

# **Geotechnics and Energy**

56<sup>th</sup> Rankine Lecture

Richard Jardine

Geotechniekdag 2017, Breda

7<sup>th</sup> November 2017



W J M Rankine: 1820-1872

Thermodynamics & geotechnical pioneer

## The energy conundrum

Global energy demand rising  
20% per decade

Imperative to cut greenhouse  
gas emissions

Geotechnical contributions  
towards resolving grand  
engineering challenge

## **Three main Parts, each with paired topics**

I – Maintaining supplies: Offshore oil & gas platform foundations & deepwater landslide risks

II - Climate change: Geotechnical impact & engineering adaptation

III – Renewable energy: Mono & multi-pile offshore windturbine structures for shallow & deeper water

## **Broader aspects**

Transferring offshore research to civil engineering

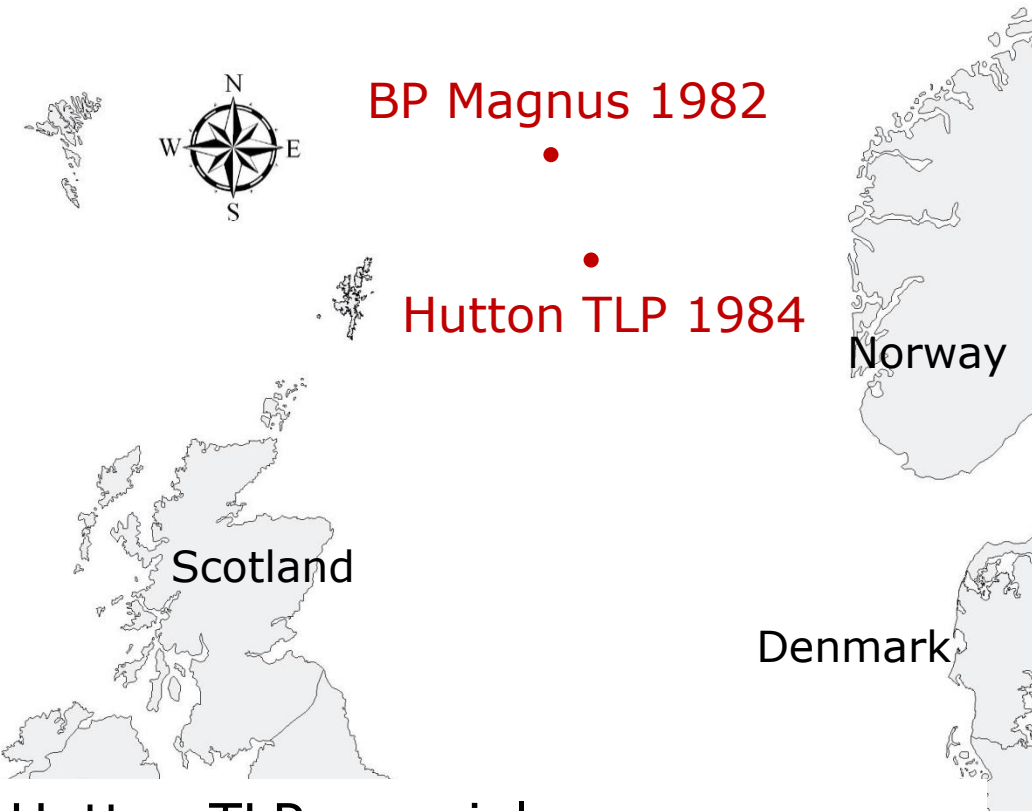
**And three general geotechnical themes**

Integrating geology, experiments, analysis & field observations

Collaborative research & engagement with Industry, as cited  
throughout

Practical tools: “As simple as possible, but no simpler”

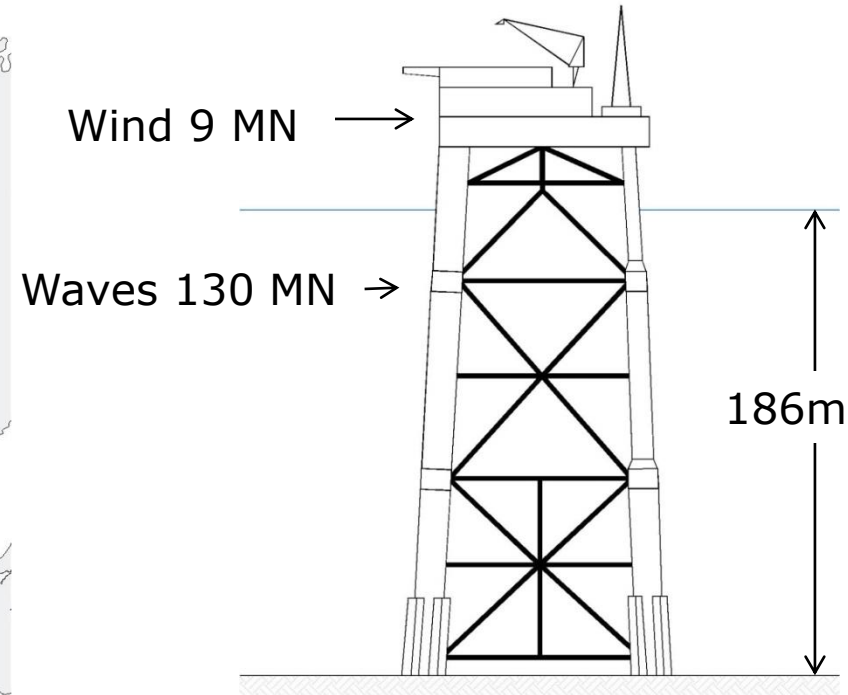
# Measurements & predictions for North Sea foundations



Hutton TLP: special sensors

Similar groups, but under tension

High resolution static & storm data



Magnus: pile strain gauges & accelerometers

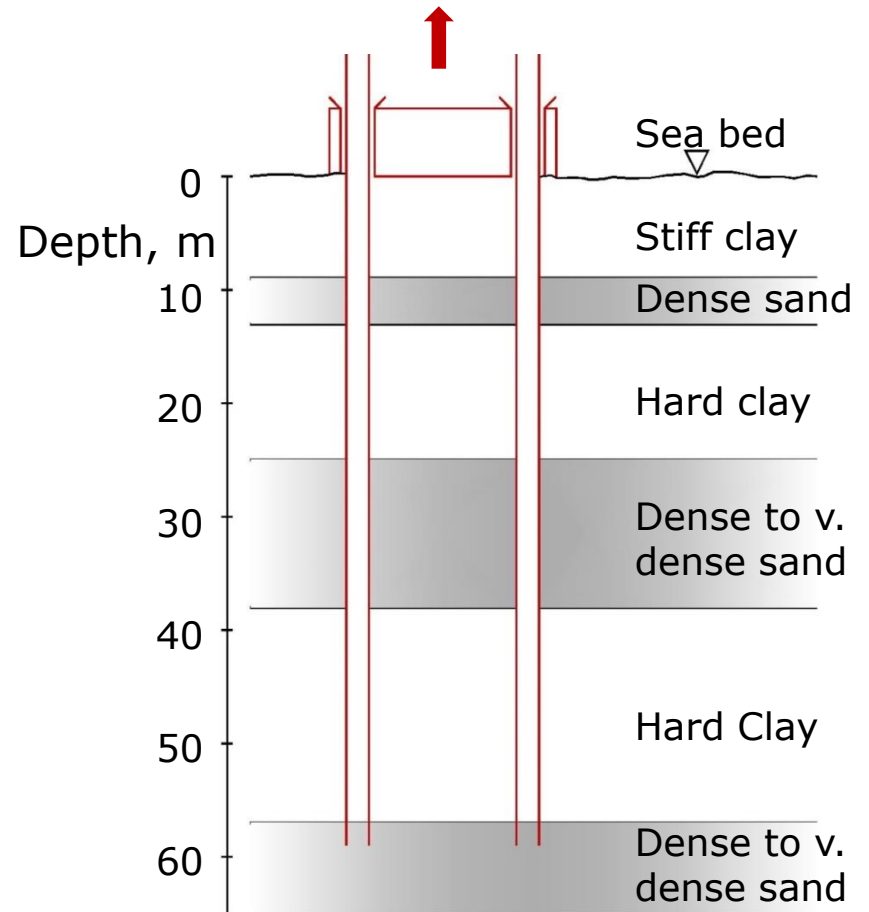
Groups of 9x2.1m steel tubes driven 82m, hard glacial tills

Dynamic storm loading data

# Revolutionary floating Hutton Tension Leg Platform

Load-cells,  $\pm 0.03\text{mm}$  IC gauges, static & storm monitoring

Jardine, McIntosh & Hight 1988



1.83m OD piles driven through deep glacial clays & sands

# Predictive methods

Conventional API

Pile FE, t-z & p-y soil 'spring' curves, elastic group factors

Small strain & FE

Stress-path tests, local instruments  
Non-linear stiffness

Shear  $G/p' = f(\epsilon_s)$

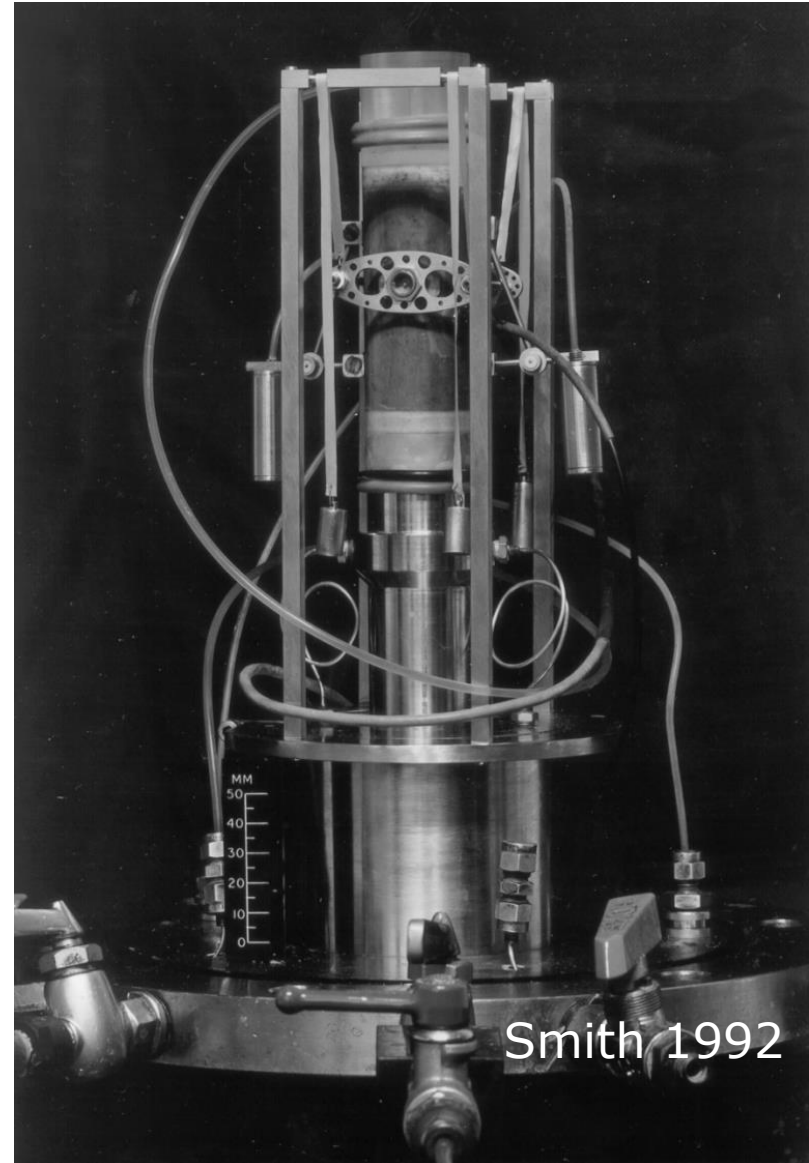
Bulk  $K'/p' = g(\epsilon_{vol})$

ICFEP; Mod Cam Clay & Mohr-Coulomb models

Installation & Coulomb interface

Non-linear group interaction

Jardine & Potts 1988, 1993



# Foundation stiffness: measurements & predictions

Conventional: 4 x too soft

“IC” predictions accurate

Also at Magnus, axial,  
rotational & lateral

Jardine & Potts 1993

Kenley & Sharp 1993

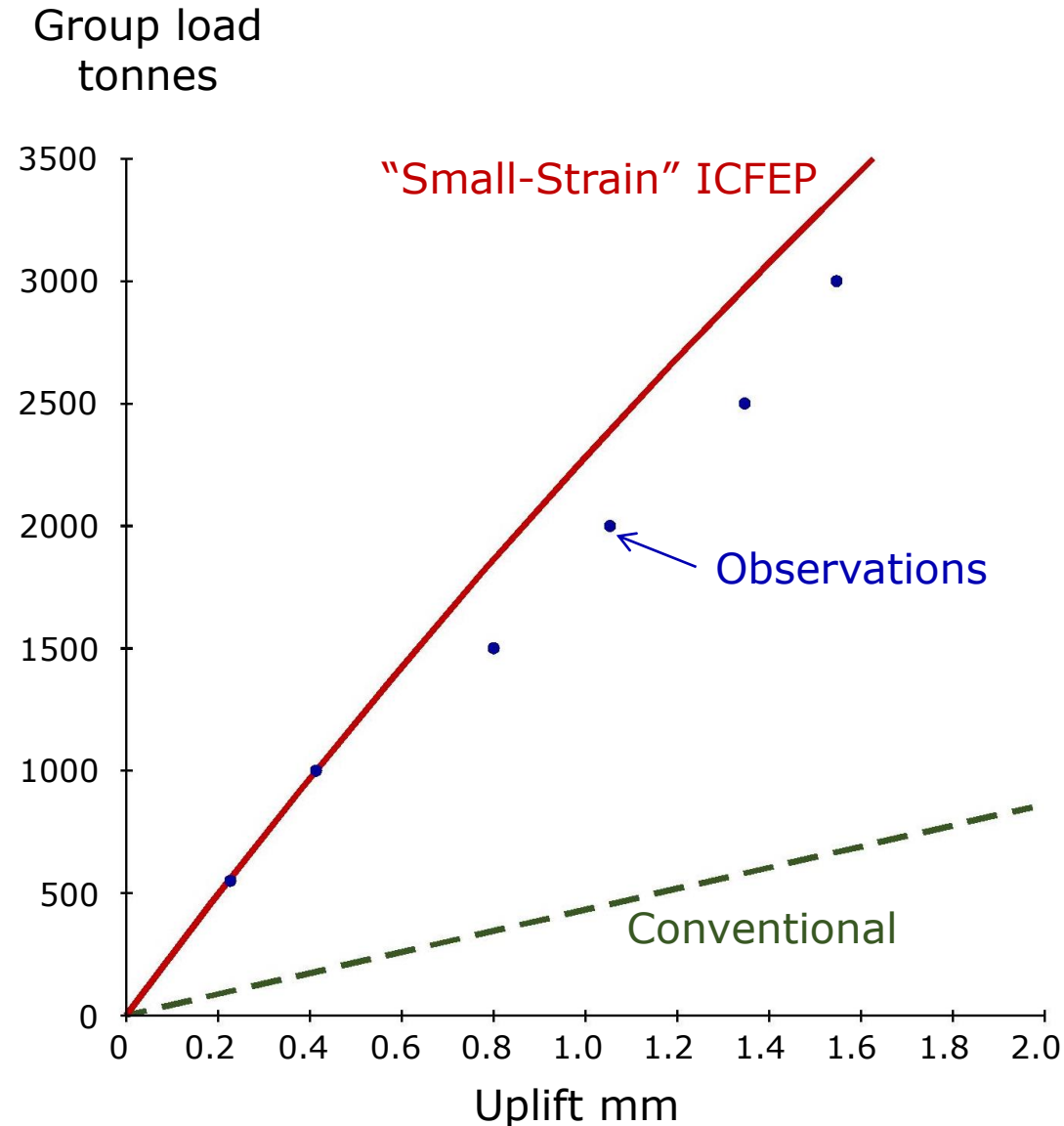
Ganendra 1994

‘IC’ approach used widely  
onshore

Less offshore use..

Poor axial capacity reliability  
CoVs up to 70%

Axial Hutton case





# Field tests with Imperial College Pile

Axial load, local  $\sigma_r$ ,  $\tau_{rz}$  & pore pressure,  
multiple  $h/R$  levels

Bond, Jardine & Dalton 1991

Installation, equalisation & loading

Six clay & sand sites in UK & France

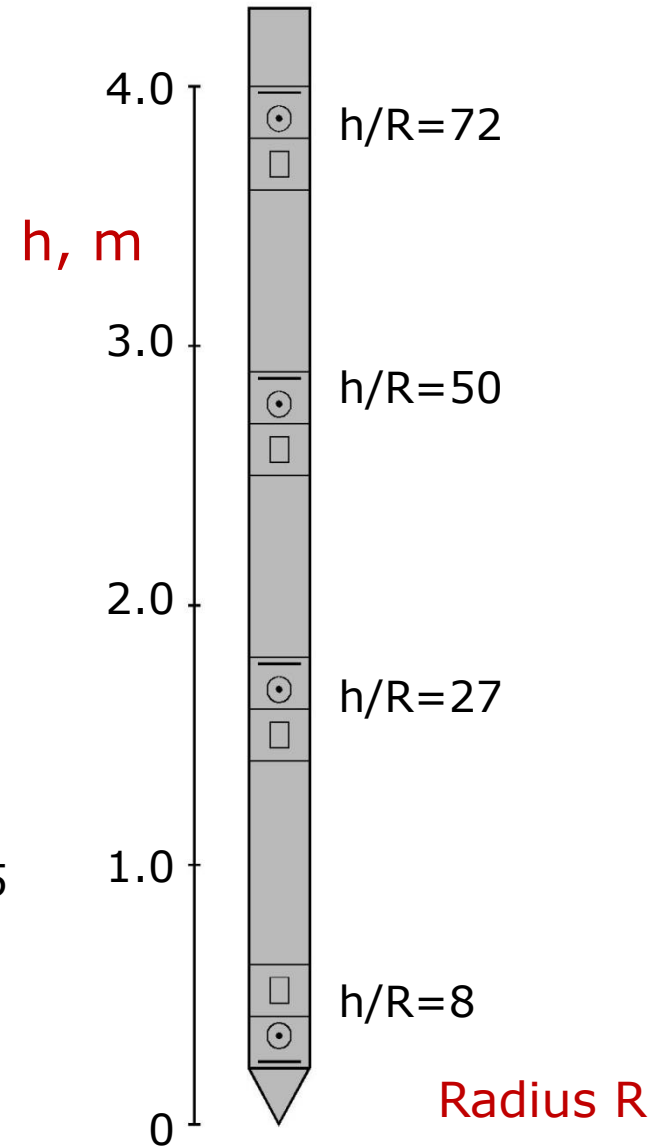
Bond 1989, Lehane 1992, Chow 1997

'ICP method' from field, lab tests &  
theory; Jardine & Chow 1997, Jardine et al 2005

**Checks:** 149 test ICP-05 database

Recent updates: With ZJU, Yang et al 2017

With NGI, UWA & Fugro, Lehane et al 2017



Greatly reduced CoVs, predictive bias eliminated

# ICP précis

Field SI: CPTu  $q_c$  profiling & sampling

Laboratory: interface shear  $\delta'$ ,  $\sigma'_{v0}$  & clay OCR, Sensitivity  $S_t$

$$\text{Base: } q_b = f(q_c)$$

Shaft: effective stress failure  $\tau_{rz} = \sigma'_{rf} \tan \delta'$

|             | Sand  | Clay  |
|-------------|---|---|
| Pre-loading | $\sigma'_{rc} = q_c f(\sigma'_{v0}, h/R^*)$ | $\sigma'_{rc} = \sigma'_{v0} f(\text{OCR}, S_t, h/R^*)$ |

$$R^* = [R_{\text{outer}}^2 - R_{\text{inner}}^2]^{0.5}$$

At failure

Compression  
Tension

$$\sigma'_{rf} = \sigma'_{rc} + \Delta\sigma'_{rd}$$

$\approx 25\%$  lower

$$\sigma'_{rf} = 0.8 \sigma'_{rc}$$

same

Dilation

$$\Delta\sigma'_{rd} = \delta r \ 2G/R$$

$\delta r$  = pile roughness

$$G = f(q_c, \sigma'_{v0})$$

# Applications & checks

All Shell platforms from 1996

Instrumented driving & storm response monitoring

Field performance assessed:  
13 case histories, Overy 2007



Courtesy P van Esch, Heerema



Goldeneye Courtesy R Overy, Shell

Better reliability & economy,  
reduced installation risks

Critical to marginal projects

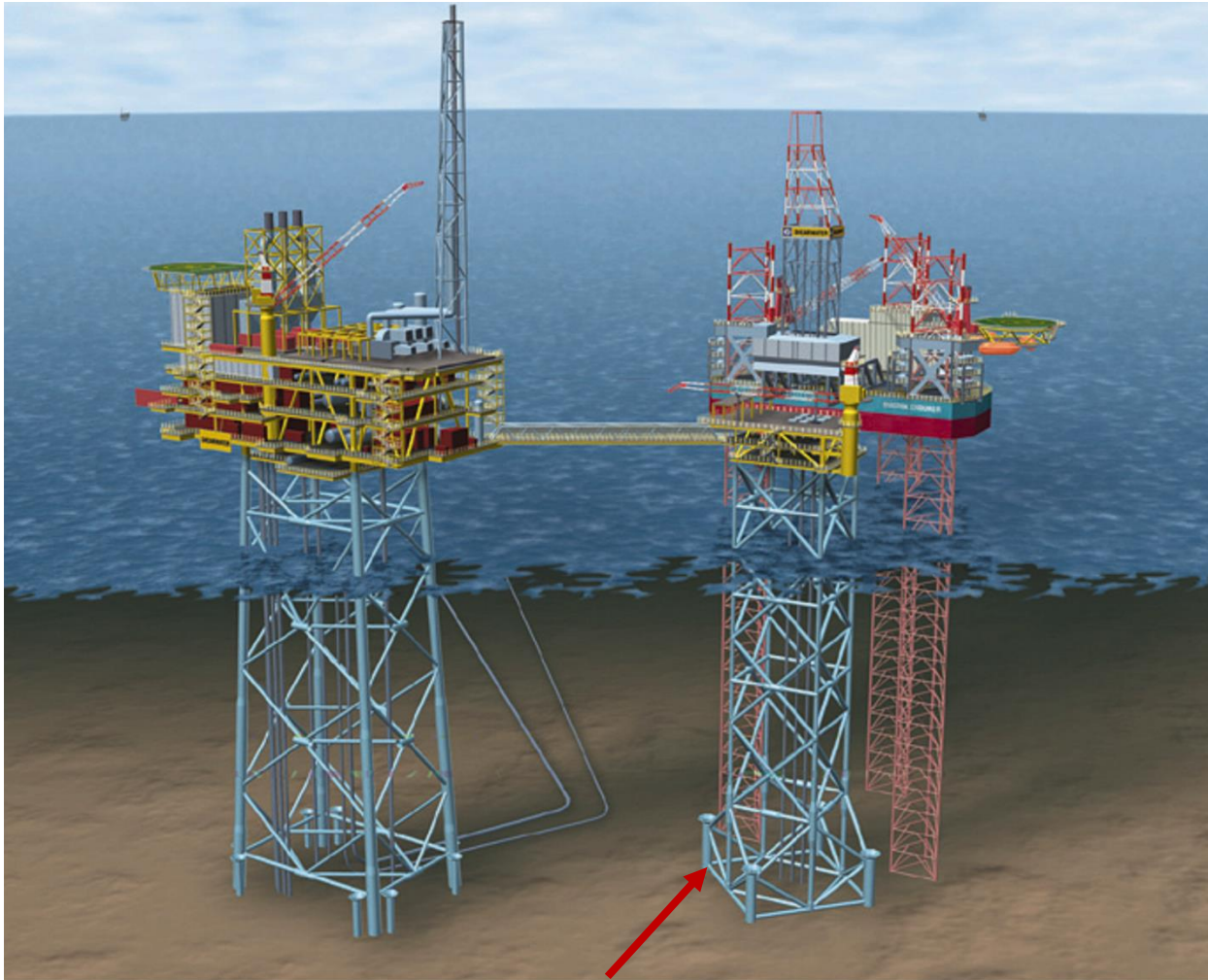
Overy & Sayer 2007

Sand method:

API RP2 GEO and ISO

# Storm performance?

Shearwater A; piles driven in 1997  
Response to  $\approx 20$  year storm, December 27<sup>th</sup> 1998

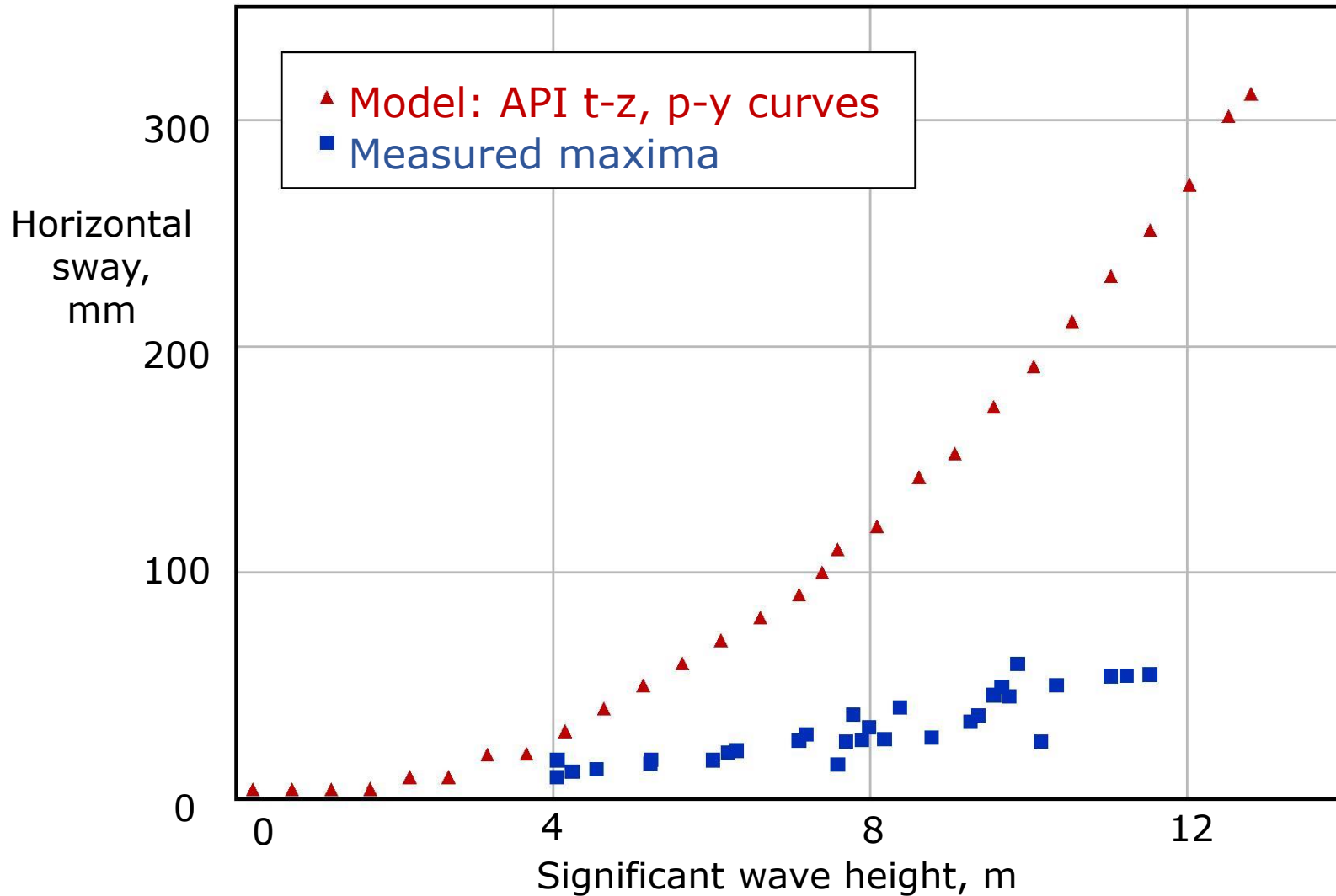


2.13m OD, 51m: hard clays & dense sand



Waves at Tern

# Single piles push & pull, deck sways; Hunt 1999



As at Magnus & Hutton, field far stiffer than API model  
1+ year after driving & cyclic loading

## **Research questions posed by field experience**

Ageing after full pore pressure equalisation?

