

# Scour in Cohesive Soils

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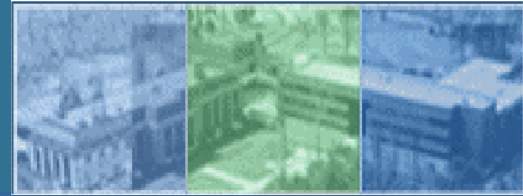
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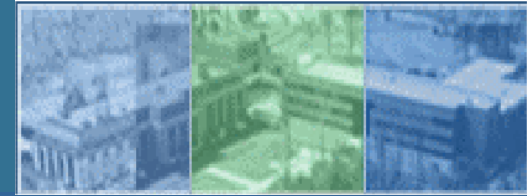




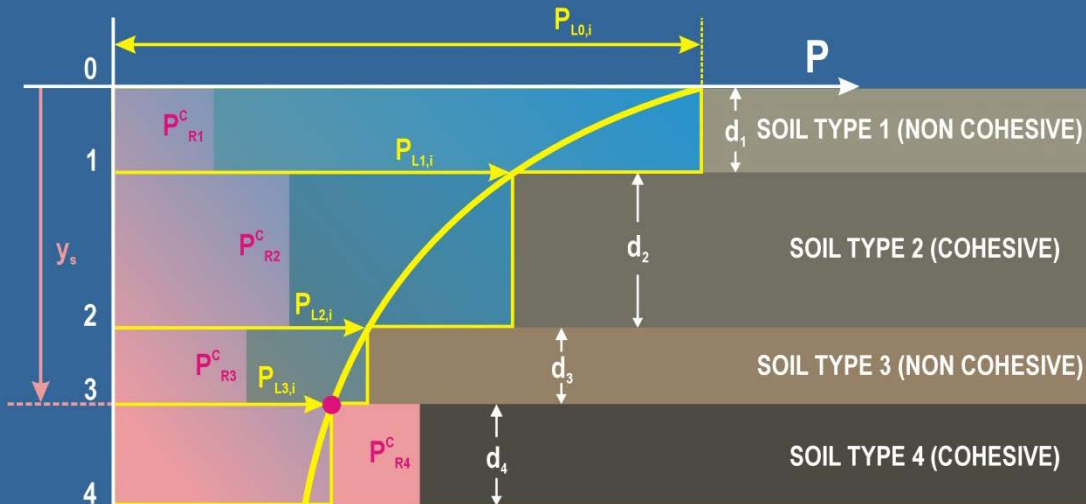
## Outline

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- Ex Situ Scour Testing Device
- Flow Condition: Log-law Velocity Profile
- Soil Preparation & Geotechnical Tests
- Erosion Results
- Conclusions





