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0.3

(Sandy Loam)

(Loamy Sand)

(3.5)

(2.4-0.0)

The Study of Origin and Some Characteristics of Pre-existing Rocks in Al-Qaim, West of Iraq

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ABSRTRACT

Al-Qaim area has been chosen as typical area for western and southwestern parts of the Euphrates River to investigate their soil physical properties and classification. This is due to great soil and bed rock similarities. Two types of soil samples were performed one of them is surfacial and the other 0.3m deep. Several boreholes and vertical pits were used throughout this study.

The study reveals that there were two types of soils; the residual (Sandy loam) and transported soil (Loamy sand). It is also revealed difference in their field density. These types of soils are loose and are regarded agriculturally has bad physical properties. The results show that the residual soil varied in thickness between (0.0-2.4) m whereas, the transported soil reached 3.5m. particularly in wadi cliffs.

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 (Yassin 1991) (

(15.0-0.30)
 .(2000) (Vertical pits)

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 :(Residual soils) -
 (Soil insitue)
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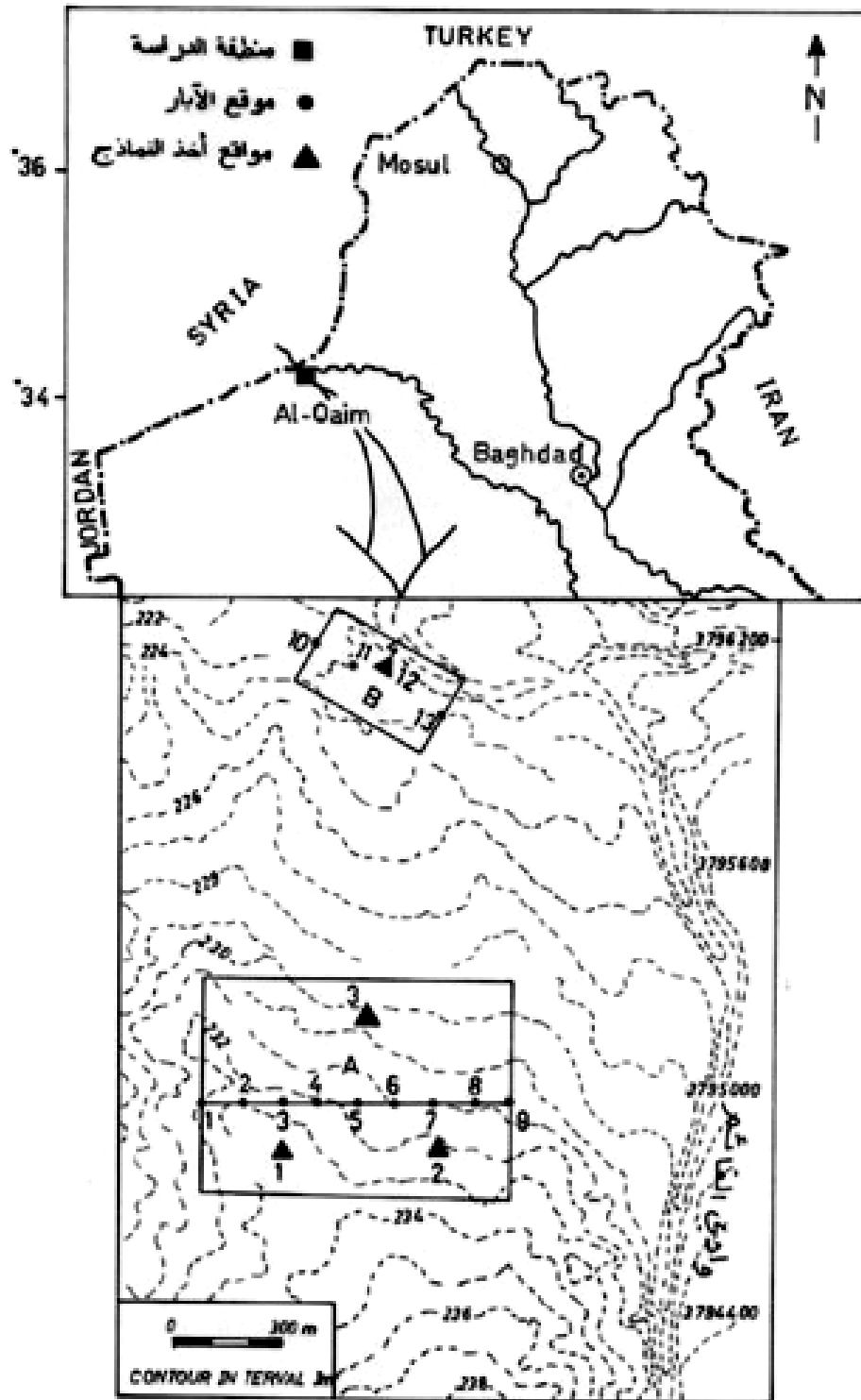
(1987) (50)

