

Pile Foundations in Intermediate Geomaterials

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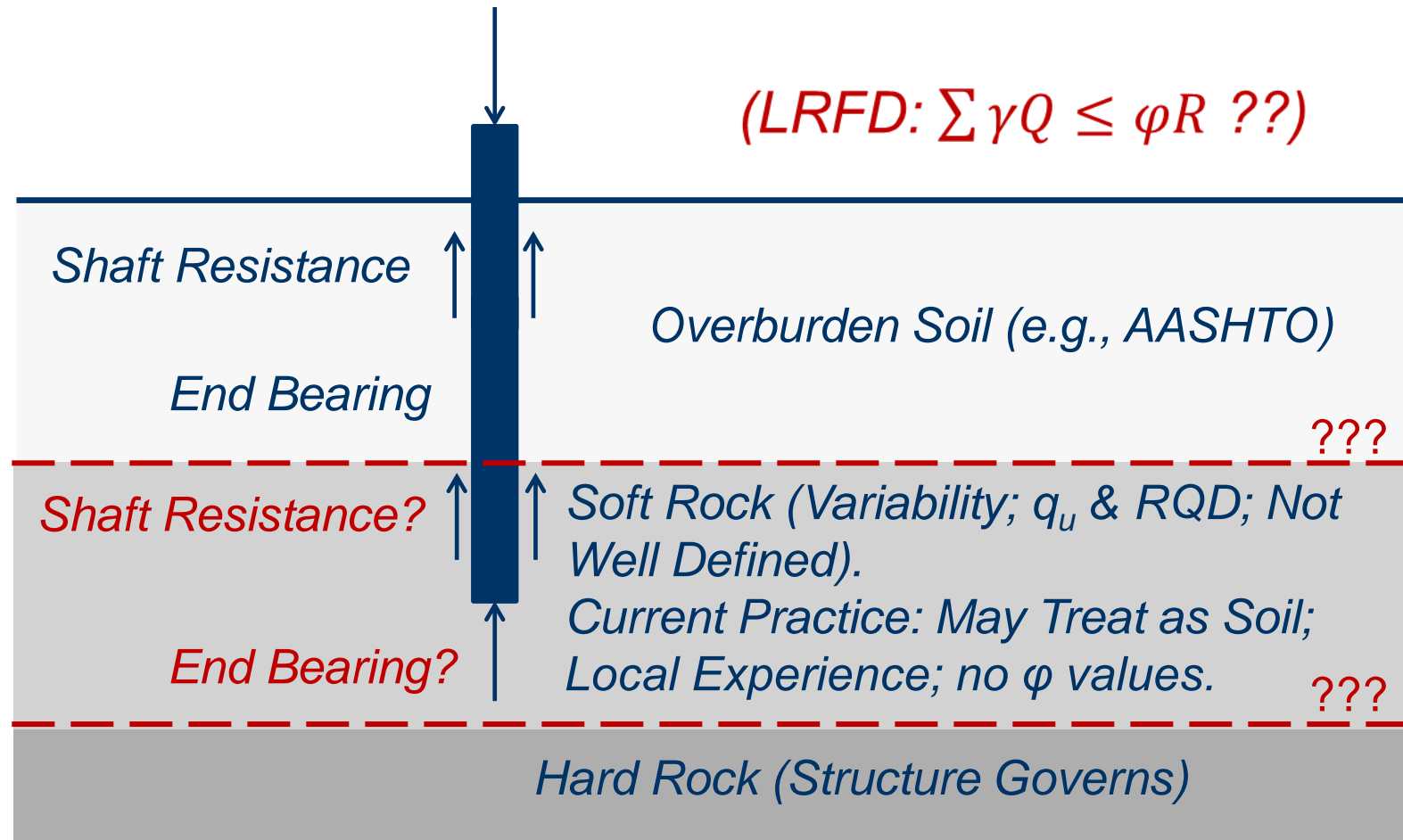
Presentation Outline

- Challenges
- What is IGM or Soft Rock?
- Historical Pile Load Test Data
- Field Pile Load Tests
- Geomaterials Classification for Driven Piles
- Proposed Static Analysis Methods
- Proposed Wave Equation Analysis Procedures
- Calibrated LRFD Resistance Factors
- Implementation

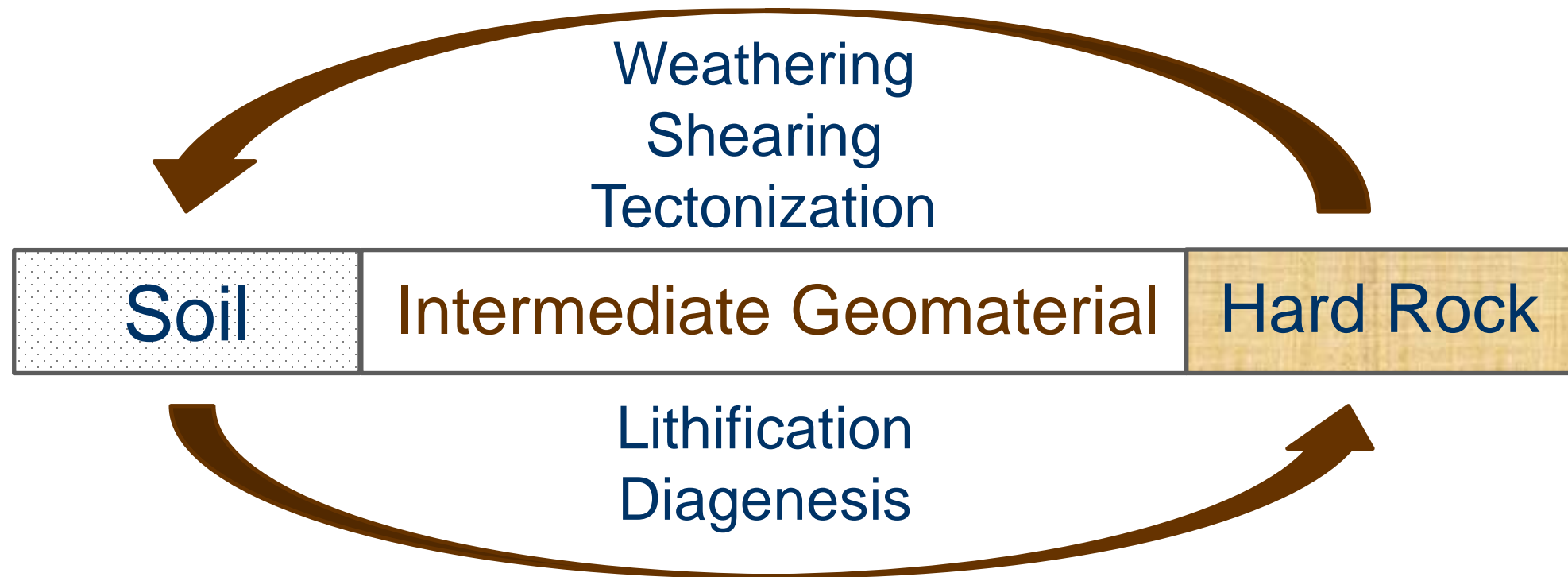
Challenges

Design Stage: Total Resistance?

Construction Stage: WEAP; PDA/CAPWAP; Restrike



What is Intermediate Geomaterial or Soft Rock?

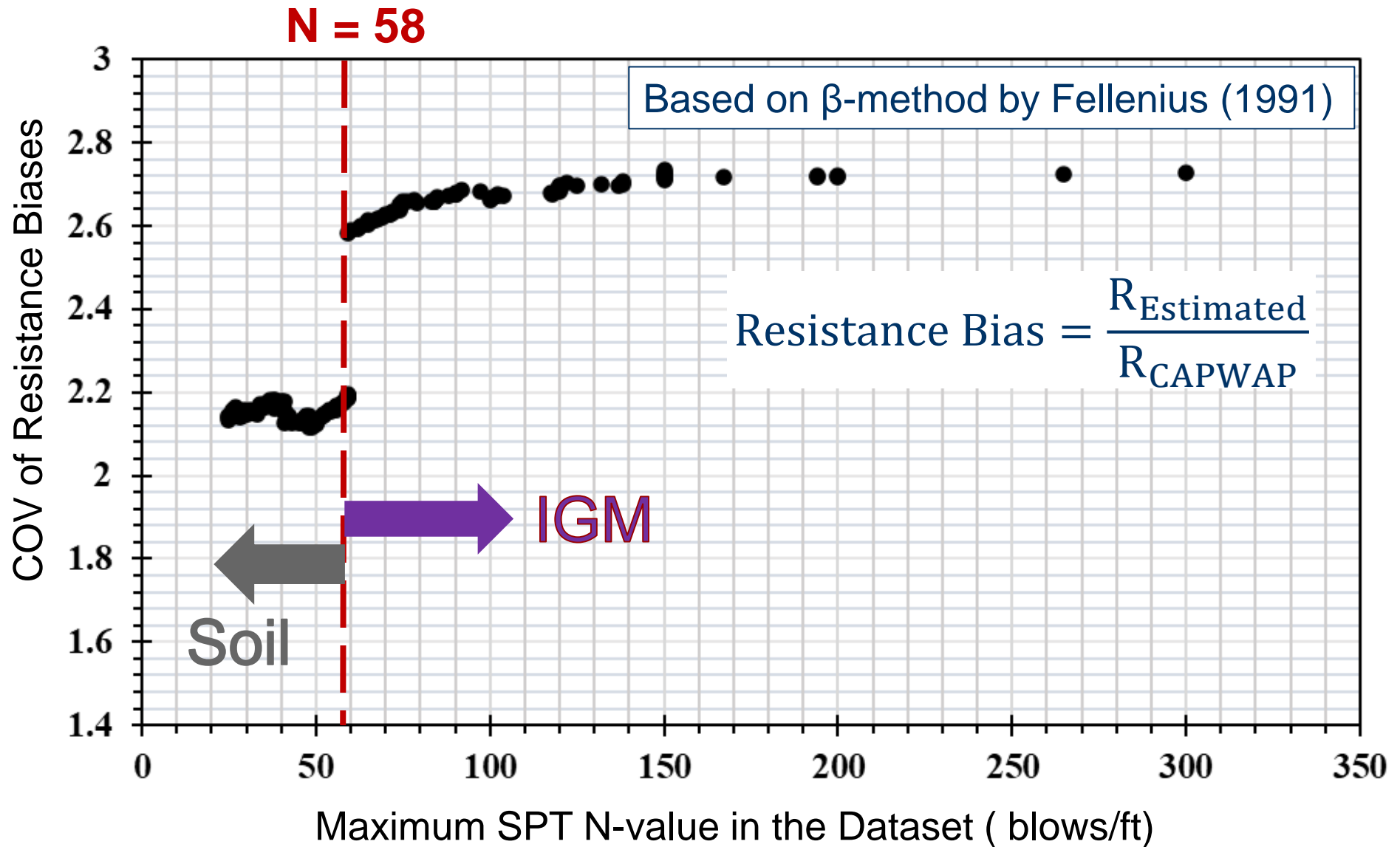


Coarse-grained Soil-based IGM (SH-28 Lemhi River Bridge Project, Idaho)

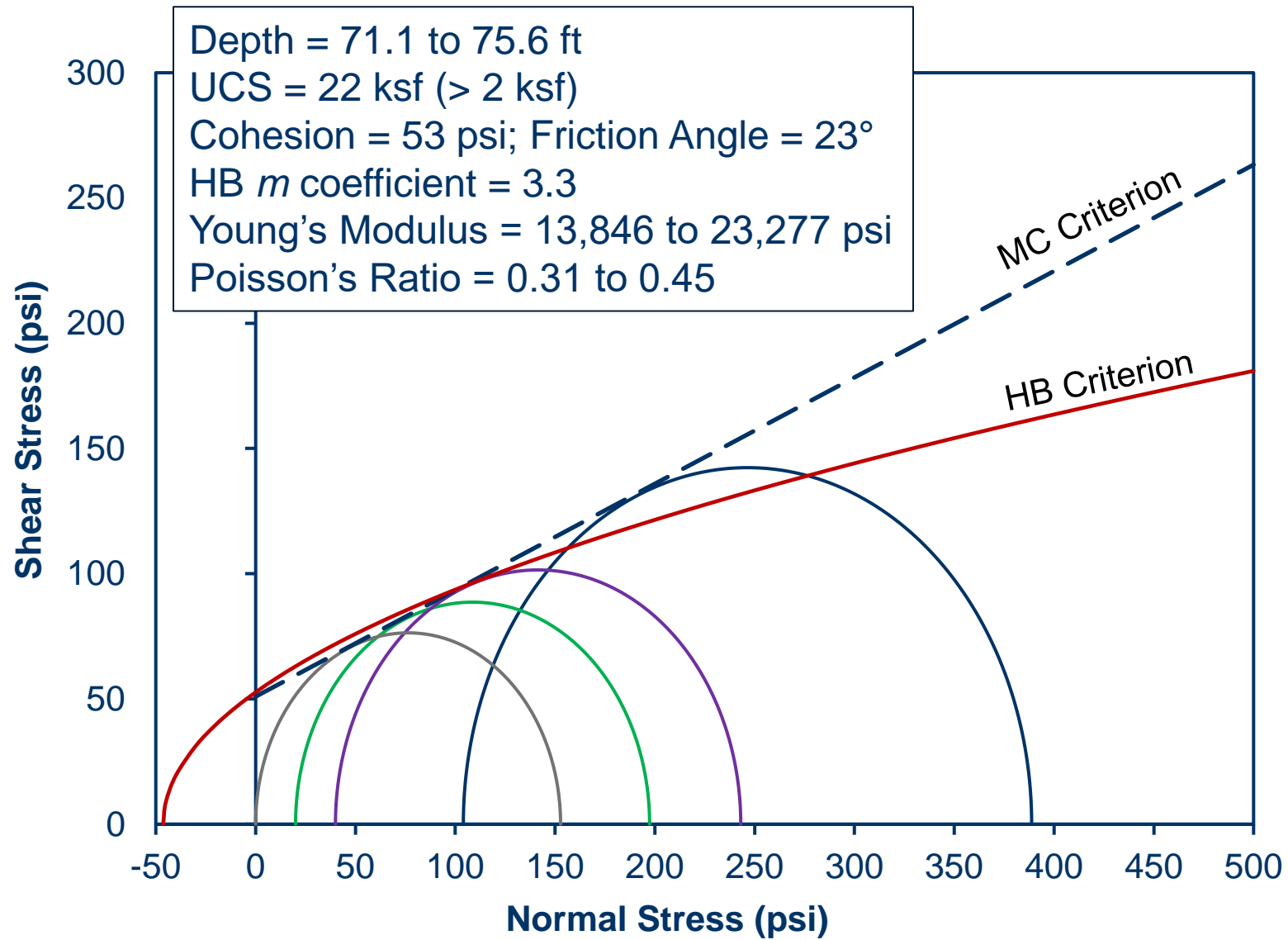


Core samples indicate CG-IGM starting from 12.5 ft and terminated at 50 ft, overlaying the bedrock

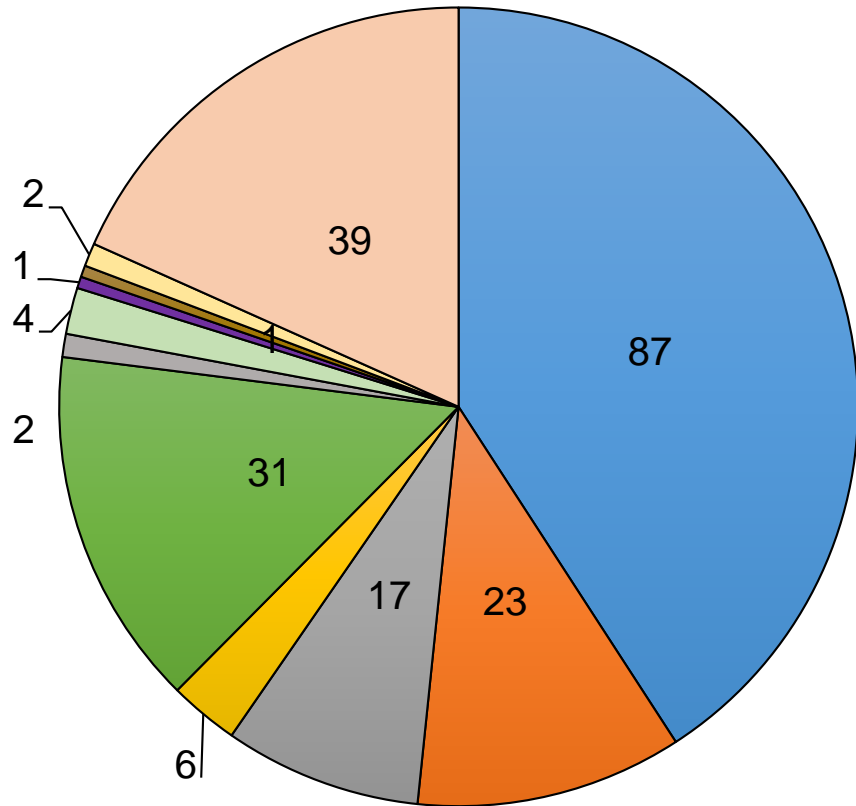
Classification of Coarse-grained Soil IGM



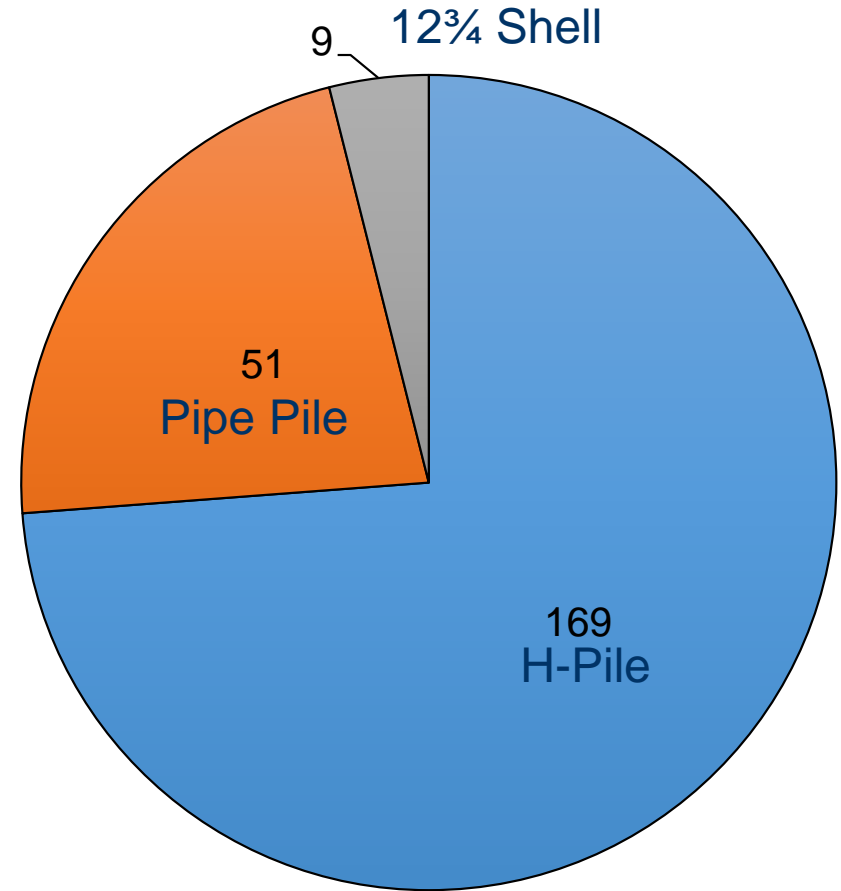
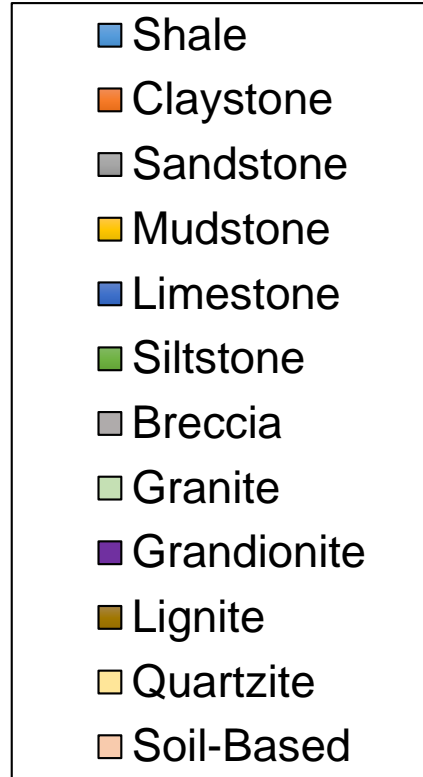
Soft Siltstone (Lodgepole Creek Bridge Project, WY)



