



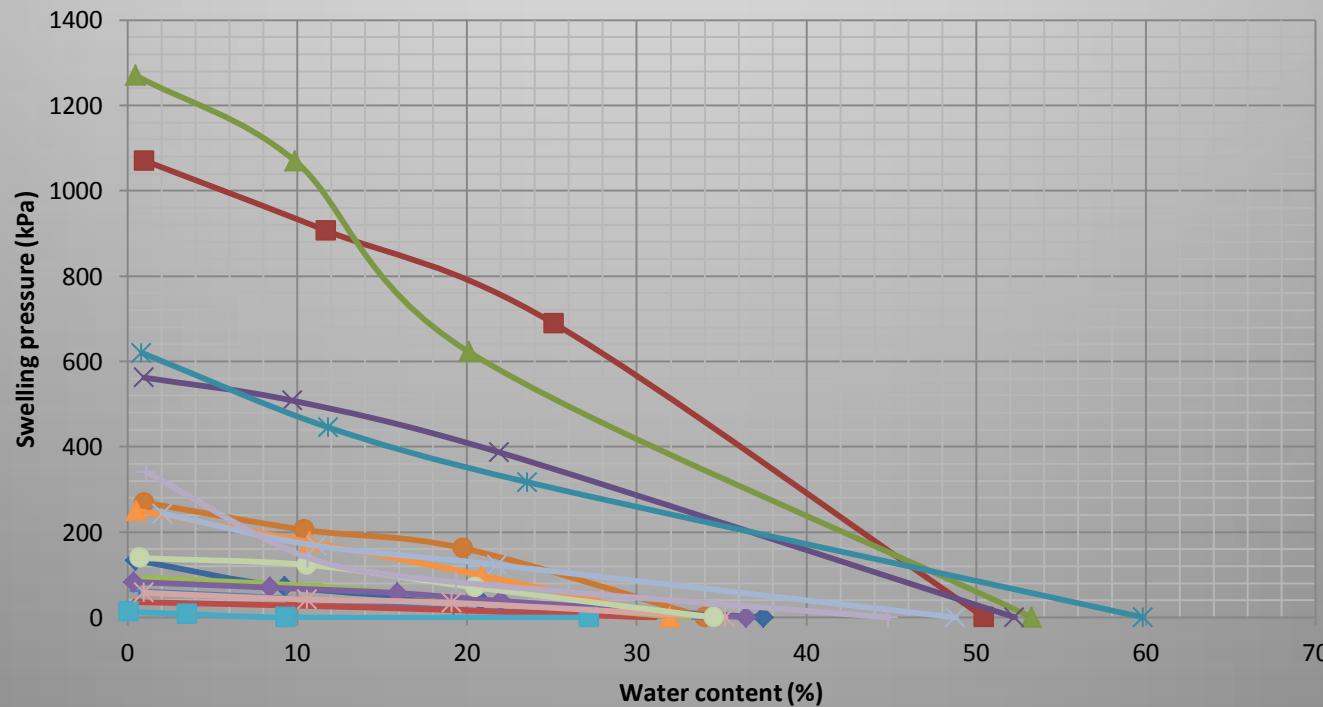
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# The Relationship Between Water Content and Swelling Parameters of Soils

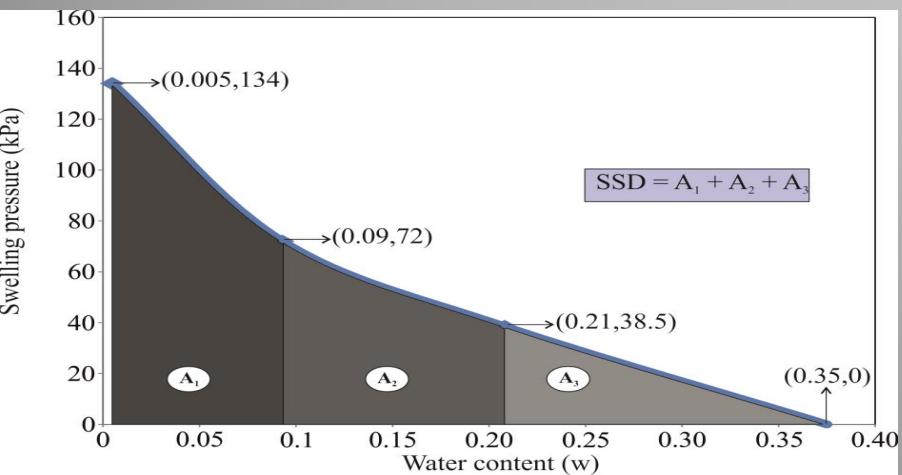
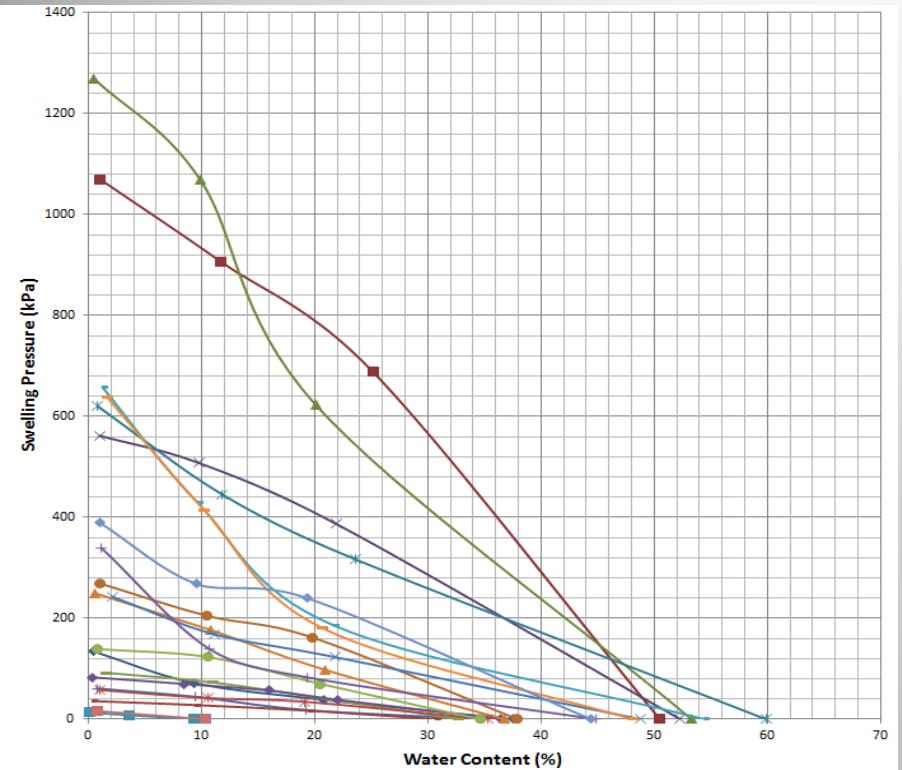
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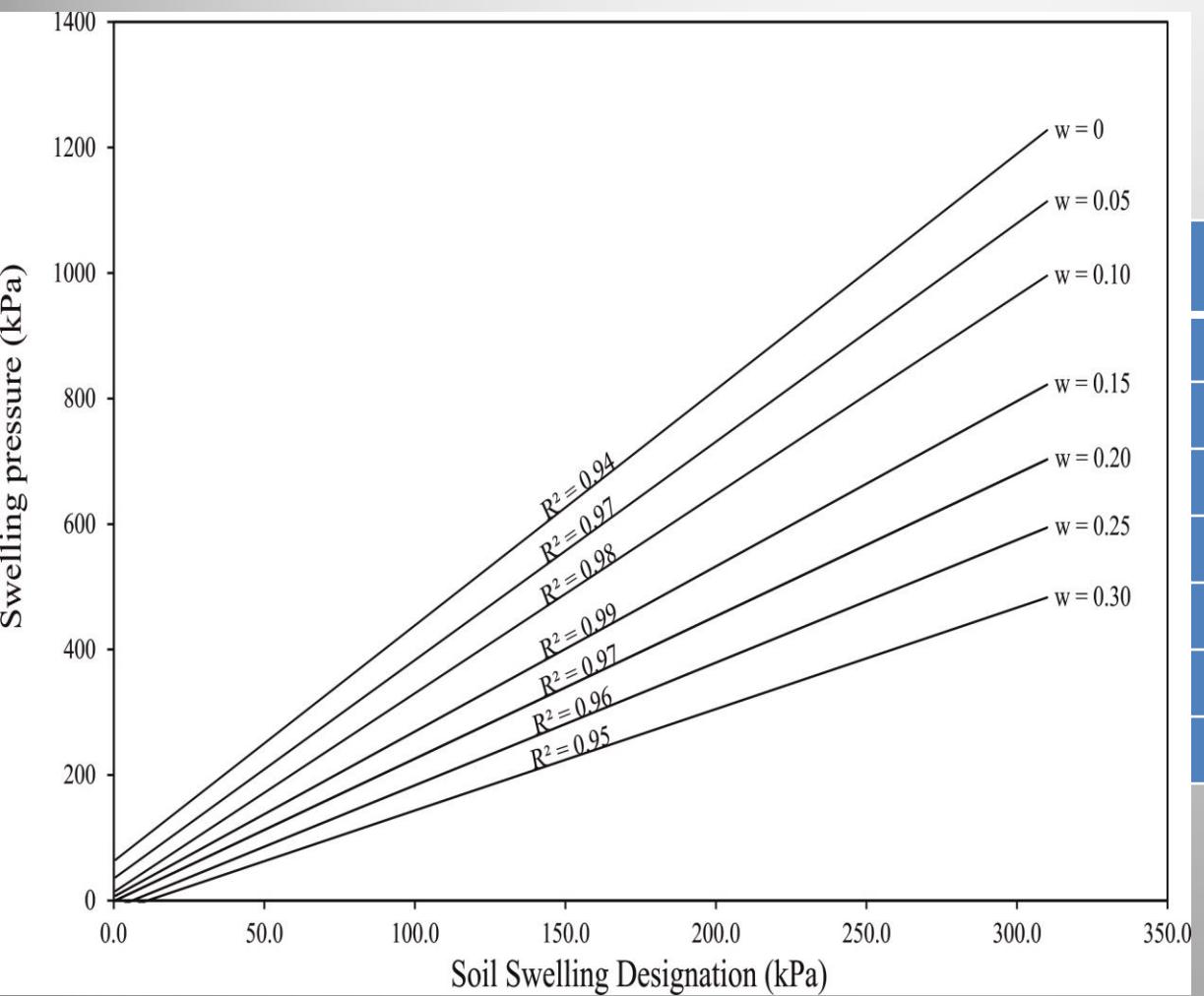


