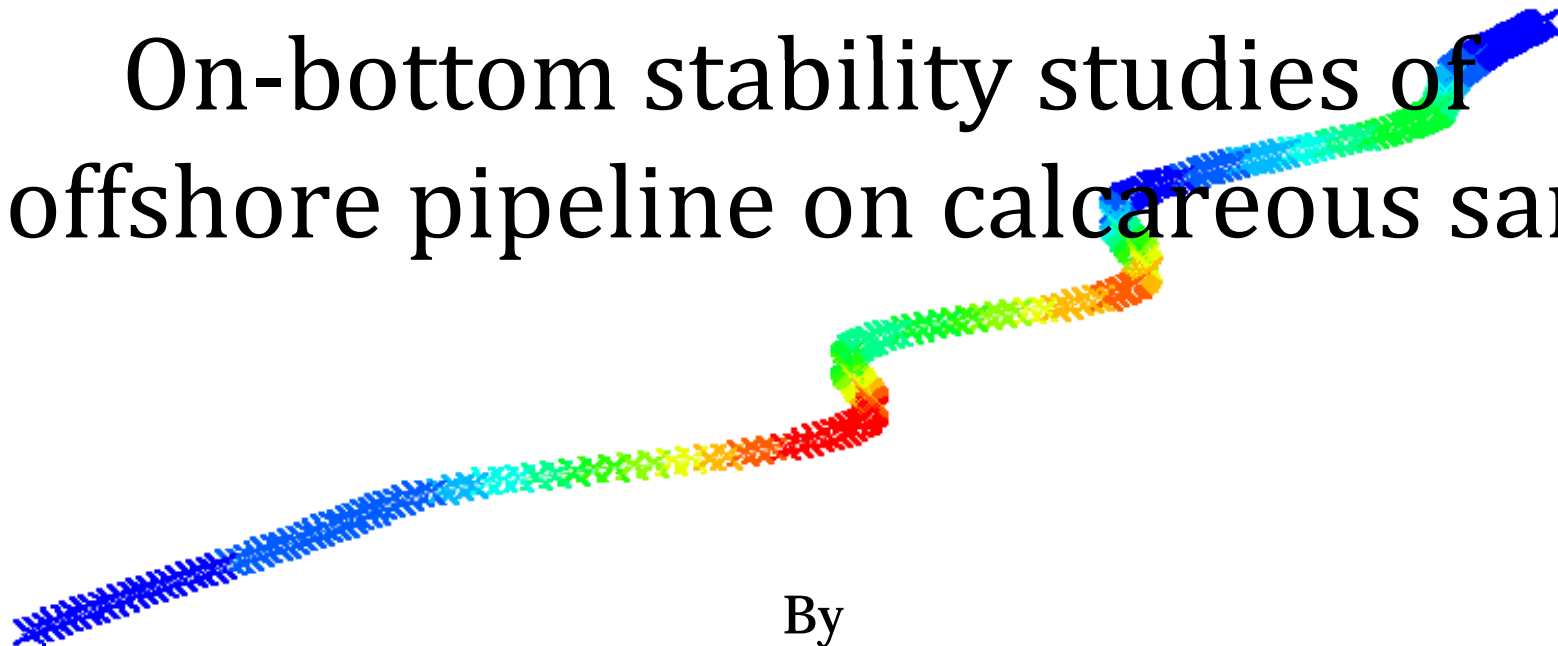




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# On-bottom stability studies of offshore pipeline on calcareous sand



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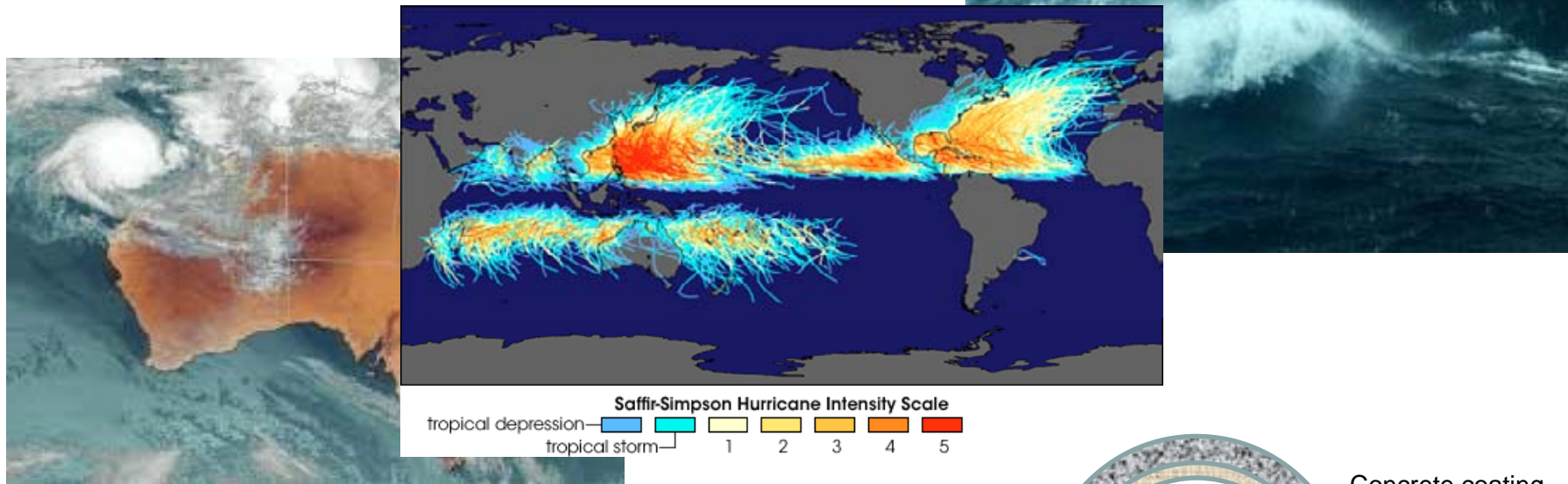
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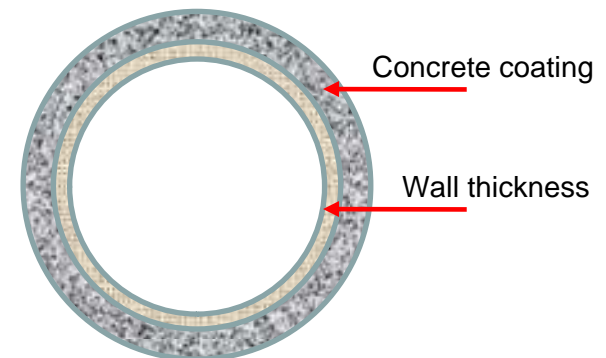


