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18 INTRODUCTION

19 The concept of bounding surface plasticity was first introduced by Dafalias and Popov (1975)
20 and Krieg (1975) to model nonlinear behaviour of materials under complex loading. In this
21 approach, the plastic deformation at a stress point is calculated by defining the plastic
22 modulus as a decreasing function of the distance of the stress point from its “image point” on
23 a limiting surface called the bounding surface. This provides a smooth transition of stiffness
24 from elastic to elastic-plastic state. By using a three-segmented bounding surface with a
25 simple radial projection rule and a distance dependent additive plastic modulus, Dafalias and
26 Hermann (1980) applied the theory of bounding surface plasticity to cohesive soils. Later,
27 Bardet (1986) extended the application of the bounding surface models to nonlinear
28 irreversible behaviour of sands, including strain softening and stress dilatancy observed in
29 dense sands. This was achieved by defining the plastic modulus as a function of the mean
30 effective stress and the stress ratio. However, the model proposed was based on the
31 associativity of flow rule, and was unable to capture the post-peak strain-softening behaviour
32 of loose sands under undrained shearing. Further developments of the bounding surface
33 model were due to Crouch (1994) for 2D cases and Crouch and Wolf (1994a&b) for 3D cases,
34 in which the combined radial and deviatoric mapping rules, non-associate flow rule, the
35 bi-linear critical state line and the apparent normal consolidation line for sands were included.
36 The shortcomings of this model were the complex shape of bounding surface, lack of
37 continuity between the two mapping regions used in the model and the large number of model
38 parameters.

39 More recently, a more rigorous bounding surface model based on the concept of the critical
40 state soil mechanics was developed at The University of New South Wales (UNSW) by
41 Russell and Khalili (2004) to model the stress-strain behaviour of sands. Later Khalili *et al.*
42 (2005 & 2008) extended the model to simulate the behaviour of sands subjected to cyclic

43 loading under saturated and unsaturated states including hydraulic hysteresis effects. In this
44 model, hereafter referred to as UNSW constitutive model, the shape of the bounding surface
45 was obtained from experimental observations of undrained stress path responses of soils at
46 their loosest state. A mapping rule, passing through stress reversal points, was introduced to
47 predict the stress-strain behaviour under loading and unloading. Compared with the classical
48 bounding surface models, UNSW model was able to capture well the characteristic features of
49 granular soils subjected to cyclic loading (e.g. the contraction during deviatoric unloading), as
50 well as the behaviour of normally and over consolidated clayey materials. However, the
51 mapping rule adopted, despite its excellent performance in capturing the cyclic behavior of
52 soils, could not be applied efficiently to highly variable loading paths due to its complex
53 procedure and the storage and memory requirement in a boundary value problem. To tackle
54 this problem, a single stress point mapping rule is introduced in this study which has a simpler
55 procedure and is more amenable to application to complex loading paths. The performance of
56 the new mapping rule is illustrated by comparing the results of simulation of the model using
57 the two mapping rules. The new mapping rule is then employed to simulate the behaviour of
58 different soils under various monotonic and cyclic loading paths.

59 The novel aspects of the current work are threefold:

- 60 • The model formulation is extended to three-dimensional stress space (i.e. $p' - q - \theta$).
- 61 • A new mapping rule is introduced which has less complexity and brings more
62 robustness and efficiency in numerical modelling of highly complex cyclic loading
63 paths; e.g. earthquake loading.
- 64 • A host of new simulations, for a variety of different stress paths, including
65 conventional drained and undrained triaxial tests, constant mean effective stress tests,
66 constant confining stress tests, anisotropically consolidated and anisotropic
67 compression tests are presented to highlight the capabilities of the model. A single set

68 of parameters are used for each material in all simulations, though the experimental
 69 data are taken from different references in the literature.

70 PRELIMINARIES

71 Notation

72 Soil mechanics sign is adopted throughout. Compression is taken as positive and tension as
 73 negative. For the sake of simplicity, all derivations are presented in the $p' - q$ plane in a
 74 three-dimensional stress space such that

$$75 \quad p' = -\frac{I'}{3}, \quad q = \sqrt{3J_2} \quad (1)$$

76 where $I' = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T \boldsymbol{\delta}$ is the first invariant of the effective stress tensor, $J_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{s})$ is the second
 77 invariant of the deviator stress tensor, $\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \frac{1}{3}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^T \boldsymbol{\delta}) \boldsymbol{\delta}$, and $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ is Kronecker delta. The
 78 corresponding strain conjugates are

$$79 \quad \varepsilon_v = -\hat{I}, \quad \varepsilon_q = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\hat{J}_2} \quad (2)$$

80 where $\hat{I} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\delta}$ and $\hat{J}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^T \hat{\mathbf{s}})$ are the first and the second invariants of the strain vector,
 81 respectively, and $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{3}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\delta}) \boldsymbol{\delta}$.

82 The total strain increments are divided into elastic and plastic components as

$$83 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^e + \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p \quad (3)$$

84 where the superscripts e and p denote the elastic and plastic components, respectively. The
85 volumetric strain, ε_v , is related to the specific volume (ν) as

$$86 \quad \varepsilon_v = \ln\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right) \quad (4)$$

87 where $\nu_0 = 1 + e_0$ is the specific volume at the reference mean effective stress, $\nu = 1 + e$, and e
88 and e_0 are the current void ratio and the void ratio at the reference point, respectively. The
89 material behaviour is assumed isotropic and rate independent.

90 **Critical State**

91 The critical state is the ultimate condition towards which all states approach with increasing
92 deviatoric shear strain. Figure 1 shows the Critical State Line (CSL) in the $\nu - \ln p'$ plane,
93 approximated by two linear segments (after Been *et al.*, 1991). More specifically, four
94 parameters are used to define the critical state line (CSL) in the $\nu - \ln p'$ plane: λ_0 and Γ_0 are
95 the slope of the initial portion of the CSL and its specific volume at $p' = 1kPa$, respectively;
96 p'_{cr} is the mean effective stress at the onset of particle crushing; and λ_{cr} is the slope of CSL
97 during the particle crushing stage. A dimensionless state parameter (ξ) is defined as a measure
98 of consistency of the soil under its current state; it is positive on the loose side of CSL and
99 negative on the dense side, and is defined as

$$100 \quad \xi = \nu - \nu_{cs} \quad (5)$$

101 where ν is the specific volume at the current stress, p' , and ν_{cs} is the specific volume at the
102 critical state corresponding to p' .

103 The CSL in the $q - p'$ plane is defined as a straight line passing through the origin. Following
 104 Sheng *et al.* (2000), the slope of the CSL, M_{cs} , is defined as a function of Lode angle, θ ,

$$105 \quad M_{cs}(\theta) = M_{\max} \left(\frac{2\alpha^4}{1 + \alpha^4 - (1 - \alpha^4)\sin 3\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad (6)$$

106 where θ is defined as $\theta = \frac{1}{3} \sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{J_3}{\sqrt{(J_2)^3}} \right)$, J_2 and J_3 are the second and third

107 invariants of stress vector. Lode angle ranges from $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ for triaxial extension to $\theta = +\frac{\pi}{6}$
 108 for triaxial compression. Here, α is a function of the strength parameter of soil and can be
 109 given as

$$110 \quad \alpha = \frac{3 - \sin \phi'_{cs}}{3 + \sin \phi'_{cs}} \quad (7)$$

111 where ϕ'_{cs} is the critical state internal frictional angle and is considered independent of
 112 crushing of particles. M_{\max} is the value of M_{cs} for triaxial compression which is linked to the
 113 critical state friction angle and can be given as

$$114 \quad M_{\max} = \frac{6 \sin \phi'_{cs}}{3 - \sin \phi'_{cs}} \quad (8)$$

115 The proposed shape of the failure surface coincides with the Mohr-Coulomb failure surface at
 116 all vertices in the deviatoric plane. It is also noted that $\alpha = 1$ recovers the von Mises failure
 117 surface.

118 The Limiting Isotropic Compression Line (LICL) is defined as parallel to the CSL with a
 119 constant shift in $v - \ln p'$ plane along the recompression line, as shown in Figure 1, Similar to
 120 the critical state line, the LICL is a reference line in the $q - p'$ space, which can be viewed as

121 locus of the loosest possible state for a soil under a given mean effective stress. Given the
 122 expression of CSL as

$$123 \quad \nu = f(p') \quad (9)$$

124 the LICL is expressed as

$$125 \quad \nu = f(\bar{p}') = f(p') - \kappa \ln R \quad (10)$$

126 where $\bar{p}' = R.p'$, and R is a model parameter.

127 **STRESS STRAIN RELATIONSHIP**

128 The incremental elastic strains are linked to the incremental stresses through

$$129 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}' = \mathbf{D}^e \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^e \quad (11)$$

130 where \mathbf{D}^e is the elastic property matrix which can be defined as a function of the bulk
 131 modulus, K , and the shear modulus, G .

132 The incremental plastic strain-stress relationship is written as

$$133 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p = \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{m} \mathbf{n}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}' \quad (12)$$

134 where \mathbf{n} is the unit vector normal to the loading surface at the current stress state, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$, \mathbf{m} is
 135 the unit direction of plastic flow at $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$, and h is the hardening modulus. Substituting (12) and

136 (3) in (11) the elastic-plastic stress-strain relationship is obtained as

$$137 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}' = \left(\mathbf{D}^e - \frac{\mathbf{D}^e \mathbf{m} \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{D}^e}{h + \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{D}^e \mathbf{m}} \right) \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \quad (13)$$

138 The bulk and shear elastic moduli are calculated assuming that unloading/reloading occurs
139 along a κ line in the $\nu - \ln p'$ plane. The moduli are then defined as

$$140 \quad K = \frac{\nu p'}{\kappa} \quad (14)$$

$$141 \quad G = \frac{3(1-2\nu)}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{\nu p'}{\kappa} \quad (15)$$

142 where ν is the Poisson's ratio.

143 **ELASTO-PLASTIC BEHAVIOUR**

144 The essential elements of a bounding surface plasticity model are: (i) a bounding surface for
145 describing the limit states of stress; (ii) a loading surface on which the current stress state lies
146 and a mapping rule to find the image point on the bounding surface; (iii) a plastic potential for
147 describing the mode and magnitudes of plastic deformations, and (iv) a hardening rule for
148 controlling the size of the bounding surface and the location of the loading surfaces.

149 Following the work of Khalili *et al.* (2005), the domain of purely elastic response is assumed
150 to be nil and all deformation is considered elastic-plastic. This is achieved by defining the
151 hardening modulus, h , as a decreasing function of the distance between the stress state, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$, and
152 an "image point", $\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'$ on the bounding surface. During loading the size of the loading surface
153 increases so that any unloading/reloading results in elastic-plastic deformation. Detailed
154 definitions of the bounding surface, the loading surface and mapping rule, the plastic potential,
155 and the hardening rule are given in the following sections. The stress conditions on the
156 bounding surface are denoted using a superimposed bar throughout this notes.

157 **Bounding Surface**

158 Accurate descriptions of the bounding surface are required in order to avoid complications in
159 the stress-strain simulations of soil, particularly under undrained conditions. The shape of the
160 bounding surface is best selected experimentally. It can be determined from the undrained
161 response of the material at its loosest state. It should be mentioned that the undrained response
162 of the material in the effective stress space follows the bounding surface when the
163 contribution of elasticity to volume change is negligible. Examining a host of experimental
164 data, Russell and Khalili (2004) and Khalili *et al.* (2005) suggested the following expression
165 for the shape of the bounding surface:

$$166 \quad F(\bar{p}', \bar{q}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{p}'_c) = \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \right)^N - \frac{\ln(\bar{p}'_c / \bar{p}')}{\ln R} = 0 \quad (16)$$

167 The parameter \bar{p}'_c controls the size of the bounding surface and is a function of the plastic
168 volumetric strain. The material constant R represents the ratio of \bar{p}'_c and the mean effective
169 stress at the intercept of the bounding surface with the CSL in the $q-p'$ space. The constant
170 N controls the curvature of the bounding surface. The effects of different magnitudes of N
171 and R on the three-dimensional shape of the bounding surface are illustrated in Figure 2.

172 **Loading Surface and Mapping Rule**

173 The loading surface is assumed to be of the same shape as the bounding surface. For first time
174 loading these two surfaces are homologous about the origin of the stress coordinate system. In
175 this case, the function for the loading surface takes the form of

$$176 \quad F(p', q, \theta, p'_c) = \left(\frac{q}{M_{cs}(\theta) p'} \right)^N - \frac{\ln(p'_c / p')}{\ln R} = 0 \quad (17)$$

177 where p'_c is the isotropic hardening parameter controlling the size of the loading surface as
178 illustrated in Figure 3. The state of stress, σ' , is always located on the loading surface. An
179 image for the state of stress can be found on the bounding surface, $\bar{\sigma}'$, as shown in Figure 3.
180 The centre of homology, σ' and $\bar{\sigma}'$ are used to define the mapping rule. For unloading and
181 reloading conditions, the centre of homology moves to the last point of stress reversal. The
182 point of stress reversal is identified when the product of the normal vector to the bounding
183 surface (\mathbf{n}) and the vector of the stress increment ($\dot{\sigma}'_e$) becomes negative (Pastor *et al.*, 1990),
184 where $\dot{\sigma}'_e$ is calculated using the total strain as $\mathbf{D}^e \times \dot{\epsilon}$. The image of the stress point in the
185 $p'-q$ plane is located using the Pegasus method (Dowell and Jarratt, 1972 and Sloan *et al.*,
186 2001). Upon stress reversal, a new loading surface is formed with the new centre of
187 homology, as shown in Figure 4a. To maintain similarity with the bounding surface, the
188 loading surfaces undergo kinematic hardening during loading and unloading. This mapping
189 rule is simpler and easier to be implemented as compared to the one used originally by Khalili
190 *et al.* (2005).

191 In order to locate the image point for unloading/reloading condition, Khalili *et al.* (2005)
192 introduced the maximum loading surface at the point of stress reversal as the local bounding
193 surface and formed a new loading surface at the centre of homology. The image point was
194 then located sequentially by projecting the stress point onto a series of intermediate image
195 points on successive local bounding surfaces each passing through a point of stress reversal
196 (Figure 4b). The loading history of the soil was captured through the stress reversal points and
197 the corresponding maximum loading surfaces. Application of such a complex mapping rule is
198 not efficient in simulation of a boundary value problem with highly erratic cyclic loading
199 paths, such as those that occur under earthquake loading conditions. The history of stress
200 reversal points and the geometry of intermediate local bounding surfaces should also be

201 tracked during unloading/reloading conditions, which increases the memory requirement in a
 202 large boundary value problem.

203 The new single stress point mapping rule, proposed in this study, locates the image point
 204 directly on the bounding surface, as shown in Figure 4a, without forming successive
 205 intermediate local bounding surfaces. This version of the mapping rule is easier to be
 206 implemented, does not require the history of previous loading surfaces, and is more suitable
 207 for simulation of **high frequency cyclic loading**, e.g. due to earthquake, vibration, traffic
 208 loading and blasting and real life applications where previous stress history of the soil is
 209 unknown.

210 The unit normal vector at the image point defining the direction of loading is given using the
 211 general equation:

$$212 \quad \mathbf{n} = \frac{\partial F / \partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'}{\|\partial F / \partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'\|} \quad (18)$$

213 The vector $\partial F / \partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'$ is evaluated applying the chain rule of differentiation:

$$214 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{p}'} \frac{\partial \bar{p}'}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{q}'} \frac{\partial \bar{q}'}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\theta}'} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}'}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} \quad (19)$$

215 Recalling the generalized definitions of the invariants \bar{p}' , \bar{q}' and $\bar{\theta}'$, their derivatives with
 216 respect to $\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'$ become

$$217 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{p}'}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} = -\frac{1}{3} \boldsymbol{\delta} \quad (20)$$

$$218 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{q}'}{\partial \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'} = \frac{3}{2\bar{q}'} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}' - \boldsymbol{\delta} \frac{\bar{I}}{3} \right) \quad (21)$$

219
$$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial \bar{\sigma}'} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{J_2^3} \cos 3\bar{\theta}} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{J}_3}{\partial \bar{\sigma}'} - \frac{3\bar{J}_3}{2\bar{J}_2} \frac{\partial \bar{J}_2}{\partial \bar{\sigma}'} \right) \quad (22)$$

220 $\partial F/\partial \bar{p}'$, $\partial F/\partial \bar{q}$ and $\partial F/\partial \bar{\theta}$ are evaluated by differentiating the generalized form of equation
 221 (16) with respect to \bar{p}' , \bar{q} and $\bar{\theta}$

222
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{p}'} = -\frac{N}{\bar{p}'} \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \right)^N + \frac{1}{\bar{p}' \ln R} \quad (23)$$

223
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{q}} = \frac{N}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \right)^{N-1} = \frac{N}{\bar{q}} \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \right)^N \quad (24)$$

224
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\theta}} = -\frac{3N}{4} \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) \bar{p}'} \right)^N \left(\frac{(1-\alpha^4) \cos 3\bar{\theta}}{1+\alpha^4 - (1-\alpha^4) \sin 3\bar{\theta}} \right) \quad (25)$$

225 Plastic Potential

226 The plastic potential defines the direction of plastic strain increments. Since plastic behaviour
 227 is characterized by the link between strain increments and stresses, the plastic potential is
 228 generally expressed using a plastic flow rule relating the plastic dilatancy ($d = \dot{\epsilon}_v^p / \dot{\epsilon}_q^p$) to the
 229 stress ratio q/p' . In this work, the plastic potential (g) is defined as

230
$$g(p', q, \bar{\theta}, p_o) = \tilde{t}q + \frac{AM_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) p'}{A-1} \left(\left(\frac{p'}{p_o} \right)^{A-1} - 1 \right) \quad \text{for } A \neq 1 \quad (26)$$

231
$$g(p', q, \bar{\theta}, p_o) = \tilde{t}q + M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) p' \ln \left(\frac{p'}{p_o} \right) \quad \text{for } A = 1 \quad (27)$$

232 where p_0 controls the size of the plastic potential, though it is not required in the model since
 233 only derivatives of the (g) function are incorporated in formulations, and A is a material
 234 parameter. The direction of plastic flow is defined by:

$$235 \quad \mathbf{m} = \frac{\partial g / \partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'}{\|\partial g / \partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'\|} \quad (28)$$

236 in which $\partial g / \partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'$ is evaluated applying the chain rule of differentiation:

$$237 \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial p'} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}'} \quad (29)$$

238 $\partial g / \partial p'$, $\partial g / \partial q$ and $\partial g / \partial \bar{\theta}$ are evaluated by differentiating the plastic potential with respect
 239 to p' , q and $\bar{\theta}$.

$$240 \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial p'} = A \left(M_{cs}(\bar{\theta}) - \tilde{t} \frac{q}{p'} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$241 \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial q} = \tilde{t} \quad (31)$$

$$242 \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\theta}} = -\tilde{t} \frac{3q}{4} \left(\frac{(1-\alpha^4) \cos 3\bar{\theta}}{1+\alpha^4 - (1-\alpha^4) \sin 3\bar{\theta}} \right) \quad (32)$$

243 In the above equations \tilde{t} is a scalar, the sign of which controls the direction of plastic flow in
 244 the deviatoric plane. At any stress point two vectors of plastic flow are identified, one
 245 corresponding to compressive loading (m^+) and the other to extensive (m^-) as shown in
 246 Figure 5. The direction of plastic flow is controlled by \tilde{t} , which is determined based on the
 247 relative positions of the stress point, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$, and its image point, $\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}'$, by comparing the angle

248 between a given reference axis and the stress point (γ_σ) and the angle between the reference
 249 axis and the image point ($\gamma_{\bar{\sigma}}$):

$$250 \quad \tilde{t} = +1 \quad \text{for } |\gamma_{\bar{\sigma}} - \gamma_\sigma| < \pi / 2 \quad (33)$$

$$251 \quad \tilde{t} = -1 \quad \text{for } |\gamma_{\bar{\sigma}} - \gamma_\sigma| > \pi / 2 \quad (34)$$

252 **Hardening Modulus**

253 In the bounding surface plasticity, the hardening modulus h consist of two components

$$254 \quad h = h_b + h_f \quad (35)$$

255 where h_b is the plastic modulus at $\bar{\sigma}'$ on the bounding surface, and h_f is plastic modulus at
 256 σ' and defined as a function of the distance between σ' and $\bar{\sigma}'$. Applying the consistency
 257 condition at the bounding surface and assuming isotropic hardening of the bounding surface
 258 with plastic volumetric compression, the derivative of the bounding surface can be obtained
 259 as

$$260 \quad \dot{F} = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma'} \right)^T \dot{\sigma}' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p'} \frac{\partial \bar{p}'_c}{\partial \varepsilon_v^p} \dot{\varepsilon}_v^p \quad (36)$$

261 Then, the flow rule will be

$$262 \quad \dot{\varepsilon}_v^p = \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p'} \quad (37)$$

263 Using the definition of the unit vector normal to the bounding surface, equation (37) can be
 264 rewritten as

$$265 \quad \dot{F} = \mathbf{n}^T \dot{\sigma}' - \dot{\lambda} h_b = 0 \quad (38)$$

266 in which h_b is calculated as

$$267 \quad h_b = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{p}'_c} \frac{\partial \bar{p}'_c}{\partial \varepsilon_v^p} \frac{m_p}{\|\partial F / \partial \bar{\sigma}'\|} \quad (39)$$

268 with $m_p = \frac{\partial g / \partial \bar{p}'_c}{\|\partial g / \partial \bar{\sigma}'\|}$. Differentiating equation (16) with respect to \bar{p}'_c yields to

$$269 \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{p}'_c} = \frac{-1}{\bar{p}'_c \ln R} \quad (40)$$

270 For isotropic hardening rule, the evolution of \bar{p}'_c with ε_v^p is in turn given by

$$271 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{p}'_c}{\partial \varepsilon_v^p} = \frac{\nu \bar{p}'_c}{\lambda - \kappa} \quad (41)$$

272 where λ is the current slope of the LICL in the $\nu - \ln p'$. Substituting equations (40) and (41)
273 into equation (39) yields

$$274 \quad h_b = \frac{\nu}{(\lambda - \kappa) \ln R} \frac{m_p}{\|\partial F / \partial \bar{\sigma}'\|} \quad (42)$$

275 The modulus h_f is defined such that it is zero on the bounding surface and infinity at the point
276 of stress reversal, and can take from of

$$277 \quad h_f = \frac{\nu p'}{(\lambda - \kappa)} \left(\frac{\bar{p}'_c}{p'_c} - 1 \right) k_m (\eta_p - \tilde{t} \eta) \quad (43)$$

278 where \bar{p}'_c and p'_c define the sizes of the bounding and loading surfaces, respectively, η_p is
279 the slope of the peak strength line in the $q - p'$ plane, and k_m is a scaling parameter
280 controlling the steepness of the response in the $q - \varepsilon_q$ plane. The slope of the peak strength

281 line is a function of the state parameter and the slope of the critical state line, which is given
282 as

$$283 \quad \eta_p = \tilde{t} (1 - k\xi) M_{cs} \quad (44)$$

284 where k is a material parameter.

