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REVIEW OF THE VIBRATORY LABORATORY COMPACTION TEST

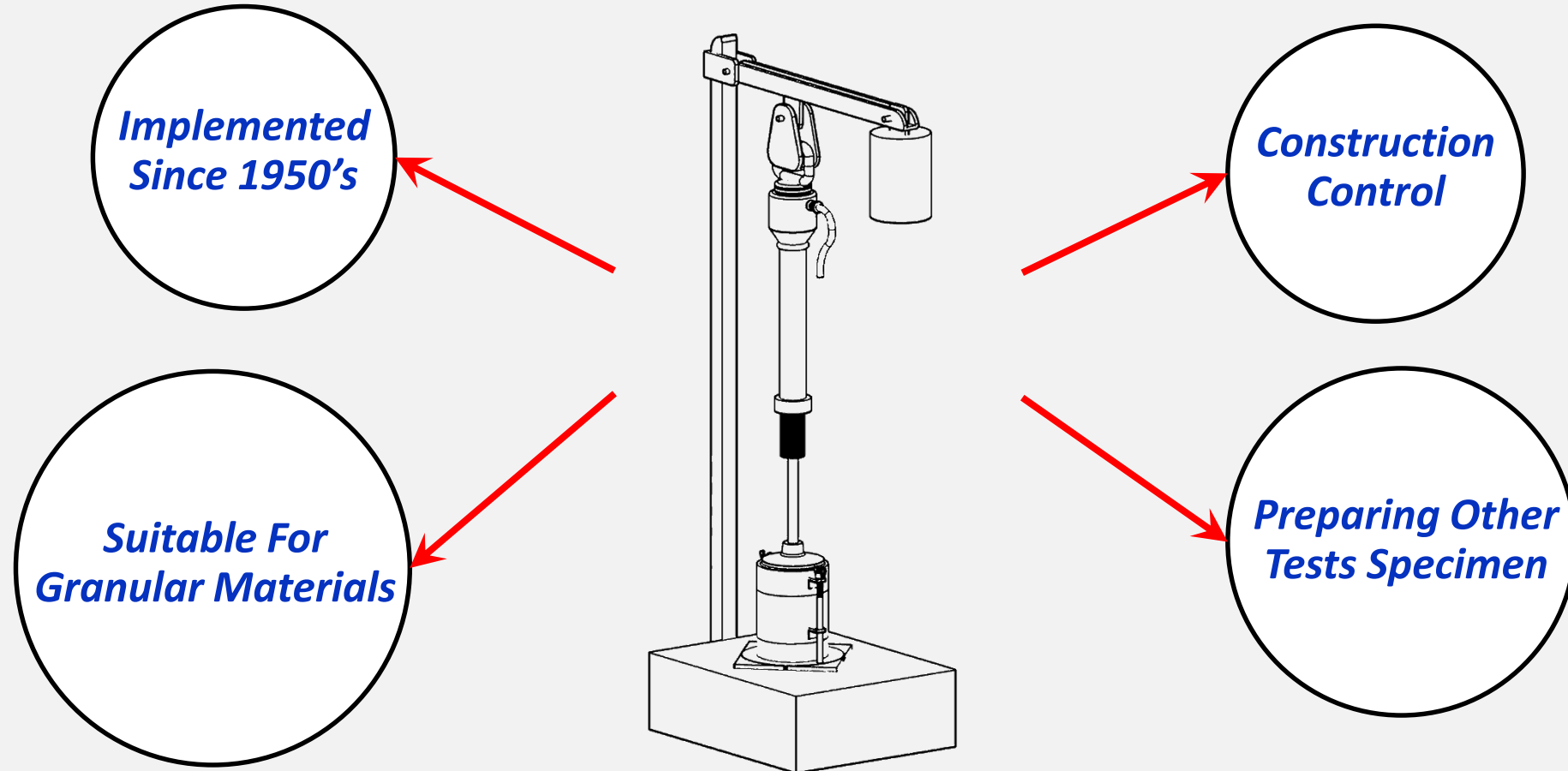
