



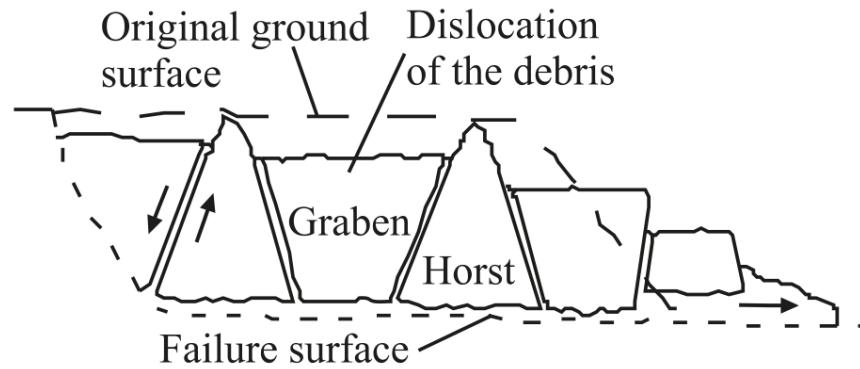
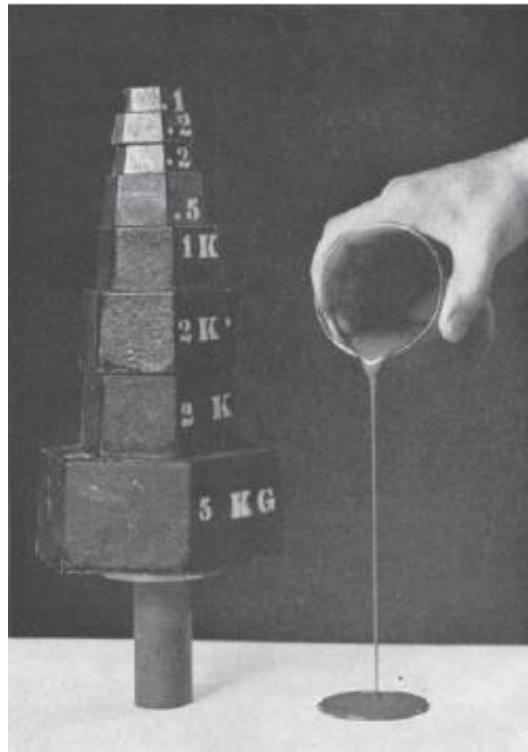
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# **Modelling of the progressive failure of the sensitive landslide in Saint Monique, Quebec**

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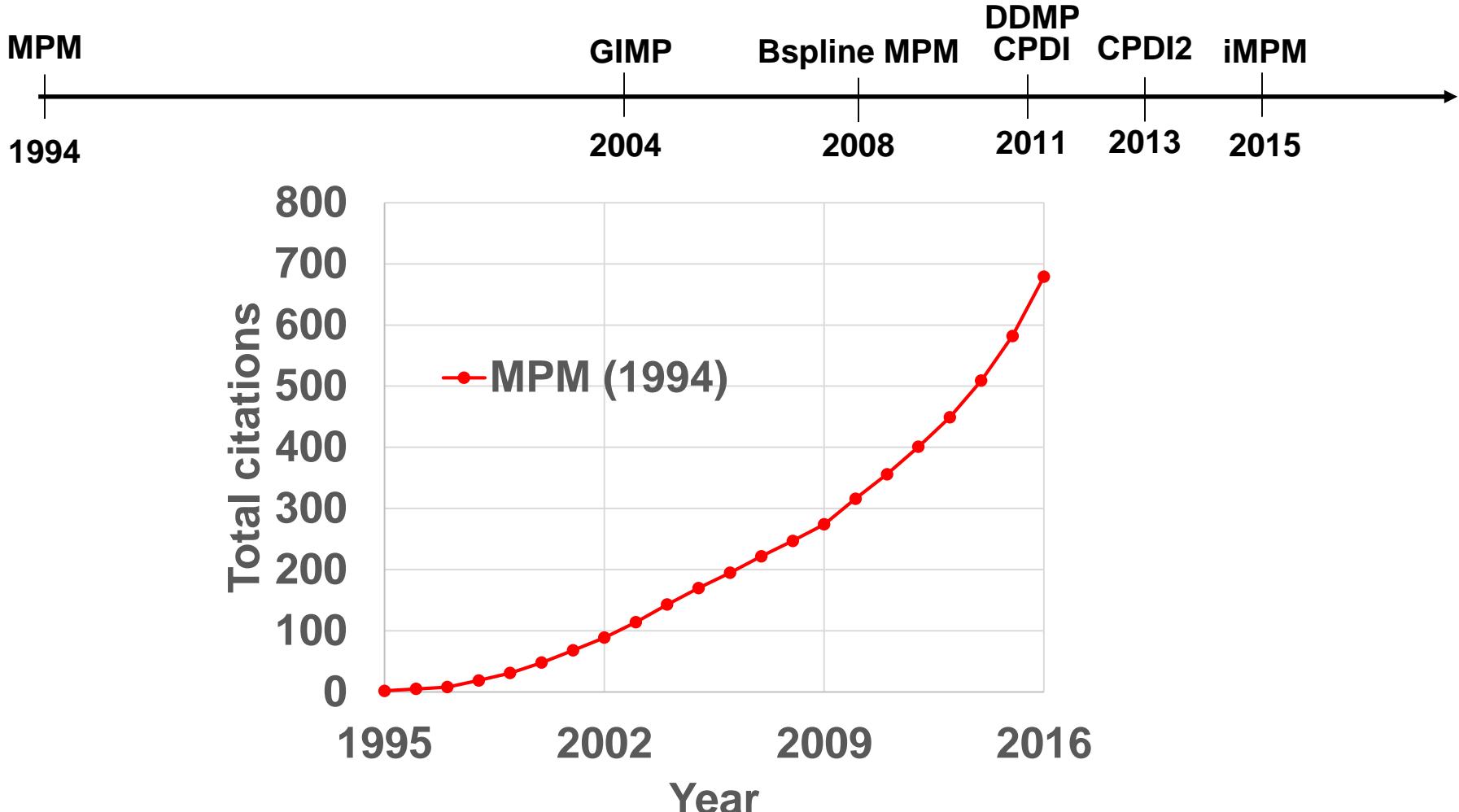
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# Progressive failure of sensitive clays landslides



(after Locat et al. 2017)

# Material Point Method

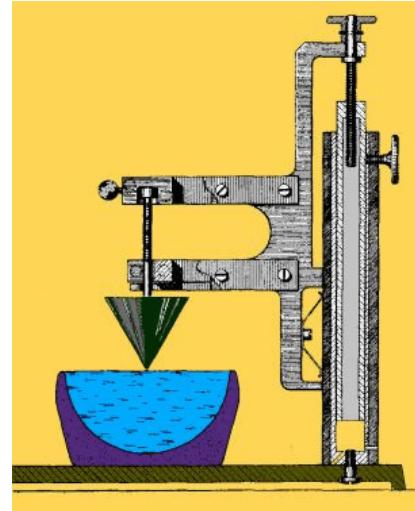


# Outline

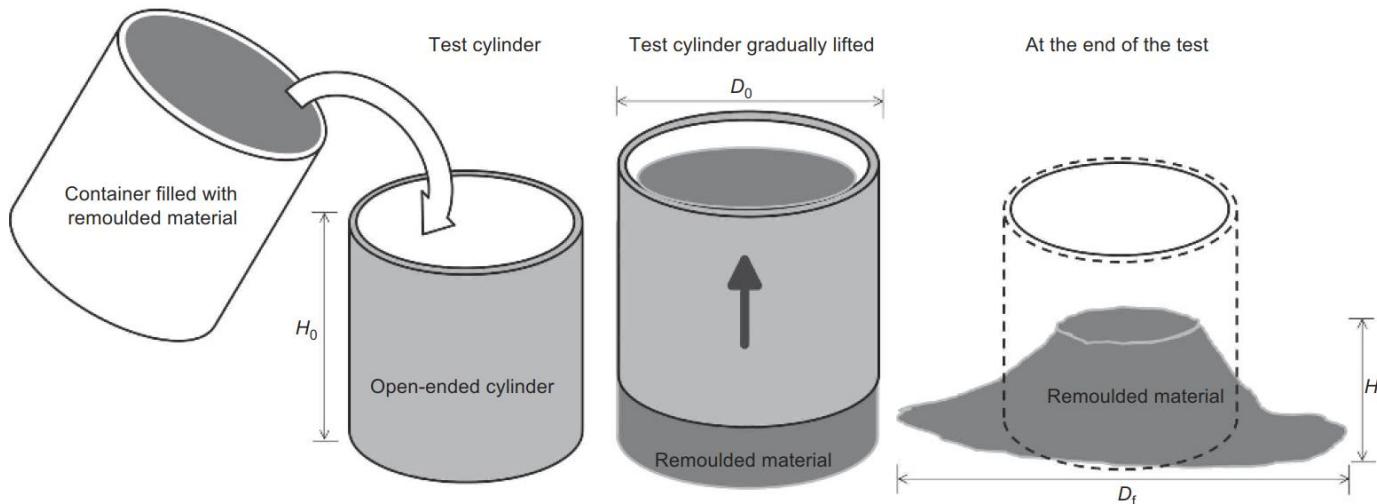
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# Validation

- fall cone test (kaolin clays)

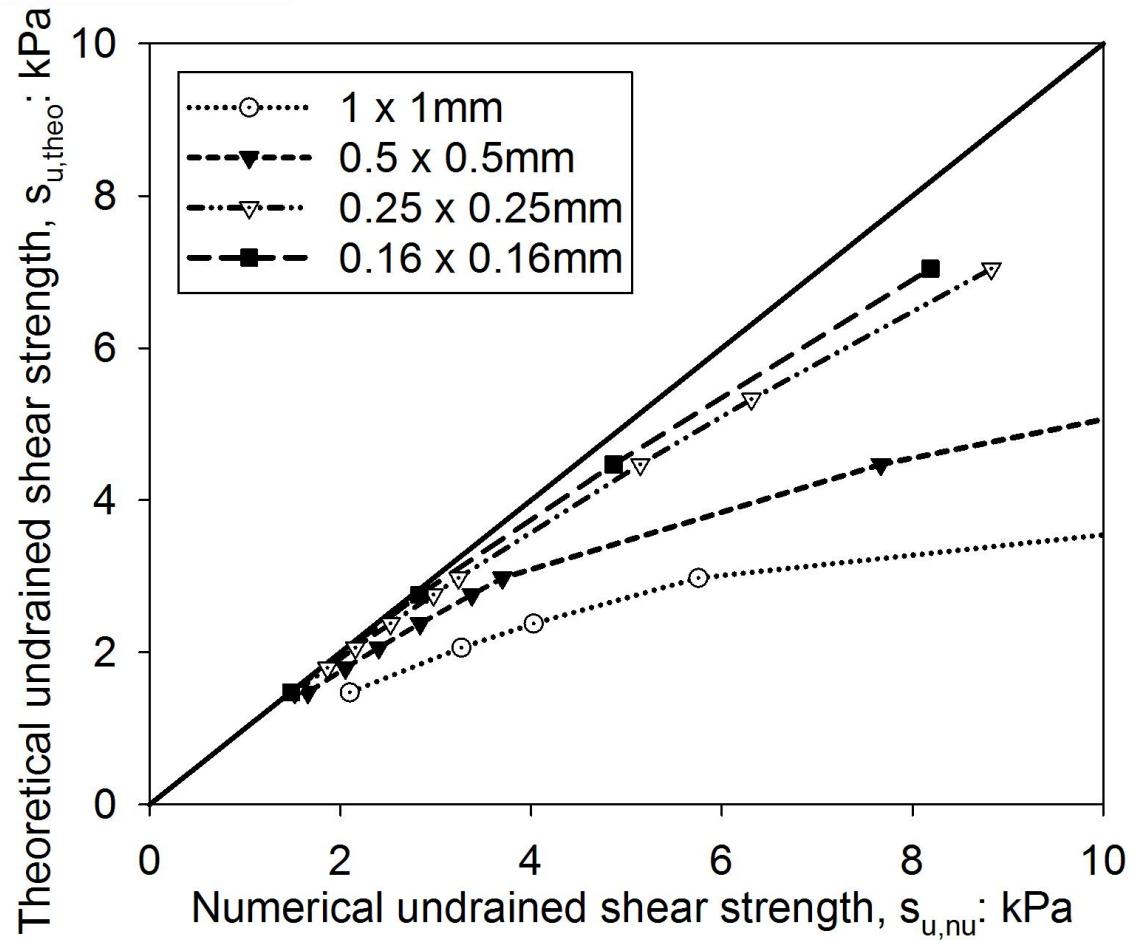
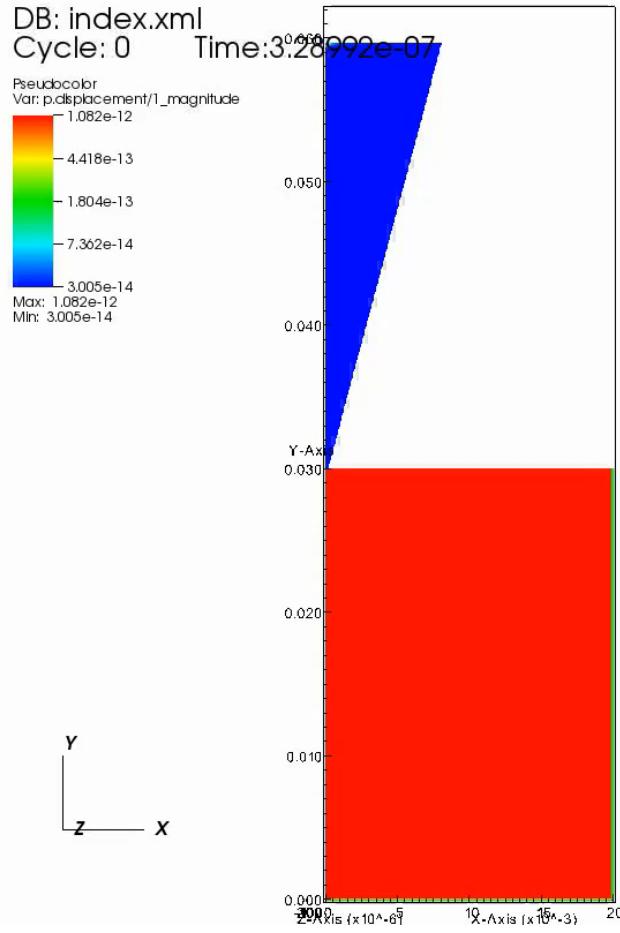


