

Introduction to Reservoir Geomechanics

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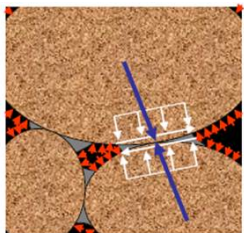
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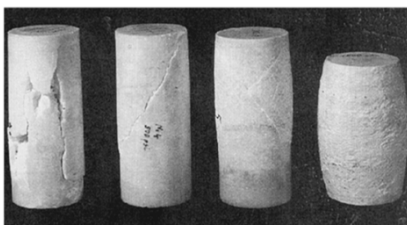
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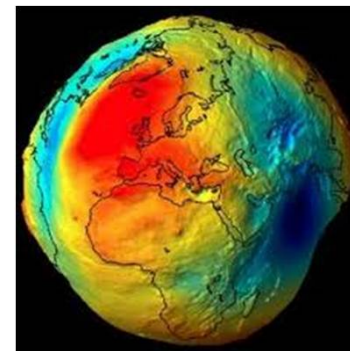
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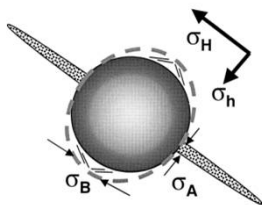
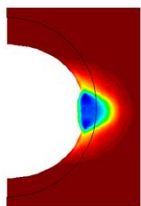
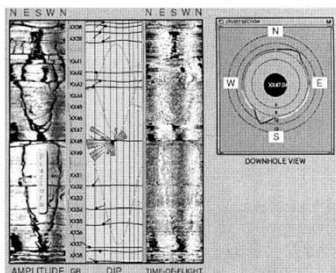


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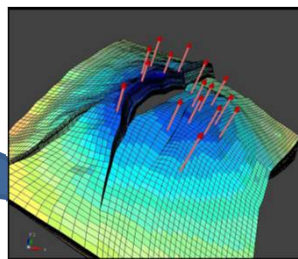


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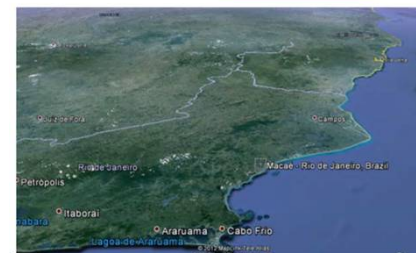
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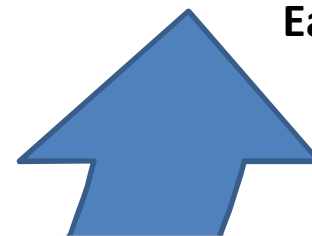
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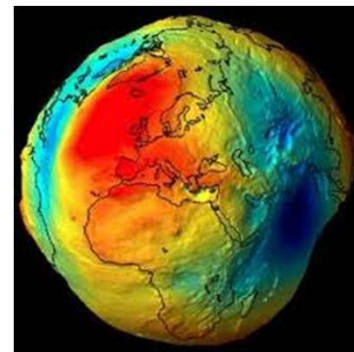
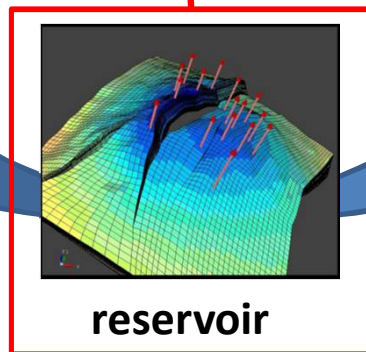
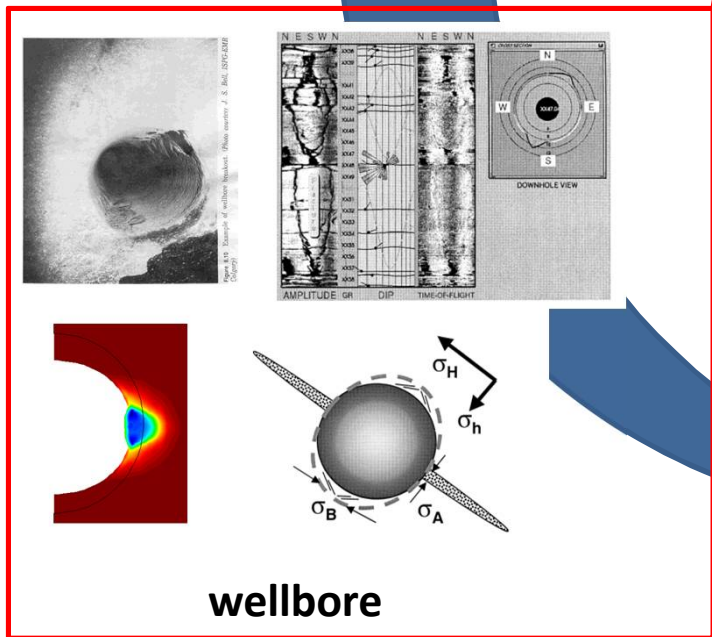
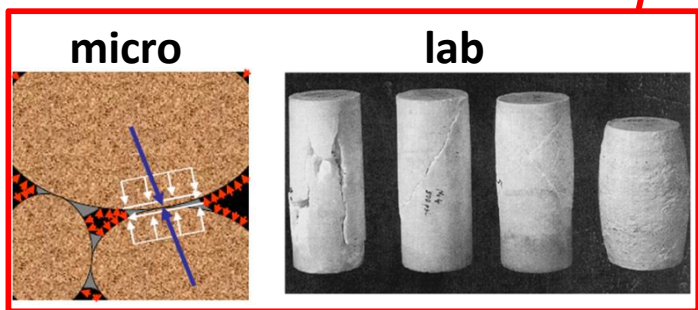
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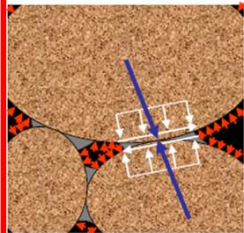
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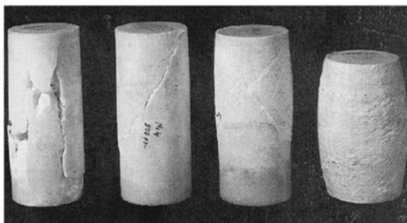
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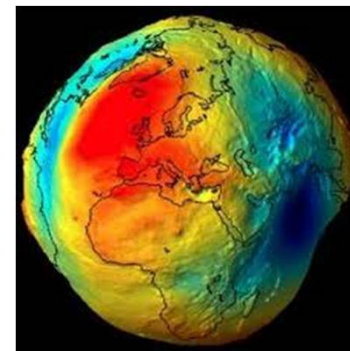
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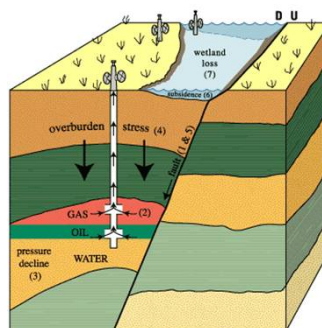
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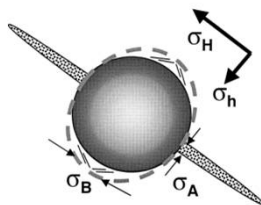
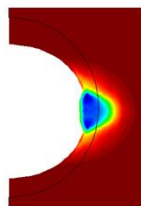
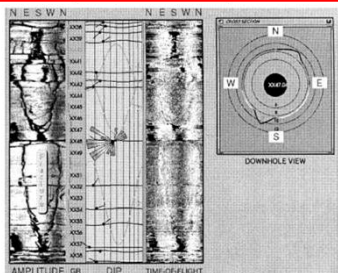
Geomechanics
(mechanics of deformable porous media):
integrating data from different scales...



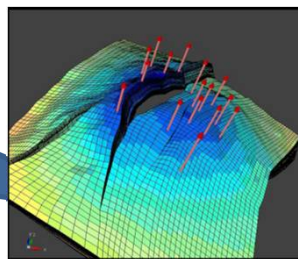
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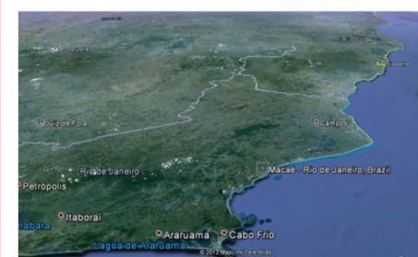
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Underground stresses

Normally, an underground formation has to carry the weight of the **overlying formations**.

The vertical stress at the bottom of a **homogeneous column** of height z is:

$$\sigma_v = \rho g z$$

where ρ is the density of the material and g is the acceleration of gravity.

If the **density varies with depth**, the vertical stress at depth D becomes:

$$\sigma_v = \int_0^D \rho(z) g \, dz$$

Off-shore

$$\sigma_v = \rho_w g z_w + \int_{z_w}^D \rho(z) g \, dz$$

The average density of sediments in the overburden is between 1.8 and 2.2 g/cm³, so as a rough number, the **vertical stress increases** downwards with about **20 MPa/km** (typically 1 psi/ft).

Note: $\rho = (1 - \phi) \rho_s + \phi (S_w \rho_w + S_o \rho_o)$

Fluid Pressure

The **sedimentary rocks** encountered during oil well drilling and production are porous and hence **contain fluids**. One refers to the pore pressure at depth D as normal if it is given by the **weight of a fluid** column above, the **normal pore pressure** p_{fn} is

$$p_{fn} = \int_0^D \rho_f(z) g \, dz$$

The pore fluid density in case of brine with sea water salinity is in the range 1.03–1.07 g/cm³, so the **pore pressure increase** with depth is roughly **10 MPa/km** (0.45 psi/ft).

The **effective vertical stress**, σ'_v , is then also **increasing with approximately 10 MPa/km**. In many important cases, however, the pore **pressure deviates** from the normal value p_{fn} (**abnormal pore pressures**).

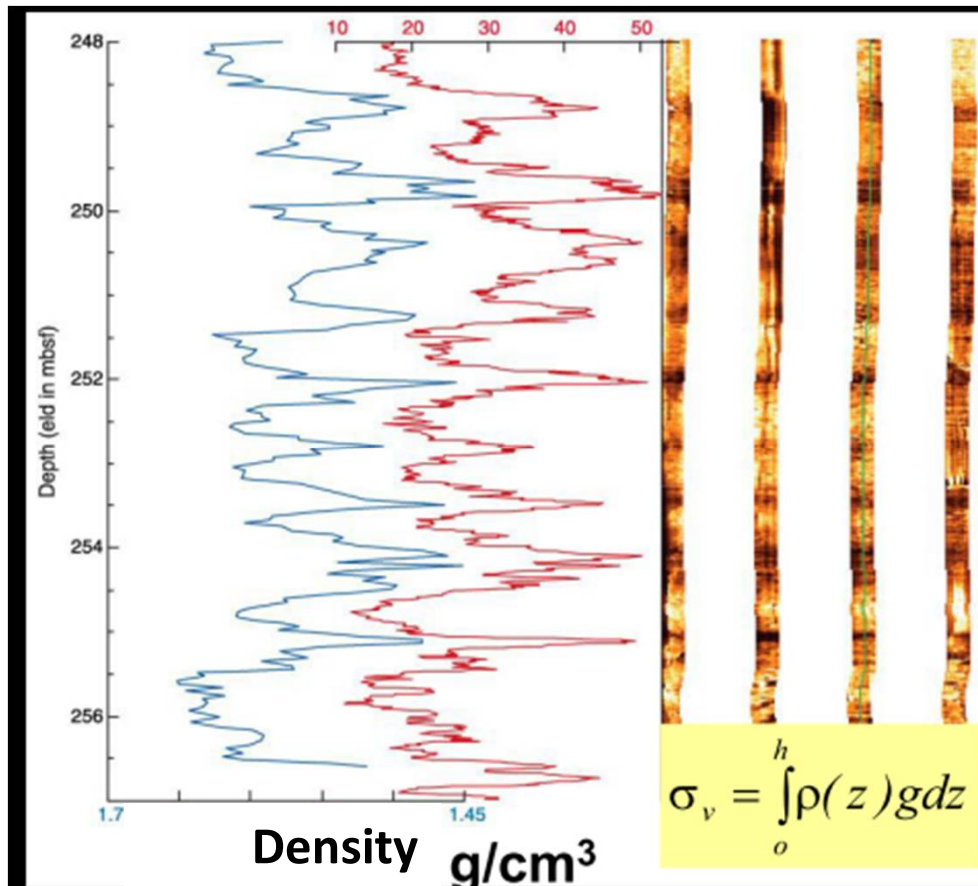
Effective stress tensor:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 - P_f & \tau_{12} & \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{21} & \sigma_2 - P_f & \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{31} & \tau_{32} & \sigma_3 - P_f \end{pmatrix}$$

Underground stresses

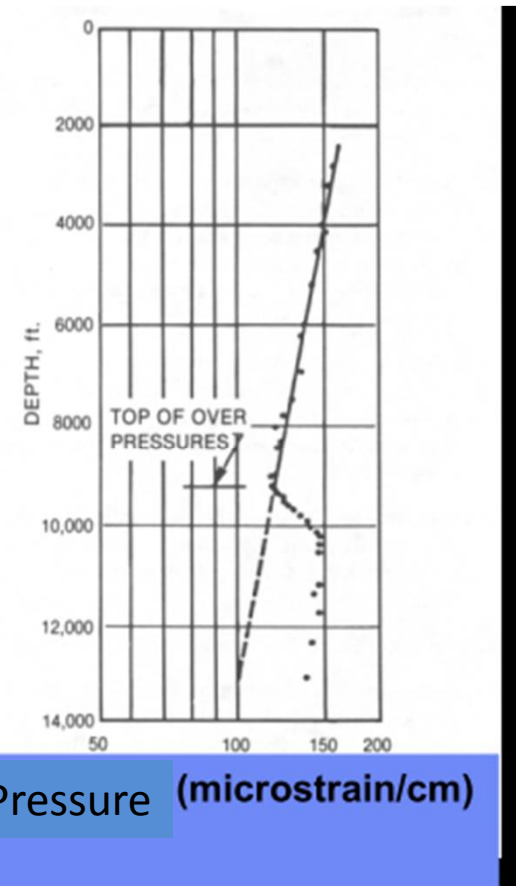
Vertical stress - Integration of density values (obtained from the density profiles); $\rho(z)$ - Specific weight along the depth.

Pore Pressure - Direct measurement ; Bottom well pressure transducers



Density Profile

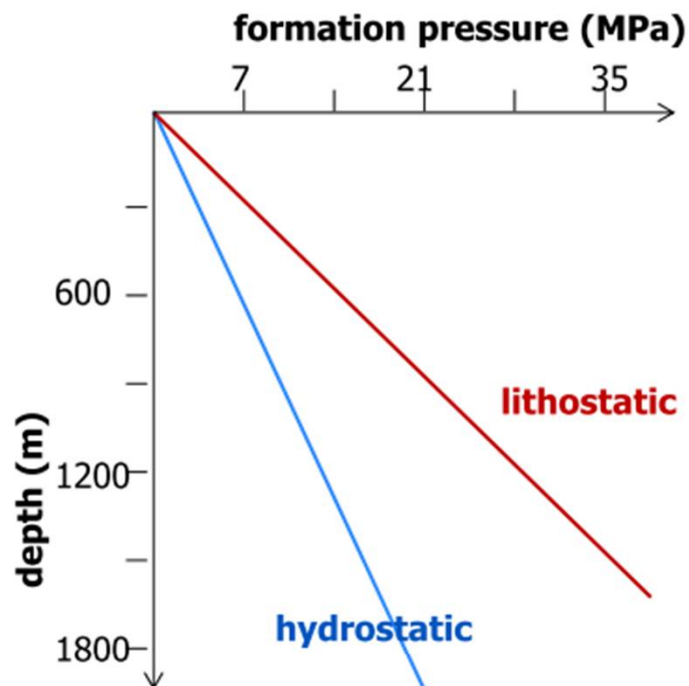
L. Cabral (MSc, 2007)



Sonic Profile

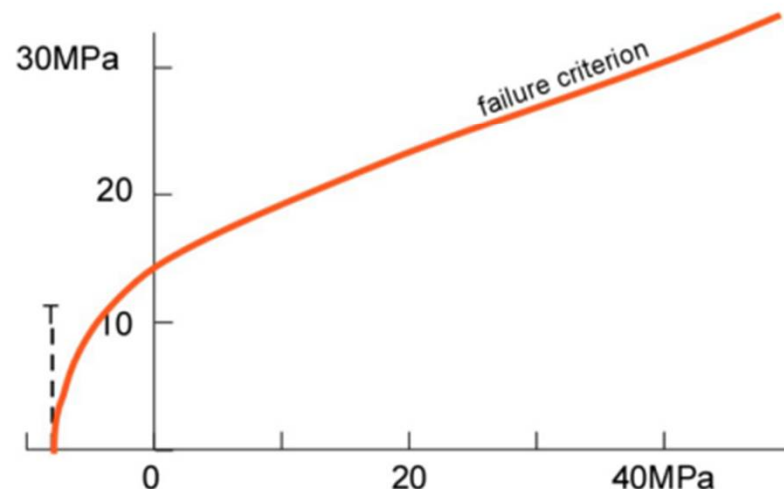
Fluid Pressure

Scenario 1: only sands are deposited in the basin



1. draw a curve indicating the pore pressure with depth
2. draw for the deviatoric stress
3. draw 4 Mohr circles showing the 2D state of stress at 0, 600, 1200 and 1800m.
4. do you predict fracturing?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 - P_f & \tau_{12} & \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{21} & \sigma_2 - P_f & \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{31} & \tau_{32} & \sigma_3 - P_f \end{pmatrix}$$



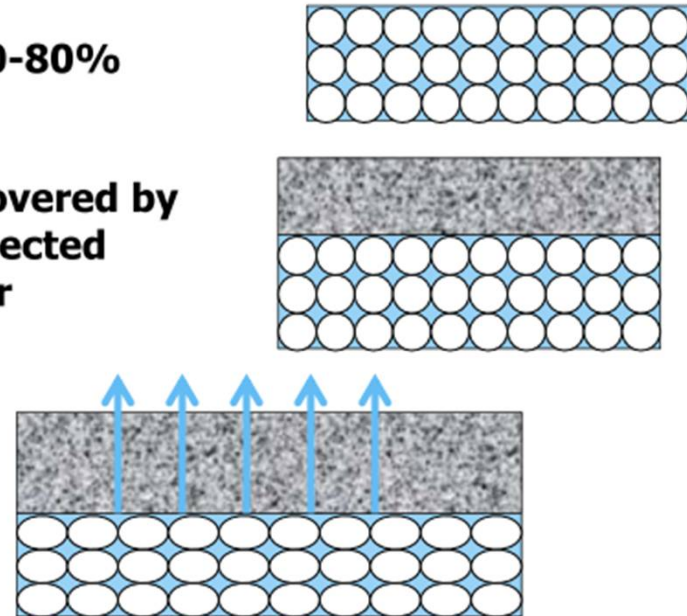
Fluid Pressure

Zones of overpressure

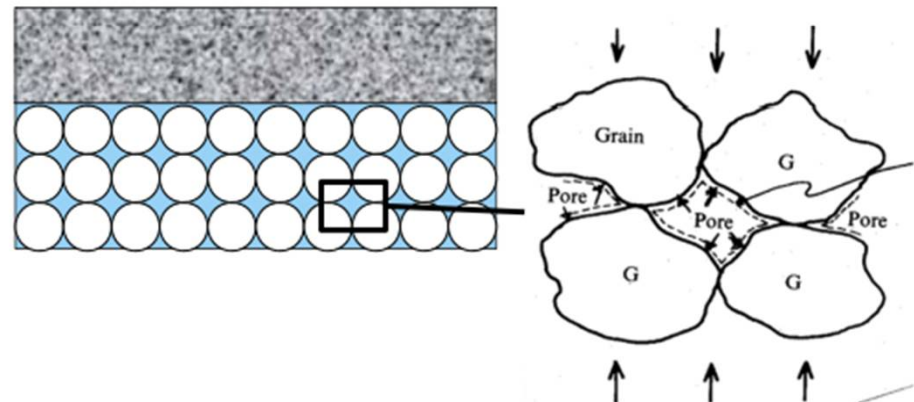
At deposition depths, sediments have 50-80% (sea) water

While subsiding the sediments will be covered by other sediments. Two situations are expected depending on the properties of the cover

If fluids **can escape**, increasing lithostatic pressure carried by grains = pressure on grain contacts increases

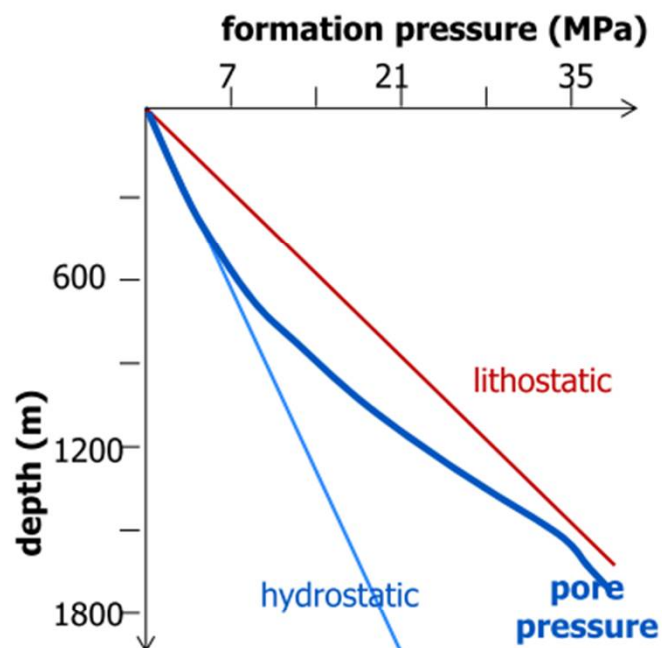


If fluids cannot escape, pore pressure will build and will contribute in carrying the increasing lithostatic pressure. This decreases the grain-to-grain pressure



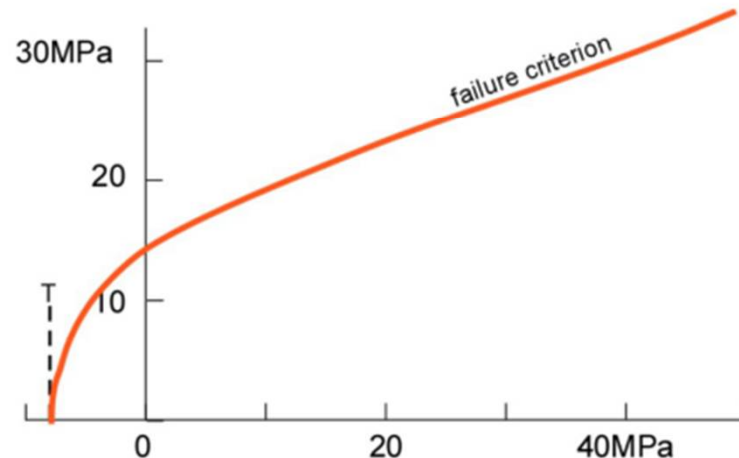
Fluid Pressure

Scenario 2: the first tens of meters of sand are following by a thick layer of impermeable shale



1. Think at the meaning of the pore pressure curve shown in the plot
2. draw for the deviatoric stress
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4. do you predict fracturing?

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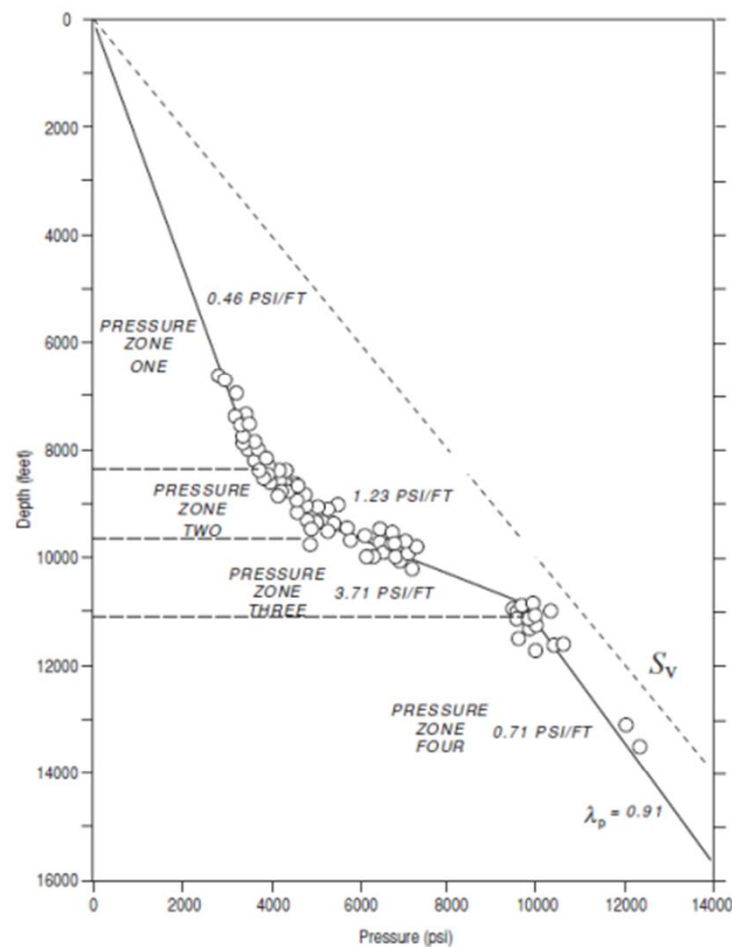


Figura 4.1: Gráfico da pressão de poros $\times$ profundidade do Campo de Monte Cristo-Golfo do México. Na primeira zona de pressão (~8.300ft) é observada pressão hidrostática. Na segunda e terceira zonas, observa-se uma transição onde a pressão de poros cresce rapidamente (no caso, com um gradiente de $\approx 3,7$ psi/ft) e na quarta zona (a partir de ~11.000ft), nota-se uma pressão de poros extremamente elevada (Zoback, M. D., 2007).

Underground stresses

Horizontal Stress:

$$\sigma'_h = K' \sigma'_v$$

K' (**lateral earth stress coefficient**) may vary significantly.

At **shallow depths** (0–150 m) it may vary **from 1 to 10 or even higher**.

At **larger depths** it may vary from **0.2 to 1.5**.

Chemical compaction increases in importance at depths below **2–3 km** (Bjørlykke and Høeg, 1997). It will contribute to horizontal stresses by altering the trend seen from pure mechanical compaction above this level.

It has been suggested that, **with time**, $K' \rightarrow 1$, so that the stress state becomes hydrostatic (**Heim's rule**) due to creep (very slow process).

Underground stresses

Models for estimating the **in situ stress states**:

Formation **laterally constrained** ($\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y = 0$)
rock behaves according to the theory of **linear elasticity**:

$$\sigma'_h = \frac{\nu_{fr}}{1 - \nu_{fr}} \sigma'_v \quad (\text{lateral stress coefficient at rest, } K' = K_0)$$

In a fluid, where $\nu_{fr} = 1/2$, $K_0 = 1$. For a rock with $\nu_{fr} = 1/3$, $K_0 = 1/2$

There are many reasons to apply the relationship above with **great care**...

Stress history analysis must be performed (Warpinski, 1989), incorporating variations in mechanical properties over time:

Consolidation, diagenesis, changes in pore pressure due to gas generation, temperature gradients, and various tectonic and thermal episodes.

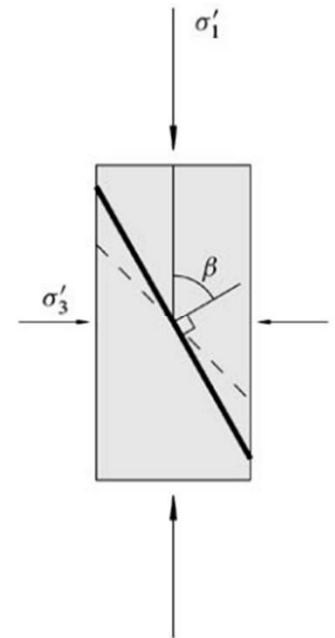
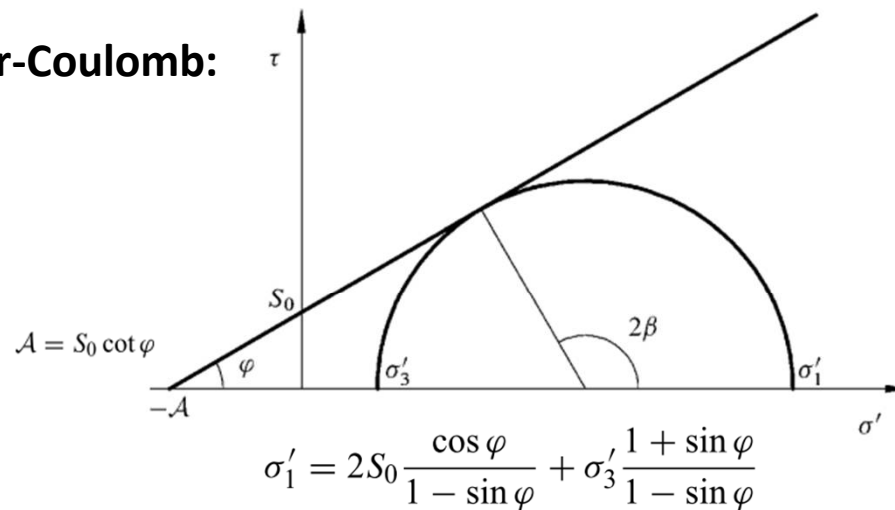
Viscoelasticity appeared to be more relevant for stresses in **shale** than in sandstone (Warpinski, 1989).

Underground stresses

Models for estimating the **in situ stress states**:

Rock at failure: reasonable assumption in **areas of active tectonics**.

Mohr-Coulomb:



Assuming cohesion=0:

$$K' = \frac{1 - \sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi}$$

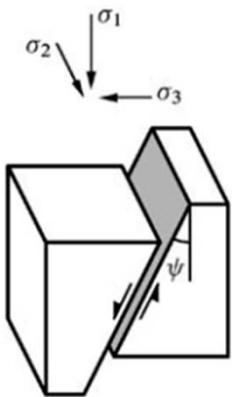
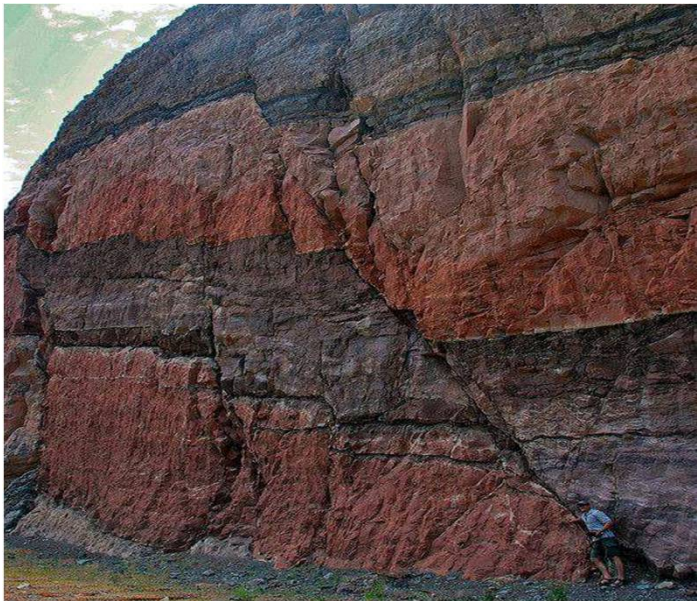
If the friction angle is 30° , then $K' = 1/3$.

A lower friction angle will result in a higher value for K' .

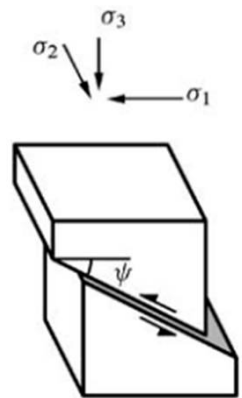
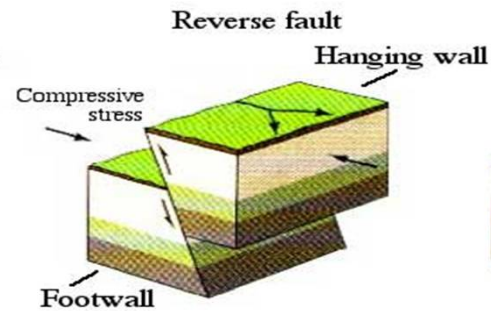
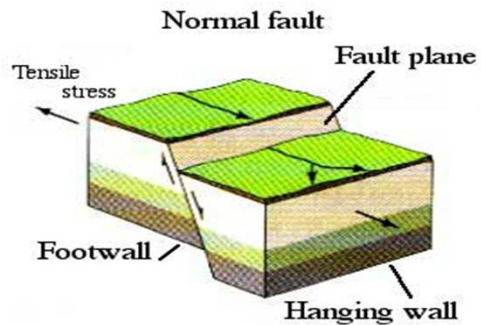


Faults and the stress state: Brittle behaviour leading to fault formation is characteristic of rocks subjected to **low confining pressure**, i.e. in some respect **close to the surface** of the Earth.

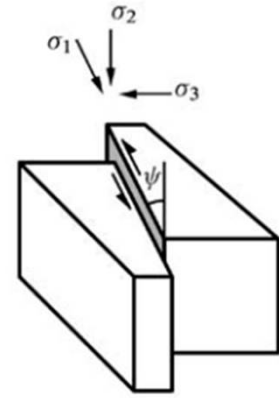
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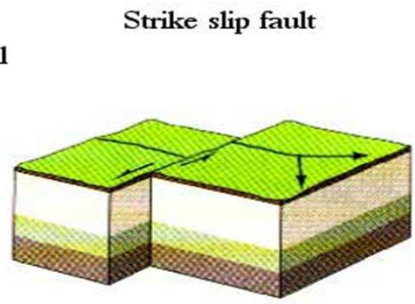
σ_1 vertical
Normal fault



σ_3 vertical
Thrust fault



σ_2 vertical
Strike-slip fault



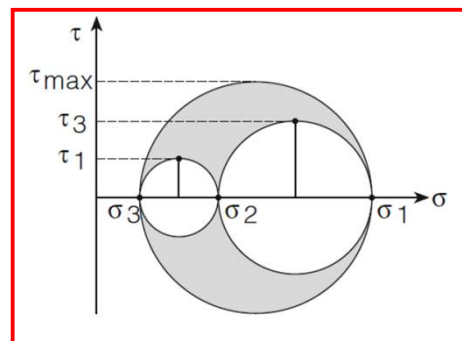
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Anderson, E. M. (1951):

Fracturing will take place in **one or both pairs of conjugate planes** which are **parallel to** the direction of the **intermediate principal stress**, and are **both at equal angles (ψ) of less than 45° to the direction of the maximum principal stress**.



Mohr-Coulomb Criteria (shear failure):

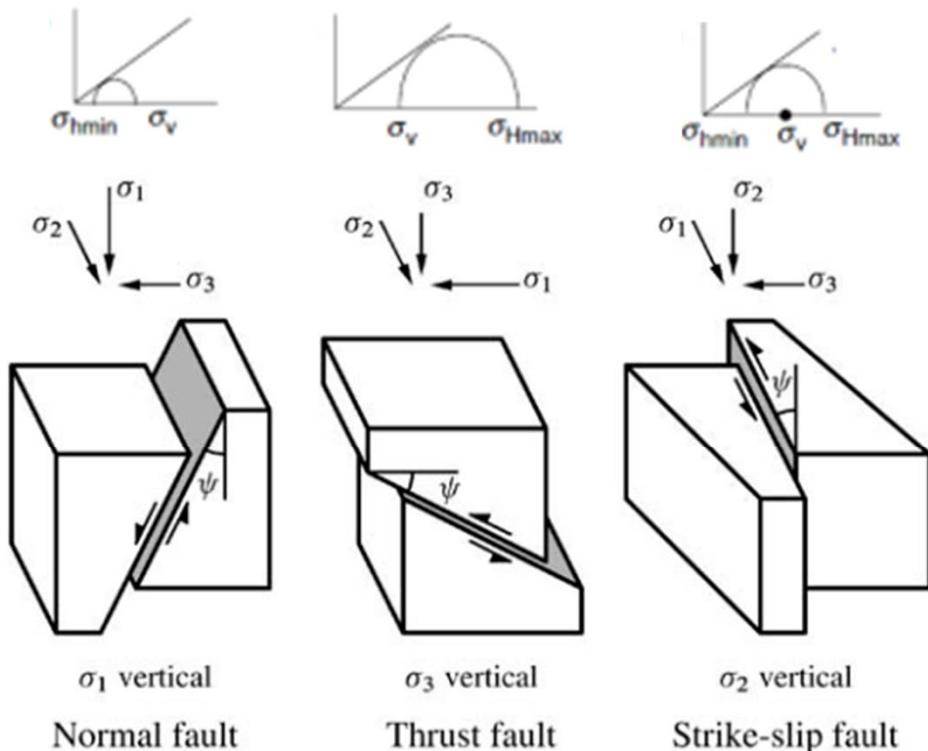
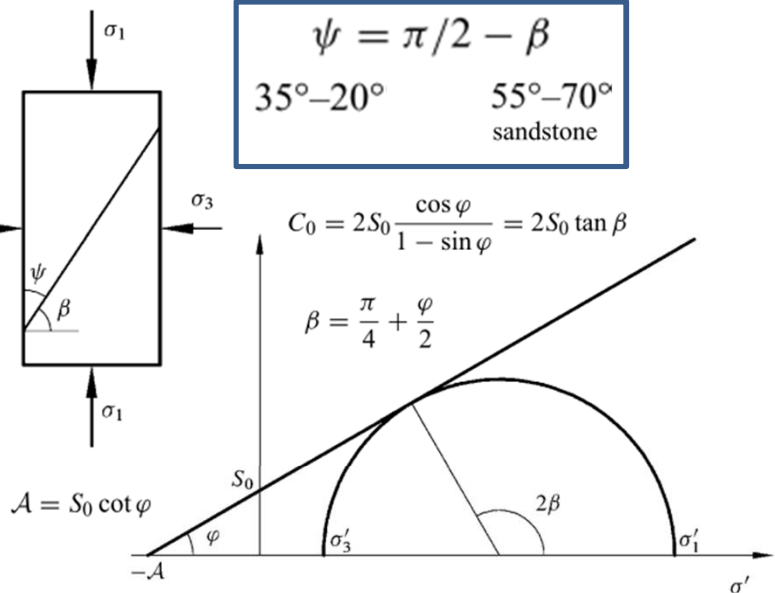
$$\sigma'_1 = C_0 + \sigma'_3 \tan^2 \beta$$

$$\psi = \pi/2 - \beta$$

35°–20° 55°–70°
sandstone

$$C_0 = 2S_0 \frac{\cos \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} = 2S_0 \tan \beta$$

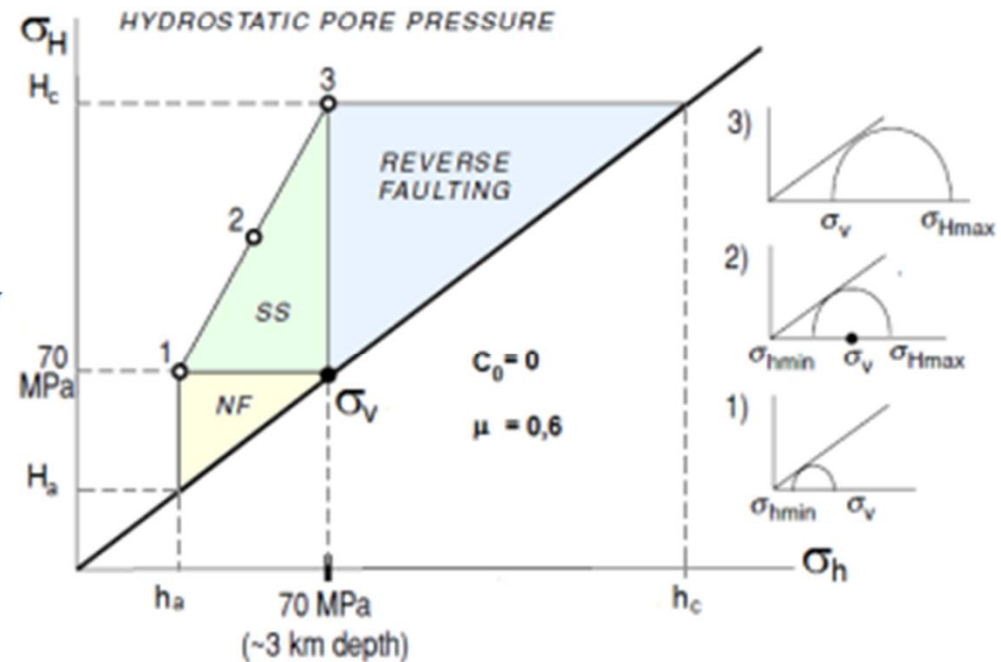
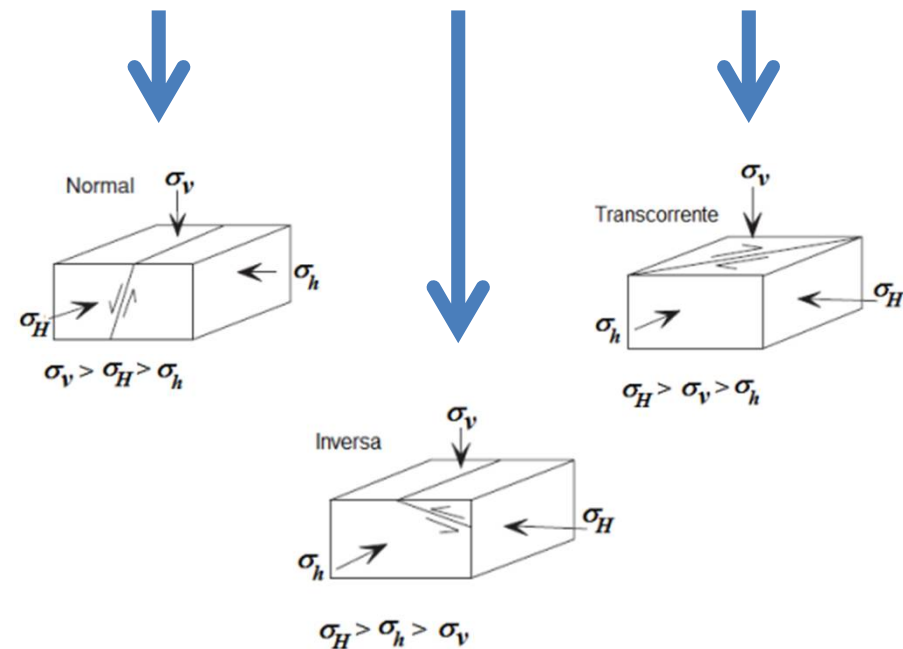
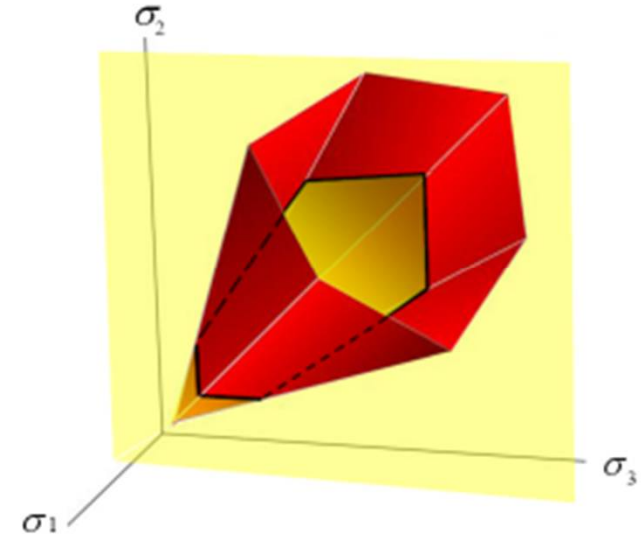
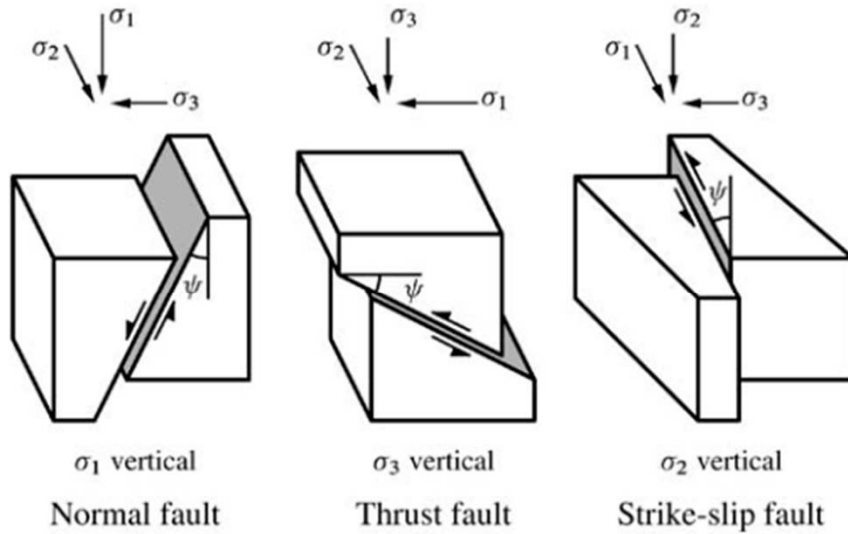
$$\beta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2}$$



Stress Polygon

(Zoback, M. D., 2007)

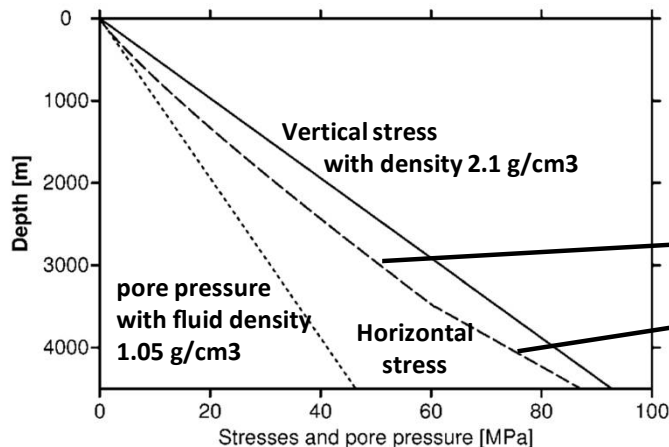
Mohr-Coulomb Failure Surface



Underground stresses

CONCLUSION: These are very simple examples of models for horizontal stress estimation. In reality, horizontal stresses are **difficult** to assess from **mathematical models**. The **most direct method** of obtaining horizontal stress is to **measure** it, for instance by a **fracturing test** of the formation.