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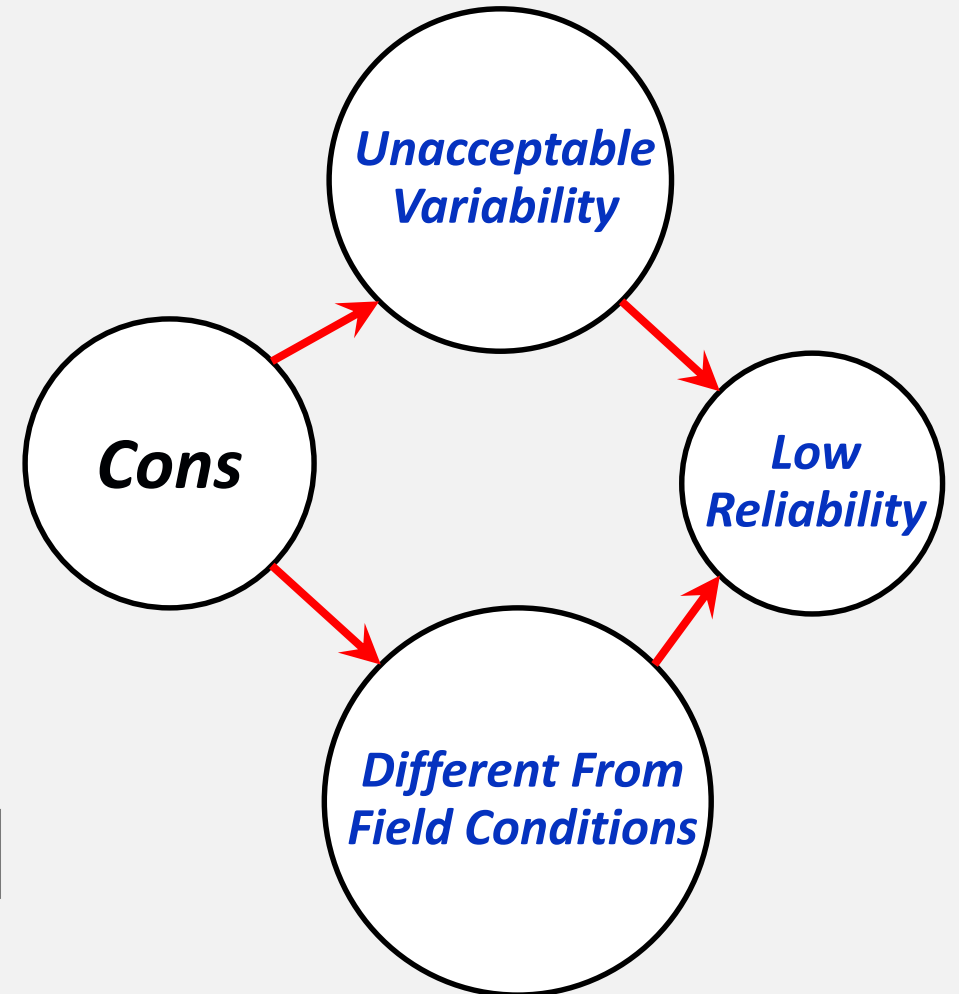
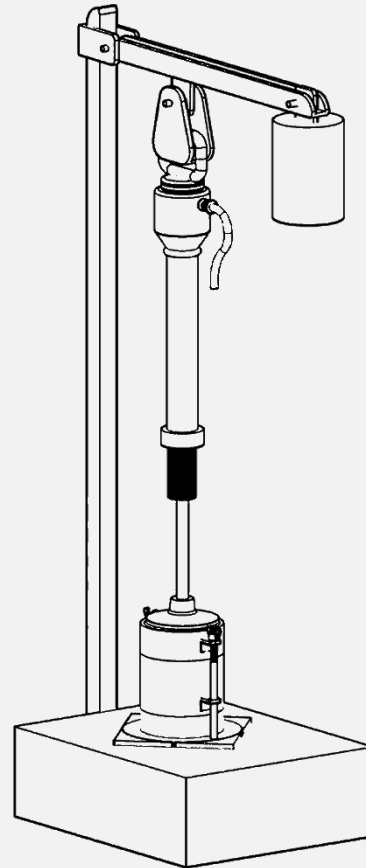
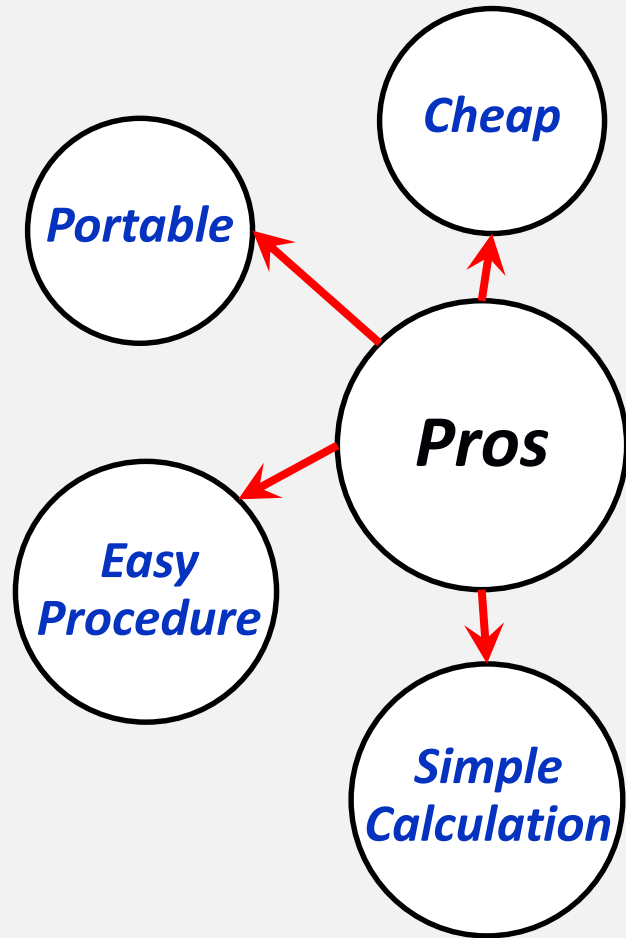
