



Érosion Interne dans les Ouvrages Hydrauliques *Internal Erosion in Hydraulic Works*

Essais de laboratoire (CEMAGREF)

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Contexte

1993 Camargue dikes, France



- ➔ 12 breaches in December 1993 and 4 breaches in January 1994

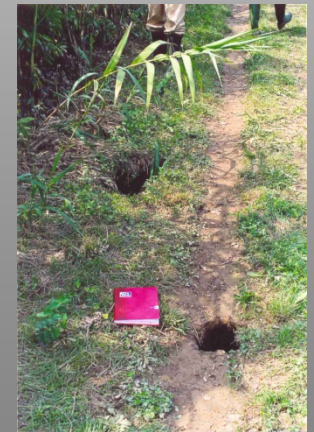
Saint-Gilles flood, 2003



- ➔ Breache of Fourques, Petit Rhône Rive Droite

Rupture of Aramon dike, 2002

- 3 total breaches
- 3 partial breaches
- 5 fatalities



- ➔ Sinkholes



- ➔ The Ouches Dam, 2001 (200 years old)



Rappel

On sait depuis quelques années qu'il y a environ 8000 km de digues de protection contre les inondations en France :

- **8700 km*** au dernier recensement
- ... dont **2500 km*** dans les régions Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (1890 km : 1/22) et Languedoc-Roussillon (650 km : 4/22)

... mais depuis peu de temps que :

- **2700 km*** de digues (existantes) de **classes A et B** doivent faire l'objet d'une étude de dangers d'ici le **31/12/2012**
- **3200 km*** de **classe C** d'ici le **31/12/2014**

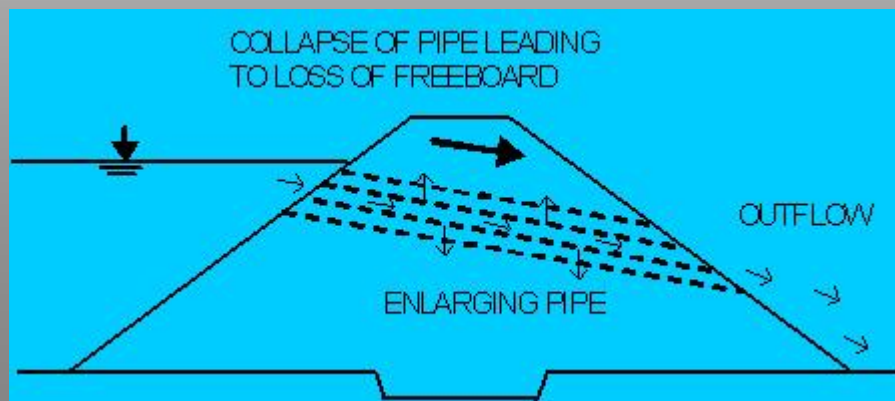
* Sources : logiciel BarDigues (R Tourment, M. Wolff – Cemagref)



Internal erosion : complex phenomenon which affect stability of hydraulic works (earth dams, dykes,...) ⇒ Failure

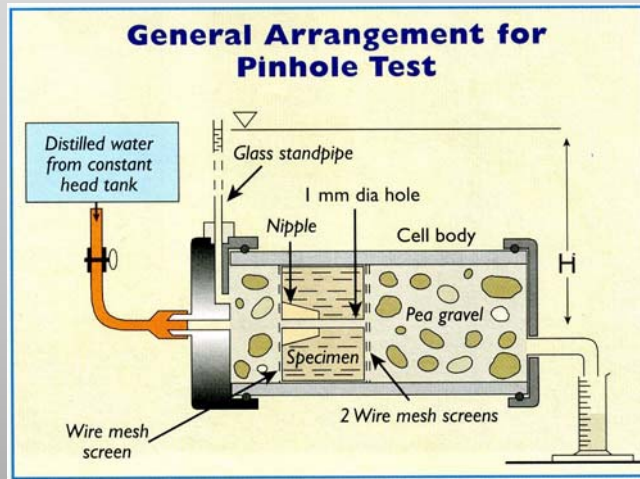
ERINOH 2008 ➔ Four types of internal erosion:

- Regressive erosion
- Contact erosion
- Suffosion
- **Piping flow erosion**

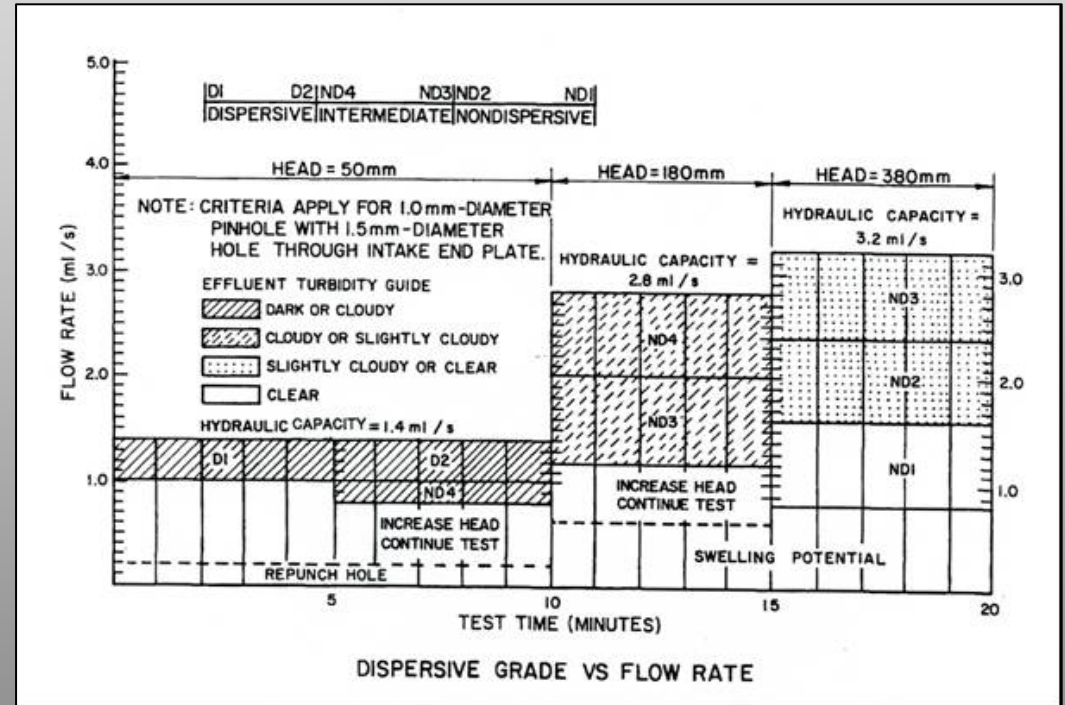
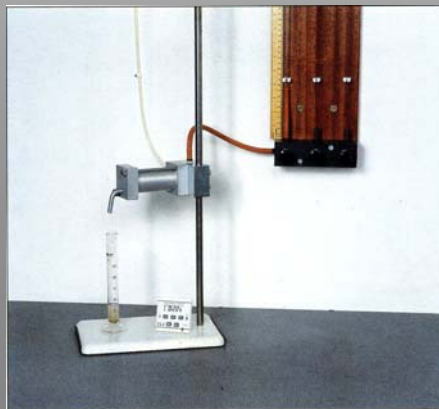


Brief review...

Sherard et al. 1976:



Pinhole Test Apparatus



Lack: Qualitative test, no quantitative data!



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Other references :

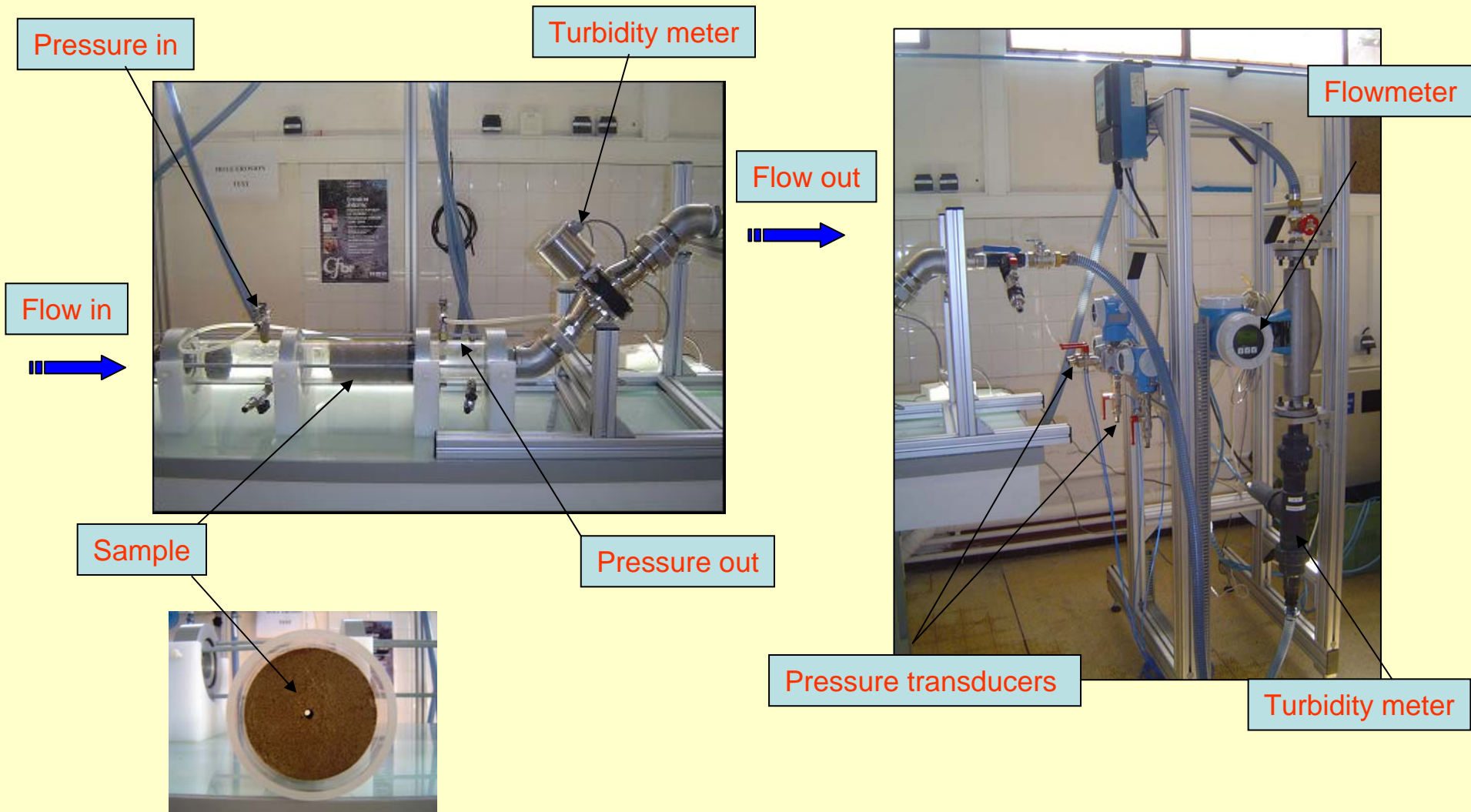
- *Hole Erosion test (Christensen & Das, 1973)*
- *Leakage Erosion test (Hjeldnes & Lavania, 1980)*
- *Drill Erosion test (Lefebvre, 1986) (Canada)*
- *Crack Erosion test (Sanchez & al., 1983; Maranhã das Neves, 1987)*
- *Surface and Internal Erosion test (Reddi, Lee & Bonala, 2000)*

