

# Geotechnical Elements and Models in **OpenSees**

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

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## ○ **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??

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- 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

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



# Finite Elements (solids)

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- **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

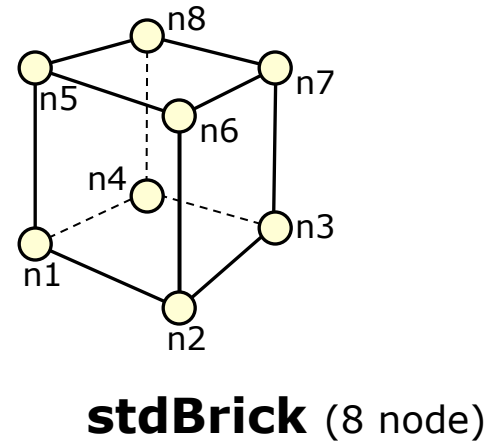
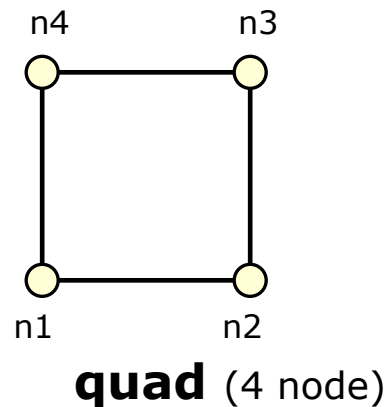
- **Zero-Length & contact elements**

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

# Single Phase Formulations

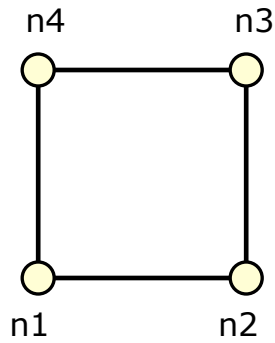
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- Small deformation solid elements
  - 2-D quadrilateral elements (4, 9 nodes)
  - 3-D solid elements, brick (8, 20 nodes)



# quad element definition

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**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:

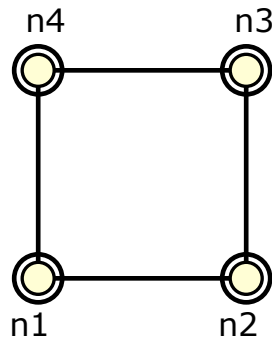
**Nodes** \$n1, \$n2, \$n3, \$n4 and

**Material type** \$matTag

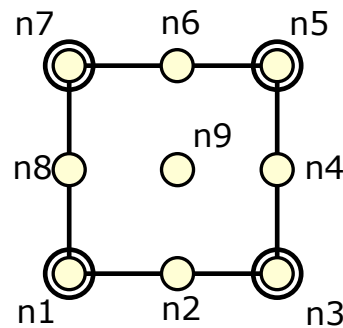
The arguments in <...> are optional

# Multi-Phase Formulations

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



**quadUP**



**9\_4\_quadUP**

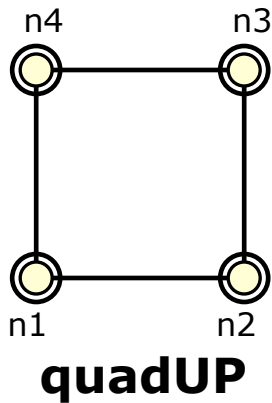
Degrees of Freedom (DOFs) are:

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



# quadUP element definition

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

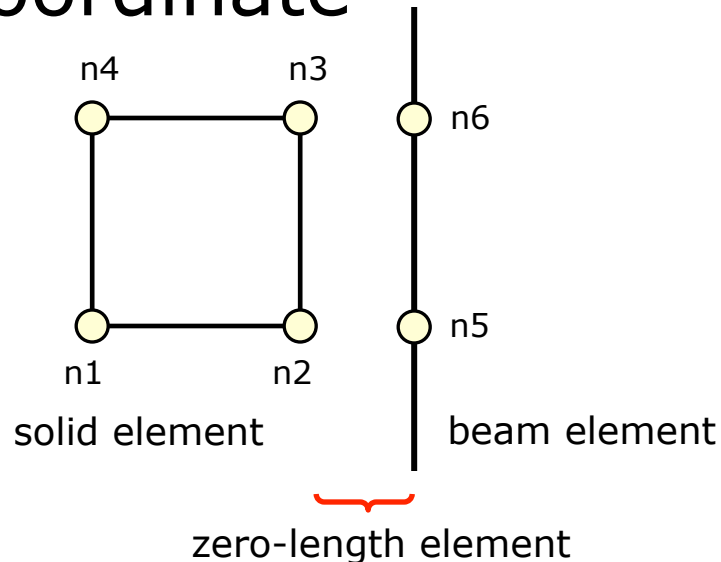
\$bulk → combined undrained bulk modulus  $B_c = B_f/n$

\$fmass → fluid mass density

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

# zerolength element

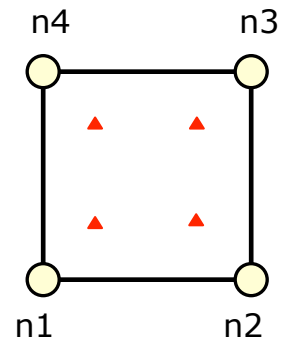
- Connects two points at the same coordinate



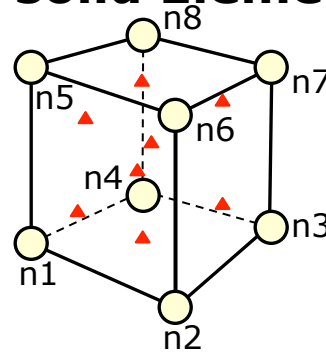
```
element zeroLength $eleTag $n1 $n2 -mat $matTag1 $matTag2 ...  
-dir $dir1 $dir2 ... <-orient $x1 $x2 $x3 $yp1 $yp2 $yp3>
```