**Stiffness & capacity?**

Cyclic loading?

**Impact & assessment for design?**

Full stress regime around driven piles?

**Poorly understood, beyond accurate analysis?**

## Field: ageing study in dense Dunkirk sand

Steel pipe piles  
457mm x 19m  
Parker, Jardine,  
Standing & Xavier 1999

Driving is key:  
Bored piles  
behave  
differently!  
Puech et al 2013



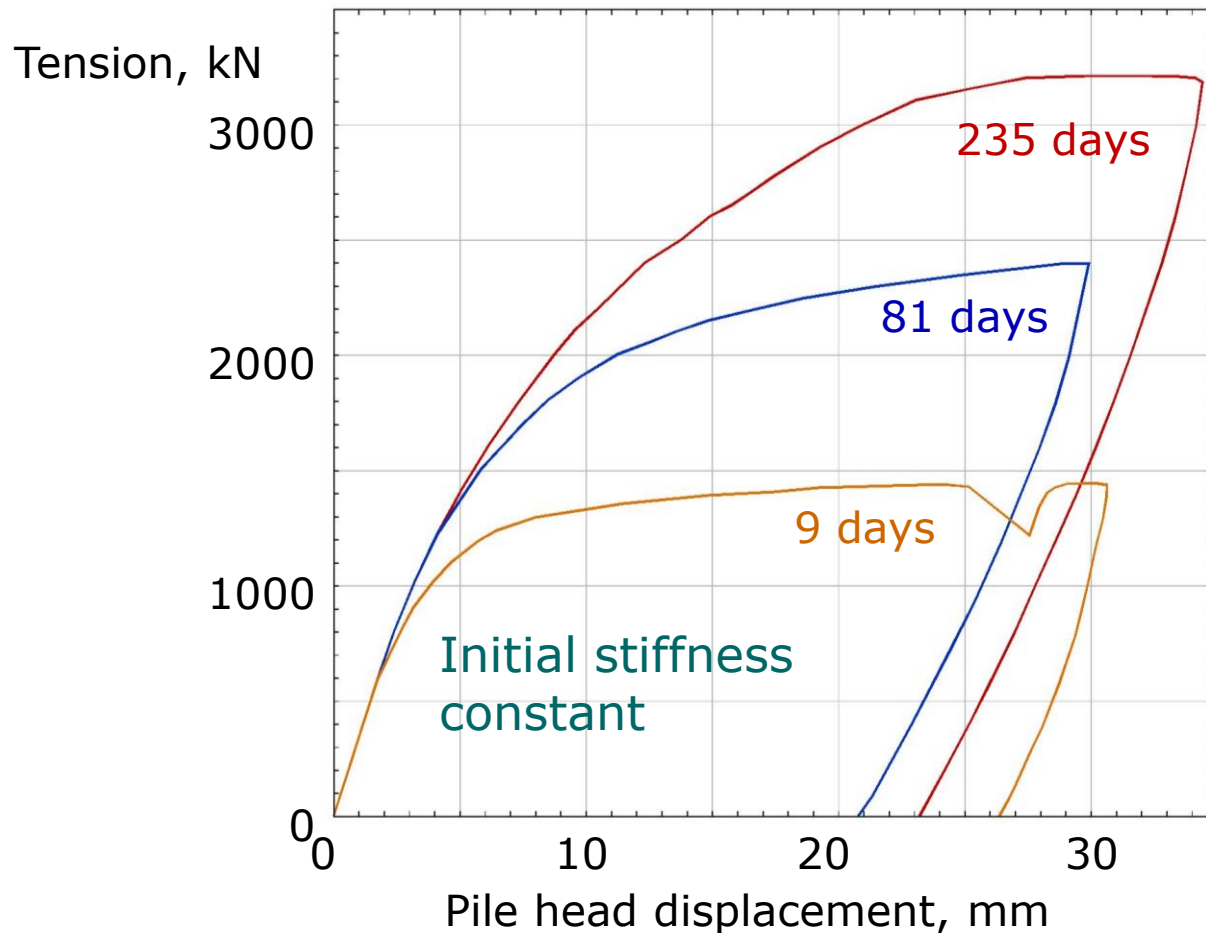
With HSE & PMC

Jardine & Standing 2000, 2012; Jardine, Standing & Chow 2006

# Shaft capacity from 1<sup>st</sup> time tests

Capacities grow markedly over months after driving

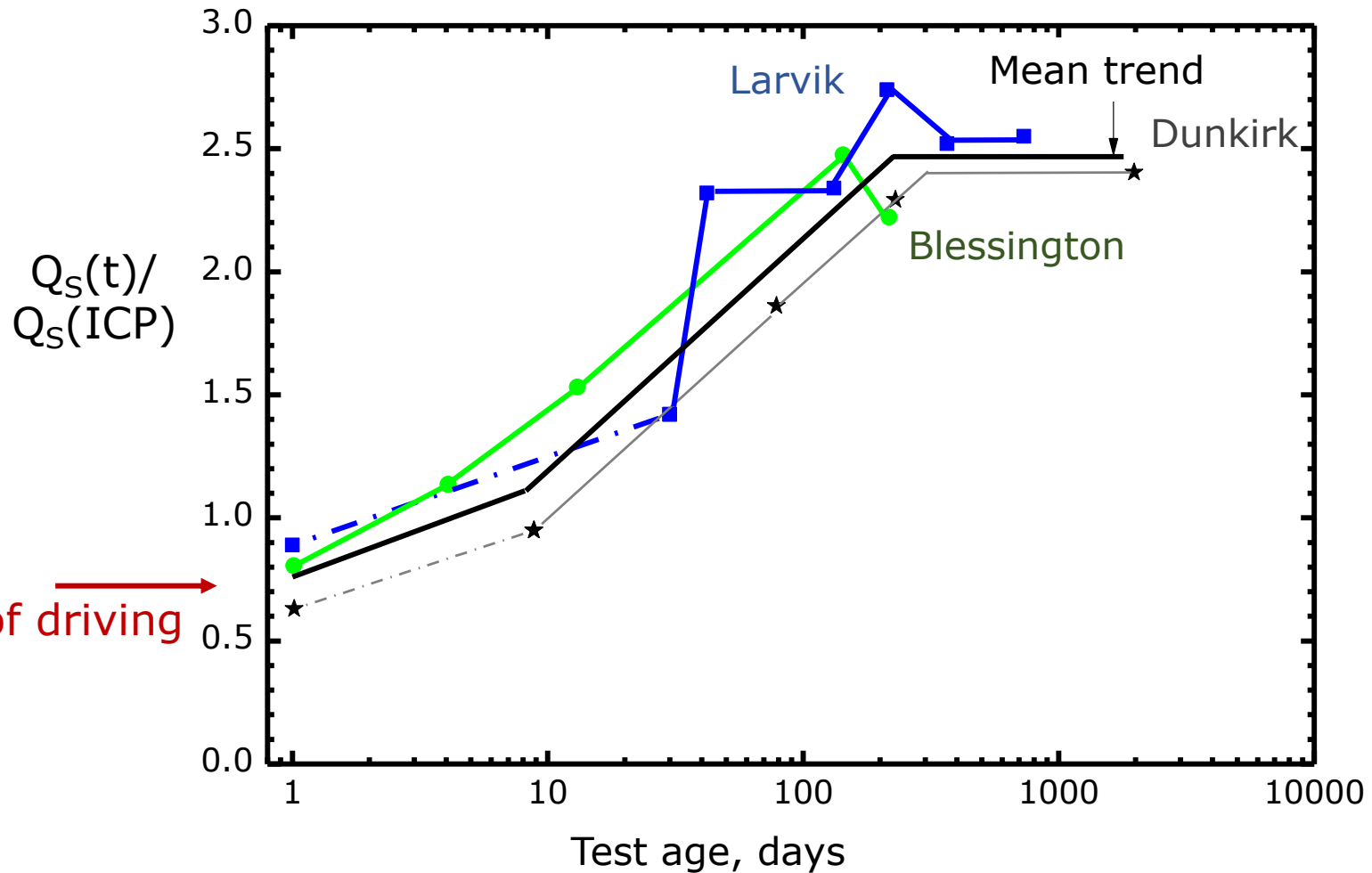
Re-tests: more complex & disrupted trends





# Adding tests by Gavin et al 2013 & Karlsrud et al 2014

1<sup>st</sup> time tension 0.3<OD<0.5m steel piles



Governing processes, necessary conditions?

Rimoy, Silva, Jardine, Foray, Yang, Zhu & Tsuha 2015



# Model: radial stresses in NE34

Heavily pre-loaded sand



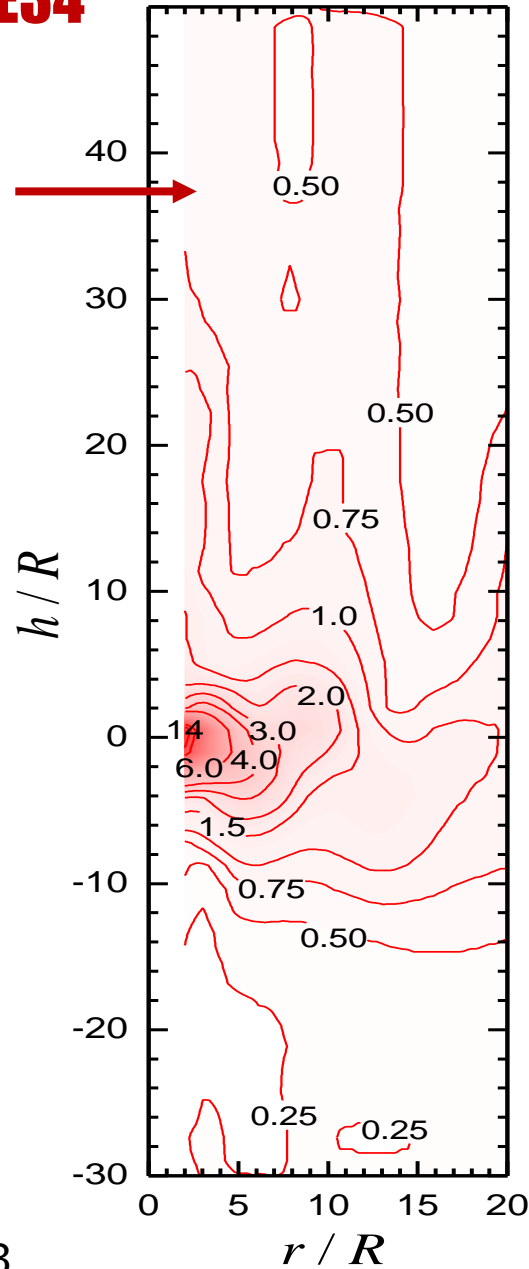
Intense loading under tip  
radius  $r$  &  $h = 0$

$$\sigma'_z \approx q_c \approx 20 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\sigma'_r \approx q_c/3$$

$\sigma'_r/q_c$  contours in %  
decay with  $r/R$  &  $\pm h/R$

And pre-cycled

Quite unlike bored piles

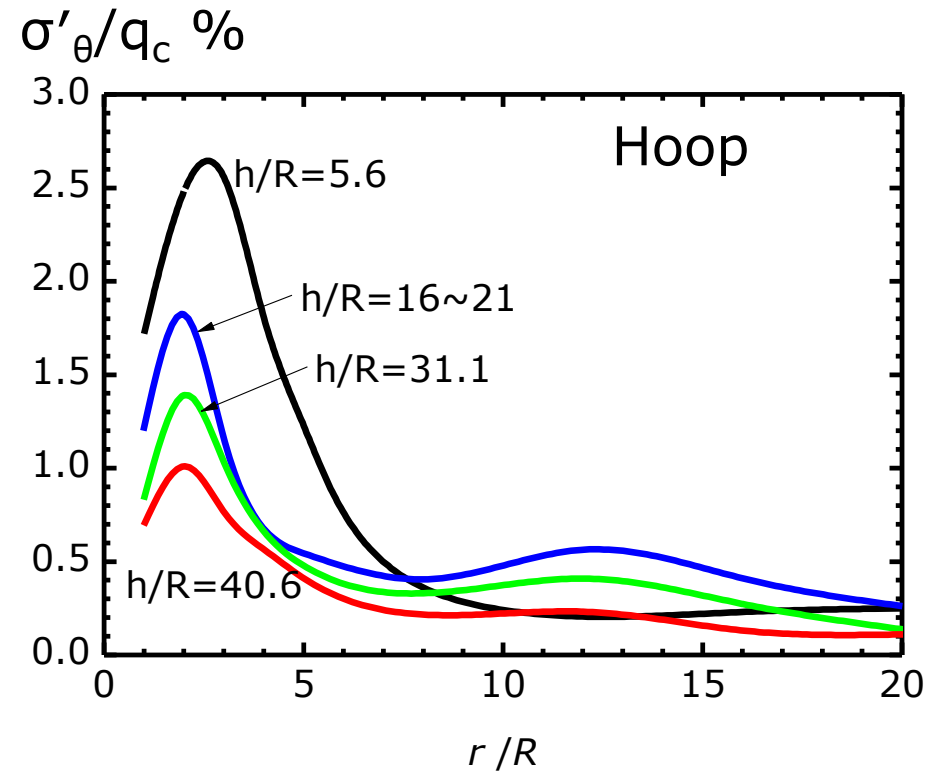
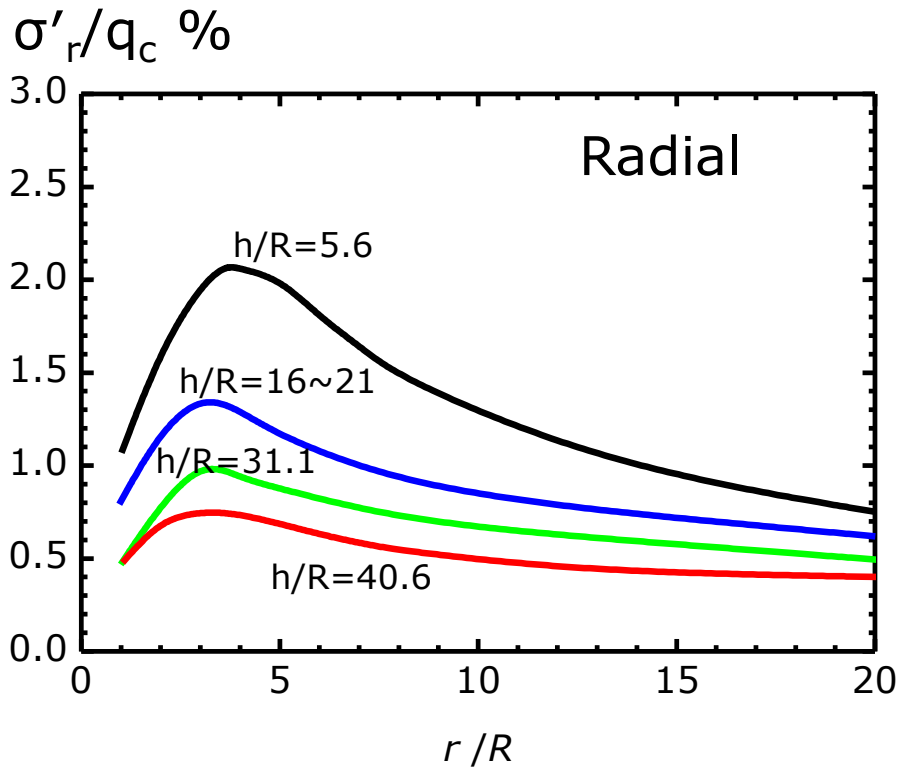


Pile penetrating

# Model: arching round shaft after installation

Adding SST shaft  $\sigma'_r$  data

Reveals  $\sigma'_r$  maxima at  $2 < r/R < 4$



If arch relaxes through creep  $\sigma'_r$  & shaft capacity rise

Benchmarks for numerical analyses

Yang et al 2014, Rimoy et al 2015

# Dataset includes micro-mechanical observations

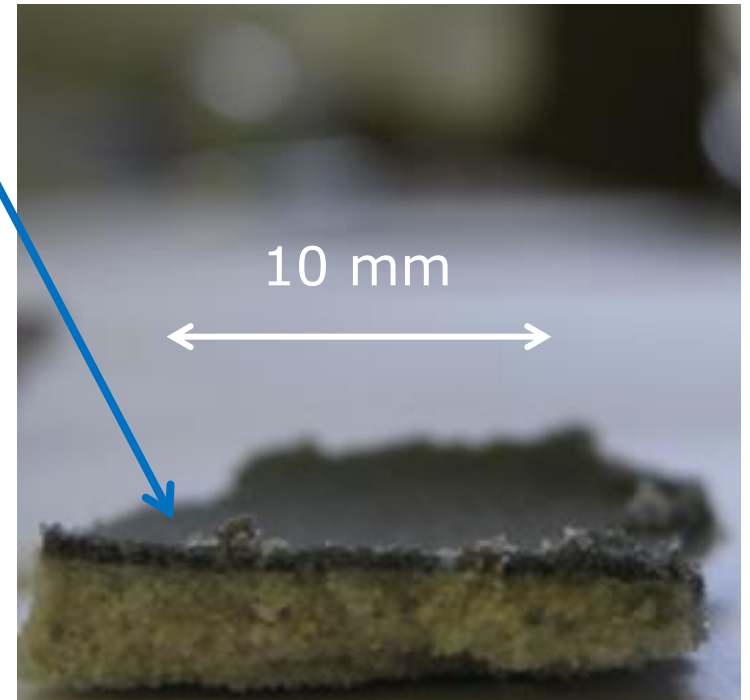
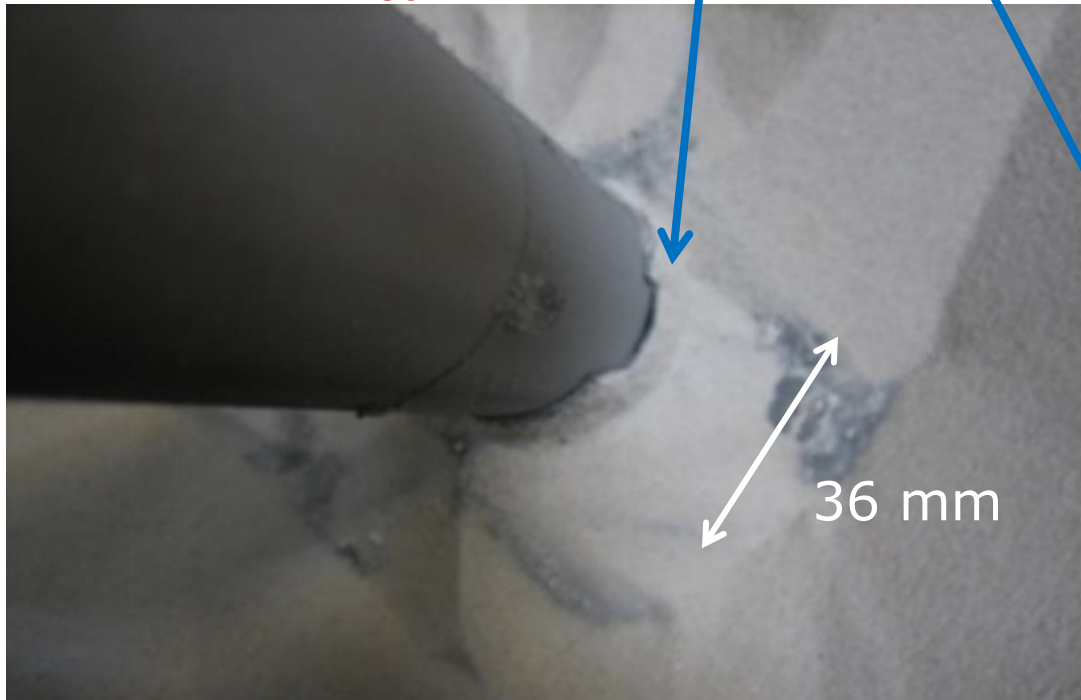
Dense fractured 'crust' forms around shaft - as in field

From above

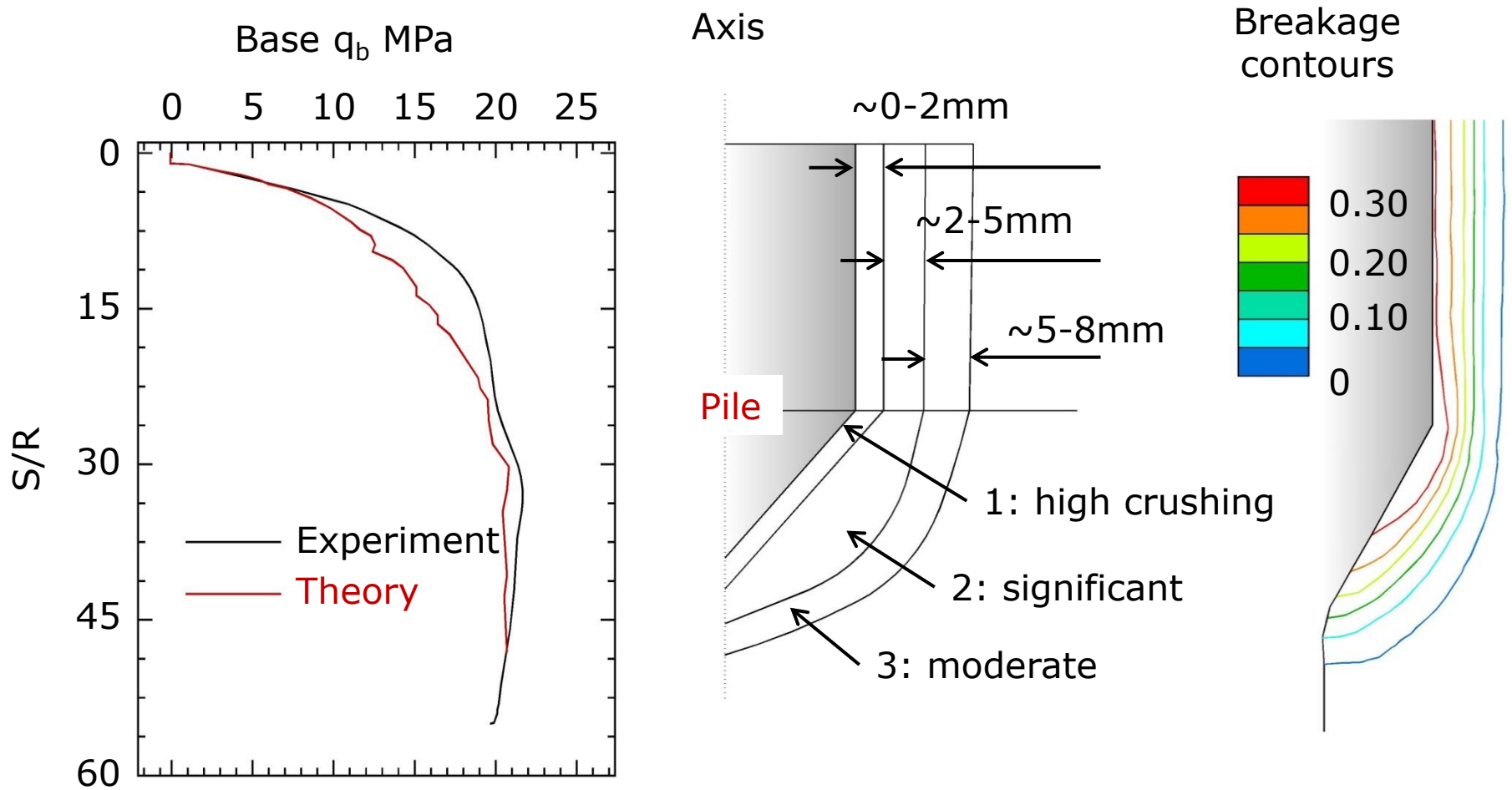
0.5 to 1.5mm thickness  
Grows with  $d_{50}$  &  $h$

