



More Discussion on the *AASHTO Guide Specifications for LRFD Seismic Bridge Design*

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Engineers vs. Non-Engineers

- radians and degrees
- Know the answer first
- *The world needs more engineers*

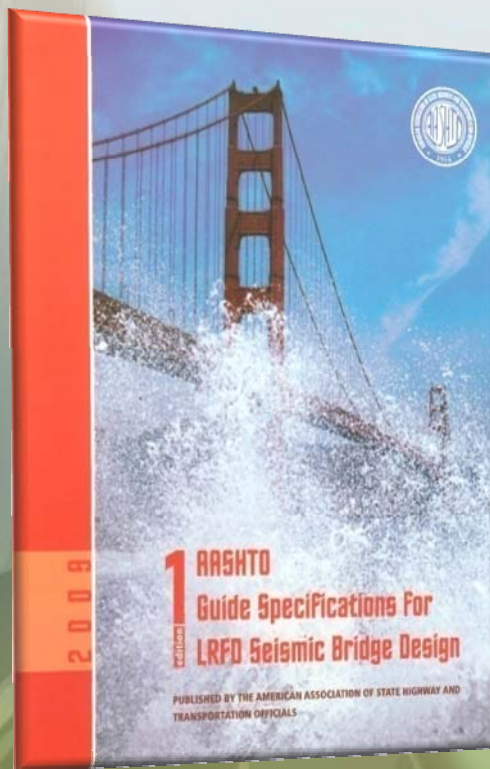


Overview

- QC / QA
 - Approximate methods
 - Displacement spectra
 - Substitute structure method
- Cold climate effects
- Detailing recommendations



Background



- March 2009 – First edition of the *AASHTO Guide Specifications for LRFD Seismic Bridge Design*
- Primarily a displacement-based approach
- A more direct, rational approach



Seismic Analysis Assumptions

- Linear, elastic model used to model non-linear, plastic bridge
- Luckily, the **displacements** calculated from the elastic model are *reasonably* close to those of the non-linear model

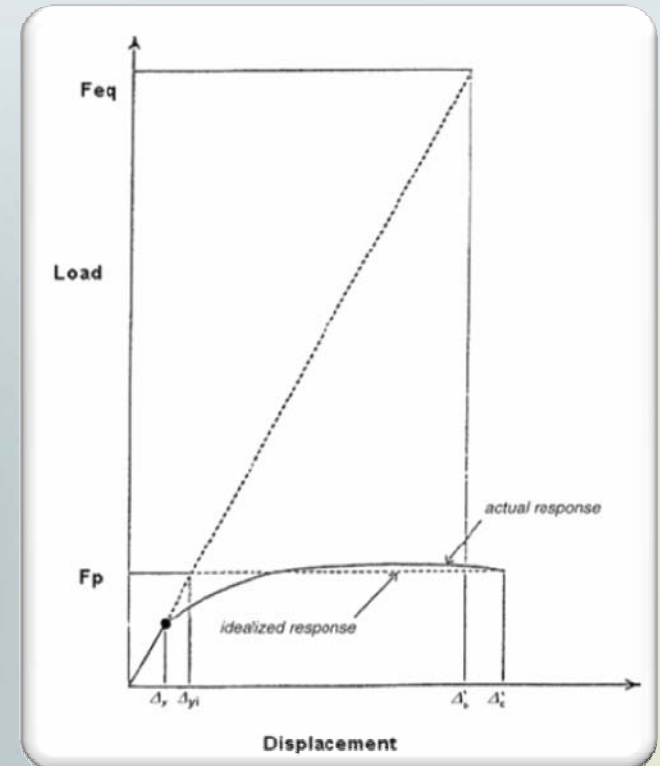


Figure C3.3-1



Reasonably close displacements...

- Displacement magnification, R_d , for short-period, in-elastic responding structures

$$R_d = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu_D}\right) \frac{T^*}{T} + \frac{1}{\mu_D} \geq 1.0 \quad \text{for } \frac{T^*}{T} > 1.0 \quad (4.3.3-1)$$

$$R_d = 1.0 \quad \text{for } \frac{T^*}{T} \leq 1.0 \quad (4.3.3-2)$$

in which:

$$T^* = 1.25T_s \quad (4.3.3-3)$$

where:

μ_D = maximum local member displacement ductility demand
= 2 for SDC B
= 3 for SDC C
= determined in accordance with Article 4.9 for SCD D. In lieu of a detailed analysis, μ_D may be taken as 6.

T_s = period determined from Article 3.4.1 (sec.)

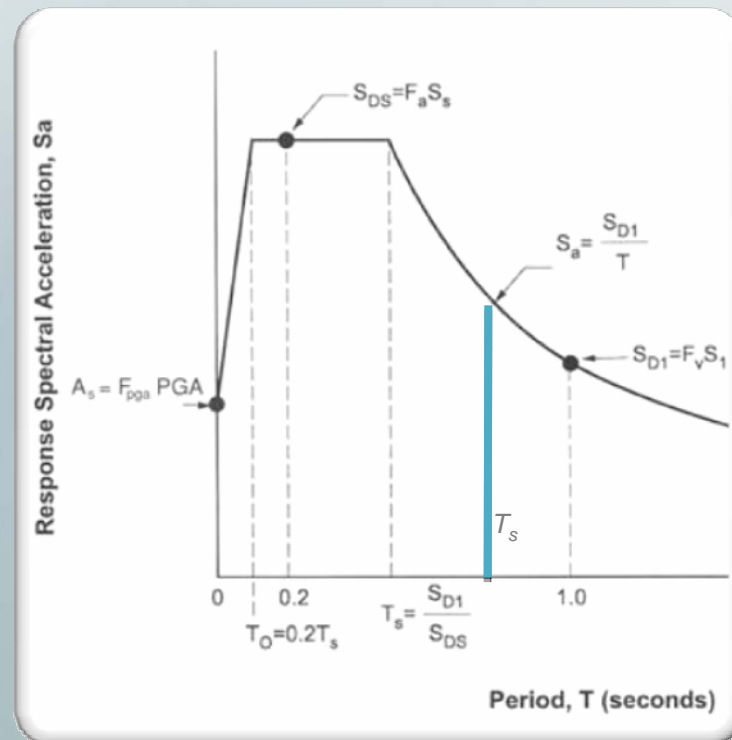


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EQ Resisting Systems and Elements

