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Settlement Analysis**

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 About LiquefyPro

LiquefyPro is software that evaluates liquefaction potential and calculates the settlement of soil deposits due to seismic loads. The program is based on the most recent publications of the NCEER Workshop and SP117 Implementation. The user can choose between several different methods for liquefaction evaluation: one method for SPT and BPT, and four methods for CPT data. Each method has different options that can be changed by the user. The options include Fines Correction, Hammer Type for SPT test, and Average Grain Size (D_{50}) for CPT. The settlement analysis can be performed with two different methods.

LiquefyPro has a user-friendly graphical interface making the program easy to use and learn. Input data is entered in boxes and spreadsheet type tables (see figures below). CPT data files can be imported to reduce the amount of time spent on entering and editing data.

The results of the liquefaction evaluation and settlement calculation can be displayed graphically and/or sent to a text file. The graphic report can be printed to be included in engineering reports, if desired. The image of the graphic can be saved as a Windows metafile, which can be inserted into Windows applications such as MS-Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and AutoCAD. The image also can be copied and pasted to other Windows applications. The text file with result data can be imported and used in other software programs such as spreadsheets and word processors.

The program runs in Windows 95/98/2000/NT and XP.

1.2 About this User's Manual

This manual:

- 1) Introduces theories and methods of calculation used in the program (the user should be familiar with the mechanics of liquefaction phenomena).
- 2) Describes all input and output parameters.
- 3) Provides examples of typical problems.

1.3 About CivilTech

CivilTech Software employs engineers with experience in structural, geotechnical, and software engineering. These engineers have many years of experience in design and analysis in these fields, as well as in special studies including: seismic analysis, soil-structure interaction and finite element analysis. CivilTech has developed a series of engineering programs, which are efficient, easy to learn, engineering-oriented, practical, and accurate. The CivilTech Software series includes ct-Shoring,, Upres (Tunnel), All-Pile, SuperLog, and VisualLab. These programs are widely used in the U.S. and around the world. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.civiltechsoftware.com>.

2 INSTALLATION & REGISTRATION

2.1 Installation

Downloaded from Internet

When you downloaded the program from our Web site, you received an installation file called "li_setup.exe", which you saved in a folder on your computer. Click to run the EXE file and it will start the installation process automatically. You also can run setup directly from internet.

Setup from CD

Insert the CD into your CD driver. Go to CD Row folder, find the software you want and click it to run installation.

Setup from Disk

Insert the setup disk into floppy drive A: or B:

Press the <Start> button (usually in the lower left corner of your screen) and select [Run].

Type: A: install or B: install

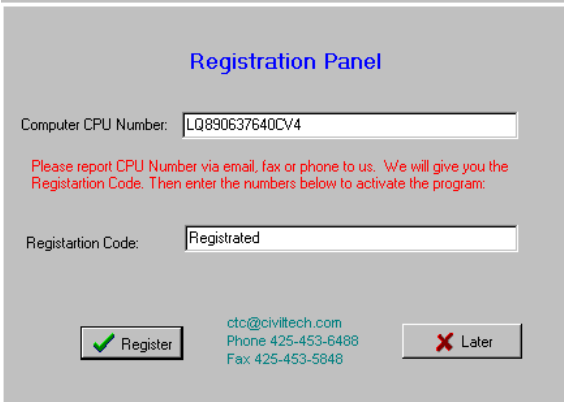
Press <OK> and then follow the directions on the screen.

2.2 Registration

The program disk you received, or the file you downloaded from the Internet, will show you several examples of LiquefyPro. This is a demo program only. You cannot edit the data in this demo program. To access full functions of LiquefyPro, you must register your software with CivilTech.

To register your program, open the Registration panel from the Settings Menu. The program will find your computer (CPU) ID number and indicate it at the top of the registration panel. You may provide this number to CivilTech by telephone, email or fax. We will give you a registration code, which you enter into the panel, along with your user name and company name. Click <Register!> to close the program. Then re-open LiquefyPro and you will have full program functions.

You will need to have one license for each computer on which the program is installed. Additional licenses may be obtained at discounted rates. If further information is desired, please contact CivilTech (our email address is ctc@civilttech.com).



The image shows a 'Registration Panel' window. At the top, it says 'Registration Panel' in blue. Below that, 'Computer CPU Number:' is followed by a text box containing 'LQ890637640CV4'. A red message says: 'Please report CPU Number via email, fax or phone to us. We will give you the Registration Code. Then enter the numbers below to activate the program:'. Below this, 'Registration Code:' is followed by a text box containing 'Registered'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: a green 'Register' button with a checkmark and a red 'Later' button with an 'X'. To the right of the buttons, contact information is listed: 'ctc@civilttech.com', 'Phone 425-453-6488', and 'Fax 425-453-5848'.

Figure 2-1: Registration Window

3 RUNNING THE PROGRAM

3.1 Toolbar

At the top of the screen is the familiar Windows toolbar with the following commands: File, Edit, Results, Settings, and Help.

3.1.1 File Menu

Command, Shortcut keys	Action
Alt+F	Opens File menu.
New, Ctrl+N	Opens new file.
Open, Ctrl+O	Opens existing file.
Save, Ctrl+S	Saves open file. Note: The file has the extension “.liq”.
Save As	Saves open file.
Exit, Ctrl+X	Closes LiquefyPro.

3.1.2 Edit Menu

Command, Shortcut keys	Action
Alt+E	Opens Edit menu.
Copy, Ctrl+C	Copies selected or highlighted cells to clipboard. User can paste clipboard contents into word processors, spreadsheets, etc.
Paste, Ctrl+V	Pastes clipboard content into LiquefyPro, making it easy to import data, e.g., from spreadsheets.

3.1.3 Results Menu

Command, Shortcut keys	Action
Alt+R	Opens Results menu.
Graphic Report, F6	Performs analysis and displays results graphically (same action as the Graphic button, see below).

Summary Report, F7	Performs analysis and displays summarized results in a small text file, which can be saved and retrieved from other programs (same action as the Summary button, see below).
Calculation Report, F8	Performs analysis and displays a comprehensive text file that can be saved and retrieved from other programs (same action as the Details button, see below).

3.1.4 Settings Menu

Command, Shortcut keys	Action
Alt+S	Opens Settings menu.
Report Type	Set report type. Nine different types are available.
Report Format	Set report format with logo, border, etc.
Registration	Opens registration panel.

3.1.5 Help Menu

Command, Shortcut keys	Action
Alt+H	Opens Help menu.
Content, F1	Displays help contents.
About	Displays information about program.

3.2 Buttons

Below the toolbar are three main buttons: Graphic, Summary, and Details.

Button	Action
Graphic	Performs analysis and displays results graphically.
Summary	Performs analysis and displays summarized results in a small text file, which can be imported into word processing programs.
Details	Performs analysis and displays a comprehensive text file that can be imported into word processing programs.

3.3 Input Pages

Beneath the three buttons are tabs for the three different input pages. The program starts automatically when the first input page is activated.

3.3.1 Input Page 1 - Data Input

LiquefyPro

File Edit Results Settings Help

Graphic Summary Details C:\Liquefy4\example2a.liq

Data Input | Soil Profile | Advanced

Title: Example 2b CPT before surcharge

Subtitle: 98045A English Unit

PGA (g): 0.25

Magnitude: 6

Hole Depth: 70

Hole No.: CPT-124-99A

Elevation: 234

Water Table during Earthquake: 2

Water Table during In-Situ Testing: 5

Page No.: Plate A-2

1 in = 10 foot

In-Situ Test Type: ☒ CPT Input ☐ SPT Input ☐ BPT Input

Units: ☒ English ☐ Metric / SI

Units for qc and fc: ☒ ton/ft2 ☐ kgf/cm2 ☐ MPa ☐ kPa

In-Situ Test Data

#	Depth	qc	fc	G total	Fines(%)	D50(mm)
1	0	4.06	0.09	112	24	5
2	2.6	5.22	0.10			
3	3	22.00	0.70	108	22	
4	3.3	17.51	0.40			
5	3.6	33.82	0.42			
6	4	20.10	0.54			
7	4.3	19.91	0.62			
8	4.6	35.02	0.15	109.5		
9	5	34.20	0.24			
10	5.3	27.71	0.53			
11	5.6	25.82	0.6			
12	5.9	23.43	0.90			

Input 101 in Fines(%) for Non-Liquefy Soil
Gtotal - Total Unit Weight

Depth = ft, Stress or Pressure = tsf (atm), Unit Weight = pcf, Settlement = in.

Figure 3.1 Input Page 1

Input cell

Project Title

Subtitle.

PGA (g)

Magnitude

Water Table during Earthquake

Water Table In-Situ Testing

Description

Choose a name for your project.

Choose subtitle or any other comment you would like to add to the title.

Enter the peak horizontal ground acceleration for the earthquake. The unit is g (type “2.5”, not “2.5g”)

Enter the earthquake magnitude, ranging from 5 to 9.

Water table at the time of Earthquake.

Water during CPT, SPT, or BPT testing. If you don’t know, use the same as above.

Hole Depth	Distance measured from ground surface to the end of the hole for which SPT, CPT, or BPT data is available. Liquefaction potential will be evaluated along the whole of this depth.
Hole No.	Boring log name.
Elevation	Ground surface elevation. For information purposes only. Parameter is not used in calculation.
In-Situ test type	Select appropriate input data types for SPT, BPT, and CPT data. SPT - Standard Penetration Test, (also called N-Value). CPT - Cone Penetration Test. BPT - Becker Penetration Test.
Units	Select preferred units. <i>You should define units before you input any data. Switching units does not automatically convert existing data.</i>
Plot Scale	Choose between different plot scales of the graphical output. Makes it easy to fit the graphical report on one or more pages.

In-Situ test data table

Note:

If the value of the next row is equal to the one above, you can leave that cell blank. For example, if it showed:

25
4

This would mean that the next two rows after 25 are 25 also.

Spreadsheet input table. Click on the cell where you want to enter data. The default setting is in overwriting mode. Press F2 to change the setting to edit mode. Move around with arrow keys or the mouse. Data can be entered manually or imported from a CPT data file (see CPT input further below).

Depth – The depth can be directly input or generated automatically (see Figure 3.2).

In-Situ test Test:

- SPT – Users should input field raw SPT data.
- CPT – Users should input field raw CPT data, qc-tip resistance and fs-friction. Users can select the units for CPT data between tsf, MPa, kPa, and kgf/cm2.
- BPT – Users should input field raw SPT data.

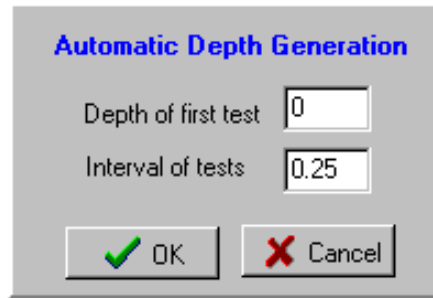
Gamma – Total unit weight of soils. Note: input total weight above and below water table.

Fines(%) – Input fines content in %. (If it is 50%, input 50 instead 0.5). If users think a layer is not liquefiable, the users should input 101 in fines content for this layer (see Question 5 in Q&A section).

D50 – The Grain Size D50 in mm. Only for CPT data.

Auto Depth Button

Opens Automatic Depth Generation box (see Figure 3.2). Enter starting point depth and interval (step length). The program will generate the depths until the end of the hole has been reached.



The image shows a dialog box titled "Automatic Depth Generation" in blue text. It contains two input fields: "Depth of first test" with the value "0" and "Interval of tests" with the value "0.25". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "OK" with a green checkmark icon and "Cancel" with a red X icon.

Figure 3.2 Auto Depth Generation

3.3.1.1 CPT Import Panel (Figure 3.3)

The CPT data can be entered by hand as for the SPT and BPT data, but for convenience CPT data files can also be imported directly with the import utility. Select CPT input and then press the “Import CPT data from file” button and a panel opens up where the format and units of the data can be specified.

Click <...> to select the file you want to import. The file must be a text file (ASCII). Each column should be separated by a tab, comma, space, or fixed column. The following are typical examples:

Tab delimited: 51 [tab] 36 [tab] 12 [tab] 31

Comma delimited: 51, 36, 12, 31

Space delimited: 51 36 12 31 (one space between each data)

Fixed columns: 51 36 12 31 (fixed location of each data)

For data of “Fixed Column” format the start of each column can be specified in the provided boxes to the right in the import table. Press <Import> and the data file is imported by LiquefyPro and entered in the spreadsheet table.

Data starts at line: If the first line in the data file is the title and the read data start at line 2, enter 2 in the box.

Press <Import> and the data file is imported by LiquefyPro and entered into the spreadsheet table. The imported data can be edited.

