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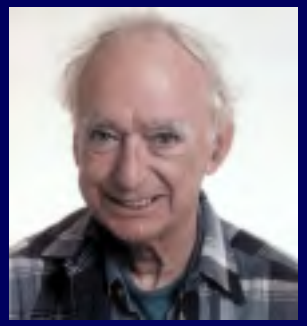

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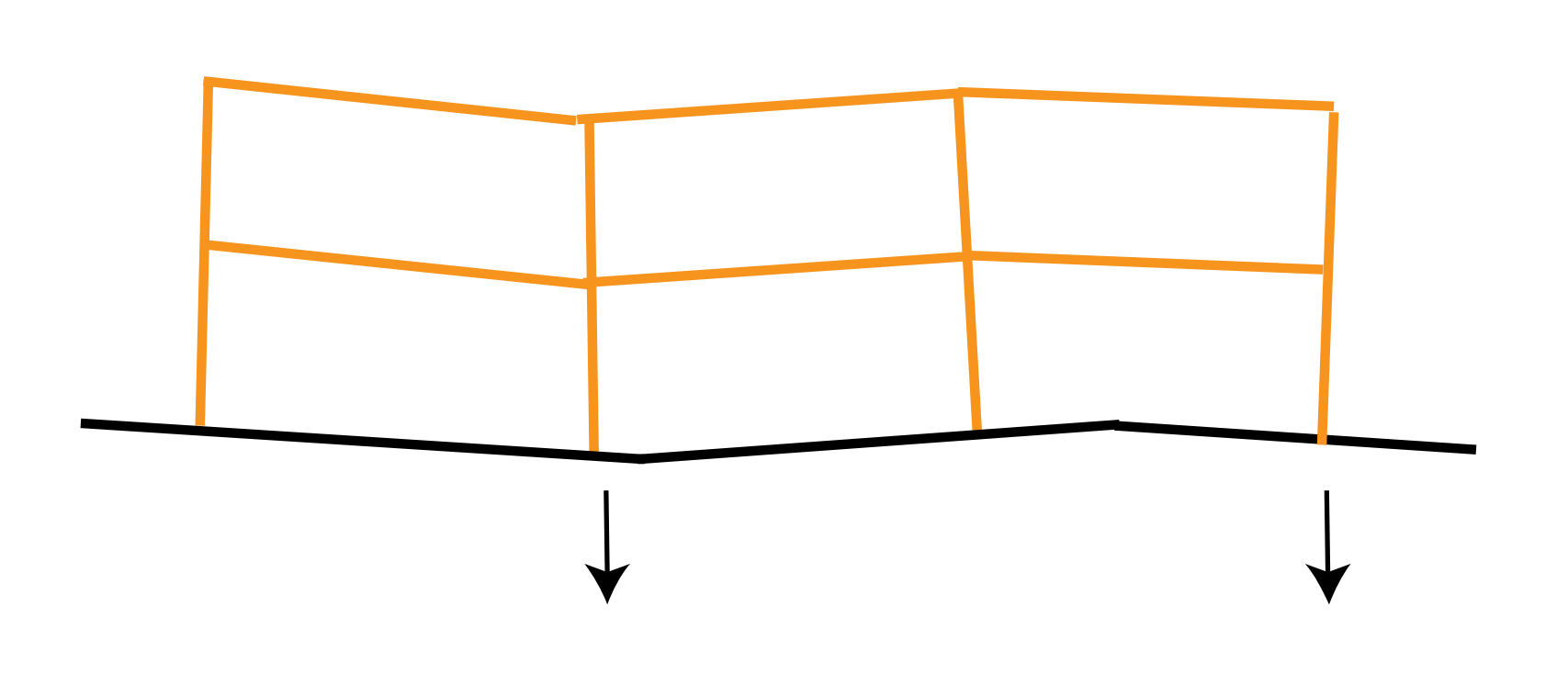
Ground Moves Beneath Structure



Hazards of Ground Movements

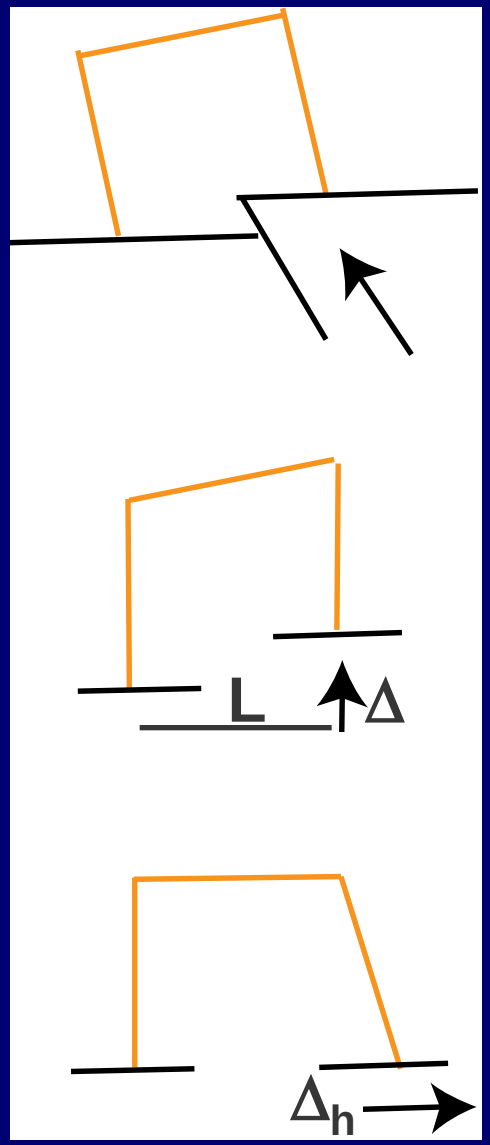
A. Shear Rupture

B. Angular Distortion

C. Extensional Strain

D. Tilt

E. Tectonic Subsidence



$\beta = \Delta / L$

$\varepsilon_h = \Delta_h / L$

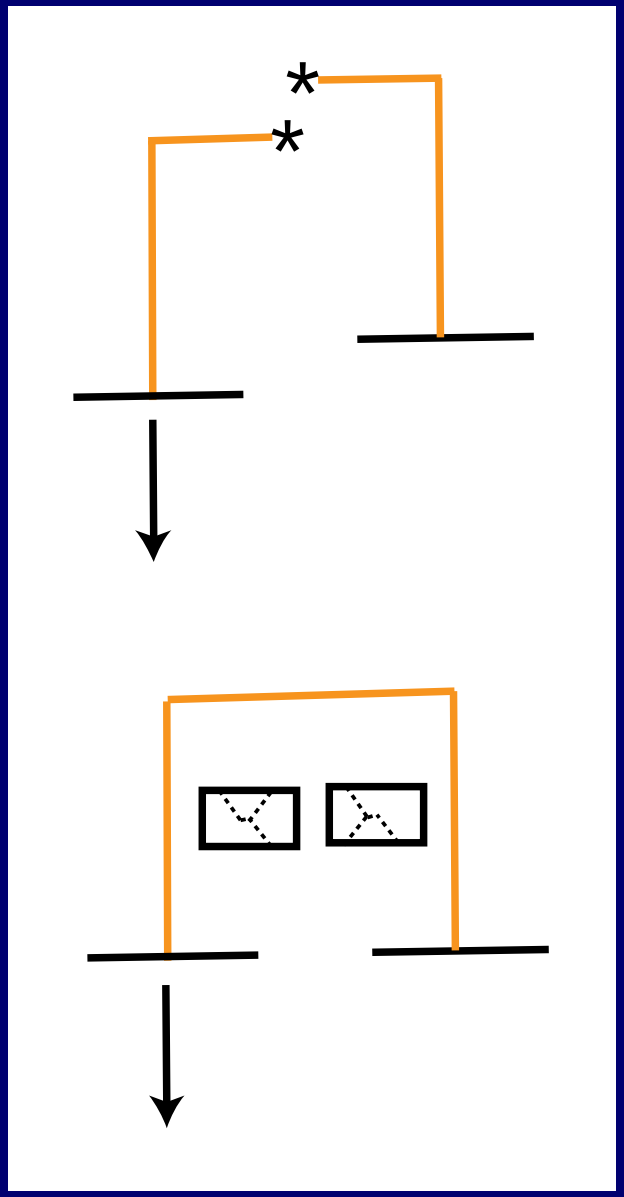
Consequences of Ground Movements

A. Structural Damage

B. Loss of Function

C. Architectural Damage

D. Excessive Tilt



Potential Causes of Ground Movements

A. Expansive Soils

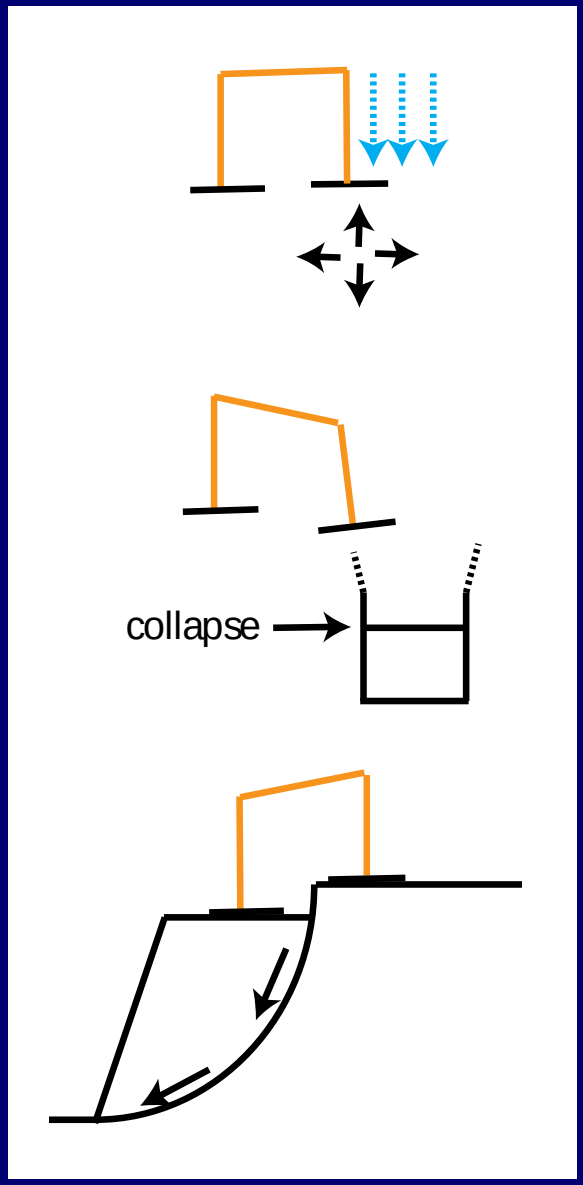
B. Static & Seismic Settlement

C. Mining Subsidence

D. Surface Faulting

E. Landslide

F. Lateral Spreading



Tolerable Levels of Ground Movements

A. **Conventional Construction: β = 1/500, Δ_t = 1 inch**

B. **Post-Tensioned Slab Residential: β = 1/360, Δ_t = 1.5 inch**

C. **Liquefaction-Induced Settlement: Δ_t = 4 inch**

(with “structural mitigation” CGS SP-117A, Youd 1989)

D. **Liquefaction-Induced Horz. Movement: Δ_t = 12 inch**

(with “structural mitigation” CGS SP-117A, Youd 1989)

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D. Liquefaction-Induced Horz. Mvmt: $\Delta_t = 12$ inch

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NOT $\Delta_t = 0$ inch

Anchorage Courthouse

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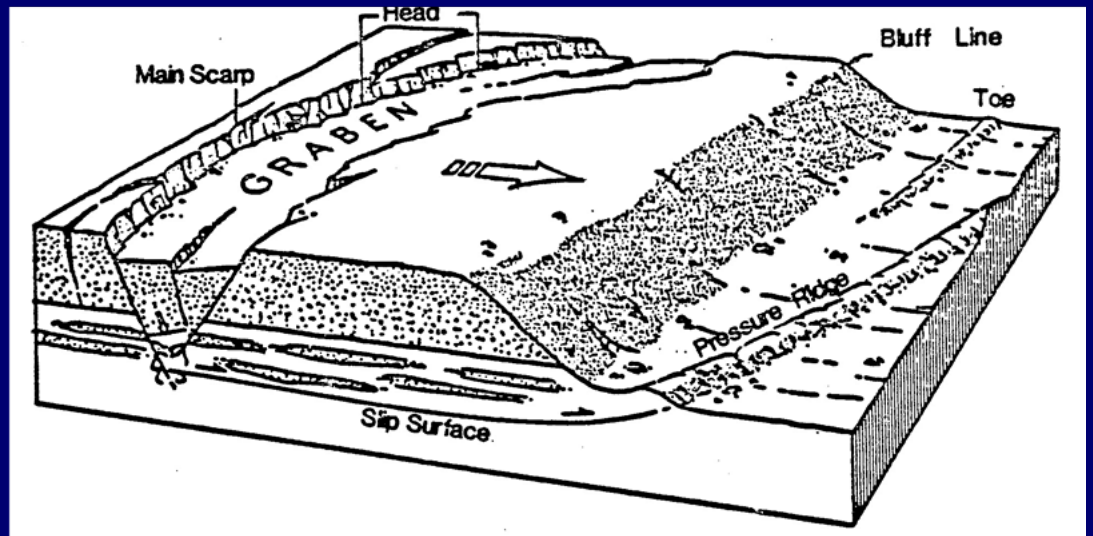
Also:
Idriss & Moriwaki, Woodward-Clyde
H. Shah, Stanford Univ.



Translatory Block Slide
(Modified after Hansen, Ref. 7)

Anchorage Courthouse:
Performance Objectives & Design Displacements

Seismic Event	Return Period	Displacement	
		Horizontal	Vertical
EQD-I (moderate level)	500 years	0.40 ft	0.27 ft
(minimize damage; repairable)		**(5 in)**	**(3 in)**
EQD-II (major level)	5,000 years	4.00 ft	2.70 ft
(maximize life safety; avoid collapse)		**(48 in)**	**(32 in)**

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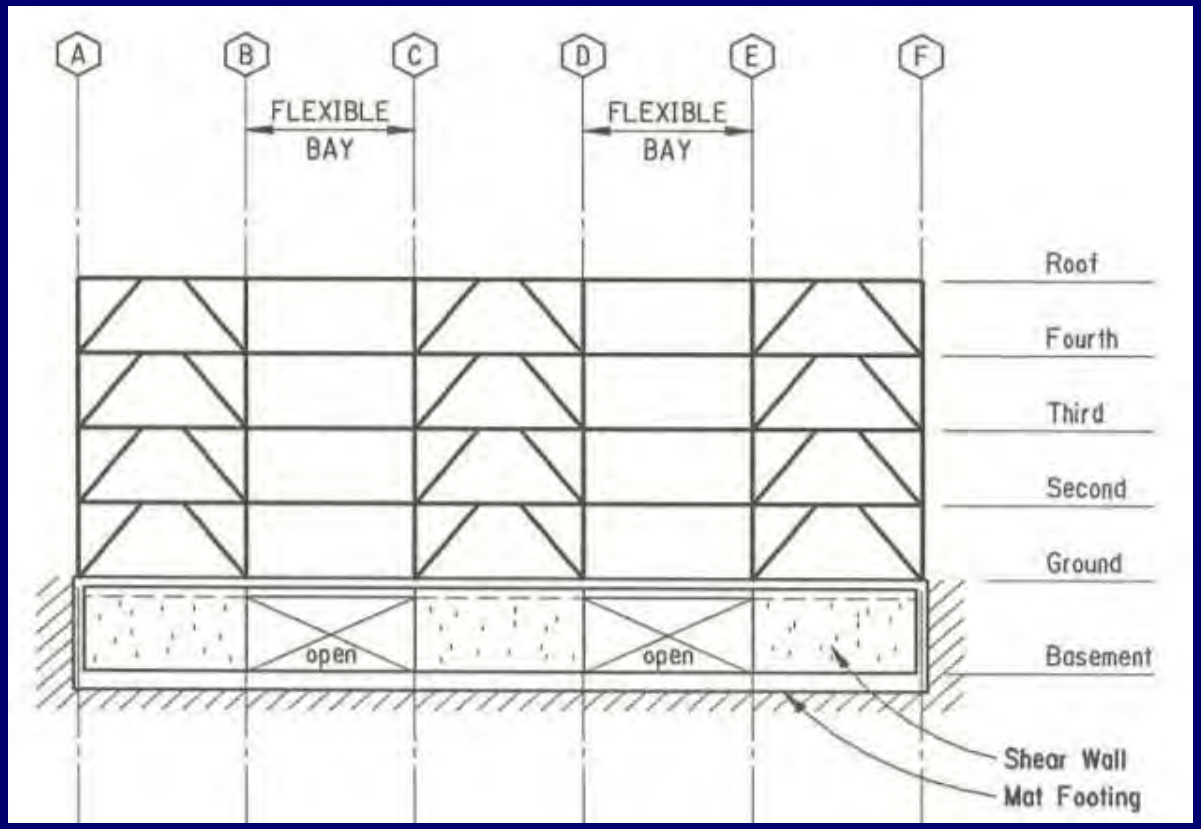
Anchorage Courthouse: Structural System



