

Flow and Storage of Powders

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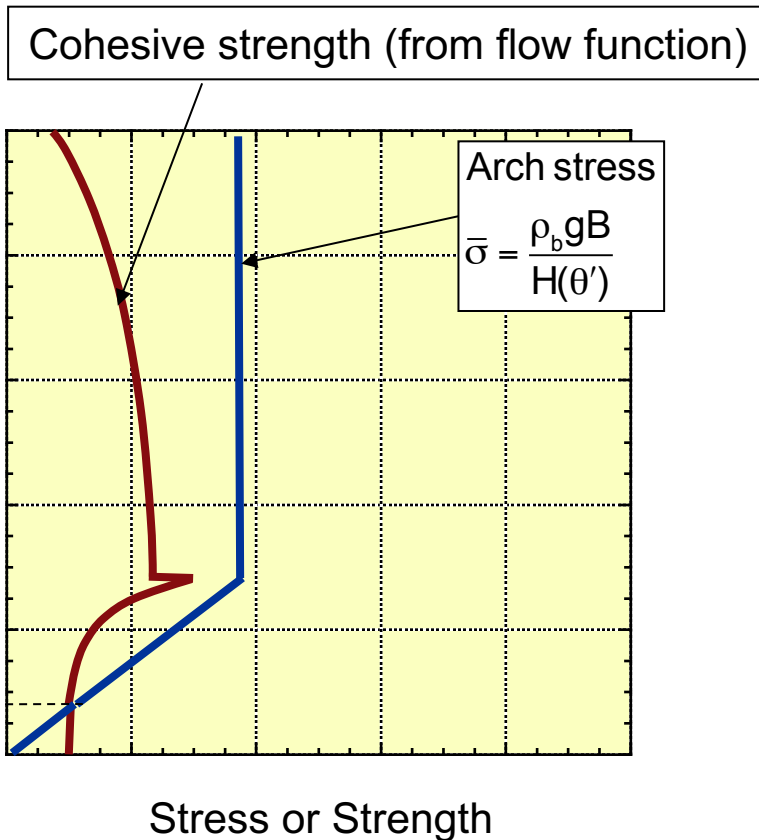
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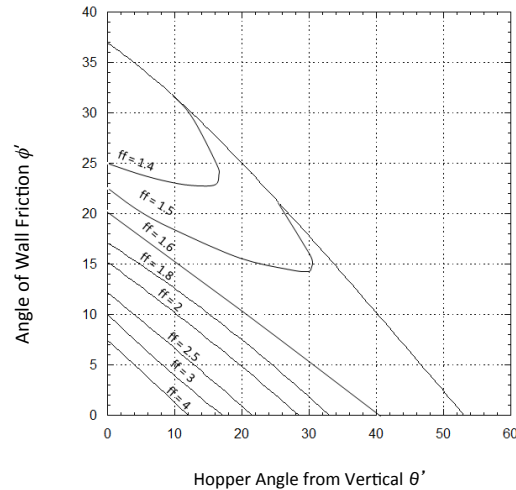
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Stress = Strength



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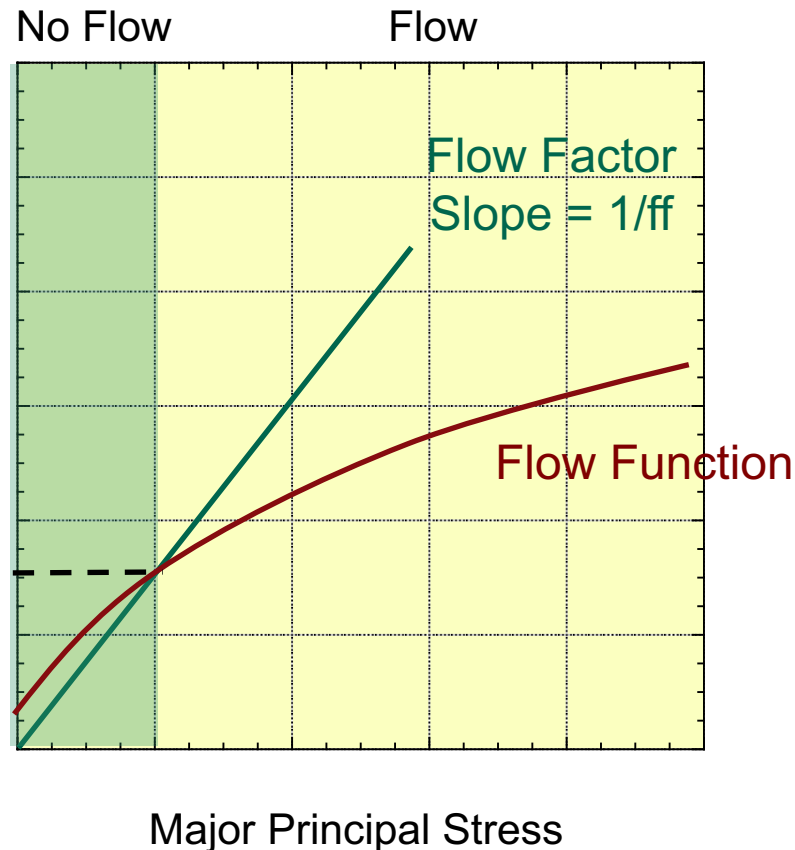


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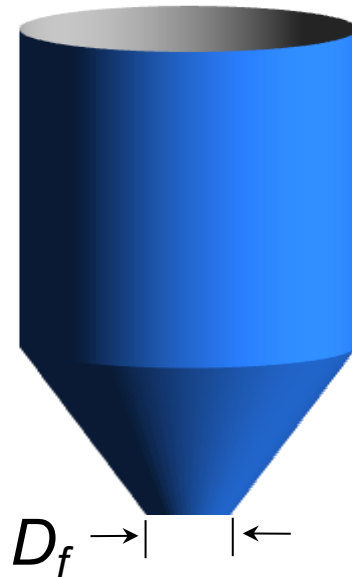


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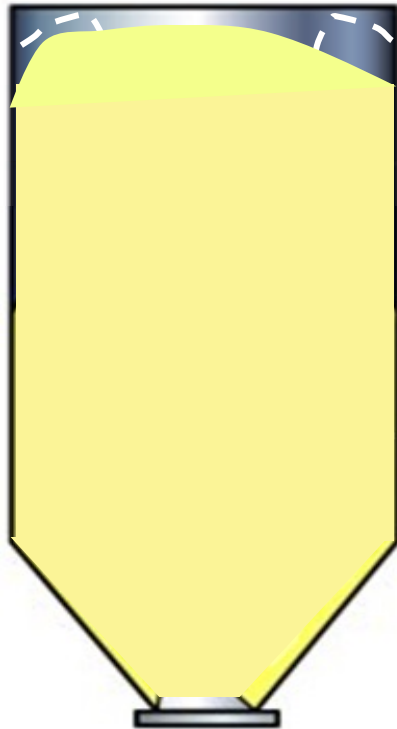
Strength or Stress
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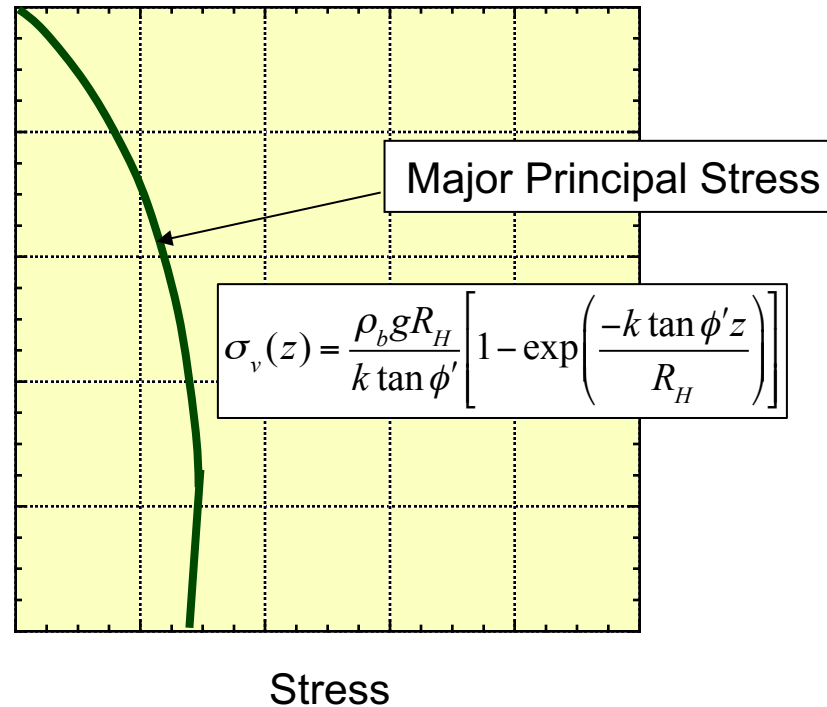
Funnel flow hopper design



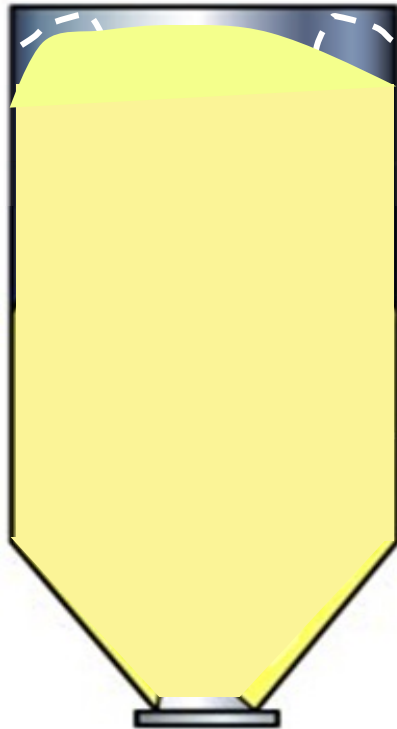
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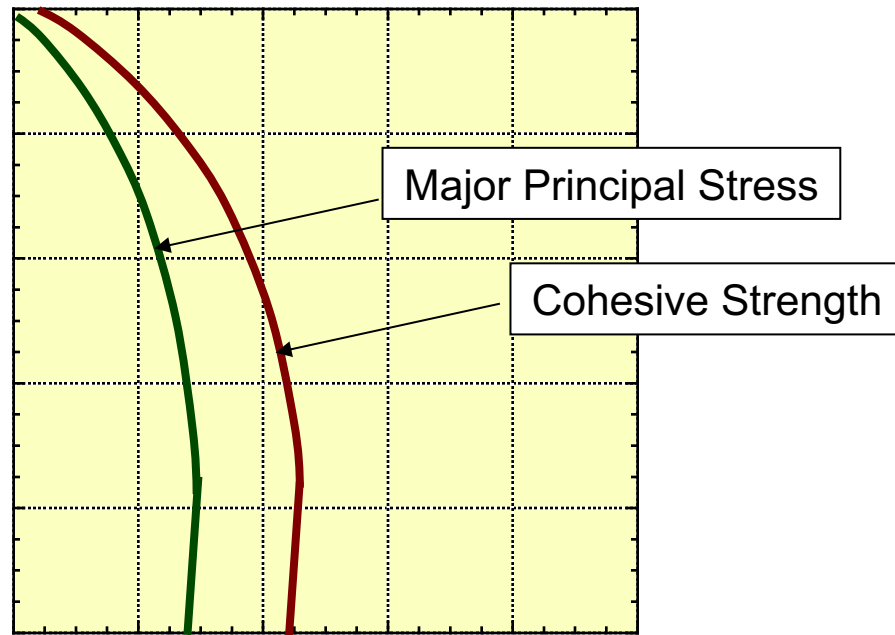
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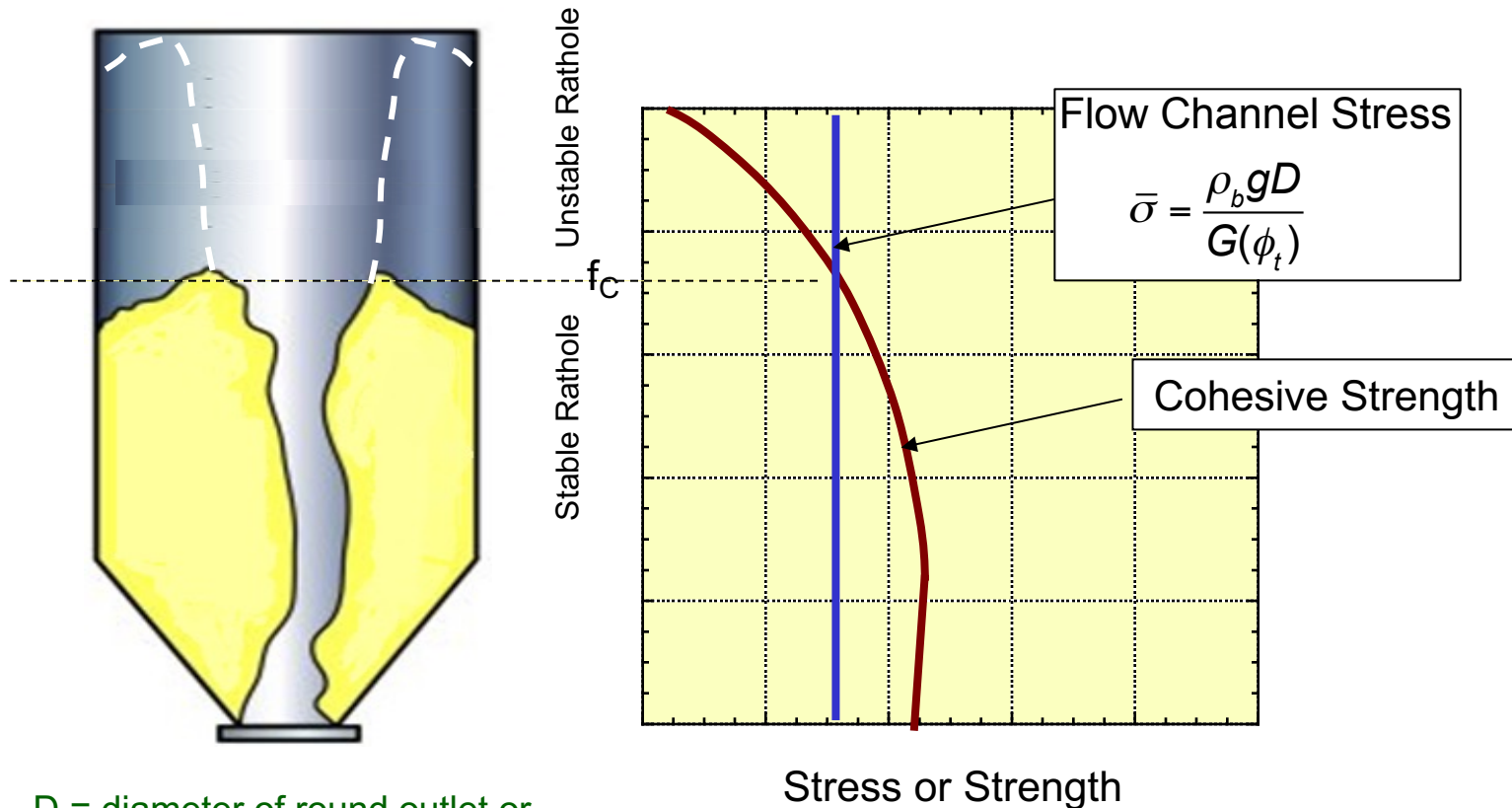


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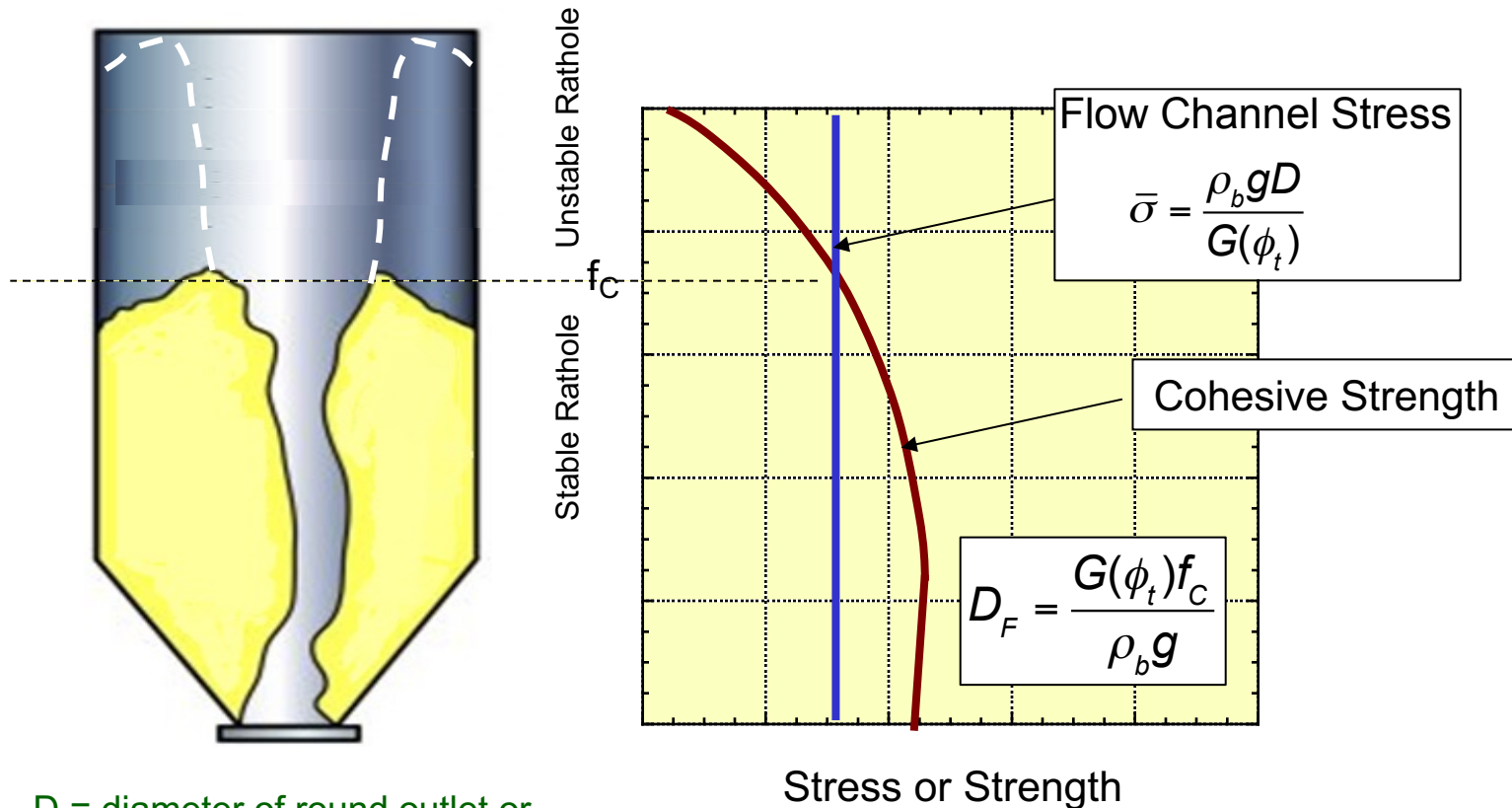
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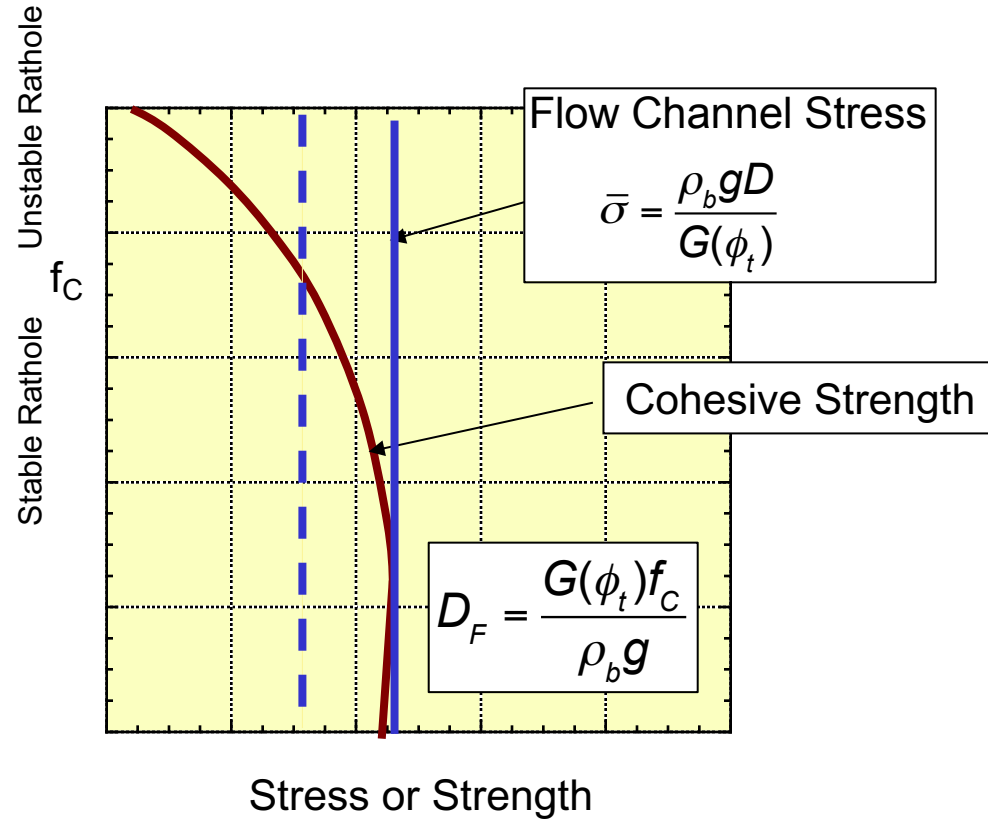
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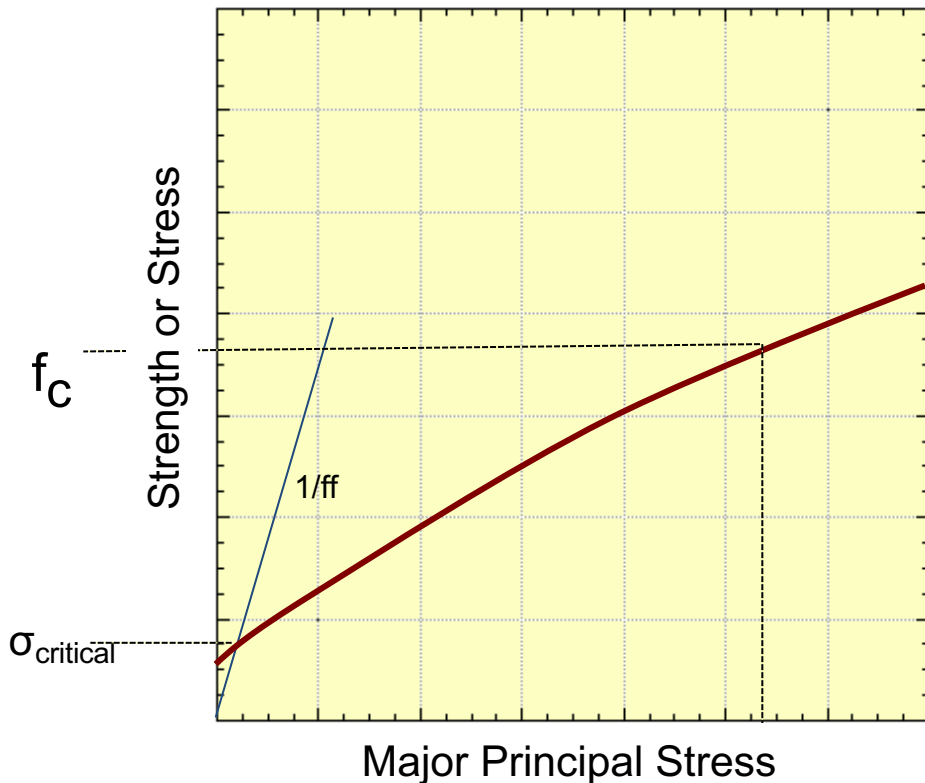
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To prevent arching in a mass flow bin:

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To prevent a stable rathole in a funnel flow bin:

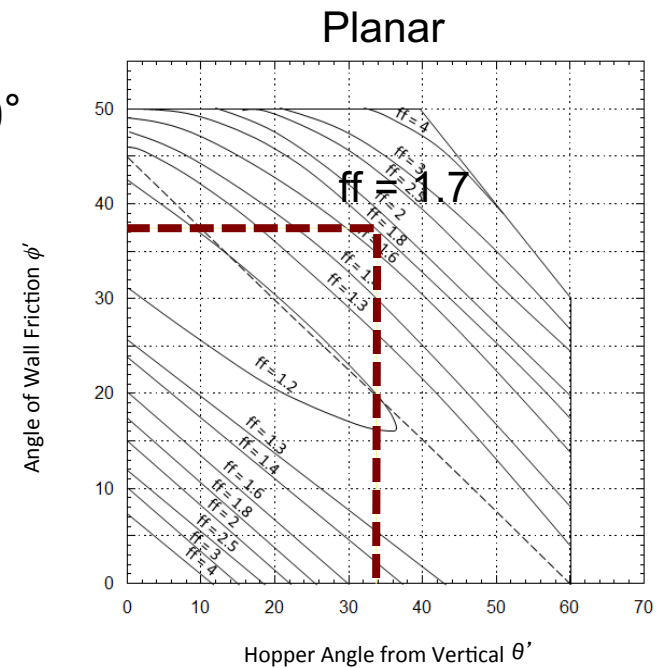
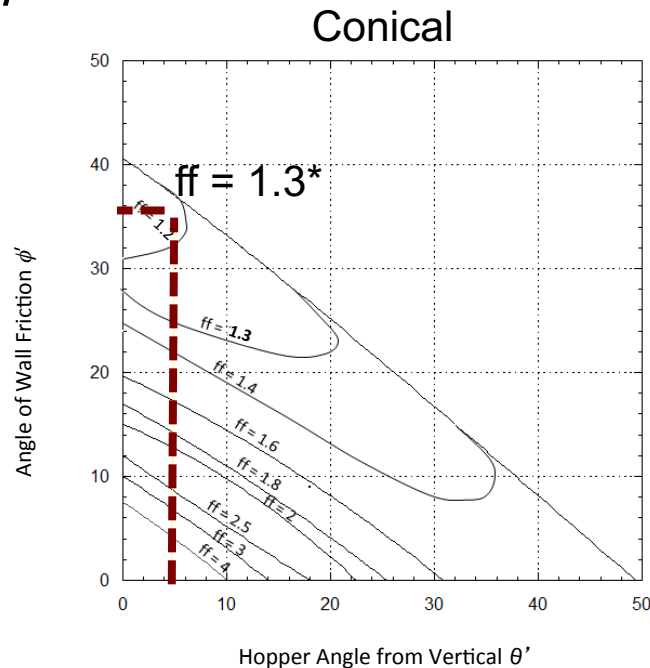
$$D_F = \frac{G(\phi_t)f_c}{\rho_b g}$$

$$\sigma_v(z) = \frac{\rho_b g R_H}{k \tan \phi'} \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-k \tan \phi' z}{R_H}\right) \right]$$



Flow factor for funnel flow bins

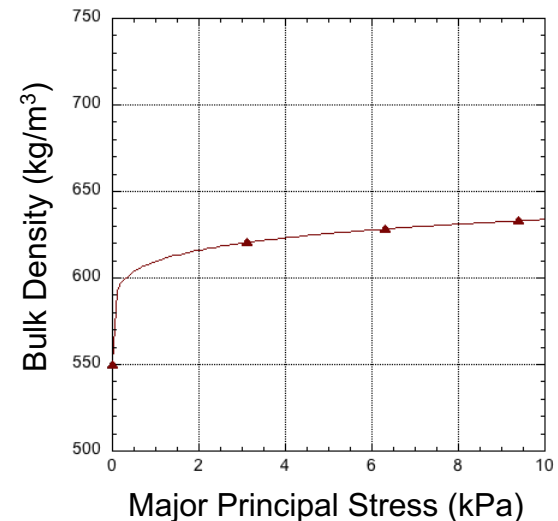
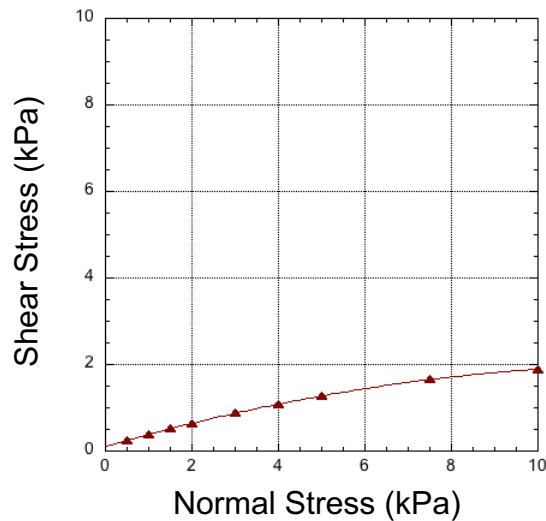
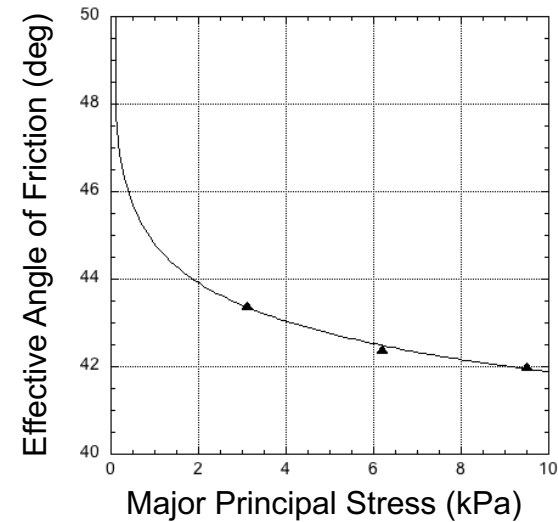
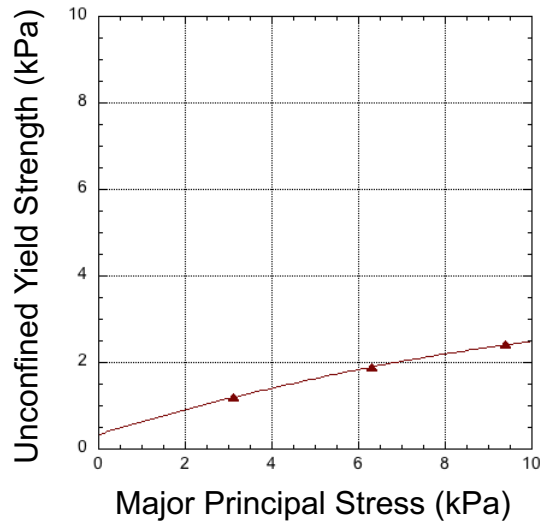
$$\tan \phi' = \sin \delta$$



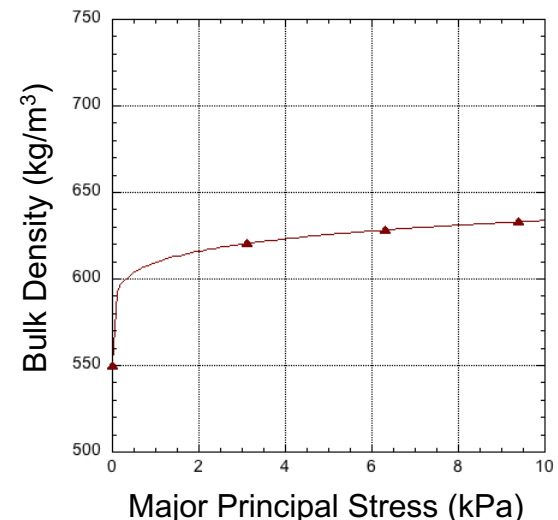
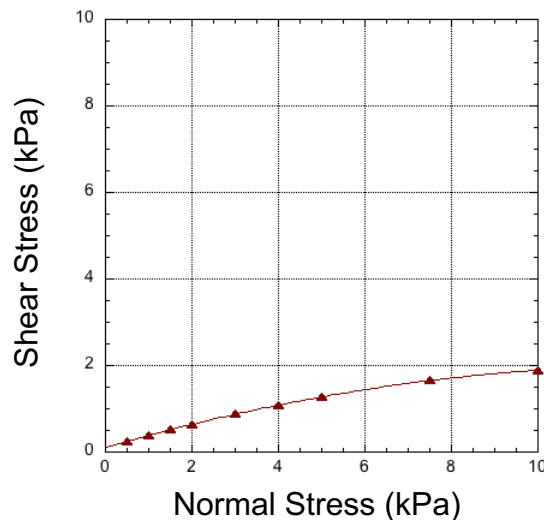
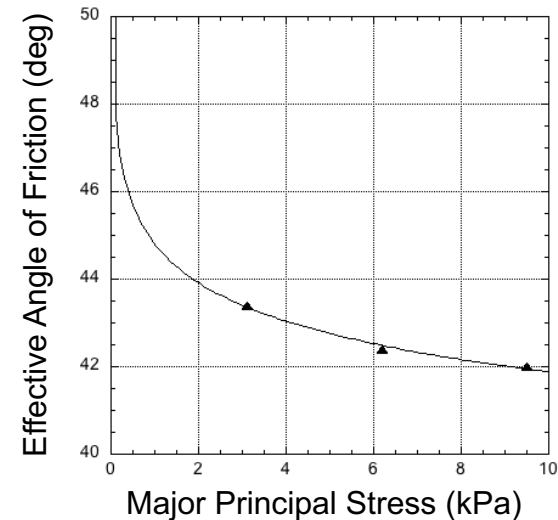
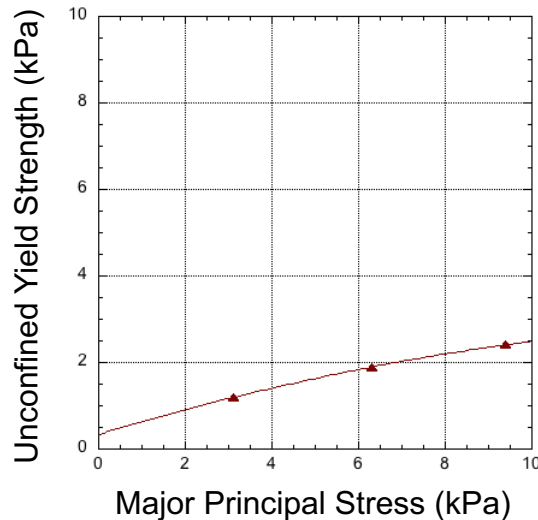
Use flow channel value for hopper angle



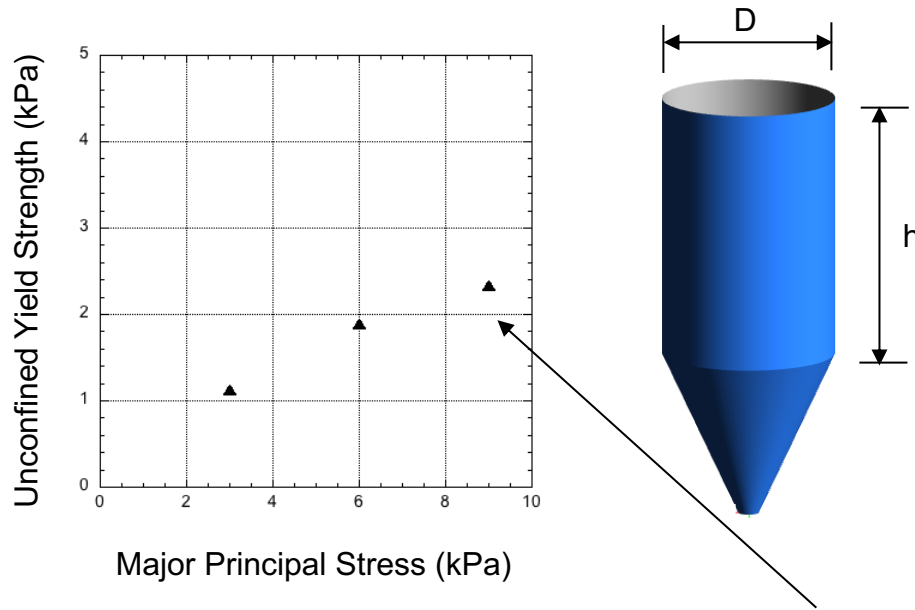
Shear cell test results



How do we choose the stresses?



