

**Les modules et leurs applications au  
dimensionnement  
et contrôle de qualité des structures de  
chaussée et des voies ferrées**

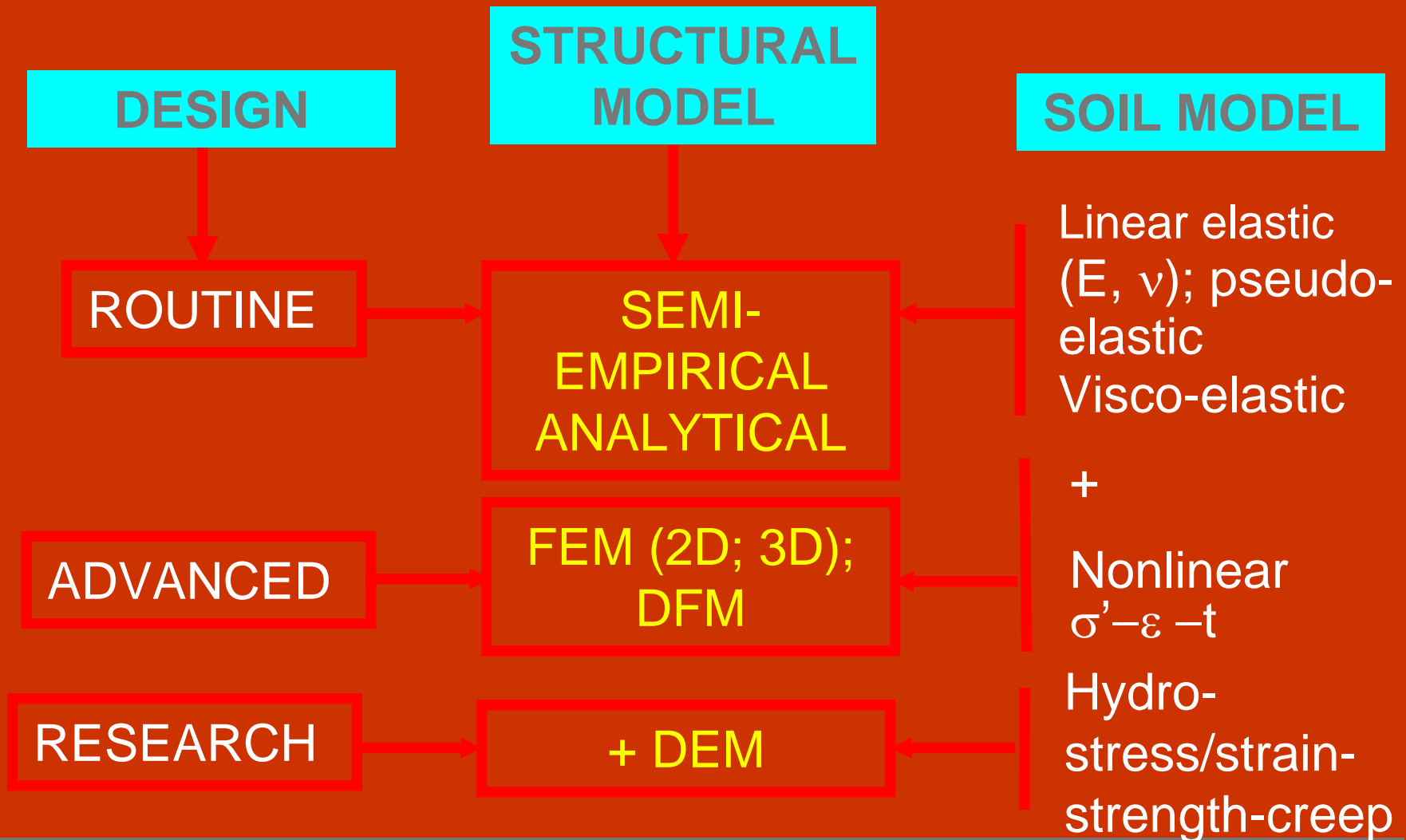
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# LECTURE OUTLINE

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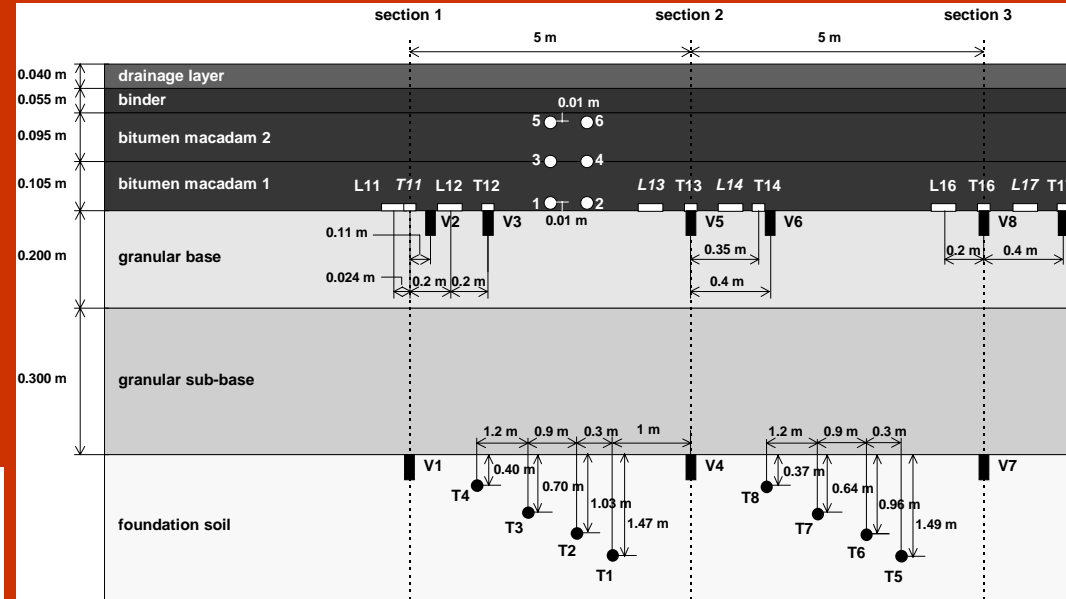
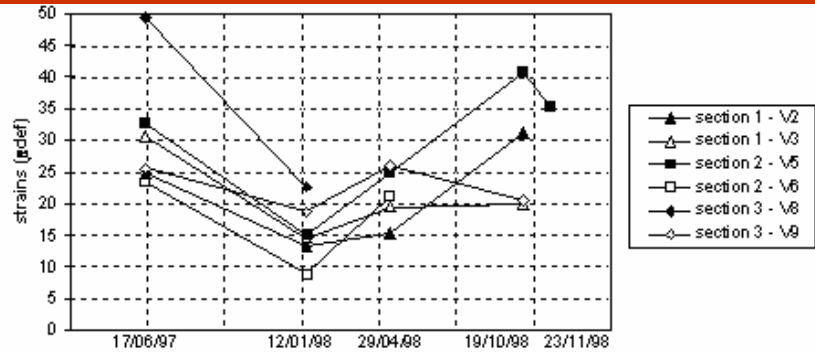
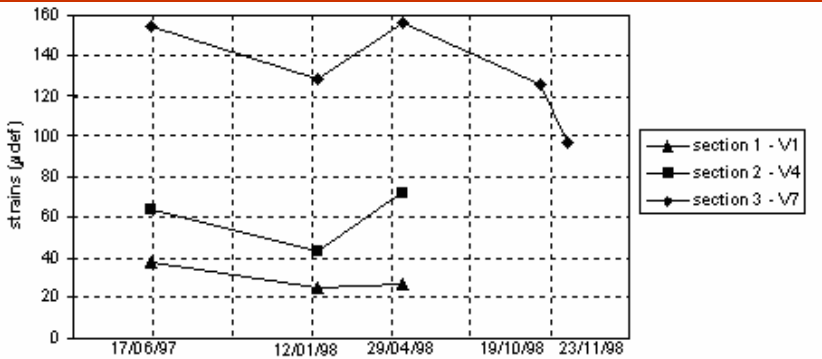
# DESIGN PROCESS



