

IMPACT ON BARRIERS: SINGLE ROCK FALL VS. ROCK MASS FALL

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The difficulty is defining the quantity of material that interacts with the barrier!

$$p_{d,max} = a \cdot \rho_{wg} \cdot v^2, \text{ dynamic coefficient } a = 1.5 \dots 5$$

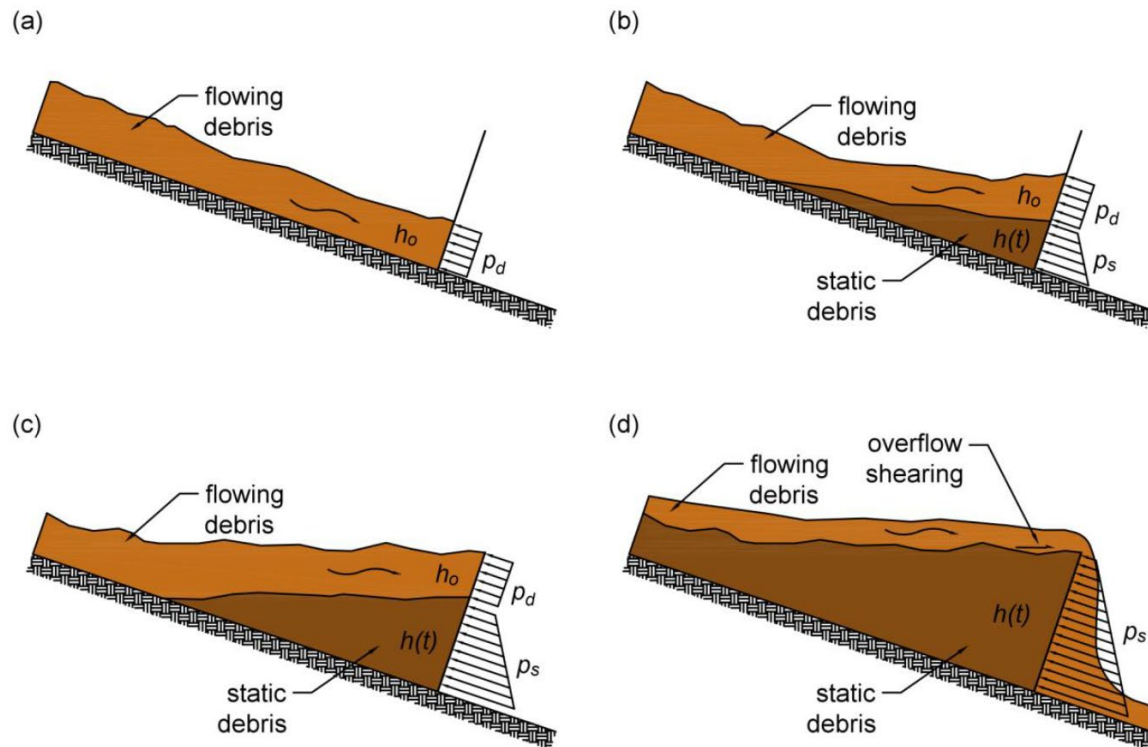


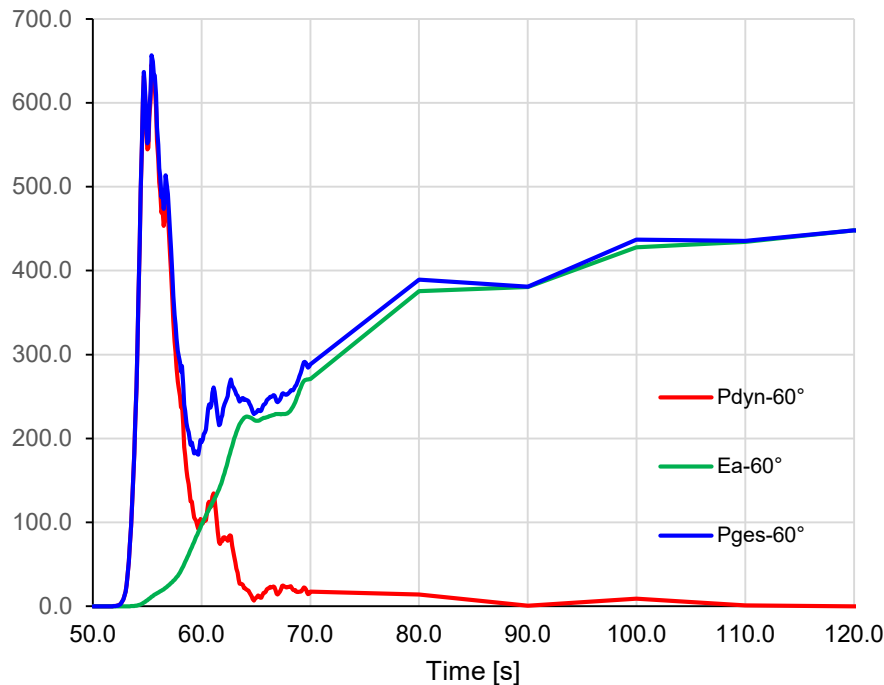
Figure 5. Assumed filling process for the calculation of dynamic and static loads on a barrier. Initial impact (a) imparts a dynamic load only followed by progressively larger static loads, (b) and (c), ending in overtopping where static and shear forces dominate.

(W. Ashwood, 2014)

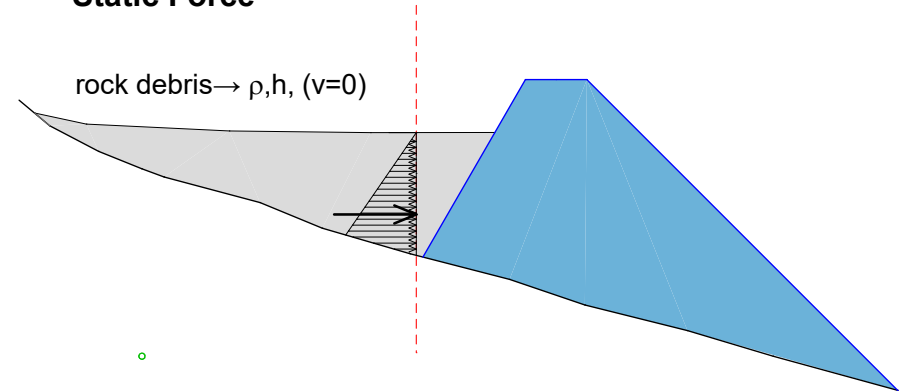
Process and impact model according to ONR 24801

Forces P_{dyn} , $P_{stat} = E_a$, P_{ges}

Force [kN]



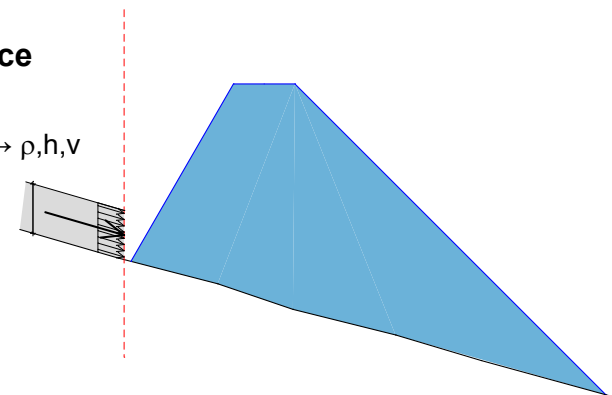
Static Force



$$P_{st} = E_a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot K_a \cdot (\rho_M \cdot g \cdot h_{st}^2)$$

Dynamic Force

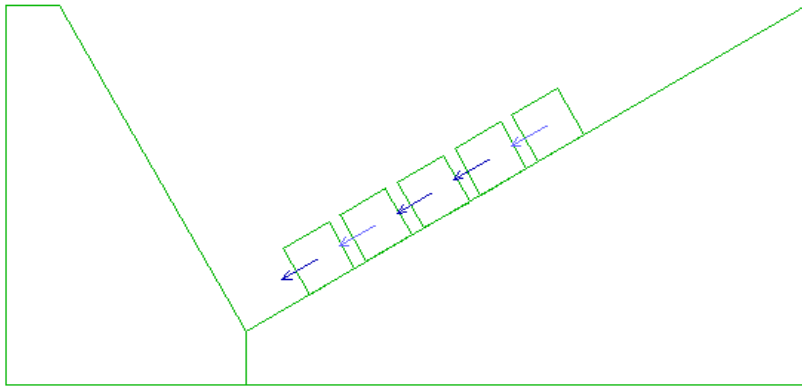
rock debris $\rightarrow \rho, h, v$



$$P_{dyn} = (\rho_M \cdot h_{dyn} \cdot v^2)$$

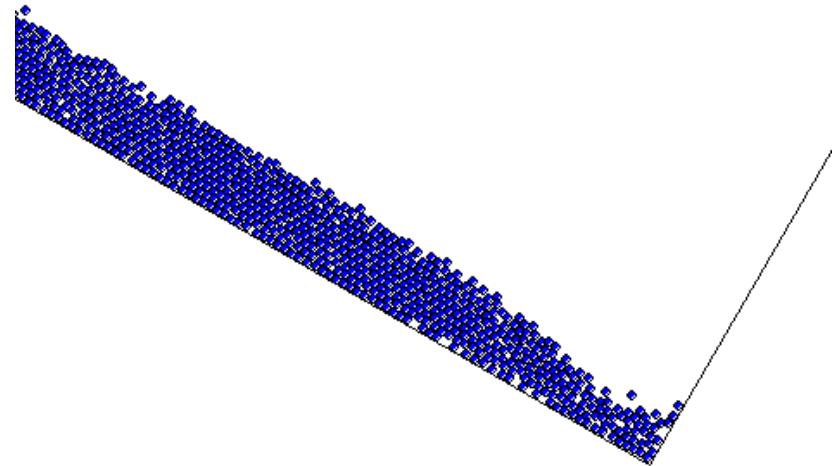
UDEC

Universal Distinct Element Code



PFC2D

*Particle Flow Code
in 2 Dimensions*

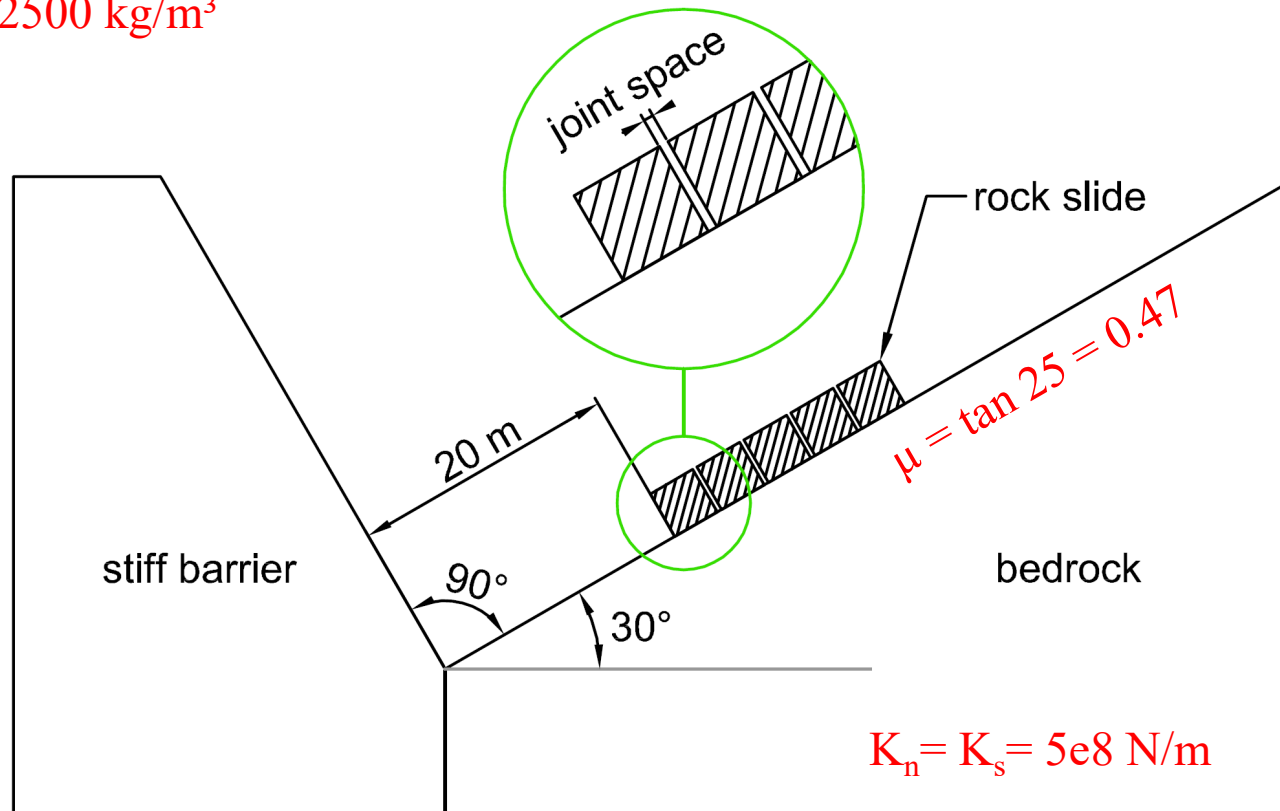


Both codes are capable to model the movement and the interaction of stressed assemblies of particles.

Rigid block model

Block volume 1 m^3

$\rho = 2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$



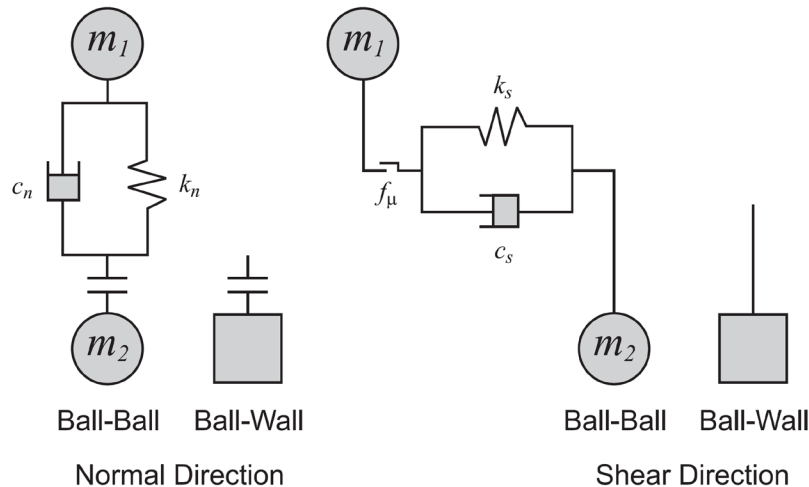
In order to model the free falling of blocks, neither the acceleration nor the velocity is to be reduced during fall as a consequence of mechanical damping.

$$F_{(i)} + F_{(i)}^d = M_{(i)} A_{(i)}; \quad i = 1 \dots 6$$

$$F_{(i)}^d = -\alpha |F_{(i)}| \text{sign}(v_{(i)}) \quad i = 1 \dots 6$$

$$\text{sign}(y) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{wenn } y > 0 \\ -1 & \text{wenn } y < 0 \\ 0 & \text{wenn } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

The reduction of the velocity caused by the impact is modelled with the help of a viscous damping model integrated in PFC.



$$D^n = c_n \cdot |V^n|$$

$$D^s = c_s \cdot |V^s|,$$

Critical Damping Ratio

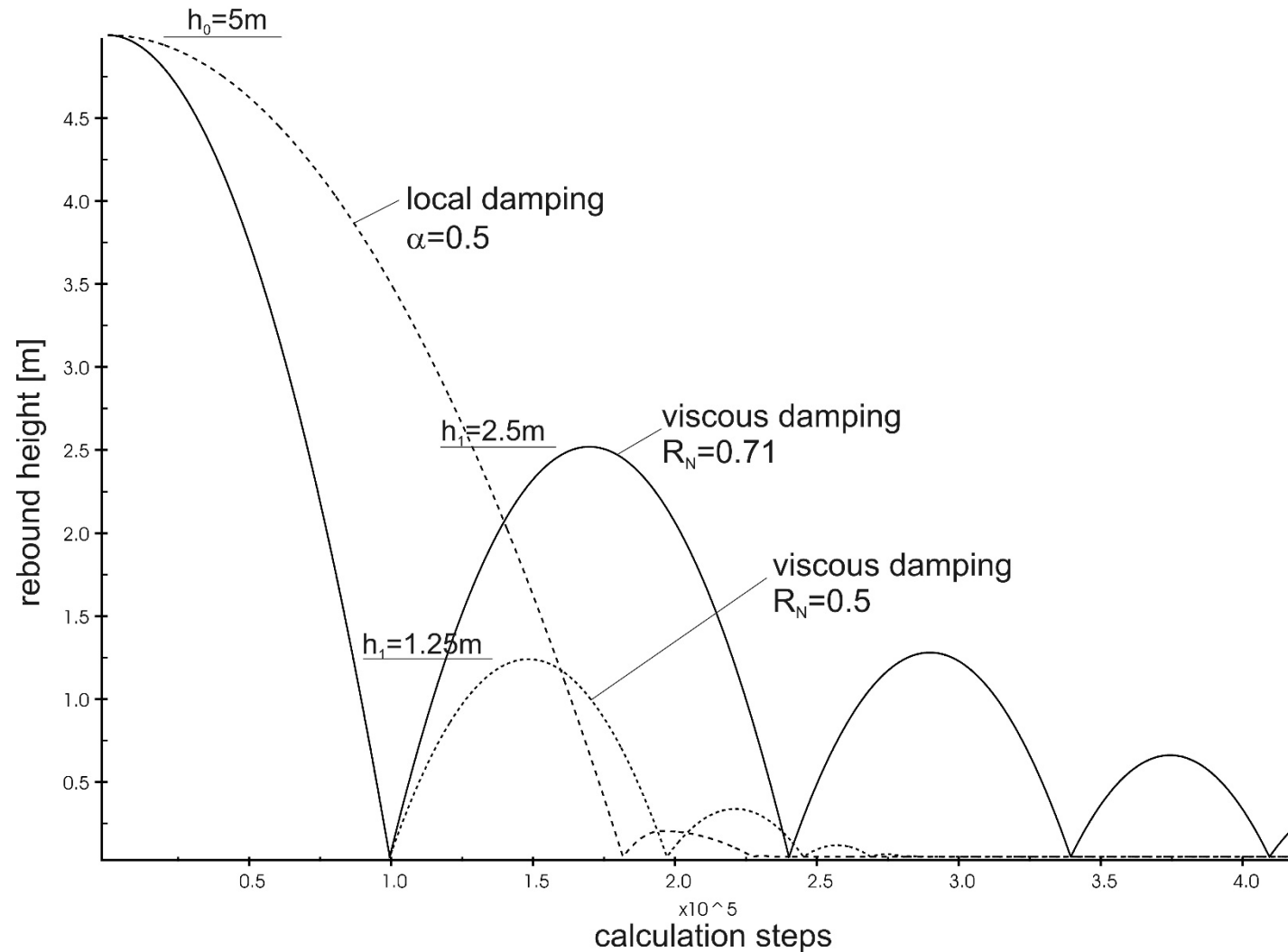
$$c_n = \beta_n \cdot c_n^{\text{crit}}$$

$$c_s = \beta_s \cdot c_s^{\text{crit}}.$$

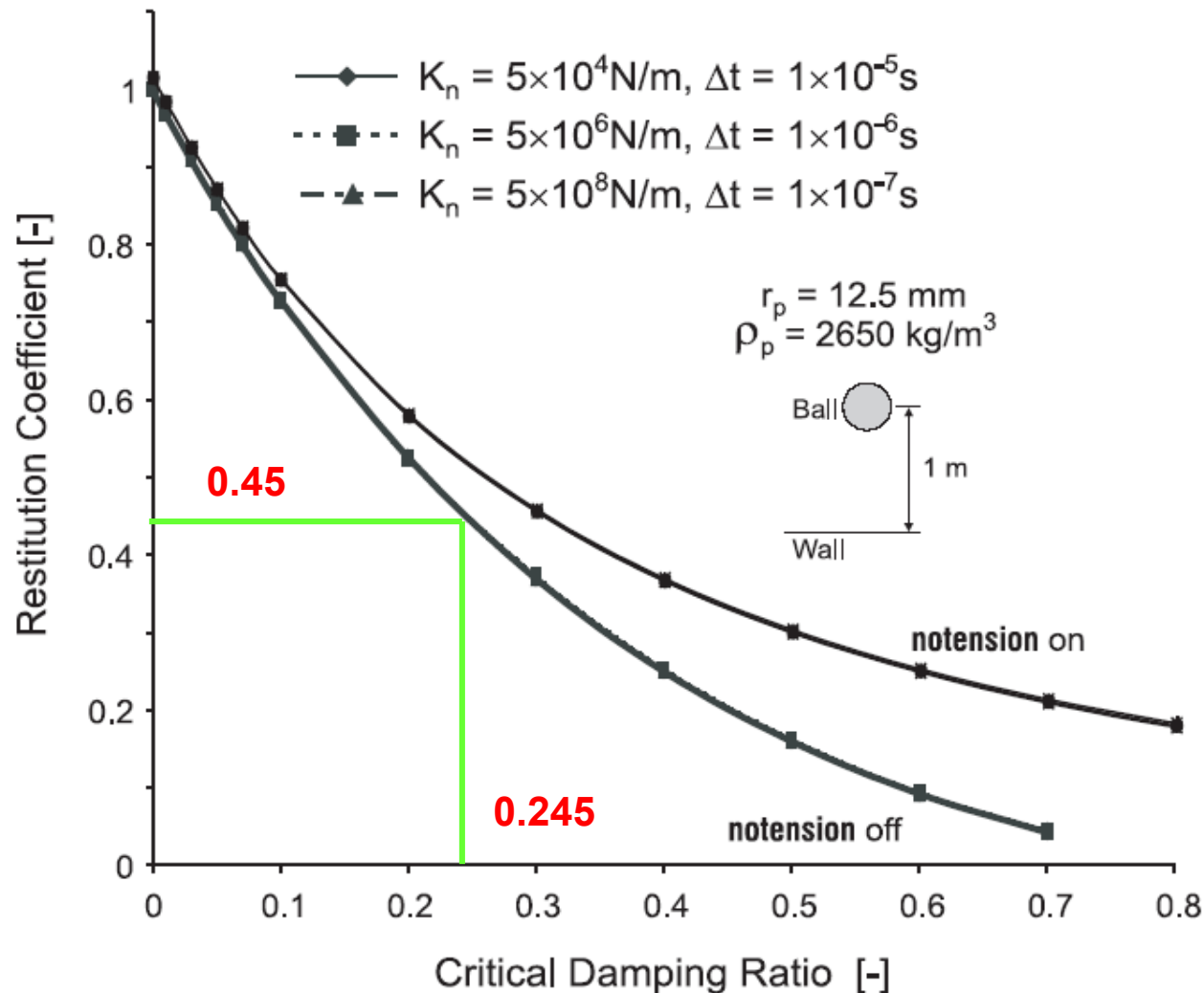
$$c_n^{\text{crit}} = 2mw_n = 2\sqrt{mk_n}$$

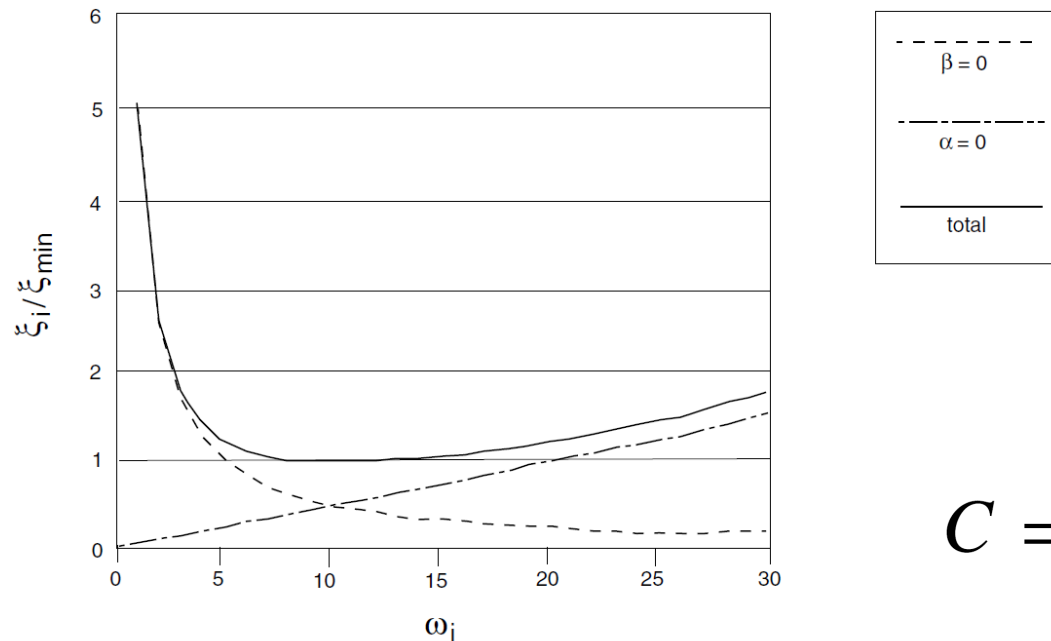
$$c_s^{\text{crit}} = 2mw_s = 2\sqrt{mk_s}$$

Drop tests, rebound height



Relation between restitution coefficient and critical damping ratio (Itasca 1999)



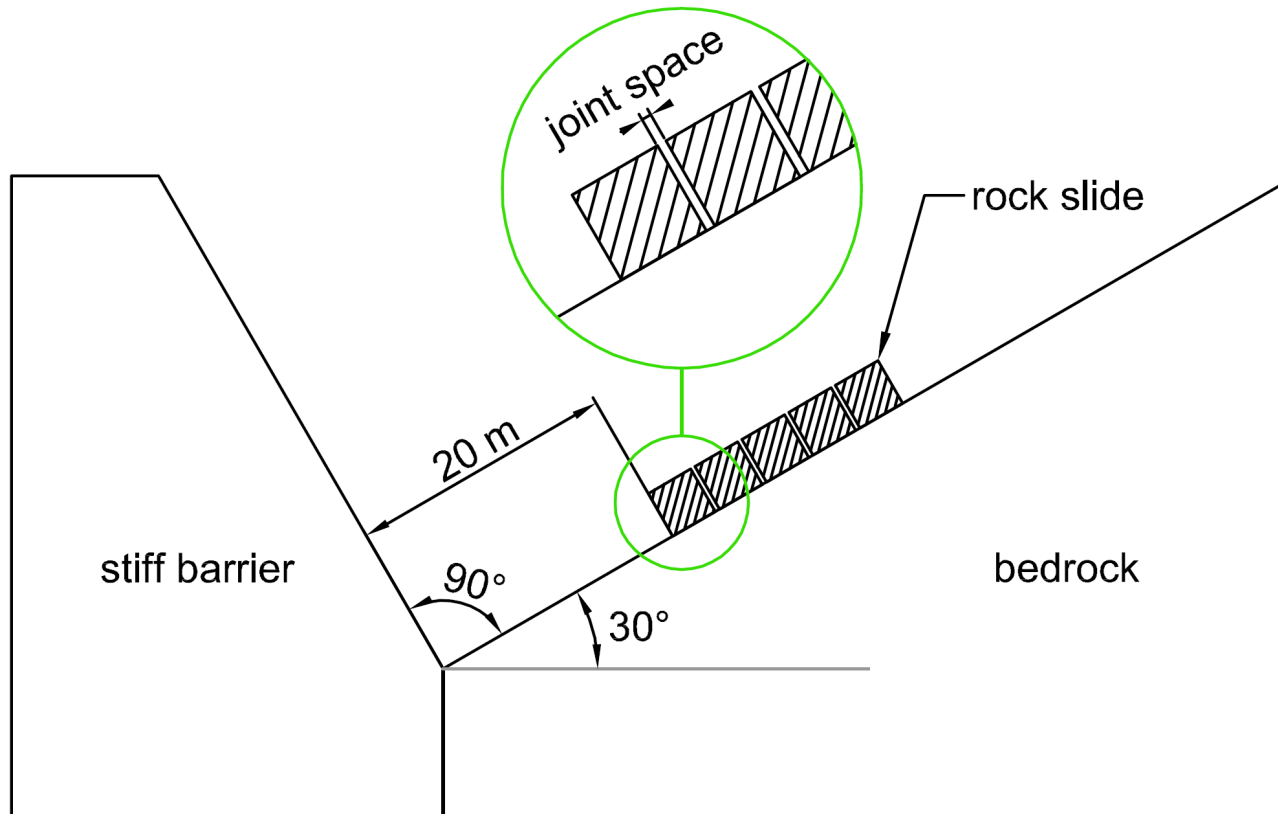


$$C = \alpha M + \beta K$$

where α = the mass-proportional damping constant; and
 β = the stiffness-proportional damping constant.

UDEEC Rayleigh damping (for a block volume of 1 m³):

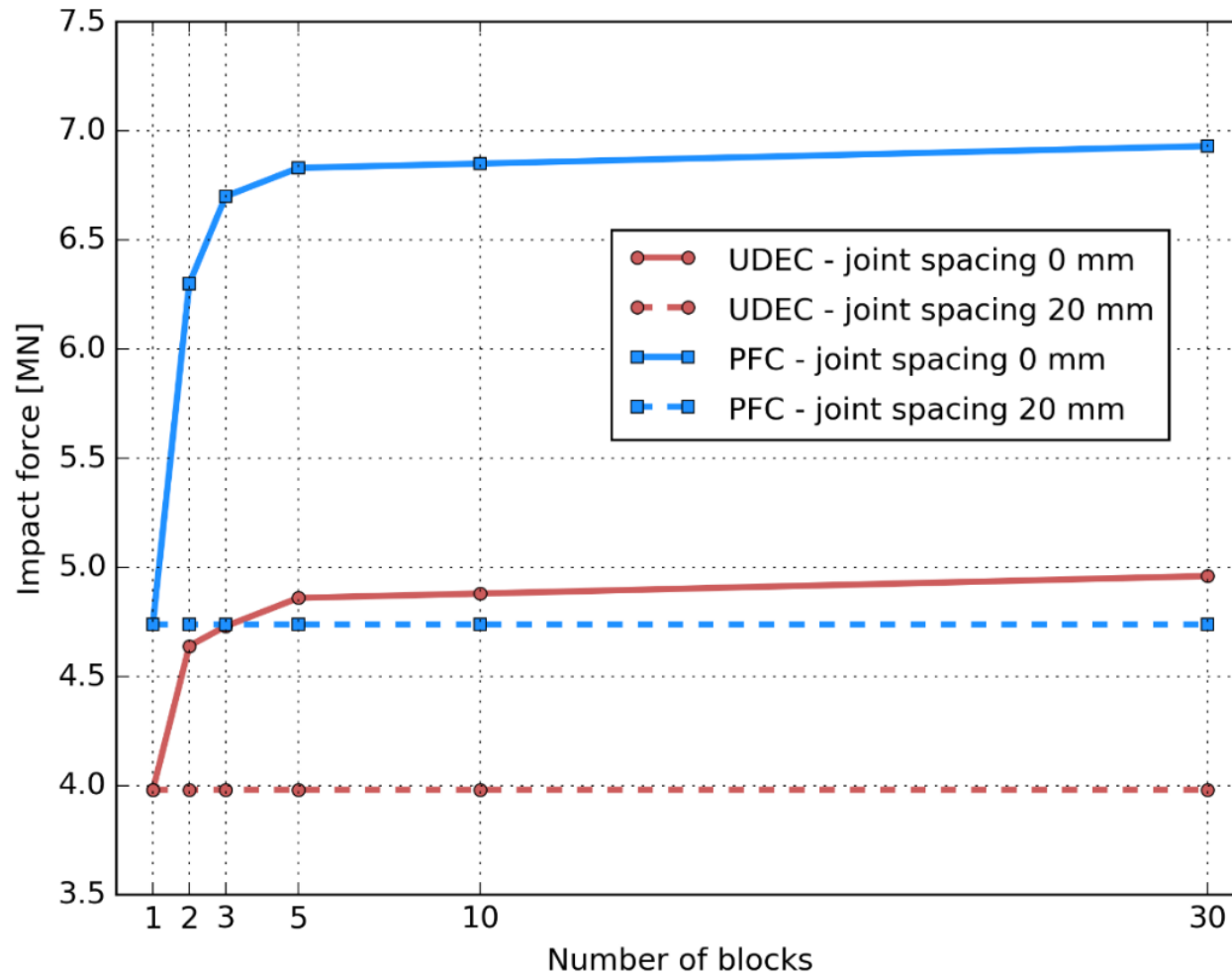
- natural frequency $f_{\min} = 71.17$ Hz
- fraction of critical damping $\xi_{\min} = 0.16$



The number of modeled blocks was varied between 1 and 30 and the joint spacing between the adjoining blocks was varied between 0 and 20 mm.

Movie 1: joint spacing 0.00 m

Movie 2: joint spacing 0.20 m

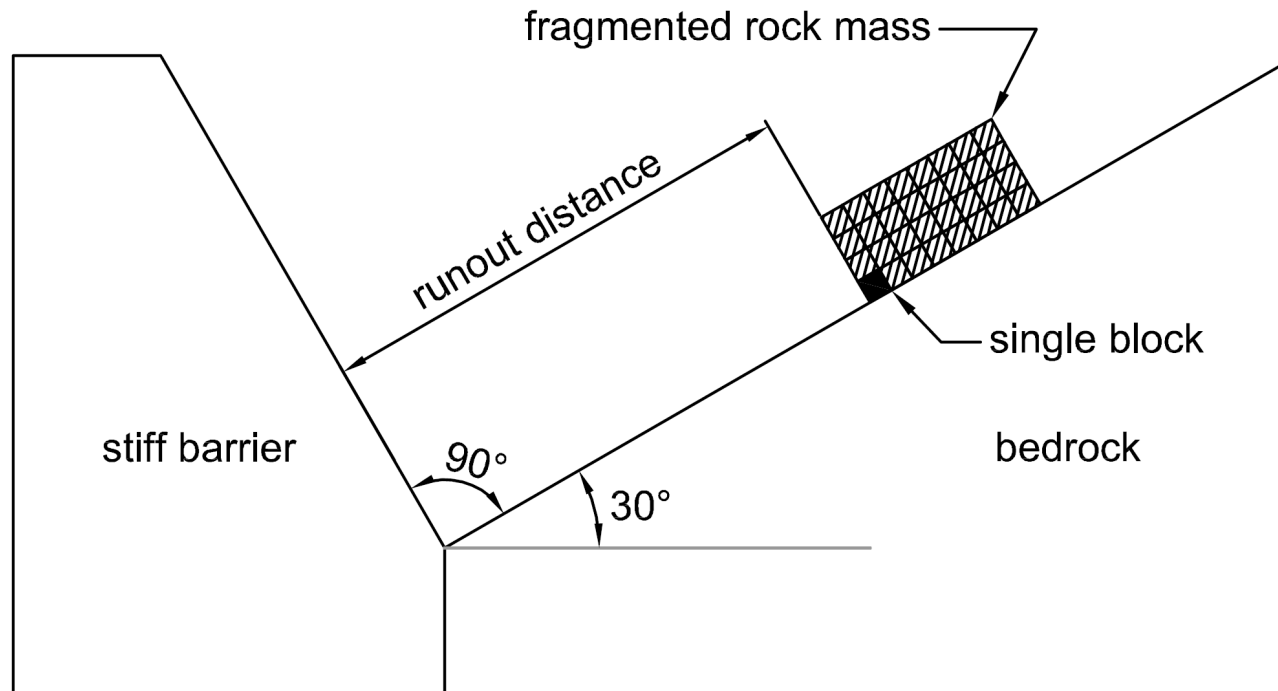


PFC and UDEC show an increase in the maximum impact force as the number of blocks increases. From a number of blocks greater than or equal to five, the increase in impact force is insignificant.

