

# **CONCEPTION DES CHAUSSÉES: Approche mécanique, caractérisation des matériaux et leur évaluation dans les plates-formes routières**

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# **PRESENTATION**

- INTRODUCTION**
- PAVEMENT MODELLING AND DESIGN**
- NON LINEAR BEHAVIOUR OF SOILS AND UGM**
- QUALITY ASSESSMENT - LABORATORY**
  - Simple tests**
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    - Mechanical behaviour - Cyclic triaxial tests**
- QUALITY ASSESSMENT - FIELD**
  - Routine analysis**
  - Advanced analysis**
- FINAL REMARKS**

# **EMPIRICAL PAVEMENT DESIGN**



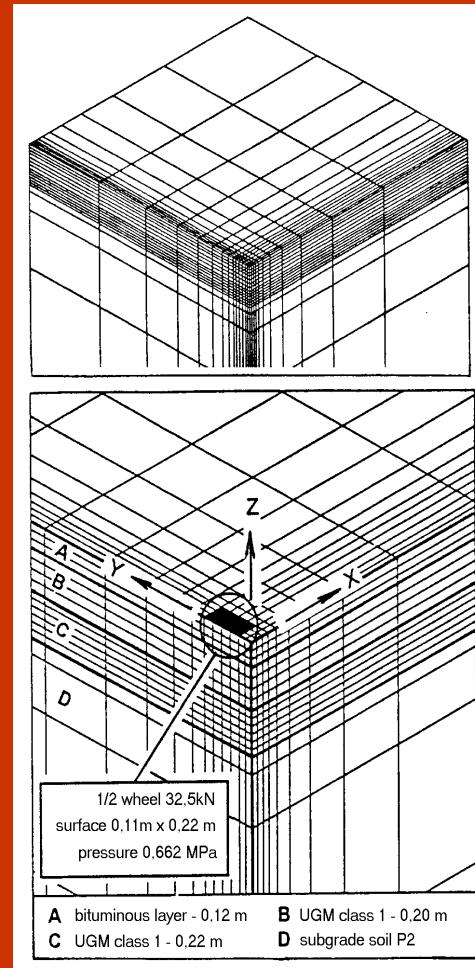
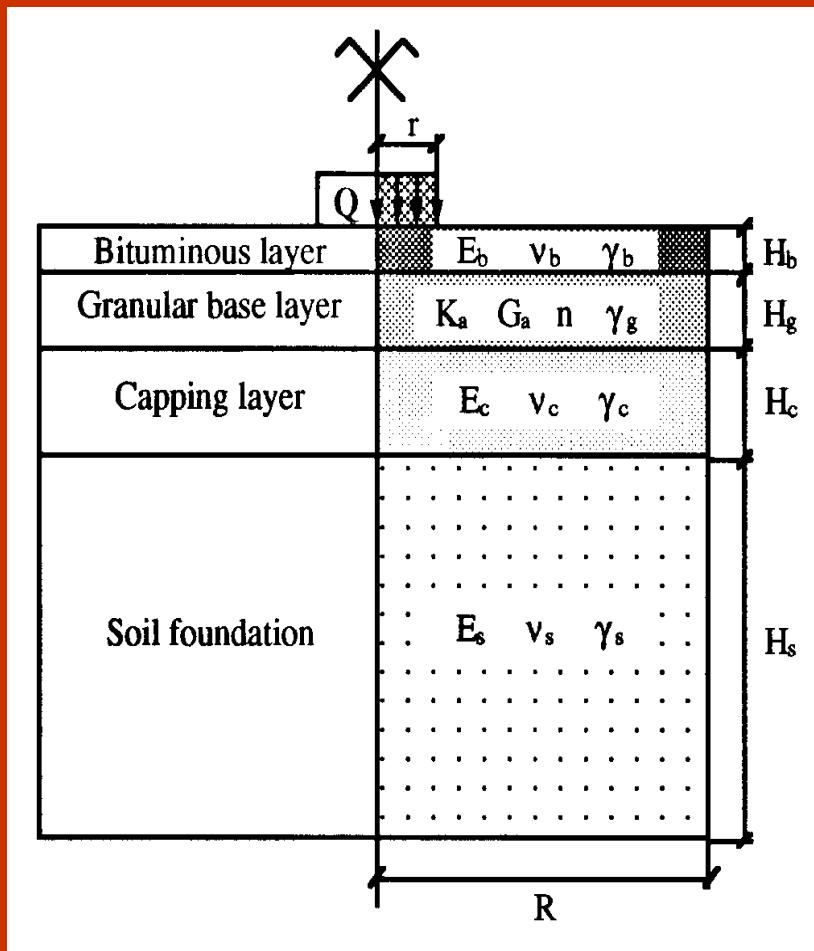
## **MECHANISTIC PAVEMENT DESIGN**



**MOVE FROM EMPIRICAL SPECIFICATIONS – INDEX PROPERTIES  
TO  
PERFORMANCE-BASED SPECIFICATIONS  
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES**

# **PAVEMENT MODELLING & DESIGN**

# PAVEMENT MODELLING – 2D / 3D



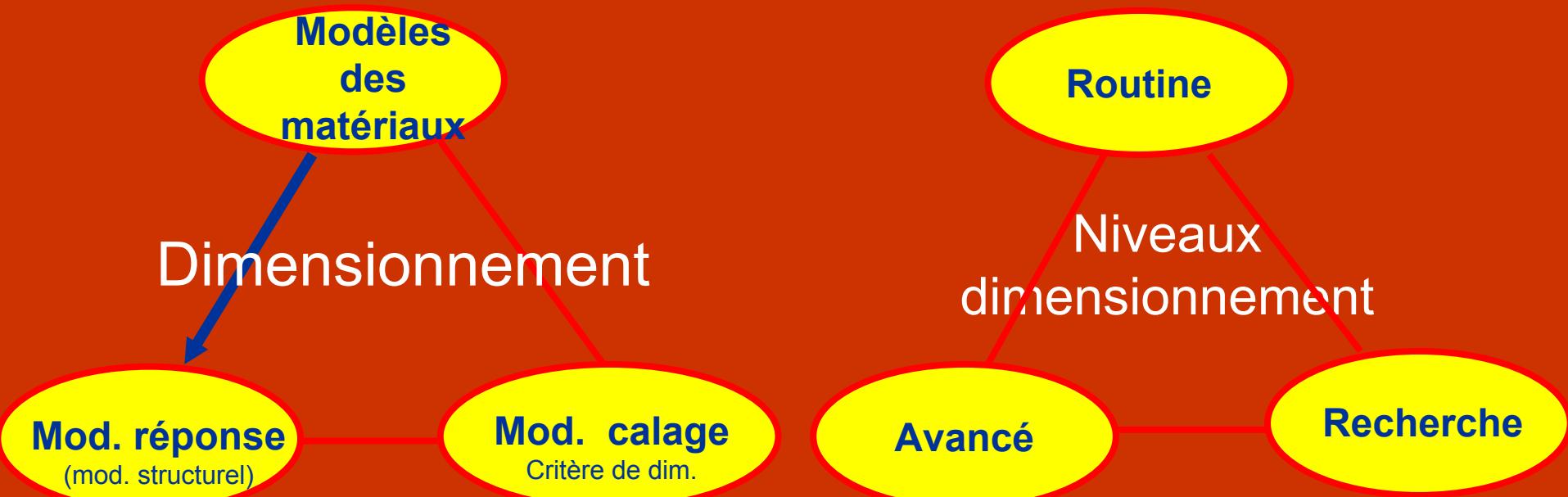
# MECHANISTIC PAVEMENT DESIGN

1. Multi linear elastic systems calculations - linear elastic models - most widely used for pavement design and back analysis calculations. Material properties: Modulus ( $E$ ) and Poisson ratio ( $\nu$ ).
2. - FEM calculations (2D / 3D) Elastic non-linear models - Available in some codes after Science-EC project (1993). Material properties: Elastic and elastic non-linear stress-strain relationships ( $K(p,q)$ ;  $G(p,q)$ ) – variants of Boyce model.

Visco-elastic and elastic non-linear stress-strain models - Implemented in FEM codes during COURAGE (1999). Material properties: Elastic non-linear stress-strain; temperature and strain rate dependent.

3. FEM calculations (2D / 3D) - Visco-elastic and elastoplastic models - Implemented in FEM codes and still in development to predict permanent deformations. Material properties: General stress-strain.

# PAVEMENT DESIGN PROCESS



*Besoin d'une coopération entre le responsable de la modélisation et le responsable des investigations in-situ et en laboratoire*

# **QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

## ***LABORATORY***

# QUALITY ASSESSMENT

## Laboratory tests

→ SIMPLE TESTS: to general material assessment (petrography, flakiness, plasticity) and fragmentation assessment (LA, MBg, DSC, MDE, Gyratory) - **Uses a limited portion of material's parent grading curve** - *Not able to predict the overall behaviour of the material.*

→ FUNCTIONAL TESTS:

→ Construction level - to assess the bearing capacity of UGM to carry loading applied (**shear strength test**) and spreading the loading (**RLT- stiffness**).

→ Long term behavior - to assess stiffness - capacity of spreading the loading (**RTL stiffness**) and resistance to permanent deformation (**RLT - permanent deformation** )

## SELECTION OF MOST APROPRIATED MATERIAL

*based in simple tests (SOIL AND UGM)*

*for most part experienced based*

*Similar to AC – volumetric design*

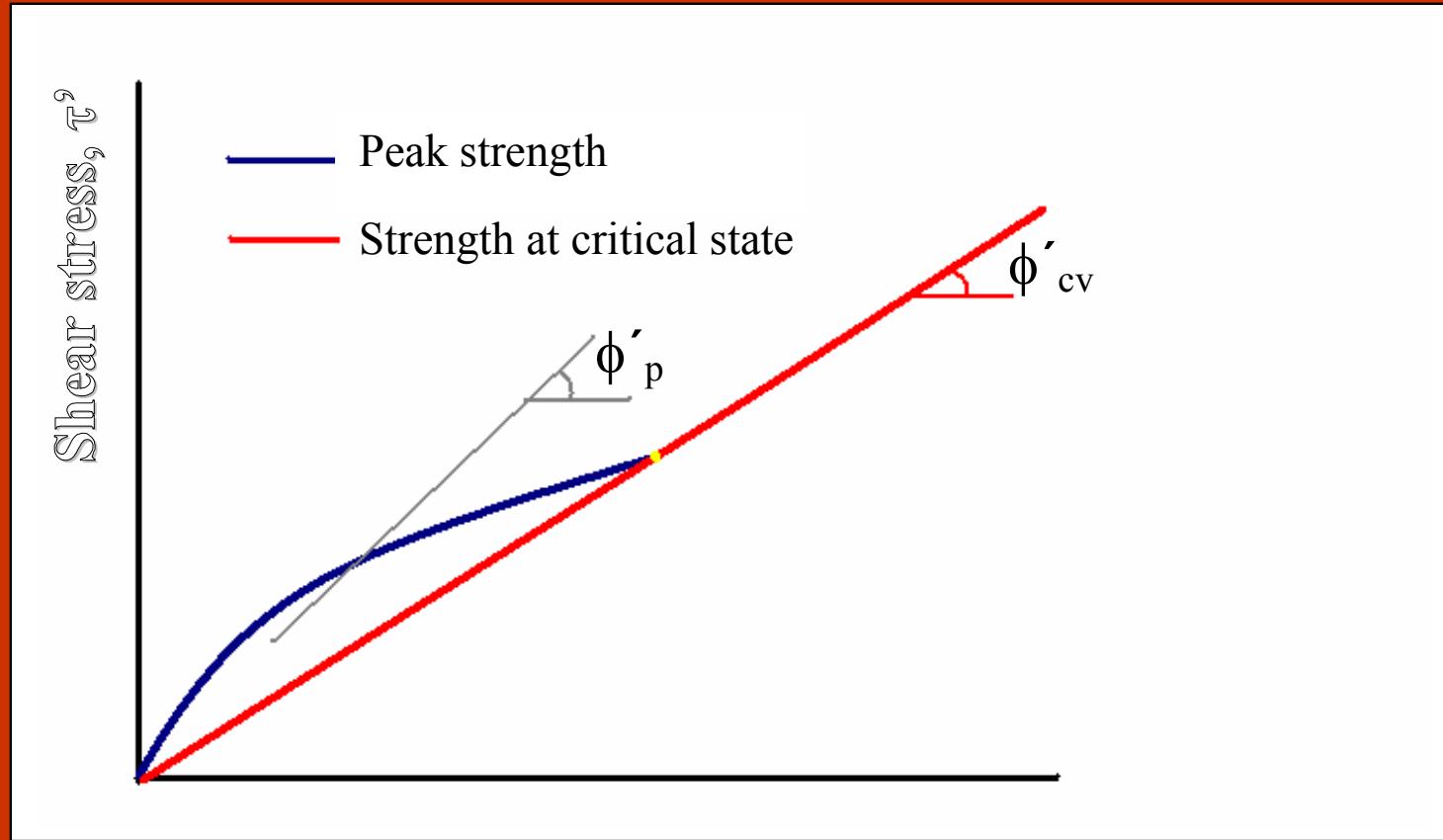
*(Marshall method)*

# A RATIONAL APPROACH TO LABORATORY STUDY OF MECHANICAL BEHAVIOUR

*Strength & Stiffness*

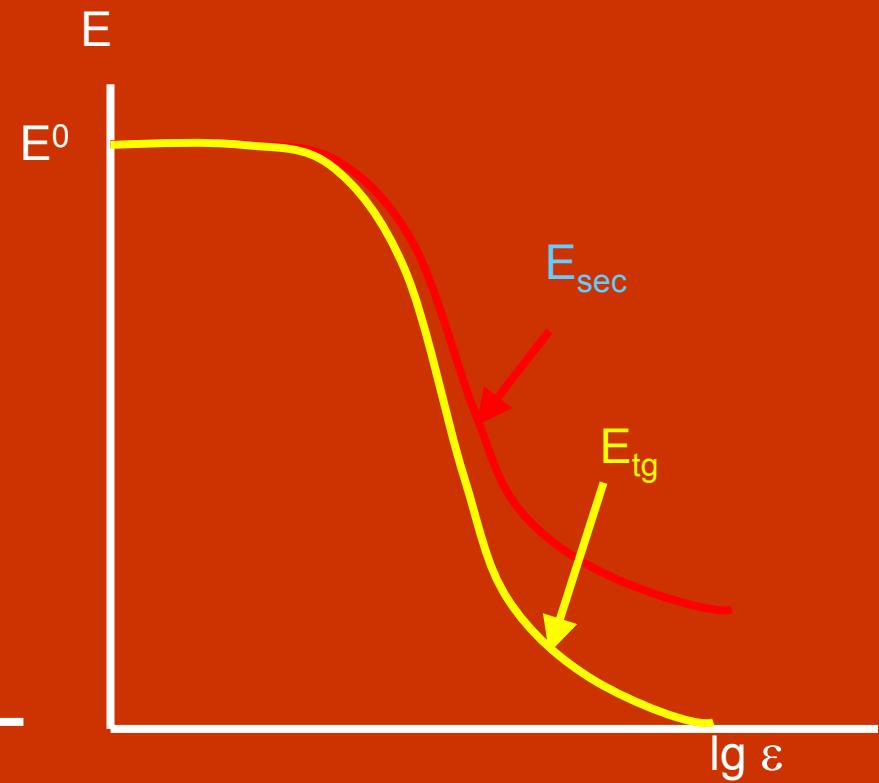
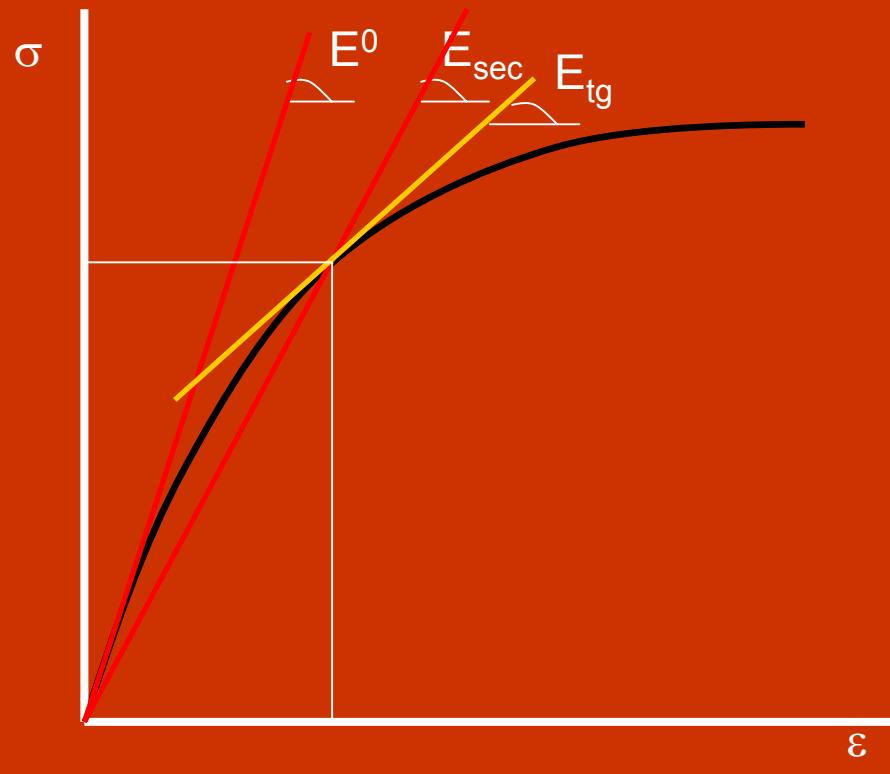
# **NON LINEAR BEHAVIOUR OF SOILS AND UGM**