- quickness test (remoulded sensitive clays)



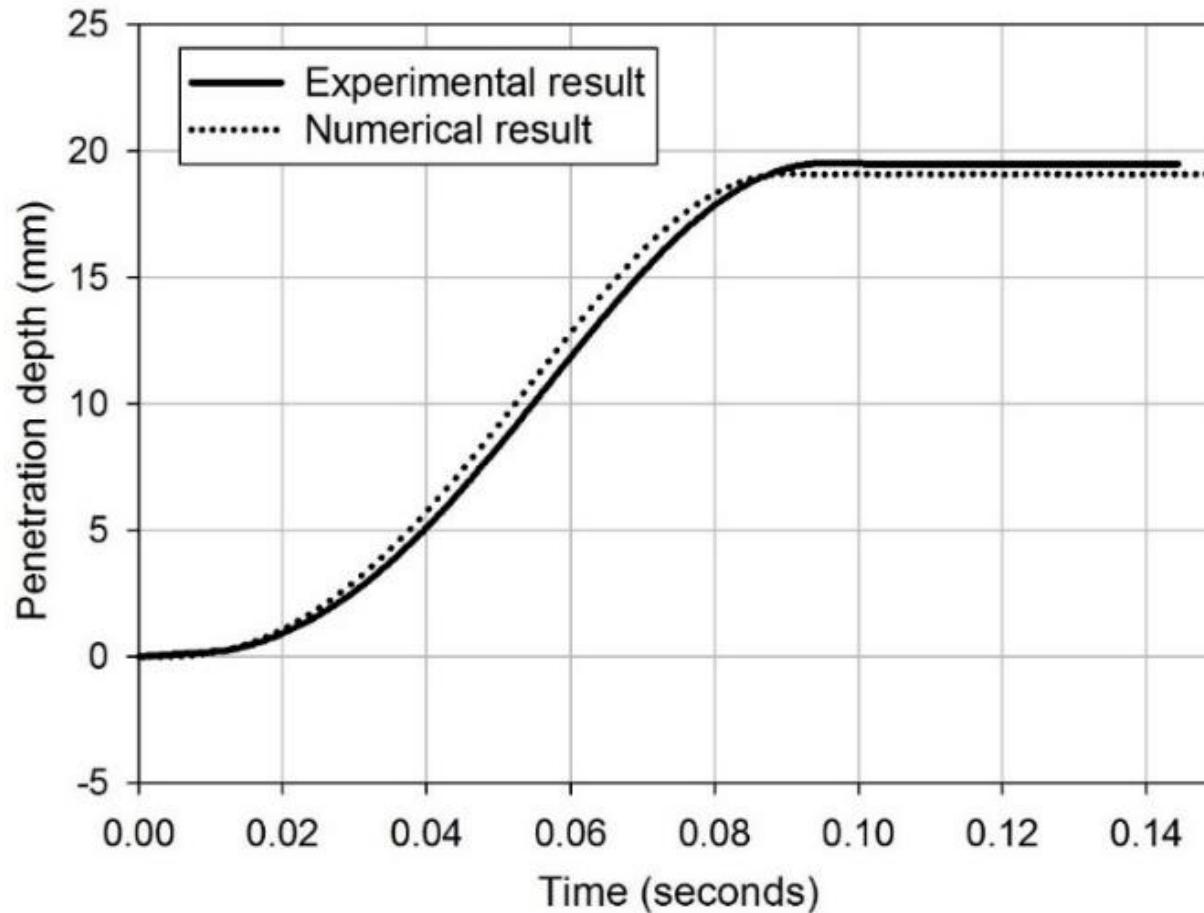
# First validation: fall cone tests

Numerical vs theoretical solutions (Tran et al. 2017)



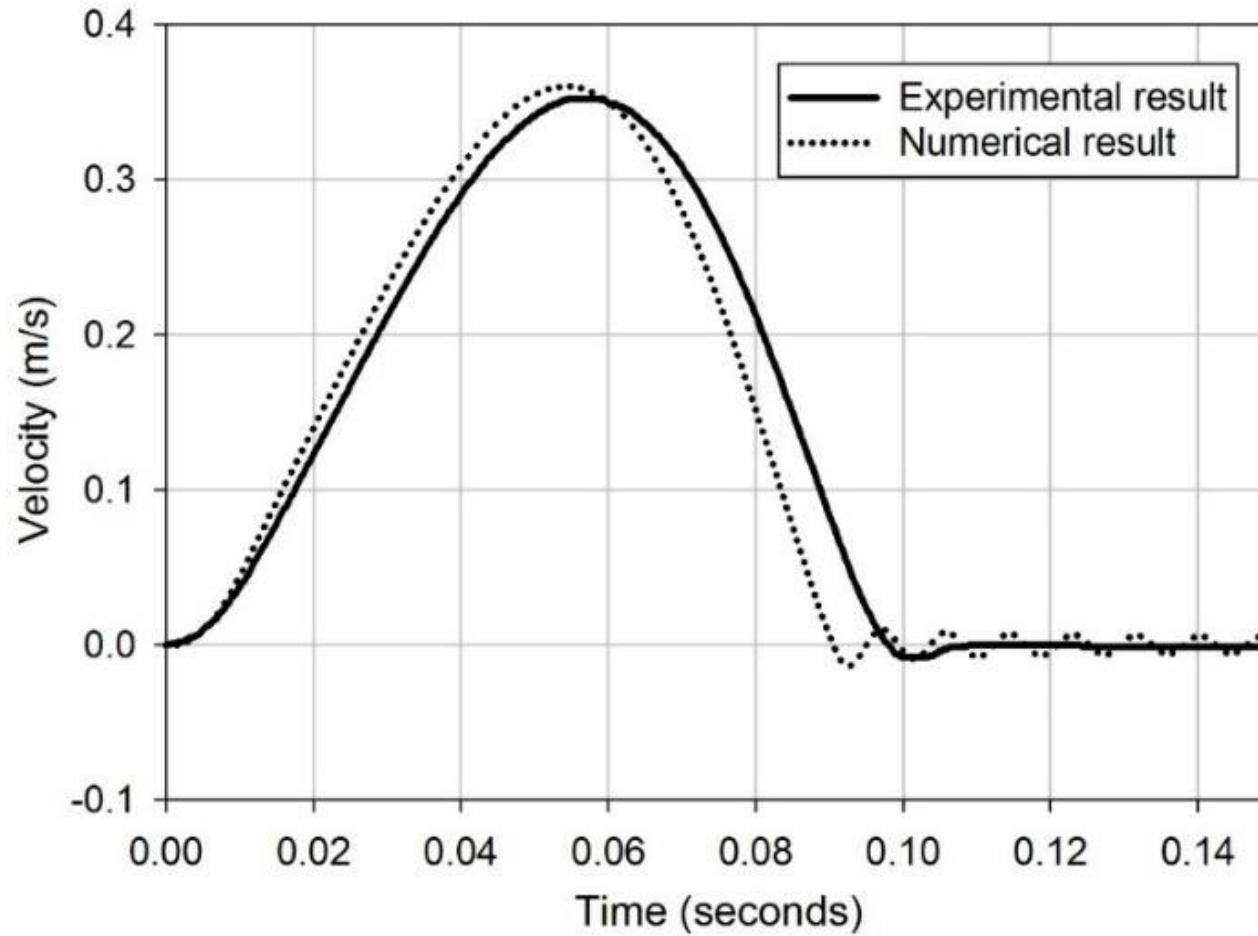
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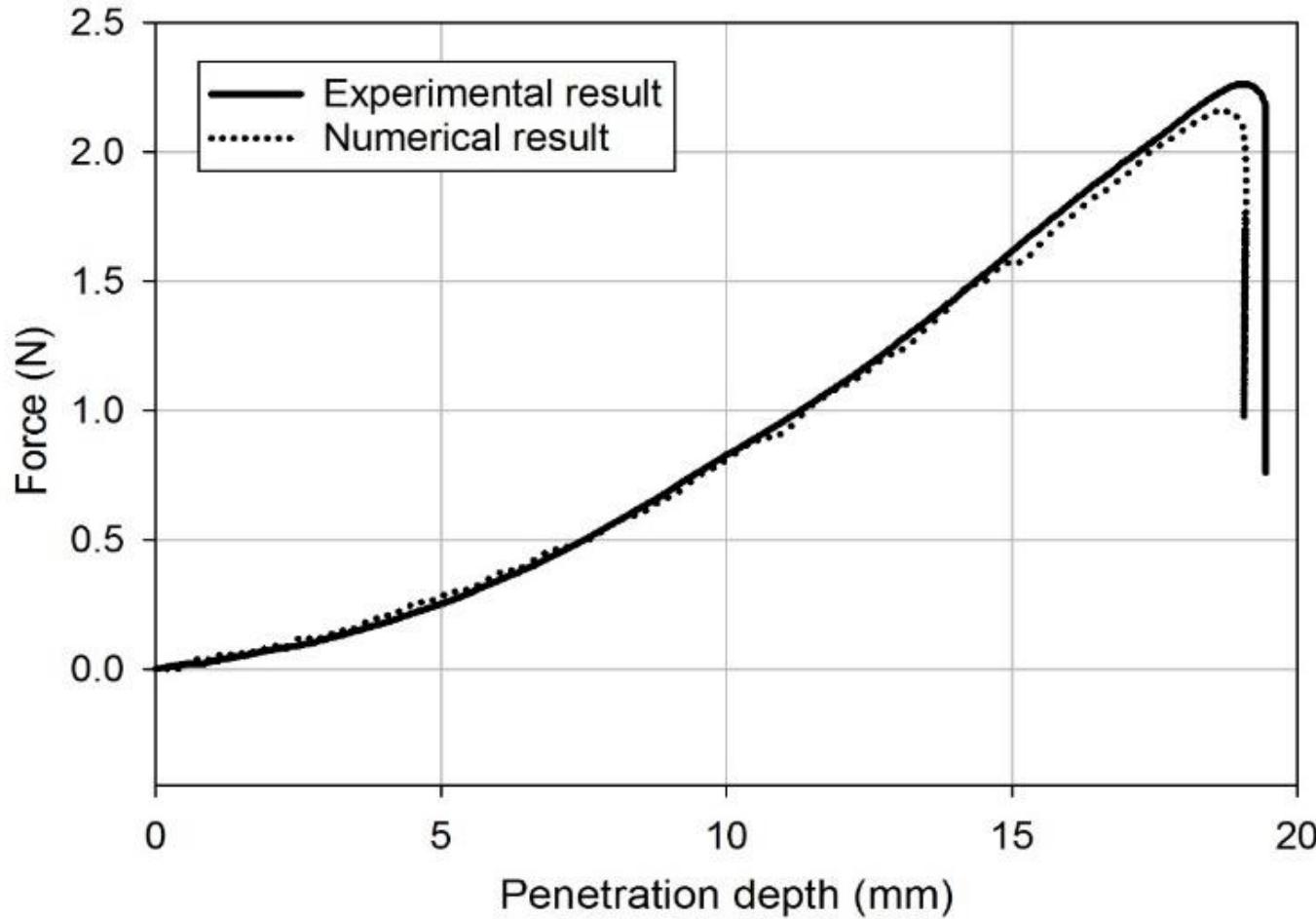
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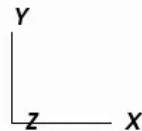
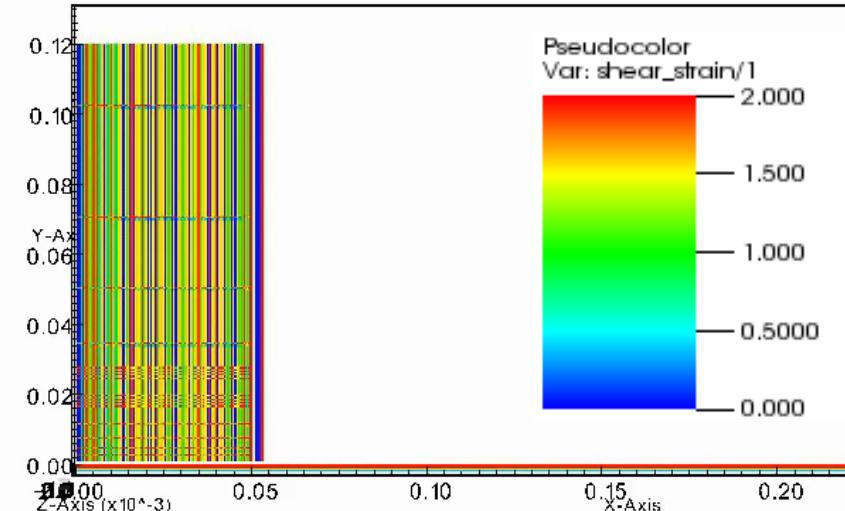
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# Second validation: quickness tests

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# Strain rate parameters for sensitive clays

## Oedometer test

$$\frac{\sigma'_p}{\sigma'_{p,ref}} = \left( \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{\delta\varepsilon_{ref}} \right)^\alpha$$

## Triaxial test

$$\frac{s_u}{s_{u,ref}} = 1 + \mu * \log \left( \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{\delta\varepsilon_{ref}} \right)$$

