



Geotechnical Examples using OpenSees

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Outline

- **Take advantage of tcl scripting!!**
 - OpenSees Wiki Geotechnical Examples
 - Useful links
- **Take advantage of pre- and post- processors**
 - **GID**, just one possible alternative 😊
- **Some recent research projects completed using OpenSees**
 - Dynamic analysis of piles
 - Analysis of complete bridge system
 - 3D analysis of piles
 - 3D Analysis of bridge abutment



Take advantage of tcl scripting!!

- **tcl** can be used to develop scripts for geotechnical applications.
- Possible applications:
 - Laterally Loaded Pile Foundation – (similar to **lpile**)
 - One-Dimensional Consolidation
 - Total Stress Site Response Analysis of a Layered Soil Column- (similar to **shake**)
 - Effective Stress Site Response Analysis of a layered Soil Column
 - Dynamic Effective Stress Analysis of a Slope
 - Excavation Supported by Cantilever Sheet Pile Wall
 - Other



OpenSees Wiki Geotechnical Examples

<http://opensees.berkeley.edu/wiki/index.php/Examples>

Practical Examples

Geotechnical Examples

- [Simulating a Centrifuge Test](#)
- [Laterally-Loaded Pile Foundation \(Static Analysis\)](#)
- [One-dimensional Consolidation](#)
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Structural Examples

- [Infill Wall Model and Element Removal](#)
- [Pushover Analysis of 2-Story Moment Frame \(without panel zones\)](#)
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- [Pushover and Dynamic Analyses of 2-Story Moment Frame with Panel Zones and RBS](#)
- [Dynamic Analyses of 1-Story Moment Frame with Viscous Dampers](#)
- [Parameter Study using Parallel Processing](#)
- [SCBF Model](#)

Parallel Examples

- [Simple Parameter Study](#)

Interesting Articles

- [Rigid Diaphragm Consequences](#)
- [Calling Matlab from a Script](#)



Other useful **tcl** scripts @

- <http://opensees.berkeley.edu/>
- <http://sokocalo.engr.ucdavis.edu/~jeremic>
- <http://cyclic.ucsd.edu/opensees/>
- http://www.ce.washington.edu/~geotech/opensees/PEER/davis_meeting/
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Pseudo-Static Pile Pushover Analysis

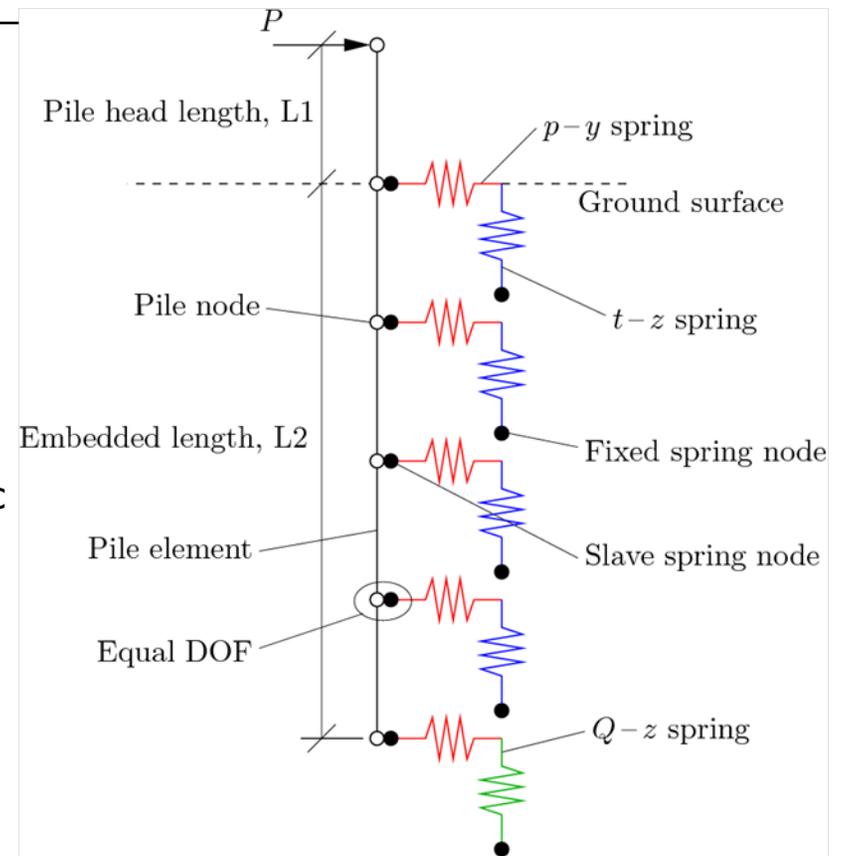
This example describes how to run a pushover analysis of a pile in OpenSees.

The model is created in 3D. Pile nodes have 6 DOF, and the soil nodes have 3 DOF.

The pile is modeled using the *dispBeamColumn* element with an elastic *fiber* section for linear elastic constitutive behavior.

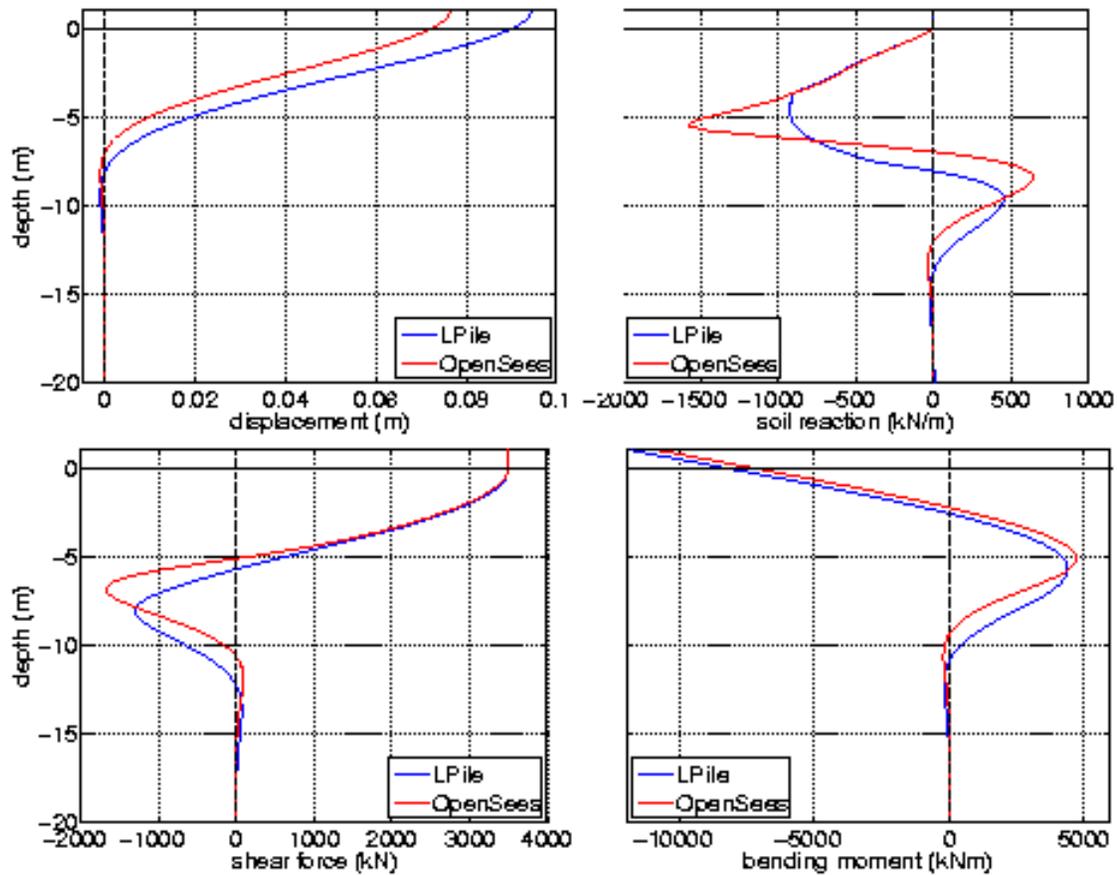
The soil is represented by *p-y*, *t-z*, and *Q-z* springs using the *PySimple1*, *TzSimple1*, and *QzSimple1* uniaxial materials with *zeroLength* elements.

The pile and spring nodes are tied together using the *equalDOF* command.



Pseudo-Static Pile Pushover Analysis

results of pushover analysis for a fixed-head pile

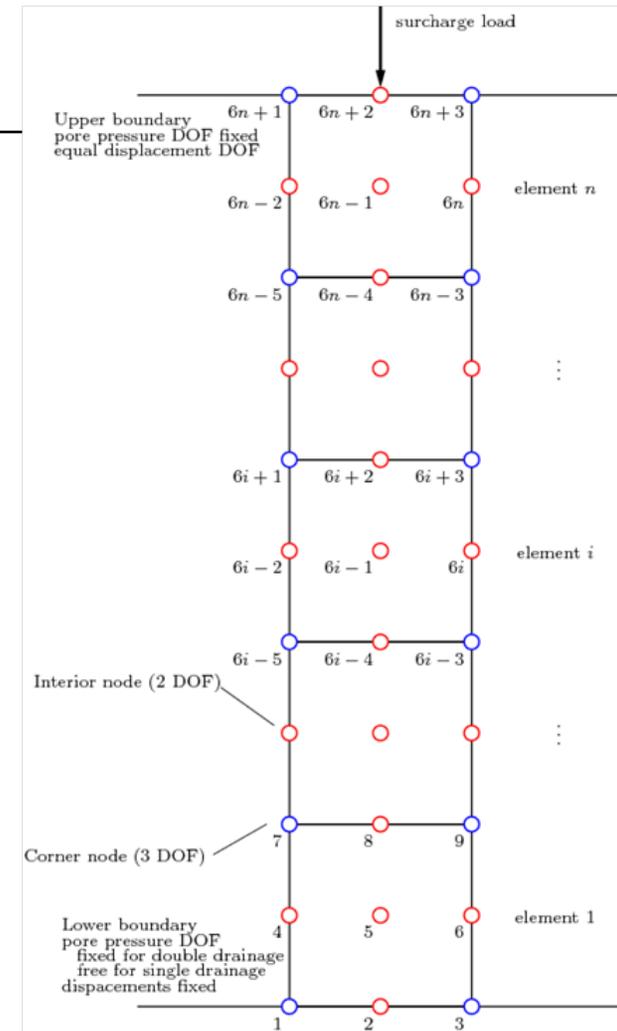


1D Consolidation

This example describes how to run a total 1D soil consolidation analysis in OpenSees.

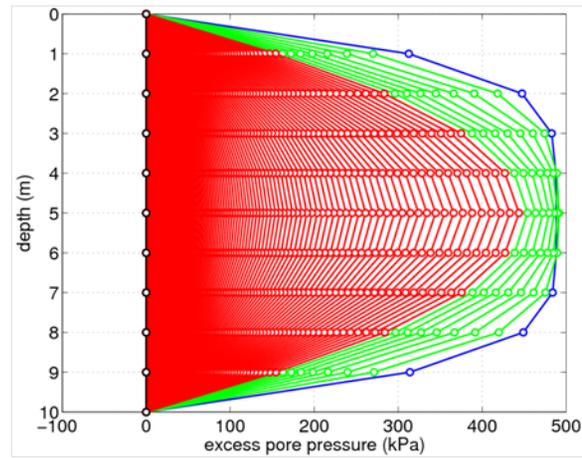
A column of soil is modeled in 2D using the *9_4_QuadUP* element. This element has nine nodes. The nodes in the corners of the element have an additional degree-of-freedom for pore pressure.

The surcharge load is applied as a *constant* timeseries inside of a *plain* load pattern. A *transient* analysis is conducted due to the time-dependent nature of consolidation.

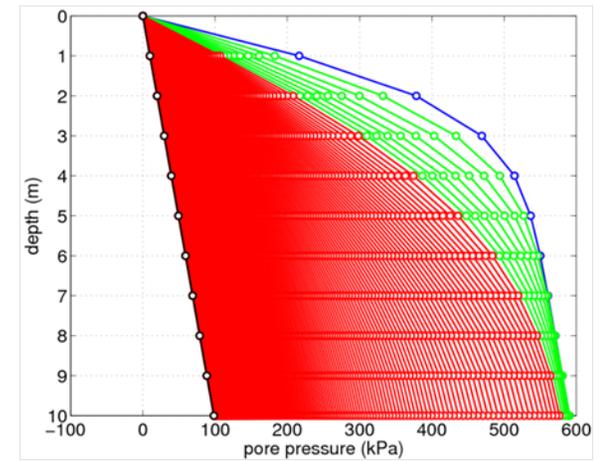


1D Consolidation

excess pore pressure: double drainage

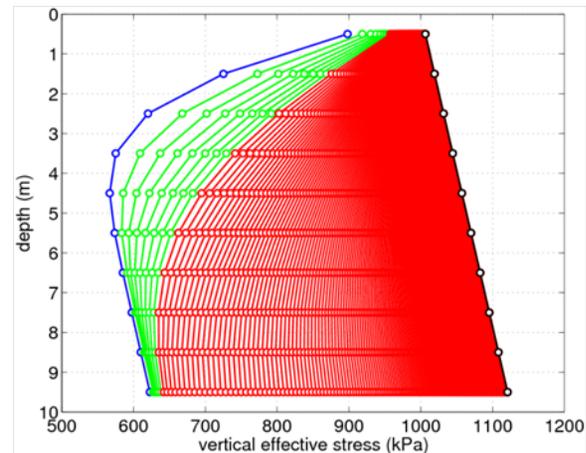


single drainage

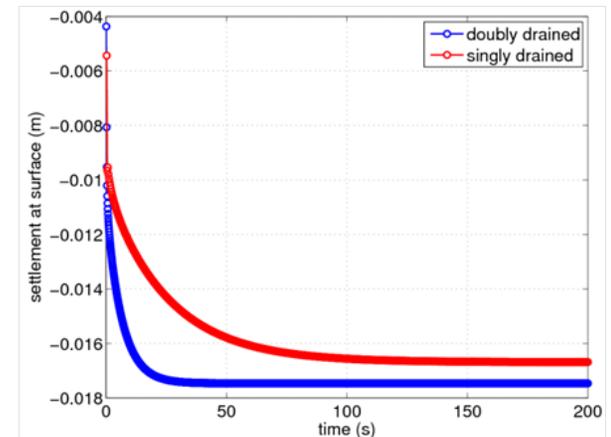


other results:

vertical effective stress



vertical settlement



Total Stress Site Response Analysis

This example describes how to run a total stress site response analysis in OpenSees.

A layered soil profile is modeled in 2D using nodes with 2 DOF.

Periodic boundary conditions are enforced in horiz. direction using the *equalDOF* command

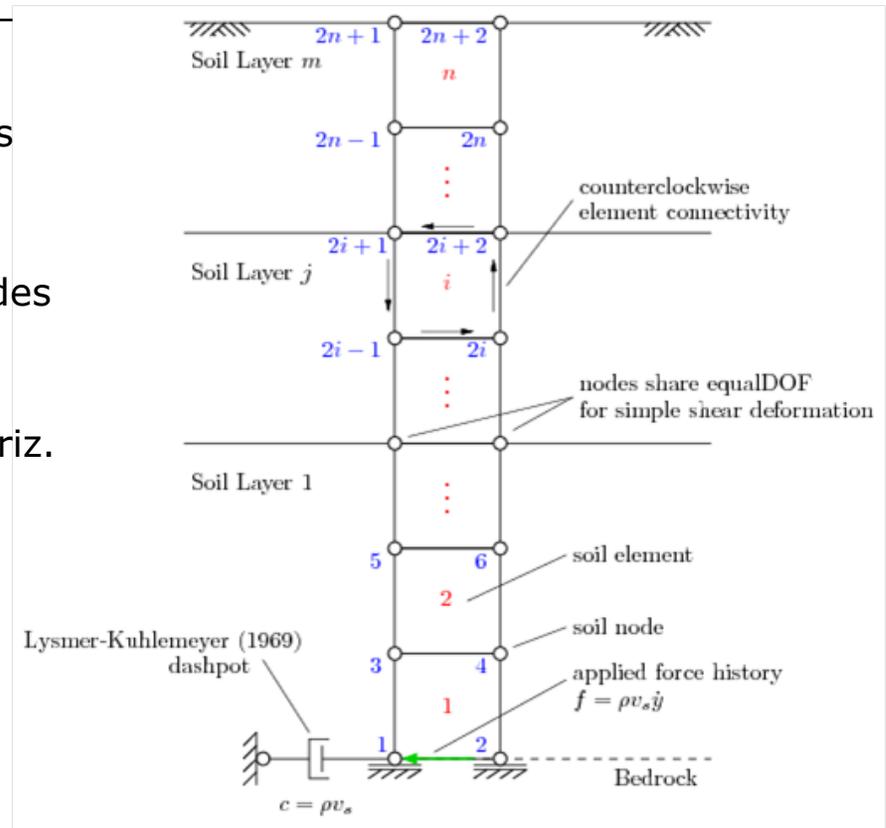
The plane strain formulation of the 4-node quadrilateral element *quad* is used for the soil.

Soil constitutive models include:

PressureDependMultiYield

PressureIndependMultiYield

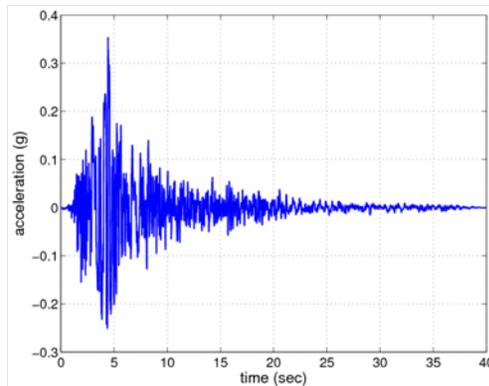
A compliant base is considered using a viscous dashpot modeled using a *zeroLength* element and the *viscous* uniaxial material.



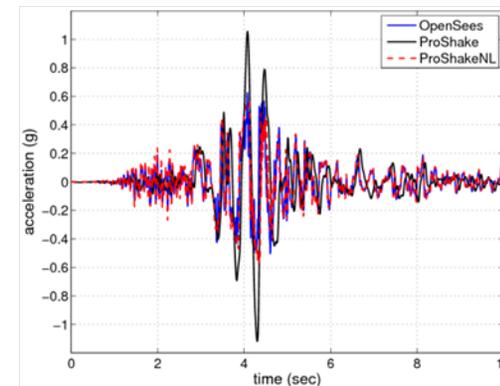
Total Stress Site Response Analysis

comparison with other analytical methods

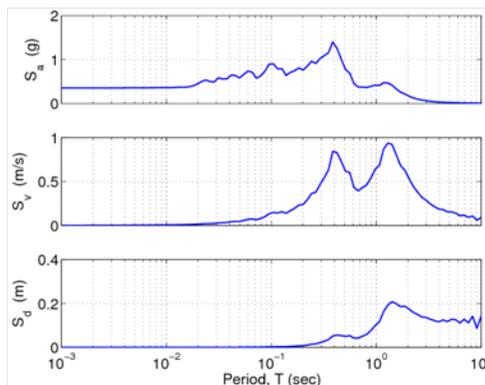
Input motion



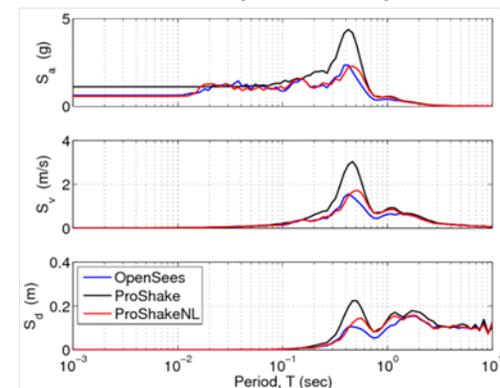
surface acceleration



surface response spectra



surface response spectra



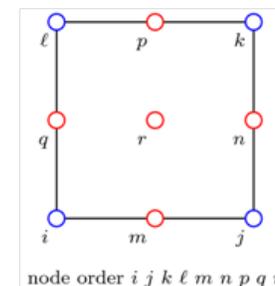
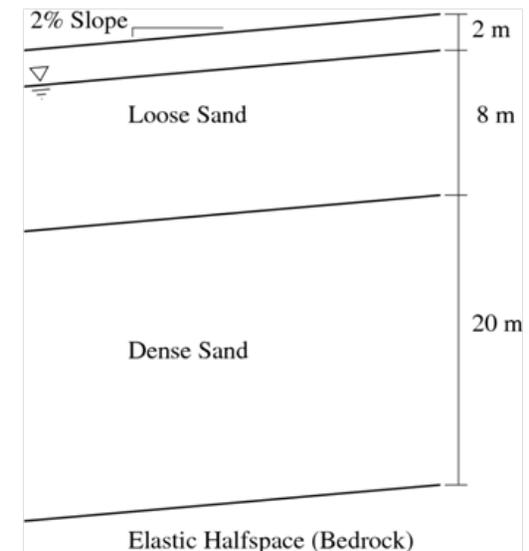
Effective Stress Site Response Analysis

This example describes how to run an effective stress site response analysis in OpenSees.

The approach is similar to the total stress analysis. A layered soil profile is modeled in 2D with periodic displacement boundary conditions enforced using the *equalDOF* command and a compliant base is considered using a viscous dashpot modeled using a *zeroLength* element and the *viscous* uniaxial material.

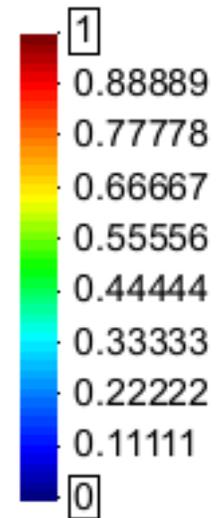
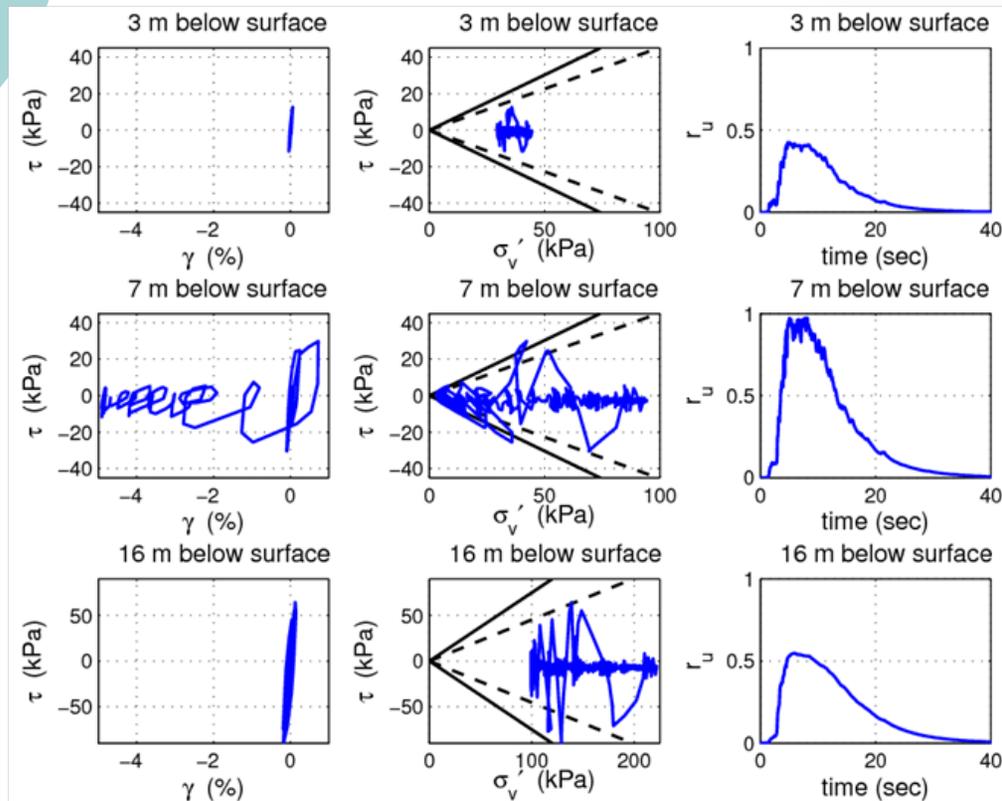
The *9_4_QuadUP* element is used to model the soil. This element considers the interaction between the pore fluid and the solid soil skeleton, allowing for phenomena such as liquefaction to be modeled.

The *PressureDependMultiYield02* constitutive model is used for the soil.



