

**VI SOIL STRUCTURE : EFFECTS OF CLAY TYPE AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

Fig. VII  
M1-M4  
K1-K3  
I1-I3

Sheets

$$[\sigma' = (\bar{\sigma}'_r - \bar{\sigma}'_u) a_c + (R - A)]$$

Note: See (M4) for index properties of 3 clays tested by Olson & Meiri

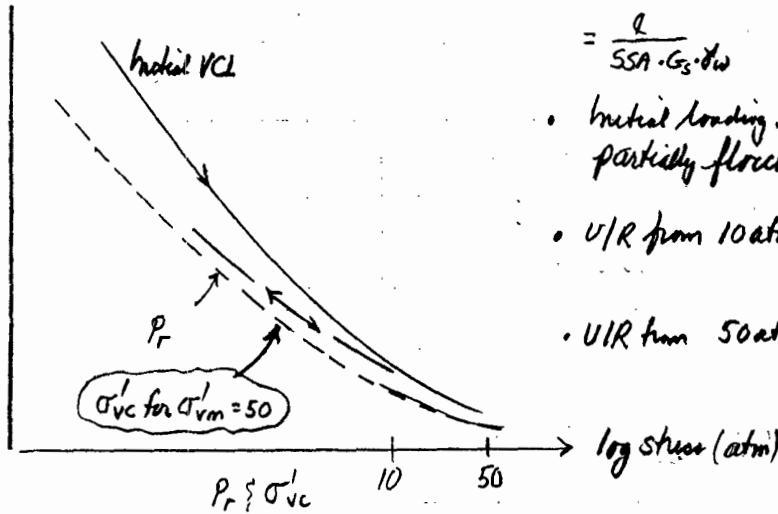
1. SMECTITE (Highly flexible plates)

1.1 Na Montmorillonite

1) 1-D Compression:  $-0.2 \mu m, 10^{-3} NaCl$  (M1) Used SSA =  $800 m^2/g$

How calculate  $d = \frac{V_v}{SA} = \frac{e V_s}{SSA \cdot W_s}$   
 $= \frac{q}{SSA \cdot G_s \cdot \gamma_w}$   $L = V_s \cdot G_s \cdot \gamma_w$

$d(A) = 10^4 e / (SSA m^2/g \times G_s \times \gamma_w = 19/02)$



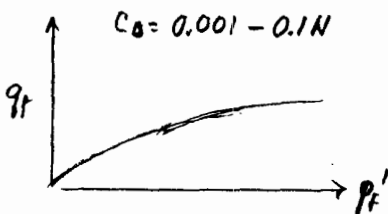
- Initial loading:  $\bar{\sigma}'_u a_c / \sigma' > 70 \rightarrow$  partially flocculated fabric
- U/R from 10 atm  $\rightarrow$  closer to  $P_r$
- U/R from 50 atm  $\rightarrow$  very close to  $P_r$

- Conclusions - During initial loading have significant  $\bar{\sigma}'_u a_c / \sigma'$
- After  $\sigma'_{vm} = 50 \rightarrow$  close to ideally dispersed with SSA = 800 so that  $\sigma' \propto R - A \approx P_r$

2) 1-D: Effect of min.  $c_o$  (M3) Fig 7b (-2u) + Fig. V & VI

- VCL much lower
- Swelling " "
- PI = 1100  $\rightarrow$  800

3) CIUC data (M4) Fig 9 (-2u)



Why  $\phi' = 6.5 \pm 2^\circ$  ;  $\phi'$  (tangent)  $\rightarrow \approx 0^\circ$

No effect of min.  $c_o$  not expected by CCL - very odd

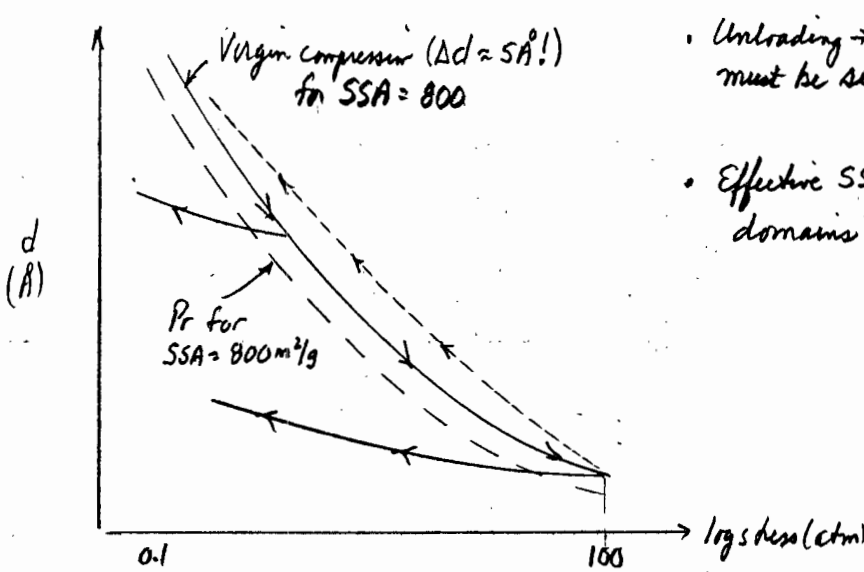
4) CD DS  $\phi'_r$  (Kenney, 1967); +2u Na Mont. Residual strength

NaCl g/L	wL	Ip	$\phi'_r^\circ$
0	1325	1270	4.6
35	620	575	10.2



1.2 Ca Montmorillonite

1) 1-D Compression:  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$   $10^{-4} \text{M CaCl}_2$  (M2)



• Unloading  $\rightarrow \sigma_{vc} < P_r$ ; hence? must be serious error in SSA

• Effective SSA (ESA)  $\rightarrow$  X-ray diffraction  $\rightarrow$  domains\*  $\rightarrow \approx 8$  layers / particle

• Corrected swelling curve. -----

• Conclusions

2) 1-D: Effect of  $v$  &  $\Delta C_0$  (M3) Fig. 7a & b + Fig V & VI

- Na  $\rightarrow$  Ca  $\rightarrow$  much lower VCL & SR
- Incr.  $C_0$  for  $\text{CaCl}_2 \rightarrow$  small effect
- PI only =  $170 \pm 10$

4) CIUC data:  $\Delta C_0$  (M4) Fig 8

- $\phi \approx 15 \pm 2^\circ$  with no effect of  $\Delta C_0$

3) 1-D: Effect of  $\Delta D$  (M3) Fig 6, Fig V & VI

$D = 80 (\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rightarrow 20 \pm 2$  effectively "kills" DL  $P_r$  & probably also greatly reduces effective surface area (ESA)

"Mechanical" behavior

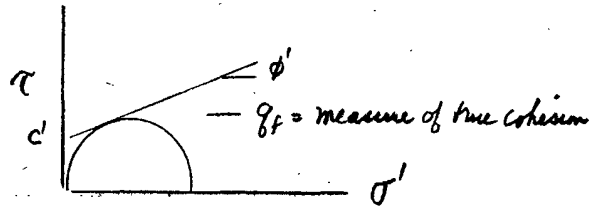
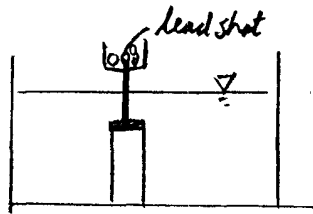
5) Conclusions for Na  $\rightarrow$  Ca Mont.