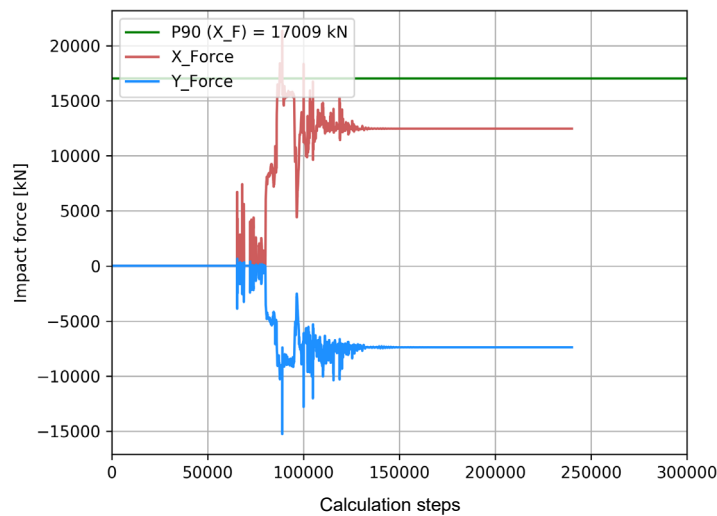
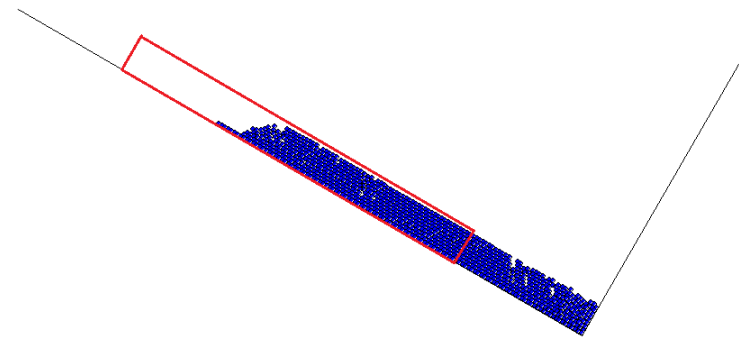
Version 1: const. number of 1000 Blocks,

Version 2: const. Volume of 1000 m³

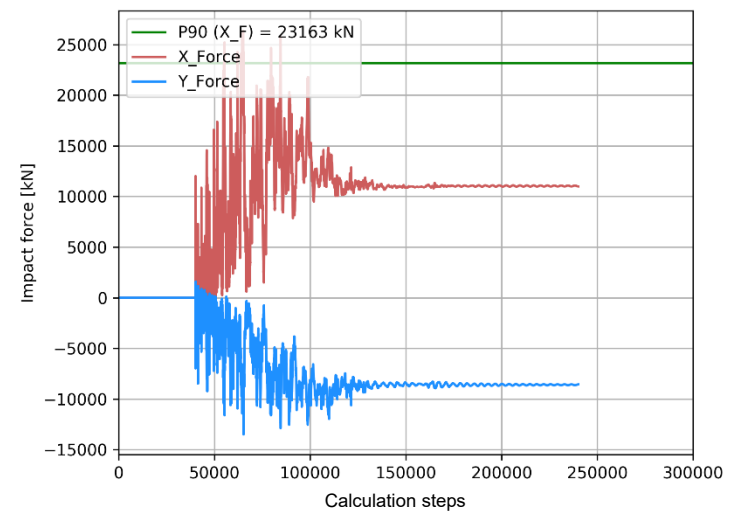
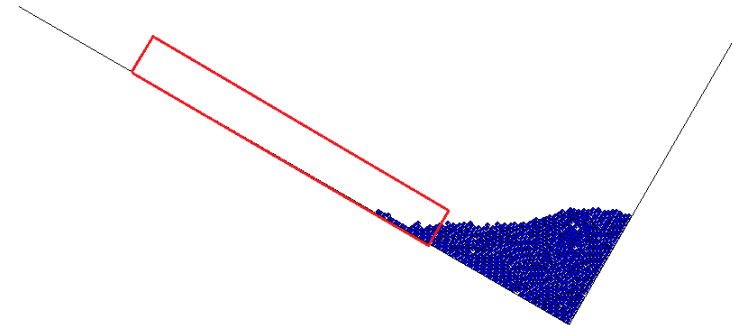
The volume of the modeled equally sized blocks was varied between 0.1 and 10 m³.



Fixed rotational velocity

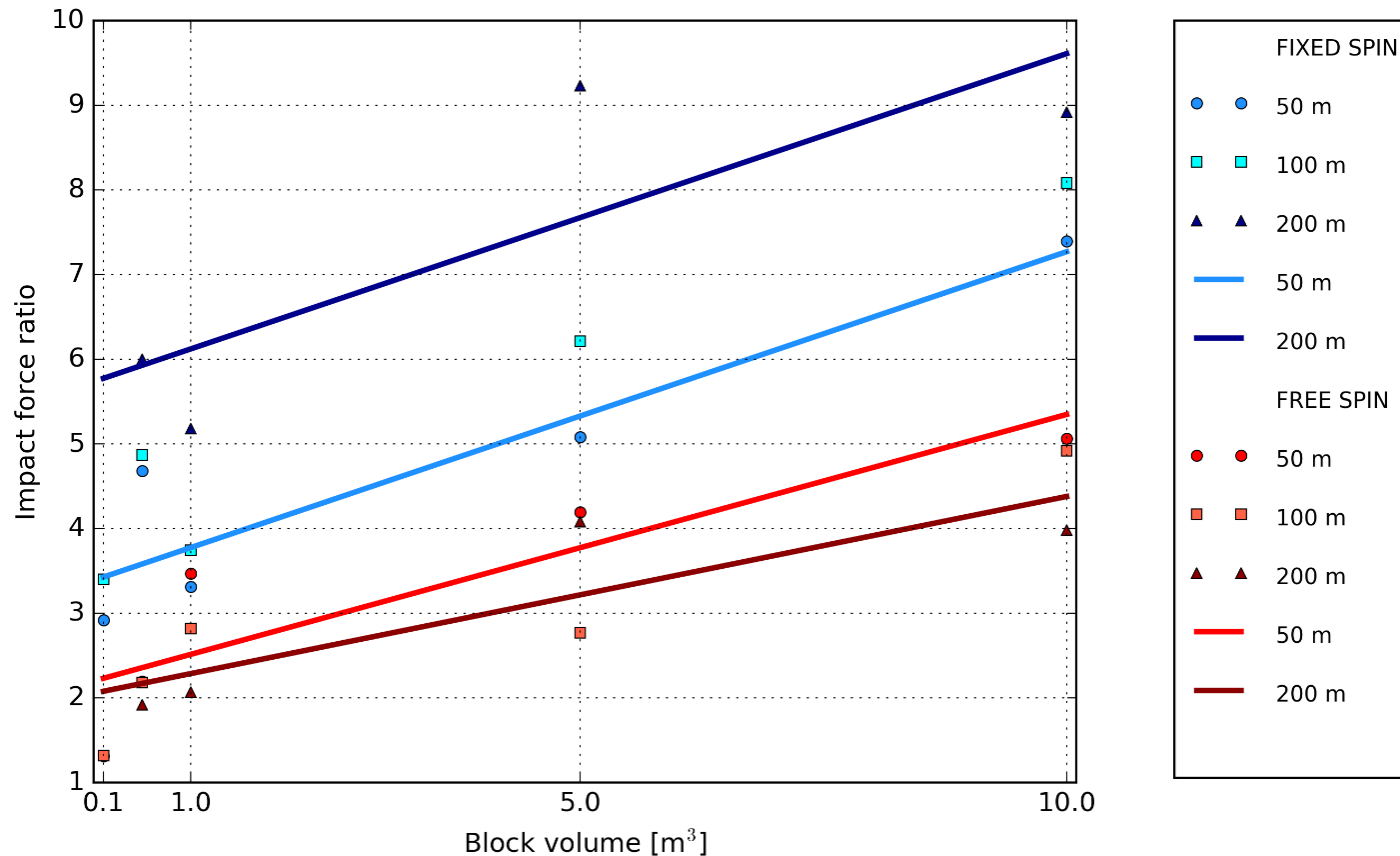


Free rotational velocity



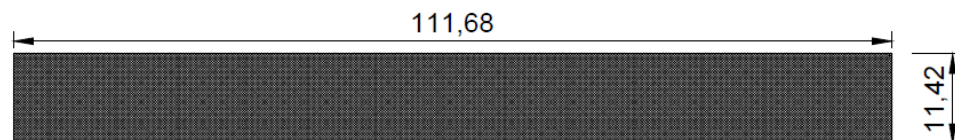
runout distance of 50 m, block volume of 1 m³, 1000 blocks

Ratio of the maximum impact force generated by single rock fall and rock mass

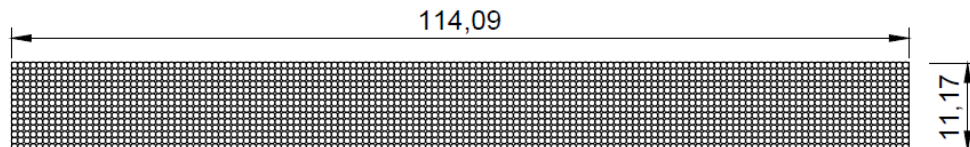


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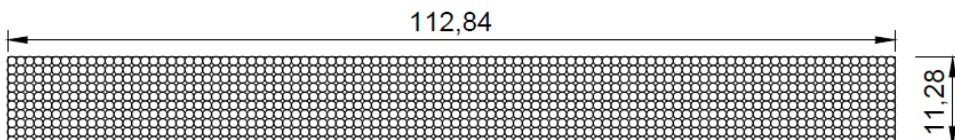
$r = 0.1784 \text{ m}$
 $A = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$
 $A_{\text{ges}} = 1000.0 \text{ m}^2$
 $32 \times 313 = 10016 \text{ Stk.}$



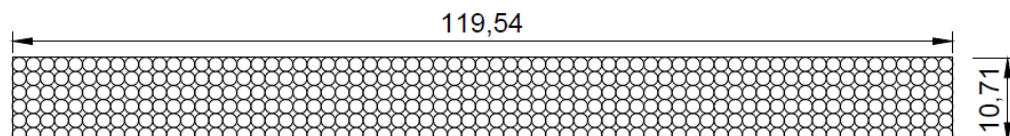
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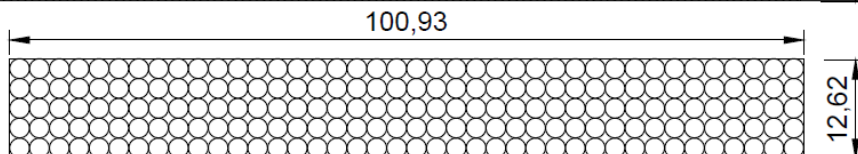
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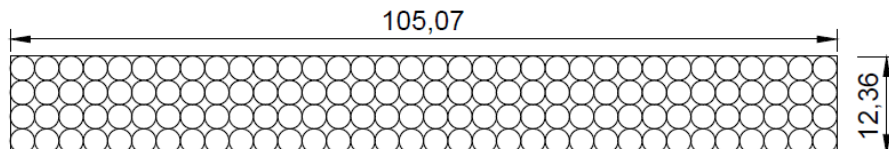
$r = 0.8921 \text{ m}$
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 $6 \times 67 = 402 \text{ Stk.}$



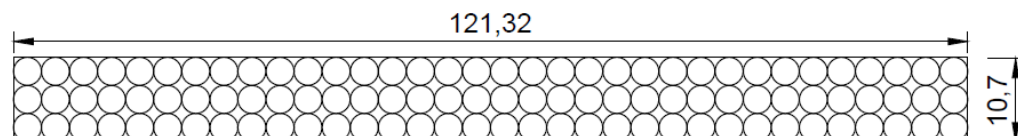
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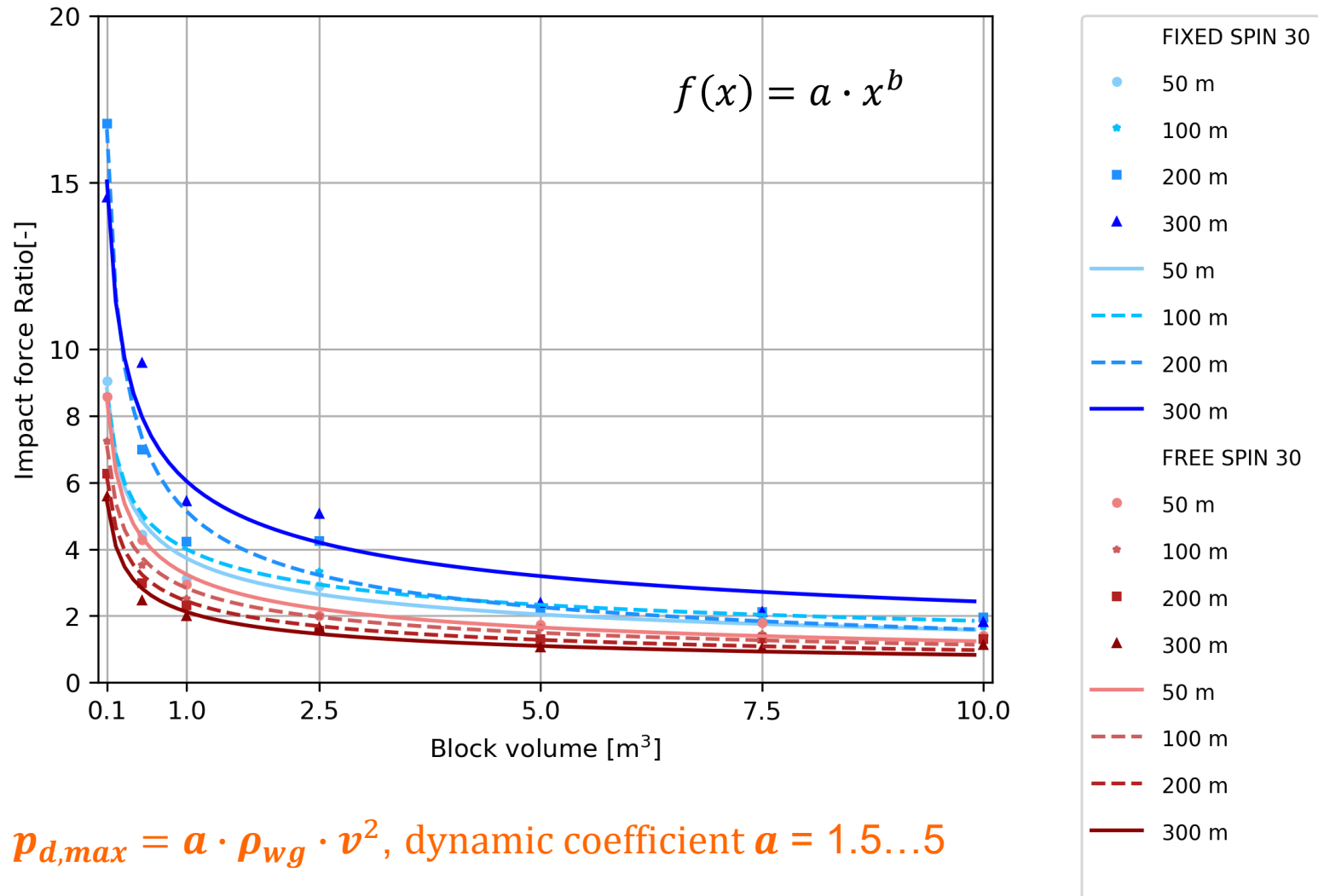
$r = 1.5451 \text{ m}$
 $A = 7.5 \text{ m}^2$
 $A_{\text{ges}} = 1020.0 \text{ m}^2$
 $4 \times 34 = 136 \text{ Stk.}$



$r = 1.7841 \text{ m}$
 $A = 10.0 \text{ m}^2$
 $A_{\text{ges}} = 1020.0 \text{ m}^2$
 $3 \times 34 = 102 \text{ Stk.}$



Ratio of the maximum impact force generated by single rock fall and rock mass



- The results of Analysis 1 indicate that the front part (i.e. the first five blocks) of a rock slide generates 90-98% of the maximum impact force. The effect of the following sliding blocks (beyond five) is negligible. An explanation could be that the first few blocks, after their impact, are acting as a barrier themselves, taking up most impact force of the following blocks.
- The results of Analysis 2 indicate that there is a relationship between single rock fall and rock mass fall, which predominantly depends on block volume and rotational damping.



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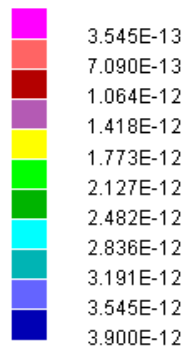
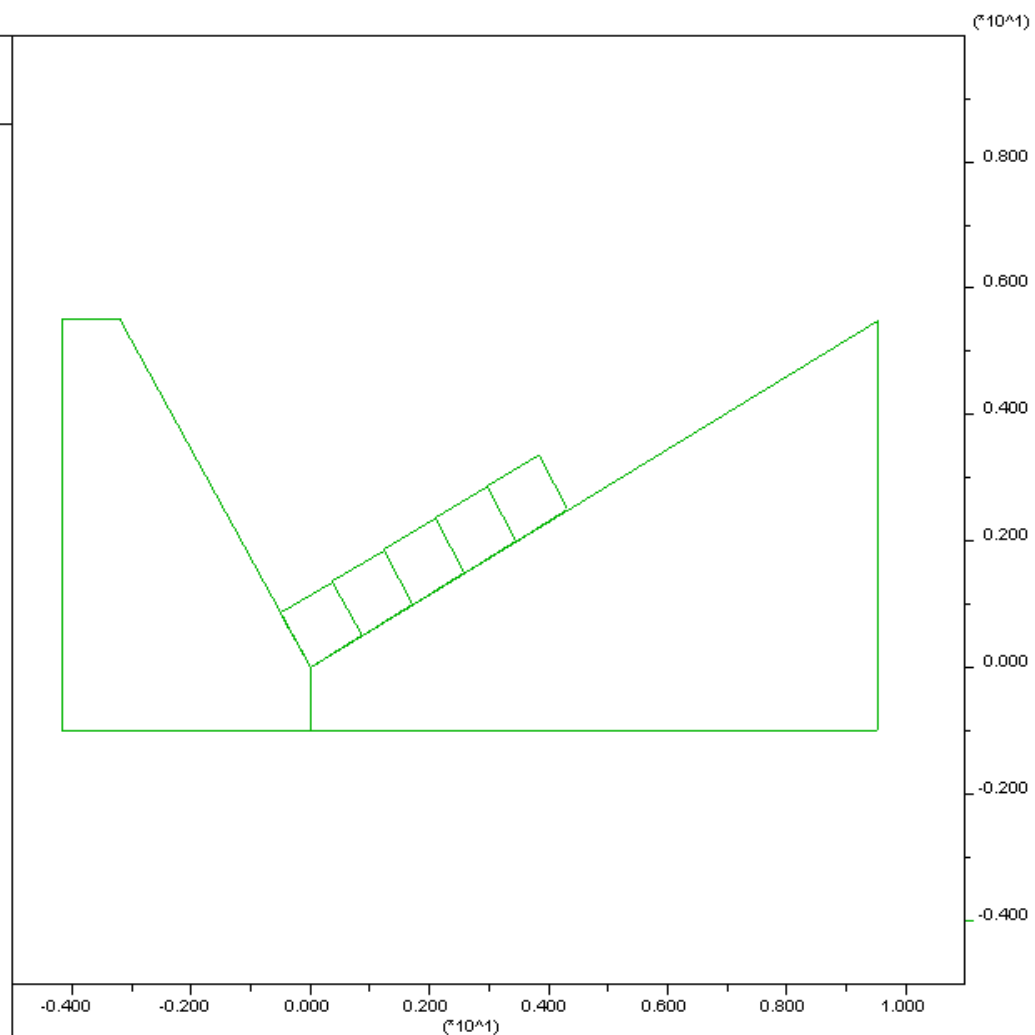
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block plot

velocity vectors

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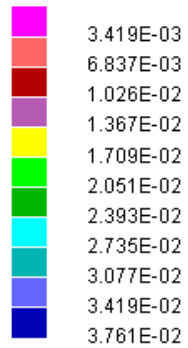
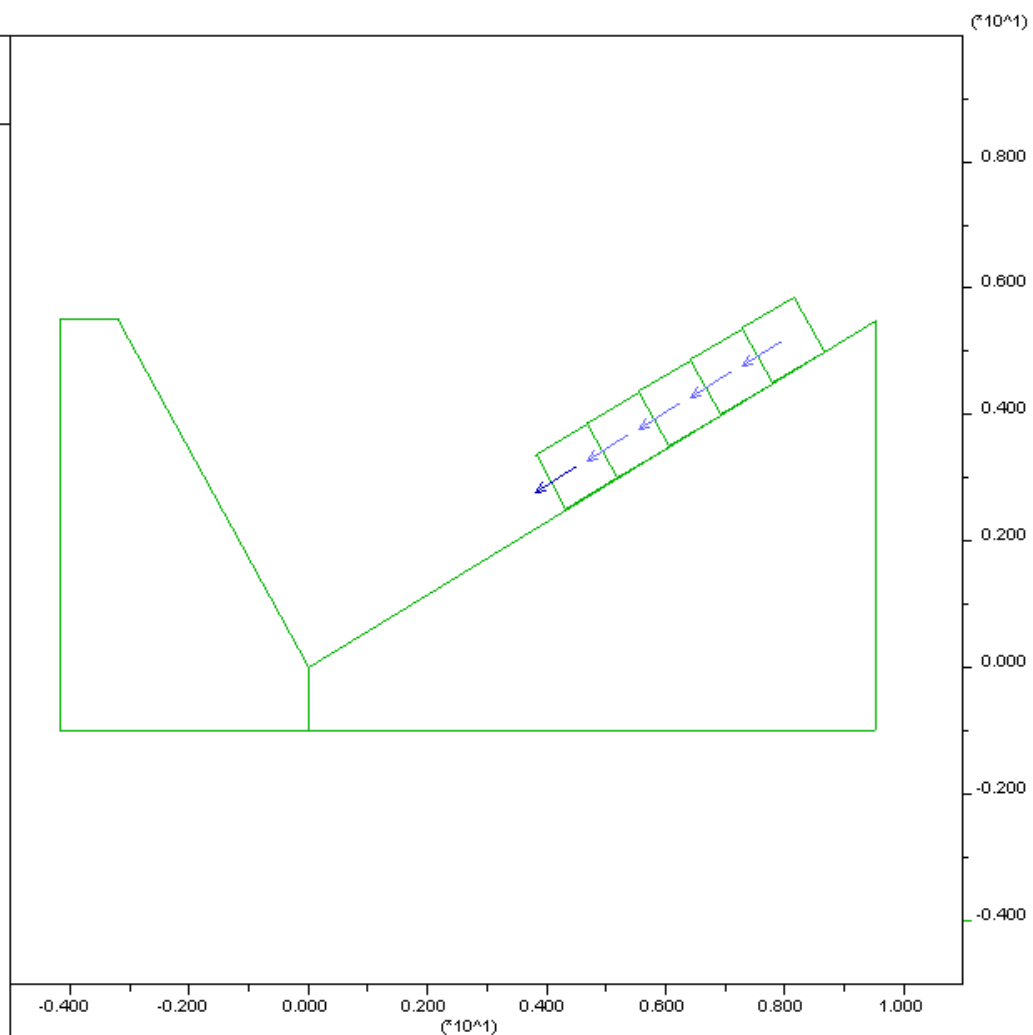
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block plot

velocity vectors

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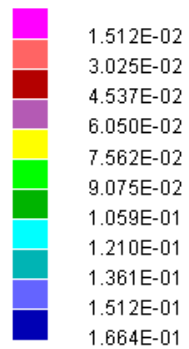
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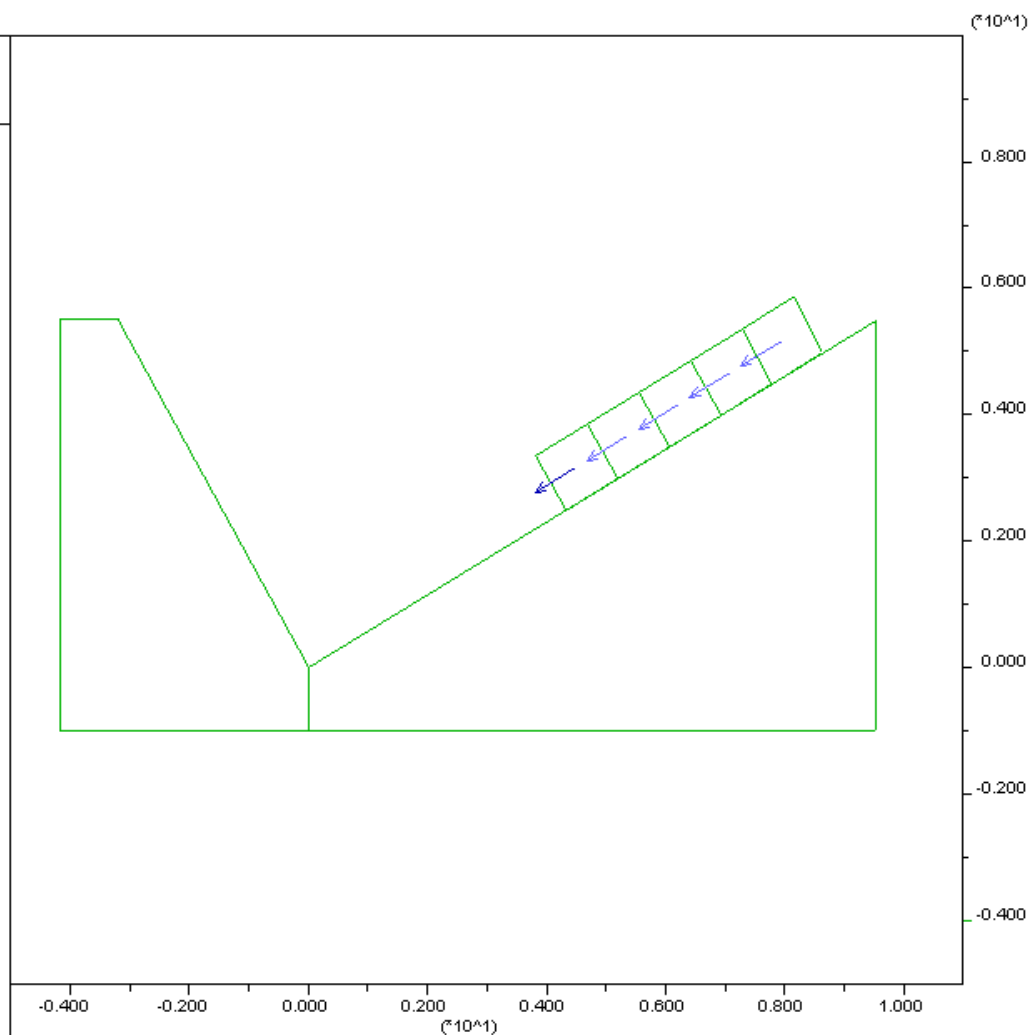
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block plot
velocity vectors
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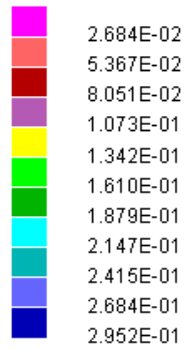
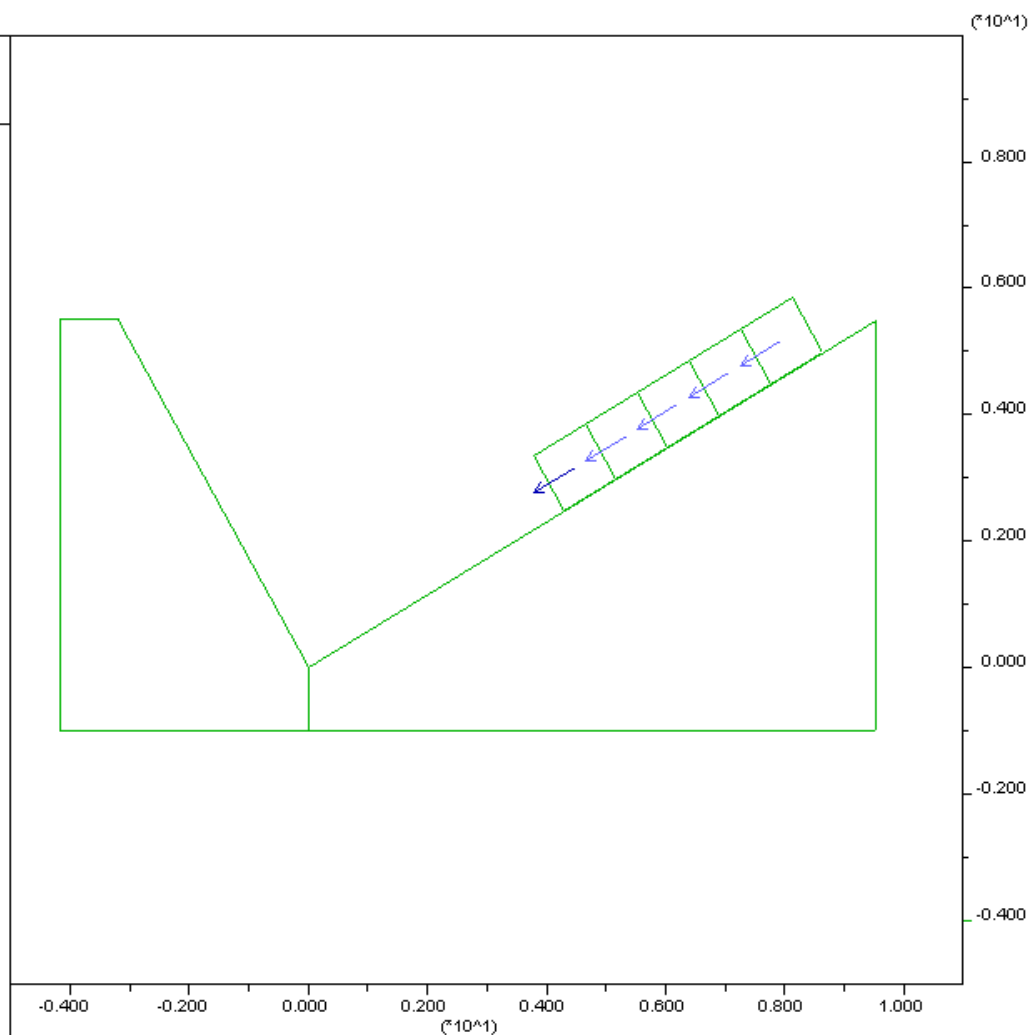
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velocity vectors

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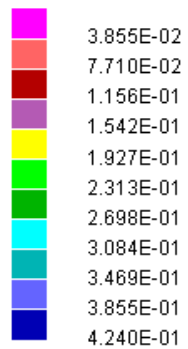
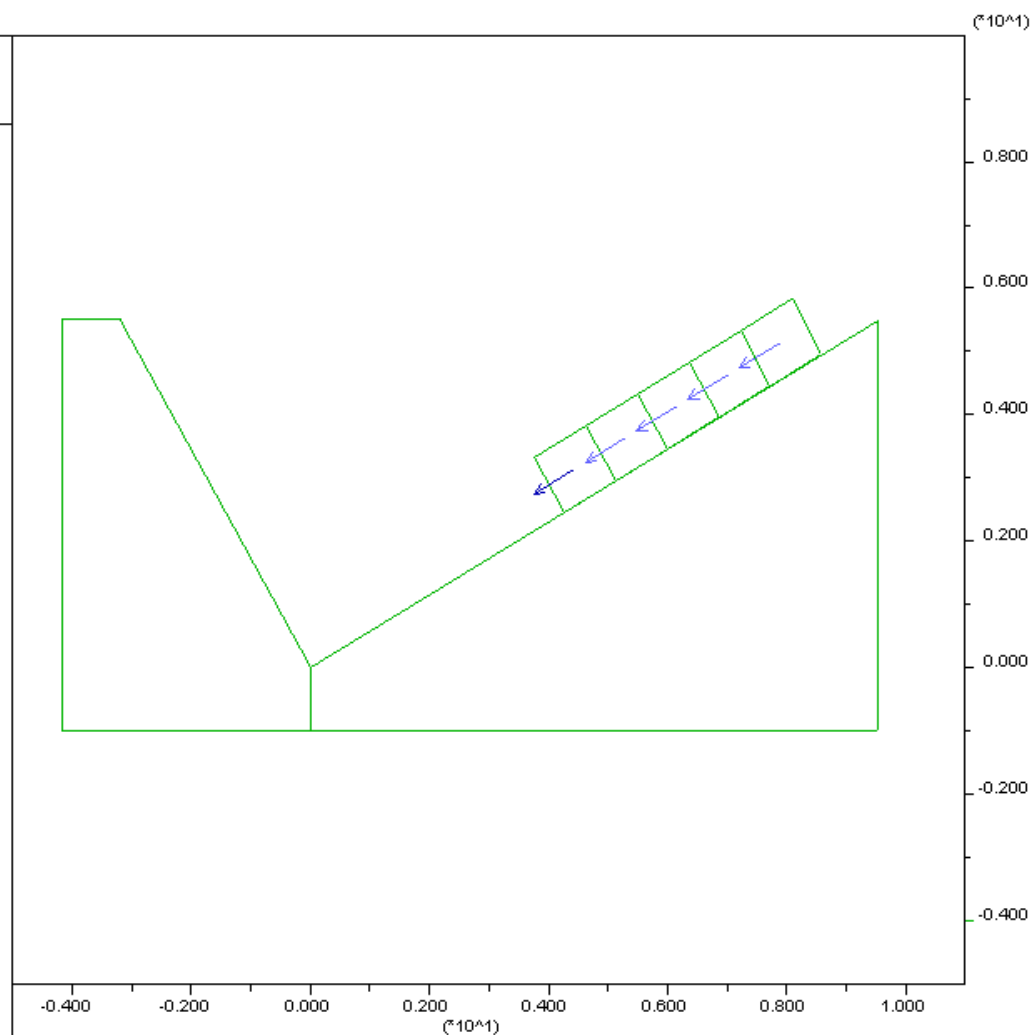
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velocity vectors

