

A 3D ANALYTICAL MODEL FOR LINEAR ROCK CUTTING PROCESS

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Introduction

Dredging: sand, clay and/or rock

‘Mining sediment from sea floor, transport and dump it’

Sand	Clay	Rock
Loose particles	Loose particles	Bonded grains
$0.06\text{mm} < D < 2\text{mm}$	$D < 0,06\text{mm}$	$D > 25\text{cm}$

- Hard to predict cutting forces
 - Energy consumption (€ € €)
 - Dredging method (time = € € €)



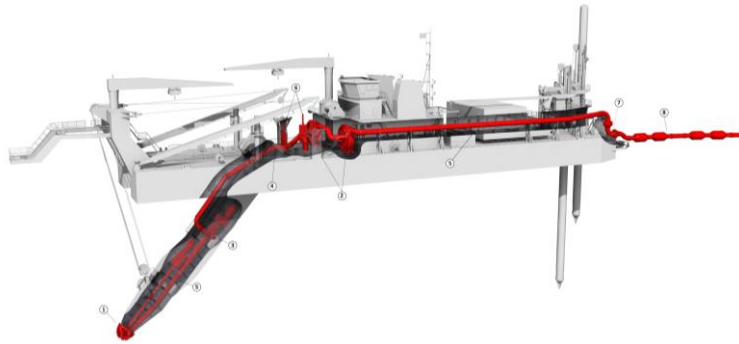
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Introduction

- Dredging: how?



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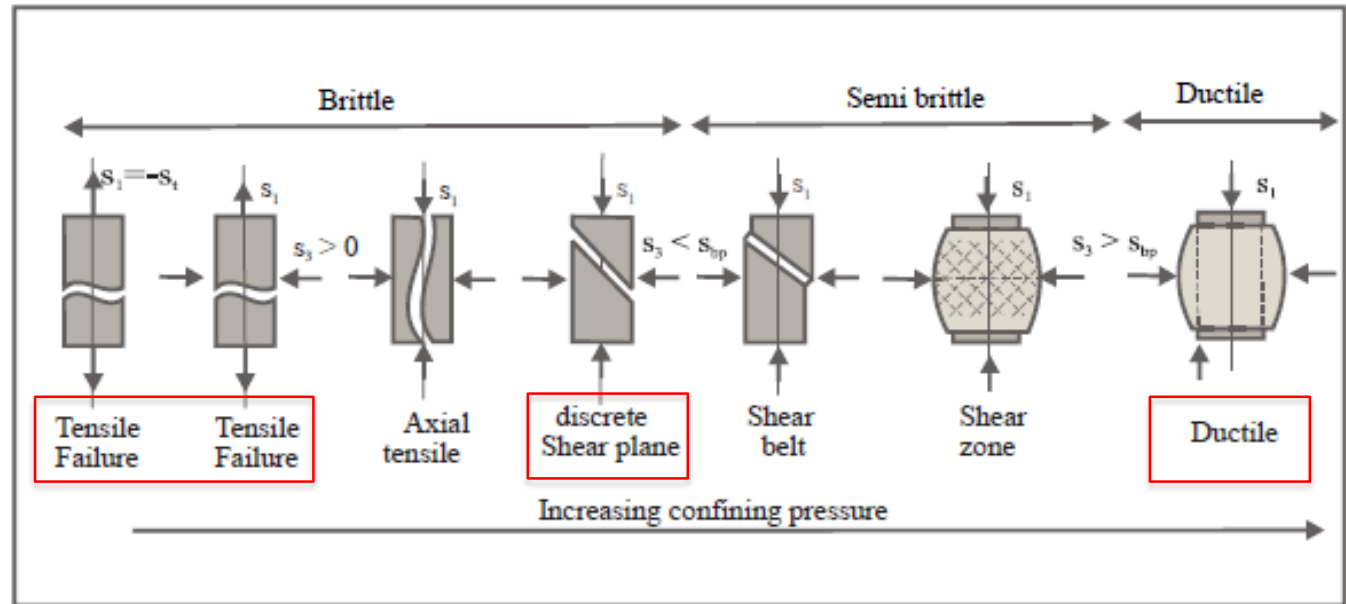


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Let's see how rock cutting force is calculated

Cutting force prediction models

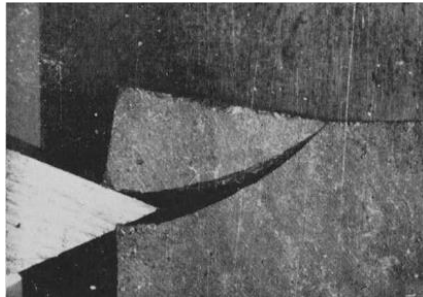
- Failure modes



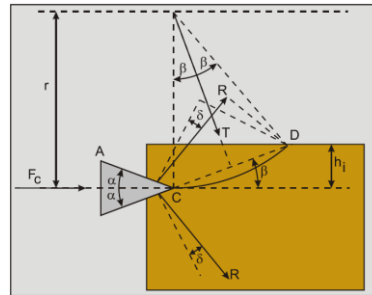
Cutting of rock, Vlasblom (2007)

Cutting force prediction models

- The Evans Model (Tensile crack)
 - Sharp tool
 - 2D process
 - Brittle tensile $\rightarrow \sigma_t (=BTS)$
 - $\rightarrow \beta = \text{crack angle (Tensile)}$



Evans (1964)

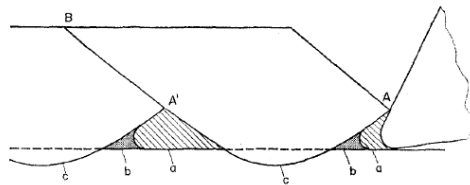


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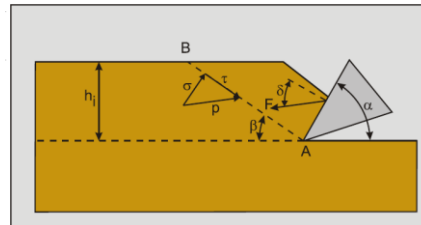
$$F_c = \sigma_T \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \frac{2 \cdot \sin(\alpha + \delta)}{1 - \sin(\alpha + \delta)}$$

Cutting force prediction models

- The Nishimatsu Model (Shear crack)
 - Sharp tool
 - 2D process
 - Brittle shear $\rightarrow c$



Nishimatsu (1971)