- $\text{Ca}^{+2} \rightarrow$  greatly reduced ESA
- Hence greatly reduced DL effects unless v. high  $\sigma_{vc} \rightarrow \approx$  parallel domains
- More Mechanical than PC mechanism

\* Domain: ~~several layers~~ 1 particle = several layers "stuck" together ( $2d = 10\text{\AA}$ )  
since  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  acts as a glue



1.3 CIDC(U) data with  $\sigma'_3 = 0$  (= drained unconfined compression test)



Data on Vicksburg Buckshot Clay (LSK, 1967) prepared with water

White & Smectite, LH w/  $I_p = 35.8$

$\sigma'_{cm} = 1 \text{ atm}$  in TX-cell, then removed & submerged for UC tests

Pore Fluid	$q_f$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Tap H <sub>2</sub> O	60
1M CaCl <sub>2</sub>	170

1.4 Summary for Smectite (Influence of  $v$ ,  $c_0$  &  $D$ )

1) 1-D : Location of VCL compared to v. low NaCl  $c_0$

a) Fr.  $10^{-3}$  NaCl, inc.  $\bar{\sigma}'_{vc} \rightarrow$  less  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac}/\sigma'$  and can approach  $\sigma' \approx R-A = P_r$

b) Decr.  $P_r \rightarrow$  lowering of VCL

• Least with NaCl

• Then for  $Na^+ \rightarrow Ca^{+2}$

• more for  $D = 80 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 2$

( $\approx$  indep. of  $v$ ,  $c_0$ )

V. signif. decrease in  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac}/\sigma'$

" " increase in  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac}/\sigma'$

increased importance of "mechanical" response of highly flexible plates

2) 1-D : Amt. of swelling

a) Similar to stone, but more consistent

b) What causes swelling when  $R < A$ ?

3) Effective stress envelope ( $\phi'$ ) : inc.  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac}/\sigma' \rightarrow$  increasing  $\phi'$

a) Na  $\rightarrow$  Ca  $\rightarrow$  large increase ( $\approx 8.5 \rightarrow 15^\circ$ )

b)  $\Delta c_0$  for NaCl had little effect, which is surprising.

But Kenney (67) got  $\phi'_r = 4.0 \rightarrow 10.2^\circ$  for zero vs 35 g/l

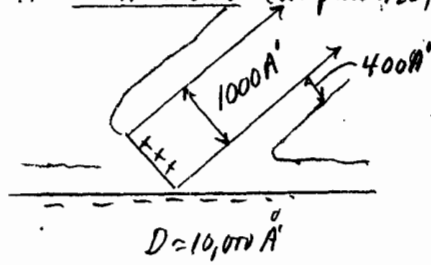
c)  $\Delta c_0$  for CaCl<sub>2</sub> had little effect, since  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac} \gg R-A$  (mostly mechanical)

d) What predicted  $\phi'$  for  $D = 20$  & 2?



2. KAOLINITE (Stiff elastic plates)

2.1 Schematic (in pure H<sub>2</sub>O, pH=7)



$$\sigma' = (\bar{\sigma}_r - \bar{\sigma}_a) a_c + (R-A)$$

- $\bar{\sigma}_a$  electrostatic H- very important
- ∴ How  $\Delta$  pore fluid affects it rather than R-A important for  $\Delta$  behavior

2.2 1-D Compression { For incr.  $\sigma'_{vc}$ , less frictional-adhesive resistance at contacts }  
facilitates more parallel reorientation of particles

1)  $d \propto \log P_r \uparrow \sigma'_{vc}$  (K1) → Why TSPP → lower VCL also Fig I & II

2) Data from Olson-Mesri (K2)

• Why incr.  $\sigma'_{vc}$  → lower curve (Fig. 1) ≈ Call<sub>2</sub>

• Why incr. pH → lower curve (Fig. 3)

• Why incr. D → lower curve (Fig. 4)

• Why smaller effect of above on SR?

2.3 Strength Data

1) CIUC (K3)  $\phi' \approx 25-30^\circ$ . Why independent of  $v$  { pH? }

2) CIDCL  $\sigma'_s = 0$  (L&K'67)  $I_p = 30\%$ , deposit pH=7

$\sigma'_{cm} = 4 \text{ atm}$

Pore Fluid	$q_f$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )
pH ≤ 7	40
pH = 9.5	15
TSPP	0



2.4 Summary of Effects of TSPP, pH,  $v$ ,  $C_0$  &  $D$

1)  $1-D$   $L/U$

- Reduced  $\bar{\sigma}_a$  (+-attraction)  $\rightarrow$  less resistance to particle reorientation  $\rightarrow$  less flocculated fabric  $\rightarrow$  lower VCL
- Swelling due to particle "unbonding"
- Compressibility much less than mica. Why

2) ESE ( $\phi'$ )

- Essentially constant since  $\sigma' = \bar{\sigma}_a c_c$  in spite of changes in fabric

3) True cohesion (unconfined drained  $q_t$ )

- Greatly affected by  $\Delta \bar{\sigma}_a$  (+-attraction)

Compressibility is essentially "mechanical" due to

- (1) Particle reorientation, <sup>on VCL</sup> where amount strongly affected by coef. of friction ( $\mu$ ) at contacts
- (2) Particle deformation - stored elastic energy

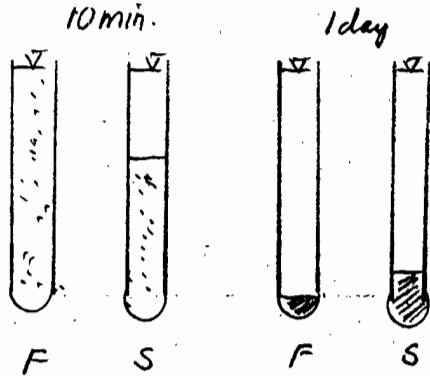


3 ILLITE

For Natural Clay (e.g. BBC)

3.1 Deposition: Fresh vs Sea Water (1.361 II-3.2.3)

1) Test tubes (S = sea water  $\rightarrow$  35 g/L  $\rightarrow$  R < A vs F = fresh water  $\rightarrow$  R > A)

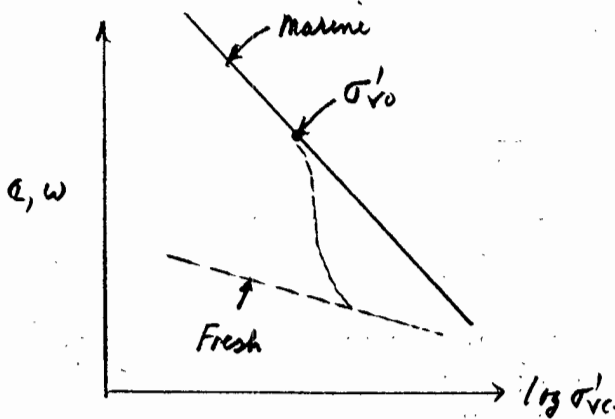


Why  $\Delta$  fabric?

S: Large flocs with E-F orientation

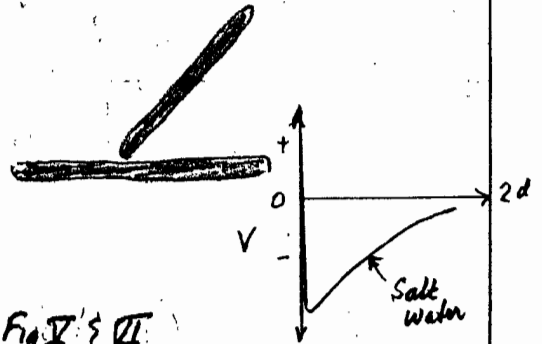
F: Small flocs with more parallel (dispersed) orientation

2) Leaching of marine clay



Compressibility after leaching ----

Why metastable structure of leaching



3.2 1-D Compression: Fractionated Illite (+ Fig IX & X)

1) Bolt (1956) (I) Effect of incr.  $C_0$  for NaCl (-0.2  $\mu$ )

- Lowers VCL, but only after preconsolidation to  $\sigma'_{vm} = 5-10$  atm
- If had been sedimented, may get reversal in VCLs
- In many cases, significant  $\bar{\sigma}'_{vc} / \sigma'$