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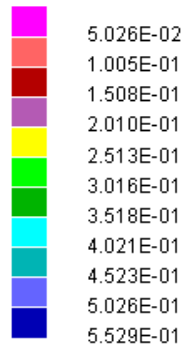
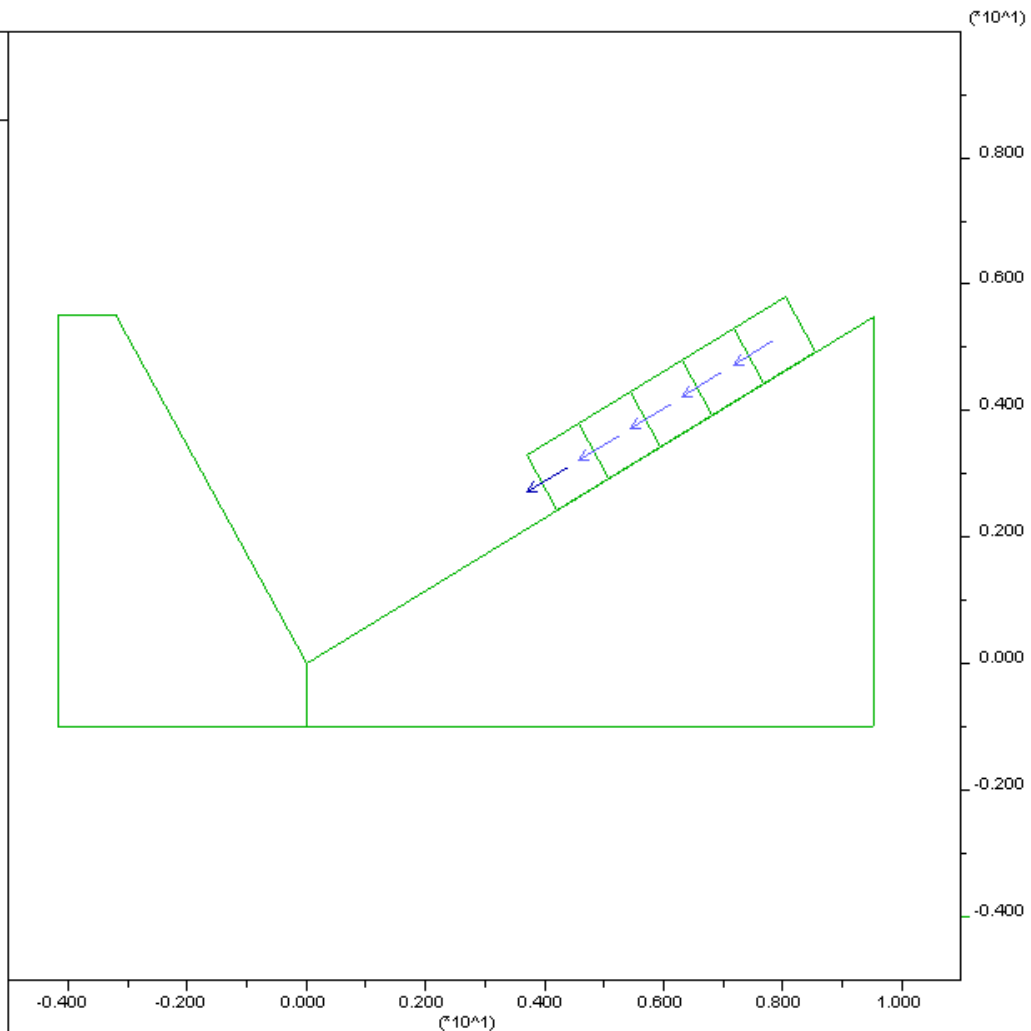
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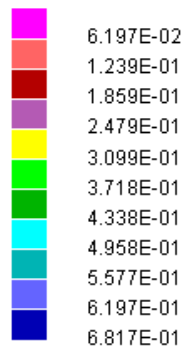
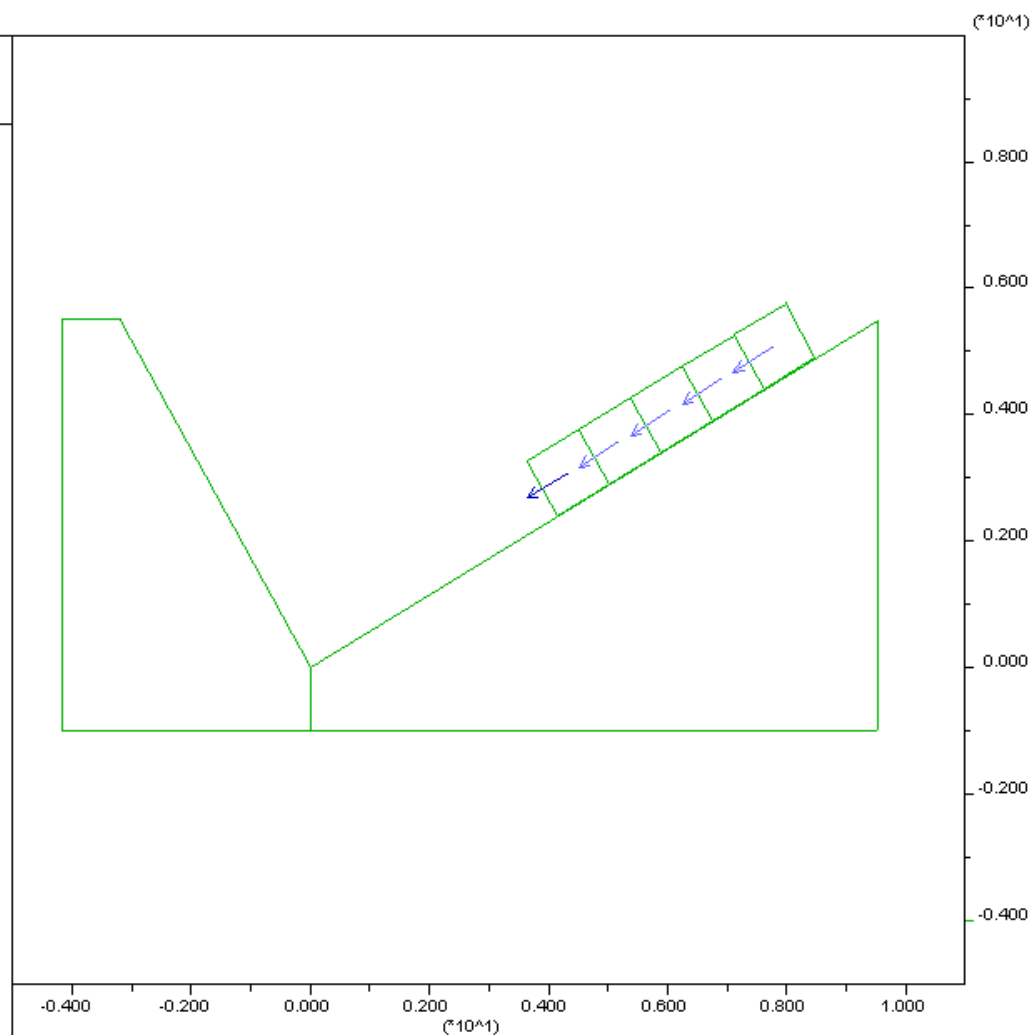
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velocity vectors

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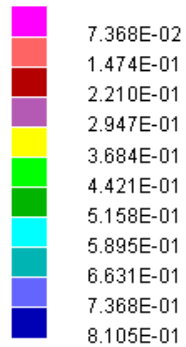
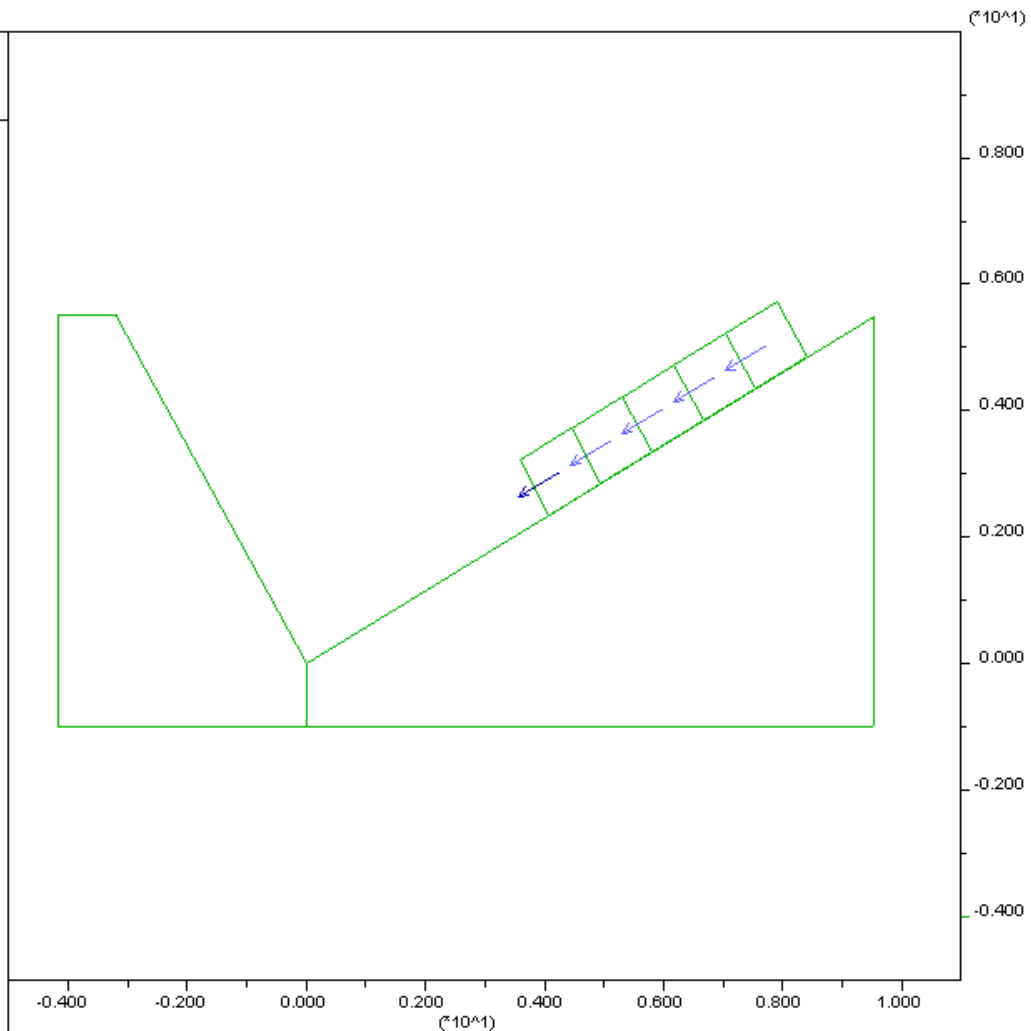
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velocity vectors

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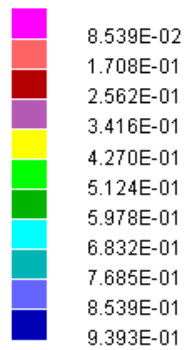
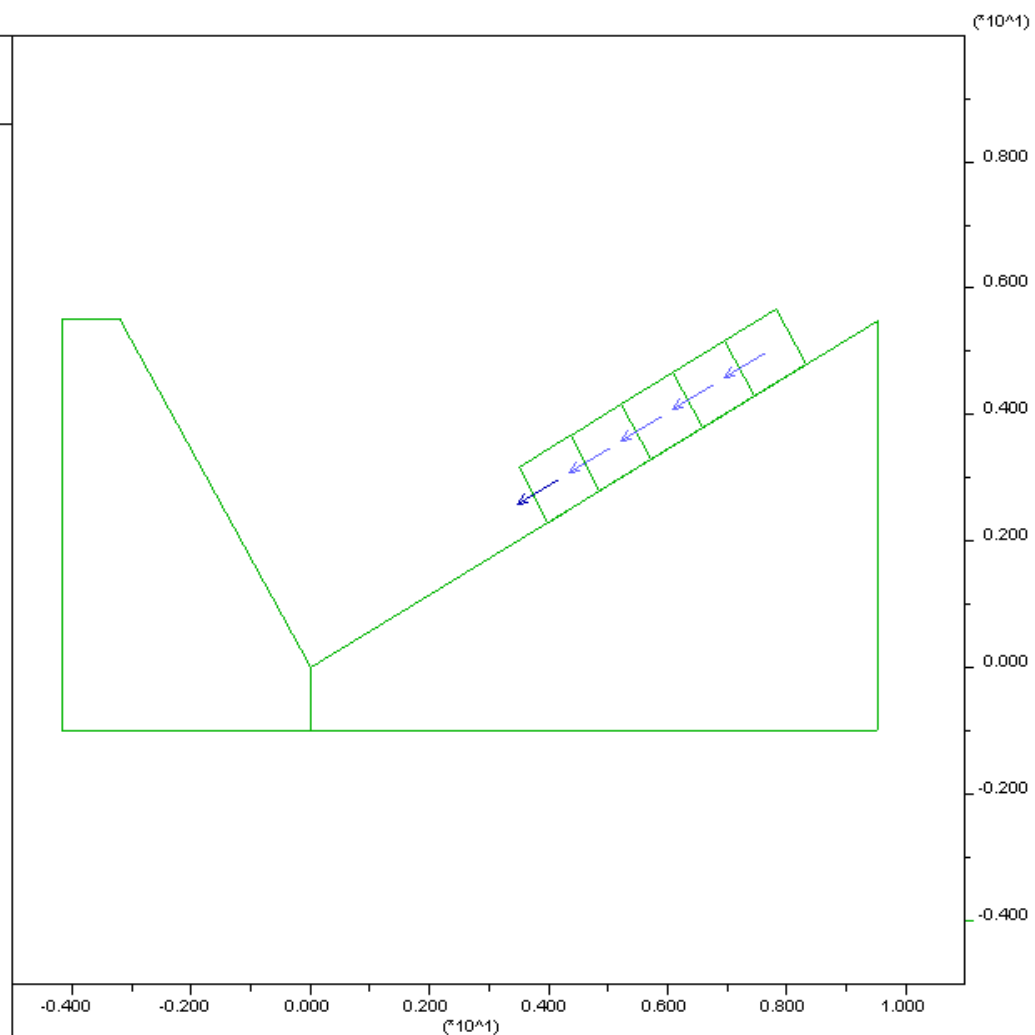
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block plot

velocity vectors

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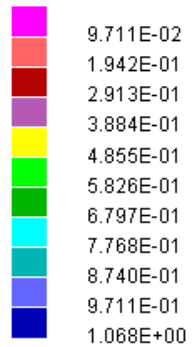
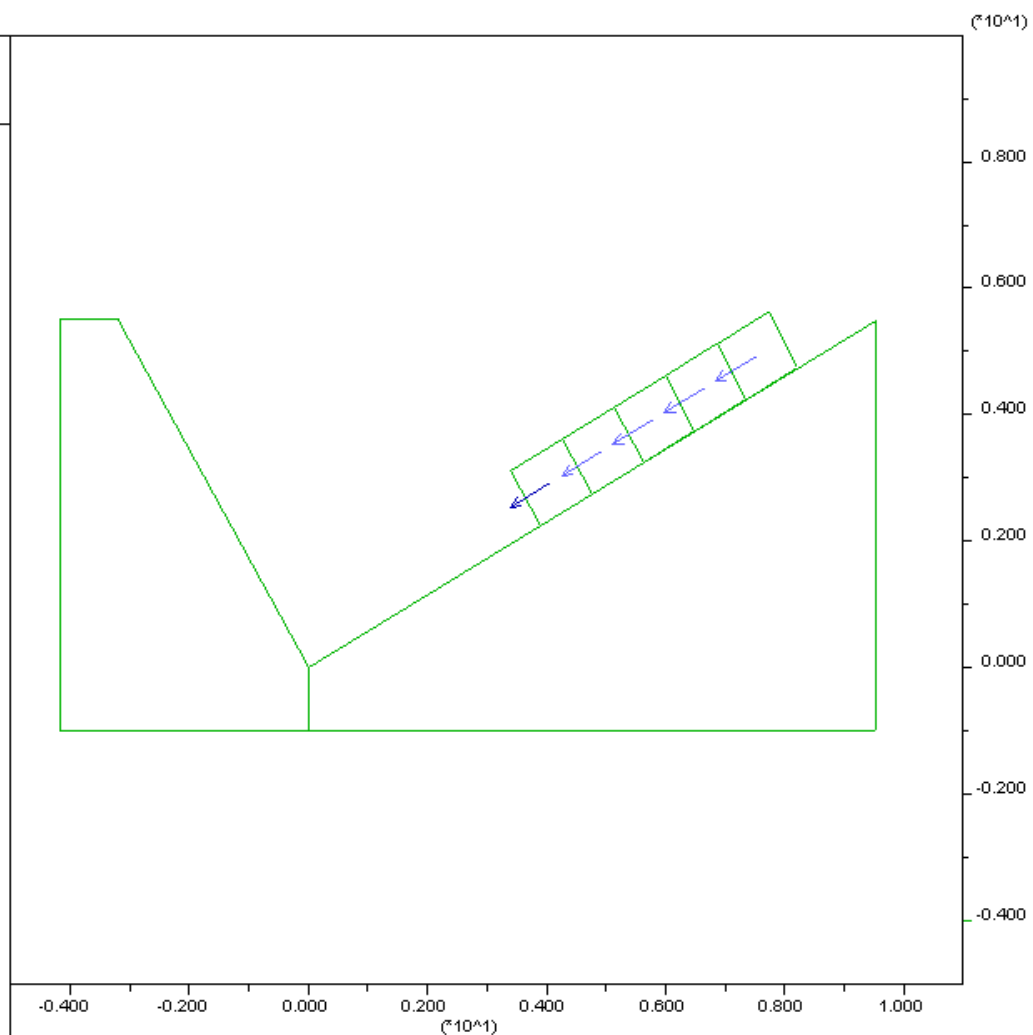
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block plot

velocity vectors

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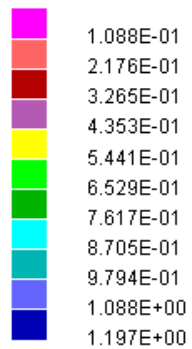
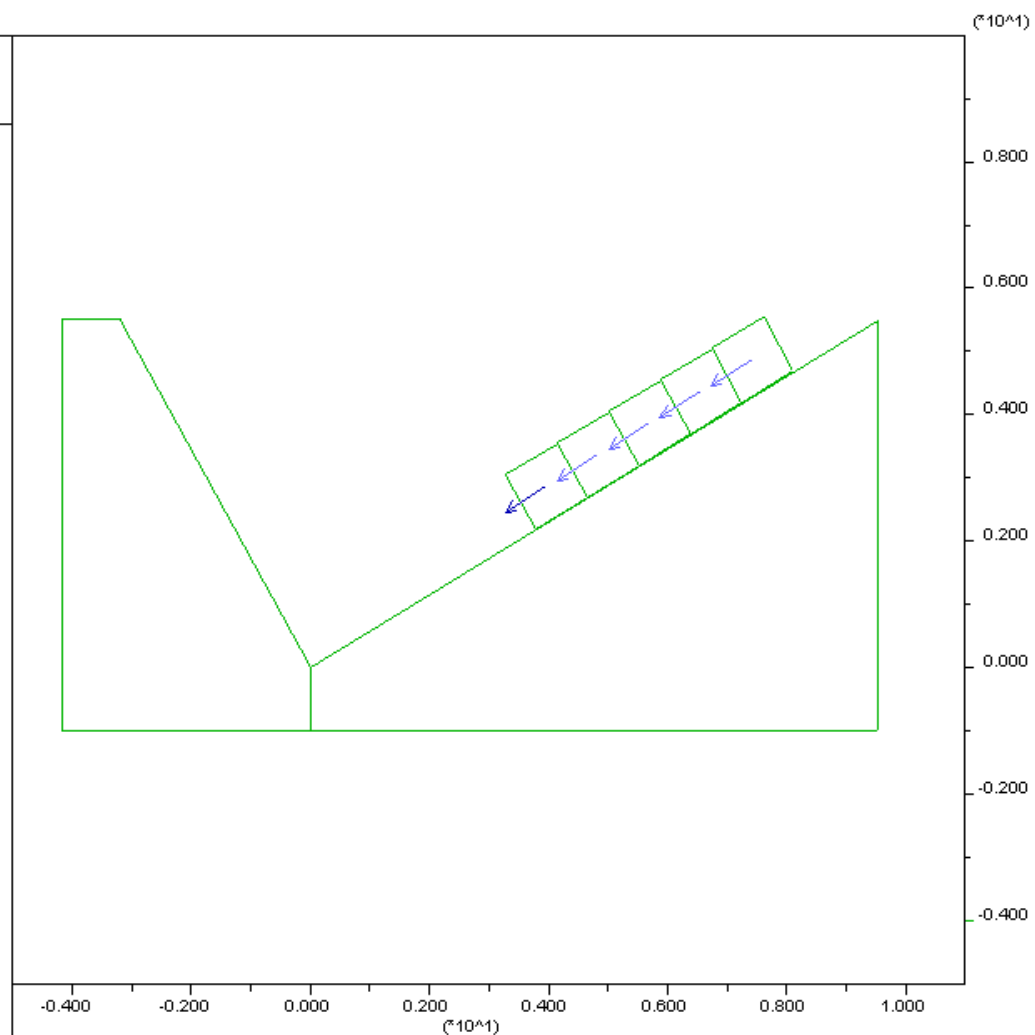
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block plot

velocity vectors

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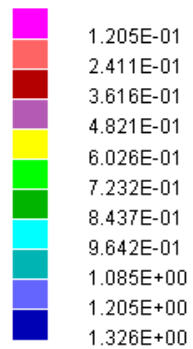
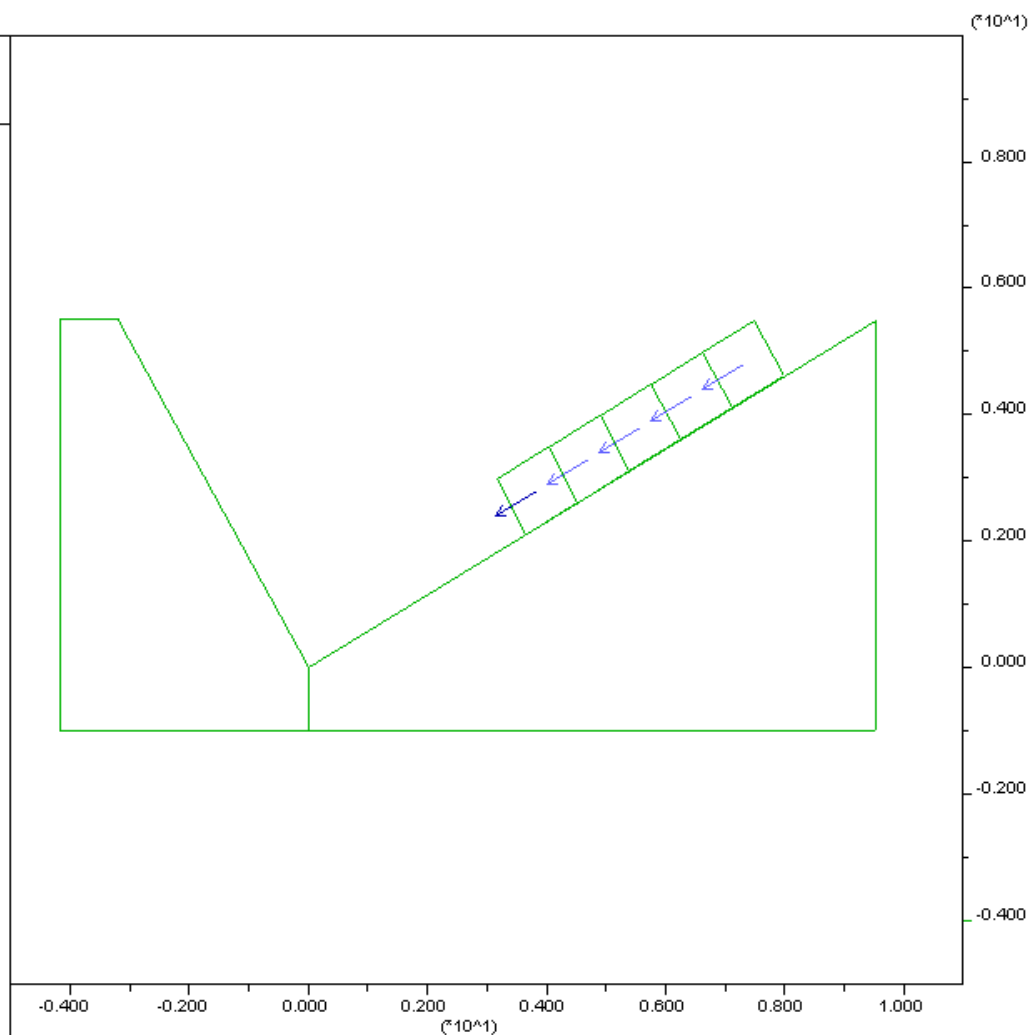
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block plot

velocity vectors

maximum = 1.205E+00

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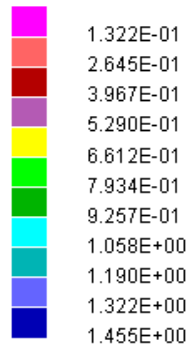
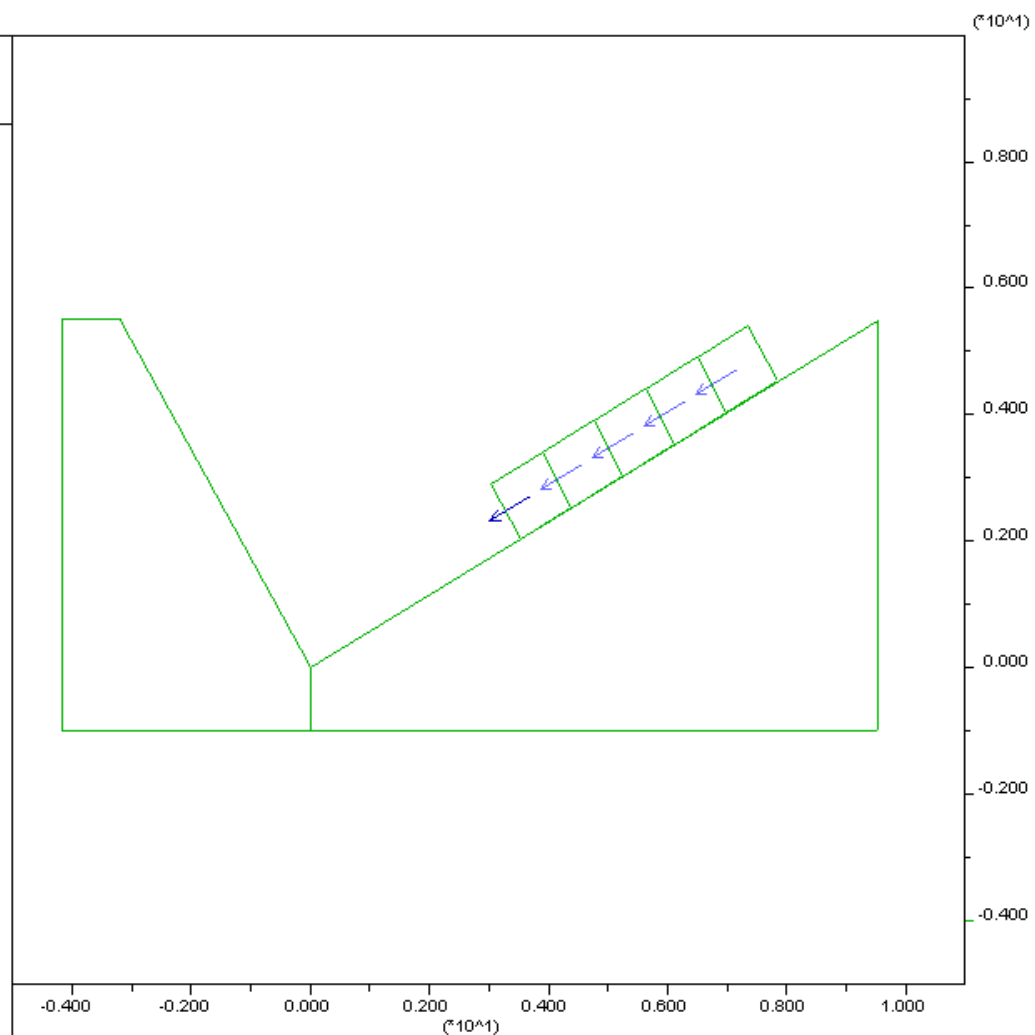
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block plot

velocity vectors

maximum = 1.322E+00

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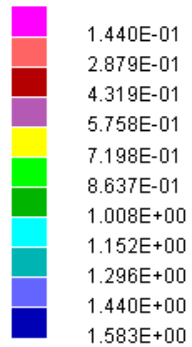
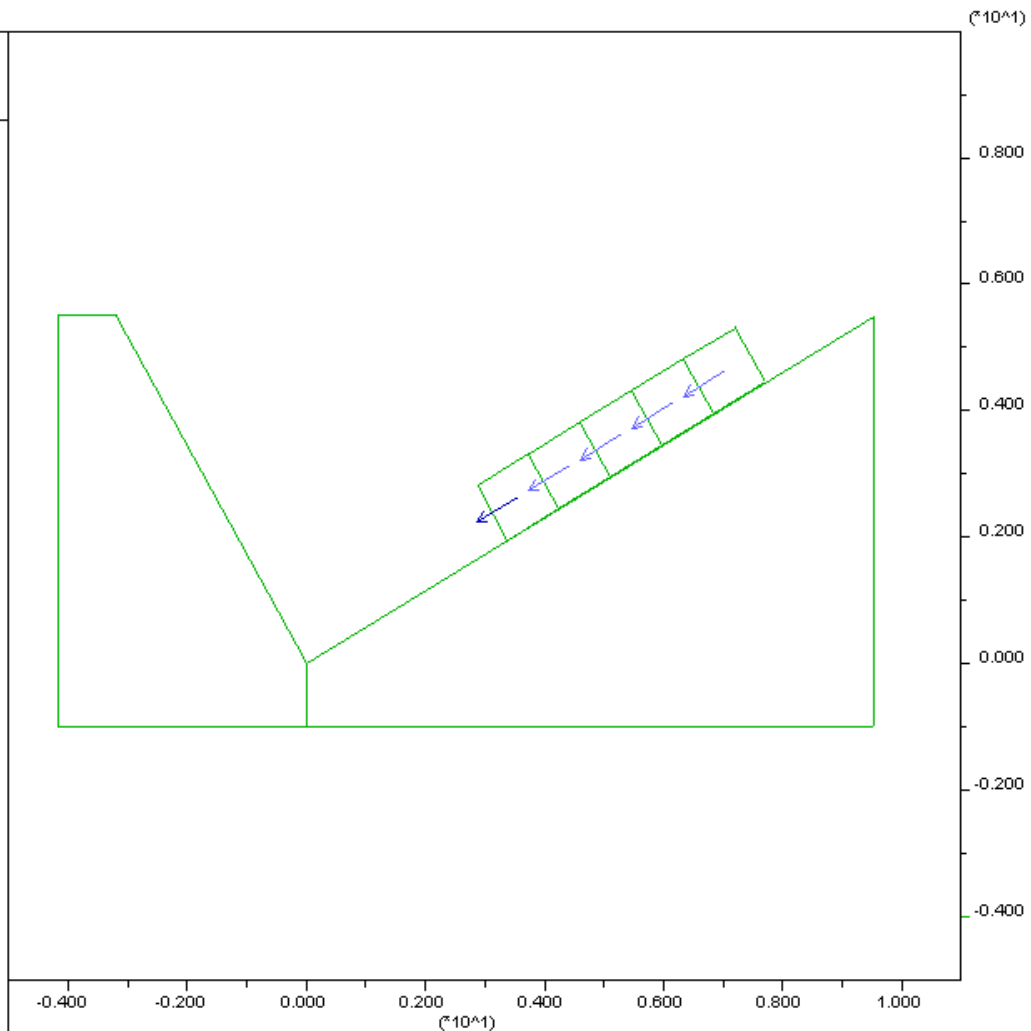
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block plot

velocity vectors

maximum = 1.440E+00

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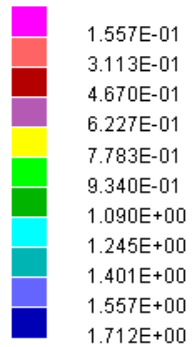
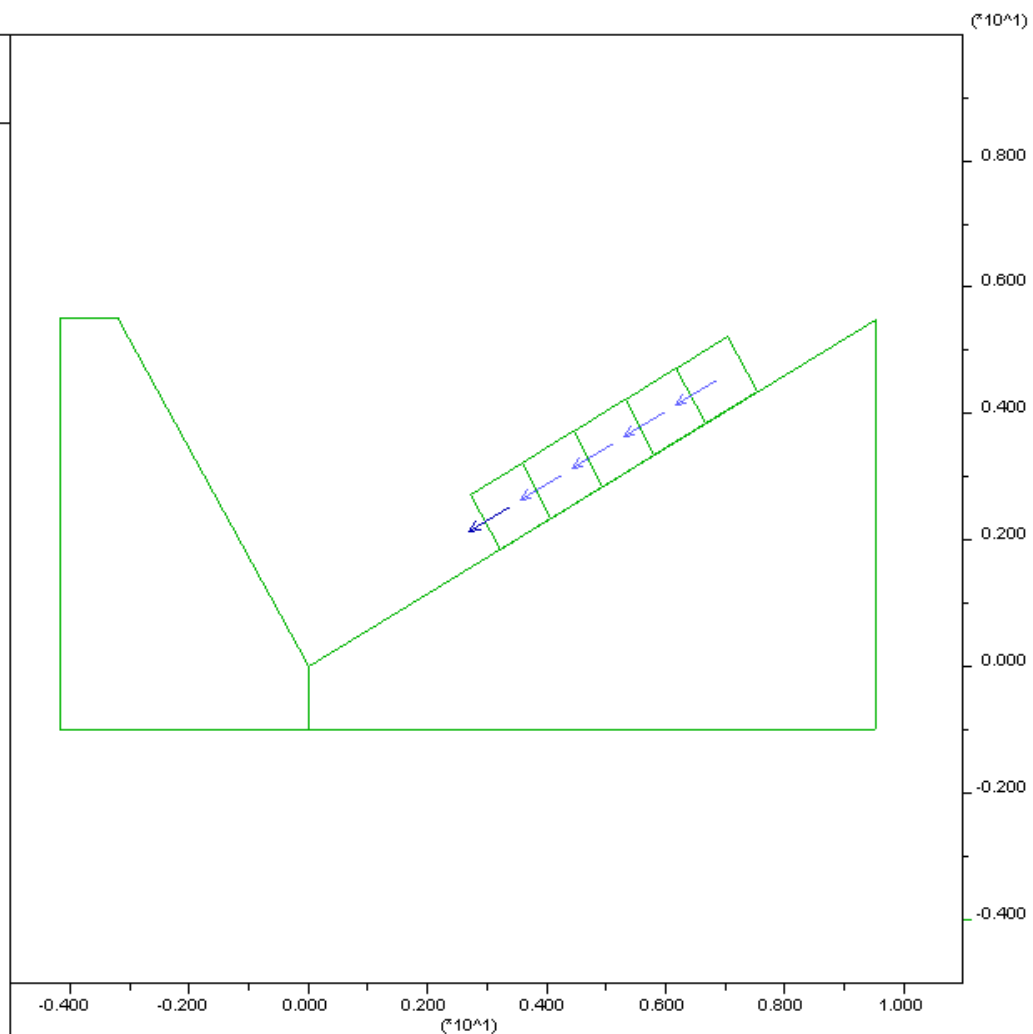
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block plot

velocity vectors

maximum = 1.557E+00

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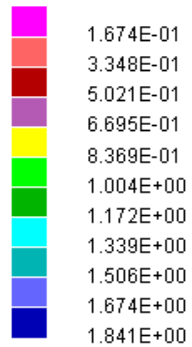
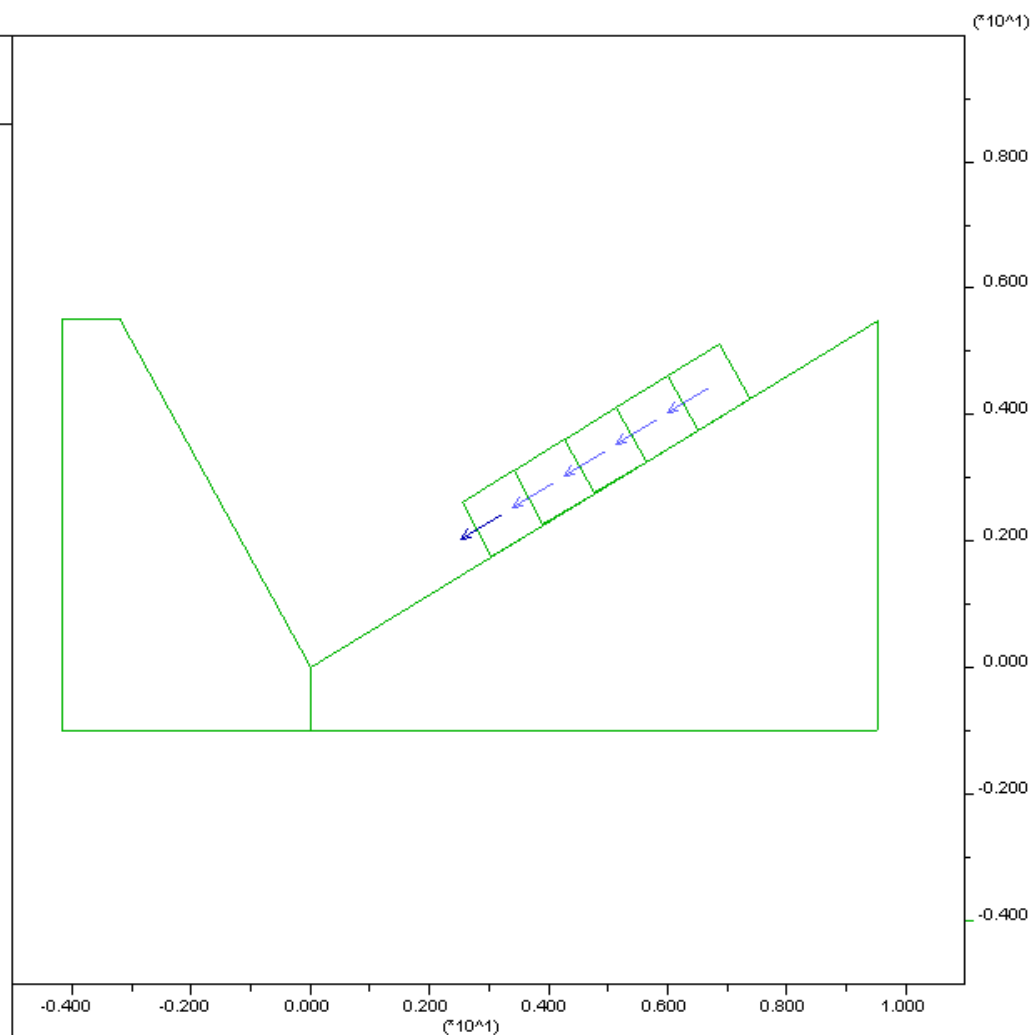
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block plot