## Hydraulic Loading Decay Function and Critical Soil Resistance



$$\rightarrow P_{L0,i} > < P_{R1,i}^c$$

$$\rightarrow P_{L1,i} > < P_{R2,i}^c$$

$$\rightarrow P_{L2,i} > < P_{R3,i}^c$$

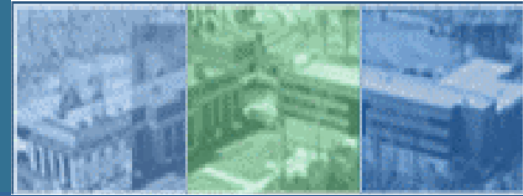
$$\rightarrow P_{L3,i} > < P_{R4,i}^c$$

$P_{L,i}$  = HYDRAULIC LOAD BASED ON  $Q_{100}$

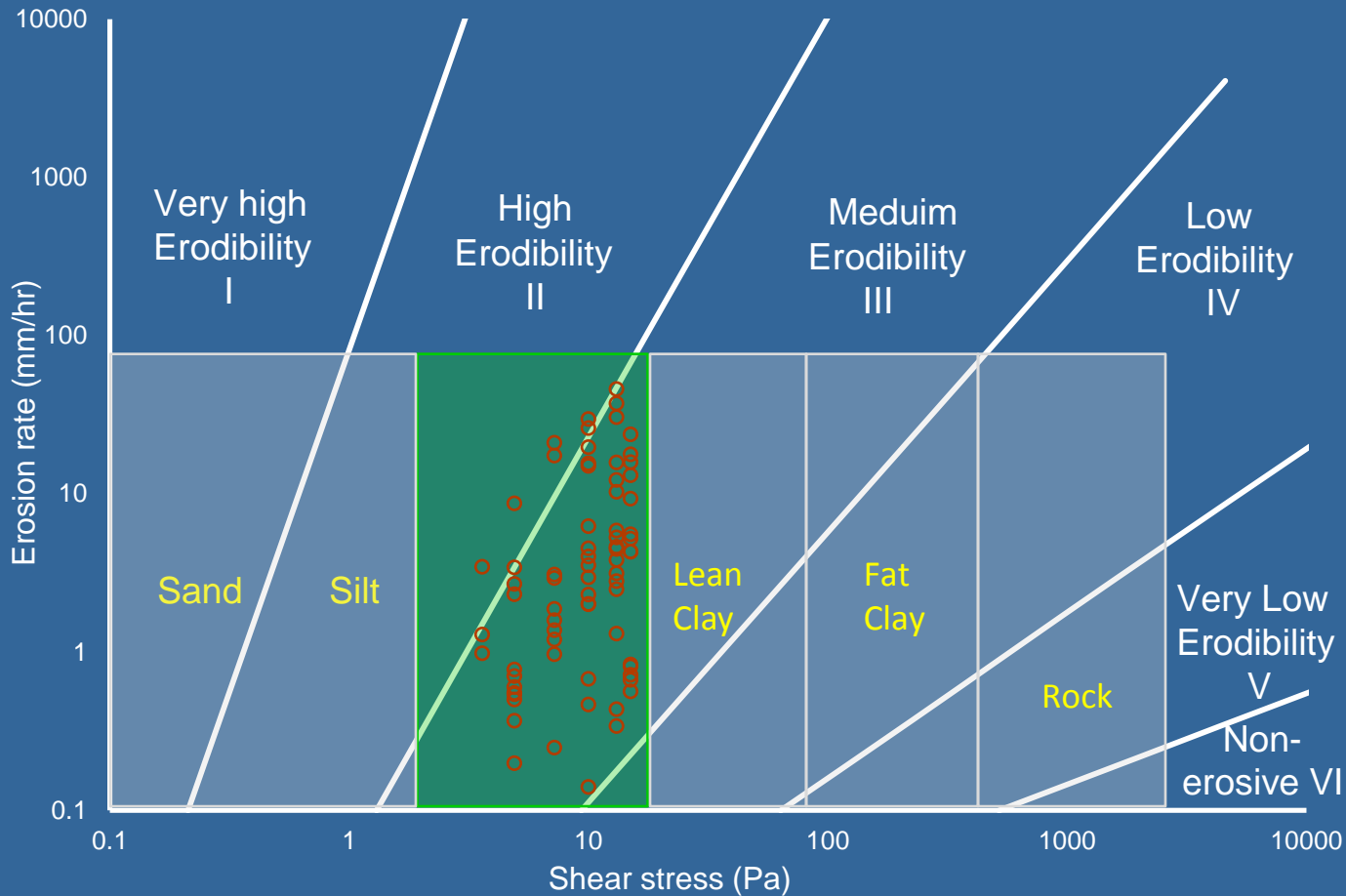
$P_{R,i}^c$  = CRITICAL SOIL RESISTANCE

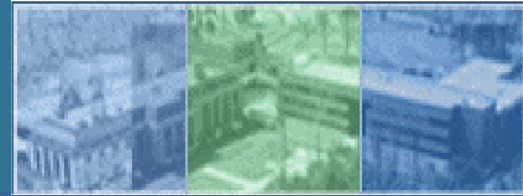
$y_s$  = SCOUR DEPTH

$$y_{s\text{ MAX}} \rightarrow P_{Lj,i} < P_{Rj+1,i}^c$$

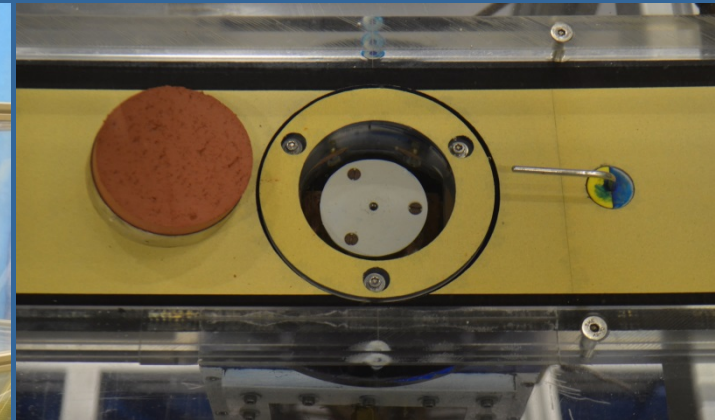
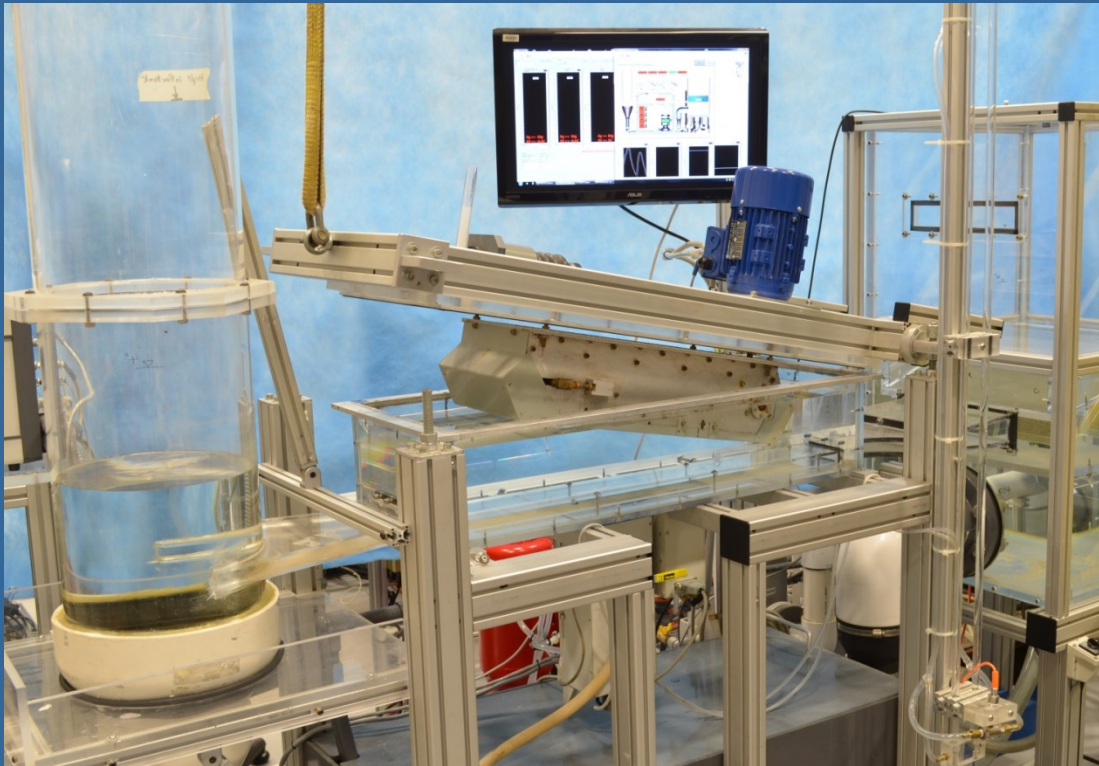