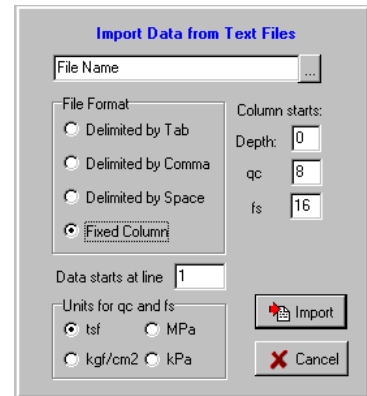


Figure 3.3 CPT Import Panel

3.3.1.2 Using MS-Excel to Modify data

If your CPT data has different column arrangement from program, you can import the CPT data to Excel. Then modify the data in Excel. After the data is suitable for the program, you can bring the data from Excel to the program by Importing or Pasting methods described below:

3.3.1.3 Import from Excel

Excel files (xls format) cannot be imported directly to the program; you must first save the file as a text file with the “delimited by tab” option (txt format). The text file can be imported from CPT Import Panel.

3.3.1.4 Paste from Excel

To paste Excel data into a LiquefyPro table, select the desired cells in Excel, then copy the cells. Switch to LiquefyPro and paste the selection into table.

3.3.2 Input Page 2 - Soil Profile

Soil Profile Input

Depth

Description

Enter the distance from the ground surface to the top of each soil layer. The depth is measured from the surface. The top soil has a depth of zero.

Symbol (see Figure 3.5)

Double click or right single click in the 2nd column and a pop-up window opens with Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) soil types. Select the appropriate soil type and LiquefyPro will add a nice-looking borehole log to the graphical output data. Clicking in between the soil types will close the window and no soil type will be entered.

Description

Enter comments or description of your choice about the soil deposit.

Non-Liquefy Soils

If users want Clay (CL or OL) to not liquefy during analysis, check here. Otherwise program define it only based on SPT or CPT data..

Depth	Type	Description
0	SP	Gray Fine to medium SAND
20		increasing silt
40	SM	Gray sandy SILT
68	END	CPT completed at 68 feet.

Double click or press Right Mouse Button to get Symbol Plate

Non-Liquefy Soils
☒ CL, OL are Non-Liq. Soil ☐ Based on Analysis

Depth = ft, Stress or Pressure = tsf (atm), Unit Weight = pcf, Settlement = in.

Figure 3.4 Input Page 2. Double click on 2nd column to get symbol plate below.

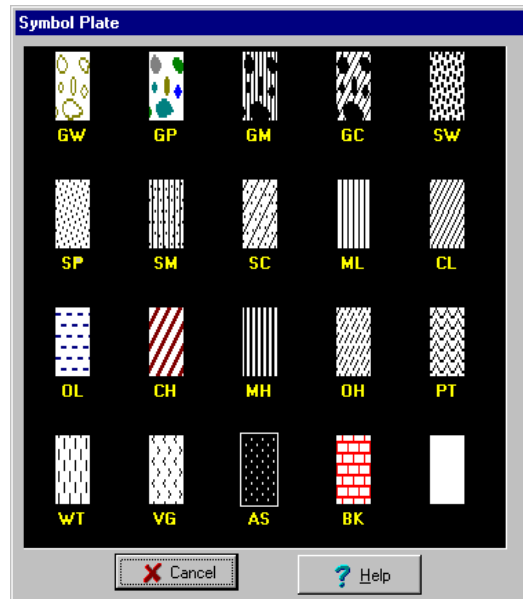


Figure 3.5 Soil Symbol Pop-up Window

3.3.3 Input Page 3 - Advanced

Input Cell	Description
6-8, SPT Corrections	Define all correction factors, C_e , C_b , C_r , and C_s . See Chapter 4.
1. CPT Calculation Method	Select between 4 calculation methods. See Chapter 4 for a description of methods. Refer Q8 and 9 in Q&A section.
2. Settlement Analysis for wet sand	Select between two calculation methods for liquefied sand settlement. See Chapter 4.
5. Calculation Settlement in zone of ...	Choose between settlement of the potentially liquefied zone or entire soil deposit.
3. Fines Correction	Select among four fines content correction methods. See Chapter 4.
4. Fines Correction for Settlement analysis	Option 1: Users can let program makes Fines Correction in liquefaction analysis (item 3 above) then use the same corrected Fines for settlement analysis. Option 2: Program makes Fines Correction in liquefaction analysis (item 3 above). Then uses different Fines Correction for Settlement analysis (post-liquefaction correction, see Chapter 4).
Show curve above GWT	Present the CRR and CSR above the ground water table.

Ground Improvement of Fill on Top	Additional fill on the ground surface can reduce the liquefaction potential. Fill Height and Unit Weight of the fill are input here. The soil strength (SPT, CPT, and BPT) will also increase due to the additional fill. The increased strength is based on the ratio of the increased overburden stress over the previous overburden stress multiplying a Factor. This Factor is input here (0.2 to 0.5 is recommended). See details in Chapter 4 (Page 33).
10. Use Curve Smoothing	Select interpolation method for result curves. None = No interpolation, a zig zaggy curve Smooth = Moving average interpolation, a smooth curve
User request factor of safety: fs	Users can input a factor of safety, fs, which is applied to CSR. If $fs > 1$ then CSR increases, therefore increases liquefaction potential and settlement. The final F.S. including additional fs, because $F.S. = CRR/CSR$ and CSR including fs inside.
Pull Down List for fs and CSR plot	Users can select to use user inputted fs or without fs (program sets $fs=1$). Users also can select to plot one CSR or two CSR curves based on $fs=1$ and fs =user inputted value.
Report Type Button	Open a Report Type Panel (open screen in Figure 3.7).
Report Format Button	Open a Report Format Panel (open screen in Figure 3.8).

Figure 3.6 Input Page 3

Report Type Panel (Figure 3.7)

There are 9 different report types available to choose from. The user may also choose to have graphics of Factor of Safety and Settlement plotted on either side of the liquefaction curve. This gives the user 36 combinations of report types.

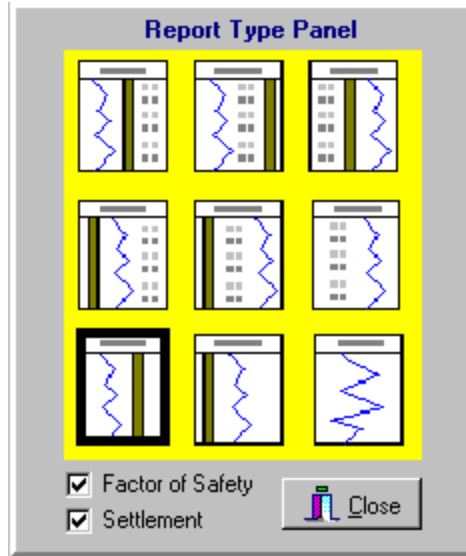


Figure 3.7 Report Type Panel

3.3.3.1 Report Format Panel (Figure 3.8)

When formatting the graphical reports, the user has the option of adjusting the border size and thickness to accommodate various printers (laser printer is preferred). The page number and page title can be edited as well. A company logo can be imported in BMP or WMF formats, with the ability to adjust the logo size



and location.

Figure 3.8 Report Format Panel

3.4 Result Output

LiquefyPro can produce three forms of analysis output:

- 1. Graphics:** Graphics present liquefaction potential along the depth of the study (CRR versus CSR). The shaded areas represent potential liquefiable zones. Other graphics can be selected to illustrate the variation in Factor of Safety, the degree of settlement for saturated and dry sands, and the change in lithology.
- 2. Summary:** A short report that summarizes the Factor of Safety and degree of settlement calculated in the analysis.
- 3. Details:** Detailed calculation report that presents all input data, calculation details, and output data.

3.4.1 Preview and Print Screen

Press the [Graphic] button on the main screen, and the program will present the Preview and Print screen as shown below. The functions of all the buttons are presented in the following text.

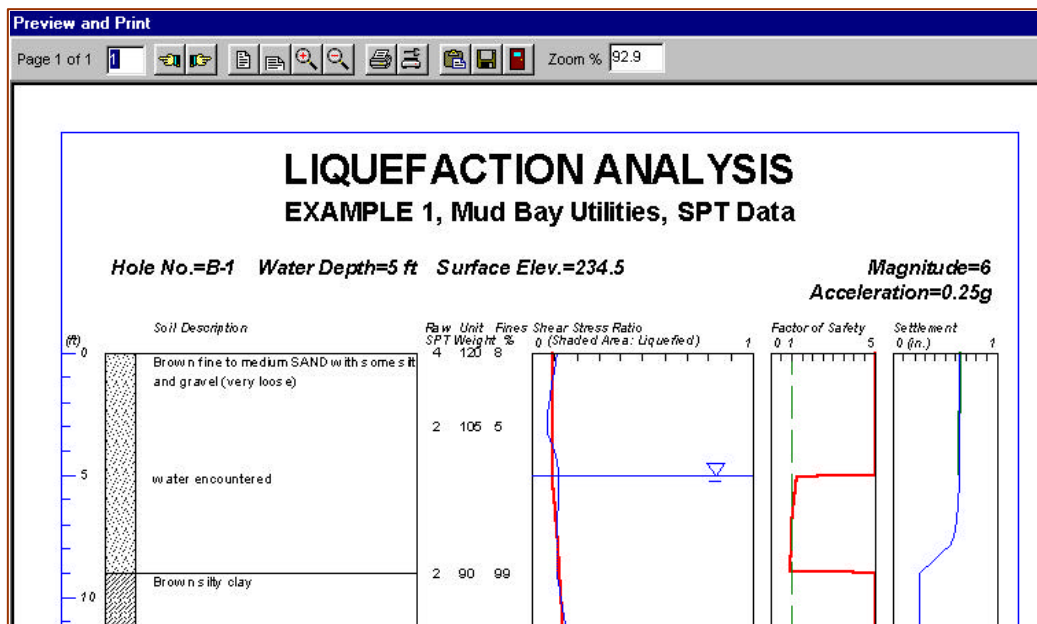


Figure 3.9 Preview Screen

Button Function	Description
Move Left	Previous page (N/A)
Move Right	Next page (N/A)
Page Height	Zoom to the page height
Page Width	Zoom to the page width
Zoom In	Enlarge the image
Zoom Out	Reduce the image
Printer	Send to printer
Printer Setup	Setup printer
Clipboard	Copy the graphics to Windows Clipboard. Users can paste the graphics to any Windows program such as MS-Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
Save	Save graphics to a Windows metafile, which can be opened or inserted by other drawing programs for editing.
Close	Close Preview

4 CALCULATION THEORY

Liquefaction is a common problem in earthquake prone zones where loose saturated soil deposits exist. This software package alleviates the tedious work of computing the liquefaction potential of level ground soil deposits. The calculation procedure is divided into four parts:

1. Calculation of *cyclic stress ratio* (CSR, earthquake “load”) induced in the soil by an earthquake.
2. Calculation of *cyclic resistance ratio* (CRR, soil “strength”) based on in-situ test data from SPT or CPT tests.
3. Evaluation of liquefaction potential by calculating a *factor of safety against liquefaction*, F.S., by dividing CRR by CRS.
4. Estimation of liquefaction-induced settlement.

4.1 CSR - Cyclic Stress Ratio Computations

The earthquake demand is calculated by using Seed's method, first introduced in 1971 (Seed and Idriss, 1971). It has since evolved and been updated through summary papers by Seed and colleagues. Participants in a workshop on liquefaction evaluation arranged by NCEER reviewed the equation recently in 1996. The equations is as follows:

$$CSR = 0.65 \frac{s_o}{s'_o} a_{max} r_d$$

where,

CSR is the cyclic stress ratio induced by a given earthquake,

0.65 is weighing factor, introduced by Seed, to calculate the number of uniform stress cycles required to produce the same pore water pressure increase as an irregular earthquake ground motion.

s_o is the total vertical overburden stress.

s'_o is the effective vertical overburden stress.

a_{max} is the Peak Horizontal Ground Acceleration, PGA, unit is in g.

r_d is a stress reduction coefficient determined by formulas below (NCEER, 1997). See Figure 4.1.

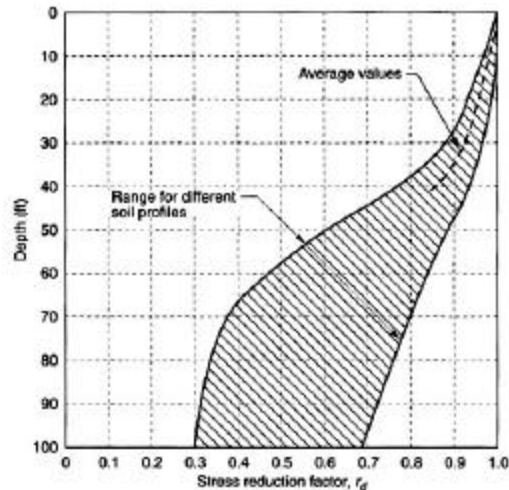


Figure 4.1 Stress reduction factor, r_d versus depth (After Seed and Idriss, 1971)

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_d &= 1.0 - 0.00765 \cdot z && \text{for } z \leq 9.15 \text{ m} \\
 r_d &= 1.174 - 0.0267 \cdot z && \text{for } 9.15 \text{ m} < z \leq 23 \text{ m} \\
 r_d &= 0.744 - 0.008 \cdot z && \text{for } 23 \text{ m} < z \leq 30 \text{ m} \\
 r_d &= 0.5 && \text{for } z > 30 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.2 CRR - Cyclic Resistance Ratio from SPT/BPT

As mentioned above, the CRR can be seen as a soil “strength”. (This parameter was commonly called CSR or CSR_L prior to 1996. However, in accordance with the 1996 NCEER workshop on liquefaction evaluation, the designation CRR is used in this program.)