# Recent Developments at UW

## Standard 2D and 3D solid Elements

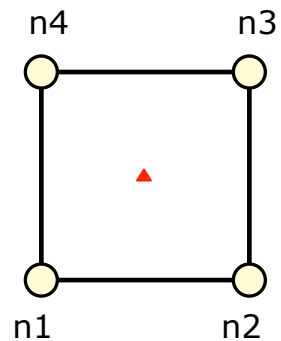


**quad** (4 node)

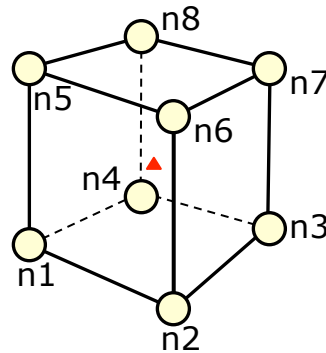


**stdBrick** (8 node)

## Stabilized Single Point 2D and 3D Solid Elements



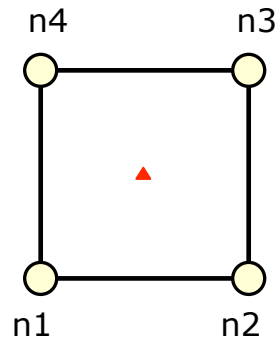
**SSPquad** (4 node)



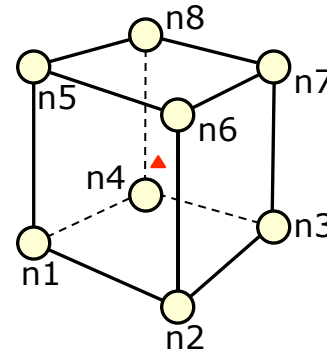
**SSPBrick** (8 node)

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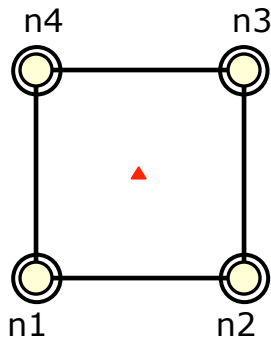


**SSPquad** (4 node)

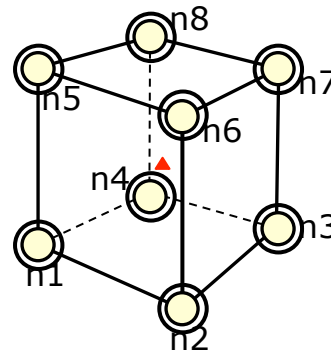


**SSPBrick** (8 node)

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



**SSPquad-up** (4 node)



**SSPBrick-up** (8 node)



# Material Models

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- **Linear Elastic Material model (nDMaterial)**
  - To characterize the response of the soil (or other continuum) in its elastic regime
- **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

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- 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)

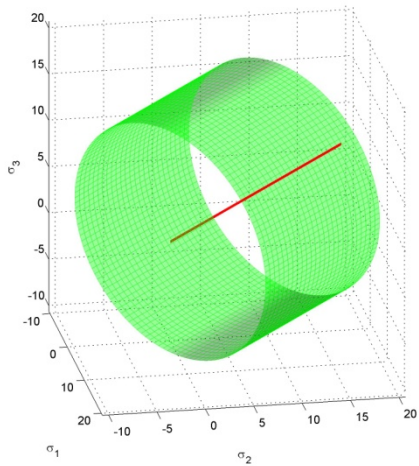
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- J2-Plasticity Material (von Mises)
- Drucker-Prager Material (UW)
- Cam-Clay Material (Berkeley, UW)
- MutiYield Materials (San Diego)
- Manzari-Dafalias *(new)* (UW)

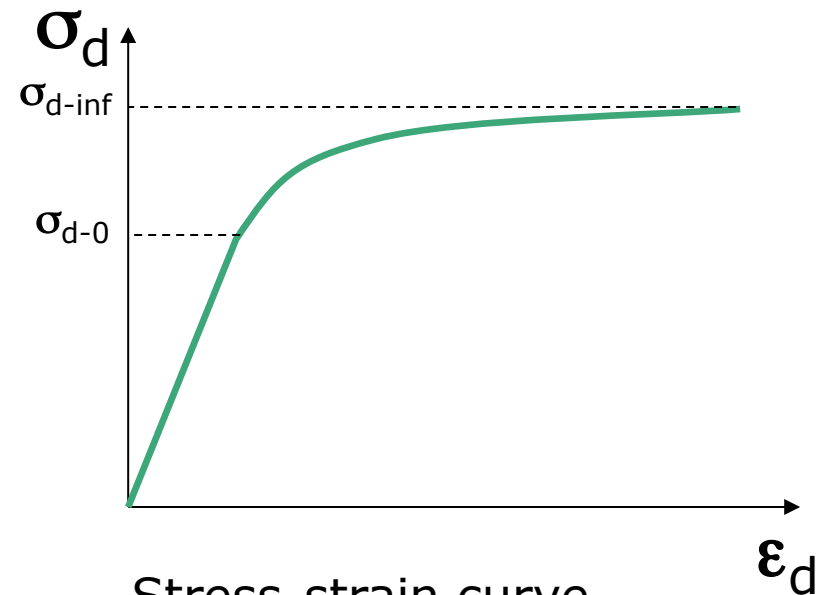
# nDMaterial J2Plasticity

○ von-Mises type

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



Von-Mises Yield Surface



Stress-strain curve





# nDMaterial

## Template Elasto-Plastic Material

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- Versatile tool to generate multiple types of elasto-plastic materials by combining **yield surfaces, plastic potentials and evolution laws**
- Developed by Boris Jeremic at UC Davis  
<http://sokocalo.engr.ucdavis.edu/~jeremic>

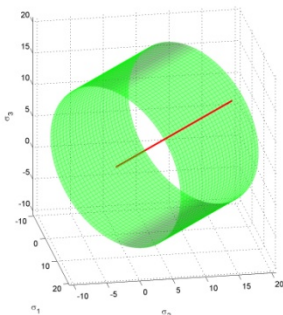
# nDMaterial

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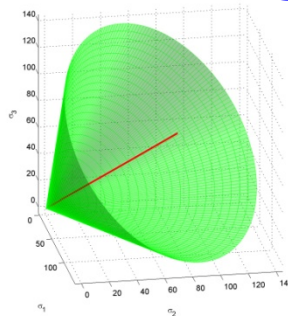
```
nDMaterial Template3Dep $matTag $ElmatTag  
-YS $ys -PS $ps -EPS $eps <-ELS1 $el> <-ELT1 $et>
```

