



Geotechnical Elements and Models in **OpenSees**

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Type of Geotechnical Problems that can be solved using **OpenSees**

○ Static Problems

- Deformation analyses (1D, 2D, or 3D)
- Consolidation problems (diffusion problems)
- Soil-structure interaction problems
 - Shallow foundations (e.g. bearing capacity, settlements)
 - Pile foundations (e.g. vertical and lateral capacity)

○ Dynamic (earthquake problems)

- Free-field analysis
- Liquefaction induced problems
- Soil structure interaction problems (e.g. response of pile foundations, bridge bents, or complete structures embedded in soils to earthquake excitations)



What do we need??

- Solid **elements** to characterize the soil domain (continuum).
- Appropriate **boundary conditions** to accurately represent the soil domain boundaries.
- Robust **constitutive models** to characterize the soil stress-strain response under monotonic and cyclic loading conditions
- **Interface elements** to capture the interaction between the soil and adjacent structures.
- **Everything else** you are learning in this workshop (i.e., how to create beam elements, apply loads and boundary conditions, record results, perform the analysis, etc.



Outline

- **Finite Elements** (for solids)
 - Single-phase
 - Multi-phase (coupled) finite elements
 - Zero length element
- **Material Models**
 - Elastic
 - Elasto-plastic Continuum Models
 - Elasto-plastic Uniaxial models
- **Boundary Conditions**
 - Equal DOF
 - Absorbent boundaries



Finite Elements (solids)

- **Single-phase formulations**

- To capture the response of dry soils (or total stress analysis) → need one single phase
 - Phase 1 – soil skeleton

- **Multi-phase formulations**

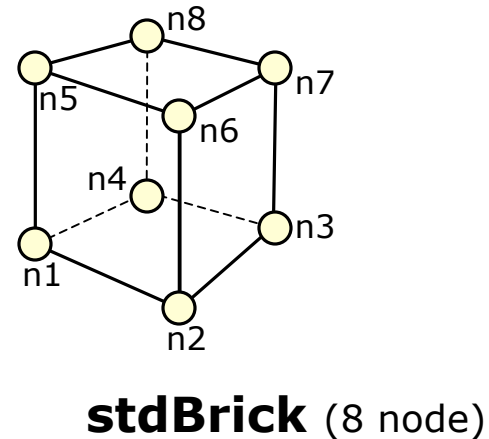
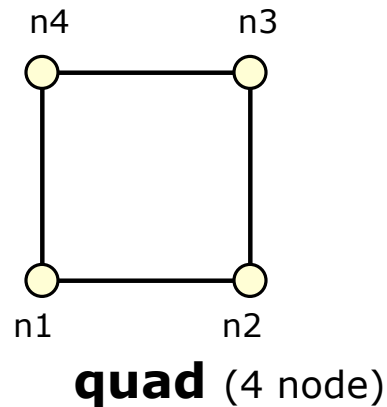
- To capture the response of saturated soils (effective stress analysis) → need two phases
 - Phase 1 → soil skeleton
 - Phase 2 → pore water

- **Zero-Length element**

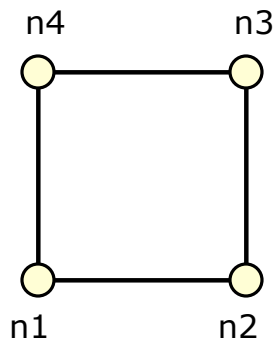
- To capture interface response between solid and beam elements, and to apply absorbent boundary conditions

Single Phase Formulations

- Small deformation solid elements
 - 2-D quadrilateral elements (4, 9 nodes)
 - 3-D solid elements, brick (8, 20 nodes)



quad element definition



quad (4 node)

```
element quad $eleTag $n1 $n2 $n3 $n4 $thick $type $matTag  
<$press $rho $b1 $b2>
```

Must define first all the required arguments. In particular:

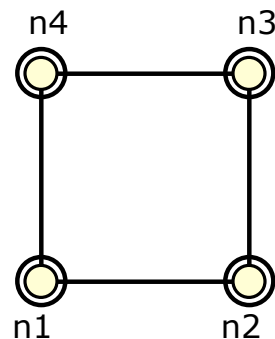
Nodes \$n1, \$n2, \$n3, \$n4 and

Material type \$matTag

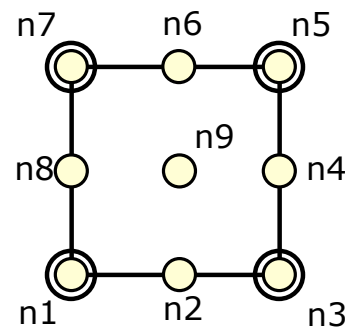
The arguments in <...> are optional

Multi-Phase Formulations

- Fully coupled u-p elements (2D & 3D)
- Fully coupled u-p-U elements (3D) for small deformations



quadUP

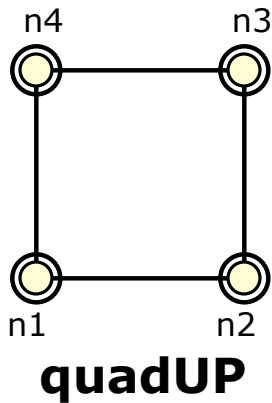


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Degrees of Freedom (DOFs) are:

- u → solid displacement, on ○
- P → pore fluid pressures, on ○
- U → pore fluid displacements, on ○

quadUP element definition



```
element quadUP $eleTag $n1 $n2 $n3 $n4 $thick $type $matTag  
$bulk $fmass $hPerm $vPerm <$b1 $b2 $t>
```