The CRR liquefaction curves are developed for an earthquake magnitude of 7.5 and is hereafter called $CRR_{7.5}$. To take different magnitudes into account, the factor of safety against liquefaction is multiplied with a magnitude scaling factor (MSF). In the graphical output, the CSR is divided by the MSF to give an accurate view of the liquefied zone.

The computation of $CRR_{7.5}$ from SPT is described below. The BPT data is merely converted to SPT before following the SPT procedure to determine $CRR_{7.5}$. LiquefyPro uses the middle curve in the second chart in Figure 4.2 as a base for the BPT-SPT conversion.

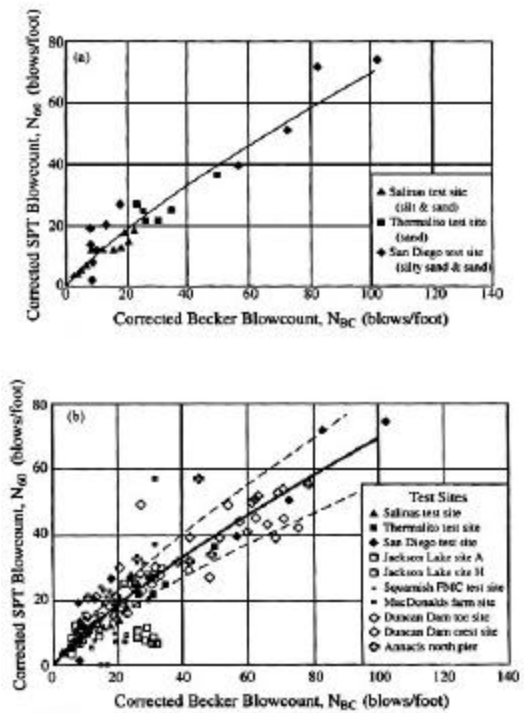


Figure 4.2 Curves for conversion between BPT and SPT.

(After Harder and Seed (1986), supplemented with additional test data by Harder (1997)).

4.2.1 Step 1 - Correction of SPT Blow Count Data

(Source of this section: SP117) Because of their variability, sensitivity to test procedure, and uncertainty, SPT N-values have the potential to provide misleading assessments of liquefaction hazard, if the tests are not performed carefully. The engineer who wants to utilize the results of SPT N-values to estimate liquefaction potential should become familiar with the details of SPT sampling as given in ASTM D 1586 (ASTM, 1998) in order to avoid some of the major sources of error.

The procedures that relate SPT N-values to liquefaction resistance use an SPT blow count that is normalized to an effective overburden pressure of 100 KPa (or 1.044 tons per square foot). This normalized SPT blow count is denoted as N_1 , which is obtained by multiplying the uncorrected SPT blow count by a depth correction factor, C_n . A correction factor may be needed to correct the blow count for an energy ratio of 60%, which has been adopted as the average SPT energy for North American geotechnical practice. Additional correction factors may need to be applied to obtain the corrected normalized SPT N-value, $(N_1)_{60}$. It has been suggested that the corrections should be applied according to the following formula:

$$(N_1)_{60} = N_m C_n C_e C_b C_r C_s$$

where

N_m = SPT raw data, measured standard penetration resistance from field

C_n = depth correction factor

C_e = hammer energy ratio (ER) correction factor

C_b = borehole diameter correction factor

C_r = rod length correction factor

C_s = correction factor for samplers with or without liners

The following sections also discuss the recommended correction factors. Table 4.1 presents typical corrections values.

Table 4.1. Corrections to Field SPT N-Values (modified from Youd and Idriss, 1997)

Factor	Equipment Variable	Term	Correction
Overburden Pressure		C_n	See Figure 4.3
Energy Ratio	Safety Hammer Donut Hammer Automatic Trip Hammer	C_e	0.60 to 1.17 0.45 to 1.00 0.9 to 1.6 See Table 4.2 for details
Borehole Diameter	65 mm to 115 mm 150 mm 200 mm	C_b	1.0 1.05 1.15
Rod Length**	3 m to 4 m 4 m to 6 m 6 m to 10 m 10 m to 30 m >30 m	C_r	0.75 0.85 0.95 1.0 <1.0
Sampling Method	Standard sampler Sampler without liners	C_s	1.0 1.2

- * The Implementation Committee recommends using a minimum of 0.4.
- ** Actual total rod length, not depth below ground surface

4.2.1.1 Overburden Stress Correction, C_n

C_n is an overburden stress correction factor given by:

$$C_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{s'_o}}$$

where

s'_o = the effective vertical overburden stress in ton/ft²

$0.4 \leq C_n \leq 1.7$ (SP117 and Youd et al. summary Report from 1996 NCEER and 1998 NCEER/NSF Workshops)

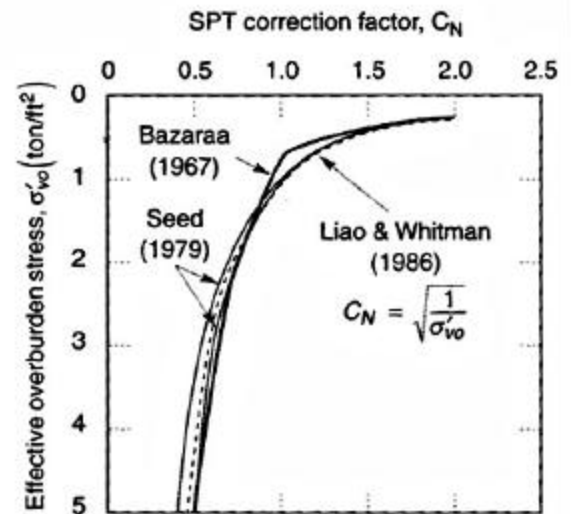


Figure 4.3 SPT overburden stress correction factor, C_n (after Liao & Whitman, 1986)

4.2.1.2 Drilling Method

The borehole should be made by mud rotary techniques using a side or upward discharge bit. Hollow-stem-auger techniques generally are not recommended, because unless extreme care is taken, disturbance and heave in the hole is common. However, if a plug is used during drilling to keep the soils from heaving into the augers and drilling fluid is kept in the hole when below the water table (particularly when extracting the sampler and rods), hollow-stem techniques may be used. There is no correction factor for drilling method.

4.2.1.3 Hole Diameter, C_b

Preferably, the borehole should not exceed 115 mm (4.5 inches) in diameter, because the associated stress relief can reduce the measured N-value in some sands. However, if larger diameter holes are used, the factors listed in Table 4.1 can be used to adjust the N-values for them. When drilling with hollow-stem augers, the inside diameter of the augers is used for the borehole diameter in order to determine the correction factors provided in Table 4.1.

4.2.1.4 Drive-Rod Length, C_r

The energy delivered to the SPT can be very low for an SPT performed above a depth of about 10 m (30 ft) due to rapid reflection of the compression wave in the rod. The energy reaching the sampler can also become reduced for an SPT below a depth of about 30 m (100 ft) due to energy losses and the large mass of the drill rods. Correction factors for those conditions are listed in Table 5.2. C_r is calculated in the program based on depth of the sample. The rod length is different from the sample depth. The rod length is assuming 1.5 meter more than depth. It means that the rod is 1.5 meter above the ground level.

4.2.1.5 Sampler Type, C_s

If the SPT sampler has been designed to hold a liner, it is important to ensure that a liner is installed, because a correction of up to about 20% may apply if a liner is not used. In some cases, it may be necessary to alternate samplers in a boring between the SPT sampler and a larger-diameter ring/liner sampler (such as the California sampler). The ring/liner samples are normally obtained to provide materials for normal geotechnical testing (e.g., shear, consolidation, etc.) If so, the N-values for samples collected using the California sampler can be roughly correlated to SPT N-values using a conversion factor that may vary from about 0.5 to 0.7.

4.2.1.6 Energy Delivery, C_e

One of the single most important factors affecting SPT results is the energy delivered to the SPT sampler. This is normally expressed in terms of the rod energy ratio (ER). An energy ratio of 60% has generally been accepted as the reference value. The value of ER (%) delivered by a particular SPT setup depends primarily on the type of hammer/anvil system and the method of hammer release. Values of the correction factor used to modify the SPT results to 60% energy (ER/60) can vary from 0.3 to 1.6, corresponding to field values of ER of 20% to 100%. The program uses the values shown in Table 4.2. This table uses average recommended values (Table 4.1) for US Hammer.

Table 4.2 Energy Correction Factor, C_e , for Various SPT Test Equipment in program

Location	Hammer	Hammer release	C_e
Japan	Donut	Free-fall	1.3
Japan	Donut	Rope and pulley with special throw release	1.12
United States	Safety	Rope and pulley	0.89
United States	Donut	Rope and pulley	0.72
United States	Automatic Trip	Rope and pulley	1.25
Europe	Donut	Free-fall	1.00
China	Donut	Free-fall	1.00
China	Donut	Rope and pulley	0.83

4.2.2 Step 2 - Fines Content Correction of SPT and CPT Data

The CRR curves used in LiquefyPro are based on clean sand. To use these curves for soil containing fines such as silt and clay, the blow count data must be corrected for the fines content. Simplistically, one could say that a soil containing fines is more liquefaction-resistant than a “clean” soil. Thus the blow count should be increased for the soil containing fines, which would increase its liquefaction resistance (see Figure 4.5). The Fines Content correction can be done with either one of the four options below. The option can be chosen on the advanced input page in LiquefyPro.

4.2.2.1 Option 1 - No correction

No fines corrections are made to original SPT or CPT value.

4.2.2.2 Option 2 - Idriss & Seed, 1997

The fines content correction formulas below were developed by R.B. Seed and I.M. Idriss (1997). This option is available only for SPT input and shown in Figure 4.4 (curve section at fines = 0 to 35%).

$$(N_1)_{60f} = \alpha + \beta(N_1)_{60}$$

$$\alpha = 0; \beta = 1.0 \quad \text{for FC} \leq 5\%$$

$$\alpha = \exp[1.76 - (190/FC^2)]; \beta = 0.99 + FC^{1.5}/1000 \quad \text{for } 5 < FC < 35\%$$

$$\alpha = 5.0; \beta = 1.2 \quad \text{for FC} \geq 35\%$$

where $(N_1)_{60f}$ is the corrected blow count.

FC is the fines content in %.

4.2.2.3 Option 3 - Stark & Olsen 1995

The average of the curves published by Stark and Olsen, 1995 (see Figure 4.4 straight line section at fines = 0 to 35%), called Recommended Design, is used for correction of $(N_1)_{60}$ for fines content, FC, by using the following formula:

$$(N_1)_{60f} = (N_1)_{60} + \Delta(N_1)_{60}$$

where $(N_1)_{60f}$ is the corrected blow count.

$\Delta(N_1)_{60}$ is the fines content correction given by Figure 4.4.

4.2.2.4 Option 4 - Modified Stark & Olsen

Option 2 and 3 are the same after Fines > 35%. $\Delta(N_1)_{60}$ is constantly at 7 after fines > 35%. There is no credit for fines from 35% to 100%. If users believe that the increasing fines reduce the possibility of liquefaction, users can select Option 4. Option 4 has the same line as shown in Figure 4.4 but instead keeping the correction line flat after fines=35%, the correction line continuously increases to fines = 100%.

Notes: Use Option 3 or 4 for SPT input, or use Seed's and Suzuki's method for CPT input. Robertson &

Wride's method has its own fines corrections built in the method.

