

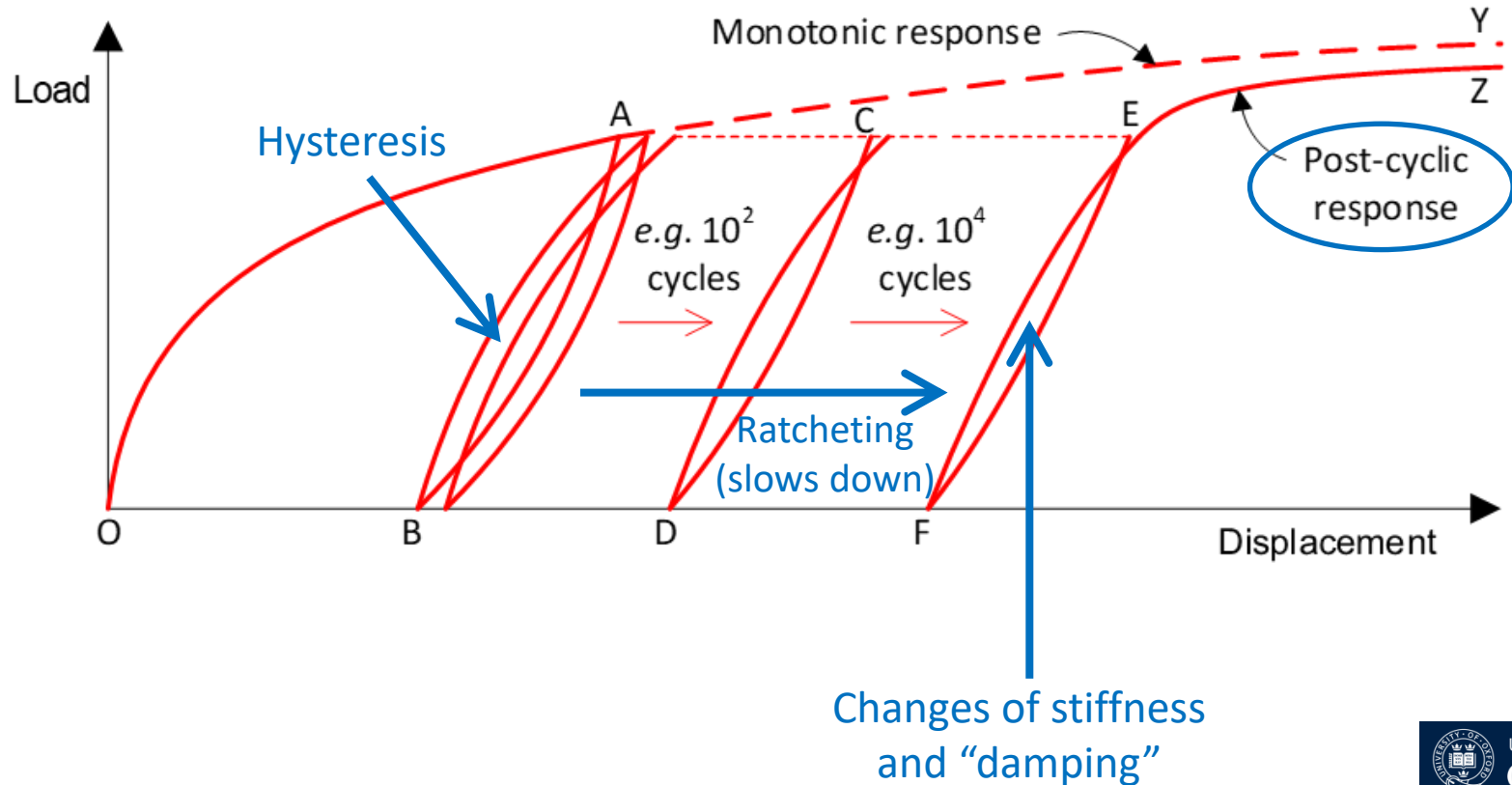
Theoretical modelling of cycling using HARM