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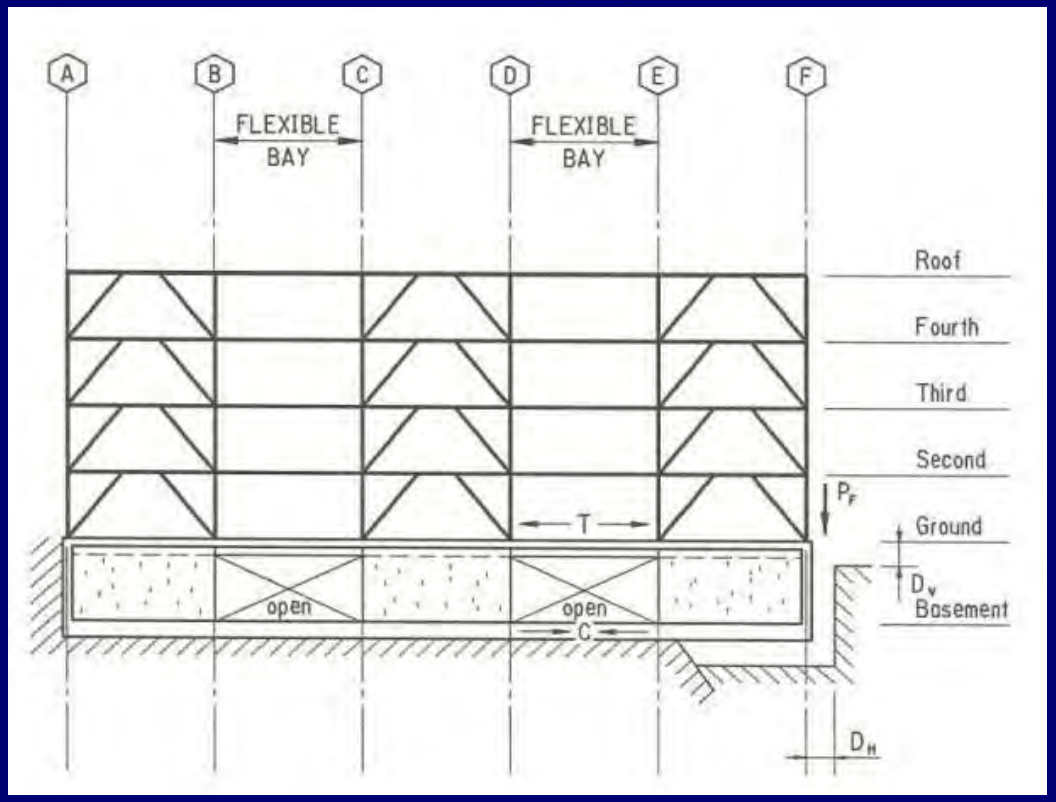
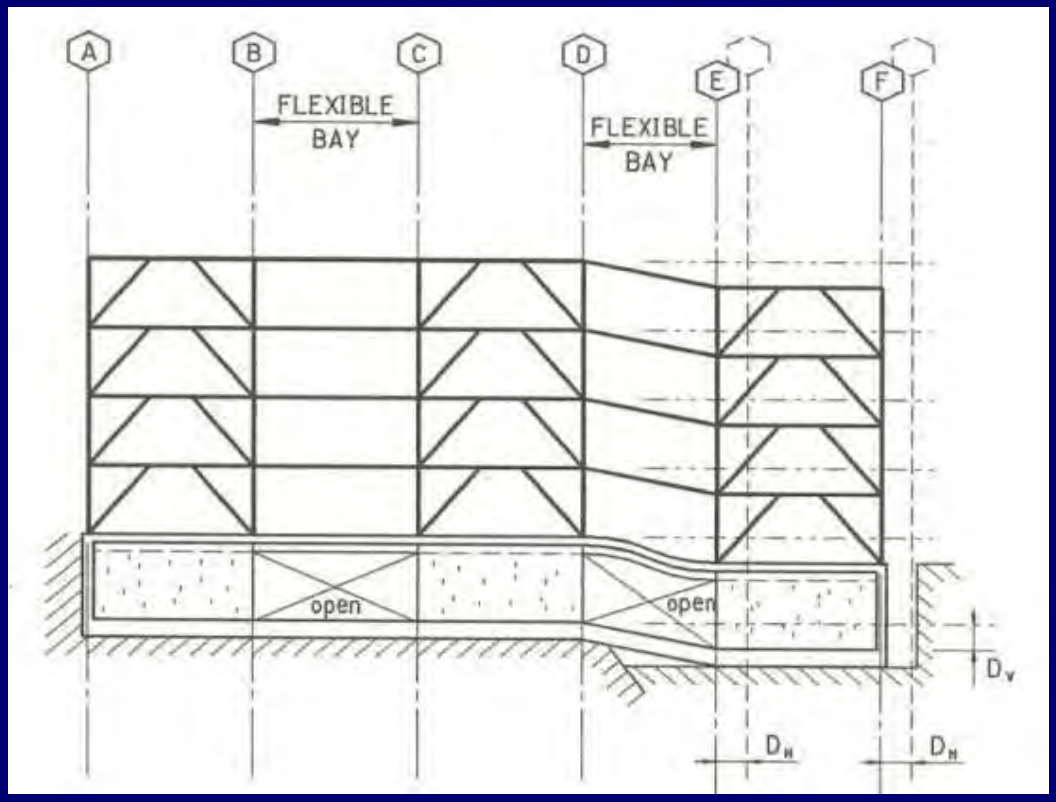
Anchorage Courthouse: Structural System

Stiff Bay's "Cantilever" Response



Flexible Bay's "Deformed" Response



D_H = 48 in. D_V = 32 in.

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Denali Fault-Crossing

(Lloyd Cluff and others; Woodward-Clyde)

DESIGN PARAMETERS:

- Horizontal: 20 feet
- Vertical: 5 feet, North side up
- Right-slip will cause axial compression

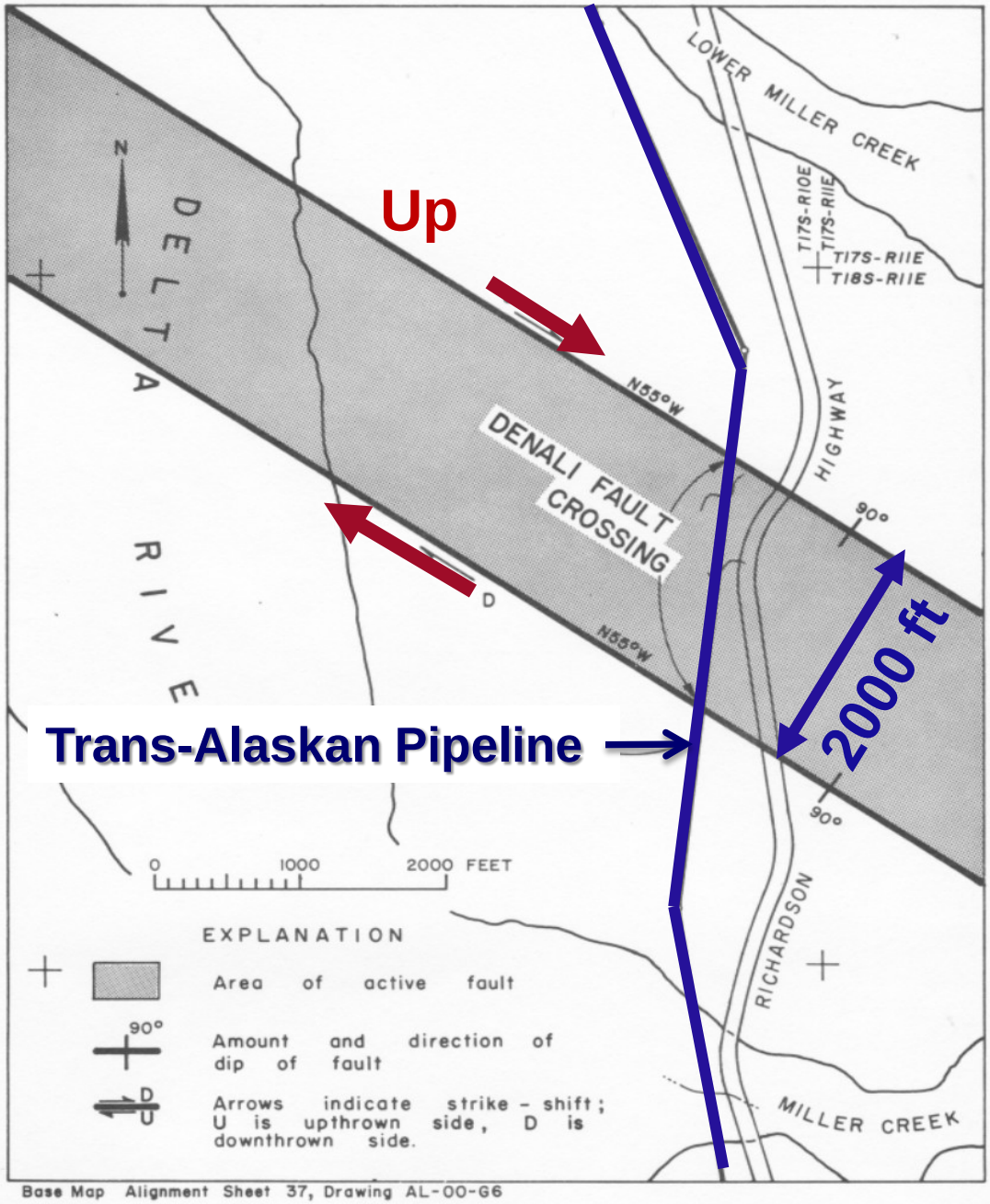


Figure 48. Map showing the location of the Denali fault crossing along the TAPS route.

Denali Fault-Crossing

(Lloyd Cluff and others; Woodward-Clyde)

DESIGN PARAMETERS:

- Horizontal: 20 feet
- Vertical: 5 feet, North side up
- Right-slip will cause axial compression

November 3, 2002 rupture

- Horizontal: 18 feet
- Vertical: 3.5 feet, N side up
- Axial compression: 11 feet

"Pipeline performed as designed; and not a drop of oil was spilled"
– L. Cluff

Sorensen et al. (2003)

1972 Alquist-Priolo Geologic Hazard Zones Act

Sect. 2621.5:
"… to provide for the public safety in hazardous fault zones."

Sect. 2622:
… active traces of the San Andreas, Calaveras, Hayward, and San Jacinto Faults, and such other faults … sufficiently active and well-defined as to constitute a potential hazard to structures …"

Sect. 2623:
"… not approve … structure … if an undue hazard would be created…

If … no undue hazard exists … structure may be approved."

1972 Alquist-Priolo Geologic Hazard Zones Act

ORIGINAL FOCUS

- **Public Safety**
  - If undue hazard would be created
  - If not, structure may be approved
- **Hazardous Fault Zones**
  - San Andreas, Calaveras, Hayward, & San Jacinto faults
  - Other faults that are a potential hazard to structures

1972 Alquist-Priolo Geologic Hazard Zones Act

IMPLEMENTATION:

"site … shall be approved … in accordance with policies and criteria established by the State Mining and Geology Board …"

1973 Policies and Criteria of the State Mining and Geology Board

"No structure for human occupancy …. shall be permitted to be placed across the trace of an active fault."

Avoidance of active fault traces becomes norm

21st Century Approach

- Cannot always avoid active faults
- Not all active faults are hazardous:

  low slip-rate fault with < 2 inch offset vs. high-slip rate fault with > 10 foot offset
- Unintended consequences
- "Unless proven otherwise" is too stringent
- If we can design for mining subsidence, landslides, & lateral spreading, why not minor fault-induced ground movements?

21st Century Approach

- Cannot always avoid active faults
- Unintended consequences
- Not all active faults are the same
  low slip rate fault with < 2 inch offset vs.
  high slip rate fault with > 20 foot offset
- "Unless proven otherwise" is too stringent
- If we can design for mining subsidence, landslides, & lateral spreading, why not minor fault-induced ground movements?

Does the structure care why the ground moved?

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Focus on active faults that could produce significant differential ground movement that would constitute a hazard to structures

Significant differential ground movement could produce a significant risk to a structure during a single rupture event:

Vert. Δ_t = 4 in. or Horz. Δ_t = 12 in. over 10 ft-wide zone, OR

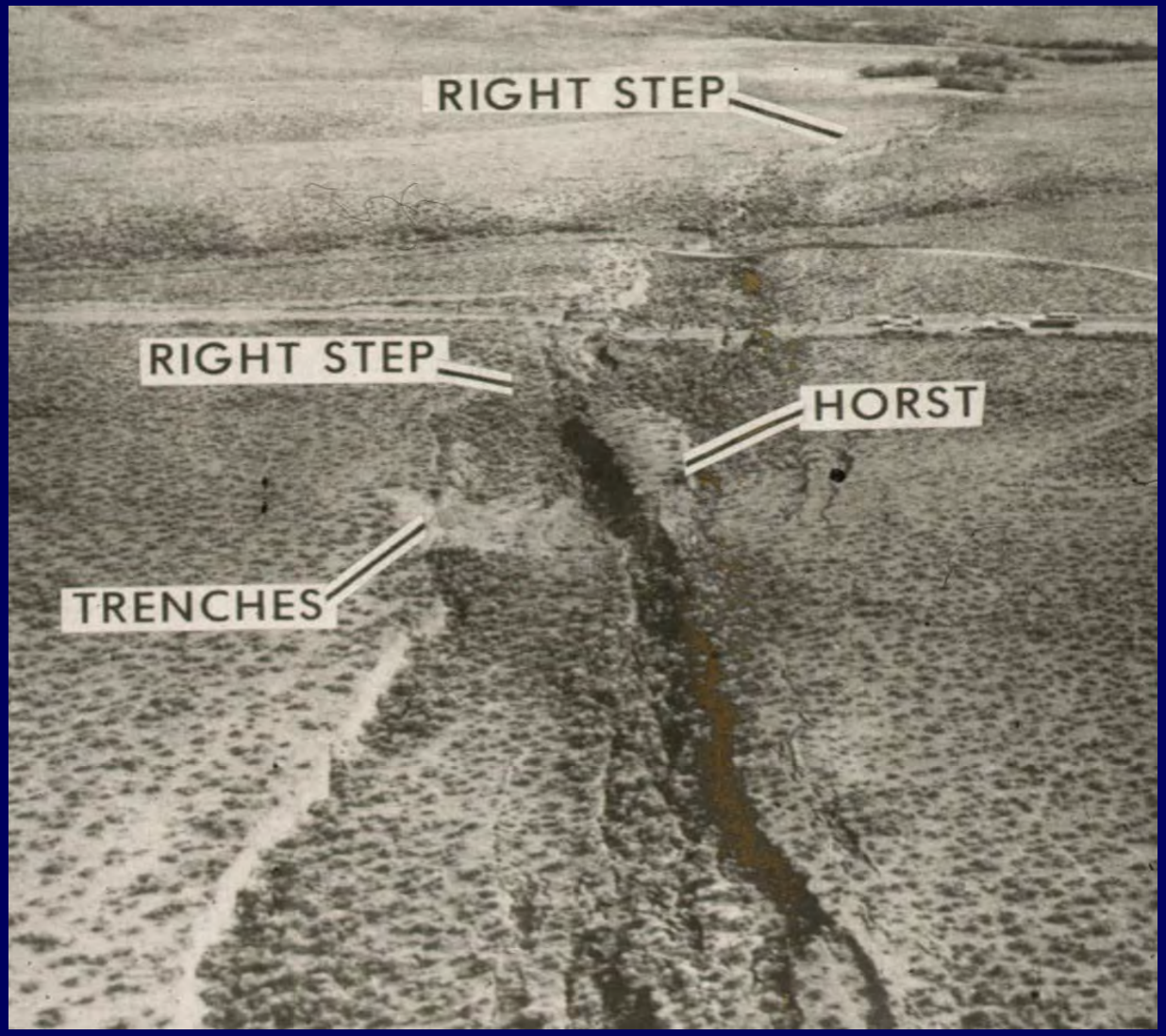
Vert. Δ_t = 8 in. or Horz. Δ_t = 24 in. across the structure

Surface Fault Rupture Mitigation

1992 Landers Earthquake

Observations of Surface Fault Rupture:

1983 Borah Peak EQ (Crone et al. 1987)



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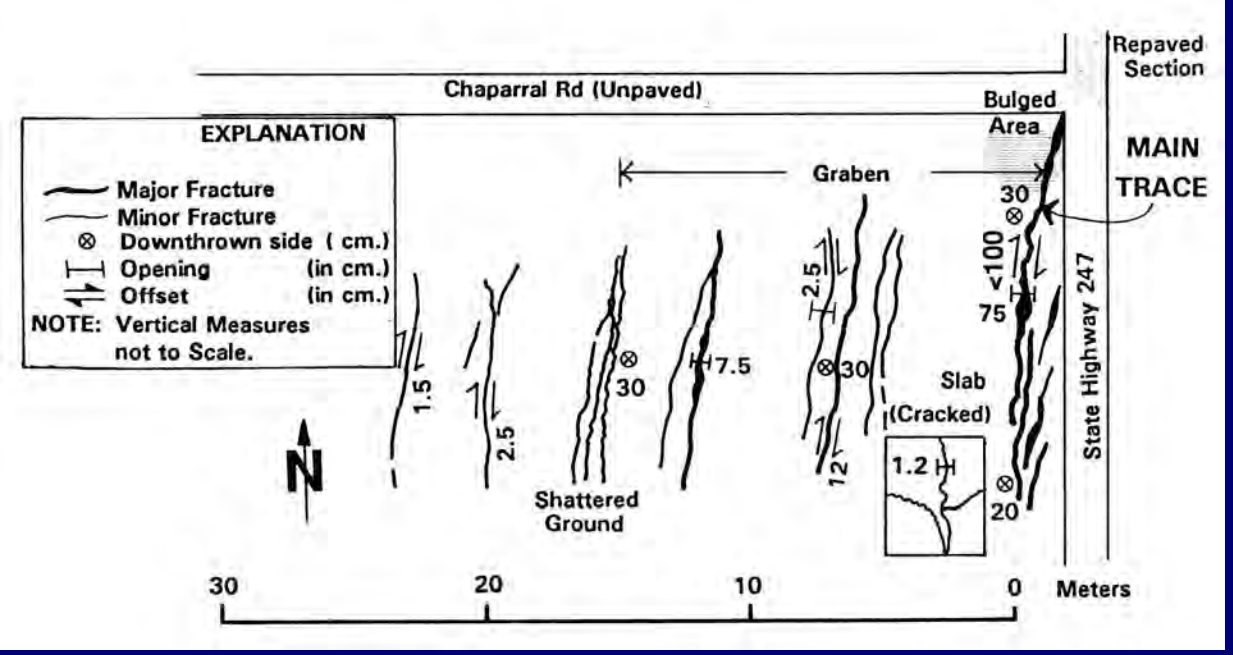
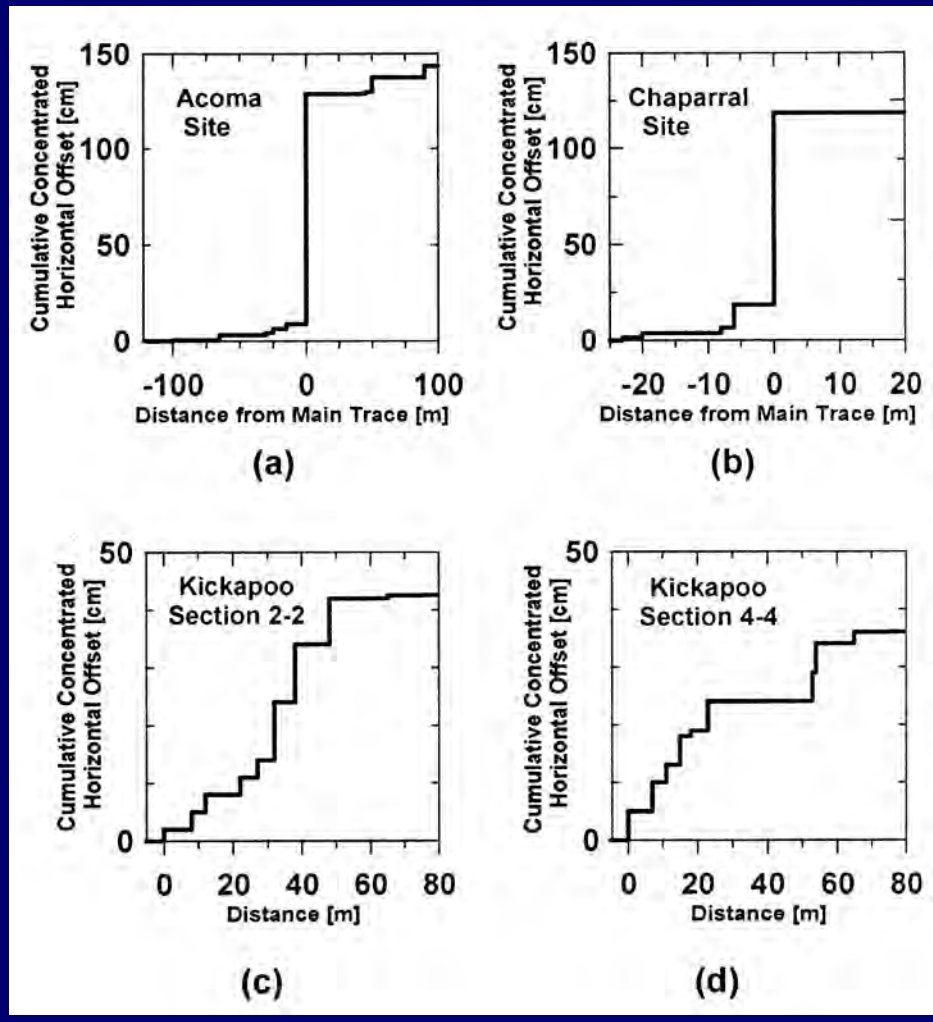