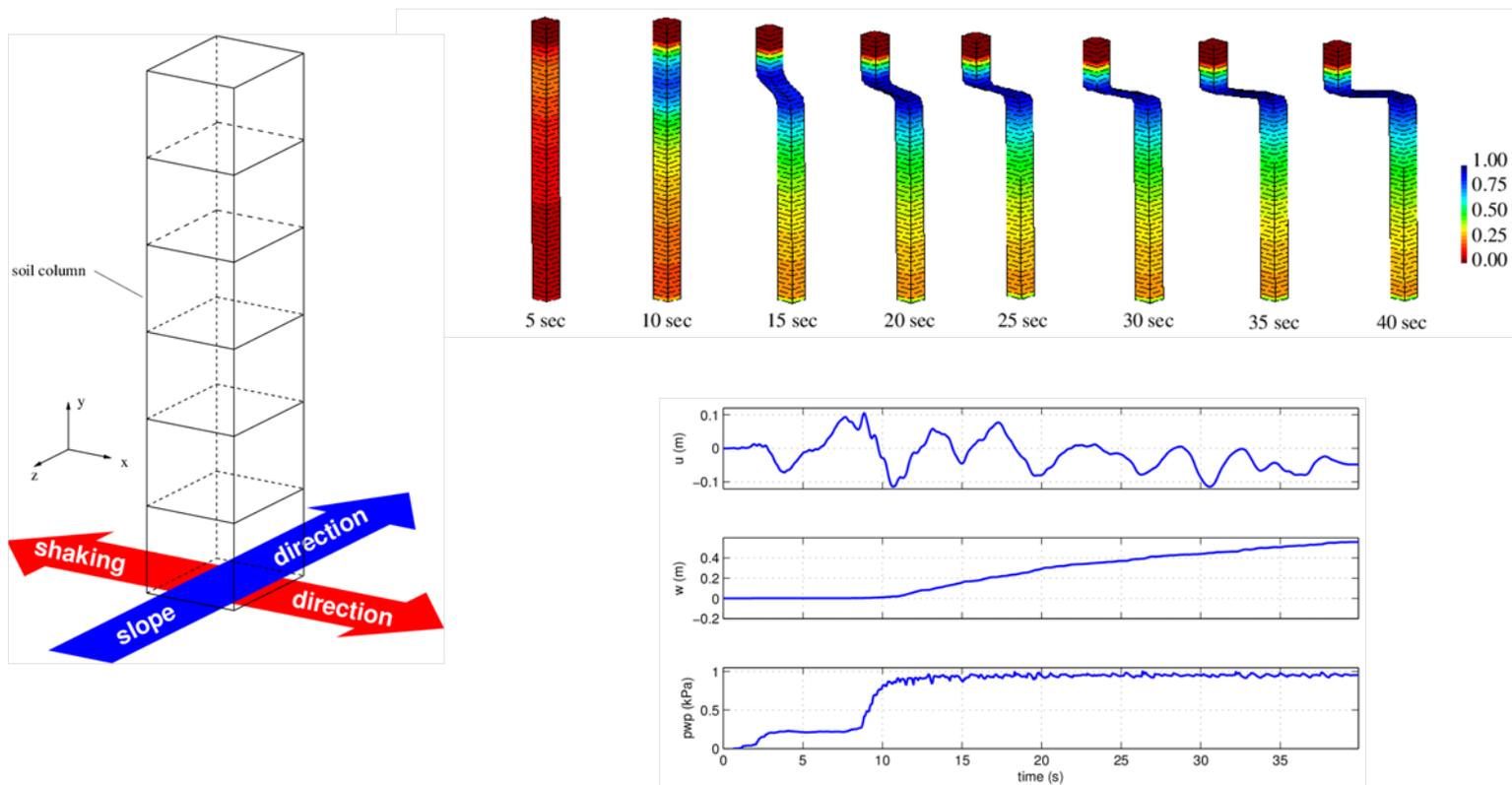
Effective Stress Site Response Analysis

summary of soil behavior at three depths within the soil profile



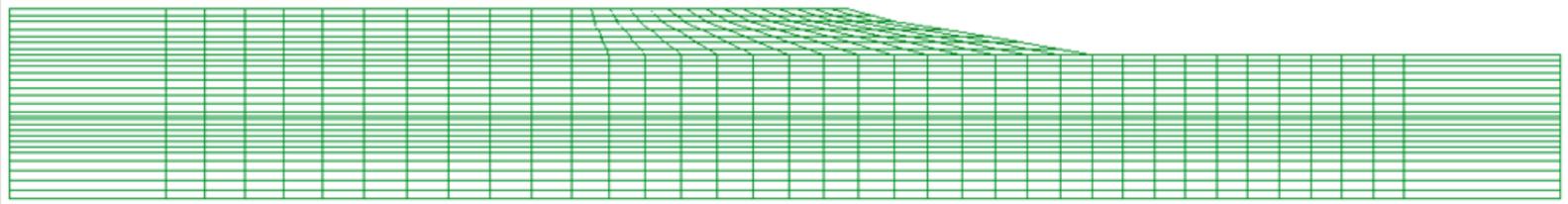
3D Effective Stress Site Response Analysis

displacement of soil column during analysis with contours of excess pore pressure ratio



Dynamic Analysis of 2D Slope

Finite element mesh:



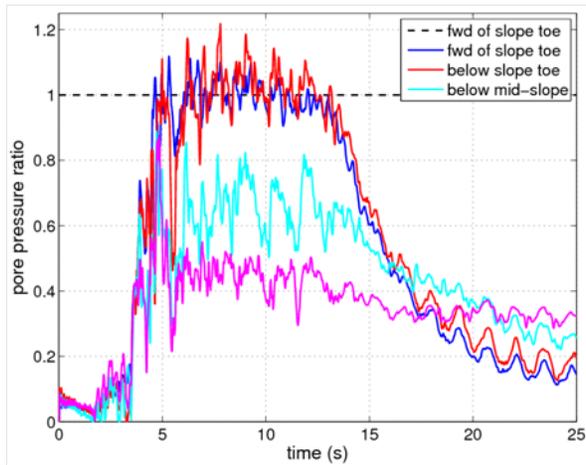
This example presents a 2D effective stress analysis of a slope subject to an earthquake ground motion.

The elements and constitutive models match those used in the site response analysis examples.

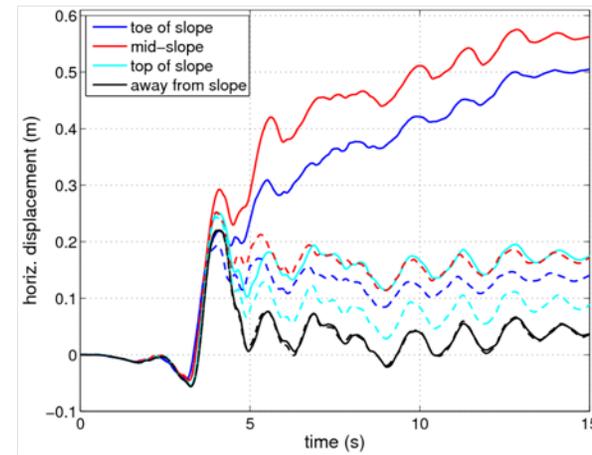
The free-field soil response is applied to the model using free-field columns which are much more massive than the adjacent soil.

Dynamic Analysis of 2D Slope

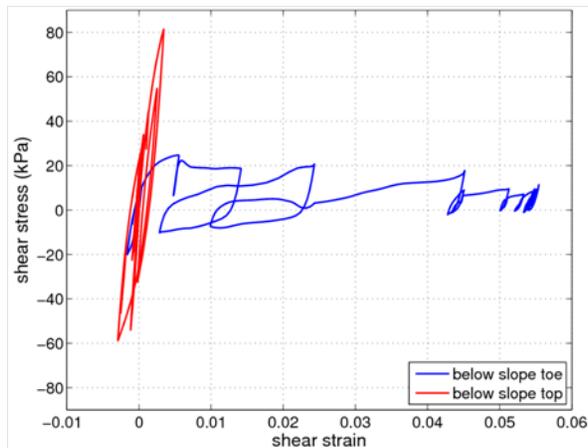
excess pore pressure ratio



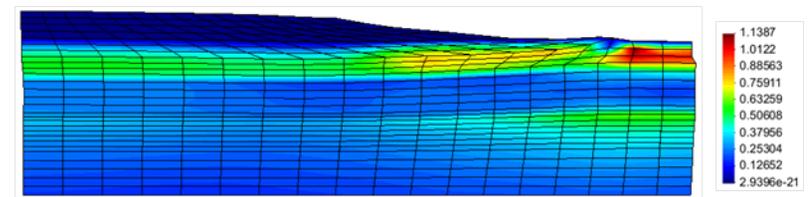
lateral displacement



shear stress-strain

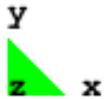
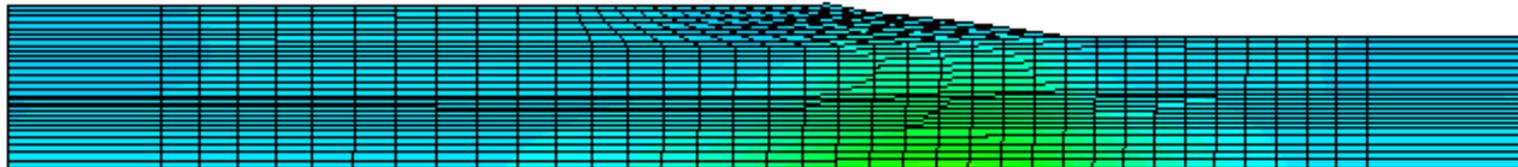


excess pore pressure ratio contours near slope



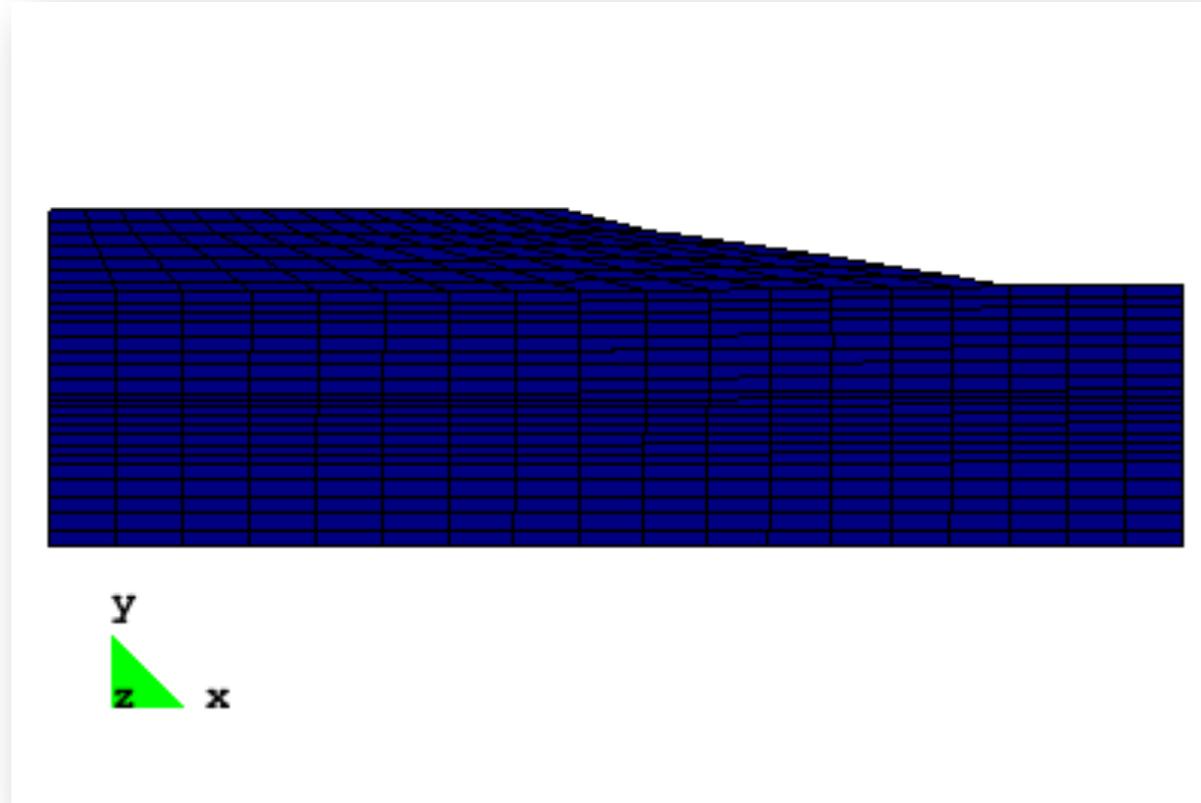
Dynamic Analysis of 2D Slope

displacement of full mesh during analysis showing propagation of shear stress waves



Dynamic Analysis of 2D Slope

displacement near the slope with contours of excess pore pressure ratio
(red is $r_u = 1.0$)



Excavation Analysis

This example presents a simulated excavation supported by a sheet pile wall using OpenSees.

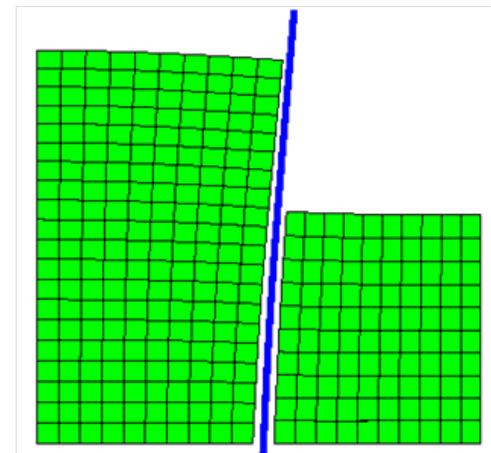
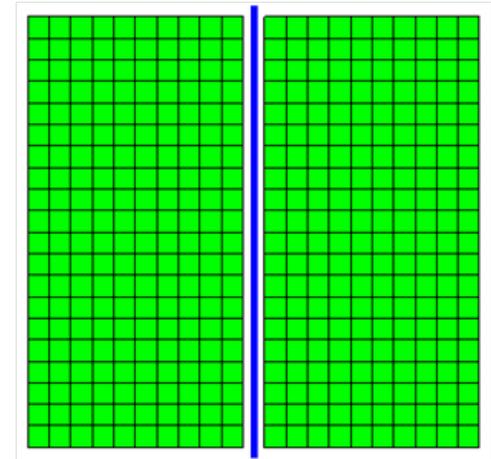
The sheet pile wall is modeled using the *dispBeamColumn* element with an elastic *fiber* section for linear elastic constitutive behavior.

The soil-wall interface is modeled using the *BeamContact2D* element.

The *InitialStateAnalysis* feature is used to create the gravitational state of stress in the model without accompanying displacements.

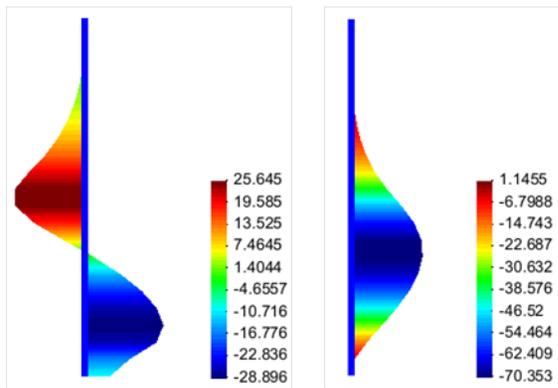
The plane strain formulation of the *quad* element is used for the soil with the *PressureDependMultiYield* nDMaterial for constitutive behavior.

Soil elements to the right of the wall are progressively removed to simulate an excavation.

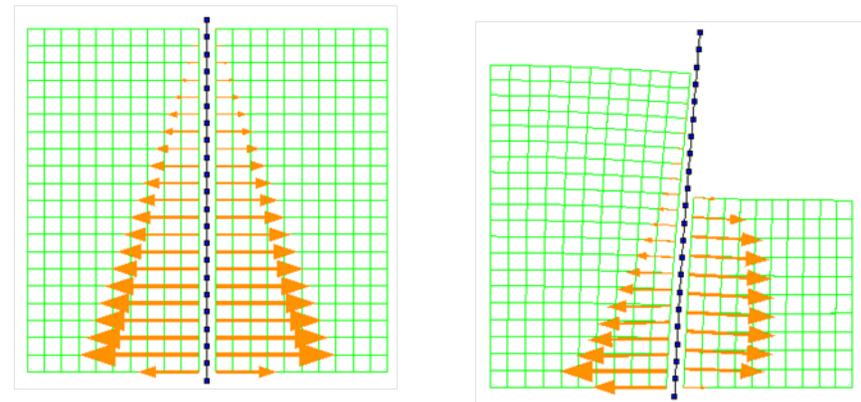


Excavation Analysis

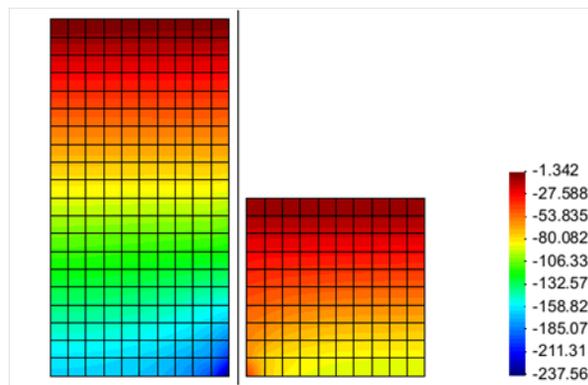
shear and moment in the wall



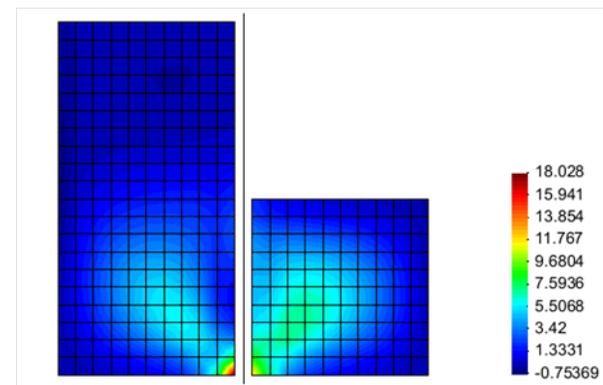
wall-soil contact forces



vertical stress contours

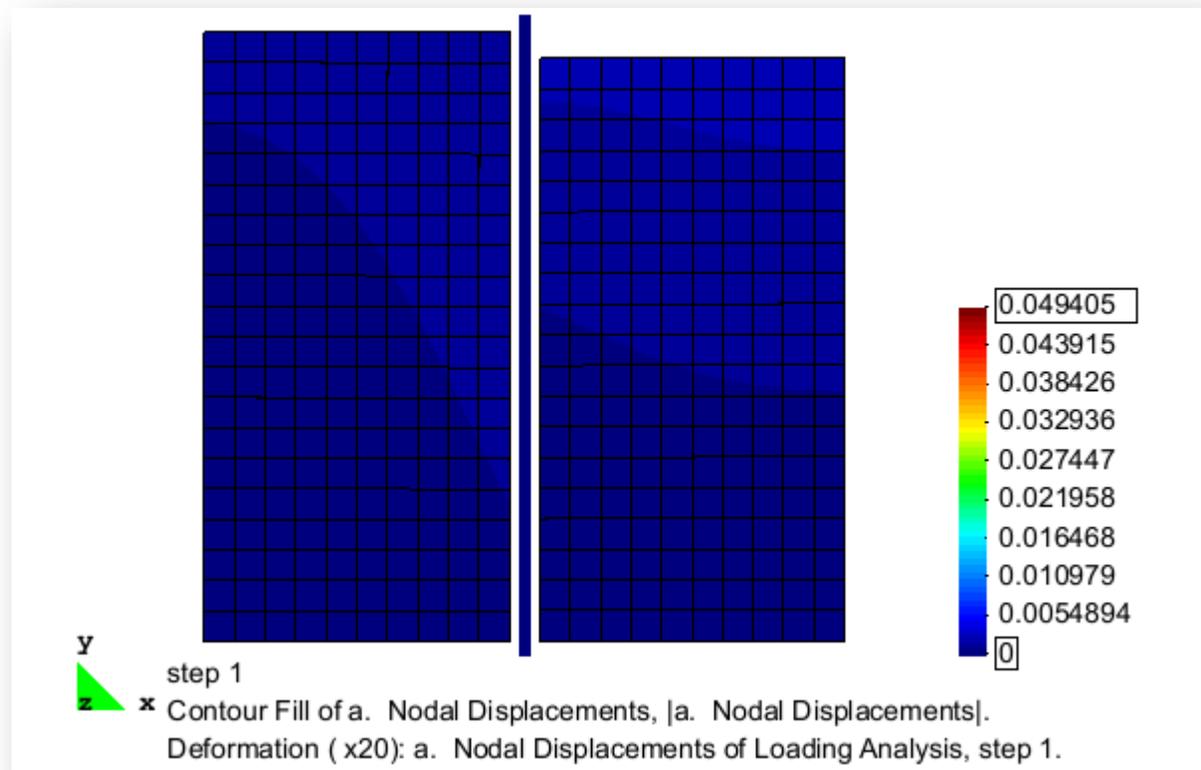


shear stress contours



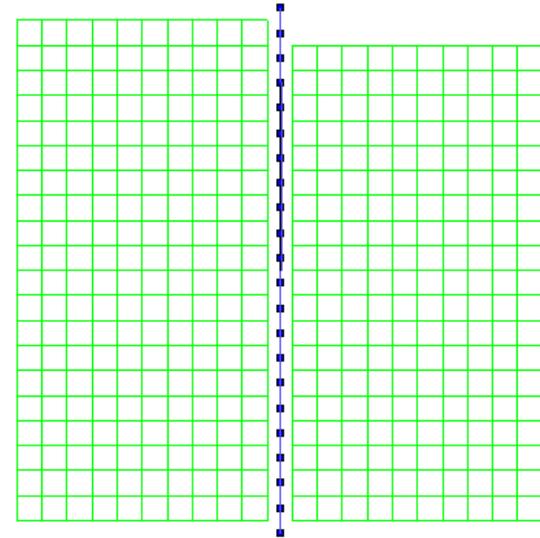
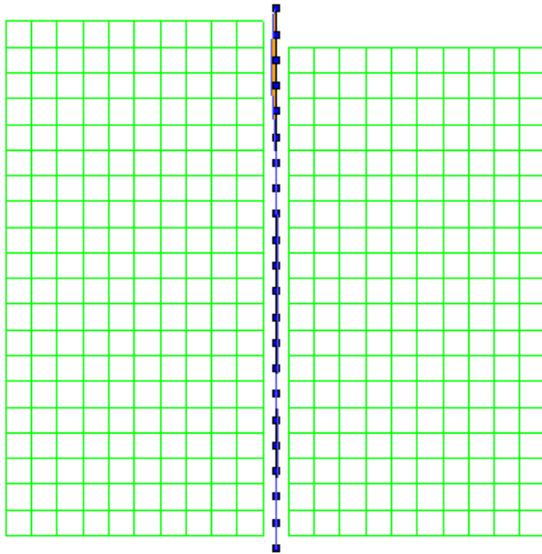
Excavation Analysis

Nodal displacement magnitude during the excavation analysis



Excavation Analysis

shear and moment in the wall during the excavation analysis



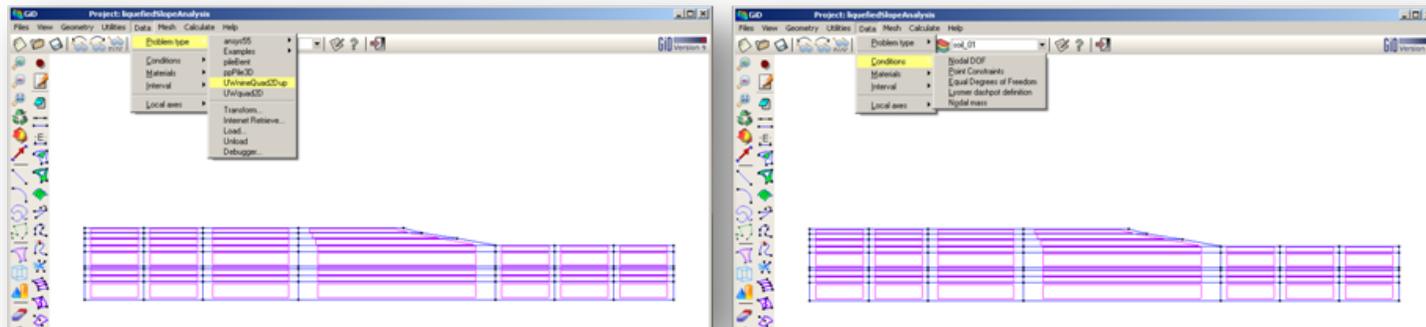


Take advantage of pre- and post-processors

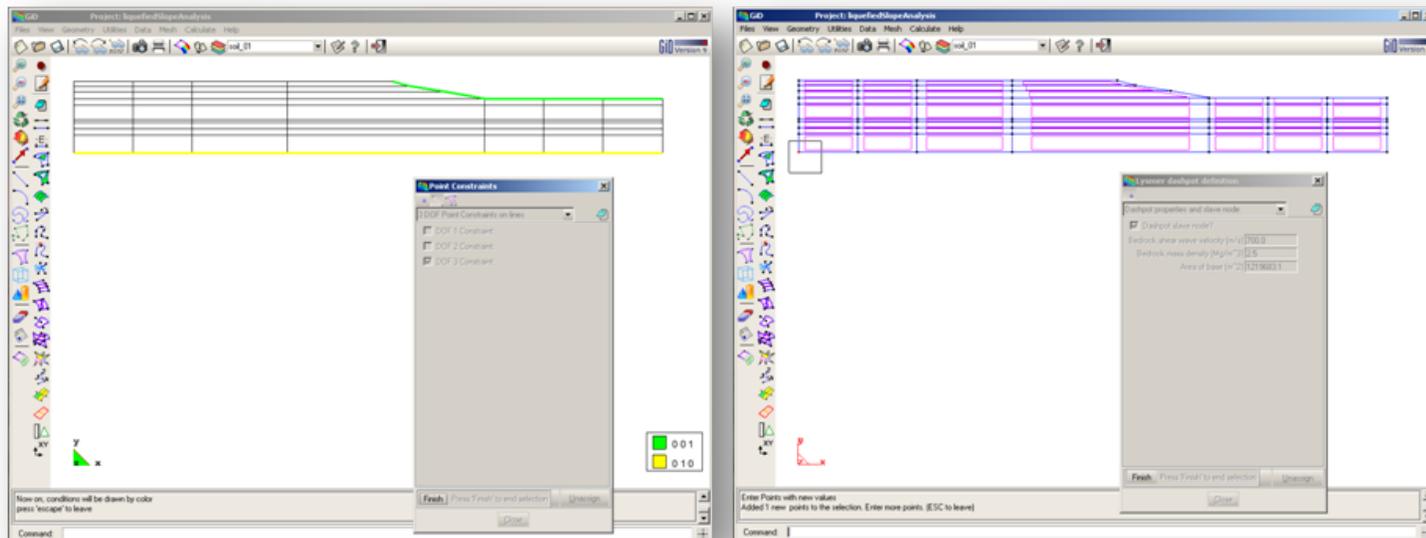
- Difficult to create **tcl** scripts for complex boundary value geotechnical problems.
 - complex foundation configurations
 - embankments
 - wharves
 - bridges
 - 3-D analysis
- Need to use pre- and post processors to create meshes and visualize results
- **GID**, just one possible alternative 😊

