

ABSTRACT

TIME DEPENDENT STRENGTH BEHAVIOR OF TWO SOIL TYPES AT LOWERED TEMPERATURES

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This study is concerned with the time-dependent deformation behavior of two frozen soils, under a specified stress-history and a range of temperatures, and the feasibility of developing time-dependent strength parameters for frozen soils. Part of the behavior study was to observe the creep deformation in the steady state region, and to determine the effect of temperature, stress difference, mean normal stress, and soil type on the creep rate of frozen soil.

Two soil types were used; Sault Ste. Marie clay and standard Ottawa sand. The cylindrical samples were one square inch in cross section and 2.26 inches high. The clay was premixed to the desired water content and compressed to the desired density, then trimmed to the specified sample size, while the sand samples were cast in an aluminum mold. The samples were tested in a triaxial cell submerged in low-temperature bath, with the temperature controlled to within ± 0.05 degrees Centigrade. Two types of test were conducted on both soil types. The first type

was a differential creep test in which the axial stress difference was maintained constant and the confining pressure was increased in increments. The differential creep tests were conducted at several values of constant axial loading on duplicate samples, and at several test temperatures. The creep deformations were recorded continuously during the test. The second type of test conducted was a constant axial strain-rate test performed on duplicate samples of frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated sand at relatively fast strain-rates and at -12°C .

The results of the differential creep tests on frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated sand indicate that the creep rate of frozen soil at a constant test temperature increases exponentially with increase in axial stress difference, and decreases exponentially with the increase in mean stress. This indicates that the mean stress does affect the creep rate of frozen soil. According to the results of the differential creep tests, two equations describing the steady state creep deformation were developed; the first determines the effect of stress on creep rate of frozen soil at constant temperature, and the second equation determines the effect of temperature on creep rate under constant stress difference. A third equation has been suggested, to estimate the creep rate of frozen soil under the effect of both temperature and stress.

To provide more information on the time-dependent strength behavior of frozen soil, differential creep test results were used to develop time-dependent strength parameter; a cohesion C , and an angle of friction ϕ . For a specific creep rate, we can determine the values of major and minor principal stress σ_1 and σ_3 , for each test, and then use these values to sketch a modified Mohr plot which shows the values of C and ϕ that correspond to that specific creep rate. The cohesion C decreases with a slower creep rate, implying the dependence of C on time, while the friction angle ϕ appears to remain constant with change in creep rate.

The constant axial strain-rate tests were used to determine the strength parameters of frozen soils at a relatively high strain-rate, and to determine the effect of confining pressure on the ultimate strength of the two soil types. The confining pressure has no significant effect on the ultimate strength of frozen clay, while the ultimate strength of frozen saturated sand does increase with increase in confining pressure, therefore implying the development of friction during deformation of frozen saturated sand.

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NOTATIONS

C = cohesion

$D = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3$ = axial stress difference

f = shear force acting on a flow unit

ΔF = free energy of activation, cal. per mole

h = Plank's constant = 6.624×10^{-7} erg-sec⁻¹

k = Boltzmann's constant = 1.38×10^{-16} erg °K⁻¹

ℓ, m, n = creep parameters

$$p = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$$

$$q = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

R = universal gas constant = 1.98 cal°K⁻¹ mole⁻¹

T = temperature in degrees Centigrade or absolute temperature

t = time

γ = frequency of activation, sec⁻¹

X = parameter relating activation frequency to strain rate

ϕ = angle of internal friction

λ = distance between equilibrium positions of flow units

γ_d = dry density

w = water content, percent

ϵ = true axial strain

$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{d\epsilon}{dt}$ = true axial strain-rate, or creep rate in the steady state creep region

σ_1 = major principal stress

σ_3 = minor principal stress, or confining pressure

$\sigma_D = \sigma_1 - \sigma_m$ = deviatoric stress

$\sigma_m = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)$ = hydrostatic stress or mean normal stress

$\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$

$\bar{\epsilon}$ = equivalent strain or intensity of shear strain

$\bar{\sigma}$ = equivalent stress or intensity of shear stress

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Soils in general are considered as a three phase material; solid particles, water, and gas. With decrease in temperature below freezing, the water will partially or almost completely change to ice, with the unfrozen water content dependent on the temperature and certain soil properties. Now the soil becomes a complex four phase system, in which the four components are interrelated. The phase change of water is accompanied by an increase in adhesion between the soil particles, liquid water, and ice together with drastic changes in the physical and mechanical properties of the soil.

Shear strength of frozen soil depends on several factors including soil type, homogeneity, water content including ice content, temperature, mode of freezing, normal stress, and deformation rates. The most significant factor determining the strength properties of a frozen soil is the temperature below freezing. The ultimate compressive strength increases drastically with decrease in temperature.

Frozen soils, in general, exhibit a high value of instantaneous resistance to deformation. However, tests show that if the load is applied for a long time, the

resistance of frozen soils to external forces decreases considerably. The influence of time of load on the strength of frozen soils is evident by comparing them with unfrozen soils; the strength of frozen soils is lowered with time to a much greater degree. Thawed soils, for all practical purposes, display no loss of strength with time. Nevertheless, frozen soils under the continuous action of a load have a strength several times greater than that of unfrozen soils of the same type.

Frozen and unfrozen soils commonly fail by shear under the influence of concentrated loads. The shear strength of unfrozen soil can be described, using the Mohr-Coulomb failure theory, by two parameters: an angle of internal friction ϕ and cohesion C . However, tests show that the shear strength of frozen soils is time-dependent. Thus, the need arises to develop time-dependent strength parameters. One phase of this study is concerned with the study of such parameters for two soil types, a cohesive soil (Sault Ste. Marie clay) and a cohesionless soil (Ottawa sand).

The second phase of this study is concerned with an effort to describe and determine the deformation behavior of these soils for a specified stress history and range of temperature. In general, frozen soil behavior is approximated by an elasto-plasto-viscous body, since all the deformations inherent in such bodies may develop, depending

upon the stress and its time factor. Since design problems are concerned with a long term behavior, one must consider the range of stresses that cause undamped creep. Thus, design problems are concerned mainly with a plasto-viscous type behavior (steady state creep). The presence of ice and unfrozen water constitute the viscous element in the material and are responsible for the development of rheological processes.

Existing creep theories do not take the influence of the mean stress on deformation behavior into consideration (Vialov, 1965a). Since the equivalent strain $\bar{\epsilon}$, in frozen and unfrozen soils, is not only a function of the equivalent stress $\bar{\sigma}$, but also of the mean stress σ_m , the effect of the mean stress on the creep rate of the frozen soil has been included in this study in an effort to provide more information on the time-dependent behavior of frozen soil. Differential triaxial creep tests were planned and conducted on frozen saturated Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated Ottawa sand. For a given test, the axial loading was maintained constant and the confining pressure was increased in increments, implying that in a triaxial type apparatus, the deviatoric stress is held constant while the mean stress is increased or decreased by increments. The creep rate was observed at several stress levels, under different axial loadings. The effect of temperature on deformation rates was observed by

conducting differential creep tests at several test temperatures under similar stress conditions. To minimize the effect of soil properties such as density, water content, and soil type, the tests were conducted on duplicate samples of both soil types. The experimental results indicate that creep rates and time-dependent strength parameters can be predicted with a reasonable degree of accuracy once certain soil parameters have been evaluated.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Frozen Soil Structure

"Frozen Soil" is a term applied to those soils in which below freezing temperatures exist and in which at least a part of the water contained in the soil pores is frozen. The ice matrix formed serves to cement the soil particles into a much more coherent mass (Tsytovich, 1960). Frozen soil is a complex four phase system consisting of four interrelated component materials: solid mineral particles and ice, liquid water, and air or gas.

The physico-mechanical processes present in freezing soils produce properties and structure of frozen soils which are quite different from those of unfrozen soils. A partial or almost complete change of water into ice, which occurs in freezing soils, is accompanied by the appearance of new ice cementation bonds between the mineral particles of the soil, and by sharp changes in the physical and mechanical properties of the soil. During the further cooling of frozen soils, especially in zones of intensive phase changes of water in the frozen soils, there occurs continuously the redistribution of moisture and the

movement of water toward the line of cooling and freezing, and the subsequent freezing of water drawn up to the frost line.

Change in the temperature of frozen soil changes the phase composition of water in frozen soil, which in turn controls the degree of cementation of particles by ice. However, at any temperature below freezing there always remain a certain amount of unfrozen water (Tsyto-
vich, 1960). Since the cementation bond in frozen soil is a function of the ice content, it is necessary to determine the amount of unfrozen water at any temperature, which can be estimated with a reasonable accuracy, on the basis of certain measurable soil properties (Dillon and Anders-
land, 1966).

2. Strength of Frozen Soils

Under the influence of concentrated loads both frozen and thawed soils commonly fail by shear. According to the Mohr-Coulomb failure theory, the shear strength S along any plane is a function of normal stress σ on that plane, or

$$S = C + \sigma \tan \phi \quad (2-1)$$

wherein C is the intercept on the shearing stress axis and ϕ is the angle of internal friction. The quantities C and ϕ are material properties which are dependent on

soil temperature, soil type, soil density, and time of loading. For cohesionless soils the failure envelope normally passes through the origin ($C = 0$). When moist or saturated soil is exposed to freezing temperatures, the free water contained in the voids freezes, whereupon the ice interconnects the soil particles and the shear strength increases at zero normal stress (increase in C value).

The cohesion in thawed soils is some function of the molecular attraction between solid particles, which may be separated by water films, the amount of such particle separation, and the specific area of the soil particles. These forces increase with reduction in particle spacing (greater density). In frozen soils, the mineral particles and ice grains are generally separated by a thin film of unfrozen water, and the forces between soil particles and ice are greatly increased with reduction in temperature. Some Russian scientists consider this increased cohesion analogous to "cementation." Cohesion in frozen soils is not constant (Vialov, 1965b), but varies with change in ice content and time; it also depends on the structural changes in the ice contained in the soil. Polycrystalline ice will deform with time under very small stresses (Dillon and Andersland, 1967). This type of cohesion, in frozen soils, is the least stable part of cohesion, since it changes with any variation of the temperature field.

For a given pressure and temperature, a state of thermodynamic equilibrium exists between the ice and unfrozen water in frozen soil (Vialov, 1965b). A load applied to the soil disturbs the equilibrium condition, and may cause partial melting of ice. Under the influence of an increasing stress gradient, the water film may be displaced from a region of greater stress to one of smaller stress, where it again freezes. Plastic flow of the ice occurs at the same time. The flow of ice and the moisture shift is usually accompanied by: breaking up of the structural bonds, displacement of solid particles, and reorientation of the ice crystals. As this process continues, it leads to the growth of creep deformation and to the reduction of the strength of the soil as well. At the same time, the processes cause regrouping of the particles, recrystallization of the ice, and re-establishment of bonds.

The instantaneous resistance of frozen soils is generally large. However, under the continued effect of a constant load, frozen soils yield under pressures which are many times smaller. This peculiarity of frozen soils is governed mainly by the plastic properties of ice contained in the soil voids and the molecular bonds between ice and the mineral particles.

Constant stress-rate tests conducted by Tsytovich (1960) on different types of frozen soils showed that

ultimate strength is proportional to the decrease in temperature, and that the frozen sands were characterized by a much higher value of ultimate compressive strength as compared to that of frozen clay. However, the resistance of frozen soils to external forces decreased considerably when the loads were applied for a long time, due to the relaxation of the ice-cementation cohesion. Frozen soils fail under much smaller loads when the loading is of long duration.

The strength of any material is described by its shear strength. Shear strength of frozen soils is a function of at least three variables:

$$\tau = f (T, P, t) . \quad (2-2)$$

where T is the temperature of soil below freezing, P is normal pressure, and t is the time of action of the load. Tsytovich (1960) considered frozen soils as analogous to over-consolidated soils, therefore assuming a proportionality between shear strength and normal pressure in the form:

$$\tau = C_T + P \tan \phi_T . \quad (2-3)$$

where C_T is cohesion, ϕ_T is the angle of internal friction at temperature T . At a temperature of 0°C , the angle of internal friction ϕ is practically equal to the angle of internal friction of unfrozen soil, but the cohesion of

frozen soil is much higher (see Figure 2-1). As an approximation, this made it possible to neglect the internal friction in evaluating the shear strength of frozen soils. Tsytovich (1960) suggested a ball penetration test for effective determination of the cohesive force.

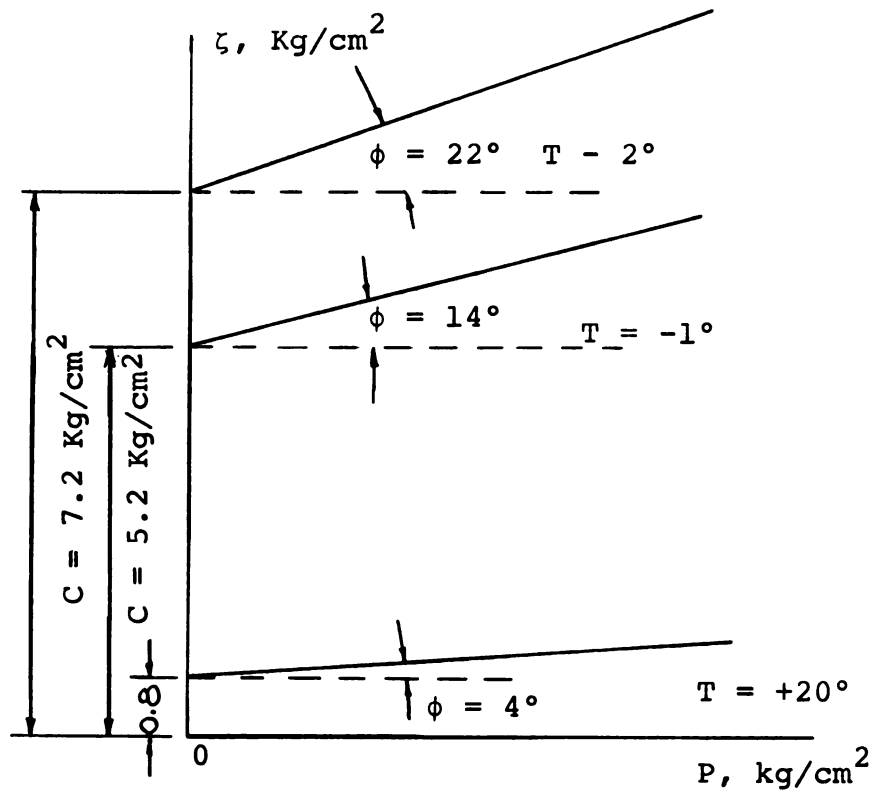


Figure 2-1. Relation Between Shear Strength of Frozen Soil and Temperature. (After Tsytovich, 1960).

Constant strain-rate tests conducted on frozen sand-ice samples (Goughnour and Andersland, 1968), showed that the ultimate shear strength of sand-ice material increased with the increase in strain-rate and with the decrease in temperature, and that the ultimate strength increased sharply with the increase in the volume concentration of sand in the sand-ice samples. For a sand concentration above 42%, it appears that particles contact is established. The relation between Peak strength and strain-rate, temperature, and sand volume concentration is shown in Figure 2-2.

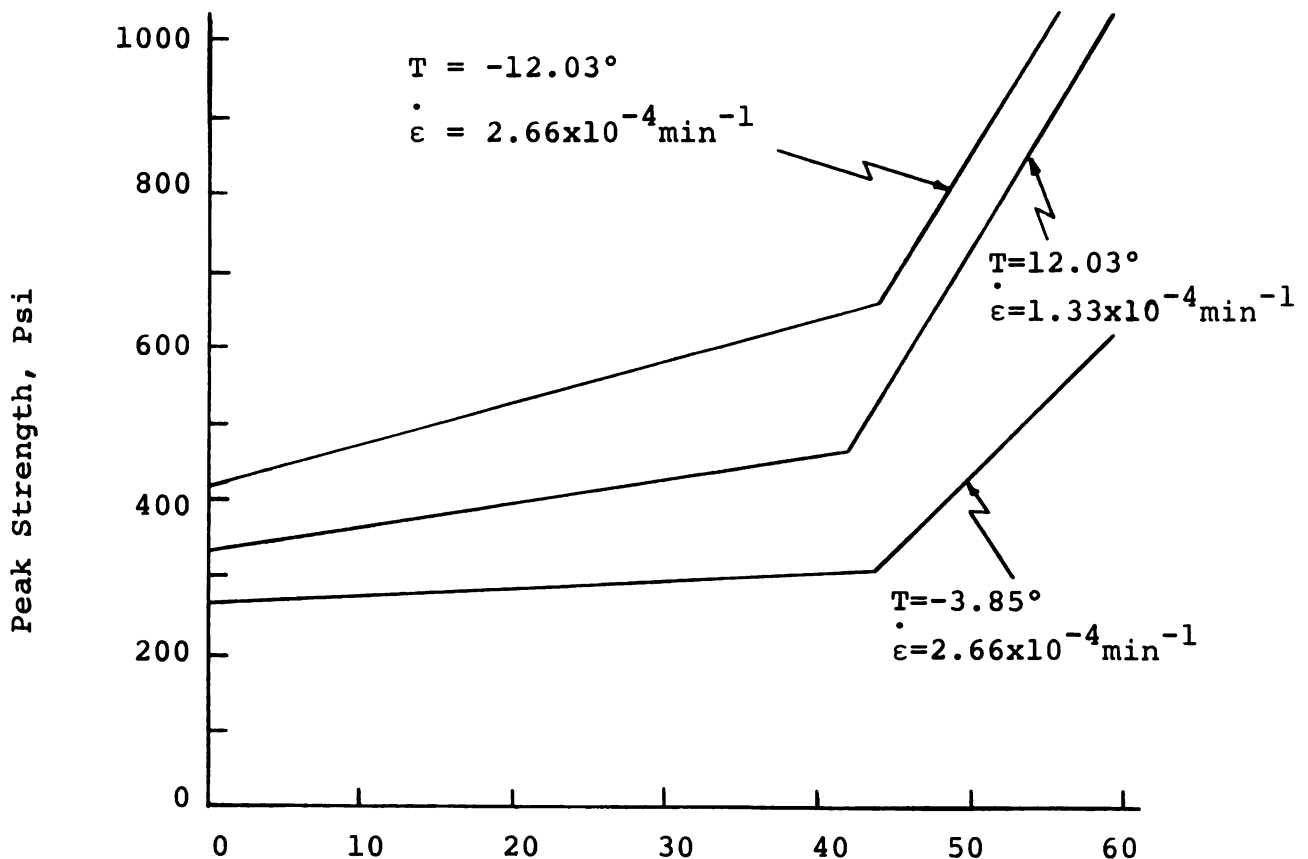


Figure 2-2. Peak Strength Versus Percent Sand By Volume. (After Goughnour, 1967).

3. Rheological Properties of Frozen Soils

Creep is defined as the time-dependent deformation of materials which occurs under constant stress and temperature. Frozen soils exhibit such a behavior, a deformation increase with time, under a constant uniaxial stress (Vialov, 1965a). Figure 2-3a shows typical creep curves, which represent the relationship between strain ϵ , and time t . Each curve corresponds to a given constant axial stress σ . The magnitude of stress determines the nature of the creep curve. If the stress does not exceed a certain limit, which is usually defined as a limiting long-term strength, then the deformation is damped (damped creep); if the stress does exceed the above mentioned limit, then undamped creep develops, leading eventually to failure.

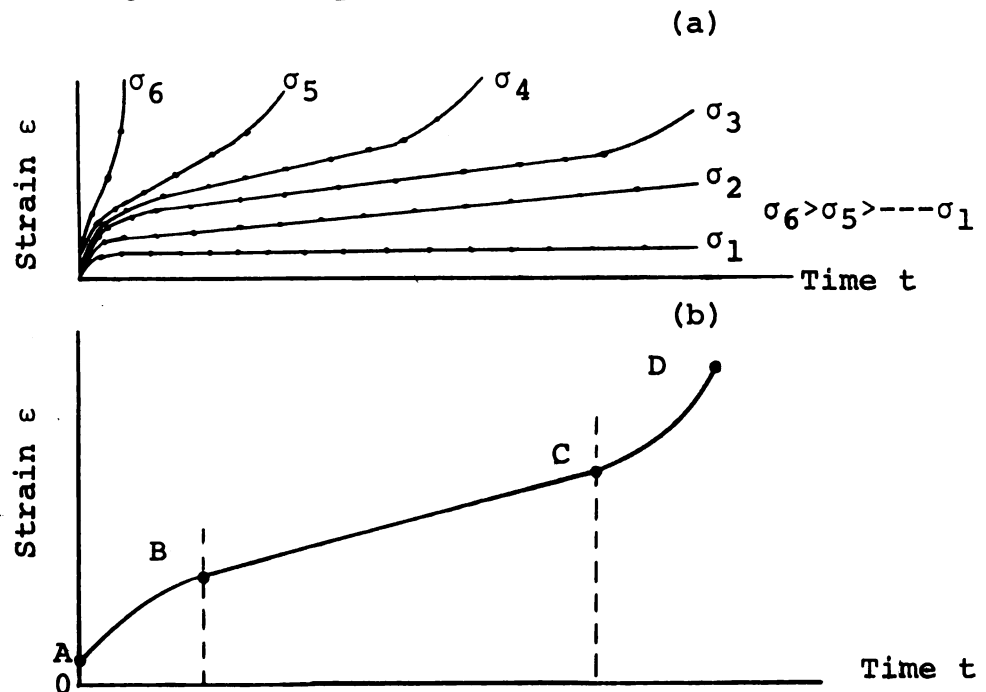


Figure 203a. Creep Curves for Frozen Soils. (After Vialov, 1965a).

In general, creep curves for frozen soils correspond to classical creep curves, and could be divided into four stages (see Figure 2-3b).

1. **Instantaneous Strain:** represents the strain which occurs upon application of the load. This deformation may be either elastic or elasto-plastic, depending upon the value of such load. Upon removal of the load, this deformation will be completely recovered in the elastic case, and partially recovered in the elasto-plastic case. This deformation is represented by section O-A of the creep curve.

2. **Primary or Transient Creep:** represents the stage of deformation which grows at a decreasing rate. For a damped deformation process, the rate of deformation will continuously decrease until it approaches zero. For undamped deformation, the creep rate will continue to decrease until it reaches a minimum value (depending upon the value of stress). This stage is represented by A-B section of the creep curve.

3. **Secondary or Steady-State Creep:** represents the region of relatively constant creep rate. This stage is represented by B-C section of the creep curve.

4. **Tertiary Creep:** represents the final stage of the creep curve, in which the deformation grows at an increasing rate (progressive flow), and leading eventually to failure. This stage is represented by C-D section of the creep curve.

It is evident that the creep curve in itself does not identify the detailed mechanisms which operate during the deformation. However, this identity of creep curves indicates that they all undergo a similar sequence of rate-determining changes. During creep one can consider that two types of processes operate (Conrad, 1961): One increases resistance to flow (strain hardening), the other decreases the resistance (recovery). If hardening predominates, the creep rate continually decreases (primary creep); a balance between hardening and recovery yields a constant creep rate (steady-state creep). Tertiary creep occurs if recovery is faster than hardening.