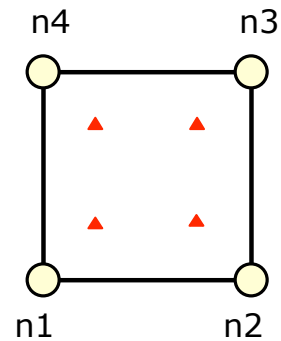
\$bulk → combined undrained bulk modulus $B_c = B_f/n$

\$fmass → fluid mass density

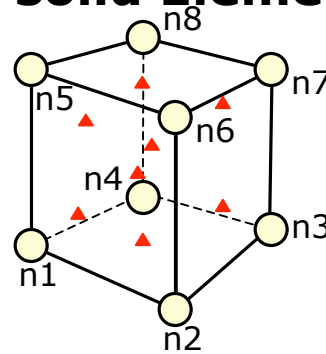
\$hperm & \$vperm → horiz. And vert. permeability

Recent Developments at UW

Standard 2D and 3D solid Elements

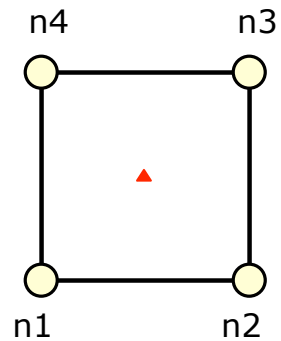


quad (4 node)

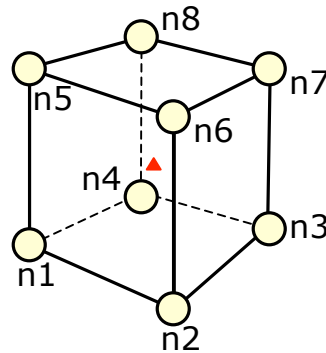


stdBrick (8 node)

Stabilized Single Point 2D and 3D Solid Elements



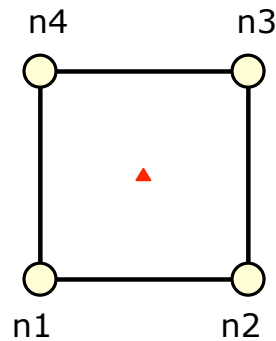
SSPquad (4 node)



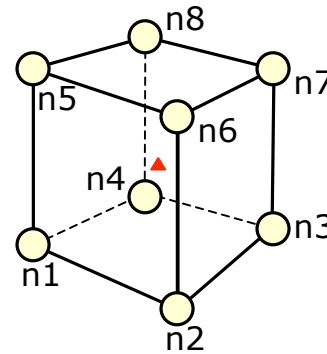
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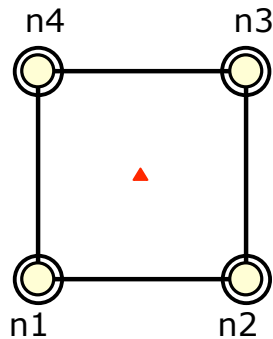


SSPquad (4 node)

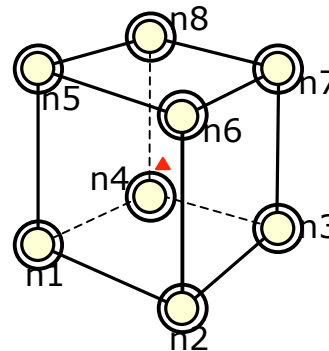


SSPBrick (8 node)

UP - Stabilized Single Point 2D and 3D Solid Elements



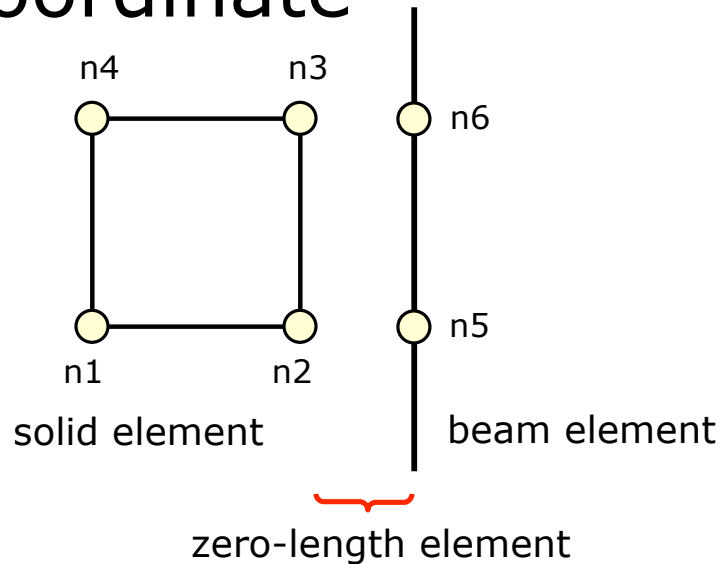
SSPquad-up (4 node)



SSPBrick-up (8 node)

zerolength element

- Connects two points at the same coordinate



```
element zeroLength $eleTag $n1 $n2 -mat $matTag1 $matTag2 ...  
-dir $dir1 $dir2 ... <-orient $x1 $x2 $x3 $yp1 $yp2 $yp3>
```



Material Models

- Linear Elastic Material model (**nDMaterial**)
 - To characterize the response of the soil (or other continuum) in its elastic state
- Elasto-Plastic Material models (**nDMaterial**)
 - To characterize the nonlinear stress-strain response of soils
- Elasto-plastic Uniaxial models
 - To characterize the interface response between soil and structural elements (**uniaxialMaterial**).