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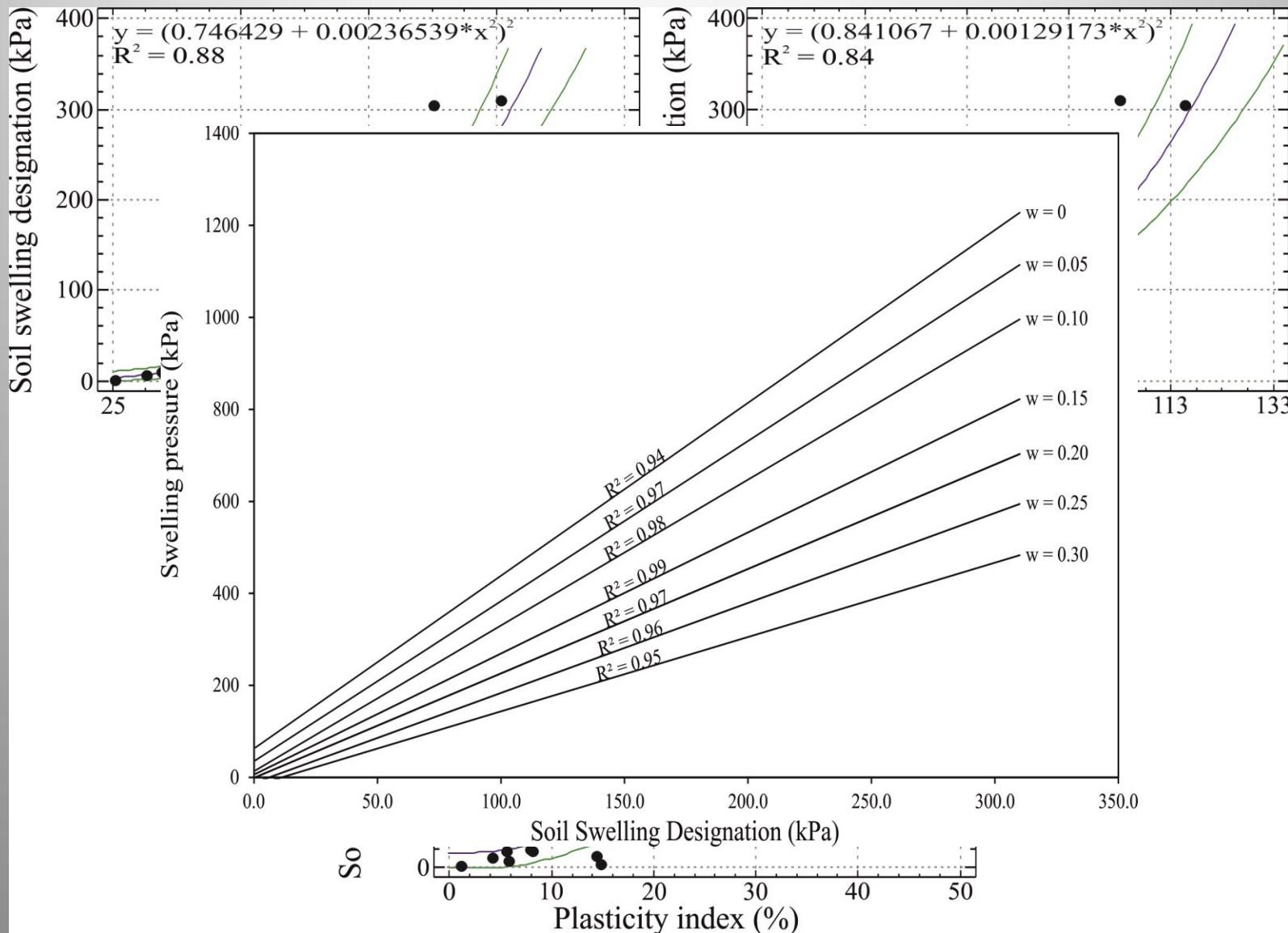


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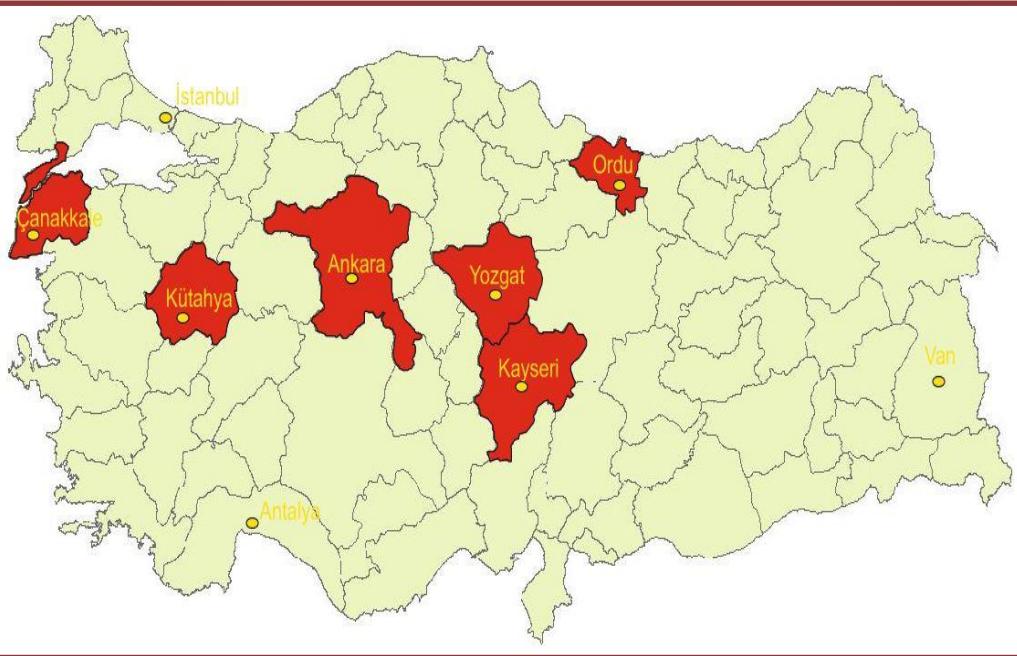
## Main purposes

- Water content has important effect on swelling behavior of soils
- The relationship between swelling parameters and water content is very important to understanding swelling behavior of soils
- We tried to investigate the swelling behavior of soils in different water content conditions

Therefore,

- To see the effect of other properties (physical-index-mineralogical) we have performed some regression analyses between swelling parameters and these properties to predict the swelling parameters practically.