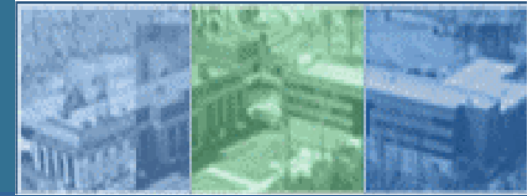
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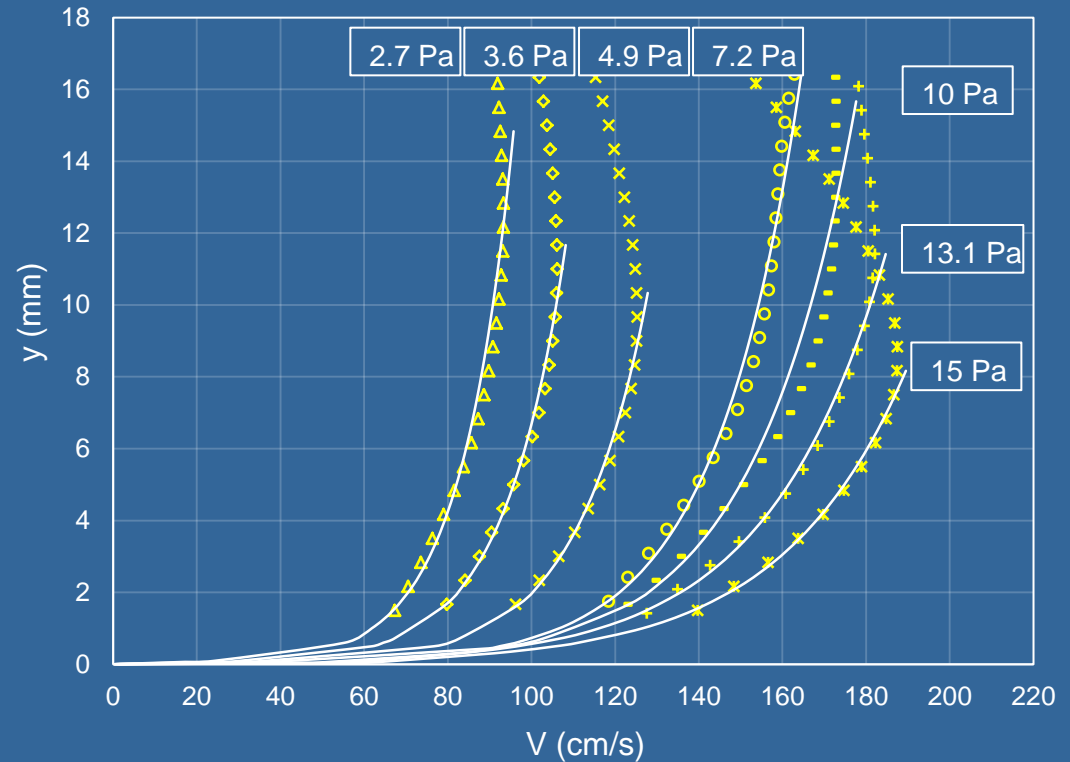
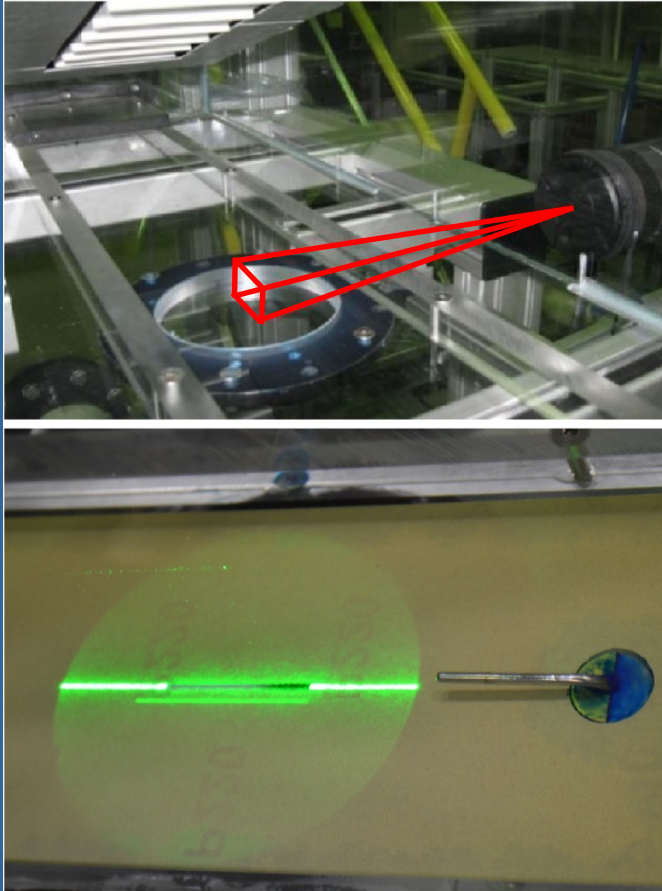


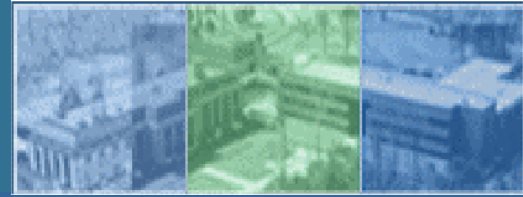
# Ex situ Scour Testing Device



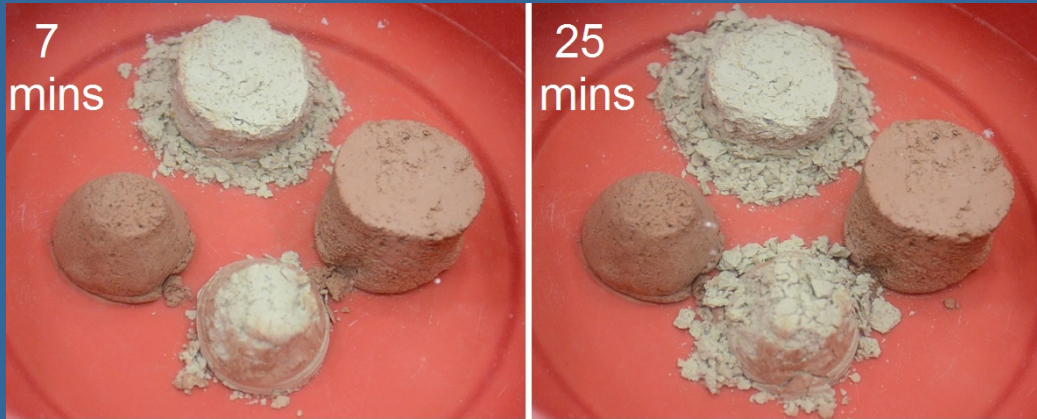


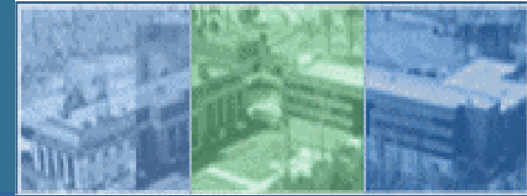
## Flow Condition: Log-law Velocity Profile





