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# Liquefaction test results of the sand in LEAP (1)

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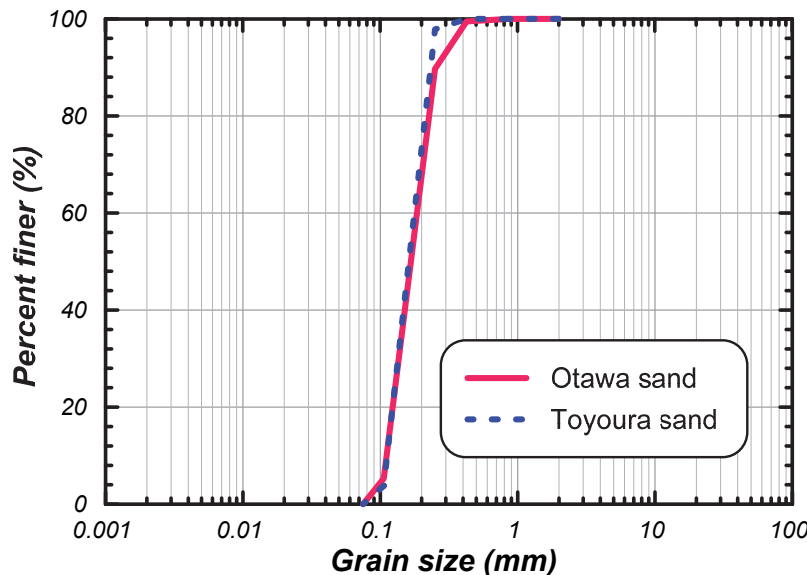
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# Soil Properties of Ottawa sand

|              | $\rho_s$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $e_{\max}$ | $e_{\min}$ | $D_{50}$ (mm) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Ottawa sand  | 2.636                         | 0.838      | 0.504      | 0.18          |
| Toyoura sand | 2.628                         | 0.958      | 0.587      | 0.17          |

Soil properties are measured based on  
JIS A 1202  
JIS A 1204  
JIS A 1224



JIS : Japanese Industry Standard

Ottawa sand and Toyoura sand (Japanese famous sand) are quite similar characteristics of soil particle density and grain size distribution

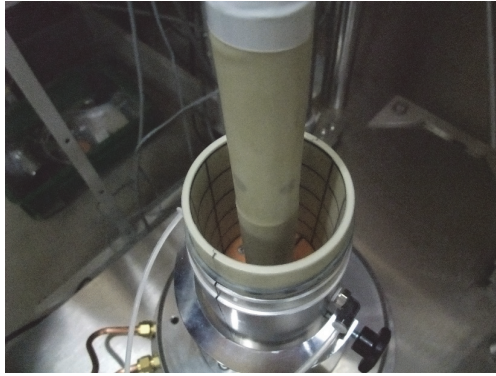
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## Method

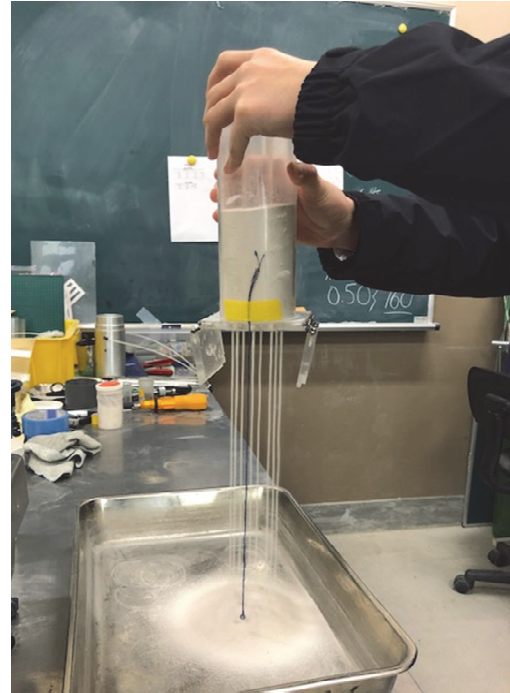
- Air pluviation method is conducted, target dry density was 1.612g/cm<sup>3</sup> before cyclic shear test.
- Specimen size is 70 mm of outer diameter, 30 mm of inner diameter and 100 mm of height
- Supplied De-aired water and CO<sub>2</sub> at 10kPa effective overburden pressure
- Back pressure of 100 kPa was applied for specimen saturation, B-value > 0.98
- Isotropic Consolidation at effective confining pressure of 100kPa was applied to the specimen
- Strain rate of 1%/min at strain controlled cyclic shear tests
- 0.1Hz sinusoidal shear stress in stress controlled cyclic shear tests

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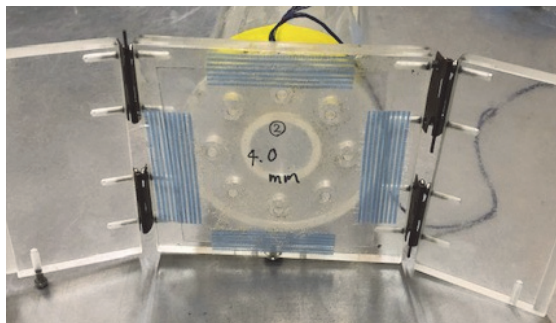
# Specimen preparation (Air pluviation method)