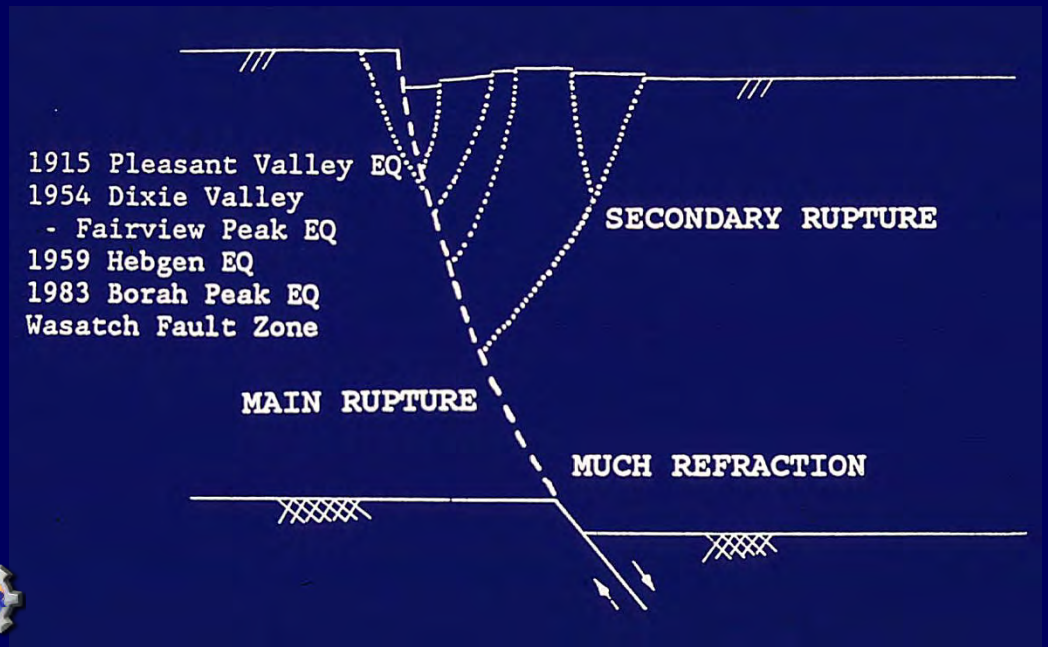
Lazarte, Bray & Johnson (1994)

Broad Area of Building Damage on Hanging Wall of Reverse Fault

Not on footwall

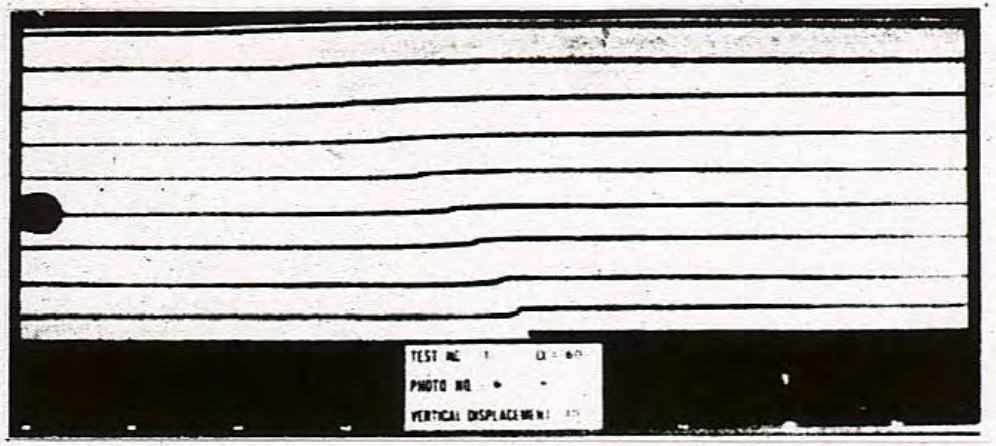
1999 Chi-Chi EQ

1999 KOCAELI EQ



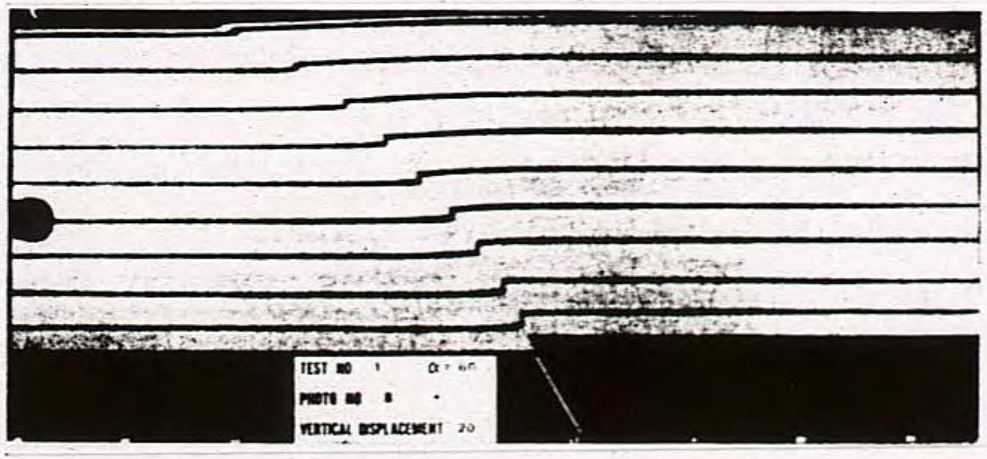
Soil Effects

"It could be traced as a multitude of small cracks in the swampy land … then as a well-defined fissure up … to where it disappeared in the sand dunes."
(Lawson 1908)



(B) Initiation Of Failure Surface At Bedrock Fault

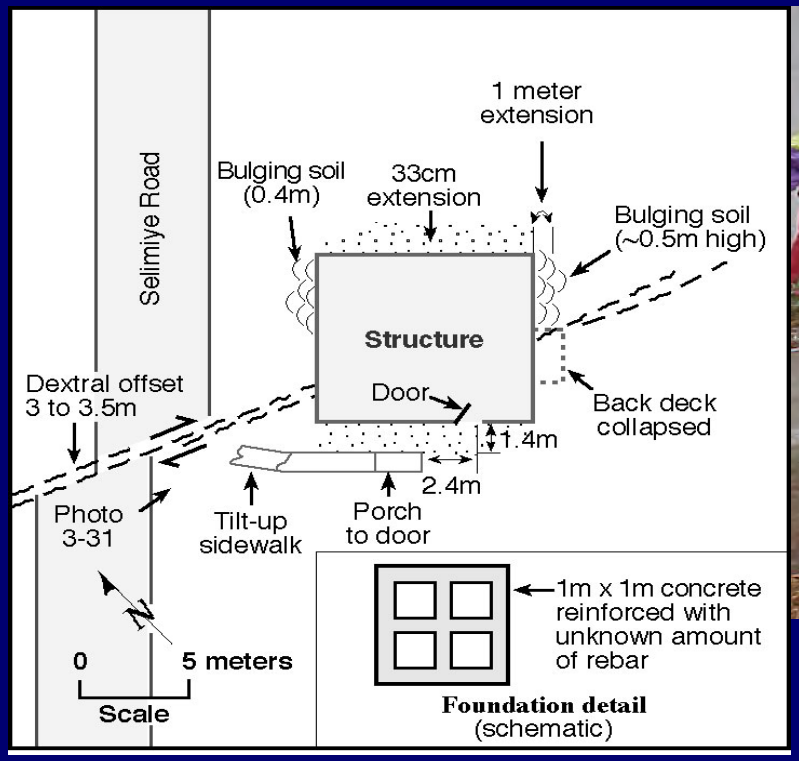
(Lade and Cole 1984)

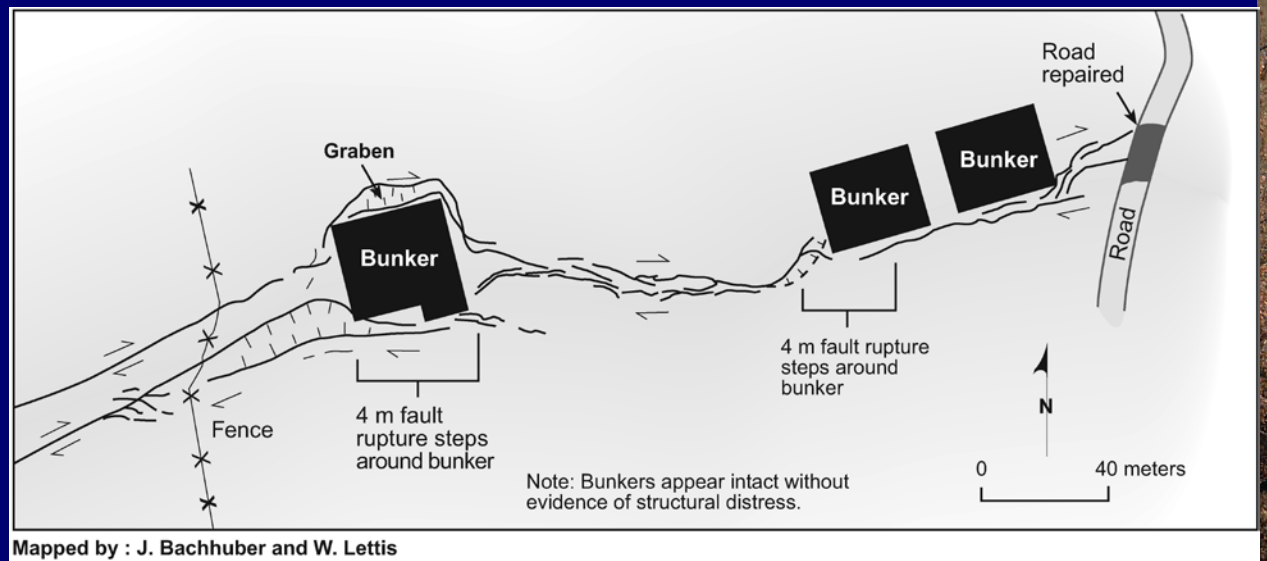


(C) Fully Developed Failure Surface

Systems (Tied to the Ground) Damaged by Faulting

Systems (Not Tied to Ground) Not Damaged by Faulting - Decoupling





Mapped by : J. Bachhuber and W. Lettis

An Analogy

ROOTED TREE DAMAGED

POLE UNDAMAGED

Photographs from Prof. R. Ulusay, Turkey

FLEXIBILITY vs. RIGIDITY

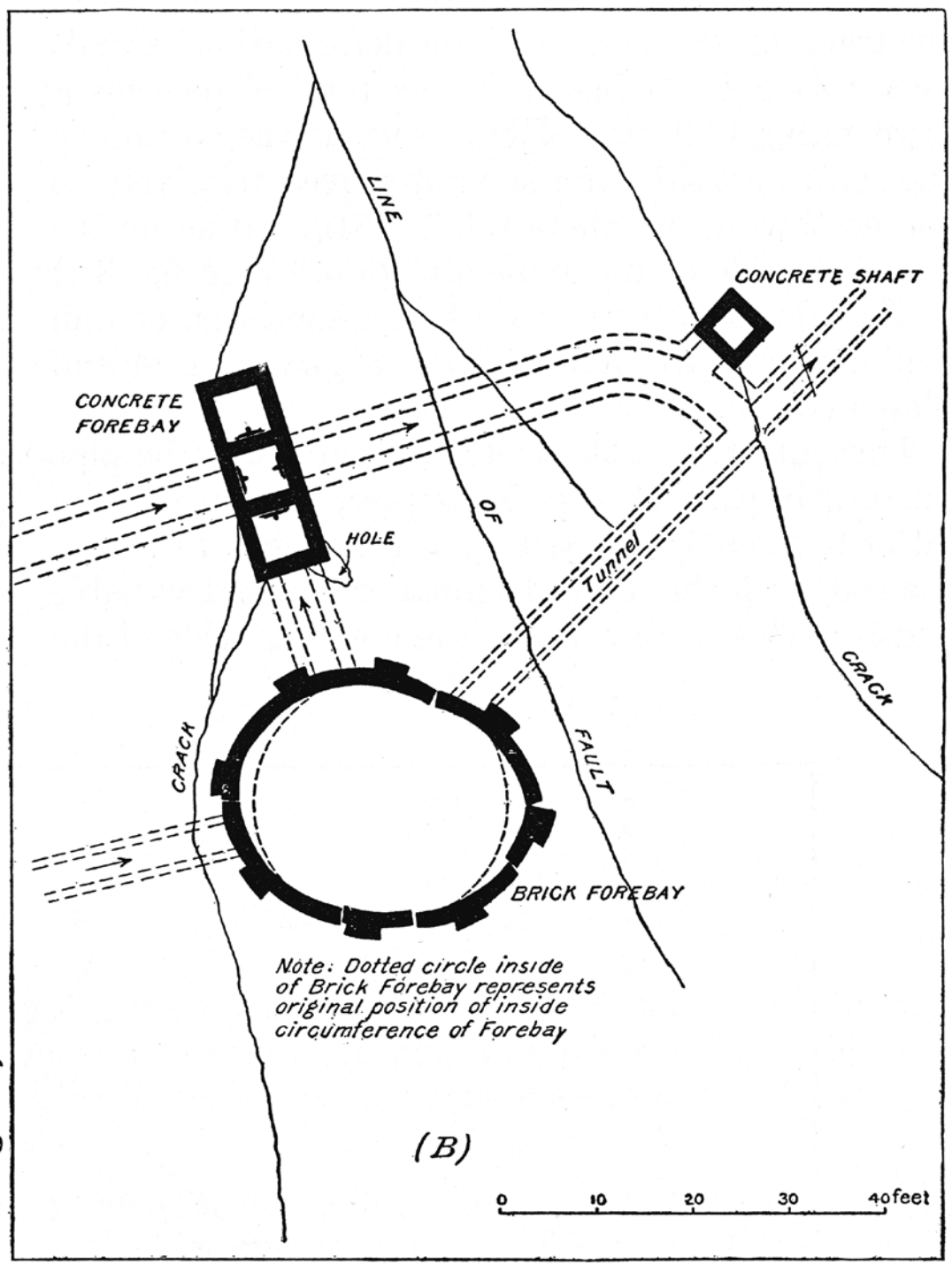
Photographs from Dr. C. Roblee, Caltrans, 1999 Chi-Chi EQ

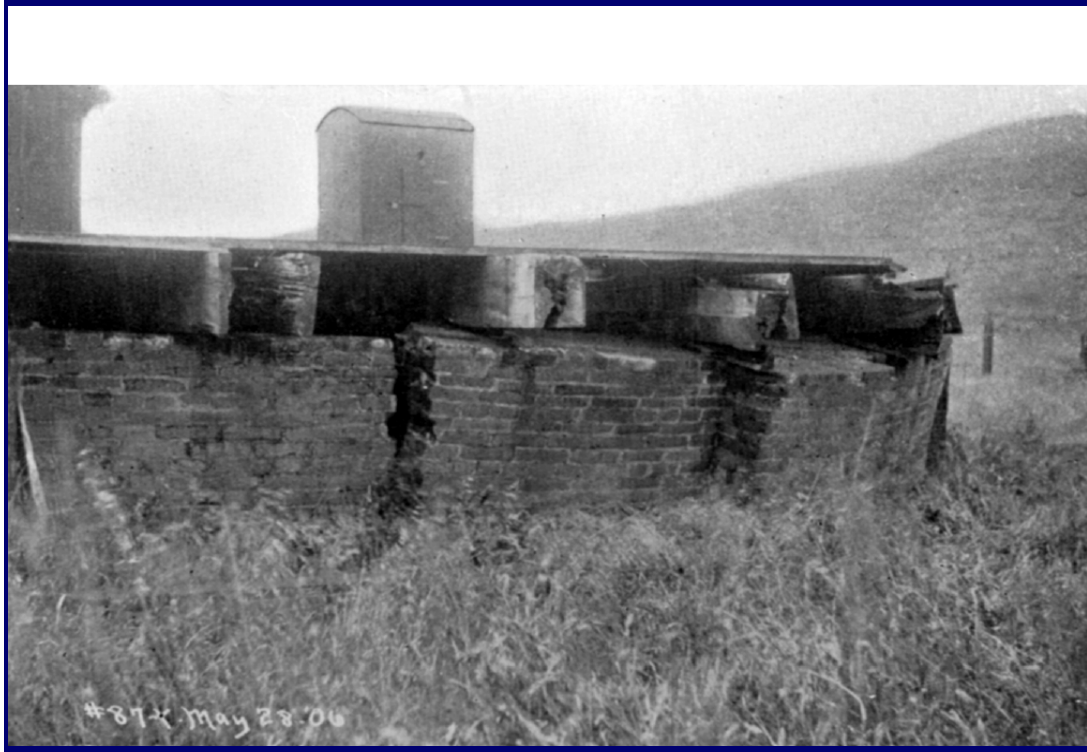
Building Response to Chi-Chi Fault Rupture