## Direct Shear test

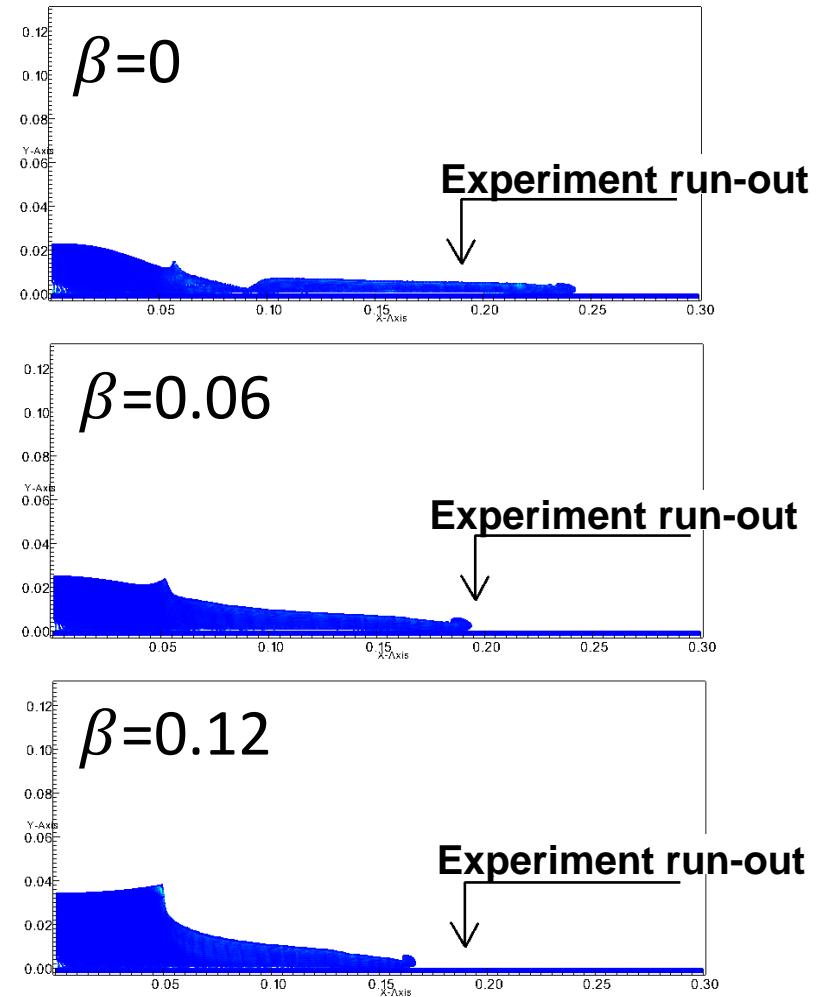
$$\frac{s_u}{s_{u,ref}} = \left( \frac{\delta\gamma}{\delta\gamma_{ref}} \right)^\beta$$

Soil type	$\alpha$	$\mu$	$\beta$	Reference
Sensitive clays	0.025-0.1	-	0.025-0.1	(Mesri and Godlewski 1977)
Finnish sensitive clay	0.073	-	0.073	(Länsivaara 1999)
Eberg sensitive clay	0.052	-	0.052	
Vanttila sensitive clay	0.045	-	0.045	(Yin, et al. 2011)
Pernio sensitive clay	0.033-0.043	-	0.033-0.043	(Mataic 2016)
Natural soft clays	-	0.09-0.2	0.035-0.065	(Graham et al. 1983)
Canadian sensitive clays	-	0.07-0.14	0.03-0.05	(Lefebvre and LeBoeuf 1987)
Clays	-	0.1	0.035	(Leroueil and Marques 1996)

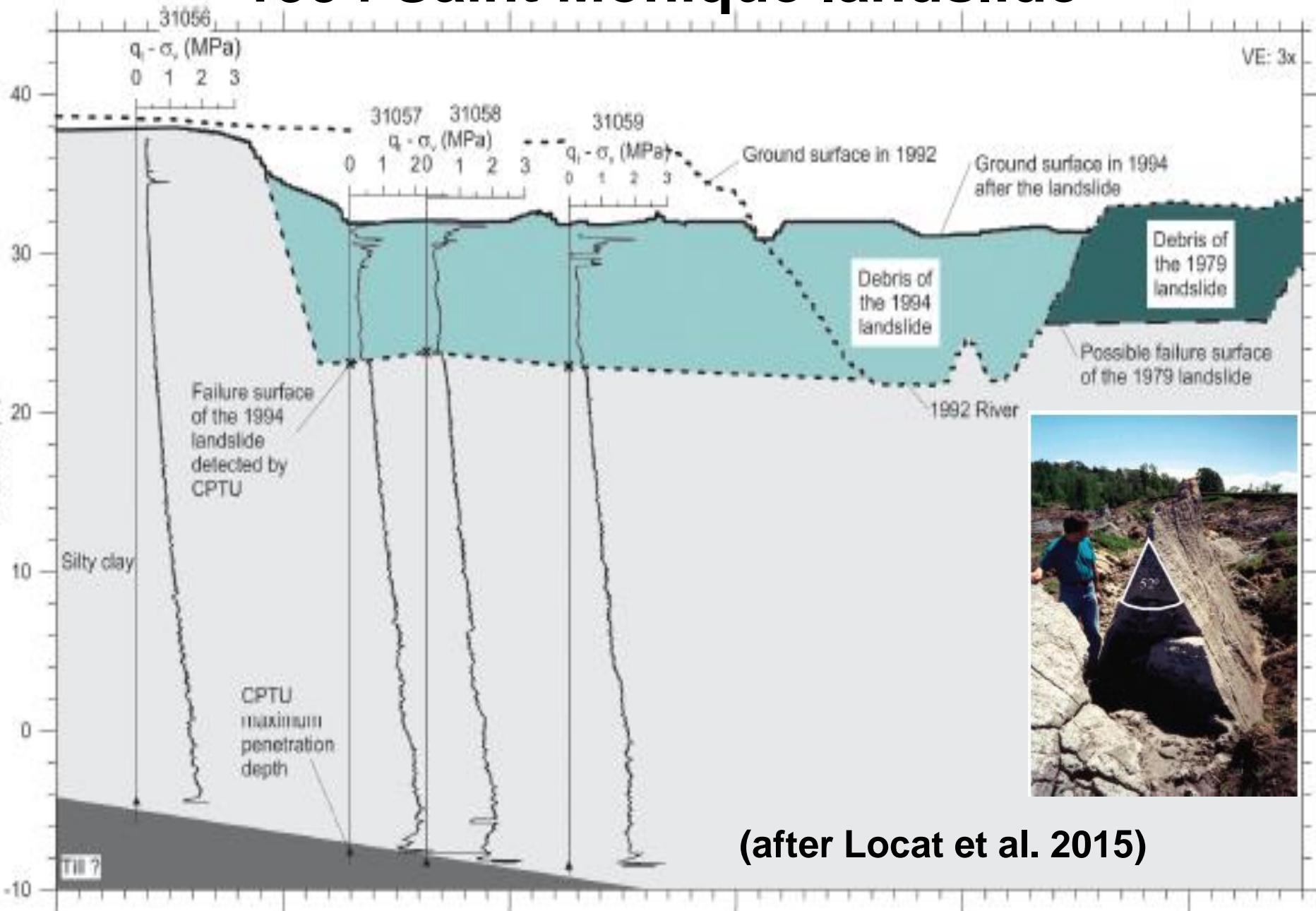
# Strain rate effects on run-out distance

Quickness test experiment  
Olsøy remoulded clay  
Sur = 0.2 kPa  
(Tran et al. 2017)

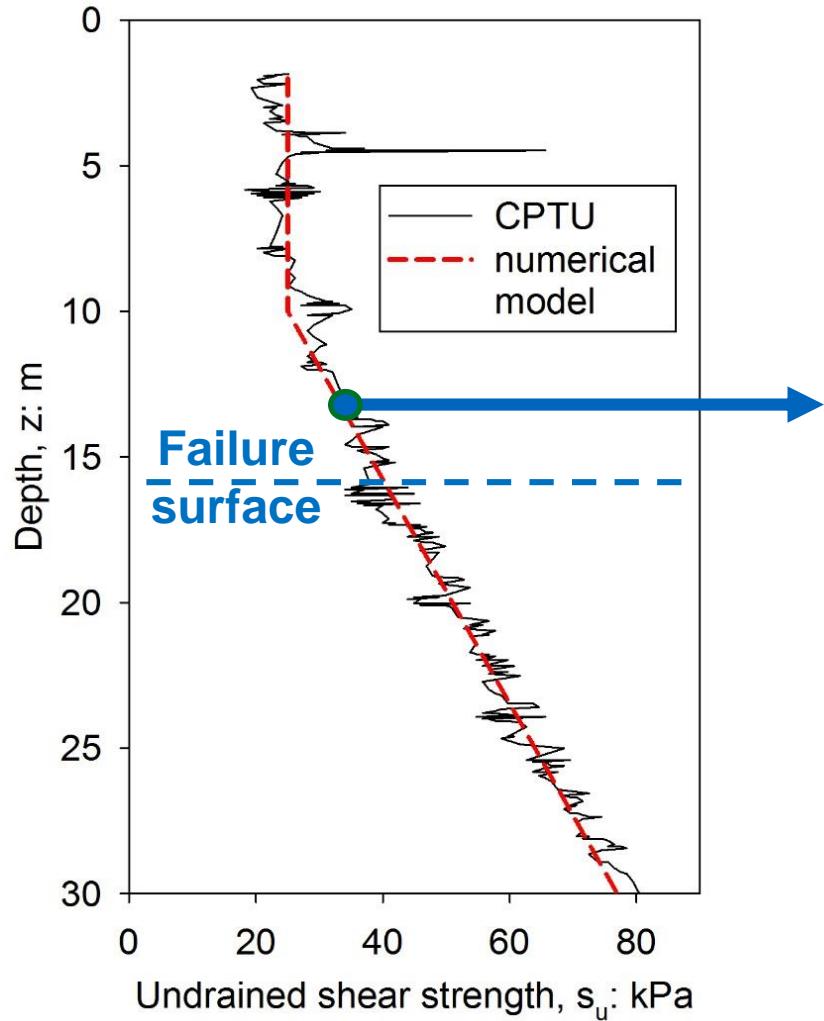
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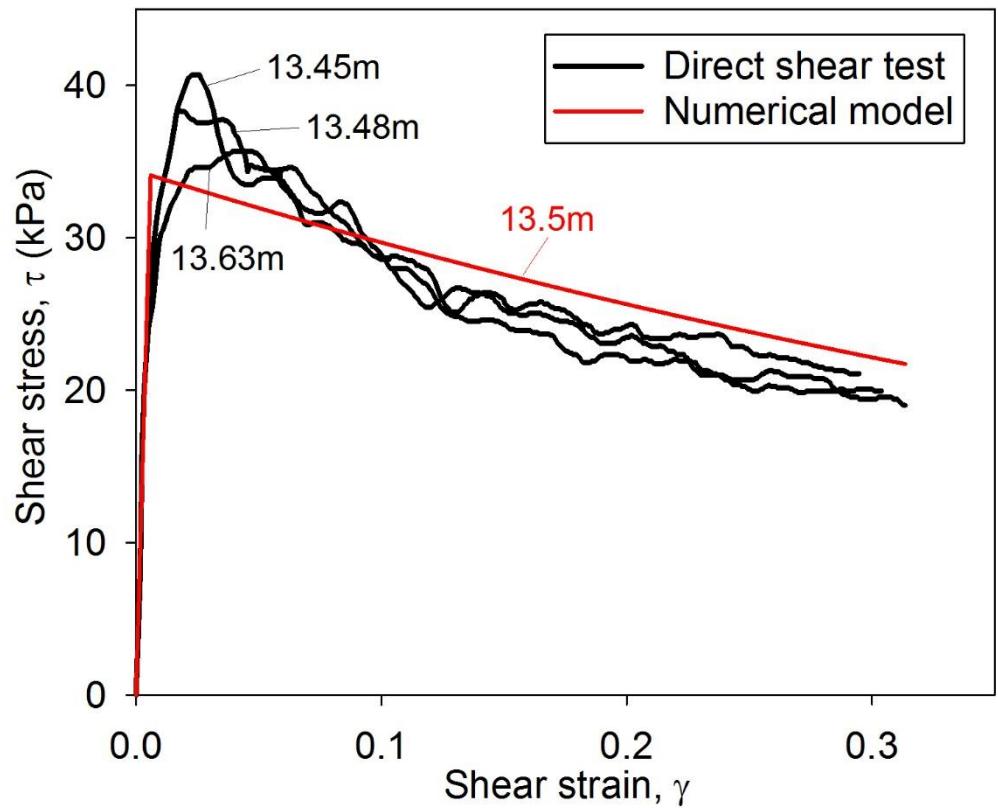
# 1994 Saint Monique landslide



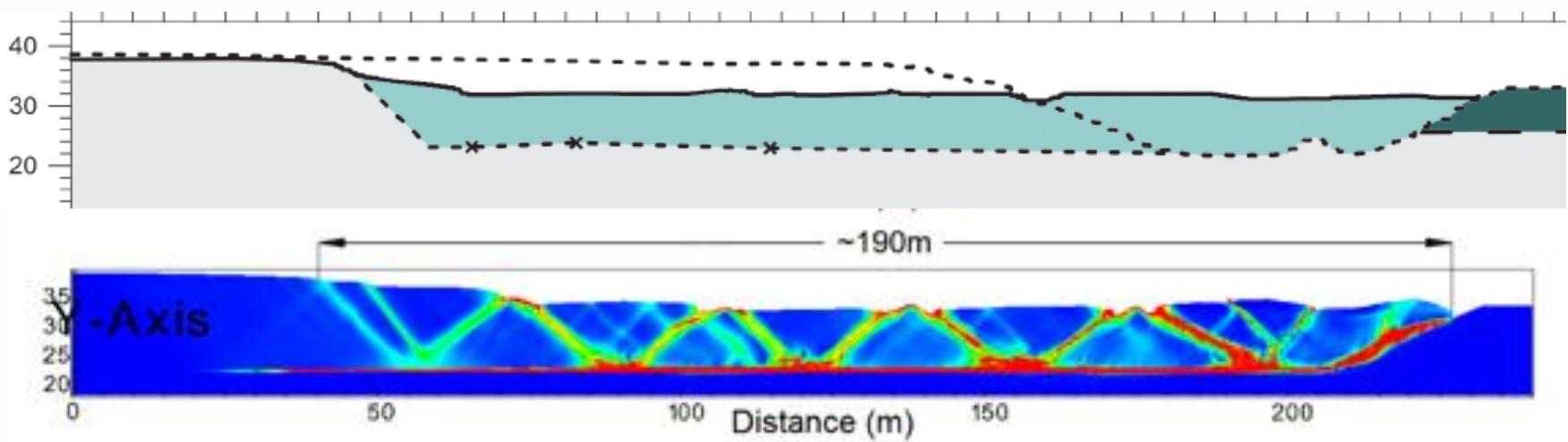
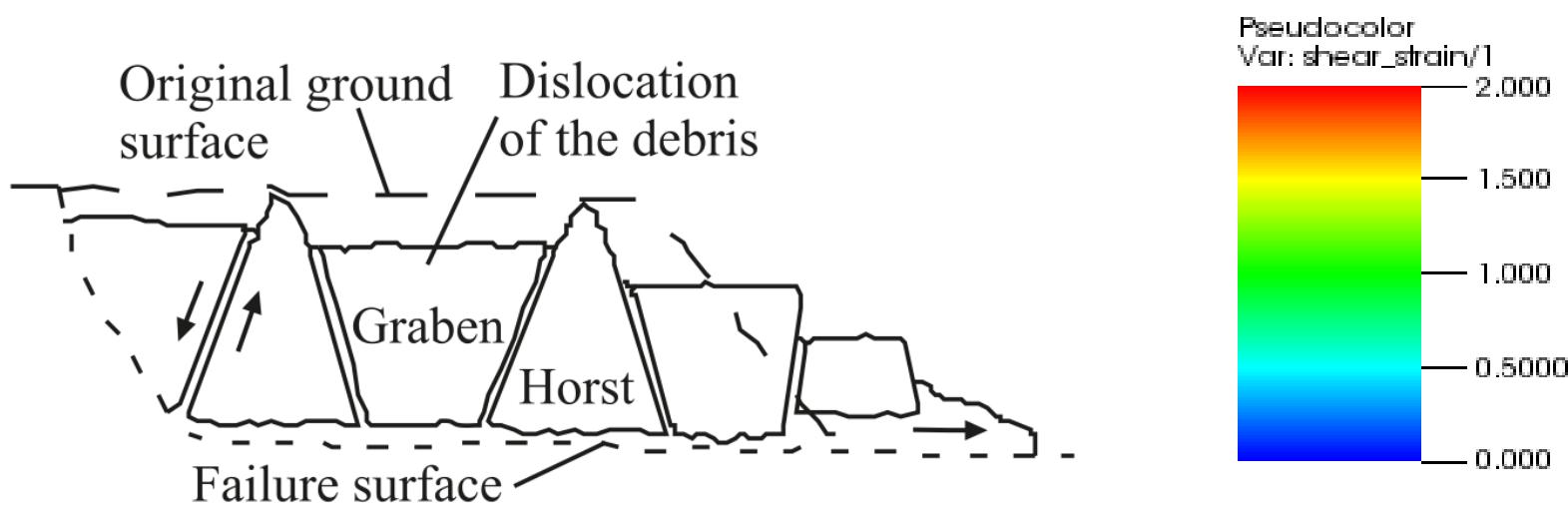
# Parameter calibration



