

Shear Strength of Soil

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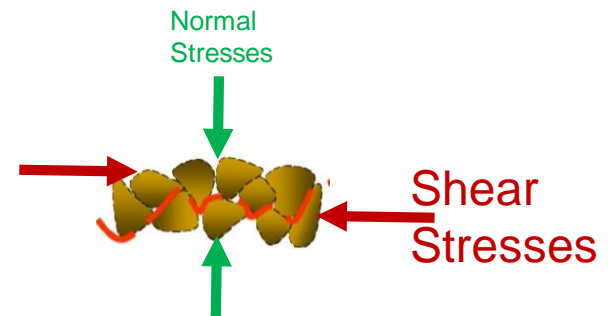
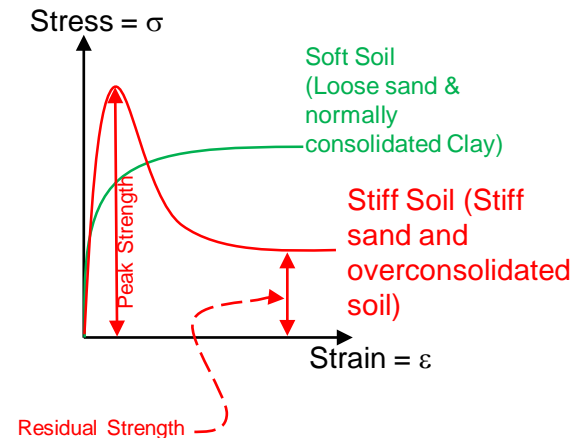
What are the stress vs. strain relationships for materials ?????????? Pick strength

- *Linear Elastic*
- *Nonlinear Elastic*
- *Elastic Plastic*
- *Plastic*
- *Rigid Plastic*

What is the strength of any material ??????????
Upper limit of the stress – Strain relationship

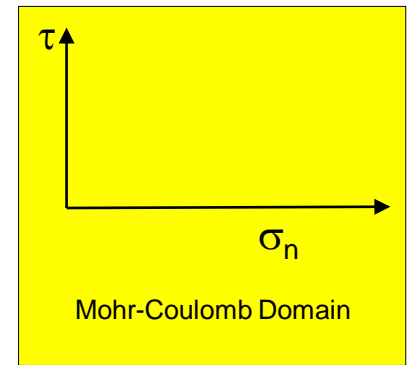
Why shear strength in soil ??????????
Compressive strength of soil is good
No tensile strength
Shear strength is the most critical

Two types of Soil when it comes to stress vs. strain relationships



Soil Shear Strength

What is shear strength ????



Soil is weak in shear

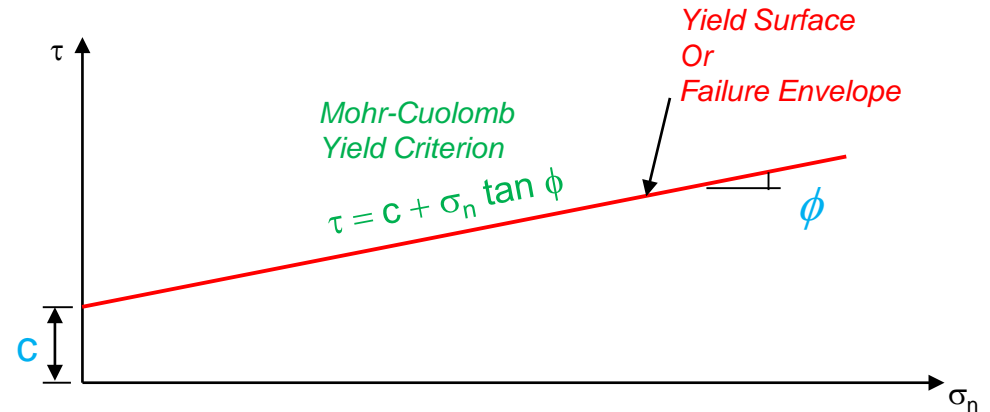
To determine the shear strength of soil Mohr-Coulomb Yield Criterion is used

$$\tau = c + \sigma_n \tan \phi$$

Soil Cohesion

Normal Stress

Angle of Friction



Determination of Soil Strength Parameters (c and φ) in the Lab

1- Direct Shear Test

2- Unconfined Compression Test

3- Triaxial Compression Test

Fine Soils

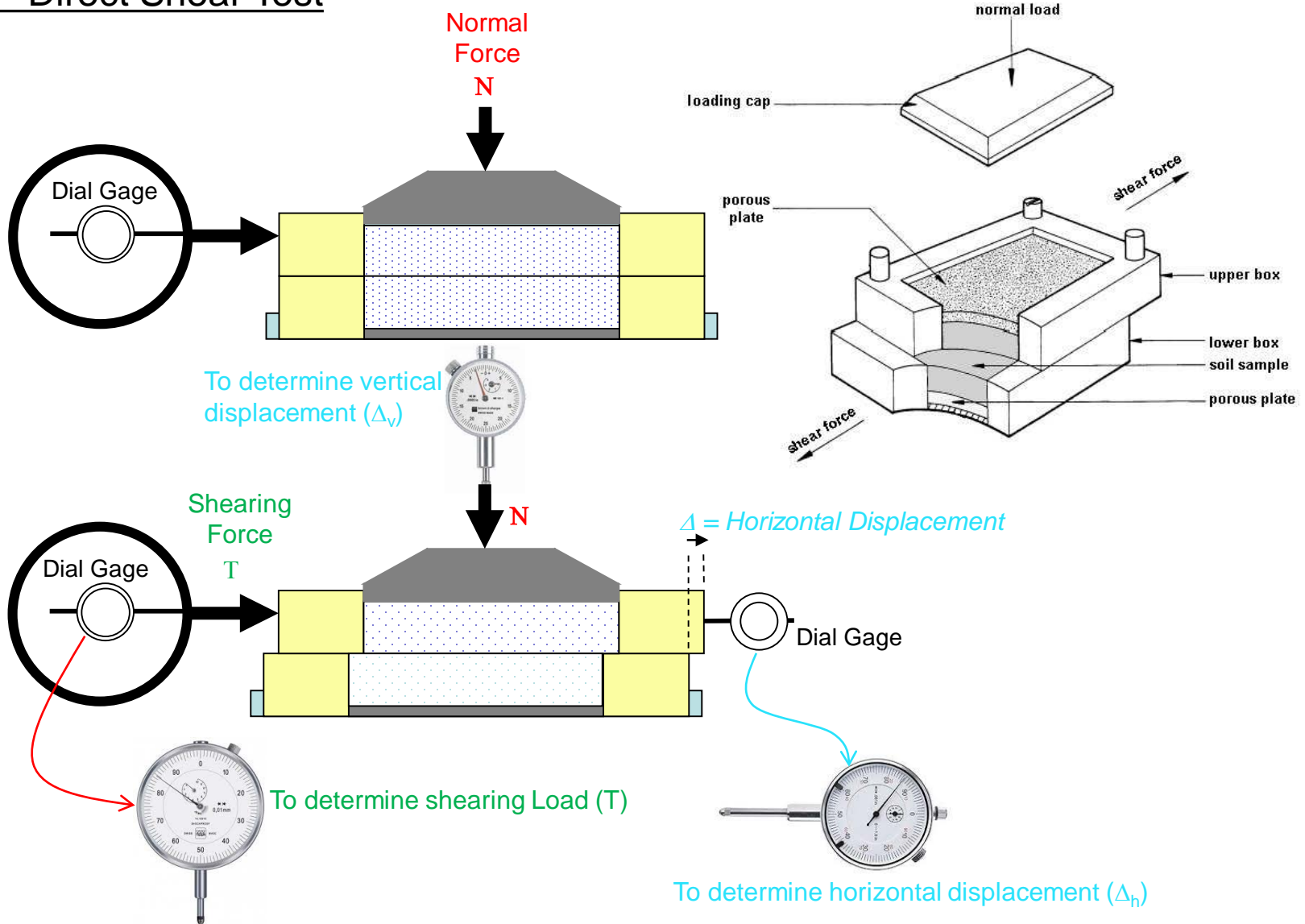
1- Unconsolidated Undrained Test (UU) – Quick Test – Short Term Analysis

