

# Seismic Design of Bridges for Continued Functionality Using Seismic Isolation

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# AASHTO Adopted 2009 Guide Specifications

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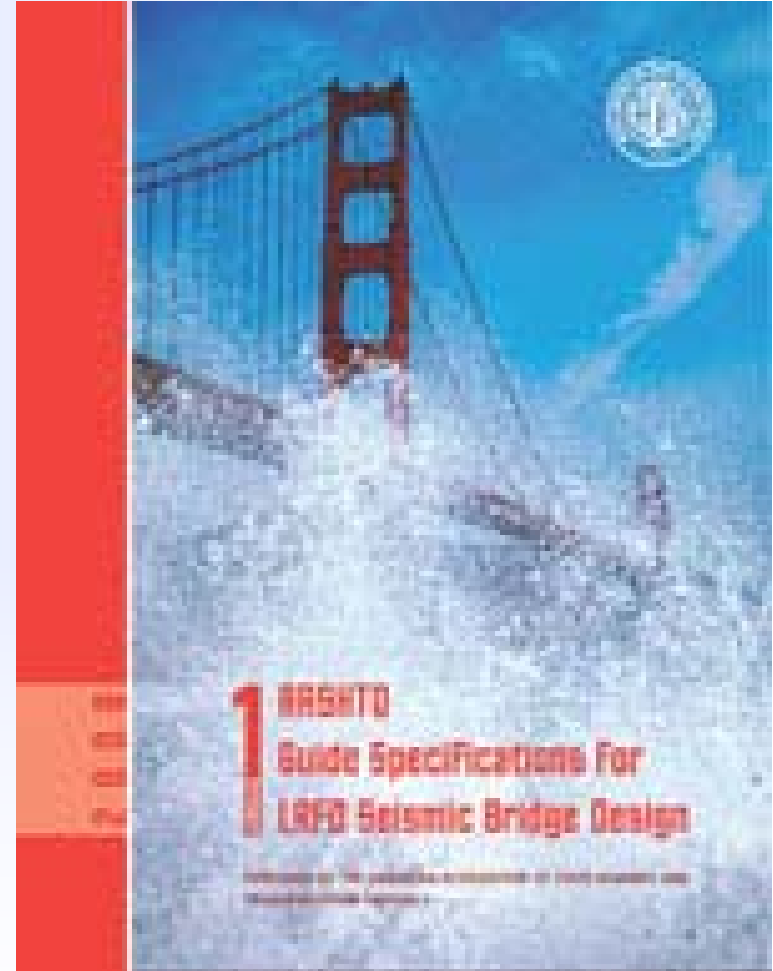
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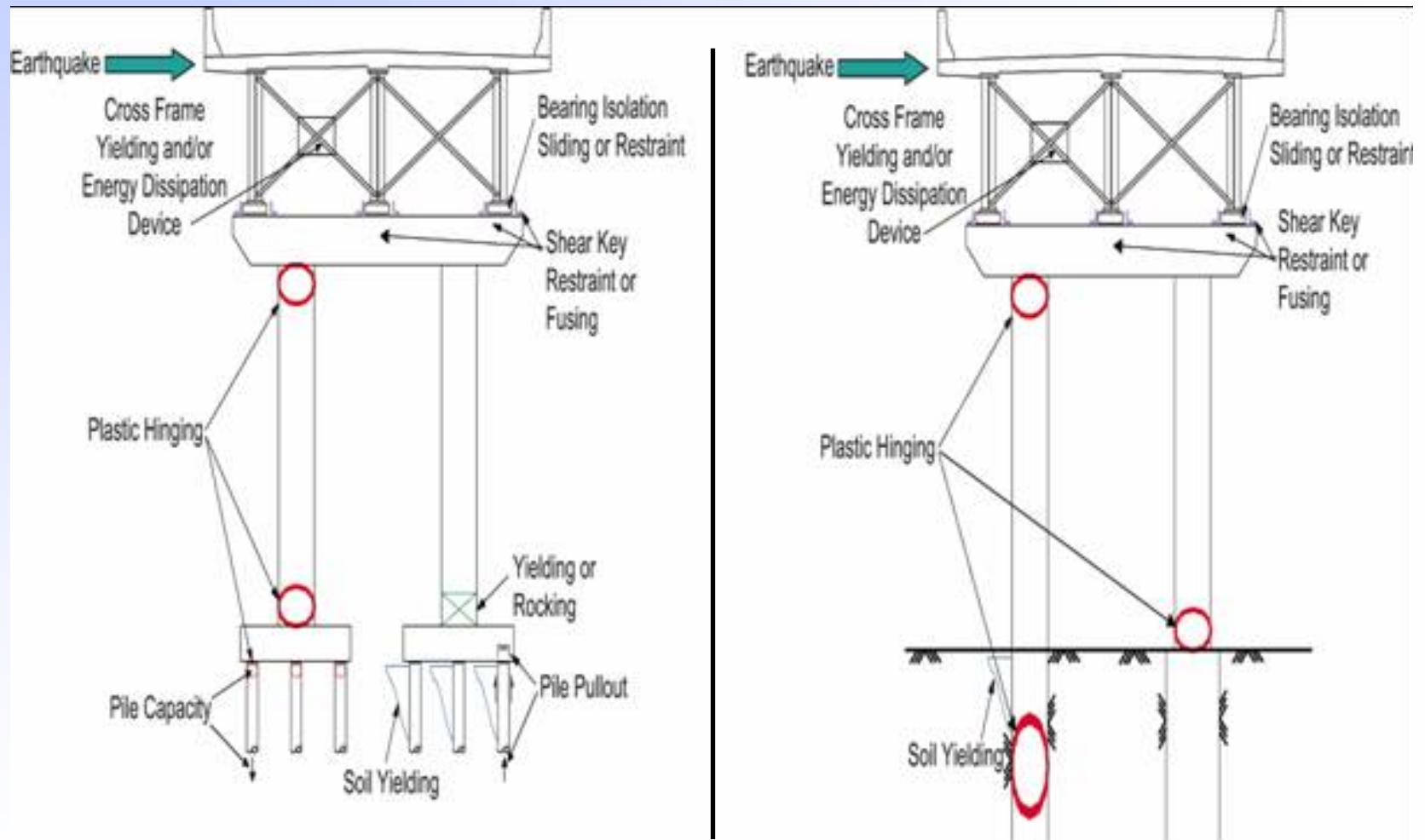
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# Guidelines(7.1)-General Seismic Load Path and Affected Components



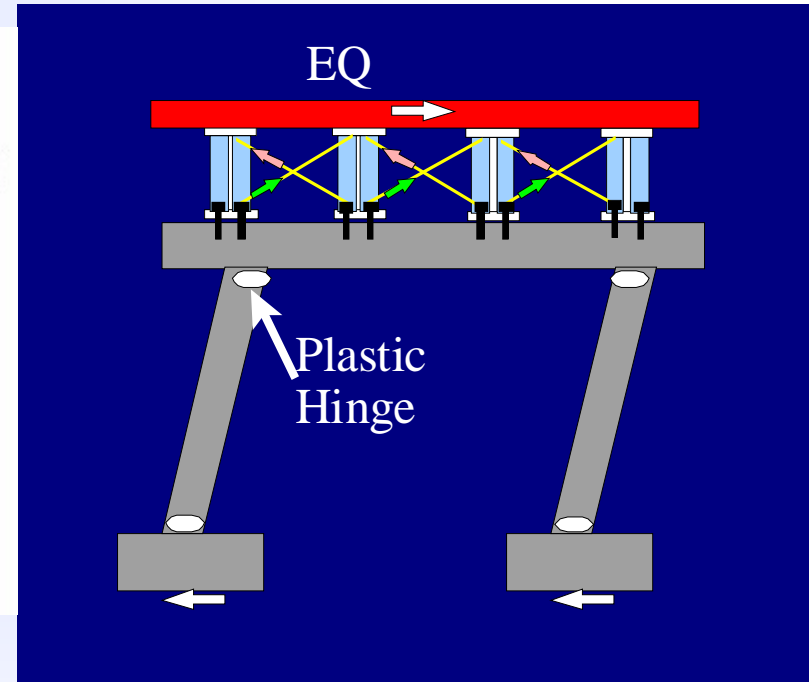
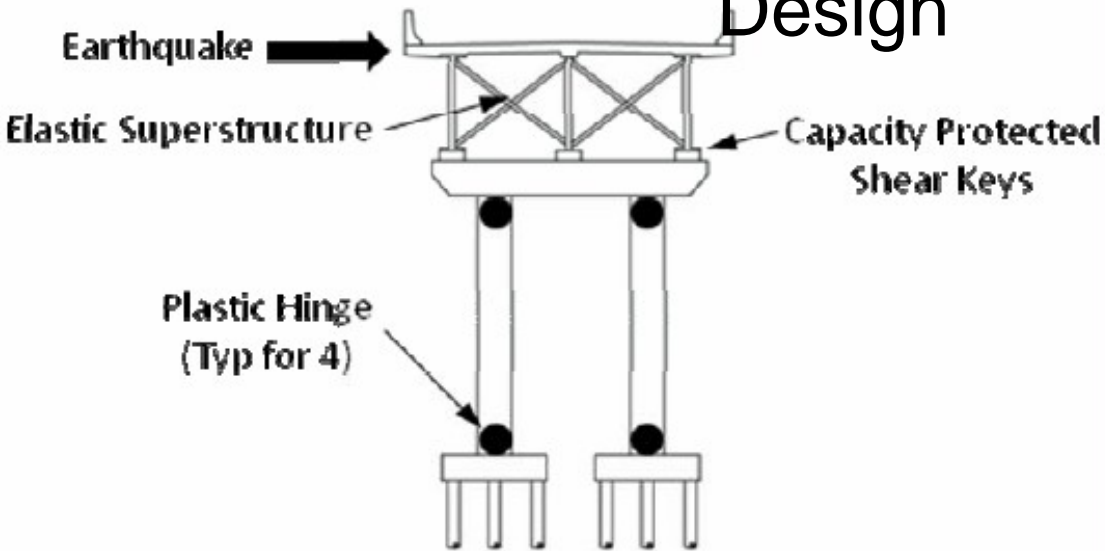
# Guidelines(7.2) Performance Criteria

- ◆ Type 1 – Design a ductile substructure with an essentially elastic superstructure (i.e., yielding columns)
  - 1 concrete substructure
  - 1\* steel substructure
  - 1\*\* concrete filled steel pipe substructure
- ◆ Type 2 – Design an essentially elastic substructure with a ductile superstructure (i.e., steel girder bridge with buckling diagonal members in the end diaphragms).
- ◆ Type 3 – Design an elastic superstructure and substructure with a fusing (e.g., isolation) mechanism at the interface.



