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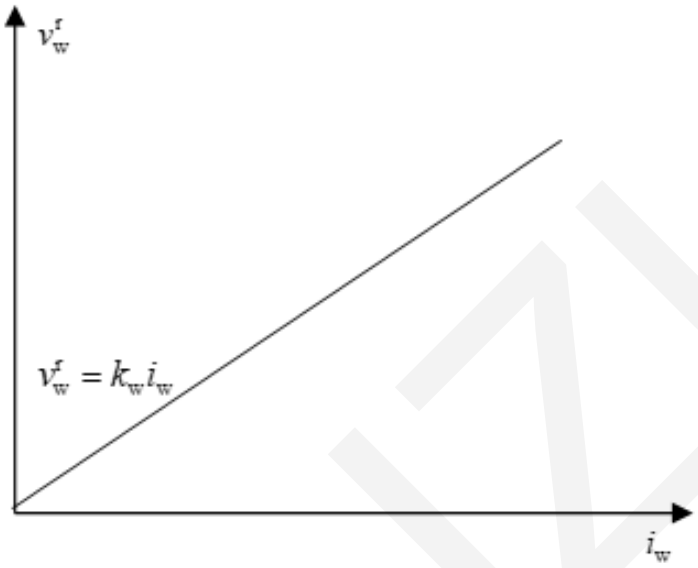
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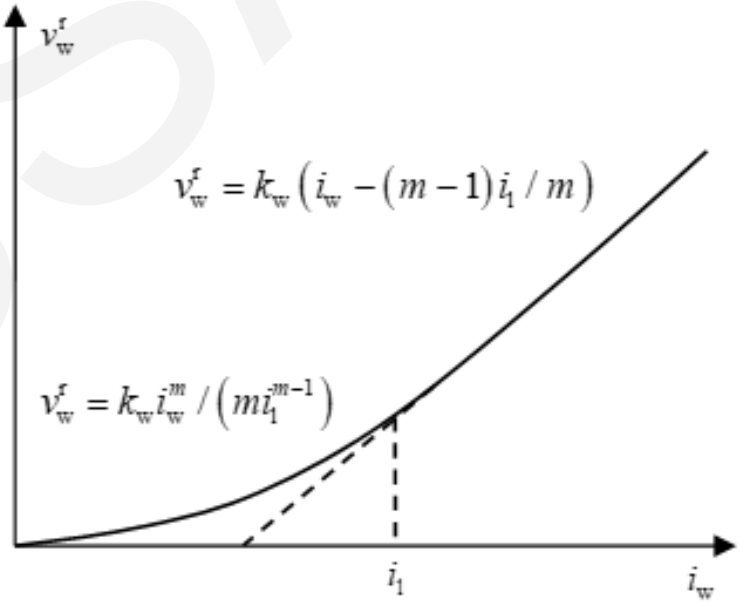
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Darcy flow and Non-Darcy flow

Darcy flow



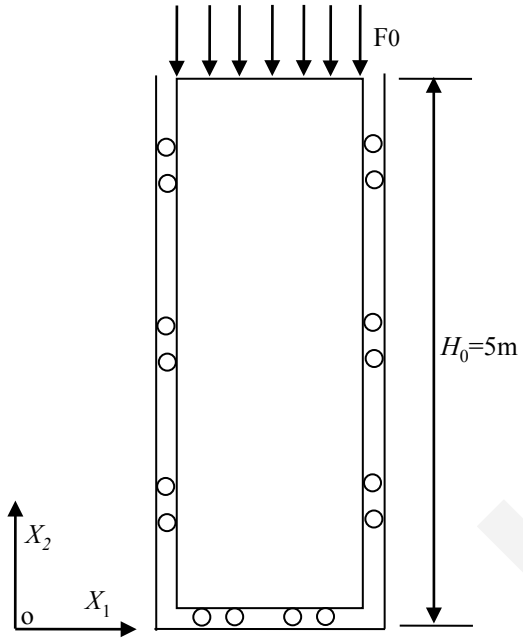
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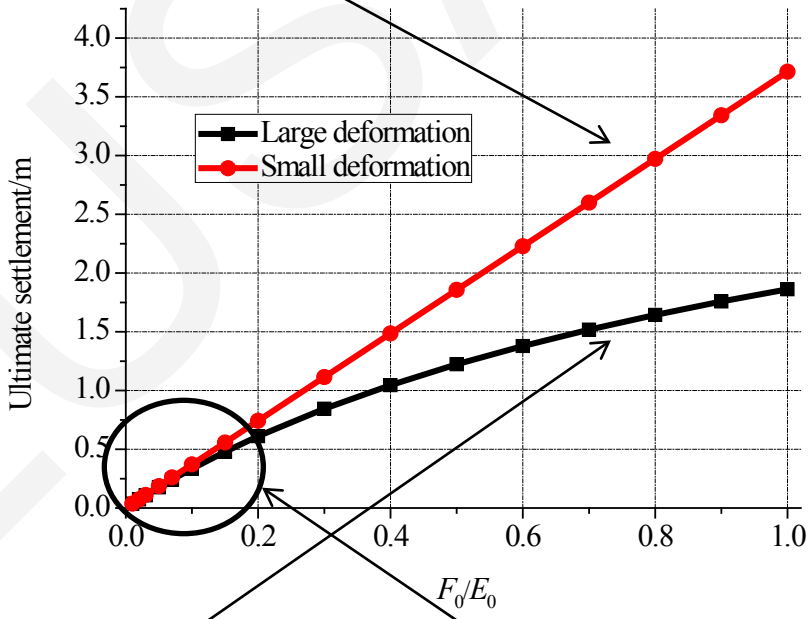


