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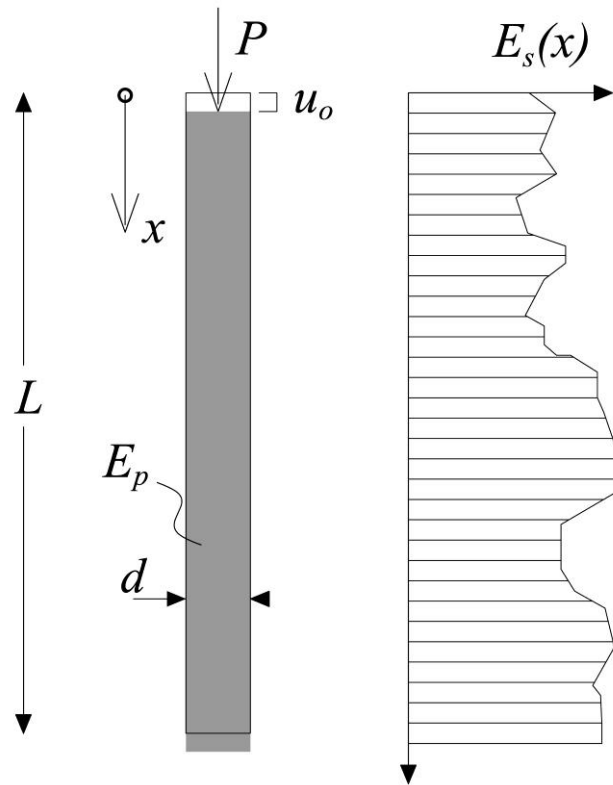


Fig 1. Model of single pile embedded in an inhomogeneous soil

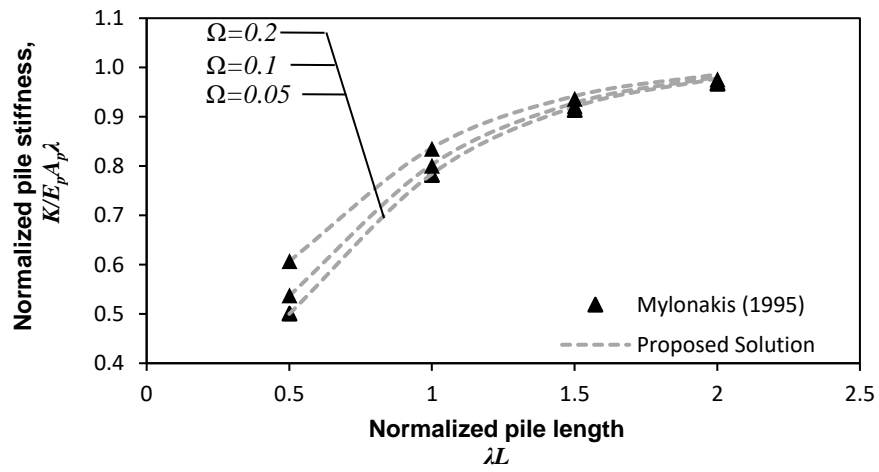


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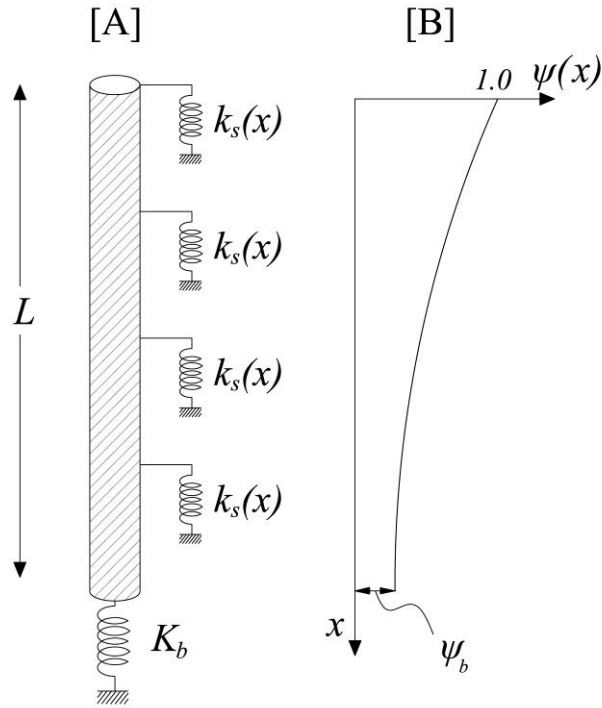


