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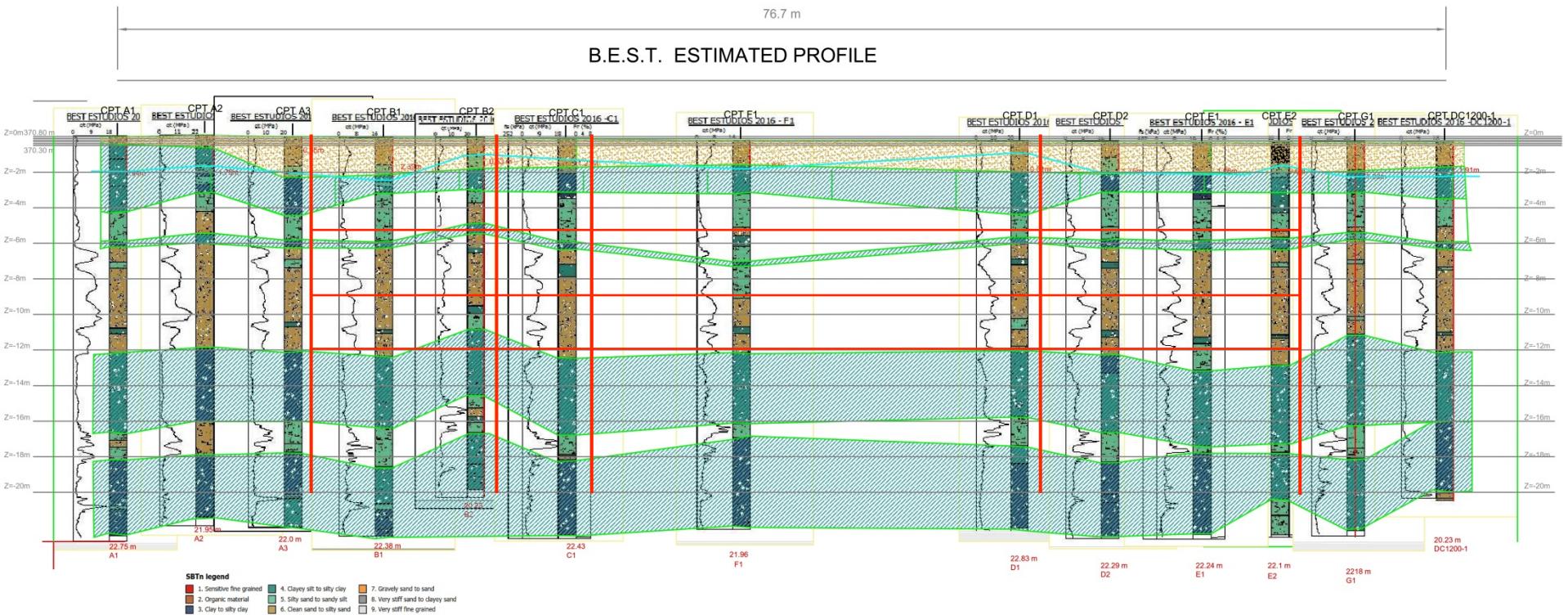