## Pugger Mixer: Preparing Slaking-free Soils



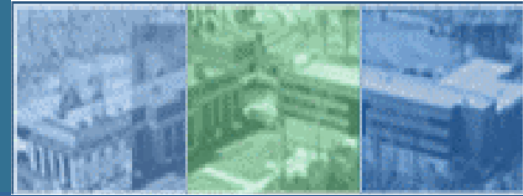


## Tested Soil Characteristics

Index	Soil type	Materials (%)			SG	PL	LL	PI	F(<75 μm)	# of WC
		Clay	Silt	Sands		%	%	%	%	
1	CL-ML: sandy silty clay	20	40	40	2.69	16.7	21.0	4.3	60.6	3
2	CL: sandy lean clay	30	20	50	2.71	14.3	21.3	7.0	50.7	3
3	CL: sandy lean clay	40	10	50	2.73	14.4	21.1	6.7	50.7	2
4	CL-ML: Silty clay with sand	25	45	30	2.72	17.4	22.5	5.1	70.4	3
5	CL: Lean clay with sand	40	40	20	2.69	17.7	26.4	8.7	80.3	3
6	CL: Lean clay with sand	40	30	30	2.71	16.6	25.5	8.9	70.4	3

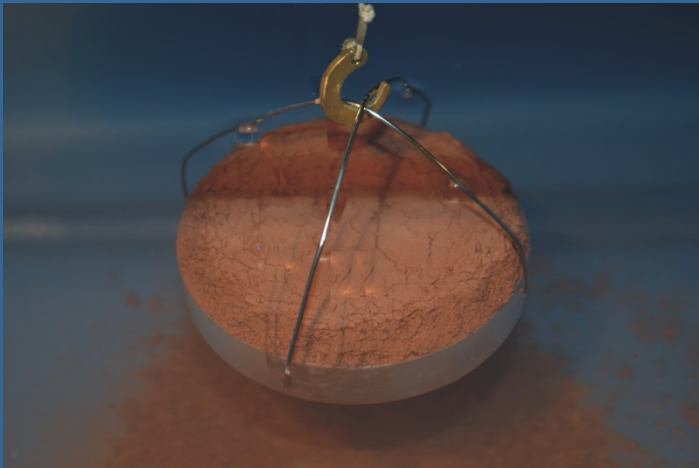






## Geotechnical Tests

### 1. Slaking test



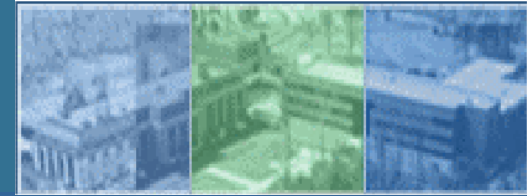
### 2. Unconfined compression test ( $q_u$ ) / Field vane tester



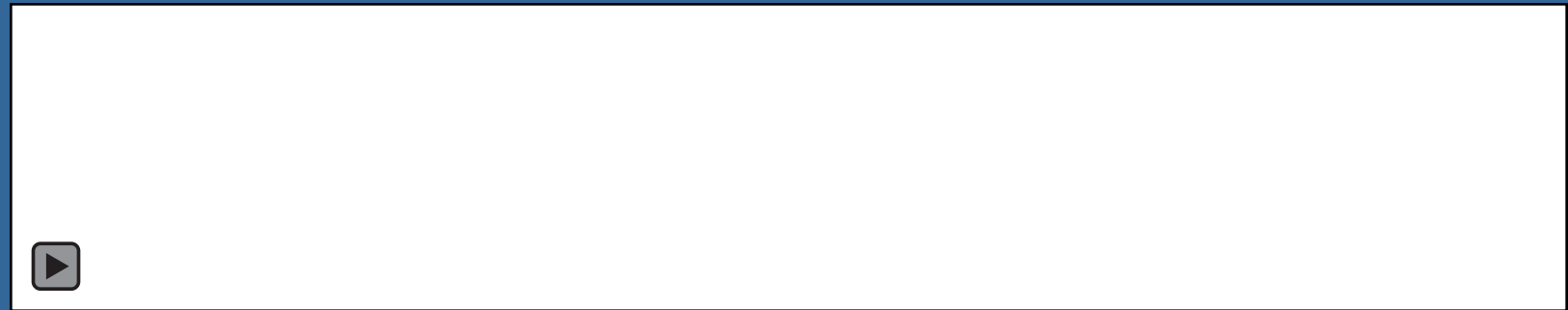
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3. WC, SG and bulk density
4. Particle size distribution
5. Atterberg limits
6. Direct shear