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 :(Transported soils) -
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 . (Alluvial fans)
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. (Ripple marks)

.(Small sand dunes)



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(0.30-)

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(Foth, 1978) (Texture triangle)

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(2 " , 3/4 " , 3/8 " , Sieve No. : 4, 10, 20, 40, 100, 200)

(Passing %)

(Lambe and Whitman,1951)

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(Foth,1978)

(0.30)

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Plasticity)

(Liquid limit and Plastic limit)

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(Weathering depth)

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(Partially leached)

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(Lower Miocene)

(Sybetra Company, 1979)

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(Fouad et al., 1986)

(Undulated)

(Tough)

(Toughness)

(Friable)

(10-5)

(25)

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) (Residual soil)

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%15

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(Limestone)

(Weathering)

.(Flint)

(%5)

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(%65)

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(Transported)

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(Fan)

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Alberts, et al., 1980)

5cm

3mm

15cm

.(Bad sorted)

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(Loamy sand)

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(Sandy loam)

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Location No.	Sand (%) (Coarse+ Medium+ Fine)	Very fine Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)	Soil texture
1	64.28	11.9	18.42	5.4	Loamy sand
2	65.23	9.77	20.29	4.71	Loamy sand
3	59.24	13.93	19.74	6.9	Loamy sand
4	46.86	11.67	30.49	10.98	Sandy loam

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.(Ahmad and Almond, 1983)