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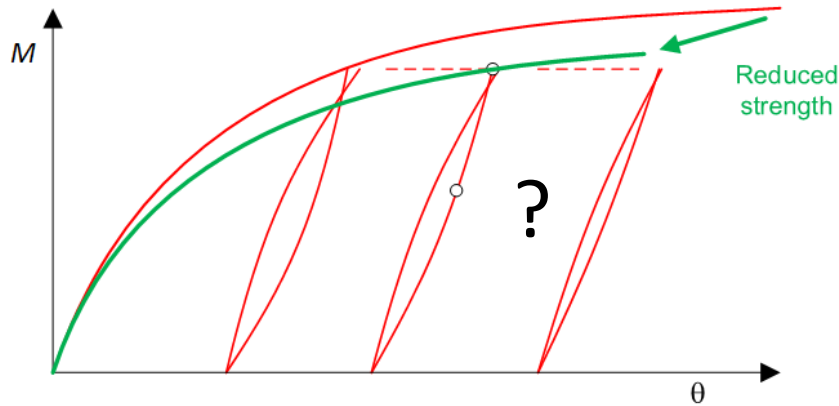
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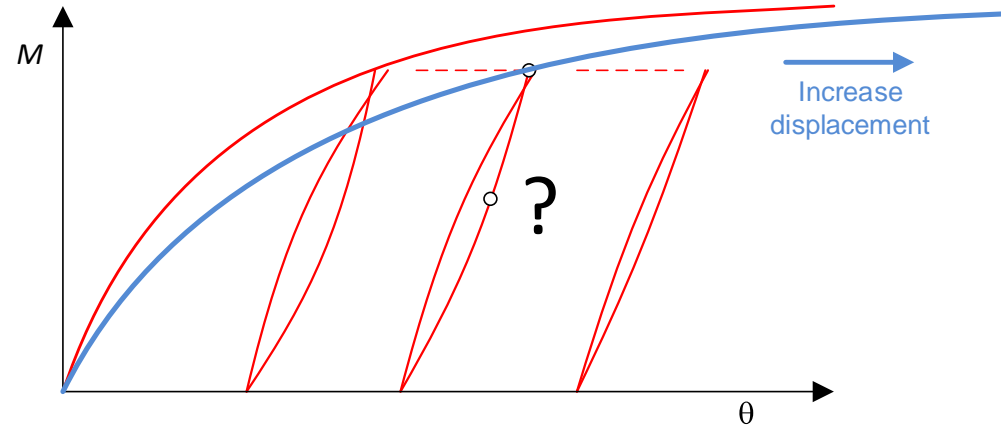
Phenomena to be modelled during cycling



Typical “scaling” design methods for cycling (unsatisfactory)

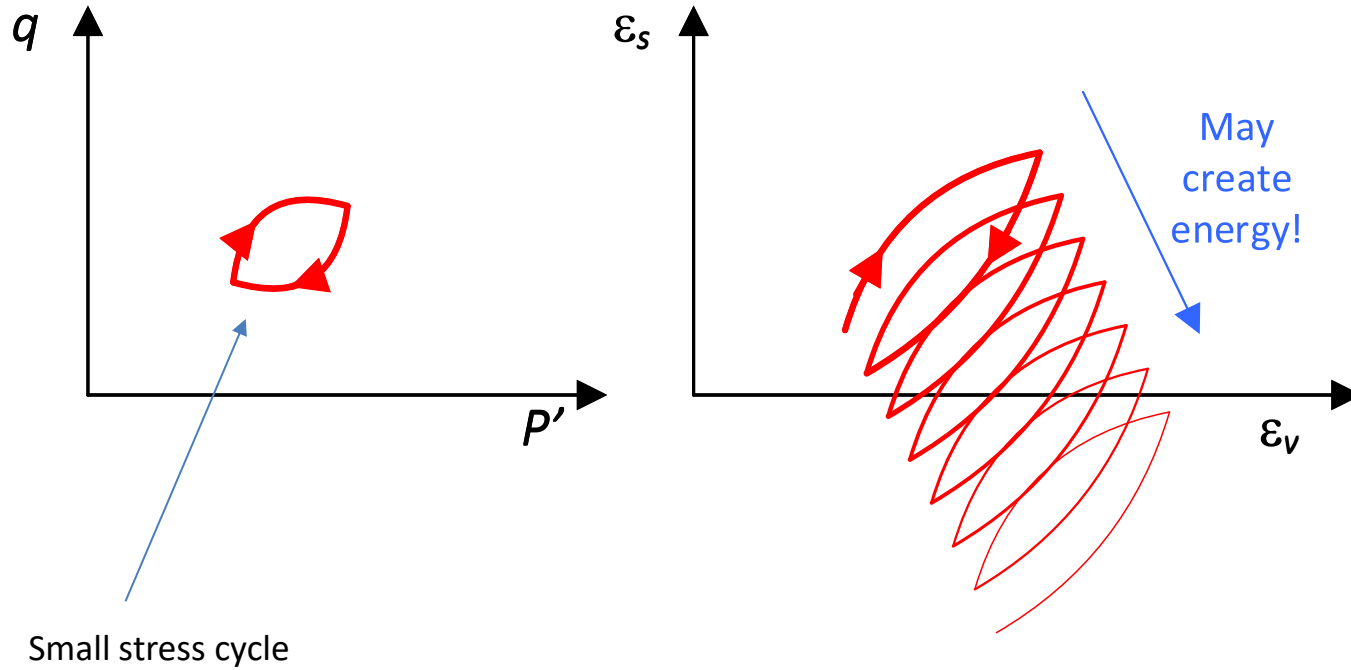


**Reduced strength at
constant stiffness**



**Increased displacement
at constant strength**

Why is thermodynamics important in cycling?