2- Consolidated Undrained Test (CU)

3- Consolidated Drained Test (CD) – Slow Test – Long Term Analysis

I – Direct Shear Test

1- Direct Shear Test

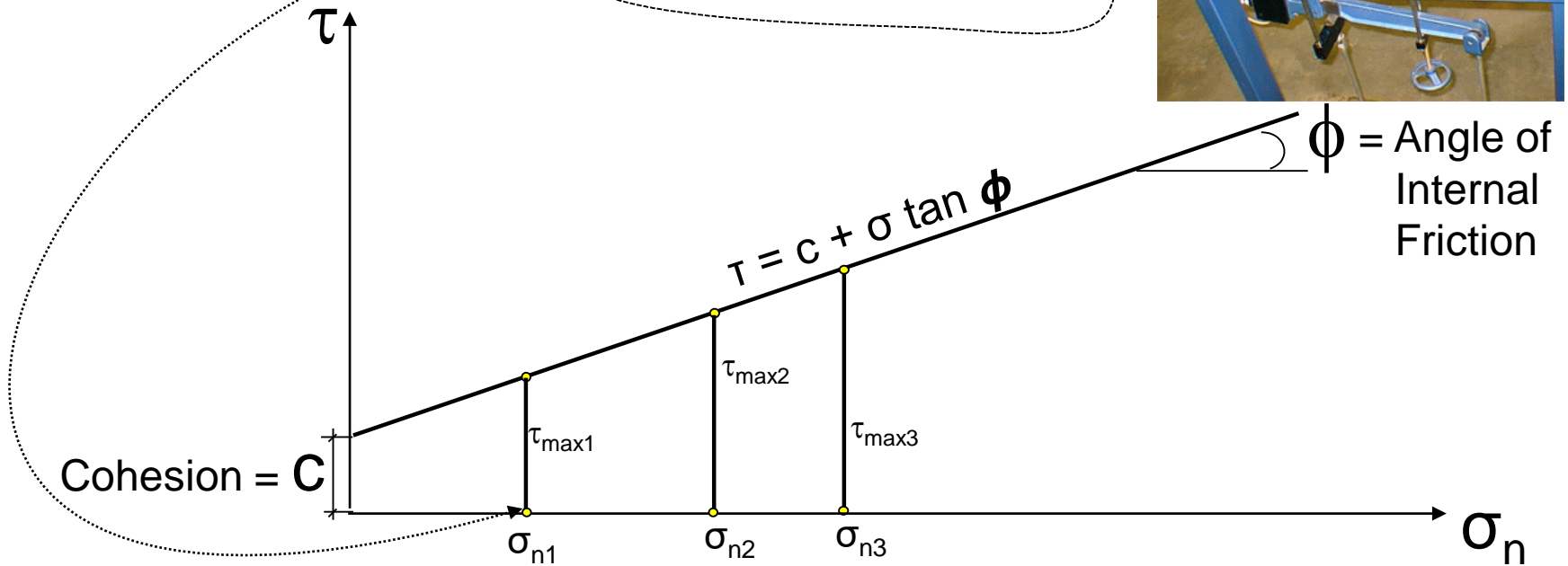
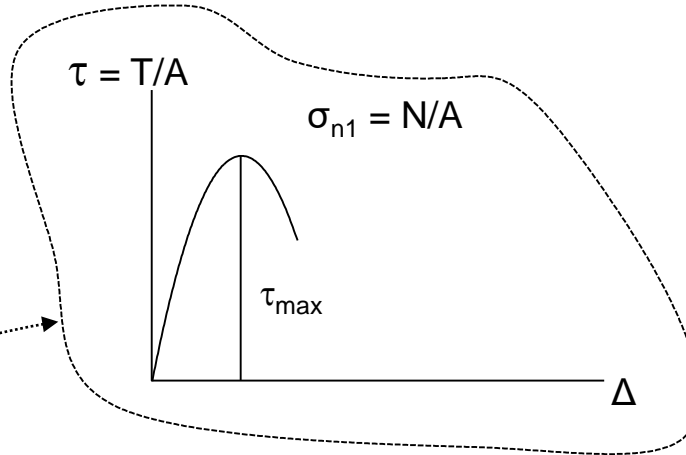
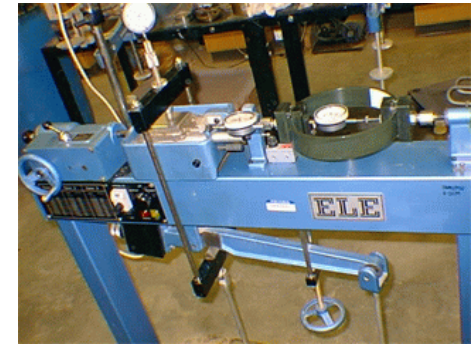
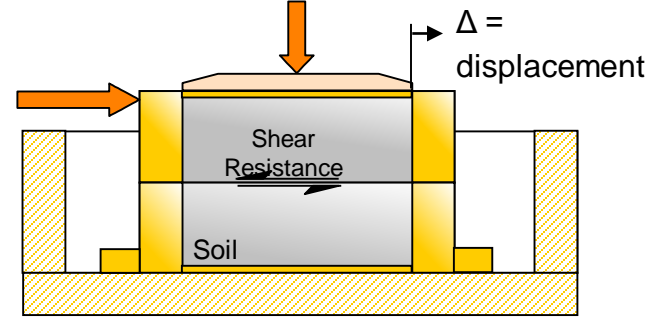


