

Liquefaction Potential Analysis Based on CPT: Grain Size and Relative Density (D_{50} and D_r)

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-Summary -

The liquefaction potential is an important aspect of earthquake engineering practice since its contribution to the safety of construction.

The physical properties of sand soil that include grain size and density had known give effects to the liquefaction.

Those physical properties of sand soil associated to liquefaction resistance have been studied in laboratory.

The potential of liquefaction is needed to be mapped for wide area, it is a big job. Then the data collection and the assessment must be affordable.

The method based on previous research is discussed here to assess the liquefaction potential.

There are some faced problems that must be resolved immediately in the near future.

The example case is a real construction design of reclamation shore in order to develop a new port in Indonesia. The treatment to be accomplished is compaction efforts to reach a certain relative density in order to avoid the possibility of liquefaction on site.

Keywords: Liquefaction, CPT, Grain size, Relative density

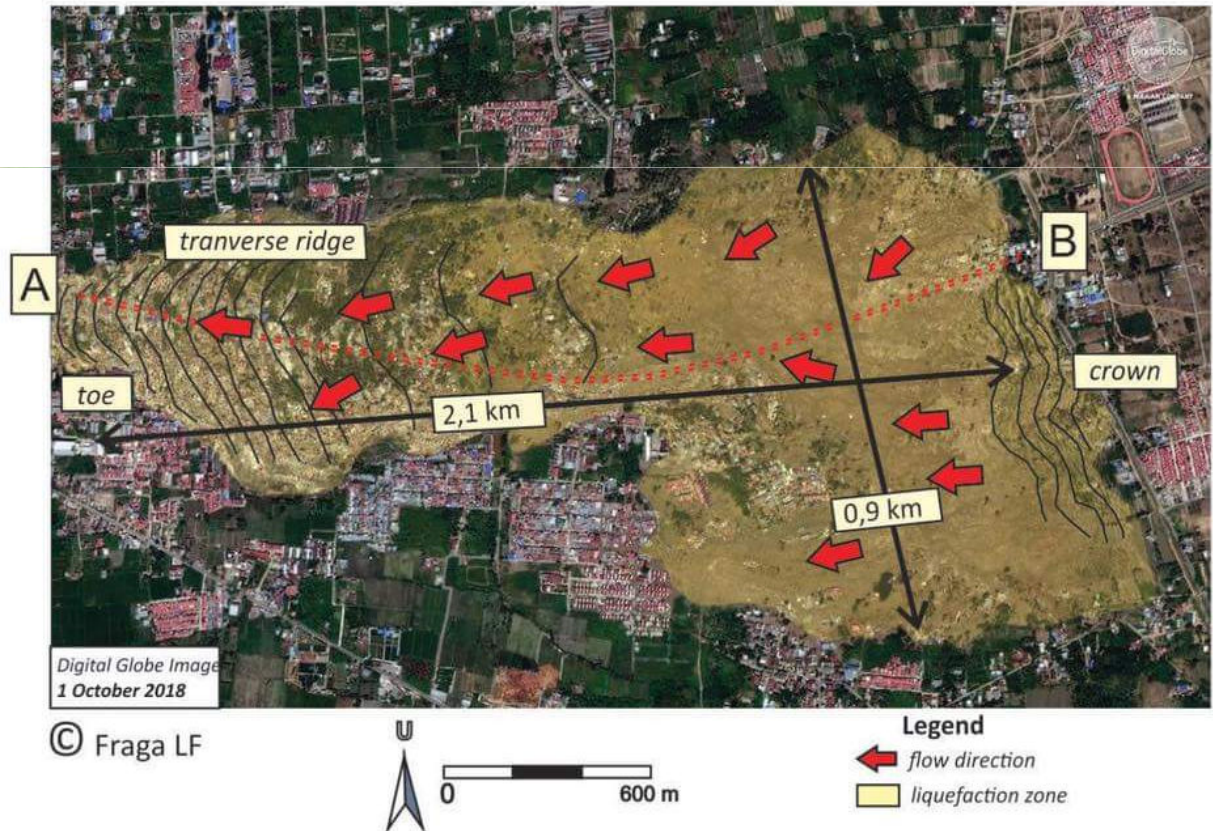
Introduction: effects of liquefaction

- ▶ Crack on floor
- ▶ Tilting
- ▶ Settle down
- ▶ Lost of The BC
- ▶ Sloope failure



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The Skecth of Liquefaction in Petobo, south of Palu



Introduction

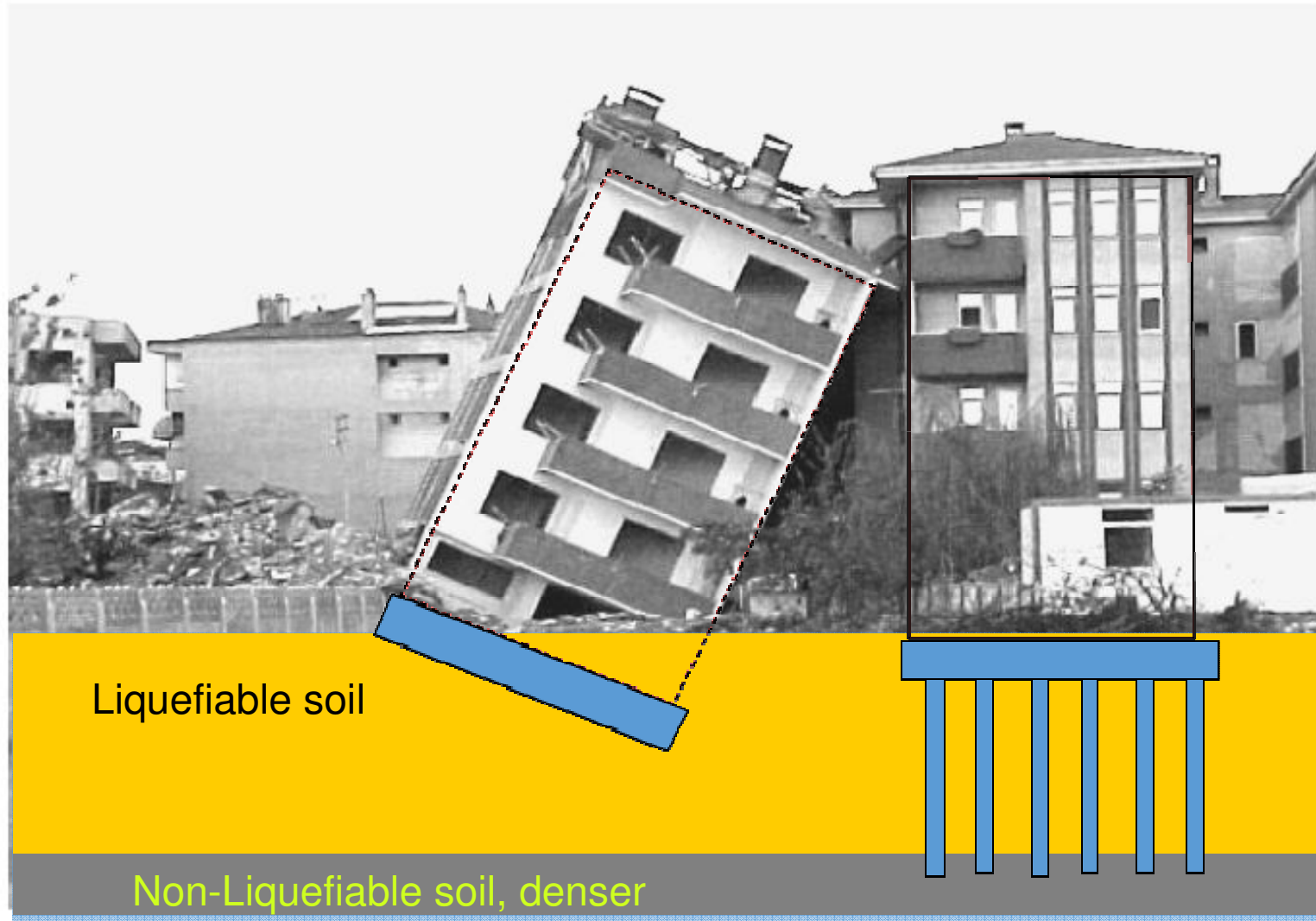
Lost of bearing
on foundations
(Padang, 2009)



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Lost of bearing on foundations



Building that collapsed during the 1999 Turkey (Kocaeli) earthquake due to liquefaction

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- Earthquake Engineering Handbook (Chen, W.F., & Scawthorn, C., 2003)

Lateral Spreading

Contoh Kejadian G30'SPadang:

1. Jalan pinggir Pantai Purus
2. Wisma Indah Tabing
3. Gunung Tigo Pariaman
4. Jalan inspeksi Kuranji, Lapai

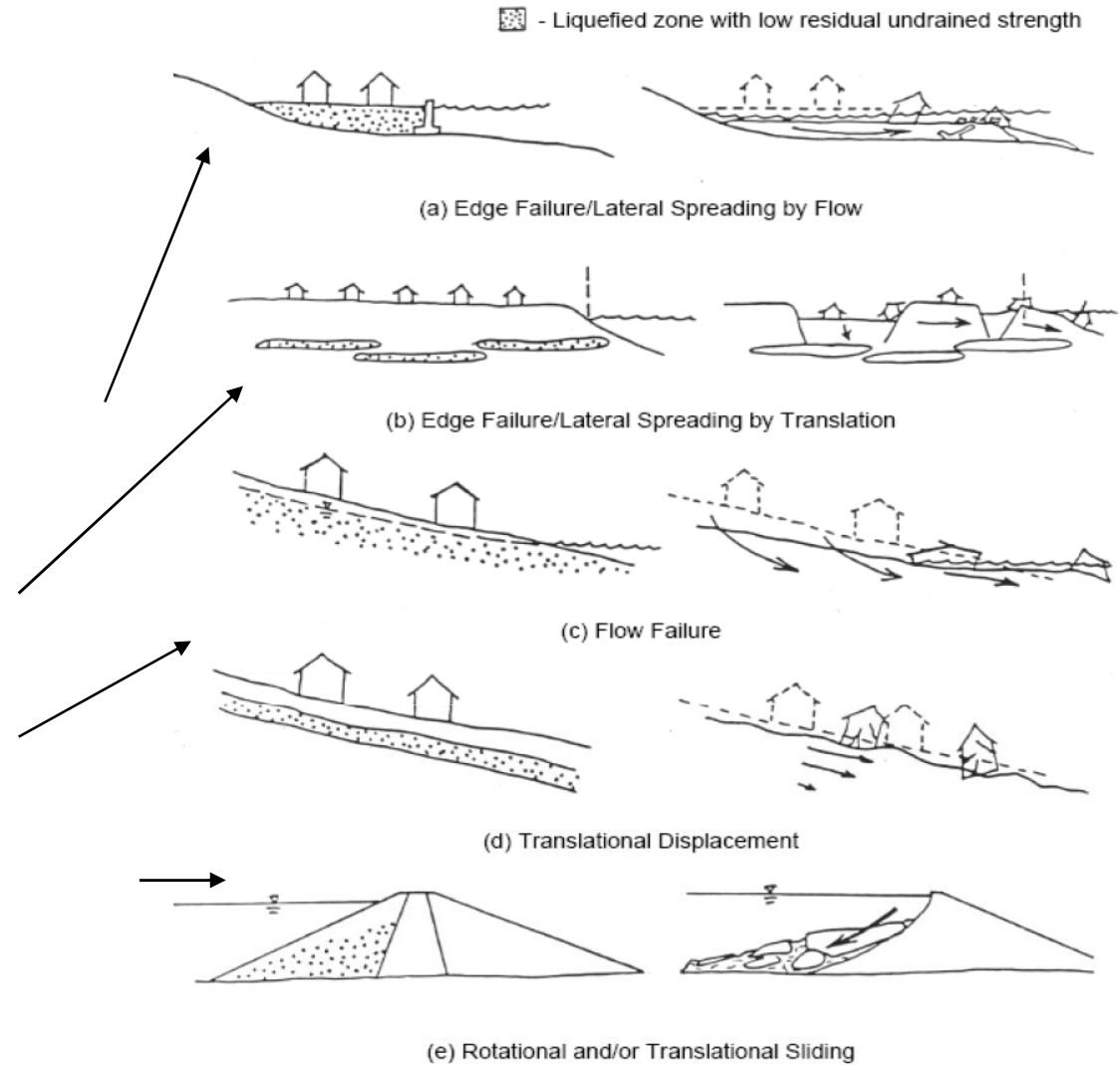
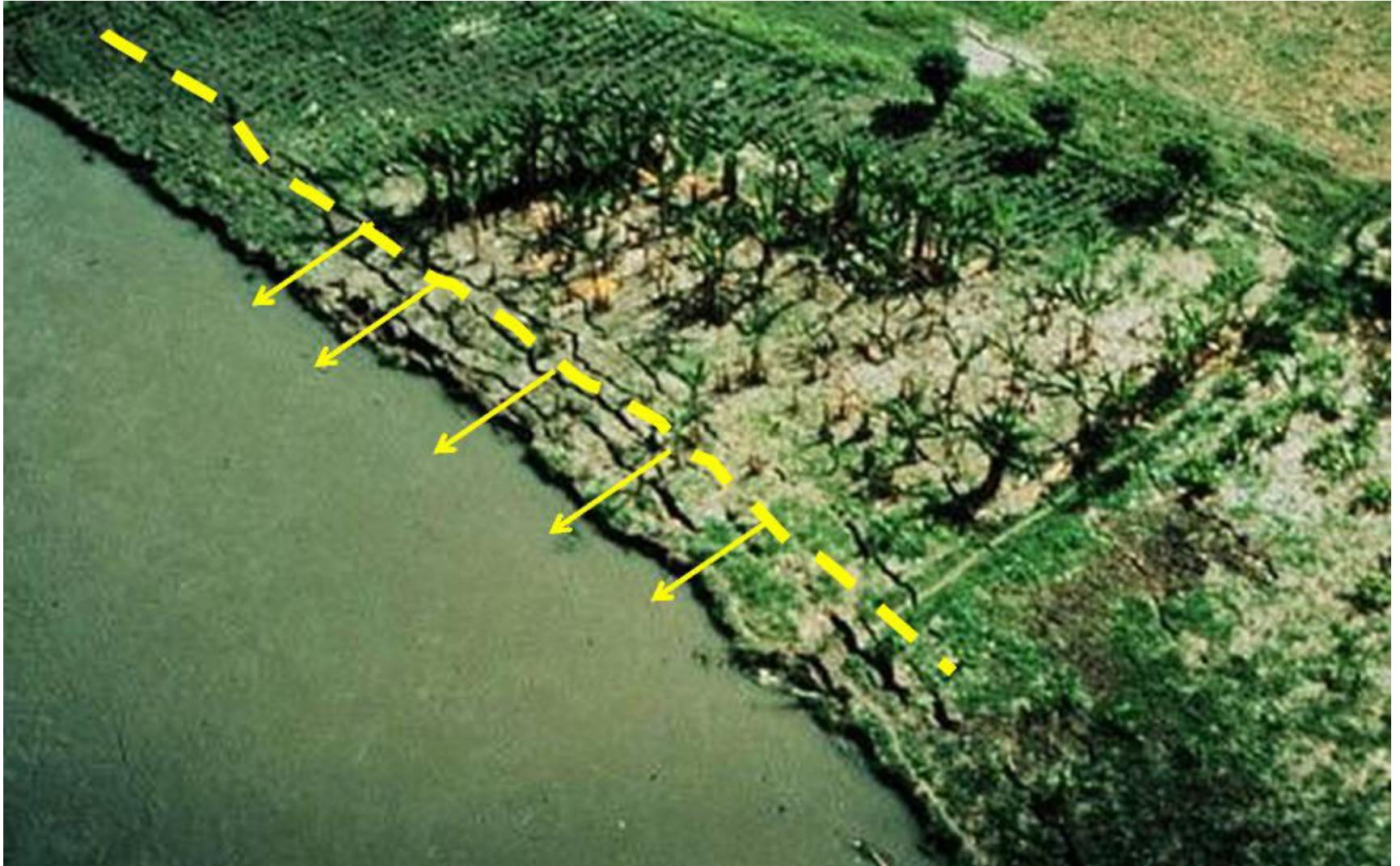


Fig. 44: Schematic Examples of Liquefaction-Induced Global Site Instability and/or "Large" Displacement Lateral Spreading

1.1 Examples of Lateral spreading due to Liquefaction.

The 1976 Guatemala earthquake caused lateral spreading along the Motagua river

<http://www.ce.washington.edu/~liquefaction/html/what/what2.html>



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Crack on the roads

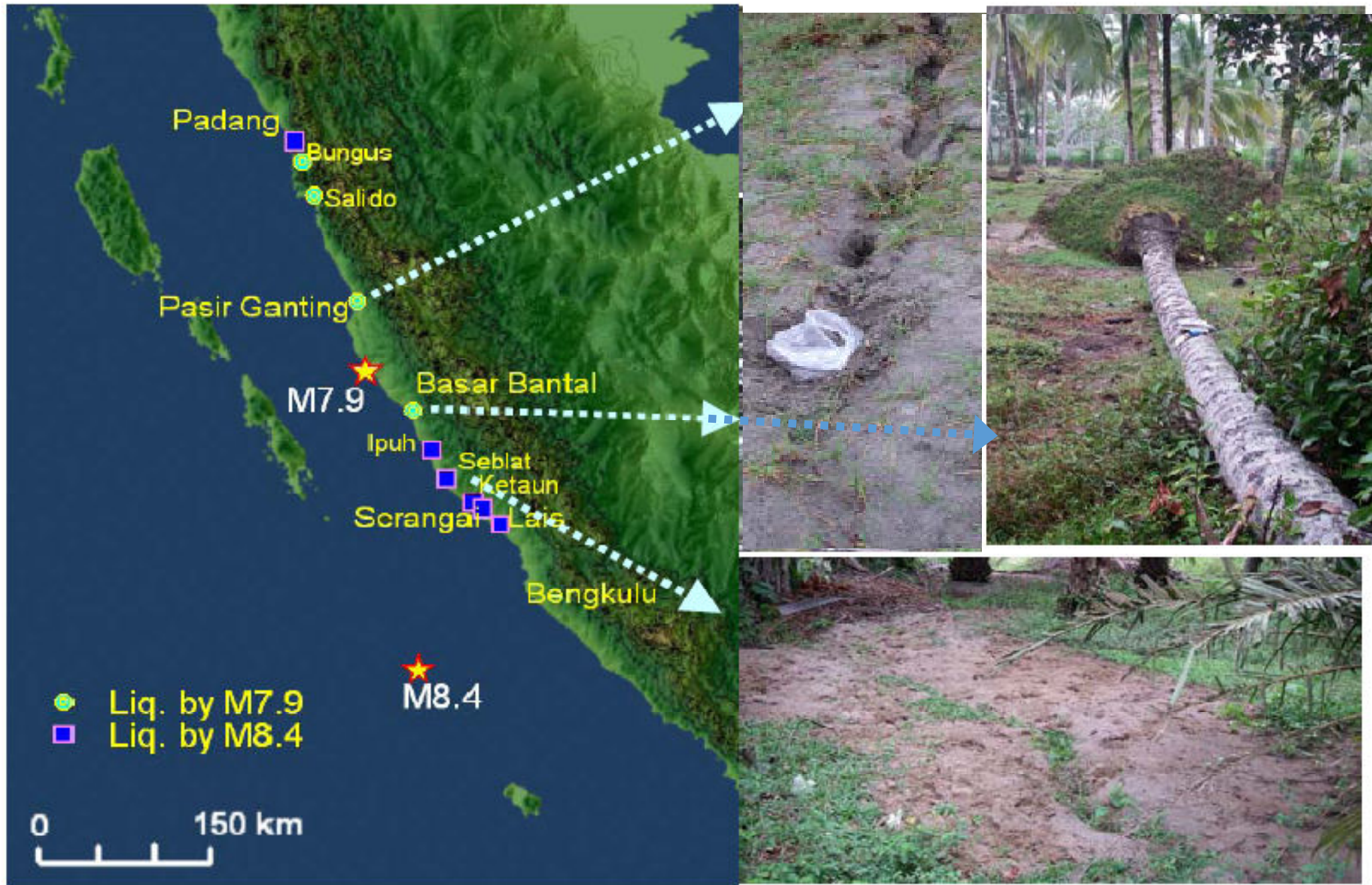
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FIGURE 7.13 Subsidence and lateral spreading due to liquefaction lead to the collapse of buildings along the shoreline in the fishing village of Guzelyali during the 1999 Turkey (Kocaeli) earthquake. (J.C. Borrero photo, courtesy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-National Geophysical Data Center)



(a) Locations of observed liquefaction

(b) views of some ground liquefaction

Damaged bridge

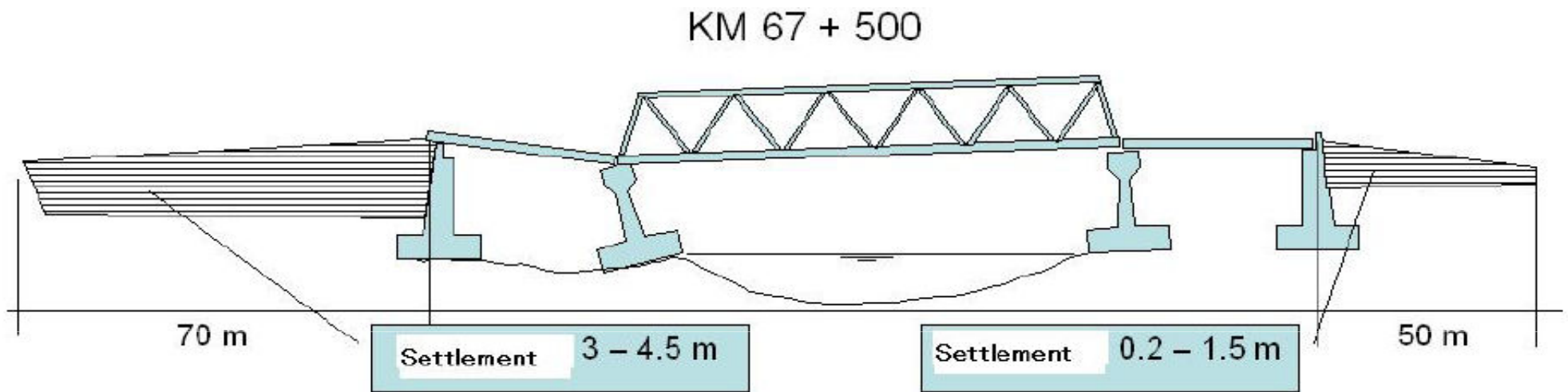


Fig.8.3 Liquefaction induced damage to Muzoi River bridge by 2005 Nias earthquake