Specimen mold and inner and outer membranes



Specimen density was controlled by number of holes, diameter of holes and height of sand hopper



Sand hopper (bottom)

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## Hollow cylinder torsion test equipment



Reference Standards: JGS 0550, JGS 0551, JGS 0541 JGS 0543

**JGS** : **J**apanese **G**eotechnical **S**tandard

# List of Shear tests

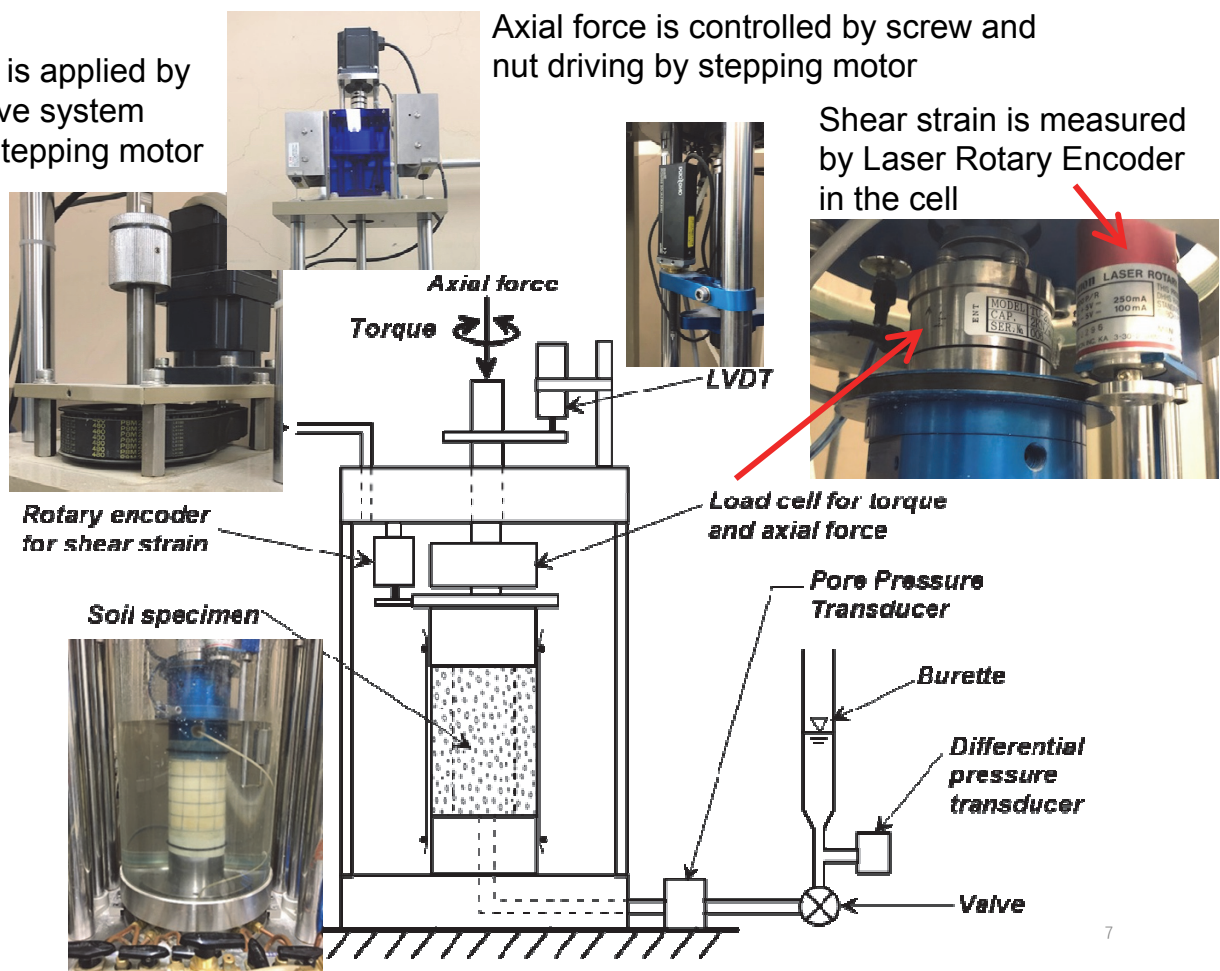
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| No.        | Title                                                                                                                             | Volume |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| JGS 0525   | Method for <b>K0 Consolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression</b> Test on Soils with Pore Water Pressure Measurements              | 2      |
| JGS 0526   | Method for <b>K0 Consolidated-Undrained Triaxial Extension</b> Test on Soils with Pore Water Pressure Measurements                | 2      |
| JGS 0527   | Method for <b>Triaxial Compression Test</b> on <b>Unsaturated</b> Soils                                                           | 2      |
| ● JGS 0541 | Method for <b>Cyclic Undrained Triaxial</b> Test on Soils                                                                         | 2      |
| JGS 0542   | Method for <b>Cyclic Triaxial</b> Test to Determine <b>Deformation Properties</b> of Geomaterials                                 | 2      |
| ● JGS 0543 | Method for <b>Cyclic Torsional Shear</b> Test on Hollow Cylindrical Specimens to Determine <b>Deformation Properties</b> of Soils | 3      |
| JGS 0544   | Method for Laboratory Measurement of <b>Shear Wave Velocity</b> of Soils by <b>Bender Element</b> Test                            | 3      |
| ● JGS 0550 | Practice for <b>Preparing Hollow Cylindrical Specimens</b> of Soils for Torsional Shear Test                                      | 3      |
| ● JGS 0551 | Method for <b>Torsional Shear</b> Test on Hollow Cylindrical Specimens of Soils                                                   | 3      |