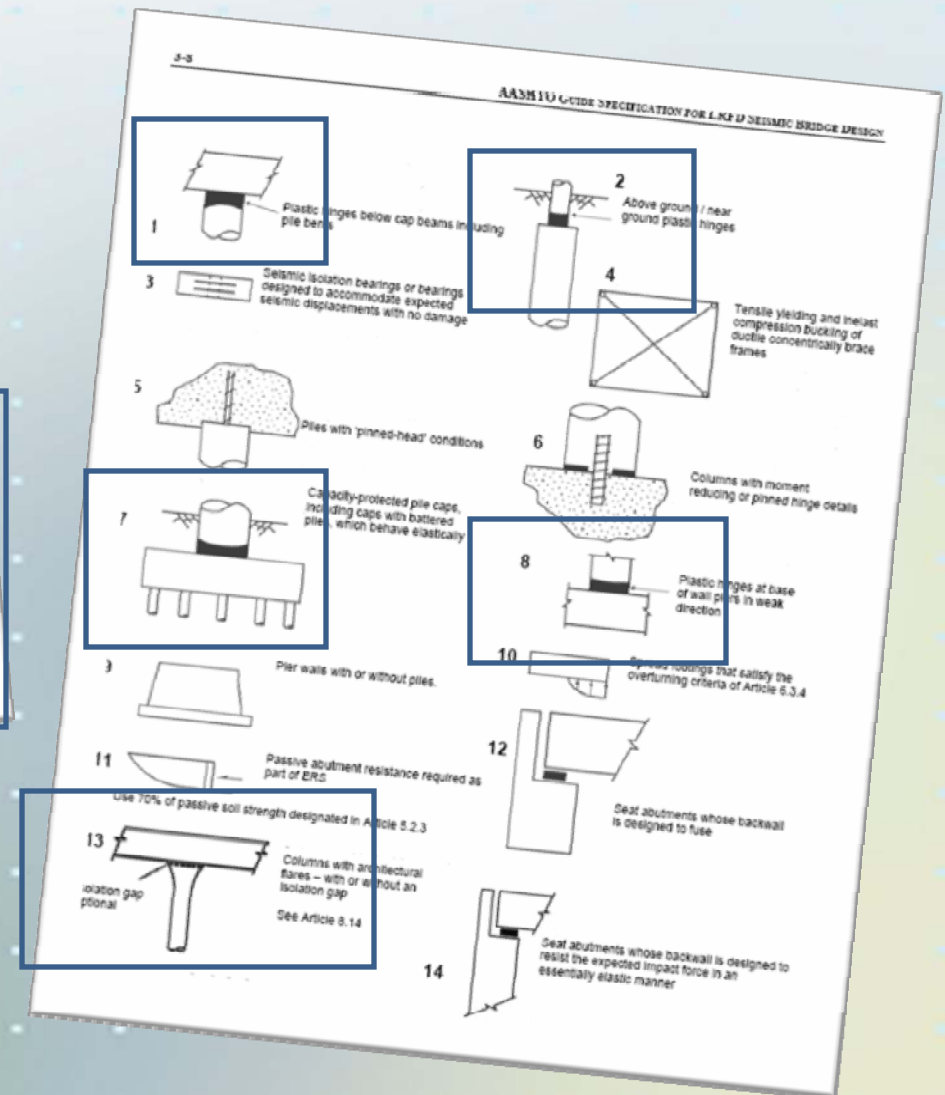
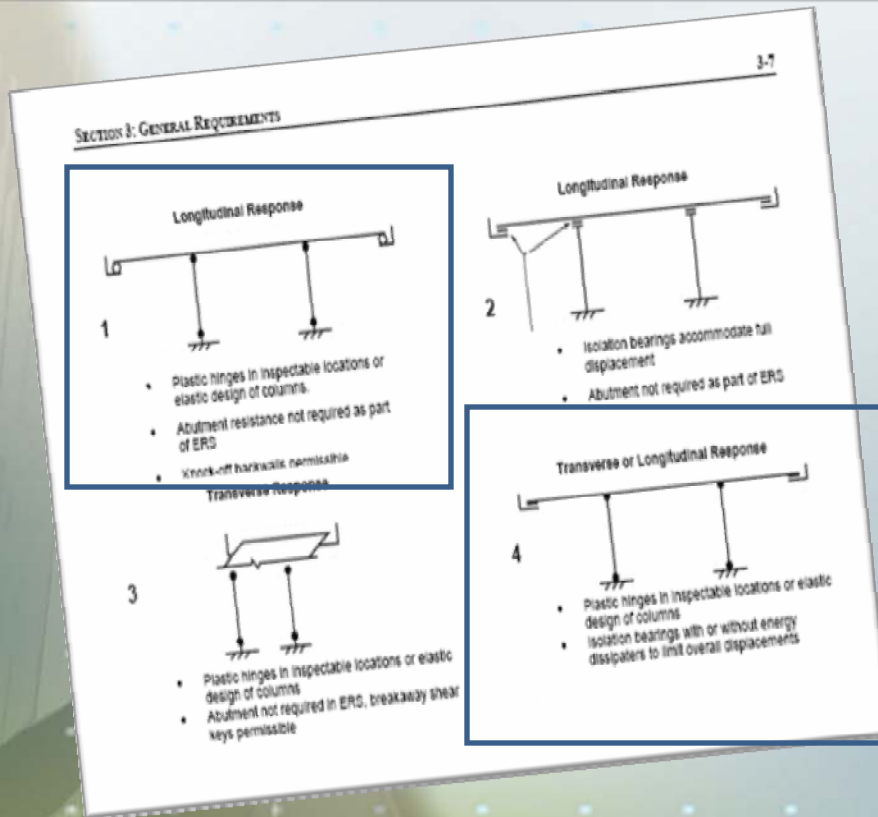
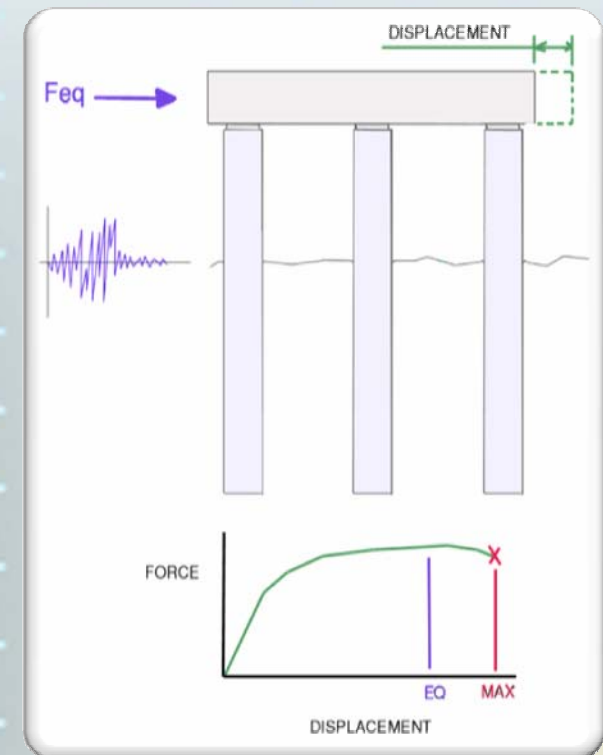


Figure 3.3-1a and b

Displacement-Based Approach



- Tools currently that allow us to explicitly compare the design displacement demand to the nominal displacement capacity
- Large plastic displacements can be achieved provided that brittle and premature failure modes can be prevented



Displacement Capacity Notation

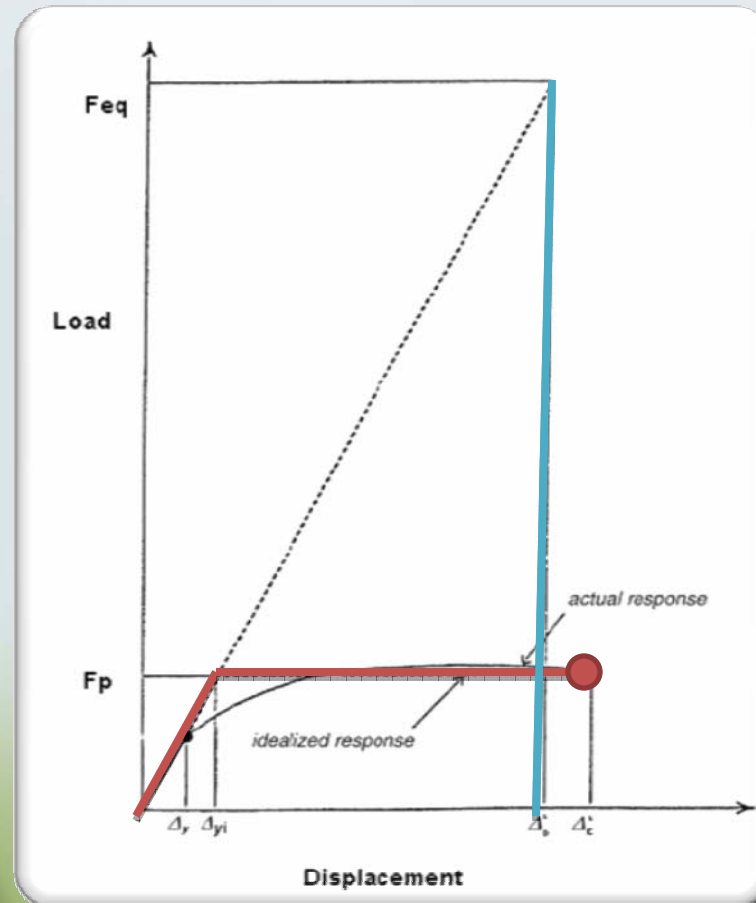


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Displacement Capacity Calculation



- For SDC B and C, *closed-form* member displacement capacity equations are available

$$\text{SDC B:} \quad \Delta^L_C = 0.12H_o(-1.27 \ln(x) - 0.32) > 0.12H_o$$

$$\text{SDC C:} \quad \Delta^L_C = 0.12H_o(-2.32 \ln(x) - 1.22) > 0.12H_o$$

where:

$$x = \Lambda B_o / H_o$$

Λ = fixity factor, pin-fix = 1, fix-fix = 2

H_o = contraflexure to plastic hinge distance (FT)

B_o = column diameter (FT)