Constat :

- **Several experimental procedures**
- **Dispersion and different interpretations of experimental results**
- **Nonexistence of appropriate theoretical model to fit the experimental data !!!**

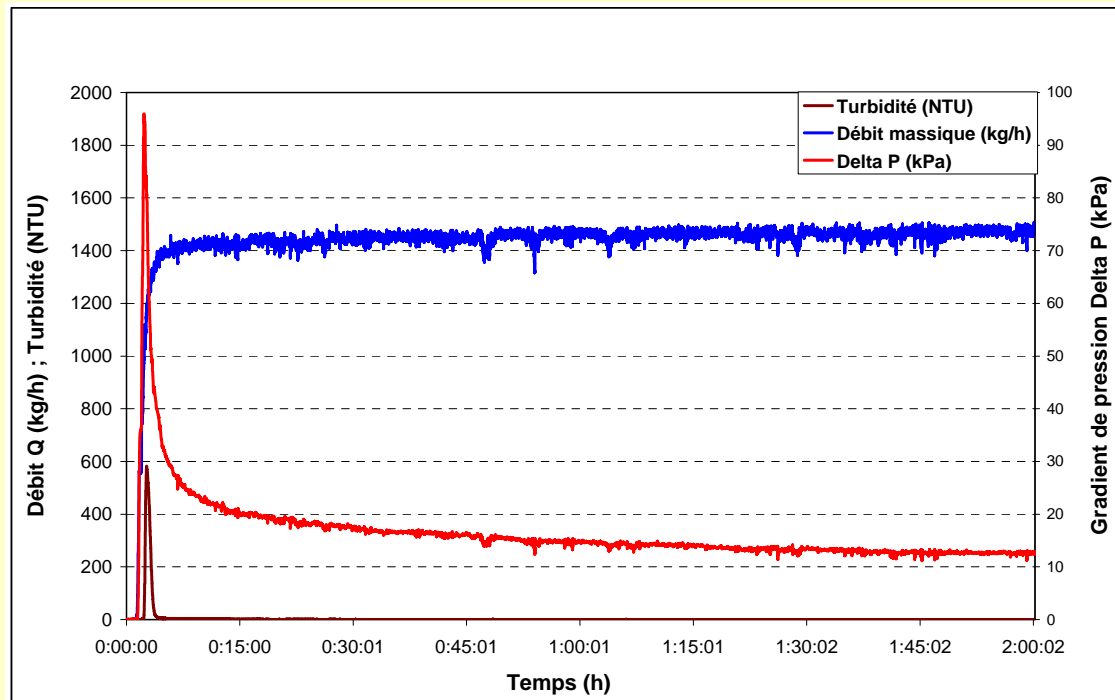


Hole Erosion Device (CEMAGREF)





Experimental results



Loi d'érosion à seuil :

$$\dot{m} = \begin{cases} k_{er} (|\tau_b| - \tau_c) & \text{si } |\tau_b| > \tau_c \\ 0 & \text{sinon} \end{cases}$$



Paramètres d'érosion :