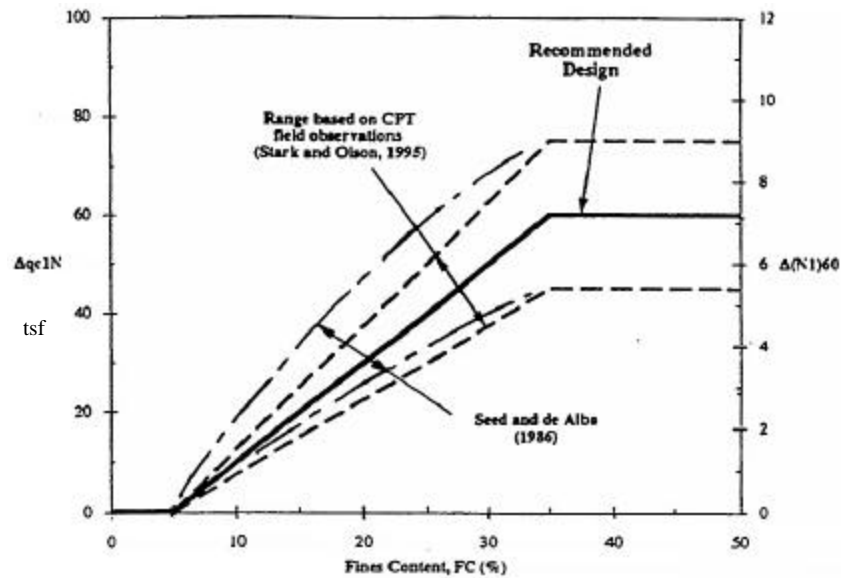


Figure 4.4 SPT and CPT Fines Content correction factors (after Seed, 1996)

4.2.3 Step 3 - Calculation of $CRR_{7.5}$

$CRR_{7.5}$ (Magnitude=7.5) is determined using the formula below (Blake, 1997).

$$CRR_{7.5} = \frac{a + c \cdot x + e \cdot x^2 + g \cdot x^3}{1 + b \cdot x + d \cdot x^2 + f \cdot x^3 + h \cdot x^4}$$

where,

$$x = (N_1)_{60f}$$

$$a = 0.048$$

$$b = -0.1248$$

$$c = -0.004721$$

$$d = 0.009578$$

$$e = 0.0006136$$

$$f = -0.0003285$$

$$g = -1.673 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$h = 3.714 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

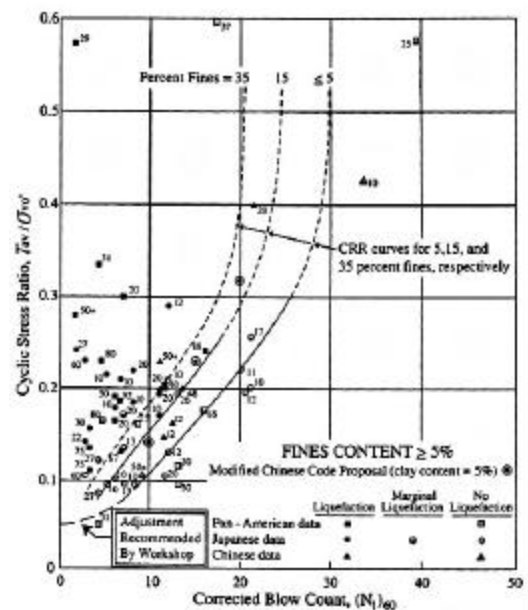


Figure 4.5 Simplified base curve recommended for calculation of CRR from SPT data along with empirical liquefaction data (modified from Seed et al., 1985). (NCEER 1997).

4.3 CRR - Cyclic Resistance Ratio from CPT Data

The user can choose between four methods to evaluate the $CRR_{7.5}$ from CPT data. The LiquefyPro procedure methods have been divided into steps that are described under each method. The methods used in the program have been named after the authors of the articles describing them. The user should be aware that these methods could be corrected and/or changed when more test data becomes available. Please refer Question 8 in Q&A section.

- Seed's Method, (Seed and De Alba, 1986, Seed and Idriss, 1982)
- Suzuki's Method, (Suzuki et al., 1997)
- Robertson & Wride's Method, (Robertson and Wride, 1997)
- Modified Robertson & Wride's Method, (Fines corrections are modified)

4.3.1 Seed's Method

This method is based on the SPT method. CPT data have been converted to equivalent SPT data. $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curves versus corrected SPT blow counts have been converted to $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curves versus corrected CPT tip resistance (Seed and De Alba, 1986). See also Figure 4.7.

4.3.1.1 Step 1 – Overburden Stress Tip Resistance Correction

The measured CPT tip resistance has to be corrected for overburden pressure. This is done as follows:

$$q_{cl} = C_q \cdot q_c$$

where

q_c is the measured tip resistance in MPa

and C_q is given by:

$$C_q = \frac{1.8}{0.8 + \left(\frac{s'_o}{s'_{ref}} \right)}$$

where

s'_o is the effective vertical overburden stress in kPa, and

s'_{ref} is a reference stress equal to one atmosphere, set to 100 kPa in LiquefyPro.

4.3.1.2 Step 2 - Fines Content Correction of Tip Resistance, Stark & Olson 1995

The $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curves for CPT are, as for the SPT, curves based on clean sand.

Therefore the tip resistance values of soil containing fines has to be increased to take into account the higher liquefaction resistance.

The average of the curves published by Stark and Olson, 1995 (see Figure 4.4 and input options 3 or 4 in Input page 3), called Recommended Design, is used for correction of q_{c1} for fines content, FC, by using this formula:

$$q_{c1f} = q_{c1} + \Delta q_{c1}$$

where Δq_{c1} is the Fines Content correction given by the Figure 4.4.

q_{c1f} is the corrected clean sand tip resistance in tsf.

4.3.1.3 Step 3 - Determine $CRR_{7.5}$

With the corrected clean sand tip resistance, the $CRR_{7.5}$ (Magnitude=7.5) can be determined from Figure 4.6.

The curves developed by Seed and De Alba (1986) are used. These curves are dependent on the mean grain size, D_{50} , which must be entered in the input table on input page 1. If D_{50} is not entered, LiquefyPro will use the curve corresponding to a D_{50} of 0.5

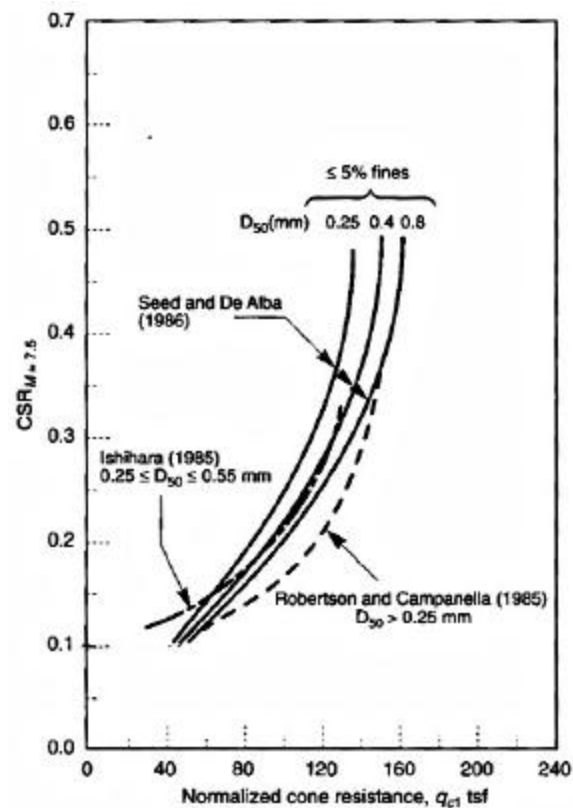


Figure 4.6 CPT-based liquefaction curves based on correlation with SPT data (after Kramer, 1996)

4.3.2 Suzuki's Method

This method was published by Suzuki et al. in 1997. It is based on the results of CPT test at 68 sites in Japan. It involves computation of a soil behavior type index, I_c , and adjusting the measured tip resistance with factor f , which is a function of the soil behavior type index. A $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curve based on the soil behavior type index adjusted tip resistance presented by Suzuki et al. is used in LiquefyPro (the liquefaction curve is called CSR in the article by Suzuki et al.).

4.3.2.1 Step 1 – Overburden Stress Tip Resistance Correction

The measured tip resistance is first corrected for overburden pressure according to the following formula:

$$q_{c1} = \frac{q_c}{P_a} \cdot \left(\frac{P_a}{s'_o} \right)^{0.5}$$

where

q_{c1} is the corrected tip resistance,

q_c is the measured tip resistance,

s'_o is the effective vertical overburden stress,

and,

P_a is a reference stress of 1 atm of the same unit as q_c and s'_o . (1 atm is 100 kPa or 1 tsf).

4.3.2.2 Step 2 - Fines Content Correction of Tip Resistance, Stark & Olson 1995

The $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curves for CPT are, as for the SPT, curves based on clean sand. Therefore the tip resistance values of soil containing fines has to be increased to take into account the higher liquefaction resistance.

The average of the curves published by Stark and Olson, 1995 (see Figure 4.4 and input options 3 or 4 in Input page 3), called Recommended Design, is used for correction of q_{c1} for fines content, FC, by using the formula:

$$q_{c1f} = q_{c1} + \Delta q_{c1}$$

where Δq_{c1} is the Fines Content correction given by the chart in Figure 4.4 above. The recommended design curve is used in LiquefyPro.

q_{c1f} is the corrected clean sand tip resistance in tsf.

4.3.2.3 Step 3 – Calculation of Soil Type Behavior Index, I_c

The soil behavior type index, I_c , is defined as (Robertson et al., 1995):

$$I_c = [(3.47 - \log Q)^2 + (\log R_f + 1.22)^2]^{0.5}$$

where



$$Q = \frac{q_{clf} - s_o}{s'_o}$$

$$R_f = \frac{f_s}{(q_{clf} - s_o)} \cdot 100 (\%)$$

where

q_{clf} is the fines corrected tip resistance in tsf,

f_s is the measured sleeve friction,

s_o is the total vertical overburden stress,

s'_o is the effective vertical overburden stress,

Q is a normalized tip resistance, and

R_f is a sleeve friction ratio.

4.3.2.4 Step 4 – Soil Type Behavior Index Adjustment of Corrected Tip Resistance

As mentioned above, the corrected tip resistance is adjusted for the soil behavior type index. The adjustment is made using the formula:

$$q_{ca} = q_{clf} \cdot f(I_c)$$

where

q_{ca} is the adjusted tip resistance

and

$f(I_c)$ is a function of I_c and defined by the table below (LiquefyPro incorporates this table as a polynomial function).

I_c	$f(I_c)$
≤ 1.65	1.0
1.8	1.2
1.9	1.3
2.0	1.5
2.1	1.7
2.2	2.1
2.3	2.6
≥ 2.4	3.5

4.3.2.5 Step 5– Obtaining $CRR_{7.5}$

$CRR_{7.5}$ (Magnitude=7.5) is determined from Figure 4.7 by using the adjusted tip resistance.

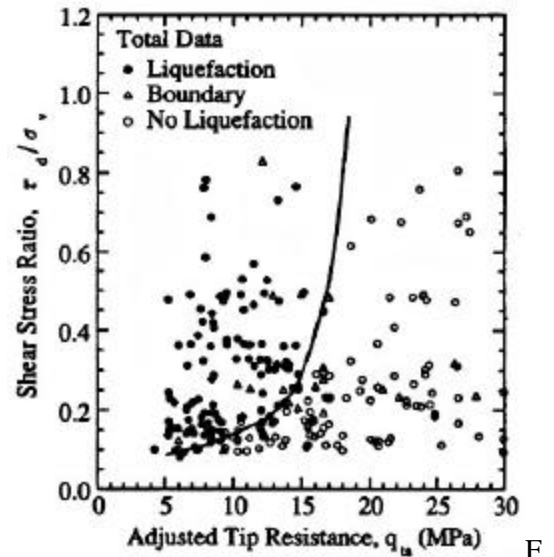


figure 4.7 $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curve versus adjusted tip resistance, q_{ca} (Suzuki et al., 1997)

4.3.3 Robertson & Wride's Method and Modified Method

The method was published in the 1997 Proceedings of an NCEER workshop. This method utilizes, as does the Suzuki method, the soil behavior type index I_c . An iteration procedure is used to find the correct I_c , which makes the method cumbersome for hand calculations but easy to implement in a software package such as LiquefyPro. First the correct I_c is computed by iteration in step 1. Step 2 determines the corrected tip resistance. In step 3, the corrected tip resistance is corrected for fines content. The fines content correction factor is dependent on the soil behavior type index. $CRR_{7.5}$ is determined in step 4 (see Figure 4.9). **Notes:** Robertson & Wride's method has its own fines correction built in (Step 3 A or B). The fines correction options in input page 3 has no effects on this method.

4.3.3.1 Step 1 – Iteration Procedure to Calculate Soil Type Behavior Index, I_c

The stress exponent, n in the formula below for Q is dependent upon soil type. Hence an iterative procedure is necessary for evaluation of I_c and n .

LiquefyPro starts with the assumption that the soil is clayey (stress exponent, $n=1$, see below) and calculates I_c by using the following formulae:

$$I_c = [(3.47 - \log Q)^2 + (\log R_f + 1.22)^2]^{0.5}$$

where

$$Q = \frac{q_c - s_o}{P_a} \cdot \left(\frac{P_a}{s'_o} \right)^n \quad n = 1 \text{ (stress exponent for clayey soils)}$$

$$R_f = \frac{f_s}{(q_c - s_o)} \cdot 100 (\%)$$

Variables are defined in the Suzuki's method.

If $I_c > 2.6$, the soil is probably clayey and the assumption is right - the analysis will be stop as there is no liquefying potential.

If $I_c < 2.6$, it means the assumption is wrong and I_c has to be recalculated with the above formulae.

Assume a granular material with $n=0.5$. Q is now computed with the following formula:

$$Q = \frac{q_c}{P_a} \cdot \left(\frac{P_a}{s'_o} \right)^n \quad n = 0.5 \text{ (stress exponent for granular material)}$$

If the recalculated $I_c < 2.6$, it means the assumption is right and the soil is probably non-plastic and granular. Proceed then to Step 2.