Side view

Laser analysis of breakage  
Porosity measurements



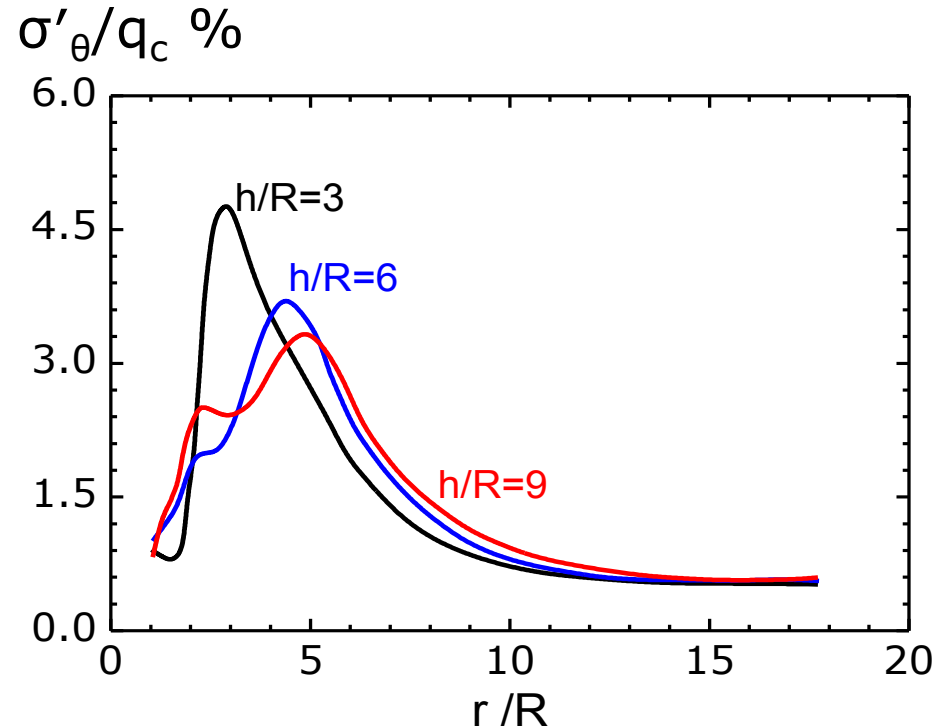
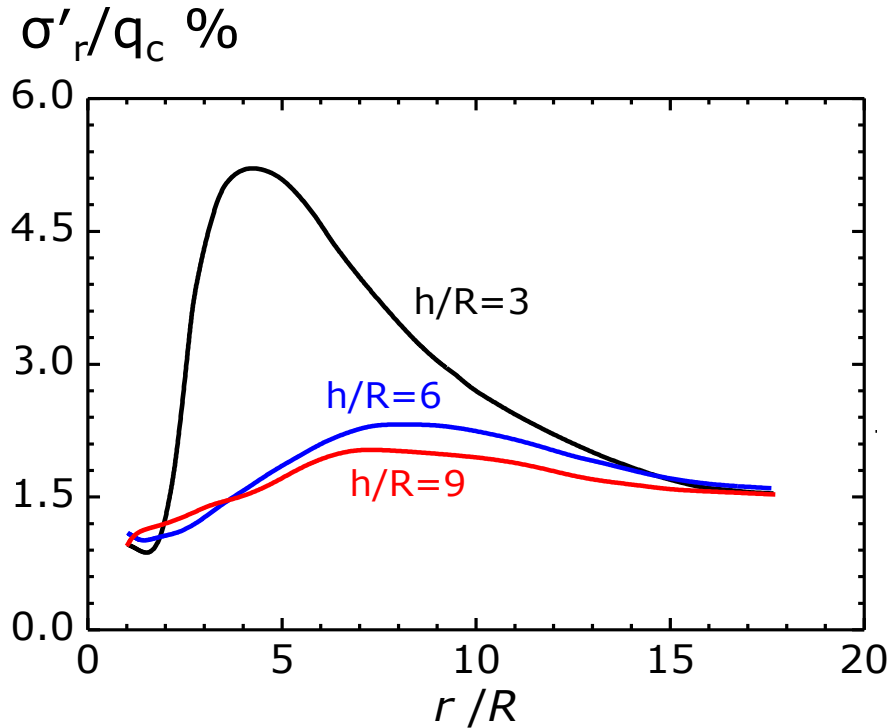
# Analysis: Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian FE, with grain crushing



$S$  = tip penetration depth  
 $R$  = pile radius

Grain breakage  
None  $B = 0$ , Full  $B = 1$

# 'ALE' FE predictions of arching



Similar to  $\sigma$  measurements, maxima within 30%

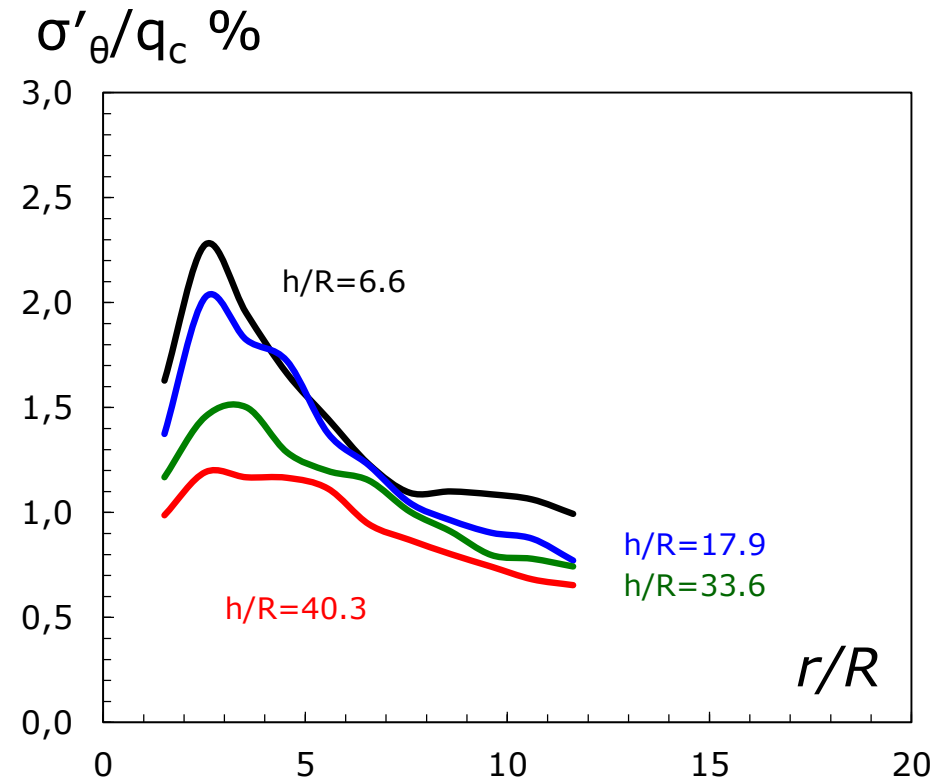
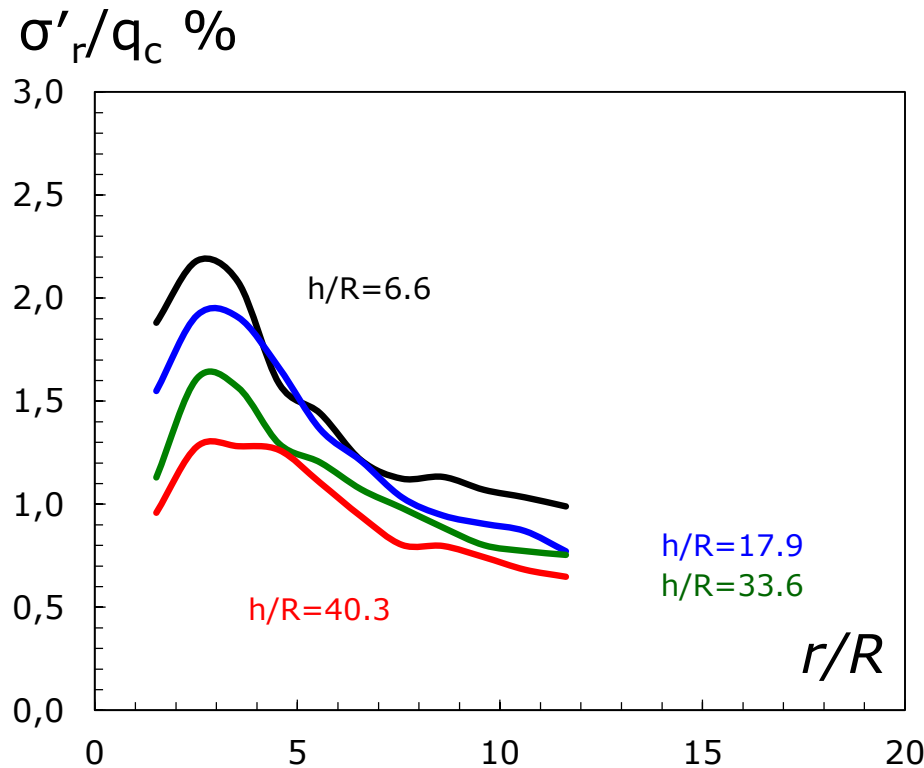
Add shaft abrasion & cycling to improve predictions?

Or tackle with **Discrete Element Method?**

# DEM analysis: Ciantia et al 2017

0.4m x 1m 'sand mass' -  $5 \times 10^5$  crushable  $d_{50} = 8.5\text{mm}$  grains

Matches  $q_b$  - penetration curve & arching stresses



Better  $h/R$  trends

Analysis converging towards experiments



# Influence of pile & grain diameters?

Interface shear zone controlled by  $d_{50}$

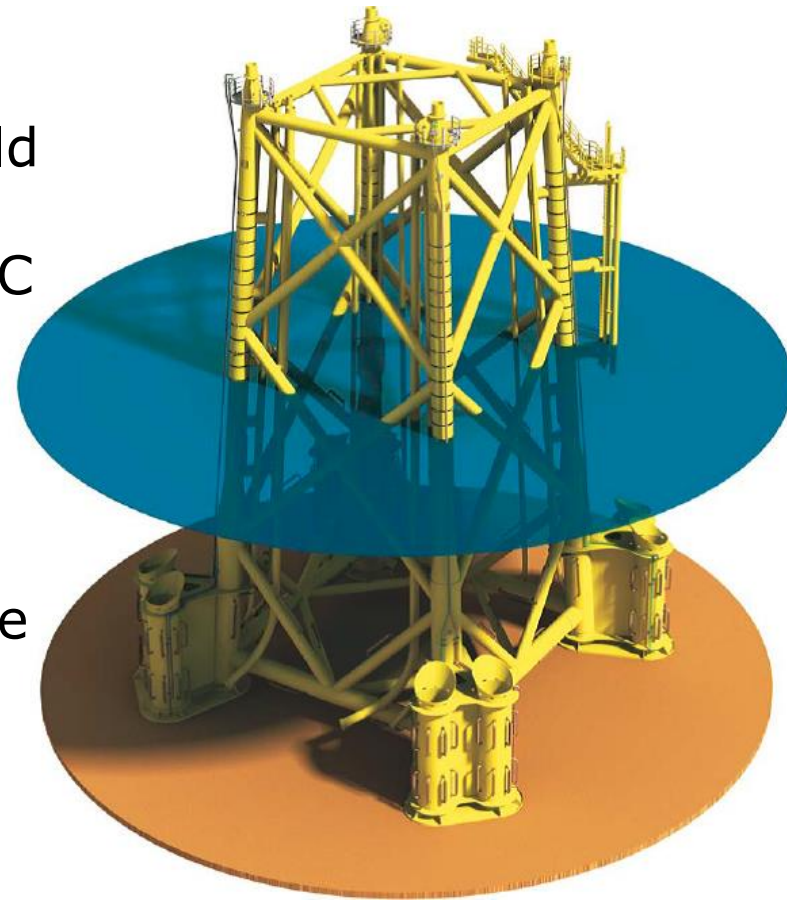
Mini-ICPs: less capacity growth than field

New field tests: NGI, UCD & Grenoble-IC

Also offshore re-drive checks

Confirm shaft capacity growth over time

**Next objective: stress regime  
around tubular driven piles?**



2.13m OD, 38.5m, very dense sand

Borkum Riffgrund, German North Sea

# **Parallel axial cyclic research**

Field: Dunkirk piles' global response

Model: local stresses in calibration chamber

Laboratory: cyclic element tests

Analysis: simplified procedure

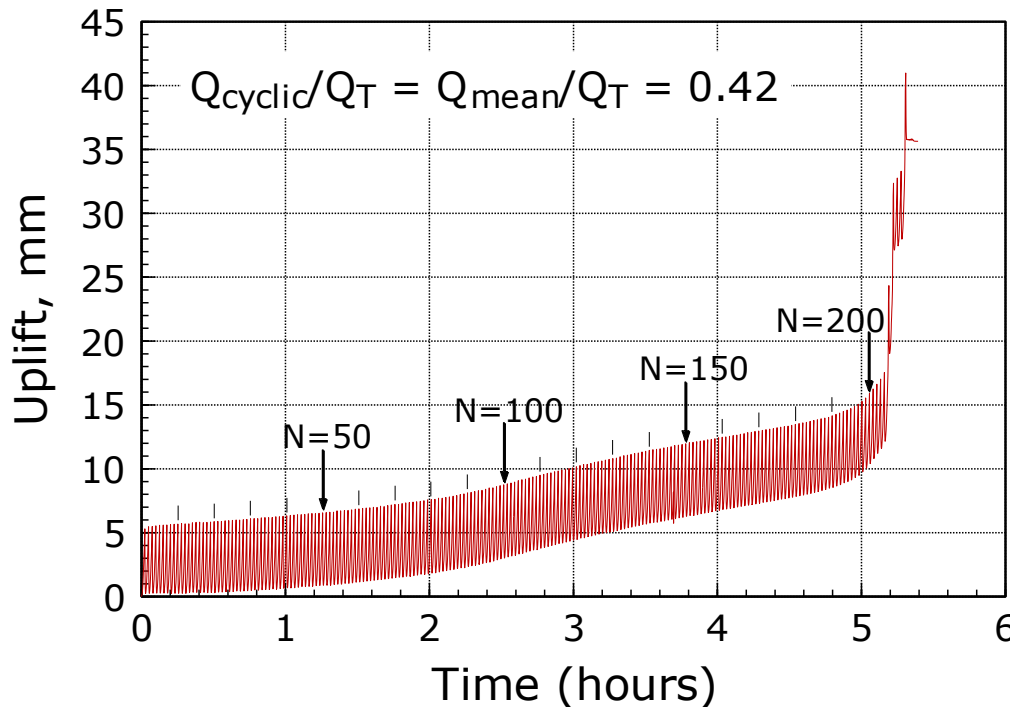
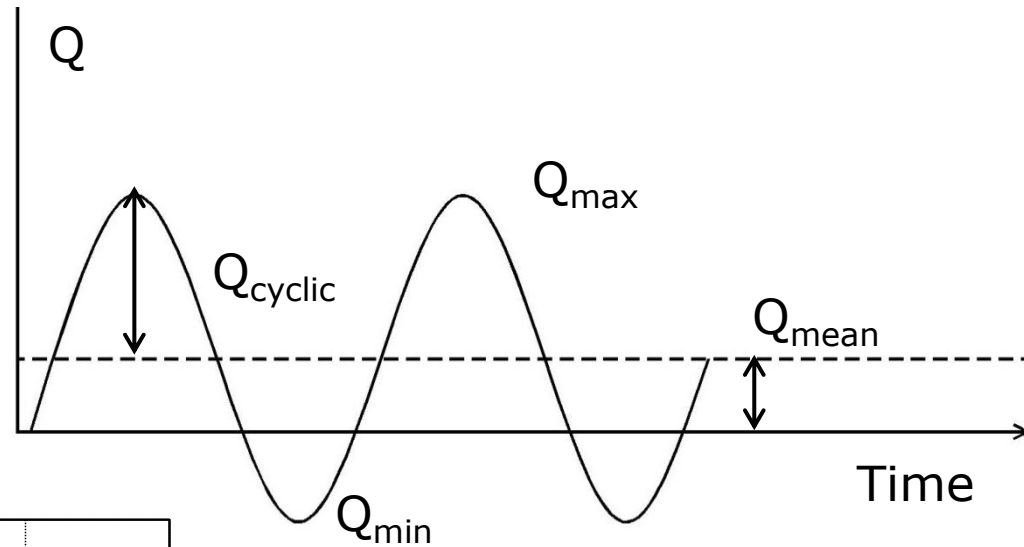
Practical application: sands & clays

# Dunkirk field piles: Unstable, Stable or Metastable global response?

Depends critically on:

$N$ ,  $Q_{cyclic}$  &  $Q_{mean}$

Related to tension capacity  $Q_T$



Drained pore pressures

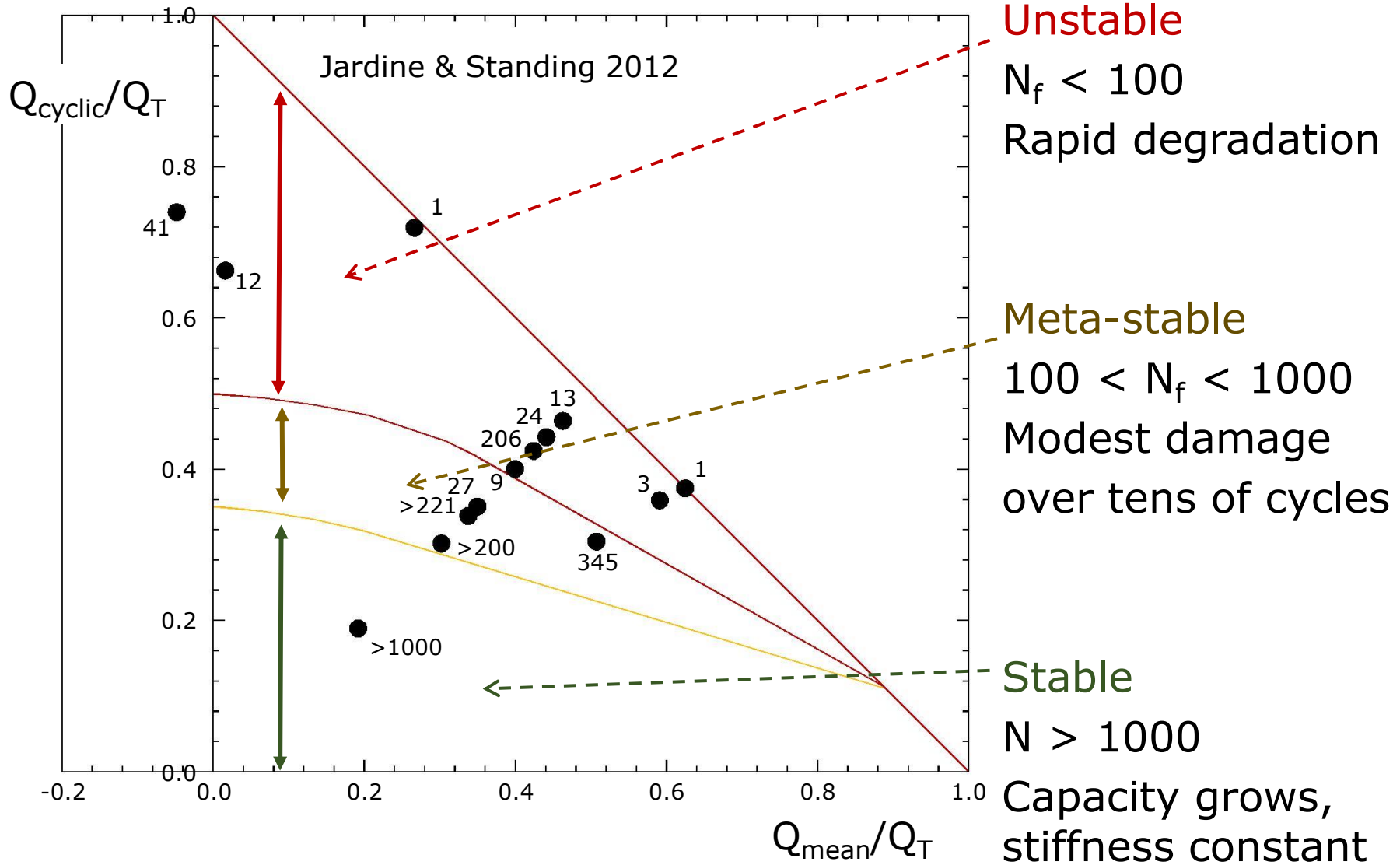
**Marginally Metastable  
example**

Little effect until  $N > 50$

Failure at  $N_f = 206$

16% capacity loss

# Global response: 14 Dunkirk field tests



Local stress response? **Mini-ICP experiments**

# **Model: mini-ICP in dry NE34 sand at Dunkirk I<sub>D</sub>**

Local interface stress paths

**Stable:** 1000s cycles, capacity grows  
No drift in  $\sigma'_r$  or displacements

**Intermediate load controlled cases:**  $\sigma'_r$  drift rates tracked precisely

Tsuha, Foray, Jardine, Yang, Silva, & Rimoy 2012; Jardine 2013

## Analysis: simple approach from ICP tests

Metastable & Unstable  $\tau_{rz}$  cycles compact sand near shaft,  $\sigma'_r$  unloads, paths drift towards interface failure

Locate metastable, stable boundaries?

Relate  $\sigma'_r$  drifts to cyclic loads & N?

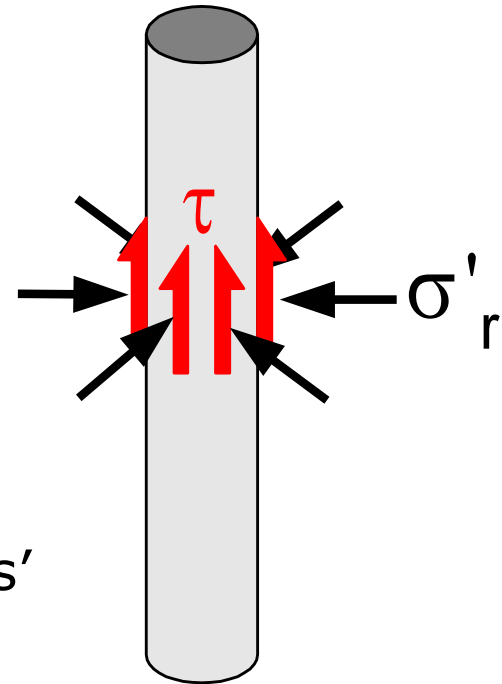
Element, model or field pile tests?