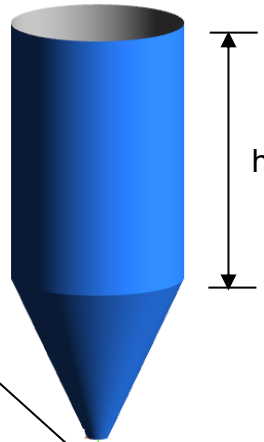
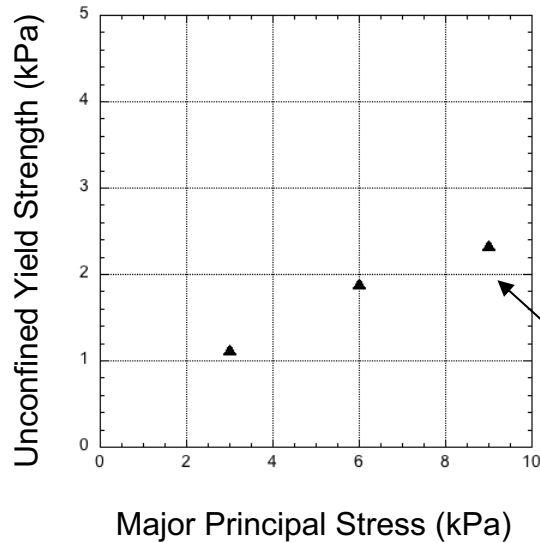
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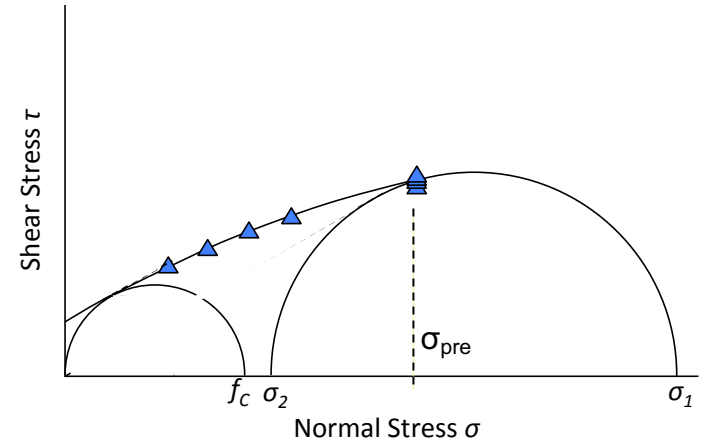
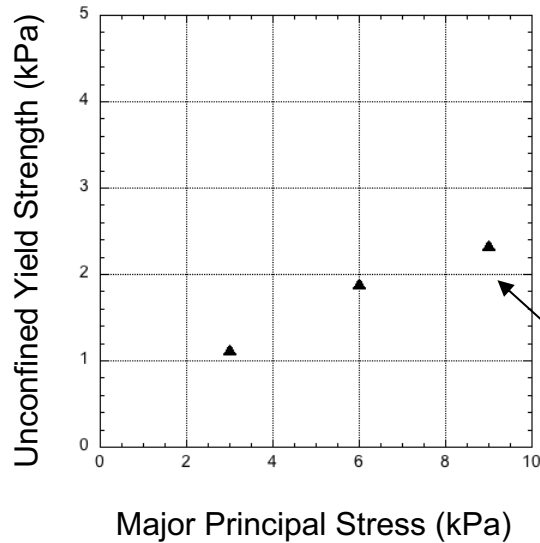
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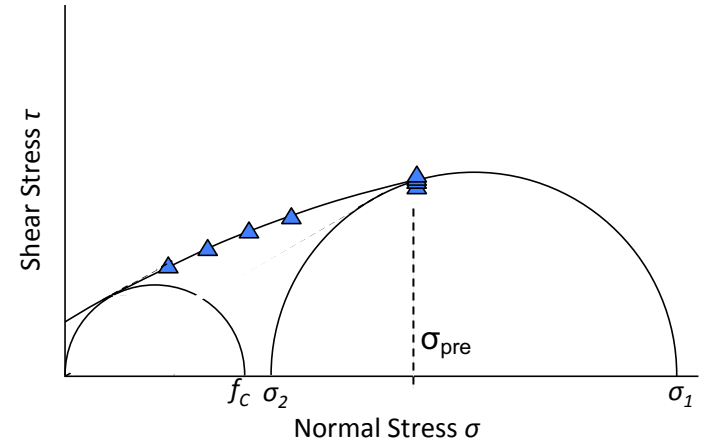
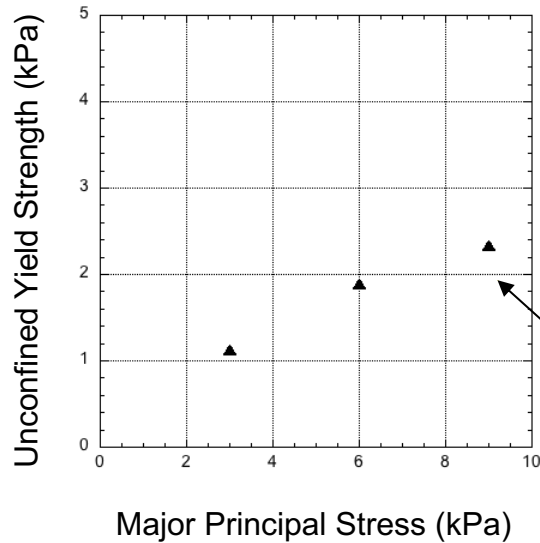


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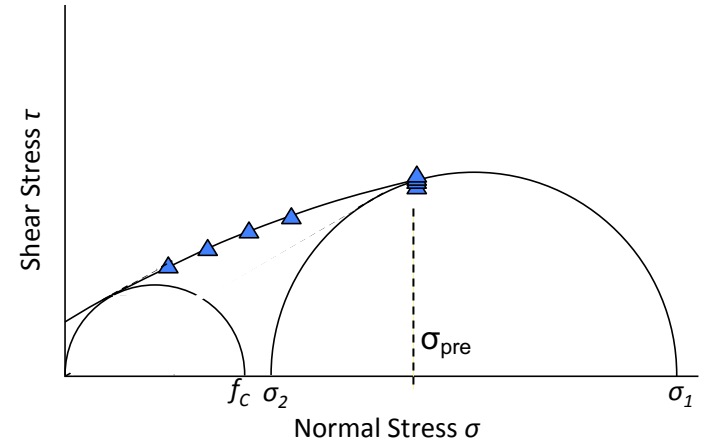
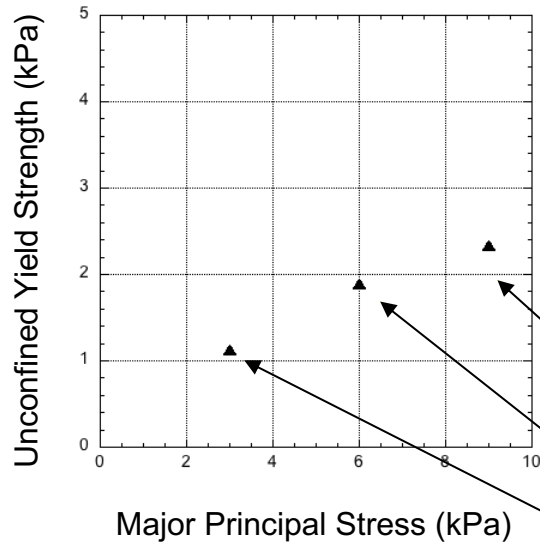
$$\sigma_1 \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho_b g h$$

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$$\sigma_{pre} = \frac{1}{4} \rho_b g h$$



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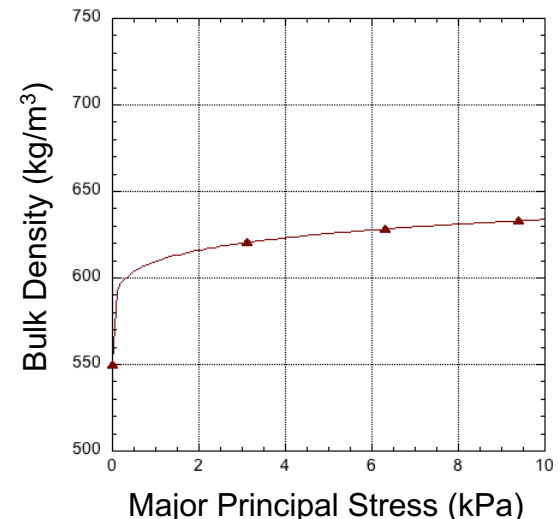
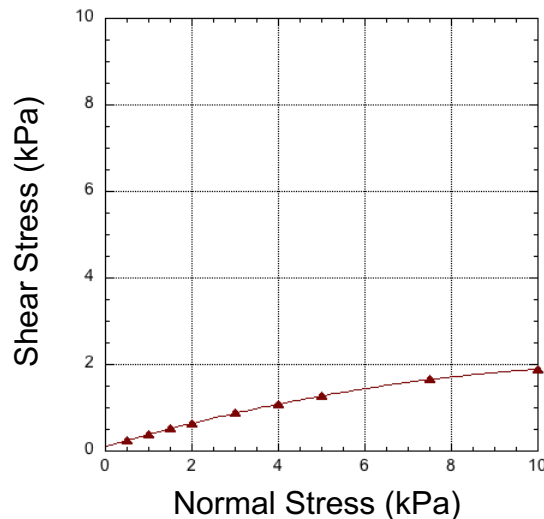
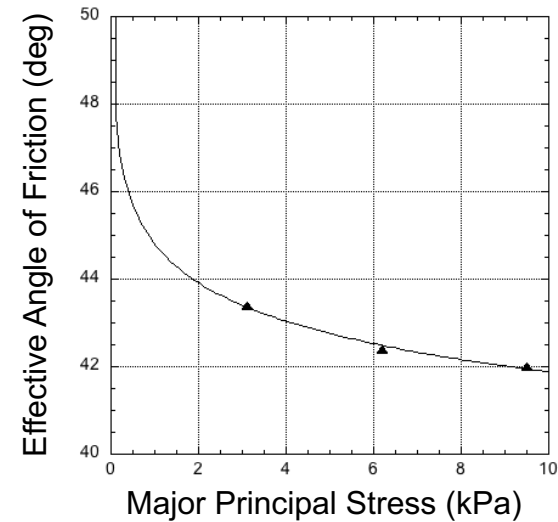
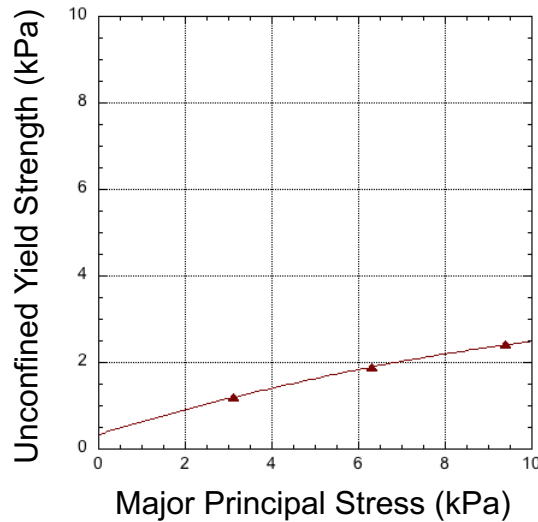


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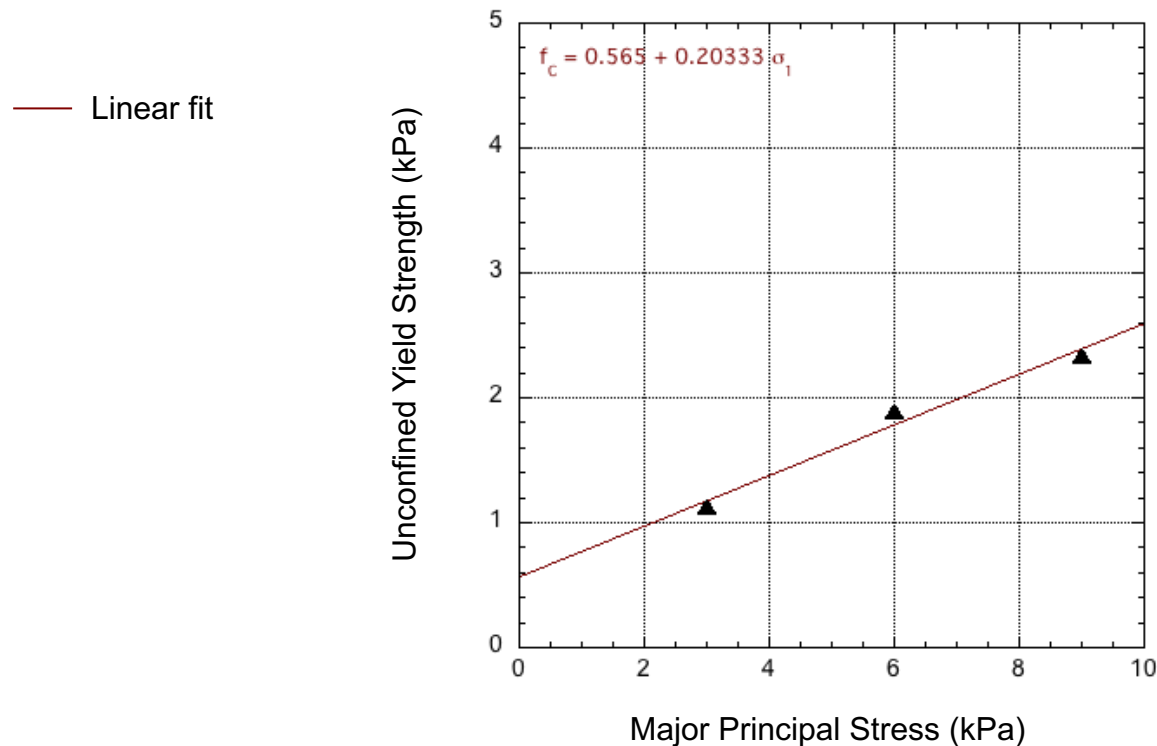
Lowest allowable by tester
and one in the middle



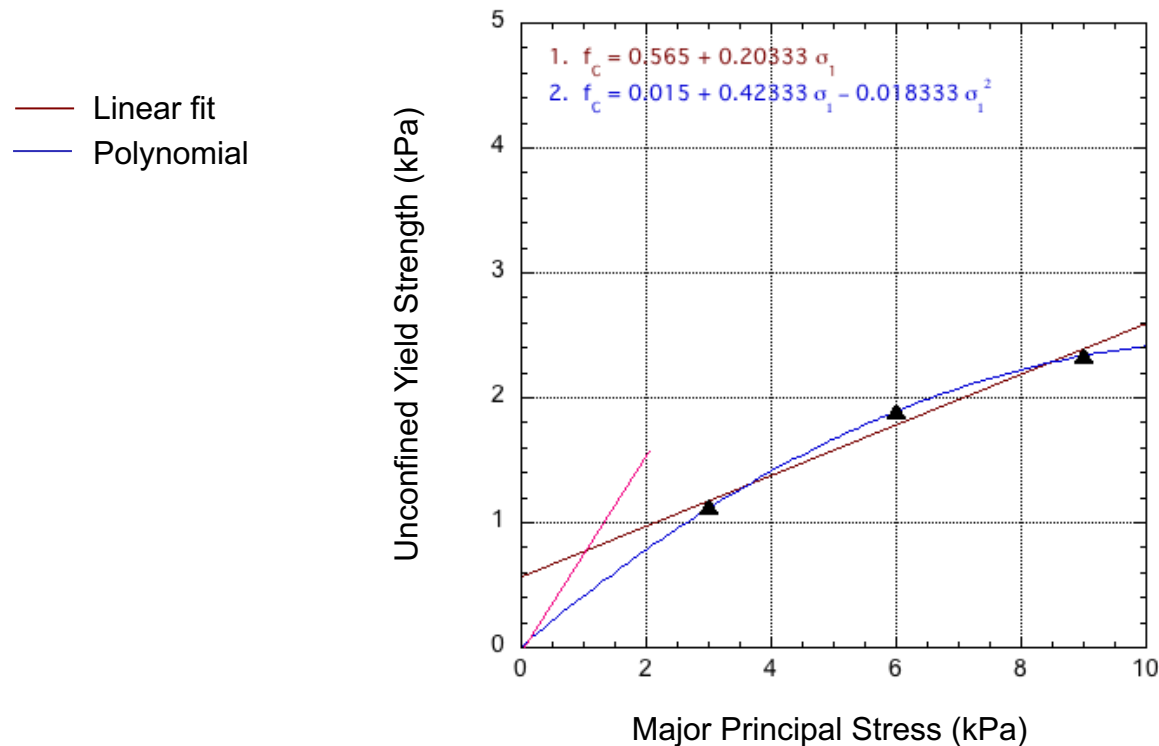
Regression of test results



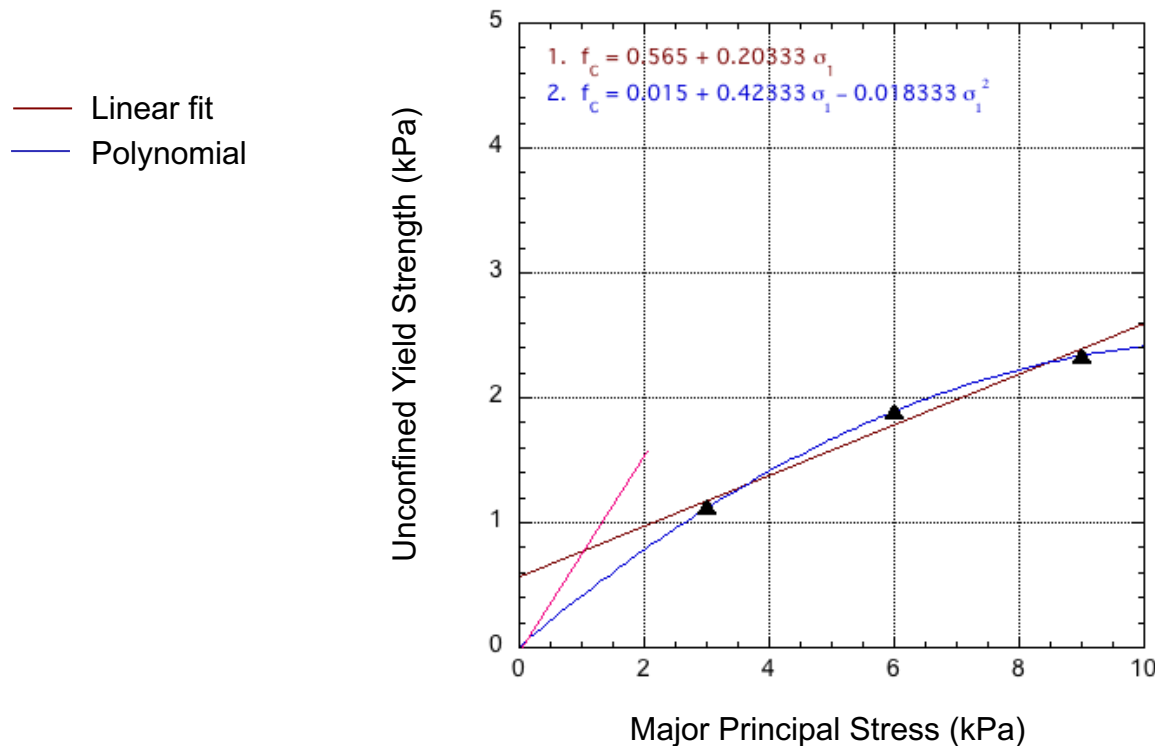
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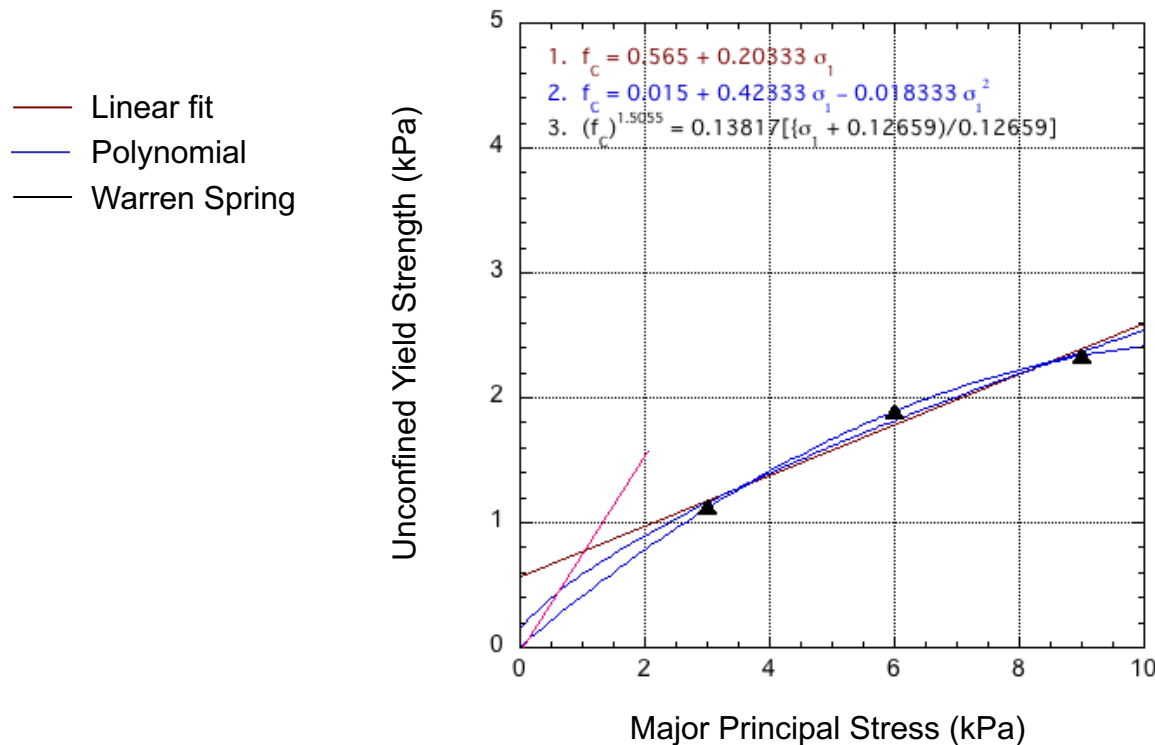
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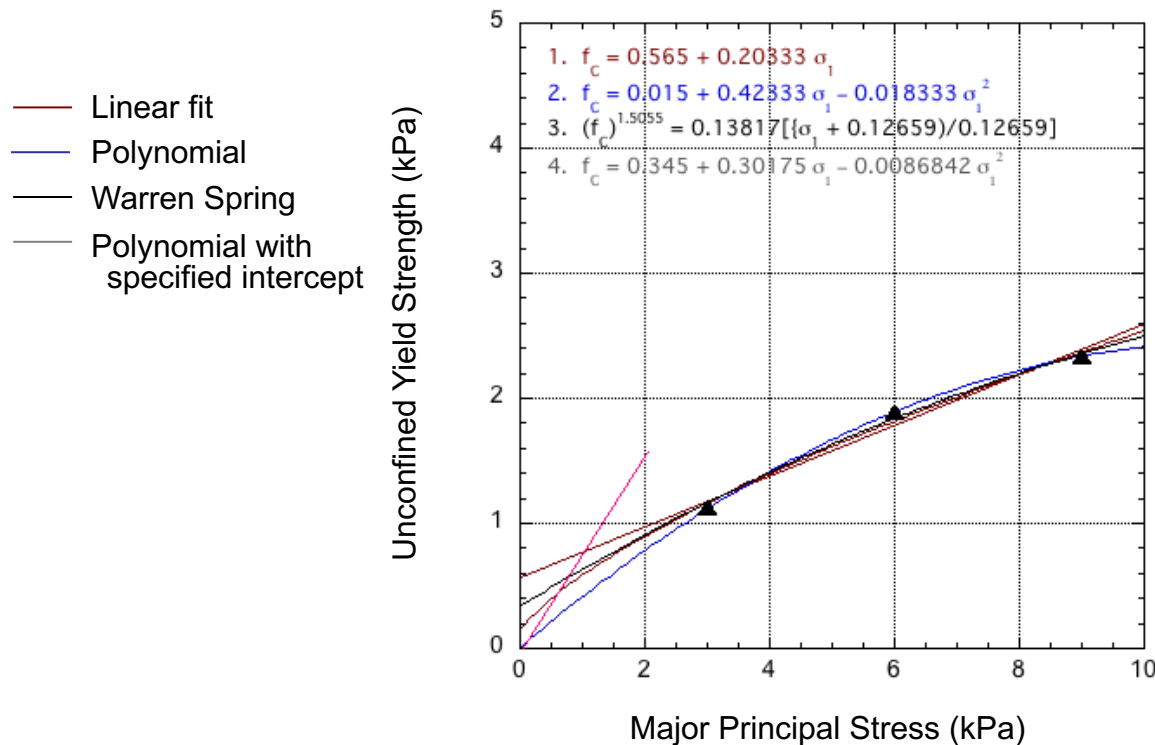
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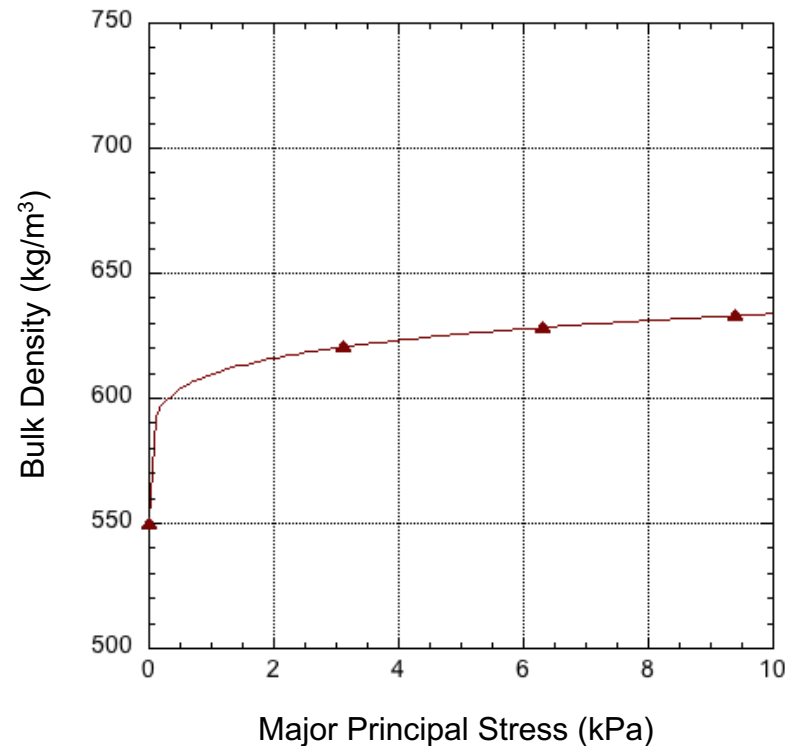
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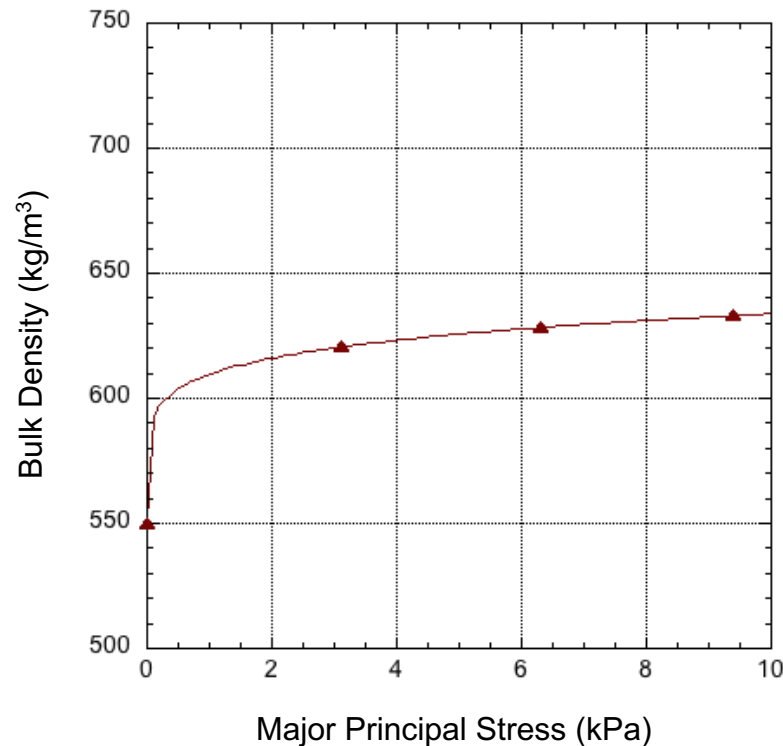
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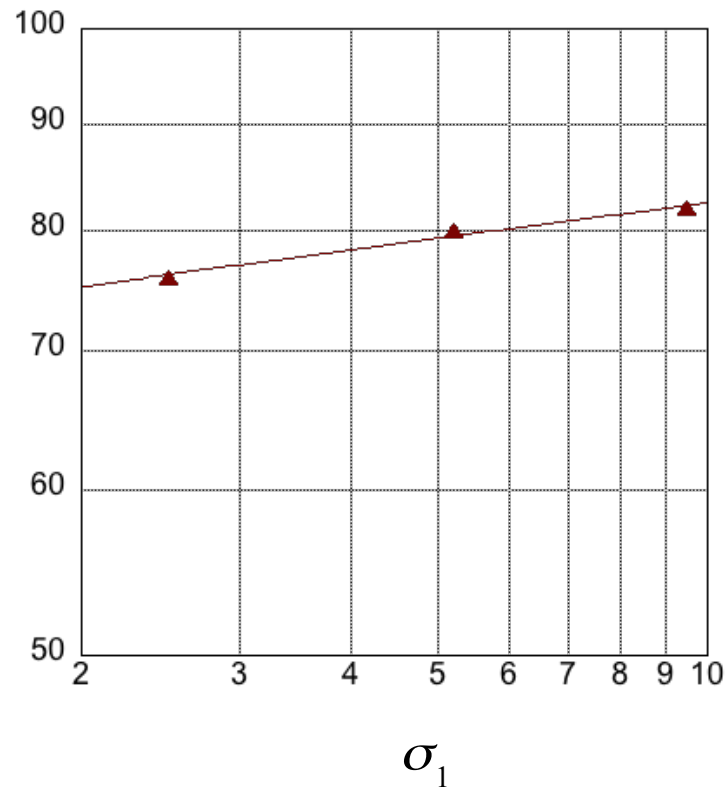
$$\rho_b - \rho_{b\min} = \alpha \sigma_1^\beta$$

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Compressibility

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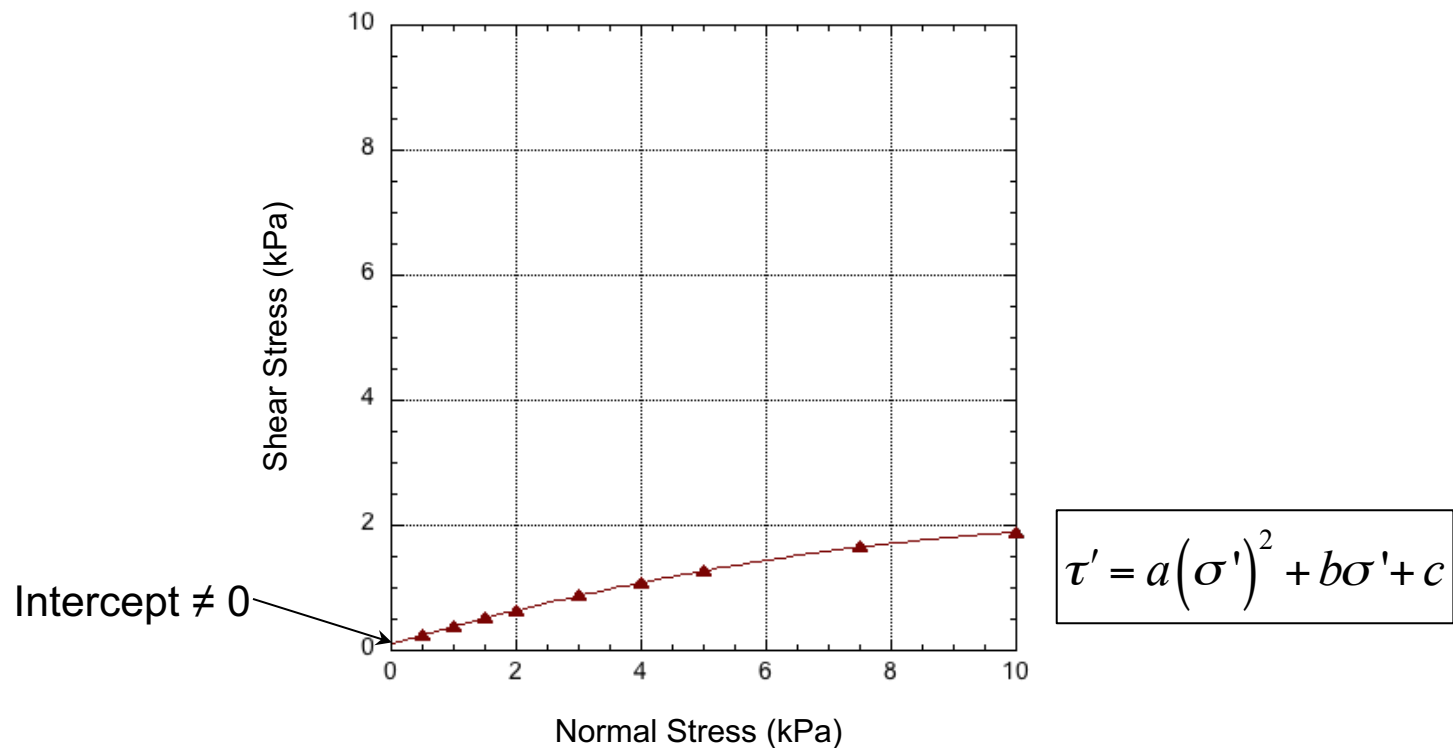
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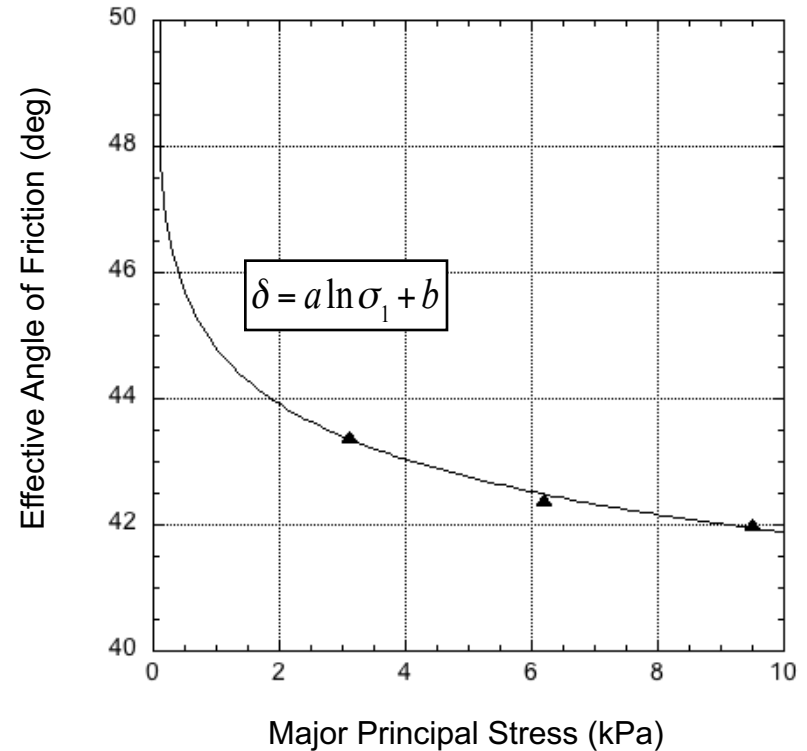
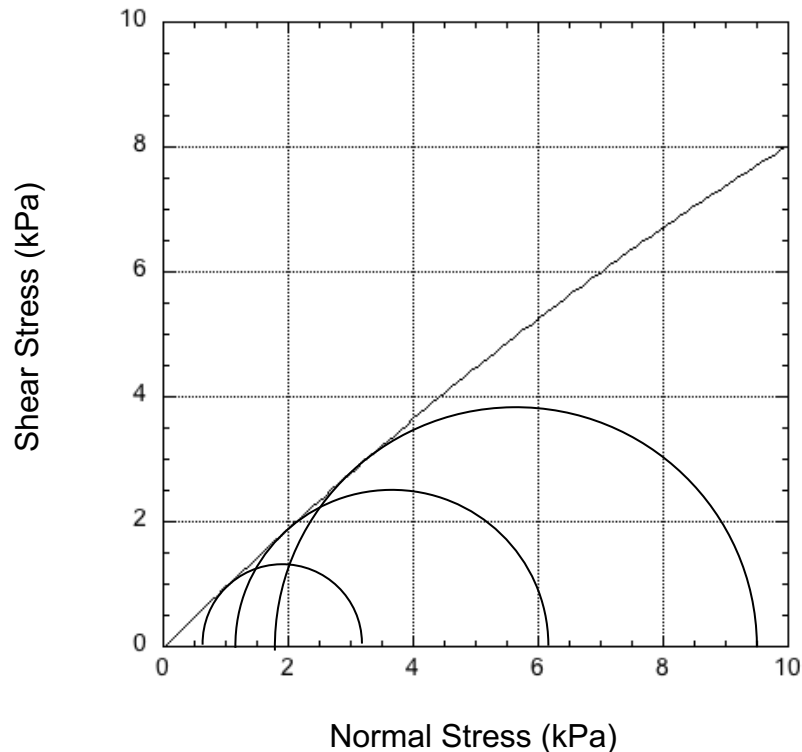
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Wall friction