Torque is applied by belt drive system using stepping motor

Axial force is controlled by screw and nut driving by stepping motor

Shear strain is measured by Laser Rotary Encoder in the cell



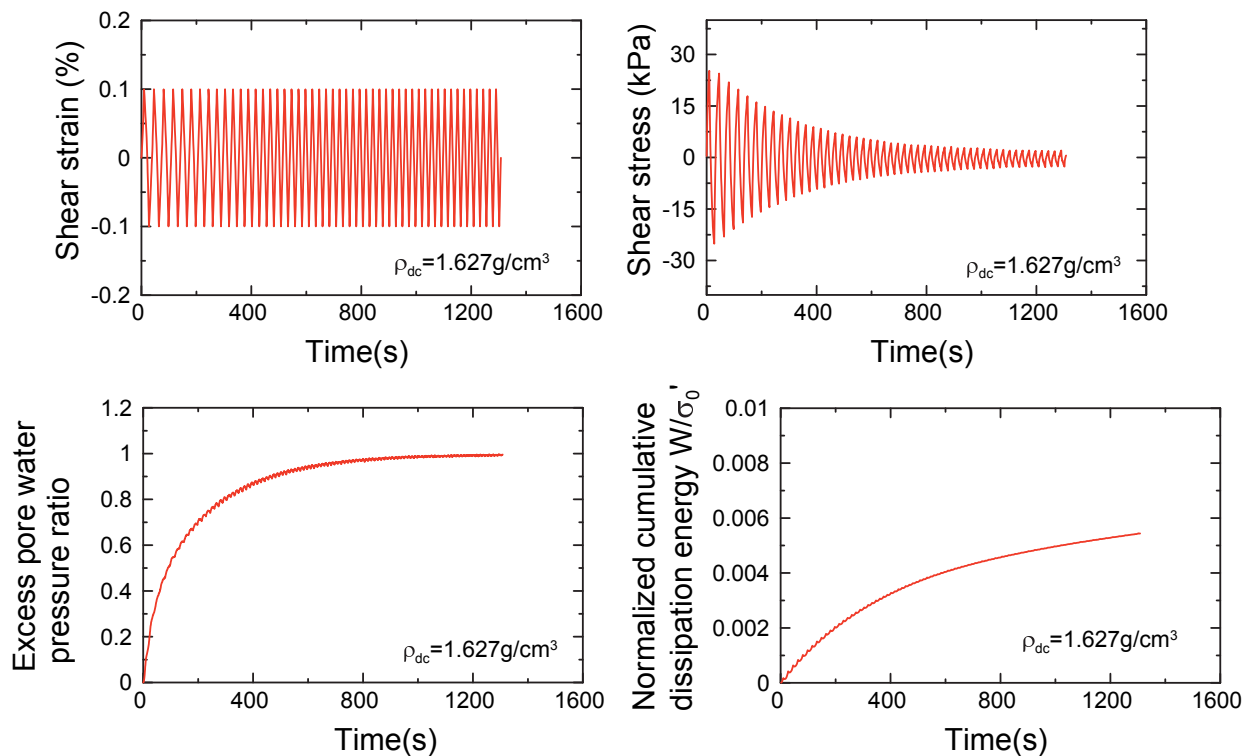
# Test Case

| Case | $\rho_{dc}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | shear strain amplitude (%) | CSR  | control method |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------|
| 1    | 1.620                            | 0.1                        | -    | strain         |
| 2    | 1.640                            | 0.1                        | -    | strain         |
| 3    | 1.617                            | -                          | 0.15 | stress         |
| 4    | 1.608                            | -                          | 0.18 | stress         |
| 5    | 1.620                            | -                          | 0.20 | stress         |

Case 1 and 2 are strain controlled test of single shear strain amplitude of 0.1%. Case 3, 4 and 5 are stress controlled test. Cyclic shear stress ratio (CSR) is 0.15, 0.18 and 0.20