GiD Problem Type for 2D Analysis

Create geometry and select problemType

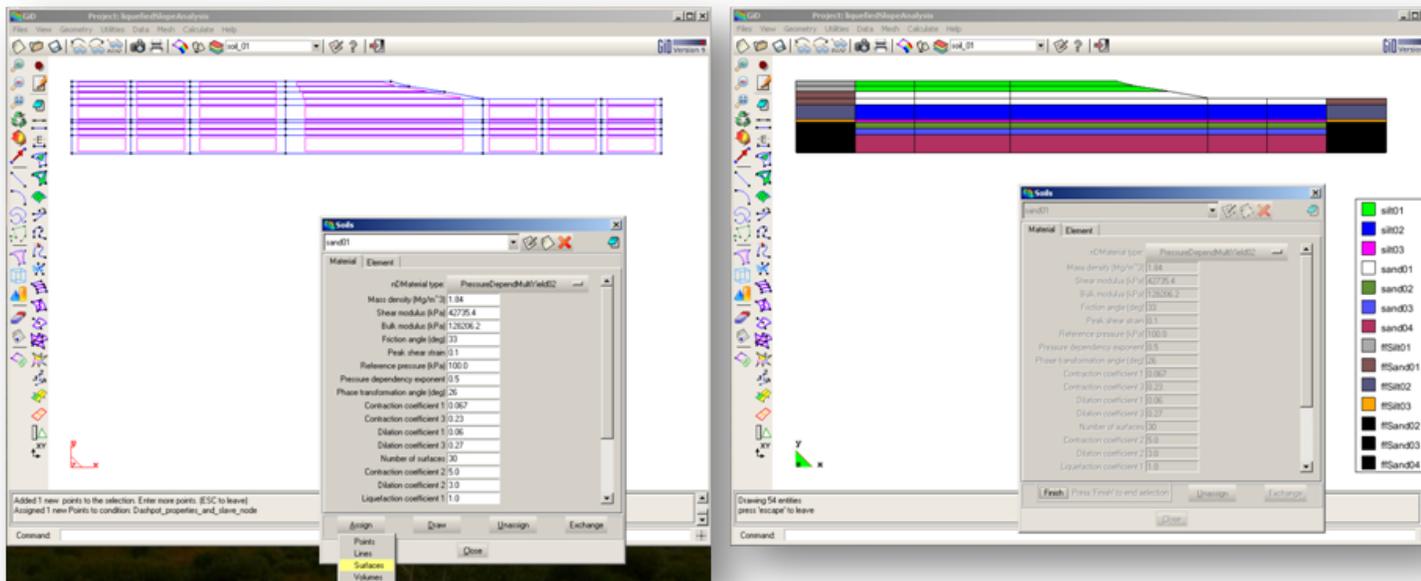


Assign boundary conditions

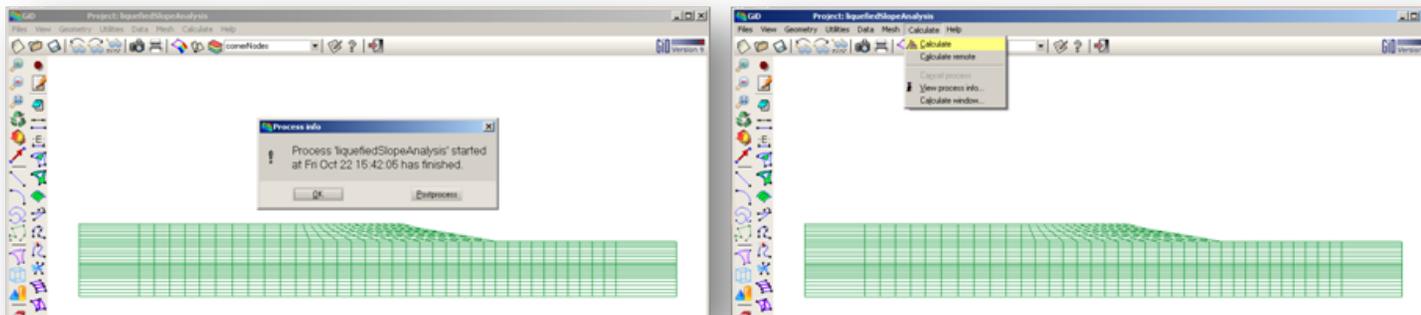


GiD Problem Type

Assign materials to the geometry



Generate mesh and OpenSees input file

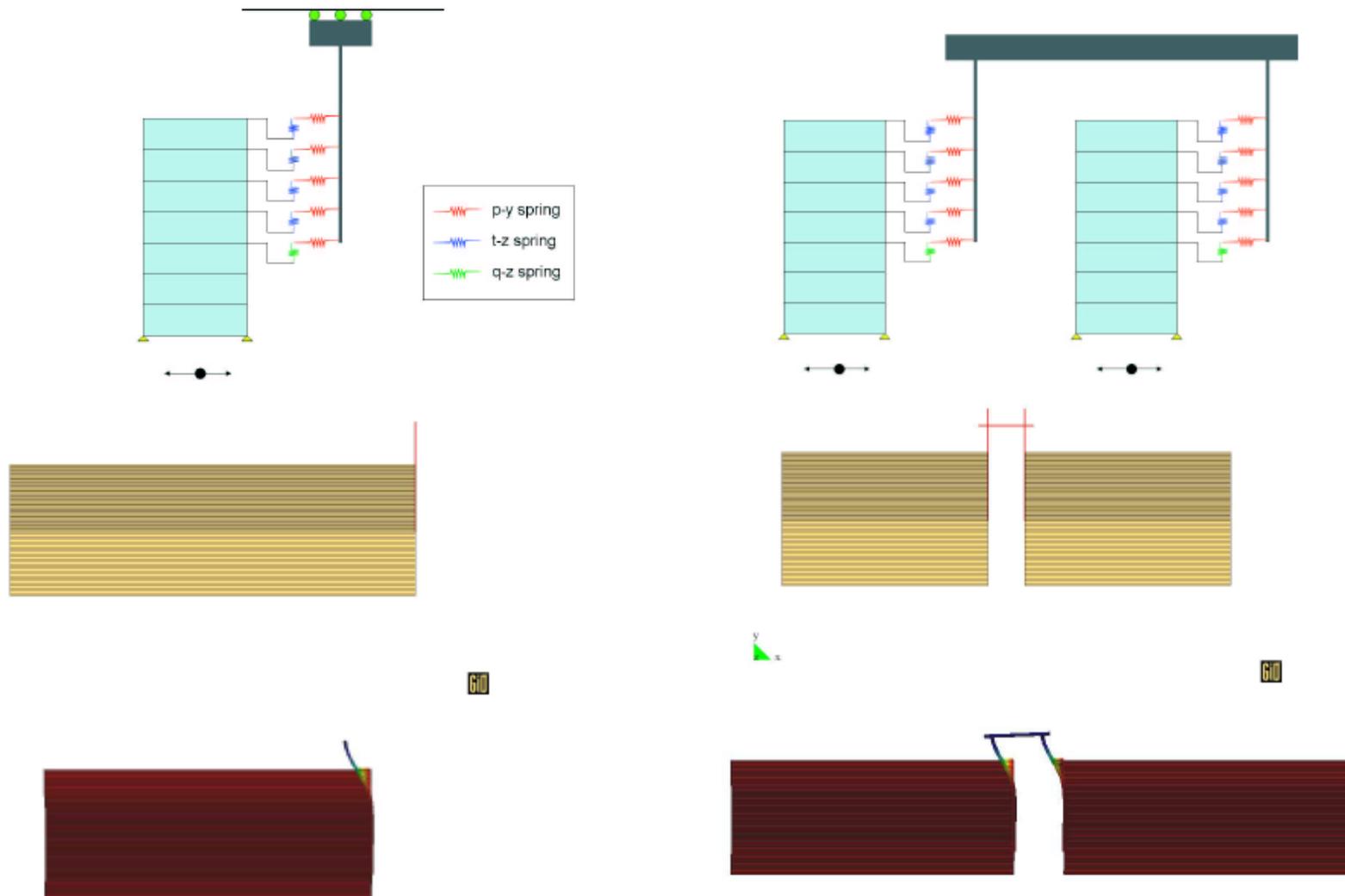




Some research projects completed using OpenSees

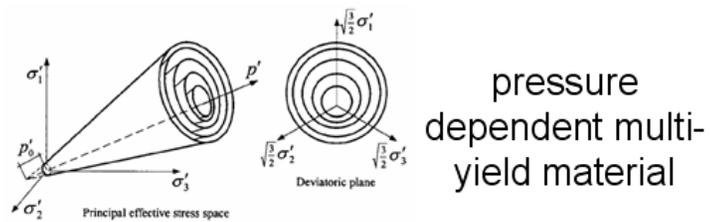
- Dynamic analysis of piles
- Analysis of complete bridge system
- 3D analysis of piles
- 3D analysis of bridge abutment

Dynamic Analysis of Piles in OpenSees

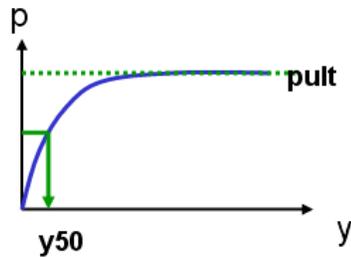


SPSI modeling in OpenSees

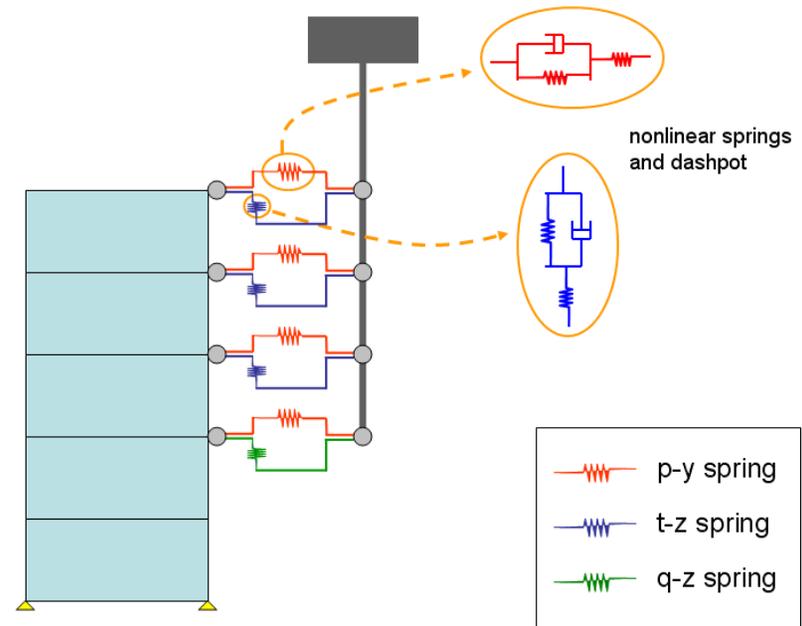
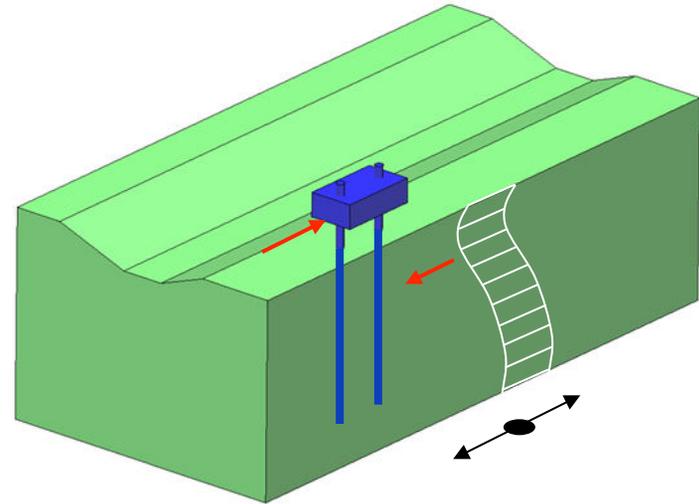
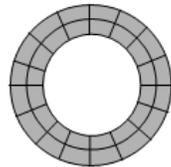
Soil model (by Yang & Elgamal)



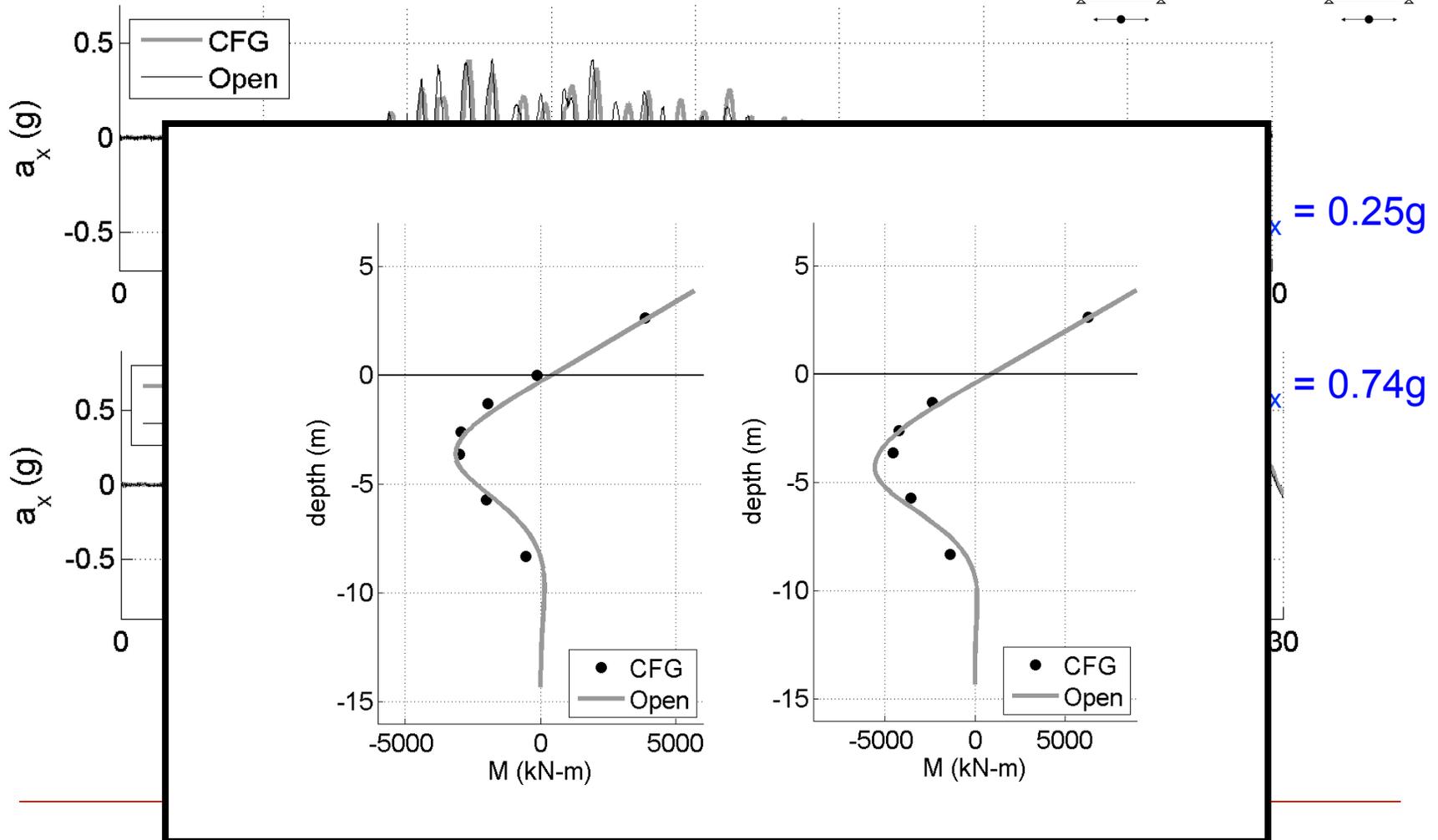
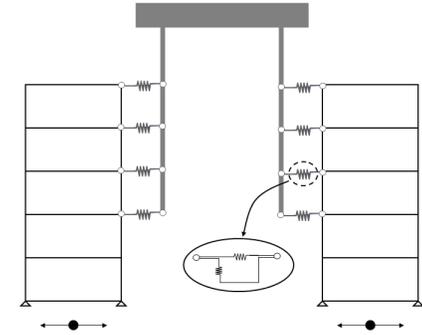
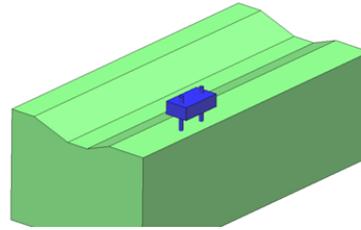
P-y spring model (by Boulanger)



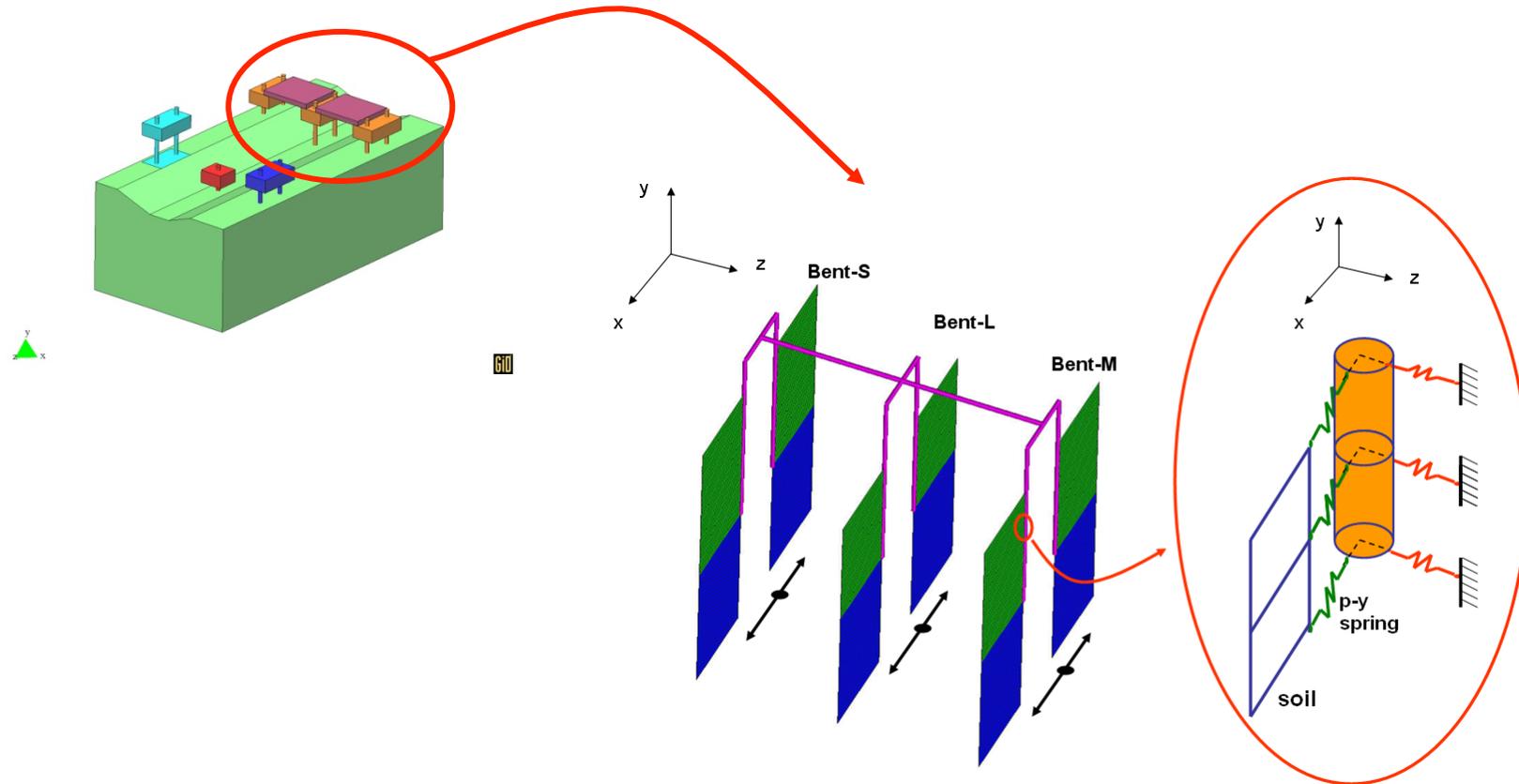
Pile model



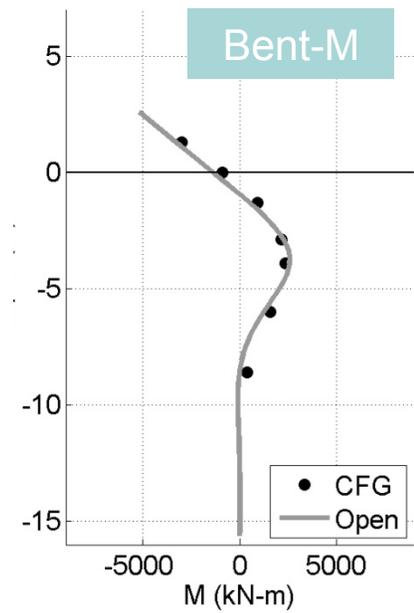
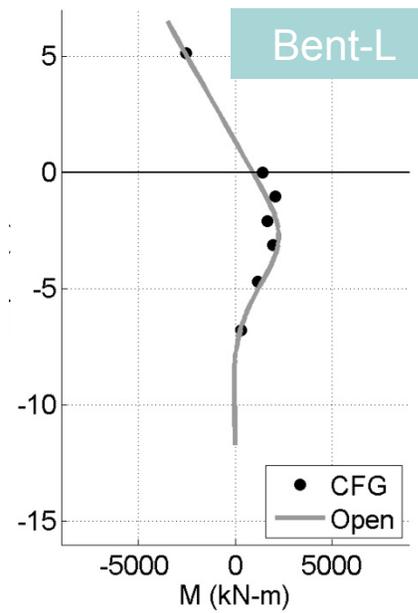
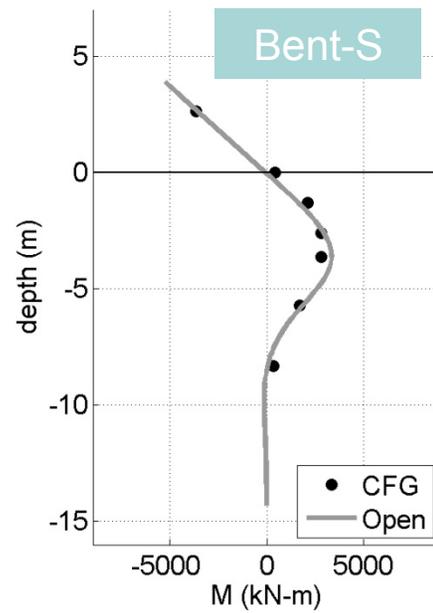
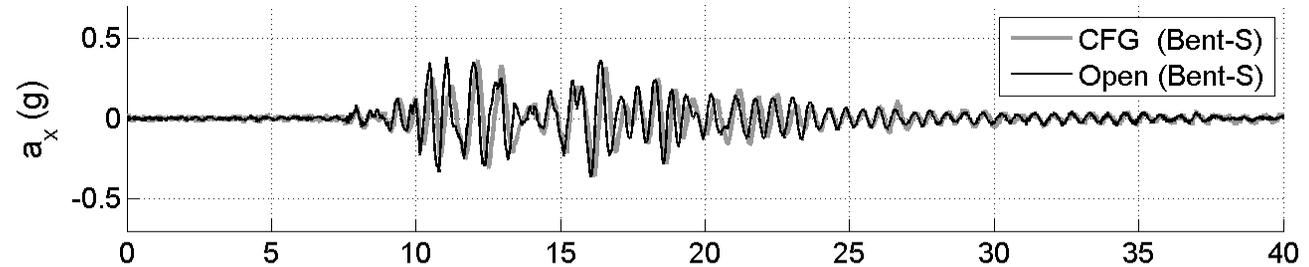
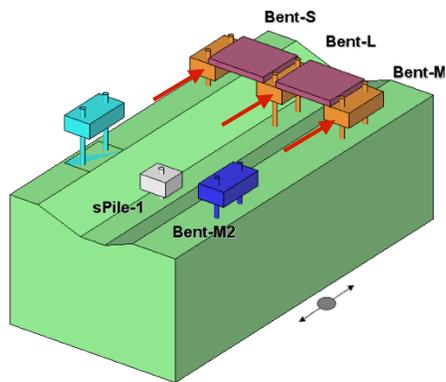
Two-column Bent



Two-span bridge



Two-span bridge



SPSI of a complete bridge system

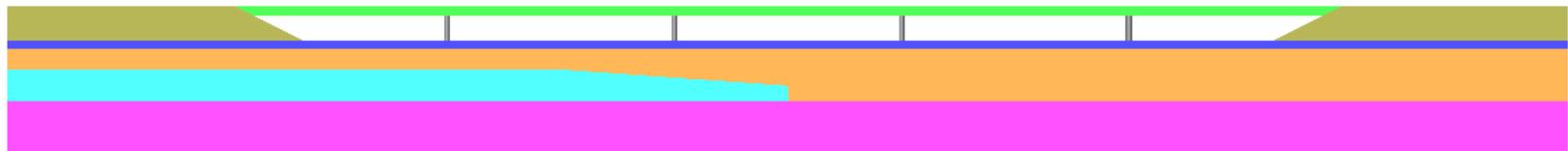
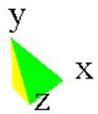
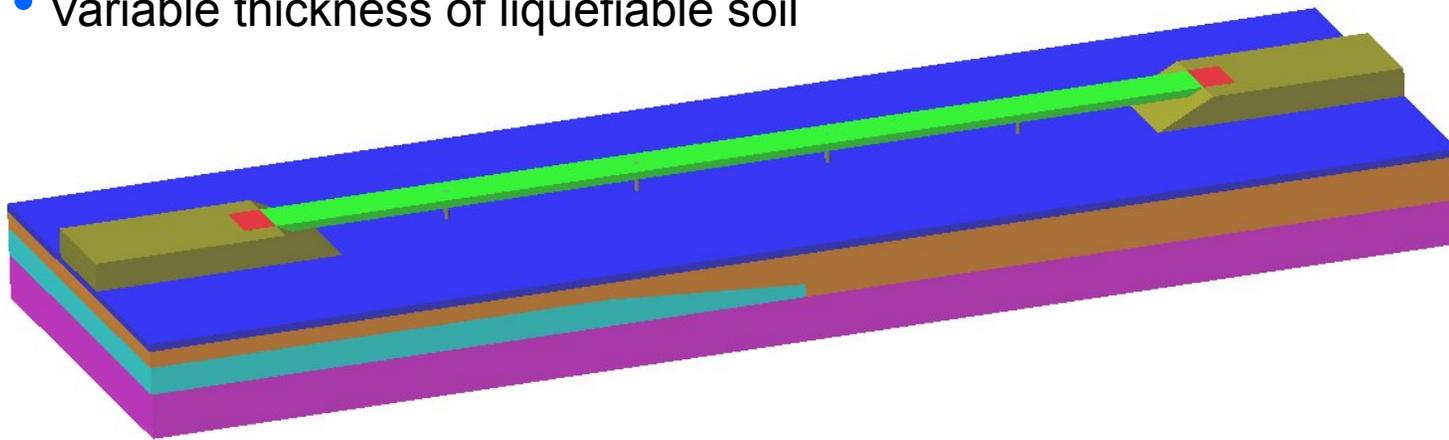


- Five-span bridge
- pile group foundation
- abutment
- liquefiable soil / various layers