Displacement Capacity Calculation



- For SDC D, a pushover analysis is required and often requires the following steps:
 - 1.) collect geometric and material data
 - 2.) determine analytic plastic hinge length
 - 3.) generate moment-curvature relationships with axial loads (DL, DL + Overturning, DL - Overturning) usually by computer
 - 4.) calculate corresponding lateral load and displacement
 - 5.) determine Overturning forces associated with lateral load
 - 6.) if calculated Overturning is within 10% of assumed continue, otherwise return to step 3
 - 7.) compare lateral displacement demand to displacement capacity
 - 8.) if demand exceeds capacity, revise sections and return to step 1
 - 9.) complete design including capacity protection and ductile detailing



Material Properties for Push-Over

- For the SDC D, push-over analysis is required

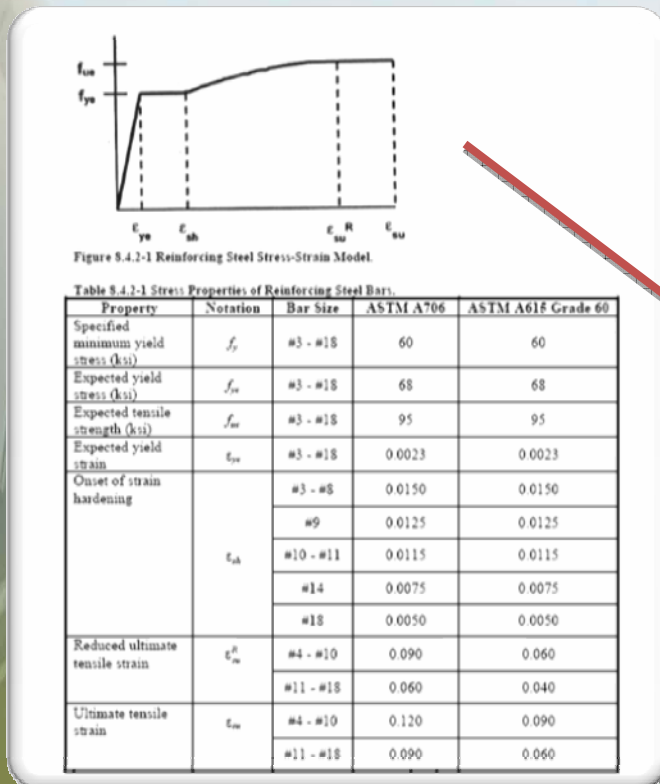


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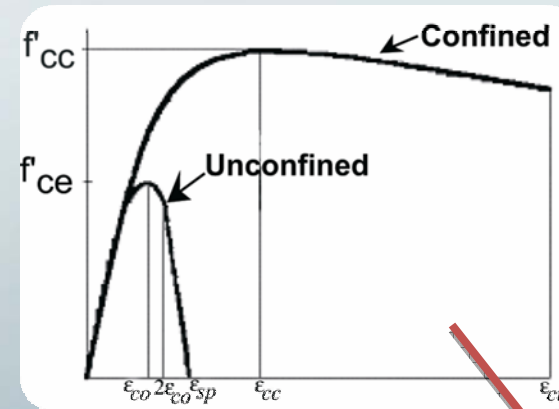


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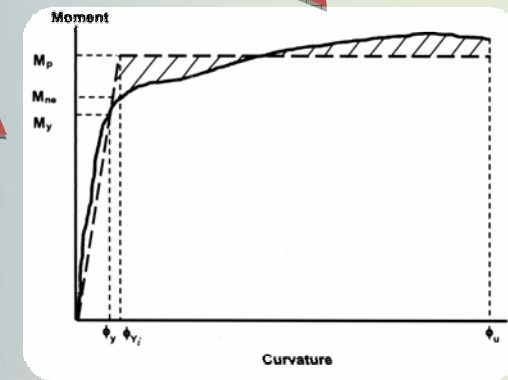


Figure 8.5-1



Displacement Capacity Check

- the use of curvature in design is uncommon
- don't have a good "feel" for curvature values
- desire a method to predict / check the computer results
- could use the closed-form equations to start but they are developed for specific target ductilities



Approximate Methods - ϕ_{yi}

- For a rough check of conventional circular reinforced concrete column sections:

$$\phi_{yi} \sim 2.25 * \epsilon_y / 12B_o \sim 1/2300B_o$$

where:

ϕ_{yi} = idealized yield curvature (1/IN)

B_o = column diameter (FT)

ϵ_y = expected yield strain ~ 0.002345 (IN/IN)



Approximate Methods - Δ_{yi}

- For a rough check of conventional circular reinforced concrete column sections:

$$\Delta_{yi} \sim 1/3 * \phi_{yi} * (12H_o + 0.15 * f_{ye} * d_b)^2 \sim H_o^2 / 48B_o$$

where:

Δ_{yi} = idealized yield displacement (IN)

H_o = contraflexure to plastic hinge distance (FT)

d_b = diameter of longitudinal column bar (IN)

ϕ_{yi} = idealized yield curvature (1/IN)

B_o = column diameter (FT)

f_{ye} = expected yield stress (KSI)



Approximate Methods - ϕ_u

- And for a very rough check of conventional circular reinforced concrete column sections:

$$\phi_u = \min (\varepsilon_{cu}/c_c , \varepsilon_{su}^R/d-c) \sim \varepsilon_{su}^R/12B_o$$

where:

ϕ_u = ultimate curvature (1/IN)

ε_{cu} = ultimate confined concrete strain (1/IN)

ε_{su}^R = reduced ultimate tensile strain (IN/IN)

c_c = neutral axis to edge of confined core (IN)

$d-c$ = neutral axis to extreme tension bar (IN)

B_o = column diameter (FT)



Approximate Methods - Δ_C^L

- And for a very rough check of conventional circular reinforced concrete column sections:

$$\Delta_C^L \sim \Delta_{yi} + (\phi_u - \phi_{yi}) * L_p * (12H_o - L_p/2) \sim H_o^2/10B_o$$

where:

Δ_C^L = local displacement capacity (IN)

H_o = contraflexure to plastic hinge distance (FT)

L_p = analytical plastic hinge length (IN)

ϕ_u = ultimate curvature (1/IN)

ϕ_{yi} = idealized yield curvature (1/IN)

B_o = column diameter (FT)



What about Double Curvature?

- Column height, H_o , is taken from the maximum moment location to the contraflexure point
- Then add the displacement results for each part