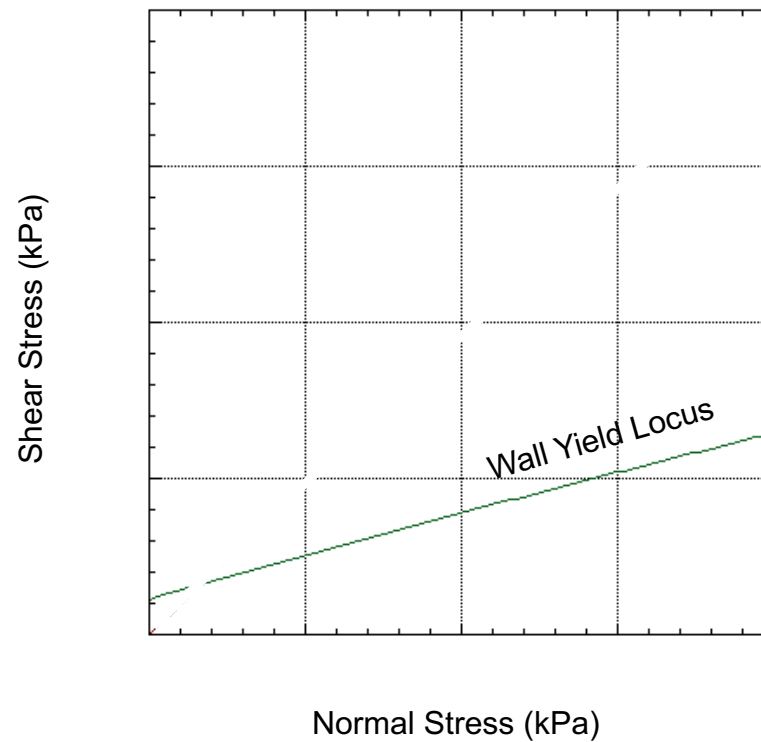
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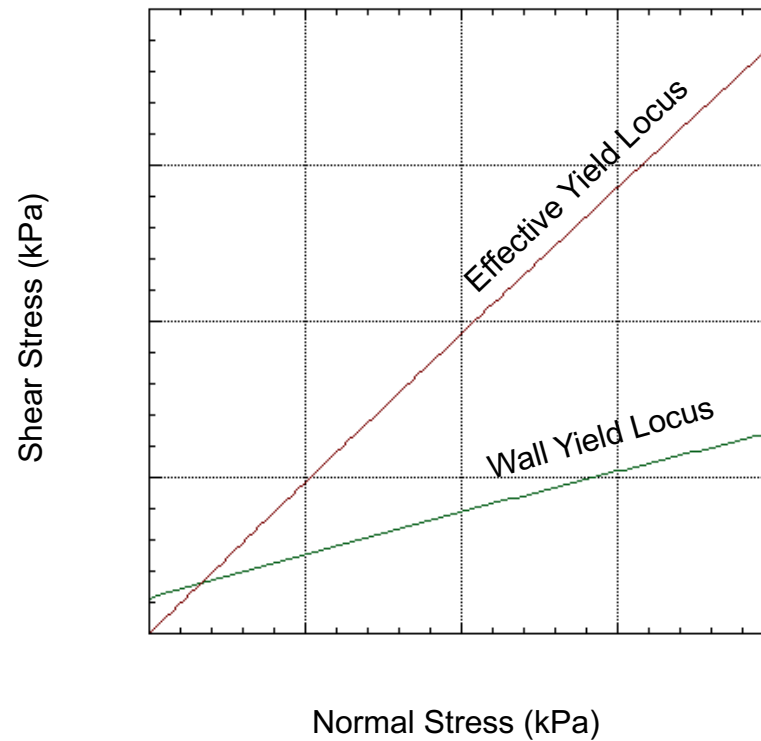
$$\sin \delta = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}$$



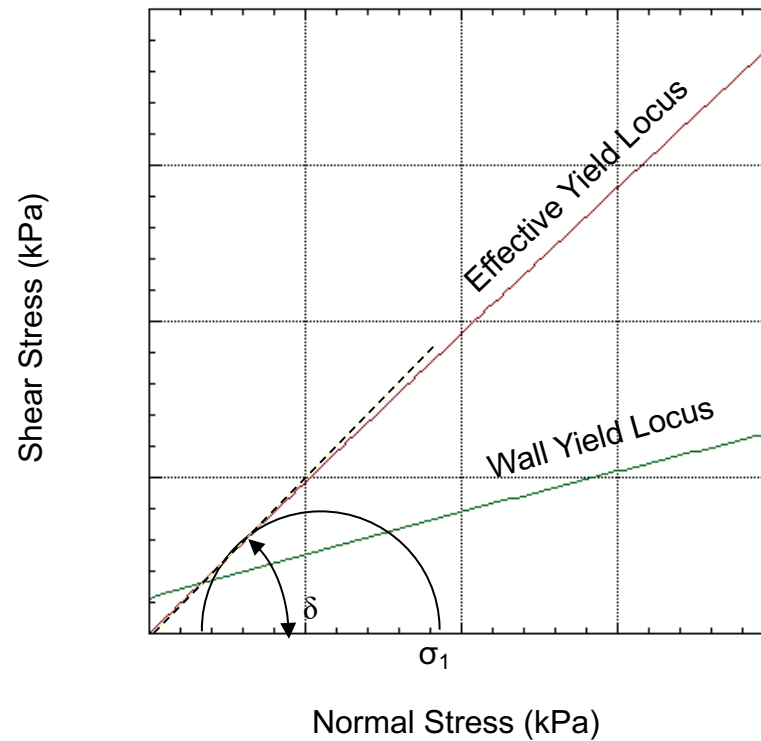
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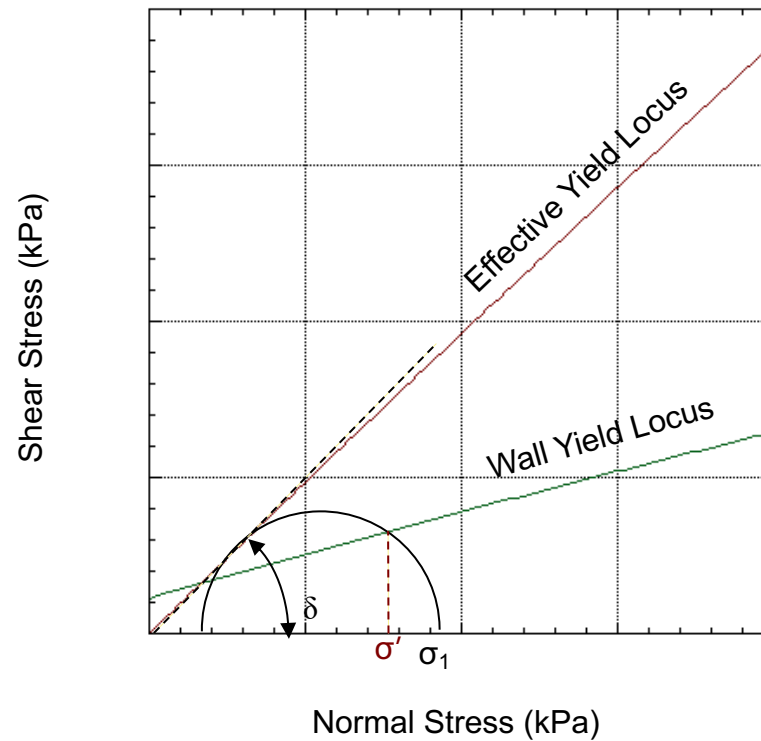
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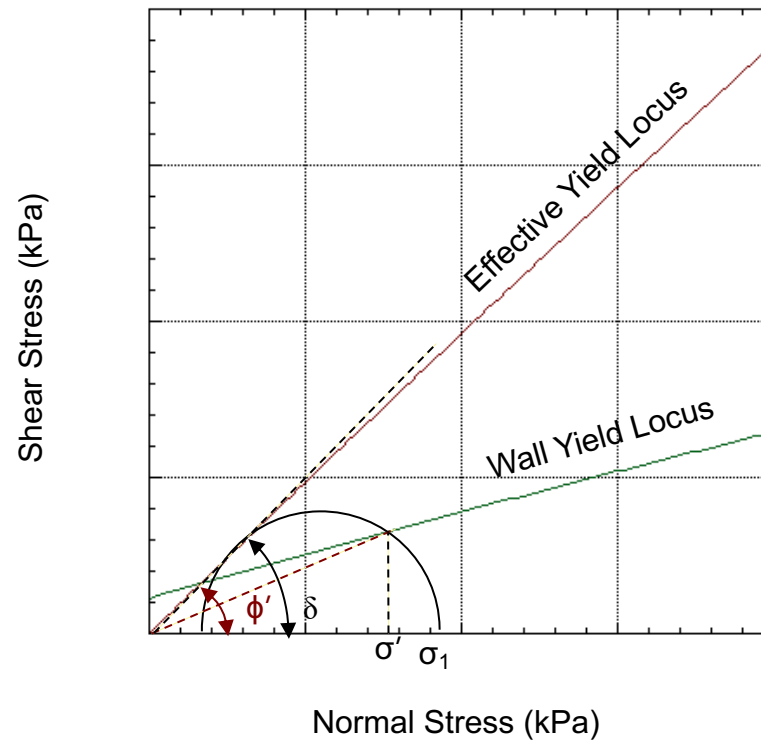
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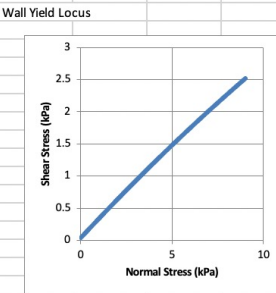
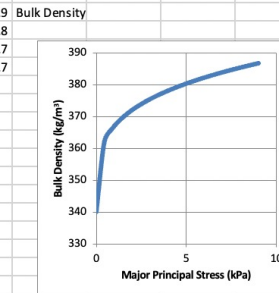
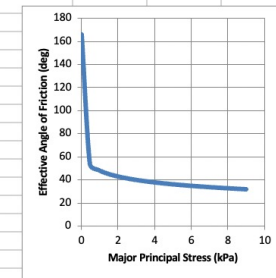
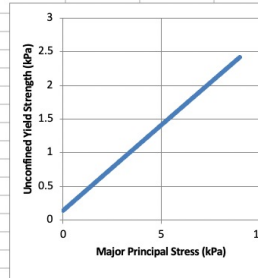


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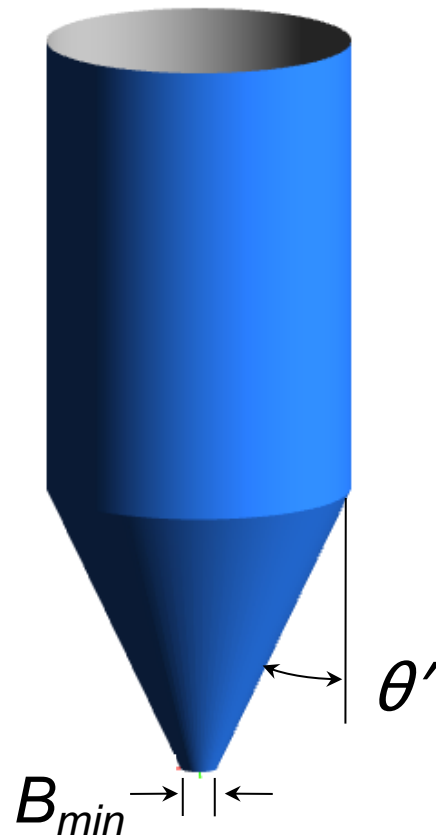