***DIFFICULTY: Identification of model parameters***

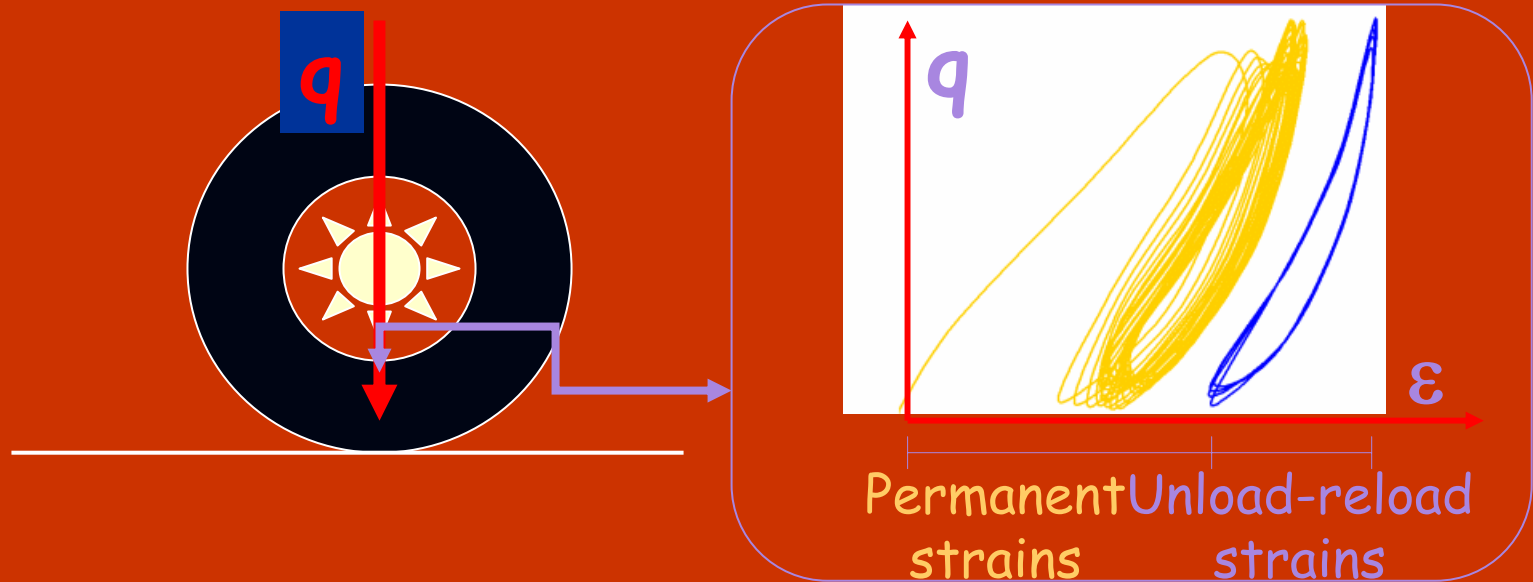
# IN SITU STRAIN MEASUREMENTS IN FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT STRUCTURES

## FWD – 65 kN



- Li (i = 11 to 17) : horizontal longitudinal strain gauges (in italic : not working gauges)
- Ti (i = 11 to 17) : horizontal transversal strain gauges (in italic : not working gauges)
- Vi (i = 1 to 9) : vertical strain gauges
- Tj (j = 1 to 9) : tensiometers
- Wi (i = 1 to 12) : TDR
- i (i = 1 to 6) : thermal gauges

# STRAINS DUE TO MOVING LOADS



$$\varepsilon^t = \varepsilon^p + \varepsilon^e$$

The increment of residual or permanent strain over 1 cycle is much smaller than the elastic strain (unload-reload strain)

# CYCLIC LOAD TRIAXIAL TEST FOR UGM

(EN 13286-7)

## EVALUATION OF QUASI ELASTIC BEHAVIOUR

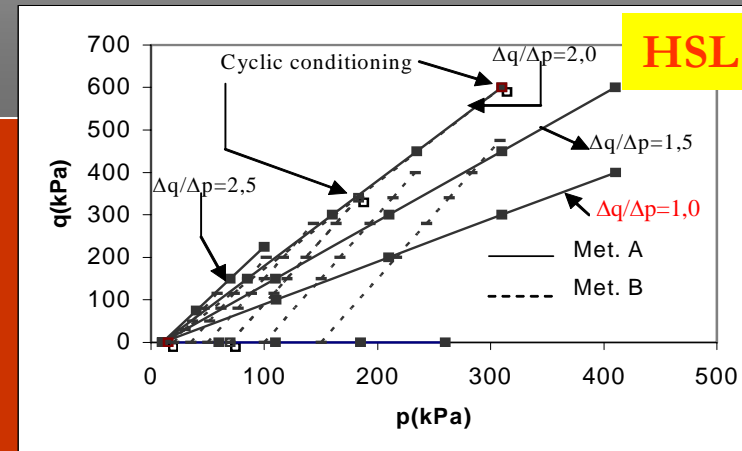
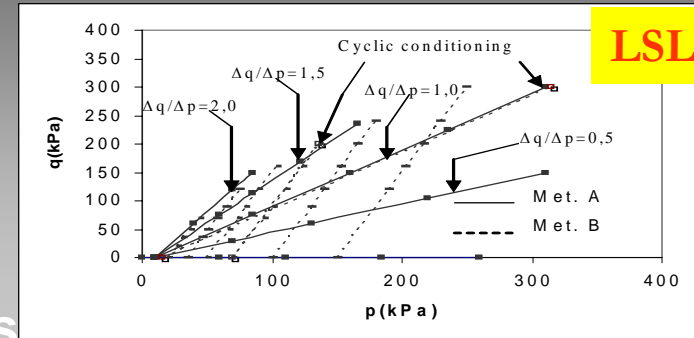
- ✓ Cyclic conditioning (20 000 cycles)
- ✓ Series of short unload-reload cycles (100 cycles/stress level)

## EVALUATION OF RESISTANCE TO PERMANENT DEFORMATION

- ✓ Single stage procedure (80 000 cycles)
- ✓ Multi-stage procedure (10 000 cycles/stress level)

