



# Strength Envelopes for Florida Rock and Intermediate Geomaterials

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- 1. Acquire and Setup Triaxial Test Equipment for Testing Florida Limestone and Intermediate Geomaterials**
  
- 2. Field Acquisitions of Florida Limestone and IGM**
  - **Index Testing (unit weight, Gs, e, carbonate content, and Saturation)**
    - **Establish correlations between Index Tests and rock strength,  $q_u$ ,  $q_t$ , etc.**
  
- 3. Triaxial Testing of Florida Limestone and IGM**
  - **Conventional Triaxial Compression ( $\sigma_v > \sigma_h$ ) and Extension ( $\sigma_h > \sigma_v$ )**
  - **Three Different cell pressures (300 psi, 800 psi and 1200 psi)**
  - **Stress controlled, Loading to Vertical Def. = 5% of Height**

## **4. Development of Stress-Strain and Strength Envelope of Florida Limestone and IGM**

- **Stress-Strain based on Young's Modulus, Poisson Ratio, Loading Direction (Compression, Extension), strength and strain softening**
- **Strength Envelope function of Loading Direction, and confining stress, may be curved (e.g. Hoek & Brown) – related to  $q_u$ ,  $q_t$  and Index Test Results**

## **5. Numerical Modeling of Laboratory, and Field, along with Recommendation for Bearing Capacity**

- **Model Triaxial Results and Validate Stress-Strain Model**
- **Model Footing on deep Florida Limestone or IGM layer**
- **Model Footing on Layer of Limestone underlain by Sand**
- **Develop/Recommend Bearing Capacity Equations for single and two layered conditions**

# Task 1: Acquire and Setup Triaxial Test Equipment



1500 psi  
Cell Pressure

40,000 Lbs.  
Load Capacity

Monitor Sample  
Stress, Strain & Pore Pressure

## TruePath Automated Stress Path System(SMO):

- 40K Load Frame
- 40K Load Cell and Deformation Sensors
- 2 Pressure Sensors for PWP

## Triaxial Cell:

- Platens for 2" and 4" samples
- Chamber for 1500 psi confinement
- Pumps for Cell and Backpressure

## Software

- Automated Stress Path Testing
- Monitoring Stress, Deformation and PWP





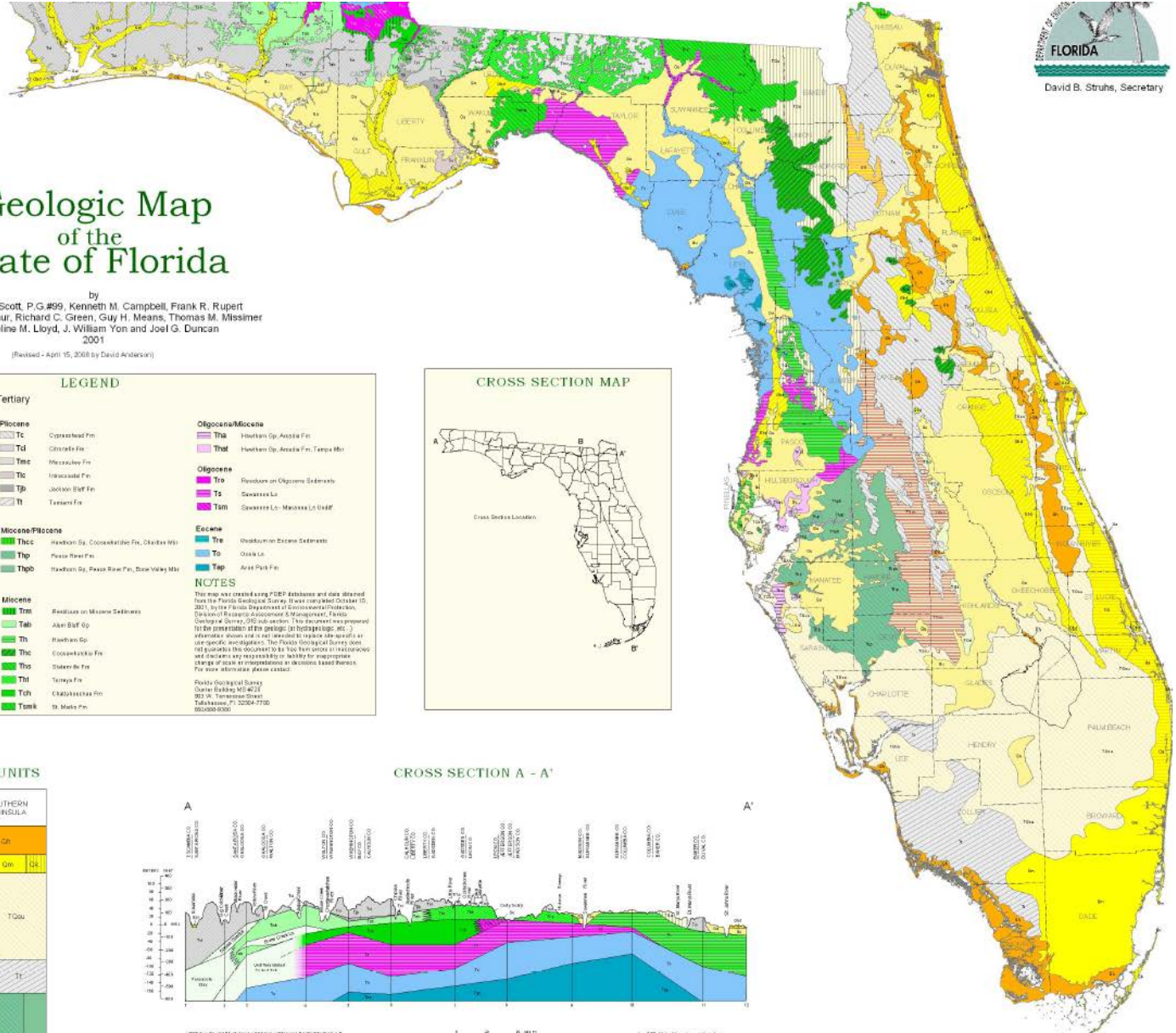
# Task 2: Field Acquisitions of Florida Limestone and IGM