Jembatan Pasir Gantung – Pesisir Selatan –



Fig.5.9 Damage to the arch bridge at Pasir Gantung due to ground liquefaction

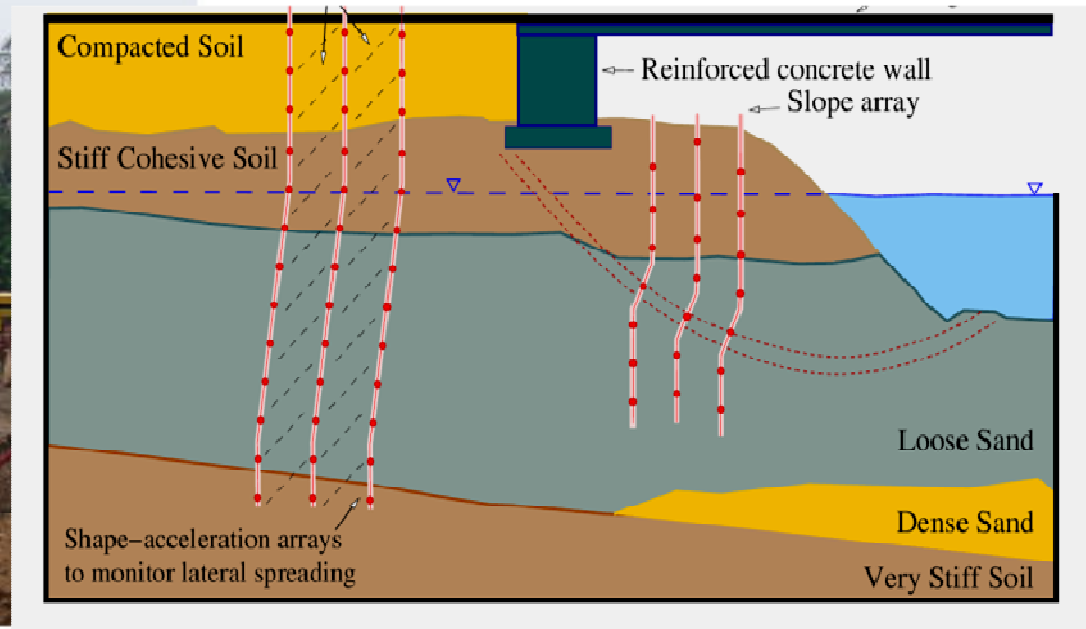


Fig.5.11 Damage to approach embankments of bridges

Liquifaction under the bridge

Lateral spreading caused the foundations of the Showa bridge to move laterally so much that the simply supported spans became unseated and collapsed



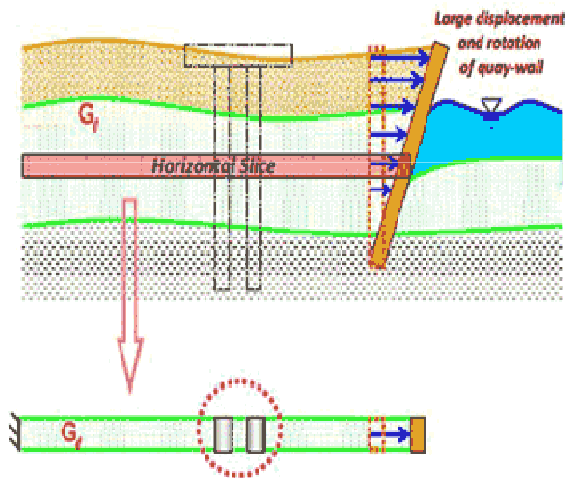
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Seawall Collapse

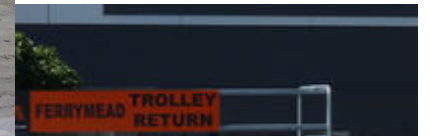
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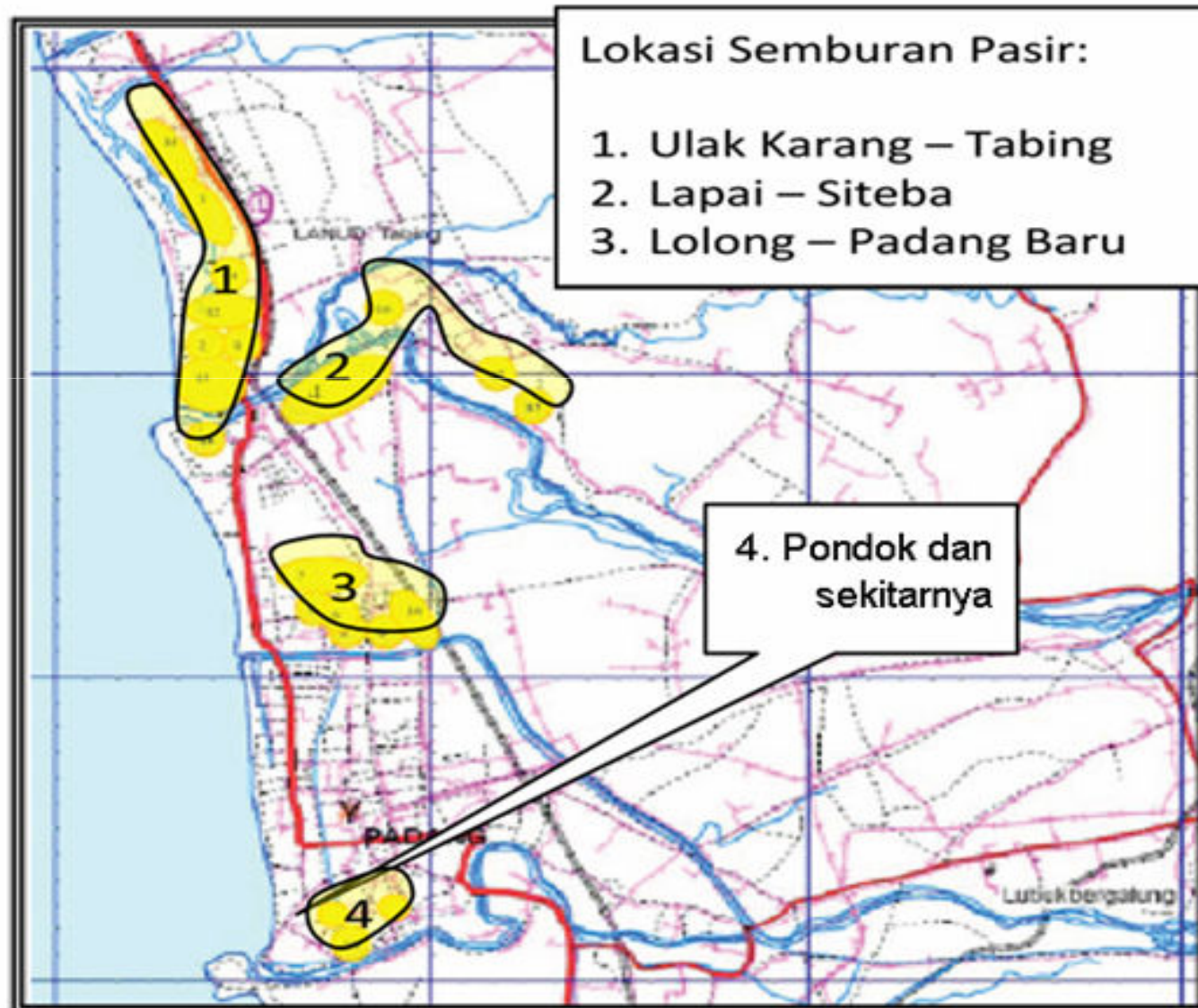
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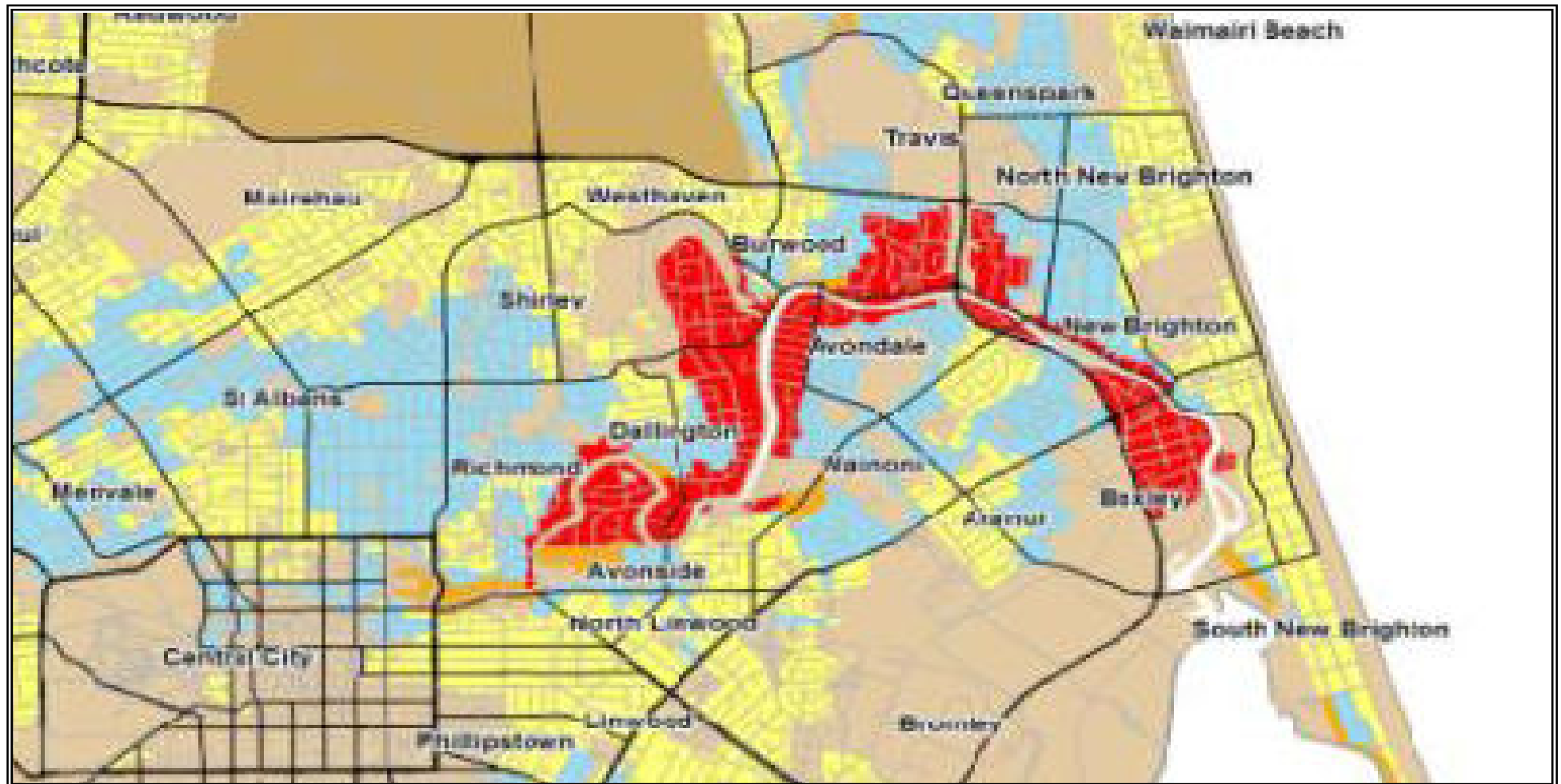
Liquefaction in Padang

(30S'2009)



Liquefaction in Christchurch, NZ 2011

(Sally Dellow, 2015)



Liquefaction definition:

In mathematical term, the liquefaction on the soil deposit is written as:

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u \leq 0.0 \quad (1)$$

where σ and σ' are total and effective stresses in the soil respectively and u is the pore pressure in the liquefied soil element.