## B.E.S.T. The Bolivian Experimental Site for Testing Piles

**Memorial Session in Honour of Prof. Silvano Marchetti**

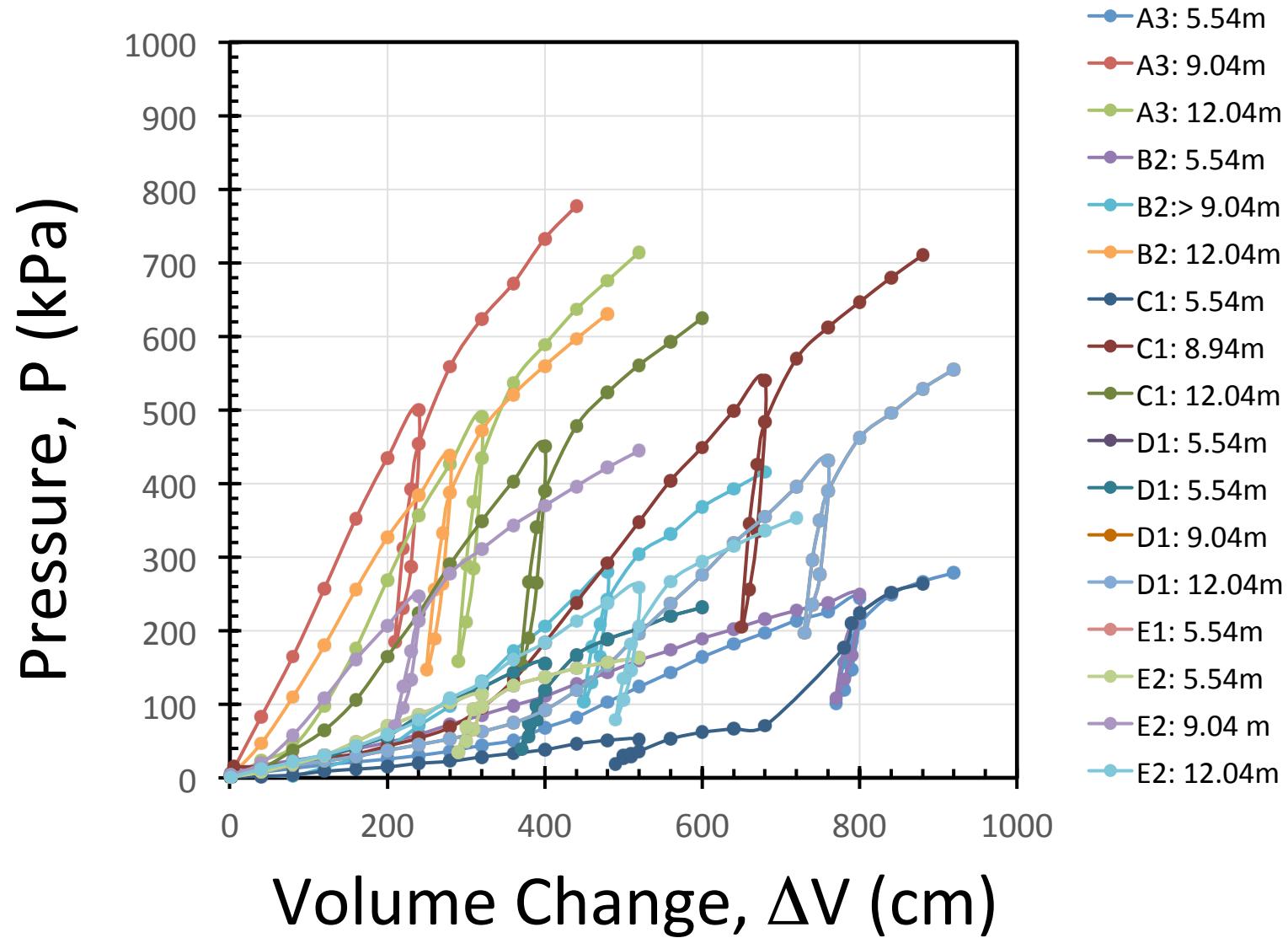
**Soil investigation results : PMT**

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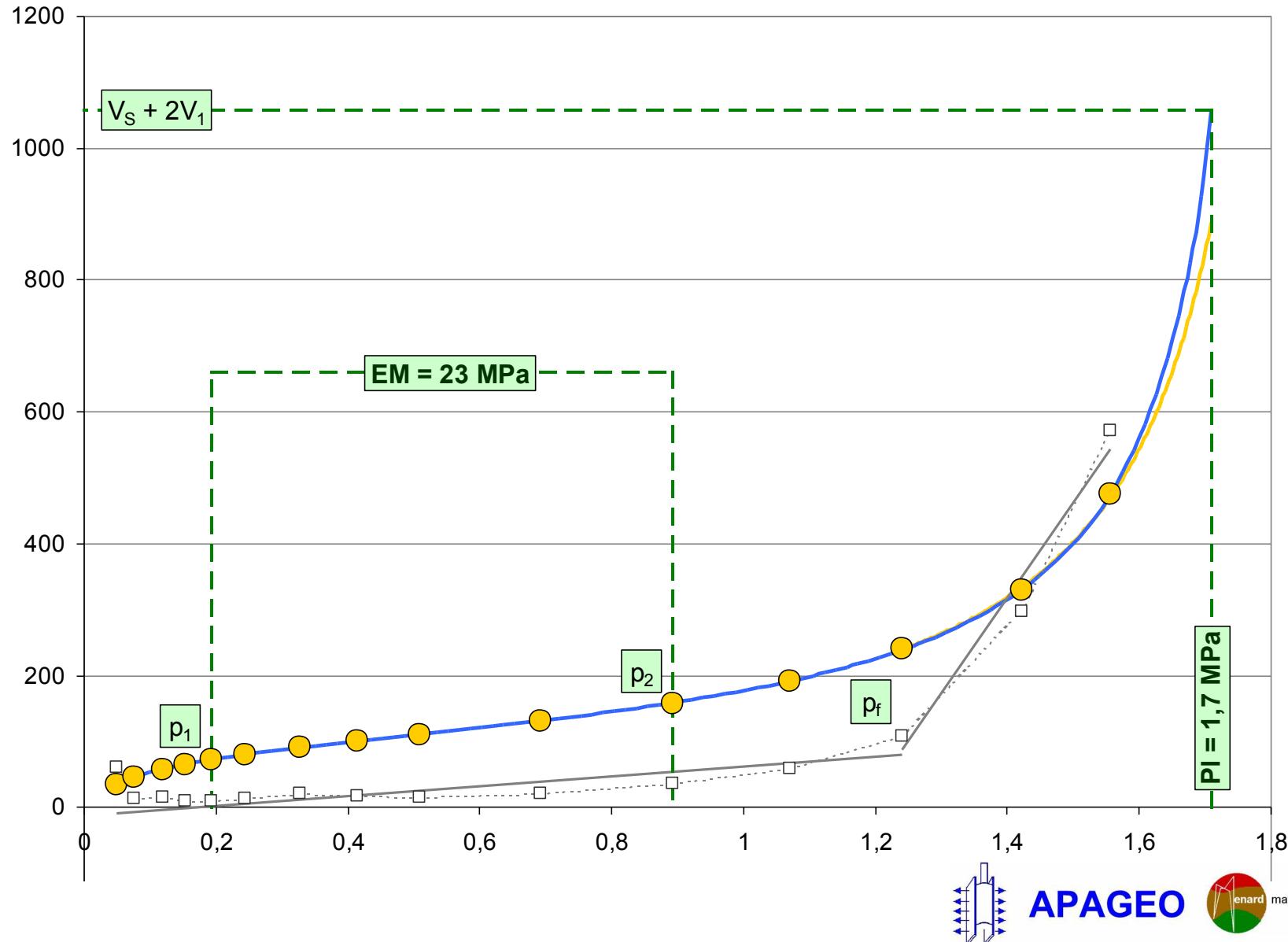
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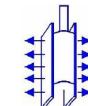