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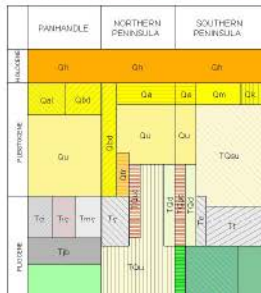
## Geologic Map of the State of Florida

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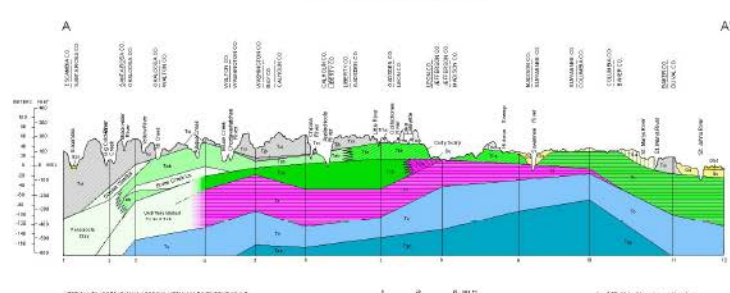
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### LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS



### CROSS SECTION A - A'



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**SUMMARY OF ROCK CORES LOCATION**  
**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**May 18, 2016**

Project Name	TWO No.	Rock Core No.	Northing	Easting	Approximate Ground Elevation, ft.
Site 4 - SR5 at Marvin Adams Waterway - Key Largo	52	RC-1	292713.266	853722.722	+14.0
		RC-2	292680.456	853699.709	
		RC-3	292647.645	853676.696	
		RC-4	292622.132	853660.268	
Site 5 - SR836 at NW 12th Street	50	RC-1	527198.576	855923.576	+8.0
		RC-2	527198.394	855883.783	
		RC-3	527198.288	855860.749	
		RC-4	527198.030	855804.808	
Site 6 - SR997/Krome Avenue at C-102 Canal	51	RC-1	454522.907	828130.757	+9.0
		RC-2	454482.928	828130.914	
		RC-3	454442.950	828131.071	
		RC-4	454402.971	828131.229	



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Rock Core No. RC-3      Runs No. 1 and No. 2

SITE 4 – TWO No. 52  
SR5 AT MARVIN ADAMS WATERWAY  
 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
 TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICT 6  
 FPID No. 250730-2-32-02  
 MONROE - DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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## PHOTOS OF ROCK CORE SAMPLE