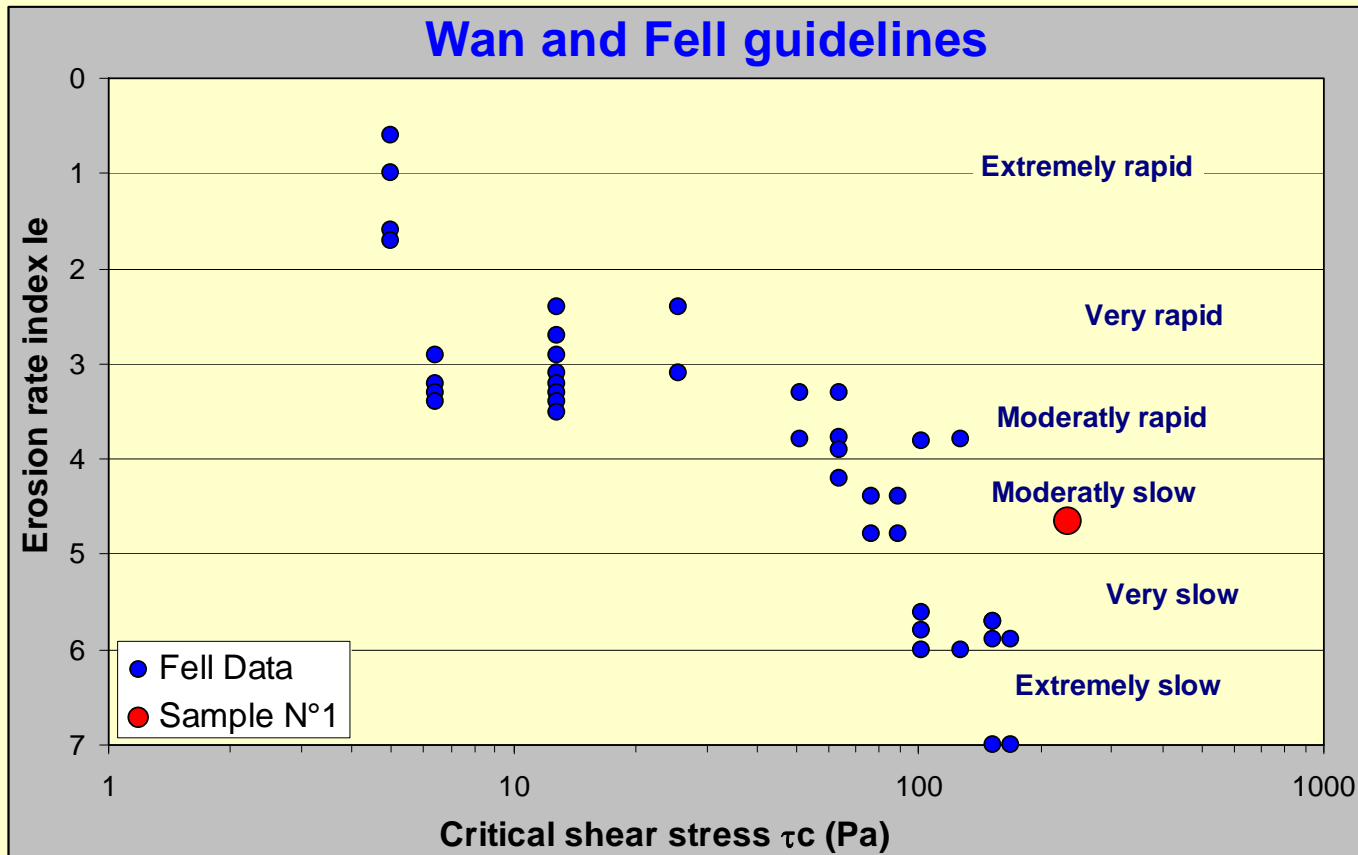
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- Coefficient d'érosion k_d

Experimental results

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Wan and Fell (2002, 2004)





Experimental results

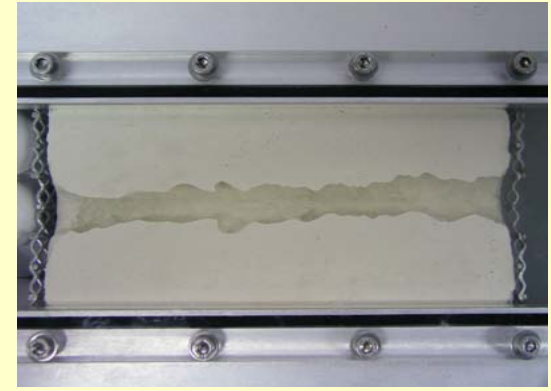
Slot erosion test :



Sample before erosion



Sample during testing



Sample after erosion

Hole erosion test :



Sample before erosion



Sample after erosion

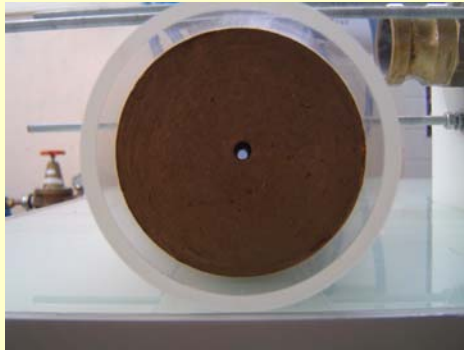


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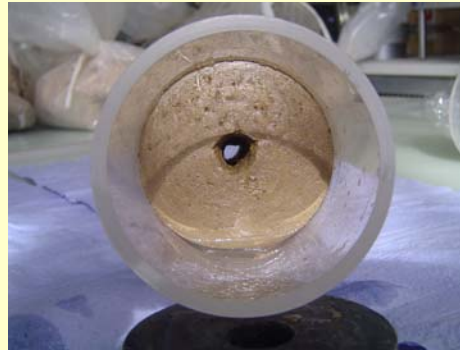


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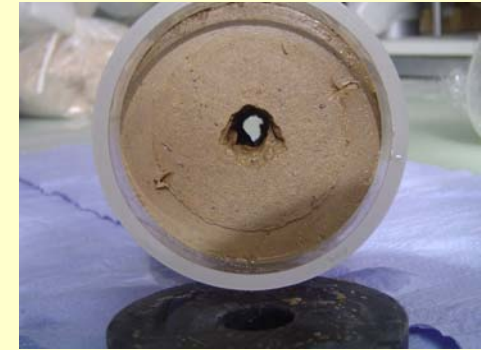
Naturel soil : Silty sand (26% sand, 58% silts, 16% clay)