- YS** → **Yield surfaces** (von Mises, Drucker Prager, Mohr-Coulomb, Camclay)
- PS** → **Plastic potentials** (von Mises, Drucker-Prager Mohr-Coulomb, Camclay, Leon)
- EPS** → **Initial state of stress**
- ELS1** → **Scalar evolution laws** for isotropic hardening (linear, nonlinear Camclay)
- ELT1** → **Tensorial evolution laws** for Kinematic hardening (linear, nonlinear Armstrong-Frederick)

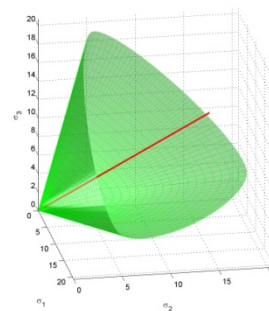
**Von-Mises**



**Drucker Prager**



**Mohr-Coulomb**



**Camclay**





# nDMaterial MultiYield Materials

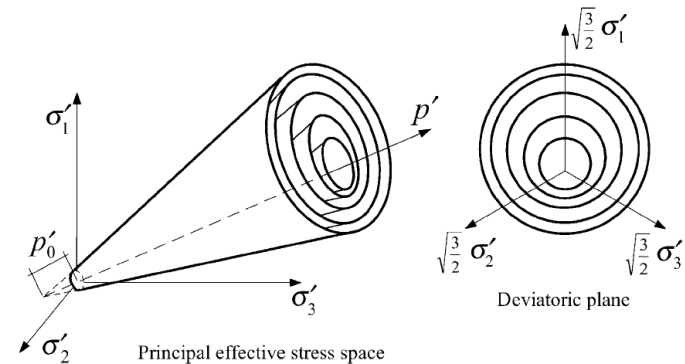
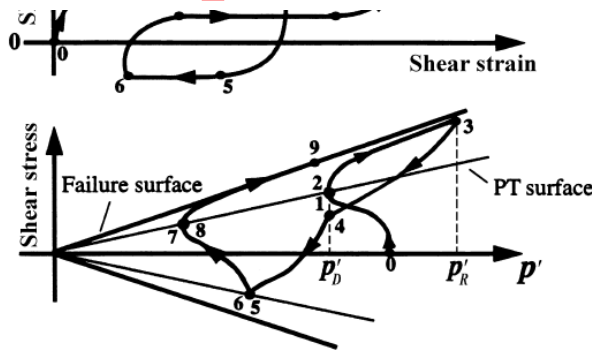
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- Material models based on Multiyield Plasticity (*Mroz et al., Prevost et al.*)
- Two types
  - Pressure Independent Multi-yield (for total stress analysis)
  - Pressure Dependent Multi-yield (captures well the response of liquefiable soils)
- Developed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

# 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!!!???



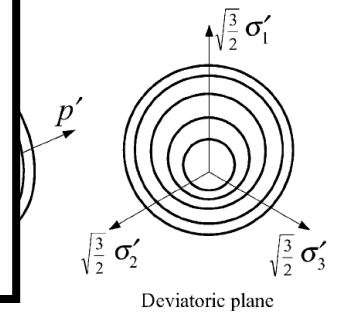
# nDMaterial PressureDependentMultiYield

nDMat  
\$refShe  
\$refPre  
\$contra  
<\$noYi  
\$e=0.

	Loose Sand (15%-35%)	Medium Sand (35%-65%)	Medium-dense Sand (65%-85%)	Dense Sand (85%-100%)
<i>rho</i> (ton/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1
<i>refShearModul</i> (kPa, at <i>p</i> ' <sub>r</sub> =80 kPa)	5.5x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.5x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.0x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.3x10 <sup>5</sup>
<i>refBulkModu</i> (kPa, at <i>p</i> ' <sub>r</sub> =80 kPa)	1.5x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.0x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.0x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.9x10 <sup>5</sup>
<i>frictionAng</i>	29	33	37	40
<i>peakShearStra</i> (at <i>p</i> ' <sub>r</sub> =80 kPa)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>refPress</i> ( <i>p</i> ' <sub>r</sub> , kPa)	80	80	80	80
<i>pressDependCoe</i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>PTAng</i>	29	27	27	27
<i>contrac</i>	0.21	0.07	0.05	0.03
<i>dilat1</i>	0.	0.4	0.6	0.8
<i>dilat2</i>	0	2	3	5
<i>liquefac1</i> (kPa)	10	10	5	0
<i>liquefac2</i>	0.02	0.01	0.003	0
<i>liquefac3</i>	1	1	1	0
<i>e</i>	0.85	0.7	0.55	0.45

nd \$rho  
earStra  
fac3

Shear stress  
Shear stress



Principal effective stress space

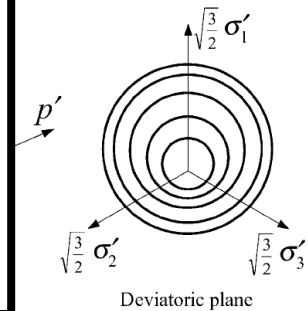
# nDMaterial PressureDependentMultiYield02

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 $p'_i=80$ kPa)	$6 \times 10^4$	$9 \times 10^4$	$10 \times 10^4$	$11 \times 10^4$	$13 \times 10^4$
<i>refBulkModu</i> (kPa, at $p'_i=80$ kPa)	$16 \times 10^4$	$22 \times 10^4$	$23.3 \times 10^4$	$24 \times 10^4$	$26 \times 10^4$
	( $K_0=0.5$ )	( $K_0=0.47$ )	( $K_0=0.45$ )	( $K_0=0.43$ )	( $K_0=0.4$ )
<i>frictionAng</i>	31	32	33.5	35	36.5
<i>PTAng</i>	31	26	25.5	26	26
<i>peakShearStra</i> (at $p'_i=101$ 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



$\sigma'_2$  Principal effective stress space





# nDMaterial FluidSolidPorousMaterial

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- Couples the response of two phases: 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,  
 $B_c = B_f/n$





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# Additional commands for **multiyield** materials

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- 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