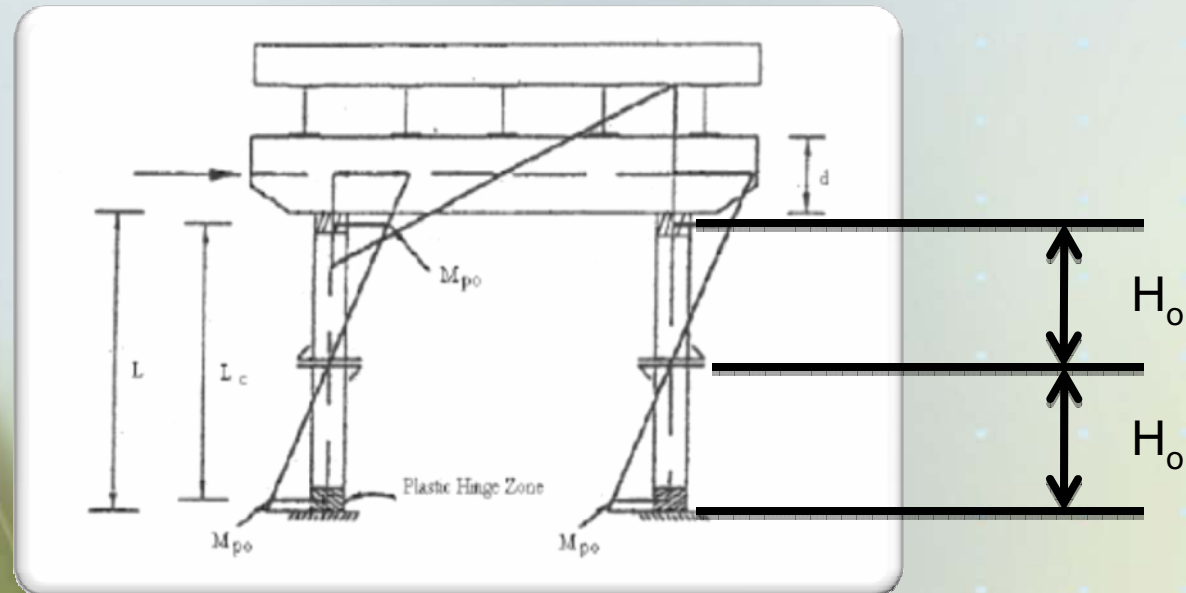


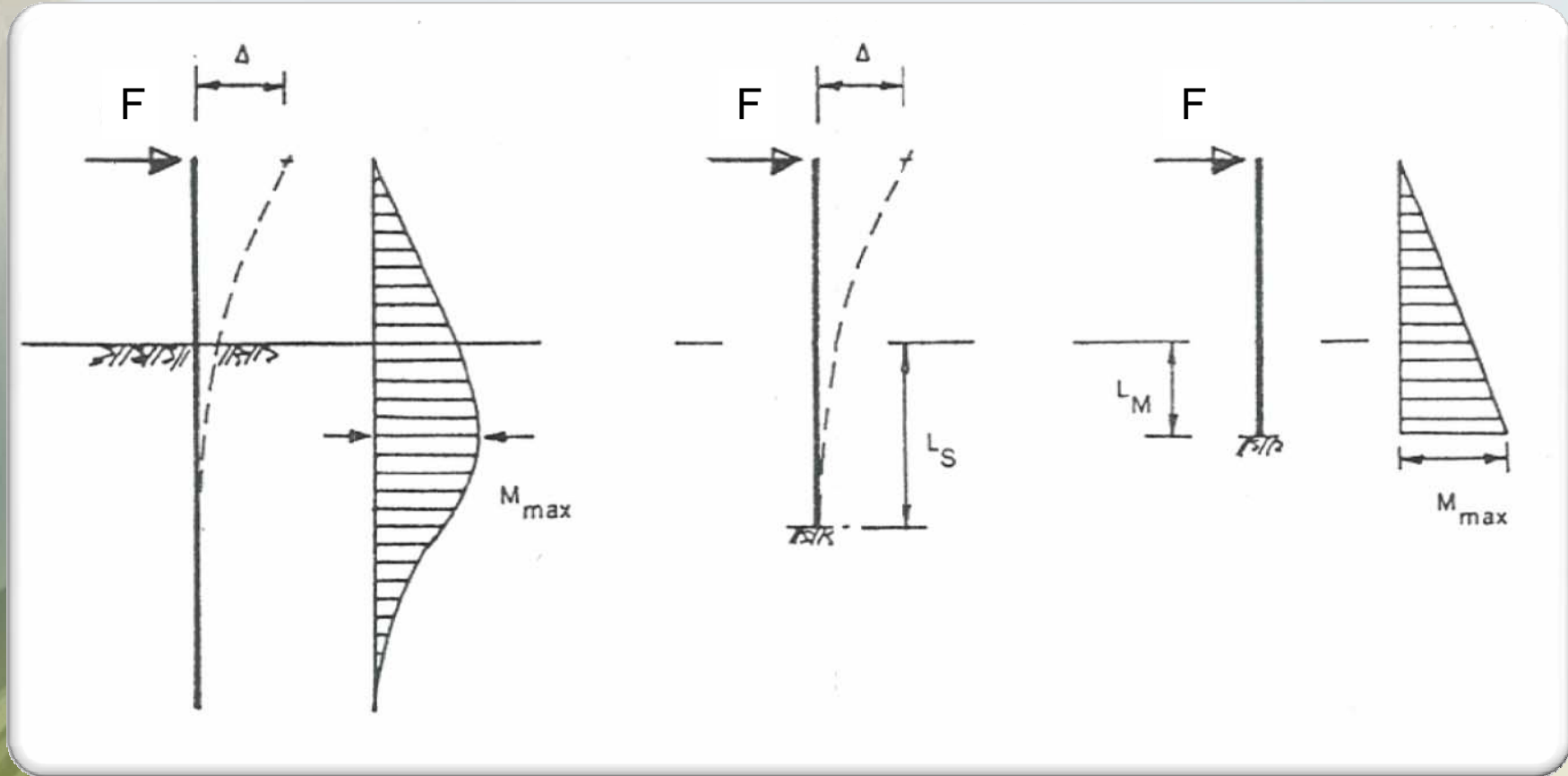
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What about Pile/Shaft Extensions?



- In this case, the H_o values will not be of equal length above and below the contraflexure point
- Calculate Δ_{yi} from the point of effective fixity, L_s , for stiffness calculations (typically $3B_o < L_s < 7B_o$)
- Calculate Δ_c^L from the plastic hinge location, L_M , below the ground line (typically $1B_o < L_M < 3B_o$)

What about Pile/Shaft Extensions?





Seismic Displacement Spectra

- The use of the displacement spectra may allow for a quick check of the analysis results

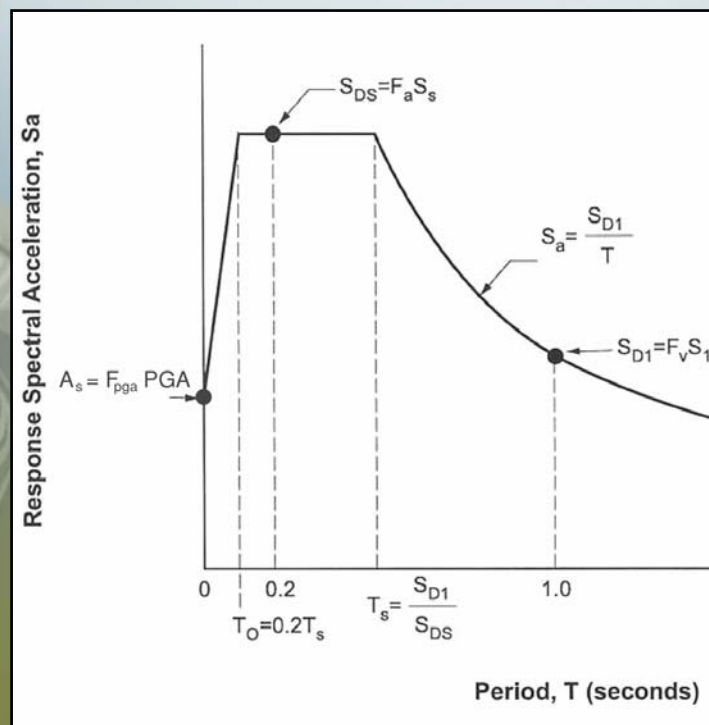
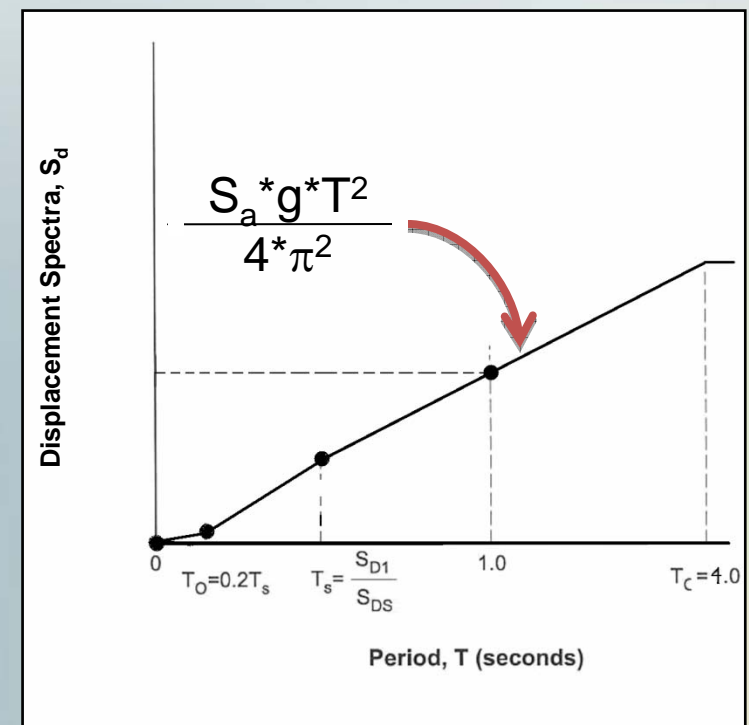


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From CDROM or calculate



Seismic Displacement Spectra

Recognizing the nearly linear relationship, the EQ deflection for $T_S < T < T_C$ can be approximated as

$$\Delta_D^L \sim 10 * S_{D1} * T$$

where:

Δ_D^L = local displacement demand (IN)

S_{D1} = $F_v * S_1$

F_v = site coefficient for S_1

S_1 = 1.0-sec. period spectral acceleration coefficient

T = period of vibration of the structure (SEC)



Substitute Structure Method

- Consider the method by which abutment soil resistance is often addressed
- An effective stiffness is used to provide the passive soil resistance in the seismic model