nDMaterial Elastic

- Small deformation elasticity
 - Linear isotropic
 - Nonlinear isotropic
 - Cross anisotropic
- Elastic Isotropic Material

nDMaterial ElasticIsotropic $\text{\$matTag}$ $\text{\$E}$ $\text{\$v}$



nDMaterial

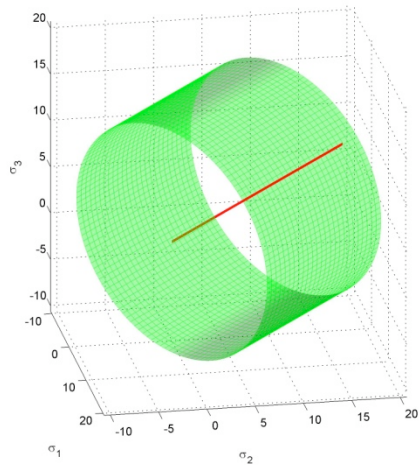
Elasto-Plastic (Small Deformations)

- J2-Plasticity Material (von Mises)
- Drucker-Prager Material (UW)
- Cam-Clay Material (Berkeley, UW)
- MutiYield Materials (San Diego)
- FluidSolidPorous Material(SanDiego)

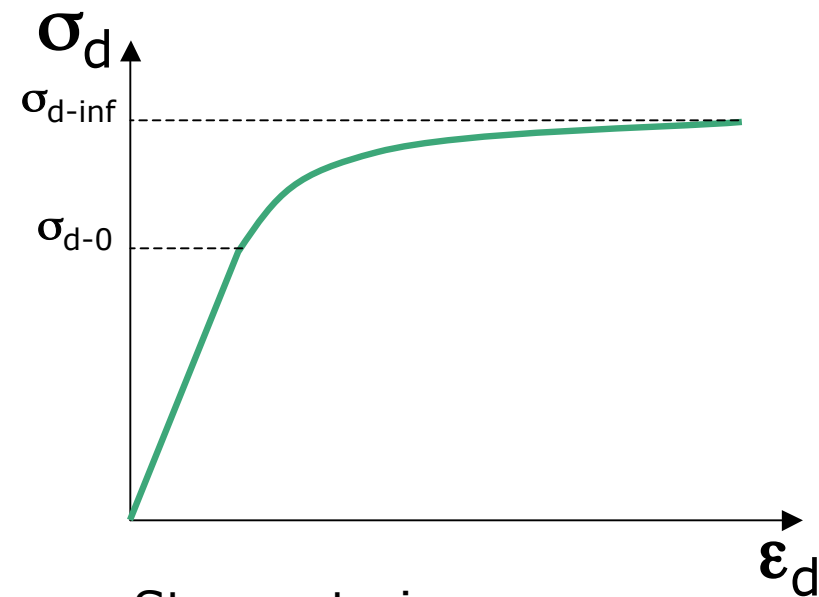
nDMaterial J2Plasticity

○ von-Mises type

nDMaterial J2Plasticity \$matTag \$K \$G \$sig0 \$sigInf \$delta \$H



Von-Mises Yield Surface



Stress-strain curve



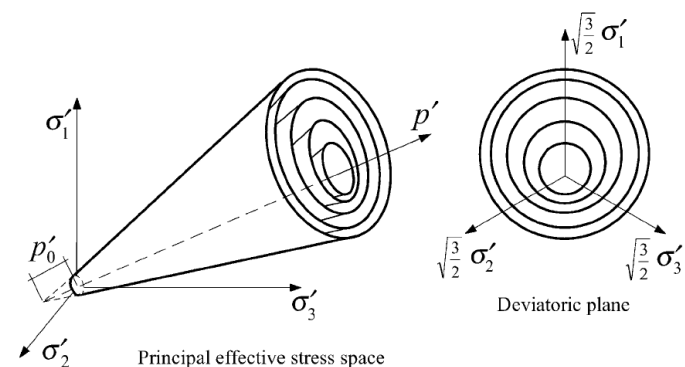
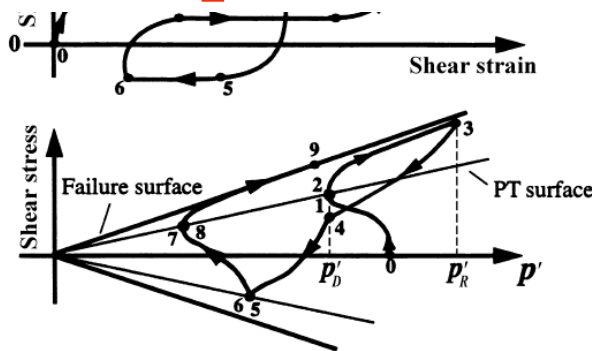
nDMaterial MultiYield Materials

- Material models based on Multiyield Plasticity (*Mroz et al.*, *Prevost et al.*)
- Two types
 - Pressure Independent Multi-yield (for total stress analysis)
 - Pressure Dependent Multi-yield (captures well the response of liquefiable soils)
 - Fluid-solid porous material (Material to couple solid & fluid phases)
- Developed by Elgamal et al. at UCSD
<http://cyclic.ucsd.edu/openssees/>

nDMaterial PressureDependentMultiYield

nDMaterial PressureDependMultiYield \$matTag \$nd \$rho
 \$refShearModul \$refBulkModul \$frictionAng \$peakShearStra
 \$refPress \$pressDependCoe \$PTAng
 \$contrac \$dilat1 \$dilat2, \$liquefac1 \$liquefac2 \$liquefac3
 <\$noYieldSurf=20 <\$r1 \$Gs1 ...>
 \$e=0.6 \$cs1=0.9 \$cs2=0.02 \$cs3=0.7 \$pa=101>