Hyperplasticity

Thermodynamics

First and Second Laws



Two scalar functions:

Stored energy = $f(\text{strain}, \text{plastic strain})$

Dissipation = $d(\text{plastic strain rate})$

Some standard
maths



Plasticity model:

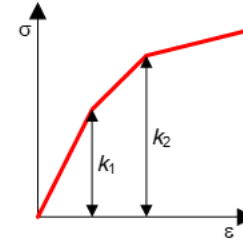
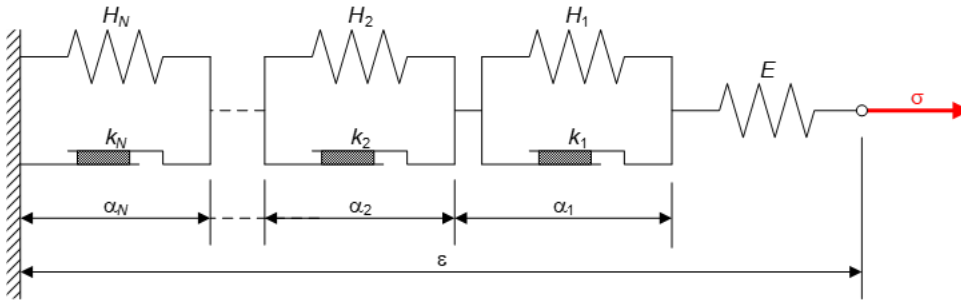
Stored energy = $f(\text{strain}, \text{plastic strain})$

Yield surface = $y(\text{stress}, \text{etc})$



Model non-linearity in
cyclic loading

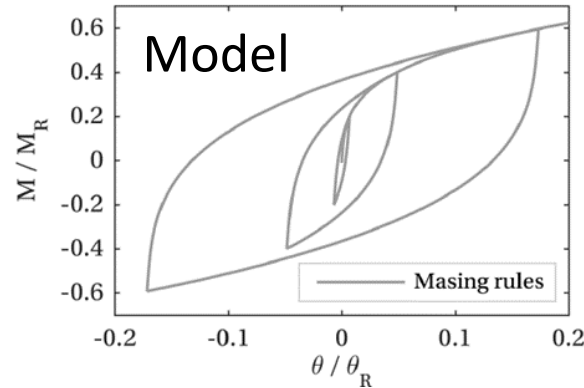
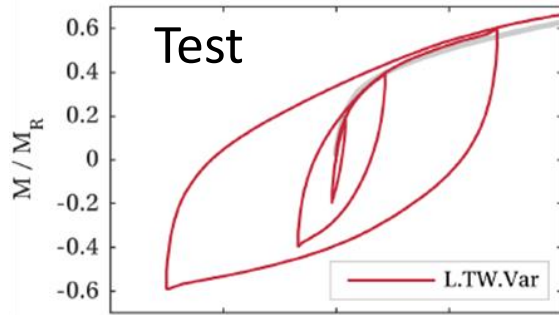
Modelling cycling with “multisurface plasticity”



$$f = \frac{E}{2} \left(\varepsilon - \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n \right) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{H_n}{2} \alpha_n^2$$