velocity vectors

maximum = 1.674E+00

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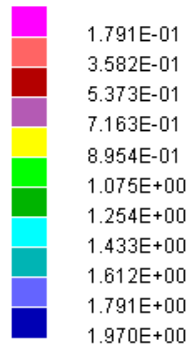
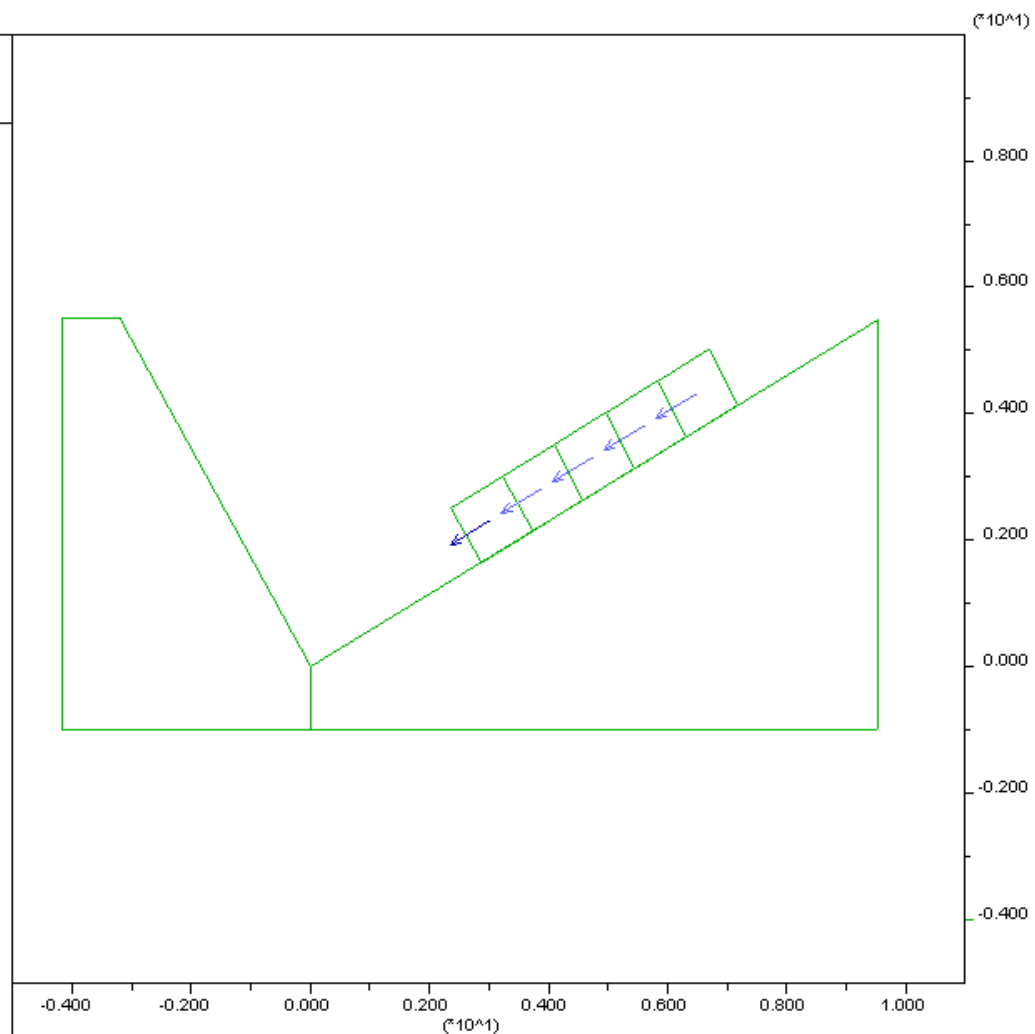
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block plot

velocity vectors

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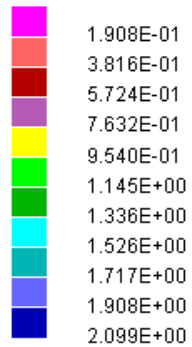
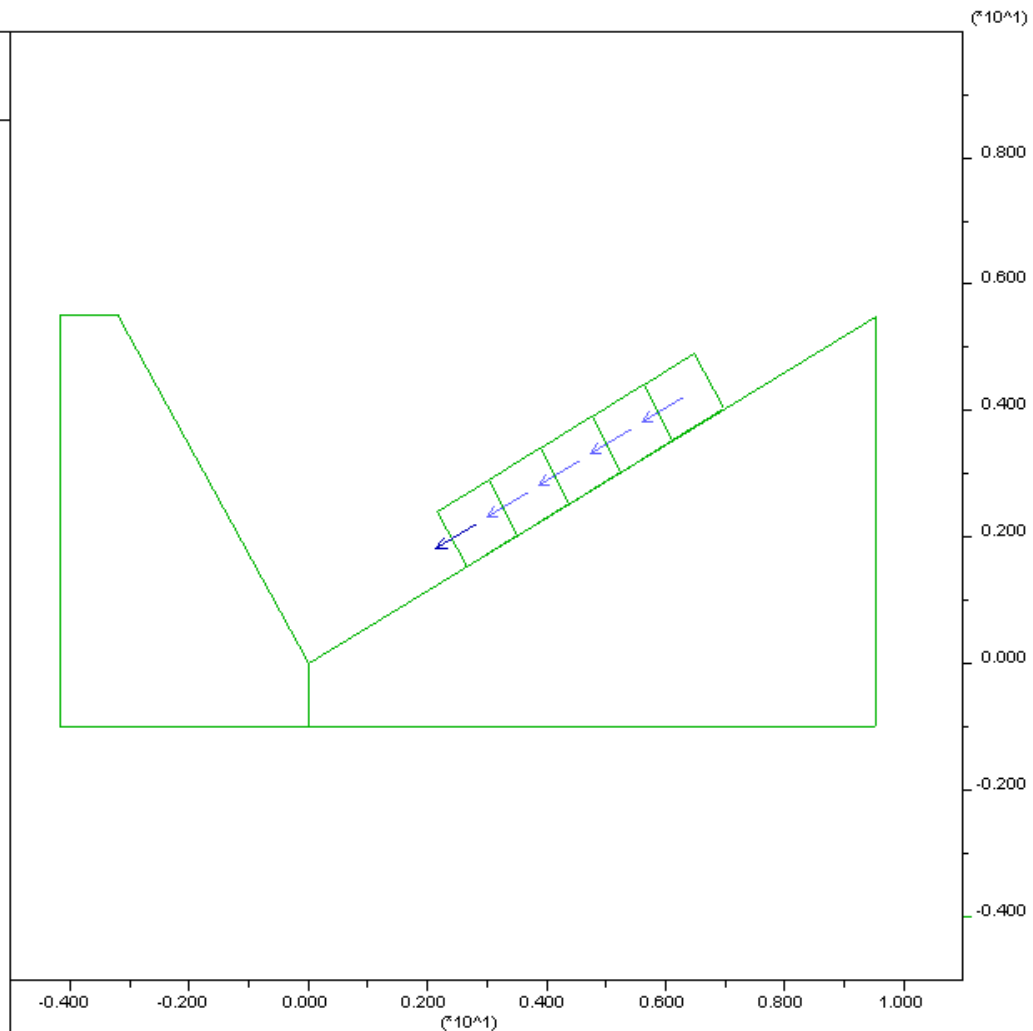
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block plot

velocity vectors

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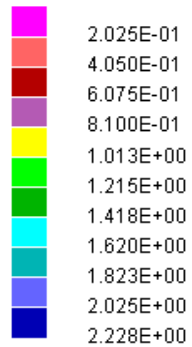
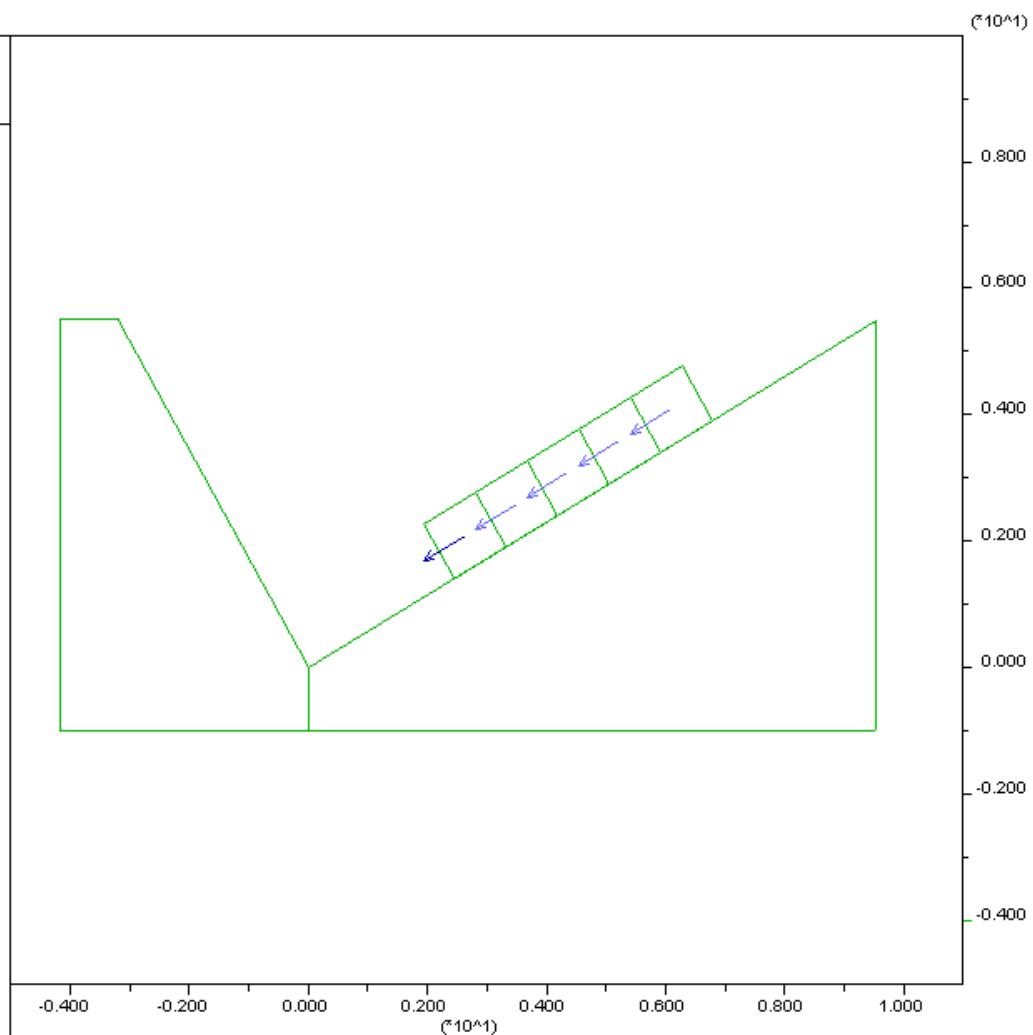
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velocity vectors

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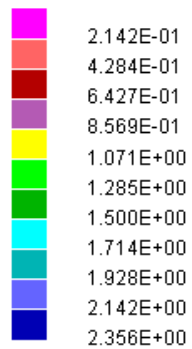
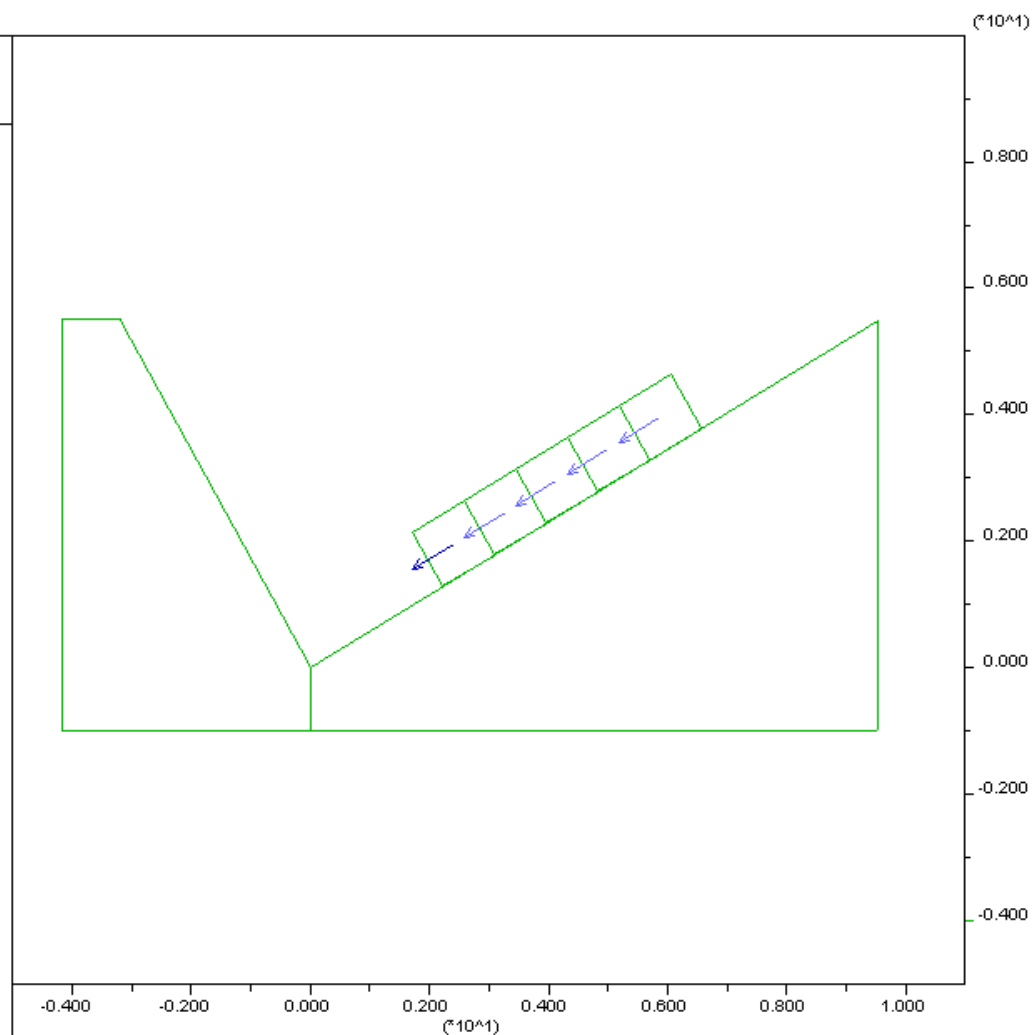
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block plot

velocity vectors

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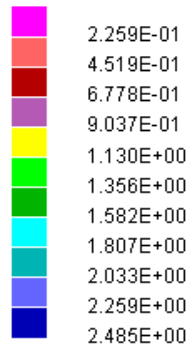
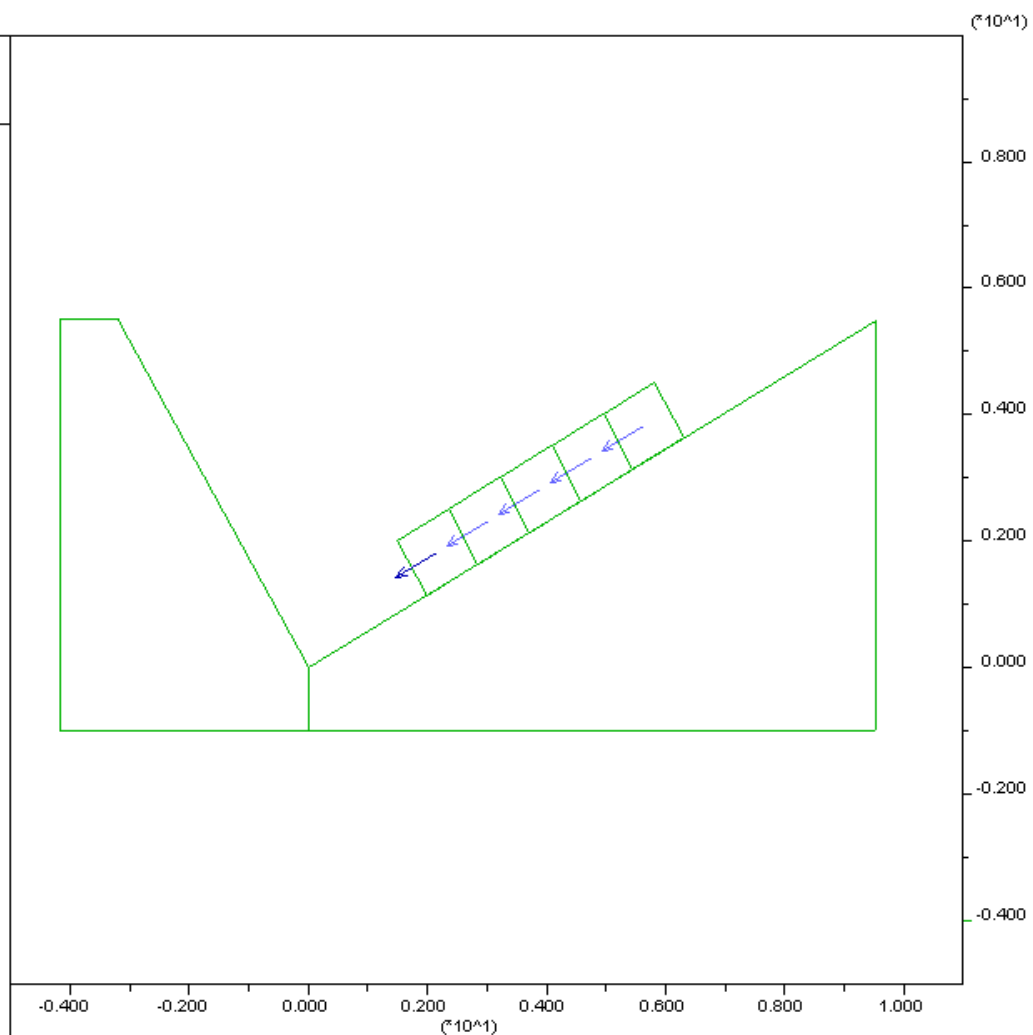
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block plot

velocity vectors

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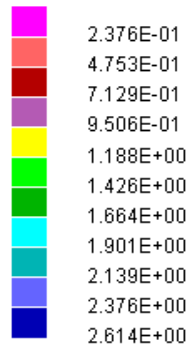
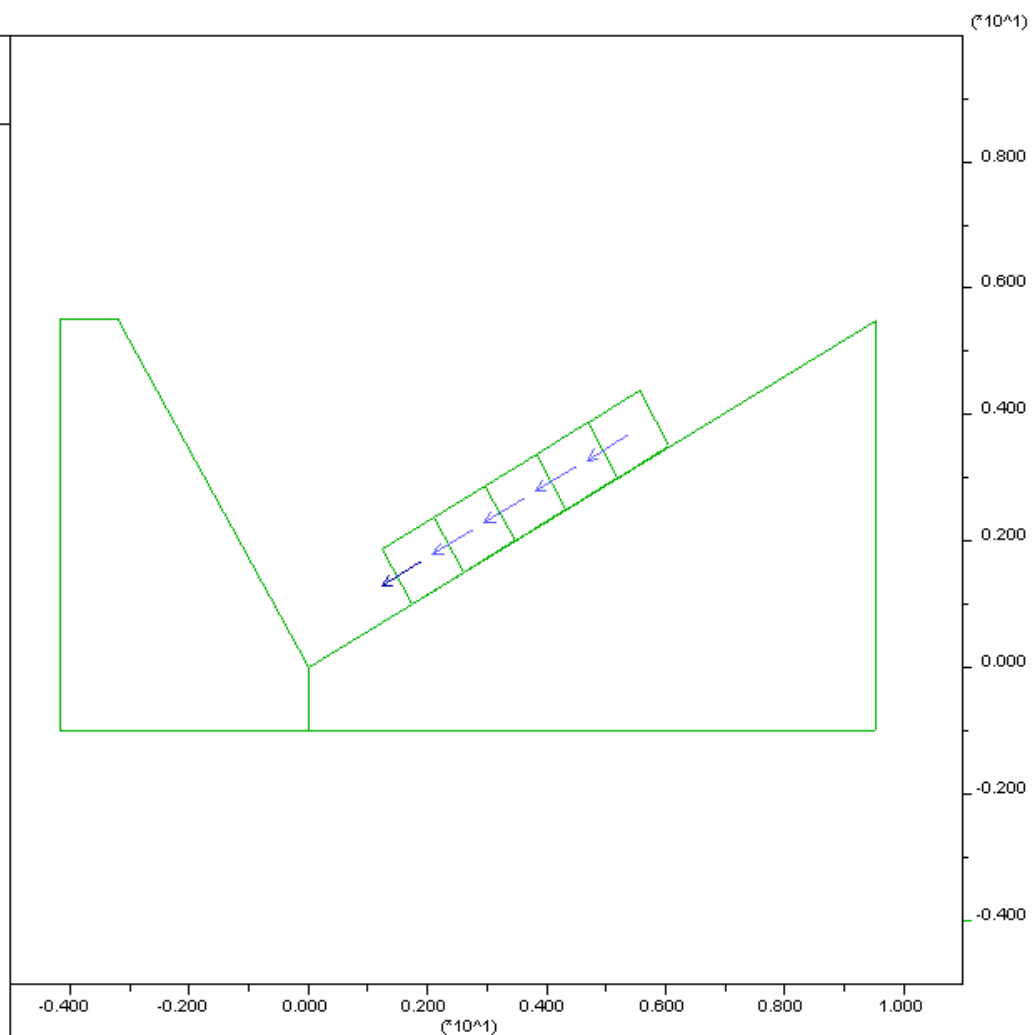
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velocity vectors

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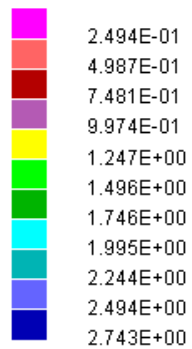
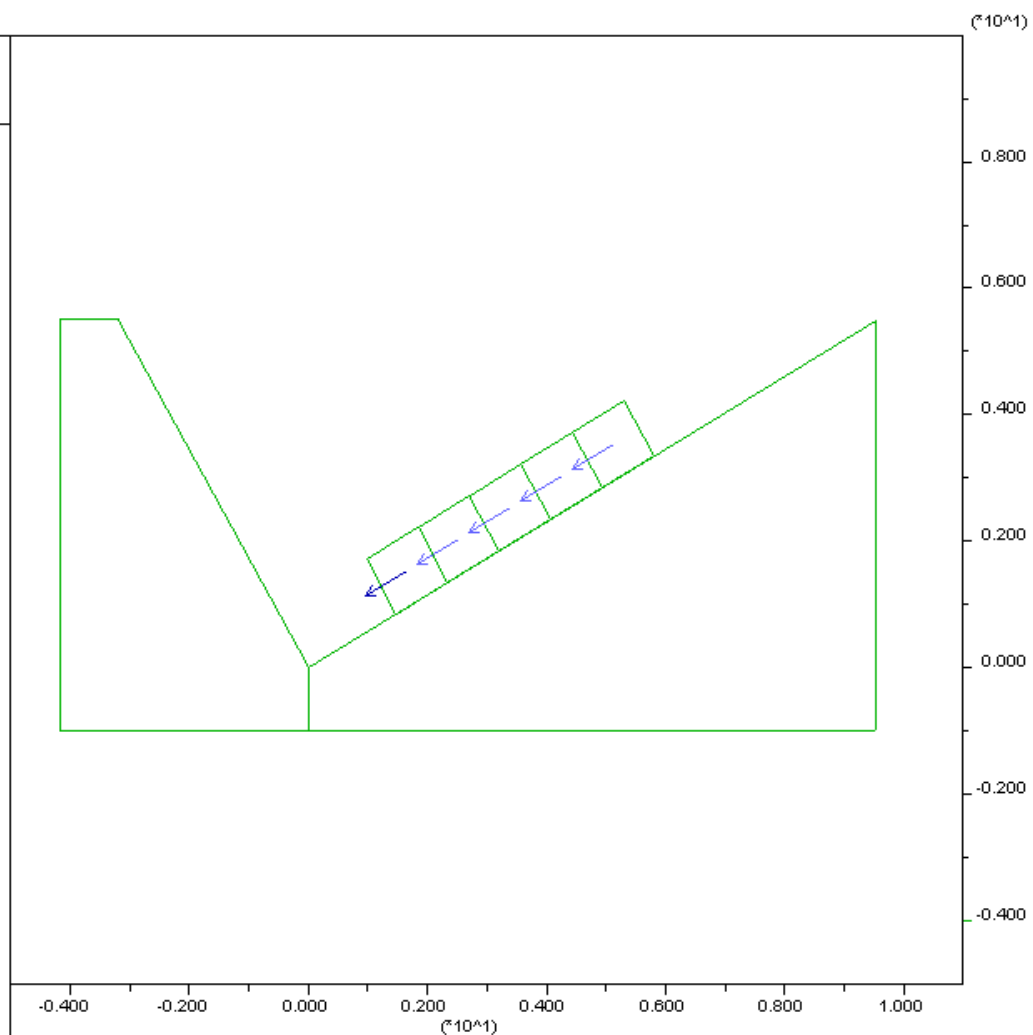
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block plot

velocity vectors

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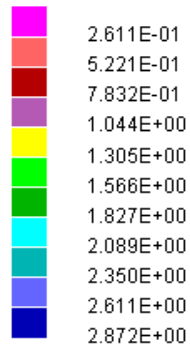
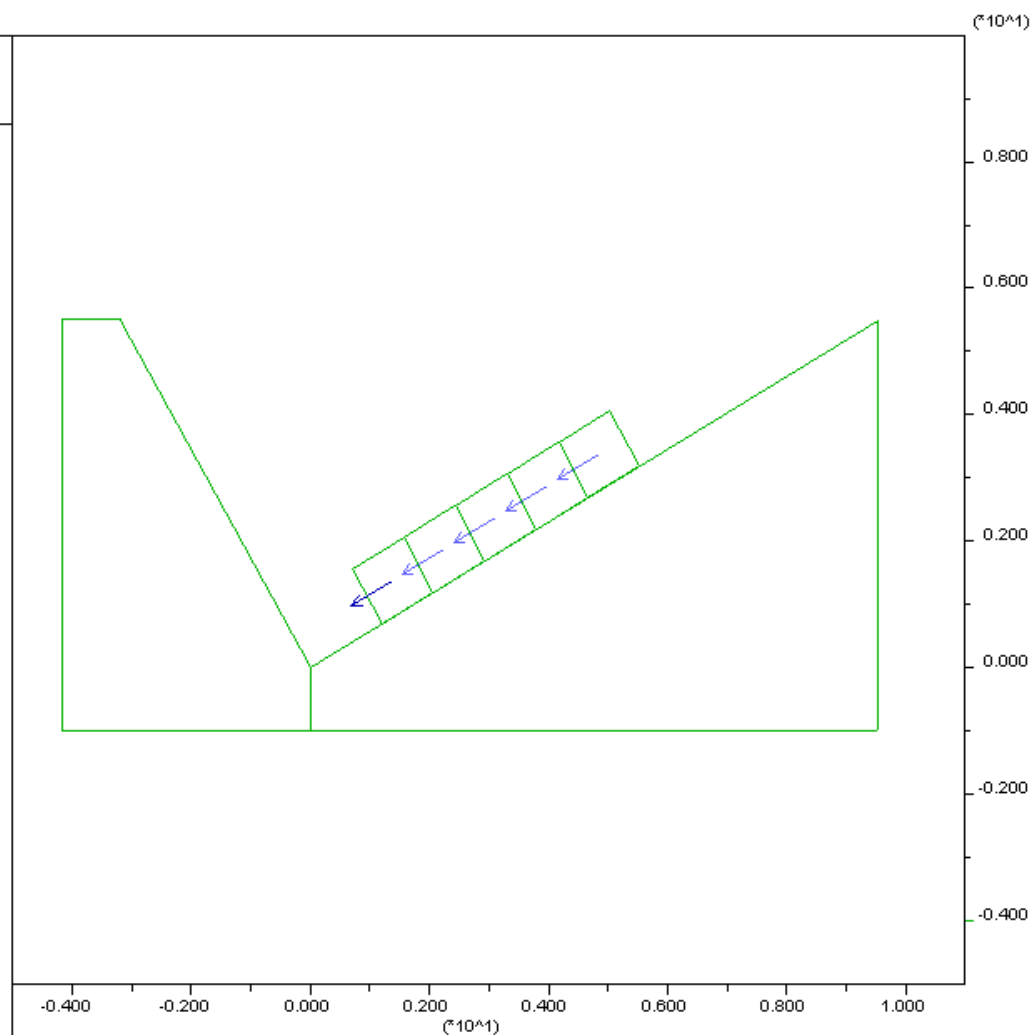
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block plot

velocity vectors

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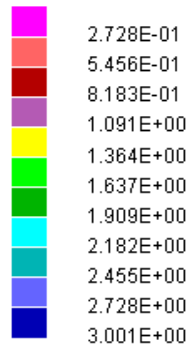
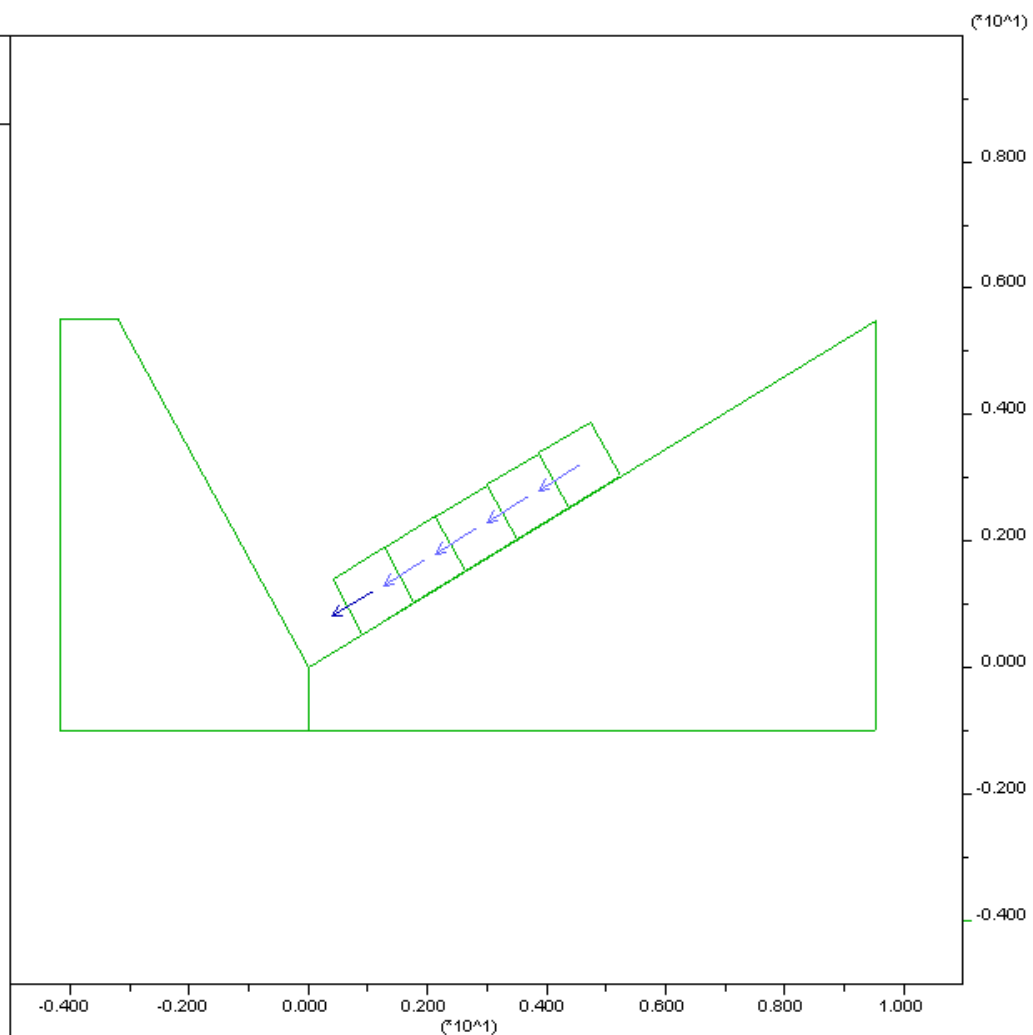
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block plot

velocity vectors

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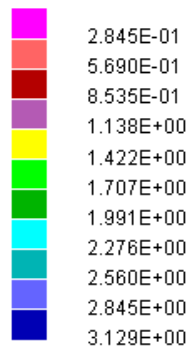
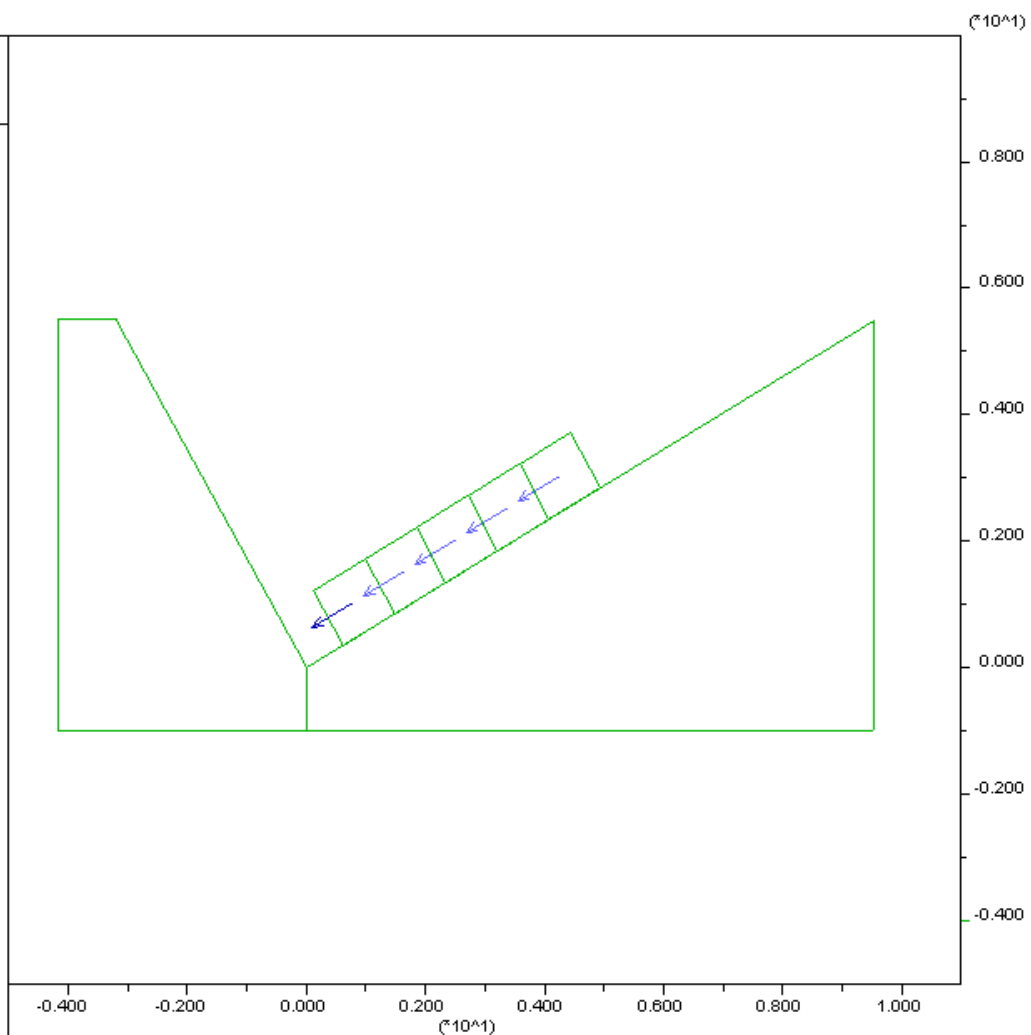
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block plot

velocity vectors

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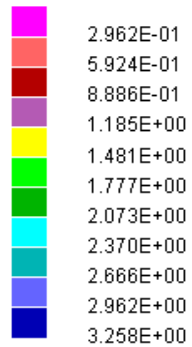
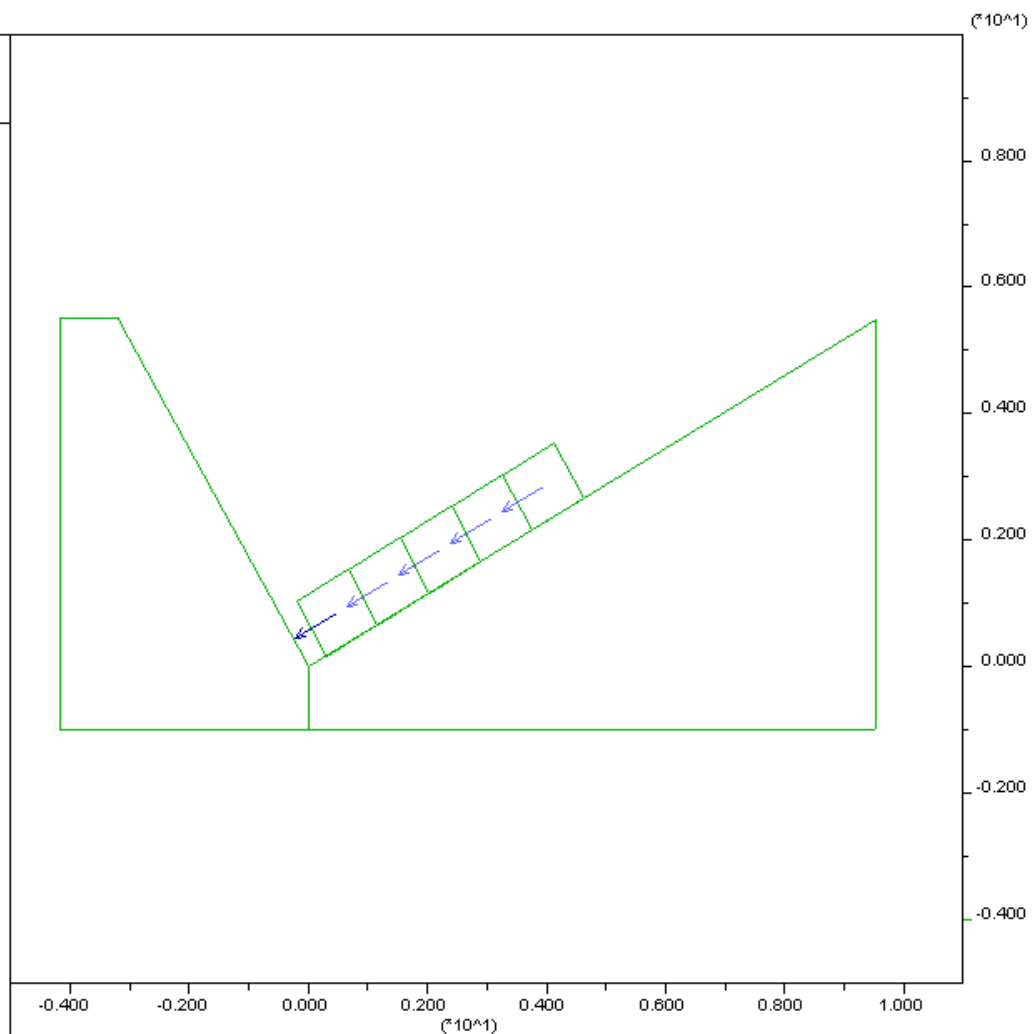
cycle 20200