It is now generally accepted that creep is a thermally activated process. From a physical standpoint, this seems to be the most reasonable explanation for the increase in strain with time under the conditions of constant stress and temperature. It has been shown, for frozen soils, that a plot of the logarithm of creep rate versus the reciprocal of temperature yields a straight line, in accord with theories of thermally activated processes (Andersland and Akili, 1967). With this background, rate process theory must be considered in formulating any expression for prediction of frozen soil behavior.

4. Rate Process Theory and Frozen Soil Behavior

The rate process theory (Glasstone, Laidler, and Eyring, 1941) can be applied to any process involving the time-dependent rearrangement of matter, so it could be used to describe and predict soil behavior such as creep or consolidation (Mitchell, Campanella, and Singh, 1968).

The basis of the theory is that the atoms and molecules participating in a deformation process (termed flow units) are constrained from movement relative to each other by energy barriers separating adjacent equilibrium positions. This is shown schematically by curve A in Figure 2-4.

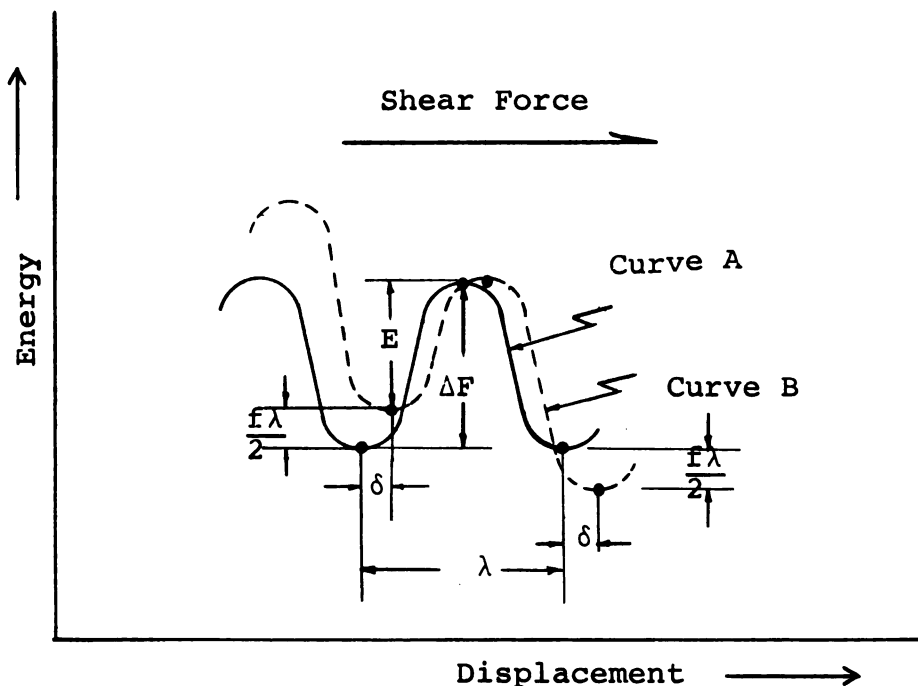


Figure 2-4. Representation of Energy Barrier Separating Equilibrium Positions.

The displacement of flow units to new positions requires that they become activated through acquisition of sufficient activation energy, ΔF , to overcome the energy barrier. From statistical mechanics, it is known that the flow units are continuously vibrating with a frequency of kT/h , as a consequence of their thermal energy, where k = Boltzman's constant (1.38×10^{-16} erg - $^{\circ}\text{K}^{-1}$), h = Planck's constant (6.624×10^{-27} erg - sec $^{-1}$), and T = the absolute temperature, $^{\circ}\text{K}$. The division of thermal energies among the flow units is given by a Boltzmann distribution, and the specific frequency of activation, ν , may be shown to be

$$\nu = \frac{kT}{h} e^{-\Delta F/RT} \quad (2-4)$$

in which R = Universal Gas Constant = $1.98 \text{ cal}^{\circ} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.

If a shear stress is applied to the material, the barrier heights become distorted. This is shown by curve B in Figure 2-4. The distance, λ , represents the distance between successive equilibrium positions. If f represents the force acting on a flow unit, then the barrier height is reduced by $f\lambda/2$ in the direction of the force and raised by the same amount in the opposite direction. The elastic distortion of the material causes the minimums of the energy curve to be displaced a distance, δ .

Since the barrier height becomes $(\Delta F - f\lambda/2)$ in the direction of the force, and $(\Delta F + f\lambda/2)$ in the opposite

direction, the net frequency of activation in the direction of the force becomes

$$\vec{v} - \overleftarrow{v} = 2 \frac{kT}{h} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta F}{RT}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{f\lambda}{2kT}\right) \quad (2-5)$$

If a parameter, X , is defined which is a function of the number of flow units and the average component of displacement in the direction of deformation, then the total displacement per unit time will be:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = X (\vec{v} - \overleftarrow{v}) \quad (2-6)$$

$$\dot{\epsilon} = 2X \frac{kT}{h} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta F}{RT}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{f\lambda}{2kT}\right) \quad (2-7)$$

If creep in frozen soils is thermally activated, as experimental data have indicated (Andersland and Akili, 1967), one can write for the creep rate $\dot{\epsilon}$

$$\dot{\epsilon} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta F}{RT}\right) \quad (2-8)$$

Rate process theory supports a general creep equation (Conrad, 1961) of the form

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \sum_i C_i (\sigma, T, S) \exp\left[\frac{-\Delta F_i(\sigma, T, S)}{RT}\right] \sinh [B_i(T, S)\sigma] \quad (2-9)$$

where C_i is the frequency factor and B_i is the stress factor. C_i , ΔF_i , and B_i may correspond to one of i number of deformation mechanisms. The frequency factor and

activation energy may depend on stress σ , temperature T , and frozen soil structure S . The stress factor may depend on temperature and structure. Although a number of deformation mechanisms may be operating simultaneously, usually one is rate controlling so that an evaluation of equation (2-9) is possible by gross mechanical measurements (Conrad, 1961). For one deformation mechanism controlling, and stress conditions such that $\sinh B\sigma \approx 1/2 \exp B\sigma$, equation (2-9) may be written

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C \exp \left(\frac{-\Delta F}{RT} \right) \exp (B\sigma) \quad (2-10)$$

If temperature is held constant, the effect of stress on the creep rate could be developed, while at constant stress, the effect of temperature could be developed.

CHAPTER III

SOILS STUDIED AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

Two soil types were used in this study. The first, a cohesive soil, was a red glacial clay obtained from the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. This clay will be referred to as Sault Ste. Marie clay. The second soil used was a cohesionless material, a standard Ottawa Sand.

The properties of the two soils and the procedures for sample preparation are described below:

1. Frozen Clay Sample

The Sault Ste. Marie clay has been used in previous studies conducted at Michigan State University. It is pedologically classified as Ontonagon. A summary of the index properties of this clay, and the results of mineralogical test on it, are listed in Table 3-1 below.

To minimize the effect of differences in density, water content, and degree of saturation between test specimens, duplicate samples were prepared. This was achieved by mixing a precalculated weight of air dried Sault Ste. Marie clay (Passing 1/4 in. Sieve) with a

Table 3-1.--Physical and Mineralogical Properties of Sault Ste. Marie Clay

Liquid Limit	60%
Plastic Limit	24%
Plasticity Index	36%
Specific Gravity	2.78
Gradation (% finer by weight)	
2 mm.	100%
0.06 mm.	90%
0.002 mm.	60%
<u>For Material Less Than 2μ:</u>	
1. Specific Surface Area	290 m ² /gram
2. Cation Exchange Capacity	28 meg/100 gram
3. Mineral Content:	
Illite	50%
Vermiculite	20%
Chlorite	15%
Kaolinite	5%
Quartz and Feldspar	10%

calculated weight of distilled water and compressing the mixture to a specified volume having the desired density, water content, and degree of saturation. Distilled, deaerated, and deionized water was used in preparing the clay samples.

The calculations were based on the following design values: (1) a dry density of 100 pounds per cubic foot, and (2) a degree of saturation of 96%. After mixing the calculated weights of air dried clay and distilled water, the mixture was left for three days in an airtight container to insure uniform distribution of moisture in the clay. Afterwards, the mixture was placed in an 11 inch diameter split mold and compacted statically to the predetermined height of 4 inches. The procedure of compaction was previously developed by Leonards (1955). The compaction produced a cake 11 inches in diameter and 4 inches high, and resulted in a dry density of 102.5 pounds per cubic foot and a water content of 24.5%. The cake was then cut into prismatic samples 2×2 inches in cross section and 4 inches high. Each sample was immediately wrapped with a polyethylene sheet, covered with aluminum foil, and coated with several coats of wax. Then, the samples were numbered and stored under water.

Prior to testing, the wax was removed and a water content sample was taken, then the specimen was trimmed in a soil lathe to a cylindrical shape approximately 1.13 inches in diameter (one square inch in cross sectional area). The top and bottom of the sample were trimmed in an aluminum mold to give a height of approximately 2.26 inches. After recording the diameter, height, and weight of the sample, lucite discs were placed on each end of

the sample with friction reducer discs in between. The friction reducers were made by coating both sides of a sheet of aluminum foil with a very thin layer of silicone grease. A thin polyethylene film was then applied to both sides of the aluminum foil. The excess grease and any entrapped air were worked out by a straight edge. The sheet was then cut into discs of the proper diameter. The clay sample was then mounted on top of the force transducer in the triaxial cell. Two rubber membranes were placed over the sample, and several rubber bands were tightly placed on both caps and the pedestal to prevent leakage and loss of moisture prior to and during testing. The top of the triaxial cell was placed in position and tightened. The cell was filled with the coolant, an equal portion mixture of ethylene glycol and water. Then the cell was carefully placed in a low-temperature bath, where the temperature was set about 3°C lower than the desired test temperature. The cell was left at that temperature for twenty-four hours so that the clay sample would freeze. At the end of the twenty-four hours, the temperature in the low-temperature bath was raised to the desired test temperature, and left for another twenty-four hours to insure temperature equilibrium prior to testing. Freezing at temperatures at least 3° below test temperature insured that ice contents of frozen samples correspond to the maximum possible in each test sample (Leonards and Andersland,

1960). The time allowed for freezing the clay sample and the duration allowed for the cold bath to reach and maintain a steady state test temperature were kept constant for all prepared samples, so that the effect of aging on the freezing process and the structure of the frozen clay would be minimized. The sample was then ready for testing.

After testing, the sample was weighed and left to dry in the oven, then weighed again. This was done to determine the sample's water content, and served as a check as to whether any leakage had occurred during the test. From checking density and water content for all the clay samples used, before and after testing, it was found that the maximum variation in water content between samples did not exceed 0.5%. And the variation in density was less than one pound per cubic foot.

2. Sand-Ice Samples

A standard Ottawa sand and distilled, deaerated, and deionized water were used to prepare all the sand-ice samples needed. The sand was sieved and only that portion which passed a number 20 sieve and retained on a number 30 sieve was used in preparing the samples. The specific gravity of the sand was 2.65.

All samples were cast in an aluminum split mold 1.13 inches in diameter, which gave an initial sample cross sectional area of one square inch. The height of

the mold was 2.26 inches. A sand-ice sample was prepared by taking a predetermined weight of dry sand, so that it would give a 64% concentration, by volume, of sand particles in the sample. This particular percentage was chosen for convenience and to insure an interparticle contact between the sand particles (Goughnour and Andersland, 1968). The 64% sand volume concentration was used for all the sand-ice samples tested. A thin coat of silicone grease was applied to the interior of the mold to minimize adhesion between the frozen sample and the mold. The sand was poured into the mold, and the mold was tapped lightly on the side in order that the predetermined weight of sand would fill the volume of the mold, so that the top of the sand would be flush with the top of the mold. Precooled water was then poured into the mold to fill the pores between the sand particles. Great care was taken in doing that, so the compacted sand would not be disturbed. Then the mold was placed in a freezer at a temperature of -20°C and left to freeze for twenty-four hours. After freezing, the top of the sample was trimmed flush with the top of the mold. Prior to mounting the sample, the triaxial cell and the two plexiglass caps were cooled for three hours in the freezer. The mold was dismantled and the sand-ice sample was placed inside the triaxial cell with a plexiglass cap at both ends of the sample. A friction reducer was placed between the cap and the sample at both

ends. Then two rubber membranes were placed on the sample and held at both ends with several rubber bands. Afterwards, the top of the triaxial cell was placed tightly in position and the cell was filled with precooled ethylene glycol and water mixture. The entire process of preparing the sand-ice sample and mounting it in the triaxial cell was done inside the freezer, in order to maintain the sand-ice system at low temperature and to prevent it from thawing. To change the sample temperature to the required test temperature, the triaxial cell was lowered into the low-temperature bath, which was previously set at the test temperature. The cell was left for twenty-four hours, so that the sample would reach the test temperature, and to insure temperature equilibrium. The time for freezing the sand-ice sample and the duration required for the sample to reach and maintain a steady state test temperature were kept constant for all prepared samples to minimize the effect of aging on the freezing process and the structure of the various sand-ice samples.

At the end of each test, the sand-ice sample was weighed, melted and dried in the oven, and the weight of the dry sand was recorded. From these measurements, the density of the sand-ice sample, the dry density of the sand sample, and the density of the ice matrix were calculated. The prepared sand-ice samples were based on the following design values:

Cross sectional area	= 1 sq. inch.
Height	= 2.26 inch.
Volume concentration of sand	= 64%
Dry density	= 107.5 Pcf.

For all the sand-ice samples prepared, the total density of the frozen saturated sand was (128 ± 0.5) Pcf. and the water content of the unfrozen samples was (19.4 ± 0.2) %. The bulk density of the ice matrix, based on the weight of the melted ice and the total volume of voids, was found to be (0.91 ± 0.005) gm/cm³ at -12°C. The actual density of ice is a function of temperature (Pounder, 1967):

$$\gamma = 0.9168 (1 - 1.53 \times 10^{-4}T) \quad (3-1)$$

where γ is the density of ice in gm/cm³ at temperature T, and T is in degrees Centigrade. Using equation (3-1), the density of ice at -12°C is 0.91848 gm/cm³. This density was used to estimate the volume of air voids in the frozen saturated soil. The air voids in the prepared sand-ice samples were found to be less than 1% of the ice matrix.

CHAPTER IV

EQUIPMENT AND TEST PROCEDURES

1. Equipment

The same triaxial cell and cold bath were used for the differential creep tests and the constant axial strain-rate tests. The sample rested on a brass pedestal in a standard triaxial cell. The pedestal was mounted directly on a force transducer (DYNISCO Model TCFTS-1M), which has a rated capacity of 1000 pounds with overload to 1500 pounds. Figure 4-1 shows a schematic diagram of the sample placement in the triaxial cell. The triaxial cell was entirely submerged in a coolant, an equal part mixture of ethylene glycol and water. The coolant was maintained at a constant test temperature by circulating through a microregulator controlled cold box.

Before any testing was carried on, the temperature control was calibrated by measuring the temperature at the vicinity of the sample inside the triaxial cell, and the temperature at a fixed location in the low-temperature bath. The temperature of the sample was measured by placing a copper-constantan thermocouple adjacent to the sample at mid-height, and another one in a bath of distilled,

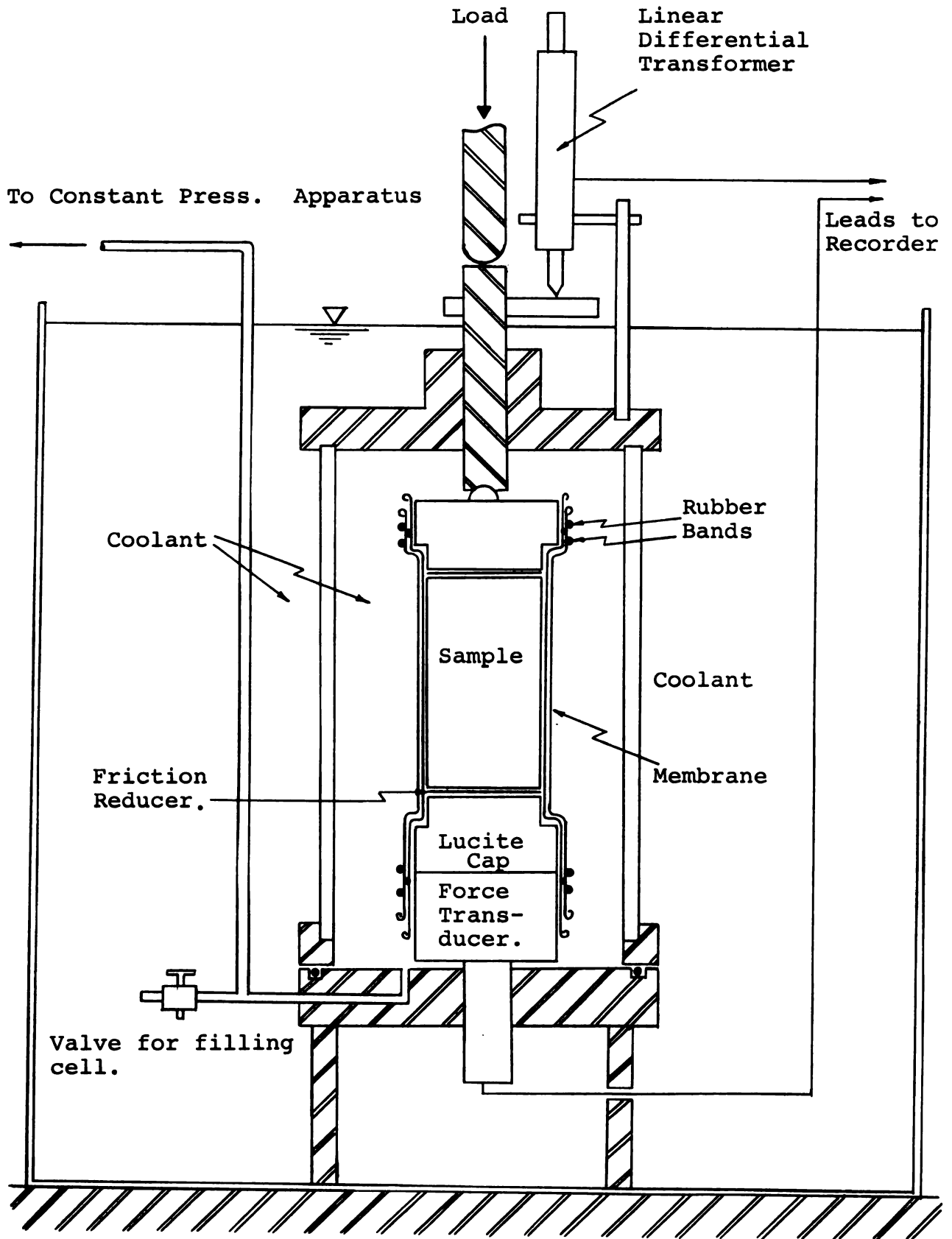


Figure 4-1. A Schematic Diagram of the Sample Placement in the Triaxial Cell.

deionized, melting ice used as a reference point. The temperature was obtained by measuring the E.M.F. with a potentiometer (Leeds and Northrop Model K-2) and using an E.M.F.-Temperature calibration chart. At the same time the temperature was measured at specific locations in the low-temperature bath by a thermometer with scale divisions of 0.1°C . These temperature measurements were carried on over a period of twenty-four hours. It was observed that the temperature varied by no more than 0.05°C . The bath temperature control was set at the desired test temperature and left for three days until the temperature at the bath reached a constant value of the desired test temperature. Prior to testing the sample was left for twenty-four hours in the low-temperature bath to insure temperature equilibrium in the sample.

The axial pressure was supplied through the loading ram at the top of the triaxial cell. The confining pressure was supplied through a valve at the base of the triaxial cell from a constant pressure unit. The pressure unit was a self-compensating mercury control apparatus, which was capable of supplying a constant pressure to a triaxial cell for testing over long periods. The pressure was provided through the valve assembly by the difference in head between the surface of mercury in the upper moving pots and the lower fixed pots. The constant pressure apparatus is shown in Figure 4-2.

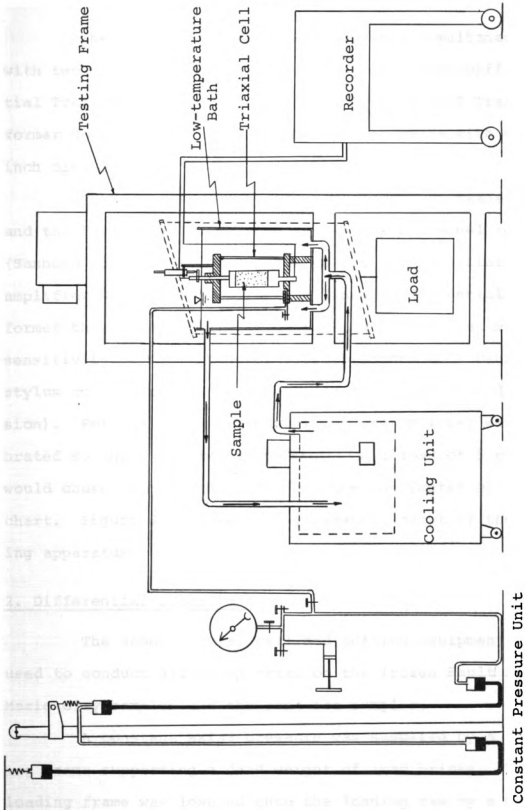


Figure 4-2. Diagrammatic Layout of the Testing Apparatus.

The axial deformation was measured simultaneously with two different measuring devices, a Linear Differential Transformer (Sanborn Linearsyn Differential Transformer Model No. 575 DT-500), and a dial gauge with 0.0001 inch divisions.

The outputs of the linear differential transformer and the force transducer were fed into a 2-channel recorder (Sanborn Recorder Model 7702B with a Sanborn Carrier Pre-amplifier Model 8805A). For the linear differential transformer the preamplifier was calibrated so that, at maximum sensitivity, a deflection of 0.00025 inches will cause the stylus to deflect one millimeter on the chart (one division). For the force transducer the preamplifier was calibrated so that, at maximum sensitivity, a load of 5 pounds would cause the stylus to deflect one centimeter on the chart. Figure 4-2 shows a diagrammatic layout of the testing apparatus.

2. Differential Creep Tests

The same triaxial cell and testing equipment were used to conduct all creep tests on the frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay samples and the sand-ice samples.