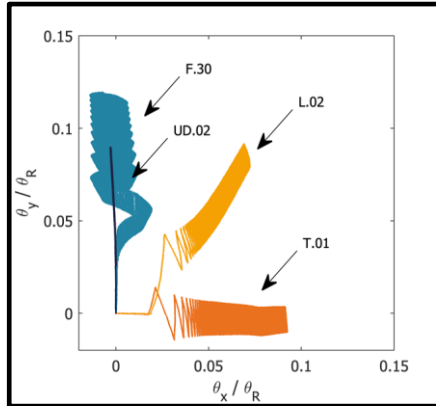
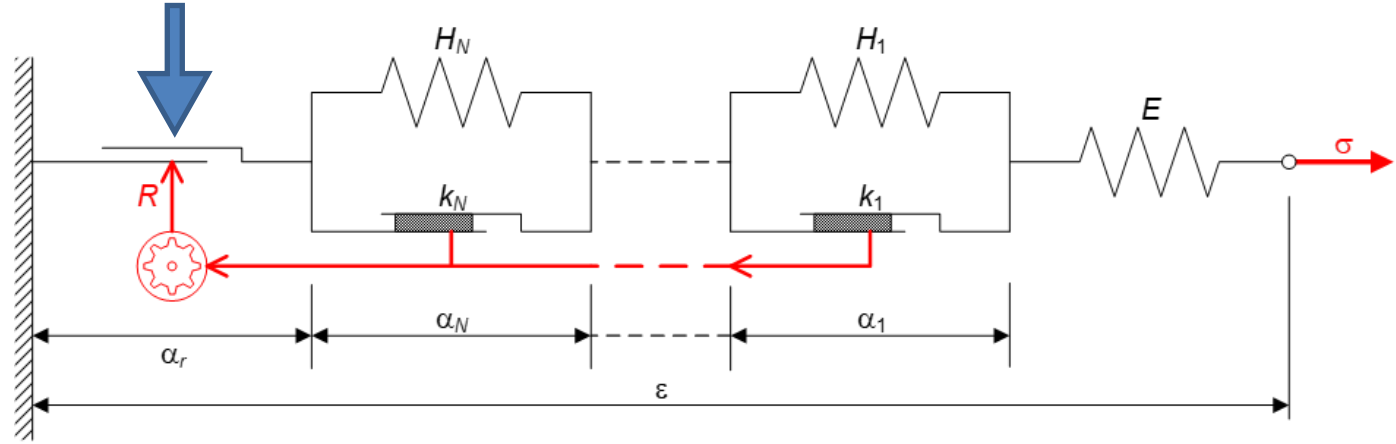
$$d = \sum_{n=1}^N k_n |\dot{\alpha}_n|$$

.... automatically obeys “Masing rules” on cycling



Modelling ratcheting: the “HARM” approach

Add a special “ratcheting element”, giving a small additional displacement



$$d\alpha_r = \text{sign}(\sigma) \sum_{n=1}^N R_n |d\alpha_n|$$

Magnitude of plastic strain

Ratcheting strain

Direction of the stress

Small fraction e.g. 10^{-4}

Scaling of ratcheting (“Acceleration”)

$$d\alpha_r = R_{fac} \text{sign}(\sigma) \sum_{n=1}^N R_n |d\alpha_n|$$

Complete model definition

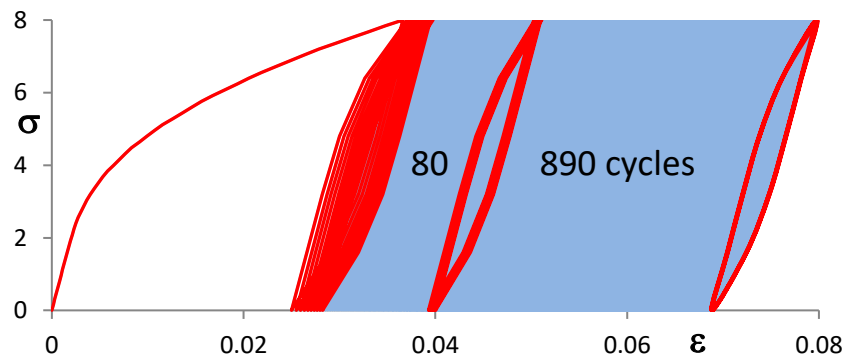
$$f = \frac{E}{2} \left(\varepsilon - \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n - \alpha_r \right)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{H_n}{2} \alpha_n^2$$

$$d = \sum_{n=1}^N k_n |\dot{\alpha}_n| + (\sigma \dot{\alpha}_r)$$

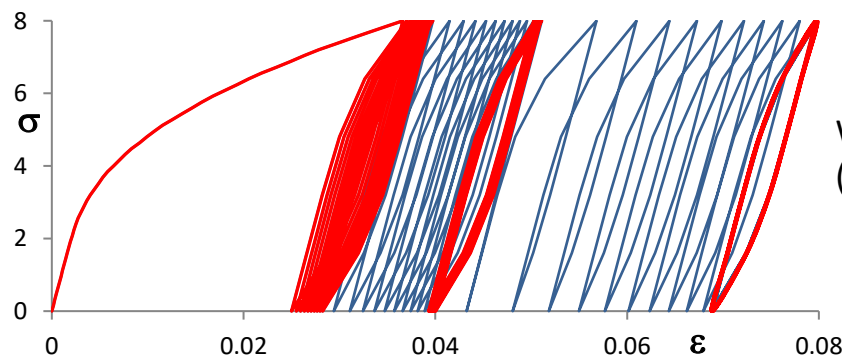
$$+ \Lambda_r \left(\dot{\alpha}_r - R_{fac} S(\sigma) \sum_{n=1}^N R_n |\dot{\alpha}_n| \right)$$

$$+ \Lambda_h (\dot{\beta} - |\dot{\alpha}_r|)$$

$$R_n = f(\beta)$$



No acceleration
(1000 cycles)



