

# Geotechniekdag 2019: The Future of Geo-Engineering

Dynamic Soil-Structure Interaction:  
*Understanding the Holocene, instrumenting the  
Anthropocene*

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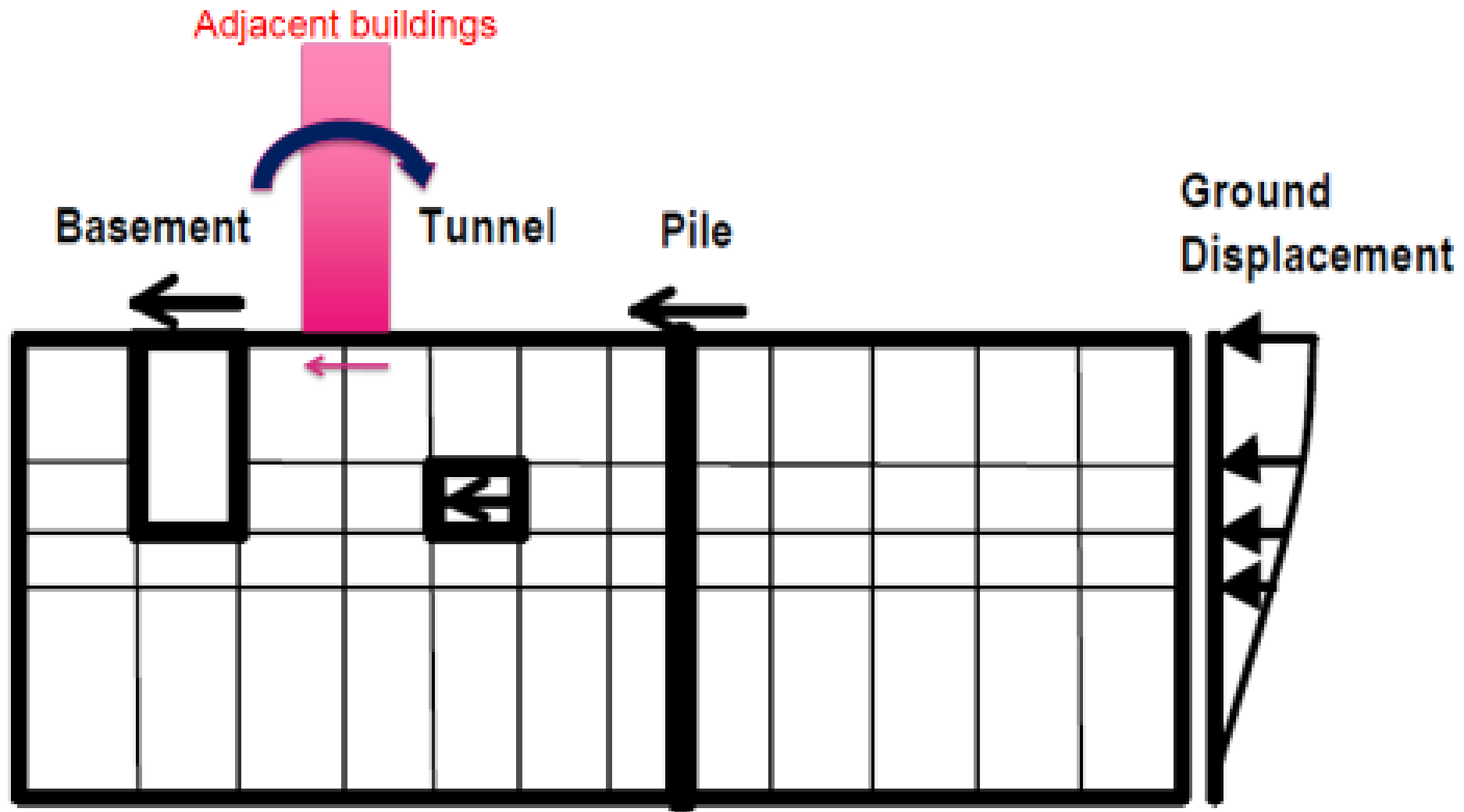


## San Francisco Downtown 1987 > 2017

Anthropocene: the current geological age, during which human activity has been the dominant influence on the environment *(Wikipedia)*

1980s photo: Courtesy Heller Manus Architects  
2017 photo: Proehl Studios

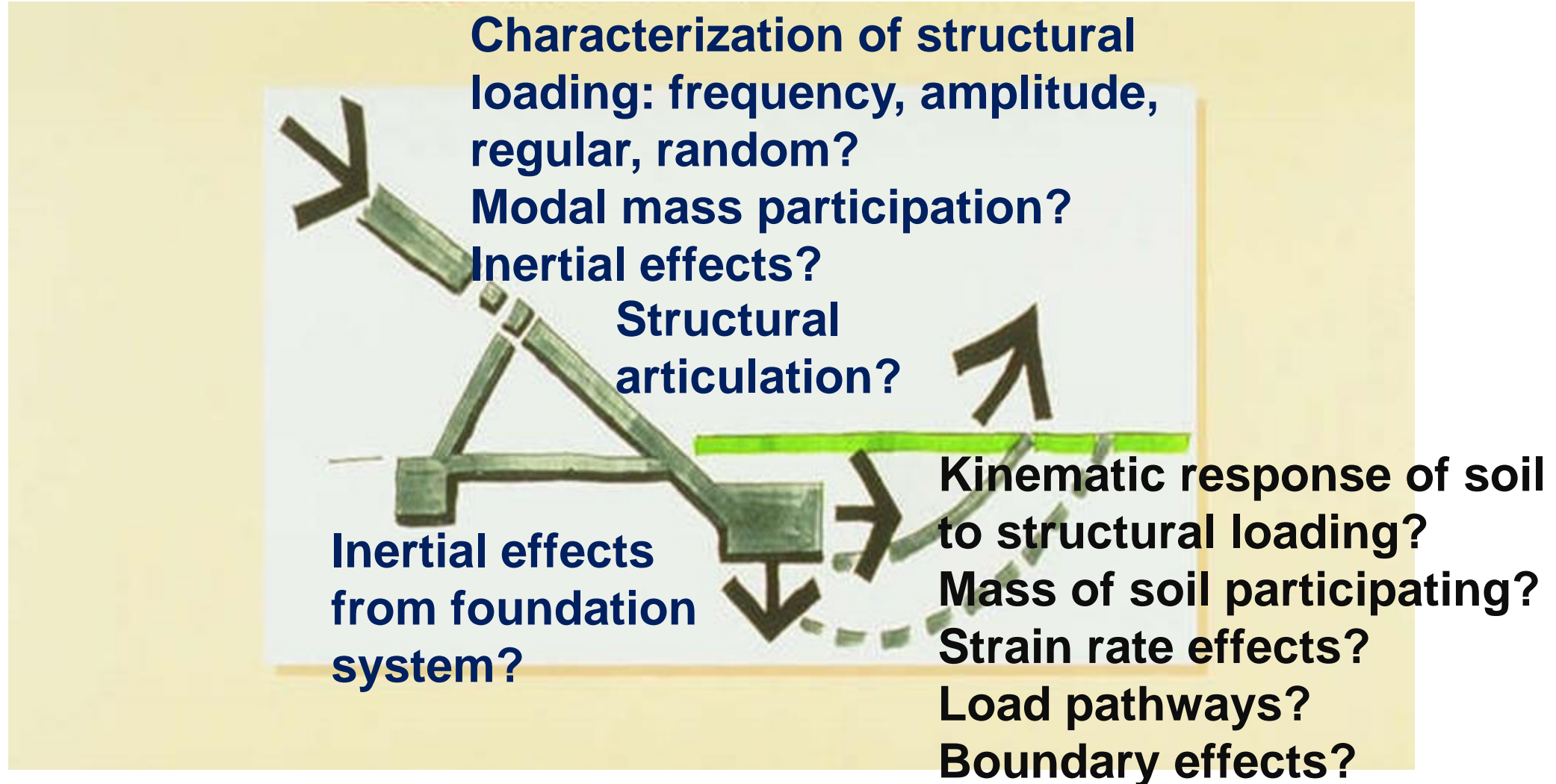
Seismic ground displacements imposed on below-ground structures  
(modified, after Free et al, 2001)



Closed arrows indicate free-field displacement

Open arrows indicate inertial force effects

# Main components of dynamic SSI



# The digital 'twin'

**Digital twin** refers to a **digital** replica of physical assets (physical **twin**), processes, people, places, systems and devices that can be used for various purposes. The **digital** representation provides both the elements and the dynamics of how an Internet of things device operates and lives throughout its life cycle.

As Geotechnical Engineers we need to be better at defining the properties of the ground in the time domain: strain rate dependency, destructuration under repetitive loading, in situ tests, long term behaviour and feedback.

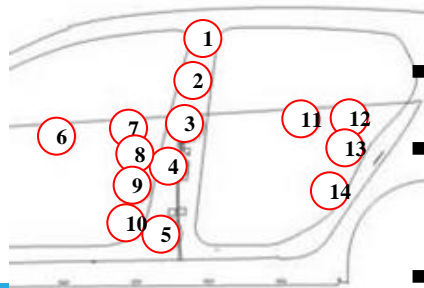
A digital twin can be made for a rapid insitu test (CPT, Pressuremeter, DMT), the construction process and completed installation.

# FE analyses: EuroNCAP Pole Impact

50 km/hr (14 m/s)

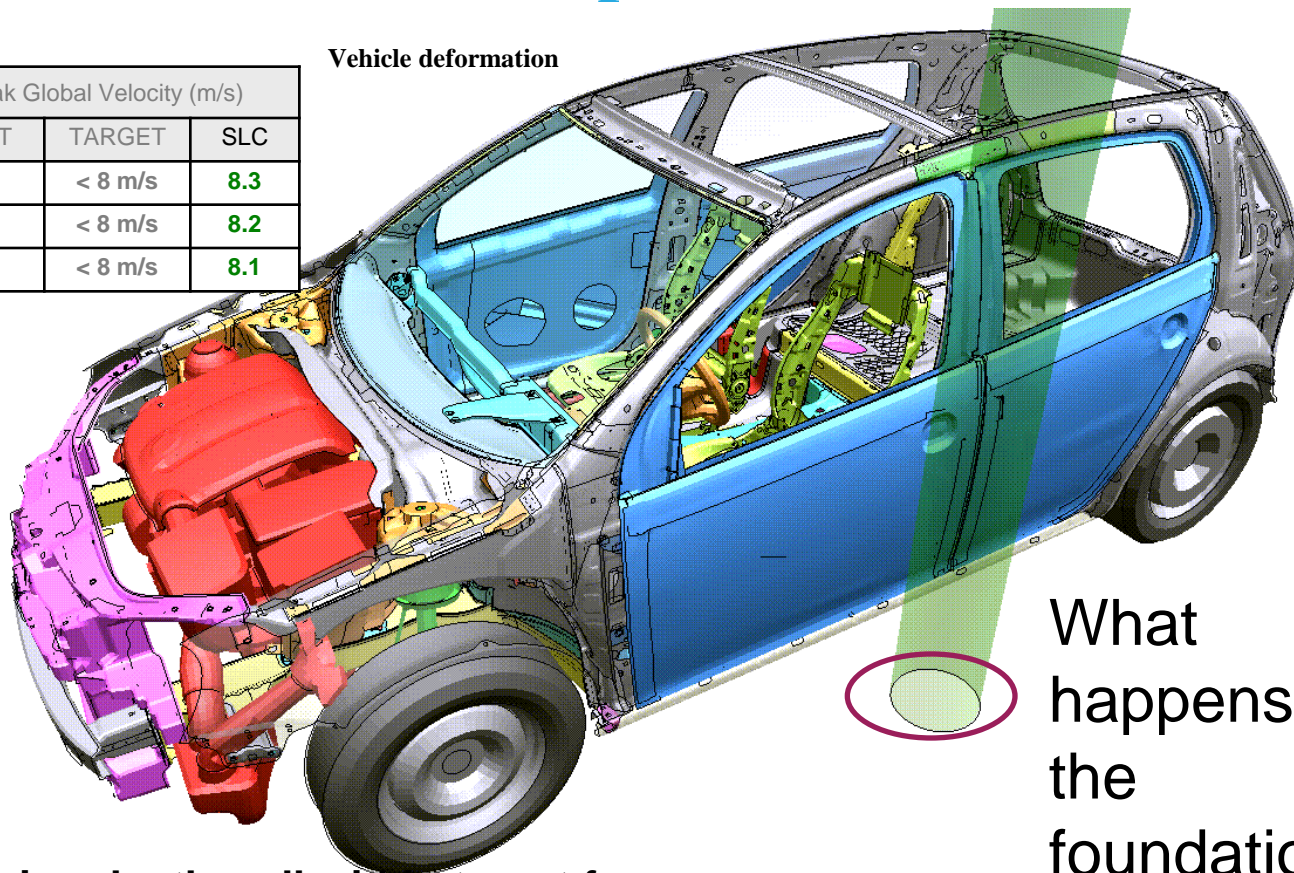
Peak Intrusion Depth (mm)		
POINT	TARGET	SLC
1	< 230	110
2	< 230	207
3	< 230	262
4	< 230	297
5	< 230	326
6	< 230	189
7	< 230	294
8	< 230	294
9	< 230	285
10	< 230	296
11	< 230	107
12	< 230	48
13	< 230	51
14	< 230	61

Survival Space (Door) (mm)		
POINT	TARGET	SLC
10	> 405	547



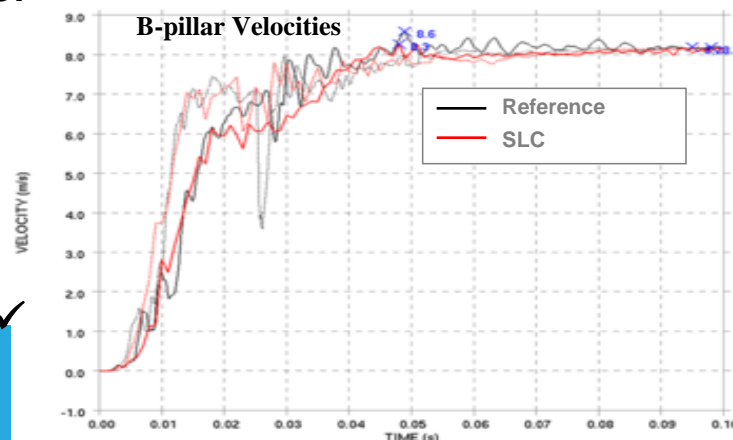
Peak Global Velocity (m/s)		
POINT	TARGET	SLC
3	< 8 m/s	8.3
5	< 8 m/s	8.2
10	< 8 m/s	8.1

Vehicle deformation

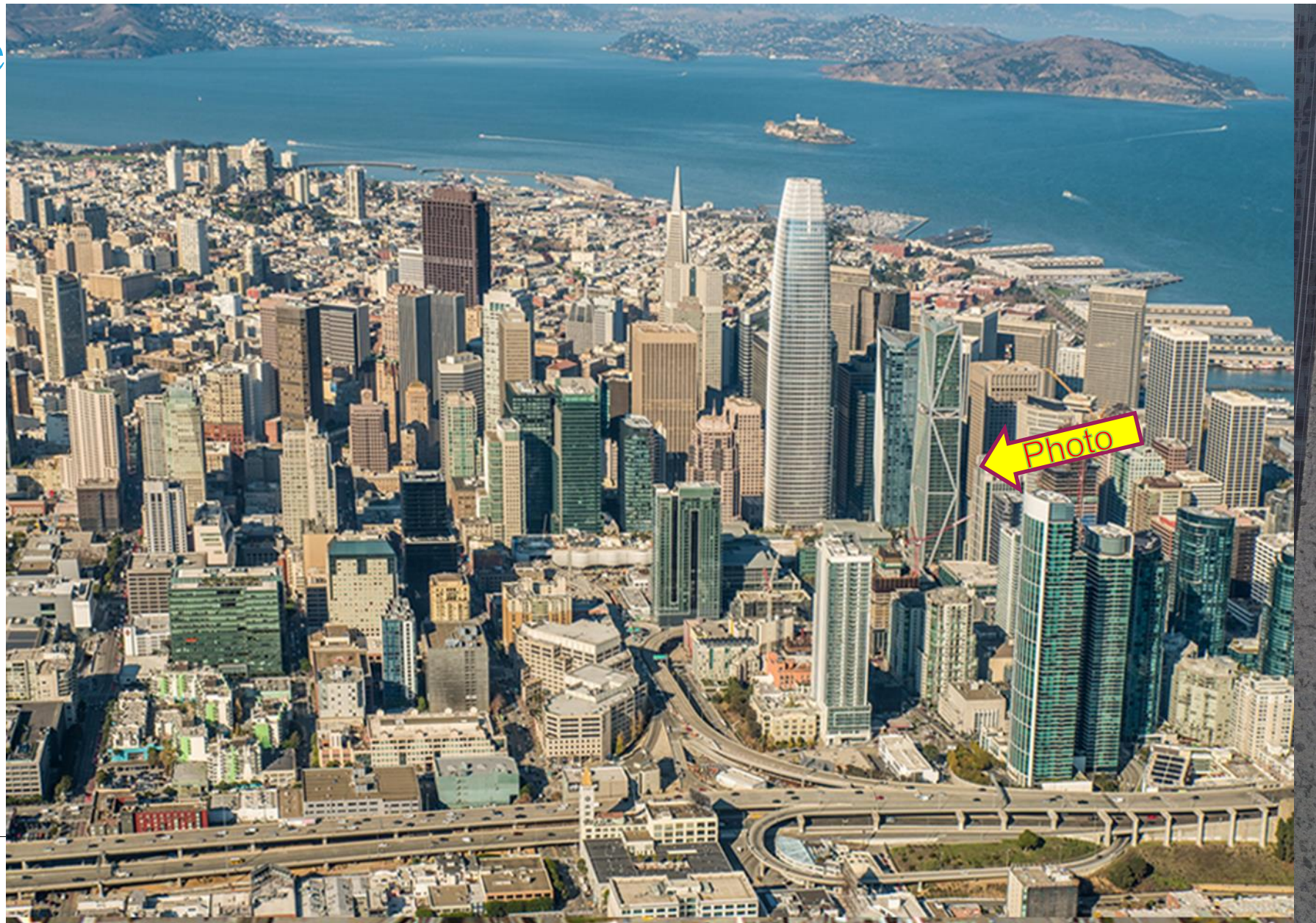


What happens at the foundation?

- Intrusion depth well within target for all measuring points ✓
- Survival space well within target ✓
- Intrusion velocity better than reference ✓
- Deformation better than reference ✓

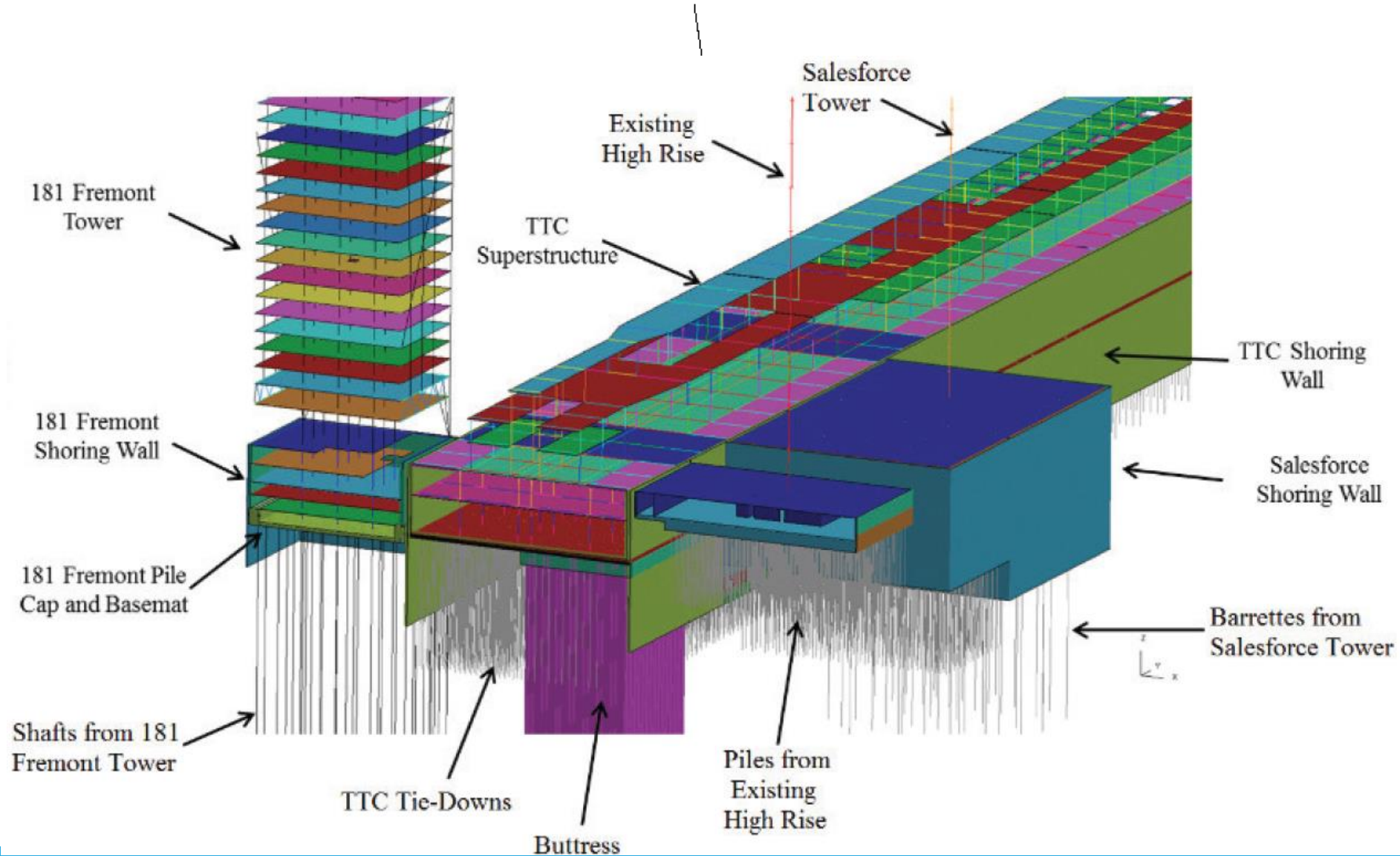


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# Transbay Transit Center, Transbay Tower, 181 Fremont Tower and existing high-rise performance under 1 in 975 Return Period EQ

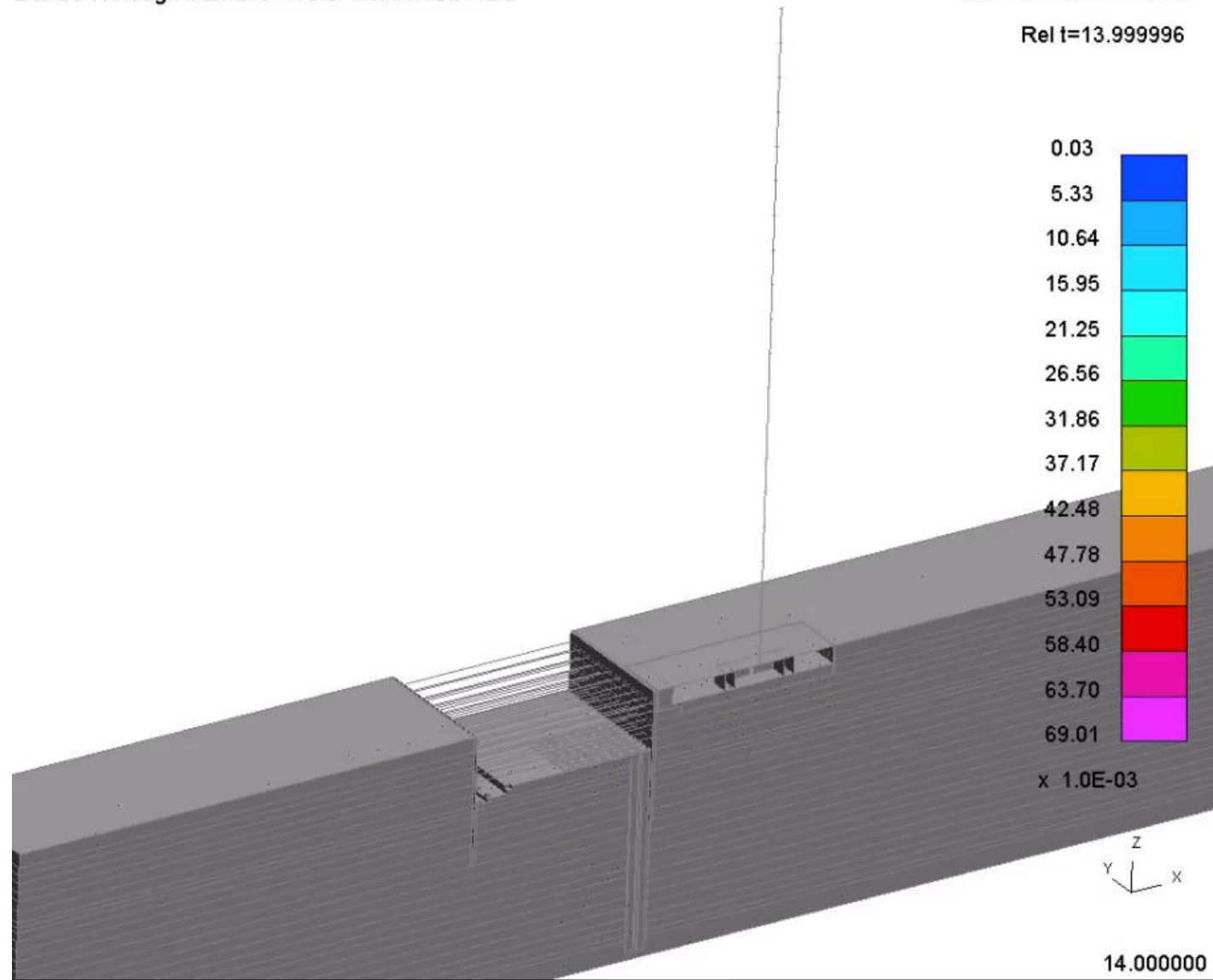


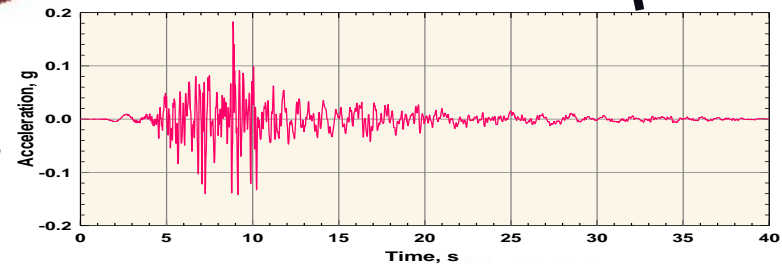
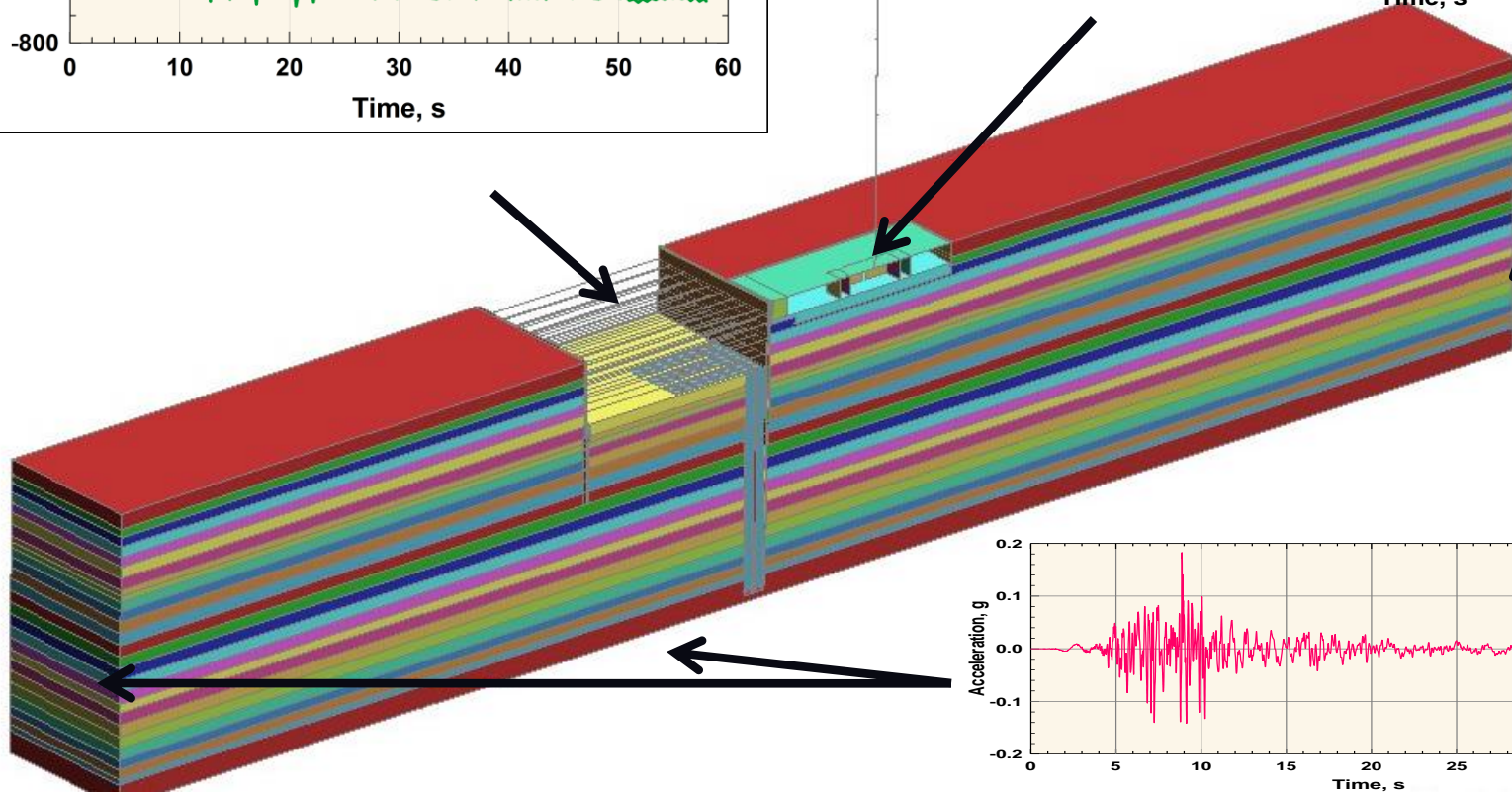
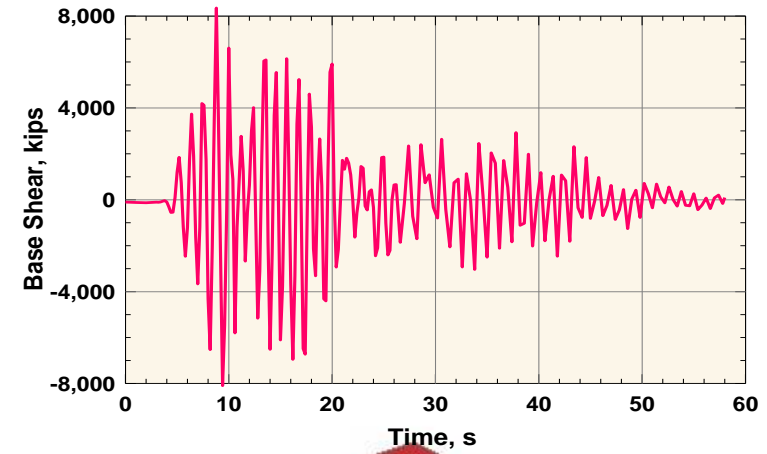
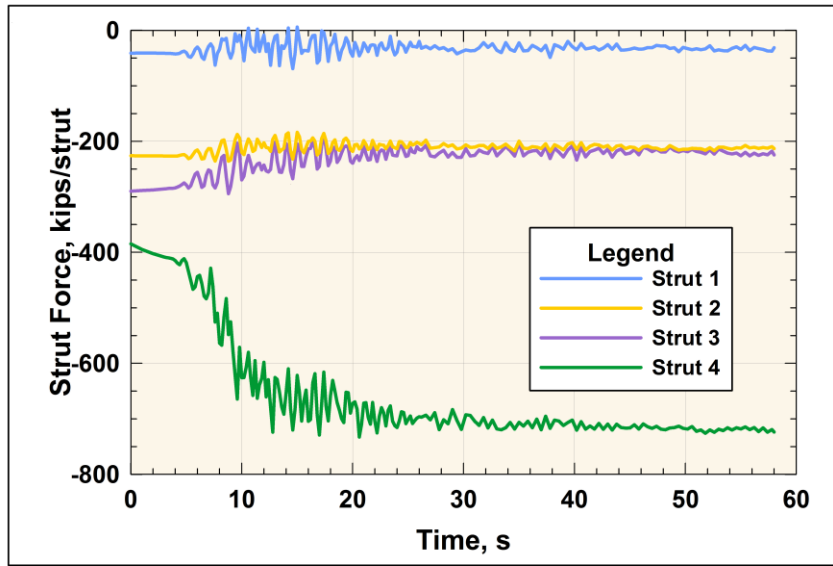
(Ellison et al, 2017)

