1.2 Shear Strength of Granular Soils

(1) Drained shear strength (ϕ',c'(=0))

(u_e=0)

- **Parameters affecting drained strength**

1) density

2) mineral composition

3) grain size distribution

ϕ'(well graded) > ϕ'(poorly graded)

4) grain shape

ϕ' (angular particle) > ϕ'(rounded particle)

- **Components of drained strength**

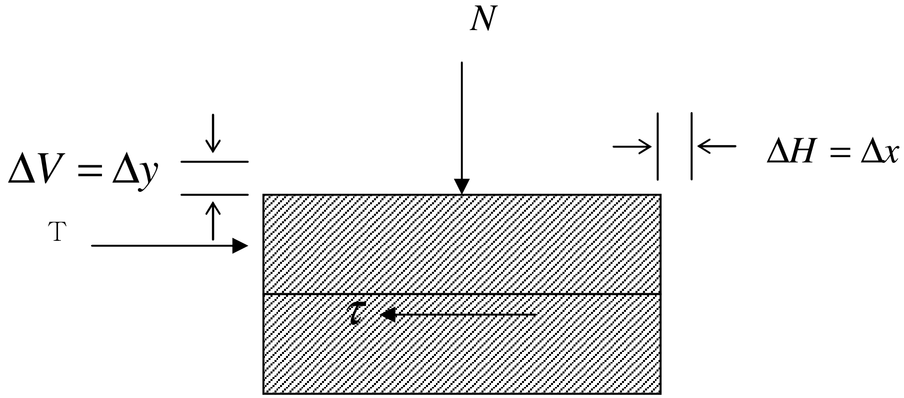
  - Energy is expended in 2 ways.

    1) overcome frictional resistance of soil

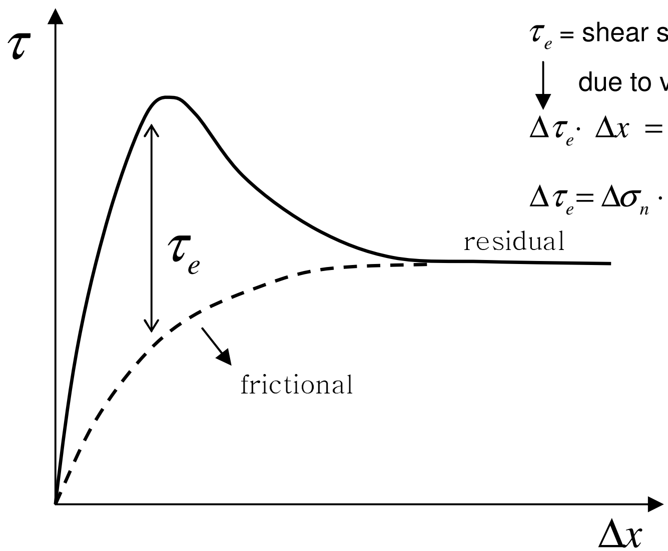
    2) expand soil against confining pressure.

    (+ particle breakage, particle rearrangement)

●Taylor and Bishop (Direct shear)



- For dense sand,



τ_e = shear stress component

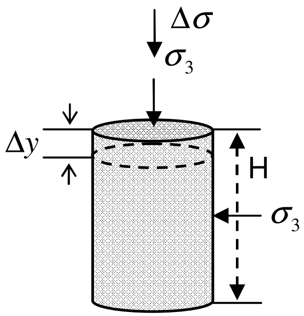
↓ due to volumetric expansion

$\Delta\tau_e \cdot \Delta x = \Delta\sigma_n \cdot \Delta y$

$\Delta\tau_e = \Delta\sigma_n \cdot \dfrac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

- Similar development can be made for TXC (based on drained test.)

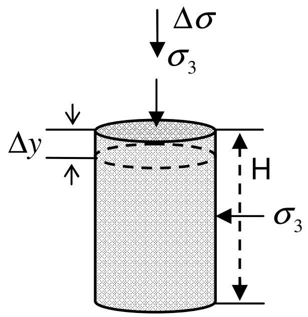
$$(\sigma_c = \sigma_c^{'} = \sigma_3 = \sigma_3^{'})$$



$$\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_a = \frac{\Delta y}{H}$$

DS → τ σ_n

TXC → $\sigma_1 (= \sigma_{1e} + \sigma_{1R})$ σ_3



$$\underbrace{\sigma_{1e}}\, d\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_3 \left(\frac{dV}{\underbrace{V_0}}\right)$$ ------- Eq. (1)

↑ component of σ_1 due to vol. expansion

↑ ε_{vol}

$$\sigma_{1e} = \sigma_3 \frac{dV}{d\varepsilon_1 V_0}$$

⇨ $$\underbrace{\sigma_{1R}} = \sigma_1 - \sigma_{1e} = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \frac{dV}{d\varepsilon_1 V_0}$$ ------ Eq. (2)