A constant axial pressure was supplied by a loading frame supporting a dead weight of lead bricks. The loading frame was lowered onto the loading ram by a mechanical loading device at a relatively fast rate. It took

less than 5 seconds for the total load to transfer to the sample through the ram. And since the dynamic effects are very small, they were assumed to be negligible. To compensate for the increase in cross sectional area as the sample deformed, lead shots were added to the dead load. The axial stress measured at the bottom of the sample and the axial deflection measured at the top of the sample were both recorded continuously on the charts of the recorder, at the highest possible sensitivity of the recording system. By observing the axial deflection data it was possible to know when the creep process had passed the primary creep stage and entered the steady state creep stage. When that stage was reached, and with axial loading constant, an increment of confining pressure was applied on the sample for a period of thirty minutes. Then the confining pressure was increased by four more increments of the same value, each increment applied for the same duration. In some of the creep tests, the confining pressure was decreased at the end of the test by increments of the same value, and the axial creep deformation was observed. The creep test was conducted with temperature held constant for at least twenty-four hours prior to testing, and all through the test period.

3. Constant Axial Strain-Rate Test

The same equipment and procedure were used for all constant axial strain-rate tests on the frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and the sand-ice samples. Since the ultimate strengths of the frozen soil samples were expected to exceed the force transducer's loading capacity, a 5000 pound proving ring was used to measure the axial load. The load was applied directly to the loading ram by a variable speed mechanical loading system. A deformation rate of 0.00678 inch per minute was used. The deformation rate was maintained during the test, and periodically adjusted to give an approximate constant strain rate of 3×10^{-3} inch per inch per minute. Results showed that the variation was less than 10% when observed over two minute periods. The constant axial strain-rate tests were conducted with three different constant confining pressures of 30 Psi, 60 Psi, and 90 Psi. The confining pressure was applied prior to the axial loading in each case.

CHAPTER V

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

1. Differential Creep Tests

The creep tests were conducted to study the behavior of frozen soils under the effect of constant axial loading, and different values of confining pressures. The confining pressure was increased by increments of 30 Psi, and maintained for 30 minutes for all creep tests, except Test No. C-4, in which the confining pressure increment was 20 Psi. By keeping the axial loading constant and increasing the confining pressure in the triaxial cell, the stress difference $D = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$, and the deviatoric stress $\sigma_D = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_m)$, were kept constant, and the mean stress σ_m and the major principal stress σ_1 were increased by the same increment.

Typical creep tests on frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay samples, at a temperature of -12°C , with different values of axial loading, are shown in Figures 5-1a and 5-1b. These curves show the increase in true strain with respect to time under different confining pressures and a constant axial loading. Note that in the first portion of the curve, for which the confining pressure is zero,

the shape of the curve conforms to the classical "Creep Curve ". At the beginning, the strain increases at a high rate, then the creep rate starts to decrease progressively, implying strengthening, until it reaches a constant rate, which signifies the end of the primary creep region and the beginning of the steady state creep region. When the confining pressure was increased, there was a sharp rise in the strain ~ time curve, then the sample deformed at another constant creep rate (see Figure 5-2). The magnitude of the sudden rise in strain, when an additional confining pressure increment was applied to the sample, was approximately constant for all tests. Calculations show that this rise was caused by the expansion in the triaxial cell due to the increase in the confining pressure. For some of the creep tests, at the end of which the confining pressure was decreased by increments, a delayed response in deformation was observed upon the decrease in confining pressure, then the strain increased at a constant rate. This delayed response in strain with respect to time, at the beginning of the confining pressure decrement, could be due to a delayed response in the sample and the testing system. This behavior is shown in Figure 5-2.

It is evident from the creep curves in Figures 5-1a and 1b, that the steady state creep rate $\dot{\epsilon}$ decreased, under a constant axial loading, with the increase in confining pressure. The creep rate for each loading condition

was numerically evaluated from the true strain ~ time curve for every test. A summary of the differential creep tests on the Sault Ste. Marie clay, at a temperature of -12°C , with the stresses for each stage of the test and the corresponding steady state creep rates, are listed in Table 5-1. Experimental data are given in the Appendix.

Typical curves of the differential creep tests conducted on sand-ice samples, with a 64% volume concentration of sand and a test temperature of -12°C , are shown in Figures 5-3a and 5-3b for axial loads of 764.3 Psi and 815.9 Psi, respectively. The confining pressure increments were similar to those used for the clay samples. The shapes of the true strain ~ time curves of the sand-ice samples are similar to those of the frozen clay samples. The creep rate $\dot{\epsilon}$ decreased, under a constant axial load, with the increase in confining pressure. A summary of the differential creep tests on the sand-ice samples, at a test temperature of -12°C , including the stresses for each stage of the test and the corresponding steady state creep rates, are listed in Table 5-2. Experimental data are given in the Appendix.

In creep Test No. S-4, conducted on a sand-ice sample at a temperature of -12°C , the axial creep rates were observed under an axial creep load of 764.3 Psi and confining pressure values of 0 and 30 Psi, next the axial creep load was increased to a value of 815.9 Psi, and the

creep rates were observed for confining pressures of 30 Psi and 60 Psi. The true strain ~ time curve for creep Test No. S-4 is shown in Figure 5-4.

To determine the effect of temperature variations on the time-dependent behavior of frozen soils, differential creep tests were conducted at test temperatures of -10°C , -12°C , -14°C , and -18°C on duplicate sand-ice samples under a constant axial loading equal to 764.3 Psi. Figures 5-5a and 5-5b show true strain-time curves for creep tests at temperatures of -10°C and -18°C , respectively. By comparing these two curves with the one in Figure 5-3a, conducted on a duplicate sample under the same stress conditions and a test temperature of -12°C , a similar type of deformation behavior is observed. The magnitude of deformation varies with respect to the change in test temperature. This will be discussed in the next chapter. A summary of the differential creep tests conducted on duplicate sand-ice samples at different test temperatures, under the same axial loading, including the stresses at all stages of the test and the corresponding steady state creep rates, are listed in Table 5-3. Experimental data are given in the Appendix.

2. Constant Strain-Rate Tests

Constant axial strain-rate tests were used to determine the strength of the frozen soils at a relatively

fast strain-rate of 3×10^{-3} in./in./min., with constant confining pressures of 30 Psi, 60 Psi, and 90 Psi. All tests were conducted at a constant test temperature of -12°C .

The stress-strain curves for constant axial strain-rate tests on identical Sault Ste. Marie clay samples are shown in Figures 5-6, 5-7, and 5-8. These figures also include the strain-time relation for each test. The stress-strain curve shape did not show a distinctive peak value. The stress increased rapidly with increase in strain, reaching an optimum value around 12% strain. The ultimate strength values were approximately the same for all tests conducted on duplicate Sault Ste. Marie clay samples subjected to different confining pressures. This indicates that confining pressure has little or no effect on the ultimate strength of the frozen clay samples at a high degree of saturation. This behavior is similar to that of consolidated undrained cohesive soils subjected to triaxial compression (Bishop and Henkel, 1962). The Mohr diagram for the constant strain-rate tests on Sault Ste. Marie clay is shown in Figure 5-9, and indicates a cohesion value of 402 Psi and a zero friction angle, at a temperature of -12°C and a constant strain-rate of 3×10^{-3} in./in./min.

The stress-strain curves for constant axial strain-rate tests on sand-ice samples with a 64% sand volume

concentration, at a temperature of -12°C , and constant confining pressures of 30 Psi, 60 Psi, and 90 Psi are shown in Figures 5-10a, 5-10b, and 5-10c. These figures also include the strain-time relation during the progress of each test.

The stress-strain curves for the sand-ice samples showed a peak value at a strain level of approximately 1.8%. The confining pressure showed a considerable effect on the value of the ultimate strength of the tested samples. The strength increased with higher value of confining pressure, showing an internal friction factor in strength. This is in agreement with the work by Goughnour (1967). A Mohr diagram for the constant axial strain-rate tests conducted on identical sand-ice samples, at a temperature of -12°C , is shown in Figure 5-11. Close linear agreement between the three plotted $p \sim q$ values^① indicates excellent duplication between samples. The diagram gives a cohesion value of 435 Psi, and angle of internal friction equal to 25° , for sand-ice samples at -12°C and a constant strain-rate of 3×10^{-3} in./in./min. Experimental data are given in the Appendix.

$$\textcircled{1} p = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$$

$$q = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

Table 5-I. Differential Creep Test Results on Sault Ste. Marie Clay.

Axial Loading		Confining Pressure	Major Princ. Stress	Mean Stress	Stress Difference	Creep Rate
Psi	σ_3 , Psi	σ_1 , * Psi	σ_m , Psi	$D=\sigma_1-\sigma_3$, Psi	$\dot{\epsilon}$, in./in./min.	
569	0	569	189.6	569	2.45×10^{-4}	Sample No.
569	20	589	209.6	569	1.33×10^{-4}	C-4
569	40	609	229.6	569	9.45×10^{-5}	$\gamma_d=102.8$ Pcf
569	60	629	249.6	569	7.75×10^{-5}	w=24.13%
569	80	649	269.6	569	6.48×10^{-5}	
569	100	669	289.6	569	5.33×10^{-5}	
677.95	0	677.95	225.98	677.95	2.01×10^{-4}	Sample No.
677.95	30	707.95	255.98	677.95	1.26×10^{-4}	C-1
677.95	60	737.95	285.98	677.95	9.22×10^{-5}	$\gamma_d=102.2$ Pcf
677.95	90	767.95	315.98	677.95	6.58×10^{-5}	w=24%
677.95	120	797.95	345.98	677.95	4.72×10^{-5}	
677.95	150	827.95	375.98	677.95	3.45×10^{-5}	
714.67	0	714.67	238.22	714.67	2.41×10^{-4}	Sample No.
714.67	30	744.67	268.22	714.67	1.15×10^{-4}	C-2
714.67	60	774.67	298.22	714.67	8.29×10^{-5}	$\gamma_d=101.7$ Pcf
714.67	90	804.67	328.22	714.67	6.04×10^{-5}	w=24.3%
714.67	120	834.67	358.22	714.67	4.59×10^{-5}	
714.67	150	864.67	388.22	714.67	3.25×10^{-5}	
782.25	0	782.25	260.75	782.25	3.15×10^{-4}	Sample No.
782.25	30	812.25	290.75	782.25	1.14×10^{-4}	C-3
782.25	60	842.25	320.75	782.25	7.61×10^{-5}	$\gamma_d=102.9$ Pcf
782.25	90	872.25	350.75	782.25	5.31×10^{-5}	w=24.33%
782.25	120	902.25	380.75	782.25	4.00×10^{-5}	
782.25	150	932.25	410.75	782.25	2.92×10^{-5}	

*In a triaxial type test σ_1 equal to the axial loading plus the confining pressure.

Table 5-II. Differential Creep Test Results on Sand-Ice Samples.

Axial Loading Confining Major Princ. Mean Stress Stress Dif- Creep Rate						
Psi	σ_3 , Psi	Pressure	σ_1 , * Psi	σ_m , Psi	$D=\sigma_1-\sigma_3$, Psi	$\dot{\epsilon}$, in./in./min.
660.62	0		660.62	220.20	660.62	1.38x10 ⁻⁴
660.62	30		690.62	250.20	660.62	8.72x10 ⁻⁵
660.62	60		720.62	280.20	660.62	6.18x10 ⁻⁵
660.62	90		750.62	310.20	660.62	4.60x10 ⁻⁵
660.62	120		780.62	340.20	660.62	3.20x10 ⁻⁵
660.62	150		815.62	370.20	660.62	2.20x10 ⁻⁵
Sample No.						
S-1						
$\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf						
w=19.42%						
Ice bulk density=						
0.915gm/cm ³						
764.26	0		764.26	254.75	764.26	2.21x10 ⁻⁴
764.26	30		794.26	284.75	764.26	1.38x10 ⁻⁴
764.26	60		824.26	314.75	764.26	9.44x10 ⁻⁵
764.26	90		854.26	344.75	764.26	7.26x10 ⁻⁵
764.26	120		884.26	374.75	764.26	4.77x10 ⁻⁵
764.26	150		914.26	404.75	764.26	3.44x10 ⁻⁵
Sample No.						
S-2						
$\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf						
w=19.32%						
Ice bulk density=						
0.910gm/cm ³						
815.93	0		815.93	271.97	815.93	2.38x10 ⁻⁴
815.93	30		845.93	301.97	815.93	1.69x10 ⁻⁴
815.93	60		875.93	331.97	815.93	1.15x10 ⁻⁴
815.93	90		905.93	361.97	815.93	8.23x10 ⁻⁵
815.93	120		935.93	391.97	815.93	6.28x10 ⁻⁵
815.93	150		965.93	421.97	815.93	4.11x10 ⁻⁵
Sample No.						
S-3						
$\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf						
w=19.26%						
Ice bulk density=						
0.907gm/cm ³						
764.26	0		764.26	254.75	764.26	2.14x10 ⁻⁴
764.26	30		794.26	284.75	764.26	1.45x10 ⁻⁴
815.93	30		845.93	301.97	815.93	1.60x10 ⁻⁴
815.93	60		875.93	331.97	815.93	1.08x10 ⁻⁴
Sample No.						
S-4						
$\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf						
w=19.36%						
Ice bulk density=						
0.912gm/cm ³						

*In a triaxial type test σ_1 equal to the axial loading plus the confining pressure.

Table 5-III. Stress, Temperature, and Creep Rate Test Results on Sand-Ice Samples.

Axial Loading Psi	Confining Pressure σ_3 , Psi	Major Stress σ_1 , Psi	Princ. Mean Stress σ_m , Psi	Stress Dif- ference D, Psi	Creep Rate $\dot{\epsilon}$, in./in./min.			
					T=-10°C (1)	T=-12°C (2)	T=-14°C (3)	T=-18.1°C (4)
764.26	0	764.26	254.75	764.26	2.33×10^{-4}	2.21×10^{-4}	1.75×10^{-4}	1.25×10^{-4}
764.26	30	794.26	284.75	764.26	1.55×10^{-4}	1.38×10^{-4}	1.18×10^{-4}	8.65×10^{-5}
764.26	60	824.26	314.75	764.26	1.09×10^{-4}	9.44×10^{-5}	8.65×10^{-5}	6.31×10^{-5}
764.26	90	854.26	344.75	764.26	7.64×10^{-5}	7.26×10^{-5}	6.25×10^{-5}	4.30×10^{-5}
764.26	120	884.26	374.75	764.26	5.28×10^{-5}	4.77×10^{-5}	4.40×10^{-5}	3.09×10^{-5}
764.26	150	914.26	404.75	764.26	3.70×10^{-5}	3.44×10^{-5}	3.00×10^{-5}	2.20×10^{-5}
(1)	Sample No. S-5, $\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf, $w=19.37\%$, and ice bulk density = 0.913 gm./cm ³ .							
(2)	Sample No. S-2, $\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf, $w=19.32\%$, and ice bulk density = 0.910 gm./cm ³ .							
(3)	Sample No. S-6, $\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf, $w=19.34\%$, and ice bulk density = 0.911 gm./cm ³ .							
(4)	Sample No. S-7, $\gamma_d=107.5$ Pcf, $w=19.40\%$, and ice bulk density = 0.914 gm./cm ³ .							

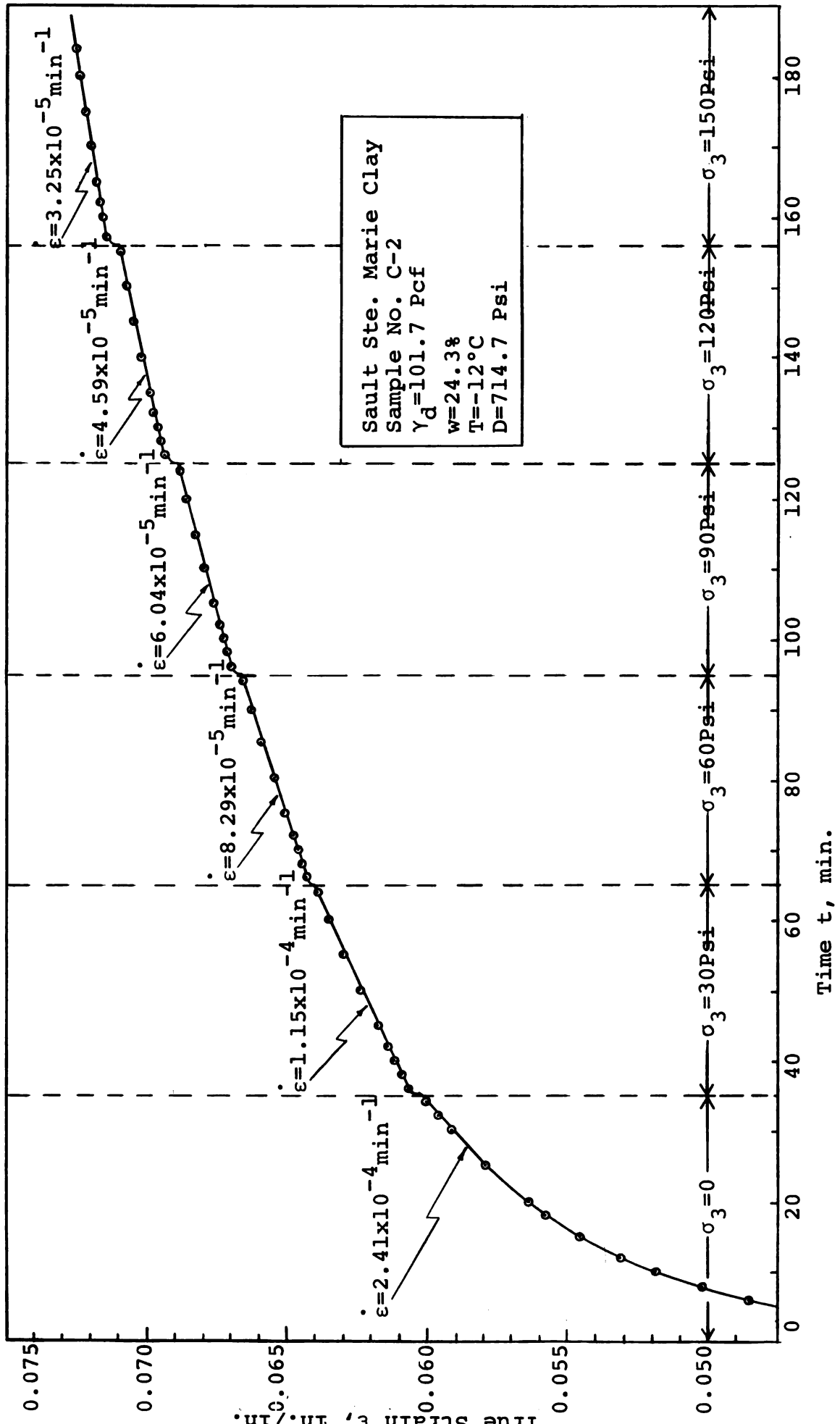


Figure 5-1A. Differential Creep Test on Sault Ste. Marie Clay, D Equal to 714.7 Psi.

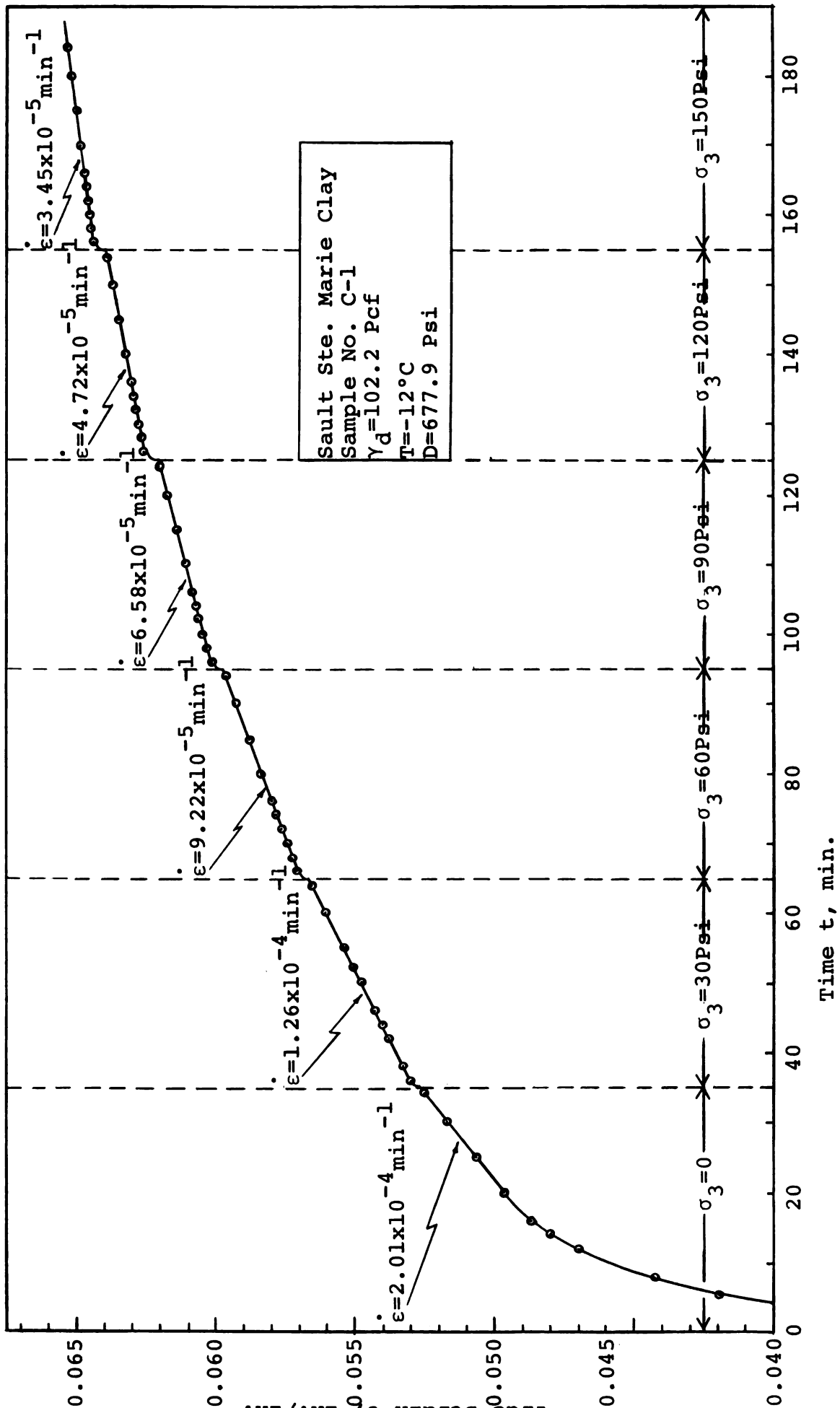


Figure 5-1B. Differential Creep Test on Sault Ste. Marie Clay, D Equal to 677.9 Psi.