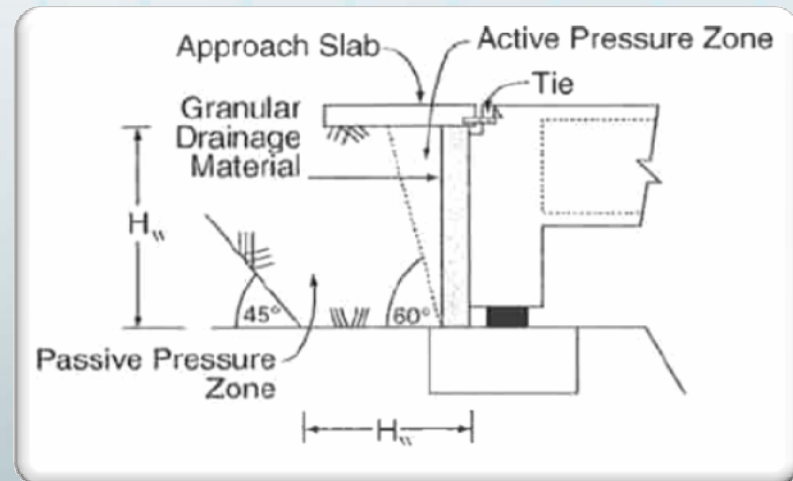


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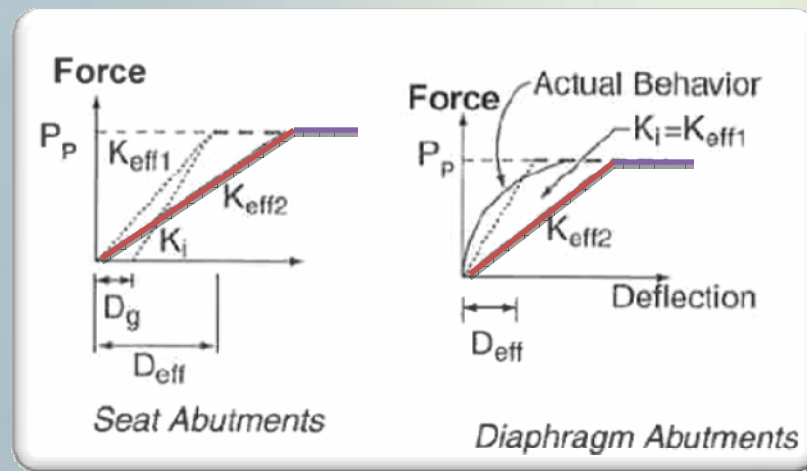


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Substitute Structure Method

- Why not do the same thing for the entire bridge?

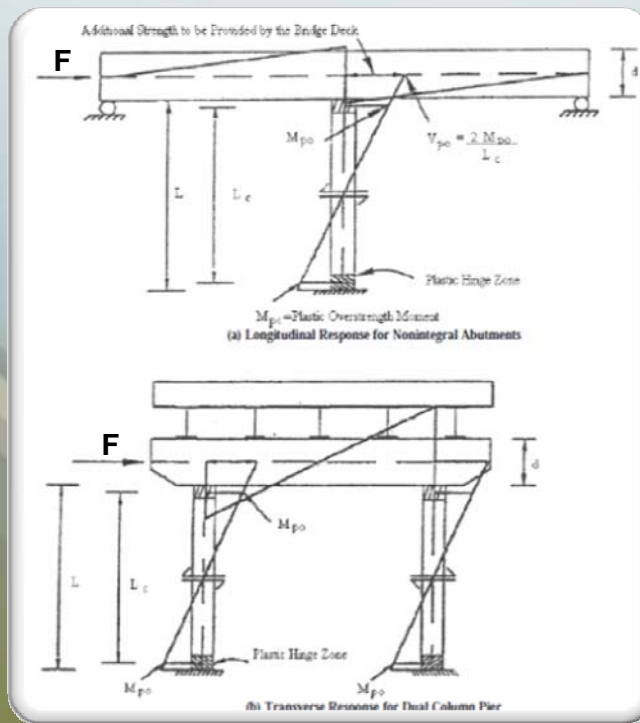


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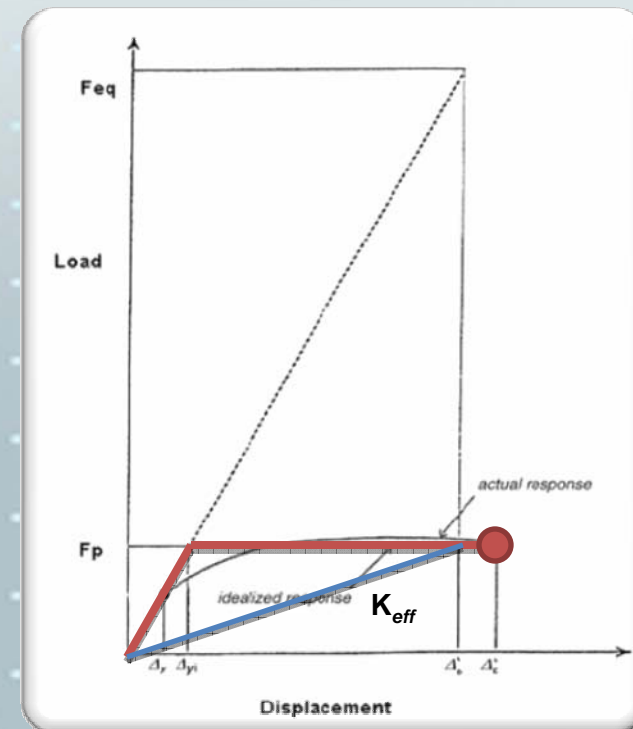


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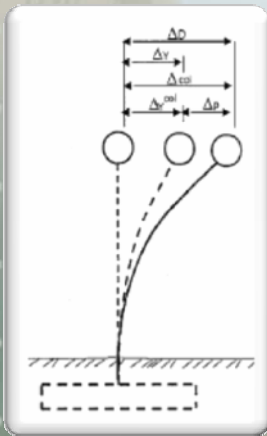
Substitute Structure Method

- Advantages
 - insensitive to initial stiffness
 - relatively easy to use
 - different methodology for QC/QA
- Disadvantages
 - *equivalent viscous damping adjustment*
 - complex geometry limitations
 - limited utilization to date



Substitute Structure - Example

- Given:



Simple SDOF bridge

$$F_p = V_{po} = 1200 \text{ KIPS}$$

$$\Delta_{yi} = 2 \text{ IN}$$

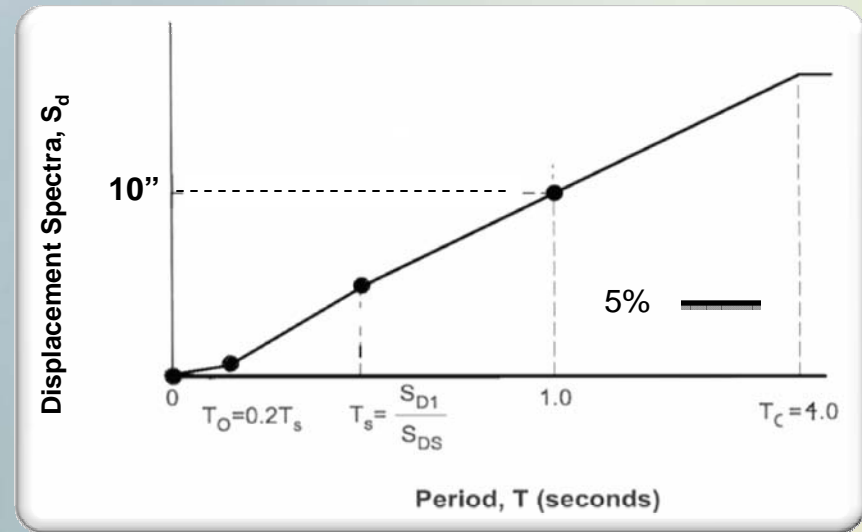
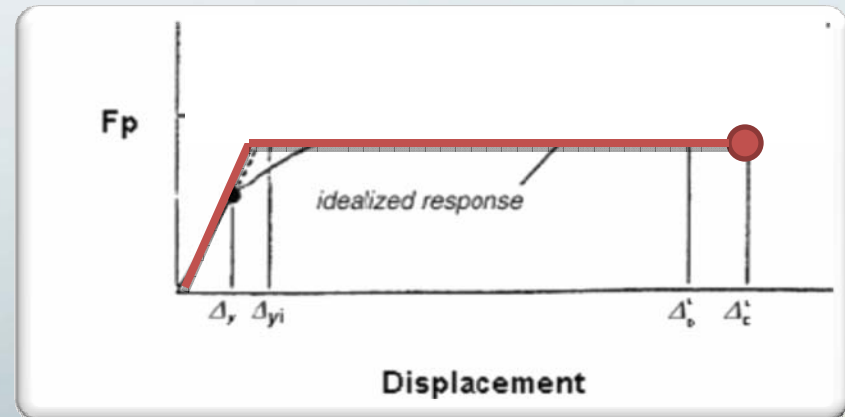
$$\Delta^L_C = 10 \text{ IN}$$