If the recalculated $I_c > 2.6$, it means the assumption is wrong again and the soil is probably silty. I_c has to be recalculated again using the above formulae. Assume silty soil,



$n = 0.7$ and Q given by:

$$Q = \frac{q_c}{P_a} \cdot \left(\frac{P_a}{s'_o} \right)^n \quad n = 0.7$$

To obtain I_c , proceed to Step 2.

4.3.3.2 Step 2 - Normalization of Tip Resistance

The measured tip resistance is corrected with the following formula

$$q_{CIN} = \frac{q_c}{P_a} \cdot C_Q$$

where

$$C_Q = \left(\frac{P_a}{s'_o} \right)^n$$

n is equal to the n used to calculate the I_c in Step 1

q_c is the measured tip resistance

s'_o is the vertical overburden pressure

P_a is a reference stress (1 atmosphere) in the same units as in s'_o .

4.3.3.3 Step 3A – Fines Correction of Tip Resistance

Since the $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curves are based on clean sand at Magnitude 7.5 (see Figure 4.9), the corrected tip resistance has to be corrected for fines content. Calculation of Clean Sand Normalized Cone Penetration Resistance, $(q_{CIN})_{cs}$, is proceeded using the following formula:

$$(q_{CIN})_f = K_c \cdot q_{CIN}$$

where

$K_c = 1.0$ for $I_c < 1.64$, else

$$K_c = -0.403 \cdot I_c^4 + 5.581 \cdot I_c^3 - 21.63 \cdot I_c^2 + 33.75 \cdot I_c - 17.88$$

4.3.3.4 Step 3B - Modified Fines Correction of Tip Resistance

A modified fines correction of tip resistance is recommended in recent publications. LiquefyPro provides this option, called "Modify Robertson Method", on the Advanced page in CPT calculation.

$$(q_{CIN})_f = q_{CIN} + \Delta q_{CIN}$$

where $\Delta q_{CIN} = K_c / (1 - K_c) \cdot q_{CIN}$

K_c is a function of fines content, FC (%).

$K_c = 0$ for $FC \leq 5\%$

$$K_c = 0.0267(FC-5) \quad \text{for } 5 < FC < 35\%$$

$$K_c = 0.8 \quad \text{for } FC \geq 35\%$$

where FC is the fines content in %. Fines content is related to I_c as follows:

$$FC = 1.75 I_c^{3.25} - 3.7$$

4.3.3.5 Step 4 – Calculation of $CRR_{7.5}$

The $CRR_{7.5}$ (Magnitude=7.5) versus CPT corrected tip resistance liquefaction curve (Figure 4.8) is approximated with the following formulae:

if $(q_{c1N})_f < 50$

$$CRR_{7.5} = 0.833 \left[\frac{(q_{c1N})_f}{1000} \right] + 0.05$$

if $50 \leq (q_{c1N})_f < 160$

$$CRR_{7.5} = 93 \left[\frac{(q_{c1N})_f}{1000} \right]^3 + 0.08$$

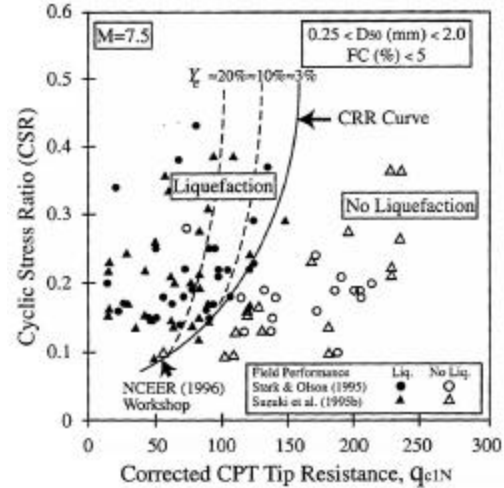


Figure 4.8 $CRR_{7.5}$ liquefaction curve for Robertson & Wride's method (after NCEER, 1997)

4.4 Overburden Stress Correction of CRR

Additional vertical overburden stress correction of $CRR_{7.5}$ is suggested:

$$CRR_V = CRR_{7.5} K_a K_s$$

where

CRR_V is corrected $CRR_{7.5}$ (Magnitude=7.5).

K_a is the correction factor for initial shear stress and is set to 1. The participants of the NCEER Workshop (1997) concluded that the use of K_a is *not* advisable.

K_s is the correction factor for overburden stress and is given by chart below.

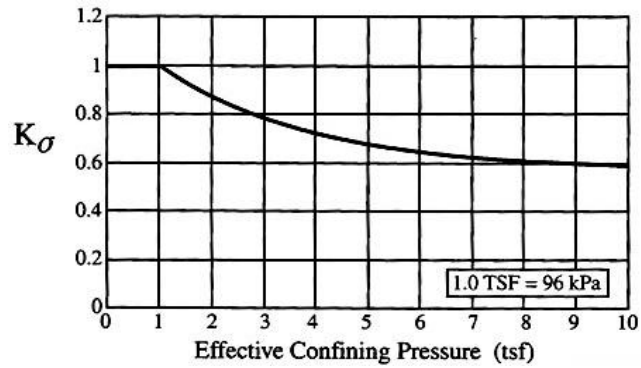


Figure 4.9: CRR_{7.5} overburden stress correction factor (NCEER, 1997)

In the chart, the effective confining pressure, σ'_m , is in tsf, which can be calculated:

$$s'_m = \frac{1 + 2K_o}{3} \cdot s'_o = 0.65s'_o$$

K_o is the coefficient of lateral earth pressure and by default set to 0.47

σ'_o and σ'_m are the effective vertical overburden pressure in tsf

4.5 Magnitude Correction of CRR

CRR_V is based on earthquake at magnitude = 7.5. For a given earthquake with different magnitude, CSR_fs need to be corrected. The participants at the NCEER workshop (1997) concluded that the MSF in Figure 4.10 should be applied. In LiquefyPro, the MSF is applied to the CRR_V to obtain CRR_M, which is the magnitude-corrected cyclic stress ratio.

$$CRR_M = CRR_V \cdot MSF$$

where

CRR_M is the magnitude-corrected CSR_V for a given magnitude.

MSF is a magnitude scaling factor given by:

$$MSF = \frac{10^{2.24}}{M^{2.56}}$$

where M is the earthquake magnitude

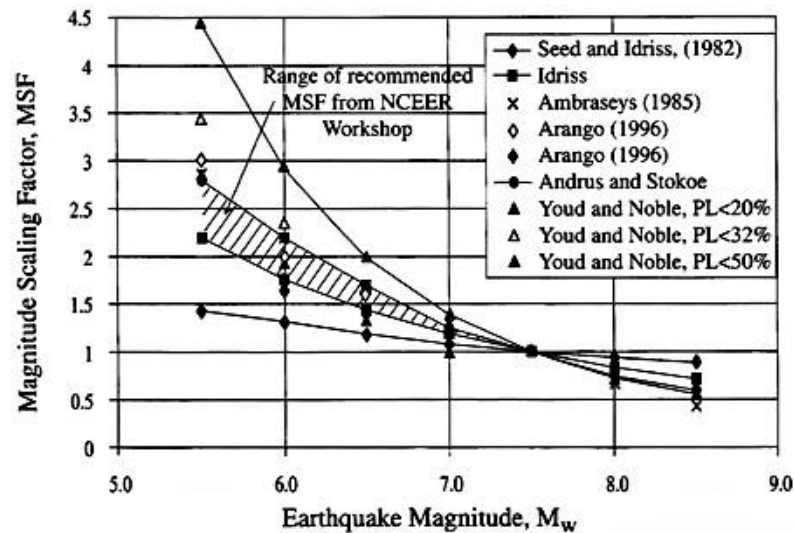


Figure 4.10 MSF versus Magnitude (NCEER, 1997)

4.6 Factor of Safety as Ration of CRR/CSR

4.6.1 f_s - User requested factor of safety

A user-defined Factor of Safety can be applied to the CSR value in the program:

$$CSR_{fs} = CSR \cdot f_s$$

Where CSR_{fs} – Increased cyclic stress ratio (CSR) with user requested factor of safety.

f_s – user-requested factor of safety. A typical value of f_s is 1.2. The larger the f_s , the larger the CSR_{fs} and the more conservative of the liquefaction analysis. The selection of Factor of Safety also influences the settlement calculation as the CSR_{fs} value is used in the analysis.

4.6.2 F.S. - Ratio of CRR/CSR

The ratio of CRR/CSR is defined as Factor of Safety for liquefaction potential:

$$F.S. = CRR_M / CSR_{fs}$$

F.S. is ultimate result of the liquefaction analysis. If $F.S. >$ or equal to 1, there is no potential of liquefaction; If $F.S. <$ 1, there is a potential of liquefaction. Please note that F.S. is different from f_s , which is a user-defined value for increasing the value of CSR in order to provide a conservative liquefaction analysis.

Both CRR_M and CSR_{fs} are limited to 2 and $F.S.$ is limited to 5 in the software.

4.7 Settlement Calculation

LiquefyPro divides the soil deposit into very thin layers and calculates the settlement for each layer. The calculations are divided into two parts, dry soil settlement and saturated soil settlement. The soil above the groundwater table is referred to as dry soil and soil below the groundwater table is referred to as saturated soil. The total settlement at a certain depth is the sum of the settlements of the saturated and dry soil. The total settlement is presented in the graphical report as a cumulative settlement curve versus depth. LiquefyPro gives settlement in both liquefied and non-liquefied zones. Note: there are settlements in non-liquefied zone.

4.7.1 Relationship between D_r , qc_1 , and $(N_1)_{60}$.

In the settlement analysis, the relationship between Relative Density, D_r , and SPT N1-value is needed. If the input data is CPT value, then it has to be converted to SPT N1-value first, then to D_r . LiquefyPro uses a simplified relationship presented in Table 4.3. This relationship is developed based on Figure 4.12.

Table 4.3 Relationship between D_r and $(N_1)_{60}$.

$(N_1)_{60}$	D_r %
3	30
6	40
10	50
14	60
20	70
25	80
30	90

Note: q_{cl} unit in program is tsf. 1 tsf = 0.976 kgf/cm^2

4.7.2 Fines Corrections for Settlement Analysis

It should be noted that the fines corrections used in the liquefaction potential analysis (described in previously) are different from the fines corrections in settlement analysis (in this section). The fines corrections used in the liquefaction potential analysis are in pre-liquefaction situation. The fines corrections in settlement analysis are in post-liquefaction situation. The fines corrections will depend on whether the soil is dry/unsaturated or saturated and if saturated whether it is completely liquefied or on the verge of becoming liquefied, or not liquefied. For soils that are completely liquefied, a large part of the settlement will occur after earthquake shaking. Therefore, the post-liquefied SPT corrections, as recommended by Seed (1987), may be used for completely liquefied soils. The adjustment consists of increasing the $(N_1)_{60}$ -values by adding the values of $D(N_1)_{60}$, as a function of fines presented in Table 4.4.

$$(N_1)_{60s} = (N_1)_{60} + D(N_1)_{60}$$

Note: In this settlement section, The fines corrected $(N_1)_{60s}$ is presented as $(N_1)_{60}$. But users should understand that $(N_1)_{60}$ is after fines corrections. The fines corrections are made for both saturated soils and dry soils.

Table 4.4. N-value Corrections for Fines Content for Settlement Analyses

Percent Fines (%)	$D(N_1)_{60}$
10	1
25	2
50	4
75	5

For CPT input, q_{cl} should be converted to $(N_1)_{60}$ first, then use Table 4.4 for fines corrections. The conversion uses the relationship in Table 4.3.

Although the suggested fines-content corrections in Table 4.4 may be reasonable, there are some concerns regarding the validity of these corrections. The main concern stems from the fact that the fines in the silty sands and silts are more compressible than clean sands. Once the silty sand or silt liquefies, the post-liquefaction settlement may be controlled by the consolidation/compressibility characteristics of the virgin soil (Martin, 1991). Hence, it may be appropriate to estimate the maximum potential post-liquefaction settlement based on simple one dimensional consolidation tests in the laboratory.

4.7.3 Saturated Soil Settlement

The dry soil settlement can be done with two different methods, Tokimatsu & Seed and Ishihara & Yosemine. The user can choose between the methods on the advanced input page.

4.7.3.1 Method 1 - Tokimatsu & Seed, 1987

4.7.3.1.1 Step 1 – Evaluation of Volumetric Strain, ϵ_c

The volumetric strain in each layer is determined with help of the chart in Figure 4.11. LiquefyPro uses the above-determined CSR_k and $(N_1)_{60}$ to determine ϵ_c . If user's input is CPT data, q_{cl} is converted to $(N_1)_{60}$ first based on Table 4.3.