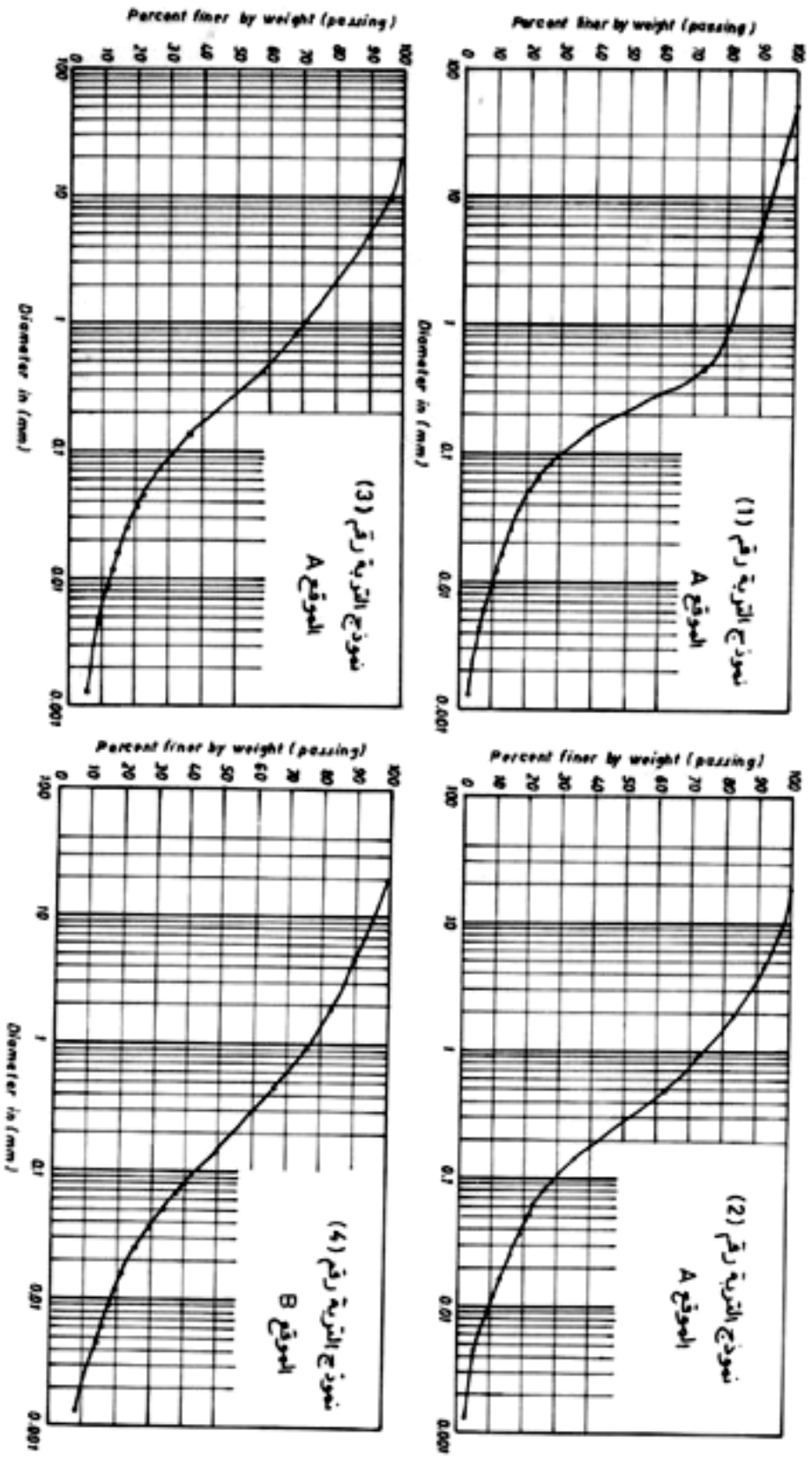
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Seive No.	Diameter in mm	Percent fine (passing)			
		Location No.			
		1	2	3	4
2"	50.8	100	100	100	100
3/4"	19.05	97.26	100	99.25	99.18
3/8"	9.525	92.31	97.22	96.18	94.80
4	4.76	88.55	91.98	89.43	89.11
10	2.00	84.06	82.98	79.01	83.66
20	0.833	79.55	72.78	68.37	78.49
40	0.417	73.46	62.2	57.92	73.00
100	0.15	38.29	34.79	36.33	52.77
200	0.074	30.01	27	27.29	38.35
Hydrometer analysis test	0.070	27.30	25.65	27.01	37.90
	0.065	25.50	23.76	26.47	37.19
	0.045	22.57	21.40	24.28	34.13
	0.035	18.30	18.63	20.46	28.76
	0.025	15.30	15.90	16.64	24.92
	0.016	14.10	12.68	15.00	21.85
	0.012	11.70	11.61	13.37	19.55
	0.009	9.90	8.90	11.73	17.52
	0.0065	8.70	6.21	10.64	15.72
	0.0013	3.00	2.43	5.45	8.43

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Location No.	Depth in cm	Field Density in gm/cm ³	Dry Field Density in gm/cm ³	Water Content %
1	0	1.32	1.28	3.0
	30	1.31	1.17	12.0
2	0	1.43	1.37	4.1
	30	1.41	1.23	14.2
3	0	1.24	1.20	3.4
	30	1.38	1.22	13
4	0	1.47	1.42	3.8
	30	1.42	1.32	6.8

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(Slight plasticity)

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(1991) 100/ 4 (capacity

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Location No.	Liquid limit	Plastic limit	Plasticity index	Class of soil
1	41.8	35.7	6.1	Slight Plasticity
2	44.8	37.5	7.3	Slight Plasticity
3	40.5	33.8	6.7	Slight Plasticity
4	41.2	34.6	6.6	Slight Plasticity

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(Silicification)