Fig 3. [A] Pile model with springs along the side surface and at the base of the pile,
 [B] Shape function of pile settlement, $\psi(x)$

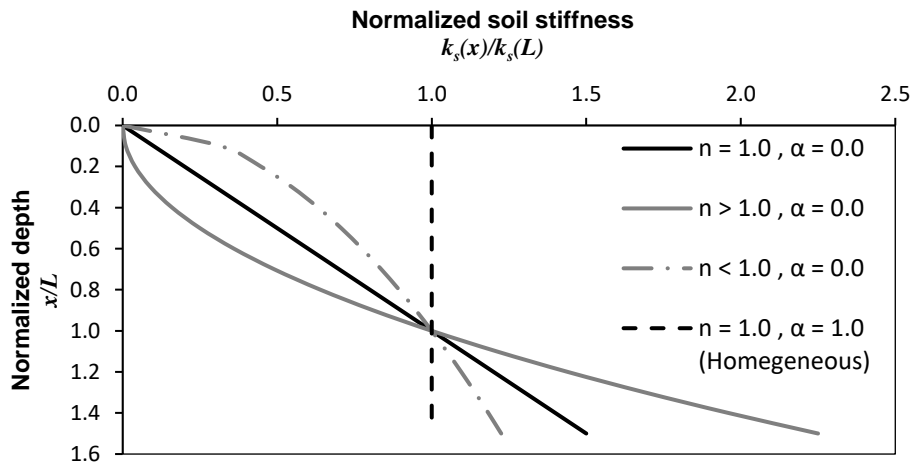


Fig 4. Increase of soil stiffness with depth

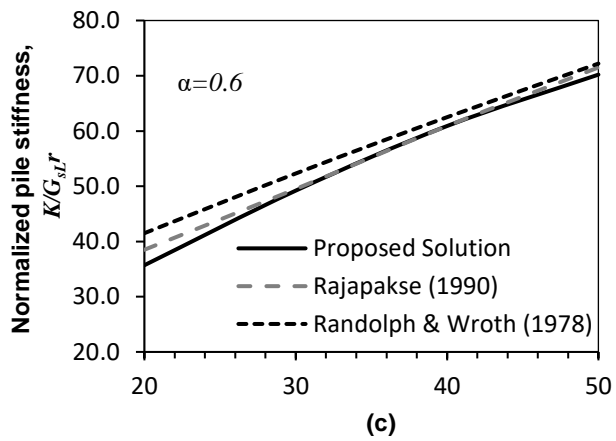
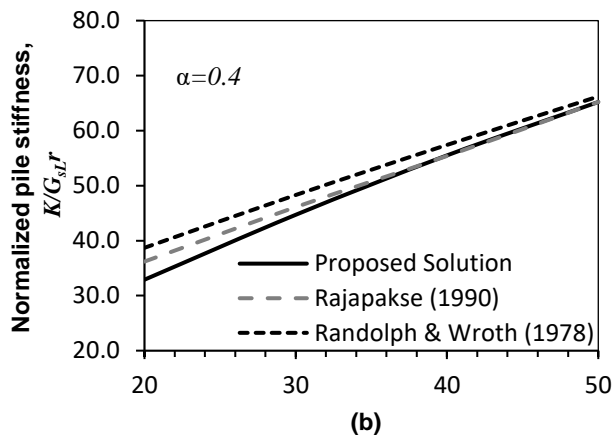
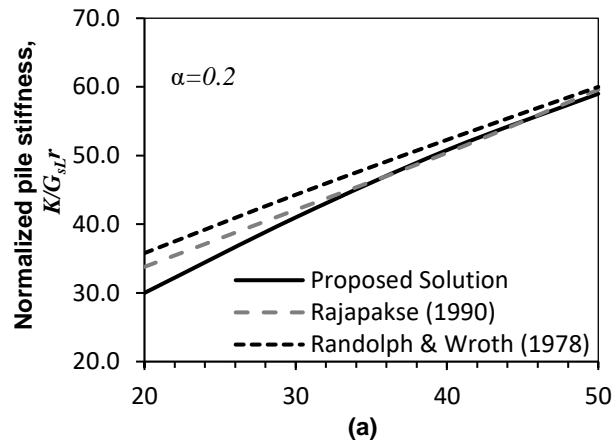