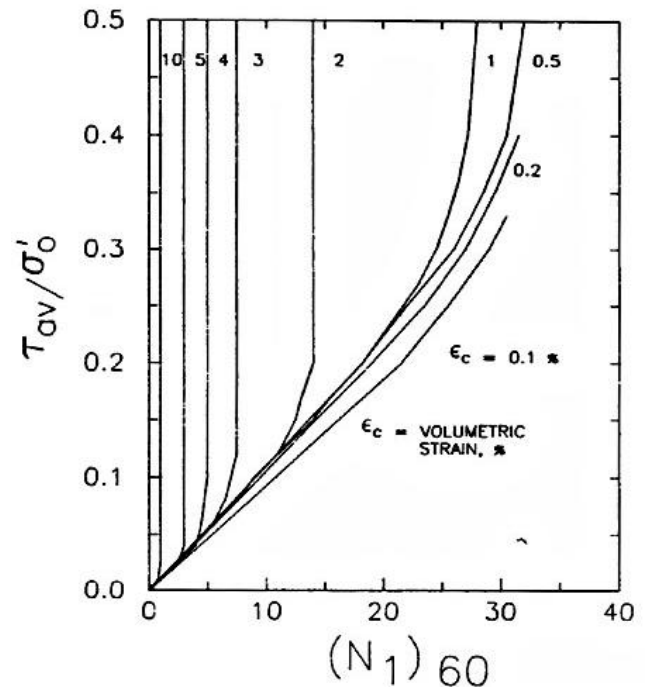


Figure 4.11 Volumetric versus $(N_1)_{60}$ and CSR

4.7.3.1.2 Step 2 – Evaluation of Earthquake-Induced Settlement of the Saturated Soil, S_{sat}

The settlement of each layer is calculated by multiplying the volumetric strain with the thickness of each layer.

$$S_{sat} = (\epsilon_v/100) \cdot dz$$

where

S_{sat} is the settlement of the saturated soil,

ϵ_v is the volumetric strain in percent,

and

dz is the thickness of the soil layer.

4.7.3.2 Method 2 - Ishihara & Yosemine, 1990

This method uses the factor of safety against liquefaction and either corrected SPT blow or corrected CPT tip resistance to evaluate the volumetric strain in each layer (see Figure 4.12).

4.7.3.2.1 Step 1 - Evaluation of Volumetric Strain, ϵ_v

Evaluate ϵ_v from chart below by using above determined $F.S.$ (Factor of Safety) and D_r (Relative density of soil).

If user's input is SPT data, $(N_1)_{60}$ is converted to D_r .

If user's input is CPT data, q_{cl} is converted to $(N_1)_{60}$ first, then converted to D_r . The Volumetric Strain is calculated based on D_r and $F.S.$

The relation between q_{cl} , $(N_1)_{60}$, and D_r is presented in Figure 4.12 and Table 4.3.

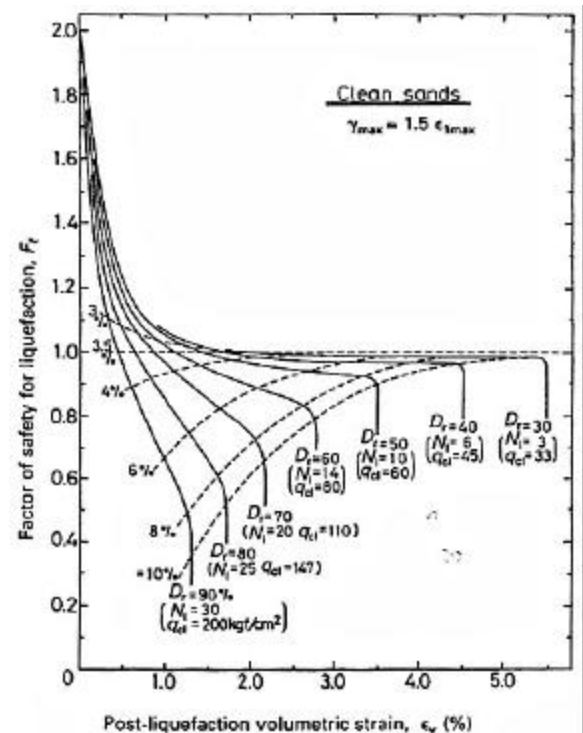


Figure 4.12 Volumetric Strain as a function of Relative Density and FS against Liquefaction (after Ishihara, 1993). The solid curves are used in LiquefyPro.

4.7.3.2.2 Step 2 – Evaluation of Earthquake-Induced Settlement of the Saturated Soil, S_{sat}

The settlement of each layer is calculated by multiplying the volumetric strain with the thickness of each layer.

$$S_{sat} = (\epsilon_c/100) \cdot dz$$

where

S_{sat} is the settlement of the saturated soil,

ϵ_c is the volumetric strain in percent,

and

dz is the thickness of the soil layer.

4.7.4 Dry Soil Settlement

The dry soil settlement calculations follow the same procedure for both SPT and CPT input data. The calculation is made for each layer of the soil deposit and is divided into six steps:

- Step 1 - Estimation of G_{max} from either SPT or CPT.
- Step 2 - Evaluation of shear strain-modulus ratio used to evaluate a cyclic shear strain.
- Step 3 - Evaluation of shear strain using the shear-strain modulus ratio.
- Step 4 - Evaluation of volumetric strain using the shear strain evaluated above.
- Step 5 - Magnitude correction of the volumetric strain because the figures used above are developed for a magnitude 7.5 earthquake.
- Step 6 - Evaluation of dry soil settlement using the magnitude corrected volumetric strain.

4.7.4.1 Step 1 – Calculation of Shear Modulus, G_{max} , from SPT or CPT data

4.7.4.1.1 For SPT data

Estimation of G_{max} from SPT data

$$G_{max} = 10 \cdot [(N_1)_{60}]^{1/3} \cdot (2000 \cdot \sigma'_m)^{1/2}$$

where

$$\sigma'_m = \frac{1 + 2K_o}{3} \cdot \sigma'_o = 0.65\sigma'_o,$$

G_{max} is the shear modulus in tsf

K_o is the coefficient of lateral earth pressure and by default set to 0.47

σ'_o and σ'_m are the effective vertical overburden pressure in tsf

For CPT data, q_{cl} will be converted to $(N_1)_{60}$ based on Table 4.3, then using above equations.

4.7.4.2 Step 2 – Evaluation of Shear Strain-Shear Modulus Ratio

$$\frac{g_{eff}}{G_{max}} fs = 0.65 \frac{s'_o}{G_{max}} a_{max} r_d fs = CSR_{fs} \cdot \frac{s'_o}{G_{max}}$$

By using the above evaluated shear modulus, G_{max} .

Where

fs - user requested factor of safety.

CSR_{fs} is the cyclic stress ratio with users requested factor of safety.

G_{max} and s'_o should be of the same unit in tsf.

4.7.4.3 Step 3 – Evaluation of Effective Shear Strain

Evaluate γ_{eff} from figure below by using shear strain-shear modulus ratio calculated in step 2.

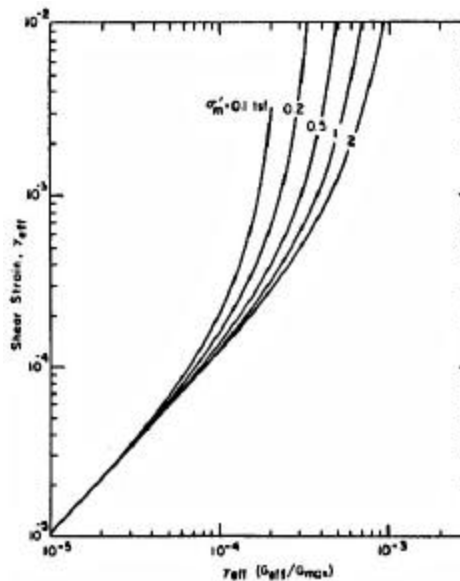


Figure 4.13 Chart for evaluating Shear Strain (Tokimatsu & Seed, 1987)

4.7.4.4 Step 4 – Evaluation of Volumetric Strain

Evaluate $\varepsilon_{c7.5}$ from Figure 4.14 by using the shear strain from step 3.

$(N_1)_{60}$ is used in the chart. For CPT input, q_{c1} has to be converted to $(N_1)_{60}$ before using this chart.

The relation between q_{c1} and $(N_1)_{60}$ shown in Table 4.3.

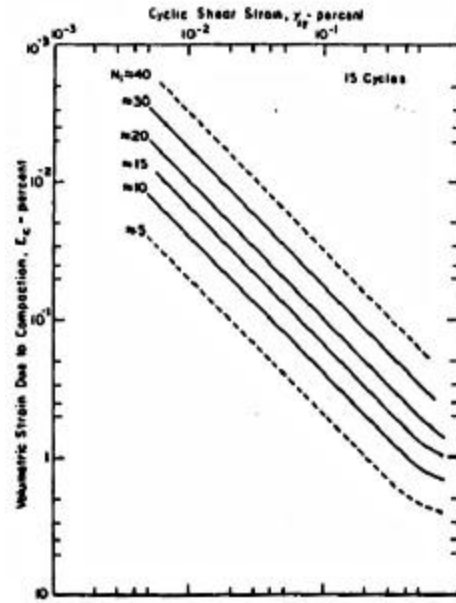


Figure 4.14 Chart for evaluating Volumetric Strain (after Tokimatsu & Seed, 1987)

4.7.4.5 Step 5 – Magnitude Correction of Volumetric Strain

Multiply $\varepsilon_{c7.5}$ with magnitude strain ratio from figure 4.15 to obtain ε_c .

$$\varepsilon_c = C\varepsilon_c \cdot \varepsilon_{c7.5}$$

Where

$C\varepsilon_c$ is the correction factor.

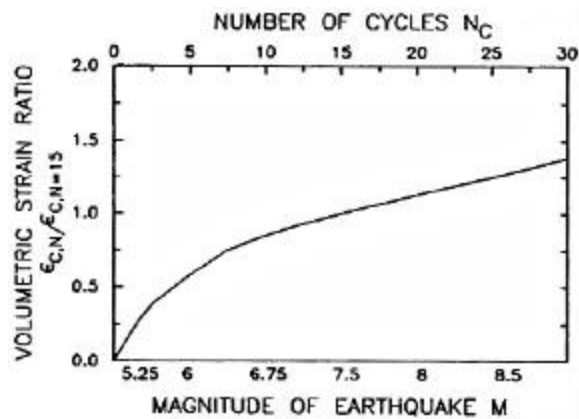


Figure 4.15 Magnitude Correction Factor versus Magnitude

4.7.4.6 Step 6 – Evaluation of Earthquake-Induced Settlement of Dry Soil , S_{dry}

Evaluate the dry soil settlement for each layer with the formula:

$$S_{dry} = \frac{2 \cdot e_c}{100} dz$$

where

e_c is the volumetric strain in percent,

and

dz is the thickness of soil layer.

The two (2) in the numerator is applied to take multi-directional shaking into account.

4.7.5 Total and Differential Settlements from Wet Sand and Dry Sand

The total settlement at a certain depth, d , is evaluated as the sum of settlements of the dry and saturated soil in all layers from the bottom of the soil deposit up to the depth, d .

Below the groundwater table the total settlement at a certain depth, d , is due to only settlement of the saturated soil, and is calculated by using the formula:

$$S_{total} = \sum_{bottom}^d S_{sat}$$

Above the groundwater table the total settlement at certain depth, d , is due to settlement of both dry and saturated soil, and is calculated by using the formula:

$$S_{total} = \sum_{bottom}^{GWT} S_{sat} + \sum_{GWT}^d S_{dry}$$

Differential Settlement is about 1/2 to 2/3 of the total settlement based on reference, SP117.



4.8 Ground Improvement by Placement of Fill on Surface

Ground improvement can be achieved by surcharge (fill) on top of the ground. This method can reduce the liquefaction potential and settlement in soft ground by two factors:

1. Increasing the overburden stress
2. Increasing the soil strength due to the increase in overburden stress

The first factor is automatically taken into account in the calculations of the formulas in Chapter 4. The second factor can be expressed in the following equation:

$$\frac{N_{new} - N_{old}}{N_{old}} = k \frac{s'_{new} - s'_{old}}{s'_{old}}$$

Where

N_{old} = the soil strength before surcharge. It can be SPT, CPT, or BPT readings.

N_{new} = the soil strength after surcharge. It is calculated in the program.

s'_{old} = the effective vertical overburden stress.

s'_{new} = the increased overburden stress due to surcharge.