Hopper design

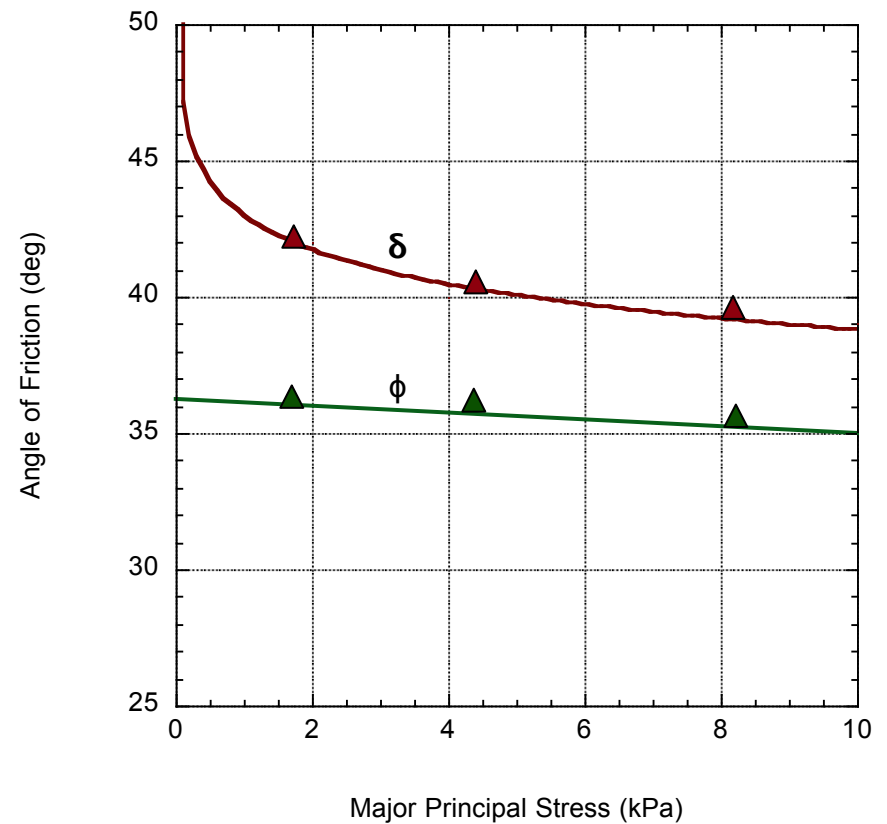
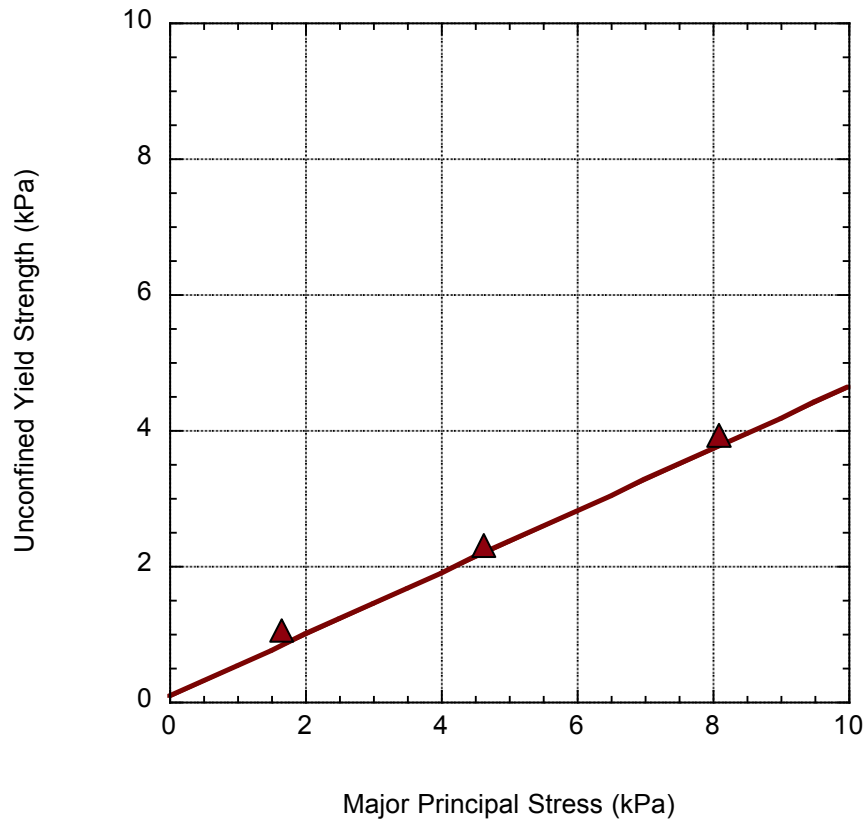
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2							Δσ1	0.45													
3	Flow function																				
4	a	-0.000225	$f_c = a\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_1 + c$				σ1 or σ'	fc	δ	pb	τ'	φ'	Flow Function				Effective Angle of Friction				
5	b	0.255					0	0.141	165.6621	340	0.044										
6	c	0.141					0.45	0.255704	53.82911	362.114	0.180582	21.9									
7							0.9	0.370318	48.76913	366.2981	0.315827	19.3									
8	Effective angle of friction						1.35	0.48484	45.80924	369.1036	0.449736	18.4									
9	a	-7.3	$\delta = a \ln \sigma_1 + b$				1.8	0.599271	43.70916	371.2739	0.582308	17.9									
10	b	48					2.25	0.713611	42.08021	373.0681	0.713544	17.6									
11							2.7	0.82786	40.74926	374.6102	0.843443	17.3									
12	Bulk density						3.15	0.942017	39.62396	375.9701	0.972006	17.1									
13	ρbmin	340					3.6	1.056084	38.64918	377.1911	1.099232	17.0									
14	α	27.000	$\rho_b = \rho_{bmin} + \alpha \sigma_1^\beta$				4.05	1.170059	37.78937	378.3025	1.225122	16.8									
15	β	0.250					4.5	1.283944	37.02024	379.3248	1.349675	16.7									
16							4.95	1.397737	36.32447	380.2731	1.472892	16.6									
17							5.4	1.511439	35.68929	381.1588	1.594772	16.5									
18	Wall Yield Locus		$\tau' = a(\sigma')^2 + b\sigma' + c$				5.85	1.62505	35.10498	381.9907	1.715316	16.3									
19	a	-0.0033					6.3	1.73857	34.56399	382.7759	1.834523	16.2									
20	b	0.305					6.75	1.851998	34.06034	383.5201	1.952394	16.1									
21	c	0.044					7.2	1.965336	33.58921	384.228	2.068928	16.0									
22			$K = K_{min} \left(\frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{bmin}} \right)^{-\alpha}$				7.65	2.078582	33.14665	384.9034	2.184126	15.9									
23	Permeability						8.1	2.191738	32.72939	385.5496	2.297987	15.8									
24	Kmin	2.20E-03					8.55	2.304802	32.3347	386.1695	2.410512	15.7									
25	α	1.2					9	2.417775	31.96026	386.7654	2.5217	15.7									
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27	Static Angle of Internal Friction		Mass Flow Hopper Critical Arching Dimension																		
28																					
29	a	-0.11																			
30	b	30	Hopper Angle for Specified Outlet Size																		
31																					
32			$\phi = a\sigma_1 + b$																		
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34			Funnel Flow Hopper Design																		
35	Max σ1	9																			
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37	Units:																				
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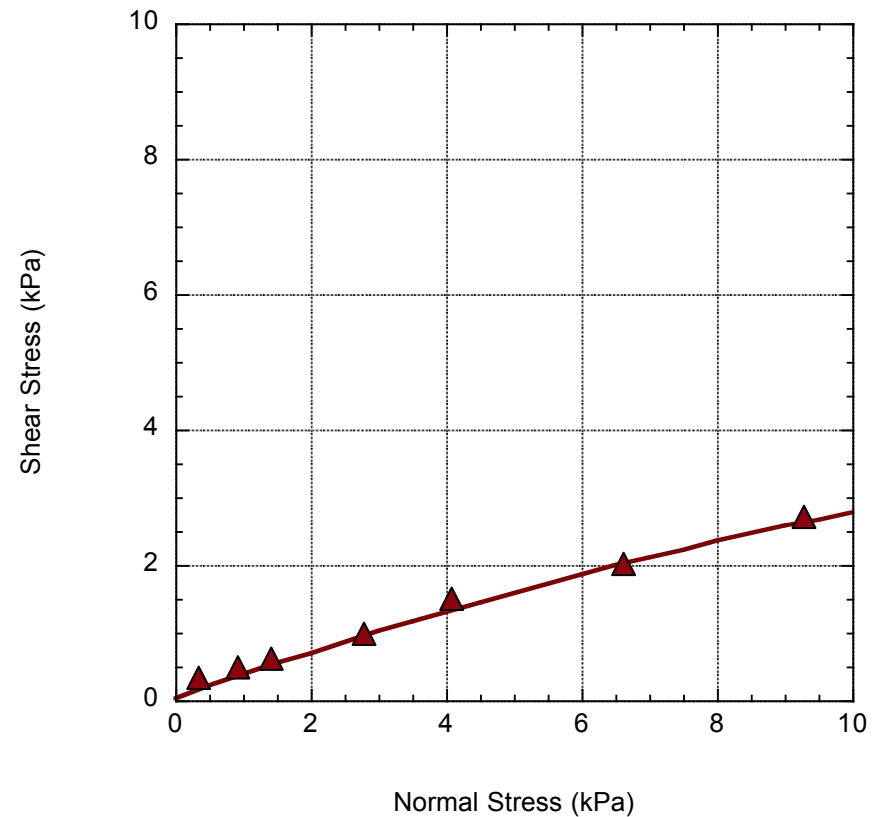
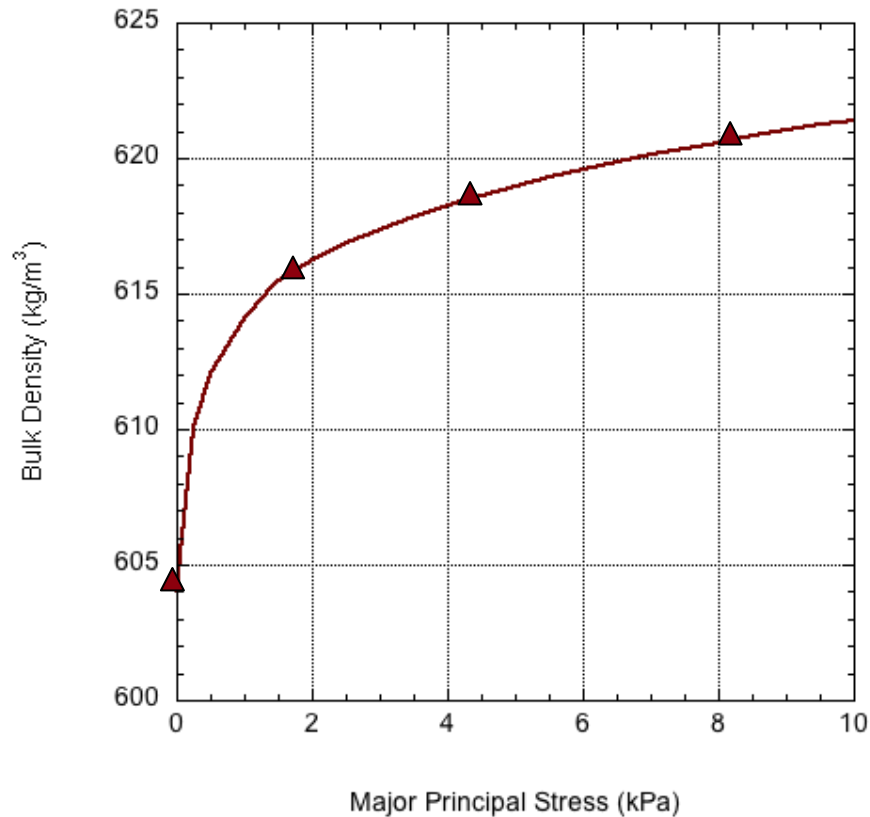
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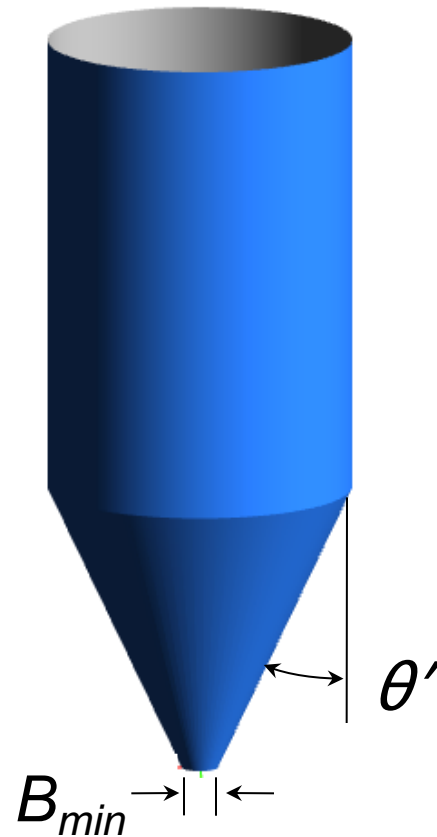
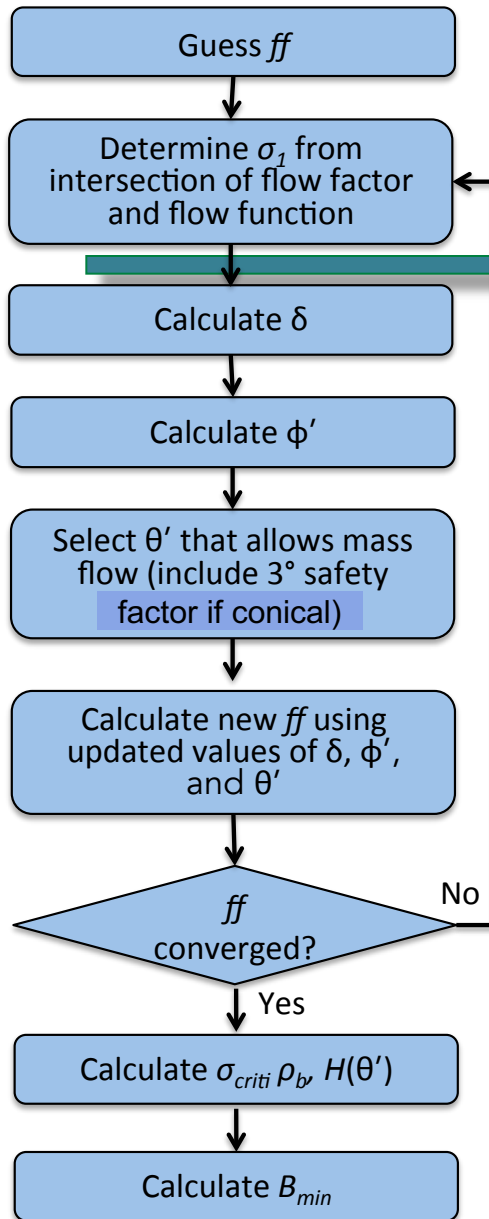
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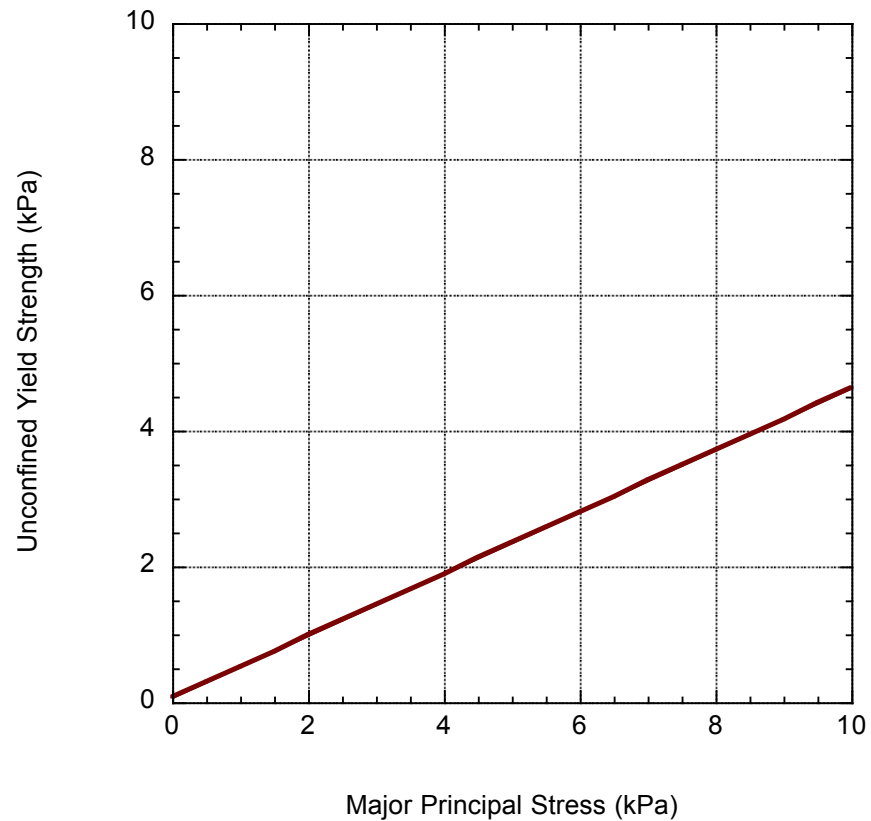
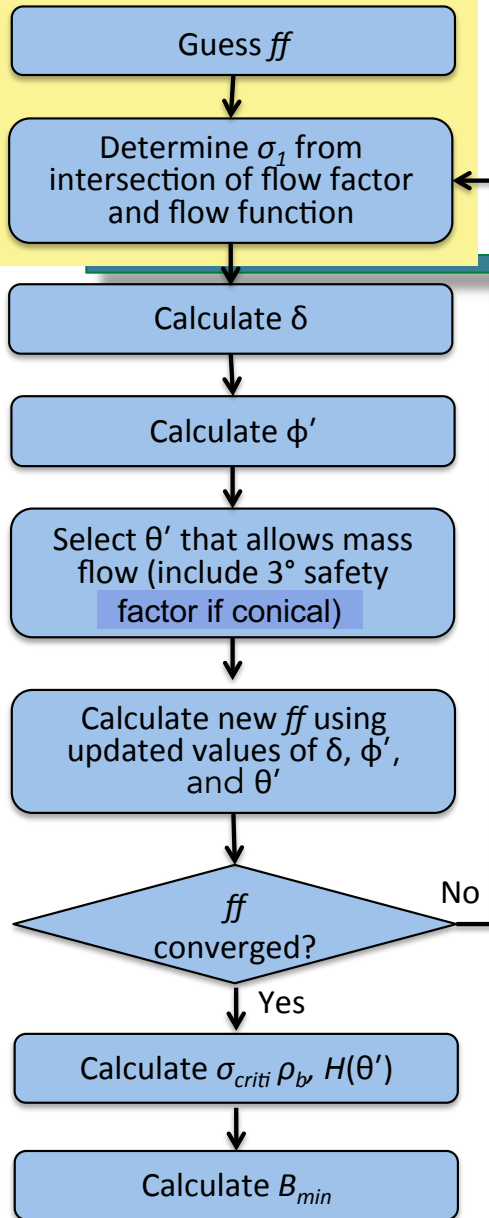
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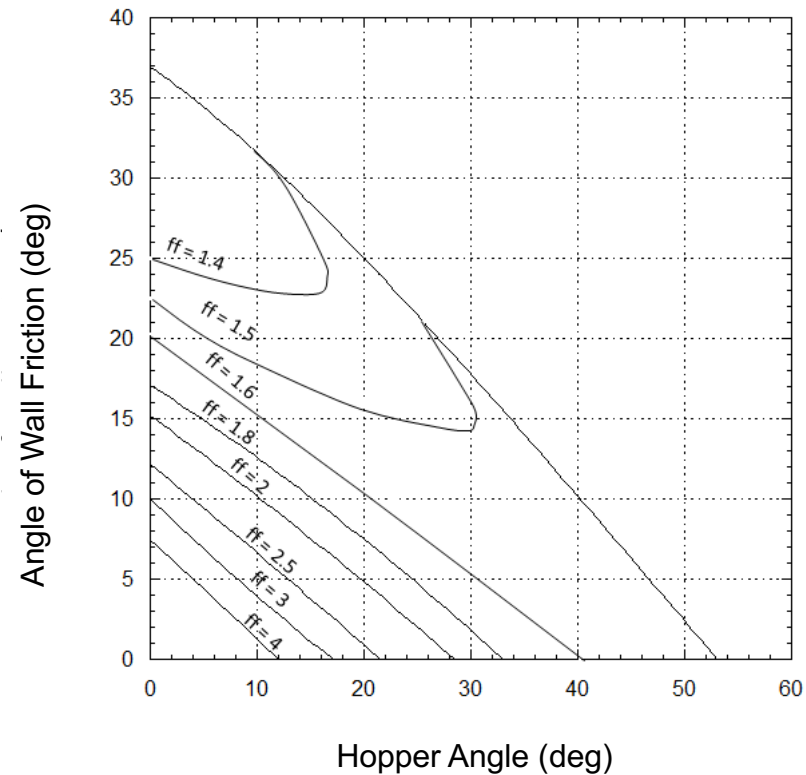
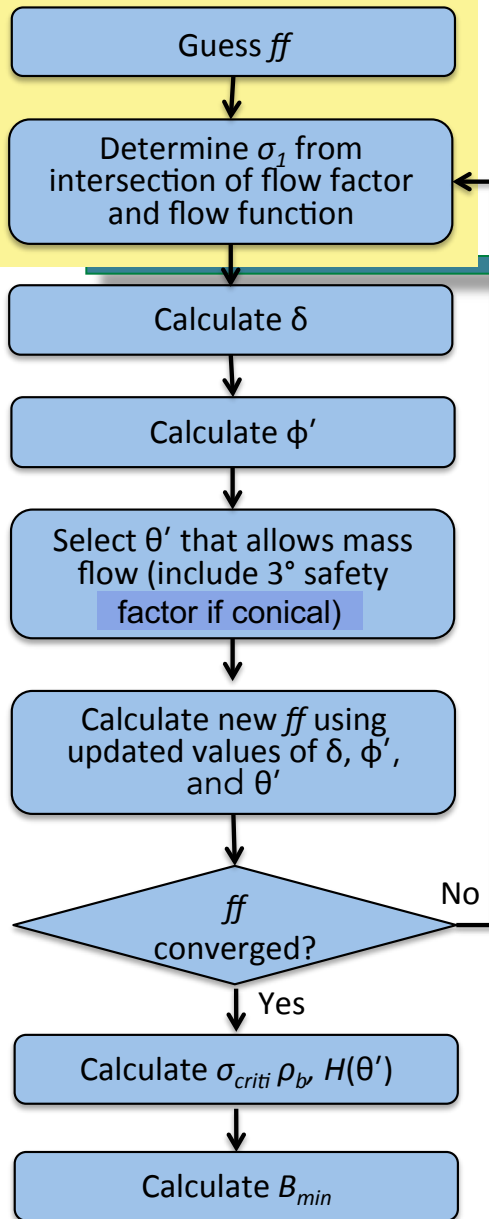
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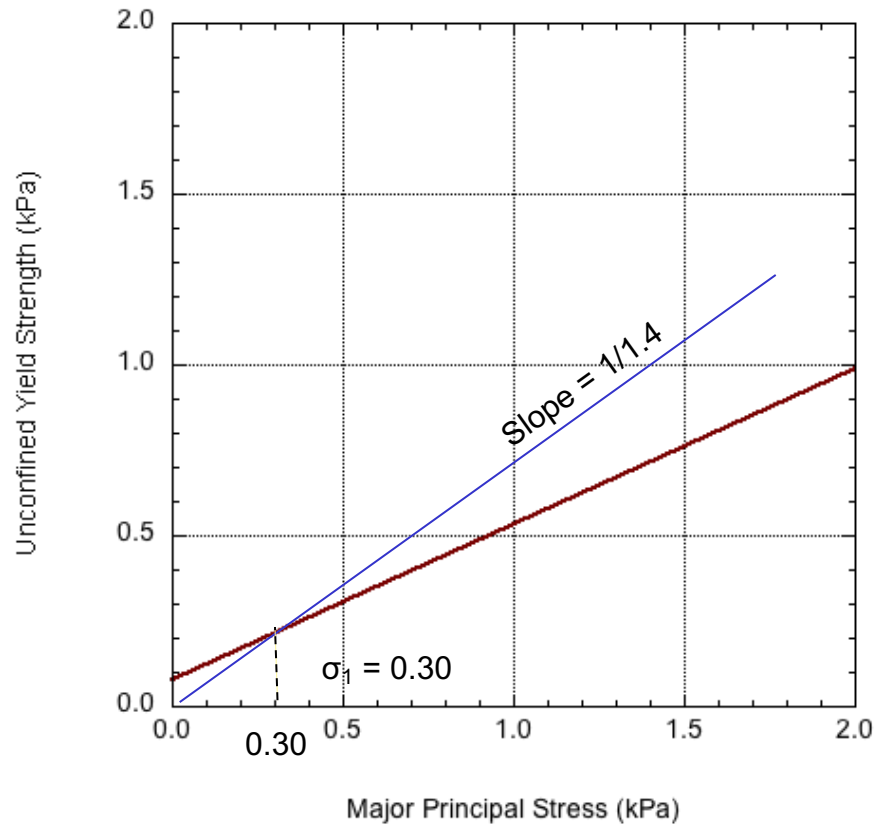
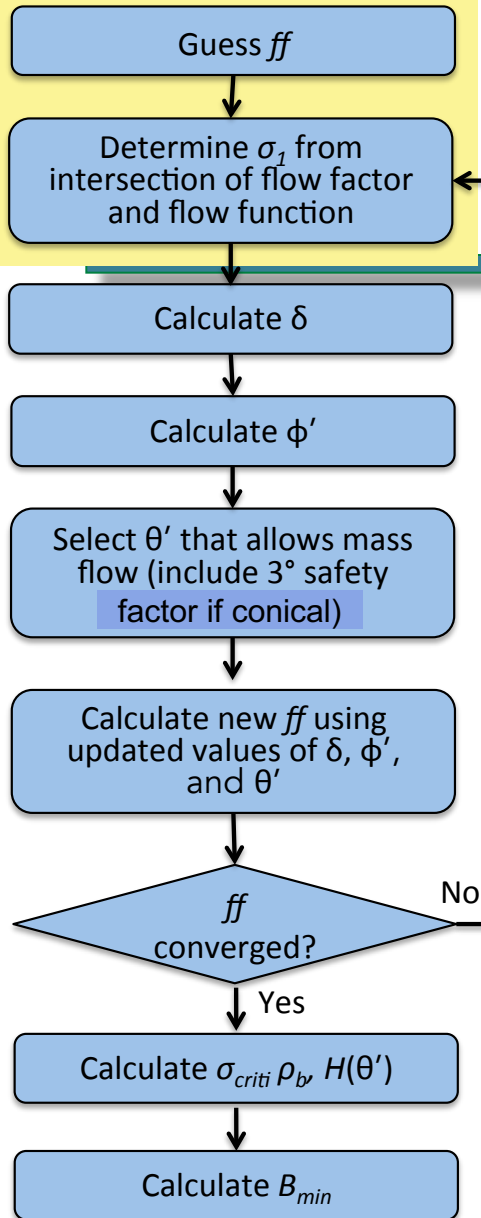
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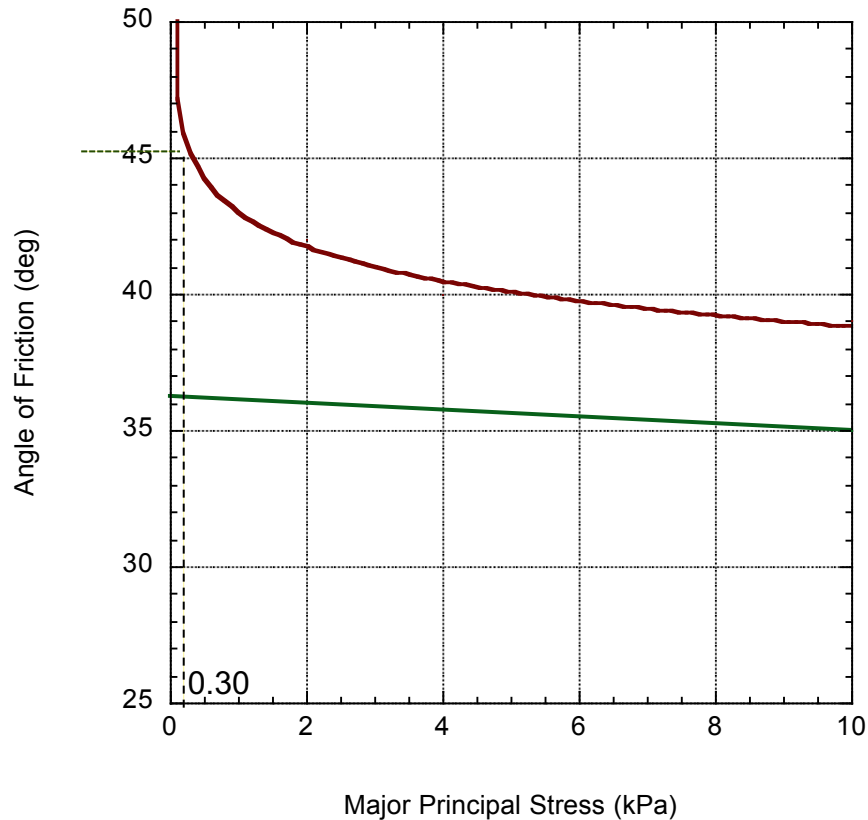
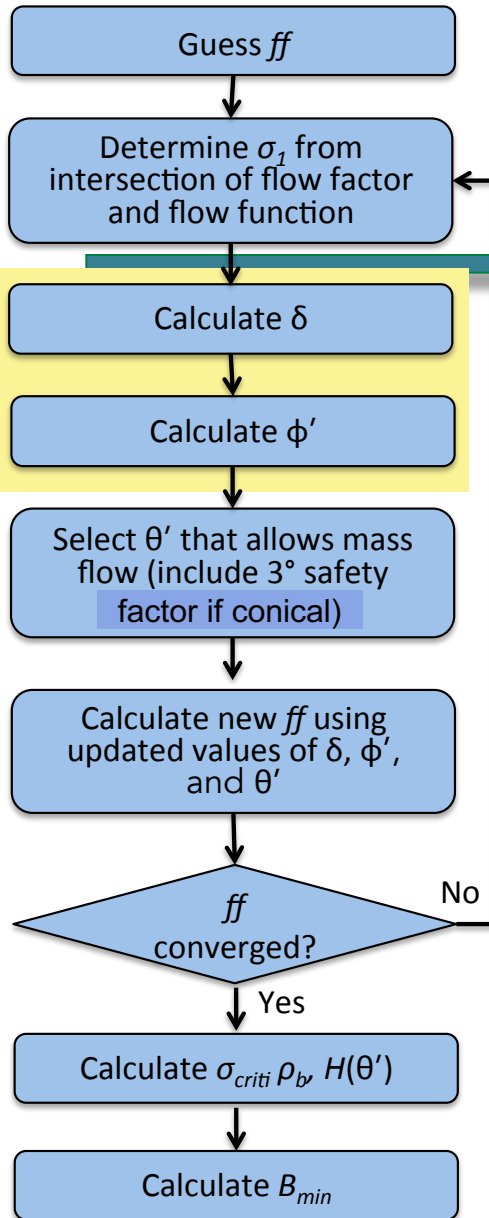
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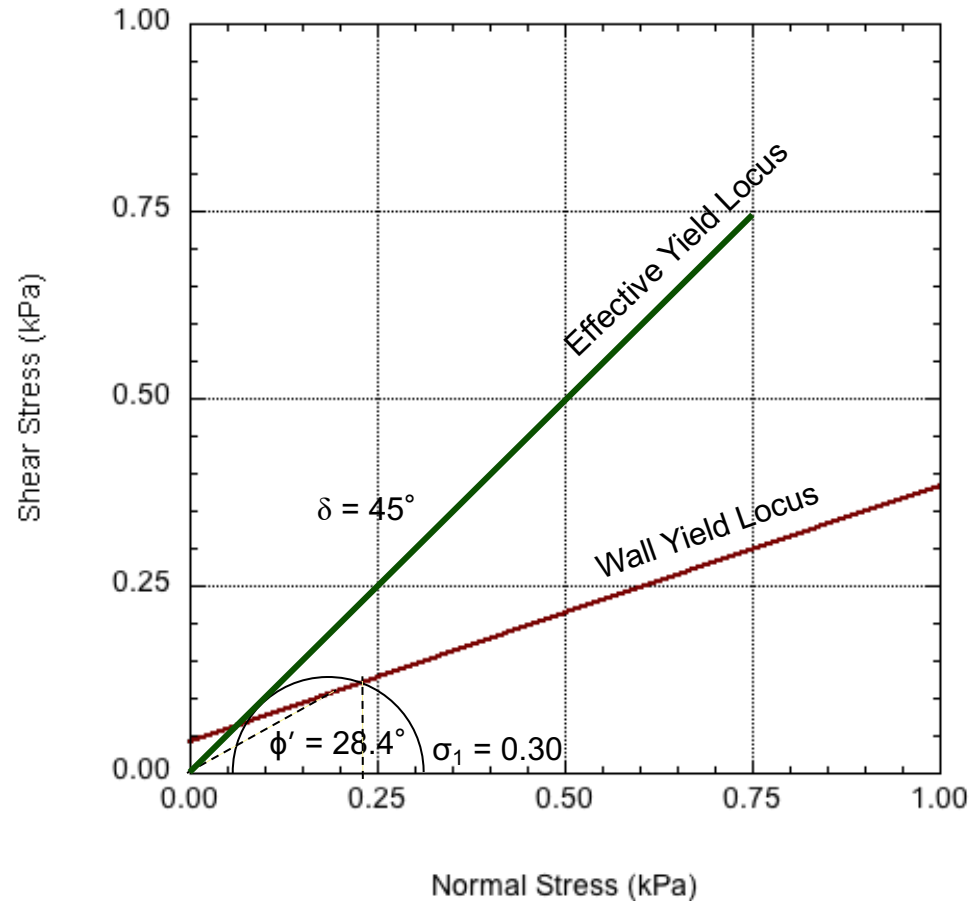
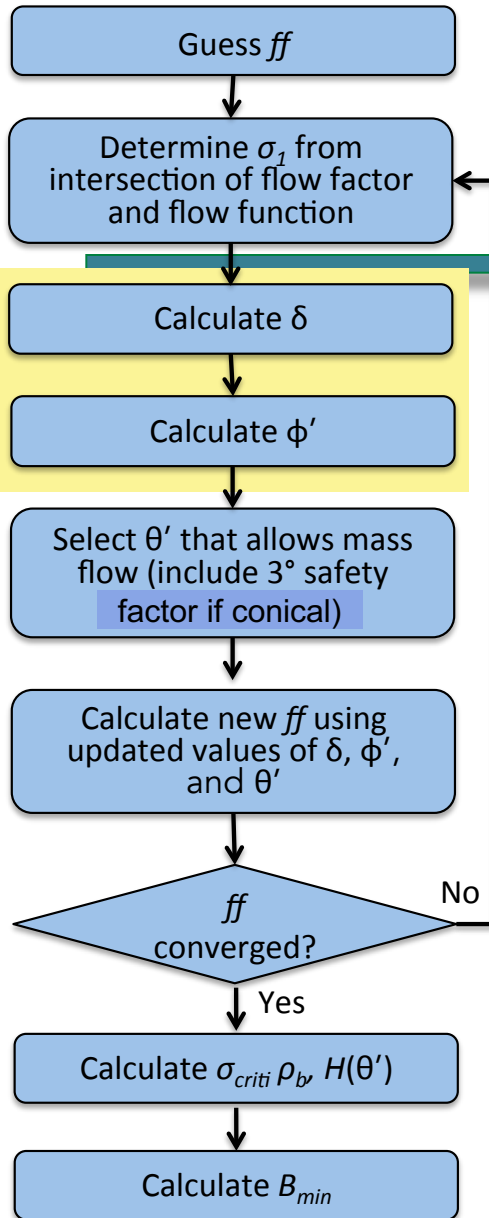
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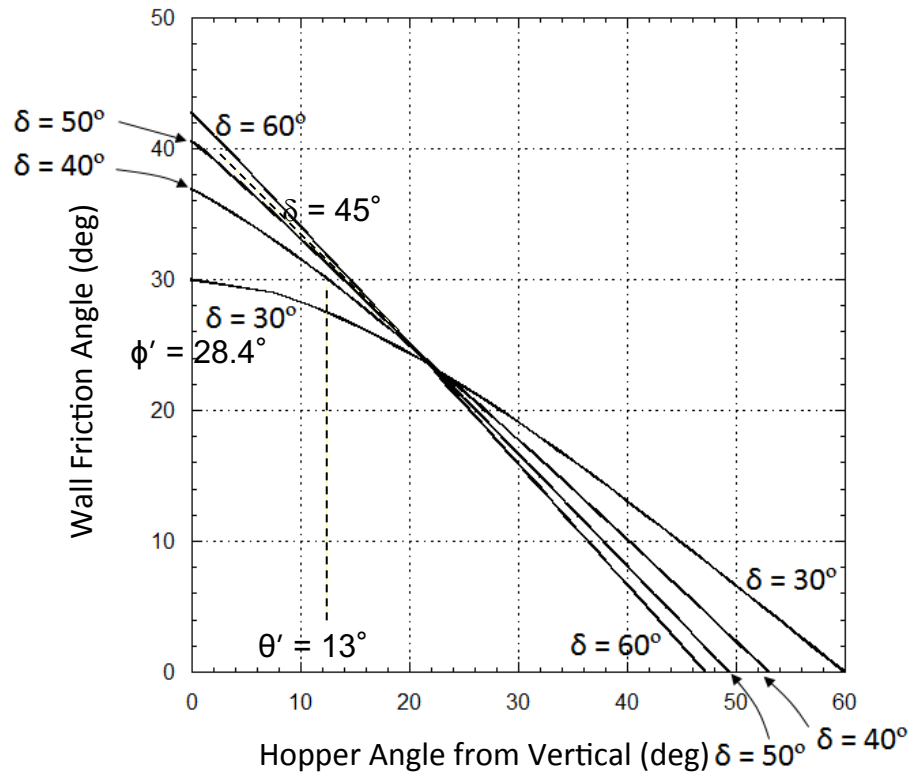
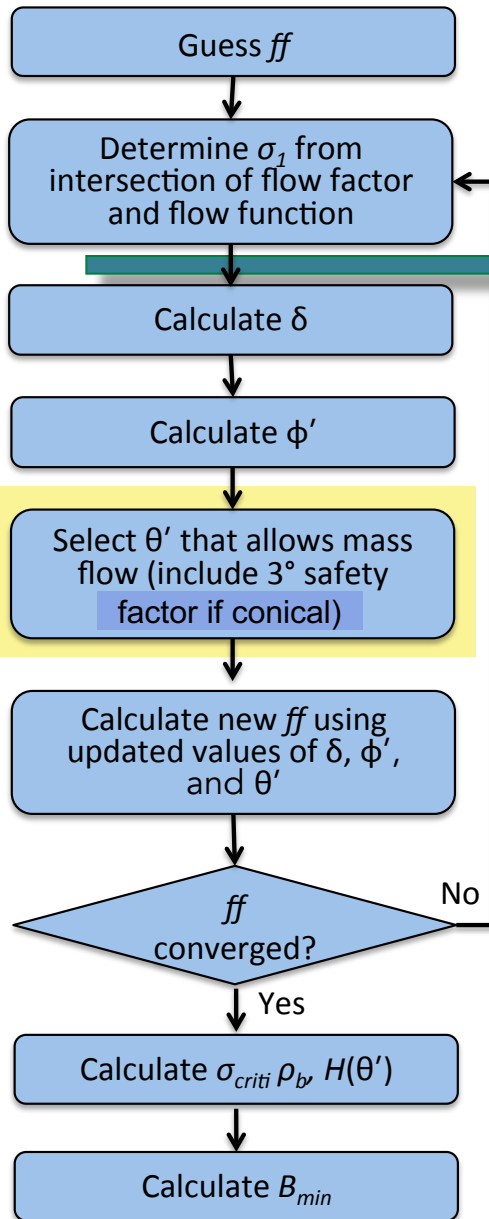
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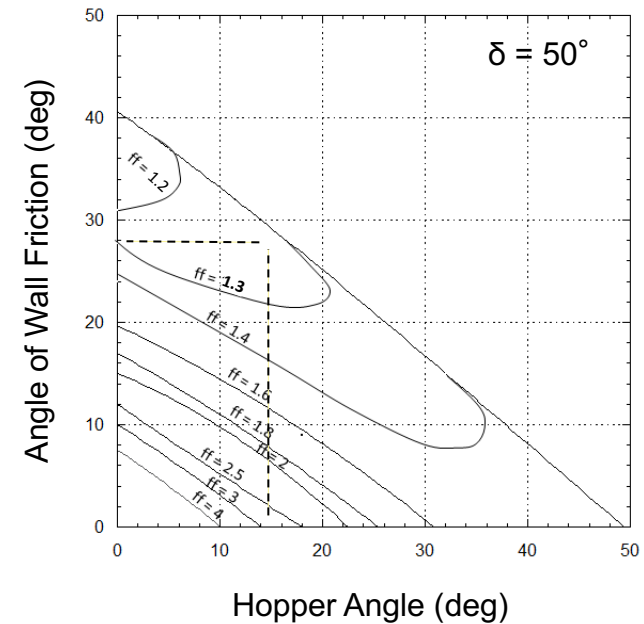
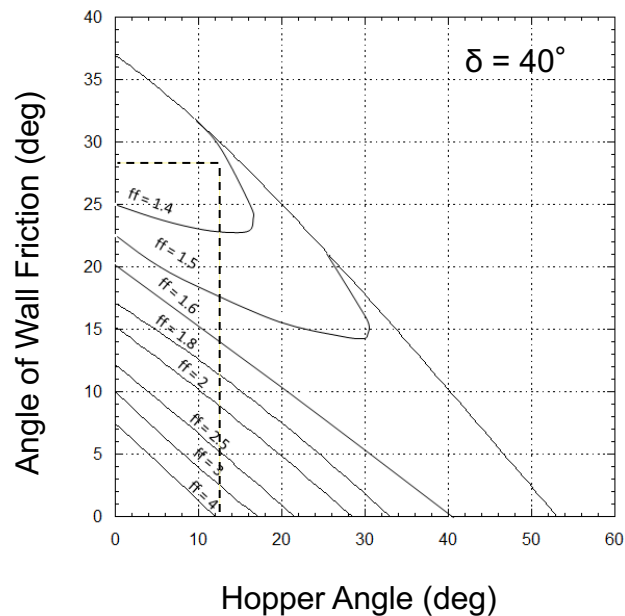
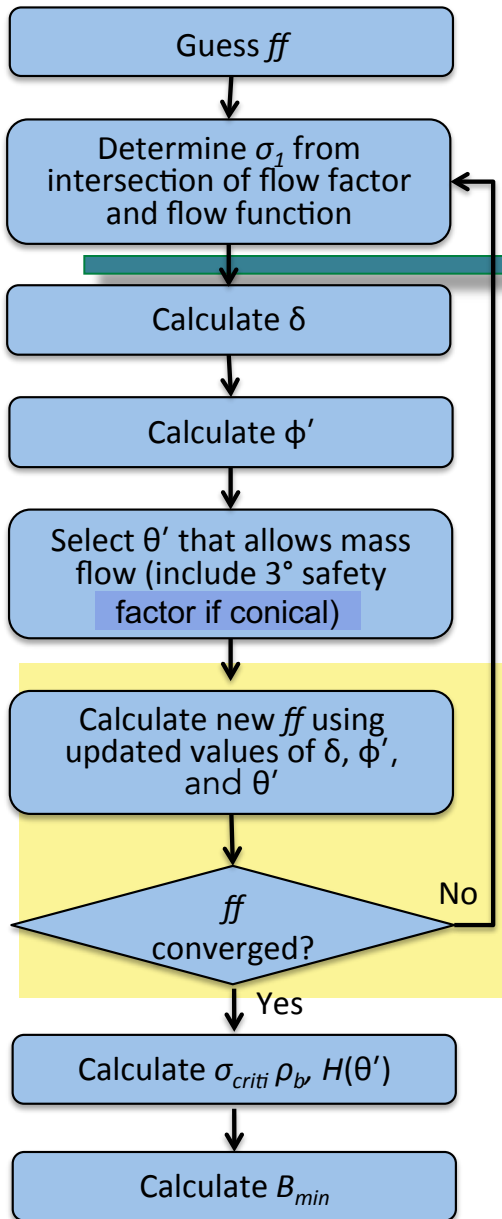
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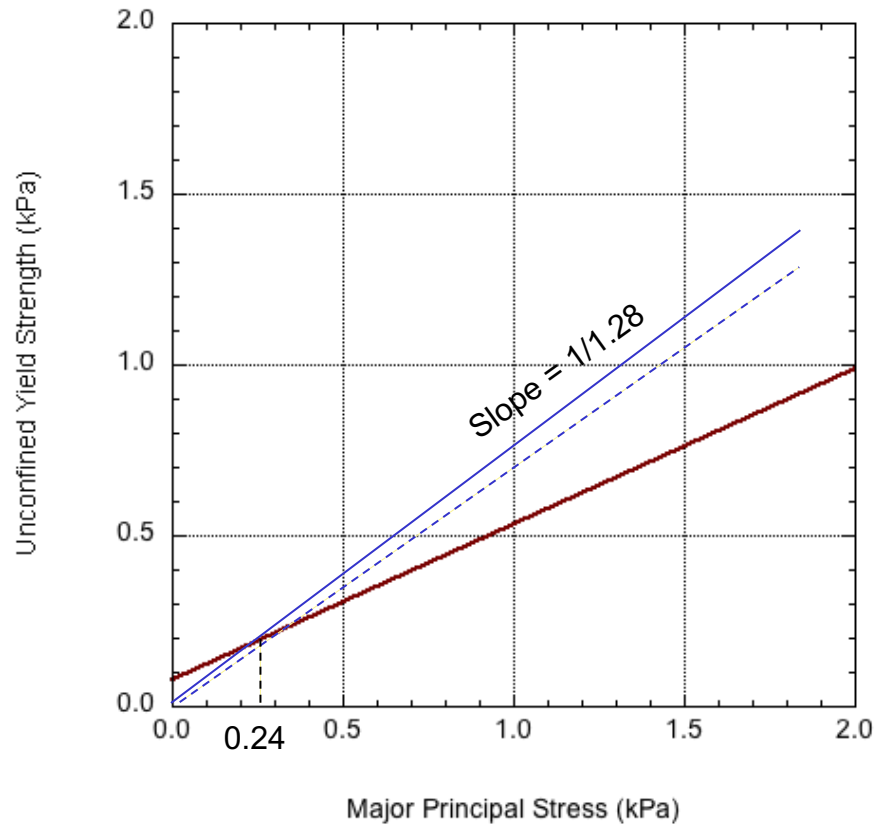
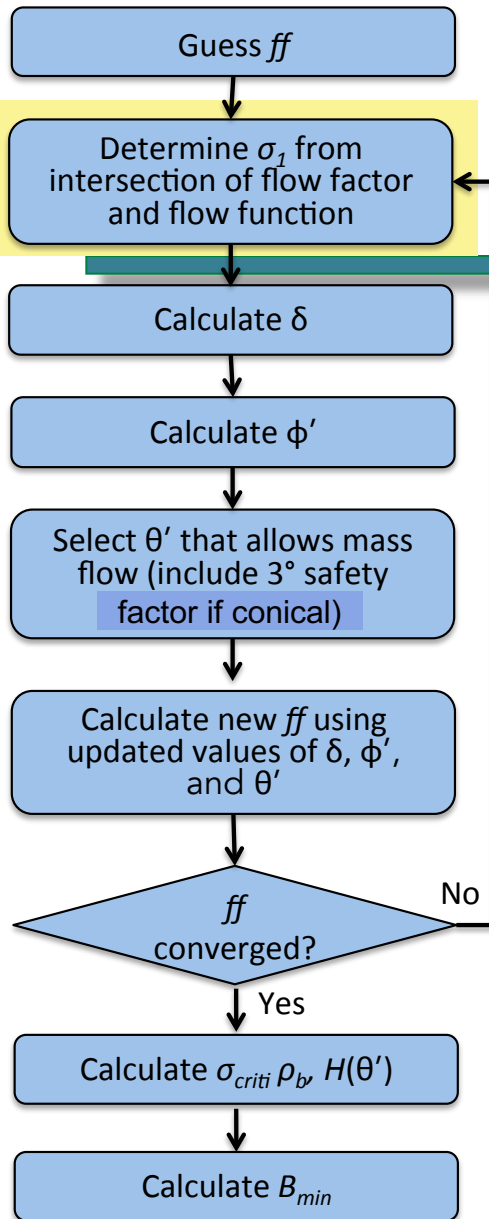
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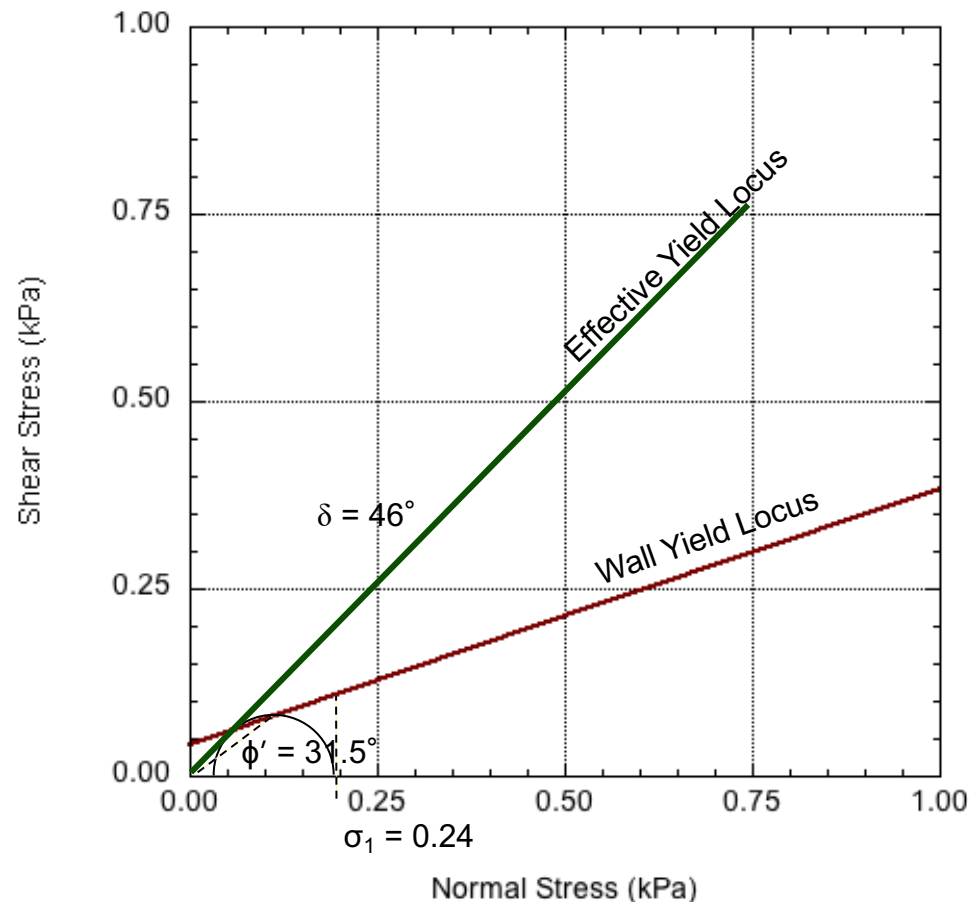
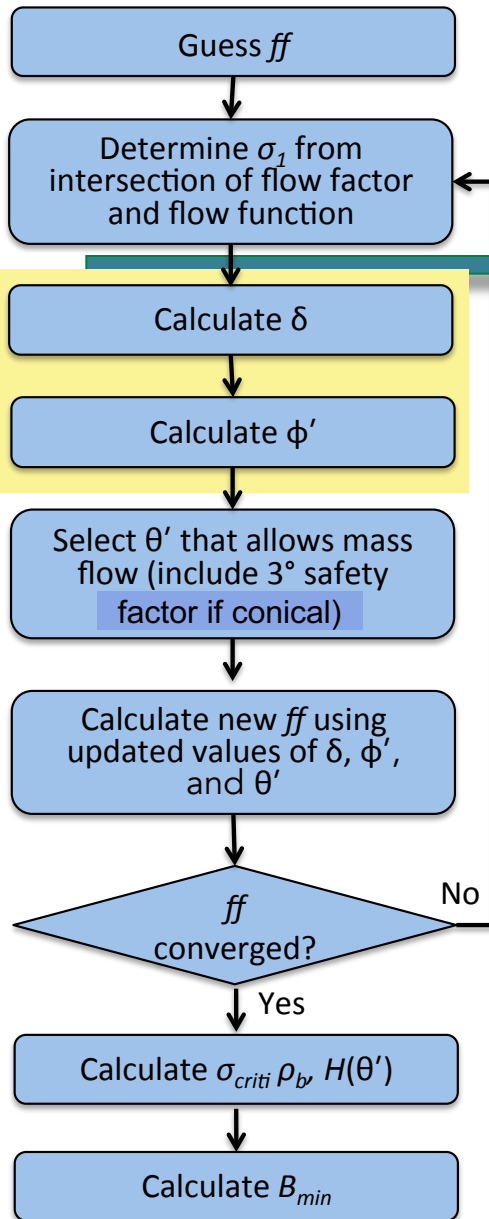
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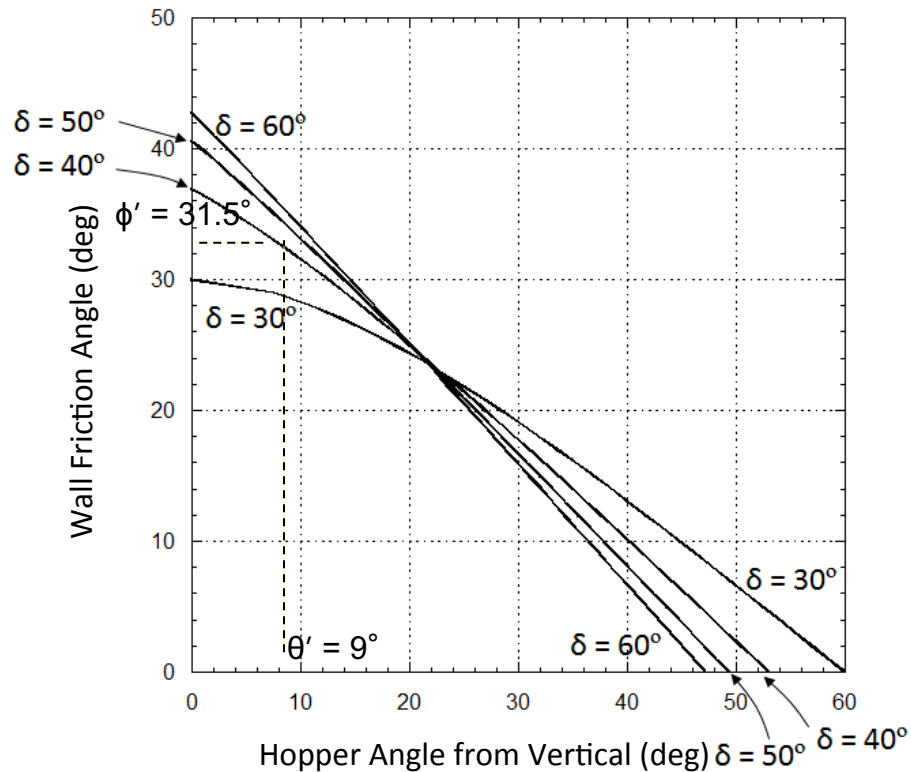
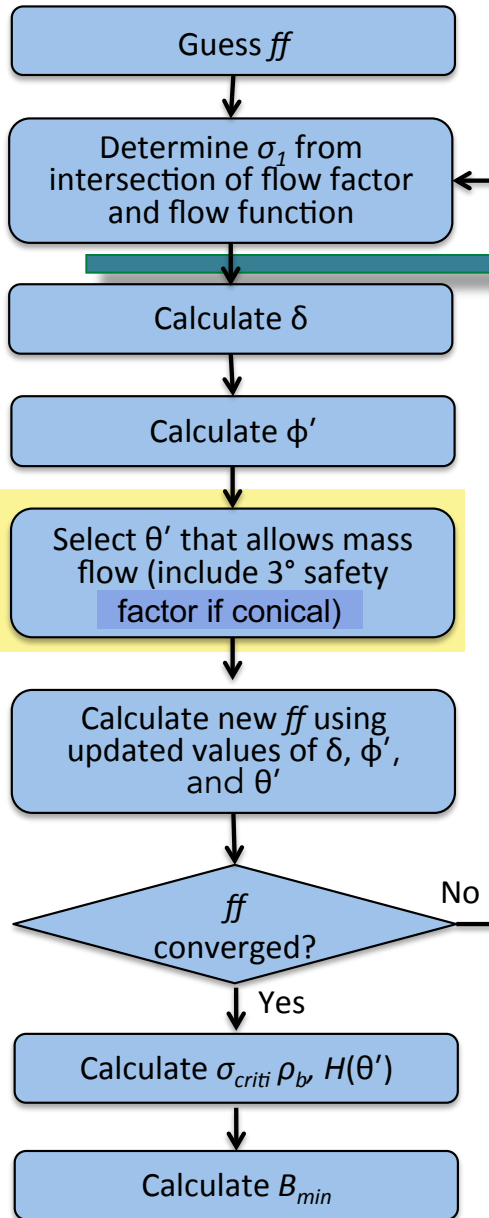
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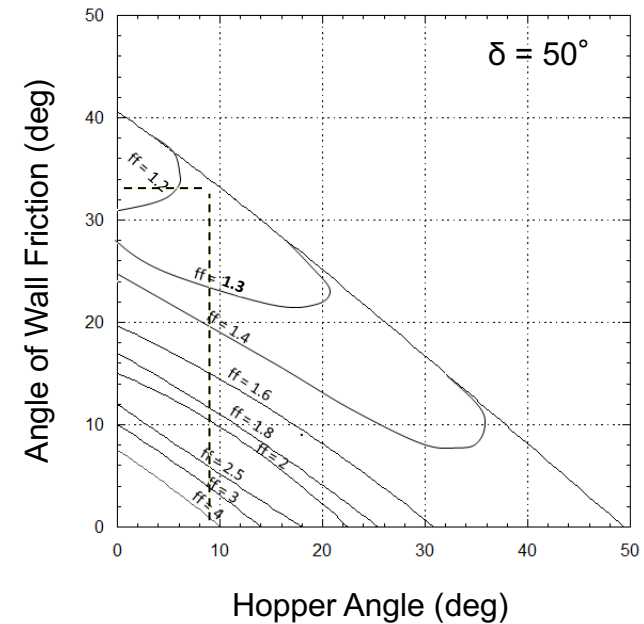
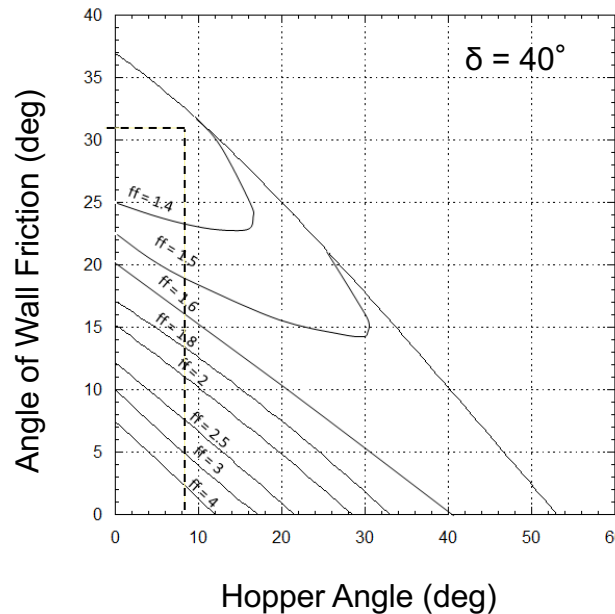
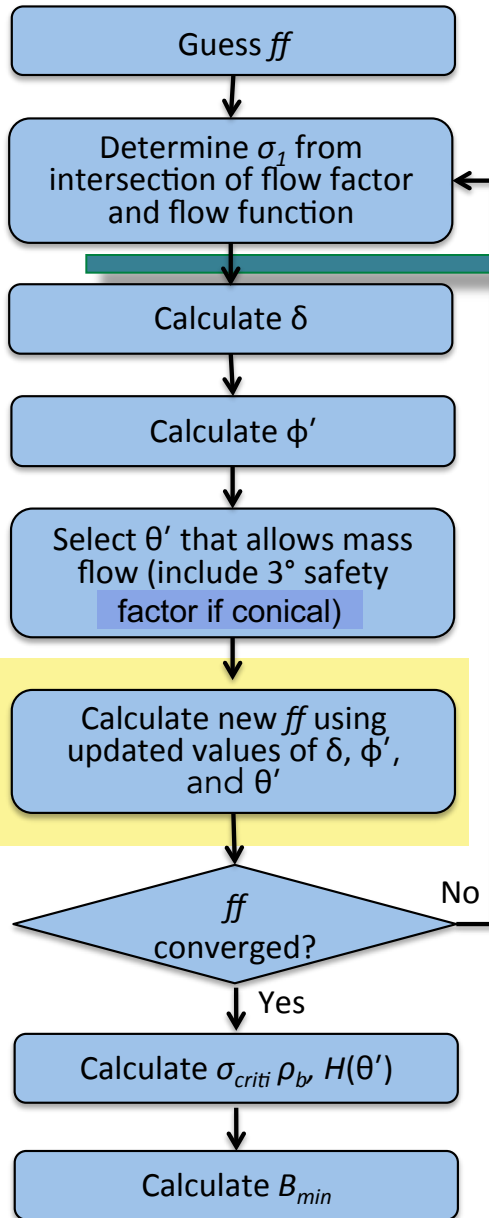
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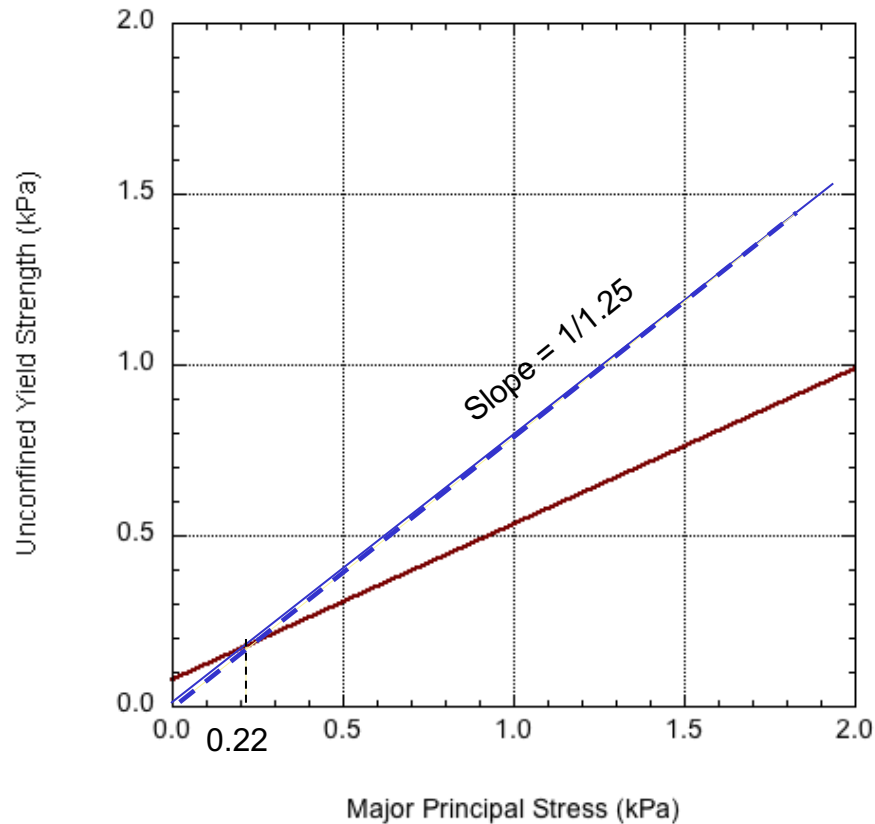
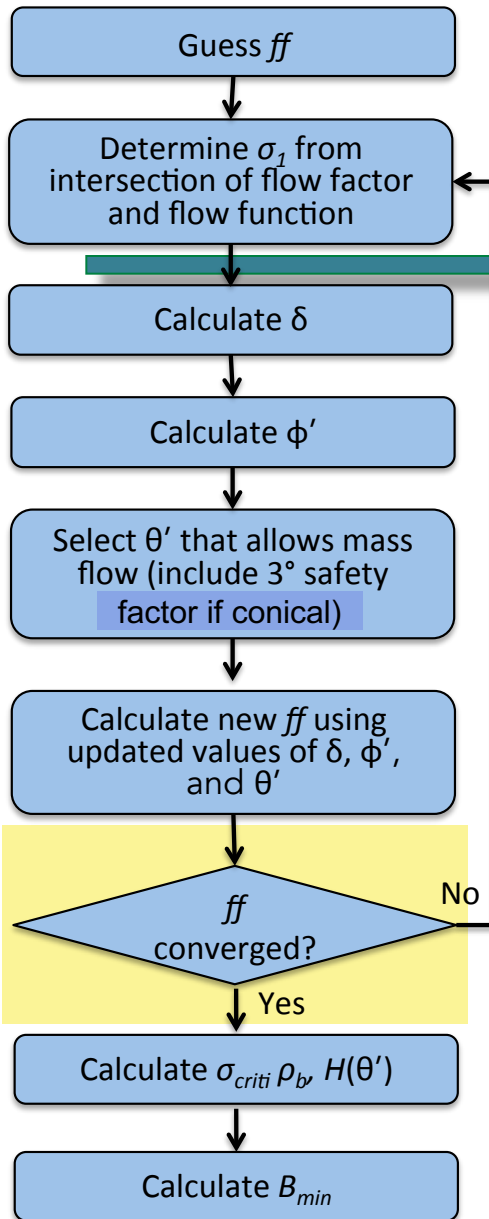
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@ $\delta = 46^\circ$, $\phi' = 31.5^\circ$, $\theta' = 9^\circ$ $ff = 1.25$