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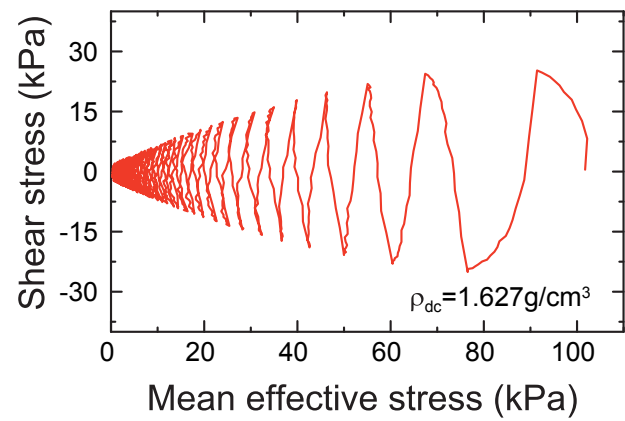
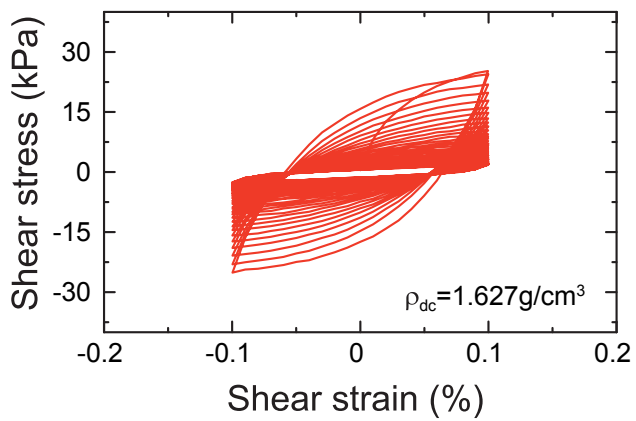
## Result (Case1 Time history)



Time history of shear strain, shear stress, excess pore water pressure ratio and Normalized cumulative dissipation energy are shown. This energy is defined as cumulative area of hysteresis loop of stress-strain relation normalized initial effective overburden pressure

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## Result (Case1 Stress strain & stress path)



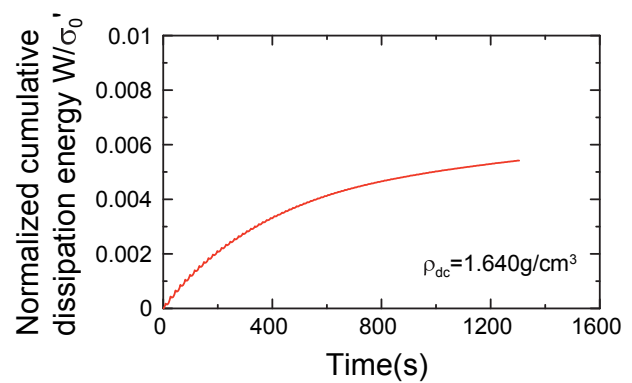
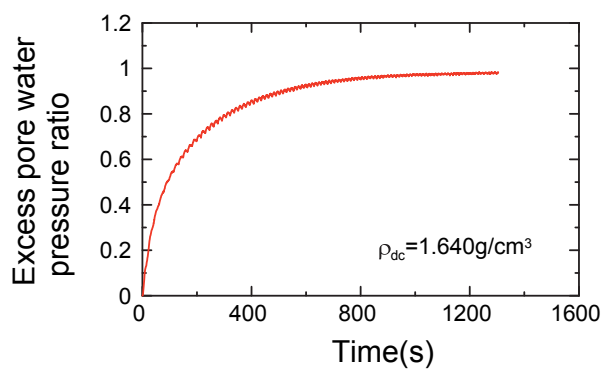
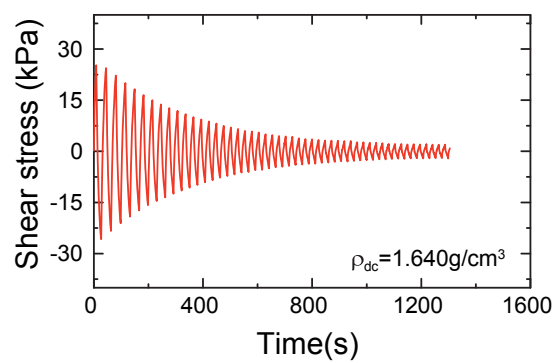
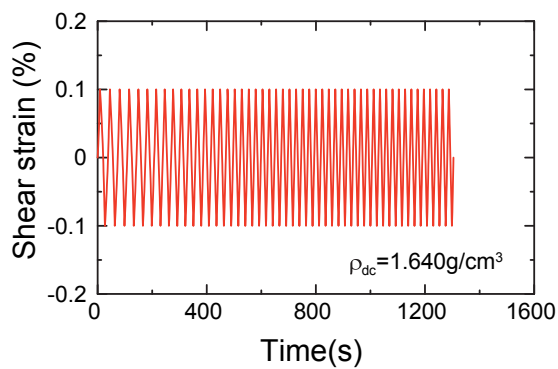
$$\tau_1 = 25.3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_{(ru=0.95)} = 32$$