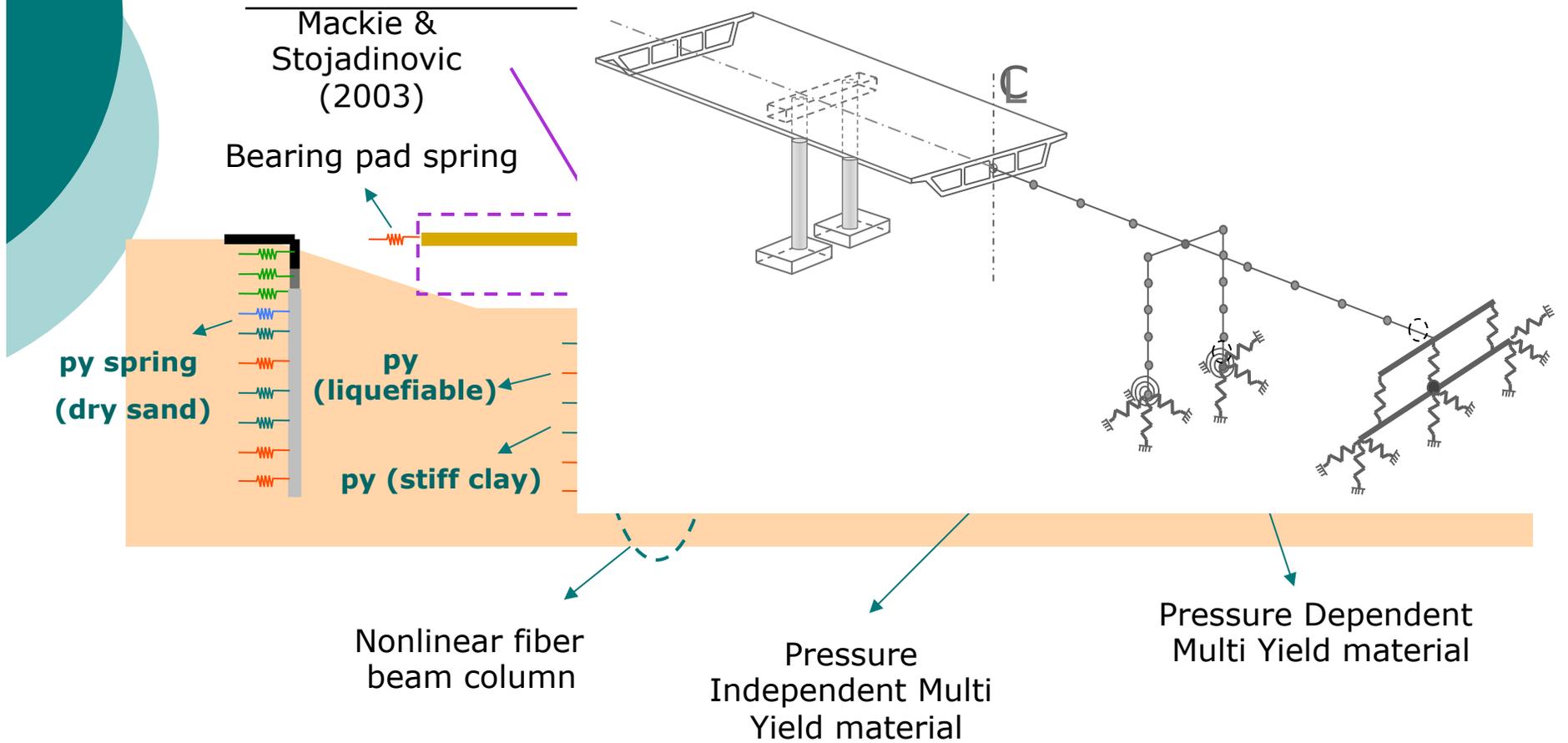
- lateral spreading
 - earthquake intensities
 - uncertainties
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SPSI of a complete bridge system

- Five-span bridge
- Approach embankments
- Variable thickness of liquefiable soil

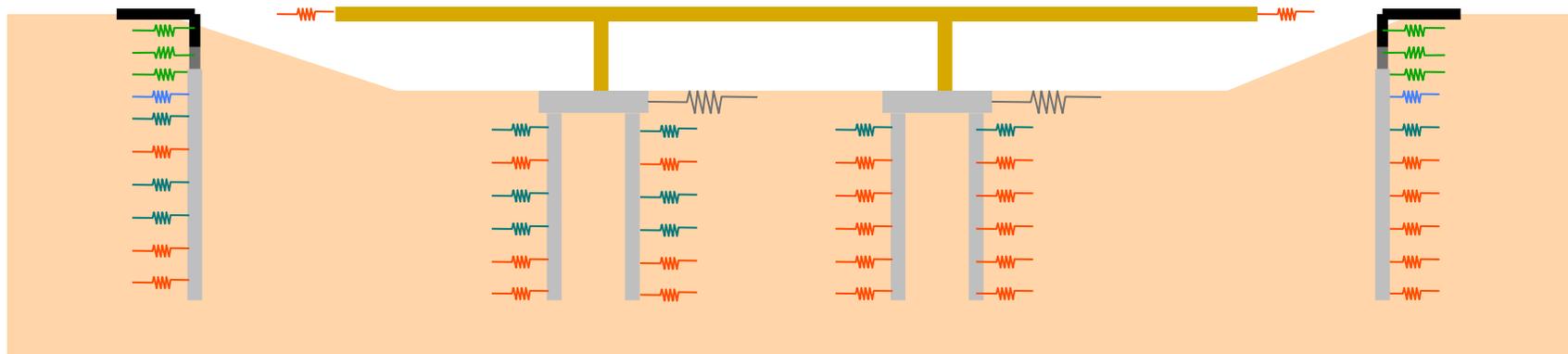


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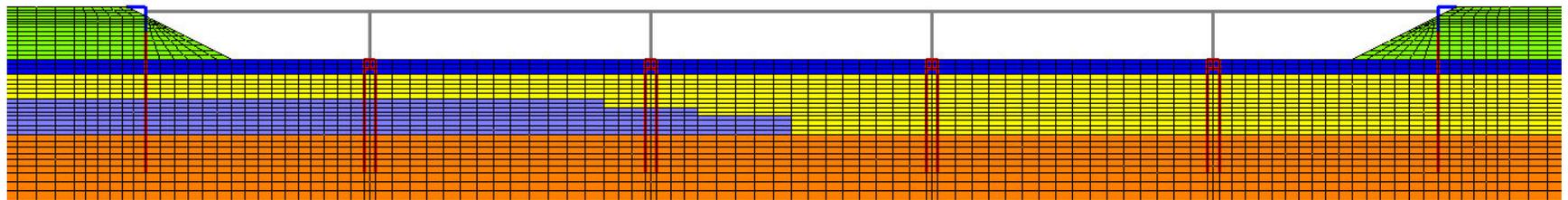


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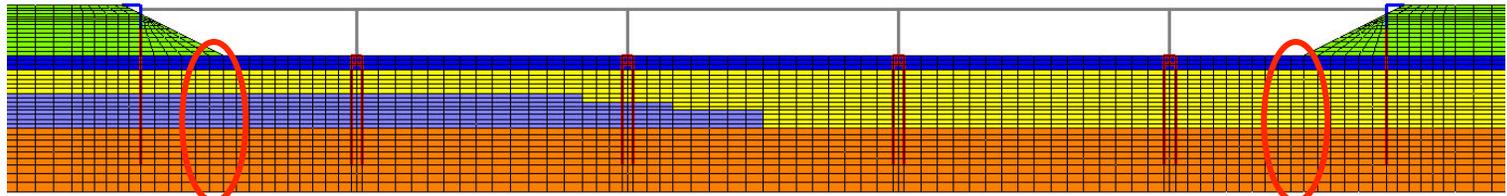
Bridge Idealization



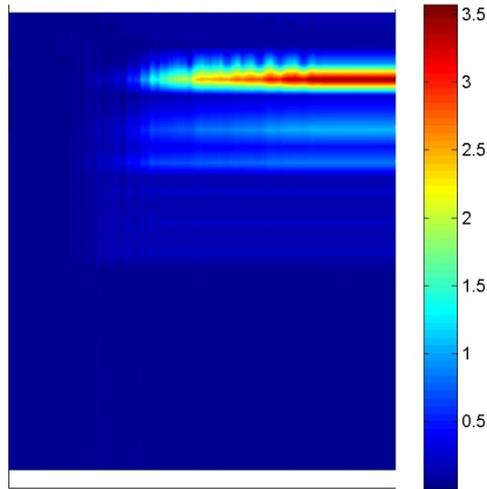
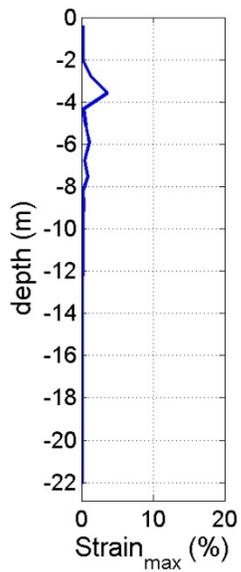
OpenSees model



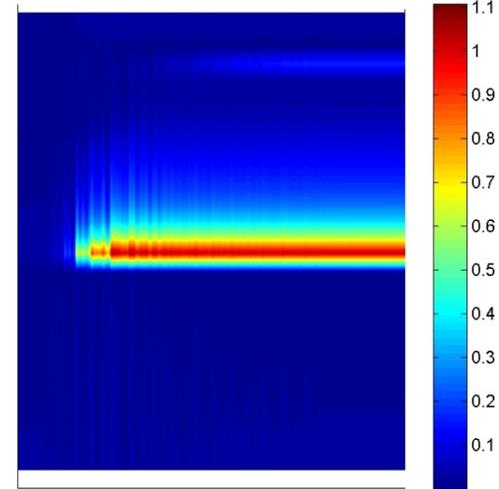
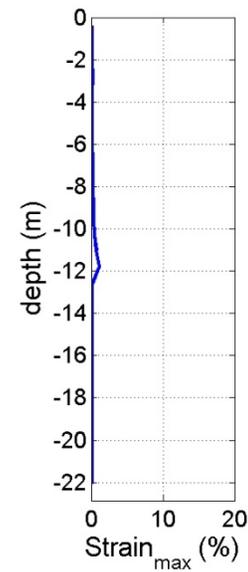
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Soil Strain Profile during shaking



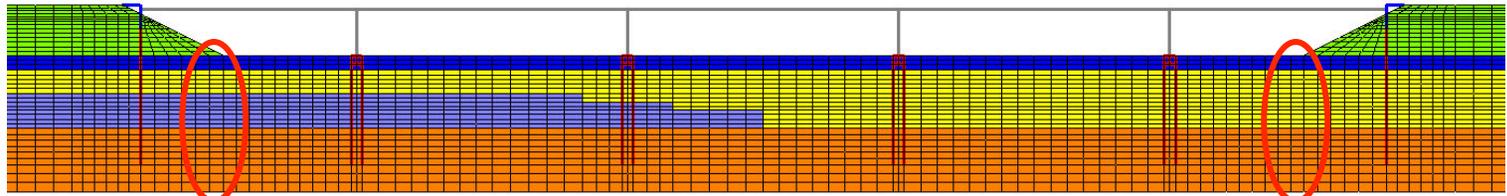
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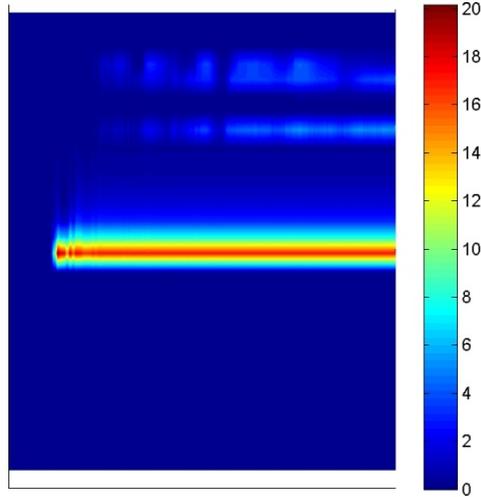
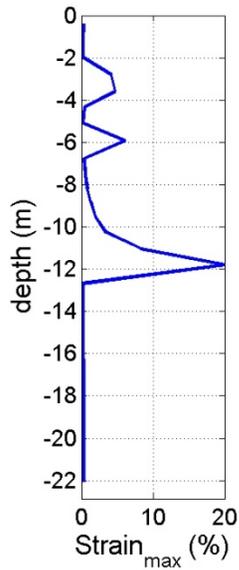
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Northridge motion (0.25g)

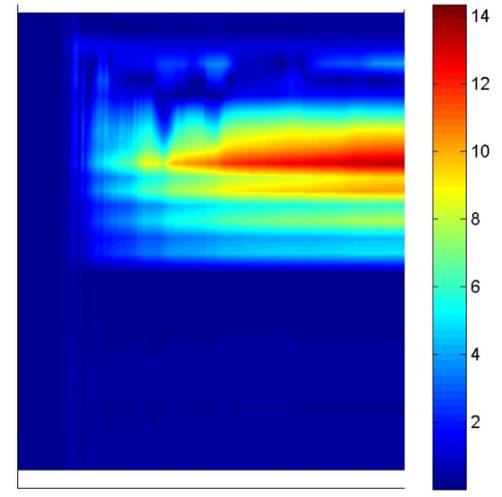
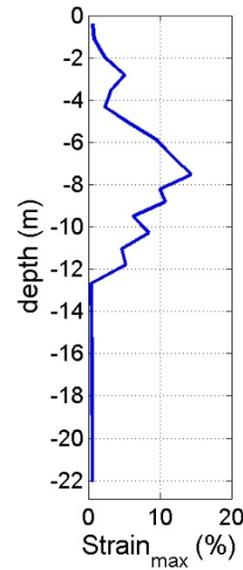
SPSI of a complete bridge system



Soil Strain Profile during shaking



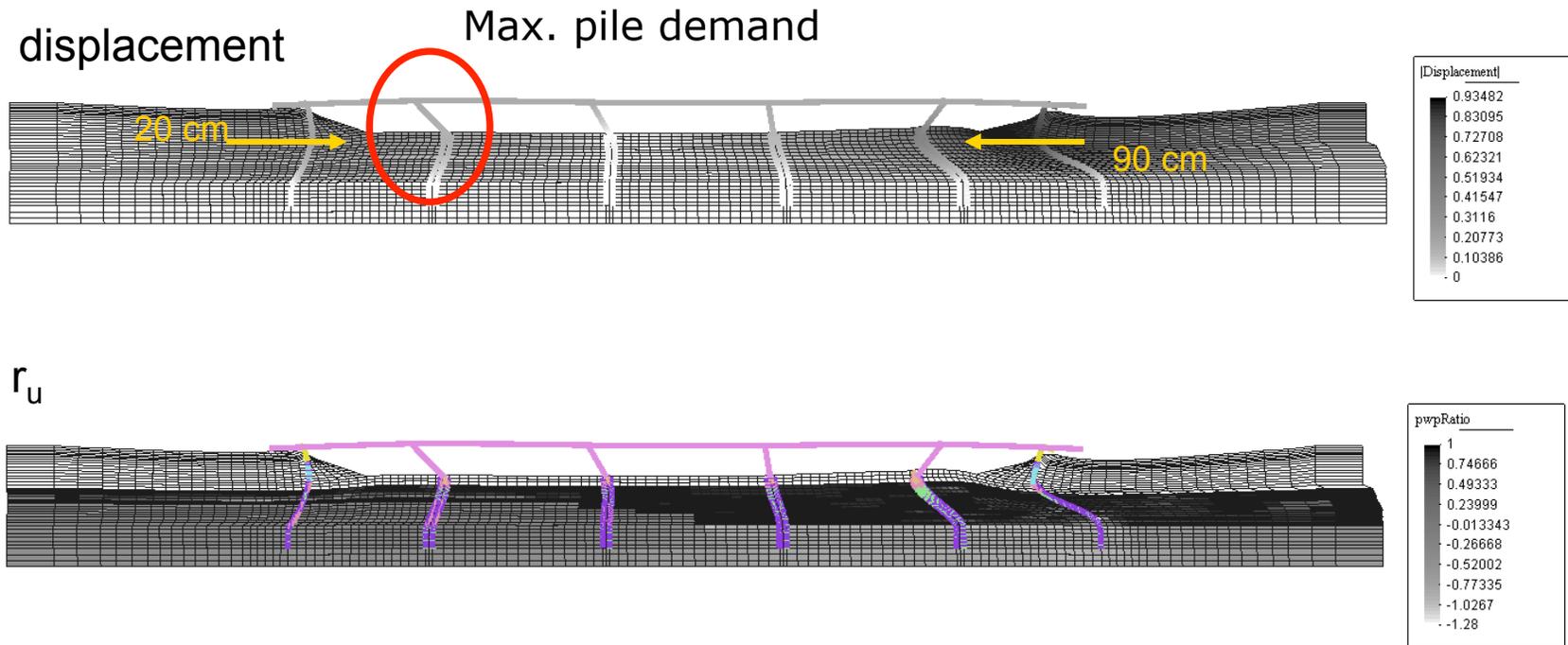
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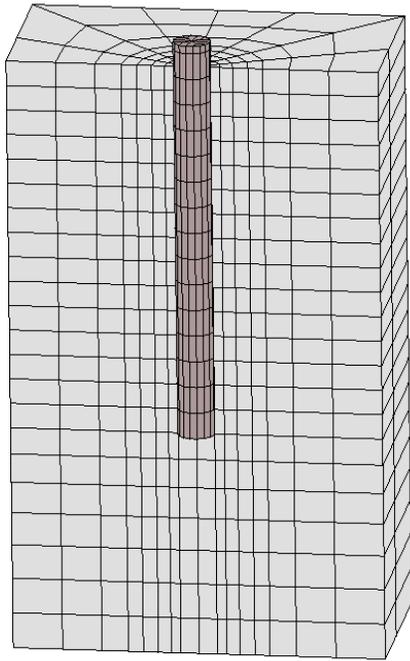
Loma Prieta (1.19g)

SPSI of a complete bridge system

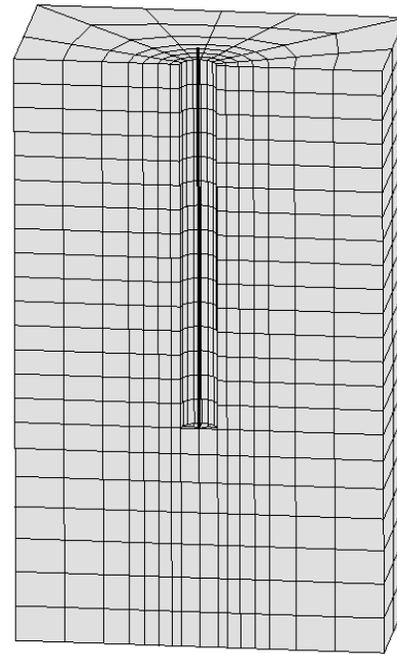


Erzincan, Turkey 1992 ($a_{\max} = 0.70g$)

3D Pile Analysis



Solid-Solid Model

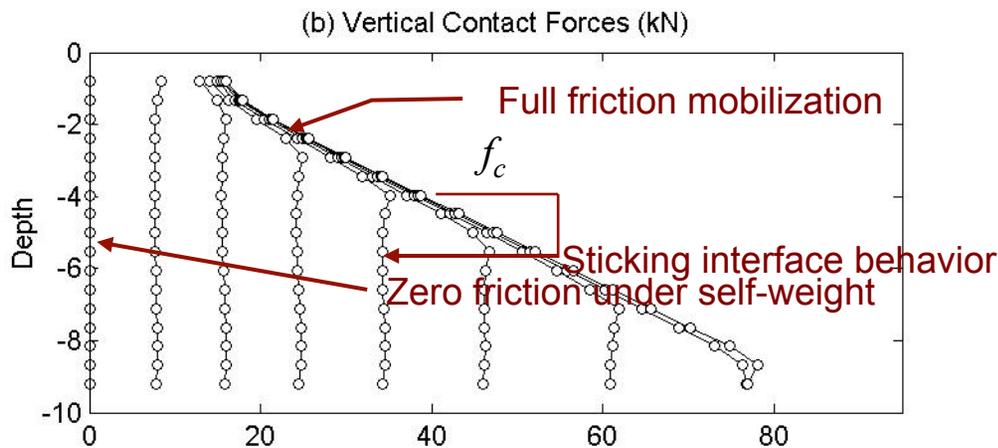
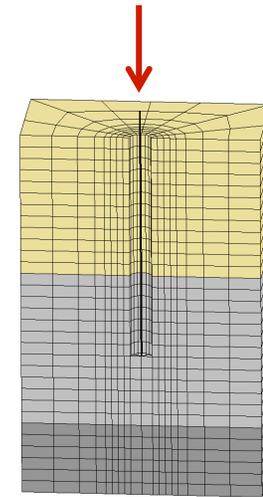
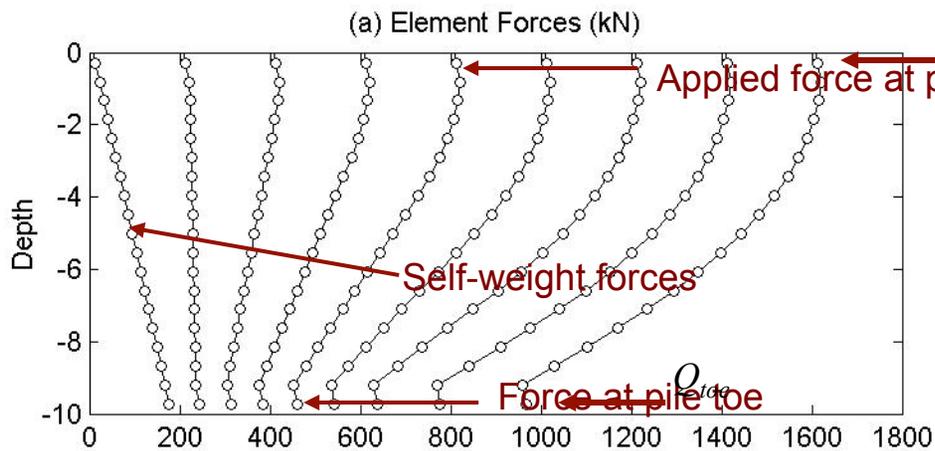


Beam-Solid Model

3D Pile Analysis

Axially Loaded Piles

Evaluation of pile forces and accumulation of side resistance



$$Q_{total} = Q_{toe} + Q_{side}$$

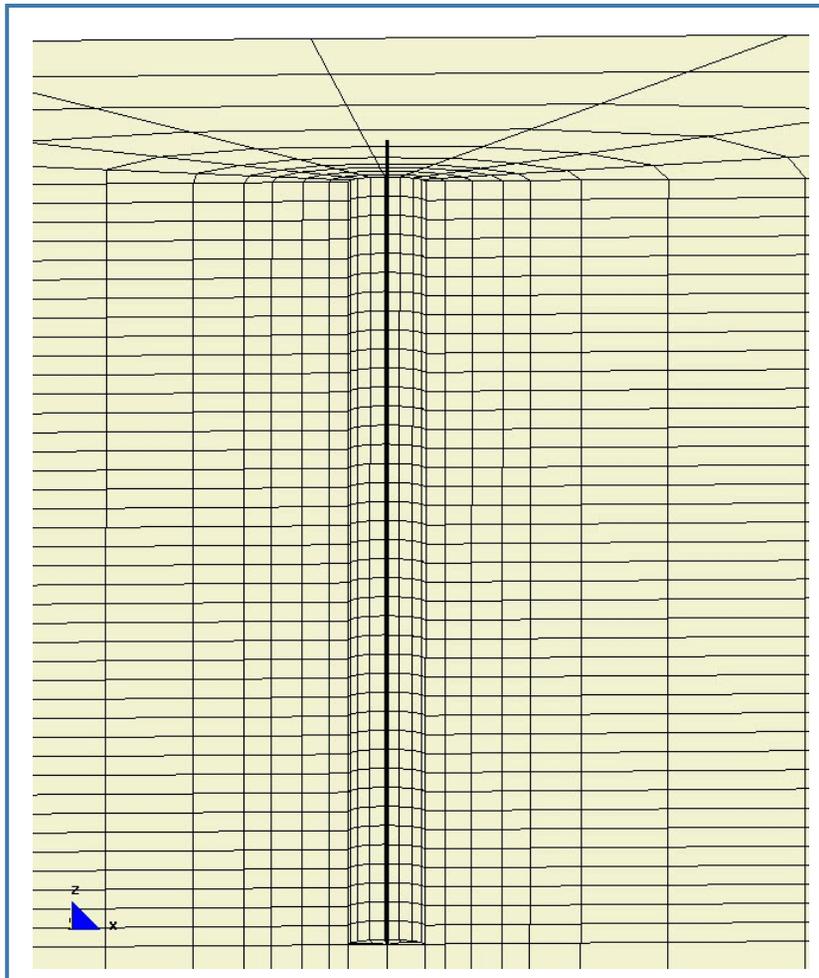
$$Q_{side} = \pi B \sum f_c dz$$

$$f_c = \sigma_h(z) \tan \delta$$

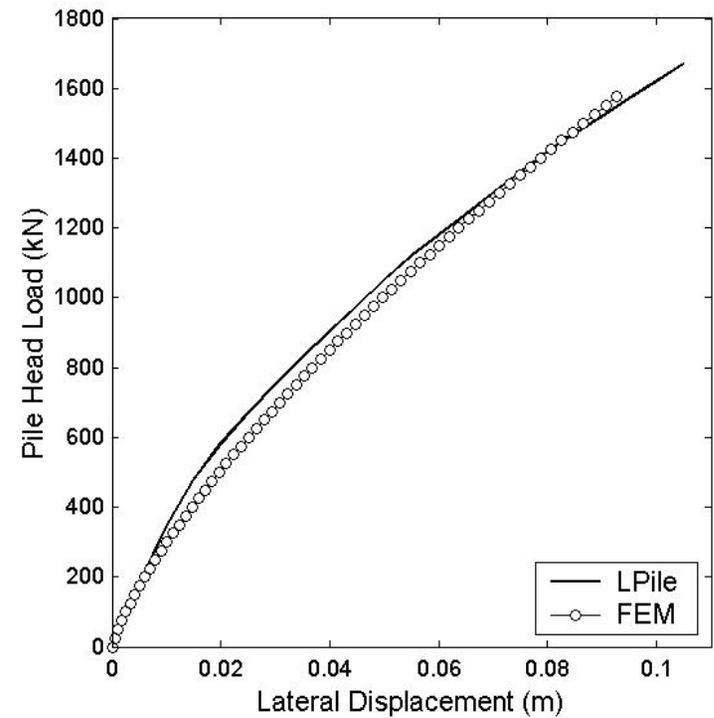
3D Pile Analysis

Laterally Loaded Piles (solid-beam contact element)

