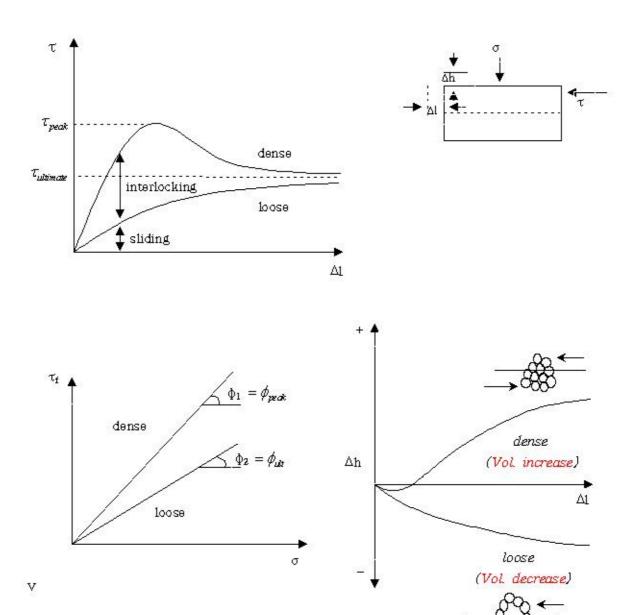
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1. Shear strength of sands



○ Critical void ratio (e_c)

The e_c of a soil is the void ratio that exists prior to a (shearing process) in which the (volume) change is zero, $e_c = f(\sigma) \rightarrow$ therefore, not a (material constant)

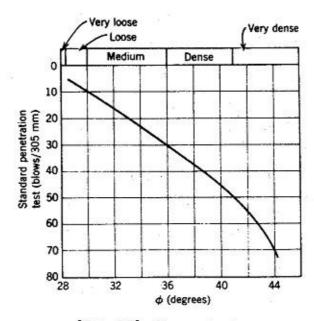
• Friction angles of sands

[Table 4.1] Friction angles of sands (Sowers and Sowers, 1951)

| Shape and Grading | 1oose | dense |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Rounded, uniform | 30° | 37° |
| Rounded, well graded | 34° | 40° |
| Angular, uniform | 35° | 43° |
| Angular, well graded | 39° | 45° |

[Table 4.2] Friction angles of sands (Terzaghi & Peck, 1967)

| Materials | 1oose | dense | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Rounded, uniform sand | 27,5° | 34° | |
| Angular, well graded sand | 33° | 45° | |
| Sandy gravel | 35° | 50° | |
| Silty sand | 27°~ 33° | 30°∼ 35° | |
| Inorganic silt | 27°∼ 30° | 30°∼ 34° | |



[Fig 4.7] N vs. Φ sand

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2. Shear strength of (saturated) clays

- Strength = f (drainage condition, stress history)

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drained/undrained NC/OC

- normally consolidated clay:

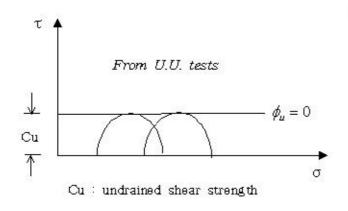
the present effective stress = (The max. value to which the clay ever been subjected.)

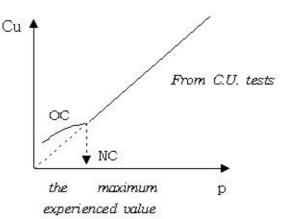
- Overconsolidated clay:
the present effective stress < (the maximum value experienced.)

- Overconsolidation ratio

- the undrained strength

by (
$$U.U$$
) or ($C.U$) tests

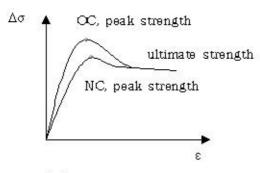


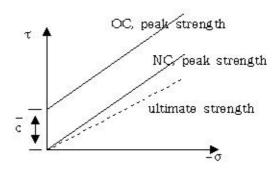


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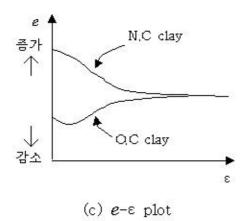
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(a) Δσ-ε behavior

(b) Mohr-Coulomb failure envelope



[Fig. 4.11] Drained test results

• Sensitivity of clays

- Sensitivity(s) = $\frac{\textit{undrained shear strengths}(\textit{Cu}) \textit{ in the undisturbed state}}{\textit{Cu in the remoulded state}}$

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normal, s= ( 1~4~ ) sensitive, s=( 4~8~ ) extra-sensitive, s=( 8~16~ ) quick clay, s=( 16~ )
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- O Strength in terms of effective stresses
- by (drained test) or C,U test w/ (p.w.p measurements)

| [Table 43] Undrained shear strength of clays (÷10 | [Table 4.3] | shear strength of clays (÷10 | $J=t/m^2$ |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|---|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|

| State | Undrained shear strength (kN/m²) | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| very hard | >150 | |
| hard | 100~150 | |
| stiff-hard | 75~100 | |
| stiff | 50~75 | |
| soft-stiff | 40~50 | |
| soft | 20~40 | |
| very soft | <20 | |

O Shear strength in terms of effective stresses:

- NC :
$$\overline{c}=(0)$$

$$= \overline{\Phi}=20 \text{ }^{\circ} 35^{\circ}$$
 - OC : $(0)<\overline{c}<(30 \text{KN/m}^2)$ (the lower $\overline{\Phi}$, the higher PI)