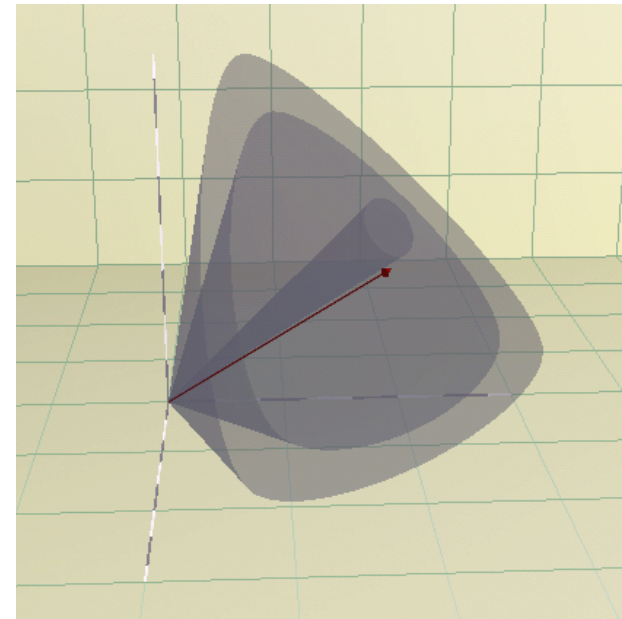
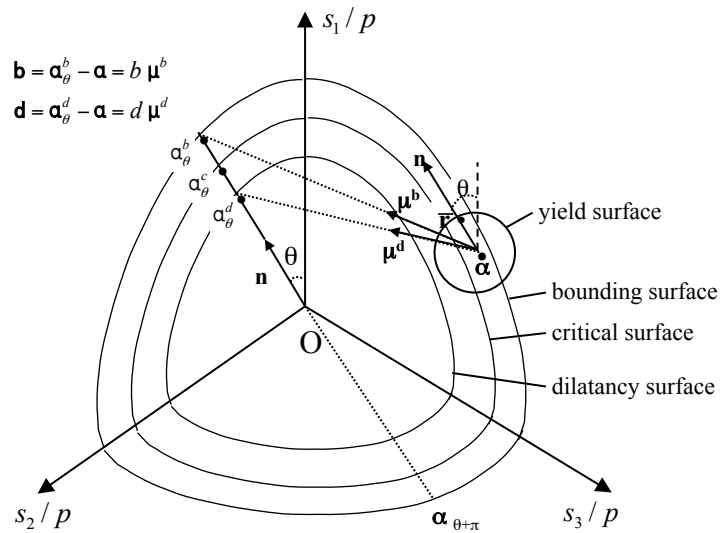
# nDMaterial

## Other Models under development

nDMaterial BoundingCamClay → (Clays)

nDMaterial Manzari-Dafalias → (Sands)

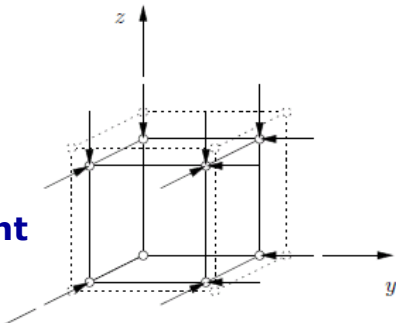
### Bounding Surface Model



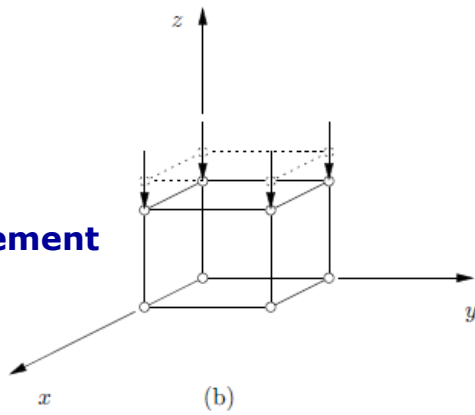
# nDMaterial Manzari-Dafalias (2004)