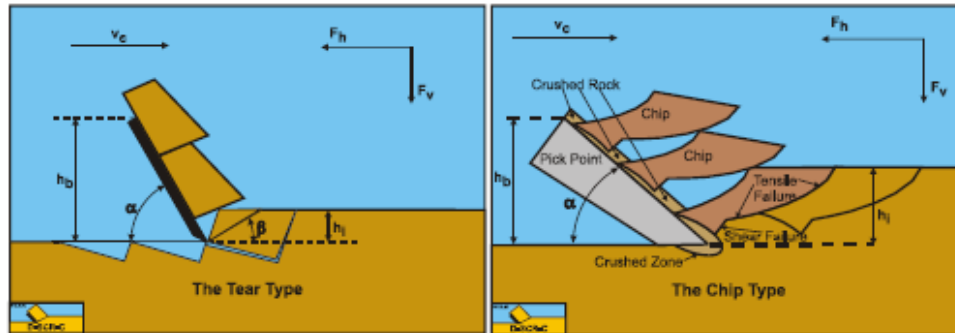
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$$F_h = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \cdot \frac{c \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \delta)}{\sin(\beta) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \beta + \delta + \varphi)}$$

$$F_v = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \cdot \frac{c \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\alpha + \delta)}{\sin(\beta) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \beta + \delta + \varphi)}$$

Cutting force prediction models

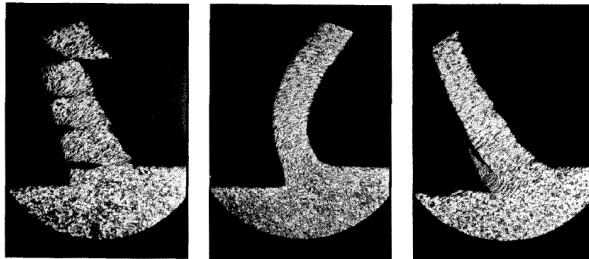
- The Tear/Chip Model
 - Sharp tool
 - 2D process
 - Brittle shear $\rightarrow c$



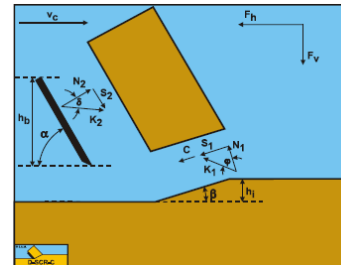
$$F_h = \frac{2 \cdot c_m \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \delta)}{1 + \cos(\alpha + \delta + \varphi)}$$
$$F_v = \frac{2 \cdot c_m \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\alpha + \delta)}{1 + \cos(\alpha + \delta + \varphi)}$$

Cutting force prediction models

- The Flow Model
 - Sharp tool crushing the surface
 - 2D process
 - Ductile $\rightarrow c$



Merchant (1945)



DSCRCM, Miedema (2014)

$$F_h = \frac{\lambda \cdot c \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \delta)}{\sin(\beta) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \beta + \delta + \varphi)}$$

$$F_v = \frac{\lambda \cdot c \cdot h_i \cdot w \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\alpha + \delta)}{\sin(\beta) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \beta + \delta + \varphi)}$$

How good is the prediction?

- We can do some experiments
- Dredging: rock cutting with multiple rotating cutting teeth
 - Difficult: start from the beginning
 - Single pick point
 - Linear cutting

Research Procedure

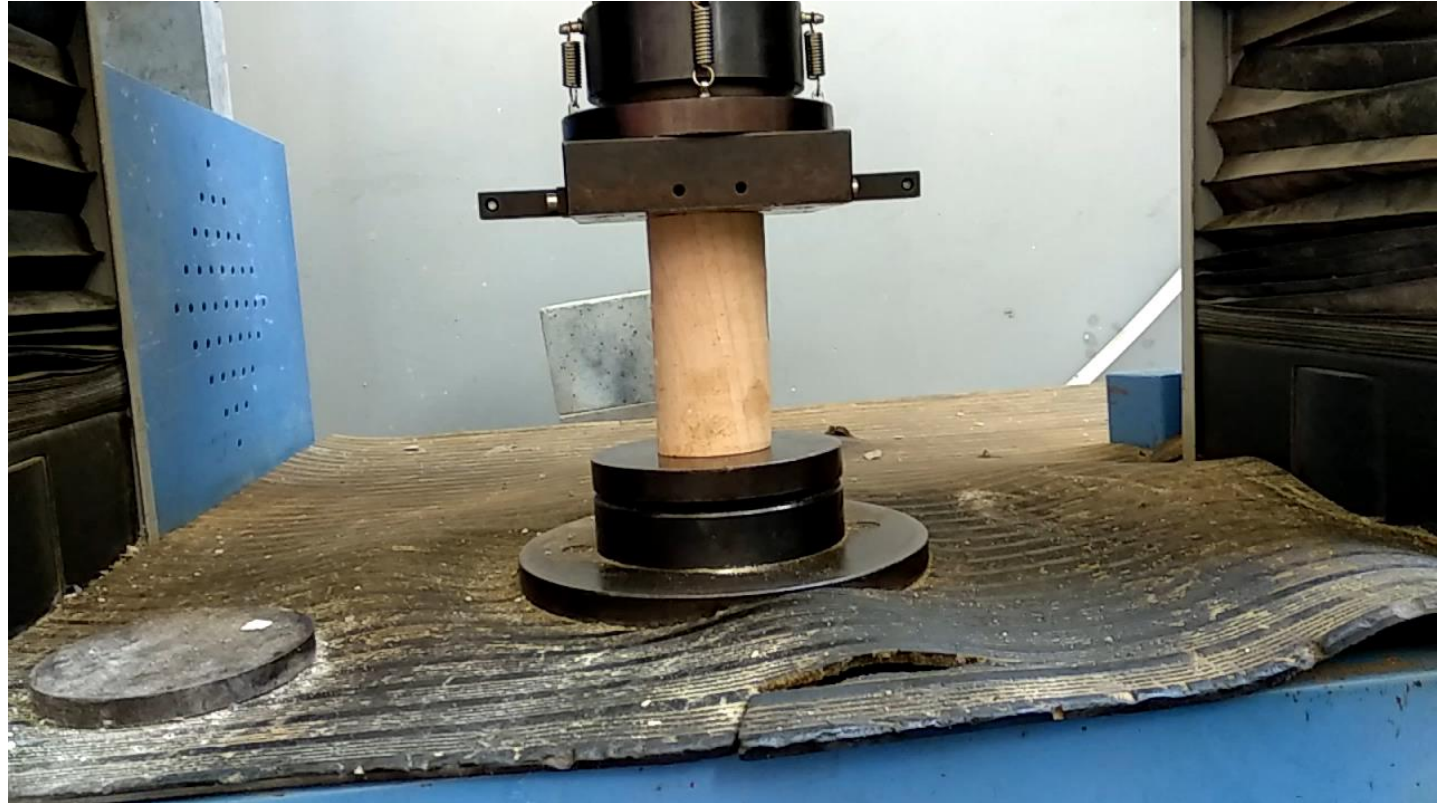
- Determine rock characteristics
- Conduct linear cutting experiments
- Validate existing calculation models
- Improve the calculation models