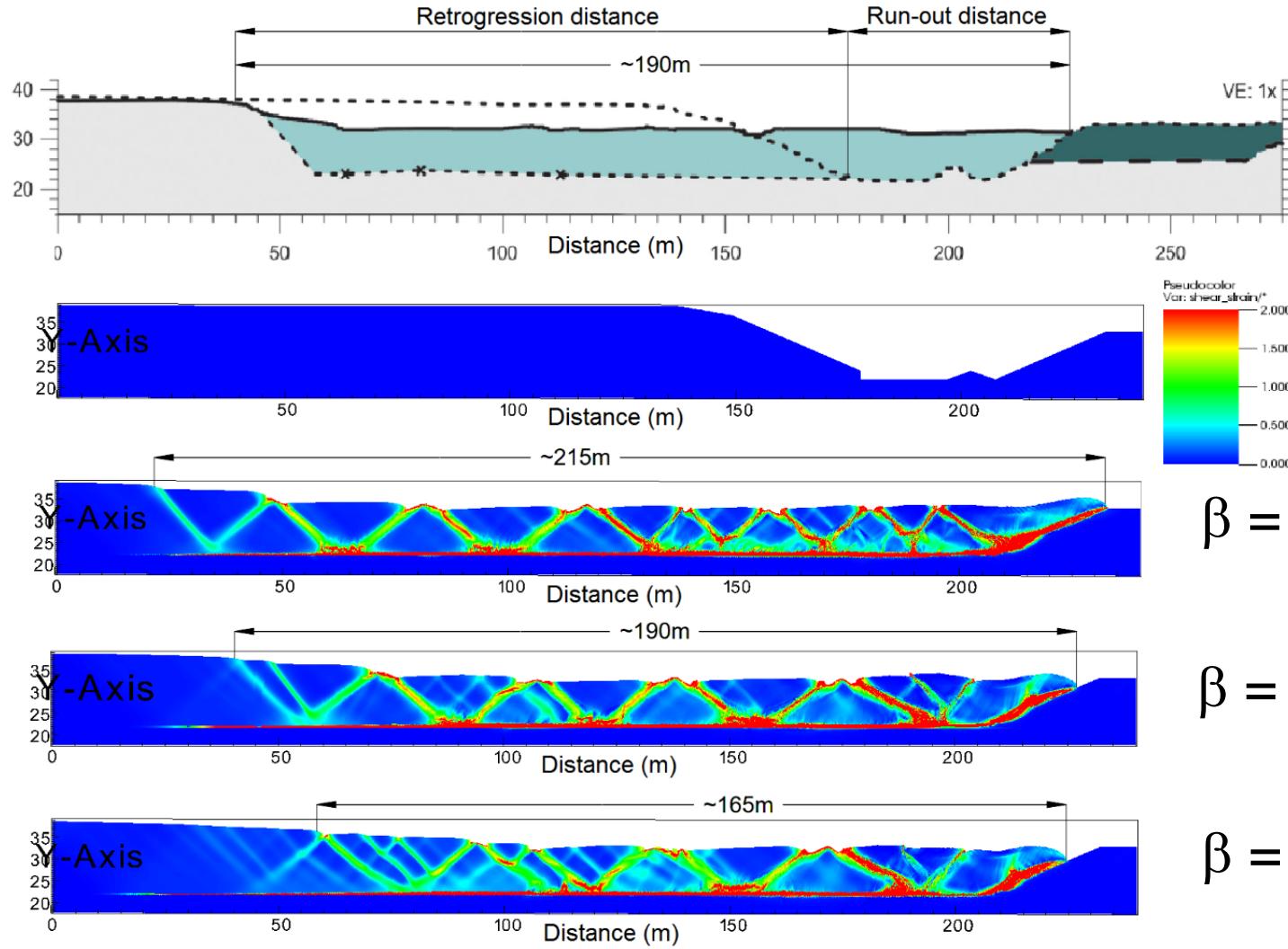
## Direct simple shear test



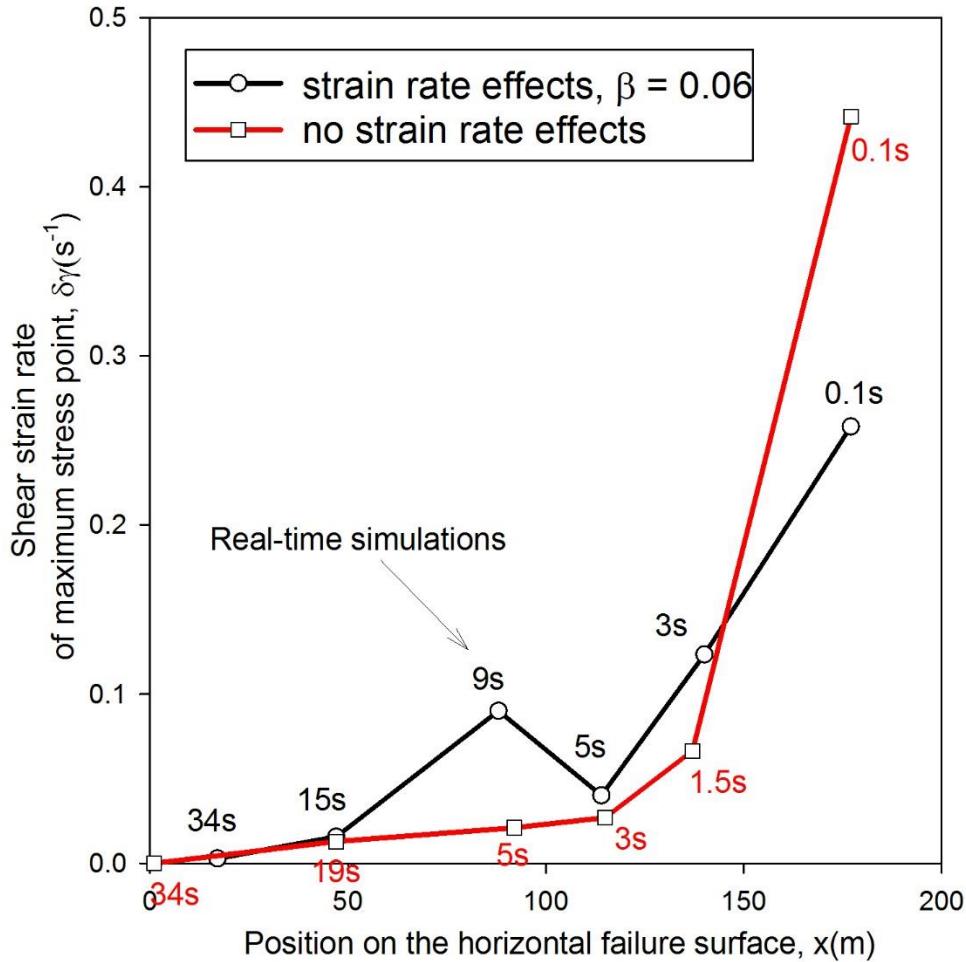
# Numerical simulations



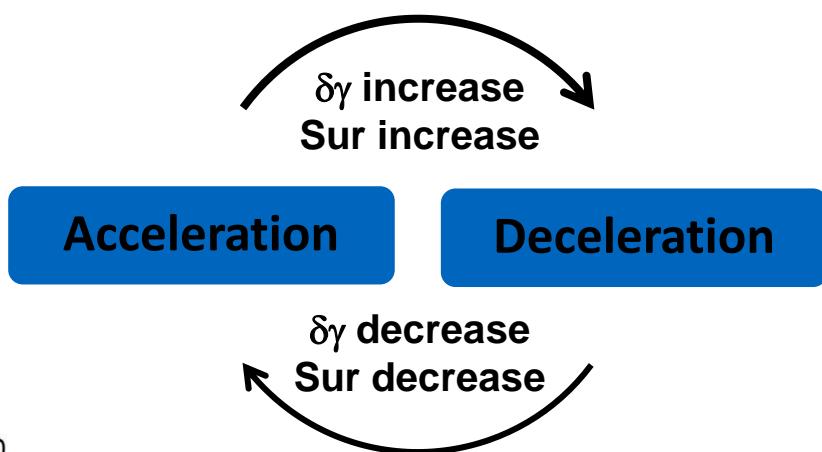
# Strain rate effects on travel distance



# Strain rate effects on dynamic motion



# **Strain rate effects induce a cycle of acceleration-deceleration movement**



# Advantages and limitations of MPM

+ Advantage of MPM / GIMP / DDMP /...

Continuum framework

Large-deformation, dynamic simulation

- Limitation of MPM / GIMP / DDMP /...

Concerns about the accuracy and the stability of the solution

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# What is the null space?

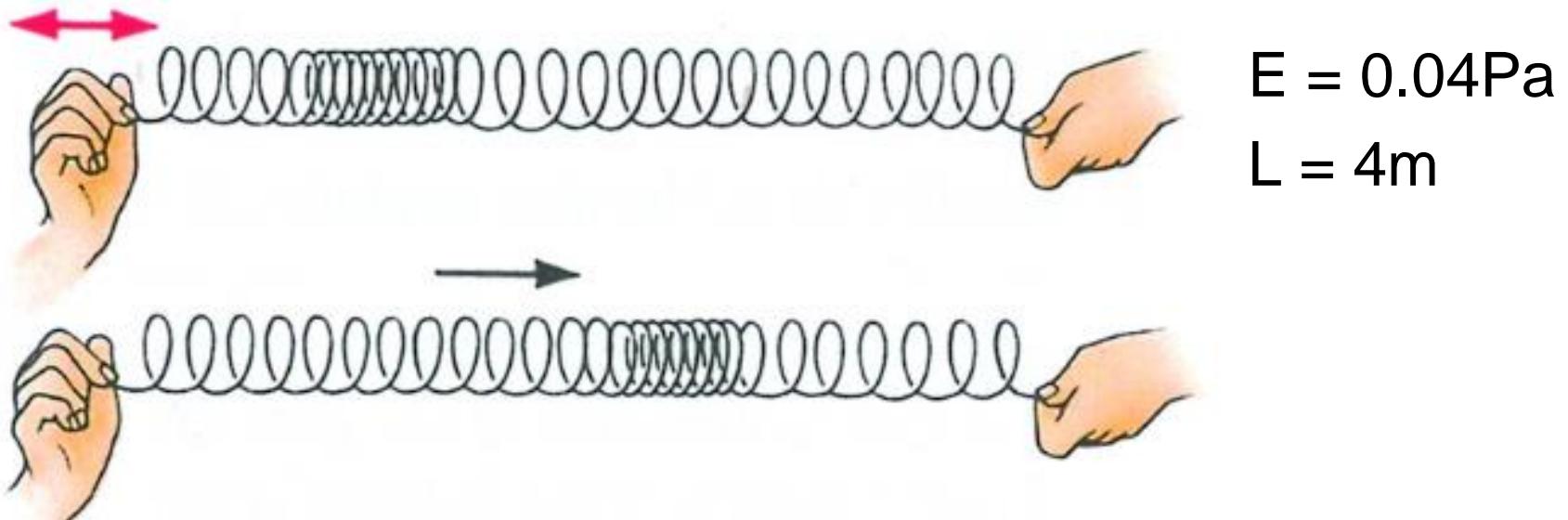
- Definition in linear algebra

The null space of a matrix ( $A$ ), written  $\text{null}(A)$ , is the set of vectors  $x$  that satisfy  $A.x = 0$  ( $x \neq 0$ )

