

Anisotropic Deformation and Strength Properties of Wet-Tamped Sand in Plane Strain Compression at Low Pressures (Part III)

—Shear Deformation Characteristics—

低拘束圧下での突き固めた不飽和砂の変形・強度の異方性 (III)

—せん断変形特性—

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the framework of a long-term research project on the deformation and strength characteristics of soils and rocks for a wide range of strain from 10^{-6} to 10^0 , a series of plane strain compression (PSC) tests on loose wet-tamped Onahama sand with local measurements of extremely small axial and lateral strains was performed by Dong et al^{1,2}. Since the value of σ_2 varies with the increase in σ_1 in PSC tests performed at a constant confining pressure, σ_3 , the values of Young's modulus E can not be readily obtained from the relationship between the deviator stress $q = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3$ and the axial strain ϵ_1 . For such PSC tests, when the material properties are isotropic with a Poisson's ratio ν , the value of $E_{PSC} = q / \epsilon_1$, as reported by Dong et al², is linked to E as $E_{PSC} = E / (1 - \nu^2)$. However, at small strain levels, since ν is around 0.13 to 0.27 as will be reported in this paper, the value E_{PSC} is very close to E . On the other hand, the shear modulus G in PSC is obtained directly from the relationship between the shear stress $\tau = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$ and the shear strain $\gamma = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3$. Poisson's ratio ν , however, can not be obtained directly as G , but, for isotropic material, ν is linked to the ratio of principal strains $\nu_{PSC} = -\epsilon_3 / \epsilon_1$ as $\nu = \nu_{PSC} / (1 + \nu_{PSC})$.

Herein reported are the shear deformation properties of loose Onahama sand, particularly anisotropy of shear modulus and Poisson's ratio. The experimental methods and the physical properties of sand tested have been reported elsewhere^{1,2}. The method to

measure very small lateral strains was described by Shibuya et al³.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Fig. 1 shows the relationships between the shear stress $\tau = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$ and the shear strain $\gamma = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3$ for similar values of density and water content at $\sigma_3 = 0.2$ and 0.4 kgf/cm^2 , but for different angles δ (the angle of the direction of the major principal stress relative to the bedding plane). A clear tendency of

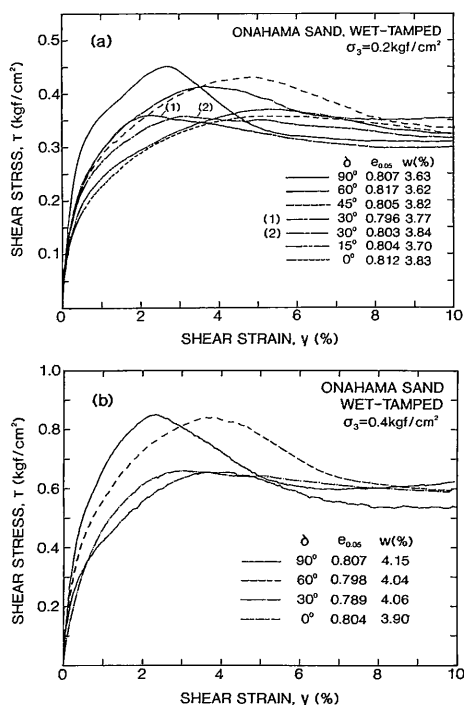


Fig. 1 Relationships between the shear stress $\tau = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$ and the shear strain $\gamma = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3$ for the maximum shear strain of 10%: (a) $\sigma_3 = 0.2$ and (b) 0.4 kgf/cm^2 .