Direct Shear Test

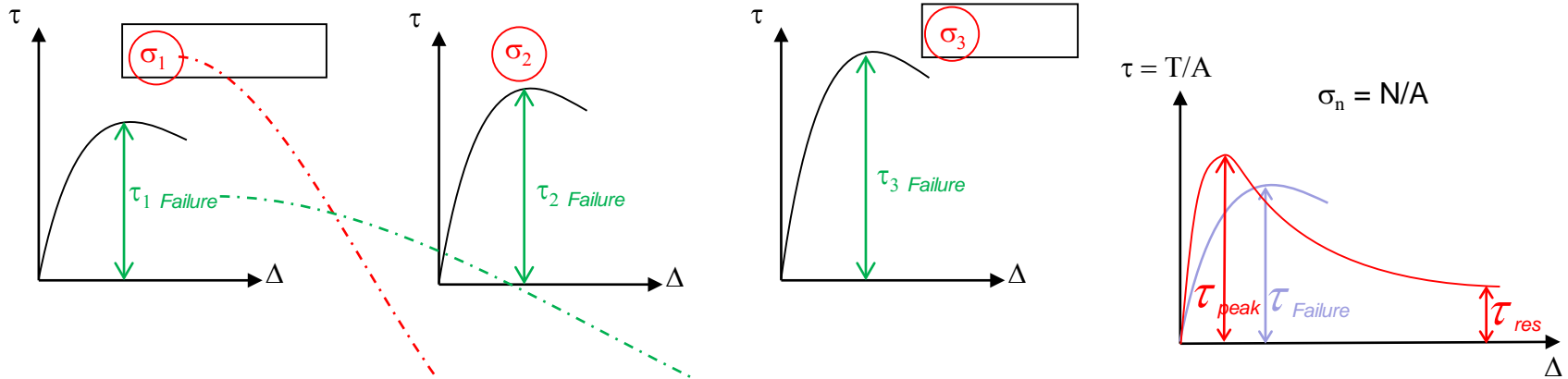
- **Repeat** this test three times.
- Each time increase "N"
- Record σ_n and τ_{max} for each test
- Plot σ_n and τ_{max} for each test
- Fit a straight line through the 3 points
- Find c and ϕ

Shearing Force = T

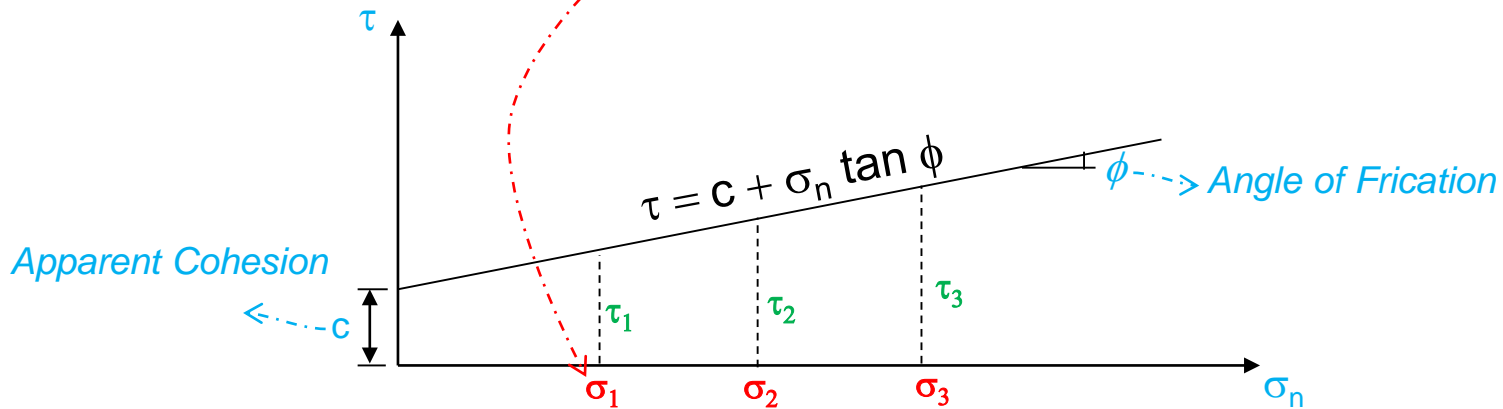
Normal Force = N



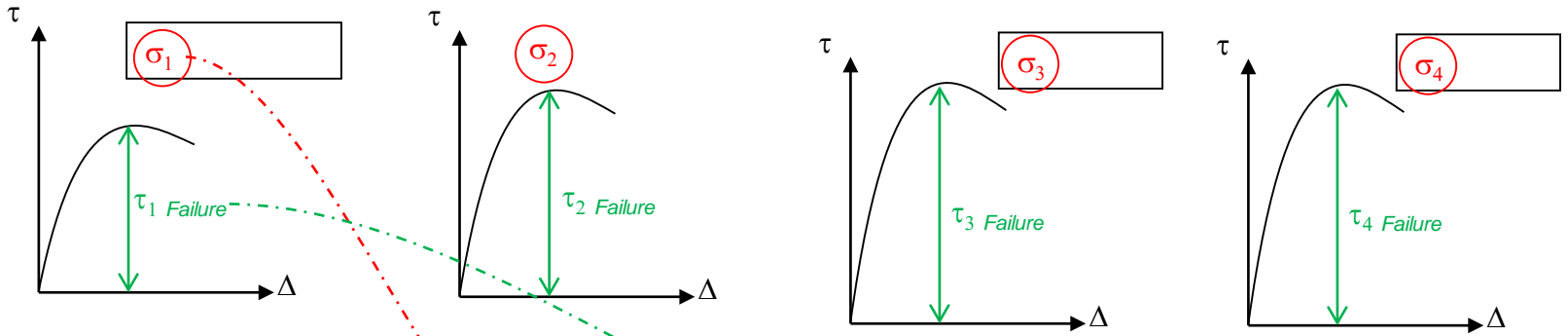
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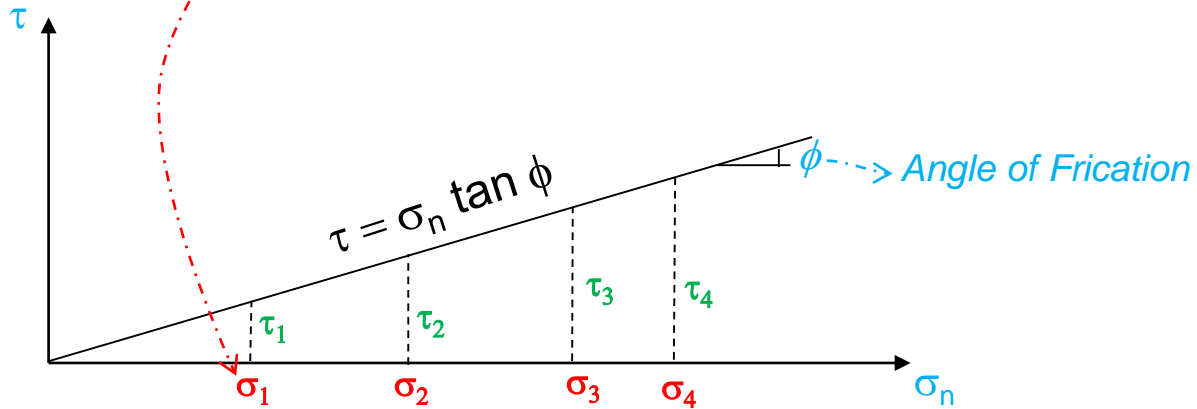
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1	σ_1	τ_1
2	σ_2	τ_2
3	σ_3	τ_3