2) Olson & Munn (1970) (I2) Fig. 4 Effect of  $v$  &  $D$  for v. low  $C_0$   
 (-2 $\mu$ )

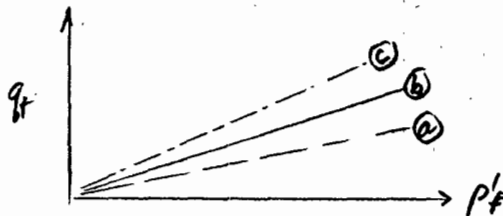
- a) VCL at low  $\sigma'_{vc}$ :  $N_a > C_a > EA \gg CCL_0 = \text{air}$ , but almost reversed at high  $\sigma'_{vc}$ .  
 (all "mechanical")
- b) Swelling, Max  $C_s$ :  $N_a > C_a > EA \gg CCL_0 = \text{air}$  ← expect from DL theory
- c) Hence complex interaction of effects of changing importance of R-A, effective surface area (probably), coef. of friction during reorientation on both initial fabric & changes during virgin compression. With decreasing  $P_r$ , (R-A), "mechanical" behavior becomes more important

(I3) Fig. 5: Effects of  $\Delta C_0$  for  $N_a$  &  $C_a$  - See notes on (I3) →  
 Again complex interaction.

d) For both sets of data, hard to understand without quantitative measurements of ESA and fabric

3.3 Strength Data

1) CIUC (I2) Fig. 7  
 (-2 $\mu$ )



- (a)  $N_a$ , low  $C_0$   $\phi' \approx 16^\circ$
  - (b)  $N_a$ , high  $C_0$   $\approx 21^\circ$
  - (c)  $C_a$ , all  $C_0$   $\approx 26^\circ$
- } Decreasing  $P_r$   
 } maybe dec. ESA

3) CIDC(L)  $\sigma'_s = 0$  (L/K'67) BBC  $I_p = 16\%$  Reproduced 16 g/l NaCl  
 $\sigma'_{cm} = 4 \text{ atm}$

Por Fluid	$q_f$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	
Tap H <sub>2</sub> O	5-10	} Large dec. in $P_r$ (R-A)
16 g/l NaCl	40 ± 5	
1M CaCl <sub>2</sub>	60 ± 5	} less difference in $P_r$ (R-A)

2) Kenney (1967) Residual friction angle ( $\phi_r$ ) on -2 $\mu$   

H <sub>2</sub> O	$\phi' = 16^\circ$	$w_L = 50$	$I_p = 20$
35 g/l NaCl	$= 23^\circ$	$= 100$	$= 60$



4. "SUMMARY"

$$1) \sigma' = (\bar{\sigma}_r^{Advs.Hrb} - \bar{\sigma}_a^{Born}) a_c + (R-A)$$

vdw
DL

electrostatic primary
vdw

2) Need to understand/appreciate how  $\Delta$  environment affects both contact & long range forces

- a) Effect on contact fabric
- effective surface area (ESA)
  - flaw size
  - particle orientation

b) Amount of  $\sigma' \rightarrow \bar{\sigma} \cdot a_c$  vs  $(R-A)$

↑ strength generation ( $\bar{\sigma} = 100's \text{ atm}$ )      ↓ ability to remake contacts

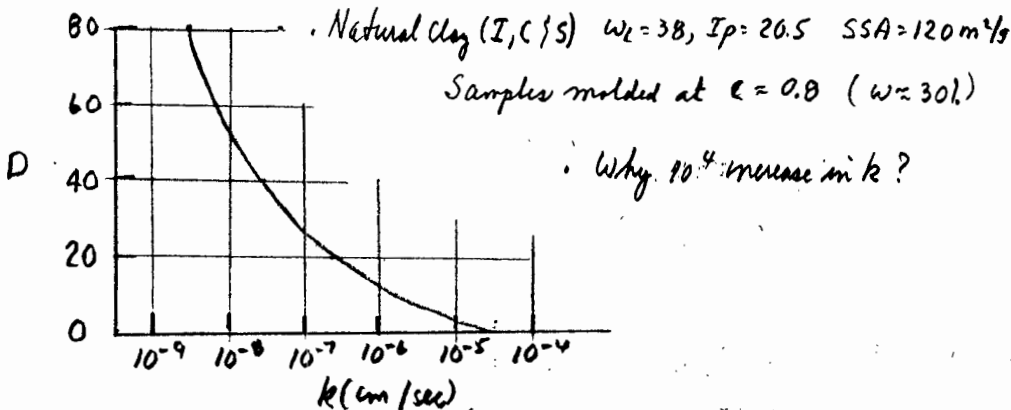
c) Mechanical vs PC compressibility      friction & cohesion

3) Very different behavior for changes in  $v, \epsilon_0, D$  & pH

- Smectite
- Kaolinite
- Illite
- Mica

4) Effect of dielectric constant on  $k$ . (Fernandez & Quigley 1985)

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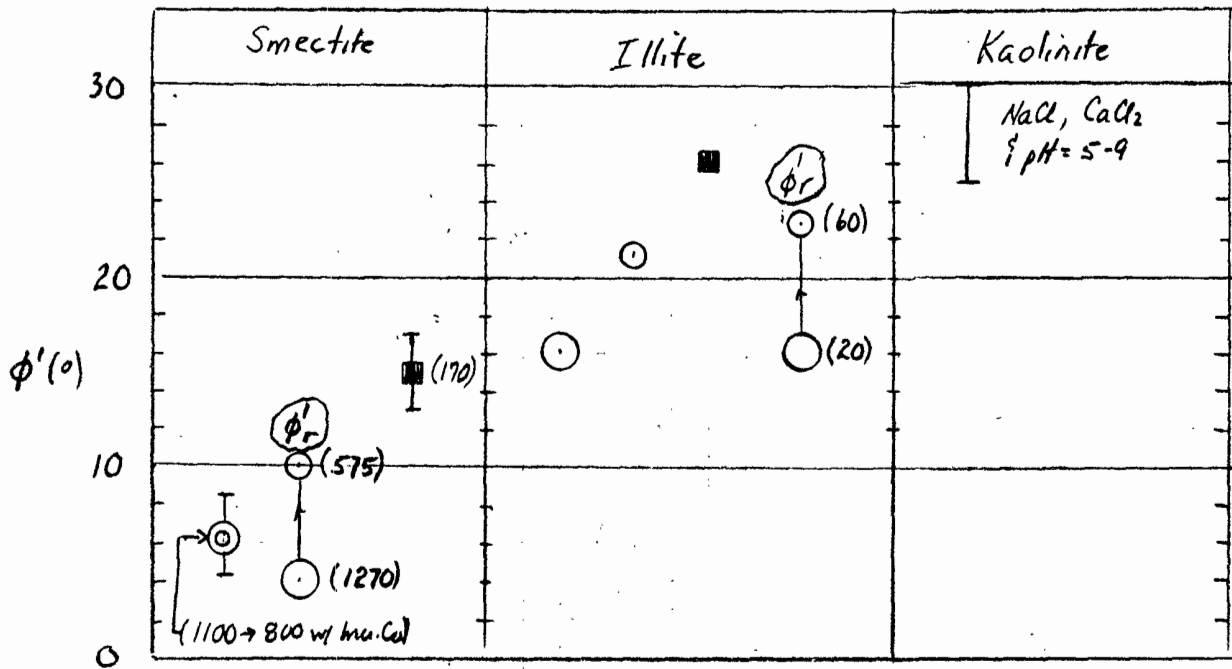




5) Summary of  $\phi'$  data: Data from Olson (74) except  $\phi'_r$  from Kenney (67)

○ NaCl, low  $c_0$  ○ NaCl, High  $c_0$  ■  $CaCl_2$

(PI, %)



6) Is there a consistent change in compressibility and strength with change in Atterberg Limits?