Example: Gulf Coast Curve



Breckels and van Eekelen (1982) used fracturing data from whole regions, and derived relationships between horizontal stress and depth. They also accounted for possibly abnormal pore pressures. For the US Gulf Coast, Breckels and van Eekelen presented the following relations:

$$\sigma_h = 0.0053D^{1.145} + 0.46(p_f - p_{fn}) \quad (D < 3500 \text{ m}) \quad \text{"Gulf Coast Curve"}$$

$$\sigma_h = 0.0264D - 31.7 + 0.46(p_f - p_{fn}) \quad (D > 3500 \text{ m})$$

where D is depth in metres, p_f is the pore pressure in MPa, p_{fn} is the *normal* pore pressure (corresponding to a gradient of 10.5 MPa/km) and σ_h is the smallest horizontal stress in MPa. Note that these relations were developed at zero or shallow water depths

Underground stresses

Simple Stress Fields

It is very common (and convenient) in the oil industry.

Assumptions:

- **Three mutually orthogonal principal stresses**, plus the pore pressure
- **Vertical stress is a principal stress**, governed by gravity, pointing towards the centre of the Earth.

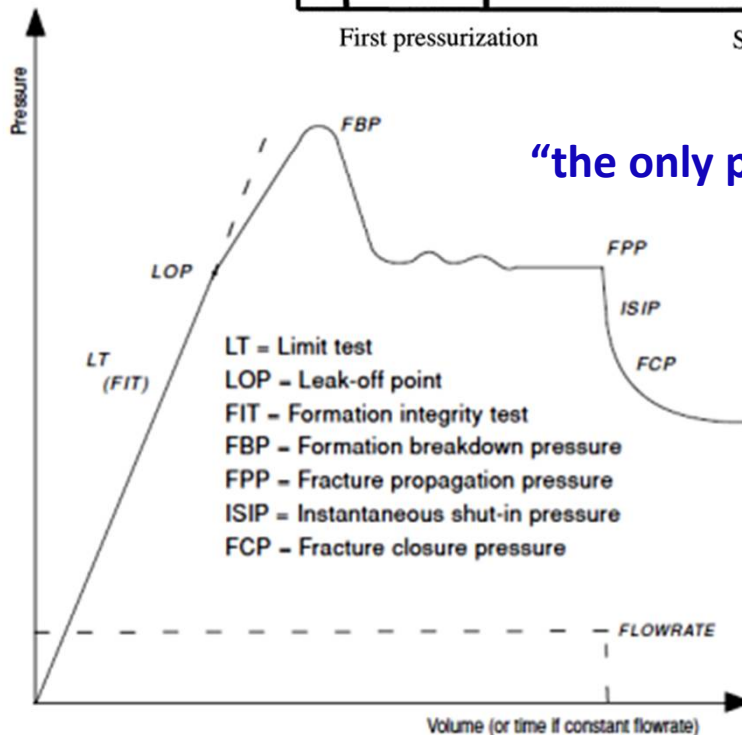
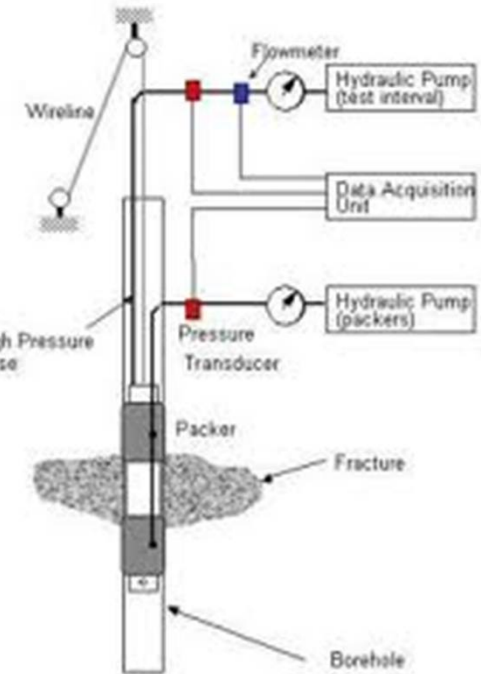
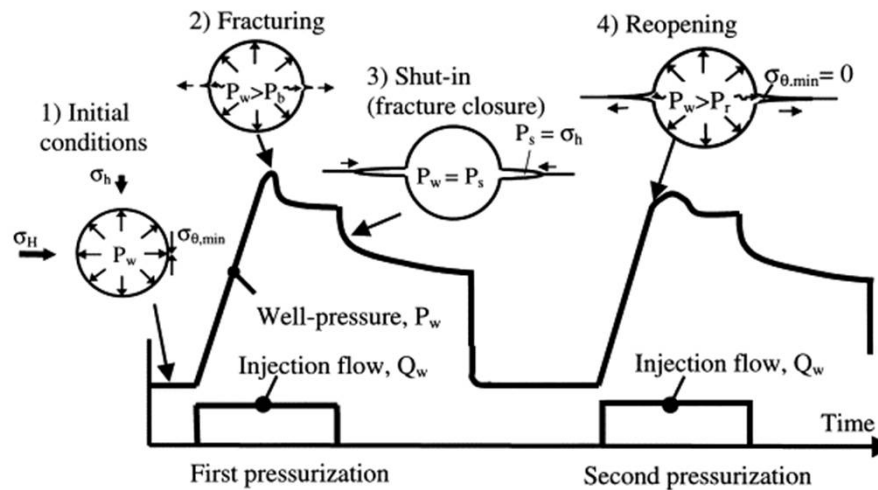
Reasonable at large depth within a homogeneous Earth, in areas that have **NOT been exposed to tectonic activity** or are relaxed in the sense that there are no remnant stresses from previous tectonic activity.

Complex Stress Fields

Be aware that there will be cases when this is not fulfilled, such as:

- **Near the surface**: Because the surface is stress free, the principal stress directions at and near it will be governed by the surface topography. In the case of a strongly sloping surface, even at depth, the principal stress directions may be far from the vertical-horizontal directions.
- **Near heterogeneities** such as inclusions or faults, near underground openings such as boreholes, or near depleting reservoirs, principal stress directions will differ from the vertical–horizontal orientation.

Leak-off test: obtaining the minimum principal stress (S_{min})



“the only practical and reliable”

LOP (leak-off point)

FBP (fracture breakdown pressure)

FPP (fracture propagation pressure)

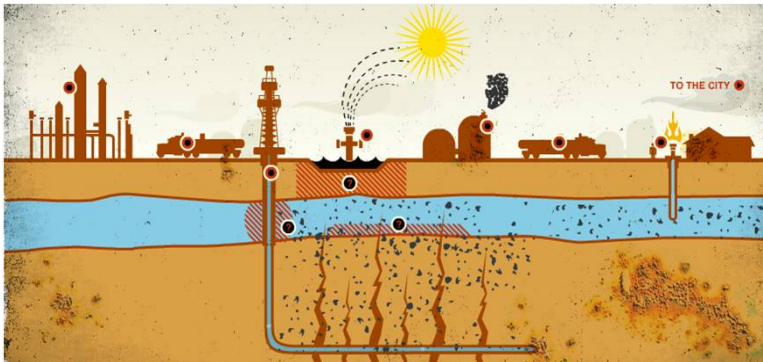
ISIP (instantaneous shut-in pressure)

FCP (fracture closure pressure)

Discontinuities in Reservoir Geomechanics

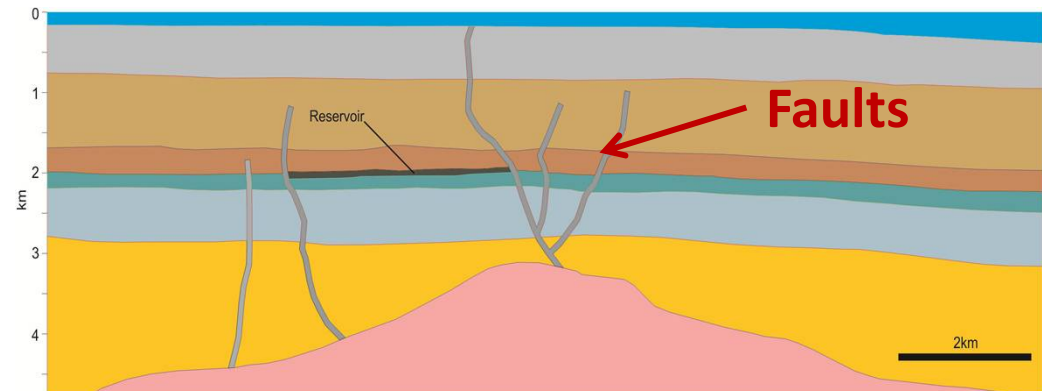
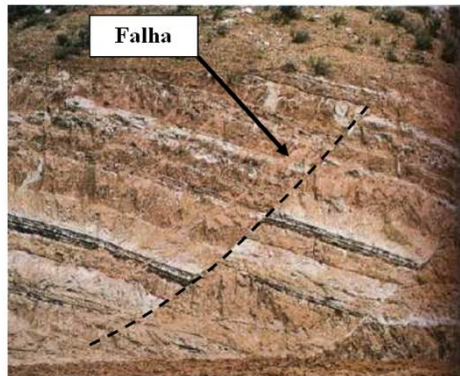
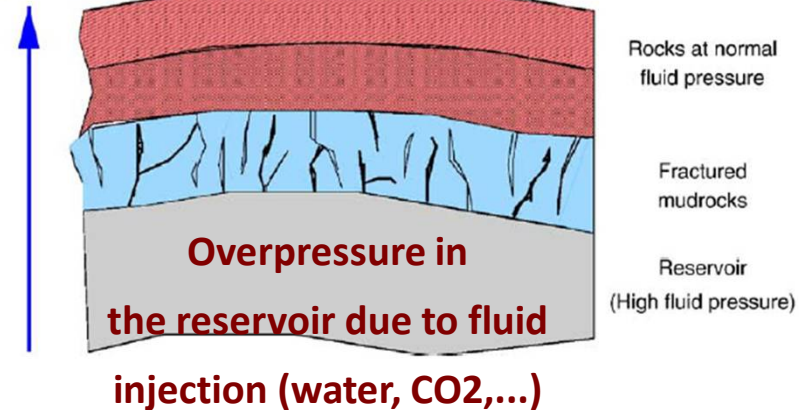
Shale gas

(Source: [The Old Speck Journal, 2011](#))



Contamination of an aquifer caused by hydraulic fracturing

Fluid Motion

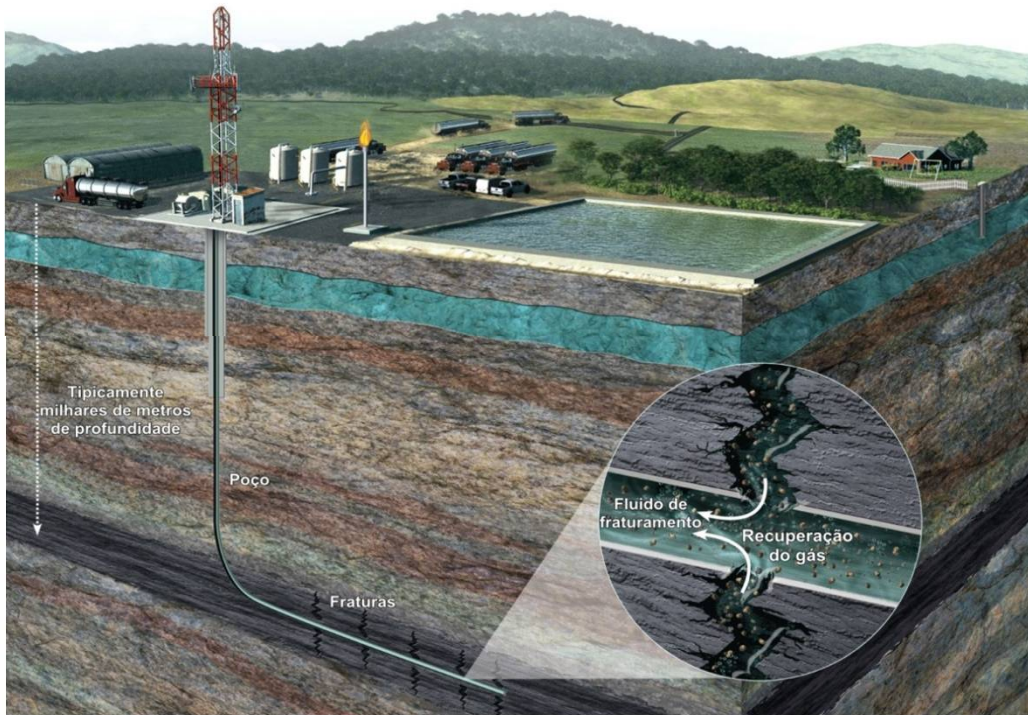


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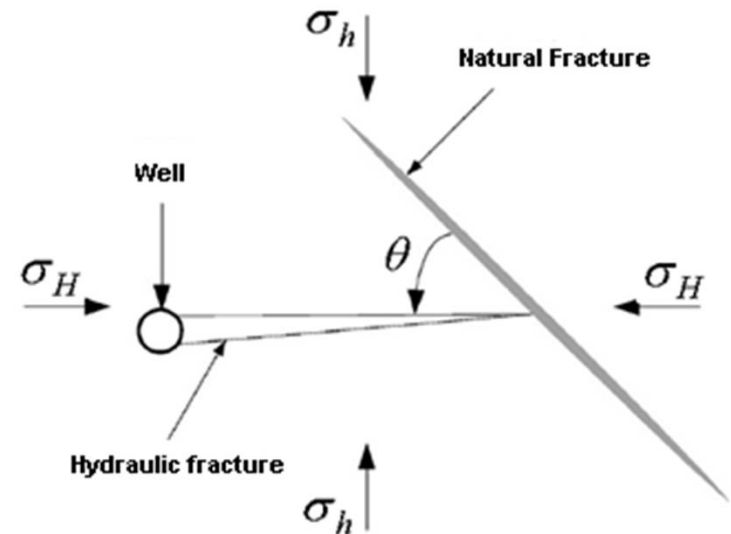
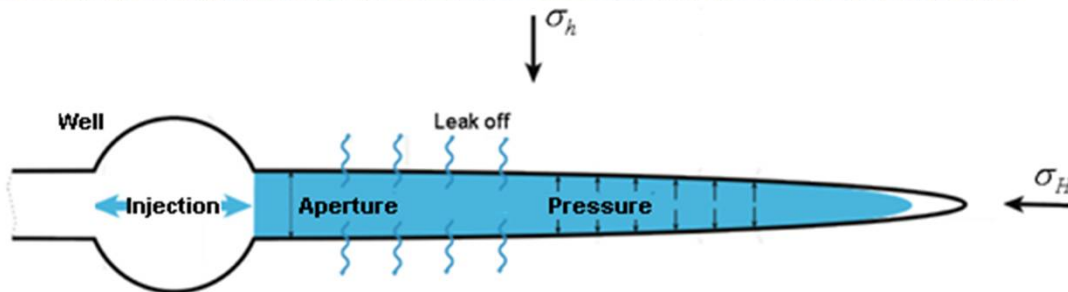
Geomechnics is often dealing with enviromental problems

Discontinuities in Reservoir Geomechanics

- Hydraulic Fracturing: a subject of great interest of the oil industry



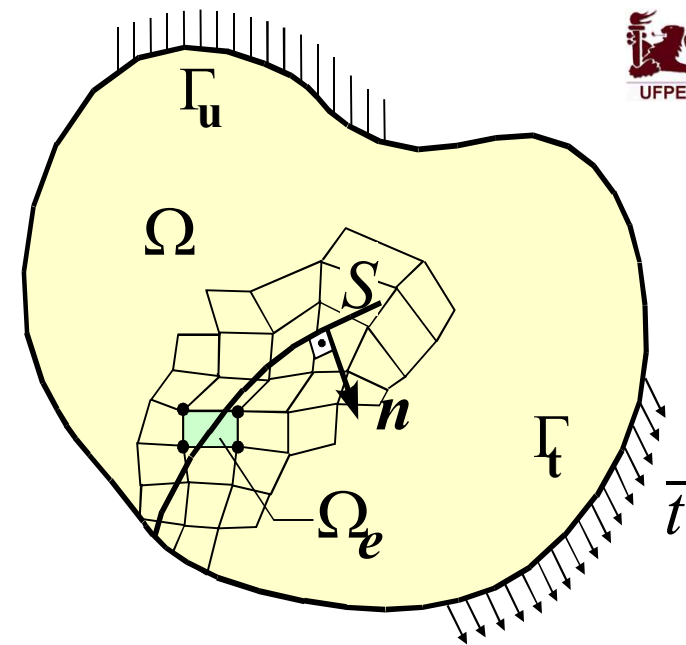
- The Interaction between rock's mechanical properties, in-situ stresses, and heterogeneities such as natural fractures influence the induced fracture.



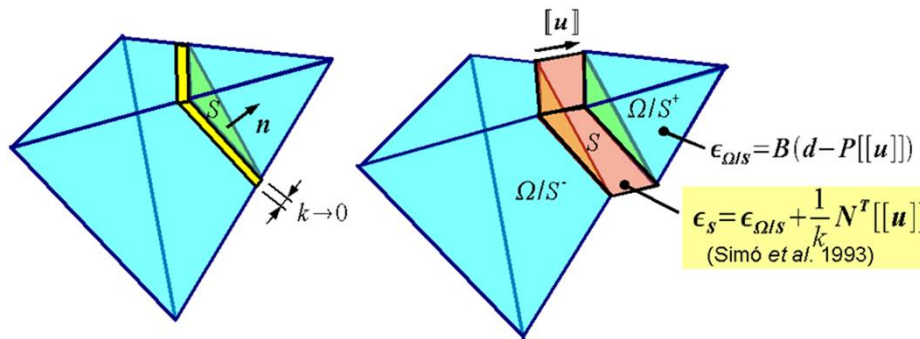
Strong Discontinuity Approach

Finite Element with Embedded Discontinuity

- The discontinuity path is placed inside the elements irrespective of the size and specific orientation.



Mechanical Problem

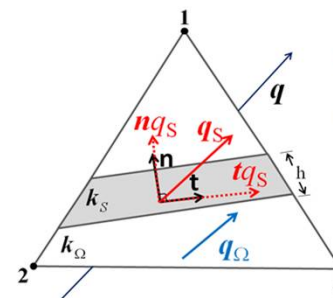


$$\sigma_{\Omega/S} = \Sigma(\epsilon_{\Omega/S}) = \Sigma(Bd - BP[[u]]) \quad (\text{continuum const. law})$$

$$\sigma_s = \Sigma(\epsilon_s) = \Sigma(Bd - BP[[u]] + \frac{1}{k} N^T[[u]]) \quad (\text{continuum const. law})$$

$$[[t]] = N[\sigma_{\Omega/S} - \sigma_s] = 0 \quad (\text{traction continuity})$$

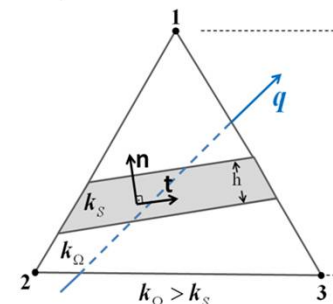
Hydraulic Problem



$$\begin{aligned} n \cdot q_s &= 0 & q_s &= -K_s \nabla p \\ t \cdot q_s &= q_s & \text{with } K_s &= \frac{k_s}{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_{\Omega} = -K_{\Omega} \nabla p$$

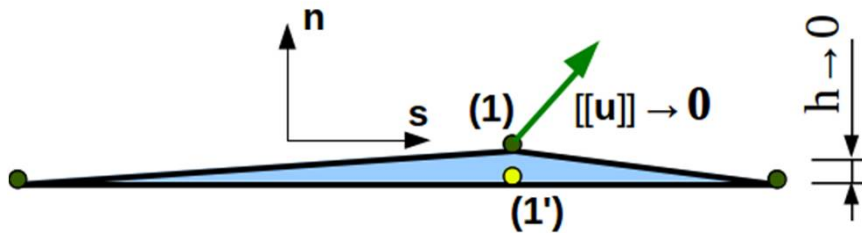
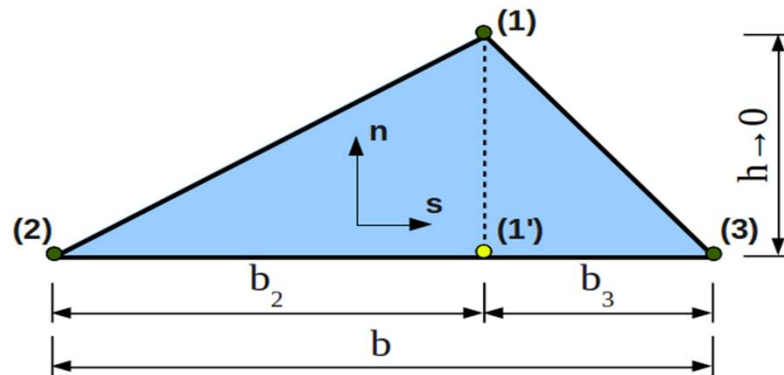
$$q_s = -\frac{h}{l_e} K_s t \otimes t \nabla p$$



$$\begin{aligned} q &= -K_{ef} \nabla p \\ K_{ef} &= \left(K_{\Omega} + \frac{h}{l_e} K_s t \otimes t \right) \end{aligned}$$

Strong Discontinuity Approach

Finite element with high aspect ratio



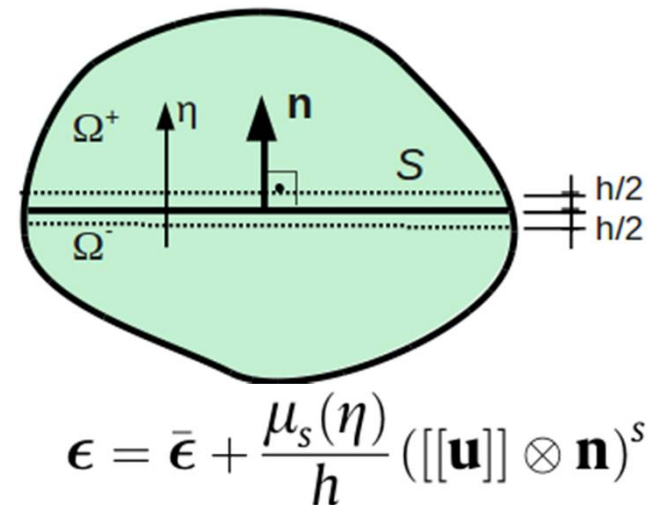
$$\epsilon = \tilde{\epsilon} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{h} (\mathbf{n} \otimes [[\mathbf{u}]])^s}_{\hat{\epsilon}}$$

Weak/strong discontinuity kinematics

Same kinematics !!!

MANZOLI *et al*, 2012

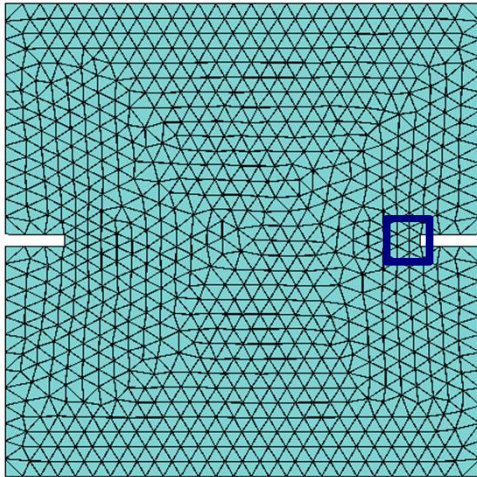
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$$\epsilon = \bar{\epsilon} + \frac{\mu_s(\eta)}{h} ([[\mathbf{u}]] \otimes \mathbf{n})^s$$

Interface Elements

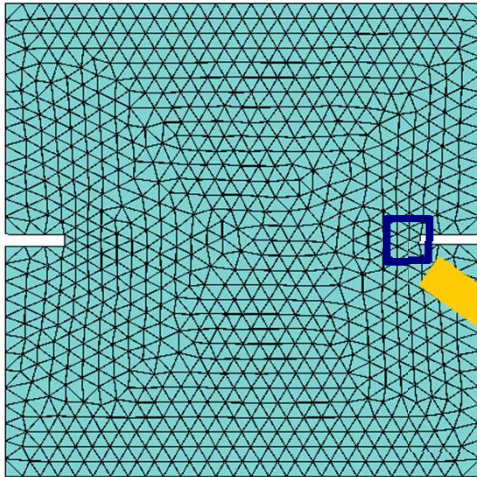
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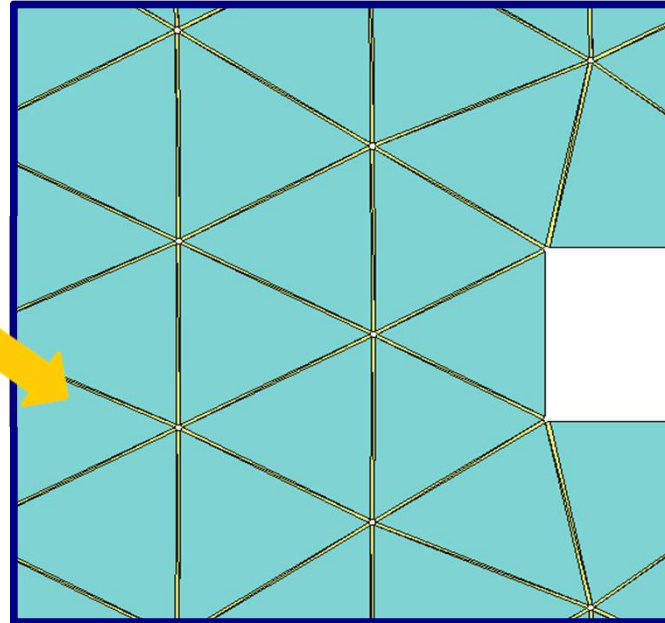
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Interface Elements

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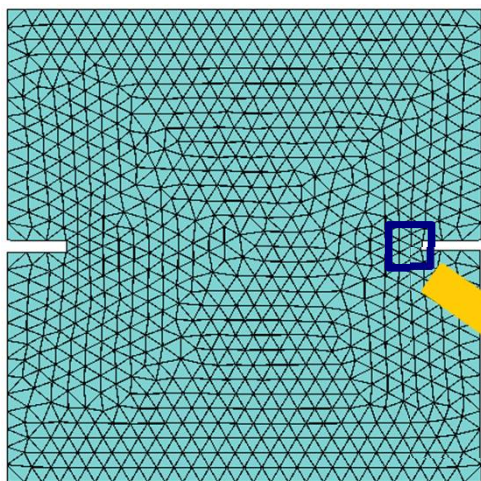


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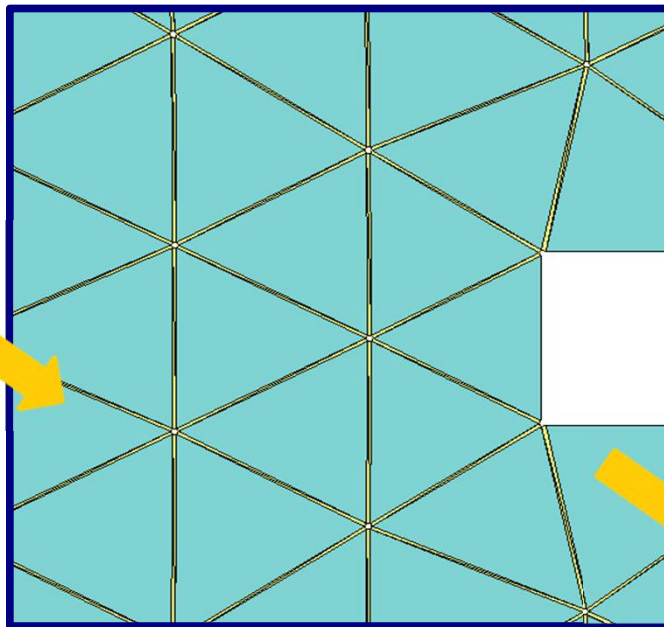


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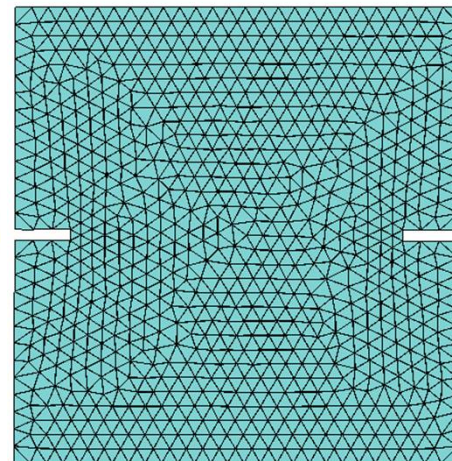
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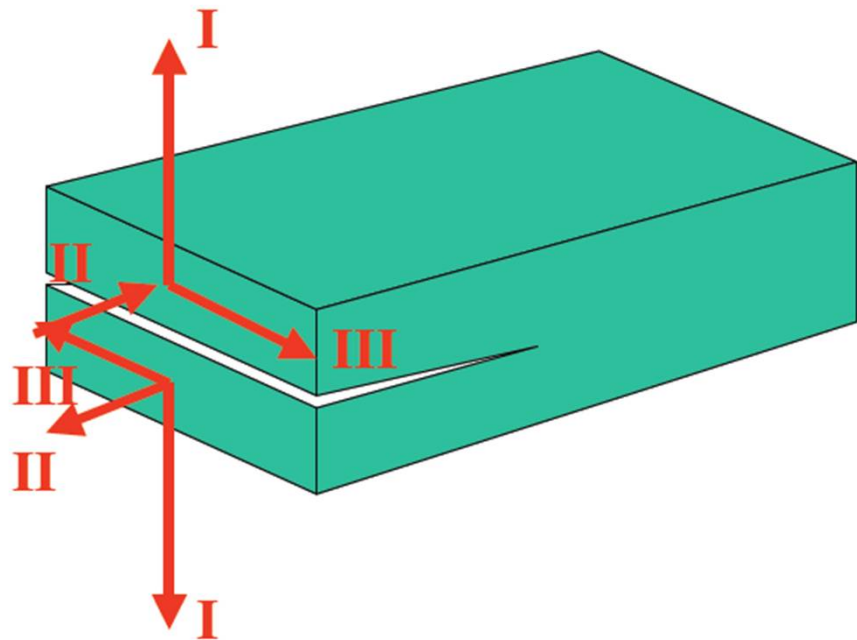
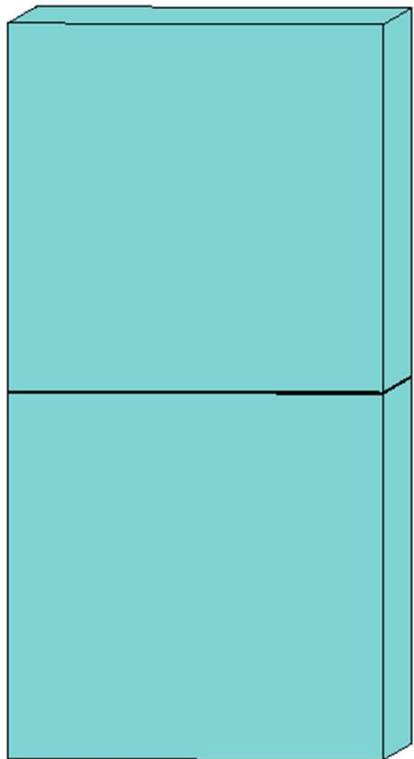
Interface Finite Elements



Fractures formation



CONSTITUTIVE MODEL



Tensile damage model (mode I)

TENSILE DAMAGE MODEL

Constitutive relation

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (1 - d)\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}$$

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{C} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Damage criterion

$$\bar{\phi} = -\bar{\sigma}_n - r \leq 0$$

Evolution law for the strain-type variable

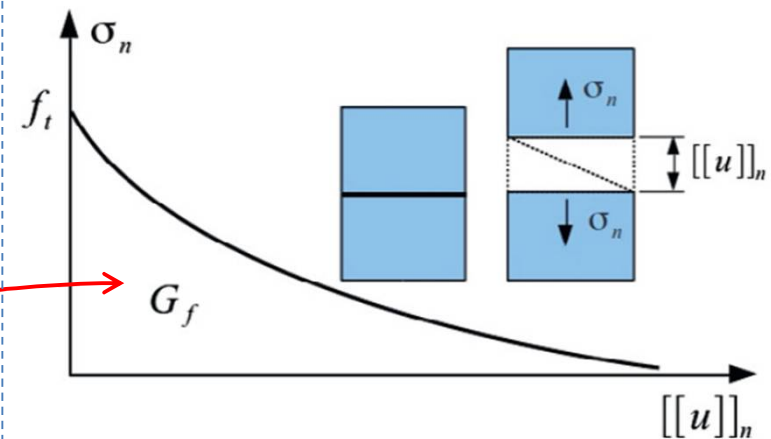
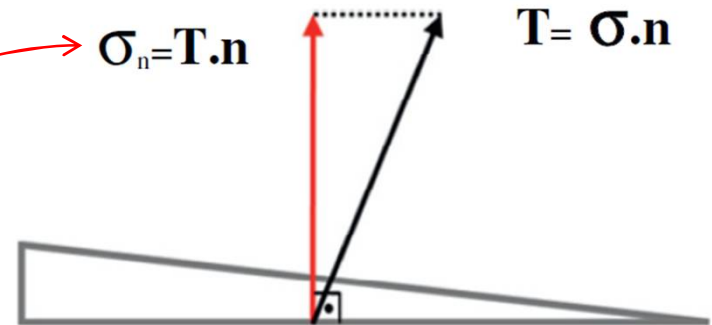
$$r_t = \max_{s \in [0, t]} [-\bar{\sigma}_n(s), r_t]$$

Damage evolution

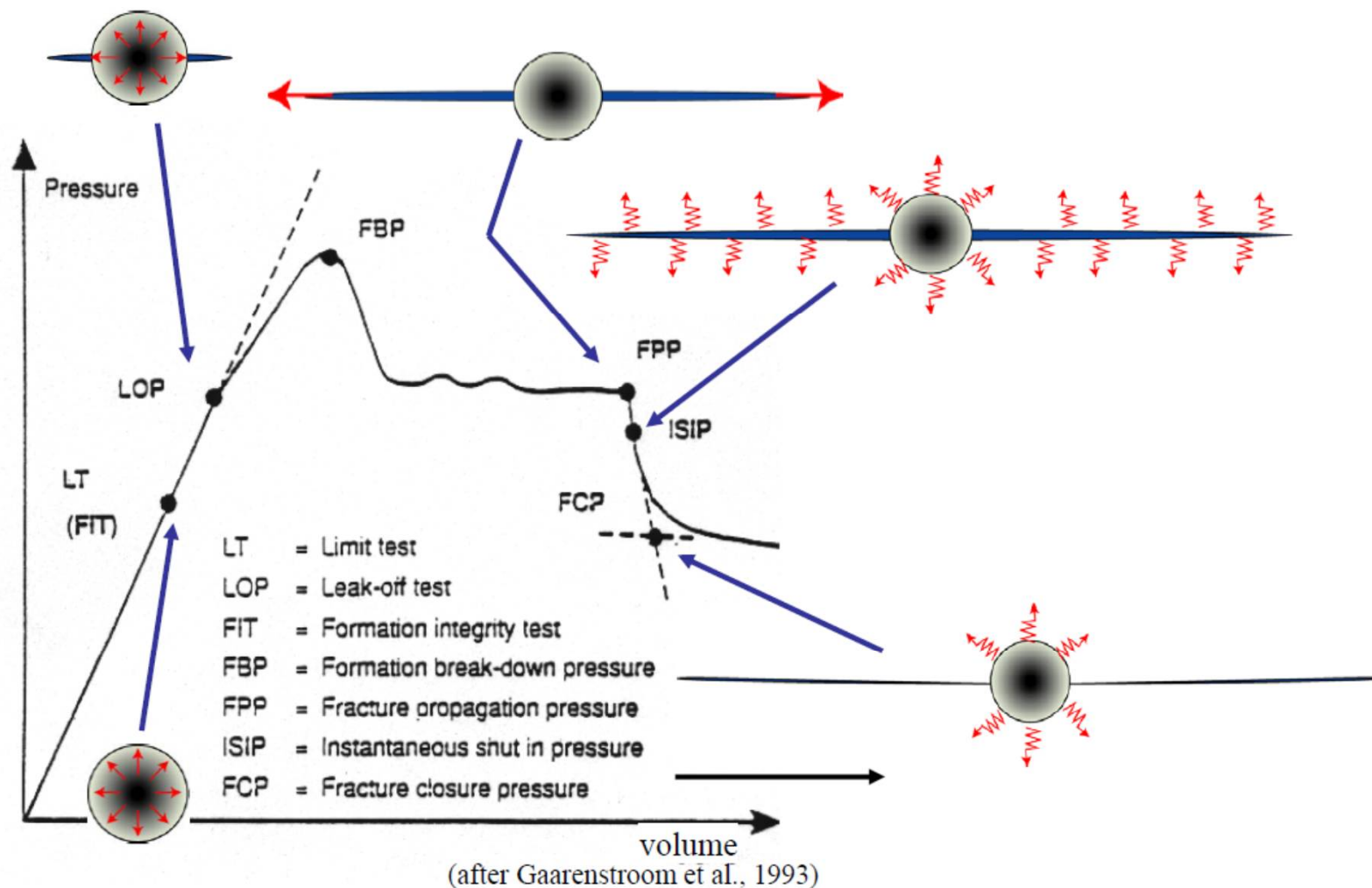
$$d_{(r)} = 1 - \frac{q_{(r)}}{r}$$

Softening law

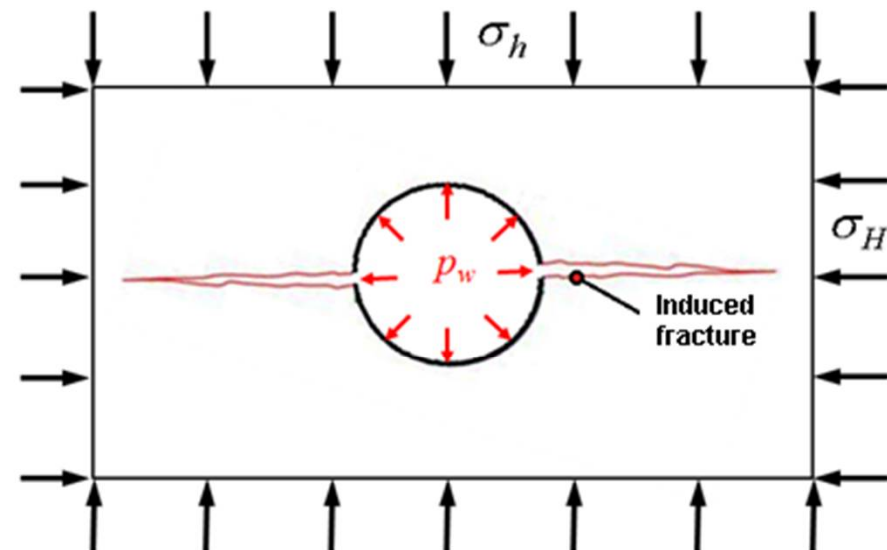
$$q_{(r)} = f_t e^{\frac{f_t^2}{G_f} h(1-r/f_t)}$$



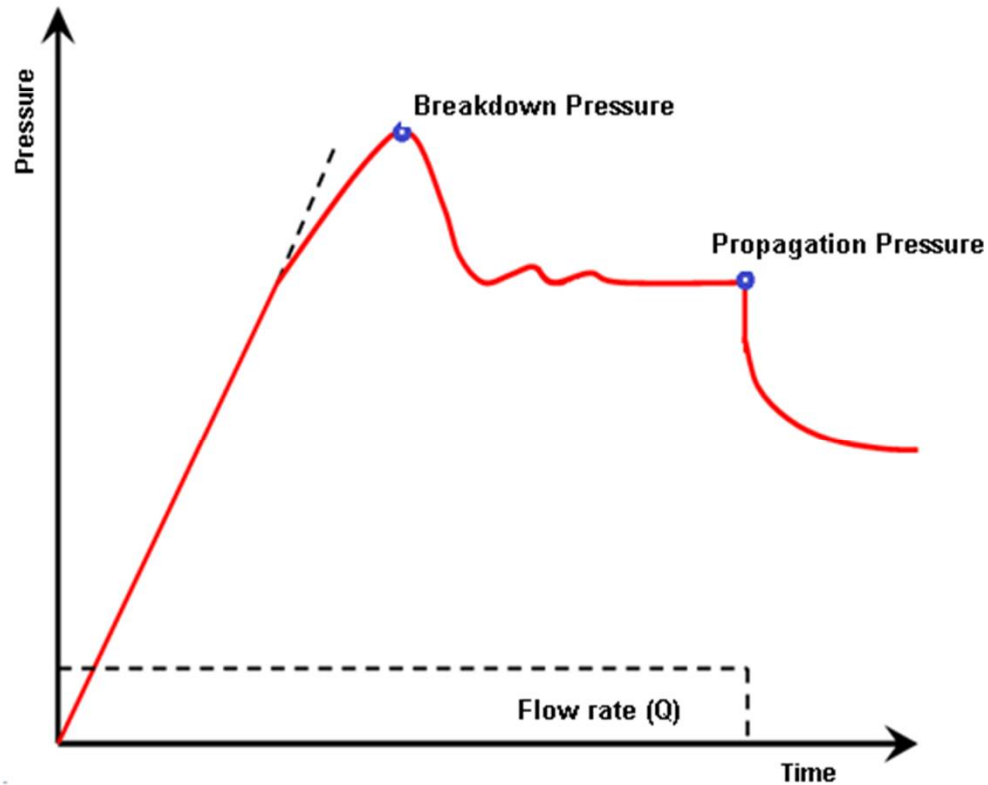
NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF THE LEAK-OFF TEST



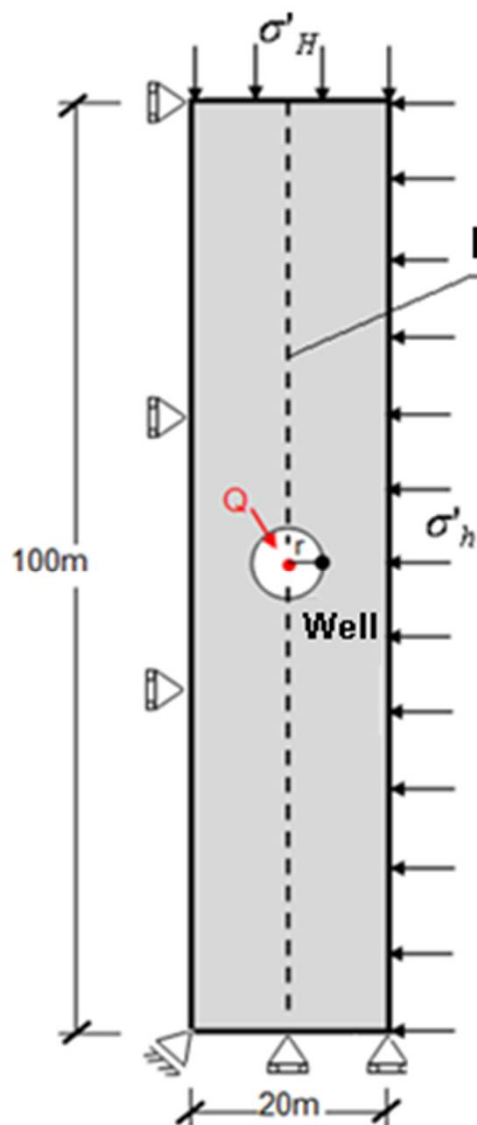
EXAMPLE 1



$$\Delta p_b = 3\sigma'_h - \sigma'_H + f_t$$



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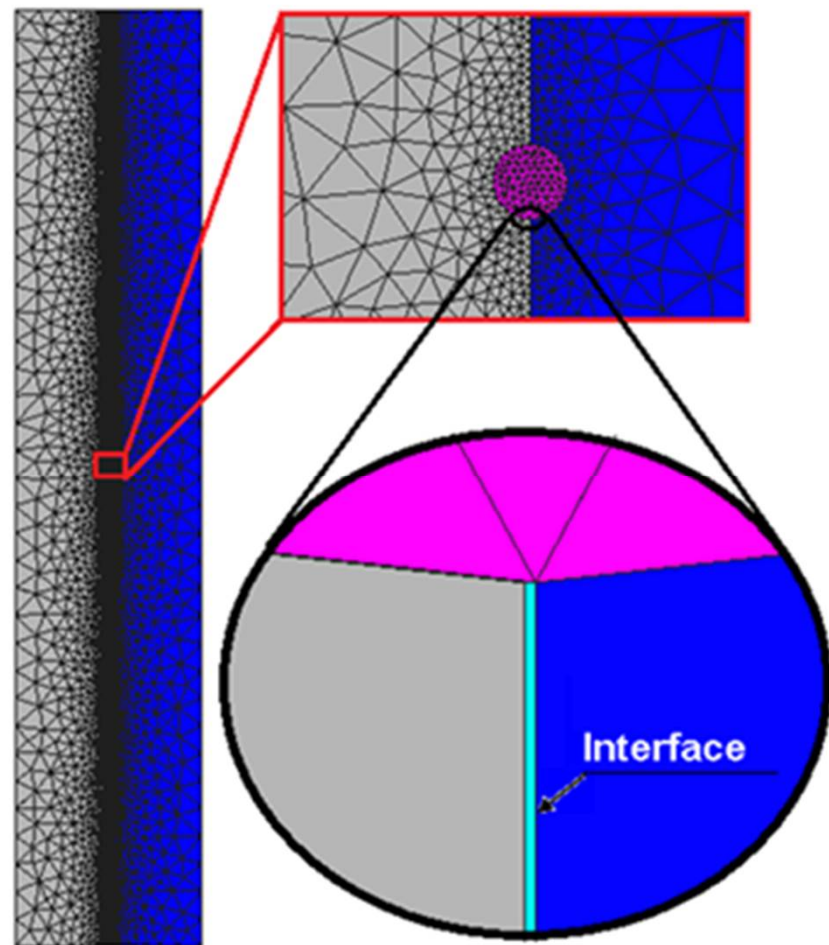
Discontinuity
Direction

$$\sigma'_H = 5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma'_h = 3 \text{ MPa}$$