Summary of Pile Load Test Data

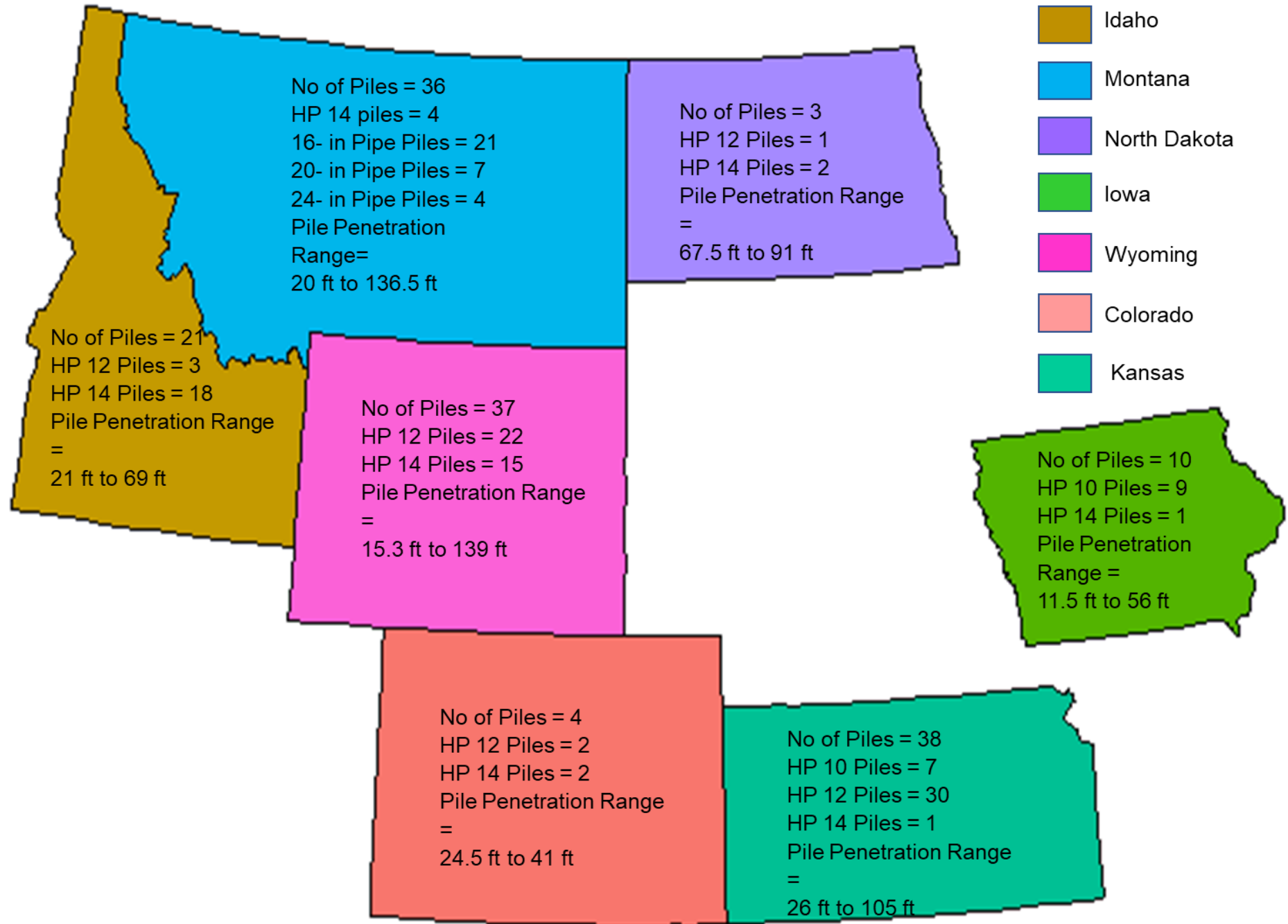


213 Usable Test Piles into Known IGMs

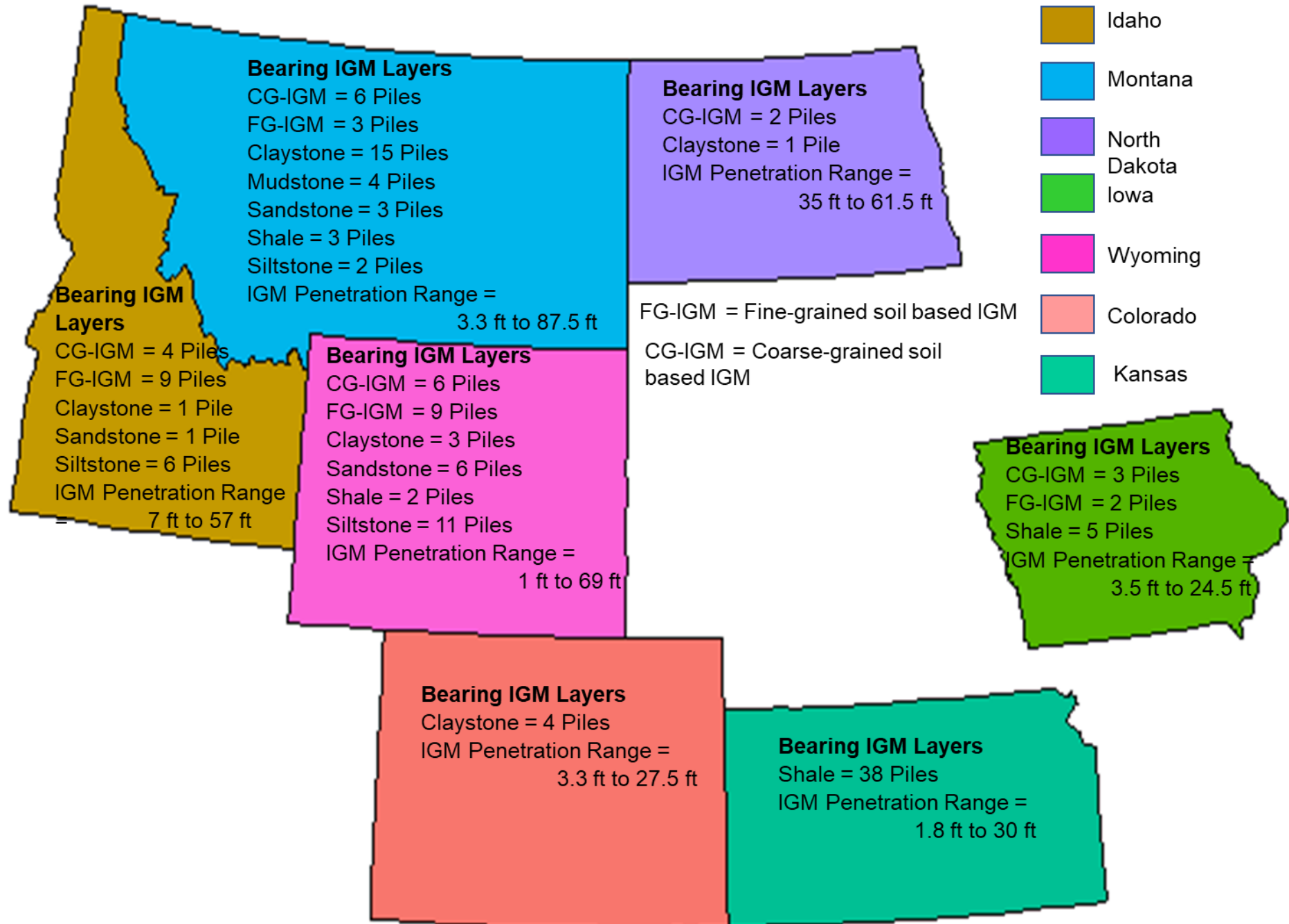


229 Usable Test Pile Types

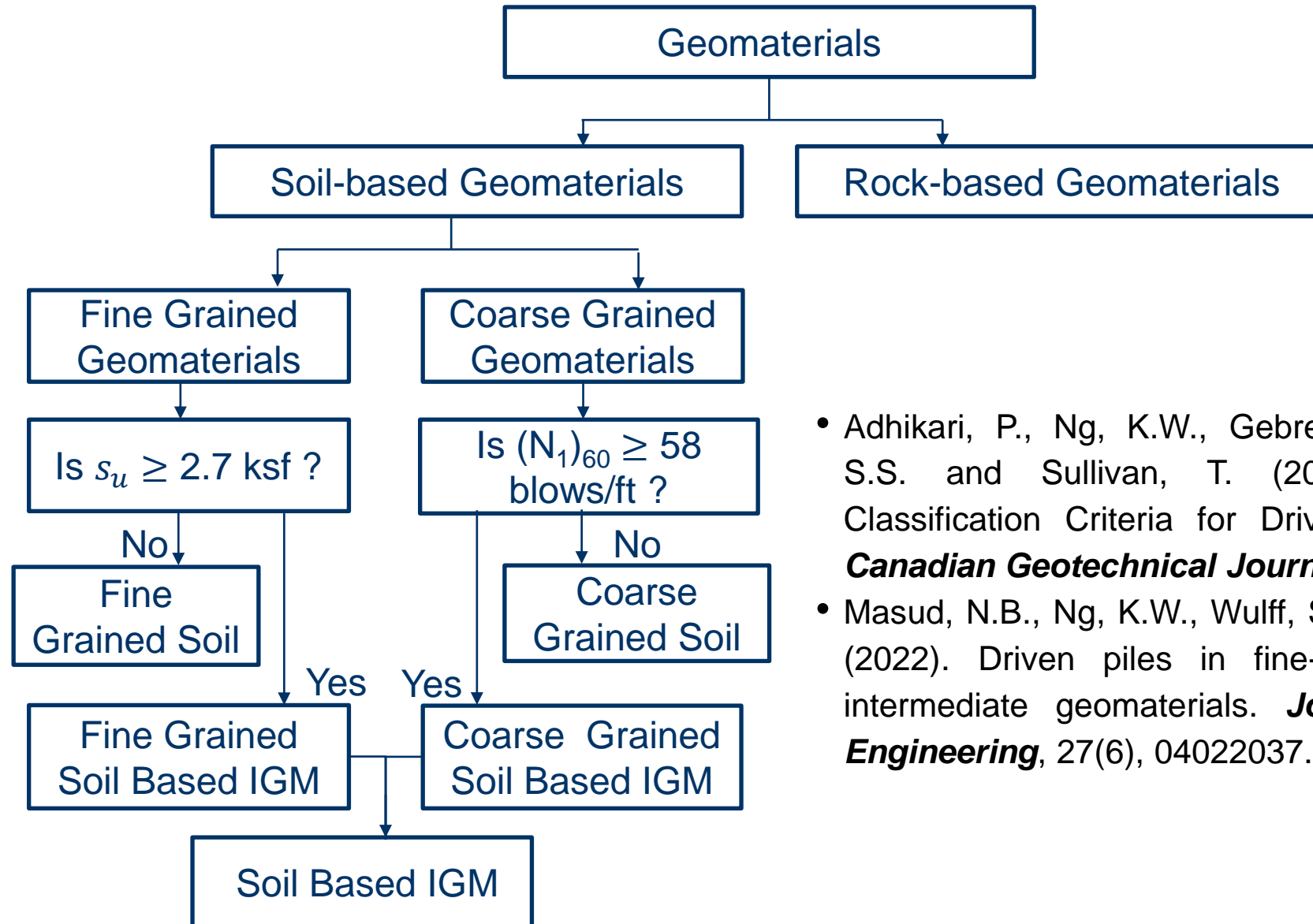
Pile Load Test Data (Pile)



Pile Load Test Data (IGMs)

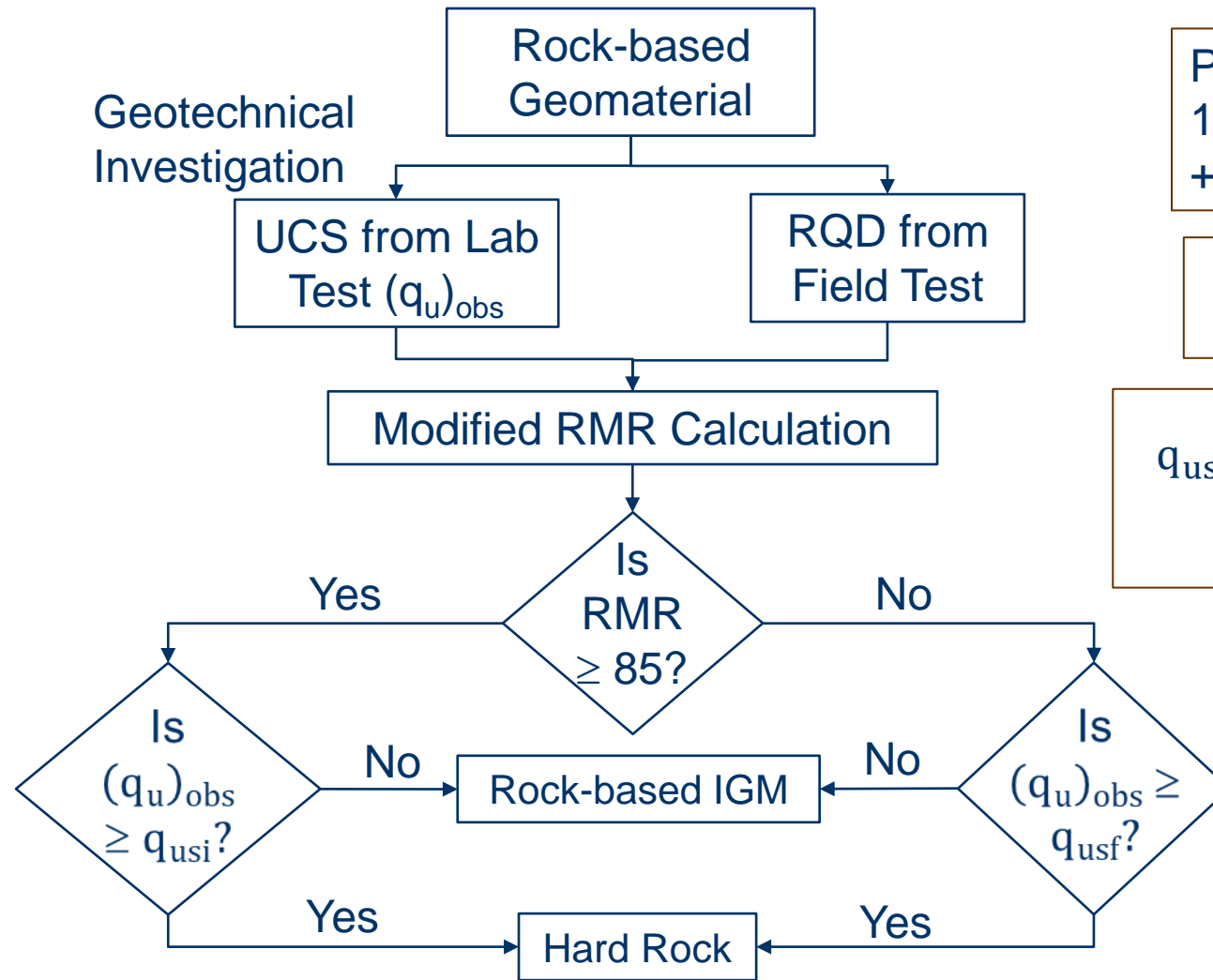


Classification Chart for Soil-based Geomaterials



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Classification Chart for Rock-based Geomaterials



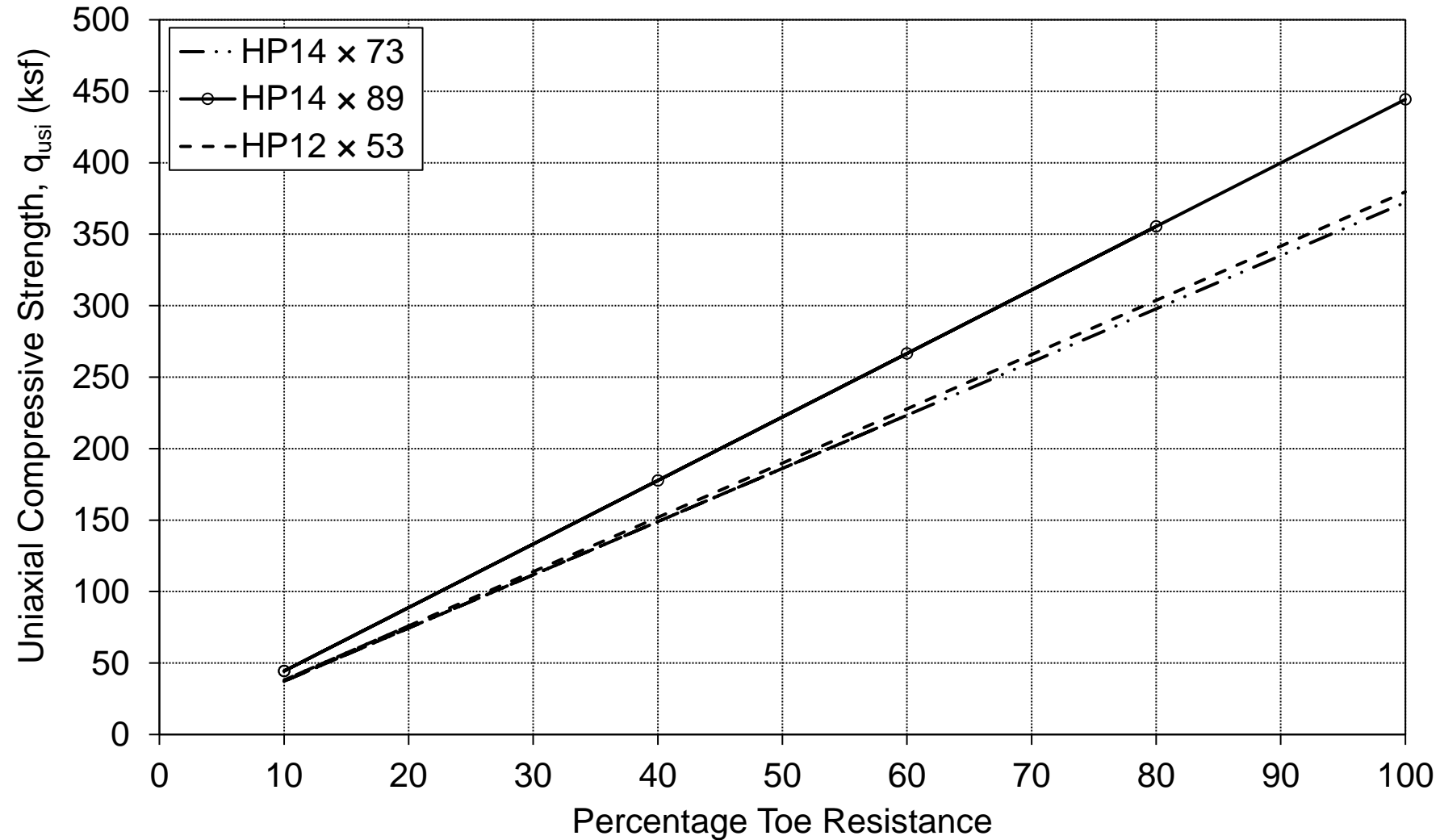
$$\text{Percent Toe Resistance} \approx 13.61 - 0.004(\text{Embedded Pile Length})^2 + 12.8 \ln[(N_1)'_{60}]$$

$$q_{usi} = \frac{\text{Percent Toe Resistance} \times 0.6P_n}{2.5 \times 0.5 \times \text{Box Toe Area}}$$