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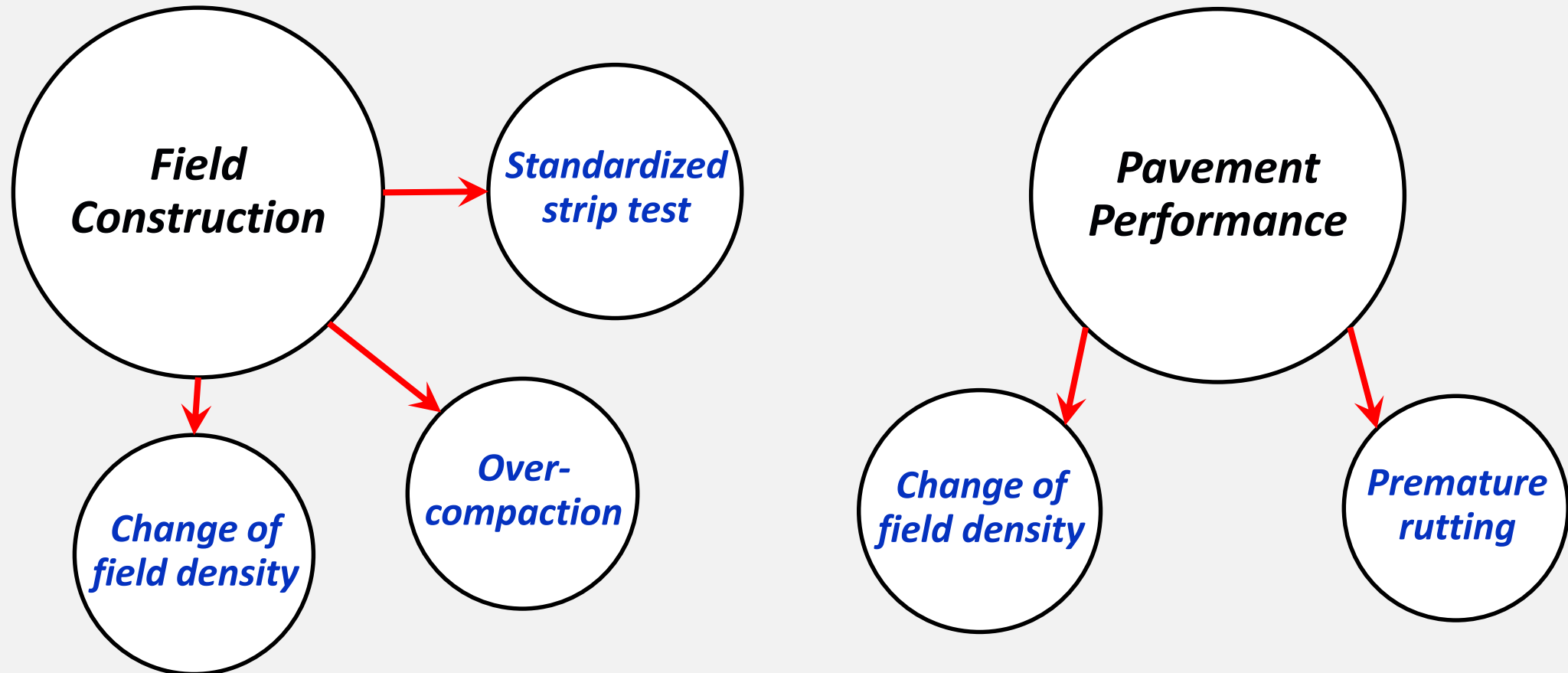
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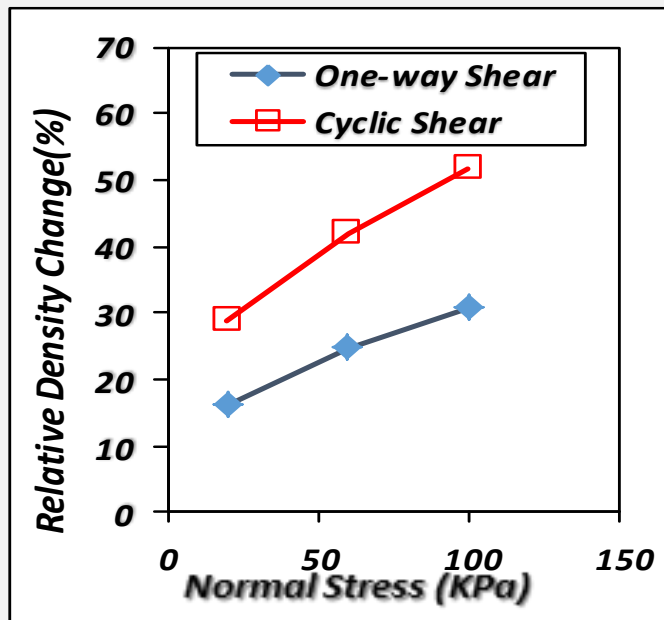