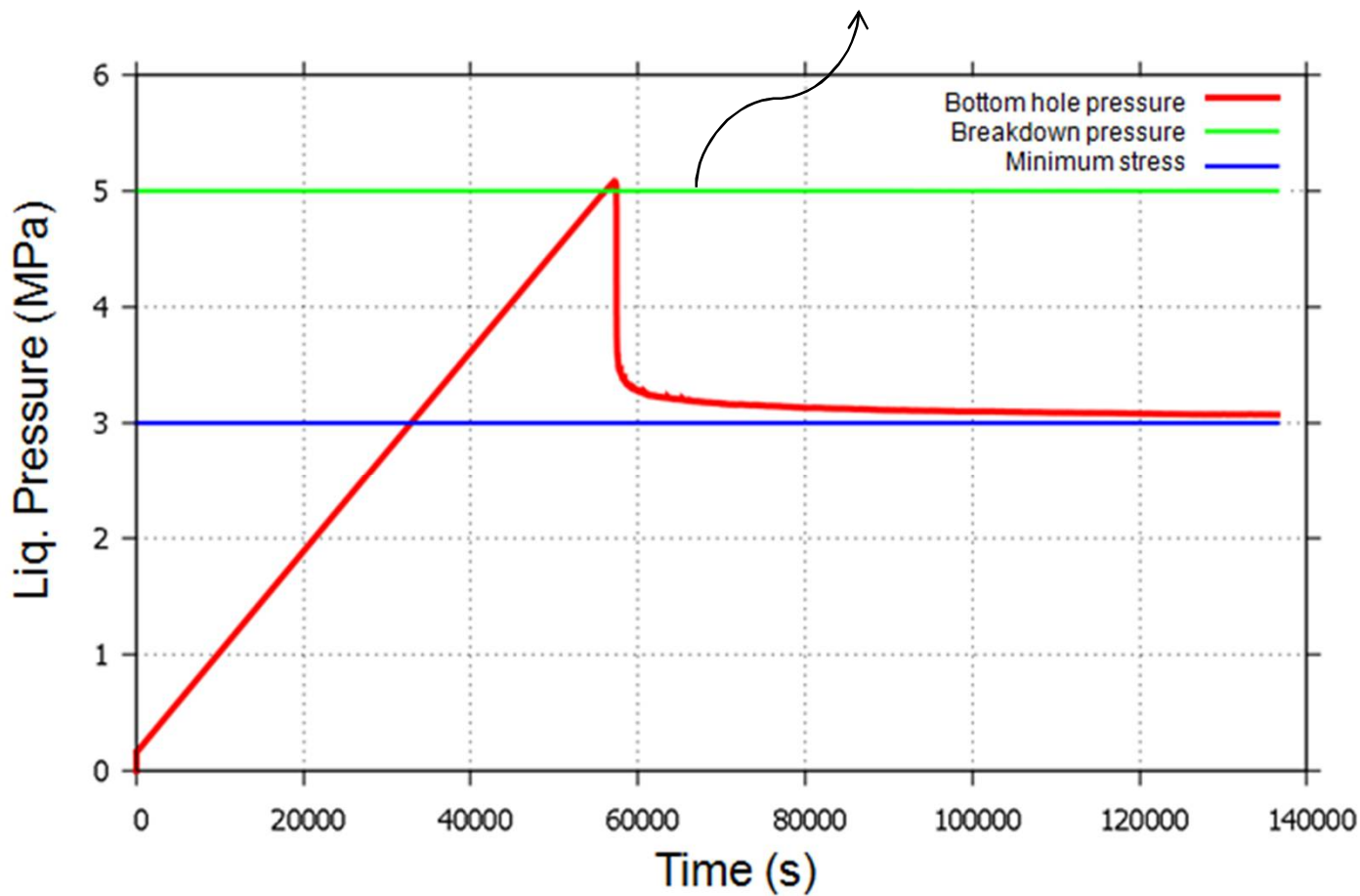
$$f_t = 1 \text{ MPa}$$

$$Q = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg/s}$$



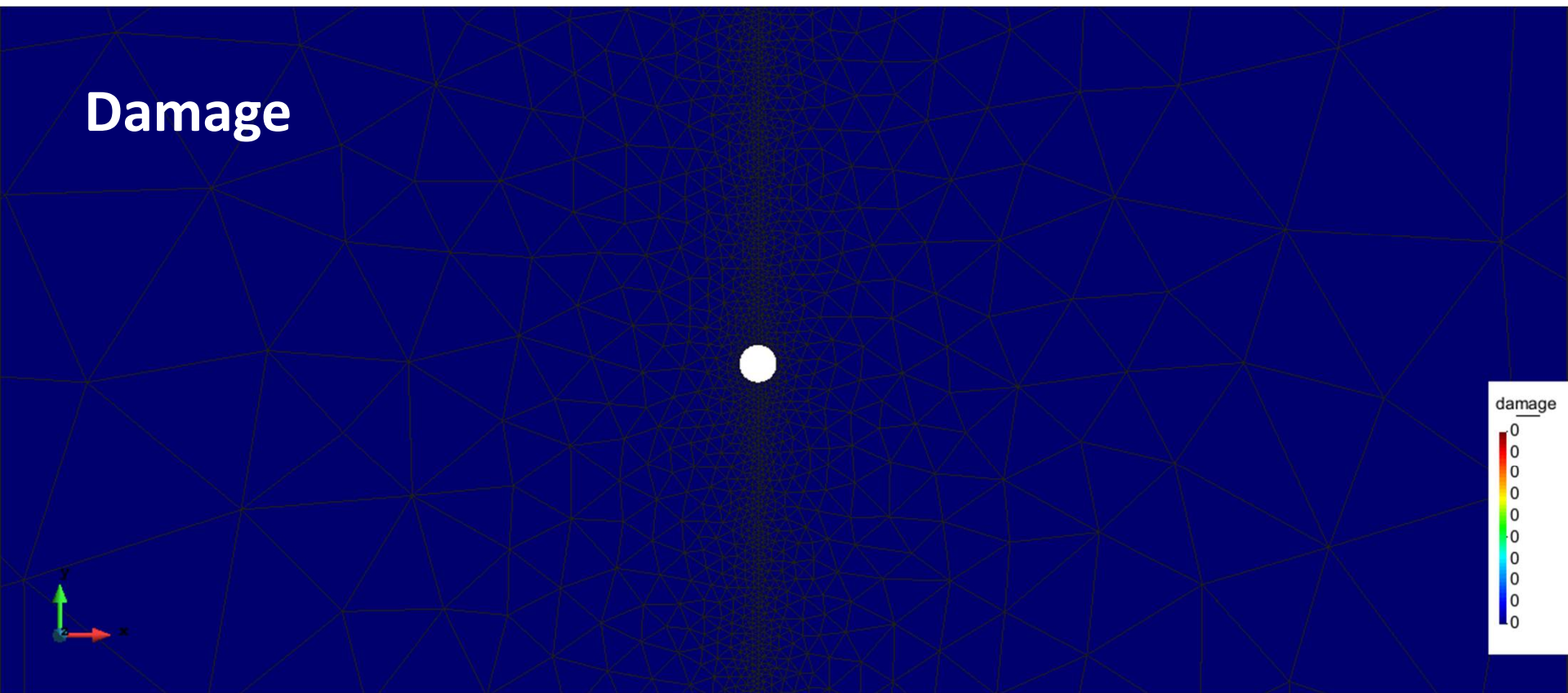
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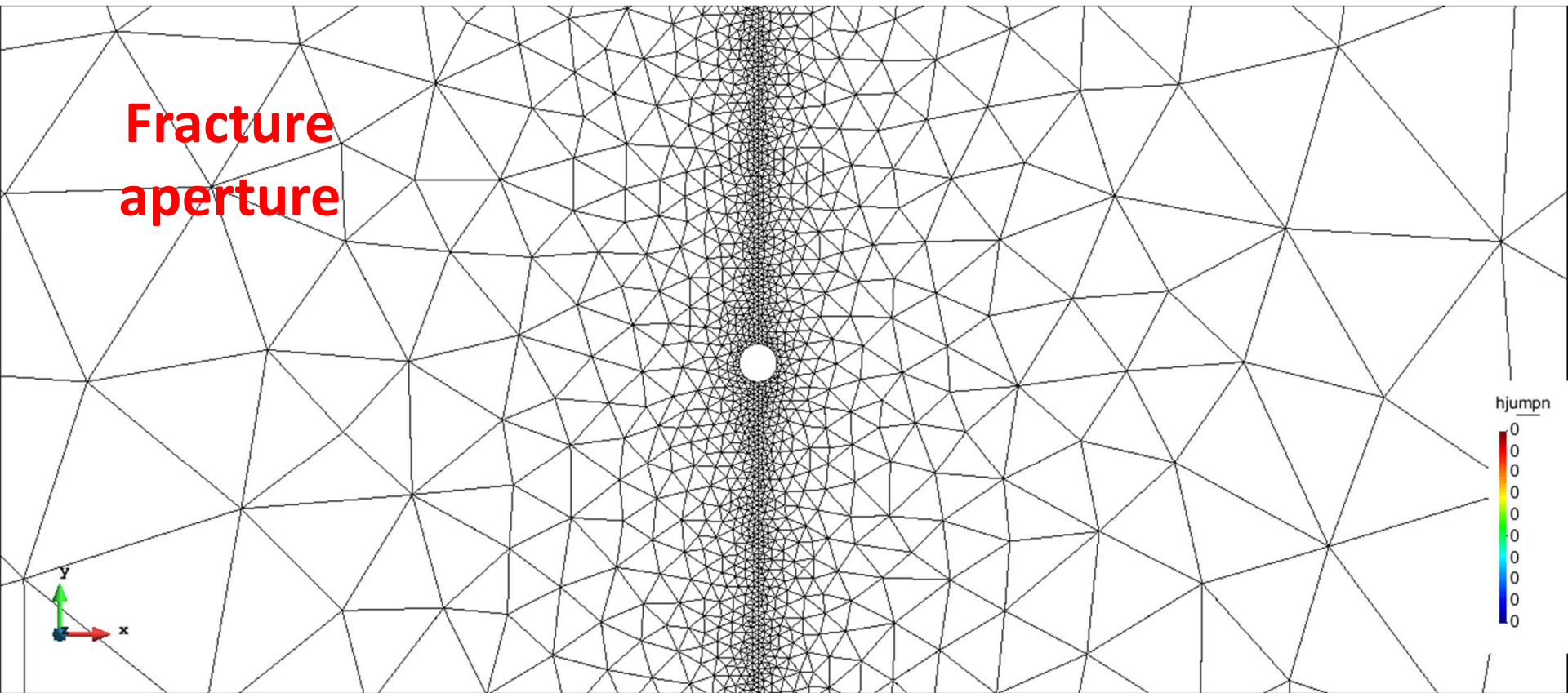


EXAMPLE 1

Damage

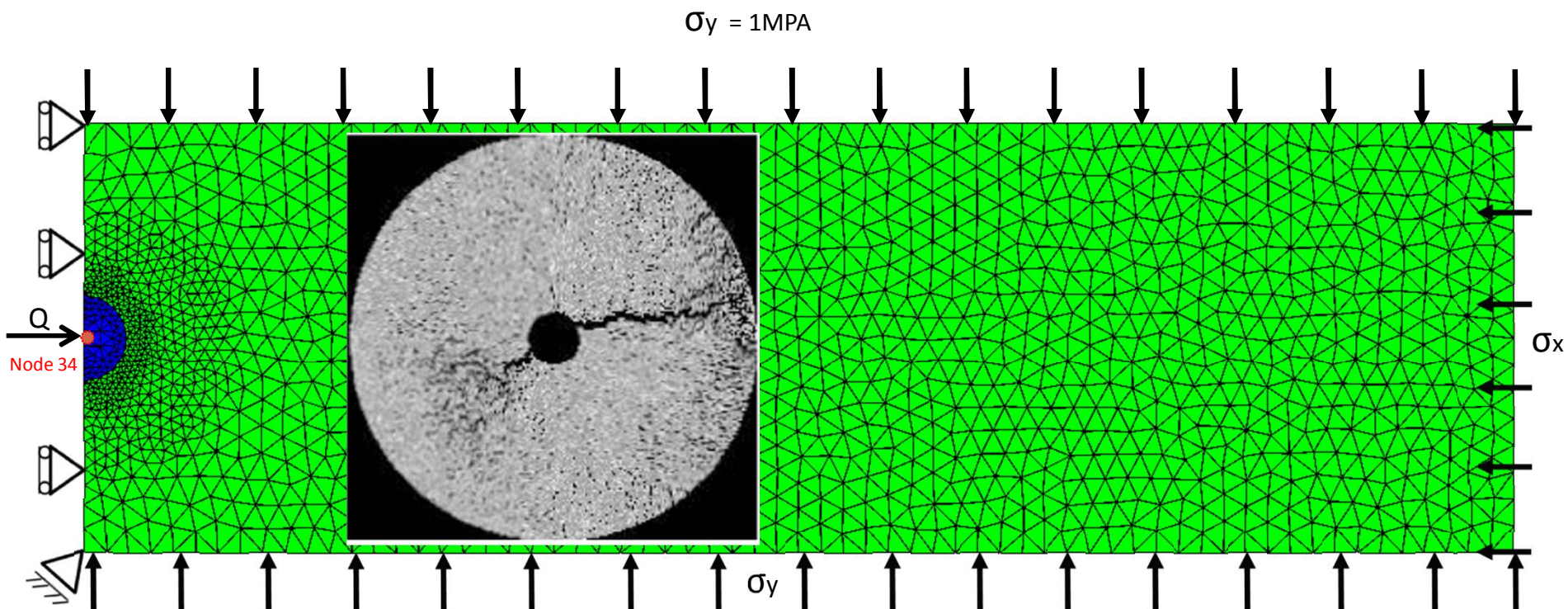


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EXAMPLE 2

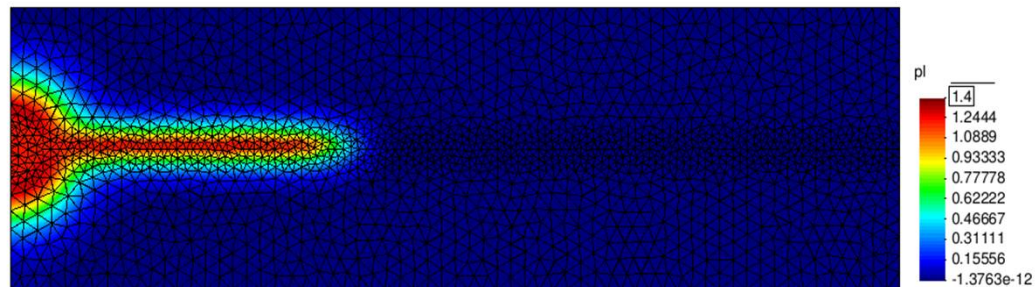
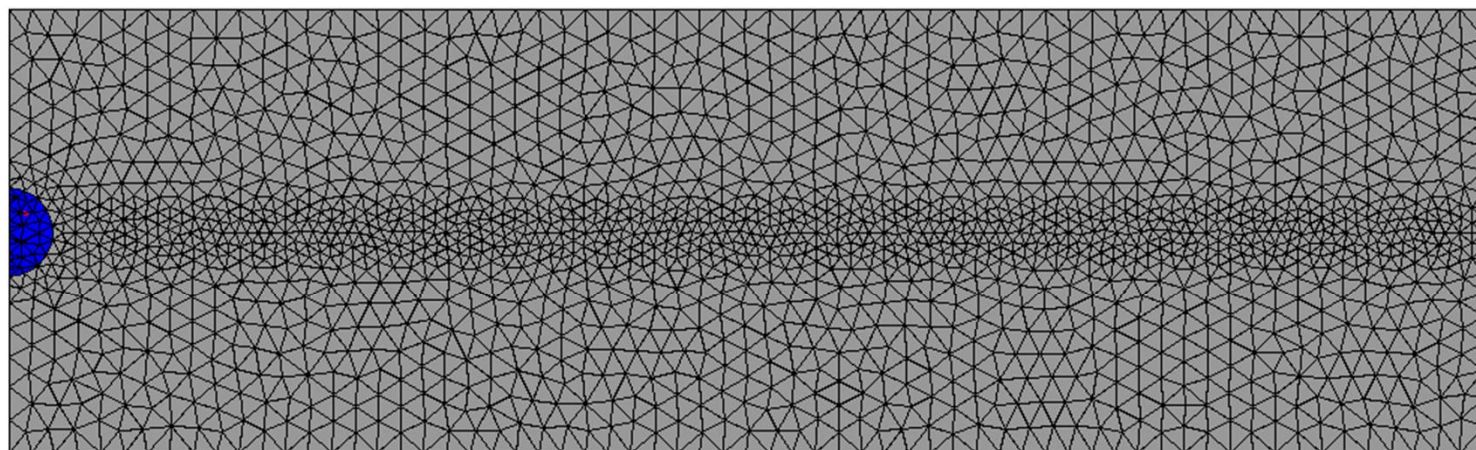
► Hydro Mechanical application – Leakoff test



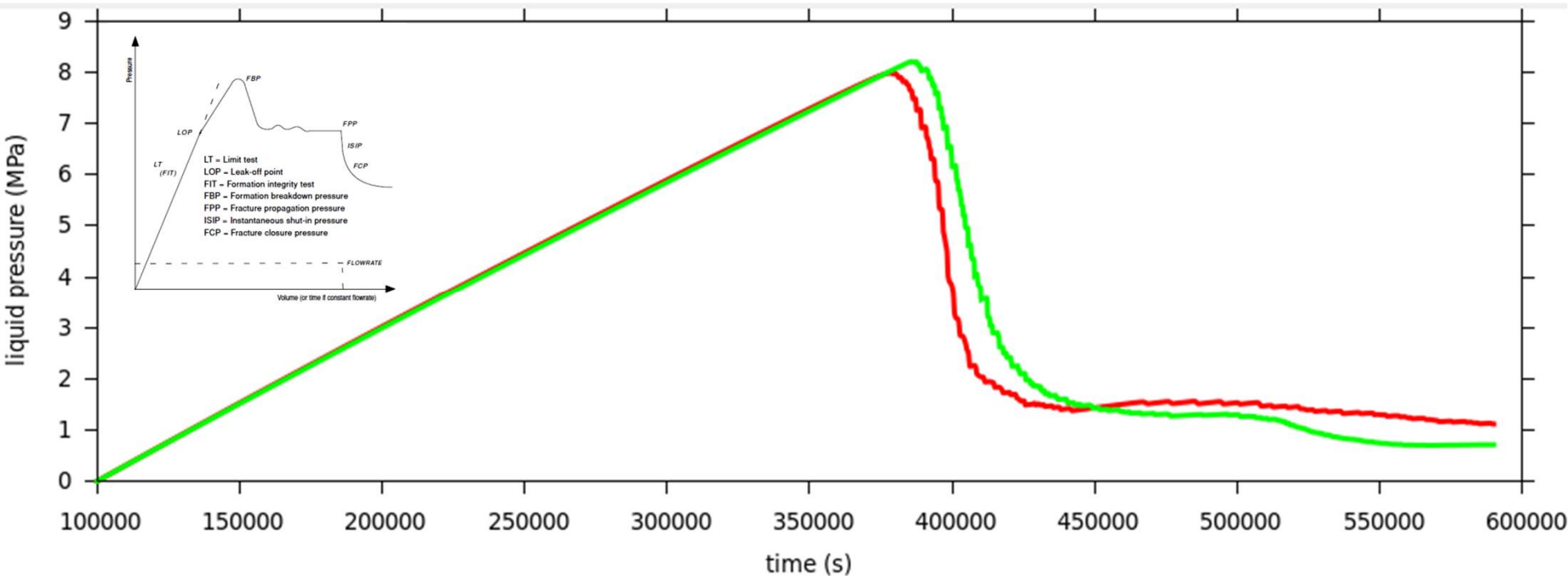
$Q=6 \times 10^{-5} \text{kg/s}$
 $\sigma_v=1\text{MPa}$
 $\sigma_x=2\text{MPa}$

tensile strength of fracture
 material : $(\sigma_y)=5 \text{MPa}$

EXAMPLE 2



EXAMPLE 2



	Strong Discontinuity Approach	Interface Finite Element
Nodes	1595	10256
Elements	2993	20162
CPU time (s)	1210.51	6289.43

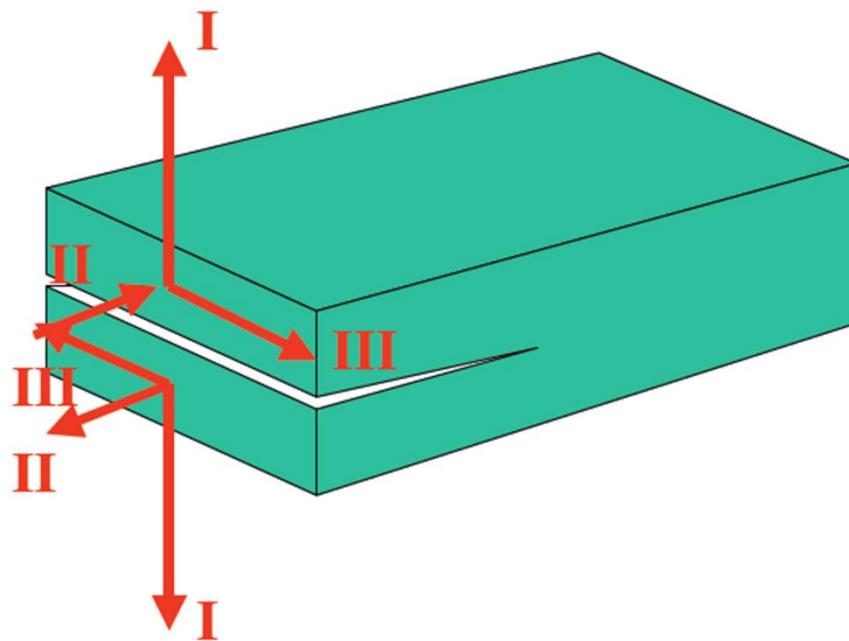
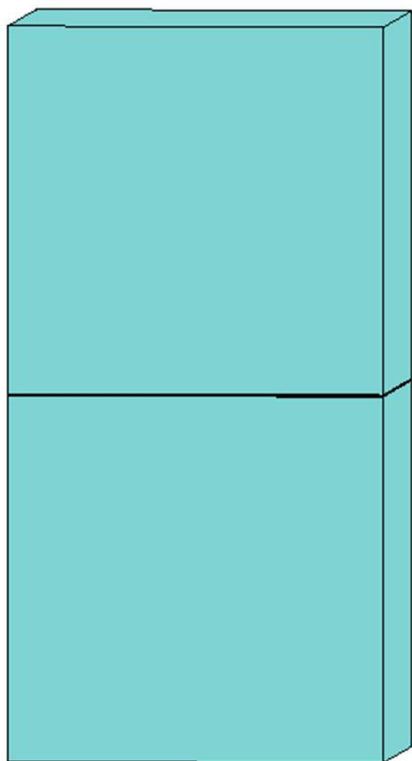
NATURAL FRACTURES

Geomechanics of Fractured Reservoirs



**Much more
complex behavior
of fractures...**

Improvement of constitutive of interface elements

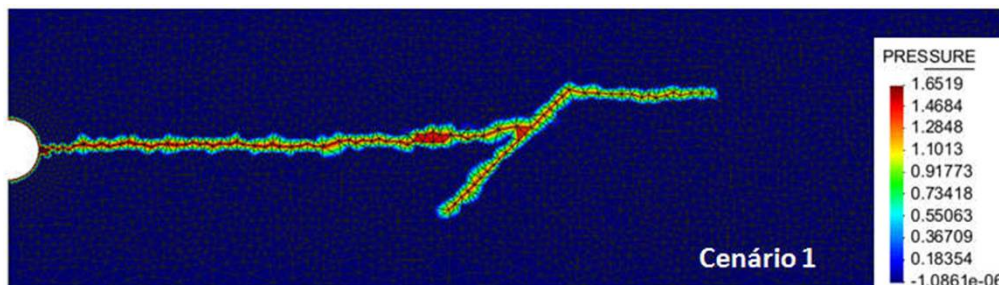


Up to now: **isotropic tensile damage model** (mode I)

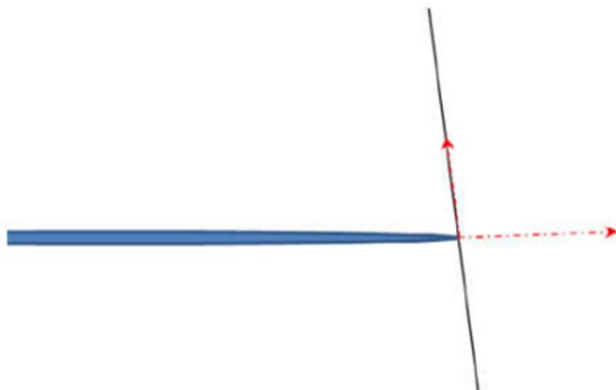
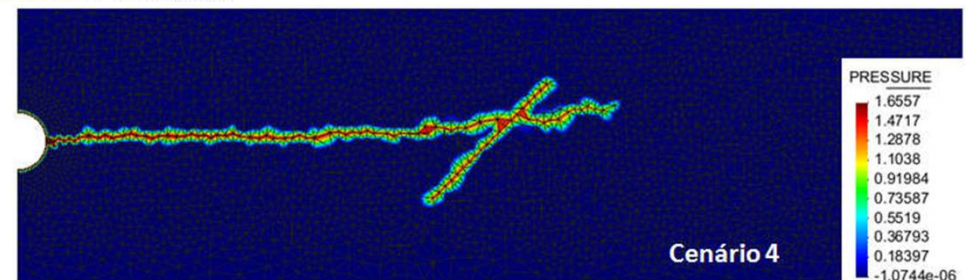
Improvements: **shear modes (II and III)** and **inelastic effects due to dilatancy and compression**

NATURAL FRACTURES

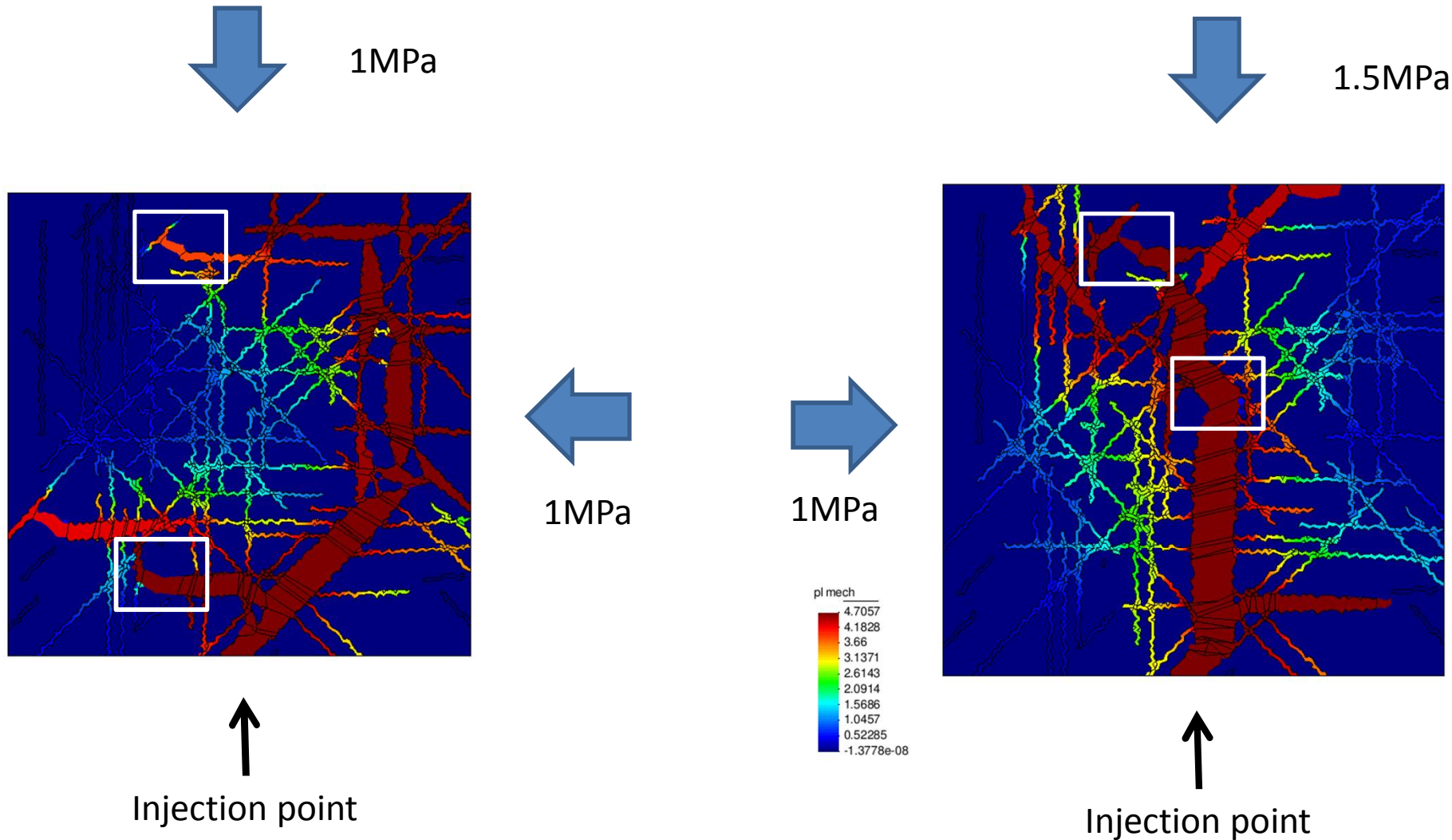
- Coupled hydro-mechanical analysis of hydraulic fracturing considering influence of rock and natural fracture properties, in-situ stresses and operational conditions on the induced fracture trajectory.



**interaction between natural
and induced fractures**



NATURAL FRACTURES



BREAKOUTS

- Este método baseia-se no mapeamento por perfil de imagem ou caliper de regiões do poço onde ocorrem rupturas por cisalhamento da parede.
- A direção dos *breakouts* é ortogonal à direção da maior tensão horizontal.

L. C. Pereira (MSc, 2007)

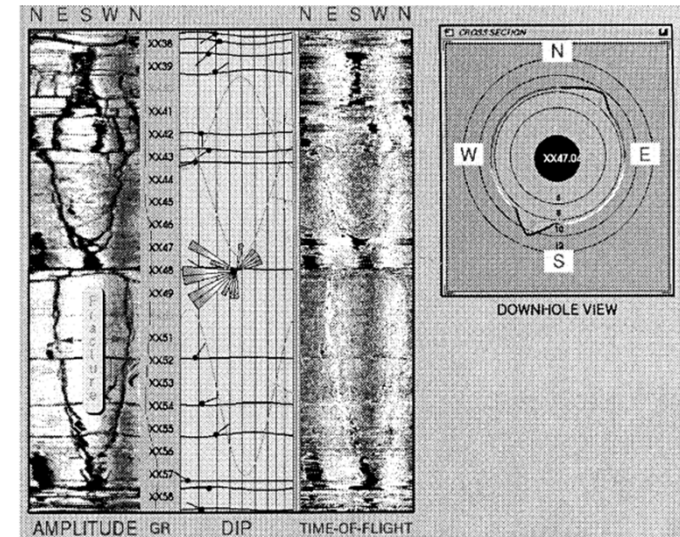
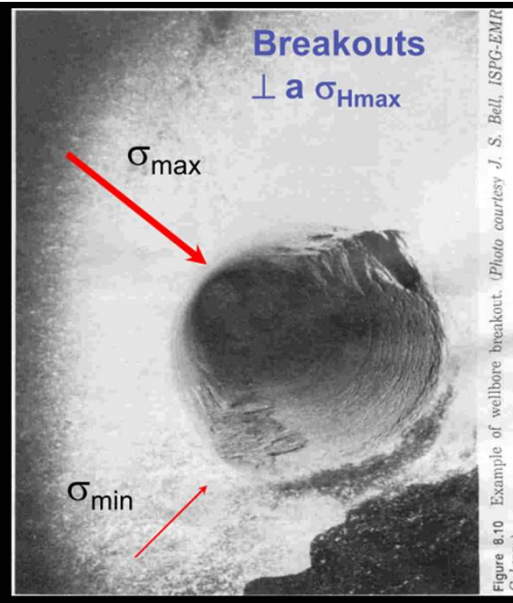


Fig. 5. Ultrasonic imaging log showing natural fractures with a cross-section showing borehole breakout in a NE-SW direction.

A **breakout** is the evidence of **wall yield** (the formation strength at the borehole wall is exceeded). A breakout **is not considered to be a borehole failure** since the borehole remains useful. Borehole breakout can be **measured** using four- or six-arm **caliper tools**. The preferred tool, however, is the **ultrasonic imaging tool**, which makes up to 200-caliper measurements at every depth level.

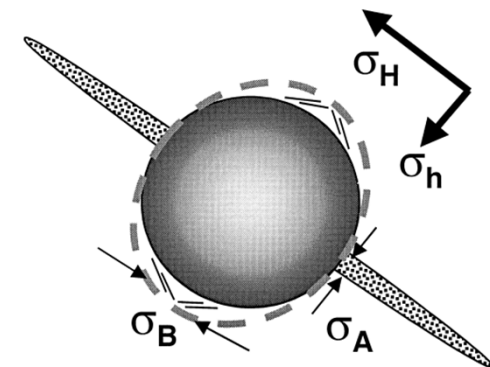


Fig. 4. Directions of borehole breakout and fractures in relation to the orientation of the horizontal stress field.

BREAKOUTS

R. Sousa (MSc, 2004)

Geomechanics problem: elasto-plasticity

- Mohr-Coulomb

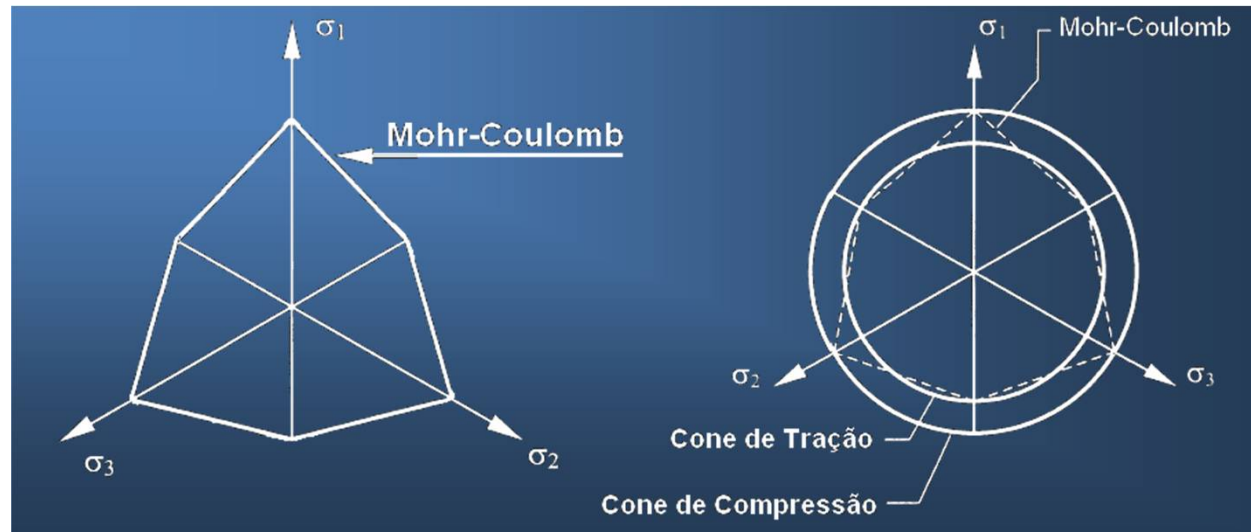
$$F(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = J - \left(\frac{c'}{\tan \varphi'} + p' \right) g(\theta) = 0$$

$$g(\theta) = \frac{\sin \varphi'}{\cos(\theta) + \frac{\sin(\theta) \sin \varphi'}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

- Drucker-Prager

$$F(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = J - \left(\frac{c'}{\tan \varphi'} + p' \right) M_{JP} = 0$$

$$M_{JP}^{\theta=-30^\circ} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}\sin \varphi'}{3 - \sin \varphi'}$$



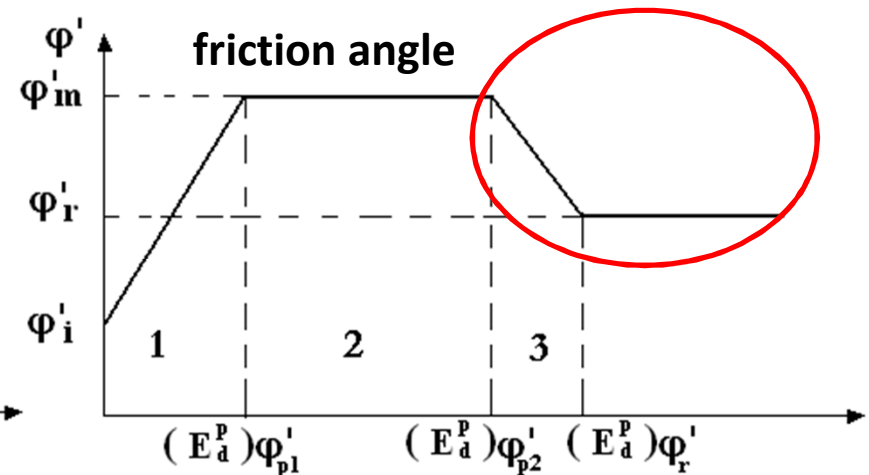
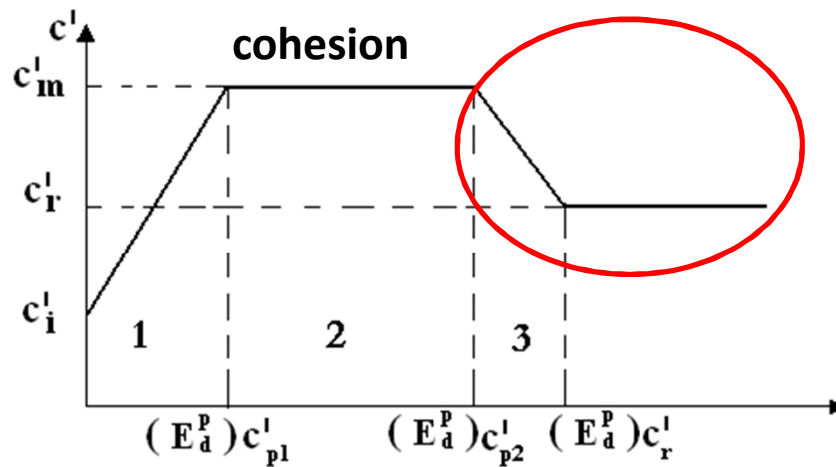
BREAKOUTS

Hardening/Softening Law

R. Sousa (MSc, 2004)

- Linear Hardening
- Perfect Plasticity
- Linear Softening

Brittle rock



BREAKOUTS

SIMULATION

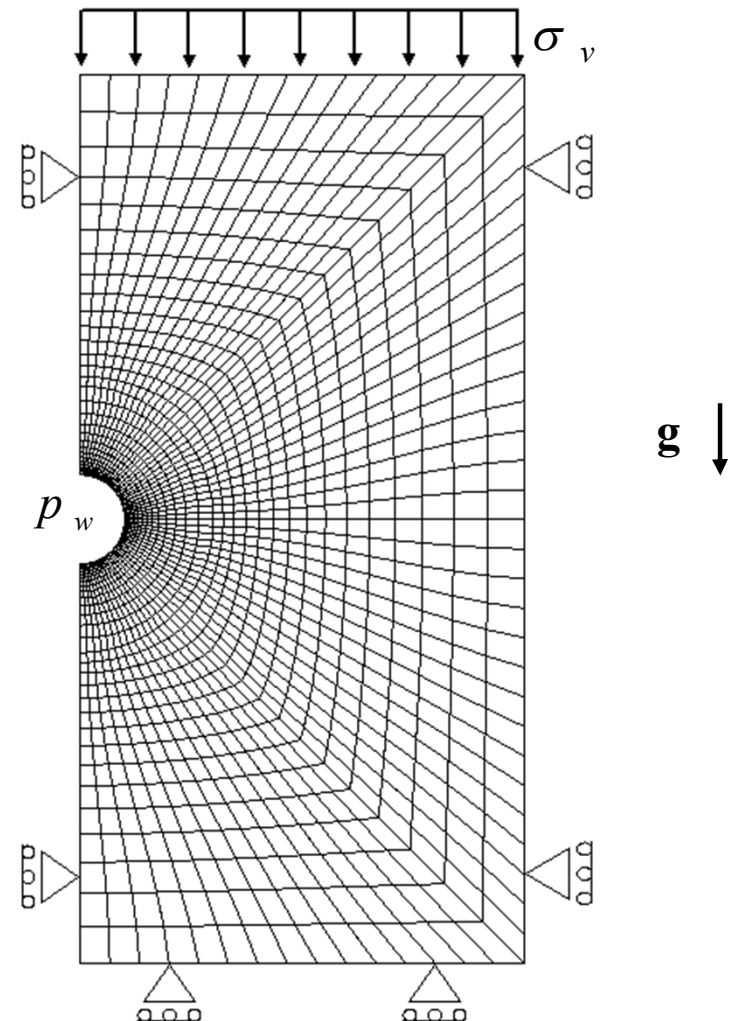
R. Sousa (MSc, 2004)

Engineering Problem

- Horizontal well perforation
 - Anisotropic and bidimensional boundary conditions
 - Adopted a finite element excavation method (Brown e Booker, 1985) on 2D analysis

K<1:

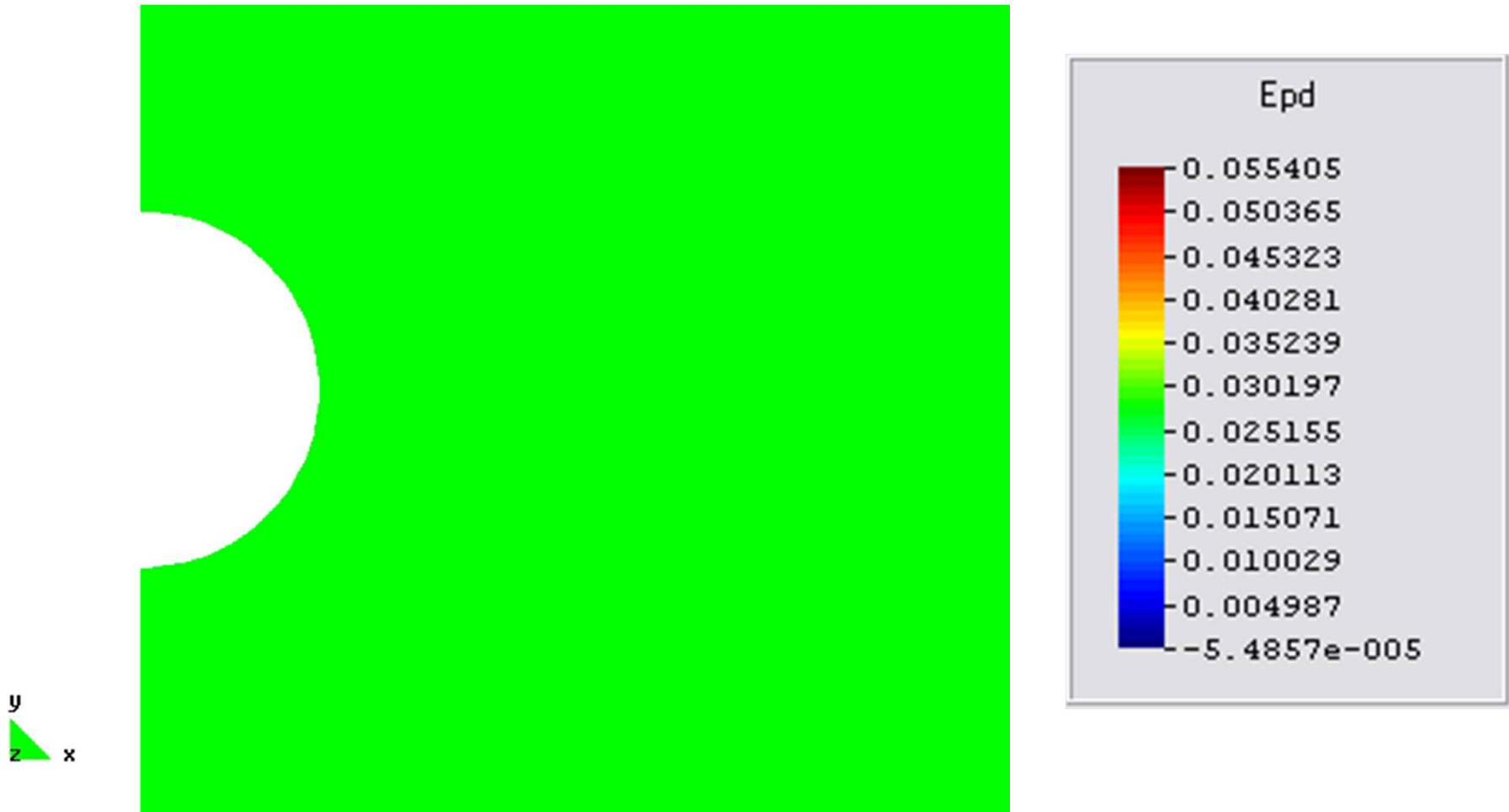
Vertical stress > Horizontal stress



BREAKOUTS

Shear Plastic Strains

R. Sousa (MSc, 2004)



BREAKOUTS

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Breakout

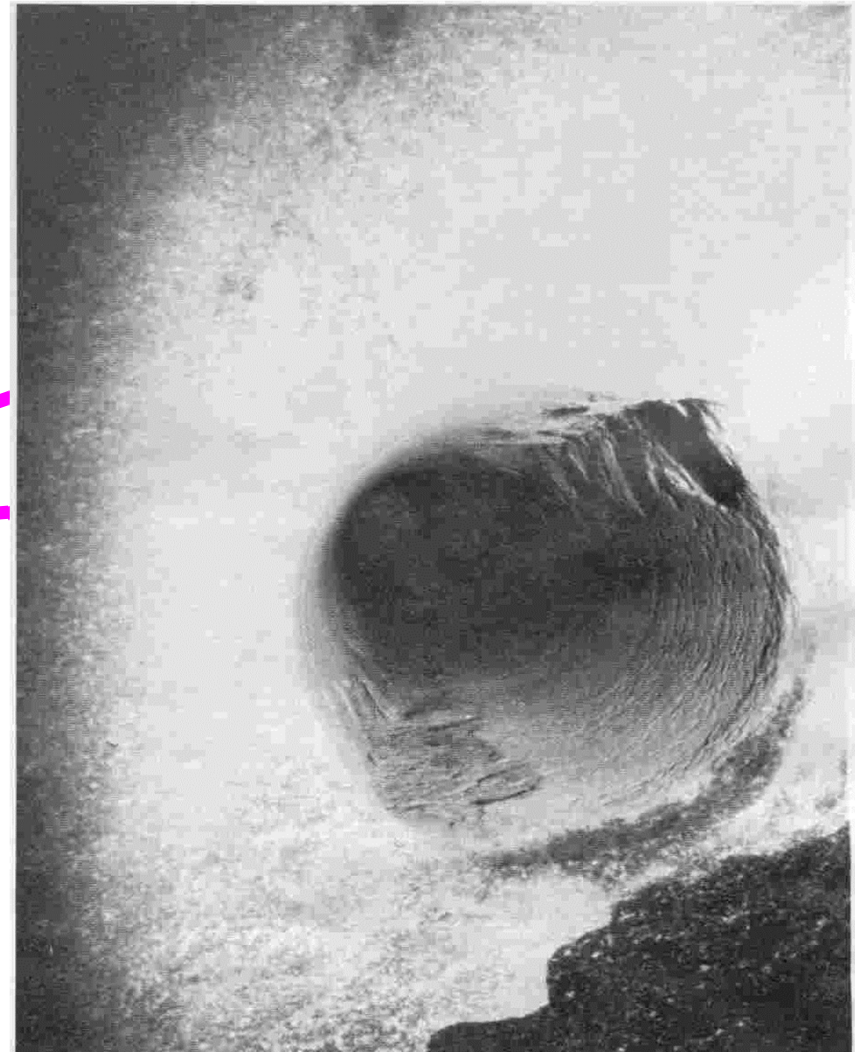
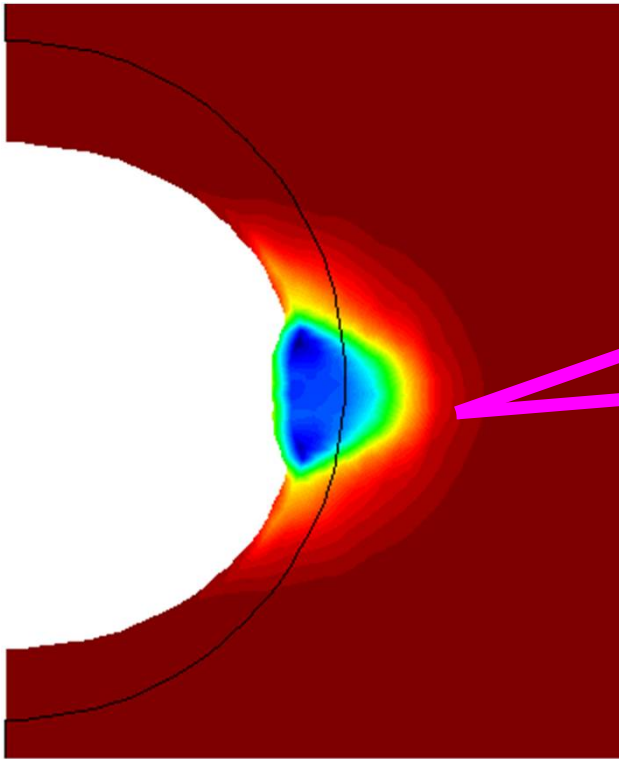
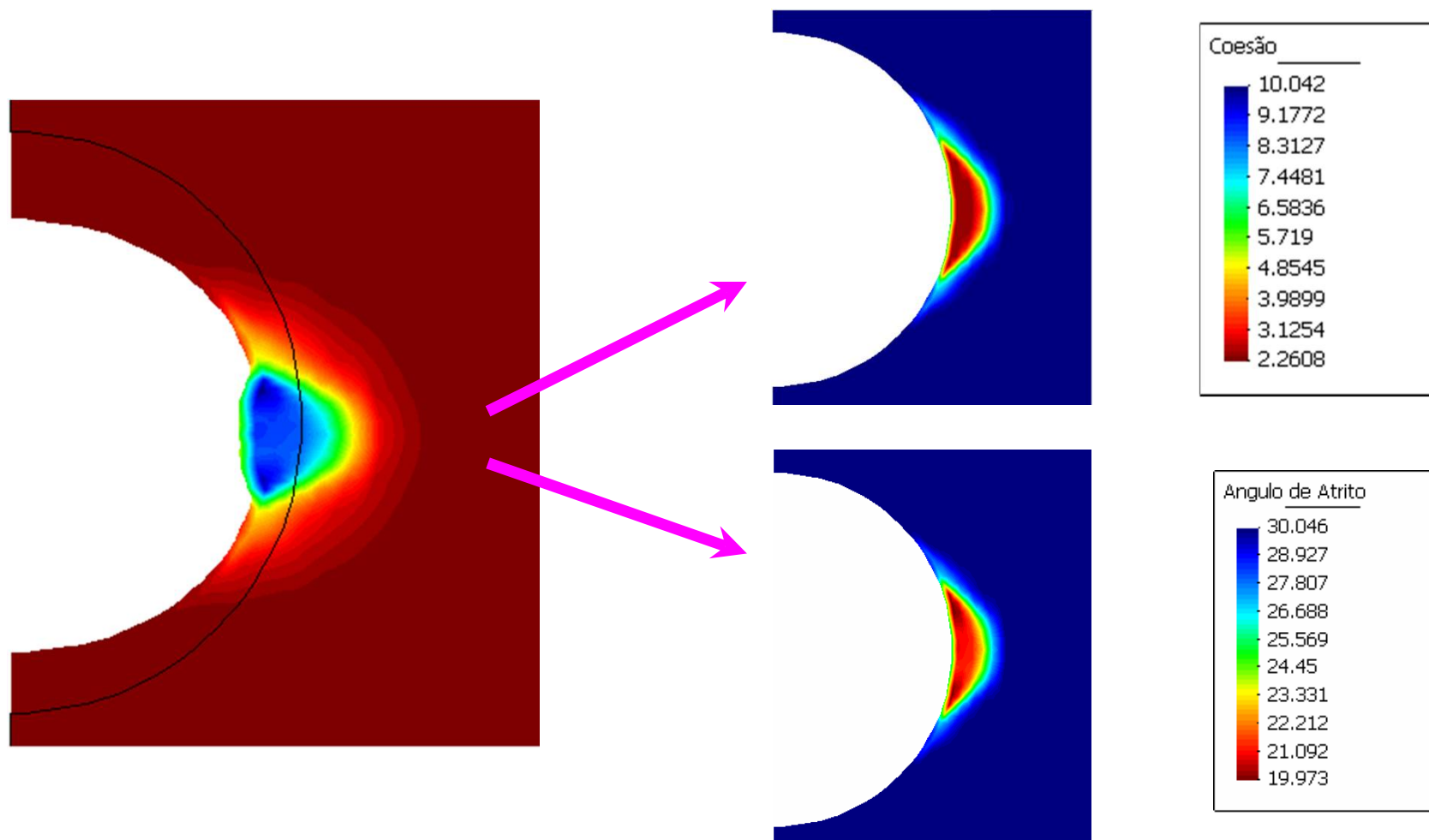