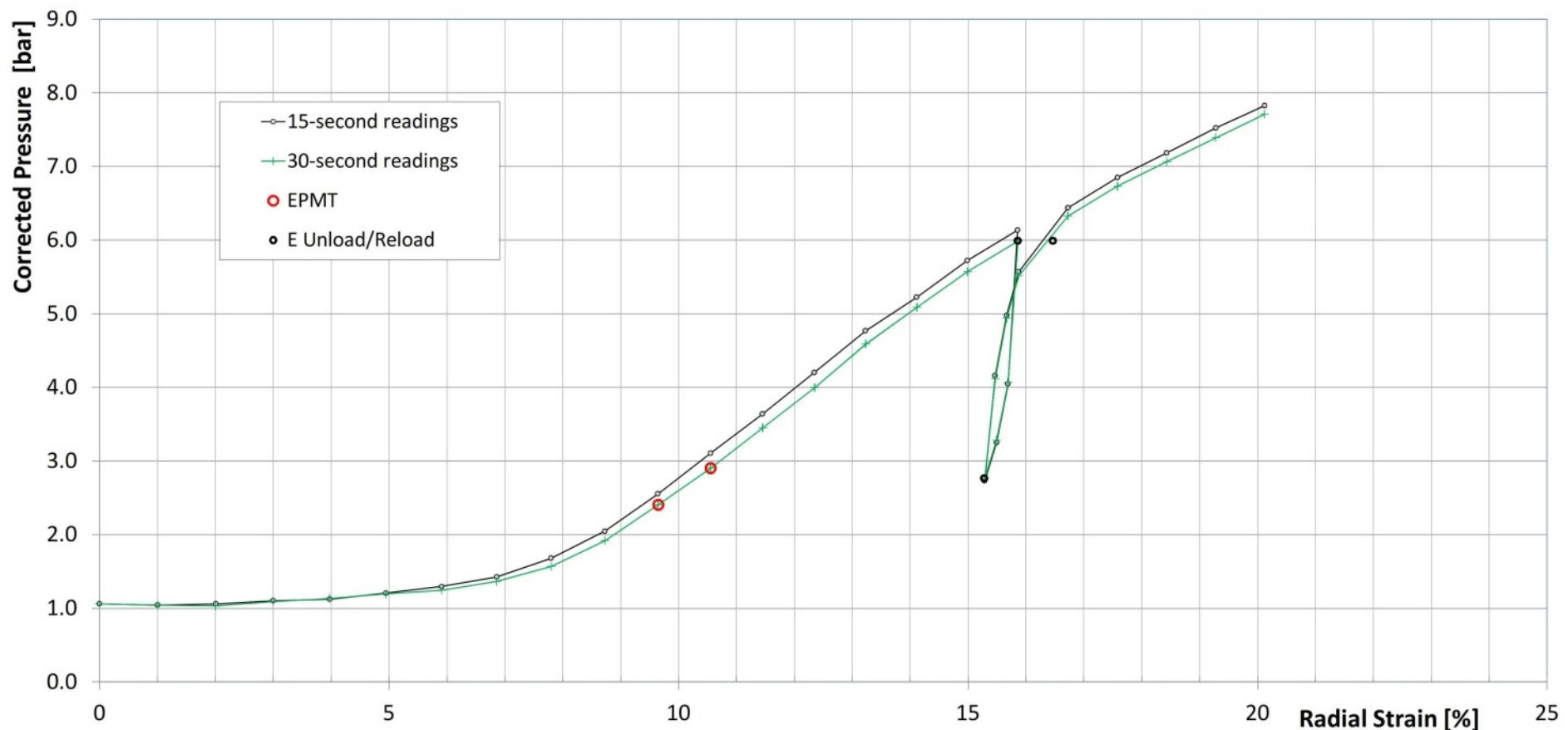
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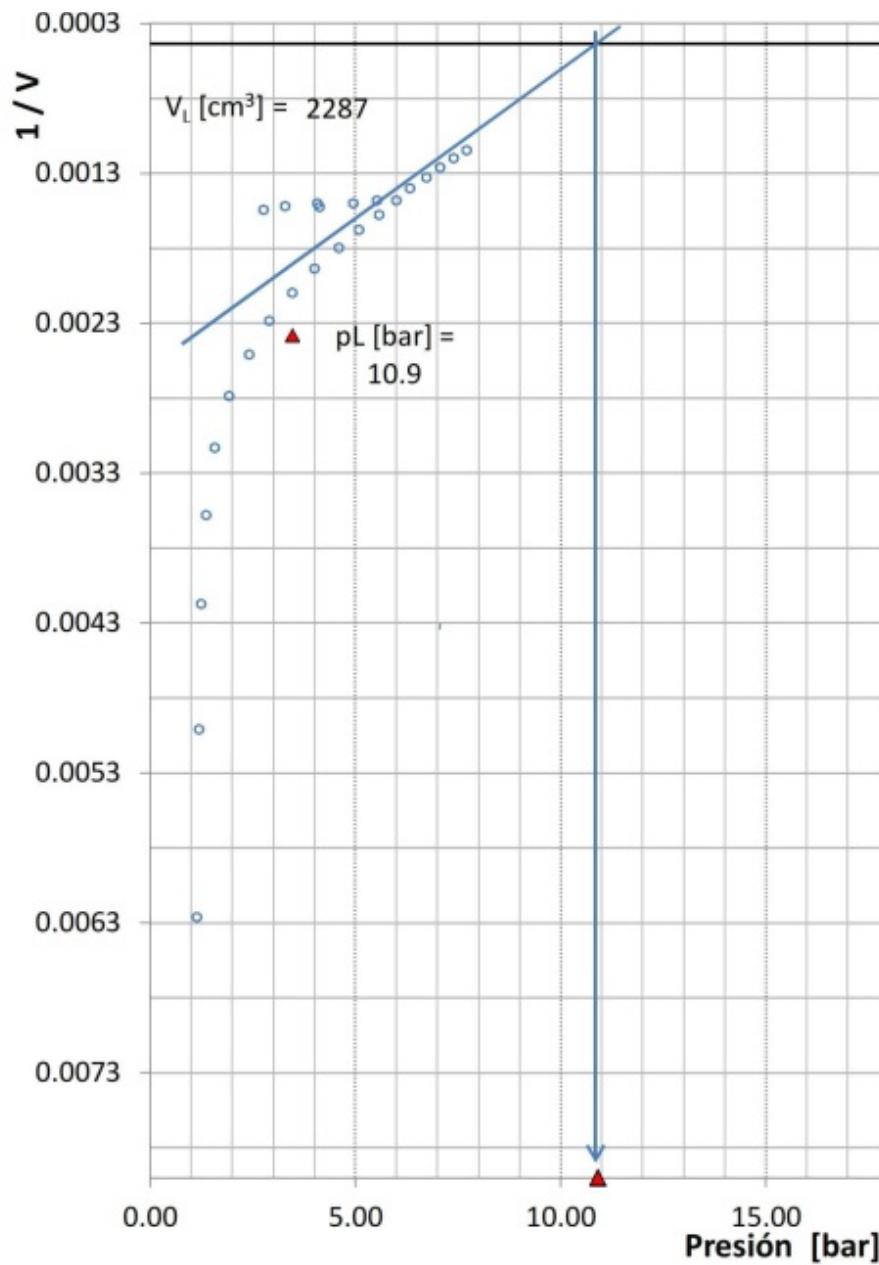
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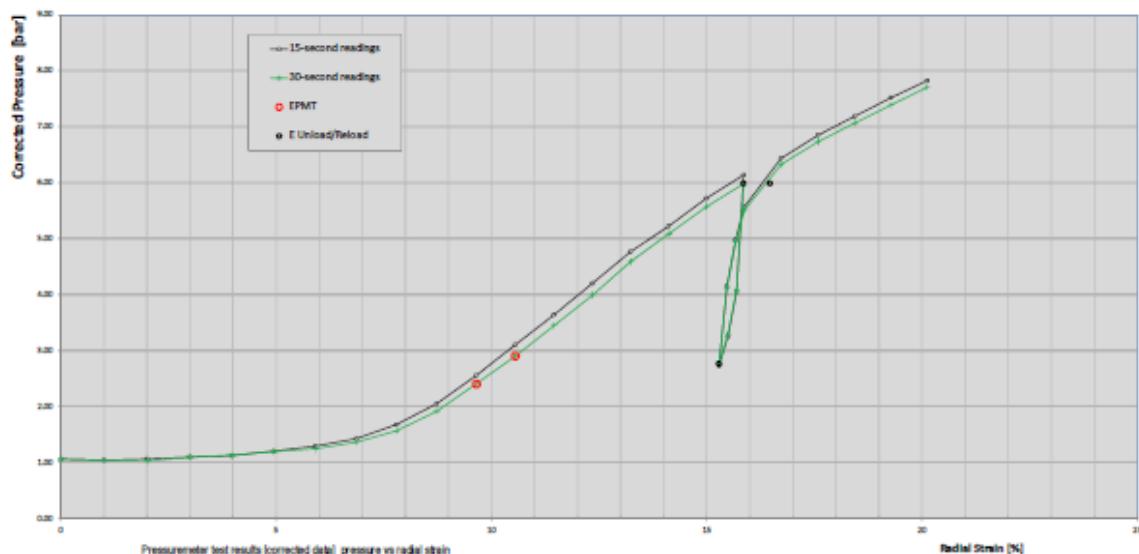


Determination of Limit Pressure  $p_L$  at  $V_L = 2(V_0 + V_c)$

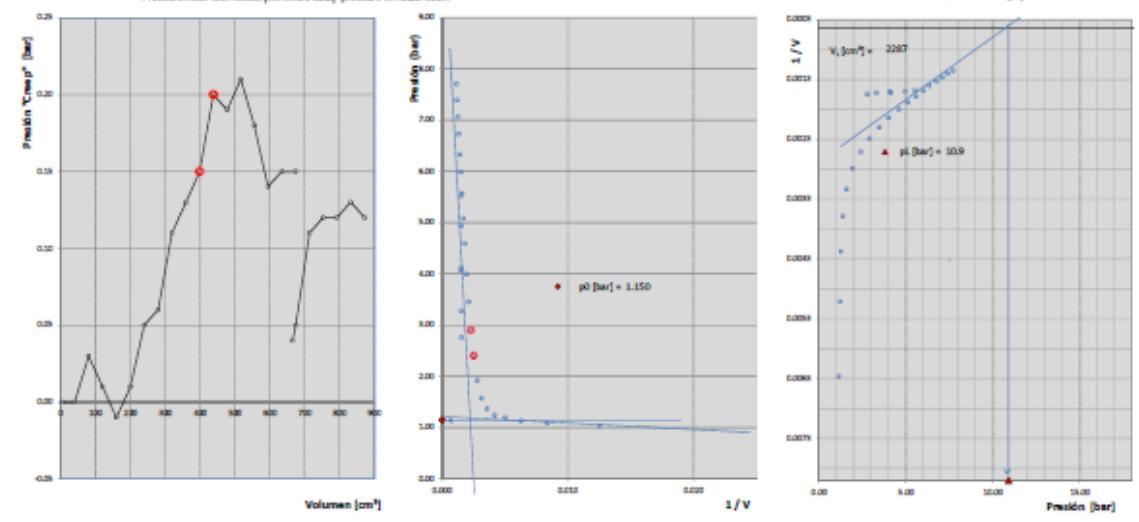
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Field Test Data (uncorrected)				Corrected Test data				Creep		Auxiliary Data		
Volume [cm³]	Pressure [bar]		15 sec	Pressure [bar]		30-second readings	Volume [cm³]	ΔV [%]	Volume [cm³] ΔP [bar]		30 sec [bar]	1/V
	15 sec	30 sec		15 sec	30 sec				15 sec	30 sec		
5	0.15	0.15		1.05	0.00	1.05	38.5	1.01	38.5	0.00	1.05	
80	0.21	0.18		1.05	78.8	2.01	1.03	79.5	2.01	79.5	0.03	
120	0.31	0.24		1.15	117.7	3.10	1.17	117.7	3.10	117.7	0.03	
180	0.41	0.34		1.25	182.5	4.25	1.23	182.5	4.25	182.5	-0.01	
240	0.44	0.43		1.25	225.2	4.25	1.20	225.2	4.25	225.2	0.05	
360	0.55	0.50		1.45	274.2	6.08	1.37	274.2	6.08	274.2	0.06	
480	0.70	0.64		1.45	325.2	6.08	1.37	325.2	6.08	325.2	0.06	
580	0.74	0.71		1.45	365.2	6.08	1.37	365.2	6.08	365.2	0.06	
680	0.87	0.72		1.45	397.8	9.24	2.41	398.0	9.25	398.0	0.16	
740	2.45	2.23		3.10	437.1	10.95	2.90	437.4	10.95	437.4	0.20	
750	2.50	2.28		3.10	476.5	11.45	3.25	476.7	11.45	476.7	0.19	
880	4.15	3.94		4.77	525.9	13.73	4.25	525.4	13.73	525.4	0.15	
890	4.50	4.44		5.25	584.8	14.71	5.08	584.8	14.72	584.8	0.14	
940	5.08	4.93		5.72	634.0	14.99	5.57	634.2	14.99	634.2	0.15	
880	5.50	5.43		6.14	671.5	14.89	5.98	671.7	14.89	671.7	0.15	
820	5.91	5.84		6.15	689.9	14.99	5.95	689.9	14.99	689.9	0.15	
850	7.09	7.12		7.75	647.5	15.29	7.76	647.5	15.29	647.5	0.15	
880	7.40	7.40		8.15	688.9	15.47	8.12	688.9	15.47	688.9	0.15	
820	7.50	7.48		8.25	704.5	15.67	8.25	704.5	15.67	704.5	0.15	
720	5.81	5.70		8.44	713.2	16.72	6.33	713.3	16.73	713.3	0.11	
780	5.24	5.12		8.65	767.7	17.58	5.72	767.8	17.58	767.8	0.12	
880	5.88	5.87		7.75	702.5	16.43	7.75	702.4	16.44	702.4	0.12	
820	7.82	7.12		7.85	671.8	12.24	7.77	671.8	12.25	671.8	0.12	