If  $A$  has a nontrivial null space,  $A$  is a **rank deficient** mapping

If  $A$  does not have a null space,  $A$  is a **full rank** mapping

# Numerical example: 1D elastic vibration

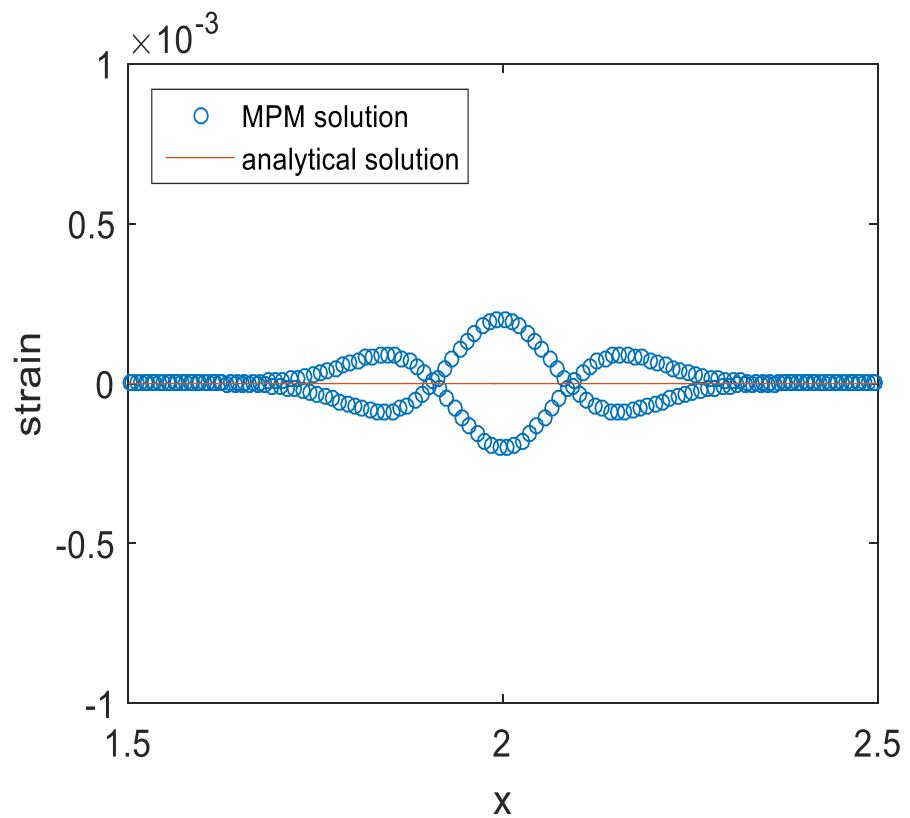
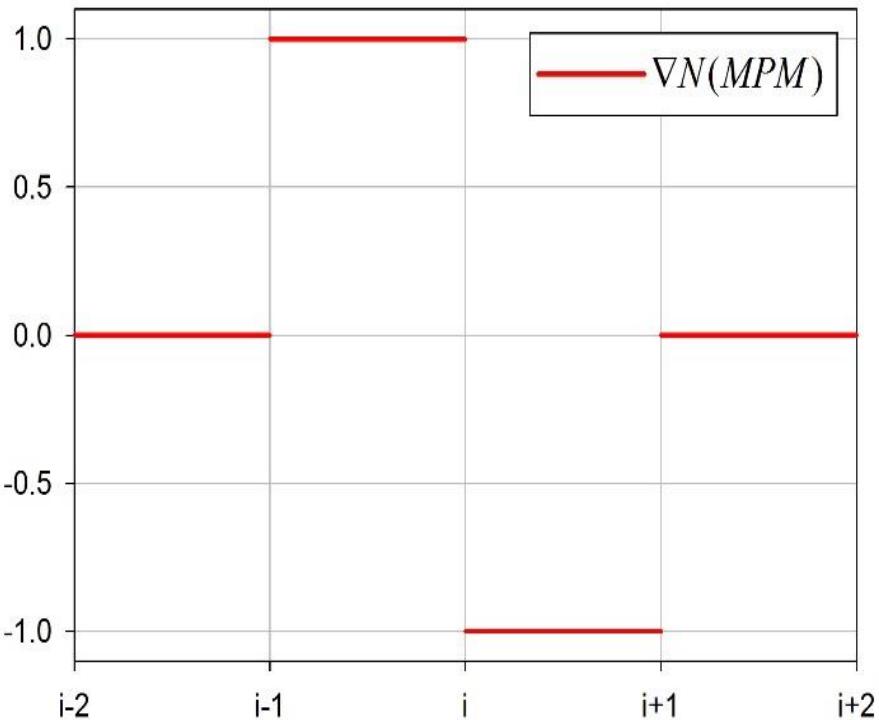


Initial condition:  $\varepsilon^o(x, t = 0) = -0.12e^{-60x^2}$

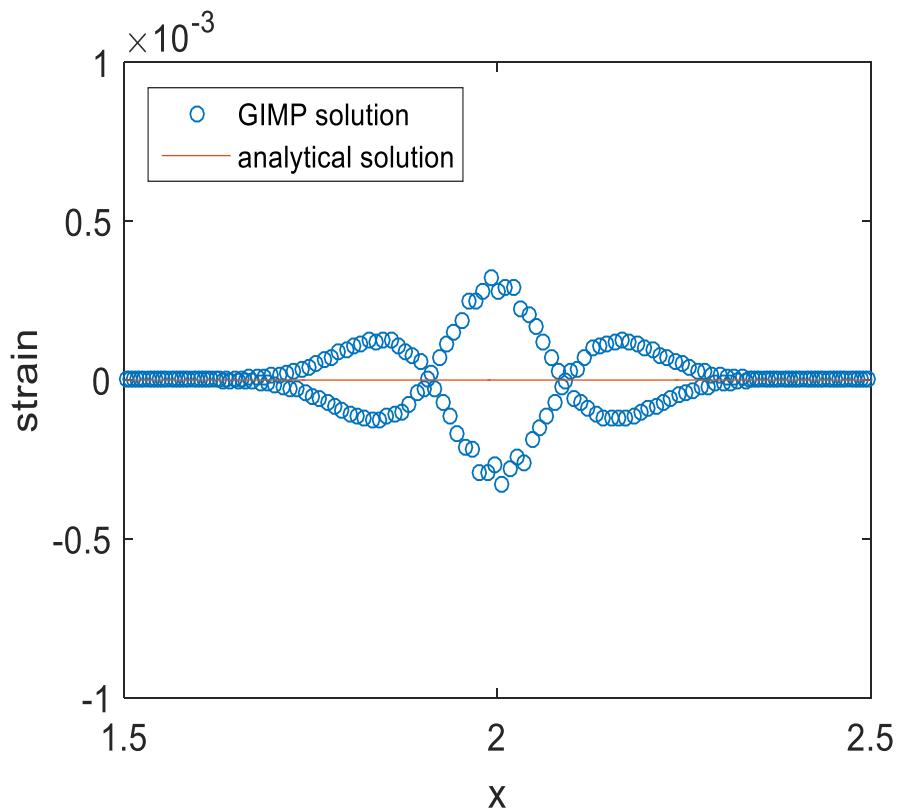
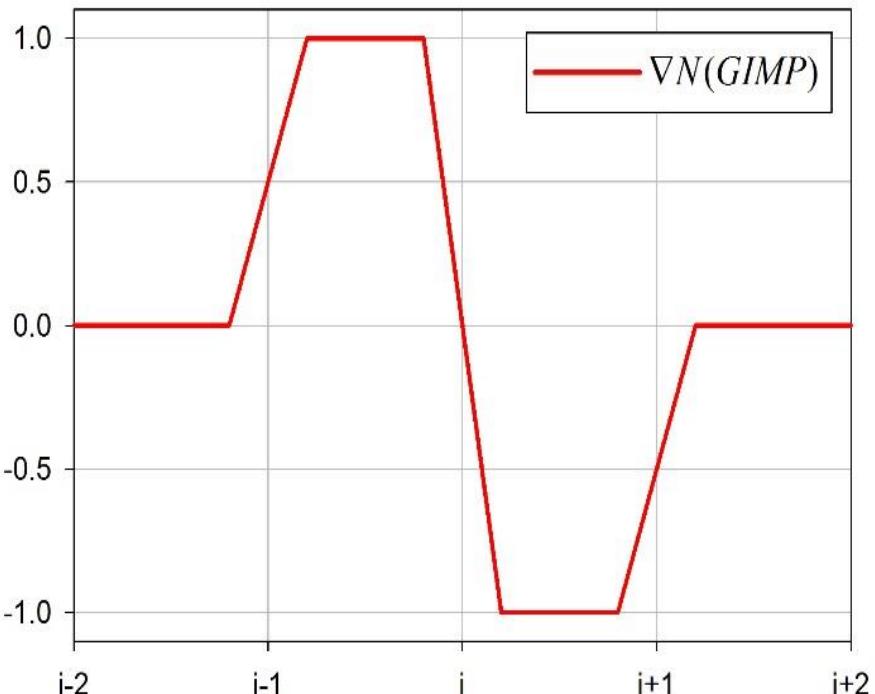
Analytical solution:

$$\varepsilon^t(x, t) = 0.0005(e^{-60(x-0.01t)^2} + e^{-60(x+0.01t)^2})$$

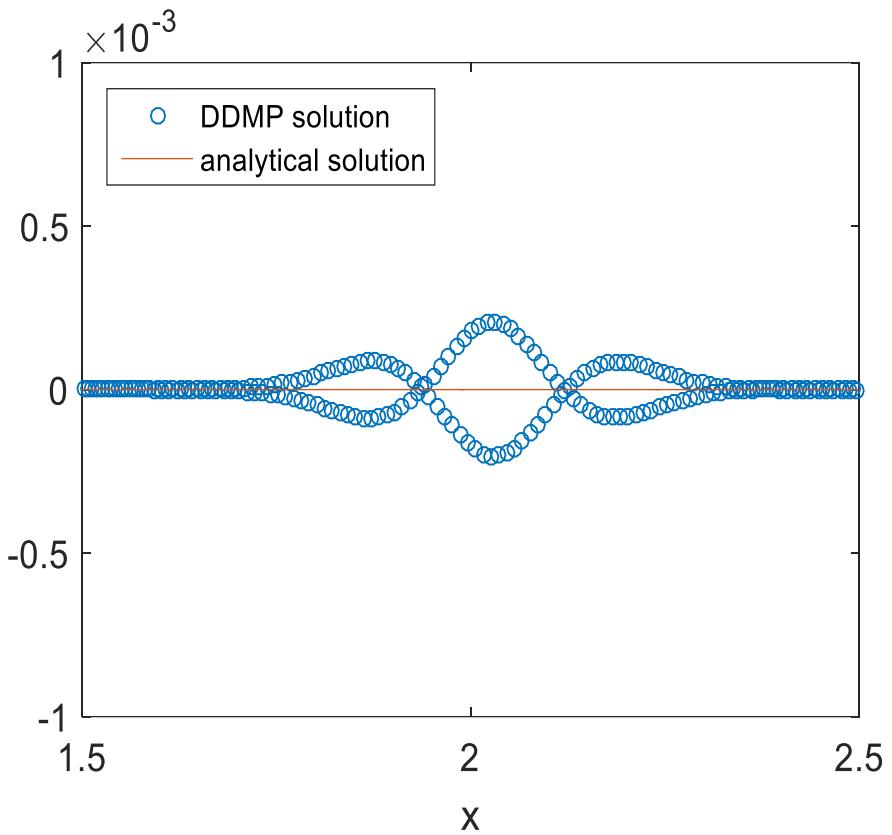
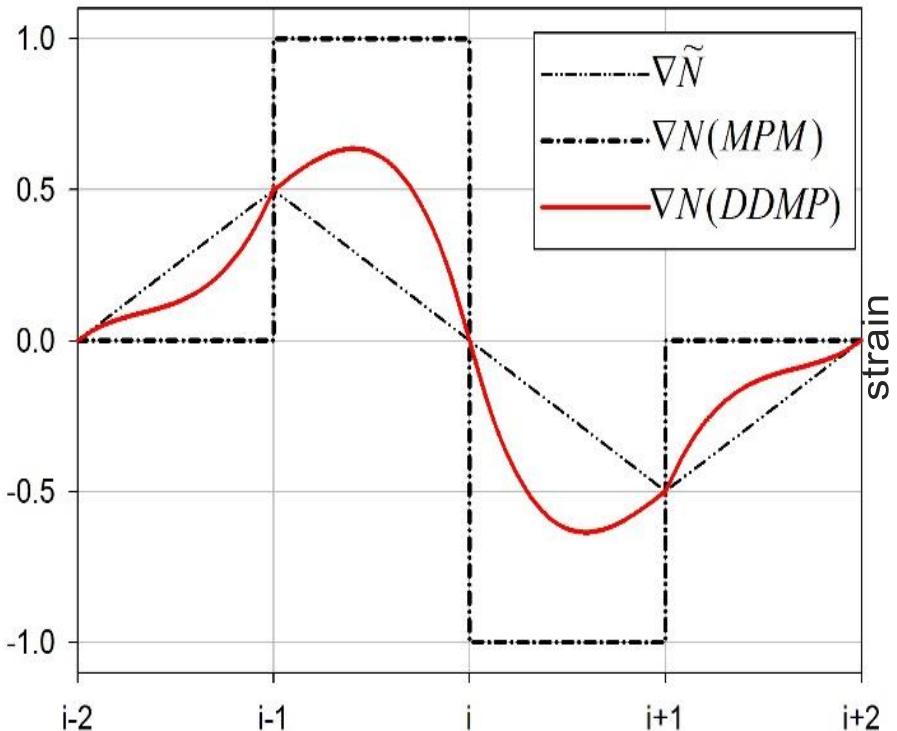
# MPM (1994) numerical results