D3PLOT: Rough Interface - Outer Reinforced - Kob

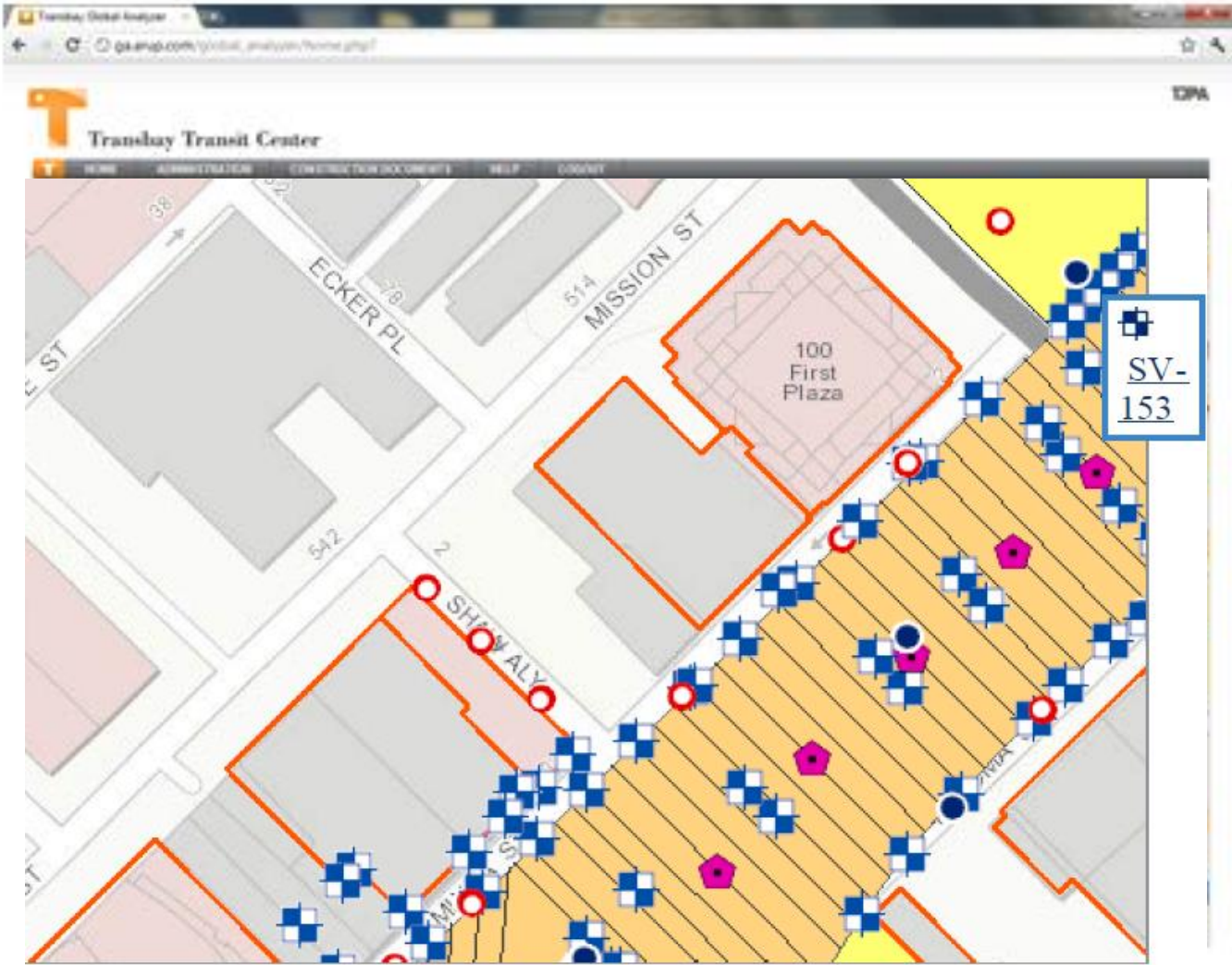
DISPLACEMENT vector

Rel t=13.999996

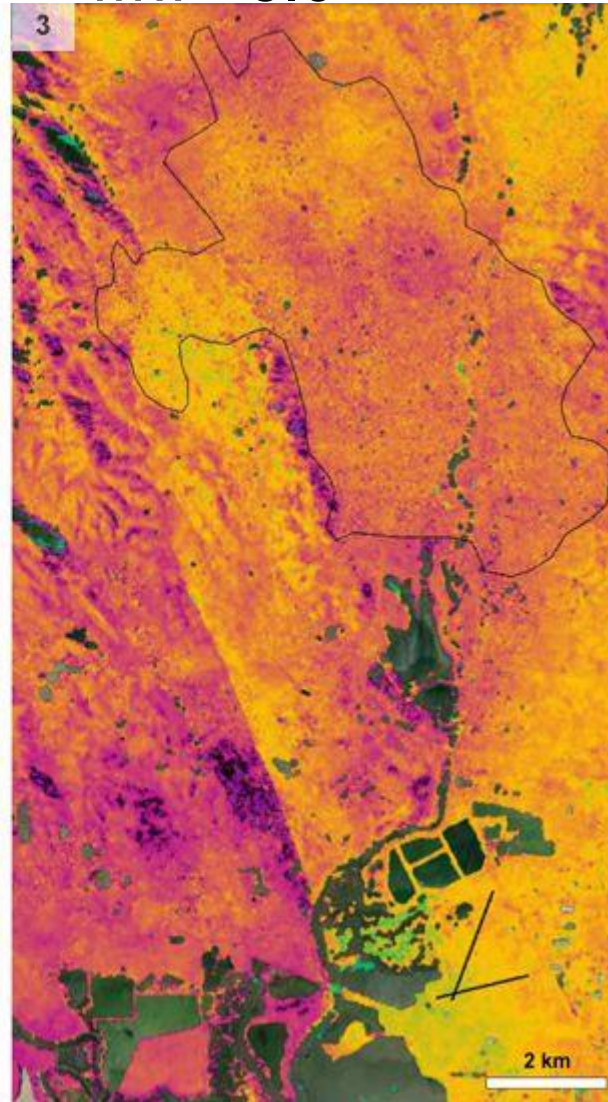
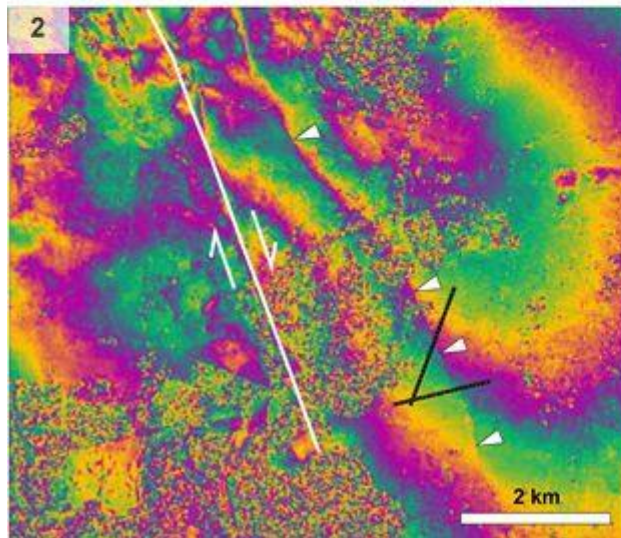
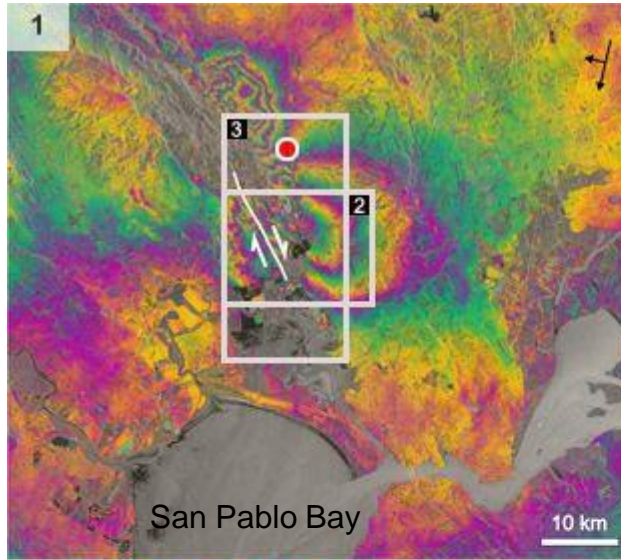




# Instrumentation of the Transbay regeneration zone

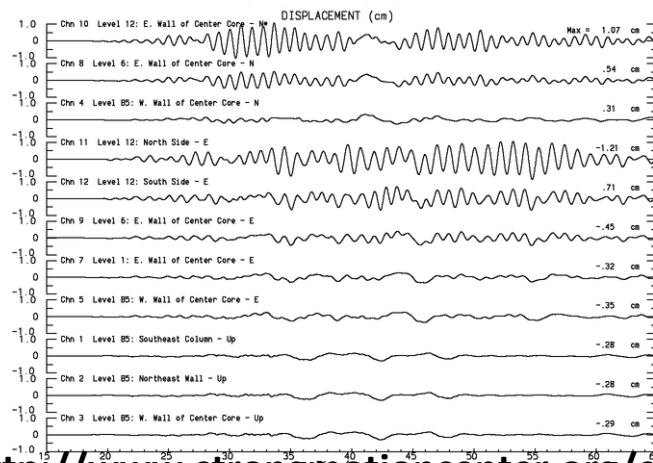
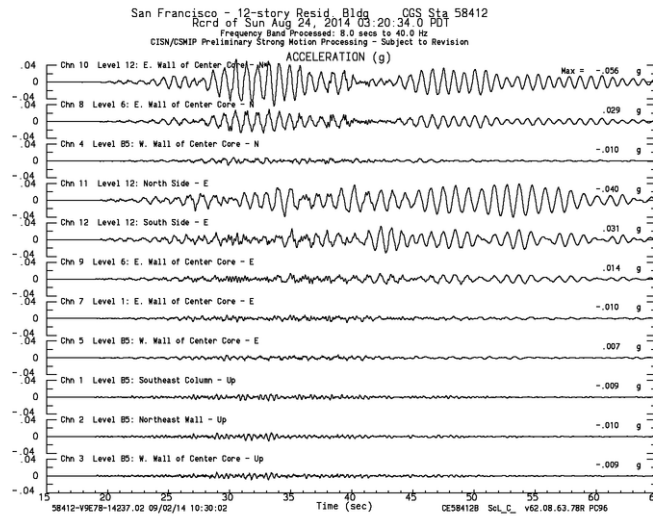


# Napa earthquake, August 2014, c.60 km from San Francisco, Mw= 6.0



- (1) Sentinel-1a's first interferogram showing widespread ground movement in the aftermath of the August earthquake
- (2) A blow-up from the August image detailing the surface fault rupture (white line) that was mapped by scientists on foot
- (3) A sharp discontinuity is visible in this September interferogram that betrays afterslip on the fault of up to **2cm**

# 12 storey low-rise with 5 level, 18m basement: accelerometer data (CA Geol Survey)

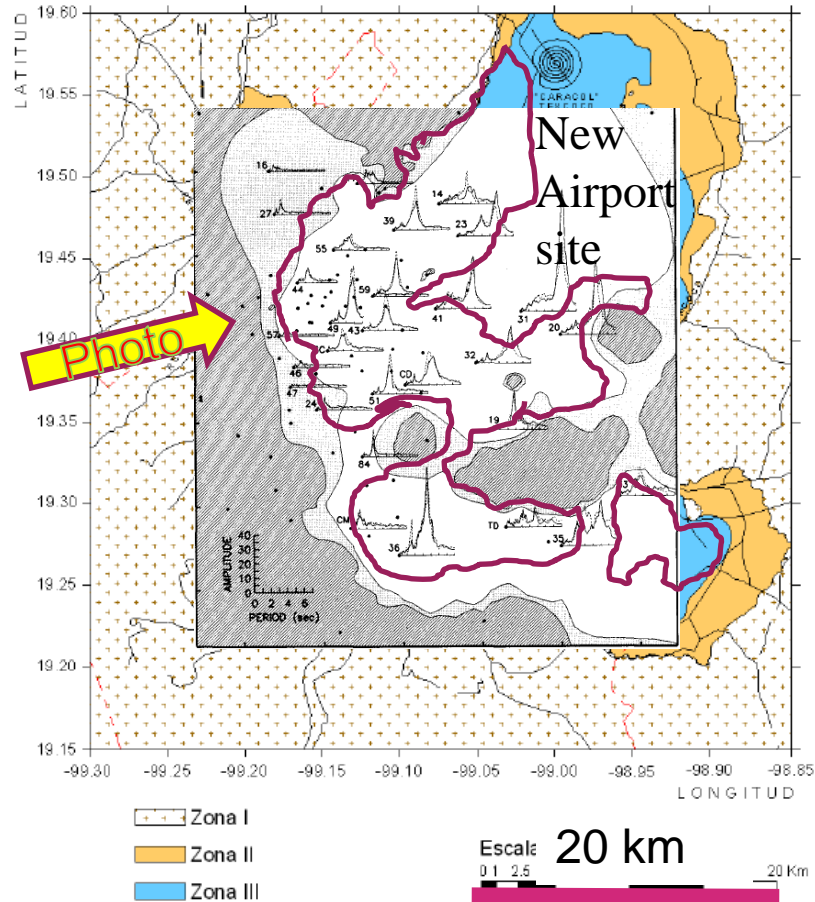


Strut loads from 4<sup>th</sup> level strut in adjacent 20m deep Transbay excavation

[http://www.strongmotioncenter.org/cgi-](http://www.strongmotioncenter.org/cgi-bin/CESMD/iqrStationMap.pl?ID=SouthNapa_24Aug2014_72282711)

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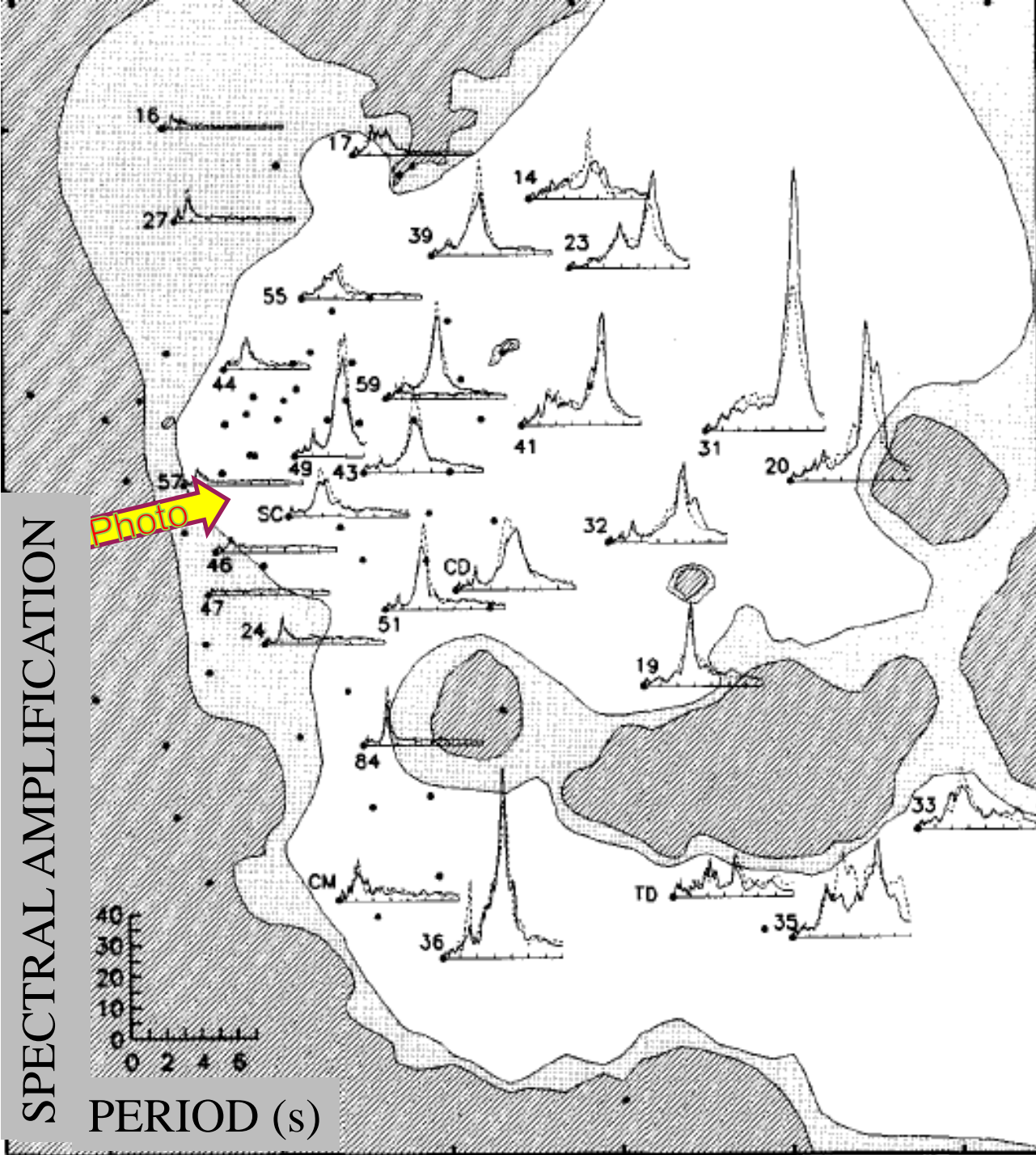
# Mexico City: a mega-city on soft ground



Boundary of the urban area  
(the Anthropocene) in Zone  
III, Lakebed Deposits

GDF(2004) Geotechnical zoning  
map of Mexico City Basin

Spectral amplification at urban  
recording stations deployed after  
19 September 1985 EQ  
(Reinoso & Ordaz, 1999)

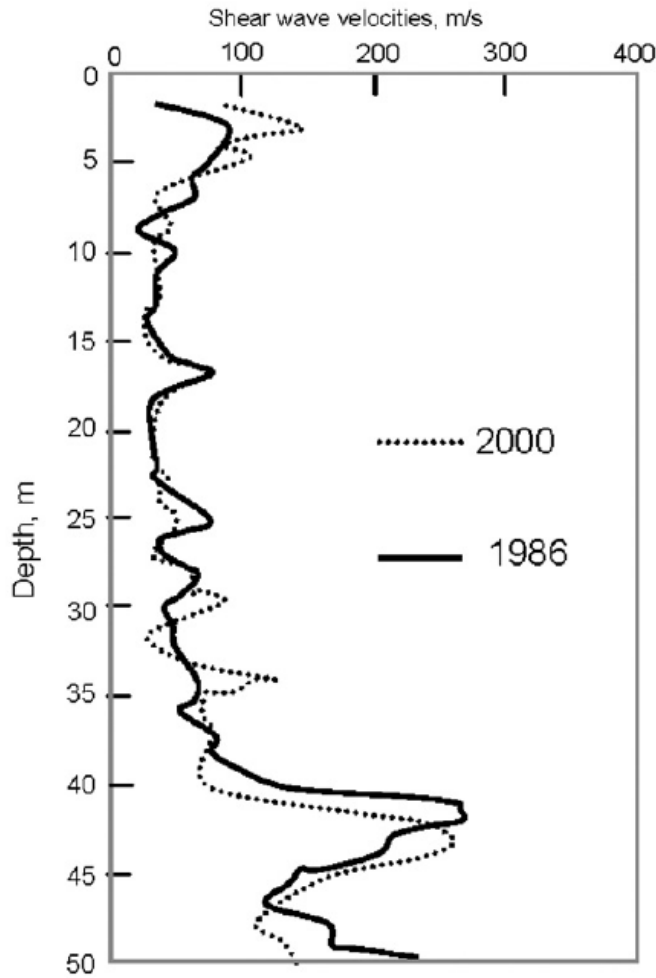


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# Mexico City, Lakebed zone, $V_S$ profiles

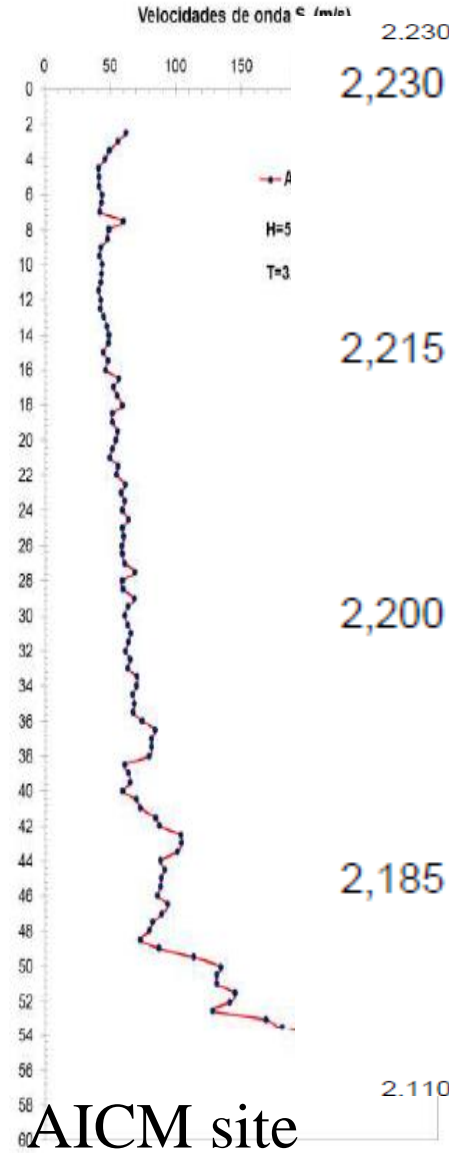
# Shear wave velocity, m/s



Ovando (2007)

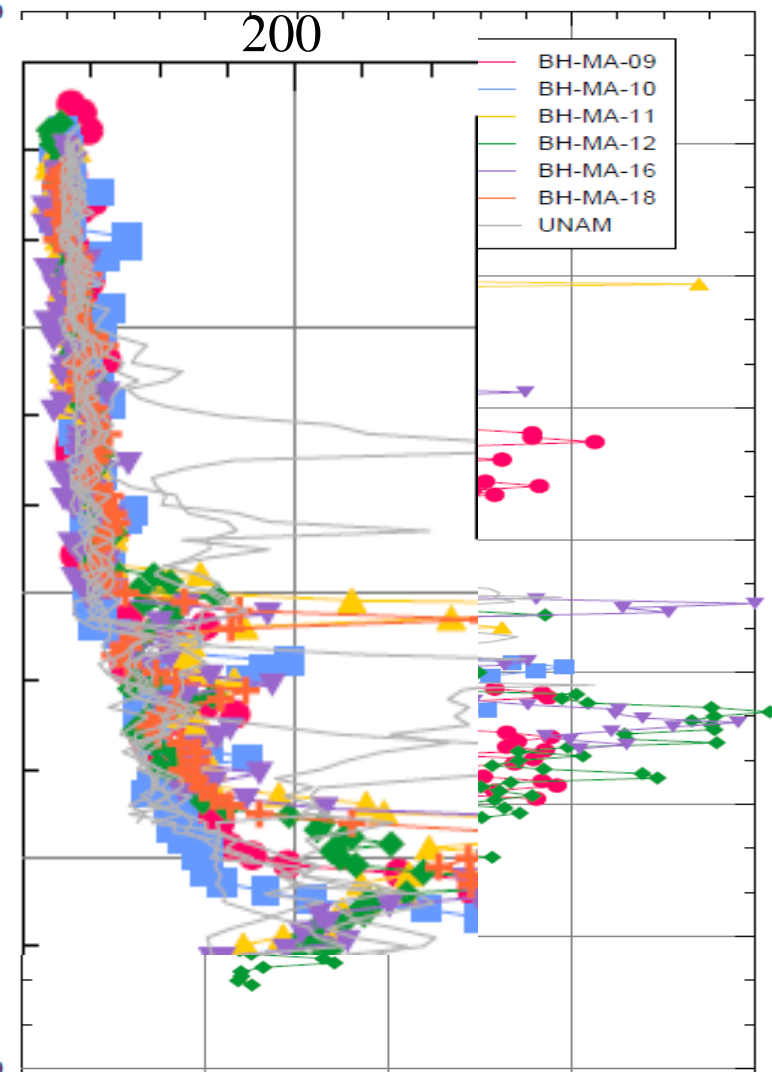
CAO site

(West, urban)



AICM site

(Central, suburban)



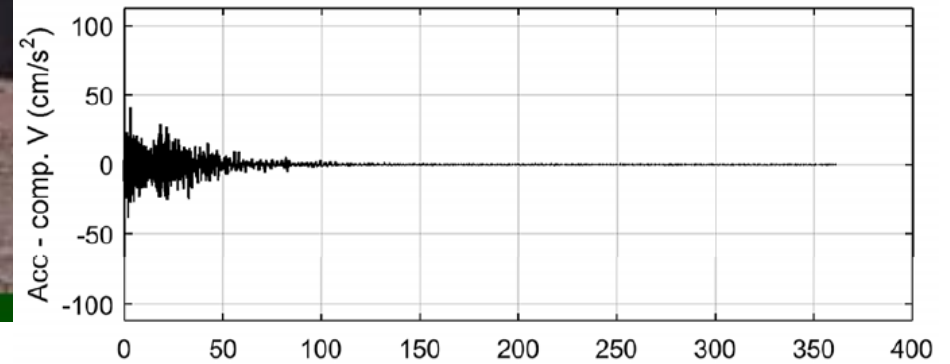
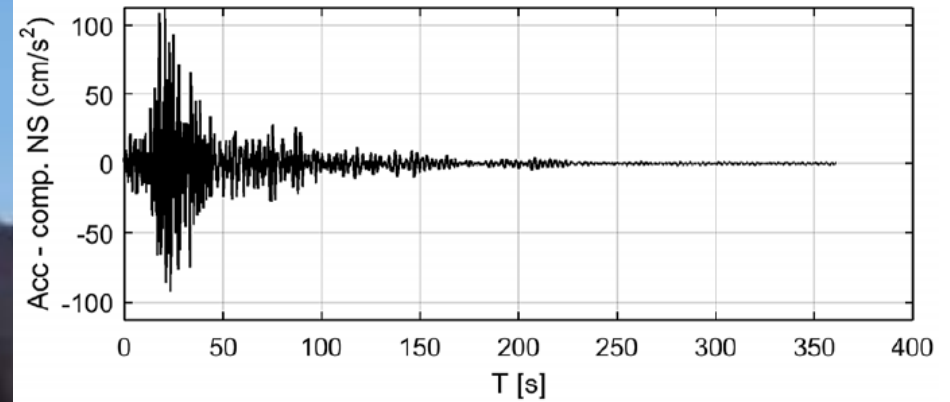
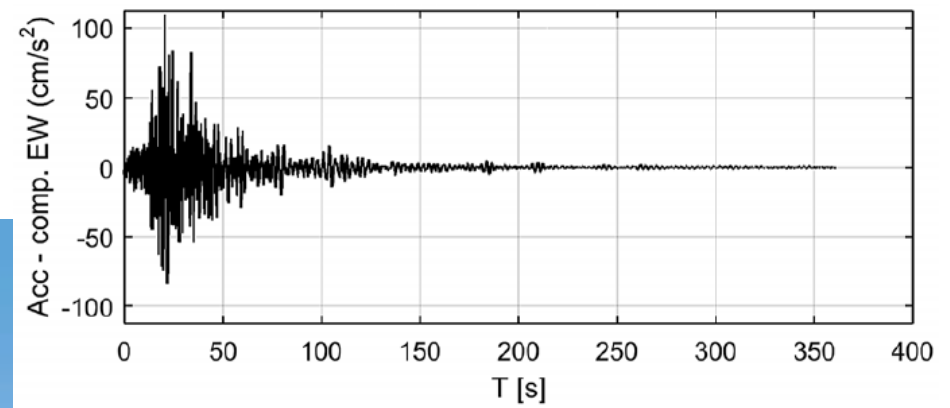
NAIM site