Design storm:

Rainflow & 'Equivalent Number of cycles'

Bored piles far more susceptible to cycling

Tests must model driven pile installation



# Triaxial tests: modelling 'pile' paths

## Conditioning

Pre-stressed 'OC installation'  
stress path: **ABD**

Creep & ageing at **B & D**

Pre-cycling at **C**

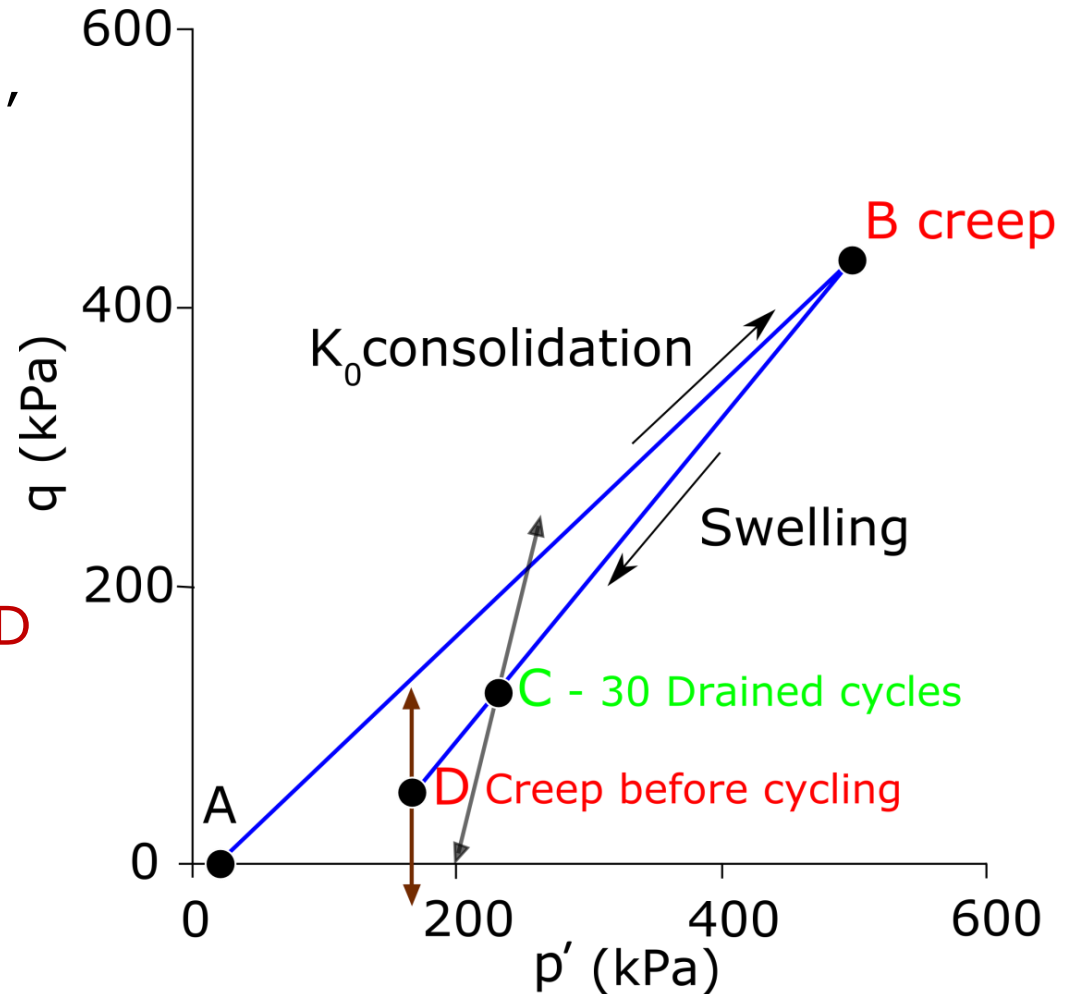
## Constant volume cycling at D

Vary Cyclic Stress Ratio

$$\text{CSR} = \Delta q / p'$$

$\Delta q$  = half peak to trough

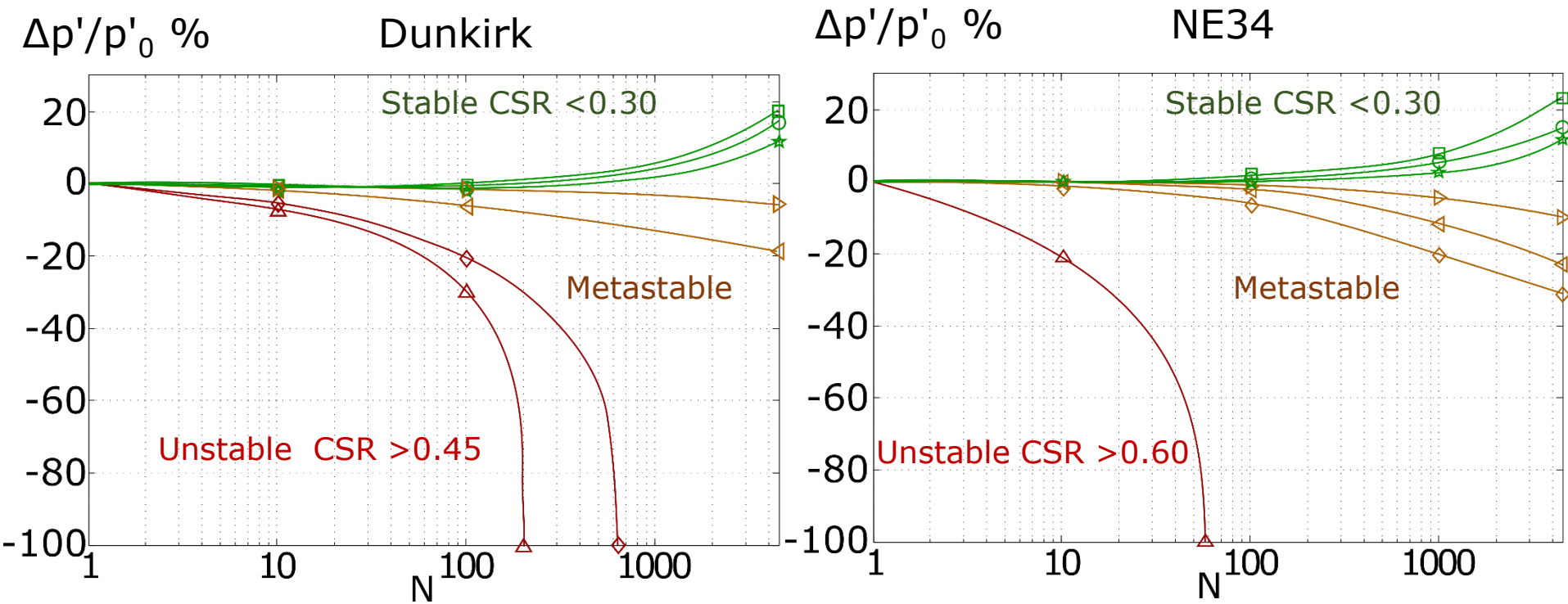
Drifts in effective stress  $\Delta p'$   
strains & stiffness?



# 'Driven pile' triaxial tests: p' drifts over 4500 cycles

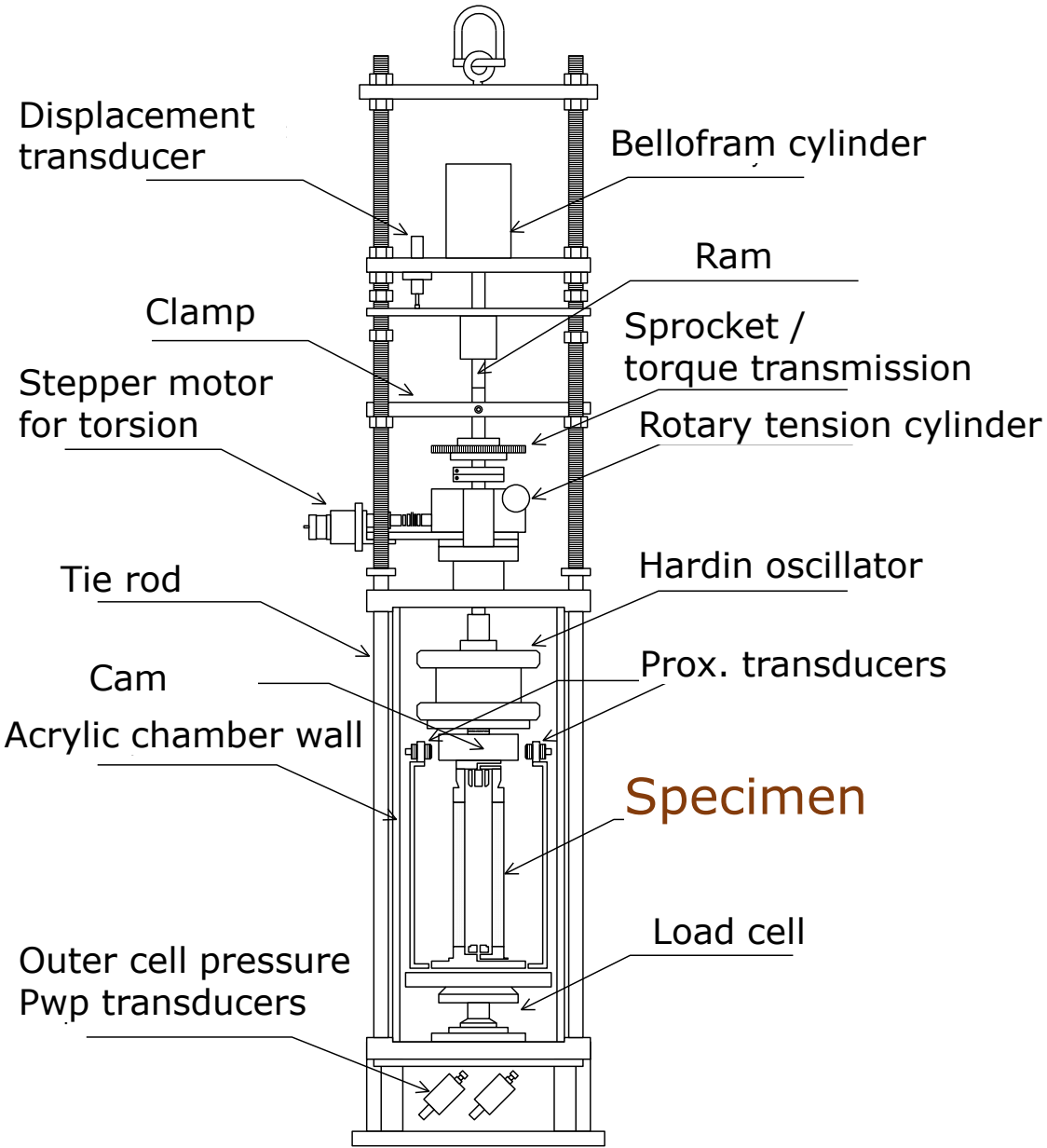
Seven CSRs:  $0.05 \leq q_{\text{cyclic}}/p'_0 \leq 0.5$

High resolution sensors: consistent strain & stiffness trends





# HCA - simple shear cycling, Hollow Cylinder Apparatus



72mm OD sample HCA

Track changes in  $\sigma'_n$  matching pile conditions

Measure  $\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, \sigma'_3$  &  $\sigma'_1$  angle  $\alpha$

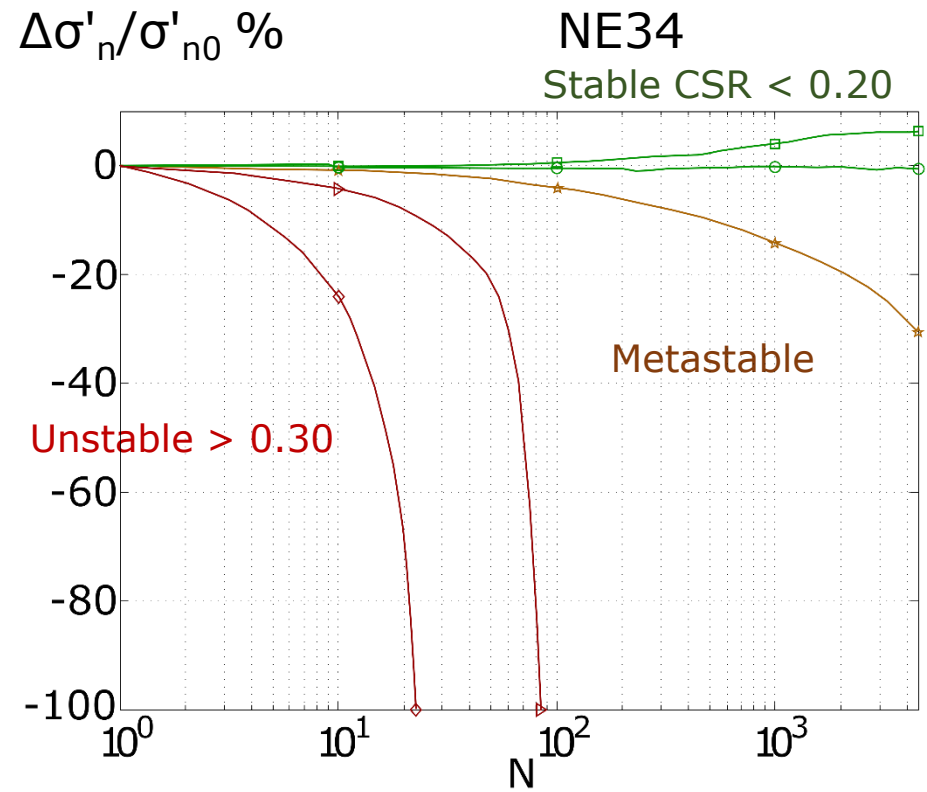
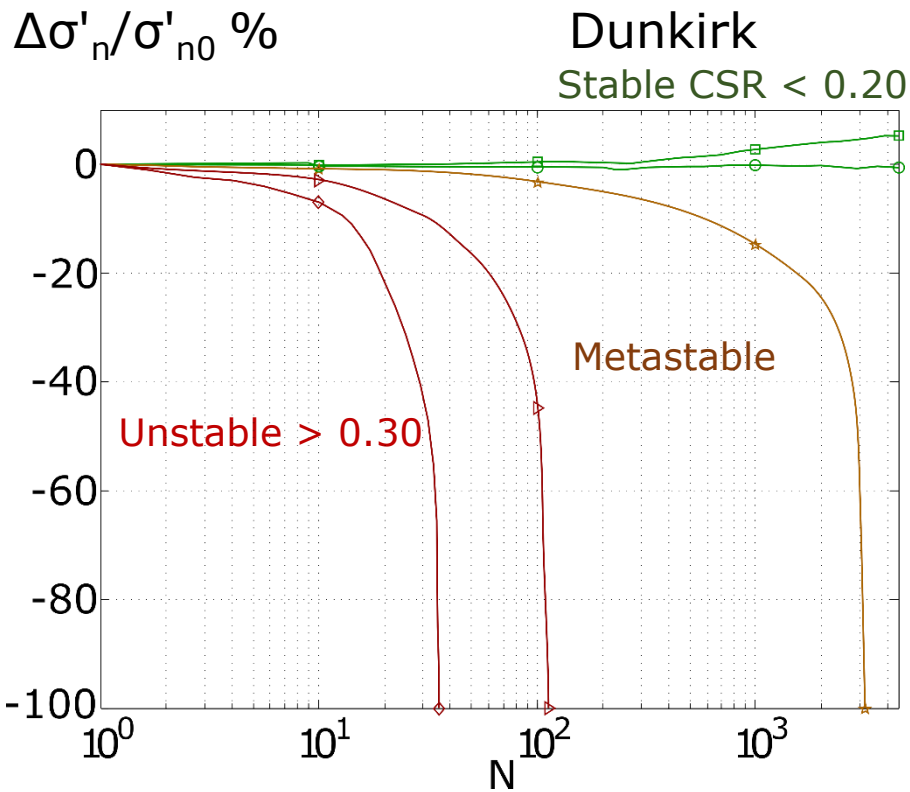


Nishimura 2006      Liu 2015

# HCA simple shear: drifts in $\sigma'_n$ over 4500 cycles

'Driven pile' cyclic HCA tests, five CSRs,  $0.05 \leq \tau_{cyc}/p'_0 \leq 0.45$

Basis for predicting pile response

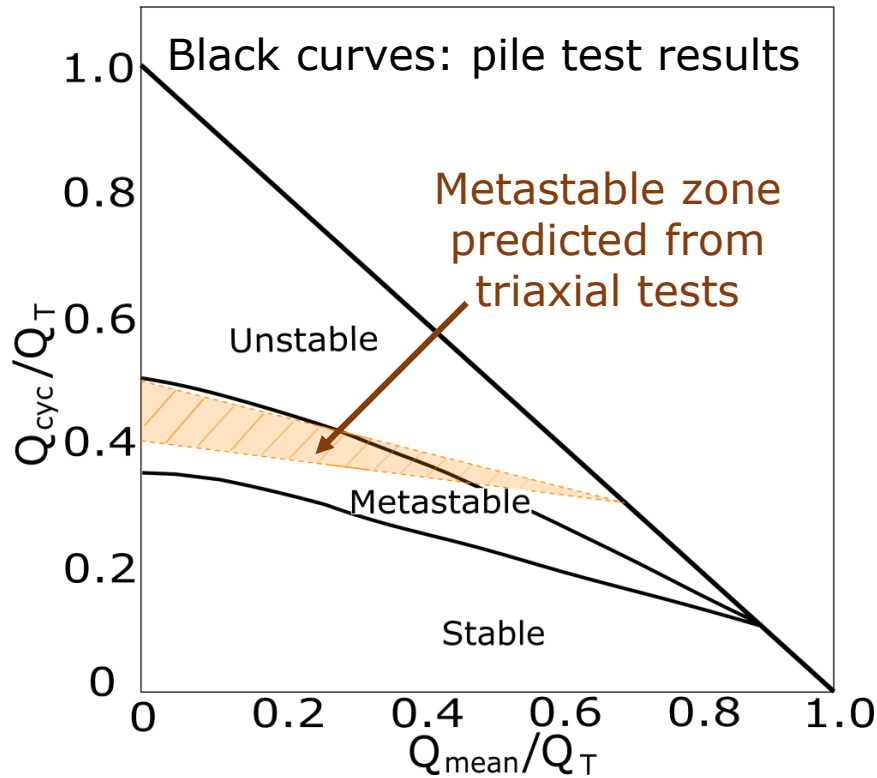


Aghakouchak 2015

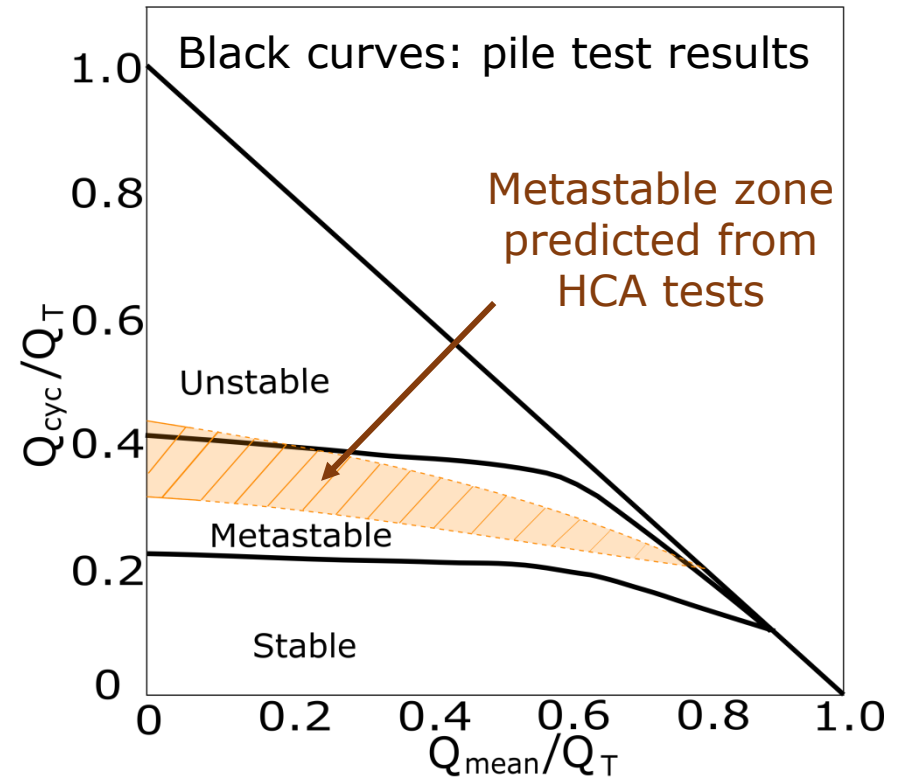
# Analysis: projecting pile response zone limits

Aghakouchak 2015

Dunkirk field & triaxial predictions

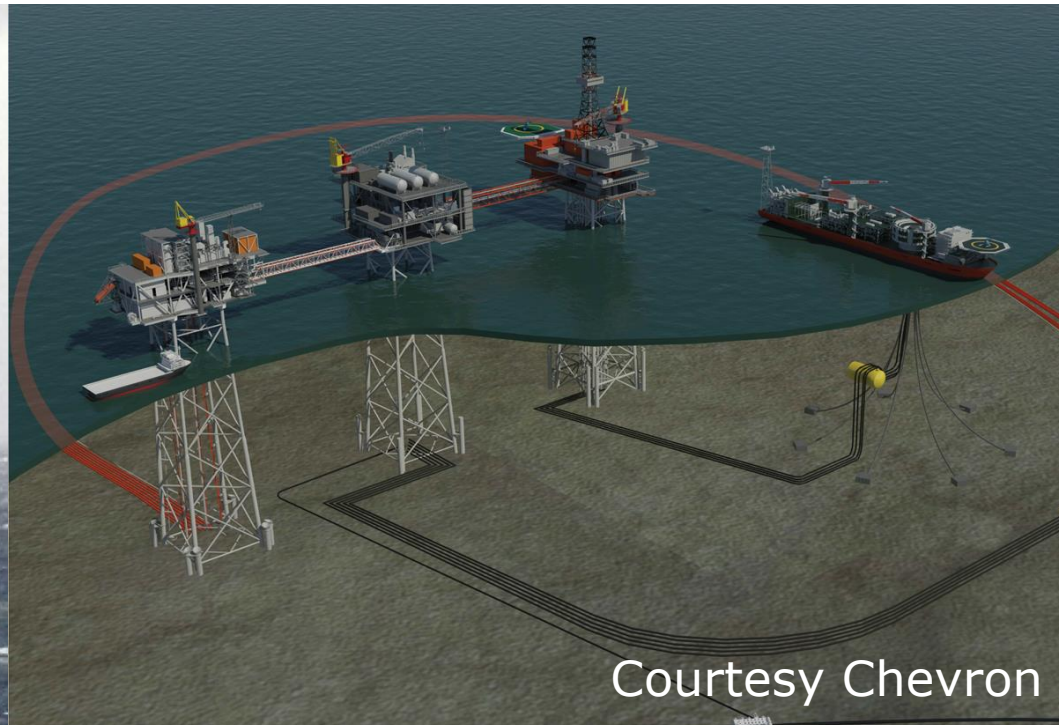


NE34 model & HCA predictions



Parallel laboratory work with clays  
Jardine, Puech & Andersen 2012

# Application in cyclic storm assessment



**Clair & Clair Ridge** Extreme West of Shetland storms; hard glacial tills: Hampson et al 2017

**Captain: EOR project** North Sea; new & reconfigured platforms; dense sand, tills & clays: Argiolas & Jardine 2017

Effective contributions on continental shelf

What about deepwater?

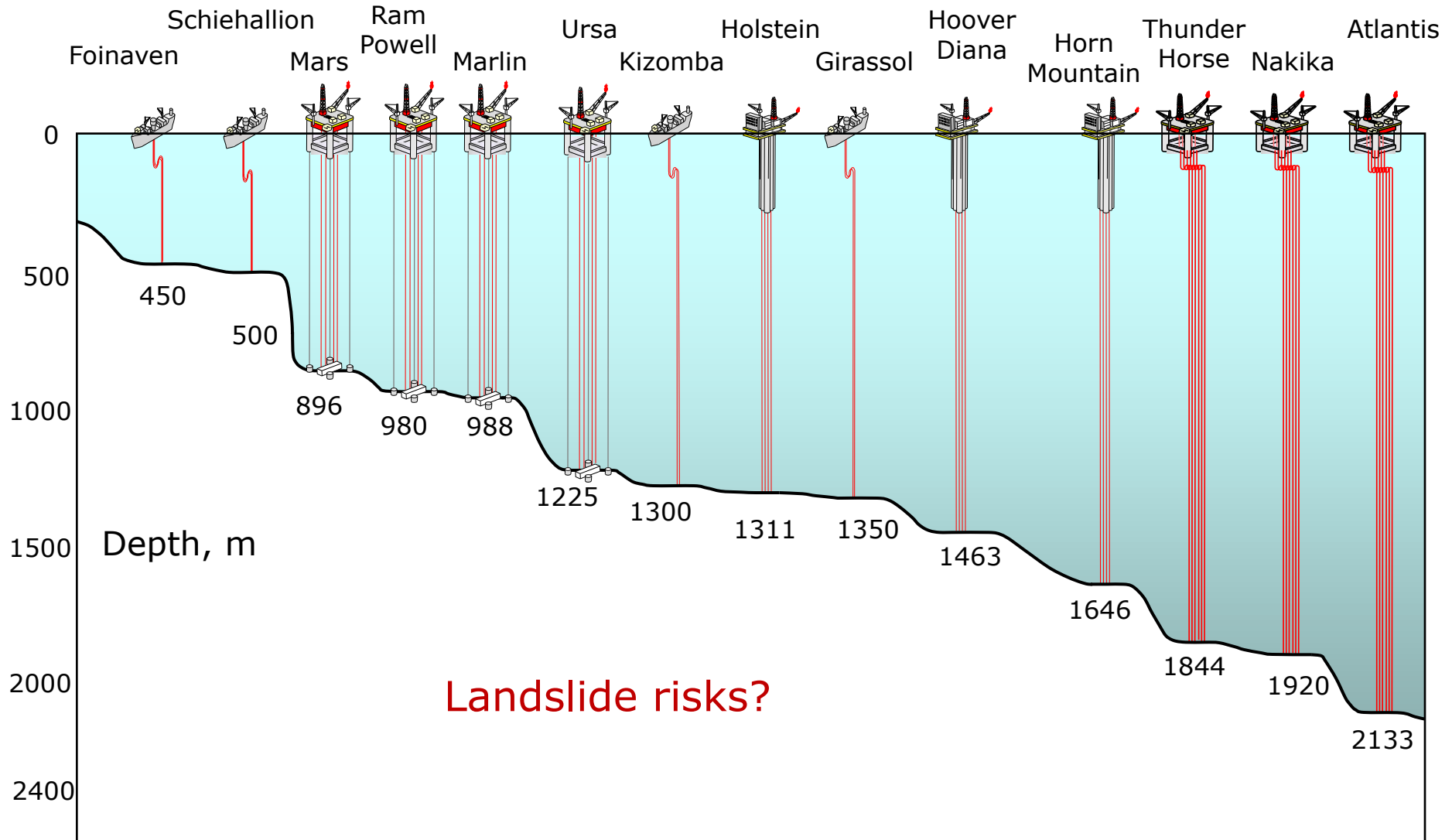
**Deepwater**

**Off the continental shelf**

**Large offshore landslides**

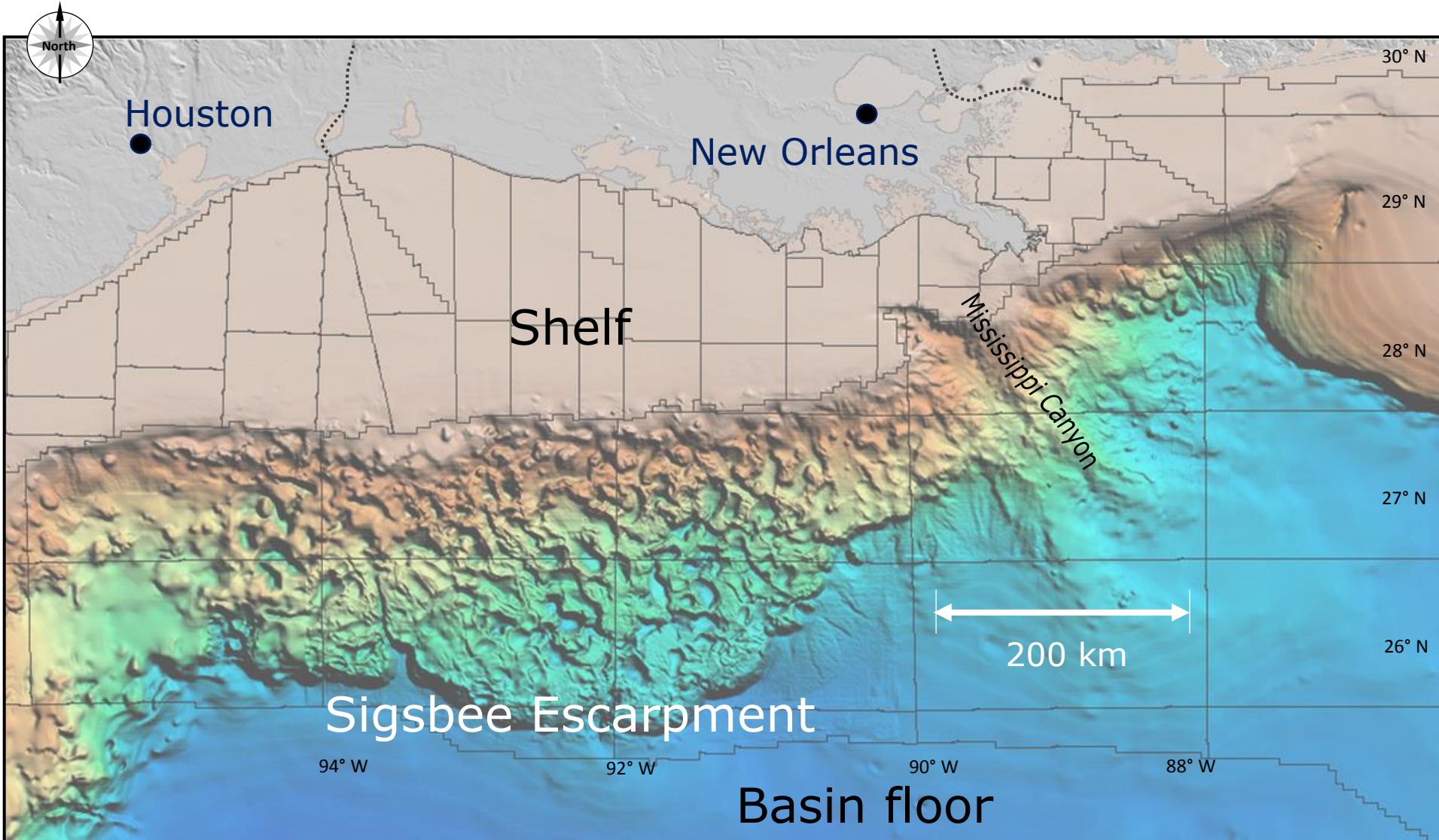
Gulf of Mexico example – Sigsbee Escarpment