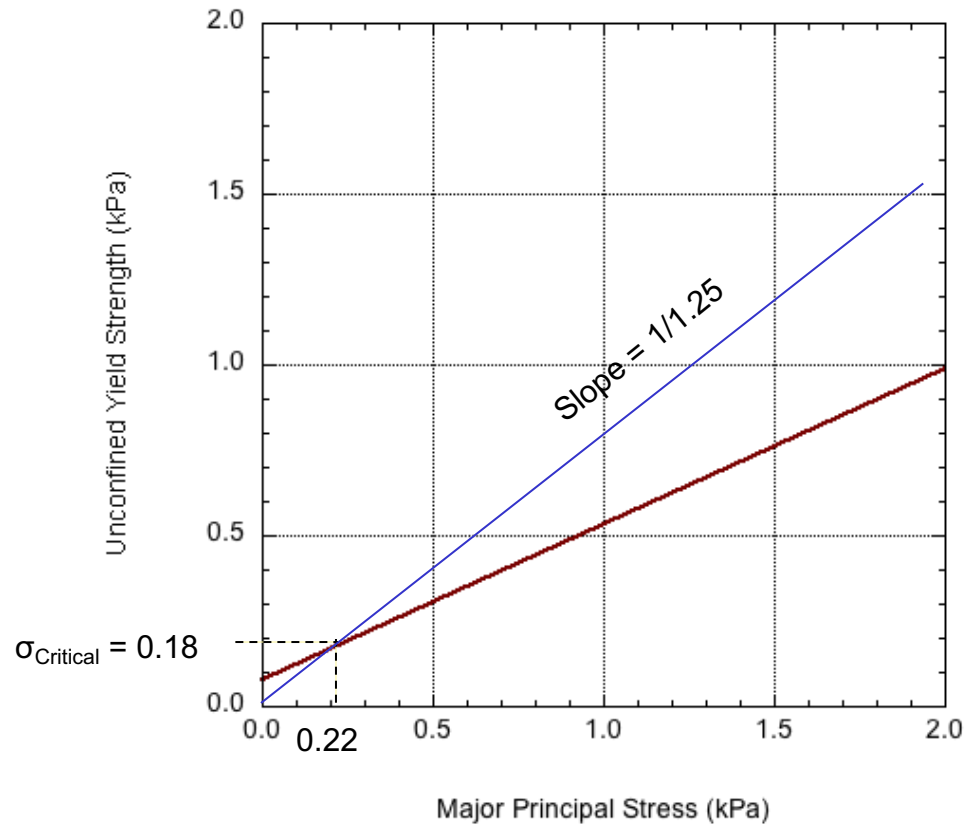
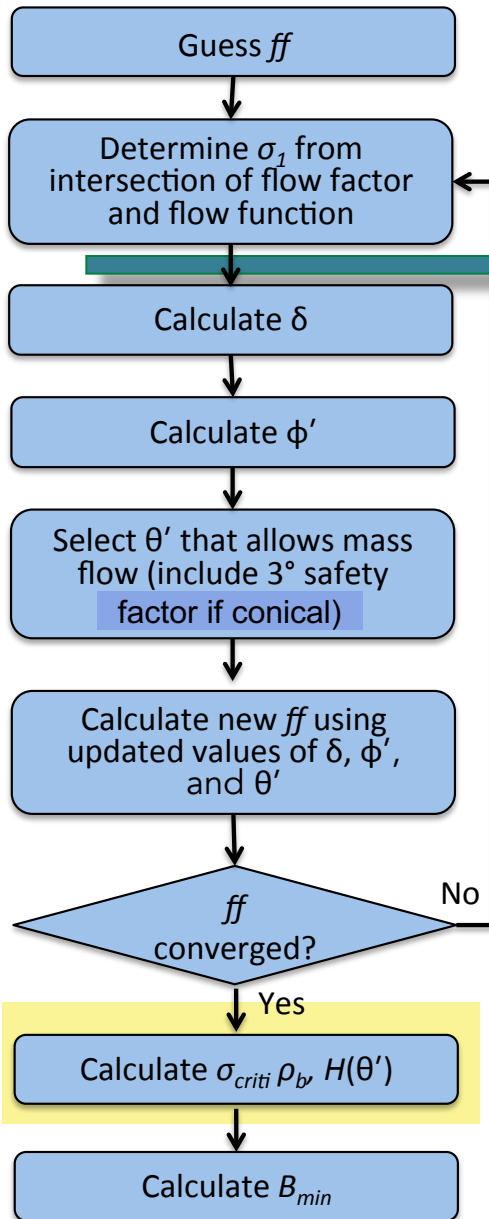
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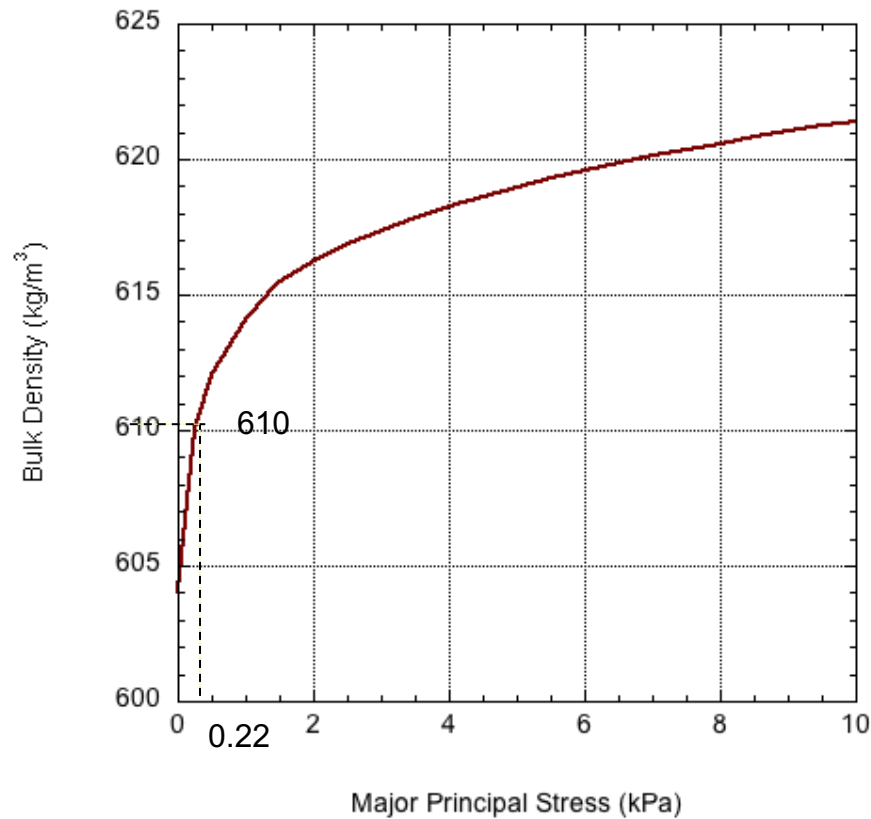
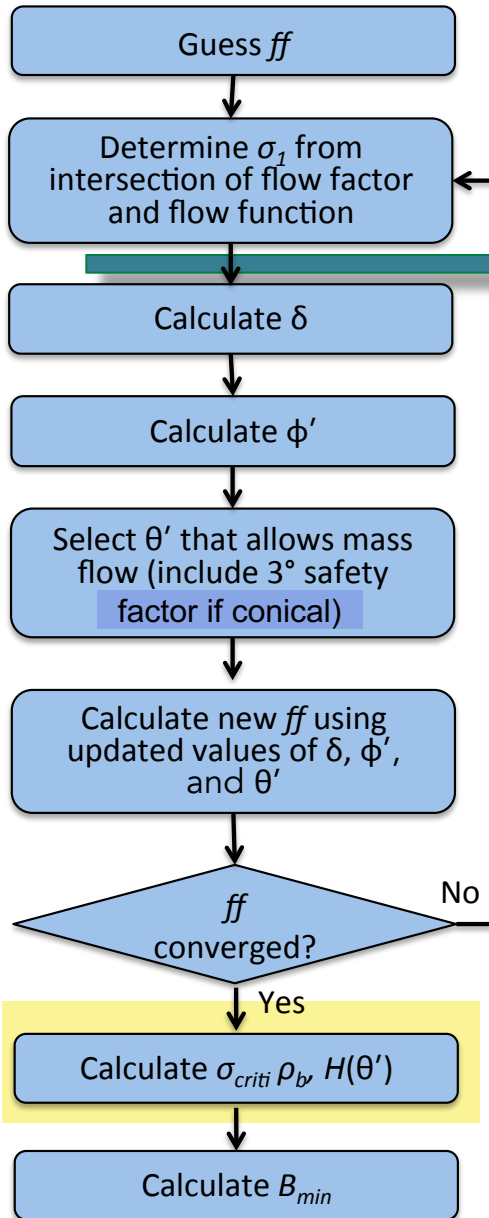
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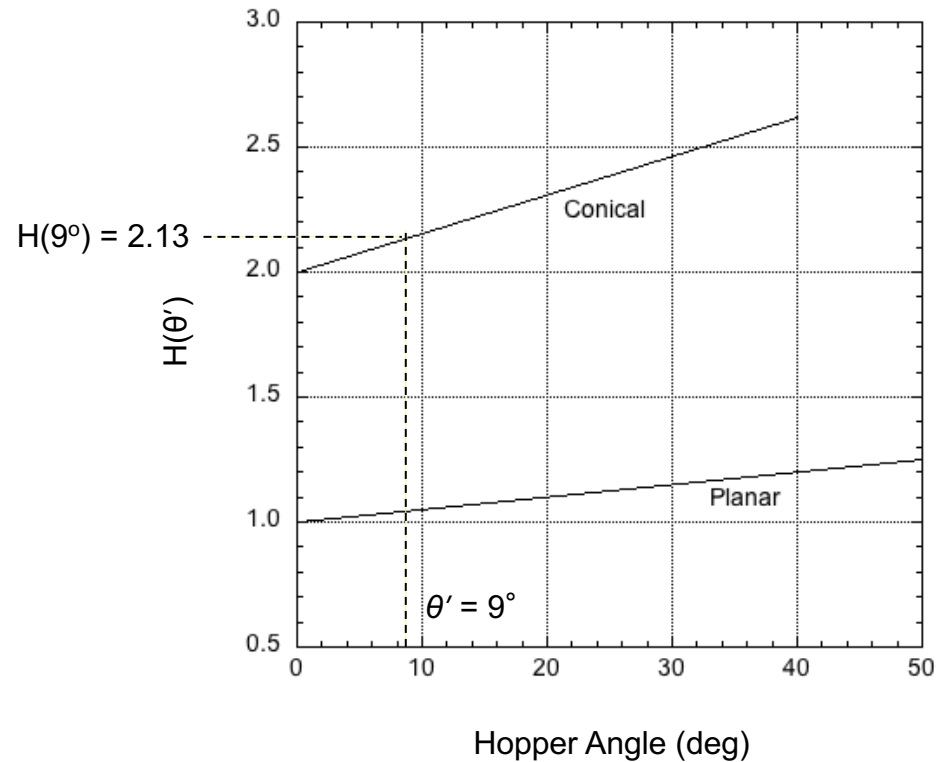
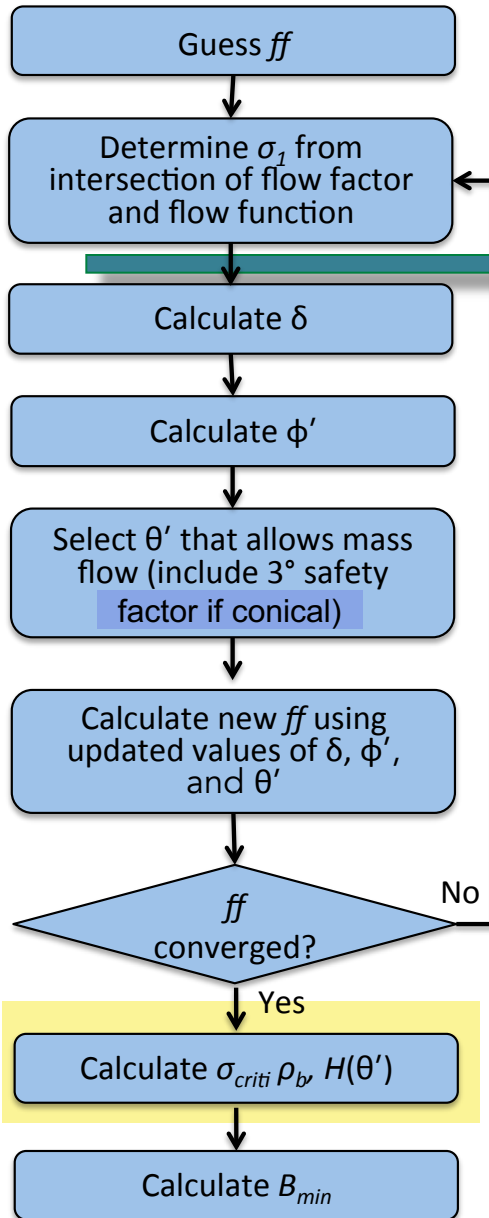
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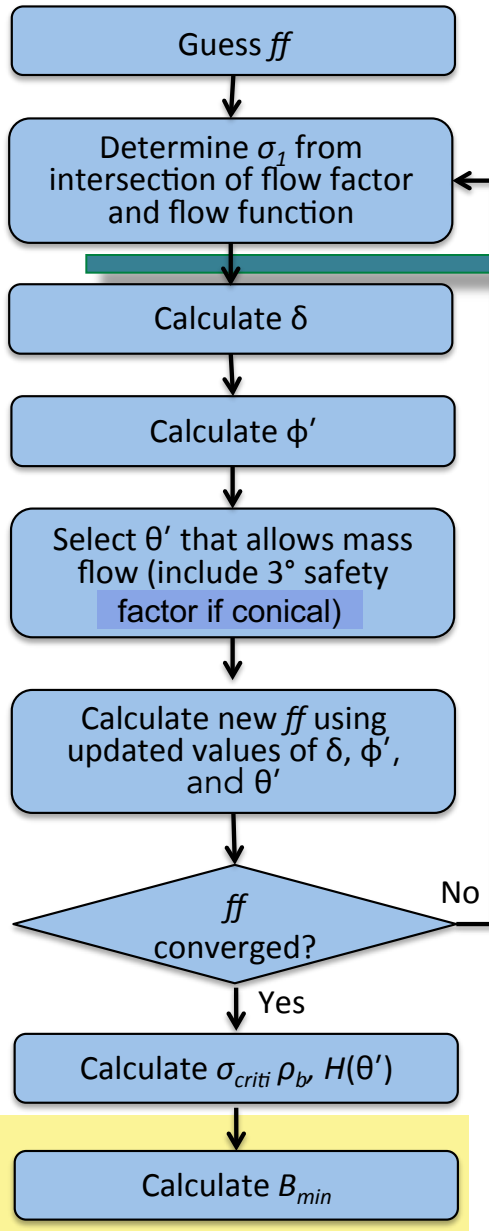
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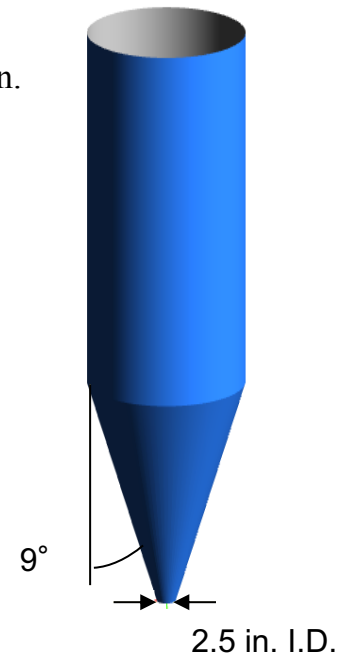
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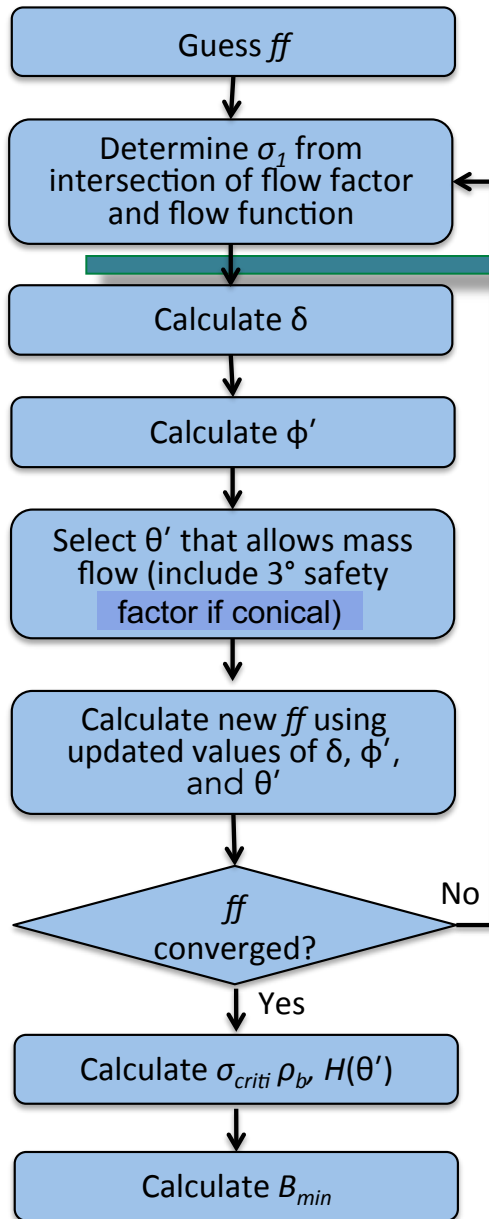
Mass flow hopper design



$$B_{min} = \frac{H(\theta')\sigma_{Critical}}{\rho_b g} = \frac{(2.19)(0.18)(1000)}{(9.8)(610)} = 0.064 \text{ m} = 2.5 \text{ in.}$$

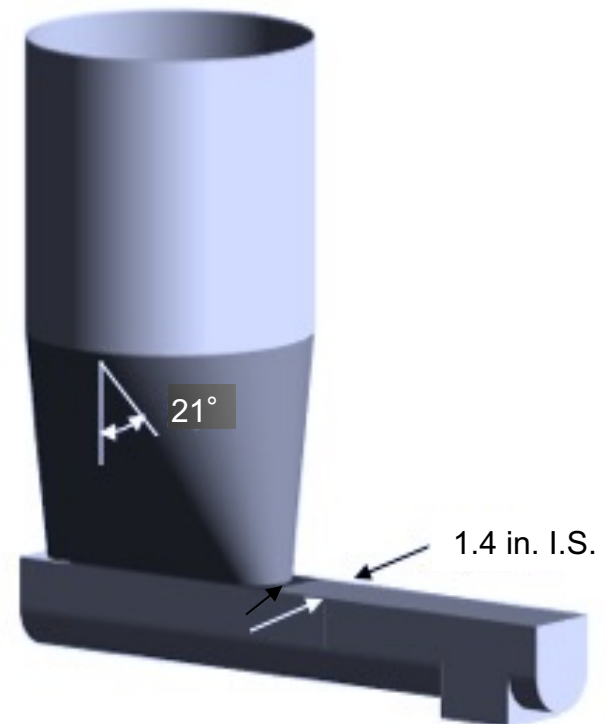


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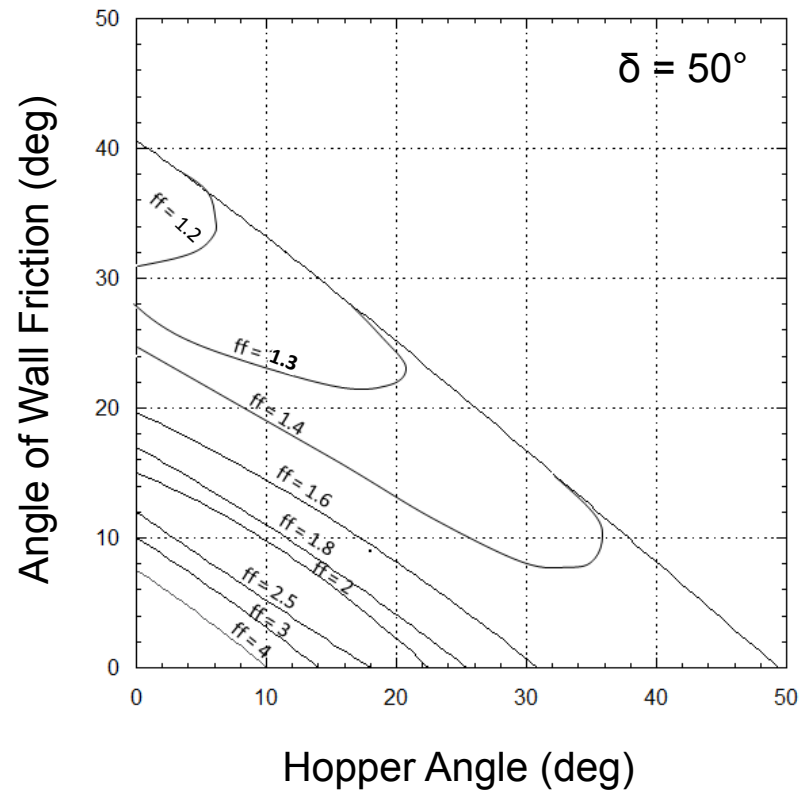


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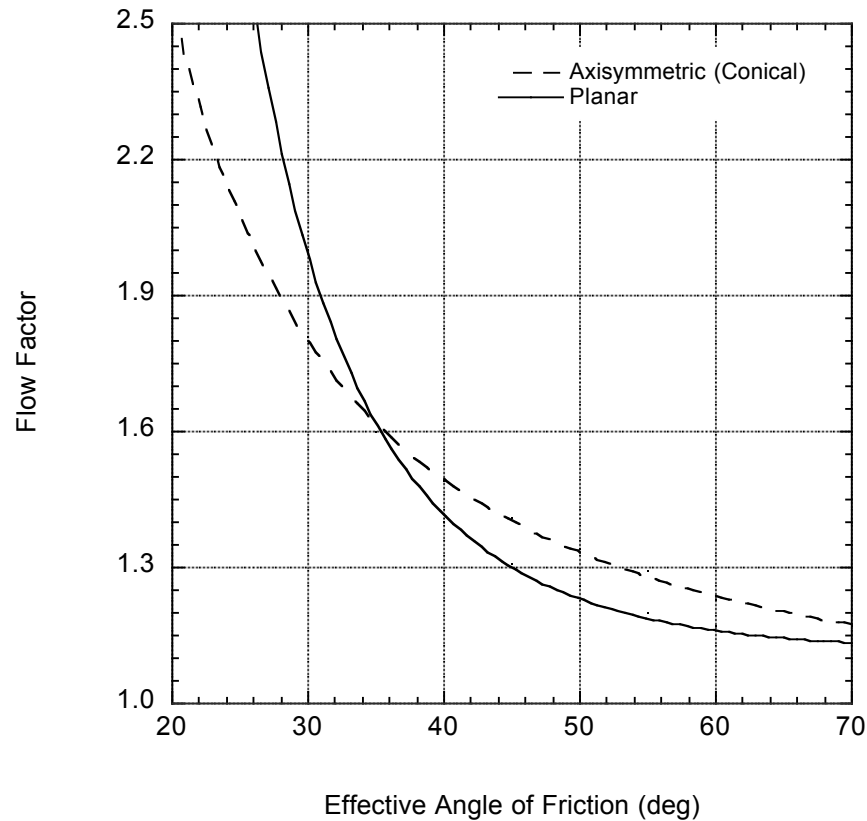
$$= \frac{(1.110)(0.20)(1000)}{(9.8)(611)} = 0.036 \text{ m} = 1.4 \text{ in.}$$



Short-cut method



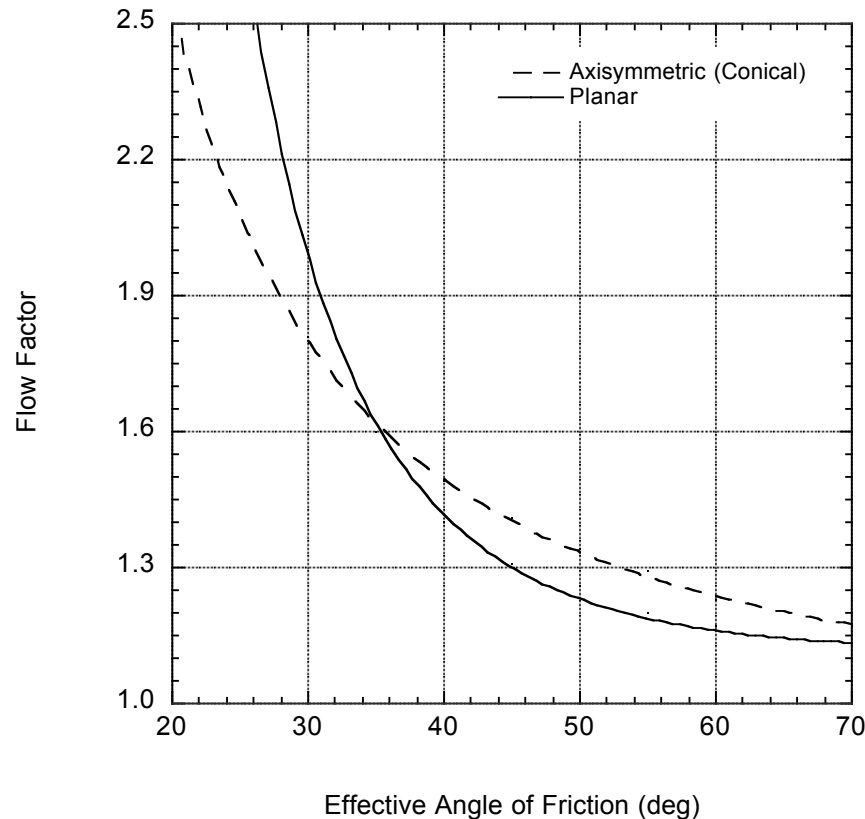
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Johanson (1985)