Evidence of Low Reliability of NZS Vibrating Hammer Compaction Test

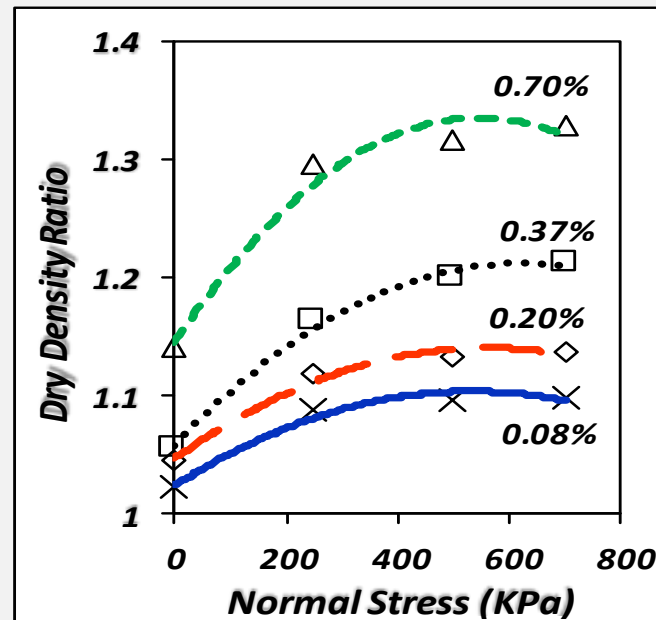


Experimental Evidence for Importance of Cyclic Shear Straining

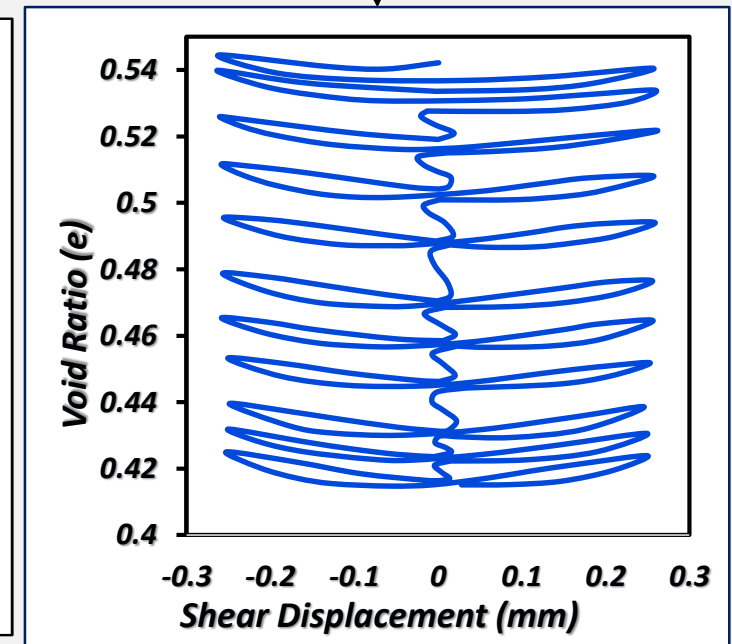
One-way VS Cyclic Shear Strain



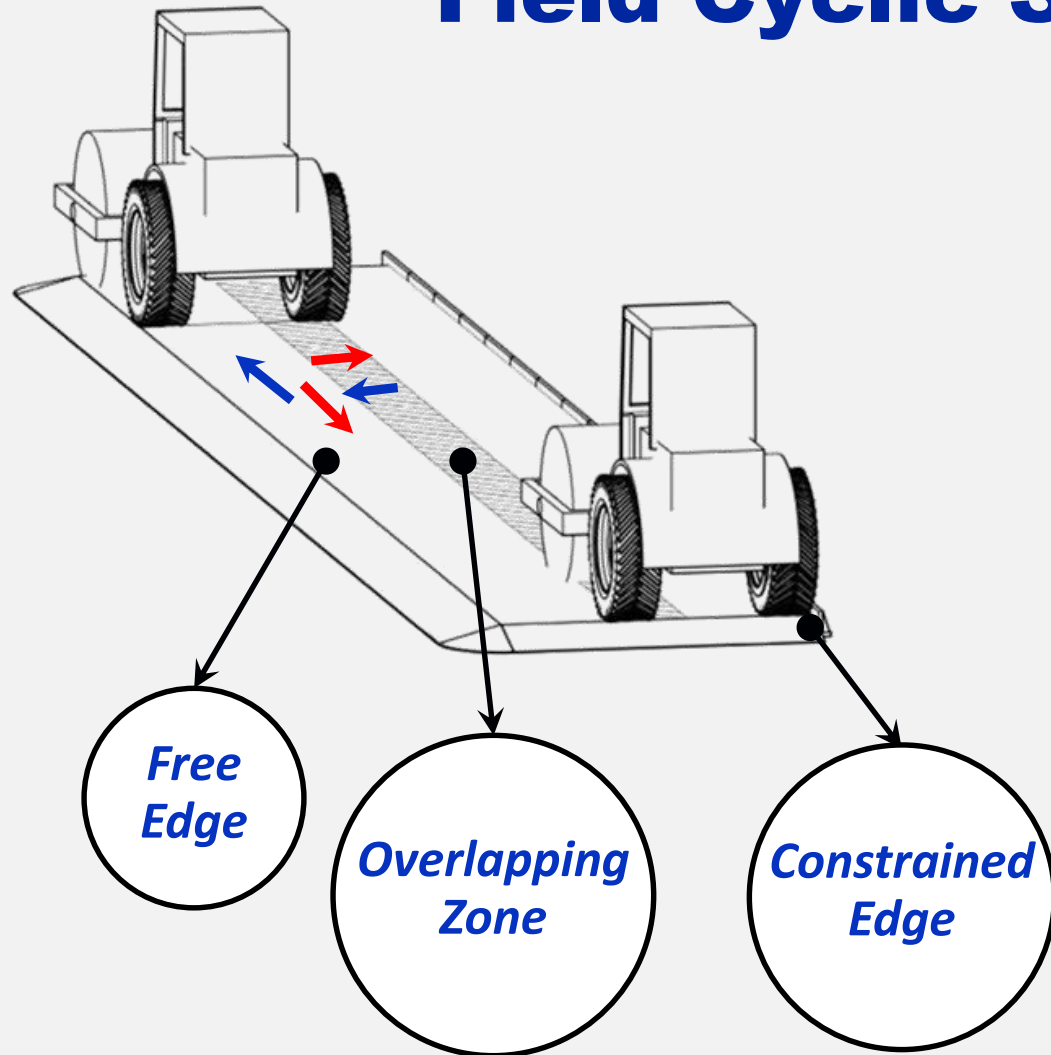
Normal Stress Increase VS Shear Strain Increase