Rock characteristics

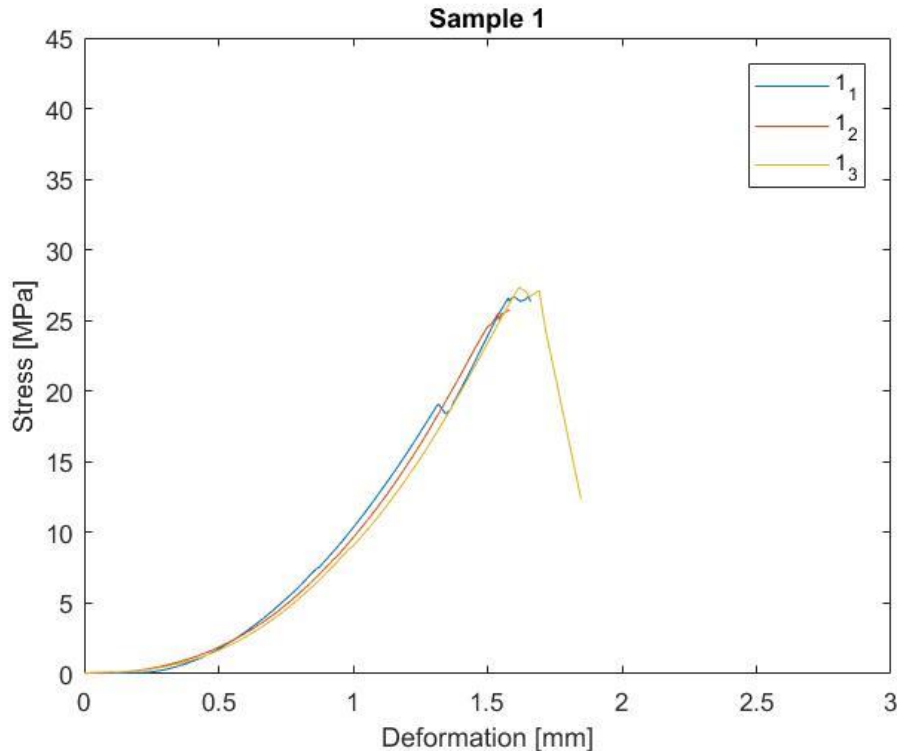
- Sandstone
- 210x53x12 cm



Uniaxial compression tests



Uniaxial compression tests



$$\sigma = F/A$$

$$\sigma_{max} = UCS$$

$$UCS1_1 = 26.7 \text{ MPa}$$

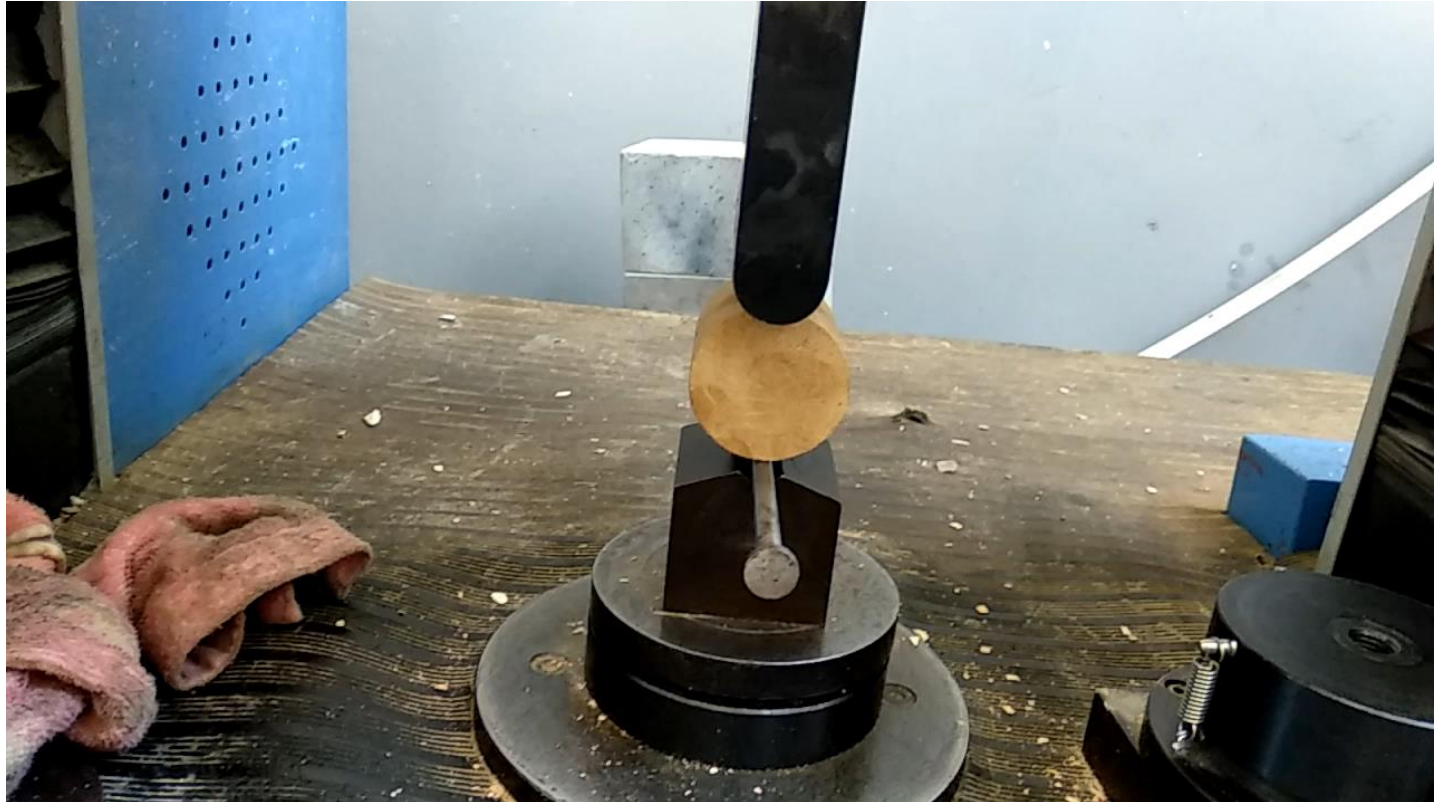
$$UCS1_2 = 25.7 \text{ MPa}$$

$$UCS1_3 = 27.3 \text{ MPa}$$

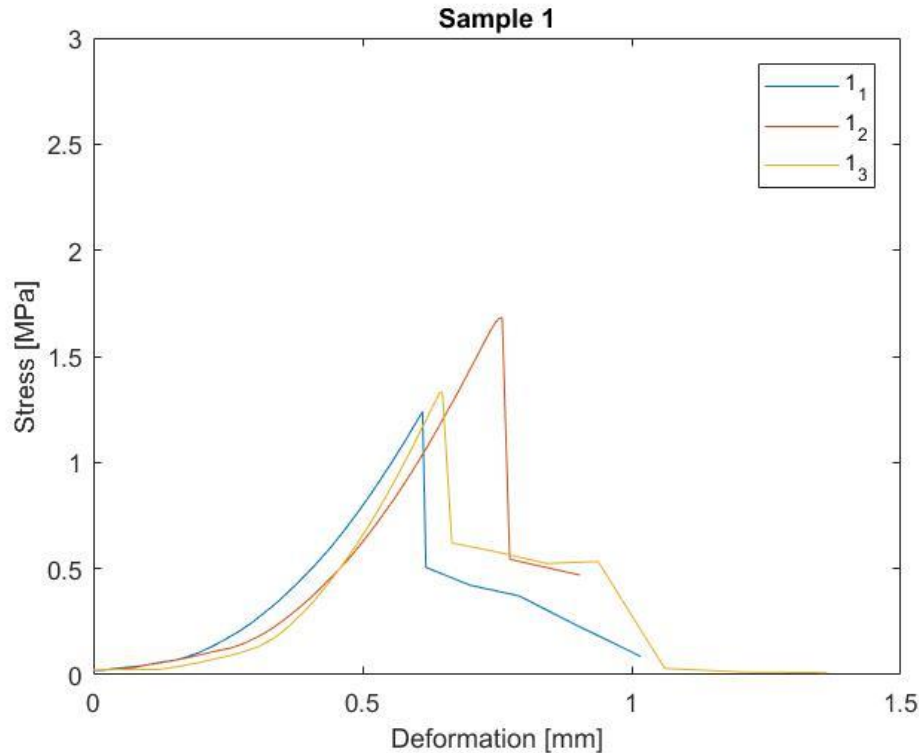
Average:

$$UCS1 = 26.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Brazilian Tensile tests



Brazilian Tensile tests



$$\sigma = (2 * F) / (\pi * D * L)$$
$$\sigma_{max} = BTS$$

$$BTS1_1 = 1.2 \text{ MPa}$$

$$BTS1_2 = 1.7 \text{ MPa}$$

$$BTS1_3 = 1.3 \text{ MPa}$$

Average:

$$BTS1 = 1.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Hoek-Brown Failure Criterion

- Internal friction angle (ϕ')

$$\phi' = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{6am_b(s + m_b\sigma_{3n})^{a-1}}{2(1+a)(2+a) + 6am_b(s + m_b\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}} \right)$$