# NON LINEAR ENVELOPE OF MAXIMUM SHEARING STRENGTH - UGM



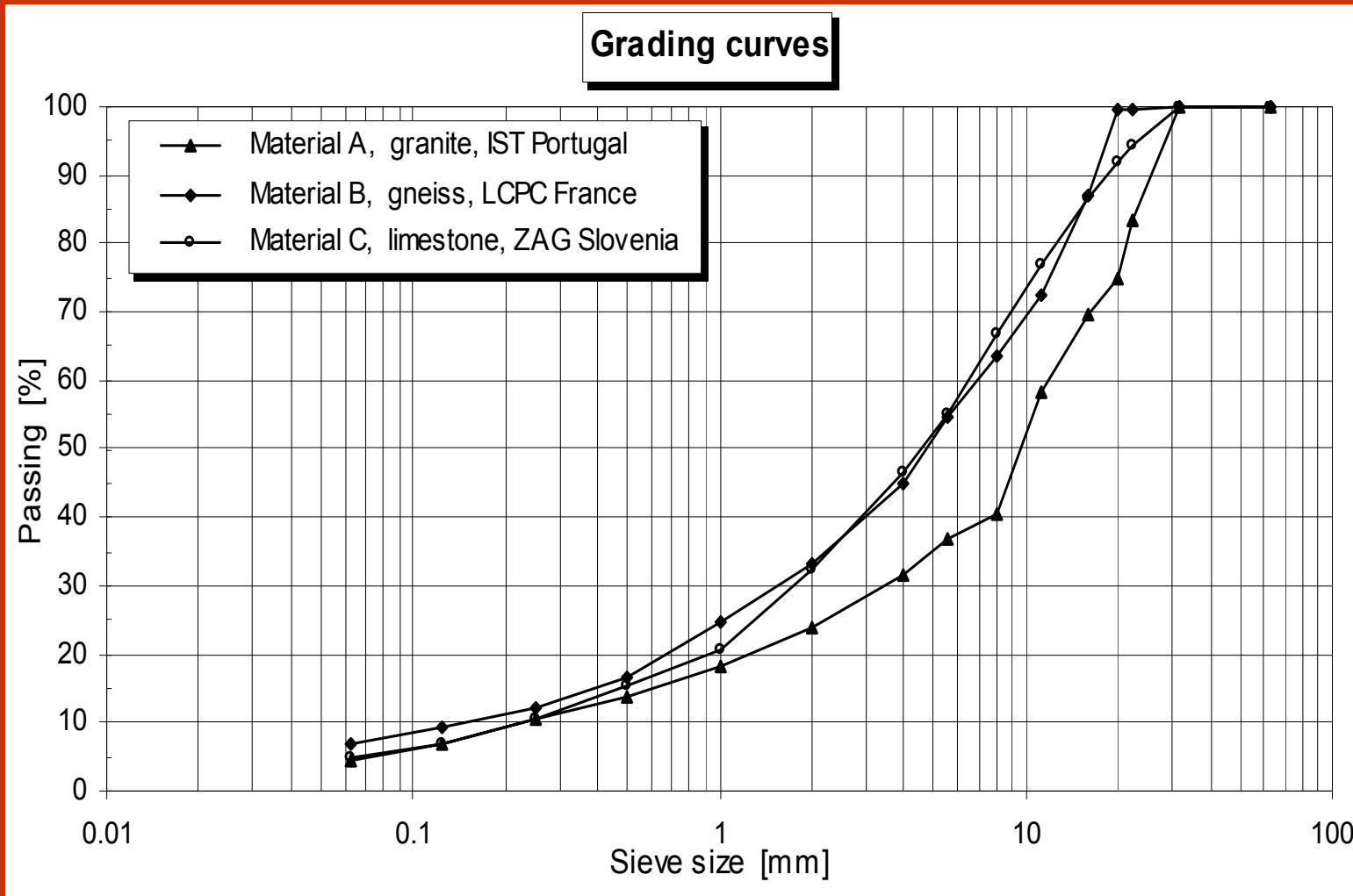
**NON LINEARITY INCREASES WITH INCREASING RELATIVE DENSITY  
AND GRAIN CRUSHABILITY**

# NON LINEAR BEHAVIOUR DEFINITIONS OF MODULUS



# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST PERFORMANCE TEST

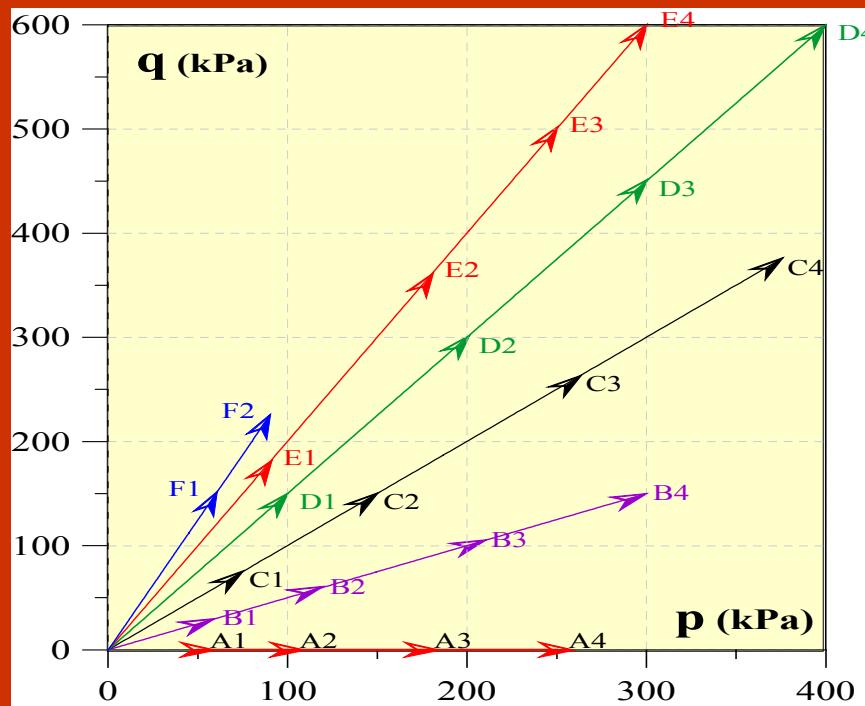
# EUROPEAN STUDY - COURAGE



# CYCLIC STRESS PATHS



## CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TESTS OF UGM (CEN prENV 00227413 - 1997)



VARIABLE CONFINING PRESSURE

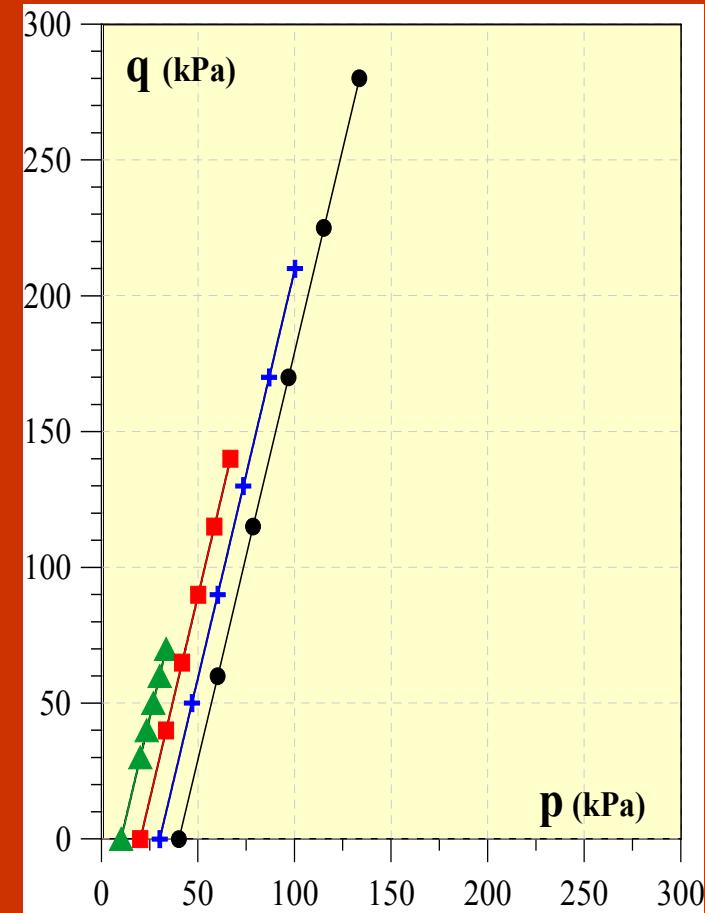
CEN - method A

# CYCLIC STRESS PATHS



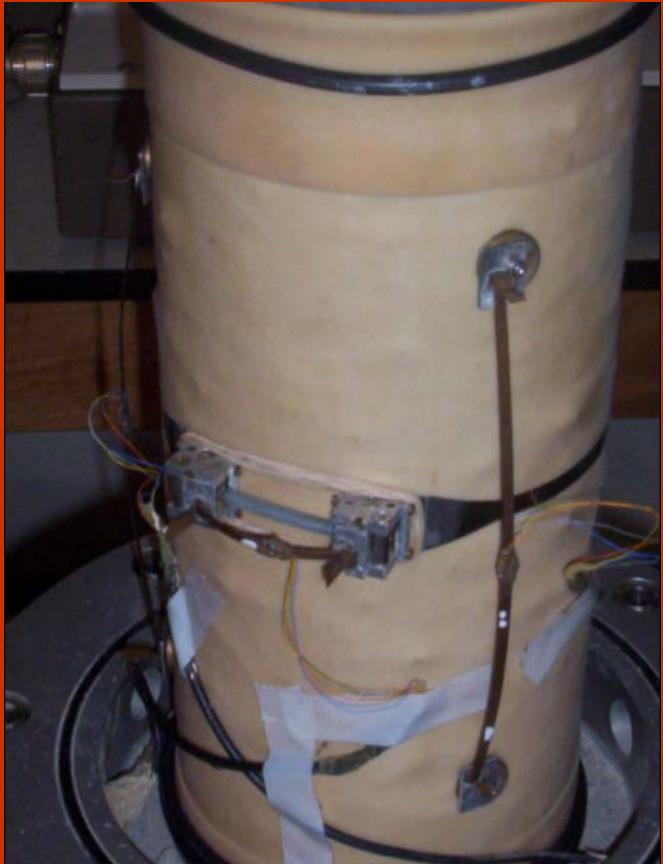
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CONSTANT CONFINING PRESSURE  
CEN - method B



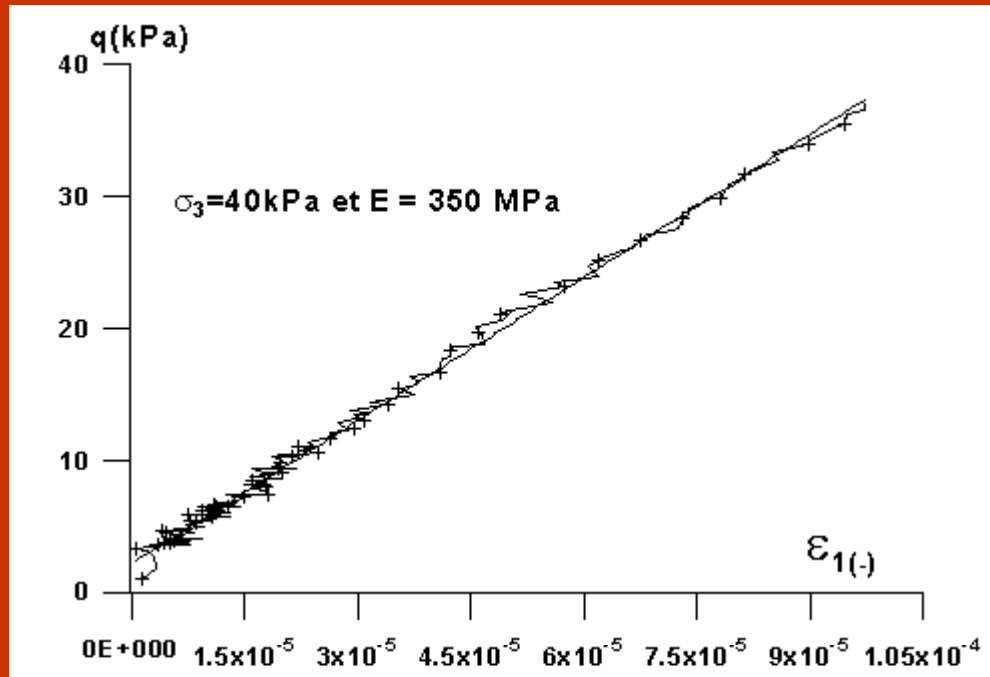
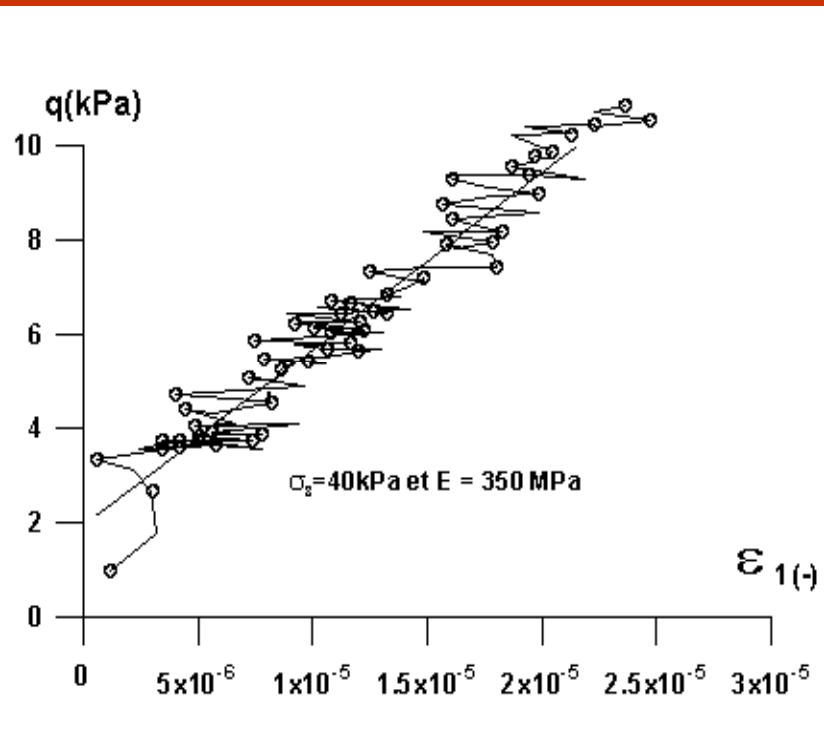
# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST (ECP)