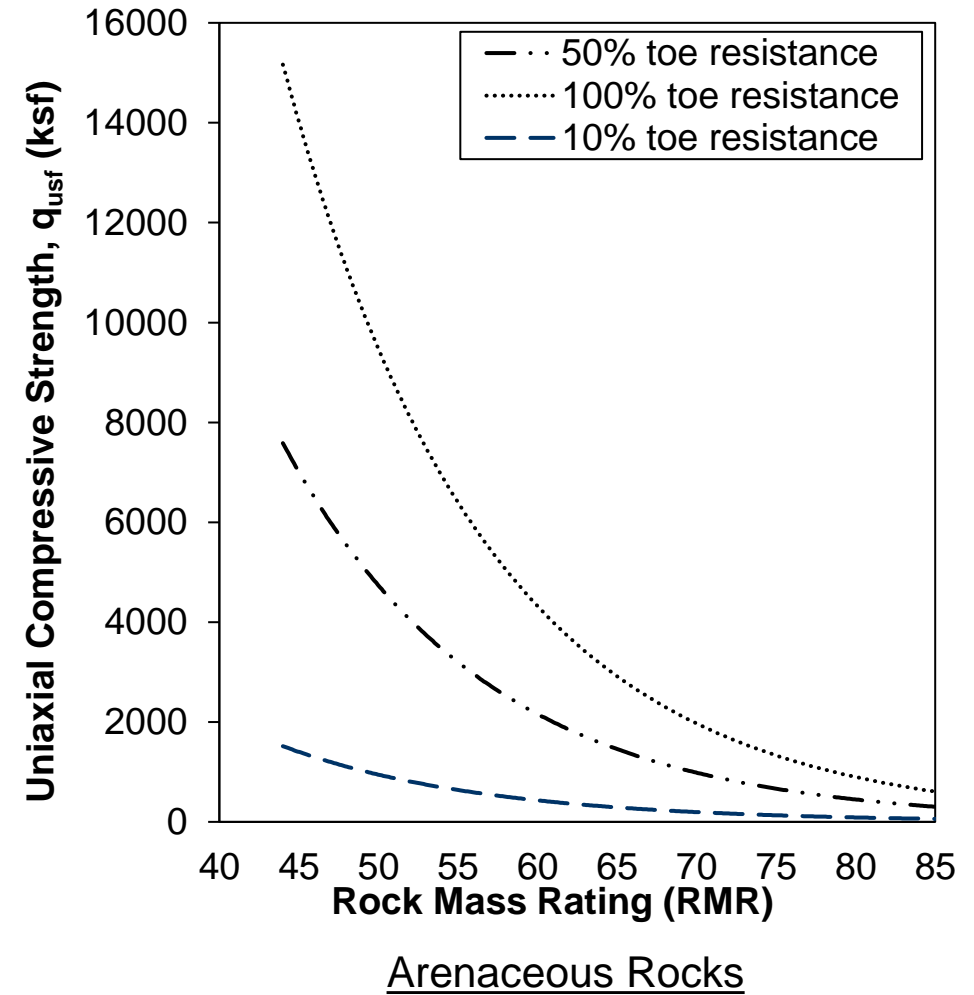
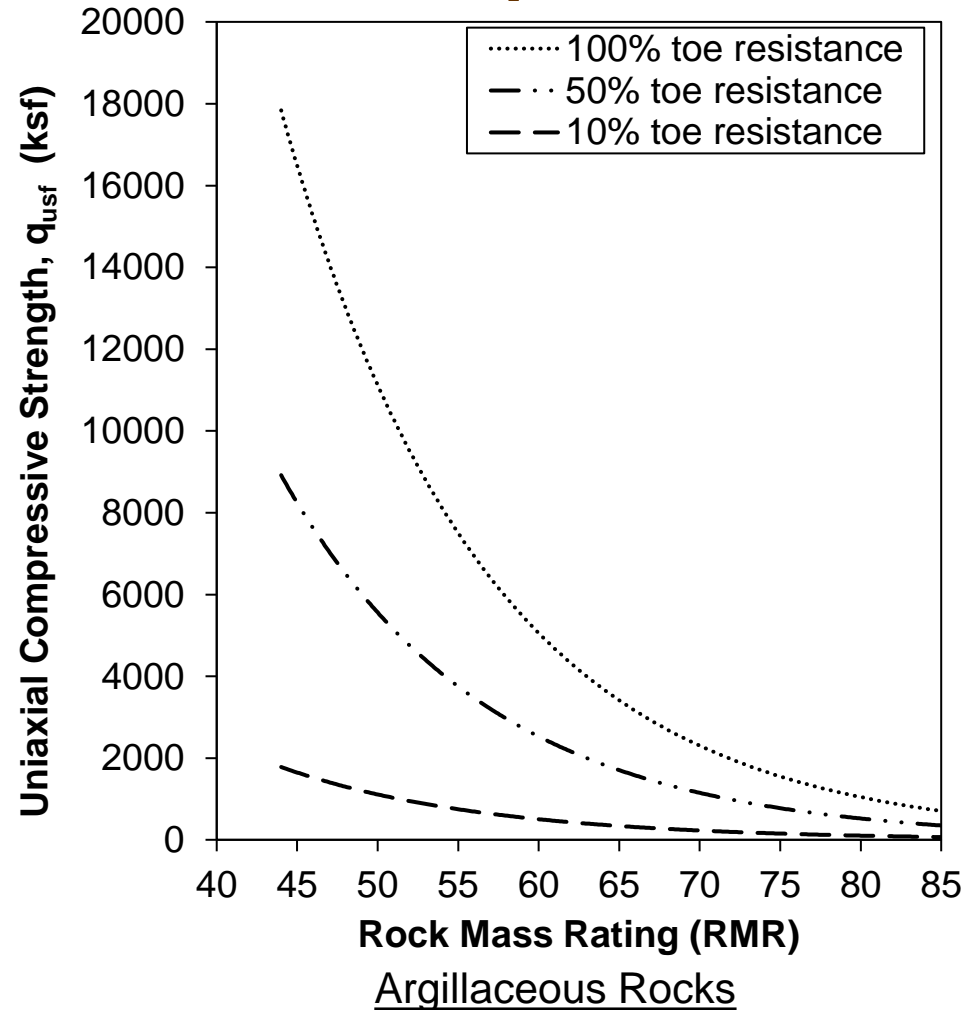
$$q_{usf} = \frac{\text{Percent Toe Resistance} \times 0.6P_n}{\left[\sqrt{s} + \sqrt{(m\sqrt{s} + s)} \right] \times 0.5 \times \text{Box Toe Area}}$$

$(N_1)'_{60}$ = Weighted Average $(N_1)_{60}$ of Overburden Soil

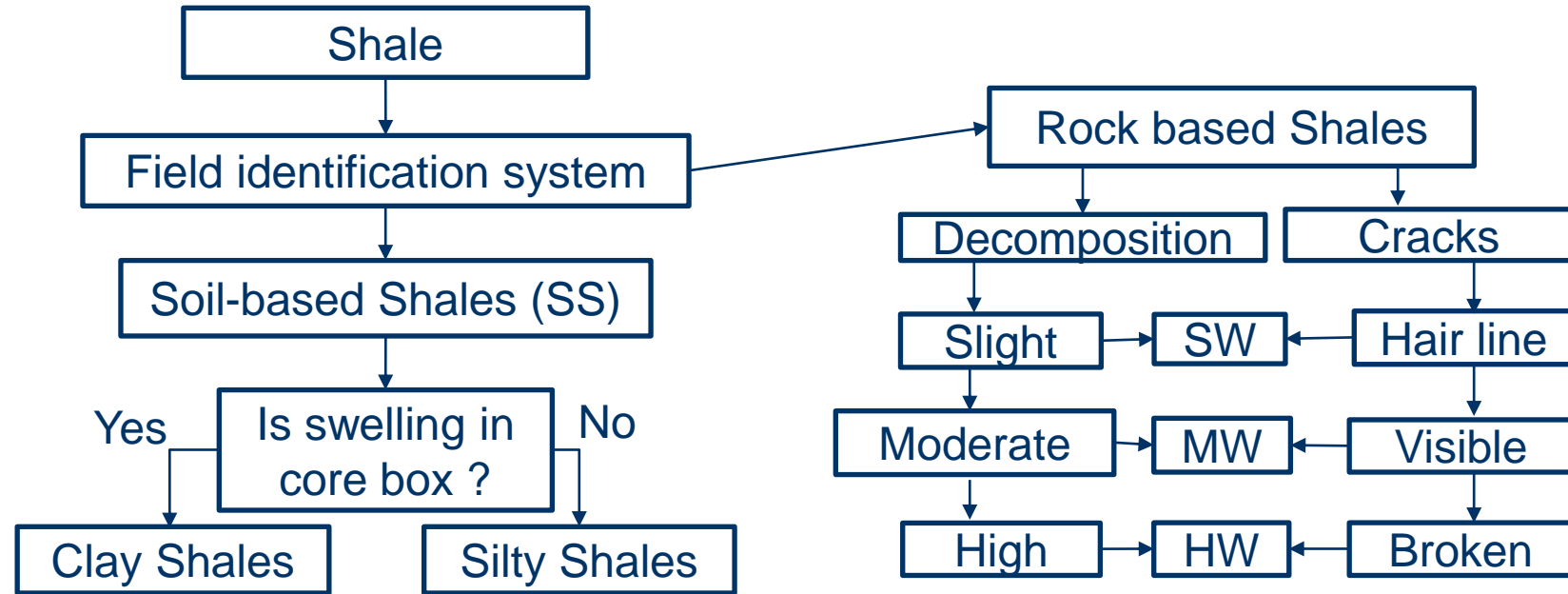
Determination of q_{usi}



Determination of q_{usf} (G50 HP14 x 73 Steel Pile)



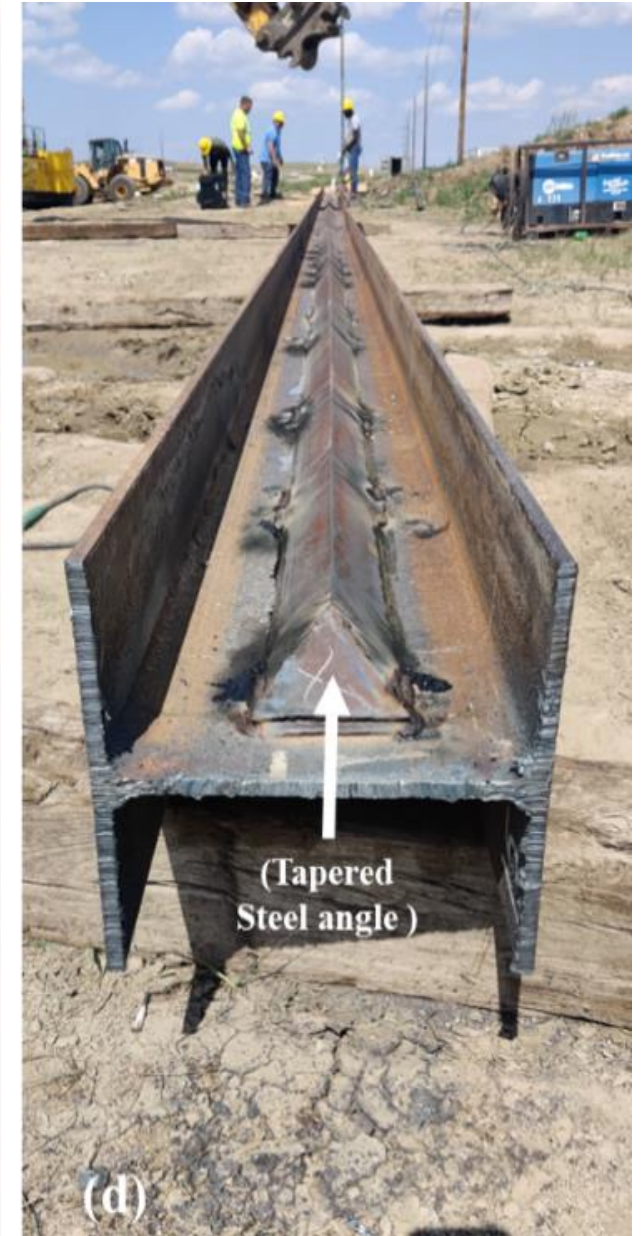
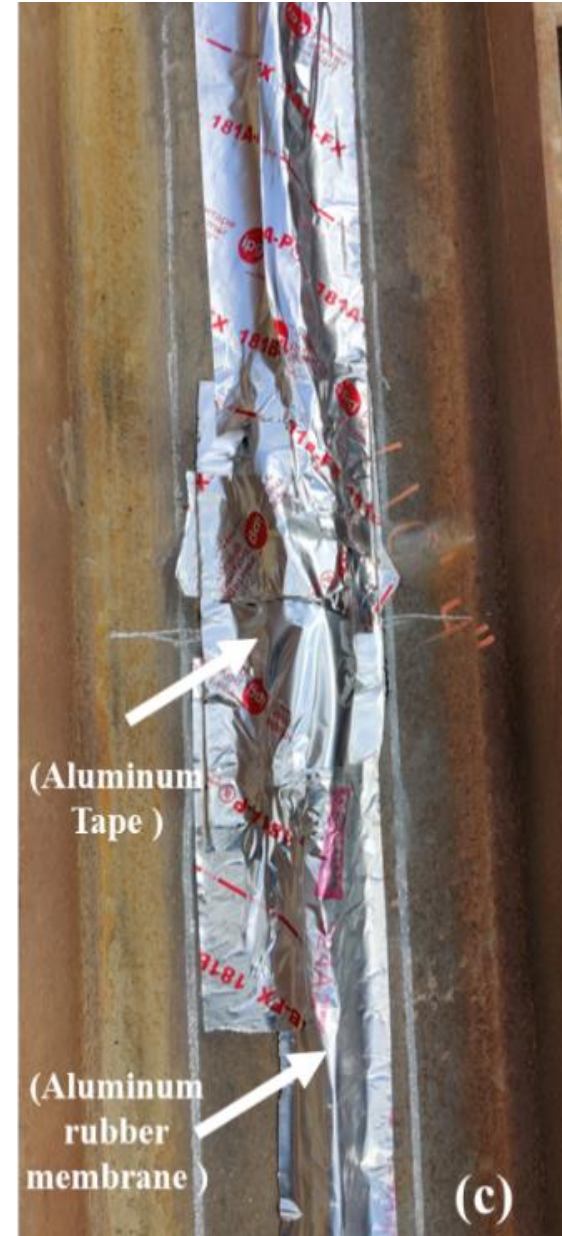
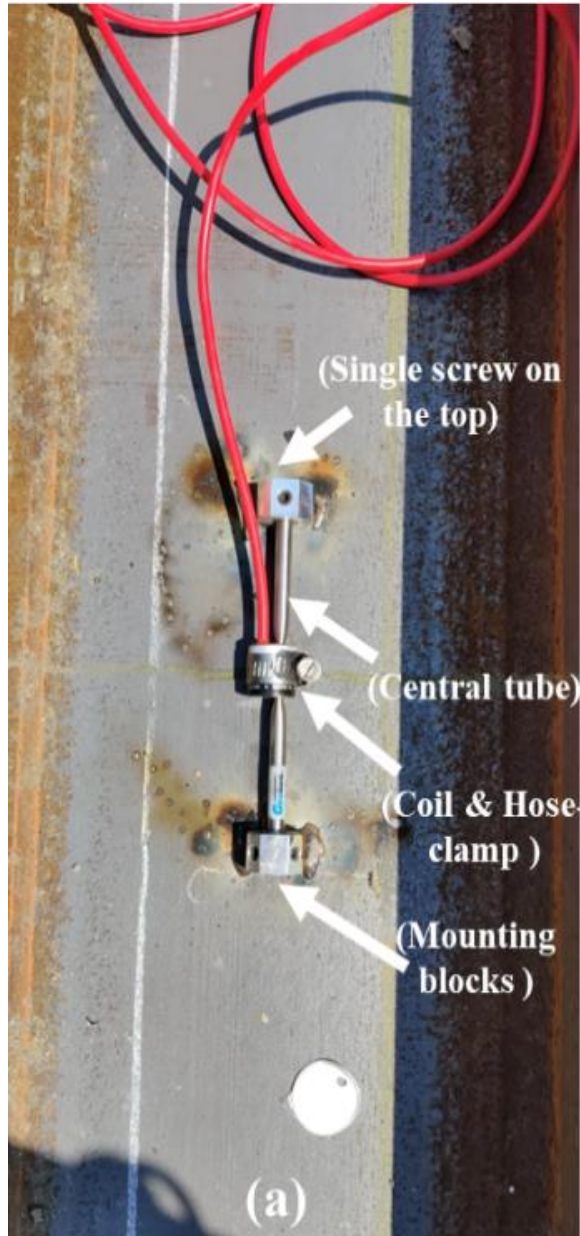
Classification Chart for Shales



Shale type	Qualitative description	n	q_u (MPa)	E (MPa)	γ (kN/m ³)	RQD (%)	q_s (MPa)
Soil-Based Shale (SS)	Clayey shale, silty shale, soft to hard	80	0.61±0.58	42±66	17.4±1.6	77±22	0.079±0.031
Highly Weathered Shale (HW)	Soft, highly weathered	42	0.44±0.37	24±30	16.2±1.3	70±21	0.028±0.013
Moderately Hard & Weathered Shale (MW)	Moderately hard, weathered, and moderately weathered	43	1.18±1.77	84±135	17.3±2.1	81±8	0.077±0.016
Hard & Slightly Weathered Shale (SW)	Hard, slightly weathered, and fresh	56	3.52±3.16	287±340	19.3±1.9	86±11	0.14±0.019

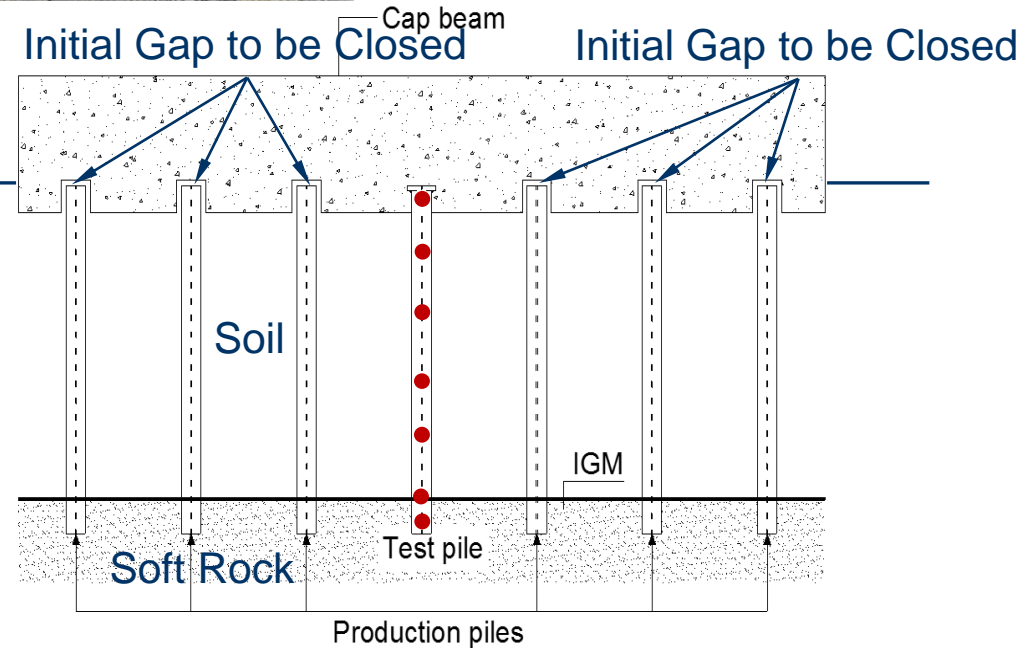
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Test Pile Instrumentation and Protection



Static and Dynamic Pile Load Tests

Integrated SLT System (WYDOT)



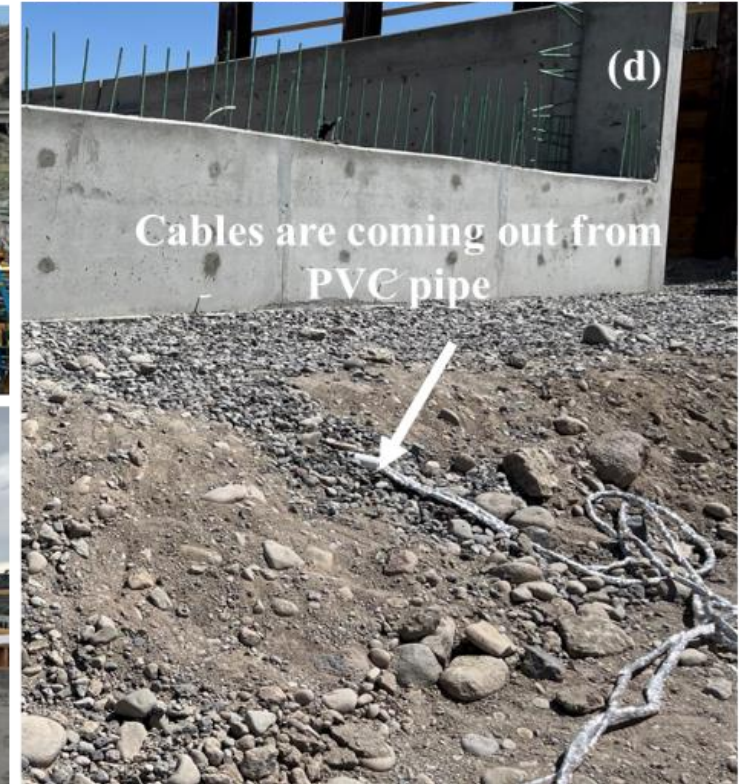
Independent SLT System (IADOT; NDDOT; KDOT)