Photo by K. Kelson

Response of Buried Systems

max. possible pressure is the passive earth pressure

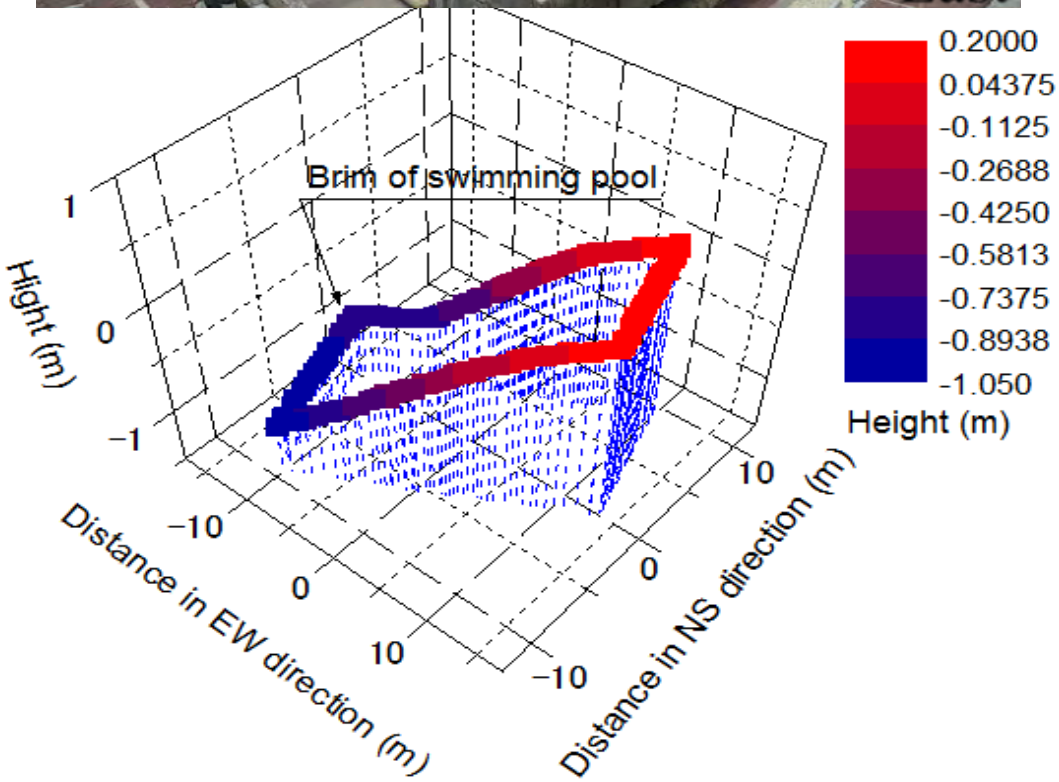




1906 San Francisco EQ

(Lawson 1908 & Schussler 1906)

TABITO MIDDLE SCHOOL



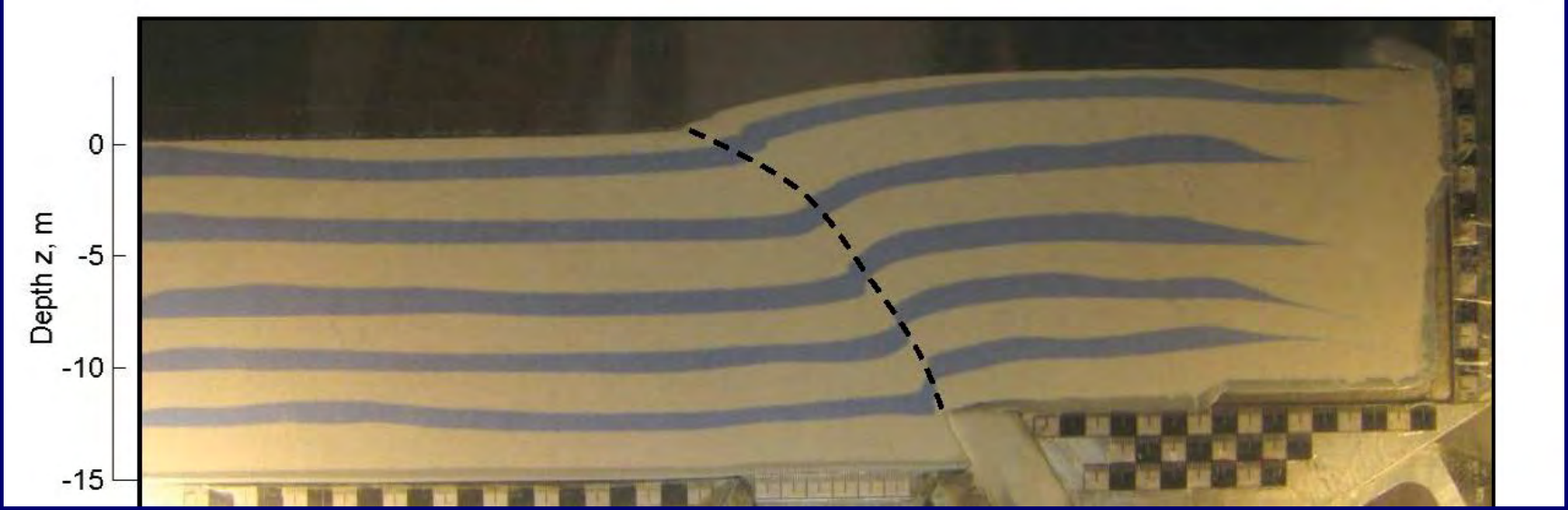
M_w 6.6 Hamadoori Aftershock of 4/11/11: Shionohira Fault Displacement

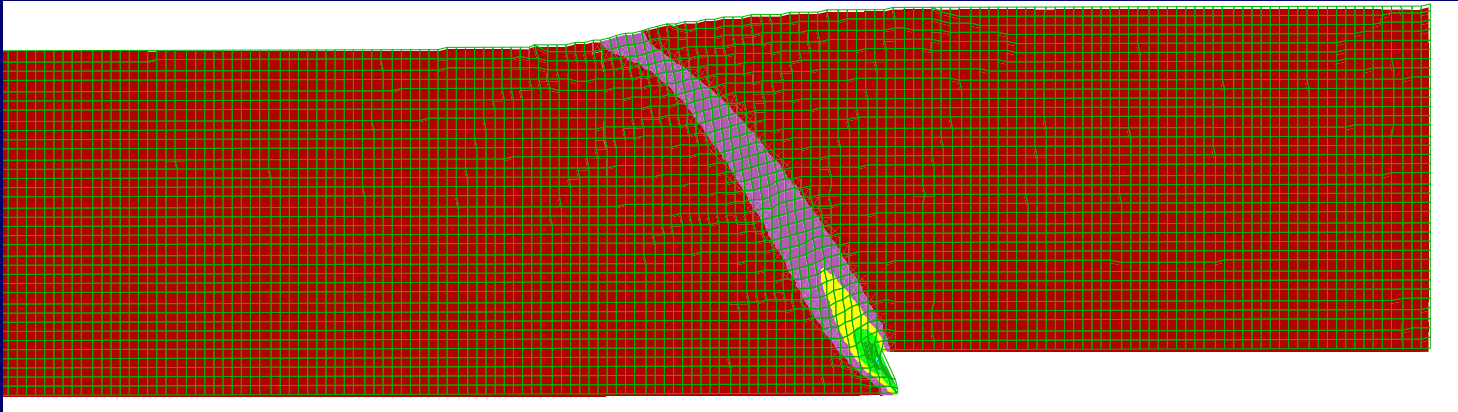
Laser survey of the brim of the pool (Konagai, Bray, Streig, & others)

1.25 m vertical displacement between ends of pool

MODELING OF FAULT RUPTURE

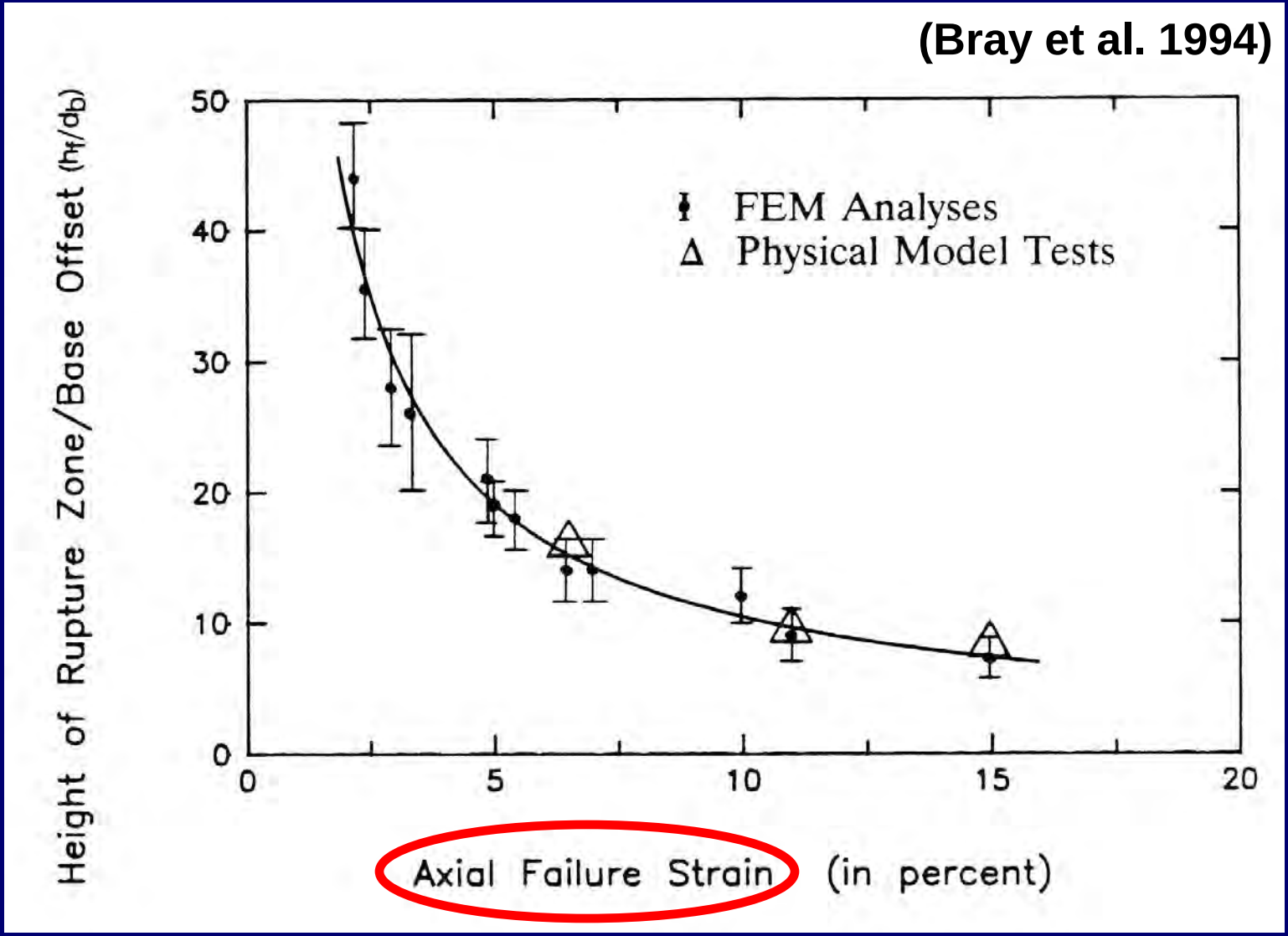
Centrifuge Test: 60º Reverse Fault Uplift in Sand (Davies et al. 2007; Prototype Scale)



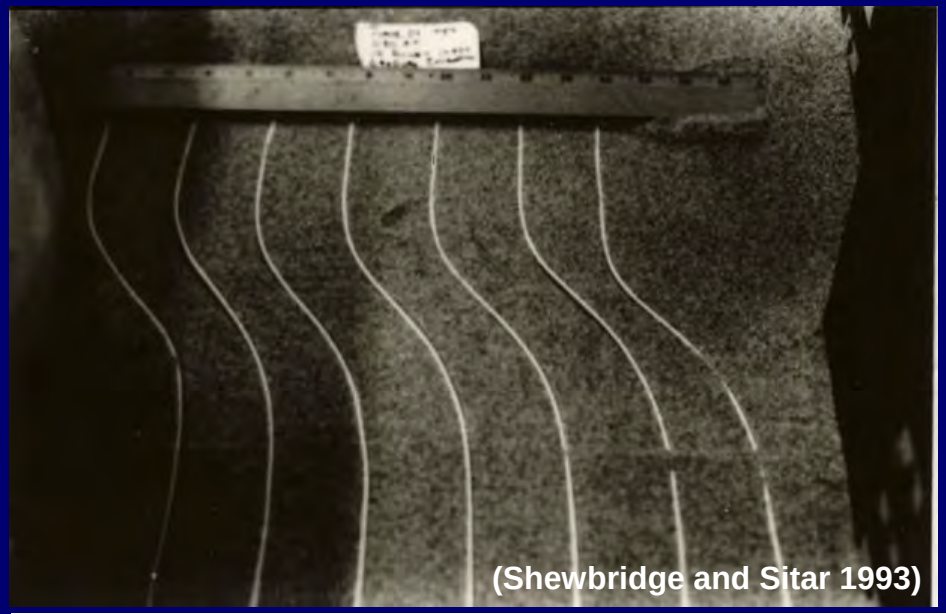


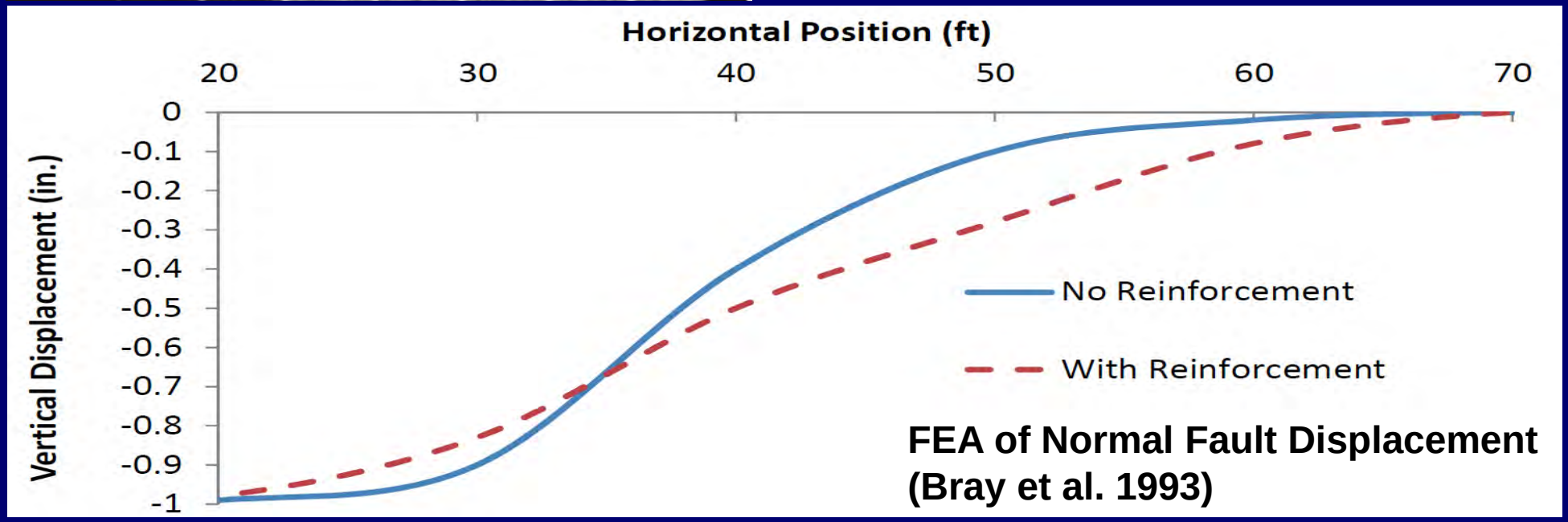
FLAC-2D/UBCsand Analysis: 60º Reverse Fault Uplift in Sand (Oettle & Bray)