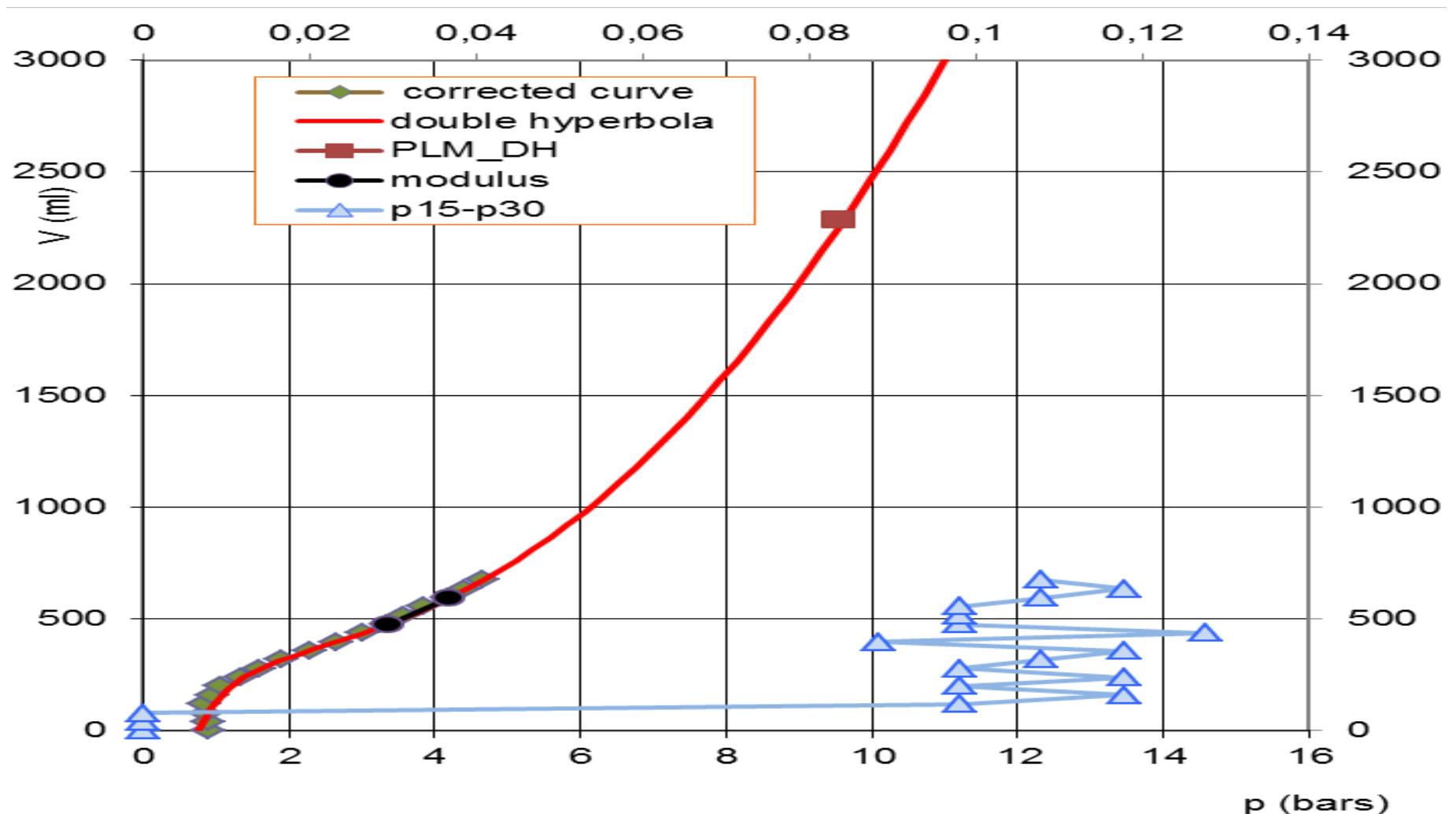


Interpreted PMT Test Results				
(30-second readings)		volume	area	
		initial volume [cm³]	strain [%]	
P <sub>0</sub>	1.15	[bar]	160	4.0
P <sub>1</sub>	10.90	[bar]		
p <sub>L</sub> <sup>*</sup>	9.75	[bar]		
P <sub>r</sub>	2.41	[bar]	398	9.8
E <sub>PMT</sub>	80	[bar]	437	10.8 [9.65-10.58 %]
E <sub>PMT</sub> /p <sub>L</sub>	8.2			
E <sub>total</sub>		[bar]	648	15.3
E <sub>total</sub>	421	[bar]		