Figure 8.10 Example of wellbore breakout. (Photo courtesy J. S. Bell, ISPG-EMR Calgary)

BREAKOUTS

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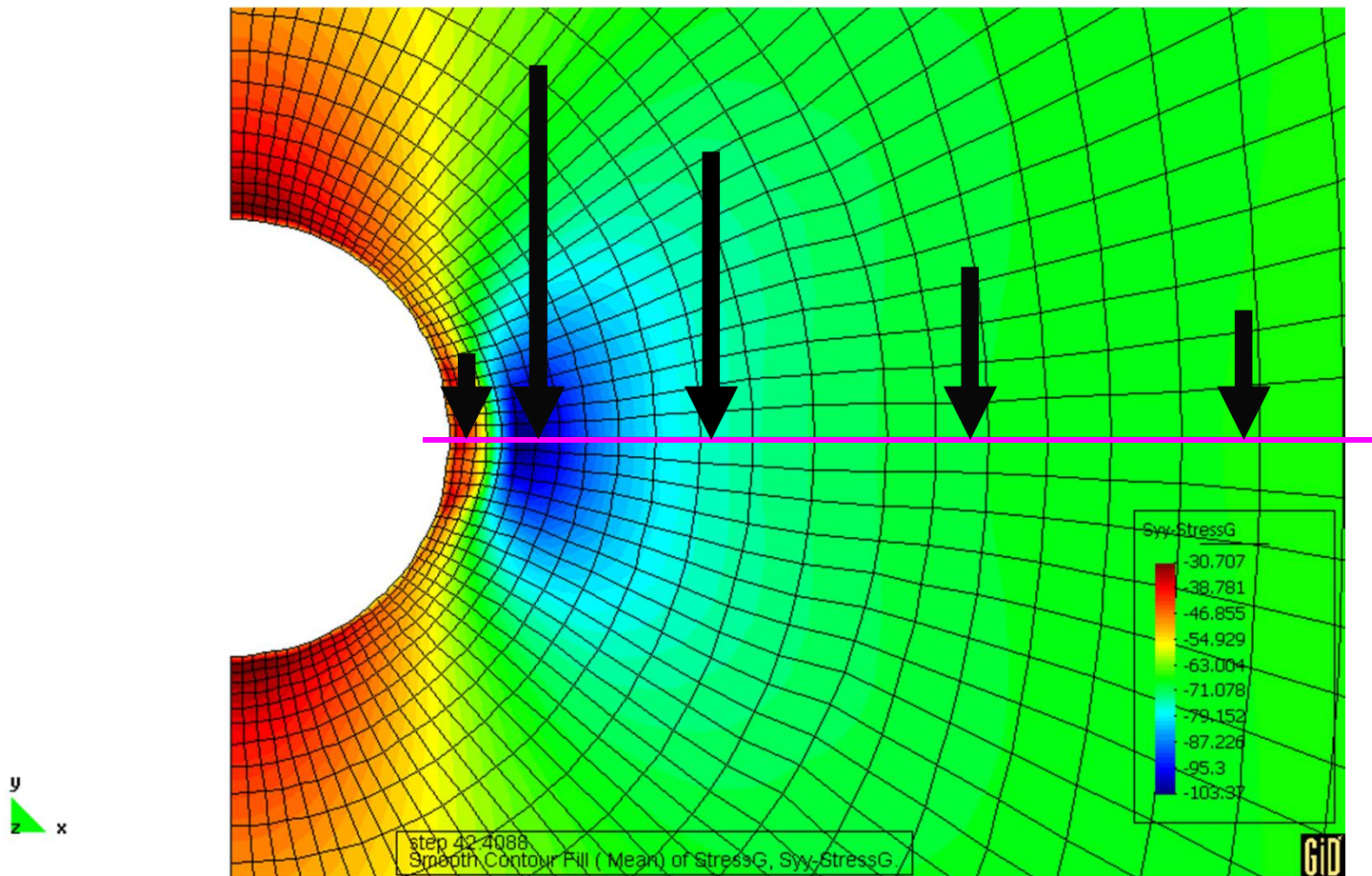
Results for Mohr-Coulomb Model with *softening*



BREAKOUTS

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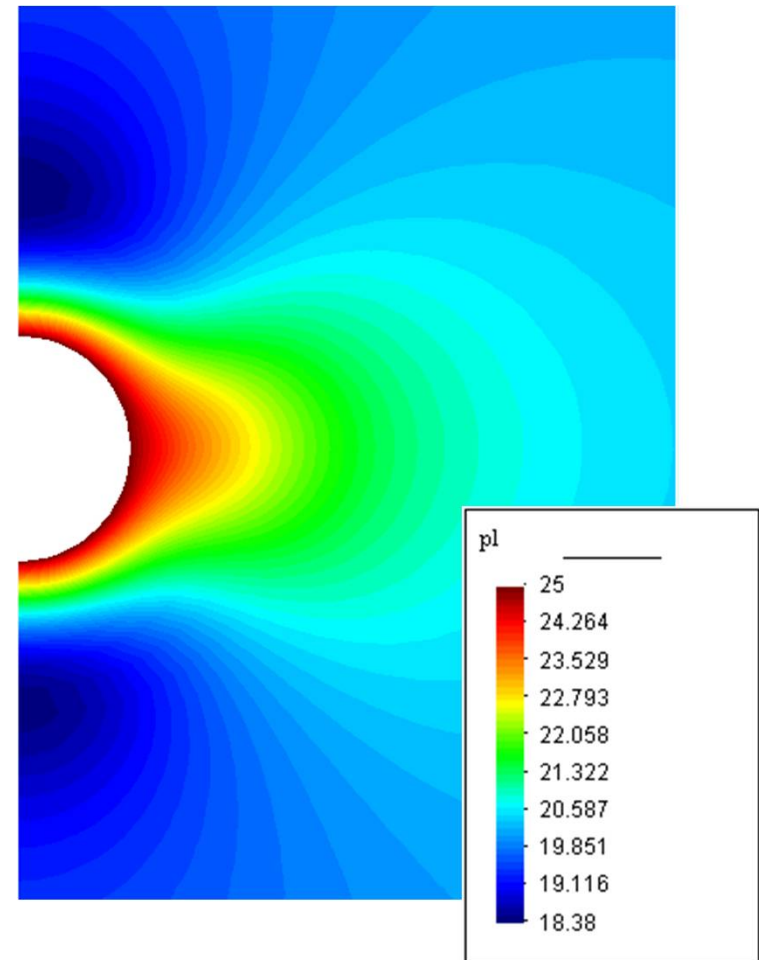
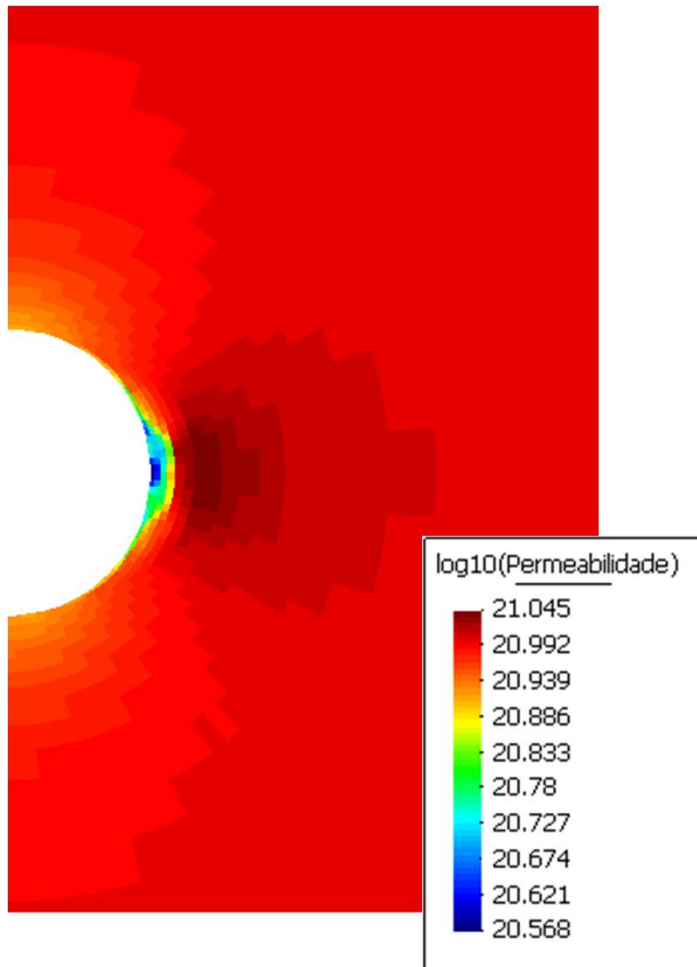
Total Vertical Stress Redistribution



BREAKOUTS

R. Sousa (MSc, 2004)

Impact on permeability and pressure distributions



INPUTS OF A GEOMECHANICAL MODEL (SUMMARY)

In situ stress field:

Vertical stress

→ Density profile

$$\sigma_v = g \int_0^z \rho(z) \cdot dz$$

Pore pressure

→

Direct measurement (RTF, TRF)

Water hydrostatics

Minimum horizontal stress:

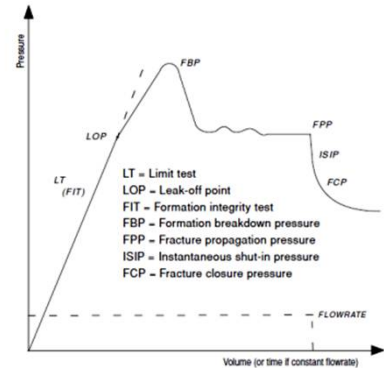
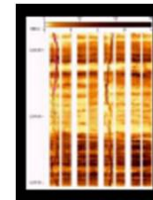
-magnitude
-direction

→

Hydraulic fracturing (LOT, XLOT)

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Image profile



$$K_0 = \frac{\sigma'_h}{\sigma'_v}$$

Maximum horizontal stress:

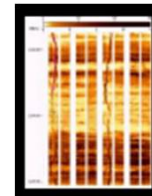
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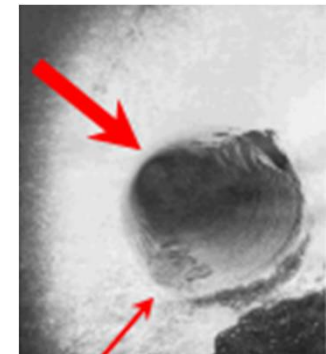
Retro-analysis

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Image profile



$f(\sigma', \text{esp.})$



INPUTS OF A GEOMECHANICAL MODEL (SUMMARY)

Rock parameters:

Deformability and strength parameters:

Elastic Modulus (E) and Poisson's ratio (ν):

Sonic profile + Elasticity theory $\longrightarrow$

Equation:
E and $\nu = f(V_p \text{ and } V_s)$

Cohesion (c):

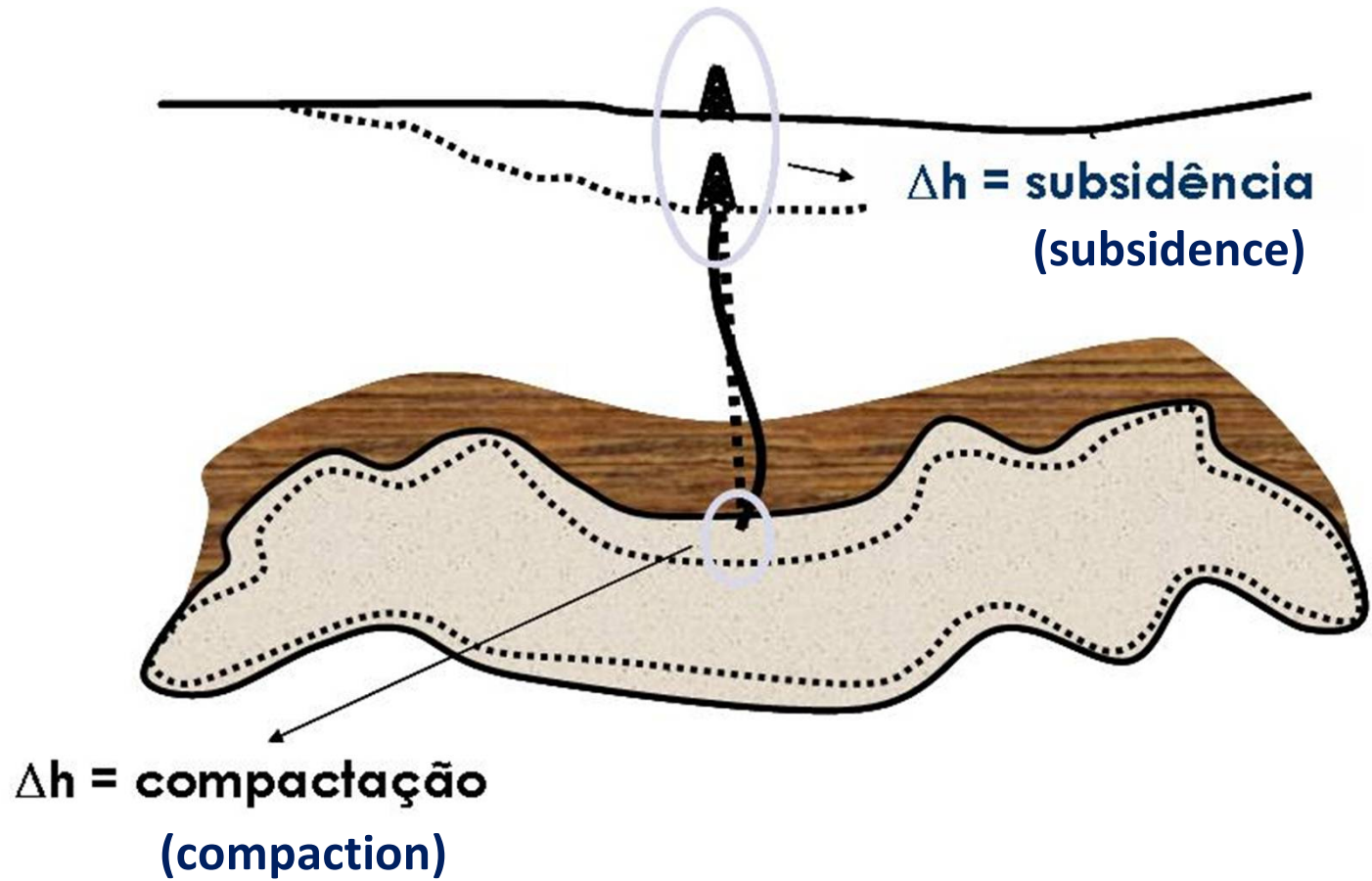
Samples or sonic profile + UCS correlation = $f(\Delta t_c)$

Friction angle (ϕ):

Literature $\longrightarrow$

= 30° (sandstone)
= 20° (shale)

RESERVOIR COMPACTION



Valhall Field - North Sea (SPE 83957, 2003)



→ carbonate reservoir with high porosity
(between 42 and 50%)

- 1982 - beginning of production
- 1985 - first signs of subsidence
- 2003 - start of injection
- 2003 - accumulated subsidence of 4.9m at a rate of 25cm / year
- compaction account for 50% of total recovery

RESERVOIR COMPACTION



Ekofisk Field - North Sea (SPE 56426, 1999)

- ➔ 1971 - beginning of production
- ➔ 1984- first signs of subsidence
- ➔ 1987 - start of injection

Compaction causes:

- Reservoir depletion
- Waterweakening: incompatibility between carbonate rock and injected water

Water induced reservoir compaction



Ekofisk oilfield

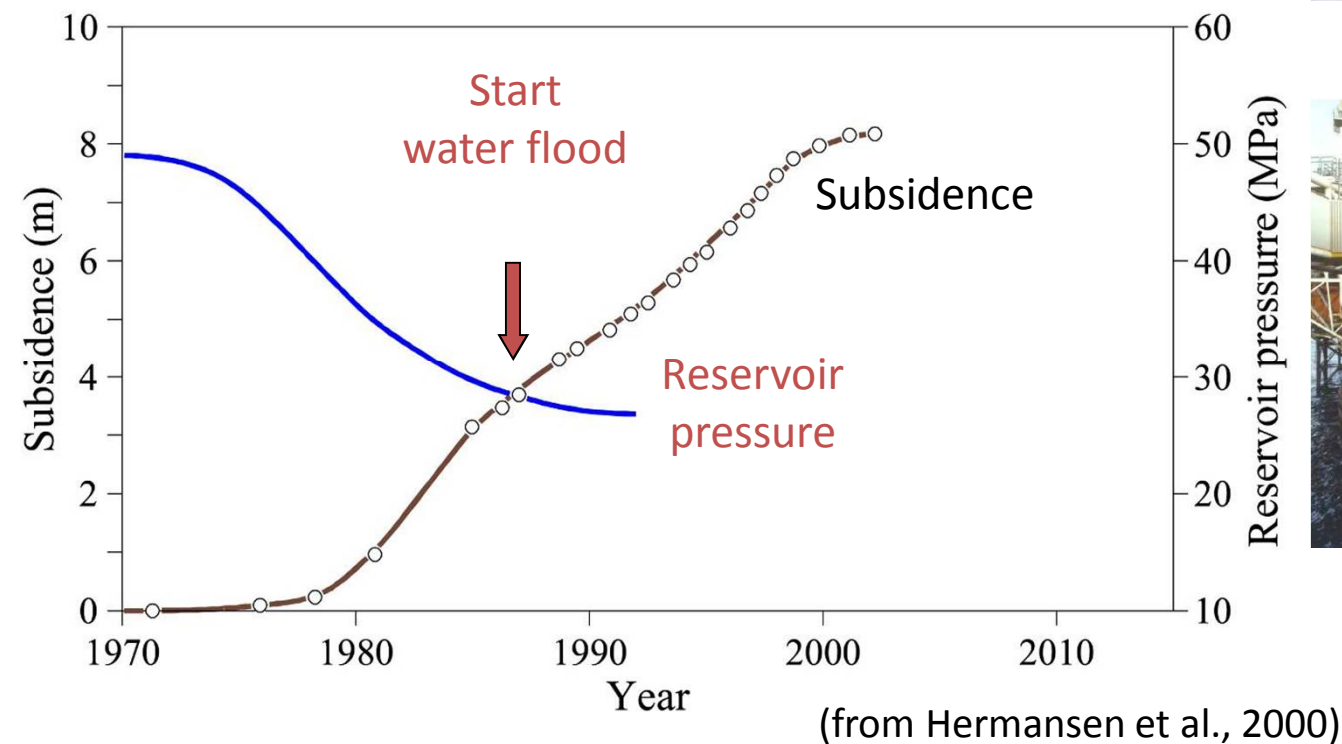


1973



1984

Ekofisk 2/4 tank



Water induced reservoir compaction

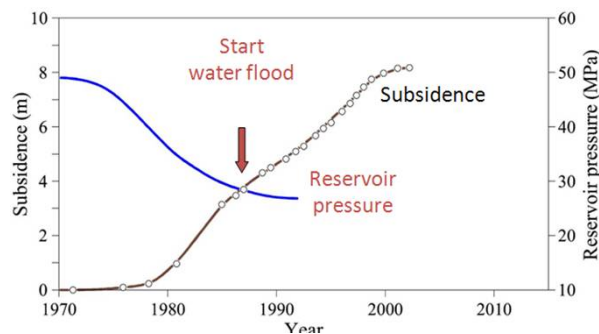
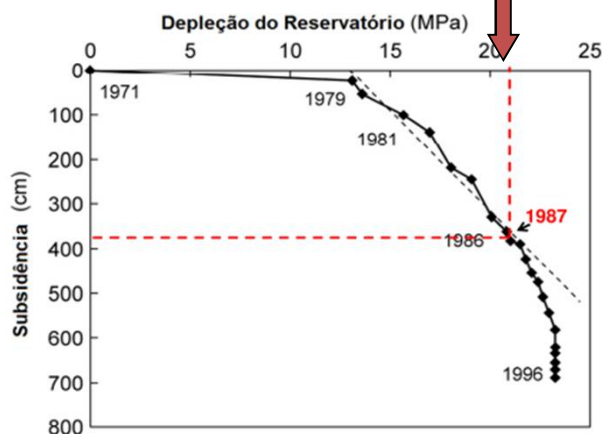
Primary recovery:
compaction
explained
by the
*effective stress
principle*

OK!

Secondary recovery:
based on the *effective stresses
concept*, the reservoir
should expand
with injection!!

Start
water flood

Possible explanation:
*water weakening
mechanism
(compaction
under injection)*



1973



1984

Ekofisk 2/4 tank

(from Hermansen et al., 2000)

Water induced reservoir compaction

Capillary pressure as a new state variable
for the rock stress-strain behavior

Water
weakening

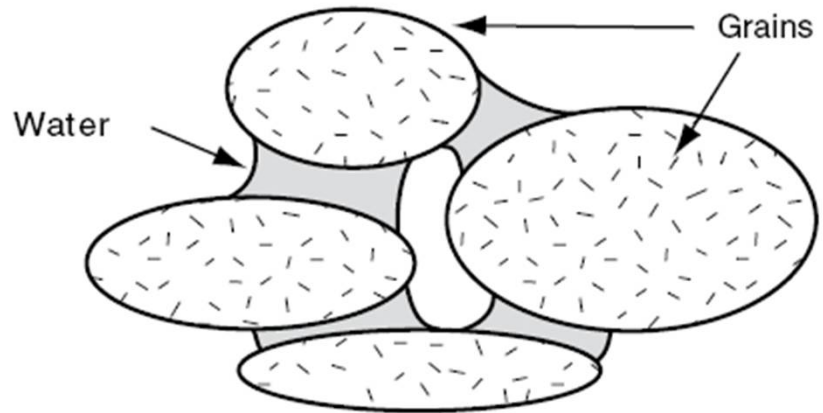
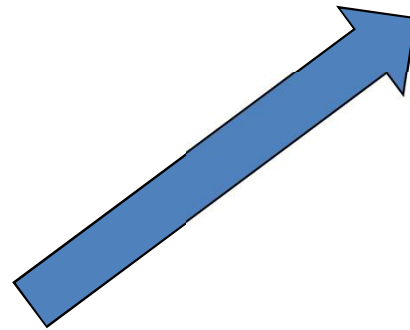


Figure 5

Chalk grains hold together by capillary forces.

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Mechanical Properties of Chalk with Emphasis
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and Micromechanical Aspects

**Destruction of
Intergranular links**

Water induced reservoir compaction

Experimental pressure solution compaction of chalk in aqueous solutions

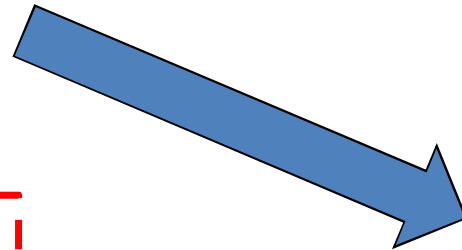
Part 1. Deformation behavior and chemistry

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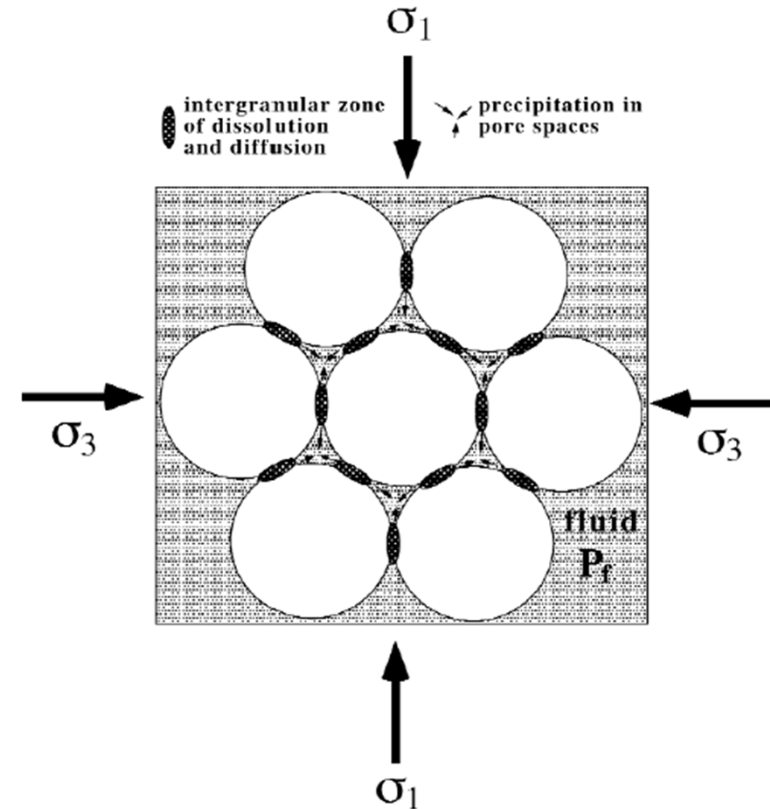
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Water
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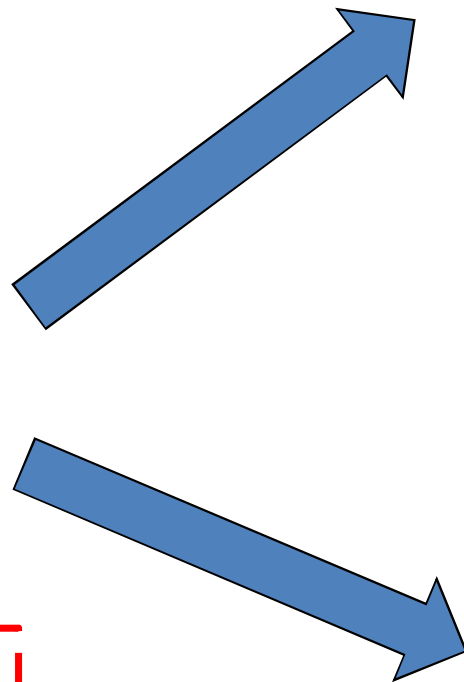
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Chemo-mechanical
Mechanism (ex: mineral dissolution)

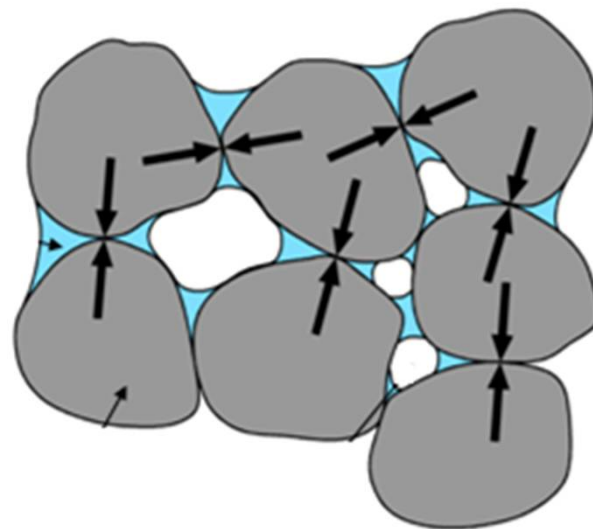
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**Destruction of
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Capillary pressure as a new state variable
for the rock stress-strain behavior



Mineral dissolution and precipitation as
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Experimental pressure solution compaction of chalk in aqueous solutions

Part 1. Deformation behavior and chemistry

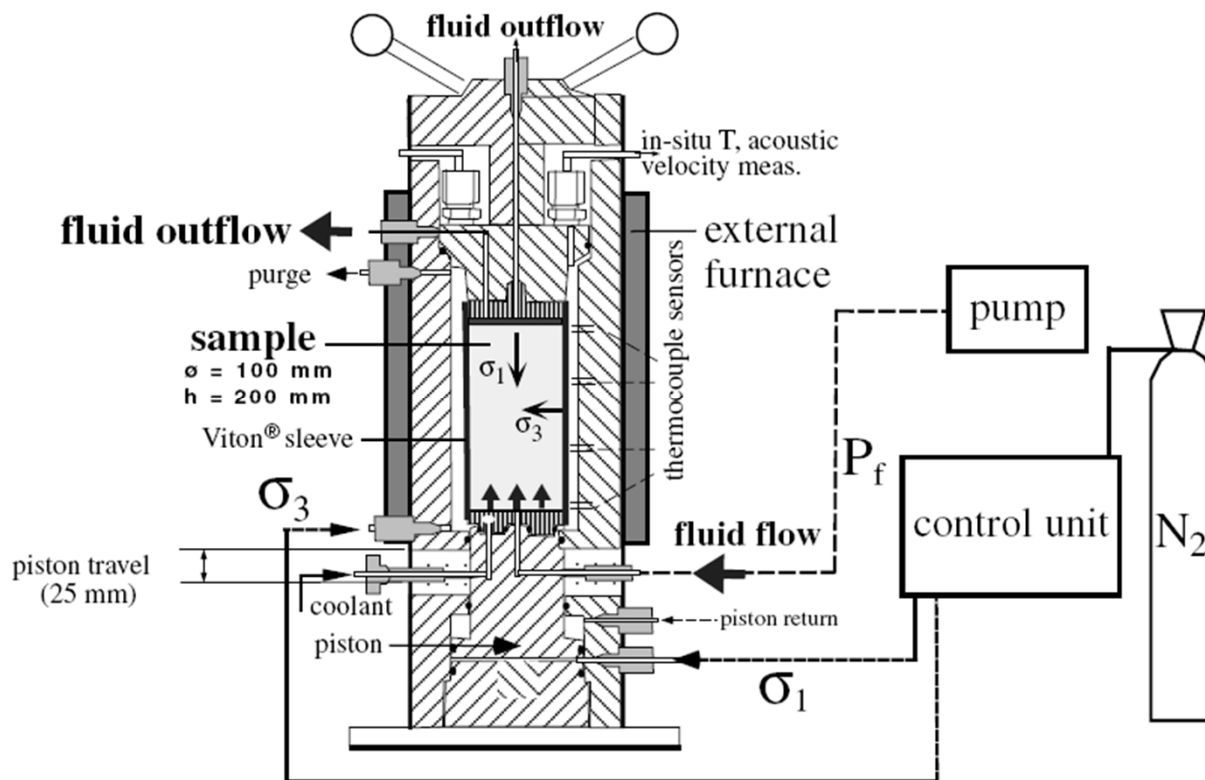
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Chemical Mechanism

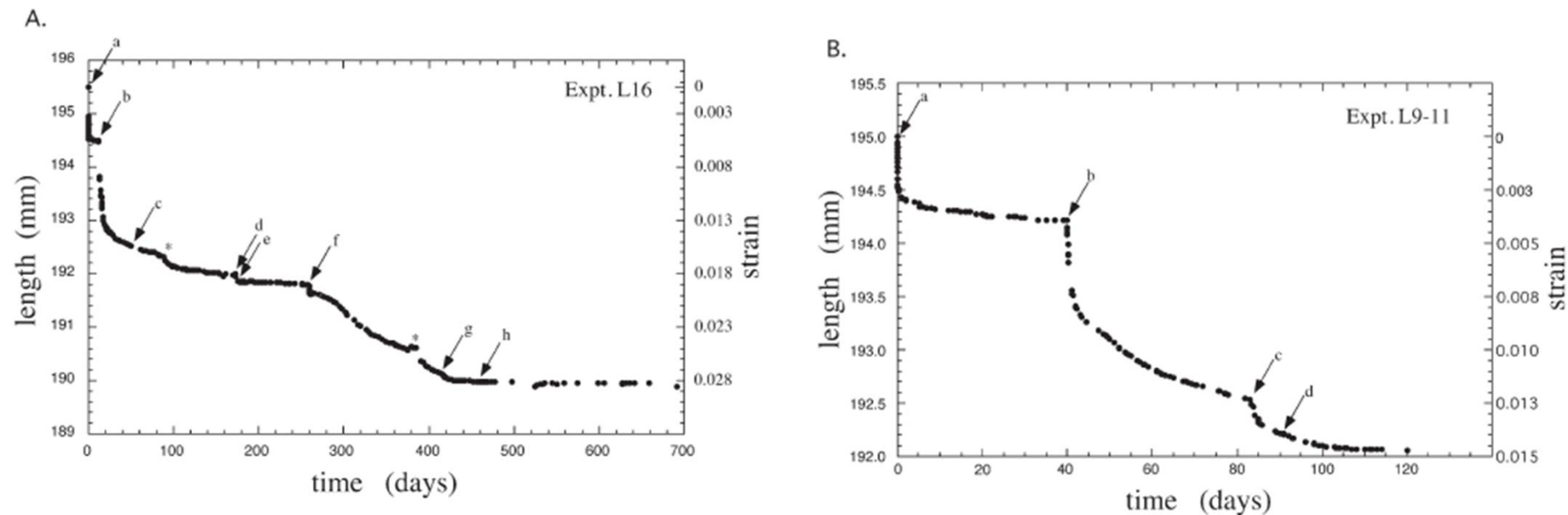


Fig. 5. Deformation curves for experiments L16 and L9-11 (note that strain (ϵ) increases in negative direction along ordinate axis). Changes in various strain rate-influencing parameters during the course of each experiment served to perturb local “steady-state” deformation behavior. (A) L16 parameter changes a: start of dry deformation, $\sigma_1 = 6.0$, $\sigma_3 = 4.0$ MPa, 25°C b: injection H_2O , $v = 0.5 \rightarrow 0.1$ ml min^{-1} , $T = 25 \rightarrow 50^\circ\text{C}$ c: $v = 0$ over $t = 50$ -172 days; *instability, gas bottle change d: injection saline solution over $t = 179$ -189 days, $v = \text{variable}$ e: $v = 0$ over $t = 189$ -259 days f: $T = 50 \rightarrow 77^\circ\text{C}$, $v = 0$ over $t = 259$ -417 days; * instability, gas bottle change, $\sigma_1 = 7.0$, $\sigma_3 = 4.0$ MPa g: $v = 0.1$ ml min^{-1} over $t = 417$ -461 days h: injection propanol, $v = 0.1 \rightarrow 0$ ml min^{-1} . (B) L9-11 parameter changes a: dry deformation: 0 - 0.08 days, followed by start of fluid-assisted deformation, injection H_2O , $v = 0.5 \rightarrow 0.2$ ml min^{-1} , $\sigma_1 = 4.9$, $\sigma_3 = 4.0$ MPa b: $\sigma_1 = 7.0$, $\sigma_3 = 4.0$ MPa, $v = 0.2 \rightarrow 0.1$ ml min^{-1} c: $T = 25 \rightarrow 50^\circ\text{C}$ d: injection of saline solution, $v = 0.1$ ml min^{-1} .

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Environmental damages in regional scale:

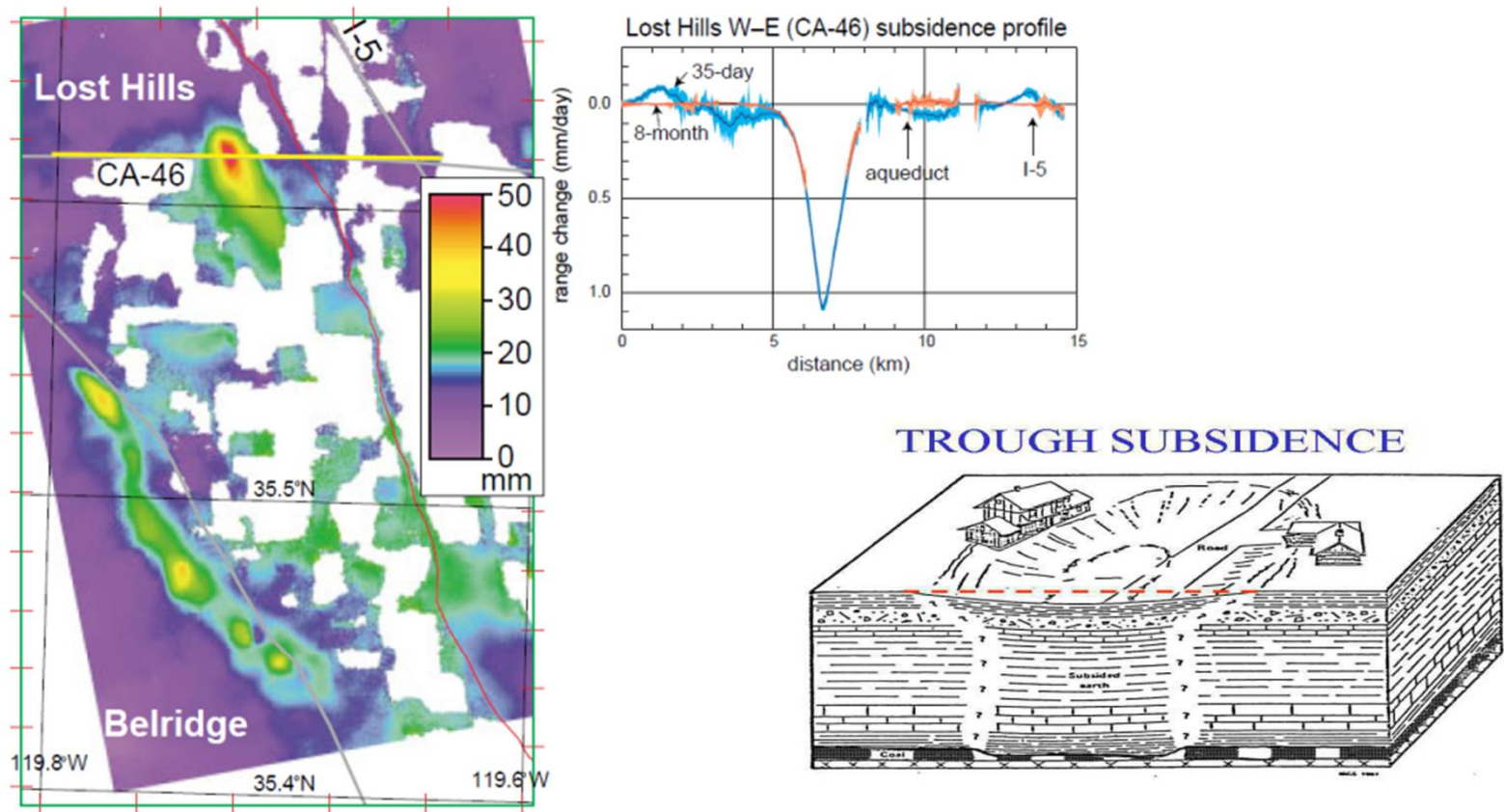


Figura 5.1: Medição por satélite da subsidência em campo de petróleo na região Lost Hills-Califórnia. Seguindo a linha leste-oeste (CA-46), nota-se uma taxa de subsidência média de mais de 1 mm/dia - E.J.Fielding, R.G. Blom & R.M.Goldstein - JPL - Nasa - Califórnia

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Environmental damages in regional scale:



S.R. Anderson/U.S. Geological Survey

Sign warning motorists of subsidence hazard was erected after an earth fissure damaged Snyder Hill Road in Pima County, Arizona, 1981.