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block plot

velocity vectors

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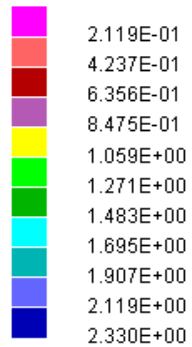
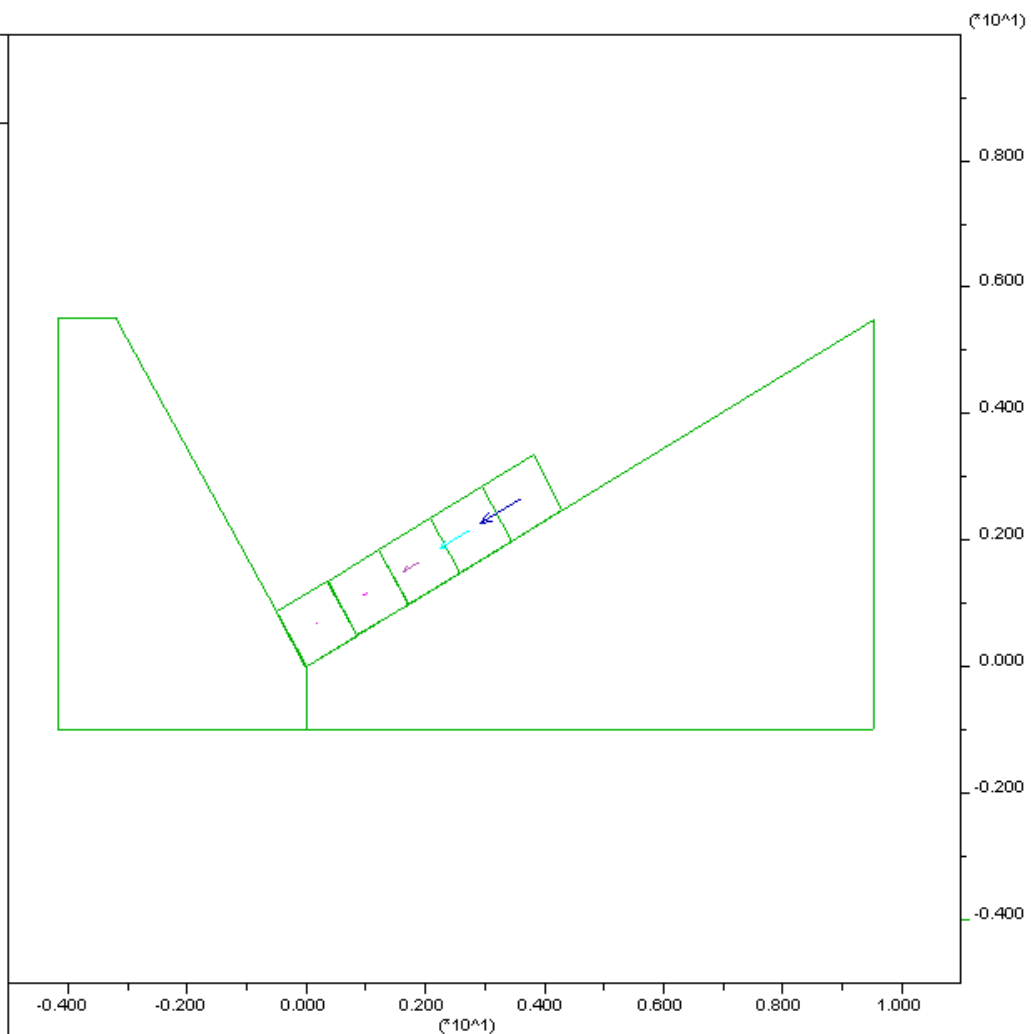
cycle 21000

time = 3.259E+00 sec

block plot

velocity vectors

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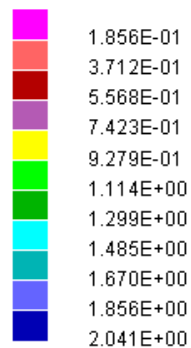
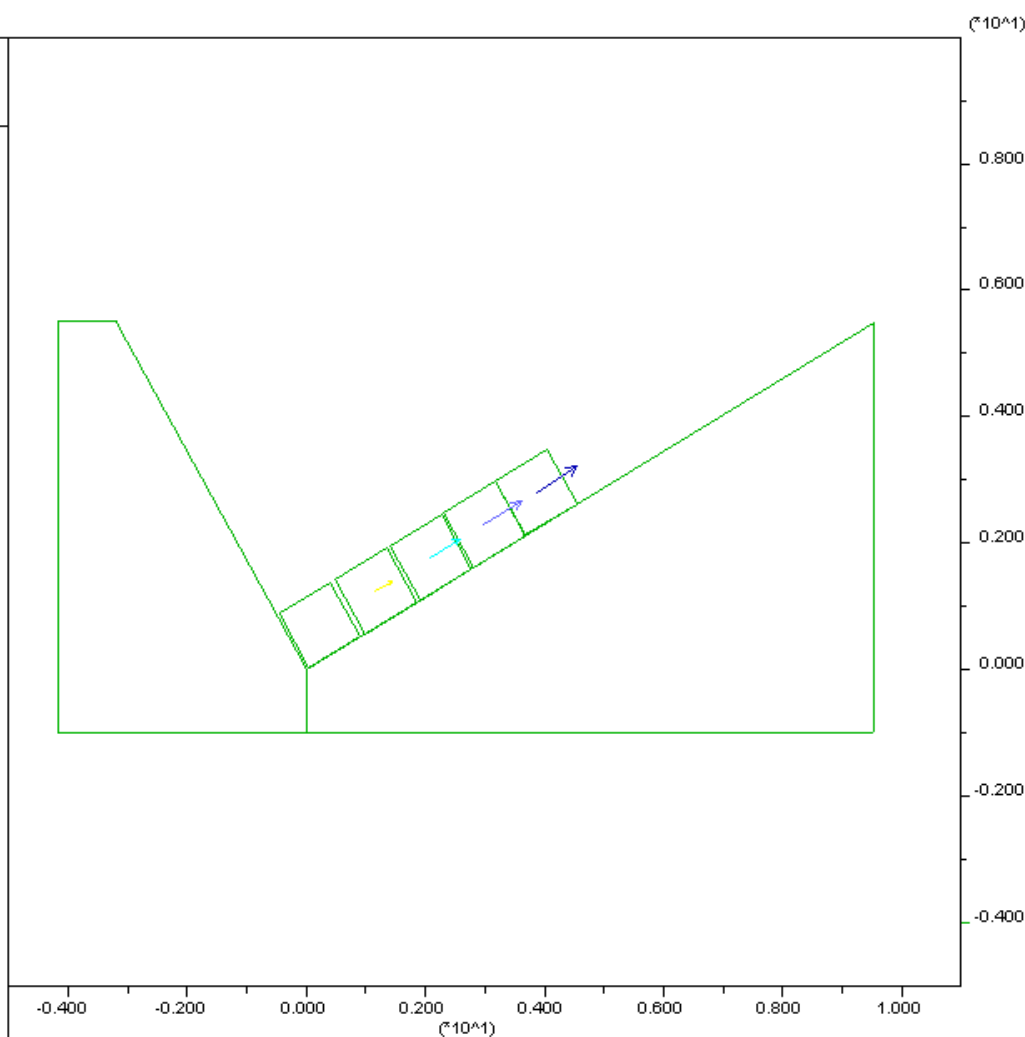
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block plot

velocity vectors

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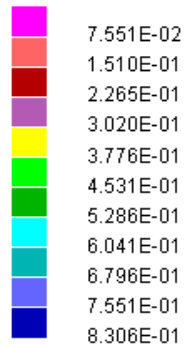
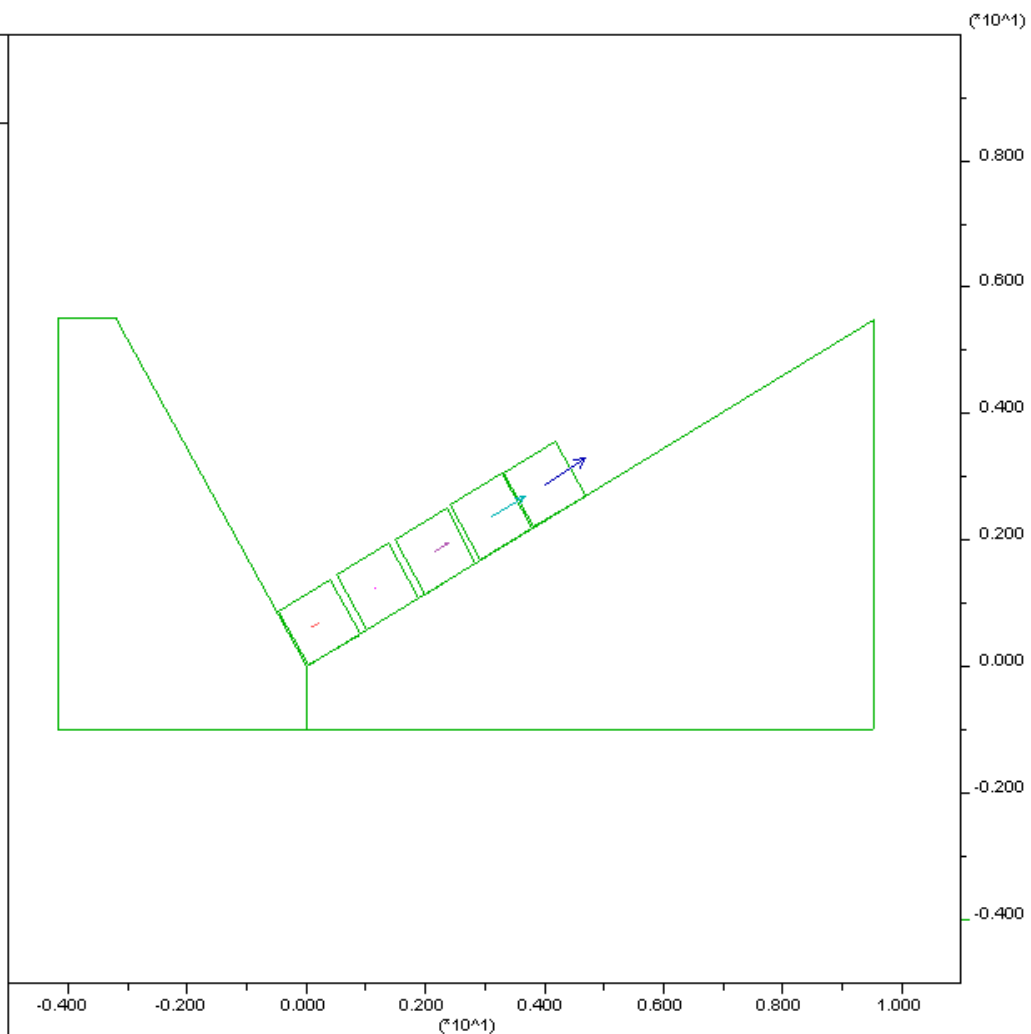
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block plot

velocity vectors

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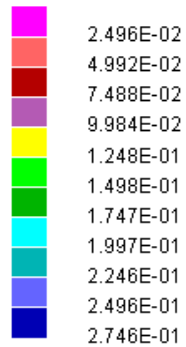
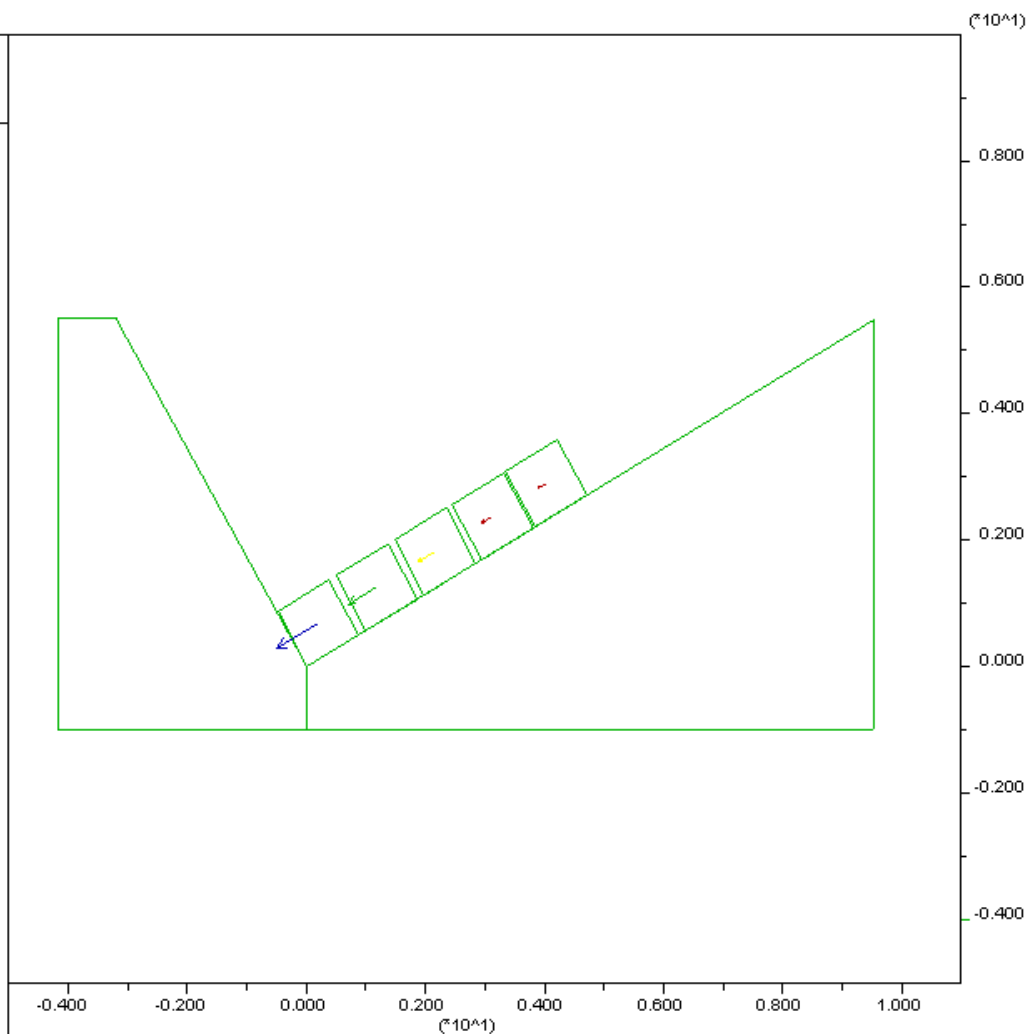
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block plot

velocity vectors

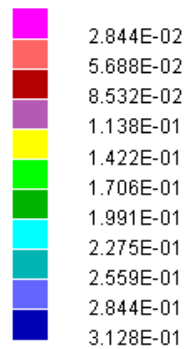
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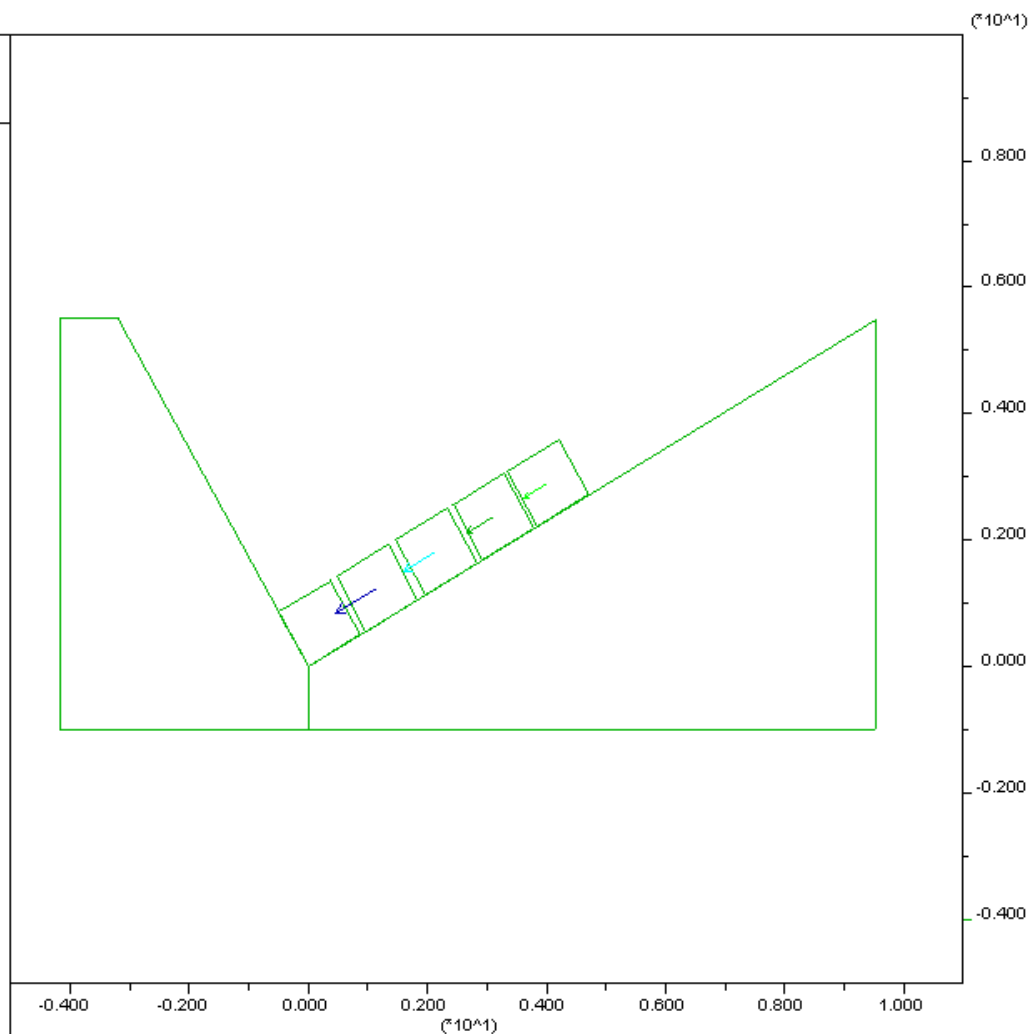
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velocity vectors
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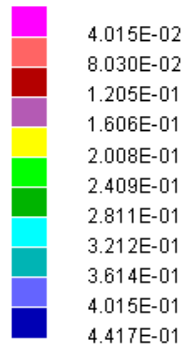
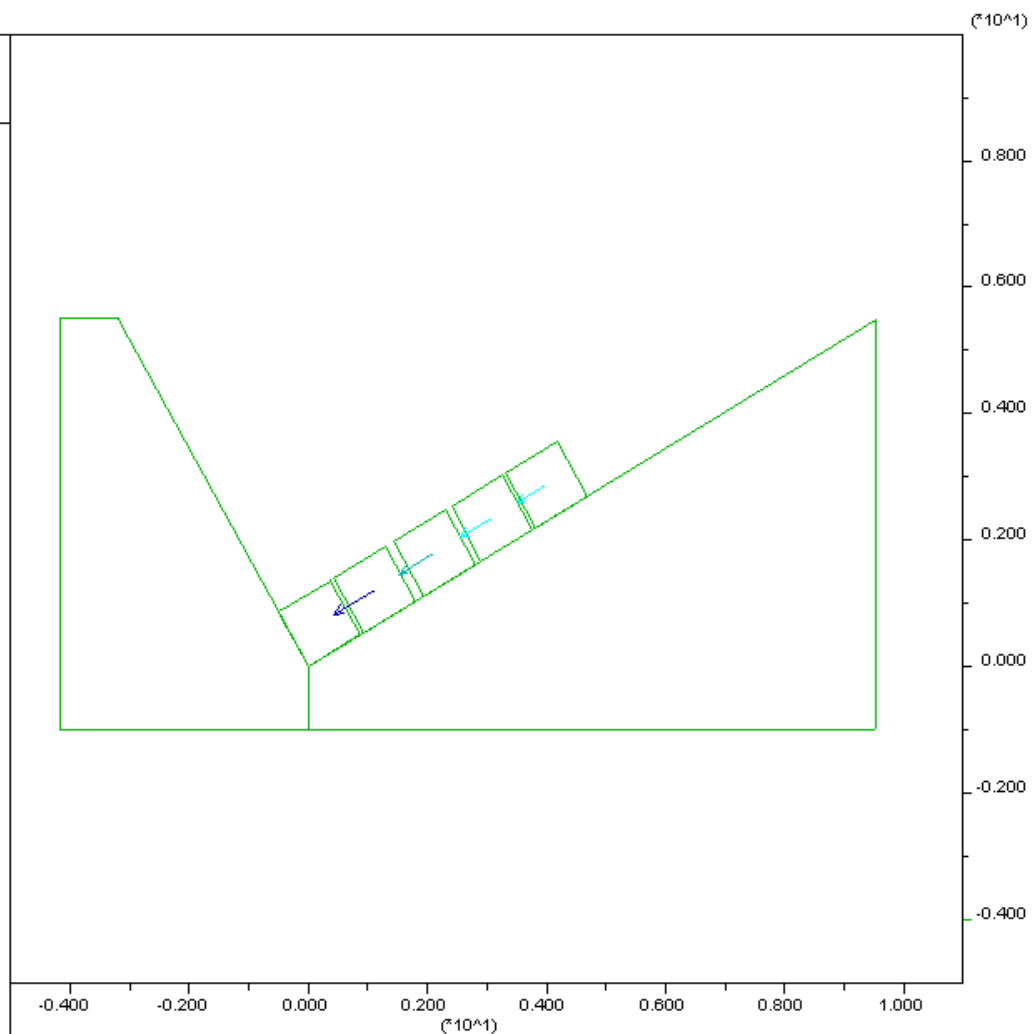
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block plot

velocity vectors

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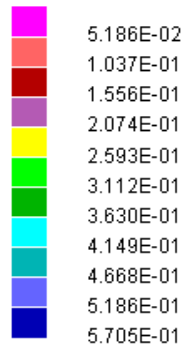
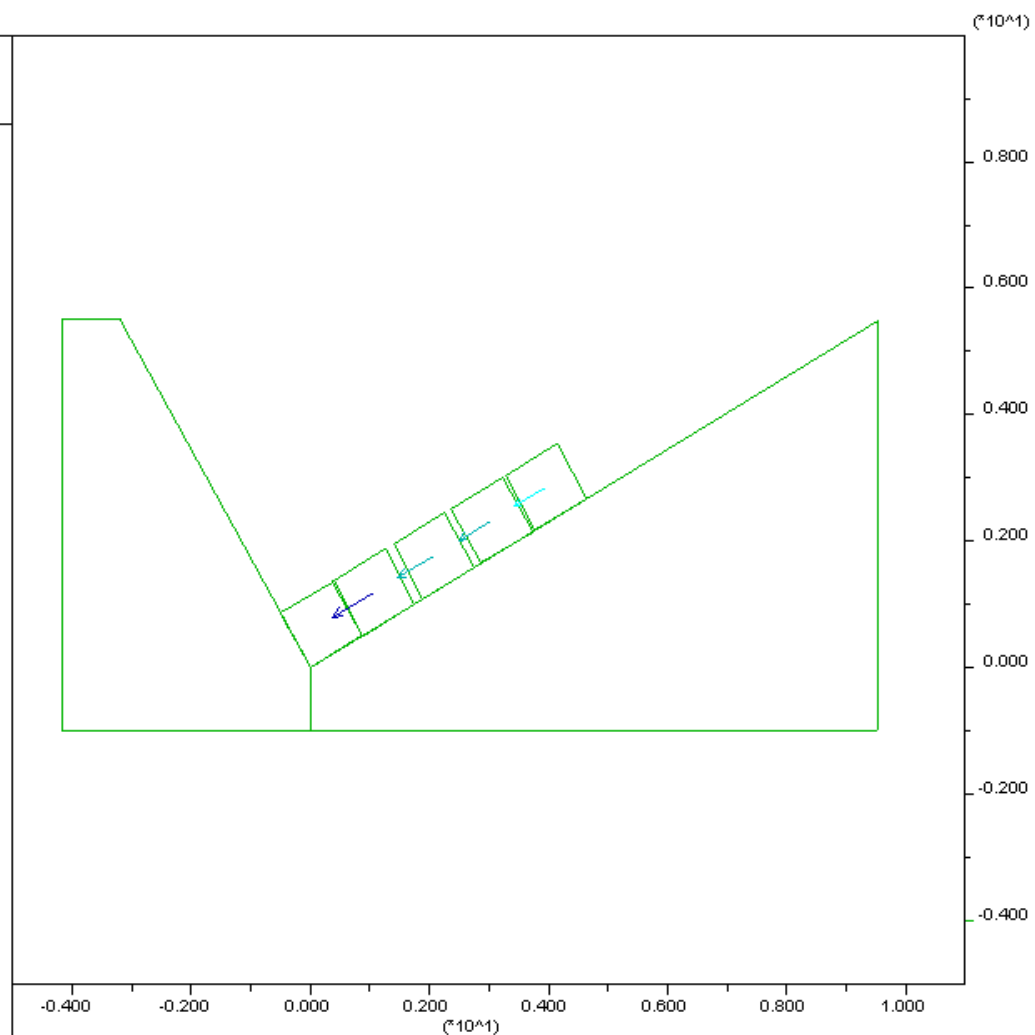
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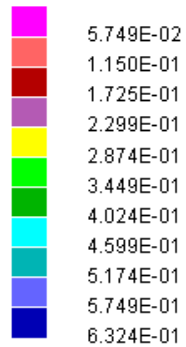
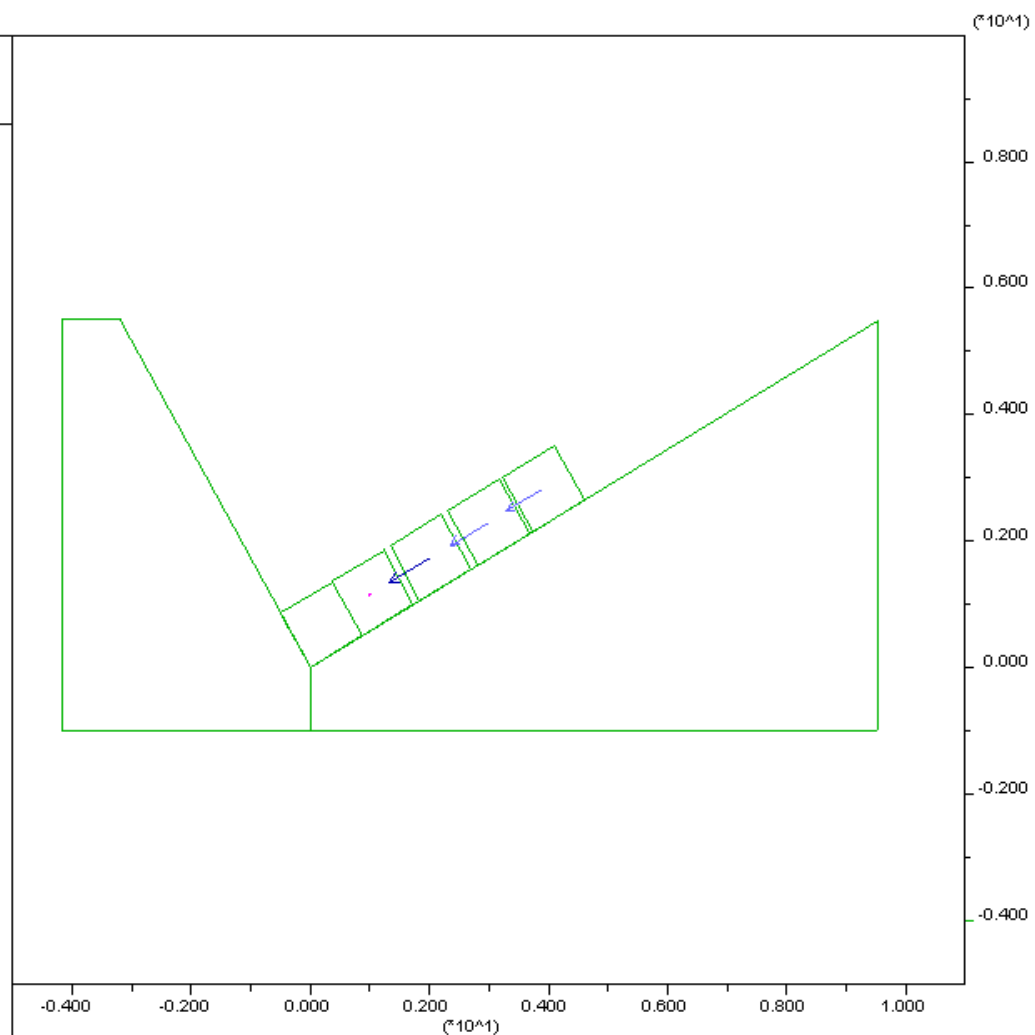
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block plot

velocity vectors

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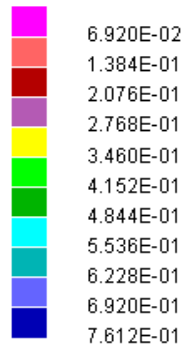
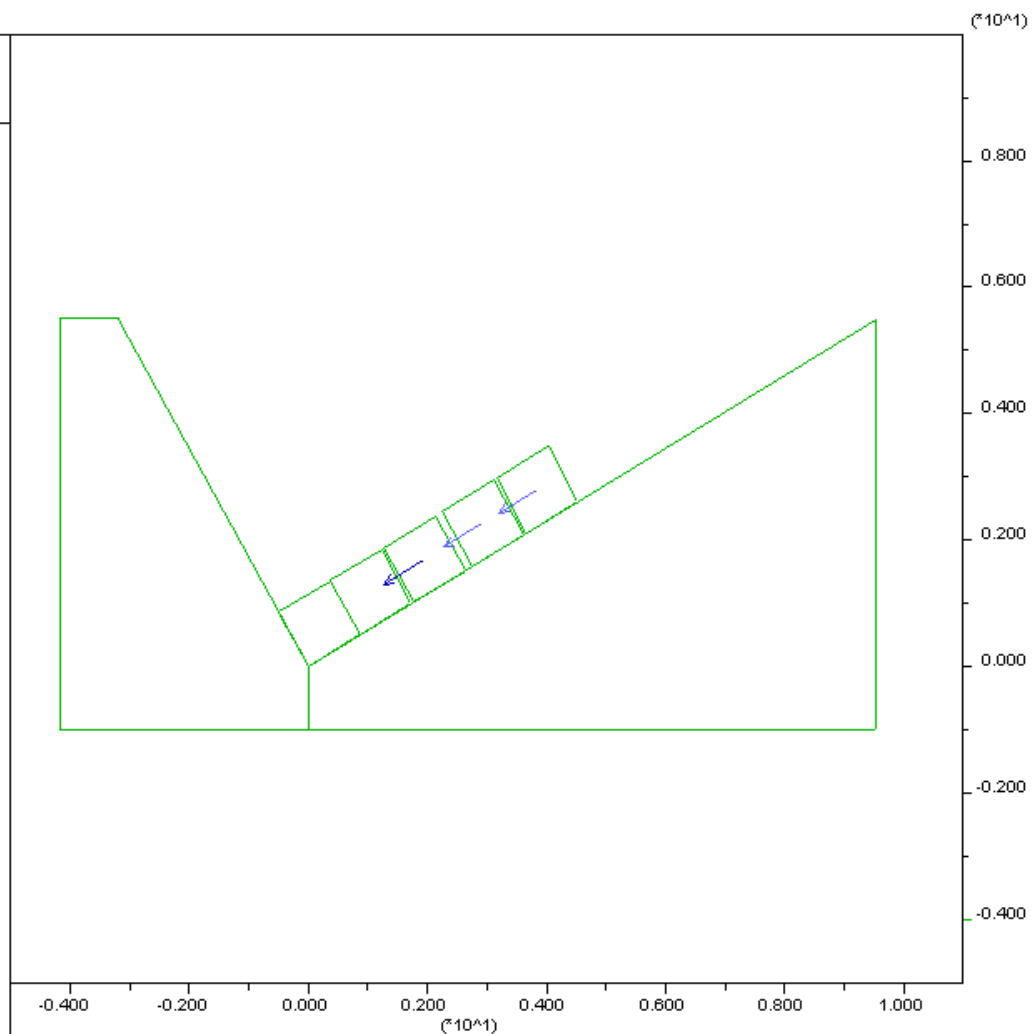
cycle 27400