↑ (component of σ_1 due to mineral friction and particle rearrangement) → ϕ' at constant volume

Recall, $(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3})_f = \tan^2(45^0 + \phi'/2)$

$$\therefore (\frac{\sigma_{1R}}{\sigma_3})_f = \tan^2(45^0 + \phi'_R/2) \qquad \text{------ Eq. (3)}$$

ϕ'_R → ϕ'_{CV}(⇨ ϕ' at constant volume)

And from Eq.(2)

$$(\frac{\sigma_{1R}}{\sigma_3}) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} - \frac{dV}{d\varepsilon_1 V_0},$$

Therefore,

$$\tan^2(45^0 + \phi'_R/2) = \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3}\right)_f - \frac{1}{(d\varepsilon_1)_f}\left(\frac{dV}{V_0}\right)_f$$

● Component of friction angle

3 components: ϕ'_{μ}, ϕ'_{Re}, ϕ'_{E} → ϕ'_{CV} = (zero overall volume change)

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(1 component) ϕ'_{B}

– ϕ'_{μ} values (Terzaghi, peck, and Mesri, table 19.1)

Mineral	ϕ'_{μ}, Range, deg (Typical Value)
Quartz	22–35 (26)
Feldspar	36–38 (37)
Hornblende	31
Calcite	31–34 (33)
Anthracite	31
Chalk	30

– Breakage component (ϕ'_B) of ϕ'

For quartz sands, σ_3 > 500psi, ϕ'_B becomes important.

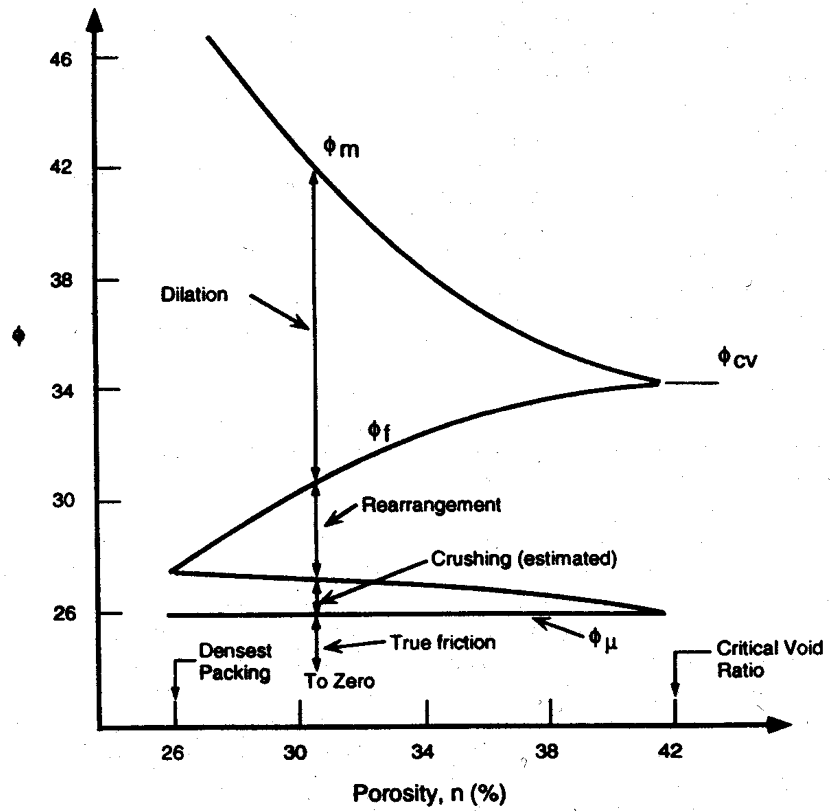
For chlorite sands, σ_3 > 50psi, ϕ'_B becomes important.

– Accordingly,

For low σ_3, ϕ'_{CV} and ϕ_E are important.

For high σ_3, ϕ'_{CV} and ϕ_B are important.