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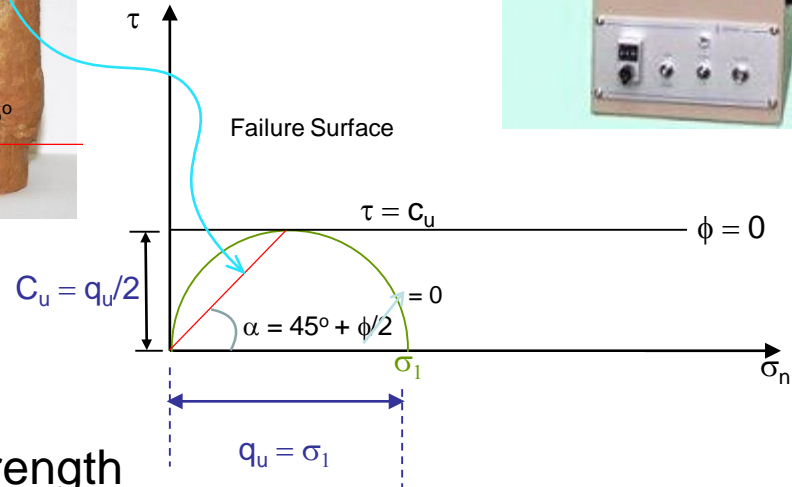
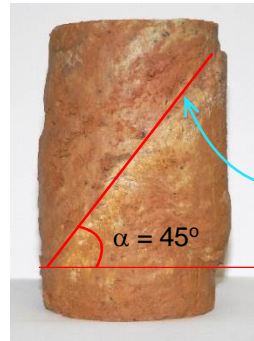
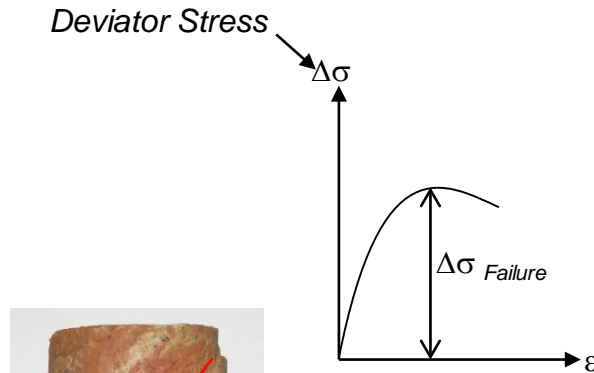
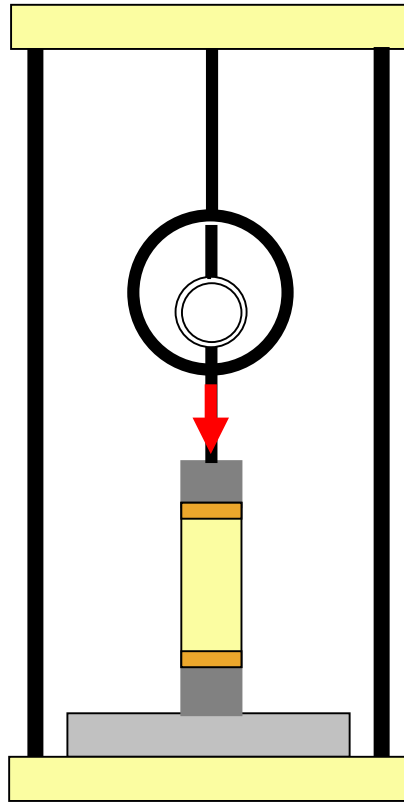


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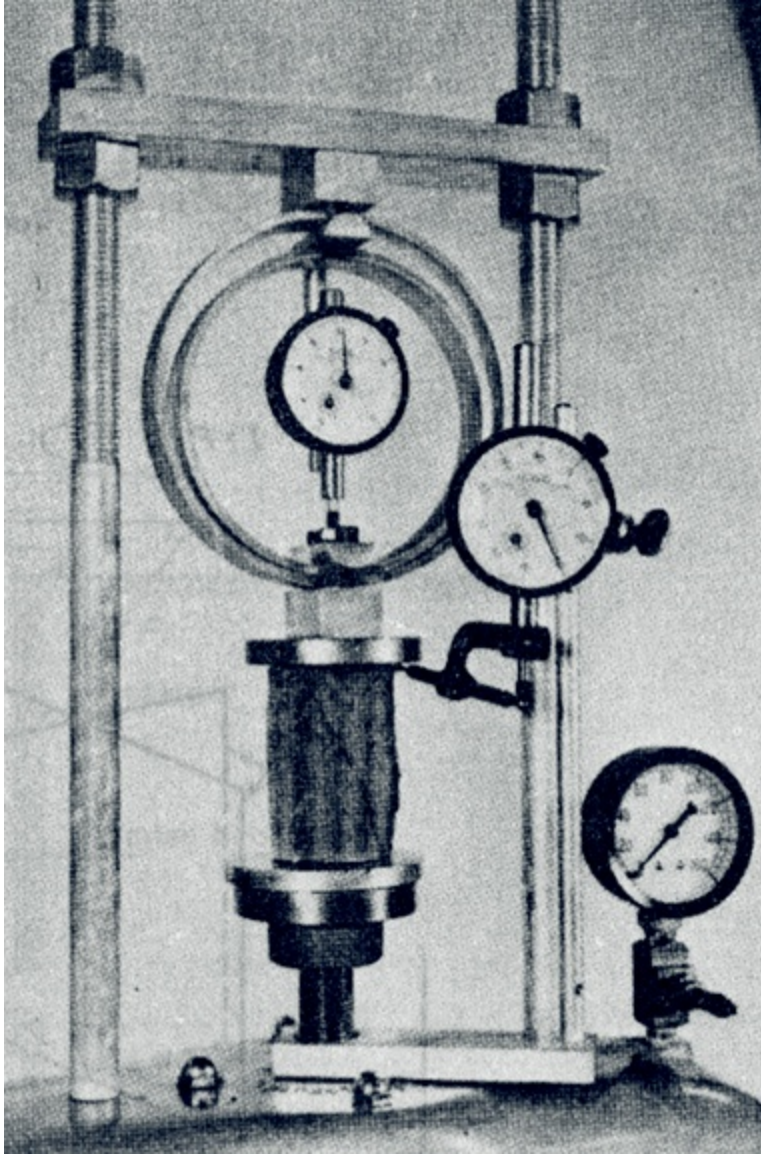
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Unconfined Compression Test



