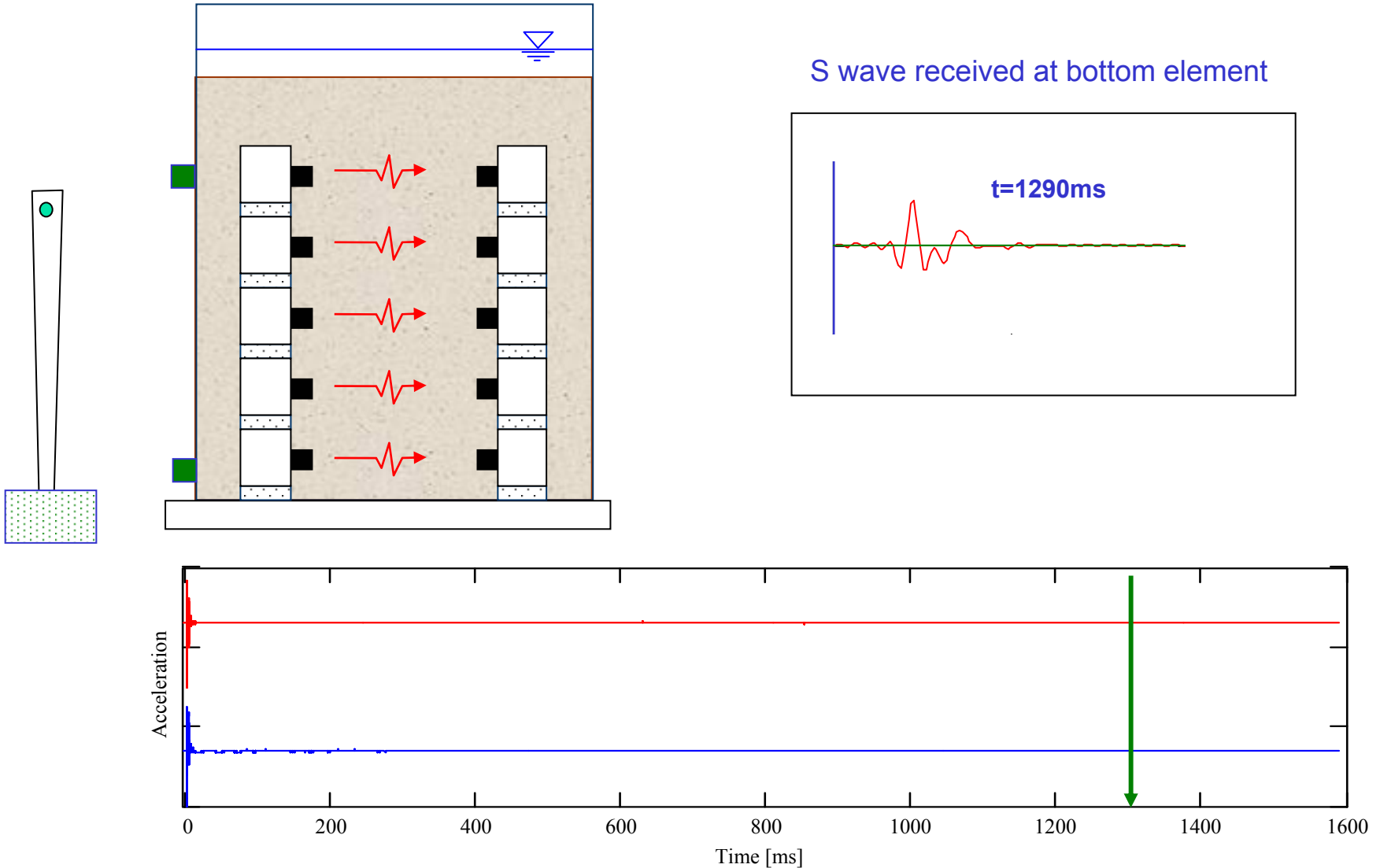
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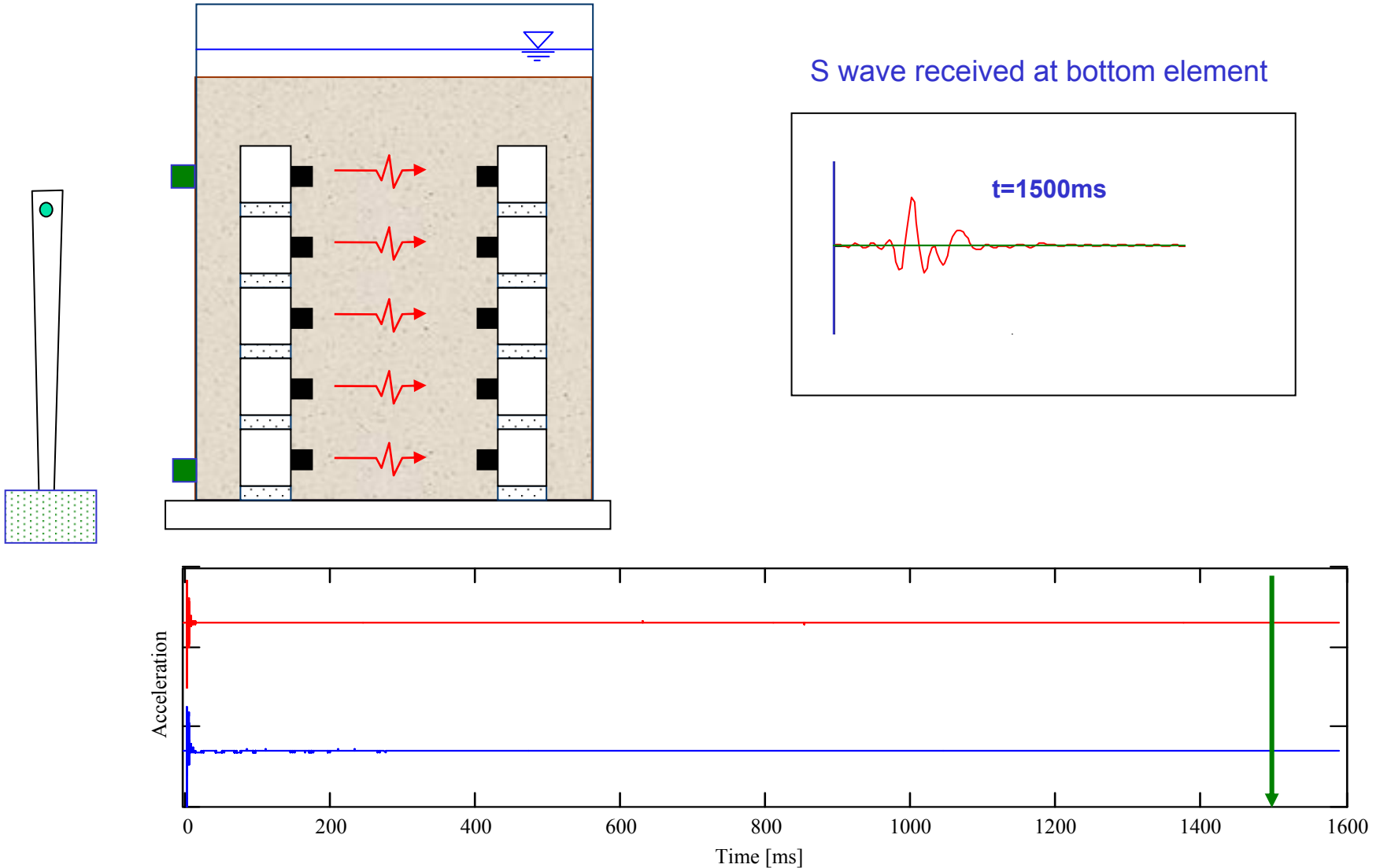
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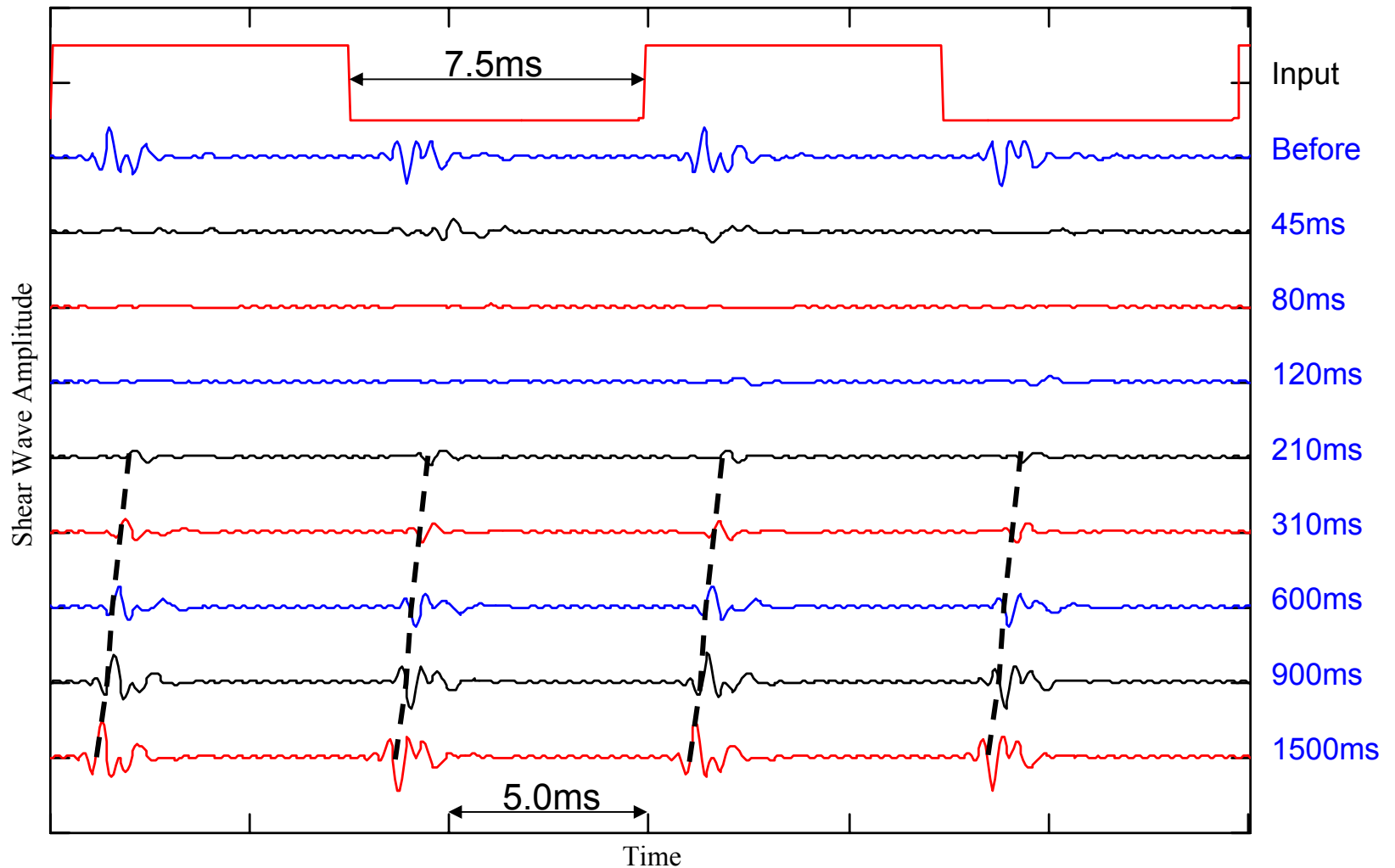