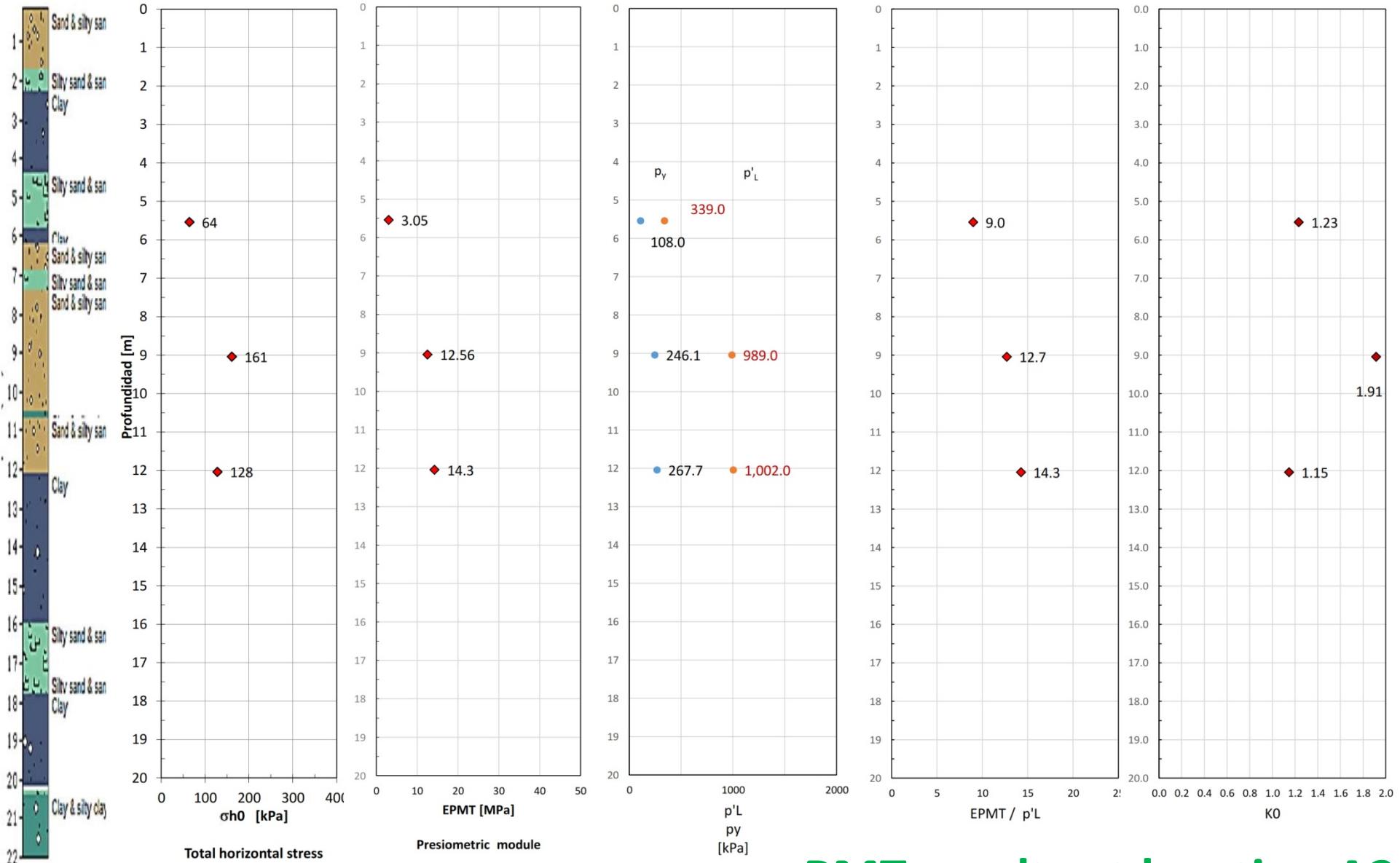


Pressuremeter Equipment: TEXAM Model	Probe Designation : NK Probe (76 mm Ø)	Drilling Method: Multistep Drilling	Test Date: 23-12-16	Project: B.E.S.T.	TEST PMT No.: 2	incotec
Uncorrected test: as per ASTM CR114	Probe No: NK	Drill bit: Long bit	Test Depth [m]: 8.94	Client: Incotec No. Project: 30-2016	Borehole No.: C1	Experiencia y conocimiento
Method B	Calibration Record N: 2	Drilled section length starting drilling: ~3 m	Incoter: Ing. Fabiana Vicente			
Volume increments:	40 cm³	m				
Maximum Volume:	1400 cm³	bar				
Maximum Pressure:	100 bar					
Probe Length:	0.46 m					
Probe Initial Volume:	1968 cm³					

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## PMT results at location A3

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Resume of PMT results

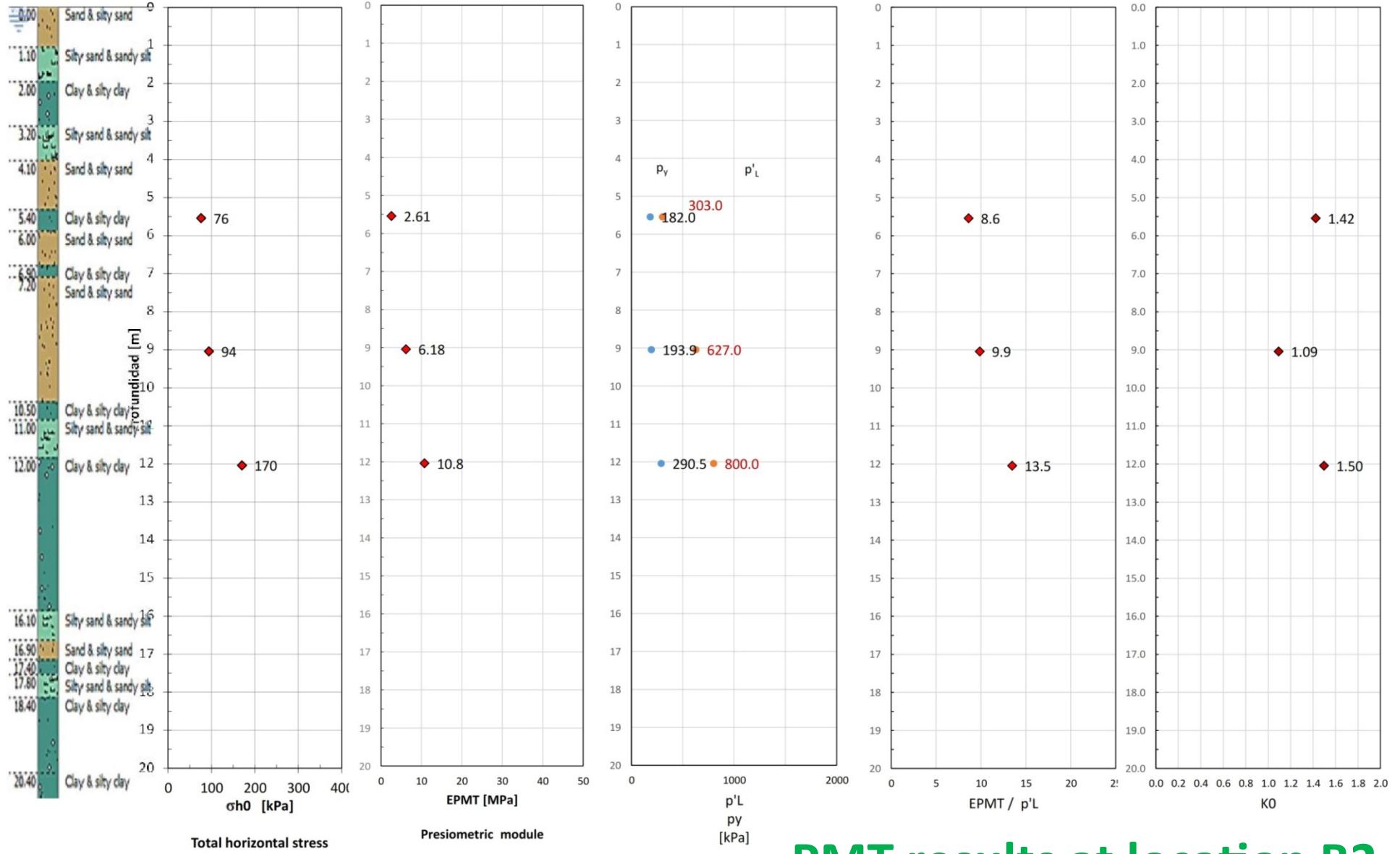
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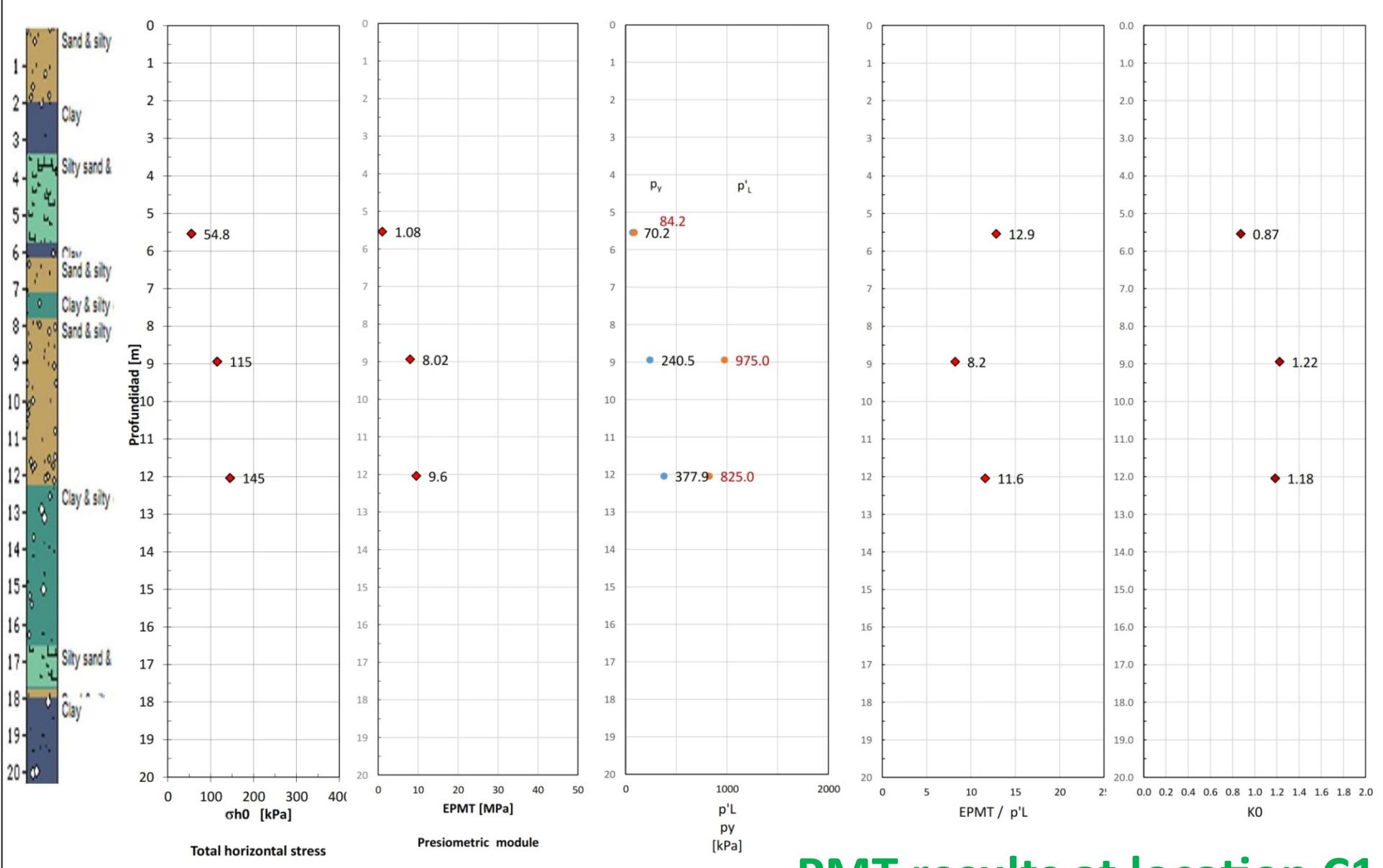