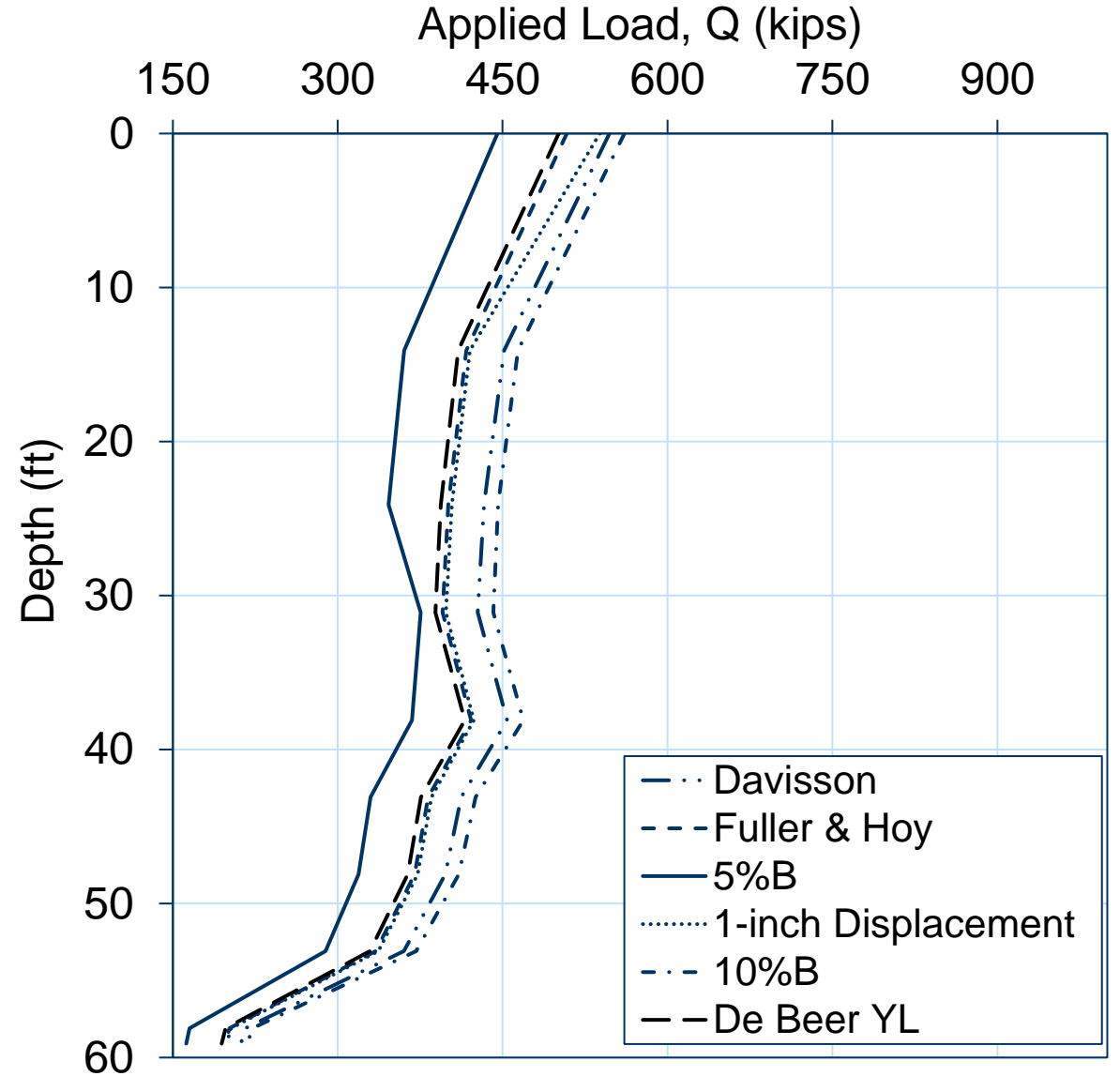
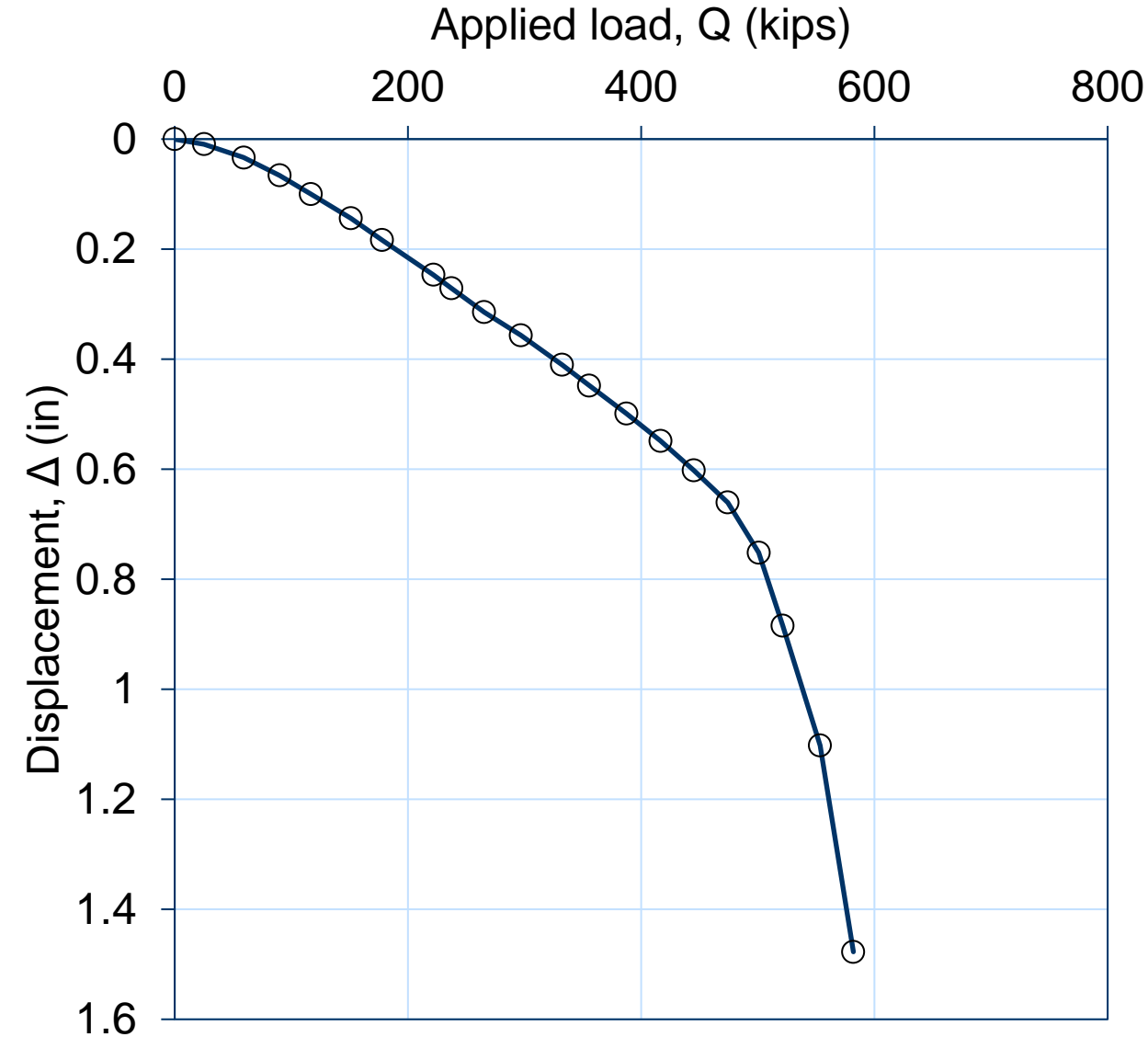
Innovative SLT System (CDOT)

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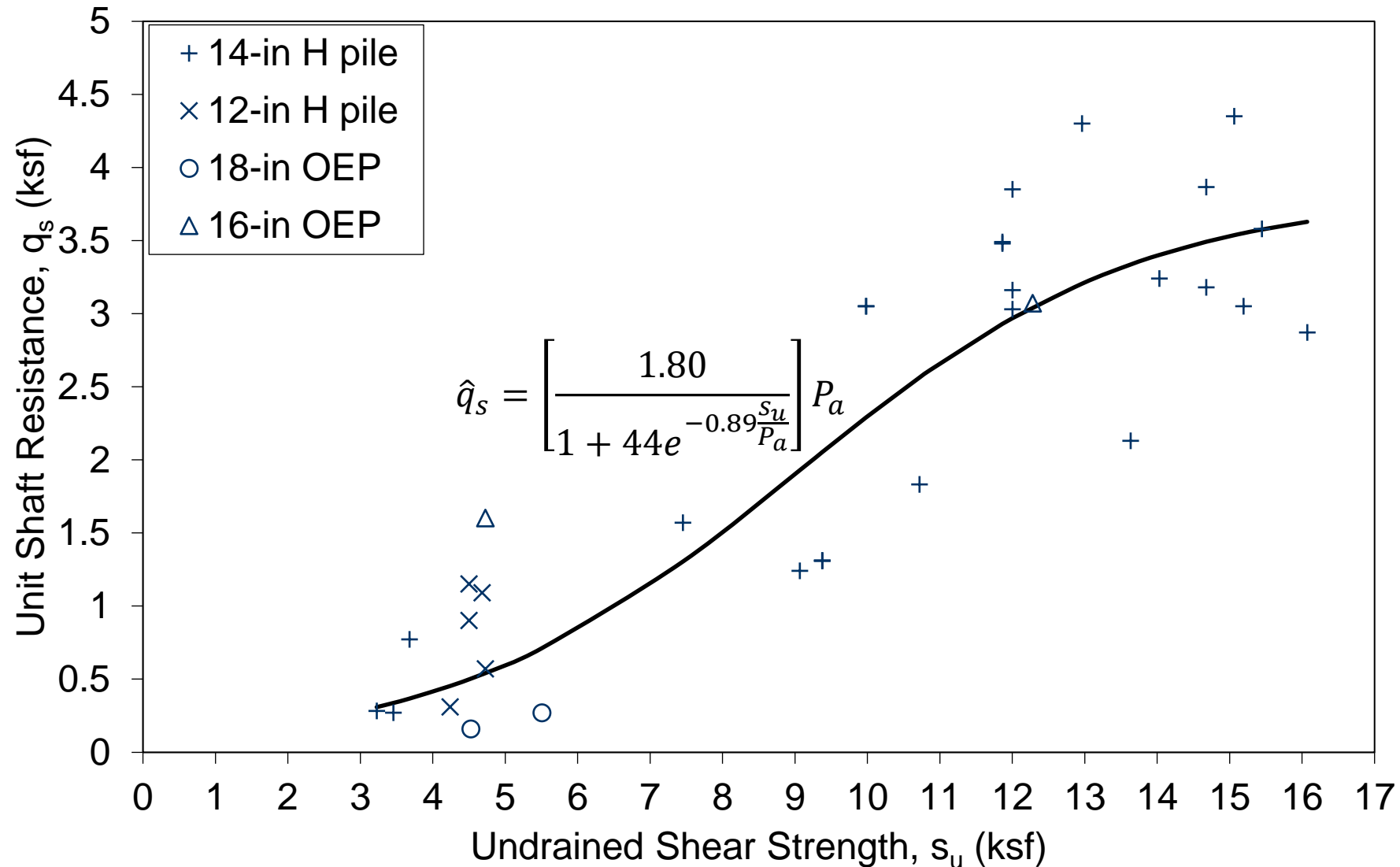
Innovative Static Pile Load System



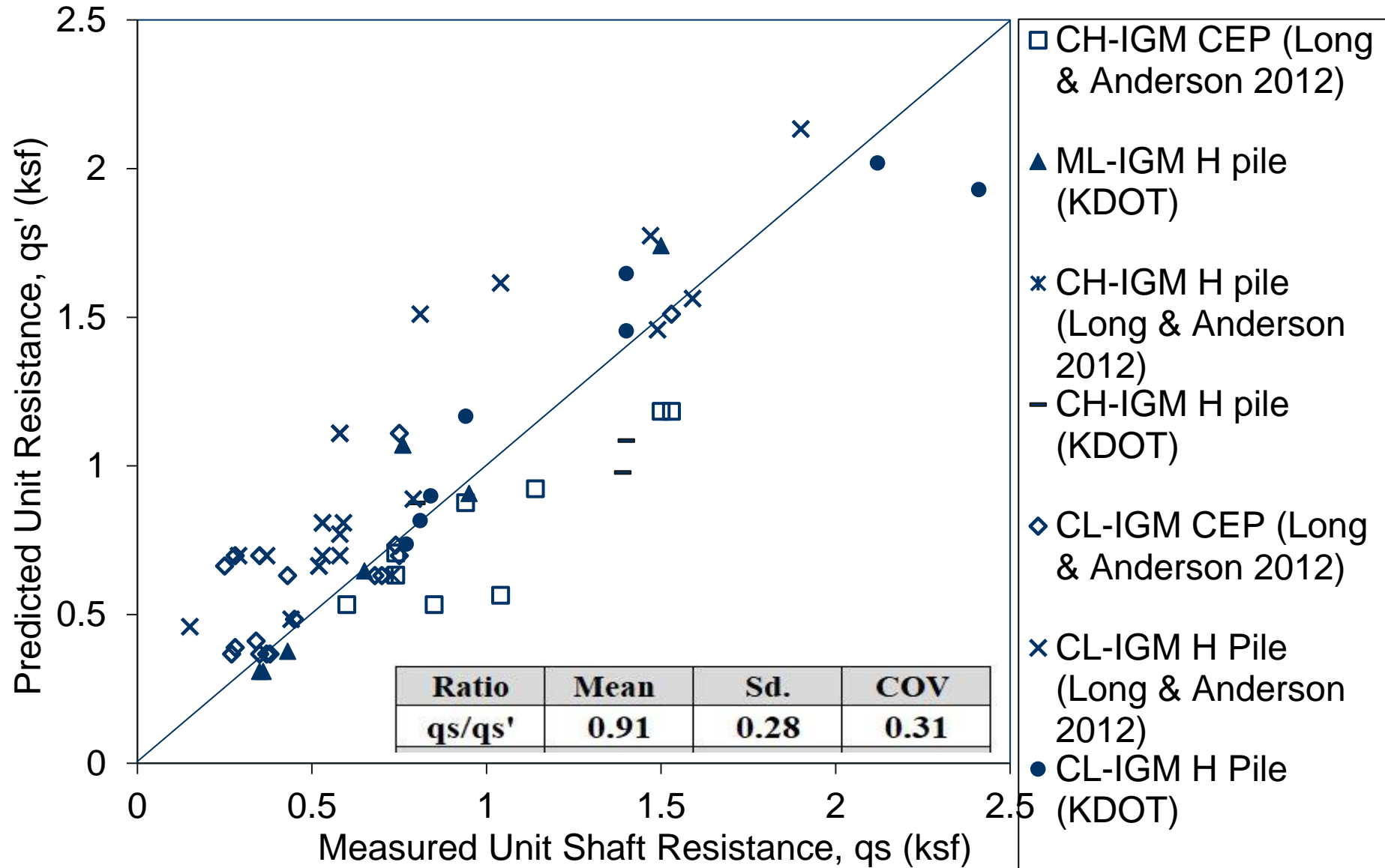
SLT Results (I-80 Rock Springs, WY)



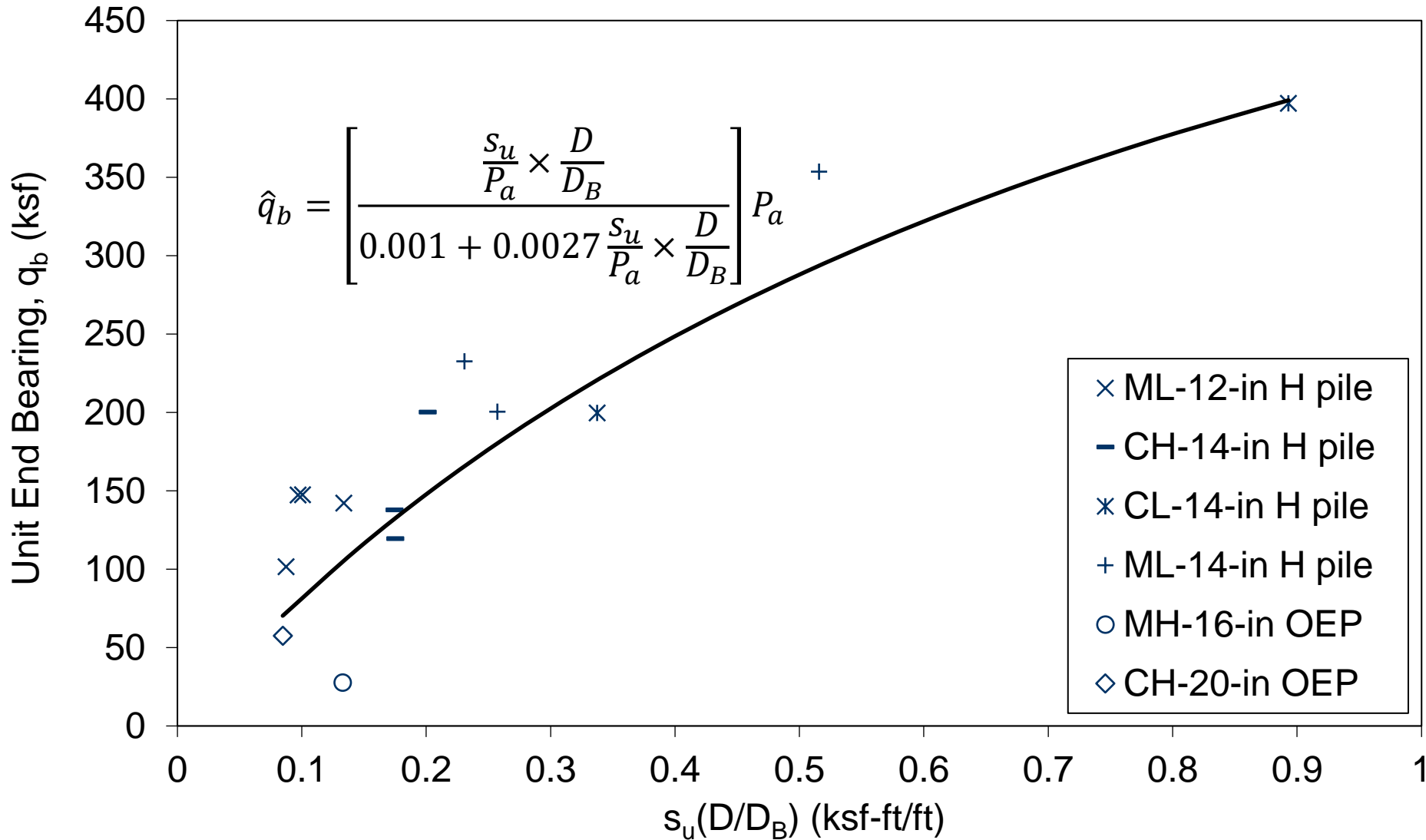
Fine-grained Soil IGM: Low Plasticity Silt (ML-IGM) (Shaft Resistance)