7) Bottom Line:

Except for mica & Kaolinite, very difficult to fully understand - explain how  $\Delta$  pore fluid affects strength and compressibility (especially VCL) of Smectite & Illite without having quantitative measurements of fabric (especially 'particle' orientation & effective surface area).

( $c$  at  $\sigma'_{vc} = 64 \text{ ksf}$ )  $\rightarrow c = 1.0 \pm 0.3$  for all data!

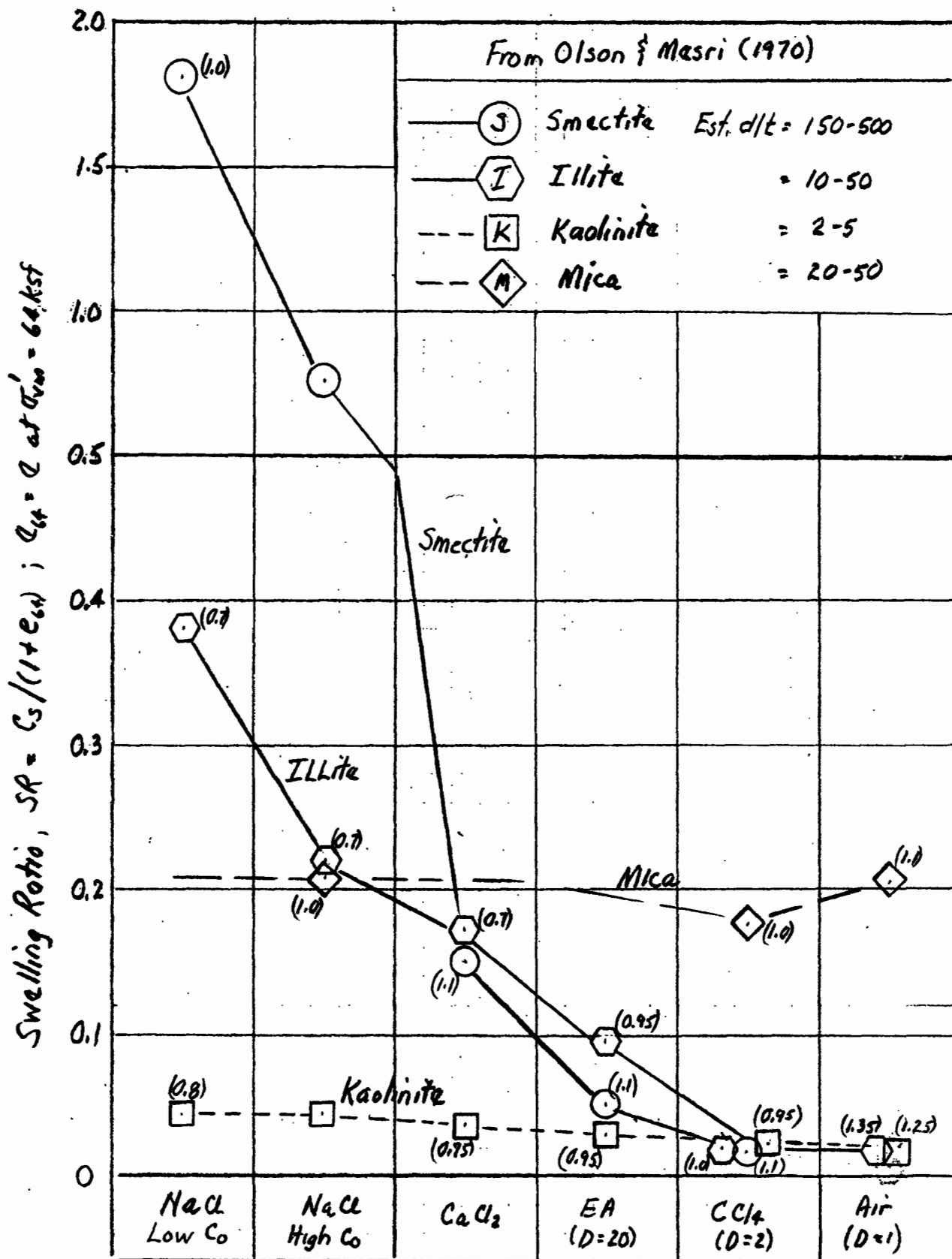


Fig. VII Effect of Clay Mineral & Pore Fluid on Swelling Ratio

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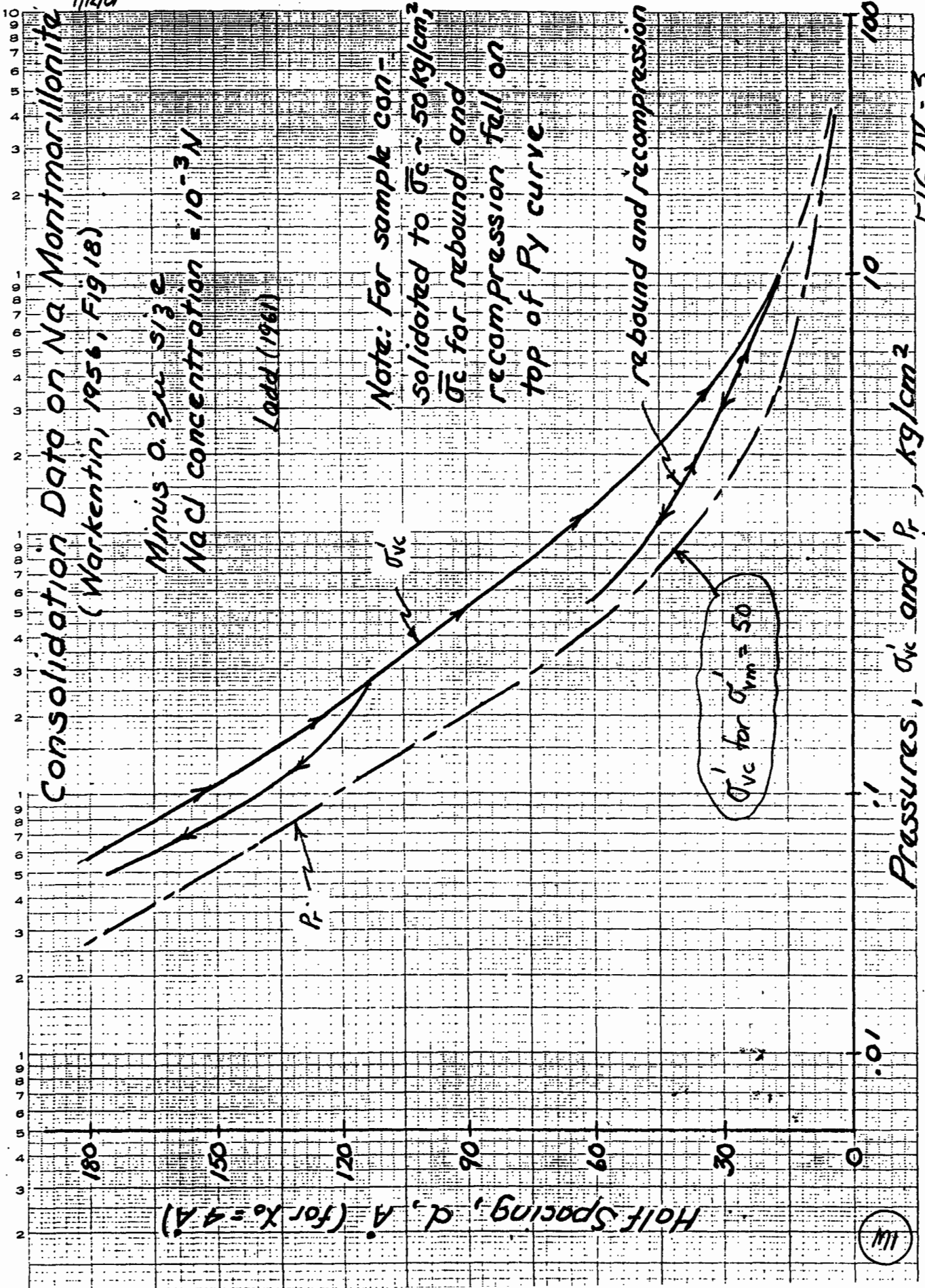
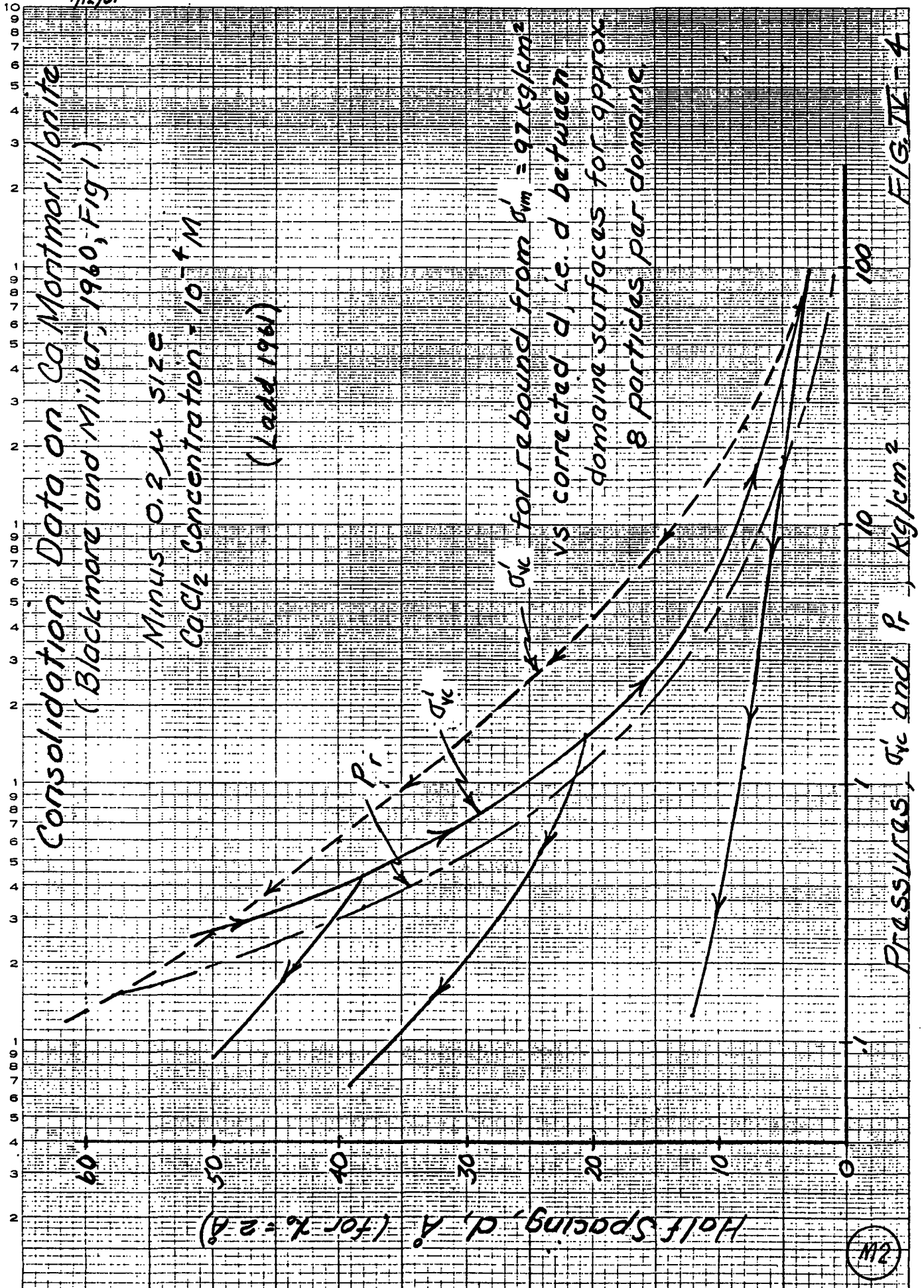


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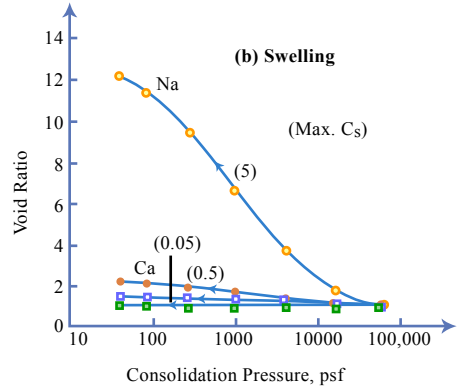