## Local strain measurements



# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST (ECP)

## Results of strain measurements



# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST (LPC)



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# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST (UMinho)

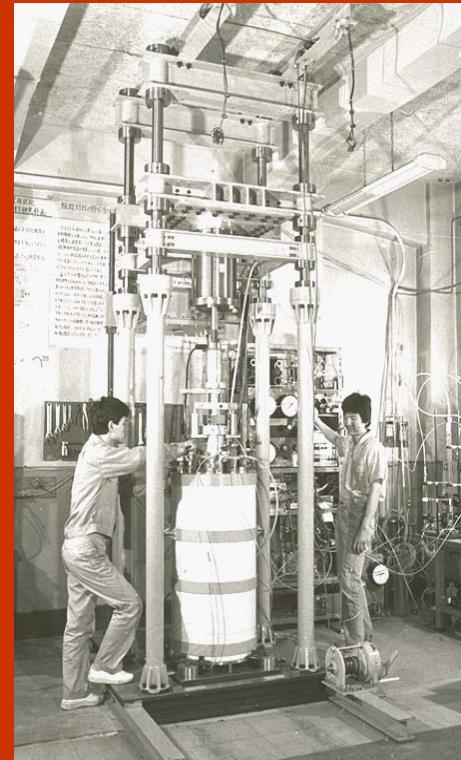
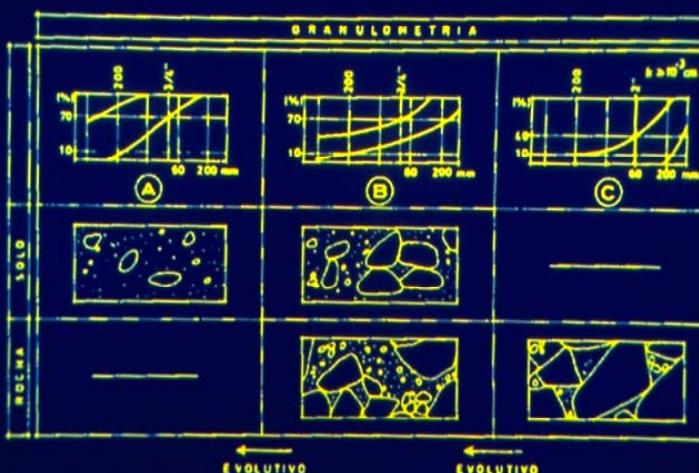


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# SOIL / SOIL+ROCK / ROCK

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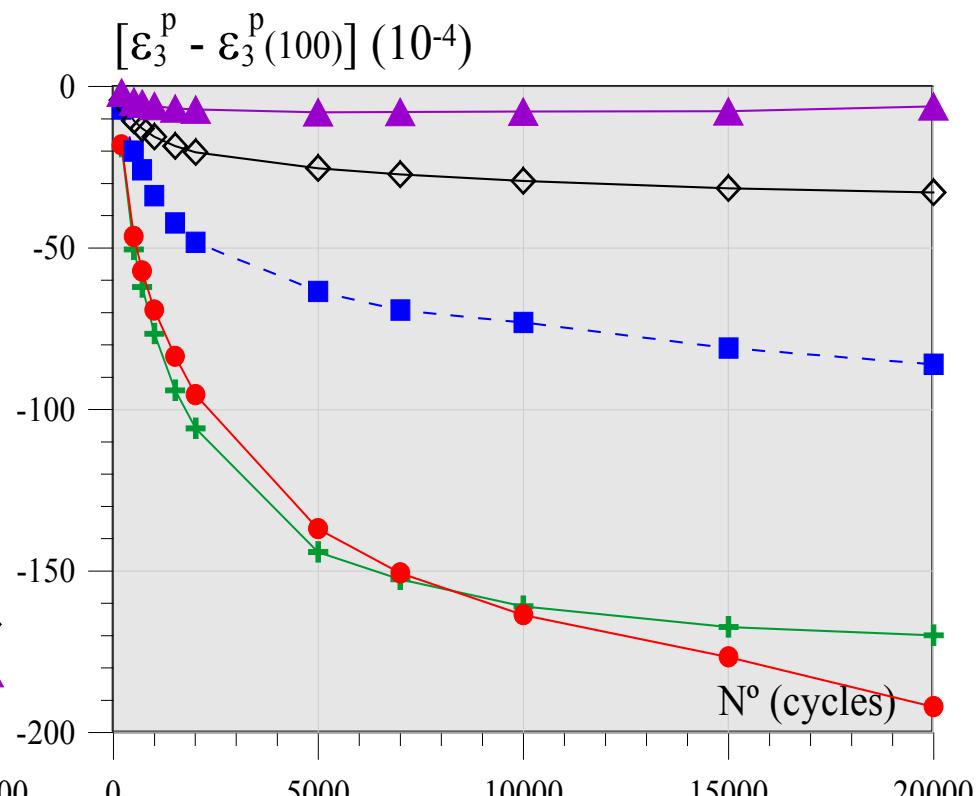
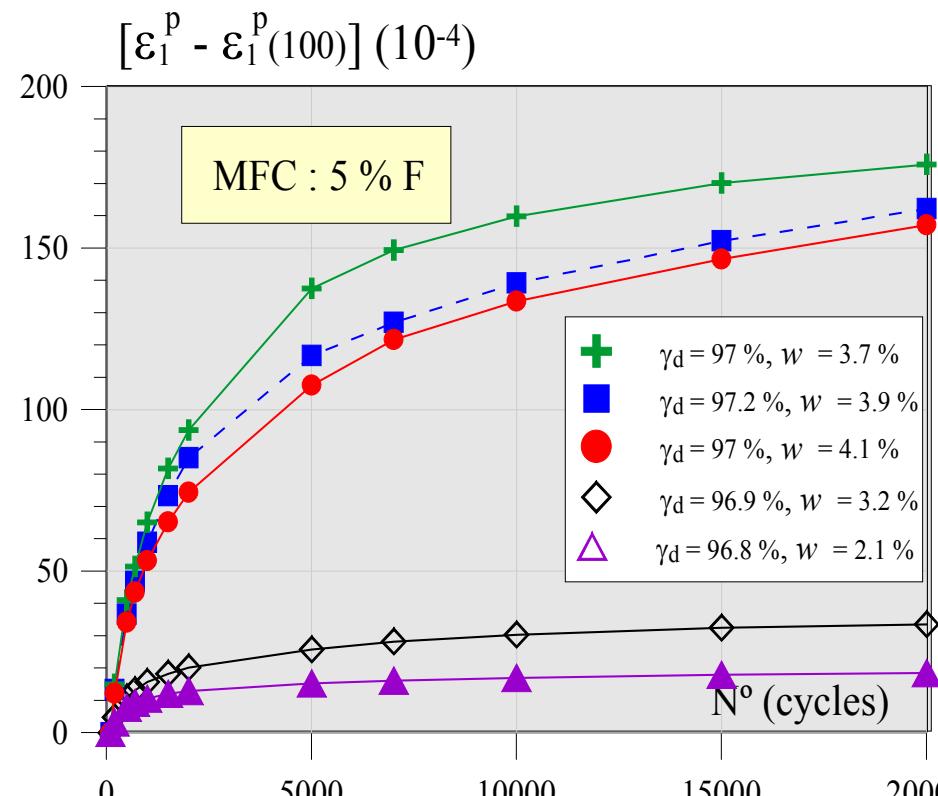


# TYPICAL MOISTURE & DENSITY CONDITIONS FOR UGM - BASE

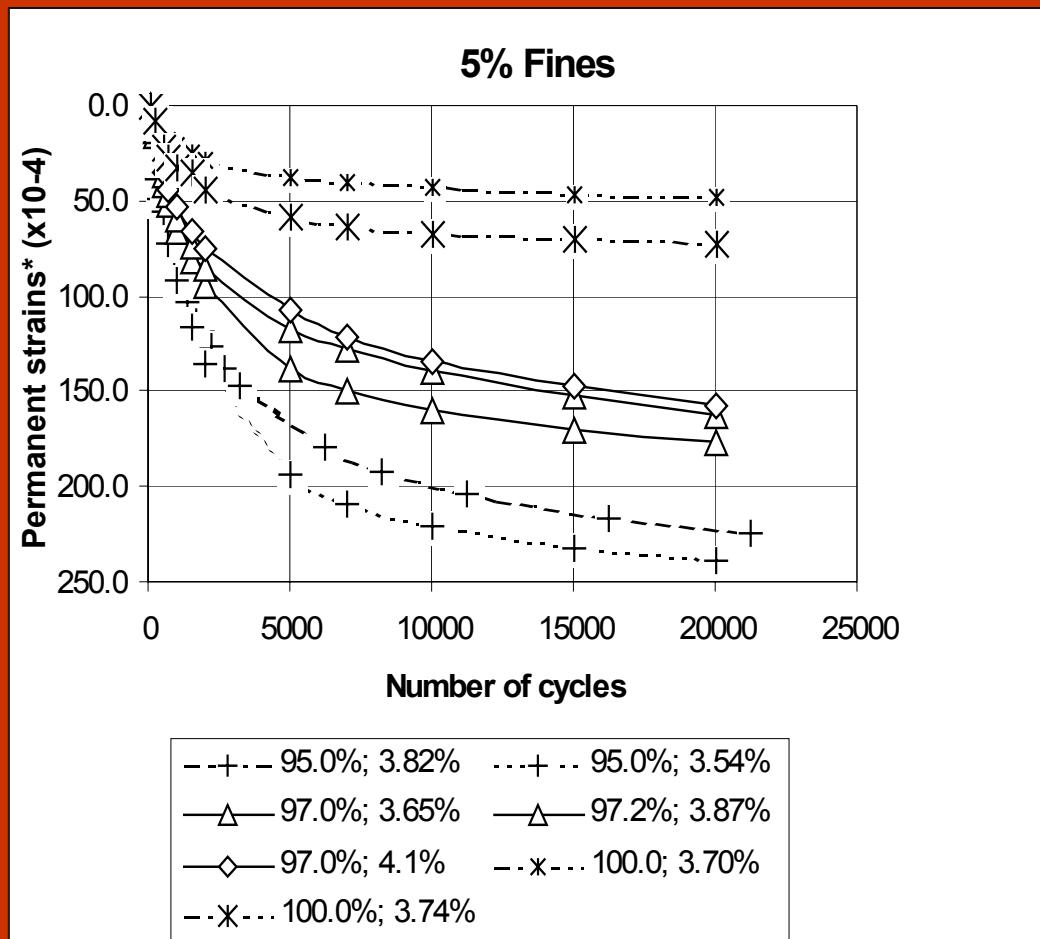
WATER CONTENT $w$			DRY DENSITY
$w_{OPM - 4}$	$w_{OPM - 2}$	$w_{OPM - 1}$	
	1 Specimen		100 % $\rho_{d\ OPM}$
1 Specimen	2 Specimens	1 Specimen	97 % $\rho_{d\ OPM}$
	1 Specimen		95 % $\rho_{d\ OPM}$

# TYPICAL RESULTS OF CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST – Plastic strains

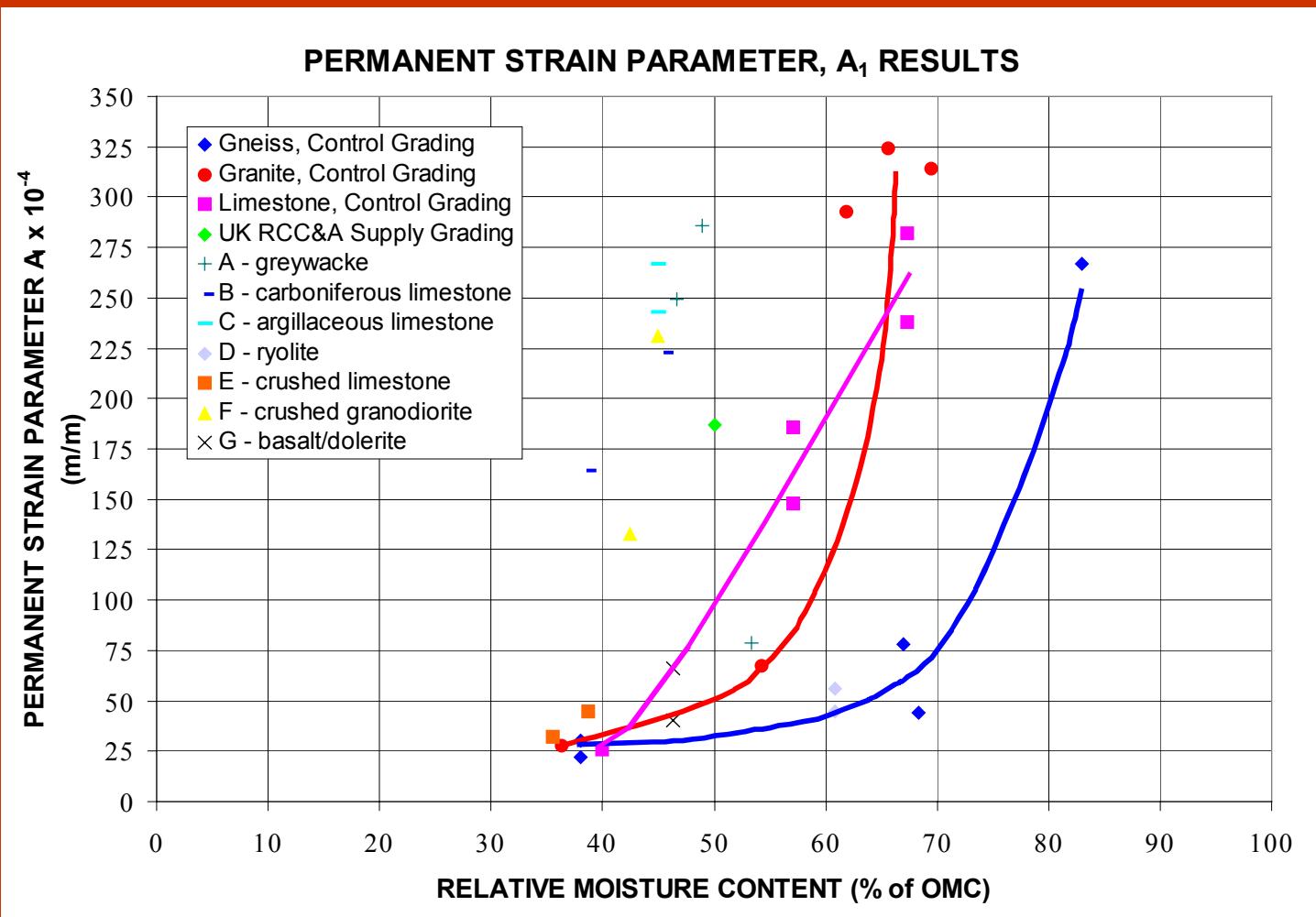
STABILISATION AFTER A NUMBER OF CYCLES ?  
QUASI-ELASTIC BEHAVIOUR ?