(East, undeveloped)

# New Airport site, Mexico City Puebla EQ 19 September 2017



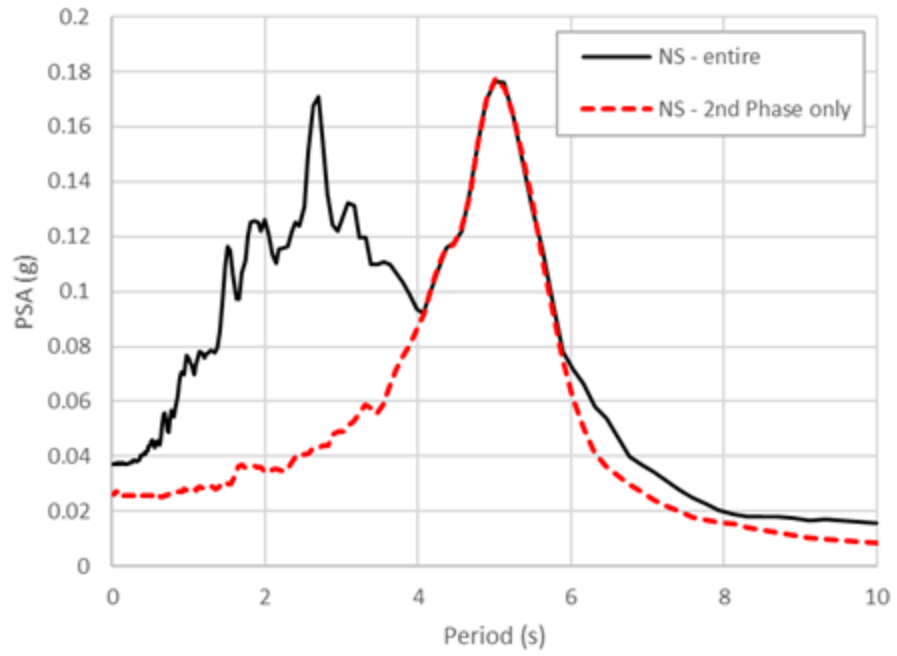
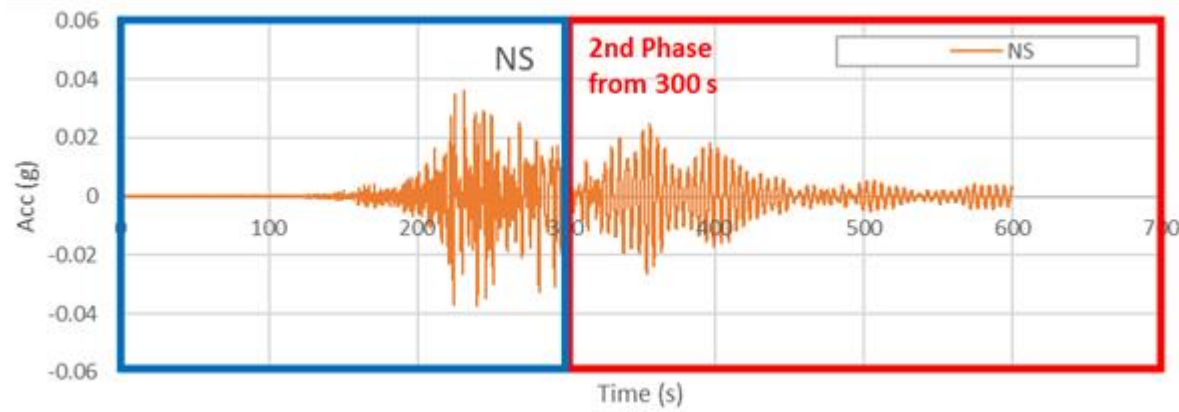
(Under construction)  
undeveloped lakebed



IIGEN2 acceleration records  
(UNAM, 2017)

# Aux. Station, urban lakebed zone, Mexico City – Beating (2<sup>nd</sup>) Phase

Acceleration (cm/s<sup>2</sup>)  
+600  
-600



# Gueguen et al (2002) Urban effect on ground motions (Mexico City)

Building-to-soil  
kinematic energy  
ratio

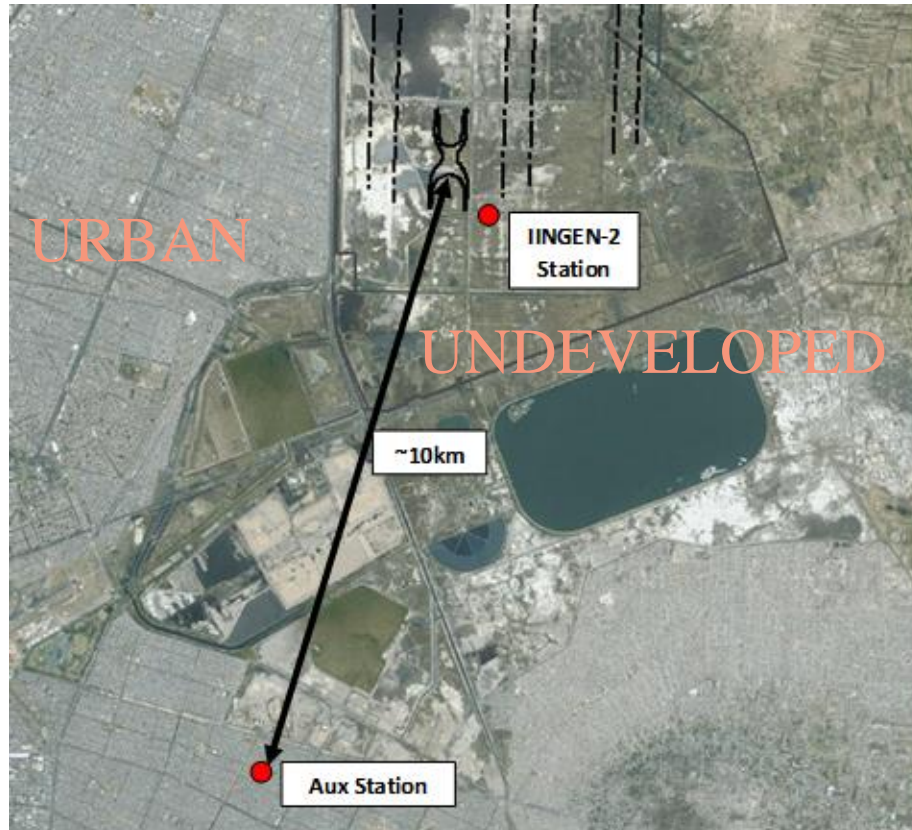
$$\frac{E_{kb}}{E_{ks}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{S_{bi}}{S_s} \cdot \frac{h_{li}}{H_s} \cdot \frac{f_s^2}{\tilde{f}_i^2}$$

urbanisation density

building height: soft soil thickness

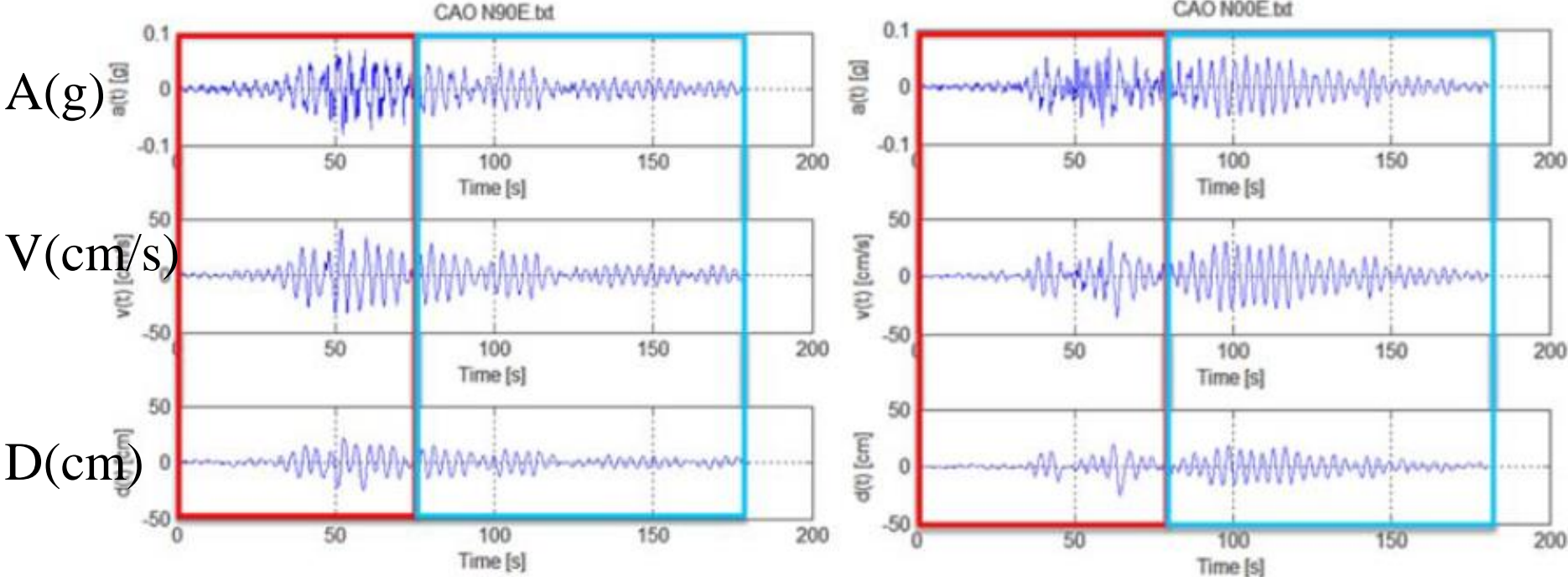
resonance

(soil:building)



$E_{kb}/E_{ks} = 0.87$  at Aux  
station site  
(threshold for urban effect  
is 0.1, after Gueguen et al  
(2002))

# CAO Station, urban lakebed zone, Mexico City - Beating 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase

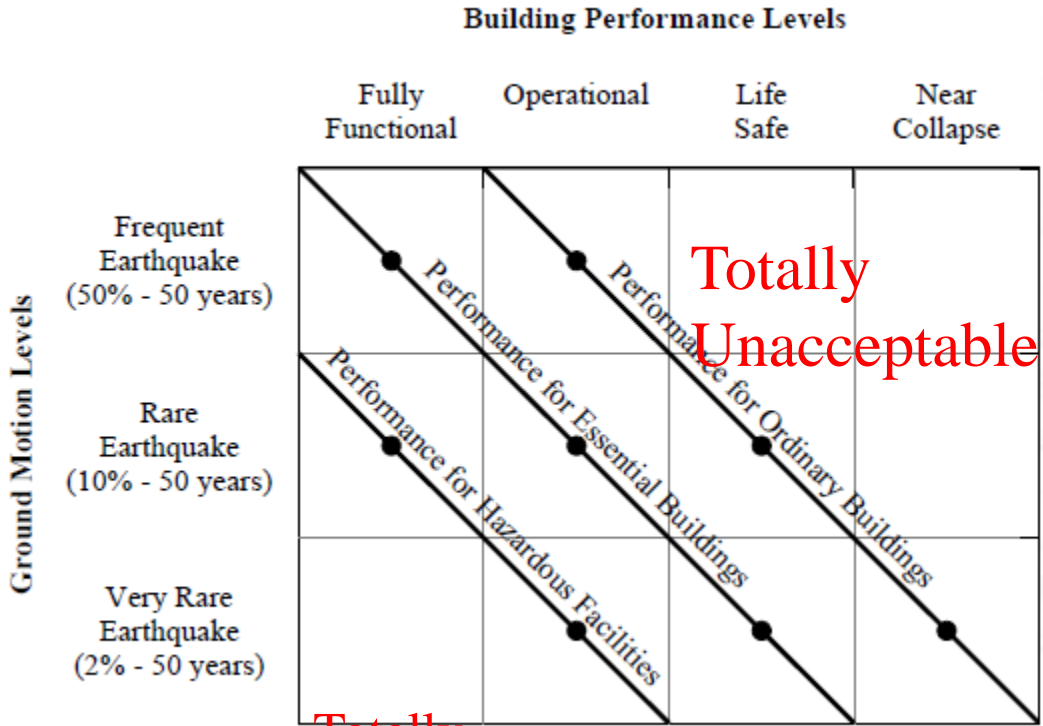


# Minimum requirements for numerical analysis of dynamic soil-structure interaction: Non-Linear Response History

## Analysis software (O'Riordan & Almufti, 2015)

- Pressure- and rate-sensitive non-linear shear stress/strain soil properties
- Degrading  $G/G_{max}$  curves for the soil
- Water pressures: recognise volumetric & shear strain rates at excavation/construction and dynamic excitation stages
- Accurate representation of foundation systems
- Interface layers between structural elements and the soil mass that represent disturbed soil
- Representation of structures, vehicles etc: equivalent mass, stiffness and damping to capture dynamic behaviour
- Representation of construction installation sequencing
- Soil domain sufficiently large that boundary effects are negligible during dynamic loading
- Able to provide 'rupture to rafters' (Ellison et al, 2017) process for seismic loadcases

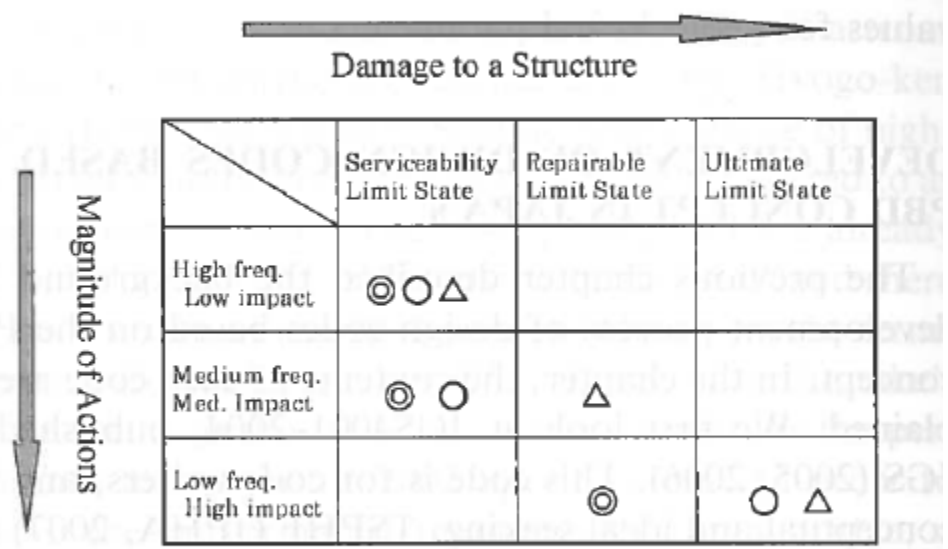
# Repairable Limit State



Totally Unacceptable

Totally Over-designed?

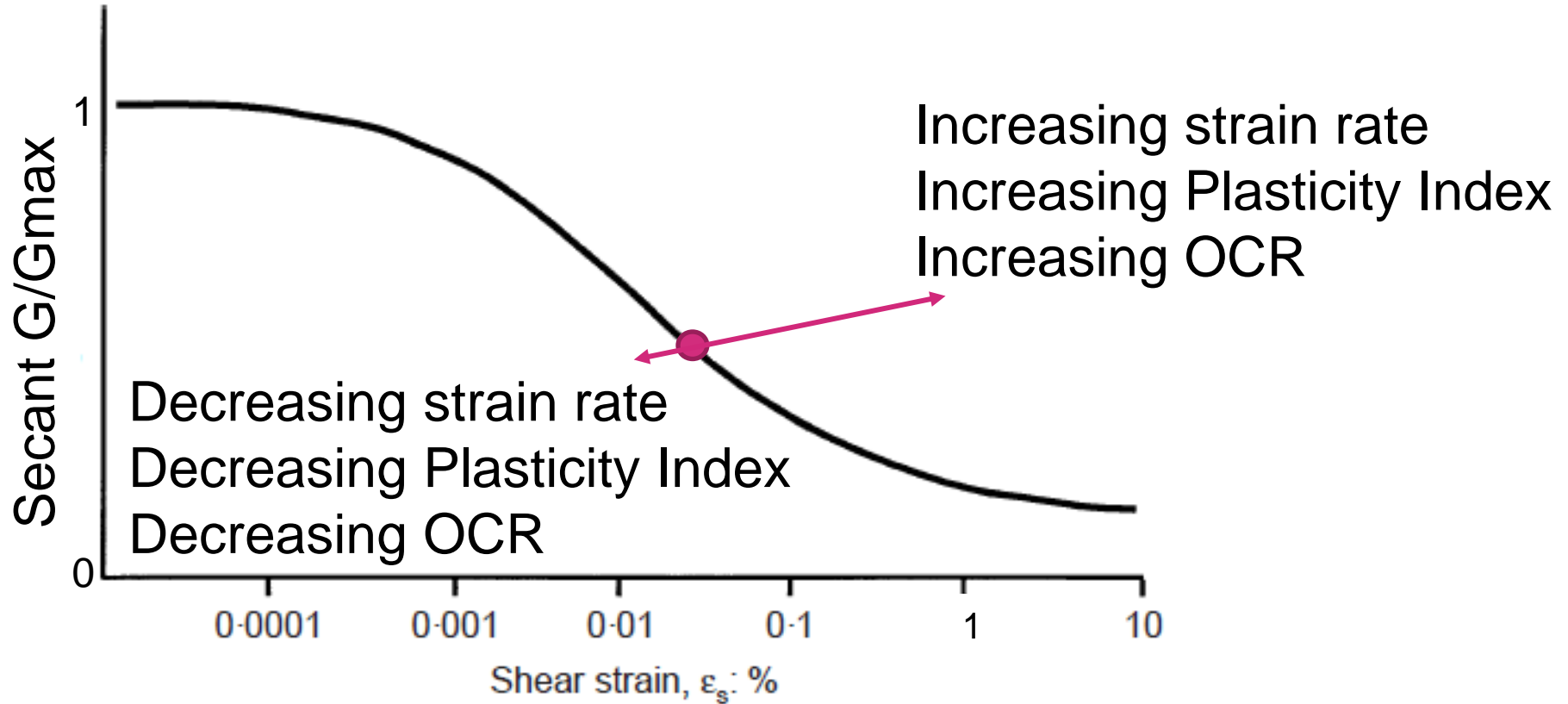
After SEAOC (1995)



Note: ◎ Important Structure ○ Ordinary Structure △ Easily Repairable Structure

After Honjo (2010)

# Typical 'backbone curve' (modified after Atkinson, 2000)



Dynamic methods

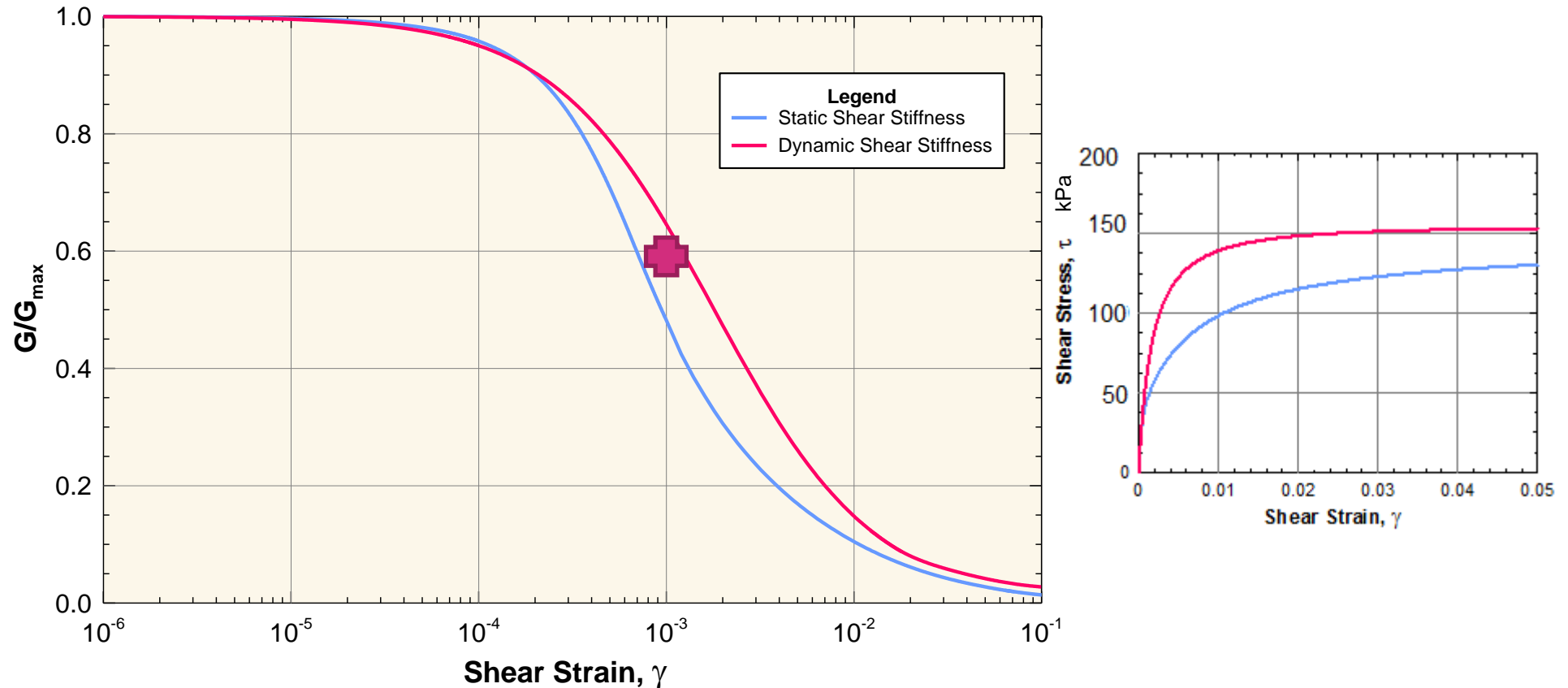
Local gauges

Conventional soil testing

$$\frac{G}{G_{max}} = \frac{1}{1 + \beta \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_r} \right)^\alpha}$$

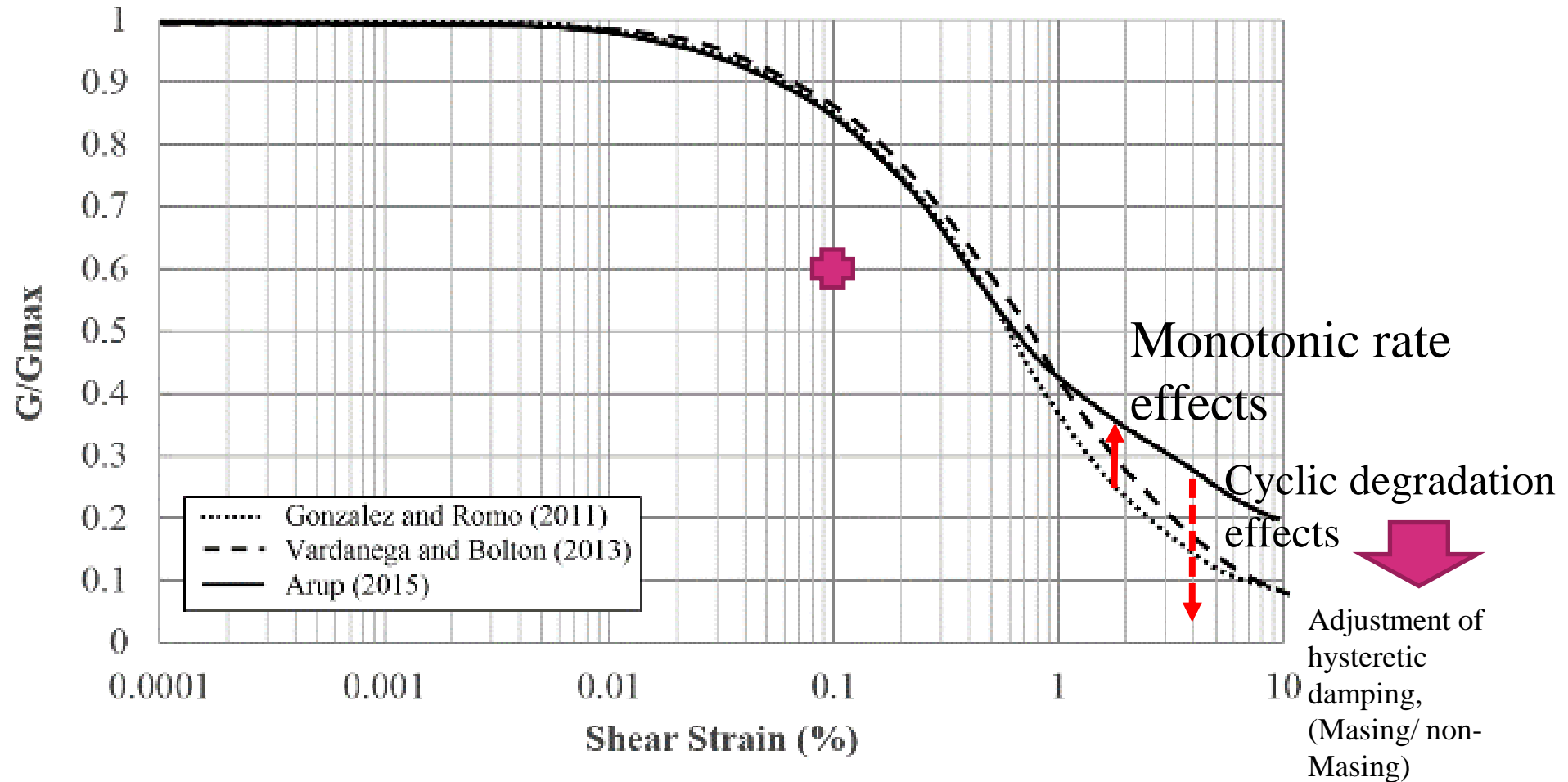


# Consequences for G/G<sub>max</sub> curves: 'dynamic' and 'static' soil behaviour



LS Dyna Mat\_Hysteretic soil with strain rate controlled secant shear modulus for SF Old Bay Clay (PI=40 to 50%, OCR=1.4)