RESERVOIR COMPACTION

Cap rock integrity during depletion:

Fault regimes induced by **reservoir compaction**:

NF – Normal faults

RF – Reverse faults

The upper part of the reservoir tends to move downwards while the lower part moves upwards

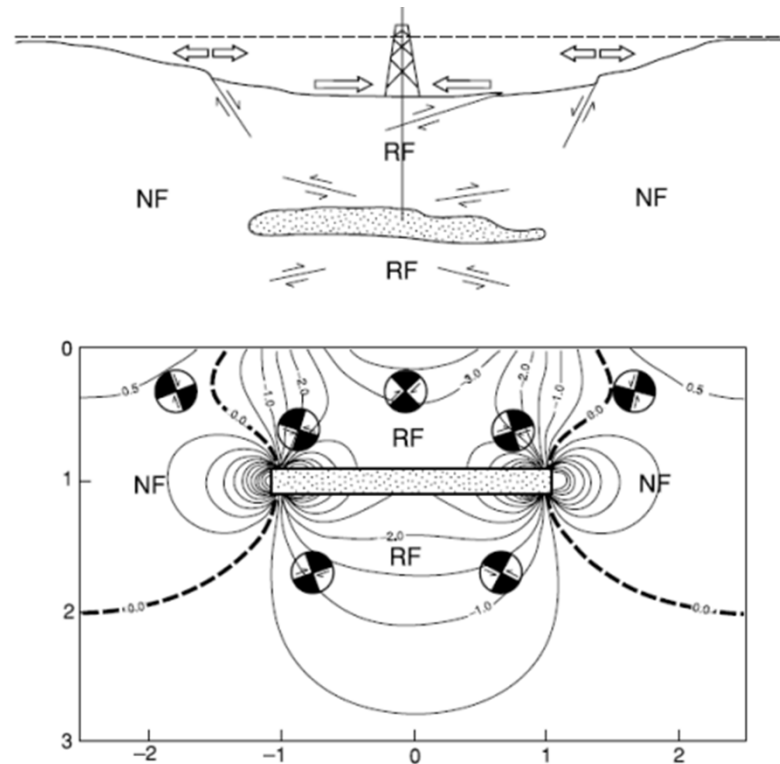
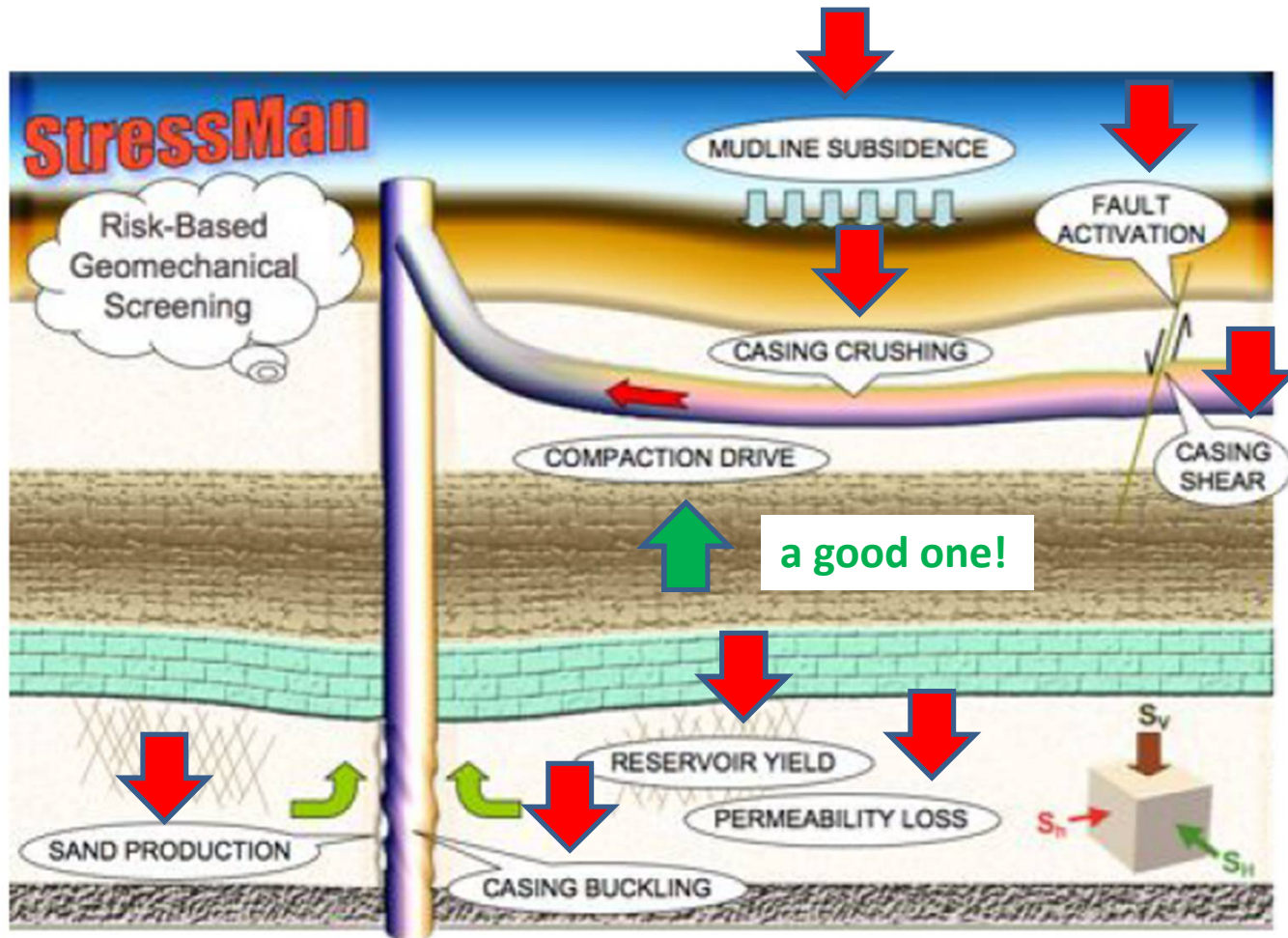


Figura 5.6: Diagrama mostrando a deformação que ocorre na vizinhança de um reservatório que está sendo depletado (Segall-1990)(Zoback, M. D., 2007)

RESERVOIR COMPACTION

and other consequences...



RESERVOIR COMPACTION

Hydraulic problem: two phase flow equations for deformable porous media

$$\frac{\partial(\phi s_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha})}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} + \phi s_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha} \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = 0 \quad \alpha = w, o$$

$$q_{\alpha} = -\frac{k k_{r\alpha}}{\mu_{\alpha}} (\nabla p_{\alpha} - \rho_{\alpha} \tilde{\mathbf{g}})$$

where: $s_w + s_o = 1$ $p_c = p_o - p_w$ $\lambda_{\alpha} = k_{r\alpha} / \mu_{\alpha}$

ϕ porosity

s_{α} fluid saturation

ρ_{α} fluid density

q_{α} Darcy flow

μ_{α} phase viscosity

$\dot{\mathbf{u}}$ Solid velocity

$\mathbf{k}$ permeability tensor

$k_{r\alpha}$ fluid relative permeability

λ_{α} fluid mobility

p_{α} Fluid pressure

p_c capillary pressure

$\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$ gravity

Mechanical problem for geomaterials:

□ Equilibrium Equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$$

□ Principle of Effective Stresses:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}' + \alpha \cdot p_f \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

□ Stress-strain relationship:

$$\mathbf{d}\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{d}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$


Specific for each geomaterial

HM FORMULATION

HYDRO-MECHANICAL COUPLINGS:

□ Rock porosity:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(1-\phi)\rho_s] + \nabla[(1-\phi)\rho_s \cdot \dot{\mathbf{u}}] = 0$$

(mass conservation of solids)

(material derivative)

$$\frac{d\bullet}{dt} = \frac{\partial\bullet}{\partial t} + \dot{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \bullet$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{(1-\phi)}{\rho_s} \frac{d\rho_s}{dt} + (1-\phi) \frac{d\varepsilon_v}{dt}$$

(changes of porosity as
a function of volumetric strains)

□ Rock permeability:

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_i \exp[b(\phi - \phi_i)]$$

Other: Kozeny-Carman

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_o \frac{\phi^3}{(1-\phi)^2} \frac{(1-\phi_o)^2}{\phi_o^3}$$

ϕ_o : reference porosity

$\mathbf{k}_o$: intrinsic permeability for matrix ϕ_o

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HYDRAULIC

■ Water and oil flow: Darcy's law

$$q_w = -K_w (\nabla P_w - \rho_w g)$$

$$q_o = -K_o (\nabla P_o - \rho_o g)$$

• Water and oil flow driven by **pressure** gradients

○ Permeability tensor

$$K_\alpha = k k_{r\alpha} / \mu_\alpha$$

k : intrinsic permeability tensor

$k_{r\alpha}$: relative permeability

μ_α : dynamic viscosity

$$k = k_i \exp[b(\phi - \phi_i)]$$

$$\frac{\partial(\phi s_\alpha \rho_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho_\alpha q_\alpha + \phi s_\alpha \rho_\alpha \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = 0$$

MECHANICAL:

$$\nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}' + S_w \cdot P_w + S_o \cdot P_o$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \mathbf{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$\varepsilon_v = \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

SOLID BALANCE:

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{(1-\phi)}{\rho_s} \frac{d\rho_s}{dt} + (1-\phi) \frac{d\varepsilon_v}{dt}$$

RESERVOIR COMPACTION

Increase of fluid
flow apparent
velocity

$$v_{\alpha} = \frac{q_{\alpha}}{\phi}$$

Volumetric strain in mass balance equations:

Compaction-driven mechanism

Porosity
decrease

$$\rightarrow \frac{D}{Dt} \phi = \frac{(1-\phi)}{\rho_s} \frac{D}{Dt} \rho_s + (1-\phi) \dot{\epsilon}_v$$

Pressure maintenance

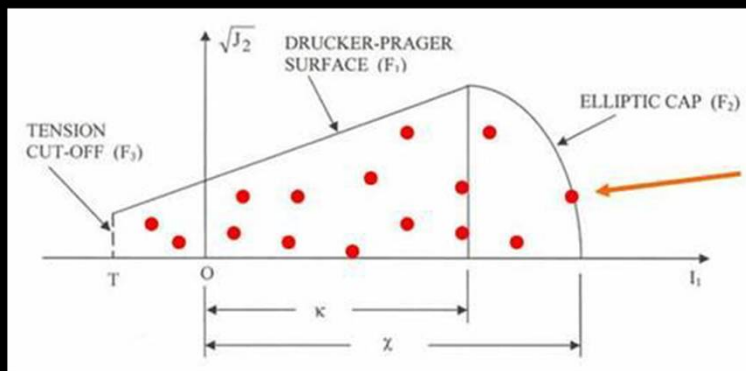
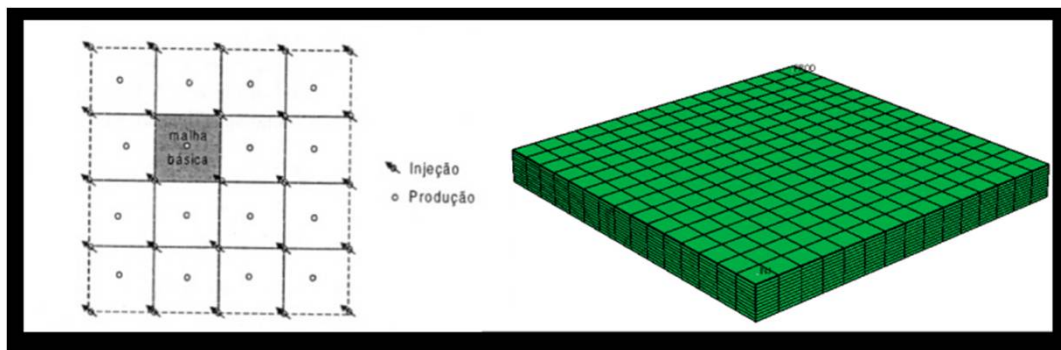
$$\phi \frac{D}{Dt} \rho_w + \nabla \cdot \left[-\mathbf{K} \frac{\rho_w}{\mu_w} \nabla \rho_w - \mathbf{K} \frac{\rho_w^2}{\mu_w} \mathbf{g} \right] + \rho_w \dot{\epsilon}_v = 0 \quad (\text{Eq.7})$$

Mass balance
Final Equation

SECONDARY OIL RECOVERY: WATER INJECTION

Sensitivity analysis of reservoir compaction parameters:

Elastic and Elasto-plastic (with CAP) reservoir



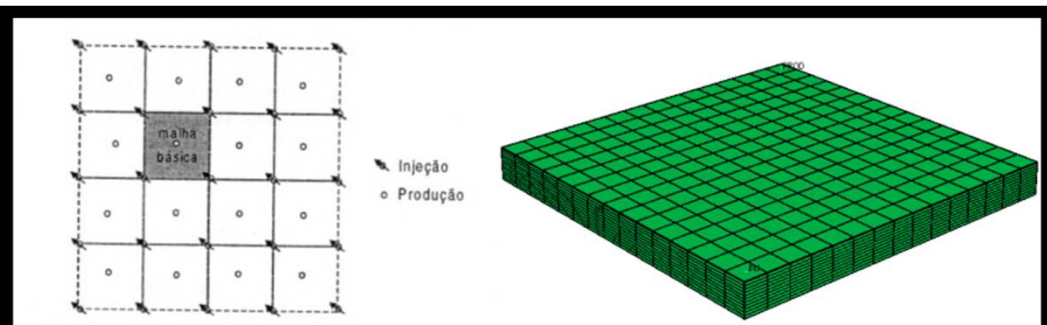
$$\sigma'_v = \sigma'_H = \sigma'_h = 3515 \text{ psi}$$

RESERVOIR COMPACTION

Sensitivity analysis on cumulative oil production:

Variable

Parâmetros	Intervalo		Unidade
Coeficiente de Biot	0,8	1,0	
Módulo de Elasticidade	8E+05	2E+06	psi
Ângulo de Atrito	30	40	°
Poisson	0,2	0,4	
Coesão	1000	3000	psi
Posição do "cap"	5000	10000	psi



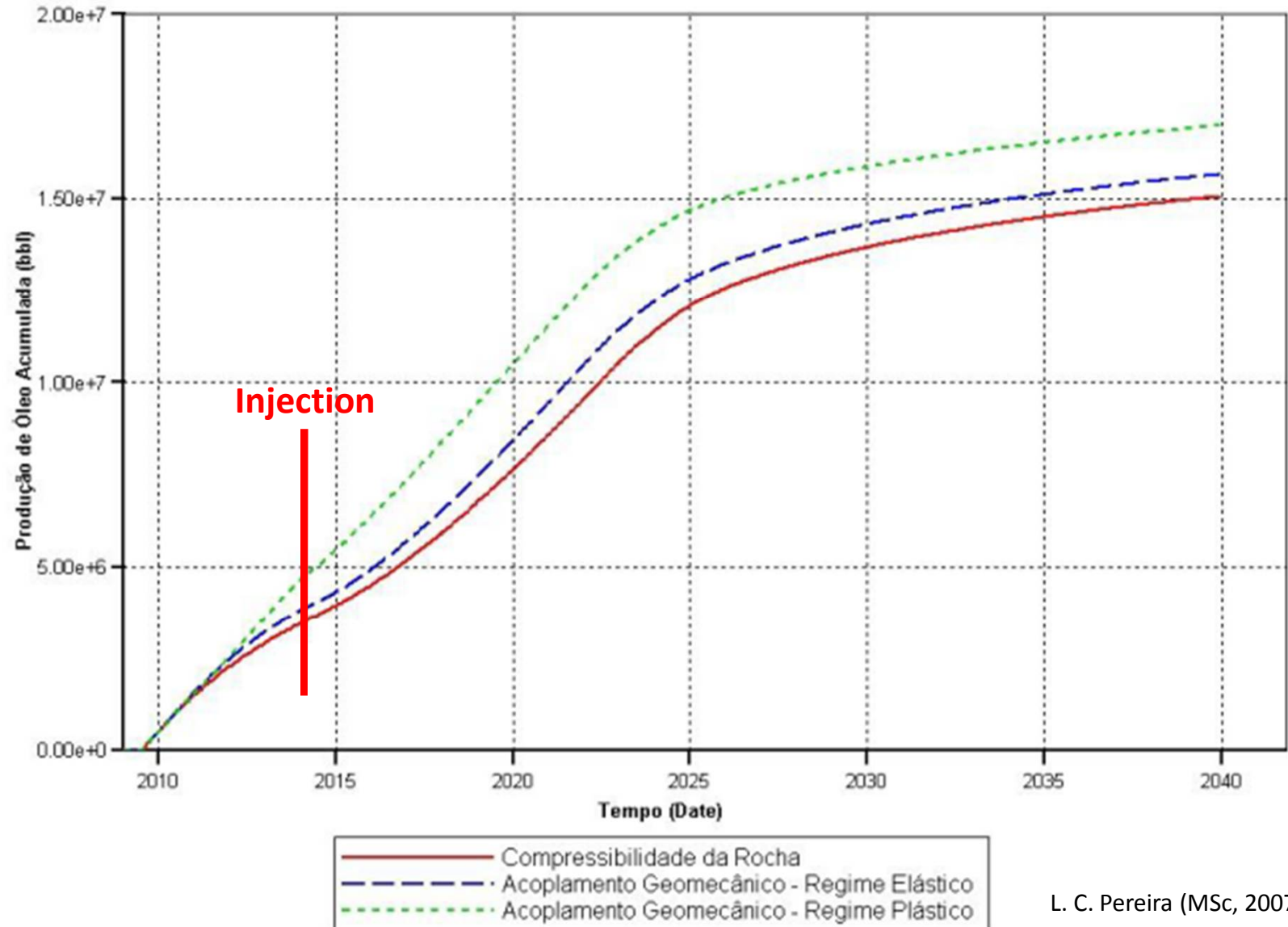
Fixed

μ_o : 14,38 cP
 μ_w : 0,4 cP
 ϕ : 0,2
 K_x e K_y : 40 mD
 K_z : 4 mD
 P : 19149 psi

Q_{inj} : 3000 bbl/d
 Q_{prod} : 3000 bbl/d
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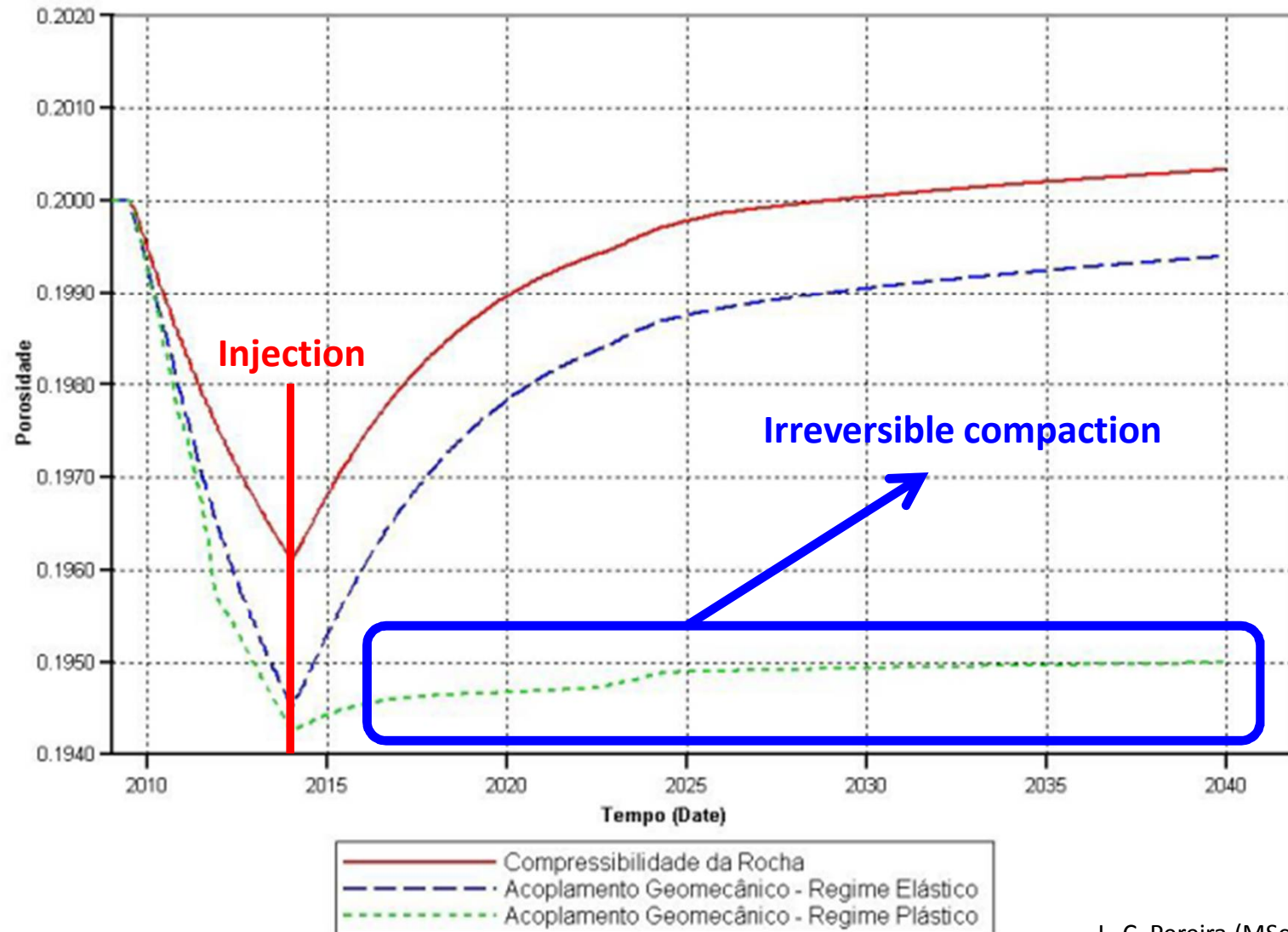
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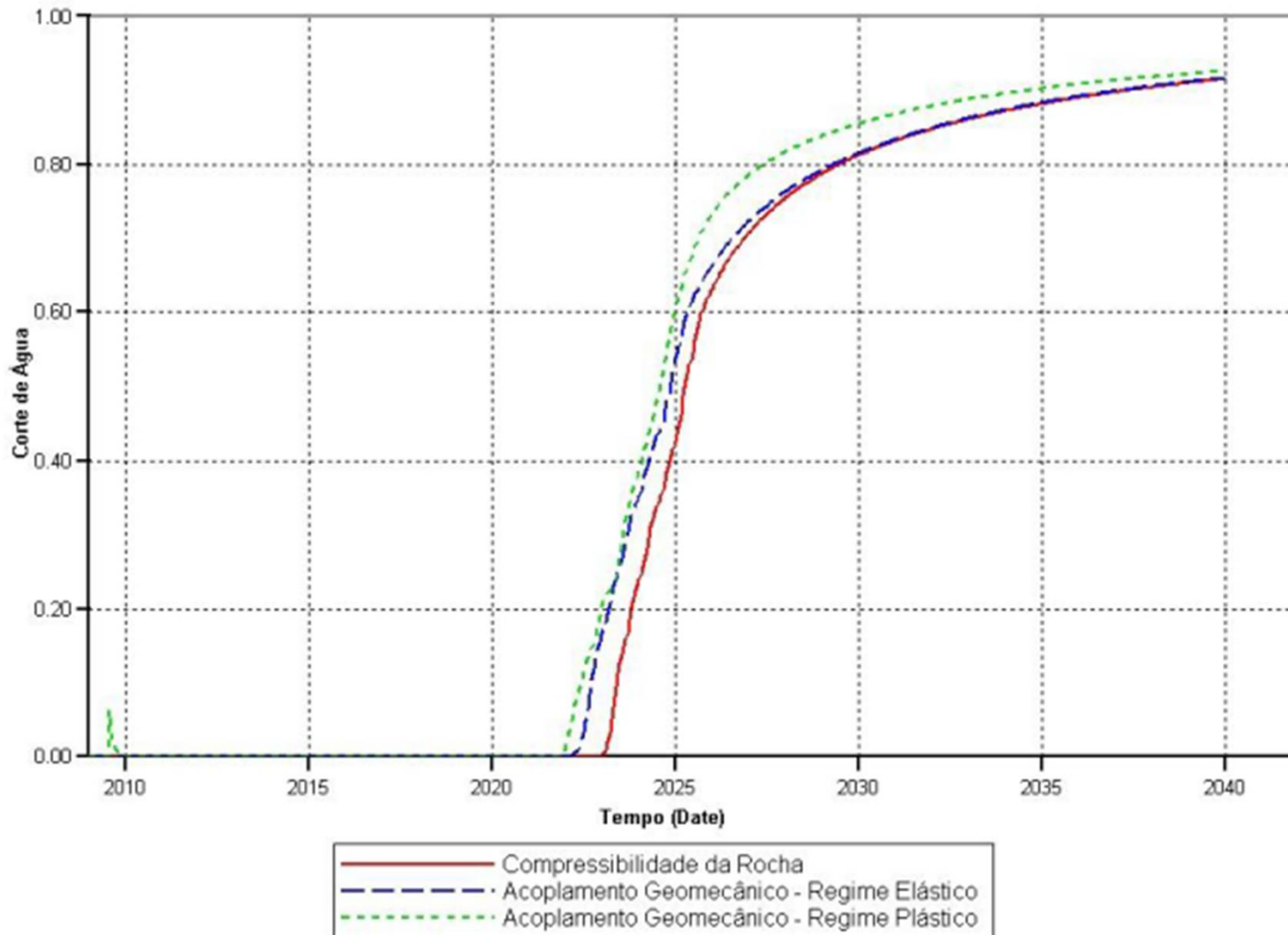
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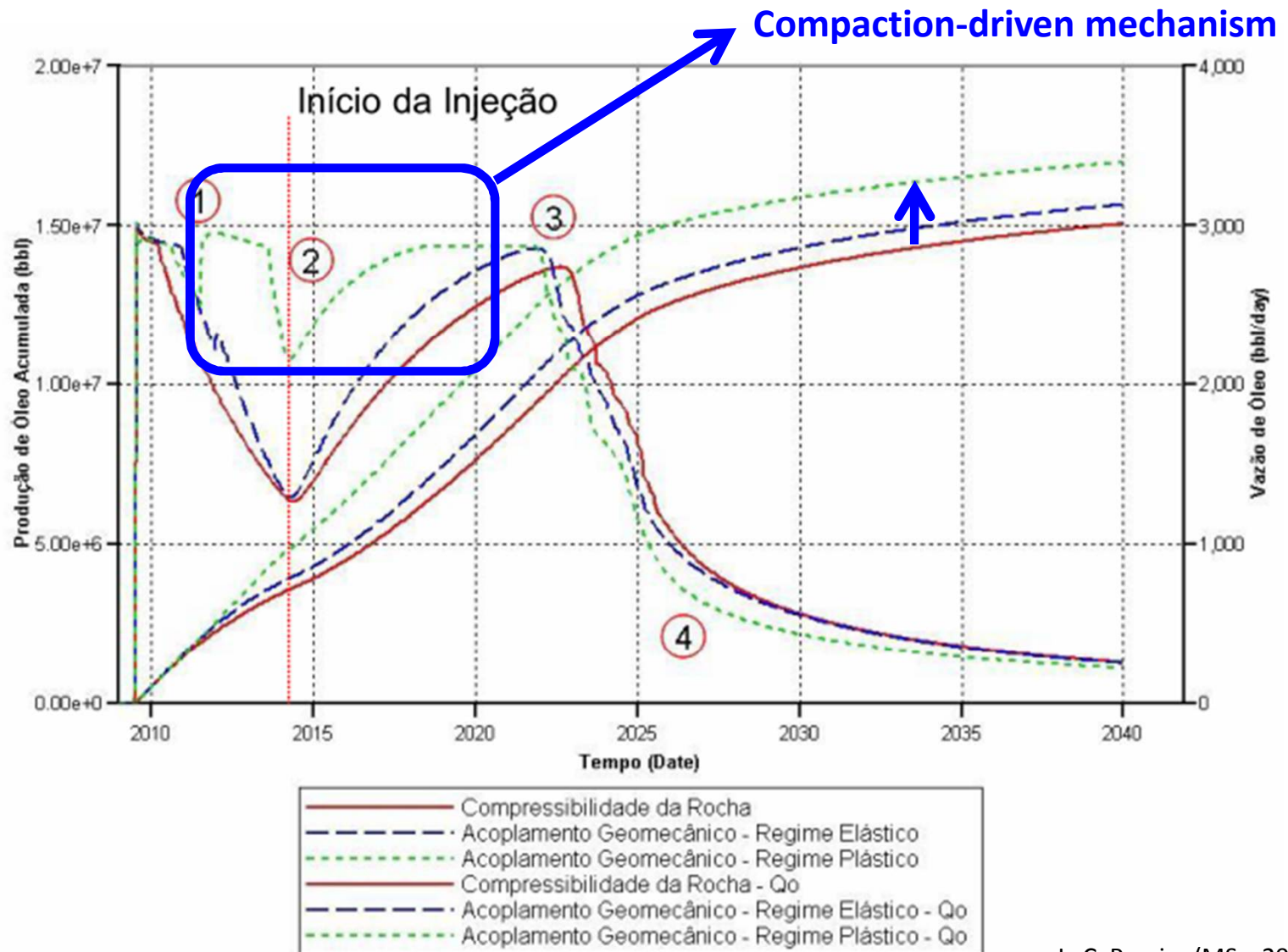
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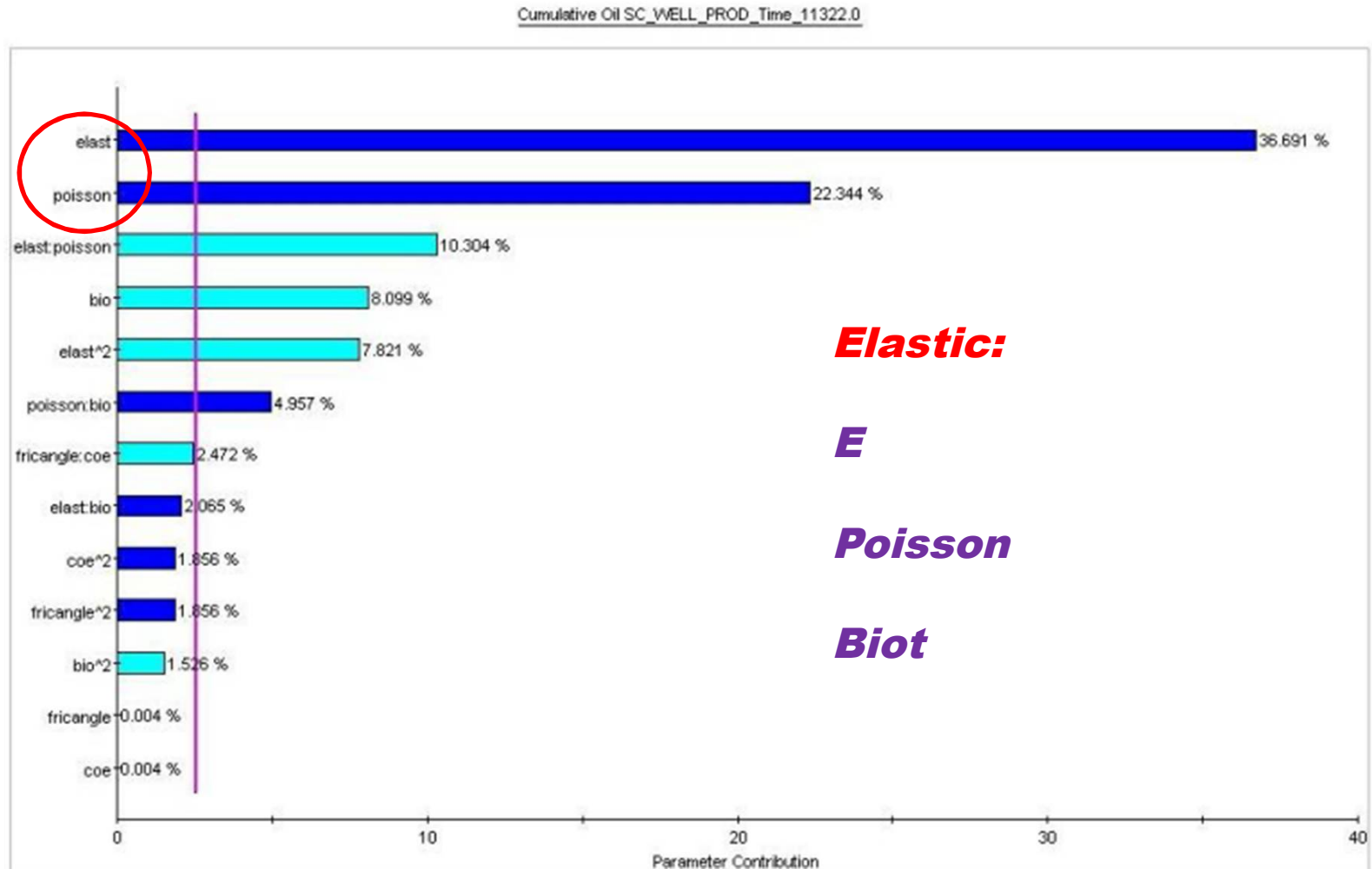
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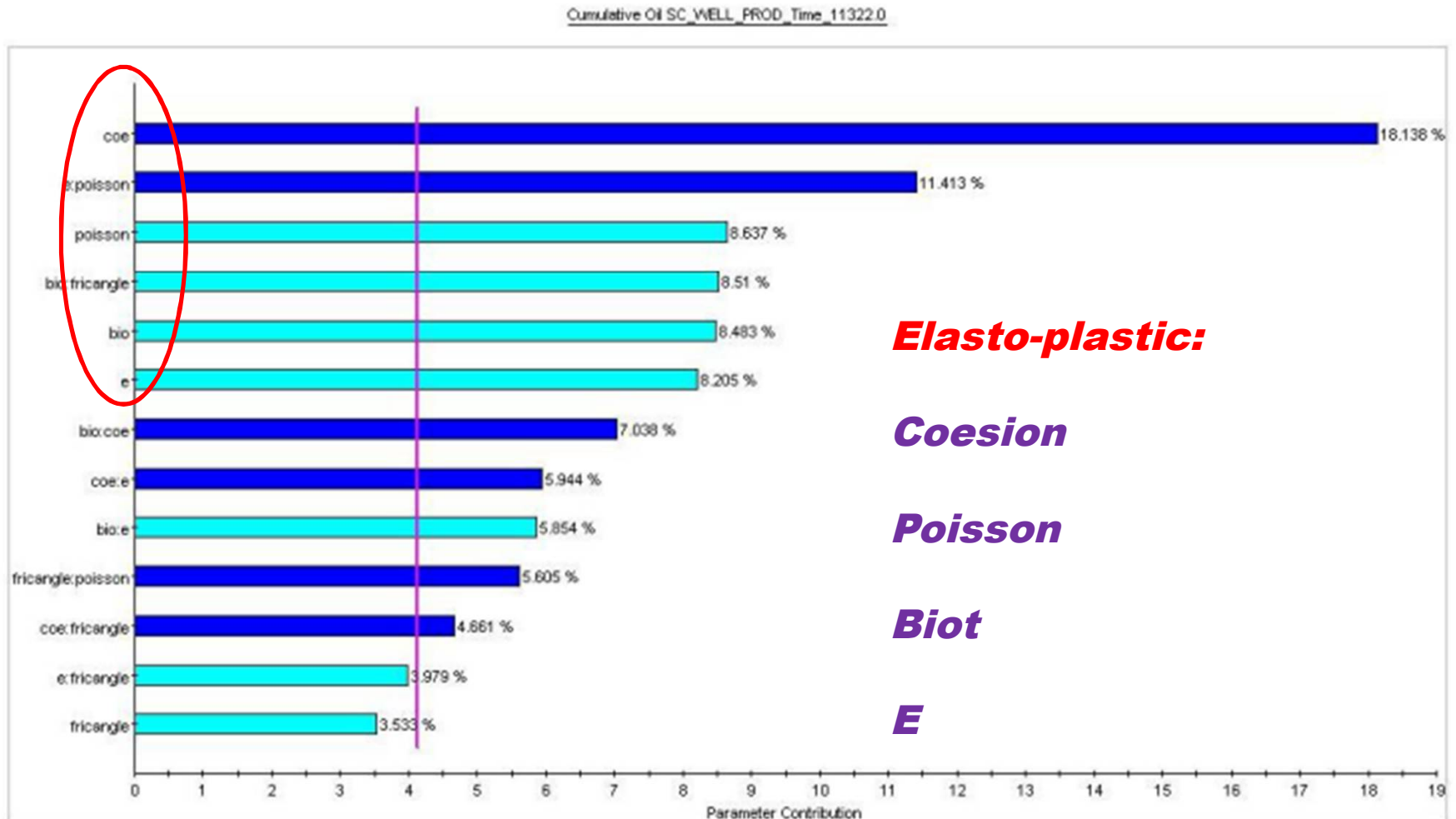
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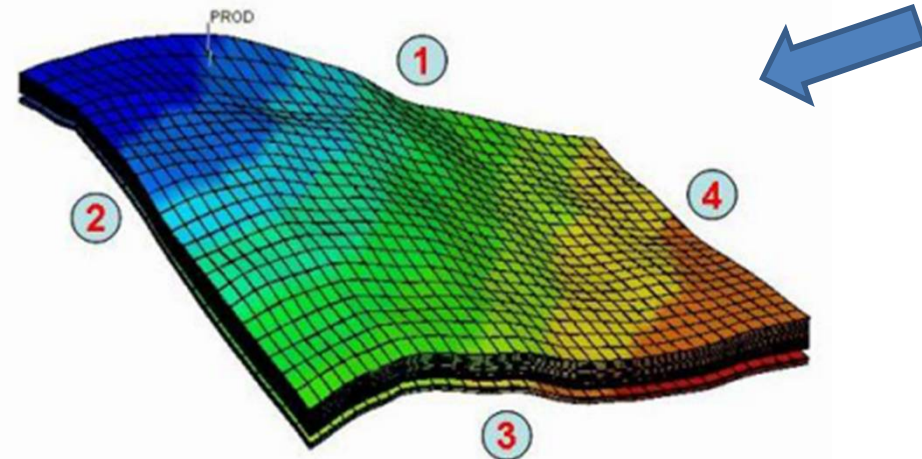
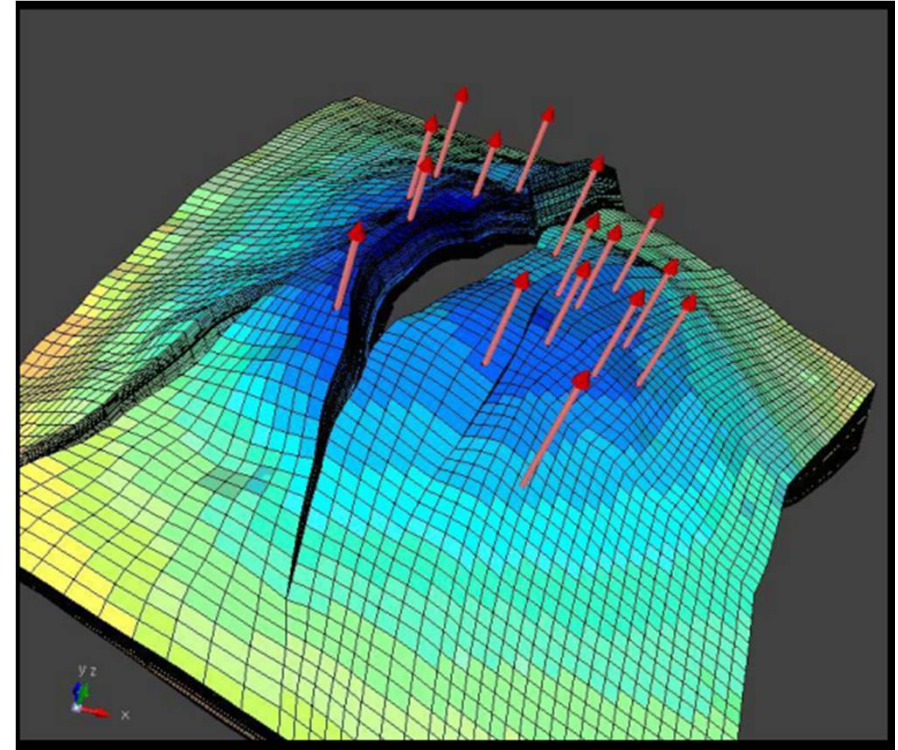
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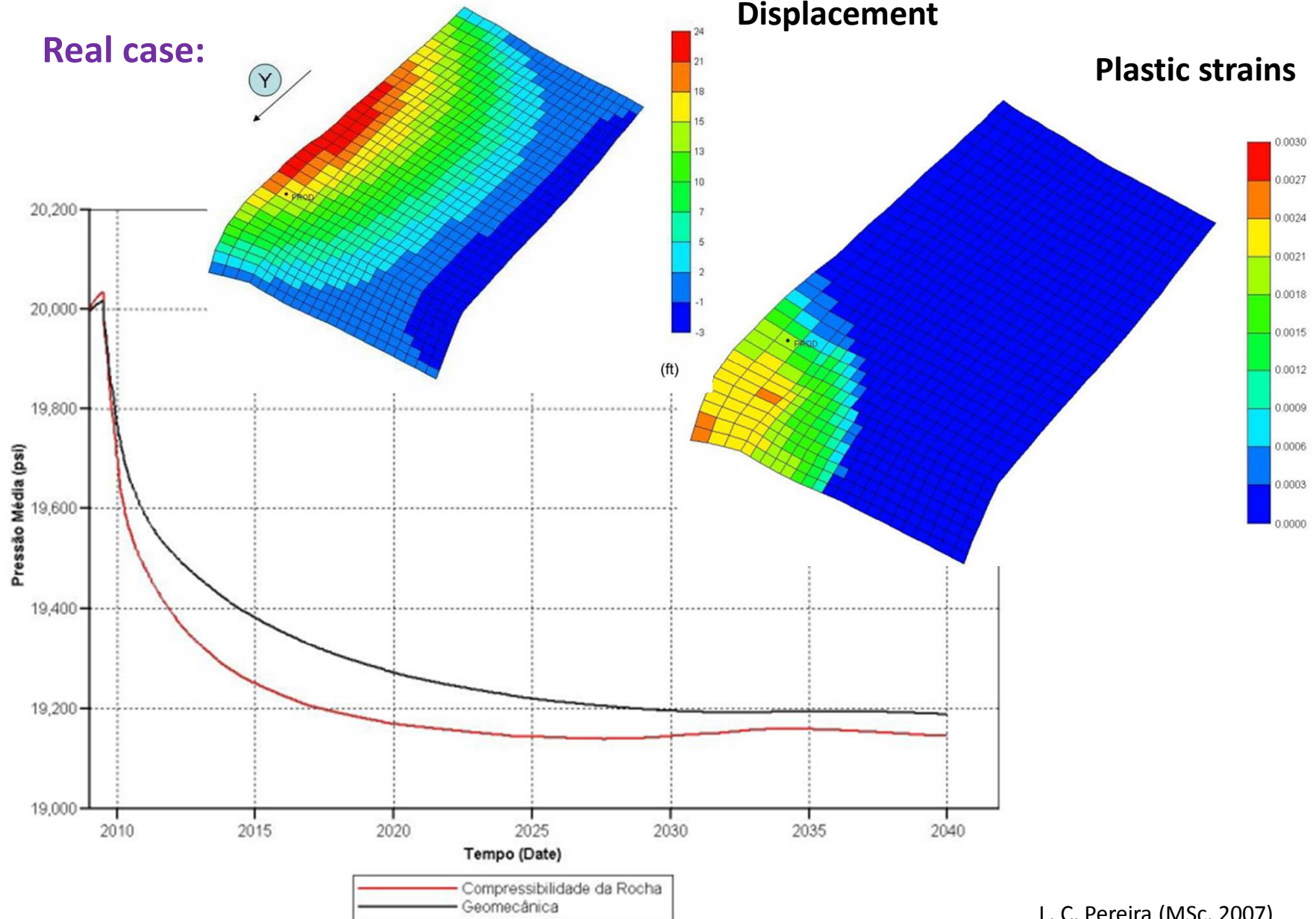
Real case:

HT/HP
reservoir
(Pereira, 2007)



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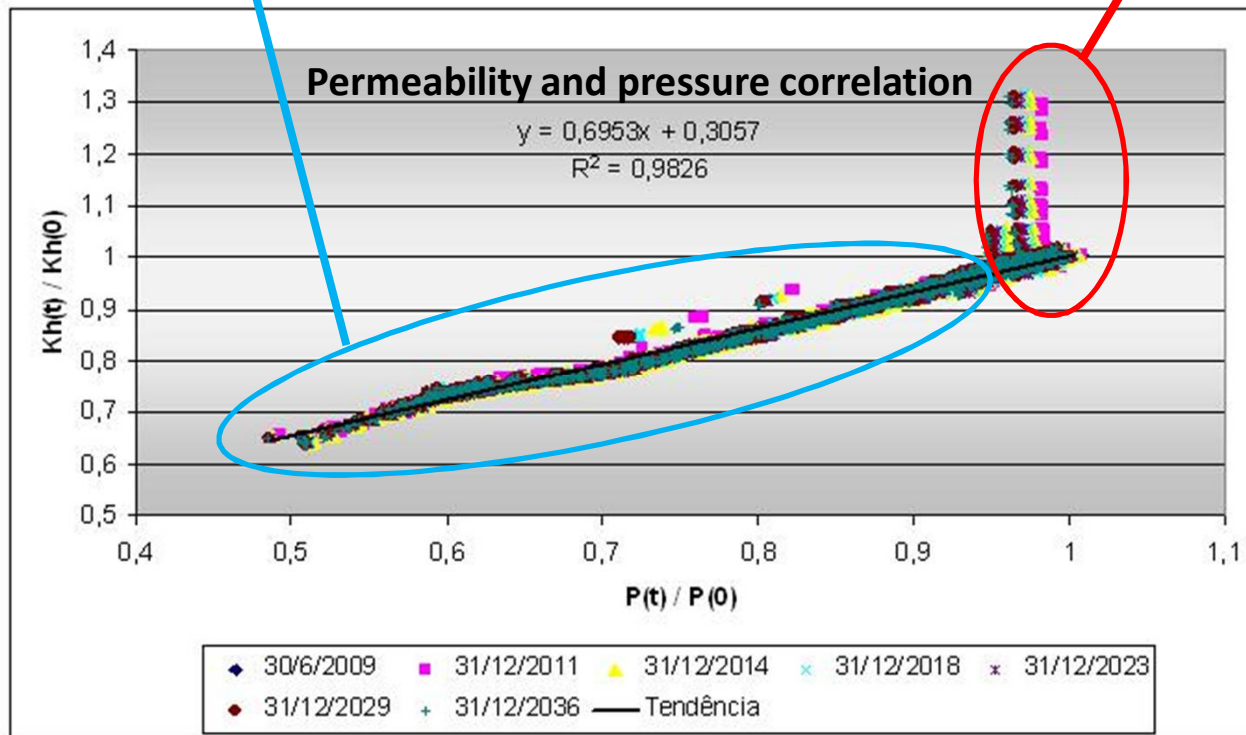
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Is it correct to use in conventional reservoir simulation **Permeability** as a function of **Pressure**?? $K(P)$?

It depends!! More critical close to wellbores.