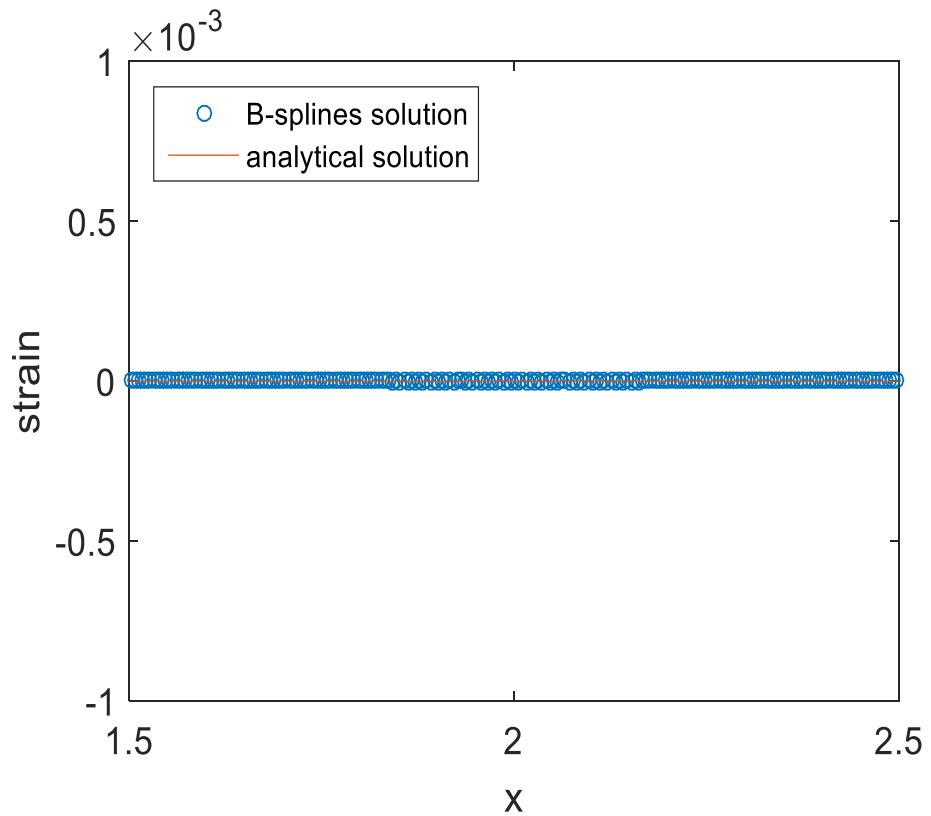
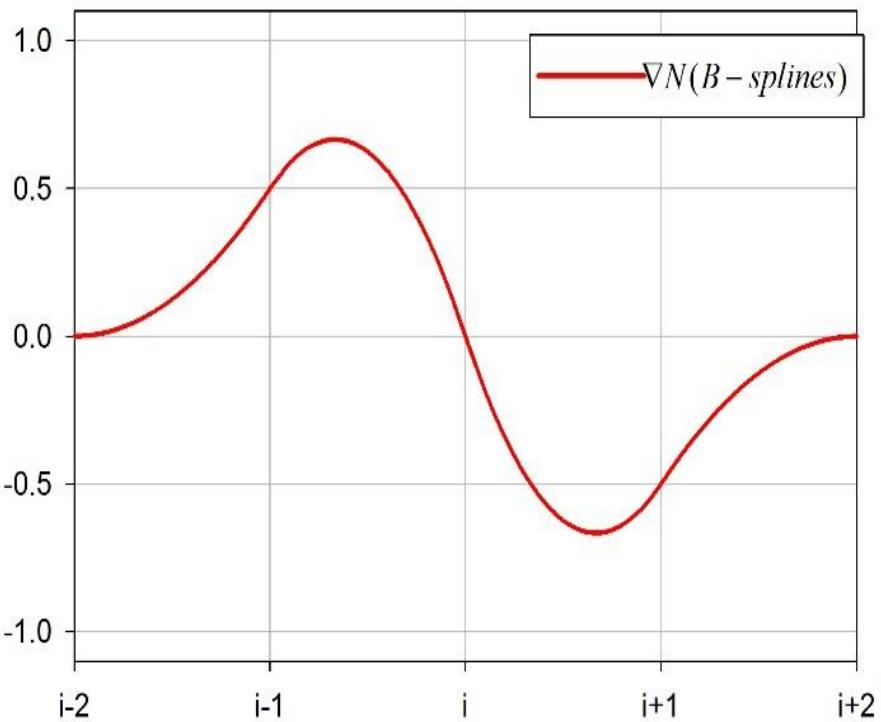
# GIMP (2004) numerical results



# DDMP (2011) numerical results



# Spline MPM (2008) numerical results

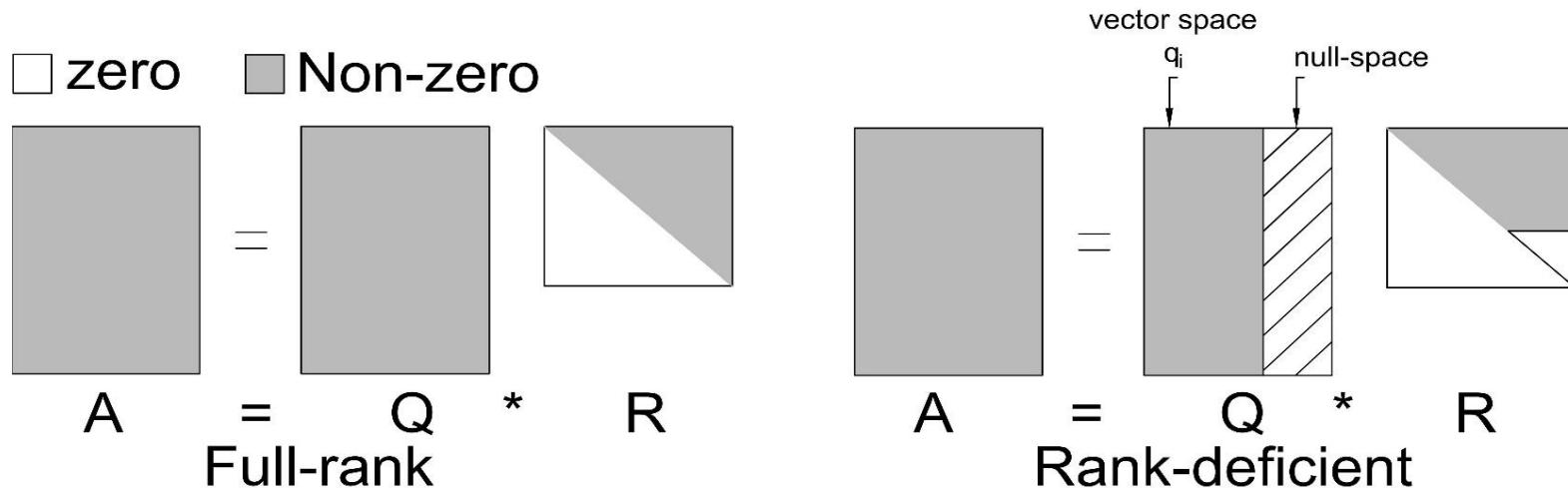


# Summary

- Stress mappings in MPM, DDMP, GIMP is a rank deficient mapping which generate the null space noise in 1D vibration problem
- B-spline function can reduce the noise of null space as  $\text{null}(\nabla N^T) = 0$
- If  $N_p > N_n$ ,  $\text{null}(\nabla N) > 0$ , therefore, it is necessary to consider a null space filter to eliminate the noise due to the null space.

# A null space filter using QR method

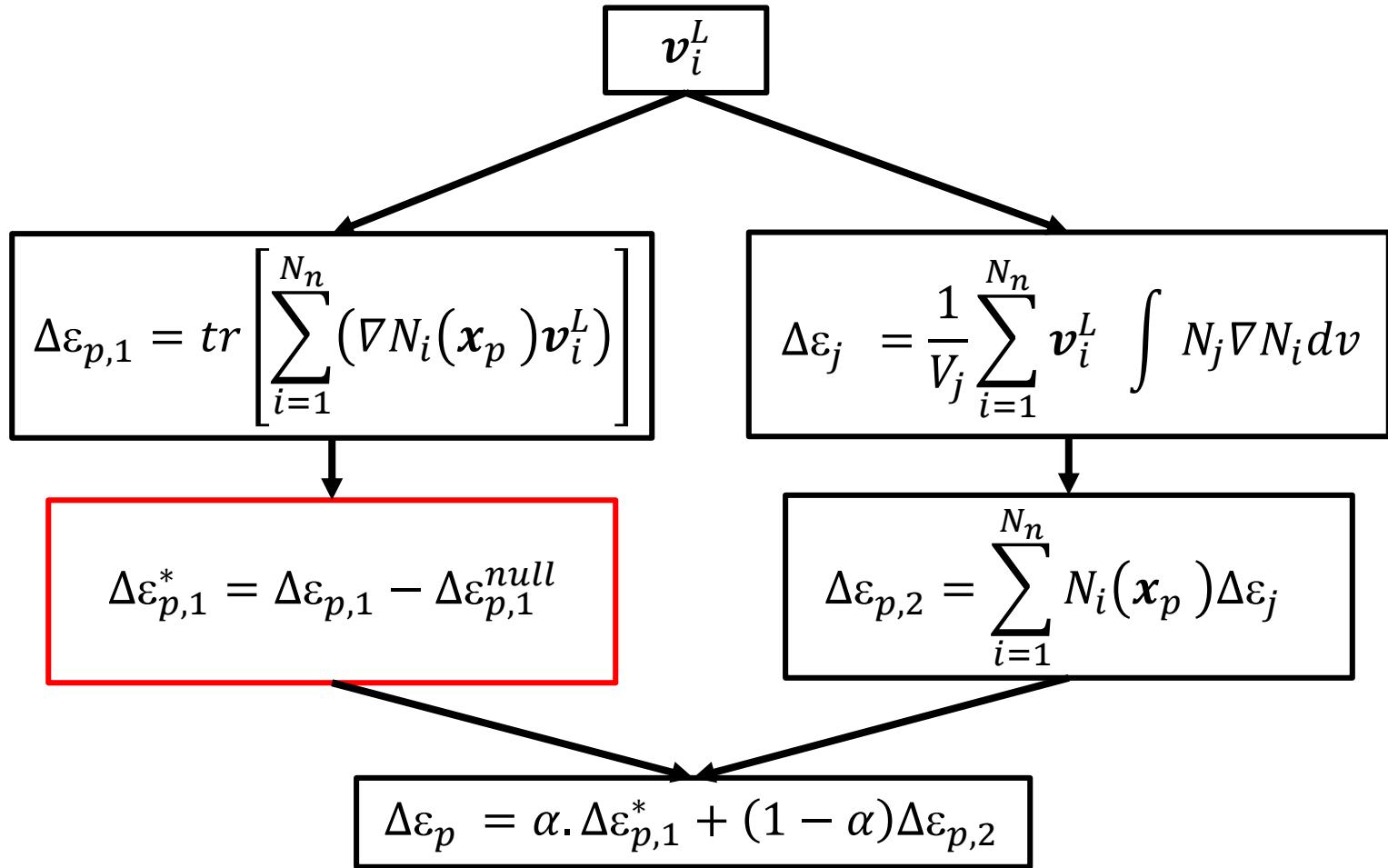
Step 1: Identify the vector space q and null space



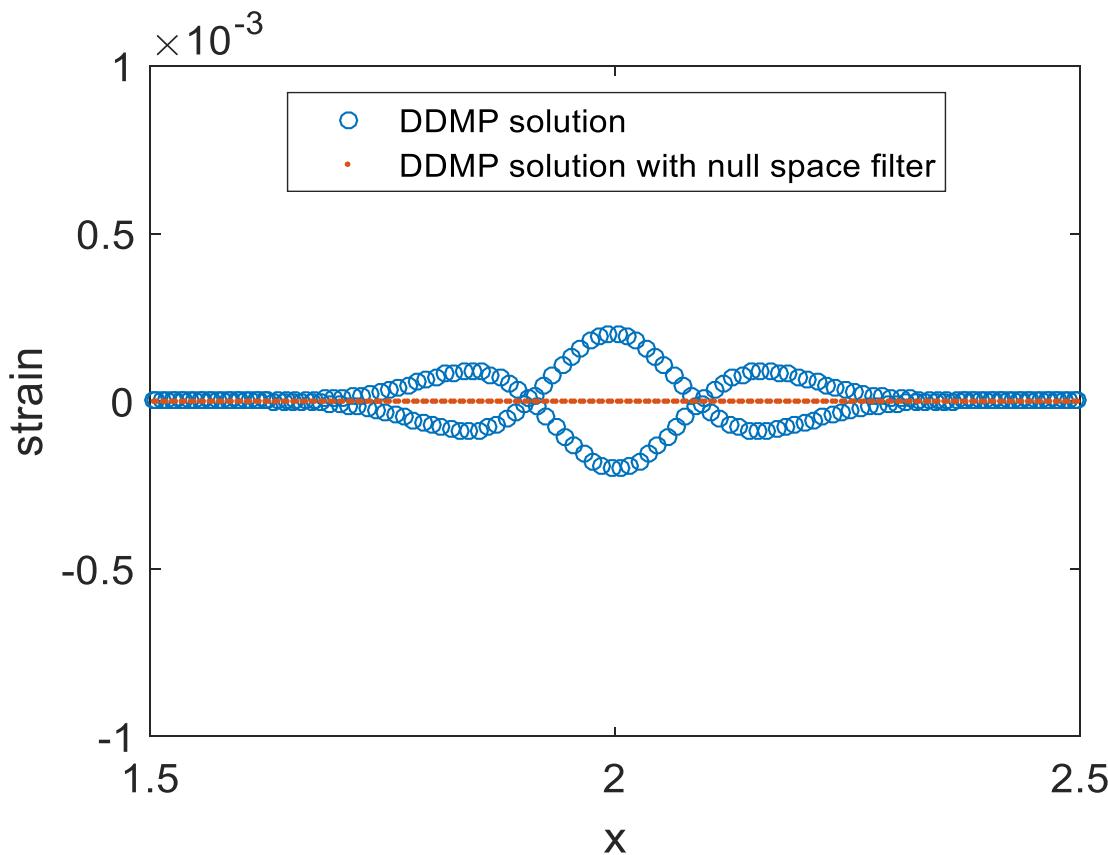
Step 2: Projection of the solution into vector space

$$\mathbf{v}_p^* = \text{Proj}_Q(\mathbf{v}_p) = \sum_{i=1}^r (q_i^T \mathbf{v}_p) q_i$$