Liquefaction potential of the soil depends on several factors:

- **Relative density, D_r**
- Initial stress of the soil, σ_i
- **Mean grain size of the soil, D_{50}**
- Applied peak stress, σ_d or τ_{max}
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Liquefaction Assessment ($N_{SPT\text{Base}}$: OLD)

$$N_1 = N - C_N$$

where C_N is value (after Liao and Whitman, 1980)

$$C_N = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma'_v} \right)^{0.1}$$

$$N_{L60} = N_1 \cdot C_R \cdot C_S \cdot C_B \cdot C_E$$

where C_R = correction for "short" rod length,
 C_S = correction for non-standardized sampler configuration,
 C_B = correction for borehole diameter, and
 C_E = correction for hammer energy efficiency.

$$CSR = 0.65 \left(\frac{\sigma'_{vm} a_{max}}{\sigma'_v} \right) r_d$$

in which a_{max} is the maximum horizontal acceleration

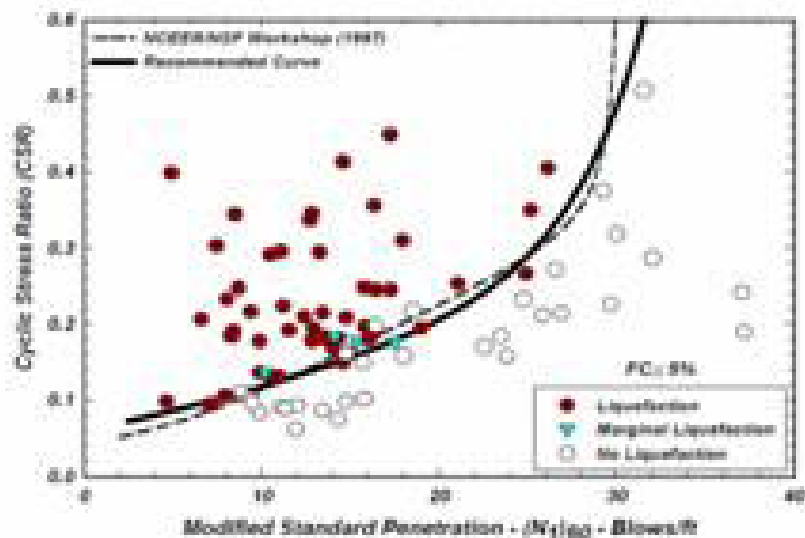


Fig. 14 / SPT case histories of class sands with the curve proposed by the NCEER Workshop (1987) and the recommended curve for $M = 7\%$ and $\sigma'_{vm} = 1 \text{ atm} (= 100 \text{ kPa})$.

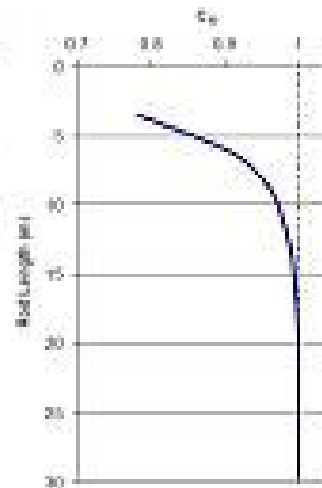


Fig. 15 / Recommended C_R Values (rod length from point of hammer impact to tip of sampler)

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C_E	For sampler 60-cm (24-in) diameter open-tube or 76-cm (30-in) diameter closed-tube samplers	
	$C_E = 1 - \frac{N_{60}}{100}$	(Eq. 3-1)
C_S	Solenoid or L-Box SPT (L-Box)	
	Double-Acting	Conventional
	57 to 117 mm	100
	118 mm	105
	146 mm	117
C_B	$C_B = \frac{1R}{80\%}$ (Eq. 3-2)	
Notes: 1R (with any "x") is the factor or percentage of the theoretical SPT impact energy actually dissipated in the sampler, expressed as %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The best approach to identify values for impact energy dissipated involves flow stress/strain, shear wave measurements, stress path, etc. The best approach is to use a hammer and mechanical linkage where synchronized data previously published have been about energy measurements. Otherwise, 1R used for estimated. The good field procedure, equipment and recording, for identifying problems are required. 		
Equipment	Approximate ER (see Table 1)	C_E (see Table 1)
Double Hammer	0.8 to 0.95	0.7 to 1.0
Single Hammer	0.7 to 0.85	0.7 to 1.0
Open Hammer	0.7 to 0.85	1.1 to 1.2
Automatic Top Hammer	0.8 to 0.9	0.8 to 1.1
Blow or Safety Coils		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lower quality equipment (e.g., single hammer, drop hammers, pressure-measuring devices) are generally not recommended, and a further judgement adjustment is required. 		

- Notes:
- 1) Based on open and closed-tube, one blow or one impact, unless "impact" values are the average ("mean"), average and not of maximum value.
 - 2) Lower modification of open-tube samplers "closed" values. Check size "Notes 1."
 - 3) For the energy value is also available, record in the end of the range, use open-tube data for the value, for 1R and C_B use the value, unless otherwise specified in the range, check if equipment and recording procedure are not good.
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$$r_d = 0.12 \exp(0.23M) \quad (5d)$$

The uncertainty in r_d increases with increasing depth

$$\Delta \ln(r_d) = \alpha(x) + \beta(x)M$$

$$\alpha(x) = -1.012 - 1.126 \sin\left(\frac{x}{11.73} - 0.133\right)$$

$$\beta(x) = 0.106 - 0.118 \sin\left(\frac{x}{11.28} - 0.143\right)$$

Liquefaction Assessment : N_{SPT} from Seed et al. (New)

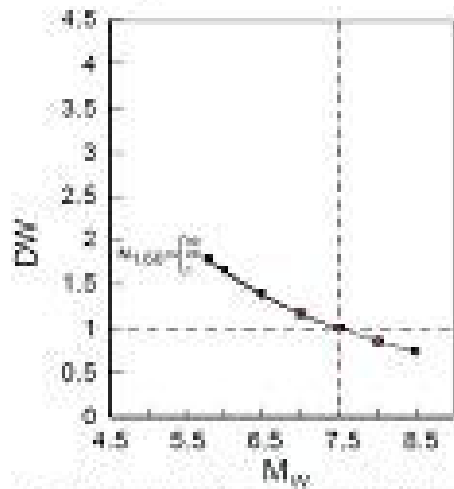


Fig. 15 Revisited Magnitude-Correlated Dynamic Weighting Factor as a Function of M_w

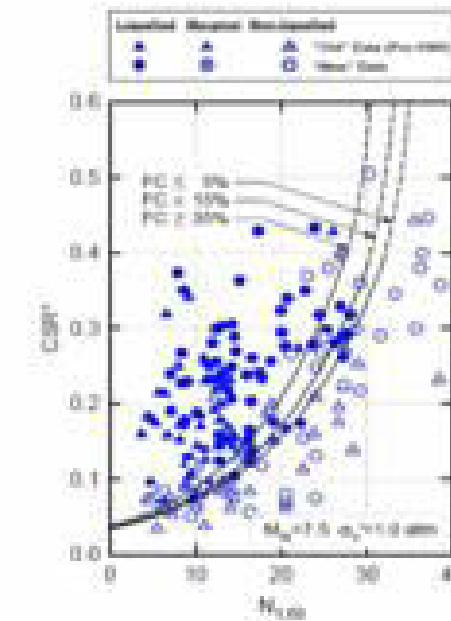
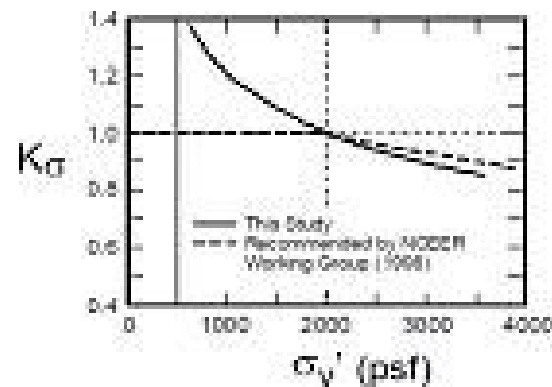
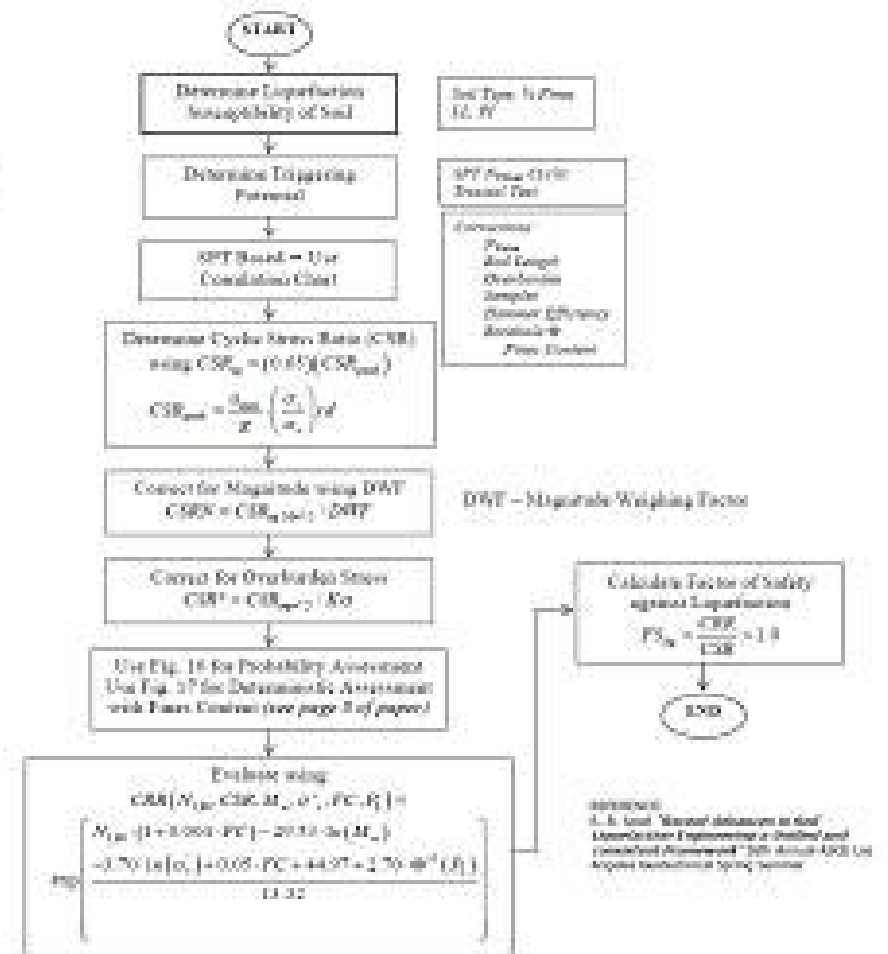


Fig. 16 Revisited "Threshold" SPT-Based Liquefaction Triggering Correlation (for $M_w=7.5$ and $\sigma'_v=1.0$ atm)

Fig. 17 Revisited "Threshold" SPT-Based Liquefaction Triggering Correlation (for $M_w=7.5$ and $\sigma'_v=1.0$ atm) with Adjustment for Non-Circular Stress



Appendix 1: Flow Chart for Liquefaction Susceptibility Assessment

The basic problems,

- The assessment method is complicated
- The introduced parameters is unfamiliar
- Year to year the method is revised and more complicated
- Need a new method that is “easy” and “cheap”
- For wide areas, the budget must be reasonable
- The young engineer must be able to assess