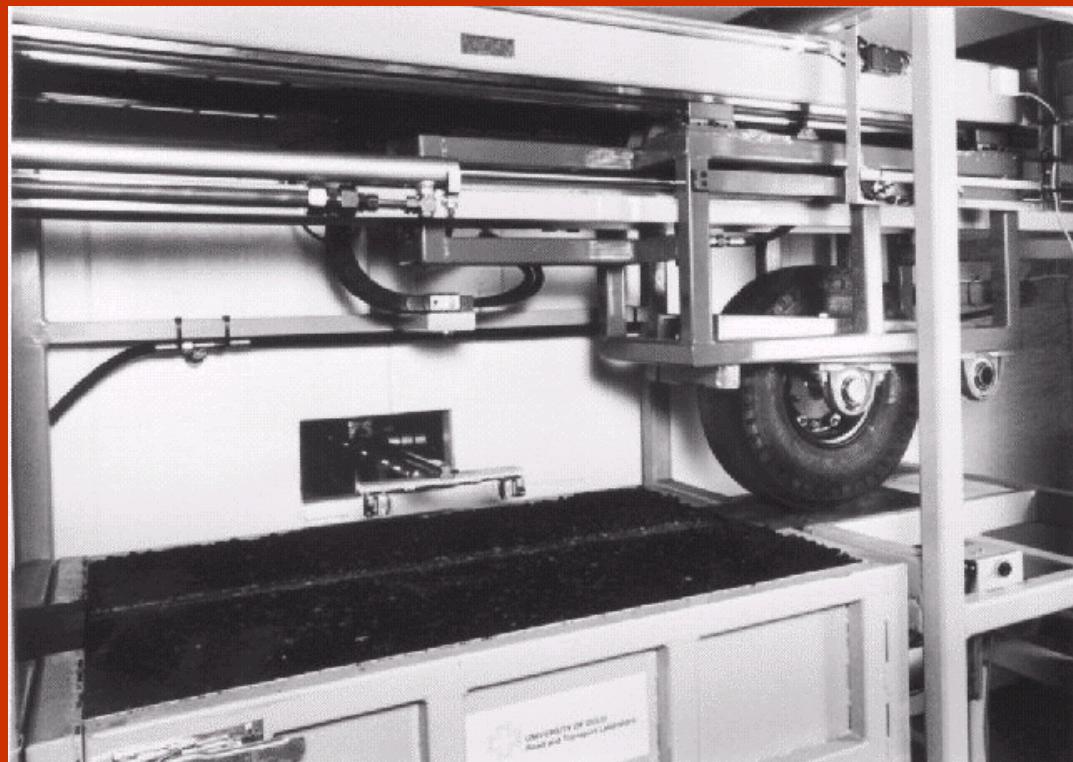
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# Courage test results



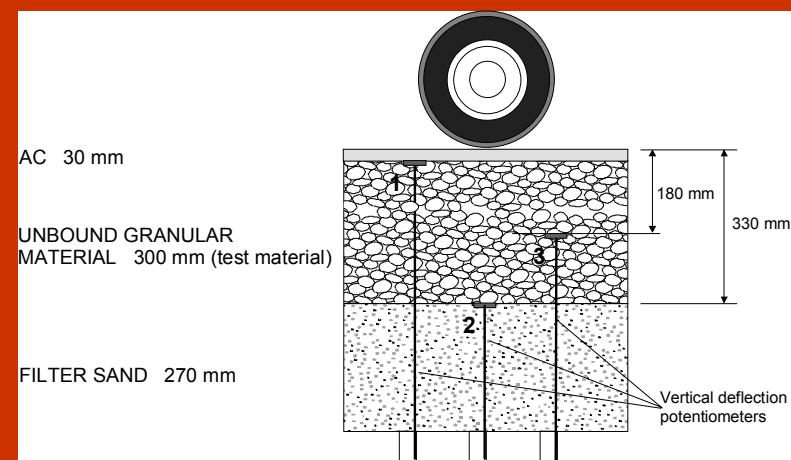
# Wheel track – University of Oulu – Fil.



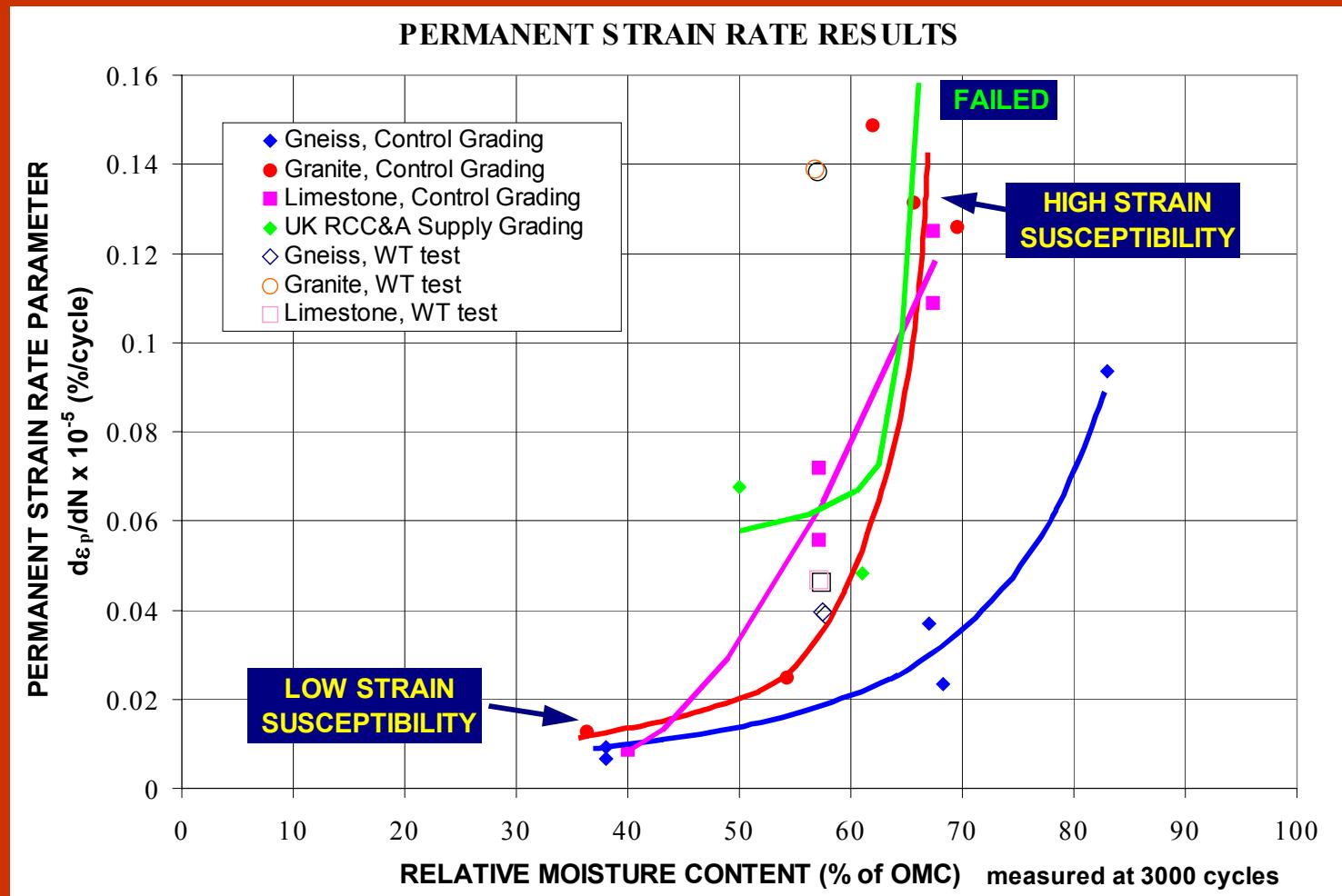
AC 30 mm

UNBOUND GRANULAR  
MATERIAL 300 mm (test material)

FILTER SAND 270 mm



# Courage test results

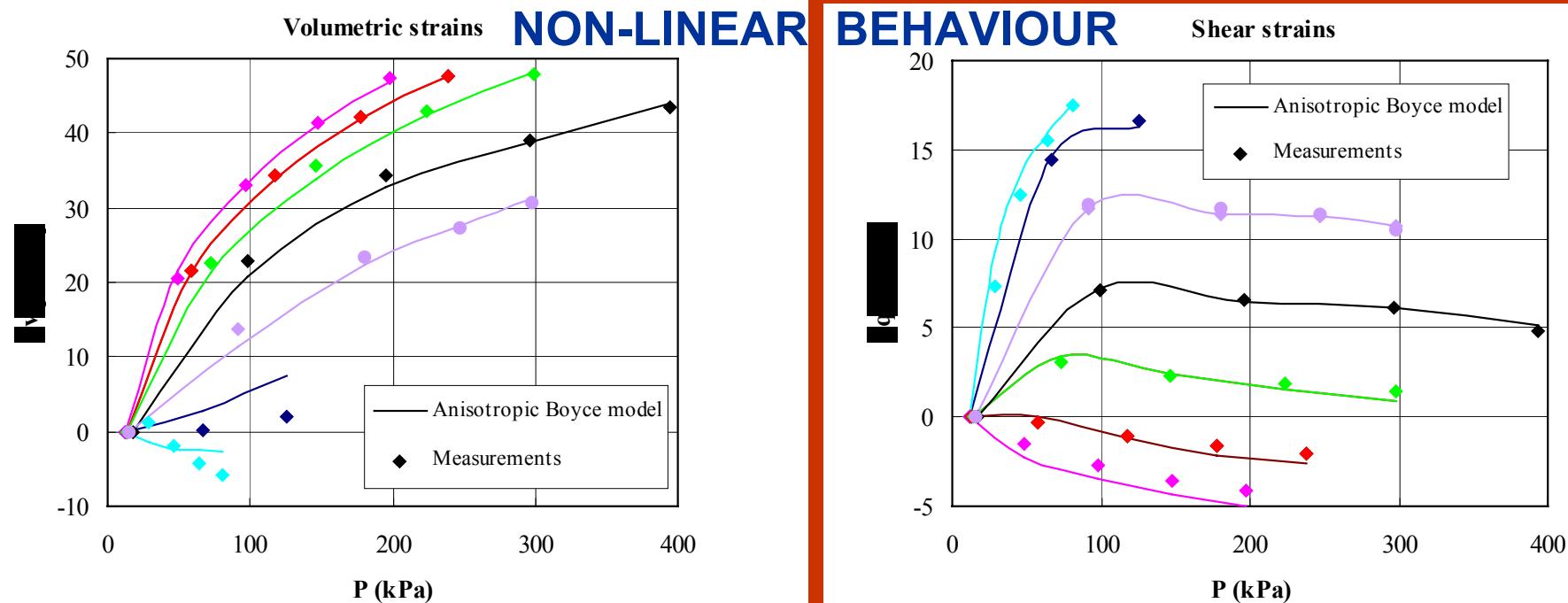


# TYPICAL RESULTS OF CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST- VCP

**Un.-Rel. Strains    (Anisotropic Boyce model; Hornyph et al., 2000)**

$$\varepsilon_v = \frac{p^{*n}}{p_a^{n-1}} \left[ \frac{\gamma + 2}{3 K_a} + \frac{n - 1}{18 G_a} (\gamma + 2) \left( \frac{q^*}{p^*} \right)^2 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{3 G_a} \left( \frac{q^*}{p^*} \right) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_q = \frac{2 p^{*n}}{3 p_a^{n-1}} \left[ \frac{\gamma - 1}{3 K_a} + \frac{n - 1}{18 G_a} (\gamma - 1) \left( \frac{q^*}{p^*} \right)^2 + \frac{2\gamma + 1}{6 G_a} \left( \frac{q^*}{p^*} \right) \right]$$



$$p^* = (\gamma \sigma_1 + 2\sigma_3)/3$$

$$q^* = (\gamma \sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$$

$$\varepsilon_v^* = \varepsilon_1/\gamma + 2\varepsilon_3$$

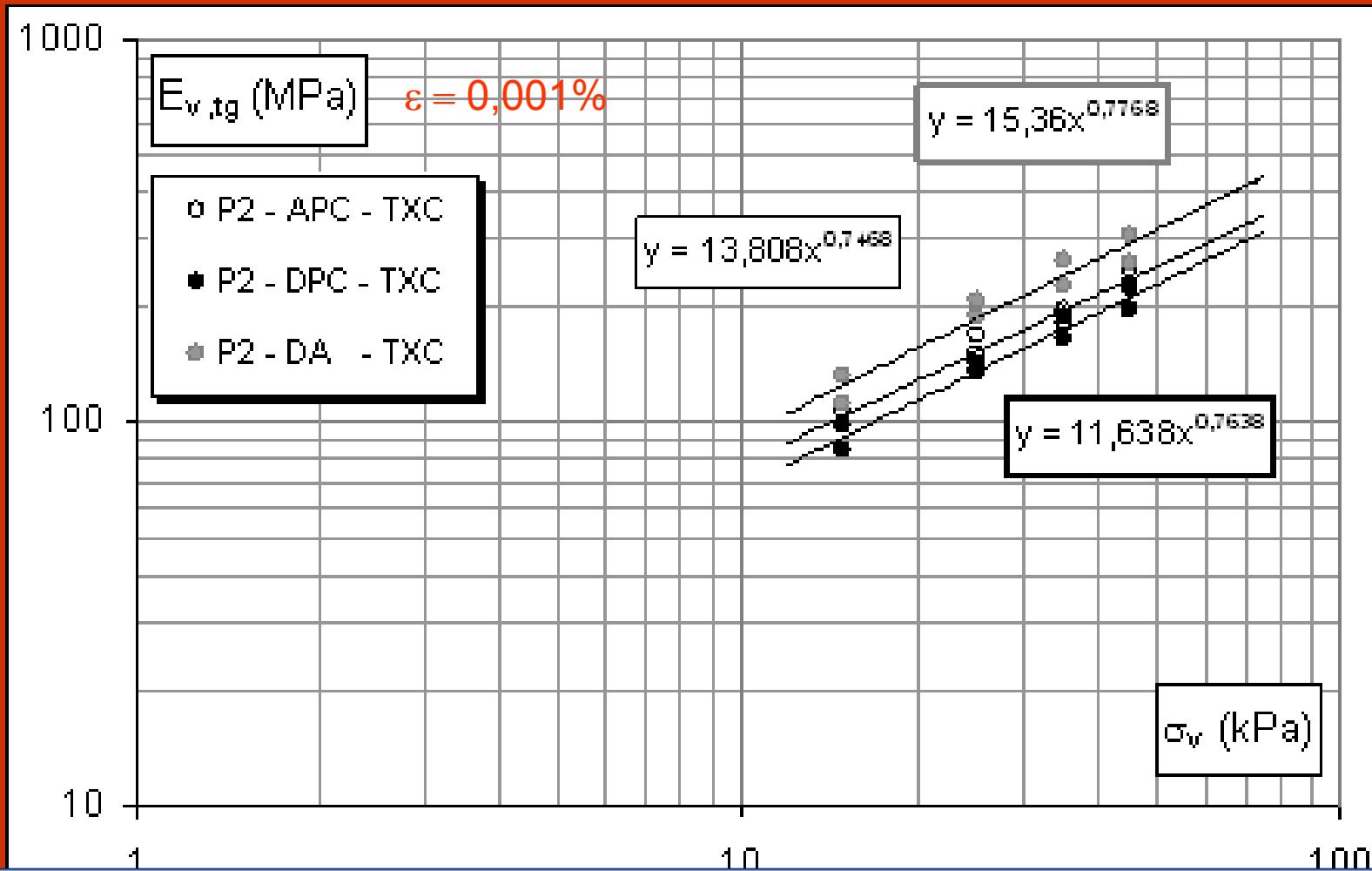
$$\varepsilon_q^* = \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon_1/\gamma - \varepsilon_3)$$