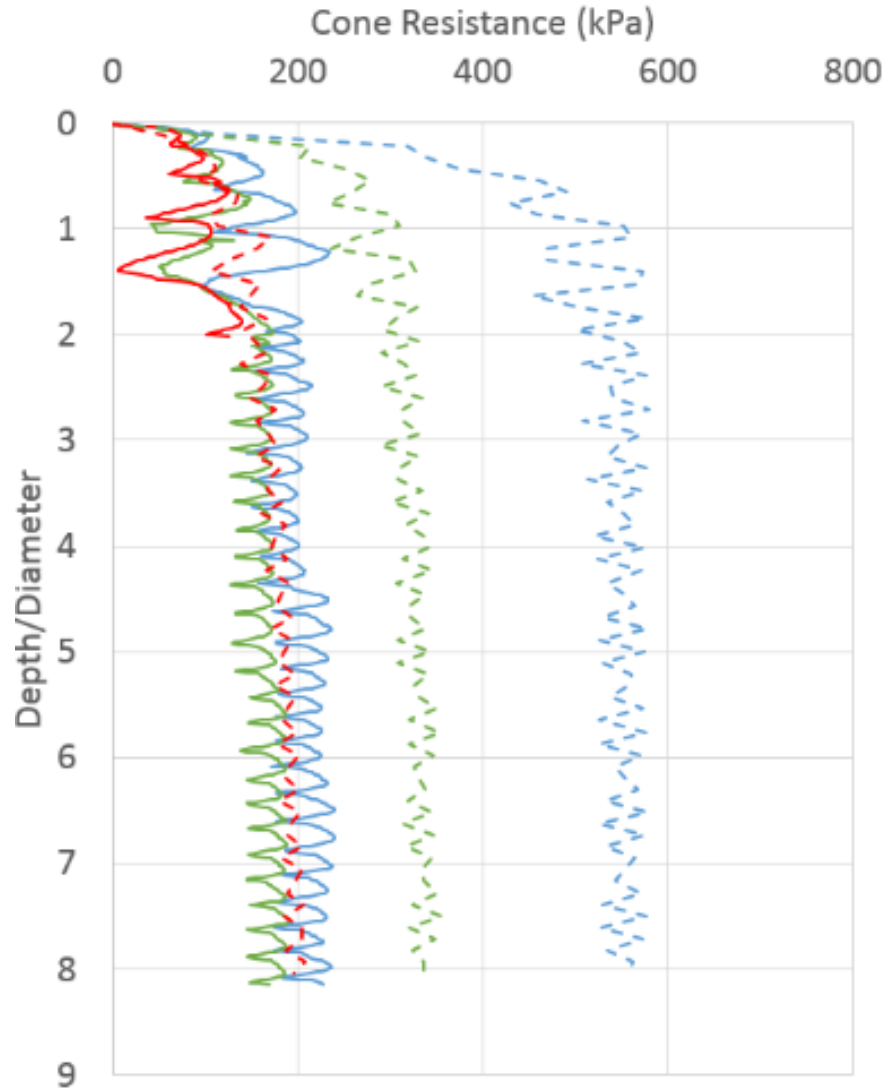
# Consequences for G/Gmax curves



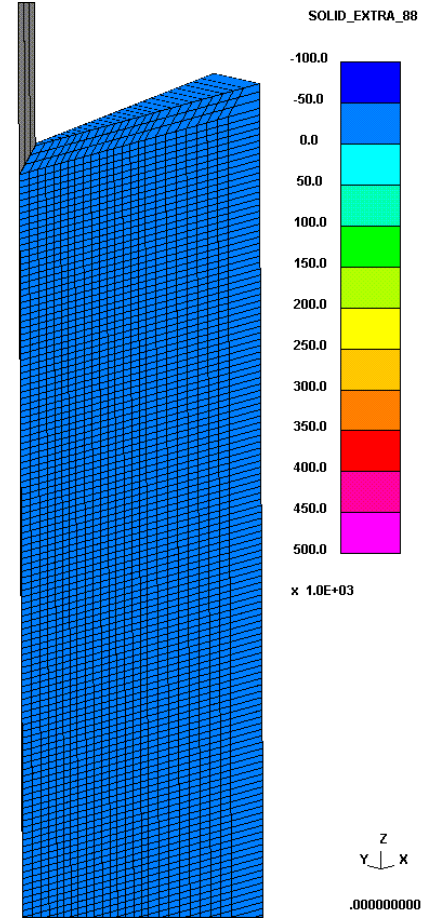
Mexico City Clays (PI=200%, OCR~1.5): backbone curve

for PLAXIS and LS DYNA analysis

# CPT in Mexico City clays in LS Dyna, with & without strain rate (SRE), with destructuration and variable velocity



- 2 cm/sec (15%/log cycle SRE)
- 2 cm/sec (5%/log cycle SRE)
- 2 cm/sec (No SRE)
- - - 20 cm/sec (15%/log cycle SRE)
- - - 20 cm/sec (5%/log cycle SRE)
- - - 20 cm/sec (No SRE)



# Gautrain, Johannesburg > Pretoria

**GAUTRAIN**  
FOR PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

# Gautrain: new railway for the soccer World Cup 2010

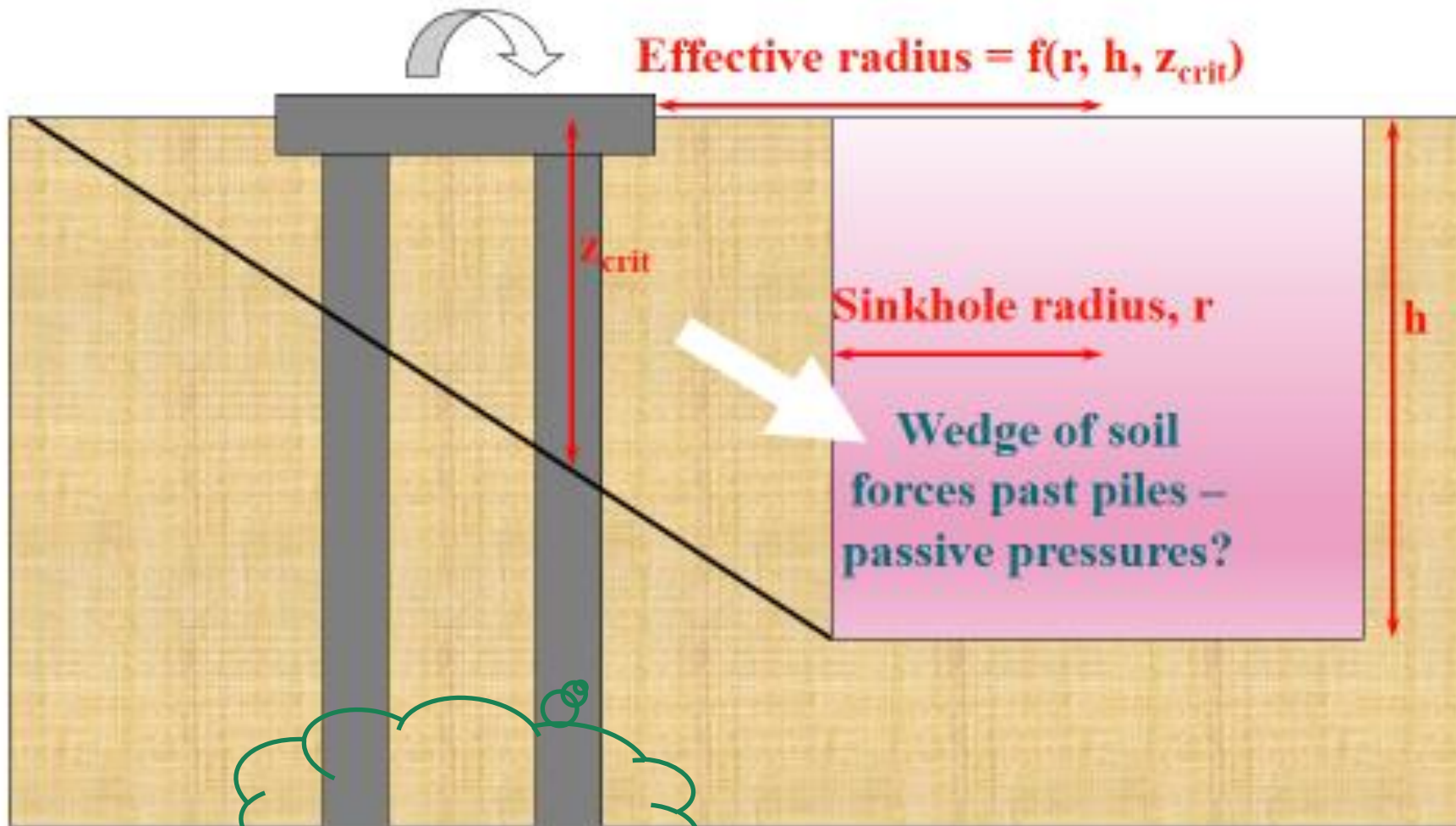


New Johannesburg>  
Pretoria railway crosses  
sinkhole-prone dolomite  
residuum on viaducts  
and ground slabs

Conventional GI  
technique is air-flush  
rotary, and measurement  
of drilling rate.

Limited published soils  
data, but 'good' history  
of sinkhole occurrence.

# Viaduct Foundation

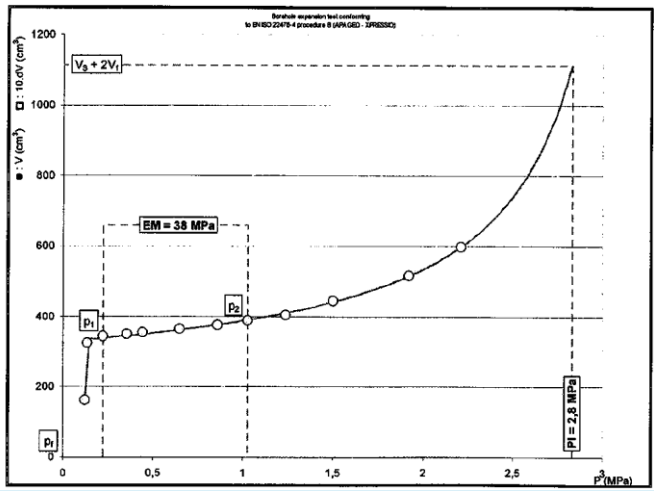
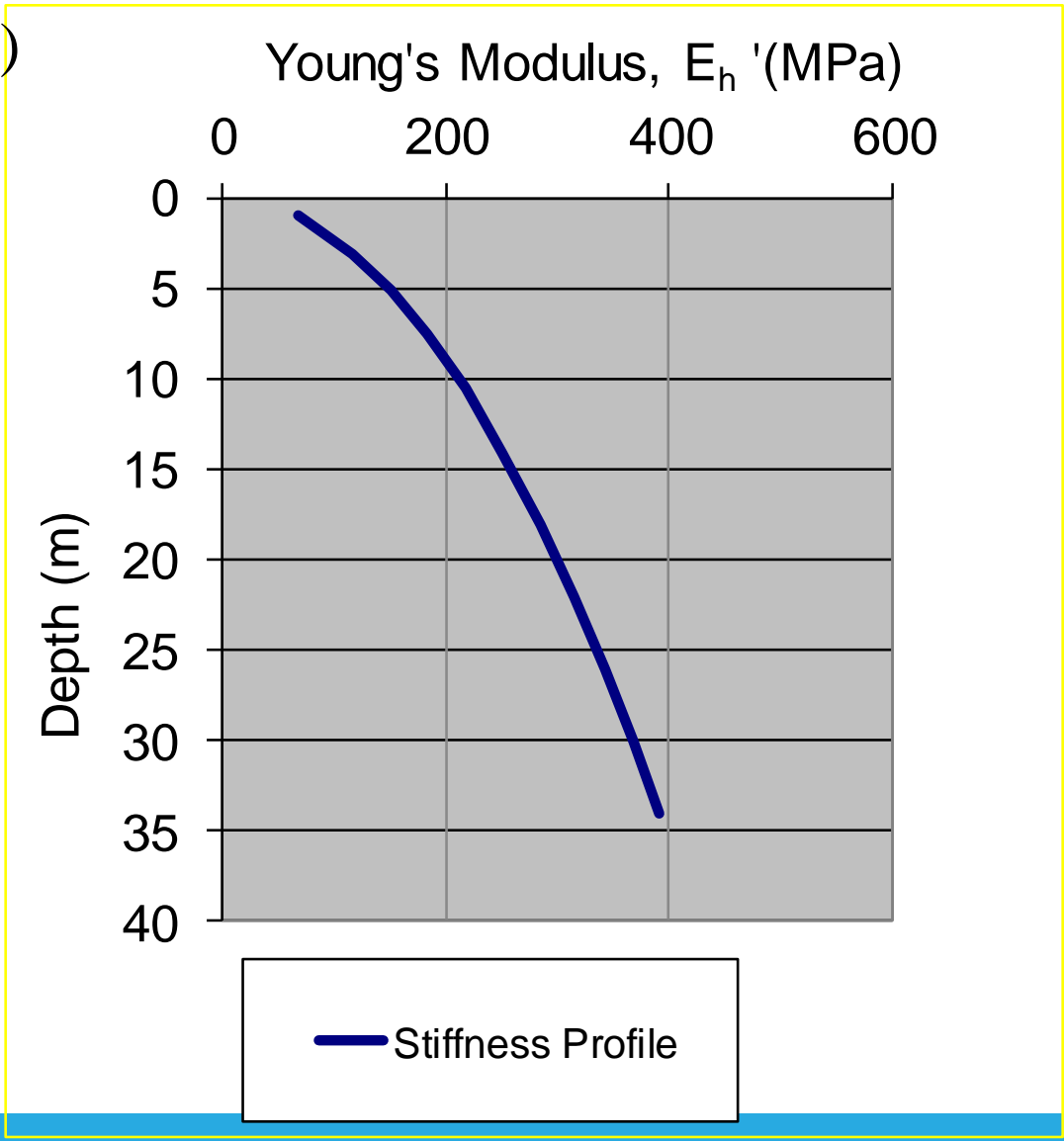
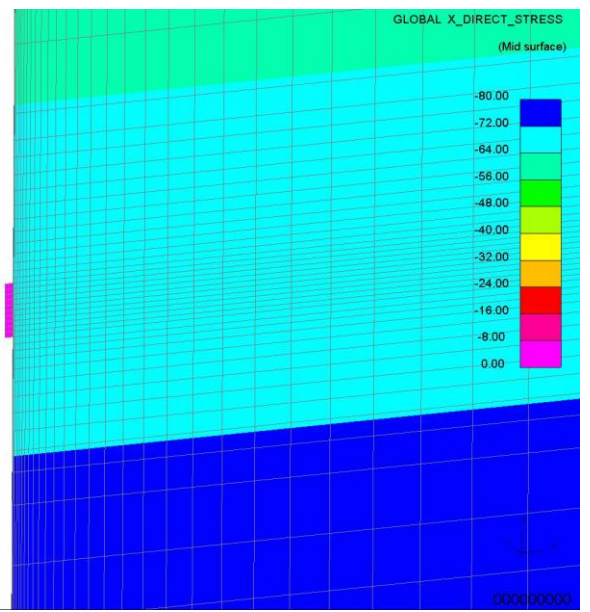


Triple-pass grouting

# Pressuremeter test in Residuum/ 'wad'

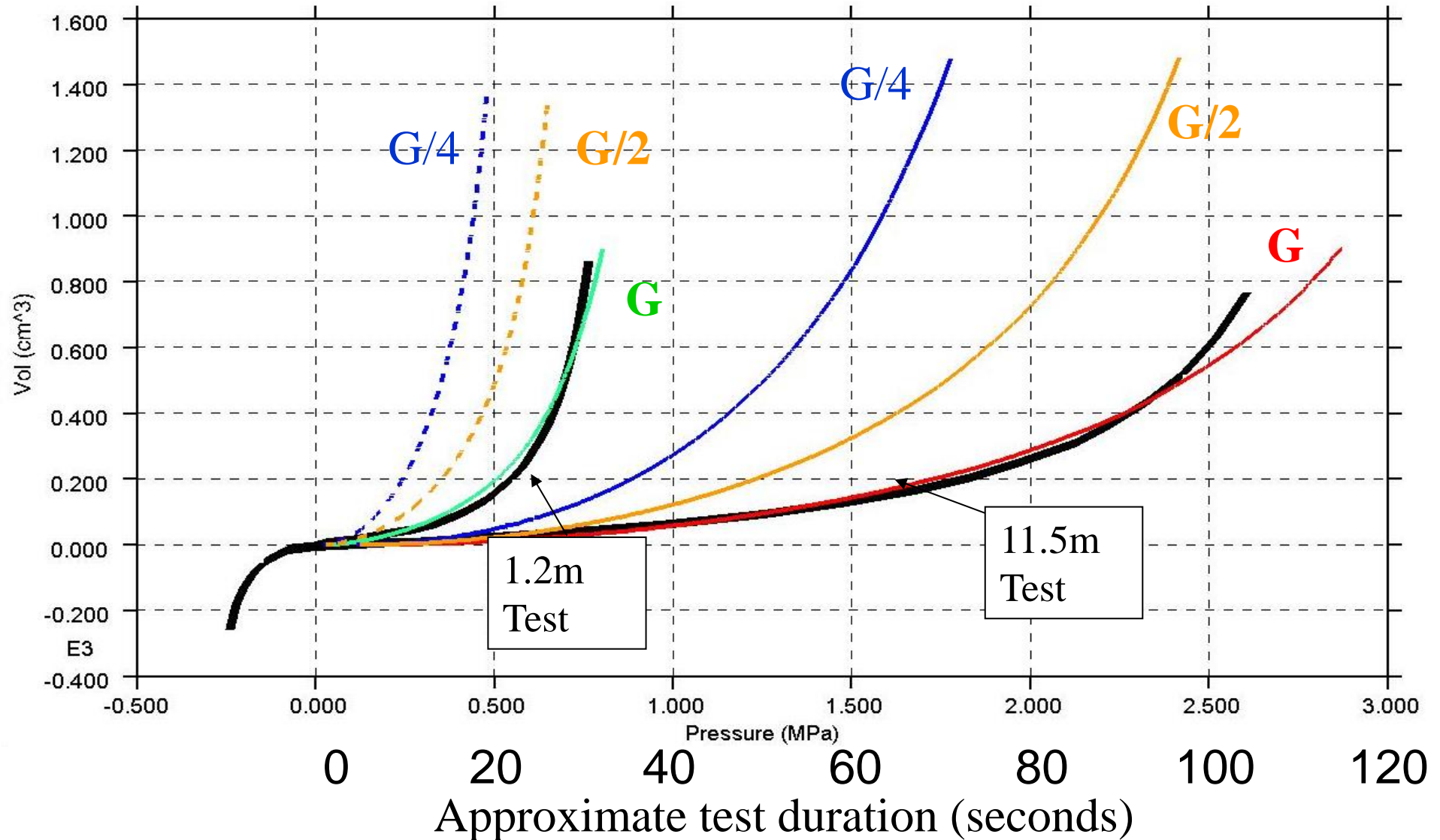
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$\dot{\gamma} = 10^{-4} \text{ to } 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 0.5 \text{ MPa}/20\text{s}$ )



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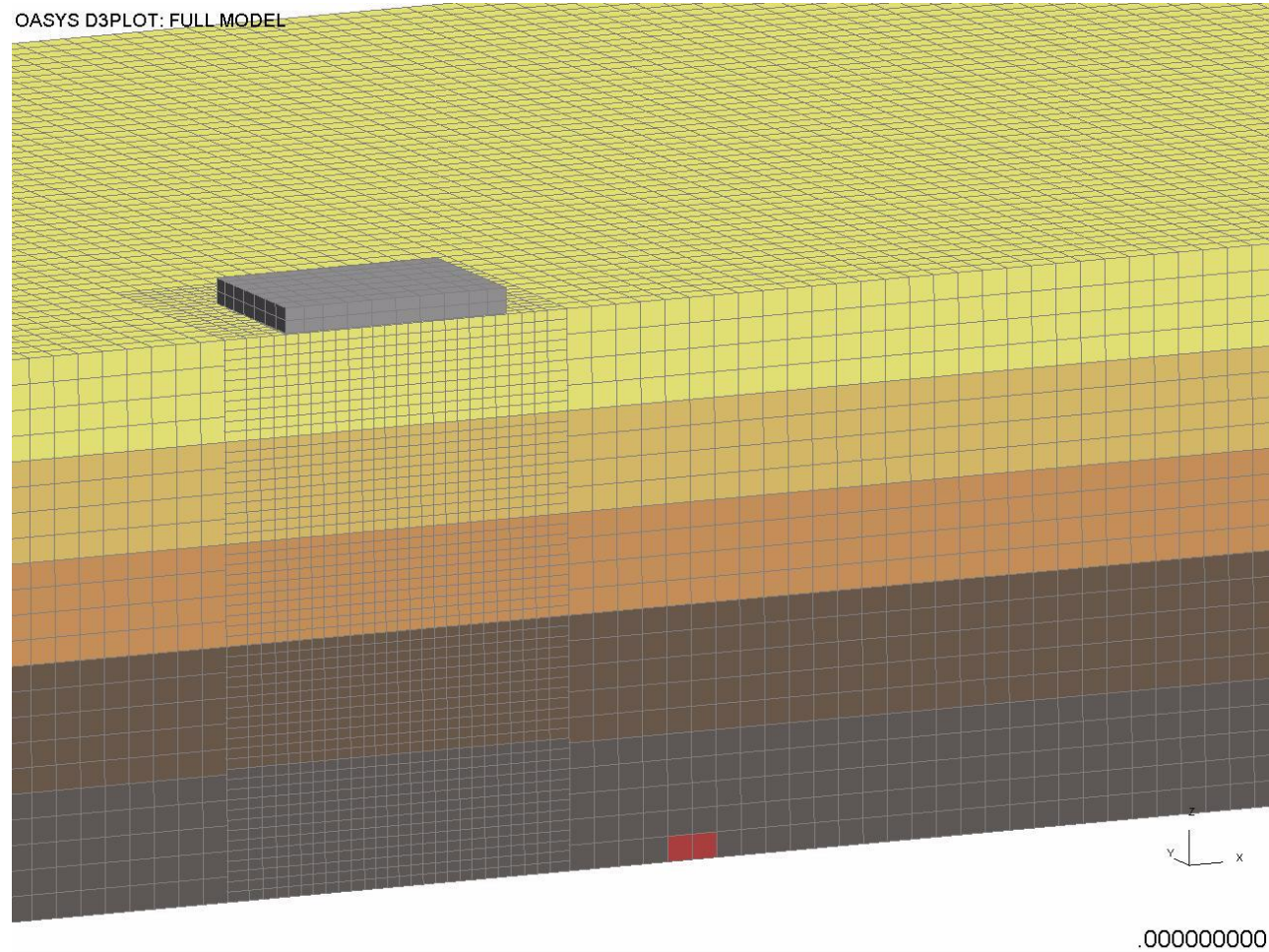
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Shear modulus,  $G \sim Eh'/2.4$



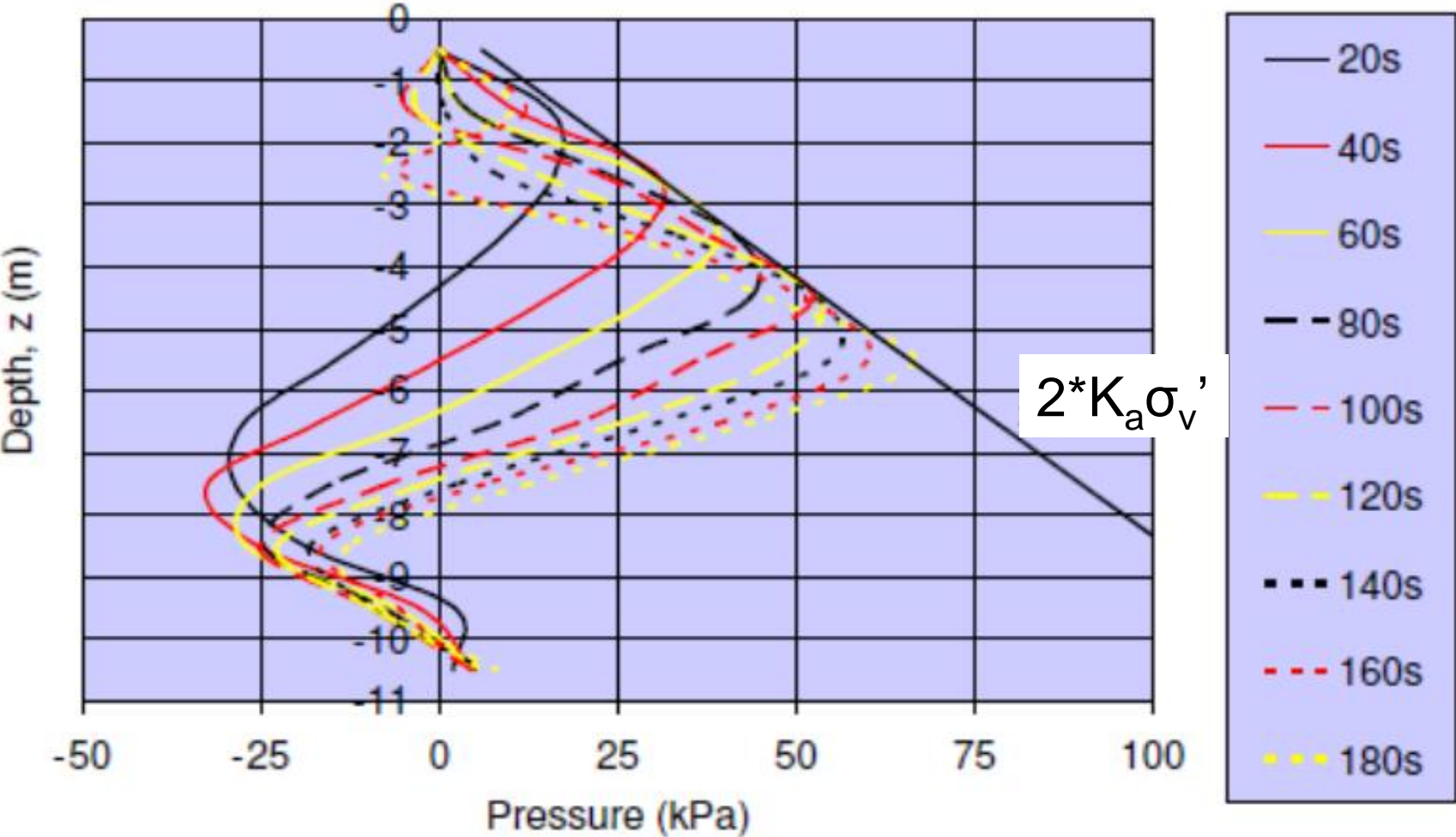
# Flow of soil into sinkhole, through pile group



# Lateral pressures on pile during sinkhole collapse

After Sartain et al (2011)

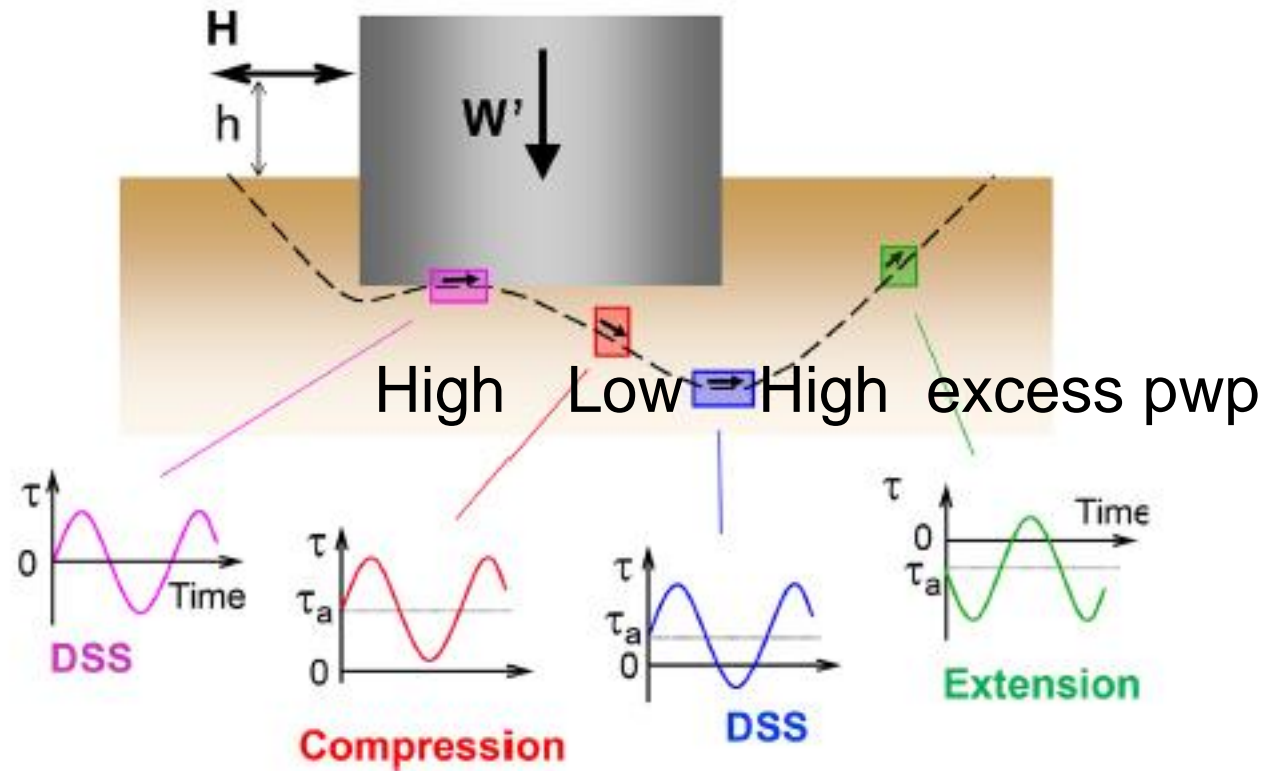
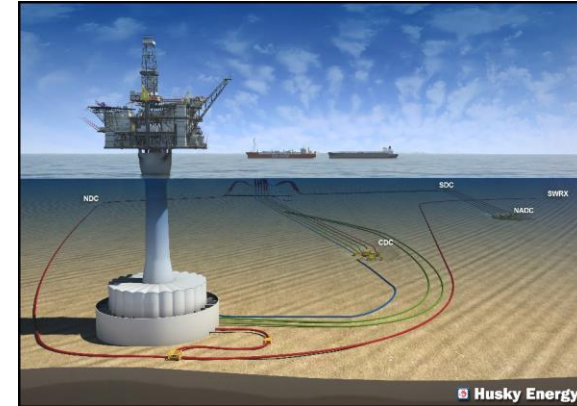
Lines of pressure exerted on pile at increasing time (in seconds) after sinkhole collapse initiated