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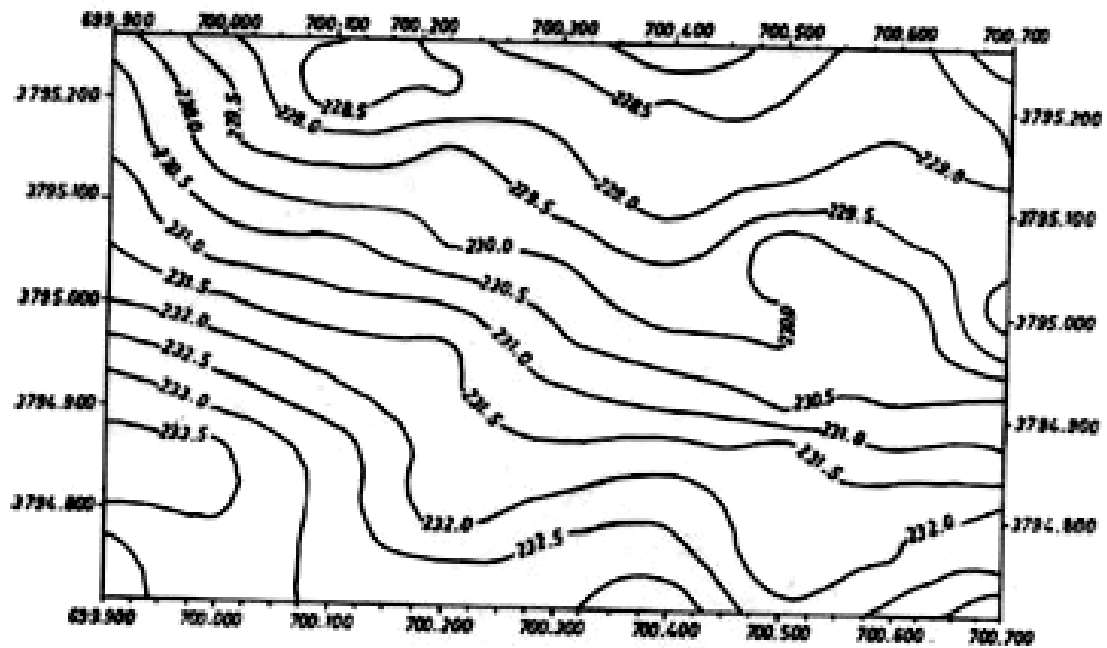
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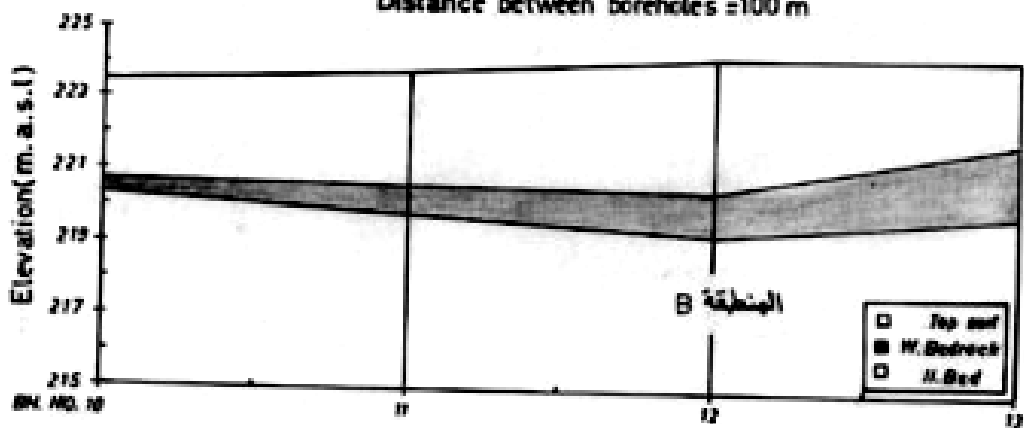
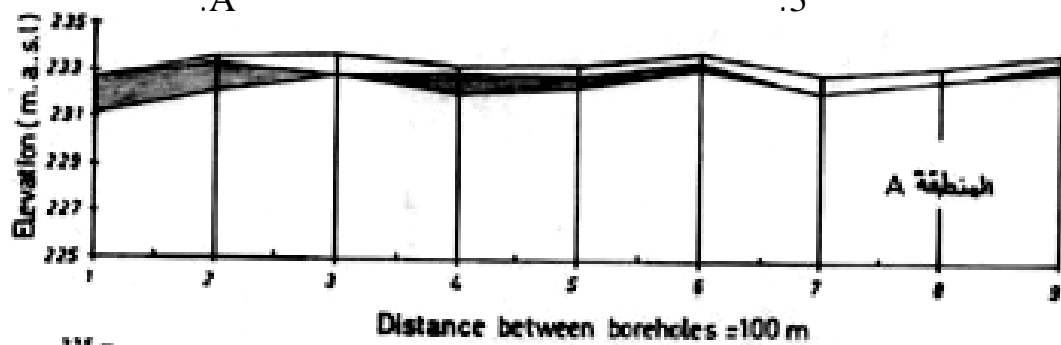
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(Alluvial fans)

(Diagenesis)

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