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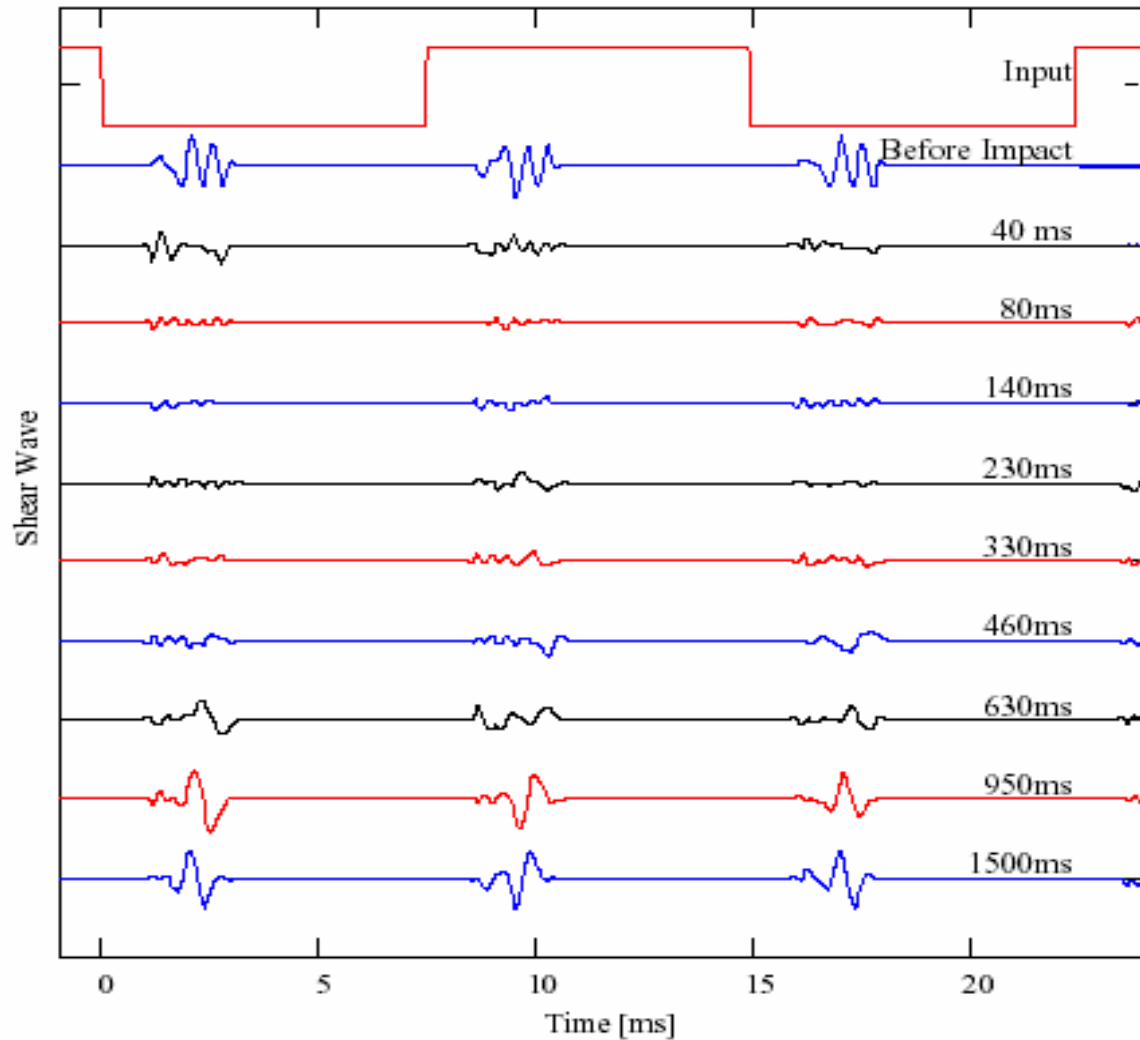


