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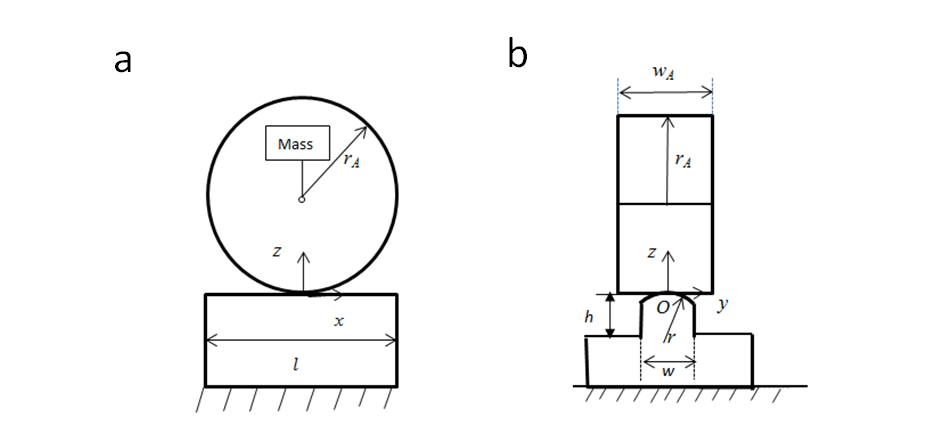
**Keywords**: non-conforming elastic contact; half-space assumption; FE method; characteristic size; significant dimensions.

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1. **Writing abstract**



*Fig. 1 Schematic diagrams of the FE model: (a) Front view; (b) Side view.*

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| **Event** | **Date** |
| Abstract submission open | 1 October 2024 |
| Deadline for abstract submission | 15 February 2025 |
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1. A4 page size,
2. Single line spacing,
3. Times New Roman font: regular, Size : 10 with justified alignment,
4. **No letterhead or company logos to be incorporated**,
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1. **Conclusions**

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