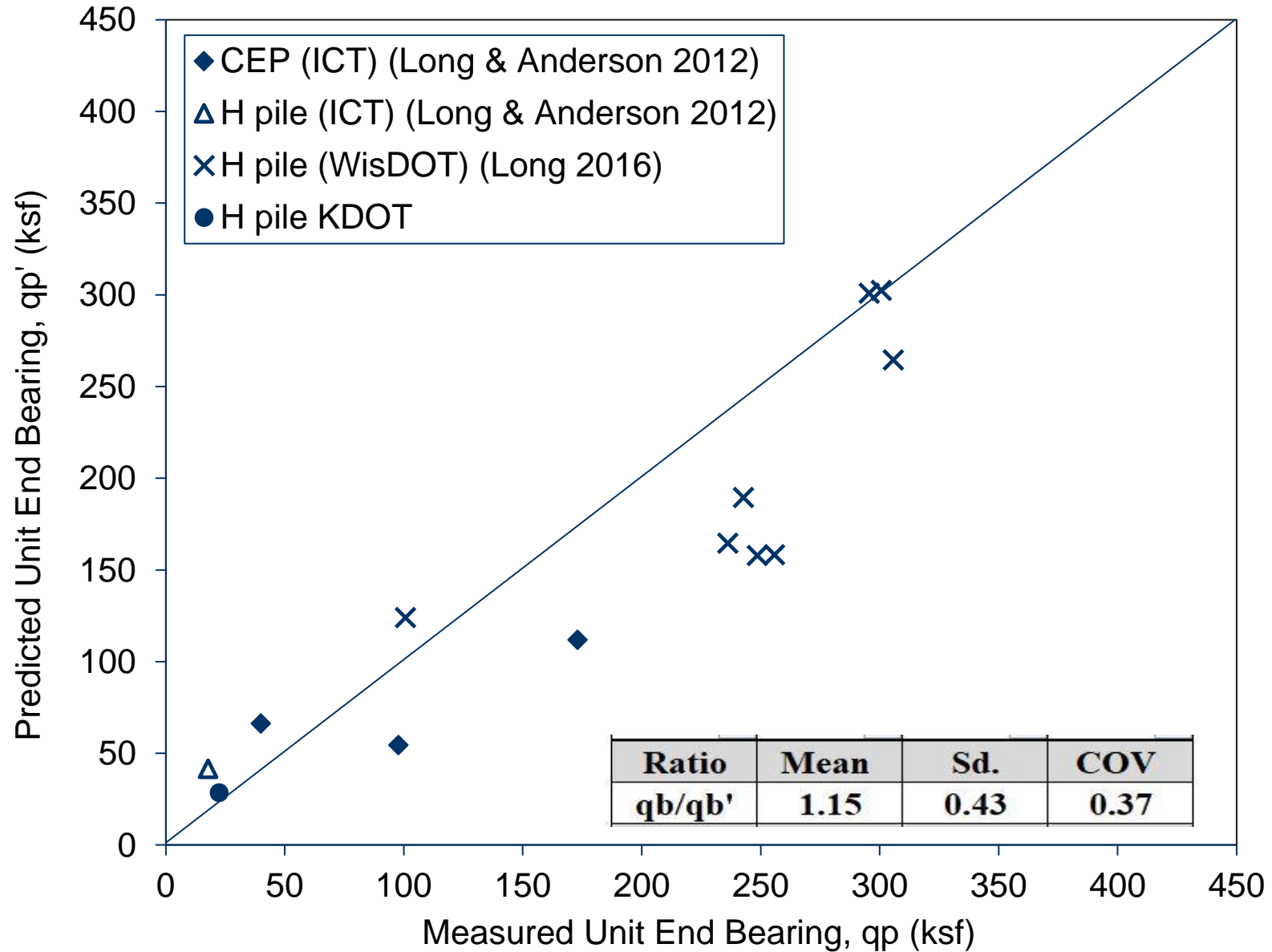
Validation: Piles in Fine-grained Soil IGM



Fine-grained Soil-based IGM (End Bearing)



Validation: Piles in Fine-grained Soil IGM



Static Analysis Equations for FG-IGMs

Unit Resistance	Soil-based IGM	Proposed Static Equation	Applicable Range	Pile
q_s (ksf)	ML-IGM	$\hat{q}_s = \left[\frac{1.80}{1 + 44e^{-0.89\frac{s_u}{P_a}}} \right] P_a$	$3.22 \text{ ksf} \leq s_u \leq 16.07 \text{ ksf}$ $0.27 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 4.35 \text{ ksf}$	HP & OEP
q_s (ksf)	CL-IGM	$\hat{q}_s = \left[\frac{1.58}{1 + 47.6e^{-1.34\frac{s_u}{P_a}}} \right] P_a$	$3.46 \text{ ksf} \leq s_u \leq 15.31 \text{ ksf}$ $0.17 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 4.24 \text{ ksf}$	HP & OEP
q_s (ksf)	CH-IGM	$\hat{q}_s = \left[\frac{2}{1 + 50.4e^{-1.4\frac{s_u}{P_a}}} \right] P_a$	$2.75 \text{ ksf} \leq s_u \leq 15.94 \text{ ksf}$ $0.28 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 4.68 \text{ ksf}$	HP & OEP
q_b (ksf)	FG-IGM	$\hat{q}_b = \left[\frac{\frac{s_u}{P_a} \times \frac{D}{D_B}}{0.001 + 0.0027 \frac{s_u}{P_a} \times \frac{D}{D_B}} \right] P_a$	$0.08 \text{ ksf-ft/ft} \leq s_u \frac{D}{D_B} \leq 0.89$ ksf-ft/ft $27.71 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 399.16 \text{ ksf}$	HP & OEP

s_u =undrained shear strength (ksf); P_a =atmospheric pressure=2.12 ksf; D =pile dimension or diameter; D_B =total pile penetration; OEP=Open ended steel pipe pile.

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LRFD Resistance Factors for Piles in FG-IGMs

FG-IGM	Statistical Parameters			Monte Carlo Simulation	
				$\beta_T=2.33$	$\beta_T=3.0$
	N	Mean	COV	ϕ	ϕ
Unit Shaft Resistance					
ML-IGM	41	1.07	0.47	0.44	0.31
CL-IGM	92	0.91	0.41	0.43	0.31
CH-IGM	43	1.13	0.24	0.80	0.66
Unit End Bearing					
FG-IGM	27	1.07	0.36	0.57	0.43

N-Sample size; ϕ -Resistance factor; β_T -Target reliability index; COV-Coefficient of variation.

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Static Analysis Equations for Shales

Shale Type	Proposed Static Equation for \bar{q}_s	Applicable Range	Pile
Soil-based (SS) Shale	$\hat{q}_s = \frac{3.523 q_u}{(8.6 + q_u)^{1.05}}$	$2.18 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 51.5 \text{ ksf}$ $0.76 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 2.68 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell
Soft & Highly Weathered (HW) Shale	$\hat{q}_s = 0.23 q_u^{0.45}$	$2.18 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 25.6 \text{ ksf}$ $0.18 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 1.06 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell
Moderately Hard & Weathered (MW) Shale	$\hat{q}_s = \frac{1.196 q_u}{(0.5 + q_u)^{0.83}}$	$2.6 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 58 \text{ ksf}$ $1.12 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 2.29 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell
Hard & Slightly Weathered (SW) Shale	$\hat{q}_s = \frac{2.62 q_u}{(0.467 + q_u)^{0.945}}$	$4.54 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 126 \text{ ksf}$ $2.24 \text{ ksf} \leq q_s \leq 3.78 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell
Shale Type	Proposed Static Equation for \bar{q}_p	Applicable Range	Pile
Soil-based Shale and Soft & Highly Weathered (SS-HW) Shale	$\hat{q}_b = 45.72 q_u^{0.35}$	$3.61 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 51.5 \text{ ksf}$ $39.7 \text{ ksf} \leq q_b \leq 182.7 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell
Moderately Hard & Weathered Shale to Hard & Slightly Weathered (MW-SW) Shale	$\hat{q}_b = \frac{190.64 q_u}{(1 + q_u)^{0.88}}$	$5.4 \text{ ksf} \leq q_b \leq 124 \text{ ksf}$ $35.1 \text{ ksf} \leq q_b \leq 384.5 \text{ ksf}$	HP & Shell

q_u = uniaxial compressive strength in ksf

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LRFD Resistance Factors for Piles in Shales

Shale Type	Statistical Parameters			Monte Carlo Simulation	
	N	Mean	COV	$\beta_T=2.33$	$\beta_T=3.0$
				ϕ	ϕ
Unit Shaft Resistance					
SS	27	1.01	0.33	0.57	0.44
HW	23	0.97	0.38	0.49	0.37
MW	31	1.02	0.23	0.74	0.61
SW	34	1.06	0.32	0.62	0.49
Unit End Bearing					
SS-HW	28	0.98	0.32	0.57	0.45
MW-SW	36	1.02	0.29	0.64	0.51

N-Sample size; ϕ -Resistance factor; β_T -Target reliability index; COV-Coefficient of variation.

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Static Analysis Equations for Rock-based IGMs

Rock-based IGM	Proposed Static Equation for \bar{q}_s	Applicable Range	Pile
Siltstone	$\hat{q}_s = 0.45q_u^{0.44}$	7.34 ksf $\leq q_u \leq$ 67.7 ksf 0.99 ksf $\leq q_s \leq$ 3.24 ksf	HP & OEP
	$\hat{q}_s = 0.42P_a \left[\frac{(N_1)_{60}}{16} \right]^{0.63}$	16 b/ft $\leq (N_1)_{60} \leq$ 151 b/ft 0.89 ksf $\leq q_s \leq$ 3.90 ksf	HP & OEP
Claystone	$\hat{q}_s = 0.74q_u^{0.305}$	1.46 ksf $\leq q_u \leq$ 163.1 ksf 0.42 ksf $\leq q_s \leq$ 3.55 ksf	HP & OEP
Mudstone	$\hat{q}_s = 6.19 \left[1 - e^{(-0.052 \frac{N}{19} \times \sigma'_v)} \right]$	19 b/ft $\leq N \leq$ 168 b/ft 0.19 ksf $\leq \sigma'_v \leq$ 8.1 ksf 0.19 ksf $\leq q_s \leq$ 5.2 ksf	HP & OEP
Sandstone	$\hat{q}_s = 0.56q_u^{0.37}$	1.25 ksf $\leq q_u \leq$ 459 ksf 0.42 ksf $\leq q_s \leq$ 5.01 ksf	HP & OEP

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Static Analysis Equations for Rock-based IGMs

Rock-based IGM	Proposed Static Equation for \bar{q}_p	Applicable Range	Pile
Siltstone	$\hat{q}_b = 12.9P_a \left[2.43 \left(\frac{32.4 N}{30 D_B} \right) \right]$	$2.13 \text{ b/ft}^2 \leq N/D_B \leq 11.13 \text{ b/ft}^2$	HP & OEP
Claystone	$\hat{q}_b = \frac{313.27q_u}{20.96 + q_u}$	$3.55 \text{ ksf} \leq q_u \leq 109.65 \text{ ksf}$ $44.7 \text{ ksf} \leq q_b \leq 264.4 \text{ ksf}$	HP & OEP
Sandstone	$\widehat{N}_t = 0.907\phi^2 - 71.399\phi + 1428.55$ $\hat{q}_b = \widehat{N}_t \sigma'_v$	$37 \text{ deg.} \leq \phi \leq 45 \text{ deg.}$ $6 \leq \widehat{N}_t \leq 107$	HP

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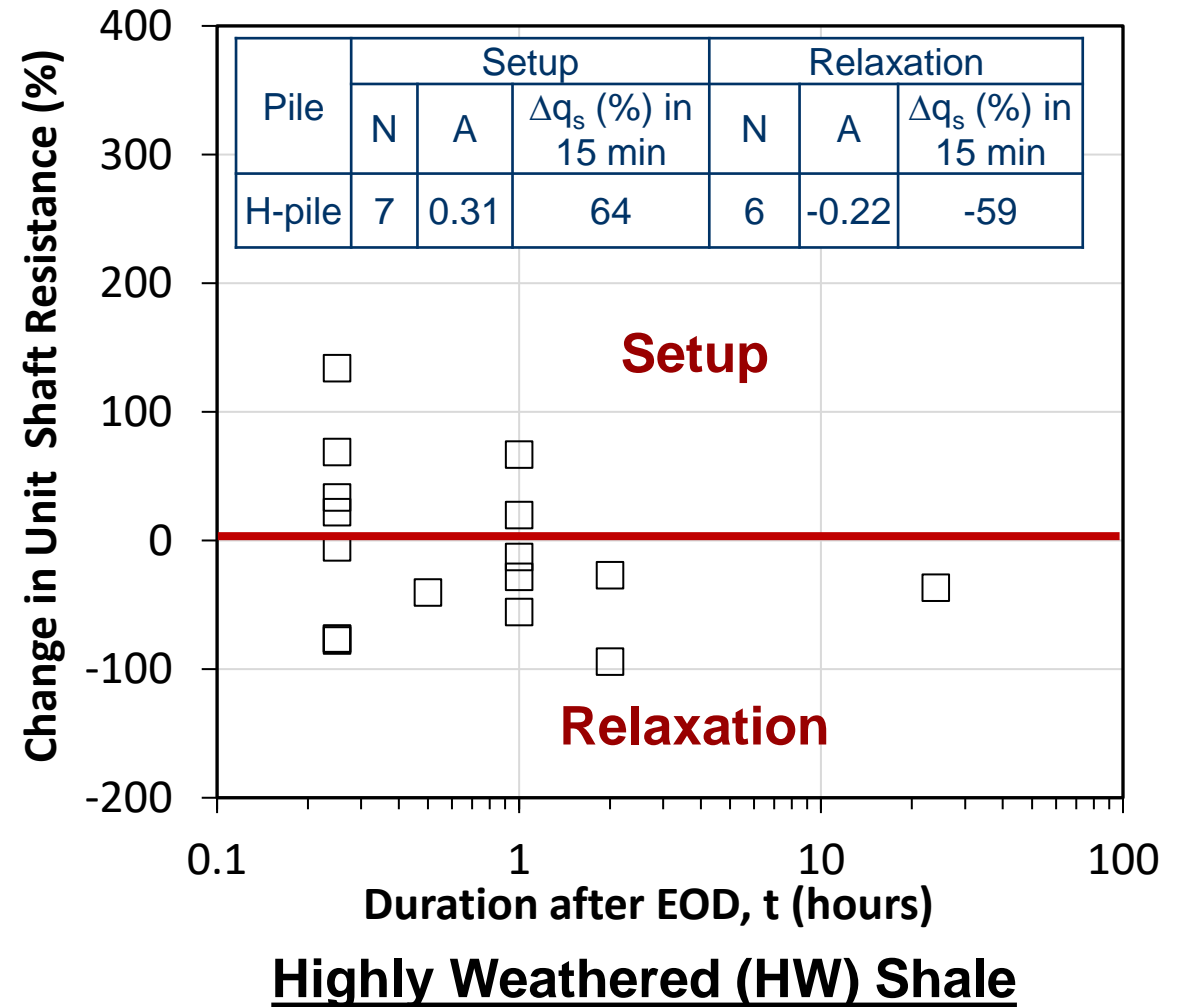
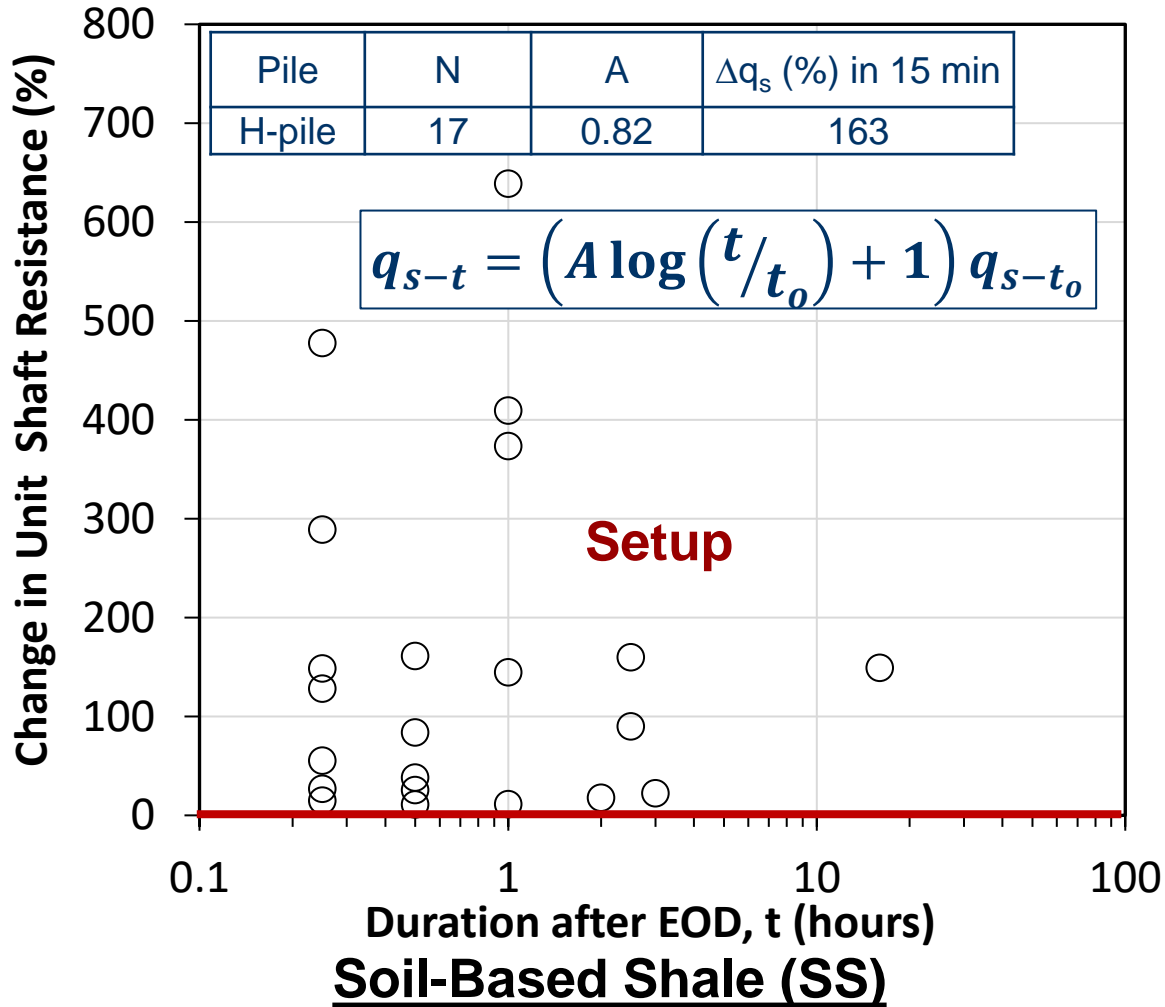
LRFD Resistance Factors for Piles in Rock-based IGMs

Pile Type	Rock-Based IGM	N	Mean	COV	Monte Carlo Simulation	
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					ϕ	ϕ
Unit Shaft Resistance						
H & Pipe Pile	Siltstone: q_u	29	1.02	0.31	0.61	0.48
H & Pipe Pile	Siltstone: $(N_1)_{60}$	48	1.04	0.33	0.60	0.46
H & Pipe Pile	Claystone	12	1.09	0.45	0.47	0.34
H & Pipe Pile	Mudstone	24	0.97	0.44	0.43	0.31
H-Pile	Sandstone	17	1.03	0.45	0.44	0.31
Unit End Bearing						
H & Pipe Pile	Siltstone	20	1.03	0.47	0.42	0.31
H & Pipe Pile	Claystone	9	0.99	0.44	0.43	0.31
H-Pile	Sandstone	18	1.17	0.41	0.55	0.41