□ Ranking materials

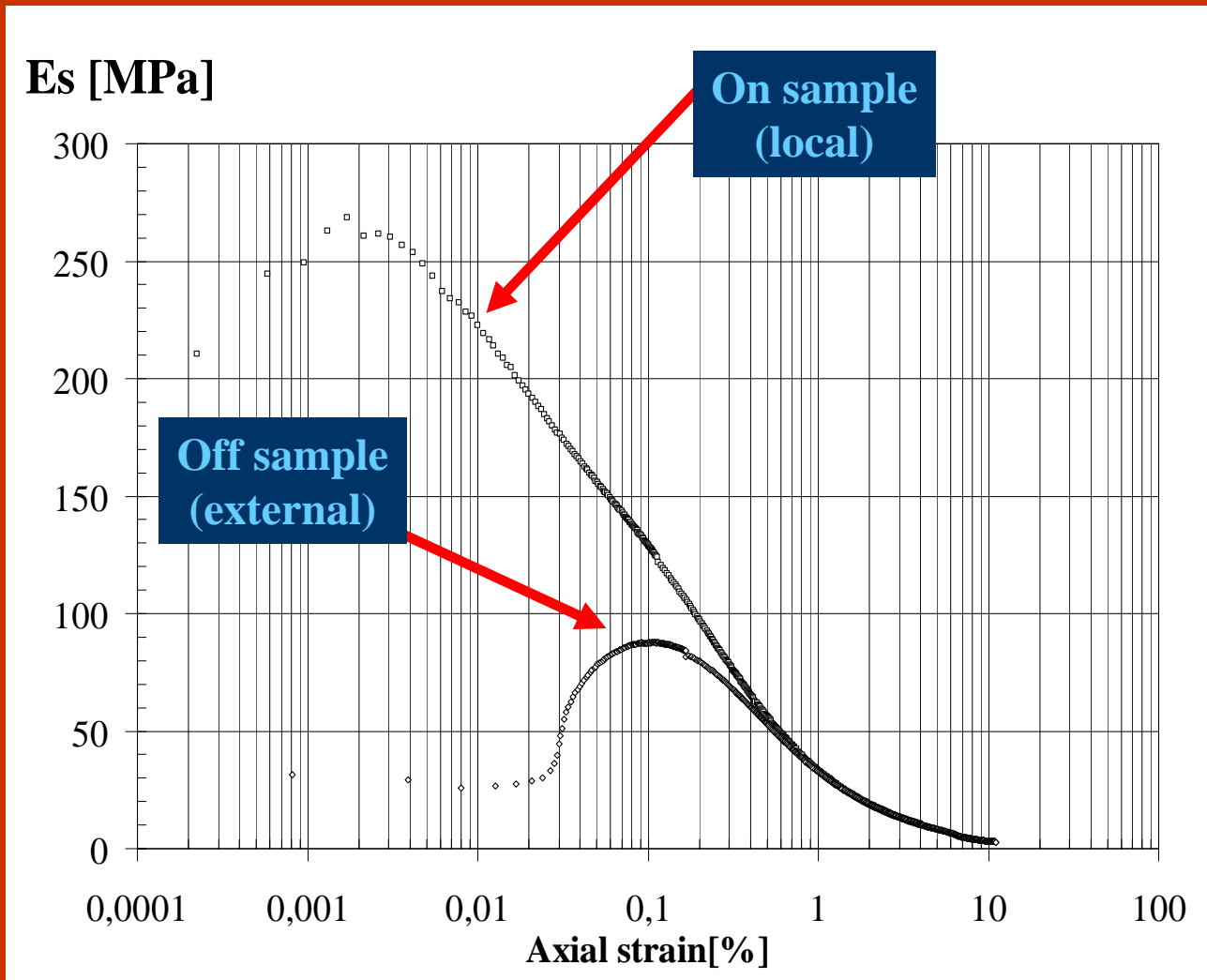
□ Parameters for modelling and design



# LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIES

*Strains from 0,0001% are necessary*

# ON AND OFF SAMPLE MEASUREMENTS



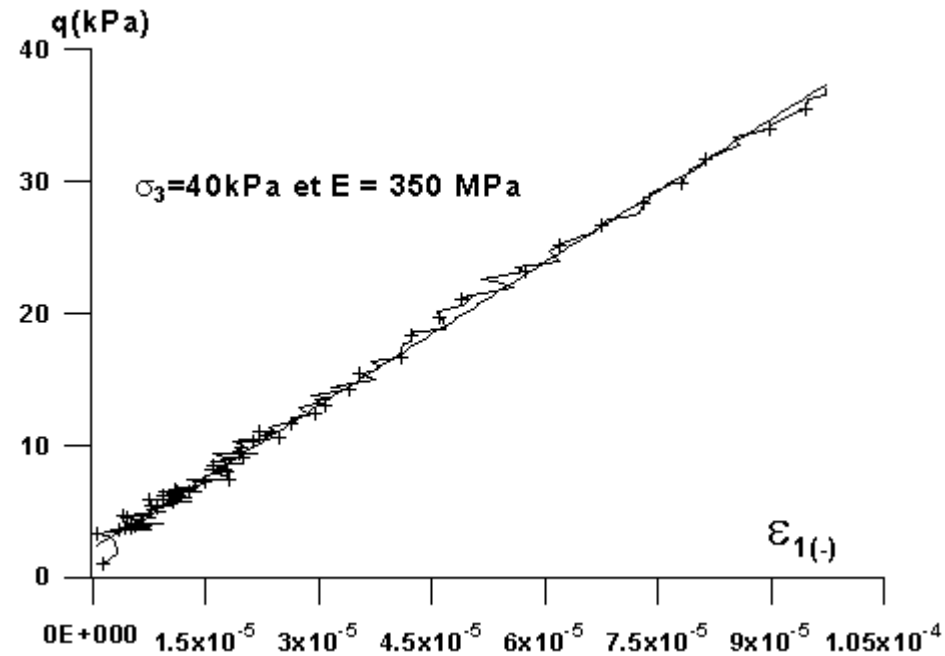
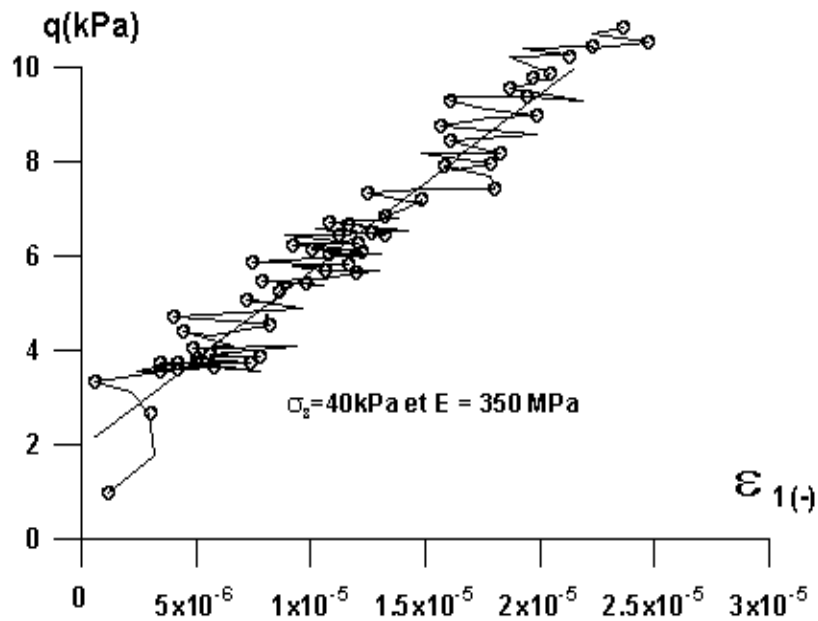


# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST (UMinho)



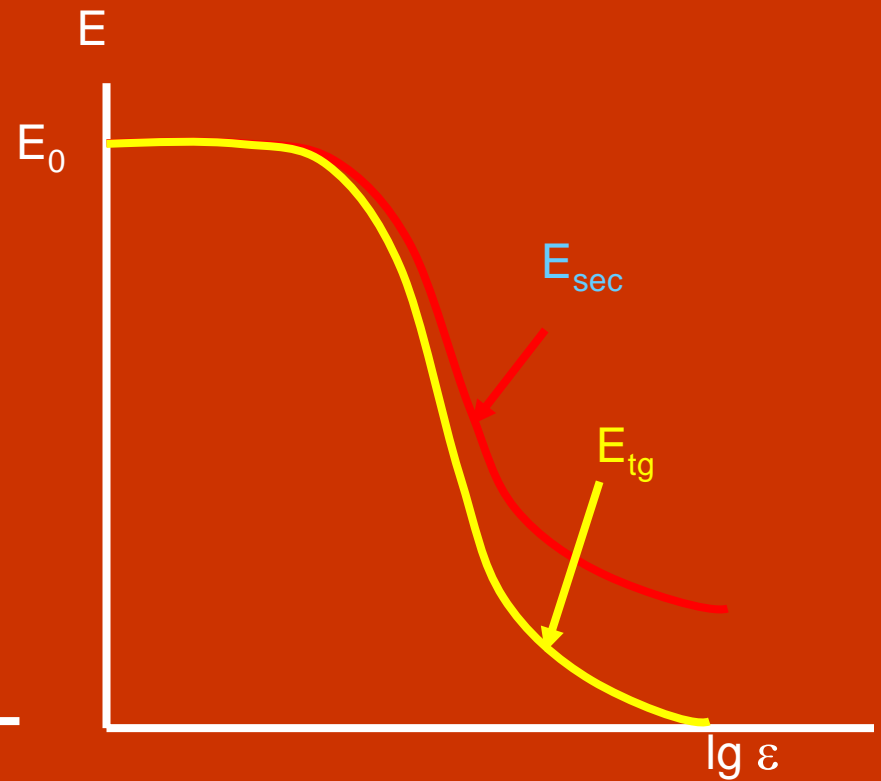
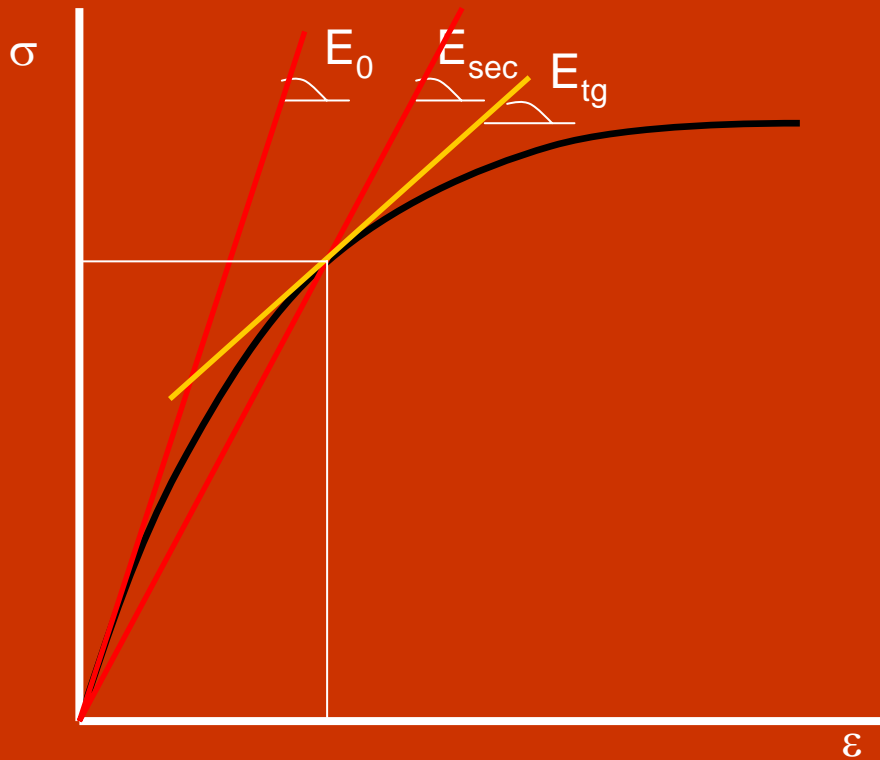
# CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST

## Typical results of strain measurements



# **MODULI FROM LABORATORY**

# NON LINEAR BEHAVIOUR DEFINITIONS OF MODULI



**QUASI-ELASTIC PARAMETERS  
FOR CONSTITUTIVE LAWS  
OF SOILS**

Calculation of constitutive relations for a continuum based on the properties of a discontinuum composed of spheres

Biarez

① General equations  $\sum \tilde{F} + m\tilde{\Gamma} = 0$

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② Constitutive equations of grains ( $E_g, \nu_g, \dots$ )