# Global Design Strategies

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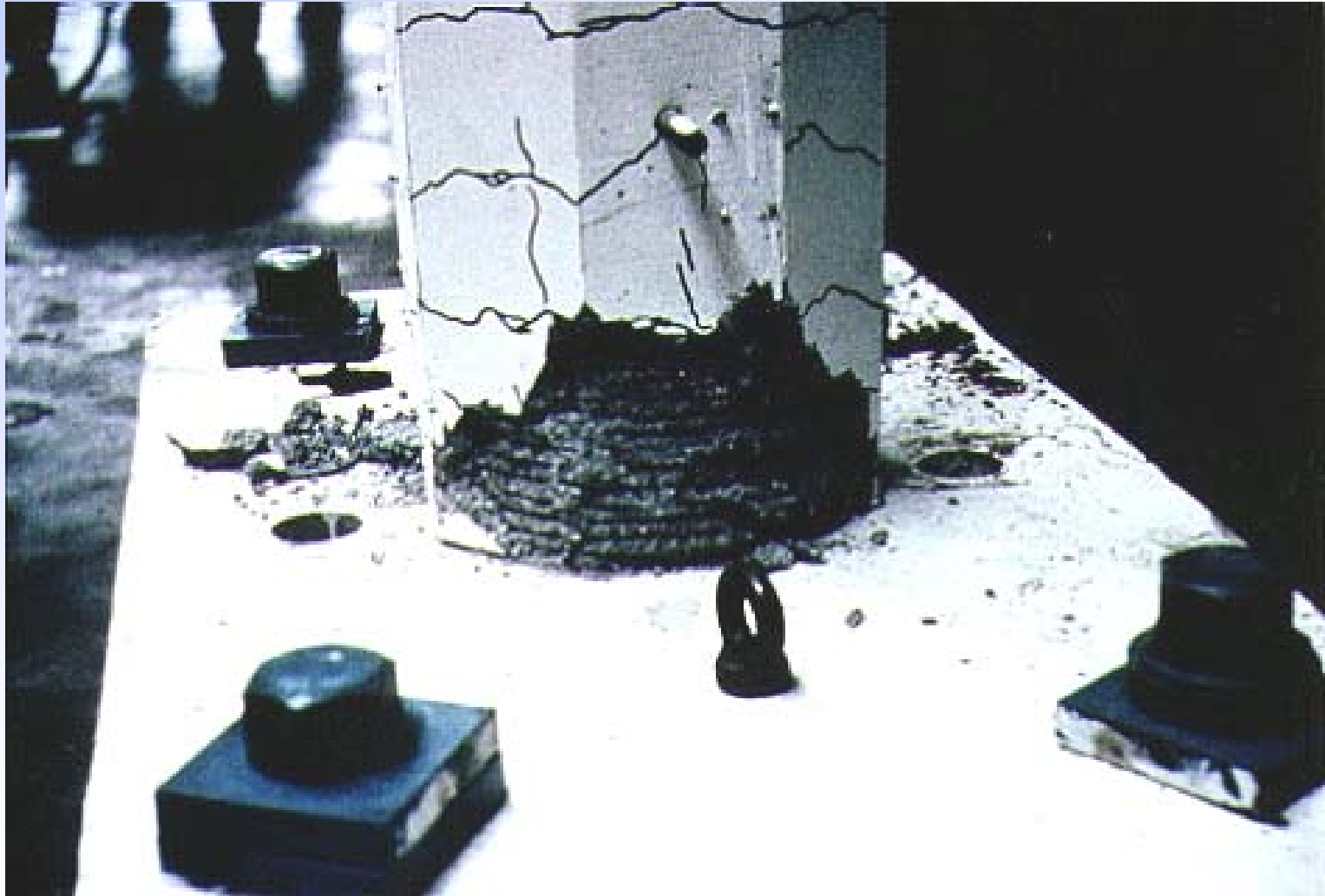


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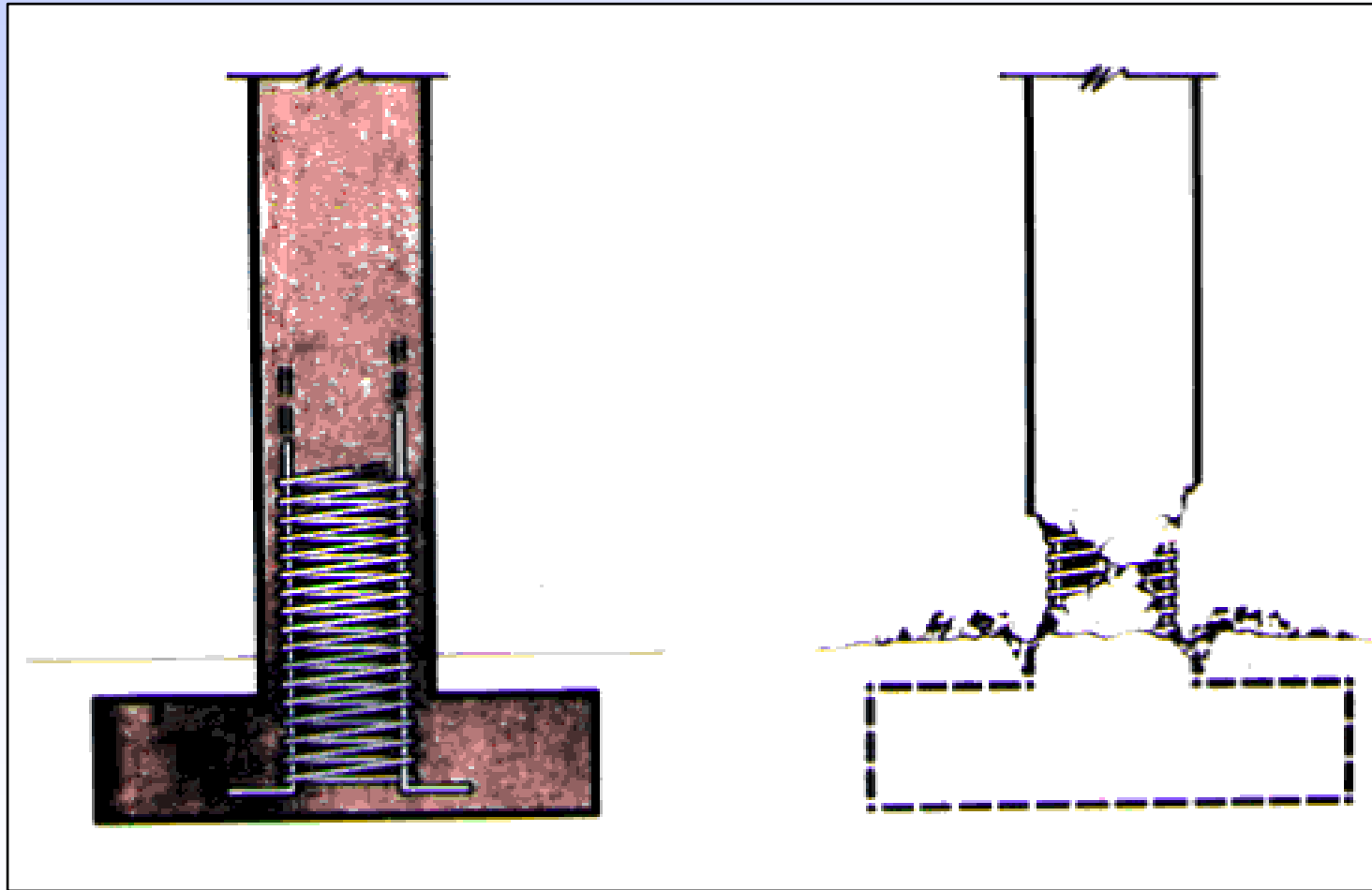
# New Zealand Small Column Test