Simple Assessment Method

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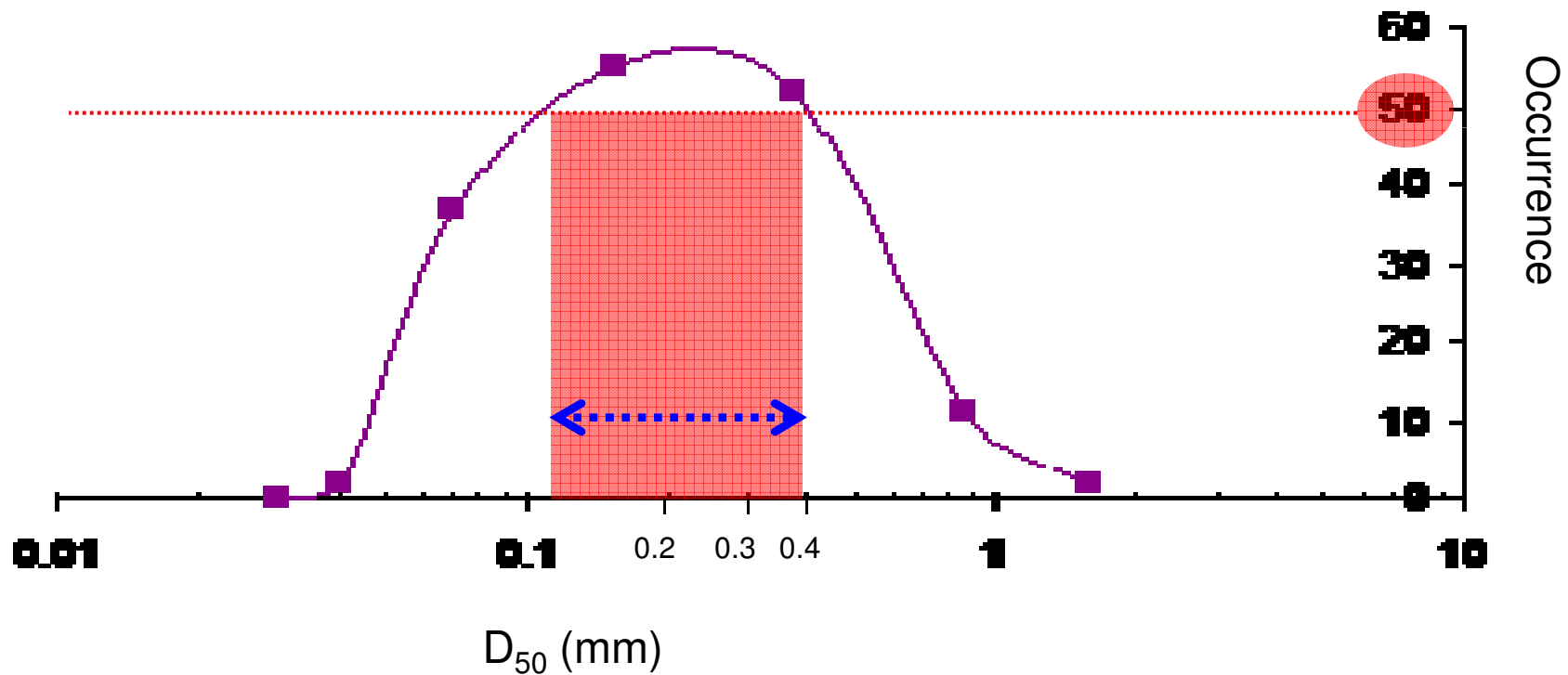
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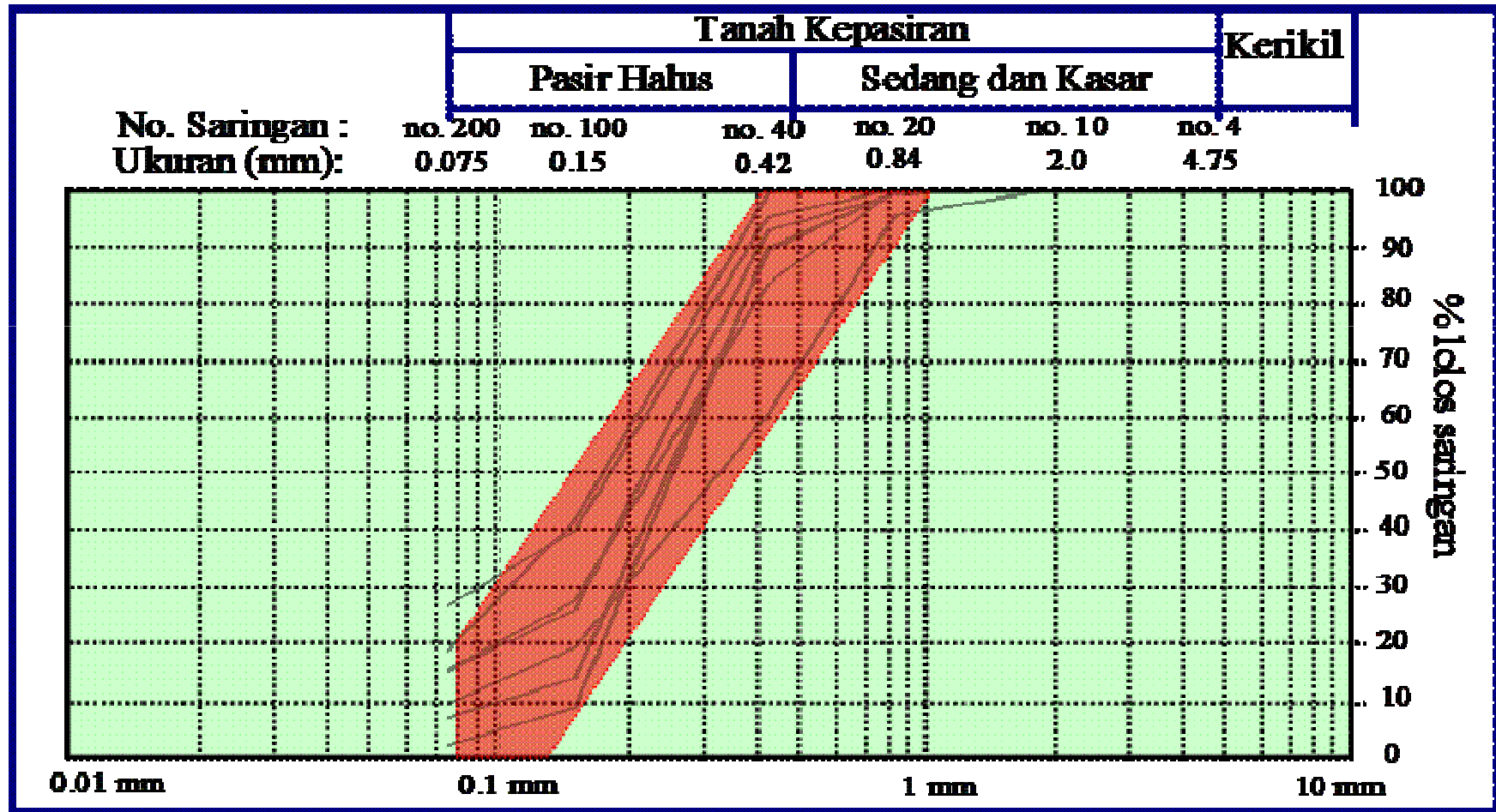
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Data Record

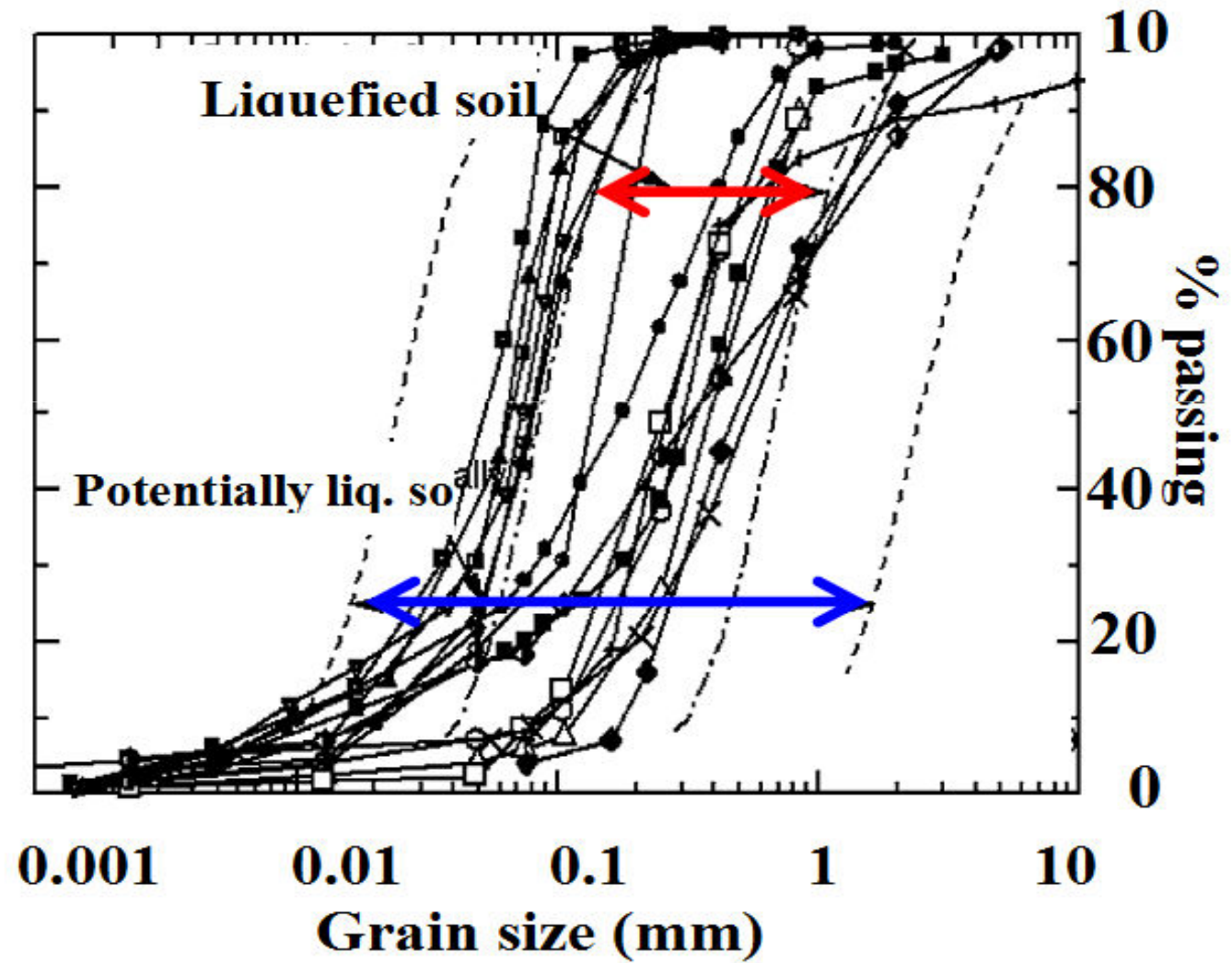
- D_{50} of Liquefied soil around the world
(from 150 occurrences)



