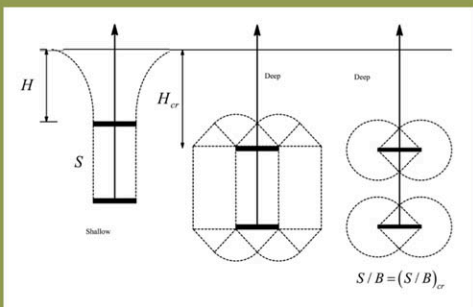


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Preface

This special publication contains 41 technical papers addressing many different areas of soil behavior, constitutive modeling, and geo-micromechanics. The papers range from experimental studies of soil shear strength and compressibility to theoretical advances in Biot consolidation theory and constitutive modeling to numerical studies of shear banding and microstructure. The research described herein advances our understanding of soil as an engineering material and improves our ability to model the behavior of soil in slopes, foundations, and earth structures.

Each paper published in this ASCE Geotechnical Special Publication (GSP) was evaluated by two or more reviewers and the editors. The authors of the accepted papers have addressed all of the reviewers' comments to the satisfaction of the editors. All published papers are eligible for discussion in the *Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering* and are also eligible for ASCE awards.

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One-Dimensional Consolidation of Saturated Clays Under Time-Dependent Loadings Considering Non-Darcy Flow

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ABSTRACT: Hansbo's formula for non-Darcy flow was introduced to modify Terzaghi's 1-D consolidation equation, and the modified equation was generalized to account for the consolidation case under time-dependent loading. Numerical analysis was performed by using the finite volume method. The effects of the parameters of non-Darcy flow and the rate of loading on the consolidation process were investigated. The numerical results indicated that non-Darcy flow delays the dissipation of pore water pressure in saturated clay layers; thereby the rate of settlement of these soil layers is less than the solution based on Darcy flow. In addition, the influence of loading rate on the consolidation behaviors is remarkable in the construction period and in the initial stage after its completion of construction.

INTRODUCTION

Although the 1-D consolidation theory developed by Terzaghi in 1923 has had extensive use in practice, there sometimes exists notable difference between the solution based on Terzaghi's theory and the field settlement observations. This can be to some extent ascribed to the Terzaghi's assumptions that the external vertical load is constant in time and the flow of pore water follows Darcy's law.

In practice, since the external load gradually increases in the construction period and can be regarded as a constant with time only after its completion for a given building, the differential settlement of the foundation increases rapidly in the construction period and in the initial stage after its completion, which will possibly result in some cracks in the building. Therefore, the variation of the external load in the construction period should be important to estimate the settlement of foundation. Thus, Terzaghi's theory had been continuously modified to account for time-dependent loading by Biot (1941), Poskitt (1969), Mesri and Rokhsar (1974), Olson (1977), Lee et al (1992), Li et al (1999), Xie et al (2002) and Chen et al (2005). Almost all of these modified models