$$K^* = \frac{\left(\frac{p^*}{p_a}\right)^{1-n}}{\frac{1}{K_a} + \frac{(n-1)}{6G_a} \left(\frac{q^*}{p^*}\right)^2}$$

$$G^* = G_a \left(\frac{p^*}{p_a}\right)^{1-n}$$

# TYPICAL RESULTS OF CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST- CCP

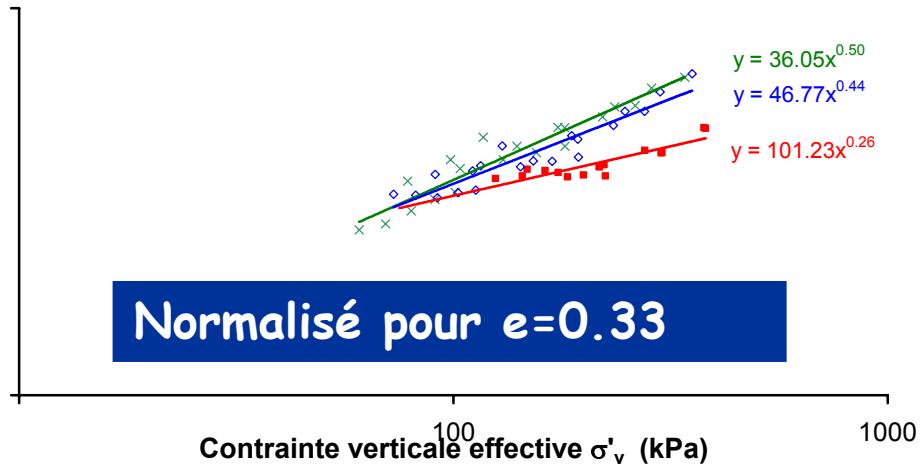
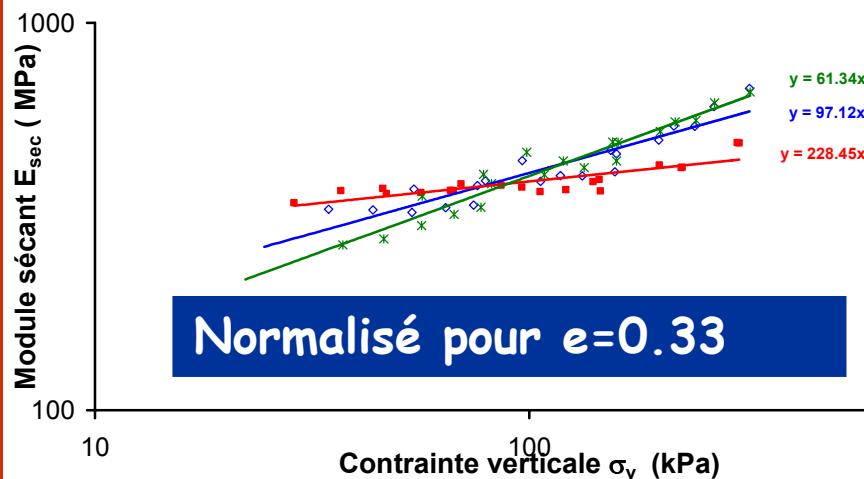
## Un.-Rel. Strains



# UGM – STIFFNESS RANKING

## TOTAL STRESSES – EFFECTIVE STRESSES

(ECP, Coronado, 2005)



Soacha 30% fins  $d_{10}=20\mu\text{m}$

$E$  plus grand en contrainte totales

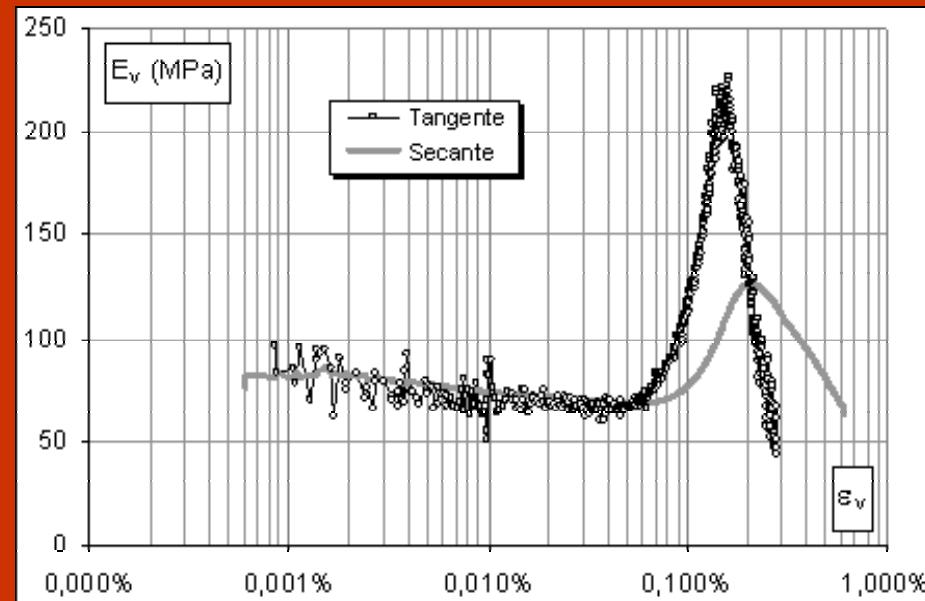
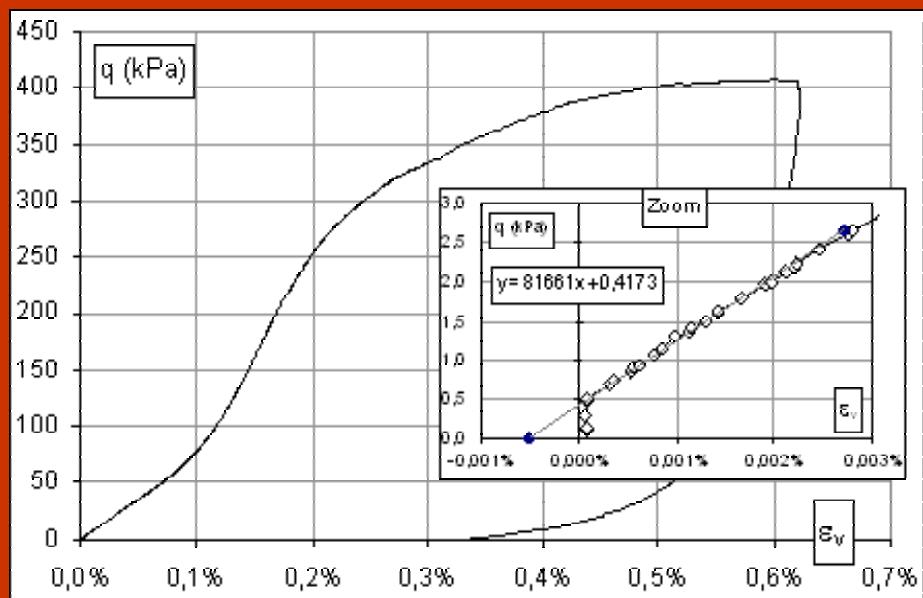
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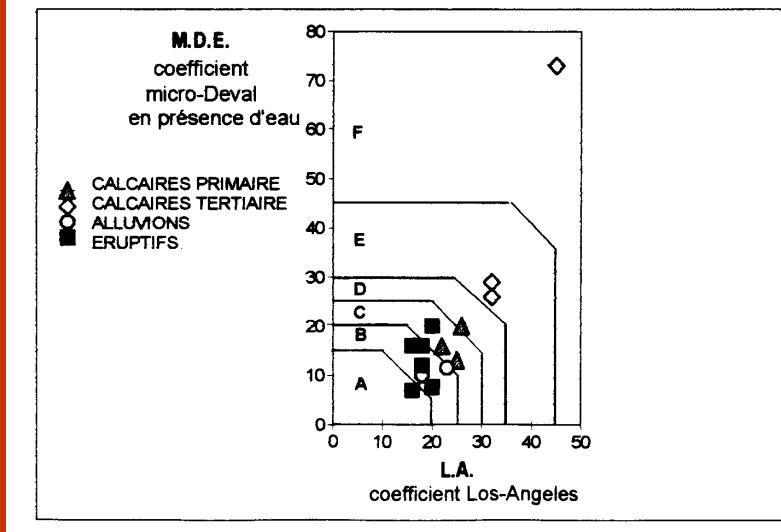
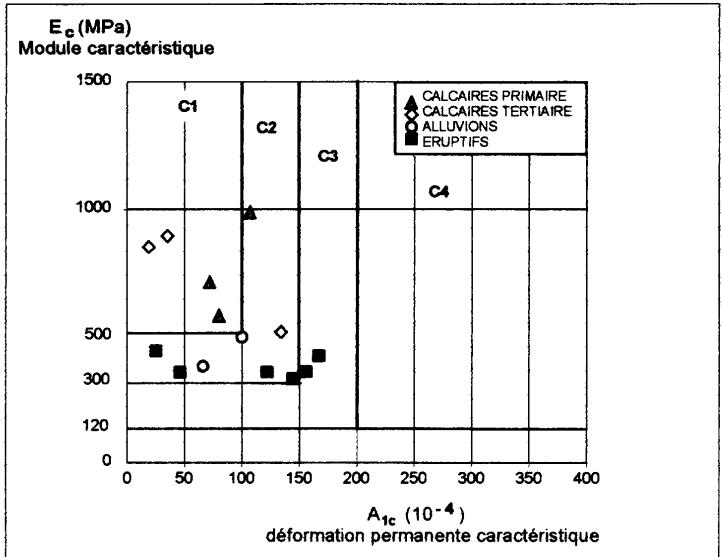
$E$  plus petit en contrainte effectives

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# TYPICAL RESULTS OF COMPRESSION TRIAXIAL TEST- CCP PECULIAR BEHAVIOUR OF COMPACTED UGM



# EMPIRICAL versus MECHANICAL PARAMETERS QUALITY ASSESSMENT



## DIFFERENT RANKING !

Processed materials behave in a different way to natural materials - Los Angelos and Micro-Deval.

They generally give better mechanical performance in the field than would be expect from the results of such tests.

Therefore performance-related tests (CLTx)

# **QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

***FIELD***

# UGM – QUALITY ASSESSMENT BY IN-SITU TESTS



**SIMPLE TESTS:** to density and moisture content material assessment



**FUNCTIONAL TESTS:**

 **Construction level** - to assess the bearing capacity of UGM to carry loading applied and the capacity of spreading the loading (LPT, FWD, SASW, ...).

 **Long term behavior** - to assess stiffness - capacity of spreading the loading (LPT, FWD, ... -representative state conditions?) and resistance to permanent deformation (LPT - permanent deformation).

# NEED TO MOVE FROM EMPIRICAL TO MECHANISTIC-BASED SPECIFICATIONS

**MECHANISTIC-BASED SPECIFICATIONS**

*(focus on the mechanical properties)*

**FACILITATE QUANTITATIVE EVALUATIONS**

*(necessary to alternative construction practices  
and materials – reclaimed materials)*

Performance-based specification  
is required to

control the long-term functional and structural performance

# **MECHANICAL-BASED IN SITU TESTS, AIPCR, C12, 1995**

- ***PLATE BEARING TEST***
- **CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO TEST - CBR**
- **DYNAPLAQUE**
- ***FALLING WEIGHT DEFLECTOMETER – FWD***
- **DEFLECTOGRAPH**
- **CLEGG IMPACT HAMMER**
- **MEXECONE PENETOMETER**
- **DYNAMIC CONE PENETROMETER**
- ***COMPACTION METERS***
- ***DYNAMIC PLATE BEARING TESTS***
- **VARIABLE IMPACT TESTER**

# **STIFFNESS - TARGET VALUES**

(Chaddock & Brown, 1995); Zaghloul, 1997; Flemming, 2000; Nunn et al., 1997; GTR, 1997)

## **STIFFNESS**

- **50 MPa – Formation (GTR, 1997)**
- **50 to 65 MPa – Formation (Flemming et al., 1998)**
- **100 MPa – Foundation (Flemming et al., 1998)**
- **80 MPa – Formation - FWD – stress=200 kPa;  
D=450 mm (Chaddock & Brown, 1995)**
- **45 MPa –  $E_{v2}$  – DIN - Foundation**
- **120 MPa –  $E_{v2}$  – DIN – Sub-base (light traffic)**
- **150 MPa –  $E_{v2}$  – DIN – Sub-base (heavy traffic)**

# CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

- Rockfill (experience from dam construction)  Soil and rock mixtures



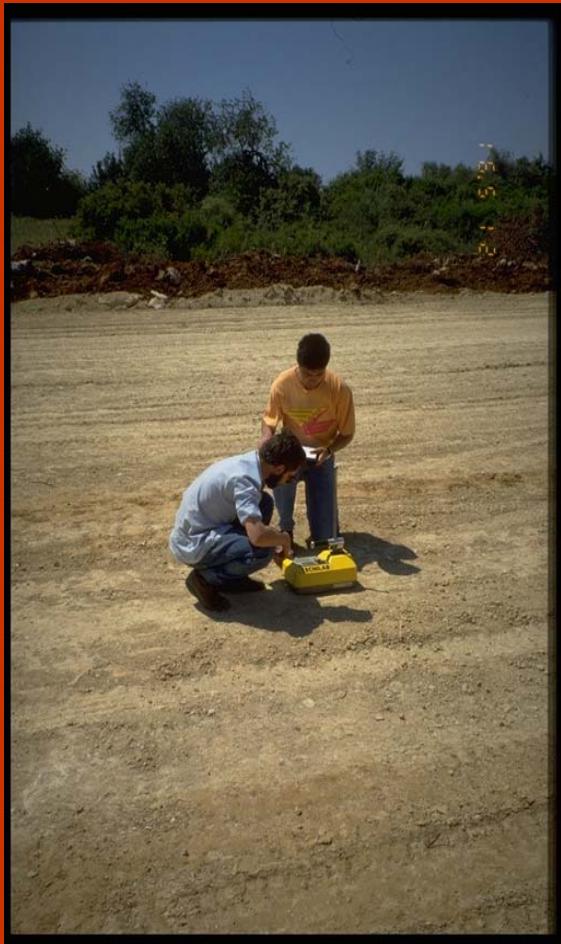
# ROCKFILL COMPACTION

## Punctual control: density+water content



# SOIL COMPACTION

## Punctual control: density+water content



# REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMOGENEITY

Brandl (1977)

Parameters	Coefficient of variation v (%)		
	Subgrade	Sub-base	Base
Dry density	5	4	3
Moduli (Ev1, Ev2)	30	20	15

# **ROUTINE ANALYSIS**

# MODULUS FROM FIELD TESTS

(Jamiolkowski et al., 1988, 2003)

$$G_0, E_0 \ (\varepsilon < \varepsilon^l)$$

INDEPENDANT FROM:

*Strain level*  
*Stress history*

DEPENDANT ON:

*Relative density*  
*Ambient stress*  
*Compressibility*  
*Aging & Fabric*

$$G_{sec}, E_{sec} \ (\varepsilon_{sec} > \varepsilon^l)$$

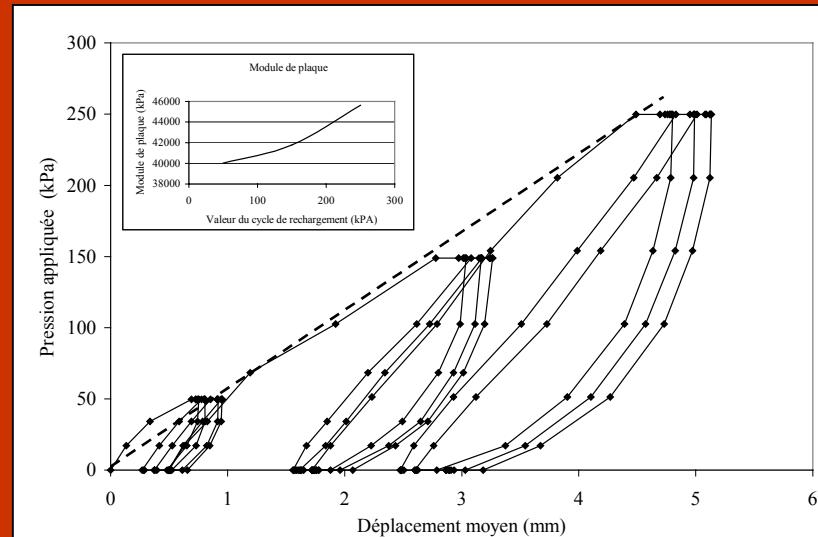
DEPENDANT ON:

*Strain level*  
*Stress history*  
*Relative density*  
*Ambient stress*  
*Compressibility*  
*Aging & Fabric*  
*Strain rate*

$$G_0 = S \cdot p_a^{1-n} \cdot F(e) \cdot p'^n$$

CORRELATIONS WITH  $G_0, E_0$  are  
more reliable than with  $G_{sec}, E_{sec}$

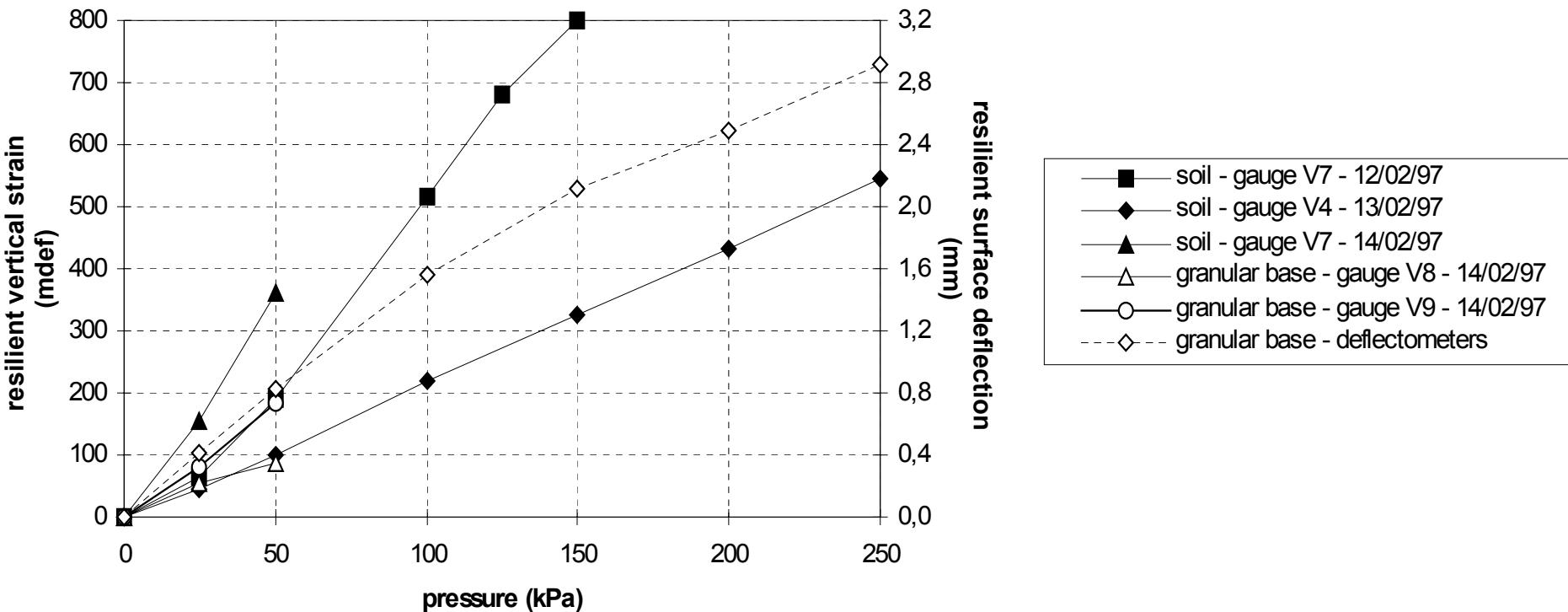
# Punctual control: LPT (ASTM, DIN, LCPC)



$$E = \frac{1,5 Q_{appl} D / 2 (1 - \nu^2)}{\delta}$$

# PLATE LOAD TESTS ON THE UGM BASE

## Response of Soil and Granular Base



# Spectral-Analysis-of-Surface-Waves (SASW)

(Nazarian et al., 1987; Rix & Stokoe, 1990; Stokoe, 2004; Allen et al., 2000)

## ■ **Principle:**

- Measuring the propagation velocity of surface waves of Rayleigh type, generating an experimental dispersion curve (wave velocity versus frequency), and evaluating shear wave velocity profile ( $G_0$ ) by matching theoretical dispersion curve with experimental curve.

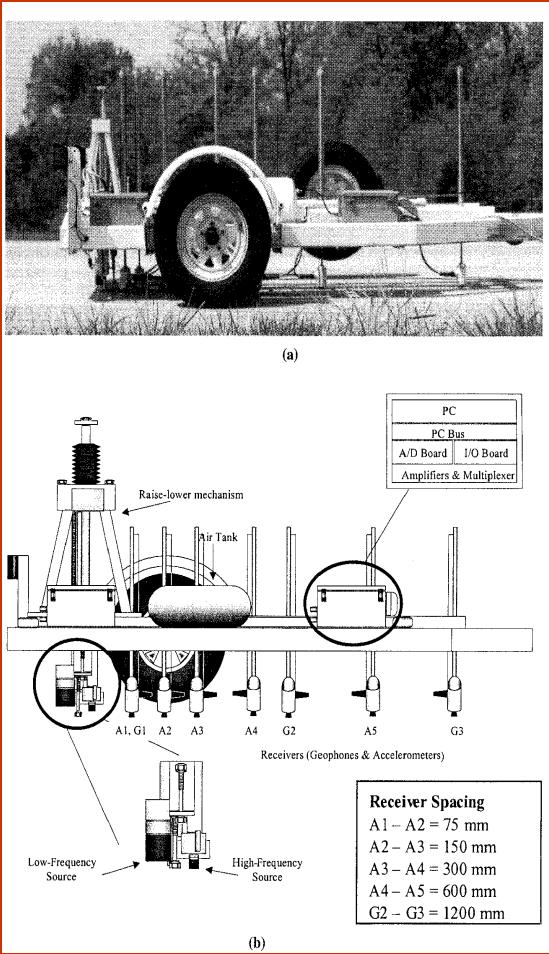
## ■ **Advantages:**

- It is non destructive.
- Any layer thickness can be evaluated.
- Soft layers after compaction may be detected after construction.
- Stiffness evaluations represent moduli values which are independent of strain level ( $e < 0,001\%$ ).
- Stiffness is a mechanical property showing how pavement will deflect under traffic loads.
- Reduction factor can be applied to convert the small strain shear modulus in a serviceability modulus.

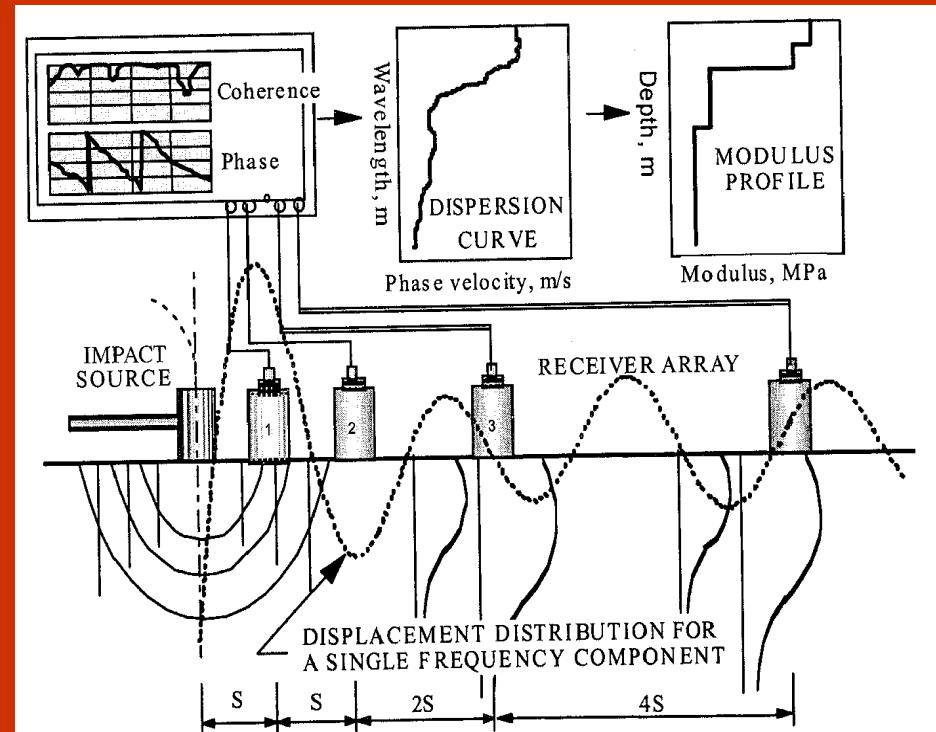
**DENSITY TESTS AND SASW TESTS COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER AND CAN BE USED TOGETHER TO GAIN A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THE FINAL COMPACTED MATERIAL**

# PAVEMENT EVALUATION

## Punctual control: Stiffness



Seismic pavement analyser (SPA)

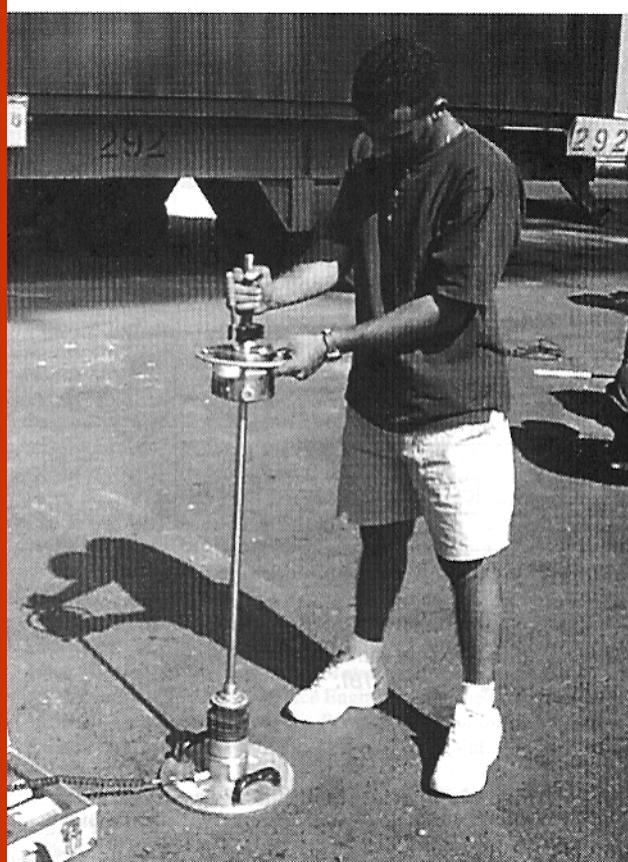


# (FWD) Punctual control: Stiffness



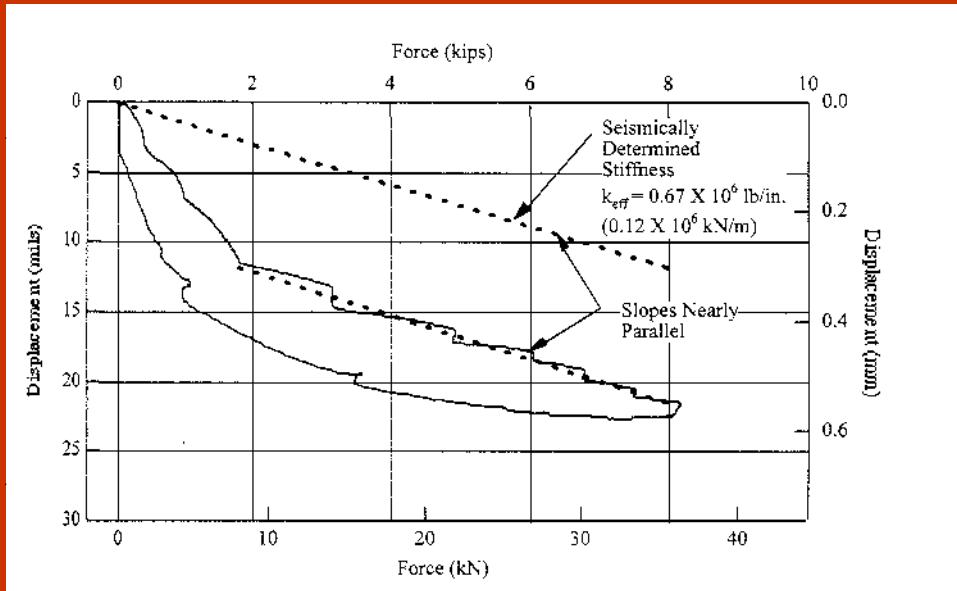
# SOIL COMPACTION

## Punctual control: Stiffness (LDW)



# SASW versus LPT

(Allen et al., 2000)

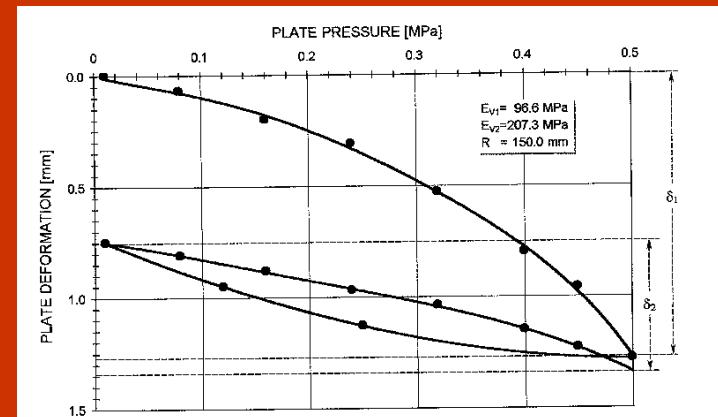
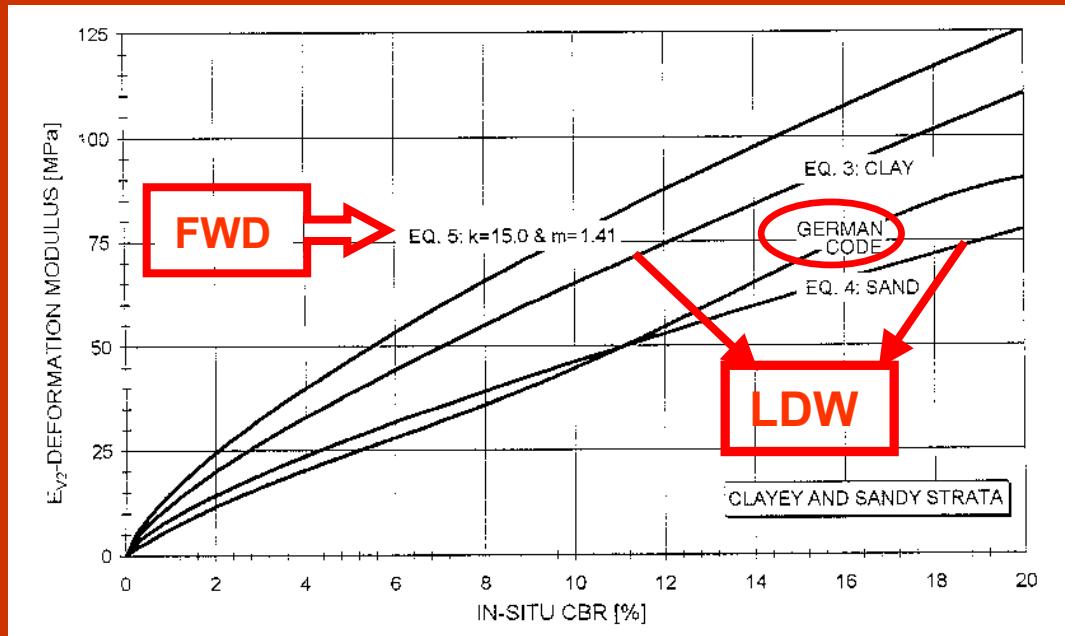