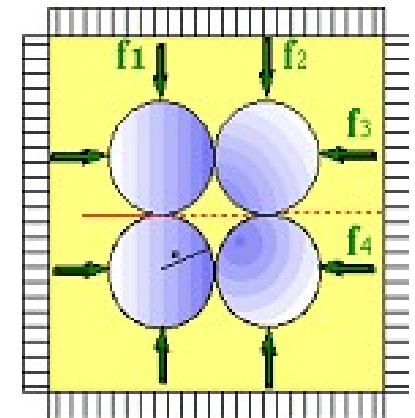
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③ Boundary Conditions (*initial conditions, "history"*)

3a - Geometric boundary conditions

- ✓ *Geometry of each grain (Size, Form, ...)*
- ✓ *Geometry of the arrangement of grains*
  - ▣ *Isotropic aspect (void ratio, dry density, ...)*
  - ▣ *Anisotropic aspect (orientation of tangent planes, ...)*

3b - Mechanical boundary conditions ( $f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = f_4 = p$ )



$d = 2 R$

e

A

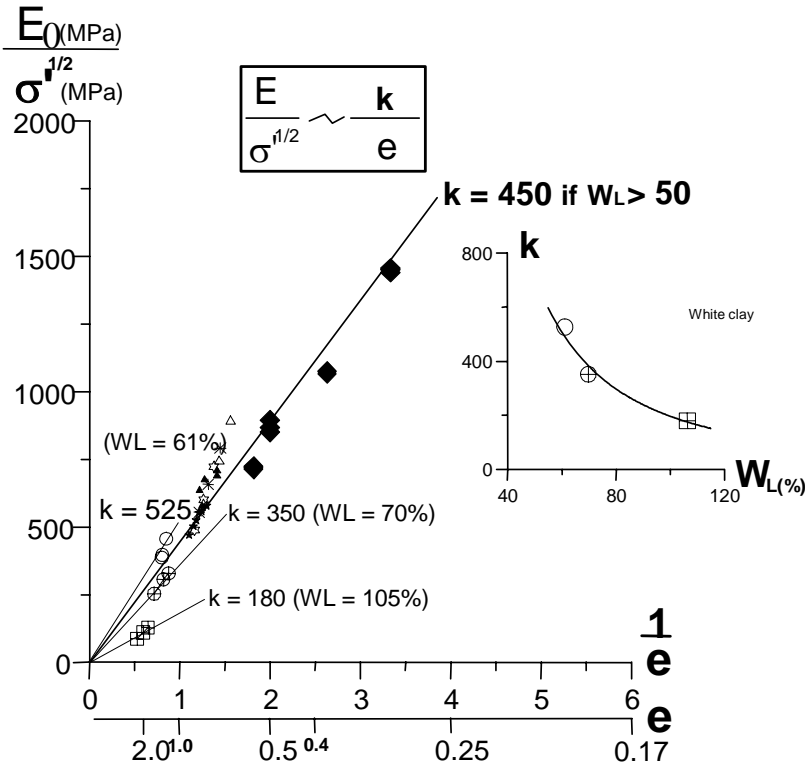
Solution:  $E_{iso} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{4 E_g}{3(1-\nu_g^2)} \frac{1}{G(e)} \right]^{2/3} p^{1/3}$

$E = k(W_L) e^{-m} p^n$

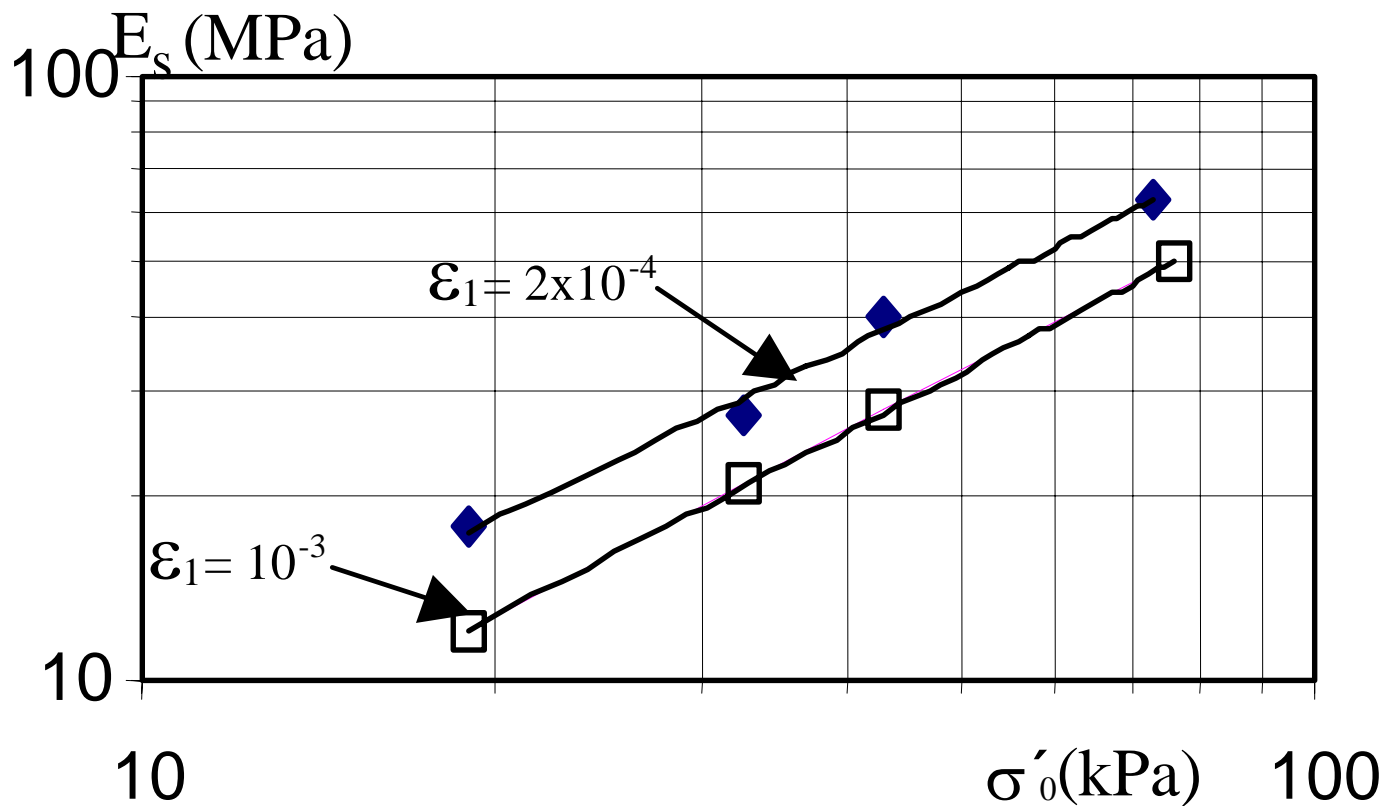
# SMALL STRAIN MODULUS FOR CLAYEY SOILS

(Biarez et al., 2003)

SAND Hostun R.f : SAND Toyoura : AGGREGATES "La Noue" Yellow clay P300 WL = 35%  
 $D_{60}/D_{10} = 1.8$   $D_{60}/D_{10} = 1.3$   $D_{60}/D_{10} = 36$  White clay WL = 61%  
 $\epsilon_{max} = 0.99$   $\epsilon_{max} = 0.982$   $\epsilon_{max} = 0.61$  [HOMS]  
 $\epsilon_{mir} = 0.66$   $\epsilon_{min} = 0.617$   $\epsilon_{mir} = 0.25$  Black clay WL = 70%  
 ☆ △ ✱ [EL HOSRI] [RIVERA] [CHARIF] 1984 1988 1991 [EL HOSRI] Bentonite WL = 105%  
 [C.M.R.] 1991



# IMPORTANCE OF STRAIN LEVEL IN SECANT MODULUS (Gomes Correia, 2000 (data from Loach, 1987))





**QUASI-ELASTIC PARAMETERS  
FOR CONSTITUTIVE LAWS  
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# TRIAXIAL TEST RESULTS MODELLING