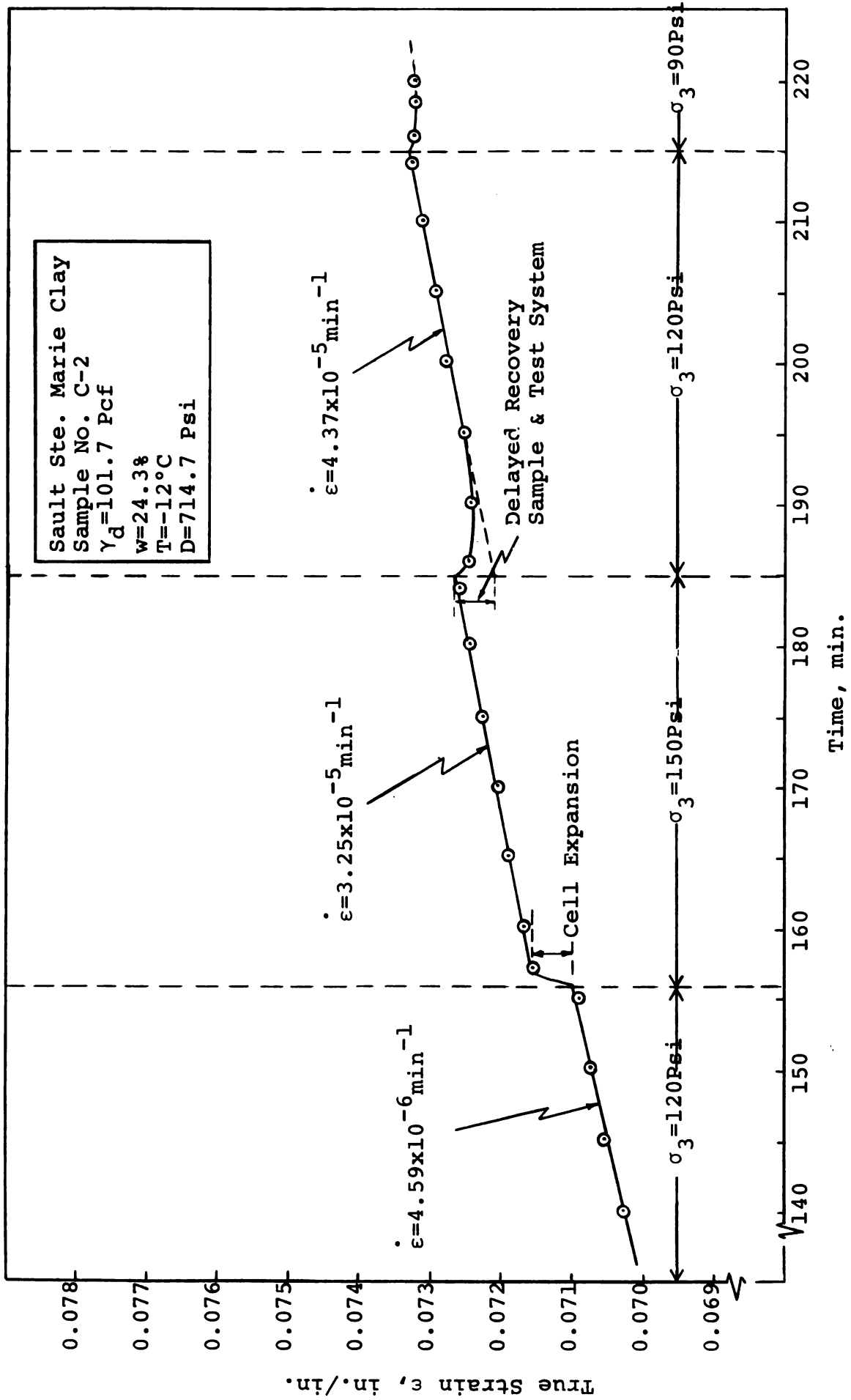


Figure 5-2. Strain ~ Time Relations During Increase and Decrease of Confining Pressure.

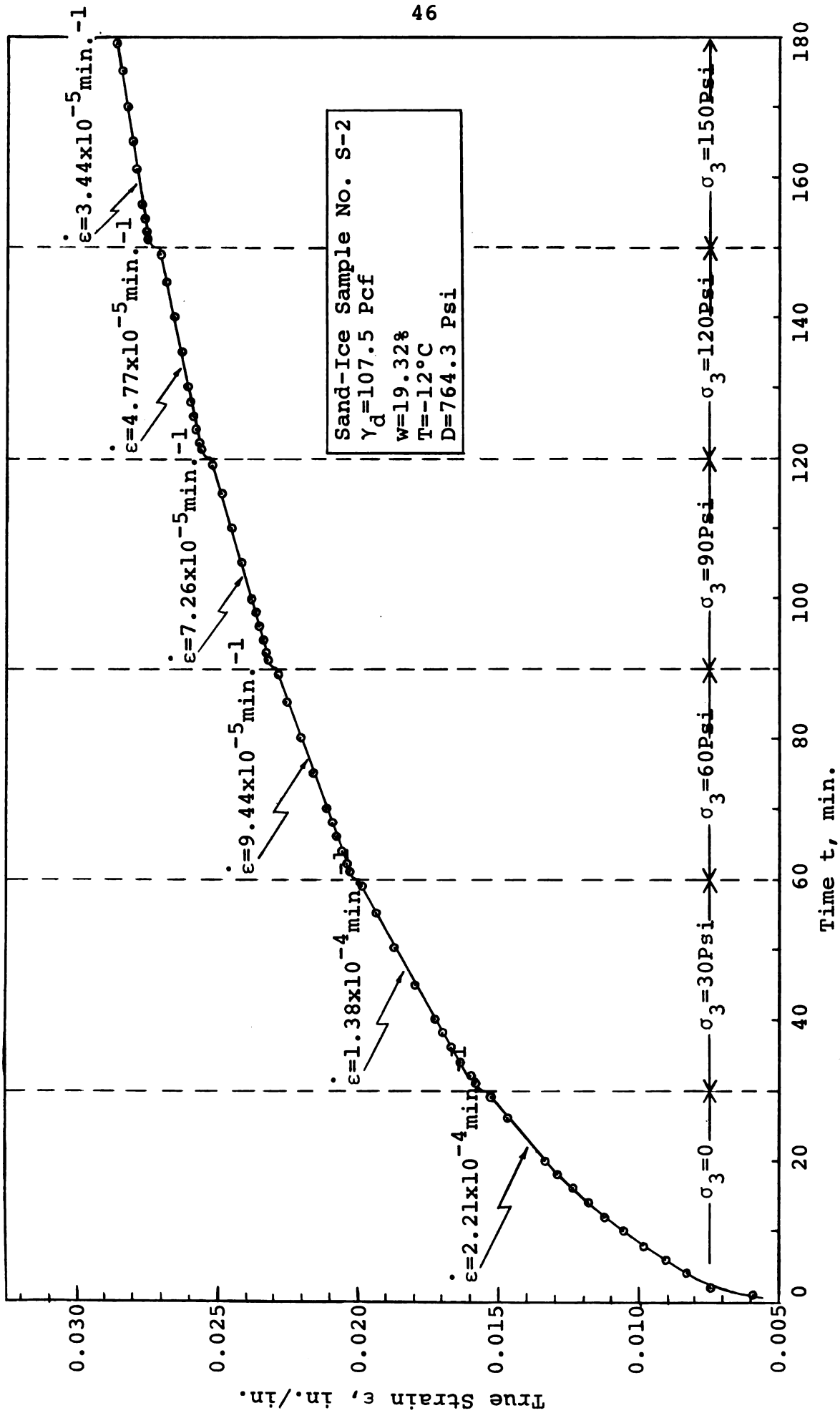


Figure 5-3A. Differential Creep Test on Sand-Ice Sample, D Equal to 764.3 Psi.

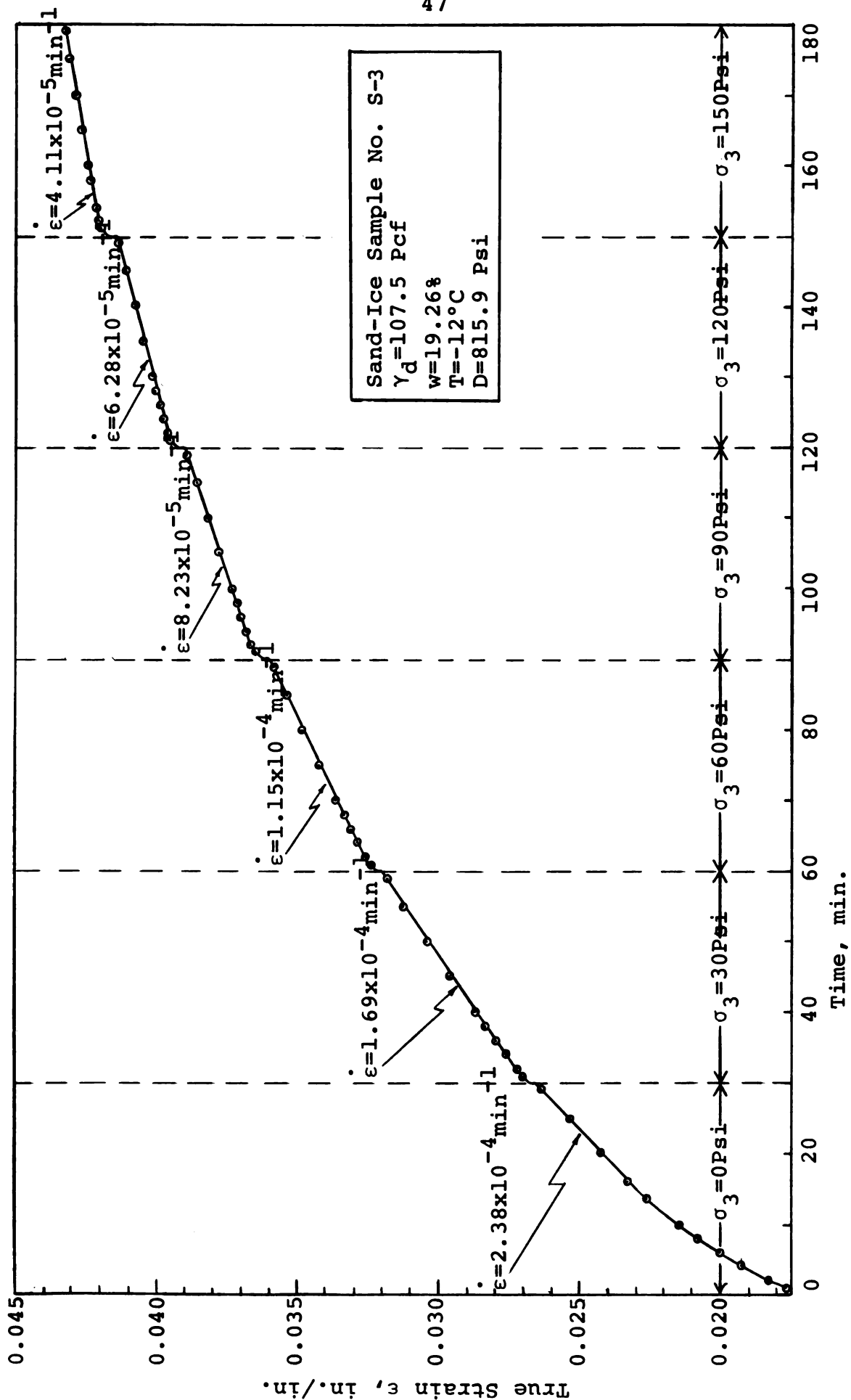


Figure 5-3B. Differential Creep Test on Sand-Ice Sample, D Equal to 815.9 Psi.

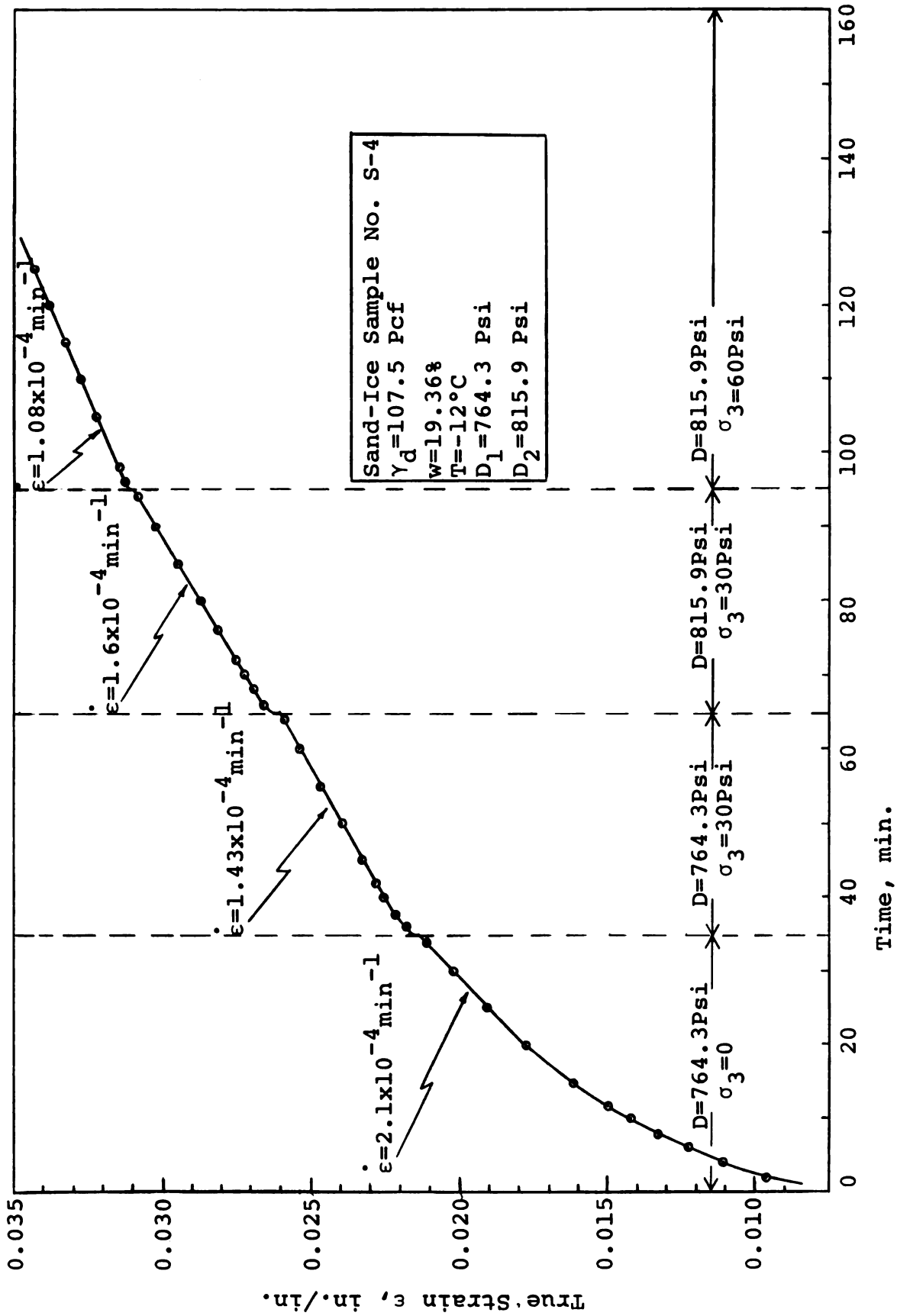


Figure 5-4. Differential Creep Test on Sand-Ice, D_1 Equal to 764.3 Psi and D_2 Equal to 815.9 Psi.

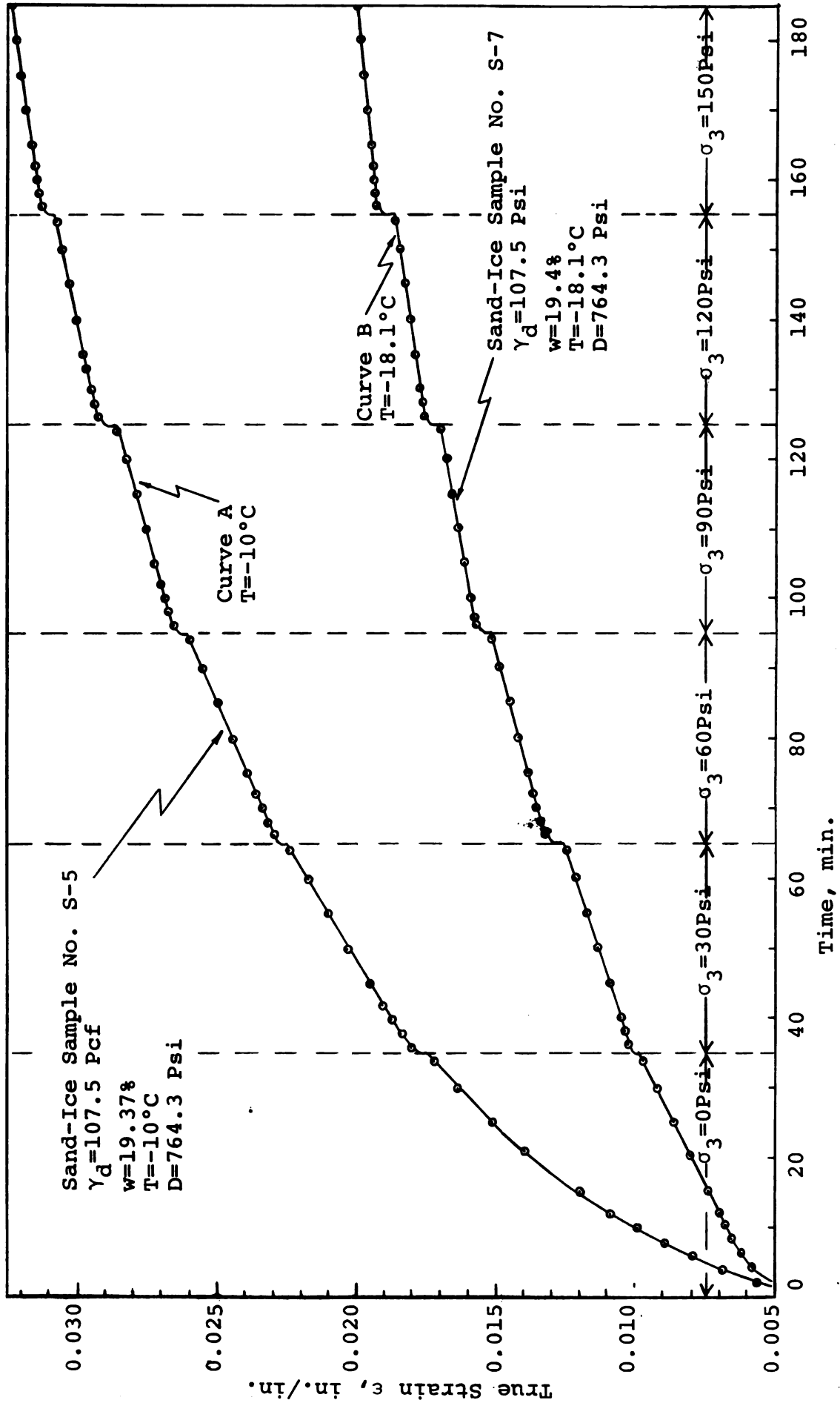


Figure 5-5. Differential Creep Test on Sand-Ice, (A) @ $T = -10^\circ\text{C}$, (B) @ $T = -18.1^\circ\text{C}$.

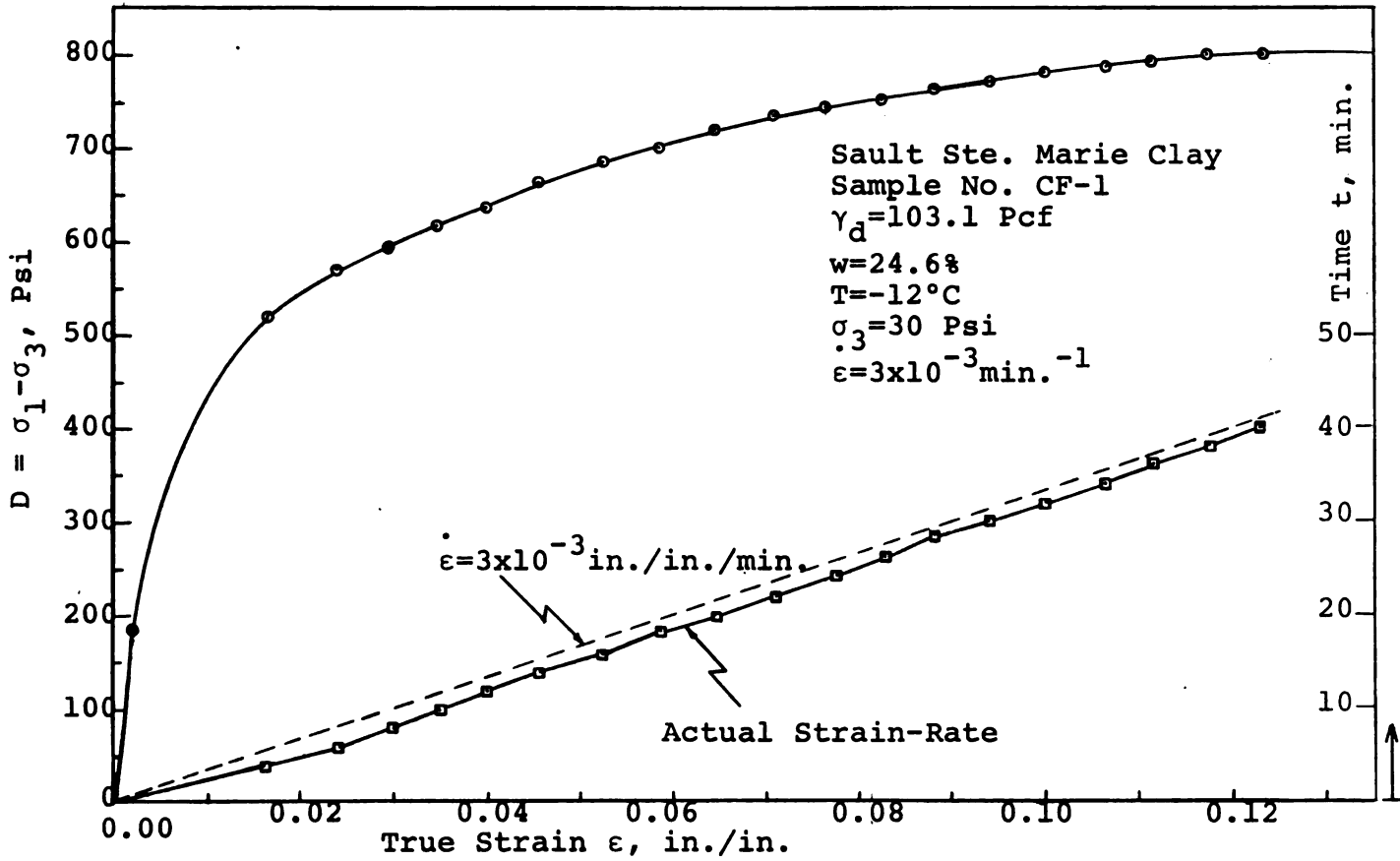


Figure 5-6. Stress ~ Strain and Strain ~ Time Curves for Sault Ste. Marie Clay, σ_3 Equal to 30 Psi.