Failure Strain



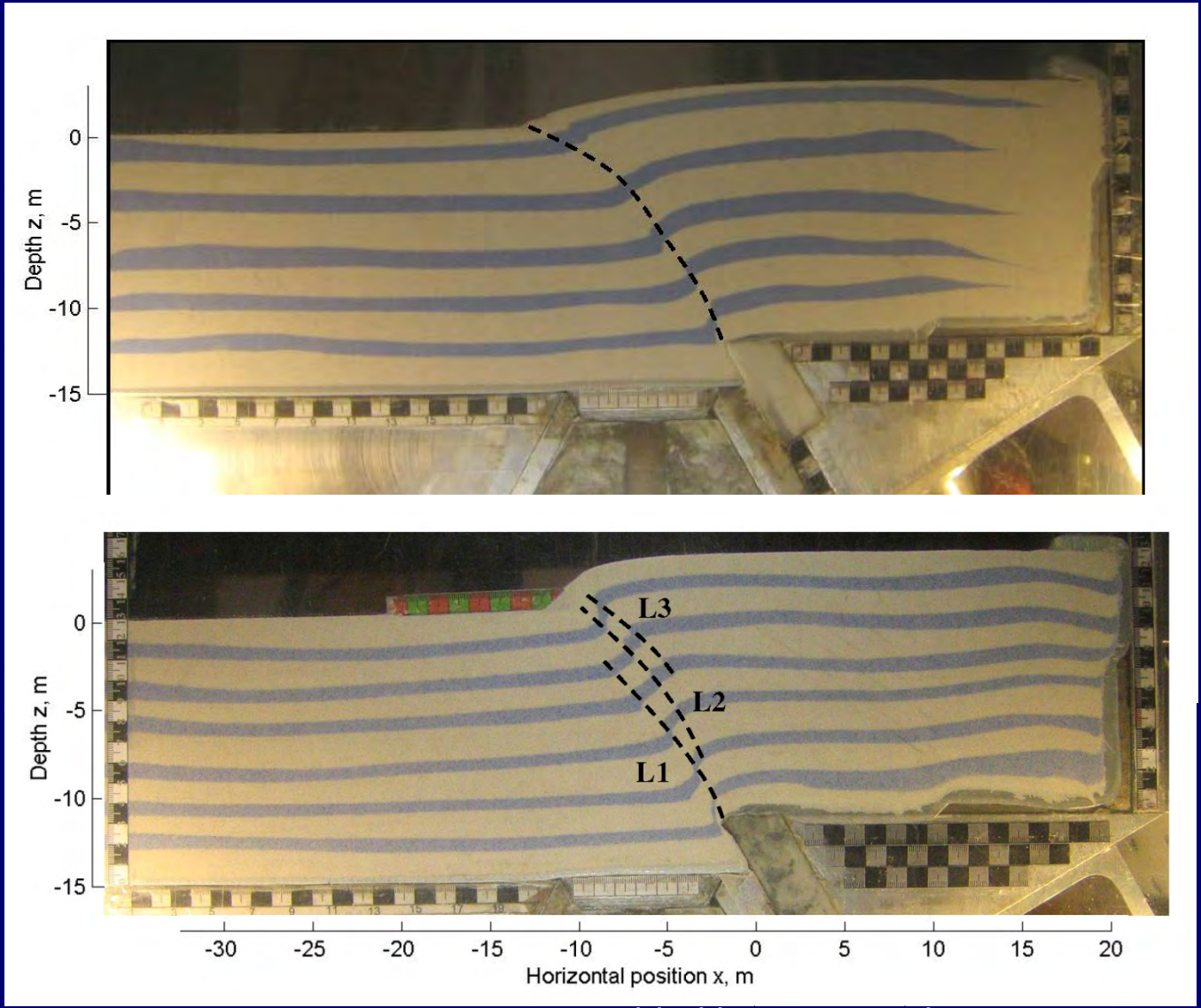
REINFORCEMENT IMPROVES DUCTILITY





FEA of Normal Fault Displacement (Bray et al. 1993)

CENTRIFUGE TEST OF FAULT RUPTURE WITH AND WITHOUT MAT FOUNDATION (Davies et al. 2007)



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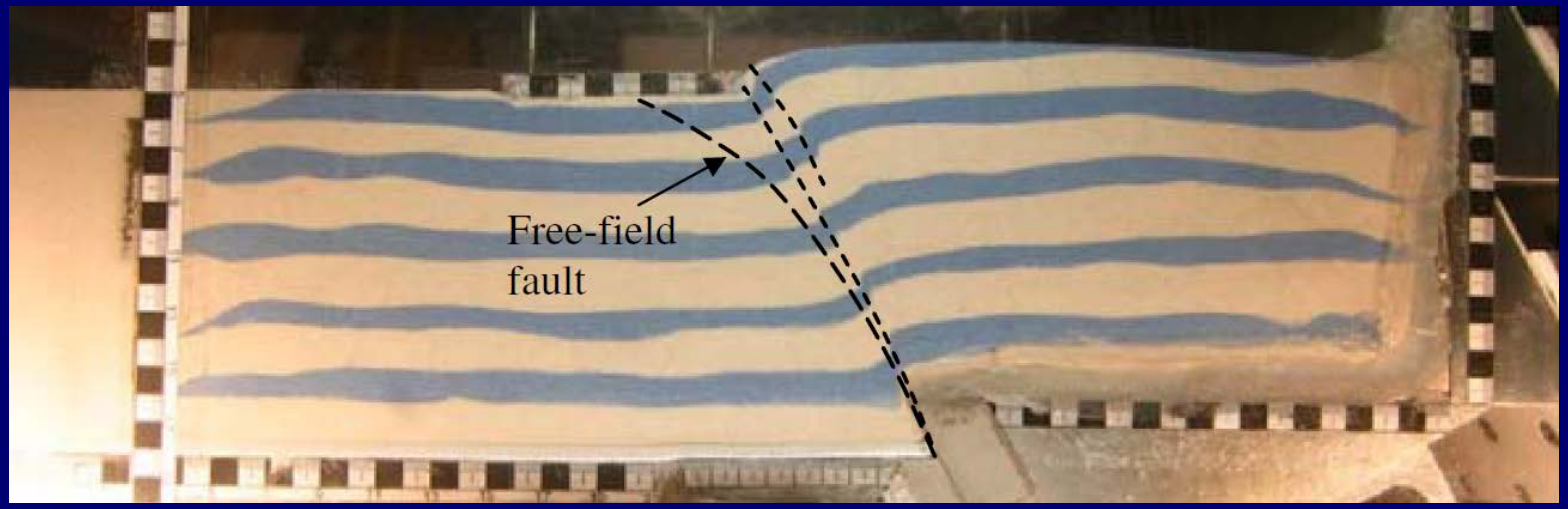
WEIGHT OF MAT FOUNDATION EFFECTS (Davies et al. 2007)

Light Load:
q = 37 kPa

Heavy Load:
q = 91 kPa



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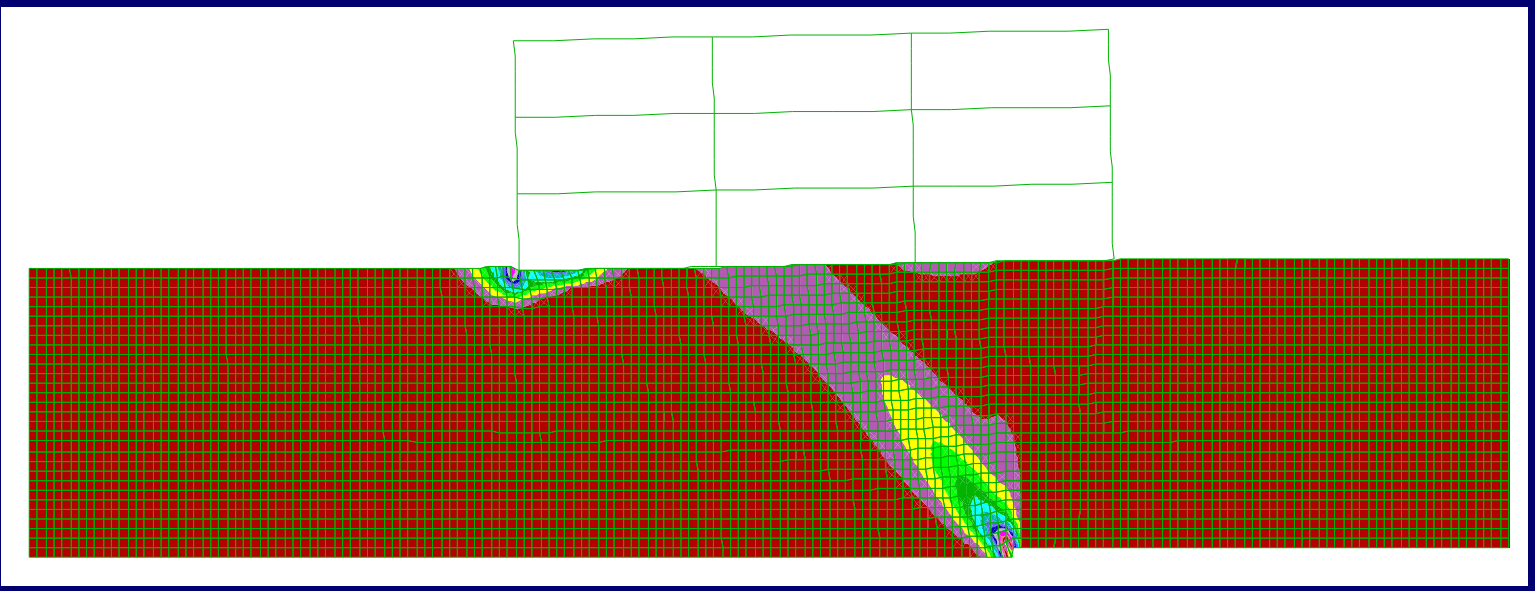
Fault-Structure Interaction Analyses



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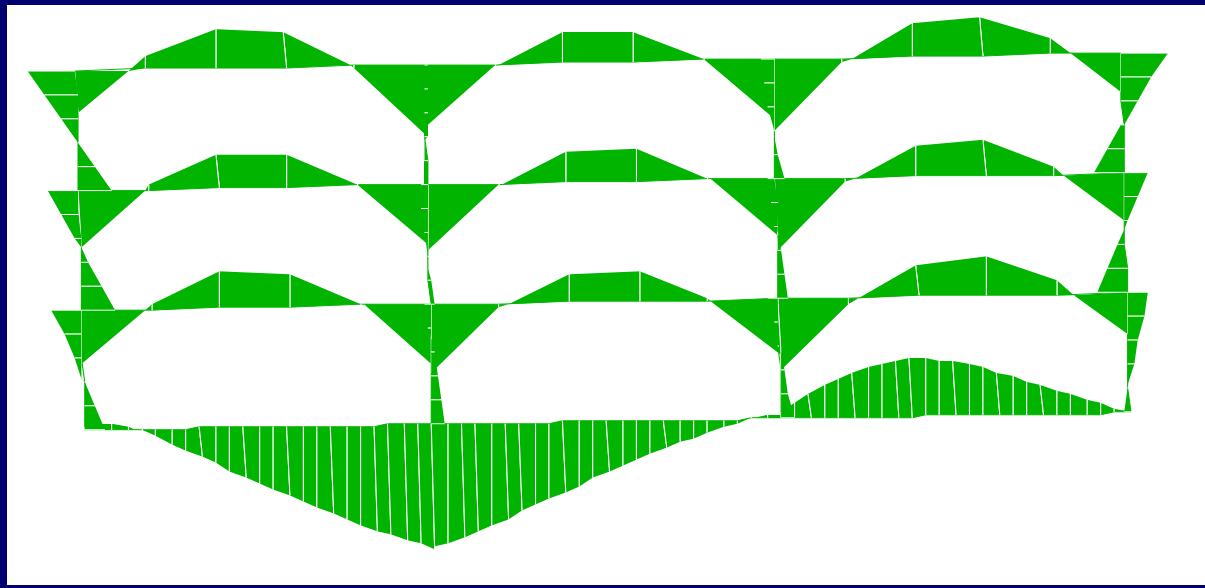
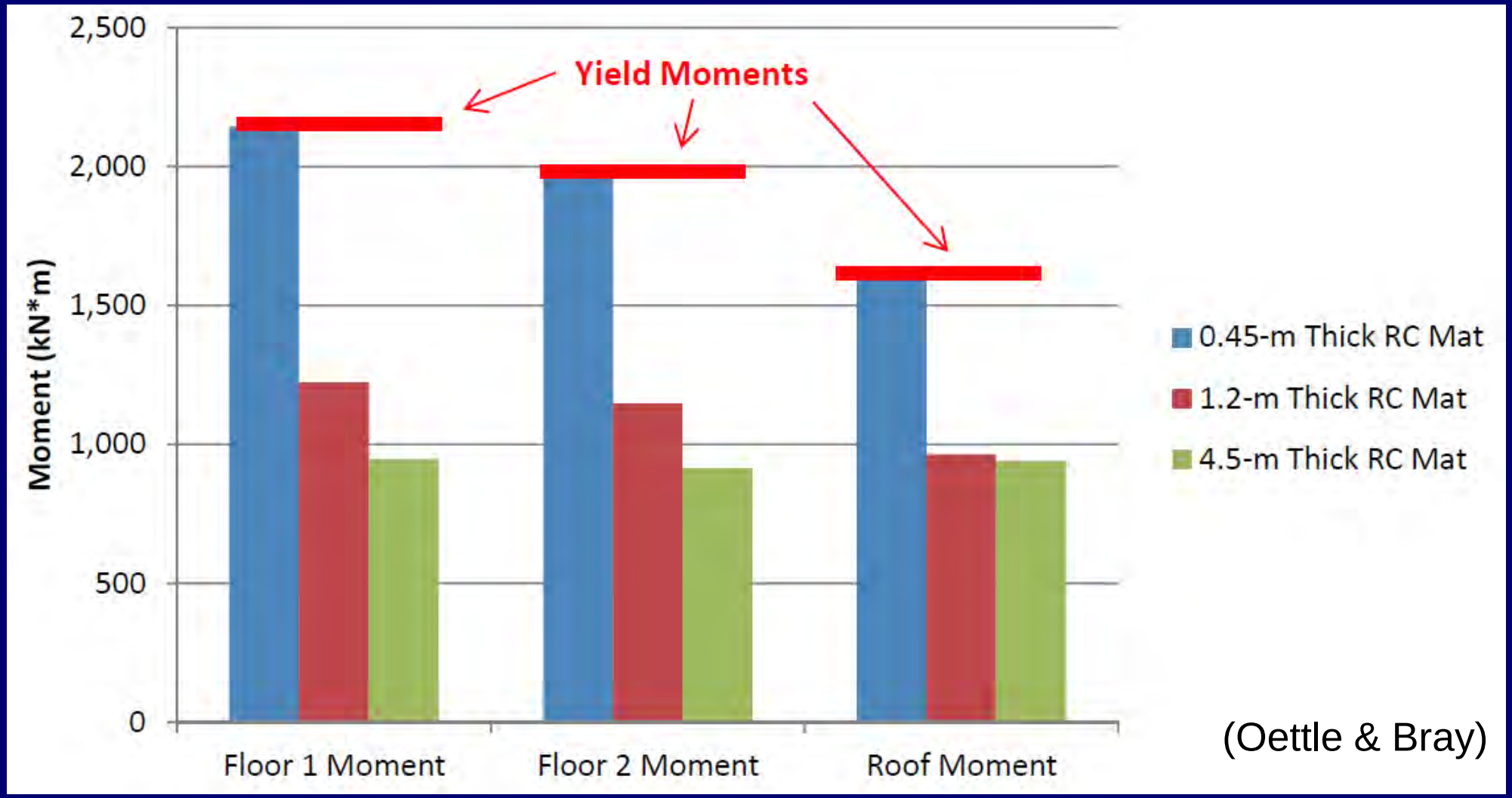


Max. bending moments develop near beam-column joints

Mitigation with Thick Mat Foundation

Thicker mat foundation significantly reduces building damage



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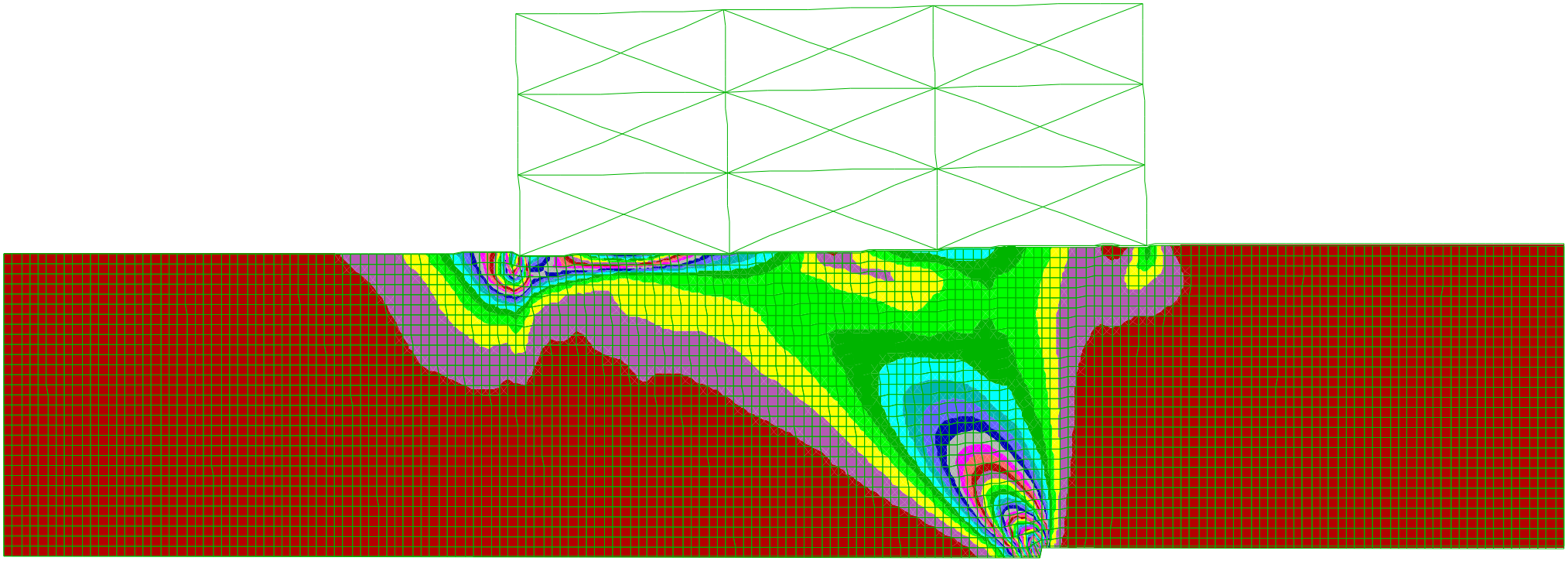
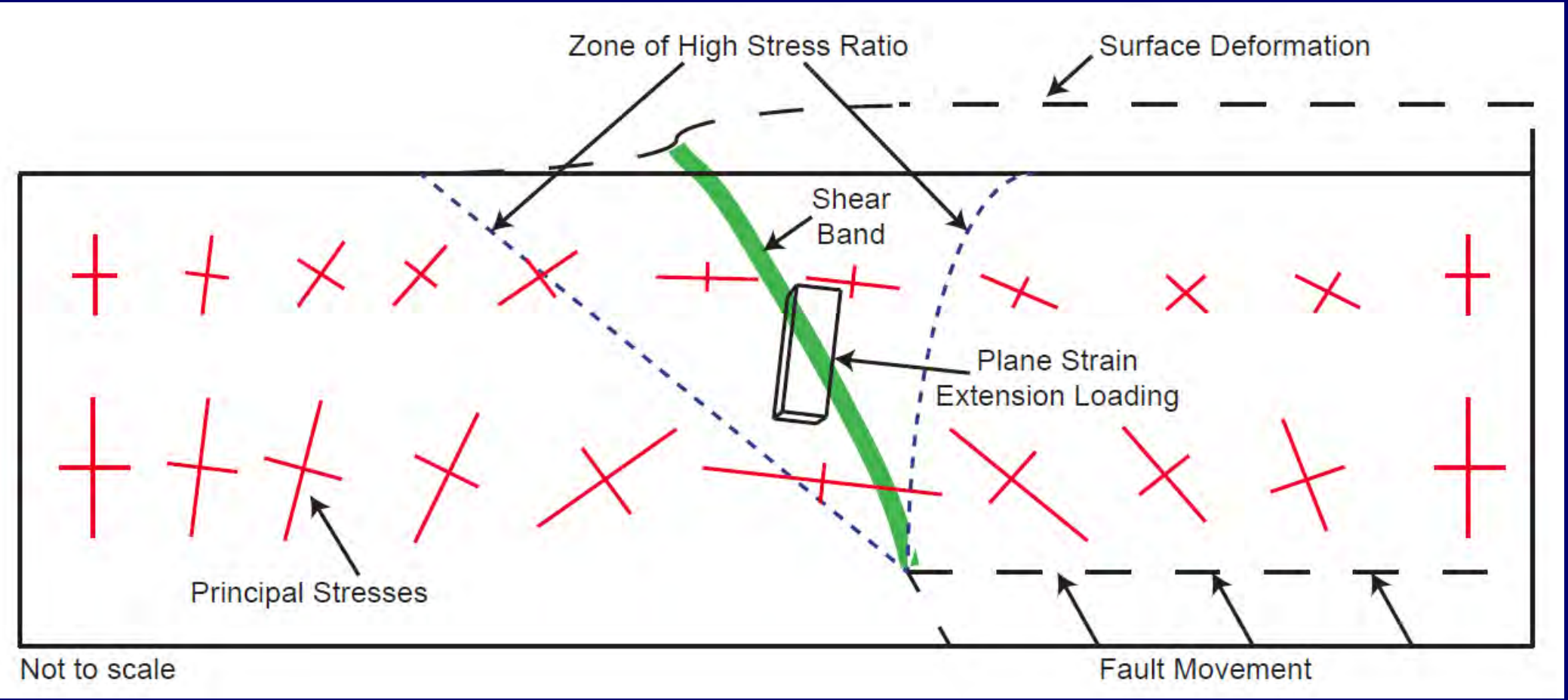
Mitigation with Superstructure Strength & Stiffness