# Pushing the envelope: 1997-2005, after Evans 2007

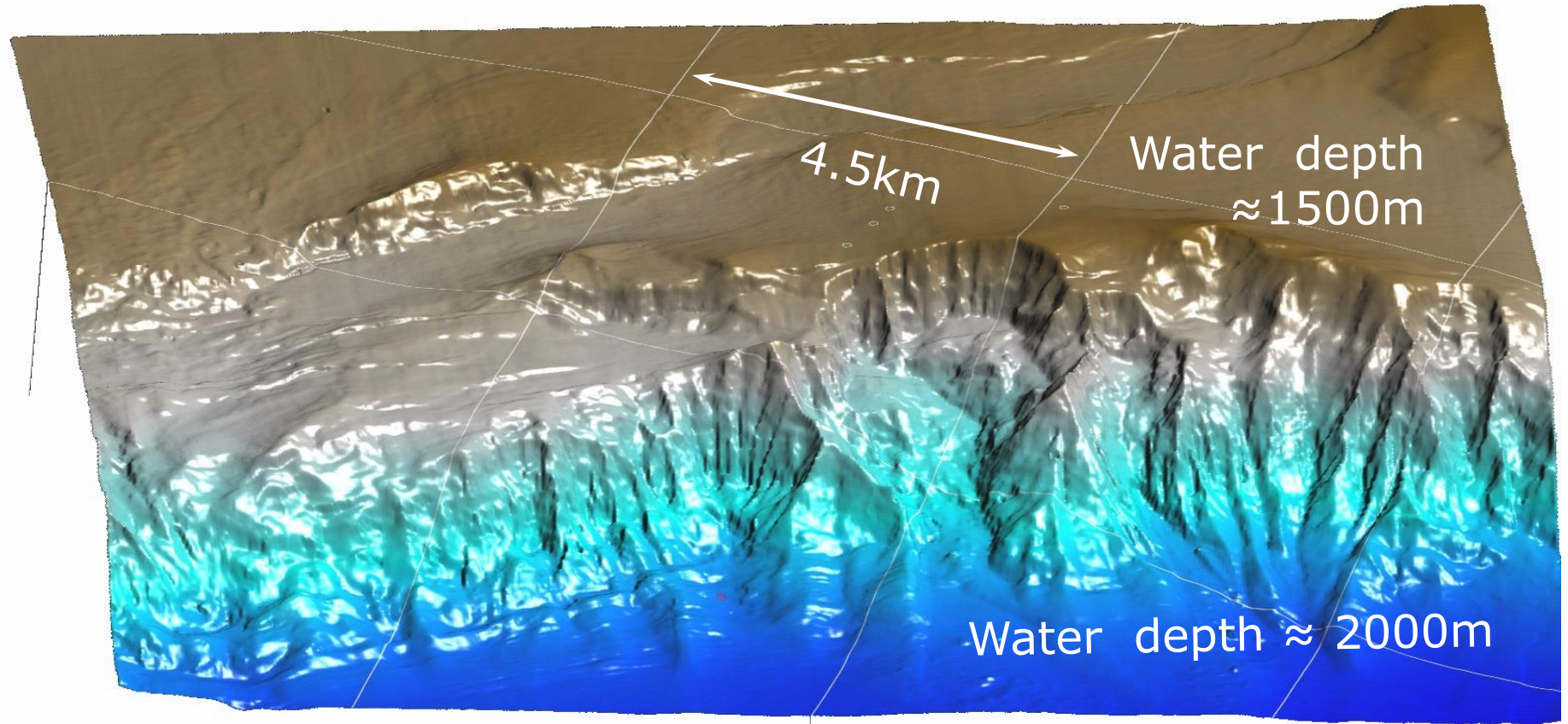


# Sigsbee escarpment: Gulf of Mexico

Kovacevic, Jardine, Potts, Clukey, Brand & Spikula 2012



# Sigsbee geomorphology



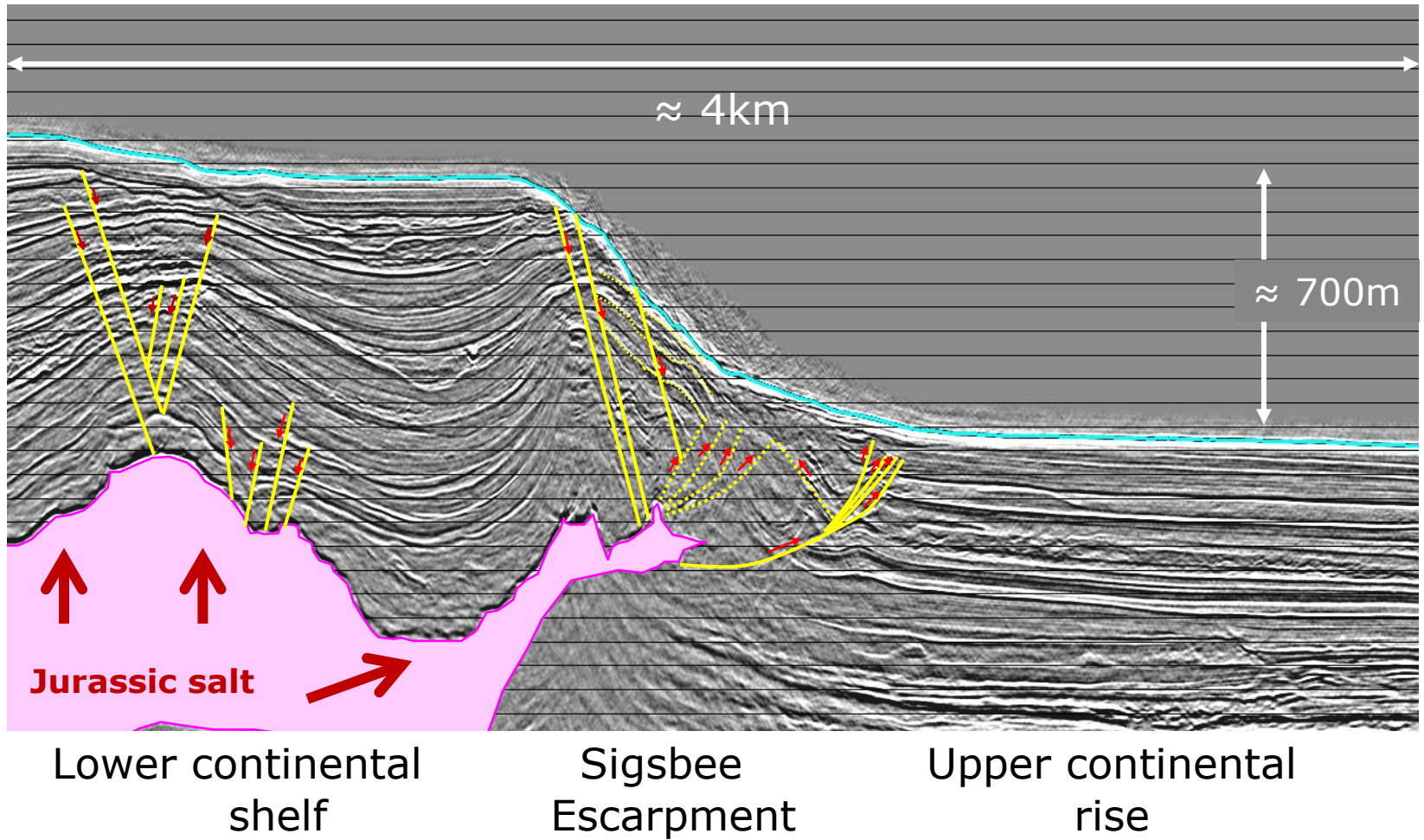
**Developers' risk analysis:** mechanisms & recurrence?

Controlled by active geology & sedimentation

Spreading, uplifting salt diapirs & thick Quaternary clay layers

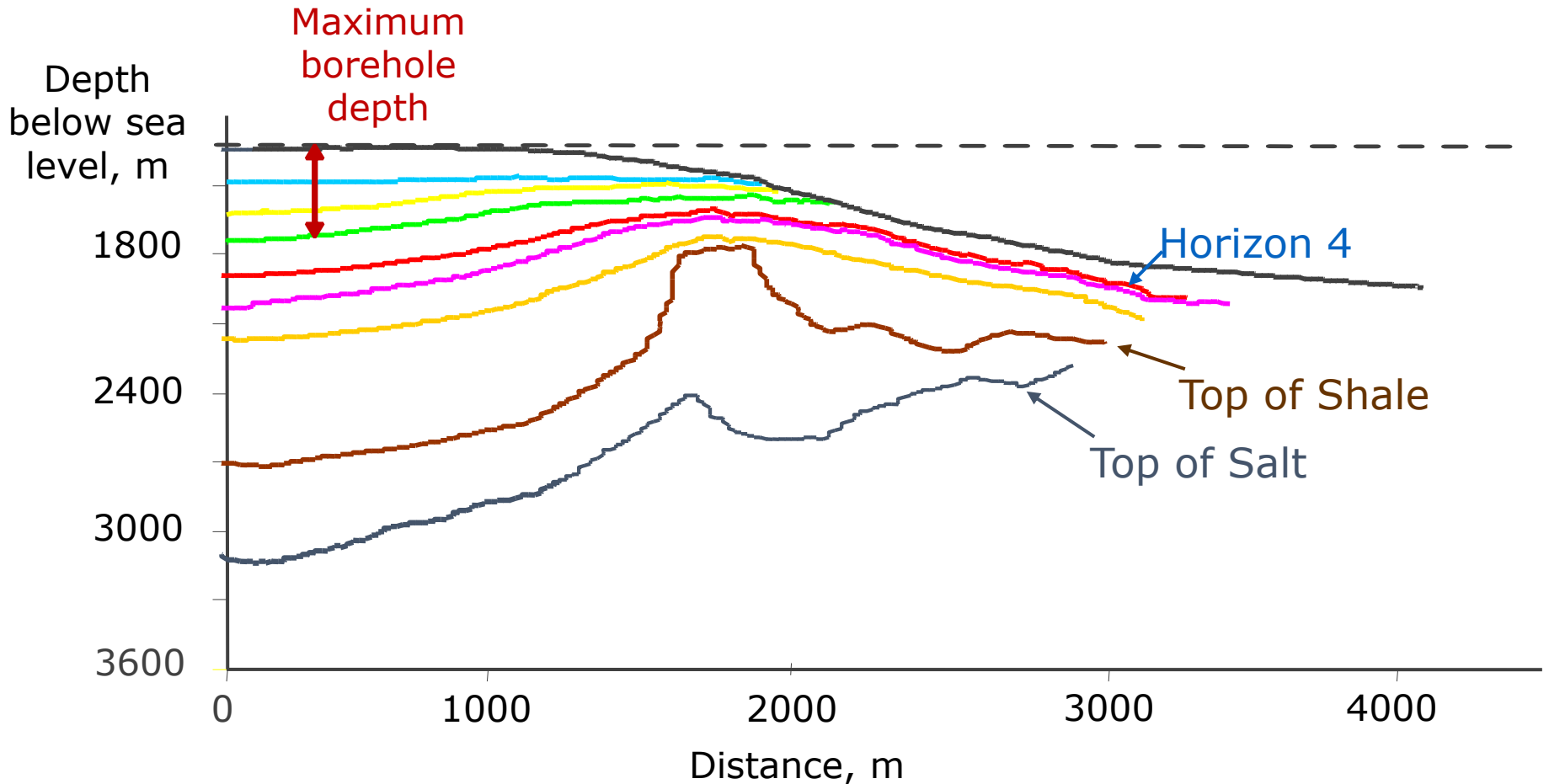


# Geology: geophysics & deep boreholes



Uplifting & spreading salt:  
constrains & distorts Quaternary sediments

# Ground modelling



Quaternary Horizons H6 to H0 include high  $I_p$  low residual  $\phi'$  clay layers

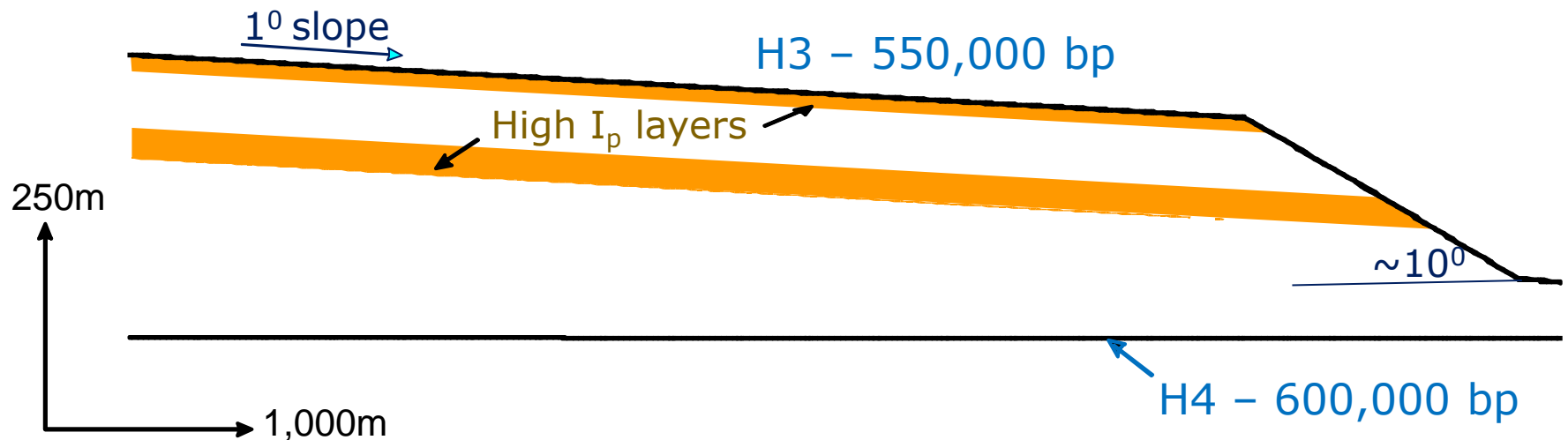
Routine stability analysis cannot model delayed progressive failure

Or predict historical and future slide recurrence periods

# Numerical ICFEP 'bottom-up' modelling of last 600,000 years

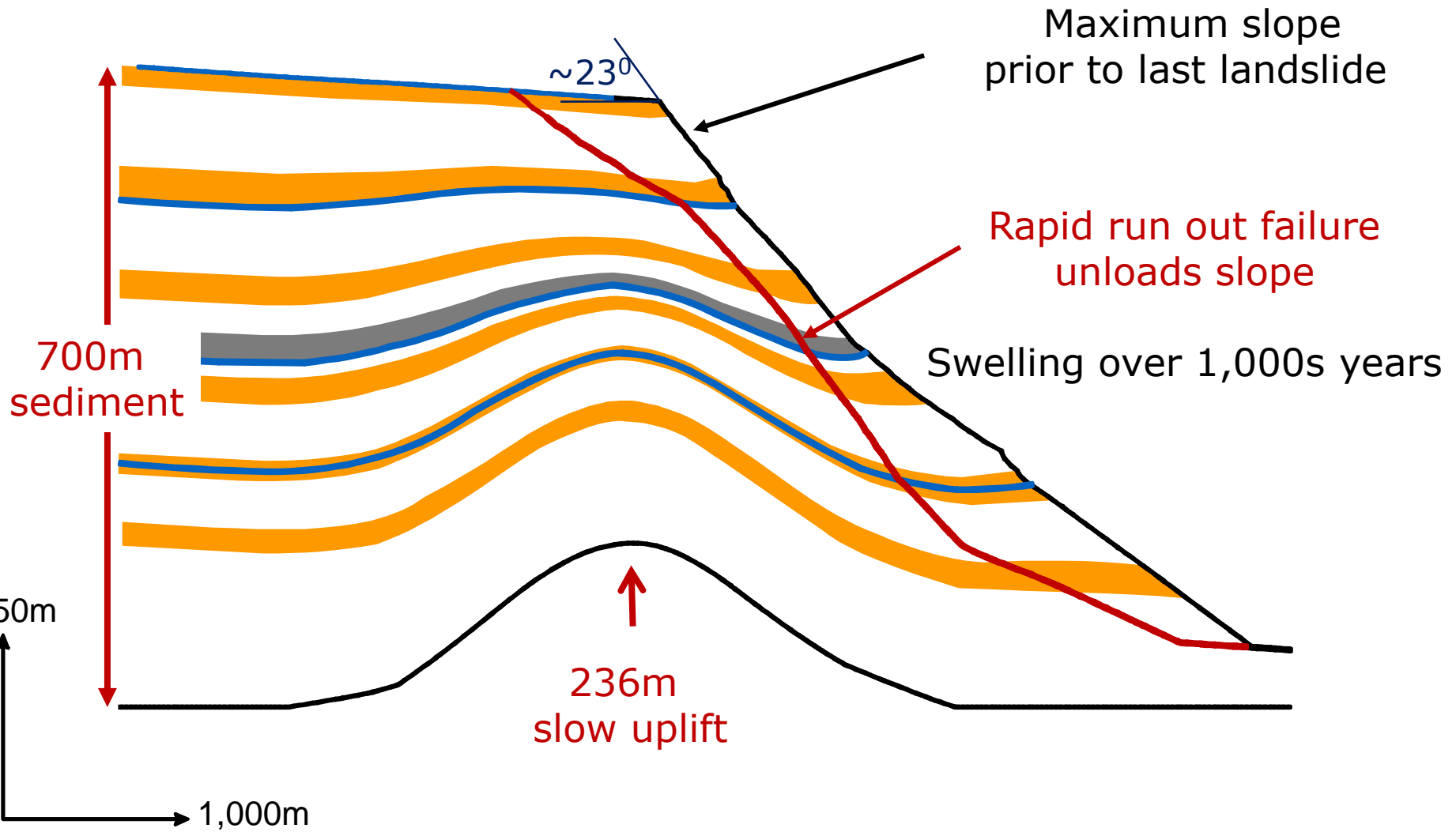
Alternating medium & high  $I_p$  layers added sequentially: Modified Cam Clay

Sedimentation on  $1^\circ$  slope towards initial  $10^\circ$  escarpment face



Parabolic basal uplift applied from H3 onwards

# 1<sup>st</sup> principles modelling: slope genesis & failure



Sets conditions for future stability

## Analysis of slope since last slide

Long term swelling, overconsolidation, progressive failure

Coupled, strain softening Mohr Coulomb model

From triaxial & IC ring shear tests

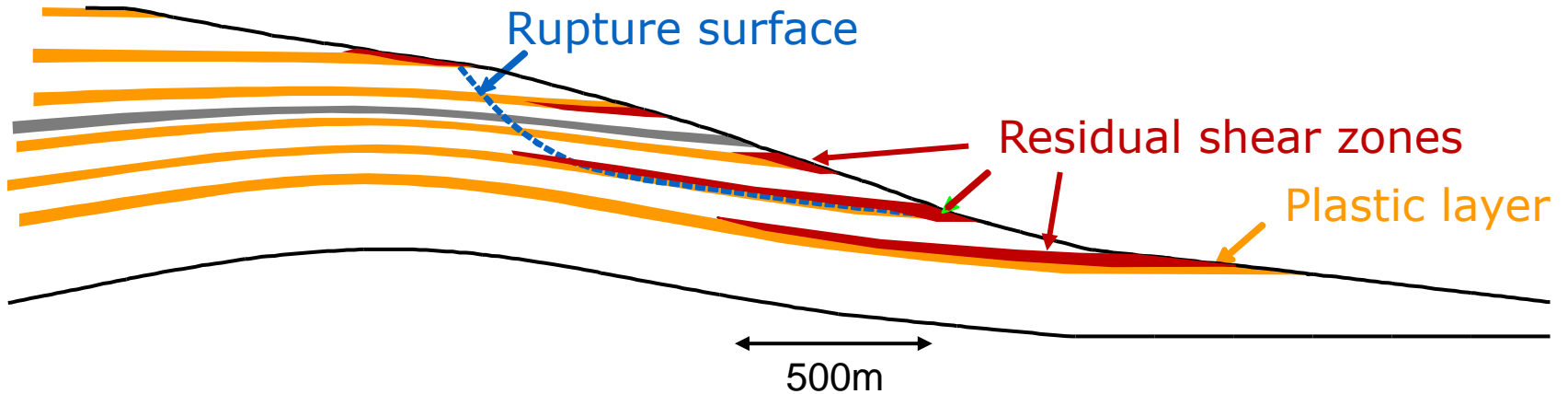
High  $I_p$  clay    Peak     $\phi'_{\text{peak}} = 18^\circ$      $c'_{\text{peak}} = 10\text{kPa}$   
                         Residual     $\phi'_{\text{res}} = 12^\circ$      $c'_{\text{res}} = 0$

Less plastic clays & sand: ductile  $\phi'_{\text{crit}} = 25^\circ$  &  $\phi' = 30^\circ$

Non-linear permeability & stiffness from lab tests

# Predicting future risks

1.3km long failure likely, progressive & delayed mechanism



Recurrence interval: c. 5000 years

Critical to project risk assessment

Field verification? Local geomorphology & sediment dating

## **Part I – Maintaining oil & gas supplies**

Contributions to continental shelf & deepwater field developments

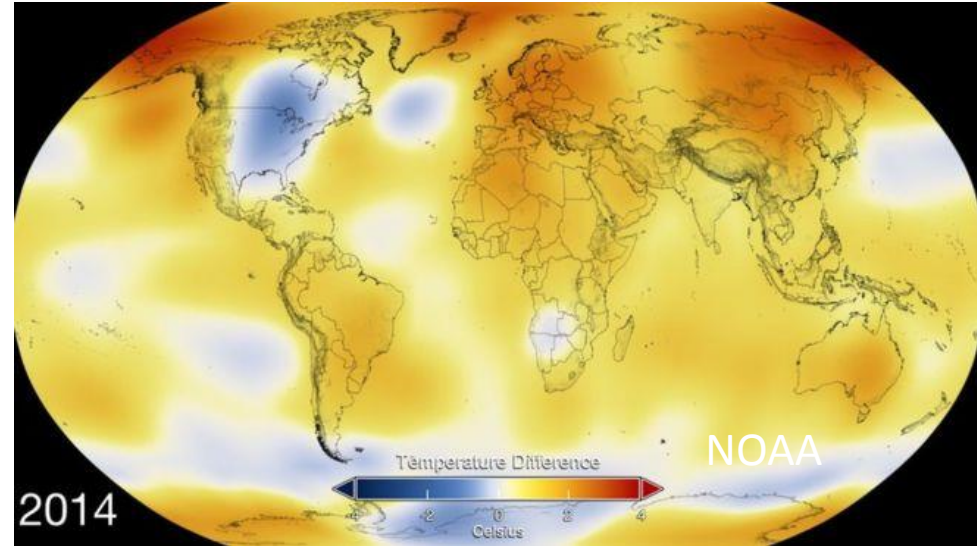
What about climate consequences & risks?

# Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change, IPCC, model predictions

'Business as usual': 3-5.5°C mean warming by 2100

Mean +1°C from 1750  
non-uniform

Future trends?