15 parameters!!!??



nDMaterial

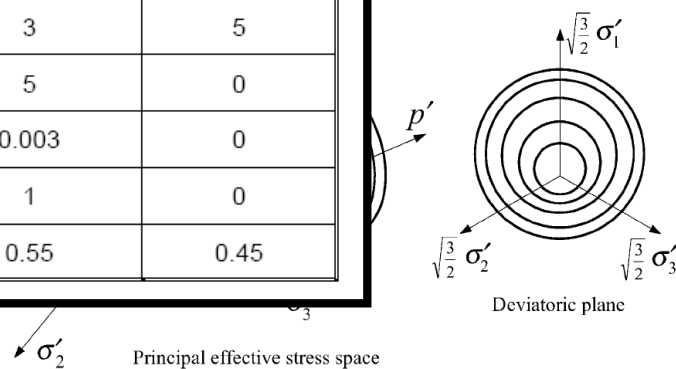
PressureDependentMultiYield

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\$e=0.

	Loose Sand (15%-35%)	Medium Sand (35%-65%)	Medium-dense Sand (65%-85%)	Dense Sand (85%-100%)
ρ (ton/m ³)	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1
$refShearModul$ (kPa, at $p'_r=80$ kPa)	5.5×10^4	7.5×10^4	1.0×10^5	1.3×10^5
$refBulkModu$ (kPa, at $p'_r=80$ kPa)	1.5×10^5	2.0×10^5	3.0×10^5	3.9×10^5
$frictionAng$	29	33	37	40
$peakShearStra$ (at $p'_r=80$ kPa)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
$refPress$ (p'_r , kPa)	80	80	80	80
$pressDependCoe$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$PTAng$	29	27	27	27
$contrac$	0.21	0.07	0.05	0.03
$dilat1$	0.	0.4	0.6	0.8
$dilat2$	0	2	3	5
$liquefac1$ (kPa)	10	10	5	0
$liquefac2$	0.02	0.01	0.003	0
$liquefac3$	1	1	1	0
e	0.85	0.7	0.55	0.45

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Shear stress
Shear stress



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PressureDependentMultiYield02

nDMater

\$refBulkM

\$pressDep

\$contrac1

<\$noYield

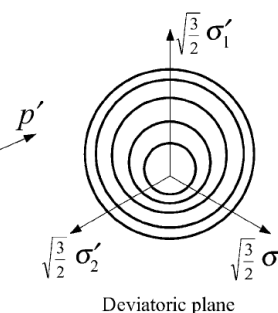
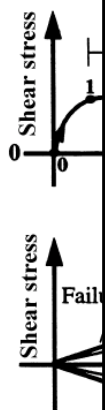
\$contrac2

\$e=0.6 \$

	Dr=30%	Dr=40%	Dr=50%	Dr=60%	Dr=75%
<i>rho</i> (ton/m3)	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
<i>refShearModul</i> (kPa, at $p'_r=80$ kPa)	6×10^4	9×10^4	10×10^4	11×10^4	13×10^4
<i>refBulkModu</i> (kPa, at $p'_r=80$ kPa)	16×10^4 ($K_0=0.5$)	22×10^4 ($K_0=0.47$)	23.3×10^4 ($K_0=0.45$)	24×10^4 ($K_0=0.43$)	26×10^4 ($K_0=0.4$)
<i>frictionAng</i>	31	32	33.5	35	36.5
<i>PTAng</i>	31	26	25.5	26	26
<i>peakShearStra</i> (at $p'_r=101$ kPa)	0.1				
<i>refPress</i> (p'_r , kPa)	101				
<i>pressDependCoe</i>	0.5				
<i>Contrac1</i>	0.087	0.067	0.045	0.028	0.013
<i>Contrac3</i>	0.18	0.23	0.15	0.05	0.0
<i>dilat1</i>	0.	0.06	0.06	0.1	0.3
<i>dilat3</i>	0.0	0.27	0.15	0.05	0.0
<i>e</i>	0.85	0.77	0.7	0.65	0.55

\$nd \$rho

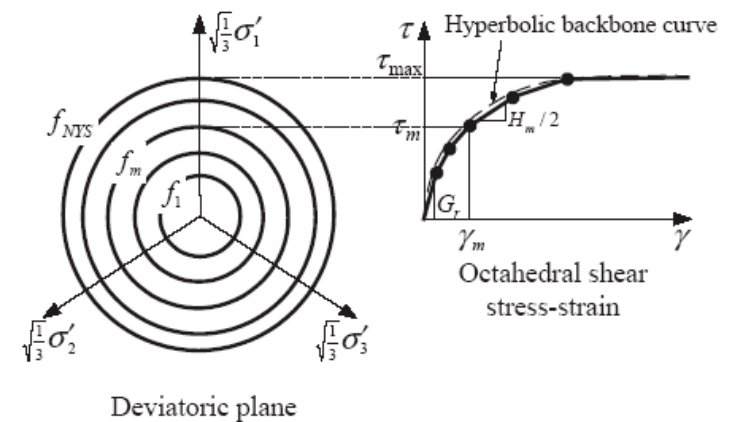
=0.0



σ'_2 Principal effective stress space

nDMaterial PressureIndependentMultiYield

nDMaterial PressureIndependMultiYield \$matTag \$nd \$rho
 \$refShearModul \$refBulkModul \$cohesi \$peakShearStra
 \$frictionAng \$refPress=101 \$pressDependCoe=0.
 <\$noYieldSurf=20 <\$r1 \$Gs1 ...>>





nDMaterial FluidSolidPorousMaterial

- Couples the response of two phases (i.e., fluid and solid) – developed to simulate the response of saturated porous media

nDMaterial FluidSolidPorousMaterial \$matTag \$nd
\$soilMatTag \$combinedBulkModul