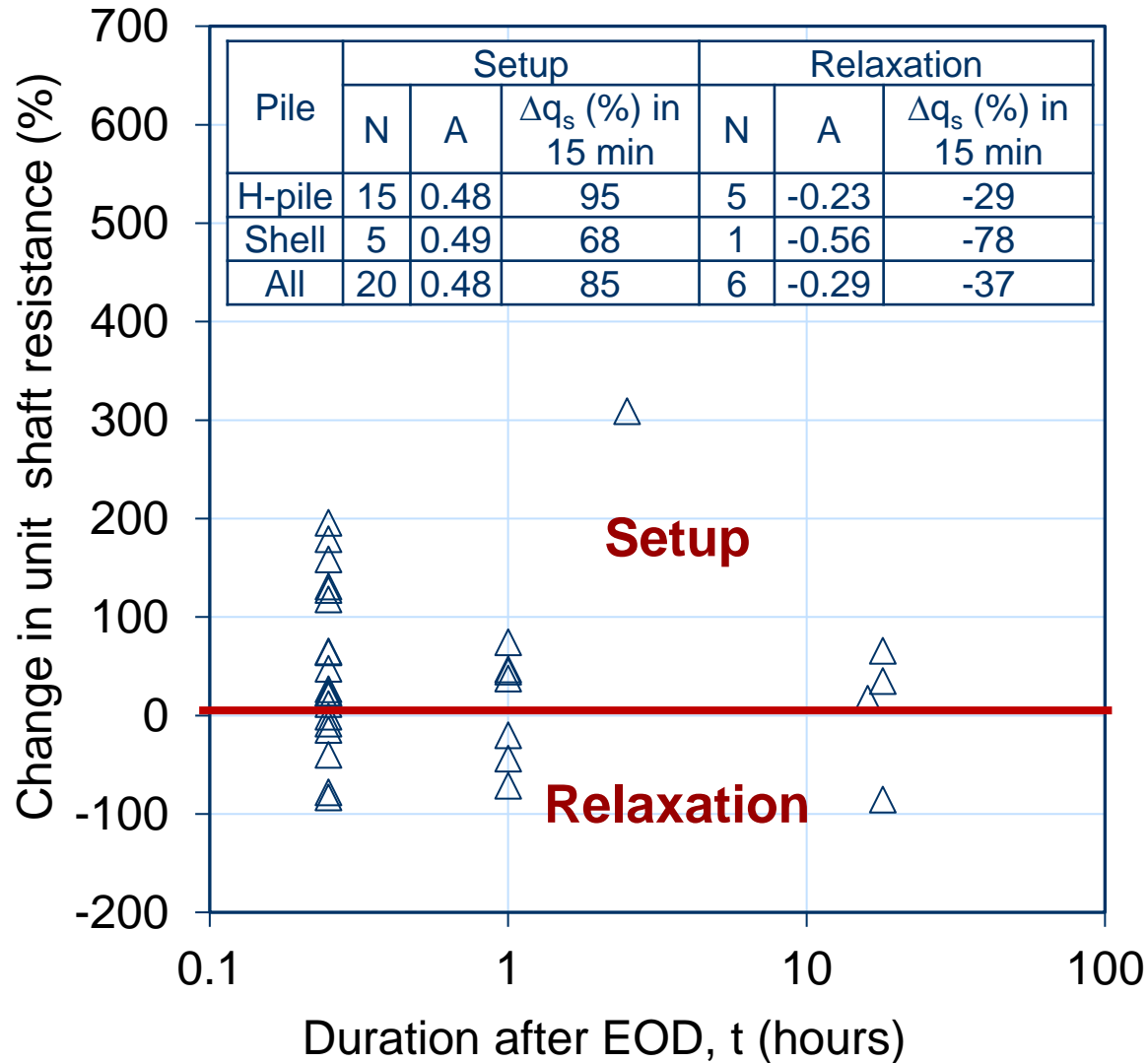
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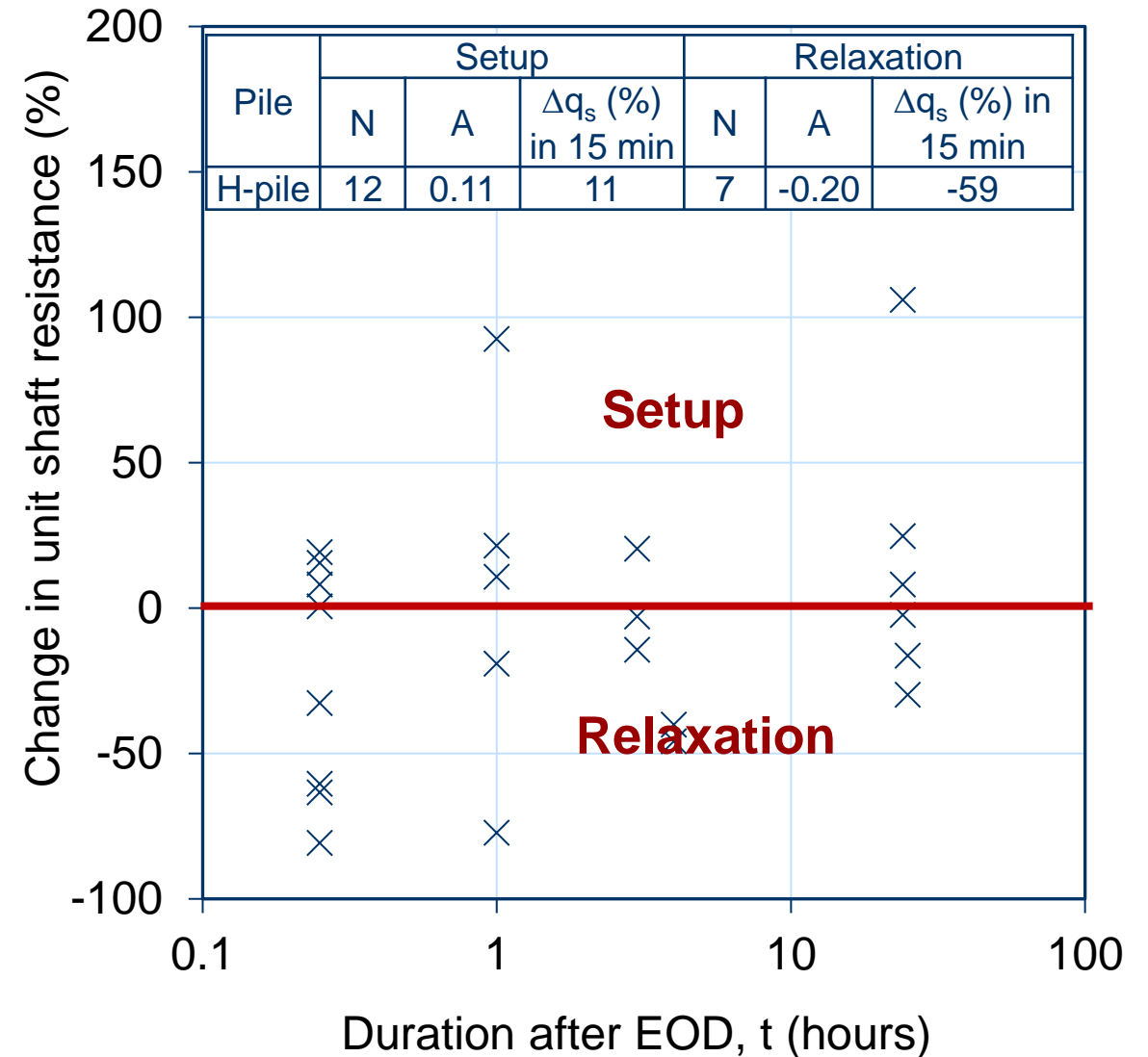
Setup/Relaxation of Unit Shaft Resistance in Shale



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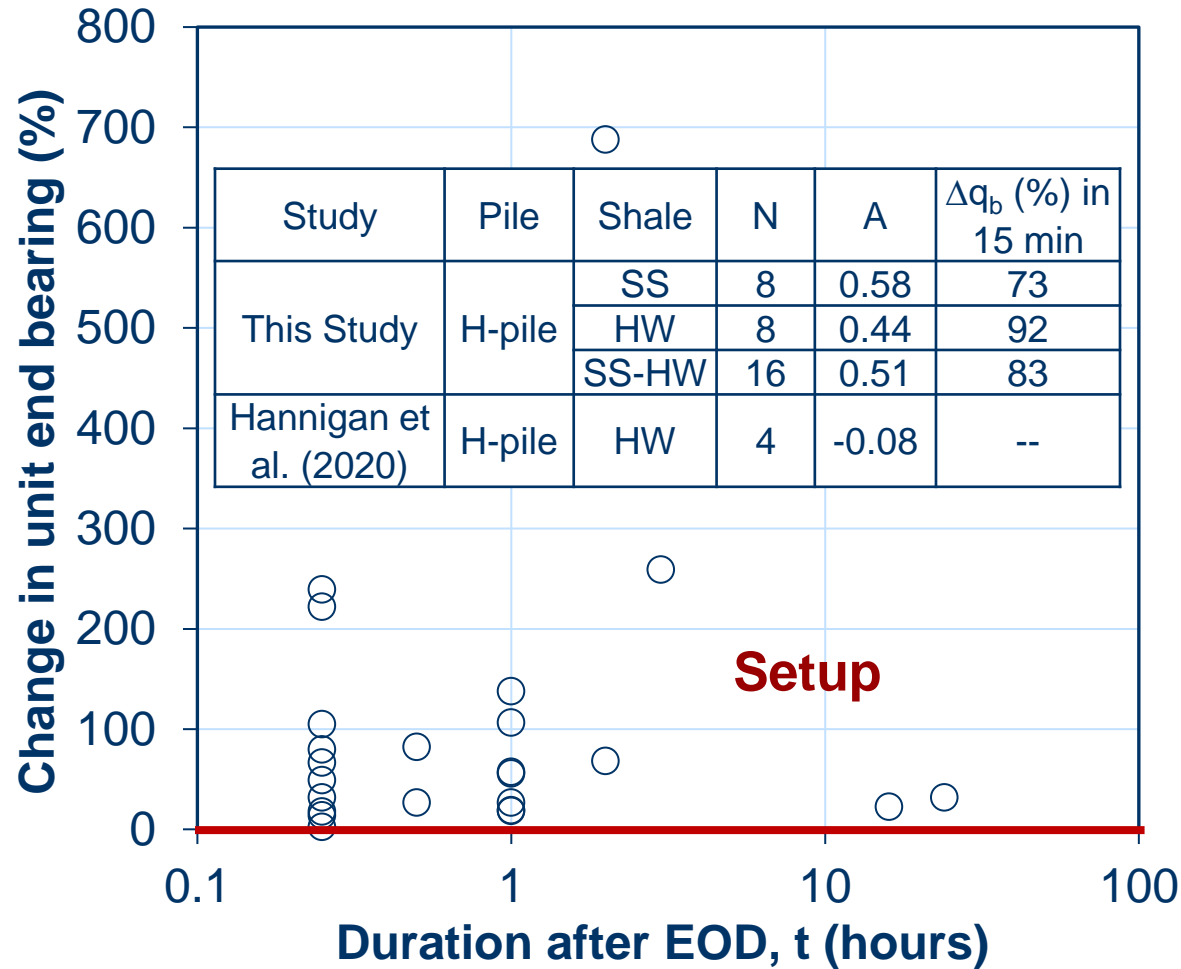


Moderately Weathered (MW) Shale

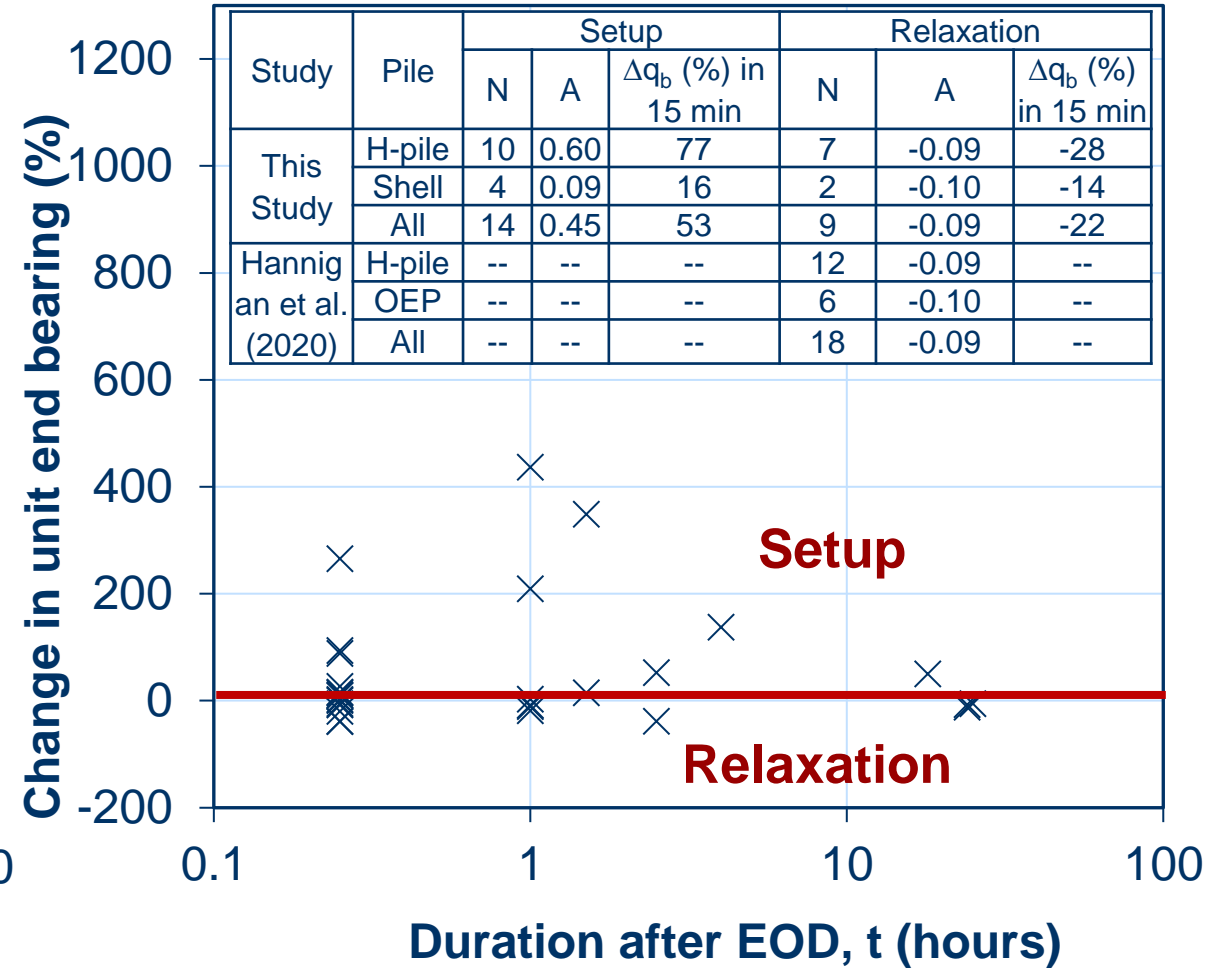


Slightly Weathered (SW) Shale

Setup/Relaxation of Unit End Bearing in Shale

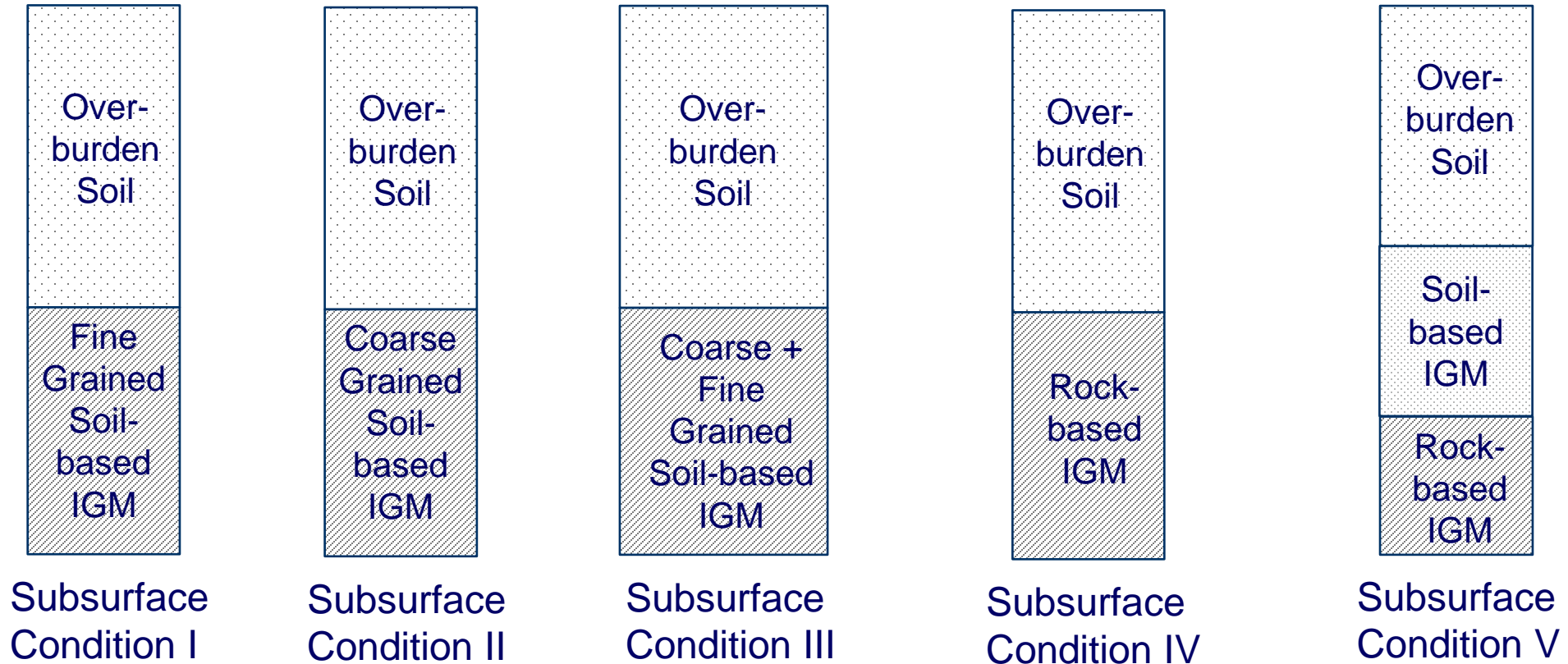


SS-HW Shale



MW-SW Shale

Subsurface Conditions I to V for WEAP Procedure



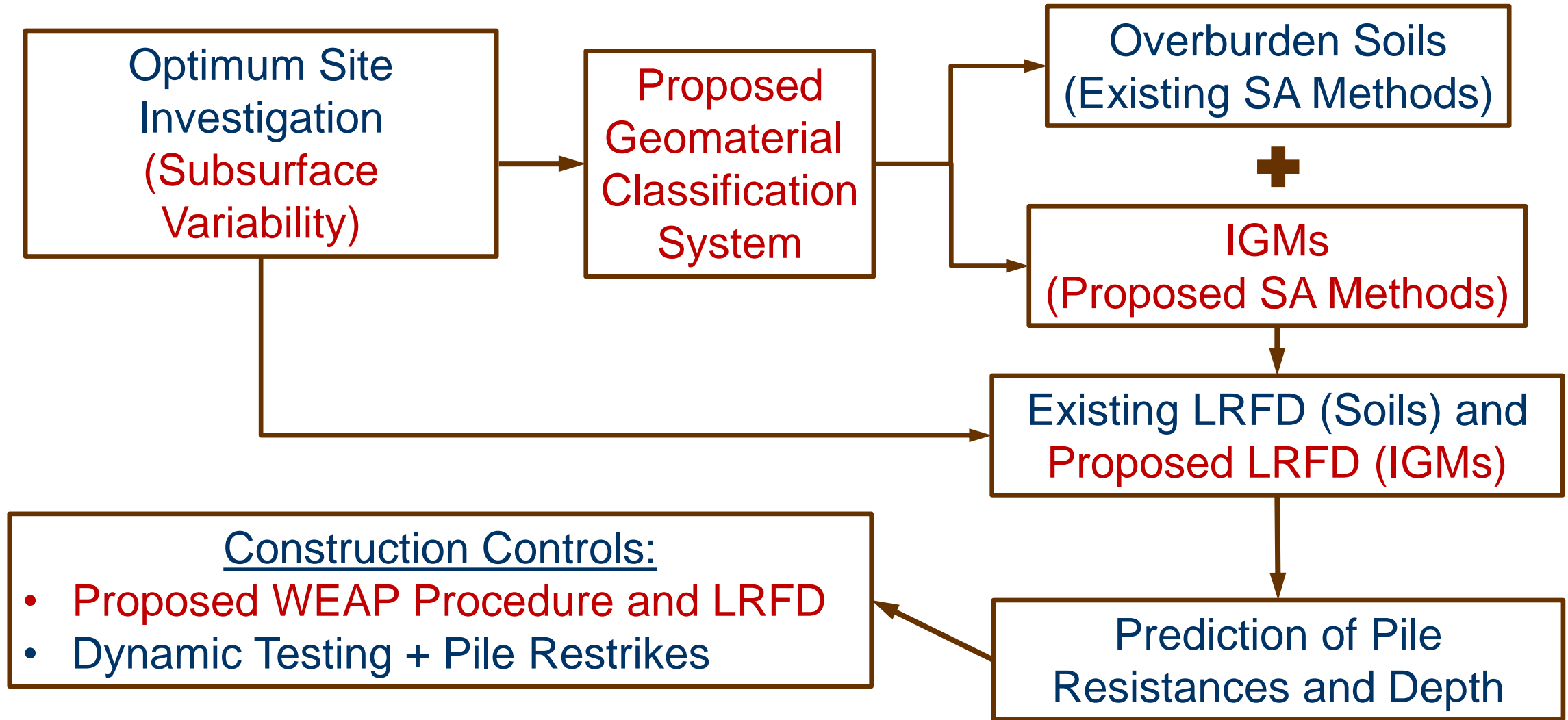
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LRFD Resistance Factors for WEAP Methods (Rock-based IGMs)

Method	N	Mean	COV	FOSM			
				2.33		3.00	
				ϕ	ϕ/\bar{x}	ϕ	ϕ/\bar{x}
WEAP-SA-D	119	1.15	0.25	0.72	0.62	0.58	0.50
WEAP-UW-D	119	1.16	0.26	0.73	0.63	0.6	0.52
WEAP-UW-R	119	1.03	0.20	0.71	0.70	0.59	0.58
WEAP-SA-R	119	1.02	0.21	0.69	0.70	0.58	0.59

N-Sample size; ϕ -Resistance factor; β_T -Target reliability index; COV-Coefficient of variation; ϕ/\bar{x} -Efficiency factor; FOSM-First Order Second Moment; FORM-First Order Reliability Method; MCS-Monte Carlo Simulation.