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Axisymmetric

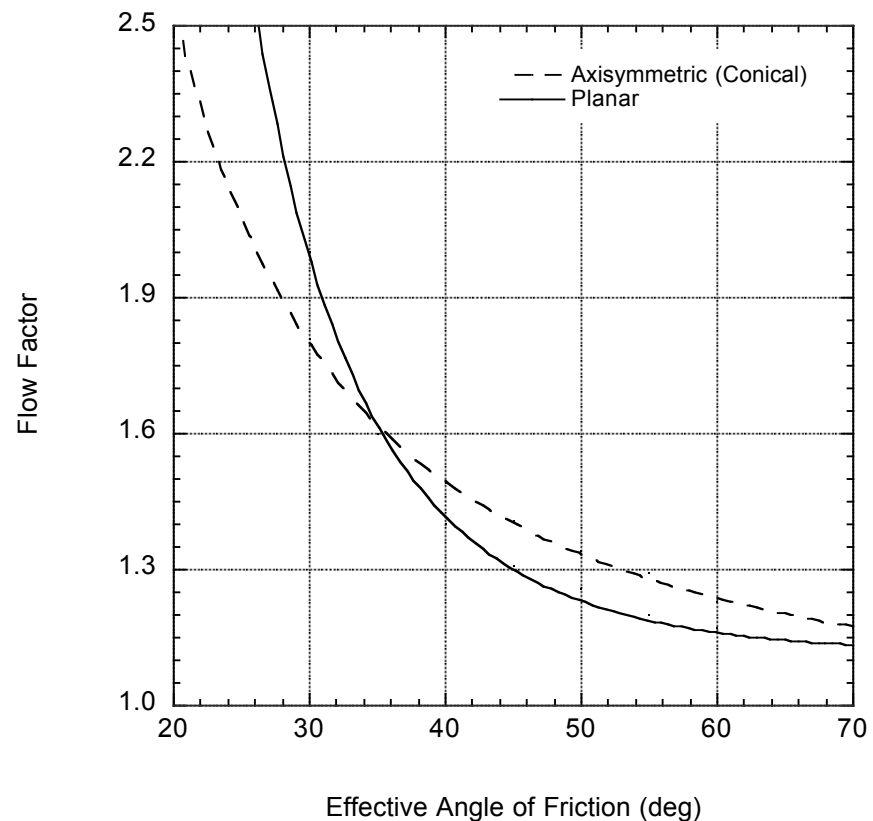
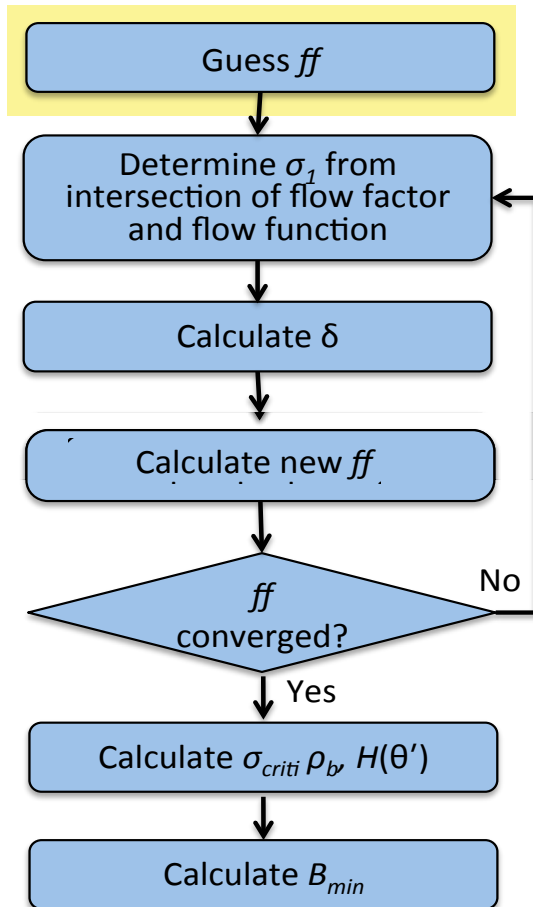
$$ff = 1.118 + \frac{0.285}{(\tan \delta)^{1.59}}$$

Planar

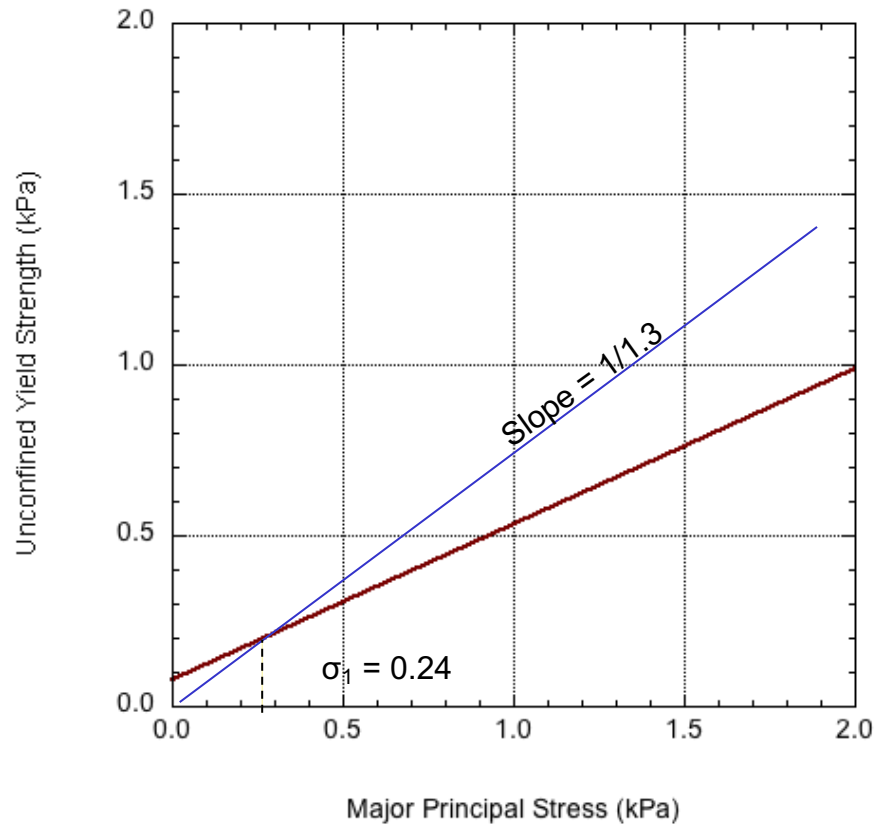
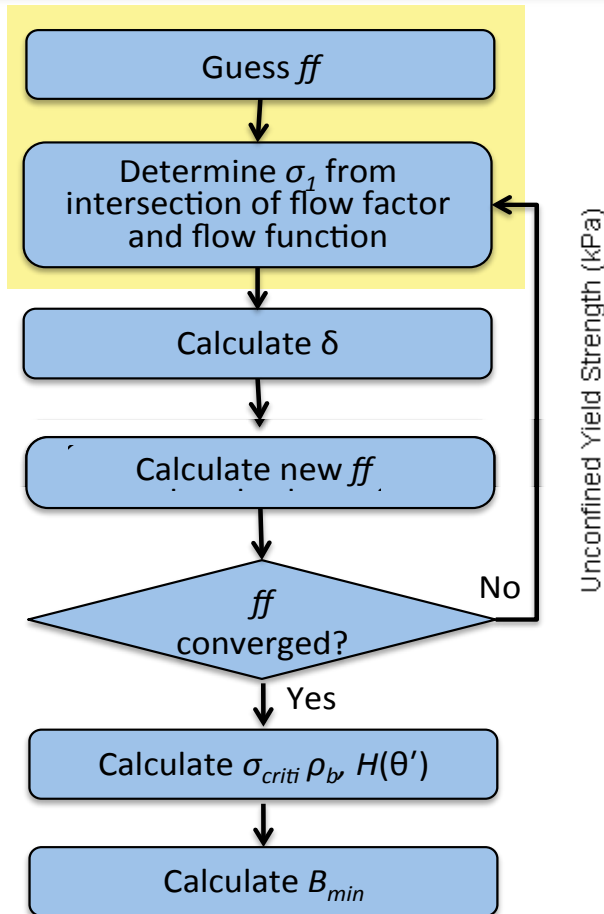
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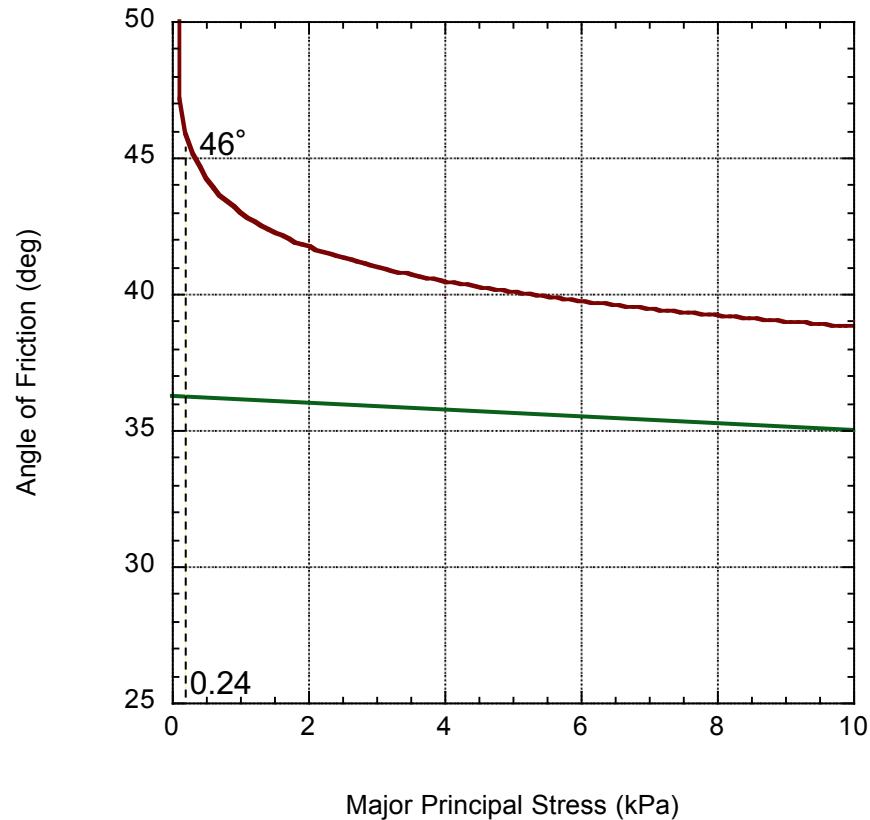
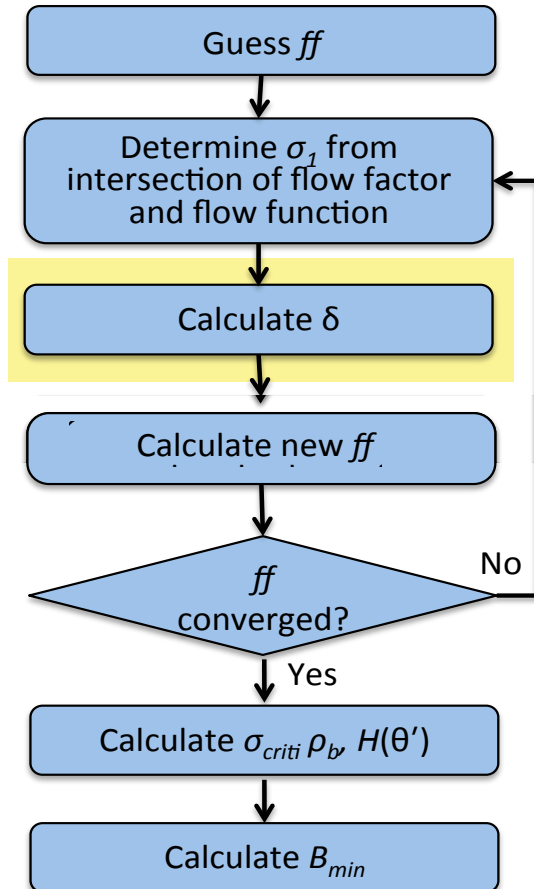
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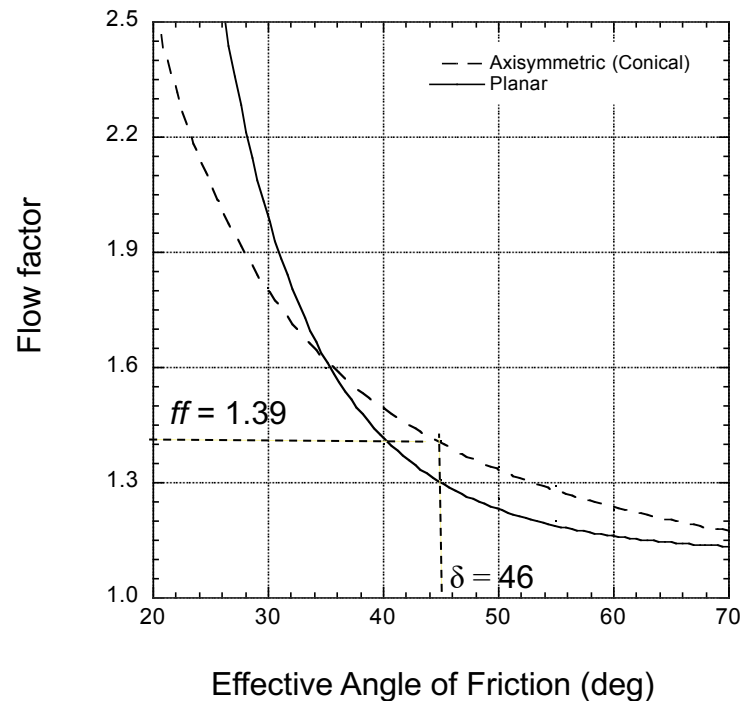
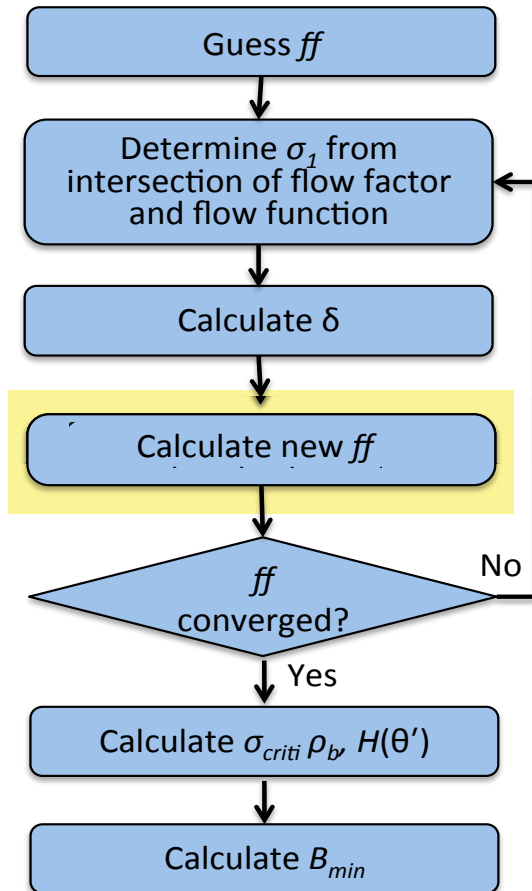
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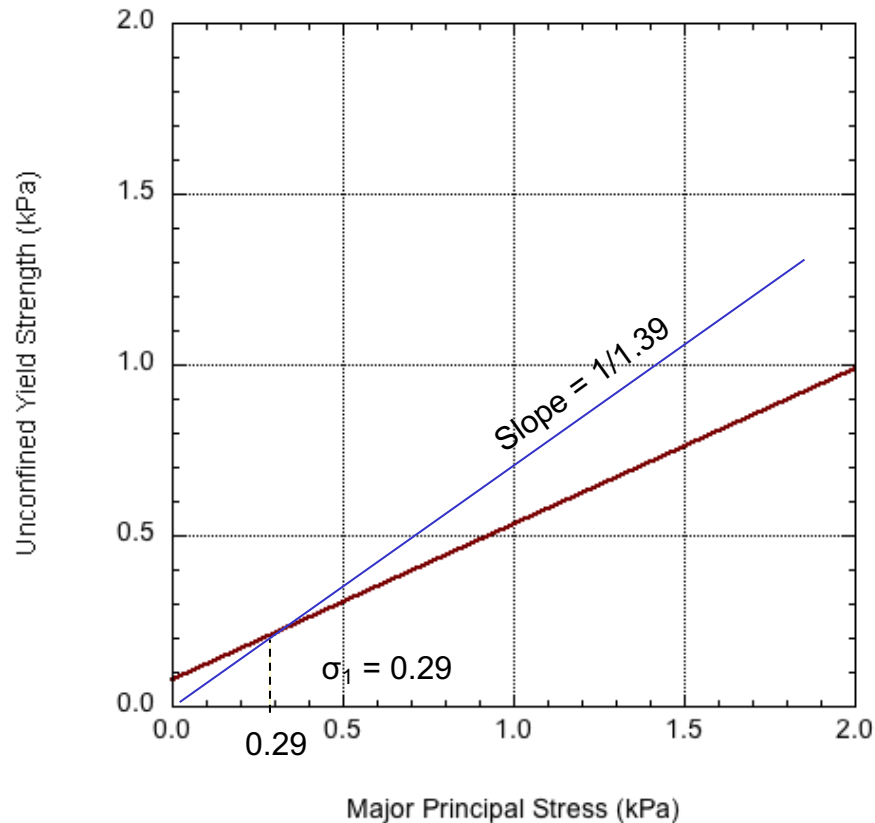
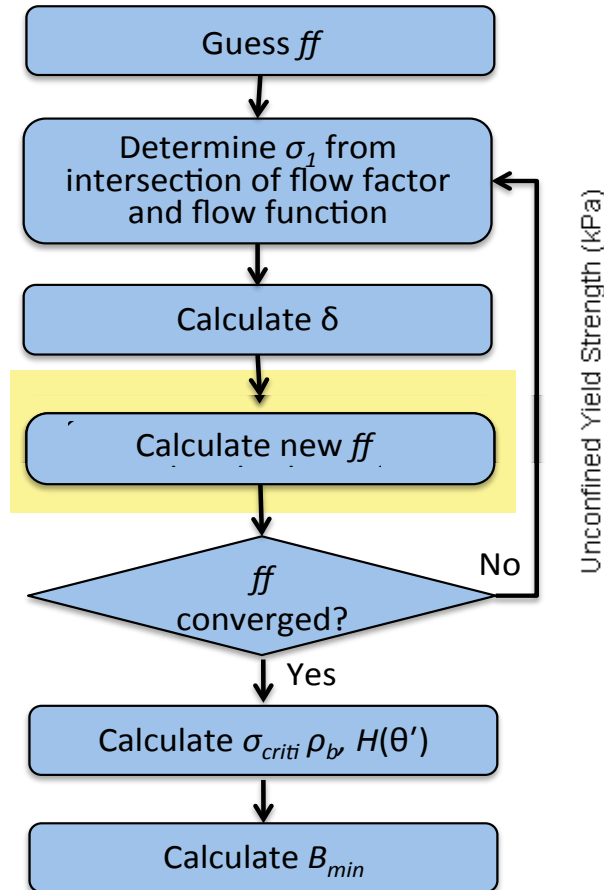
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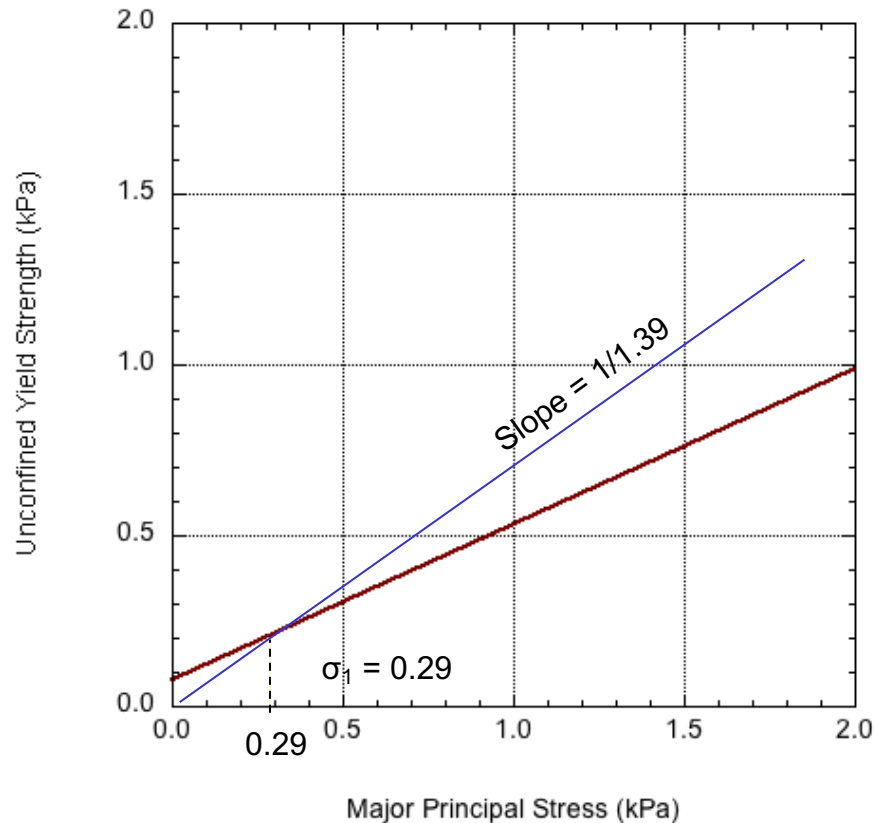
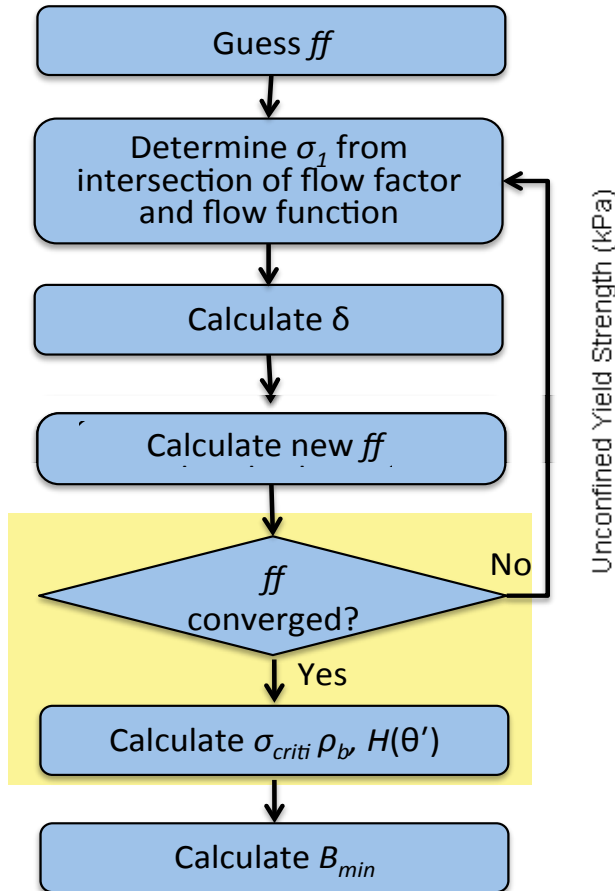
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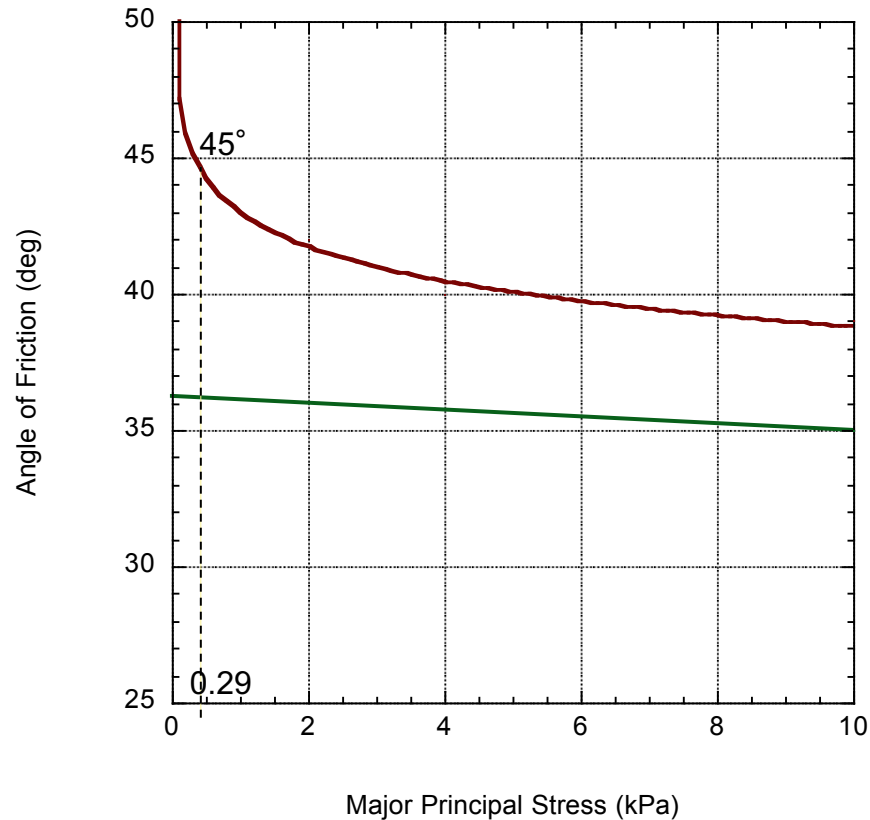
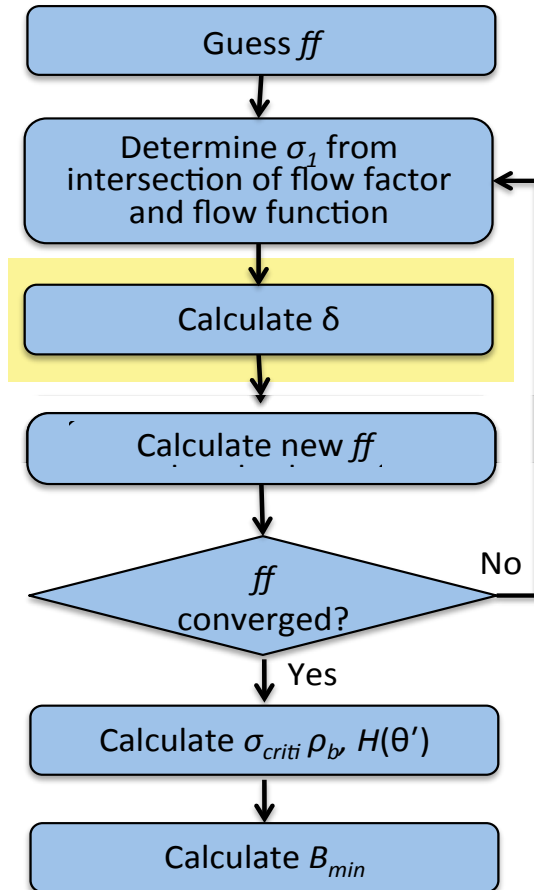
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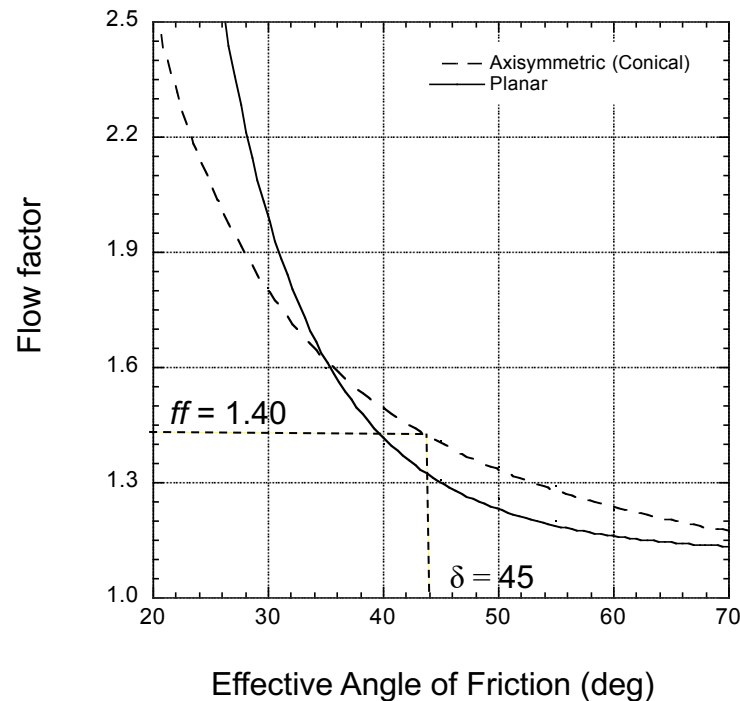
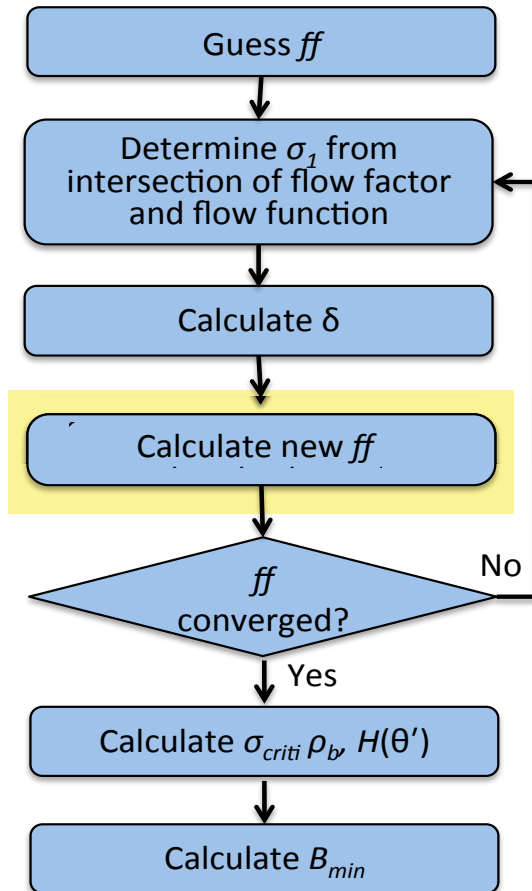
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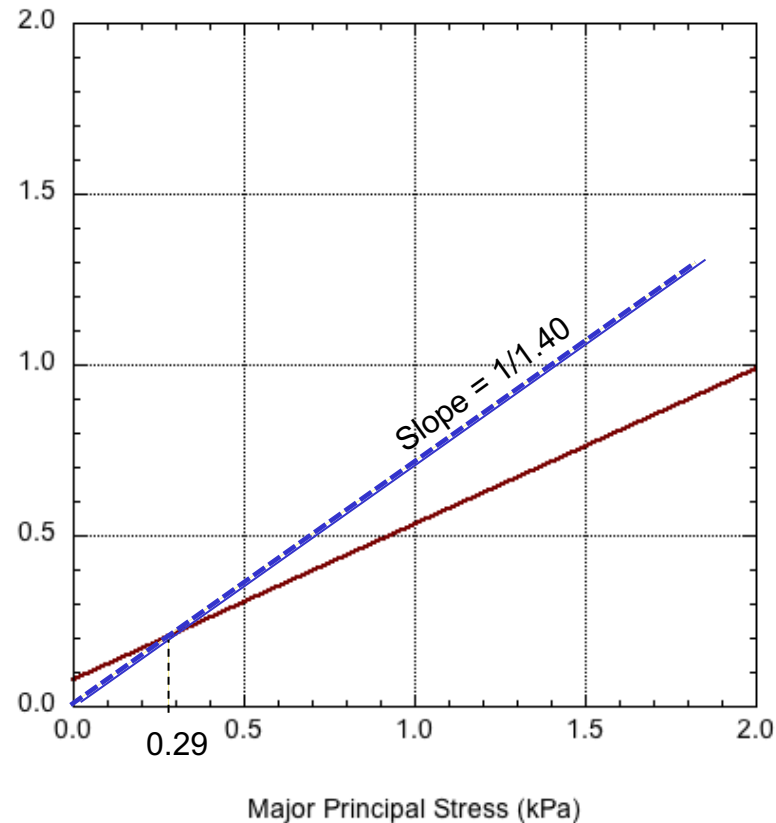
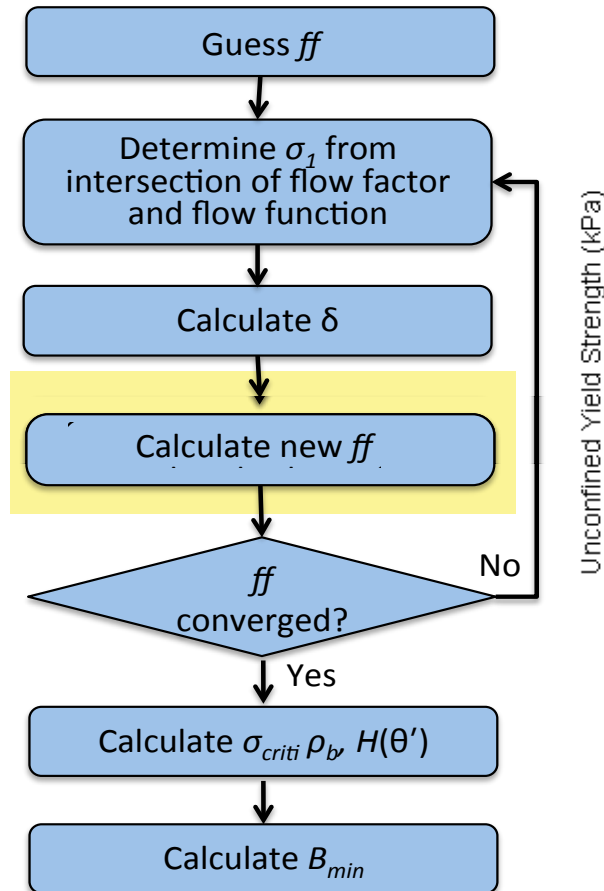
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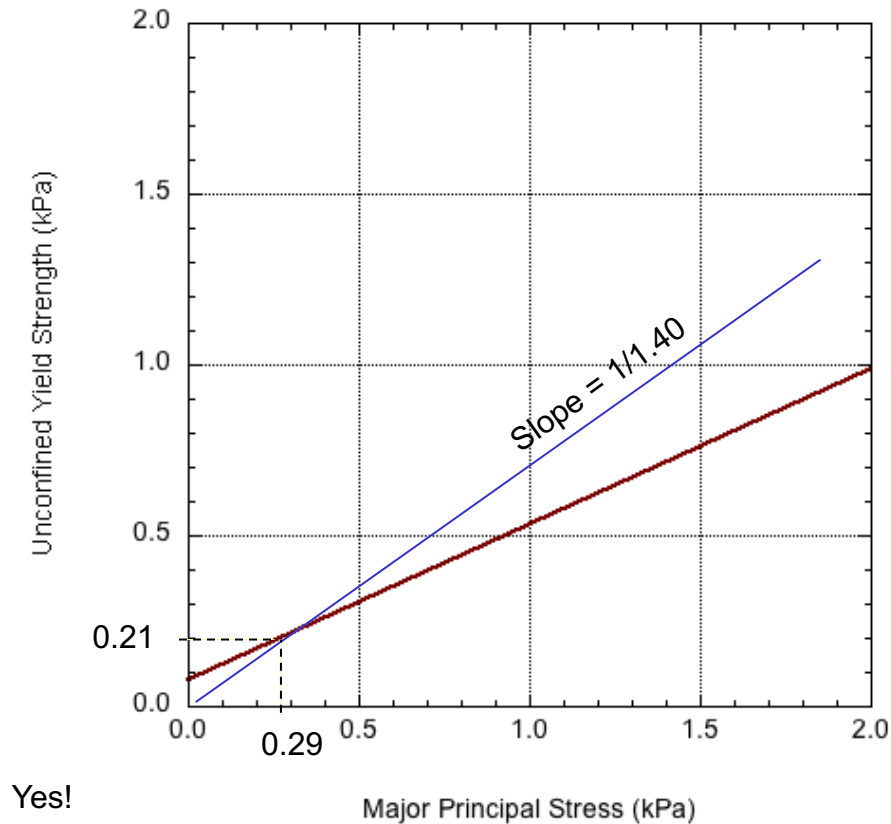
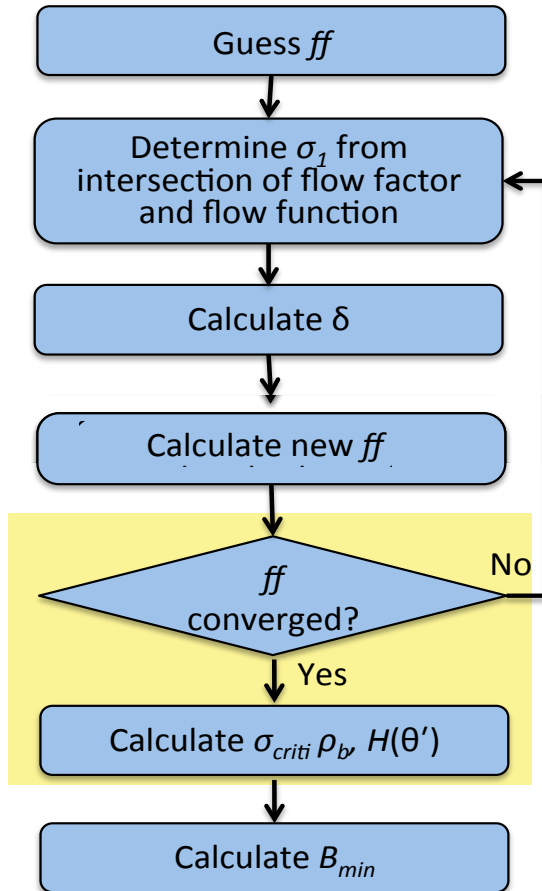
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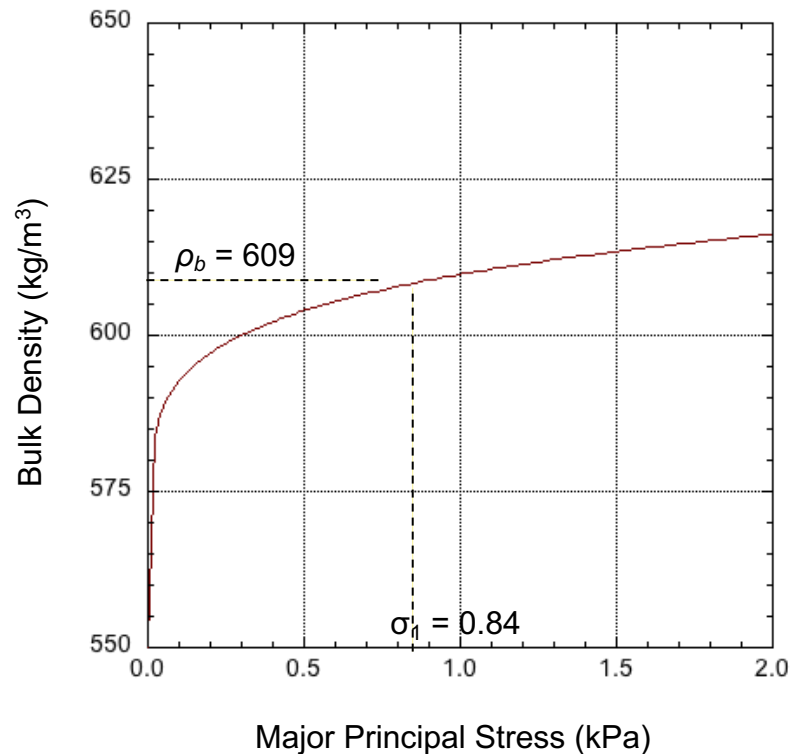
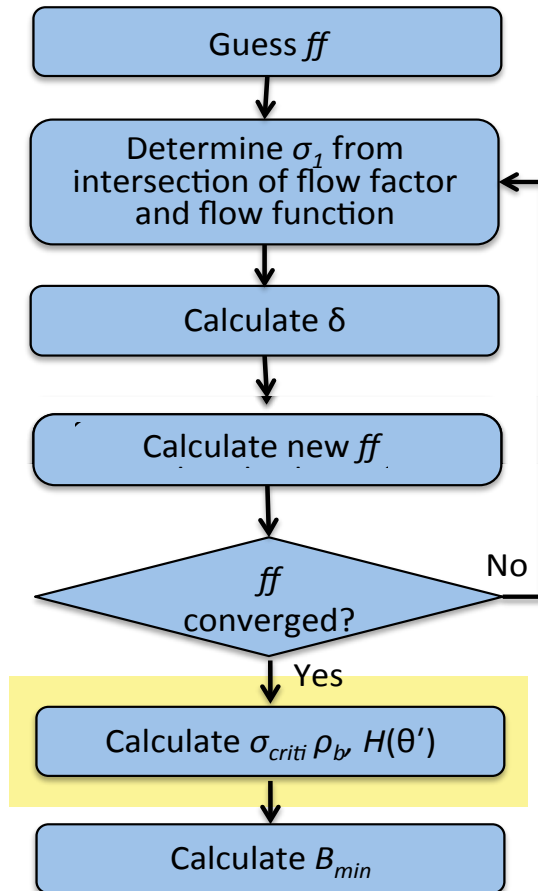
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Use $H(20^\circ) = 2.3$

$$B_{min} = \frac{(2.3)(0.21)(1000)}{(611)(9.8)} = 0.081 \text{ m}$$

$B_{min} = 0.081 \text{ m}$
 $= 3.1 \text{ in.}$



TUNRA Analytical expressions

Mass flow hopper angles

Conical

$$\theta' = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \sin \delta}{2 \sin \delta} \right) - \beta$$

$$2\beta = \phi' + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin \phi'}{\sin \delta} \right)$$