# Dual Domain Material Point Method enhanced with a null space filter (iDDMP)

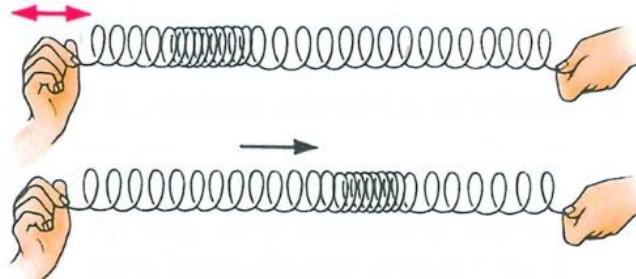


# Application of null space filter to DDMP

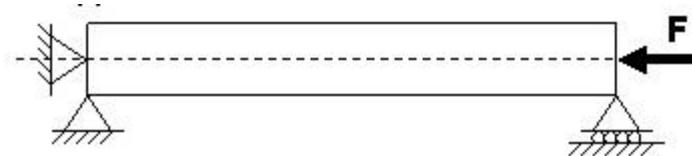


# Numerical example for iDDMP

- 1D vibration propagation

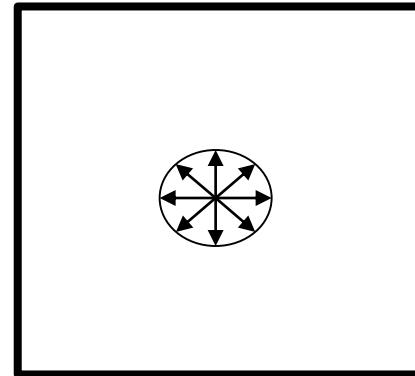


- Tension force impact

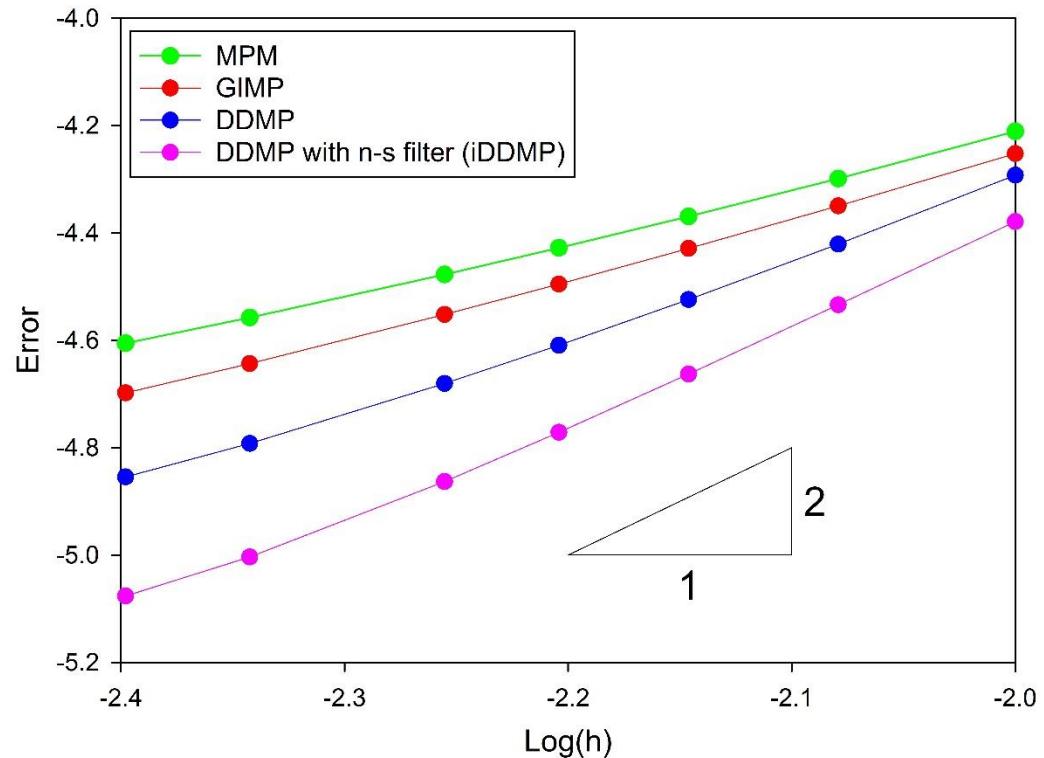


- Gaussian explosion

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} -2\pi^2 f_0^2 (t - t_0) e^{-\pi^2 f_0^2 (t-t_0)^2} & \text{if } t \leq 2t_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 2t_0 \end{cases}$$



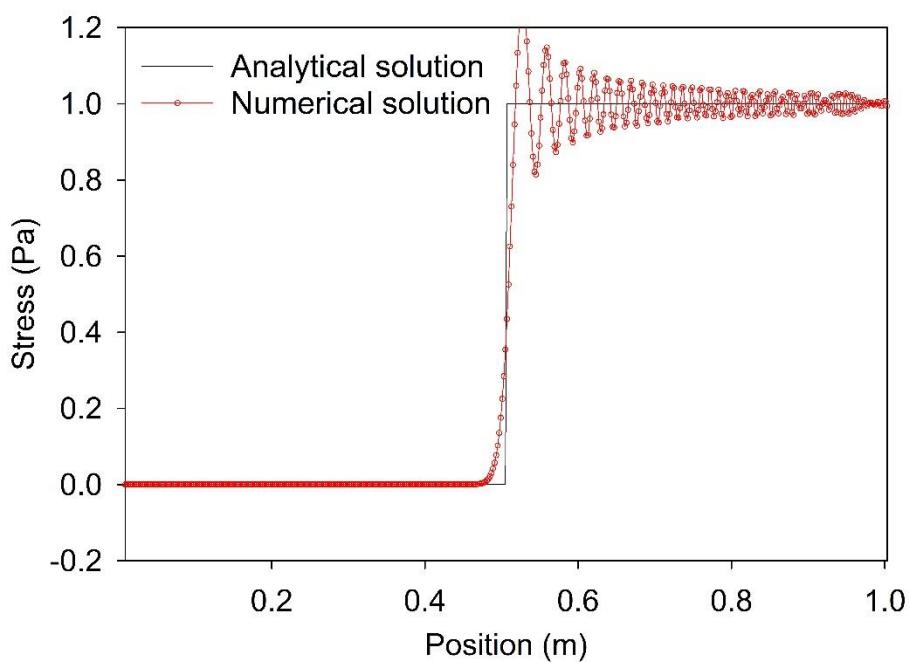
# Convergence rate of iDDMP in 1D vibration propagation



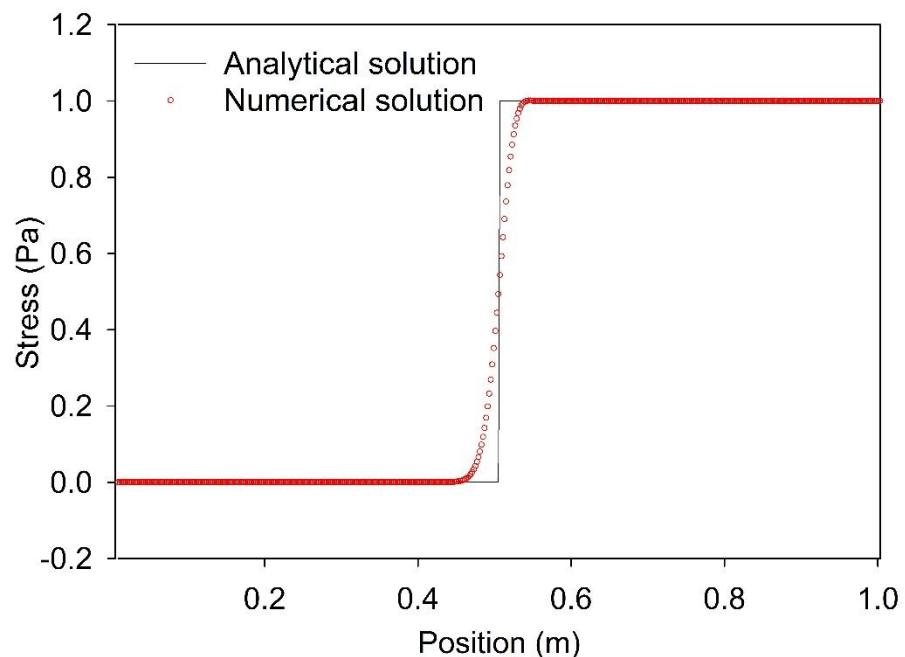
- Cell size  $h$  is limited to prevent the cell crossing errors

$$\text{error} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{N_p} \| \mathbf{u}_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{x}_p, t) - \mathbf{u}_{\text{app}}(\mathbf{x}_p, t) \|^2}{N_p}}$$

# Pressure oscillation in tension impact

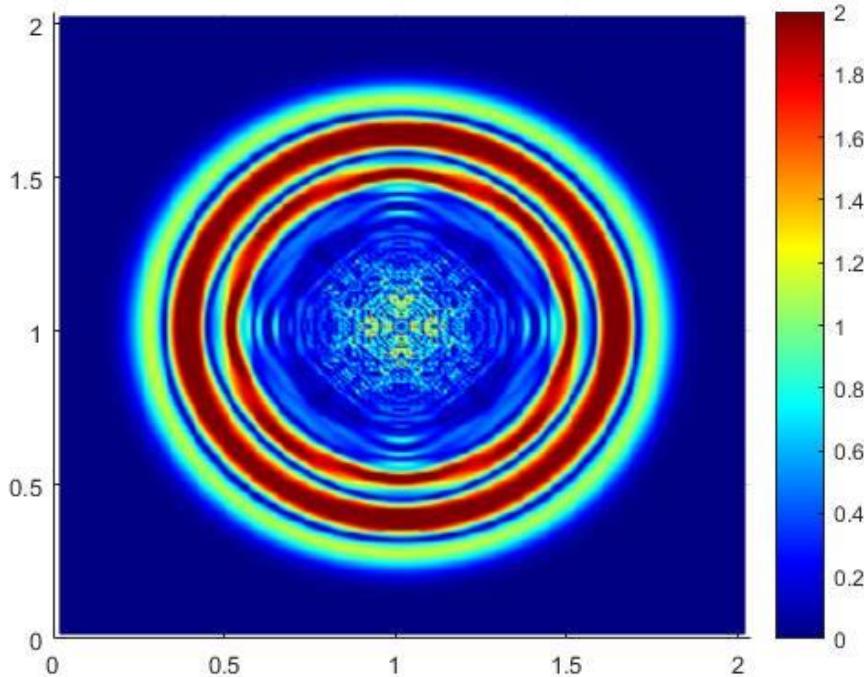


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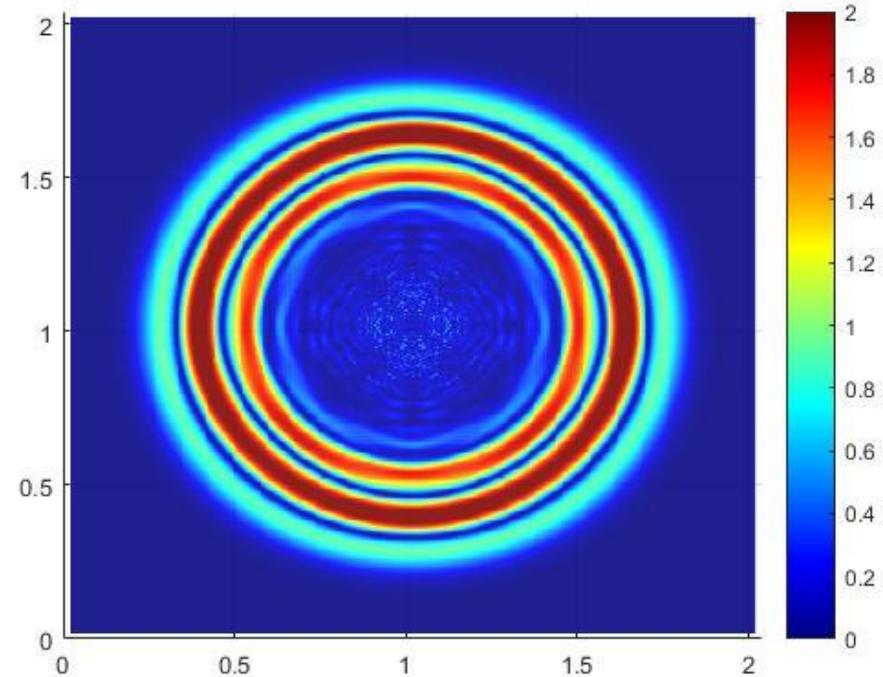


iDDMP

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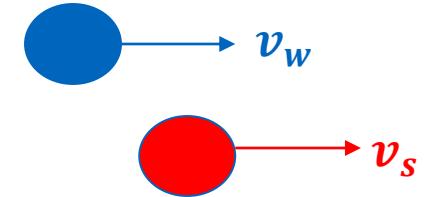


MPM



MPM with null  
space filter

# Hydro coupled formulation



- Effective stress concept:

$$\sigma = \sigma' - p_w$$

- Momentum balance for water:

$$n\rho_w \mathbf{a}_w = -np_w + n\rho_w \mathbf{b}_w - f_d$$

- Darcy law:

$$f_d = \frac{n^2 \rho_w g}{k} (\mathbf{v}_w - \mathbf{v}_s)$$

- Momentum balance for solid:

$$(1-n)\rho_s \mathbf{a}_s = \nabla \cdot \sigma' - (1-n)p_w + (1-n)\rho_s \mathbf{b}_s + f_d$$

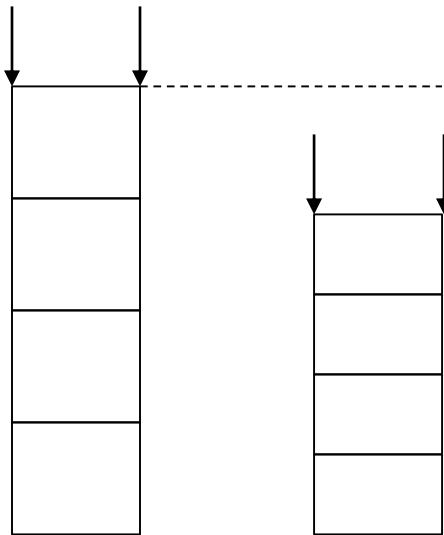
- Mass conservation:

$$\frac{dp_w}{dt} = -\frac{K_w}{n} [n \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_w + (1-n) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_s]$$

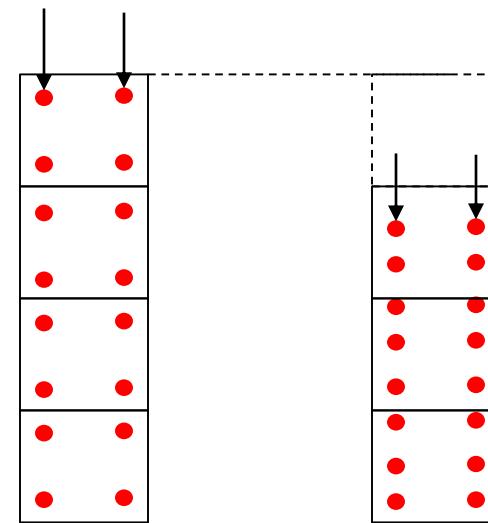
# Numerical example

- Large strain gravity loading ( $g = 1500 \text{ m/s}^2$ )
- Large strain consolidation loading (~20% of engineering strain) compared with analytical model (Xie and Leo 2004)