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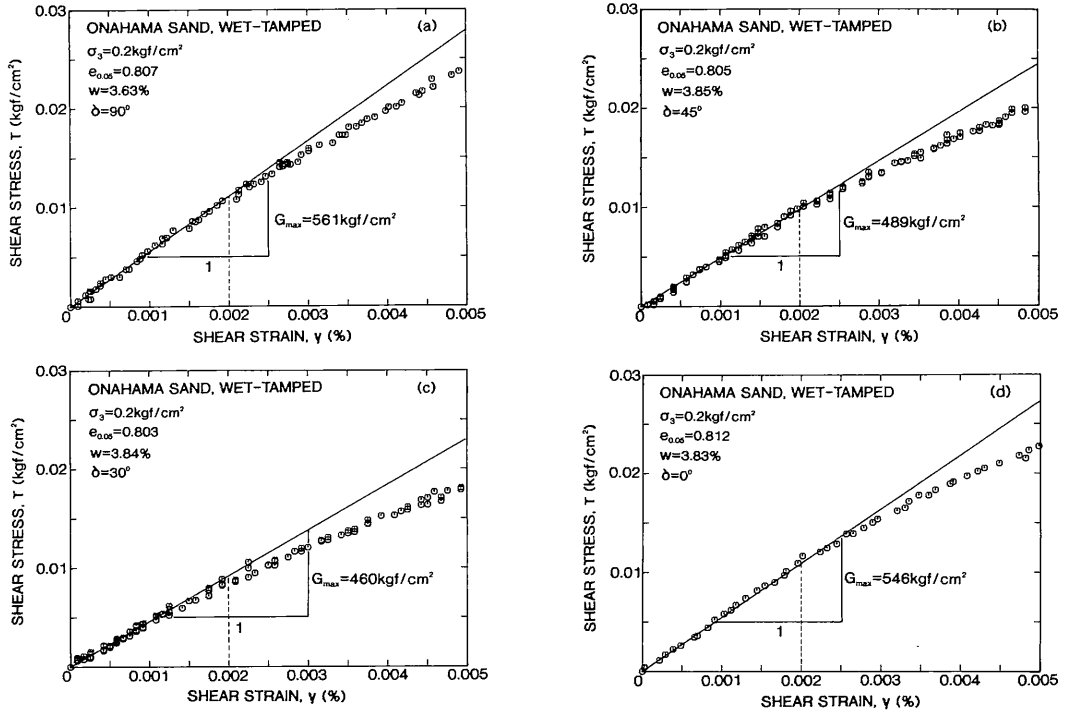


Fig. 2 Relationships between the shear stress $\tau = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$ and the shear strain $\gamma = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3$ for the maximum shear strain of 0.005 %: for different angles δ at $\sigma_3 = 0.2 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$.

anisotropy can be seen. Figs. 2(a) through (d) and Figs. 3(a) through (d) show some typical relations at extremely small shear strain levels less than 0.005 %. It can be seen that in each case, the initial part for a range of shear strains less than about 0.002 % is linear (also elastic as shown in Fig. 3b of Dong et al²⁾). It may also be seen that the value of the initial shear modulus G_{max} defined for the initial linear part is a function of the angle δ . This suggests that both the deformation properties from very small to large strain levels and the peak strength are anisotropic, but only the residual strength is rather isotropic.

The value of G_{max} for each test was divided by its corresponding value at $\delta = 90$ degrees for the same density, water content and σ_3 , which was estimated by using the following equation:

$$G_{max}(\delta = 90^\circ) = A_G \left\{ \frac{(2.17 - e_{0.05})^2}{1 + e_{0.05}} \cdot \sigma_3^m + a_1 w + a_2 w^2 \right\} \quad (1)$$

Eq. (1) has the same form as that for $(E_{PSC})_{max}$ (i.e., Eq. (1) of Dong et al²⁾). The values of the coeffi-

icients were obtained by means of a nonlinear least mean square method, which are $A_G = 1292.86$, $m = 0.69$, $a_1 = 4.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (kgf/cm}^2\text{)}$ and $a_2 = 5.30 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (kgf/cm}^2\text{)}$.

Fig. 4 shows the ratio $G_{max}(\delta) / G_{max}(\delta = 90^\circ)$ plotted against the angle δ . A clear tendency of anisotropy can be seen as in the case of the strength and the initial Young's modulus $(E_{PSC})_{max}$ (Fig. 5 of Dong et al^{1),2)}, respectively). Fig. 5 is another figure showing the strength anisotropy for this sand in terms of the ratio of $\phi_0(\delta) / \phi_0(\delta = 90^\circ)$, where $\phi_0 = \arcsin\{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)\}_{max}$.