$$W_{\text{seismic}} = 2500 \text{ KIPS}$$

For displacement spectra shown

- Find:

$$\Delta^L_D = ?$$



From CDROM



Substitute Structure - Example

- Solution:

try $\Delta_D^L = 8''$

and $K_{eff} = 1200K/8'' = 150K/IN$

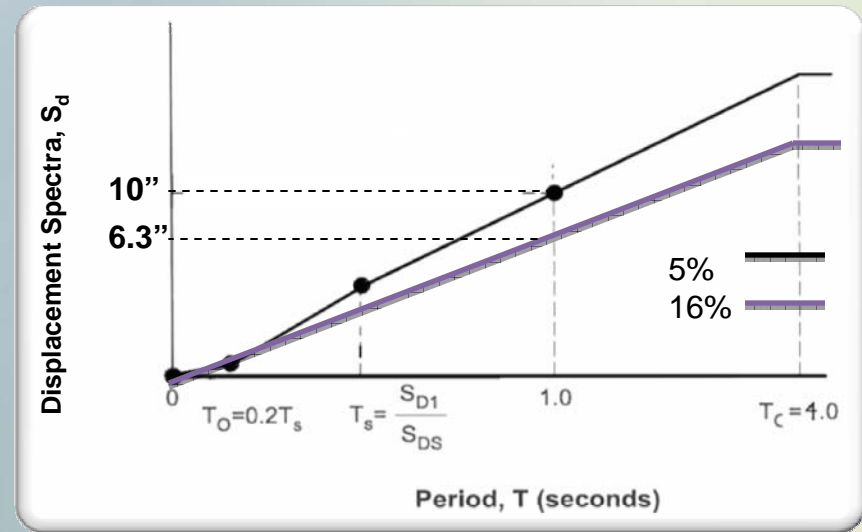
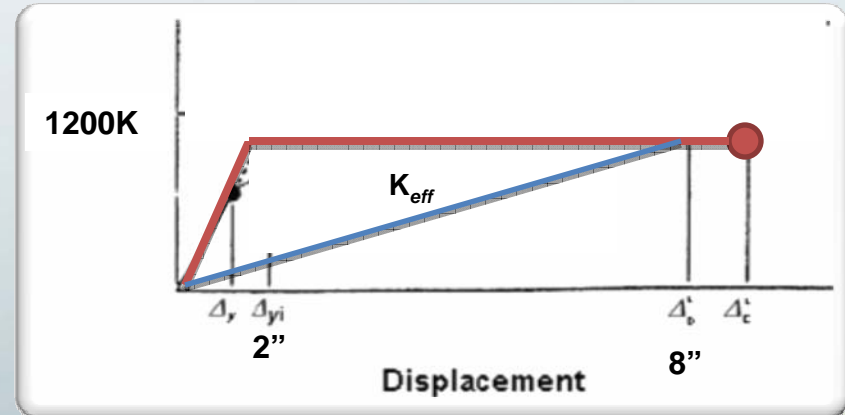
so $T_{eff} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{W_{seismic}}{g * K_{eff}}} = 1.31 \text{ s}$

and $\mu_D = 8''/2'' = 4$

so $\xi_{eq} = 0.05 + \frac{4(\mu_D - 1)}{9(\pi\mu_D)} = 0.16$

and $R_D = (0.05/0.16)^{0.4} = 0.63$

then $\Delta_D^L = 10 * 1.31 * 0.63 = 8.3''$



From CDROM and Eq. 4.3.2-1



Substitute Structure - Example

- Second iteration:

try $\Delta_D^L = 8.3''$

and $K_{eff} = 145K/IN$

so $T_{eff} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{W_{seismic}}{g * K_{eff}}} = 1.33 \text{ s}$

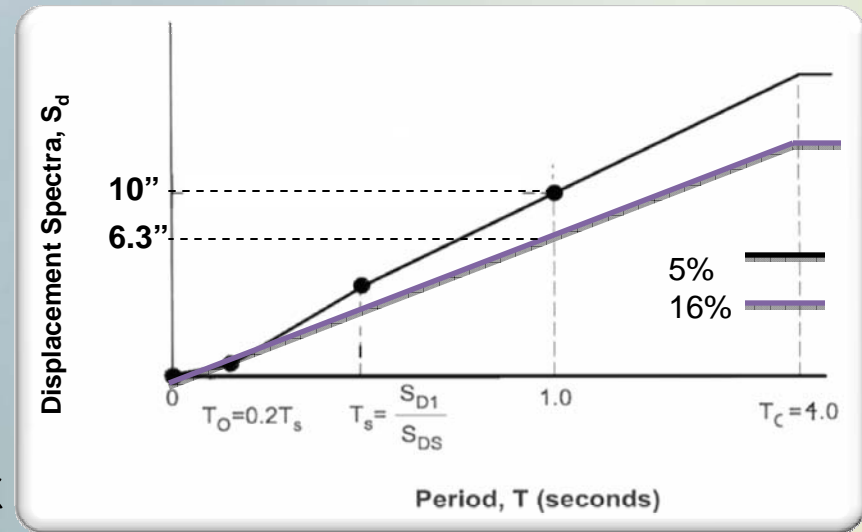
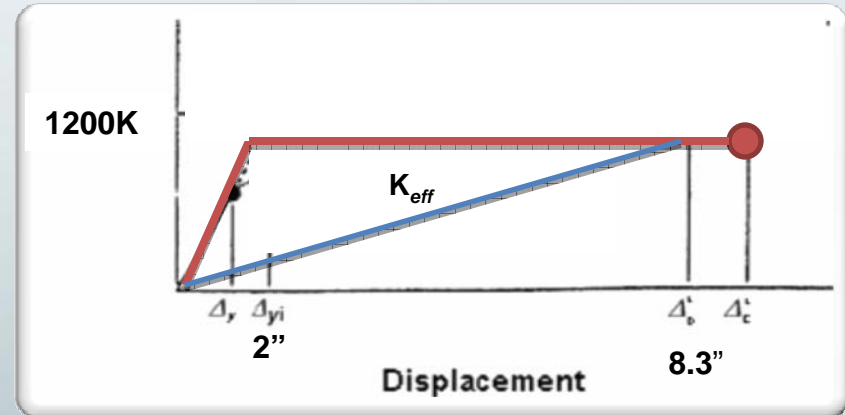
and $\mu_D = 8.3''/2'' = 4.15$

so $\xi_{eq} = 0.05 + \frac{4(\mu_D - 1)}{9(\pi\mu_D)} = 0.16$

and $R_D = (0.05/0.16)^{0.4} = 0.63$

then $\Delta_D^L = 10 * 1.33 * 0.63 = 8.4''$

elastic : $\Delta_D^L = 8.7''$ – good check

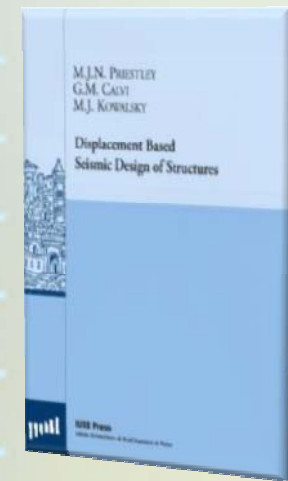


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Substitute Structure - Resources

- *Alternately, change F_p by adding or subtracting steel until desired displacement demand is achieved*
- M. J. N. Priestley, G. M. Calvi, and M. J. Kowalsky, *Displacement-Based Seismic Design of Structures*, IUSS Press, Pavia, Italy, 2007.
- Direct Displacement-Based Design