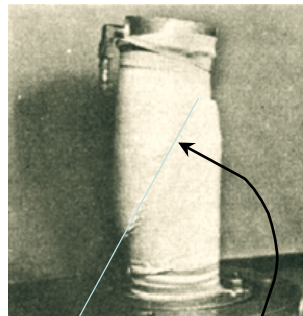
q_u = Unconfined compressive strength
 C_u = Unconfined shear strength

Unconfined Compression Test



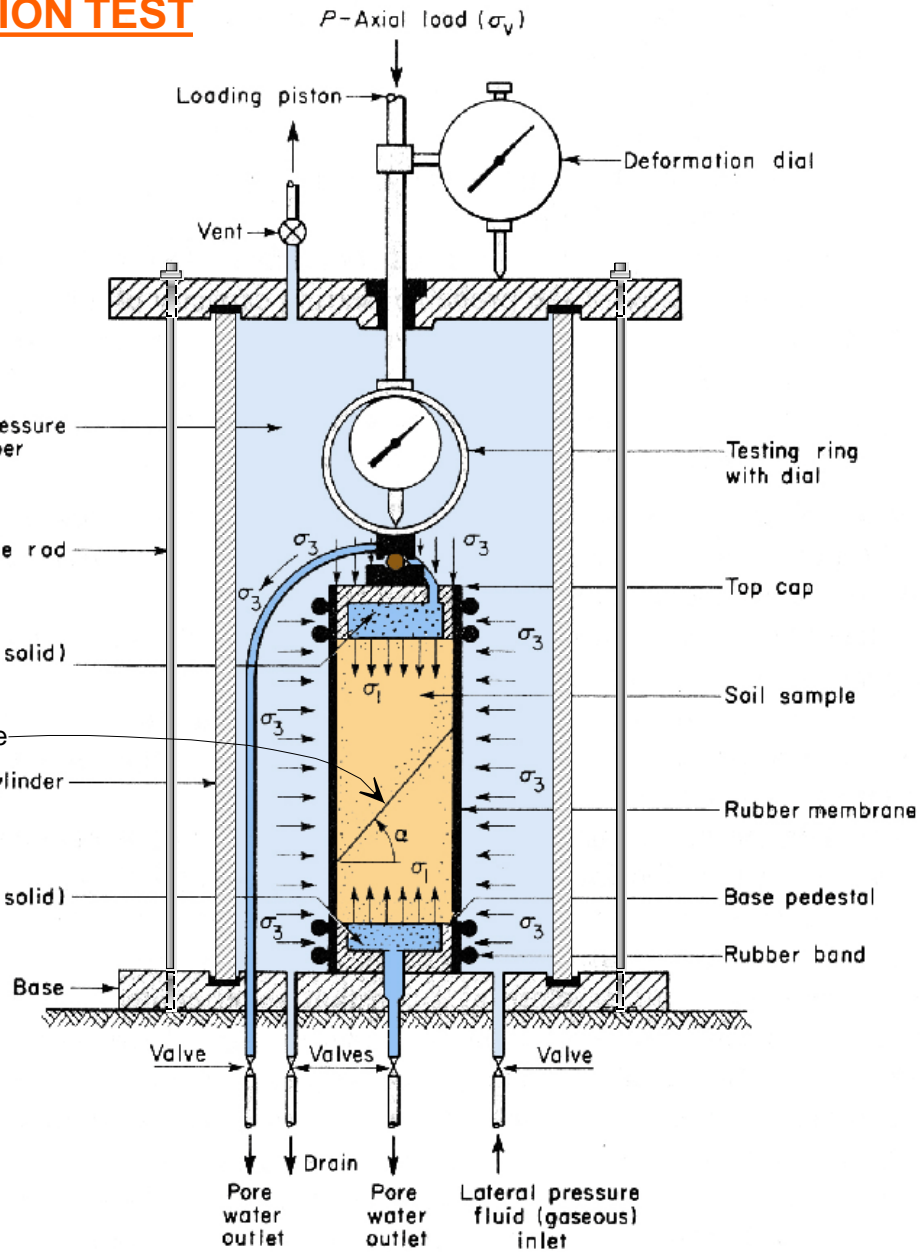
III - TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION TEST

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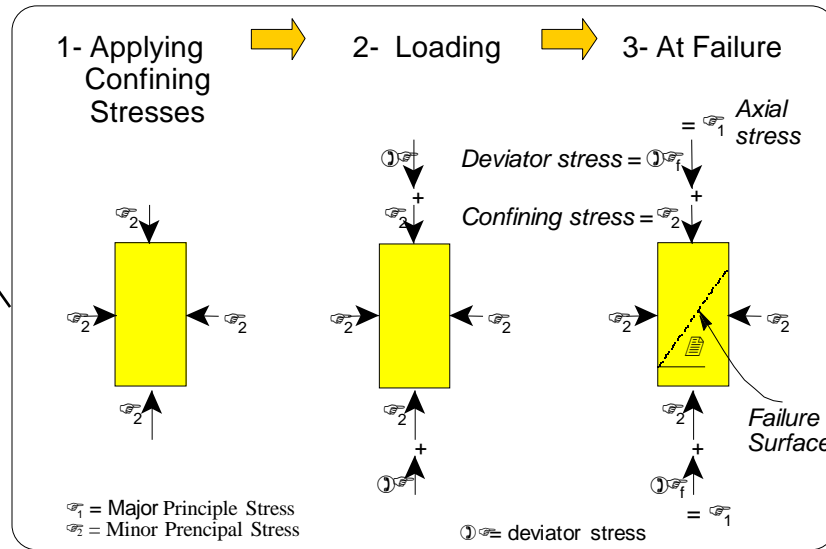