time = 4.252E+00 sec

block plot

velocity vectors

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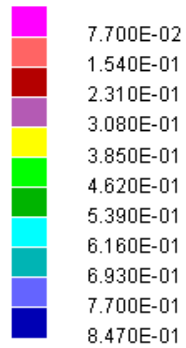
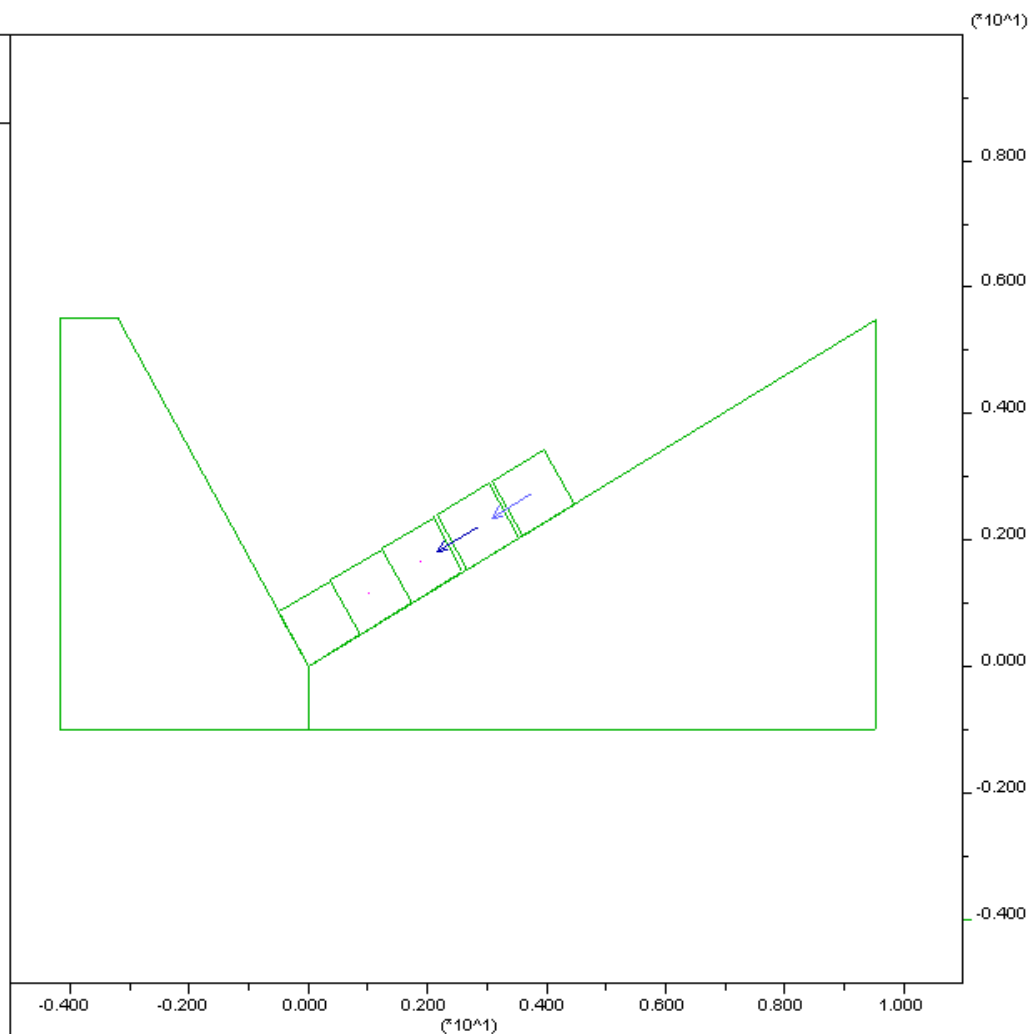
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block plot

velocity vectors

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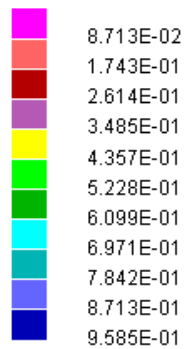
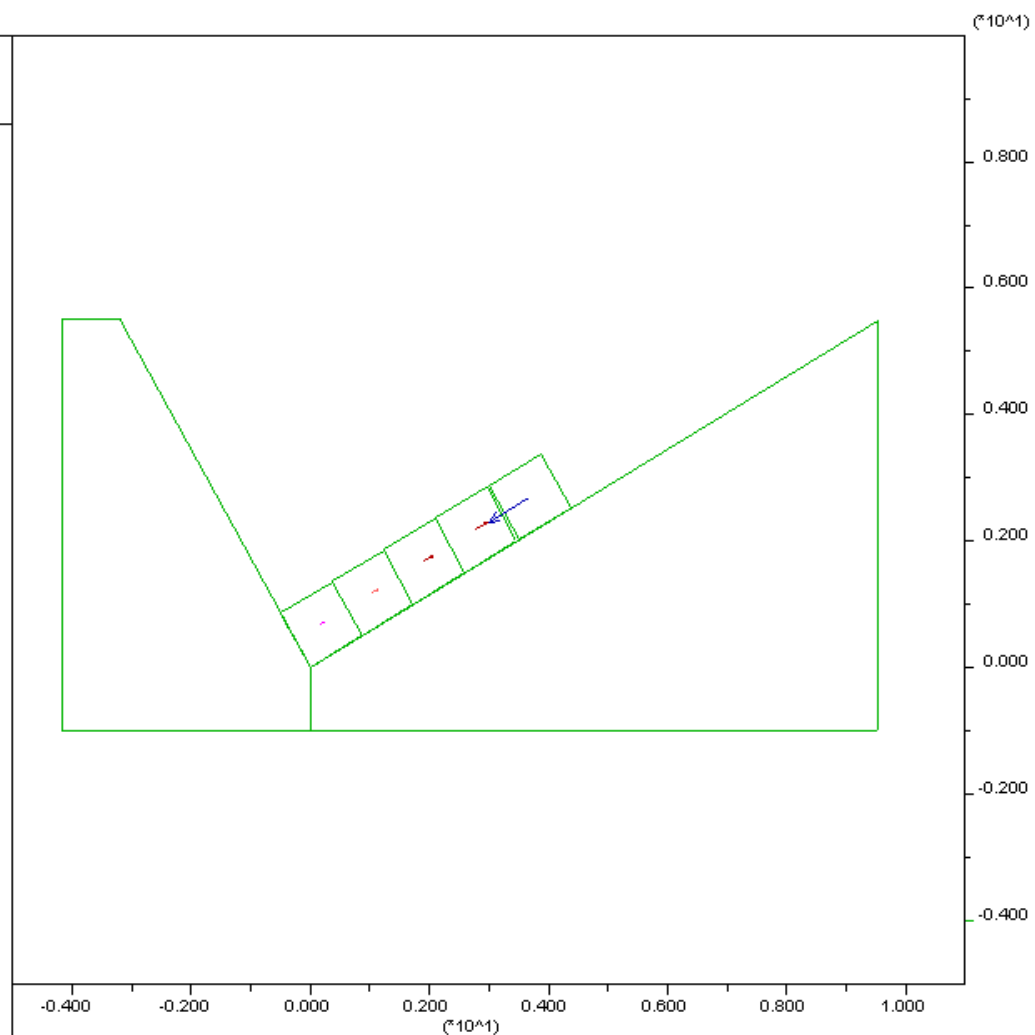
cycle 29000

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block plot

velocity vectors

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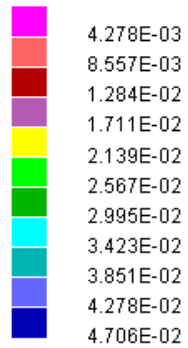
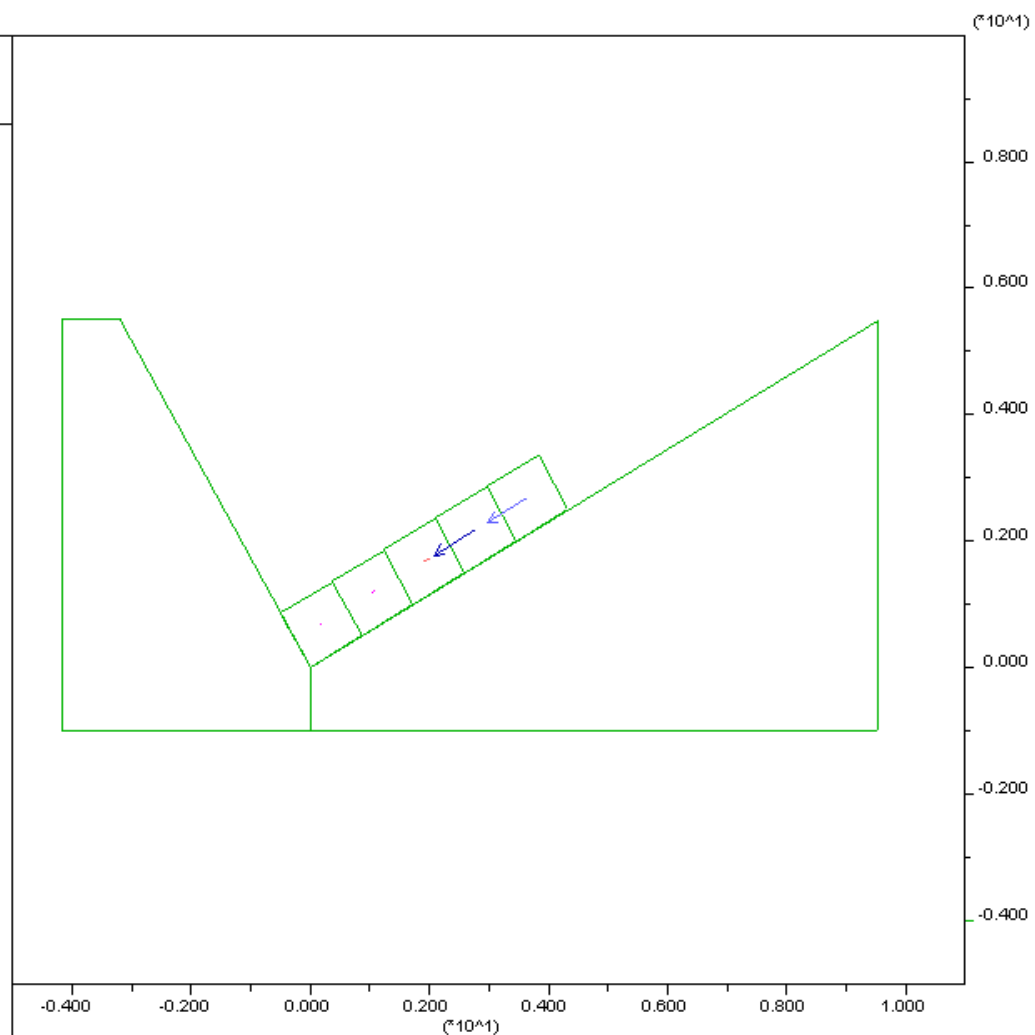
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velocity vectors

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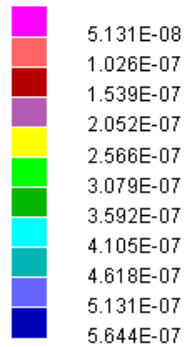
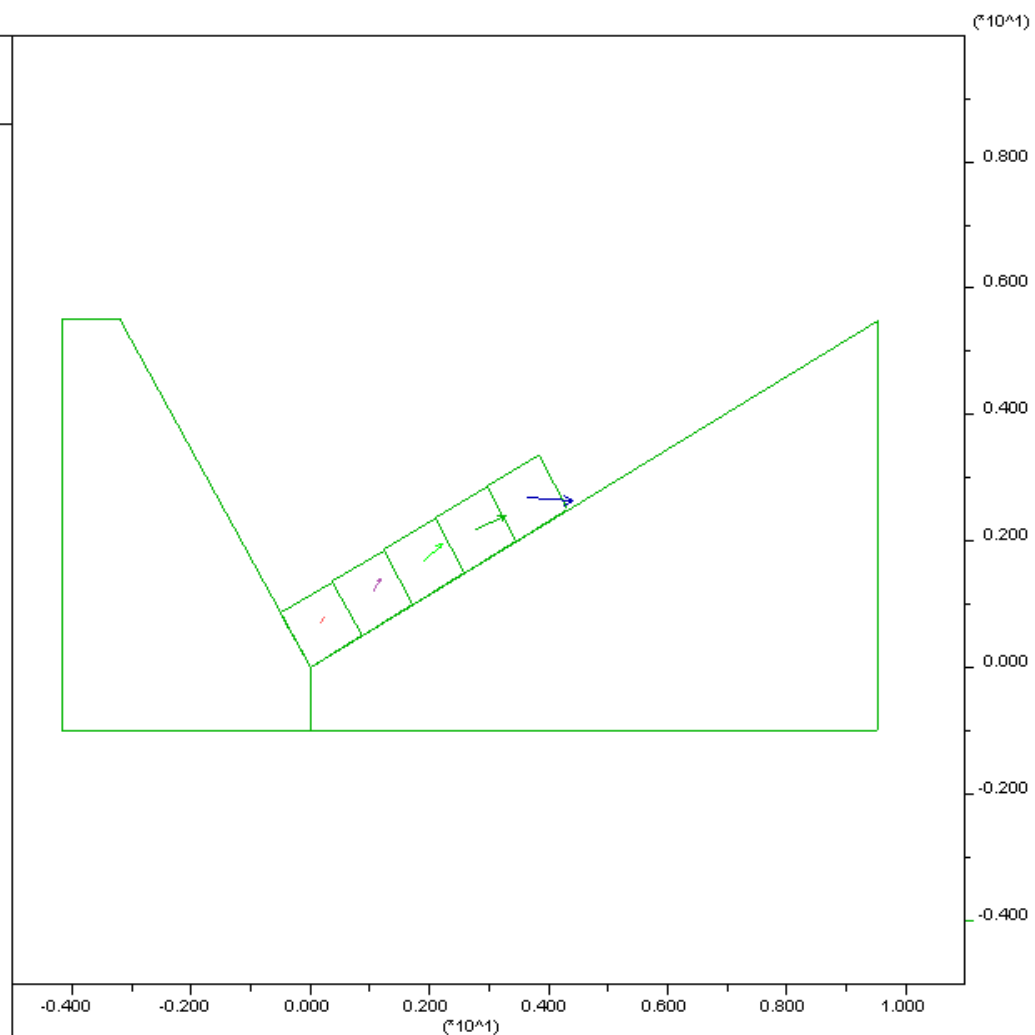
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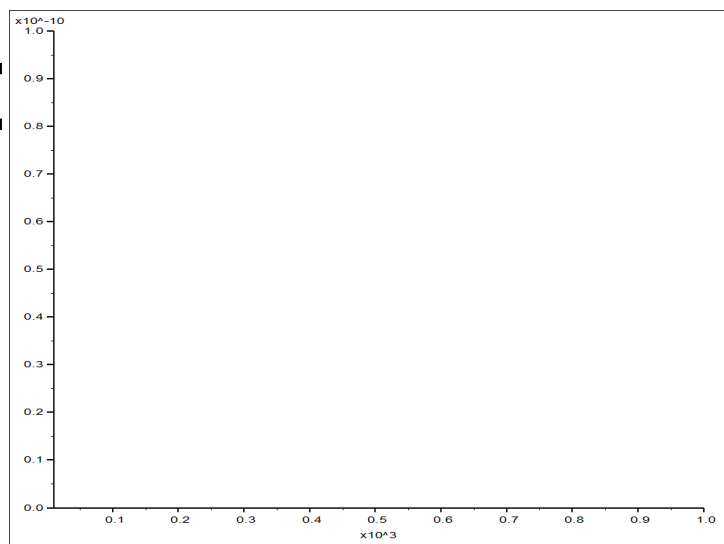
block plot

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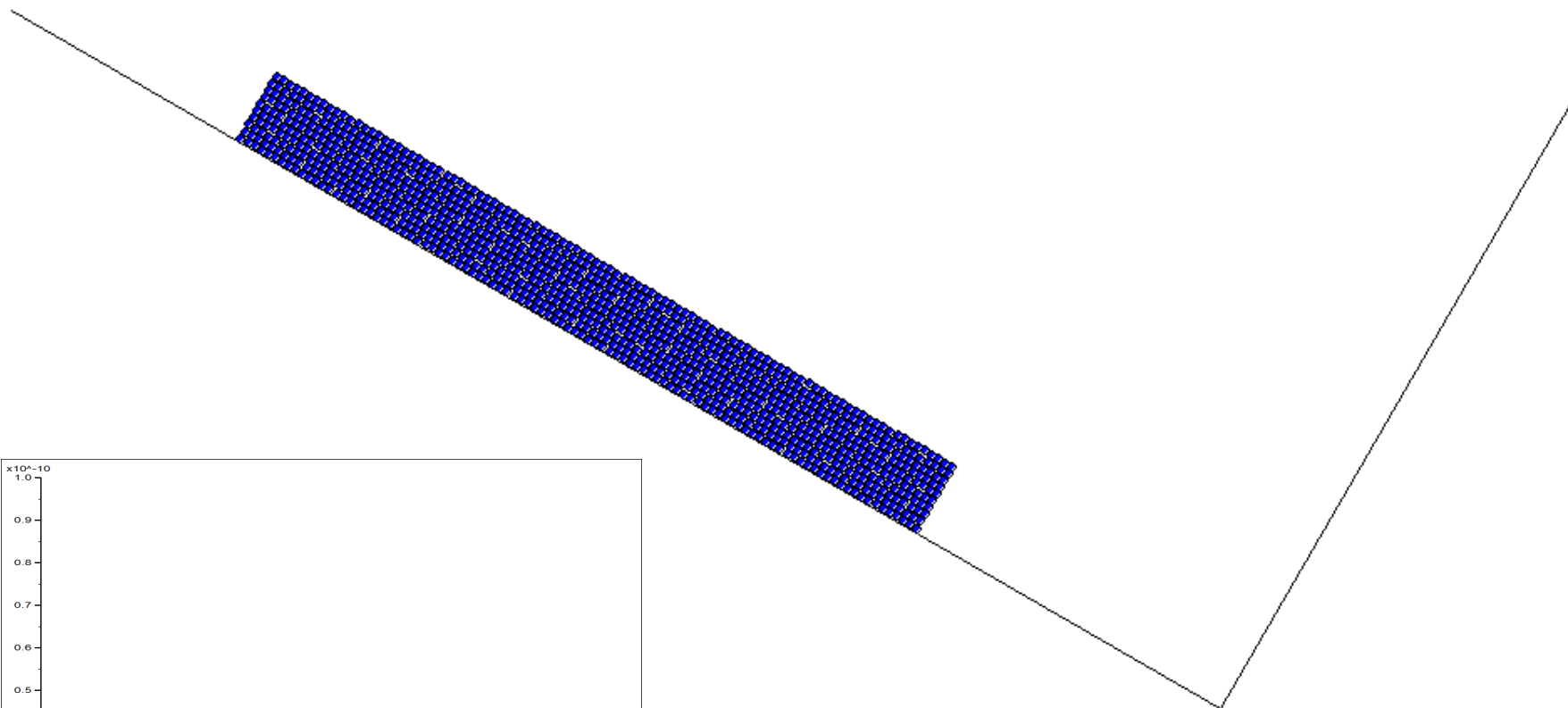
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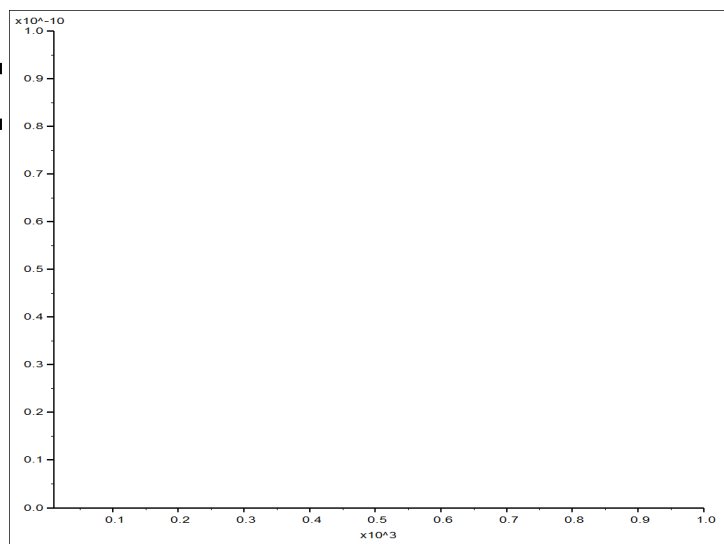
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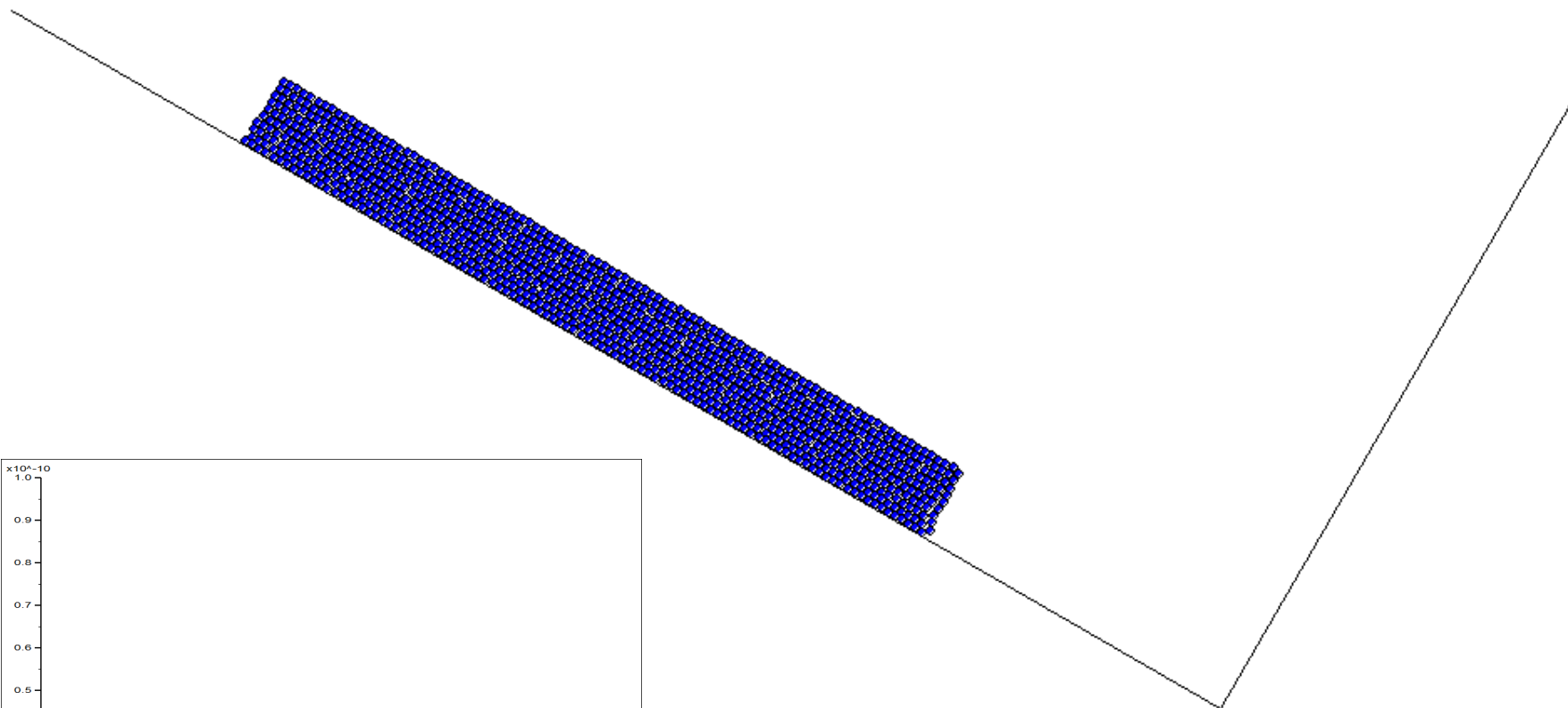
Calculation steps



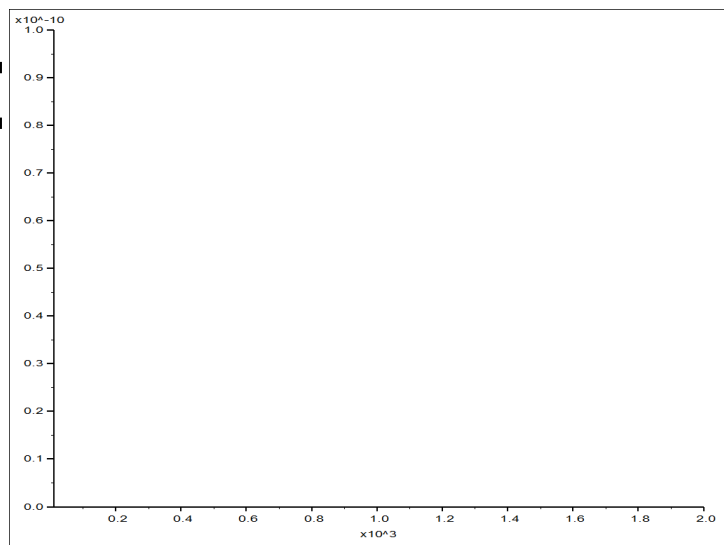
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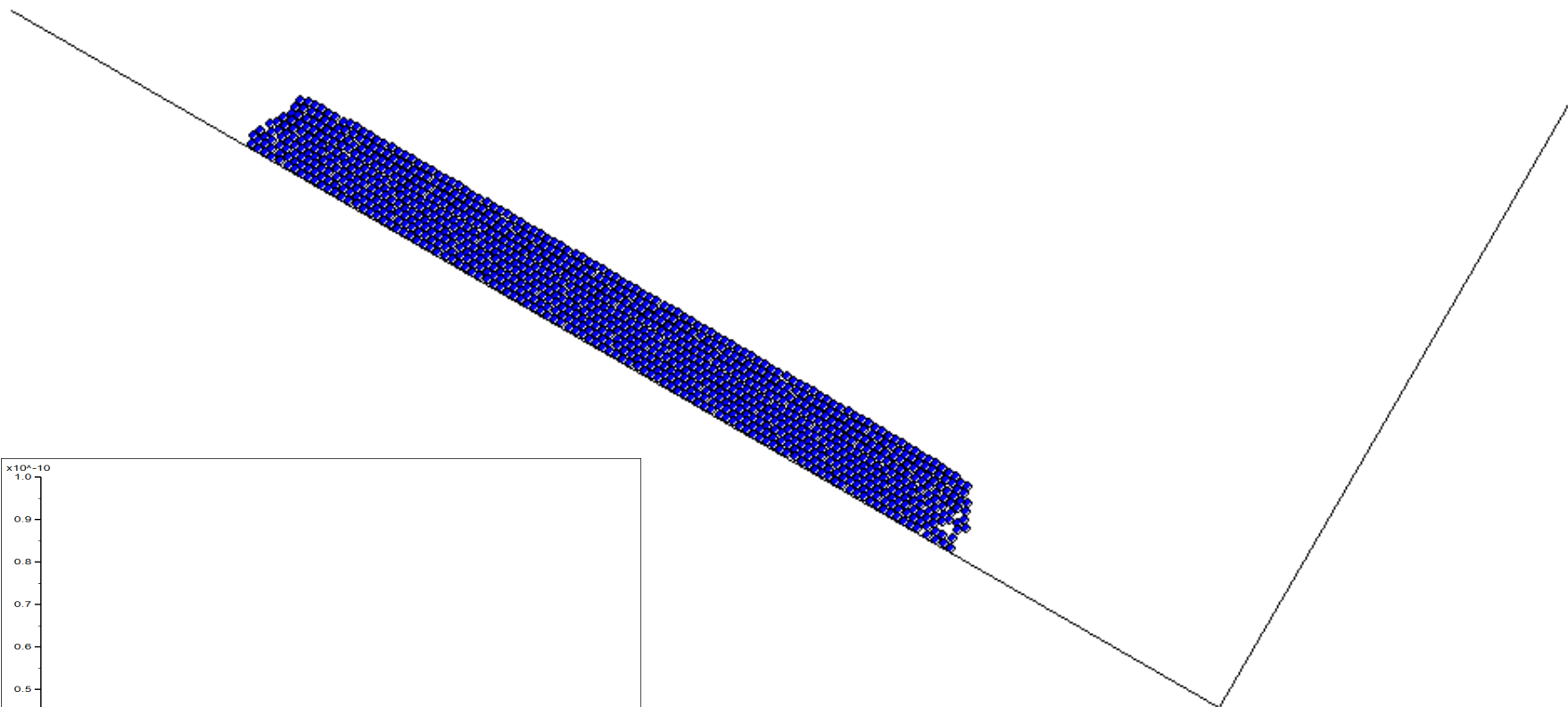
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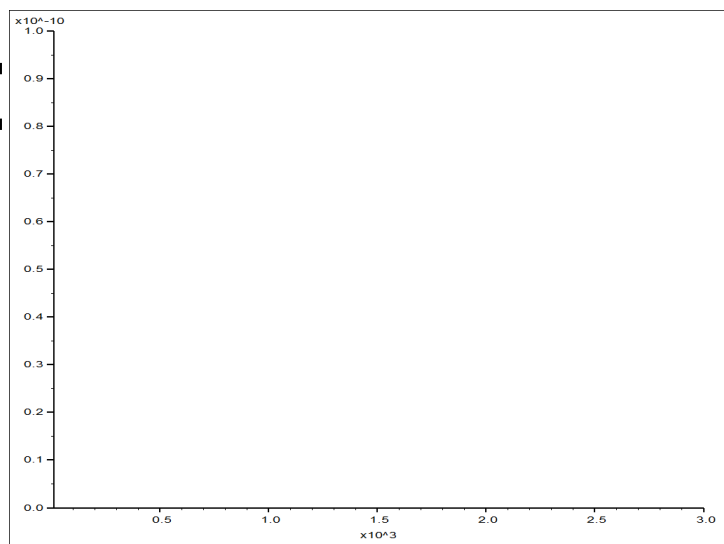
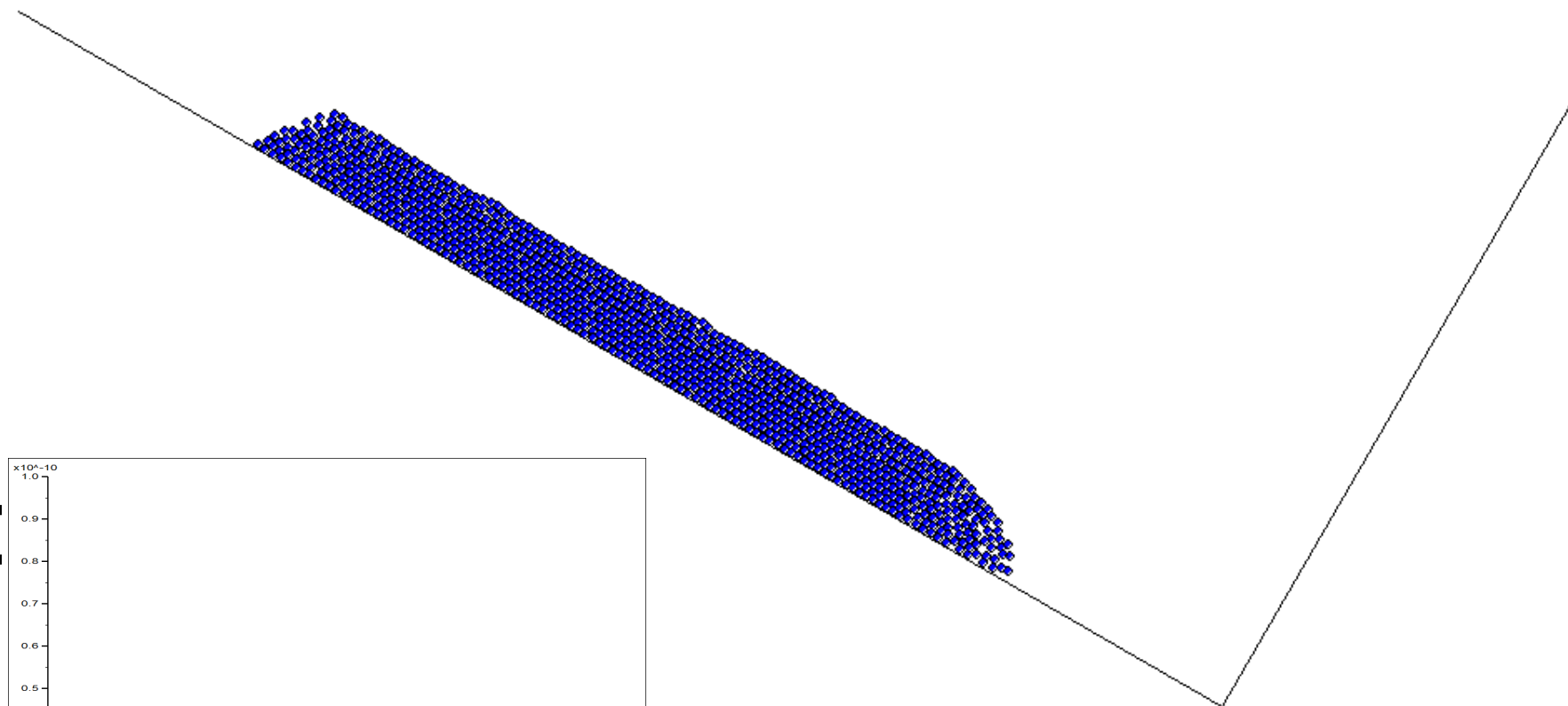
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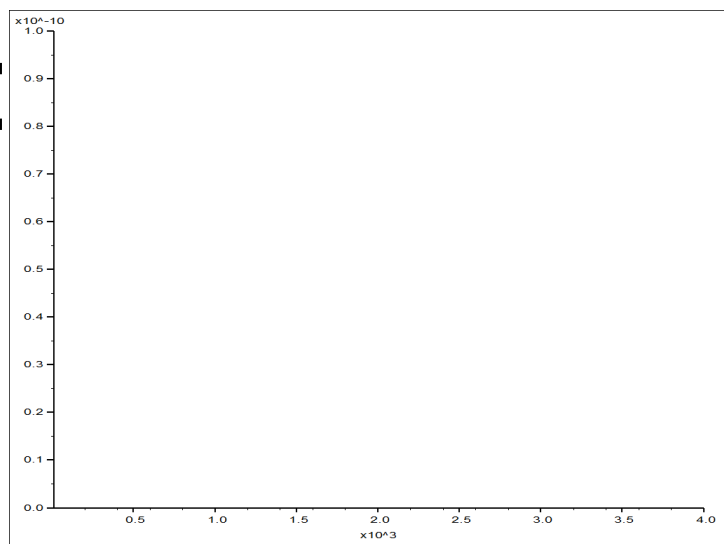


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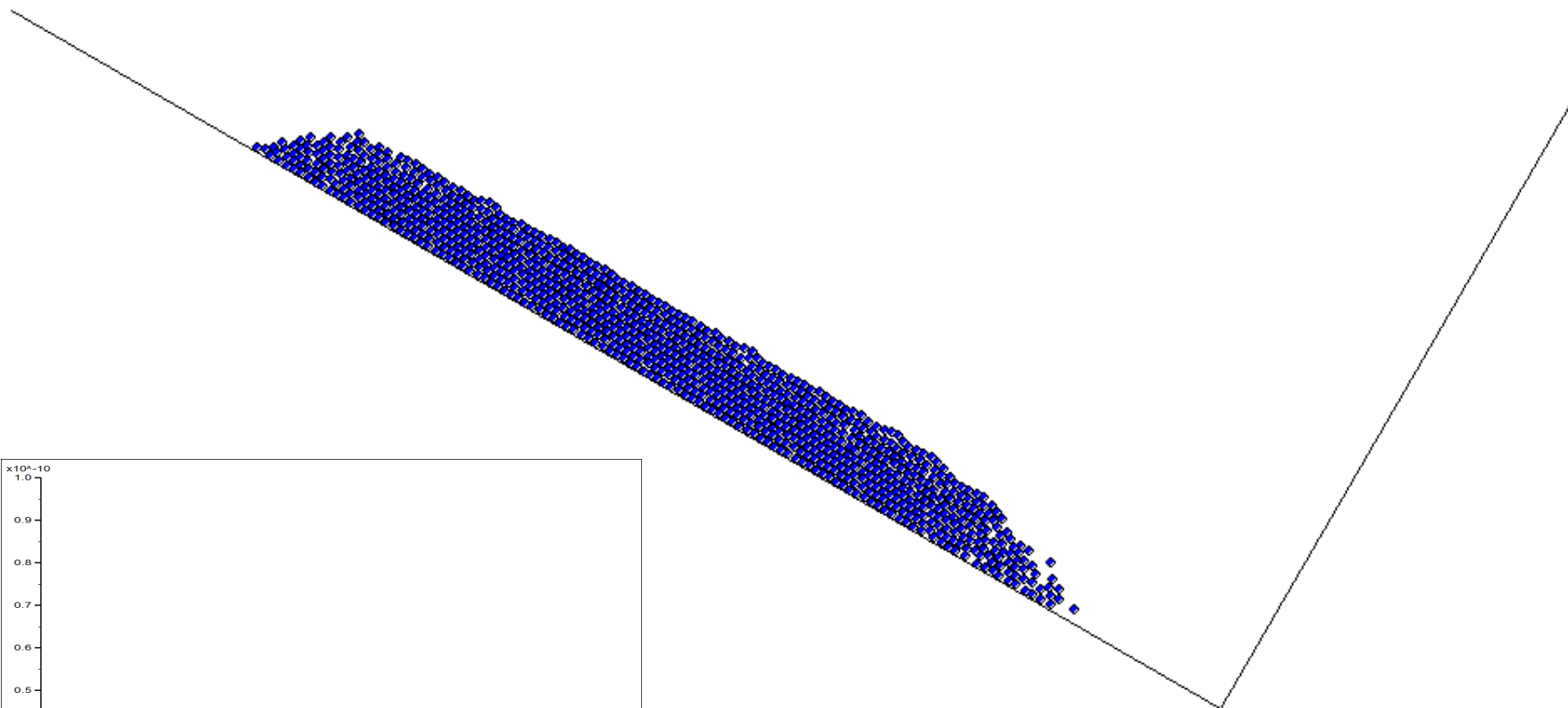