- External friction angle (δ')

$$\delta' = \frac{2}{3}\phi'$$

- Cohesion (c')

$$c' = \frac{\sigma_{ci}((a+2a)s + (1-a)m_b\sigma_{3n})(s + m_b\sigma_{3n})^{a-1}}{(1+a)(2+a) \sqrt{\frac{a + (6am_b(s + m_b\sigma_{3n})^{a-1})}{(1+a)(2+a)}}}$$

Rock characteristics

Sample	UCS MPa	BTS MPa	m_i [-]	c' MPa	ϕ' °	δ' °
1	18.9	1.7	11	3.7	44	29
2	26.6	1.1	24	4.7	52	35
3*	20.4	1.7	12	4.0	45	30
4	17.6	1.3	14	3.3	46	31
5	18.7	1.6	12	3.6	45	30

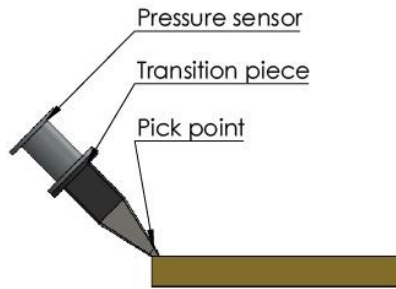
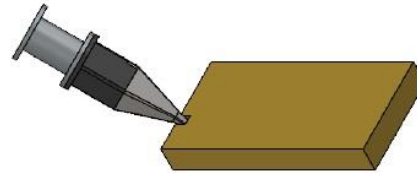
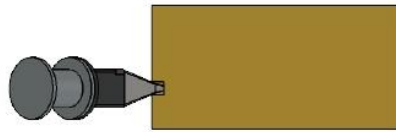
$m_i < 9$ ductile failure

$9 < m_i < 15$ brittle-ductile transition

$m_i > 15$ brittle failure



Test setup



The pickpoint has a total length of 30cm, with a tip angle of 26° .

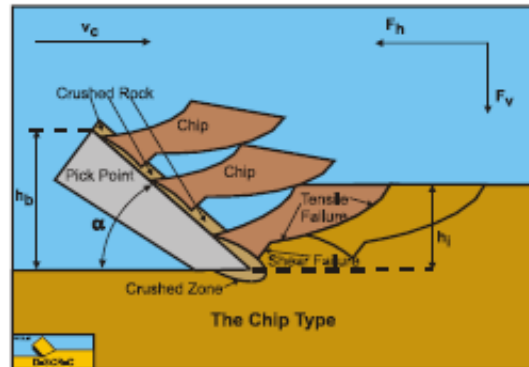
Test setup

- Settings:
 - Cutting angles
 - 40-70 degrees
 - Cutting speed
 - 5 cm/s
 - Depths
 - 0.5-1.5cm
 - (Limited by sensor)
 - Without water
 - No cavitation
 - No hyperbaric conditions