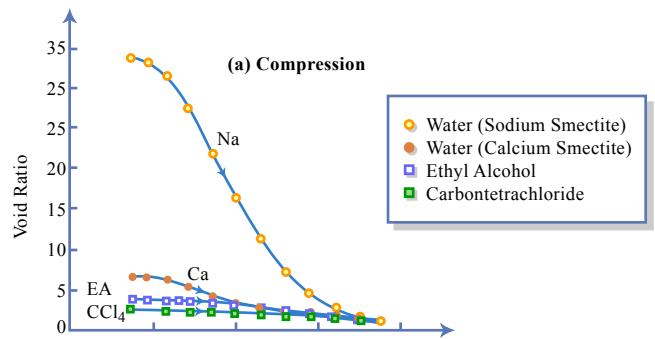


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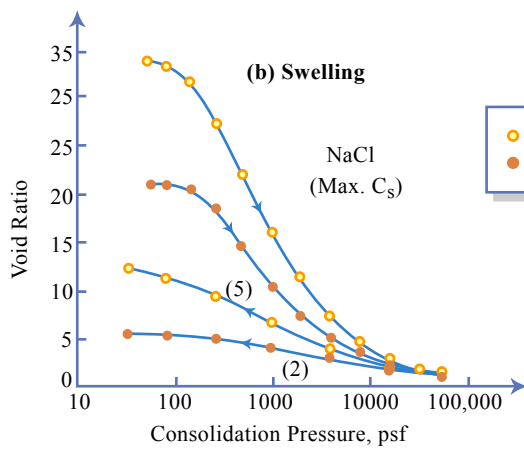
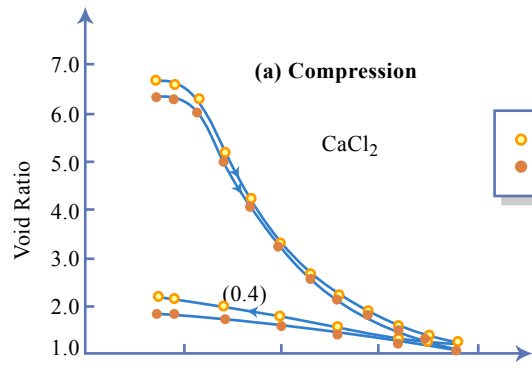
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One-dimensional Consolidation Curves of Smectite in Various Pore Fluids

*Effect of pore fluid*



One-dimensional Consolidation Curves of Smectite in Water

*Effect of salt conc.*

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Adapted from:

Olson & Mesri (1970)

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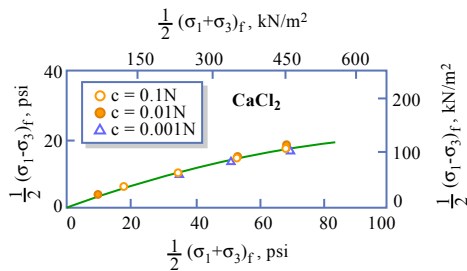
Adapted from Olson & Mesri (1970) and Olson (1974) \*