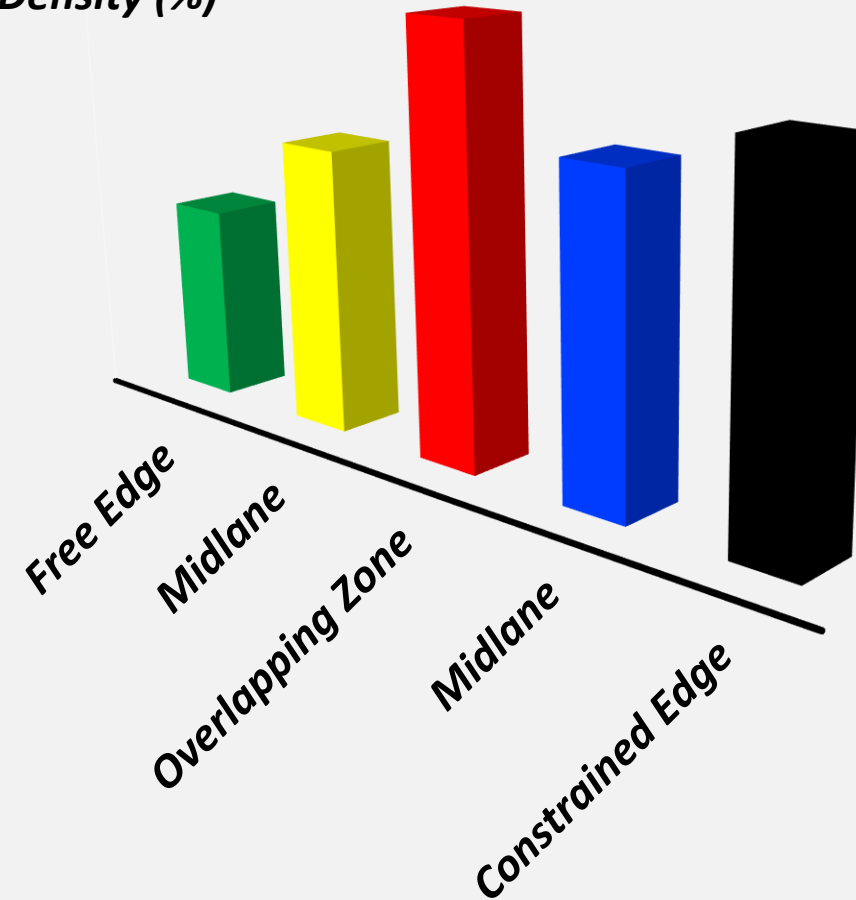
Increase of Cycles Number



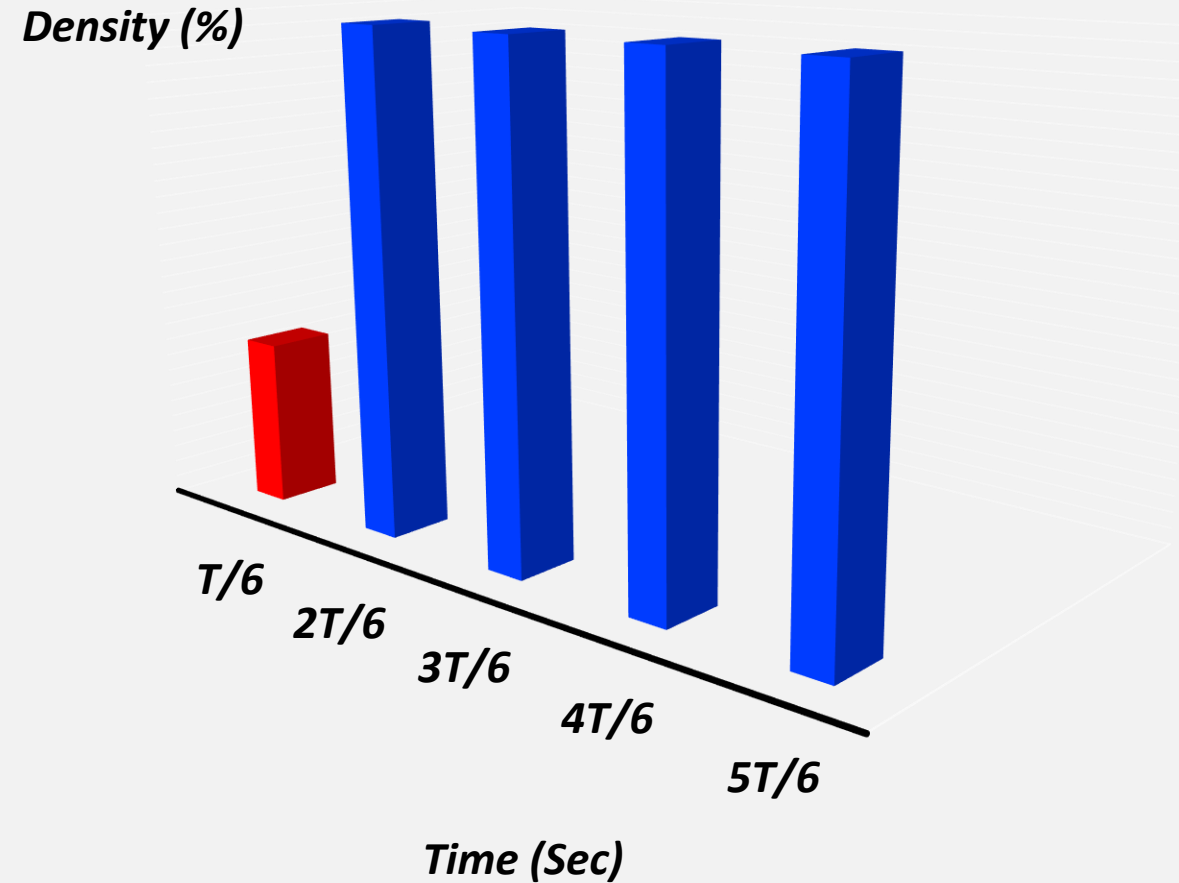
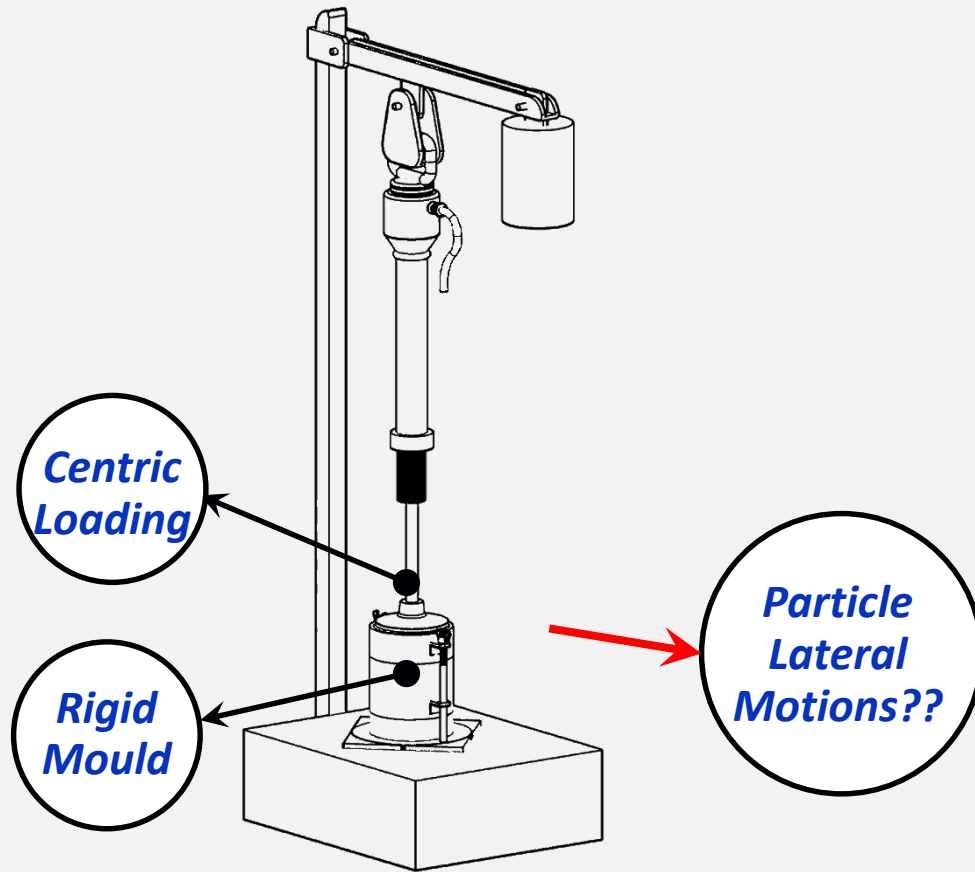
Field Cyclic Shear Straining