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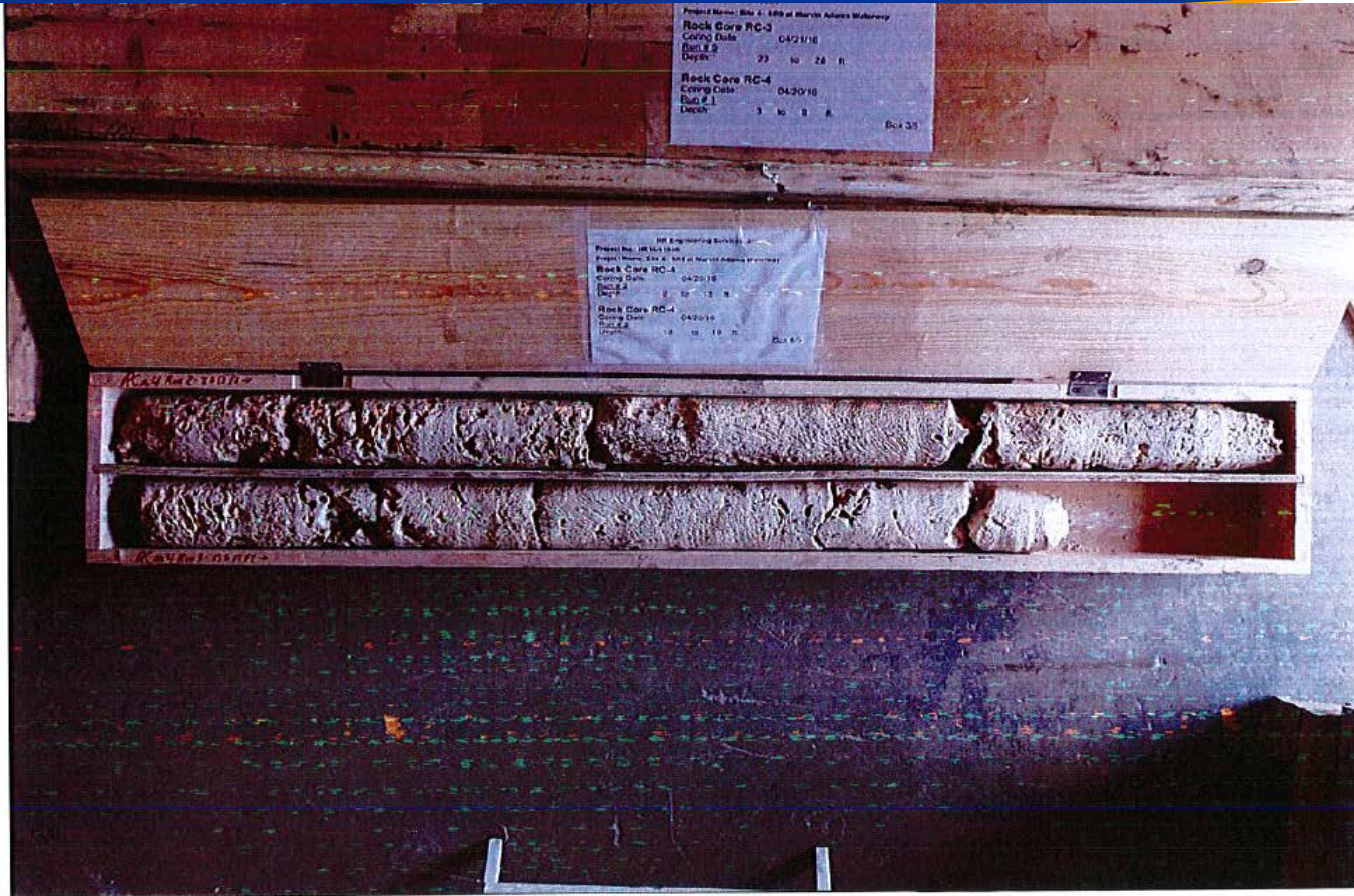
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Rock Core No. RC-4      Runs No. 2 and No. 3

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Rock Core No. RC-2      Runs No. 4 and No. 5

SITE 6 – TWO No. 51  
 SR997/KROME AVE. AT C-102 CANAL  
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**PHOTOS OF ROCK CORE  
 SAMPLE**

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# Task 2: Field Acquisitions of Florida Limestone and IGM

Krome Ave Recoveries Boring 3 (40%, 36%, 26%, 100%, 100%)

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Site 6 - Krome Ave. at C-102 Canal		DATE: 04/06/16	
CORING No: 3		TOTAL	
RUN	DEPTH	ROCK SAMPLE (")	RECOVERY (%)
	ft		LENGTH, INCHES
			ROCK >= 4"
	0		
	3		
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R-1			R = (24")
			% =
			L =
			R.Q.D. =
R-2			R = (22")
			% =
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			R.Q.D. =
R-3			R = (16")
			% =
			L =
			R.Q.D. =