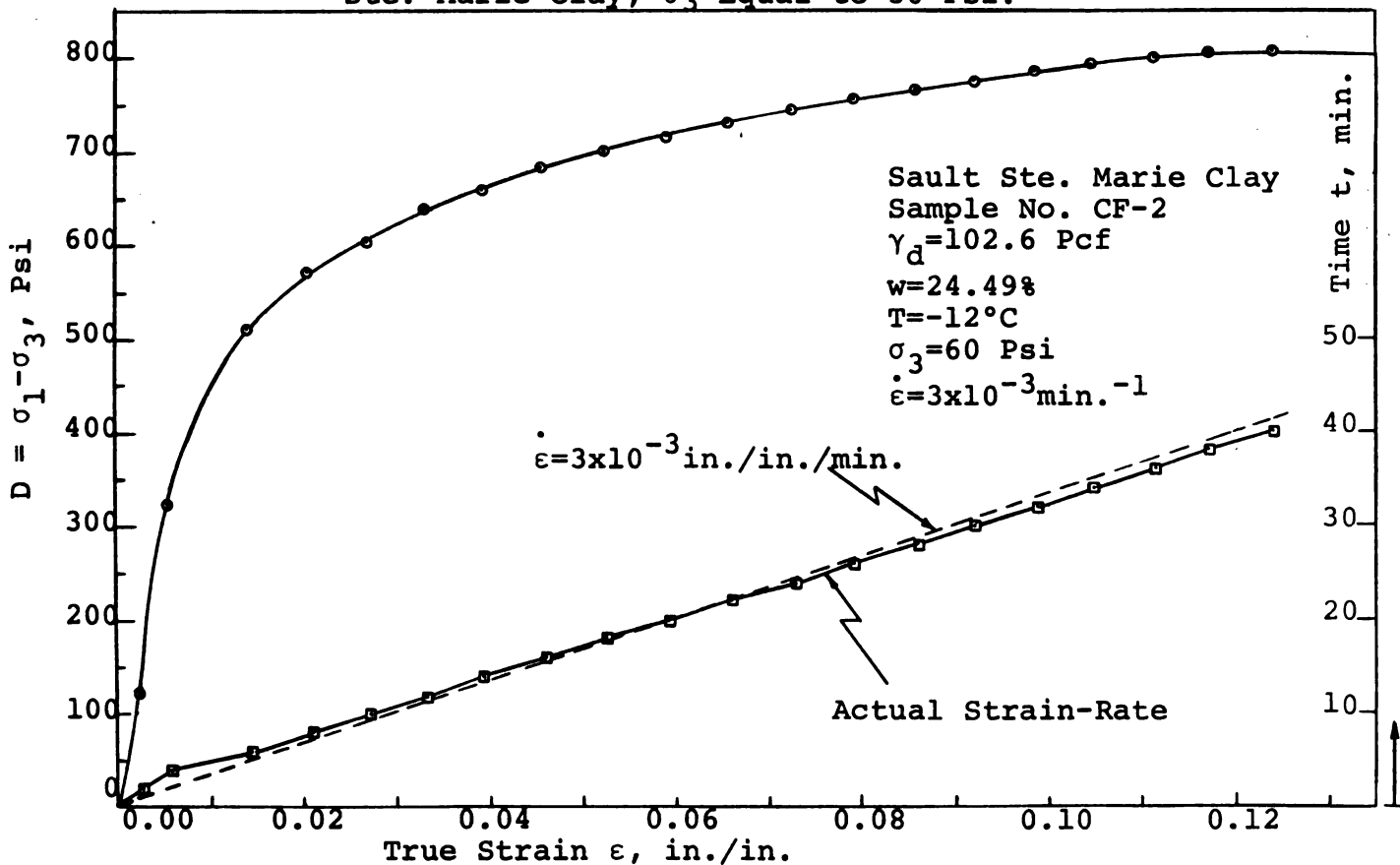


Figure 5-7. Stress ~ Strain and Strain ~ Time Curves for Sault Ste. Marie Clay, σ_3 Equal to 60 Psi.

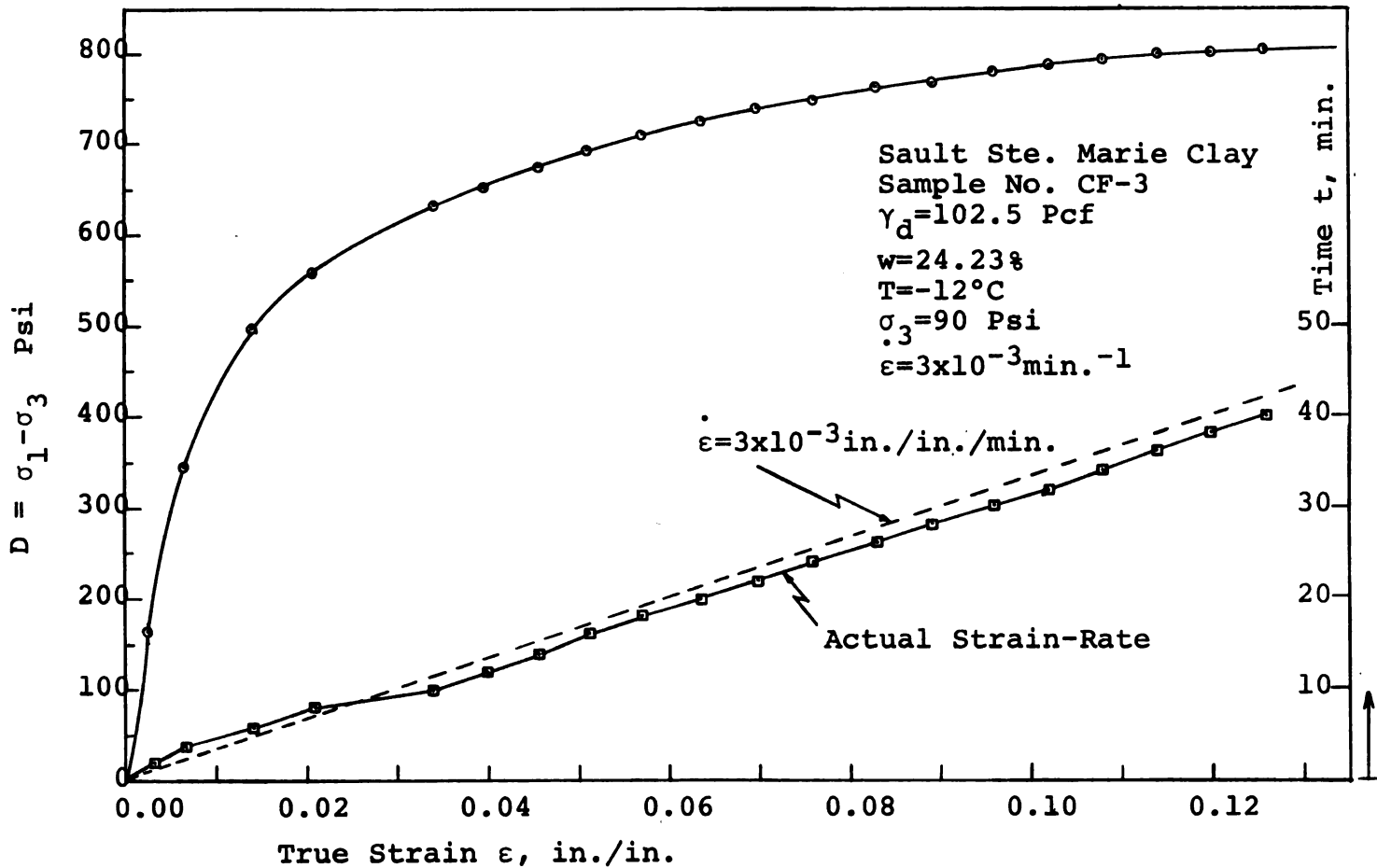


Figure 5-8. Stress ~ Strain and Strain ~ Time Curves For Sault Ste. Marie Clay, σ_3 Equal to 30 Psi.

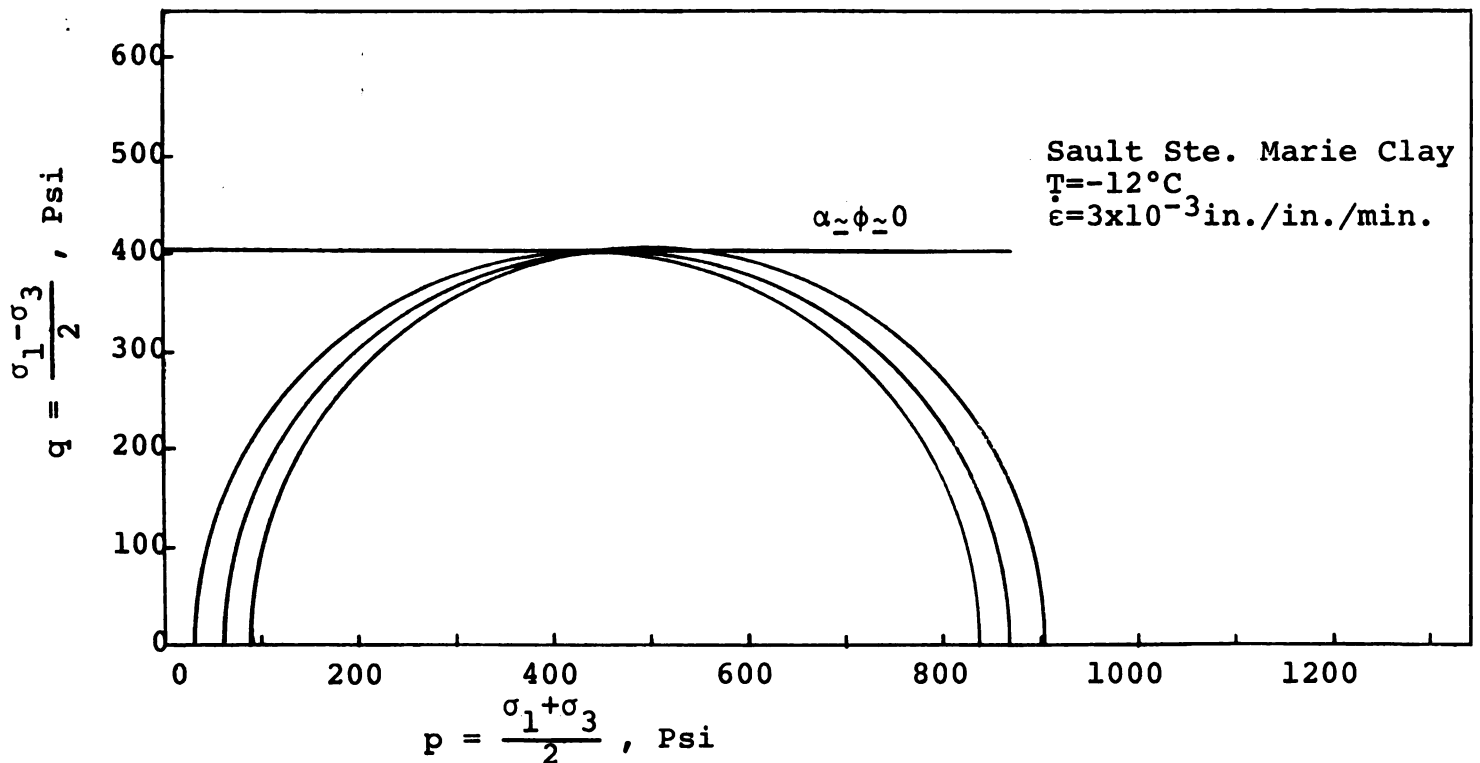


Figure 5-9. Mohr-Coulomb Plot and Modified Plot for Sault Ste. Marie Clay Samples.

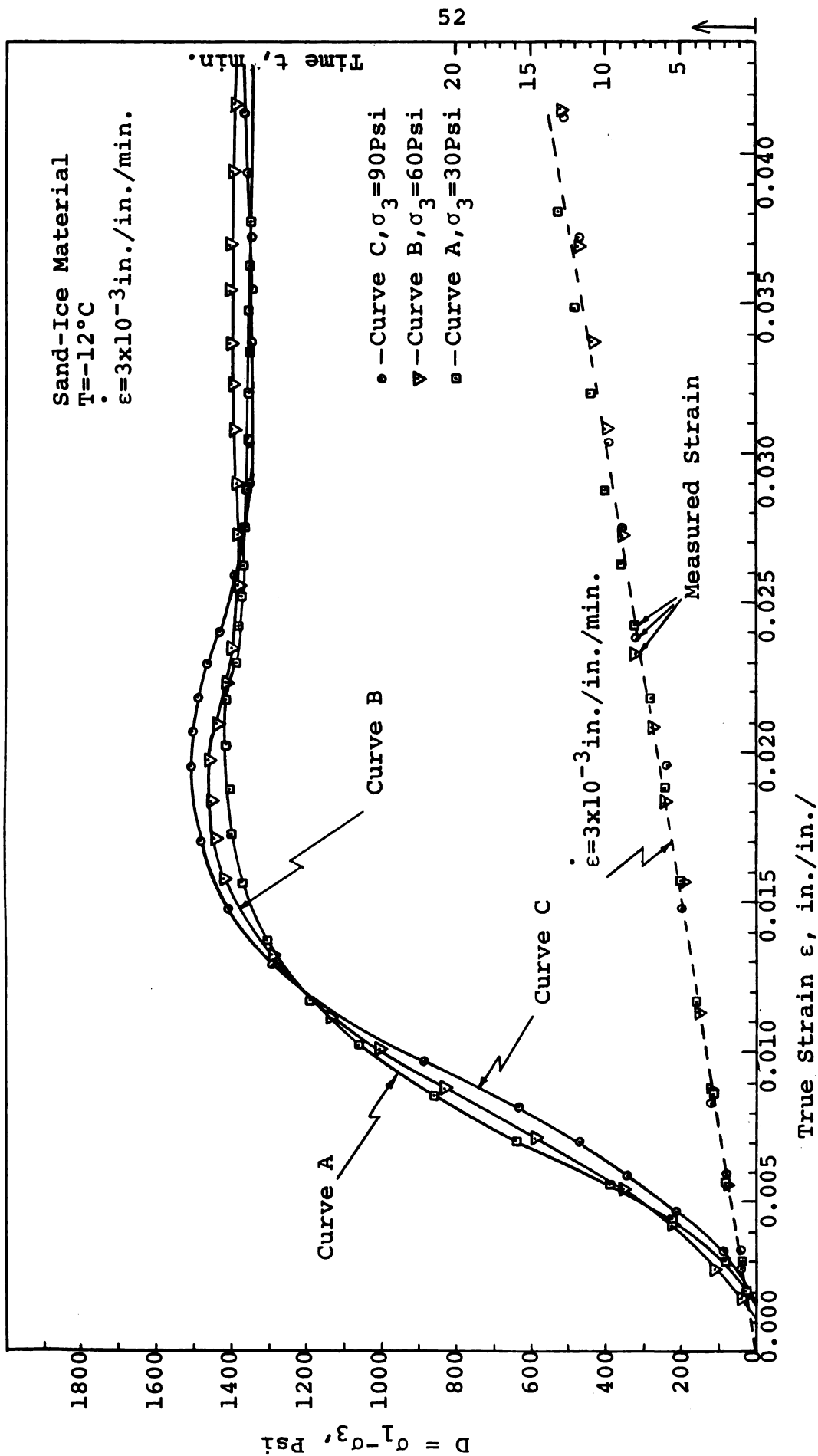


Figure 5-10. Stress ~ Strain Curves for Sand-Ice Samples, (A) σ_3 Equal to 30 Psi, (B) σ_3 Equal to 60 Psi, (C) σ_3 Equal to 90 Psi.

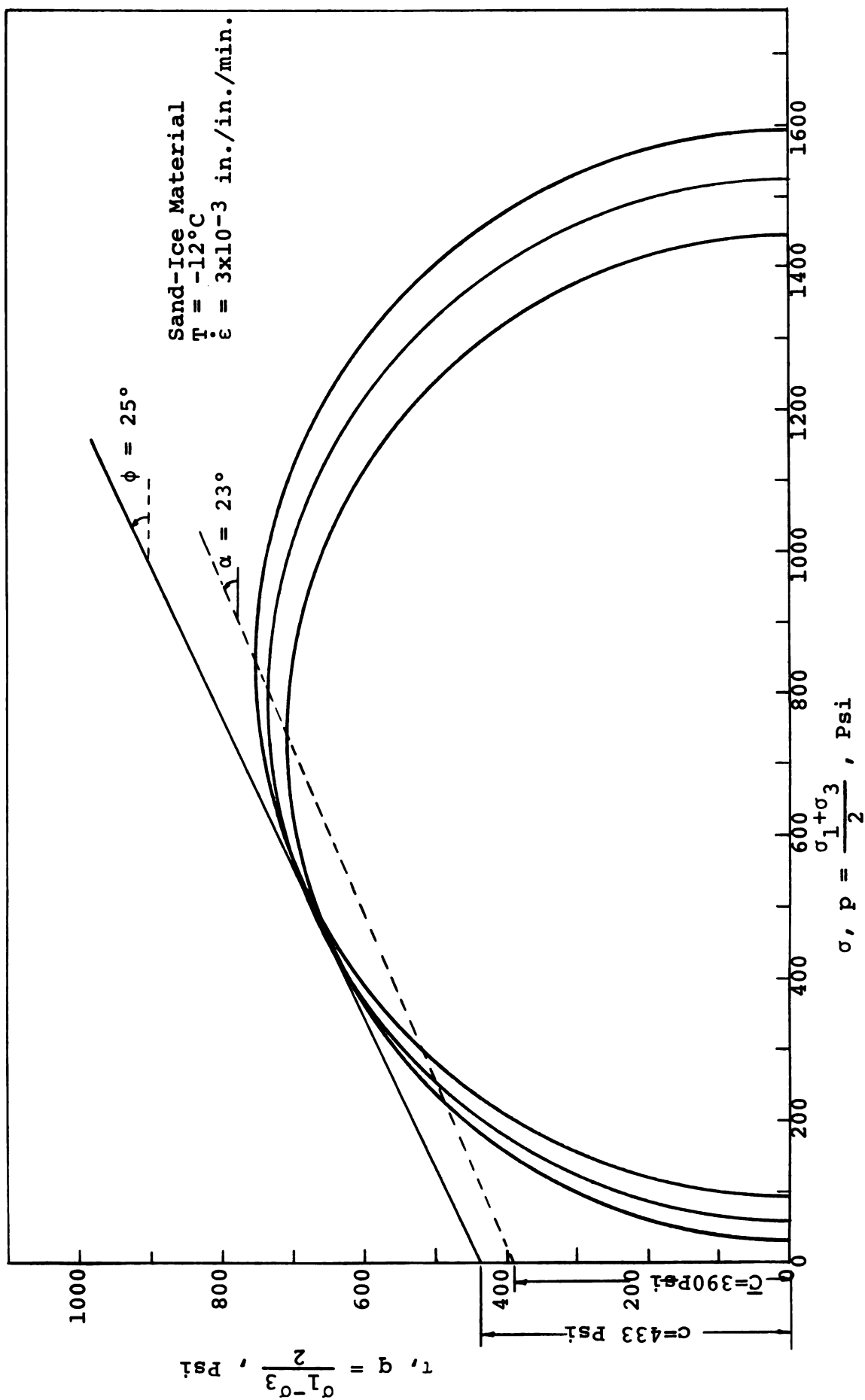


Figure 5-11. Mohr-Coulomb Plot and Modified Plot for Sand-Ice Samples.

CHAPTER VI

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF THEORY

The results of the differential creep tests conducted on frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay at a constant temperature of -12°C , summarized in Table 5-1, show a linear relationship between the logarithm of the steady state creep rate $\dot{\epsilon}$ and a stress term Σ . The stress term $\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$ is a function of both the deviatoric component and the hydrostatic component of stress, where D is the stress difference,^① and σ_m is the hydrostatic or the mean normal stress.^② This linear relation between $\log \dot{\epsilon}$ and Σ is shown in Figure 6-1 as a family of linear curves. Each corresponds to a different constant value of stress difference D . The equation representing this linear relation may be expressed in the following form:^③

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{1} D &= \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \\ &= 3/2 (\sigma_1 - \sigma_m), \text{ since } \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 \text{ in the triaxial} \\ &\text{test apparatus.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{2} \sigma_m &= 1/3 (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) \\ &= 1/3 (\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_3).\end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{3}$ $\log$: designates the common logarithm for which the base is 10. $\ln$: designates the natural logarithm for which the base is $e = 2.71828$.

$$\log \dot{\epsilon} = (m \log e) \Sigma + \log b$$

which implies that the creep rate $\dot{\epsilon}$ is an exponential function of the stress term Σ , at constant temperature, and which can be put in the following form:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = b \exp (m \Sigma) \quad @ T = \text{const.} \quad (6-1)$$

where m is the absolute value of slope of the straight line on the log-creep rate versus Σ plot, and b is the projected value of creep rate at zero Σ on the same plot. b has no physical meaning. The value of m was determined graphically from Figure 6-1 for frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay at a constant temperature of -12°C . A nearly linear relationship is found between $\log b$ and the stress difference D for the differential creep tests on the Sault Ste. Marie clay, which implies that the b value approximates an exponential function of the stress difference D for differential creep tests on frozen clay. This relation is shown in Figure 6-3, and could be presented in the following form:

$$b = C \exp (n D) \quad @ T = \text{const.} \quad (6-2)$$

The parameters C and n are constants at a constant test temperature and could be evaluated graphically from Figure 6-3. By substituting the exponential function b (equation 6-2) for the b value in equation 6-1 we obtain

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C \cdot \exp (n D) \cdot \exp (m \Sigma) \quad @ T = \text{const.} \quad (6-1a)$$

since $\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$, if we let $N = n + m$, then:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C \cdot \exp (N D) \cdot \exp (-m \sigma_m) \quad @ T = \text{const.} \quad (6-3)$$

For frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay at a temperature of -12°C , equation 6-3 becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = (2.77 \times 10^{-4}) \cdot e^{(0.00268)D} \cdot e^{-(0.01049) \sigma_m} \quad @ T = -12^\circ\text{C} \quad (6-4)$$

$\dot{\epsilon}$ is measured in inch/inch/minute, D and σ_m in Psi. Knowing the stress conditions and the parameters C , N , and m for a frozen clay, we can use equation (6-3) to estimate the steady state creep rate for that clay at a constant temperature, as long as the applied stresses are within the range which exhibits a linear relation between $\log \dot{\epsilon}$ and Σ . Equation (6-3) indicates that the creep rate of frozen clay, at a constant temperature and the stress-history used, increases exponentially with the increase in stress difference D , and decreases exponentially with the increase in mean stress σ_m .