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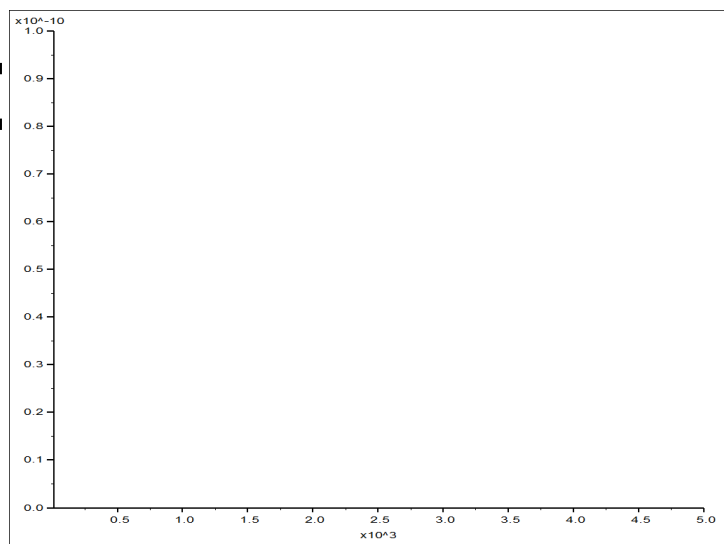
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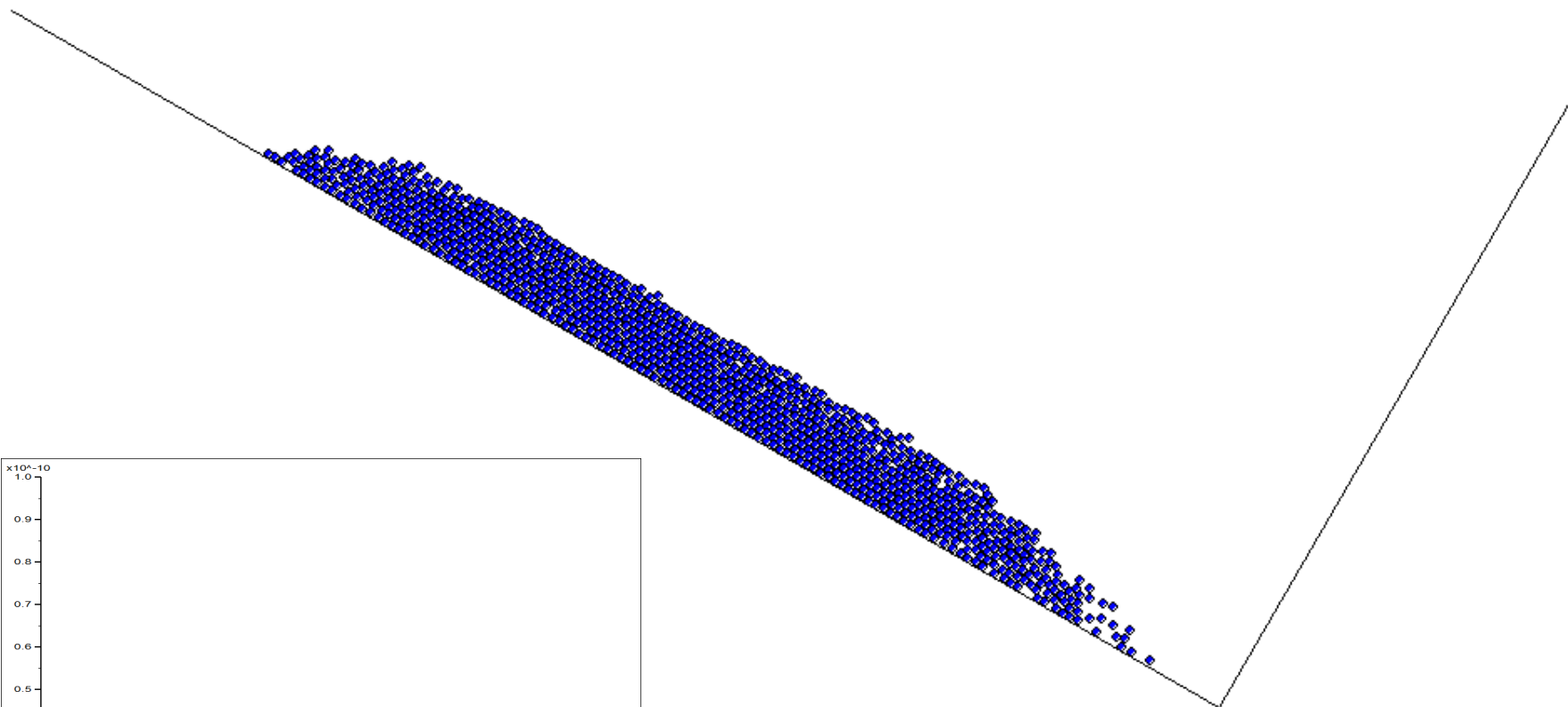
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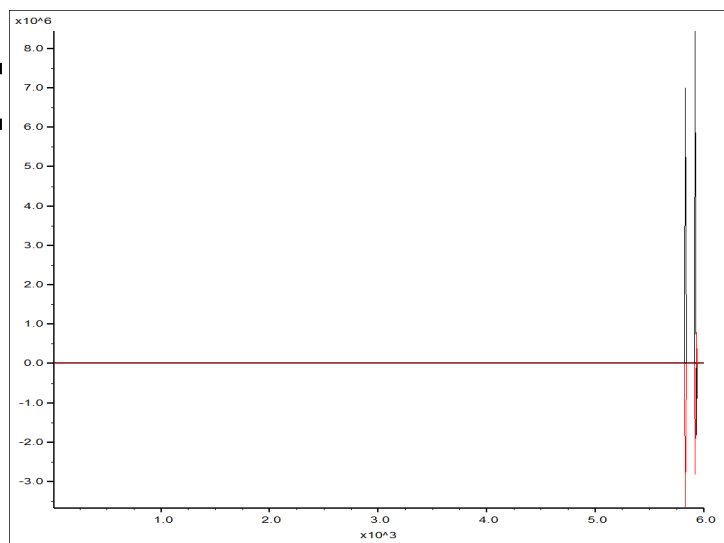
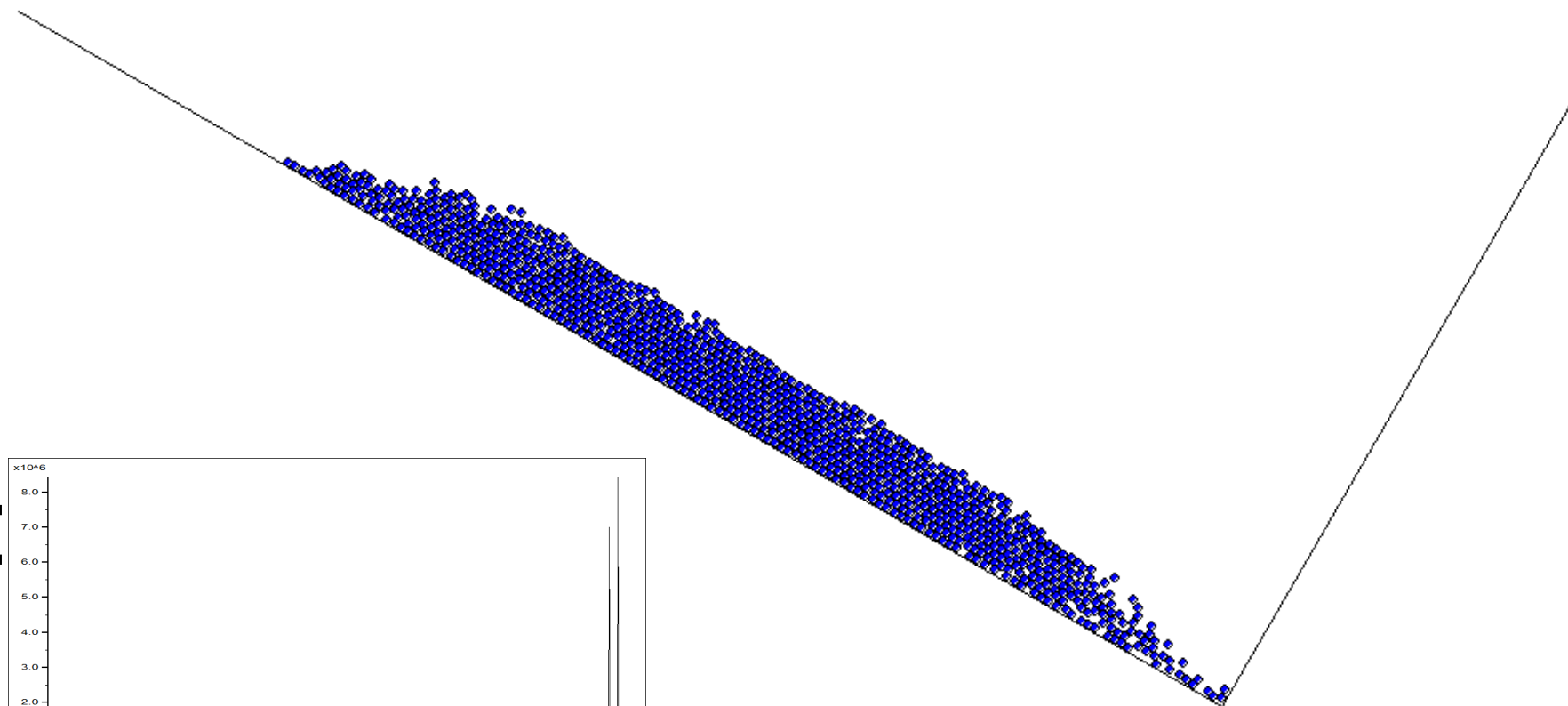
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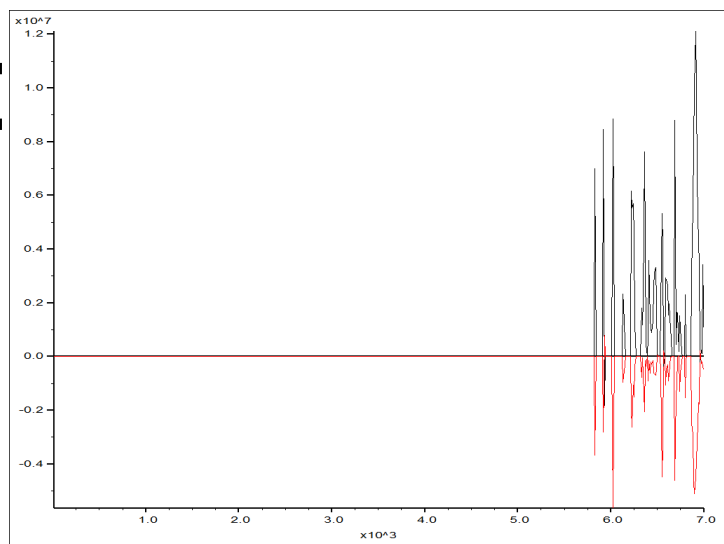
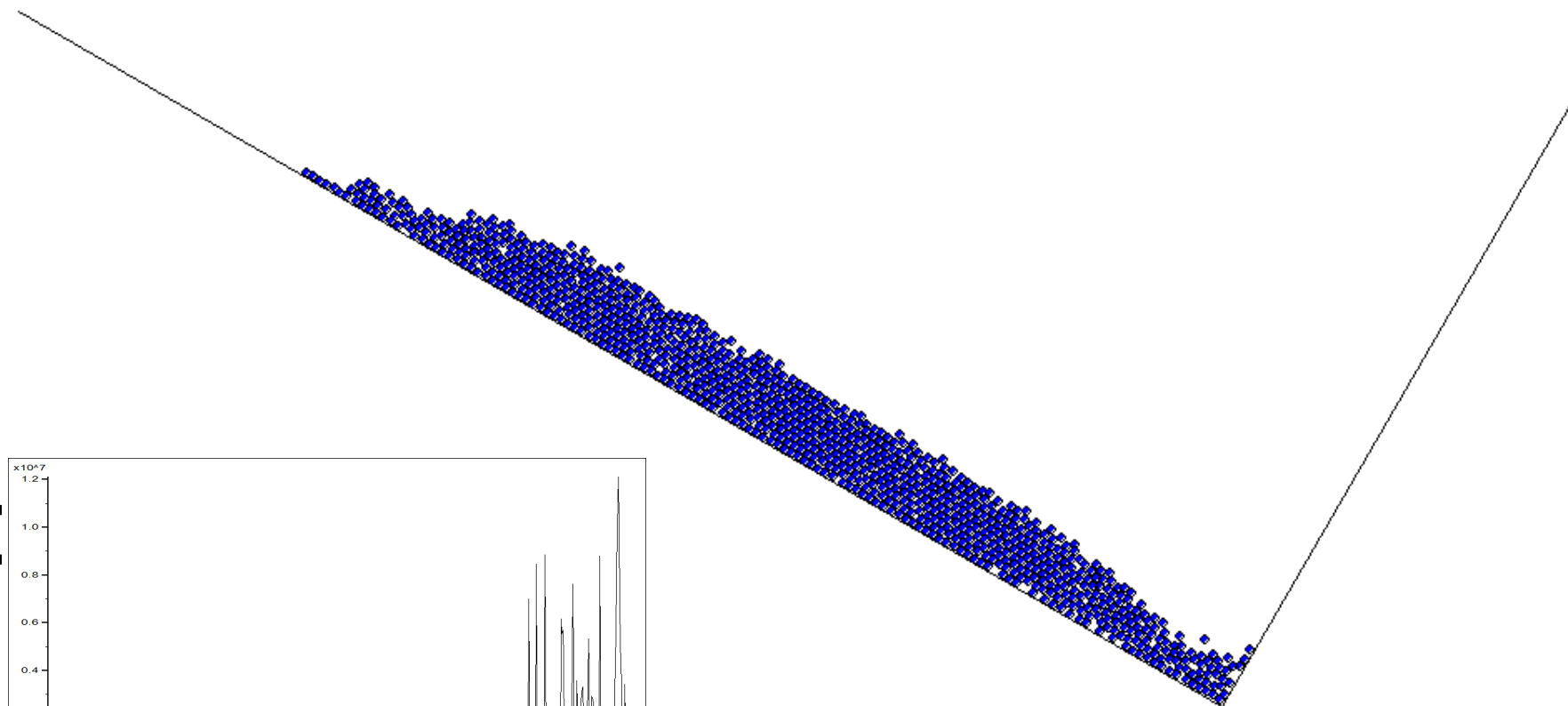