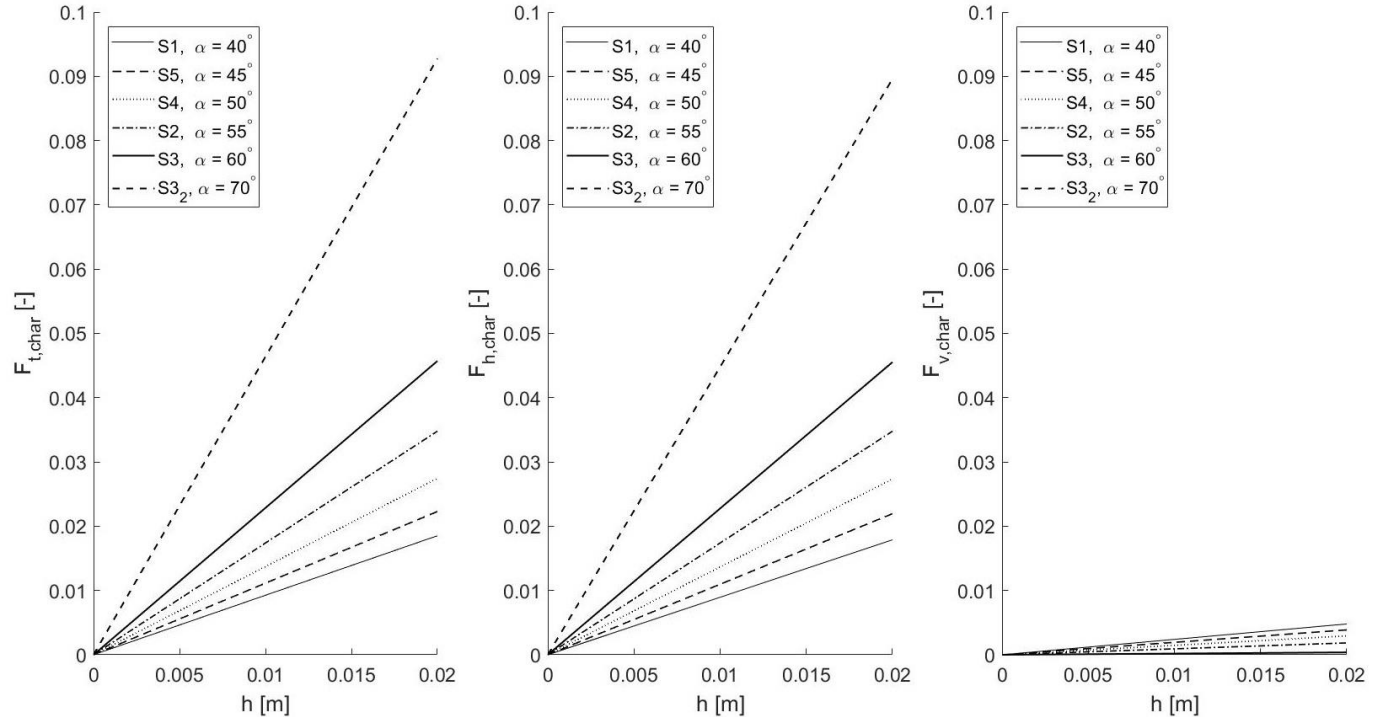
Determine failure mode

- Failure mode:
 - Brittle or ductile?
 - No plastic deformation → brittle
 - Tensile or shear?
 - Insufficient depth for tensile crack → shear
 - Nishimatu or Tear/Chip?
 - Tear model limited with cutting angles → Nishimatsu



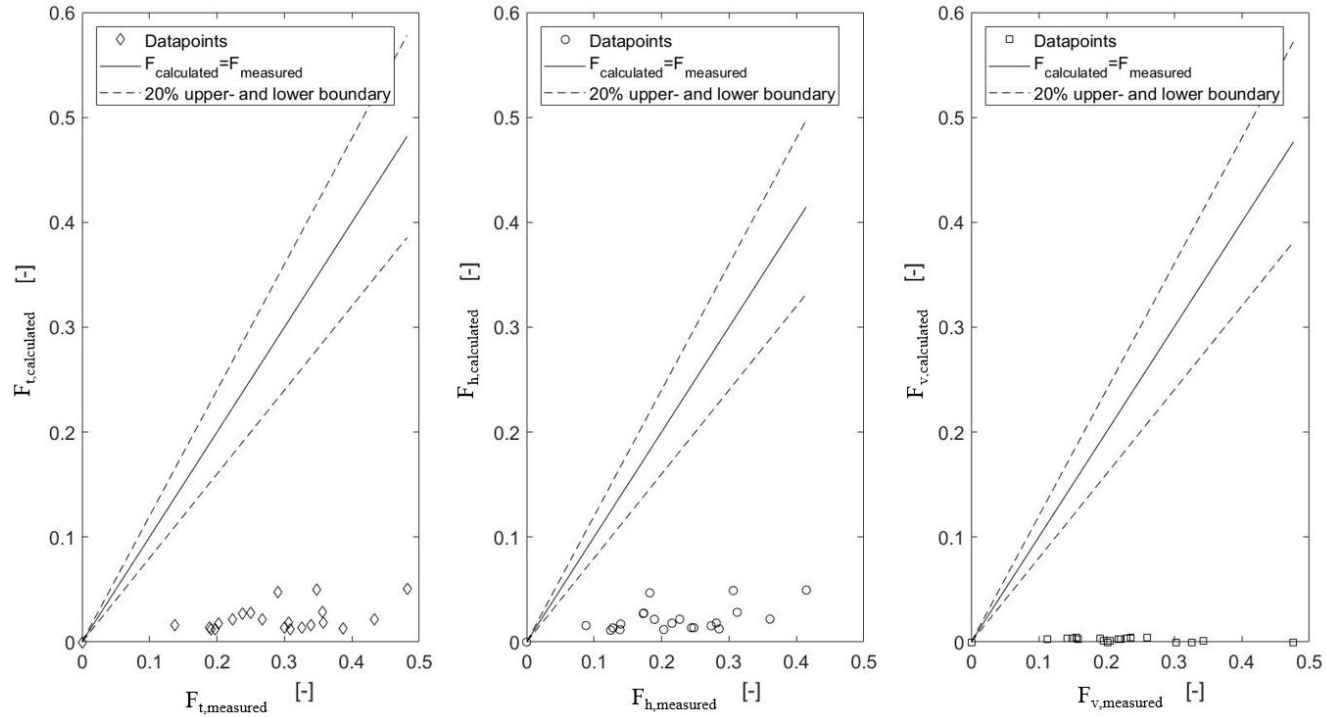
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The Nishimatsu Model