# Sampling Locations



- All of the samples were collected from different cities (Çanakkale, Kütahya, Ankara, Yozgat, Kayseri and Ordu)
- The reason for taking samples from different cities&regions is to investigate the effect of physical-index properties and mineralogical composition in wider range.

# Laboratory Tests

## **A) Physical and Index Analyses**

- Grain Size Distribution Analysis
- Consistency Limits
- Specific Gravity
- Dry Unit Weight
- The maximum water content approaches (denoted as W<sub>max</sub>)

## **B) Mineralogical Analyses**

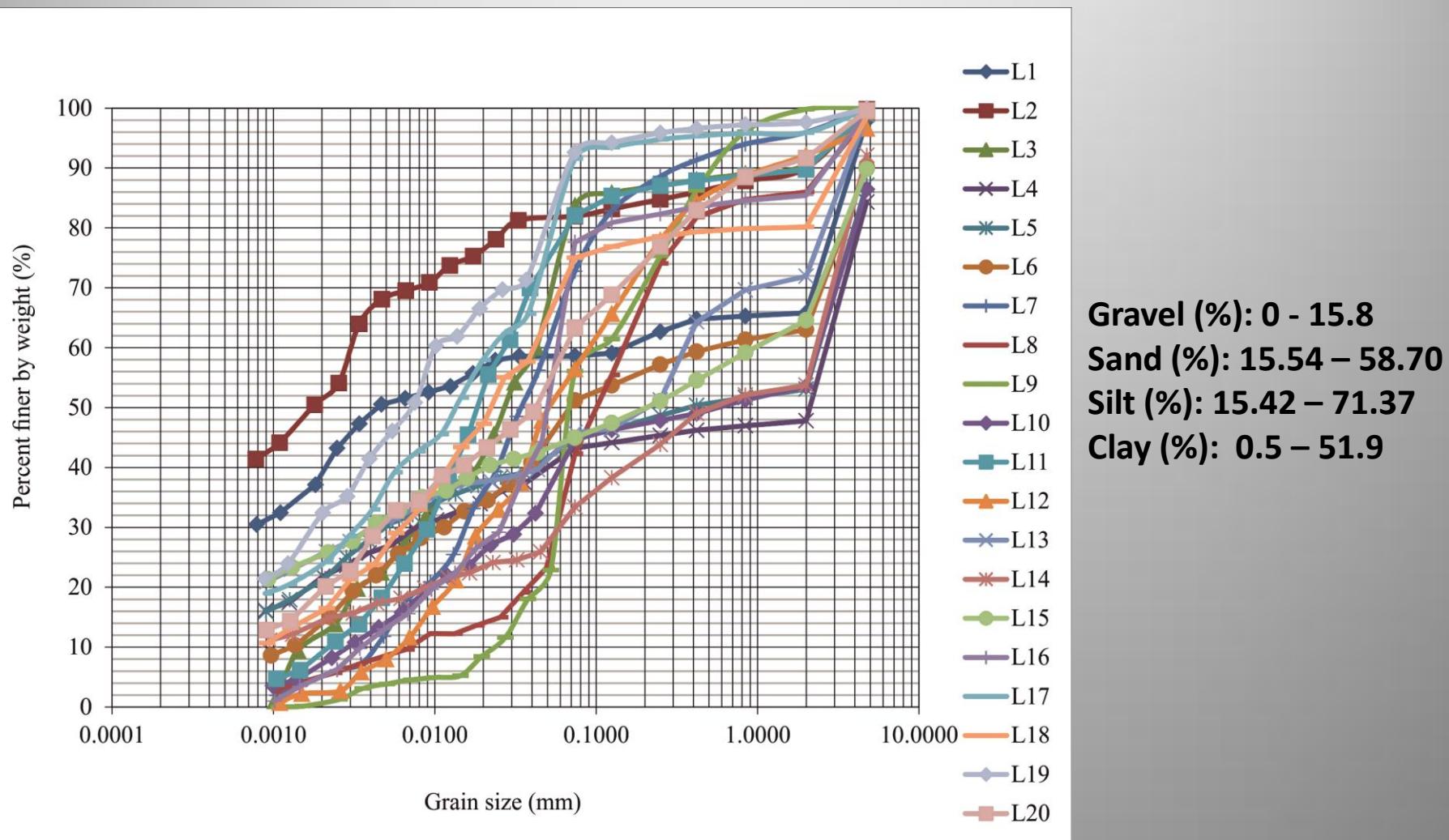
- X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) Analyses

## **C) Swelling Tests**

- Swelling Pressure Dependent on Initial Water Content

## A) Physical and Index Properties

### ➤ Grain Size Distribution



## ➤ Consistency Limits



**LL:** 25.28 – 85.77

**PL:** 18.44 – 44.81

**PI:** 1.08 – 46.68

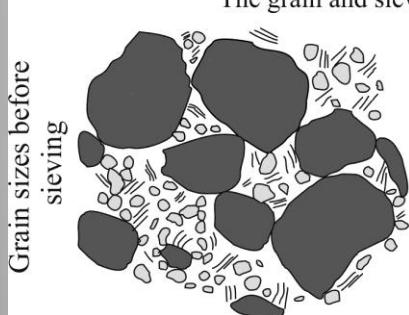
## ➤ Specific Gravity: 2.60-2.68

## ➤ Dry Unit Weight: 14.6 kN/m<sup>3</sup>

## ➤ Maximum water content approach

### $w_{\max}$ determinations

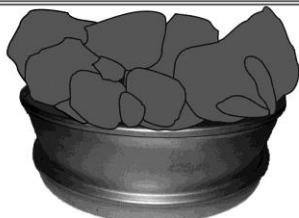
Example A



Example B



Grain sizes before sieving

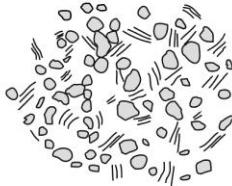


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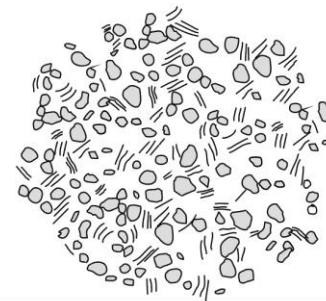


No discard material retained on the 425-μm sieve

Material passed 425-μm sieve



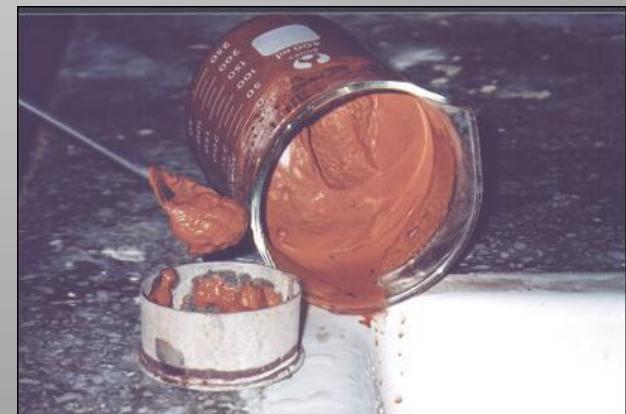
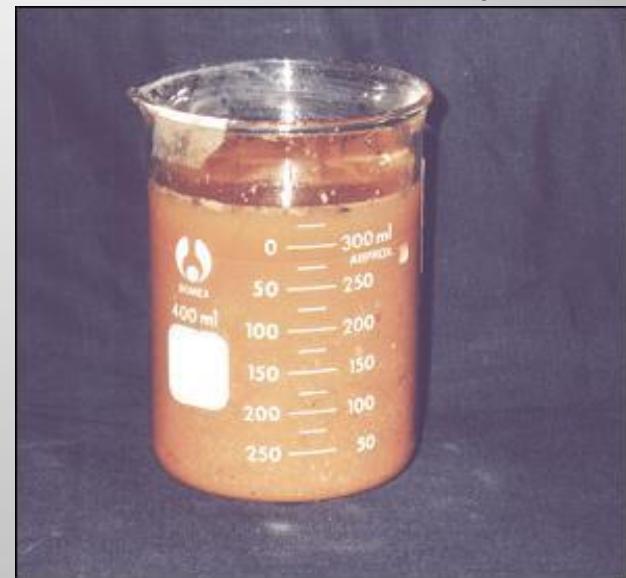
MassA<<MassB  
 $LL_A \approx LL_B$  and  $PL_A \approx PL_B$