## Soil Erosion Video



Soil 4<sub>WC=19.8%</sub>

CL-ML: silty clay

25% clay + 45% silt + 30% sands

PI=5%,  $q_u=1242$  lbf (59 KPa)

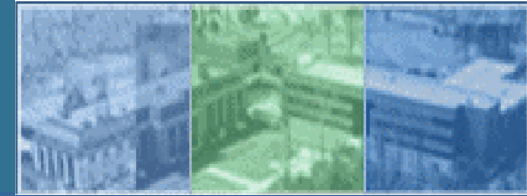




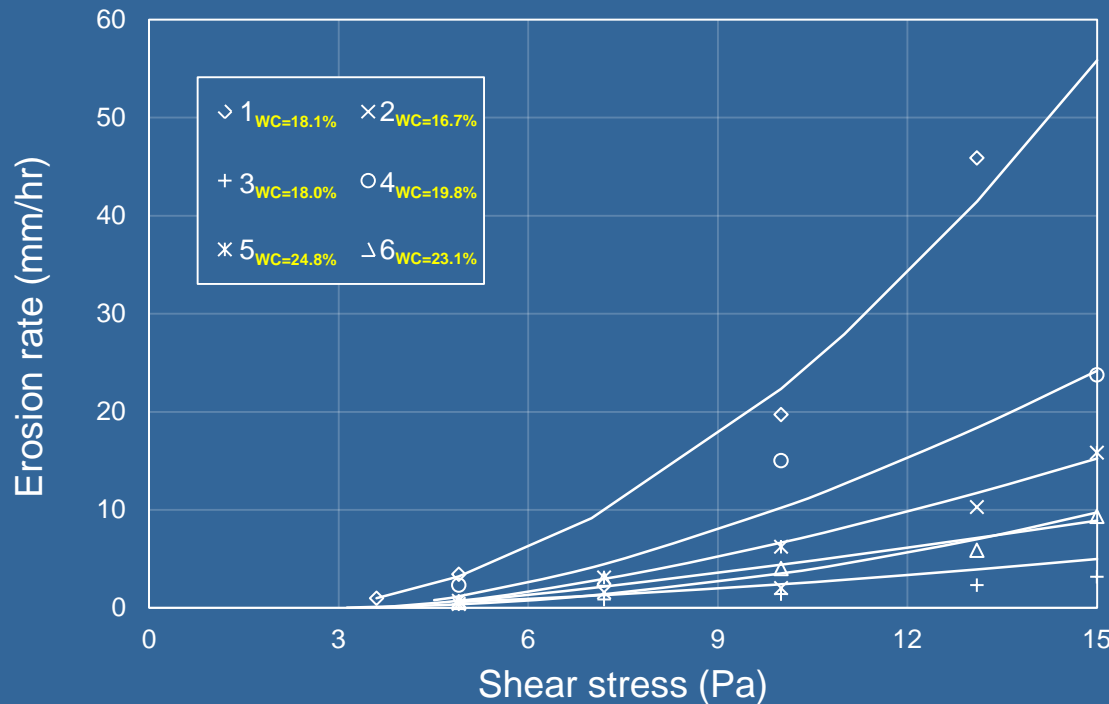
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2	CL-sandy lean clay	30	20	50	2.71	14.3	21.3	7.0	49.3	3: 14.7, <b>16.7</b> , 17.7
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6	CL-Lean clay with sand	40	30	30	2.71	16.6	25.5	8.9	29.6	3: 19.2, 20.0, <b>23.1</b>





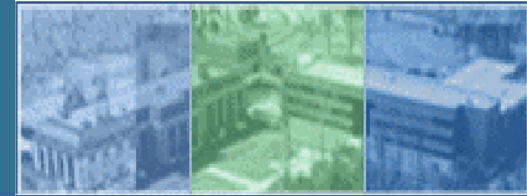
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Estimated critical shear stress deduced by fitting data:

$$\dot{Z} = C_1(\tau - \tau_c)^{C_2}$$

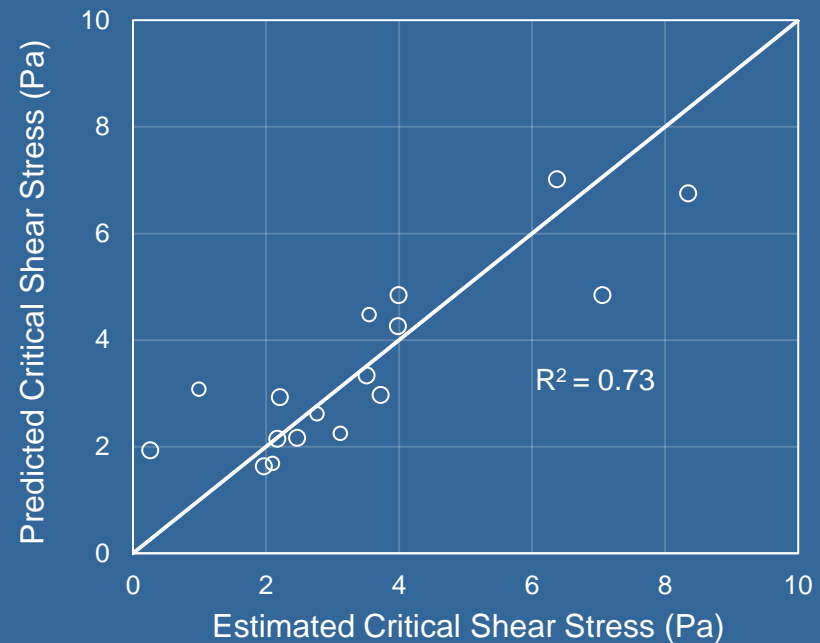


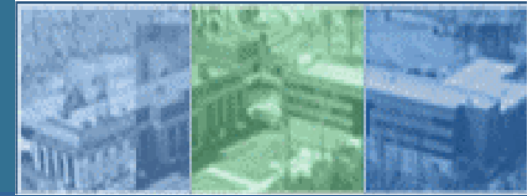


## Proposed Models for Critical Shear Stress

$$\tau_c = \alpha_1 \left( \frac{W}{F} \right)^{-2.0} P I^{1.3} q_u^{0.4}$$

For best fit,  $\alpha_1 = 0.1$

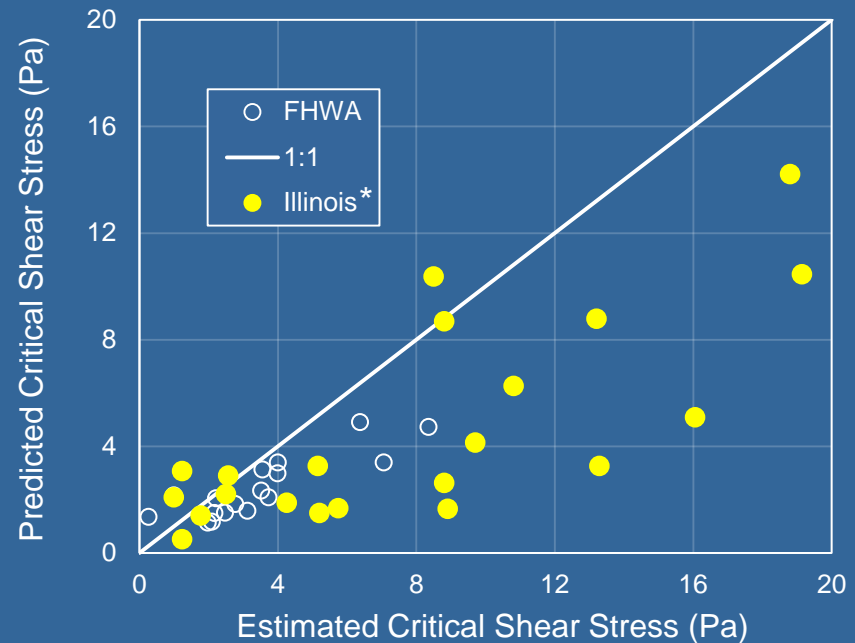




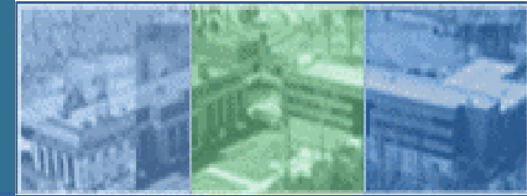
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For design,  $\alpha_1 = 0.07$



\* Straub, T., and Over, T. (2010). Pier and Contraction Scour Prediction in Cohesive Soils at Selected Bridges in Illinois. Research Report ICT-10-074.