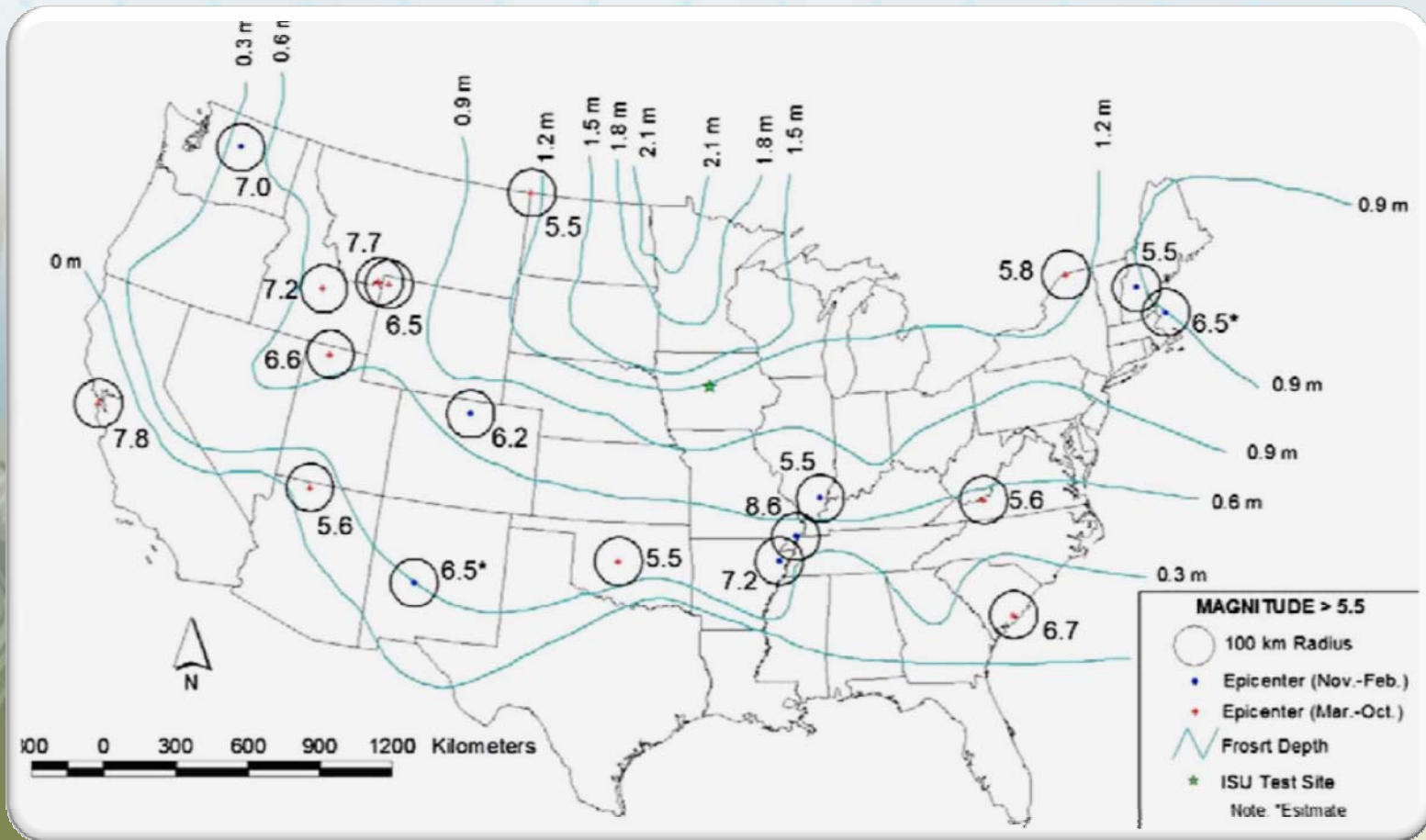


Cold Climate Concerns



(Yang 2009)

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(Sritharan et al. 2008)



Cold Climate Concerns

- Research regarding the effects of cold climate
 - 1.) **material mechanics** – strength increases, ductility decreases, L_p decreases*
 - 2.) **boundary conditions** – frozen soil much stiffer than unfrozen soil
 - 3.) **site coefficient** – not typically affected but may result in higher demands in some circumstances

Cold Climate – Material Mechanics



- No changes to reinforcing strain limits
- Increase *expected* concrete strength, f'_{ce} , by 40%
- Increase *expected* yield stress, f_{ye} , and *expected* tensile strength, f_{ue} , by 10%
- Reduce analytical plastic hinge length, L_p , by 40% *

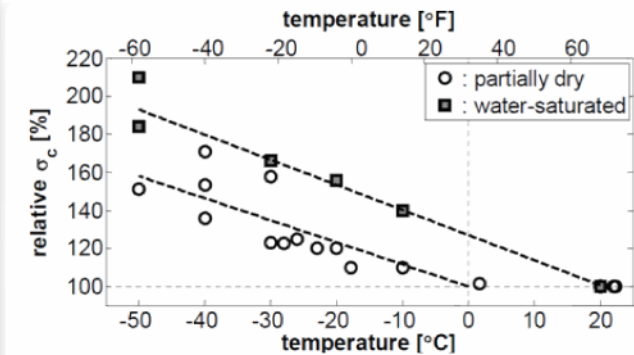


Figure 1.1. Effect of low temperatures in compressive strength of concrete

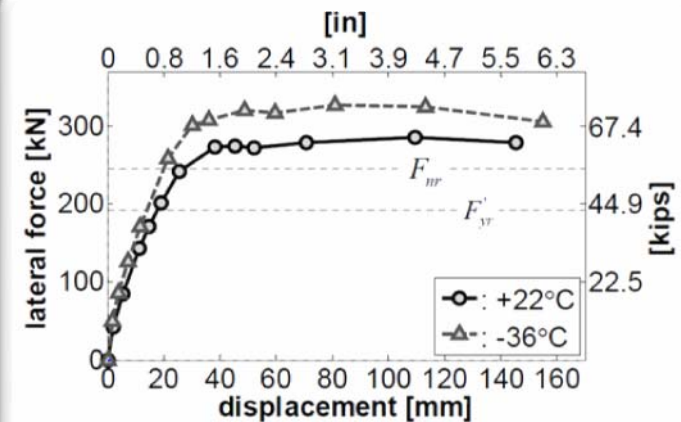


Figure 4.66 Average first cycle envelopes of FL-89C and FL-89A.

Kowalsky et al. (2008)



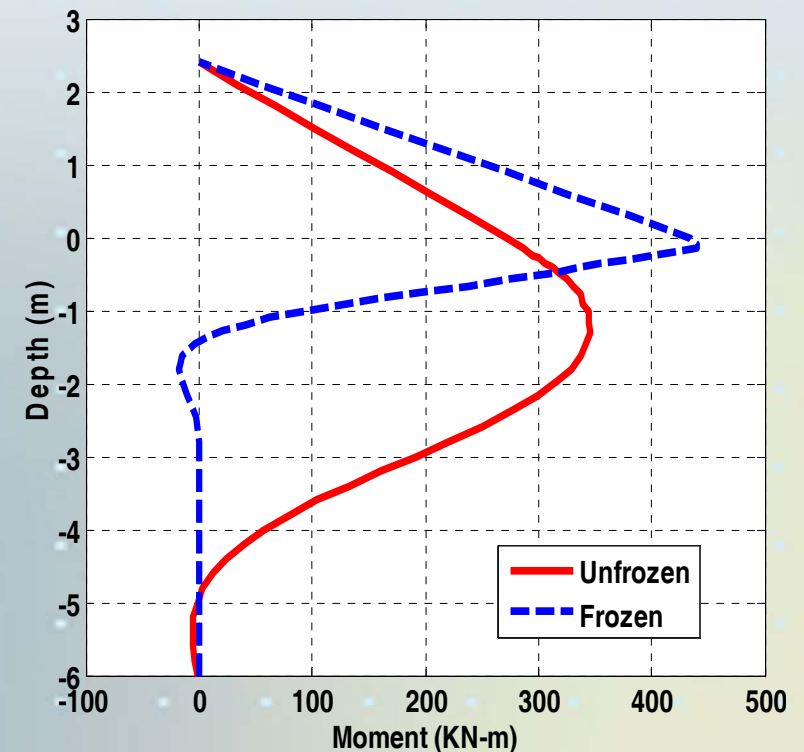
Cold Climate – Boundary Condition

- Frozen soil is up to 100 times more stiff than unfrozen soil

- AKDOT Rule-of-thumb:

stiffness fixity at B_o
plastic moment at $B_o / 2$

- Research recommendations for simplified and refined analyses are forthcoming



0.3m imposed top deflection
(Yang 2009)