Fig 5. Comparison of stiffness at the pile head for inhomogeneous soil profiles

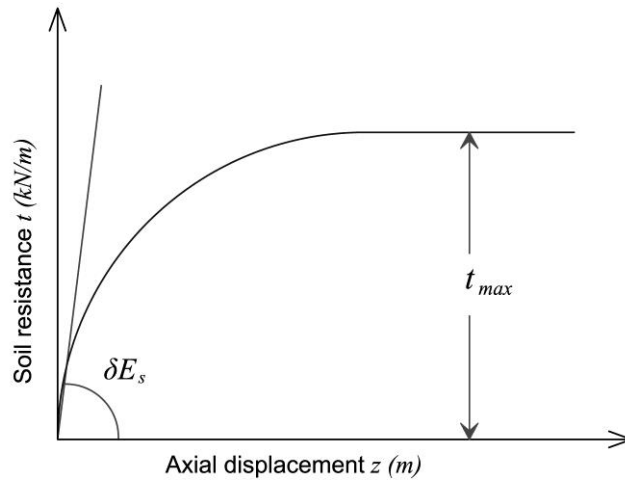


Fig 6. A typical t-z curve

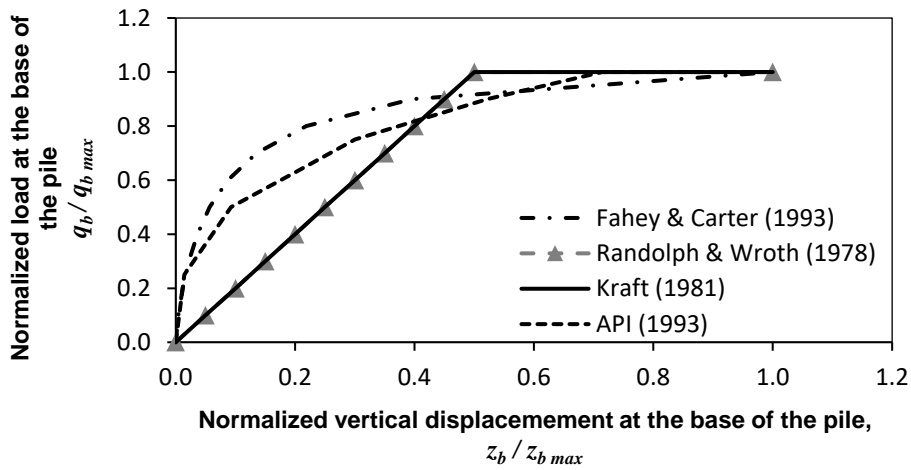


Fig 7. Normalized curve q - z at the tip of the pile