The results of the differential creep tests conducted on sand-ice samples, at a constant temperature of -12°C , showed the existence of a linear relationship between the logarithm of the steady state creep rate and the stress term Σ , which indicates a similar behavior to that

of the creep of frozen clays. This linear relation between $\log \dot{\epsilon}$ and Σ is shown in Figure 6-2 as a family of curves, each corresponding to a different value of stress difference D. Figure 6-2 indicates that the creep rate of sand-ice samples, at a constant temperature, is an exponential function of the stress term Σ , and could be described by a mathematical expression similar to the one used to describe the creep behavior of frozen clay in equation (6-1), except that the b and m parameters assume different values. m can be evaluated from Figure 6-2. Then, for a sand-ice material of 64% sand by volume concentration, at a constant temperature of -12°C , equation (6-1) becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = b_1 e^{(0.01206)\Sigma} \quad @ -12^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6-5)$$

The $\log b_1$ verses D plot, shown in Figure 6-4, exhibited a nearly linear relation, indicating that b_1 is an exponential function of D at a constant temperature, and could be represented in a form similar to equation 6-2. For a sand-ice material at -12°C , the linear relation in Figure 6-4 between $\log b_1$ and D can be expressed as:

$$b_1 = (9.103 \times 10^{-6}) e^{-(0.0398)D} \quad @ T = -12^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6-6)$$

By substituting equation (6-6) for b_1 in equation 6-5 we get:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = (9.103 \times 10^{-6}) \cdot e^{-(0.00398)D} \cdot e^{(0.01206)\Sigma} \quad @ \ T = -12^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6-7)$$

since $\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$, then:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = (9.103 \times 10^{-6}) \cdot e^{(0.00808)D} \cdot e^{-(0.01206)\sigma_m} \quad @ \ T = -12^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6-7a)$$

The form of equation (6-7a) is the same as that of equation (6-3). It describes the steady state deformation of a 64% volume concentration sand-ice material at a constant temperature of -12°C , and for the stress-history imposed on the test samples.

Equation (6-3) describes the steady state deformation at a constant test temperature for both a frozen clay system and a frozen saturated sand system. At a temperature of -12°C , the graphical solution of equation (6-3) is shown in Figure 6-1 for a frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay, and in Figure 6-2 for a frozen saturated sand. It is obvious from Figure 6-1 and 6-2 that the slope of the relationship, in each case, is essentially independent of the creep stress, implying that the parameter m is a constant, and therefore is a property of the material. An increase in stress serves only to shift the line vertically upwards. Figure 6-5 shows a semilog plot of the $\dot{\epsilon} \sim \Sigma$ curve for two differential creep tests, the first on a frozen saturated sand sample, and the second on a frozen

Sault Ste. Marie clay. Both tests were conducted at the same test temperature of -12°C , and under relatively close values of stress difference D of 660.6 Psi and 677.9 Psi respectively. The curve for the frozen sand exhibits a higher value of slope ($m = 0.01206$) than that of the frozen clay ($m = 0.01049$). This is explained by the theory of the equilibrium state between water and ice in frozen soils (Tsyrovich, 1960), since frozen clays generally contain a considerably larger amount of unfrozen water in comparison to sands, thus exhibiting less resistance to external loading.

Differential creep test No. S-4 was conducted on a sand-ice sample at -12°C , in which the deviatoric stress was increased by increasing the axial loading during the test. The measured steady state creep rates corresponding to the various loading conditions are compared with the predicted creep rates by equation 6-3, for the same loading conditions, in Figure 6-6. It is evident from Figure 6-6 that there is an agreement, to a considerable degree, between the predicted creep rates by equation 6-3 and the measured creep rates for a test in which the deviatoric stress is changed during the test.

The fundamental assumptions of the usual theory of elastoplastic deformation in isotropic hardening metals (Hill, 1950) imply that the change of body shape is caused only by deviatoric stresses and does not depend on the

average normal stress (hydrostatic pressure σ_m), and the change in volume is caused only by hydrostatic pressure and does not depend on the deviatoric stresses. In this theory based on the Mises yield condition, during a proportional straining (one in which the plastic strain components maintain their ratios), the relationship between the equivalent stress $\bar{\sigma}$ ^④ and the equivalent strain $\bar{\epsilon}$ ^⑤ does not depend on the state of stress of the body, i.e., the $\bar{\sigma} - \bar{\epsilon}$ diagram is invariant to this state. However, the indicated principle holds true only for bodies similarly resisting extension and compression, which frozen soils do not. It has been established (Vialov, 1965d) that, for soils, the relation between $\bar{\sigma}$ and $\bar{\epsilon}$ at different values of mean stress σ_m is represented by a family of curves, each of which corresponds to its own value of σ_m . Thus, for frozen soils, just as for other bodies differently resisting extension and compression, equivalent strain will depend not only on $\bar{\sigma}$ but also on mean stress σ_m . In creep problems the time t becomes another factor. Existing creep theories do not take the influence of mean stress σ_m into consideration. The results of tests conducted in

④ $\bar{\sigma} = \sqrt{3J_2'}$, J_2' is the second invariant of deviatoric stress, $J_2' = \frac{1}{6} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]$

⑤ $\bar{\epsilon} = \left\{ \frac{2}{3} [(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2)^2 + (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3)^2 + (\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1)^2] \right\}^{1/2}$

this study indicate that the mean stress does affect the creep rate of frozen soils. Thus any deformation equation should be a function of σ_m :

$$f(\bar{\sigma}, \sigma_m, \dot{\epsilon}) = 0$$

for a triaxial type test is:

$$\bar{\sigma} = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 = D$$

and equation (6-3) would suggest a deformation criterion of the following form, at a constant temperature:

$$f(\dot{\epsilon}) = f_1(\bar{\sigma}) - f_2(\sigma_m) \quad @ T + \text{const.} \quad (6-8)$$

Temperature is one of the most important factors influencing the deformation of frozen soils. If we consider the results of the differential creep tests on sand-ice samples under a constant deviatoric stress and at different test temperatures, as shown in Figure 6-7, it is apparent that a linear relation exists between the logarithm of the creep rate and the stress term Σ . The slope of this linear relation is equal to that of equation (6-5), which describes the creep deformation of the same material at a constant temperature and different values of deviatoric stress. This relation between $\log \dot{\epsilon}$ and Σ can be expressed as:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = b_2 \exp(m \Sigma) \quad @ D = \text{const.} \quad (6-9)$$

m is equal to (0.01206) for a creep test on sand-ice sample under a constant stress difference $D = 764.3$ Psi. The slopes of equation (6-5) and (6-9) in a semilog plot are equal ($m = 0.01206$). This indicates that the parameter m is neither a function of the stress difference D nor of the test temperature. The plot of $\log b_2$ verses the reciprocal of test temperature T, measured in absolute units and shown in Figure 6-8, indicates the existence of a nearly linear relationship between $\log b_2$ and $\frac{1}{T}$. This relation could be described by the following function:

$$b_2 = C' \cdot \exp \left(-\ell \cdot \frac{1}{T} \right) \quad @ D = \text{const.} \quad (6-10)$$

where ℓ is the slope of the linear relation between $\log b_2$ and $\frac{1}{T}$, which can be evaluated graphically. From Figure 6-8, $\ell = 4273.75$ for creep tests conducted on sand-ice samples under a constant stress difference $D = 764.3$ Psi. Substituting equation (6-10) for b_2 in equation 6-9, we get:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C' \cdot \exp \left(-\ell \cdot \frac{1}{T} \right) \cdot \exp (m \Sigma) \quad @ D = \text{const.} \quad (6-11)$$

For creep tests on sand-ice samples under a constant stress difference $D = 764.3$ Psi, C' , m , and ℓ can be evaluated graphically from Figures 6-7 and 6-8. Thus equation (6-11) becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = (5.623) \cdot e^{(-4273.75/T)} \cdot e^{(0.01206\Sigma)} \quad @ D = 764.3 \text{ Psi} \quad (6-11a)$$

Equation (6-11a) can be used to estimate the creep rate of sand-ice system under a constant stress difference $D = 764.26$ Psi, and it implies that, at a constant D , the creep rate is an exponential function of the reciprocal of test temperature. This confirms previous work that the creep phenomenon of frozen soil is a thermally activated process (Andersland and Akili, 1967). The most significant factor determining the strength properties of a frozen soil is the value of its temperature below freezing. The physical reasons for the increase of strength of a frozen soils with the decrease of its temperature are: the freezing of new portions of water in the voids, and the change in quality of ice properties as a result of a decrease of mobility of hydrogen atoms in the crystalline lattice of ice.

Equation (6-1a) or (6-3) describes the creep rate at a constant temperature $T = T_1$, while Equation (6-11) describes the creep rate at a constant stress difference $D = D_1$. To combine the effect of both stress difference and test temperature, and considering equations (6-1a) and (6-11), we may suggest an equation in the following form:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = A \cdot \exp (n D) \cdot \exp \left(-\ell \cdot \frac{1}{T}\right) \cdot \exp (m \Sigma) \quad (6-12)$$

For equation (6-12) to combine the effect of both stress difference and test temperature, it has to confirm with equations 6-1a at $T = T_1$, and with equation (6-11) at $D = D_1$:

At $T = T_1$, equation (6-12) becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = A e^{nD} \cdot e^{-\ell/T_1} \cdot e^{m\Sigma} \quad @ \quad T = T_1$$

while equation (6-1a) is:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C \cdot e^{nD} \cdot e^{m\Sigma} \quad @ \quad T = T_1$$

$$\therefore A = C \cdot e^{\ell/T_1}$$

For a sand-ice sample at a temperature of -12°C ($\frac{1}{T} = 0.00383$): $C = (9.103 \times 10^{-6})$, and $\ell = 4273.75$.

$$A = 2.06715$$

At $D = D_1$, equation (6-12) becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = A e^{nD_1} e^{-\ell/T} e^{m\Sigma}$$

while equation (6-11) is:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \bar{C} e^{-\ell/T} \cdot e^{m\Sigma}$$

$$\therefore A = \bar{C} e^{-nD_1}$$

For sand-ice material at $D_1 = 764.3$ Psi: $\bar{C} = 5.623$, and $n = 0.00398$.

$$\therefore A = 2.07084$$

The values of A determined in both conditions, at $T = T_1$ and $D = D_1$ for sand-ice material, appear to be approximately equal. Thus, considering possible experimental

errors, A can be assumed constant for this range of creep stresses and temperatures, and is therefore a property of the material. However, A in general should be considered as a function of stress, temperature, and structure of the material. Since $\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$ and if we let $N = n + m$, equation (6-12) becomes

$$\dot{\epsilon} = A \cdot \exp (ND) \cdot \exp (-\ell/T) \cdot \exp (-m\sigma_m) \quad (6-13)$$

For frozen saturated sand with a 64% volume concentration of sand, equation (6-13) becomes:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = (2.07) \cdot e^{0.00808D} \cdot e^{(-4273.75/T)} \cdot e^{-(0.01206)\sigma_m}$$

The large body of experimental data indicates that the creep rate, for materials in general, is given by the equation (Conrad, 1961):

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \sum_i A_i (\sigma, T, S) e^{-\Delta H_i (\sigma, T, S)/RT} \quad (6-14)$$

where A_i is the frequency factor and ΔH_i is the activation energy of one of a number of deformation mechanisms. A_i and ΔH_i may depend on the stress σ , temperature T , and structure S . Equation (6-13) describing the creep deformation of frozen soil is in agreement with the general deformation equation 6-14.

Since frozen soils possess clearly defined rheological properties, their strength is time dependent. In the steady state region of the creep curves, the

deformation increases at a constant rate, and eventually reaches the tertiary creep (failure). Considering the creep tests carried out, at a constant temperature, on frozen clay and frozen saturated sand, which are shown in Figures 6-1 and 6-2, for a specific creep rate we note that there are several $\dot{\epsilon}$ values, each corresponding to a different creep test. Since the stress difference D for each test is known, we can determine the values of major and minor principal stresses σ_1 and σ_3 , for each test, that correspond to a specific creep rate. Then, using these stress values a sketch can be prepared showing the modified Mohr plot (Lambe, 1967) which corresponds to a specific creep rate. This modified plot is shown in Figure 6-9 for frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay at -12°C , and in Figure 6-10 for a frozen saturated sand, at the same temperature. In Figure 6-9 and 6-10, the portion of the plot which corresponds to low stresses is neglected, since at that stress level, a steady state deformation region does not exist (damped creep). The strength of frozen soils is generally represented by a cohesion term and a friction term, and can be represented by two parameters, the equivalent cohesion C and the equivalent friction angle ϕ . Figure 6-9 indicates that the equivalent friction angle ϕ appears to remain constant with change in creep rate, at constant temperature, while the equivalent cohesion C decreases with a slower creep rate, implying the dependence

of C on time. Cohesion of course depends on temperature too. The variation in the strength of frozen clay soil is influenced primarily by the rheological properties of ice and unfrozen water.

In Figure 6-10 the modified plot of a sand-ice material at -12°C , represents more clearly defined envelopes corresponding to different creep rates. The equivalent angle of friction ϕ appears to be constant, but the equivalent cohesion C decreased with a lower creep rate. The equivalent angle of friction ϕ for sand-ice system at these low creep rates was approximately 10 degrees higher than the friction angle of the same material at a relatively fast constant strain-rate tests shown in Figure 5-11, while the cohesion is considerably less. This implies that the equivalent angle of friction ϕ could be considered independent of time and temperature, therefore it is a property of the material. Since sands in unfrozen state do not exhibit any cohesion, the cohesion term exhibited in the frozen state is primarily due to the ice content, thus the cohesion in frozen saturated sand is controlled by the properties of ice. For simplification, we could consider the strength of frozen soil as:

$$\tau = C(T, L) + P \tan \phi$$

in which C is a function of time and temperature, and ϕ is a function of soil type.

The constant axial strain-rate tests indicate that at a relatively fast strain-rate ($3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$), frozen soils exhibit a much higher strength than at a slow strain-rate, therefore confirming previous works. No attempt was made to conduct compression tests at another fast strain-rate, since it is generally accepted that the ultimate strength of a frozen soil increases with increase in strain-rate (Goughnour, 1967). The constant axial strain-rate tests were conducted on both frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated sand to determine the ultimate strength of these materials, which have been used in this study, at a fast strain rate, and to determine the effect of confining pressure on the ultimate strength of the frozen soil, in an effort to determine a friction term. The frozen saturated sand showed a higher ultimate strength than the frozen clay. This is due to the fact that the frozen clay usually contains a larger quantity of unfrozen water than the frozen saturated sand, at the same temperature. The confining pressure had no significant effect on the ultimate strength of the frozen clay (degree of saturation $\approx 96\%$); this is shown in Figure 5-9. This is similar to the behavior of unfrozen saturated clay under a similar stress history. The ultimate strength of the frozen saturated sand did increase with the increase in

confining pressure, therefore implying the existence of a friction term in addition to the cohesion term in the sand-ice system. This is shown in Figure 5-10, with an angle of internal friction $\phi = 25^\circ$.

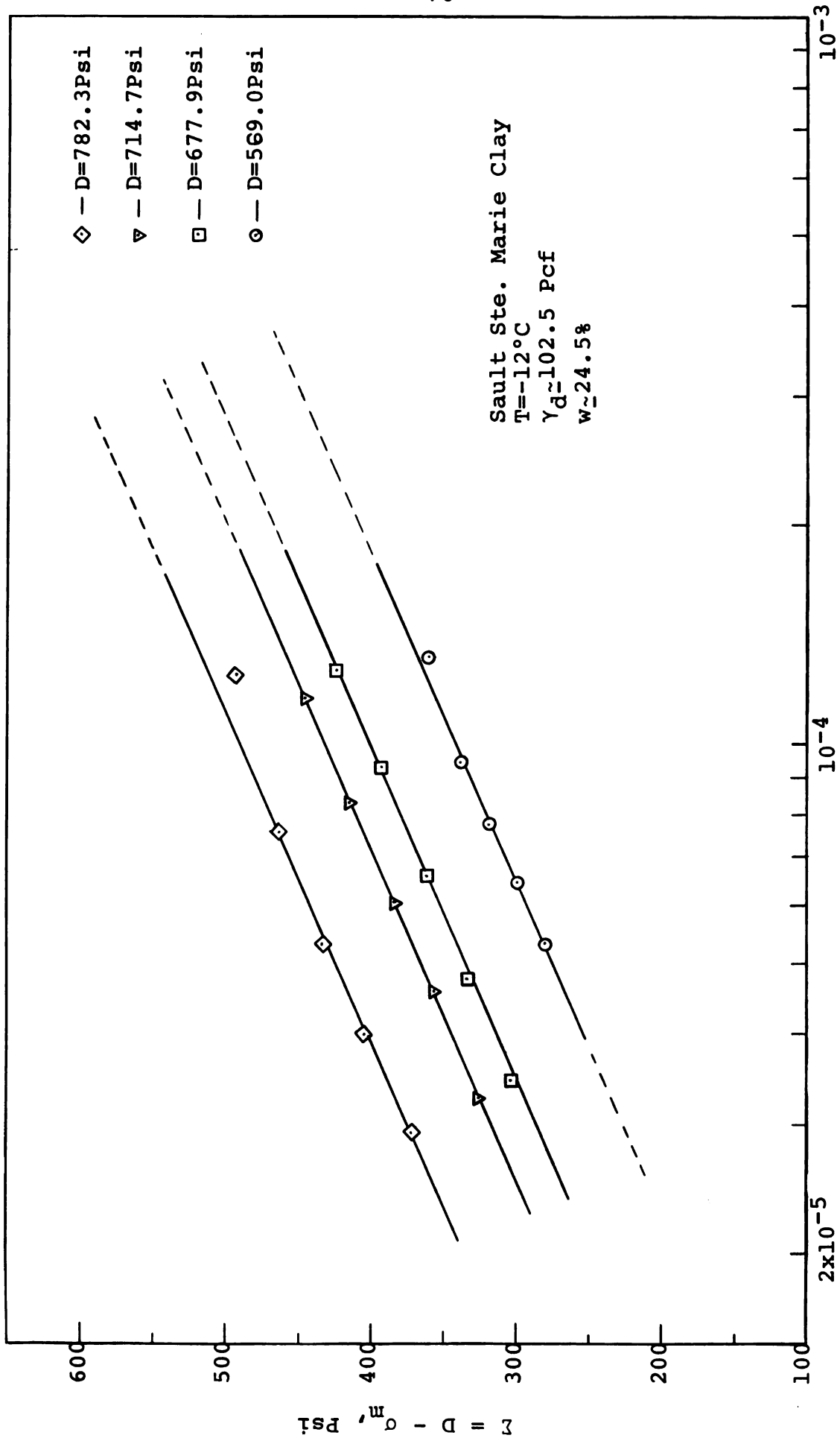


Figure 6-1. Creep Rate Versus Stress for Sault Ste. Marie Clay.

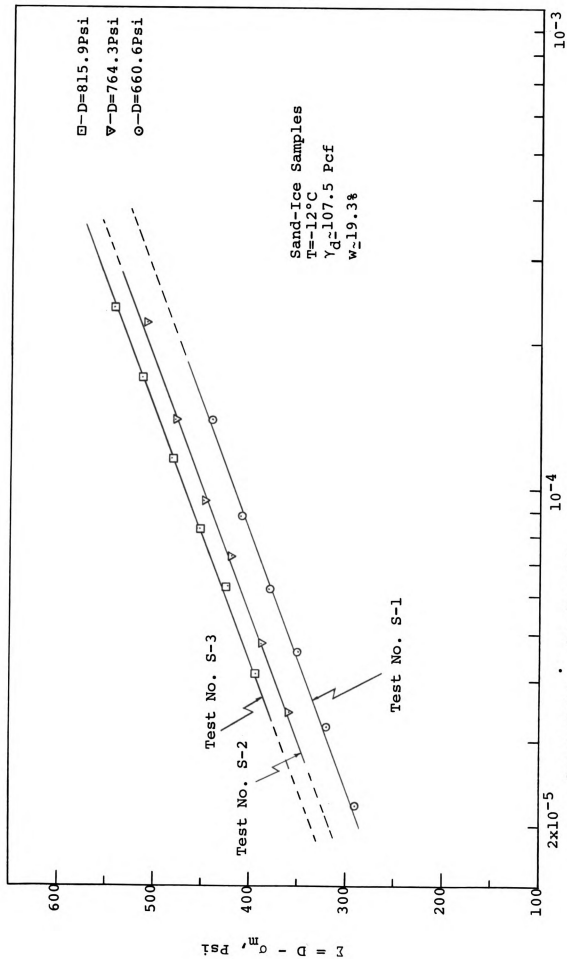


Figure 6-2. Creep Rate Versus Stress for Sand-Ice Samples.

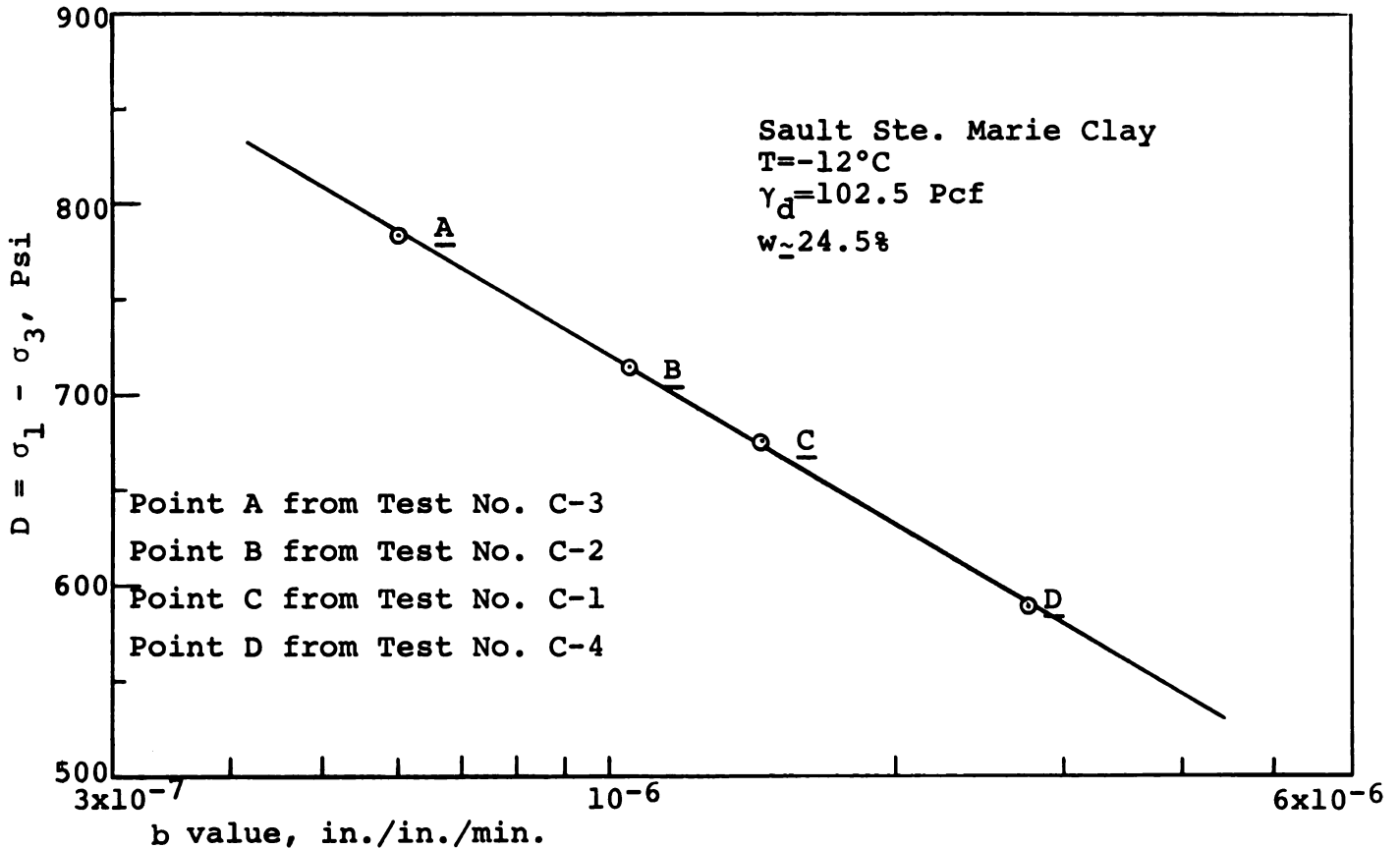


Figure 6-3. b Value Versus Stress Difference for Sault Ste. Marie.