- Perform numerical load test



- Compare results

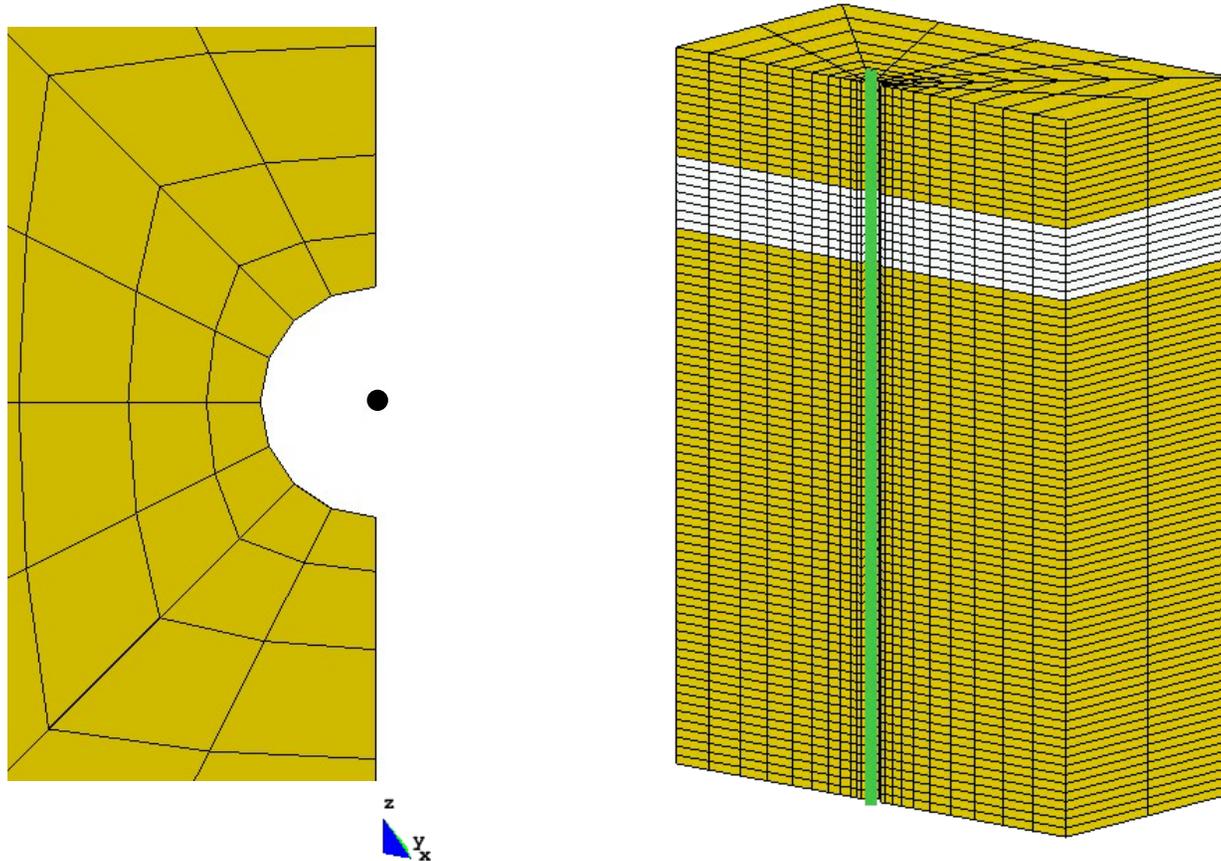


3x Magnification

3D Pile Analysis

Lateral Spreading Effects

The pile is modeled with black hexahedral elements. Pile interface profile to the boundary of the model to capture pressure-dependent strength

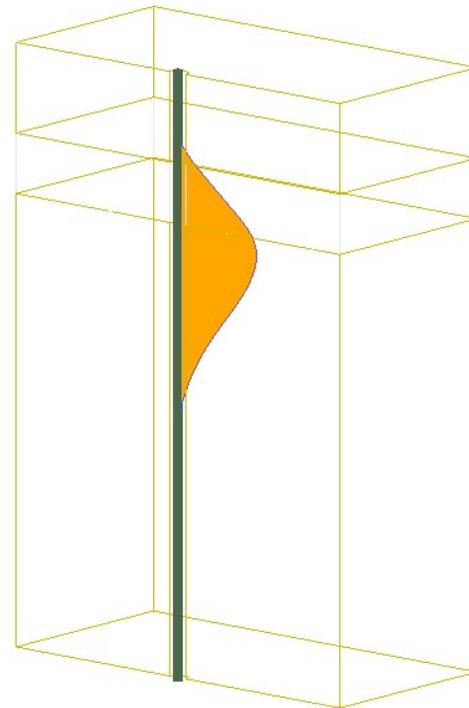
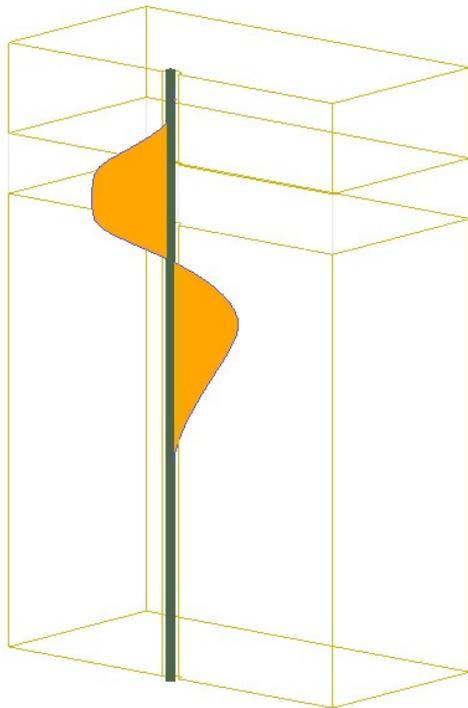


3D Pile Analysis

Lateral Spreading Effects

The beam-solid contact elements enable the use of standard beam-column elements for the pile

This allows for the simple recovery of the shear force and bending moment demands placed upon the pile from the forces applied by the soil to the pile



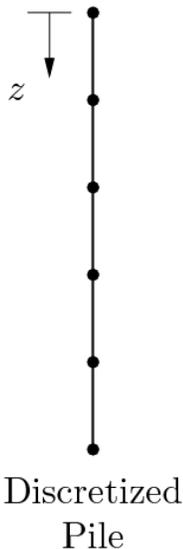
3D Pile Analysis

Lateral Spreading Effects

Work with 3D FE models has shown that use of a general pile deformation creates p - y curves which are influenced by the selected pile kinematics

A rigid pile kinematic is used to evenly activate the soil response with depth and to obtain p - y curves which are free from the influence of pile kinematics, reflecting only the response of the soil.

Computational process



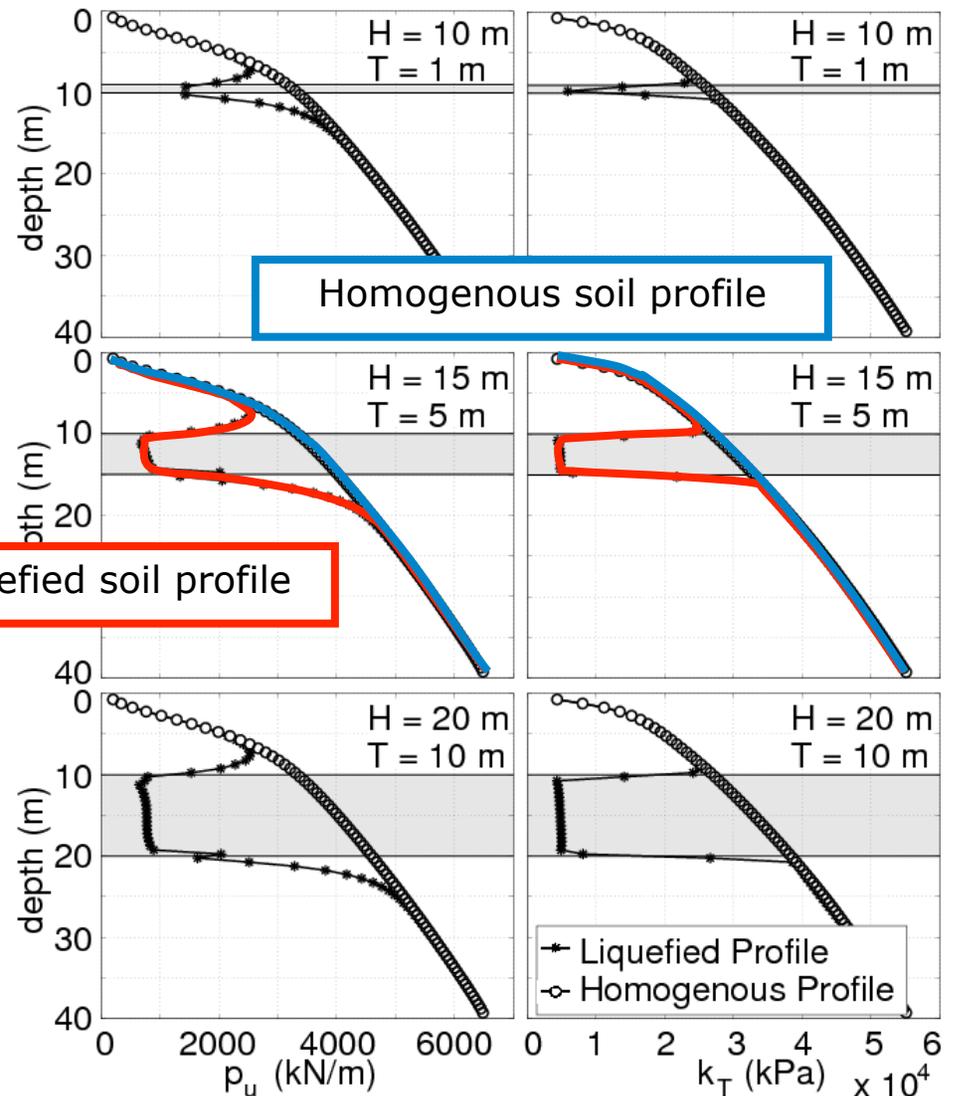
3D Pile Analysis

Lateral Spreading Effects

The presence of the weaker liquefied layer effectively reduces the available resistance of the adjacent portions of the unliquefied soil

This is manifested in a reduction in the ultimate lateral resistance of the p-y curves near the liquefied layer

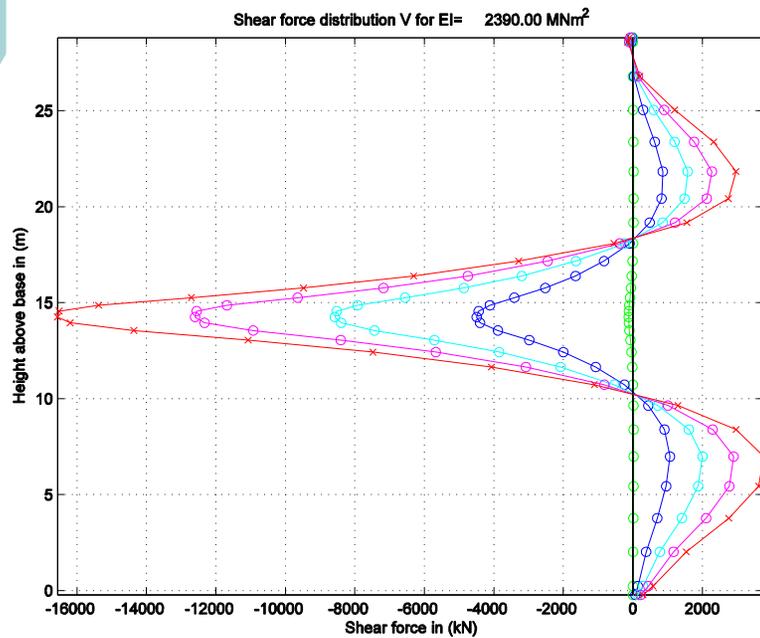
The initial stiffness of the unliquefied soil is also reduced, but the effect is more local to the liquefied interface



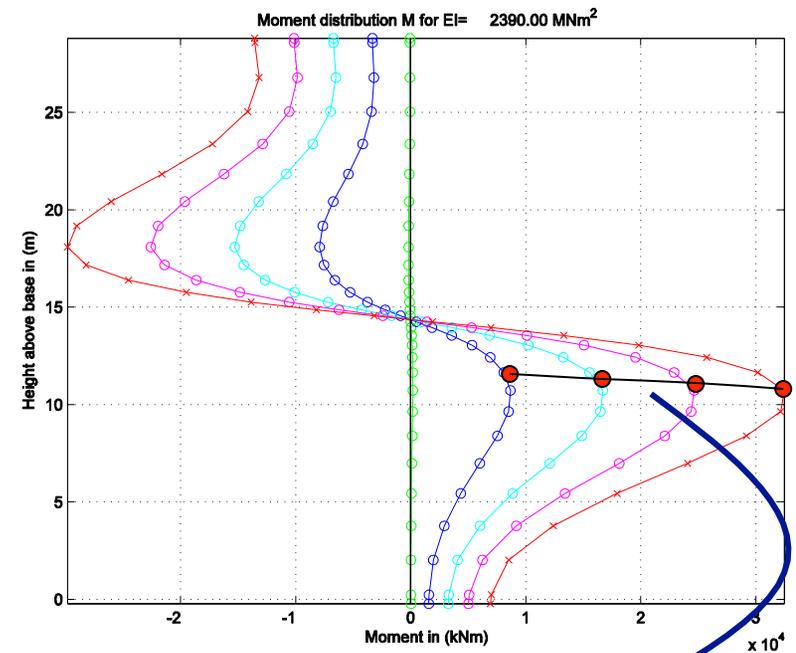
3D Pile Analysis

Lateral Spreading Effects

Shear diagrams



Bending Moment diagrams



Location and value of maxV and maxM changes with soil displacement



Recent Improvements at UW

Efficient solid element formulations would greatly benefit the performance of any simulation

How can we obtain more efficient finite element formulations?

- ▶ **Reduced integration**

The integration of a typical 4-node quadrilateral element involves 4 integration points. If this could be reduced to only a single integration point, that's 4 times less work. In 3D, it would be 8 times less work.

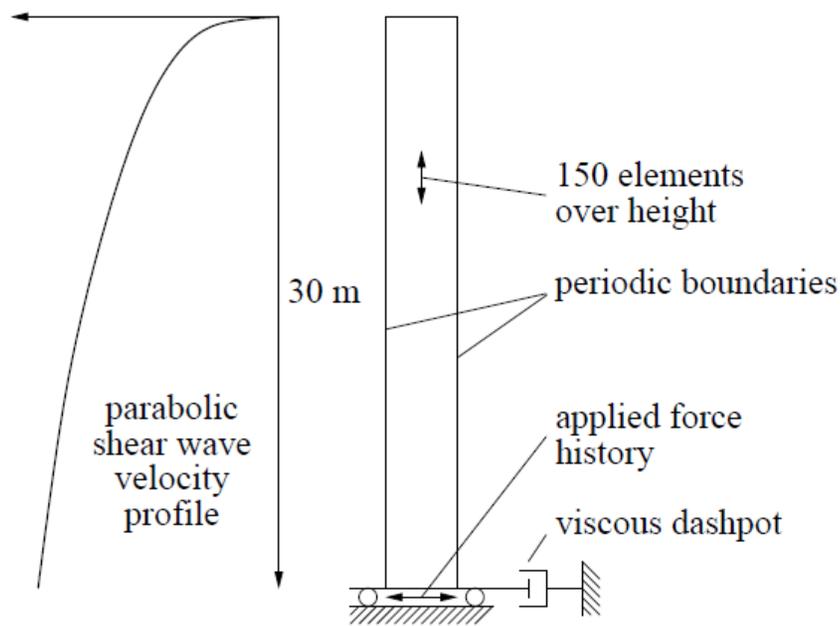
Can this be done?

- ▶ There are issues which must be overcome in order to use single point integration. The stiffness matrix becomes rank deficient, leading to spurious modes
- ▶ Stabilization techniques can be used to overcome the rank deficiency
- ▶ A single-point integration element with assumed strain hourglass stabilization has been implemented in OpenSees → *SSPquad*

Stabilized Single-Point Quad Element

The single-point element is less computationally demanding than the corresponding full integration element.

Site response analysis test problem



Execution time:

Quad element = **330 sec**

SSPquad element = **146 sec**



Modeling Tools and Improvements

Liquefaction and lateral spreading involve saturated soil. When saturated, soil behavior can be described as a two-phase medium.

Finite element formulations have been developed to consider this aspect of soil behavior (Zienkiewicz and Shiomi 1984, Prevost)

The **SSPquad** element has been extended for use in the analysis of fluid saturated porous media. This new element has also been implemented in OpenSees → **SSPquadUP**

The **SSPquadUP** element uses a mixed pressure-displacement formulation commonly known as the u-p approach.

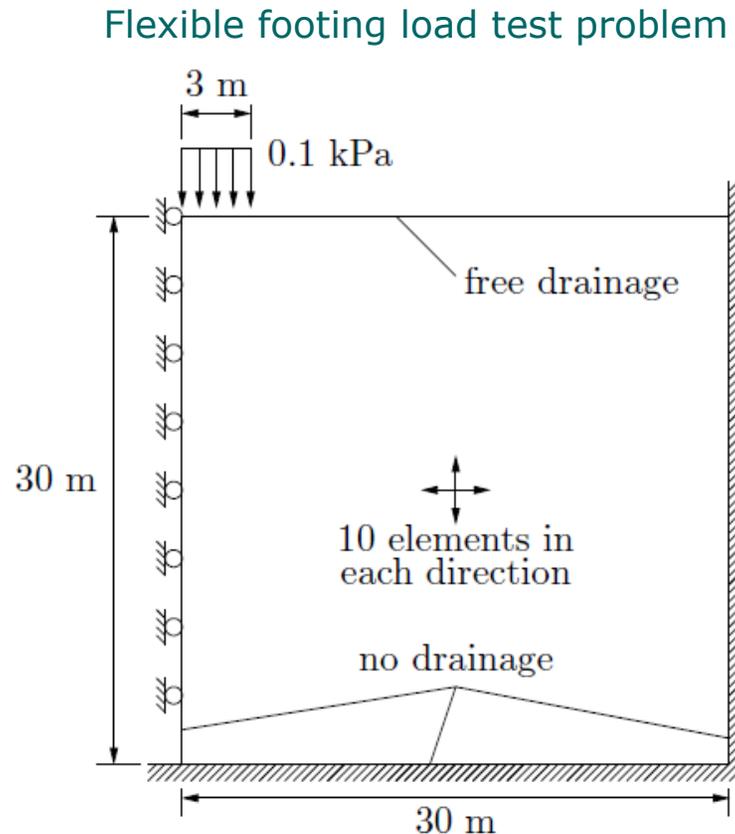
A staggered time integration scheme is used to introduce unconditional stability in the temporal solution and to symmetrize the coupled system.

Near the incompressible-impermeable limit, this element does not satisfy the inf-sup condition, and stability of the pressure field solution cannot be guaranteed. A consistent stabilizing term is added to the system.

Recent Improvement

Stabilized u-p Quad Element

The SSPquadUP element is evaluated using several test problems. The results are compared to a nine-node quad element with a u-p formulation.

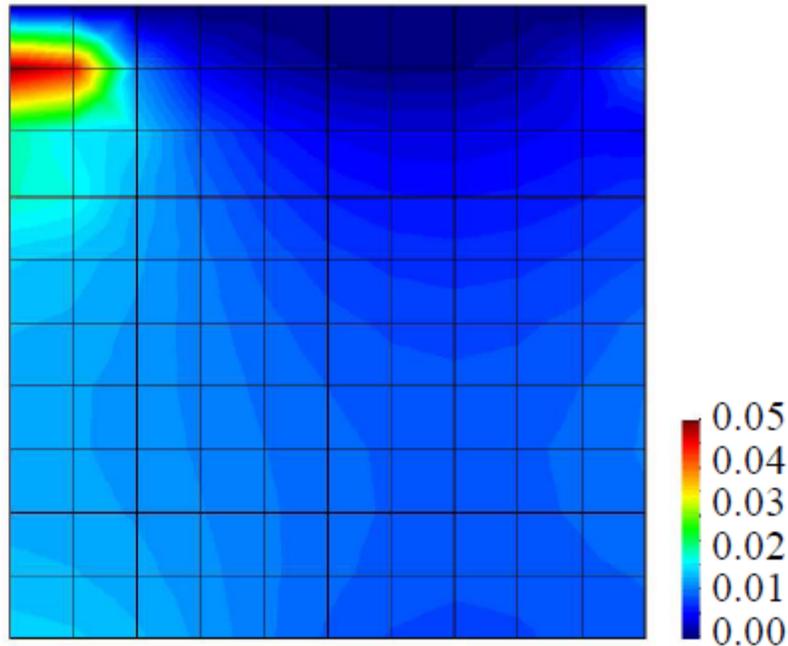


Recent Improvements

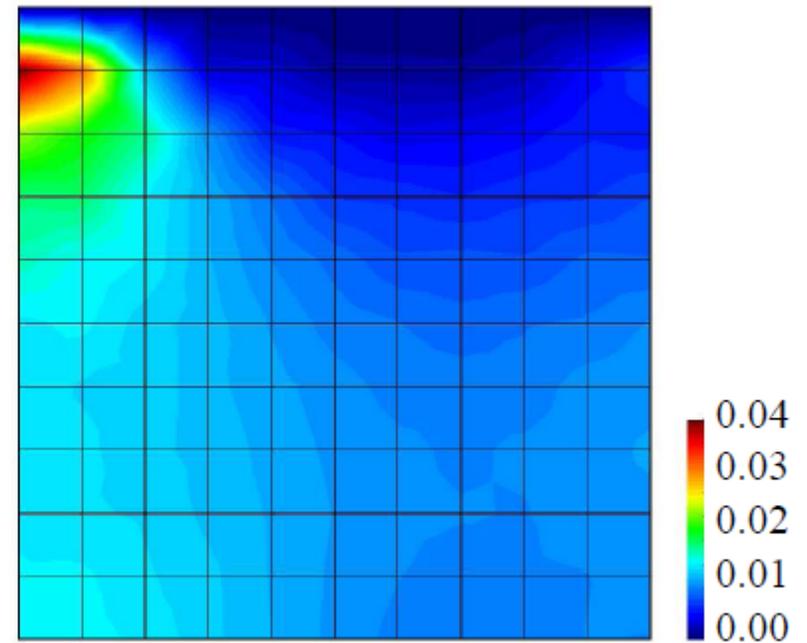
Stabilized u-p Quad Element

The effectiveness of the pressure field stabilization near the incompressible limit can be demonstrated by comparing the pore pressure distribution for stabilized and unstabilized cases.

9 node quad element



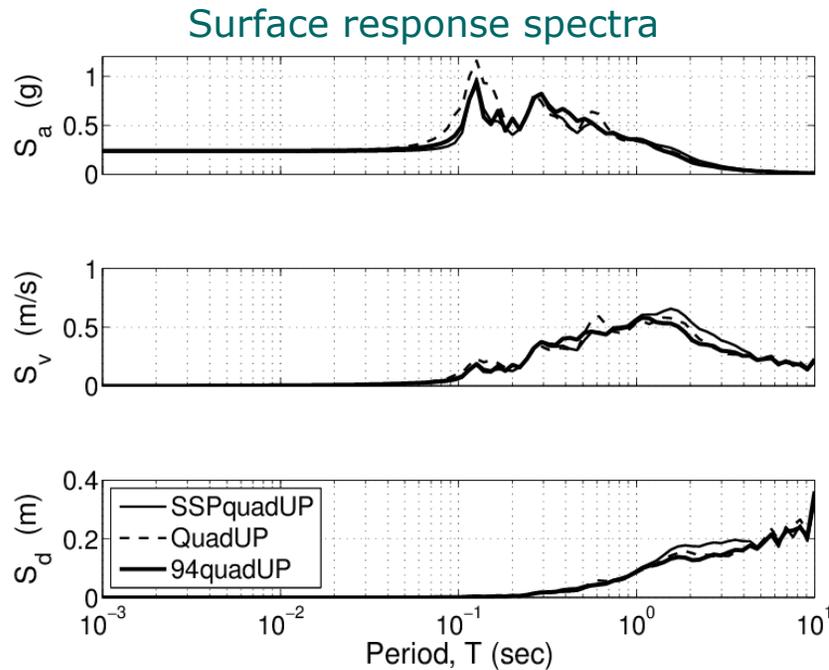
stabilized SSPquadUP



Recent Improvements

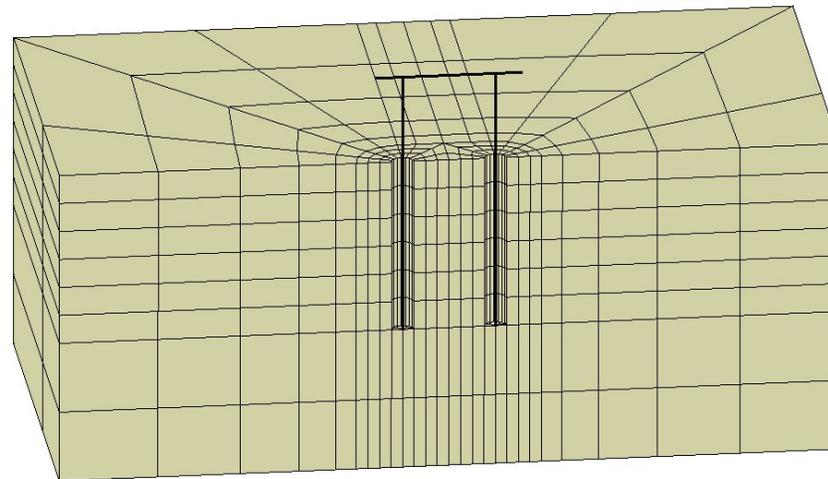
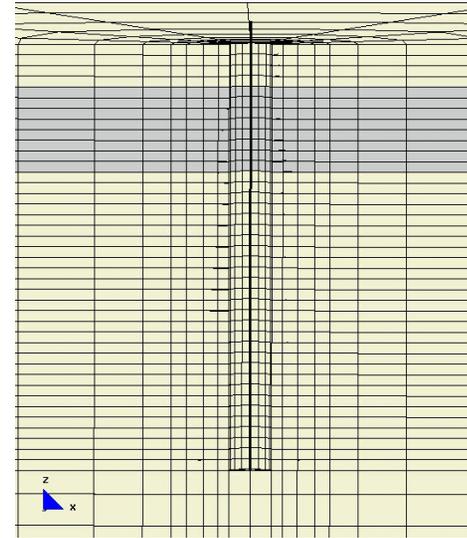
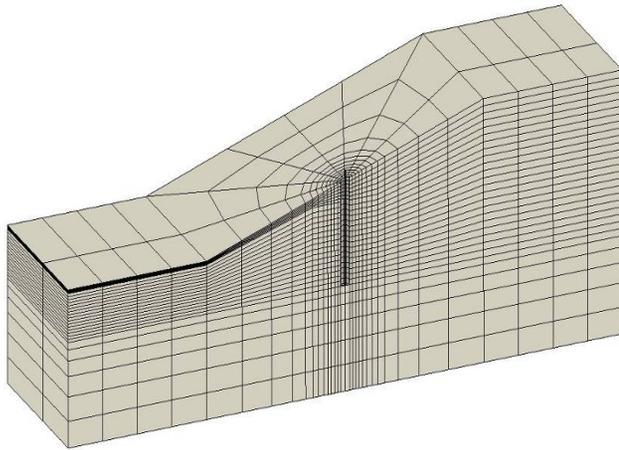
Stabilized u-p Quad Element

A site response analysis is conducted to gauge the robustness and efficiency of the SSPquadUP element.