$$W/\sigma_0' = 0.0054$$

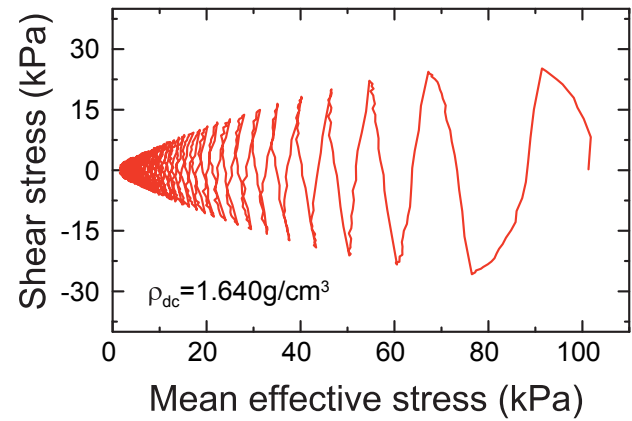
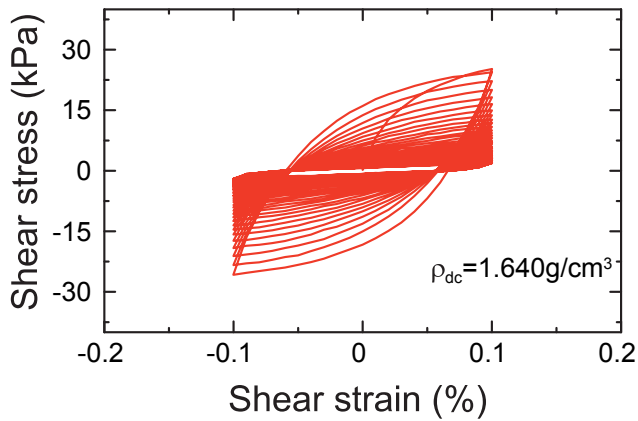
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## Result (Case2 Time history)



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## Result (Case2 Stress strain & stress path)



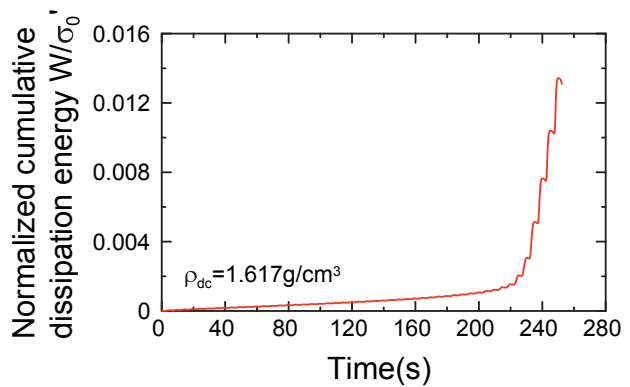
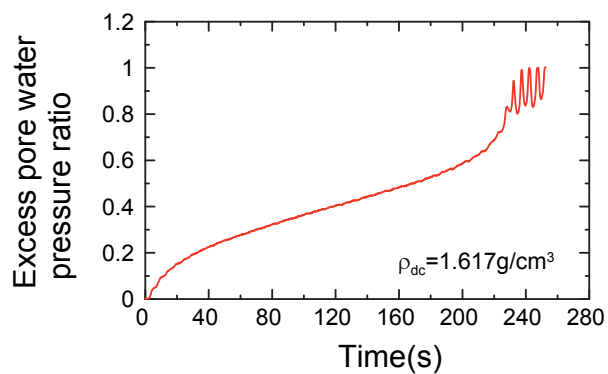
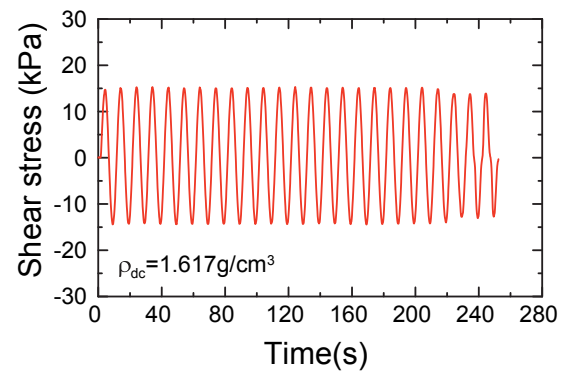
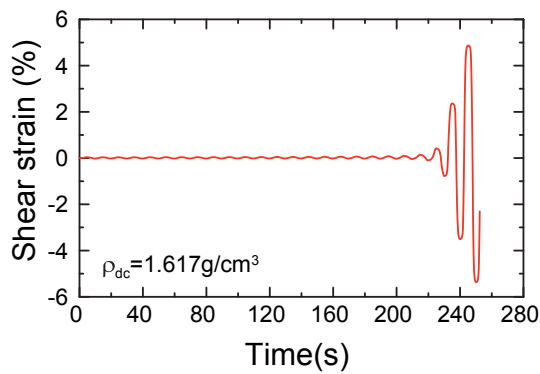
$$\tau_1 = 25.2 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_{(ru=0.95)} = 38$$