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## PMT results at location B2

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## PMT results at location C1

Project: B.E.S.T.

Resume of PMT results

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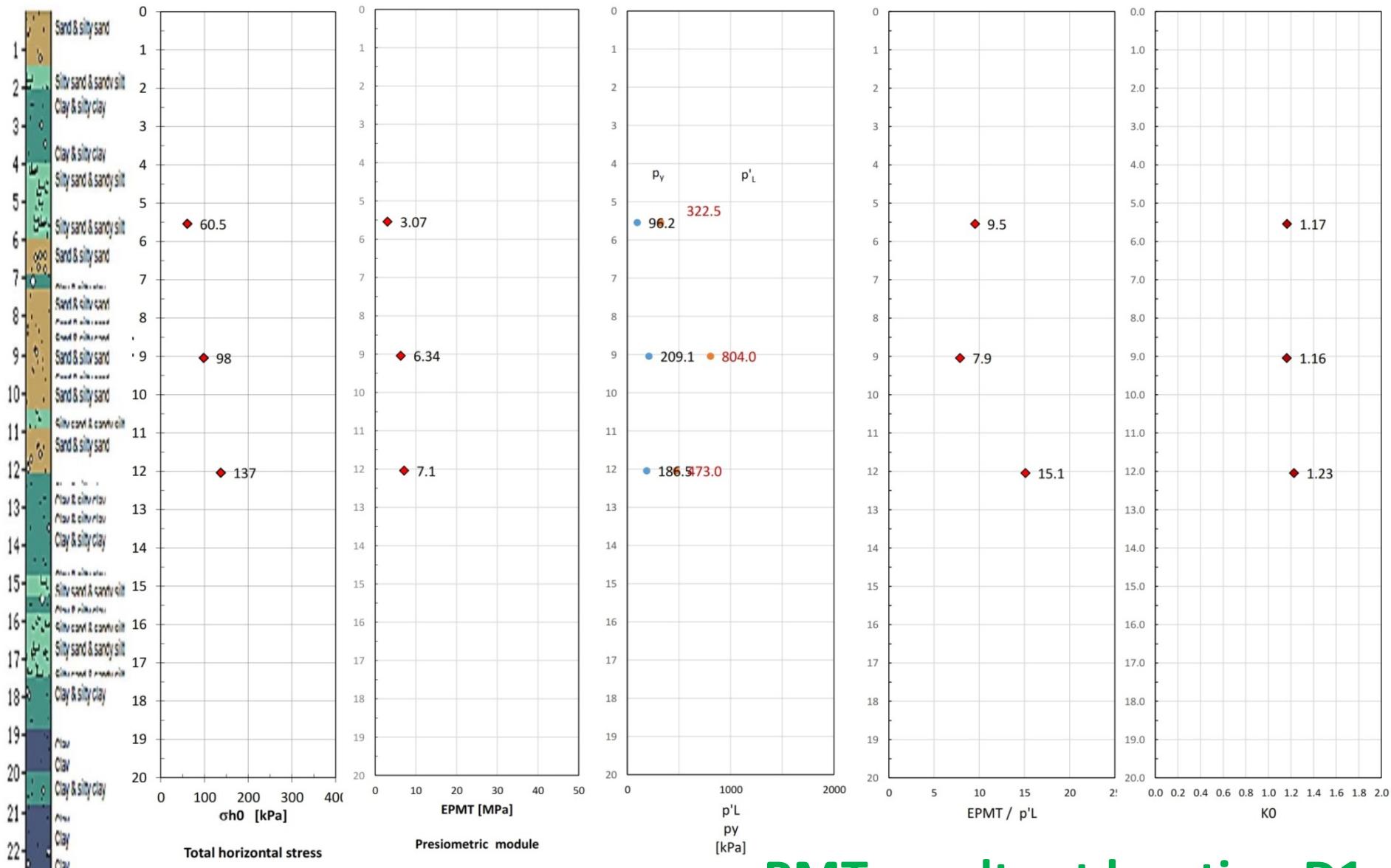
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## PMT results at location D1