**STIFFNESS FROM SASW MAY NEED TO BE CORRECTED TO THE SAME STRAIN LEVEL OF LPT**

# FWD versus LDW

## $E_{v2}$ (FWD, LDW) - CBR<sub>in situ</sub> (DCP)

(Livneh & Goldberg, 2001)



$$(3) \quad E_{v2} = 600 \times \ln \frac{300}{300 - 6,019 \times CBR^{(1/1,41)}}$$

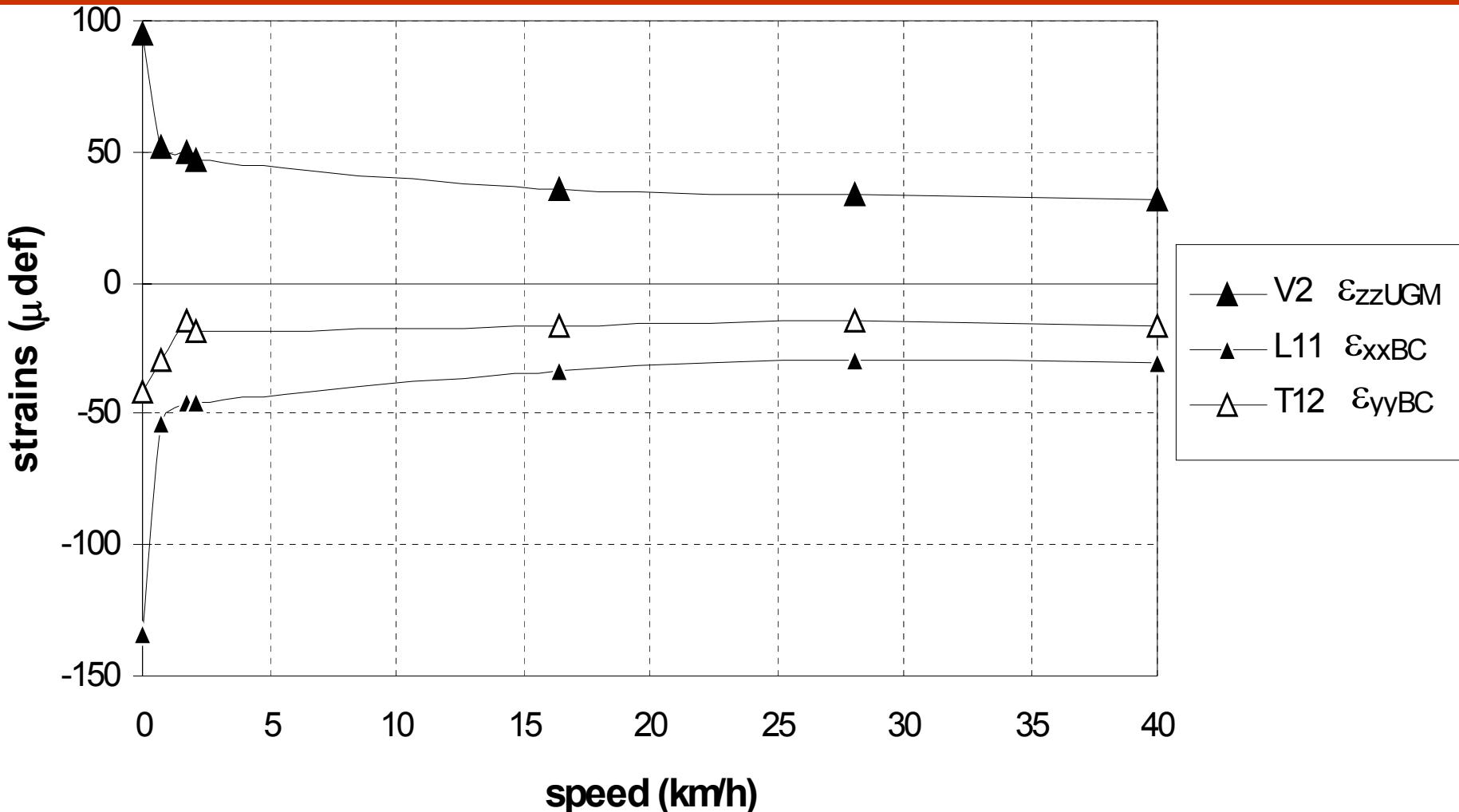
$$(4) \quad E_{v2} = 600 \times \ln \frac{300}{300 - 4,0354 \times CBR^{(1/1,41)}}$$

$$(5) \quad CBR = \left( \frac{E_s}{k} \right)^m$$

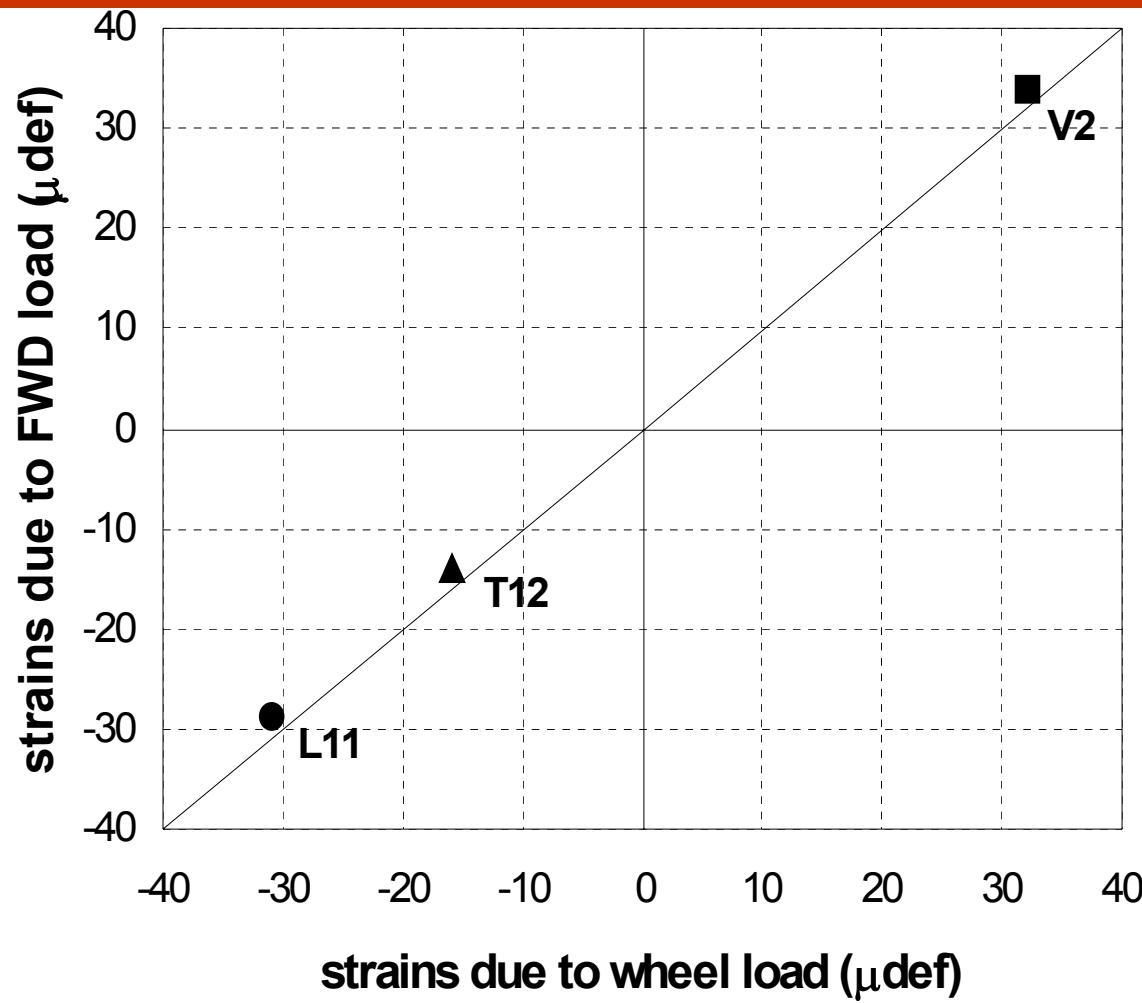
German code:  $E_{v2}$  LPT

DISCREPANCY IN THESE RESULTS SHOW THE NEED TO USE MORE MECHANISTIC APPROACH

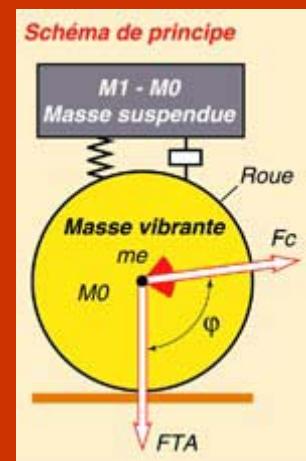
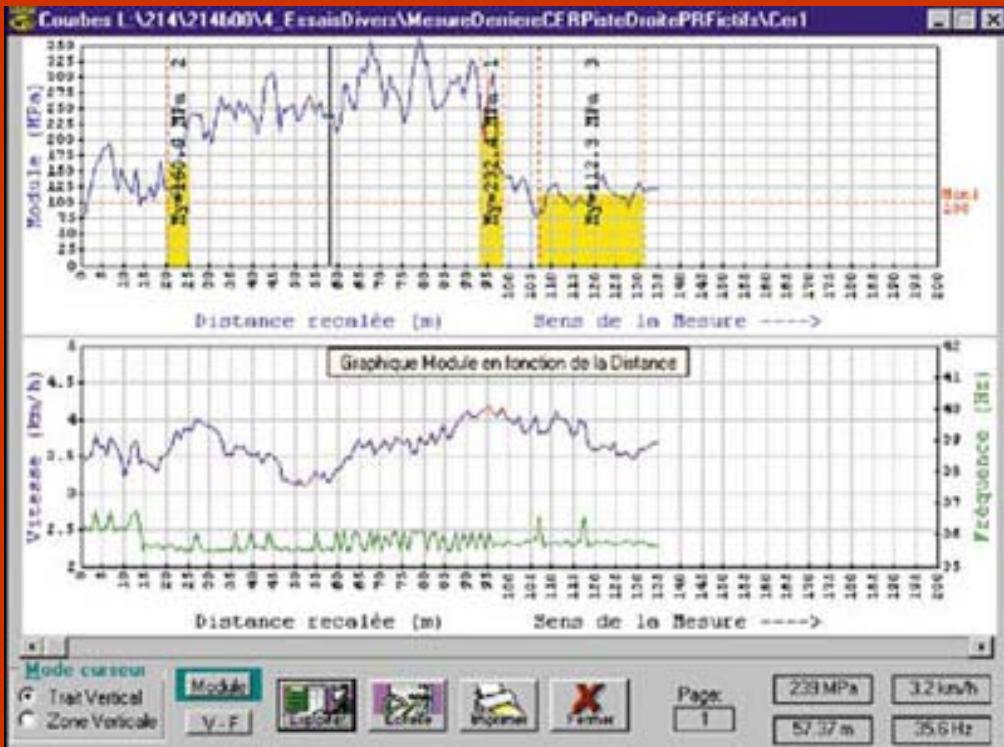
# EFFECT OF LOADING SPEED ON BC & UGM STRAINS



# STRAINS MEASURED BY FWD AND WHEEL LOAD TESTS (40 km/h)

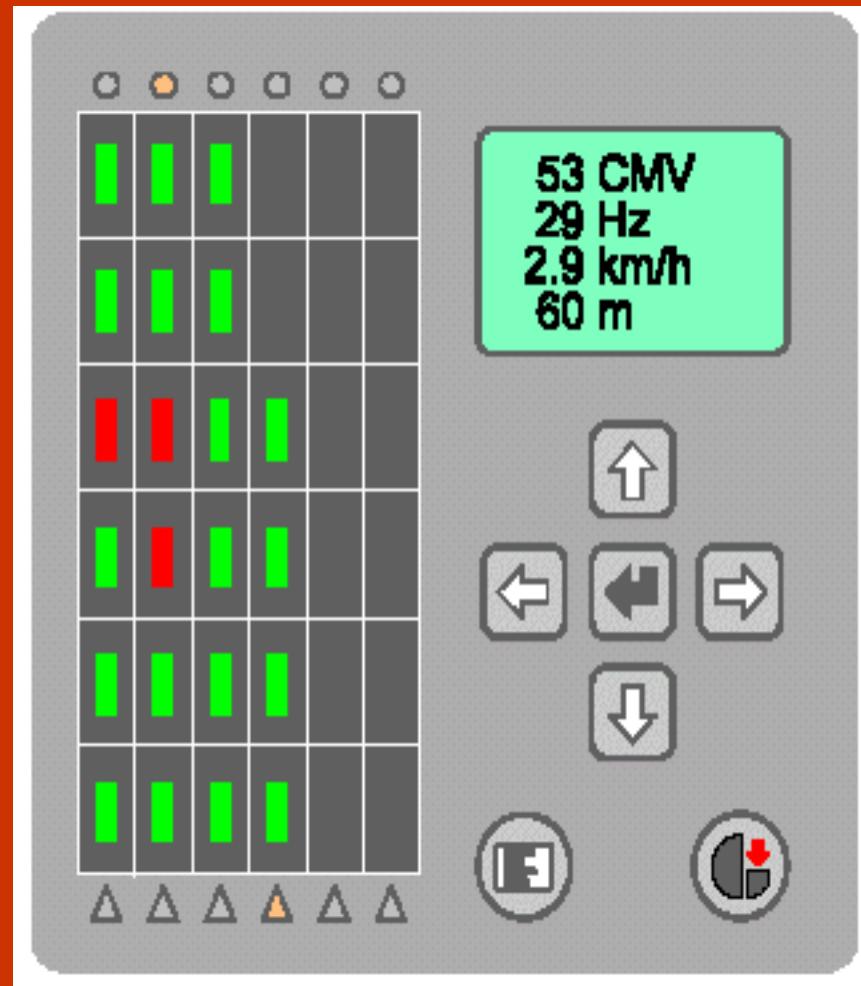
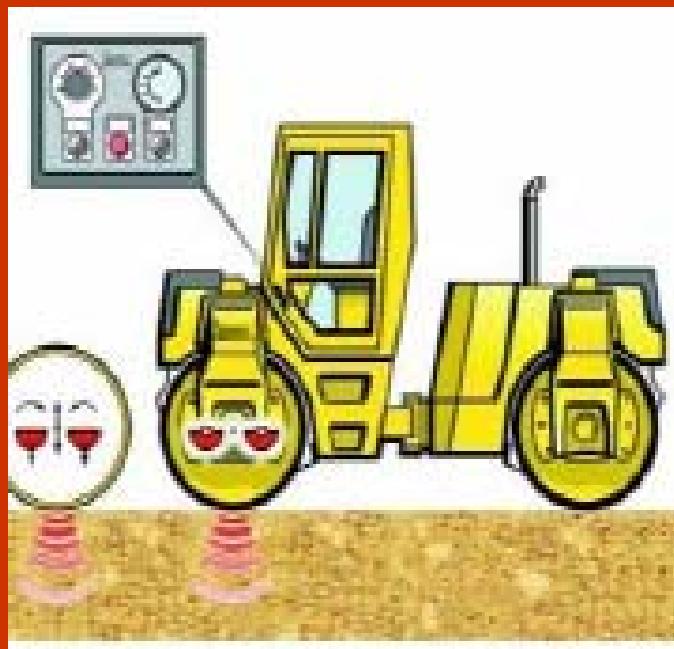


# CONTINUOUS COMPACTION CONTROL (LPC; Quibel, 1998)



# ROLLER-INTEGRATED CONTINOUS COMPACTION CONTROL (CCC)

## OPTIMISATION OF COMPACTION



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# CCC

## A PROMOTION TO NON-CONVENTIONAL DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

Reduce differential settlements ( for H until 120m total relative settlement is less of 1/1000)

- In many cases embankments exhibit significant advantages over bridges:
  - facilitate balance of cut and fill volume during construction;
  - environment-friendly
  - negligible long term maintenance
- Reduce differential settlements between bridge deck and adjacent embankment fill.