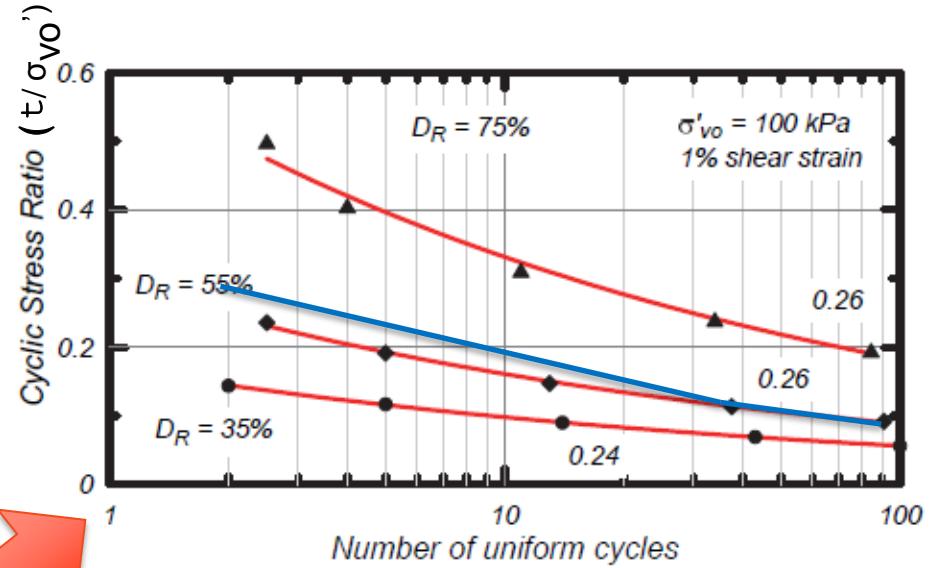
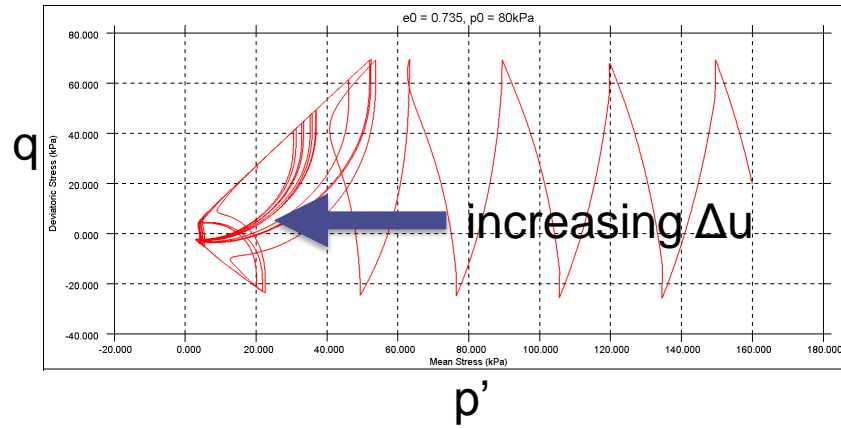
# 3D SSI: liquefaction effects prediction/simulation

- a) heavy fluid, using Simplified Methods for triggering based upon CPT
- b) bilinear soil with decoupled excess pore pressure generation, in offshore situations we can allow partial drainage during wave loading
- c) non-linear critical state soil model such as SANISAND (Dafalias & Manzari, 2004) with coupled excess pore pressure generation and dissipation

# Wave loading: Generation of excess pore water pressure around offshore structures



# Excess pore pressure generation in sands undrained DSS loading

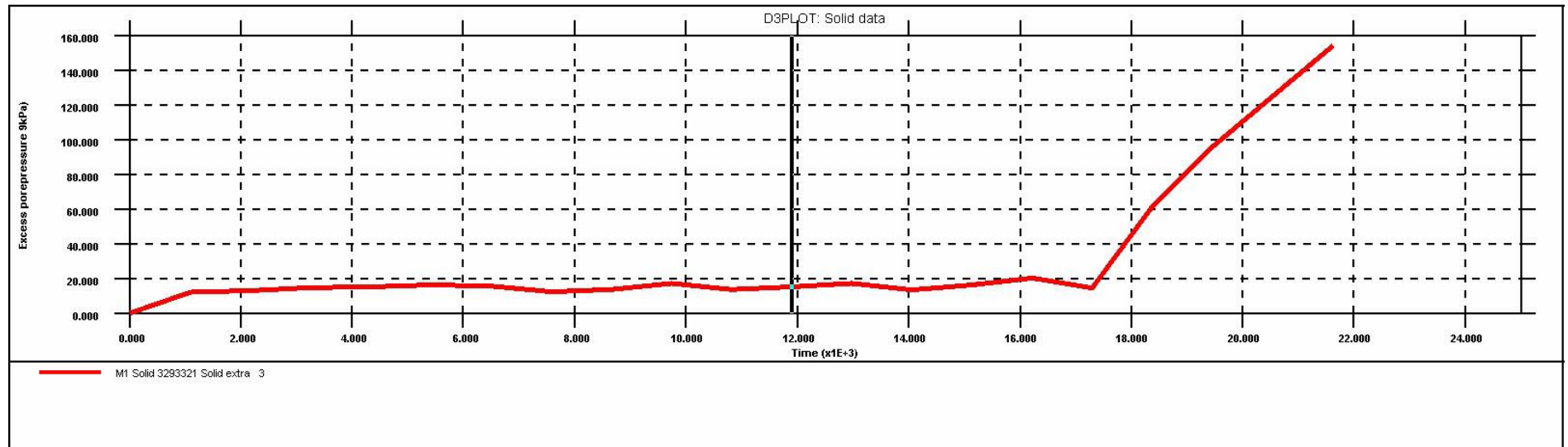
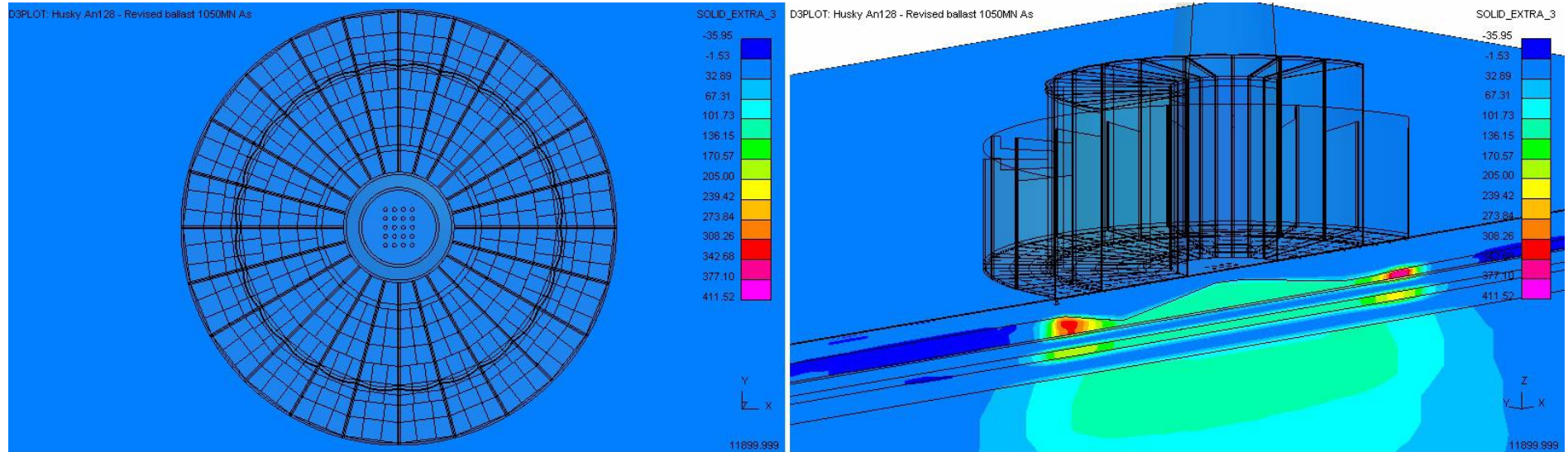


$$b=10 \left( 11.11 \tau / \sigma'_{v0} - 2.67 \right)$$

where  $b = \Delta u / (\sigma'_{v0} N)$

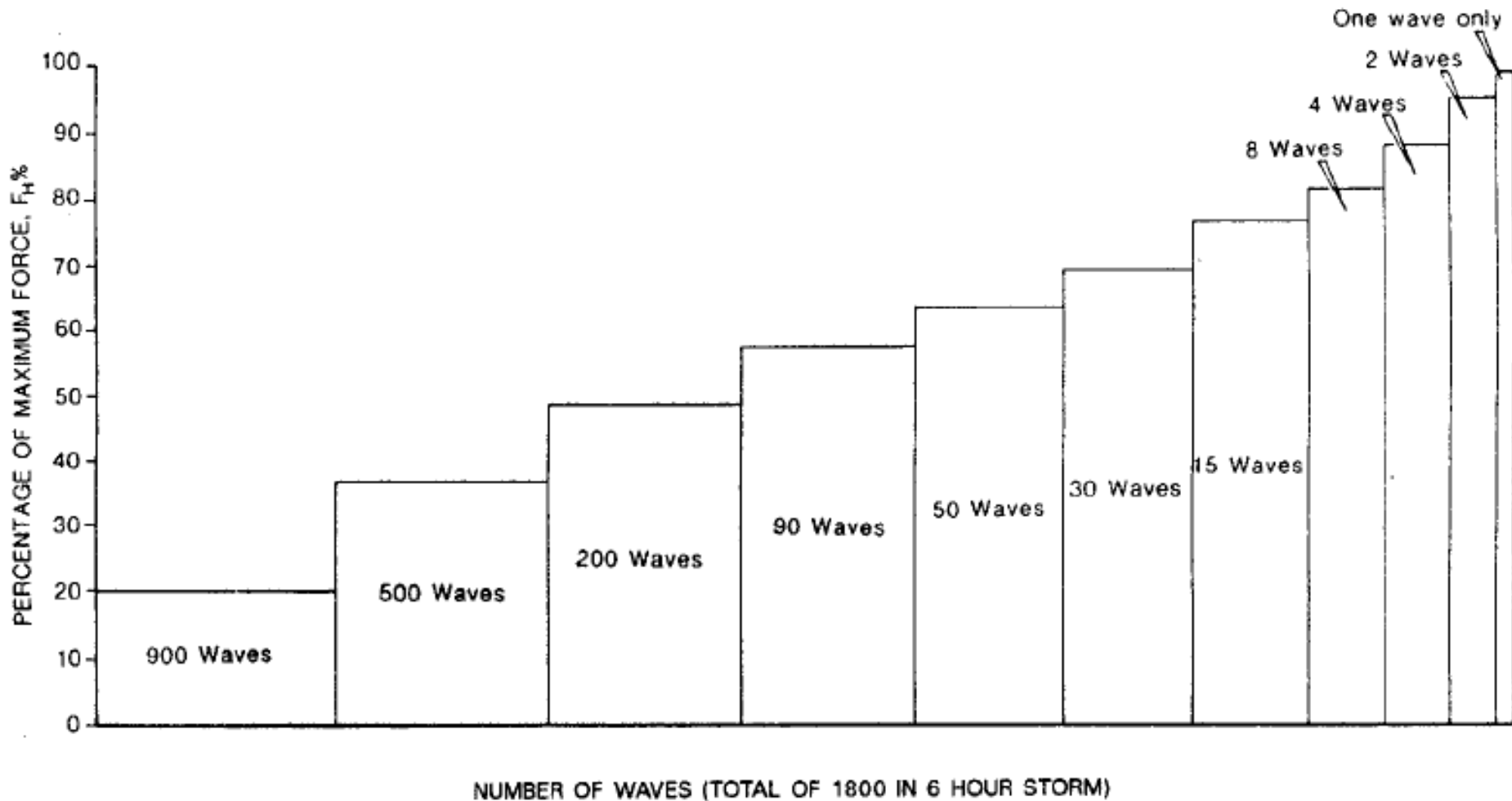
PM4 Sand in undrained DSS  
(Boulanger & Ziotopoulou, 2015)

# FE analysis, shallow medium dense sands modelled as Elastic/ Mohr-Coulomb ( $G \sim 100 \text{ MPa} / \phi' = 36^\circ$ )



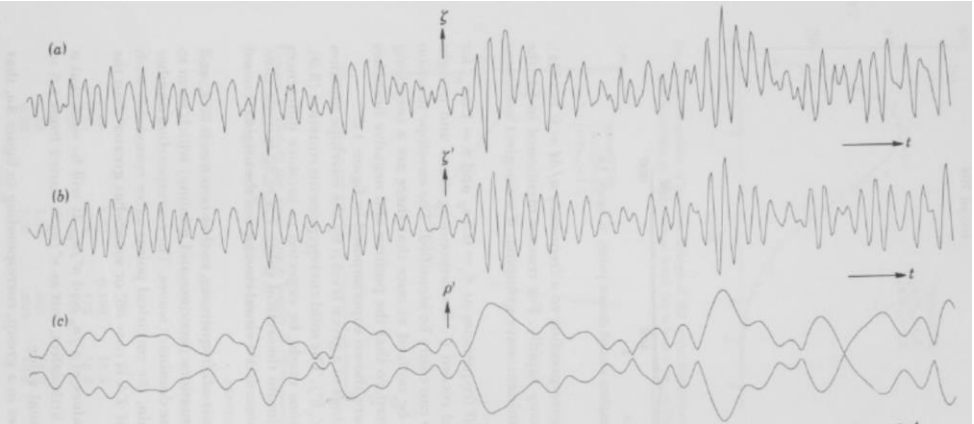
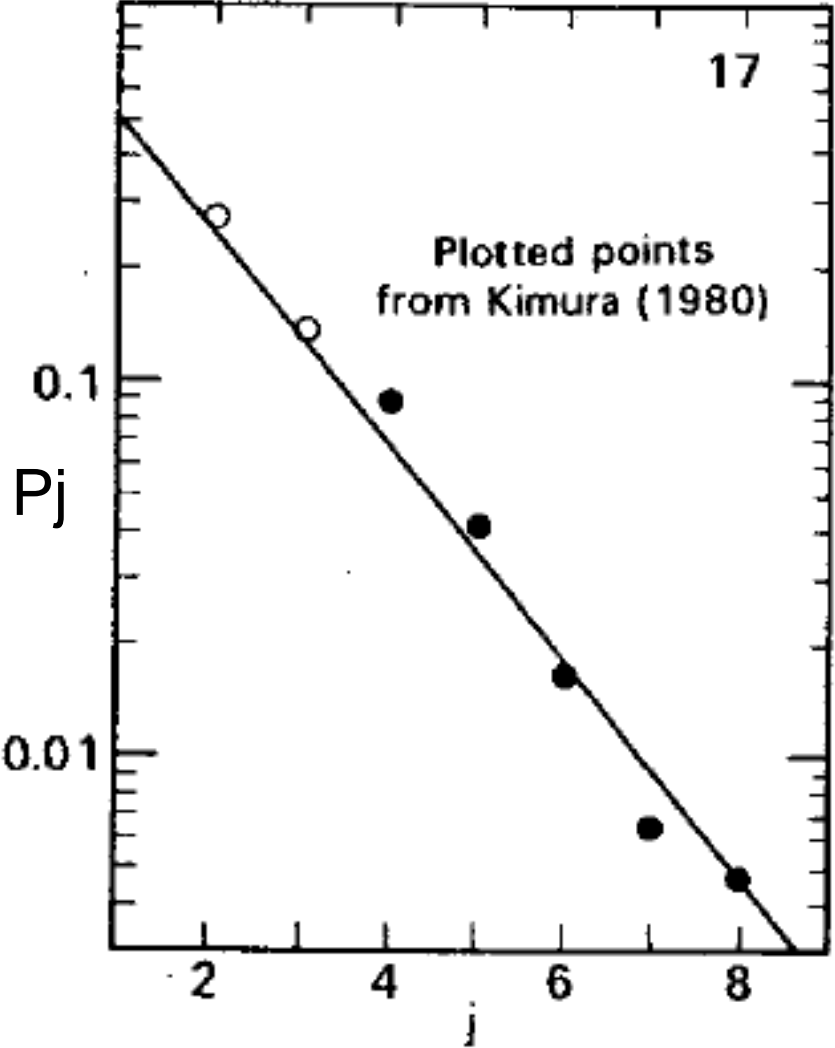
1 in 10,000 year storm wave loading on offshore gravity structure,  
with dissipation (after Dingle et al, 2017)

# Typical North Sea 6 hour design storm (after Hansteen, 1980)

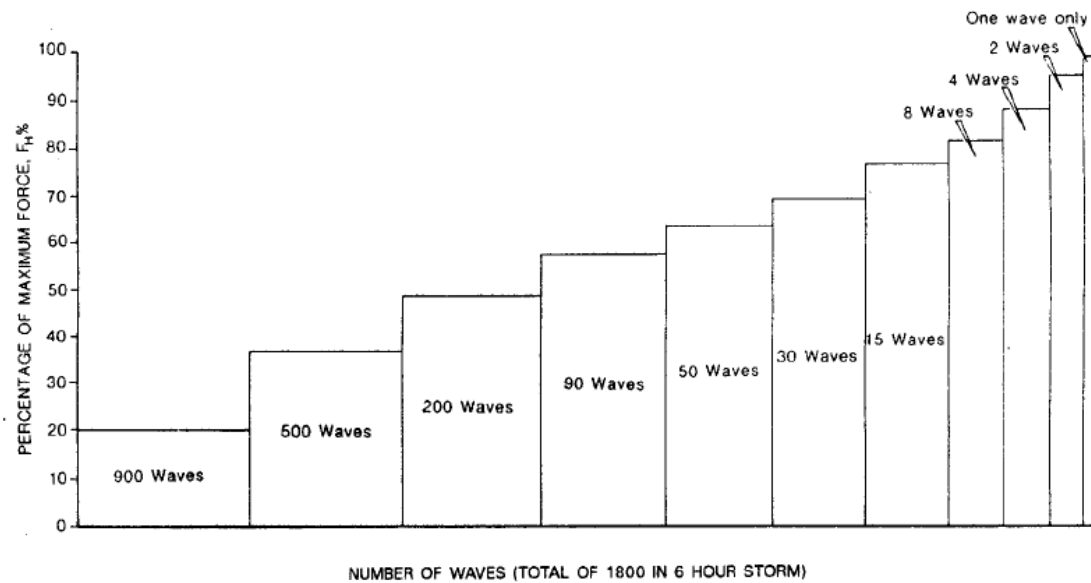


Average wave period = 12 seconds

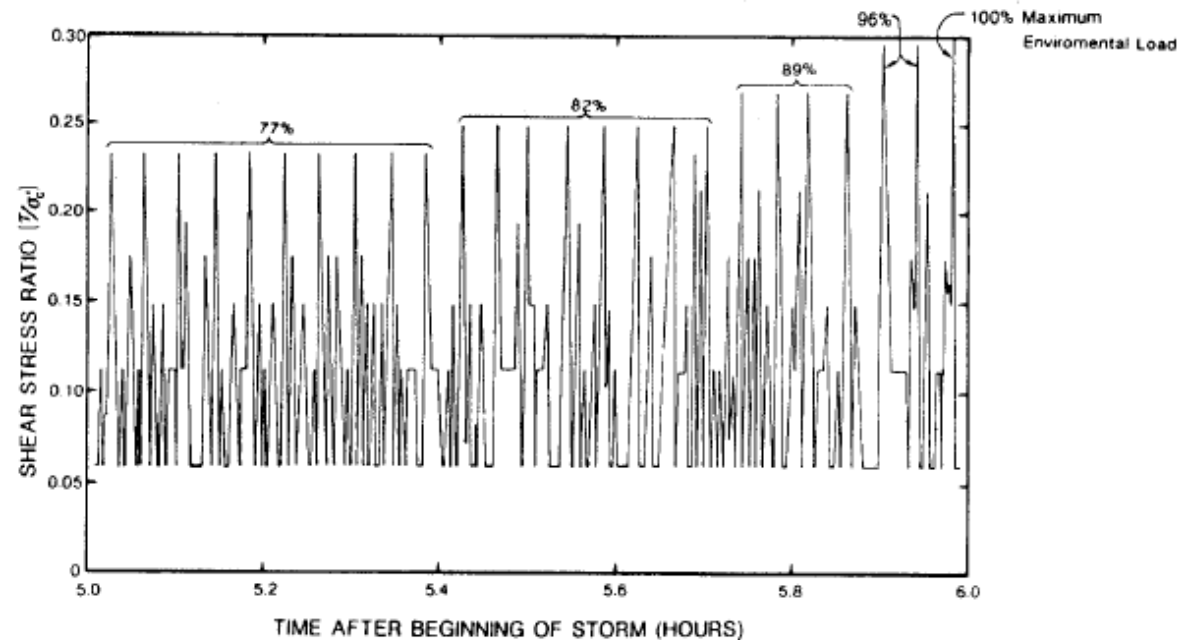
# Probability $P_j$ of waves $>$ mean wave height occurring within a run of $j$ waves during deep-water storms (Longuet-Higgins, 1984)



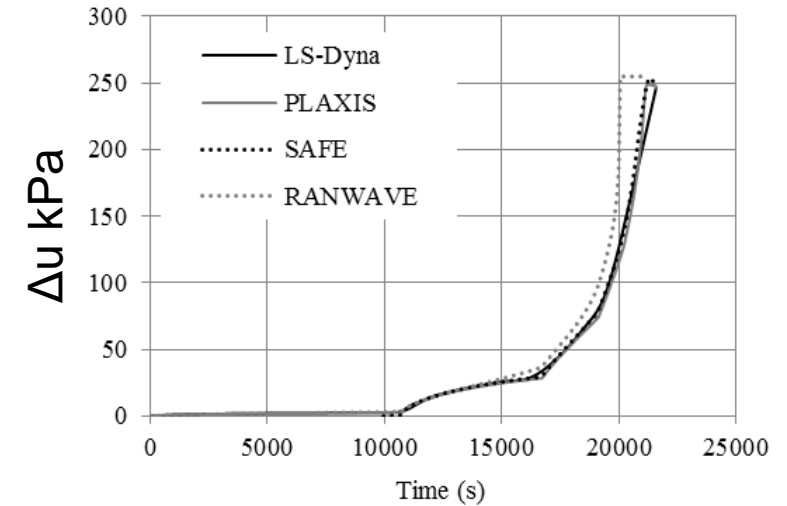
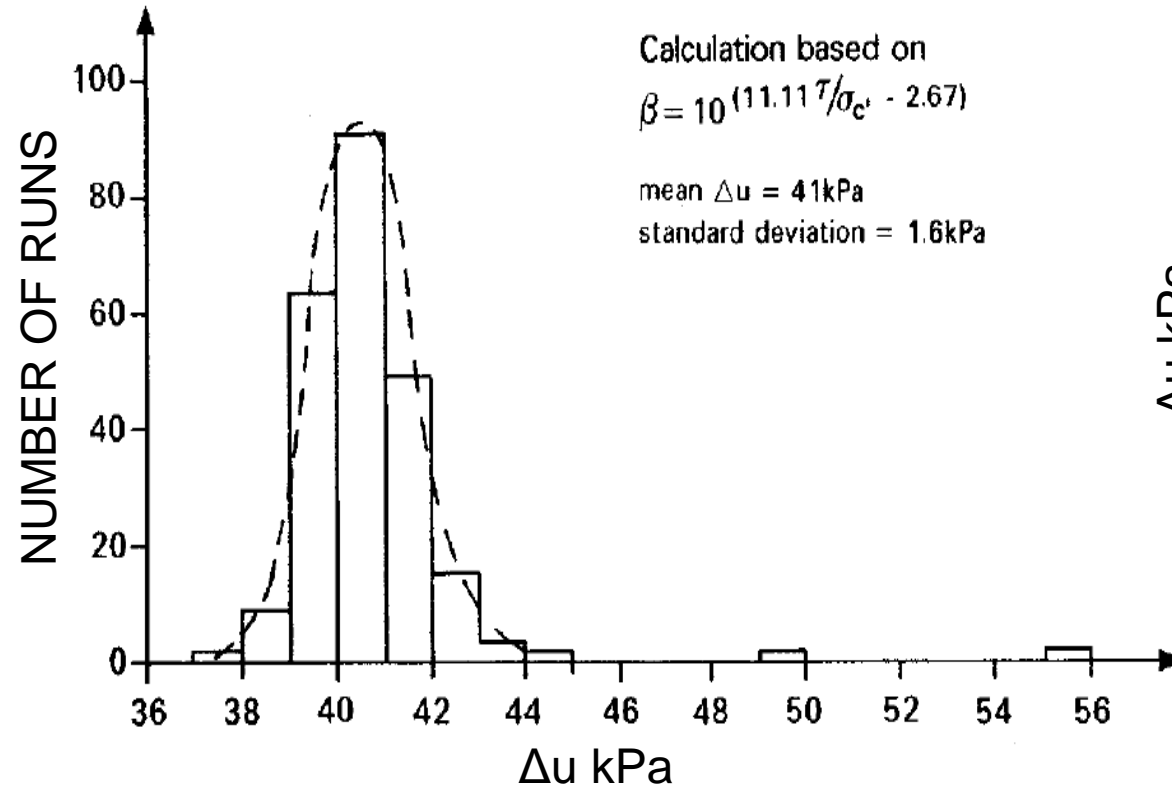




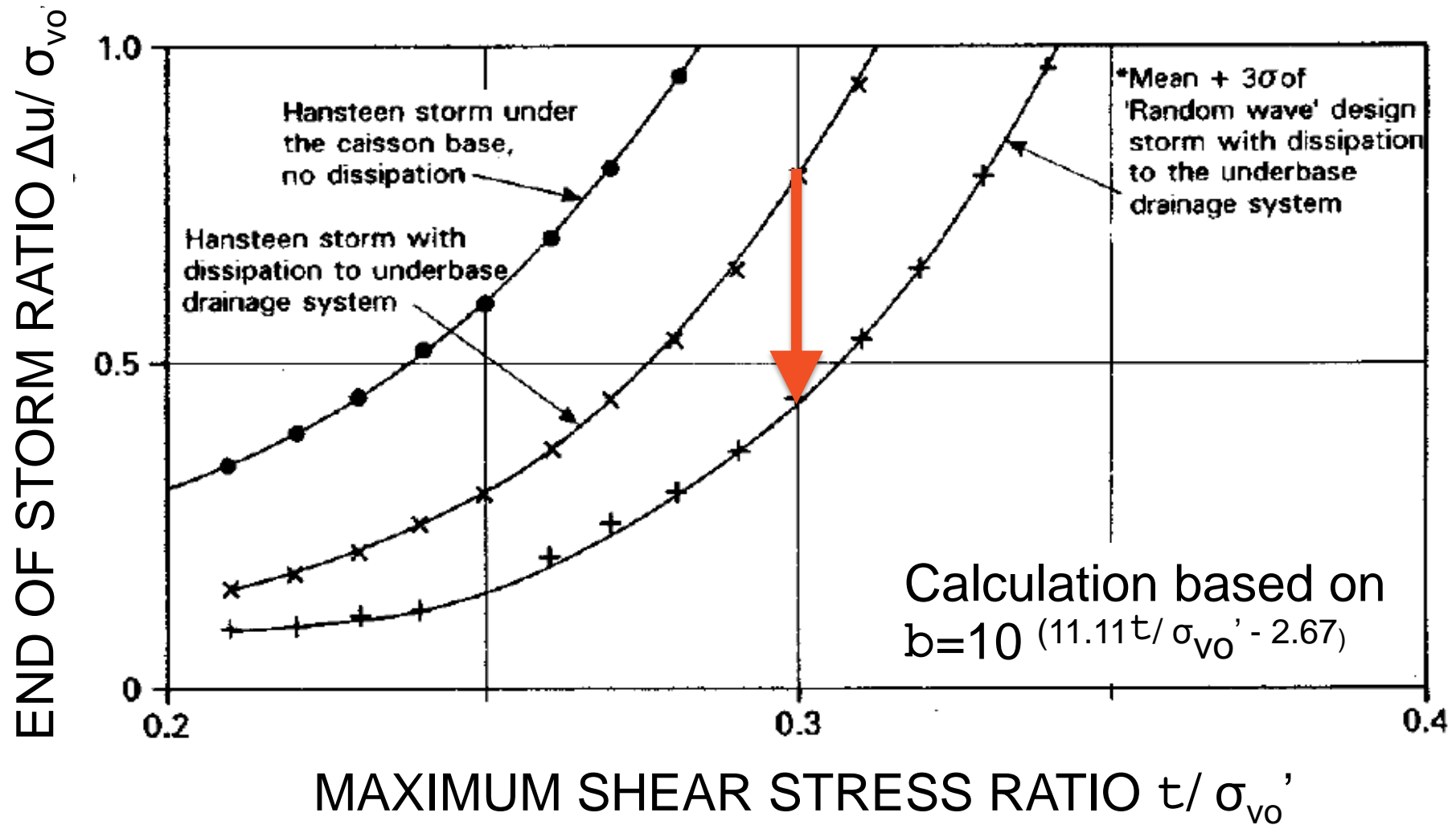
RANWAVE: greater realism, requiring a pseudo-random approach to storm wave composition



# Statistical outcome from RANWAVE (O'Riordan & Seaman, 1993) and implementation in variety of FE platforms (Dingle et al, 2017)



# Comparison of RANWAVE with conventional ascending 'Hansteen' approach



non-linear critical state soil model such as  
SANISAND (Dafalias & Manzari, 2004)  
with coupled excess pore pressure  
generation and dissipation

# PEER blind liquefaction prediction competition 2018



Fig. 1: Laminar Soil Box at UCSD Powell Laboratory (H2.9m×L3.9m×W1.8m)