285 The scaling parameter k_m can be taken as a material constant for some soils, though it is
286 strongly influenced by the initial state parameters and the loading direction (Khalili *et al.*,
287 2005). Russell and Khalili (2004&2006), examined a wide range of triaxial tests on granular
288 materials and concluded that k_m can be expressed as a function of the initial value of the
289 dimensionless state parameter, ξ_0 (equation 5) and initial confining pressure, p'_0 . In this
290 study a general expression for k_m is suggested as follows:

$$291 \quad k_m = k_{m0} (1.0 - \beta_1 \exp(\xi_0)) (p'_0)^{\beta_2} \quad (45)$$

292 where k_{m0} , β_1 and β_2 are material parameters.

293 **APPLICATION**

294 To demonstrate robustness and application of the model, a series of comparative simulations
295 is first performed using the new and the original mapping rules (Khalili *et al.*, 2005). This is
296 followed by a host of non-standard monotonic and complex cyclic simulations.

297 **Performance of the New Mapping Rule**

298 To examine the effect of the mapping rule on the performance of the model, cyclic responses
299 of Hostun, Fuji River and Toyoura sands are investigated.

300 The results of the drained cyclic test simulation on a dense sample of Hostun sand using the
301 original mapping rule (Khalili *et al.* (2005) and the simplified one are presented in Figure 6.
302 Also shown in this figure are the experimental data reported by Saada *et al.* (1989). The initial
303 conditions of the sample were $p' = 350kPa$ and $\nu = 1.61$ and the material parameters are
304 selected as $\kappa = 0.003$, $\nu = 0.1$, $M_{cs} = 1.31$, $\lambda_0 = 0.028$, $\lambda_{cr} = 0.24$, $\Gamma_0 = 2.037$, $N = 2.3$,
305 $R = 7.5$, $A = 1.0$ and $k = 2.0$ with $k_m = 3.5$ for the first time loading and $k_m = 35.0$ for
306 unloading and reloading, similar to those used by Khalili *et al.* (2005).

307 Figure 6 shows that the performance of the new mapping rule is as good as that of the more
308 complex original mapping rule when compared with the results of the experimental data. Both
309 mapping rules capture the stiffening of the material response during unloading and reloading,
310 simulate the contraction of the sample during unloading and the subsequent dilation during
311 reloading. A better match with the experimental data could have been achieved if the model
312 properties were calibrated for the new mapping rule however this was avoided for the sake of
313 consistency of the comparisons.

314 Figure 7 shows the results of simulation of a cyclic drained test on loose Fuji River sand
315 conducted by Tatsuoka and Ishihara (1974), where the variations of stress ratio versus
316 deviatoric and volumetric strains are presented. In this test the amplitude of the cyclic loading
317 increases gradually at each cycle. The initial conditions of the sample were $p' = 196kPa$ and
318 $\nu = 1.74$. The basic material parameters are selected according to those used by Khalili *et al.*
319 (2005), i.e., $\kappa = 0.01$, $\nu = 0.3$, $M_{cs} = 1.48$, $\lambda_0 = 0.032$, $\lambda_{cr} = 0.21$, $\Gamma_0 = 1.870$, $N = 3.0$,
320 $R = 6.2$, $A = 1.0$ and $k = 2.0$; with $k_m = 0.13$ for the first time loading and $k_m = 8.0$ for
321 unloading and reloading.

322 The results of the simulations show that both mapping rules capture the main features of the
323 behavior of the sand under cyclic loading. The predictions of the two mapping rules are very

324 similar, except that the new mapping rule predicts a larger volumetric strain than the original
325 mapping rule. However, when compared with the experimental data, the performance of the
326 new mapping rule can be regarded to be as good as the original mapping rule. Figure 7 shows
327 that simplifications of the original mapping rule do not affect the performance of the model,
328 in particular, in simulation of the contractive responses during loading and unloading and the
329 stiffening of the behaviour with successive cycles.

330 The effects of the two mapping rules on the response of the model are also shown in Figure 8,
331 where the results of simulation for a drained cyclic test on Toyoura sand with constant mean
332 effective stress (Pradhan *et al.* 1989b) are presented. The material parameters and state
333 variables are taken to be the same in both simulations, i.e., $p' = 98.1 \text{ kPa}$, $\nu = 1.845$
334 $\kappa = 0.001$, $\nu = 0.3$, $M_{cs} = 1.24$, $\lambda_0 = 0.03$, $\lambda_{cr} = 0.24$, $\Gamma_0 = 1.969$, $N = 3.0$, $R = 5.8$,
335 $A = 1.0$, $k = 2.0$; with $k_m = 1.0$ for the first time loading and $k_m = 3.0$ for unloading and
336 reloading. Once again both simulations result in very close match with the experimental data.
337 Figure 8 shows noticeable differences in the volumetric strains predicted by the two mapping
338 rules, especially under low cyclic load amplitudes; the volumetric strain is overestimated by
339 the original mapping rule and underestimated by the new mapping rule, when compared with
340 the experimental data. However, under higher cyclic amplitude the performance of the model
341 with the new mapping rule is superior to that with the original mapping rule.

342 A comparison of the results of the simulations of the model using the two mapping rules
343 indicates that the simplification of the original mapping rule does not affect the performance
344 of the model, especially when the results are compared with the experimental data. The new
345 mapping rule has the advantages of being robust and simpler than the original one and
346 therefore is recommended to be used for complex cyclic loading.

347 **Further Validation**

348 To further examine the performance of the model with the new mapping rule a number of
349 well documented cases from literature are selected and analyzed, such as tests on Nevada sand
350 (Arulmoli et al., 1992) and Toyoura sand (Verdugo and Ishihara, 1996, and Pradhan *et al.*,
351 1989a). The material parameters used for these simulations are listed in Table 1 and Table 2.
352 The procedure to obtain the material parameters are described by Russell and Khalili (2004)
353 and Khalili *et al.* (2005).

354 ***Drained and Undrained Tests on Nevada Sand***

355 Nevada sand was used in VELACS project (Arulmoli *et al.*, 1992) under both 1g laboratory
356 conditions and in centrifuge experiments. The triaxial experiments reported in that project are
357 used here for calibration purpose as well as for verification of the performance of the model.
358 Kutter *et al.* (1994) and Chen (1995) have also reported the results of a series of triaxial and
359 torsional shear tests on Nevada sand which are used in this study for definition of the material
360 properties. Samples of the triaxial tests in VELACS project were 63.5mm in diameter and
361 prepared using dry pluviation method. The samples were subjected to a variety of non-
362 standard drained and undrained monotonic stress paths, among them are those of triaxial
363 compression tests shown in Figure 9. The triaxial experiments were performed on both loose
364 ($D_r = 40\%$) and dense ($D_r = 60\%$) samples under different confining pressures. The material
365 parameters are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

366 The results of the simulation of CIDC tests (Figure 9) on loose as well as dense samples of
367 Nevada sand are presented in Figure 10 and Figure 11, respectively. These tests were
368 conducted under drained conditions where the samples were loaded isotropically under 3
369 different confining pressures of $p'_0 = 40, 80, 160kPa$, followed by loading under constant mean
370 effective stresses. The model captures the experimentally observed initial hardening

371 behaviour of loose sands accompanied by a volumetric contraction until the critical state is
372 reached (Figure 10). For the dense sand the experimental data do not show a clear softening
373 due the fact that the tests were conducted under constant mean effective stress and the model
374 captures such a behaviour (Figure 11). Overall the prediction of the model is in strong
375 agreement with the test data.

376 The results of the simulation of CIUC tests (Figure 9) are presented in Figure 12 and Figure
377 13, for loose and dense samples, respectively. These tests were conducted in undrained
378 conditions under 3 different confining pressures. The model predicts stiffer response initially,
379 but the overall response matches the experimental data very well, especially in $q - p'$ plane.

380 Figure 14 and Figure 15 show the results of simulation of CADC tests under drained
381 conditions, during which samples of sand were first loaded isotropically to p'_0 , followed by a
382 loading under constant mean effective stress, followed by a standard triaxial loading to a
383 mean effective stress of p'_1 . The samples were then loaded to failure under constant mean
384 effective stress and under constant deviatoric stress, as shown in Figure 9 by $OO_1A_1A_2C_2$ and
385 $OO_1A_1A_2C_4$ stress paths, respectively. The tests were performed at relative densities of
386 $D_r = 40\%$ and 60% . In both cases the model simulates the experimental behaviour very well.
387 The main features of the response, including the peak strength in $q - \varepsilon_1$ plane as well as the
388 initial contraction followed by the progressive dilation in $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_1$ plane were captured by the
389 model. It is worth to mention that in CADC tests stress reversal occurs at point A_2 (refer to
390 Figure 9).

391 ***Drained and Undrained Tests on Toyoura Sand***

392 Toyoura sand has been used extensively by scholars for verification of different constitutive
393 models (e.g. Khalili *et al.*, 2005, Ling and Yang, 2006). In this study the experimental data on

394 Toyoura sand reported by Verdugo and Ishihara (1996) are used to verify the performance of
395 the UNSW model. The material parameters obtained by calibration of the model with these
396 tests are also used later to evaluate the performance of the model in simulating a different
397 series of tests reported by Pradhan *et al.* (1989a). The material parameters used for simulation
398 of these tests are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

399 Verdugo and Ishihara (1996) performed a series of drained and undrained monotonic triaxial
400 tests on Toyoura sand. The specimens were prepared using moist placement method. In the
401 drained tests, two different confining pressures of 100 and 500 *kPa* were used for specimens
402 with three different void ratios, ranging from 0.81 to 0.996. The undrained tests were
403 conducted under a wider range of confining pressures, from 100 to 3000 *kPa* with different
404 void ratios corresponding to relative densities of $D_r = 16\%$ to 64%, corresponding to
405 consistencies from very loose to dense states for the soil under practical stress levels.

406 The results of the simulations of drained tests under $p'_0 = 100 \text{ kPa}$ and 500 *kPa* are shown in
407 Figure 16 and compared with experimental data. While there is a slight discrepancy between
408 the predicted performance and experimental data for the loose sample under the low confining
409 pressure, i.e. in test 3, the model predictions for other samples are in excellent agreement with
410 the observed data.

411 The performance and capability of the model to simulate the undrained behaviour of sands on
412 a wide range of initial conditions, including different relative densities and mean effective
413 stresses, are investigated using 7 undrained tests reported by Verdugo and Ishihara (1996).
414 The outcomes of these simulations are compared with the experimental data in Figure 17 for
415 mean effective stresses vary from 100 to 3000 *kPa*. In general, the comparison shows
416 satisfactory results, considering the fact that a single set of parameters is used for all
417 simulations under a large range of confining pressures.

418 The parameters calibrated from the experiments of Verdugo and Ishihara (1996) are also used
419 to simulate the drained behaviour of Toyoura sand reported by Pradhan *et al.* (1989a). The
420 experiments were conducted under various stress paths, including tests to failure under
421 constant axial stress, constant mean effective stress and constant radial pressure, as well as
422 conventional triaxial test (CTC) as shown in Figure 18

423 Figure 19 compares the results of simulations with the experimental data. The model captures
424 all features of the soil behaviour for different stress paths, with some minor discrepancies
425 where maximum large stress ratio is approached. This may be due to the fact that the Toyoura
426 sand used by Pradhan *et al.* (1989a) was of a different batch from Verdugo and Ishihara
427 (1996), and therefore requires slightly different parameters.

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429 ***Cyclic Drained tests on Toyoura sand***

430 Pradhan *et al.* (1989b) performed a series of drained triaxial cyclic tests on Toyoura sand.
431 Four cyclic drained tests with constant mean effective stress are selected and used in this
432 study. To highlight the robustness of the proposed model, the material parameters obtained
433 from model calibration with the experimental tests conducted by Verdugo and Ishihara (1996)
434 are used in these simulations. The state parameters and initial conditions of the samples are
435 presented in Table 3.

436 Figure 20 and Figure 21 show results of drained cyclic tests conducted under constant mean
437 effective stresses on loose and dense samples of Toyoura sand. In these tests the amplitude of
438 the shear strain increases during cyclic loading. These figures show that the model can
439 simulate well the stress-strain response and the successive stiffening or softening of the
440 samples with cyclic loading. The results of the simulation under higher stress levels match
441 better with the experimental data. This may be due the fact that the model parameters are

442 obtained based on tests conducted on a range of stress levels, mostly greater than $1000kPa$,
443 which are greater than those used in Pradhan *et al.* (1989b) experimental tests, which are all
444 under $100kPa$.

445 Figure 22 shows the results of simulation of a drained cyclic test with a constant mean
446 effective stress on a very loose sample of Toyoura sand. In this test the amplitude of the shear
447 strain decreases during cyclic loading. This figure also shows the results of a simulation
448 performed by Ling and Yang (2006). The UNSW model captures the general behaviour
449 observed in the experiment, especially in the $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plane. In $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_q$ plane the simulation
450 shows a lower volume change in the median cycles compared to the experimental data. Figure
451 22 shows the superior performance of the model over that presented by Ling and Yang (2006).

452 Figure 23 represents the results of simulation of a drained cyclic test on a very loose sample
453 of Toyoura sand under a constant mean effective stress and small hysteresis loops of
454 unloading and reloading. Once again, the model predicts the main features of the behaviour,
455 both in $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plane and $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_q$ plane. It is worth mentioning that a better match between the
456 results of simulation and the test data could have been achieved if the model parameters were
457 calibrated for the same test rather than taking from those calibrated for tests performed by
458 Verdugo and Ishihara (1996).

459 ***Cyclic Undrained tests on Fuji River sand***

460 Ishihara *et al.* (1975) conducted a series of undrained triaxial cyclic tests on loose samples of
461 Fuji River sand to study the liquefaction phenomena. Loose samples were obtained by
462 spooning freshly boiled sand into the mold filled with de-aired water. Two of these tests are
463 selected for simulation to show the performance of UNSW model in capturing the undrained
464 behaviour of granular materials. The material parameters and the initial conditions of the
465 samples are listed in Table 1 and

466 Table 3, respectively. A constant value of k_m is used in these simulations due to the narrow
467 range of initial state parameters, as shown in Table 2.

468 Figure 24 presents the results of the undrained test conducted on loose Fuji River sand under a
469 cyclic loading with constant stress amplitude. Figure 25 shows the results for a test under
470 irregular cyclic stress amplitude. In both simulations the predicted behaviour is in good
471 agreement with the observed experimental data. The model captures the failure of the samples
472 by liquefaction in which the effective normal stress decreases progressively until the stress
473 path reaches the critical state and the material becomes unstable.

474 **CONCLUSION**

475 The UNSW bounding surface plasticity model has been proved to be a versatile constitutive
476 model capable of simulating the behaviour of sands over a wide range of stresses under
477 drained/undrained and monotonic/cyclic loading conditions. A relatively complex mapping
478 rule was initially formulated for the model which makes application of the model to
479 simulation of highly variable cyclic loading inefficient. In this study, a new mapping rule is
480 formulated which is less complex and more efficient for simulation of complex monotonic
481 and cyclic loadings of granular soils. The new mapping rule does not require a record of
482 history of successive intermediate local bounding surfaces, as was required in the original
483 mapping rule. Comparison of the results of simulations of the model using the original and the
484 new mapping rules indicated that the simplification incorporated in the new mapping rule
485 does not compromise the performance of the model. The robustness of the UNSW model with
486 the new mapping rule was demonstrated through simulations of static and cyclic loading
487 under drained and undrained conditions for different soils. The results of simulations were
488 invariably in excellent agreement with experimental data. The model captures the
489 characteristic features of the behaviour of different sands for a wide range of densities and

490 stresses, including the stress softening and dilatancy during drained loading of dense sands,
491 liquefaction of loose sands under undrained loading conditions, and the progressive stiffening
492 as well as hysteresis in the stress-strain relationships for cyclic loading. The versatility of the
493 model in simulation of particular sand was demonstrated using one set of material parameters
494 for all tests conducted on the sand under different conditions and by different investigators.