Shear Wave Signals - Saturated Soil

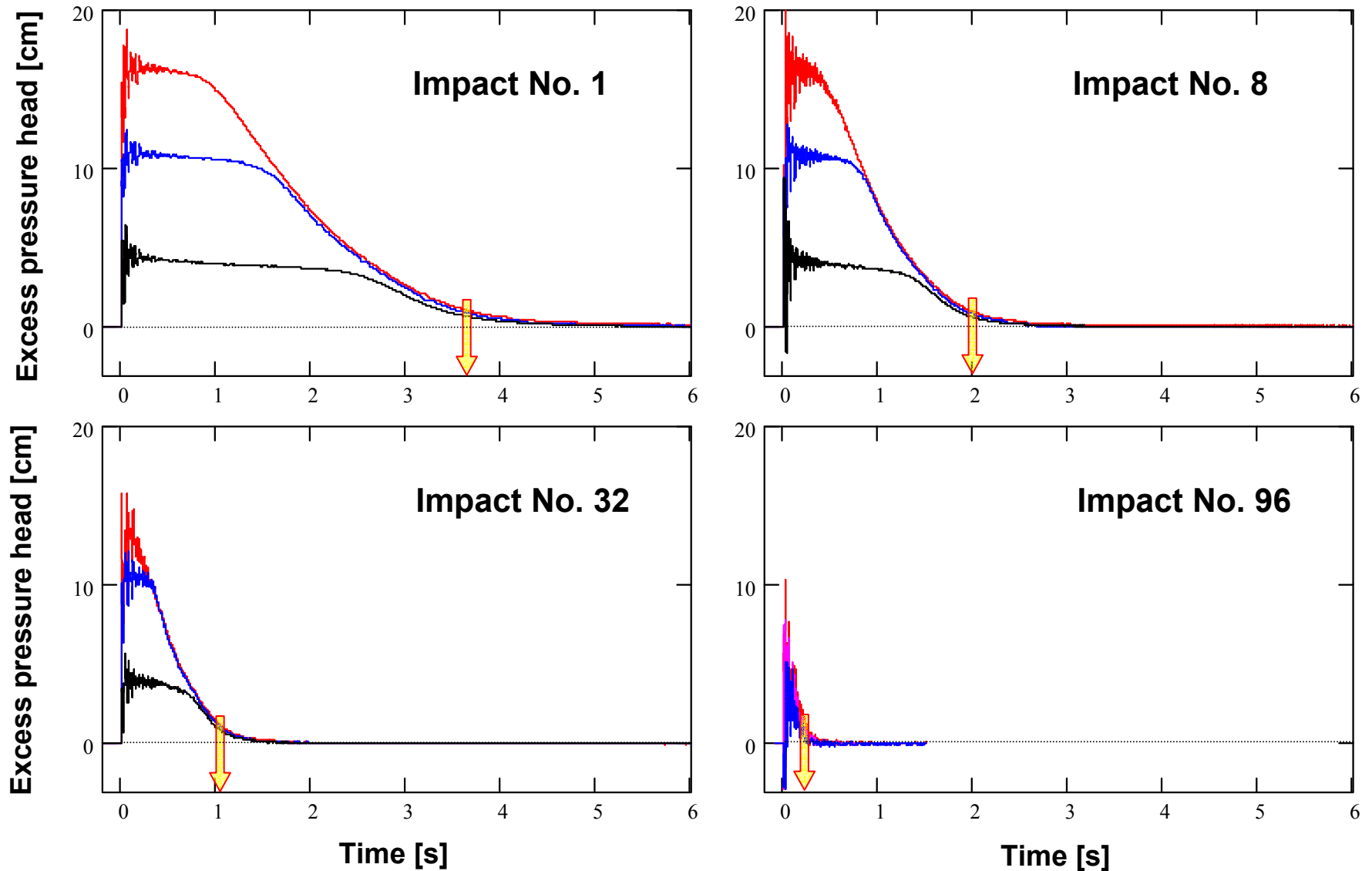
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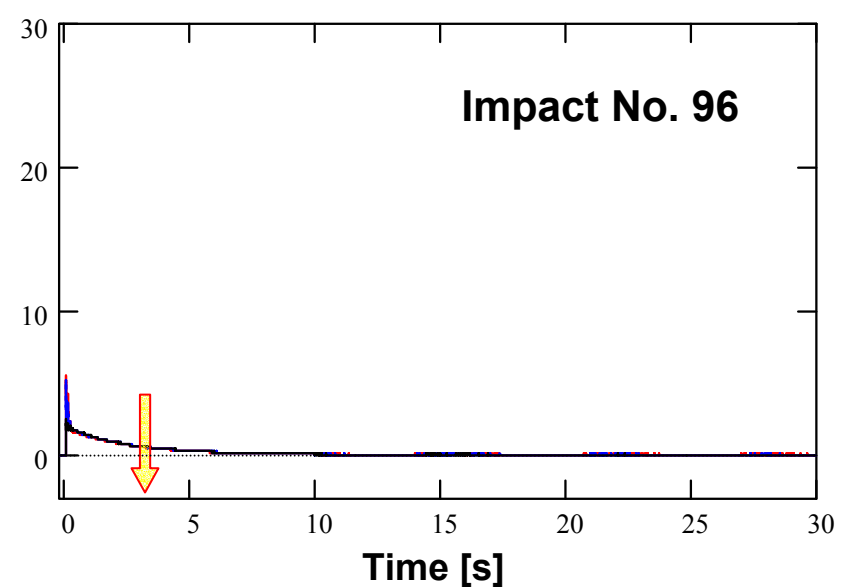
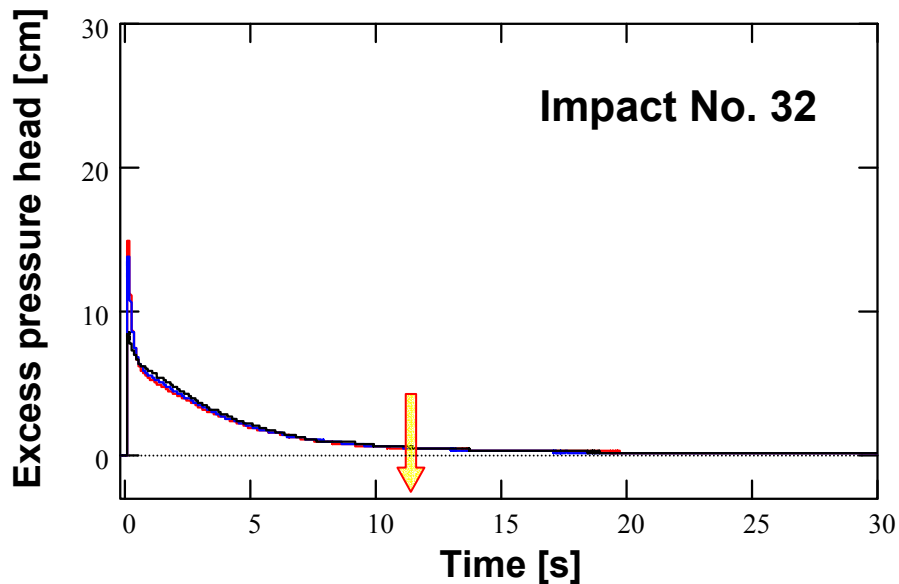
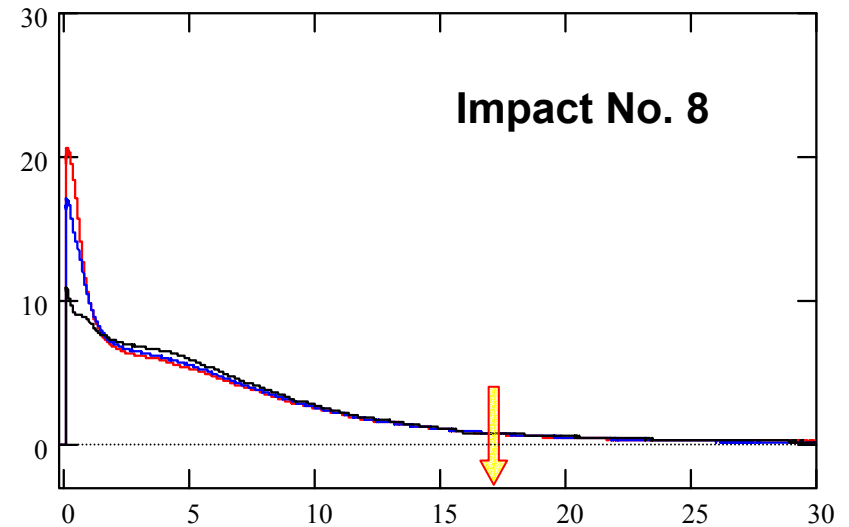
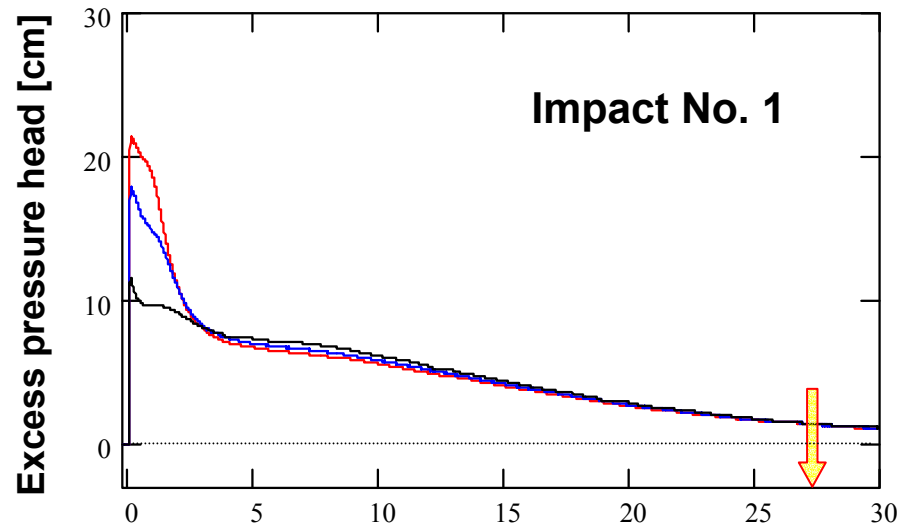
Shear Wave Signals - UNsaturated Soil