Planar, slotted outlet

$$\theta' = \frac{\exp[3.75(1.01)^{(\delta-30^\circ)/10}] - \phi'}{0.725(\tan \delta)^{1/5}}$$

Flow factors

$i = 1$: conical, $i = 0$: planar, slotted outlet

$$ff = \frac{Y(1 + \sin \delta)H(\theta')}{2(X - 1)(\sin \theta')}$$

$$X = \frac{2^i \sin \delta}{1 - \sin \delta} \left[\frac{\sin(2\beta + \theta')}{\sin \theta'} + 1 \right]$$

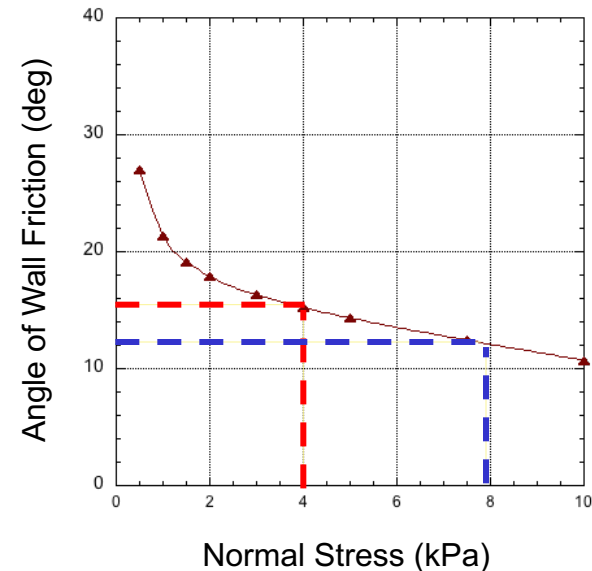
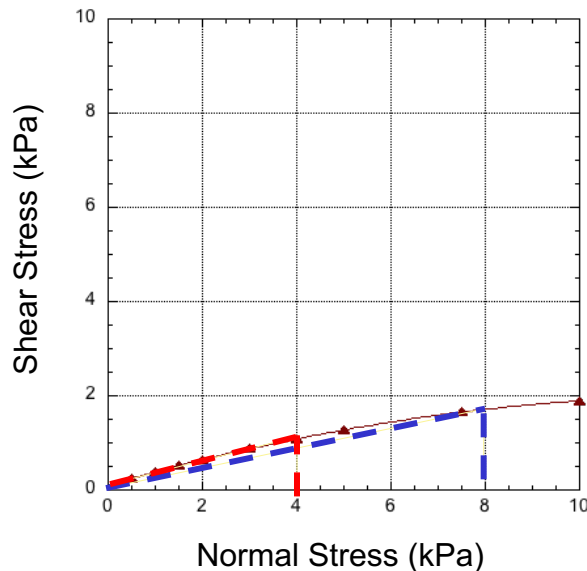
$$Y = \frac{[2(1 - \cos(\beta + \theta'))]^i \sin \theta' (\beta + \theta')^{1-i} + \sin \beta \sin^{1+i}(\beta + \theta')}{(1 - \sin \delta) \sin^{2+i}(\beta + \theta')}$$

$$H(\theta') = \left(\frac{130^\circ + \theta'}{65} \right)^i \left(\frac{200^\circ + \theta'}{200^\circ} \right)^{1-i}$$



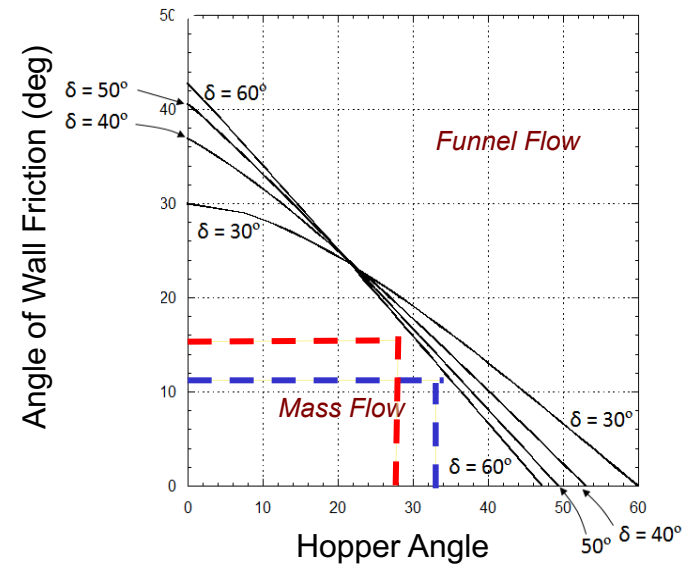
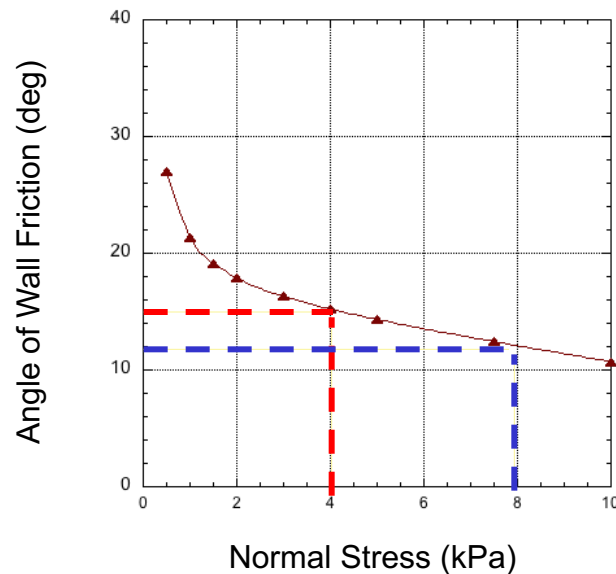
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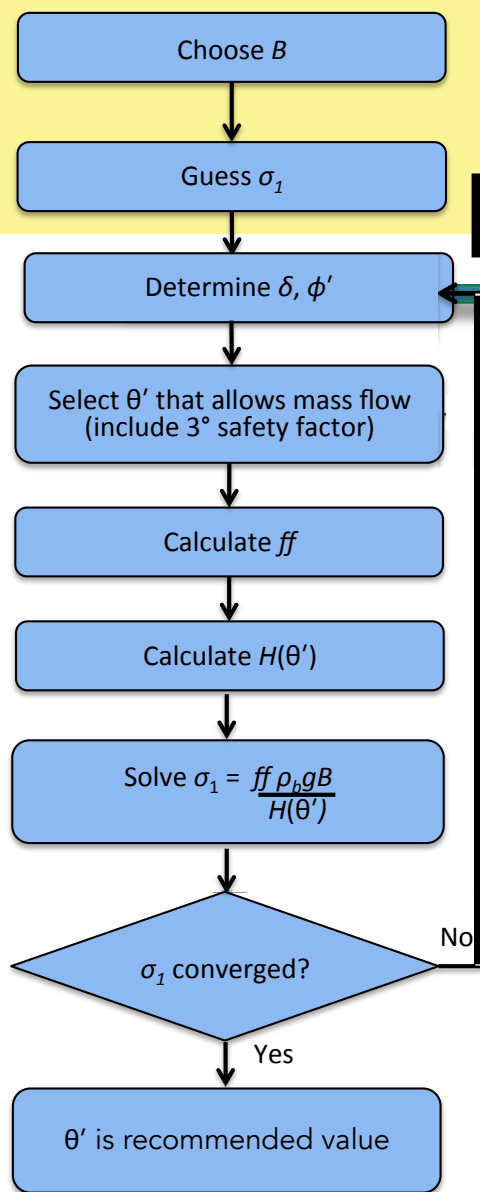


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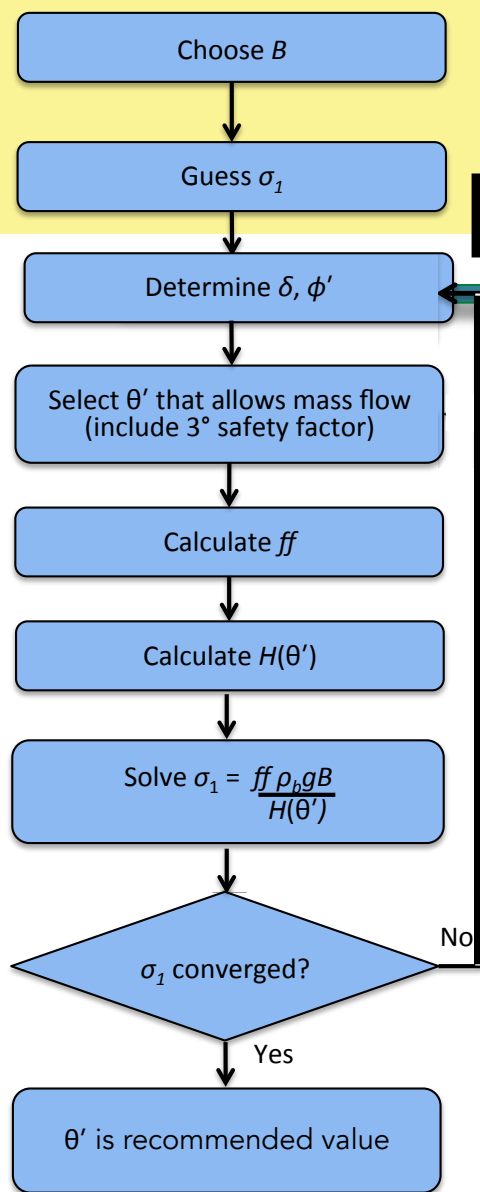
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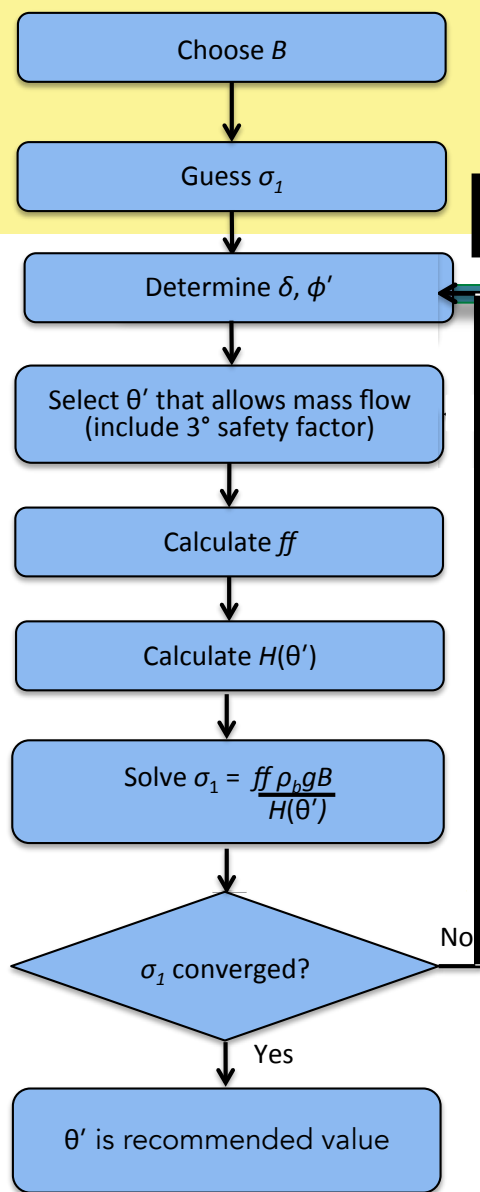
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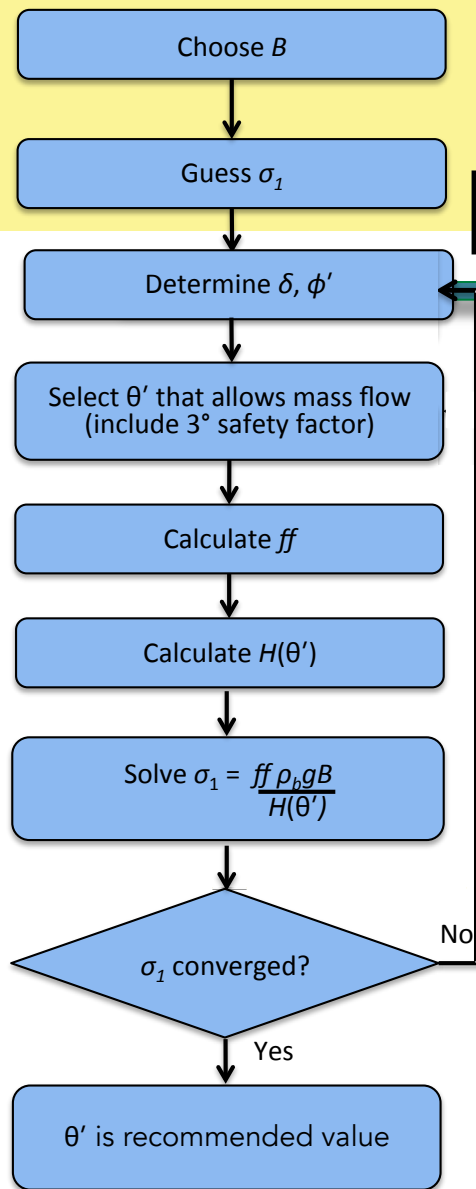


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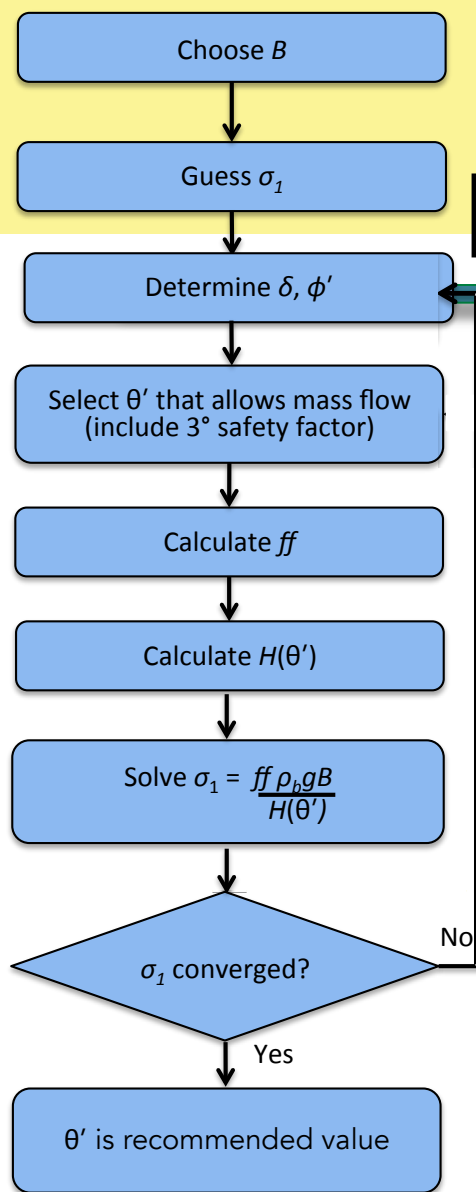
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$$\sigma_1 = \frac{ff \rho_b (\sigma_1) g B}{H(\theta')}$$



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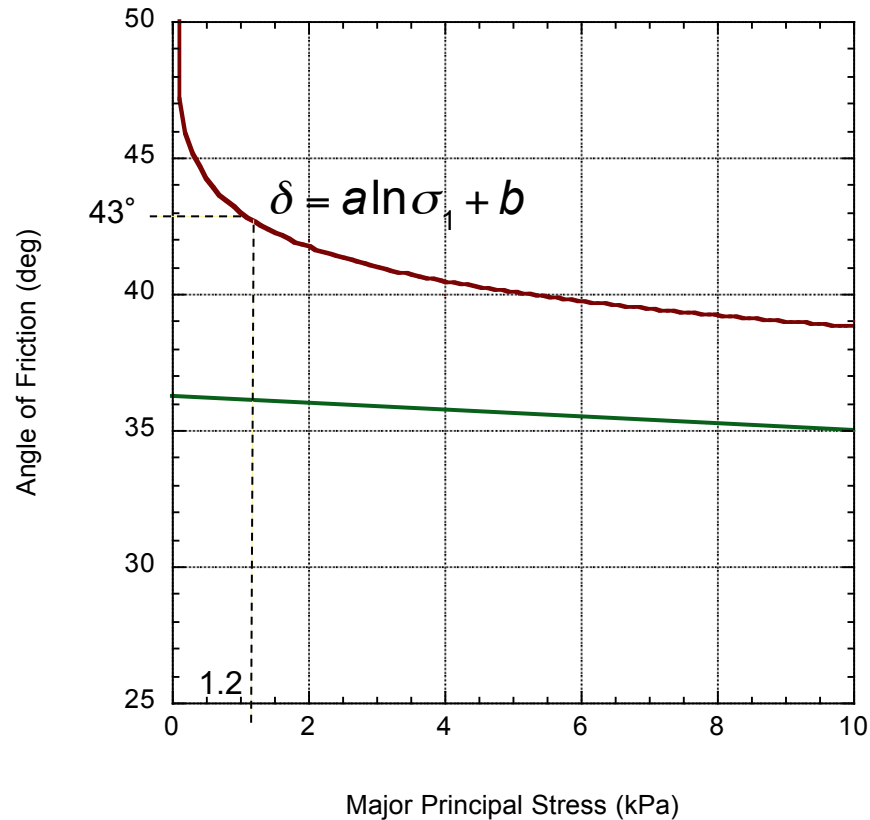
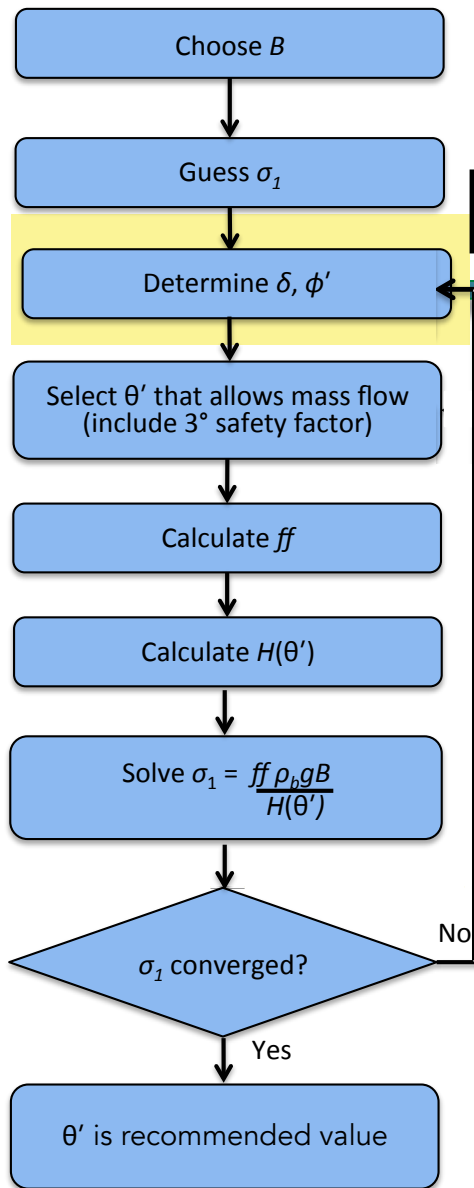


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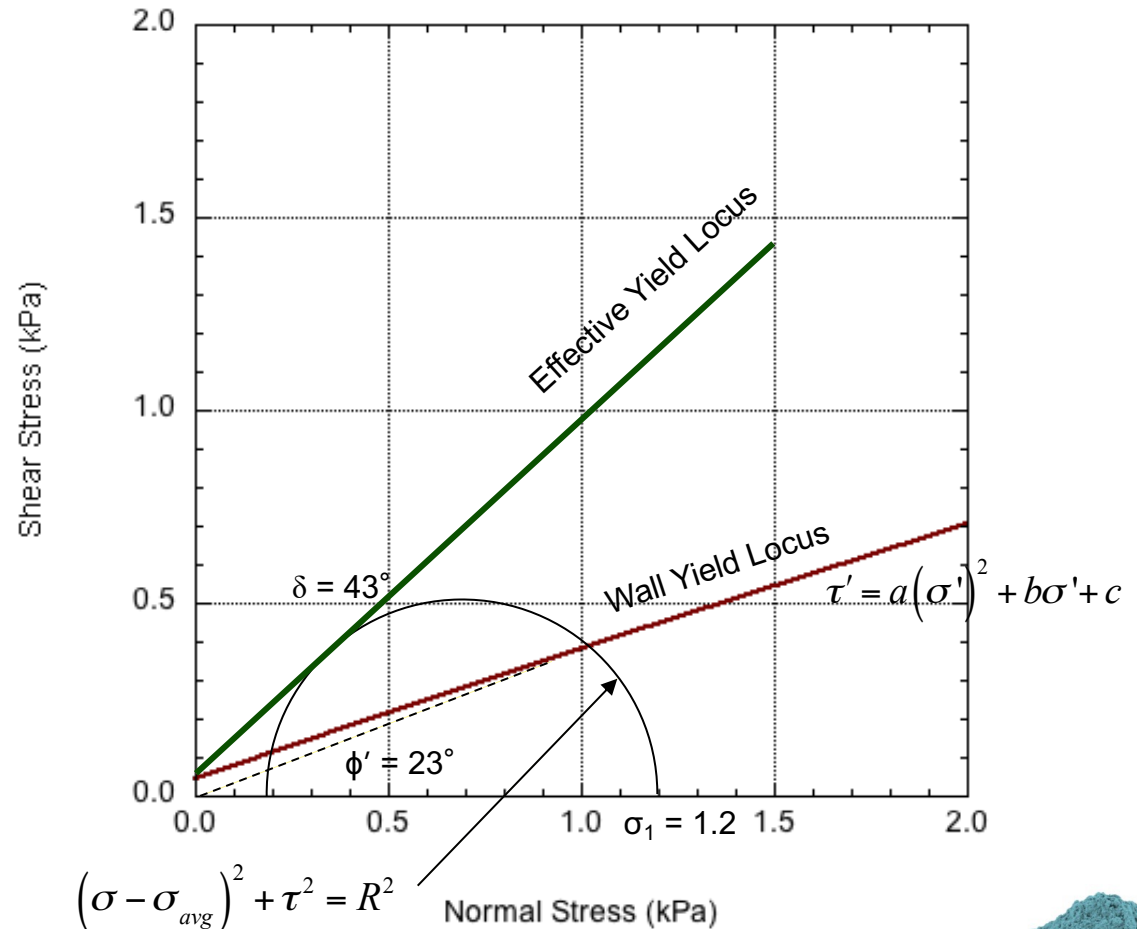
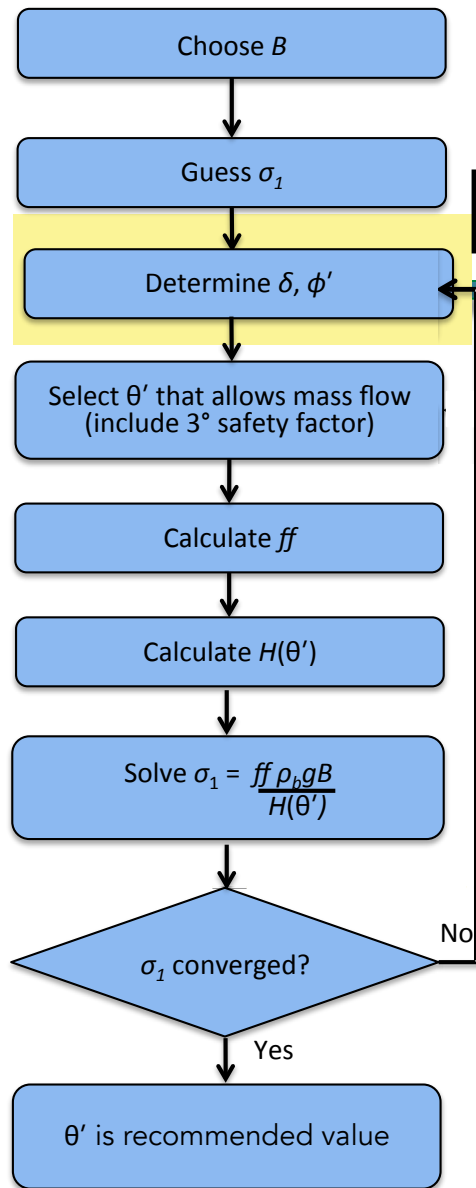
$$\sigma_1 = \frac{ff \rho_b g B}{H(\theta')}$$
$$= \frac{(1.4)(610)(9.8)(0.305)}{(2.3)(1000)} = 1.2$$



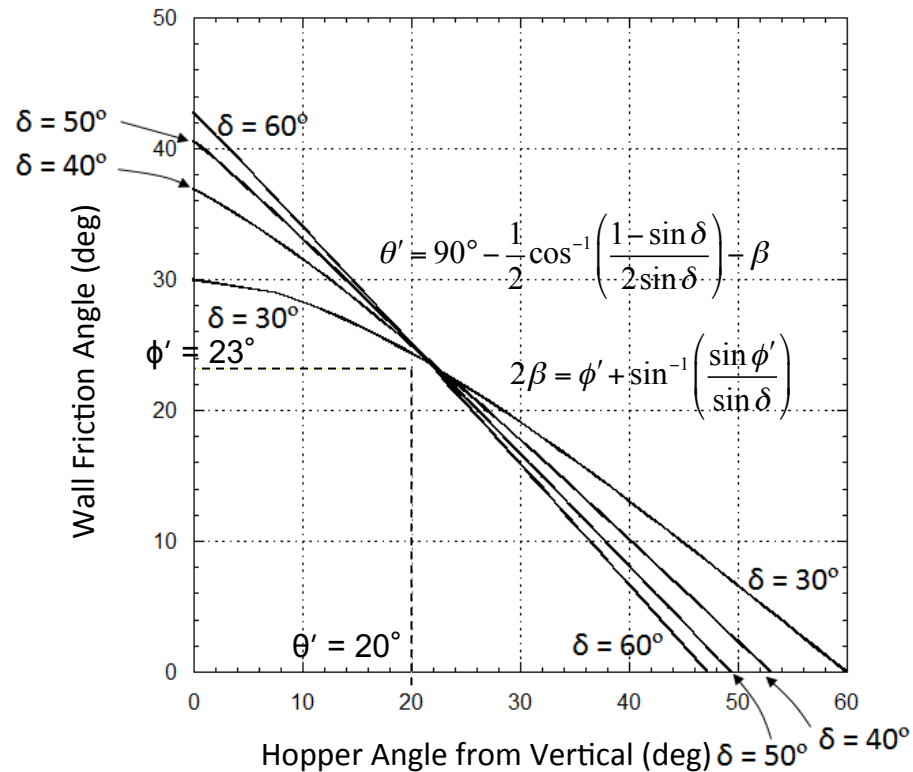
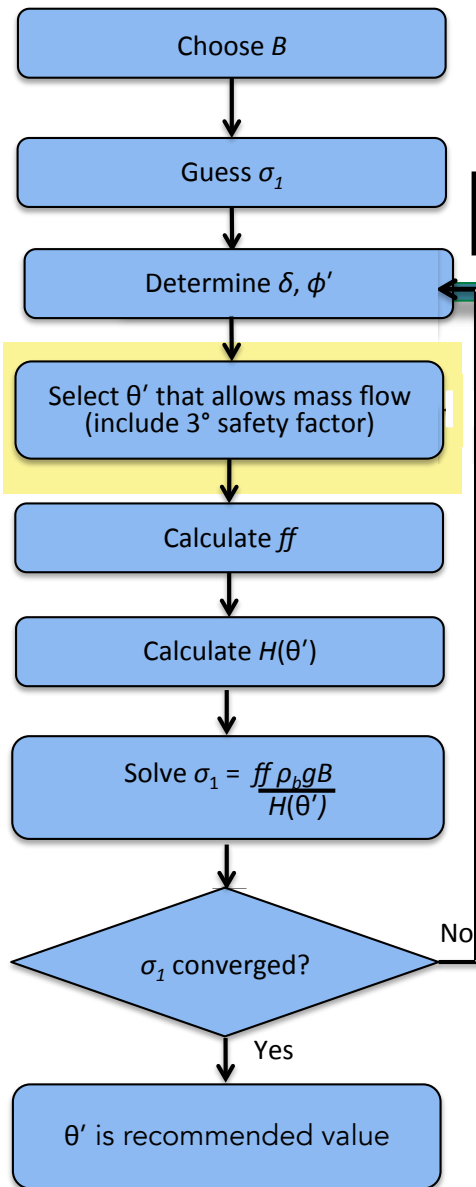
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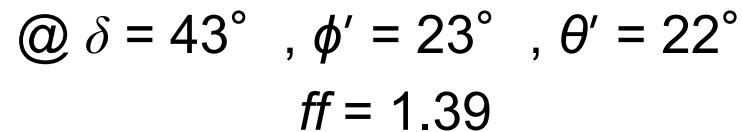


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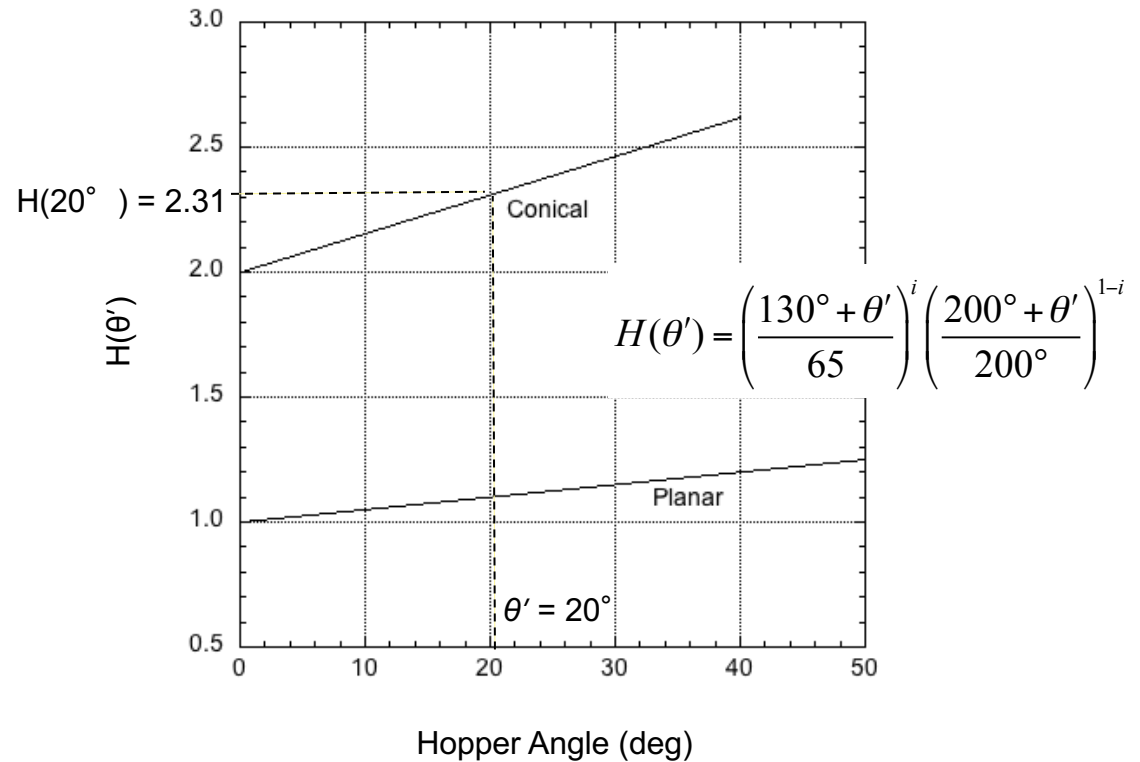
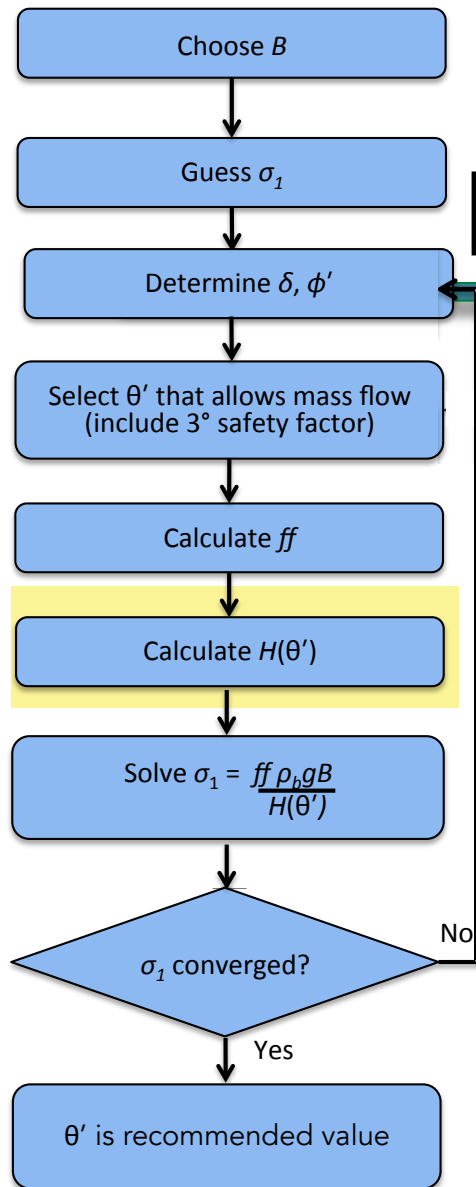