\$soilMatTag → the tag of previously defined material
\$combinedBulkModul → combined undrained bulk modulus,
 $B_c = B_f/n$



nDMaterial

Other Models under development

nDMaterial BoundingCamClay

nDMaterial Manzari-Dafalias



Additional commands for **multiyield** materials

- Help perform stage analysis

updateMaterialStage -material \$matTag -stage \$sNum

\$MatTag → the tag of previously defined material

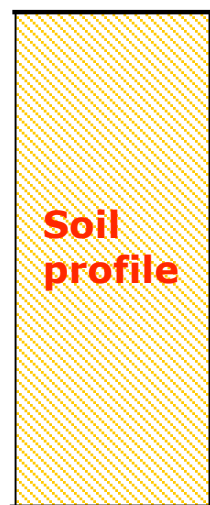
\$sNum → (0 - elastic, 1-plastic, 2 – linear elastic constant **$f(\sigma_3)$**)

updateParameter -material \$matTag -refG \$newVal

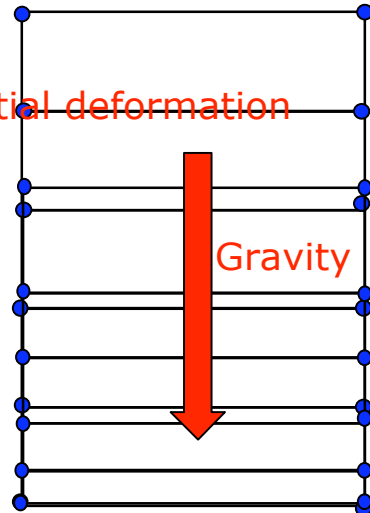
\$MatTag → the tag of previously defined material

\$sNewVal → new parameter value

Initial State for Geotechnical Problems



Initial deformation



```
# turn on initial state analysis feature
```

InitialStateAnalysis on

```
# create incremental gravity load
```

```
pattern Plain 3 {Series -time {0 10 10000} -values {0 1 1} -factor 1} {
```

```
  eleLoad -ele 1 -type -selfWeight
```

```
  eleLoad -ele 2 -type -selfWeight
```

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  .
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}
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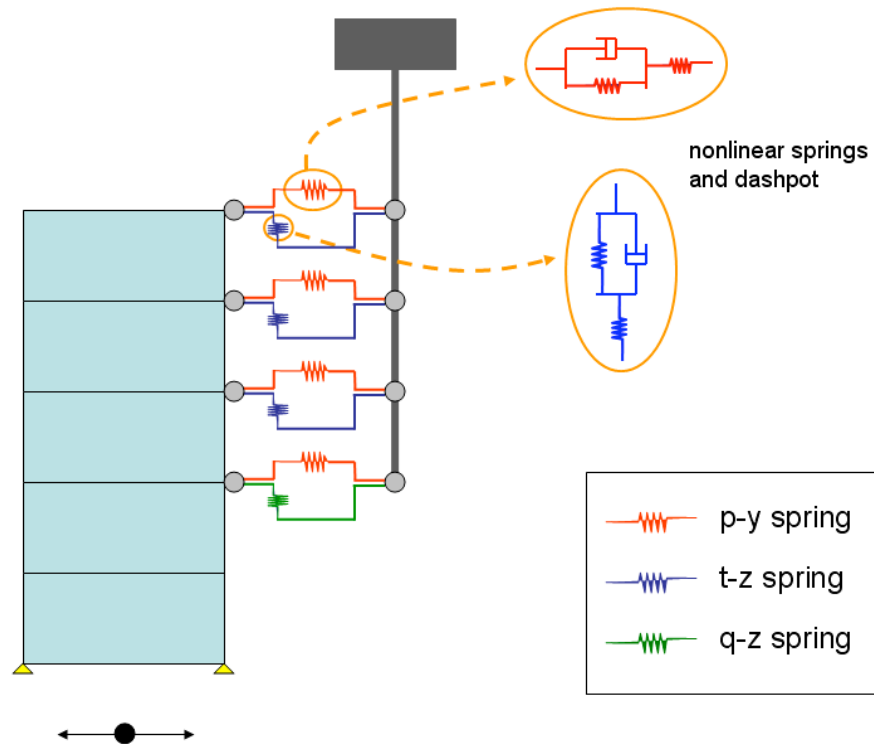
```
analysis steps ...
```

```
# turn off initial state analysis feature
```

InitialStateAnalysis off

Elasto-plastic Uniaxial models

- To capture interface response between solid (soil) and beam elements (pile)