Multiple Liquefaction

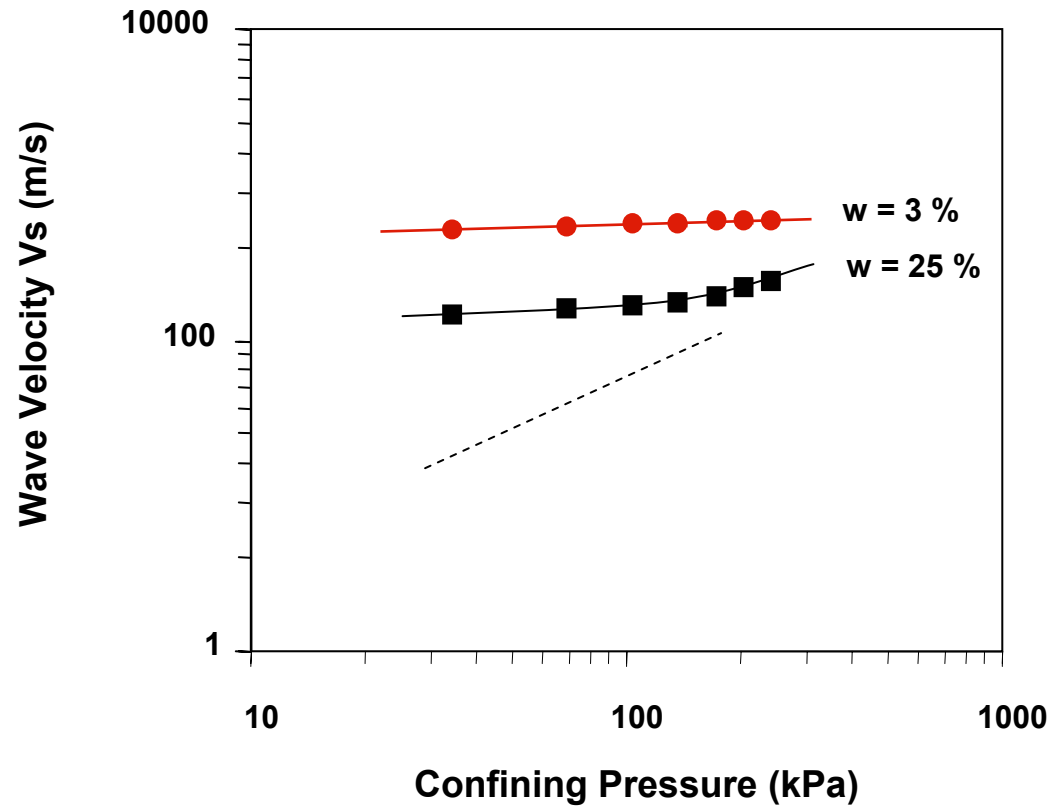


Liquefaction in Unsaturated Soils $S < 1$

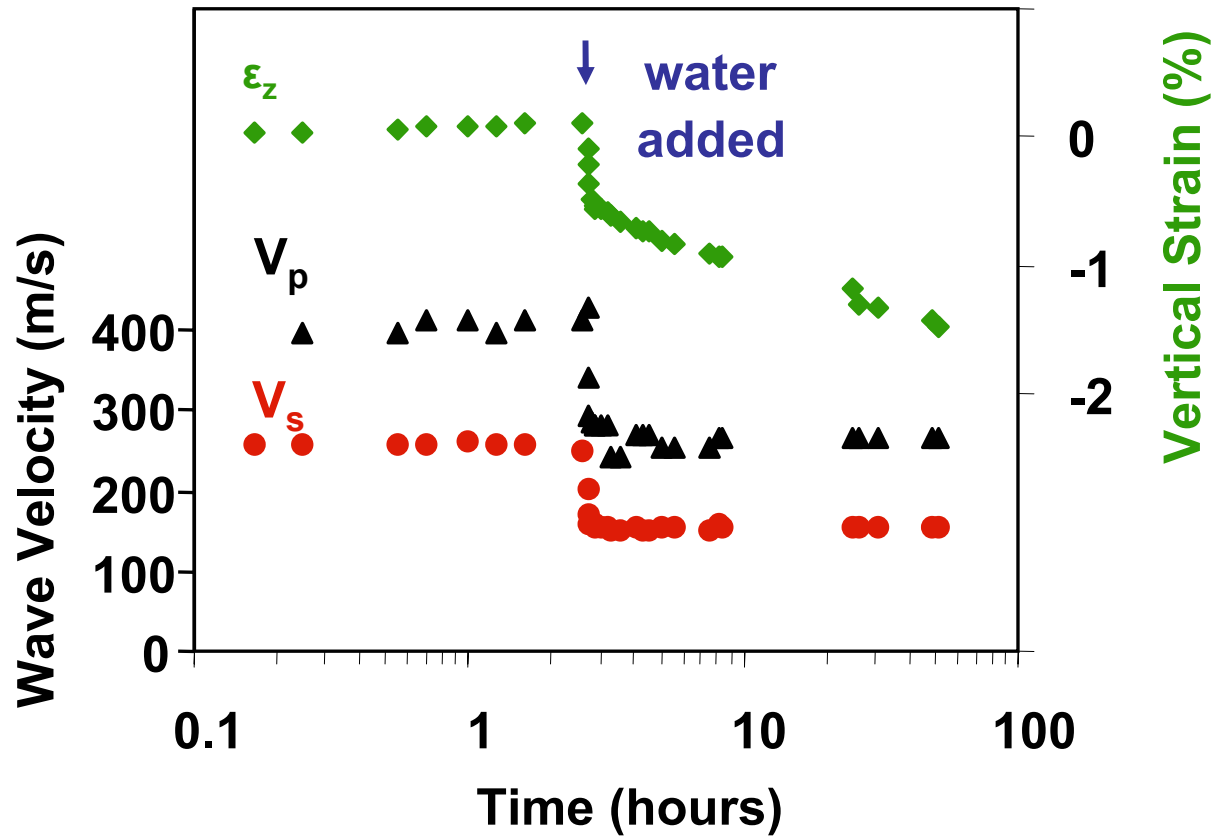


**UNSATURATION OR
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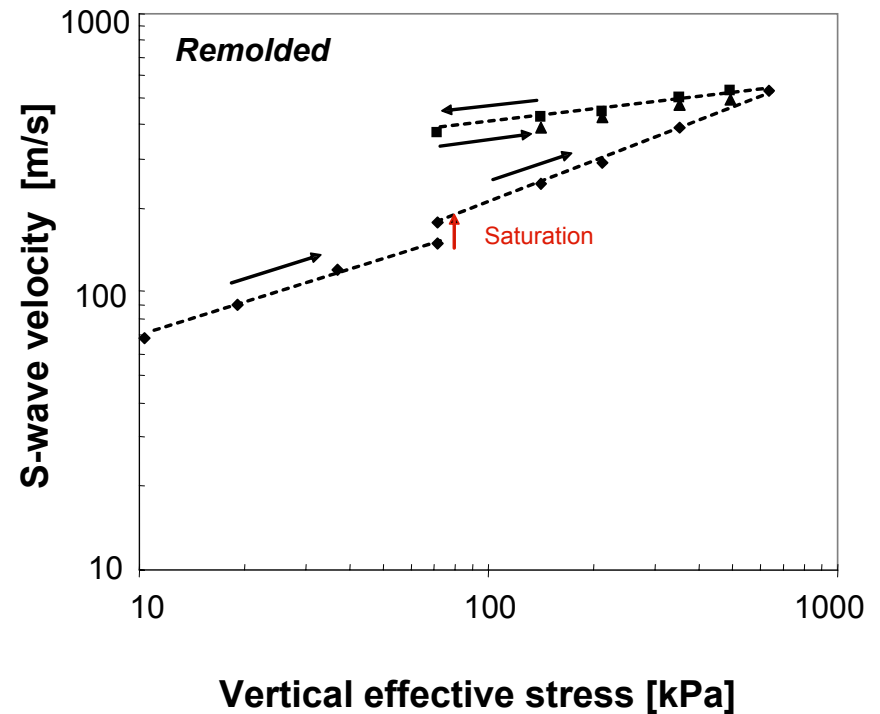
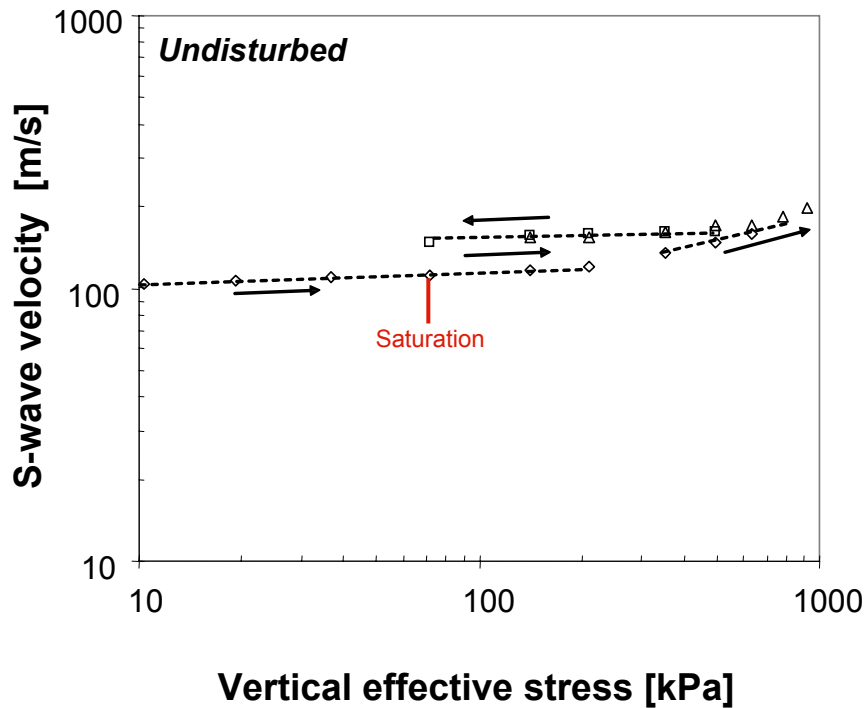
Pampean Loess