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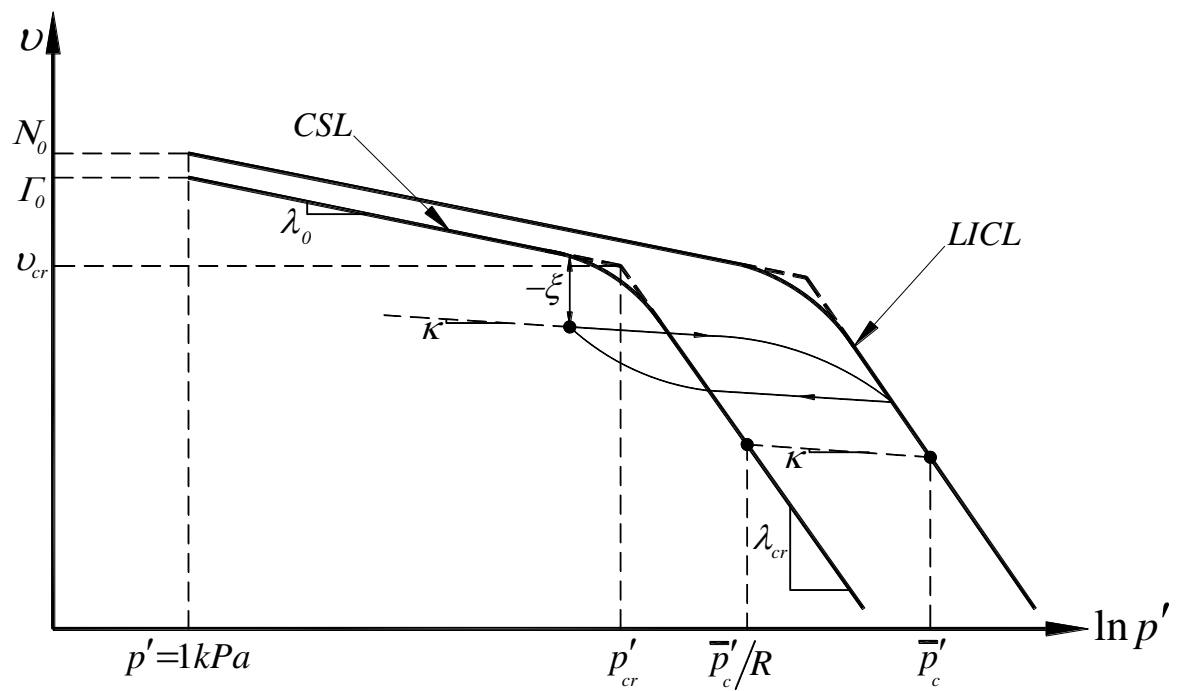
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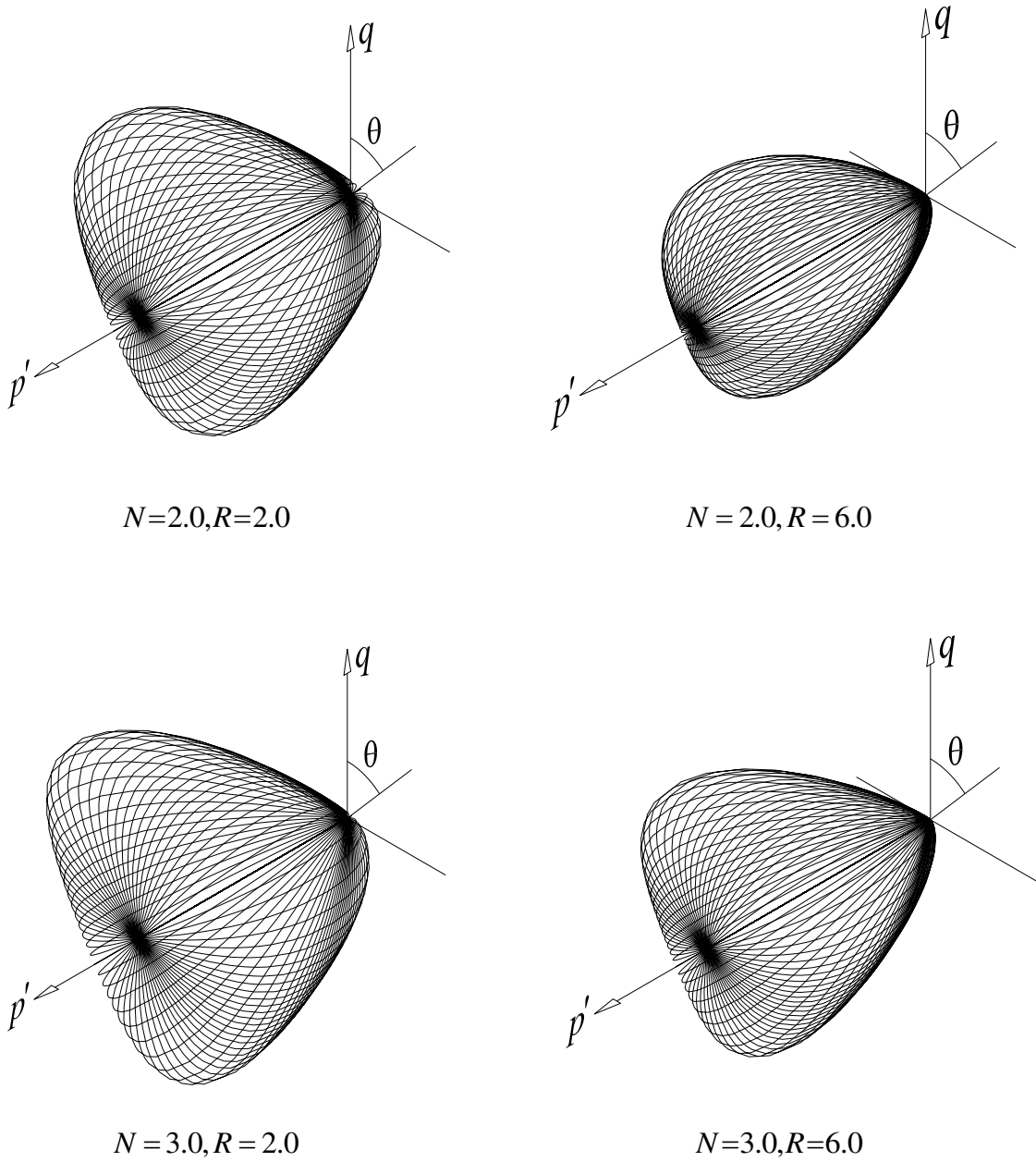


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Figure 1: Critical State Line (CSL) and Limiting Isotropic Compression Line (LICL)

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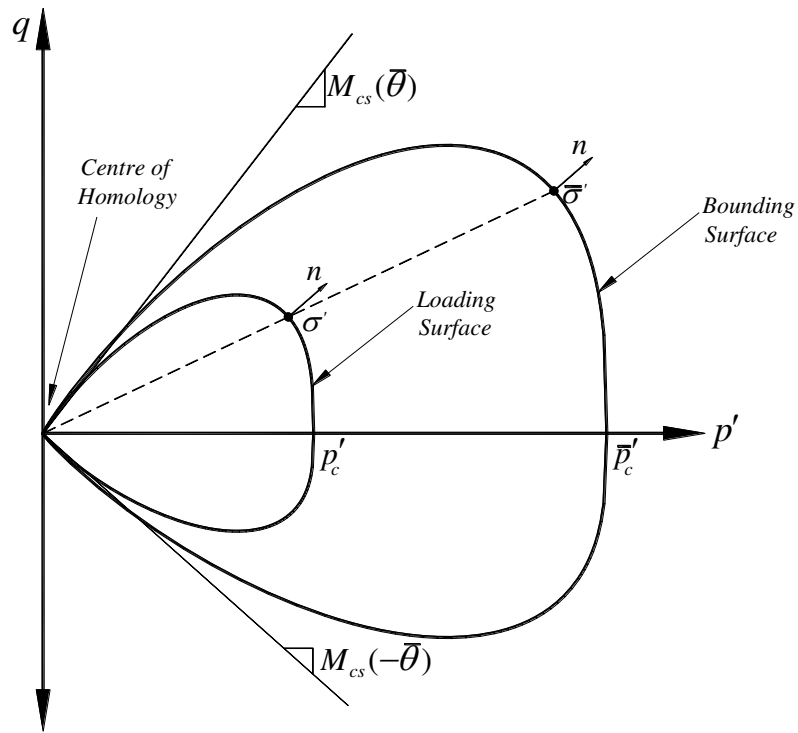
Figure 2: Effect of N and R on the shape of the bounding surface in $p'-q-\theta$

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Figure 3: Loading surface and mapping rule for first time loading

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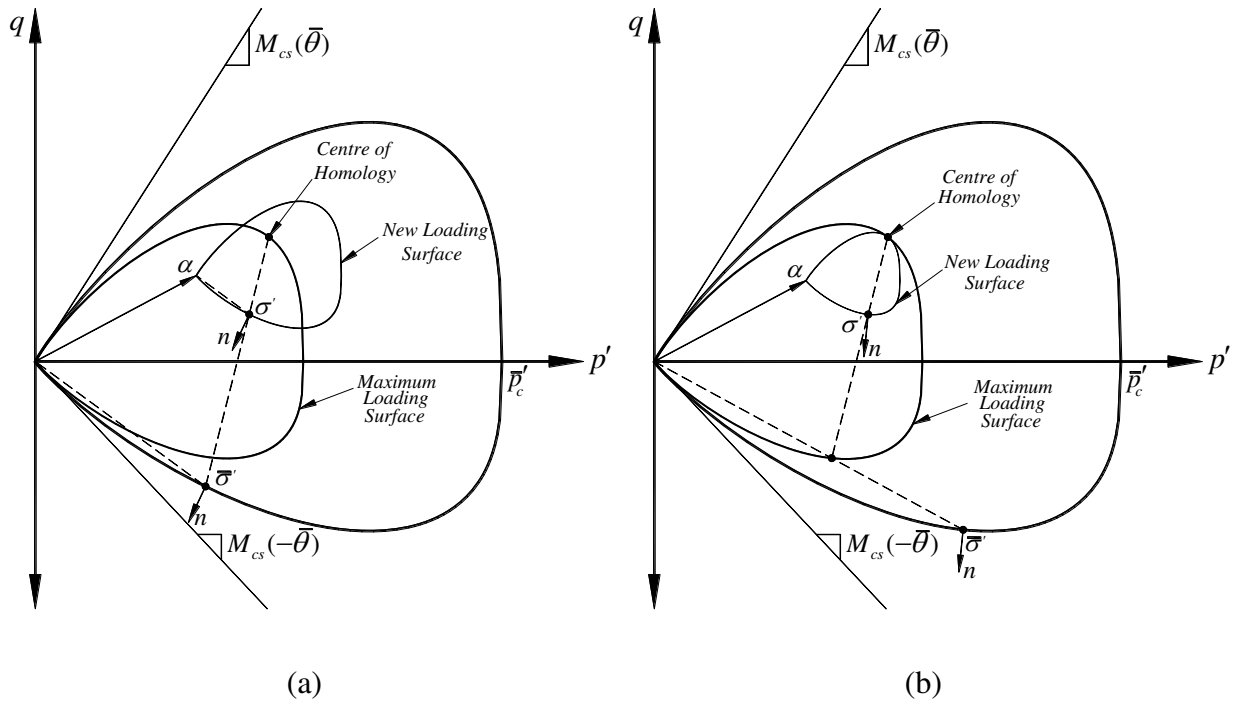
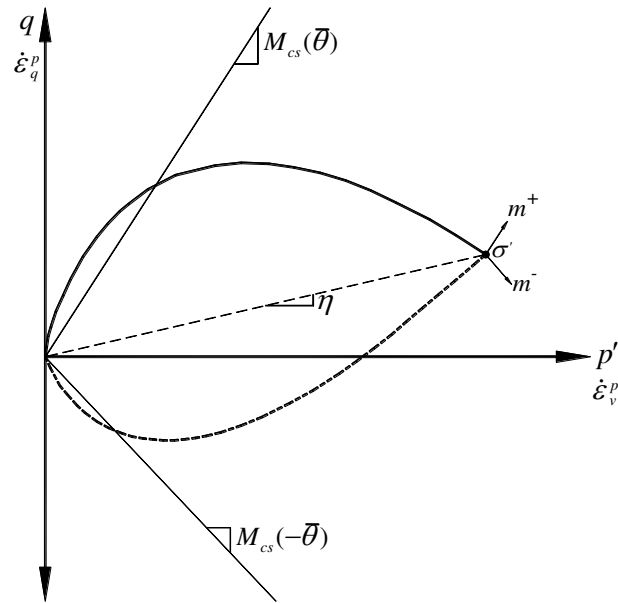


Figure 4: Loading surface and mapping rule for unloading/reloading

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Figure 5: Vectors of plastic potential at σ' for compressive and extensive loading

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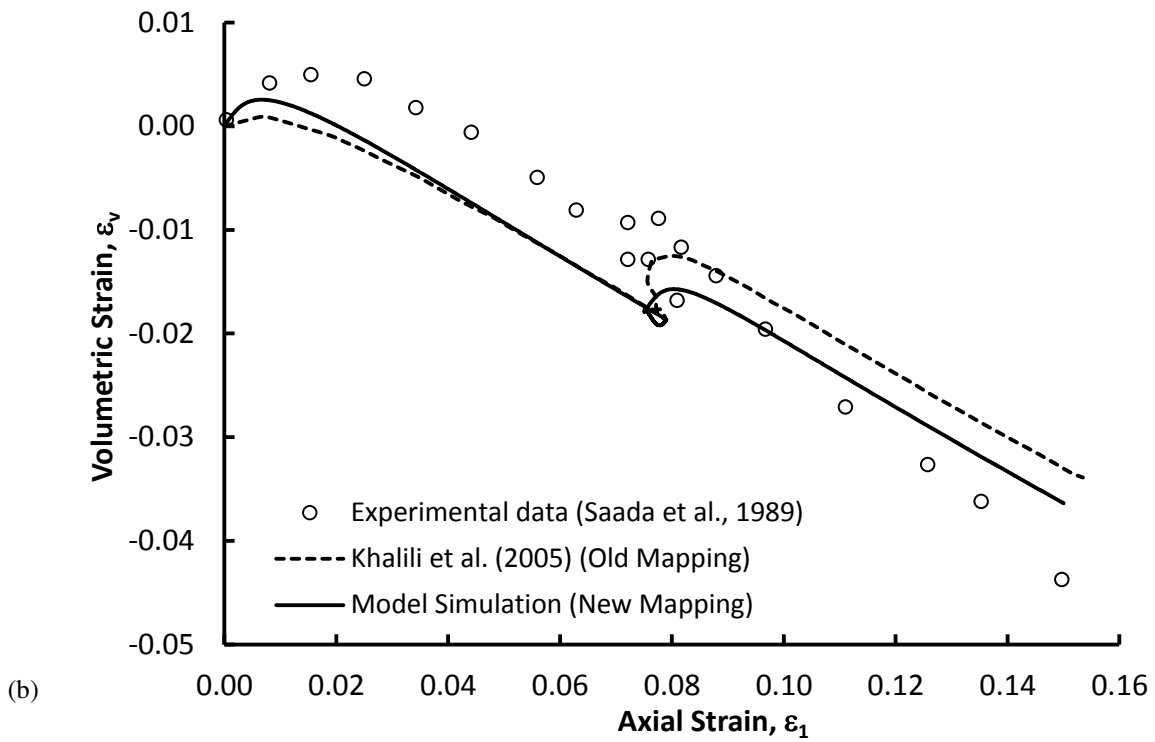
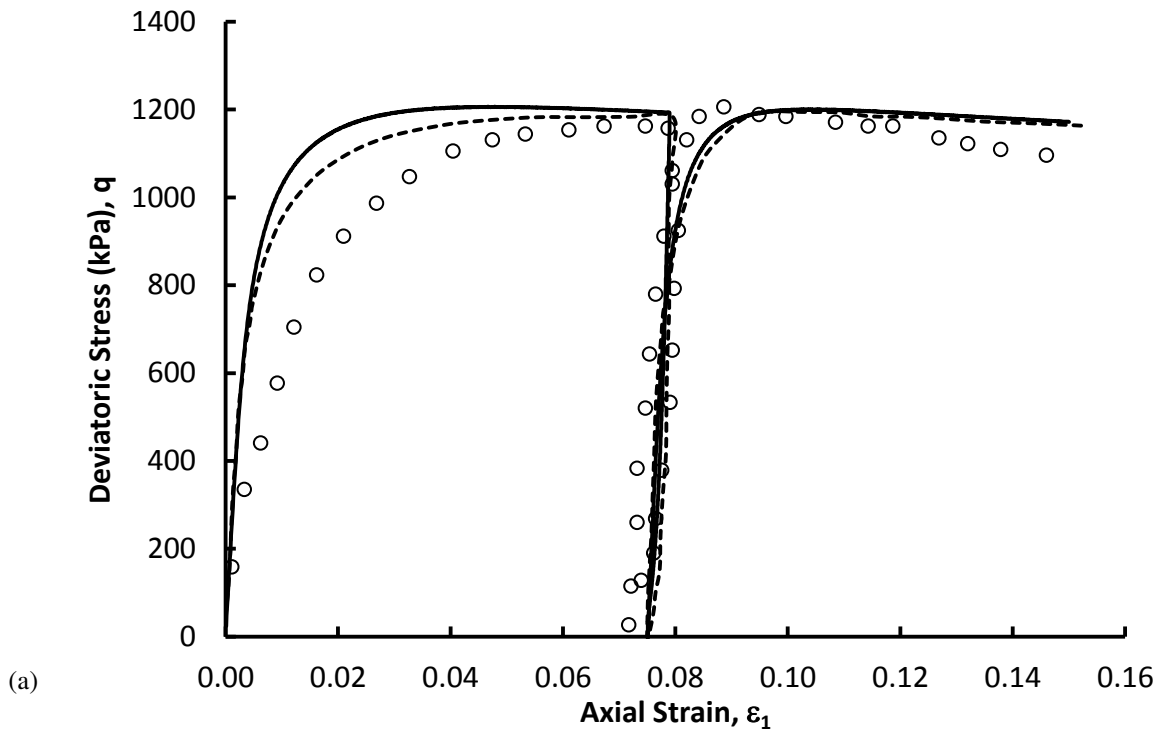


Figure 6: Drained cyclic test on a dense sample of Hostun sand

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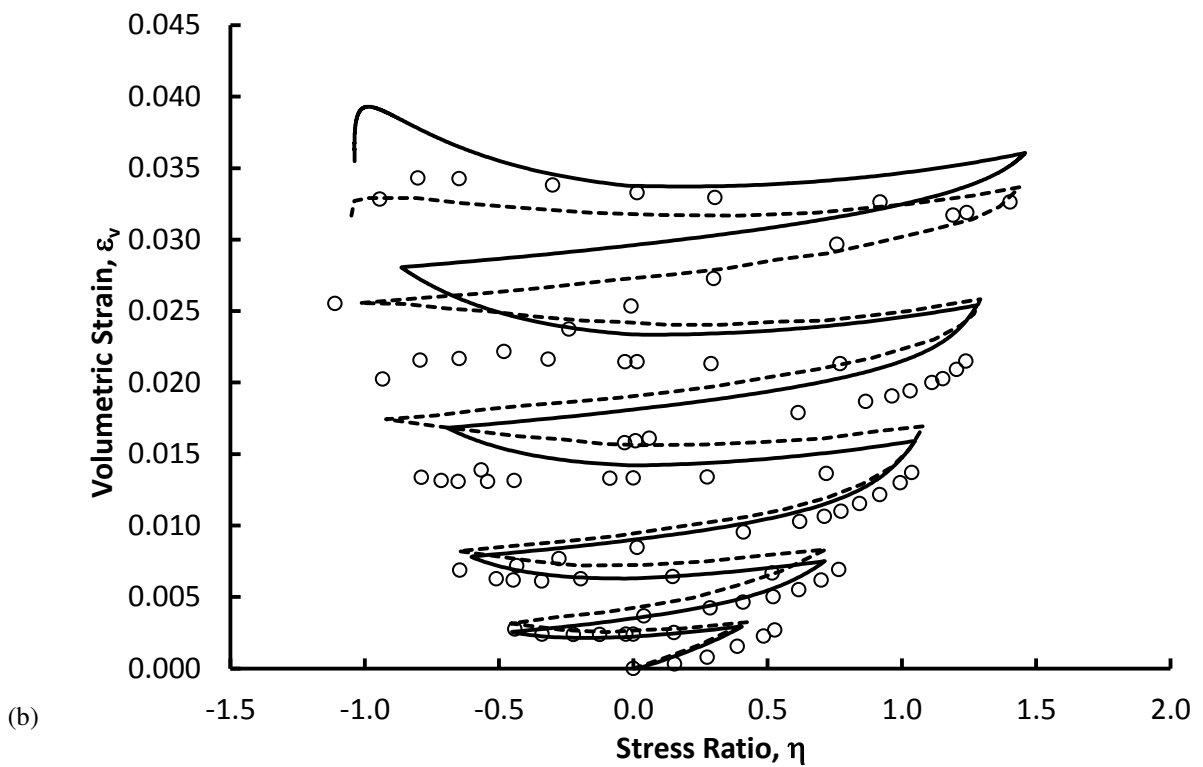
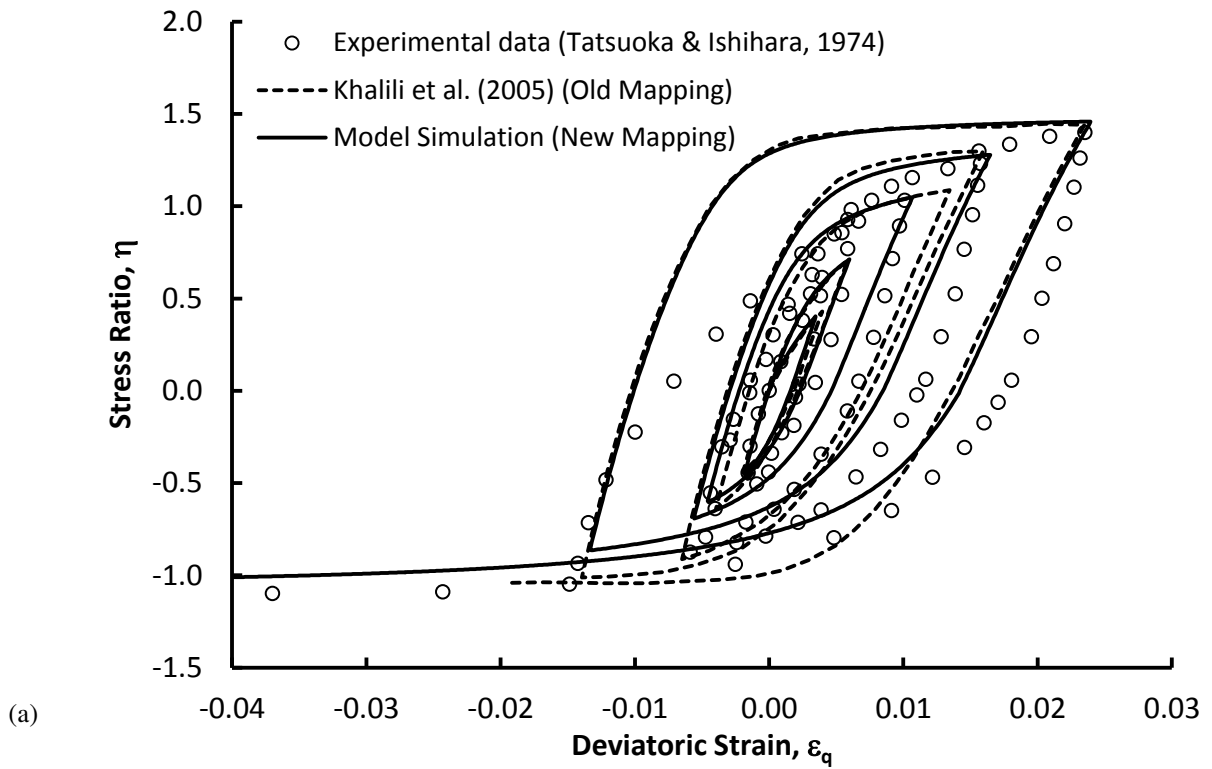