Stiffer building modifies the structural response

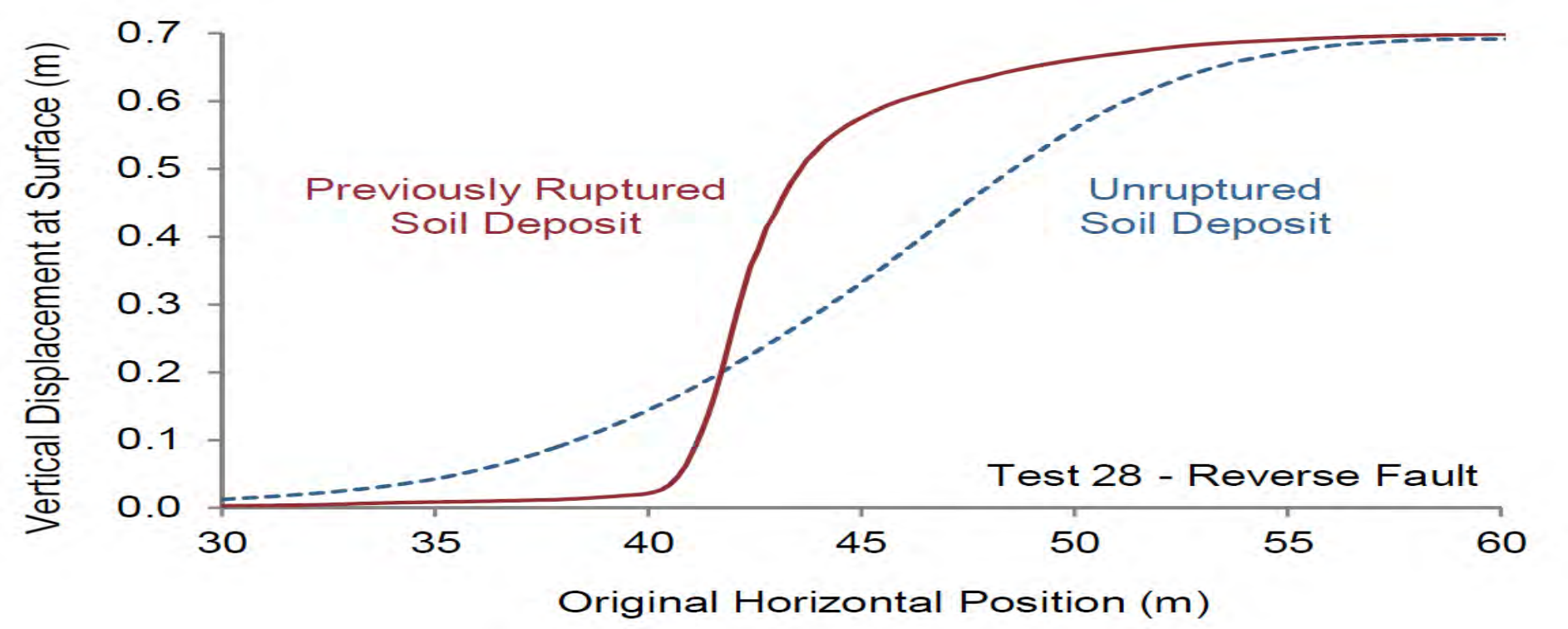


(Oettle & Bray)

Soil Response from Reverse Fault Movement
(Oettle and Bray)



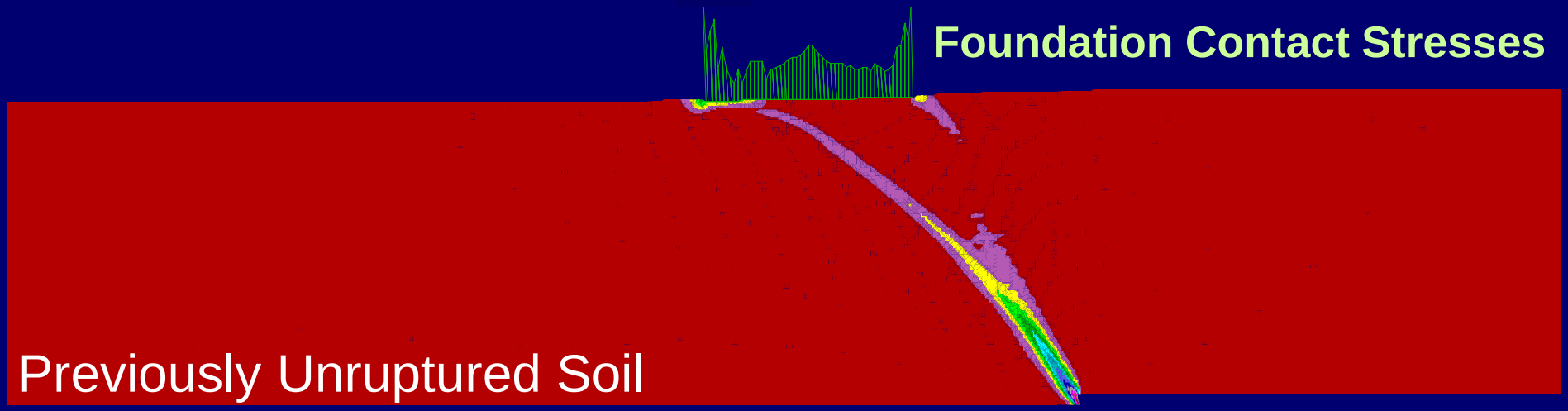
Response of Previously Ruptured Soil
(Oettle and Bray)

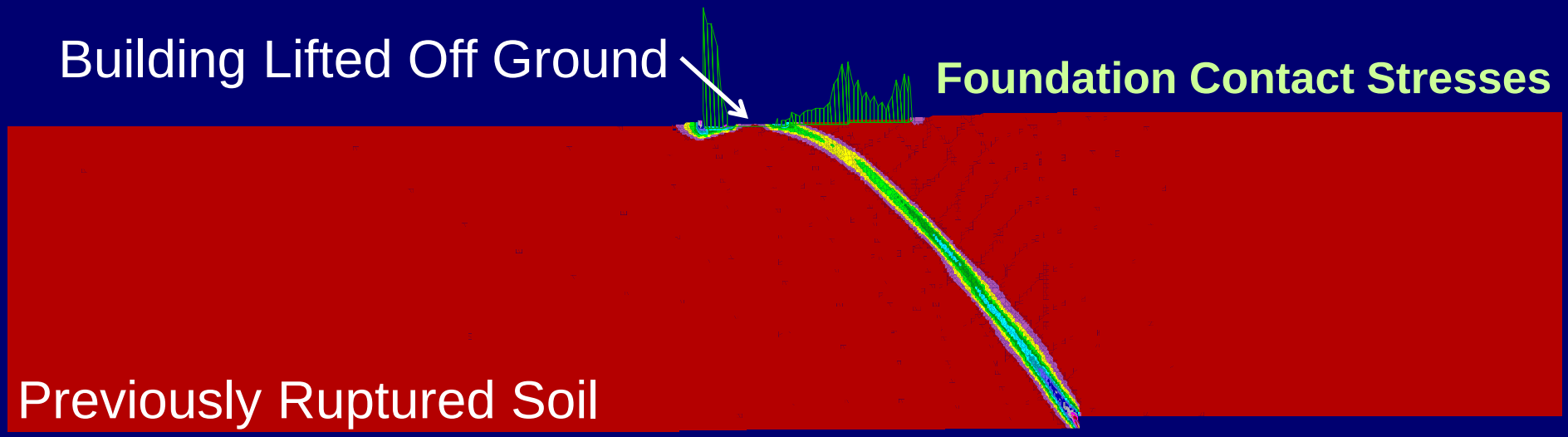


More localized deformation with previously ruptured soil

Effects of Previously Ruptured Soil

(Oettle and Bray)





SURFACE FAULT RUPTURE MITIGATION MEASURES

GEOLOGY

- Identify faults and establish non-arbitrary setbacks
- Estimate amount and type of potential fault displacement

GEOTECHNICAL

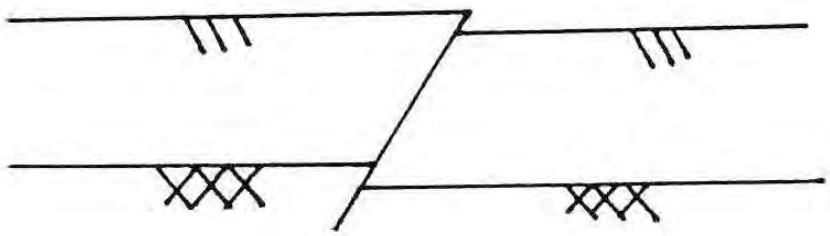
- Construct ductile reinforced soil fills to spread out movement
- Use slip layer to isolate ground movements from foundation
- Place compressible materials adjacent to walls and utilities

STRUCTURAL

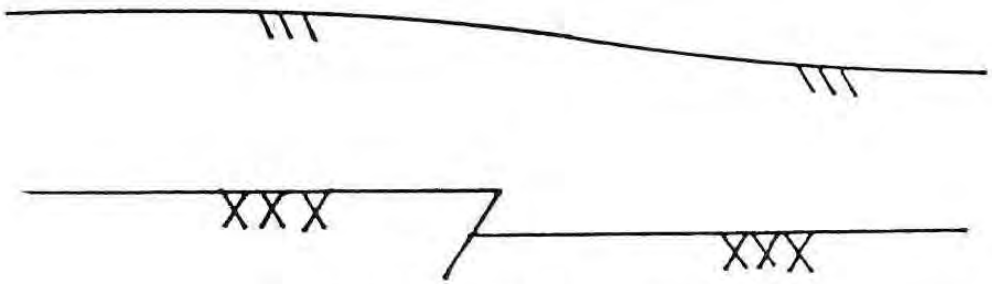
- Design strong, ductile foundations, with flexibility
- Avoid the use of piles

APPLICATION 1:

Moorpark Development Project, Southern California



(A) Distinct Shear Rupture - **Not Allowed**



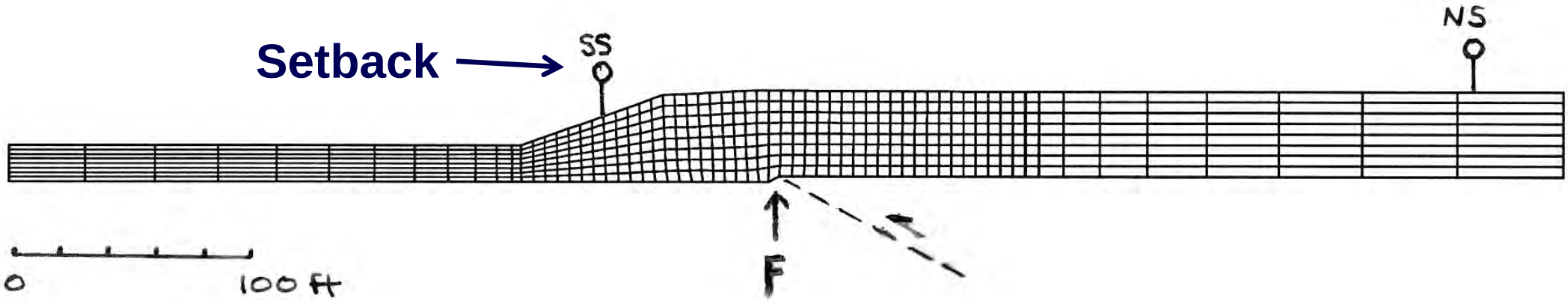
(B) Differential Settlement $\beta < 1/360$

(C) Tensile Strains $\varepsilon_h < 0.3\%$

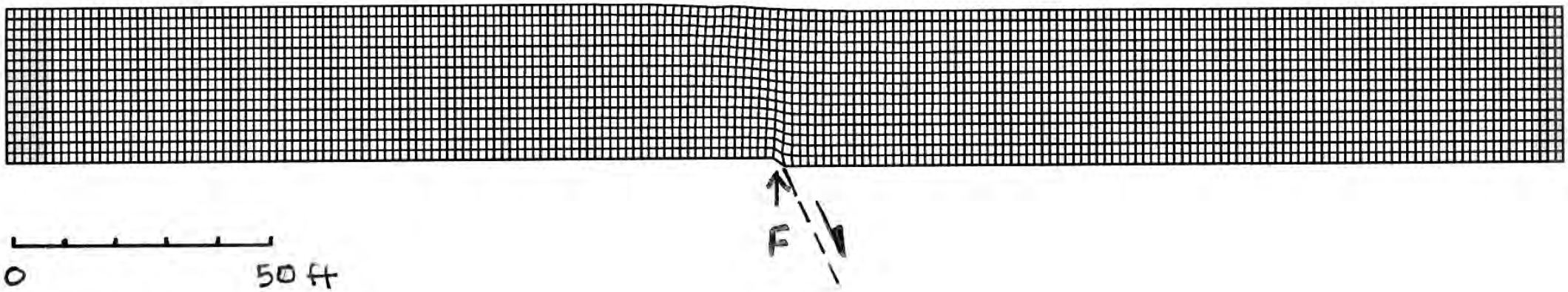
Decouple slab with plastic slip layer

GROUND DEFORMATION DESIGN CRITERIA FOR BUILDING AREAS

Moorpark Development – Surface Fault Rupture Evaluation
(Bray 2001)



Primary Active Faults with > 4 inches of potential offset



Bending Moment Active Faults with < 1.5 inches of potential offset

RESULTS OF NUMERICAL ANALYSIS (Bray 2001)

CASE

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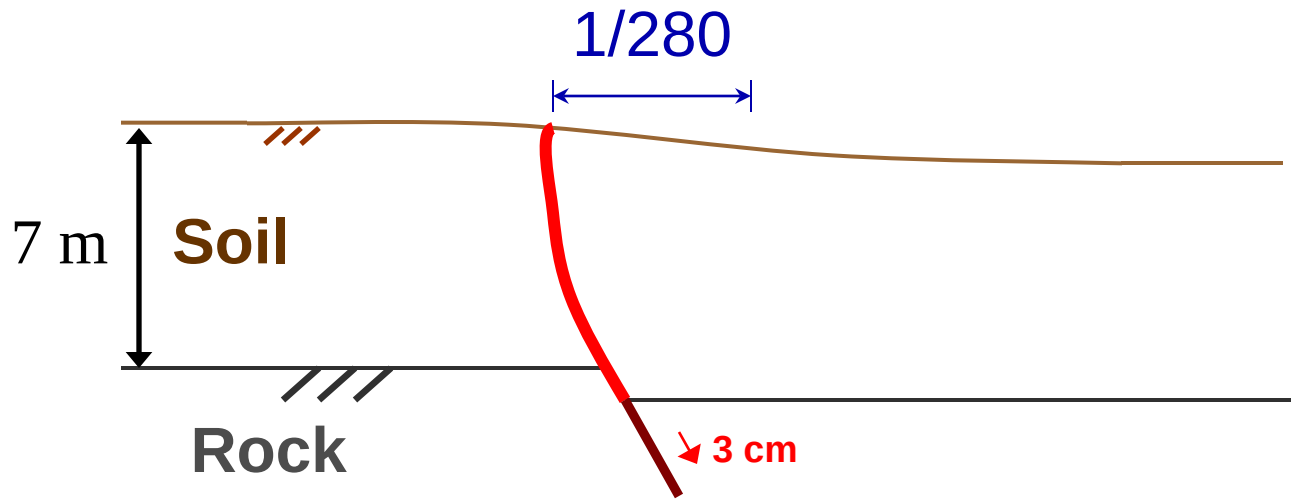

Unacceptable

Rupture to Surface

Excessive Differential Settlement

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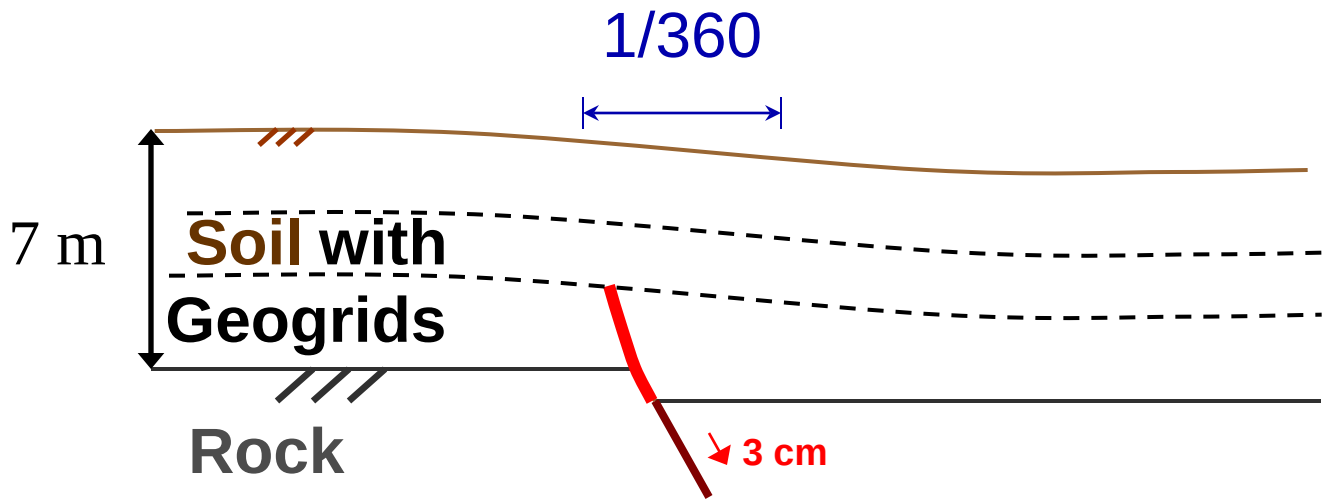


Acceptable

No Surface Rupture

Differential Settlement Acceptable

APPLICATION 2:

California Memorial Stadium Retrofit, Northern California

Hayward Fault

Lead & SE: Forell/Elsesser Engineers, Inc. (David Friedman, Rene Vignos, et al.)