Points at elastic regions

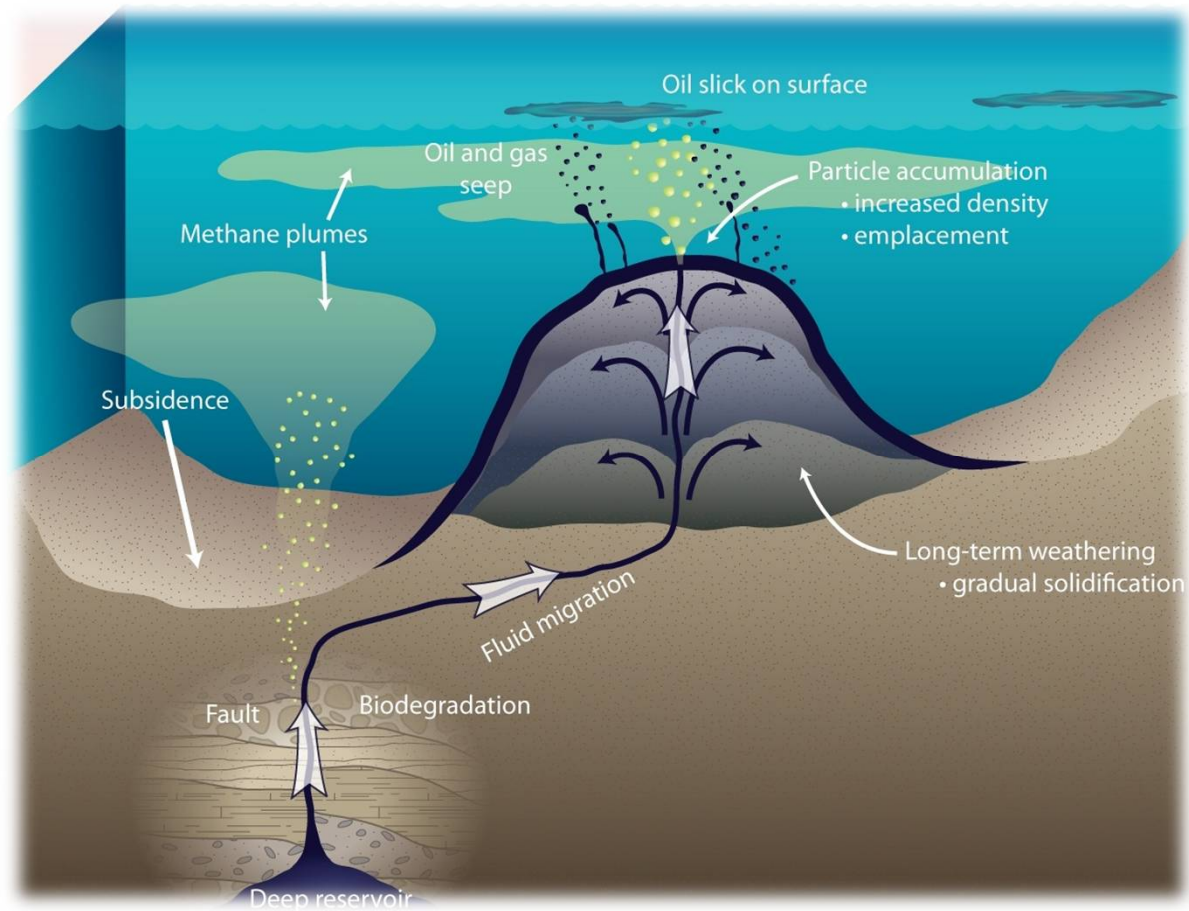
Points at elasto-plastic
(compaction and dilation) regions



Permeability and pressure correlation in a coupled geomechanical simulation

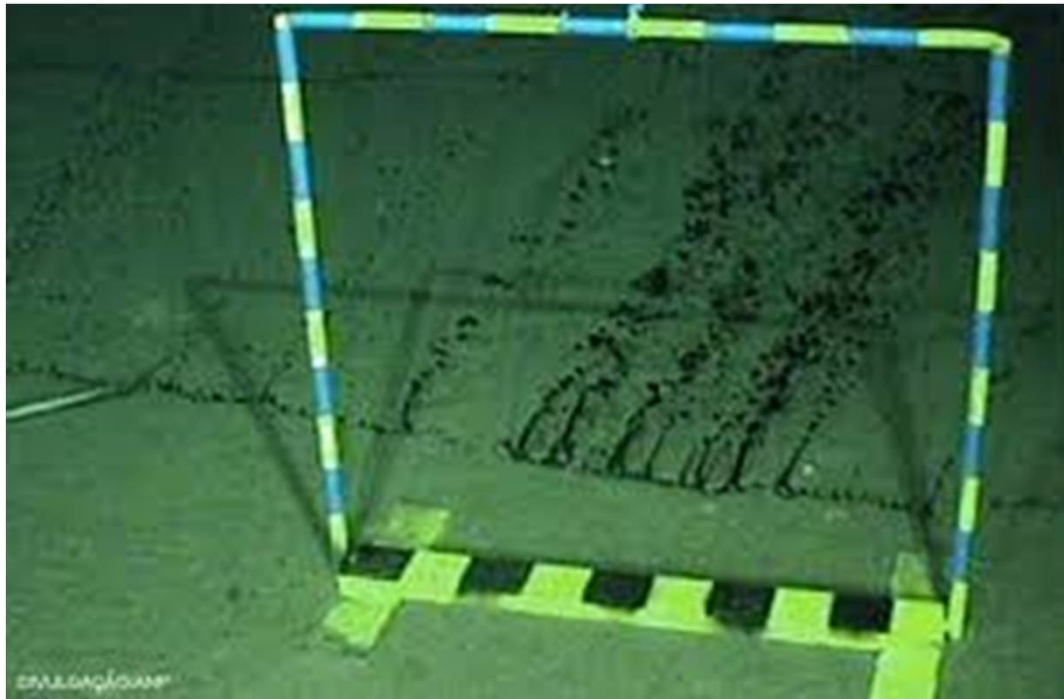
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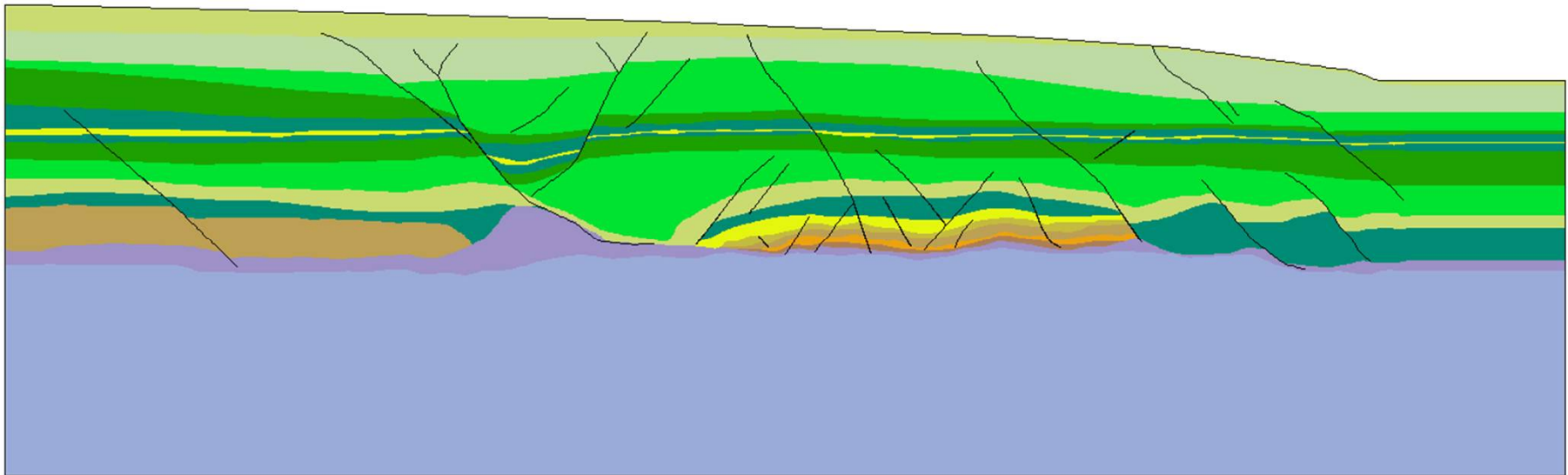
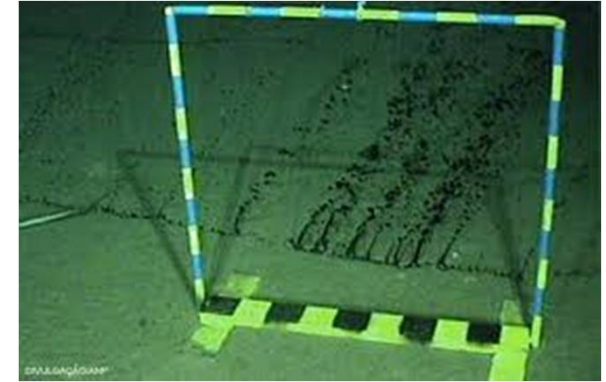
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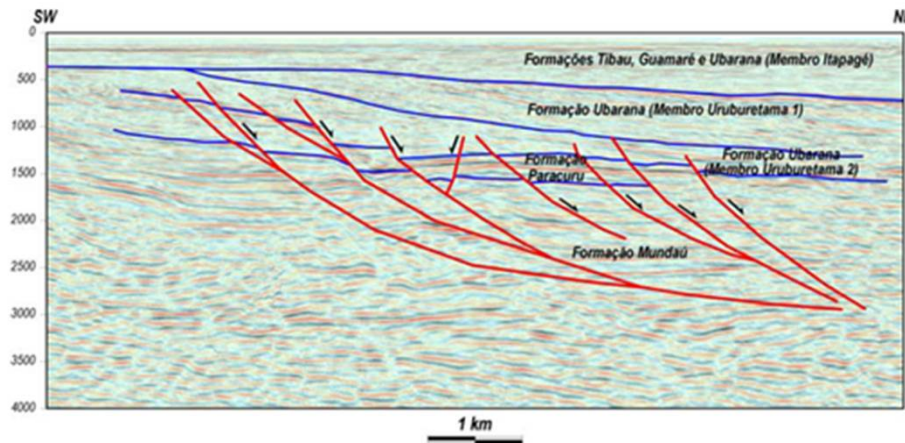
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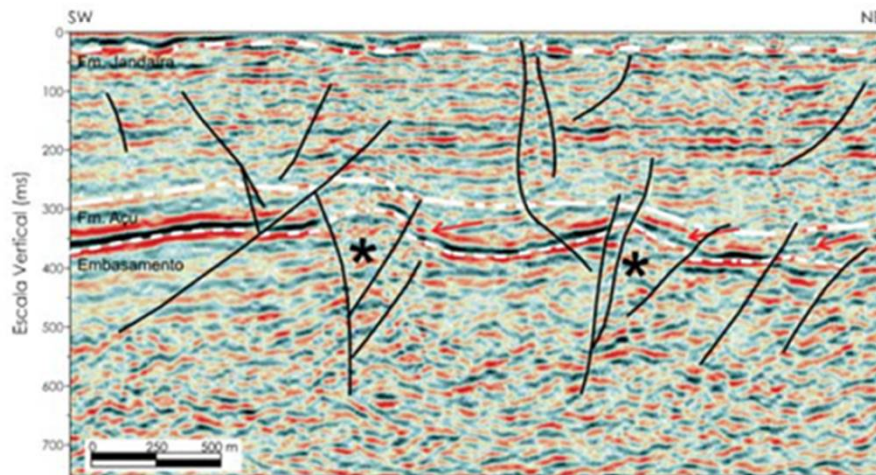


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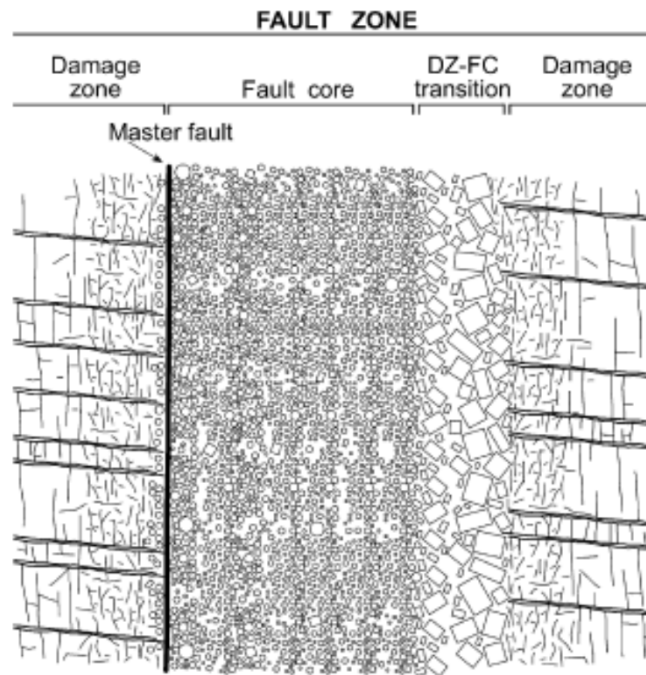
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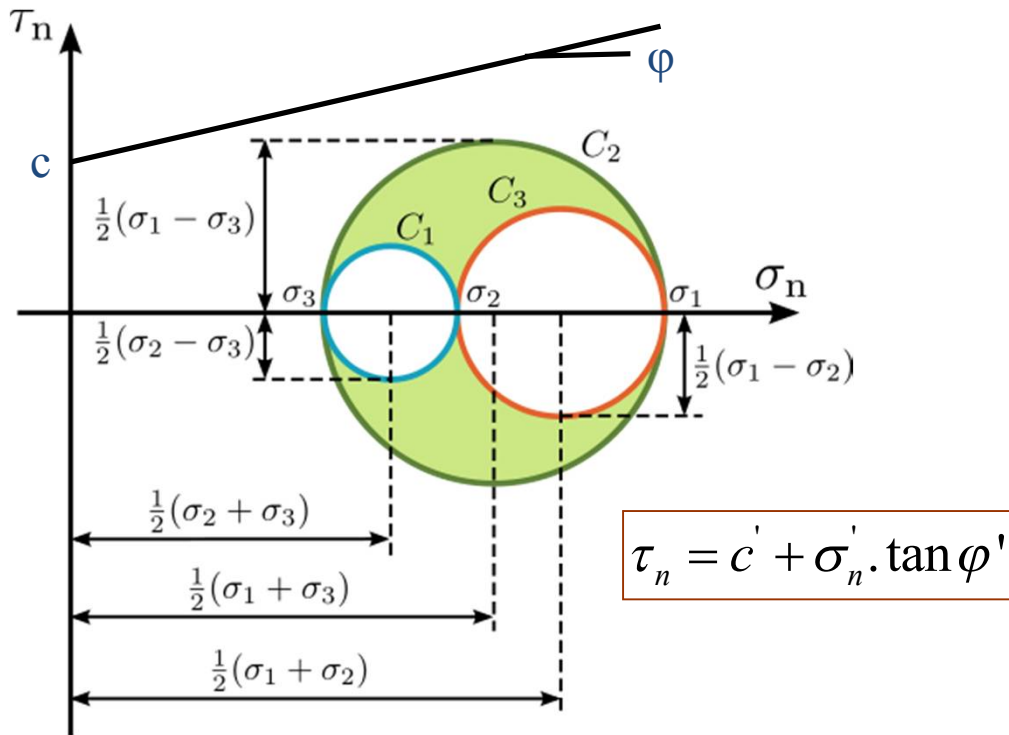
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How to represent them properly?



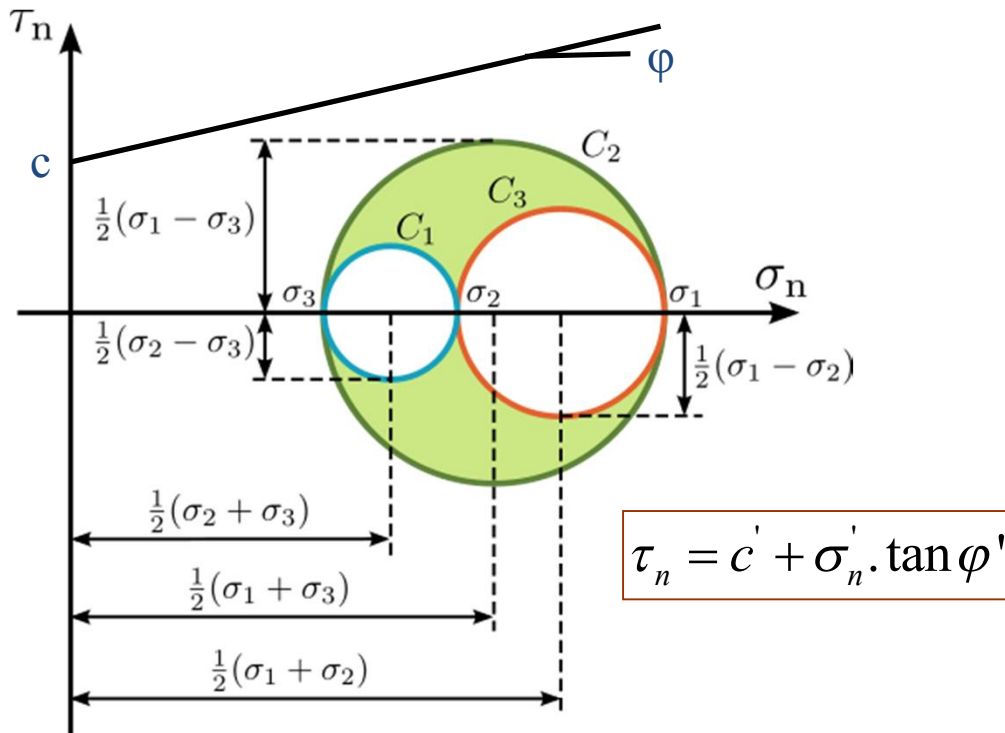
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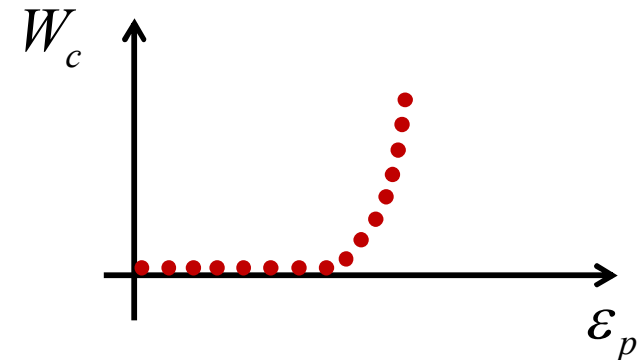
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Analytical analysis or FEM analysis

Total plastic work

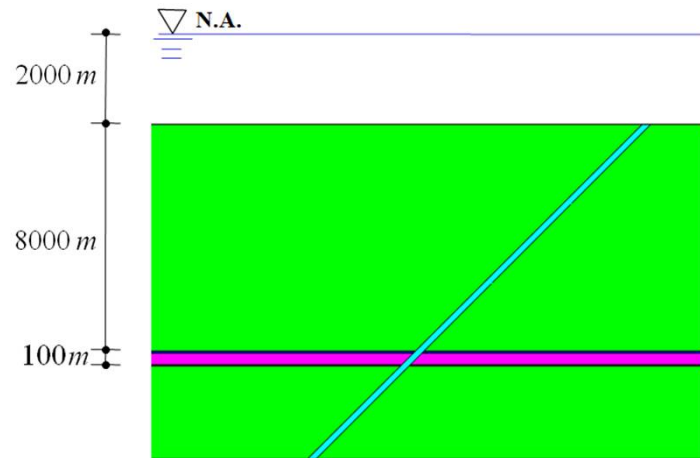
$$W_c = \int_0^{\varepsilon_{pf}} \sigma_Y d\varepsilon_p$$



only FEM analysis

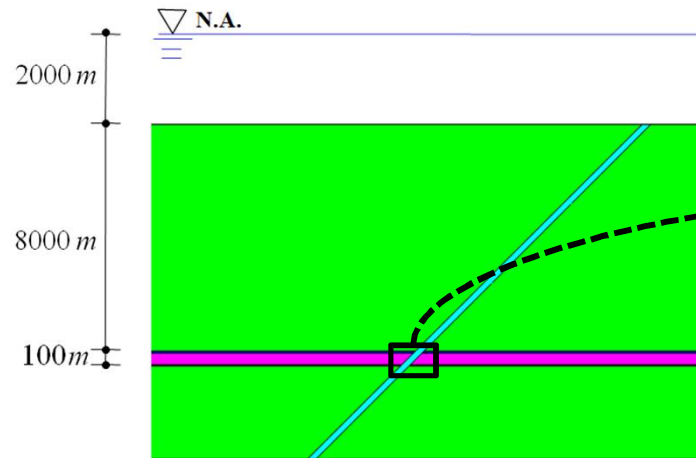
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Oil Reservoir crossed by a fault

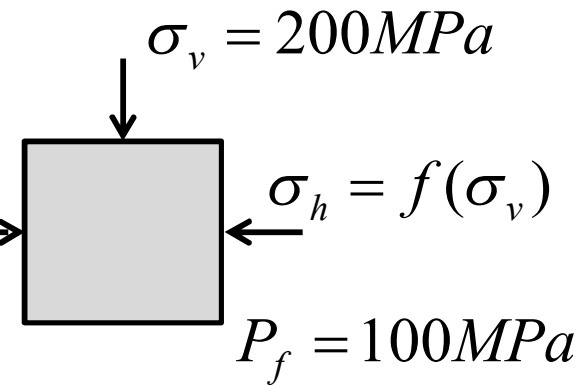


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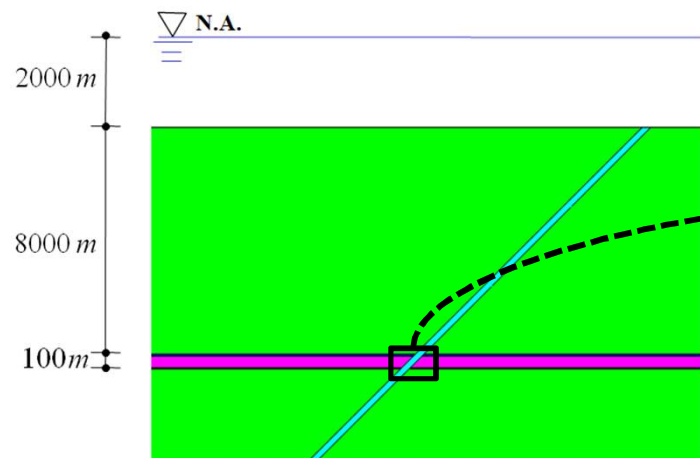


In situ stresses (estimated)

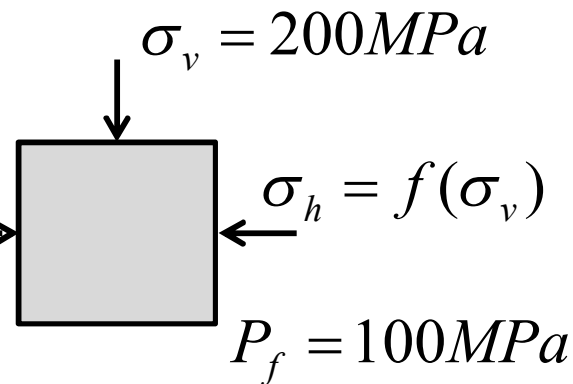


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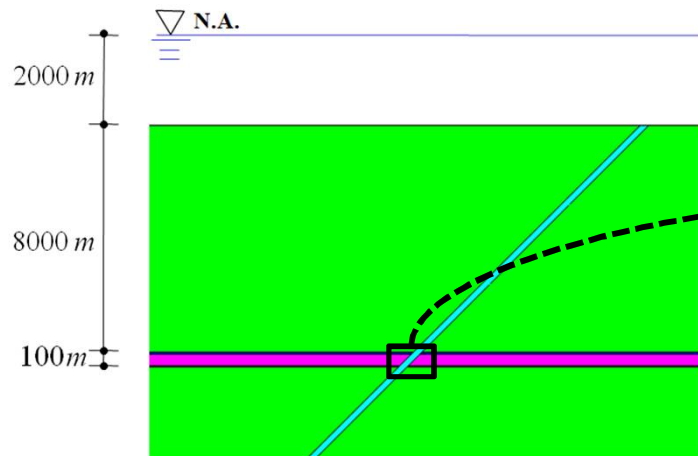
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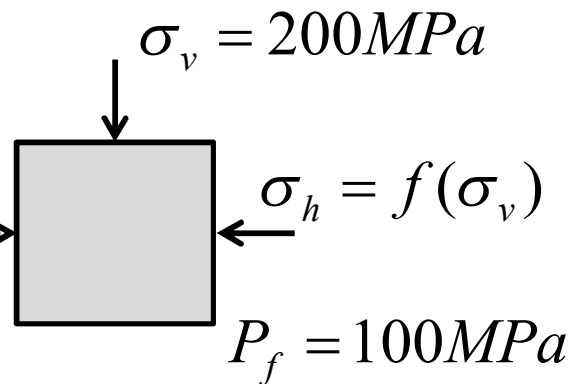
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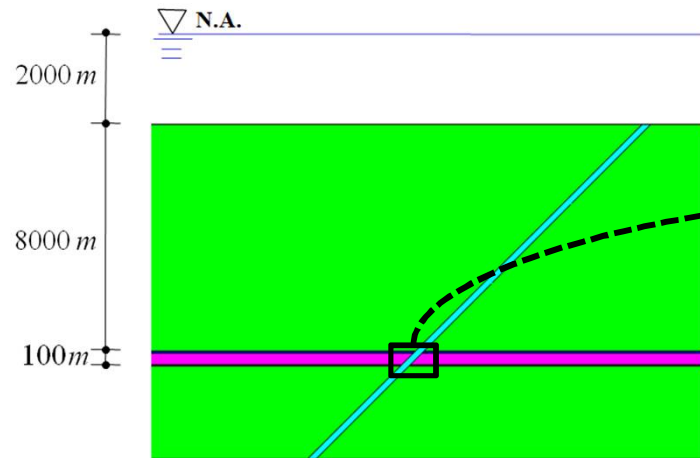
$$k_0 = 0.4$$

Biot's coefficient

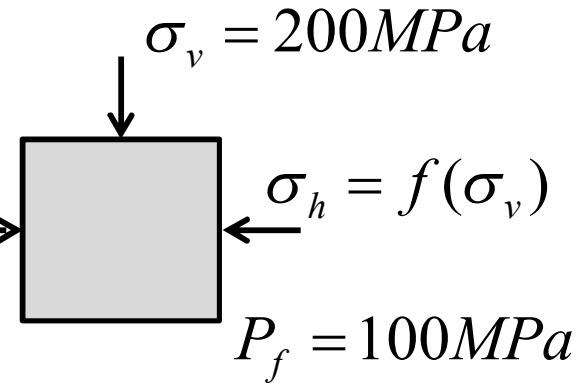
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Principal effective stresses

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_v$$

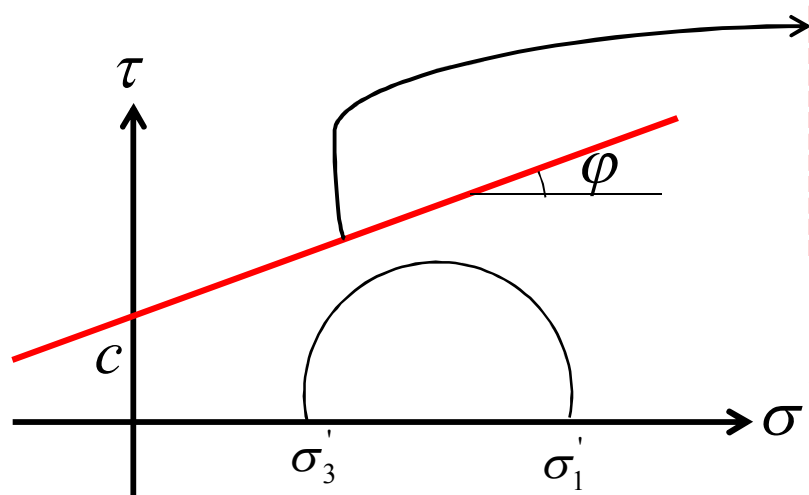
$$\sigma_1' = \sigma_1 - \alpha_{Biot} P_f$$

$$\sigma_1' = 110MPa$$

$$\sigma_3' = k_0 \sigma_1'$$

$$\sigma_3' = 44MPa$$

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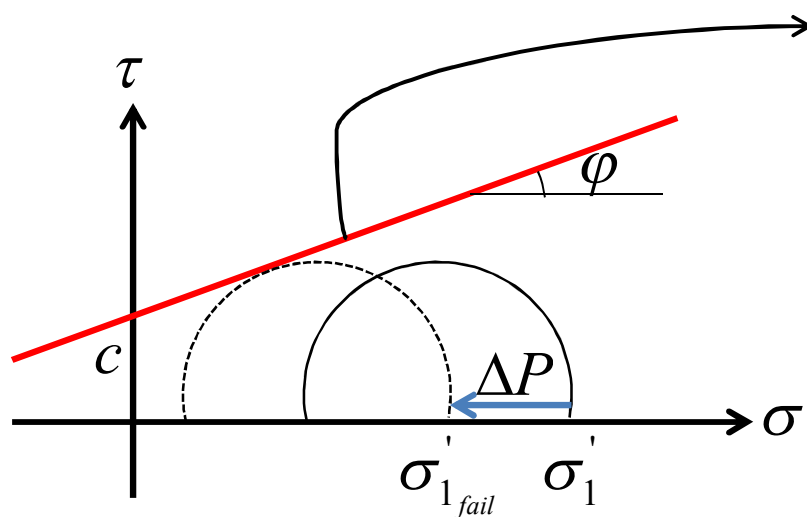
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How much can the fluid pressure be increased??

Example: Fault Reactivation Problem



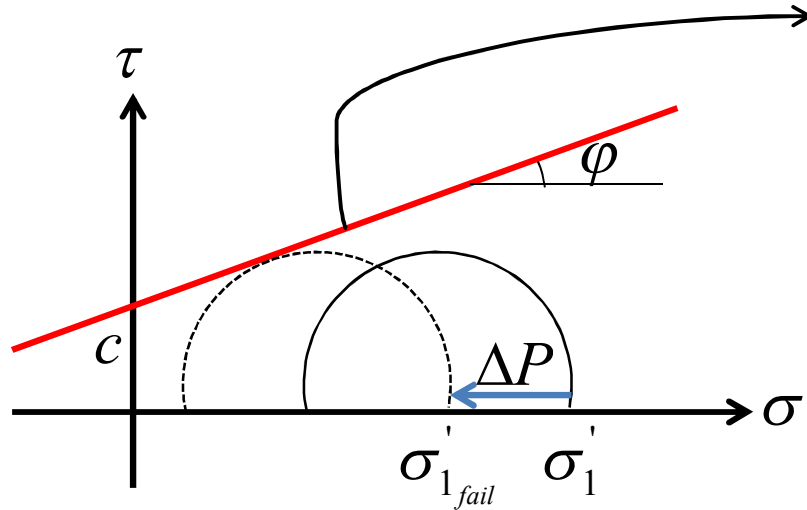
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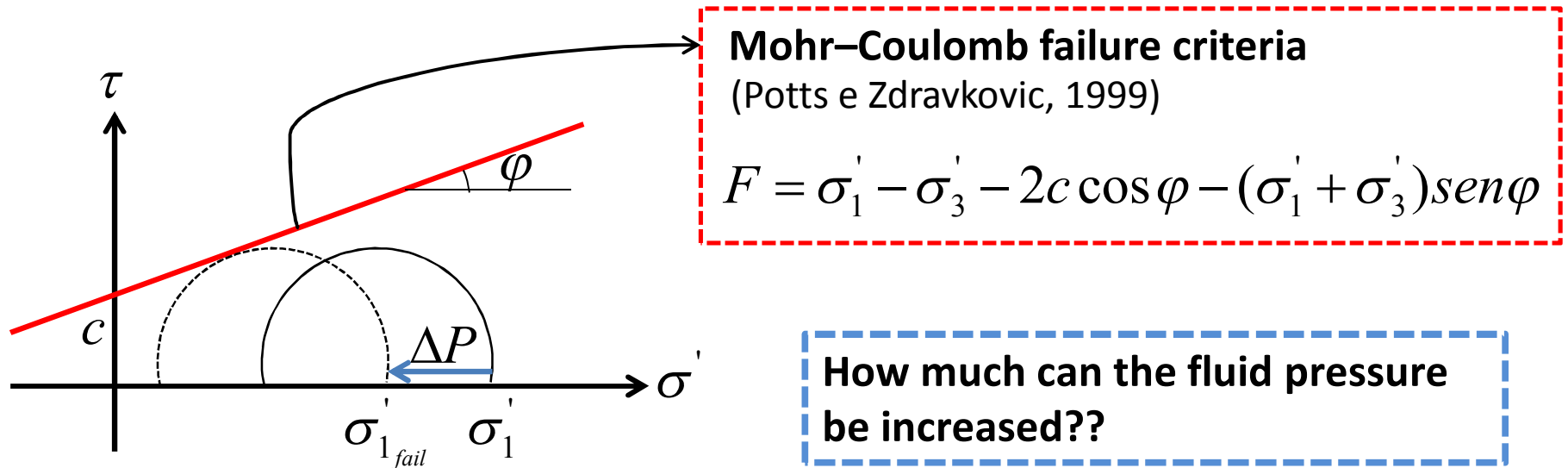
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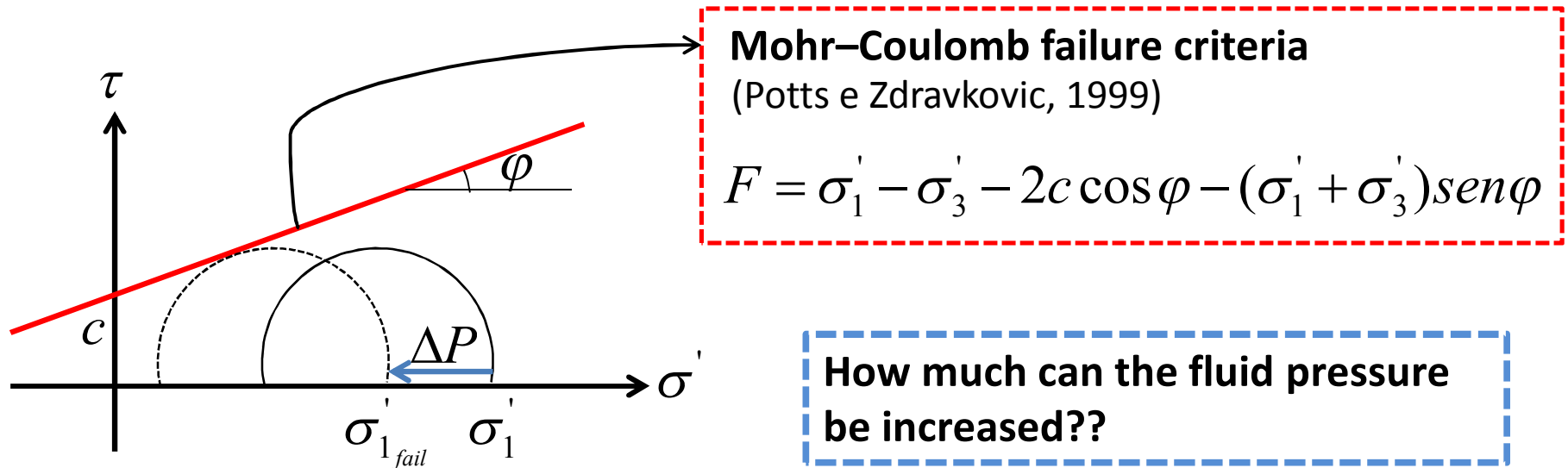
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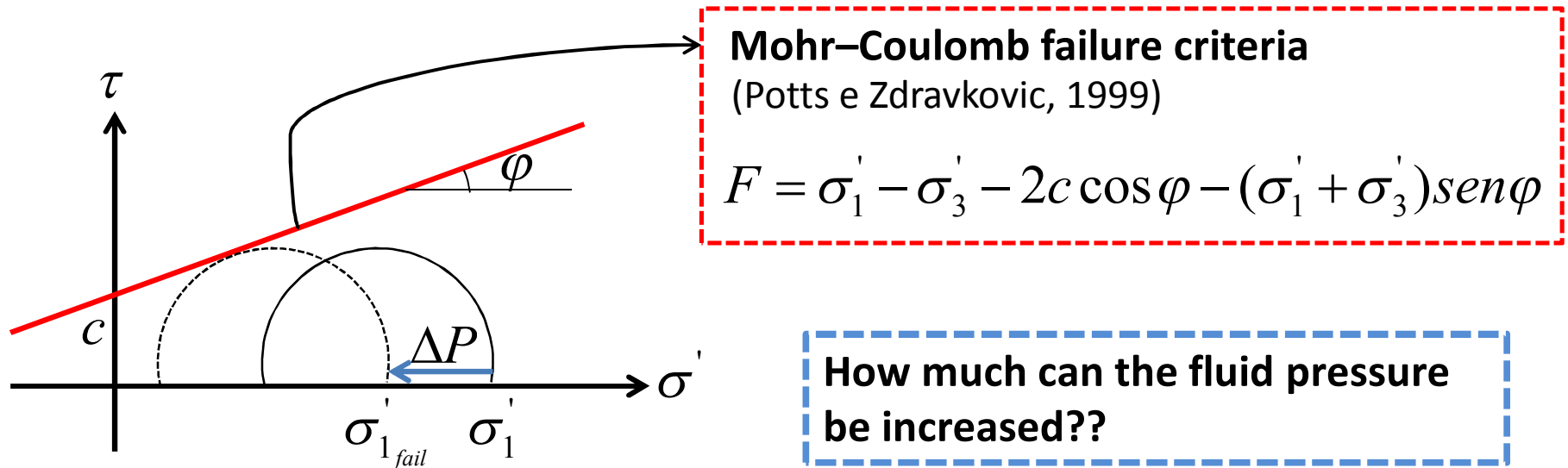
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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi = 18^\circ \\ c = 8 \text{ Mpa} \end{array} \right\} \sigma'_{1\text{fail}} = 90,9 \text{ MPa}$$

Example: Fault Reactivation Problem



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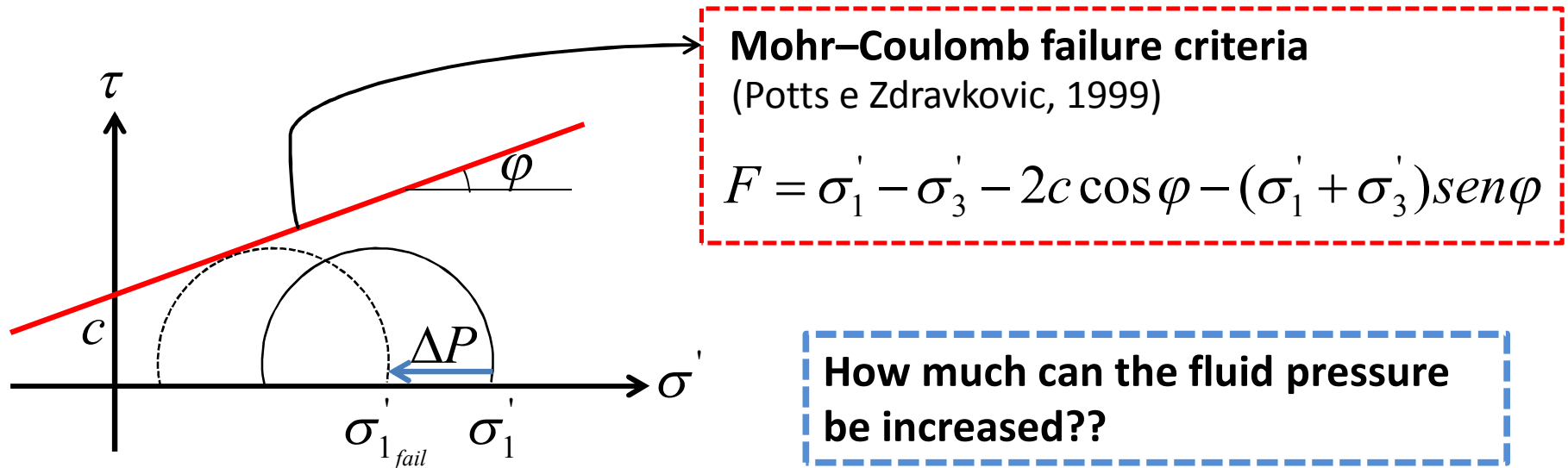
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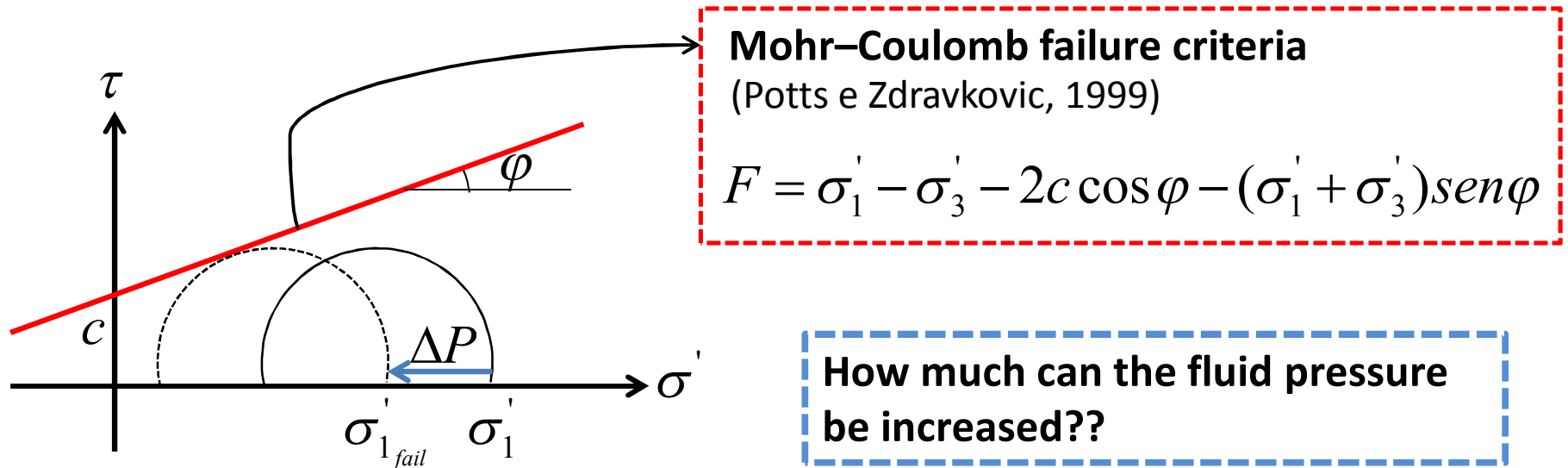
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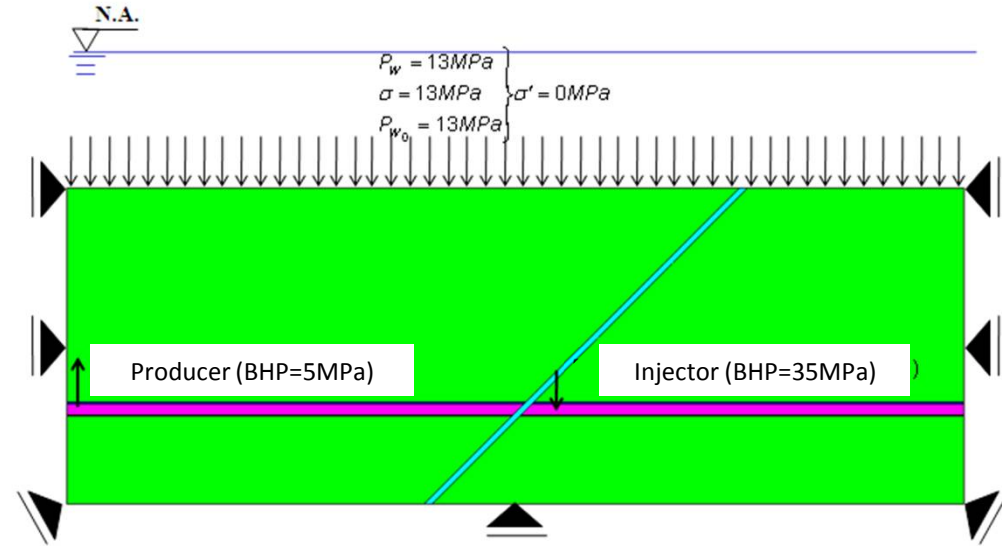
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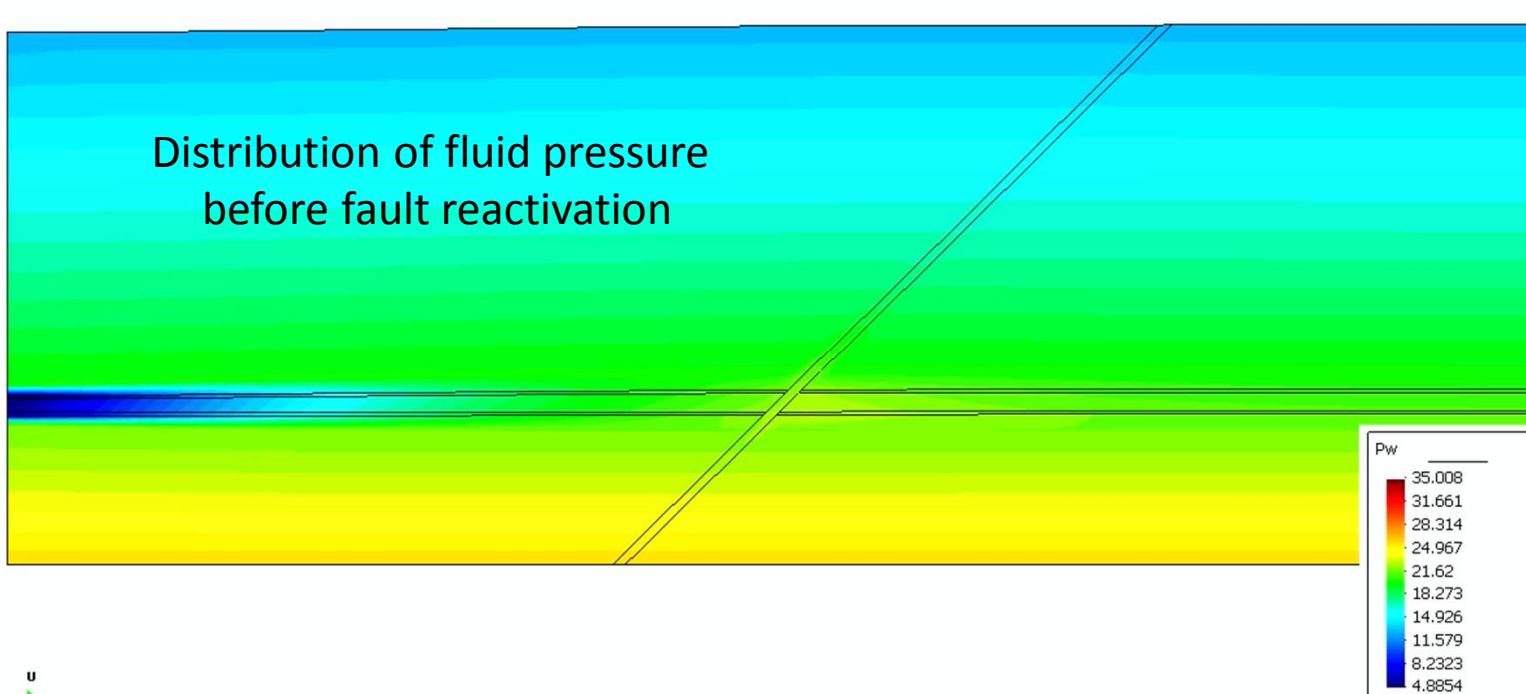
→ new p_f distribution

→ new effective stress state:

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Distribution of fluid pressure
before fault reactivation