Figure 7: Drained cyclic test on a loose sample of Fuji River sand

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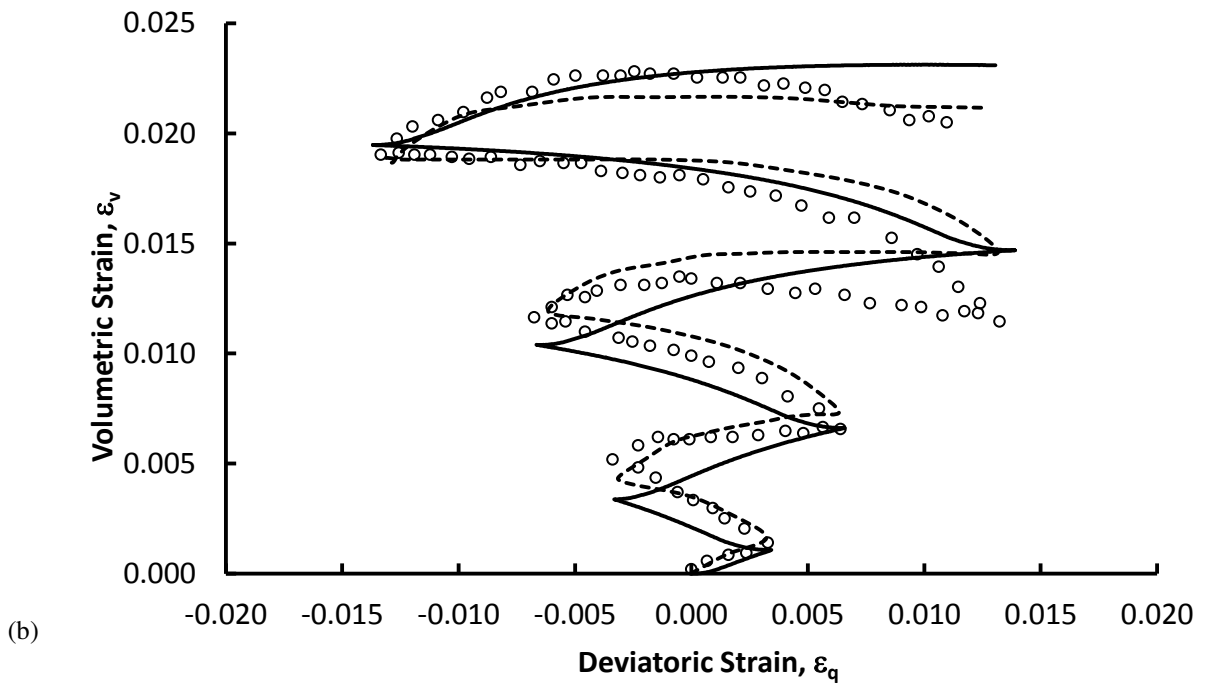
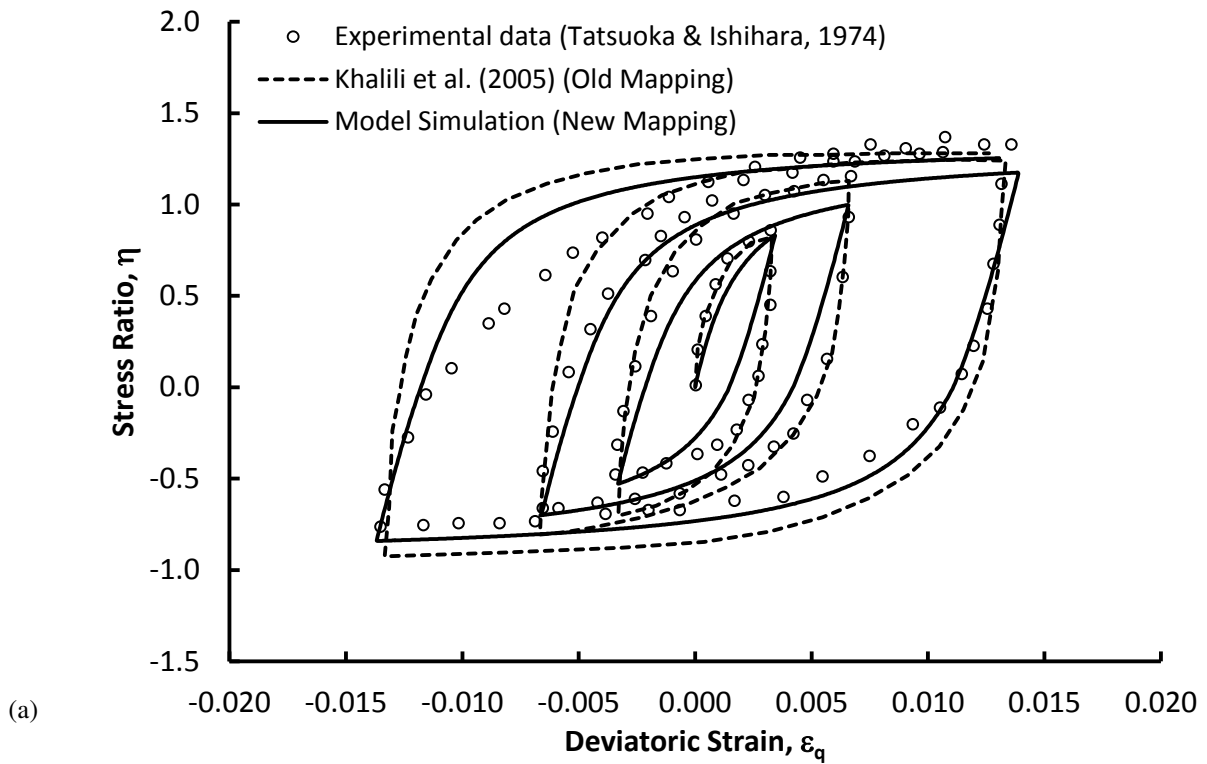
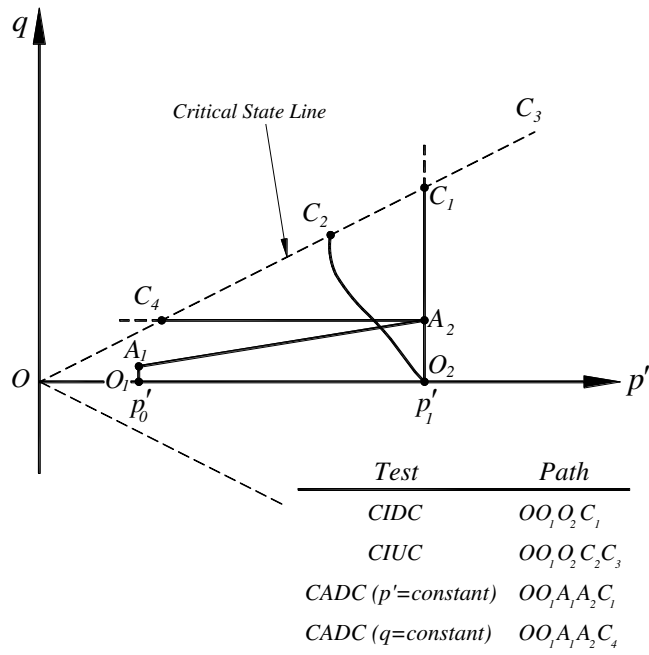


Figure 8: Drained cyclic test on a loose sample of Toyoura sand

(a) $\eta - \epsilon_q$ plot and (b) $\epsilon_v - \epsilon_q$ plot

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Figure 9: Stress paths in monotonic tests on Nevada Sand

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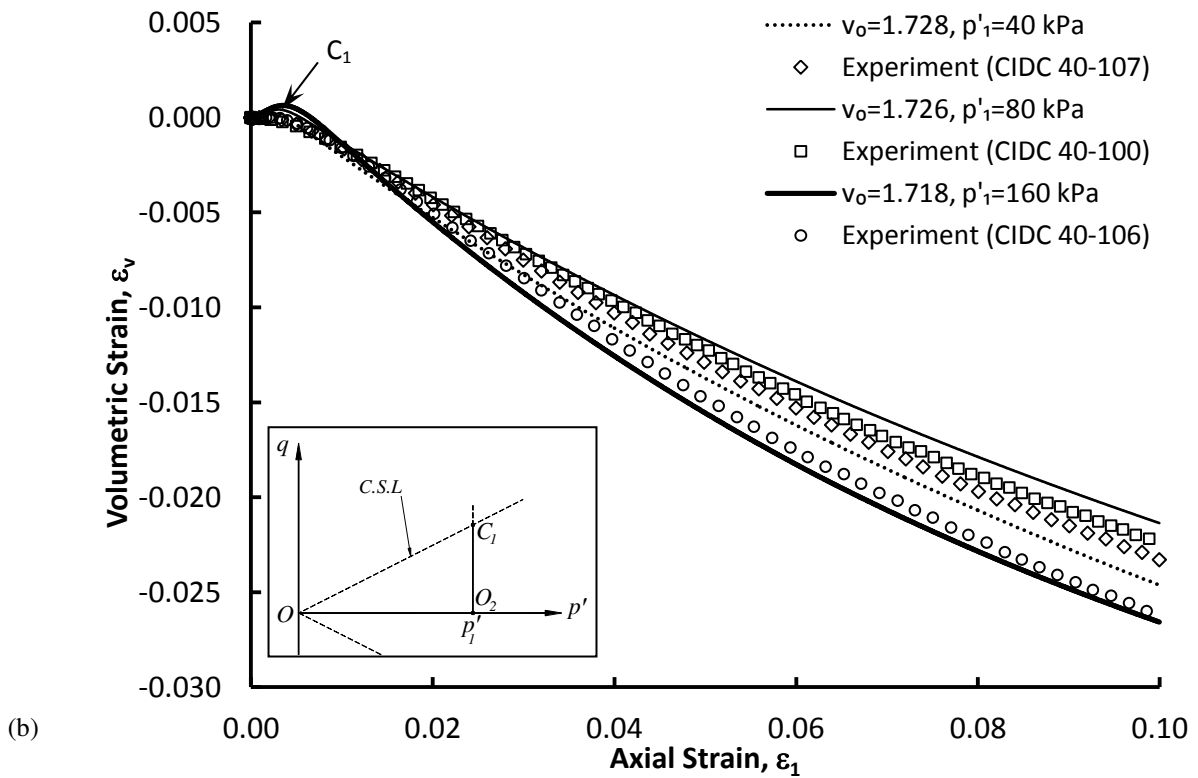
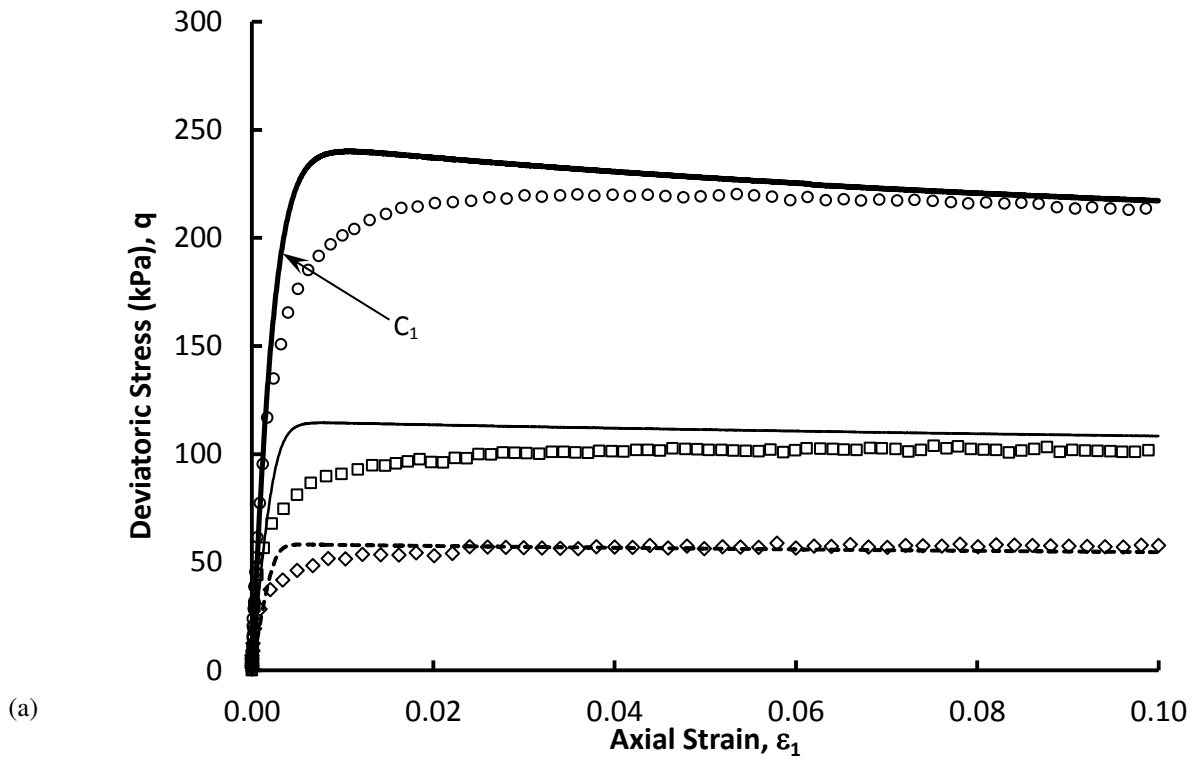


Figure 10: Drained CIDC tests on loose samples of Nevada sand ($D_r = 40\%$)

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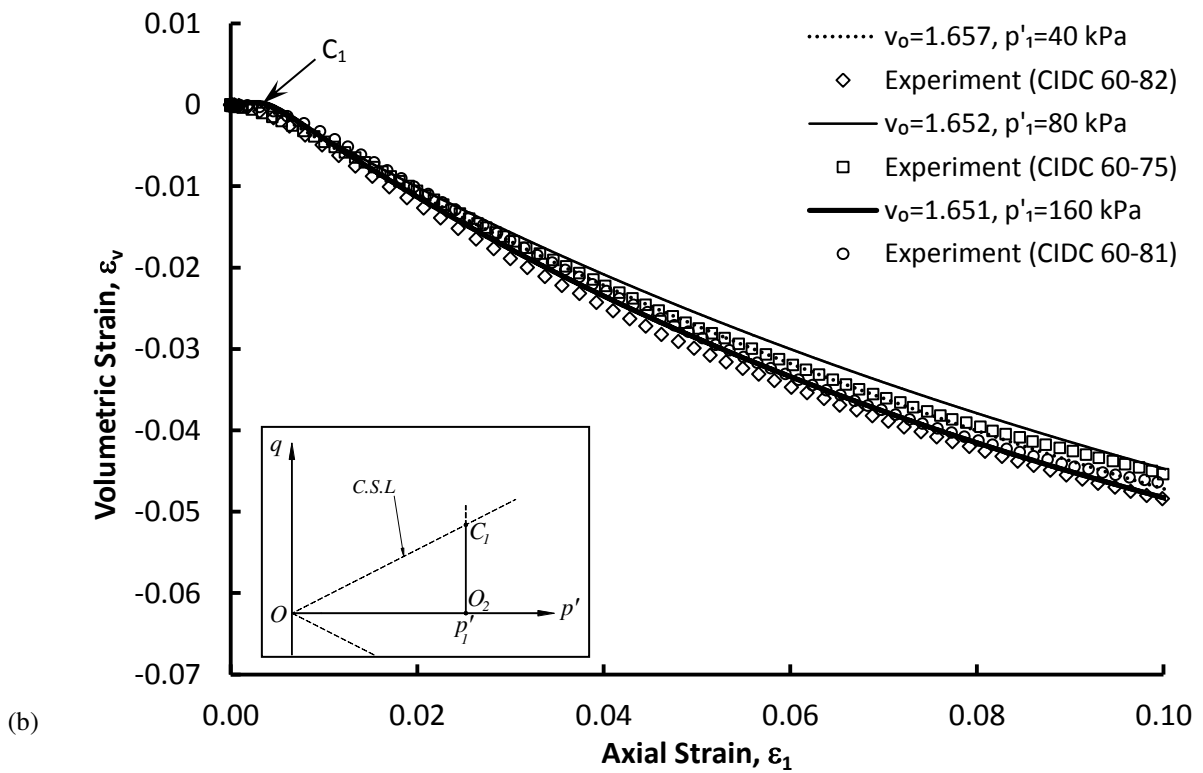
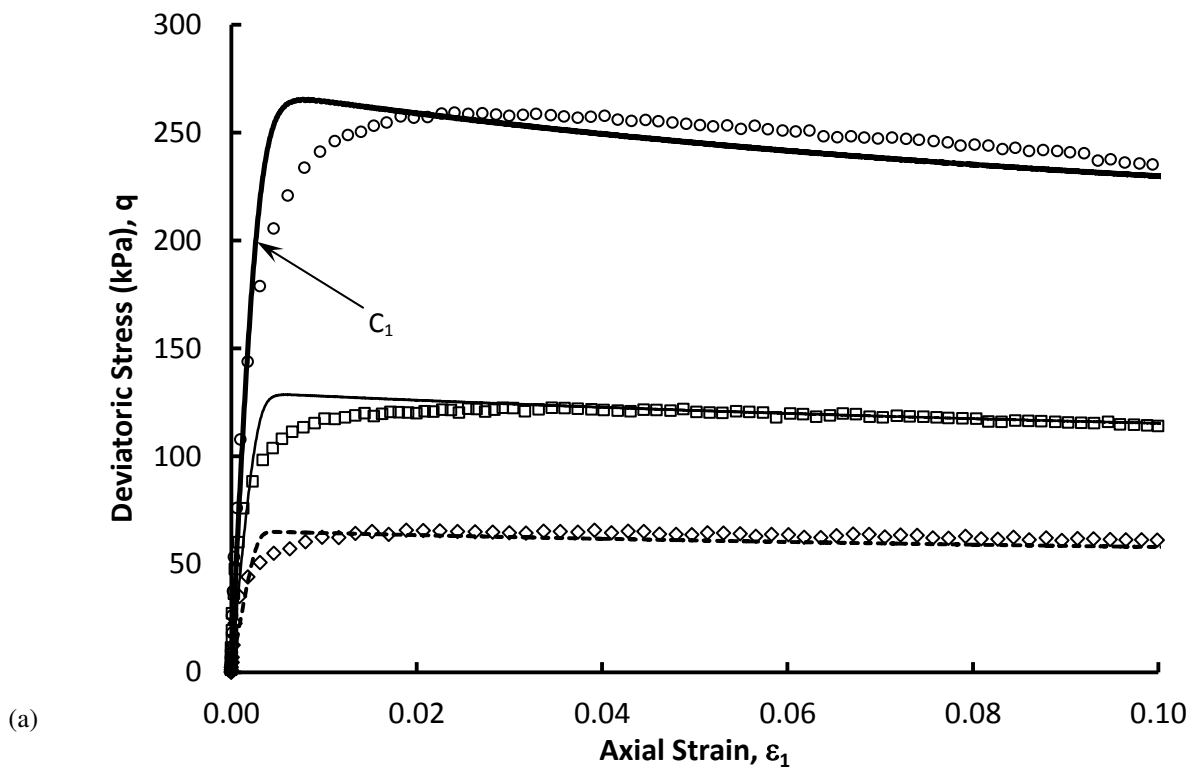