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# Plastic Hinging of Column

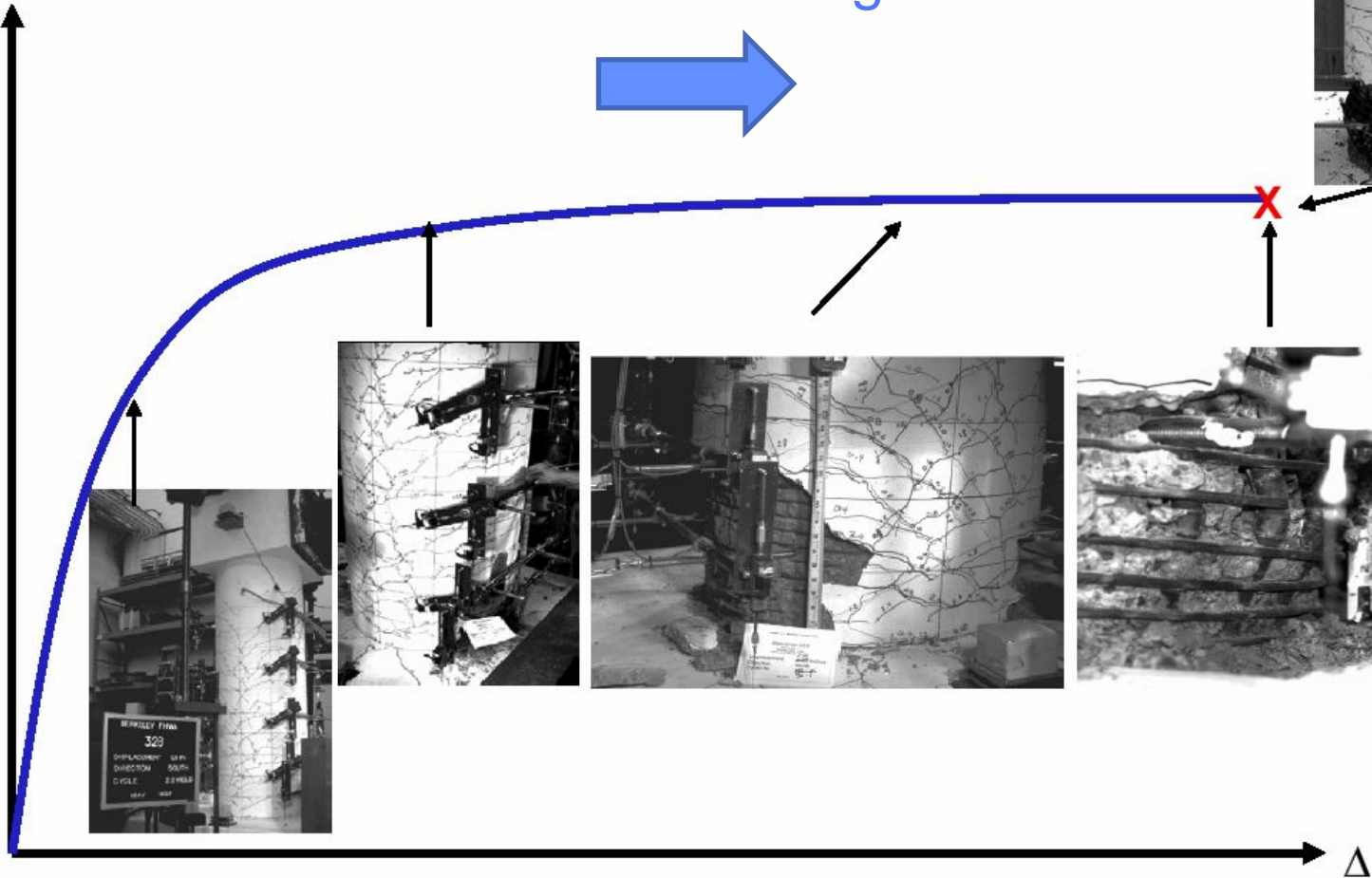
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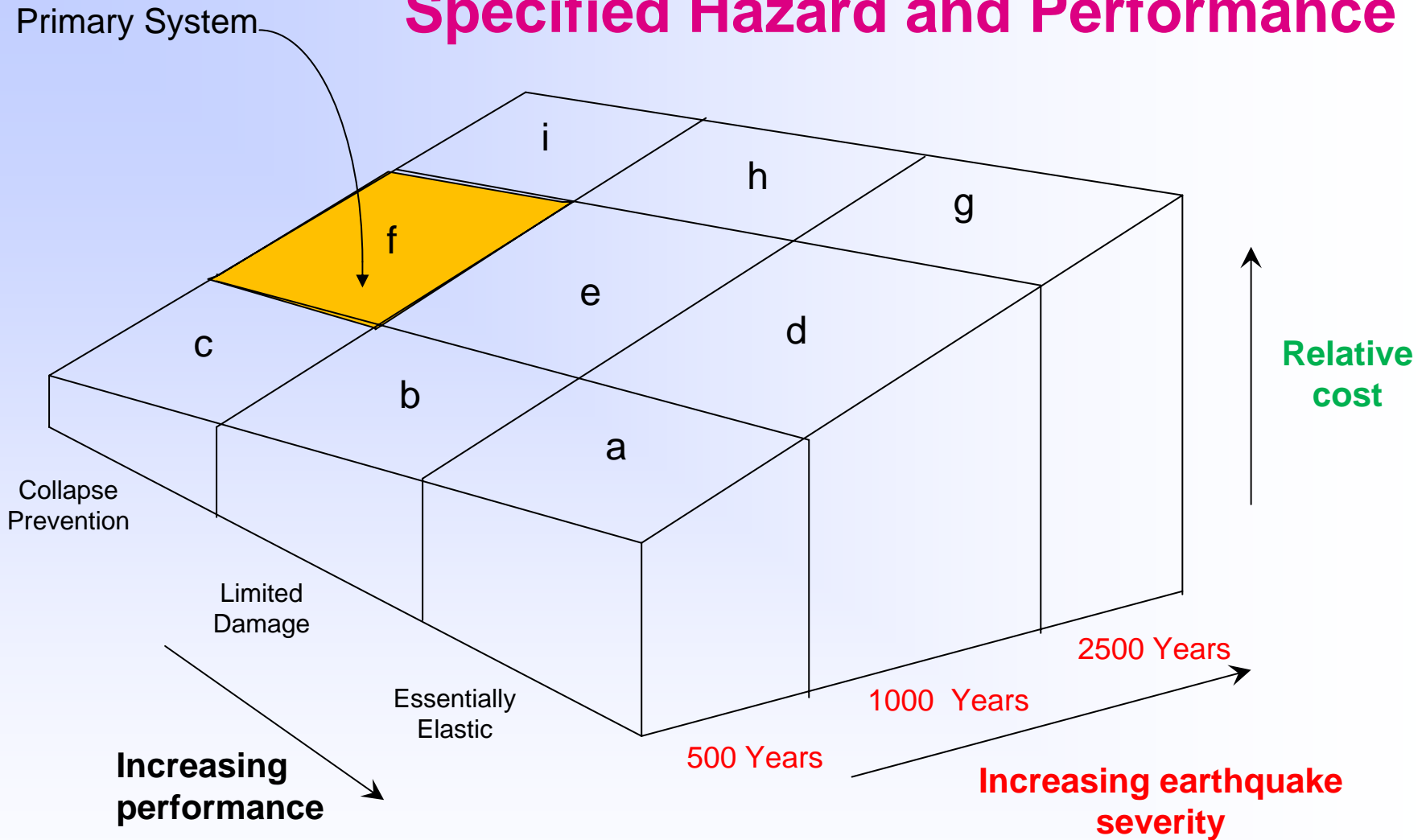
Increased Damage



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# Specified Hazard and Performance



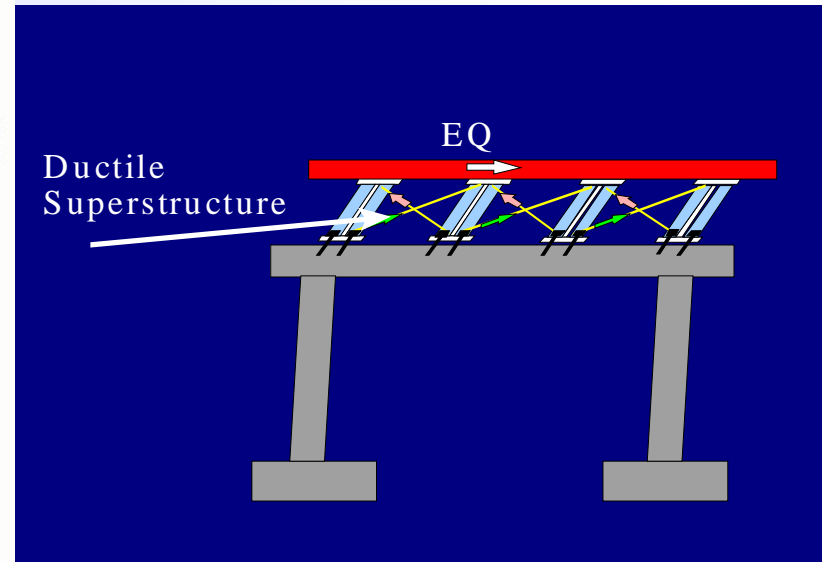
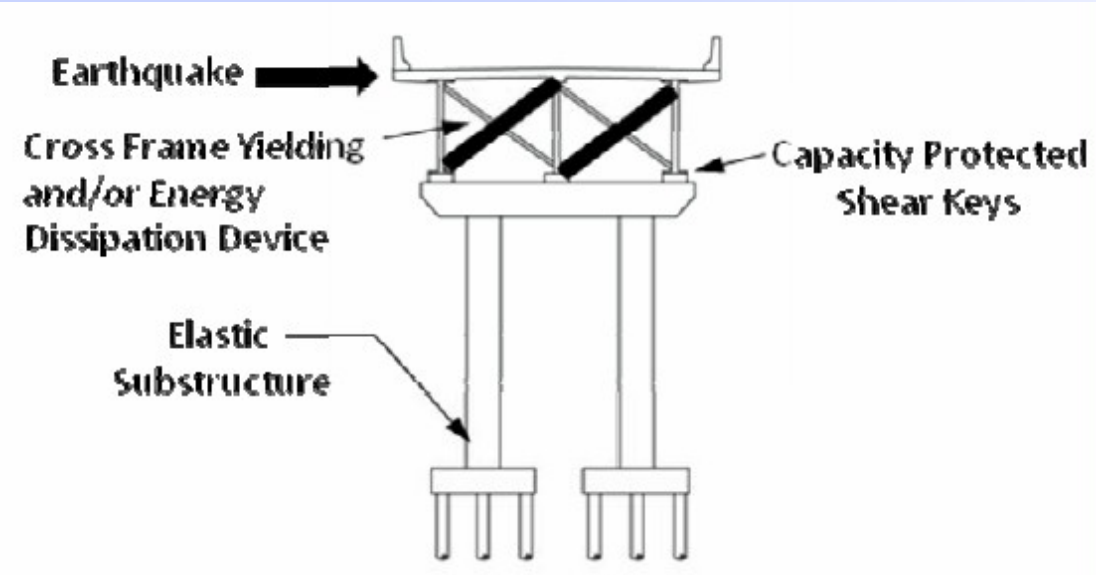
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# Global Design Strategies