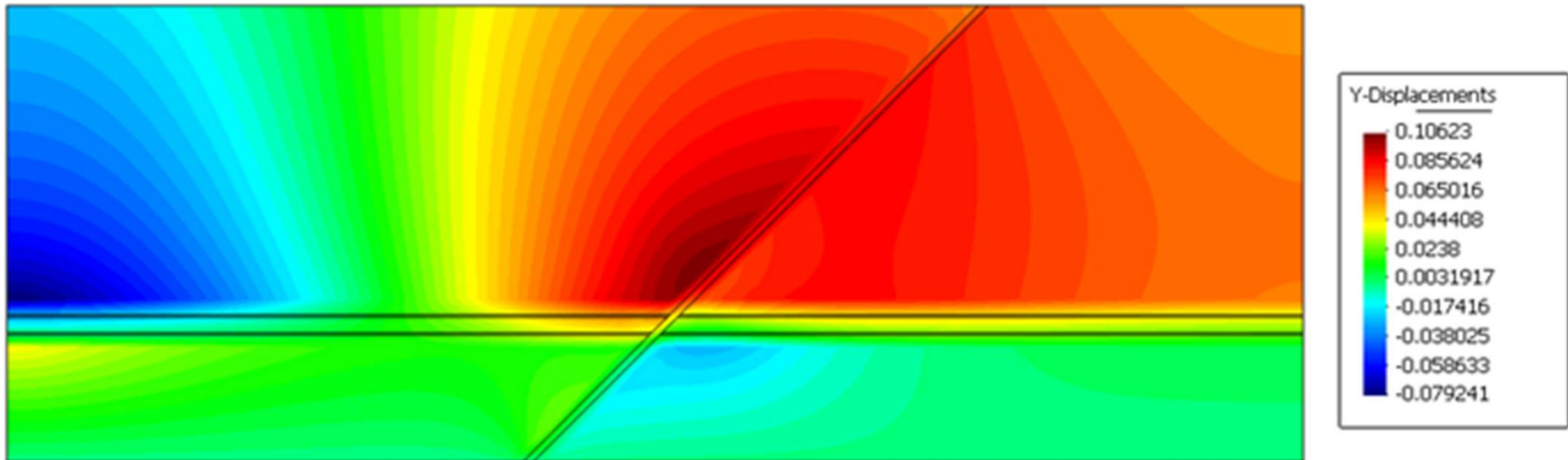
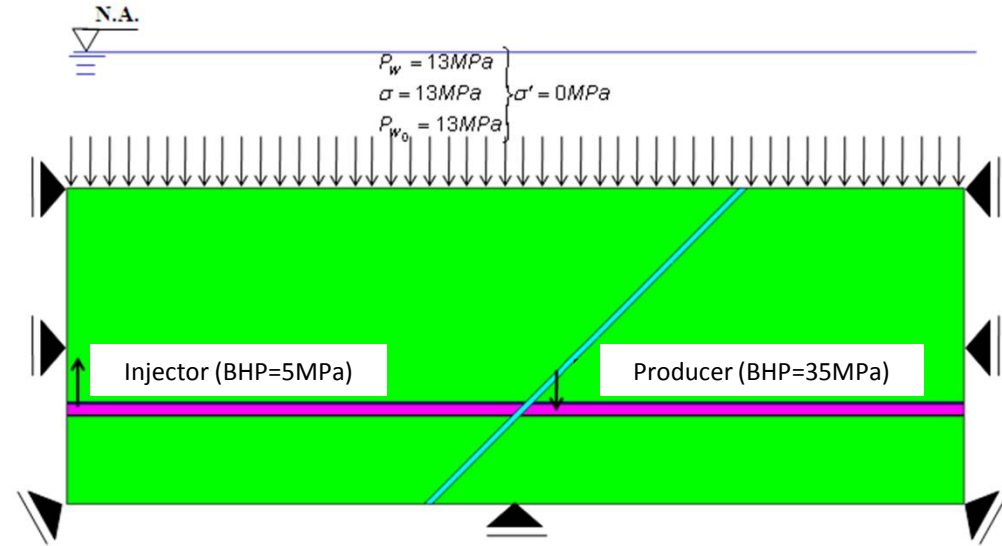


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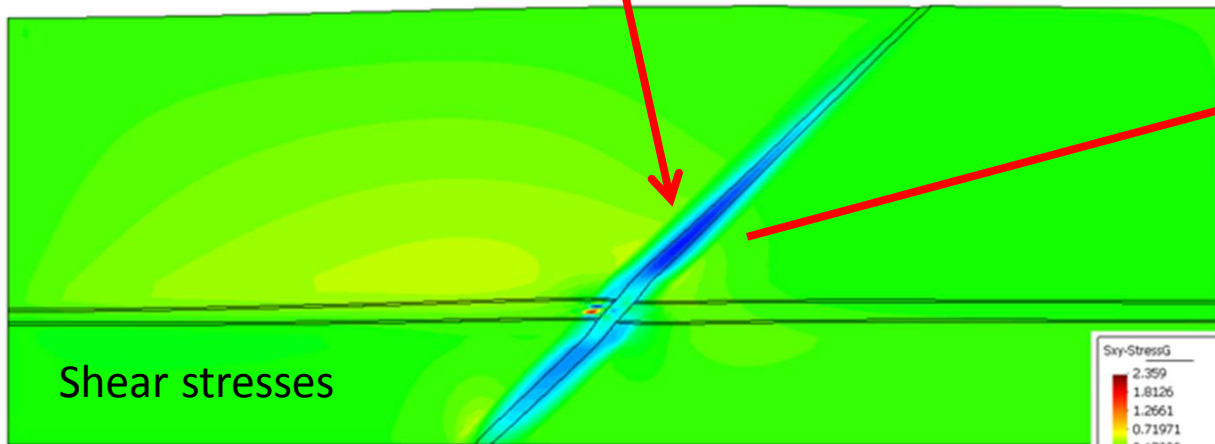
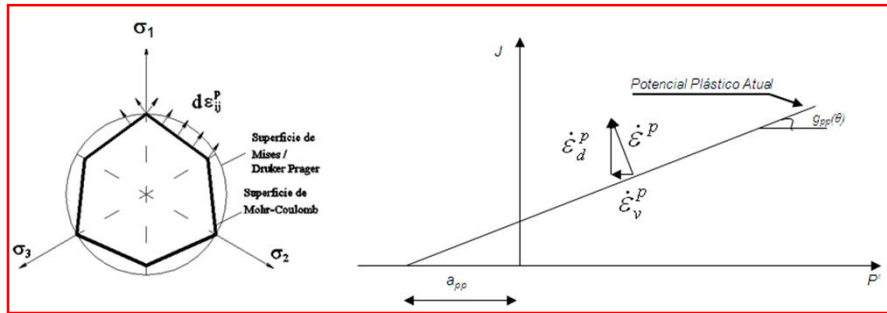
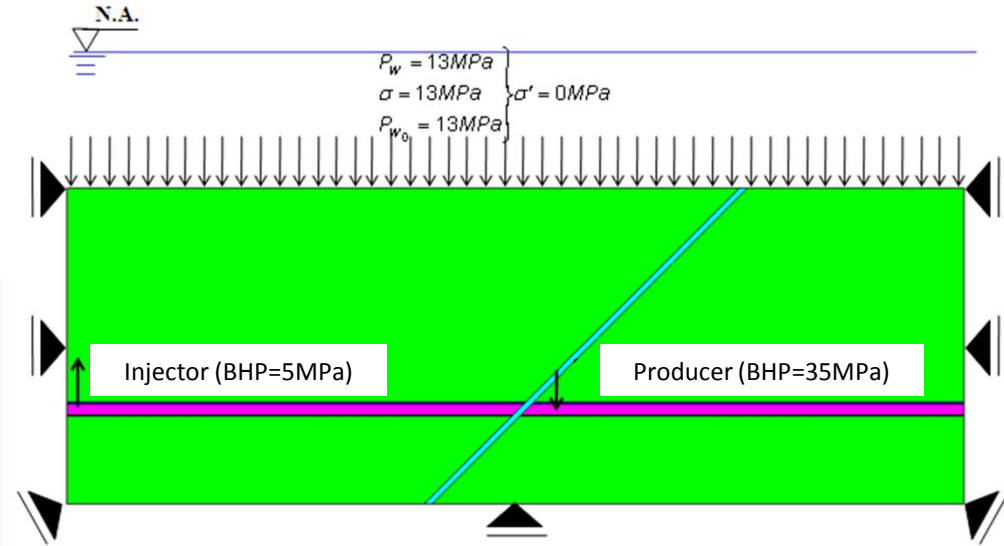
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$$d\sigma' = \mathbf{D} \cdot d\epsilon$$

$$\nabla \sigma + \mathbf{b} = 0$$



FAULT REACTIVATION MECHANISM



Dilatancy:

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{(1-\phi)}{\rho_s} \frac{d\rho_s}{dt}}_{\text{rock compressibility}} + \underbrace{(1-\phi) \frac{d\epsilon_v}{dt}}_{\text{deformable porous media (geomechanics)}}$$

$$k = k_i \exp[b(\phi - \phi_i)]$$

(more permeable medium)

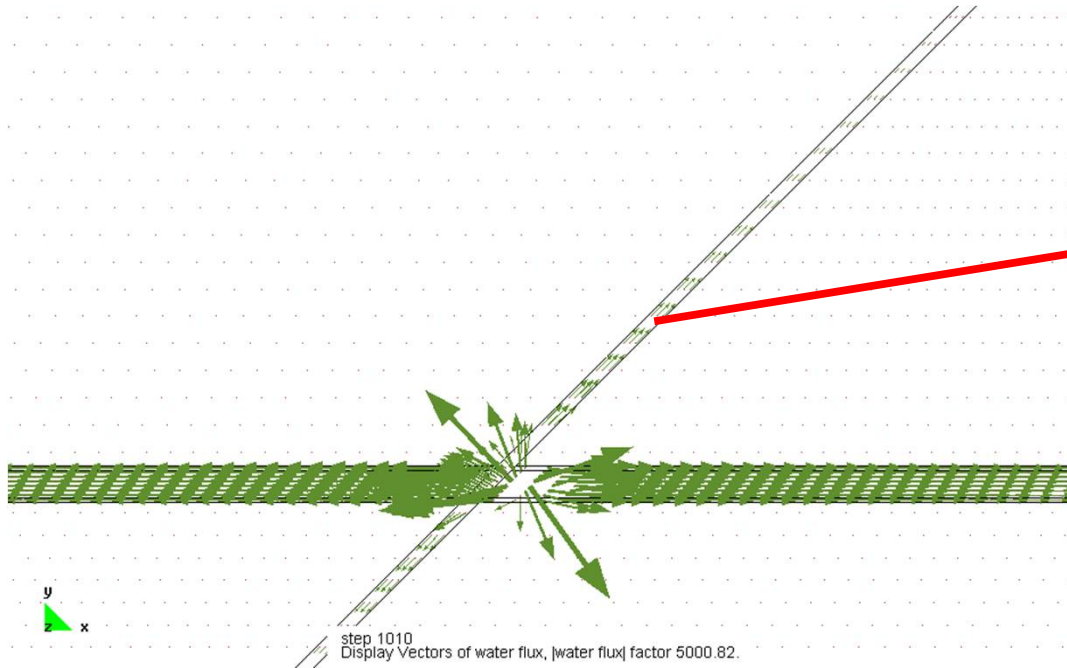
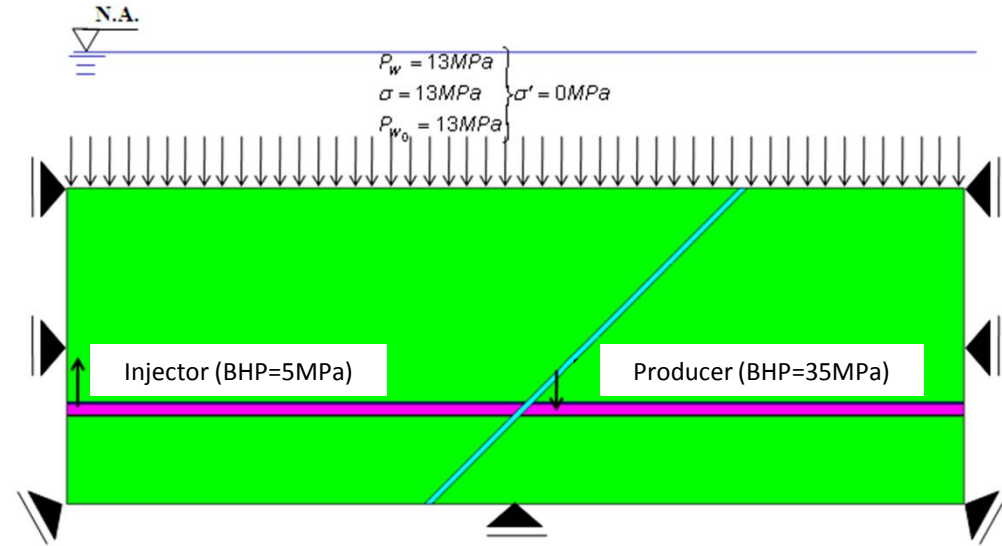
step 1010
Smooth Contour Fill (Mean) of StressG, Sky-StressG
Deformation (x500.46): Displacements of TIME ANALYSIS, step 1010.

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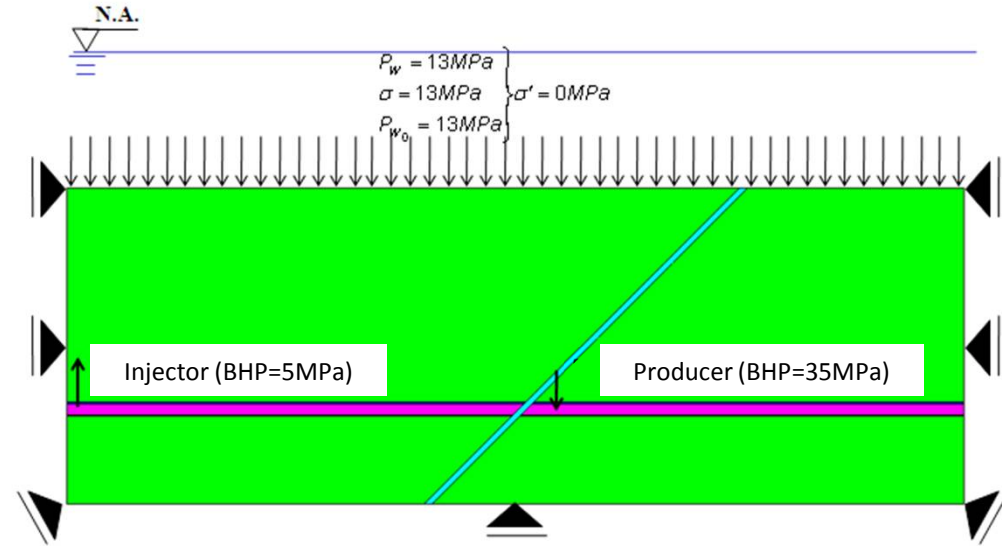
Fault reactivation:
becomes permeable

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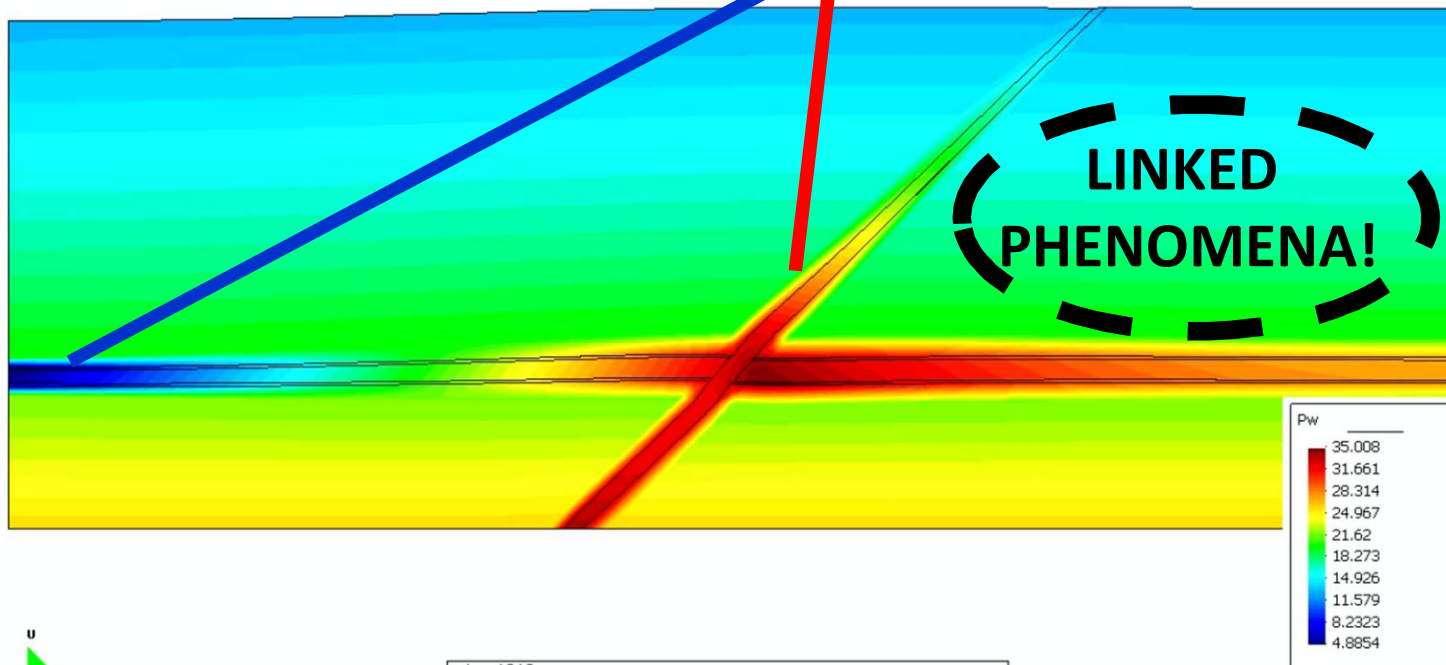
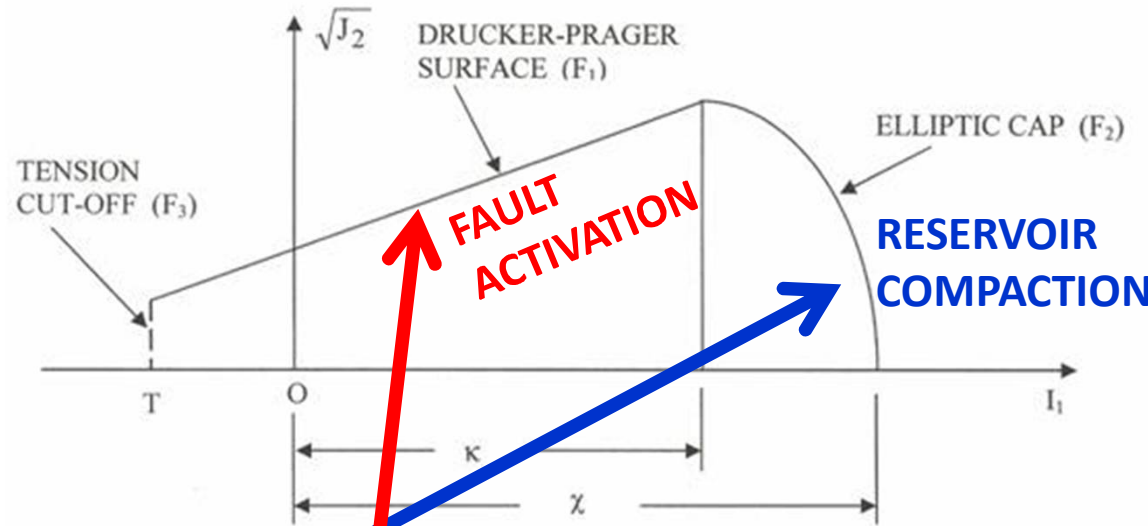
Evolution of shear plastic strain in the fault: ★

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□ Influence of a number of factors:

- ▶ **Base 2D Case and sensitivity analysis.**
Influence of constitutive laws: evolution of permeability;
fluid compressibility.



- ▶ **Influence of geometry:** 3D modeling ;
faults and wells interactions.



- ▶ **Caprock integrity:** hydraulic fracturing.

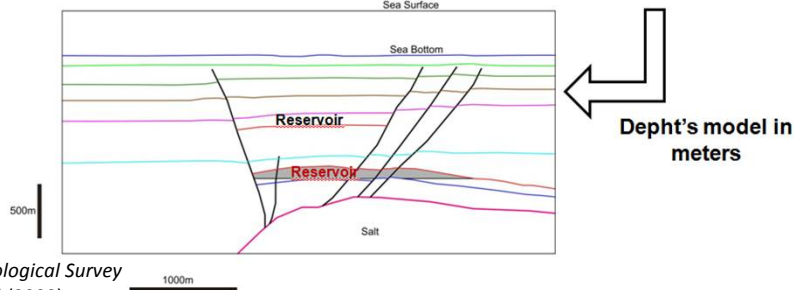
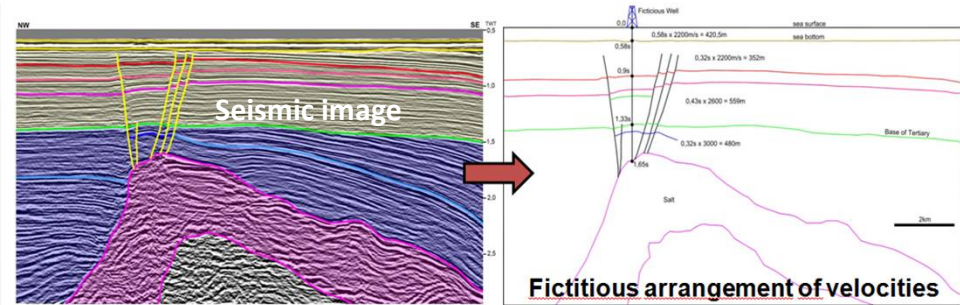


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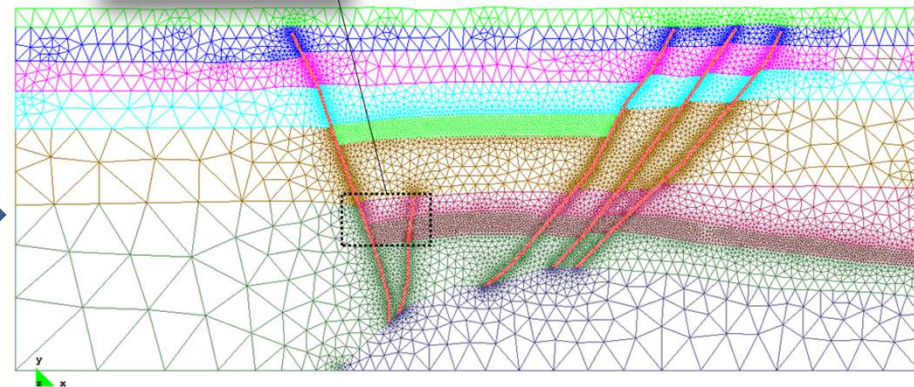
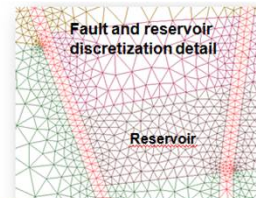
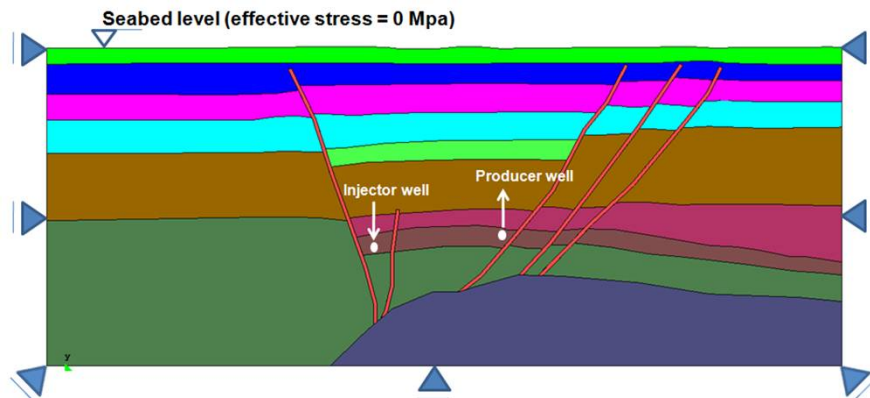
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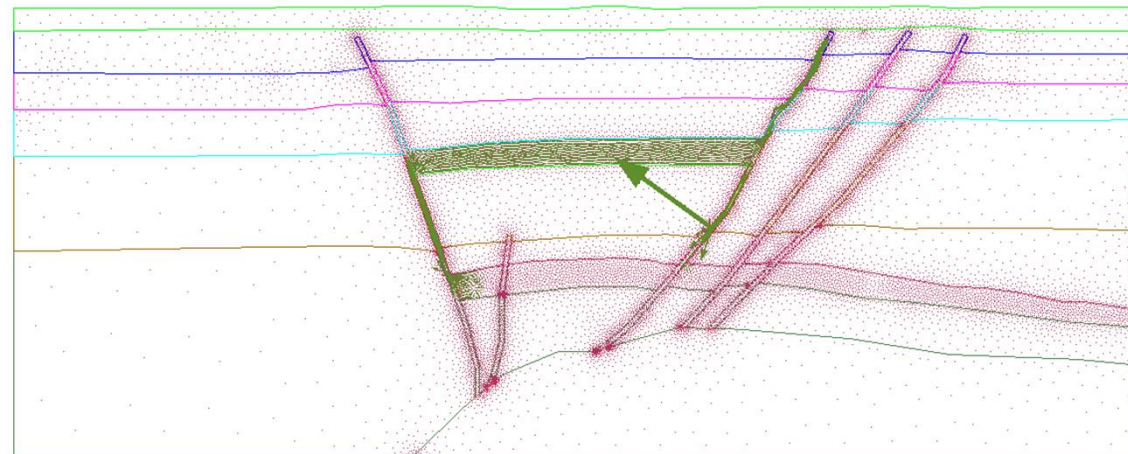
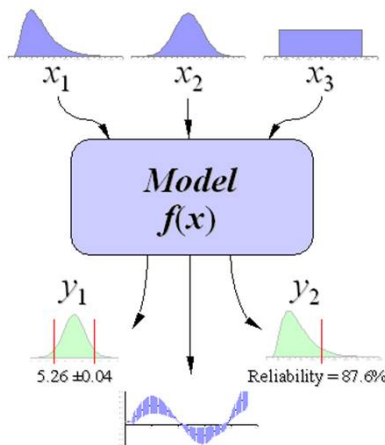


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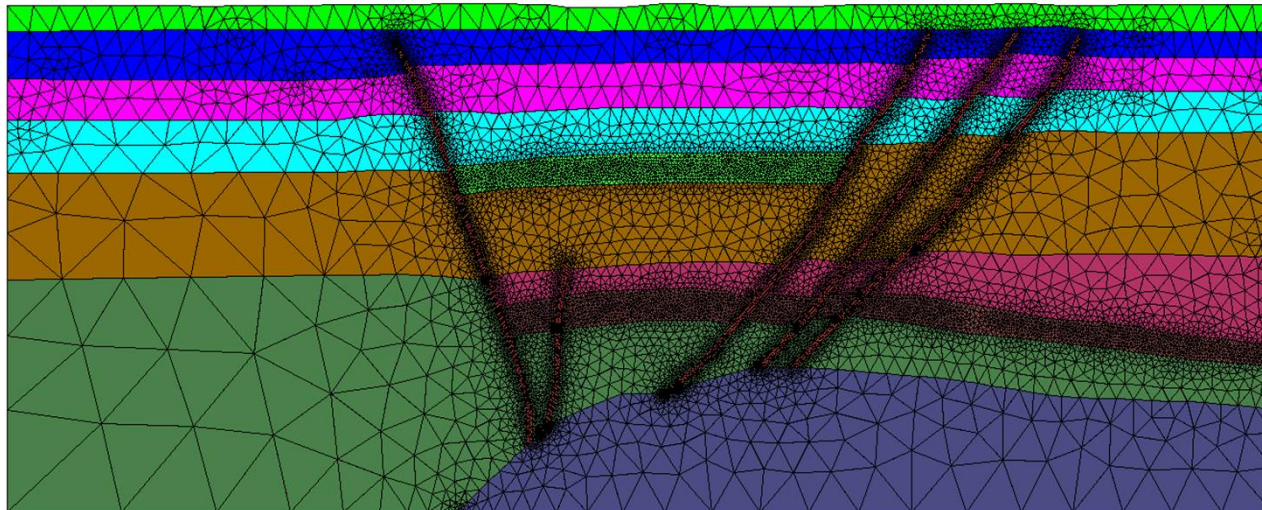
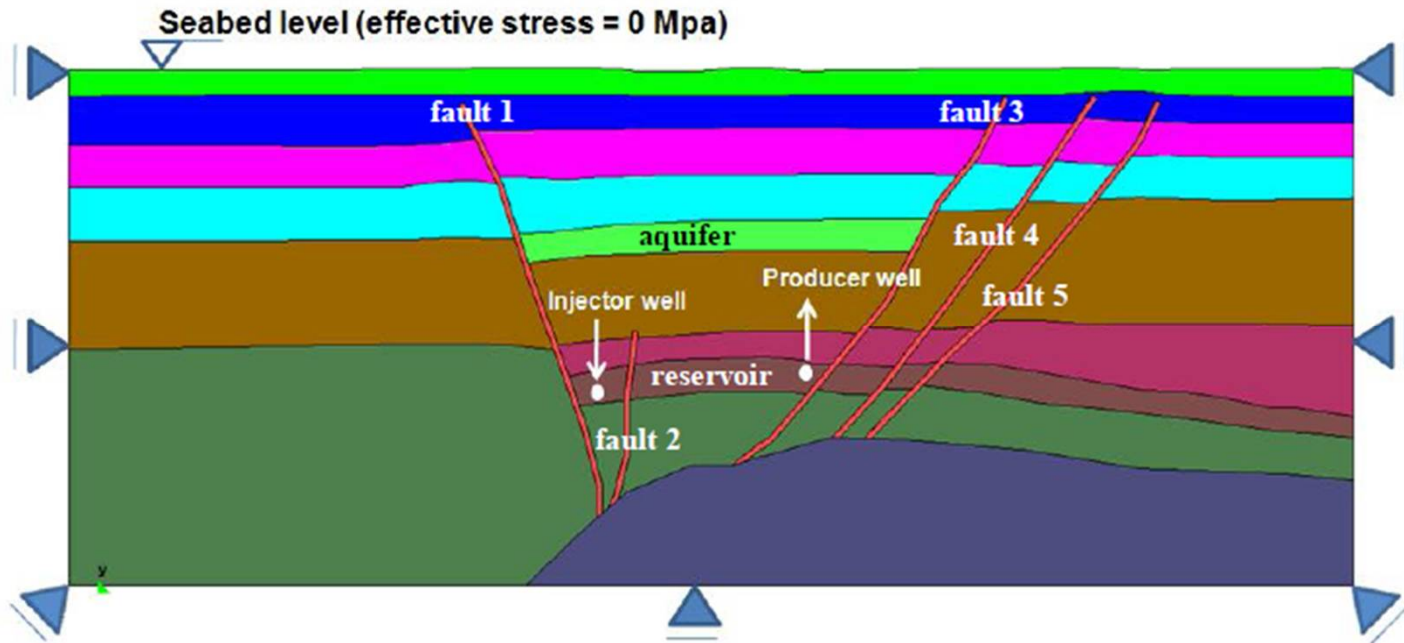
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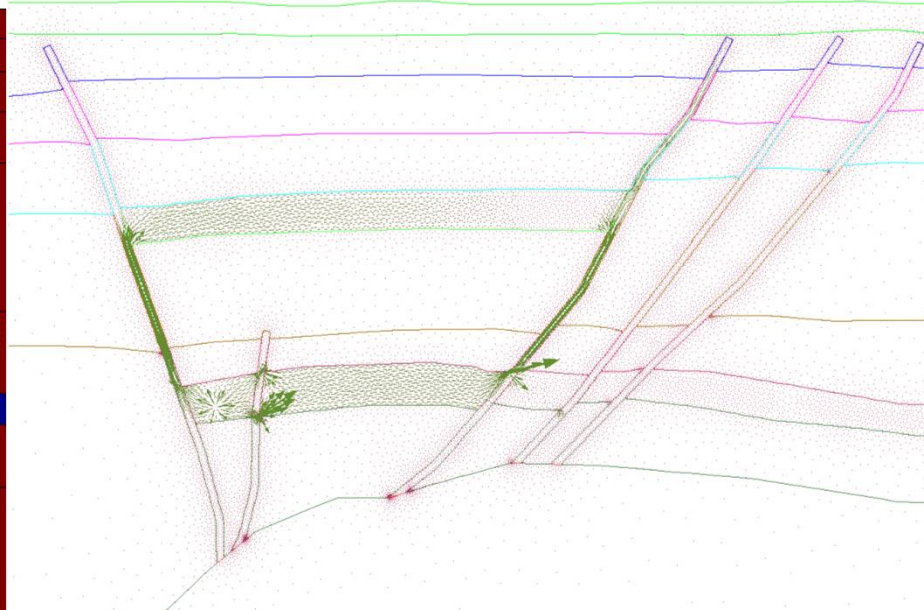
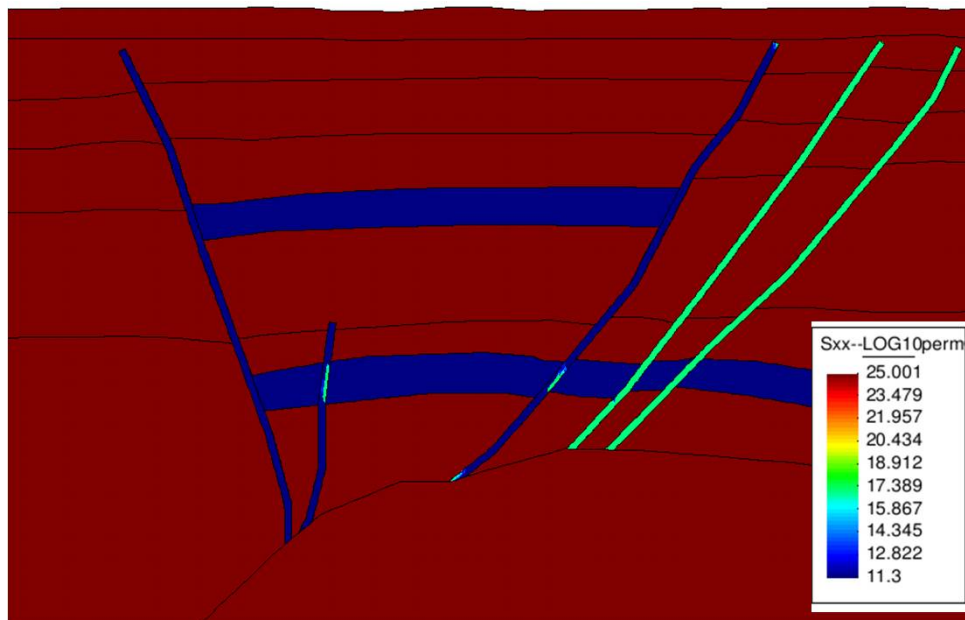
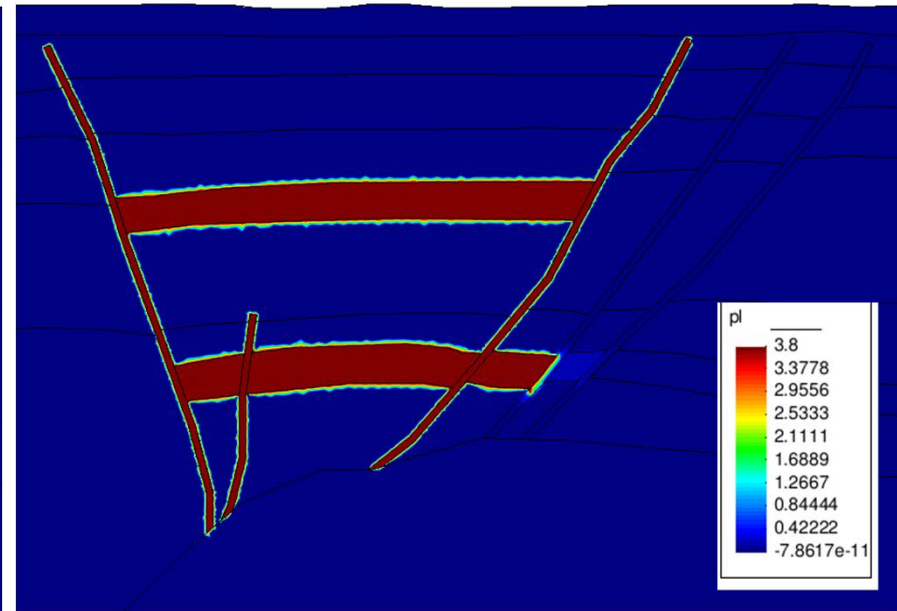
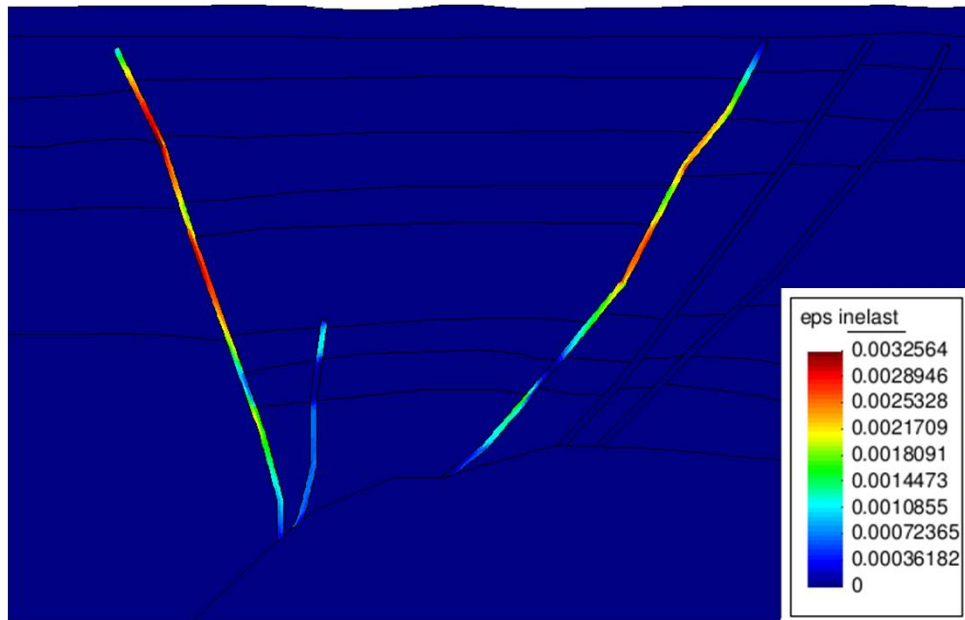
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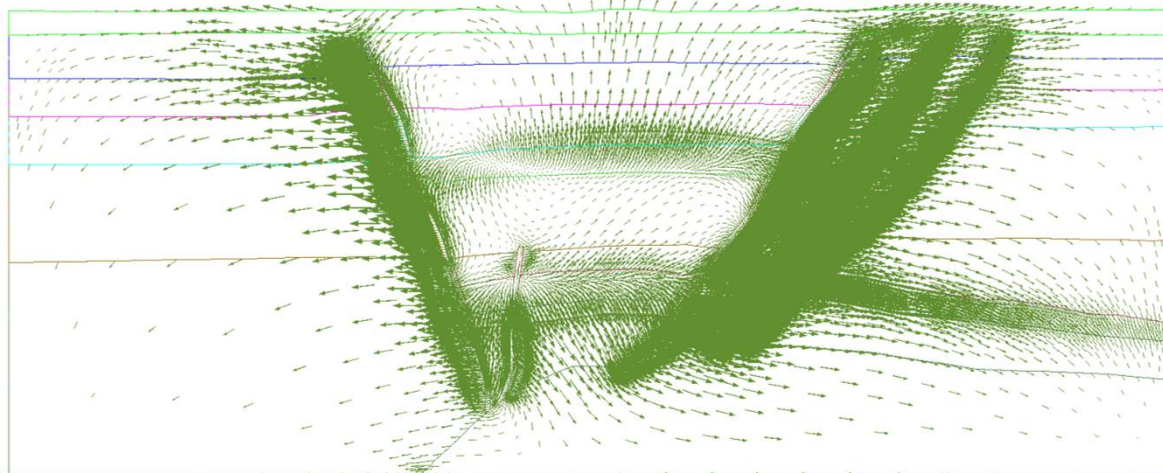
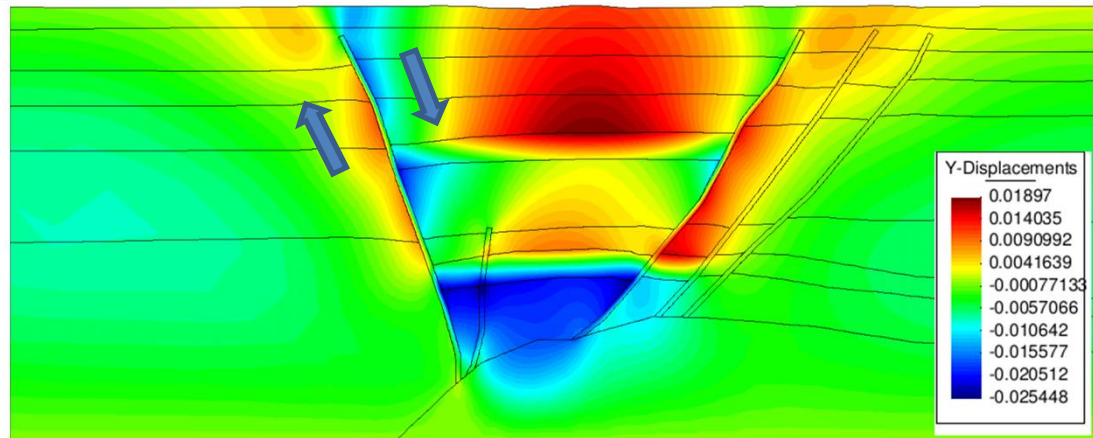
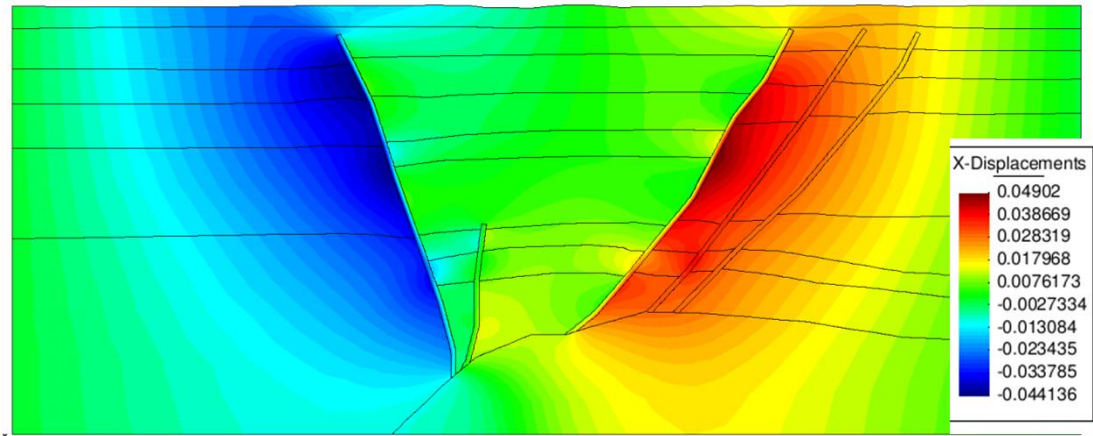
Finite Element Analysis of Fault Reactivation:



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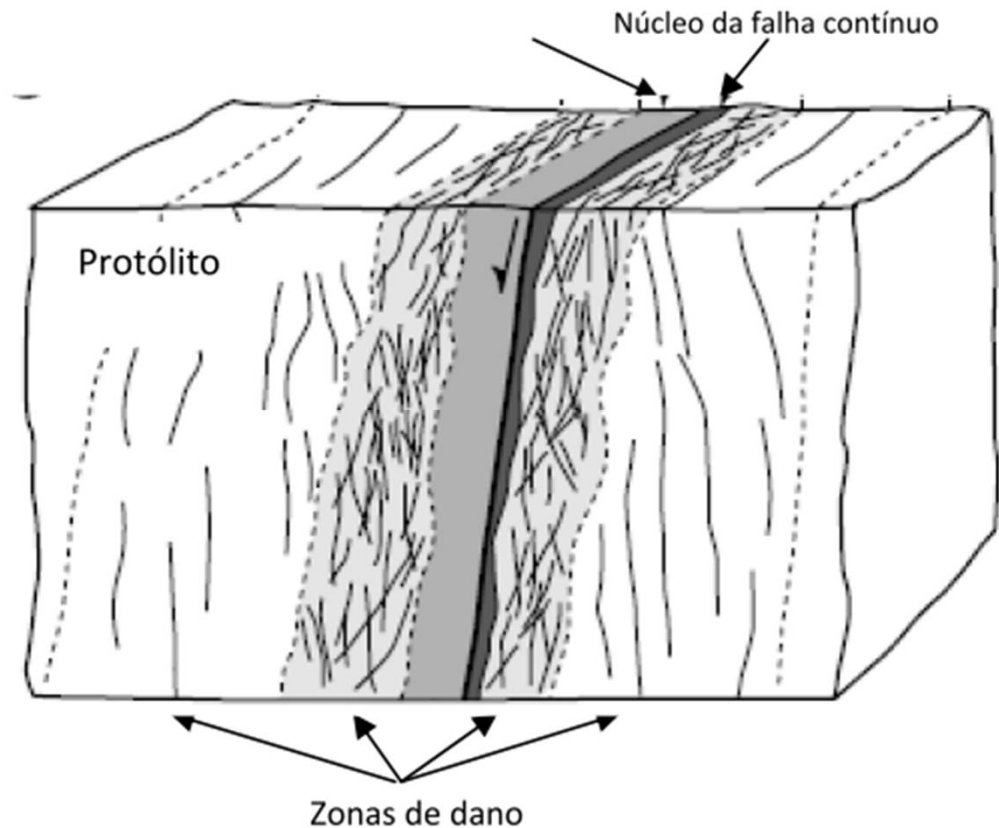
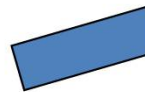
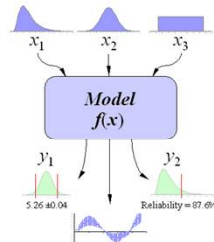
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Other aspects studied:

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► **Uncertainty analysis of fault parameters.**