## NON-LINEAR MODELS

*k-θ*  
*model*  
*CCP*

$$M_r = k_1 p_a \left( \frac{3p}{p_a} \right)^{k_2}$$

$$\nu = 0.35$$

$$p = \frac{\sigma_1 + 2 \times \sigma_3}{3}$$

$$q = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3$$

*Boyce model*  
*VCP*

$$\varepsilon_v = \frac{1}{K_a} p_a^{1-n} p^n \left( 1 - \beta \left( \frac{q}{p} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_1 + 2 \times \varepsilon_3$$

$$\varepsilon_q = \frac{2}{3} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)$$

$$\varepsilon_q = \frac{1}{3G_a} p_a^{1-n} p^n \left( \frac{q}{p} \right)$$

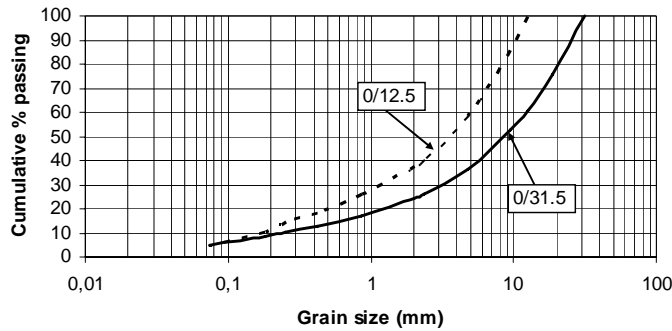
$$K = \frac{\left( \frac{p}{p_a} \right)^{1-n}}{\frac{1}{K_a} - \frac{\beta}{K_a} \left( \frac{q}{p} \right)^2}$$

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

$$\beta = (1-n) \cdot \frac{K_a}{6 \cdot G_a}$$

# RECENT FINDINGS - UGM

# MATERIALS & PRECISE LARGE TRIAXIAL TESTS



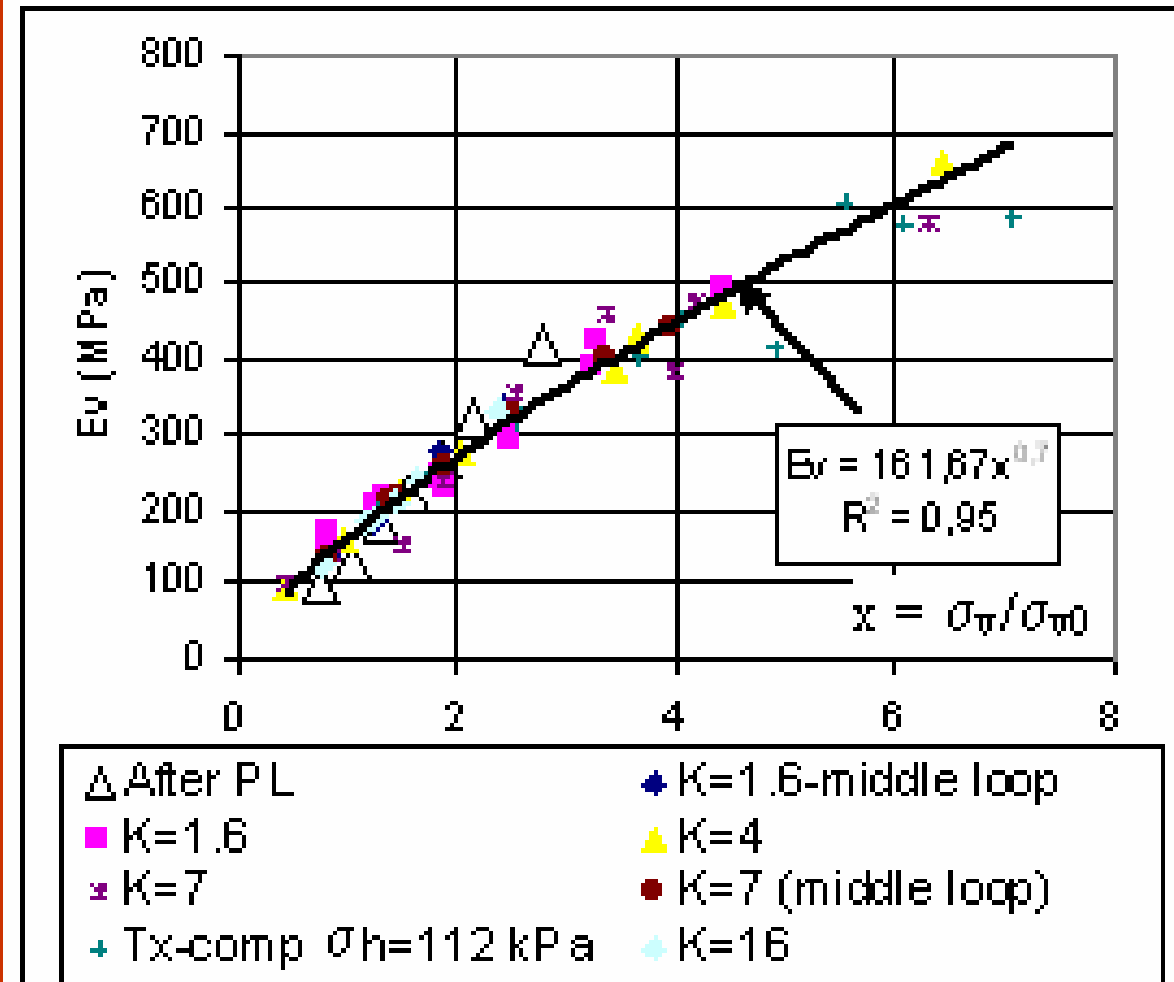
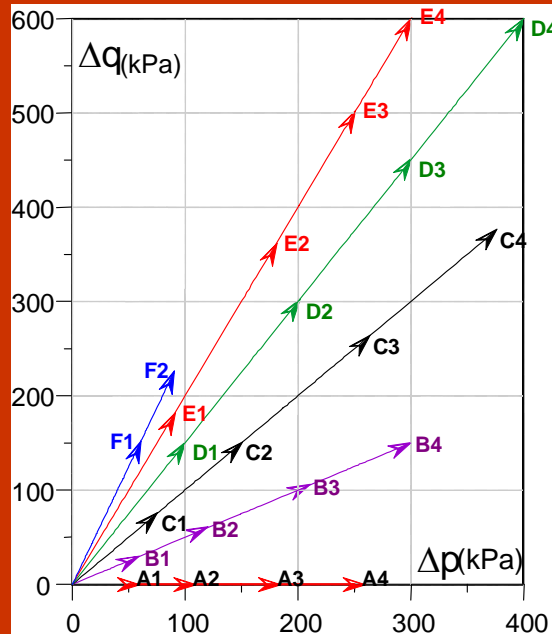
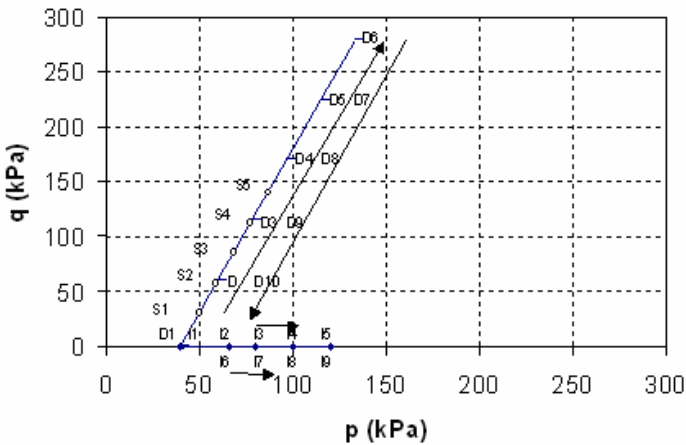
Material	$D_{50}$ (mm)	$U_c$	Modified Proctor		$G_s$
			$w$ (%)	$\gamma_d$ (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
0/31.5	8.5	53	5.9	2.310	2.71
0/12.5	3.5	28	6.2	2.125	2.71
Material	Compaction conditions				
	$w_0$ (%)	$\gamma_{d0}$ (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$e_0$		
0/31.5	3.9	2.193	0.236		
0/12.5	4.1	2.216	0.223		