## Conventional Triaxial Test CTC Undrained

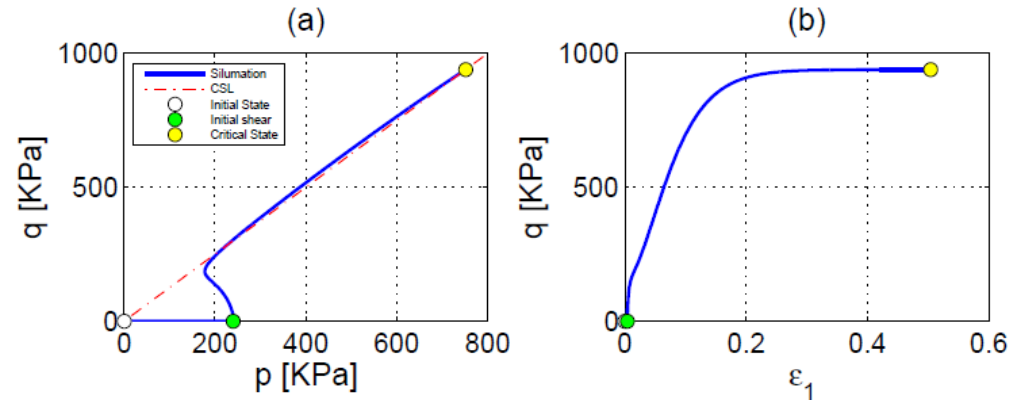
Confinement



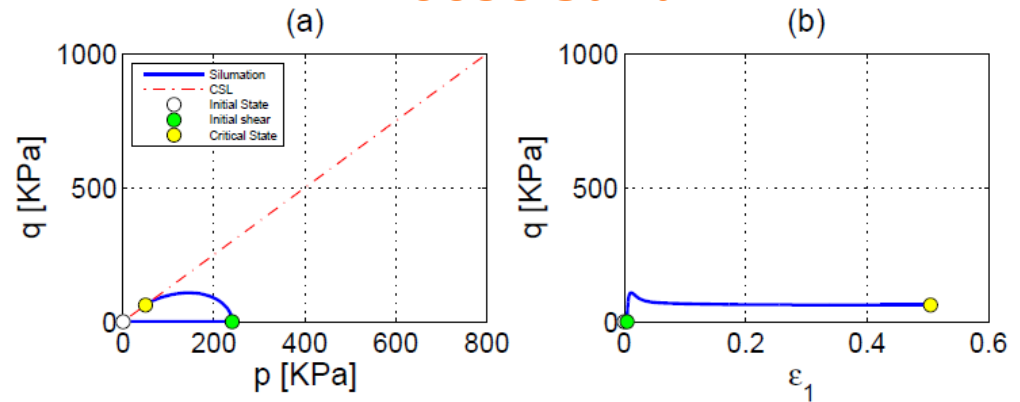
Displacement



### Dense Sand



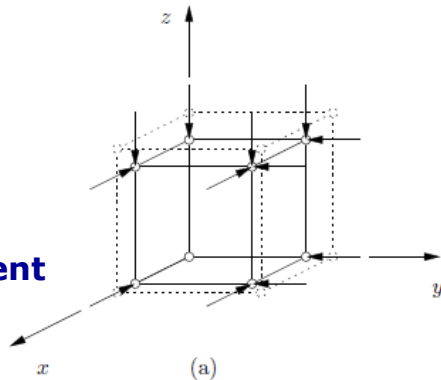
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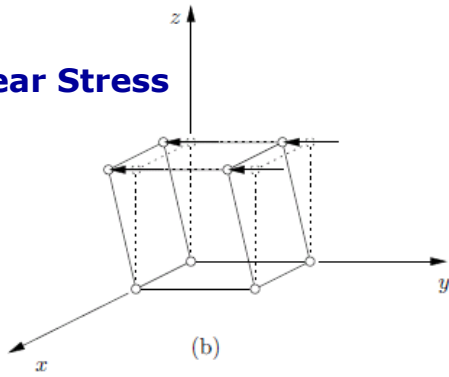
# nDMaterial Manzari-Dafalias (2004)

## Cyclic Constant Mean Stress TC Undrained

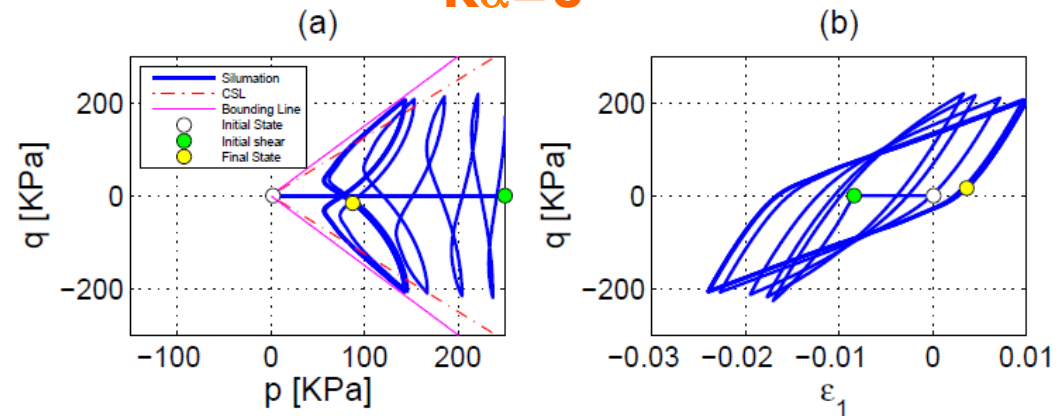
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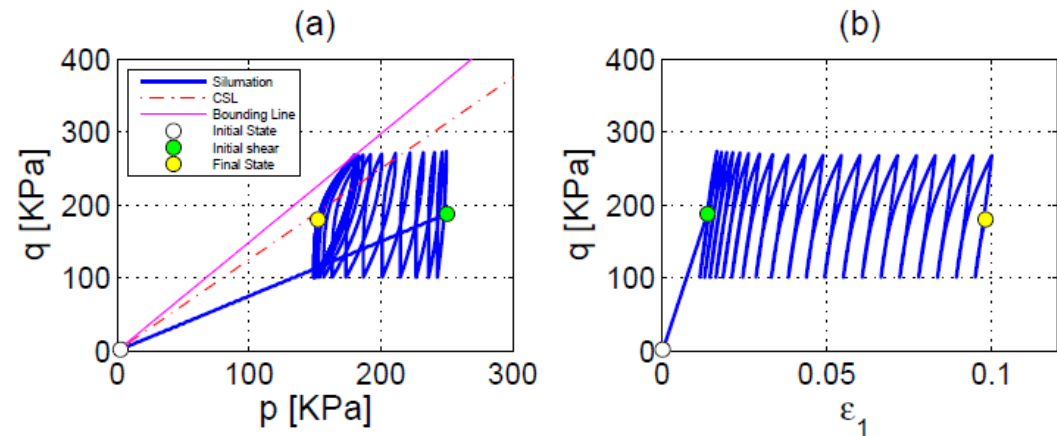
Cyclic Shear Stress



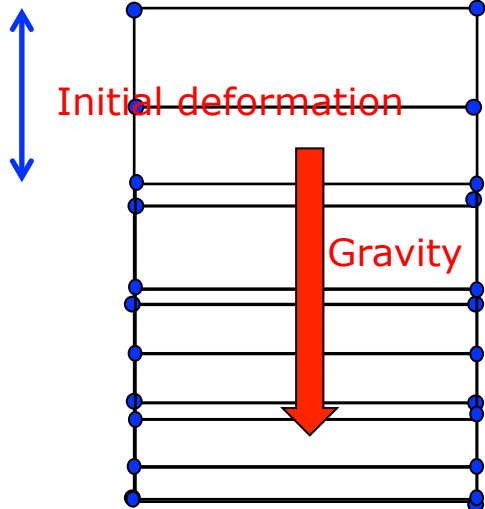
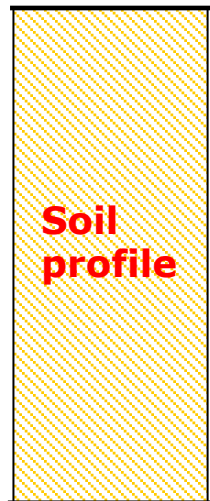
$K\alpha=0$