Very likely: less Arctic sea ice & **shallow permafrost**

Likely: more frequent intense **precipitation**

Medium confidence: storm track shifts

**Increasing flood risks**



## **Part II – Addressing climate change**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Modelling geotechnical response**

Greatest impact: permafrost

Integrated approach, field verification

New design tools for adaptive engineering

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Practical adaptive engineering**

Flood defence strengthening on difficult ground

**Permafrost: depths up to 1km**

# North American permafrost

1°C/decade N Alaskan permafrost warming, Romanovsky 2015

0.5 to 1°C/decade air rise in Yukon



Thermal creeping  
landslides in  
sporadic permafrost

'YT' landslide, glacio-  
fluvial soils Little  
Salmon Lake, Yukon  
Lyle et al 2014

NW Territories: **thaw-slump** features, up to 25m deep & 30ha  
[www.nwtgeoscience.ca/project/summary/permafrost-thaw-slumps](http://www.nwtgeoscience.ca/project/summary/permafrost-thaw-slumps)

# Predicting fate of Siberian permafrost

Imperial College project for BP

**Climate:** Global IPCC models & local adjustments

Imperial College Physics: Reifen & Toumi 2009

**Local design tool:** coupled Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical THM modelling tool with UPC Barcelona

Nishimura, Gens, Olivella & Jardine 2009

**Regional:** Depths & rates of change in permafrost state?

GIS, Engineering Geology & Thermal FE

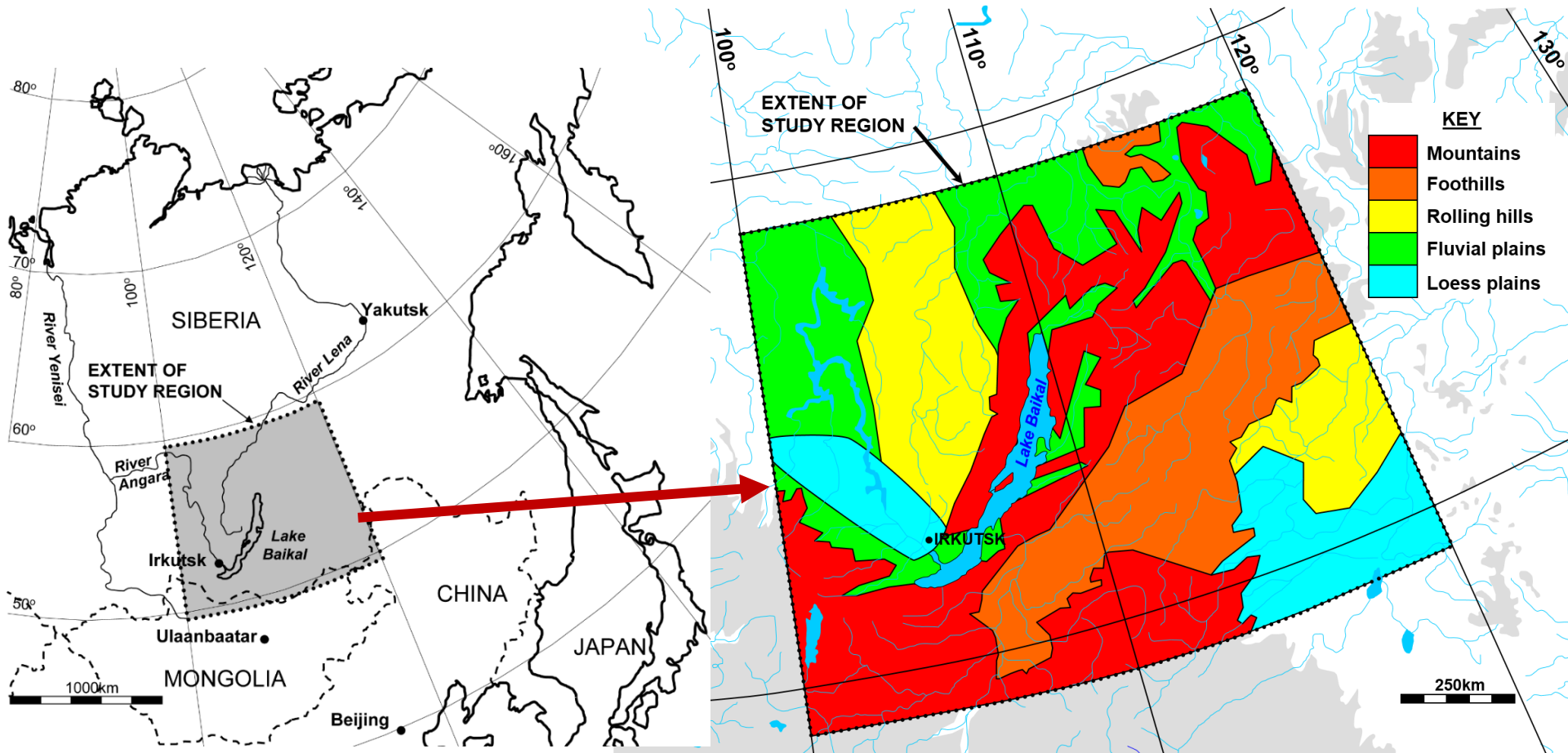
Nishimura, Martin, Jardine, & Fenton 2009

# 1000 x 1000km region, Lake Baikal, Siberia

Maps, atlases & Google Earth

Digital Elevation Models & ground reconnaissance

Five ground model stereotypes

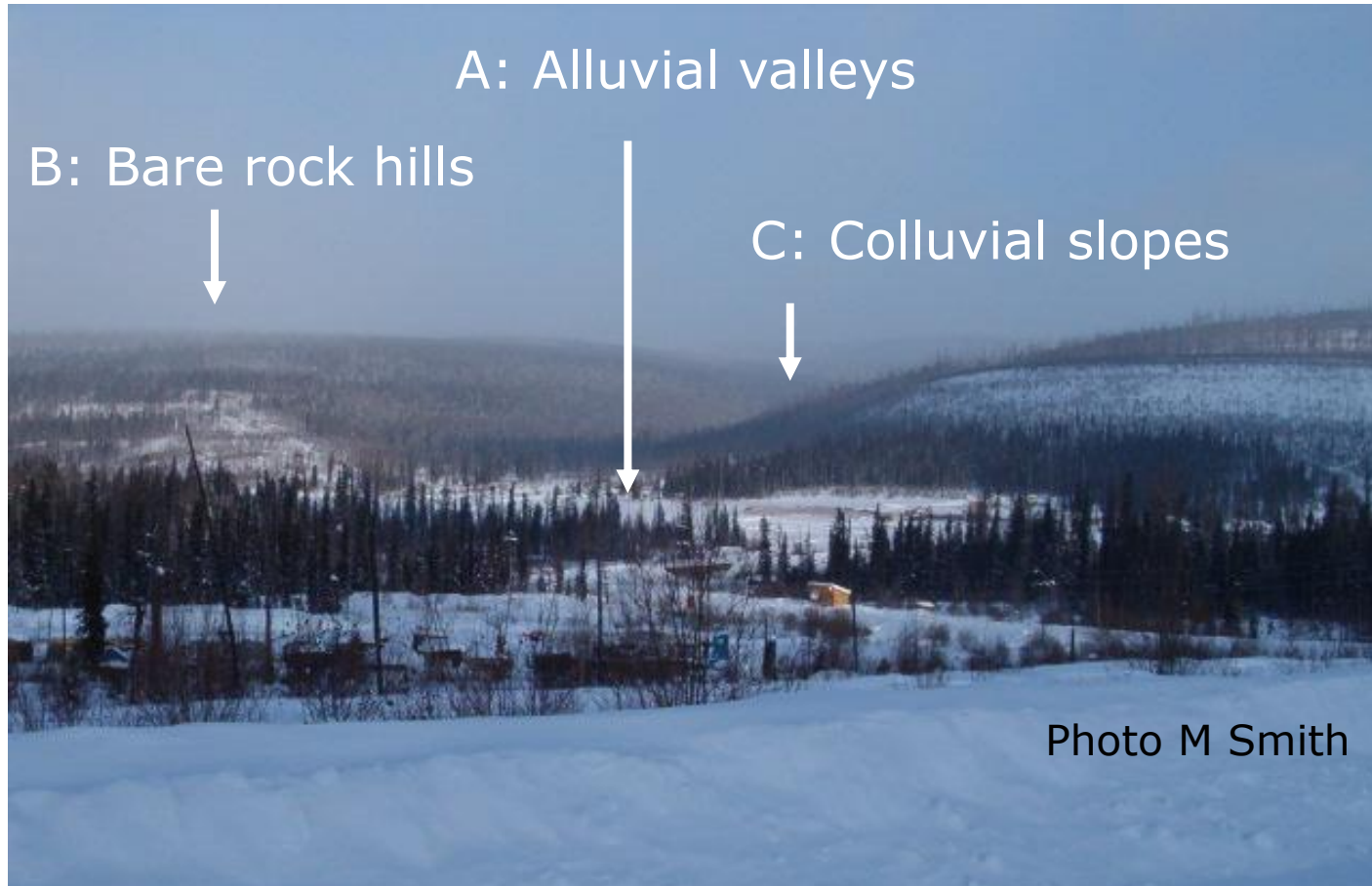


## Rolling hills, taiga forest

Cambrian to Ordovician sedimentary rocks

Permafrost, from 60m thick to absent

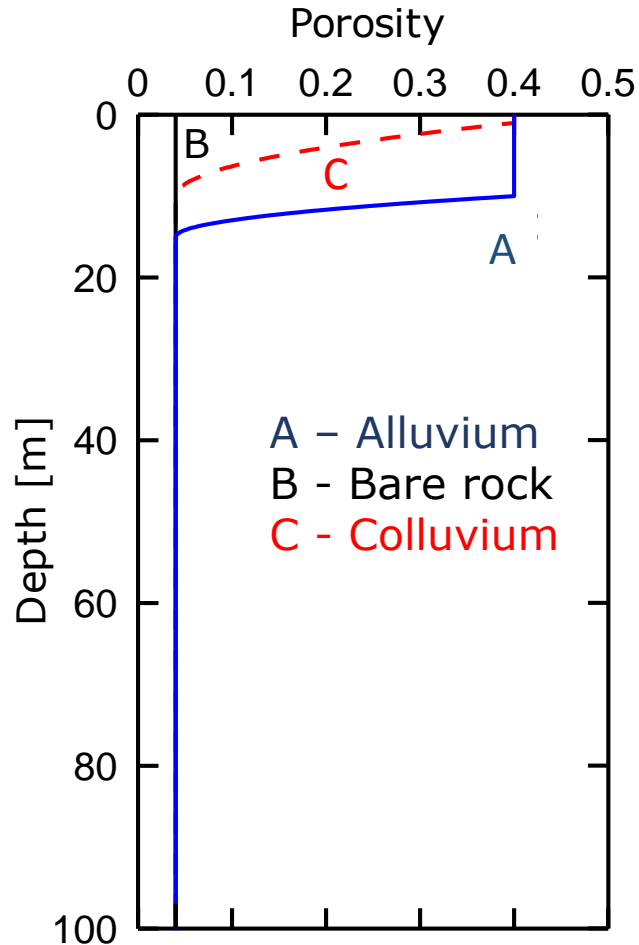
### Three geotechnical profiles



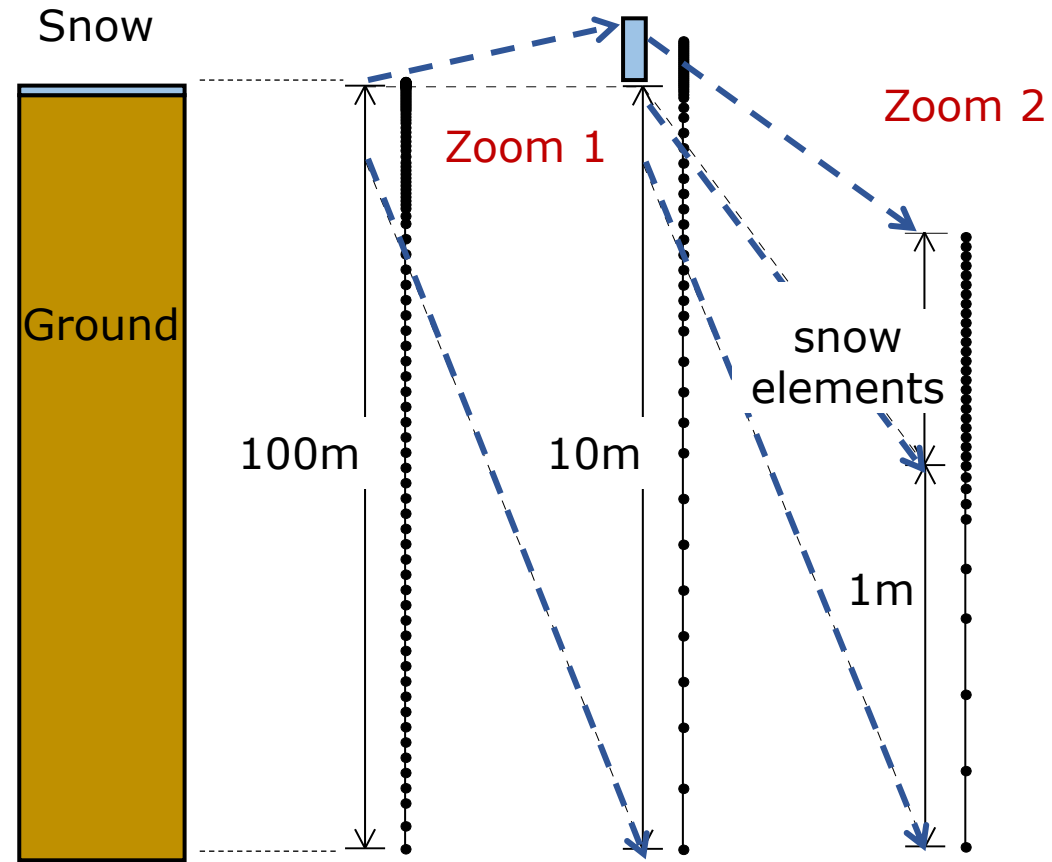
Detailed characterisation: Martin 2009

# Geothermal FE Analysis: Nishimura, Martin, Jardine & Fenton 2009

Key ground properties:  
Porosity & grading



Top boundary: air temperature  
snow cover & surface transfer



Base boundary: regional flux

# Analysis

Aim: predict temperature  $T$  variations with depth  $x$  & time  $t$

1-D heat equation 
$$\frac{\partial u(T)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \lambda(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] - q = 0$$

$q$  = heat production/sink       $u$  = specific internal energy

$$\frac{\partial u(T)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \{c_s \rho_s (1 - \varphi) + c_l \rho_l S_l(T) \varphi + c_i \rho_i (1 - S_l(T)) \varphi\} T + l \rho_l S_l(T) \varphi \right]$$

$c$  = specific heat       $\rho$  = density       $l$  = specific latent heat

$s$  = solid       $l$  = water       $i$  = ice

$S_l$  = degree of pore liquid-ice saturation       $\varphi$  = porosity

$\lambda$  = thermal conductivity



# Analysis

Conductivity ( $\lambda$ ) combines solid (s), liquid (l) & ice (i)

$$\lambda(S_l) = \lambda_s^{1-\varphi} \lambda_l^{S_l\varphi} \lambda_i^{(1-S_l)\varphi}$$

Freezing function:  $S_l = f(T)$  depends on porosity & grading:

$$S_l = \frac{a\rho_s(1-\varphi)}{\rho_l\varphi} |T|^{-\beta}$$

a &  $\beta$  specified for **Profiles A, B, C**

Batch-processing for FE database, hundreds of cases

**Thermal maps:** point-by-point 'speed-dating' matching

**Surface:** Air temperature, snow & ' $n_t$ ' transfer factor, slope & aspect

**Ground Profile:** A, B or C

**Base flux:** 0.02 to 0.05 W/m<sup>2</sup>

# Climate

Global AOGCM models

Local adjustments

Elevation

## Surface

Air temp, snow cover,  $n_t$  factor

# Geology

Desk, reconnaissance & satellite

## Profile A, B or C

$\phi$ ,  $S_l$

# Topography

Space Shuttle radar data

Digital Elevation Model  
Slopes, surface

## Base flux

W/m<sup>2</sup>

Database search

Query

Return

Database of solutions

**Thermal FE**  
100s of runs

Regional maps

Local analysis

# Results for one 60x80 km area

Permafrost top temperatures

1940 & 2000 predictions:  
**Validated against field survey**

**2059 climate: SRES A2 case**

Melting landscape, CH<sub>4</sub> release

Slope & foundation failures

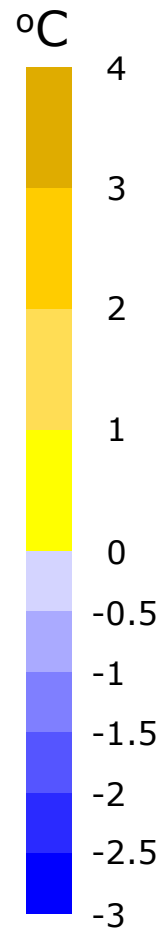
Infrastructure distress

**Adaptive design**

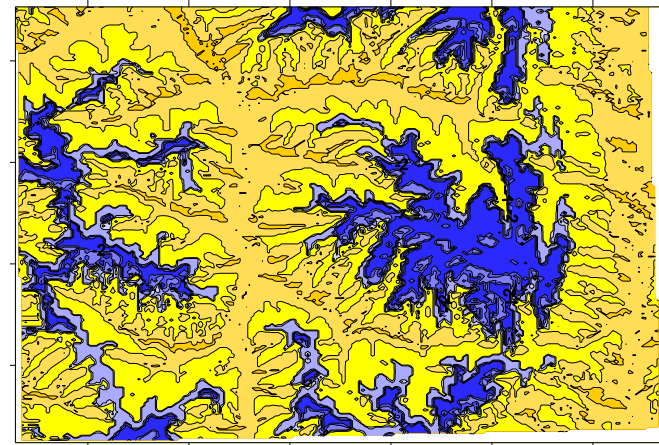
New THM analysis tool

Validated: Calgary pipeline tests

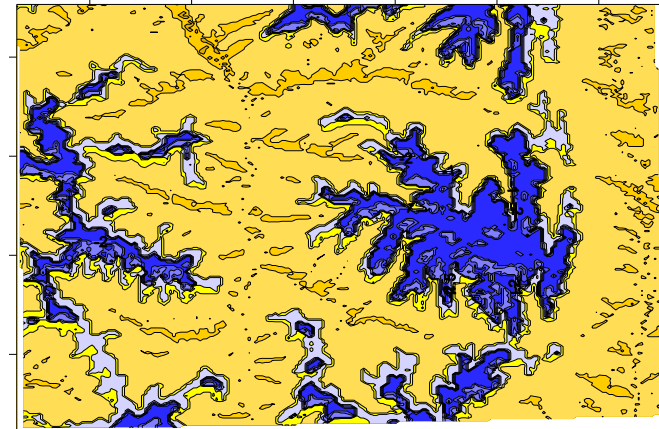
Naples metro ground-freezing



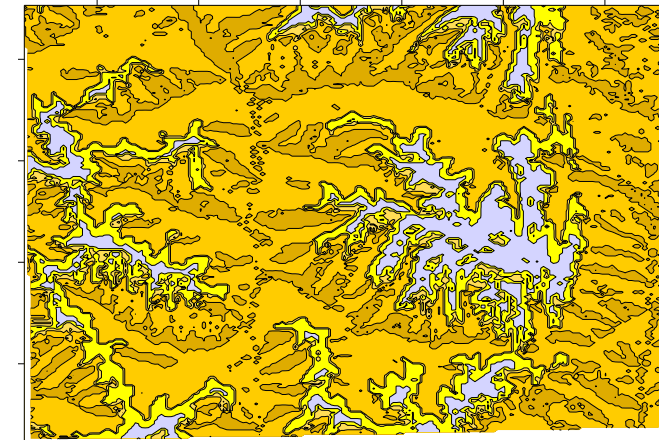
Year:  
1940



2000



2059



# **Climate change – 2<sup>nd</sup> topic**

'Nuts & bolts' of practical geotechnical adaptive design

Strengthening flood dikes on weak peat foundations

In The Netherlands

With Deltares, Rijkswaterstaat & HHNK Water Authority

Zwanenburg & Jardine 2015

# Uitdam, north of Amsterdam

30 km dike fails stability checks

Improve at minimum environmental & economic cost?

## Geotechnical controversies:

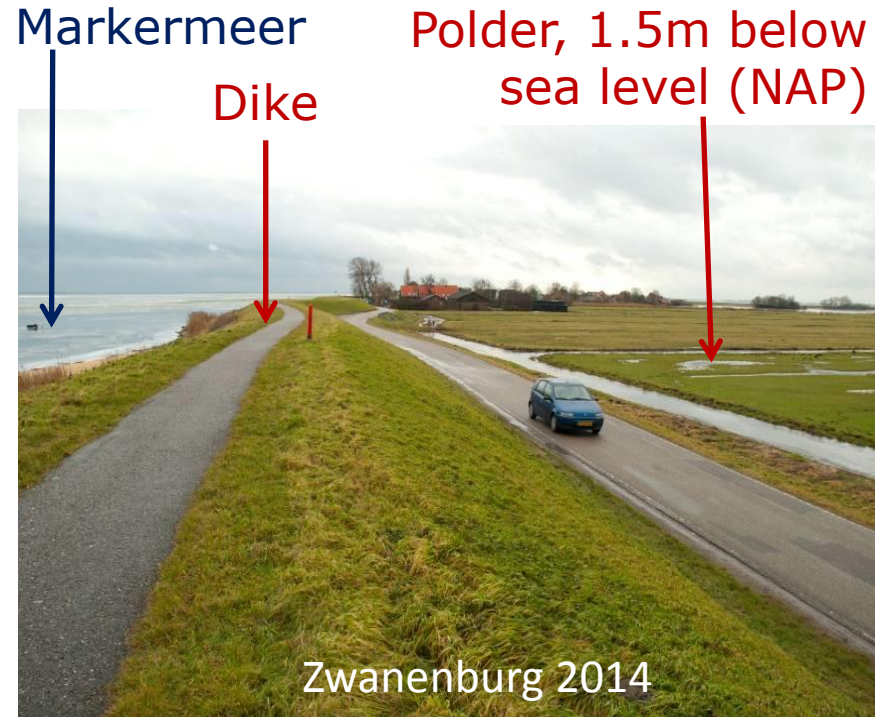
Models for peat?

Effects of past loading?

Failure mechanics?

Drained or undrained?

Resolve by field, lab & theoretical studies



## Uitdam 1.6ha test site

18 boreholes, geological logging  
in-situ profiling & lab testing

4.5m peat, H2 - H3 Von Post, over clay

85% organic,  $750 < w < 1200\%$

Unit weight  $\approx$  water, low  $\sigma'$

Thin surface 'crust'

Oedometer yield:  $8 < \sigma'_{vy} < 14$  kPa

Triaxial & DSS:  $5 < s_u < 10$  kPa

# Load tests to failure



Six instrumented foundations

Range of different geometries

Controlled loading to failure

Short & long term,

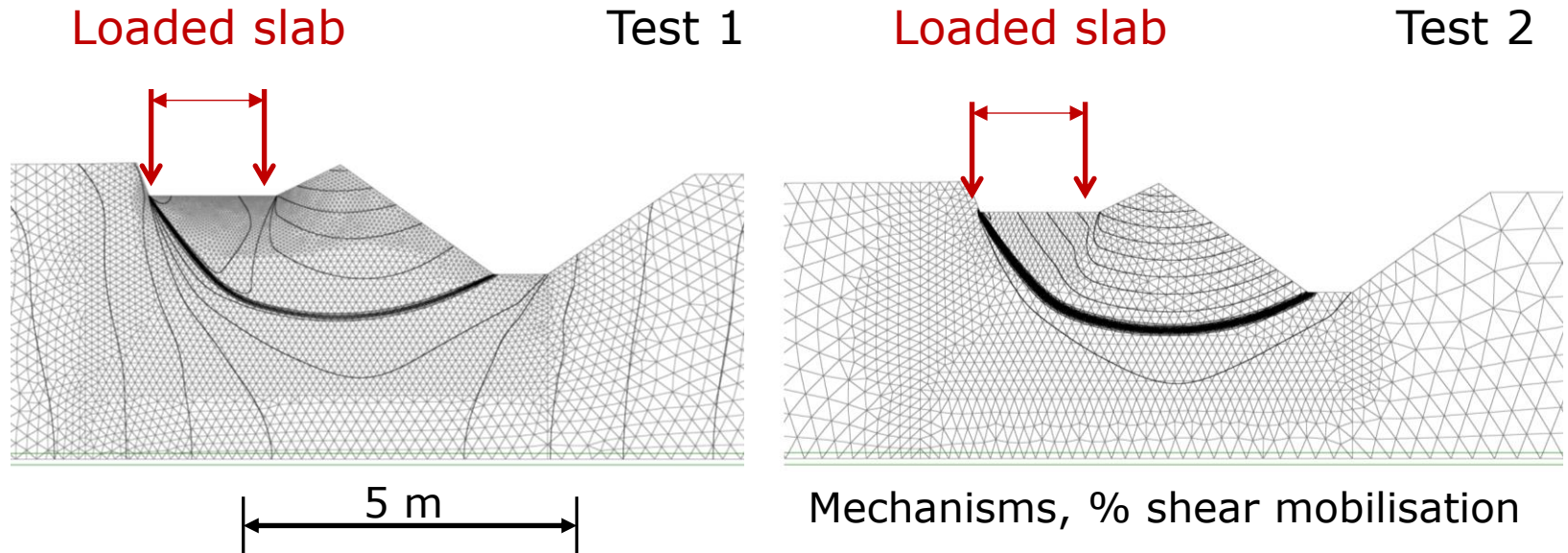
Single & multi-stage tests



Highly compressible; 1.5m  
settlement in 6 months under 35 kPa

# FE Analysis supported by lab & field testing

Analysis capturing details of **undrained** failures



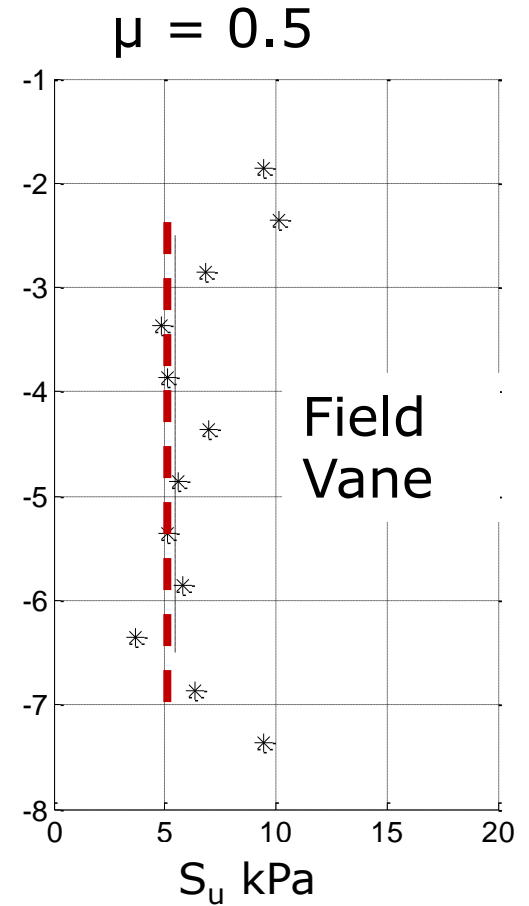
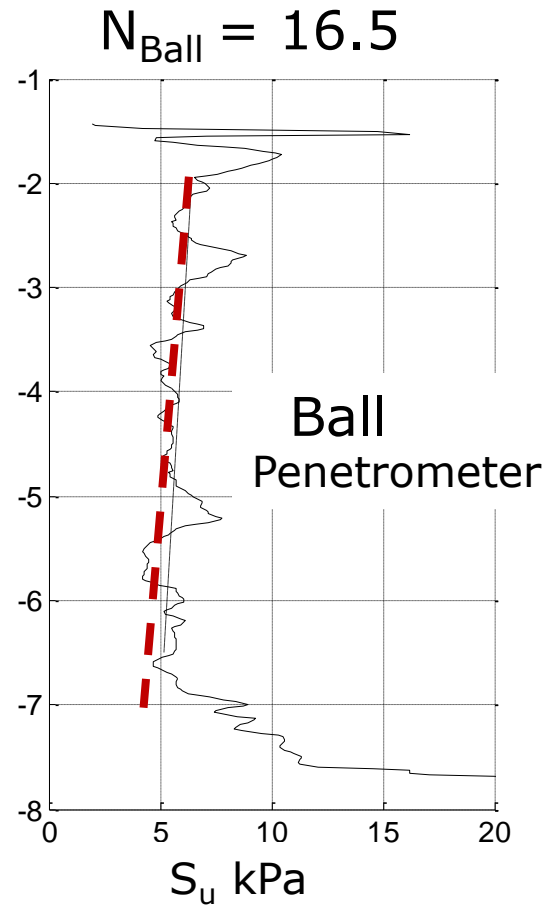
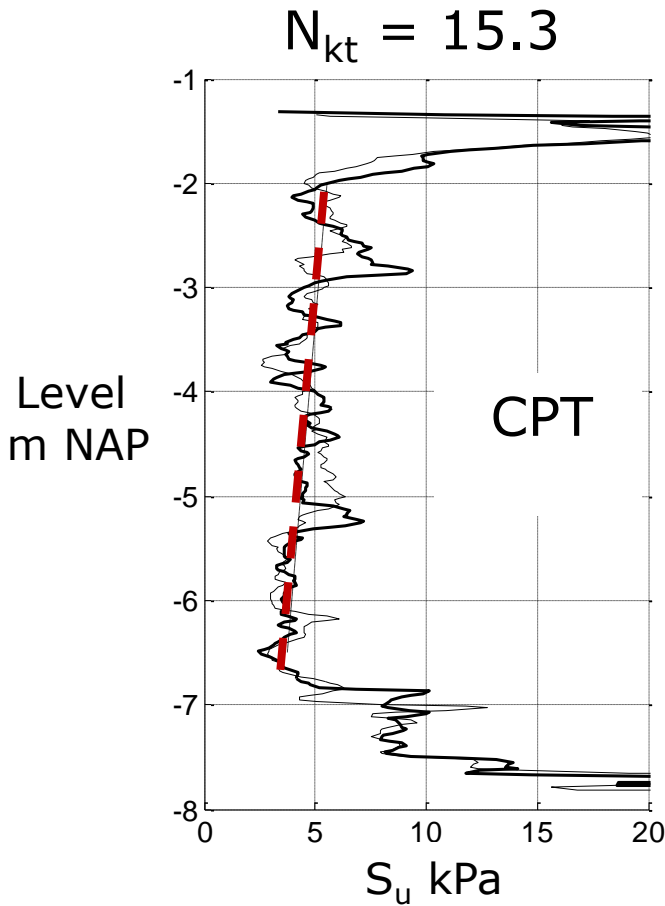
Calibrate laboratory & field tests to iterative back-analyses

