

# Experimental Study on Drainage Behavior and Improvement Measures of Low Permeable Soil with Geosynthetic Drainage Layers

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## 1. Background

### Objectives:

- To **evaluate** the drainage behavior and permeability of **low permeable soil-geosynthetic drainage system**
- To **quantify** the effect of **sand cushion** on improving the permeability of soil-geosynthetic system.
- To **determine** the **equivalent hydraulic conductivity** of soil-geosynthetic system.

### Goal:

To mitigate heavy rainfall induced damage or collapse of infrastructures and to establish a sustainable and safe homeland.

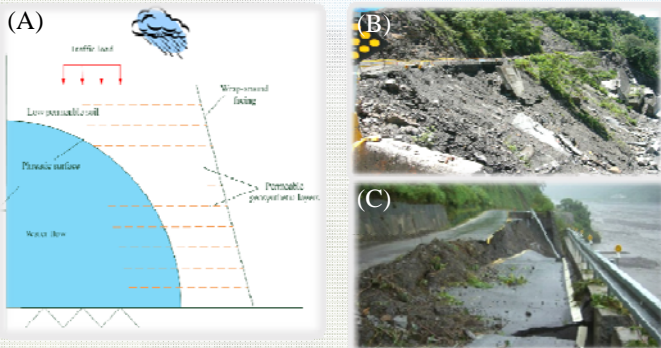


Figure 1. (A) Schematic of a geosynthetic-reinforced slope with marginal soil as a backfill. (B) & (C) Real cases of slope failure.

## 3. Results and Findings

Evaluate permeability of low permeable soils with variations of soil types, number of geosynthetic layers and sand cushion thickness.

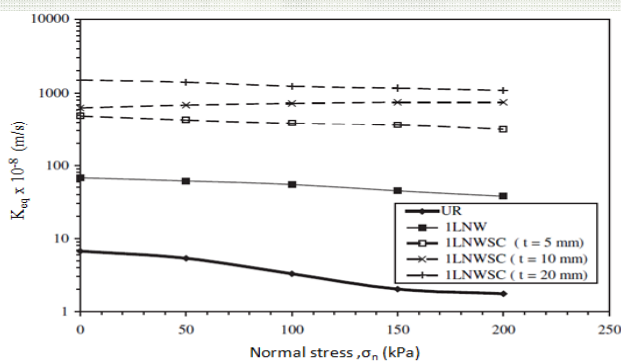
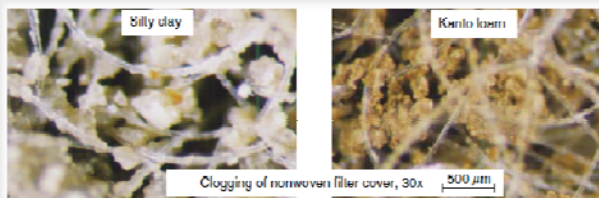


Figure 3 shows the results of the permeameter tests

(D.V. Raisinghani)

Observe the clogging mechanism of geosynthetic drainage layer



(by Ghosh and K. Yasuhara)

## 2. Methodology

Develop a permeameter to investigate the drainage behavior of low permeable soil. The variables include: (1) **soil type**, (2) **drainage material**, (3) **number of drainage layers**, (4) **with and without sand cushion**, (5) **sand cushion thickness**.

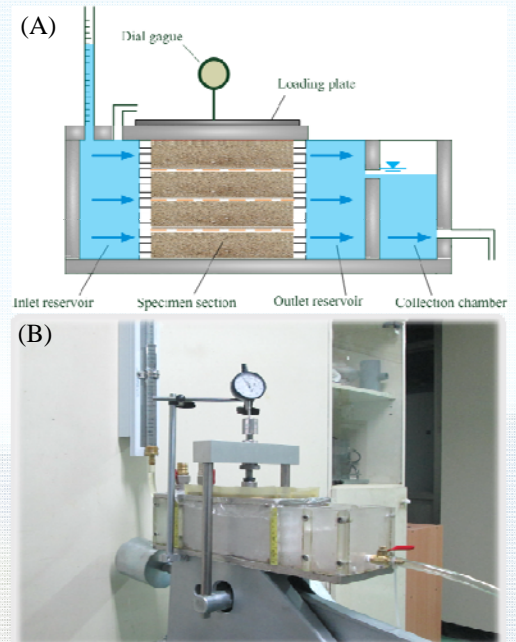
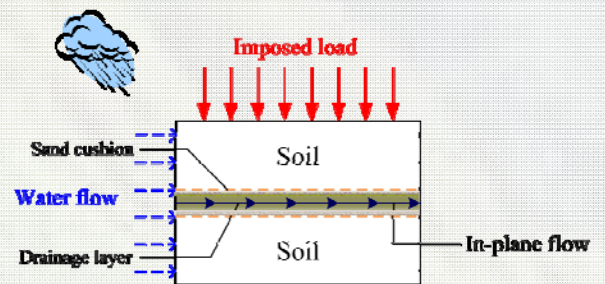


Figure 2. Permeameter setup: (A) Schematic illustration; (b) Photo

## 4. Analyses

Determine and Validate equivalent hydraulic conductivity of soil-geosynthetic system.



$$K_{eq} = \frac{1}{H} [(n_s k_s S_v) + (n_g k_g t_g) + (n_{sc} k_{sc} t_{sc})]$$

System      soil      geosynthetic      sand cushion

Evaluate deformation and stability of GRS structures with low permeable soil under heavy rainfall conditions using FE simulation