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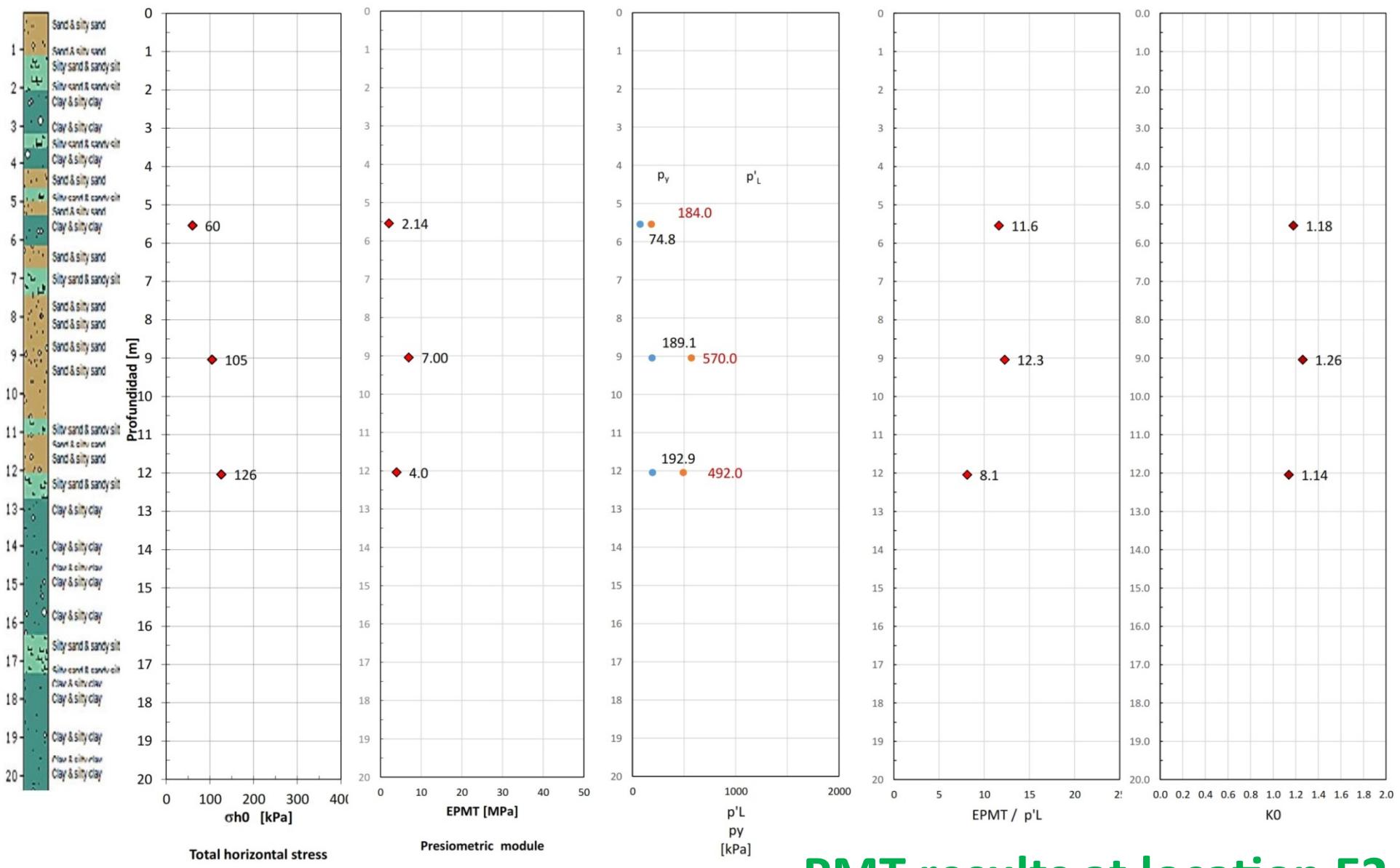
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## PMT results at location E2

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# Analysis of some results

- 9 m depth : all in the sand layer,

$670 \text{ kPa} < p_L < 990 \text{ kPa}$ , and  $7 < E_M/p_L < 11 \rightarrow$  medium dense sands

- 5.5 m and 12 m depth, either:

- predominantly sand layer
- silty sand and sandy silt layer

A3, C1 and D1, at 5.5 m depth :

$140 \text{ kPa} < p_L < 400 \text{ kPa} \rightarrow$  very loose to loose sands or silts?

$7.7 < E_M/p_L < 8.1 \rightarrow$  stiffer soils?

- at the interface of these two layers, or
- at the interface of one of these two layers and a clay layer

E2 clay at 5.5 m depth? (but very near sand and silty sand)

$p_L = 240 \text{ kPa}$  and  $E_M/p_L = 8.6 \rightarrow$  very soft clay

$p_L = 240 \text{ kPa} \rightarrow$  loose sand, but  $E_M/p_L$  is too high...

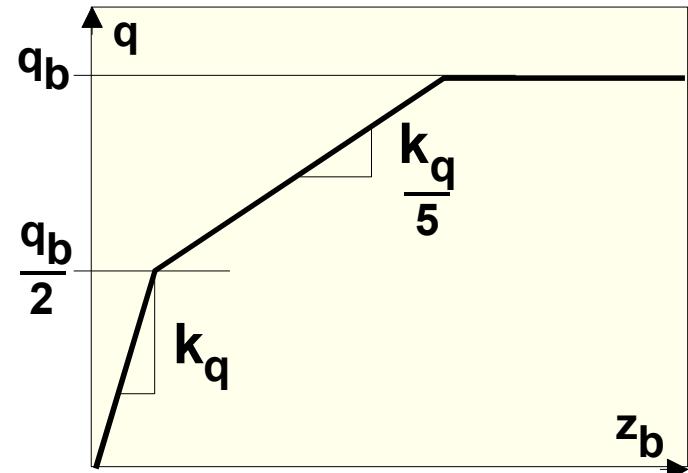
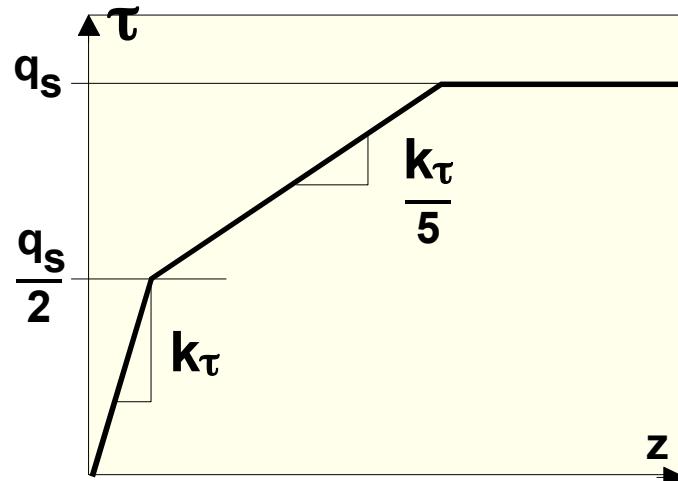
## Design of piles with PMT results

- Ménard pressuremeter tests provide:
  - a deformation parameter,  $E_M$  → displacement assessment
  - a failure parameter  $p_L$  → capacity assessment
- These parameters, used with simple rules, charts or softwares (for t-z or p-y approaches) can solve most of current problems of shallow and deep foundations
- This vision is fully compatible with Eurocode 7...

The rest is a matter of engineering judgement !