Figure 11: Drained CIDC tests on dense samples of Nevada sand ($D_r = 60\%$)

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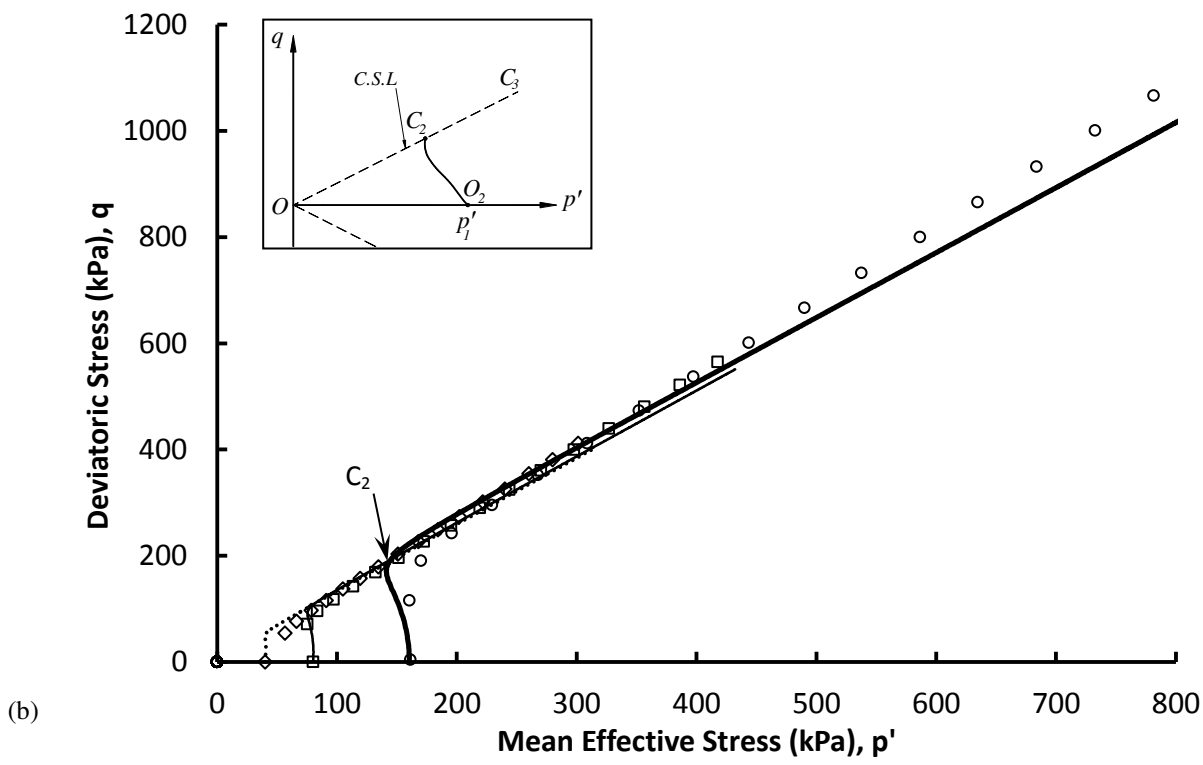
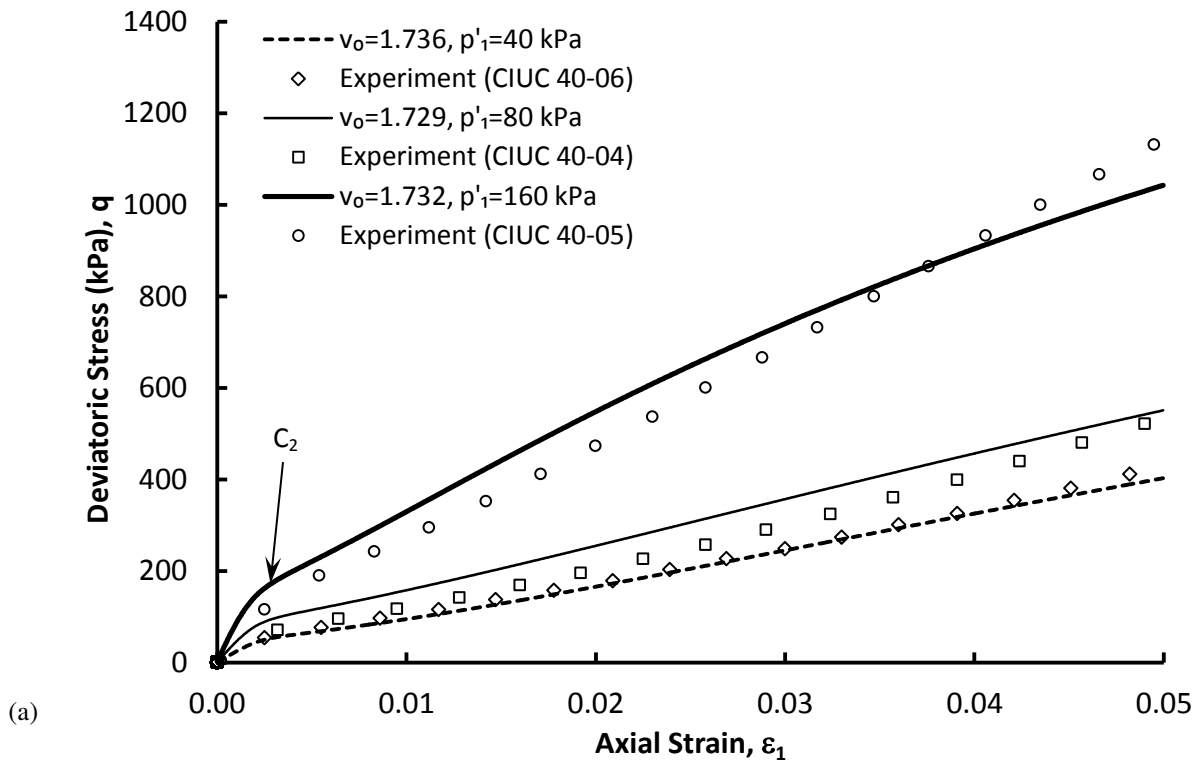
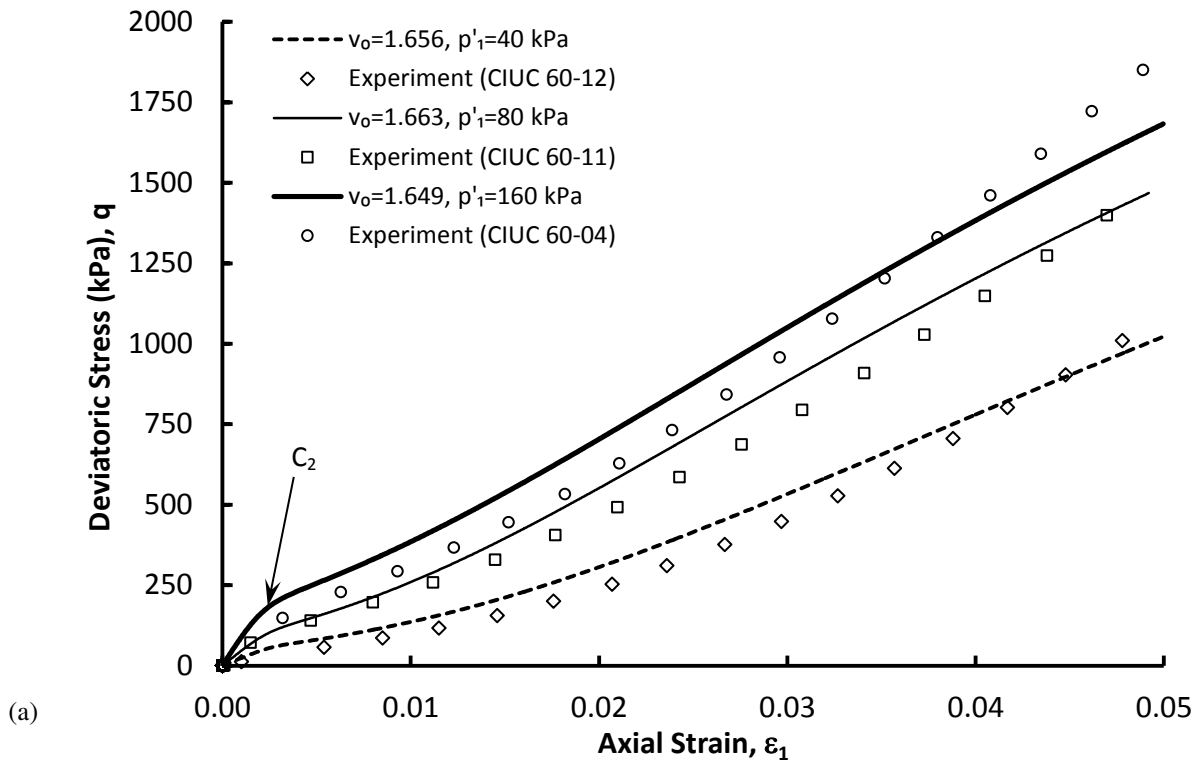
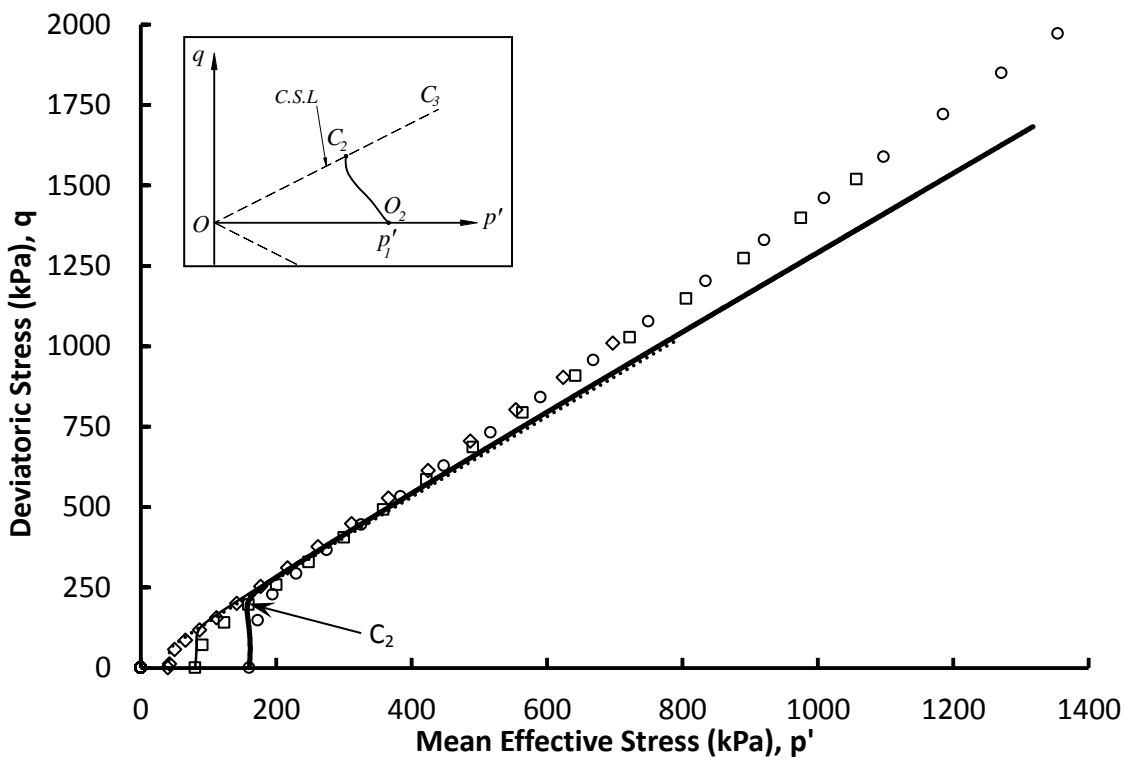


Figure 12: Undrained CIUC tests on loose samples of Nevada sand ($D_r = 40\%$)

(a) $q - \epsilon_1$ plot and (b) $q - p'$ plot



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Figure 13: Undrained CIUC tests on dense samples of Nevada sand ($D_r = 60\%$)

(a) $q - \epsilon_1$ plot and (b) $q - p'$ plot

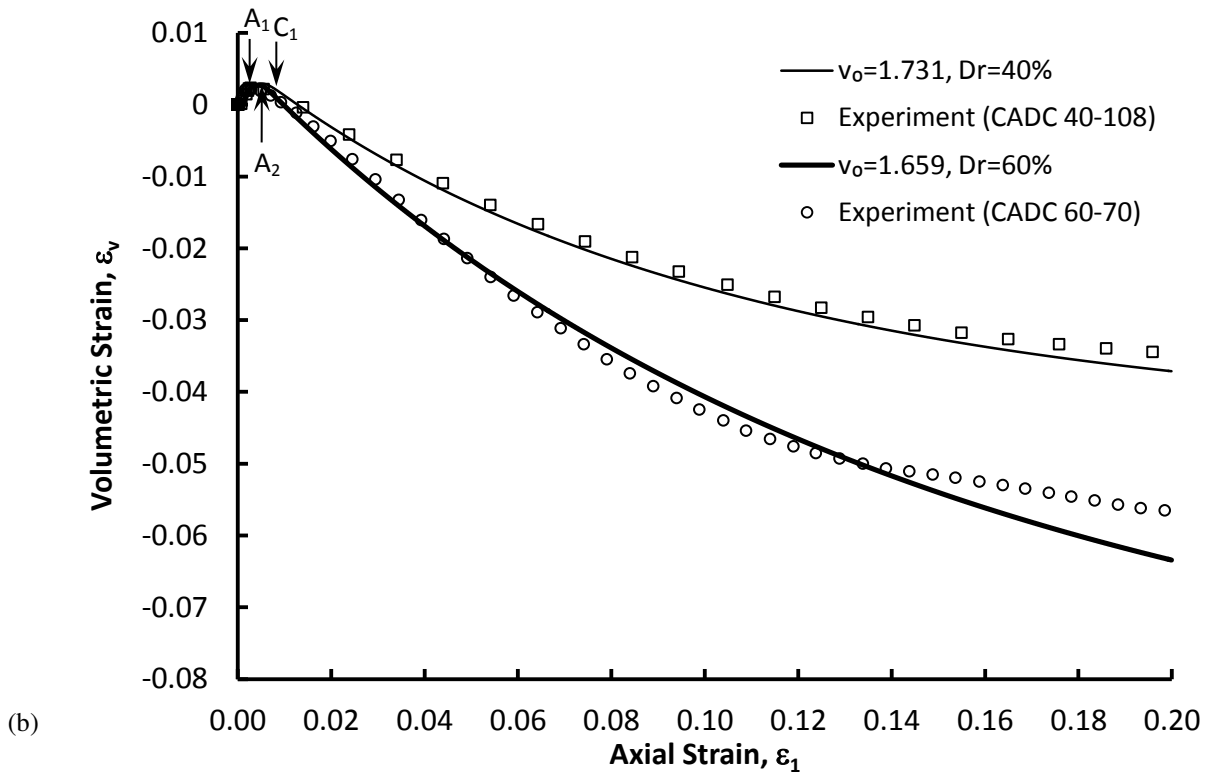
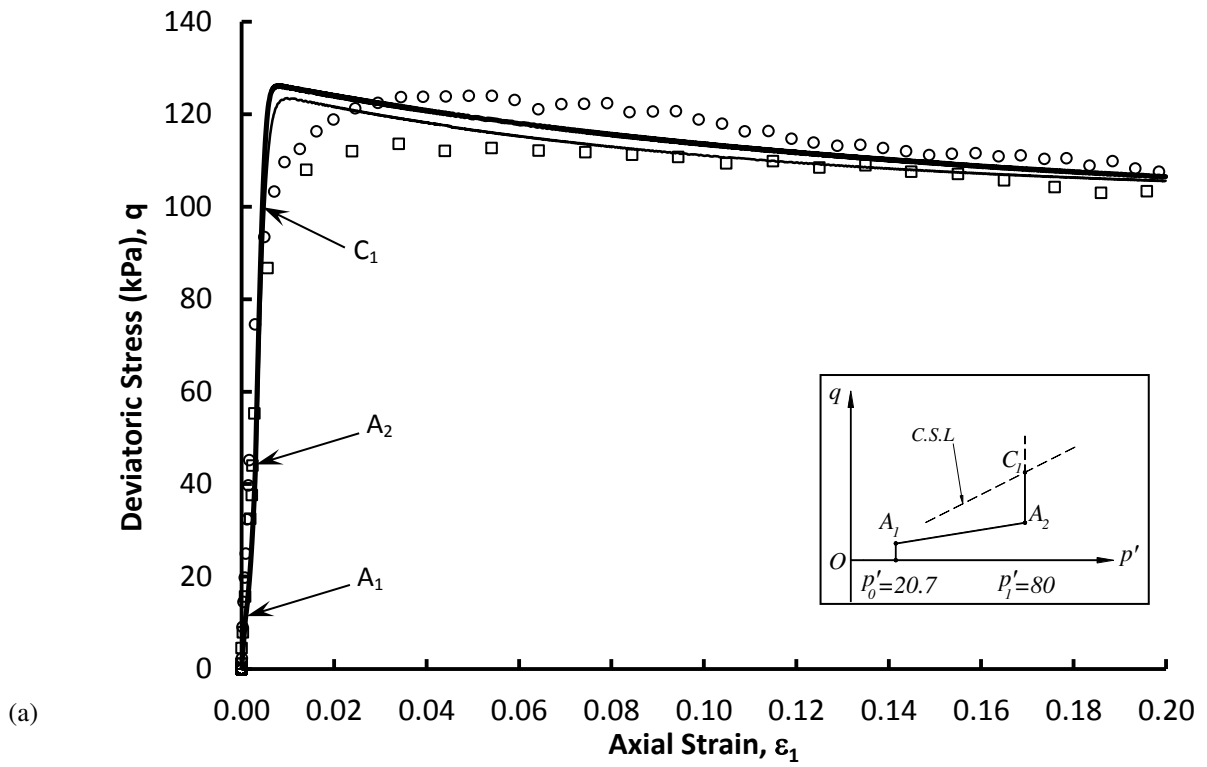