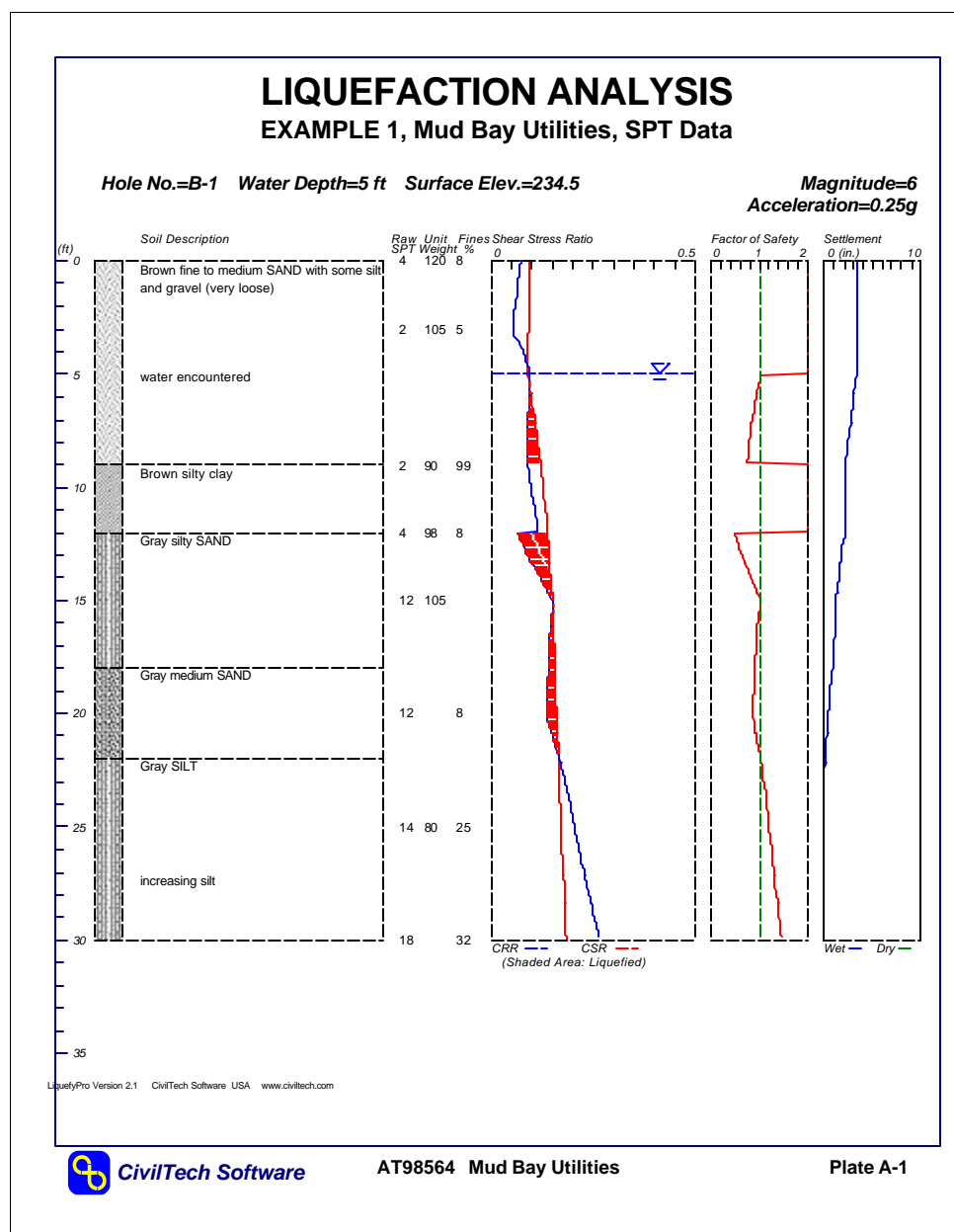
k = an empirical factor which is the ratio of strength increases to stress increases. 0.2 to 0.5 are recommended based on the soil types. 0.5 means if the stress increases 20%, the strength increases $0.5 \times 20\% = 10\%$.

In the program, users can input fill height and unit weight, and Factor k . Users should run the case of fill = 0, then run fill > 0 to see the improvement after the surcharge.

5 EXAMPLES

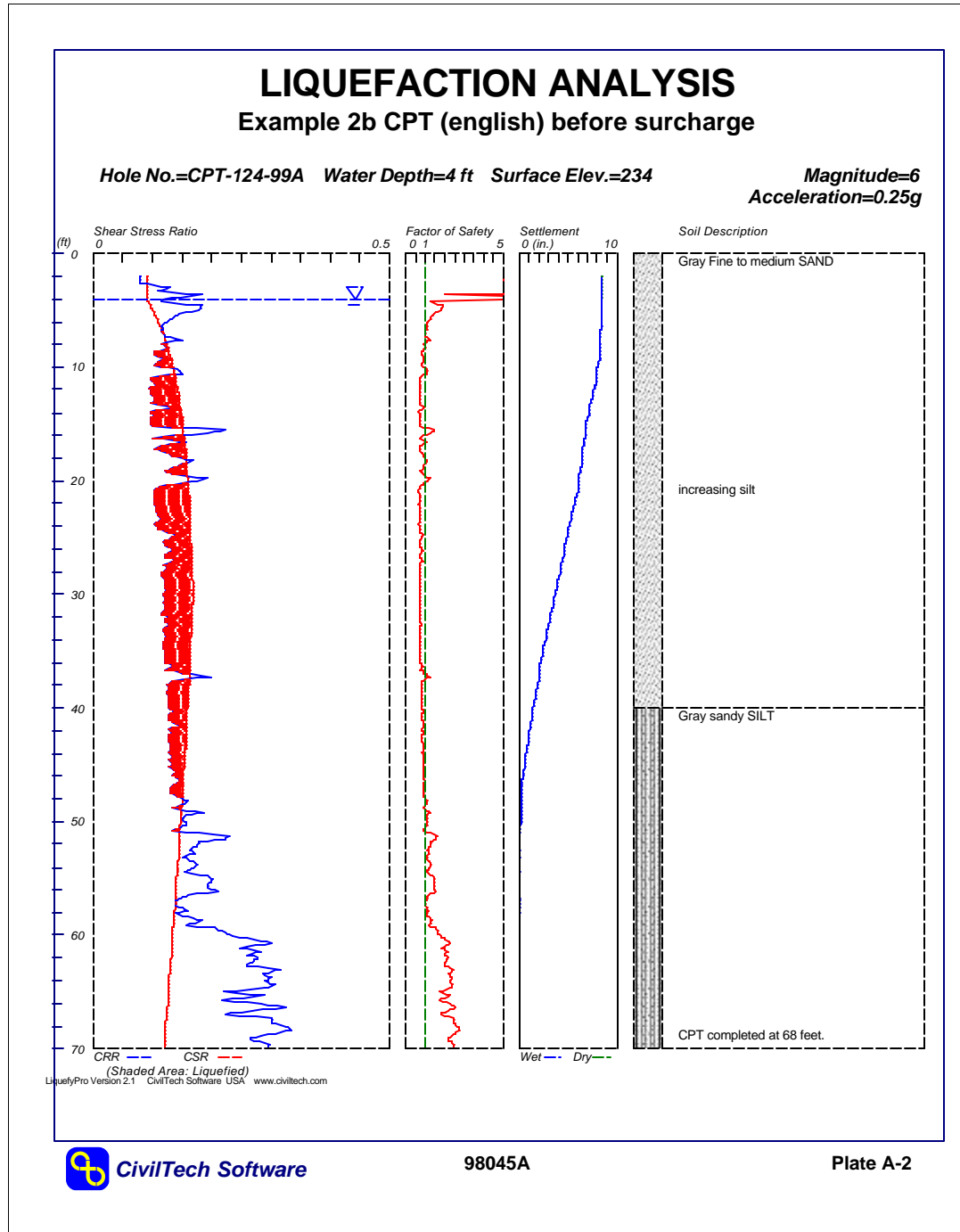
Example files are attached in this package. The user can load each example file individually to see the input information. Press the button [Summary] to see a short report and Press the button [Detailed] to see detailed calculation sheet for each depth. Press the button [Graphic] to see the graphical output, which is shown on the following pages.

5.1.1 Example 1 Typical SPT data input.

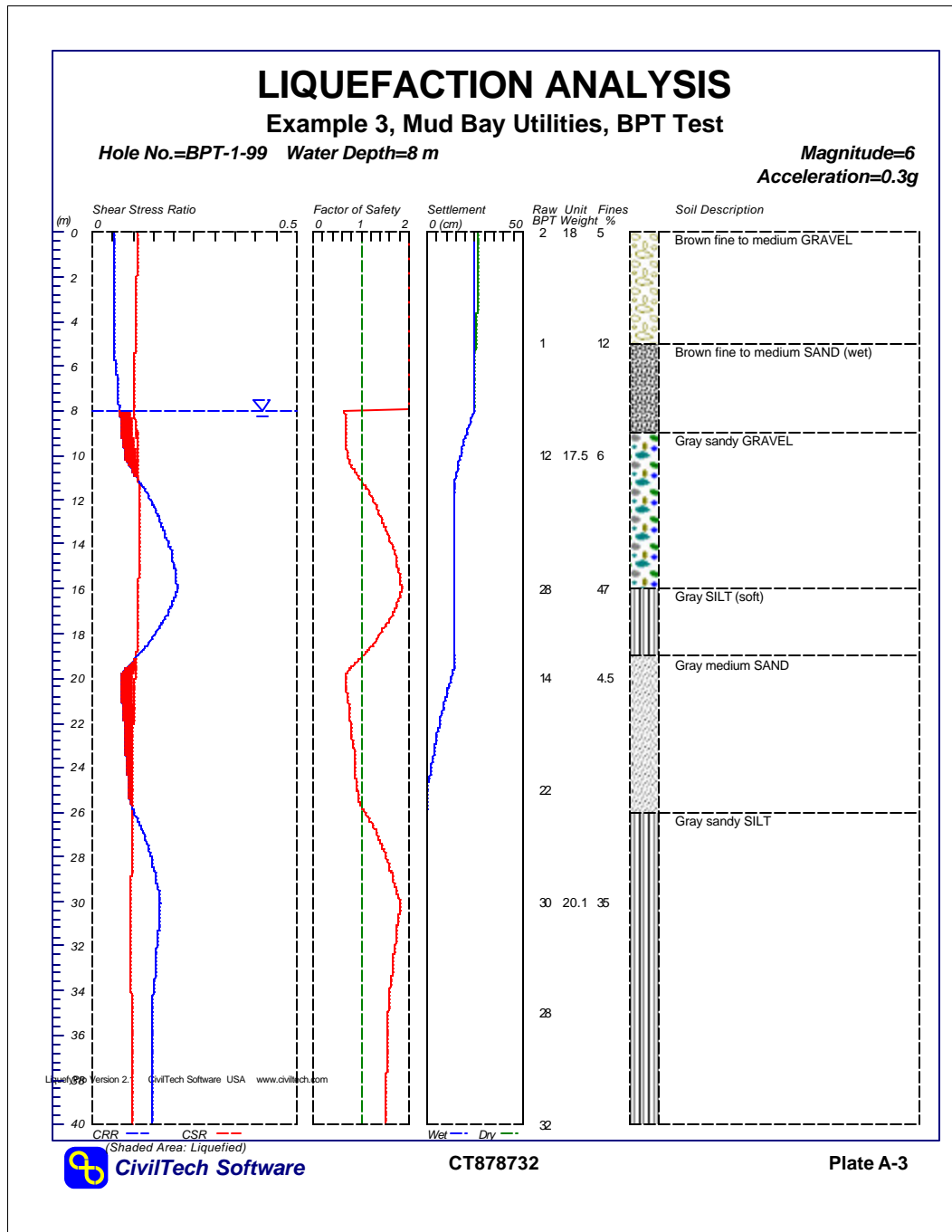


5.1.2 Example 2 CPT input data imported from CPT data files.

The data files are included in the software package. These files are: cpt_tab.txt, cptcomma.txt, and cptspace.txt (see Chapter 3, CPT input).