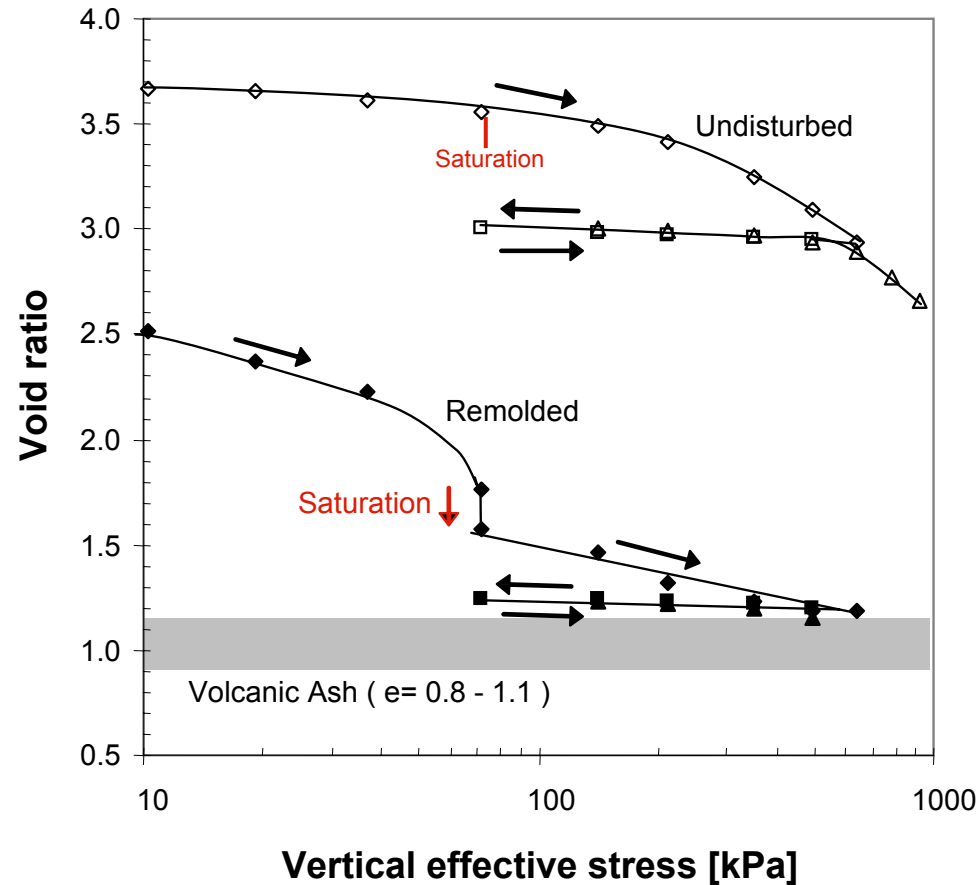
Pampean Loess: saturation



Colombian Volcanic Ash Soils



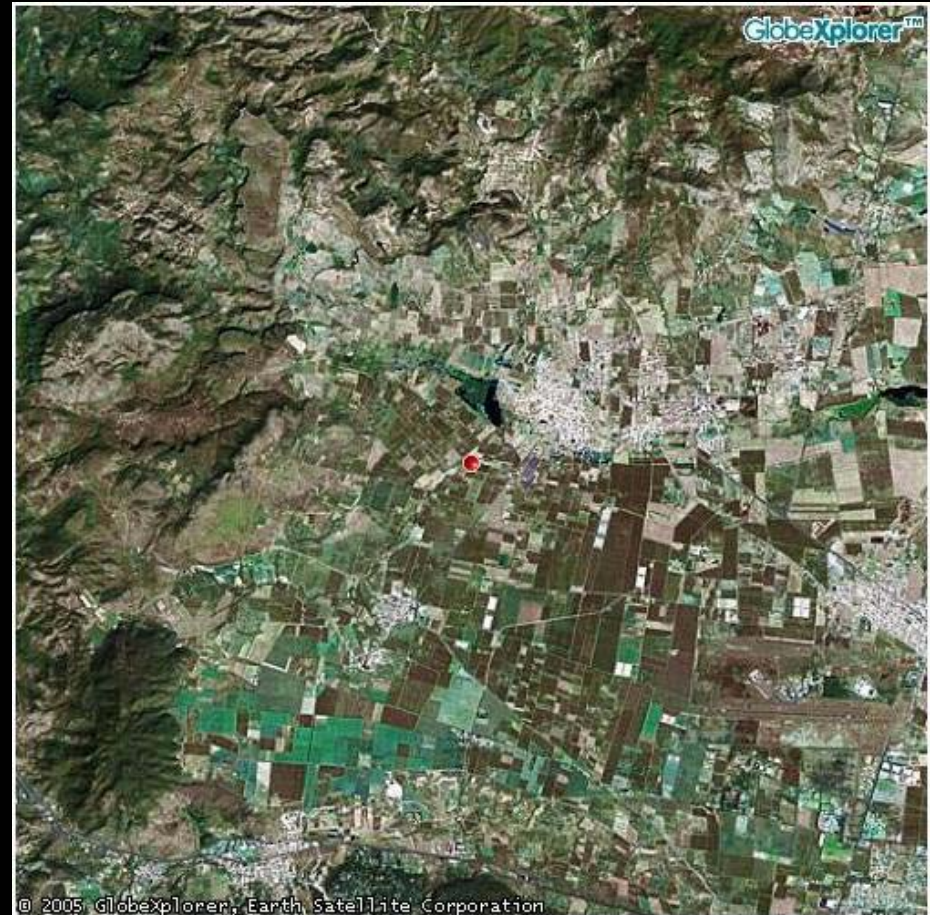
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MACRO

IMPLICATIONS...