$K\alpha=K_0$



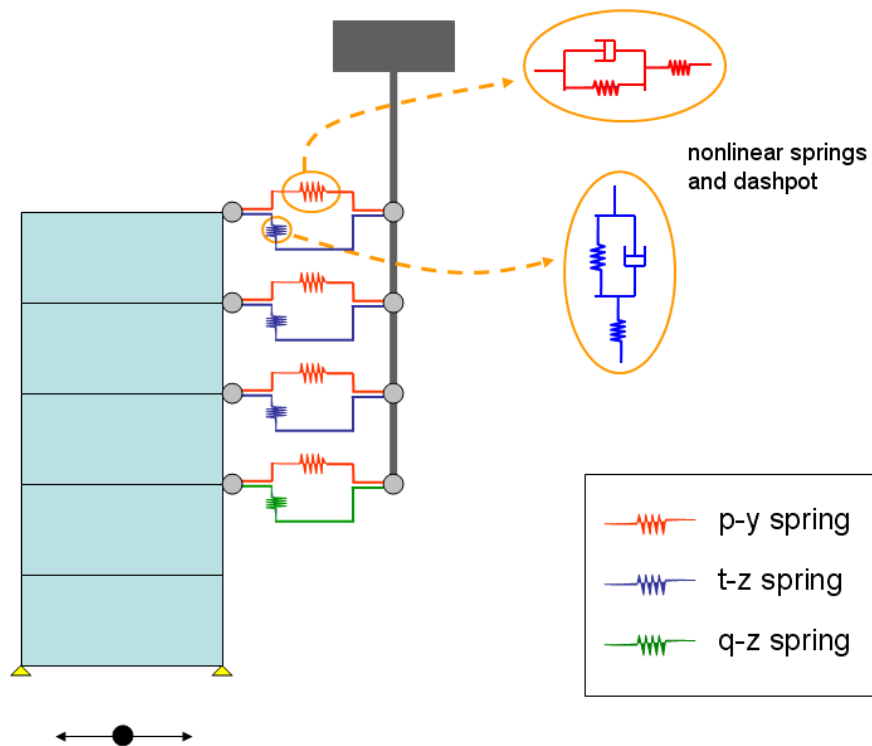
# Initial State for Geotechnical Problems



```
# 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
  .
  .
}
analysis steps ...
# turn on initial state analysis feature
InitialStateAnalysis off
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# Elasto-plastic Uniaxial models

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



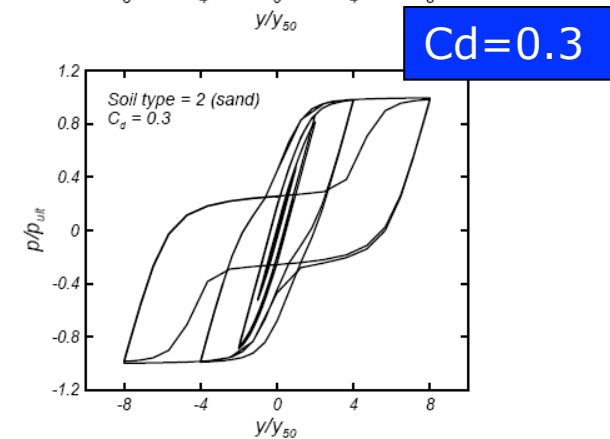
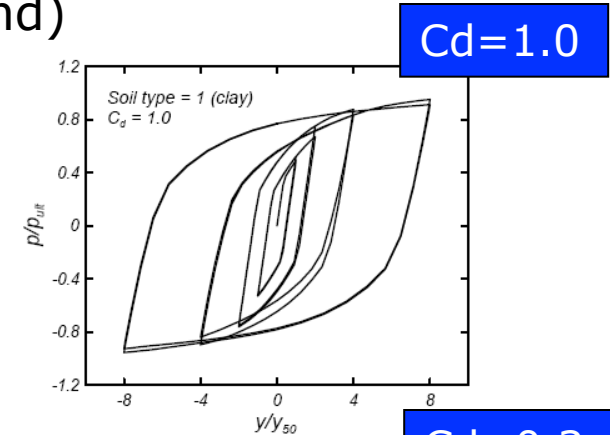
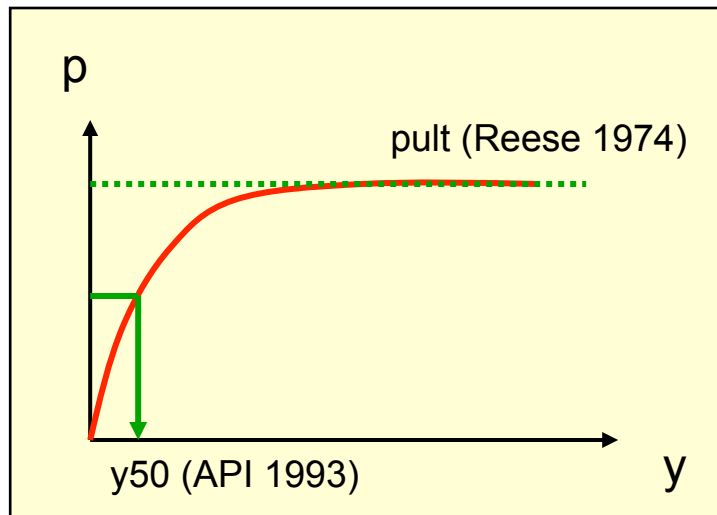
Py Tz Qz Uniaxial Materials

- 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

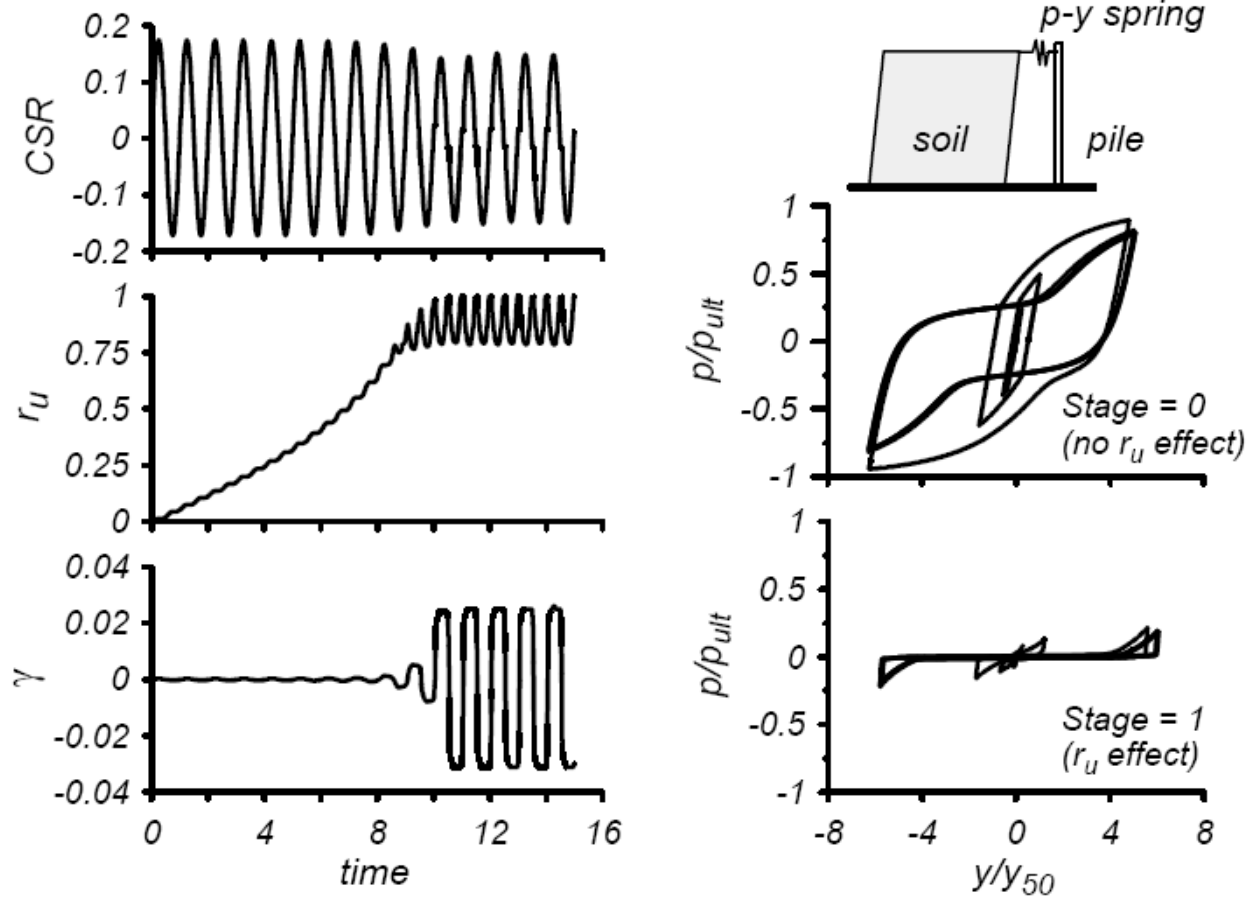


FIG. Example of PyLiq1 behavior during liquefaction without lateral spreading.

# Boundary Conditions

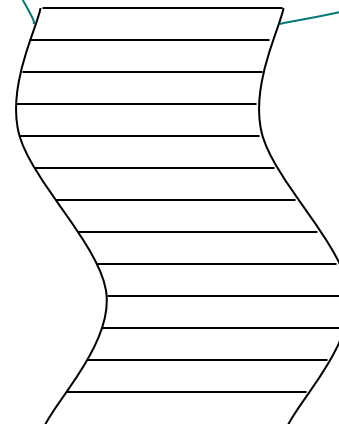
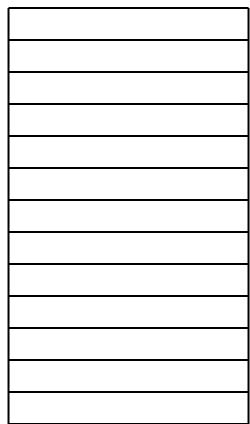
## ○ EqualDof