Total mass of box and contents ~ 46 tonnes

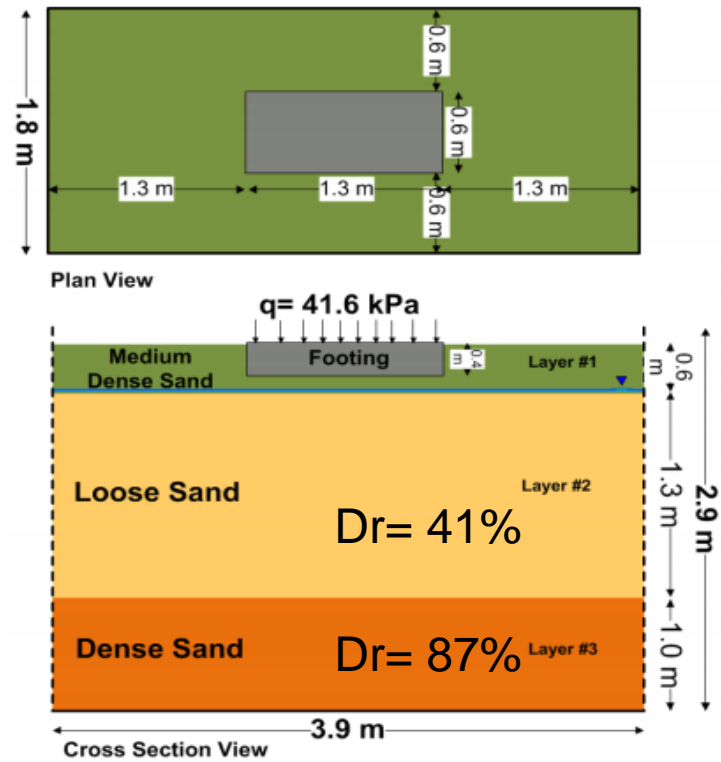
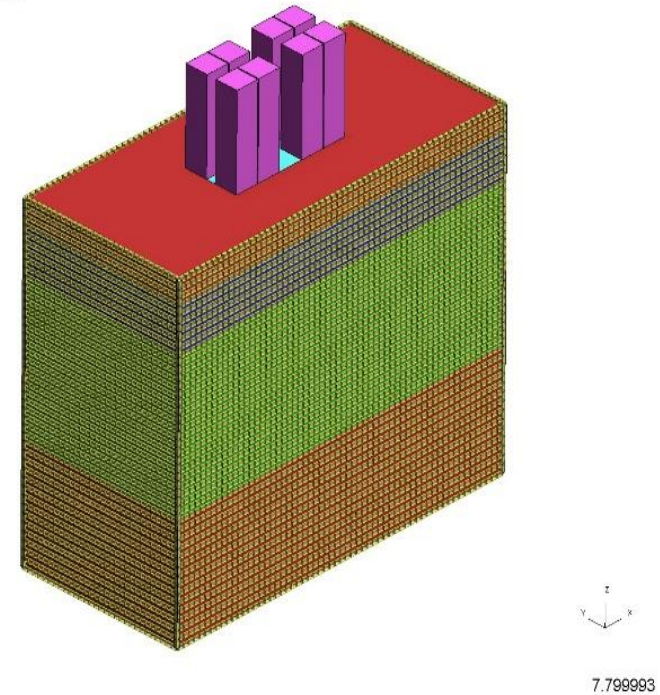


Fig. 1: Model ground configuration

Input geometry (PEER,2018)

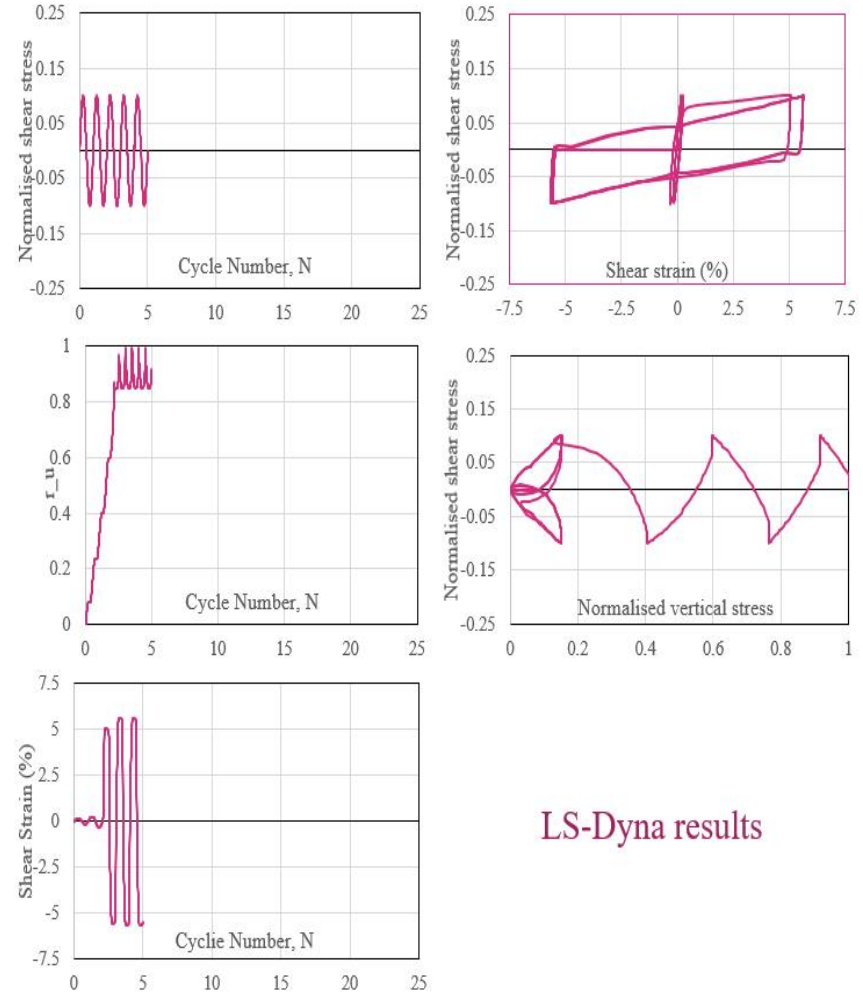
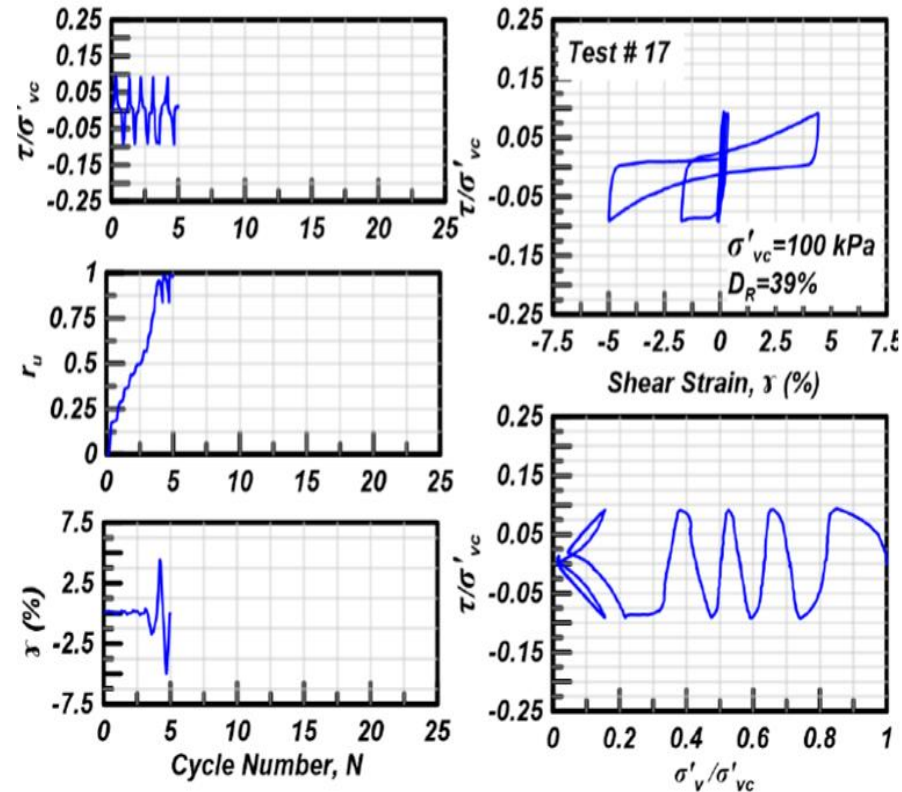
D3PLOT: LiquefactionModel-akp1 - Run24 ein 0.654, with mu=0.4



LSDyna model  
(hexagonal elements  
with single Gauss  
point for SANISAND  
elements)

# Cyclic calibration : Test 17 ( $D_r=39\%$ , $CSR=0.1$ )

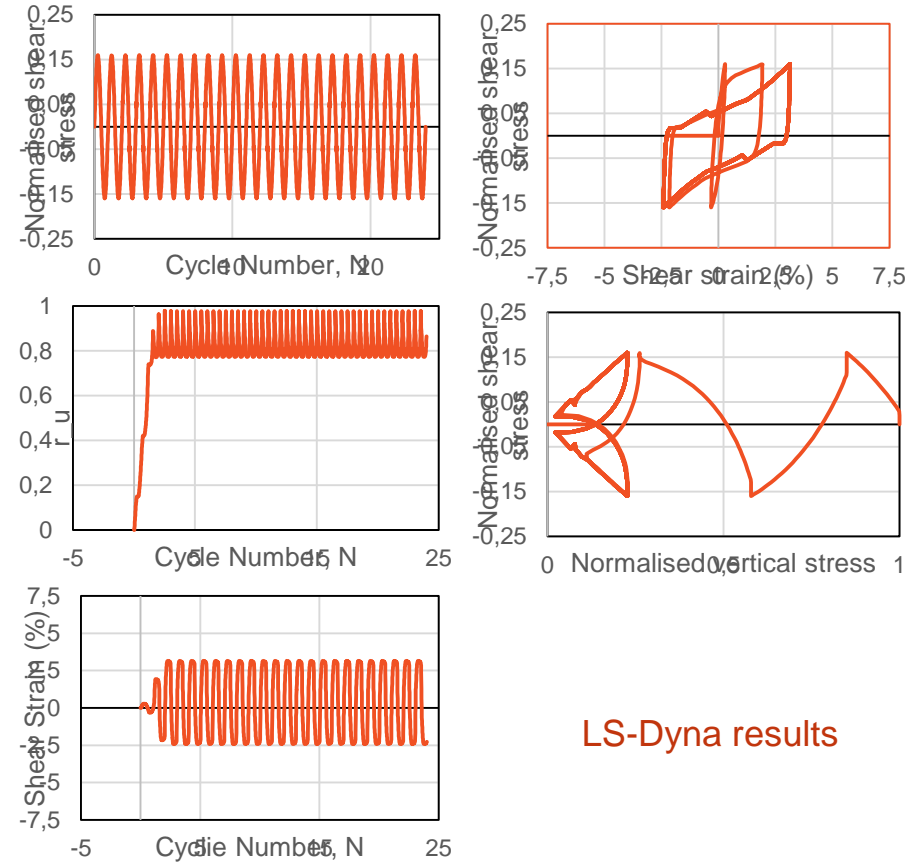
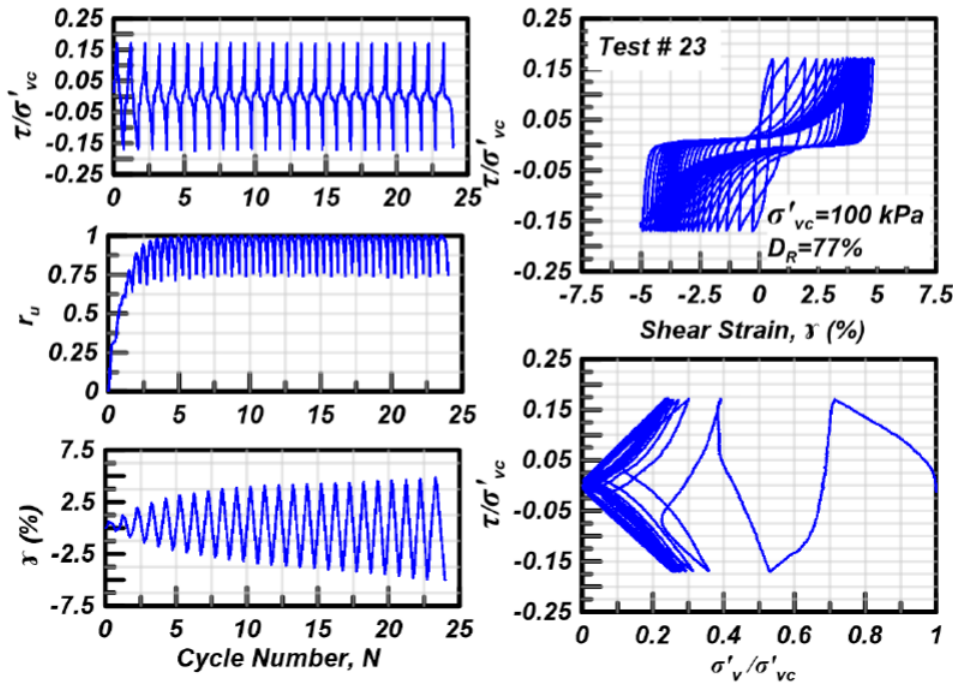
Cyclic loading responses of a loose specimen under a 100 kPa sheared up to  $\gamma_{peak}=5\%$



Cyclic DSS tests (Bastidas, 2016): calibration results for LS Dyna SANISAND model (Dafalias & Manzari, 2004) shown in red. Overall calibration methodology informed by Ramirez et al (2018).

# Cyclic calibration : Test 23 (Dr=77%, CSR=0.16)

Cyclic loading responses of a dense specimen under a 100 kPa sheared up to  $\gamma_{peak}=5\%$



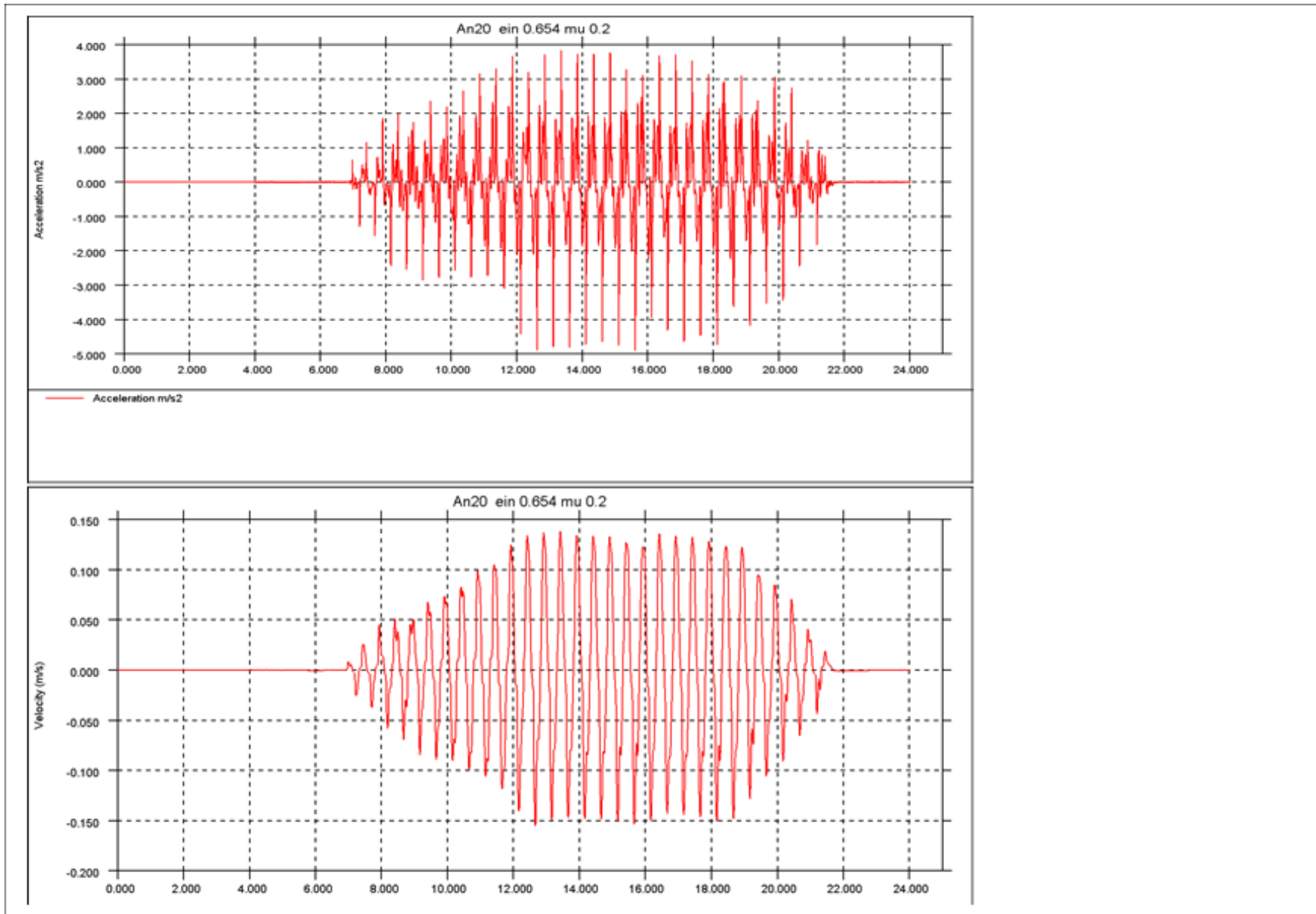


# Ottawa F65 sand parameters derived for 3D Sanisand model (after Dafalias & Manzari, 2004)

LAYER	SIGVE FF	TERM INATE	CSR	ALPH A	FREQ UENC Y	K_0	RO	G0	K0	PREF	RHOC	THET A	X	EIN Y	ALPH AC	EA	LAMB DA	XI	NB	H0	CH	P0	CC	ND	A0	ANISO KH	ZMAX CZ	PAT	M	N	V		
1	100	5	0.1	0	1	1	2	150	-0.05	5500	0.37	0.18	0.8	0.66	1.26	0.78	0.0287	0.7	0.6	5	0.968	55000	0.735	0.5	0.3	0.333	1	11	200	101.325	0.05	20	1000
2	100	14	0.11	0	1	1	2	150	-0.05	5500	0.37	0.18	0.8	0.70	1.26	0.78	0.0287	0.7	0.6	5	0.968	55000	0.735	0.5	0.3	0.333	1	11	200	101.325	0.05	20	1000
3	100	24	0.16	0	1	1	2	150	-0.05	5500	0.37	0.18	0.8	0.55	1.26	0.78	0.0287	0.7	0.6	5	0.968	55000	0.735	0.5	0.3	0.333	1	11	200	101.325	0.05	20	1000

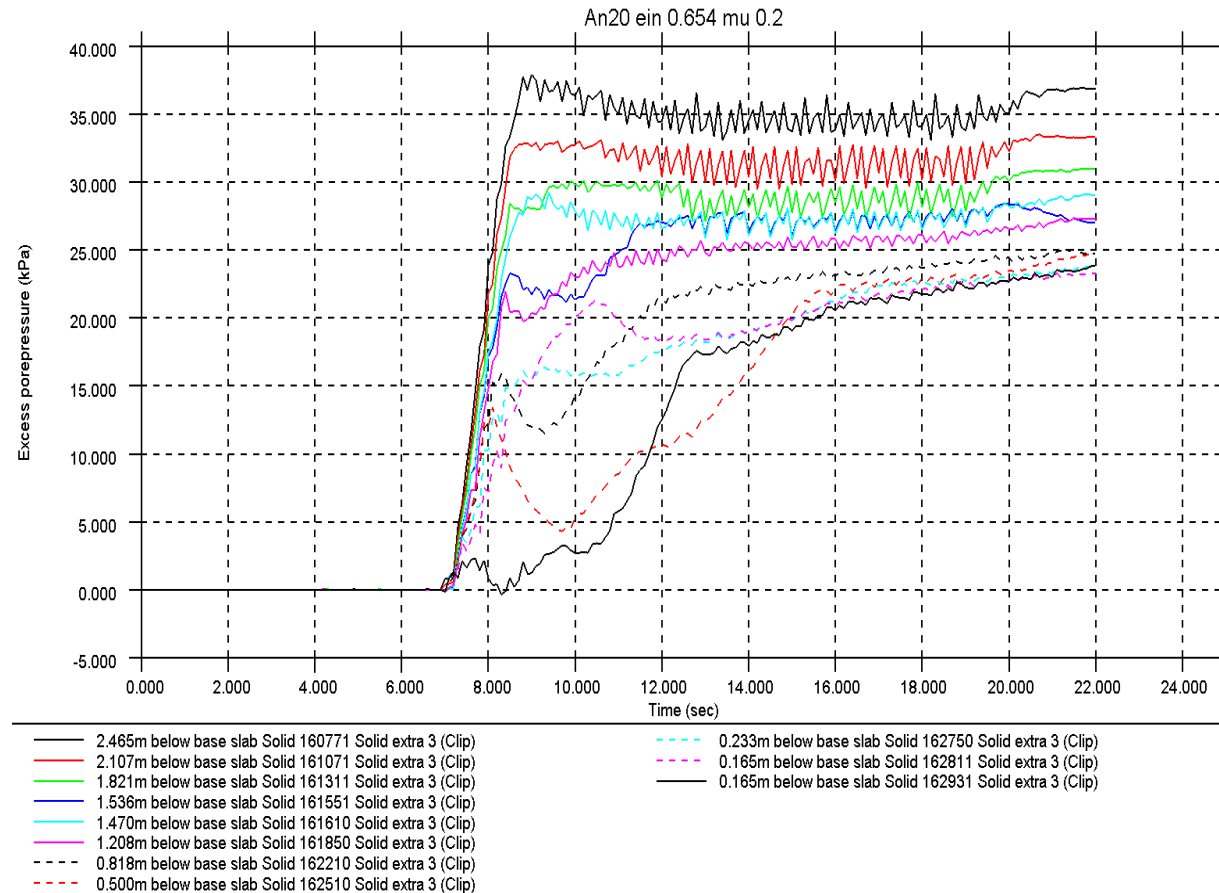
Table 1 SANISAND soil parameters

Note: top 200mm of layer 1 replaced by Mohr-Coulomb material with  $G=10$  MPa,  $\Phi' = 34$ deg



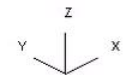
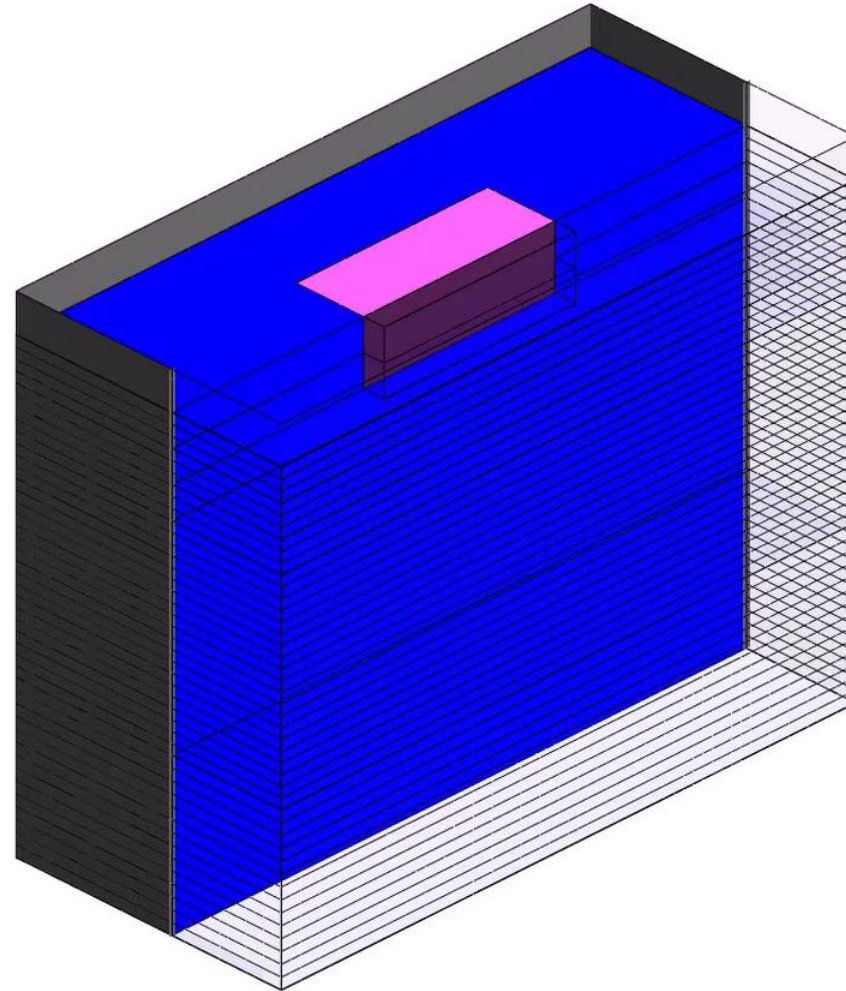
Base input time history: 16 seconds of shaking and up to **0.4 g** over 6 seconds

# Time history for generation of excess pore pressures at various depths in the box (zero volumetric strain imposed)



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Solid Extra 3

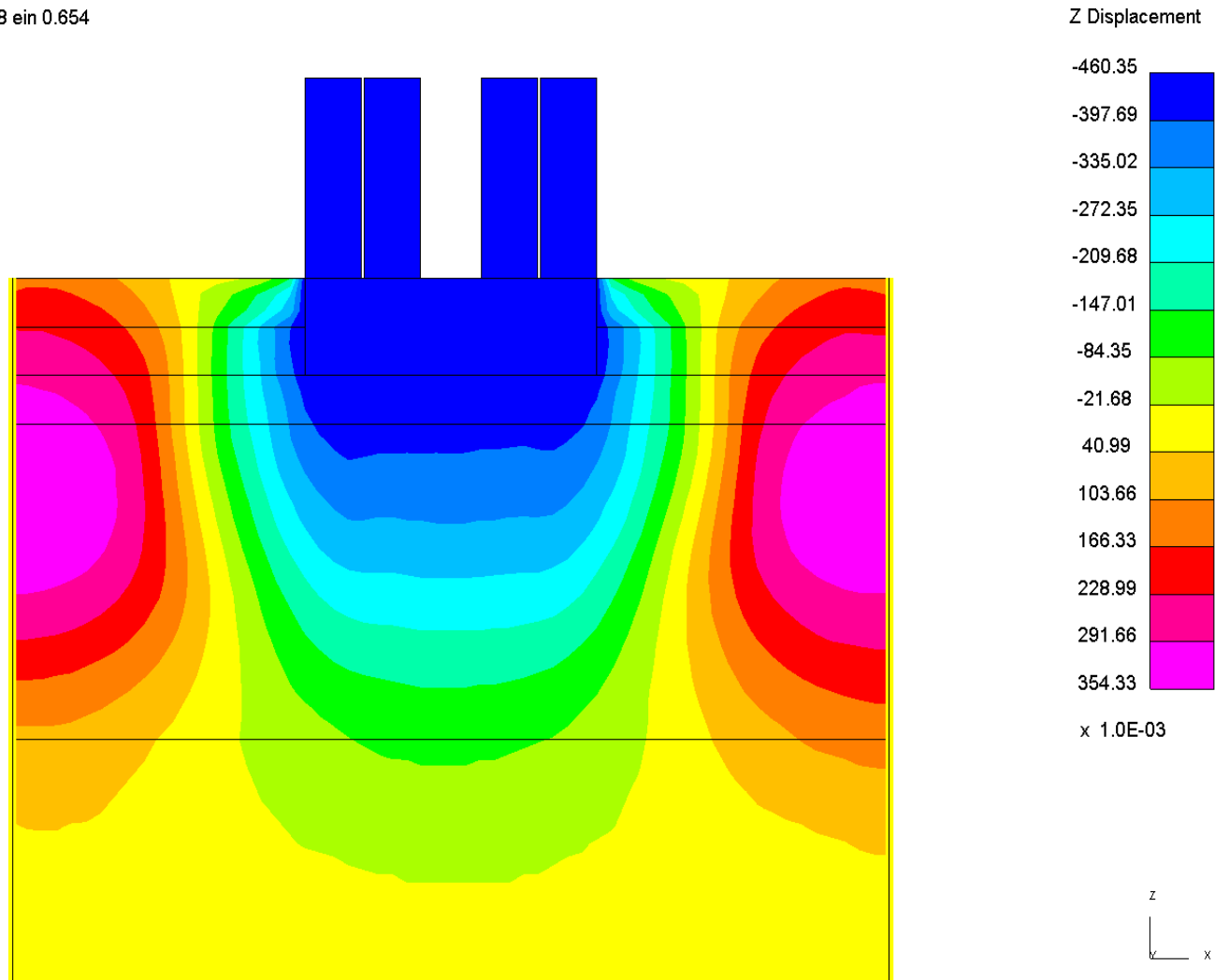


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Excess pore pressures (in kPa) within model elements