23x23x57 cm

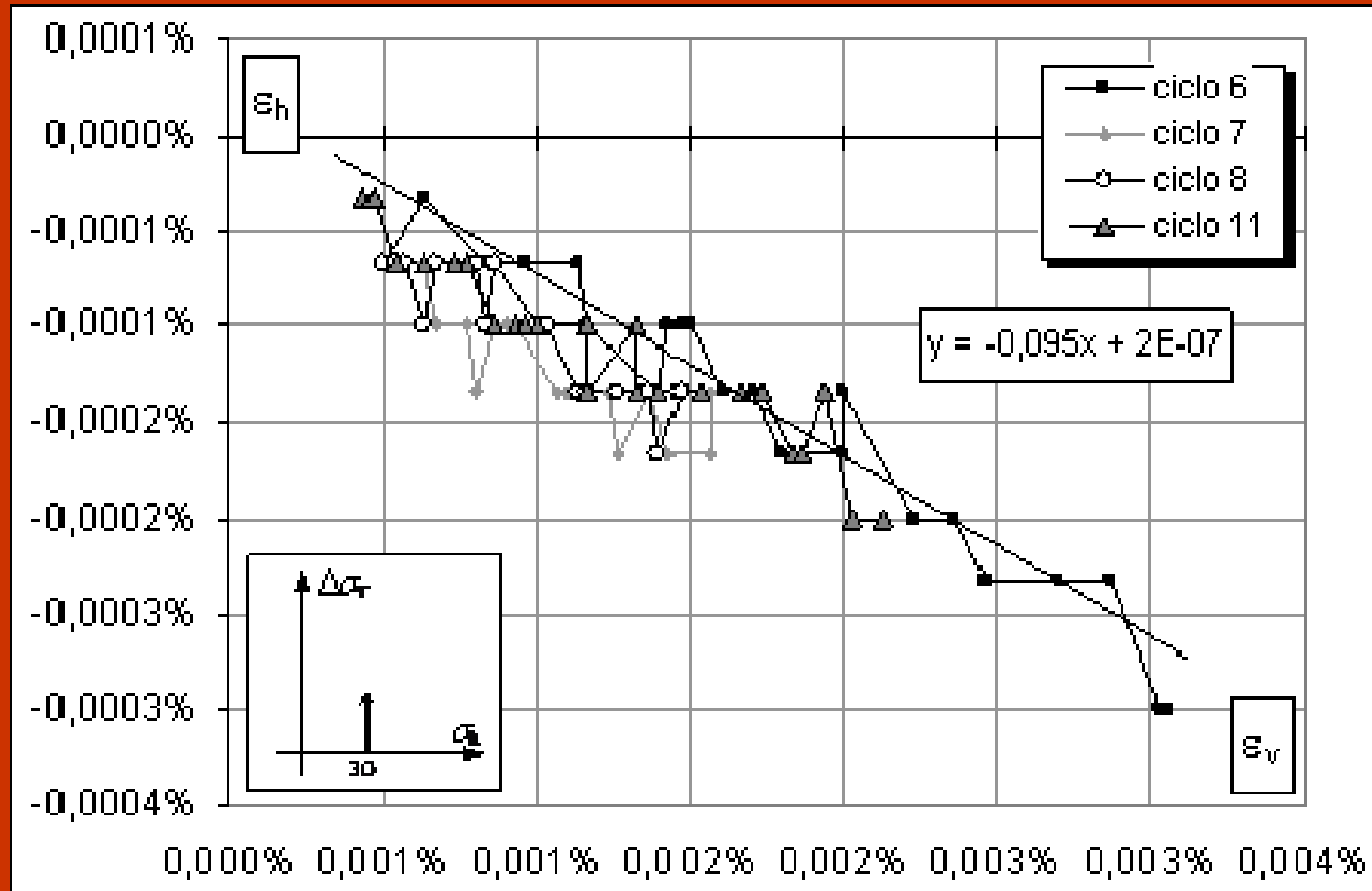
# STRESS-DEPENDENCY OF YOUNG'S MODULUS AT SMALL STRAINS, $E_v$ : a function of $\sigma_v$ only

(Gomes Correia et al., 2005)

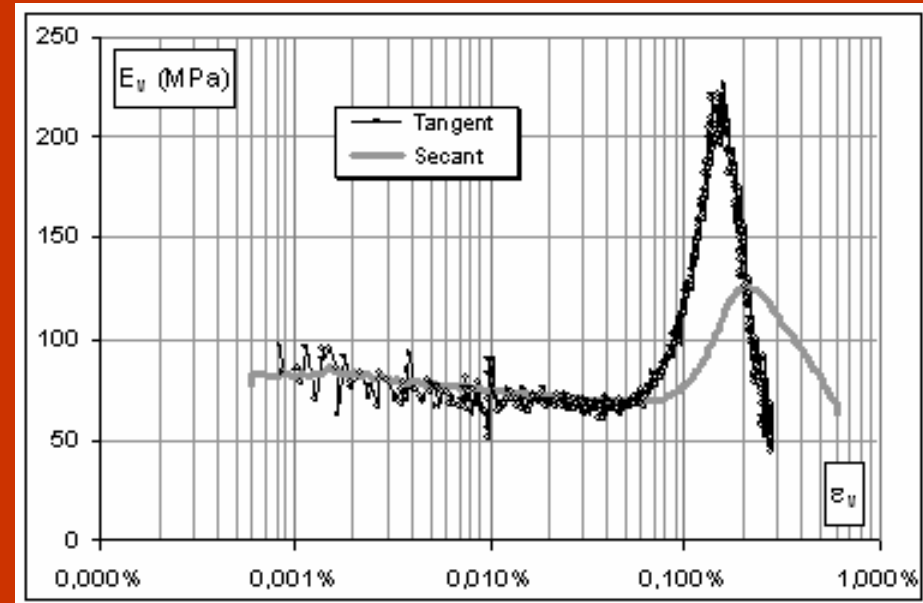
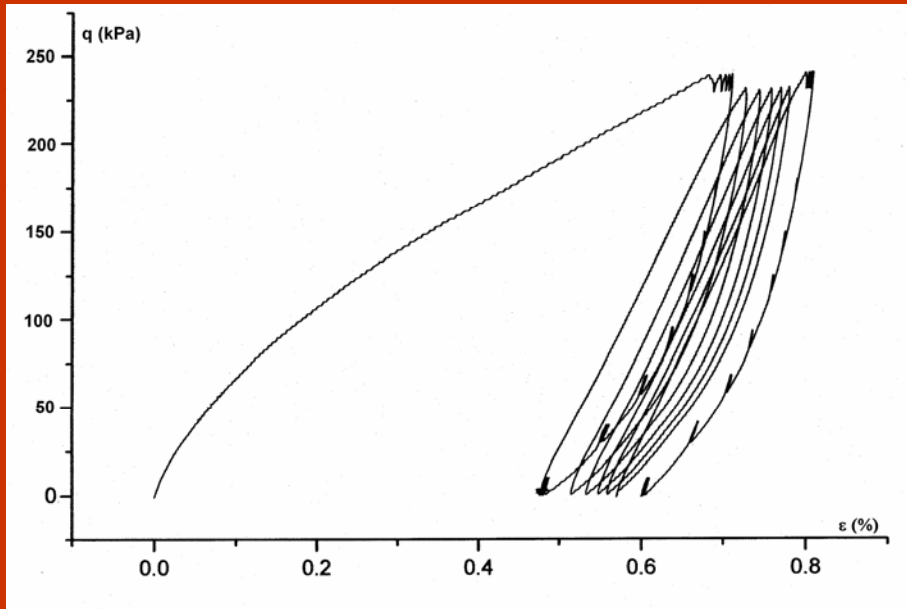


# TYPICAL RESULTS OF CYCLIC TRIAXIAL TEST- CCP

## Un.-Rel. Strains – Poisson ratio



# “S” SHAPED STRESS-STRAIN CURVE UNDER TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION AFTER CYCLIC PRE-STRAINING *(Gomes Correia et al., 2005)*



Stress-strain behaviour under cyclic loading, showing:

- large inelastic strains & a typical degradation of the modulus with strain during the first cycle; and
- S-shaped S-S curve after cyclic prestraining

Peculiar but natural trends of the tangent and secant moduli as a function of strain level for a very dense compacted after pre-straining of 21.000 cycles of a constant cyclic deviator stress of 230 kPa

# **FIELD TECHNOLOGIES**

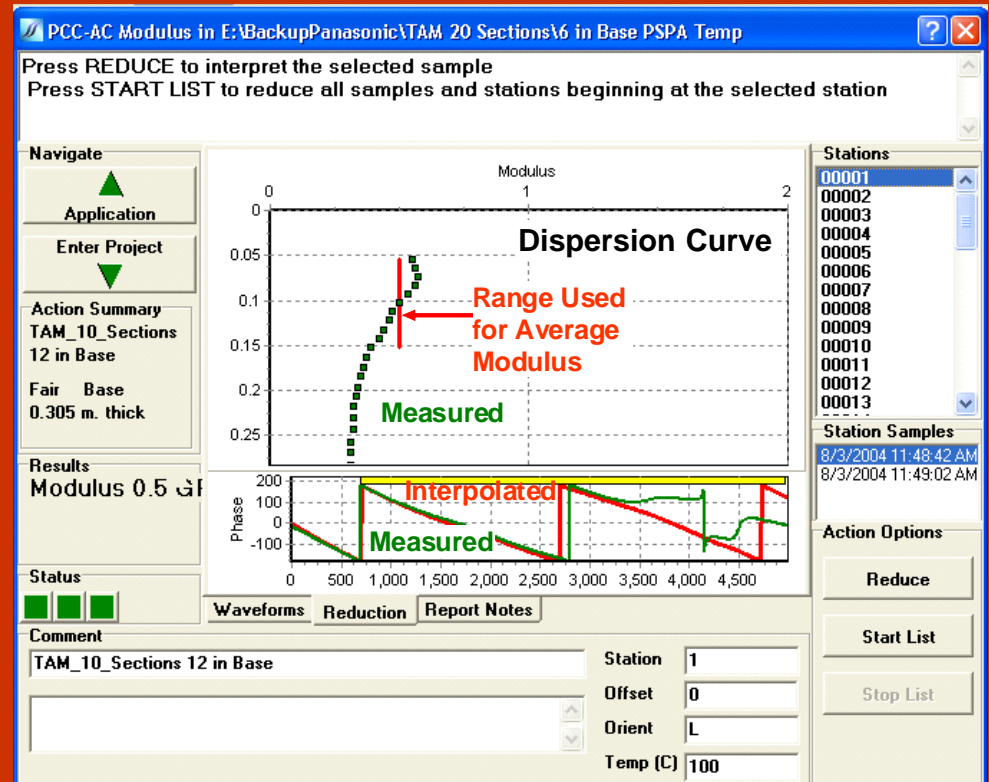
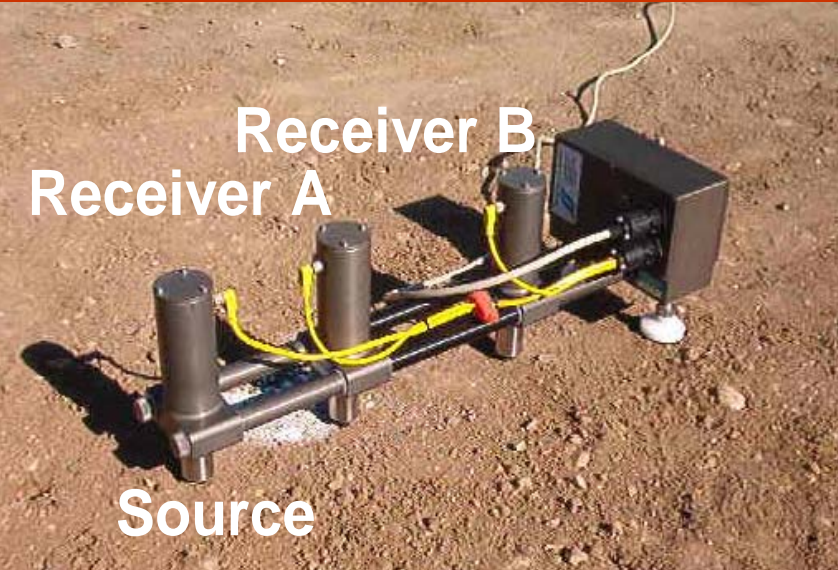