## Type 2 Design

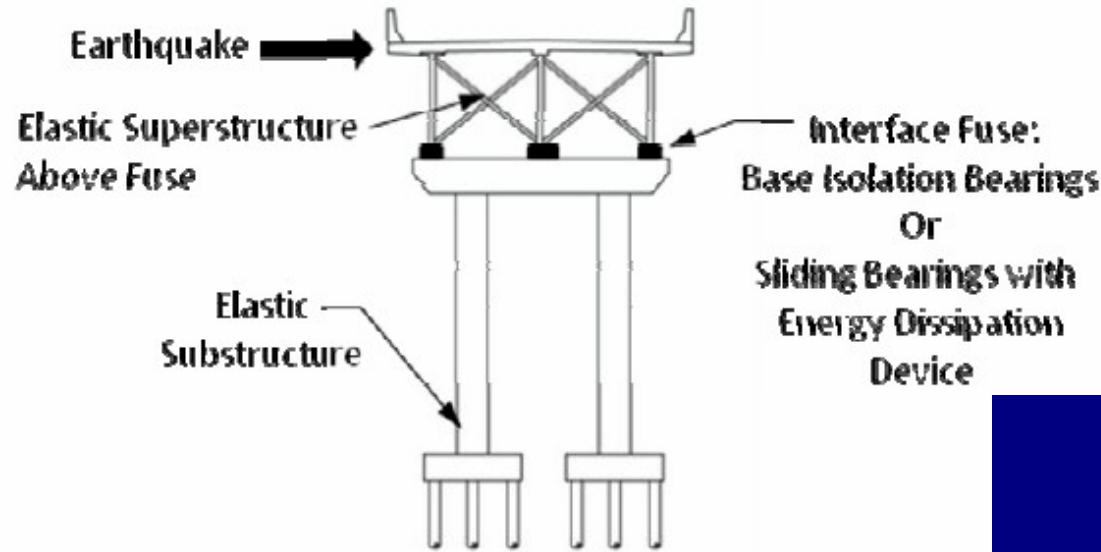


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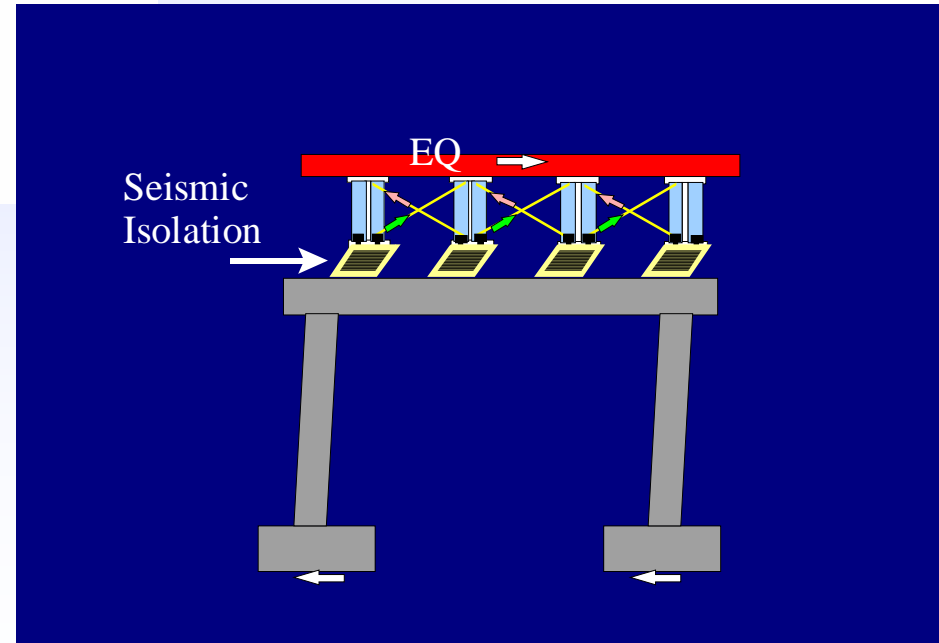


# Global Design Strategies

## Type 3 Design



Type 3 - Design an elastic superstructure and substructure with a fusing (e.g., isolation) mechanism at the interface.



# Current State of Practice for Seismic Design of Bridges

- ◆ Ductile based design
- ◆ Life Safety (i.e. Collapse Prevention) using ductile design with damage allowed. Continued Functionality is not achieved.
- ◆ Non-functional bridges following a major earthquake



# Structure Damage Occurs Because

- ◆ Seismic codes allow damage for strong earthquakes.
- ◆ Severe earthquakes can cause force and displacement demands several times greater than that required by the design criteria.
- ◆ When demands exceed the structural design strength, linear elastic dynamic analyses are at best only approximations.
- ◆ Large deformations concentrate in the weakest structure members, causing damage, and sometimes collapse.

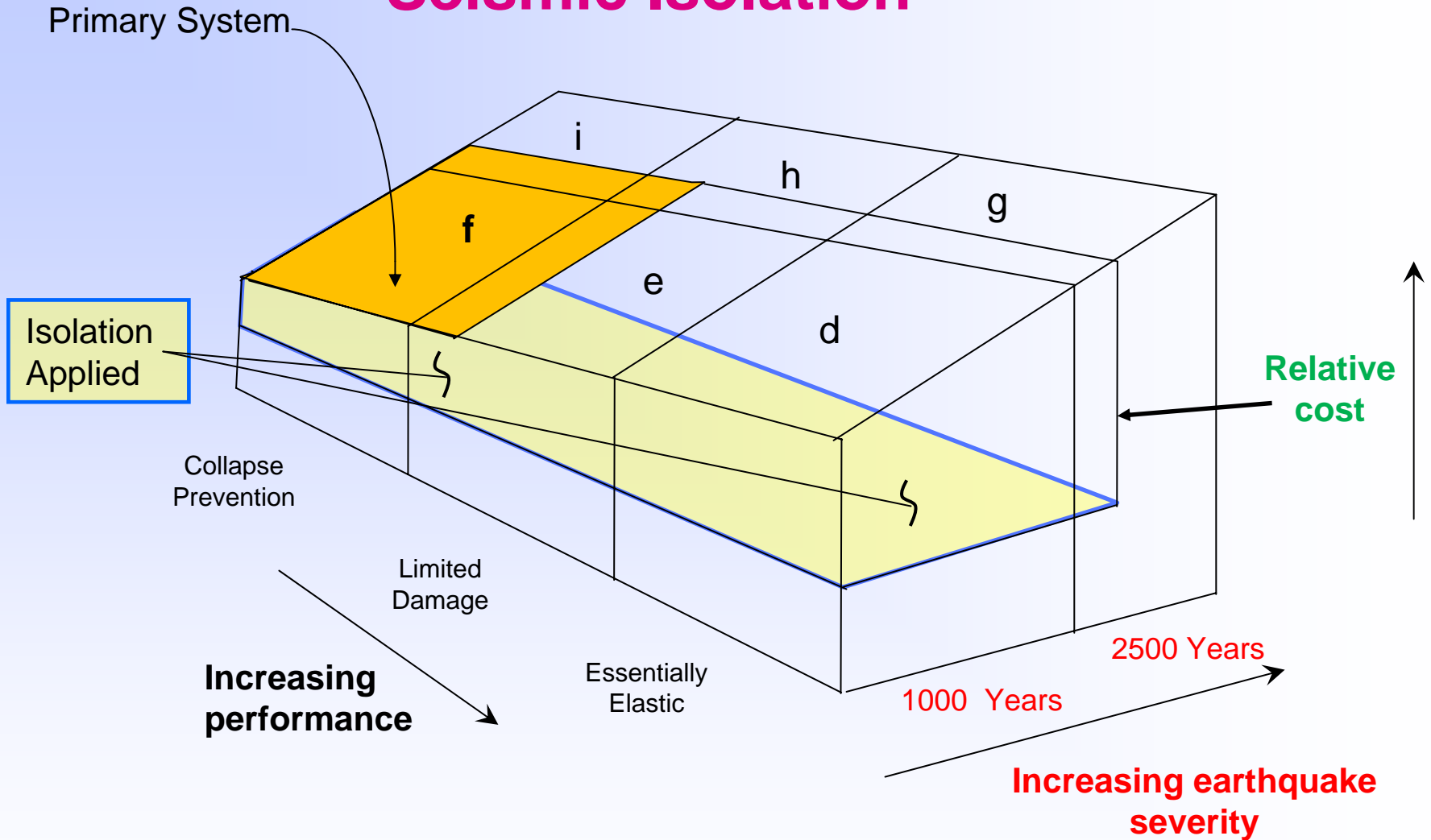


The Cost To Rebuild After  
Major Earthquakes is  
Many Times Greater Than  
The Costs To Build Before  
The Earthquake.



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# Seismic Isolation



## Calibration Objectives

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# How can we have higher Reliability for a Bridge to be Functional for a design life of 75 or 100 Years?