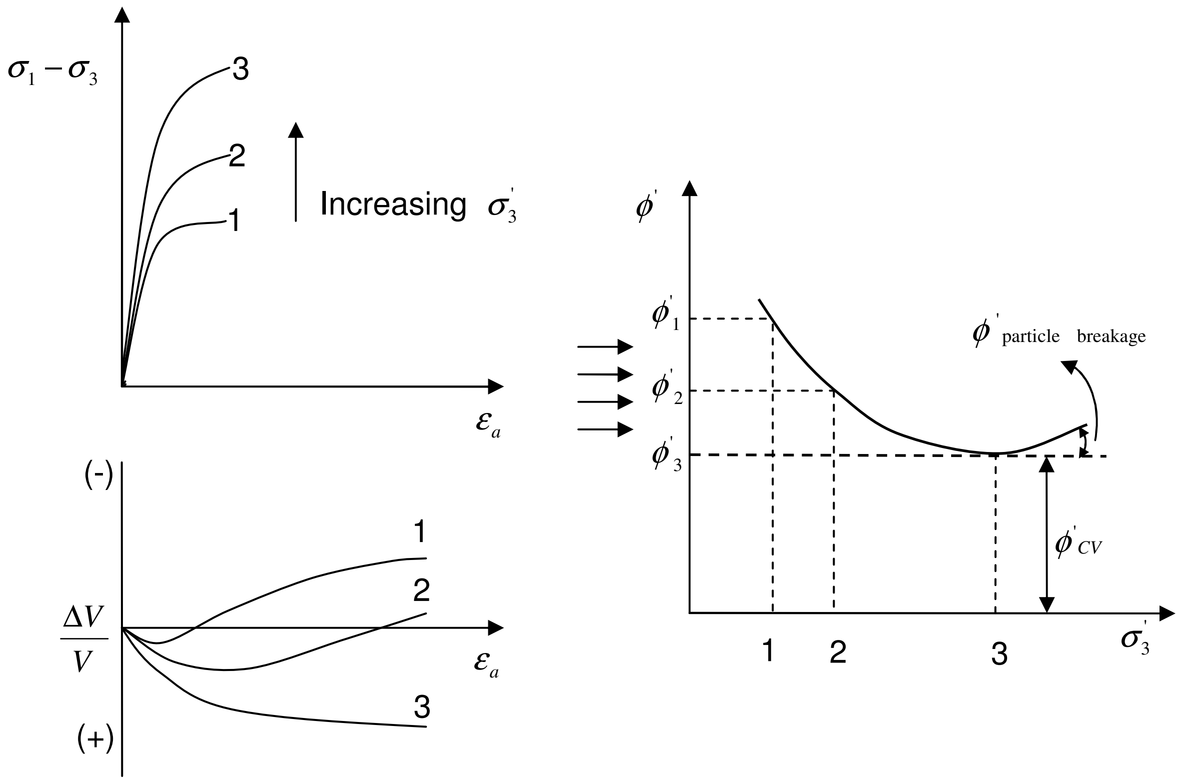
– For a given σ_{3c}'



(Redrawn after Rowe(1962))

● To test our hypothesis

Run tests on dense samples with varying **σ_3'.**



● **The effect of relative density or void ratio, grain shape, grain size distribution, and particle size on ϕ'**

By Cassagrande (Holtz and Kovacs, Table 11-2)

No.	General Description	Grain Shape	D_{10} (mm)	C_u	Loose e	Loose ϕ(deg)	Dense e	Dense ϕ(deg)
1	Ottawa standard sand	Well rounded	0.56	1.2	0.70	28	0.53	35
2	Sand from St. Peter sandstone	Rounded	0.16	1.7	0.69	31	0.47	37†
3	Beach sand from Plymouth, MA	Rounded	0.18	1.5	0.89	29	—	—
4	Silty sand from Franklin Falls Dam site, NH	Subrounded	0.03	2.1	0.85	33	0.65	37
5	Silty sand from vicinity of John Martin Dam, CO	Subangular to subrounded	0.04	4.1	0.65	36	0.45	40
6	Slightly silty sand from the shoulders of Ft. Peck Dam, MT	Subangular to subrounded	0.13	1.8	0.84	34	0.54	42
7	Screened glacial sand, Manchester, NH	Subangular	0.22	1.4	0.85	33	0.60	43
8‡	Sand from beach of hydraulic fill dam, Quabbin Project, MA	Subangular	0.07	2.7	0.81	35	0.54	46
9	Artificial, well-graded mixture of gravel with sands No. 7 and No. 3	Subrounded to subangular	0.16	68	0.41	42	0.12	57
10	Sand for Great Salt Lake fill (dust gritty)	Angular	0.07	4.5	0.82	38	0.53	47
11	Well-graded, compacted crushed rock	Angular	—	—	—	—	0.18	60

(Holtz and Kovacs, Table 11-3)

Factor	Effect
Void ratio e	$e\uparrow$, $\phi\downarrow$
Angularity A	$A\uparrow$, $\phi\uparrow$
Grain size distribution	$C_u\uparrow$, $\phi\uparrow$
Surface roughness R	$R\uparrow$, $\phi\uparrow$
Water W	$W\uparrow$, $\phi\downarrow$ slightly
Particle size S	No effect (with constant e)
Intermediate principal stress	$\phi_{ps} \geq \phi_{tx}$ (see Eqs. 11-5a, b)
Overconsolidation or prestress	Little effect