$$W/\sigma'_0 = 0.0054$$

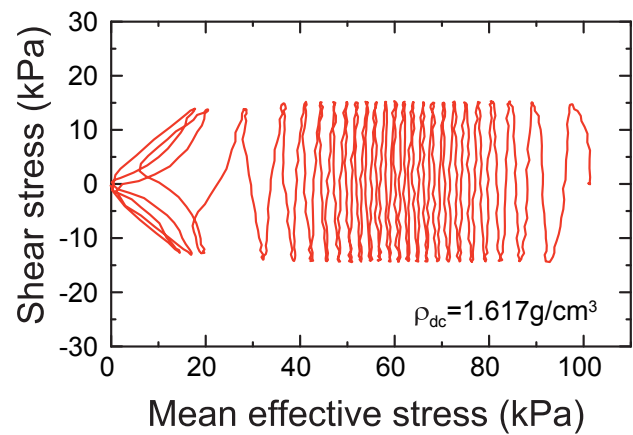
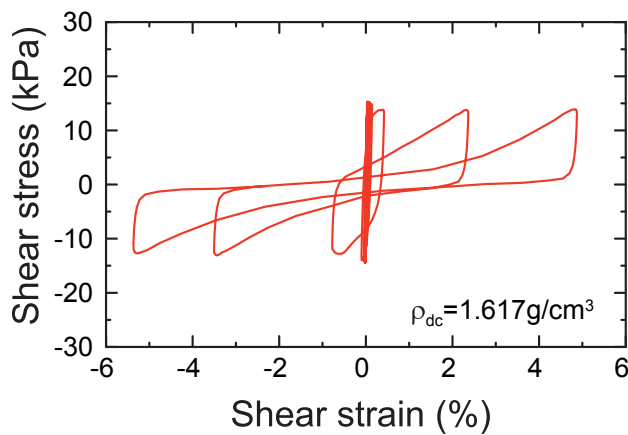
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## Result (Case3 Time history)



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## Result (Case3 Stress strain & stress path)



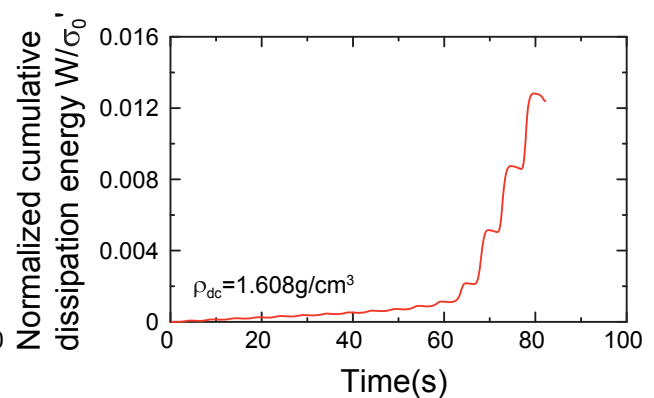
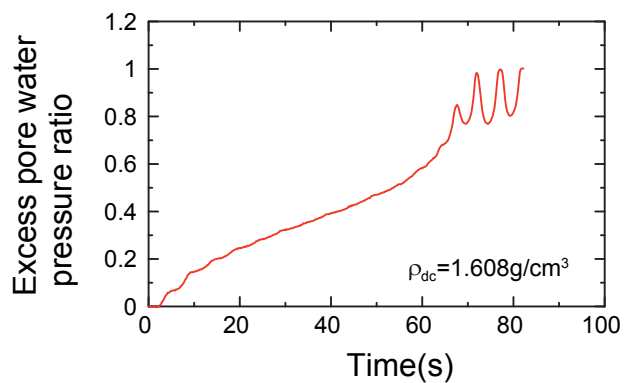
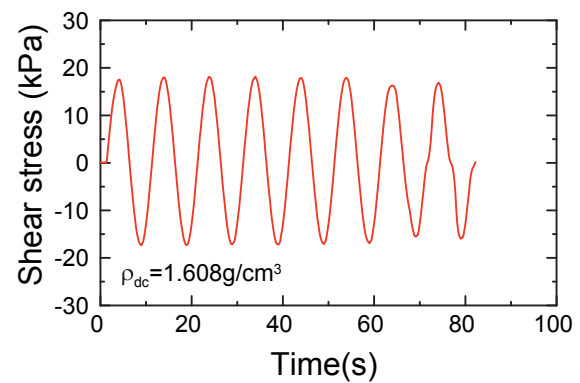
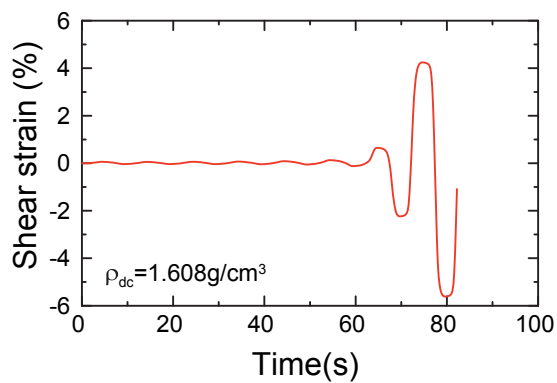
$$N_{(DA=7.5\%)} = 25$$