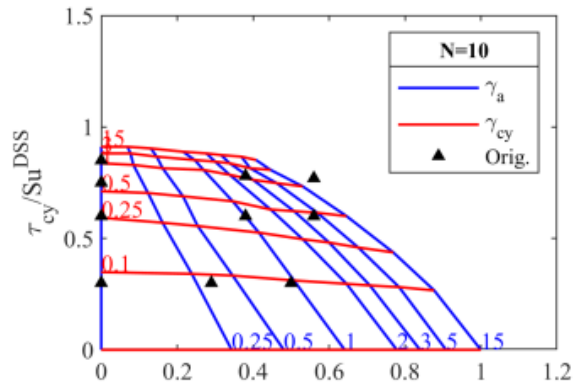
With acceleration
(50 cycles)

Continuum models (1): Clay

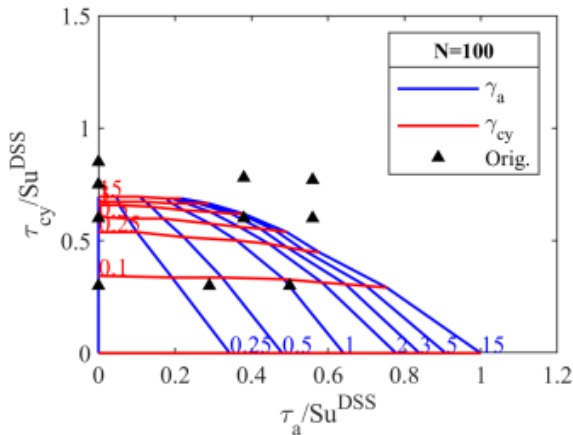
- Develop a model for undrained clay in Direct Simple Shear
 - Includes rate effects and ratcheting
- Use model to compare with NGI “contour diagram” approach for predicting strains during cycling
 - Create artificial contour diagrams from the model to compare with NGI

Compare with NGI contour diagrams

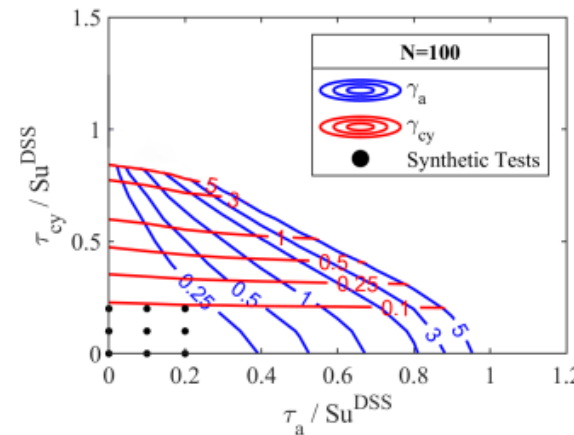
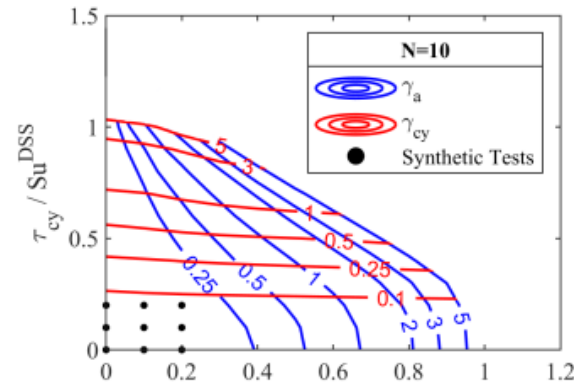
$N_{\text{cycles}} = 10$



$N_{\text{cycles}} = 100$



NGI tests on Drammen Clay:
empirical contour diagram



Synthetic contour diagram
generated by HARM model

*Modelling by
Toby Balaam*

Continuum models (2): Sand

- Develop “HySand” model for sand in triaxial tests
- Compare with Torsten Wichtmann’s database of cyclic tests
- Generalised to general stress states
- Implemented in FE codes ABAQUS and PLAXIS

HySand – a constitutive model for sand under cyclic loading

Hyperplasticity: entire model defined by two functions:

$$g = -\frac{p_r}{k_r(1-m)(2-m)} \left(\frac{p_0}{p_r}\right)^{2-m} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(n)} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{I_{1\sigma}}{3} \alpha_{pc}^{(n)}$$