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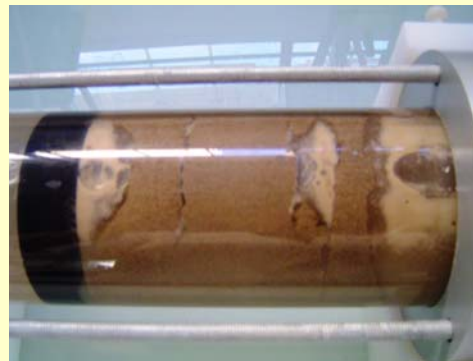
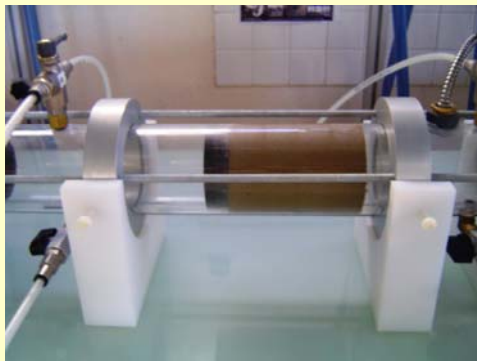


Sample after erosion,
upstream side



Sample after erosion, down
stream side

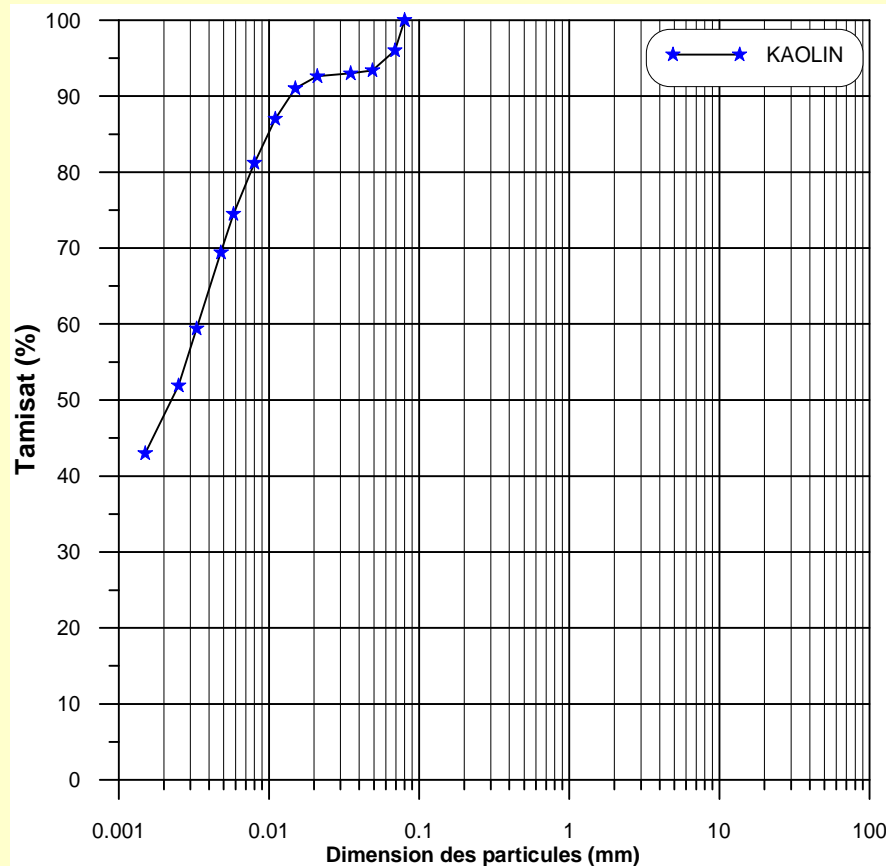
Naturel soil : Sandy silt (72% sand, 23% silts, 4% clay)



Collapse of the sample during filling of the testing cell

Experimental study

Soil : KAOLINITE



Grain size distribution



pH 4 to 9

Density : 2.6 g/cm³

Dry density Opt. : 1.51 t/m³

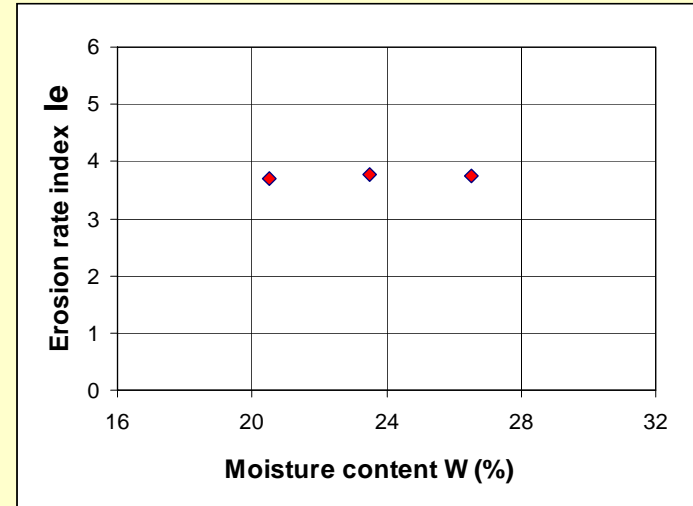
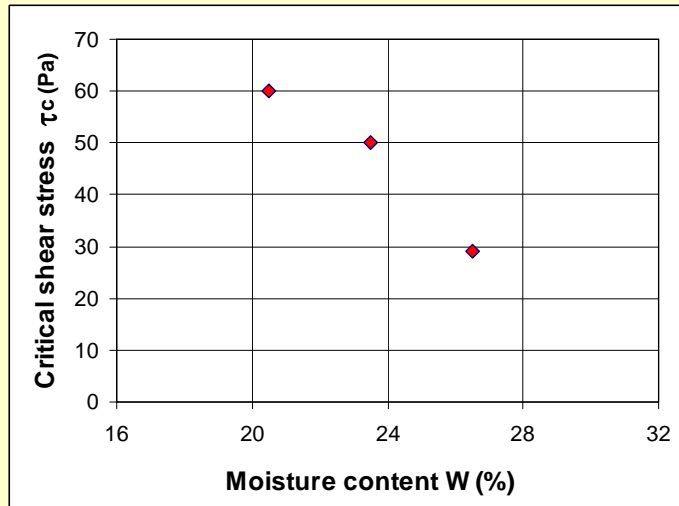
W Opt. : 23.5 %