Recommended Driven Pile Design and Construction Control Process



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Example (Replacement of Memorial Bridge, ND)

Subsurface Profile

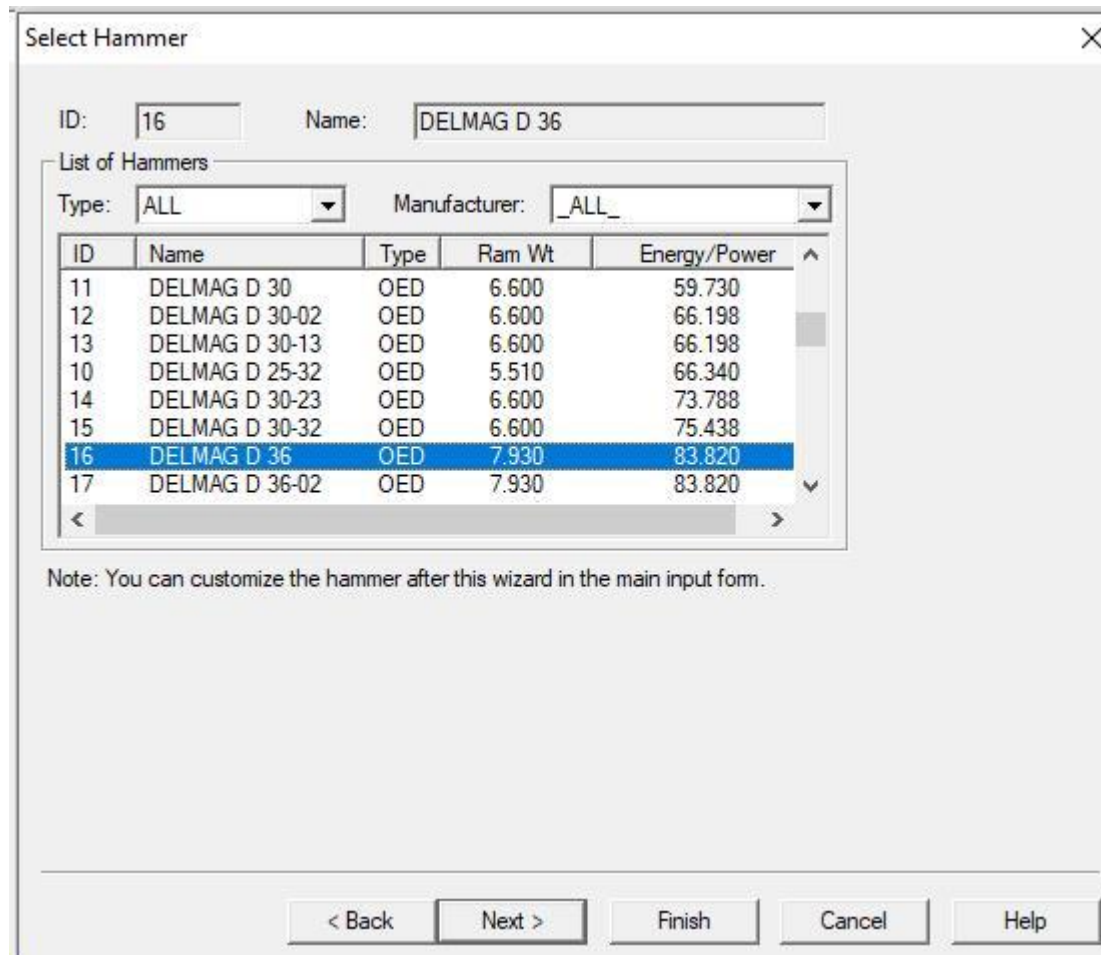
Geo-material	Depth (ft)	N	s_u (ksf)	Description
Sand	35.5	5	--	Soil
Clay	15	23	5.8	Fine-grained soil - based IGM
Clay	15	46	9.6	
Clay	5	34	7.7	
Sand	7	78	--	Coarse-grained soil-based IGM
Sand	19.5	84	--	

Hammer & Pile information

- Hammer: Delmag D 36
- Pile: HP14×102
- Pile Length: 125 ft
- Embedded Length: 97 ft

Default WEAP Method – Drivability Analysis

Step 1: Drivability Analysis using the SA input procedure



Select Hammer

ID: 16 Name: DELMAG D 36

List of Hammers

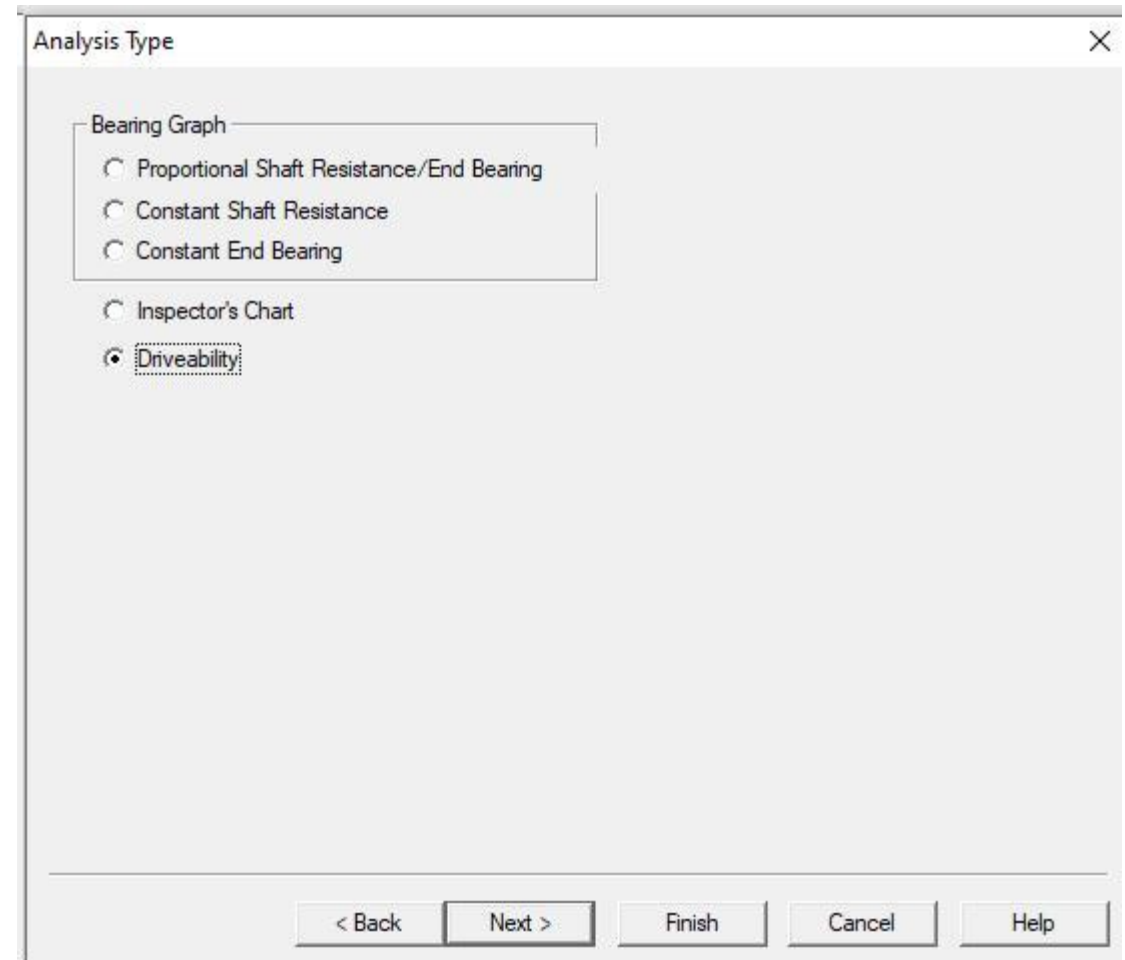
Type: ALL Manufacturer: _ALL_

ID	Name	Type	Ram Wt	Energy/Power
11	DELMAG D 30	OED	6.600	59.730
12	DELMAG D 30-02	OED	6.600	66.198
13	DELMAG D 30-13	OED	6.600	66.198
10	DELMAG D 25-32	OED	5.510	66.340
14	DELMAG D 30-23	OED	6.600	73.788
15	DELMAG D 30-32	OED	6.600	75.438
16	DELMAG D 36	OED	7.930	83.820
17	DELMAG D 36-02	OED	7.930	83.820

Note: You can customize the hammer after this wizard in the main input form.

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Selection of Hammer



Analysis Type

Bearing Graph

Proportional Shaft Resistance/End Bearing

Constant Shaft Resistance

Constant End Bearing

Inspector's Chart

Driveability

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Analysis Selection

Default WEAP Method – Drivability Analysis

Step 1: Drivability Analysis using the SA input procedure

Pile Input

File material: Concrete Steel Timber

Pile Type: H Pile

Pile		Pile Cushion	
Length	125.0 ft	Area	0.0 in ²
Penetration	97.0 ft	Elastic Modulus	0.0 ksi
Section Area	30.1 in ²	Thickness	0.0 in
Elast Modulus	30457.9 ksi	C.O.R.	0.5
Spec Weight	493.356 lb/ft ³	Stiffness	0.0 kips/in
Toe Area	207.138 in ²		
Perimeter	4.79917 ft		
Pile Size	14.785 in		

Press F3 for help on a selected parameter.

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Pile Information Input

Hammer Cushion

Info. for Selected Hammer		Hammer Cushion	
ID:	16	Area	227.0 in ²
Name:	DELMAG D 36	Elastic Modulus	530.0 ksi
Type:	OED	Thickness	2.0 in
Ram Wt.:	7.930 kips	C.O.R.	0.8
Energy/Power:	83.820 kips-ft	Stiffness	0.0 kips/in
		Helmet Weight	1.9 kips

Press F3 for help on a selected parameter.

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Hammer Cushion Input

Geomaterial Input – Drivability Analysis

Step 1: Drivability Analysis using the SA input procedure

Soil Profile Input for Static Analysis

Profile/Resistance | Other Parameters | SPT N vs. Depth

Layer: 3 of 6

Number of Layers: 6

Penetration: 97.0 ft

Water Table: 0.0 ft

Layer Top Depth: 50.5 ft

Layer Bottom Depth: 65.5 ft

Layer Thickness: 15.0 ft

Soil Type

Gravel Graded: Size:

Sand:

Silt:

Clay

Rock

Peat or other w/o resistance Description:

Other: Clay

SPT N Value: 46.0 <= 60 Interp.

Unit Weight: 139.03 lb/ft³

For selected soil, you need to specify:

	Friction:	End Bearing:	
Top:	1.566	51.879	ksf
Bottom:	1.566	51.879	

Update => Ru=505.1; Rs=357.0 kips

OK Cancel Help

SA Input Form

Soil Parameters

Quake

Shaft 0.1 in Const

Toe 0.246 in

Damping

Shaft 0.142 s/ft Const

Toe 0.15 s/ft Smith

Smith Parameters for Drivability Analysis

Fine grained soil-based IGM

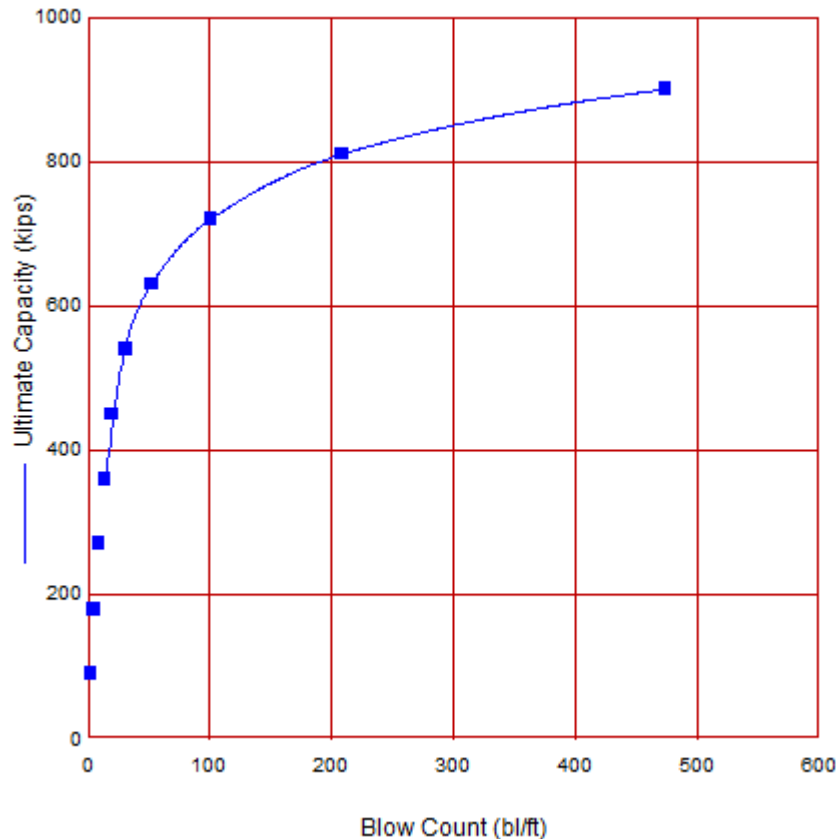
Unit resistances assigned by WEAP

Alternate input for coarse grained IGM N>60

Run Drivability Analysis to Obtain Percent Shaft Resistance

Default WEAP – Bearing Graph Analysis

Step 2: Use the percent shaft resistance to run bearing graph analysis



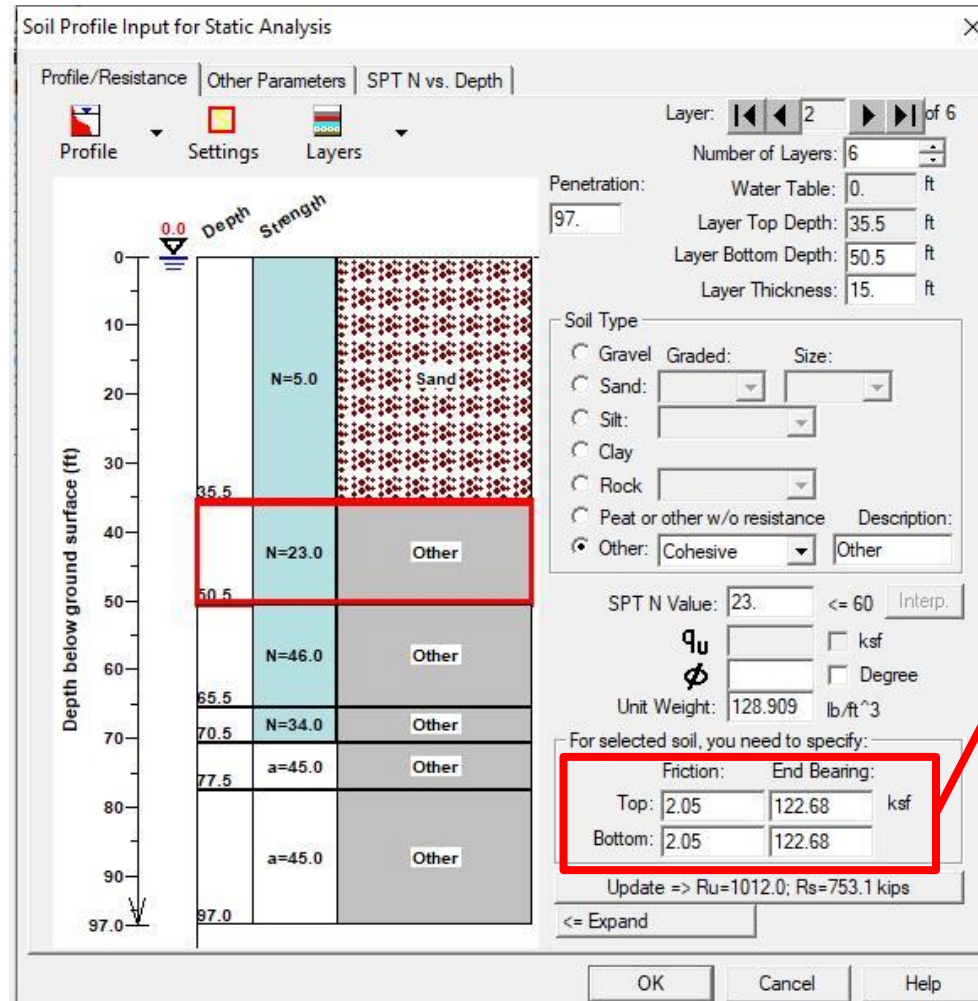
DELMAG D 36	
Stroke	8.50 ft
Ram Weight	7.93 kips
Efficiency	0.800
Pressure	Variable
Helmet Weight	1.90 kips
Hammer Cushion	60155 kips/in
COR of H.C.	0.800
Skin Quake	0.100 in
Toe Quake	0.246 in
Skin Damping	0.142 sec/ft
Toe Damping	0.150 sec/ft
Pile Length	125.00 ft
Pile Penetration	97.00 ft
Pile Top Area	30.10 in ²

**Smith parameters
assigned by the
WEAP**

Bearing Graph Using Default WEAP Method

Proposed WEAP Method – Geomaterial input

Step 1: Drivability Analysis using the UW proposed static analysis methods



Low plasticity clay based IGM

$$\hat{q}_s = \left[\frac{1.58}{1 + 47.6e^{-1.34\frac{S_u}{P_a}}} \right] P_a$$

$$\hat{q}_b = \left[\frac{\frac{S_u}{P_a} \frac{D}{D_B}}{0.0011 + 0.0027 \frac{S_u}{P_a} \frac{D}{D_B}} \right] P_a$$

Sand based IGM (Steel H-pile)

$$\hat{q}_s = 0.63P_a \left[\frac{\sigma'_v}{P_a} \frac{58}{N} \right]^{1.1}$$

$$\hat{q}_b = \left[\frac{\frac{P_a}{\sigma'_v} \times \frac{N}{58}}{0.0029 + 0.0071 \frac{P_a}{\sigma'_v} \times \frac{N}{58}} \right] P_a$$