# Why Stability?

- Varying sea states



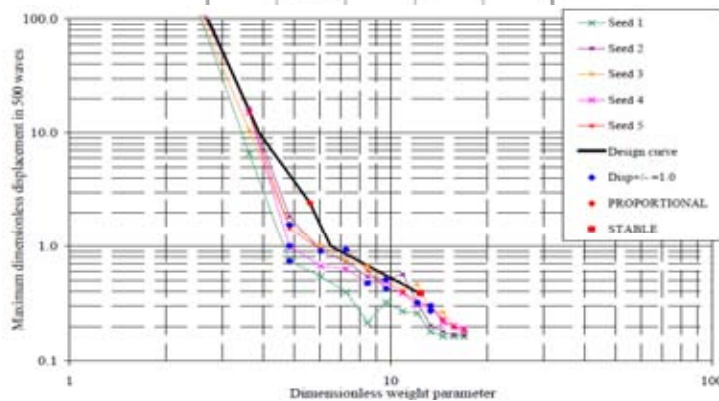
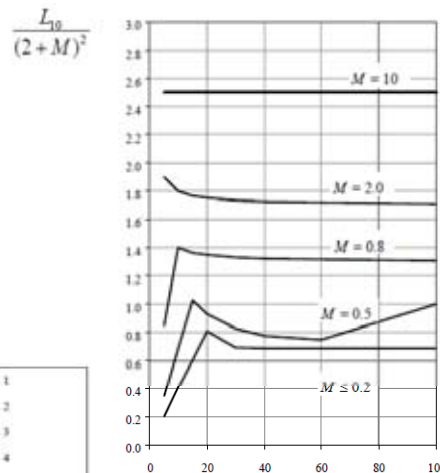
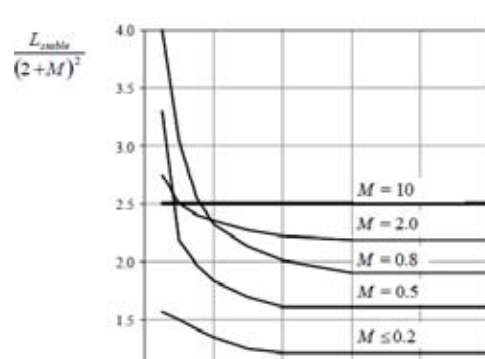
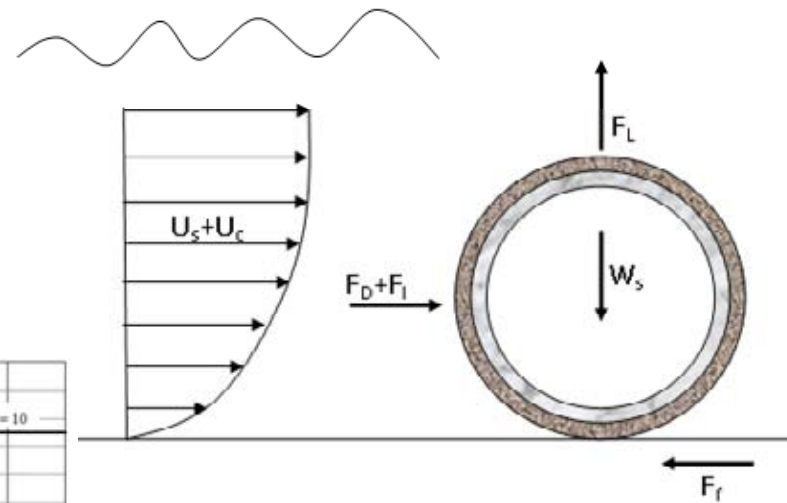
- Varying soil properties