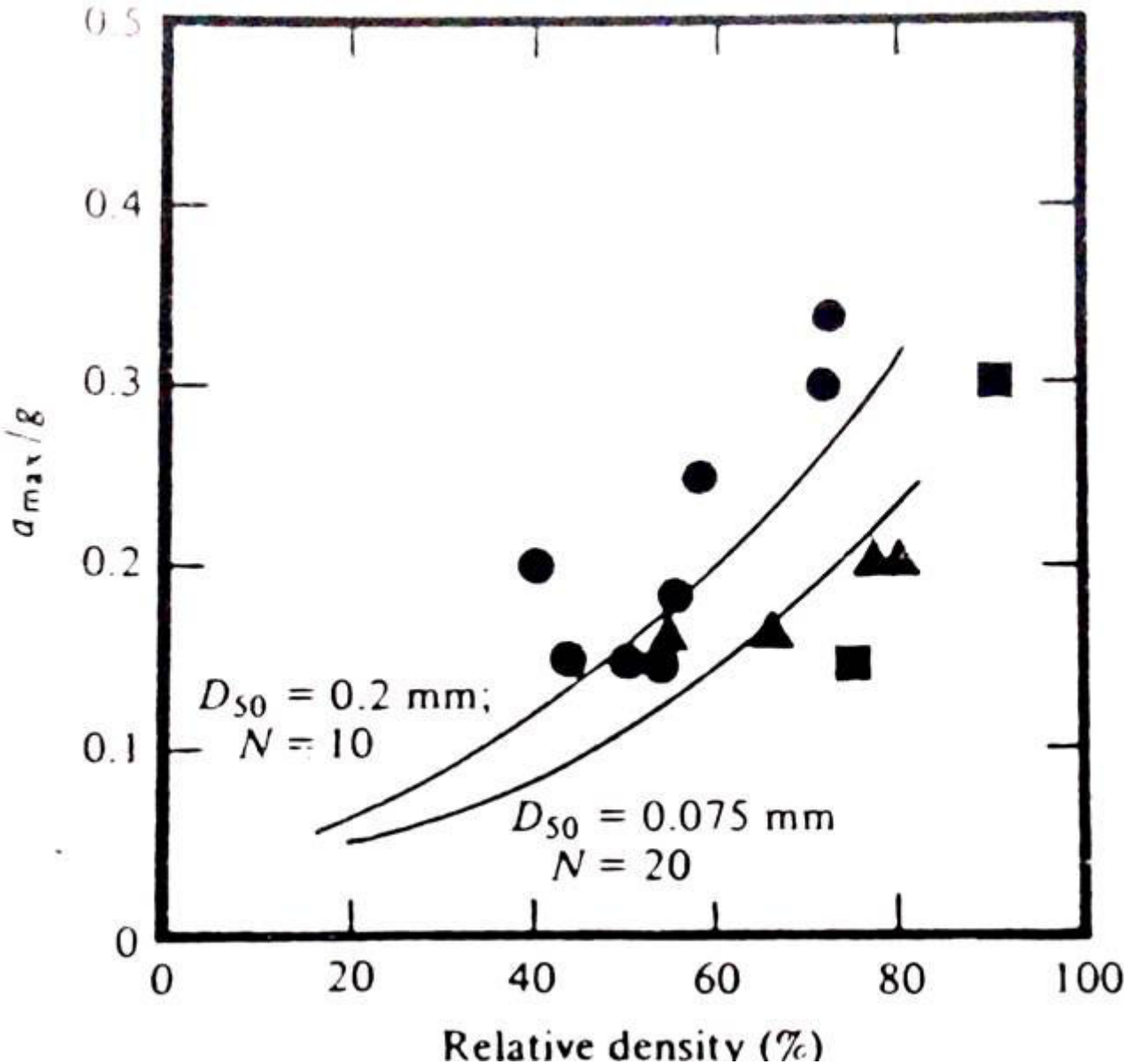
Padang City Liquefied Soil



Omer's Note



Seed and Idriss,
1971



Evaluation of liquefaction potential for sand, water table 10 ft (3.05 m) below ground surface: ● liquefaction, a_{max} estimated; ■ no liquefaction, a_{max} estimated; ▲ no liquefaction, a_{max} recorded. [Seed, H. B., and Idriss, I. M. (1971). "Simplified Procedure for Evaluating Soil Liquefaction Potential," *Journal of the Soil Mechanics and Foundations Division, ASCE*, 97 (SM9), Fig. 12, p. 1261.]

Dr vs a_{max} for Liquefaction

TABLE 6-1

Approximate relationship between earthquake magnitude, relative density, and liquefaction potential for water table 1.5 m below ground surface*

Earthquake acceleration	High liquefaction probability	Potential for liquefaction depends on soil type and earthquake acceleration	Low liquefaction probability
0.10g	$D_r < 33\%$	$33 < D_r \leq 54$	$D_r > 54\%$
0.15g	< 48	$48 < D_r \leq 73$	> 73
0.20g	< 60	$60 < D_r \leq 85$	> 85
0.25g	< 70	$70 < D_r \leq 92$	> 92

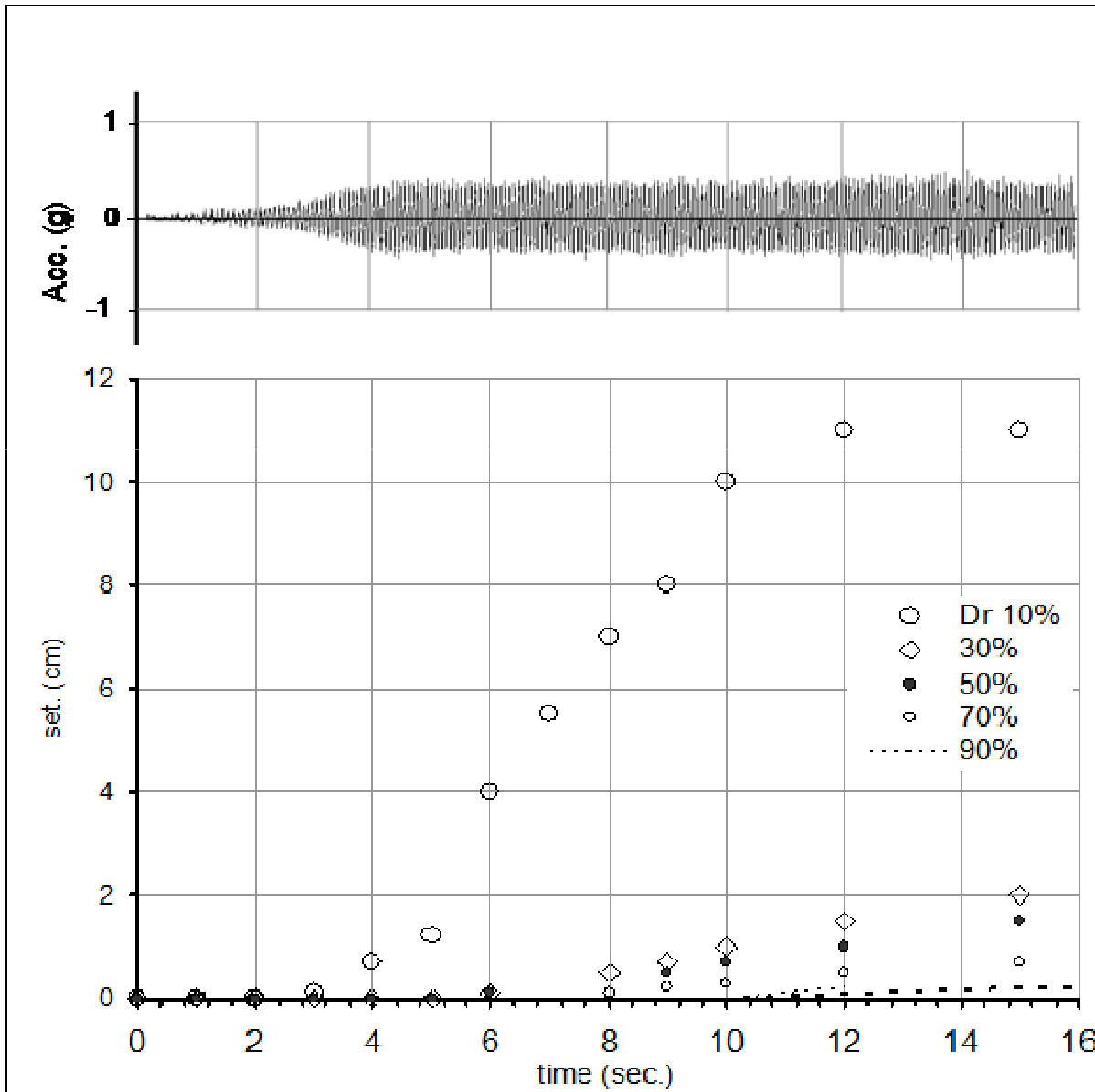
*From Seed and Idriss (1971).|

Laboratory Test

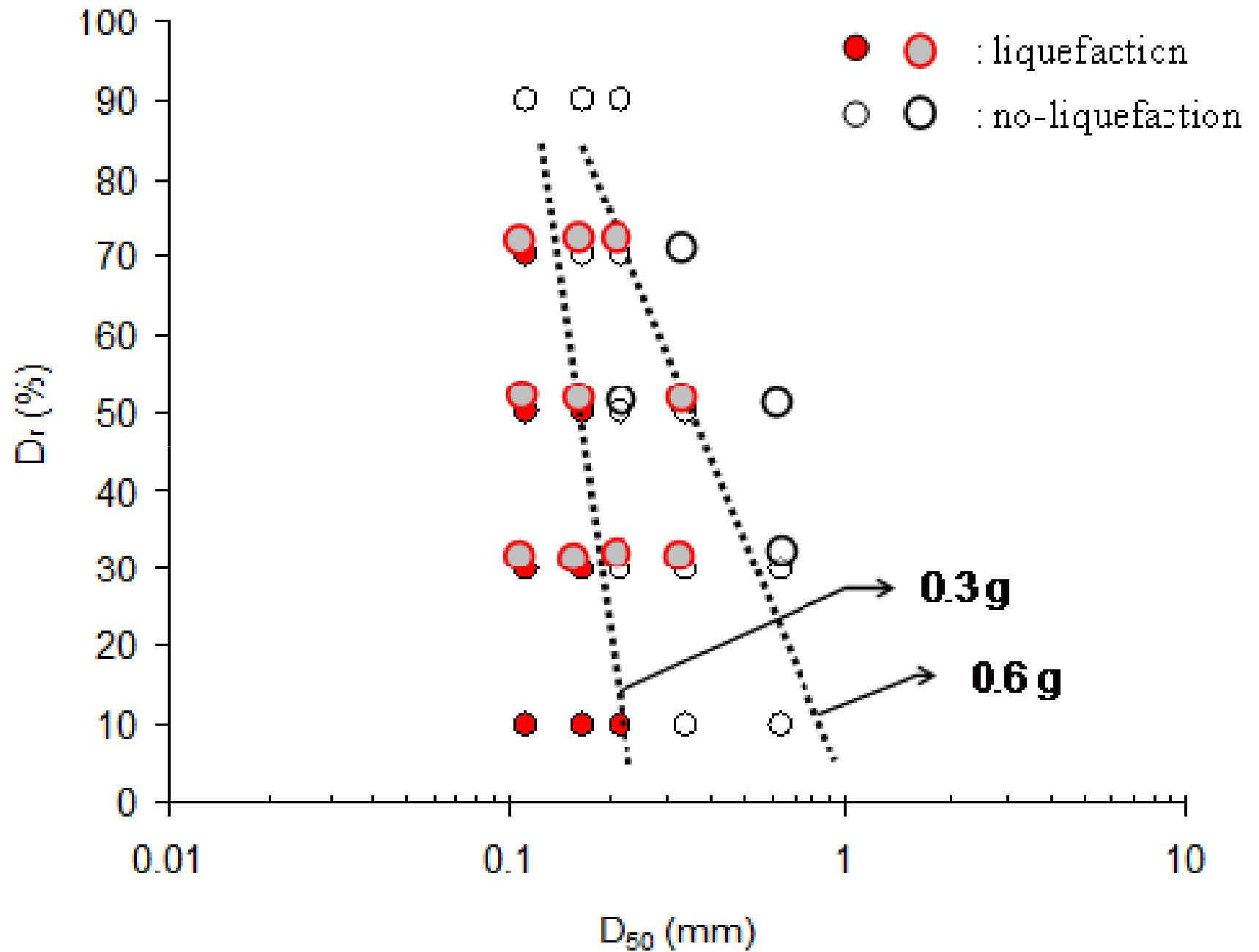


Liquefaction Test Results

$$D_r = \left(\frac{\gamma_d - (\gamma_d)_{min}}{(\gamma_d)_{max} - (\gamma_d)_{min}} \right) \left(\frac{(\gamma_d)_{max}}{\gamma_d} \right)$$