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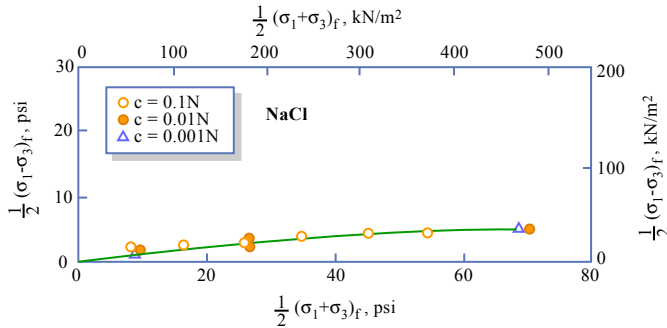
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Kaolinite	Minerals and Chemicals Philipp Corp, Kioadyke olay, Mcintyre, Georgia	40 to 50	27 to 31	2.55	14	3 ± 1.5	47	2-5	0.2 ± 0.1 But low?
Illite Fractionated	J.L. Eades, Dept. of Geology, Univ. of Illinois, Marblehead, Wisconsin	83 to 104	31 to 32	2.60	95 ± 5	25	100	10-50	= 0.25 OK
Smaotite	American Colloid Company, Wyoming Vololay	190 to 1,150	31 to 47	2.65 to 2.80	500 to 700	100	97	150-500	= 0.17 OK ± 0.03

Na PI = 1100 → 800 with  $C_0 = 10^{-4}$  → IN  
 Ca PI ≈ 170 ± 10 for →  $C_0 = 10^{-3}$  → IN



Failure envelope for specimens of calcium montmorillonite at pore-water electrolyte concentrations of 0.1 N, 0.01 N, and 0.001 N

$\phi' \approx 15 \pm 2^\circ$



$\phi' \approx 6.5 \pm 2^\circ$   
 Tangent  $\phi' \rightarrow \approx 0$

Failure envelope for sodium montmorillonite at pH = 7 and range in pore-water electrolyte concentration from 0.001 N to 0.1 N

50 SHEETS  
 100 SHEETS  
 200 SHEETS



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\* Olson & Mesri (1970) ASCE, JSMFD, 96(6), 1863-1870

Olson, R.E. (1974) ASCE, JGD, 100(11), 1215-1225



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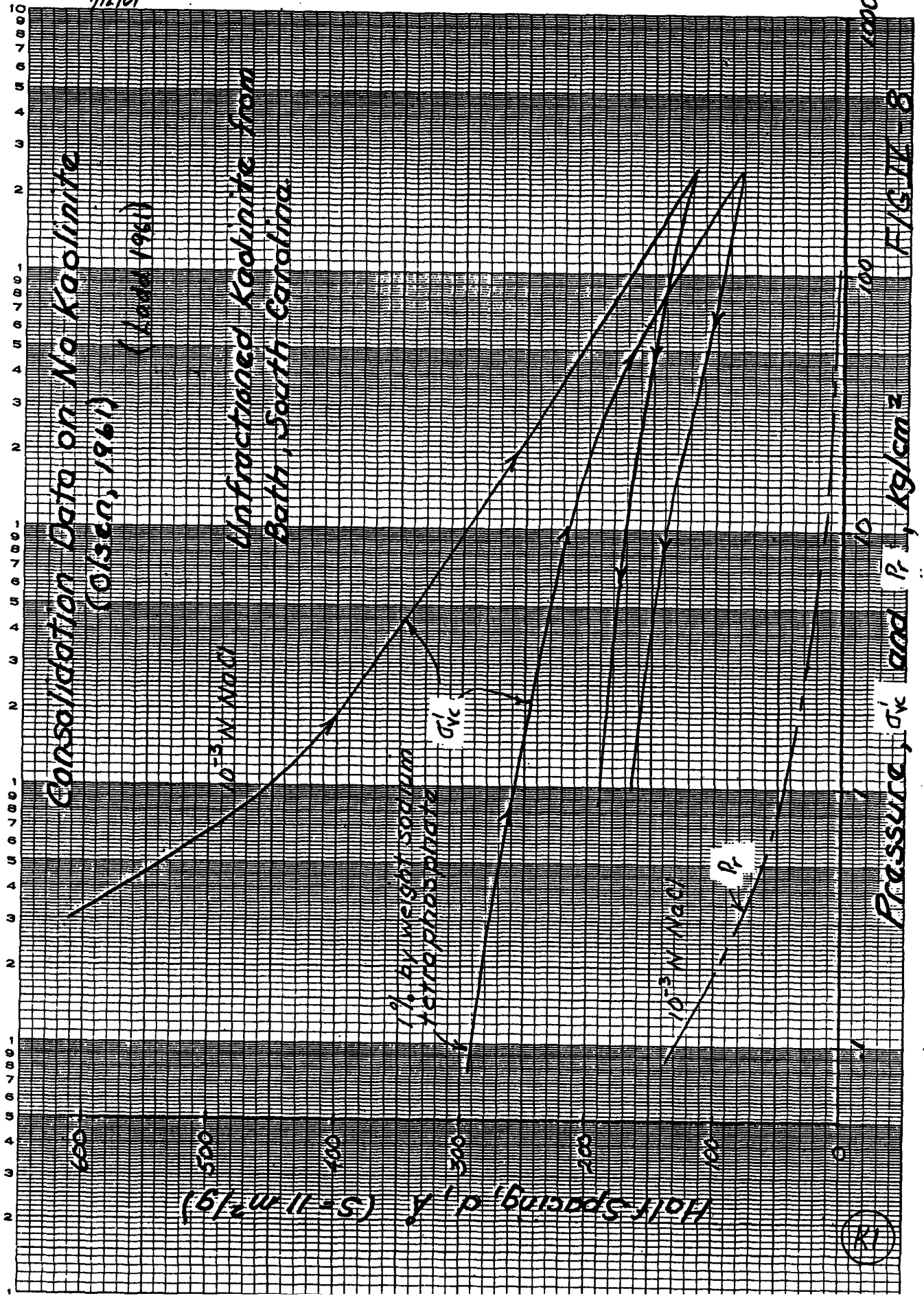
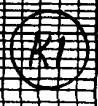


FIG. II-8



Olson & Mesri (1970) 1-D Consolidation of Kaolinite (47% - 2 $\mu$ )