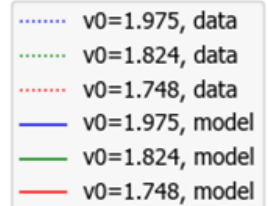
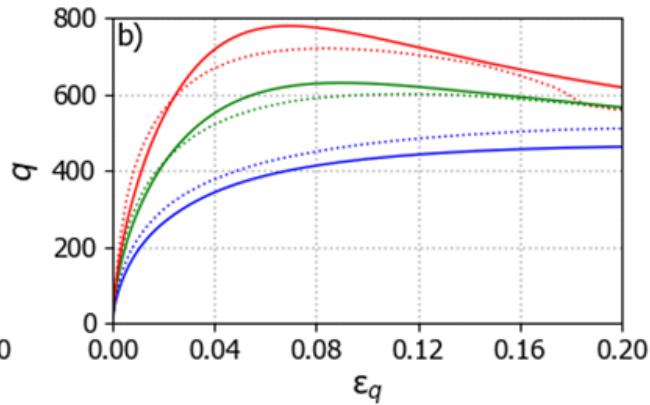
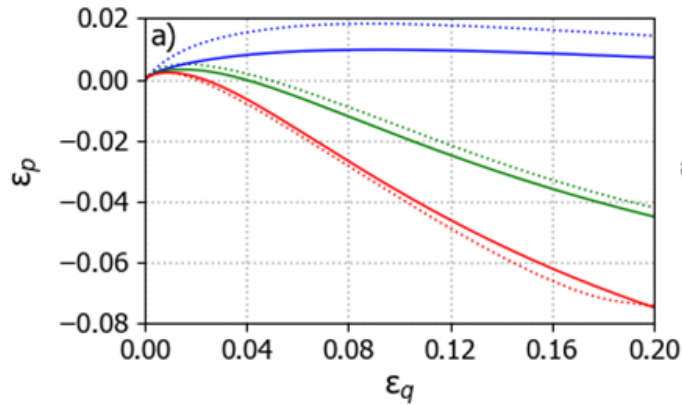
$$y^{(n)} = \frac{4I_{1\sigma}J_{2\mathbf{X}^{(n)}} - 3\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{X}^{(n)2})}{8\left(\frac{n}{N}\mu\right)^2 I_{3\sigma}} + \left(\frac{N\chi_{pc}^{(n)}}{p_c^{(n)}}\right)^r - 1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^{(n)} = \dots, \quad p_0 = \dots, \quad \beta = \dots, \quad \text{etc.}$$

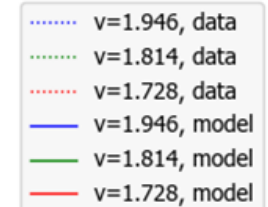
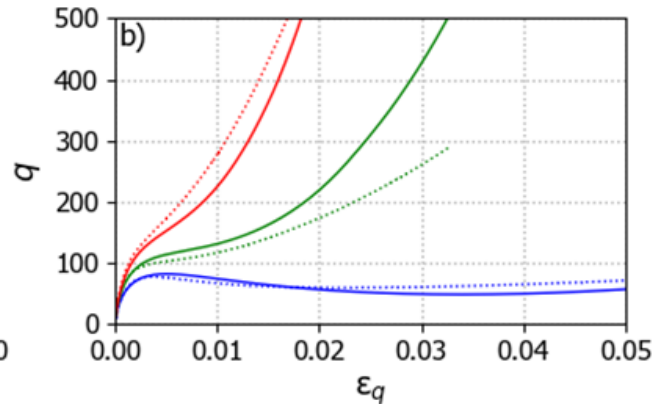
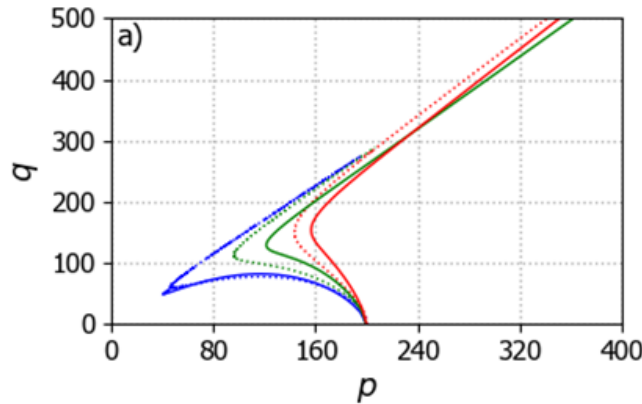
k_r	g_r	m	φ_c	β_{max}	B	Γ	Δ	λ_Γ	λ_Δ	A_{max}	h_0	b	r
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Monotonic tests