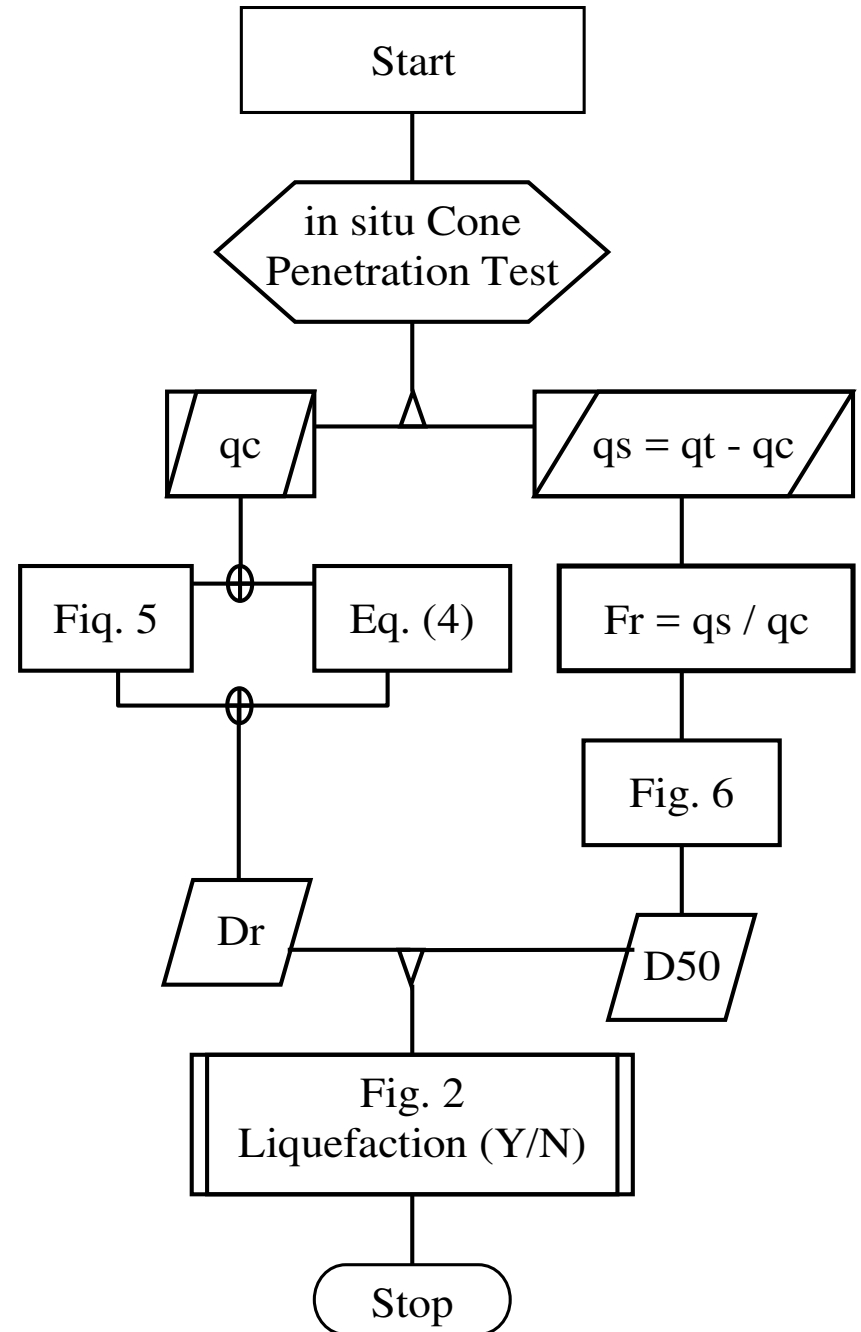
Liquefaction Dr and Size



Important points

- Relative density. (D_r)
- Grain size, (D_{50})
- Maximum acceleration, (a_g)
- The CPT test is the most popular
- CPT is cheap and easy
- Many researches had been done related to CPT

Liquefaction analysis based on CPT: D_r and D_{50}



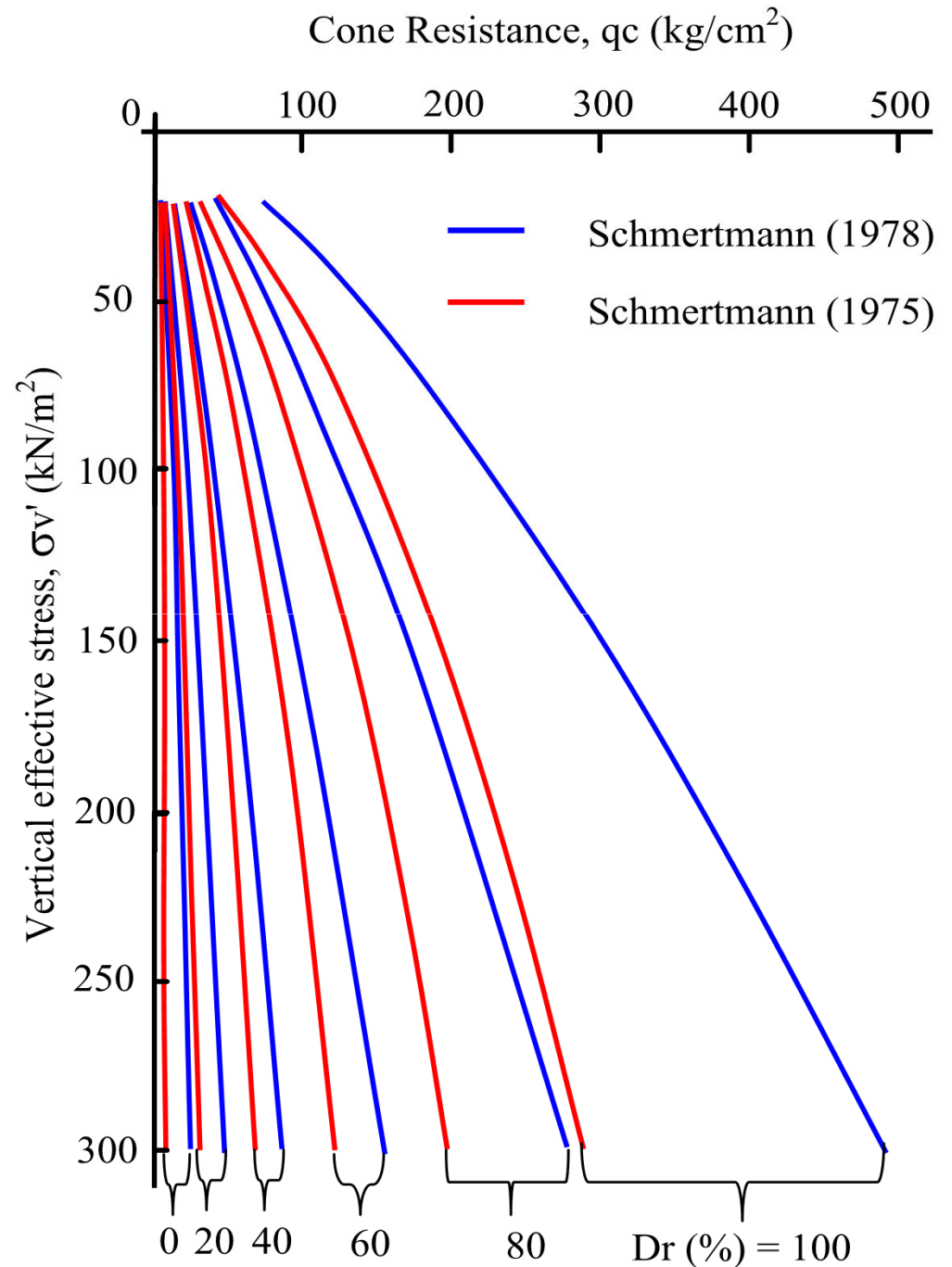
Dr from CPT

$$Dr = C2(-1) \ln Q/C0$$

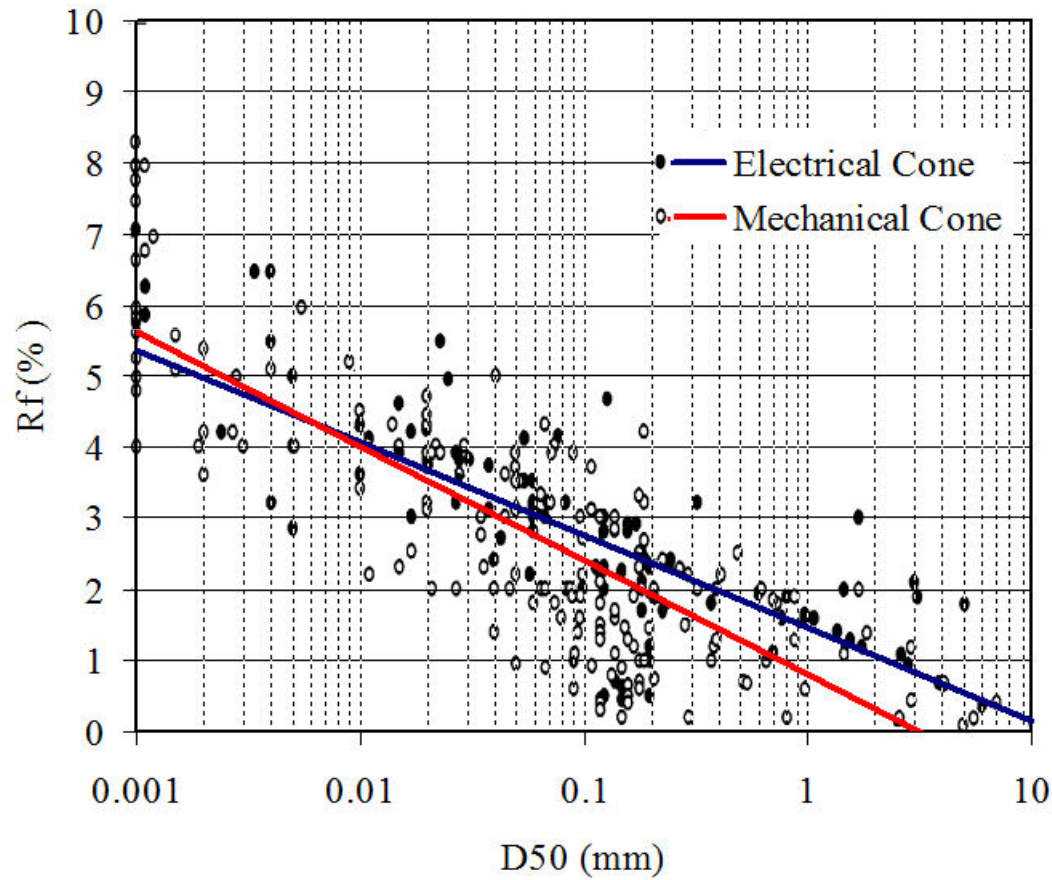
$$C0=15.7, C2=2.41 \text{ and } Q=(qc/pa)/(\sigma_v'/pa)-0.5.$$

Douglas, B. J. and Olsen, R. S. (1981), Soil classification using electric cone penetrometer Cone Penetration Testing and Experience, Proc. of the ASCE National Convention, St. Louis, 209-27, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