Run drivability analysis to obtain new percent shaft resistance

SA input form for geomaterial input

Proposed WEAP – Subsurface Condition

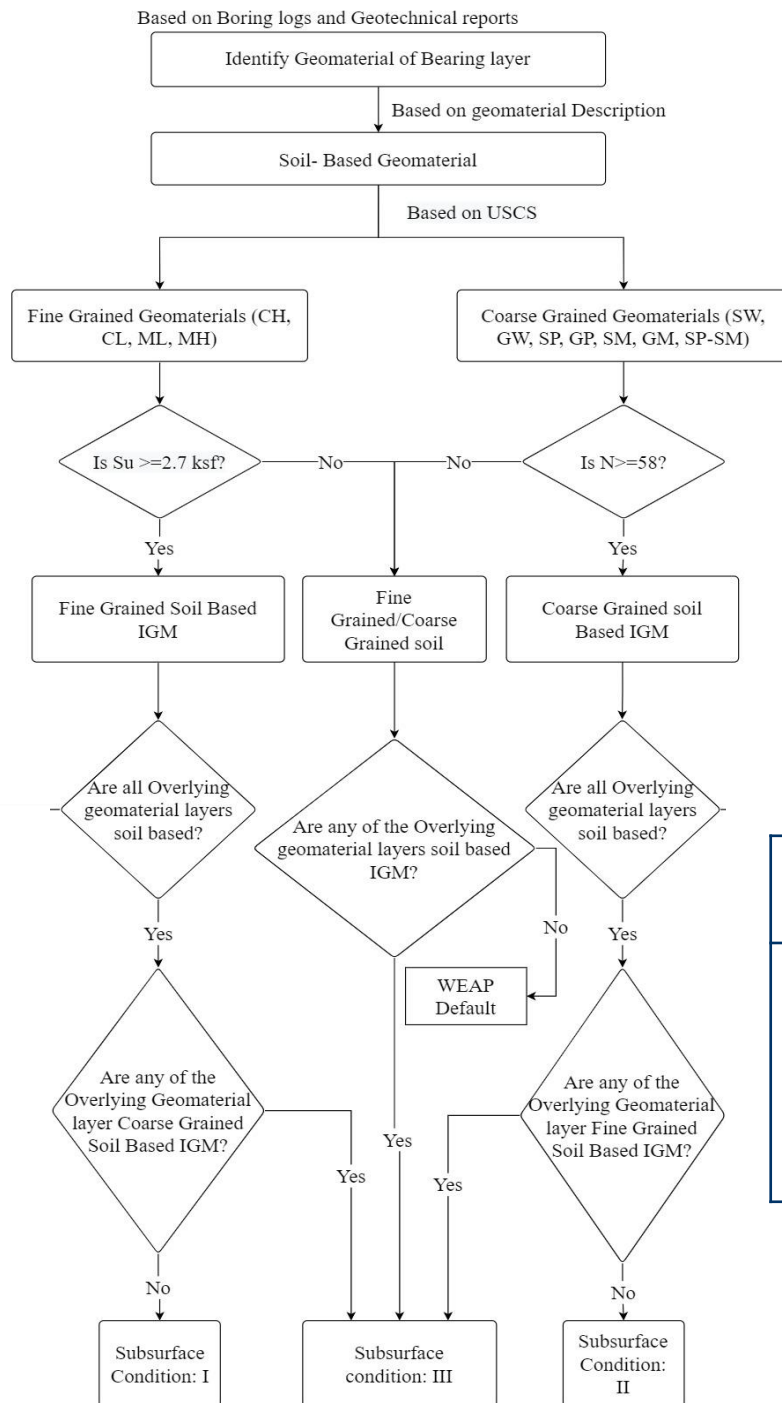
Step 2: Determine subsurface condition

Bearing Layers – Soil Based IGMs:

I – Overburden Soil + Fine Grained Soil based-IGMs

II – Overburden Soil + Coarse Grained Soil based-IGMs

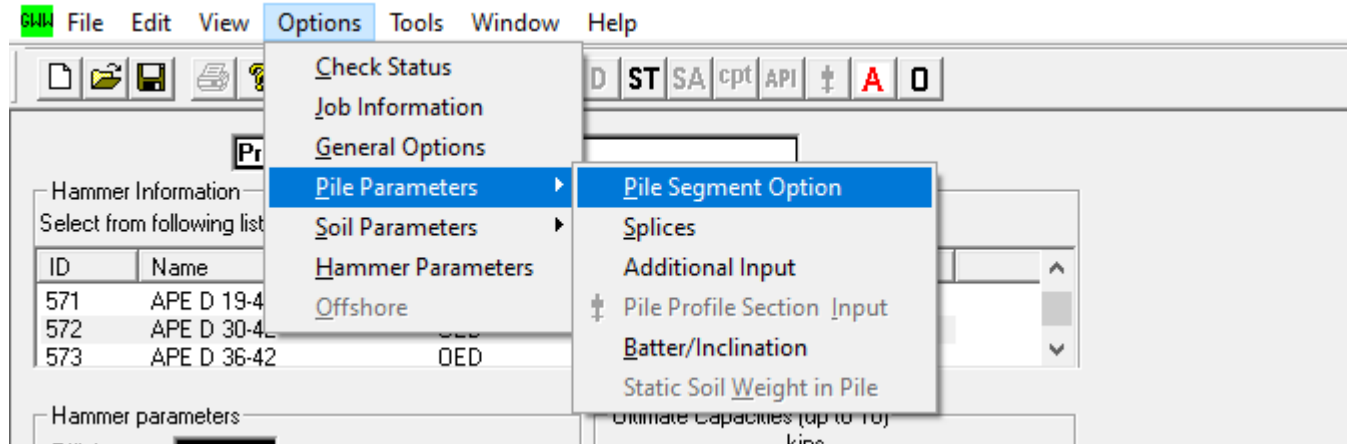
III – Overburden Soil + Coarse Grained Soil based-IGMs + Fine Grained Soil based-IGMs



Subsurface Condition	Geomaterial	Q_s (in)	Q_t (in)	Shaft or Toe Damping (s/ft)
III	Soil	0.1	D/60; Soft soils	0.05 (Coarse); 0.10 (Fine)
	Fine-Grained SB-IGM		D/120	
	Coarse-grained SB-IGM		D/120	0.10

Bearing Graph – Soil/Pile Segment Input

Step 3: Assign new back-calculated quake and damping values



The 'Pile Segment Input' dialog box is shown. The 'Number of Segments' is set to 7. The 'Input Option' section has three radio buttons: 'Equal seg. length, automatic determination of stiffness and weight', 'User defined seg. length, automatic determination of stiffness and weight' (which is selected), and 'User defined seg. length, stiffness and weight'. Below this is a table with 7 rows, each representing a segment with its number and length. The lengths are 28, 35.5, 15, 15, 5, 7, and 19.5. The table is highlighted in yellow. The dialog has 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons at the bottom.

Segment Number	Segment Length
1	28
2	35.5
3	15
4	15
5	5
6	7
7	19.5

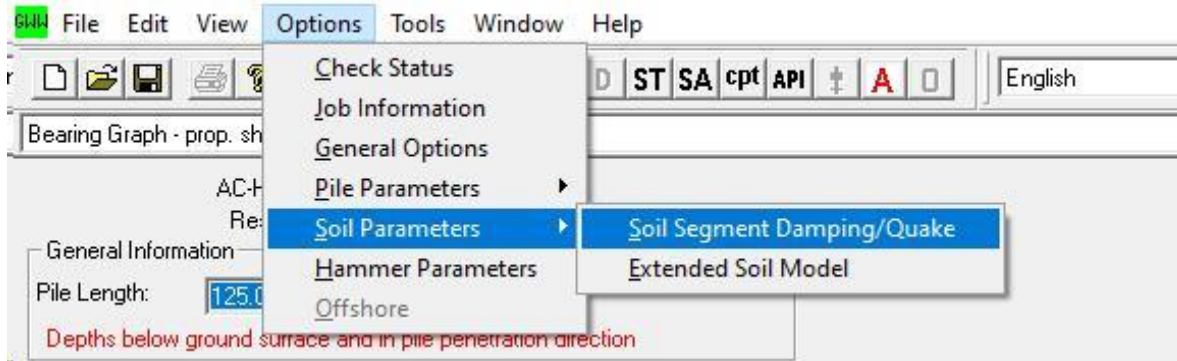
Assign The Soil/Pile Segments

Pile Segment	Geomaterial	Depth (ft)	Description
1	Above Ground	28	None
2	Sand	35.5	Soil
3	Clay	15	Fine-grained soil - based IGM
4	Clay	15	
5	Clay	5	
6	Sand	7	Coarse-grained soil-based IGM
7	Sand	19.5	

Pile Segment Input Form

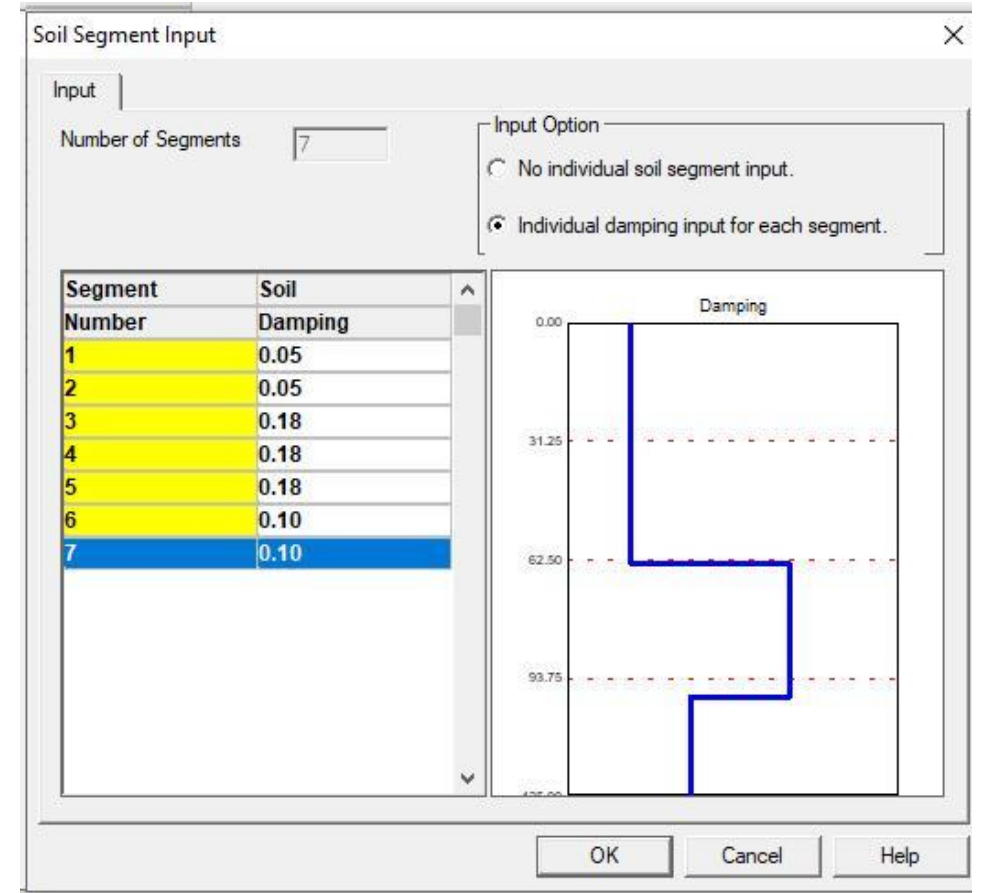
Bearing Graph – Shaft Damping Input

Step 3: Assign new back-calculated quake and damping values



Assign Shaft Damping to Pile Segments

Pile Segment	Geomaterial	Depth (ft)	Description	Damping (s/ft)
1	Above Ground	28	None	Any
2	Sand	35.5	Soil	0.05
3	Clay	15	Fine-grained soil -based IGM	0.18
4	Clay	15		0.18
5	Clay	5		0.18
6	Sand	7	Coarse-grained soil-based IGM	0.10
7	Sand	19.5		0.10



Pile Segment Input Form

Bearing Graph – Quake/Damping Input

Step 3: Assign new back-calculated quake and damping values

- Toe damping and toe quake are input on the main form

Soil Parameters 2nd Toe - No

Quake

Shaft **0.1** in

Toe **0.123** in

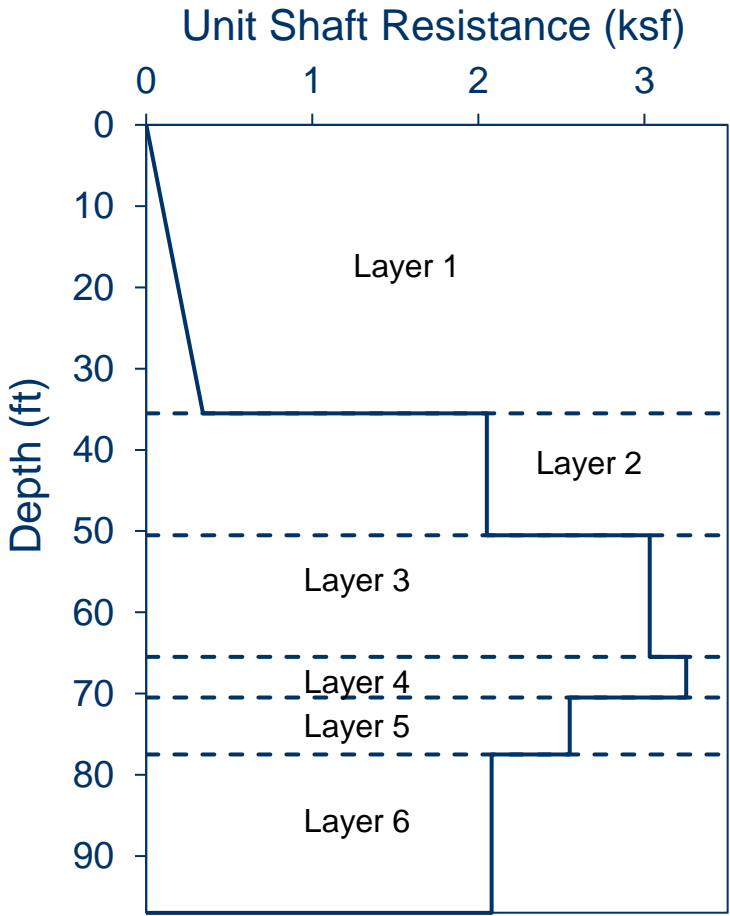
Damping

Shaft **0.142** s/ft

Toe **0.10** s/ft

Subsurface Condition	Geomaterial	Q_s (in)	Q_t (in)	Shaft or Toe Damping (s/ft)
III	Soil	0.1	D/60 (Soft soils) D/120 (Hard soils)	0.05 (Coarse); 0.10 (Fine)
	Fine-Grained SB-IGM		D/120	0.18
	Coarse-grained SB-IGM		D/120	0.10

Alternative Method to Input Shaft Damping



- $$J_s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \times J_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i}$$

A_i = Area of shaft resistance profile

Layer	J_i (s/ft)	A_i	$A_i \times J_i$
1	0.05	6.07	0.30
2	0.18	30.75	5.54
3	0.18	45.45	8.18
4	0.18	16.25	2.93
5	0.1	17.85	1.79
6	0.1	40.56	4.06
	Sum =	156.93	22.79

$$J_s = \frac{22.79}{156.93} = 0.145$$

Soil Parameters

Quake

Shaft in

Toe in

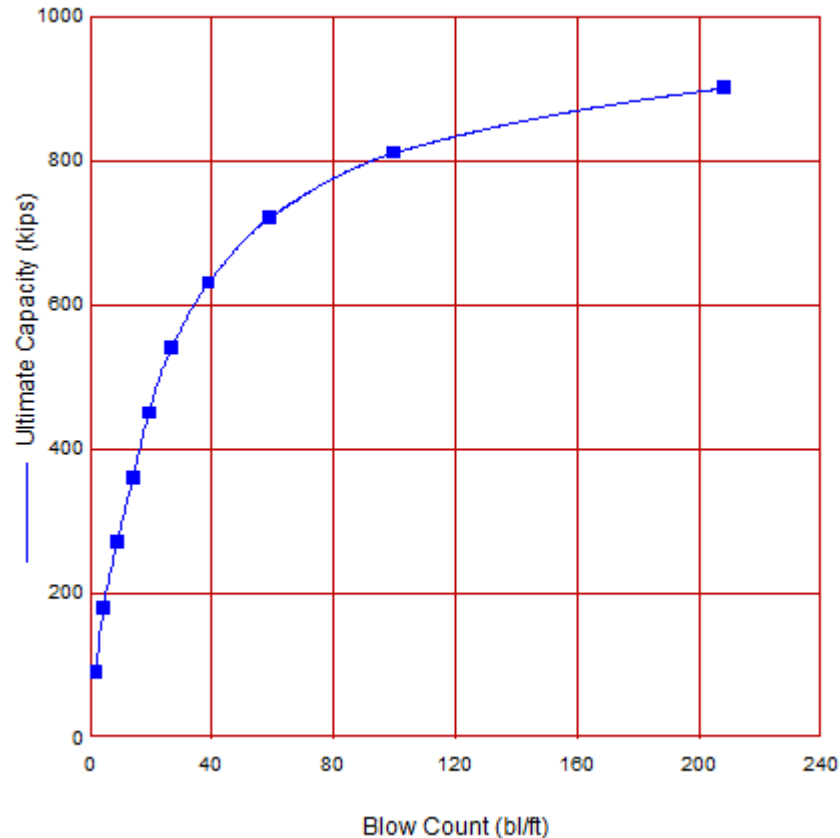
Damping

Shaft s/ft

Toe s/ft

Proposed WEAP - Bearing Graph Analysis

Step 4: Run bearing graph based on the new percent shaft resistance

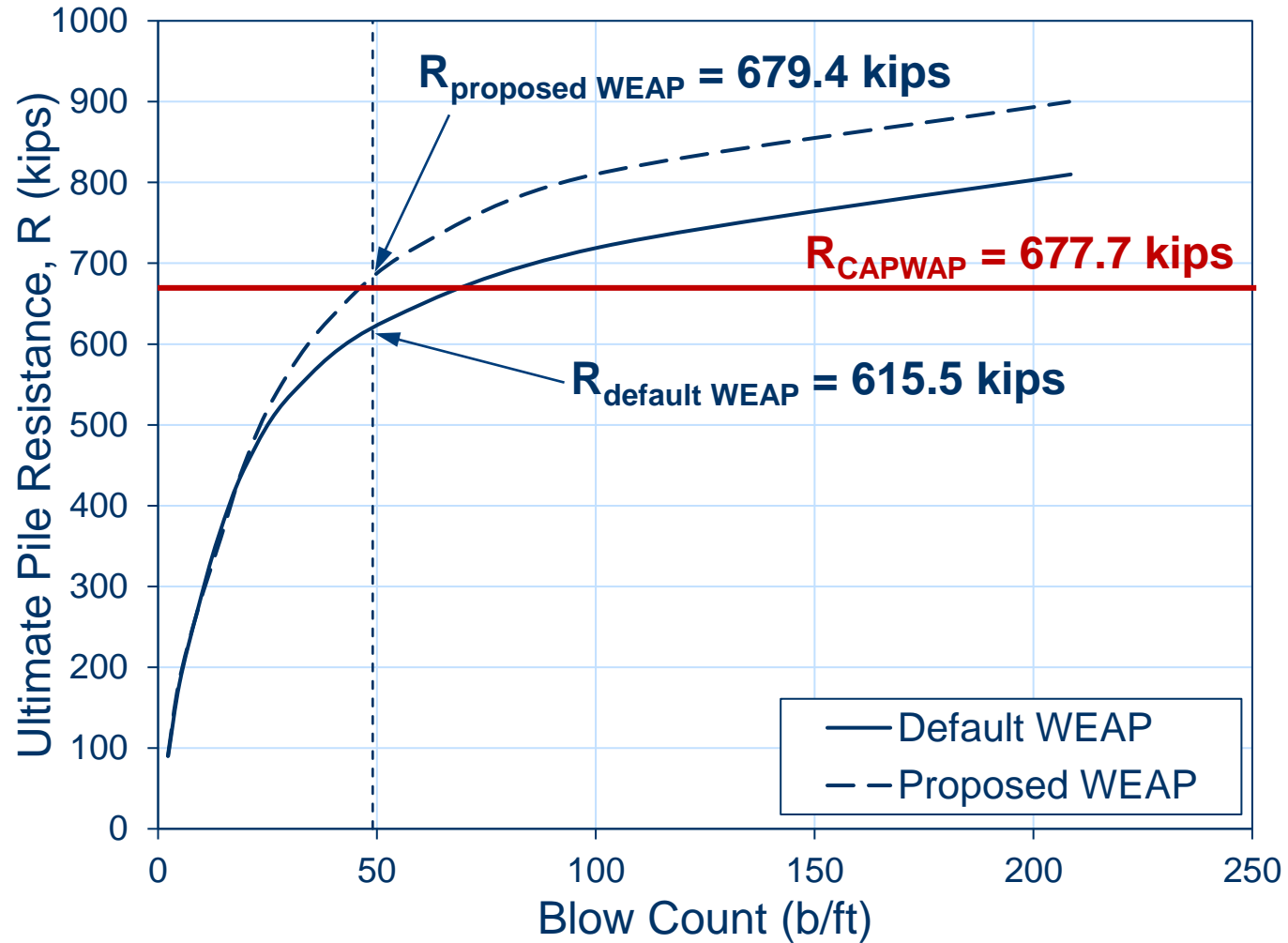


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Hammer Cushion	60155 kips/in
COR of H.C.	0.800
Skin Quake	0.100 in
Toe Quake	0.123 in
Skin Damping	Variable
Toe Damping	0.100 sec/ft
Pile Length	125.00 ft
Pile Penetration	97.00 ft
Pile Top Area	30.10 in ²

**Newly assigned
Smith parameters**

Bearing Graph Using Proposed WEAP

Default WEAP vs Proposed WEAP



Bearing Graph Comparison for Stoke Height = 8.5 ft and Hammer Blow Count = 49 bl/ft