- ◆ Responding structure to remain fully elastic (i.e., Reliably Elastic)
- ◆ Functional seismic connections and joints
- ◆ We now have the technology to design and build a functional bridge at a lower construction cost than designing and building to minimum code requirements



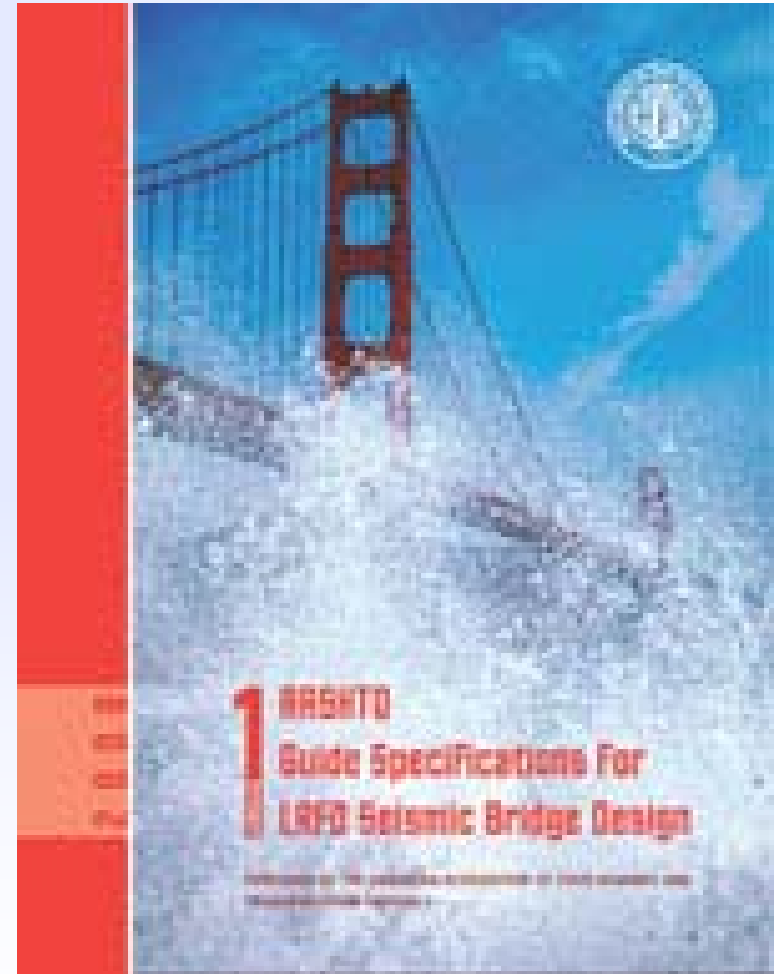
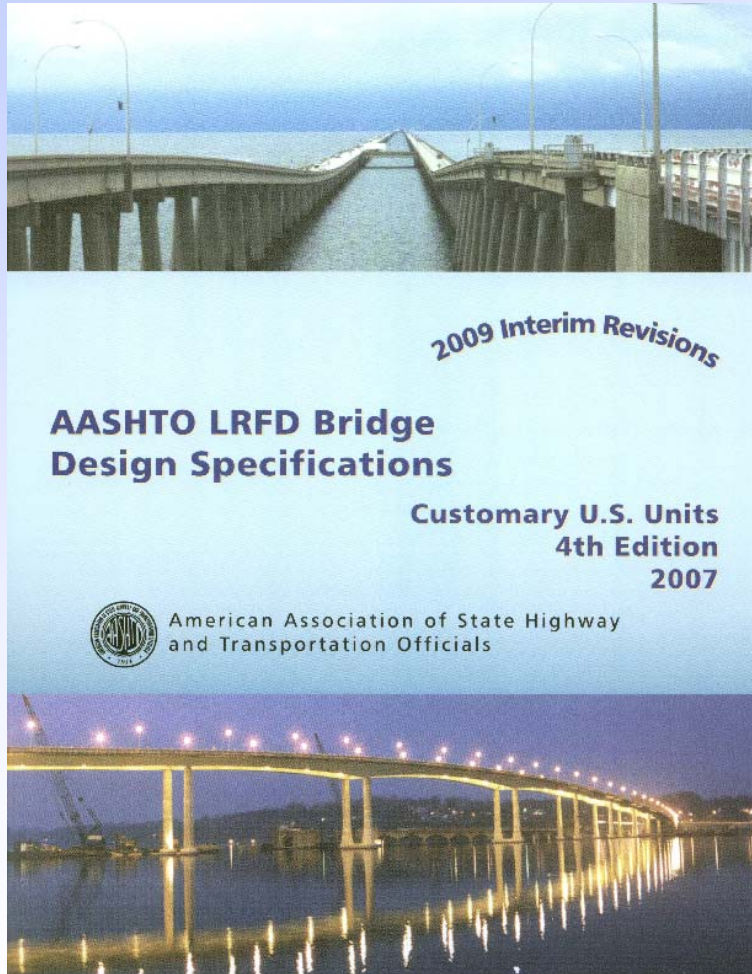


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- ◆ Precludes the Formation of a Plastic Hinge (i.e. no damage)
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# AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design

## 1.3.3 Ductility

The structural system of a bridge shall be proportioned and detailed to ensure the development of significant and visible inelastic deformations at the strength and extreme event limit states before failure. **i.e., Damage**

**Energy-dissipating devices may be substituted for conventional ductile earthquake resisting systems and the associated methodology addressed in these Specifications or in the *AASHTO Guide Specifications for Seismic Design of Bridges*. i.e., No Damage**



# AASHTO Specifications 2009 & 2010



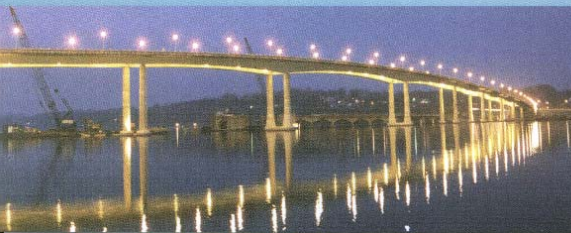
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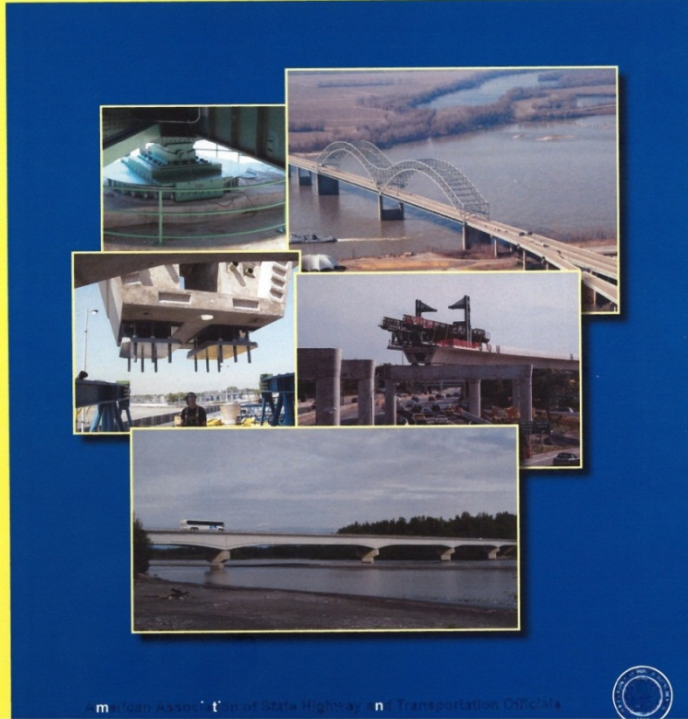


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## Guide Specifications for Seismic Isolation Design

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# Types of Seismic Isolation Systems Used In USA

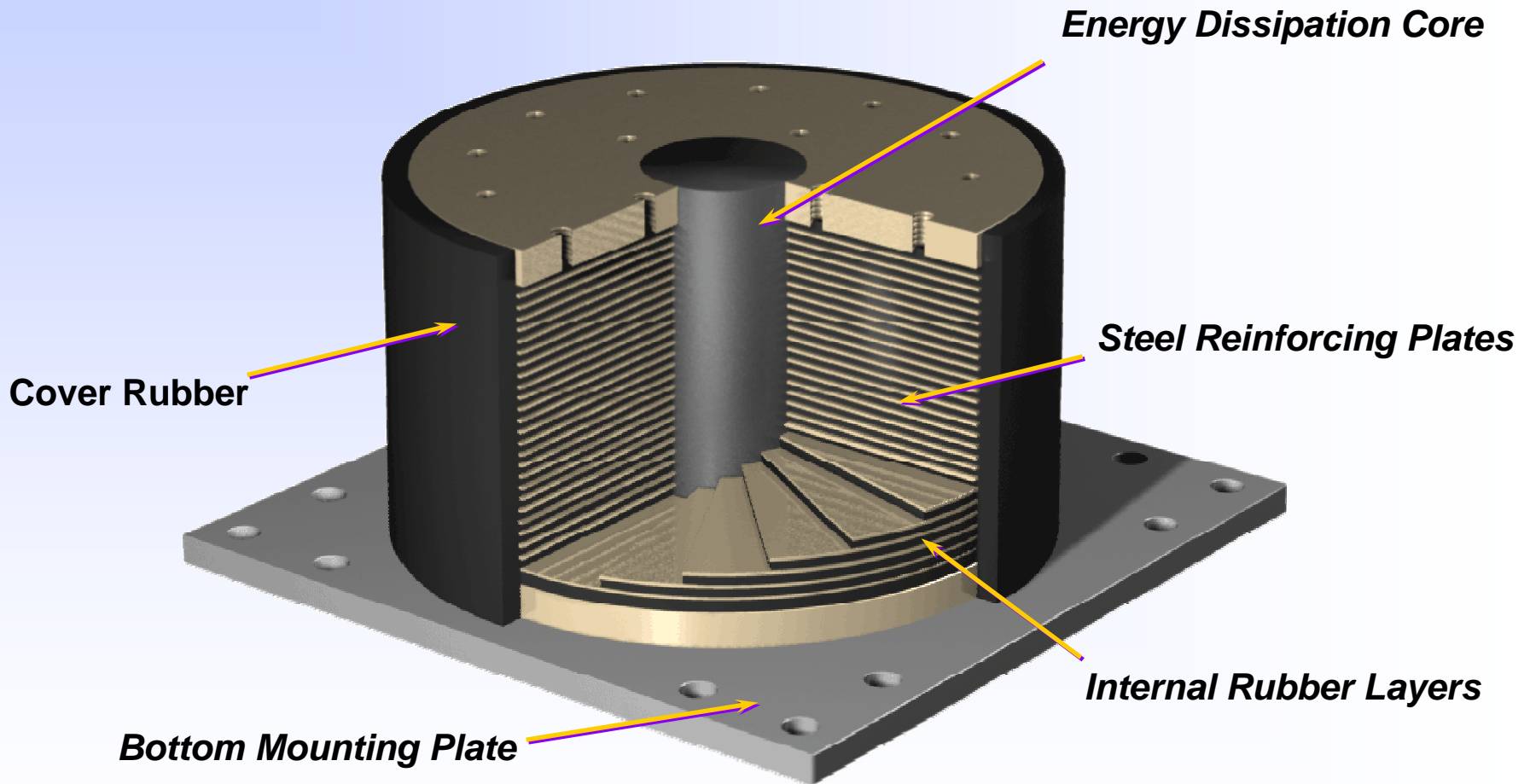
- ◆ Lead Core Rubber
  - *Dynamic Isolation Systems, Inc.*
  - *Seismic Energy Products, L.P.*
- ◆ EradiQuake
  - *R.J. Watson, Inc.*
- ◆ Friction Pendulum
  - *Earthquake Protection Systems, Inc.*