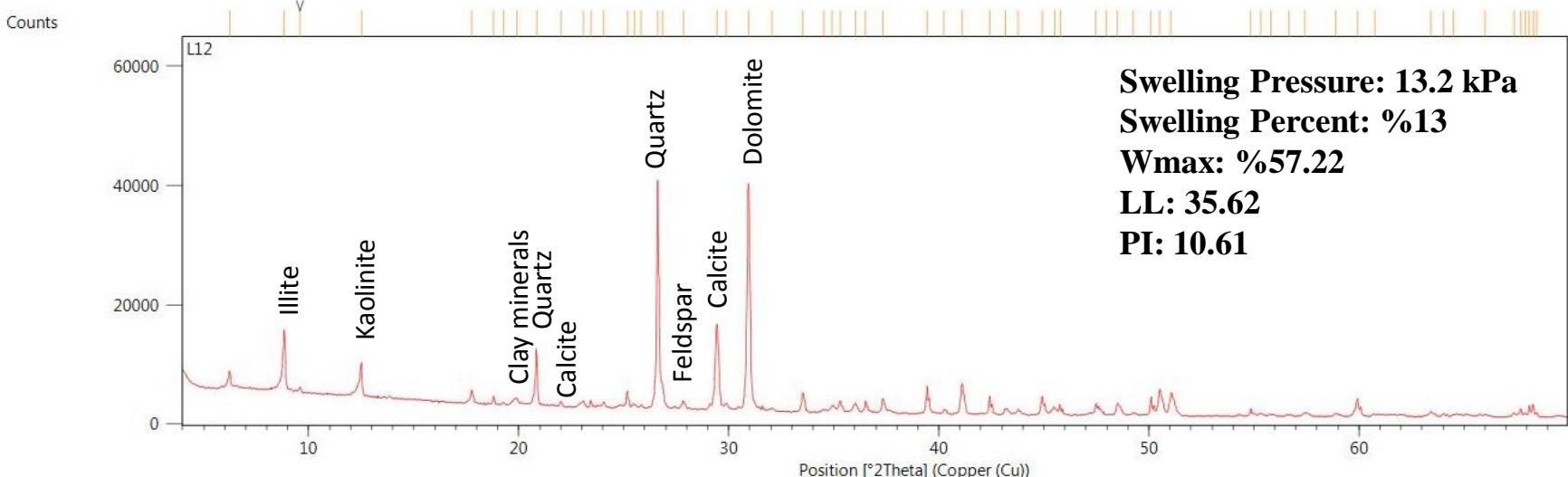
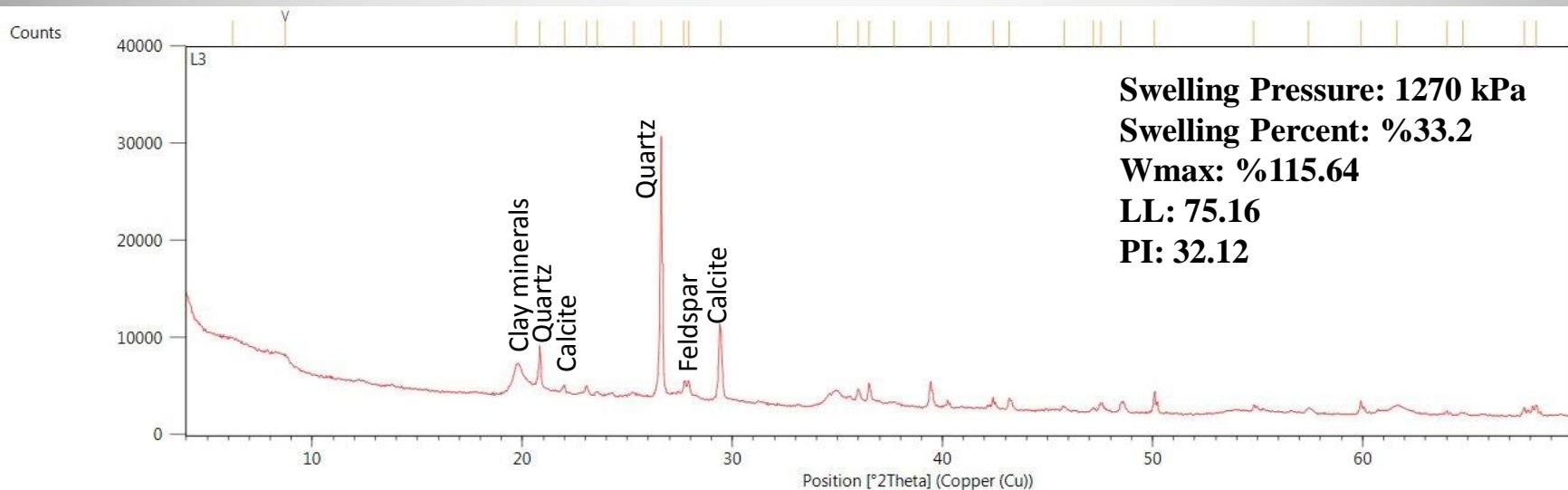
Finer grains (<0.425 mm)

Coarser grains (>0.425 mm)

