

**LIQUEFACTION RISK**

Structure:  
Project:  
Location:

According to  
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"CPT and SPT based liquefaction triggering procedures"  
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**INPUTS**


Specific weight of water  $\gamma_{\text{water}} := 9.8 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^3}$

CPTu tip area net ratio  $a_n := 0.81$  Value from calibration. Exemplary value from NCHRP page 14-15

CPTu sleeve area net ratio  $b_n := 0.00$  Value from calibration. Exemplary value from NCHRP page 14-15

**SOIL LAYER INPUTS**

DEPTH FROM	DEPTH TO	THICKNESS	UNIT WEIGHT	WATER TABLE	NUMBER OF DIVISIONS	EFF. VERT. STRESS	VERTICAL STRESS
$z_{\text{from}}$	$z_{\text{to}}$	$z_i$	$\gamma_{\text{tot}}$	0=above WT 1=below WT	$n_{\text{split}}$	$\sigma'_{v\_bottom}$	$\sigma_{v\_bottom}$
[m]	[m]	[m]	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	[0/1]	[-]	[kPa]	[kPa]
0,0	1,5	1,5	18,0	0	30	27,0	27,0
1,5	21,5	20,0	18,0	1	300	191,0	387,0
21,5	21,5					191,0	387,0
21,5	21,5					191,0	387,0
21,5	21,5					191,0	387,0
21,5	21,5					191,0	387,0

 Soil stress calculations

**INPUTS FROM CPT<sub>u</sub> SOIL INVESTIGATION TEST**

NOTE: Depth correction to measured tip and sleeve resistance must be made manually, before inserting the values to the table below.

DEPTH FROM	DEPTH TO	THICKNESS	UNCORRECTED TIP RESISTANCE	UNCORRECTED SLEEVE RESISTANCE	PORE WATER PRESURE
$Z_{from}$	$Z_{to}$	$Z_{split i}$	$q_c$	$f_s$	$u$
[m]	[m]	[m]	[kPa]	[kPa]	[kPa]
0,000	0,00	0,000	0	0	0
0,000	0,01	0,010	0	0	0
0,010	0,02	0,010	0	0	0
0,020	0,03	0,010	0	0	0
0,030	0,04	0,010	0	0	0
0,040	0,05	0,010	0	0	0
0,050	0,06	0,010	0	0	0
0,060	0,07	0,010	0	0	0
0,070	0,08	0,010	0	0	0
0,080	0,09	0,010	0	0	0
0,090	0,10	0,010	0	0	0
0,100	0,11	0,010	0	0	0
0,110	0,12	0,010	0	0	0
0,120	0,13	0,010	0	0	0
0,130	0,14	0,010	0	0	0
0,140	0,15	0,010	0	0	0
0,150	0,16	0,010	0	0	0
0,160	0,17	0,010	0	0	0
0,170	0,18	0,010	0	0	0
0,180	0,19	0,010	0	0	0
0,190	0,20	0,010	0	0	0
0,200	0,21	0,010	0	0	0
0,210	0,22	0,010	0	0	0
0,220	0,23	0,010	0	0	0
0,230	0,24	0,010	0	0	0
0,240	0,25	0,010	0	0	0
0,250	0,26	0,010	0	0	0
0,260	0,27	0,010	0	0	0
0,270	0,28	0,010	0	0	0
0,280	0,29	0,010	0	0	0
0,290	0,30	0,010	0	0	0
0,300	0,31	0,010	0	0	0
0,310	0,32	0,010	0	0	0
0,320	0,33	0,010	0	0	0
0,330	0,34	0,010	0	0	0
0,340	0,35	0,010	0	0	0
0,350	0,36	0,010	0	0	0
0,360	0,37	0,010	0	0	0
0,370	0,38	0,010	0	0	0
0,380	0,39	0,010	0	0	0
0,390	0,40	0,010	0	0	0
0,400	0,41	0,010	0	0	0

Depth from	$z_{\text{from\_cptu}} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{i\_cptux}) - 1 \\ z_{\text{from\_cptu}_i} \leftarrow z_{\text{from\_cptux}_i} \text{ if } z_{\text{to\_cptux}_i} \neq 0 \\ z_{\text{from\_cptu}} \cdot m \end{cases}$
Depth to	$z_{\text{to\_cptu}} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{i\_cptux}) - 1 \\ z_{\text{to\_cptu}_i} \leftarrow z_{\text{to\_cptux}_i} \text{ if } z_{\text{to\_cptux}_i} \neq 0 \\ z_{\text{to\_cptu}} \cdot m \end{cases}$
Thickness of each layer	$z_{i\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{i\_cptux}) - 1 \\ z_{i\_cptu}_i \leftarrow z_{i\_cptux}_i \text{ if } z_{\text{to\_cptux}_i} \neq 0 \\ z_{i\_cptu} \cdot m \end{cases}$
Uncorrected tip resistance	$q_{c\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ q_{c\_cptu}_i \leftarrow q_{c\_cptux}_i \\ q_{c\_cptu} \cdot \text{kPa} \end{cases}$
Uncorrected sleeve resistance	$f_{s\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ f_{s\_cptu}_i \leftarrow f_{s\_cptux}_i \\ f_{s\_cptu} \cdot \text{kPa} \end{cases}$
Measured pore water pressure	$u_{\text{cptu}} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ u_{\text{cptu}_i} \leftarrow u_{\text{cptux}_i} \\ u_{\text{cptu}} \cdot \text{kPa} \end{cases}$
Effective vertical stress at depth of each cpt measurement	$\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ \sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu}_i \leftarrow \text{linterp}(z_{\text{to\_split}}, \sigma'_{v\_bottom\_split}, z_{\text{to\_cptu}_i}) \\ \sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu} \end{cases}$
Total vertical stress at depth of each cpt measurement	$\sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ \sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu}_i \leftarrow \text{linterp}(z_{\text{to\_split}}, \sigma_{v\_bottom\_split}, z_{\text{to\_cptu}_i}) \\ \sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu} \end{cases}$
Water pressure in soil at depth of each cpt measurement	$u_{0\_bottom\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ u_{0\_bottom\_cptu}_i \leftarrow \text{linterp}(z_{\text{to\_split}}, u_{0\_bottom\_split}, z_{\text{to\_cptu}_i}) \\ u_{0\_bottom\_cptu} \end{cases}$
Corrected tip resistance	$q_{T\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{\text{to\_cptu}}) - 1 \\ q_{T\_cptu}_i \leftarrow q_{c\_cptu}_i + u_{\text{cptu}_i} \cdot (1 - a_n) \\ q_{T\_cptu} \end{cases}$