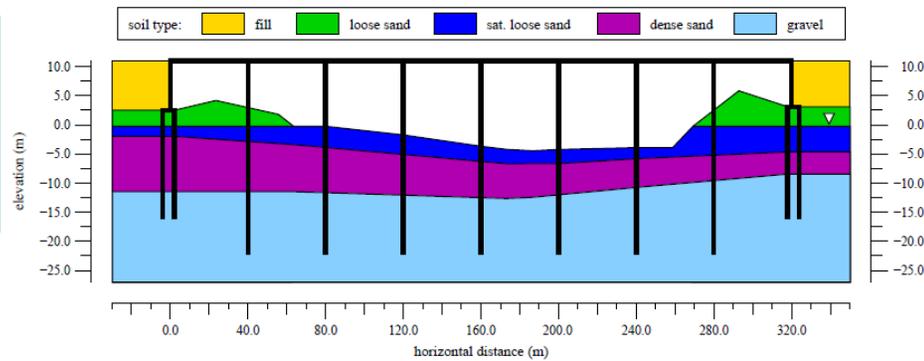
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Other Applications: Piles in Sloping Ground, Bridge bent analysis

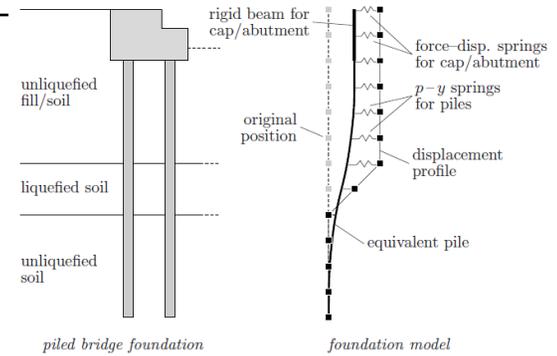


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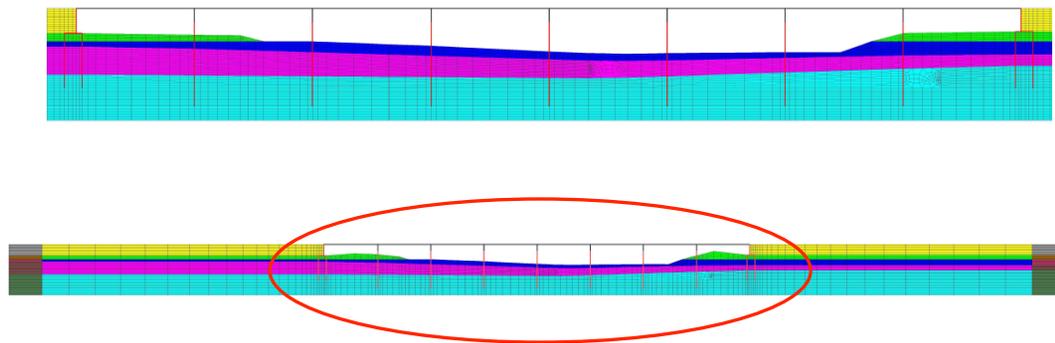
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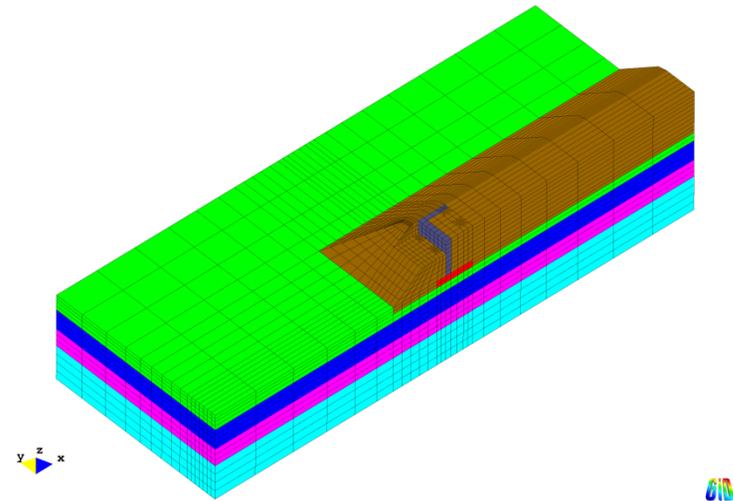
Prototype



1D Modeling Approach



2D Modeling Approach

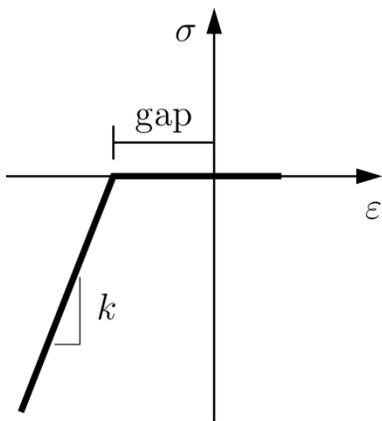
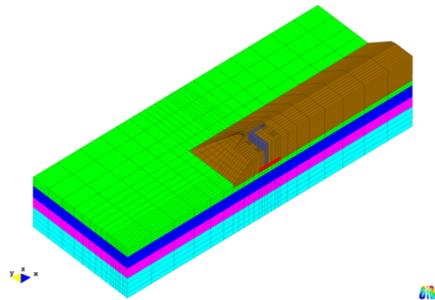


3D Modeling Approach

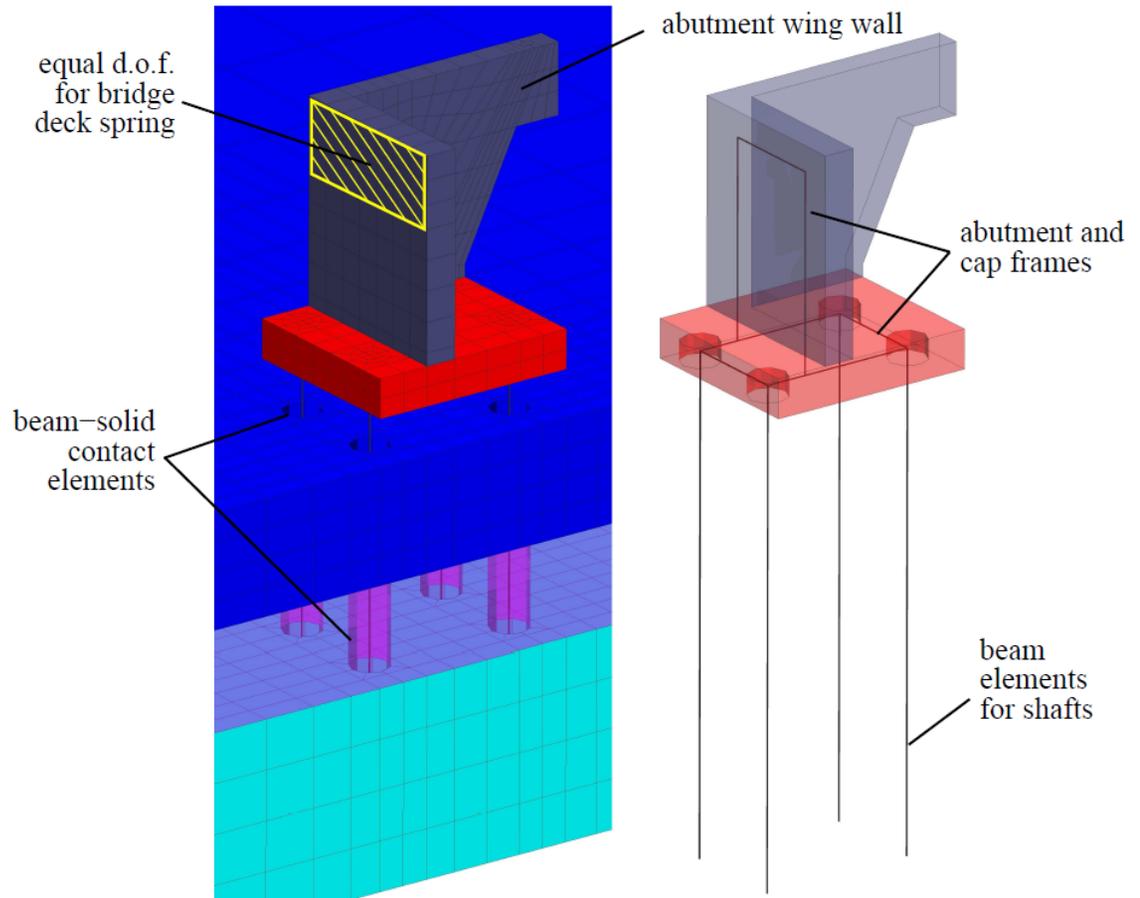
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Modeling the abutment and grouped shaft foundation



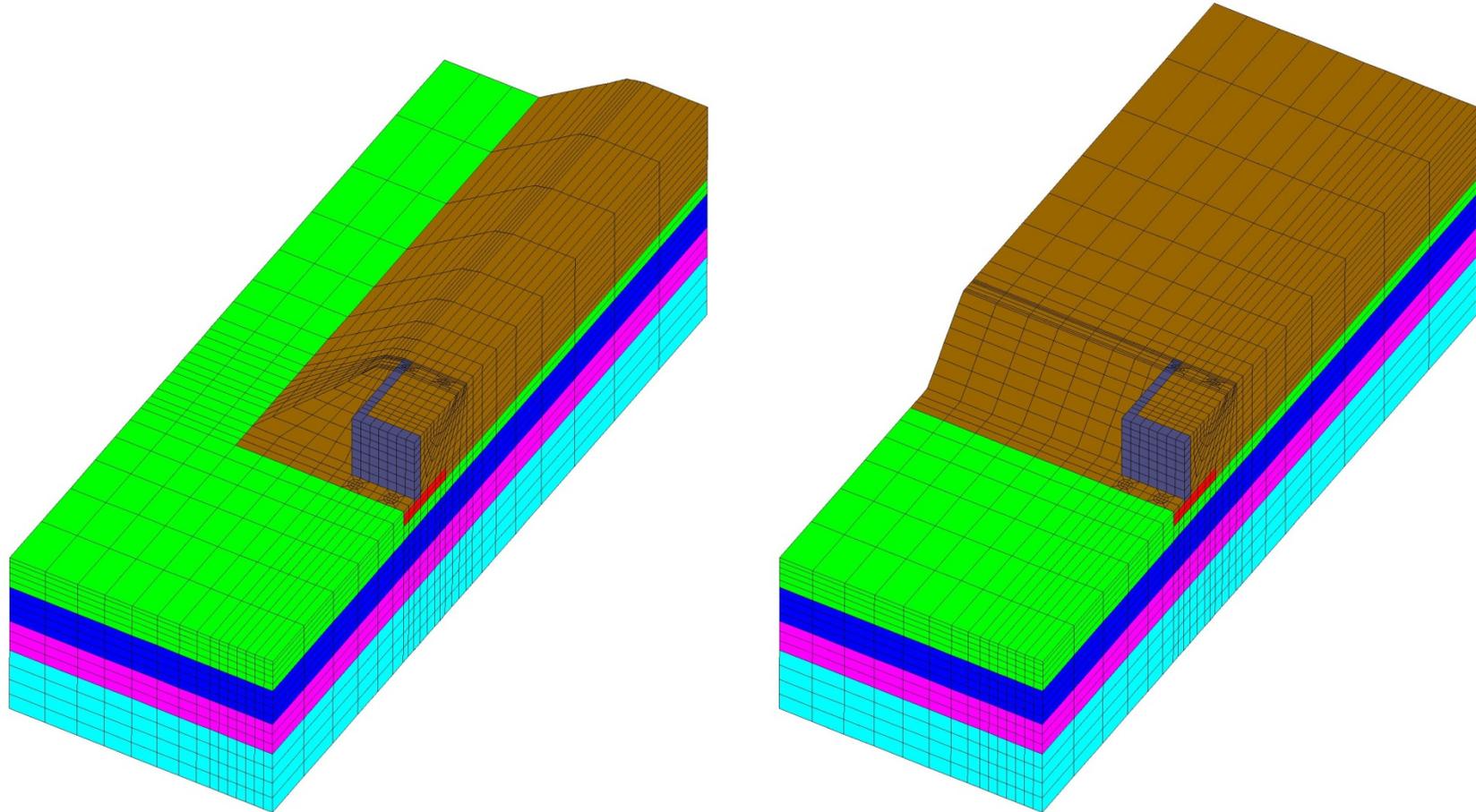
Bridge deck spring



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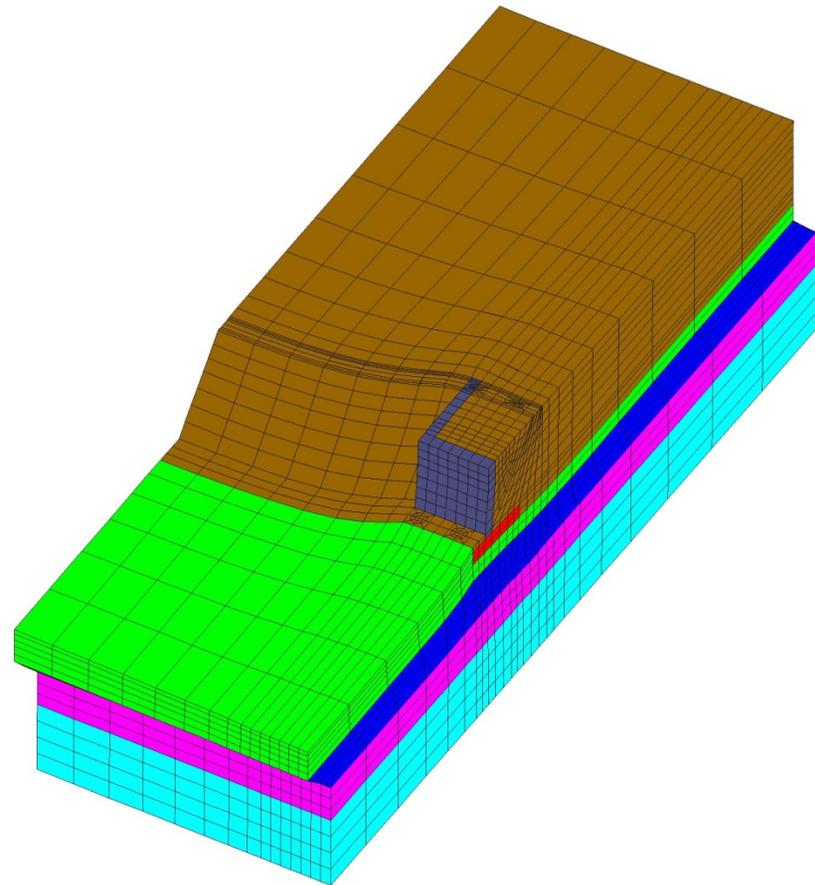
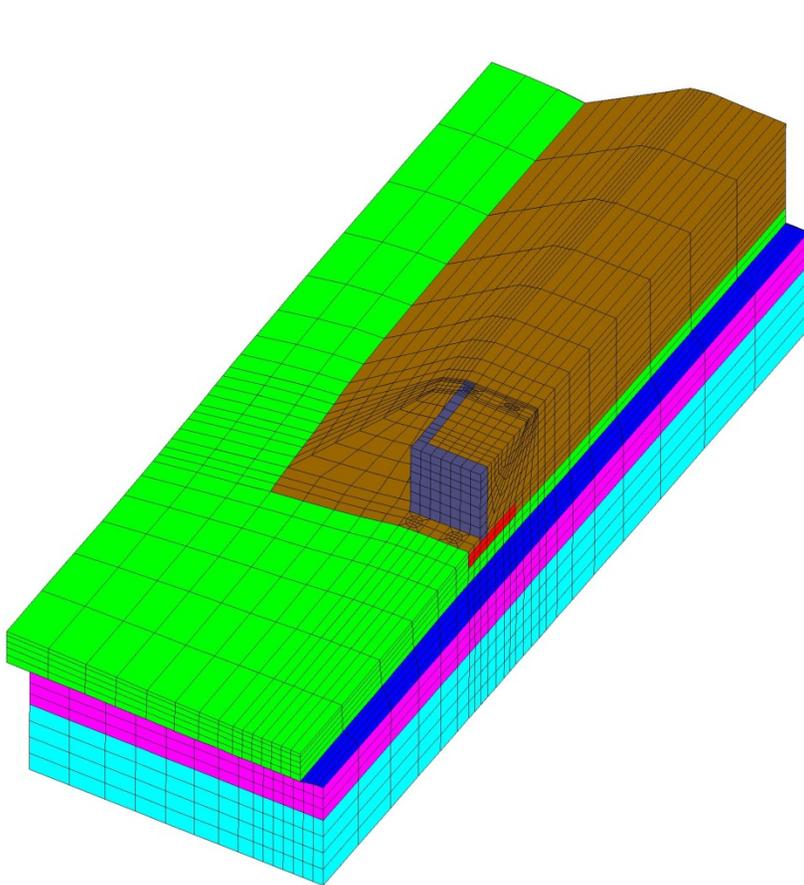
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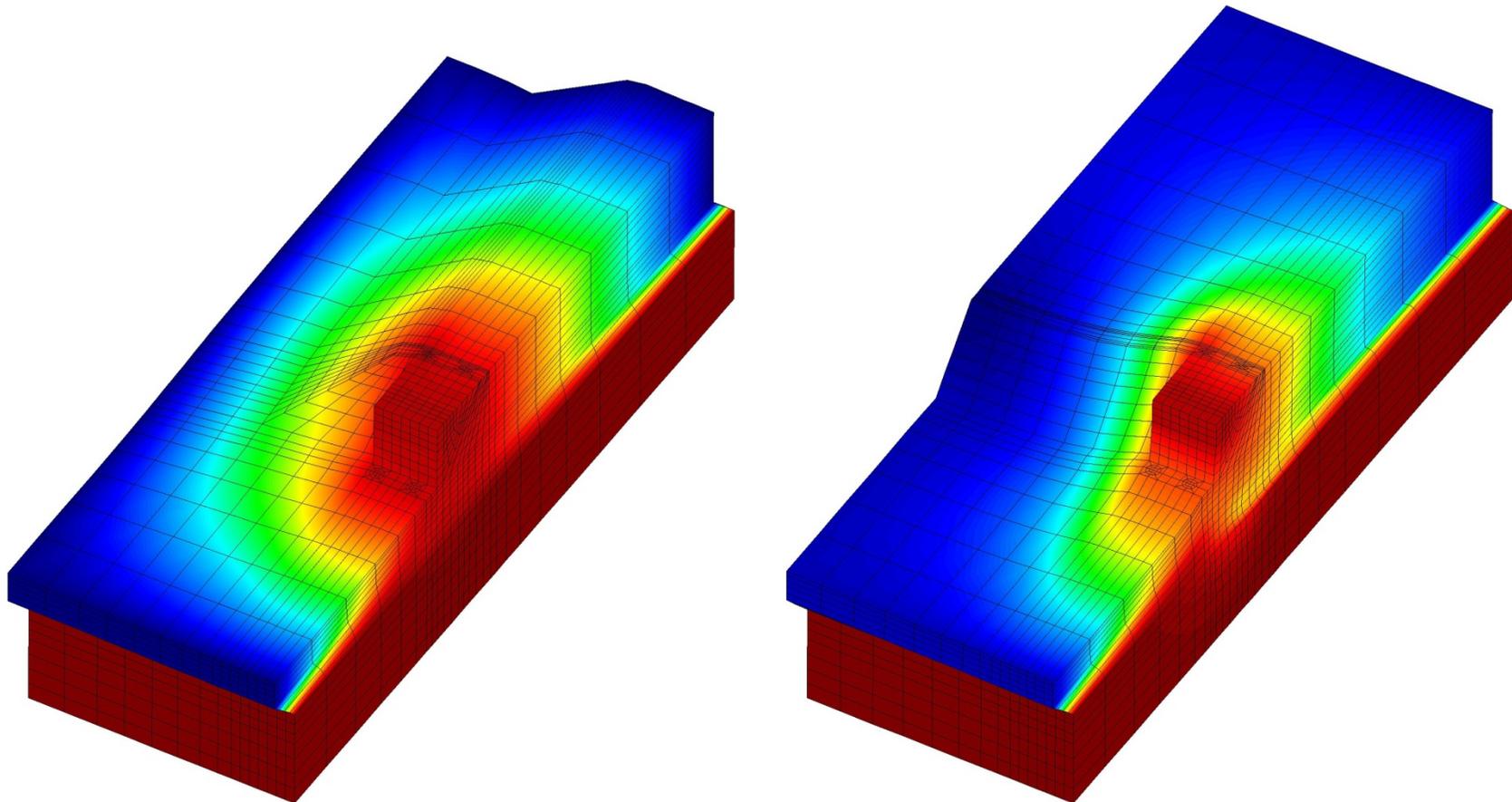
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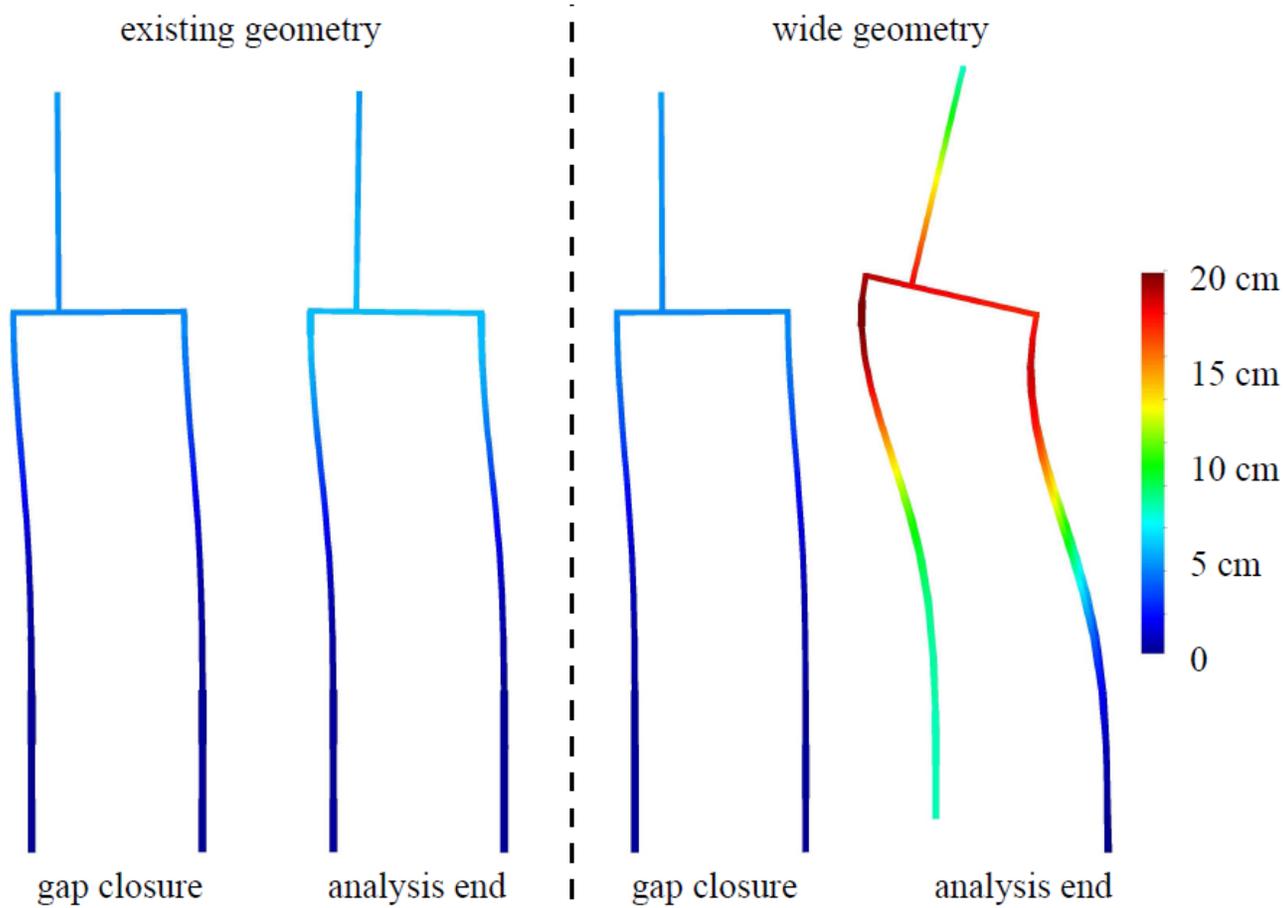
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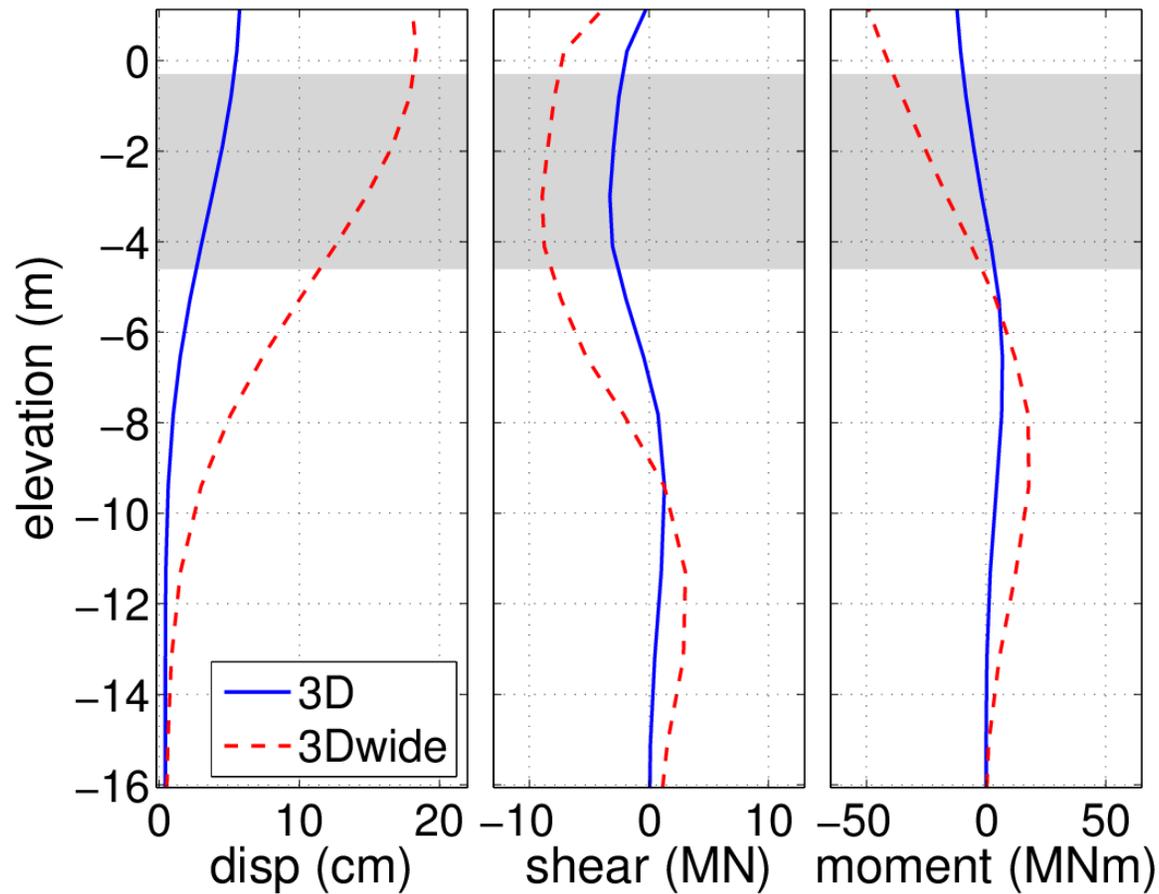
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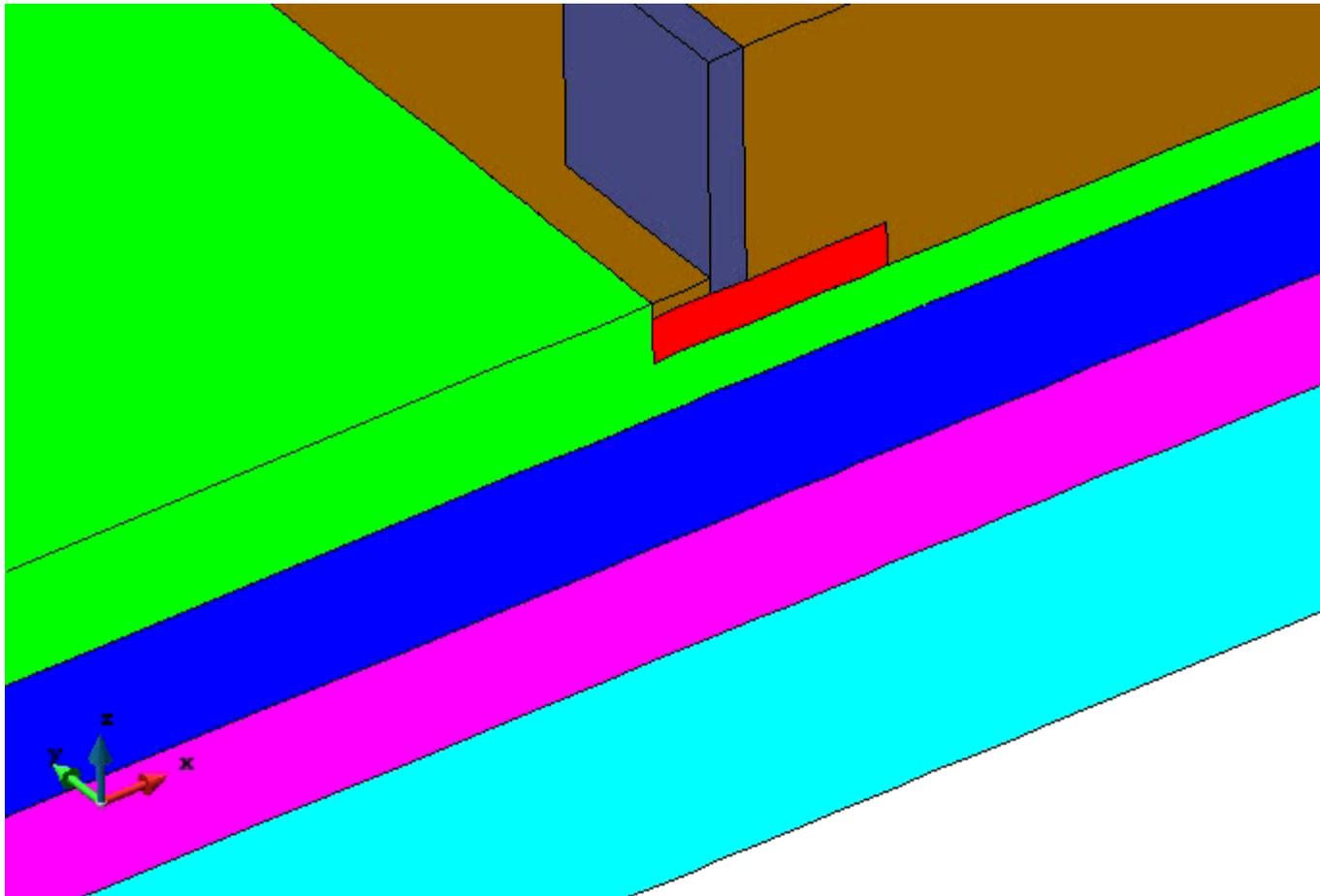
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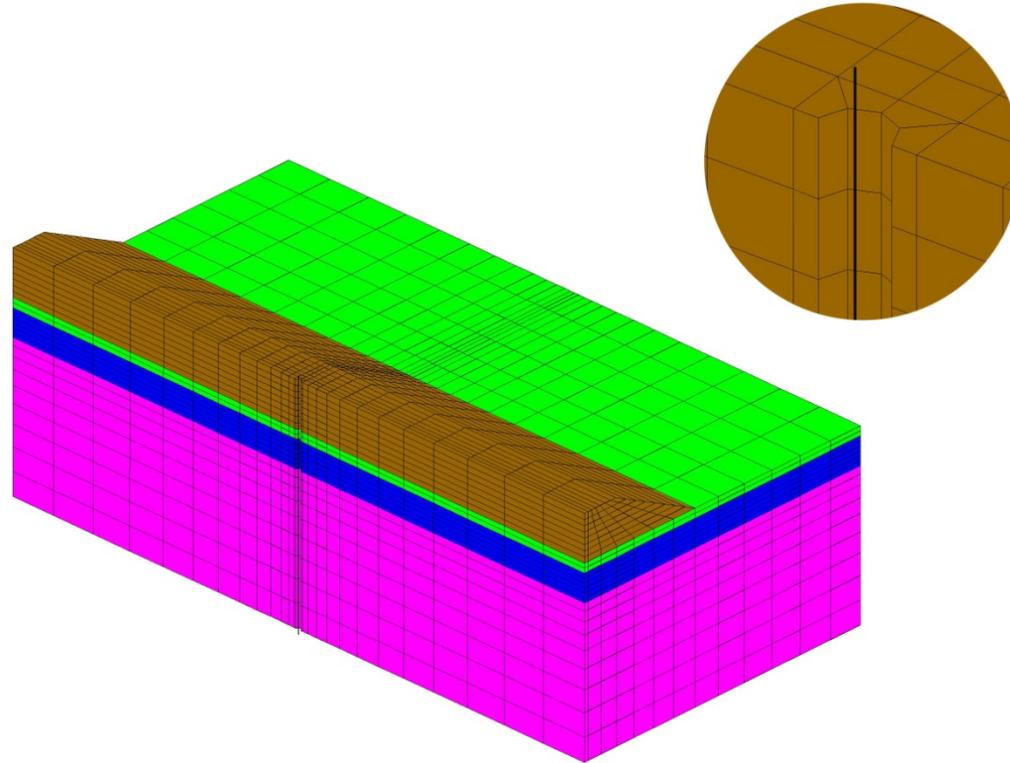
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Deformation of shafts with contact forces acting on their surfaces