$$w_{\max} (\%) = \frac{w_1 - w_2}{w_2 - w_0} * 100$$



## B) Mineralogical Properties



## C) Swelling tests

- Oedometer devices are used to investigate swelling properties of samples



### Samples preparations for swelling tests

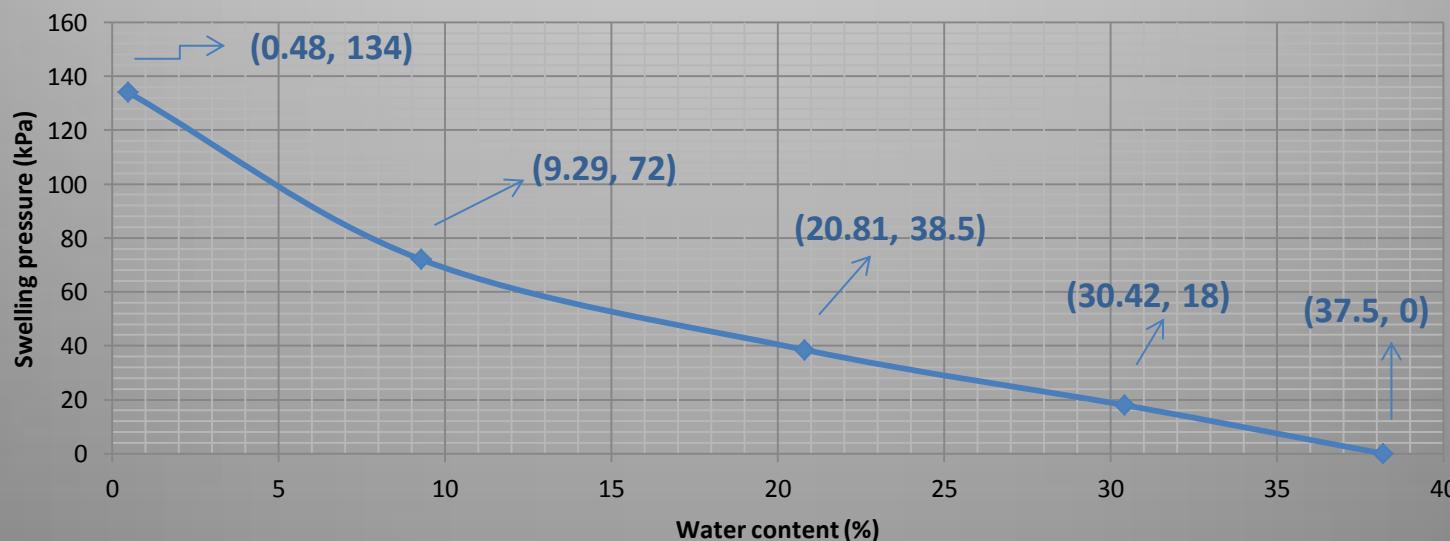
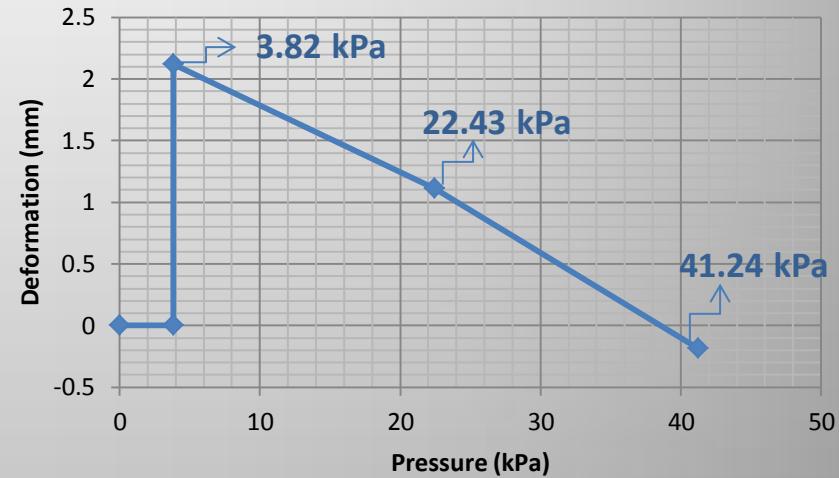
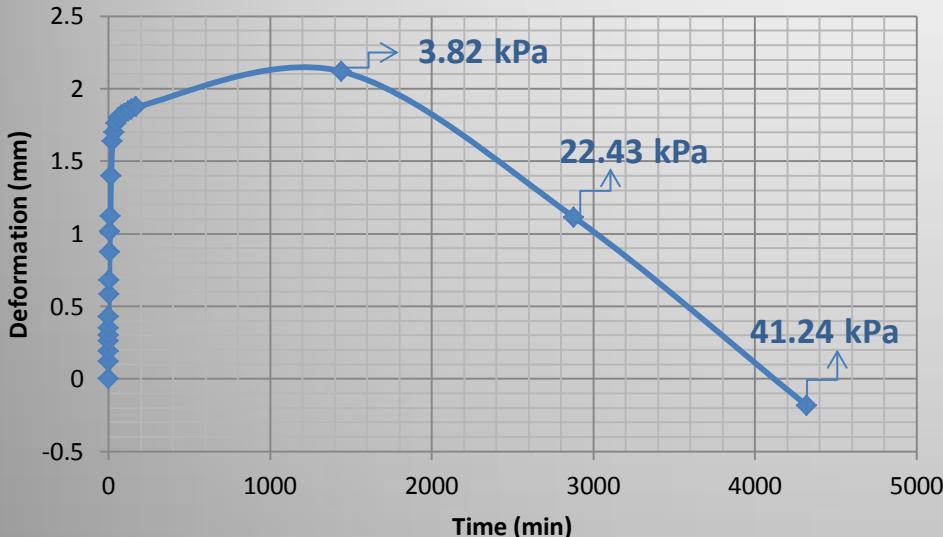
- To minimize the effect of dry unit weight on swelling behavior of soils, samples are prepared at same dry unit weight ( $14.6 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ).



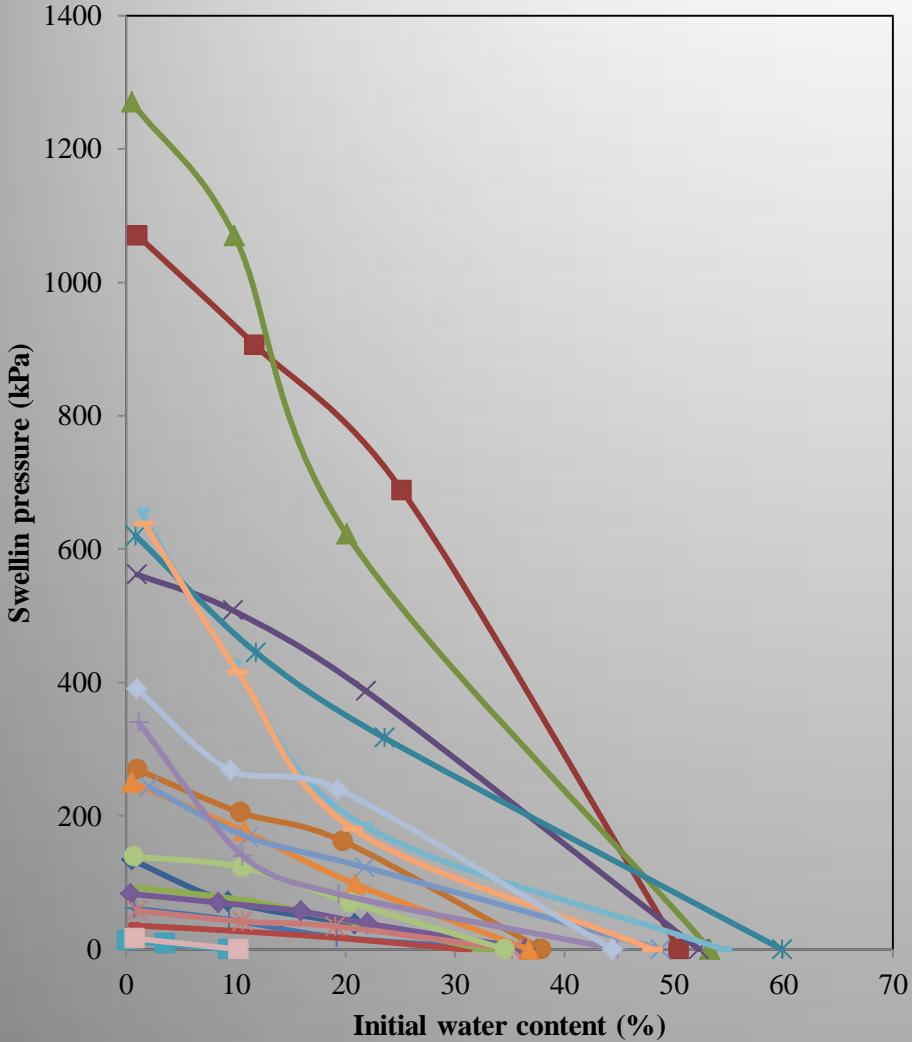
Swelling tests were performed on samples prepared in different water content.