# Spectral-Analysis-of-Surface-Waves (SASW)

(Nazarian, 2005)



## Seismic Portable Device

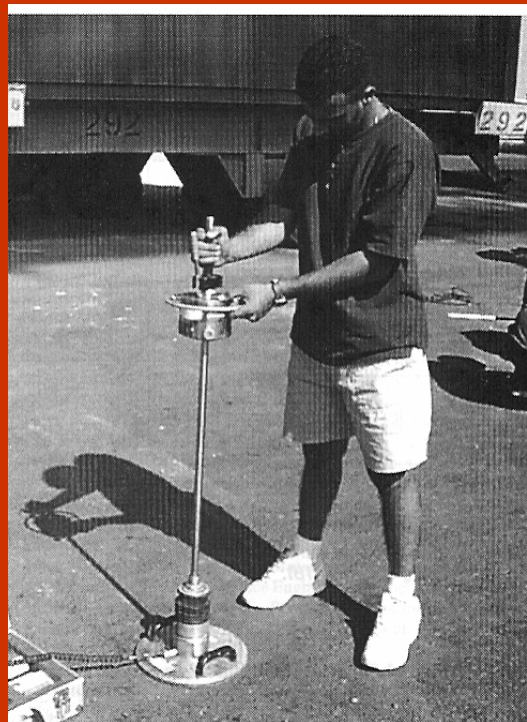


# ("Spot" tests) : Stiffness (LDW)

Dynamic plate loading tests – **increase:**  
*simpler and faster than static PLT*

Different equipments: *size, measurement principle, parameters determined, ...*

*Different tests results (Flemming & Rogers, 1995, Gomes Correia et al, 2004)*



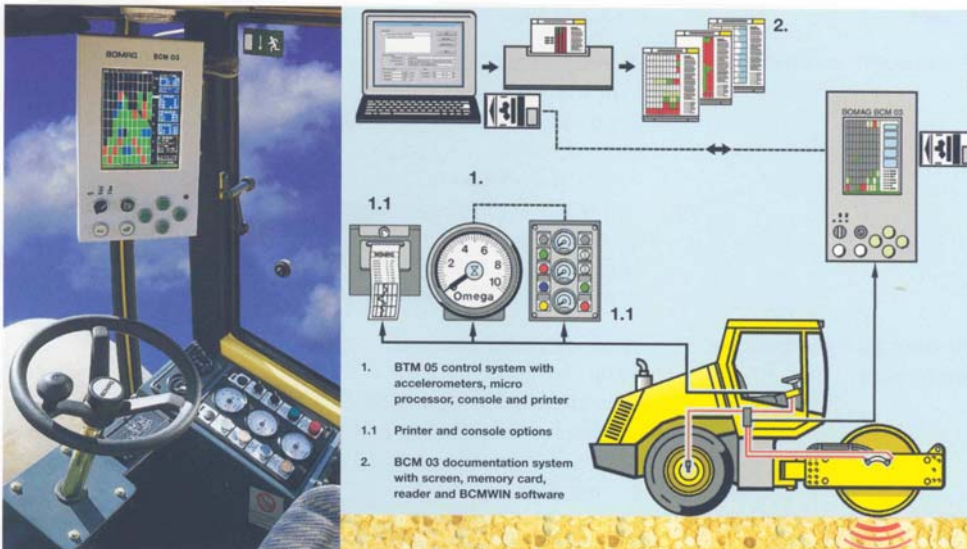
**Soil stiffness gauge** (Edil & Sawangsuriya, 2005)





# CONTINUOUS COMPACTION CONTROL (Brandl, 2001; Adam, 2004)

## Continuous Compaction Control (CCC)



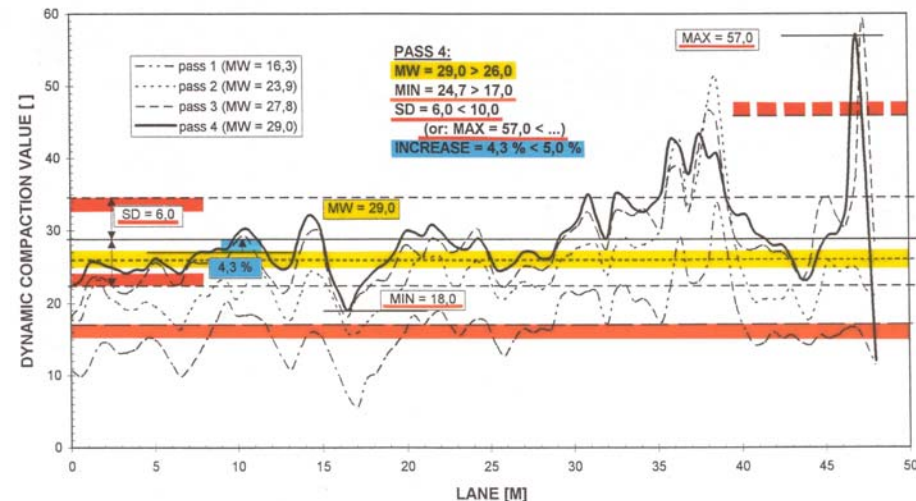
## CCC-systems

### Compactometer

*CMV* is based on the evaluation of the acceleration in the *frequency domain*

### Terrameter

*OMEGA* is based on the evaluation of the energy transmitted to the soil in the *time domain*



# CONTINUOUS COMPACTION CONTROL (LPC; Quibel, 1998)

Wheel 1 m, 200 mm wide equipped with a vibratory loading system and instrumented with accelerometers.

Continuous determination of stiffness (3 km/h)