Drained
tests at
different
densities

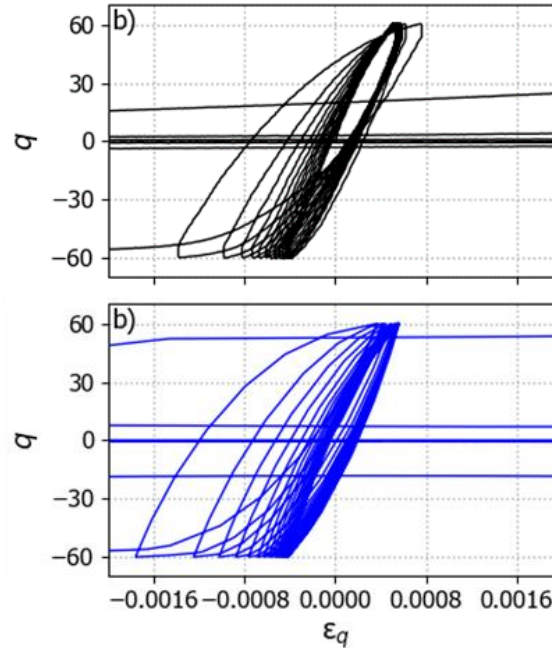
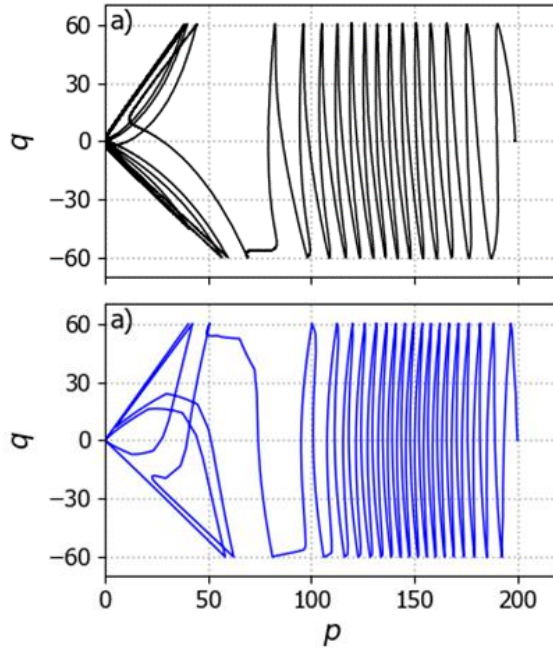


Undrained
tests at
different
densities



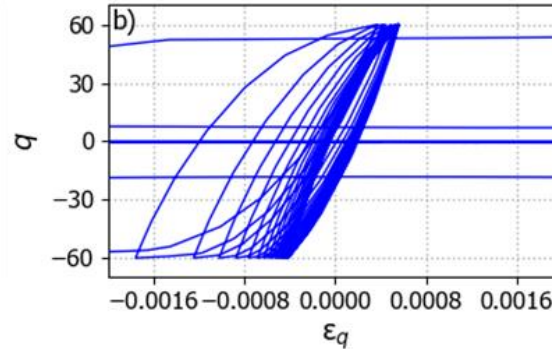
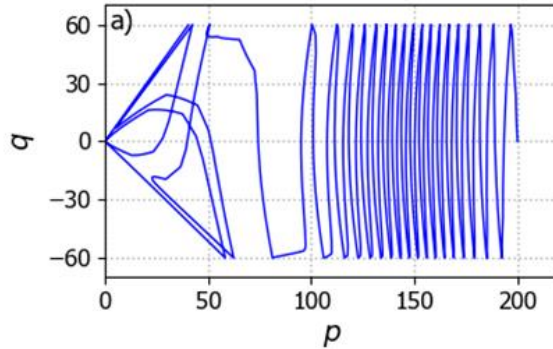
Cyclic tests: stress controlled