Develop range of parameter selection routes

Apply in dike remedial works



# In-situ $s_u$ test calibrations



Test 6 Area: pre-loading

Apply to profile consolidation  $s_u$  gains for multi-stage cases

# Three calibrated $s_u$ selection routes for adaptive stability design

1. Factored in-situ tests: CPT, Ball Cone & Field Vane
2. 'SHANSEP'  $s_u/\sigma'_v$  – OCR function
3. Lab: interpretation scheme

## **Part II**

### **Addressing climate change**

Modelling ground response & developing adaptive design

Simple & complex methods for range of climates, verified in field

Could add many more layers of complexity

**Internationally agreed scientific conclusion:**

**Modelling plus adaptation is not sufficient,  
greenhouse emissions must fall**

## **Part III**

### **Supporting renewable energy**

Aim: reduce offshore wind costs & enable deeper water projects

Foundations: up to 30% of capital cost, 22% on average

1<sup>st</sup> **Deeper water sites**

Apply oil & gas research

Address 'problem' geomaterial: Chalk

2<sup>nd</sup> **Shallower monopile projects**

Modernise design: PISA Joint Industry Project

With Industry, UK Innovate, Carbon Trust, PISA partners

# 1<sup>st</sup> - Multi-pile structures for deeper water

Jacket, tripod & floating support structures

Sand & clay sites

ICP from SI stage: East Anglia One

Small strain testing & analysis

102 three-leg platforms, Rattley et al 2017

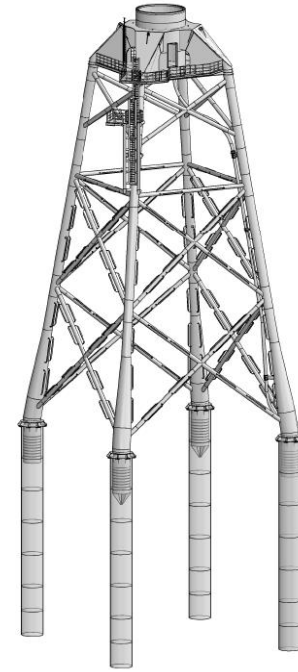
Borkum West II

40 large tripods

New research for 'Problem' sites

Chalk: Wikingen, German Baltic

70 four-leg jackets



# Borkum West II - German N Sea: Merritt et al 2012, Jardine et al 2015

40 tripods, 2.48m OD piles

Dense sands & stiff clays

50 year storm cyclic loading

ICP: large cost reductions



Photos courtesy Trianel

# Chalk sites: special problems for large driven piles

Exposure under glacial till near Wikingen: Rugen, German Baltic

Weak  $\text{CaCO}_3$  easily damaged by impact & cycling

Highly uncertain driving for Wikingen: Advance trials

Load bearing? Advance offshore tests

# Tests on 1.38m OD piles for 70 jacket turbines in chalk: Wikingen

Barbosa, Geduhn, Jardine, Schroeder & Horn 2015

|      | Penetration | % chalk |
|------|-------------|---------|
| WK38 | 16.2m       | 20      |
| WK43 | 30.7m       | 66      |
| WK70 | 31.0m       | 78      |

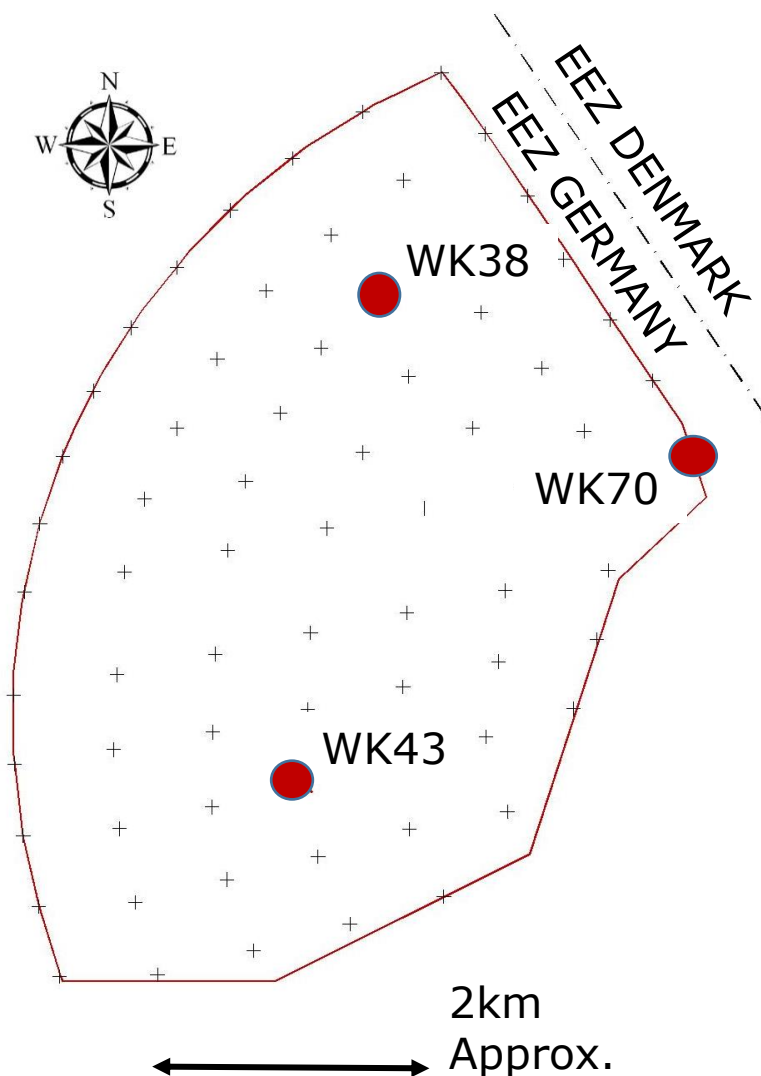
Three piles driven at each  
Dynamic monitoring



11 to 15 weeks' set-up



At each location  
Static tension to failure  
Instrumented restrrike  
Cyclic test at WK38



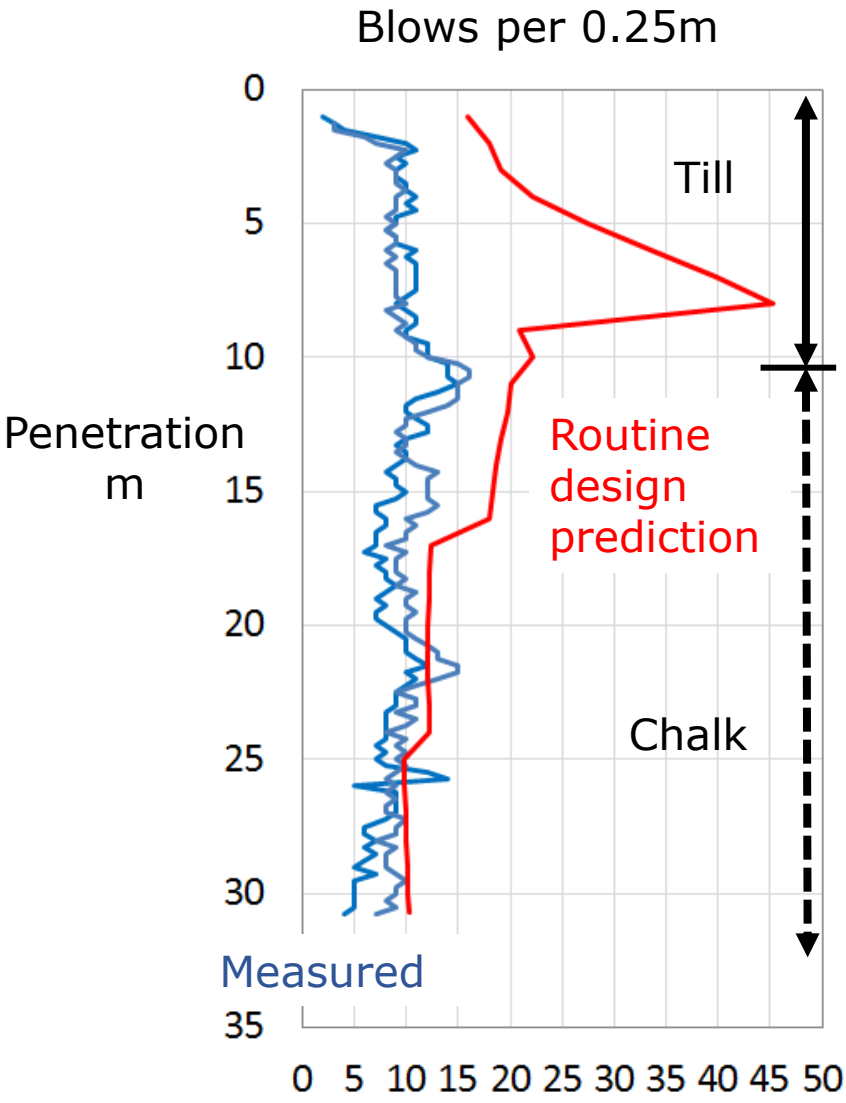


# Test pile installation, October 2014: 17m Euro budget

First fully remote stage-loaded large scale seabed tests; 40m water



# Driving response: WK43, 1.38m OD pile



Instrumented dynamic monitoring:

Signal matching analysis:  
**h/R\* trends**

Worrying low driving resistances?

**Re-drives show marked ageing**

Linked to onshore ageing & cyclic: plain & ICP piles

Barbosa et al 2017

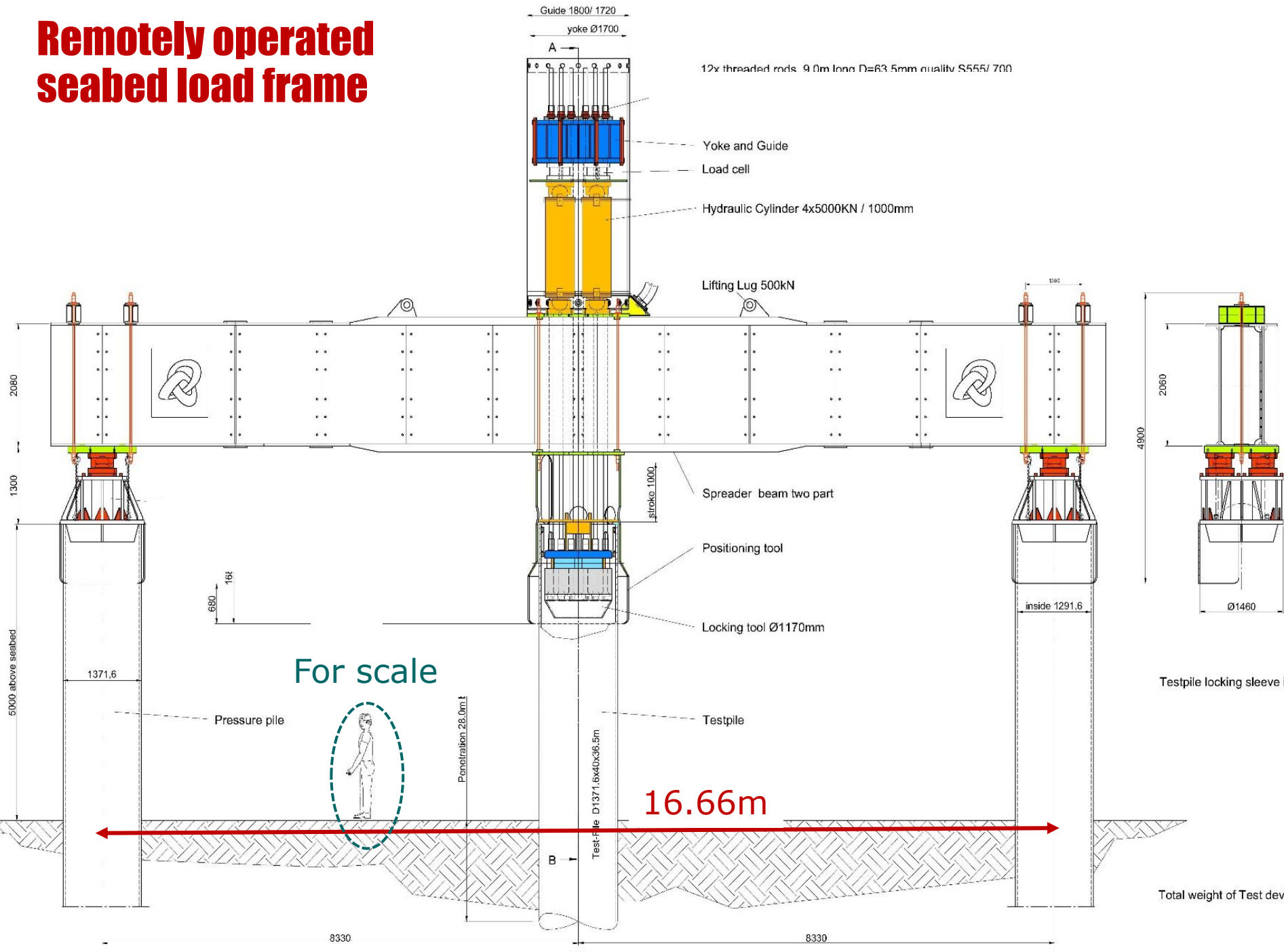
Buckley et al 2017

# Deploying test frame: December 2014

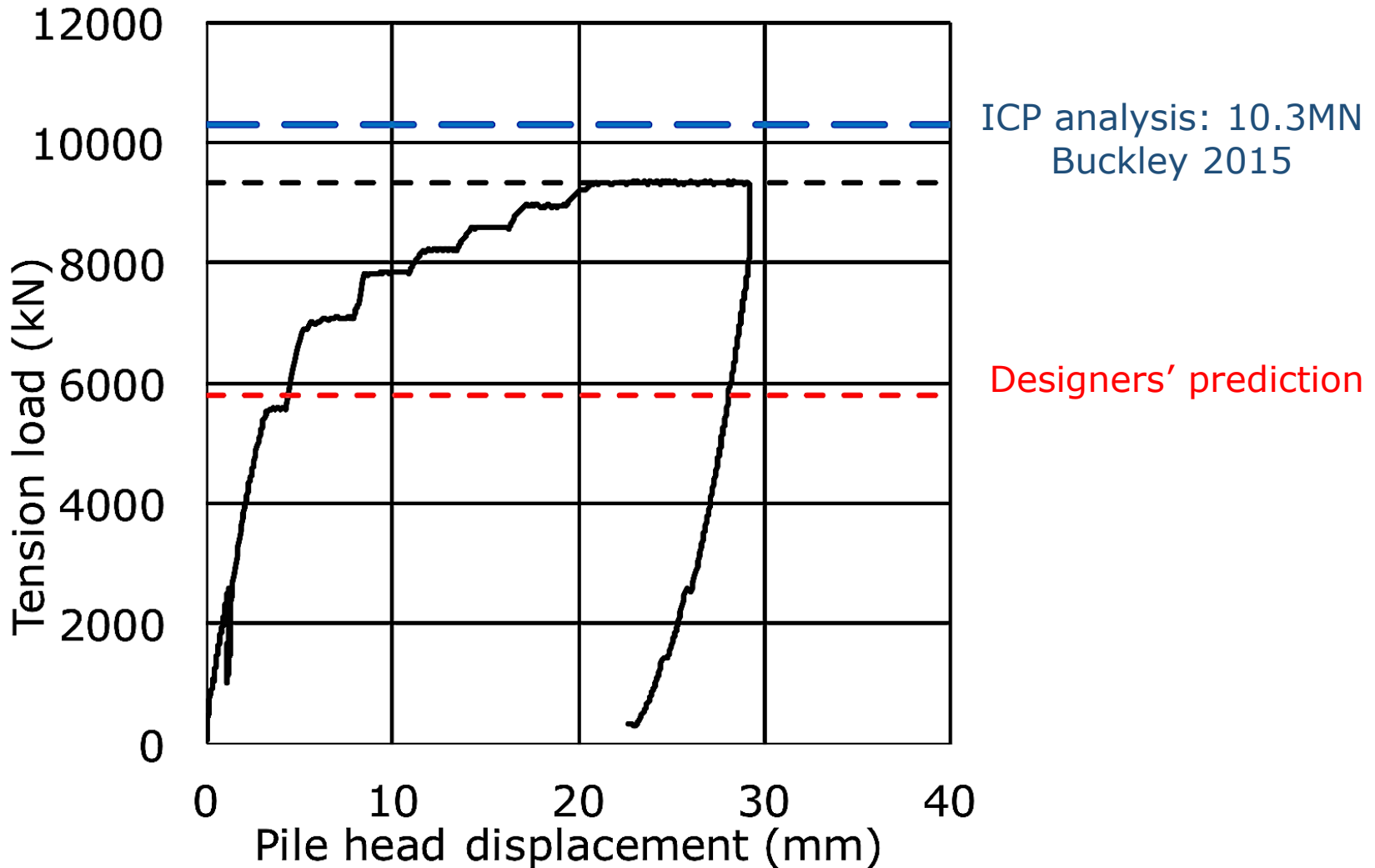


Remotely controlled static and cyclic tension load tests

# Remotely operated seabed load frame



# WK38 turbine location test, 108 days after driving



Outcome: Wikingier foundations re-designed

## **Chalk: summary**

Dynamic, static & cyclic offshore tests

Initial design proven conservative: good return on investment

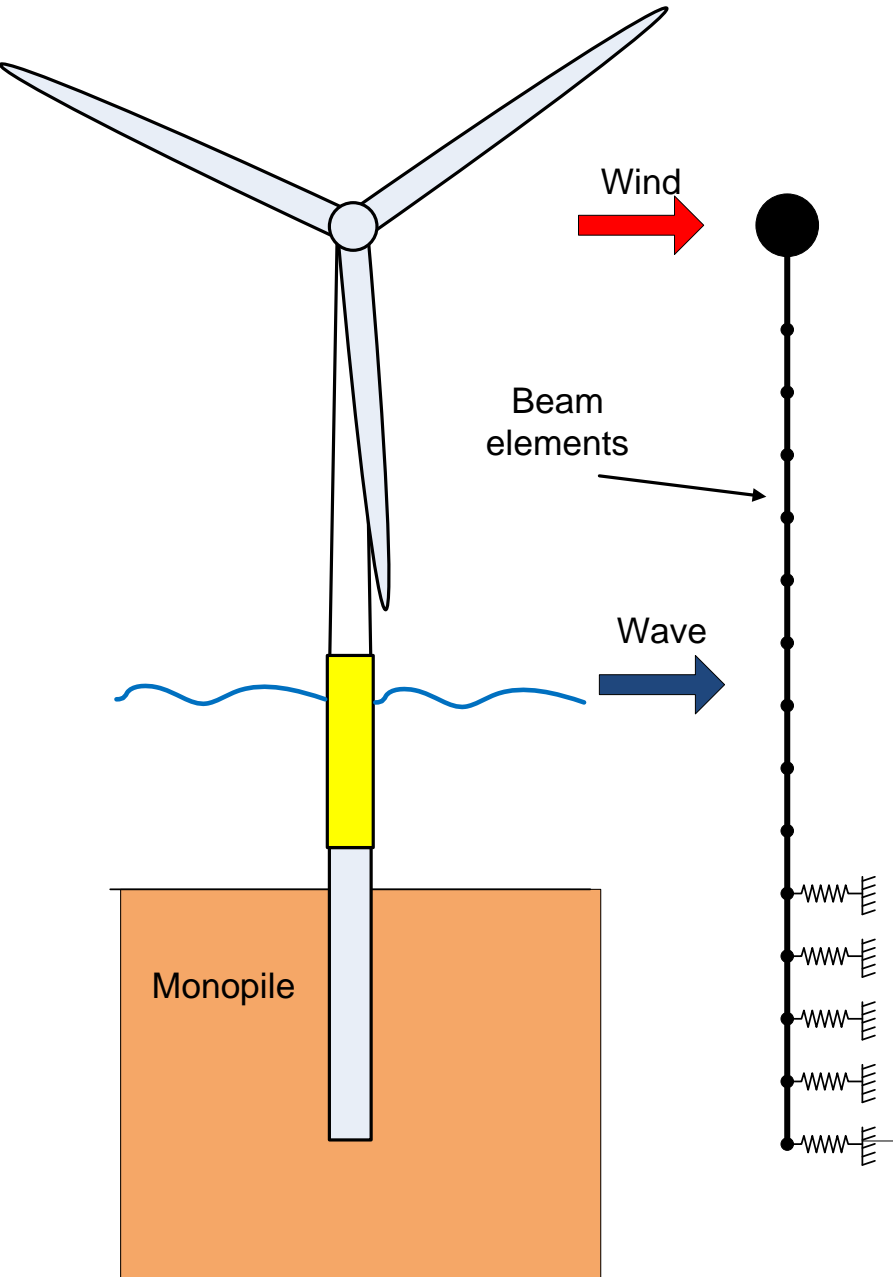
Research in progress

Production pile monitoring

Supporting ageing, cyclic & ICP chalk tests onshore in UK

Integrated with field studies on monopiles

# PISA Joint Industry Monopile Project



With Oxford & UC Dublin

Cut costs, enable deeper water  
use in sands & clays

Analysis, laboratory & large field  
tests

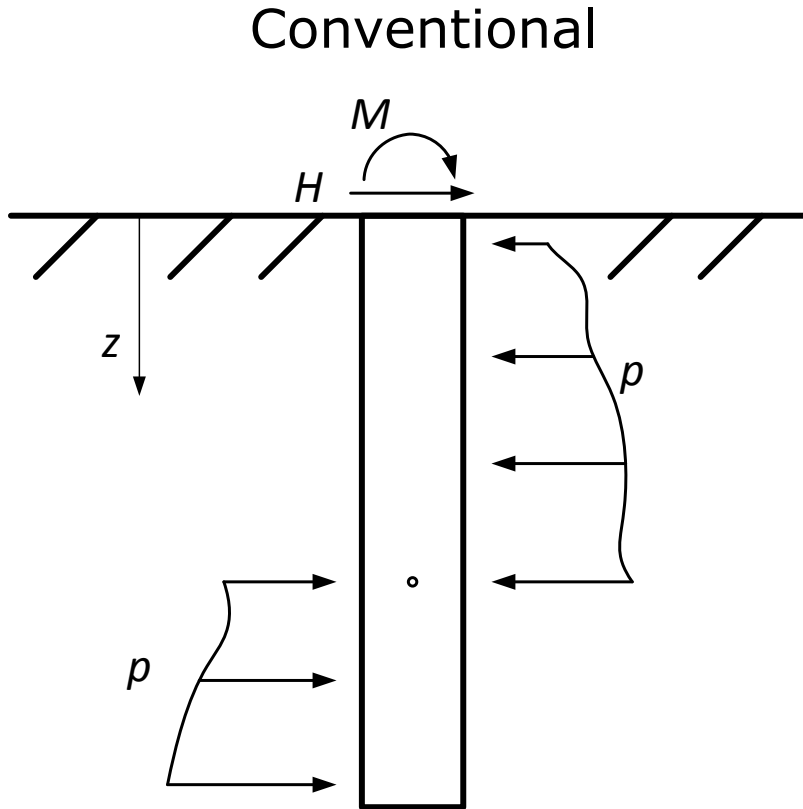
Replace standard p-y methods

Low L/D: **add extra components**

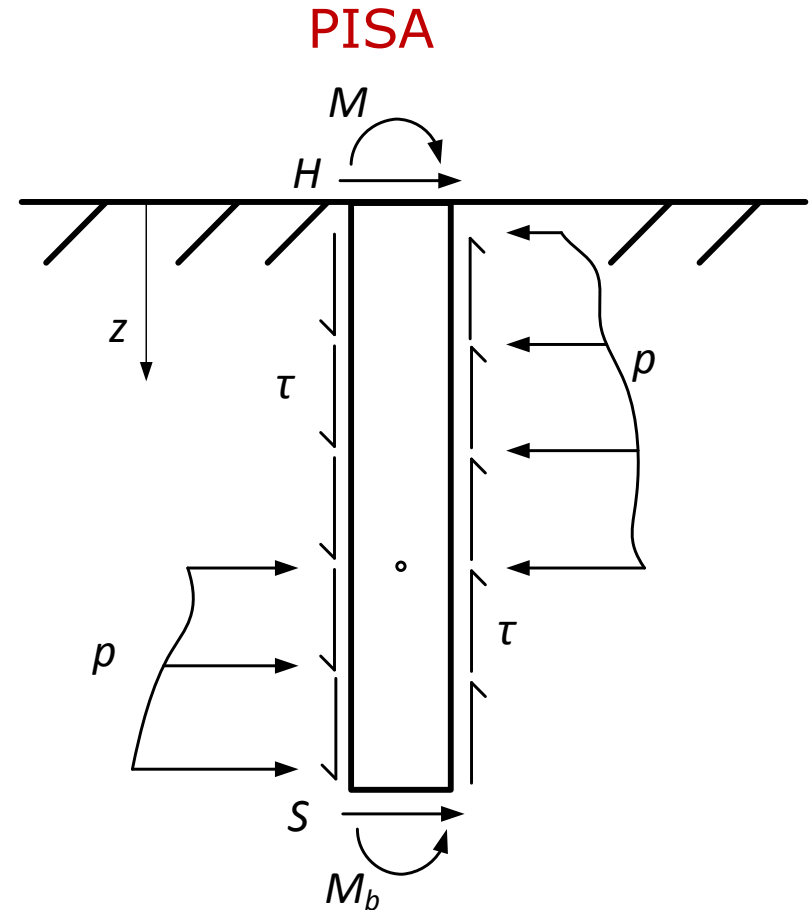
Calibrate: **FE & stress path tests**

Recognise: **cyclic response**

# PISA design method: 'Simple as possible, but no simpler'



Only lateral p-y 'springs'  
Little scope to capture detailed  
soil properties



Four sets of 'springs', check by  
28 instrumented driven steel piles  
Dunkirk & Cowden test sites