Note: High-Damping Rubber is not used

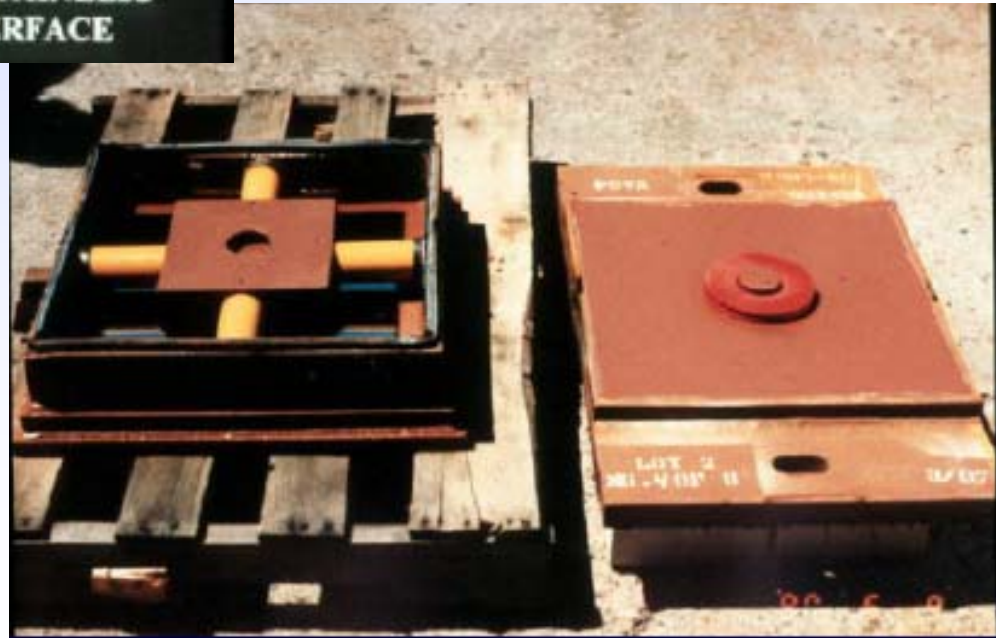
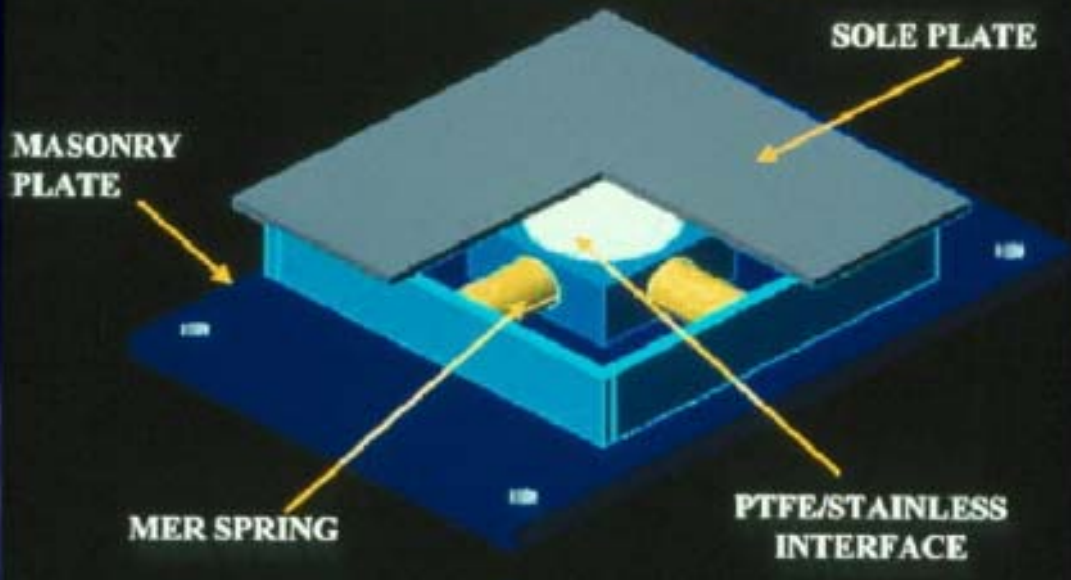




# Lead Rubber Bearing



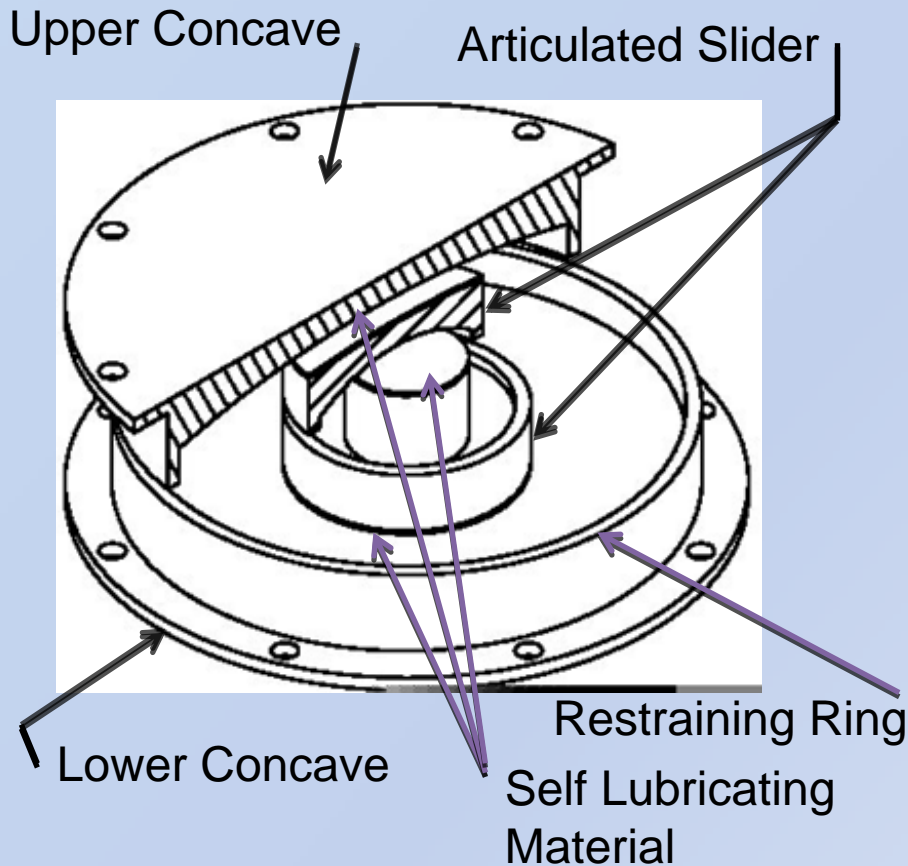
# THE ERADIQUAKE SYSTEM SLIDING ISOLATION BEARING



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# Friction Pendulum Bearings

## Triple Pendulum Bearing



## Friction Pendulum Bearing





# 13. Required Tests for Isolation

*“All isolation systems shall have their seismic performance verified by Testing”*

- ◆ System Characterization
- ◆ Prototype
- ◆ Quality Control



# Selection Of An Isolation System

- ◆ Service loads and movements
- ◆ Axial load, sliding systems have more capacity
- ◆ Available height and/or space
- ◆ Displacement demands
- ◆ Temperatures



# California 's High Speed -Rail System



# California High-Speed Train Project



## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Structure Design Loads

TM 2.3.2

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Interim Seismic Design Criteria

Bridges and Aerial Structures,

Tunnels and Underground Structures,

Passenger Stations and Building Structures

TM 2.10.4

## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Track-Structure Interaction

TM 2.10.10



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# Load Case Combinations

Load Case	Combination
1	DL+(LLRM+I)+LF (two trains)
2	DL+(LLRM + I)+ LF + LDBE (one train)
3	DL + MCE