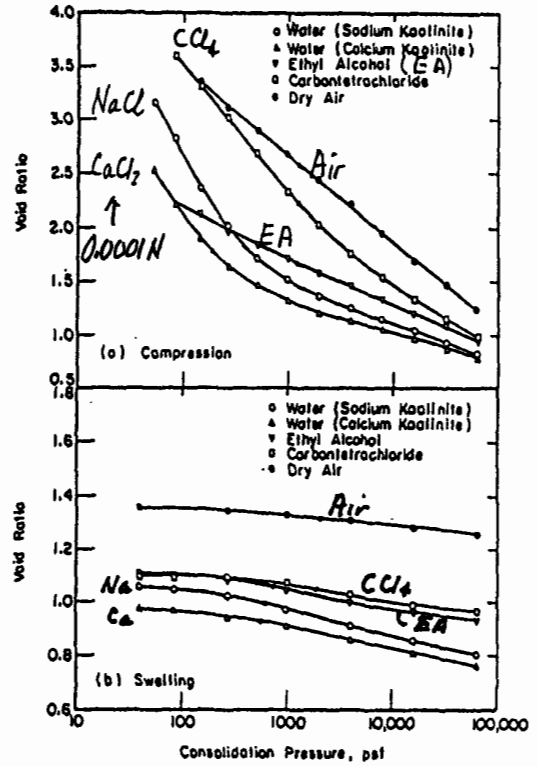
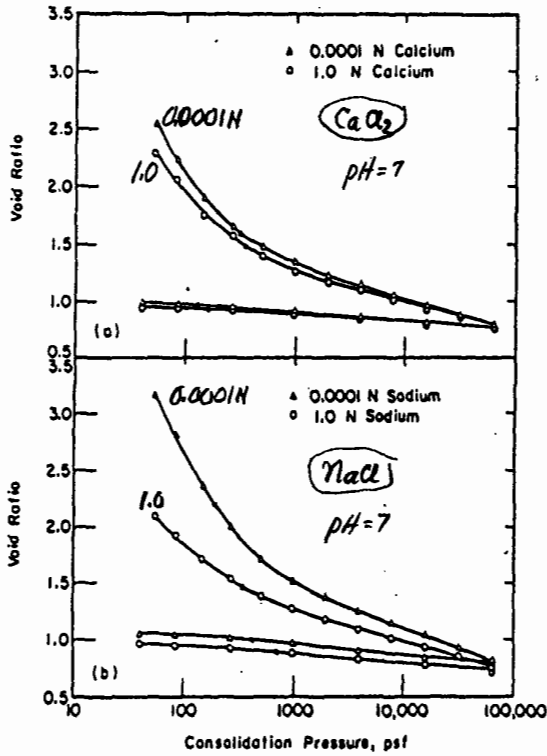
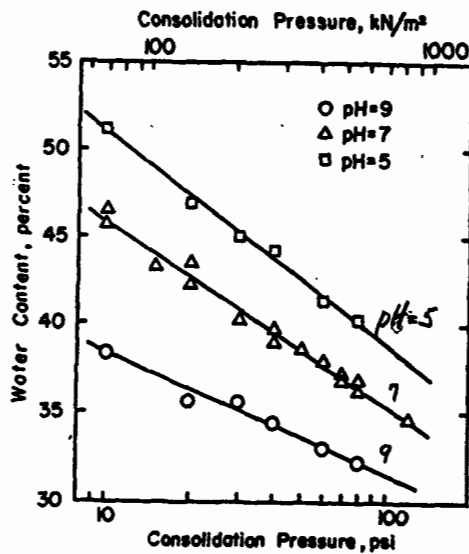


FIG. 1  $\ln \sigma_a \rightarrow$  less  $\bar{\sigma}_a \rightarrow$  less flocculated structure

FIG. 2 Decreasing  $D \rightarrow$   $\ln \sigma_a (+/-)$  reduced  $\bar{\sigma}_a \rightarrow$  higher contact resistance  $\rightarrow$  more flocculated



Olson (1974)

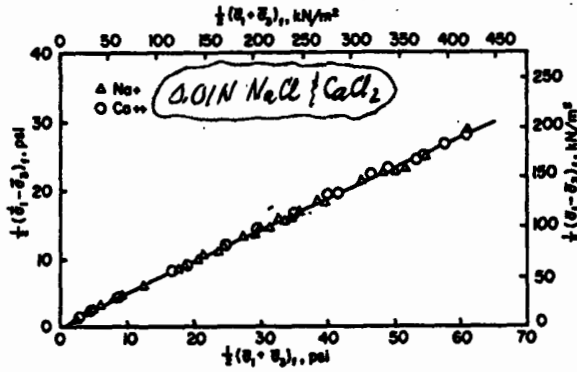
$\ln \sigma_a \rightarrow$  less + edge charge  $\rightarrow$  less  $\bar{\sigma}_a$  attraction

FIG. 3.—Virgin Consolidation Curves for Sedimented Specimens of Sodium Kaolinite at Values of pH = 5, 7, and 9





CIUC Olson (1974)



$\phi' \approx 25-30^\circ$

FIG. 1.—Failure Envelope for Sedimented Specimens of Homolonic Kaolinite—All Tests Are of  $\bar{R}$  Type with Failure Defined at Point of Stress-Path Tangency (Both Normally Consolidated and Overconsolidated Specimens Are Included; pH = 7 and  $C = 0.01 N$ )

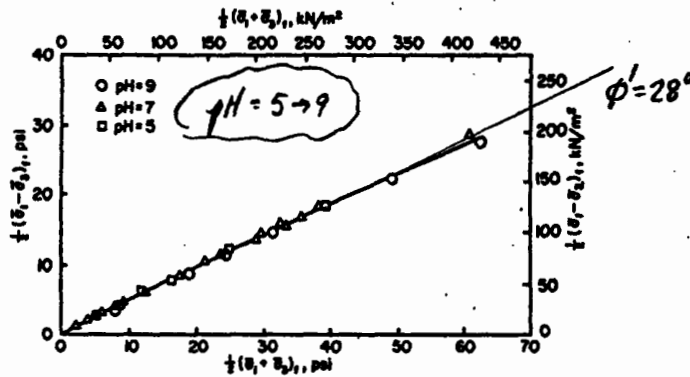


FIG. 4.—Failure Envelope for Normally Consolidated, Sedimented Specimens of Sodium Kaolinite at Values of pH = 5, 7, and 9 (All Tests Are  $\bar{R}$  Compression Tests with Failure Defined at Point of Stress-Path Tangency)

Although increasing pH affects compression curve (Fig 3 of K2), still get same  $\phi'$   
since  $\bar{\sigma}_c / \sigma' = 1.0$

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# Consolidation Data on Na Illite (Bolt, 1956)

Minus 0.2% Na illite (Fithion)  
Concentration in NaCl

(Ladd 1960)

$\sigma'_k$  for compression and rebound after  
samples first rebounded from  
5-10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