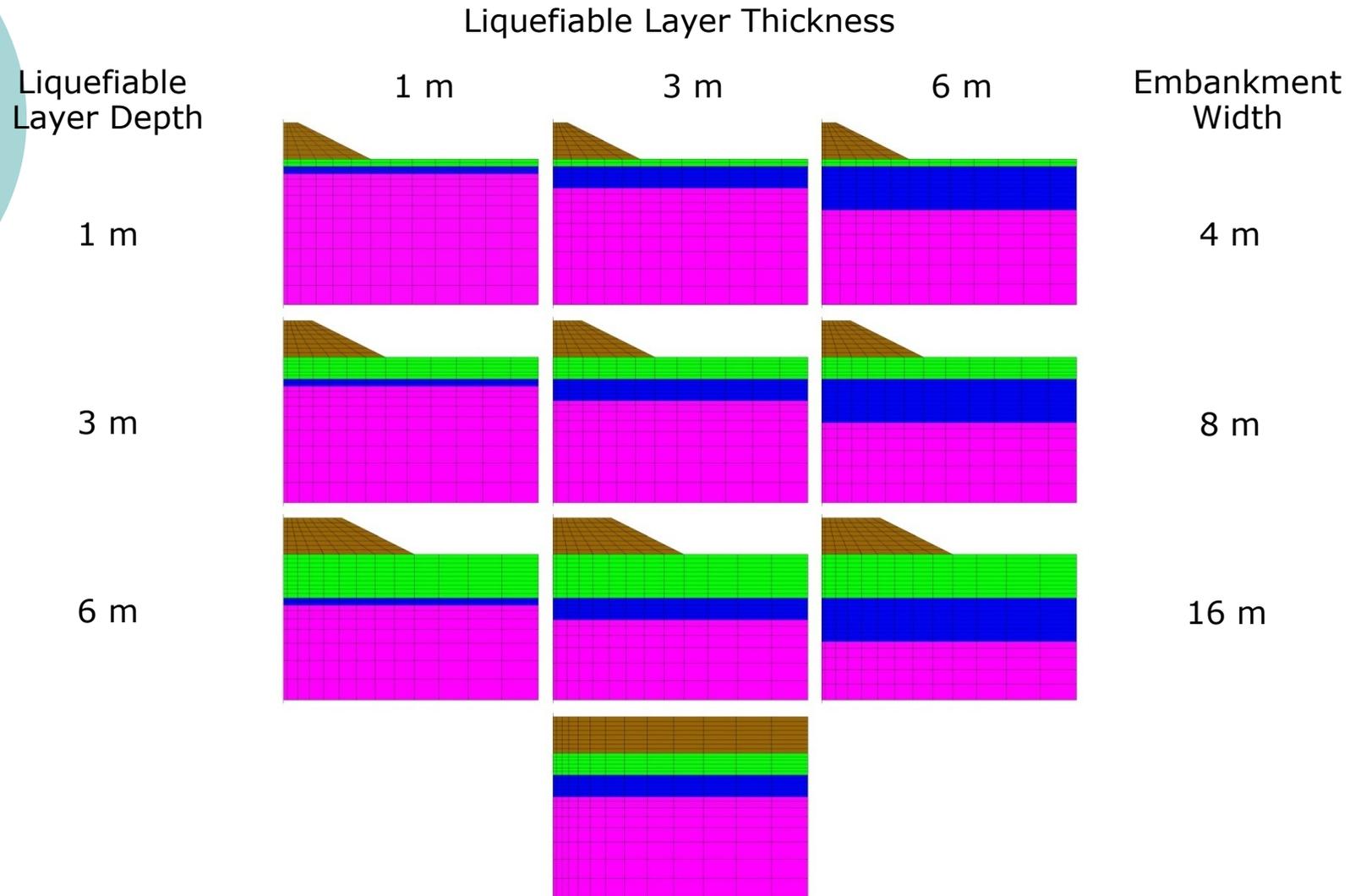
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3D Parametric Study



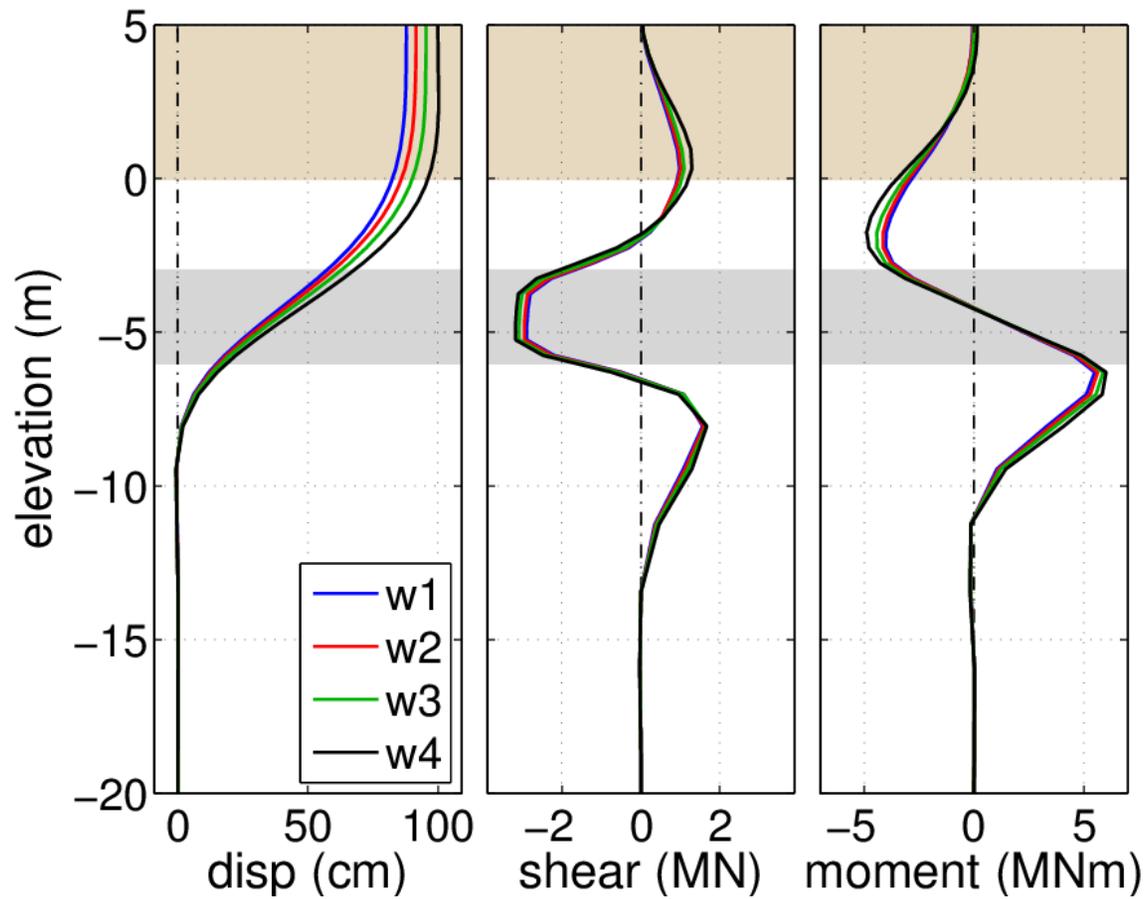
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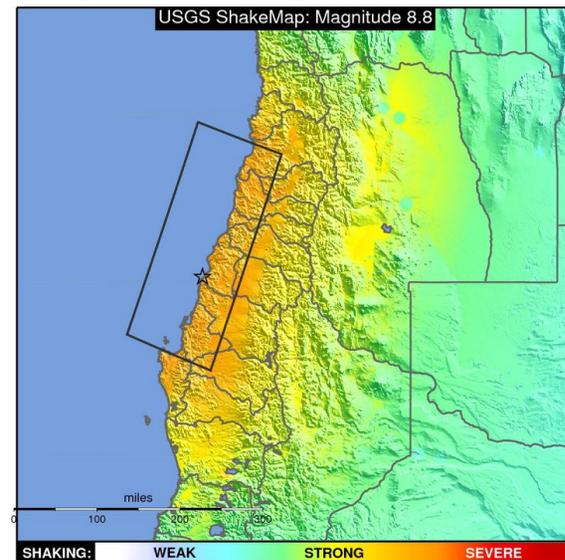
Representative Case History

Llacolén Bridge – Concepción – Chile

- Across Bío-Bío river - Length : 2160 m
- Completed in 2000
- Simply supported precast pre-stressed concrete girder
- Column bent with inverted-T cap beam
- Two seismic bars between each adjacent girder

February 27, 2010 Maule earthquake

- Moment Magnitude 8.8
- Duration more than 2 minutes
- Depth 35 Km
- 105 Km North-East of Concepcion



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Bridge Damage – Lateral Spreading

- Unseated span due to lateral



Bridge Damage – Lateral Spreading

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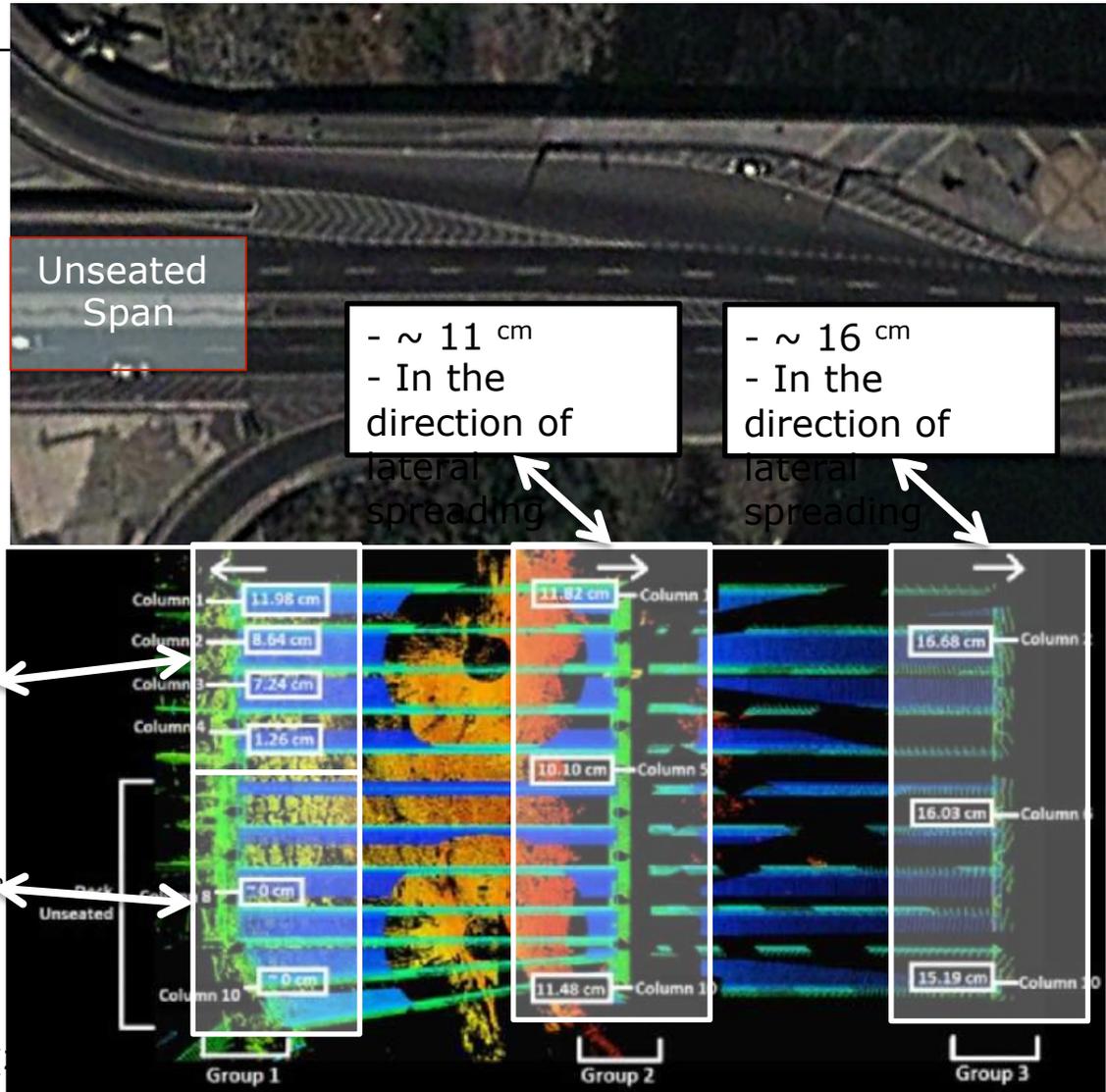


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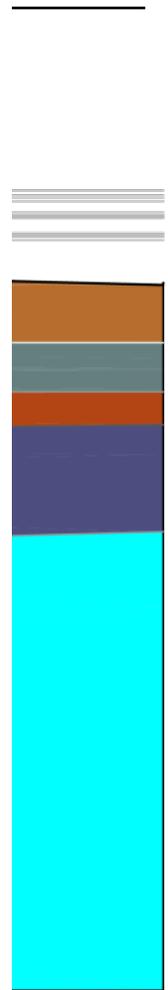
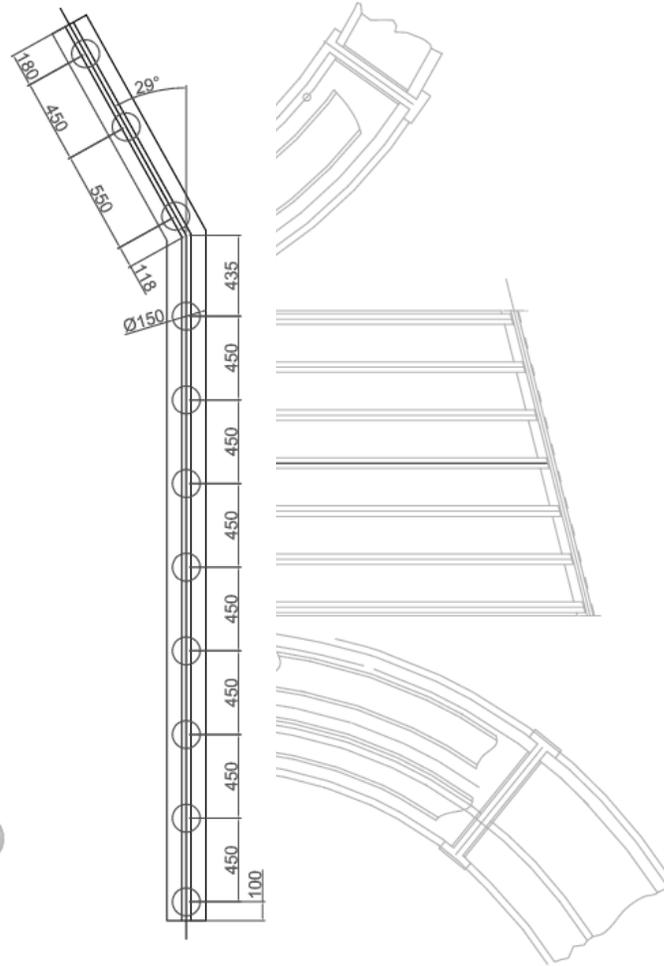
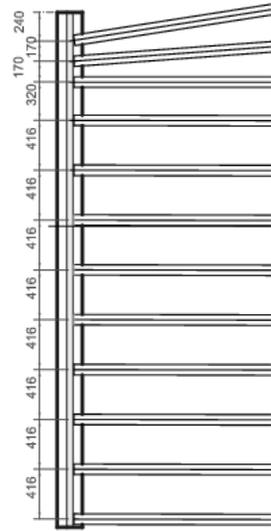
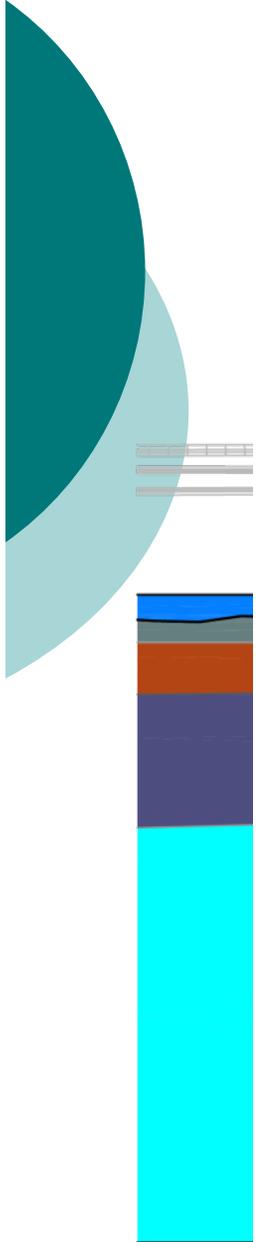
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Relative movement of columns with respect to their bases

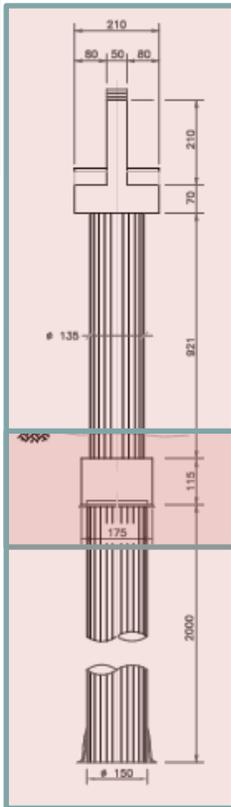


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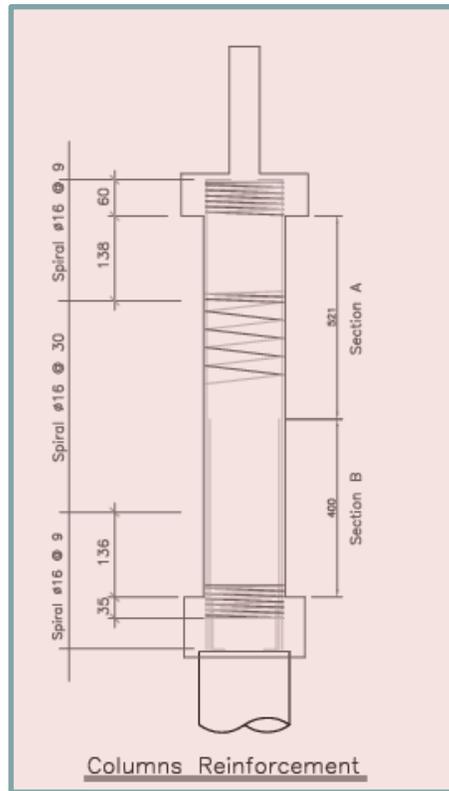
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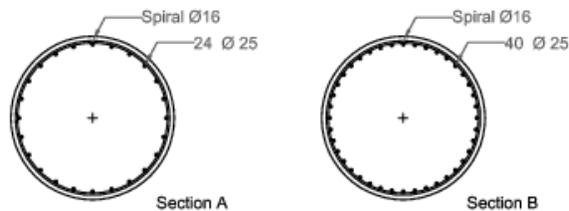
Llacolén Bridge – Structural Details