F_{total} , $F_{horizontal}$, $F_{vertical}$: linear increase vs. cutting depth

Nishimatsu vs. Measurements



Measured cutting forces are 10~20 times of the Nishimatsu calculations

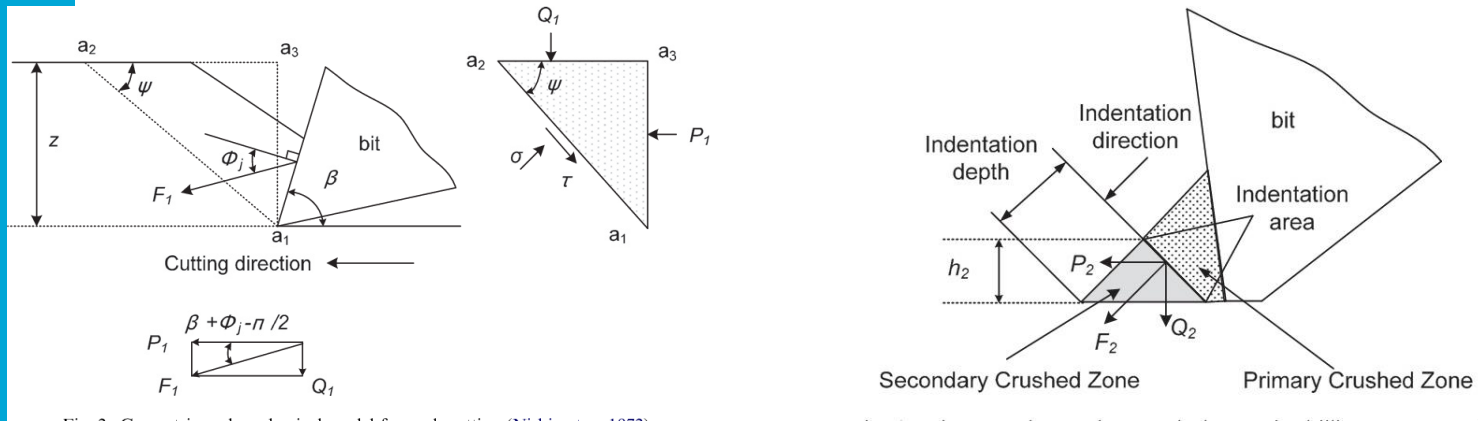
Component model

‘Is the Nishimatsu model limited by its assumptions?’

- Assume model is correct, but limited by:
 - Sharp tool assumption
 - 2D assumption
- Measured force = Model + bluntness effect + 3D effect

Component model

- Blunt tool → secondary crushed zone

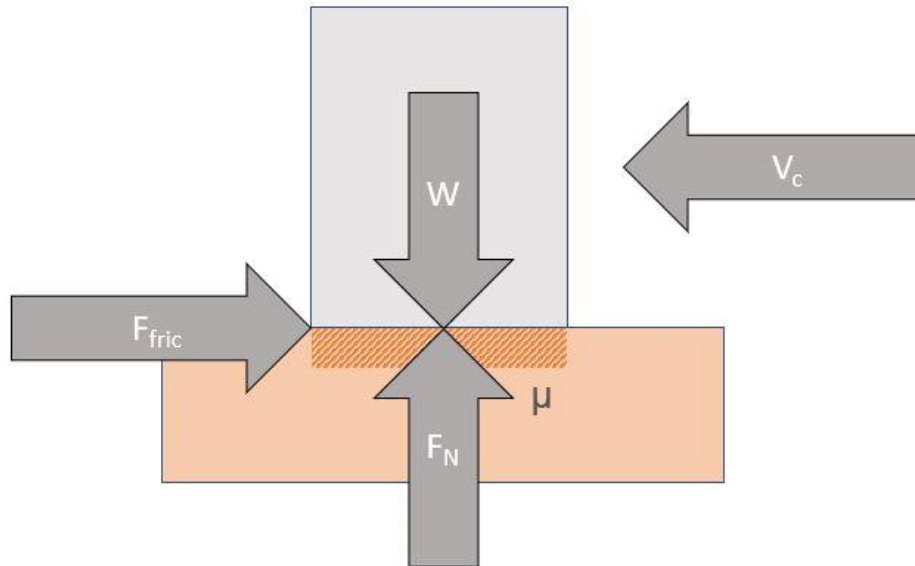


Zhantao Li (2012)

'P2 is equal to dynamic friction'

Component model

- Dynamic friction



General:

$$F_n = W$$

$$F_{fric} = F_n * \mu$$

This case:

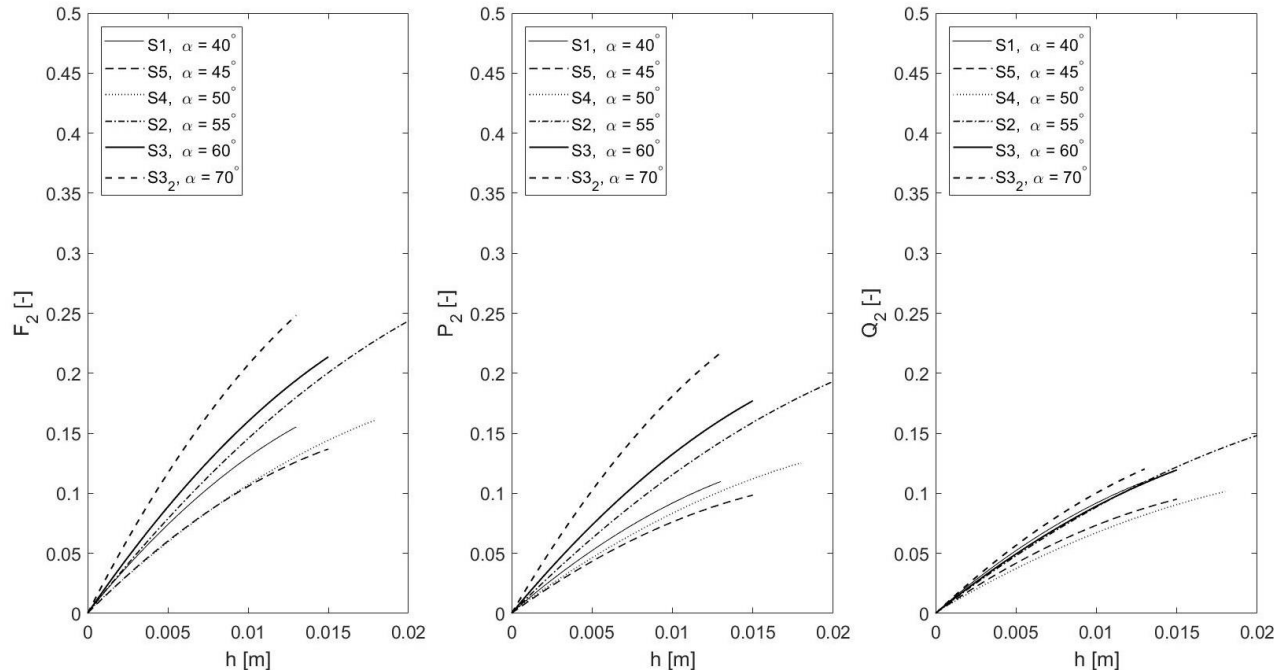
$$W = F_v \text{ (experiment)}$$

$$F_n = F_v$$

$$\mu = 0.39$$

$$F_{fric} = F_v * 0.39$$

The Bluntness effect

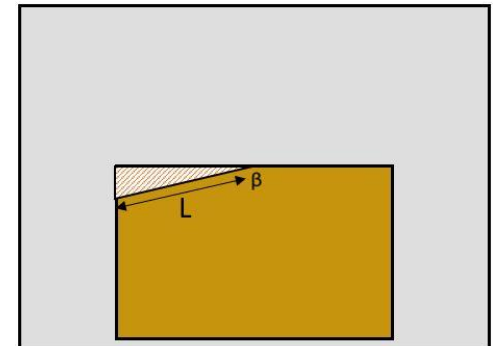
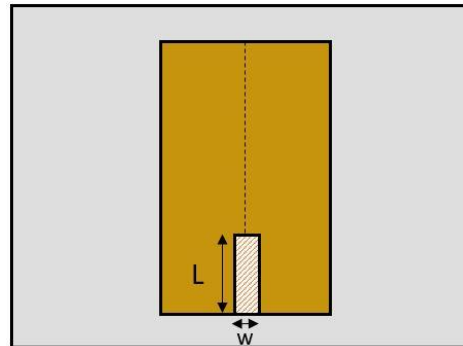
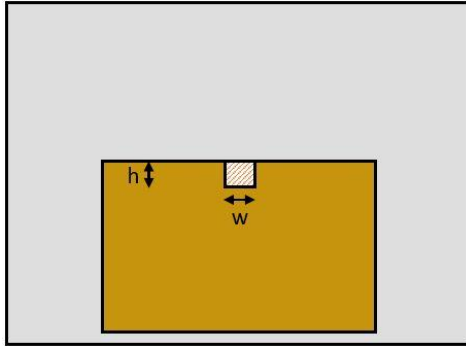


F2 – resultant force
p2 – horizontal force
Q2 – vertical force

Force to remove secondary crushed zone converges over depth

Component model

- 2D assumption



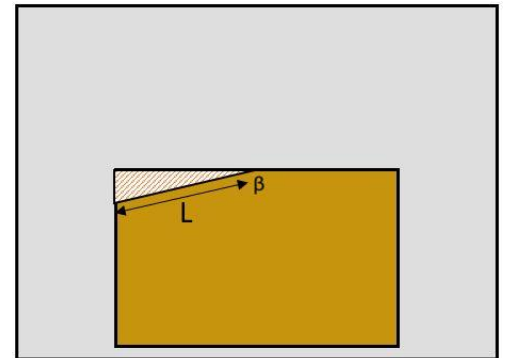
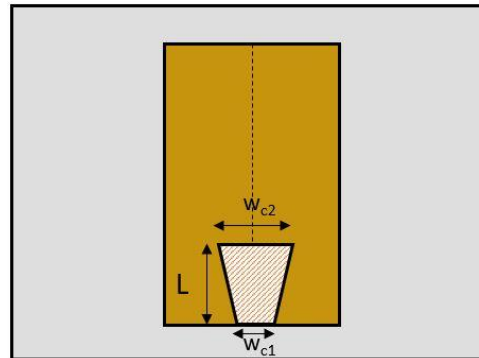
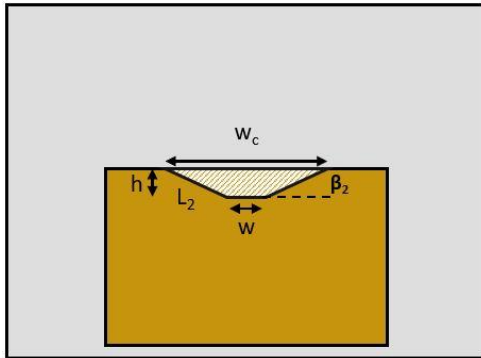
Component model

- However...