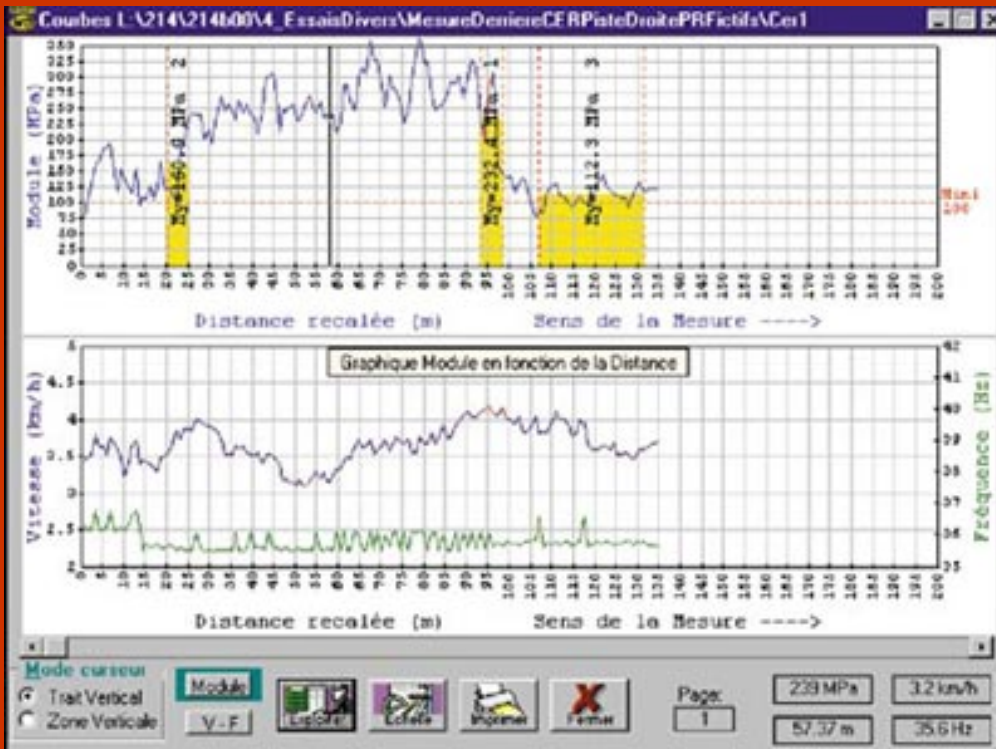


Schéma de principe



# MODULI FROM FIELD

# MODULI 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*

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

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

**DEPENDANT ON:**

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

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

# SERVICEABILITY STIFFNESS

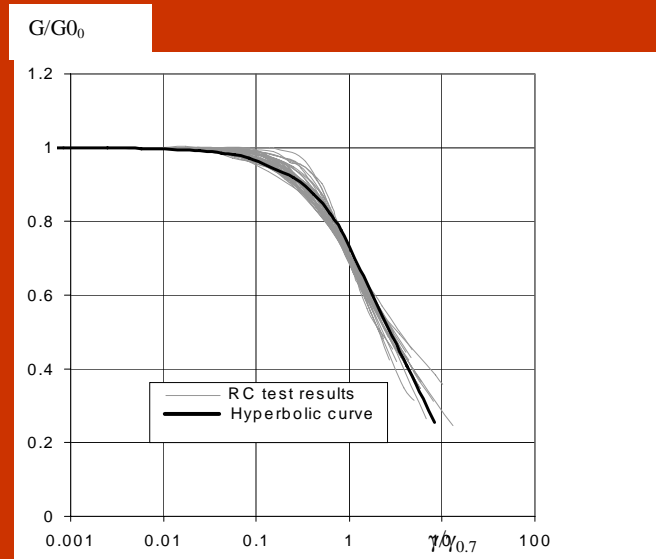
## Factoring $G_0$ or $E_0$

$$\frac{G_s}{G_0} = \frac{1}{\left[ 1 + a \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{0,7}} \right) \right]}$$

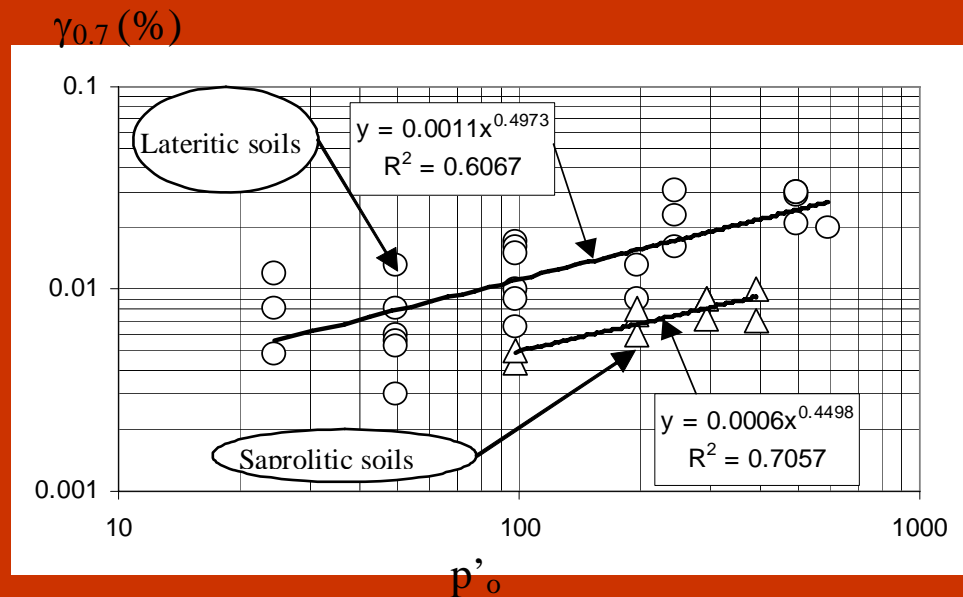
where  $\gamma$  is shear strain;  
 $\gamma_{0,7}$  is the shear strain for a  
 stiffness degradation factor  
 of  $G/G_0=0.7$  and  
 $a$  is a constant ( $a \approx 0,385$ ,  
 for the database used)

*Fahey & Carter,*  
 1993; *Mayne, 2001*

$$\frac{E}{E_0} = 1 - f \left( \frac{q}{q_{ult}} \right)^g$$



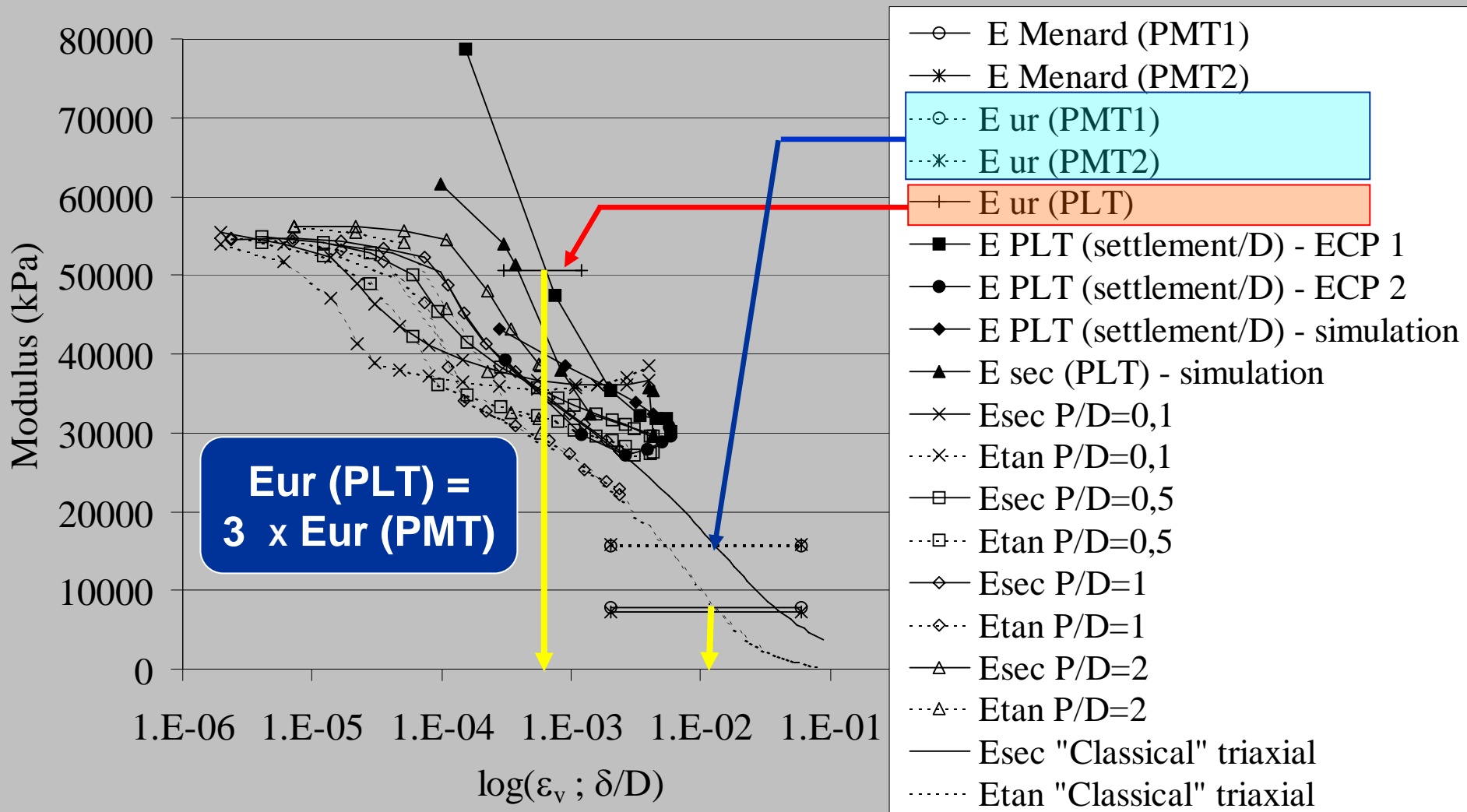
*Gomes Correia et al.,*  
 2001



# PMT – PLT - TXSimulation

## ROUTINE & ADVANCED ANALYSIS (HSM – PLAXIS)

(Gomes Correia et al., 2004)





**CONCLUSION**

# *INTEGRATION SYSTEM*

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