Figure 14: Drained CADC tests with constant p' on Nevada sand

(a) $q - \varepsilon_1$ plot and (b) $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_1$ plot

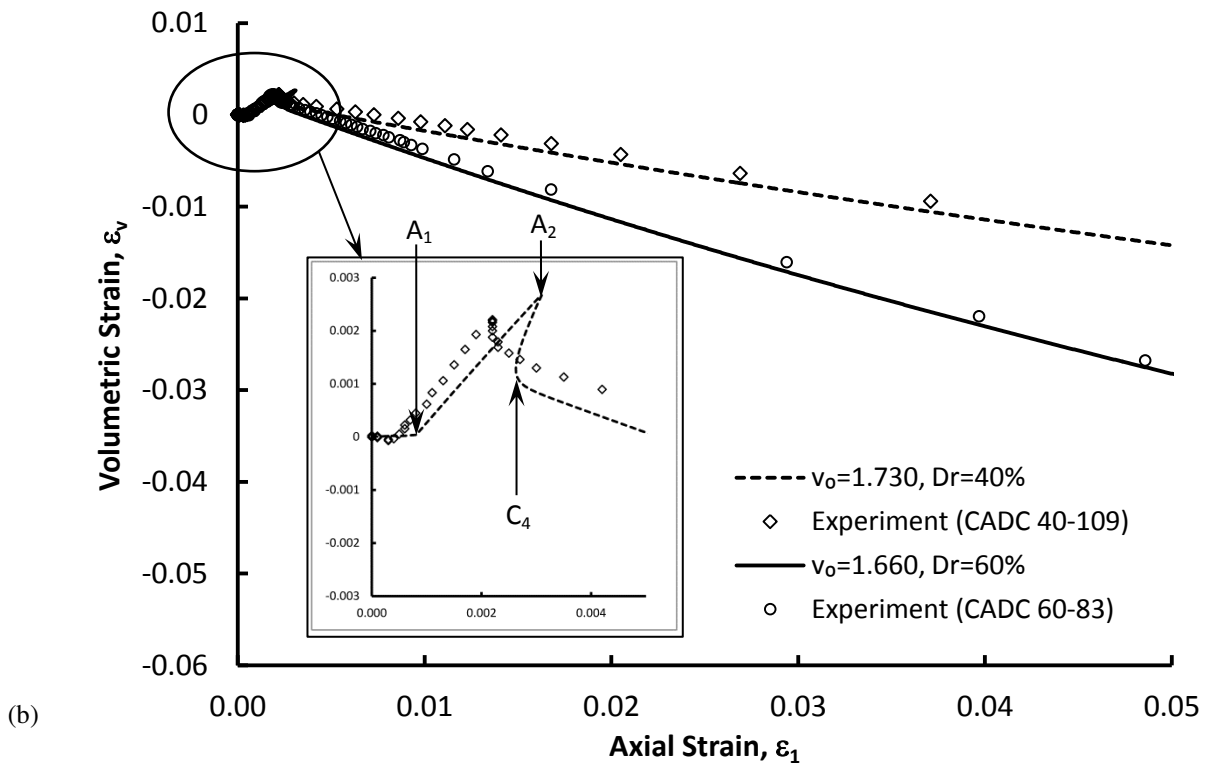
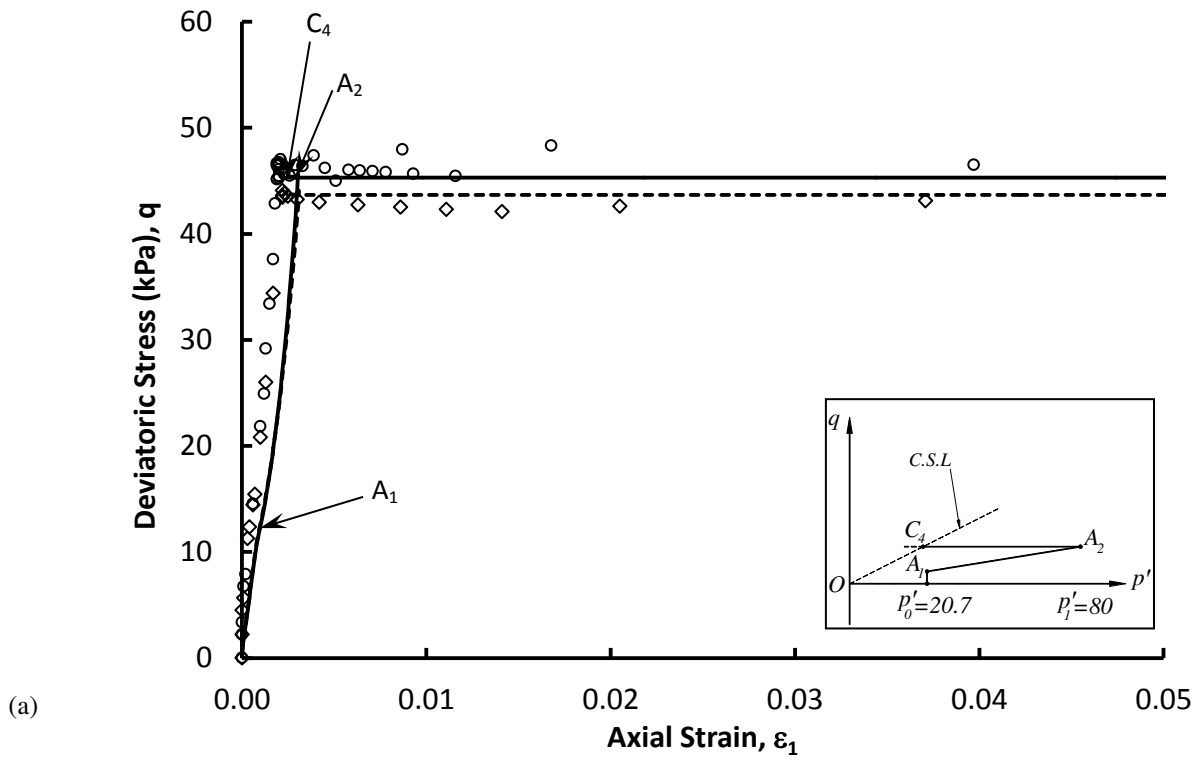


Figure 15: Drained CADC tests with constant q on Nevada sand

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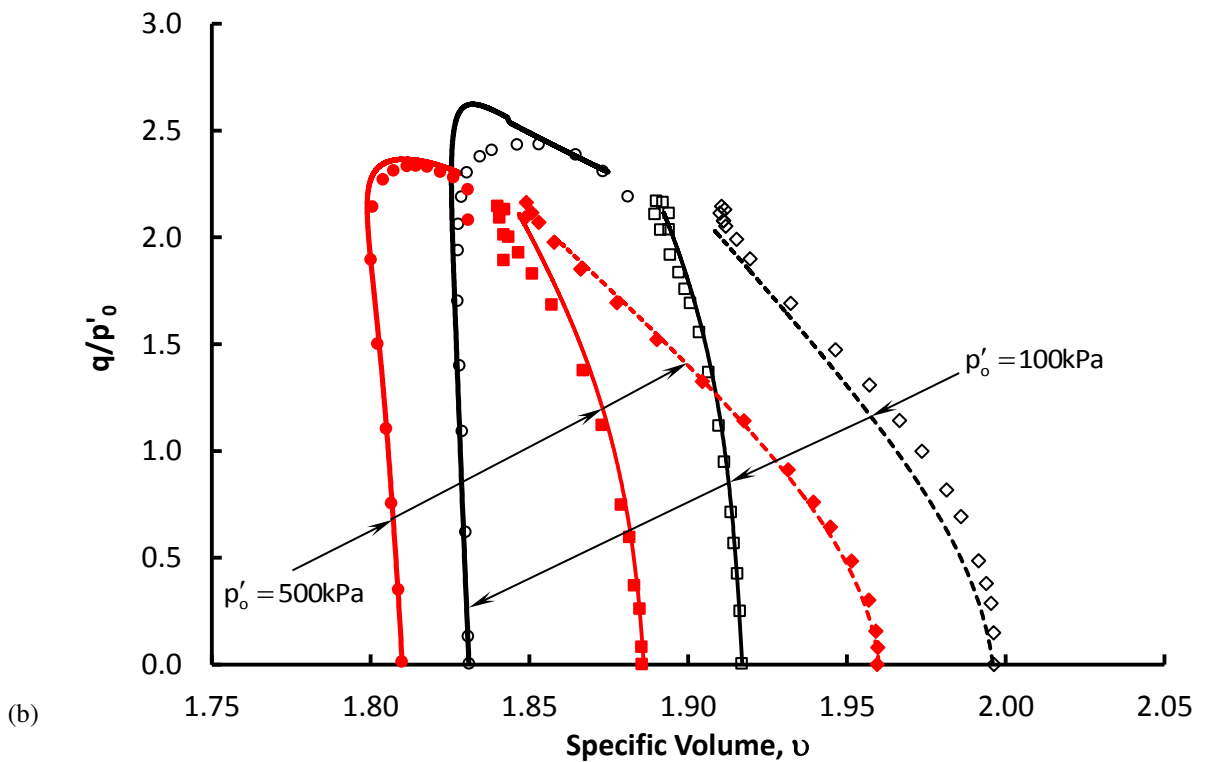
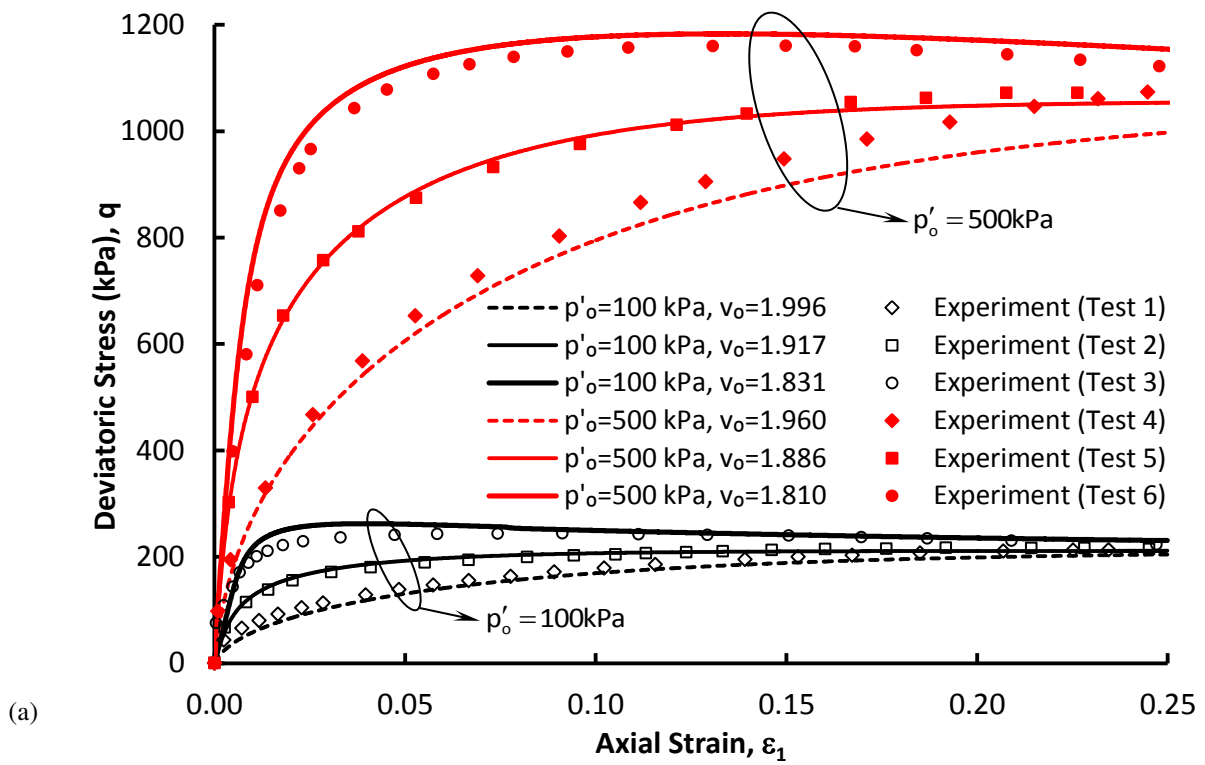


Figure 16: Drained tests on Toyoura sand

(a) $q - \varepsilon_1$ plot and (b) $q / p'_0 - v$ plot

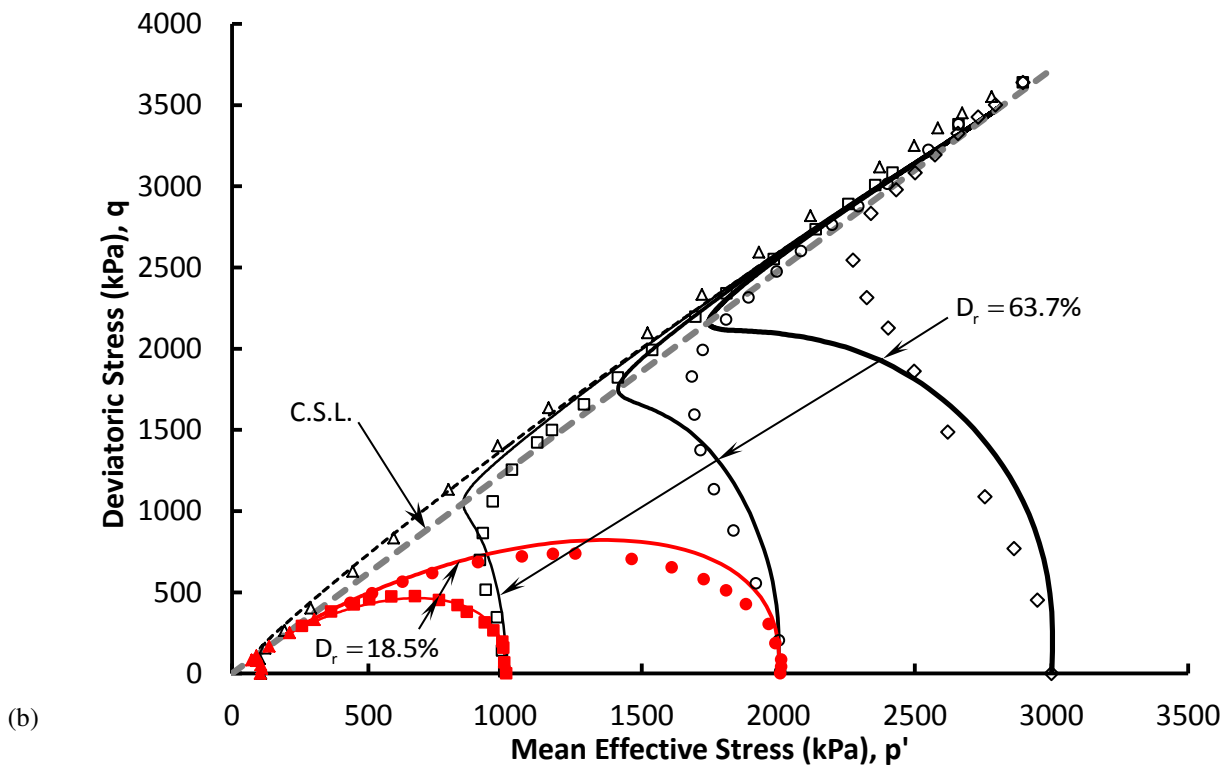
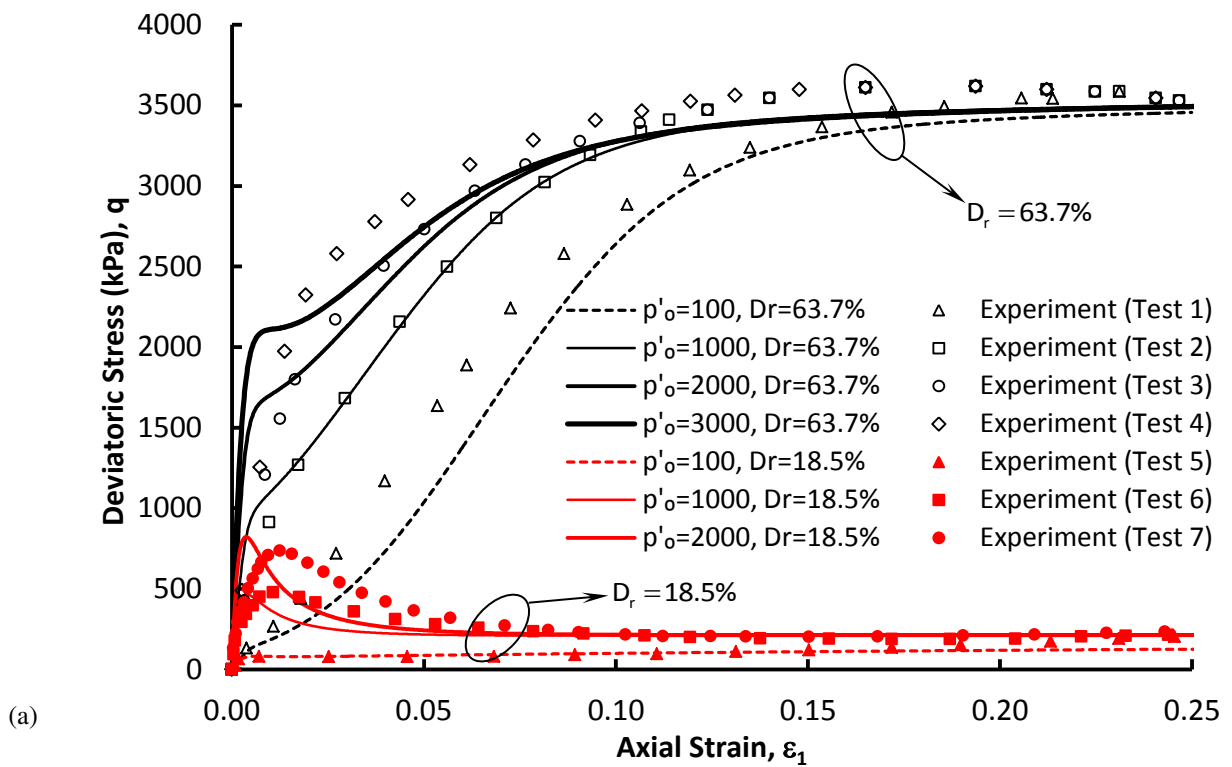
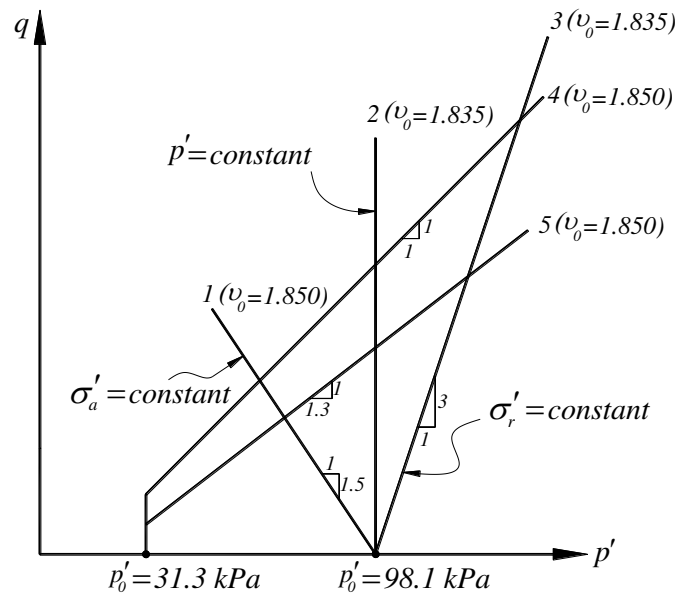


Figure 17: Undrained tests on Toyoura sand

(a) $q - \epsilon_1$ plot and (b) $q - p'$ plot



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Figure 18: Stress paths used for tests on Toyoura sand (Pradhan *et al.*, 1989a)