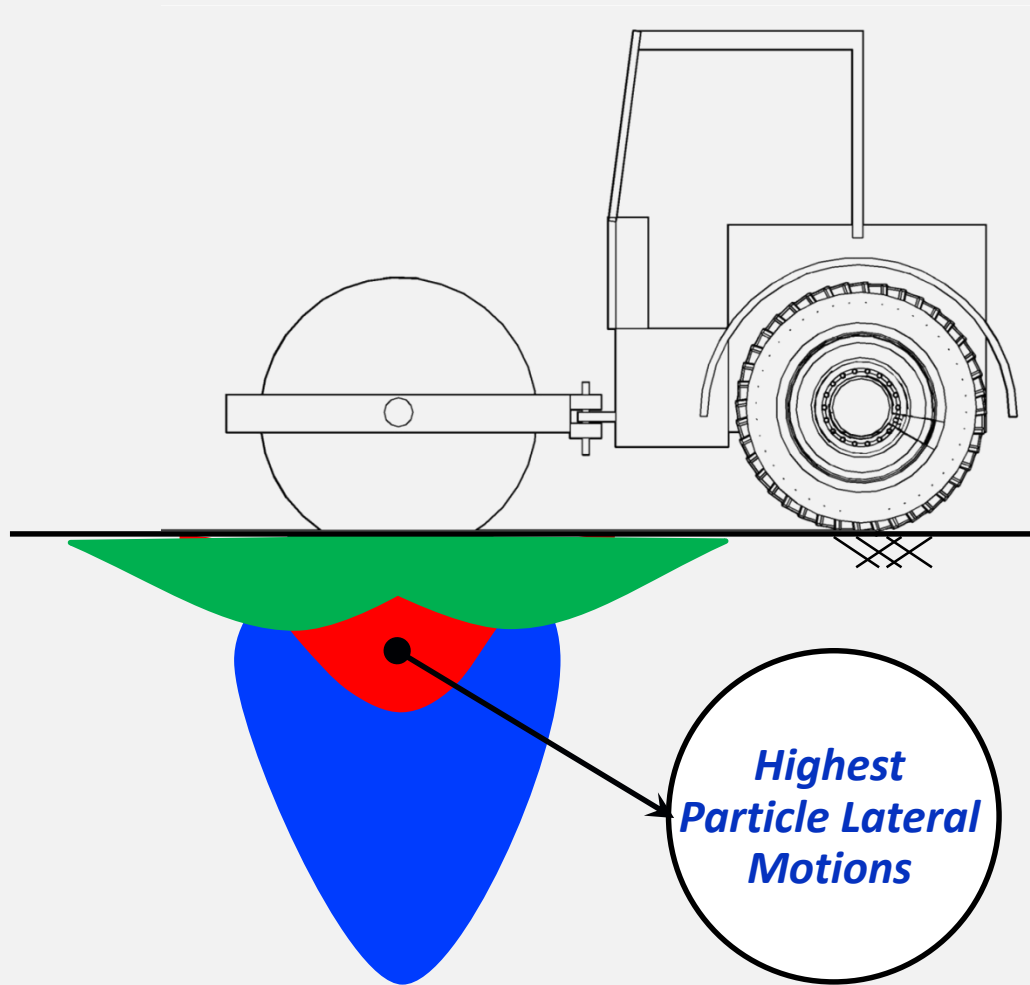
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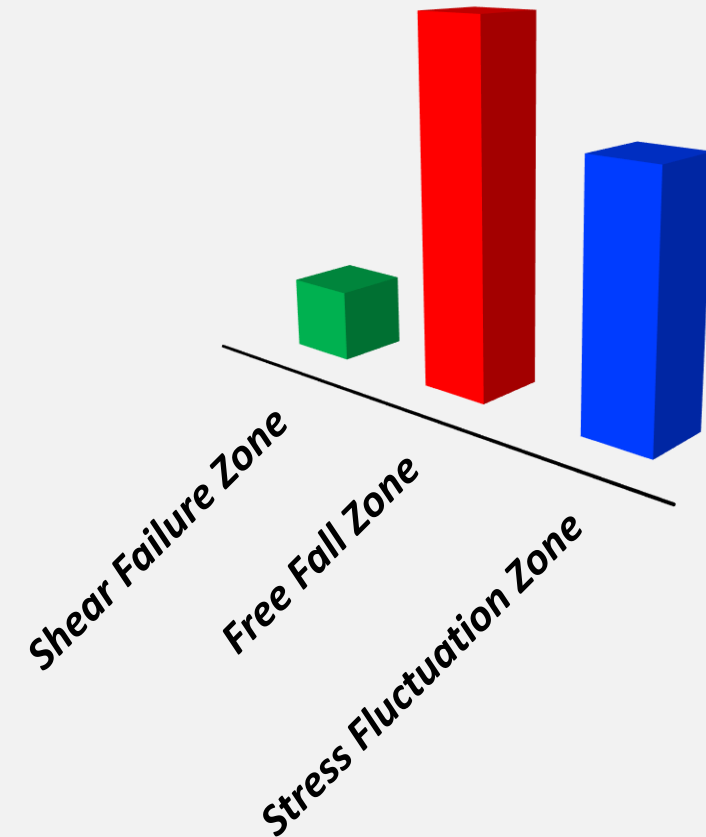
NZS Laboratory Test: Cyclic Shear Straining?