It may be noted, however, that the tendency of the anisotropy for G_{max} is different from those for the strength and $(E_{PSC})_{max}$ in that G_{max} has a more remarkable minimum value at δ around 30 degrees with G_{max} at $\delta = 0$ being very similar to that at $\delta = 90$ degrees. This is because G_{max} is defined as $(E_{PSC})_{max} / 2(1 + \nu_{PSC})$ and the Poisson's ratio $\nu_{PSC} = -\epsilon_3 / \epsilon_1$ at small strain levels is relatively large and small at $\delta = 30$ degrees and 0, respectively, as shown in Fig. 6. The values of ν_{PSC} shown in Fig. 6 were directly

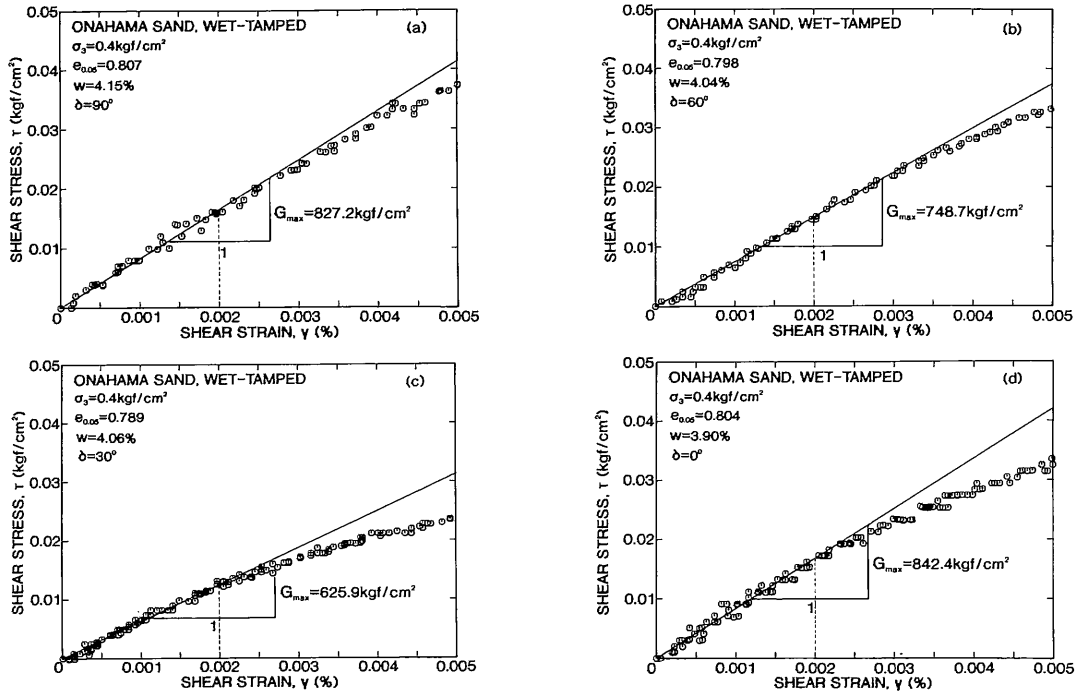


Fig. 3 Relationships between the shear stress $\tau = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$ and the shear strain $\gamma = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3$ for the maximum shear strain of 0.005 %: for differet angles δ at $\sigma_3 = 0.4 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$.

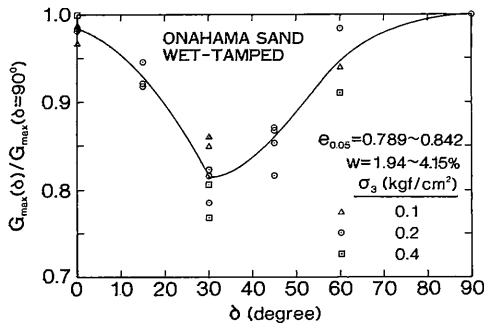


Fig. 4 Relationship between $G_{max}(\delta) / G_{max}(\delta = 90^\circ)$ and δ

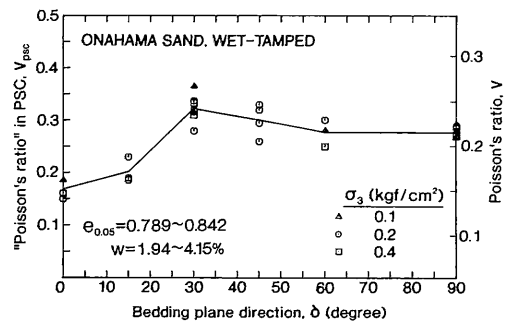


Fig. 6 Relationship between the Poisson ratio ν at small strain levels and the angle δ