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Large deformation consolidation of soft clay

Small deformation



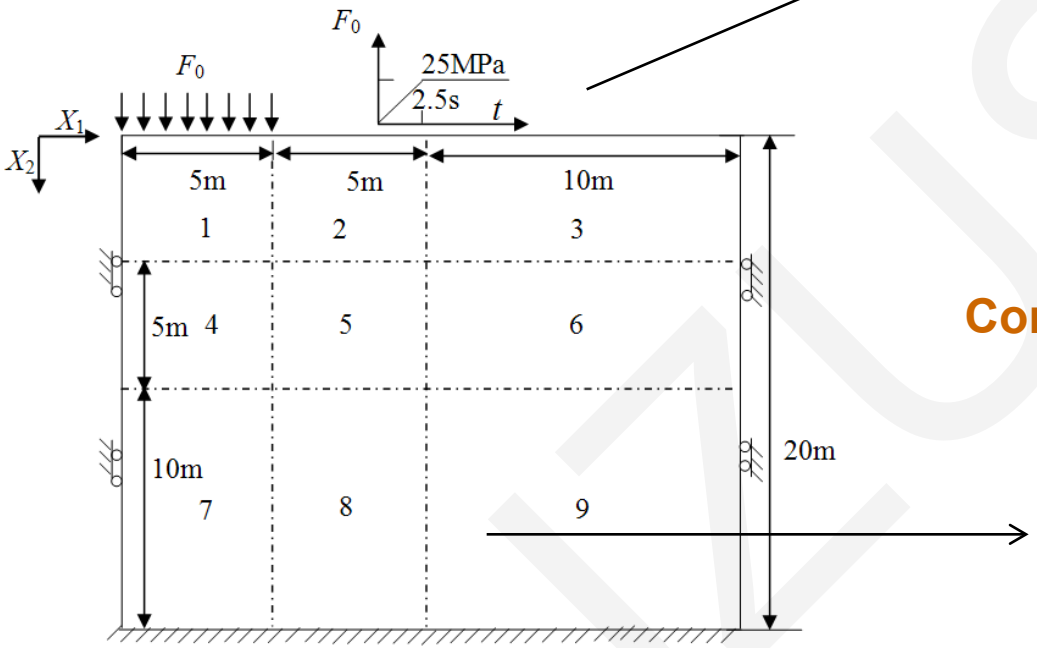


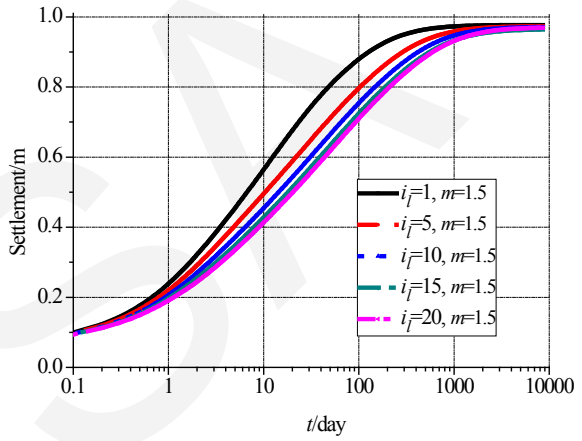
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The range where small deformation theory can be applied

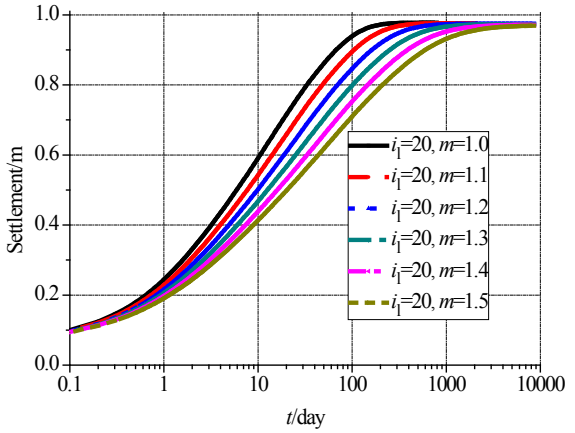
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Effect of non-Darcy flow on elasto-plastic consolidation





Consolidation history of soft clay



Conclusions

- A much faster convergence is achieved by the QEM than with the FEM, reducing the number of degrees of freedom significantly.
- In small deformation consolidation analysis, the ultimate settlement varies linearly with the external loads; in finite deformation consolidation analysis, however, the settlement increases rather moderately due to the stiffening of the soil skeleton.
- With the increase of the non-Darcian model parameters, the rate of consolidation and the differential settlement decrease.

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