$$\alpha = 45^\circ + \phi/2$$

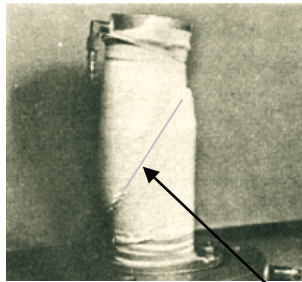
Failure Surface



Triaxial Compression Test

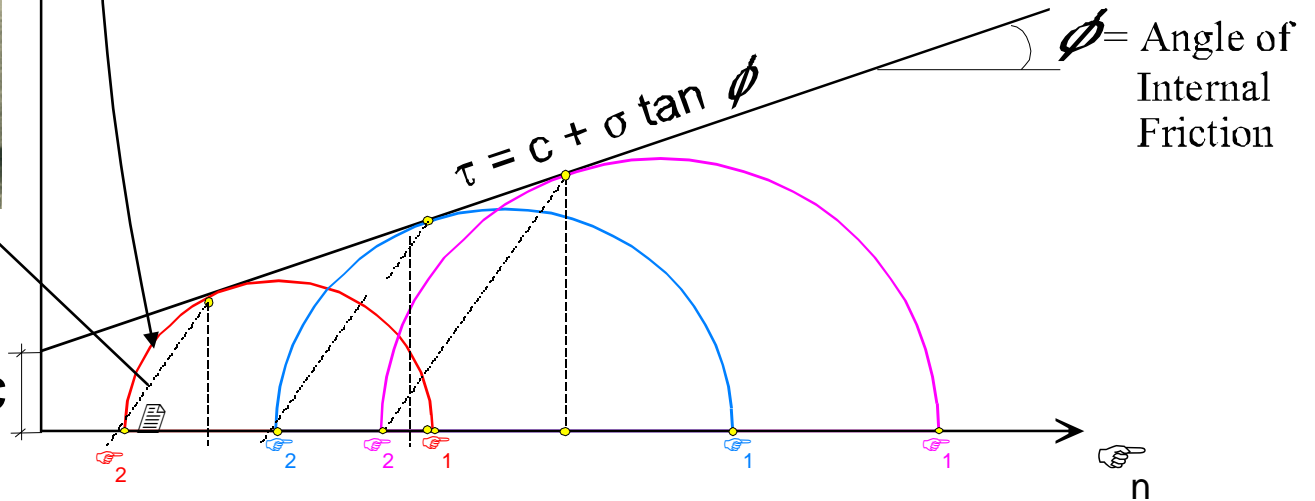


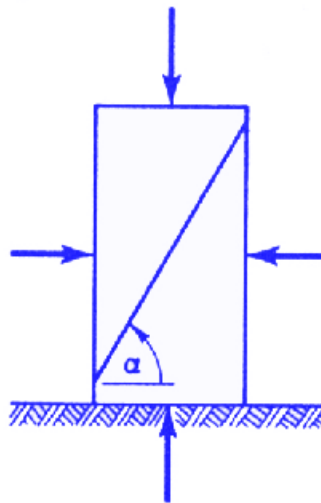
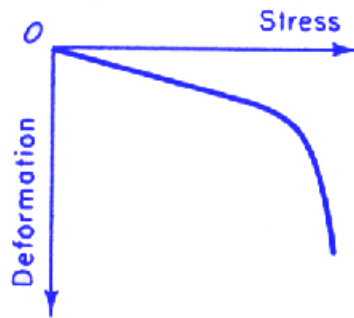
Each Circle = One Test



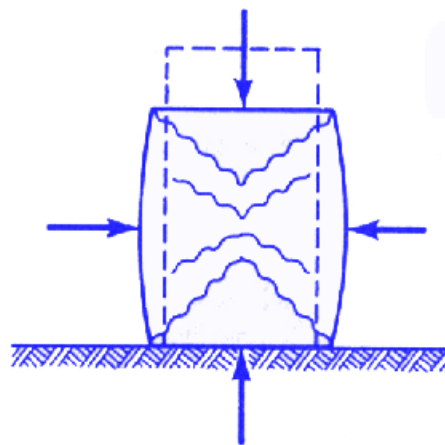
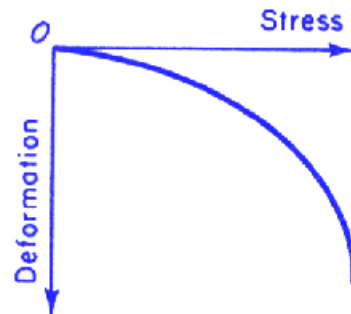
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Cohesion = C

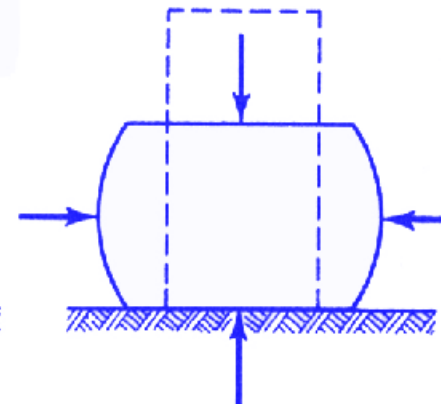




(a) Brittle, sharp failure with a clearly expressed shear plane.



(b) Intermediate type of failure (shear cones and bulging).



(c) Plastic failure with well-expressed lateral bulging.

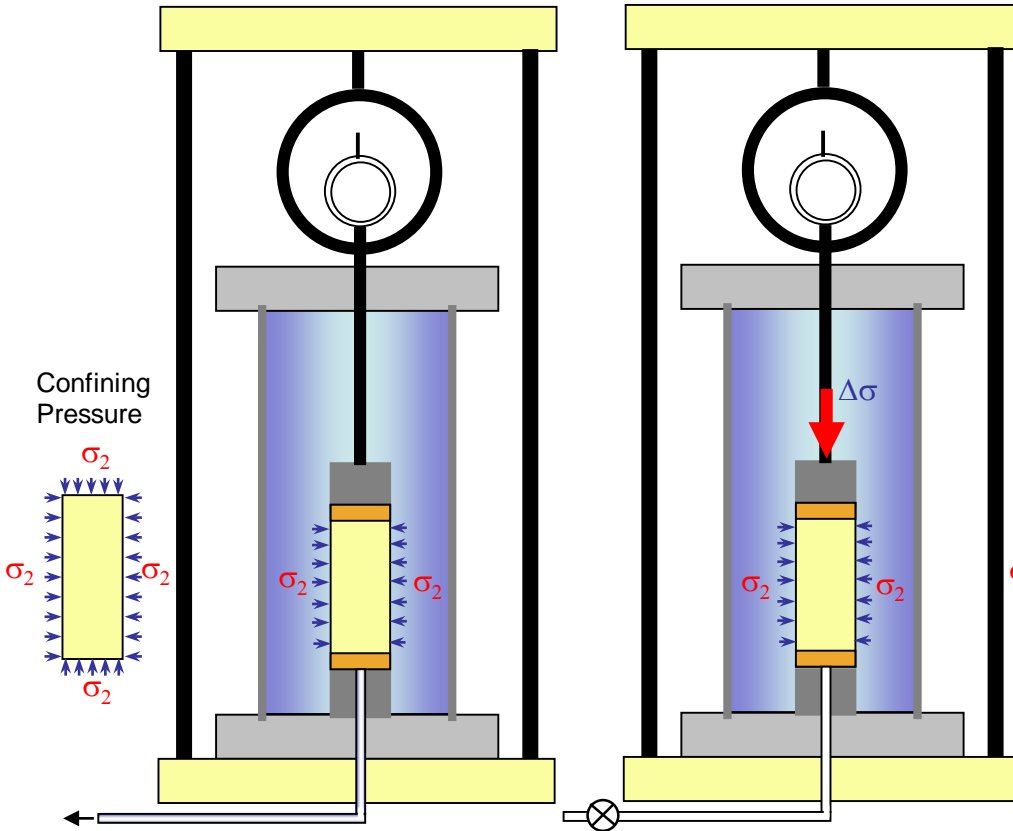
Types of compression failures.