```
equalDOF $rNodeTag $cNodeTag $dof1 $dof2 ...
```

\$rNodeTag → master node

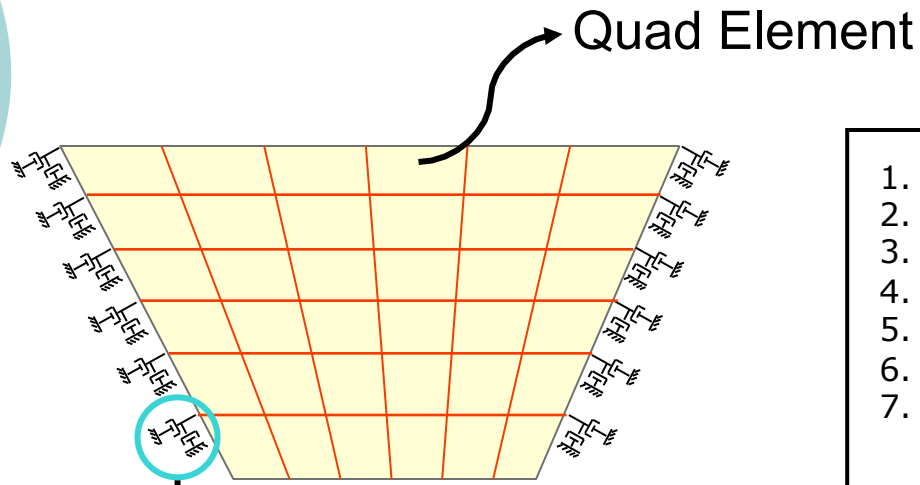
\$cNodeTag → slave node

\$dof1 \$dof2 ... → constrained dof's

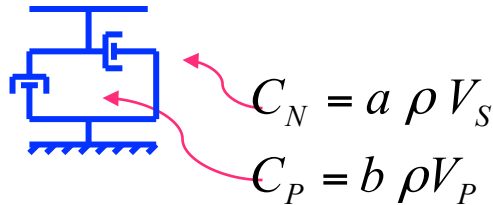


Same lateral deformation

# Absorbent/transmitting Boundaries Lysmer (1969)

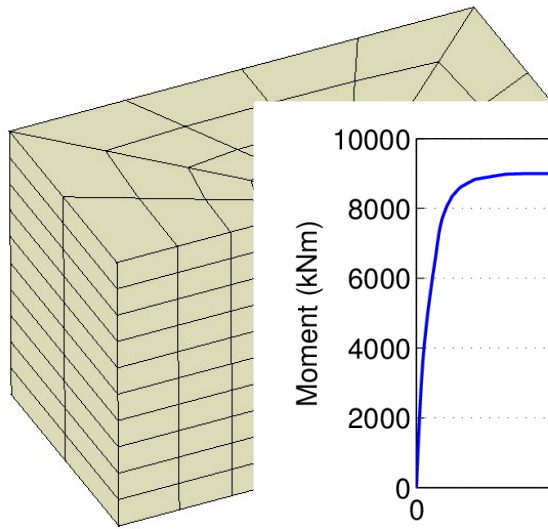