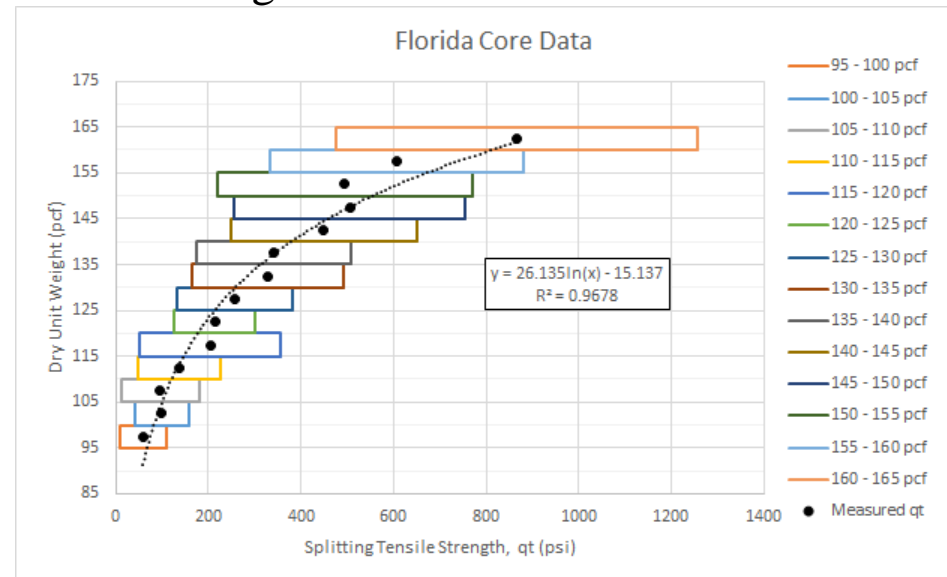
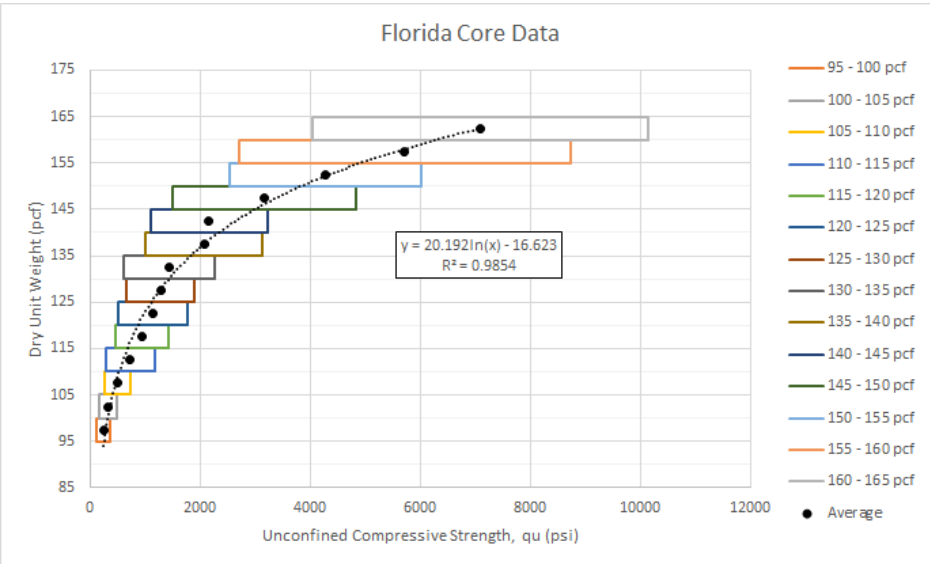
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	ft		LENGTH, INCHES
			ROCK >= 4"
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	27		
	28		
R-4			R = (60")
			% =
			L =
			R.Q.D. =
R-5			R = (60")
			% =
			L =
			R.Q.D. =