# Current Stability method

- Absolute static analyses
- Generalized stability curves
- Dynamic analyses



## Sliding condition

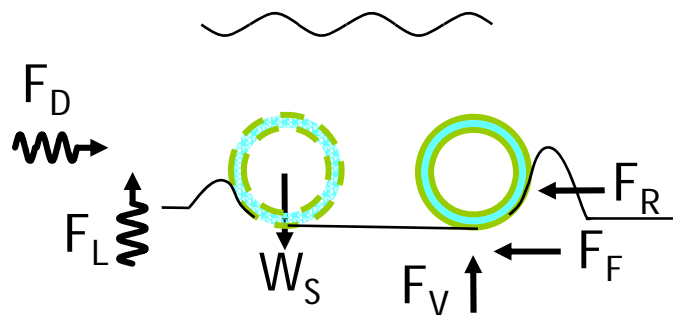
$$F_H = F_D + F_I$$

If  $F_H > F_f$  Sliding occurs



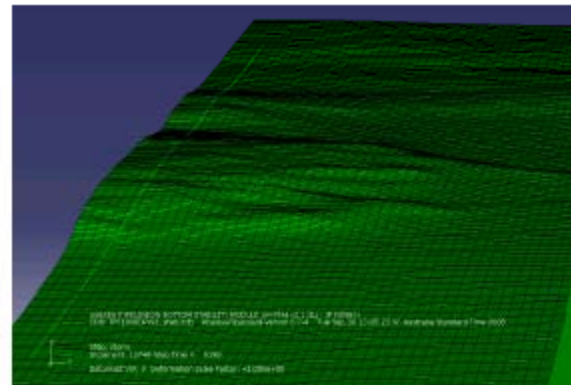
# Current Dynamic Practice

- PRCI(AGA) pipeline(2002)
- PONDUS
- SIMSTAB(2009)
- Empirical model

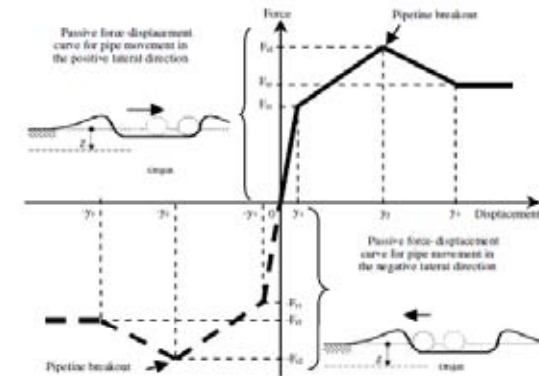


Courtesy: Brennoden&et.al

- FE approach



courtesy: JP Kenny

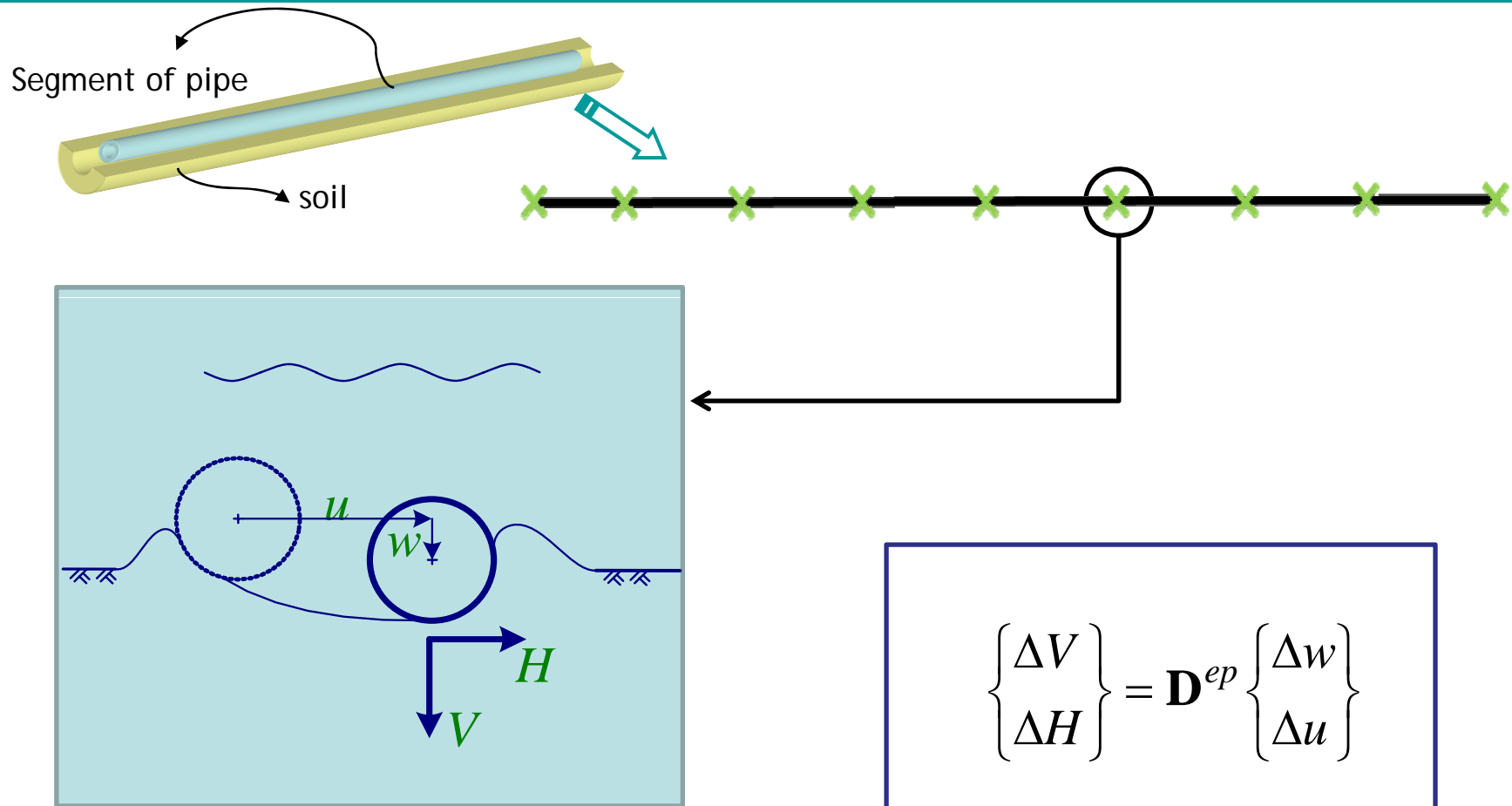


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Better, more reliable and economic design

Time Domain analysis (MacroElement approach)