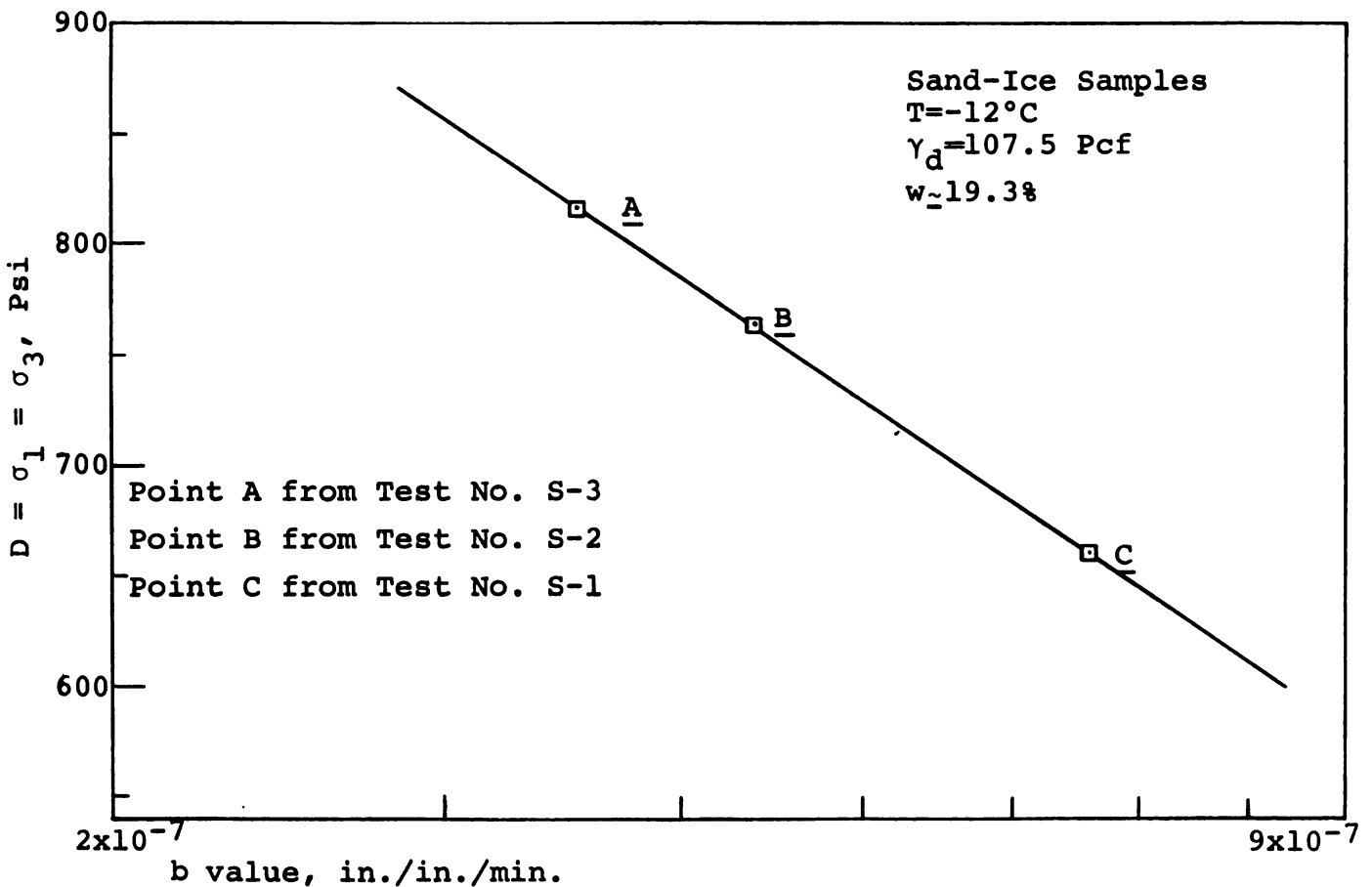


Figure 6-4. b Value Versus Stress Difference for Sand-Ice Samples.

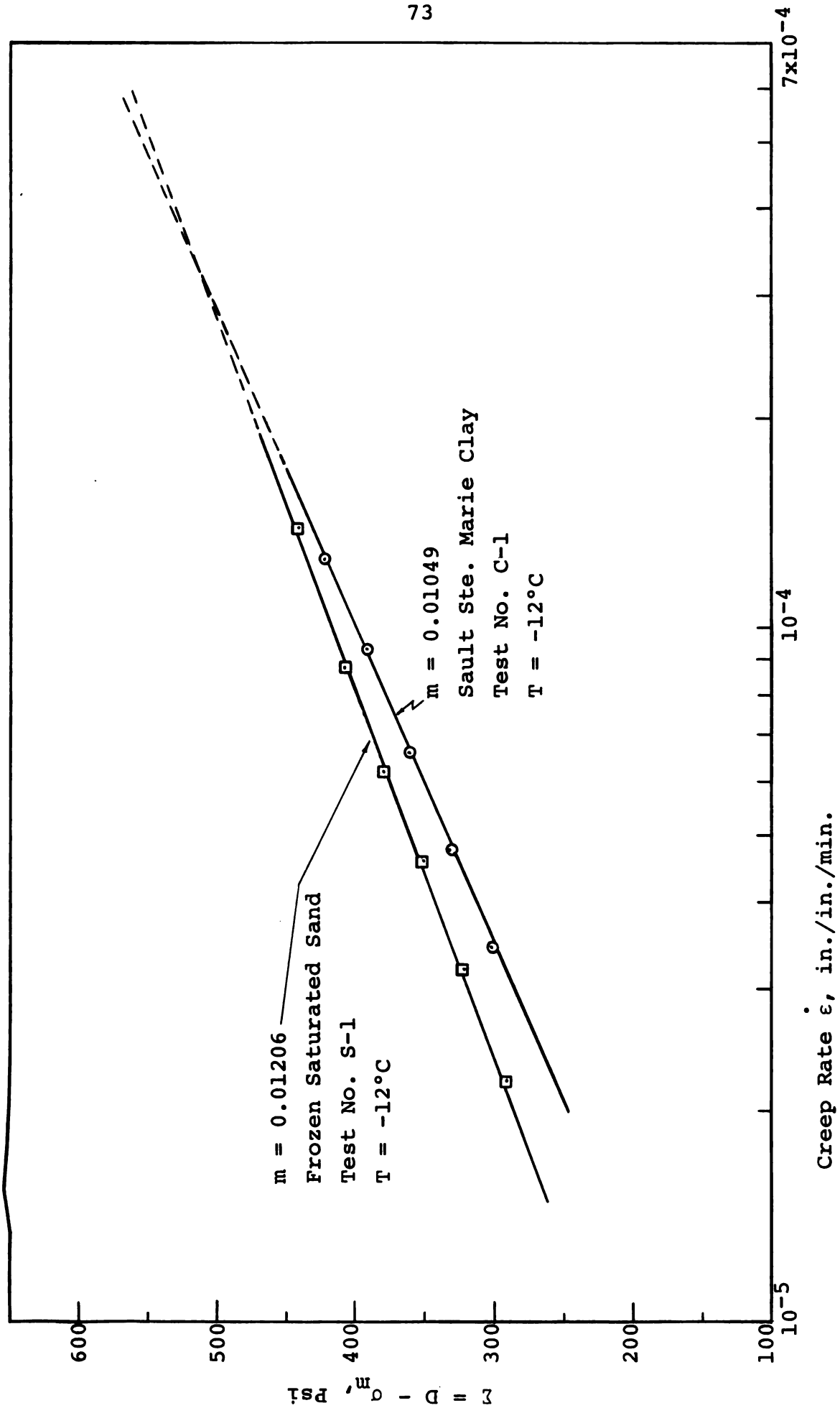


Figure 6-5. Typical Creep Rates Stress Curves for Sand-Ice Samples Compared With Sault Ste. Marie Clay Samples.

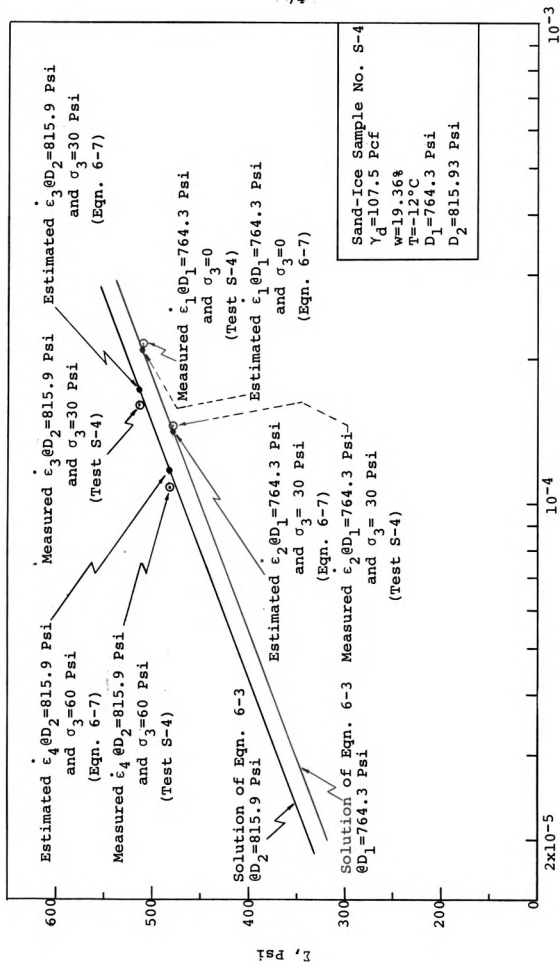


Figure 6-6. Measured and Estimated Creep Rates for Sand-Ice Material.

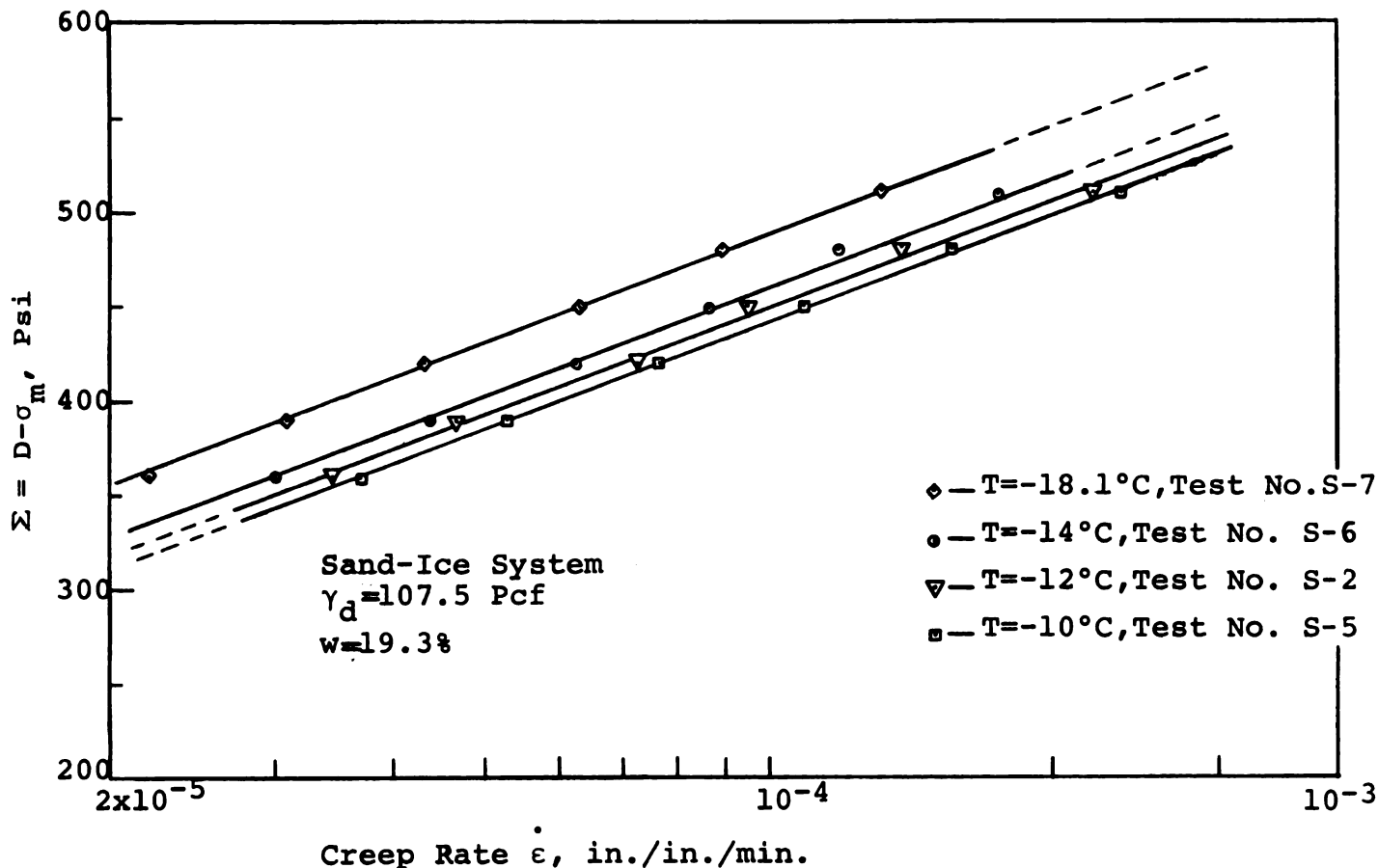


Figure 6-7. Dependence of Creep Rate on Stress and Temperature of Saturated Frozen Sand.

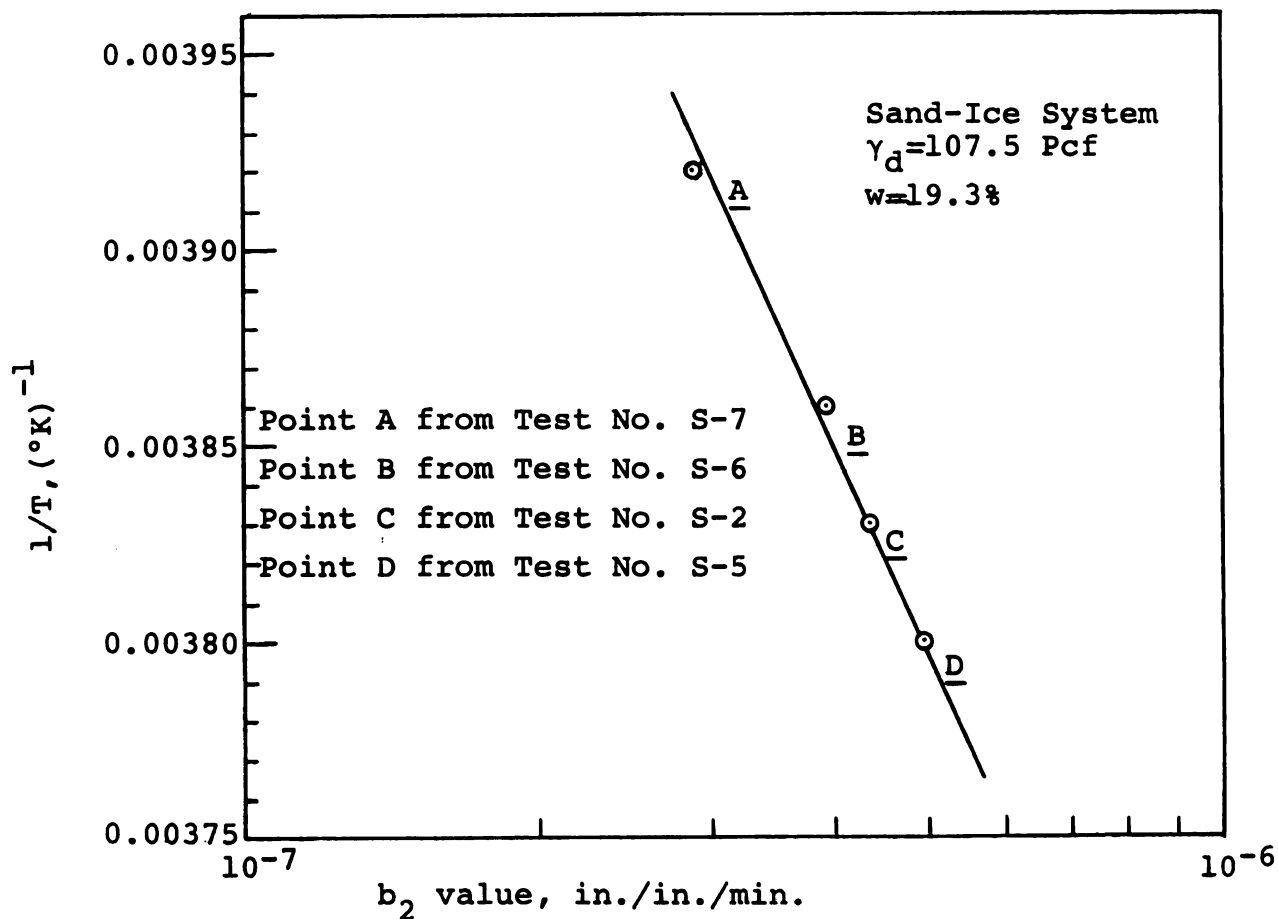


Figure 6-8. Temperature Dependence of b_2 in Equation (6-10).

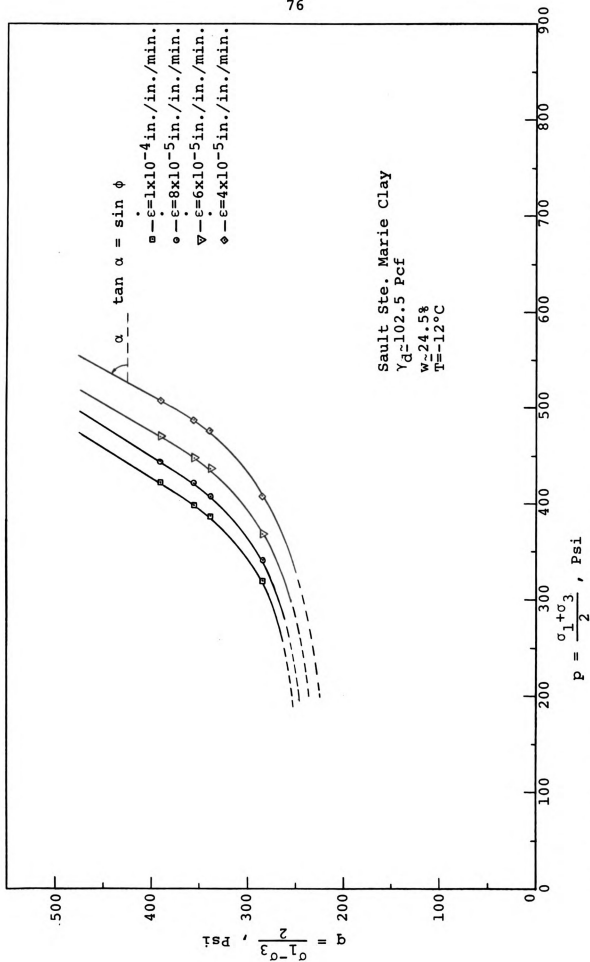


Figure 6-9. Time-Dependent Strength Behavior of Frozen Sault Ste. Marie Clay.

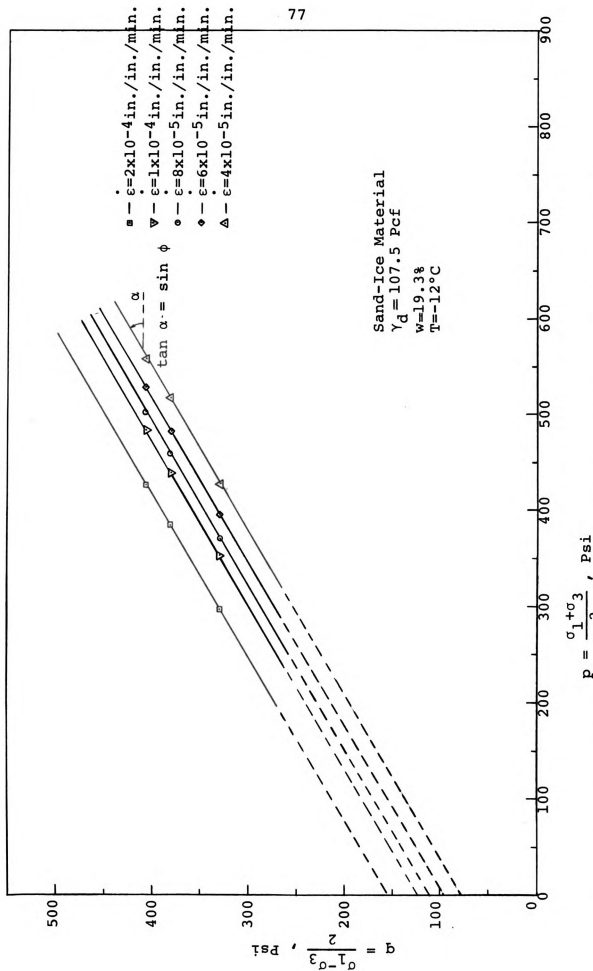


Figure 6-10. Time-Dependent Strength Behavior of Frozen Saturated Ottawa Sand.

CHAPTER VII

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

1. The results of the differential creep tests conducted in this study, on frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated Ottawa sand, indicate that the mean stress does affect the creep rate of frozen soils. Therefore, the creep rate of frozen soil at a constant temperature must be considered as a function of the mean stress as well as the deviatoric stress. The creep rate increases exponentially with the increase in stress difference D , and decreases exponentially with the increase in mean stress σ_m . The steady state creep rate for frozen soils can be estimated, at a constant temperature, from the following equation:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C \cdot \exp (ND) \cdot \exp (-m \sigma_m)$$

where C , N , and m are parameters which can be determined by a differential creep test.