Miami Formation



## Index Tests For Correlation with Strength Results



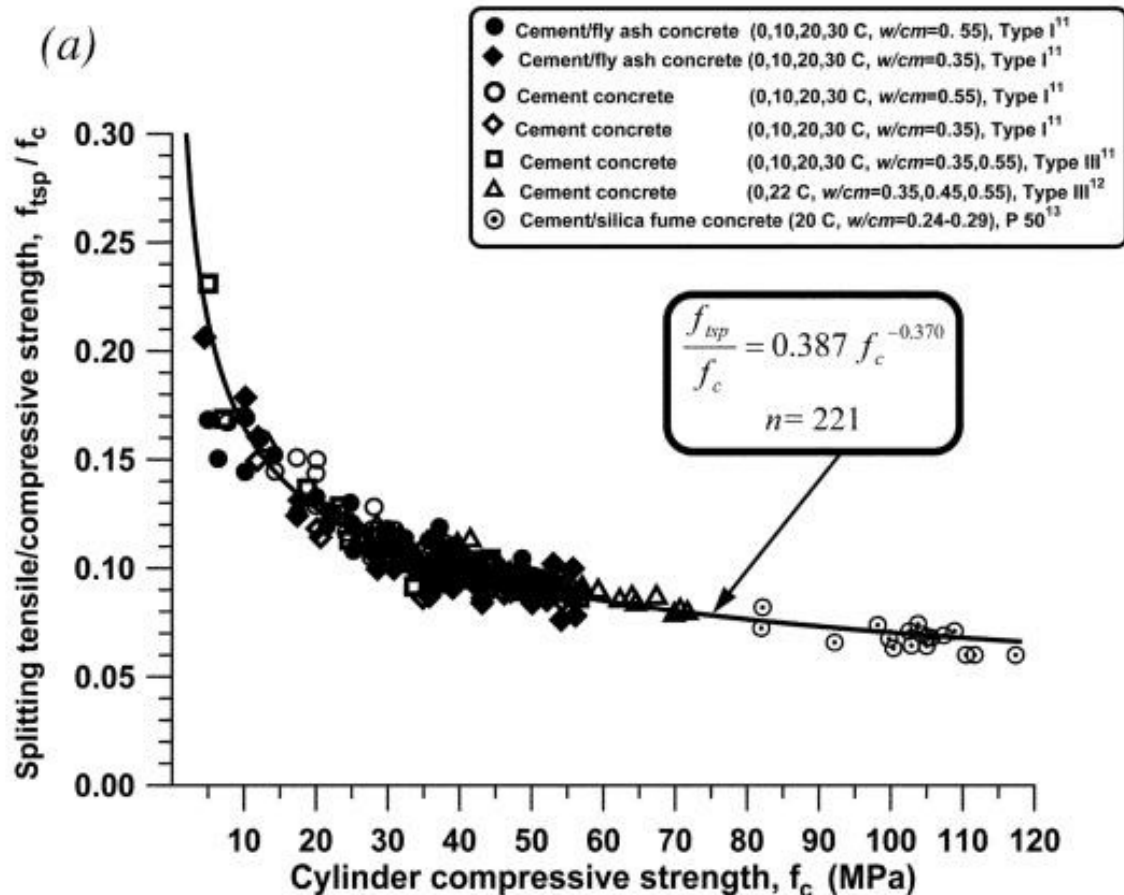
Reduce Spread (CV) by use of multiple Indexes:

- Unit Weight
- Carbonate Content
- Void Ratio
- Specific Gravity (Bulk vs. Crushed)
- Moisture Content

# Task 4: Development of Stress-Strain and Strength Envelope

## Correlation Between Strength Parameters:

Anoglu (2006) – Relationship Between unconfined compression,  $f_c - q_u$ , and Split Tension,  $f_{tsp} - q_t$



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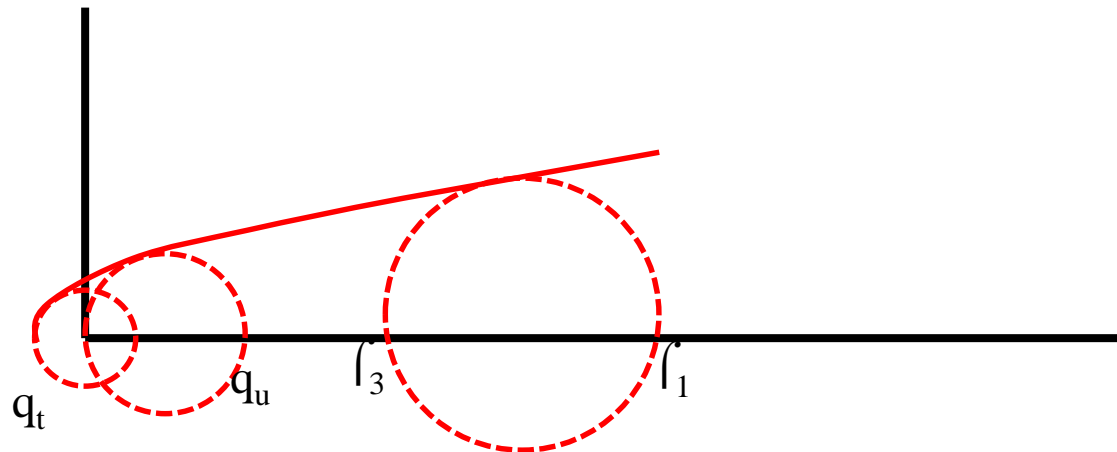
Bearing Capacity (NCHRP 651):

$$q_{ult} = (\sqrt{s} + (m\sqrt{s} + s)^{0.5})q_u \quad \text{Carter \& Kulhawy 1988}$$