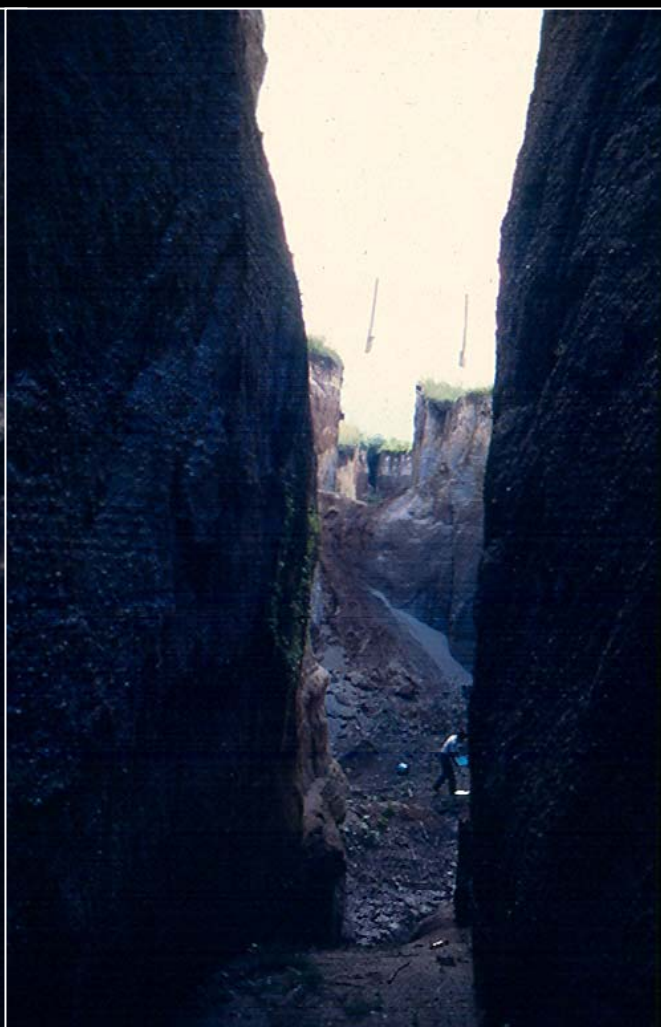
Giant Desiccation Cracks



Nextipac - MX







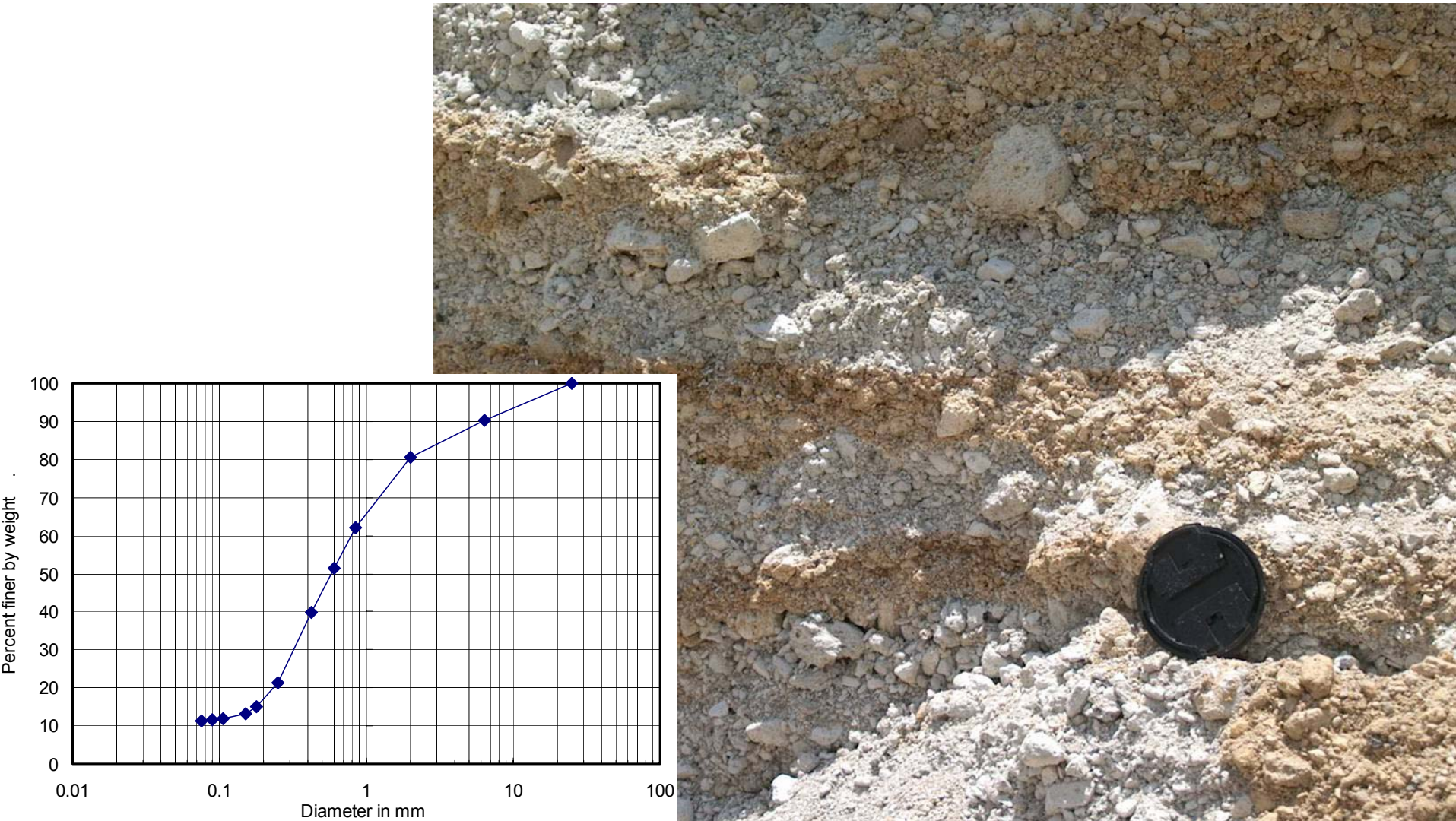
Moisture Content

$w = 13\%$ - exposed

Shear Wave velocity