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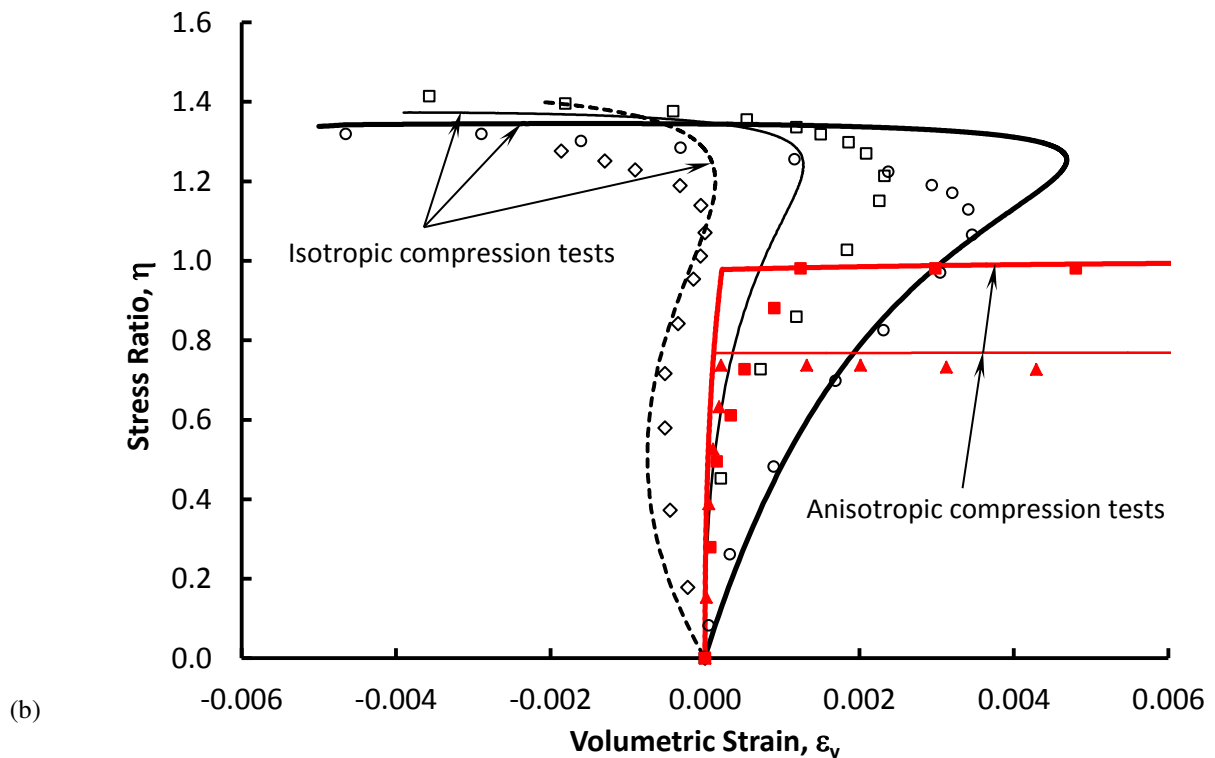
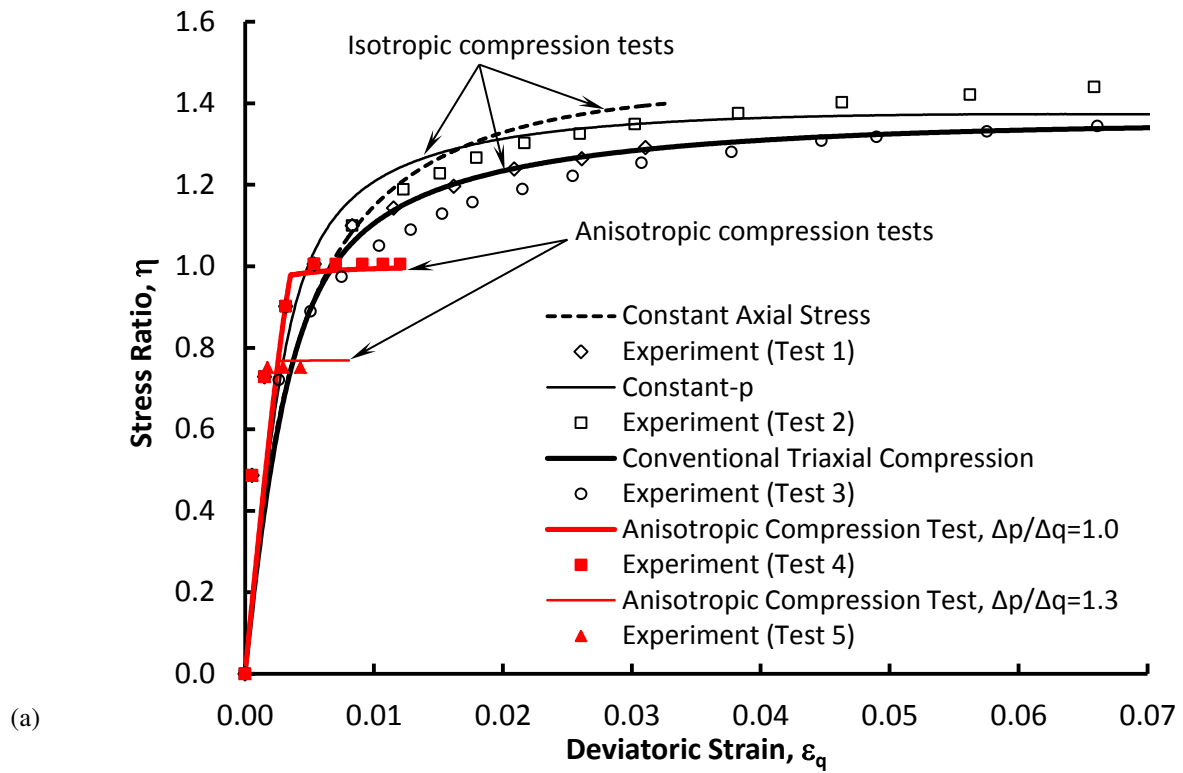


Figure 19: Drained tests with various stress paths on Toyoura sand

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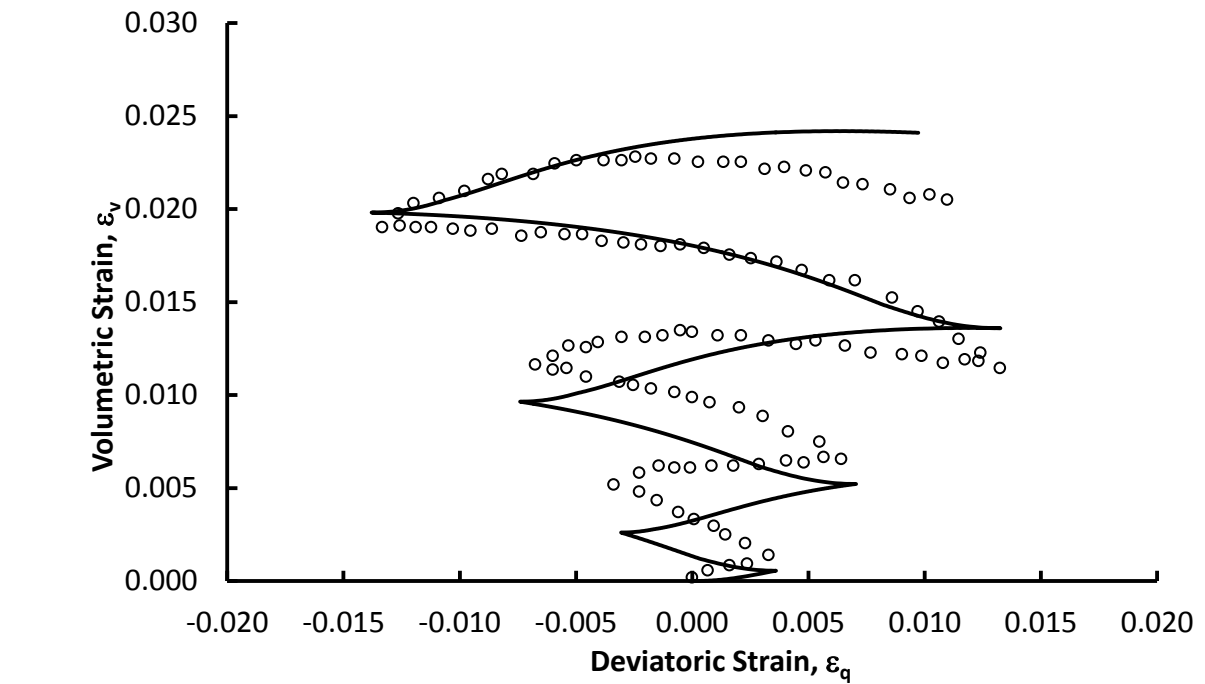
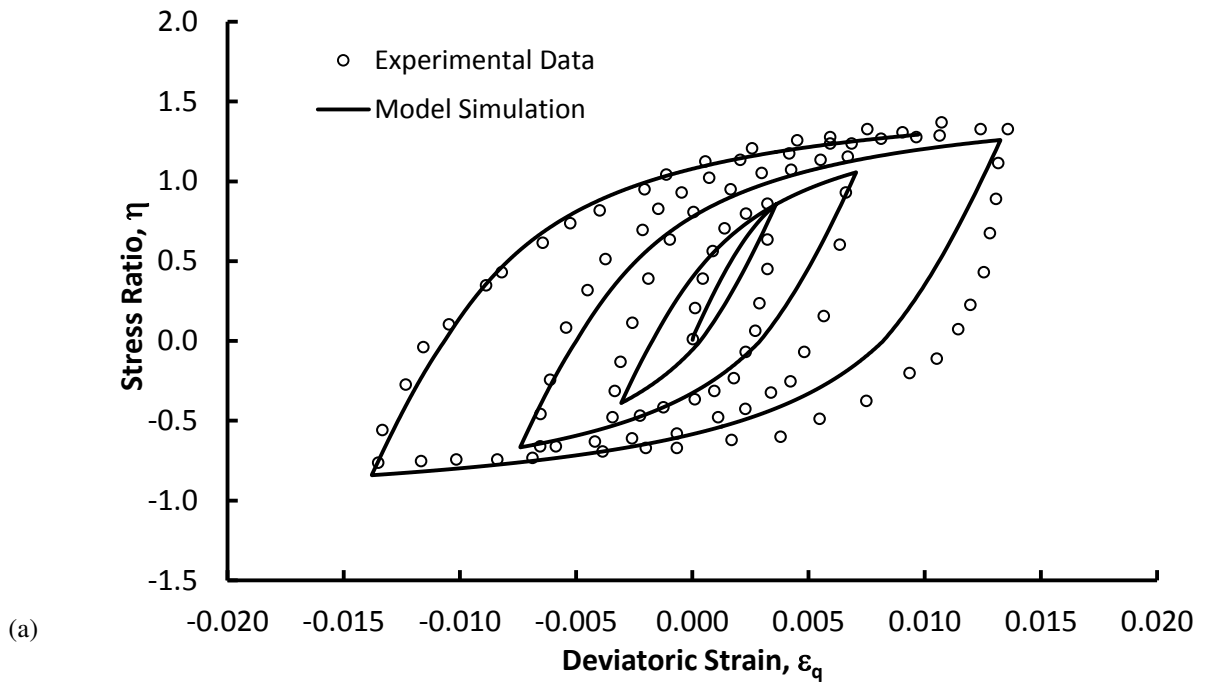
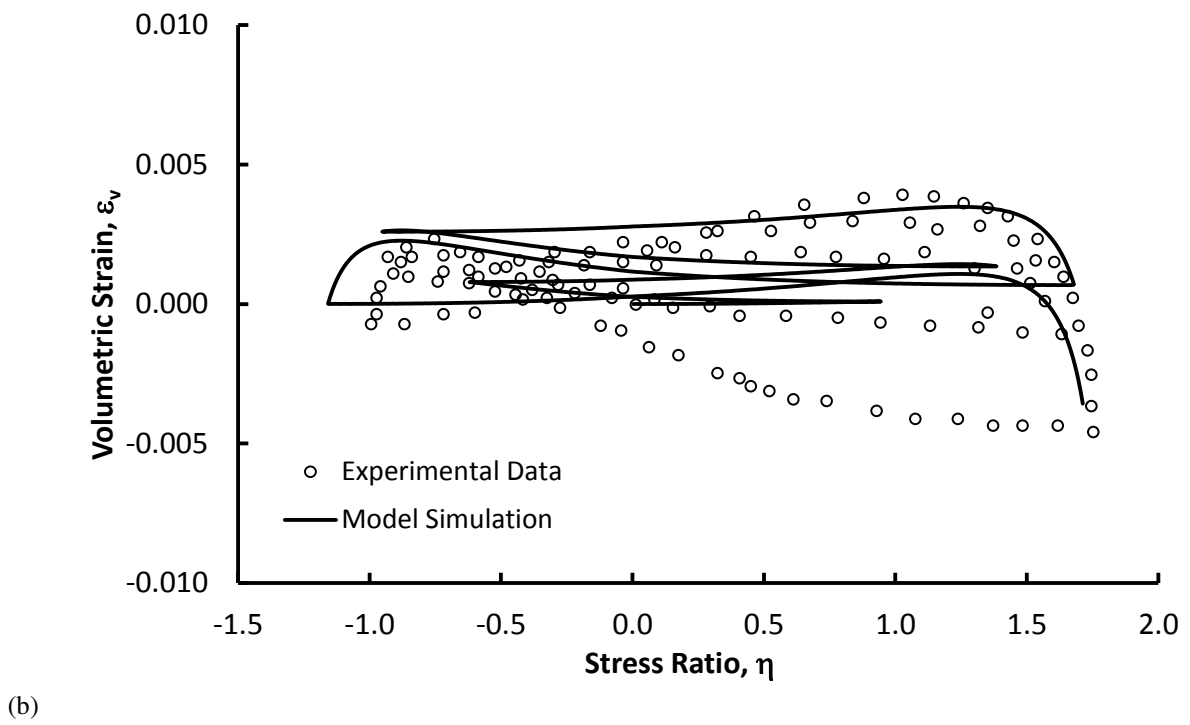
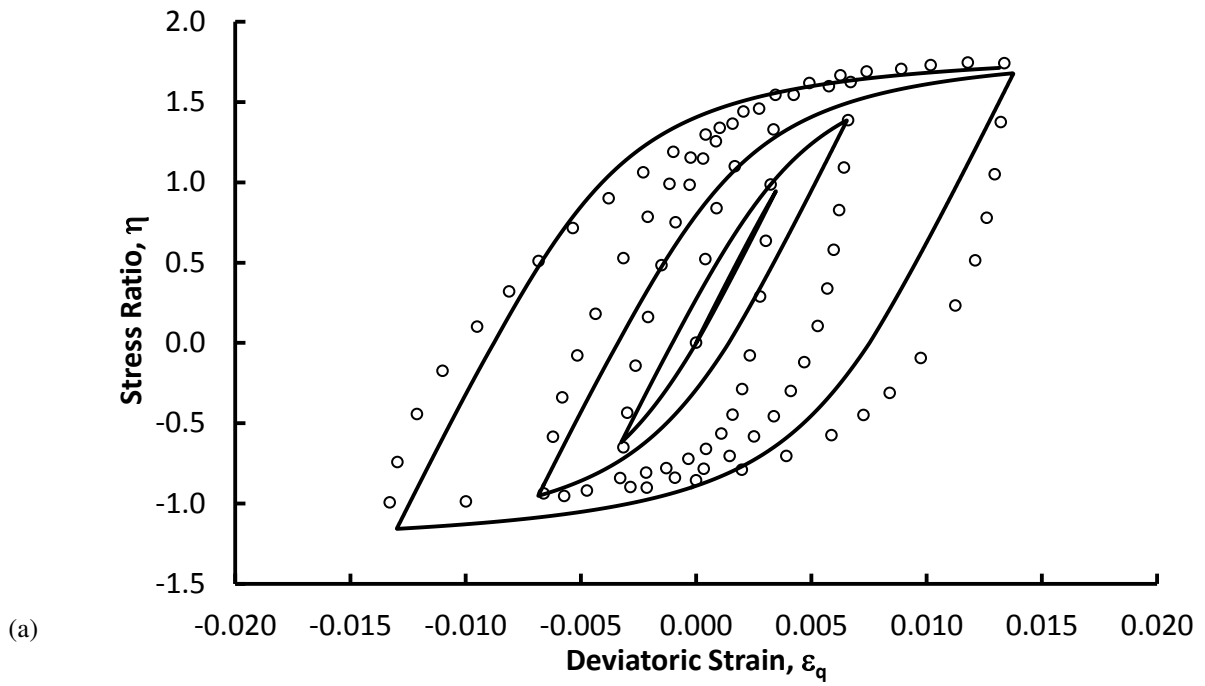


Figure 20: Drained cyclic test on a loose sample of Toyoura sand with increasing shear strain amplitude

(a) $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plot and (b) $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_q$ plot



**Figure 21: Drained cyclic test on a dense sample of Toyoura sand
with increasing shear strain amplitude**

(a) $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plot and (b) $\varepsilon_v - \eta$ plot

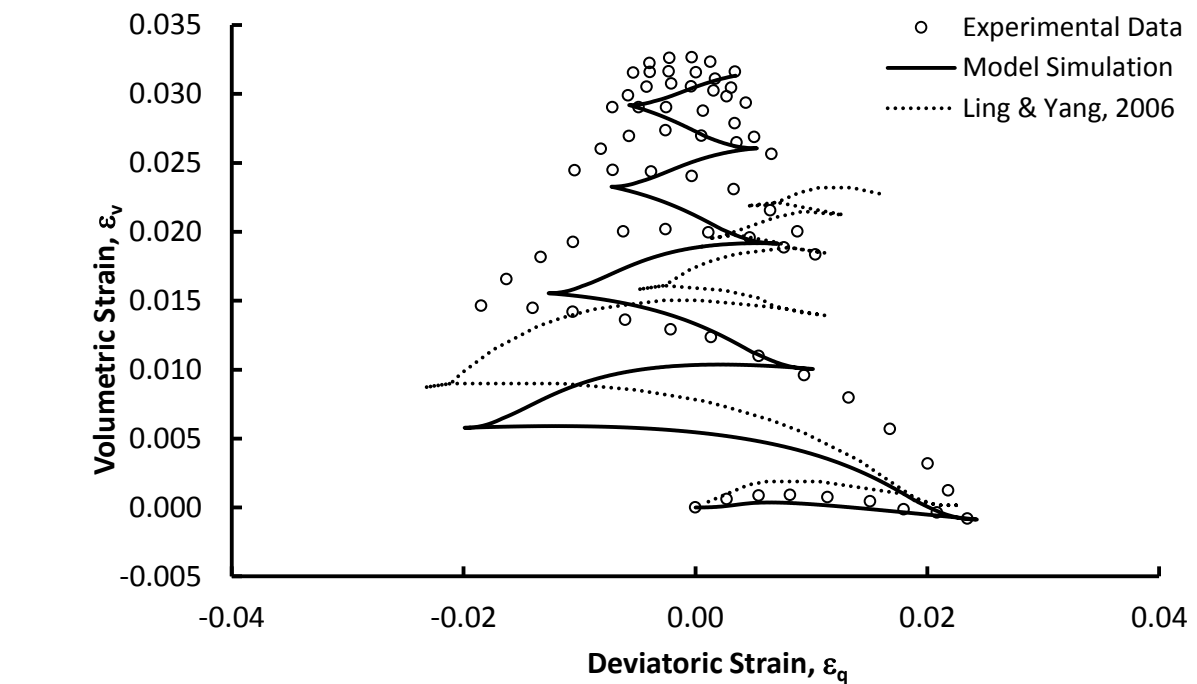
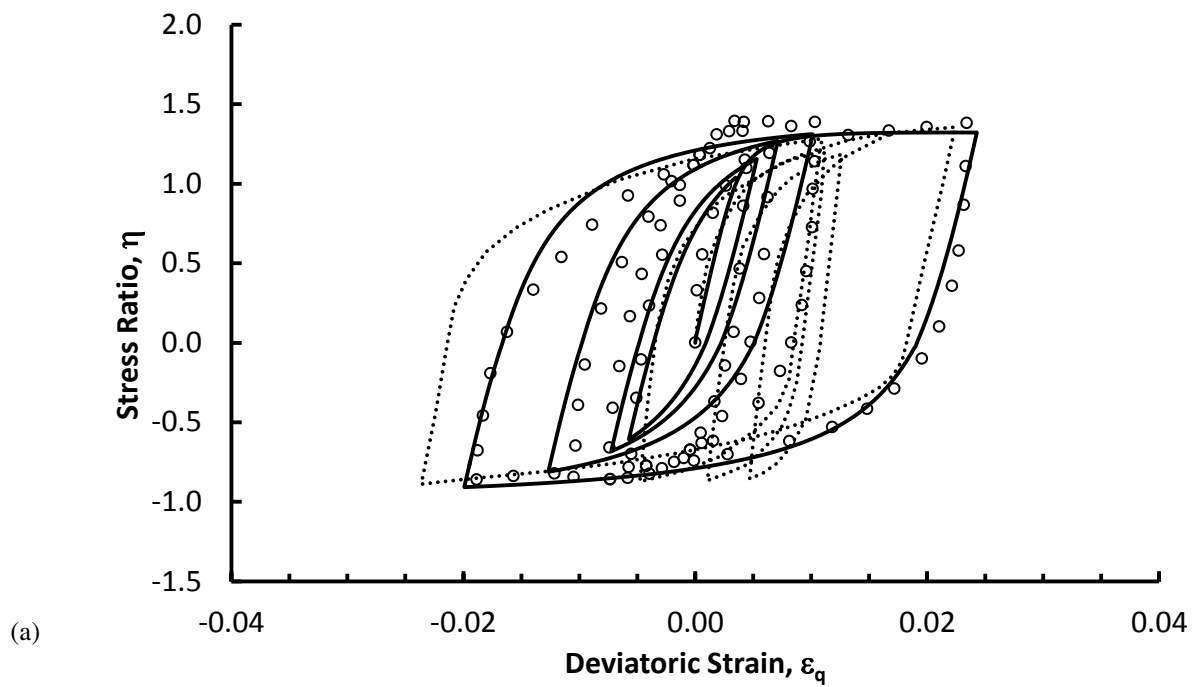