Employs Hoek-Brown Strength Envelope:

$$\sigma'_1 = \sigma'_3 + q_u \left( m_b \frac{\sigma'_3}{q_u} + s \right)^a$$

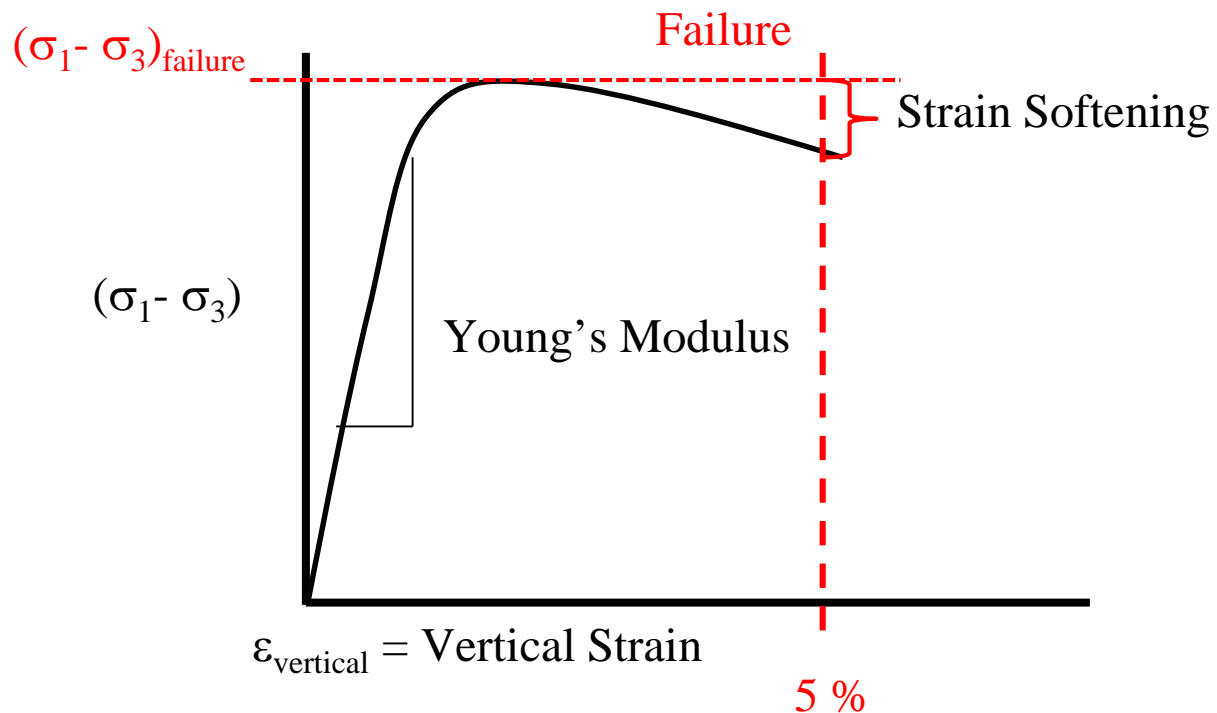
Where  $m$ ,  $s$ , and  $a$  are strength parameters





# Task 4: Development of Stress-Strain and Strength Envelope

Stress – Strain Behavior of Florida Limestone and IGM

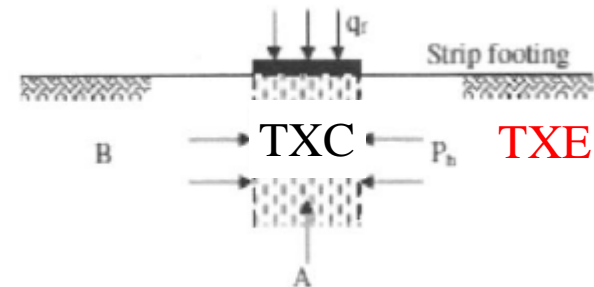
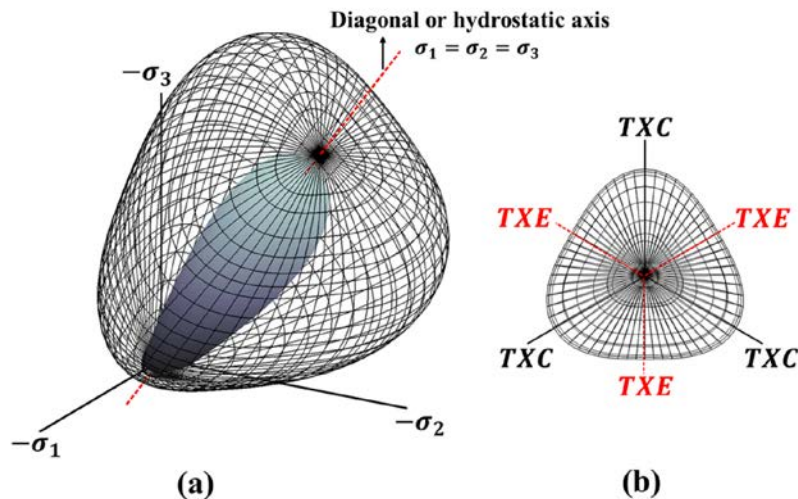