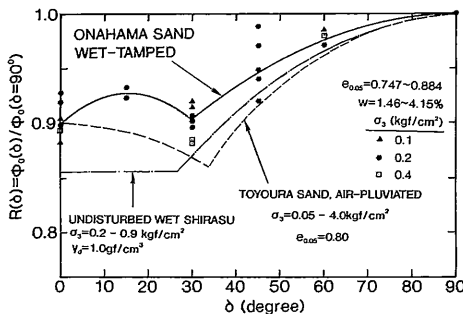


Fig. 5 Relationship between $\phi_0(\delta) / \phi_0(\delta = 90^\circ)$ and δ : $\phi_0 = \arcsin\{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)_{max}\}$ (The data for Toyoura sand and Shirasu from Tatsuoka et al., (1986) and (1990), respectively)

obtained from the linear relationships between ϵ_1 and ϵ_3 at very small strain levels as shown in Fig. 7 (thus may be somewhat different from $(E_{PSC})_{max} / 2 \cdot G_{max} - 1$). Note that the values of $\nu = \nu_{PSC} / (1 + \nu_{PSC})$ are around 0.13 or 0.27, which are reasonable values as the elastic Poisson's ratios.

3. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experimental results, the following conclusions can be drawn:

(a) The relationship between shear stress and

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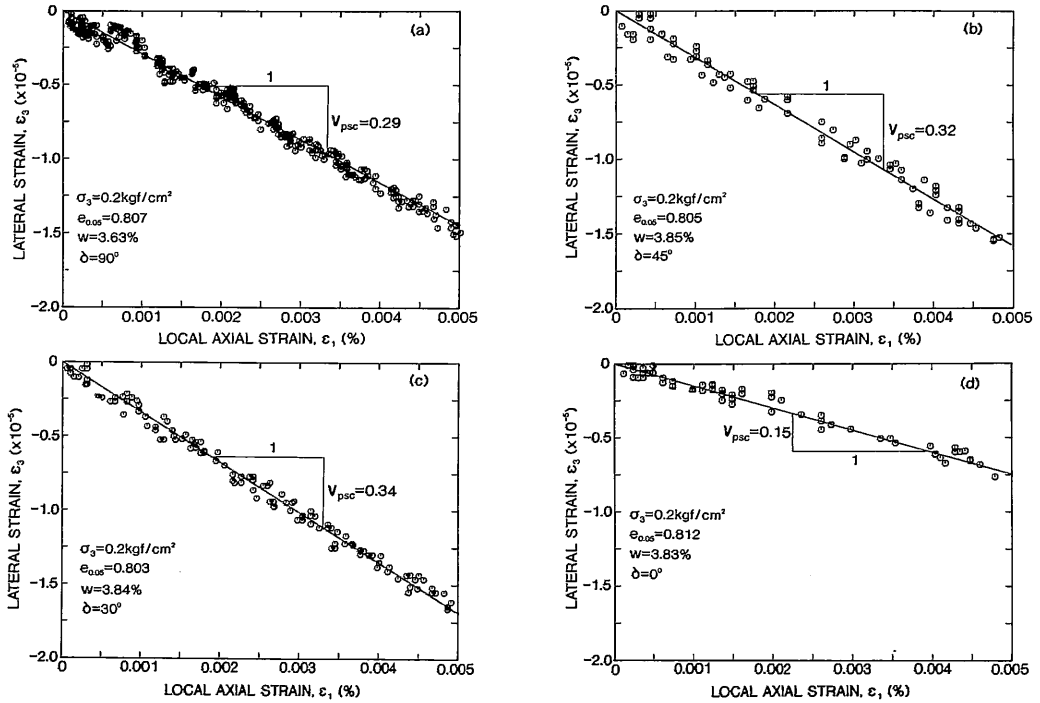


Fig. 7 Relationship between ϵ_1 and ϵ_3 for the maximum axial strains of 0.005%: (a) $\delta=90$ degrees, (b) $\delta=45$ degrees, (c) $\delta=30$ degrees, and (d) $\delta=0$ degree ($\sigma_3=0.2$ kgf/cm²)

shear strain was linear for a range of shear strain less than about 0.002%, for which the initial shear modulus G_{max} could be defined confidently.

- (b) The value of G_{max} was anisotropic. However, not as the peak strength and the initial Young's modulus ($E_{PSC})_{max}$, G_{max} had a very clear minimum when the angle δ of the direction of the major principal stress relative to the bedding plane was about 30 degrees, with G_{max} at $\delta=0$ being close to that at $\delta=90$ degrees. This was due to that the Poisson's ratio at very small strain levels was also anisotropic in a specific way.

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