Figure 22: Drained cyclic test on a very loose sample of Toyoura sand with decreasing shear strain amplitude

(a) $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plot and (b) $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_q$ plot

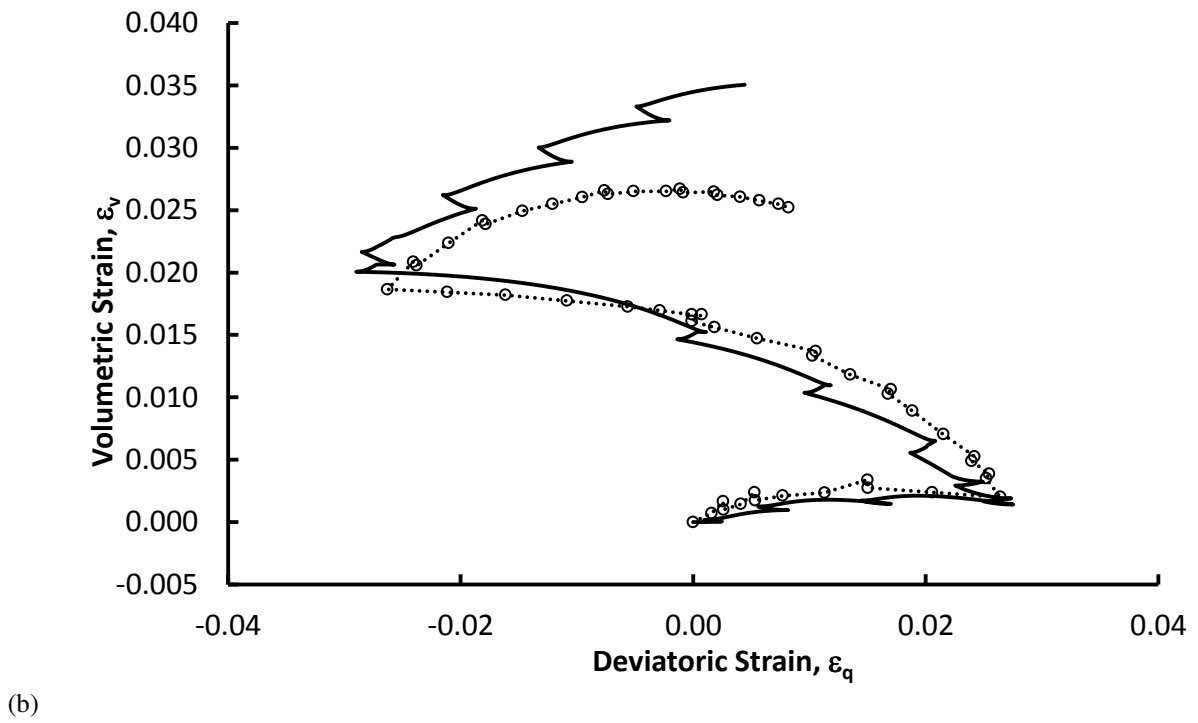
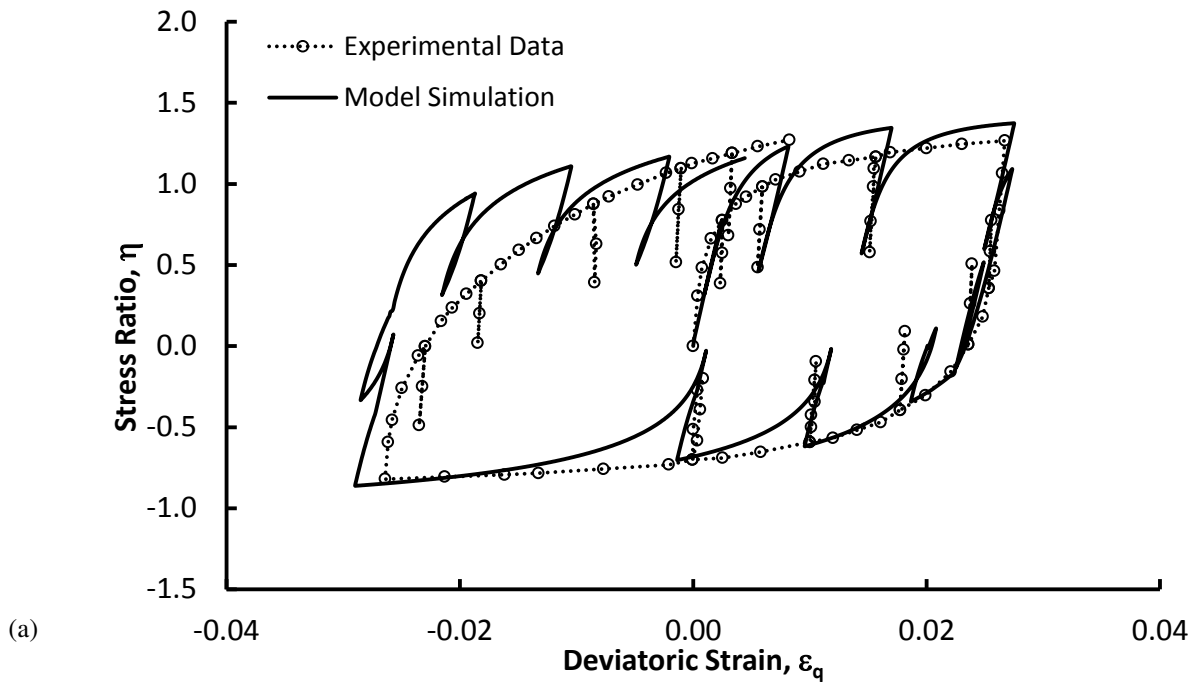


Figure 23: Drained cyclic test on a very loose sample of Toyoura sand with small hysteresis loops

(a) $\eta - \varepsilon_q$ plot and (b) $\varepsilon_v - \varepsilon_q$ plot

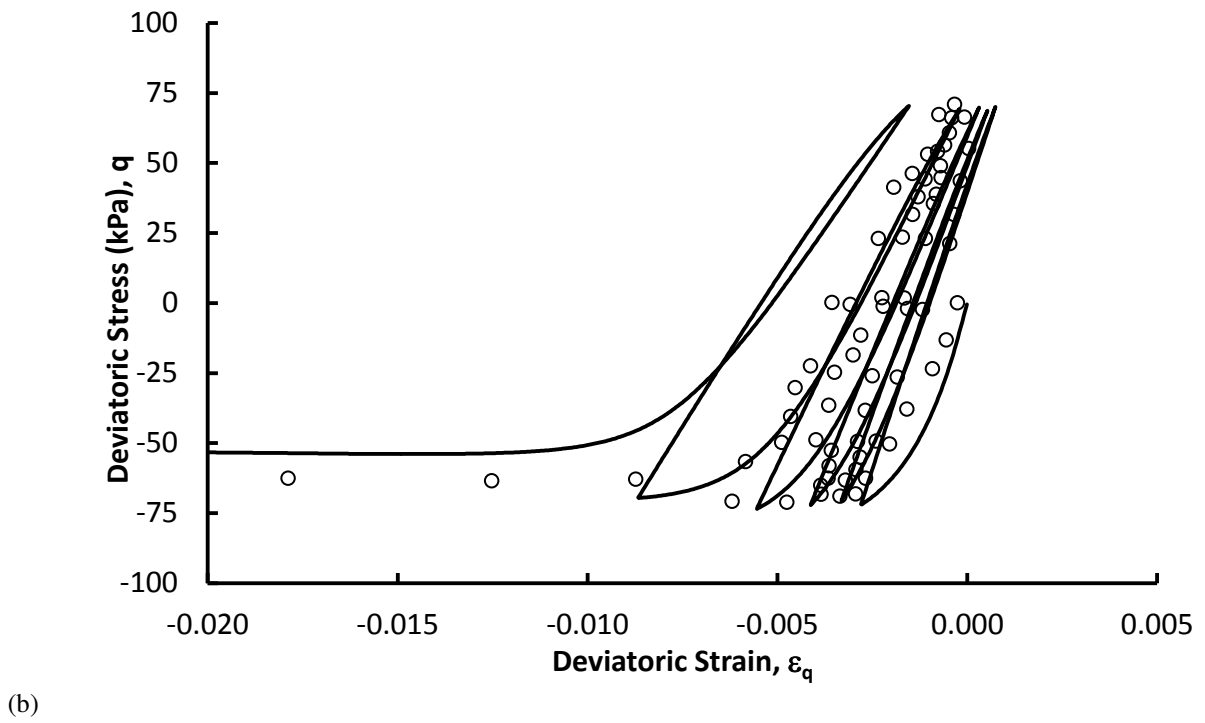
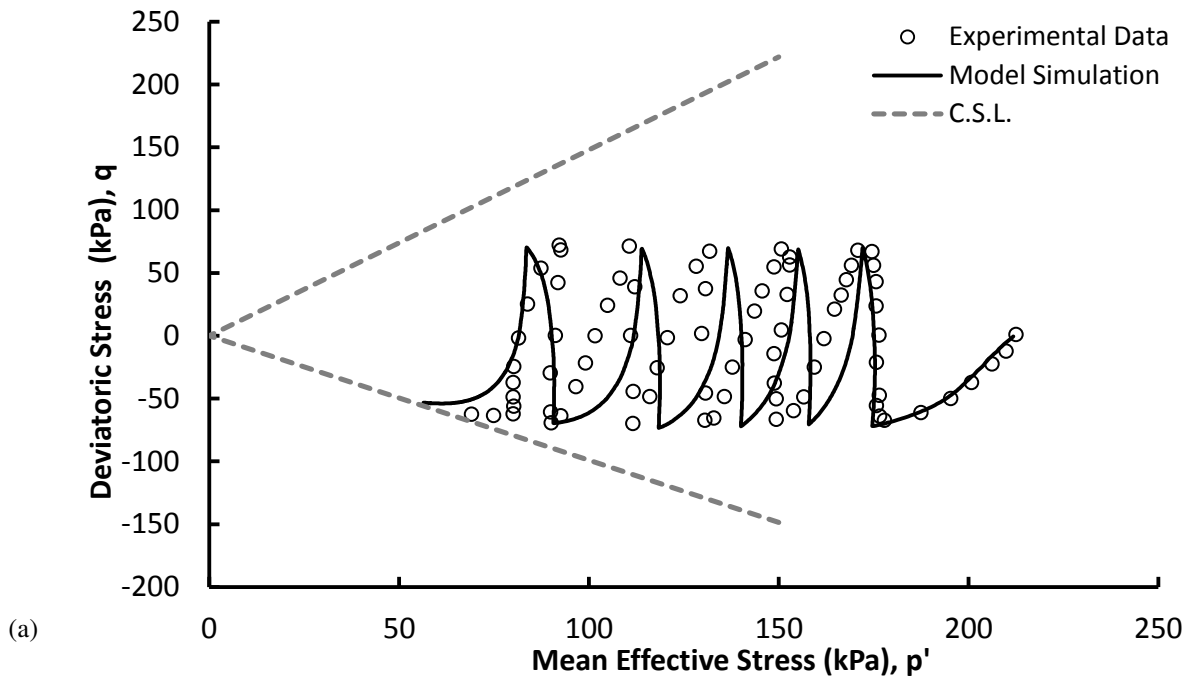
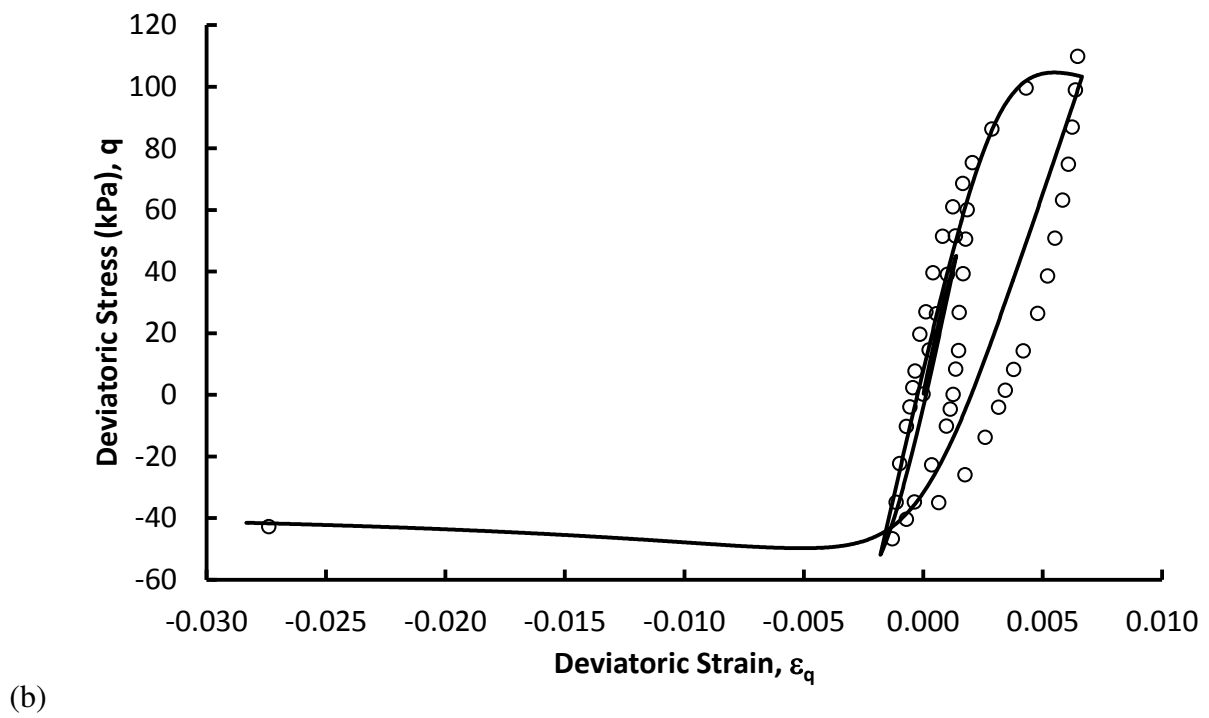
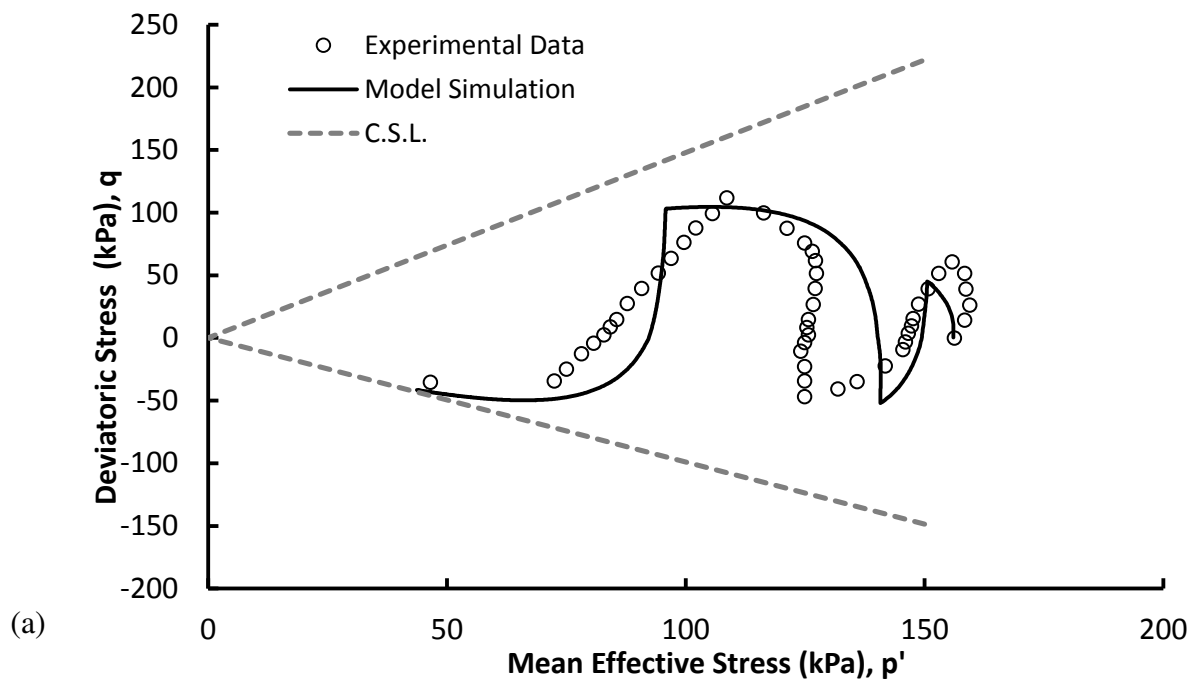


Figure 24: Undrained cyclic test with constant cyclic amplitude on a loose sample of Fuji River sand
(a) $q - p'$ plot and (b) $q - \varepsilon_q$ plot



**Figure 25: Undrained cyclic test with irregular cyclic amplitude
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Table 1: Material constants used in all simulations

Soil	Reference	κ	ν	M_{cs}	λ_0	λ_{cr}	p'_{cr} (kPa)	Γ_0	N	R	k	A
Nevada Sand	Arulmoli <i>et al.</i> (1992)	0.003	0.33	1.25	0.022	0.24	2000	1.910	1.5	3.0	2.0	1.5
Toyoura Sand	Verdugo and Ishihara (1996) & Pradhan <i>et al.</i> (1989a&b)	0.008	0.3	1.24	0.033	0.24	2000	2.075	2.5	8.5	2.0	1.0
Fuji River Sand	Ishihara <i>et al.</i> (1975)	0.01	0.3	1.48	0.032	0.21	1500	1.870	3.0	6.2	2.0	1.0

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Table 2: Values of k_m parameter used in different simulations

Soil	k_{m0}		β_1	β_2
	First time loading	Unloading & reloading		
Nevada Sand	6.2	115.8	0.95	0.34
Toyoura Sand	1.2	76.0	1.05	0.3
Fuji River Sand	2.0	18.0	0	0

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Table 3: State parameters used in simulation of cyclic tests

Soil Type	Test Type	Sample/Load Condition	ID	ν_0	p'_0 (kPa)
Toyoura Sand	Drained $p' = cst$	Loose	1	1.845	98.1
		Dense	2	1.653	
		Very Loose	3	1.865	
		Very Loose	4	1.855	
Fuji River Sand	Undrained cyclic	Constant Amplitude	1	1.735	212.6
		Irregular Amplitude	2	1.749	156.0

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