GE & Geologists: AMEC Geomatrix (Donald Wells, Bert Swan, Jim French, et al.)

Other Designers:, HNTB, Studios, WSP Flack + Kurtz, & Bellecci & Assoc.

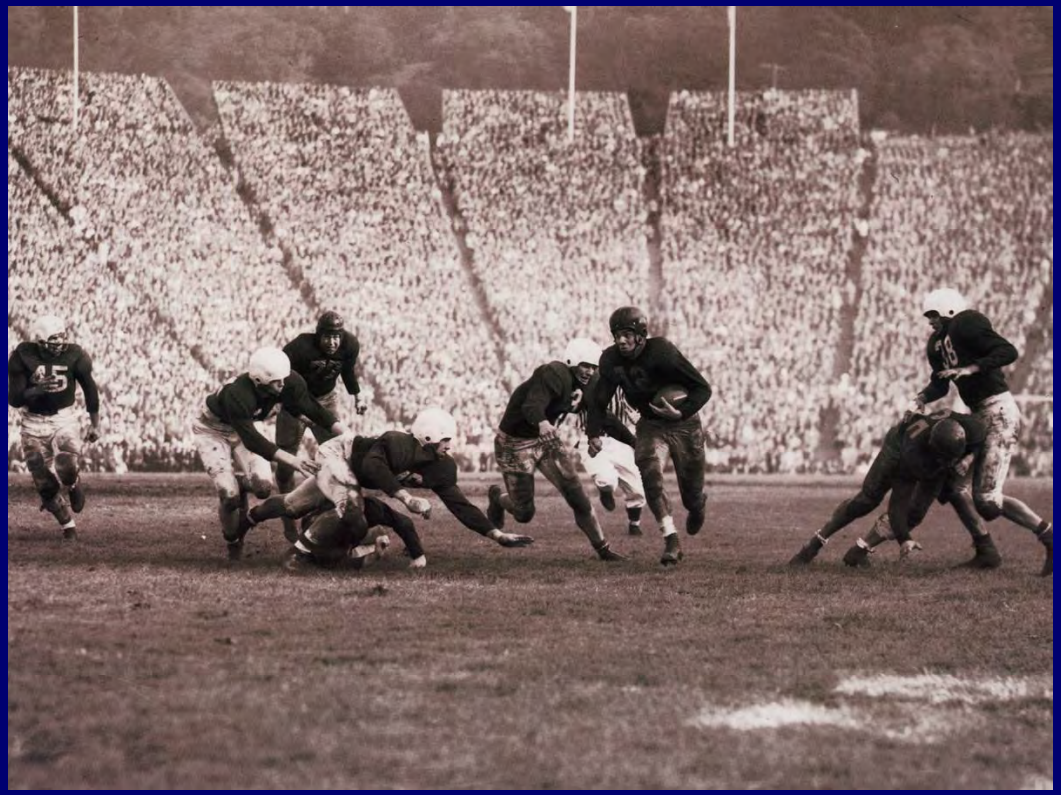
UCB: Ed Denton, Bob Milano, Stan Mar, & Brian Main; General Contractor: Webcor Builders

Independent Peer Reviewers: Loring Wyllie of Degenkolb Engineers & John Baldwin of WLA

UCB Seismic Review Com.: J. Bray, N. Sitar, C. Comartin, J. Moehle, F. Filippou, & Others

California Memorial Stadium Construction & Use

1923 Big Game - CAL: 9 Stanford: 0



John Galen Howard, the Strawberry Canyon site, 1922

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CHARACTERIZING HAYWARD FAULT

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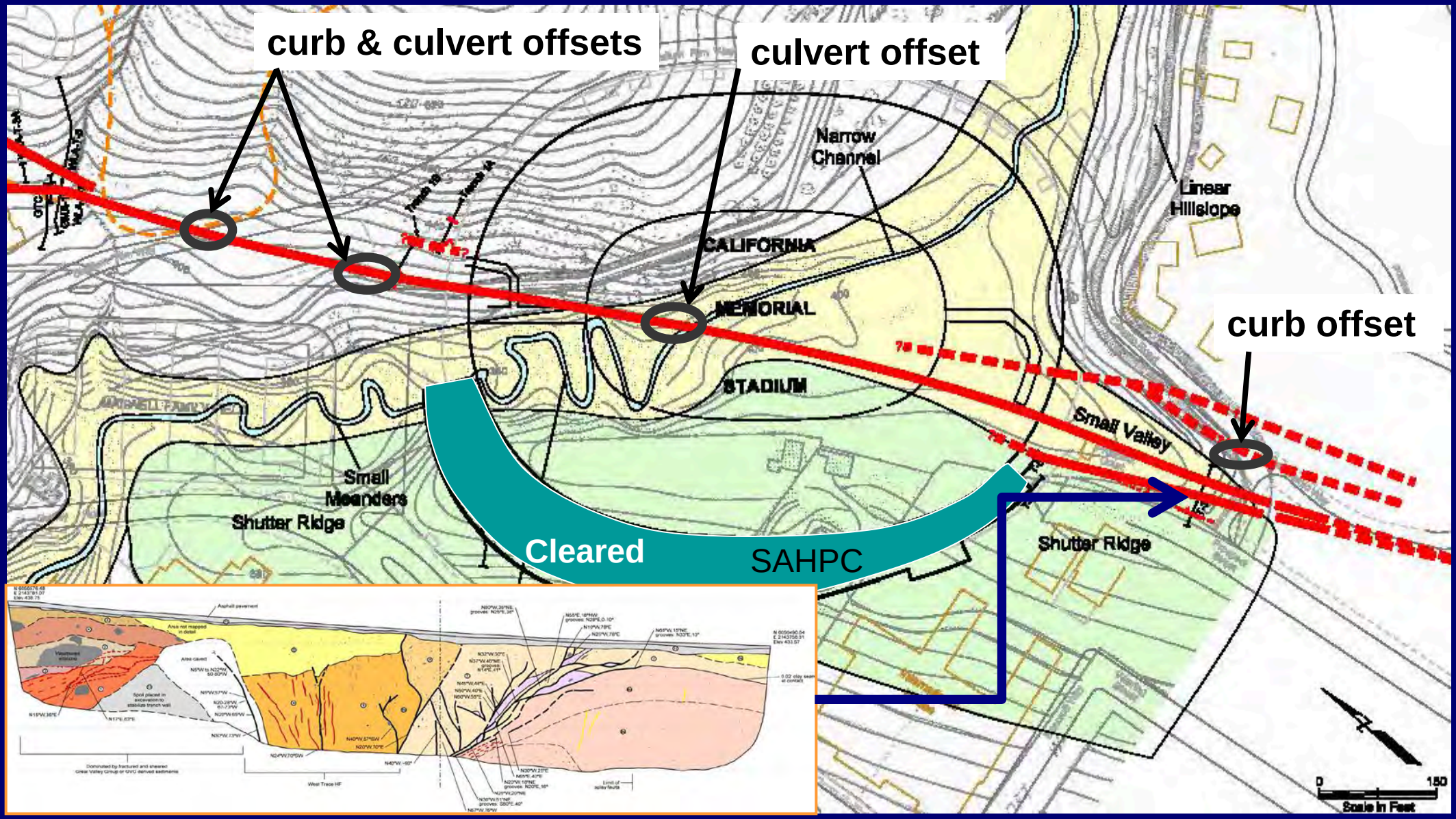

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CHARACTERIZING HAYWARD FAULT

Fault Rupture Design Guidance

AMEC Geomatrix (Wells, Swan, et al.)

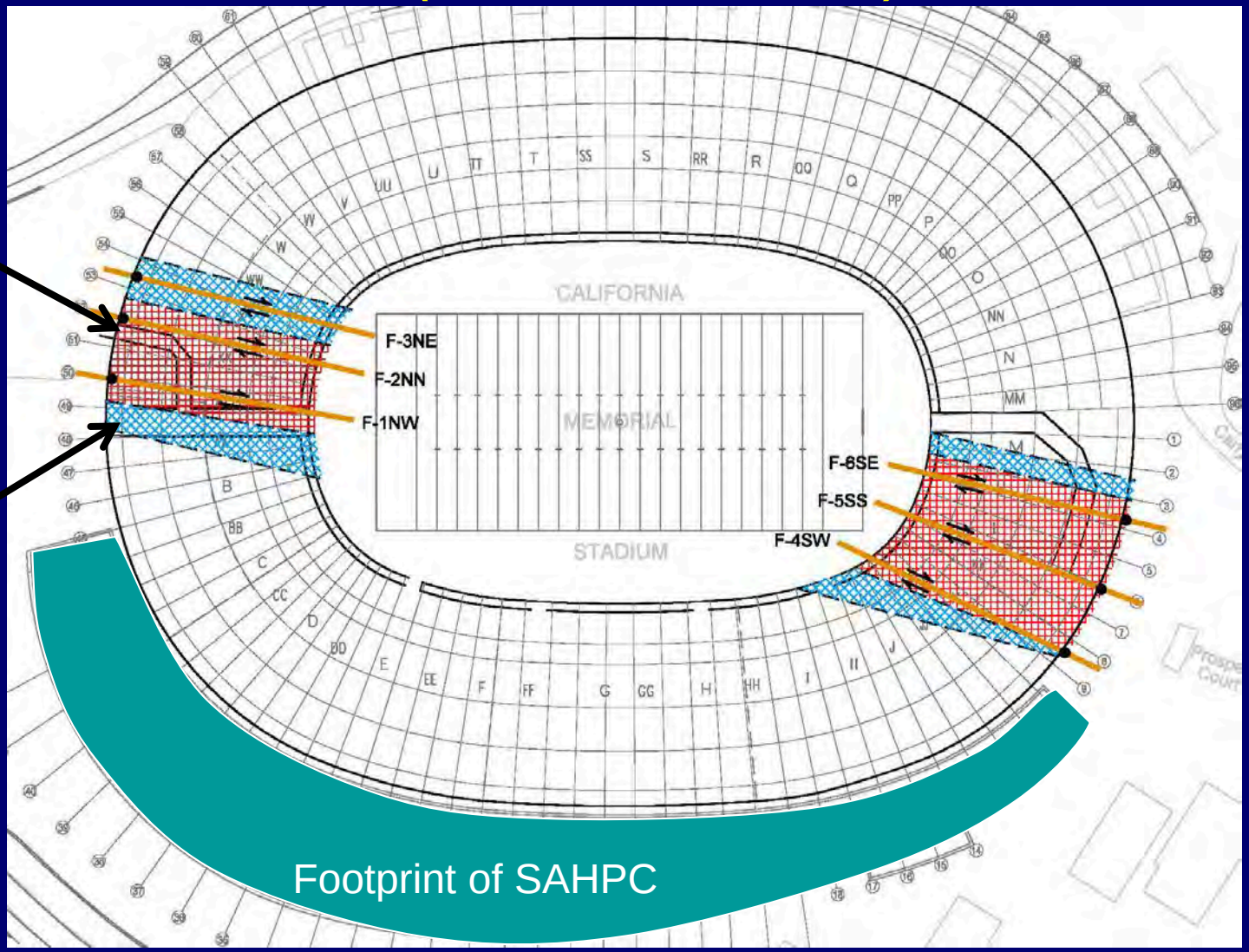
Primary:

3 - 6.2 ft H

1 - 2 ft V

Secondary:

< 1 ft H



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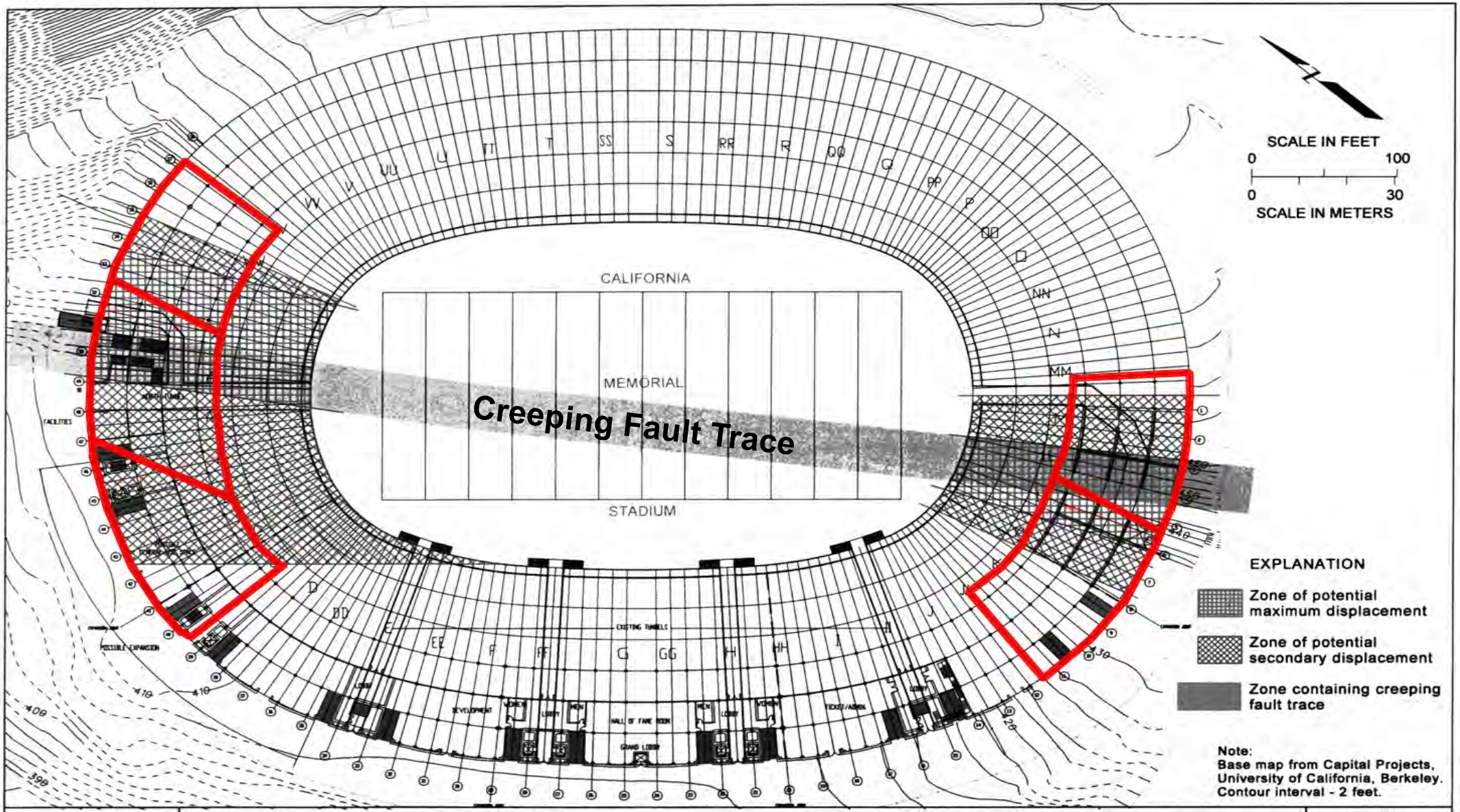
Early Scheme for Mitigation Surface Fault Rupture Hazard – 5 Skewed Blocks



GEOMATRIX

LOCATION OF CREEPING FAULT AND ZONES OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FAULTING AT MEMORIAL STADIUM
California Memorial Stadium
University of California
Berkeley, California