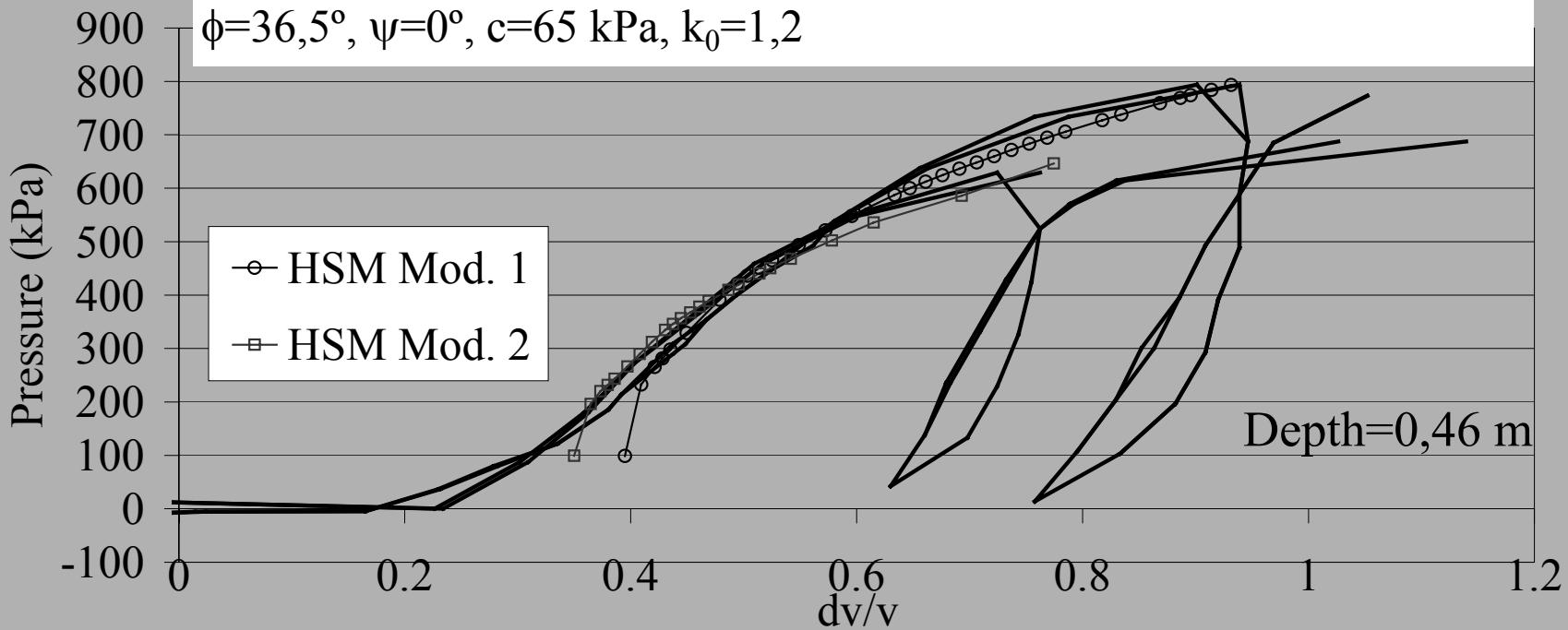
# **ADVANCED ANALYSIS**

# PMT

## HSM - PLAXIS

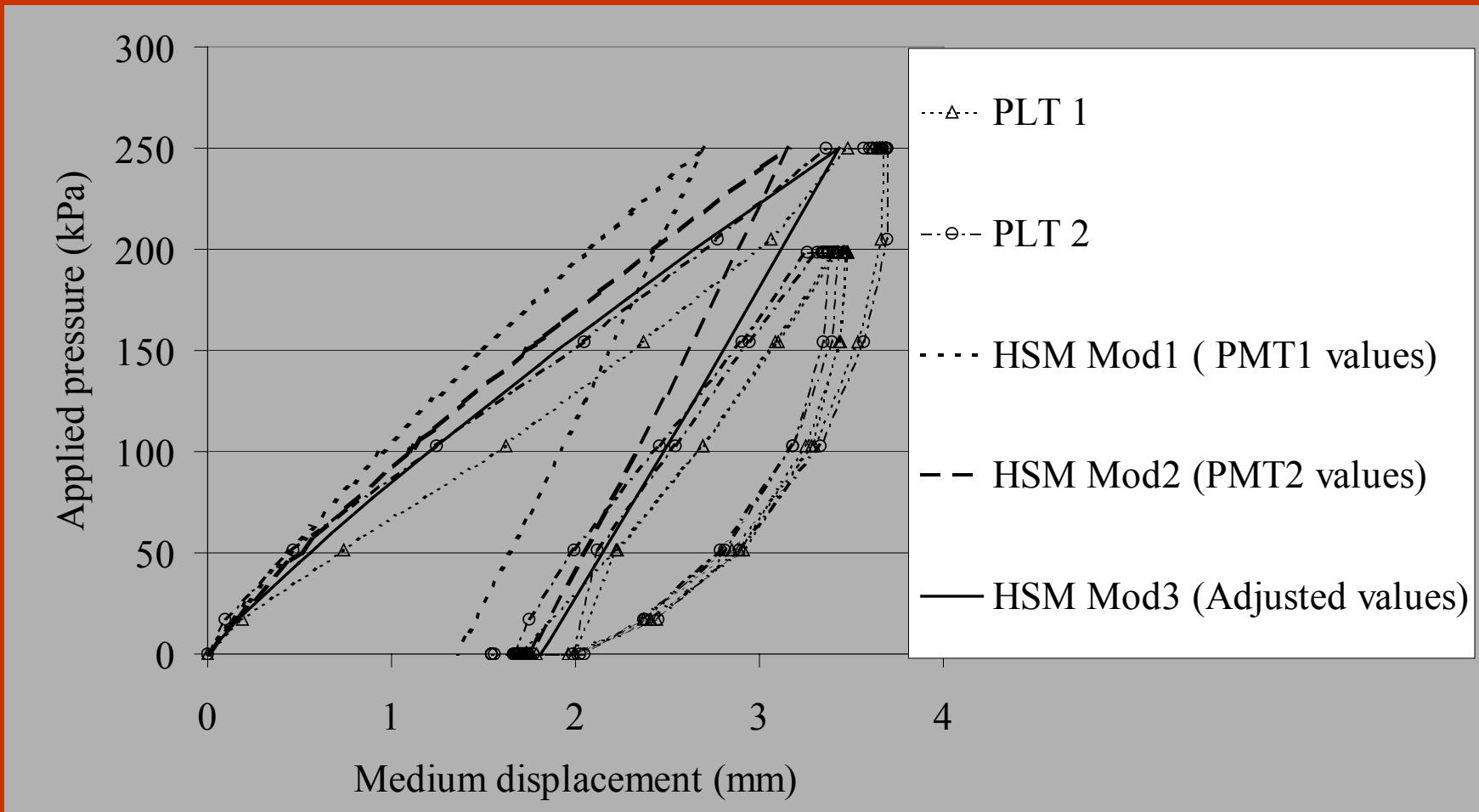
Mod. 1 :  $E_{50\text{ ref}}=33 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $E_{\text{oedo ref}}=35 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $E_{\text{ur}}=100 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\nu=0,25$ ,  
 $\phi=38^\circ$ ,  $\psi=0^\circ$ ,  $c=70 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $k_0=1,2$

Mod. 2 :  $E_{50\text{ ref}}=32 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $E_{\text{oedo ref}}=32 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $E_{\text{ur}}=96 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\nu=0,25$ ,  
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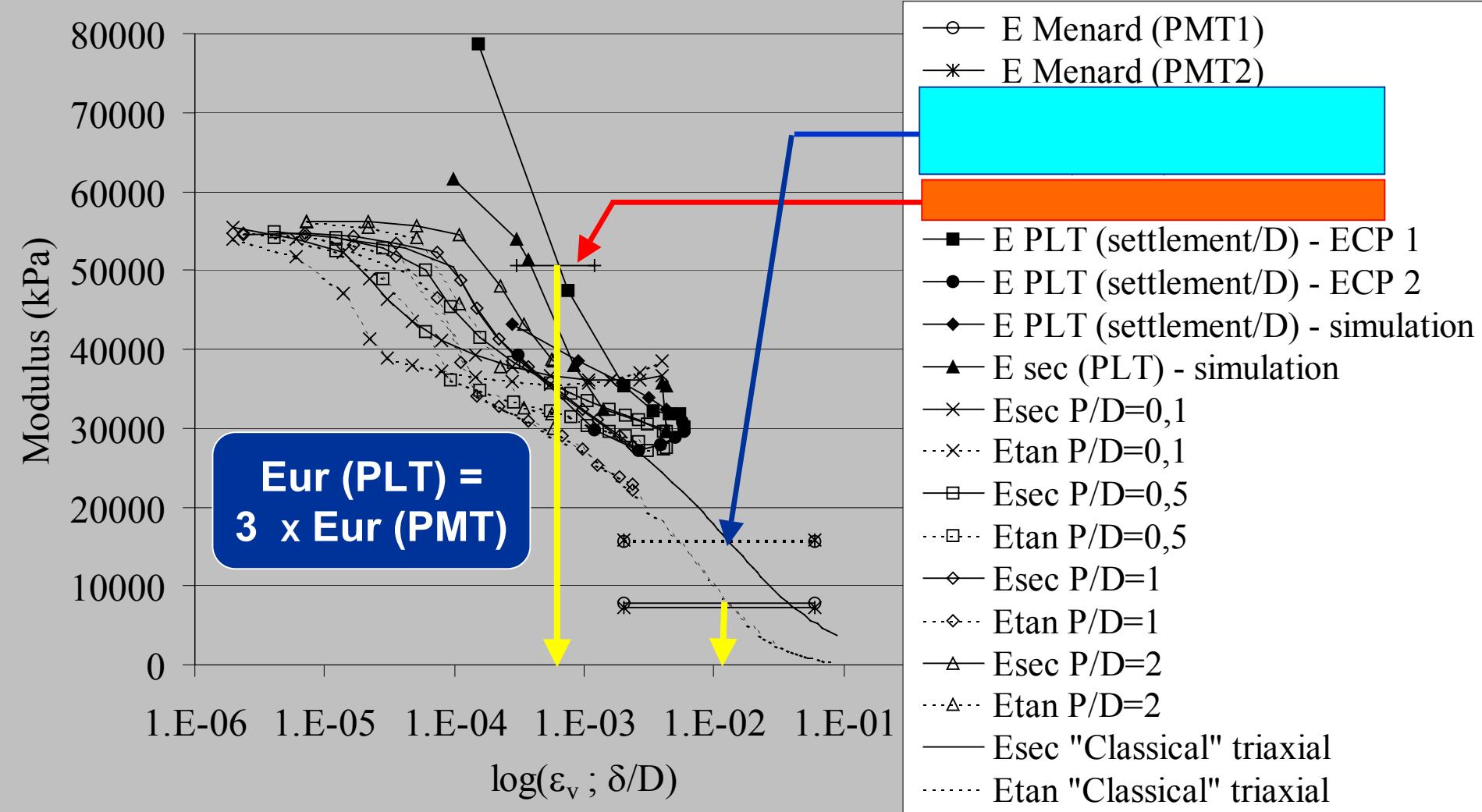
# PLT

## HSM - PLAXIS



HSM Mod3:  $\gamma=18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $E_{50\text{ref}}=27,5 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $E_{\text{eodoref}}=27,5 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\text{Eur}=82,5 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $m=0,5$ ,  $c=70 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\phi=38^\circ$ ,  $\psi=0^\circ$ ,  $n=0,25$ ,  $k_0=1,2$

**PMT – PLT - TXSimulation**  
**ROUTINE & ADVANCED ANALYSIS (HSM – PLAXIS)**  
*(Gomes Correia et al., 2004)*



# **FINAL REMARKS**

# **FINAL REMARKS (1/4)**

- NEED TO MOVE FROM EMPIRICAL APPROACH TO MECHANISTIC APPROACH**
- MOVE FROM SIMPLE TESTS TO FUNCTIONAL TESTS – USE OF NEW MATERIALS IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION**
- SELECTION OF MATERIALS MUST BE BASED IN MECHANICAL TEST RESULTS USING INTEGRAL MATERIAL AT THE STATE CONDITIONS EXPECTED IN THE FIELD**

# **FINAL REMARKS (2/4)**

- NON-LINEAR BEHAVIOUR OF SOILS AND UGM COMPLICATES IN-SITU TEST INTERPRETATION**

**MAY CONFLICT WITH SIMPLIFIED ASSUMPTIONS IN THE PAST**

**DIRECT USE OF MODULI IN PRACTICE ONLY IF:  
OBTAINED FOR THE SERVICEABILITY  
STRESS-STRAIN CONDITIONS**

**ANY CORRELATION OF IN-SITU TEST RESULTS SHOULD SPECIFY THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND TEST PROCEDURE, THE TYPE OF MODULUS OR ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE**

# FINAL REMARKS (3/4)

- CURRENT PRACTICE HAS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY TEST METHODS THAT WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY BETWEEN DESIGN (laboratory) AND CONSTRUCTION (field)
- $G_0$  IS THE BEST PARAMETER TO BE USED

Incorporation of Seismic in the different tests will be of valuable use

***CORRELATIONS MUST BE ESTABLISHED WITH  $G_0$  AND NOT WITH CBR***

# FINAL REMARKS (4/4)

- COMPARISON BETWEEN TEST RESULTS – MODULI-  
IS ONLY POSSIBLE BY NORMALISING STRESS &  
STRAIN LEVELS OF TESTS

EXPERIMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDY IN A GRANITE  
SHOW THAT:

$$E_{UR} \text{ (PLT)} \sim 3 \times E_{MUR} \text{ (PMT)}$$

$$E_M \text{ (PMT)} \sim 1\%; E_{(PLT)} \sim 0,1\% \text{ (ASTM STANDARDS)}$$

COMPAIRISON OF TEST RESULTS

BACK ANALYSIS OF STRESS-STRAIN CURVES OR  
LOAD-DISPLACEMENT RESULTS