$$N_{(ru=0.95)} = 24$$

$$W/\sigma_0' = 0.013$$

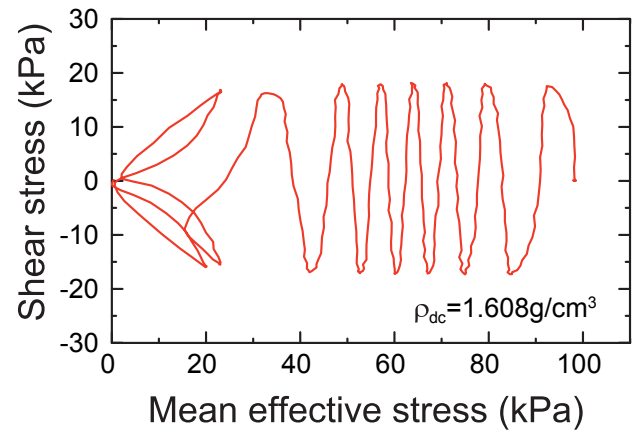
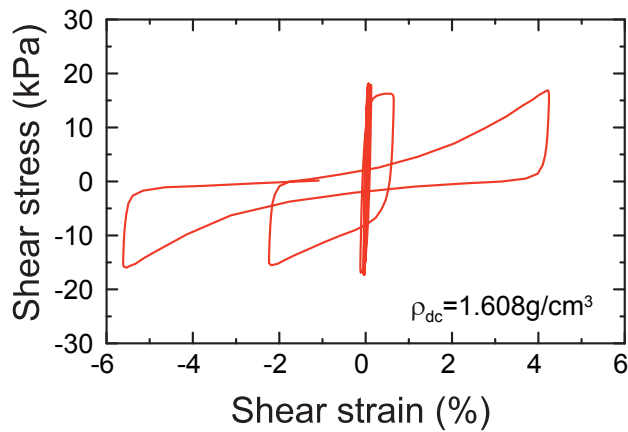
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## Result (Case4 Time history)



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## Result (Case4 Stress strain & stress path)



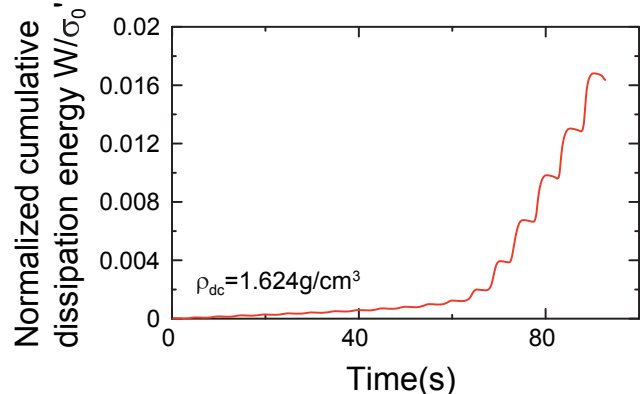
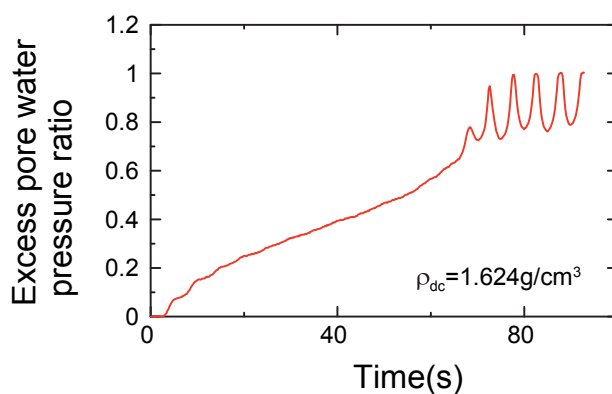
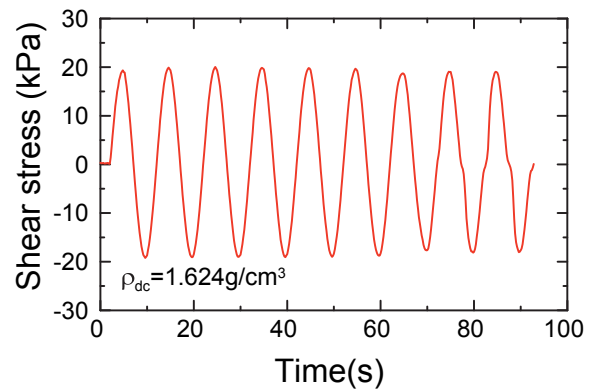
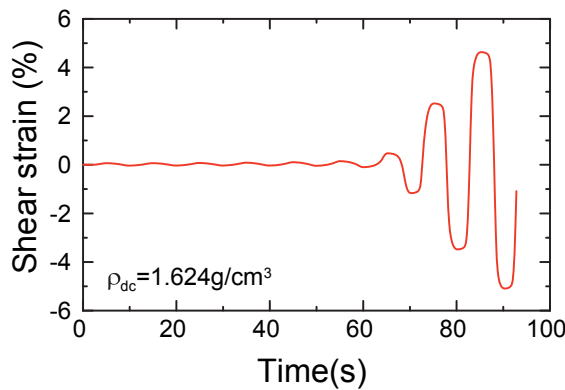
$$N_{(DA=7.5\%)} = 7.5$$