WI = 49 Wp = 33 Ip = 16

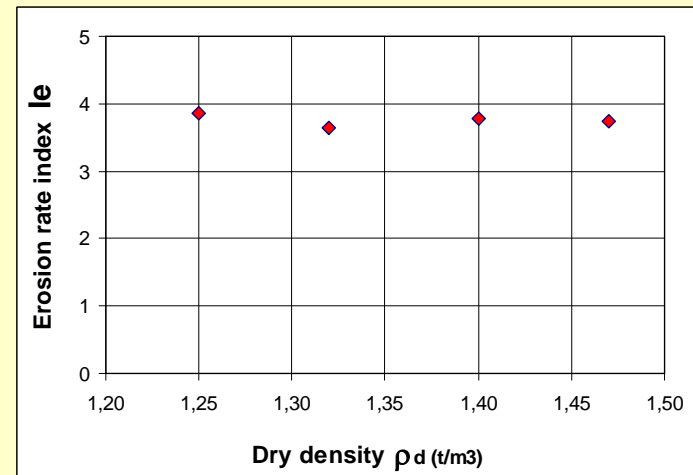
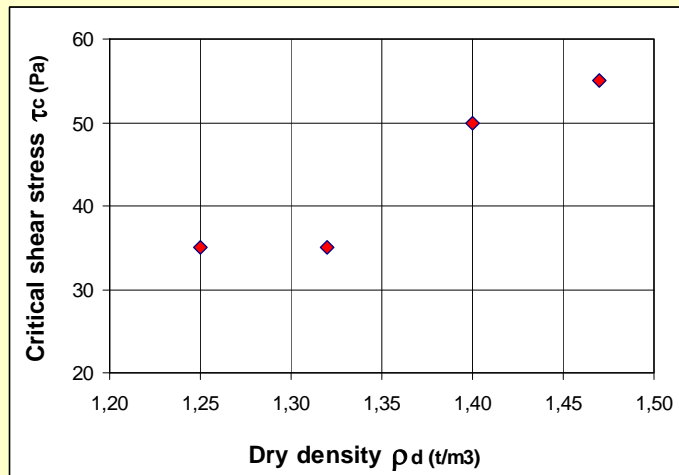


Experimental results

➤ Effect of moisture content on τ_c and le ($\rho_d = 1.4 \text{ t/m}^3$ (95% OPN))



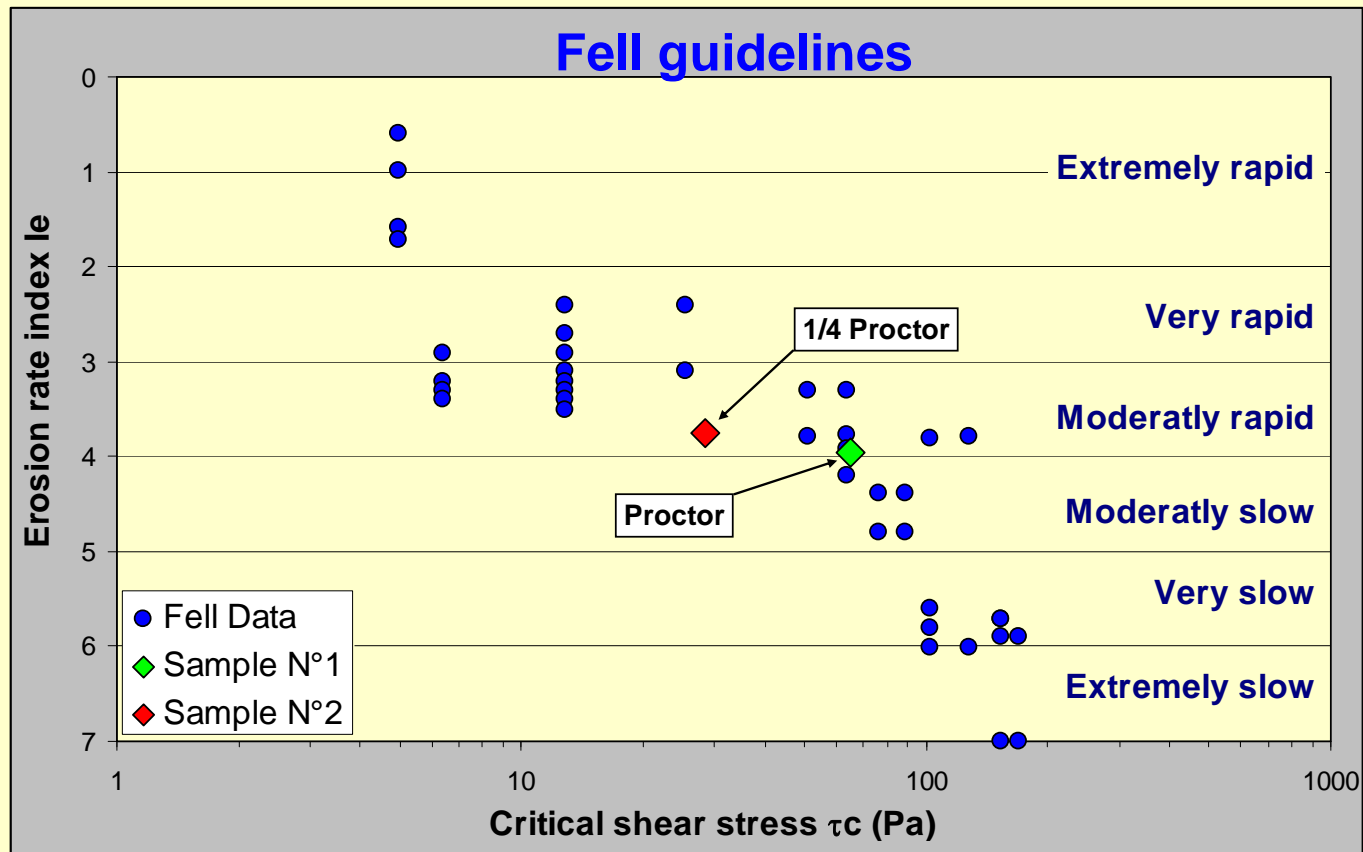
➤ Effect of dry density on τ_c and le ($W = 23.5 \%$)