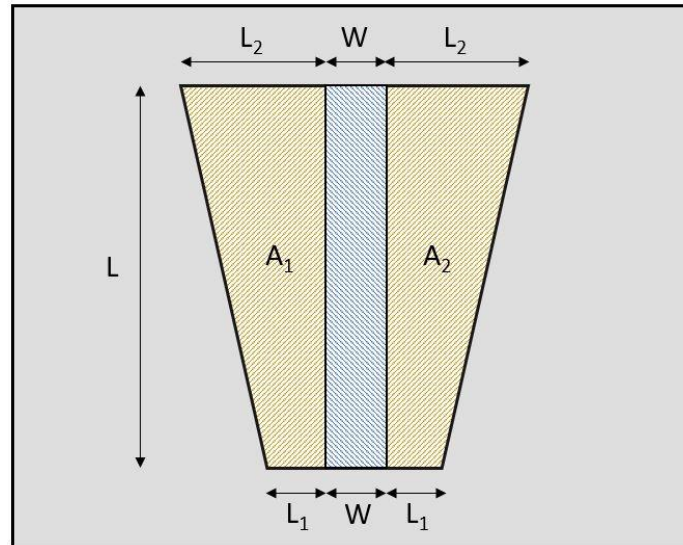
Component model

- 3D problem
 - Larger shear area



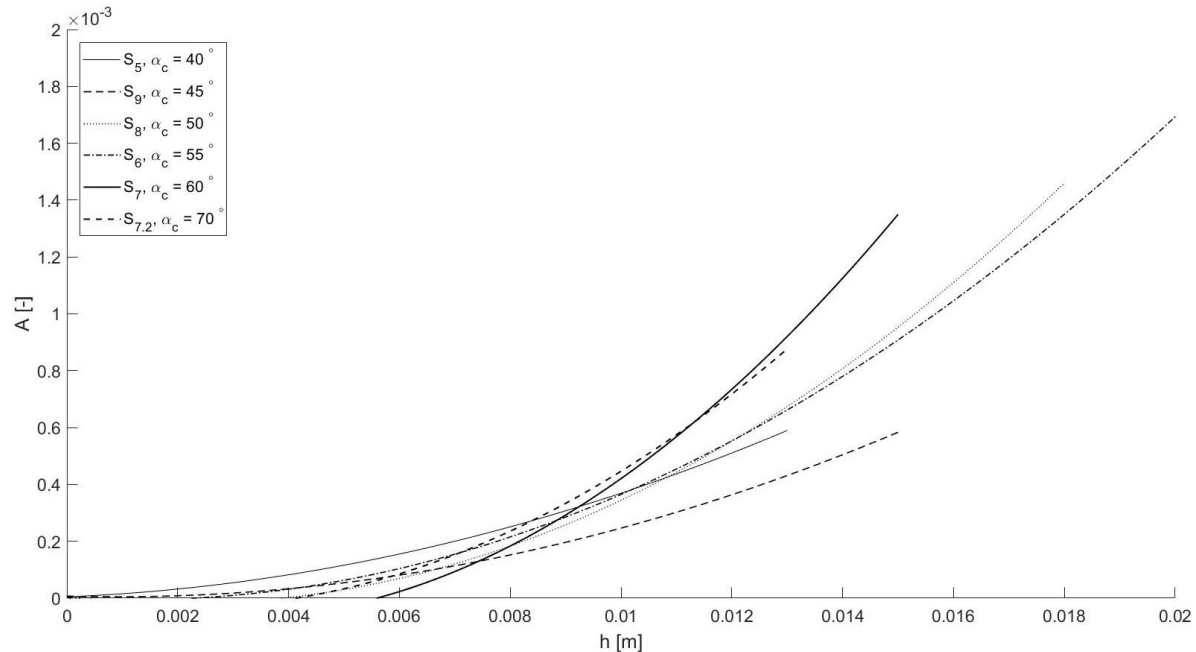
Component model

- 3D problem
 - Measure area from samples



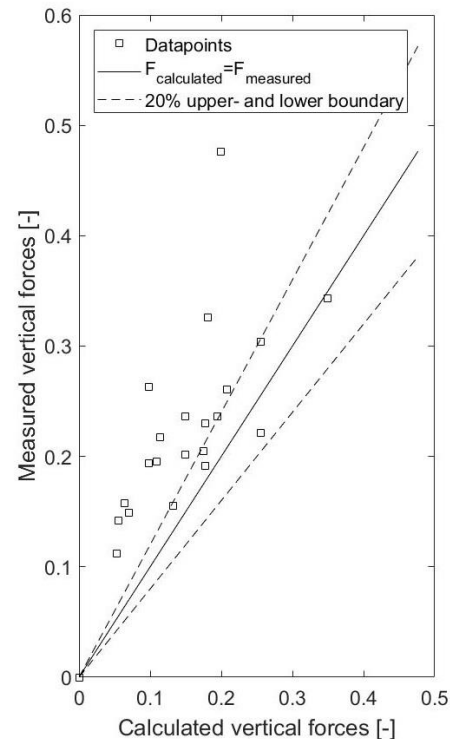
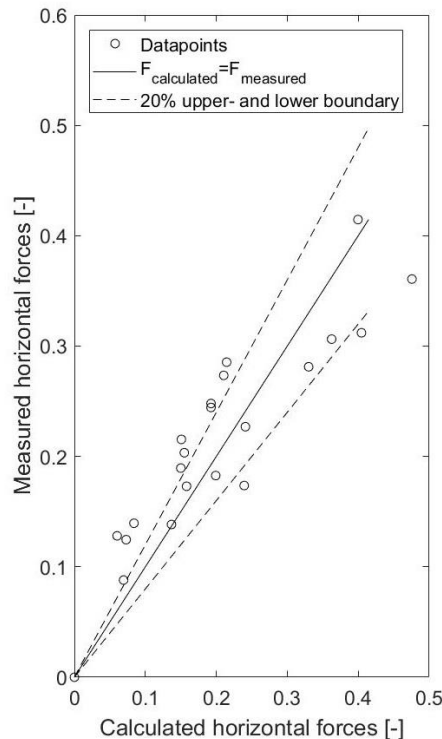
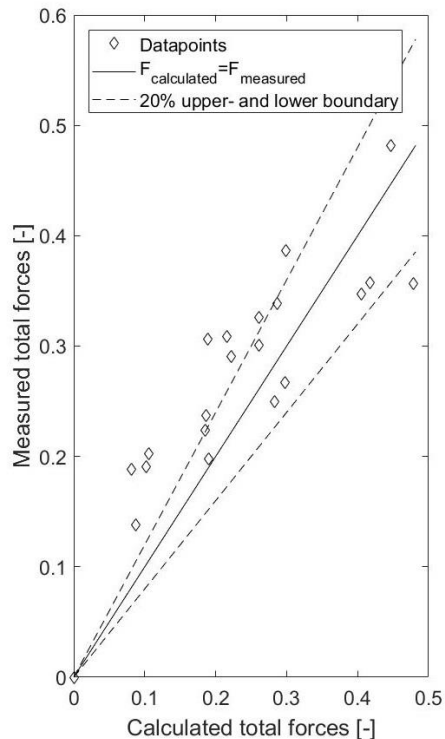
$$F_3 = A * C$$

The outbreaking shear effect



- A – the outbreaking shear surface area
- Quadratically increasing the shear component

Combination of the three components



Overall trend:
LINEAR

horizontal force: matches relatively well
vertical force: shows significant underestimation
total force: matches much better than pure Nishimatsu

Conclusions

- Proposed component model
 - Increases accuracy
 - Sharp tool + 2D assumption limiting factors
 - Still not perfect...
 - Vertical forces still inaccurate

Conclusions

- Maximum forces linear over depth
 - Linear model component
 - Converging indentation component
 - Quadratically increasing shear component

Recommendations

- Conduct indentation tests
 - To get more real stress level in the crushed zone
- More experiments to enable the component model into a mature prediction model
- Try to get a cutting process which is dominated by indentation forces (check force over depth)
- Try to get a cutting process which is dominated by shear forces (check force over depth)

Thank you