Triaxial Compression Test

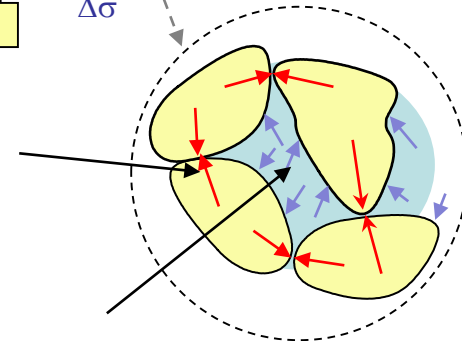
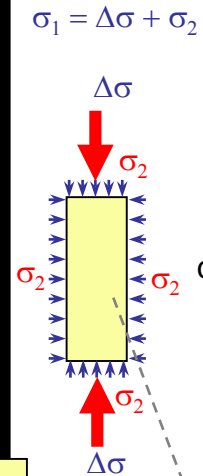
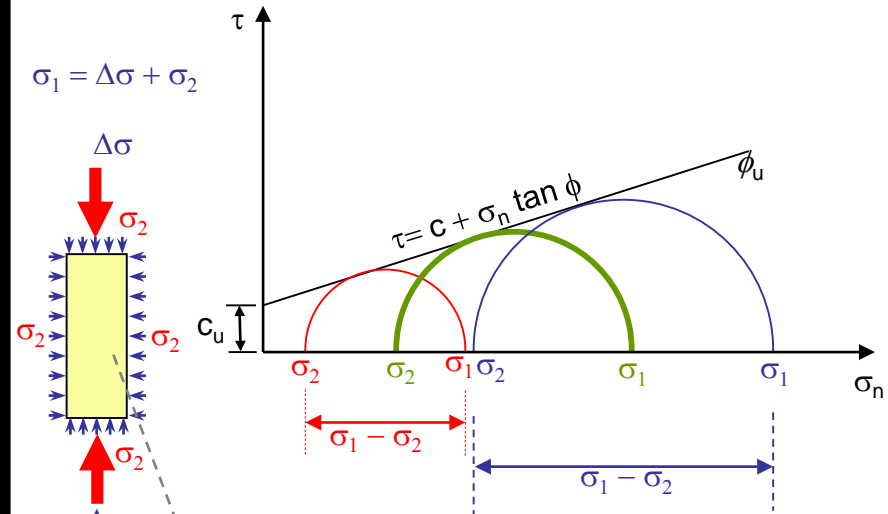
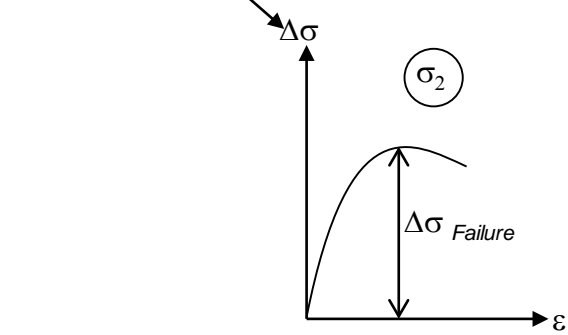
1- Consolidated Undrained Test (CU)

Step 1

Step 2

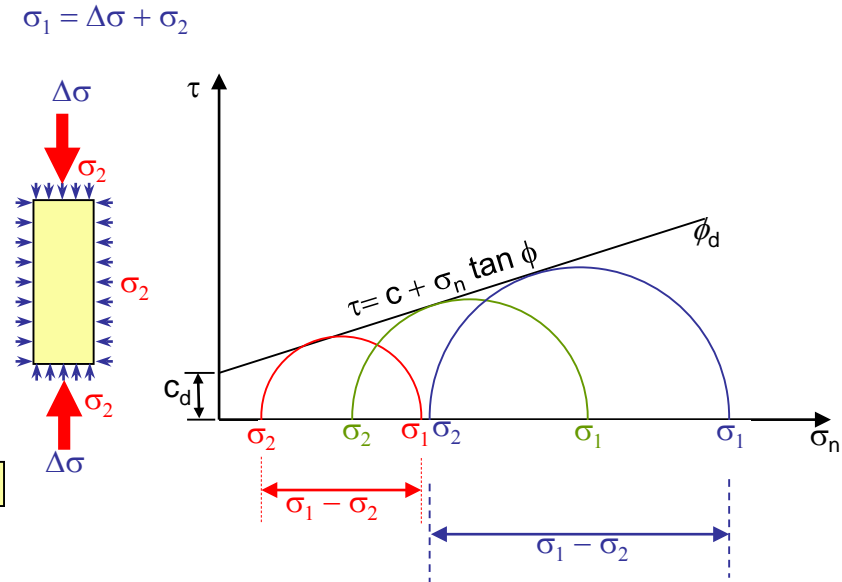
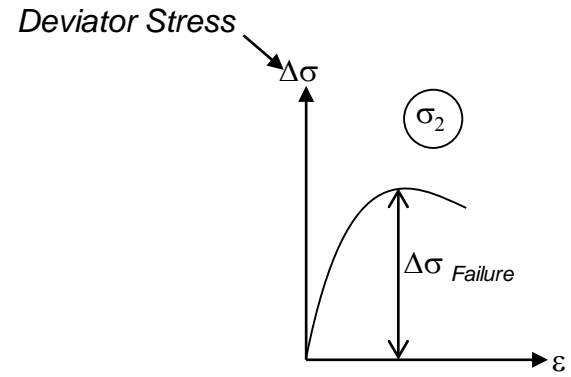
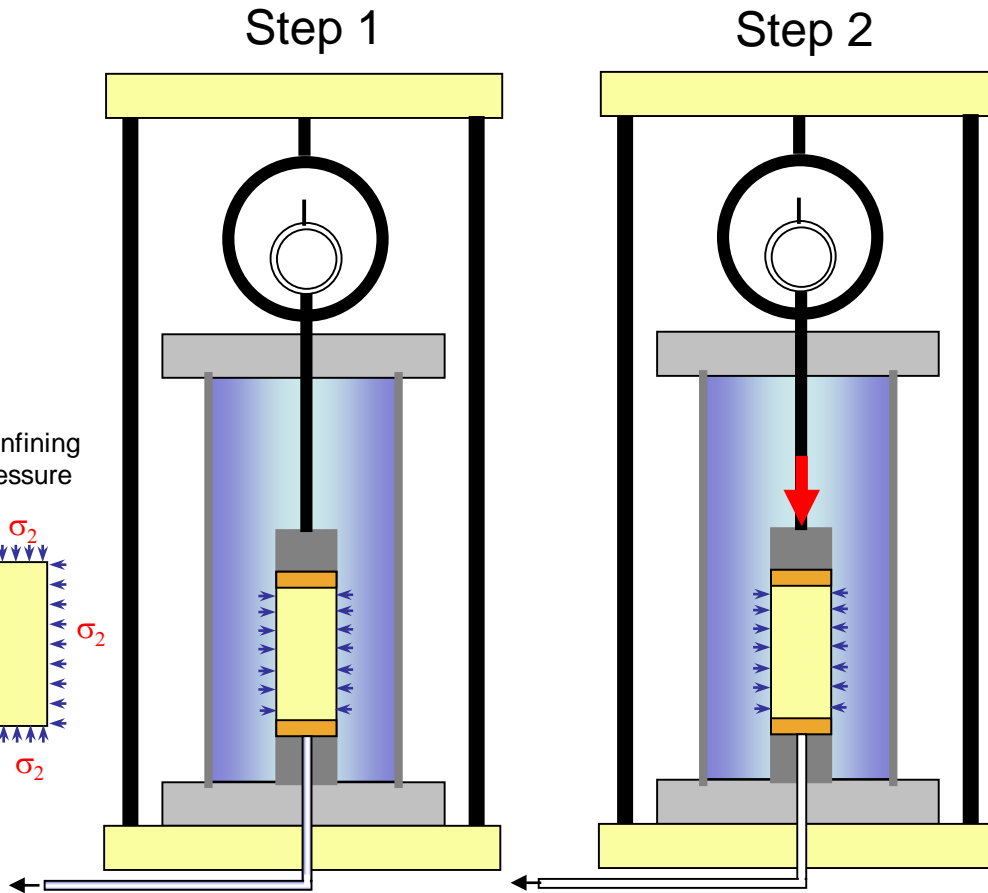