2. The effect of temperature on the creep behavior of frozen soils, under a constant stress difference, is described by an exponential function of the reciprocal of test temperature. This is in agreement with previous work showing that the creep phenomenon of frozen soil is a

thermally activated process. The effect of temperature on the creep rate can be described by the following equation:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = C' \cdot \exp(-\ell/T) \cdot \exp(m\Sigma)$$

where $\Sigma = D - \sigma_m$, and C' , ℓ , and m are parameters which can be evaluated from differential creep tests.

3. To combine the effect of both stress difference and test temperature on the steady state creep deformation of frozen soil, the experimental data suggest an equation of the following form:

$$\dot{\epsilon} = A \cdot \exp(ND) \cdot \exp(-\ell/T) \cdot \exp(-m \sigma_m)$$

where A , N , ℓ , and m are parameters which can be evaluated experimentally. Tests were conducted so as to minimize changes in soil structure, which may influence some of the parameters. The equation above is in agreement with the general equation (Eqn. 6-14) describing creep deformation.

4. The time-dependent strength of frozen soil may be described by two parameters; a cohesion C and a friction angle ϕ , for a given creep rate. Results of differential creep tests, on frozen Sault Ste. Marie clay and frozen saturated sand, indicate that the friction angle ϕ appears to remain constant with change in creep rate, at constant temperature, while the cohesion C decreases with a slower creep rate, implying the dependence of C on time. Cohesion also depends on temperature. Values of C and ϕ can be

estimated, for a given creep rate, by using the equation describing the creep deformation.

5. The angle of friction ϕ for the sand-ice system can be considered independent of time and temperature; therefore it appears to be a property of the material. Cohesion is controlled by the properties of the ice matrix and any unfrozen water; thus it is time-dependent.

6. In a constant axial strain-rate compression test, at a relatively high strain-rate, the confining pressure has no significant effect on the ultimate strength of frozen clay, while the ultimate strength of frozen saturated sand does increase with the increase in confining pressure, therefore implying that friction does develop during deformation of saturated frozen sand. This would be in agreement with data reported by Goughnour (1967).

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Appendix-Data

Table A-1.--Differential Creep Test Data

Test C-1.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay

T = -12°C		Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
$\gamma_d = 102.2$ Pcf		@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi	
w = 24%		66	0.12656
L _o = 2.79 in.		68	0.12697
d _o = 1.114 in.		70	0.12748
D = 677.95 Psi		72	0.12786
		74	0.12809
		76	0.12848
		80	0.12925
		85	0.13026
		90	0.13133
		94	0.13206
@ $\sigma_3 = 0$		@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi	
0	0.00000		
2	0.07329	96	0.13324
4	0.08952	98	0.13352
6	0.09351	100	0.13388
8	0.09873	102	0.13418
10	0.10190	104	0.13434
12	0.10459	106	0.13470
14	0.10691	110	0.13518
16	0.10830	115	0.13589
20	0.11056	120	0.13659
25	0.11268	124	0.13719
30	0.11498		
34	0.11667	@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi	
@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi		126	0.13842
		128	0.13855
36	0.11781	130	0.13878
38	0.11827	132	0.13901
40	0.11893	134	0.13928
42	0.11943	136	0.13937
44	0.11995	140	0.13976
46	0.12055	145	0.14033
50	0.12157	150	0.14079
55	0.12289	154	0.14124
60	0.12426		
64	0.12536		

Table A-1.--Continued

Test C-1.--Continued

	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi			20	0.12548
			25	0.12858
			30	0.13138
			32	0.13238
			34	0.13328
	156	0.14234		
	158	0.14243		
	160	0.14254	@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi	
	162	0.14268		
	164	0.14284	36	0.13448
	166	0.14293	38	0.13508
	170	0.14325	40	0.13558
	175	0.14352	42	0.13628
	180	0.14391	45	0.13703
	184	0.14428	50	0.13833
			55	0.13958
			60	0.14058
			64	0.14148

Test C-2.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay

T = -12°C

@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi $\gamma_d = 101.7$ Pcf

w = 24.30%

L_o = 2.268 in.d_o = 1.126 in.

D = 714.67 Psi

	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi	
@ $\sigma_3 = 0$			96	0.14813
			98	0.14838
			100	0.14862
			102	0.14893
			105	0.14948
			110	0.15013
			115	0.15073
			120	0.15148
			124	0.15173
	0	0.00000		
	1	0.08348		
	2	0.09358		
	4	0.10248		
	6	0.10838		
	8	0.11238		
	10	0.11558		
	12	0.11818		
	15	0.12128		
	18	0.12398		

Table A-1.--Continued

Test C-2.--Continued

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
		226	0.16130
		228	0.16148
@ σ_3 = 120 Psi		230	0.16155
		240	0.16236
126	0.15318	244	0.16256
128	0.15348		
130	0.15358	@ σ_3 = 60 Psi	
132	0.15398		
135	0.15438	247	0.16260
140	0.15493	250	0.16268
145	0.15548	252	0.16270
150	0.15593	254	0.16288
155	0.15618	256	0.16330
		258	0.16340
@ σ_3 = 150 Psi		260	0.16353
		265	0.16388
157	0.15763	270	0.16433
160	0.15793	274	0.16453
162	0.15813		
165	0.15838	@ σ_3 = 30 Psi	
170	0.15866		
175	0.15918	276	0.16459
180	0.15955	278	0.16460
184	0.15960	280	0.16483
		282	0.16505
@ σ_3 = 120 Psi		285	0.16539
		290	0.16578
186	0.15958	295	0.16618
188	0.15958	300	0.16659
190	0.15958	304	0.16689
192	0.15958		
194	0.15963	@ σ_3 = 0	
195	0.15973		
197	0.15990	306	0.16703
200	0.16025	308	0.16713
205	0.16058	310	0.16733
210	0.16093	312	0.16749
214	0.16123	315	0.16780
		320	0.16838
@ σ_3 = 90 Psi		325	0.16863
		330	0.16914
216	0.16121	334	0.16948
218	0.16121		
220	0.16123		
222	0.16125		
224	0.16125		

Table A-1.--Continued

Test C-3.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay		Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
T = -12°C			
		@ σ_3 = 60 Psi	
γ_d = 102.9 Pcf		61	0.18270
w = 24.33%		62	0.18290
		65	0.18340
L_o = 2.291 in.		67	0.18380
		70	0.18430
d_o = 1.116 in.		72	0.18465
		74	0.18500
D = 782.25 Psi		76	0.18530
		84	0.18665
		88	0.18710
		89	0.18735
		@ σ_3 = 90 Psi	
		91	0.18805
		92	0.18810
		94	0.18825
		96	0.18850
		98	0.18870
		100	0.18890
		102	0.18915
		104	0.18945
		106	0.18970
		108	0.18990
		110	0.19010
		114	0.19045
		118	0.19080
		119	0.19090
		@ σ_3 = 120 Psi	
		121	0.19210
		122	0.19215
		124	0.19230
		126	0.19255
		128	0.19270
		130	0.19280
		132	0.19300
		136	0.19330
		138	0.19350
		140	0.19365
		145	0.19400
		148	0.19406
		149	0.19412
		@ σ_3 = 30 Psi	
		31	0.17330
		32	0.17378
		34	0.17433
		36	0.17515
		38	0.17586
		40	0.17659
		42	0.17699
		44	0.17749
		46	0.17790
		48	0.17855
		50	0.17910
		54	0.18030
		58	0.18130
		59	0.18155

Table A-1.--Continued

Test C-3.--Continued

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
@ σ_3 = 150 Psi		230	0.19795
151	0.19556	232	0.19800
152	0.19560	234	0.19805
154	0.19575	239	0.19832
156	0.19580	@ σ_3 = 60 Psi	
158	0.19590	241	0.19832
160	0.19600	242	0.19832
162	0.19630	244	0.19832
164	0.19635	246	0.19832
166	0.19648	248	0.19832
168	0.19655	250	0.19832
170	0.19670	252	0.19845
174	0.19690	254	0.19860
178	0.19695	256	0.19870
179	0.19695	258	0.19885
@ σ_3 = 120 Psi		260	0.19895
181	0.19695	264	0.19924
182	0.19695	268	0.19955
184	0.19695	269	0.19960
186	0.19695	@ σ_3 = 30 Psi	
188	0.19698	271	0.19968
190	0.19698	272	0.19968
192	0.19700	274	0.19968
194	0.19704	276	0.19968
196.5	0.19710	278	0.19980
198	0.19720	280	0.19995
200	0.19735	282	0.20010
204	0.19765	284	0.20020
208	0.19780	286	0.20035
209	0.19782	288	0.20050
@ σ_3 = 90 Psi		290	0.20060
211	0.19772	294	0.20095
212	0.19772	298	0.20110
214	0.19772	299	0.20120
216	0.19772	@ σ_3 = 0	
218	0.19772	301	0.20125
222	0.19772	302	0.20125
224	0.19774	304	0.20135
227	0.19780	306	0.20155
228	0.19782	308	0.20175
		310	0.20195

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-1.--Sand-Ice

T = - 12°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.42%

Ice density (Bulk) = 0.915 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.d_o = 1.13 in.

D = 660.6 Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
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@ $\sigma_3 = 0$

0	0.00000
1	0.02130
2	0.02280
4	0.02600
6	0.02710
8	0.02810
14	0.02960
18	0.03110
20	0.03140
25	0.03300
29	0.03410

@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

31	0.03490
32	0.03510
34	0.03550
36	0.03590
38	0.03640
40	0.03675
45	0.03770
50	0.03860
56	0.03960
59	0.04020

@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

61	0.04100
62	0.04120

Time
(min.)Deflection
(in.)

64	0.04144
66	0.04170
68	0.04204
70	0.04230
75	0.04300
80	0.04360
85	0.04430
89	0.04500

@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi

91	0.04580
92	0.04610
94	0.04620
96	0.04640
98	0.04660
100	0.04680
105	0.04735
110	0.04785
115	0.04835
119	0.04930

@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi

121	0.05025
124	0.05130
128	0.05160
130	0.05190
135	0.05235
140	0.05275
145	0.05320
149	0.05410

@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi

151	0.05495
152	0.05500
154	0.05520
157	0.05540
160	0.05555
165	0.05600
170	0.05645
175	0.05675
180	0.05680

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-2.--Sand-Ice@ σ_3 = 60 Psi

T = - 12°C	61	0.04540
	62	0.04550
γ_d = 107.5 Pcf	64	0.04600
	66	0.04640
w = 19.32%	68	0.04675
	70	0.04730
Ice density (bulk) = 0.910 gm/cm ³	75	0.04830
	80	0.04925
L_o = 2.26 in.	85	0.05040
	89	0.05115
d_o = 1.13 in.		

@ σ_3 = 90 Psi

D = 764.26 Psi			91	0.05185
			92	0.05200
			94	0.05230
			96	0.05255
@ σ_3 = 0			98	0.05290
			100	0.05320
0	0.00000		105	0.05400
1	0.01550		110	0.05460
2	0.01650		115	0.05550
4	0.01870		119	0.05630
6	0.02060			
8	0.02220			
10	0.02380			
12	0.02520			
14	0.02650			
16	0.02770			
18	0.02900			
20	0.03010			
26	0.03310			
29	0.03440			

@ σ_3 = 120 Psi

			121	0.05715
			122	0.05725
			124	0.05750
			126	0.05765
			128	0.05790
			130	0.05816
			135	0.05865
			140	0.05915
@ σ_3 = 30 Psi			145	0.05955
			149	0.06010

@ σ_3 = 150 Psi

31	0.03550			
32	0.03585			
34	0.03660			
36	0.03745			
38	0.03810			
40	0.03880			
45	0.04040			
50	0.04190			
55	0.04340			
59	0.04450			
		151	0.06145	
		152	0.06150	
		154	0.06160	
		156	0.06180	
		161	0.06225	
		165	0.06246	
		170	0.06288	
		175	0.06332	
		179	0.06370	

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-3.--Sand-Ice		Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
T = -12°C		64	0.07315
$\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf		66	0.07370
w = 19.26%		68	0.07425
Ice Density (bulk) = 0.907 gm/cm ³		70	0.07480
L _o = 2.26 in.		75	0.07616
		80	0.07750
		85	0.07870
		89	0.07955
d _o = 1.13 in.		@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi	
D = 815.93 Psi		91	0.08105
		92	0.08120
		94	0.08175
		96	0.08215
		98	0.08250
@ $\sigma_3 = 0$		100	0.08290
		105	0.08385
		110	0.08470
		115	0.08555
		119	0.08620
		@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi	
		121	0.08780
		122	0.08785
		124	0.08820
		126	0.08846
		128	0.08870
		130	0.08910
		135	0.08975
		140	0.09030
@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi		145	0.09106
		149	0.09150
		@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi	
		151	0.09315
		152	0.09320
		154	0.09325
		156	0.09355
		158	0.09380
		160	0.09410
		165	0.09450
		170	0.09510
@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi		175	0.09560
		179	0.09600
		61	0.07220
		62	0.07240

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-4.--Sand-Ice

T = -12°C

@ D = 815.93 Psi

 $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.36%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.912 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.d_o = 1.13 in.

D = 764.26 Psi, then 815.93 Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
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@ D = 764.26 Psi

 $\sigma_3 = 0$

0	0.00000
1	0.01940
2	0.02160
4	0.02480
6	0.02740
8	0.02970
10	0.03180
12	0.03350
15	0.03610
20	0.03965
25	0.04270
30	0.04540
34	0.04740

@ D = 764.26 Psi

 $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

36	0.04855
38	0.04945
40	0.05025
42	0.05100
45	0.05215
50	0.05375
55	0.05530
60	0.05665
64	0.05760

Time

Deflection

66	0.05930
68	0.05995
70	0.06065
72	0.06141
76	0.06277
80	0.06396
85	0.06566
90	0.06740
94	0.06866

@ D = 815.93 Psi

 $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

96	0.06959
98	0.07004
100	0.07052
105	0.07171
110	0.07291
115	0.07397
120	0.07515
125	0.07621

Test S-5.--Sand-Ice

T = -10°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.37%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.913 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.d_o = 1.13 in.

D = 764.26 Psi

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-5.--Continued

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
		@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi	
@ $\sigma_3 = 0$		96	0.05935
		98	0.05955
	0	100	0.05985
	1	102	0.06020
	2	105	0.06065
	4	110	0.06140
	6	115	0.06210
	8	120	0.06290
	10	124	0.06375
	12		
	15		
	21		
	25		
	30		
	34		
		@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi	
@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi		126	0.06518
		128	0.06550
		130	0.06570
		133	0.06600
		135	0.06625
		140	0.06675
		145	0.06720
		150	0.06775
		154	0.06825
	36		
	38		
	40		
	42		
	45		
	50		
	55		
	60		
	64		
		@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi	
@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi		156	0.06960
		158	0.06980
		160	0.06995
		162	0.07010
		165	0.07035
		170	0.07880
		175	0.07115
		180	0.07155
		185	0.07190
	66		
	68		
	70		
	72		
	75		
	80		
	85		
	90		
	94		

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-6.--Sand-Ice

T = -14°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.34%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.911 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.d_o = 1.13 in.

D = 764.26 Psi

Time
(min.)Deflection
(in.)@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

66	0.04080
68	0.04125
70	0.04160
72	0.04210
75	0.04265
80	0.04360
85	0.04450
90	0.04535
94	0.04625

@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
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@ $\sigma_3 = 0$

0	0.00000
1	0.01350
2	0.01460
4	0.01660
6	0.01830
8	0.01960
10	0.02090
12	0.02210
15	0.02360
20	0.02610
25	0.02810
30	0.03000
34	0.03150

96	0.04700
98	0.04730
100	0.04760
102	0.04785
105	0.04825
110	0.04890
115	0.04960
120	0.05030
124	0.05115

@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi

126	0.05220
128	0.05245
130	0.05260
135	0.05310
140	0.05360
145	0.05410
150	0.05465
154	0.05560

@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

36	0.03250
38	0.03310
40	0.03365
42	0.03420
45	0.03505
50	0.03655
55	0.03760
60	0.03885
64	0.04000

@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi

156	0.05650
158	0.05665
160	0.05680
165	0.05715
170	0.05750
175	0.05780
180	0.05825
185	0.05860

Table A-1.--Continued

Test S-7.--Sand-Ice

T = -18.1°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.40%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.914 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.d_o = 1.13 in.

D = 764.26 Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)
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@ $\sigma_3 = 0$

0	0.00000
1	0.01290
2	0.01295
4	0.01315
6	0.01408
8	0.01479
10	0.01535
12	0.01585
15	0.01665
20	0.01815
25	0.01955
30	0.02075
34	0.02170

@ $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

36	0.02320
38	0.02330
40	0.02365
45	0.02460
50	0.02555
55	0.02635
60	0.02720
64	0.02807

@ $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

66	0.03002
68	0.03020

Time
(min.)Deflection
(in.)

70	0.03045
75	0.03124
80	0.03196
85	0.03262
90	0.03339
94	0.03406

@ $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi

96	0.03545
100	0.03565
105	0.03620
110	0.03670
115	0.03725
120	0.03765
124	0.03815

@ $\sigma_3 = 120$ Psi

126	0.03950
128	0.03965
130	0.03975
135	0.04018
140	0.04060
145	0.04100
150	0.04140
154	0.04162

@ $\sigma_3 = 150$ Psi

156	0.04330
158	0.04335
160	0.04342
162	0.04355
165	0.04366
170	0.04395
175	0.04425
180	0.04455
185	0.04485

Table A-2.--Constant Strain-Rate Test Data

Test CF-1.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 103.1$ Pcf.

w = 24.61%

 $L_o = 2.26$ in.① $A_o = 0.98134$ in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
1	0.00500	182.4
2	0.01790	396.6
4	0.03800	519.7
6	0.05400	574.5
8	0.06650	601.8
10	0.07775	629.2
12	0.08870	651.9
14	0.10115	683.9
16	0.11560	711.2
18	0.12880	729.5
20	0.14170	756.8
22	0.15490	775.1
24	0.16675	788.7
26	0.17850	802.4
28	0.19020	820.6
30	0.20245	834.3
32	0.21480	848.0
34	0.22660	861.7
36	0.23890	875.4
38	0.25080	884.5
40	0.26270	893.6

Test CF-2.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 102.6$ Pcf

w = 24.49%

 $L_o = 2.26$ in. $A_o = 0.95390$ in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
1	0.00630	159.6
2	0.01415	332.8
4	0.03210	483.3
6	0.04580	547.1
8	0.06050	592.7
10	0.07515	624.6
12	0.08750	647.4
14	0.10000	674.7
16	0.11230	697.5
18	0.12510	720.4
20	0.13870	743.2
22	0.15175	755.7
24	0.16500	773.9
26	0.17850	791.0
28	0.19200	800.8
30	0.20575	817.9
32	0.21850	832.2
34	0.23050	842.5
36	0.24265	854.1
38	0.25490	862.9
40	0.26700	871.4

① The corrected sample area, $A = \frac{A_o}{1-\epsilon}$

Table A-2.--Continued

Test CF-3.--Sault Ste. Marie Clay

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 102.5$ Pcf

w = 24.23%

 $L_o = 2.26$ in. $A_o = 0.98134$ in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
1	0.00530	118.5
2	0.01250	319.1
4	0.03150	510.6
6	0.04650	574.5
8	0.06035	610.9
10	0.07415	647.4
12	0.08800	674.8
14	0.10150	702.1
16	0.11565	724.9
18	0.12950	747.7
20	0.14350	765.9
22	0.15765	784.2
24	0.17175	802.4
26	0.18575	820.6
28	0.19900	834.3
30	0.21195	848.0
32	0.22475	861.7
34	0.23805	875.4
36	0.25075	884.5
38	0.26350	898.2
40	0.29275	907.3
42	0.31925	916.4

Test SF-1.--Sand-Ice

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.40%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.914 gm/cm³ $L_o = 2.26$ in. $A_o = 1$ in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 30$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
0.5	0.00450	24.7
1.0	0.00690	78.5
1.5	0.00999	224.4
2.0	0.01250	390.4
2.5	0.01585	642.1
3.0	0.01921	865.6
3.5	0.02297	1071.3
4.0	0.02624	1200.1
4.5	0.03081	1320.2
5.0	0.03508	1393.3
5.5	0.03867	1422.8
6.0	0.04200	1428.6
6.5	0.04539	1437.3
7.0	0.04855	1444.0
7.5	0.05131	1418.6
8.0	0.05402	1414.9
8.5	0.05630	1407.6
9.0	0.05854	1404.2
9.5	0.06130	1398.5
10.0	0.06405	1398.7
10.5	0.06769	1399.9
11.0	0.07113	1396.4
11.5	0.07411	1395.2
12.0	0.07714	1400.2
12.5	0.08046	1397.9
13.0	0.08362	1397.7

Table A-2.--Continued

Test SF-3.--Sand-Ice

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.35%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.912 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.A_o = 1 in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 60$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
0.5	0.00412	38.2
1.0	0.00624	105.6
1.5	0.00963	220.4
2.0	0.01219	353.6
2.5	0.01625	586.8
3.0	0.01978	826.2
3.5	0.02324	1017.1
4.0	0.02525	1130.1
4.5	0.02972	1300.3
5.0	0.03542	1434.2
5.5	0.03838	1470.0
6.0	0.04091	1483.1
6.5	0.04419	1487.9
7.0	0.04688	1469.9
7.5	0.04988	1449.2
8.0	0.05246	1433.1
8.5	0.05707	1422.2
9.0	0.06066	1420.5
9.5	0.06471	1428.1
10.0	0.06848	1439.2
10.5	0.07183	1448.6
11.0	0.07479	1454.3
11.5	0.07877	1454.3
12.0	0.08200	1453.9
12.5	0.08744	1449.8
13.0	0.09226	1441.2

Test SF-3.--Sand-Ice

T = -12°C

 $\gamma_d = 107.5$ Pcf

w = 19.42%

Ice density (bulk) = 0.915 gm/cm³L_o = 2.26 in.A_o = 1 in.² $\dot{\epsilon} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ in./in./min. $\sigma_3 = 90$ Psi

Time (min.)	Deflection (in.)	Load (lbs.)
0.5	0.00624	42.6
1.0	0.00742	79.4
1.5	0.01060	210.6
2.0	0.01334	330.5
2.5	0.01558	466.2
3.0	0.01831	619.1
3.5	0.02166	879.7
4.0	0.02532	1137.9
4.5	0.02900	1300.7
5.0	0.03311	1426.5
5.5	0.03831	1503.8
6.0	0.04360	1533.9
6.5	0.04624	1532.4
7.0	0.04814	1521.9
7.5	0.05131	1497.3
8.0	0.05368	1467.0
8.5	0.05797	1433.0
9.0	0.06143	1418.9
9.5	0.06466	1404.9
10.0	0.06769	1400.4
10.5	0.07140	1395.2
11.0	0.07499	1395.0
11.5	0.07881	1401.0
12.0	0.08270	1410.6
12.5	0.08733	1415.1
13.0	0.09163	1420.7

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