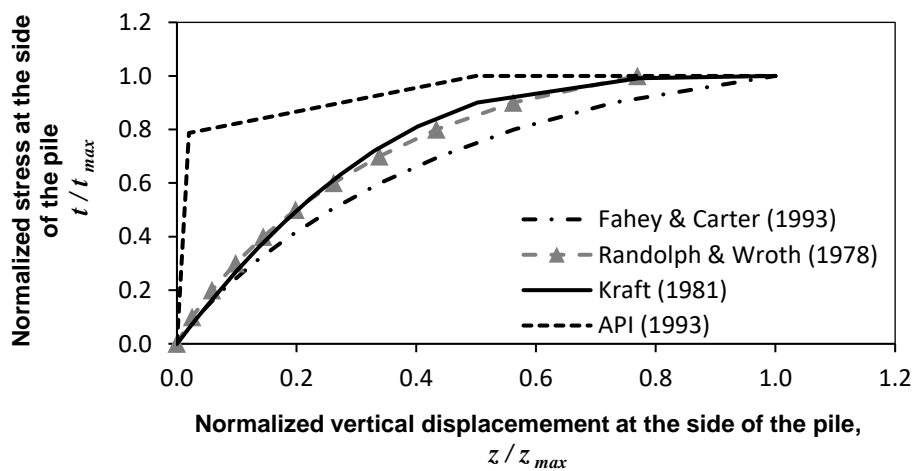


Fig 8. Normalized curve t - z at the side of the pile

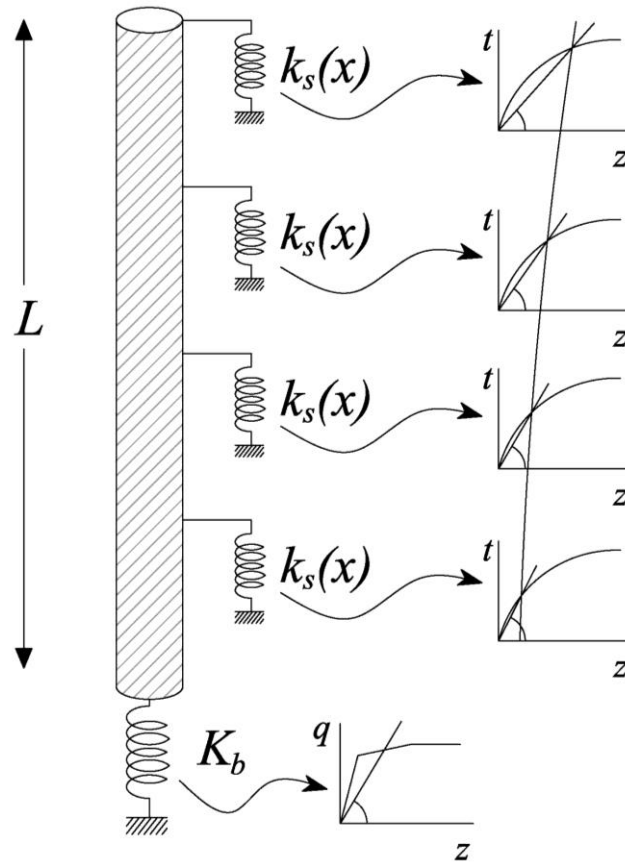


Fig 9. Normalized curves t - z alongside the pile and q - z at the tip

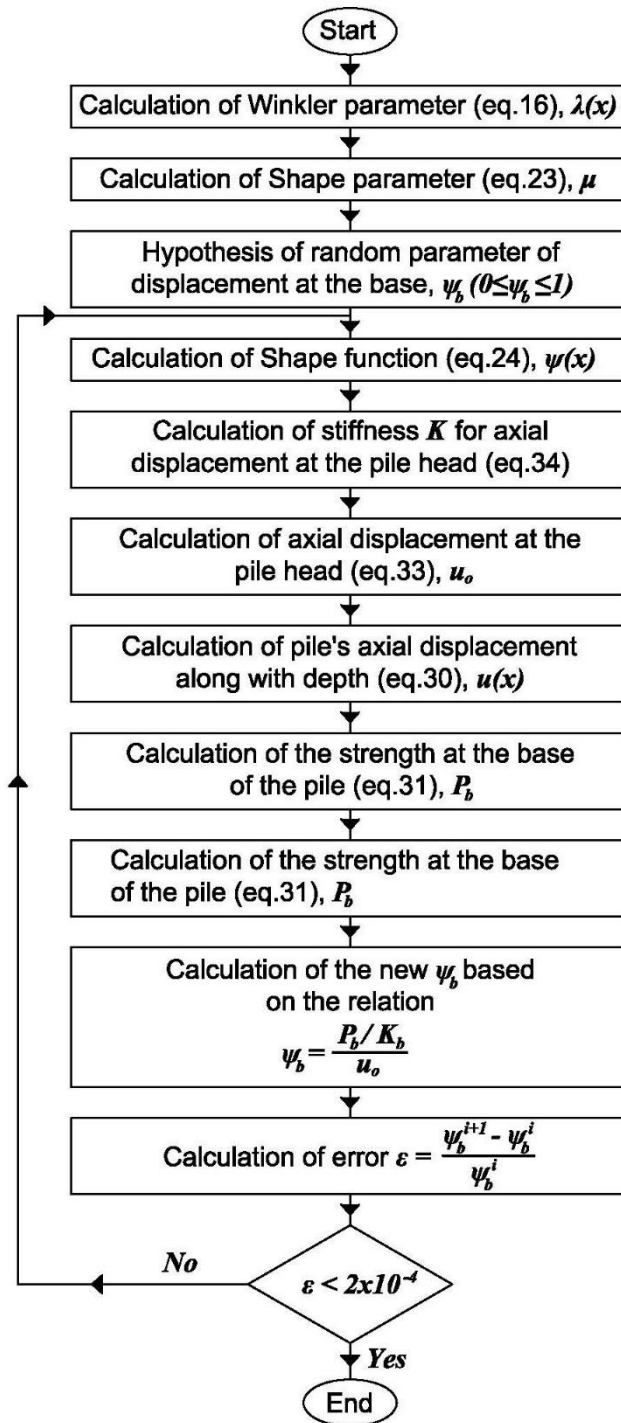


Fig 10. Flowchart of iterative process