Cold Climate – Site Coefficients



- Most cases the stiffer frozen soil is slightly less than the unfrozen response spectra
- For design, use envelope of unfrozen site coefficient spectra and Site Class “B” site coefficient spectra
- In some cases the response spectra can be amplified beyond un-frozen case
- Research ongoing - better recommendations are forthcoming for simplified and refined analysis

Detailing

- Distribution of reinforcing steel in pier cap beams
- Primary shear and joint shear reinforcing

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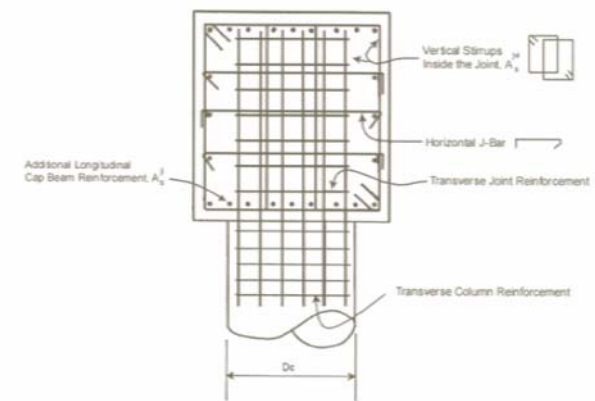


Figure 8.13.5.1.1-1—Joint Shear Reinforcement Details

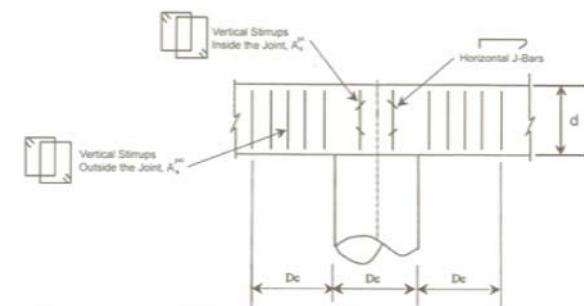


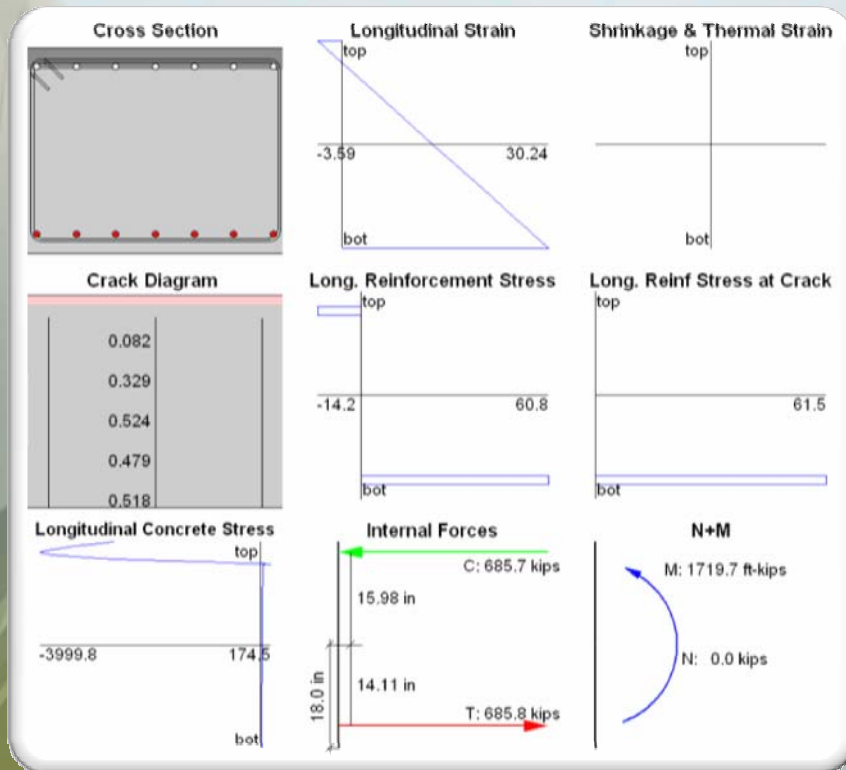
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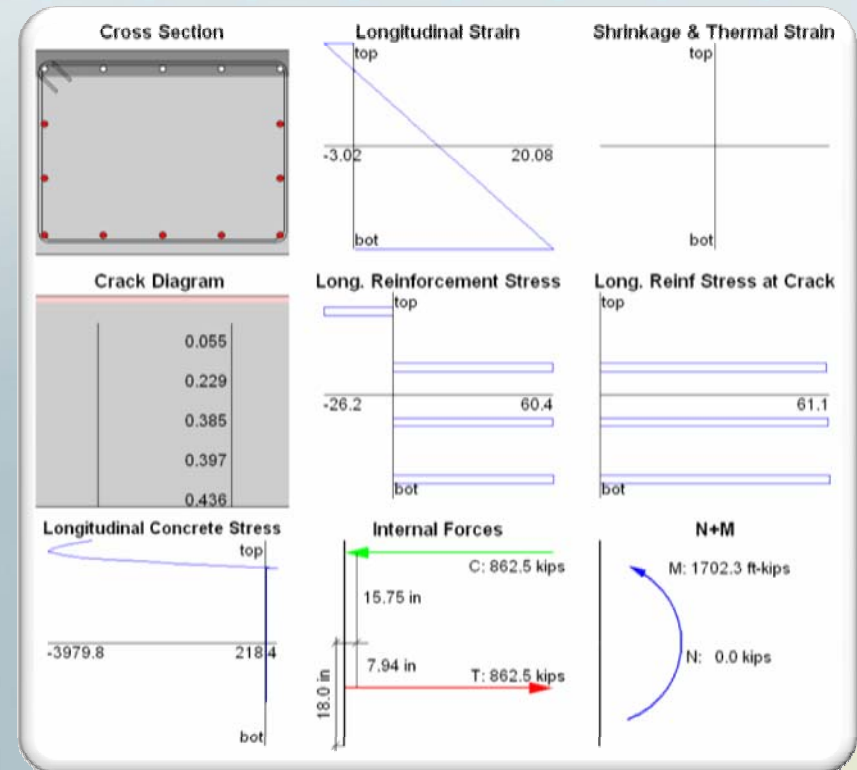


Detailing - Flexure

- Flexural steel distributed traditionally and uniformly



$$M_n = 1720 \text{ K-FT}$$



$$M_n = 1700 \text{ K-FT}$$



Detailing - Shear

- Calculate conventional shear stirrup spacing, S_v , and joint shear spacing, S_j then find total shear stirrup spacing, S

$$1/S = 1/S_v + 1/S_j$$

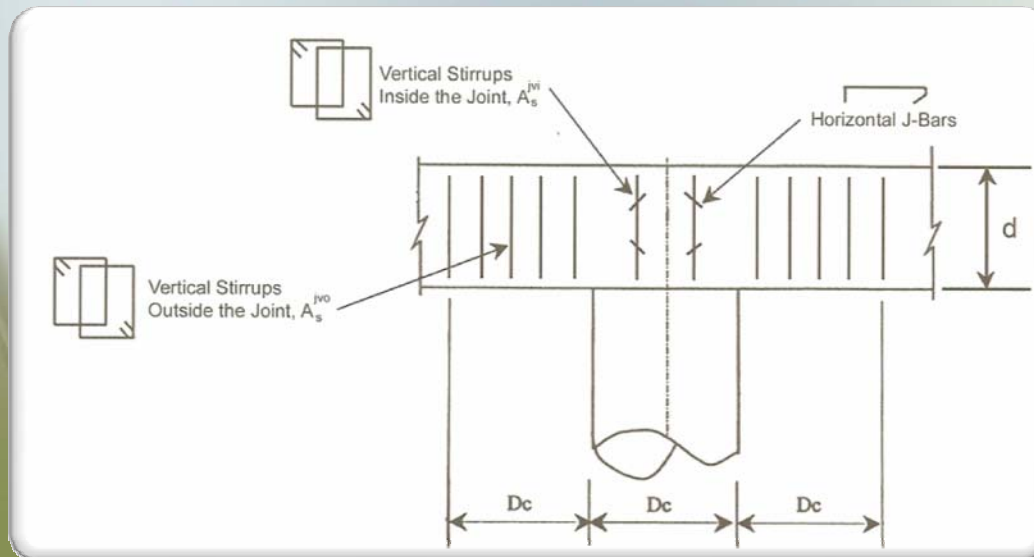


Figure 8.13.5.1.1-2



Summary

- Need for QC / QA
- Use simple tools for verifying results
- Use more than one methodology
- Consider climate effects



Thank You & Questions



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