# Methodology



MacroElement Approach

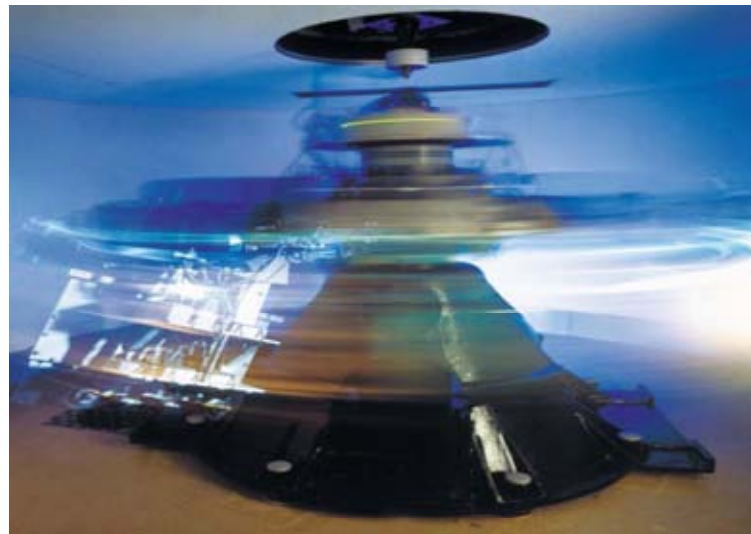


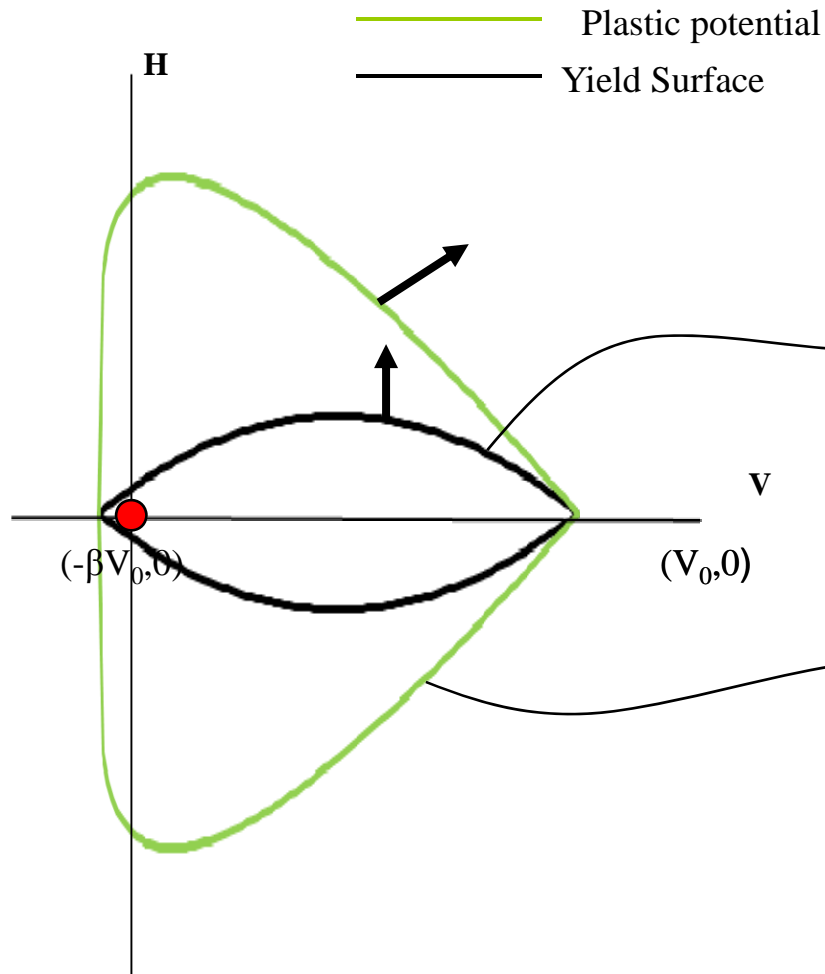
# PIPE-SOIL model

State of art model developed from centrifuge test, *Zhang & Randolph*  
2001, *Tian & Cassidy* 2008;

Formulation based on sound plasticity theory

- a) Bounding surface
- b) Flow rule
- c) Hardening law
- d) Elastic behaviour





■ Bounding surface

$$f = |H| - \mu \left( \frac{V}{V_0} + \beta \right) (V_0 - V) = 0$$

• Flow rule

$$g = |H| - \mu \left( \frac{V}{V_0} + \beta \right)^m (V_0 - V) = 0$$

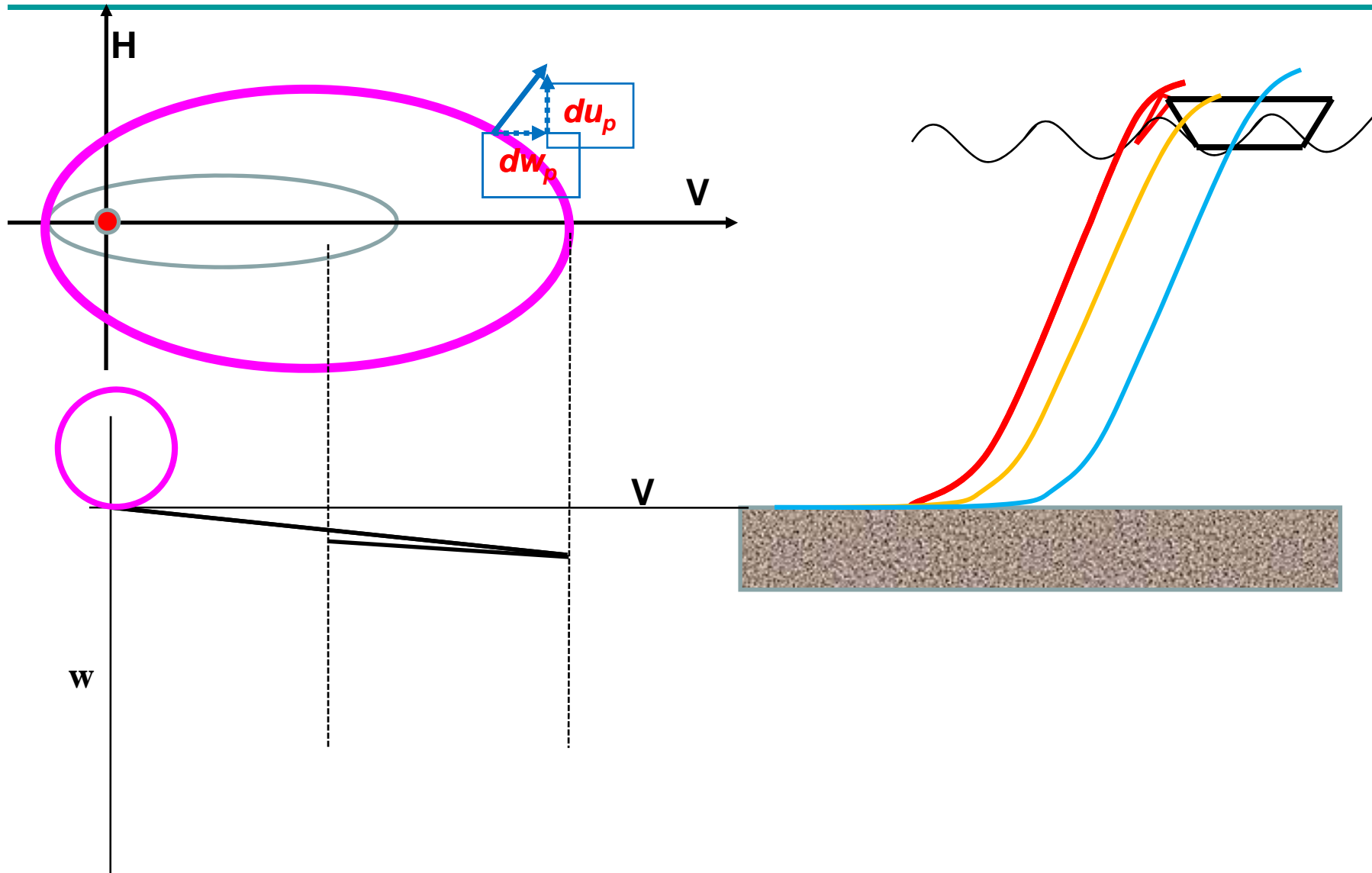
• Hardening Law

$$\Delta V_0 = \frac{k_{ve} k_{vp}}{k_{ve} - k_{vp}} \Delta w^p \quad \mu = \mu_0 + k \frac{w^p}{D}$$