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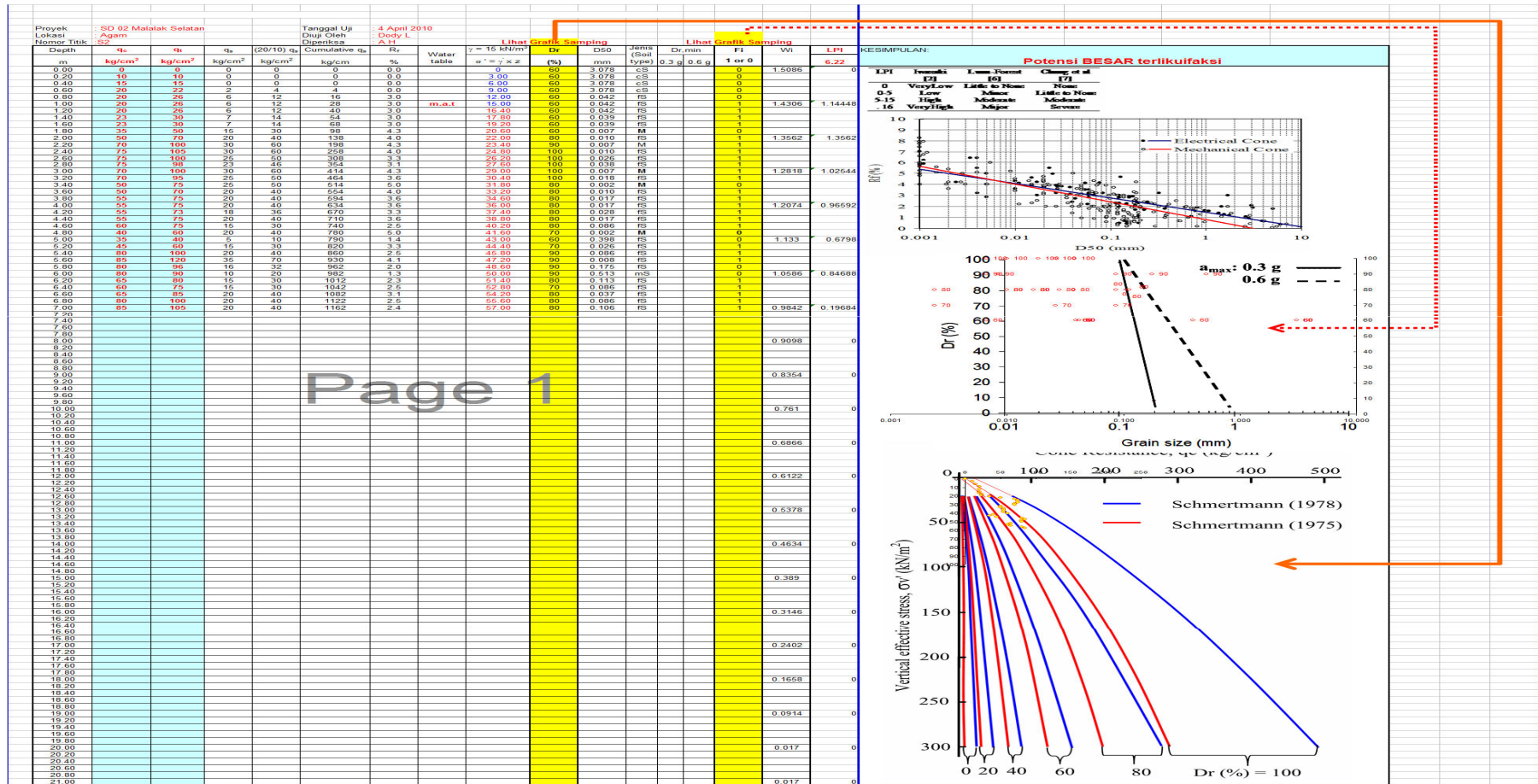


D₅₀ from CPT



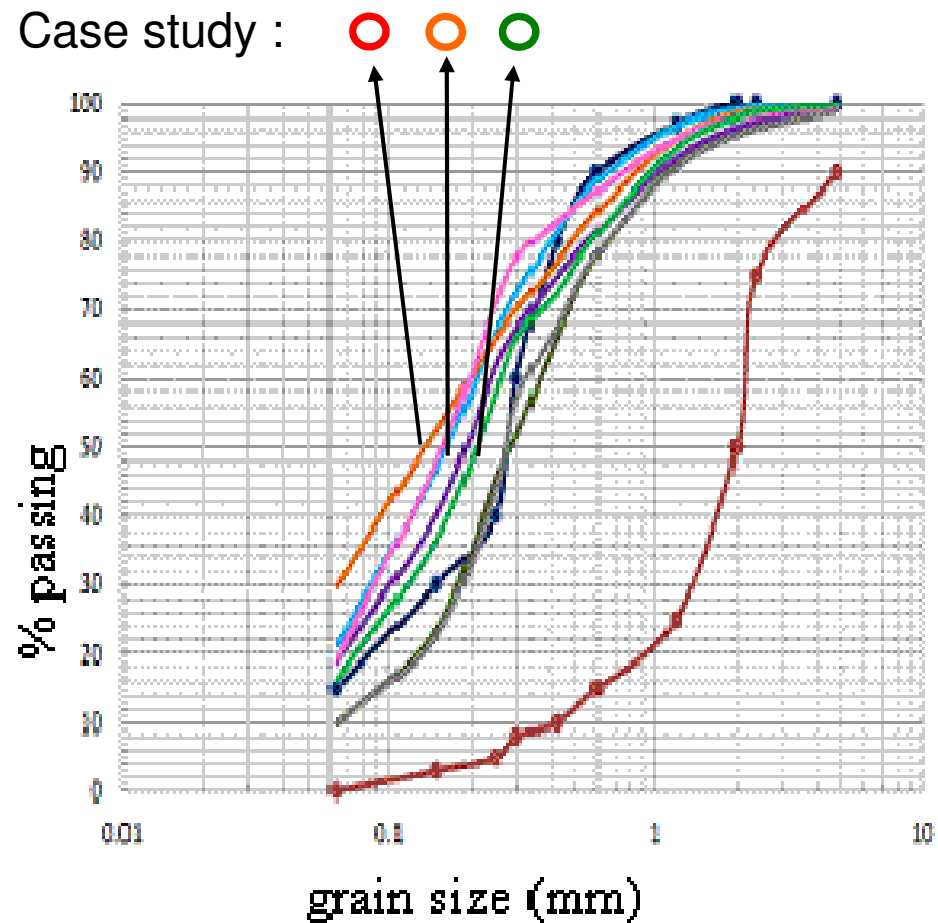
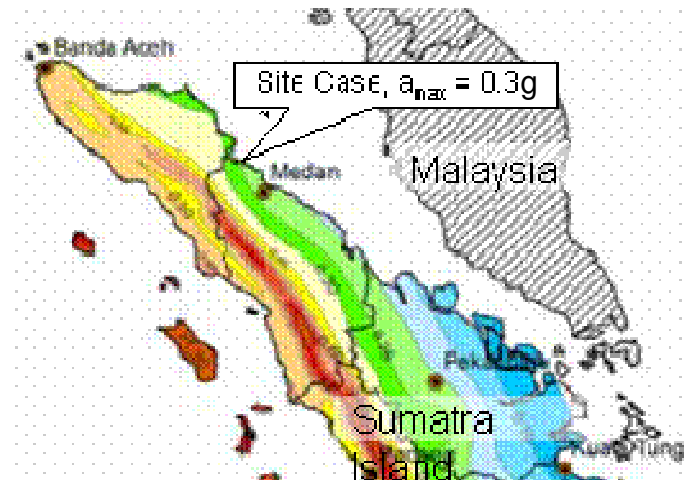
$D_{50} = 3.043 e^{-1.7712 R_f}$
for mechanical cone

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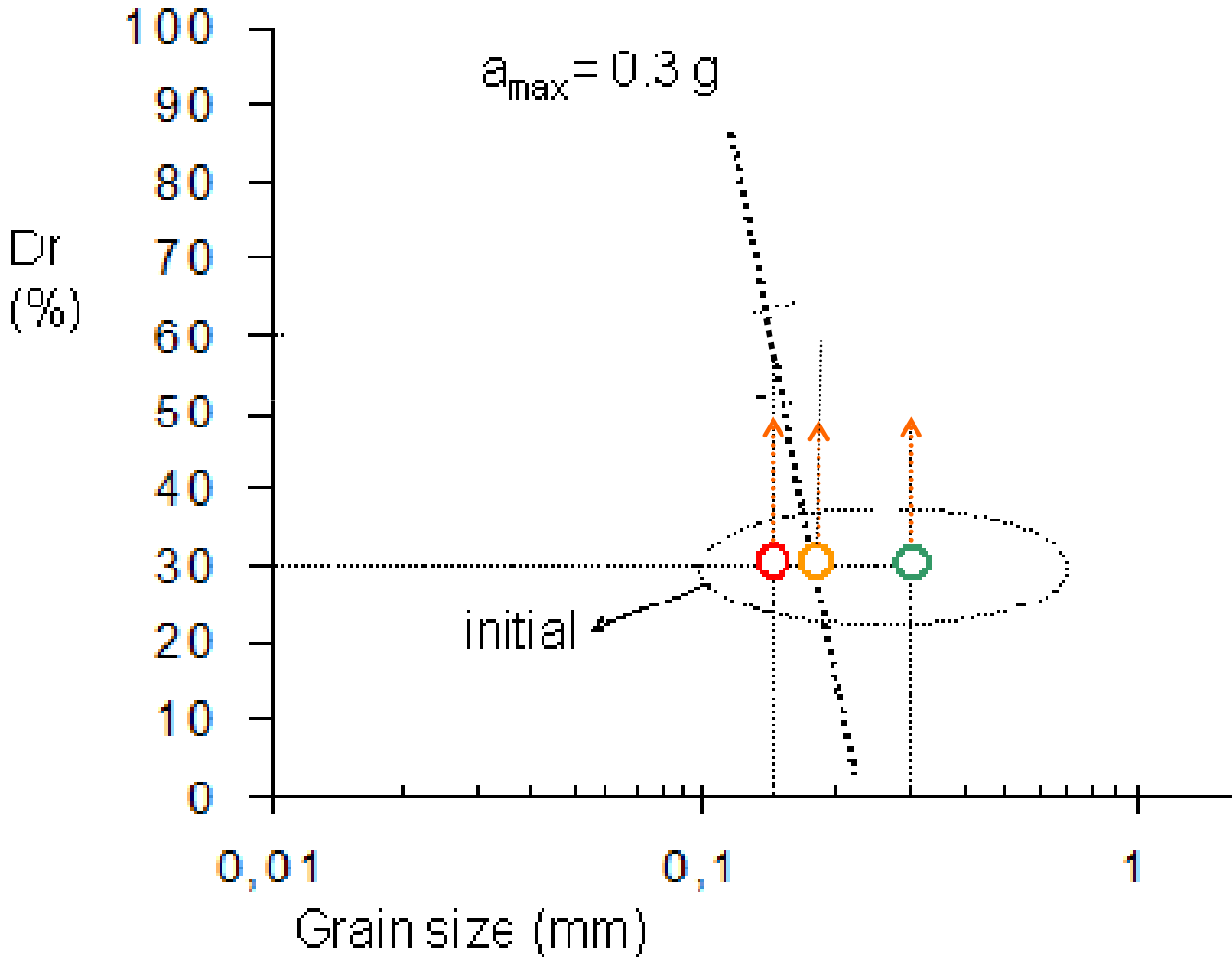


Application of the method

- Particle distribution of Reclamation sand



Assessment Results



Conclusions

- Liquefaction hazard must be assessed and plotted in a map. The assessment method is not difficult and expensive to be employed.
- The liquefaction potential assessment based on the relative density and the mean particle size must will practically cheap.
- The analysis of the case studies show that the analysis liquefaction performs good.
- The problem is to get correct good soil investigation data which were tested properly.

Thanks