Data



— $v=1.834$, data

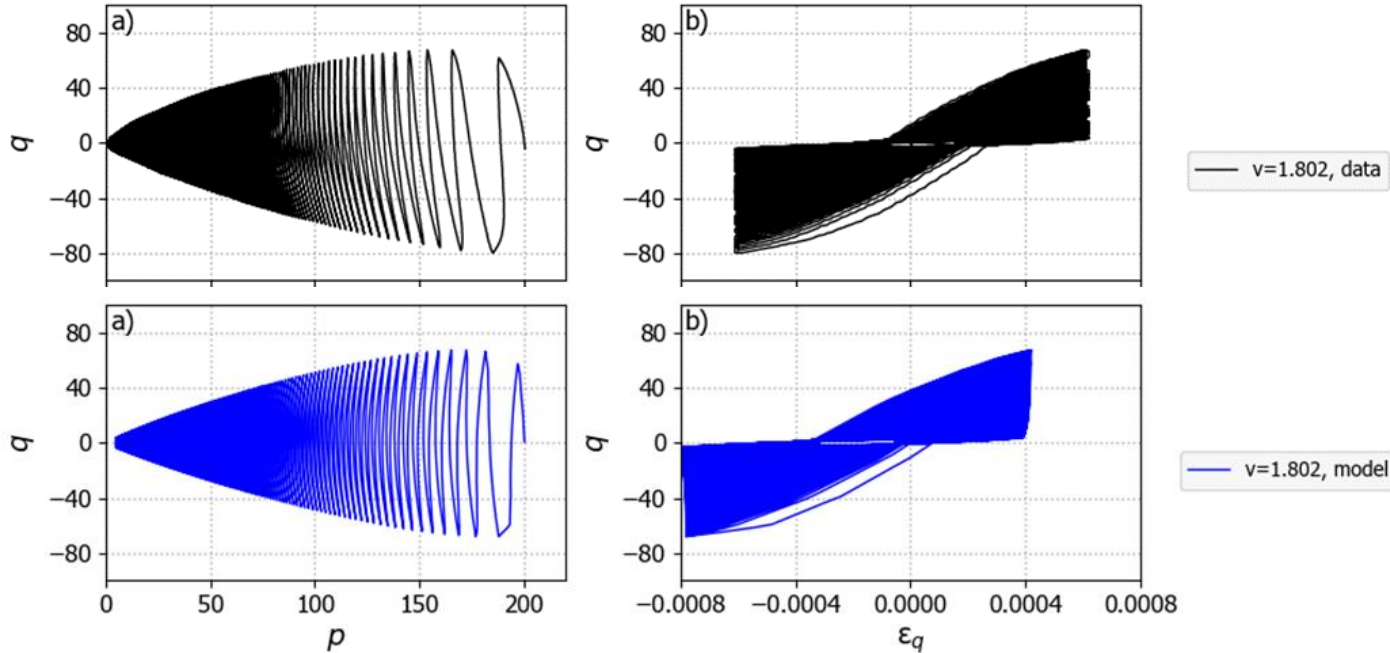
Model



— $v=1.834$, model

Cyclic tests: strain controlled (small cycles)

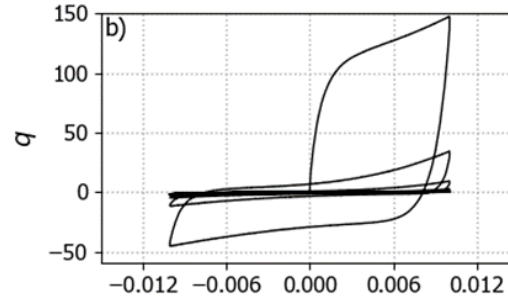
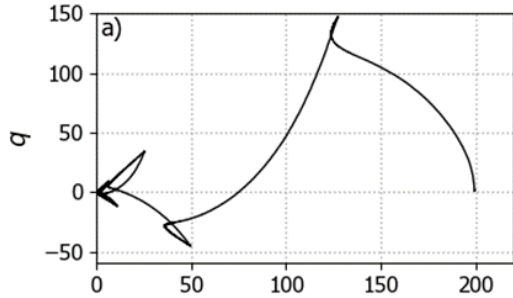
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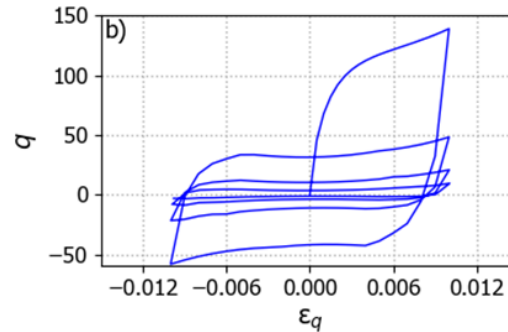
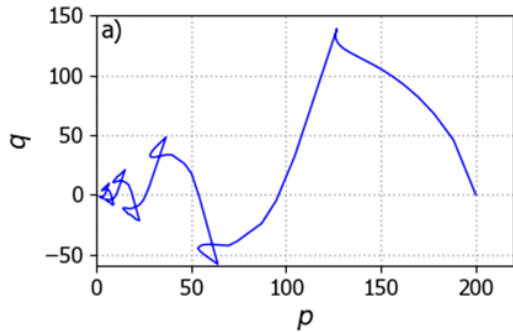
Cyclic tests: strain controlled (large cycles)

Data



— $v=1.804$, data

Model



— $v=1.804$, model

... final remarks

- Modelling cyclic loading
- Hyperplasticity ensures that the models obey thermodynamic principles
- HARM is a method to add ratcheting to basic multisurface models
 - Reproduces “contour diagrams”
- HySand models cycling of sand
 - Reproduces Wichtmann’s data well