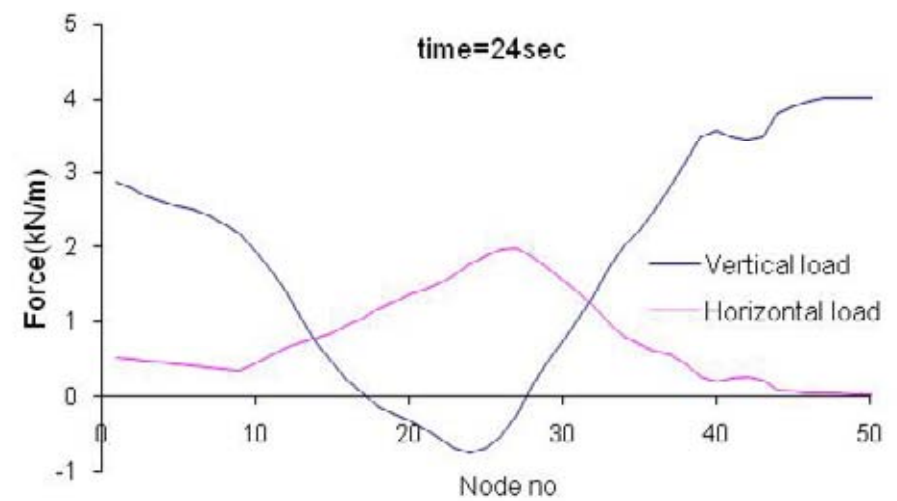
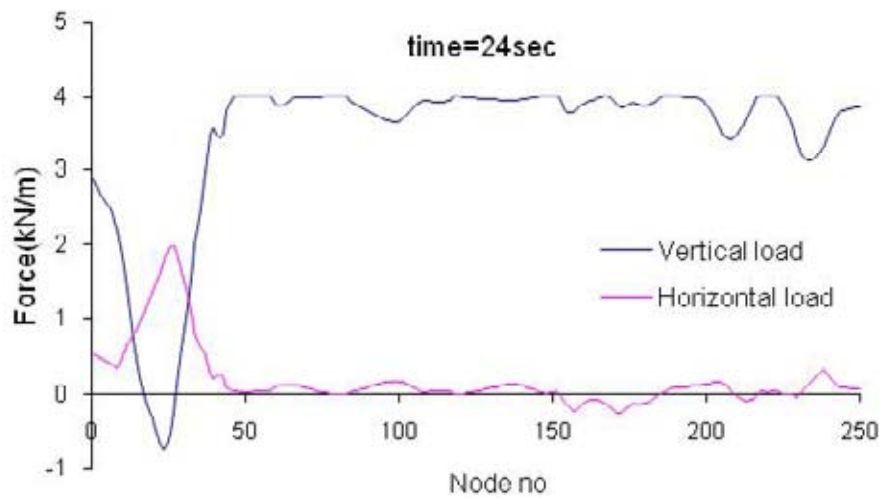
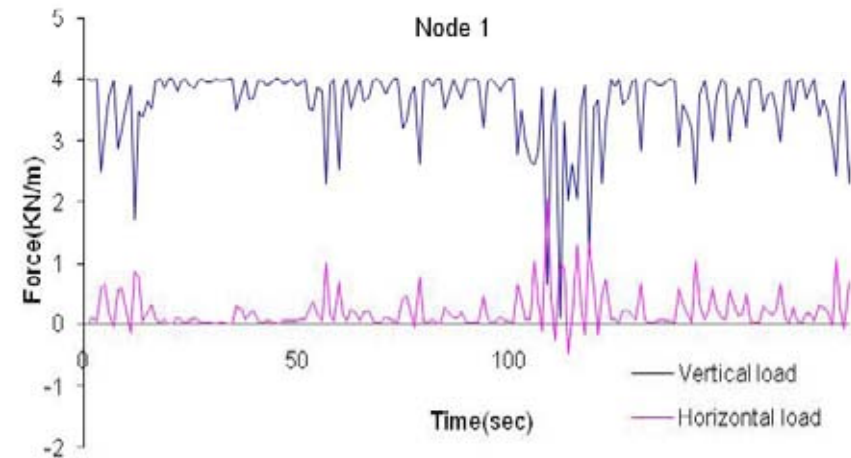
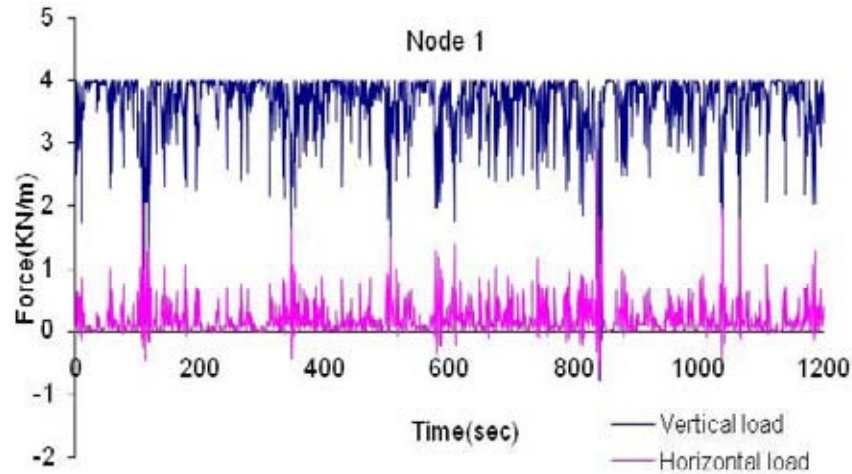


# Installation settlement (step1)



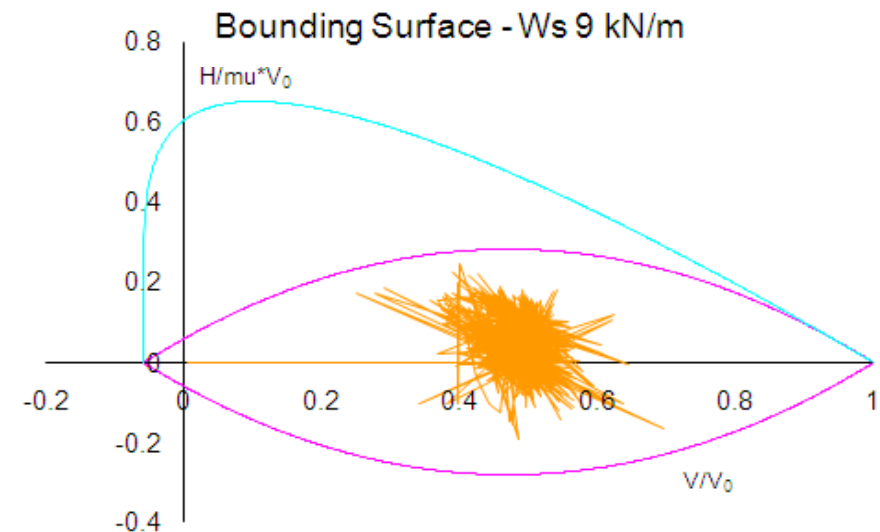
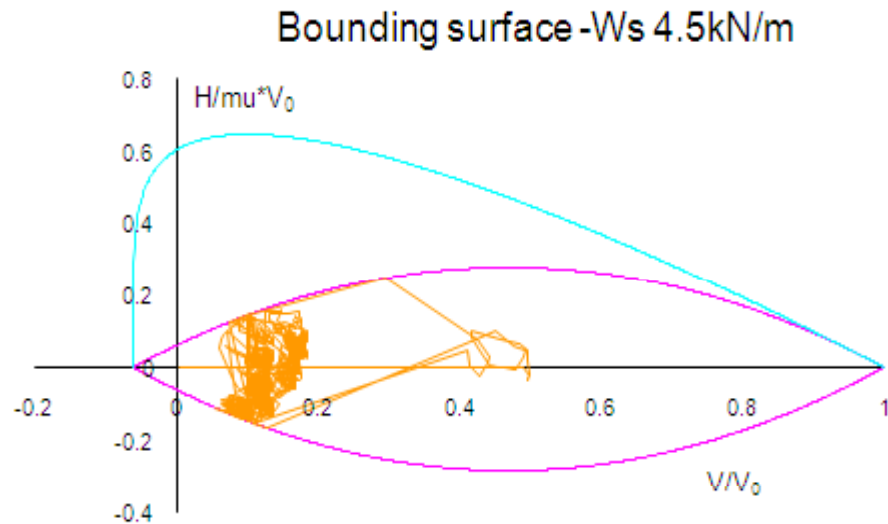