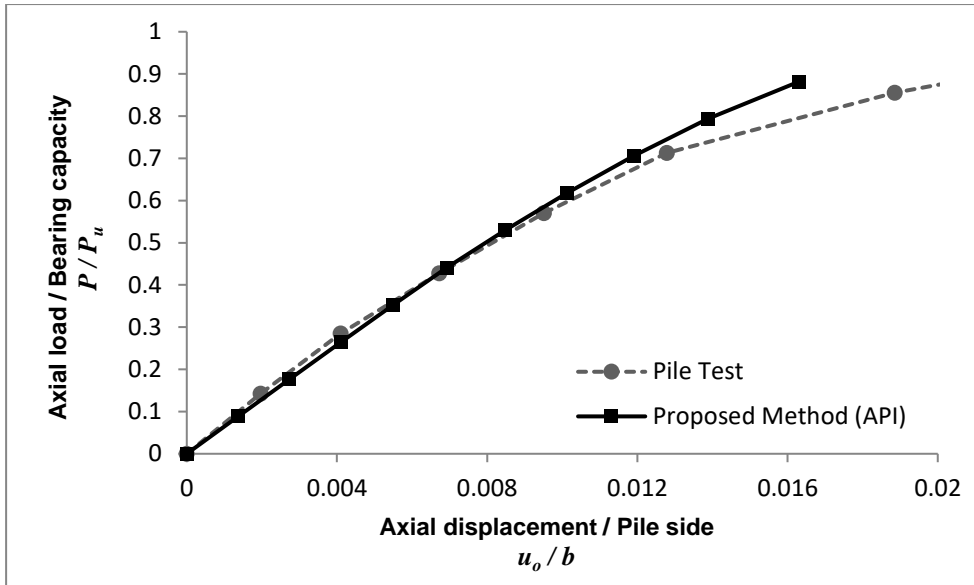


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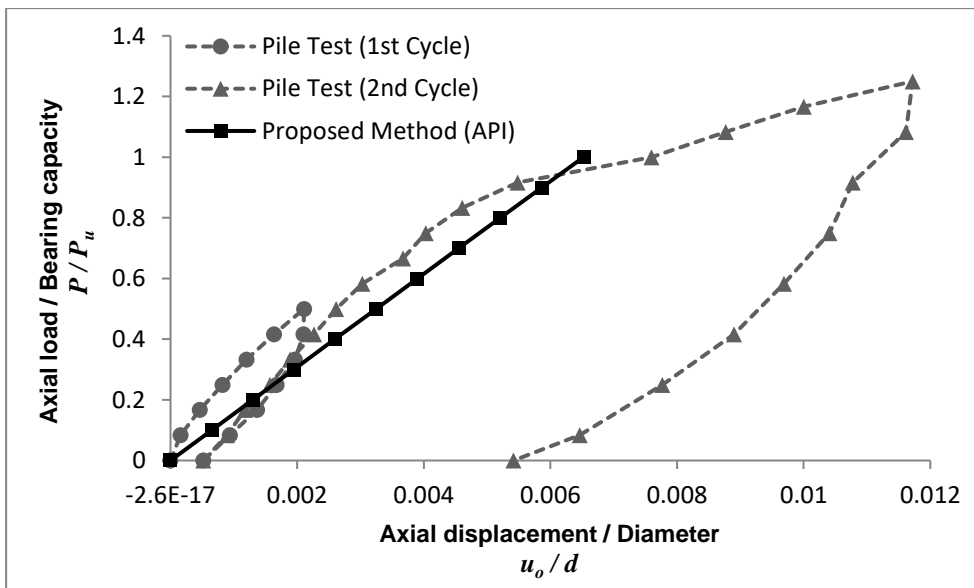


Fig 11. Comparison of theoretical results of the proposed method (API t-z curves) to measured data from in-situ pile test