$$\text{Corrected sleeve resistance} \quad f_{T\_cptu} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ f_{T\_cptu_i} \leftarrow f_{s\_cptu_i} - u_{cptu_i} \cdot b_n \\ f_{T\_cptu} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Normalized cone resistance} \quad Q_t := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ Q_{t_i} \leftarrow \frac{q_{T\_cptu_i} - \sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}}{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}} \\ Q_t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Normalized friction ratio} \quad F_r := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ F_{r_i} \leftarrow \frac{f_{T\_cptu_i}}{q_{T\_cptu_i} - \sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}} \cdot 100 \\ F_r \end{cases}$$

$$P_{atm} := 100\text{kPa}$$

This works for sands only

$$Q_n := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ Q_{n_i} \leftarrow \frac{q_{T\_cptu_i} - \sigma_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}}{P_{atm}} \cdot \left( \frac{P_{atm}}{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}} \right)^{0.5} \\ Q_n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Soil type index} \quad I_c := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ I_{c_i} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \left[ \left( 3.47 - \log(Q_{n_i}) \right)^2 + \left( 1.22 + \log(F_{r_i}) \right)^2 \right]^{0.5} & \text{if } Q_{n_i} > 0 \wedge F_{r_i} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ I_c \end{cases}$$

$$C_{FC} := 0$$

$$\text{Fine\_content} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ \text{Fine\_content}_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 \leq 0 \\ 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 & \text{if } 0 < 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 < 100 \\ 100 & \text{if } 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 \geq 100 \end{cases} \\ \text{Fine\_content} \end{cases}$$

Cone resistance

$$q_{cN} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ q_{c\_cptu_i} \\ q_{cN_i} \leftarrow \frac{q_{c\_cptu_i}}{p_{atm}} \\ q_{cN} \end{cases}$$

Vertical stress

$$\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu\_N} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ \sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i} \\ q_{cN_i} \leftarrow \frac{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu_i}}{p_{atm}} \\ q_{cN} \end{cases}$$

$$C_{FC} := 0$$

Fine content

$$FC := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ FC_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 \leq 0 \\ 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 & \text{if } 0 < 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 < 100 \\ 100 & \text{if } 80 \cdot (I_{c_i} + C_{FC}) - 137 \geq 100 \end{cases} \\ FC \end{cases}$$

k-term

$$k_{term} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ k_{term_i} \leftarrow e^{\left[ 1.63 - \frac{9.7}{FC+2} - \left( \frac{15.7}{FC+2} \right)^2 \right]} \\ k_{term} \end{cases}$$

m-parameter

$$m_{parameter}(q_{c1Ncs}) := 1.338 - 0.249 \cdot (q_{c1Ncs})^{0.264}$$

Definition of CN

$$C_N(q_{c1Ncs}) := \begin{cases} \left( \frac{100\text{kPa}}{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu}} \right)^{m_{parameter}(q_{c1Ncs})} & \text{if } \left( \frac{100\text{kPa}}{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu}} \right)^{m_{parameter}(q_{c1Ncs})} \leq 1.7 \\ 1.7 & \text{if } \left( \frac{100\text{kPa}}{\sigma'_{v\_bottom\_cptu}} \right)^{m_{parameter}(q_{c1Ncs})} > 1.7 \end{cases}$$

Definition of qc1N

$$q_{c1N}(q_{c1Ncs}) := C_N(q_{c1Ncs}) \cdot q_{cN}$$

Initial guesses:

$$q_{c1Ncs} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ q_{c1Ncs}_i \leftarrow 200 \\ q_{c1Ncs} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta q_{c1N} := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ \Delta q_{c1N}_i \leftarrow 0.5 \\ \Delta q_{c1N} \end{cases}$$

Given

$$q_{c1Ncs} = q_{c1N}(q_{c1Ncs}) + \Delta q_{c1N}$$

$$\Delta q_{c1N} = \left( 11.9 + \frac{q_{c1N}(q_{c1Ncs})}{14.6} \right) \cdot k_{term}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{c1Ncs} \\ \Delta q_{c1N} \end{pmatrix} := \text{Find}(q_{c1Ncs}, \Delta q_{c1N})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{c1Ncs} \\ \Delta q_{c1N} \end{pmatrix} = \blacksquare$$

$$q_{c1Ncs}(q_{c1Ncs}, \Delta q_{c1N}) := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0.. \text{rows}(z_{to\_cptu}) - 1 \\ q_{c1Ncs}_i \leftarrow \text{Find}(q_{c1Ncs}, \Delta q_{c1N}) \\ q_{c1Ncs} \end{cases}$$

The sheet should compute  $q_{c1Ncs}$ ,  $C_N$  and  $q_{c1N}$  for all rows of qcN

$$C_N(q_{c1Ncs}) = \blacksquare$$

$$q_{c1N}(q_{c1Ncs}) = \blacksquare$$