Deviator Stress



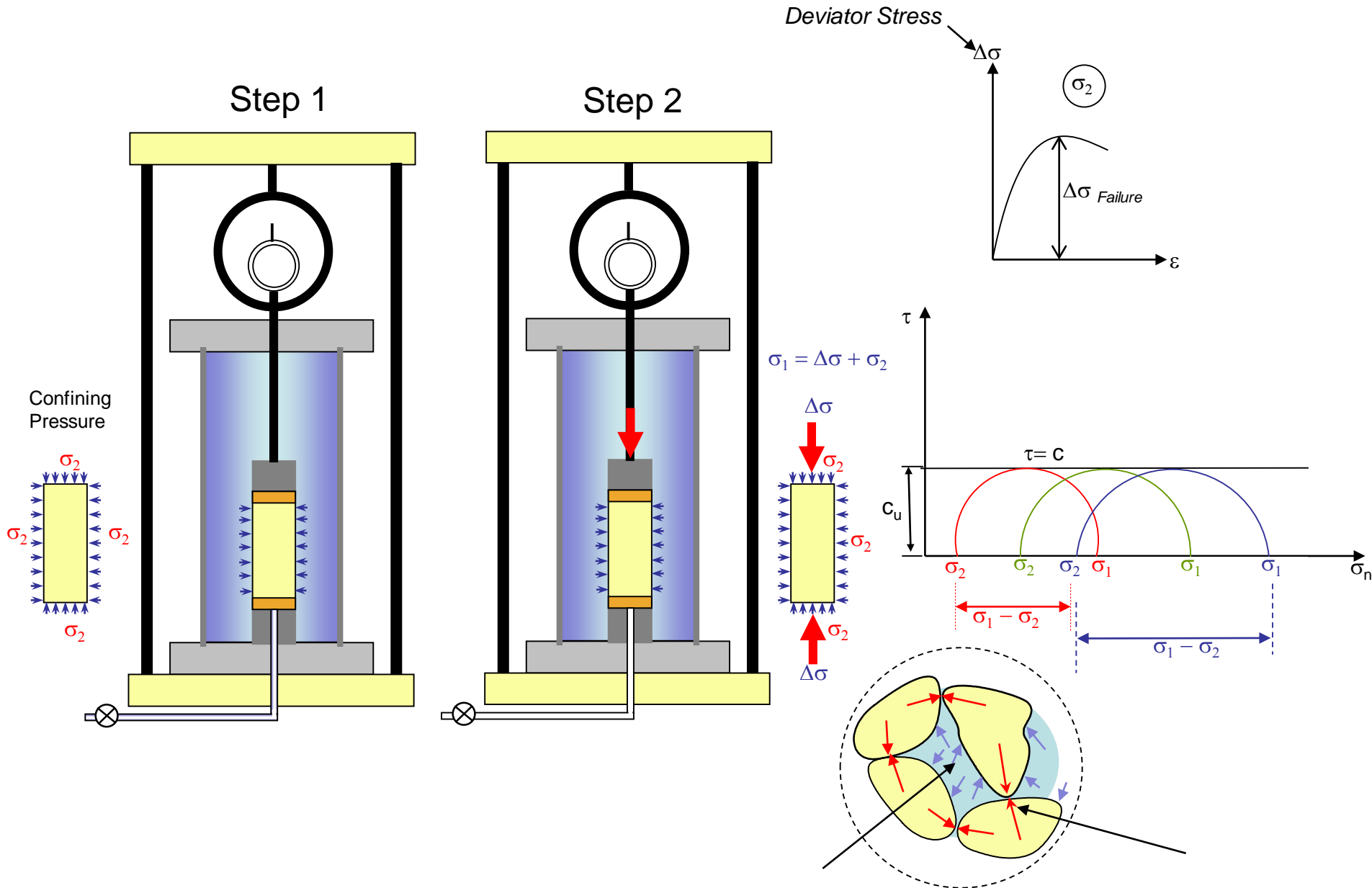
Triaxial Compression Test

2- Consolidated Drained Test (CD)



Triaxial Compression Test

3- Unconsolidated Undrained Test (UU)



Triaxial Compression Test

Consolidated Undrained Compression Test

$$\sigma_{total} = \sigma_{eff} + \sigma_u$$