# Wave Load(step 2)





# Pipe-Soil reaction

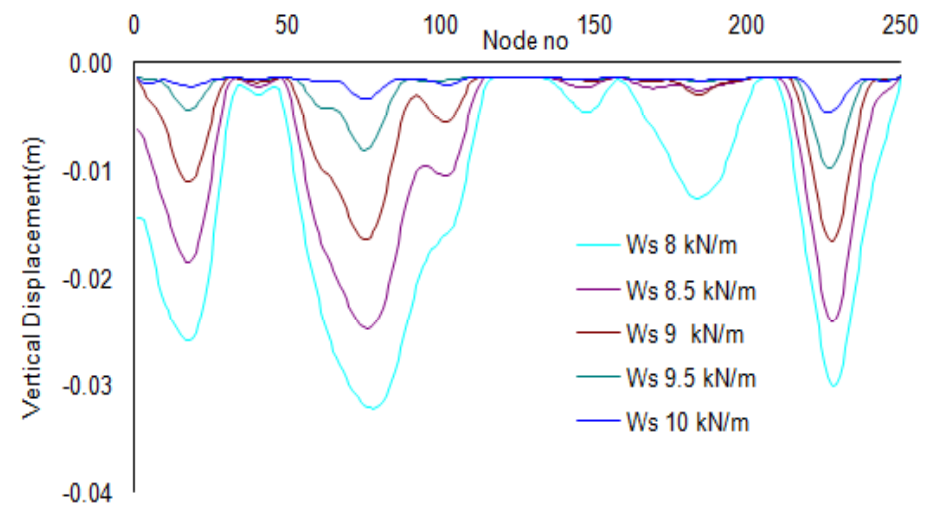
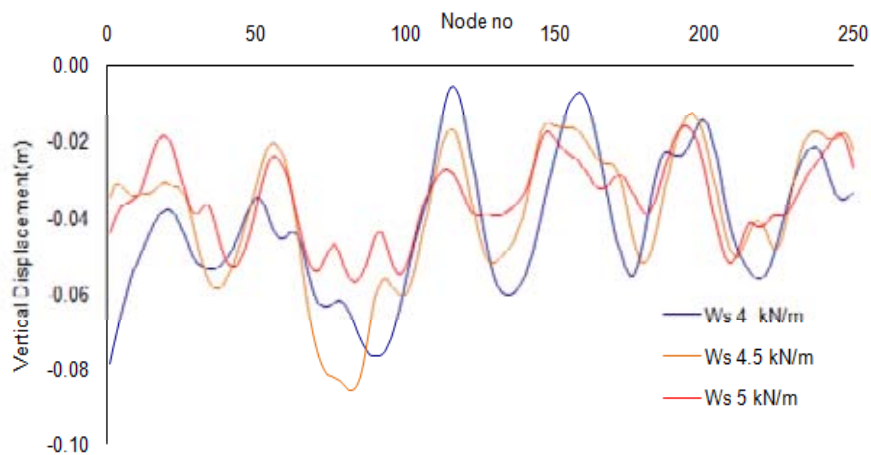
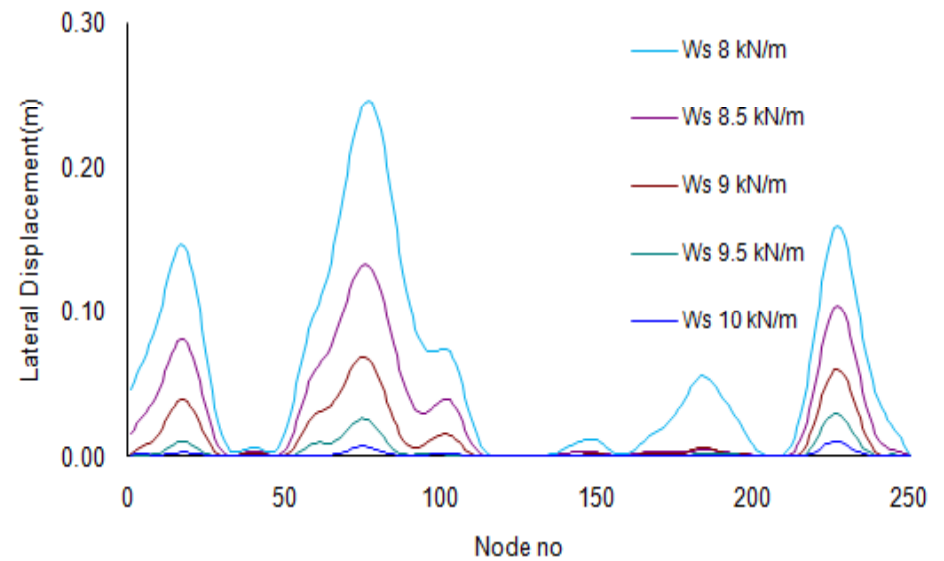
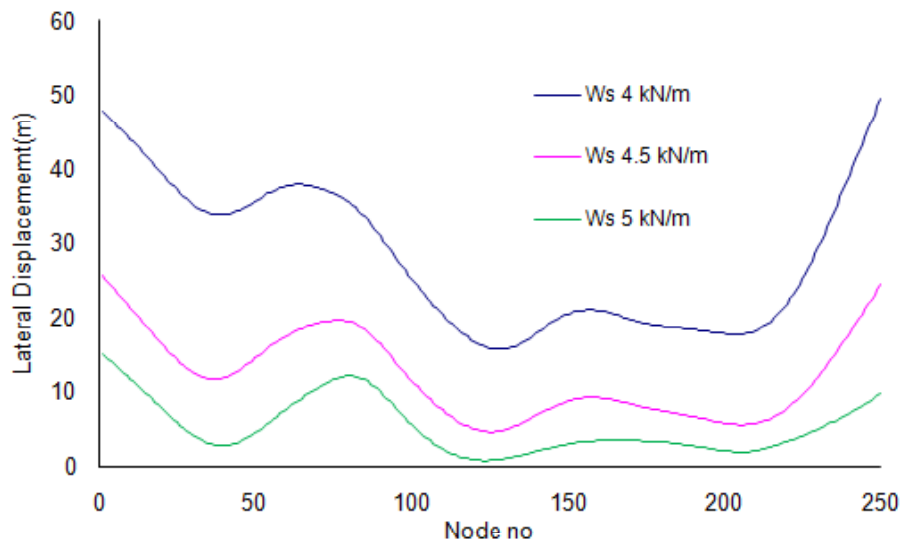