Py Tz Qz Uniaxial Materials

- PySimple1
- TzSimple1
- QzSimple1
- PyLiq1
- TzLiq1

uniaxialMaterial PySimple1

uniaxialMaterial PySimple1 matTag \$soilType \$pult \$Y50 \$Cd
<\$c>

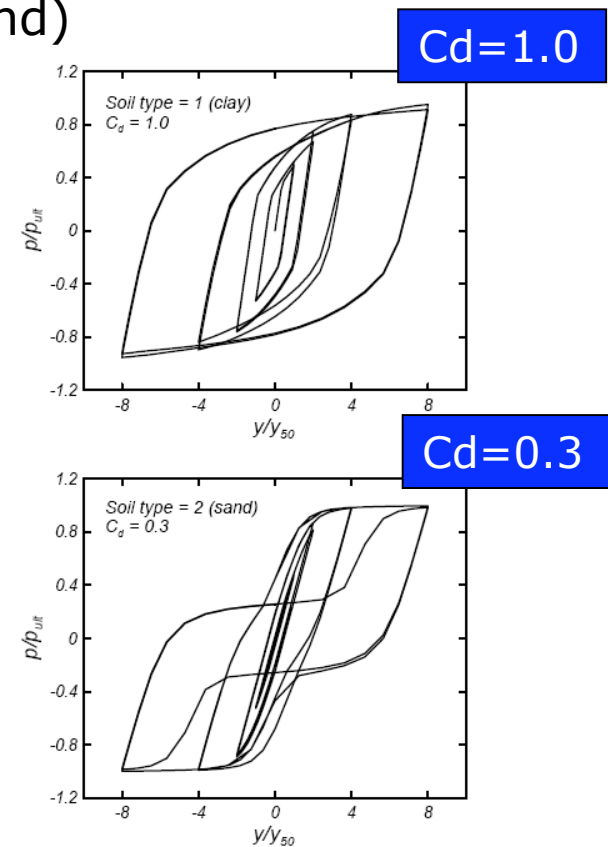
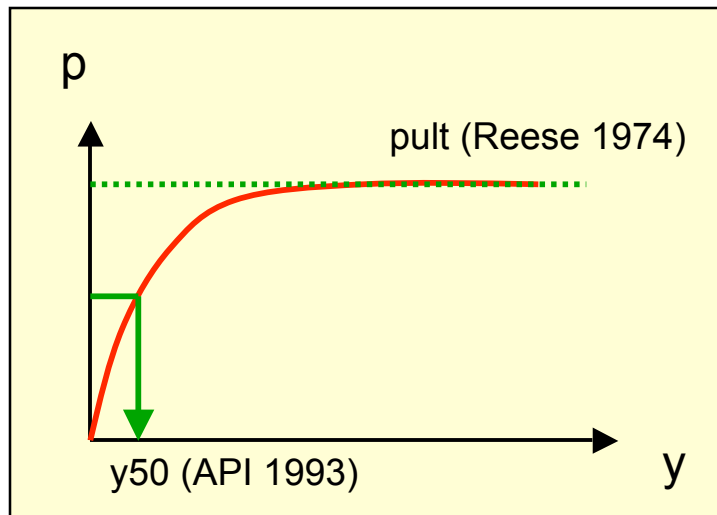
\$soilType → =1 Matlock (clay), =2 API (sand)

\$pult → ultimate capacity of p-y material

\$Y50 → displ. @ 50% of pult

Cd → drag resistance (=1 no gap, <1 gap)

\$c → viscous damping





uniaxialMaterial TzSimple1 & QzSimple1

```
uniaxialMaterial TzSimple1 matTag $tzType $tult $z50 <$c>
```

\$tzType → =1 Reese & O'Neill (clay), =2 Mosher (sand)

\$tult → ultimate capacity of t-z material

\$z50 → displ. @ 50% of tult

\$c → viscous damping

```
uniaxialMaterial QzSimple1 matTag $qzType $qult $z50  
<$suction $c>
```

\$qzType → =1 Reese & O'Neill (clay), =2 Vijayvergiya (sand)

\$qult = ultimate capacity of q-z material

\$z50 = displ. @ 50% of qult

\$suction → uplift resistance = suction*qult

\$c viscous damping



uniaxialMaterial

PyLiq1

uniaxialMaterial PyLiq1 \$matTag \$soilType \$pult \$Y50 \$Cd \$c
\$pRes \$solidElem1 \$solidElem2

\$soilType → =1 Matlock (clay), =2 API (sand)

\$pult → ultimate capacity of p-y material

\$Y50 → displ. @ 50% of pult

Cd → drag resistance (=1 no gap, <1 gap)

\$c → viscous damping

\$pRes → residual (minimum) p-y resistance as $r_u=1.0$

\$solidElem1 & \$solidElem2 → solid elements from which PyLiq1
will obtain effective stresses and pore pressures