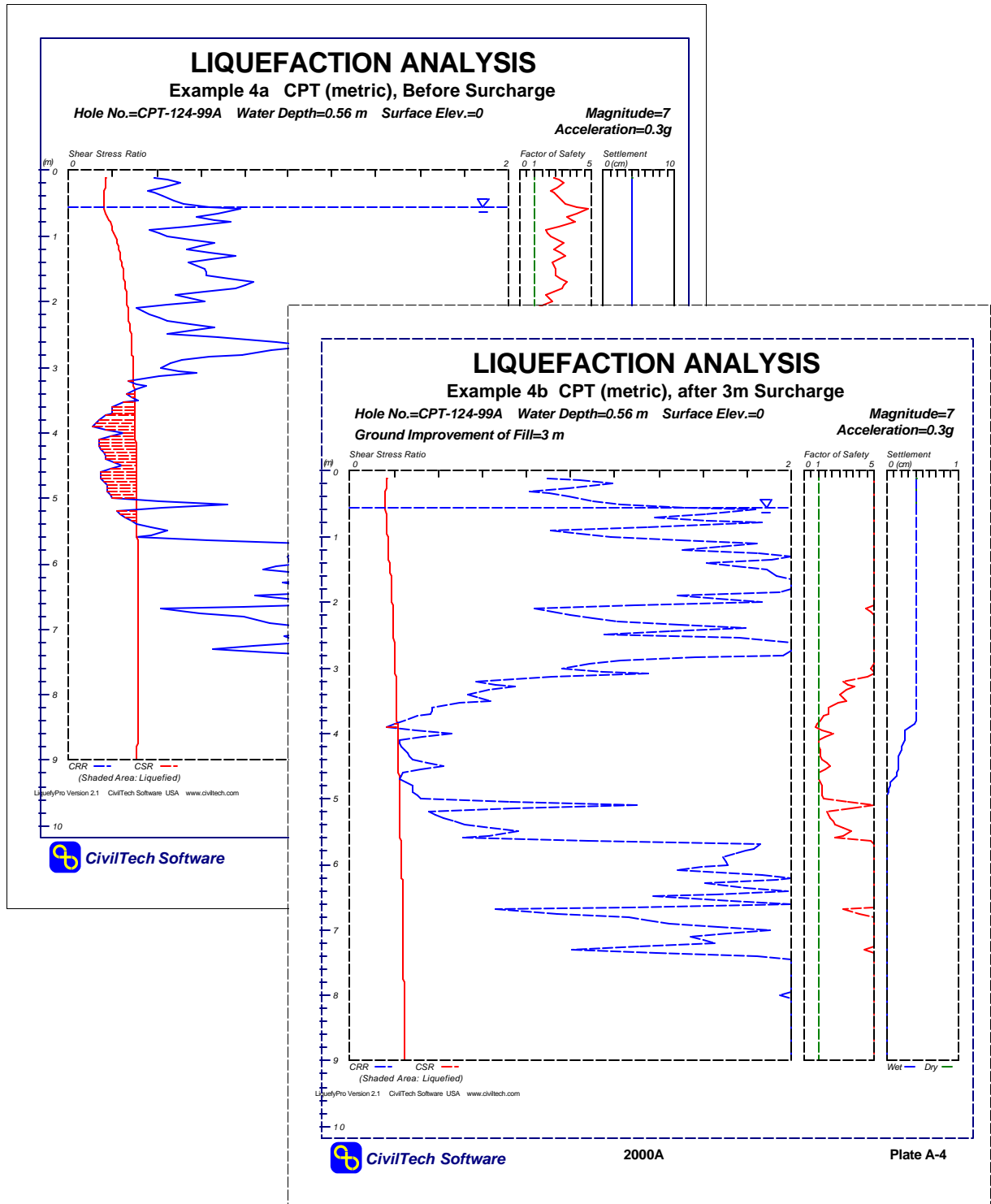


5.1.3 Example 3 Example for Becker Penetration Test (BPT) input



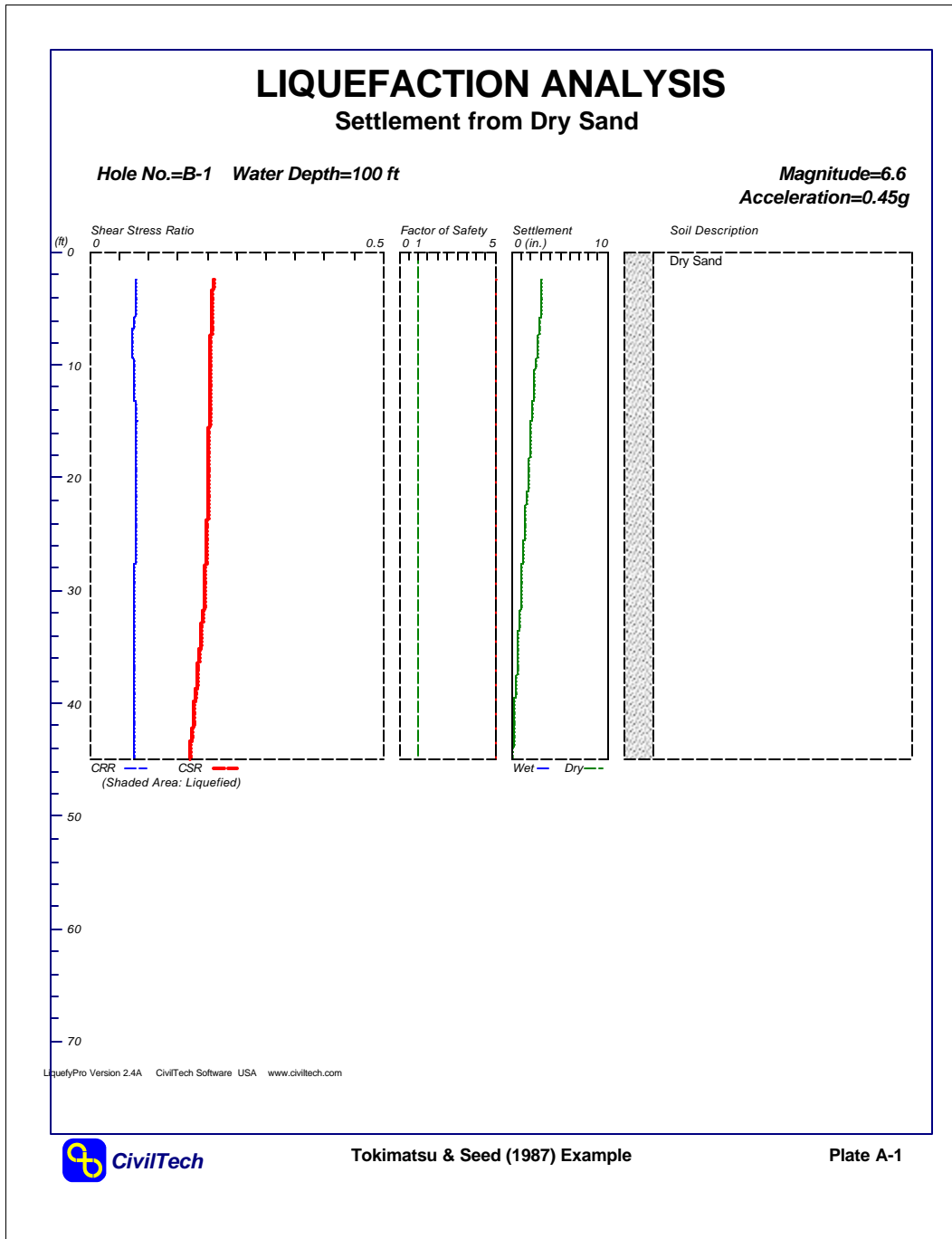
5.1.4 Example 4 CPT input in metric units

Example 4a is for the case before soil improvement by surcharge. Example 4b is after surcharge.



5.1.5 Example 5 Settlement analysis in dry sand

The settlement of dry sand matches very well with the results in the publication of Tokimatsu & Seed, ASCE GE, Vol. 113 #8, Aug. 1987. Please note, N1 in the reference is after all the SPT corrections, different SPTraw value should be inputted to get N1=9 after these corrections.



6 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question 1 What should I input if the water table is above ground surface?

If the water table is above the ground surface, such as an offshore situation, you can assume the water table is at ground surface and input water table at zero.

Therefore, the total vertical overburden stress and hydraulic pressure start at zero from the ground surface. The total stress term in the CSR equation comes from the need to represent the shear stress acting at the depth of interest. Since the shear stress comes from the inertia of the soil column above that depth, we use the total stress (which implies that the water within the soil moves with the soil). When there is free water above the soil surface (e.g., at an offshore site), that water will not move with the soil, so its weight should not be included in the inertial force that goes into the CSR.

Question 2 Does dry sand settle due to an earthquake?

Yes, the program provides a calculation for settlement of dry sand (see Example 5). The results match very well with the results in Tokimatsu & Seed, ASCE GE, Vol. 113 # 8 Aug. 1987.

Question 3 How deep should you input in the program for liquefaction analysis?

Traditionally, a depth of 50 feet (about 15 m) has been used as depth of analysis for evaluation of liquefaction. Experience has shown that the 50-foot depth is adequate for most cases, but there may be situations where this depth is not sufficiently deep. The program can handle 1200 rows of data. If each row represents 1 inch of depth, you can input up to 100 feet of data.

Question 4 Does the clay layer liquefy? How do you deal with a clay layer in the program?

Generally clay with fines = 100% does not liquefy. However, clayey soils do liquefy in certain conditions. According to the Chinese experience, potentially liquefiable clayey soils need to meet all of the following characteristics (Seed et al., 1983):

Percent finer than 0.005 mm	< 15
Liquid Limit (LL)	< 35
Water content	> 0.9 x LL

If the soil has these characteristics (and plot above the A-Line for the fines fraction to be classified as clayey), cyclic laboratory tests may be required to evaluate their liquefaction potential. If clayey sands are encountered in the field, laboratory tests such as grain size, Atterberg Limits, and moisture content may be required. In the case where the soil meets the Chinese criteria, the need for laboratory cyclic tests may be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The program does not know whether a soil layer is no-liquefiable clayey soils. It will conduct analysis on any soil layer and possible to get liquefaction potential on this soil, unless the users tell



the program that this soil is not liquefiable clayey soils. If users think a layer is not liquefiable, the users should input 101(%) in fines for this layer on the data input table (Figure 3.1). It will let the program to realize that this layer is not liquefiable.

Question 5 How does the program handle fines correction?

The program provides four options for fines correction in the calculation on the Advanced page (see Figure 3.6):

- Option 1. No fines correction for SPT
- Option 2. Idriss/Seed method
- Option 3. Stark & Olsen method as described in Figure 4.4
- Option 4. Modified Stark & Olsen method. Instead of keeping the correction factor constant, after FC reaches 35 (Figure 4.4) this method continues the curve to FC = 100.

Based on corrections in Figure 4.4, SPT N-value only increases up to 7 at fines = 35% and keeps 7 at fines = 100%. Therefore, A soil layer with fines = 100 in calculation is possible to be liquefiable. If users think a layer is not liquefiable, then the users should input 101(%) in fines content for this layer (Figure 3.1). Also refer to Question 8 and 9.

Question 6 What are flow slides?

(Source of answer: SP117) Flow failures are clearly the most catastrophic form of ground failure that may be triggered when liquefaction occurs. These large translational or rotational flow failures are mobilized by existing static stresses when average shear stresses on potential failure surfaces are less than average shear strengths on these surfaces. The strengths of liquefied soil zones on these surfaces reduce to values equal to the post liquefaction residual strength. The determination of the latter strengths for use in static stability analyses is very inexact, and consensus as to the most appropriate approach has not been reached to date.

Although steady state undrained shear strength concepts based on laboratory tests have been used to estimate post liquefaction residual strengths (Poulos et al., 1985, Kramer 1996), due to the difficulties of test interpretation and corrections for sample disturbance, the empirical approach based on correlation between SPT blow counts and apparent residual strength back-calculated from observed flow slides is recommended for practical use. The program does not provide flow slides analysis in the current version.

Question 7 What are lateral spreads?

(Source of answer: SP117) Whereas the potential for flow slides may exist at a building site, the degradation in undrained shear resistance arising from liquefaction may lead to limited lateral spreads (of the order of feet or less) induced by earthquake inertial loading. Such spreads can occur on gently sloping ground or where nearby drainage or stream channels can lead to static shear stress biases on essentially horizontal ground (Youd, 1995).

At larger cyclic shear strains, the effects of dilation may significantly increase post liquefaction undrained shear resistance, as shown in Figure 7.9. However, incremental permanent deformations will still accumulate during portions of the earthquake load cycles when low residual resistance



is available. Such low resistance will continue even while large permanent shear deformations accumulate through a ratcheting effect. Such effects have recently been demonstrated in centrifuge tests to study liquefaction that induced lateral spreads, as described by Balakrishnan et al. (1998). Once earthquake loading has ceased, the effects of dilation under static loading can mitigate the potential for a flow slide.

Although it is clear from past earthquakes that damage to structures can be severe if permanent ground displacements of the order of several feet occur, during the Northridge earthquake significant damage to building structures (floor slab and wall cracks) occurred with less than 1 foot of lateral spread. Consequently, the determination of lateral spread potential, an assessment of its likely magnitude, and the development of appropriate mitigation, need to be addressed as part of the hazard assessment process.

The complexities of post-liquefaction behavior of soils noted above, coupled with the additional complexities of potential pore water pressure redistribution effects and the nature of earthquake loading on the sliding mass, cause significant difficulties in providing specific guidelines for lateral spread evaluation. The program does not provide lateral spreads analysis in the current version.

Question 8 If I do not know Fines Content?

For CPT test, Modify Robertson not only makes Fines correction based on the q_c and f_c , but also calculate the Fines Content. The Fines correction is used for both liquefaction as well as settlement analysis. You do not input Fines content

Question 9 What are the advantages of Modified Robertson Method?

For CPT test, Seed and Suzuki methods need users to input fines. Otherwise the program assume the soils are clean sand with Fines=0%. Users also need select Correction methods separately for Liquefaction and Settlement.

For SPT and BPT, Users have to input Fines. Otherwise the program assume the soils are clean sand with Fines=0%. Users also need select Correction methods separately for Liquefaction and Settlement.

For CPT test, Robertson will make Fines correction based on the q_c and f_c . The Fines correction is used for both liquefaction as well as settlement analysis. You do not input Fines content.

For CPT test, Modify Robertson not only makes Fines correction based on the q_c and f_c , but also calculate the Fines Content. The Fines correction is used for both liquefaction as well as settlement analysis. You do not input Fines content

If you have Fines information, you can input. But Robertson and Modify Robertson will ignore inputted Fines. Other methods and SPT will use the inputted Fines.

You can input calculated Fines from Modify Robertson, then input Fines back and let other methods to use the data. Modify Robertson will ignore the inputted data.

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