## Research FEM Code

- Written in C++.
- Implemented with MPI for parallel computing for large scale problems.
- Run on Linux computer clusters.
- Material Library: Including typical stress-strain models for soils and rock.
- A user needs to modify the existing material model for Florida limestone.
- Post processing with third party code (open source).

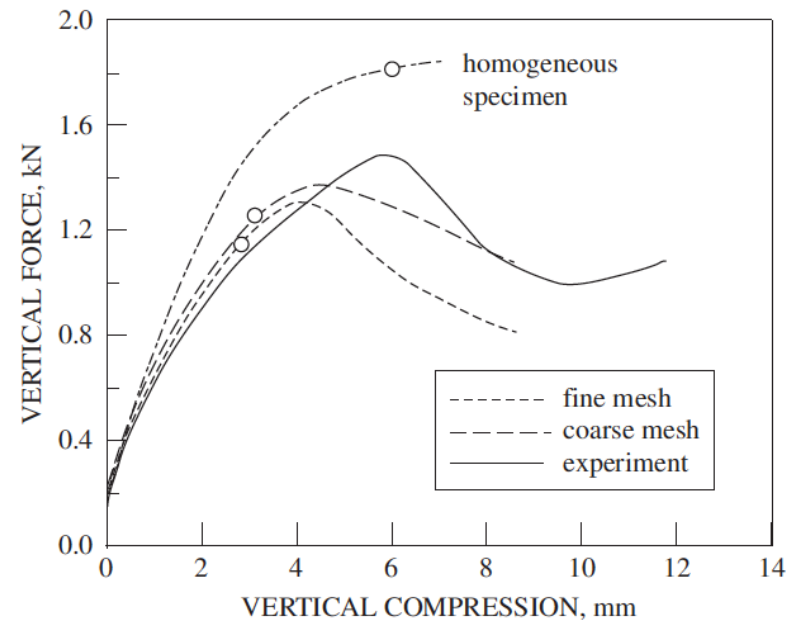
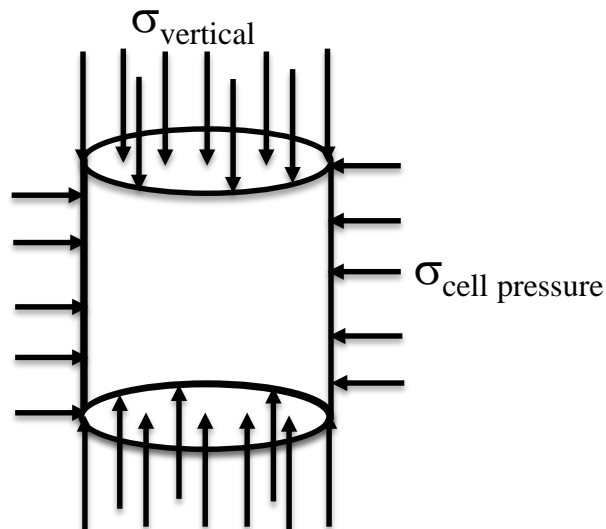
# Stress-Strain Relationship:

- Constitutive Model: Density dependent critical state model which can capture the strength difference of geomaterials between a compression corner and a extension corner of the yield surface on the deviator (or  $P_i$ ) plane.



# Simulations of Homogenous Lab Specimens

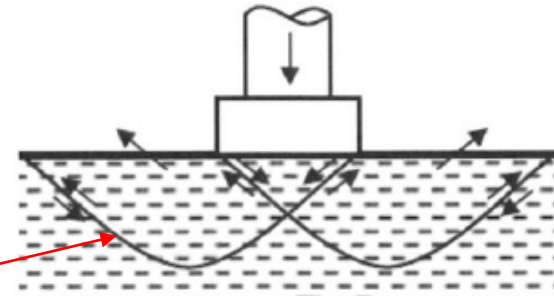
- Calibrate and validate the stress-strain model via the laboratory testing results of Florida limestones conducted at SMO.