uniaxialMaterial PyLiq1

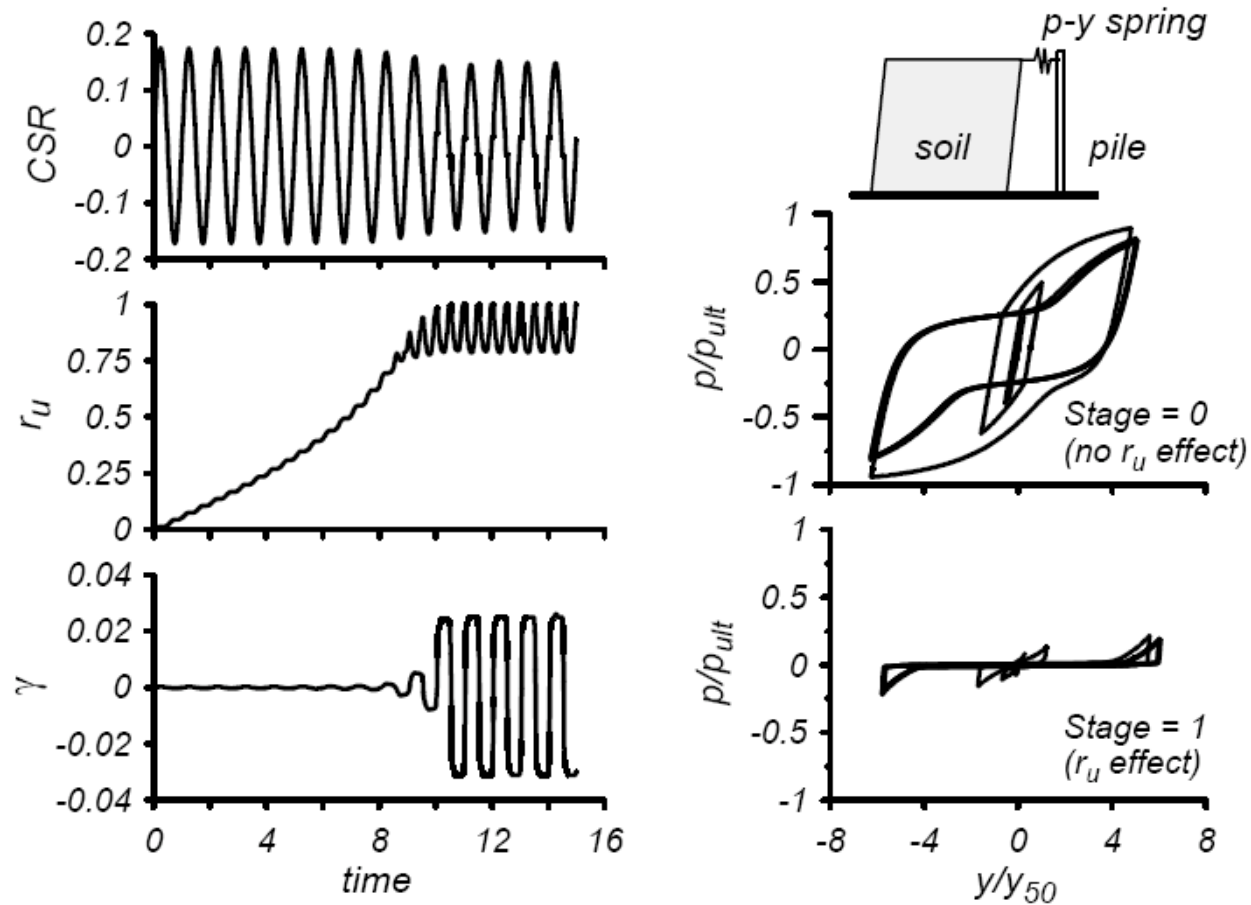


FIG. Example of PyLiq1 behavior during liquefaction without lateral spreading.

Boundary Conditions

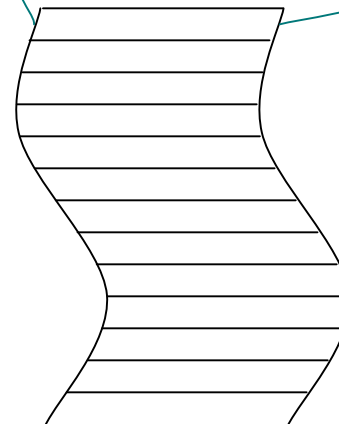
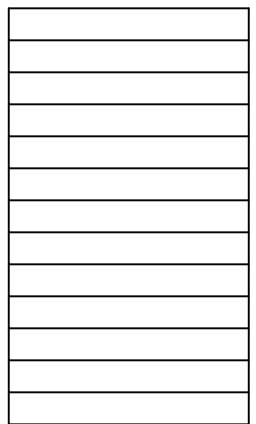
○ EqualDof

equalDOF \$rNodeTag \$cNodeTag \$dof1 \$dof2 ...

\$rNodeTag → master node

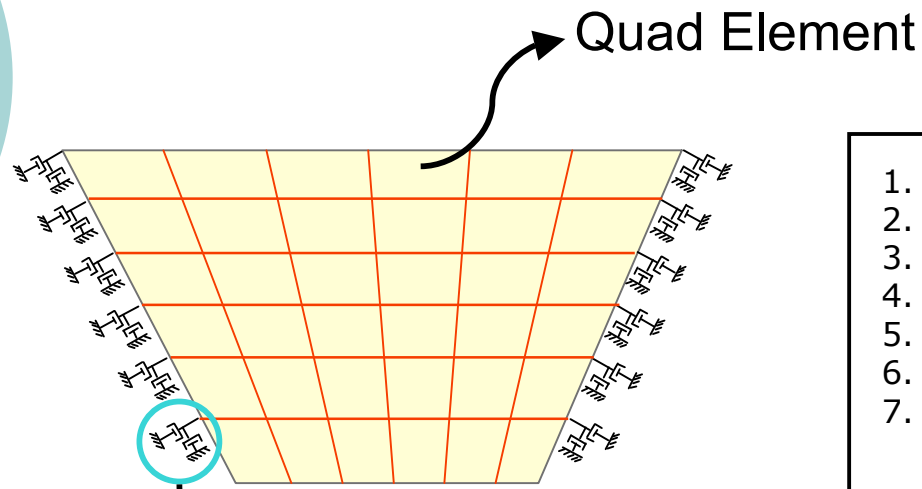
\$cNodeTag → slave node

\$dof1 \$dof2 ... → constrained dof's

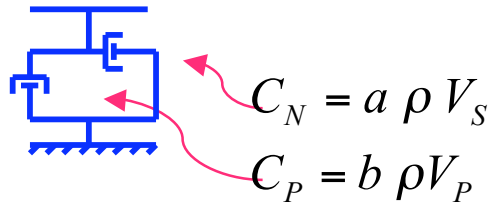


Same lateral deformation

Absorbent/transmitting Boundaries Lysmer (1969)