De-rank null space in quasi static large deformation

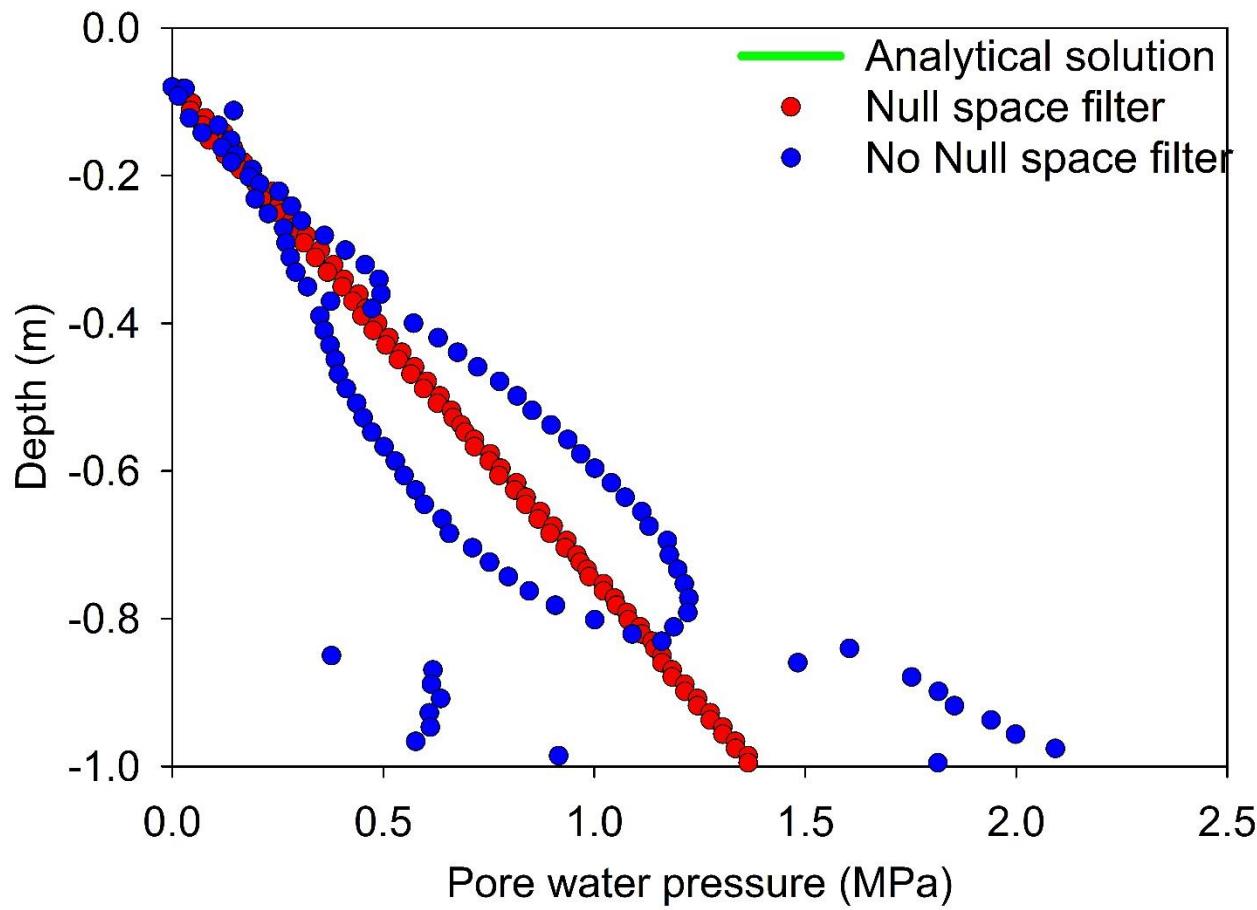


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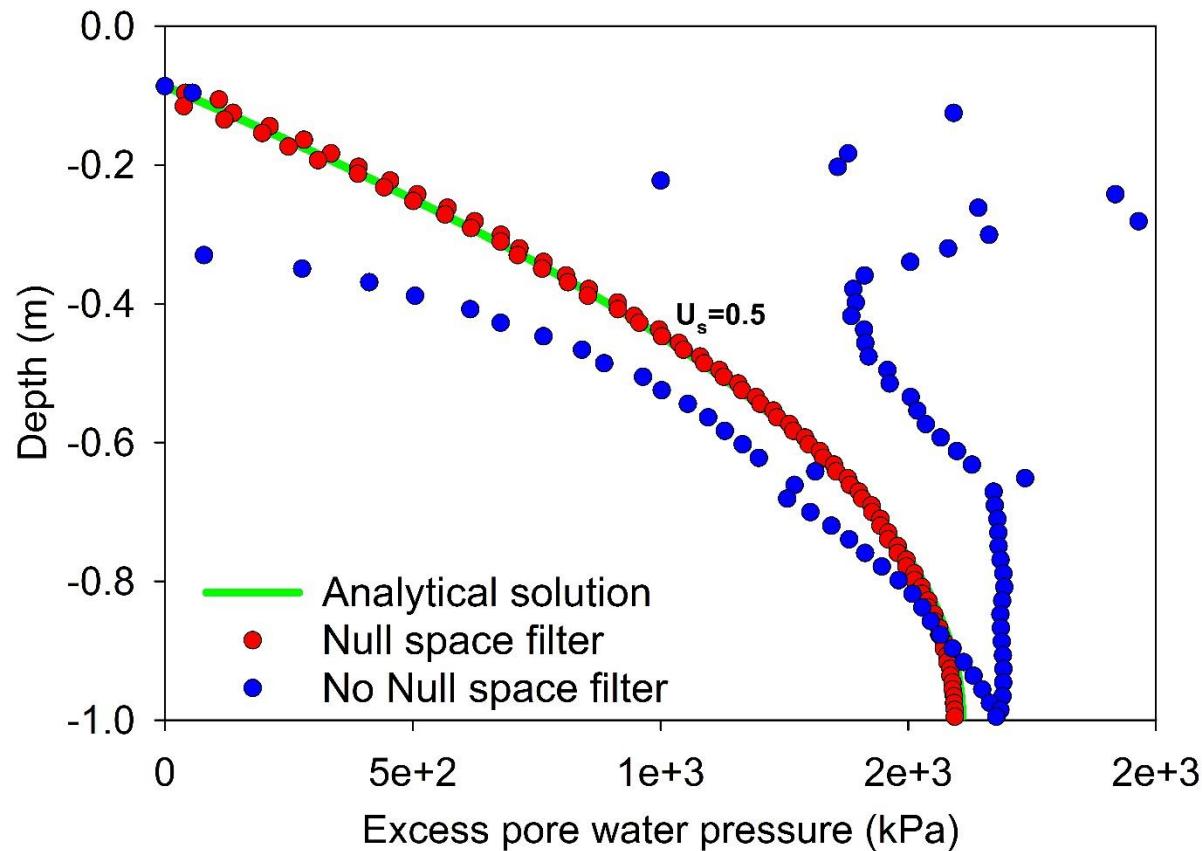


Compression MPM

# Numerical example: large strain gravity loading using DDMP

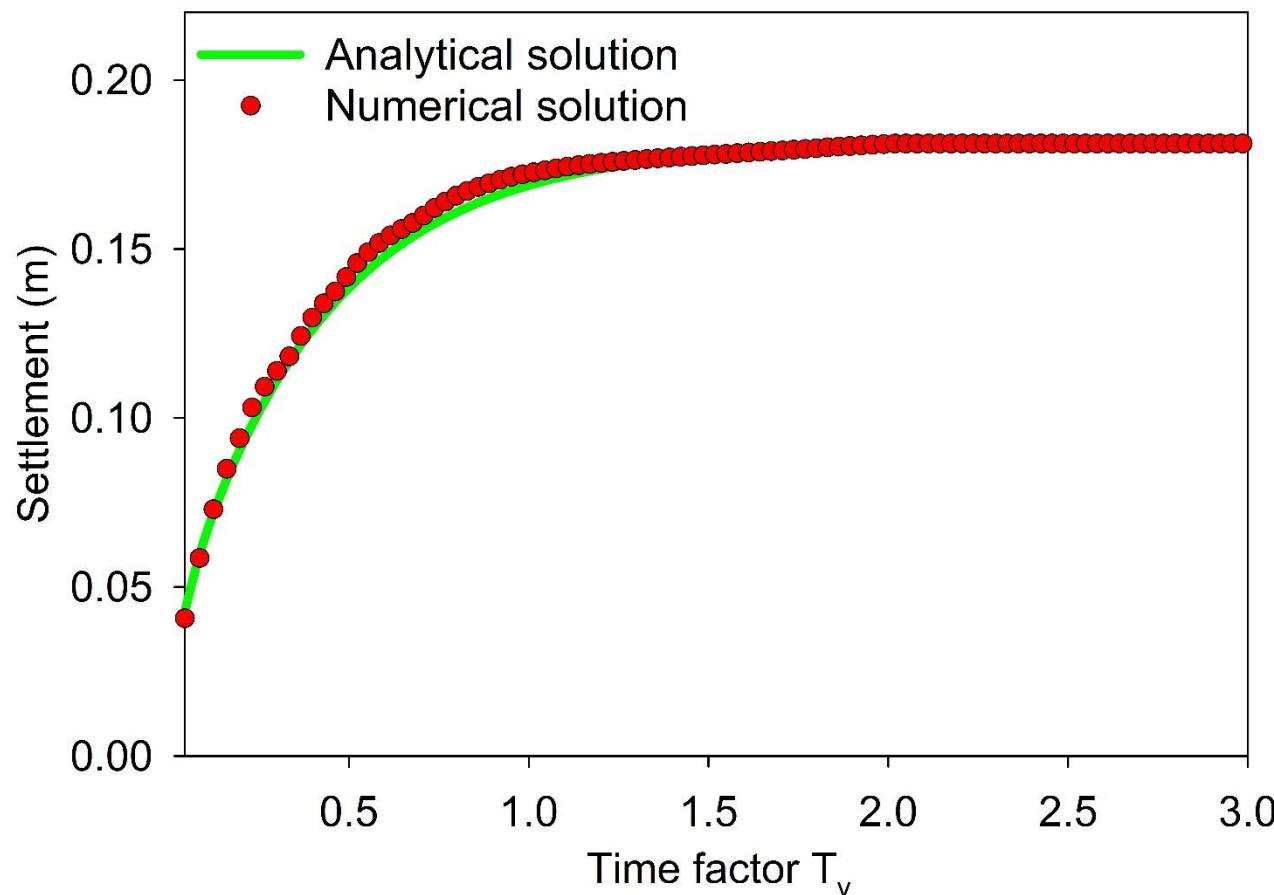


# Numerical example: large strain consolidation



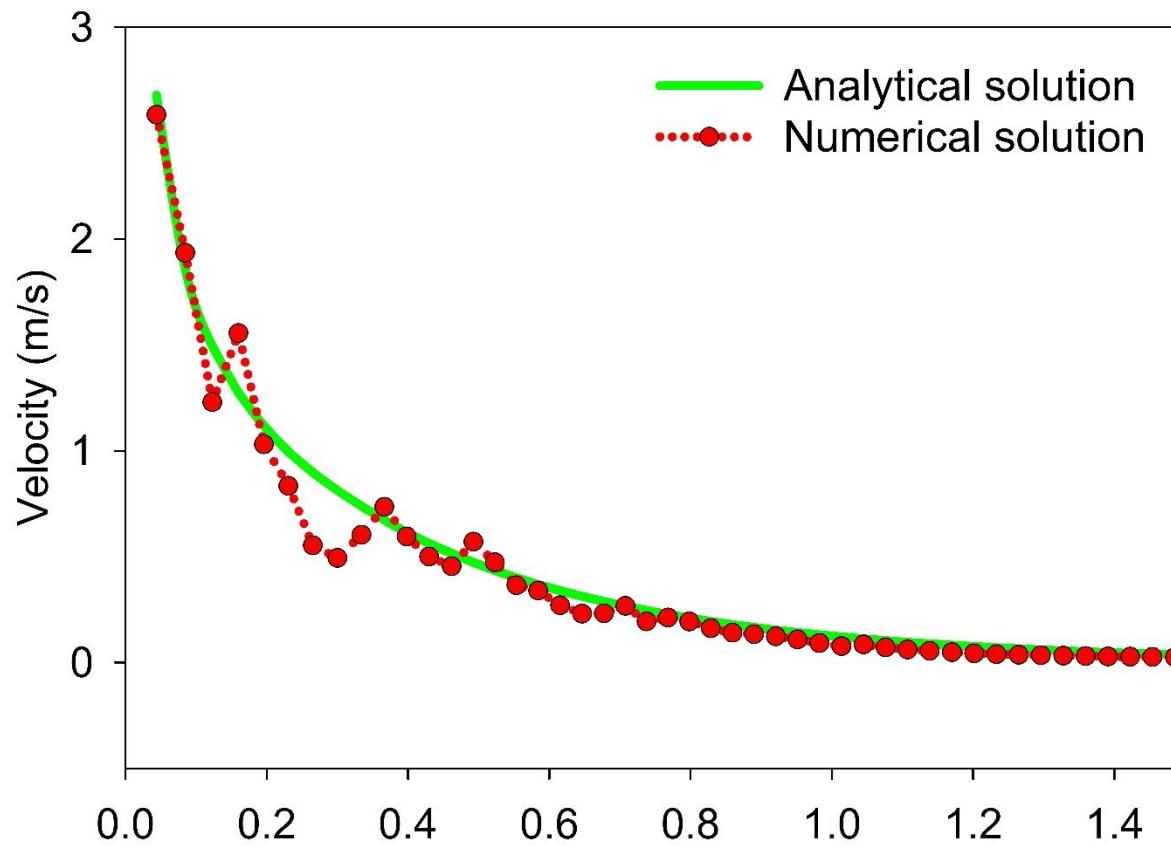
$$u = \frac{1}{m_{vl}} \ln \left( 1 + (\exp(m_{vl}q) - 1) \sum_{m=1} \frac{2}{(m - 0.5)\pi} \sin \left( \frac{(m - 0.5)\pi z}{H} \right) \exp(-((m - 0.5)\pi)^2 T_v) \right)$$

# Numerical example: large strain consolidation



$$S_t = H(1 - \exp(-m_{vl}q)) \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{((m-0.5)\pi)^2} \exp\left(-((m-0.5)\pi)^2 T_v\right) \right) C$$

# Numerical example: large strain consolidation



$$v_s = \frac{2c_v}{H} (1 - \exp(-m_{vl}q)) \sum_{m=1} \cos\left(\frac{(m-0.5)\pi z}{H}\right) \exp\left(-((m-0.5)\pi)^2 T_v\right)$$

# Future work

- More and more validations
- Consideration of seepage failure
- Advanced constitutive model (anisotropy, destructuration)