# Analyses

## Determining swelling pressure



## The correlations between swelling pressure and water content

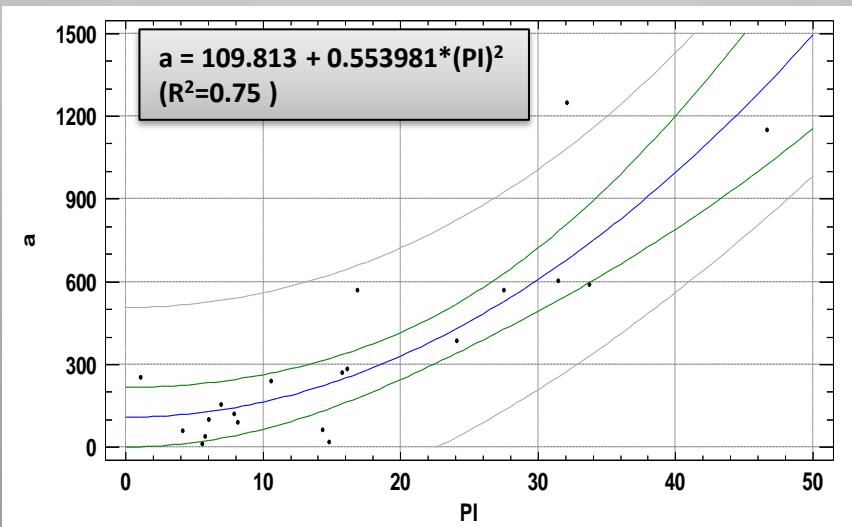
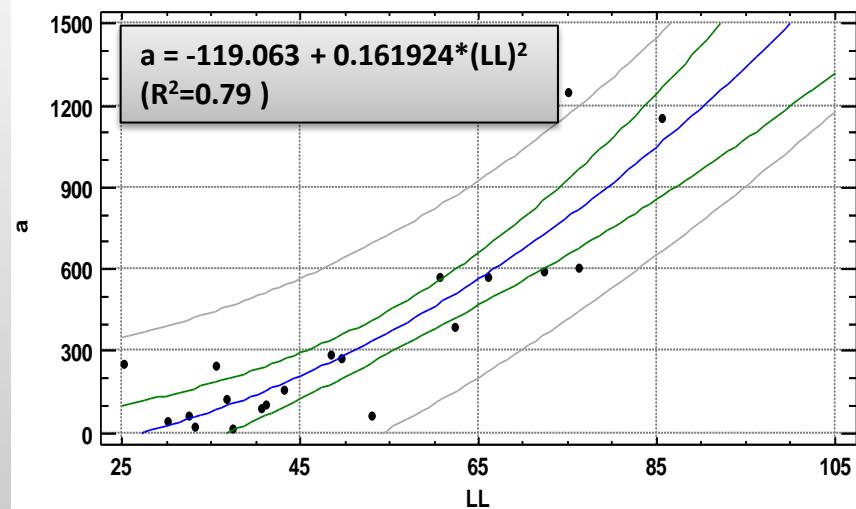
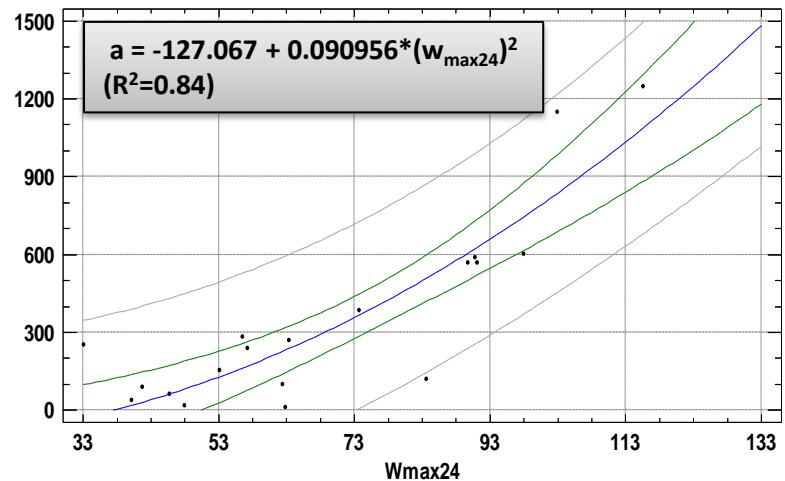


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L3	y=1245.9-24.136*x	0.97
L4	y=602.99-11.248*x	0.99
L5	y=588.76-10.123*x	0.98
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L8	y=38.014-1.1881*x	0.99
L9	y=258.59-7.9428*x	1.00
L10	y=100.8 - 3*x	0.99
L11	y=88.485-2.331*x	0.98
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L17	y=567.07 -11.4375*x	0.87
L18	y=569.78 -12.9679*x	0.89
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*Swelling Pressure (kPa) = a-b\*w(%)*

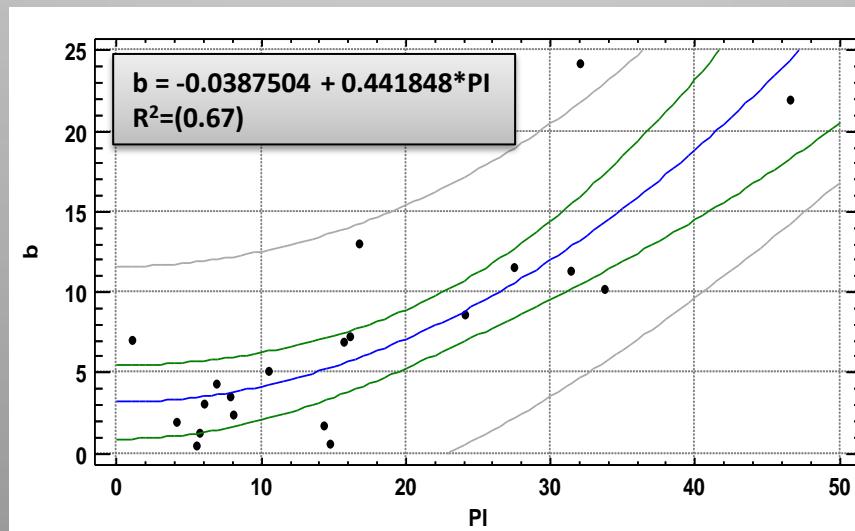
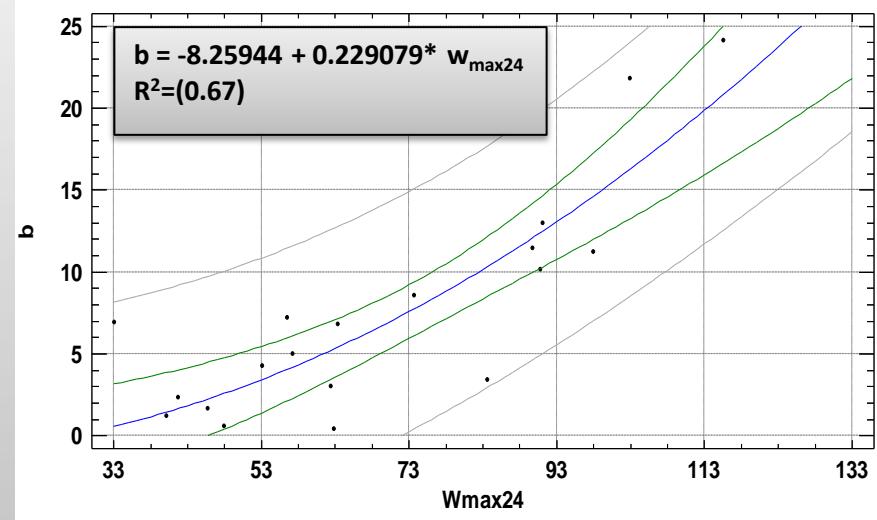
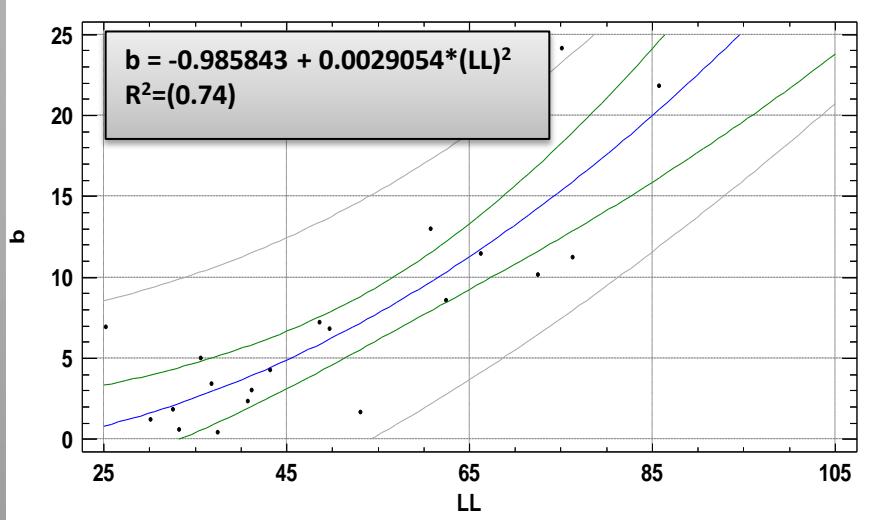
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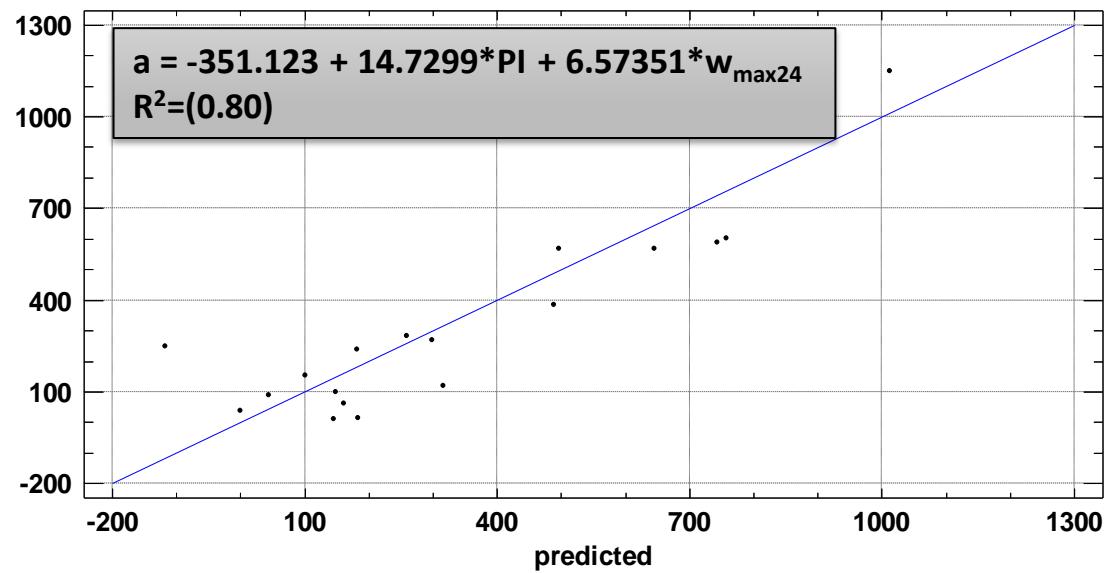