DL: Dead load of structural components and permanent attachments

LF: Traction or braking force

I: Vertical impact effect

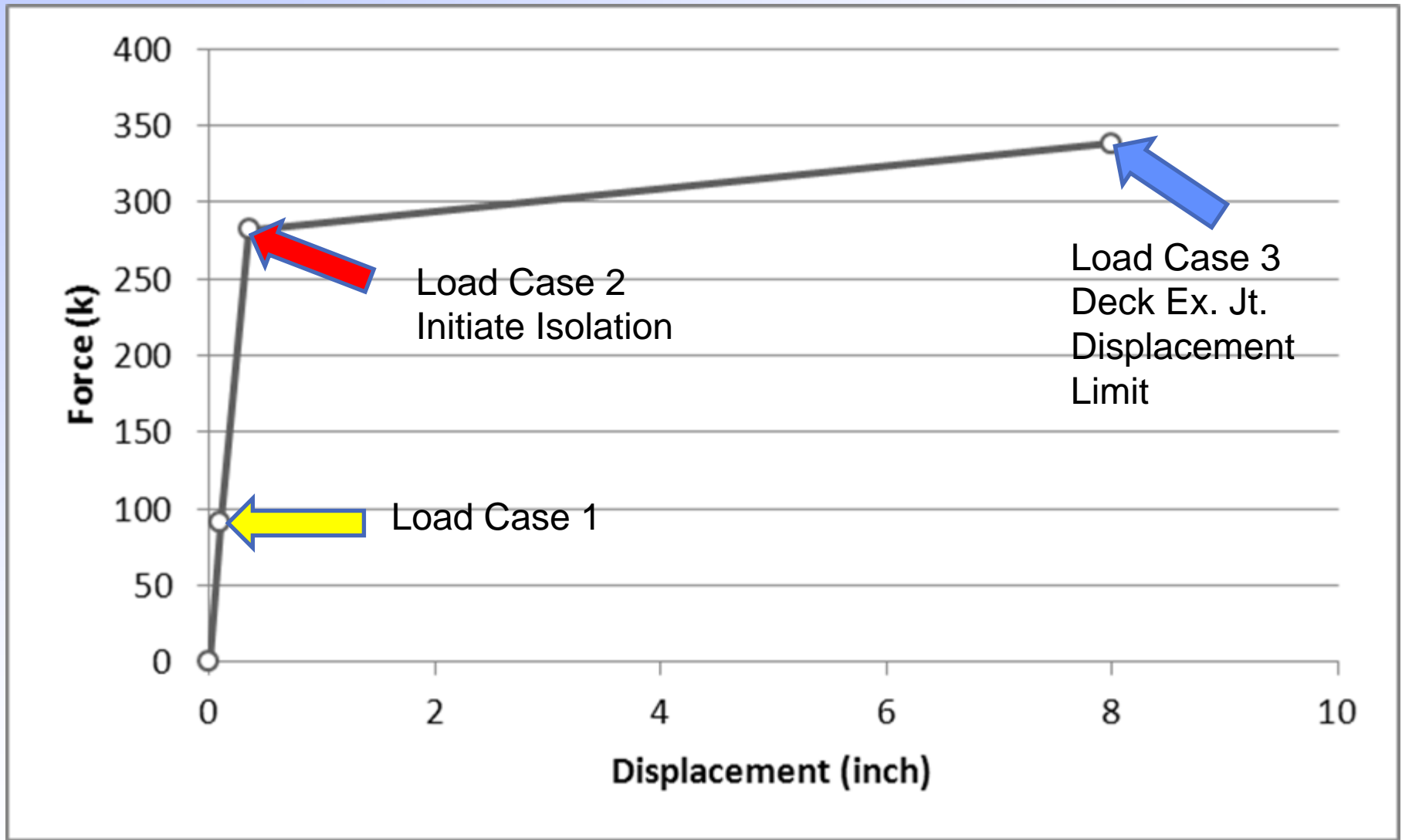
MCE: Maximum Considered Earthquake

LDBE: Lower-Level Design Basis Earthquake

(LLRM + I) multiple tracks of (LLRM + I)

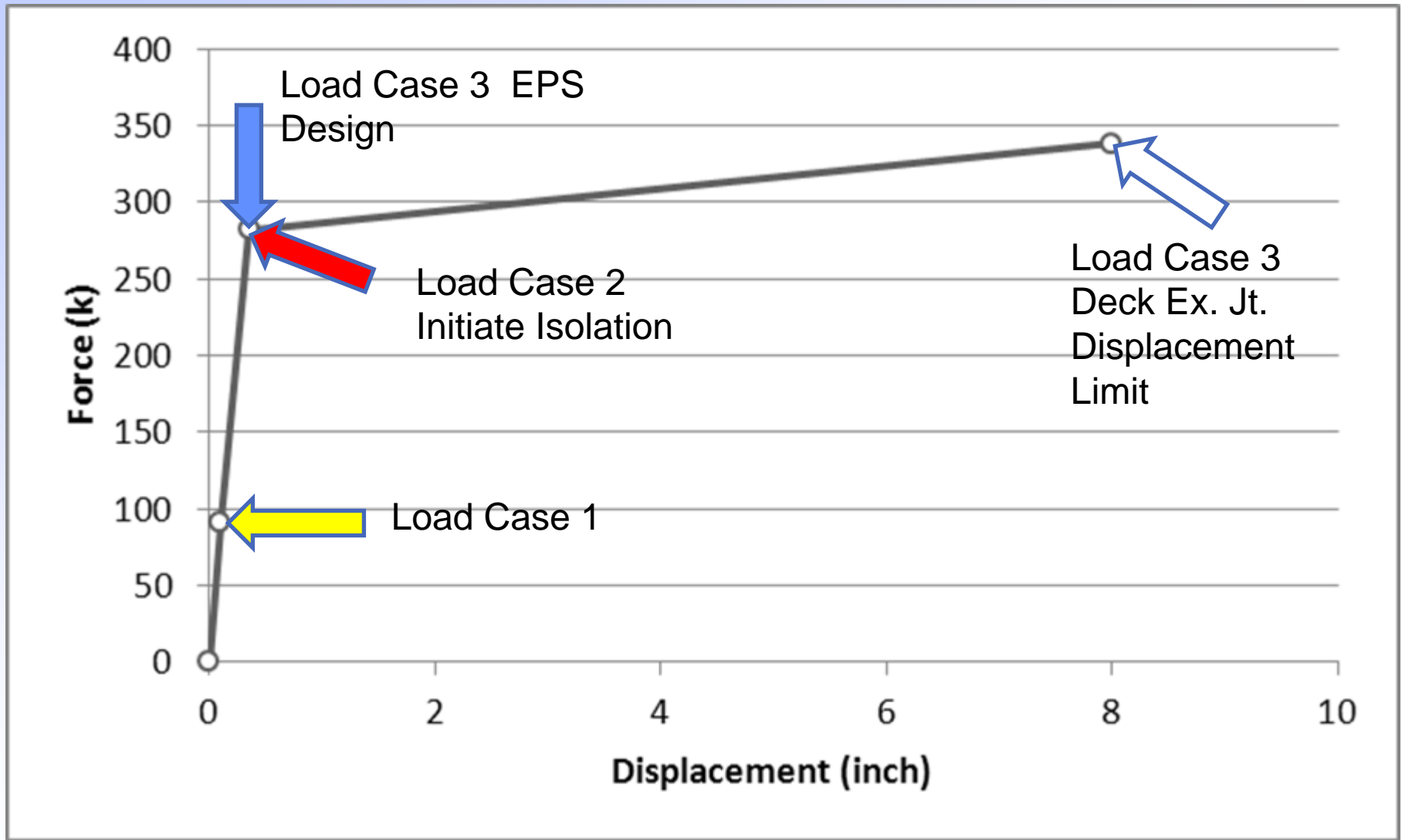


# Test-Design Parameters (100 ft. span)





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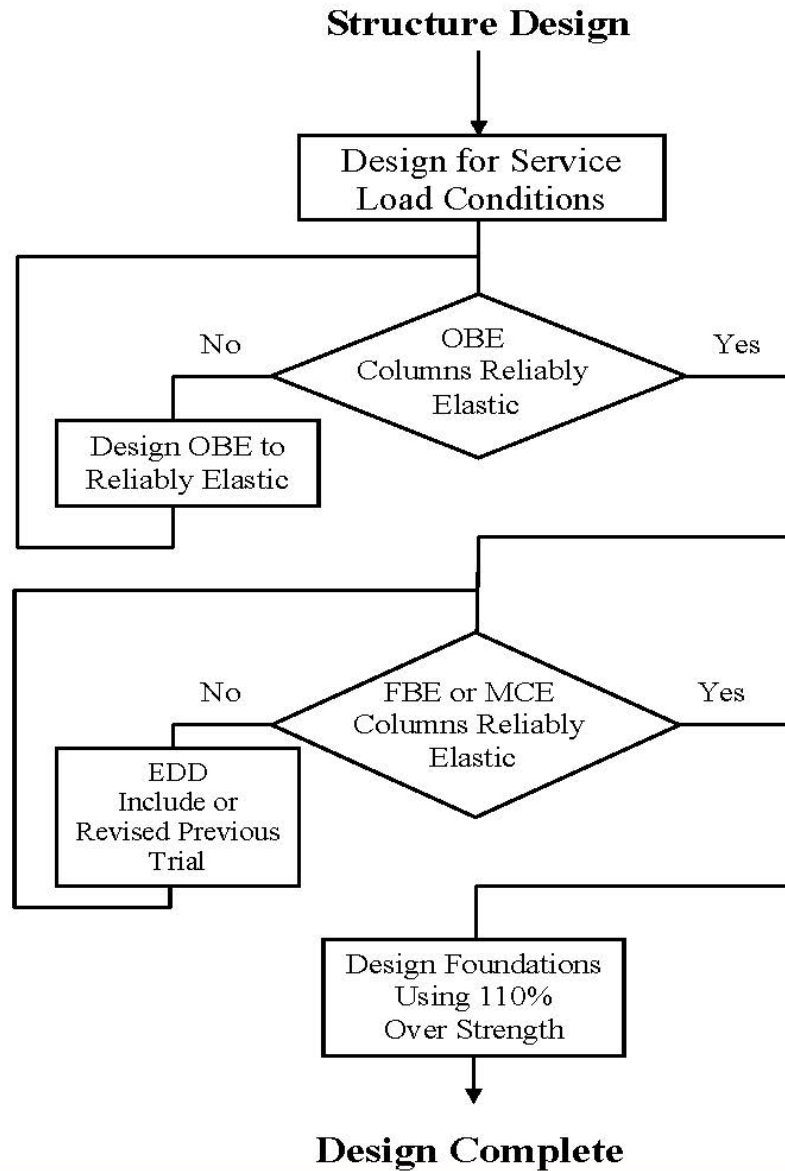


Figure 3.1 Seismic Design Flow Chart for Continued Functionality of Bridges and Aerial Structures



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- ◆ For elevated structures supporting non-redundant high-speed rail systems higher performance levels having minimum or no damage with Continued Functionality is expected and can be achieved. This is particularly important requirement for the CHSRS to satisfy the expectations of the user community and to satisfy revenue generation commitments.





## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

### Seismic Design Criteria with Recommended Revisions for Continued Functionality

#### Structures Supporting High-Speed Trains TM 2.10.4

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Revision	Date	Description
0	08 June 09	Issued for 15% Design, Initial Release
1	26 May 10	Revision R1, Revised Design Earthquakes
2	31 May 11	Revision R2, Incorporates TAP comments

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# California High-Speed Rail Program Management

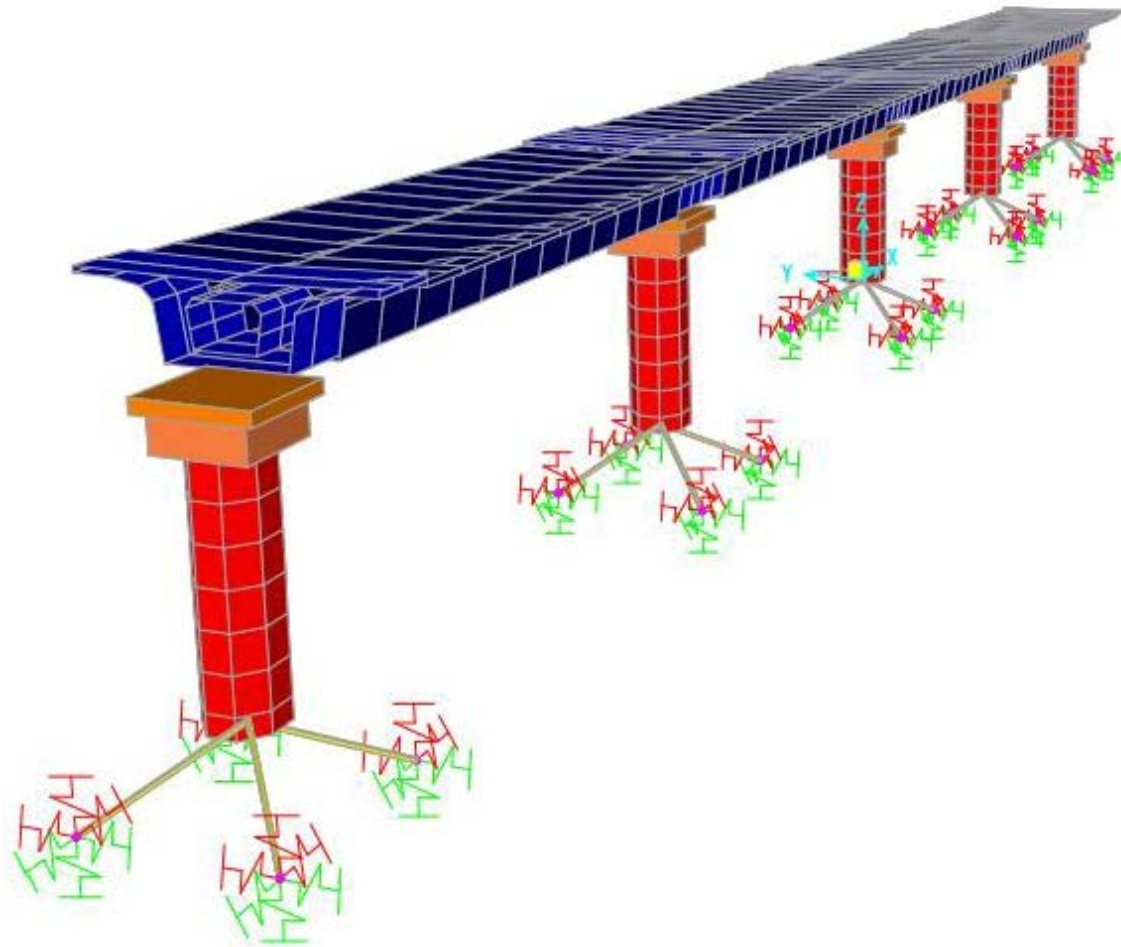


Figure 1: 38' Column Height SAP Model



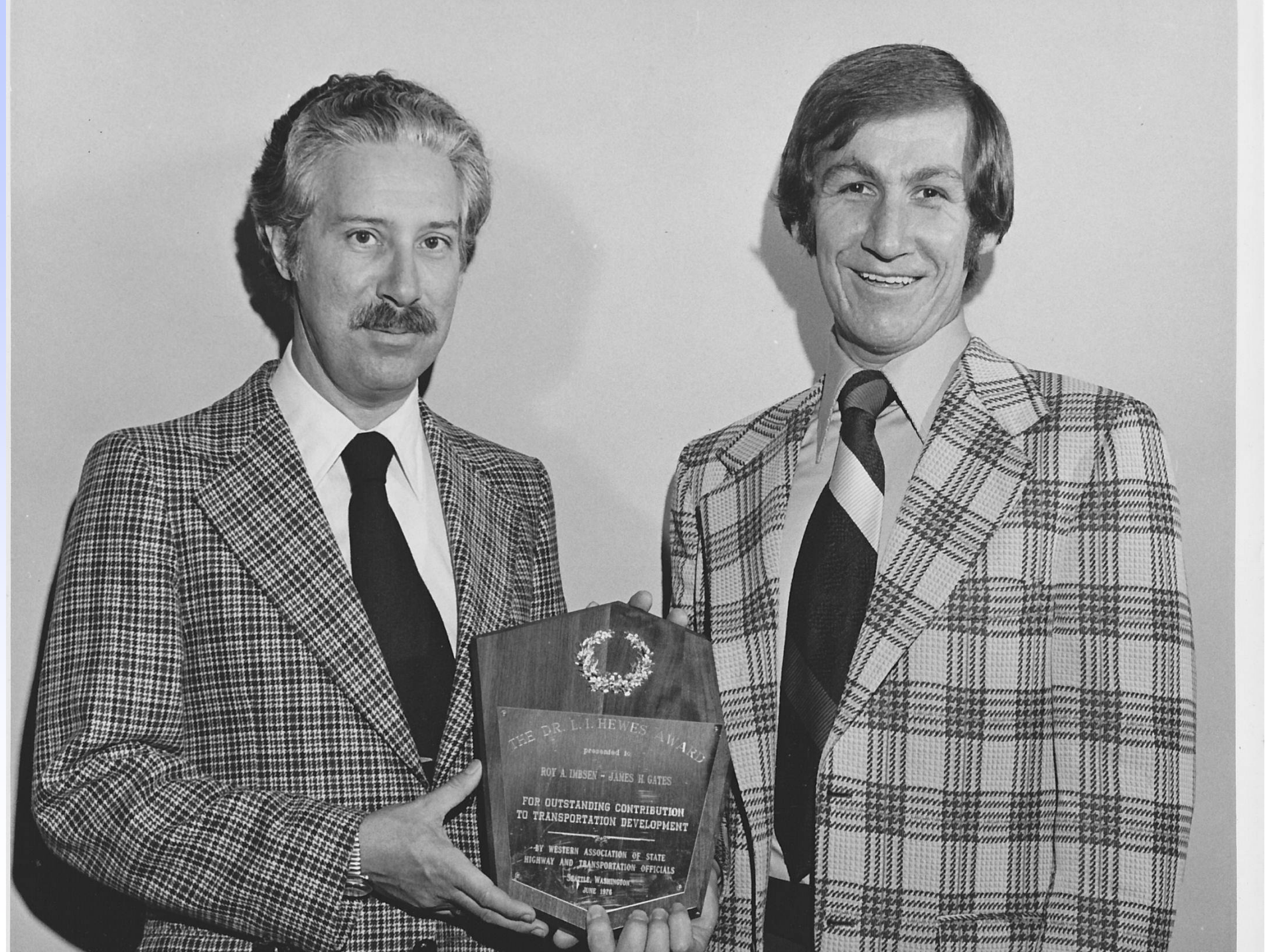
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# Lets' Take the Next Step

## Raise the Bar for Seismic Protection

- ◆ Continued Functionality
- ◆ Increased Reliability at Lower Construction Costs \$\$\$\$
- ◆ Increased Performance – No Damage
- ◆ Implement Current Technology using Isolation

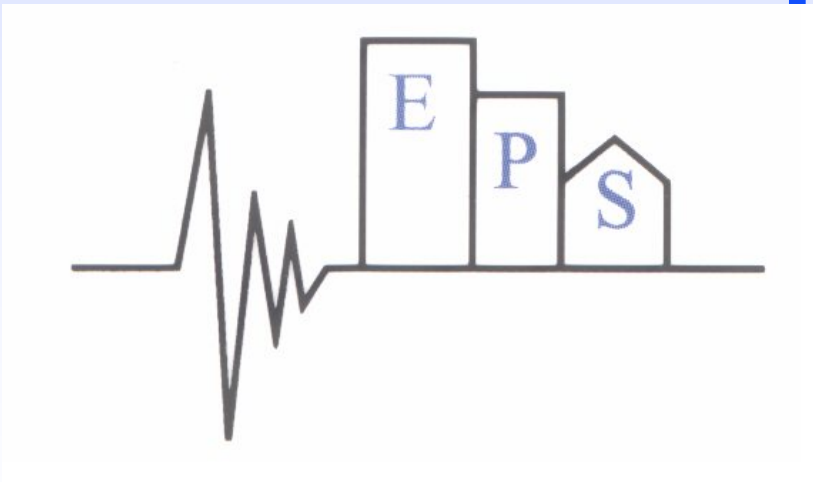


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