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Figure
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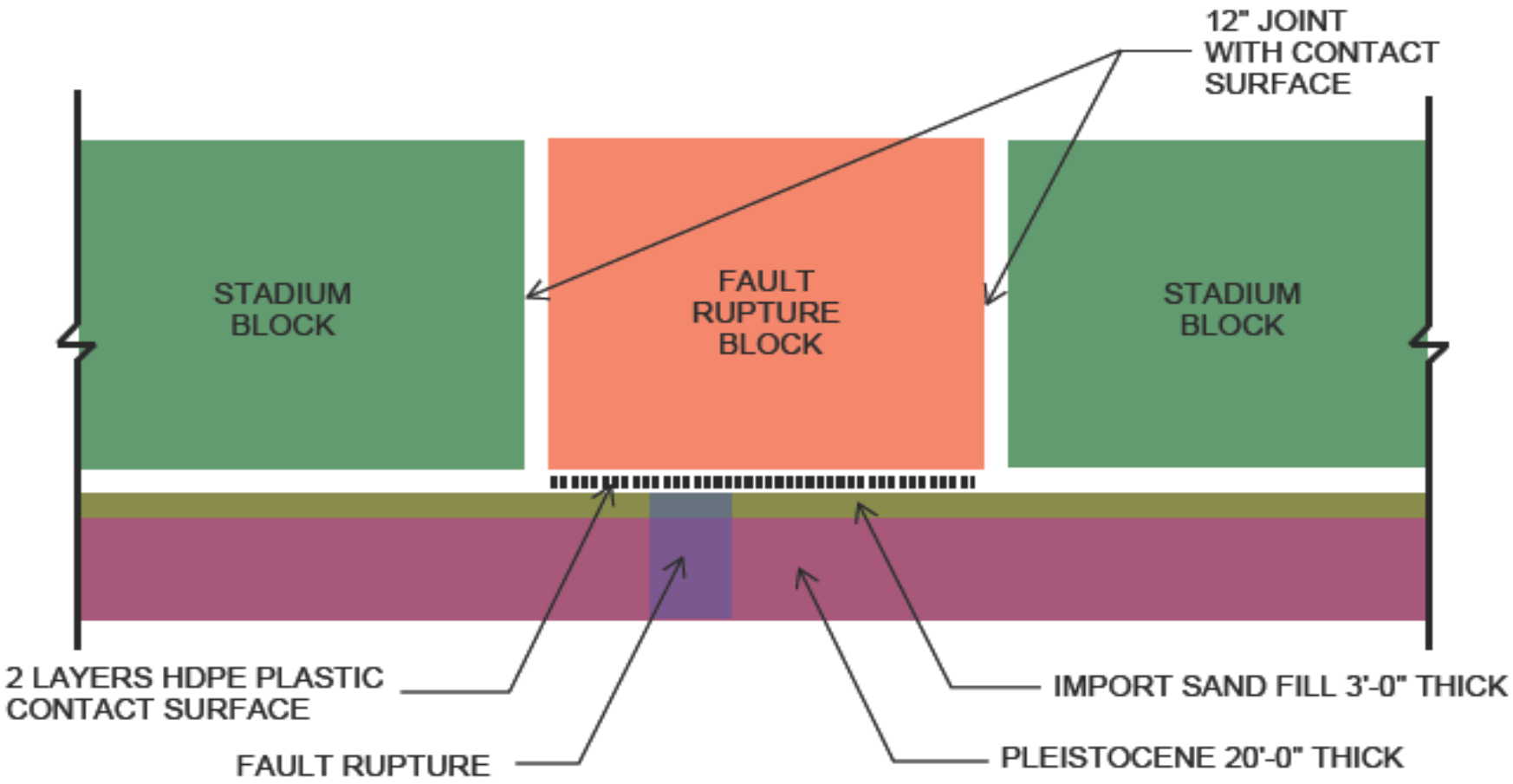
Improved Design Concepts



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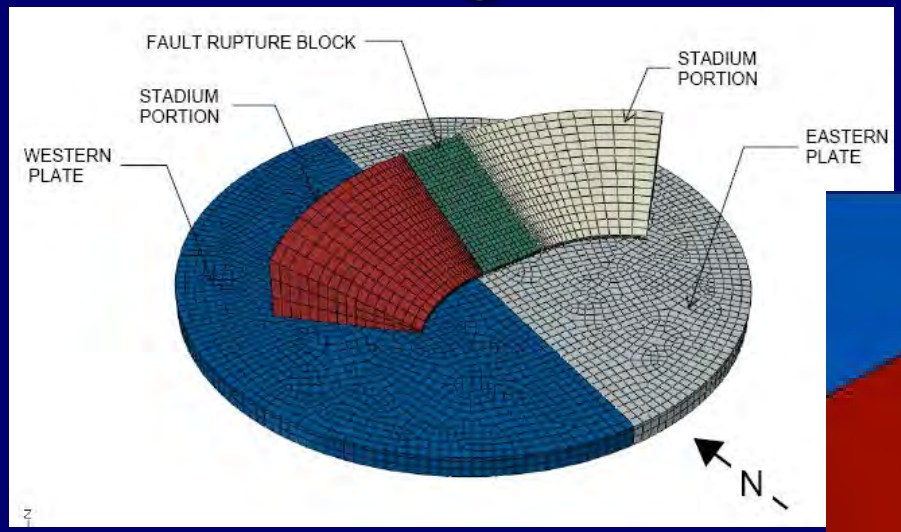
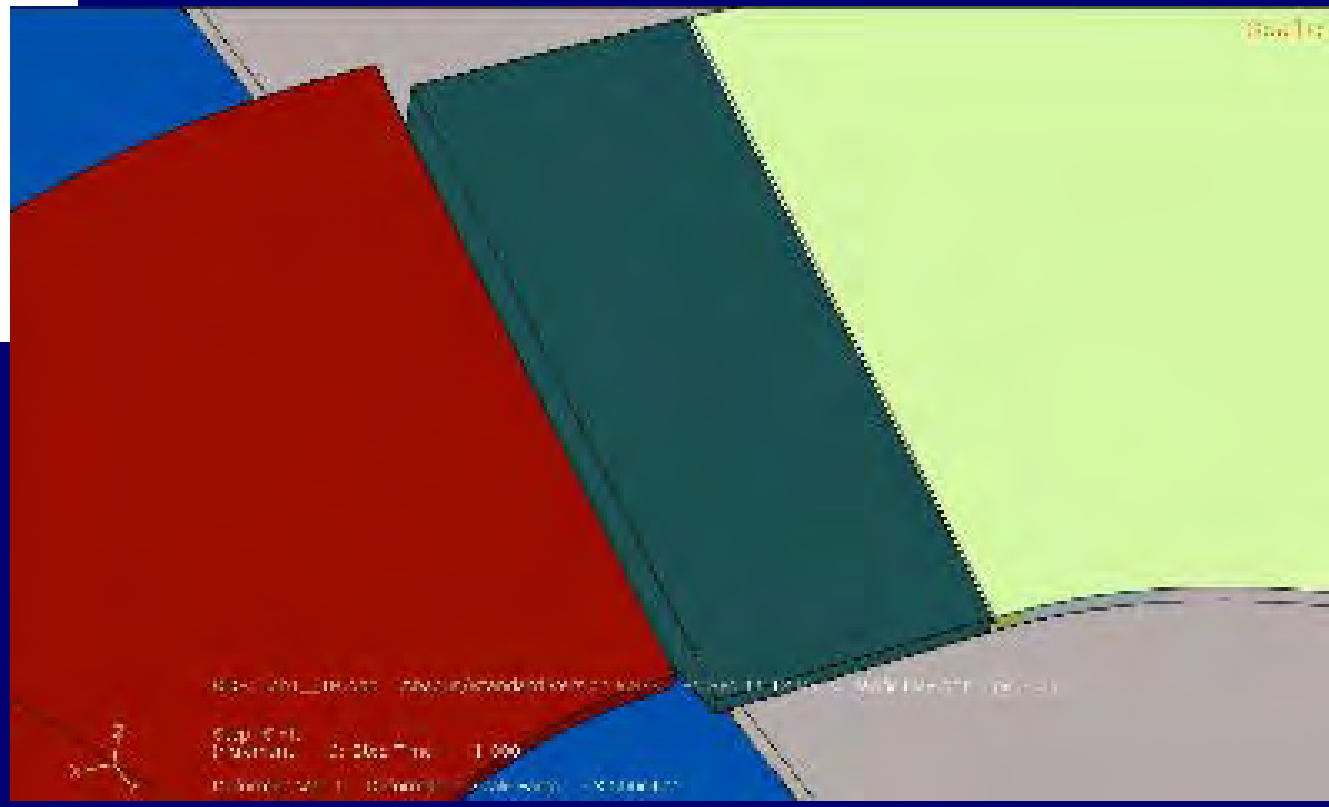
Modeling of the Effects of Surface Faulting





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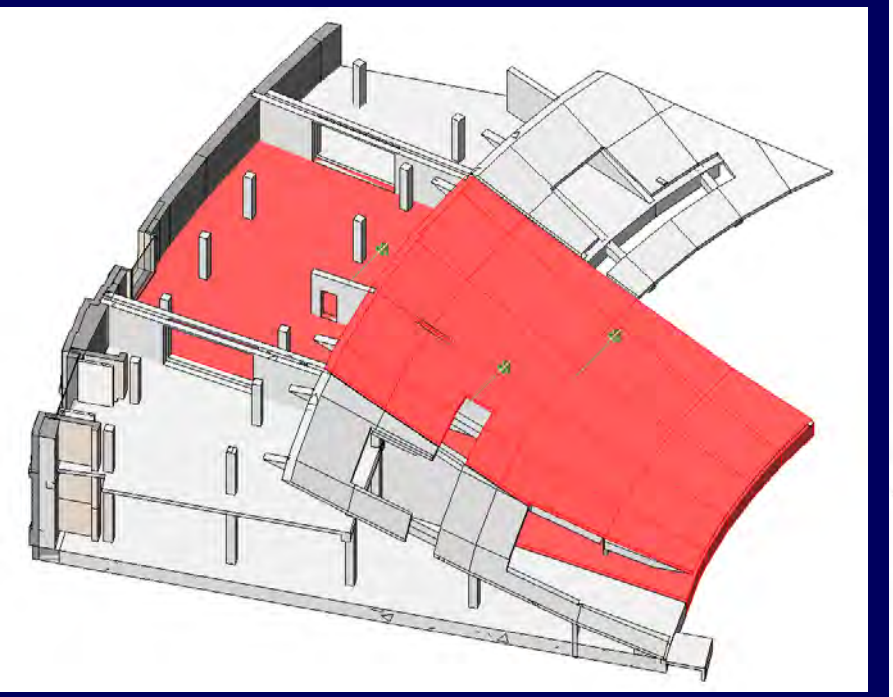
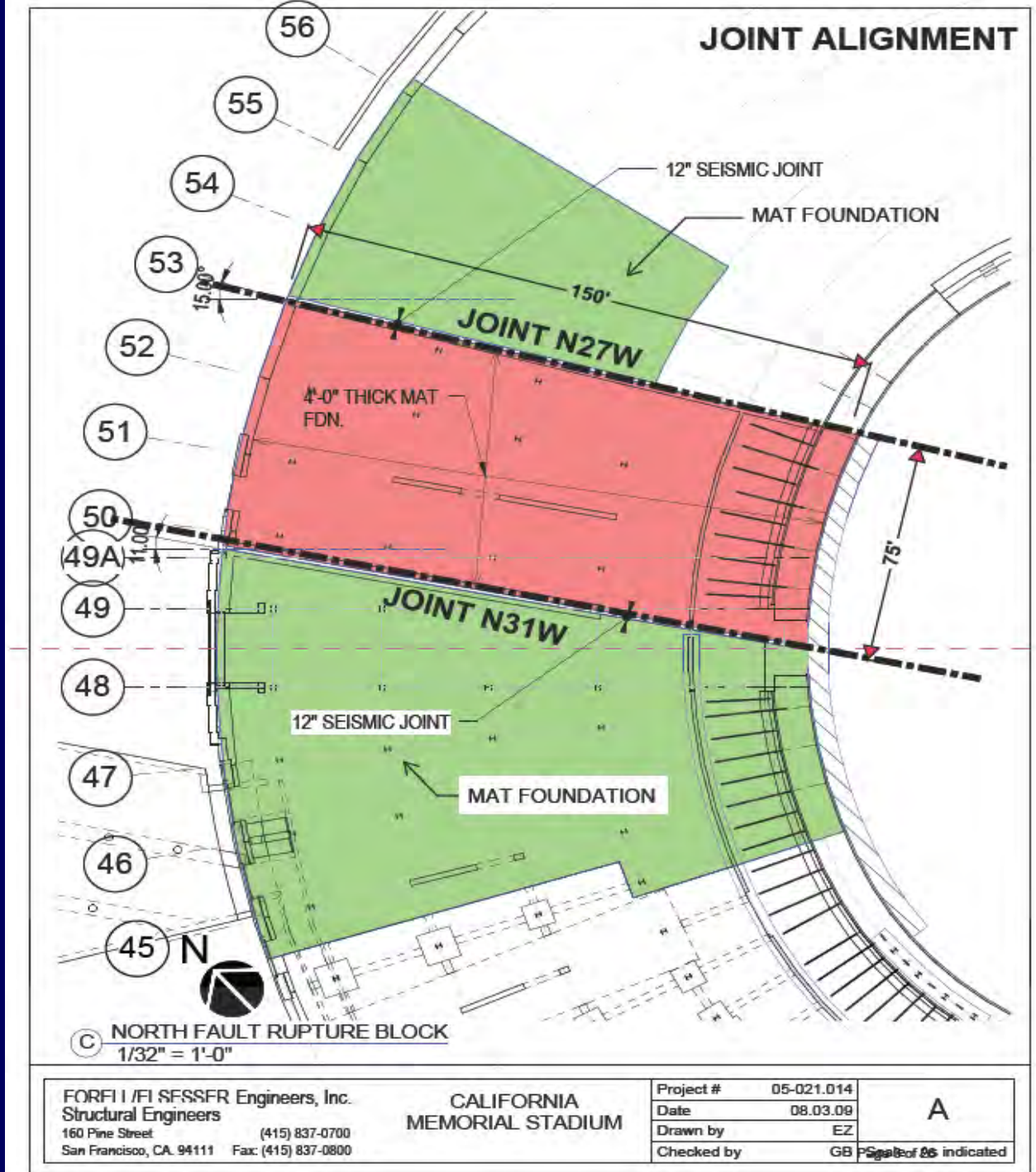
North Fault Rupture Block





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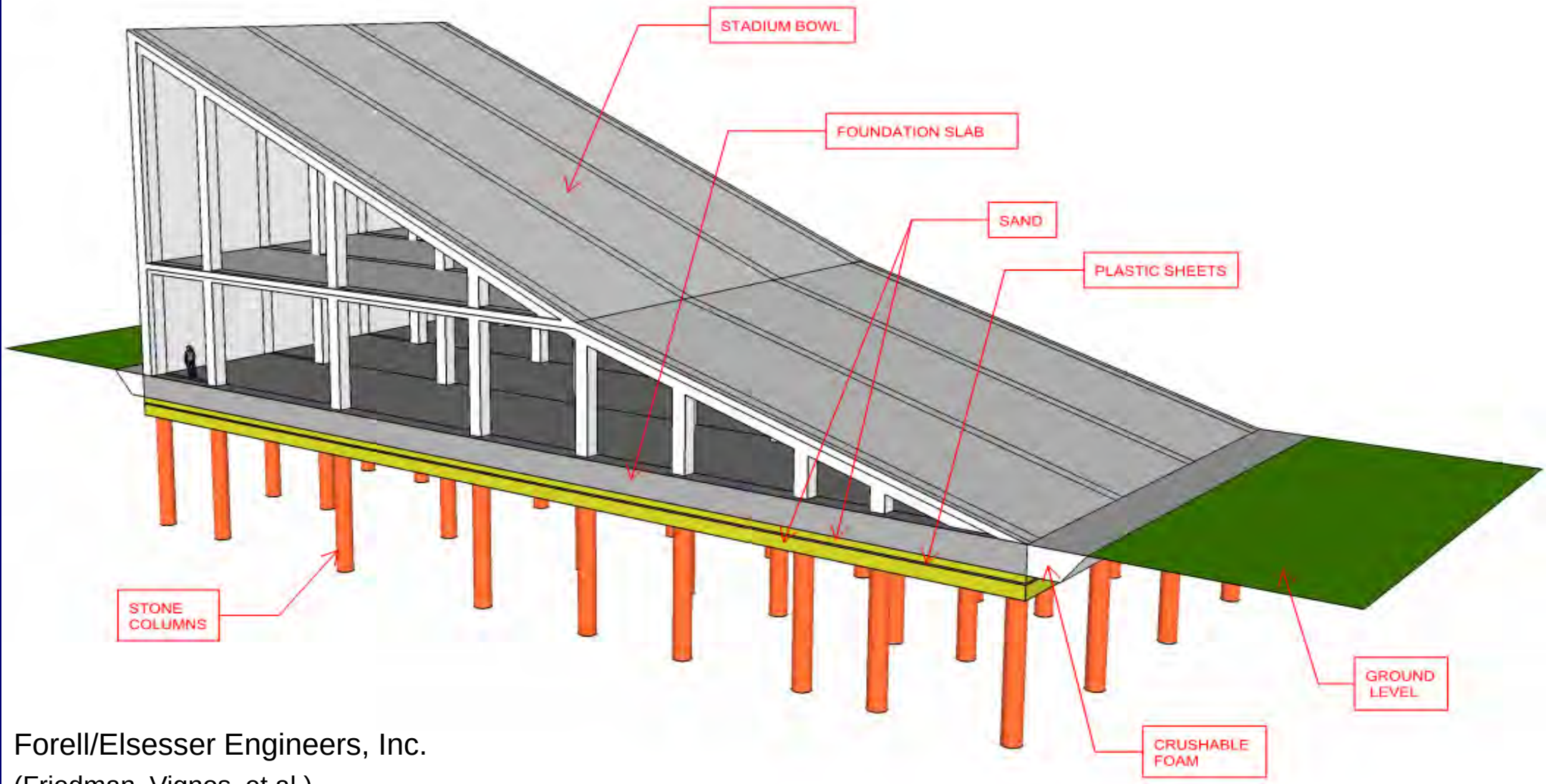
CMS Fault Rupture: Details



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South Fault Rupture Block: Construction

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CONCLUSIONS

- Surface faulting is affected by:
  - fault characteristics
  - overlying soil
  - foundation & structure
- Effects of surface fault rupture can be acceptable or unacceptable
- Surface fault rupture can be analyzed and mitigated similar to other ground movement hazards, e.g., landslides & mining subsidence
- A-P Act should return to its original intent of avoiding “hazardous” faults