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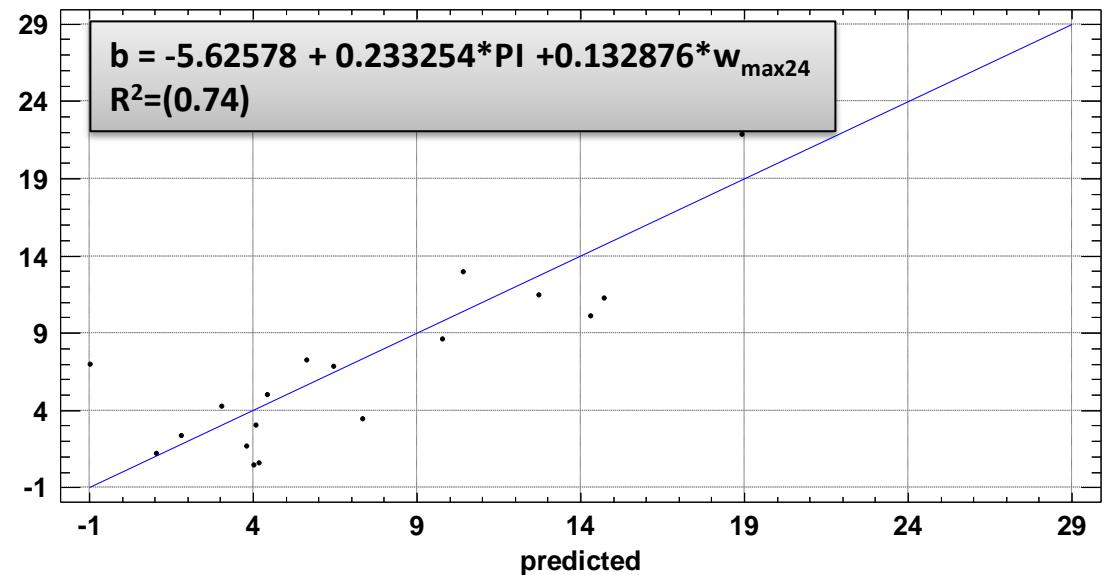
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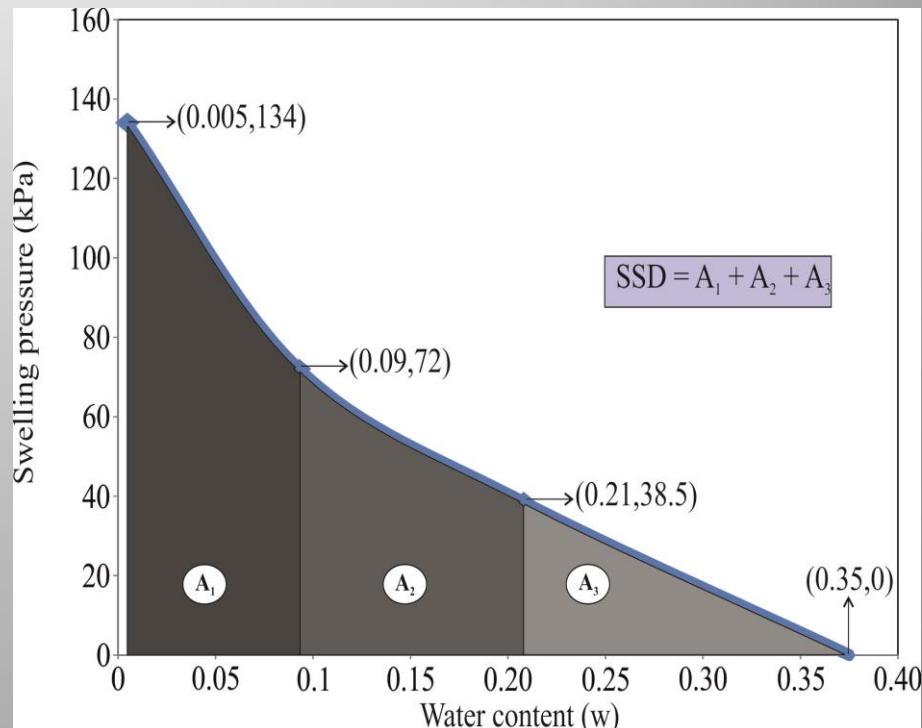
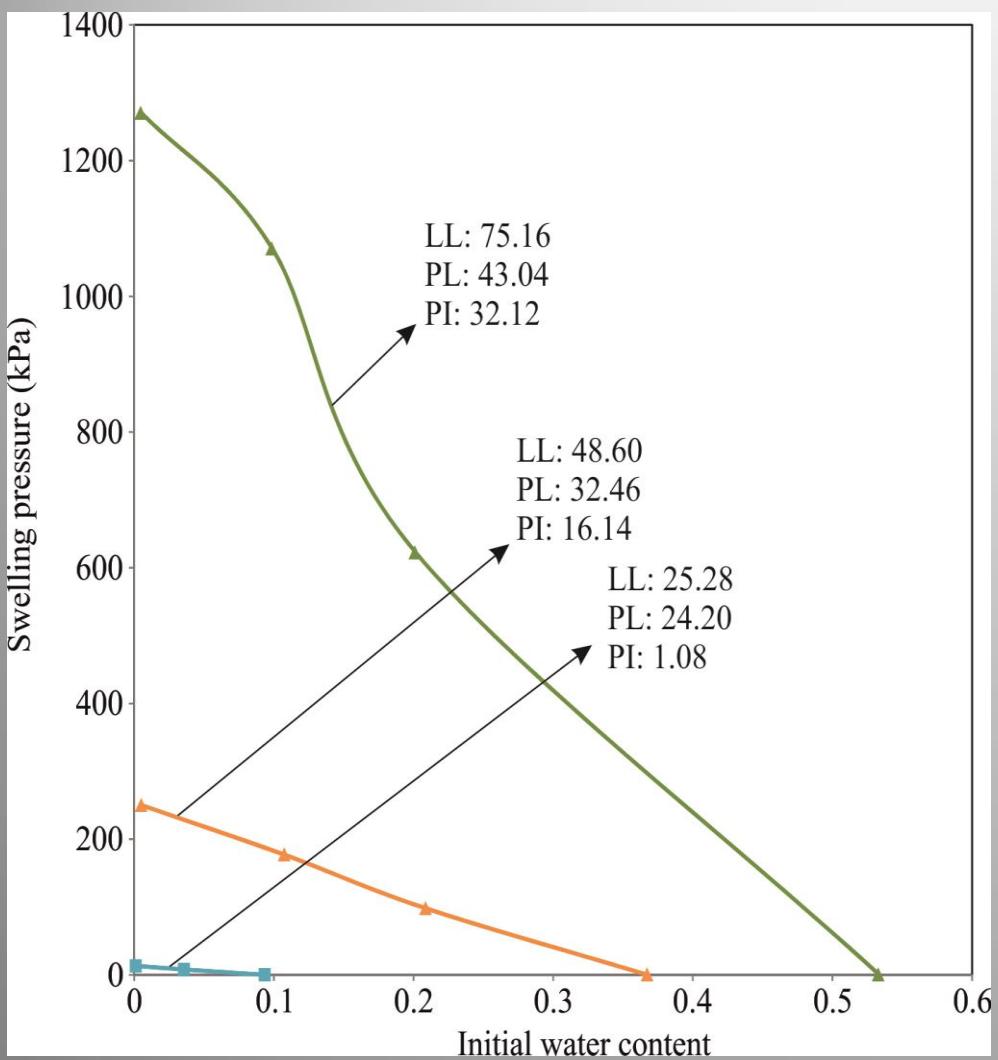