```
1. set DampP 755
2. set DampN 1216
3. uniaxialMaterial Elastic 1 0 $DampP
4. uniaxialMaterial Elastic 2 0 $DampN
5. node 1 16.0 0.0
6. node 2 16.0 0.0
7. element zeroLength 1 1 2 -mat 1 2
   -dir 1 2 -orient 1 -2 0 2 1 0
```

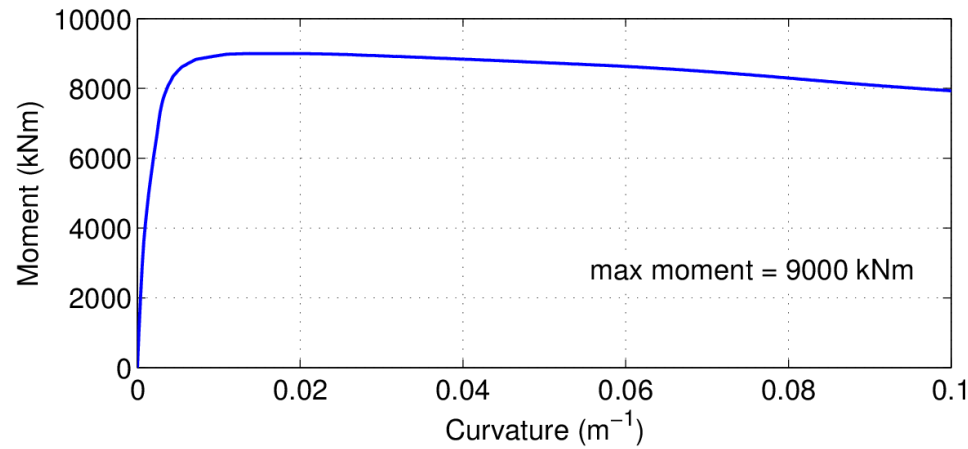
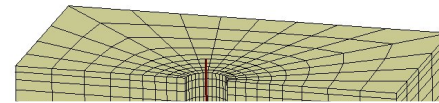


zeroLength Element &  
uniaxial material

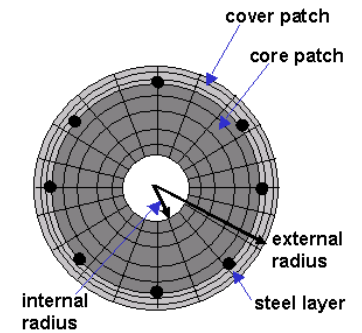
# Contact Elements available in OpenSees



Solid-9



Moment curvature response for single shaft

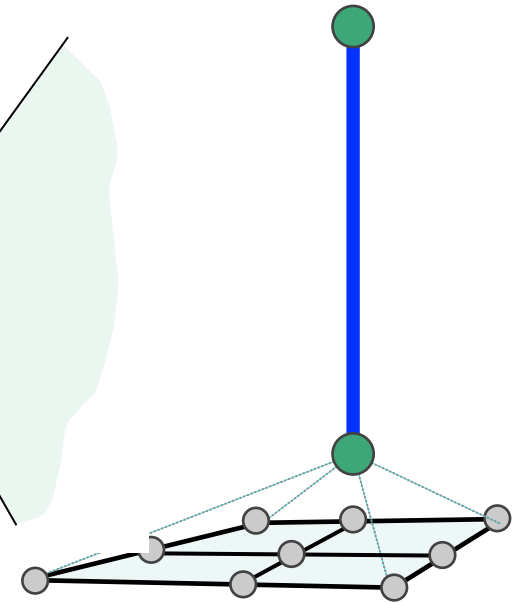
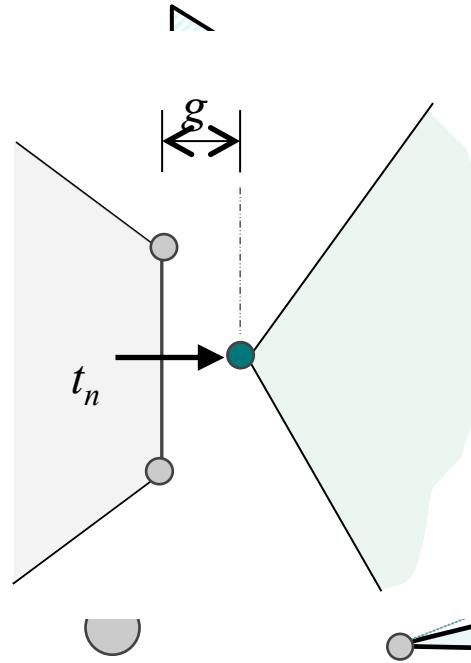
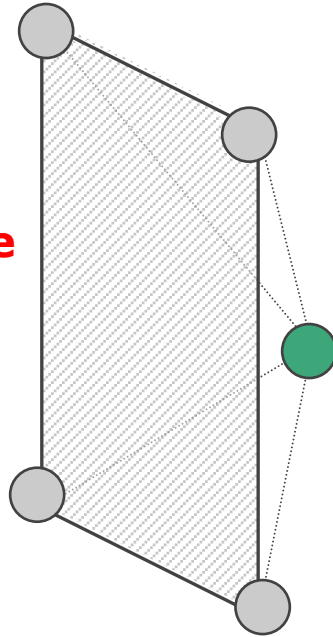
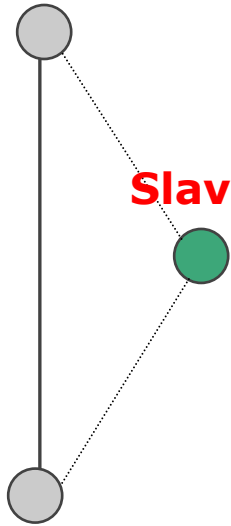


Fiber element

# Contact Elements available in OpenSees

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

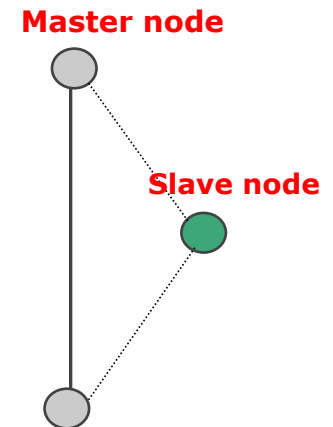
\$sNode → slave node

\$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!!