

# Lateral Loads on Piles - Randolph

$u$  = lateral displacement at ground level,

$z$  = depth below ground level,

$H$  = lateral load applied at ground level,

$M$  = bending moment in pile,

$r_0$  = radius of pile,

$E'_p$  = effective Young's modulus of a solid circular pile of radius  $r_0$ , i.e.  $4E_p I_p / \pi r_0^4$

$G_c$  = characteristic modulus of soil, i.e. the average value of  $G^*$  over depths  $l_c$

$G^* = G(1 + 3\nu/4)$ ,

$G$  = shear modulus of soil,

$\nu$  = Poisson's ratio of soil,

$l_c$  = critical length of pile

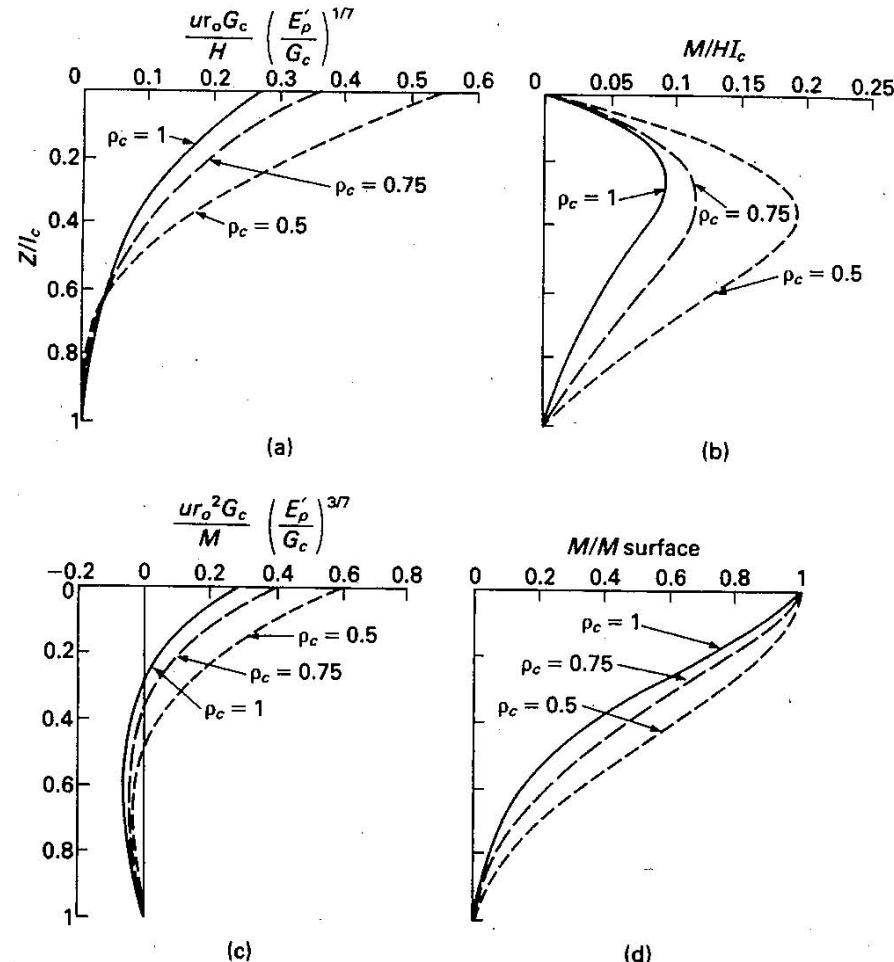
$= 2r_0(E'_p/G)^{2/7}$  for homogeneous soil

$= 2r_0(E'_p/m^*r_0)^{2/9}$  for soil with stiffness proportional to depth,

$m^* = m(1 + 3\nu/4)$ ,

$m = \frac{G}{z}$ , where  $G$  varies with depth as  $G = mz$ ,

$\rho_c$  = homogeneity factor  $= \frac{G^* \text{ at } l_c/4}{G^* \text{ at } l_c/2}$ .



Deflected pile subjected to lateral force loading and bending moment (after Randolph<sup>7,54</sup>). (a) Deflected pile shape. (b) Bending moment profile for lateral force loading. (c) Deflected pile shape for moment loading. (d) Bending moment loading.