## **2m diameter piles under cyclic loading at Dunkirk**



# 3-D ICFEP analysis calibrated to advanced lab tests

Dunkirk: dense marine sand

Two PhD testing programmes: stress path & HCA experiments

Cowden: Humberside

Sandy glacial till with stones & fissures

HCA 'specimen sculpting' aided by CT scanning



# Research by Ushev & Liu

38 & 100mm D **triaxial tests**

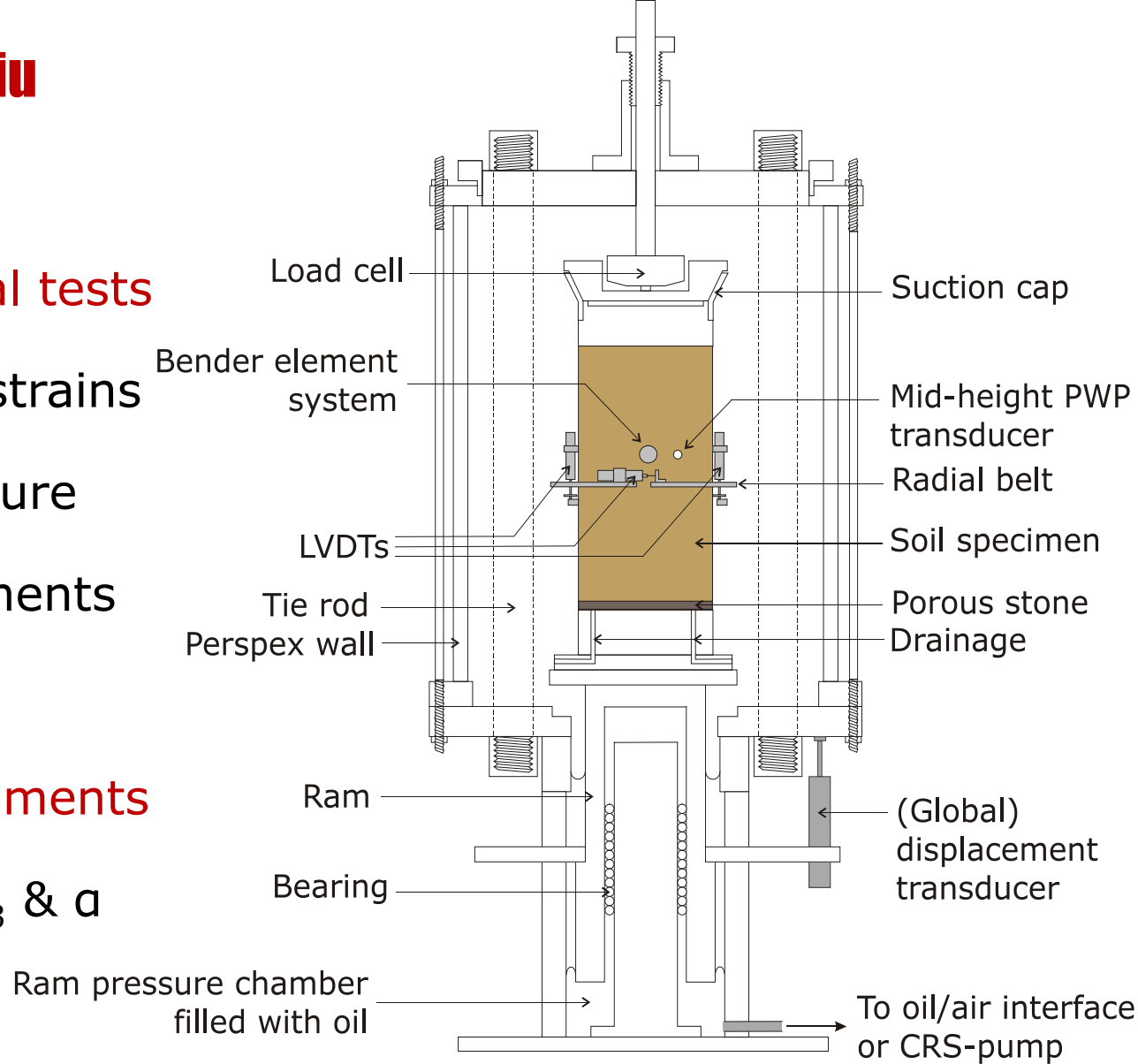
High-resolution local strains

Mid-height pore pressure

Dual-axis bender elements

72mm OD **HCA experiments**

Control over  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\sigma_3$  &  $\alpha$

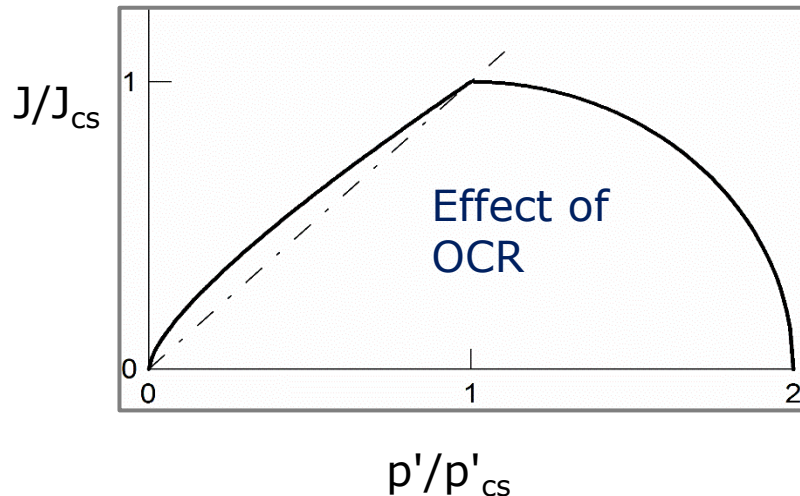
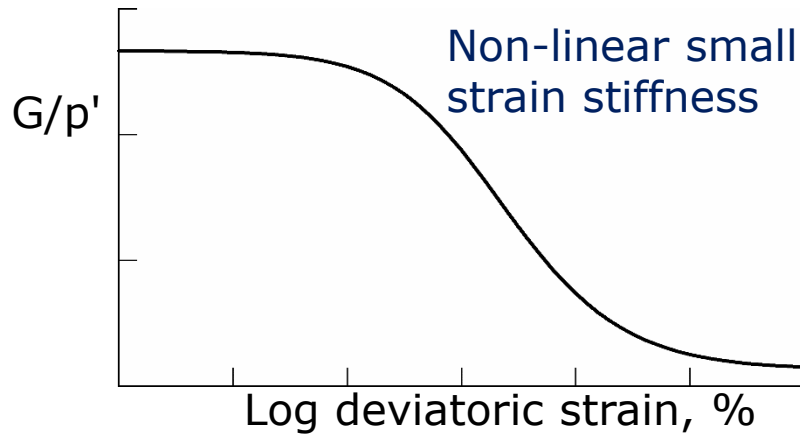


Compressibility, non-linear stiffness & shear strength  
Anisotropy, strain rate & **cyclic** dependency

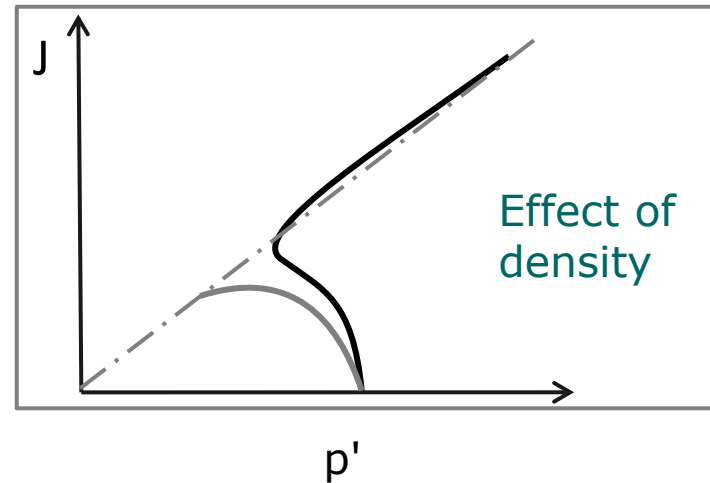
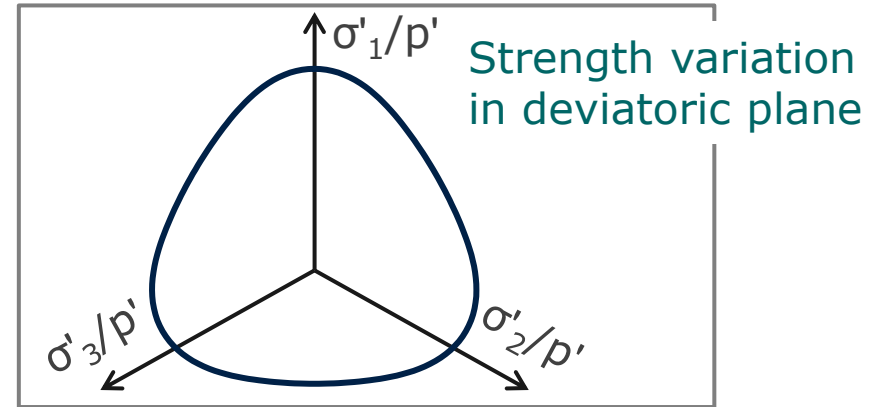
# 3-D ICFEP soil models

## Calibrated to laboratory & in-situ tests

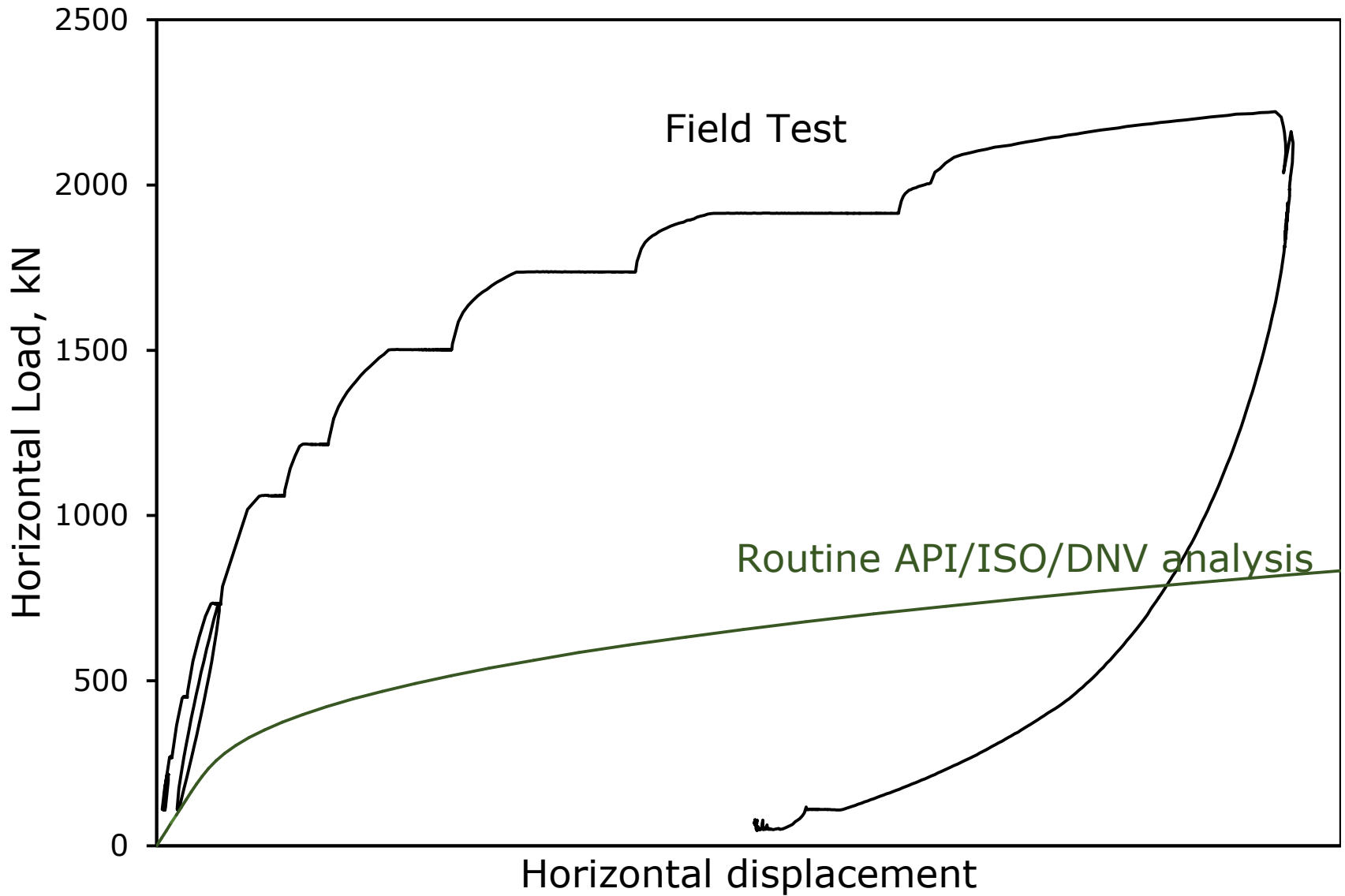
Cowden: expanded Mod. Cam Clay



Dunkirk: Bounding Surface Plasticity

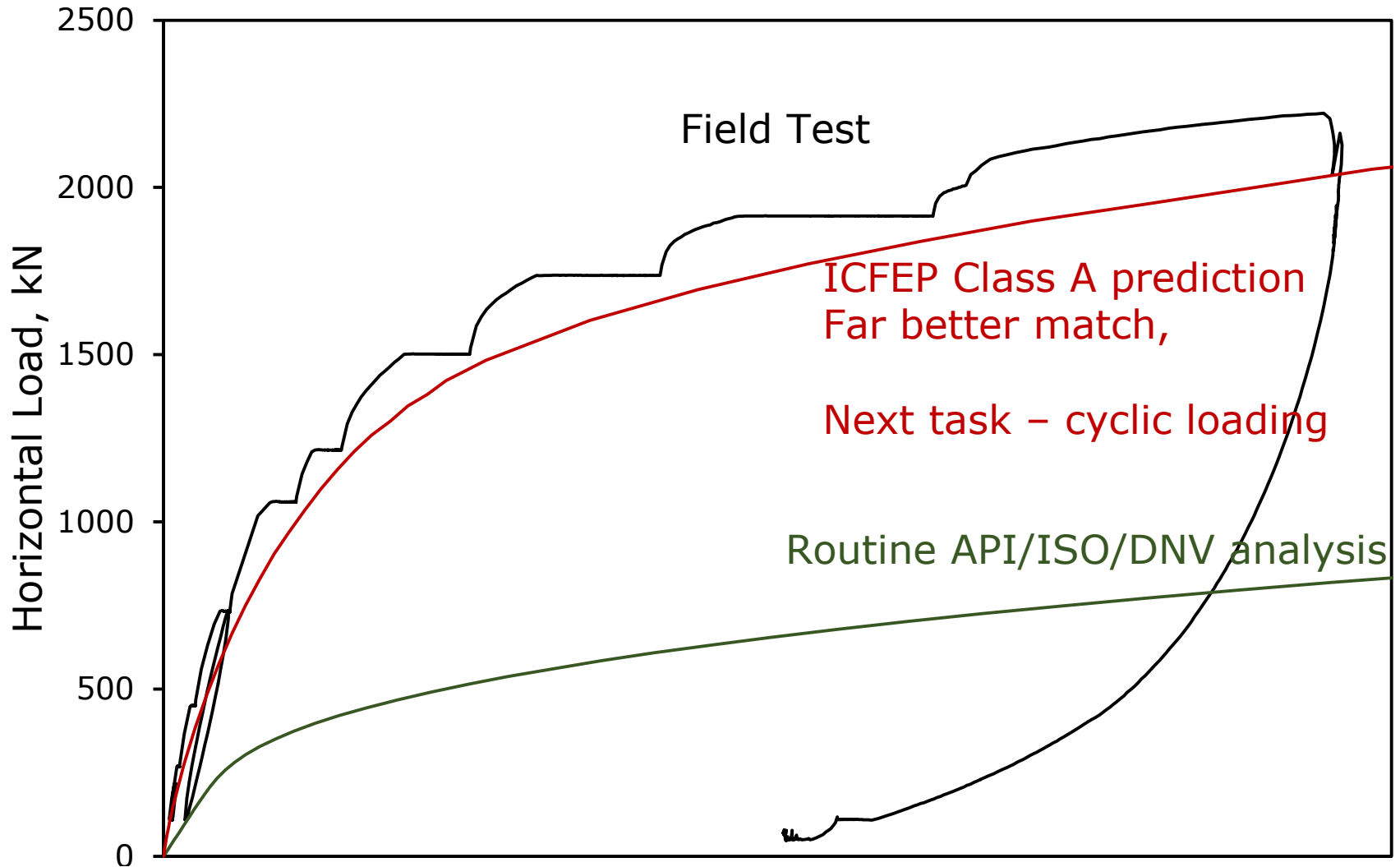


# Modelling 2m OD, 10.5m deep, Cowden piles



Routine analysis: far softer than field

# Modelling 2m OD, 10.5m deep, Cowden piles



Equally applicable to onshore foundations & caissons

One of our 'broader themes'; the other three?

## **First, integrated approach**

Geology, experiments, analysis & full scale field behaviour



Photo c. 1996

4<sup>th</sup> Rankine Lecturer, Professor Sir Alec Skempton 1914-2001

# Next, broad collaboration

Atkins  
BP Cambridge In-situ  
Chevron  
Conoco Phillips  
Deltares  
DONG Energy  
EPSRC  
ESG, formerly PMC  
Fugro  
Geotechnical Consulting Group, GCG  
Grenoble Tech, Laboratoire 3S-R  
Health & Safety Executive, HSE  
Iberdrola, Scottish Power Renewables  
Innovate UK  
Lankelma UK  
Offshore Wind Consultants, OWC  
Oxford University  
Royal Haskoning DHV  
Shell UK  
UPC Barcelona  
University College Dublin  
University of Western Australia  
Zhejiang University

Steve Ackerley  
Amin Aghakouchak  
Ricardo Argiolas  
Pedro Barbosa  
Alan Bolsher  
Andrew Bond  
Róisín Buckley  
John Burland  
Byron Byrne  
Fiona Chow  
Jim Clarke  
Clive Dalton  
Bethan Davies  
Itai Einav  
Trevor Evans  
Pierre Foray  
Clark Fenton  
Liana Gasparre  
Antonio Gens  
Joanna Haigh  
David Hight  
Michael Hotze  
Rupert Hunt  
Graham Keefe  
Stavroula Kontoe  
Barry Lehane  
Tingfa Liu  
Christopher Martin  
Ross McAdam

Andrew Merritt  
Michael Mygind  
Rory Mortimore  
David Nethercot  
Satoshi Nishimura  
Robert Overy  
Eric Parker  
Duncan Parker  
David Potts  
Mark Randolph  
Michael Rattley  
Siya Rimoy  
Way Way Sim  
Carlos Santamarina  
Felix Schroeder  
Matias Silva  
Philip Smith  
Jamie Standing  
David Taborda  
Ralf Toumi  
Christian Le Blanc Thilstead  
Cristina Tsuha  
Emil Ushev  
Robert Whittle  
Zhongxuan Yang  
Lidija Zdravkovic  
Bitang Zhu  
Cor Zwanenburg



# Finally

## Fit for purpose practical tools

“As simple as possible, but no simpler”

Wide spectrum of complexity considered

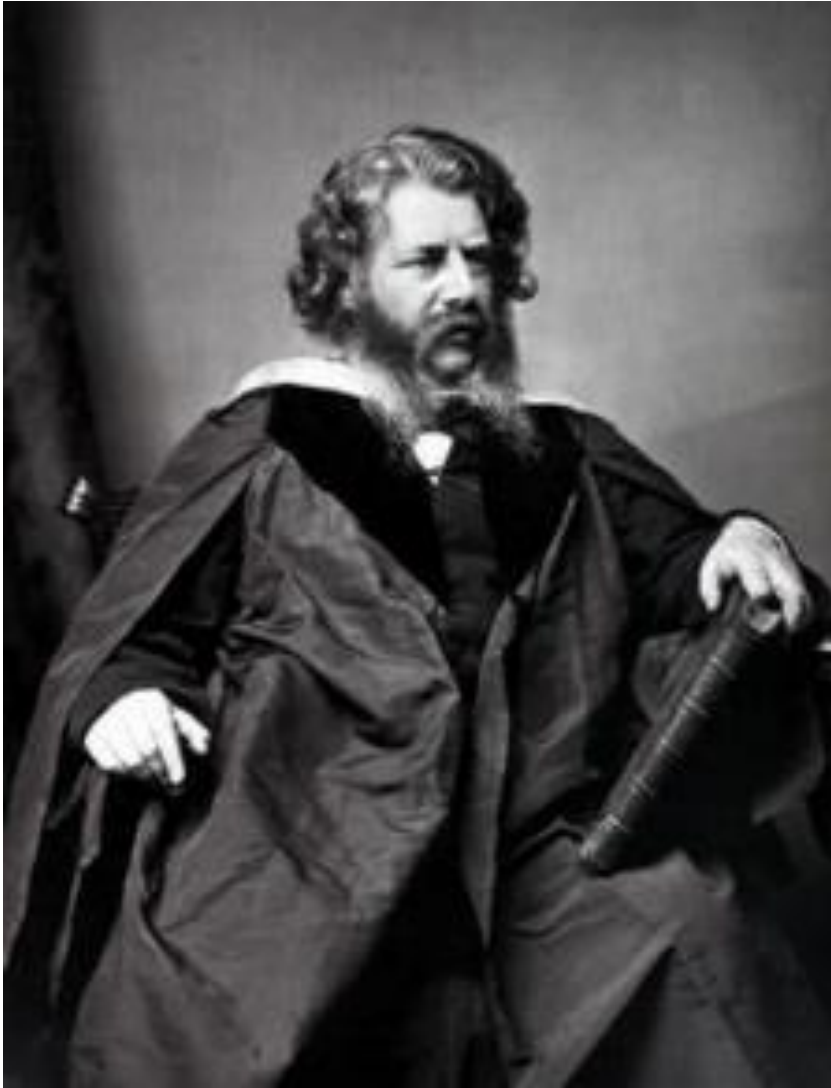
Future challenges, one example per main part

I – Stress regime inside & around open driven piles?

II – Creeping thermal landslides?

III – Cyclic loading of monopiles & caissons?

# Geotechnical progress towards resolving the energy conundrum?



Maintaining safe & efficient offshore oil & gas supplies

Addressing climate impact & developing effective adaptation tools

Tackling problem at source: improving renewable energy economics

Thank you

for your patient attention