$V_s = 144\text{-to-}158\text{ m/s}$

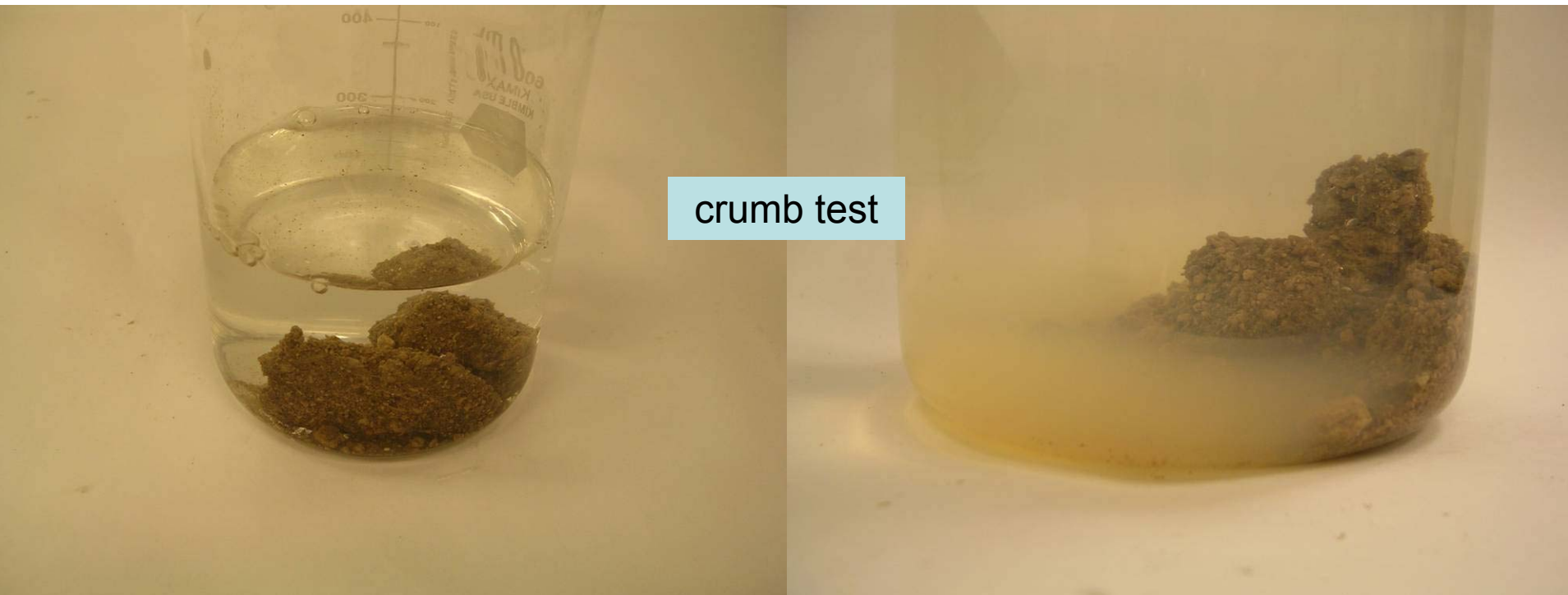
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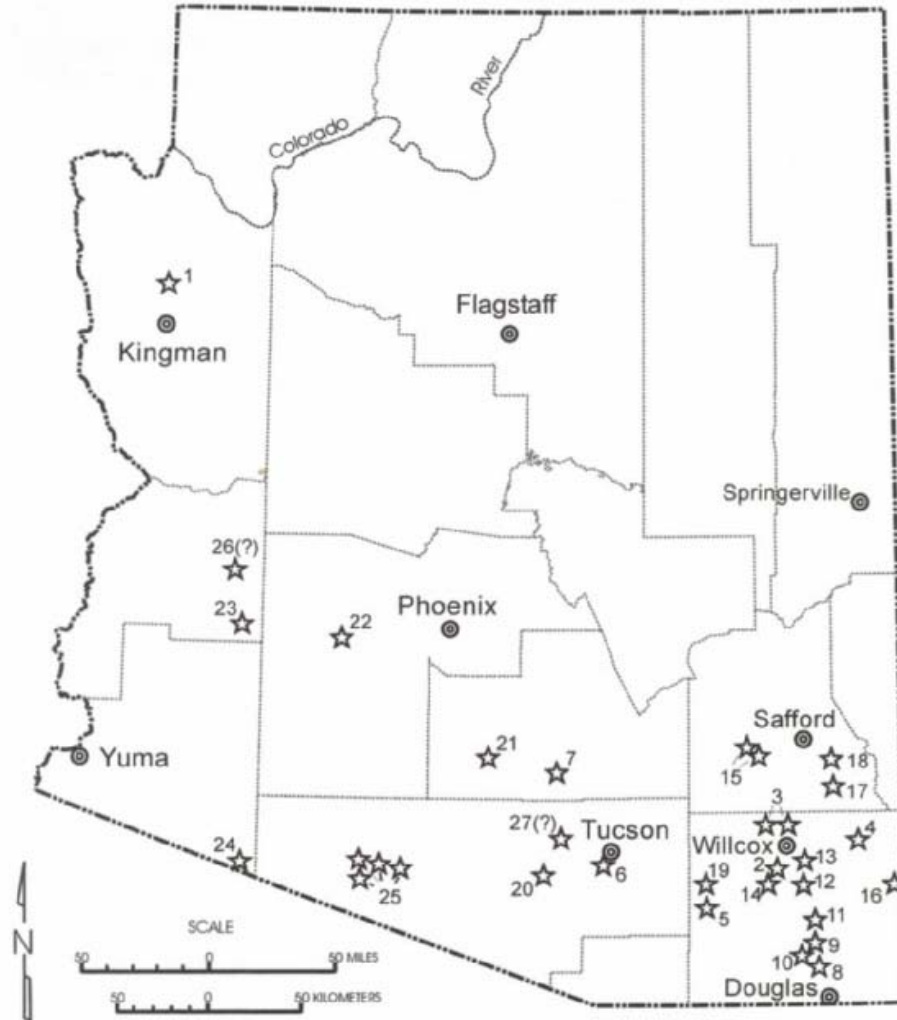
Crumb test:

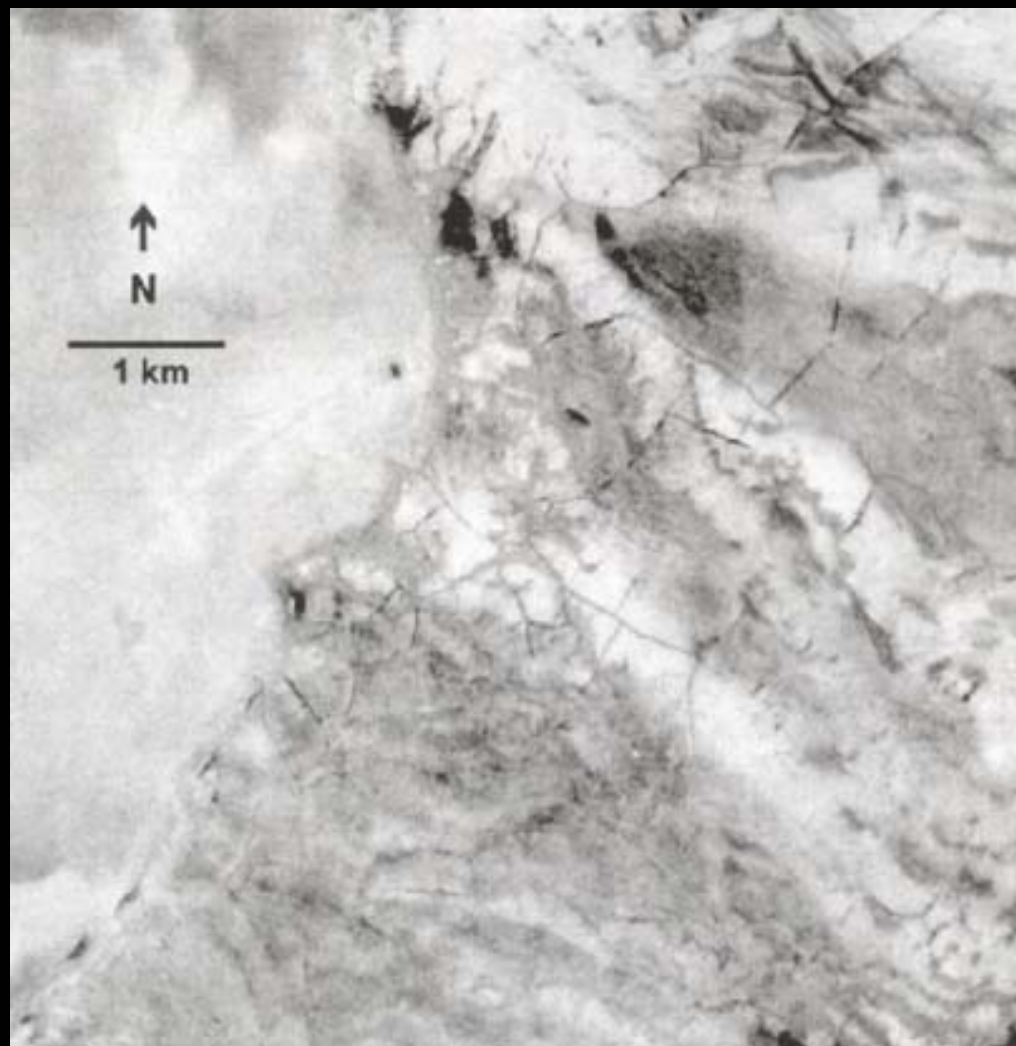
it breaks down when submerged (not completely)

it releases colloidal cloud => dispersion

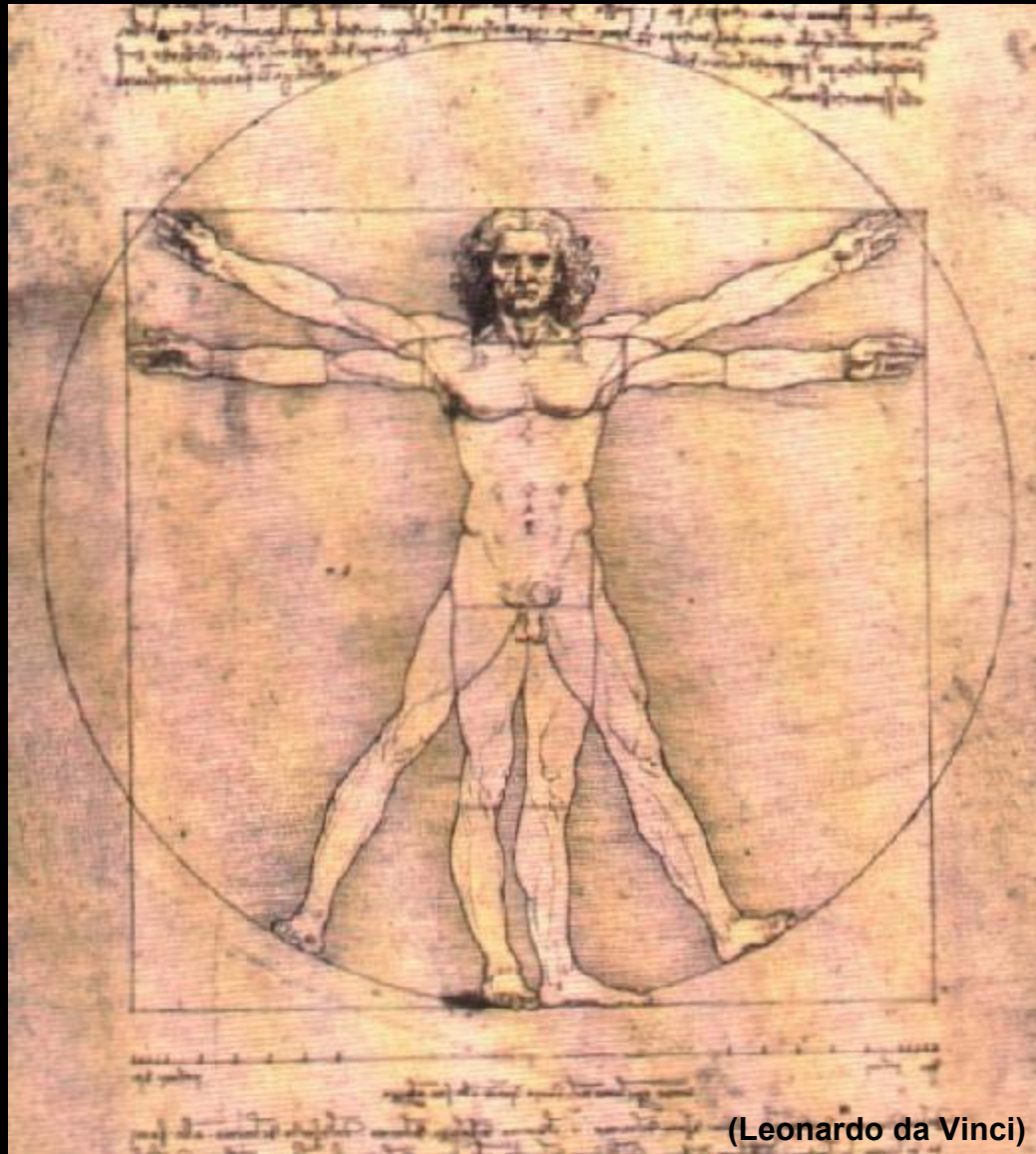


GDC in Texas





and God made man of mud...



(Leonardo da Vinci)

unsaturated !

and God made man of mud...



Thank you

unsaturated !

(Leonardo da Vinci)