# Test#1: Predicted vertical movements

akp1 - Run18 ein 0.654

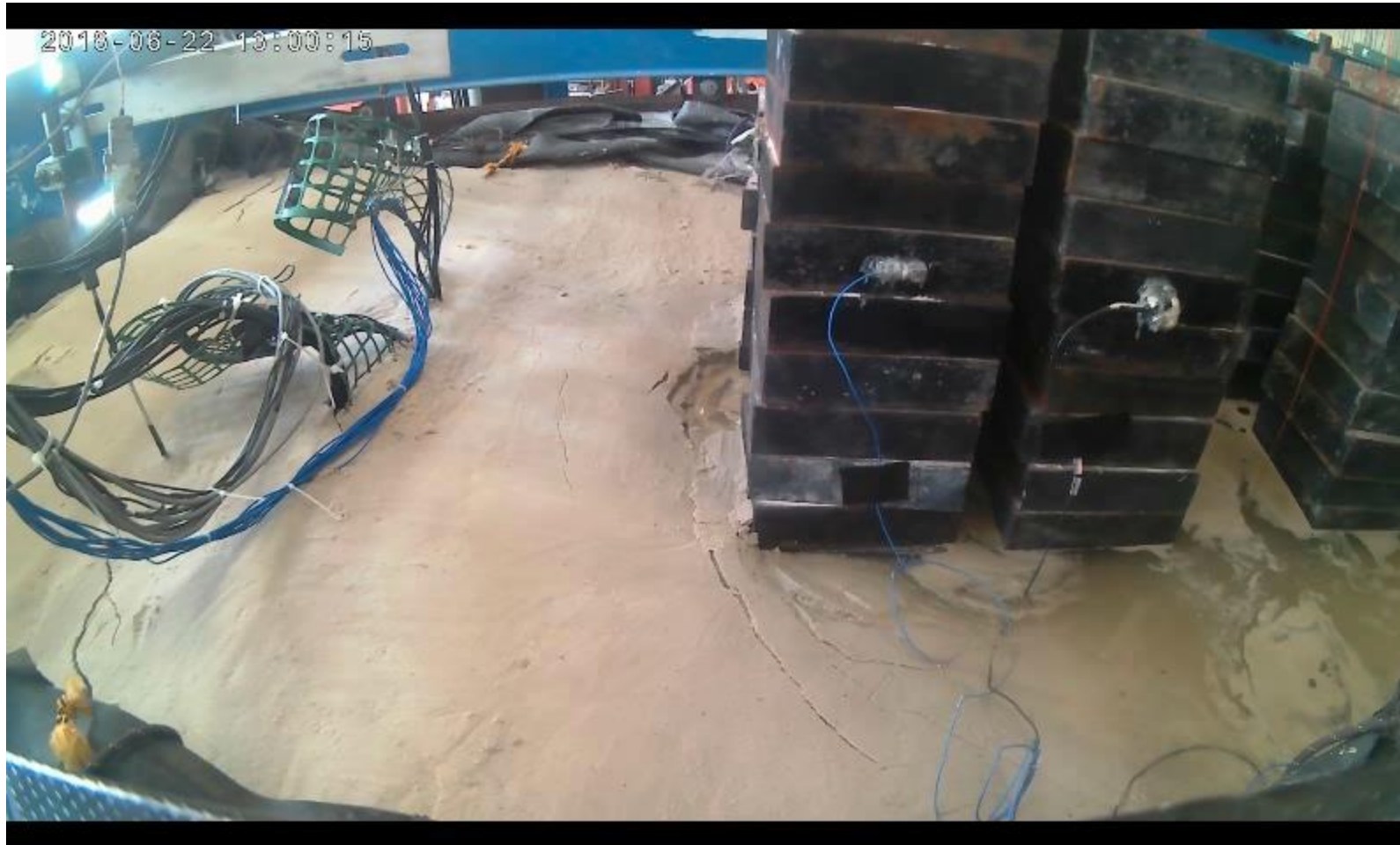


Predicted footing settlement= 460mm (thickness of 6 steel weights)  
All excess pore pressures dissipate within 80 seconds after shaking

Measured footing settlement, Test#1: ~230mm  
free-field settlement~ 25mm

*‘On average, the participating teams underestimated the foundation settlement by a factor of 2, whereas they overestimated the free-field settlement by more than a factor of 3.’ (Motamed et al, 2019)*

# Test #2: PGA= 0.3g, GWT= 0.0m (Sand Ejecta)

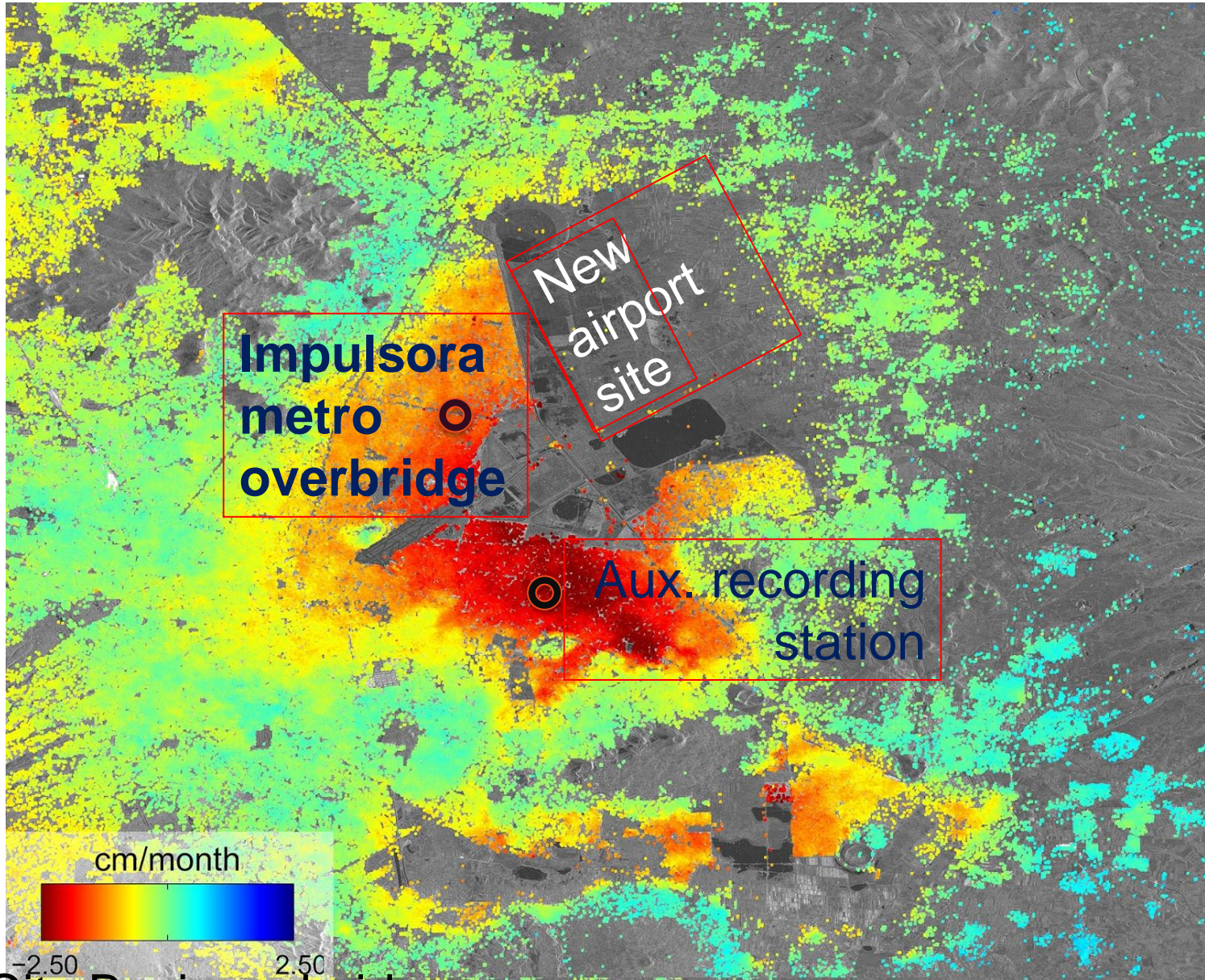


Motamed, R. (2019) "Class B Blind Prediction of a Large-Scale Shake Table Test on a Shallow Foundation in Liquefied Soils" *PEER 2019 Annual Meeting: Seismic Resilience 25 Years after Northridge: Accomplishments and Challenges*, January 17-18 2019, [UCLA Mong Auditorium](#), Los Angeles, CA.

# Very soft Mexico Clays: seismic performance and design



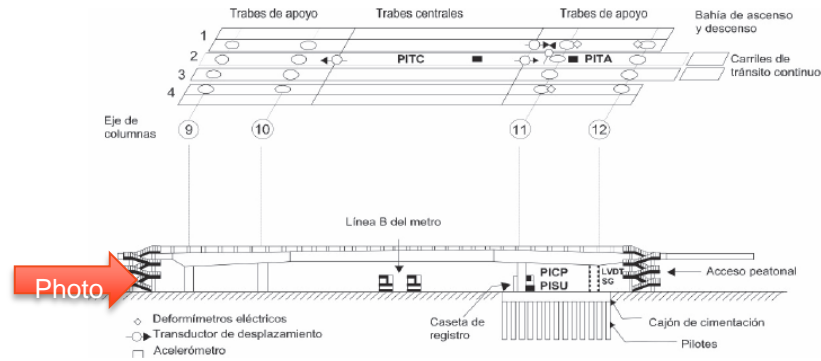
Regional subsidence: satellite image, 2014 (ESA Sentinel 1-A radar scans)



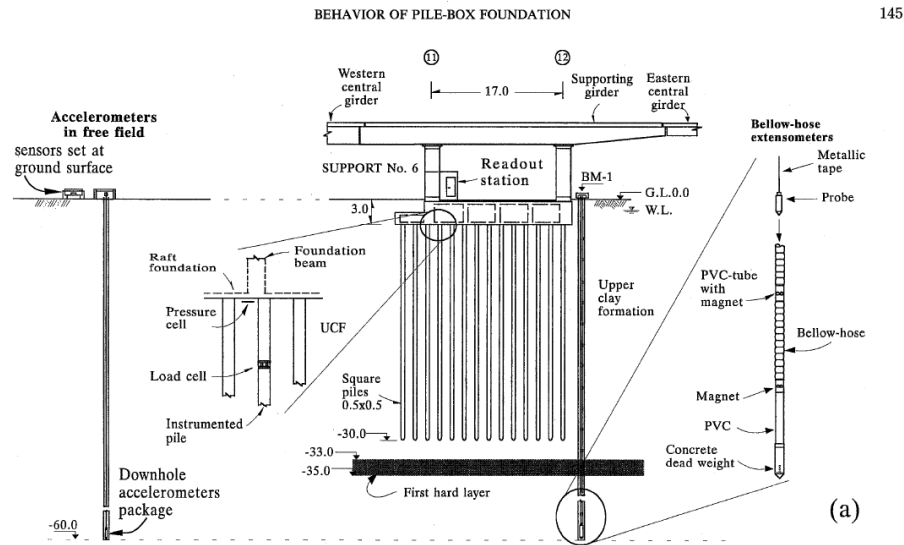
Mexico City Basin: subsidence due to groundwater extraction

# Impulsora metro station overbridge





Alcantara et al (2005)



Mendoza et al (2000); *Static and seismic behaviour of a friction pile-box foundation in Mexico City Clay*  
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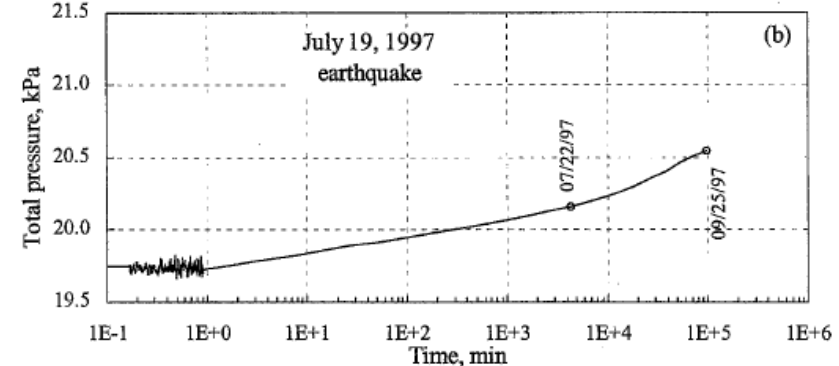
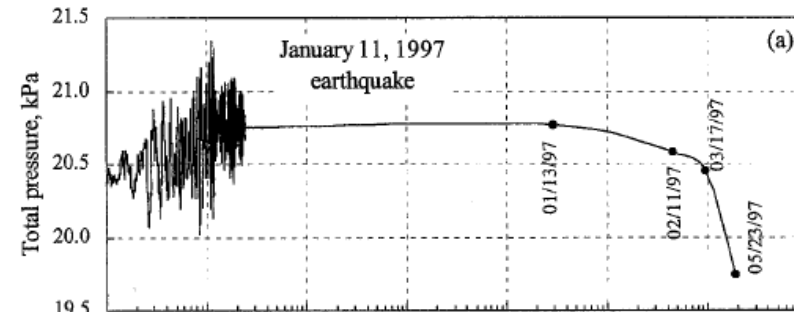
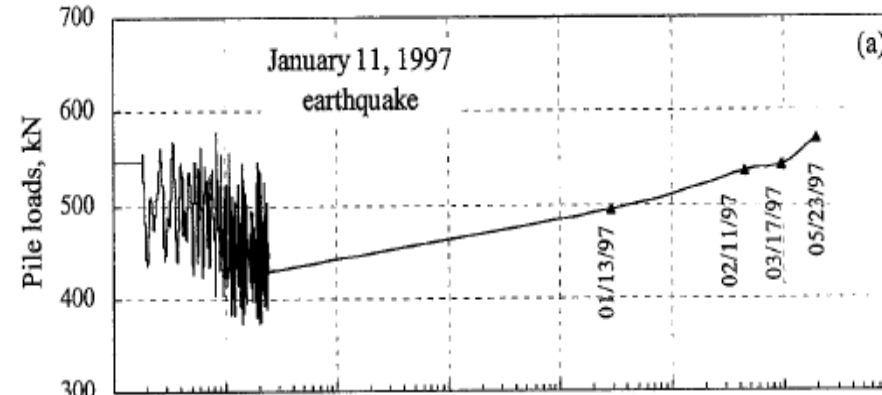
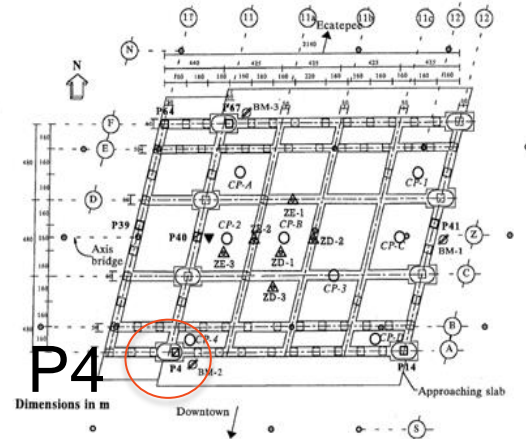
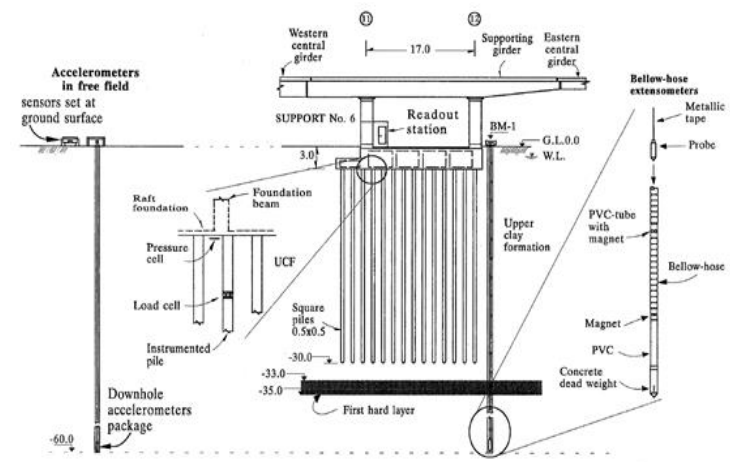
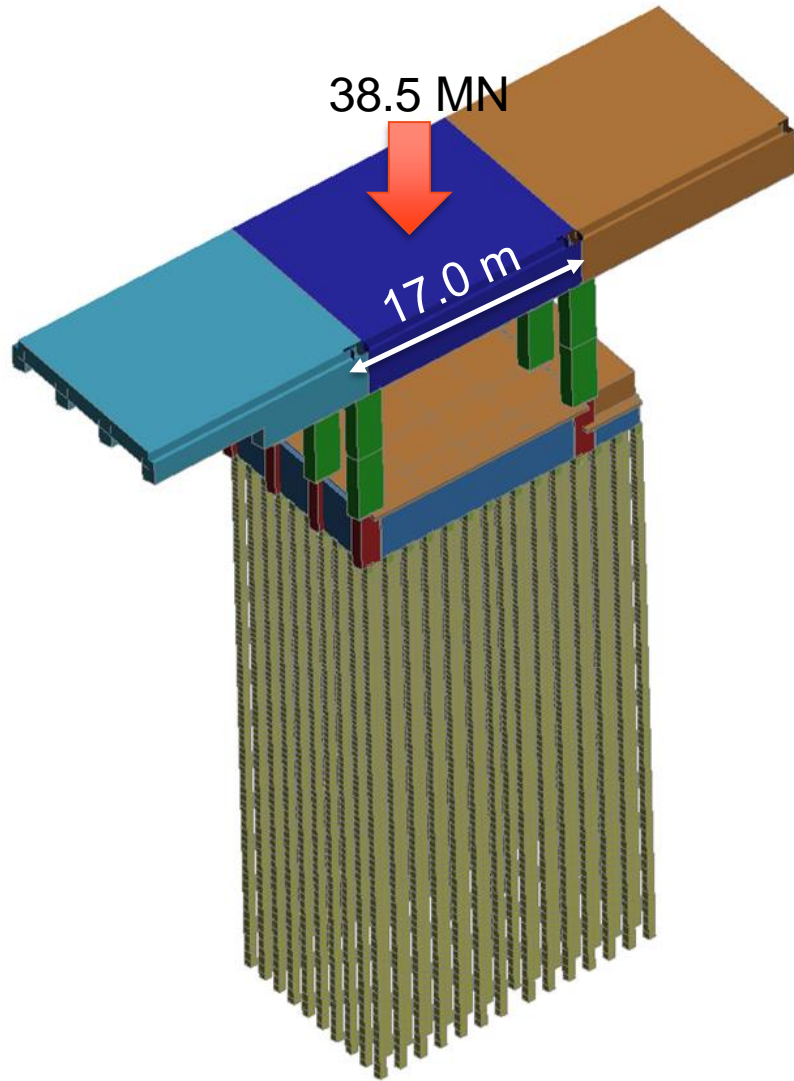
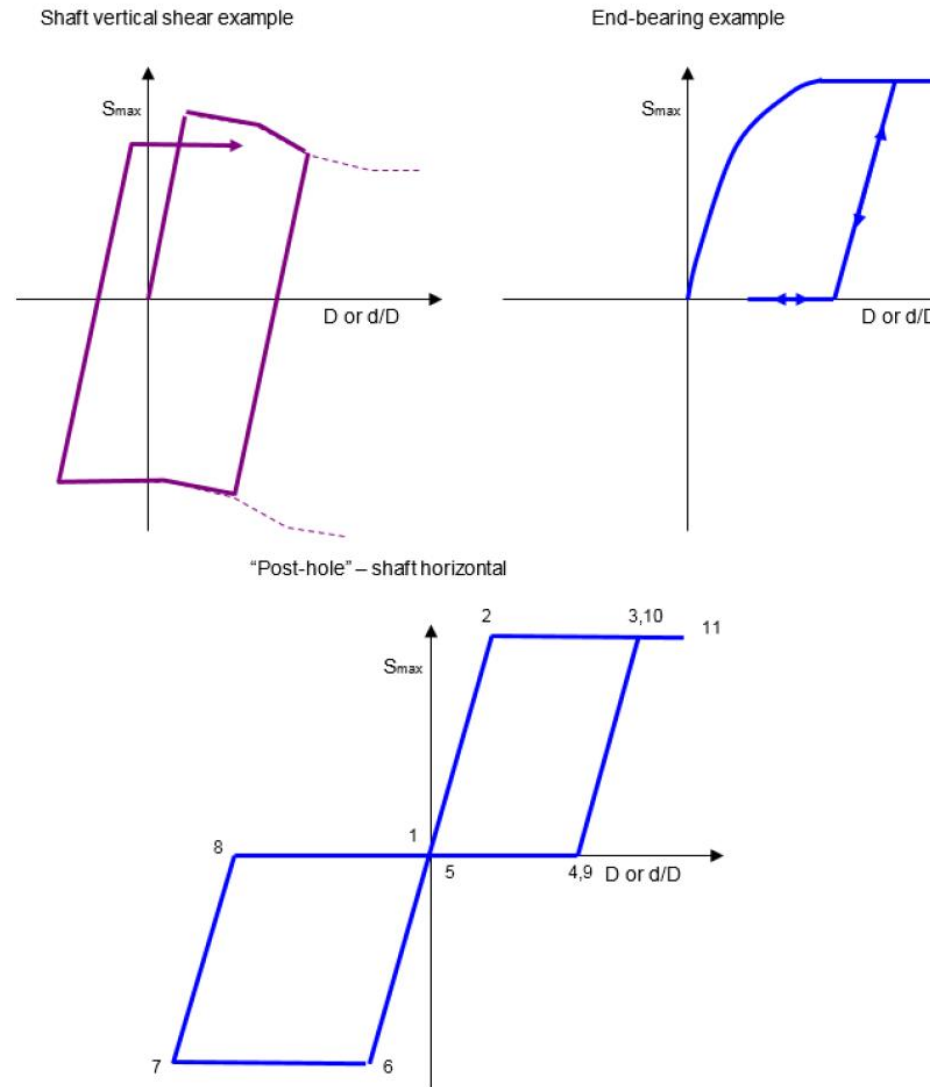


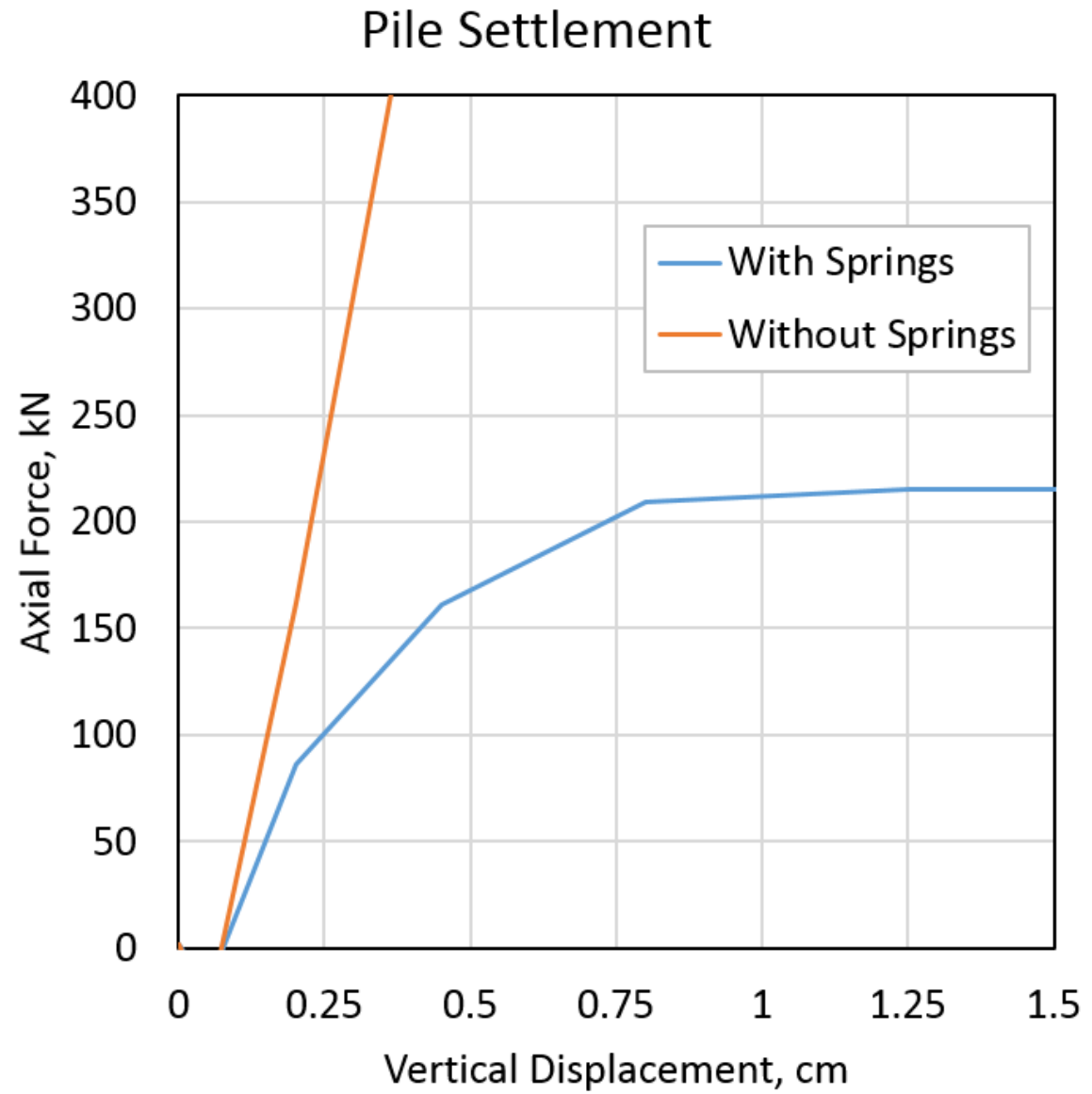
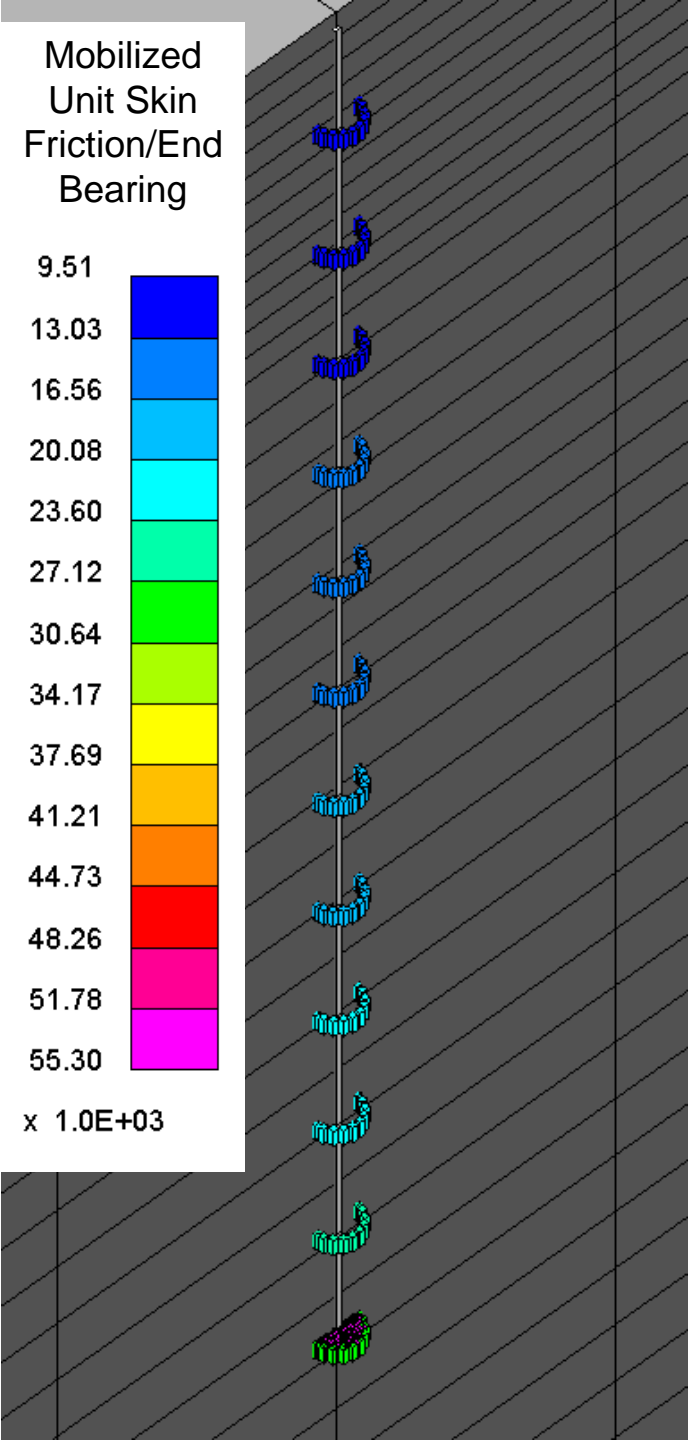
Fig. 9. History of vertical pressures at CP3 at R-S contact during seismic events A and B, and later evolutions

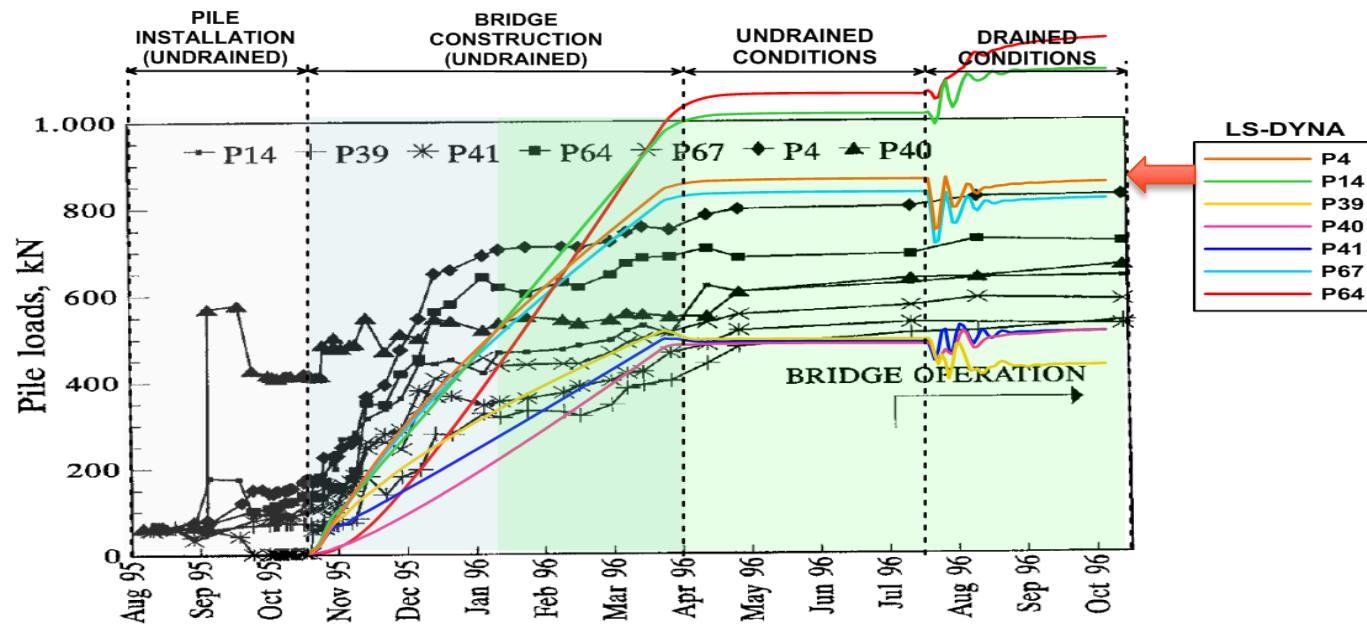


- P4**
- Dimensions in m
- ▼ Triaxial accelerograph in the readout station on the box foundation
  - ▣ Pile with load cells at four different depths
  - ▢ Pile with a load cell close to its head
  - Pressure cell underneath the raft foundation
  - △ Piezometer at different depths
  - ▧ Bellow-hose extensometers
  - Superficial topographic marks