# Load-settlement curves for piles from PMT results

t-z curves from Ménard pressuremeter modulus  $E_M$   
(laws of Frank-Zhao, 1982)



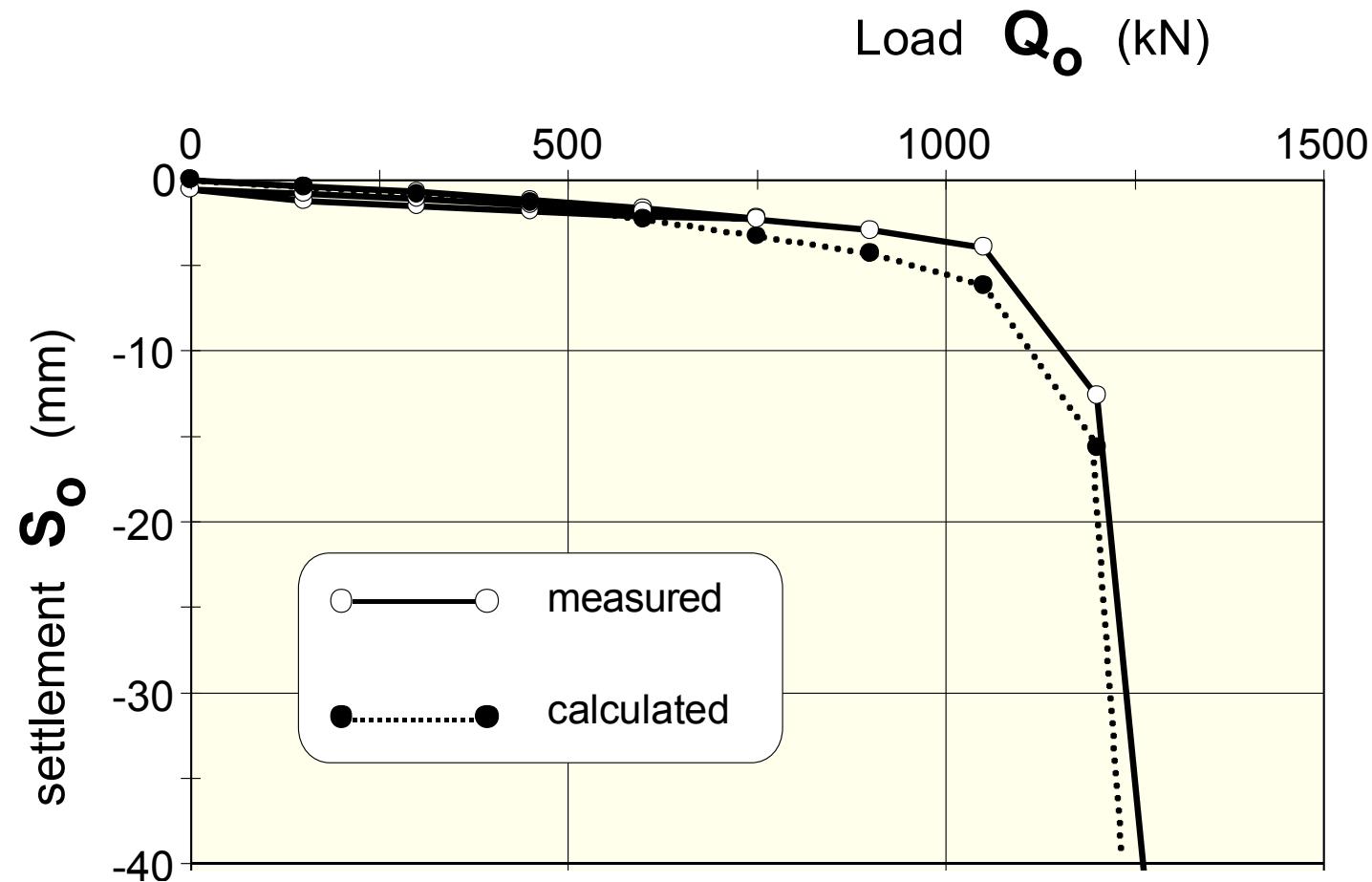
for fine grained soils :

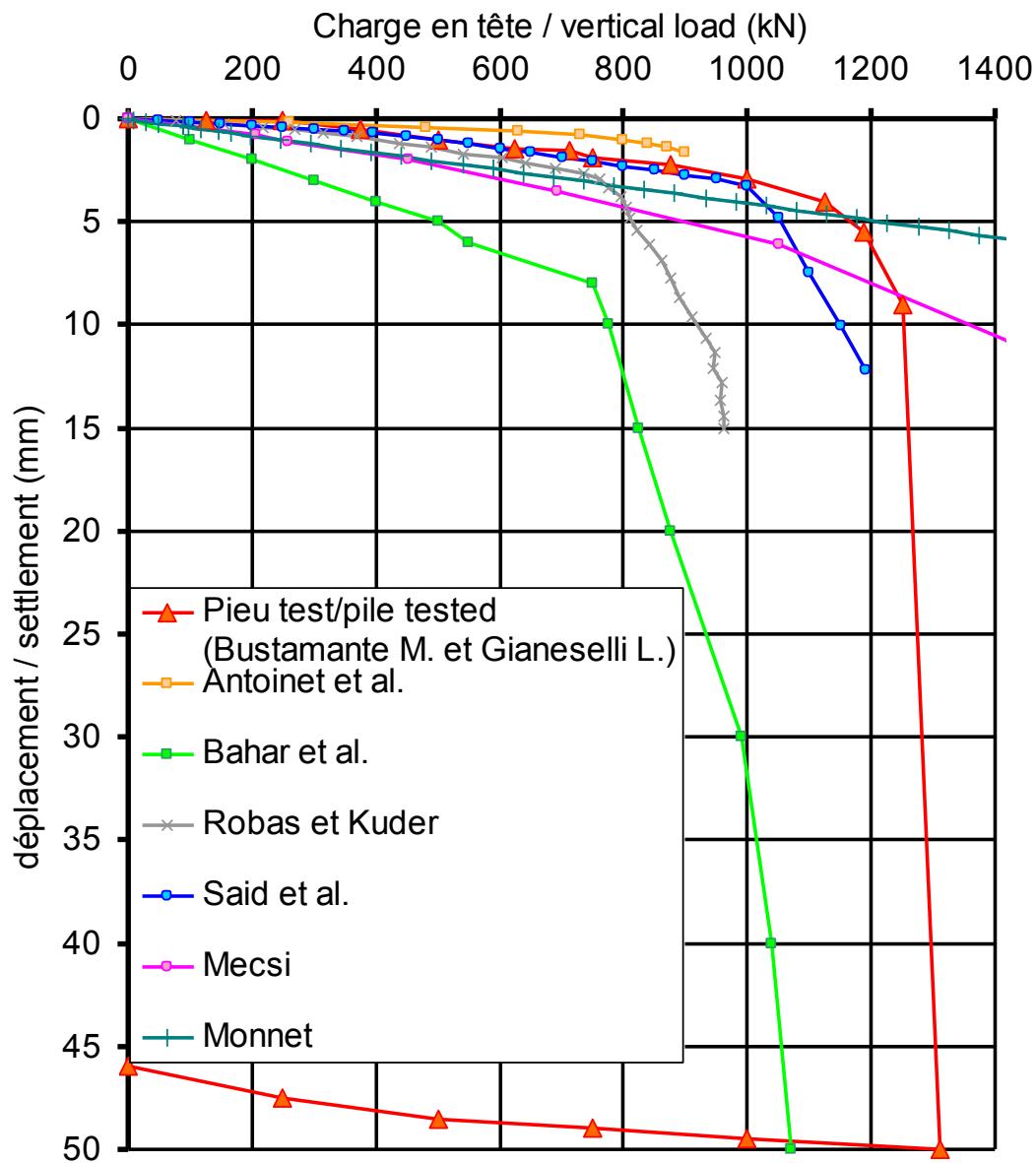
$$k_\tau = 2.0 E_M / B \text{ and } k_q = 11.0 E_M / B$$

for granular soils :

$$k_\tau = 0.8 E_M / B \text{ and } k_q = 4.8 E_M / B$$

## 1st example : cased screw pile in Ypresian clay (Belgium)

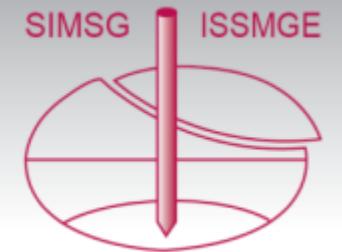






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Thank you for your attention !