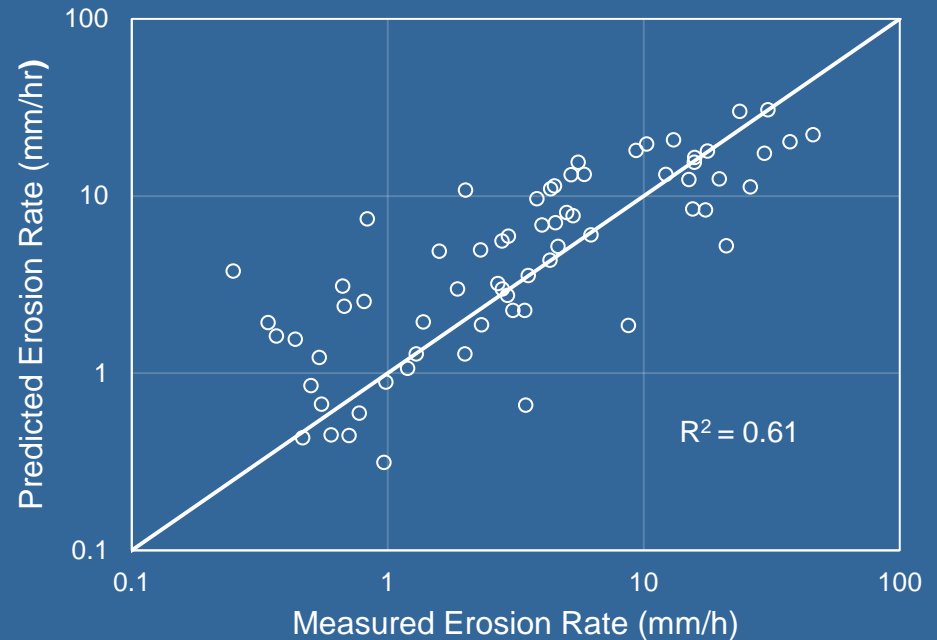


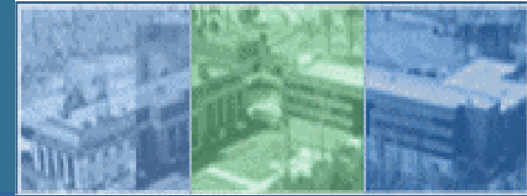
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$$\dot{z} = C_1(\tau - \tau_c)^{1.8}$$

$$C_1 = \alpha_2 q_u^{-1.0} PI^{-1.1}$$

For best fit,  $\alpha_2 = 680$



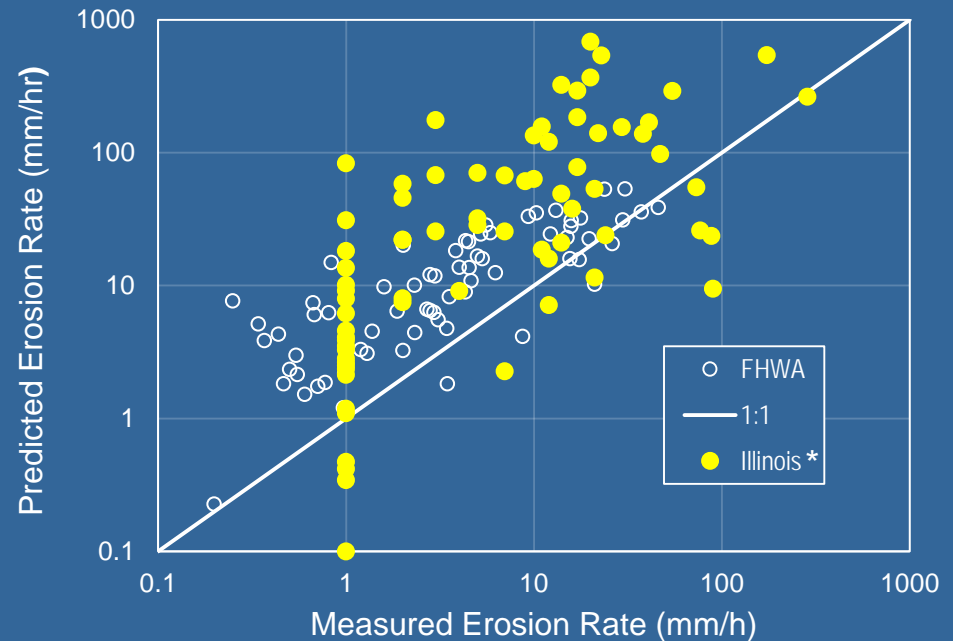


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For design,  $\alpha_2 = 1100$







## Conclusions

- ESTD mimics erosion in open channel flows
- The shear sensor directly measure the shear stress
- Critical shear stress is formulated with soil properties
- Erosion rate is a function of soil properties and excess shear stress
- Slaking should be excluded from an erosion test