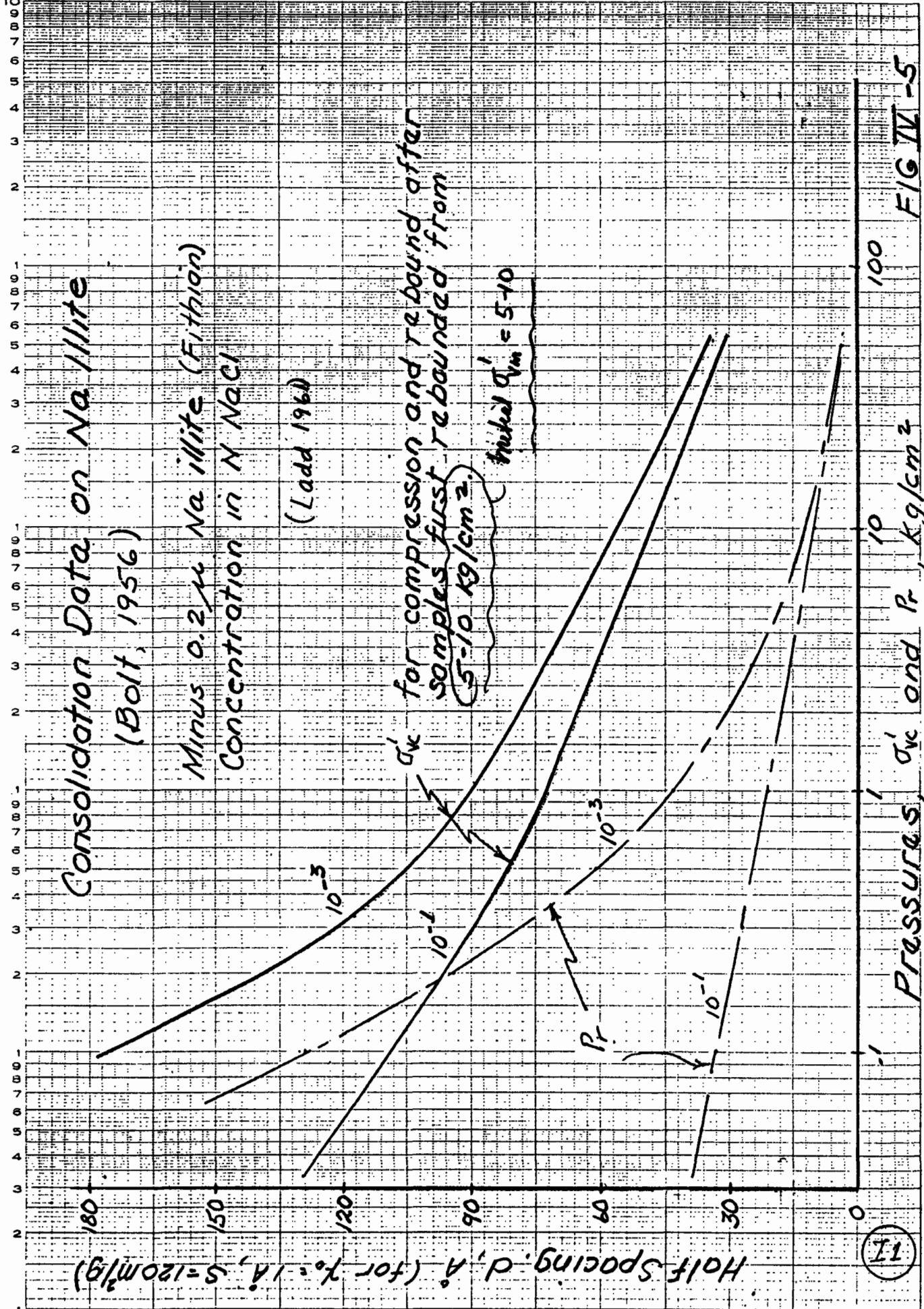
Initial  $\sigma'_{vm} = 5-10$

Half spacing, d, Å (for  $\rho_0 = 1.4, S = 120 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ )

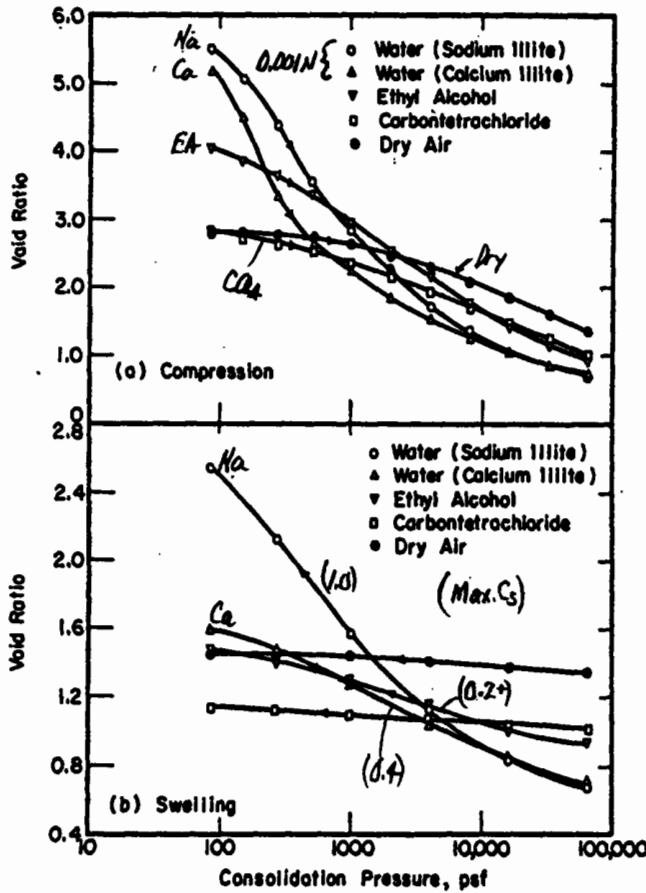
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Pressures,  $\sigma'_v$  and  $P_r$ , kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

FIG IV-5



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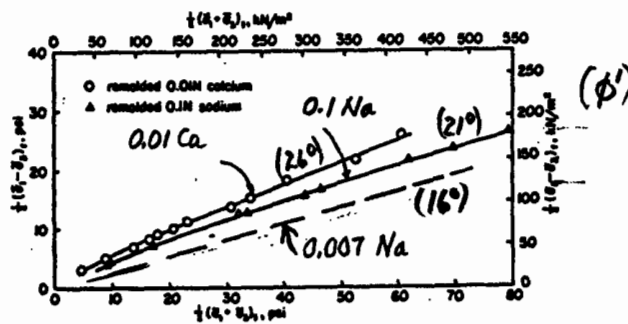


Olson & Mesri (1970)

Note: See Fig. 5 (I3) for effect of e<sub>0</sub> on Na & Ca Illite

FIG. 4.—ONE-DIMENSIONAL CONSOLIDATION CURVES OF ILLITE IN VARIOUS PORE FLUIDS

FIG. 6.—Failure Envelope for Remolded and Sedimented Specimens of 0.01 N Calcium Illite (Failure Was Defined as Point of Stress-Path Tangency)



Olson (1974)

CIUC

Note: No effect of e<sub>0</sub> for Ca Illite

Fig. 7.—Failure Envelopes for Remolded Specimens of Calcium and Sodium Illite (Failure Was Defined at Point of Stress-Path Tangency)

Chen & Mesri (1970)

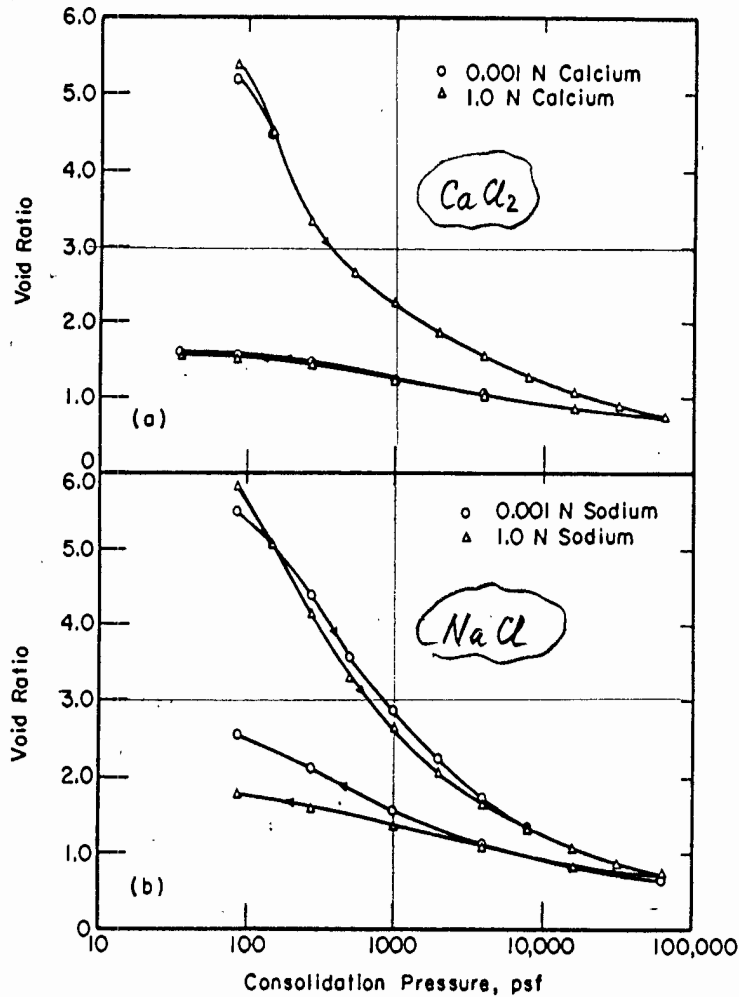


FIG. 5.—ONE-DIMENSIONAL CONSOLIDATION CURVES OF ILLITE IN WATER

- Low Na  $C_0$  → increased swelling, as expect from DL theory
  - $\Delta$  vol. Na → Ca → slightly lower VCL
  - $\Delta C_0$  → little change in VCL
  - many case, significant  $\bar{\sigma}'_{ac} / \sigma'$
- } Started from slurry, not real sedimentation