► **Fault with different layers of materials.**



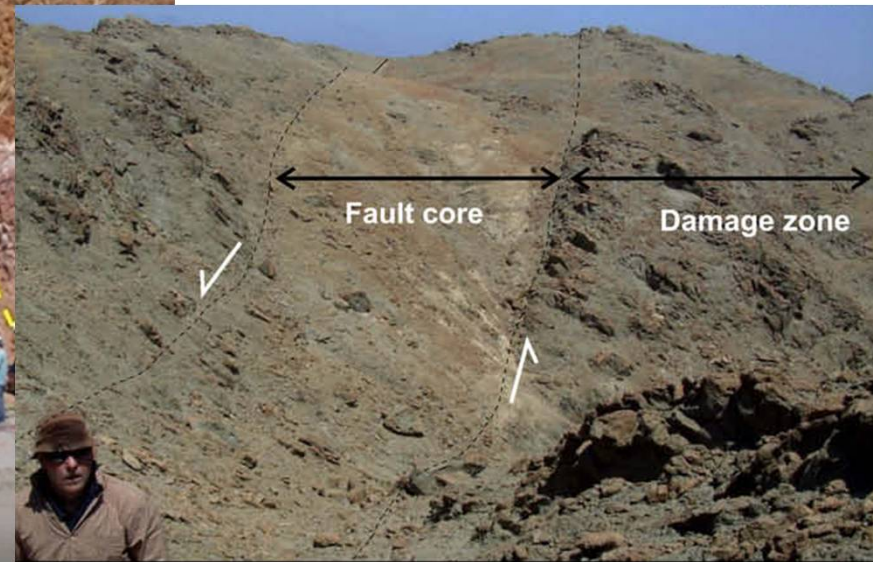
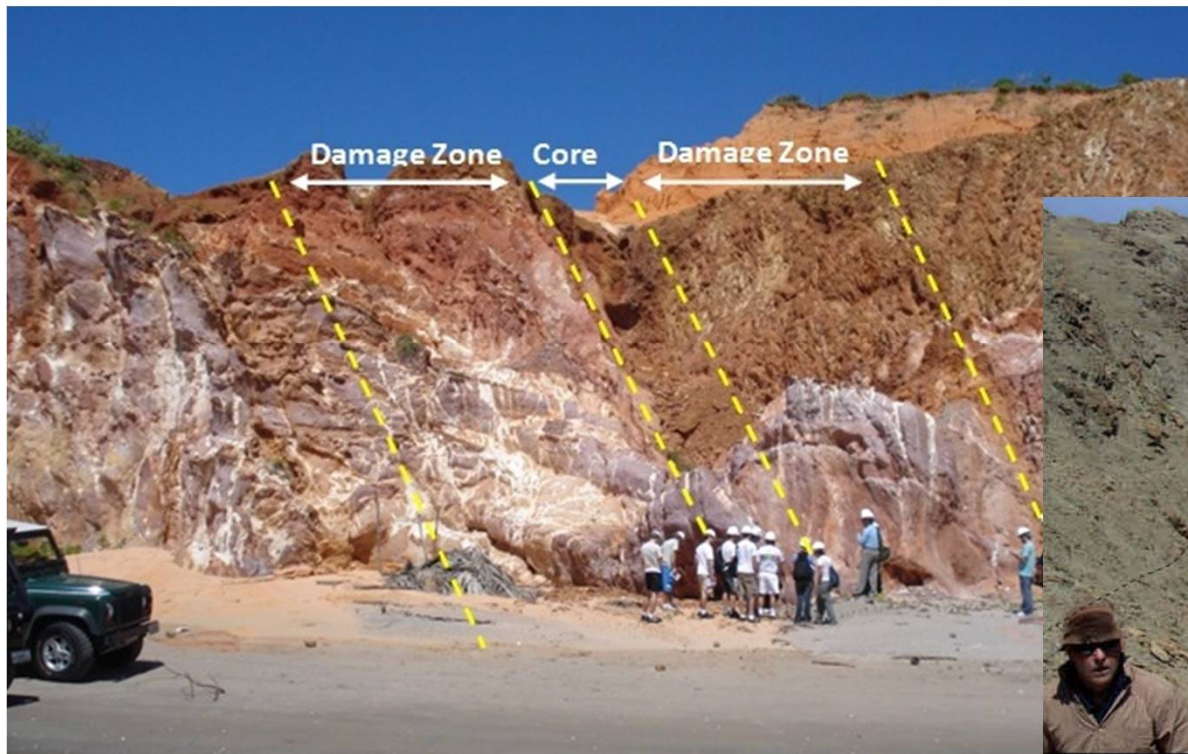
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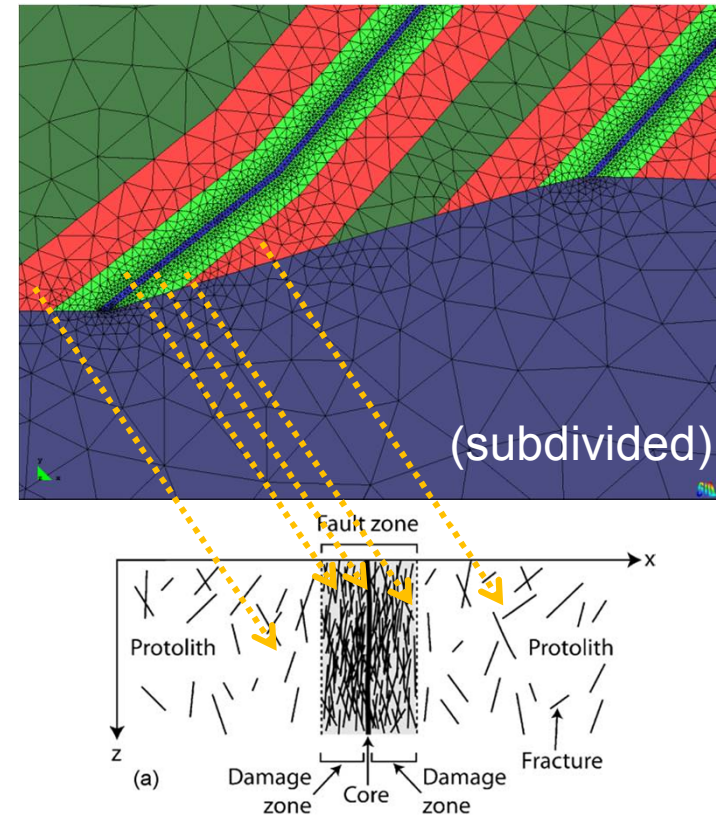
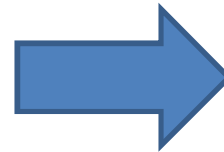
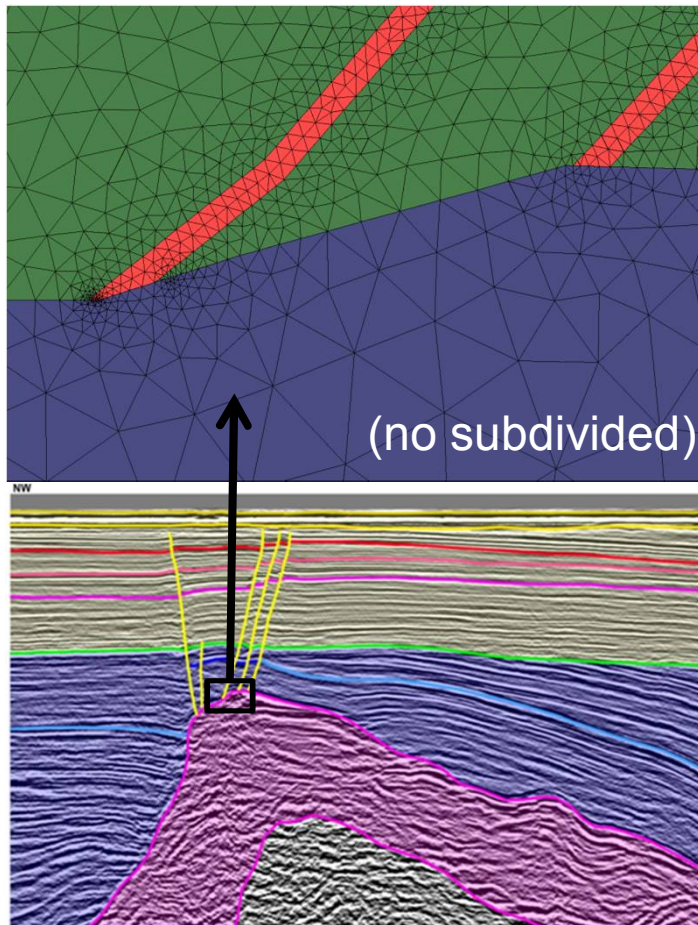
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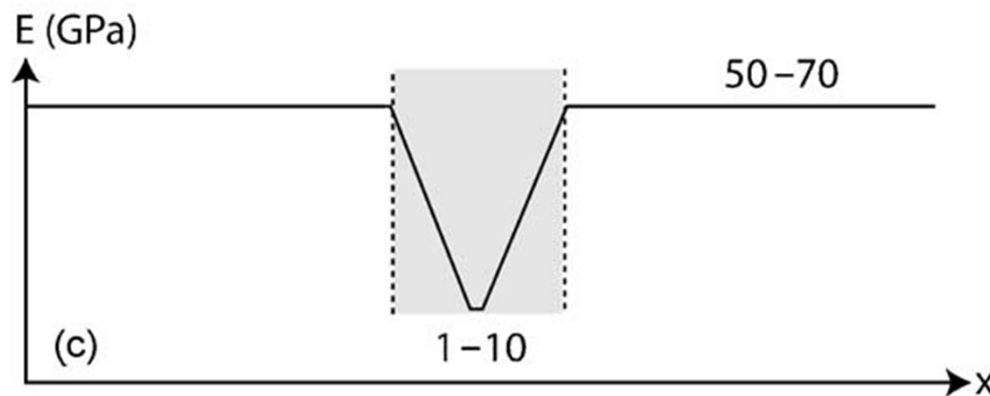
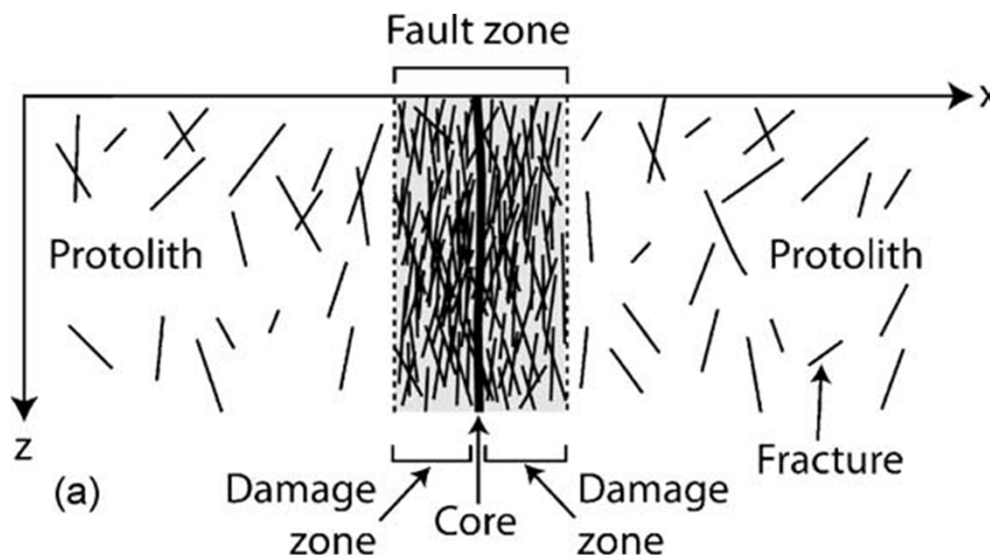
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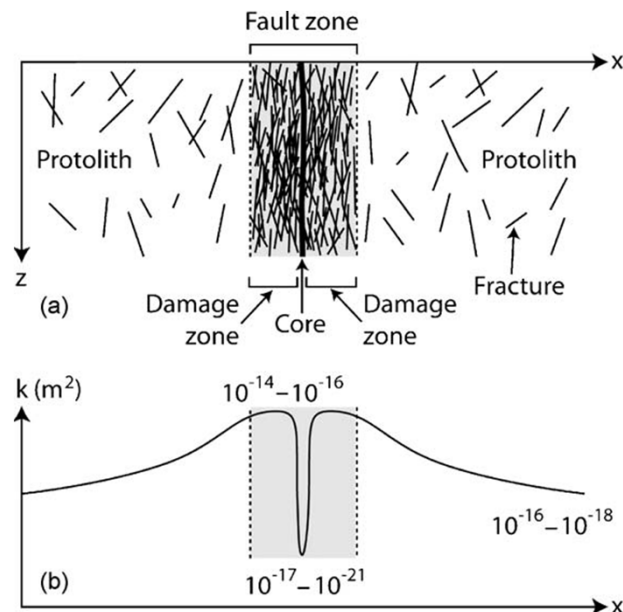
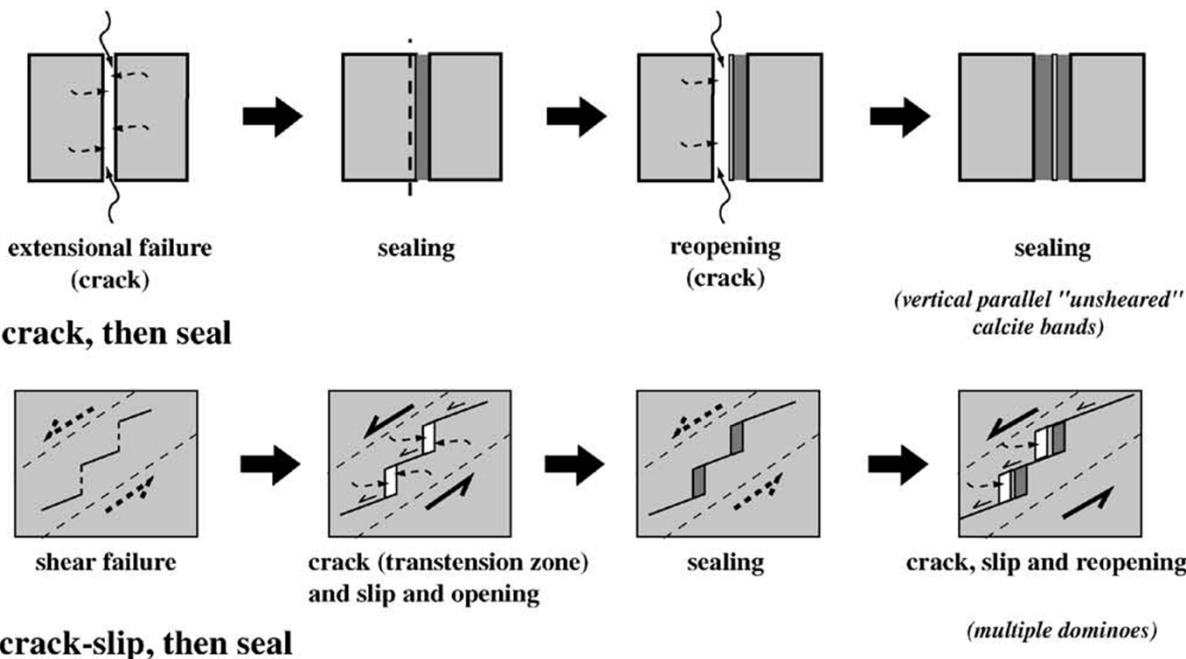
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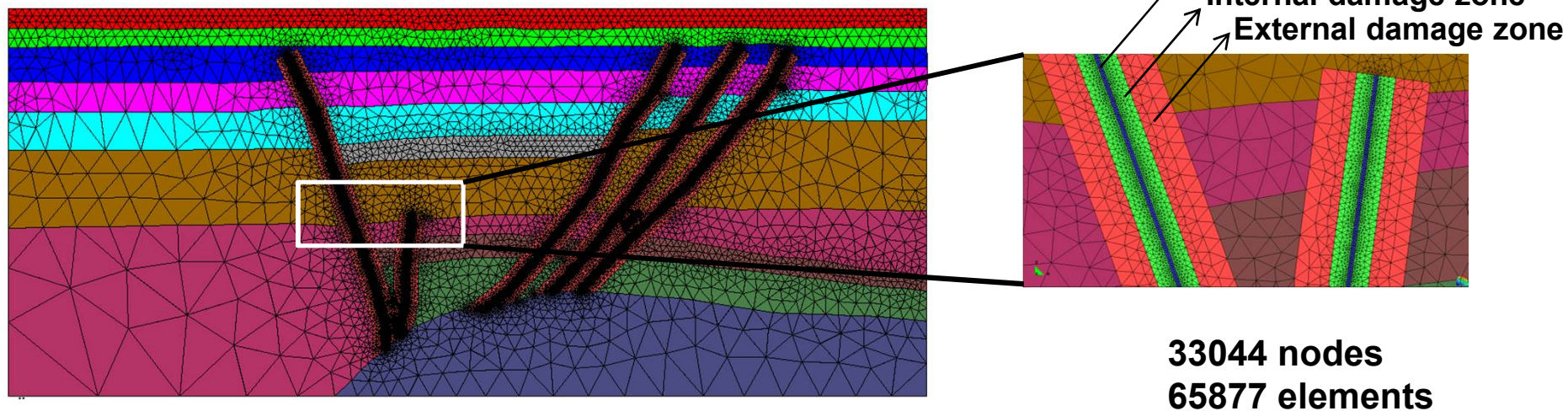
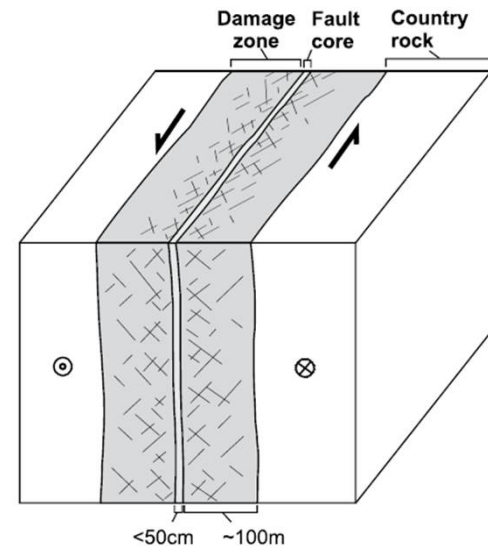
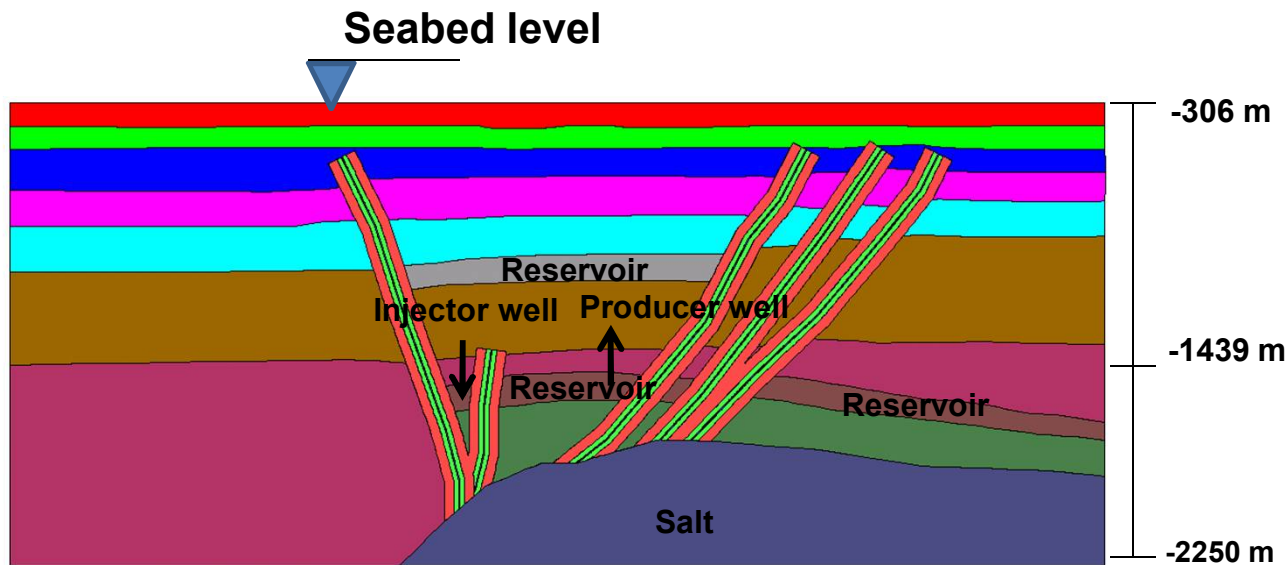
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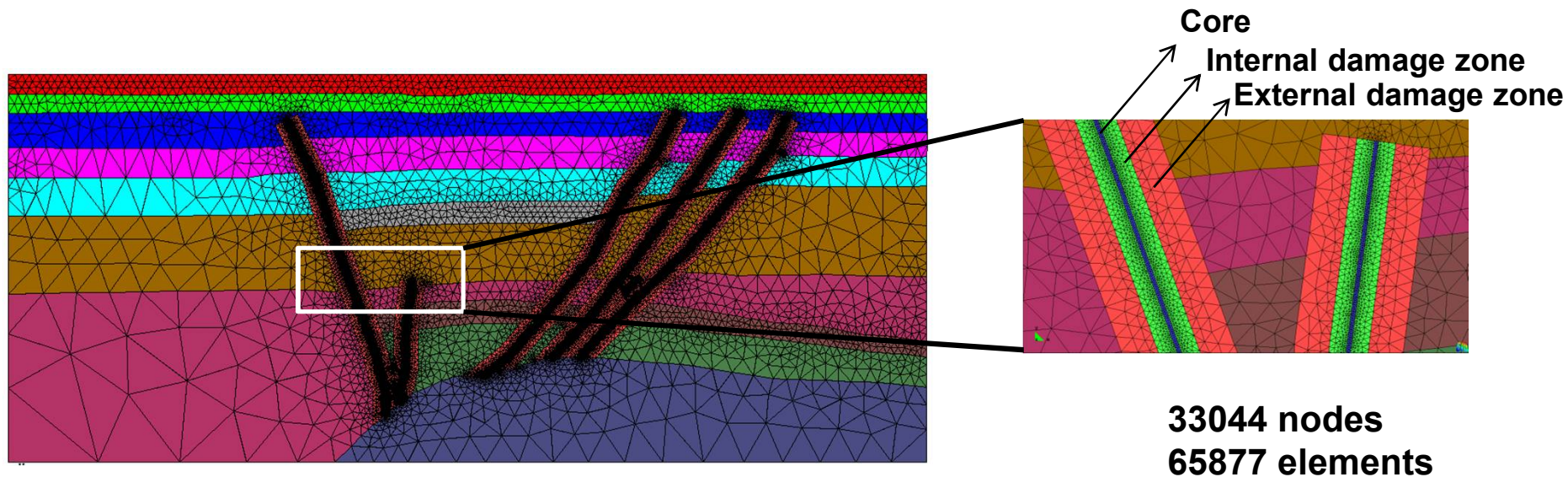
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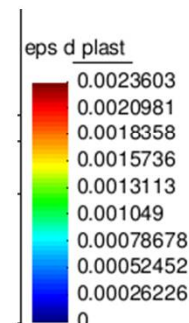


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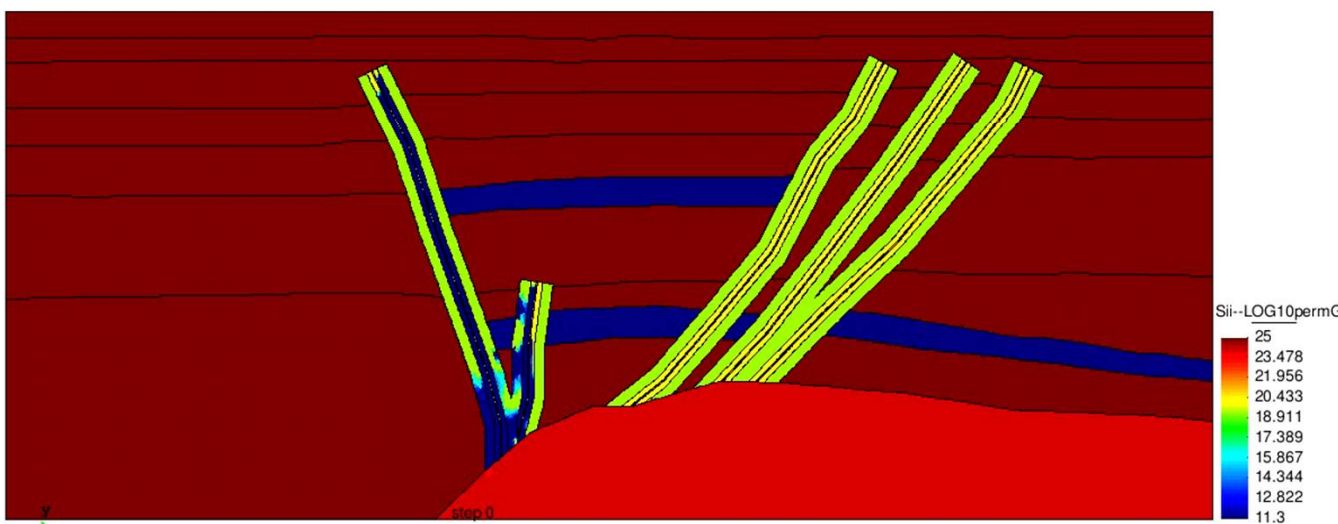


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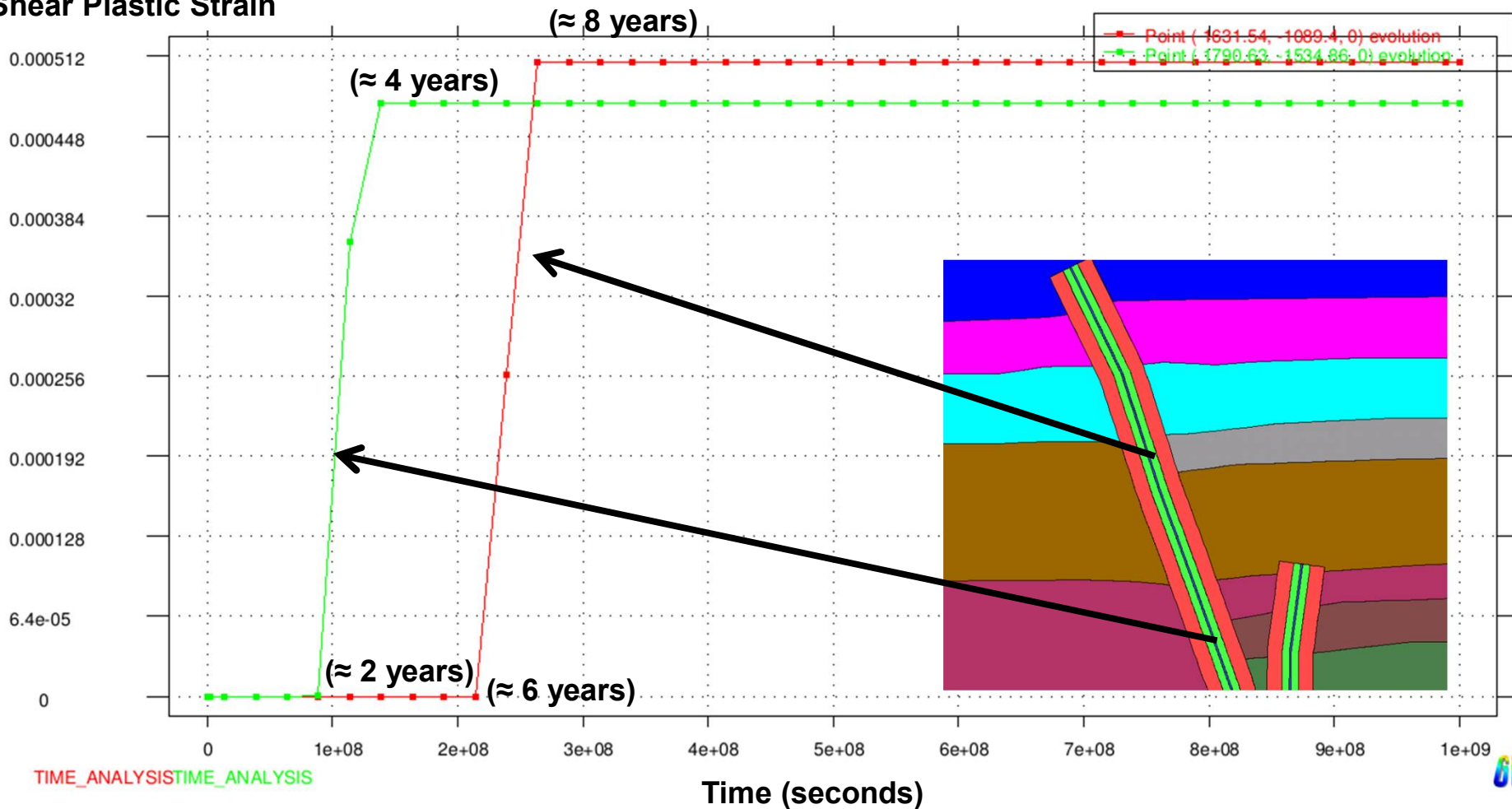
Parameters of Sensitivity :

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 - Anisotropy;
- Mechanical constitutive model;
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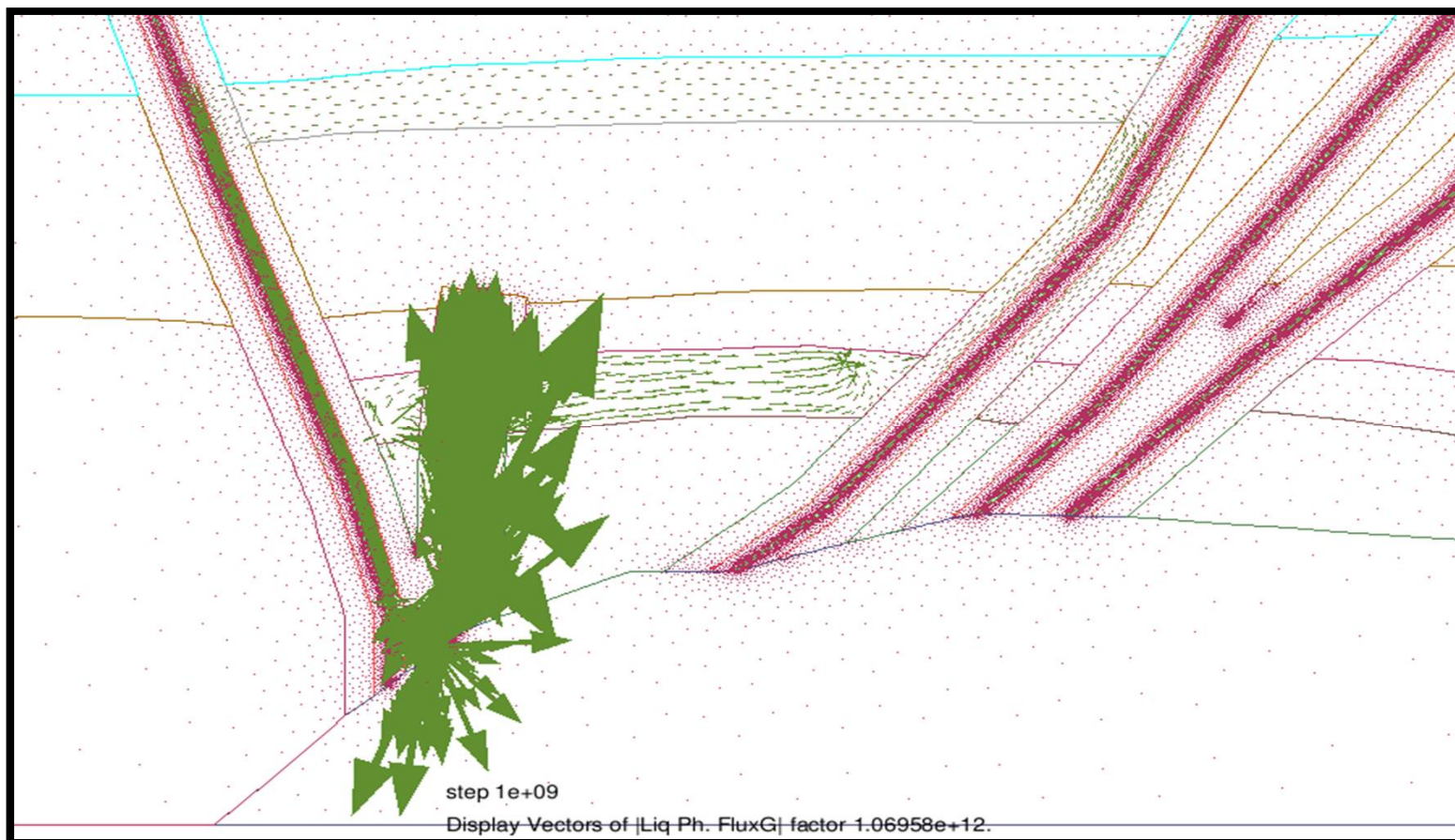


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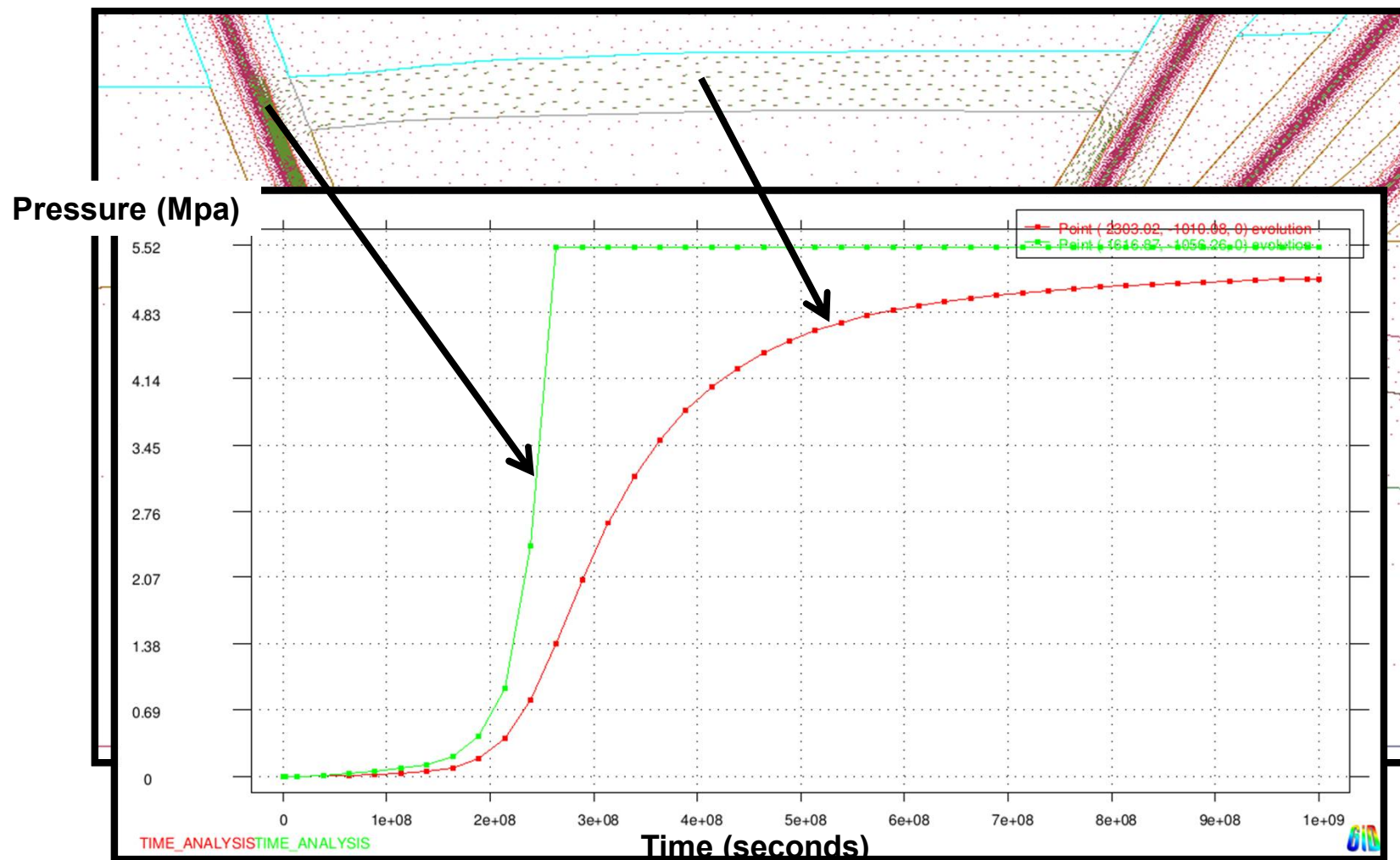
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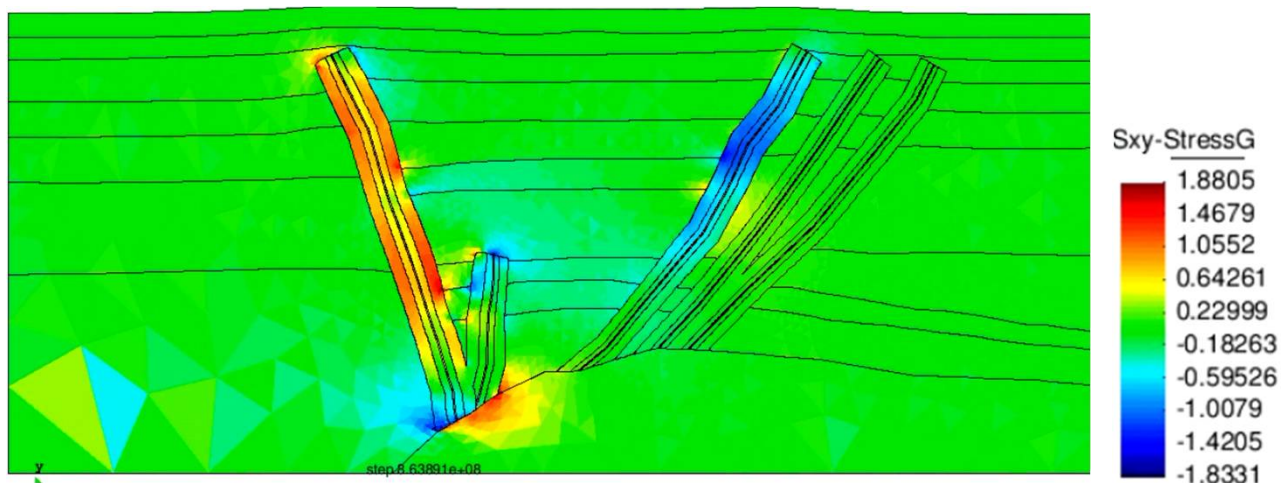
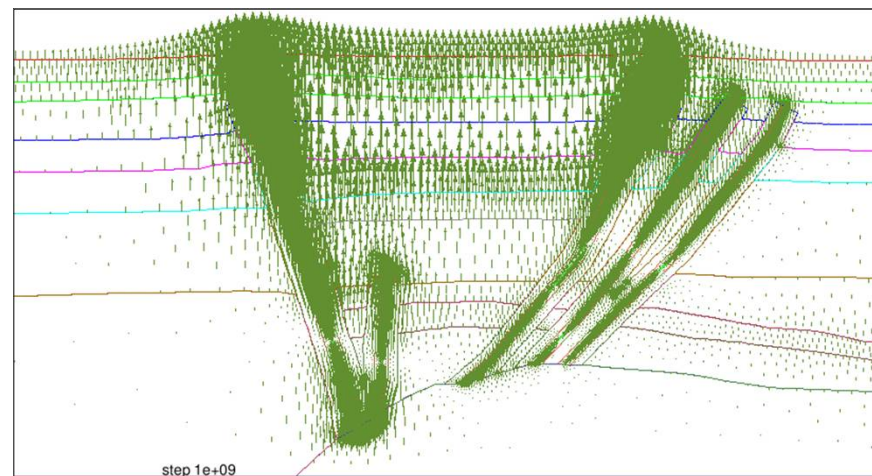
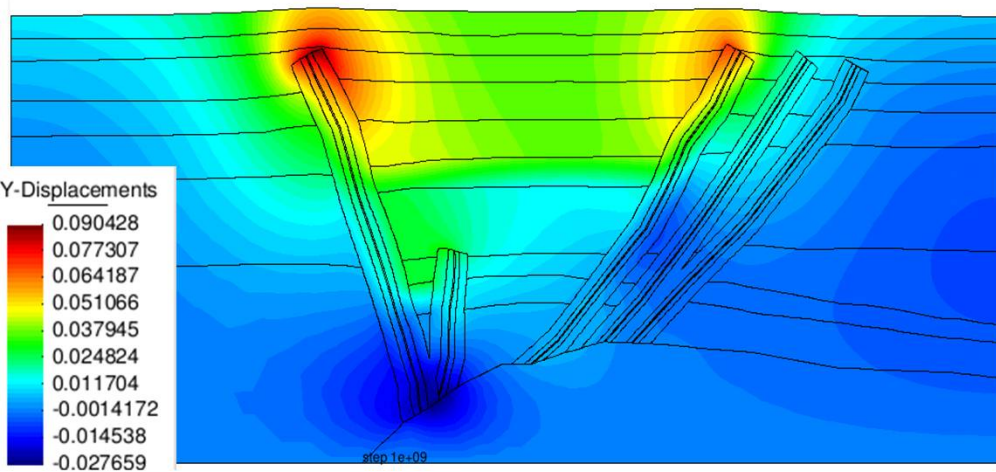
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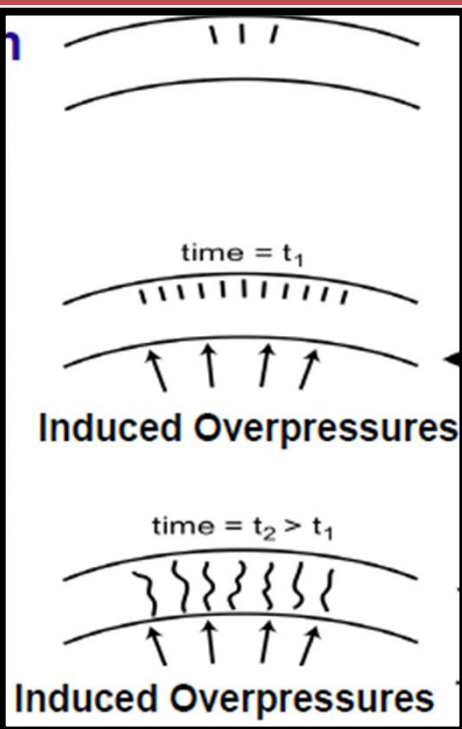
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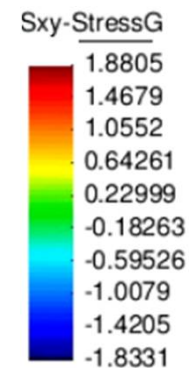
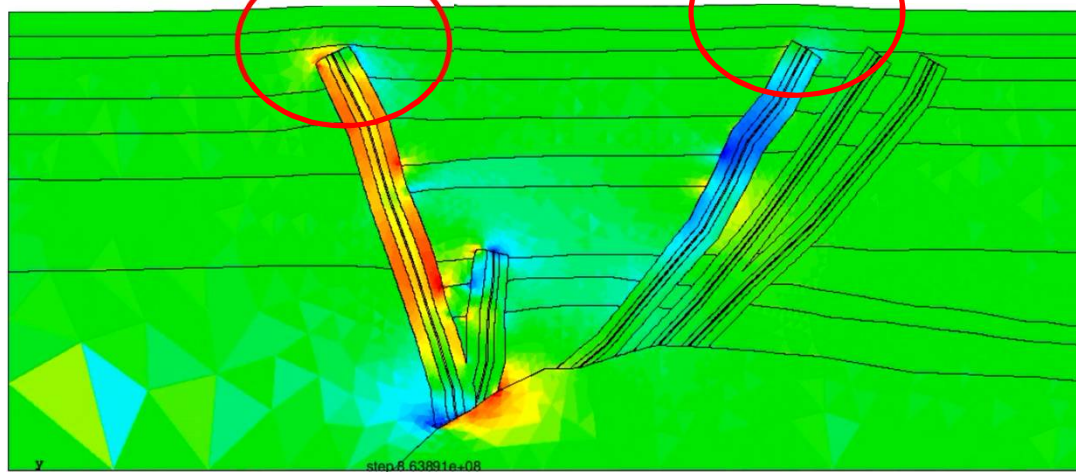
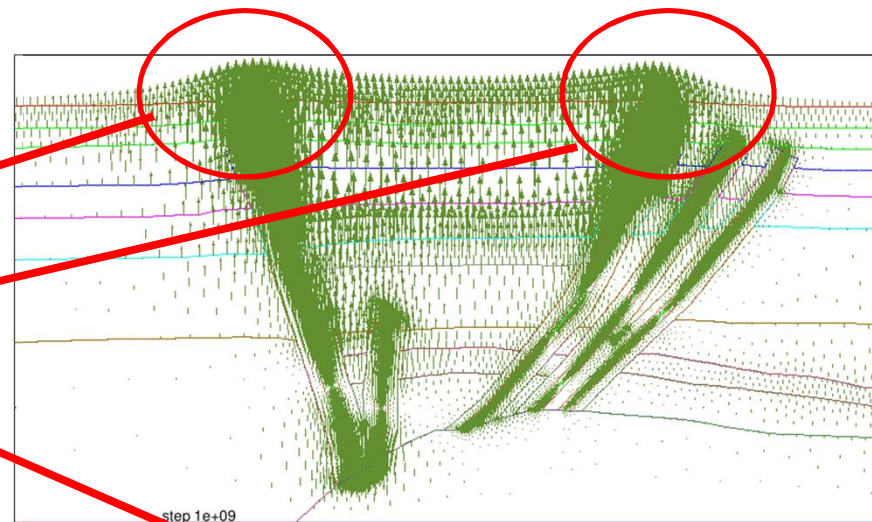


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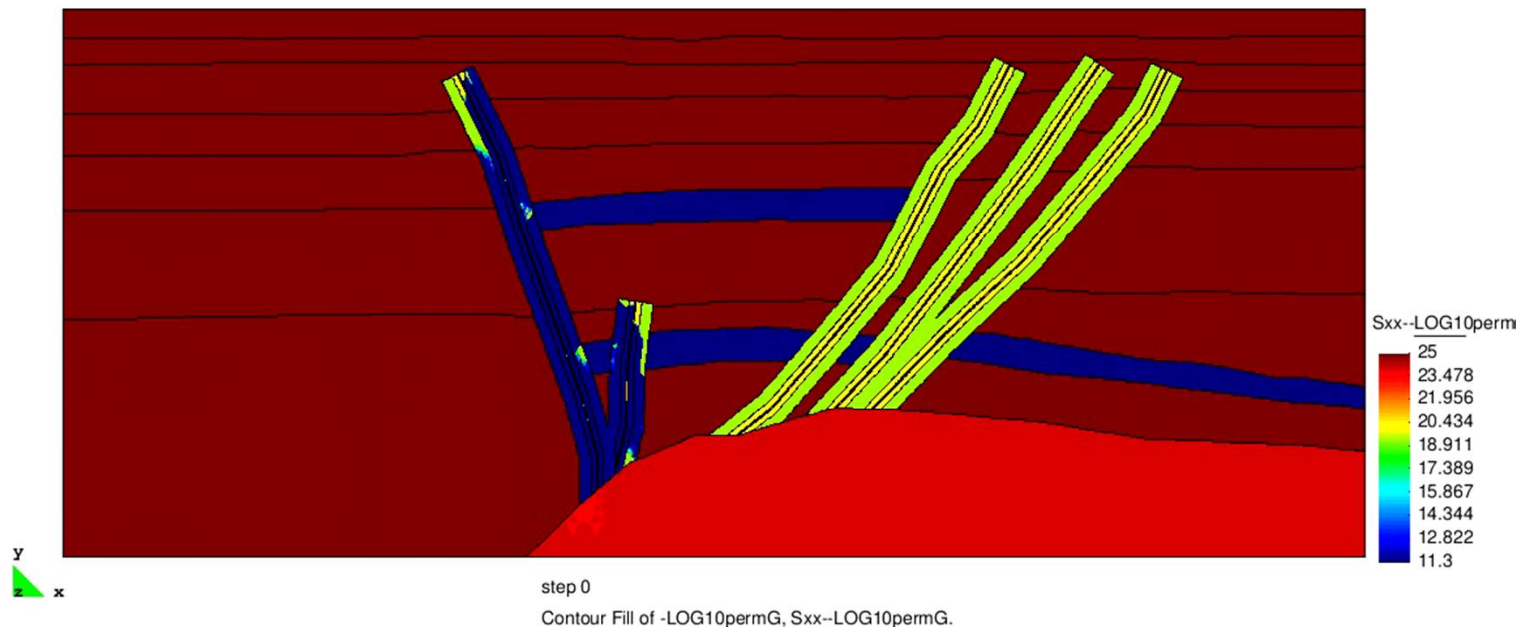
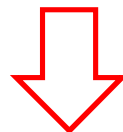
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