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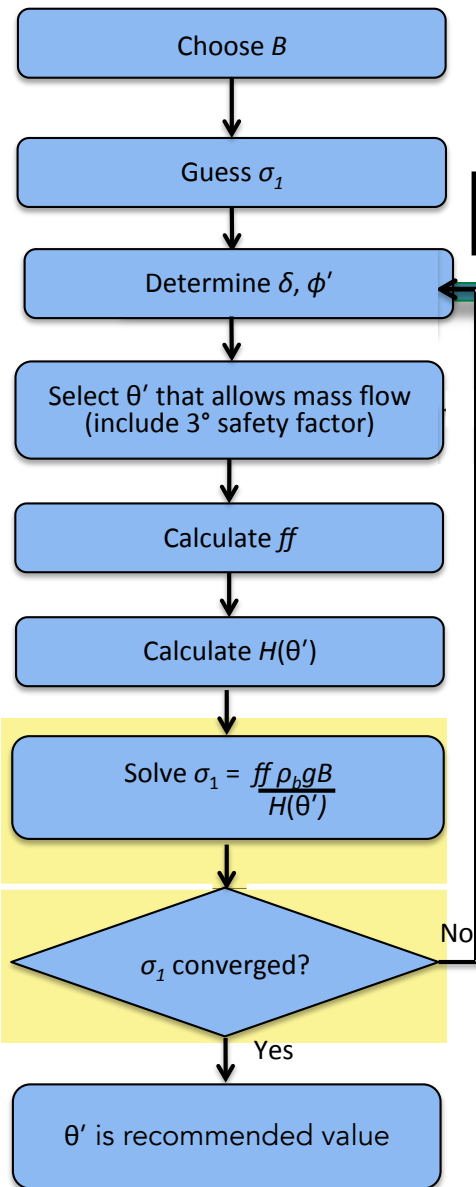




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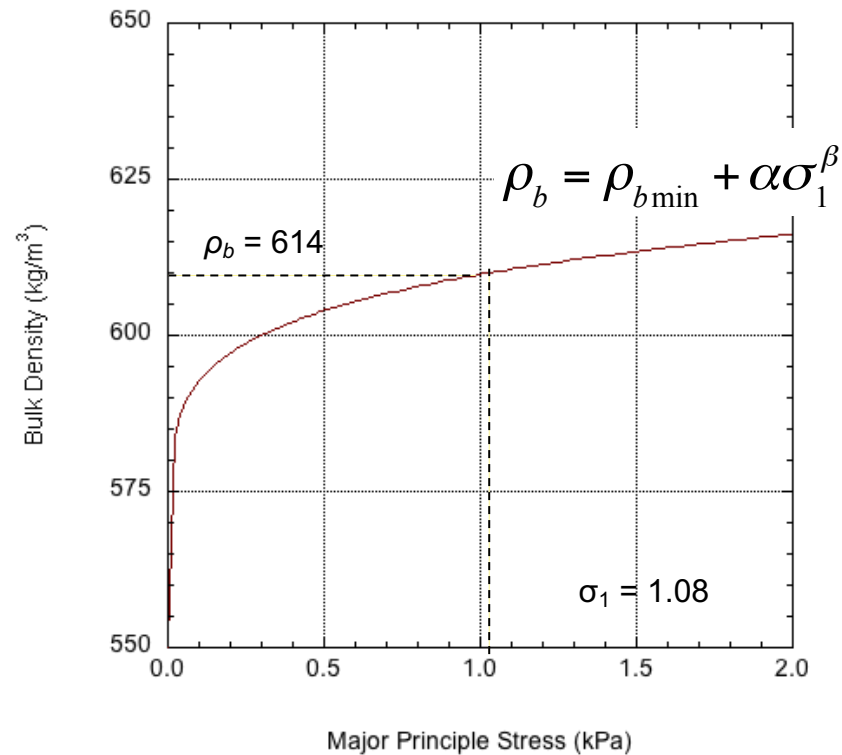
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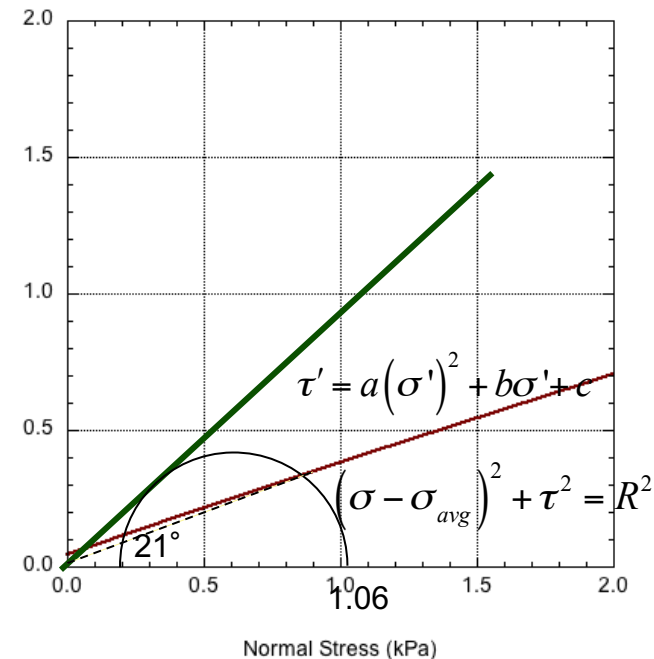
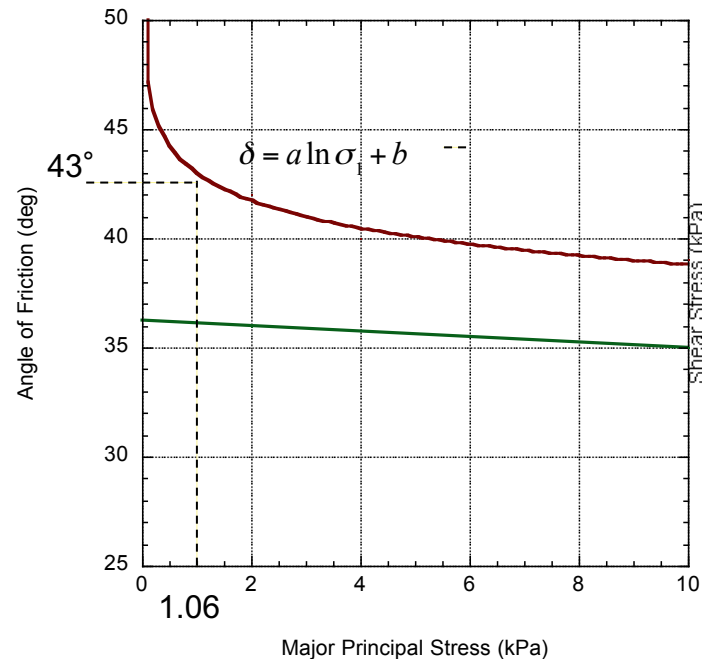
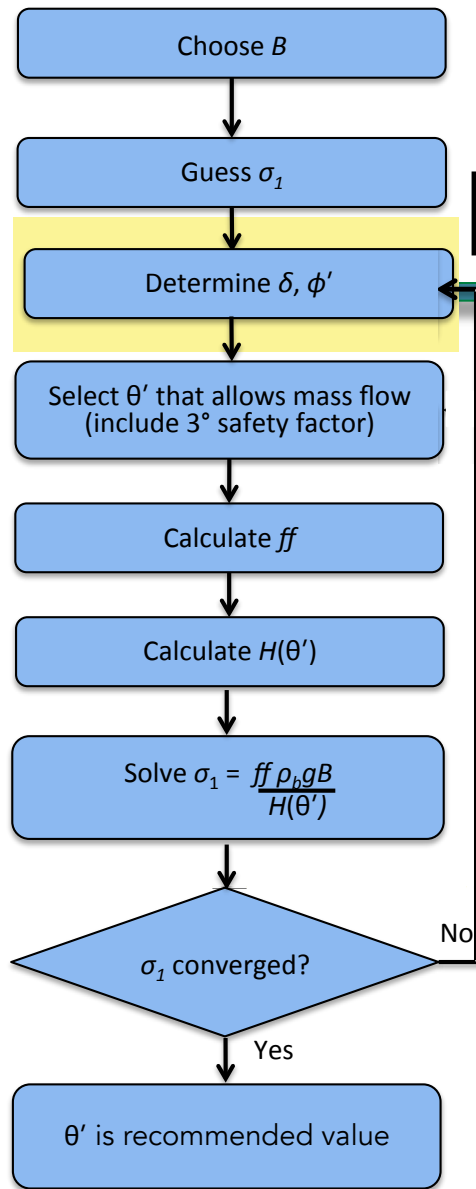
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$$\rho_b = \rho_{b\min} + \alpha \sigma_1^\beta$$

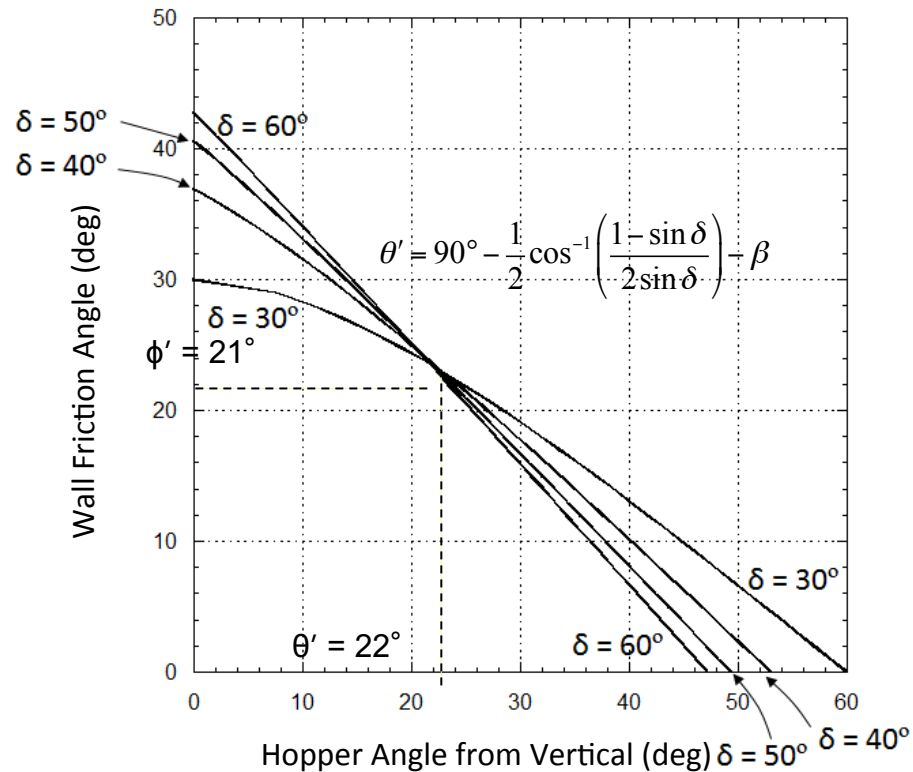
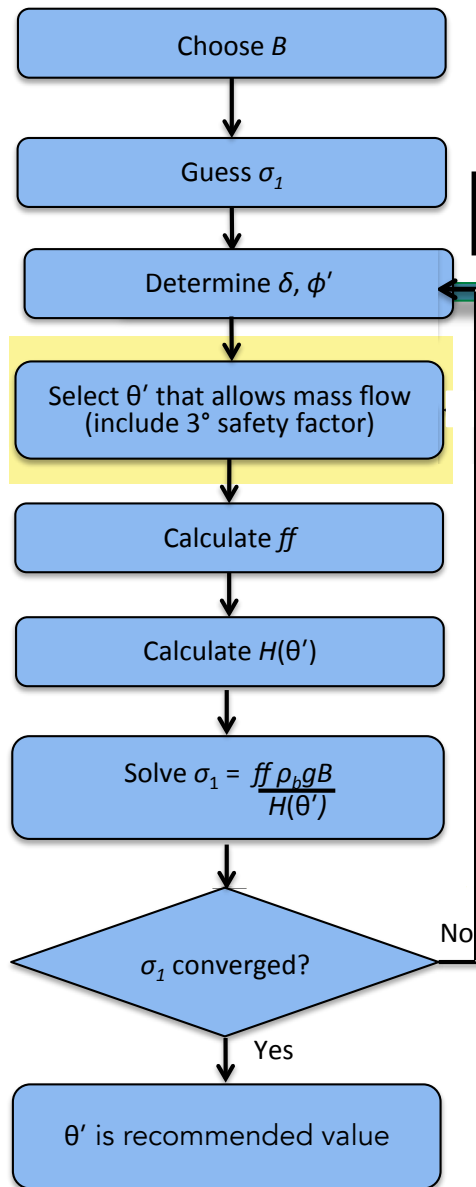
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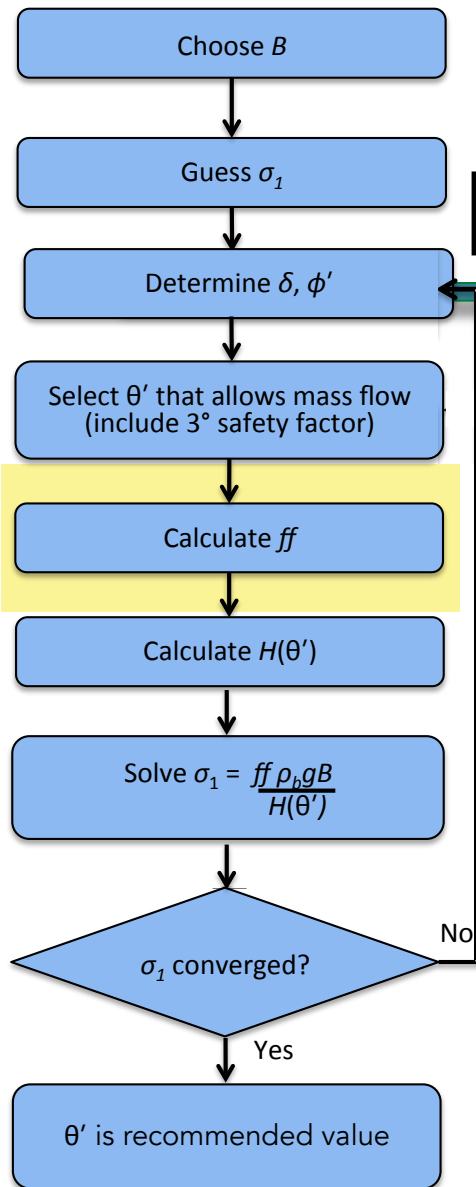
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$$\varepsilon_{ff} = \frac{Y(1 + \sin \delta)H(\theta')}{2(X - 1)(\sin \theta')}$$

$$X = \frac{2^i \sin \delta}{1 - \sin \delta} \left[\frac{\sin(2\beta + \theta')}{\sin \theta'} + 1 \right]$$

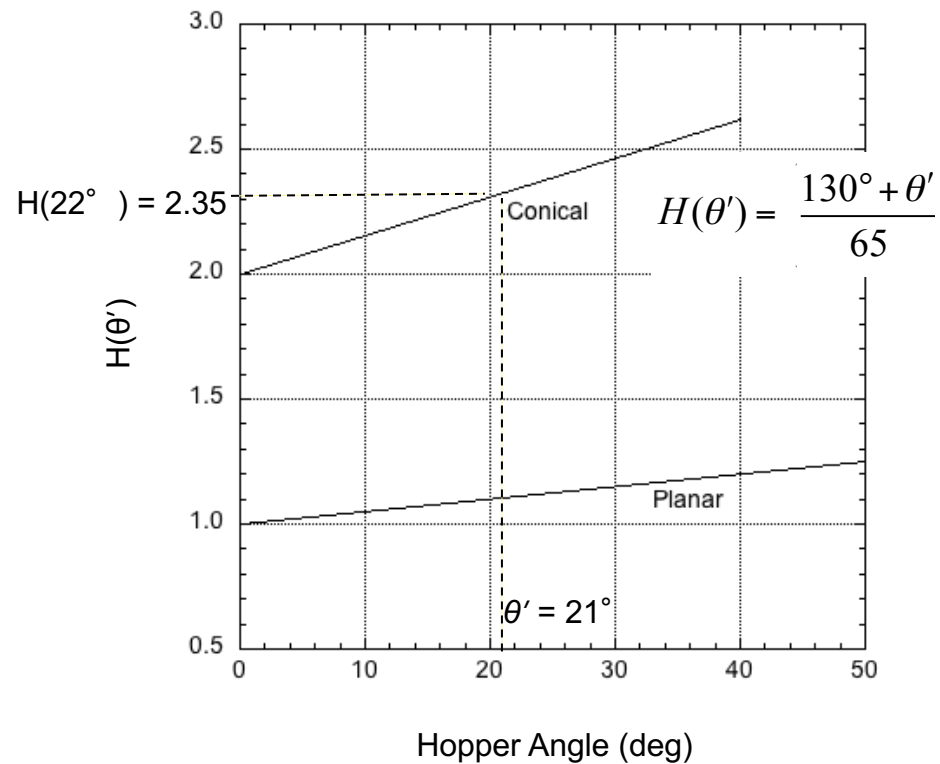
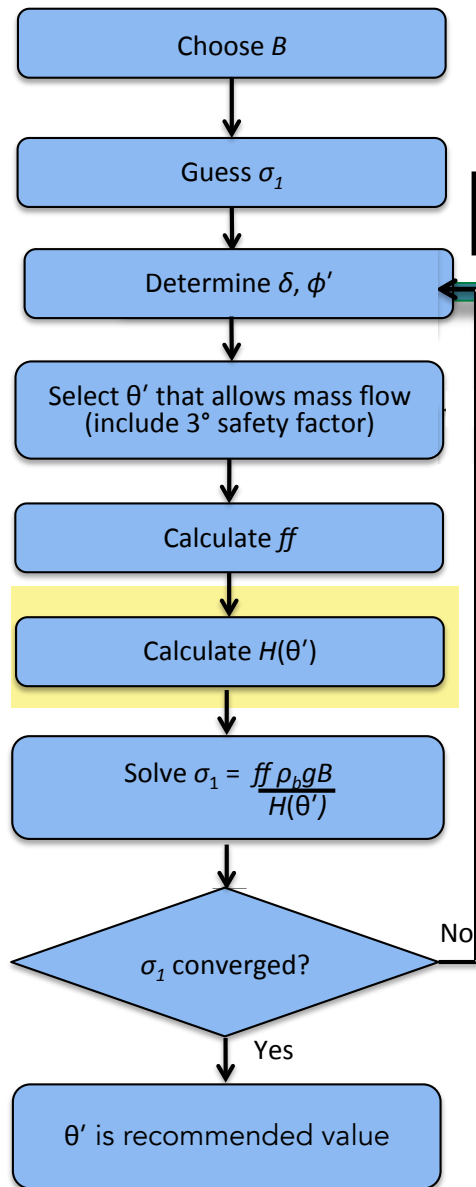
$$Y = \frac{[2(1 - \cos(\beta + \theta'))]^i \sin \theta' (\beta + \theta')^{1-i} + \sin \beta \sin^{1+i}(\beta + \theta')}{(1 - \sin \delta) \sin^{2+i}(\beta + \theta')}$$

$$@ \delta = 43^\circ, \phi' = 21^\circ, \theta' = 22^\circ$$

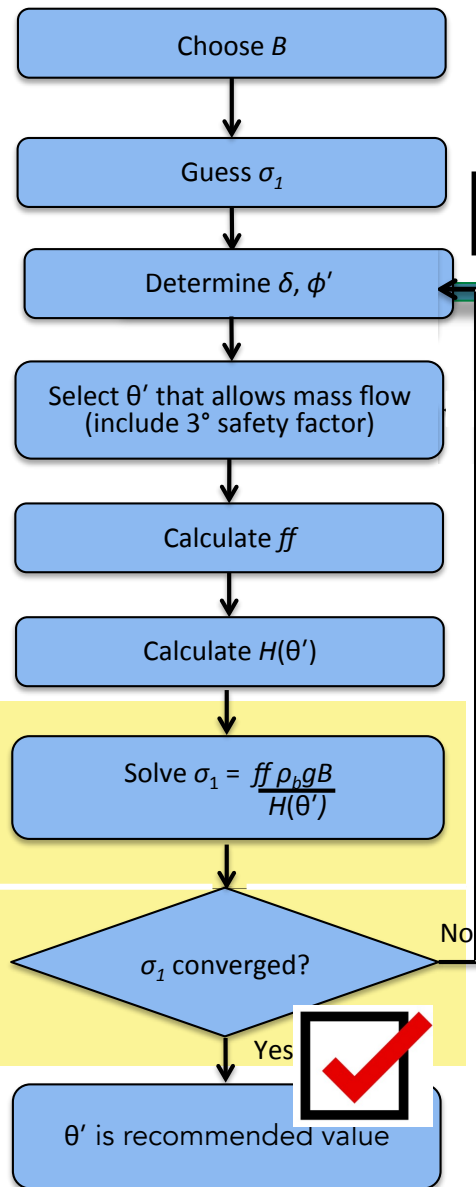
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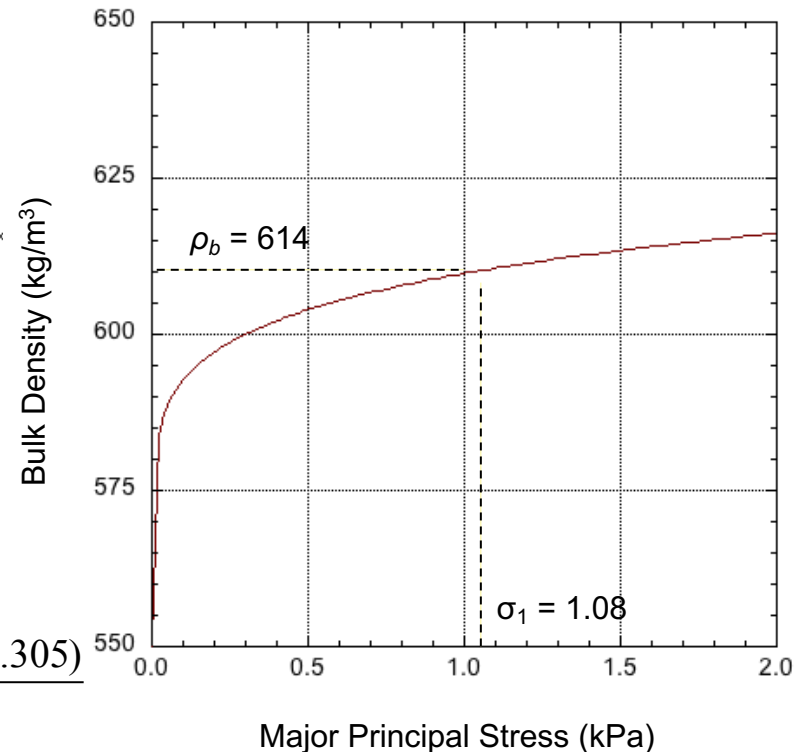
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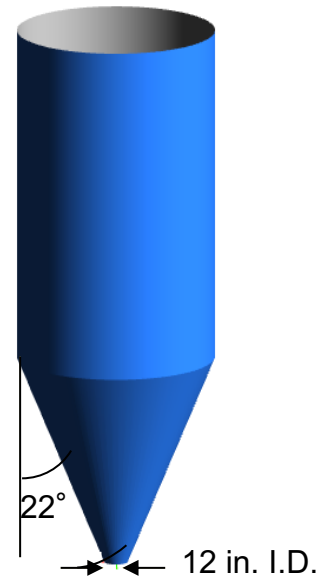
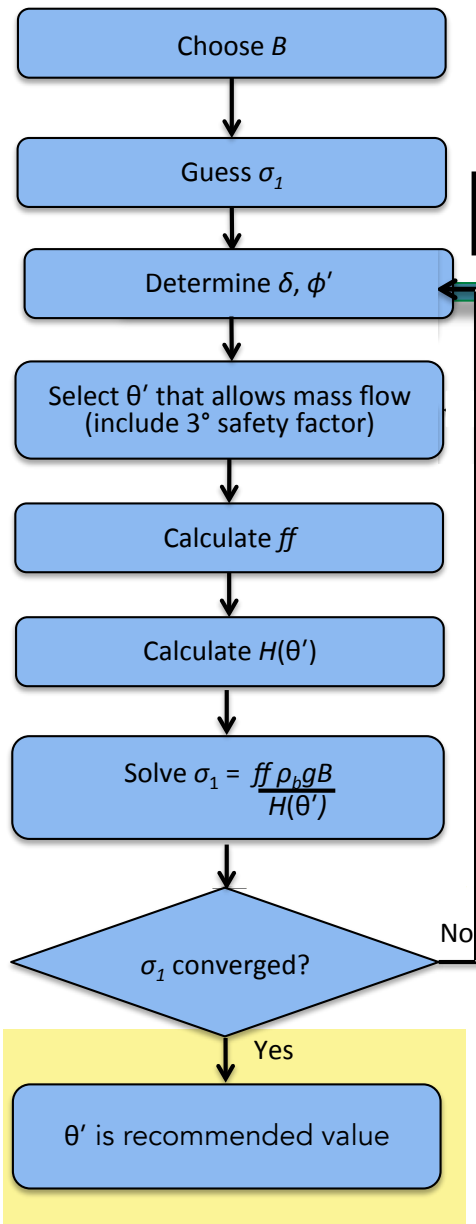
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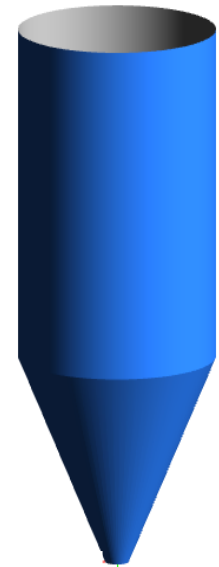
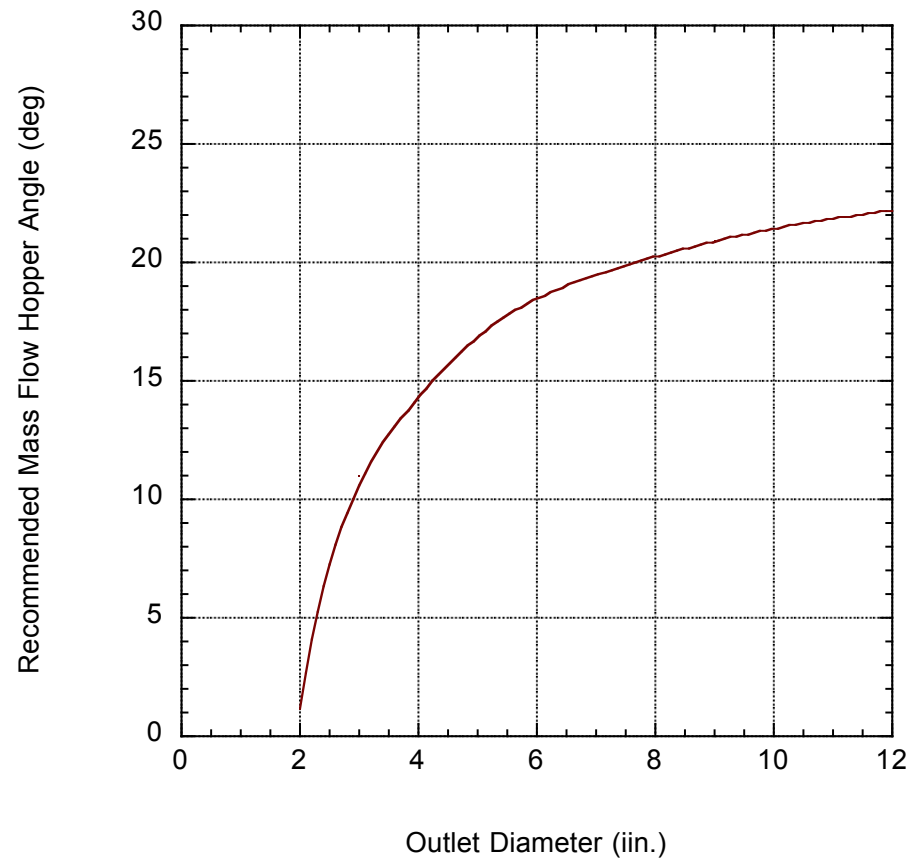
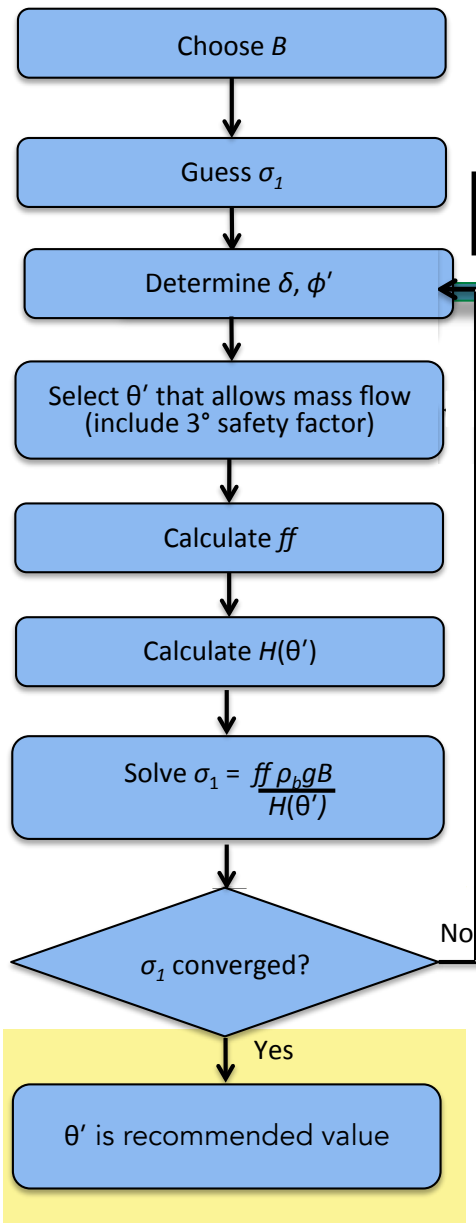
$$1.08 = \frac{(1.08)(614)(9.8)(0.305)}{(2.32)(1000)}$$



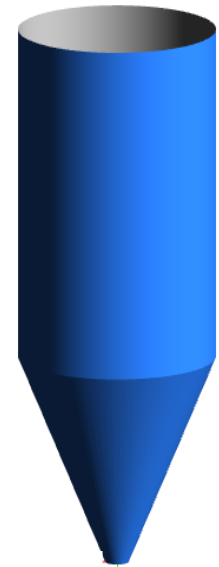
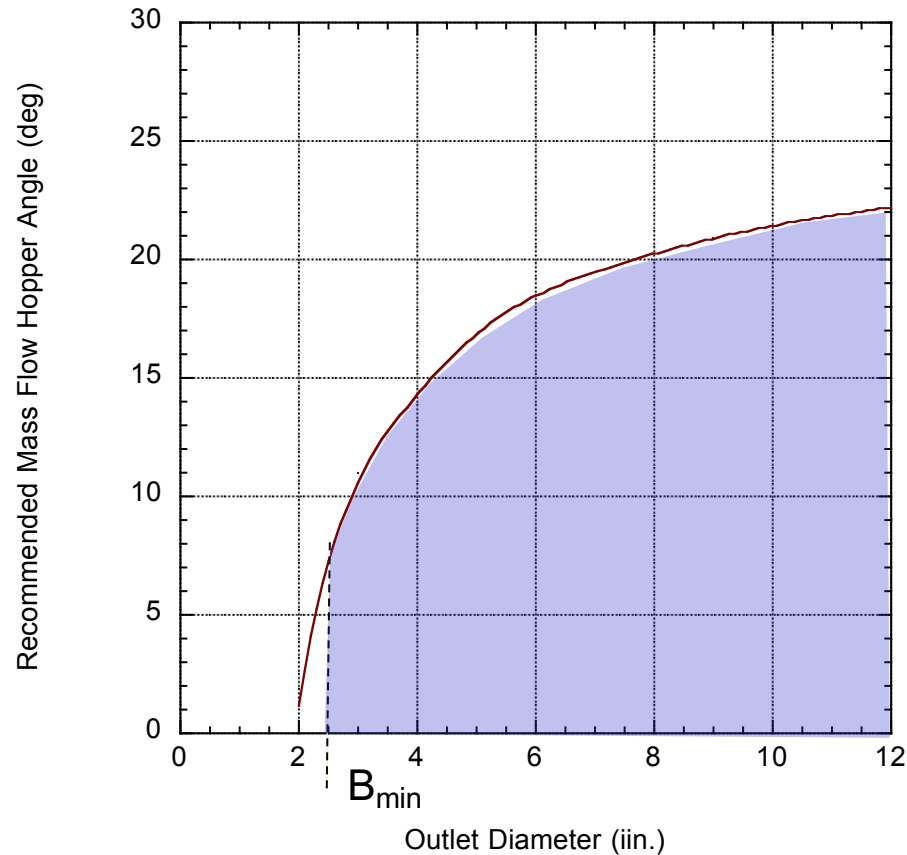
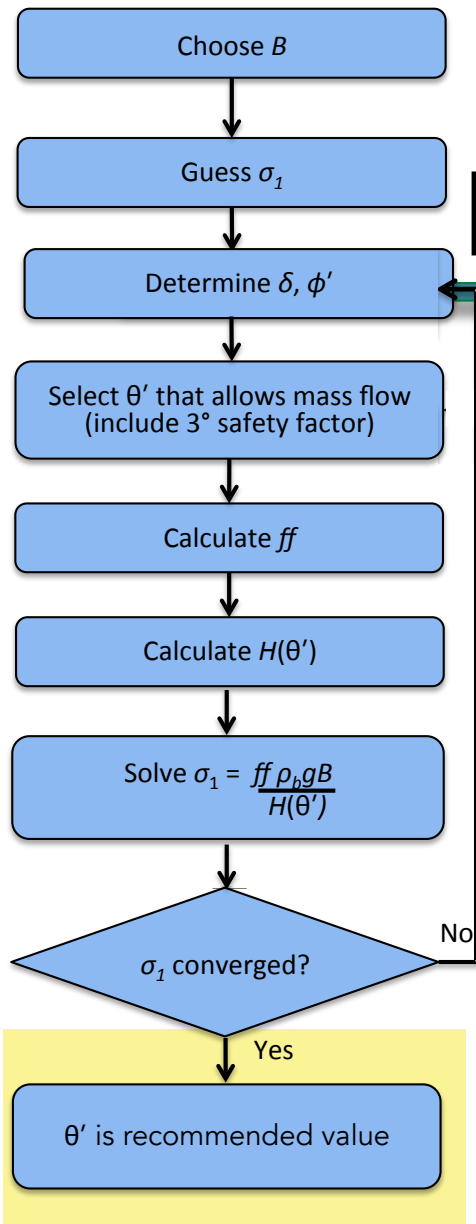
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