Captures complete pipe-soil reaction in V-H space

Elasto-plastic response

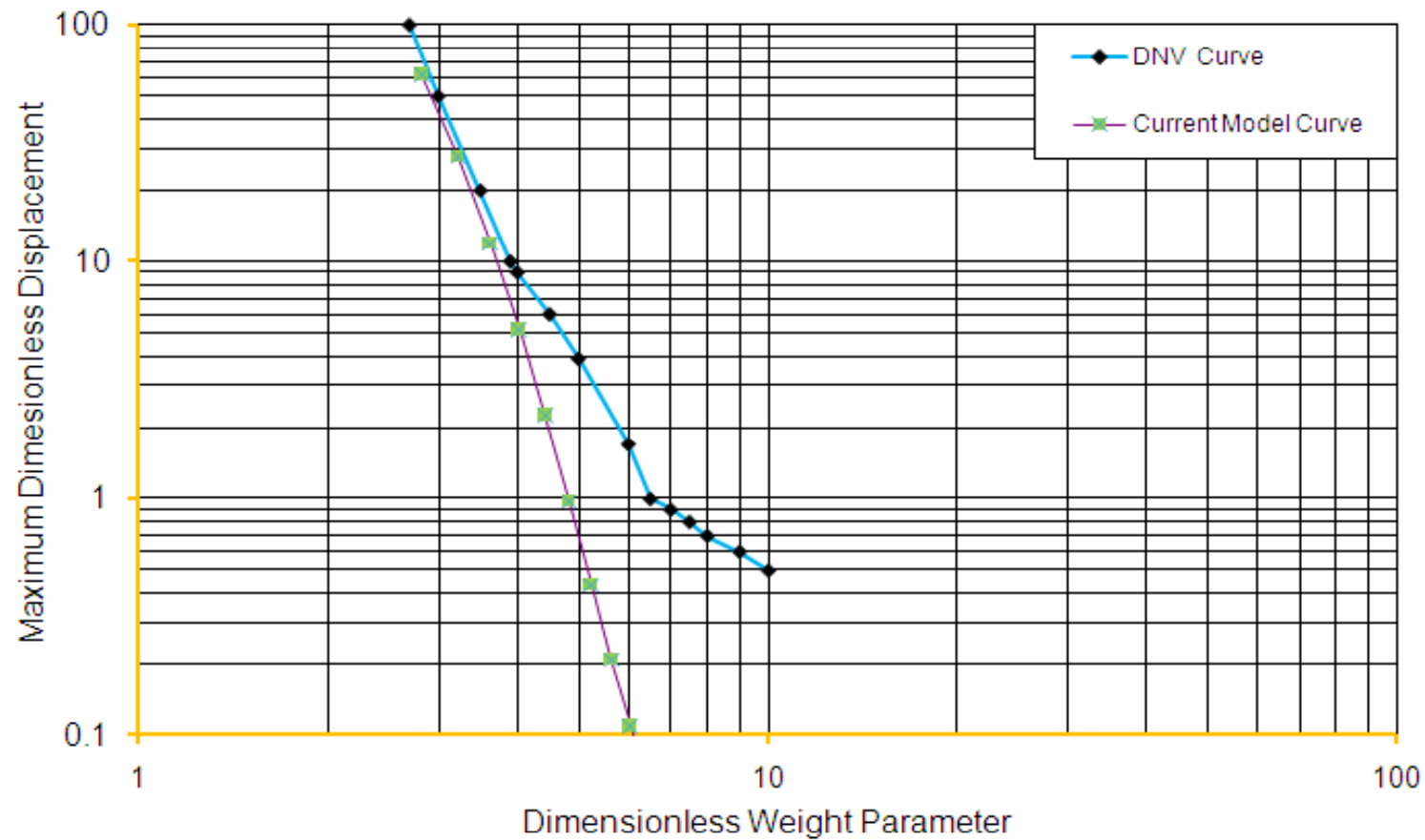


# Displacement





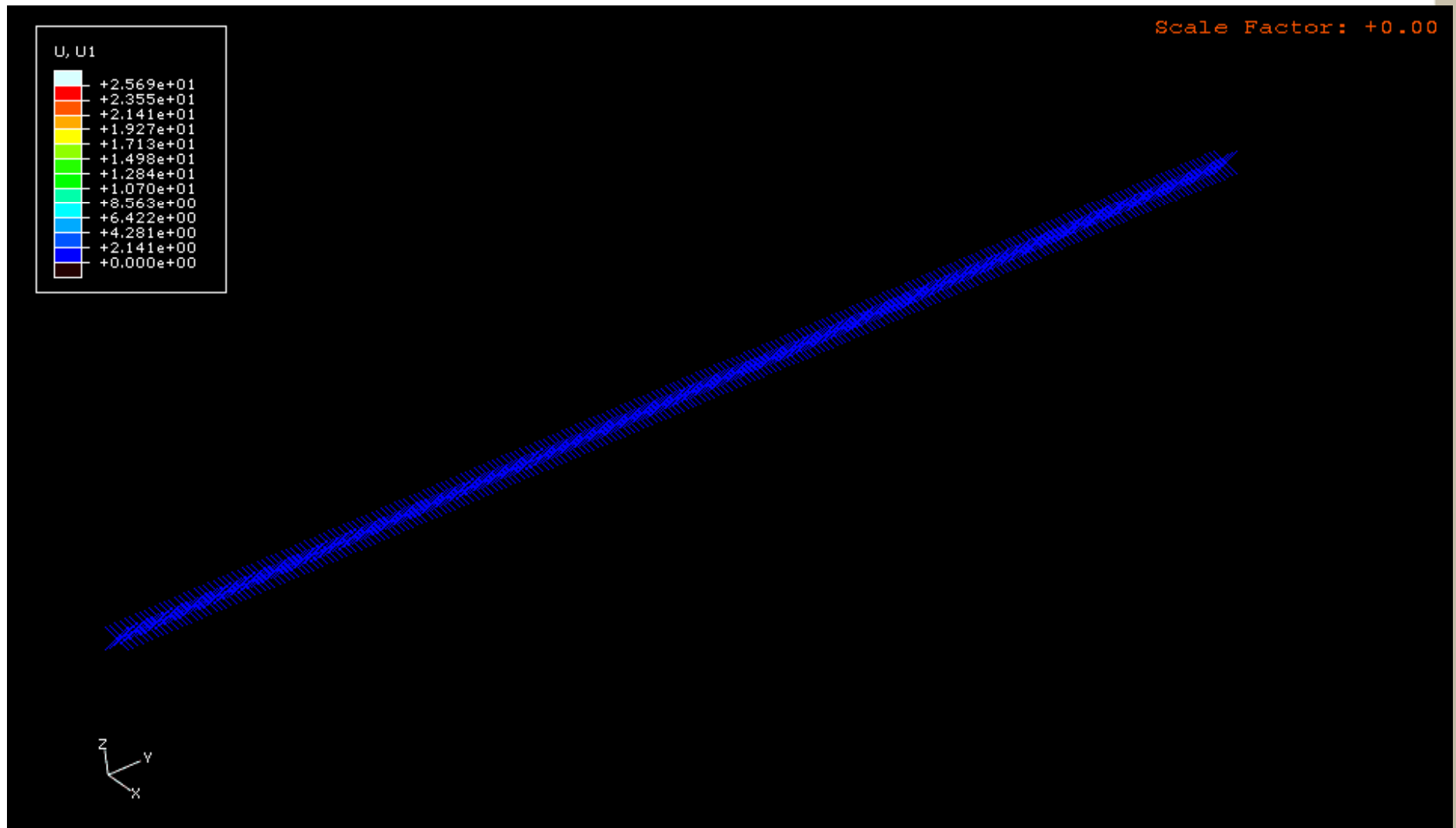
# Dynamic Displacement Curve





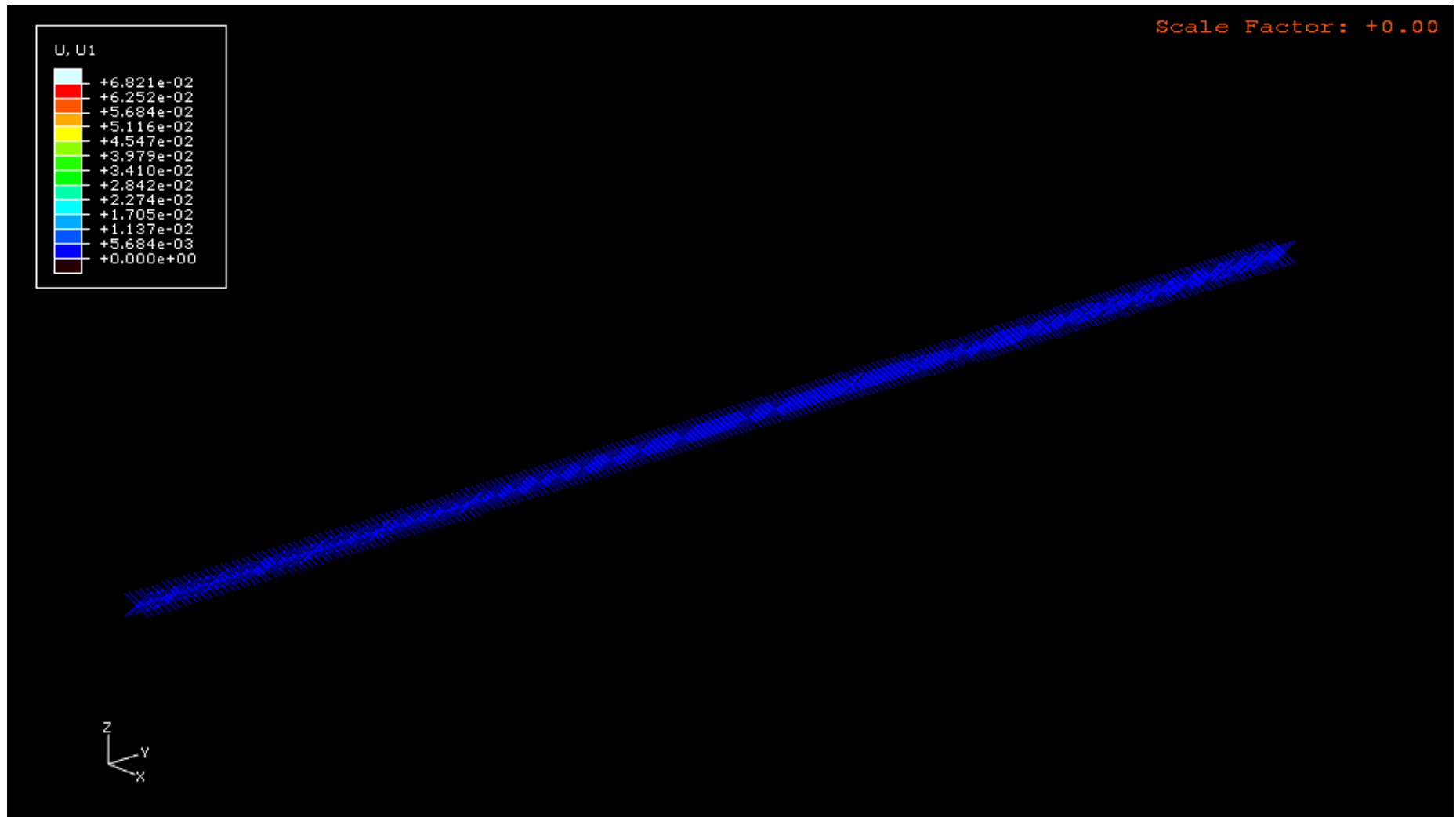
# Computation Example

Submerged Weight 4.5kN/m





## Submerged Weight 9kN/m



# 6. Conclusion



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Complete pipeline response under complex hydrodynamic loading is captured

Correct assessment of stability



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ANY QUESTIONS?