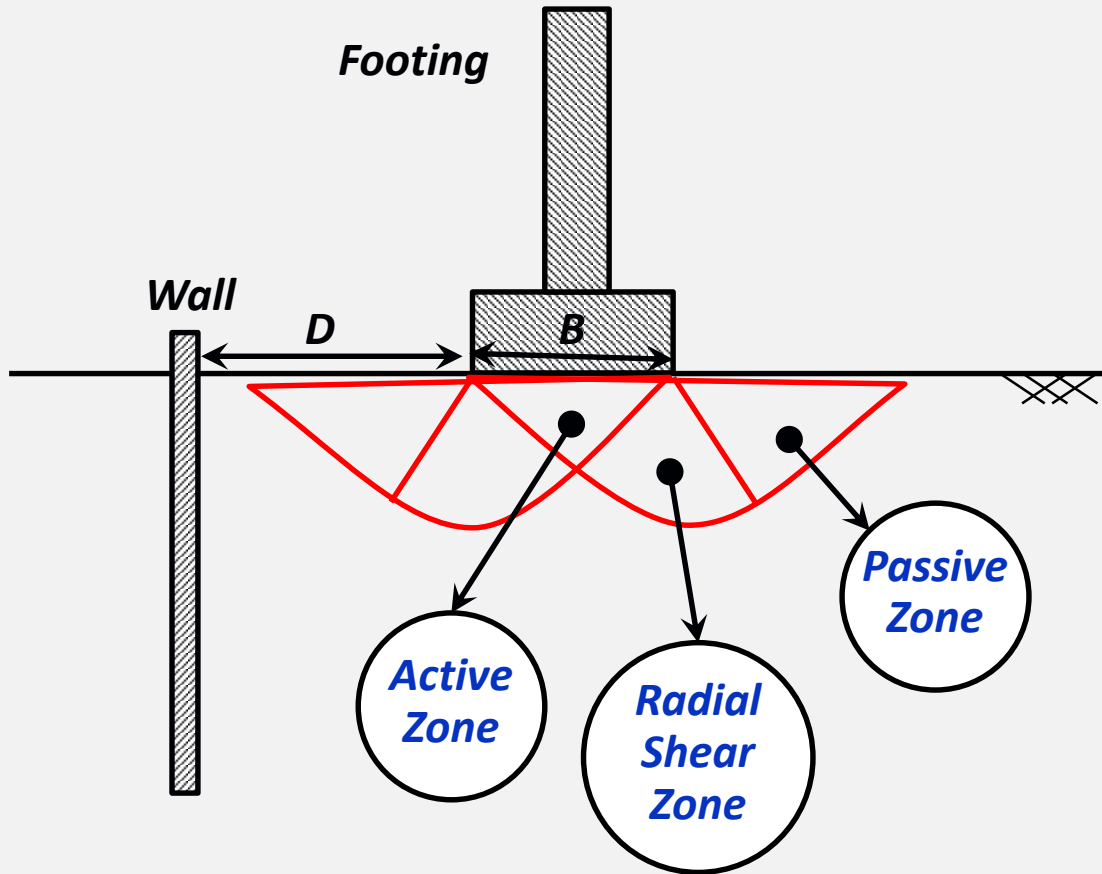
Field Loading Pattern and Confinement



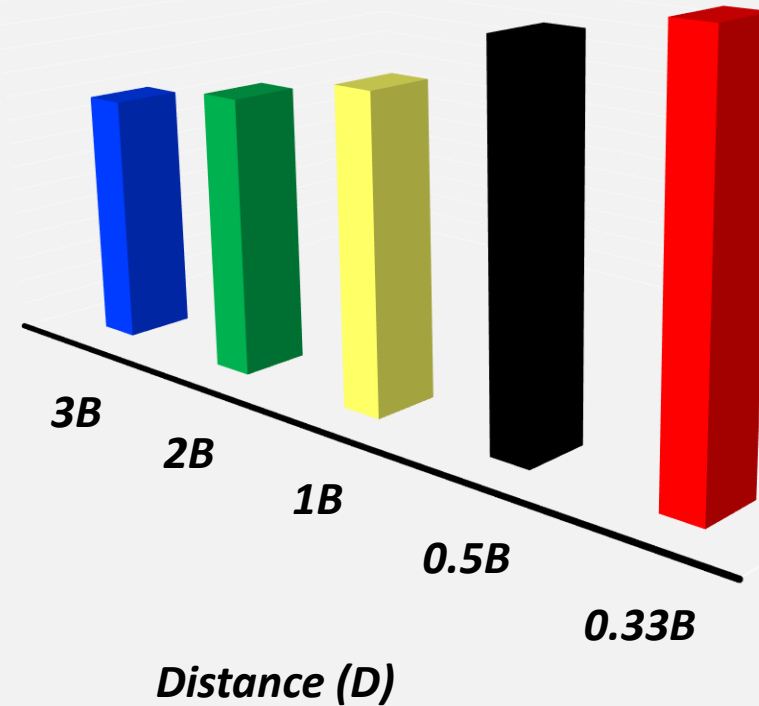
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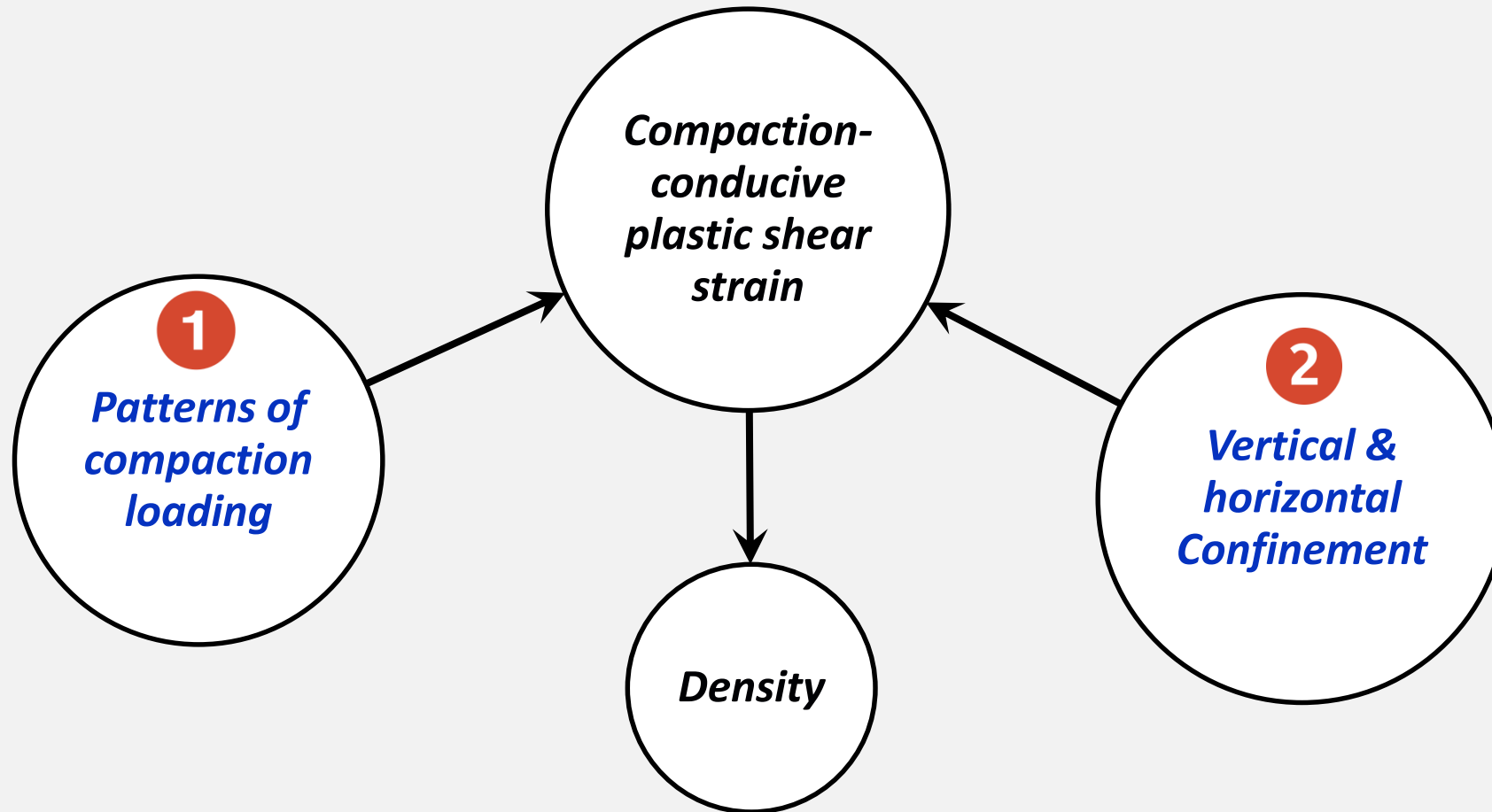
NZS Laboratory Test: Loading Pattern and Confinement



Bearing Capacity



Problem Solution



Conclusions

- ✓ **Cyclic straining is the best method to densify frictional materials**
- ✓ **The NZS compaction test cannot induce cyclic shear strain due to specimen loading and confinement**
- ✓ **Any test to be developed should consider these two aspects in conjunction with field compaction**

Questions?