$$N_{(ru=0.95)} = 7$$

$$W/\sigma_0' = 0.012$$

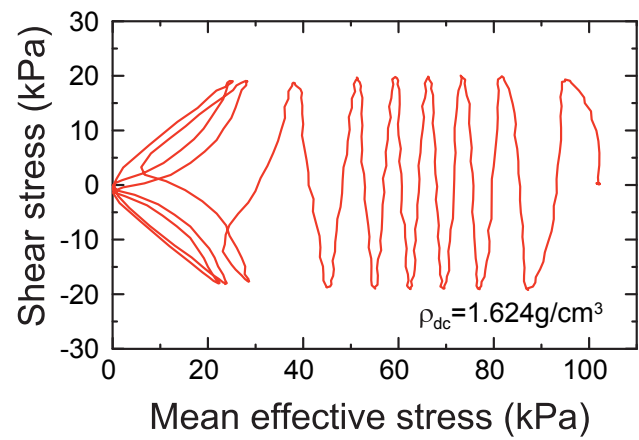
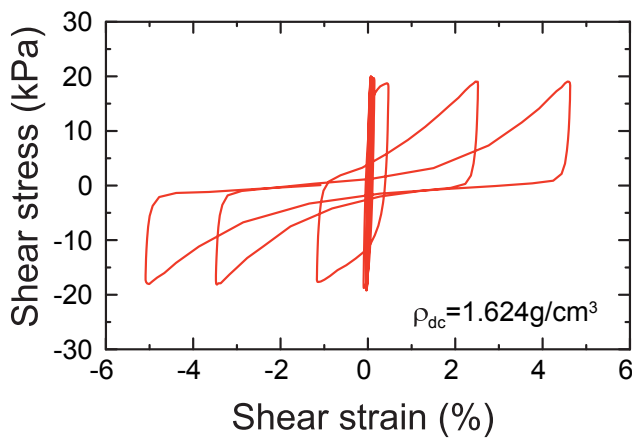
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## Result (Case5 Time history)



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## Result (Case5 Stress strain & stress path)



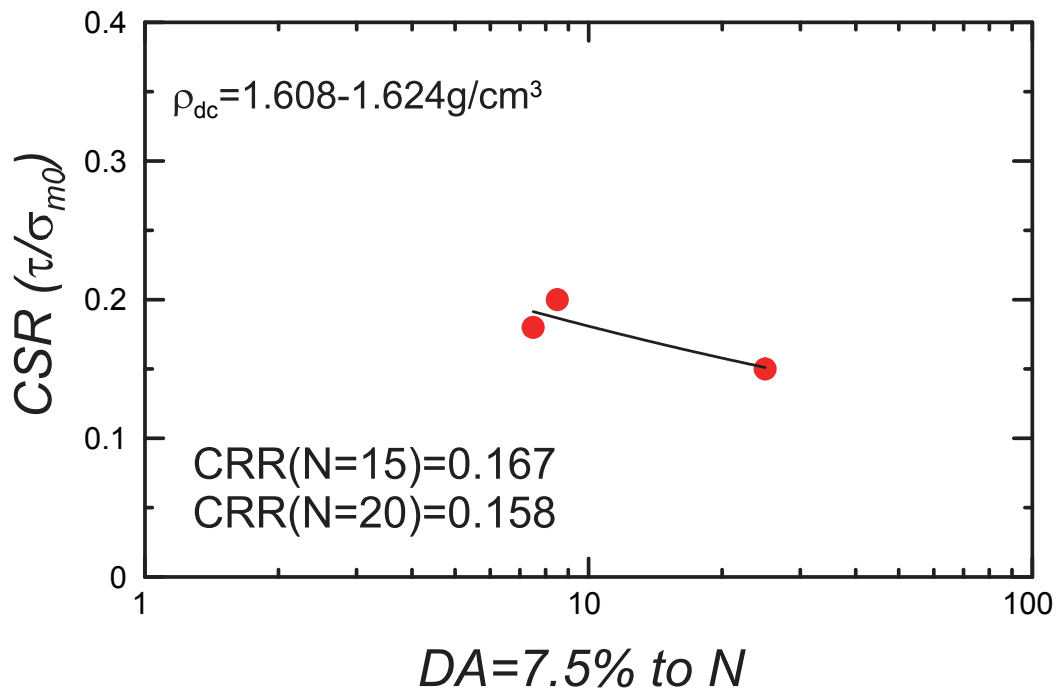
$$N_{(DA=7.5\%)}=8.5$$

$$N_{(ru=0.95)}=8$$

$$W/\sigma'_0=0.016$$

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## CSR-N of Ottawa sand (DA=7.5%)



Liquefaction is defined as double amplitude of 7.5 %. CRR of N=20 is 0.158 and CRR of N=15 is 67

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# Summary of test results

| Case | $\rho_{dc}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\tau_1$ (kPa) | $N_{ru=0.95}$ | $N_{DA=7.5\%}$ | $W/\sigma_0'$ | CRR   |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| 1    | 1.627                            | 25.3           | 32            | -              | 0.0054        | -     |
| 2    | 1.640                            | 25.2           | 38            | -              | 0.0054        | -     |
| 3    | 1.617                            | 15             | 24            | 25             | 0.013         | 0.167 |
| 4    | 1.608                            | 18             | 7             | 7.5            | 0.012         |       |
| 5    | 1.620                            | 20             | 8             | 8.5            | 0.016         |       |