➤ Effect of energy of compaction

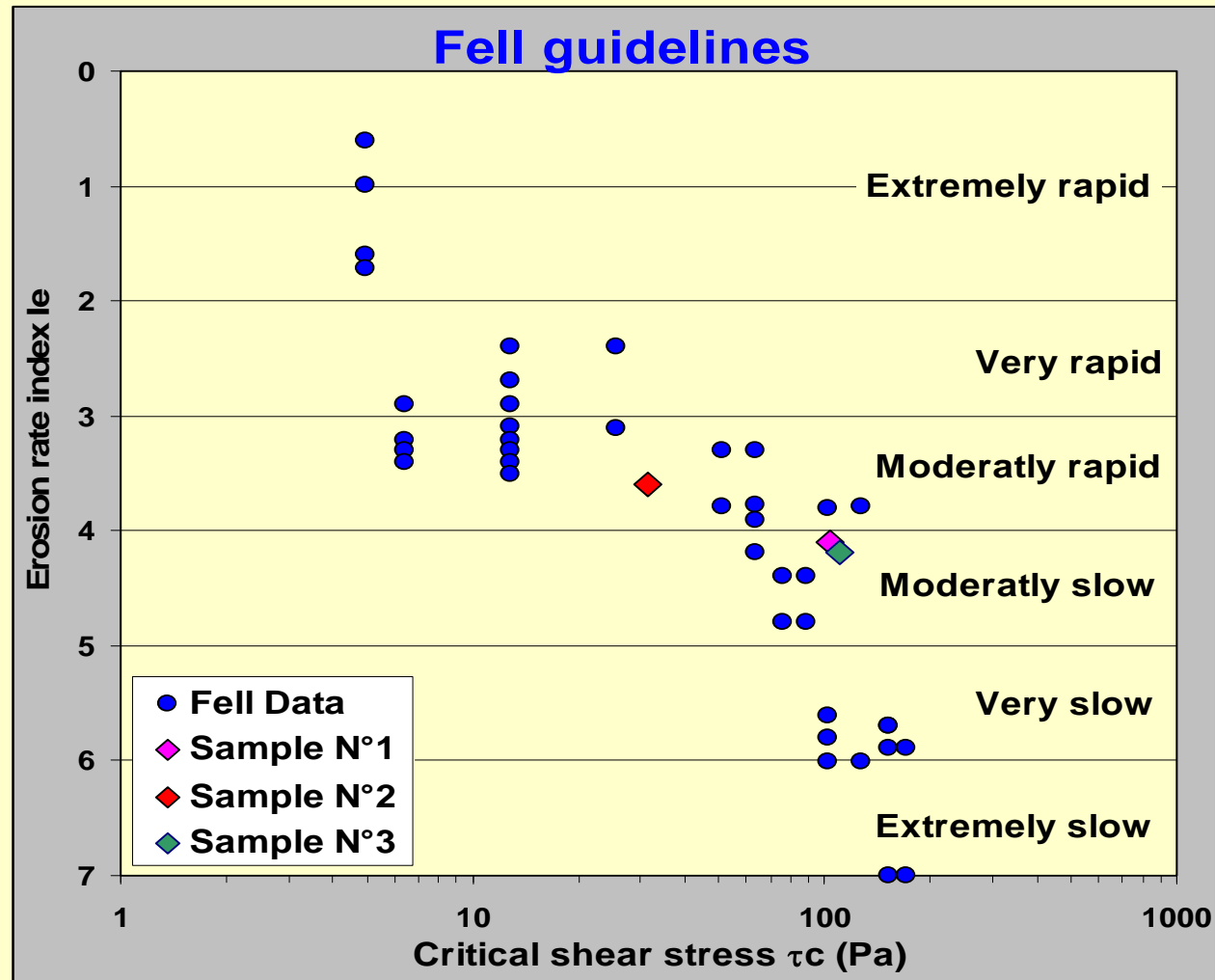
	γ_d (kN/m^3)	W (%)	τ_c (Pa)	k_{er} (s/m)	k_d ($cm^3/N.s$)	Ce (s/m)	Ie
Sample N° 1 (Proctor)	17,9	15	65,29	1,36E-04	6,49E-02	1,18E-04	3,95
Sample N° 2 (1/4 Proctor)	17,2	15	28,51	2,01E-04	1,00E-01	1,75E-04	3,76