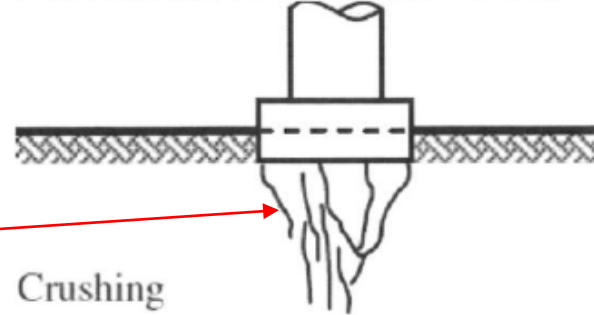


1) Heterogeneous Limestone or IGM:

General Shear Failure

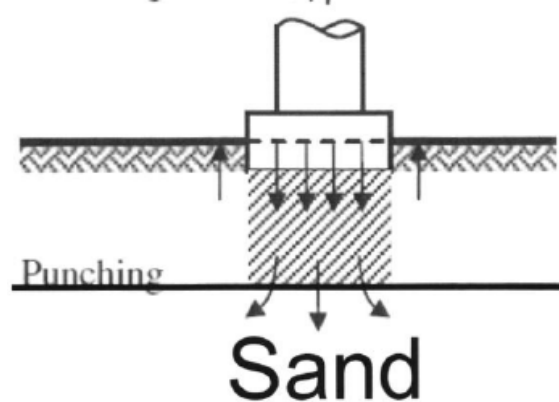


Localized Shear Failure



Crushing

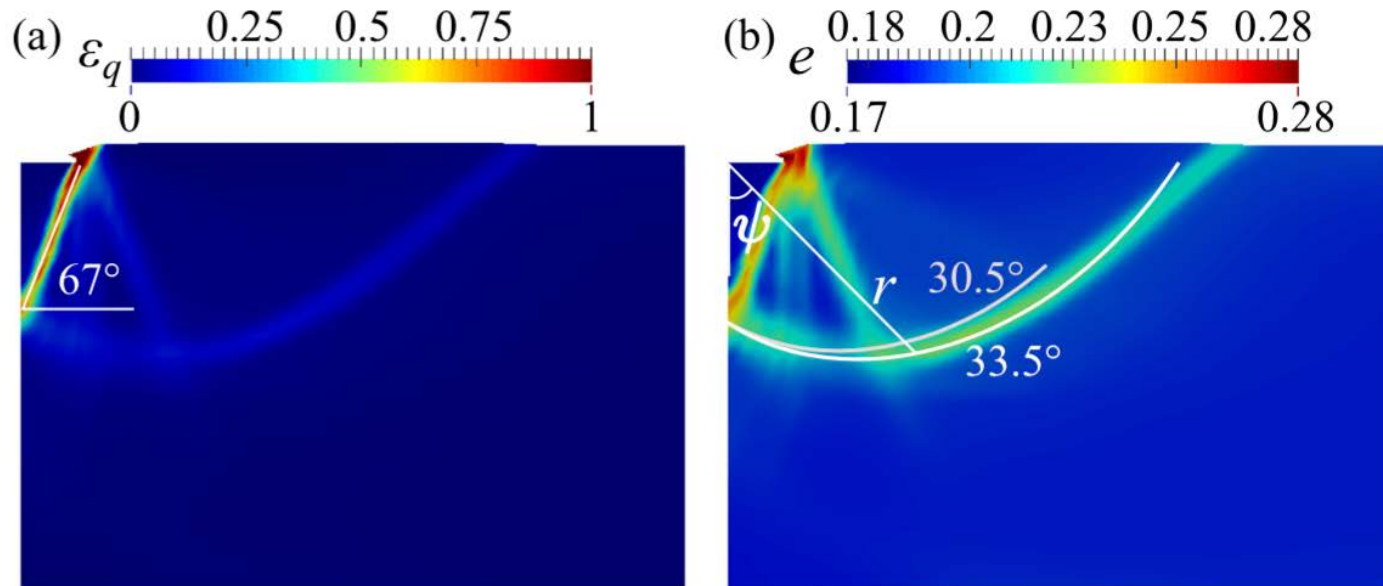
2) Heterogeneous Limestone or IGM overlying Sand:



Punching

Sand

# Boundary Value Problems: An Example



Contours of (a) accumulated shear strain, (b) void ratio for the footing problem (half domain)



**Thank You**