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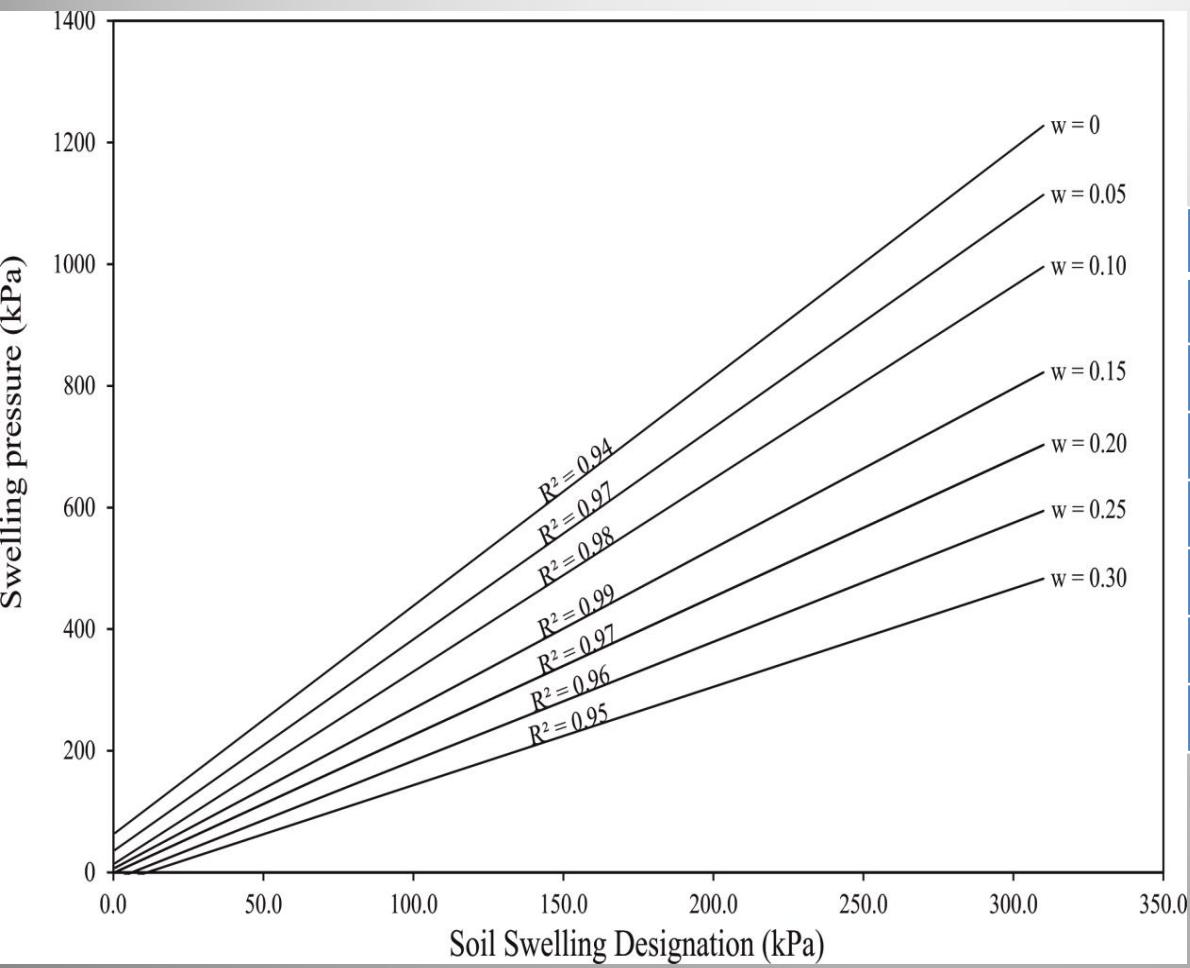


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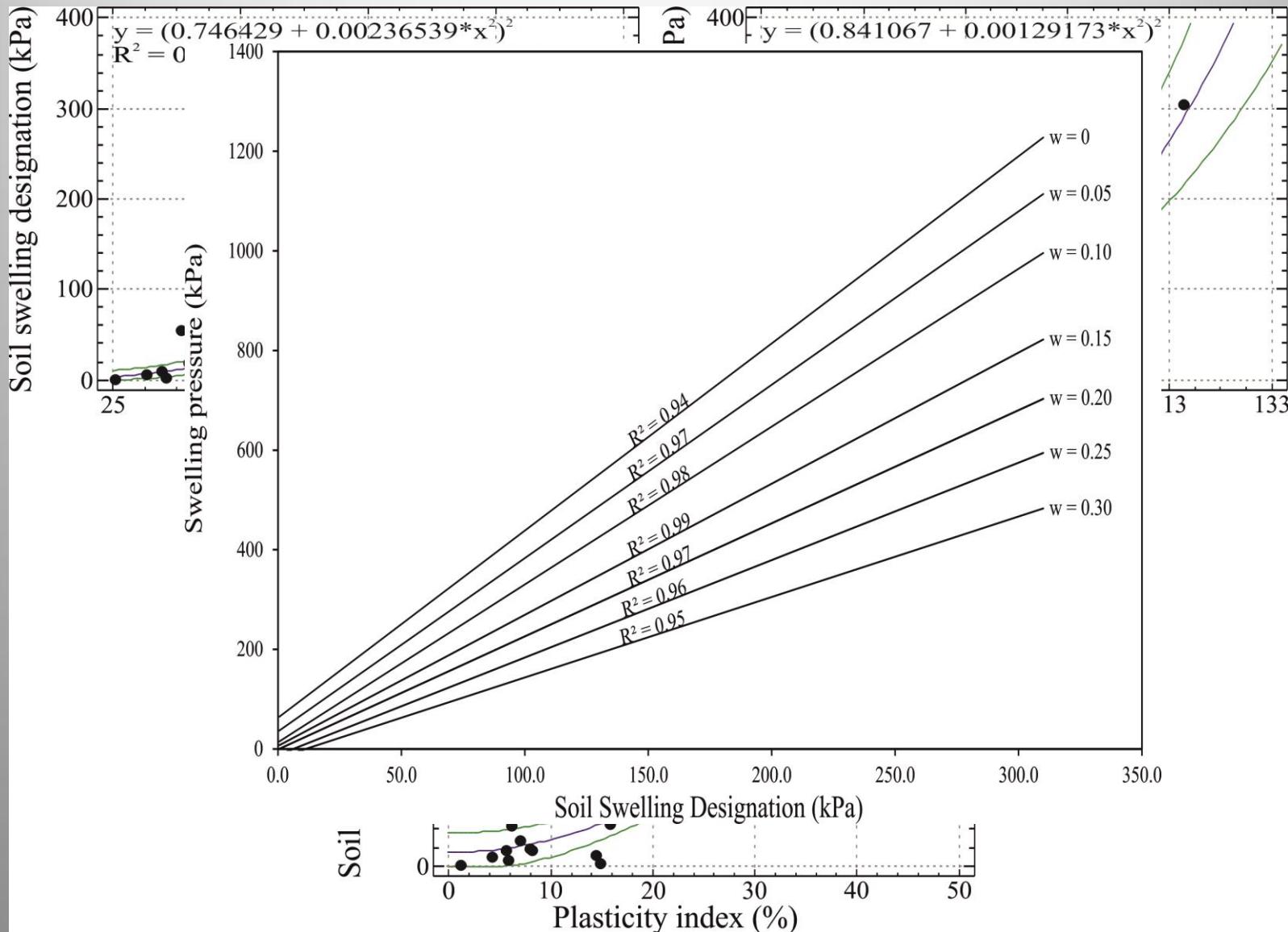


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