➤ Effect of clay content

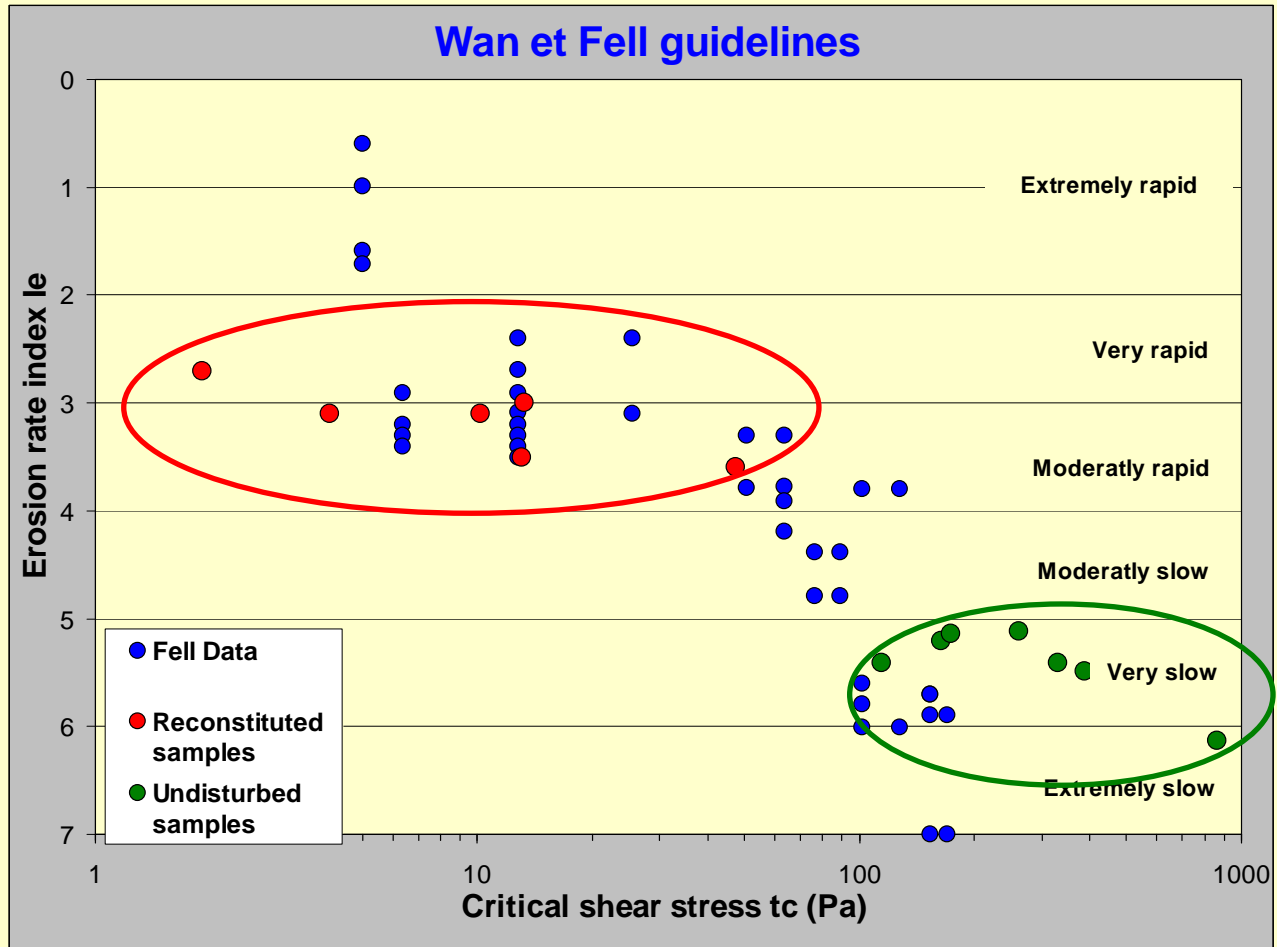
	Sample N°1	Sample N°2	Sample N°3
Sand > 50 μm (%)	44	41	33
Silt > 2 μm (%)	30	39	41
Clay < 2 μm (%)	26	20	26
γ_d (kN/m ³)	16,7	16,7	16,7
W (%)	18	19	21
τ_c (Pa)	103,25	31,49	110,75
le	4,10	3,60	4,19
kd (cm ³ /N.s)	4,68E-02	1,48E-02	3,82E-01





➤ Ageing effect ?

HET tests on naturel soils





**Merci de votre
attention !**



Contexte

Failure of Teton Dam by piping



Failure:

On 3 hours only!