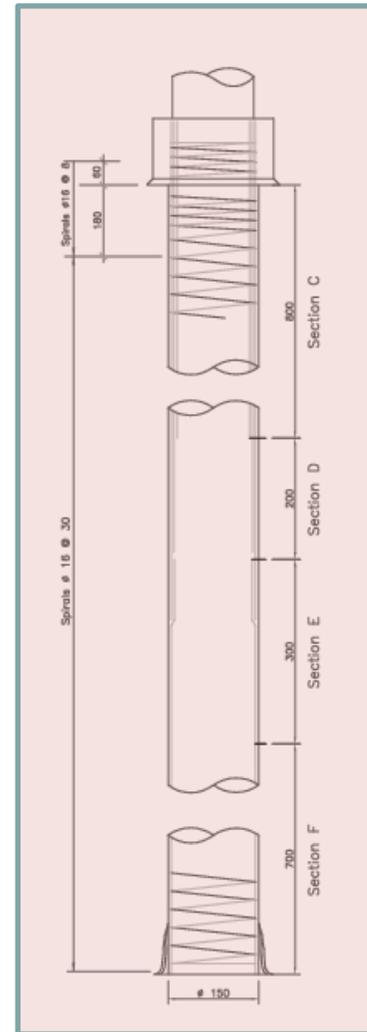
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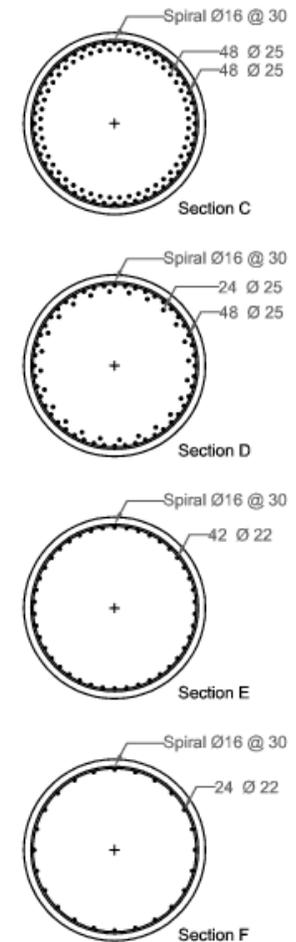
Columns Reinforcement



Columns Cross Sections
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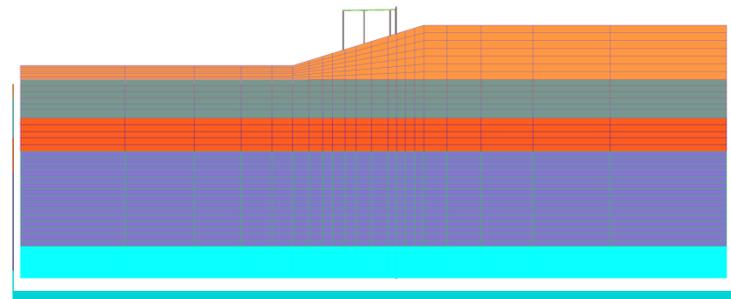
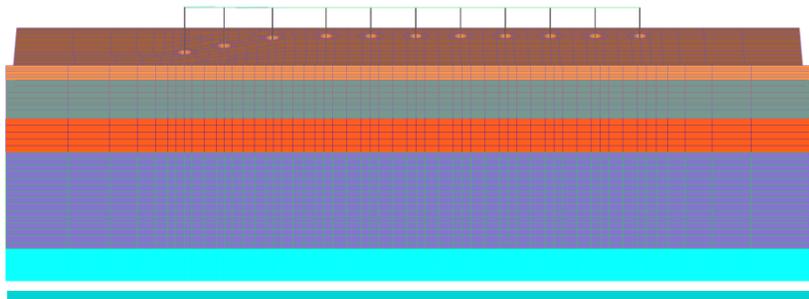
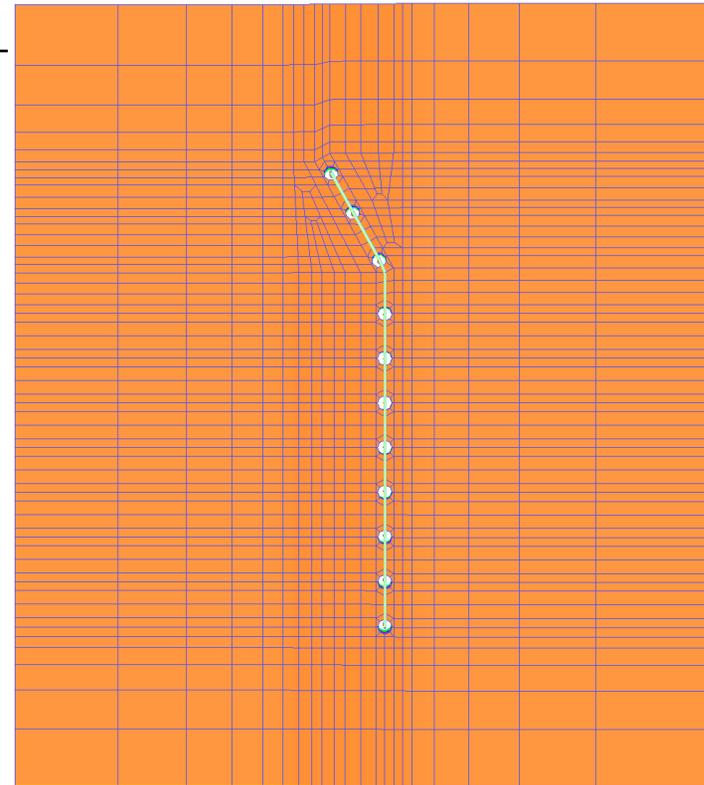
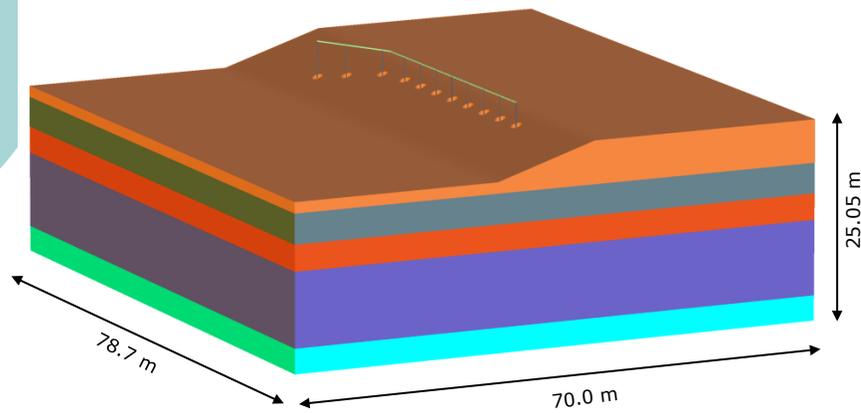


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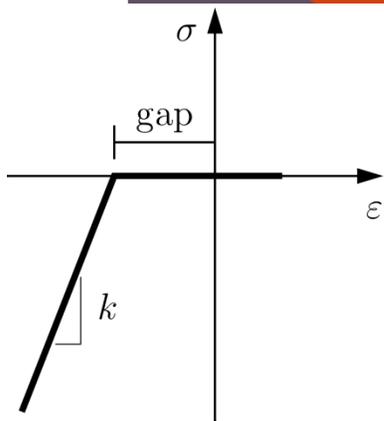
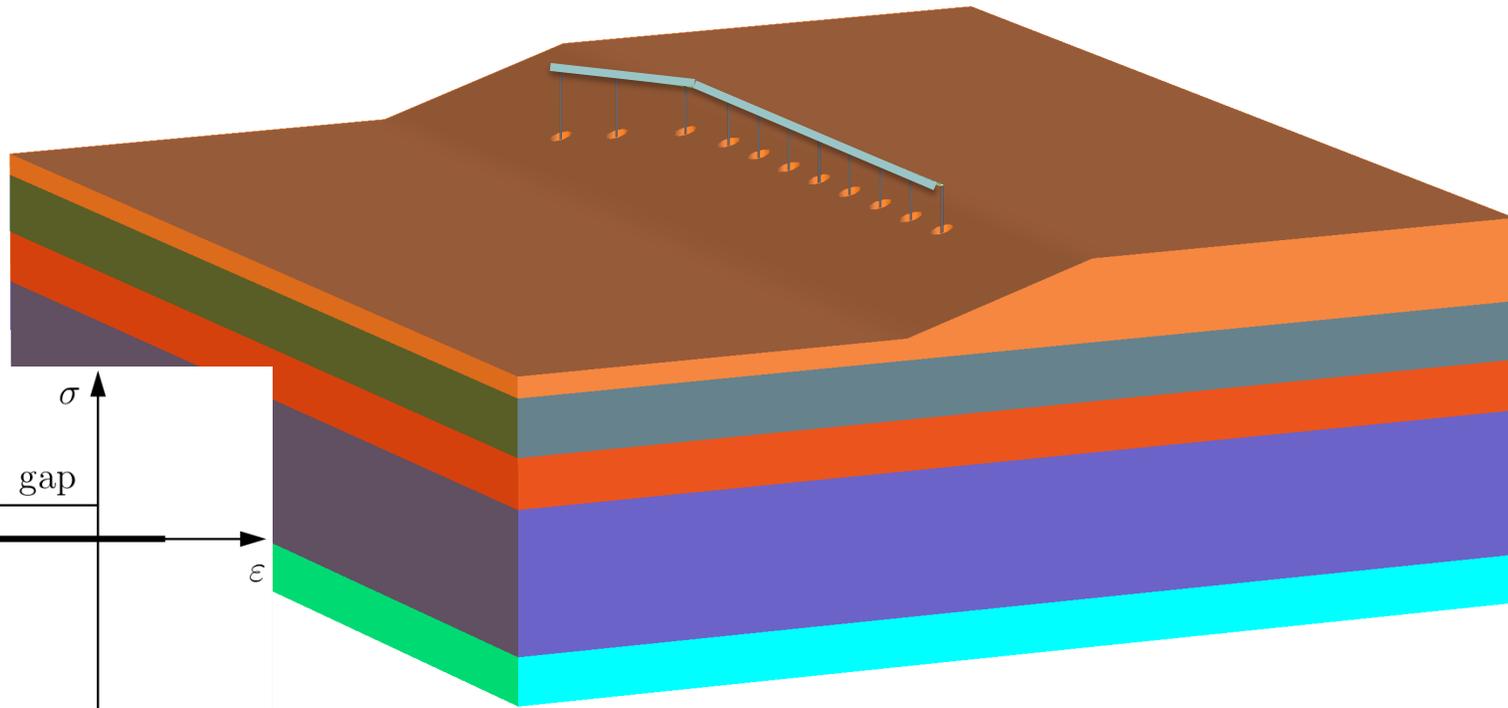
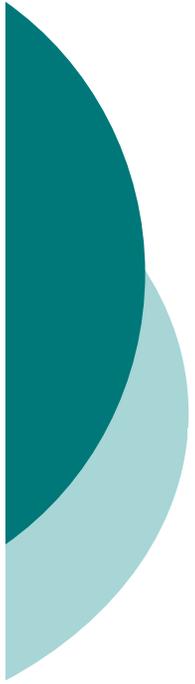


Pile Cross Sections
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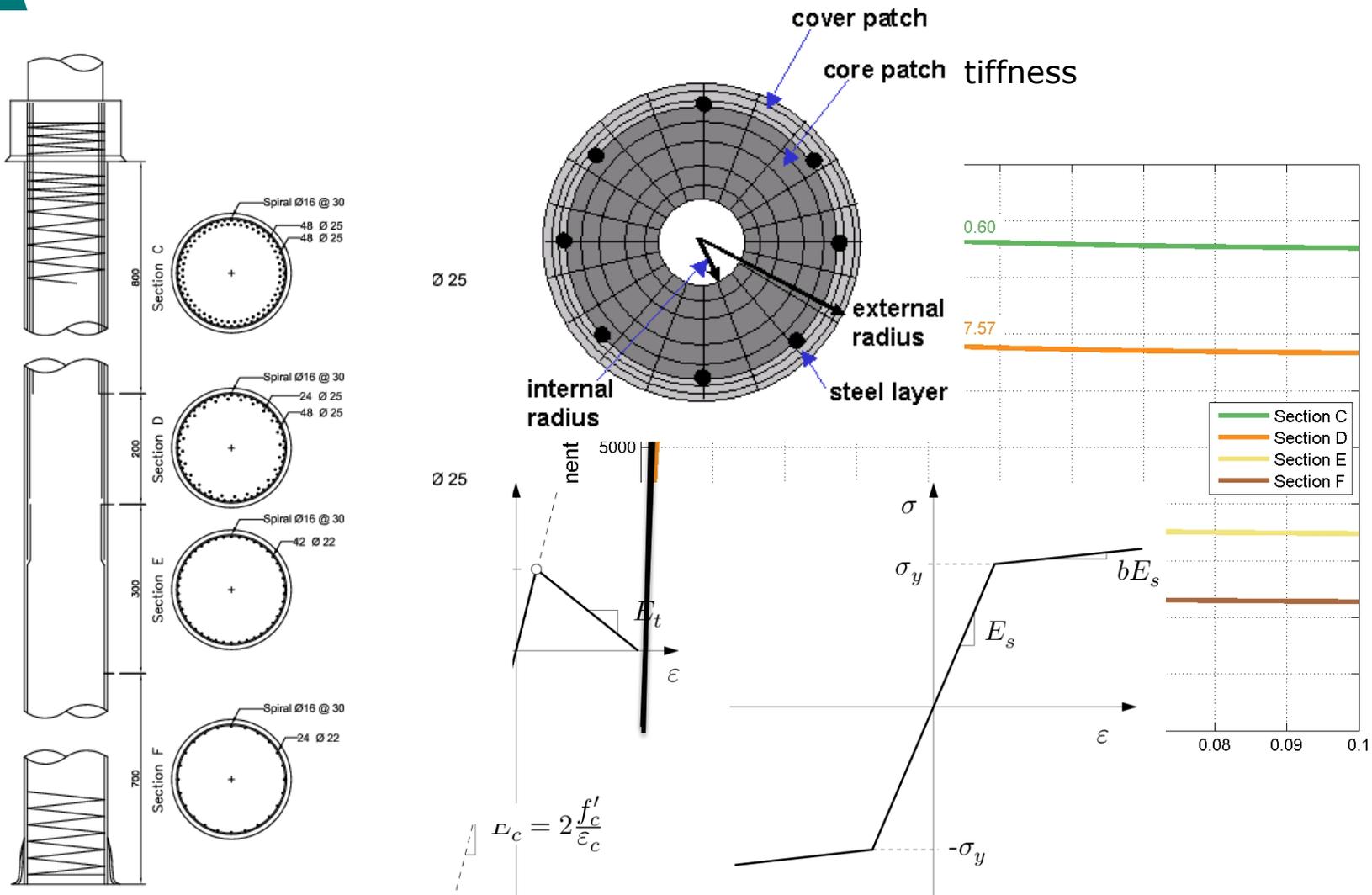


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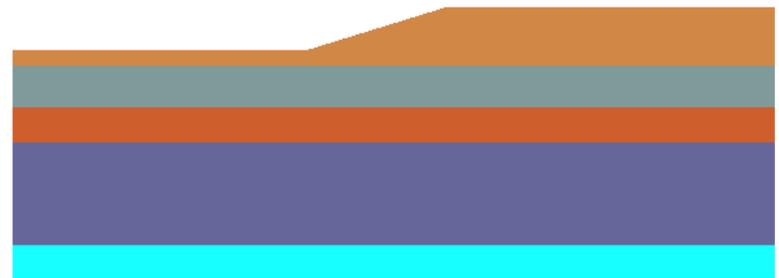
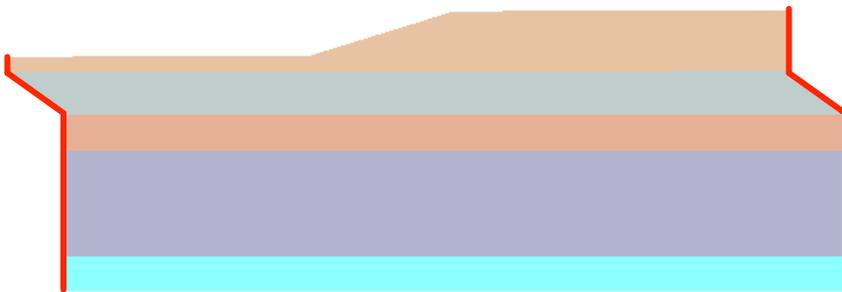
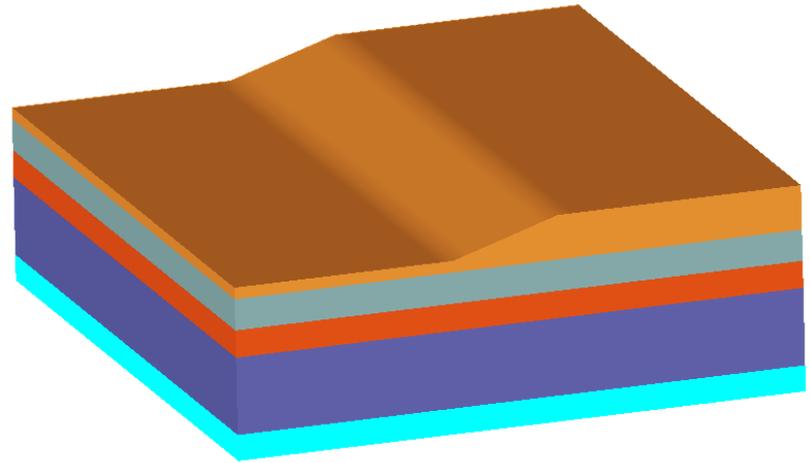
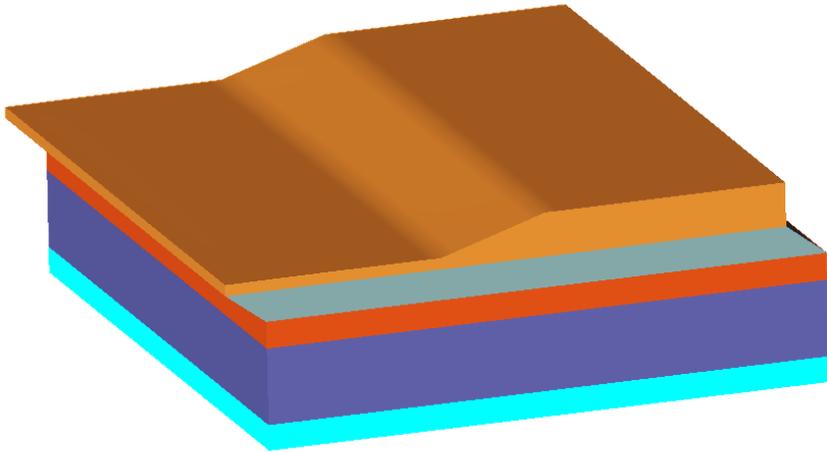
Bridge deck spring

Columns' and Piles' Sections

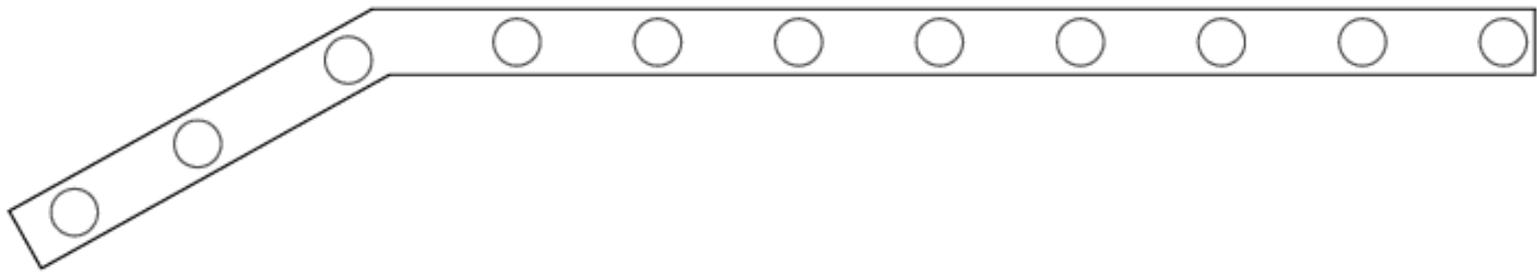


Concrete and Steel Uniaxial Material Constitutive Models

Kinematic Loading



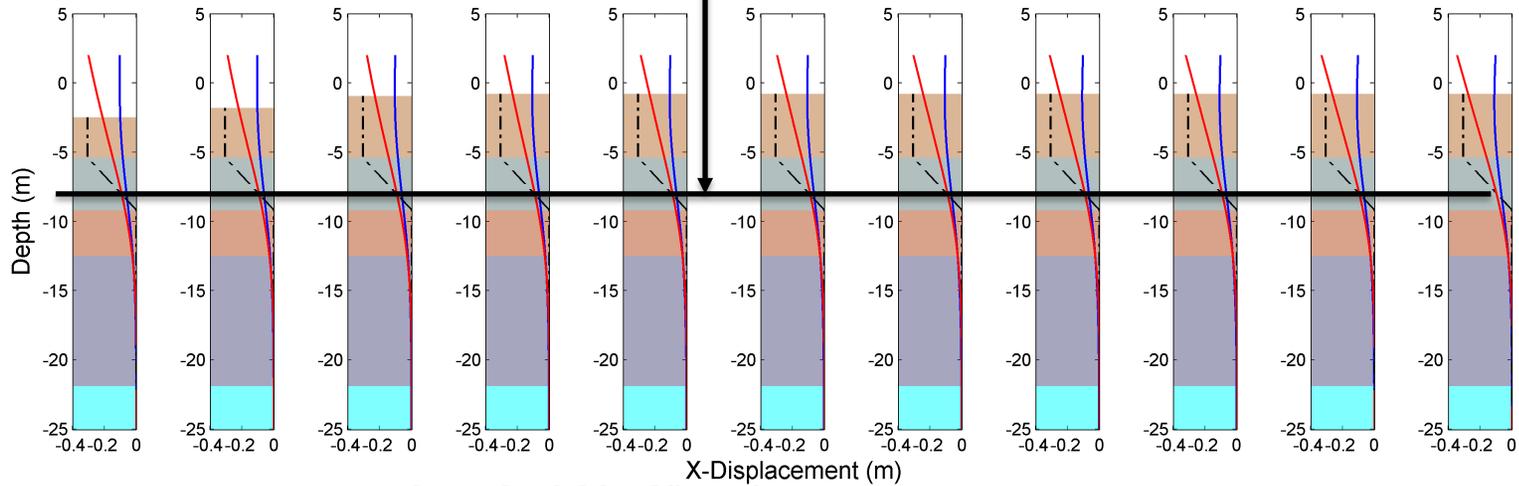
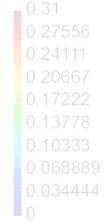
Results – Pile Pinning and 3-D Geometrical Effects



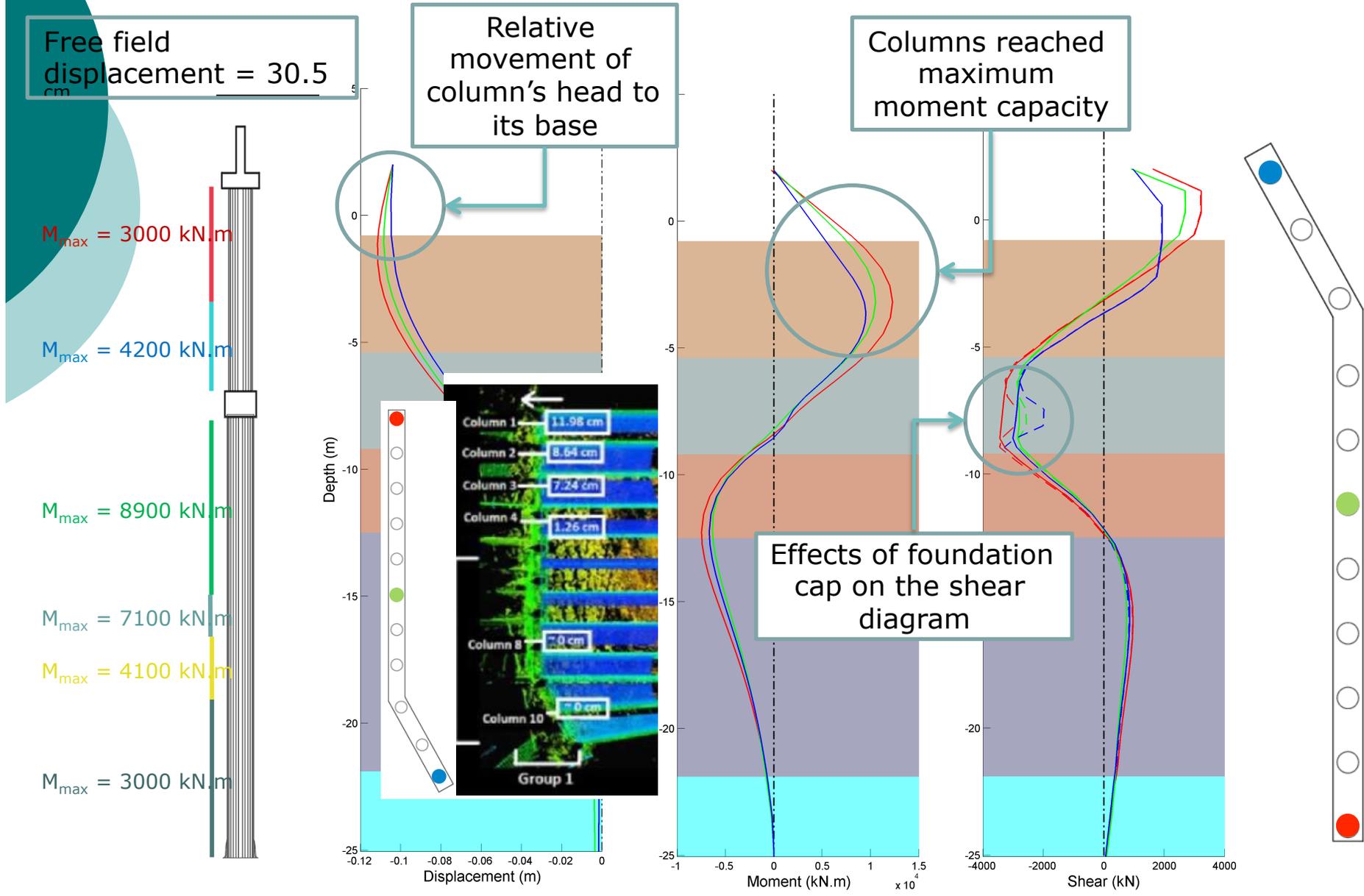
Foundation cap depth

- Pier with deck spring
- Pier without deck spring
- - - - Kinematic displacement loading

|Nodal Displacement



Results – Structural Demands



Thank You! Questions?