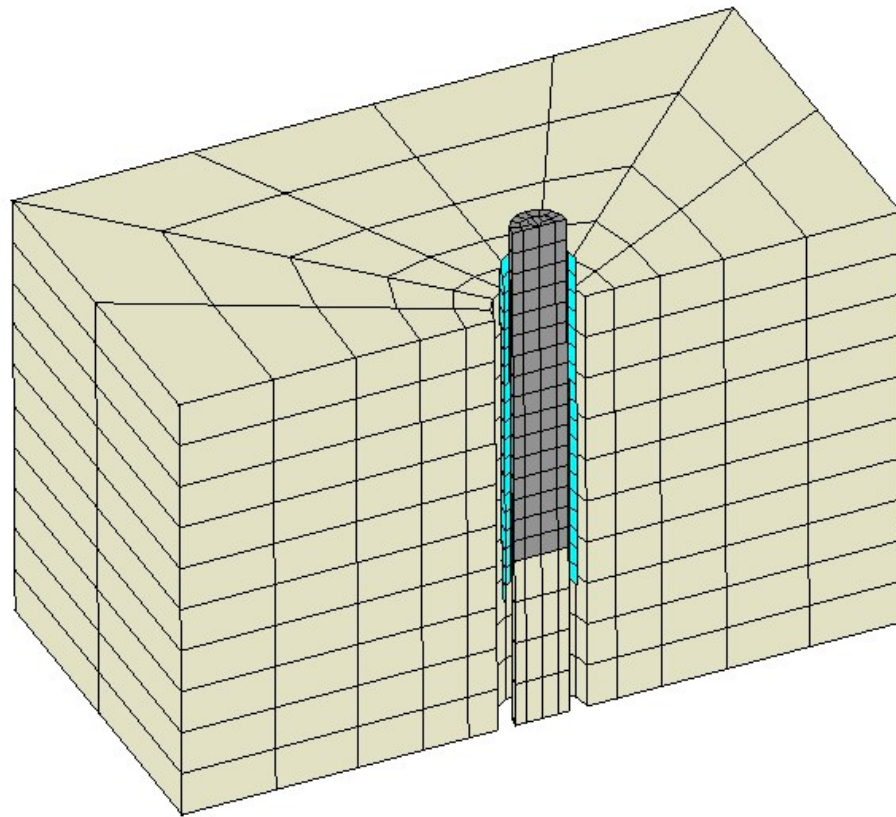


```
1. set DampP 755
2. set DampN 1216
3. uniaxialMaterial Elastic 1 0 $DampP
4. uniaxialMaterial Elastic 2 0 $DampN
5. node 1 16.0 0.0
6. node 2 16.0 0.0
7. element zeroLength 1 1 2 -mat 1 2
   -dir 1 2 -orient 1 -2 0 2 1 0
```



zeroLength Element &
uniaxial material

Contact Elements available in OpenSees



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Master node

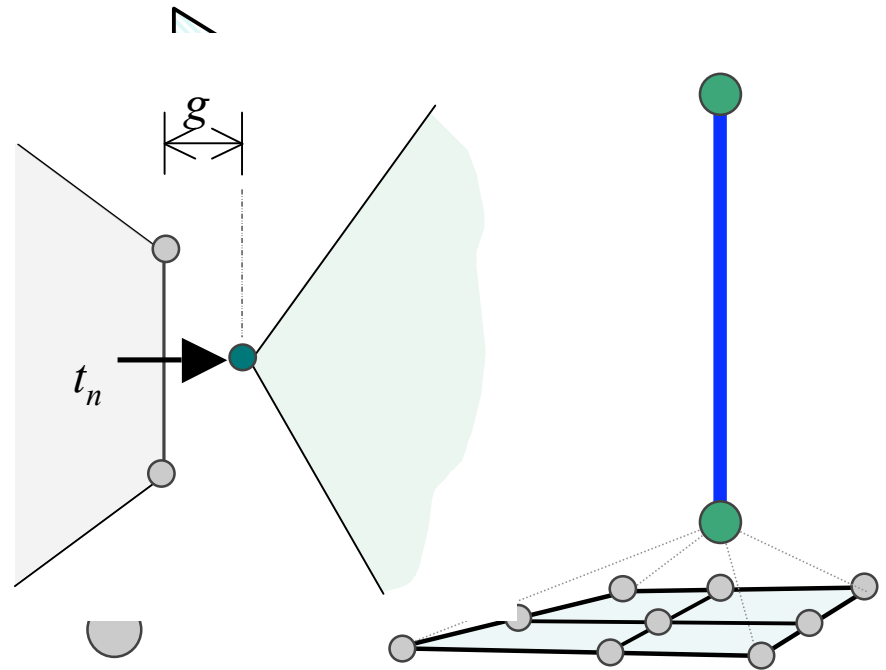
Slave node

2D Node-to-Line
Element

3D Node-to-Surface
Element

3D Beam-to-Solid
Element

3D End-Beam-to-
Solid Element



Contact Elements available in OpenSees

```
element SimpleContact2D $eleTag $iNode $jNode $sNode  
$lNode $matTag $gTol $fTol
```

\$eleTag → unique integer tag identifying element object

\$iNode \$jNode → master nodes

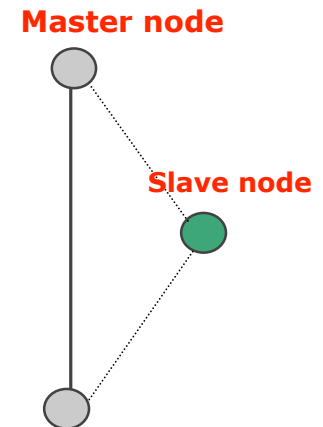
\$sNode → slave node

\$lNode → Lagrange multiplier node

\$matTag → unique integer tag associated with previously-defined nDMaterial object

\$gTol → gap tolerance

\$fTol → force tolerance





Many more capabilities currently
under development!!