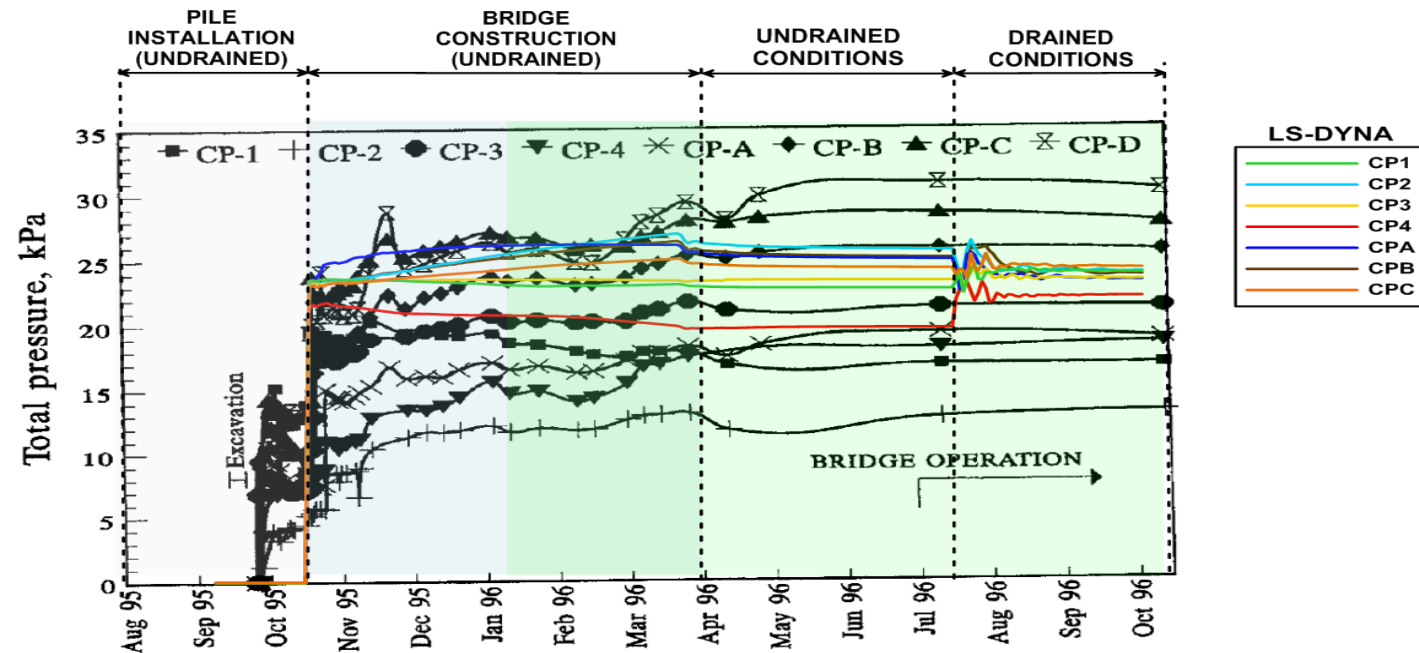
# Force transfer 'springs' at pile-soil interface





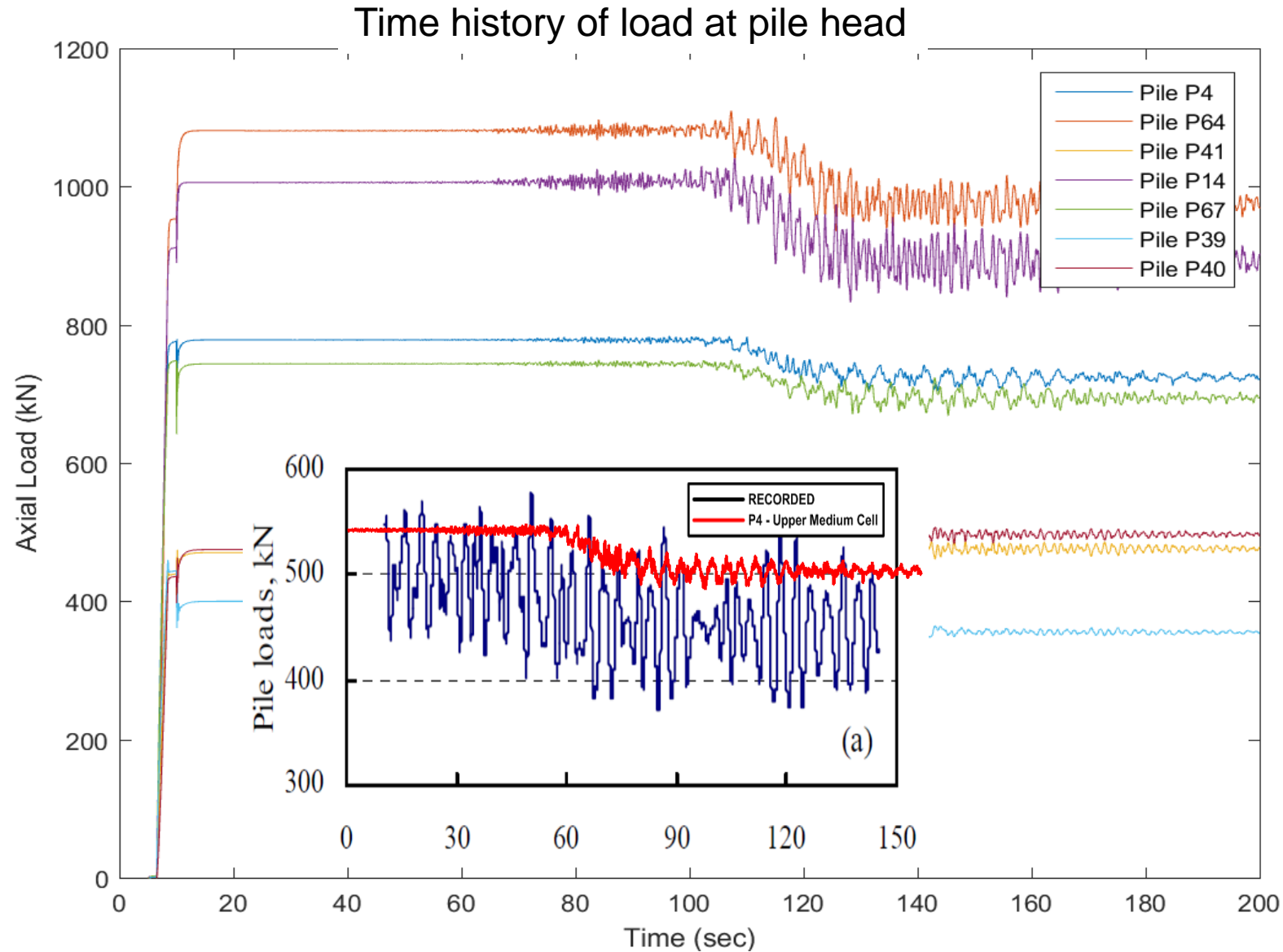


STATIC  
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INTERFACE  
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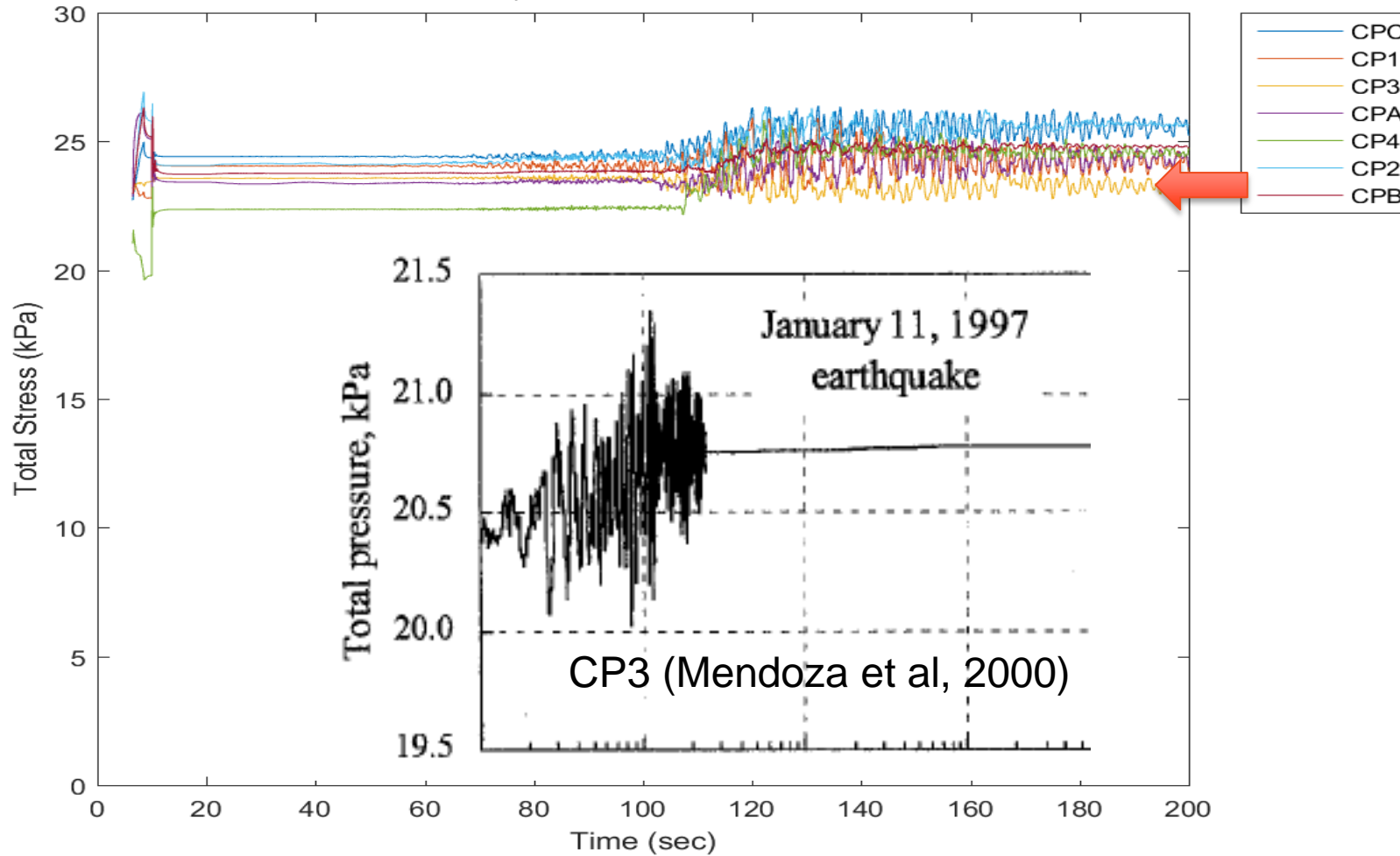
# All instrumented pressure cells & piles at Impulsora: FE simulation





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## Time history of mat/soil interface stresses

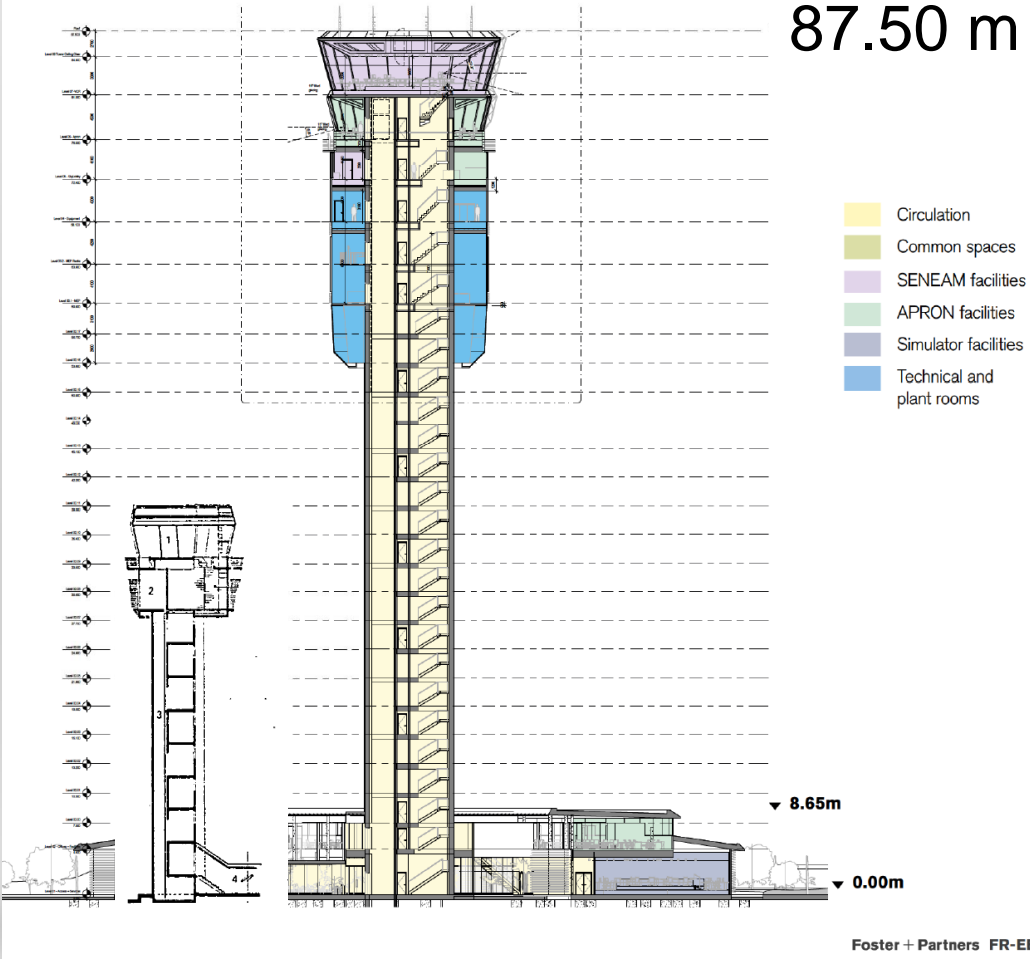
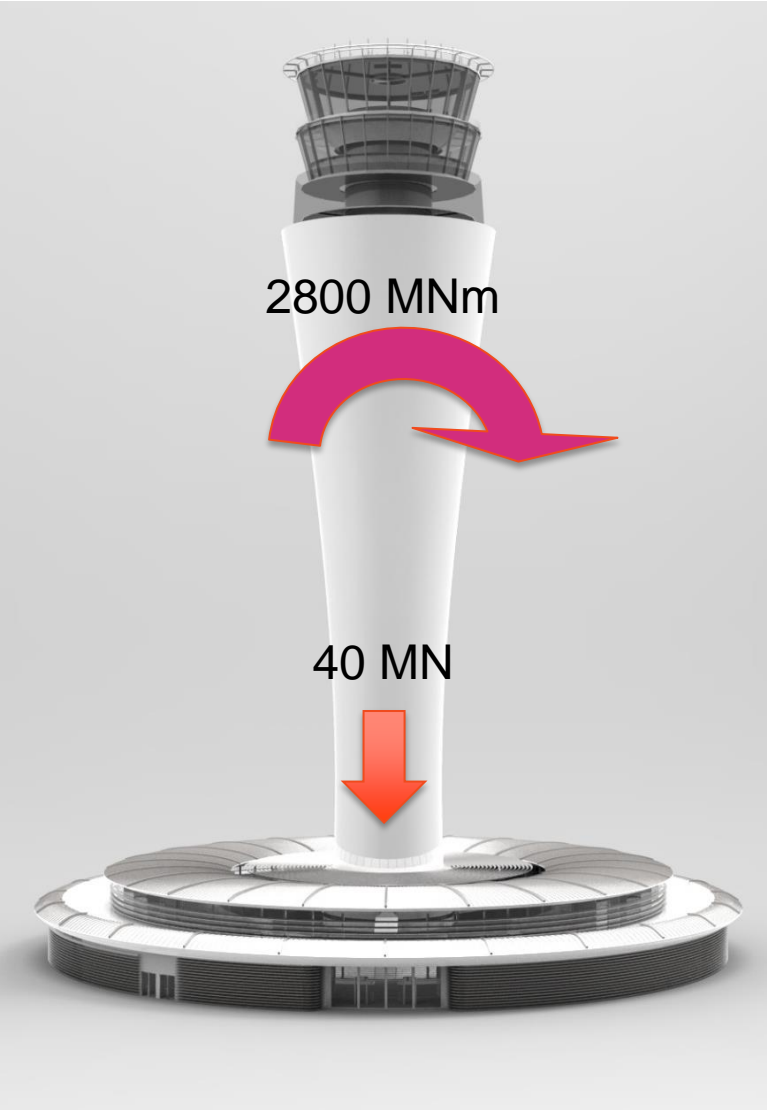


# New International Airport, Mexico City



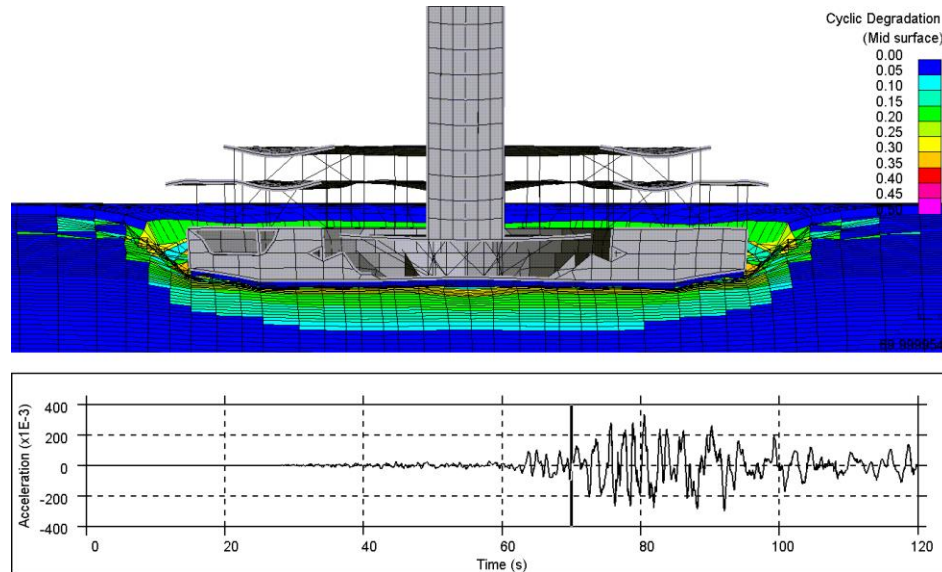
Located on virgin Lake Texcoco clays

# NAIM Air traffic control tower

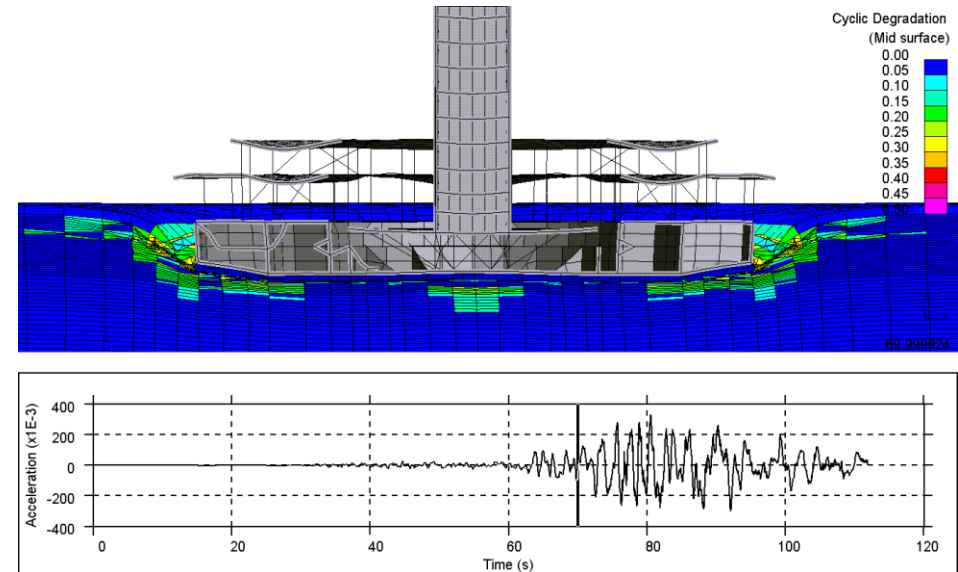


# Michouacan EQ Motion 19 Sept 1985, scaled to 1 in 2475 year return period

No Piles



480 Lower Bound Piles

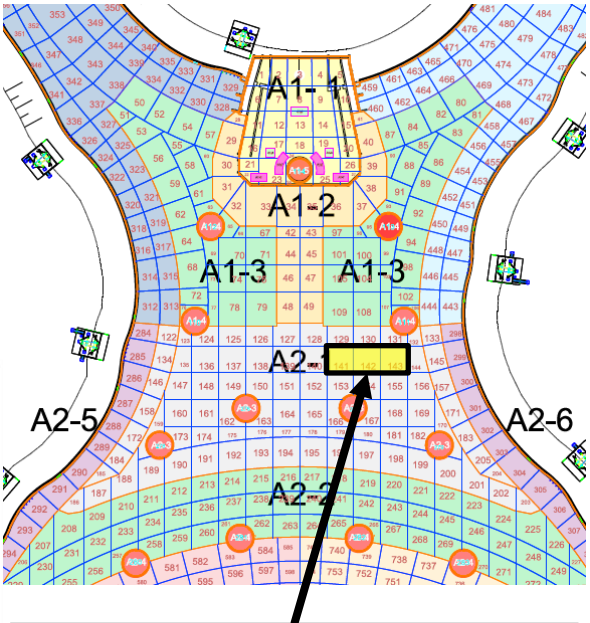
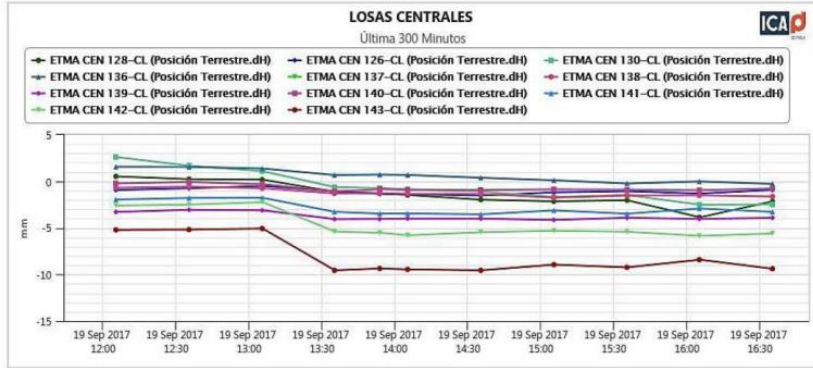
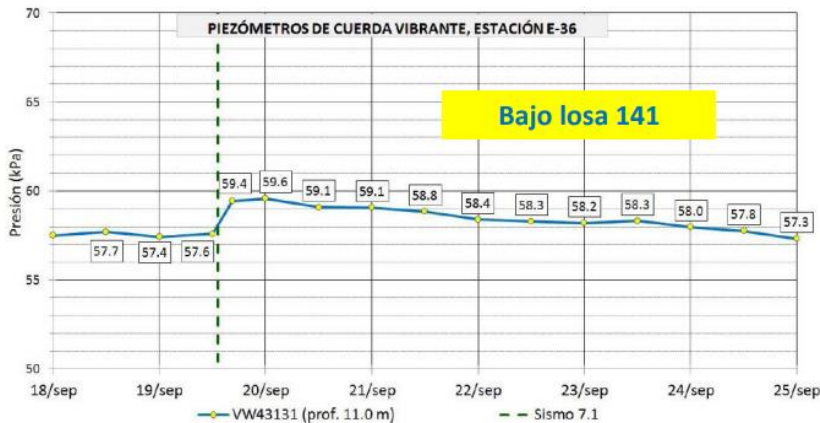


Soil modelled using backbone curves that degrade cyclically using a damage strain algorithm to mimic cyclic triaxial test behaviour

# NAIM Passenger terminal building under construction January 2019



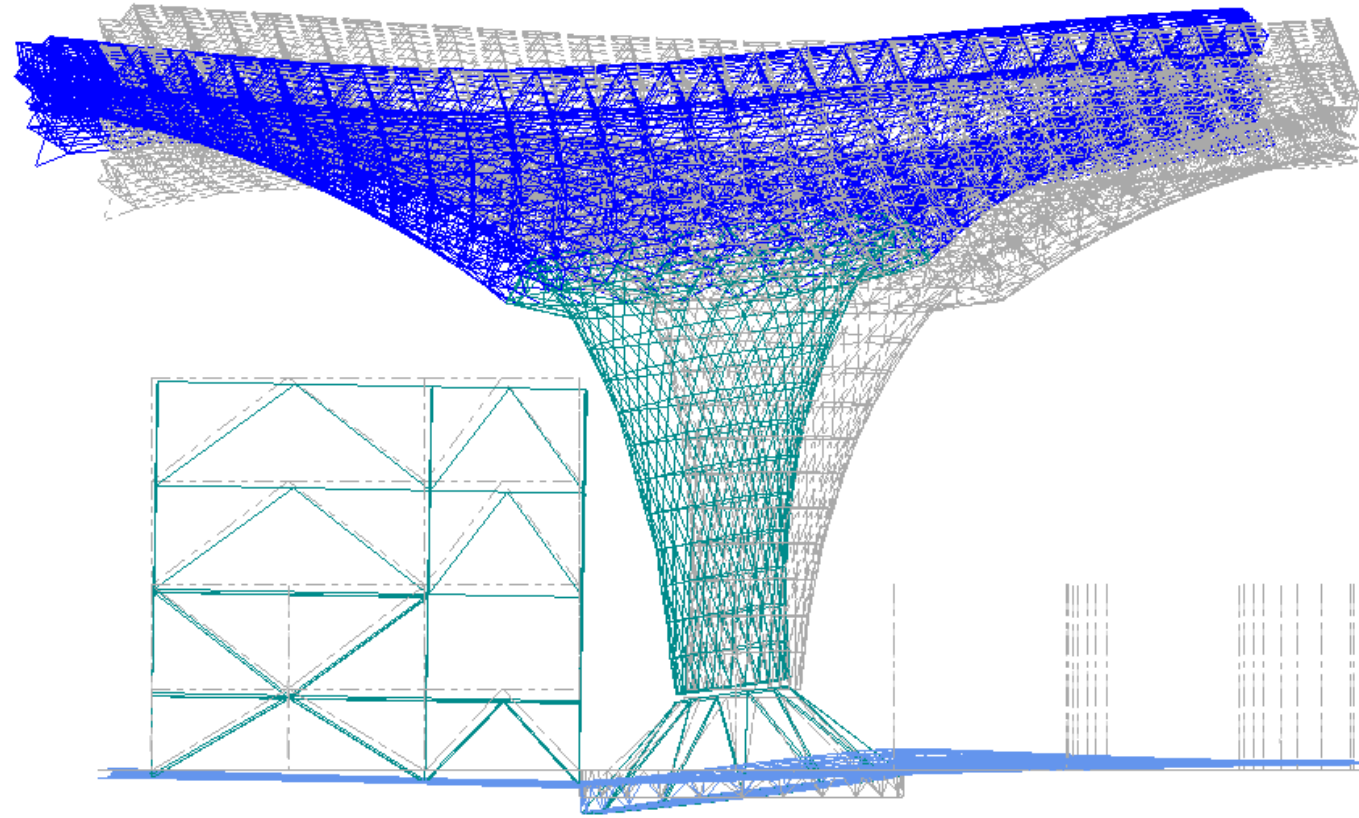
# IIUNAM measured excess pore pressures and settlements under PTB raft Puebla earthquake 19 September 2017



**Pwp and movements reported by UNAM in this area**

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## Dynamic Soil Structure Interaction: extreme events, acute & repetitive



- Increasing urbanisation has changed the nature of geotechnical engineering
- Everything is connected, and we can ‘instrument the Anthropocene’, beyond mere construction monitoring
- A resilient future will require much greater feedback from performance of foundation systems
- Dynamic numerical analysis can be used to calibrate soil models against extreme events
- This includes transient ‘extreme’ in-situ tests such as the CPT and Pressuremeter, as well as output from vertical arrays of seismic accelerometers



- Advanced, unified soil models and increasing computing power enable progress towards performance-based design and resilience
- We can look forward to increasing feedback from long term instrumentation systems: ‘Big *geotechnical* data’
- We now have the tools to articulate to stakeholders the consequences of extreme events on foundation systems through the use of digital ‘twins’

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