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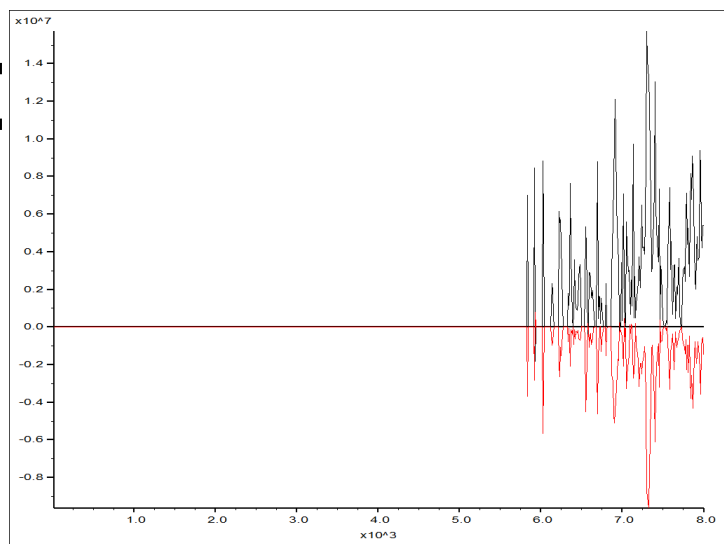
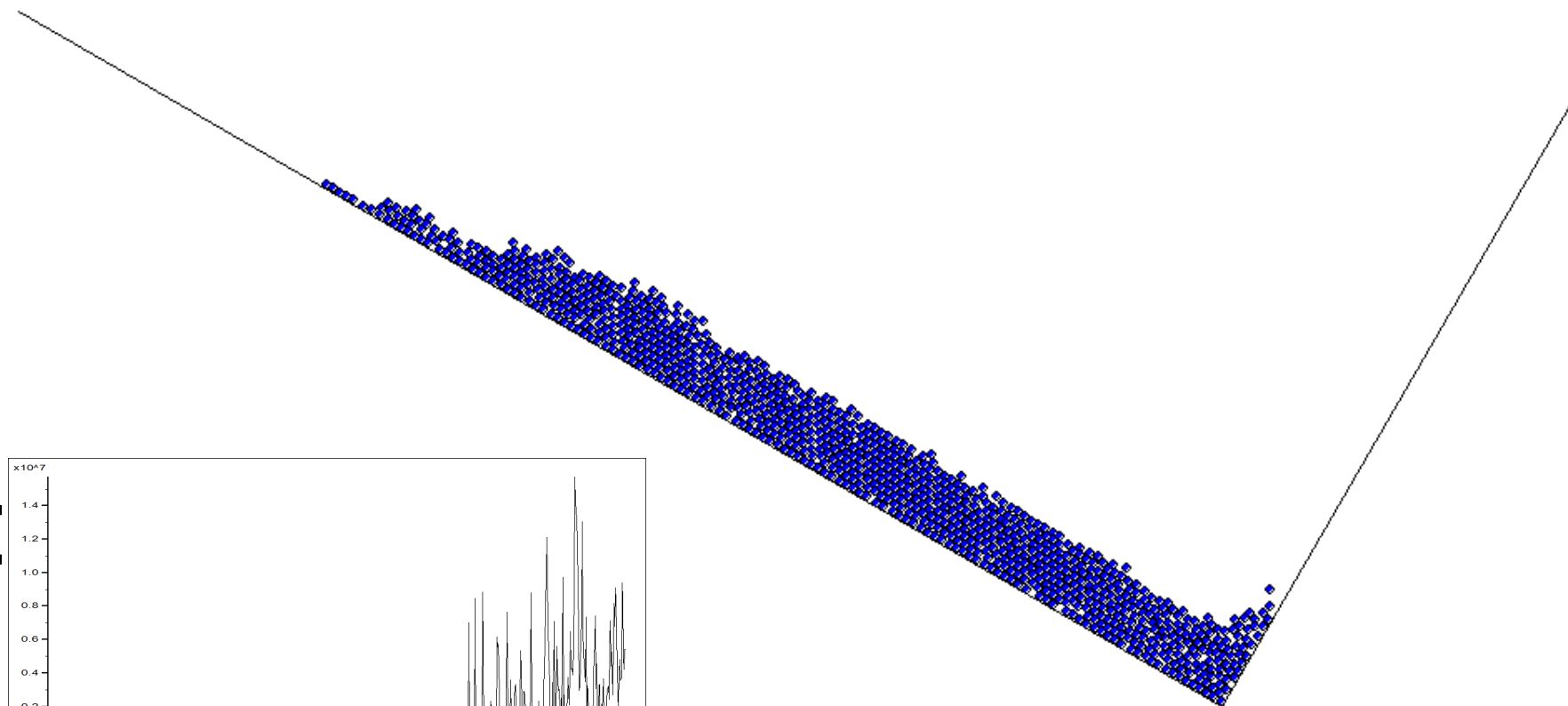
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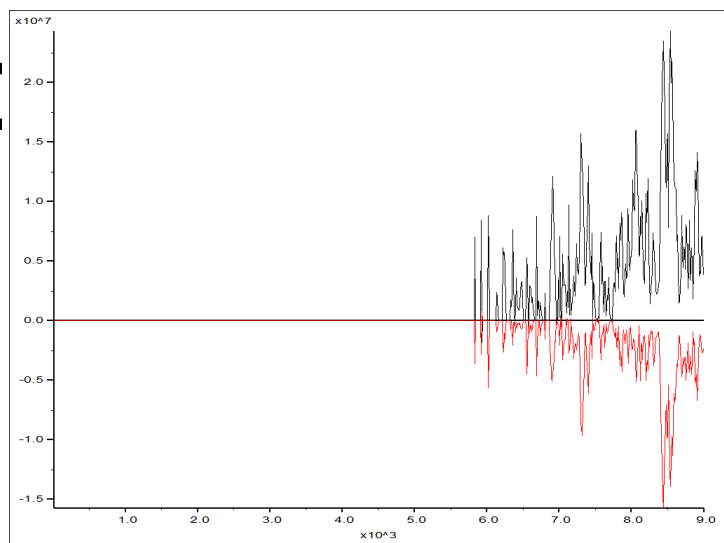
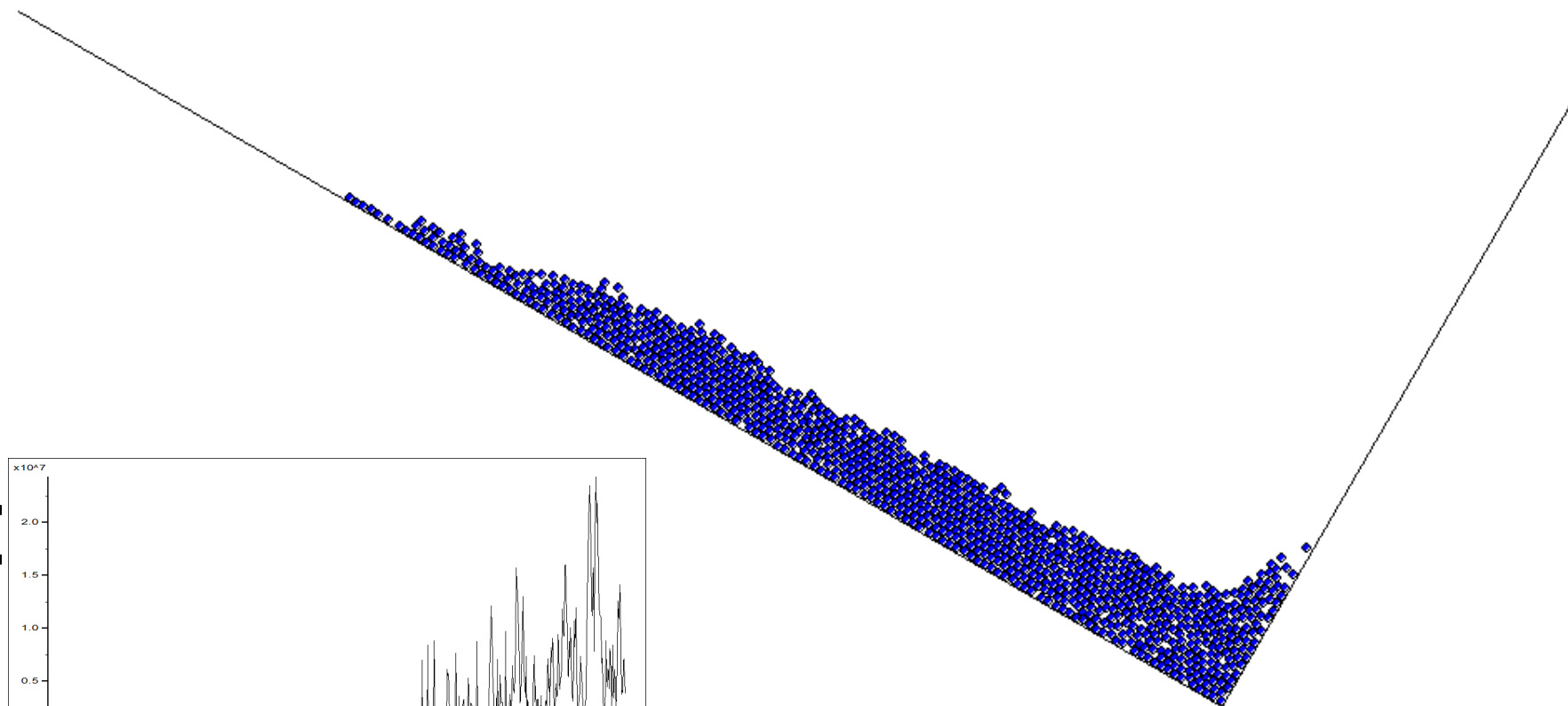
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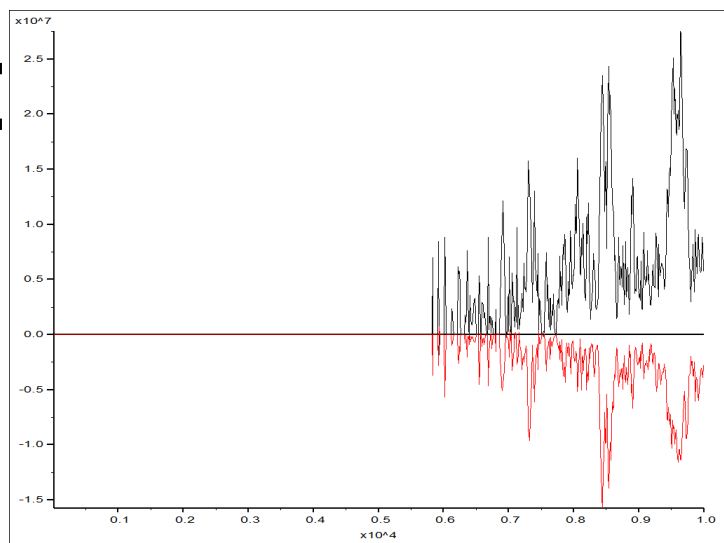
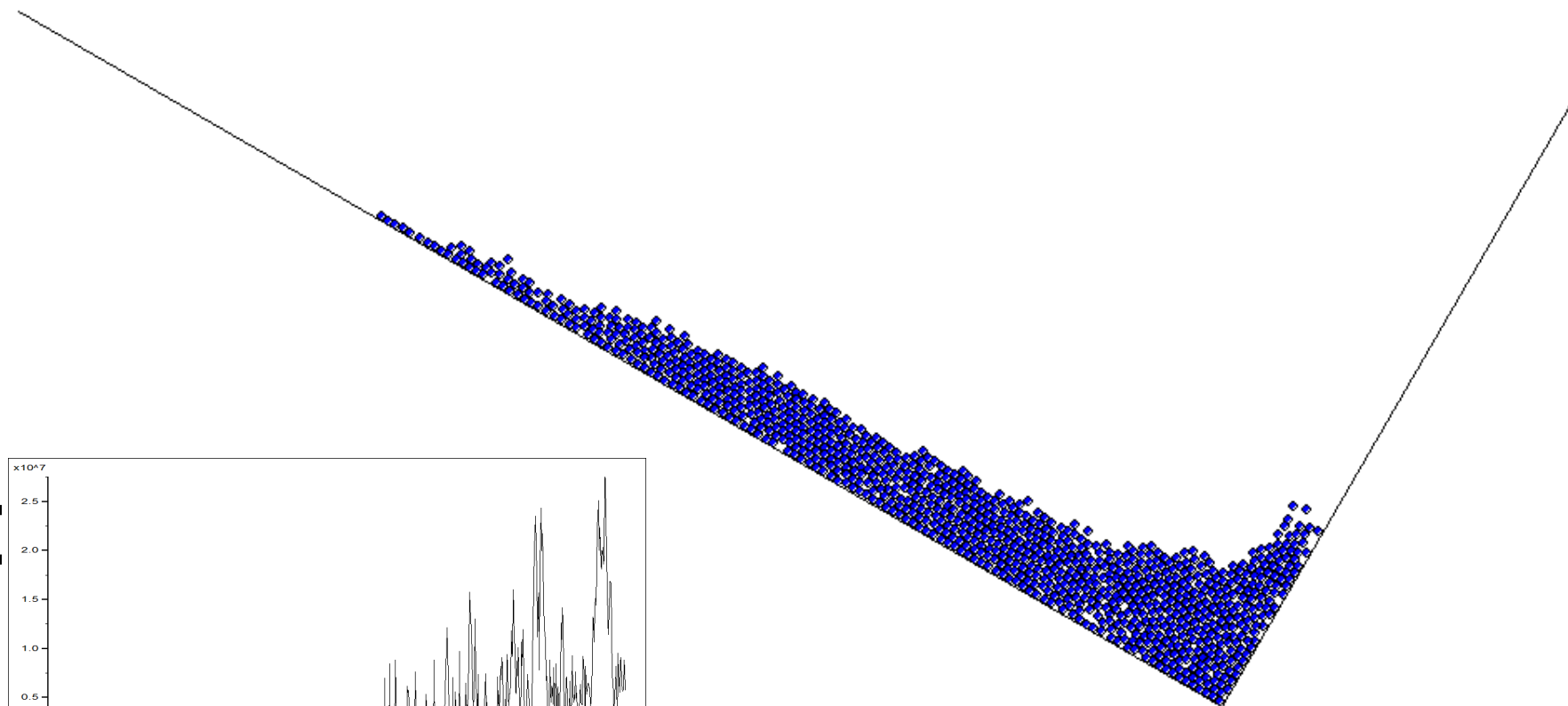
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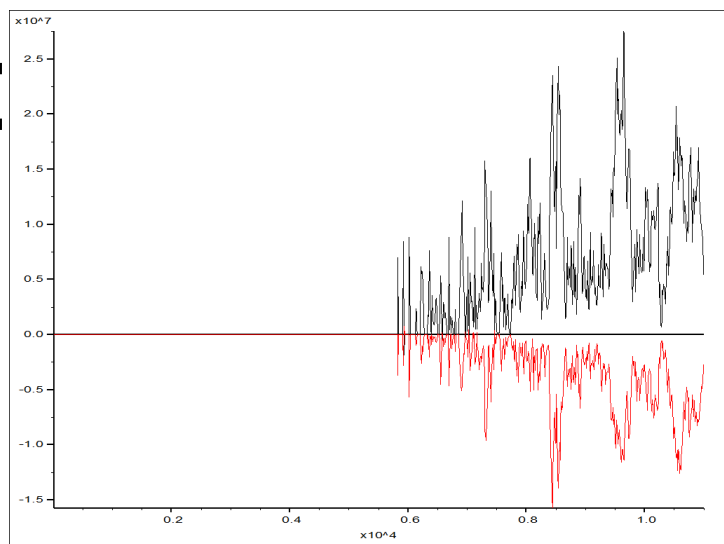
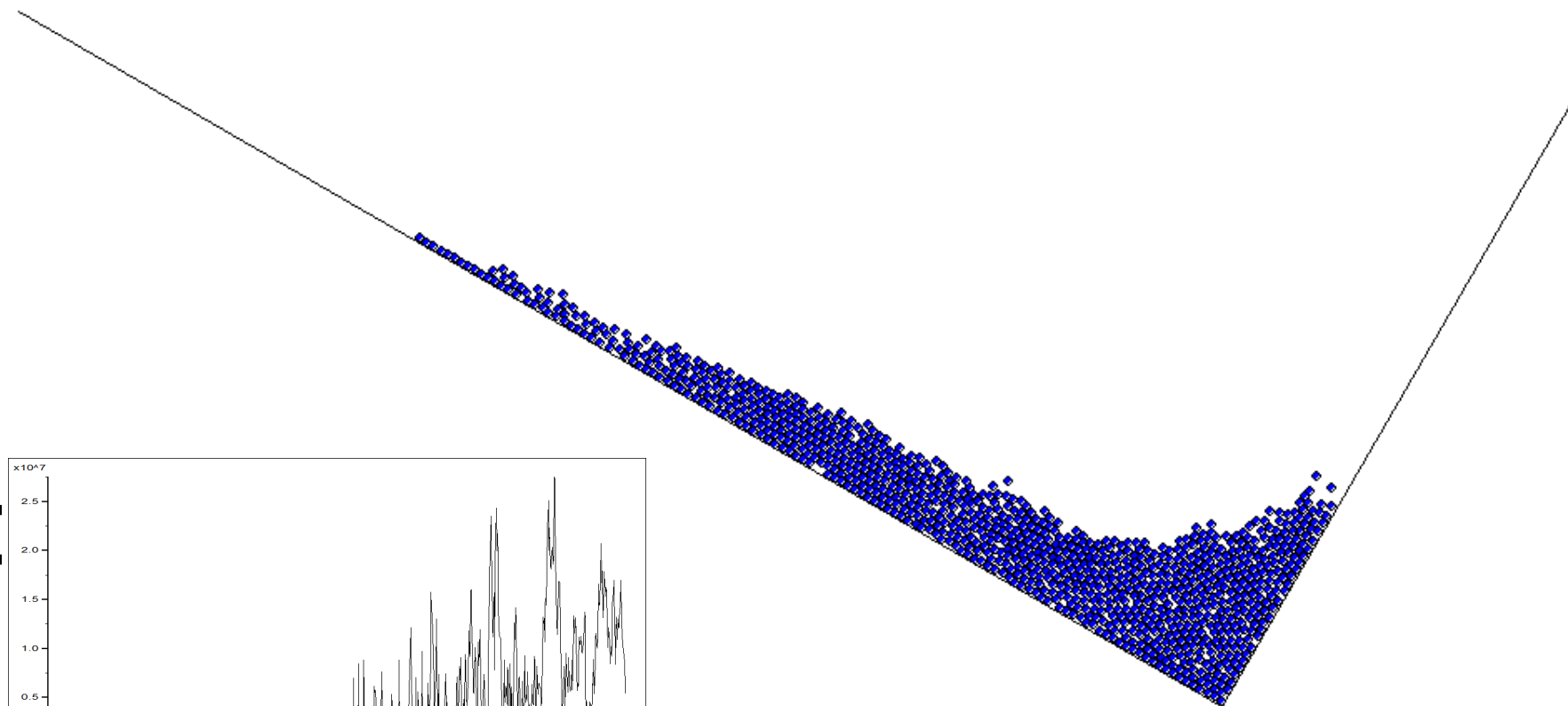
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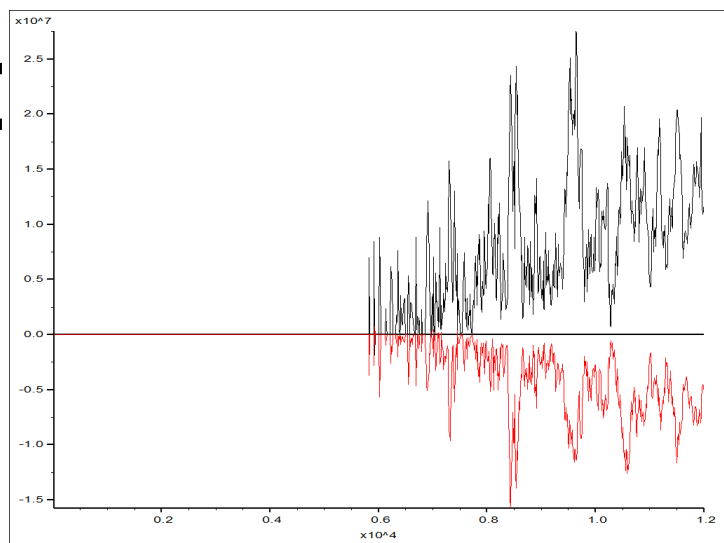
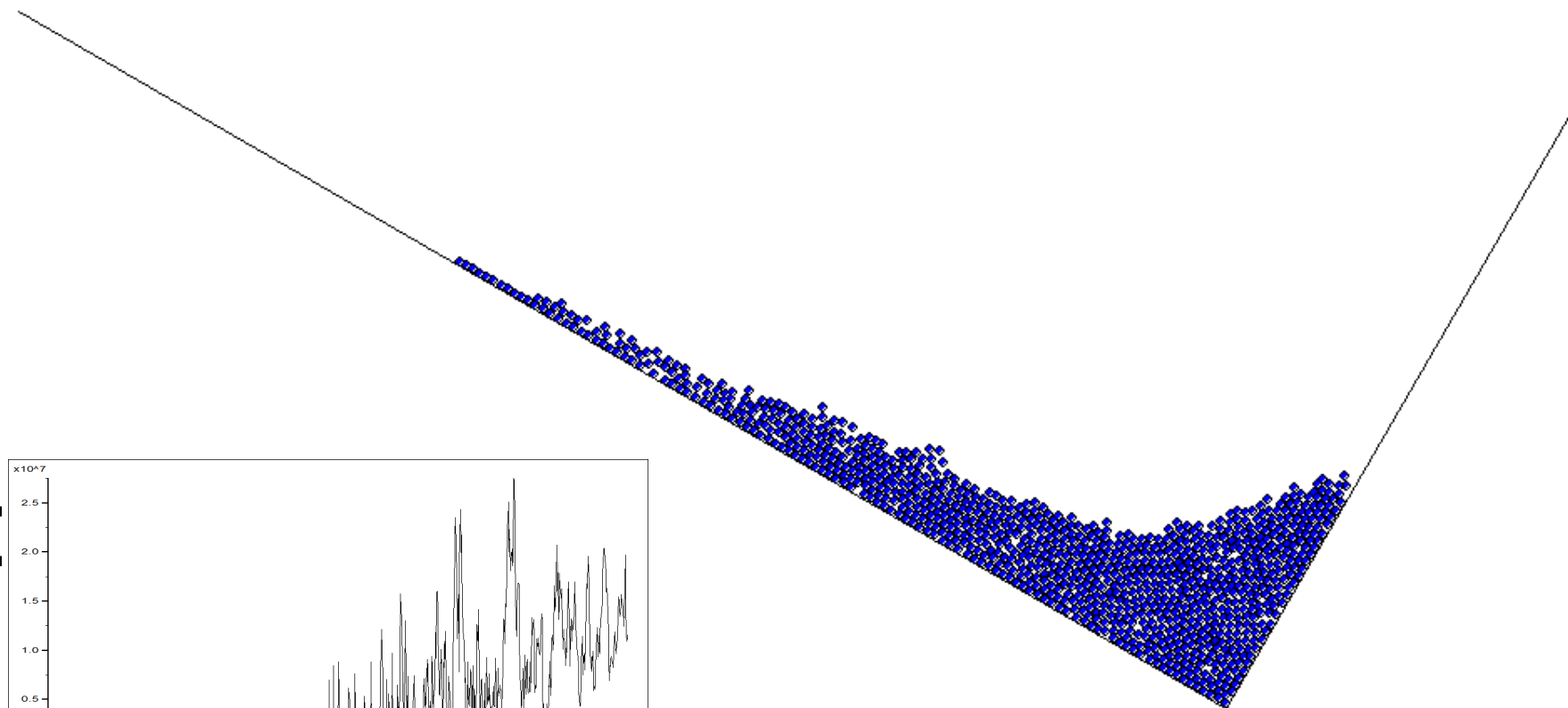
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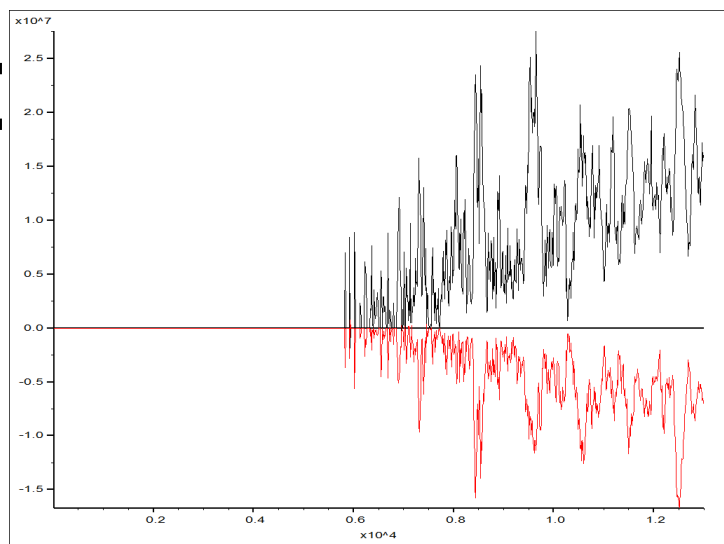
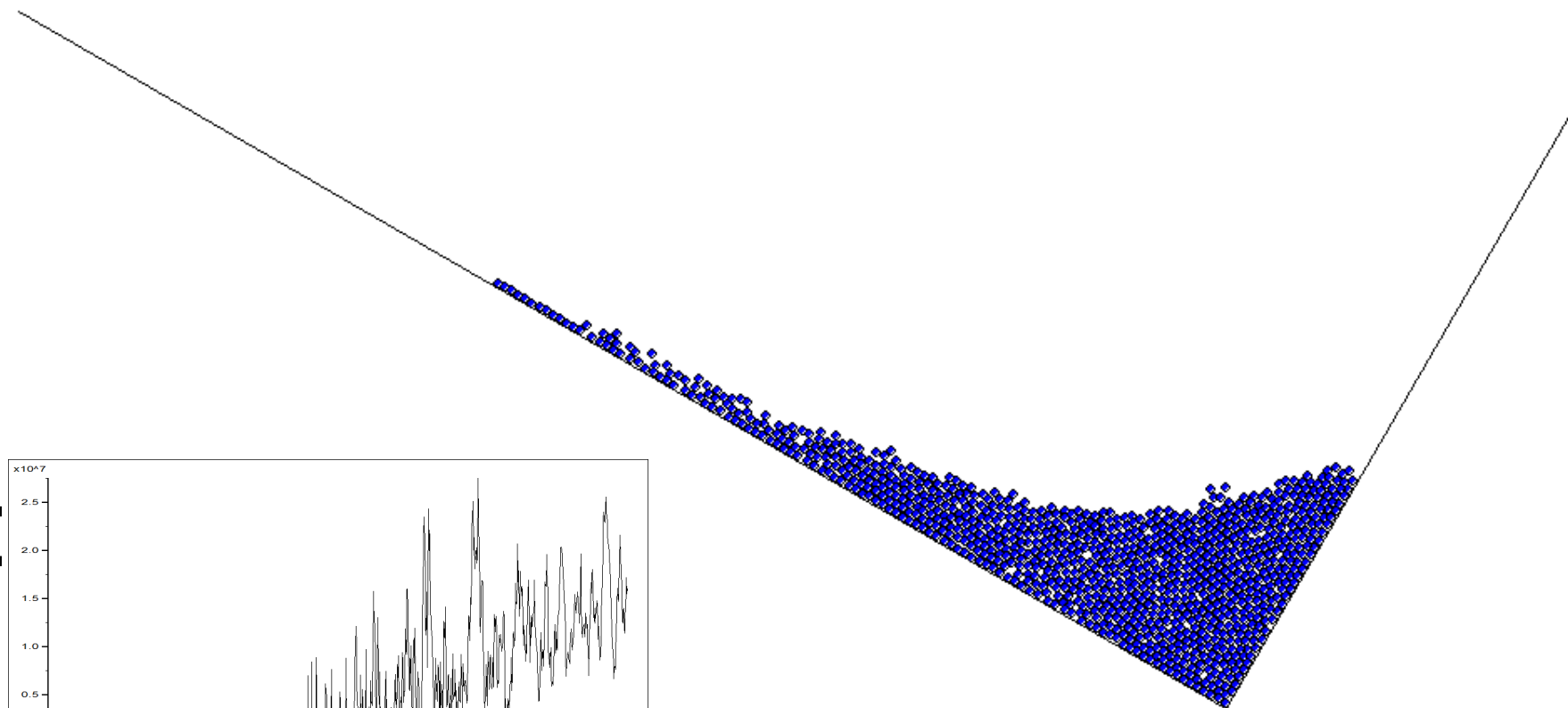
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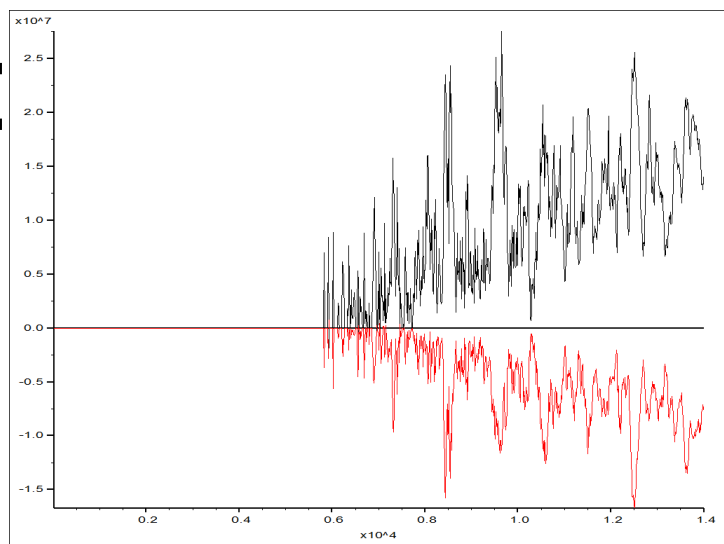
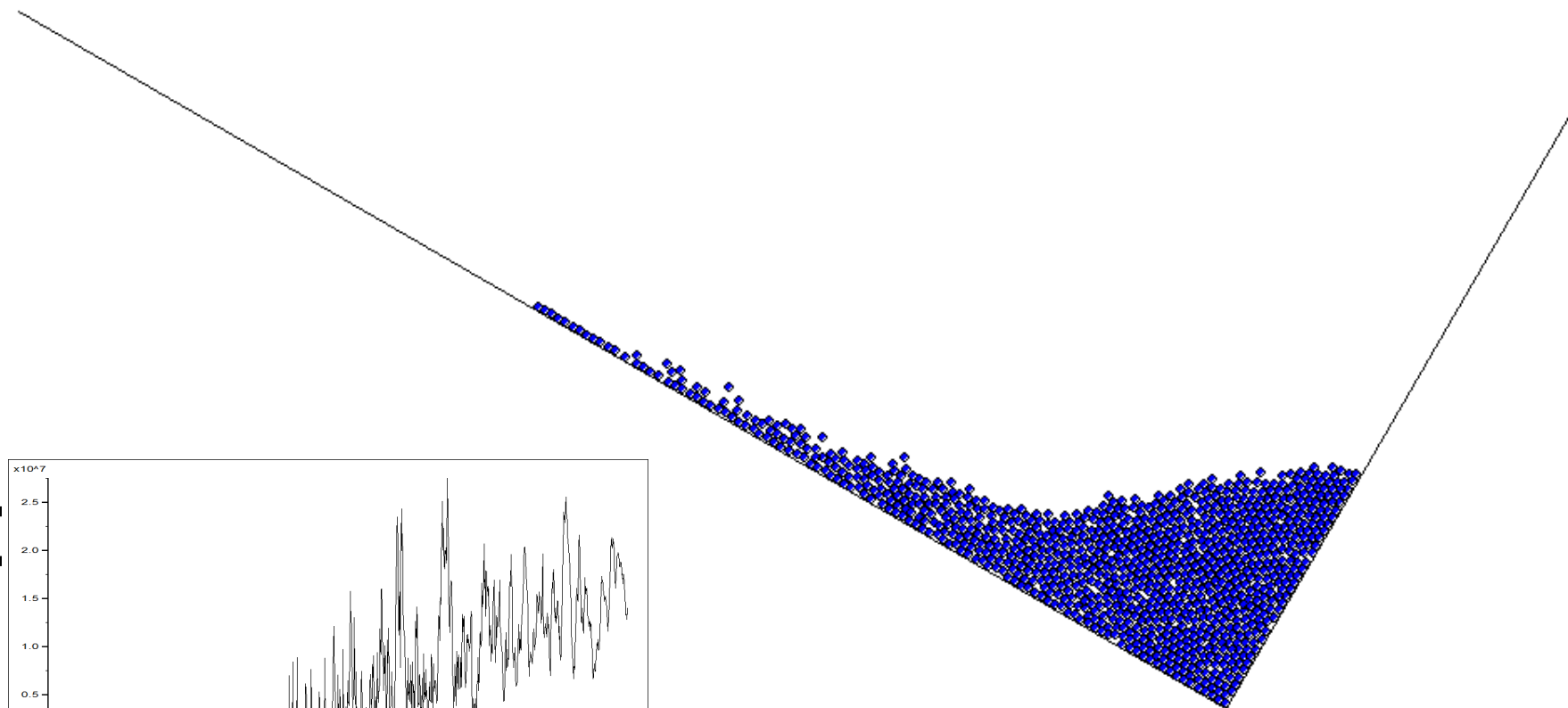
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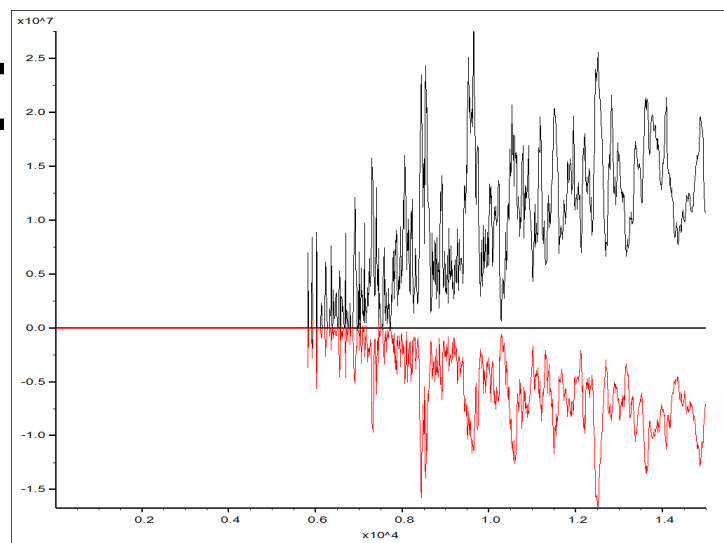
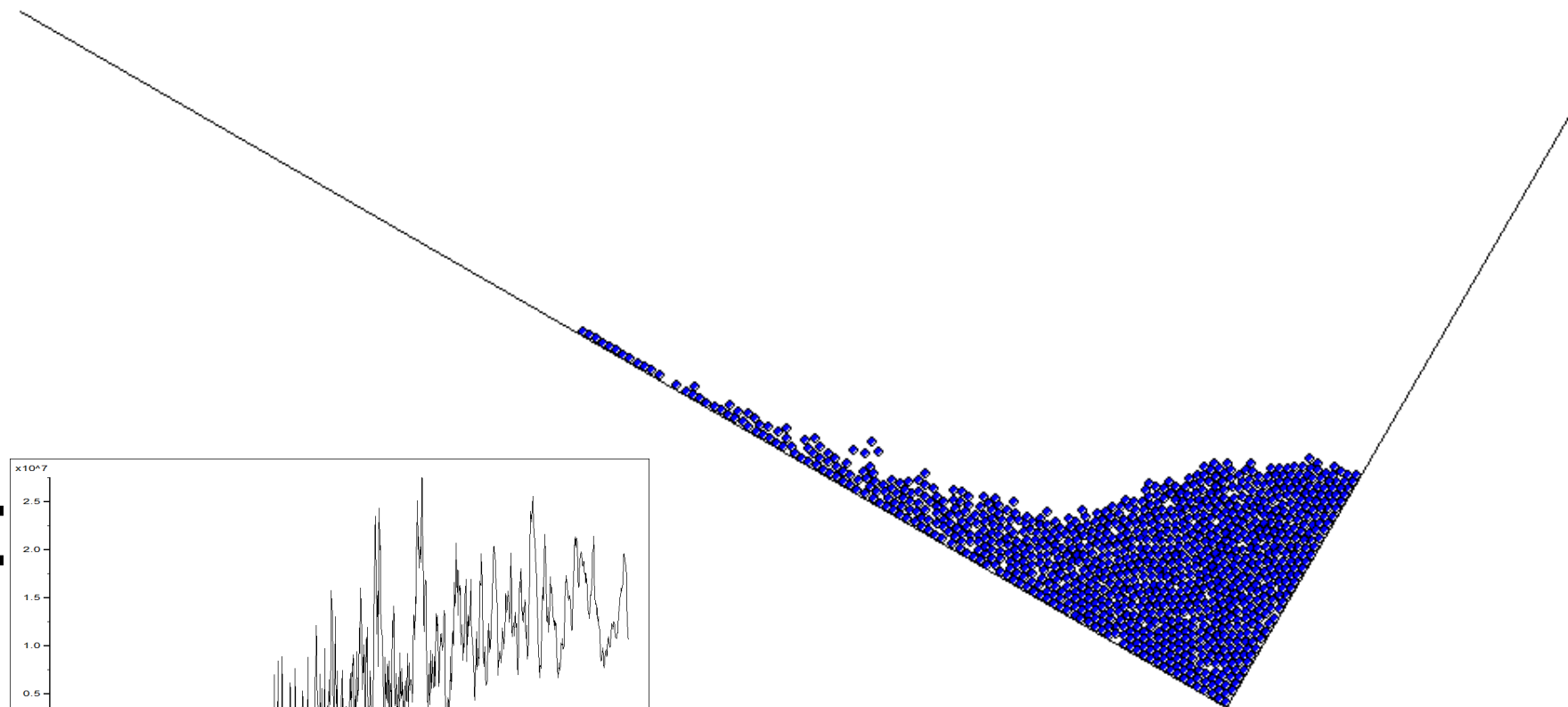
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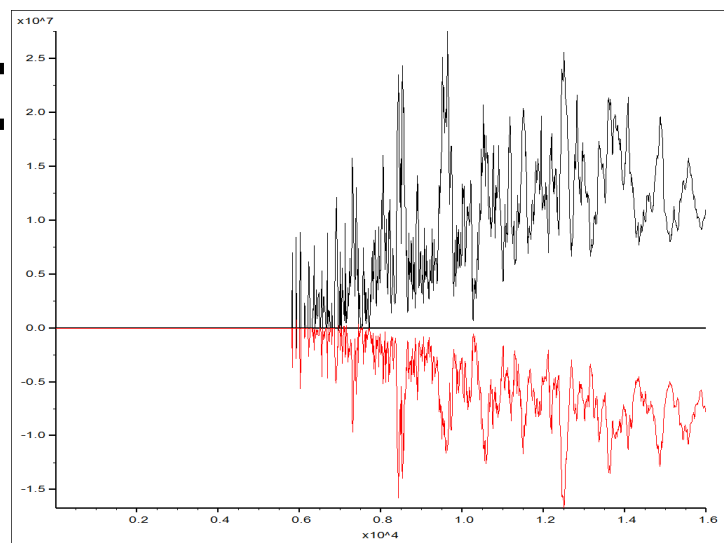
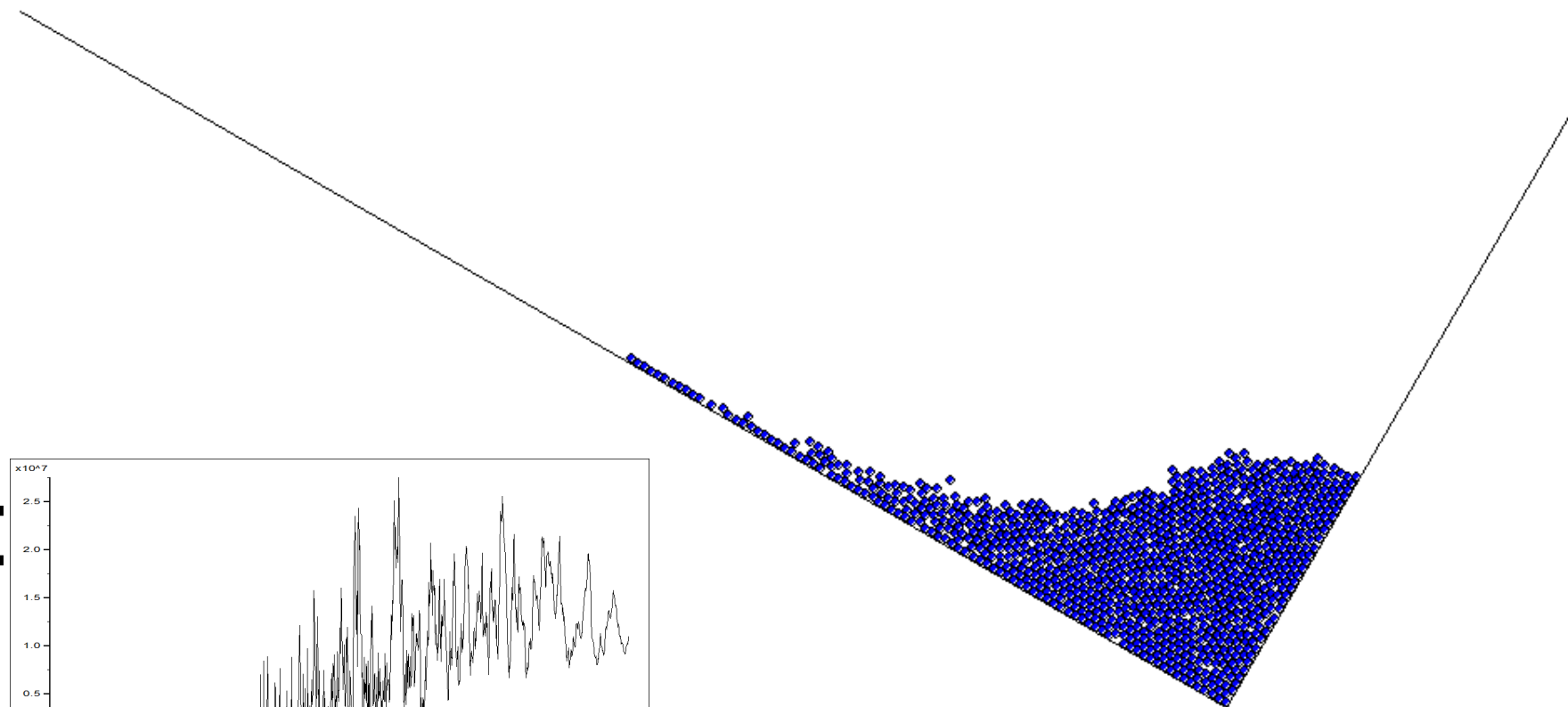
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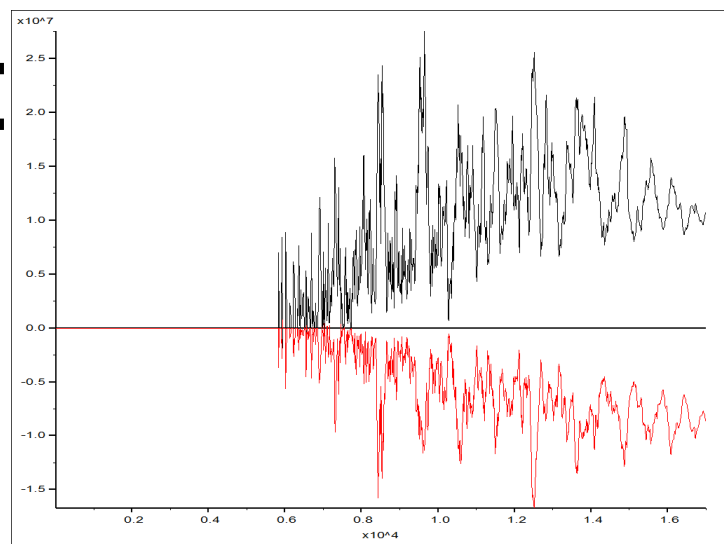
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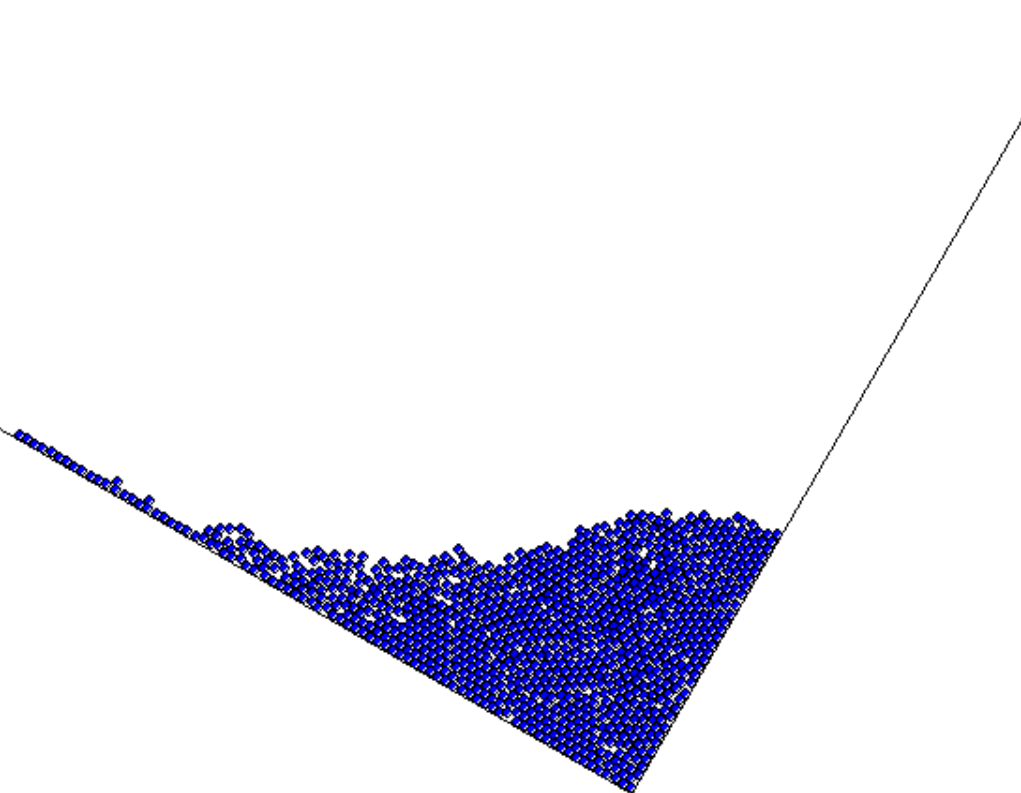


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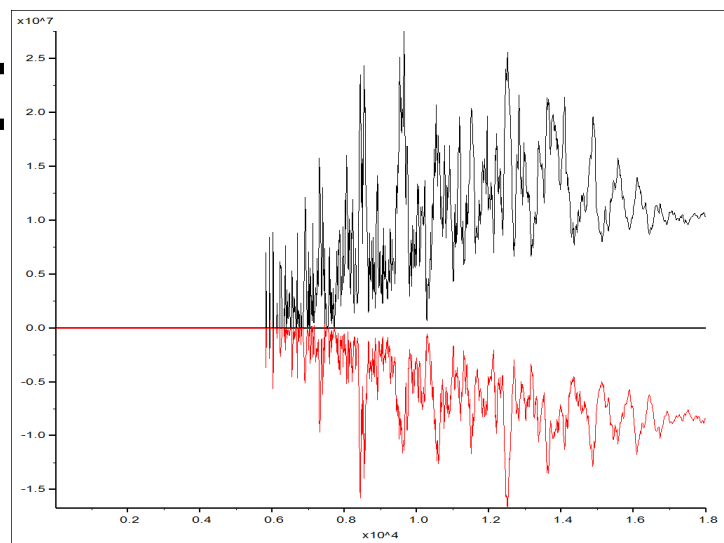
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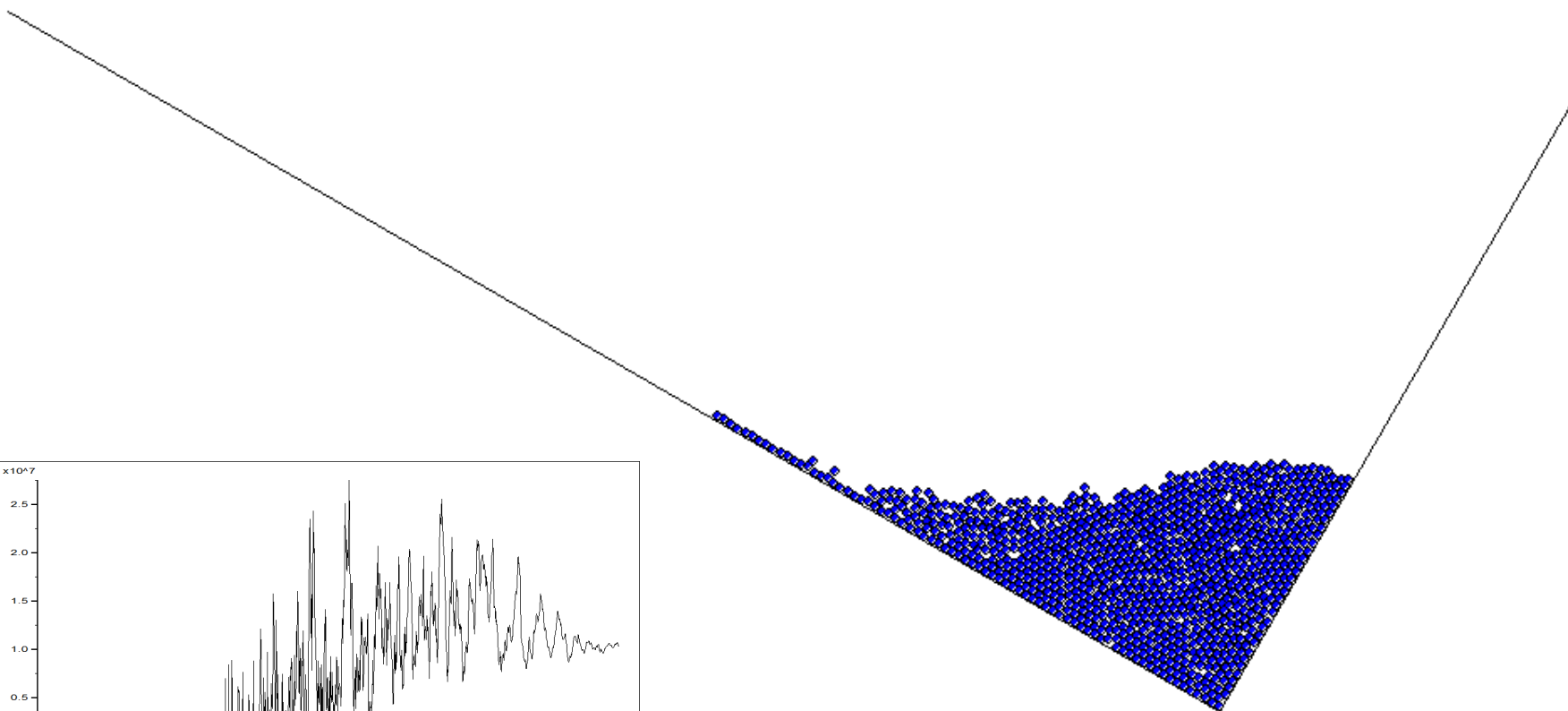
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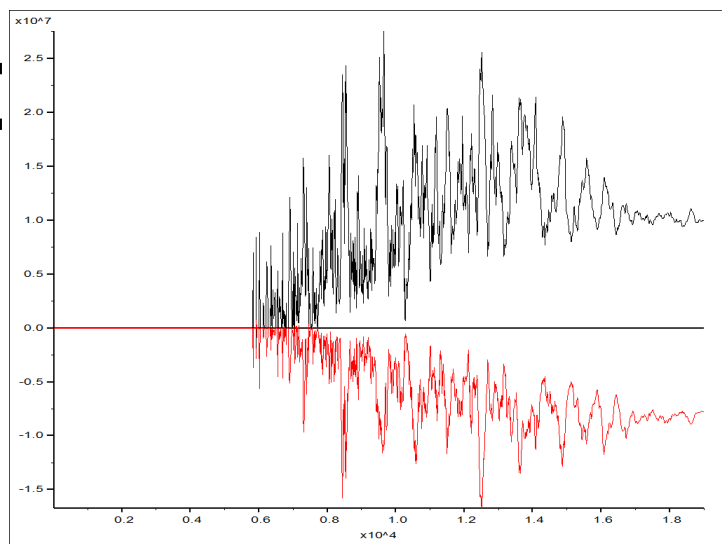
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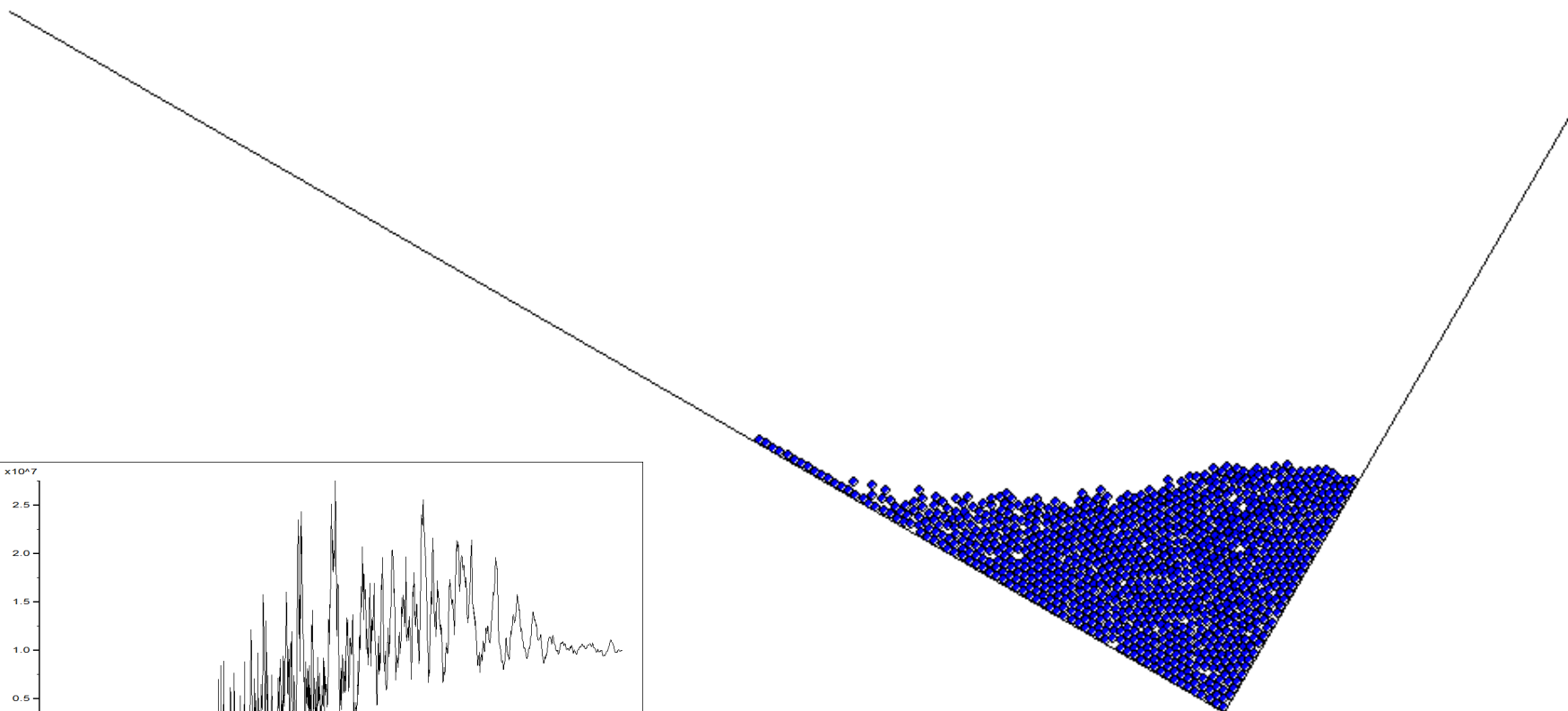
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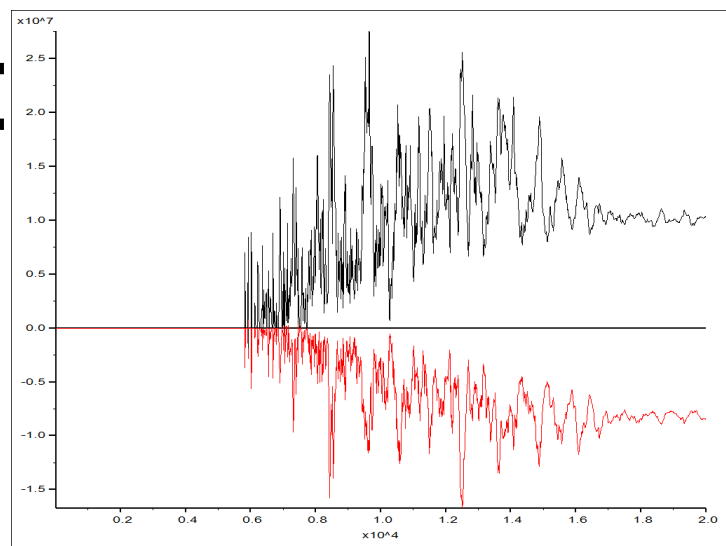
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