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Hiriya Landfill Slope Failure (1997)

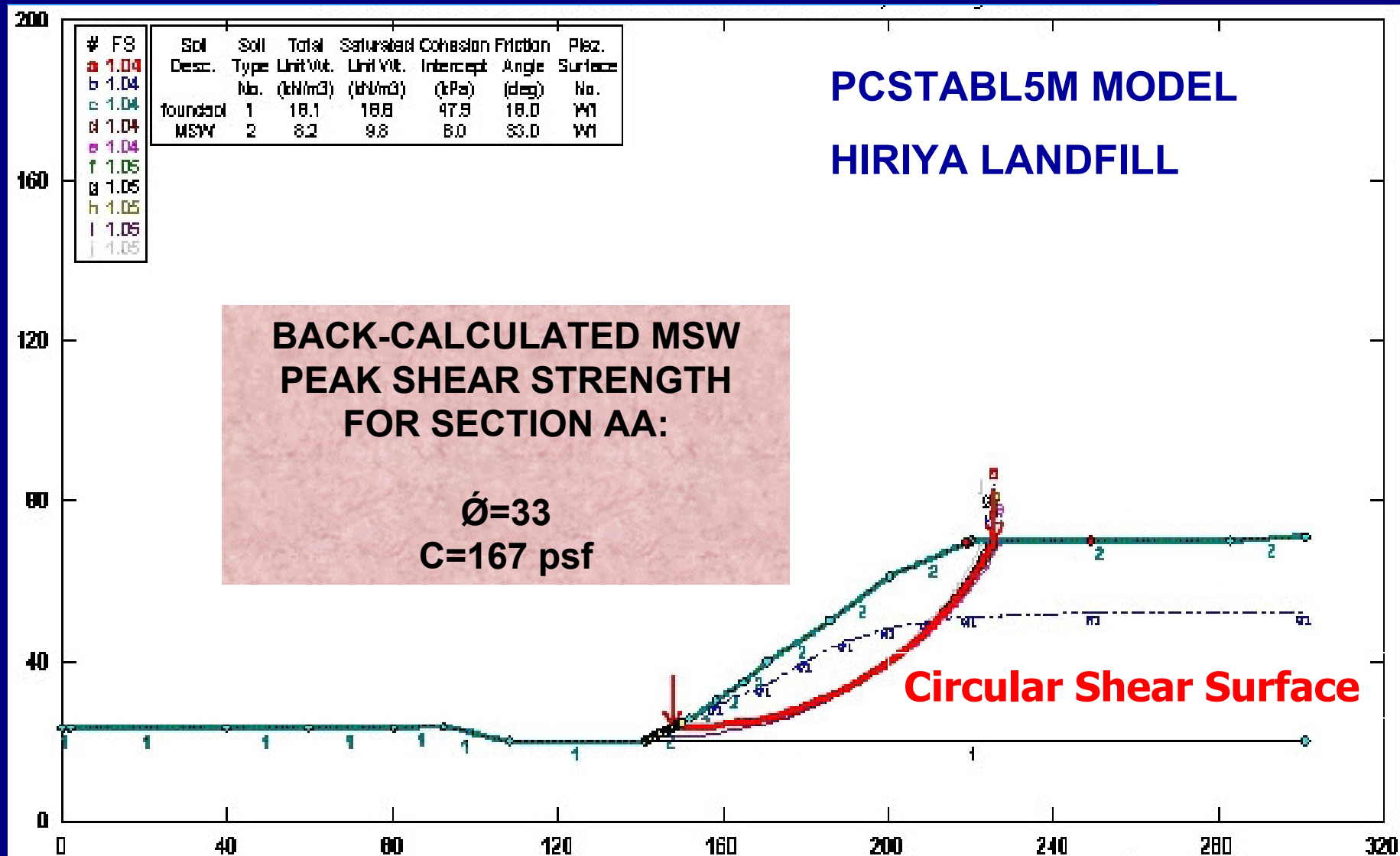
Waste Mass Slippage



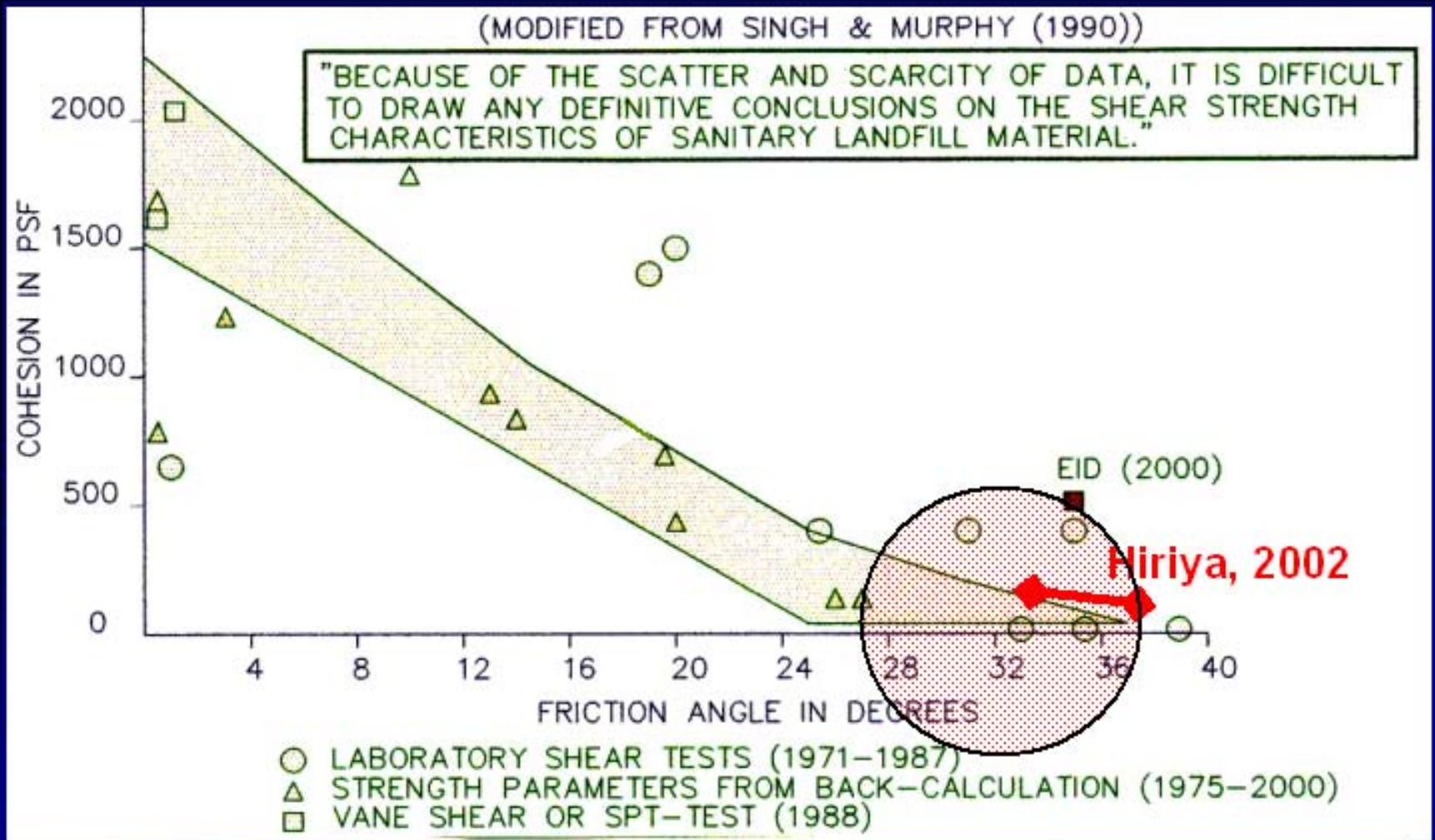
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MSW Strength - Method 3 Based on Back-calculation



Back Calculated Shear Strength Hiriya LF- wet, decomposed MSW



LANDFILL BIOREACTORS

Modified Traditional Approach:
“What is the Goal of Your Bioreactor?”

- **1. Increased waste density - (measurable $\pm 15\%$)**
 - Increased moisture content
 - Compression, settlement
 - Ravelling (particle re-orientation)
 - Decomposition of organics
- **2. Change in waste shear strength - ?**
 - Density increase vs. decomposition
 - Pore pressures (liquid build-up)
 - Preferential shear surfaces

In-Place Density Factors

➤ γ_{wet} = actual in place density

Increases with overburden pressure

“ with compactive effort

“ with soil daily cover

“ with time and settlement

“ with moisture content addition

Cumulative effects significant

~40% to >70%

1000 pcy waste will increase to 1400 - 1700 pcy

Example calculation

Initial Condition:

$\gamma_{\text{wet}} = 1000 \text{ pcy @ } w=25\% (250\# \text{ water/cy})$

Alternative Daily Cover (intermediate cover soil only)

Moisture Addition:

To achieve $w=40\% \Rightarrow 250\# \text{ water/cy (30 gal)}$

New $\gamma_{\text{wet}} = 1250 \text{ pcy (assumes no by-pass)}$

Settlement (compression) + Decomposition = 20%

New $\gamma_{\text{wet}} = (1250 \text{ pcy}) / (0.80) = 1562 \text{ pcy}$

Net Density Increase = $(1562 - 1000) / (1000) \Rightarrow \underline{56.2\%}$