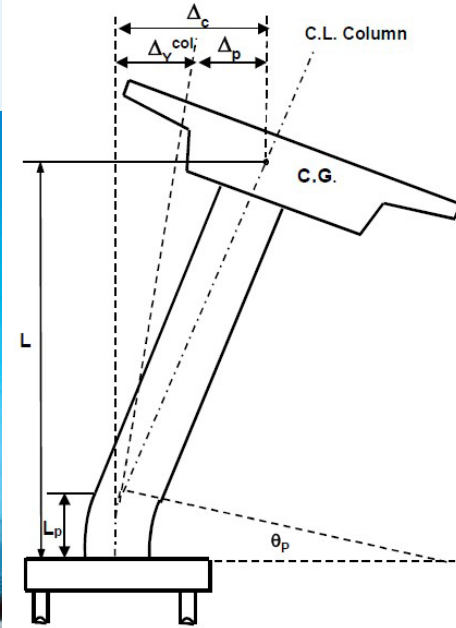
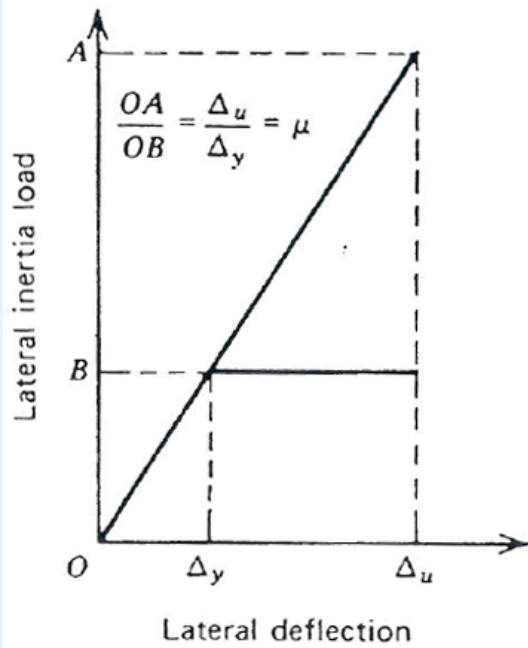


# TRANSITIONING FROM AASHTO LRFD SEISMIC SPECIFICATIONS TO THE GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS: UNDERSTANDING PERFORMANCE BASED CRITERIA IN FORCE-BASED DESIGN

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# Overview

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# Background



- Prior to San Fernando, seismic forces were estimated using a small percentage of the dead load.
- A group of experts were retained and prepared ATC-6 in 1981. Recommendations were forced-based.
- ATC-6 was adopted as the *Guide Specifications for Seismic Design* in 1991 and later as Division 1-A.
- LRFD Standard Specs use basically same criteria.

# Seismic Performance Objectives

- Moderate earthquakes should cause minimal damage
- Large earthquakes should not cause collapse of structure
- Damage should be readily detectable and accessible
  
- Source: ATC-6!! ←FORCE-BASED DESIGN CRITERIA
- Similar Performance Objectives are intended under the Guide Specifications

# Force-Based Design Method

- "R" ranges from 3 for single columns to 5 for multiple columns
- Plastic hinge region is designed for "Elastic Seismic Moment"/R.
- Realistic forces due to plastic hinging are developed in higher seismic zones.
- Elastic forces < Hinging forces? **NO YIELDING**

# Force-Based Design Method (Cont.)

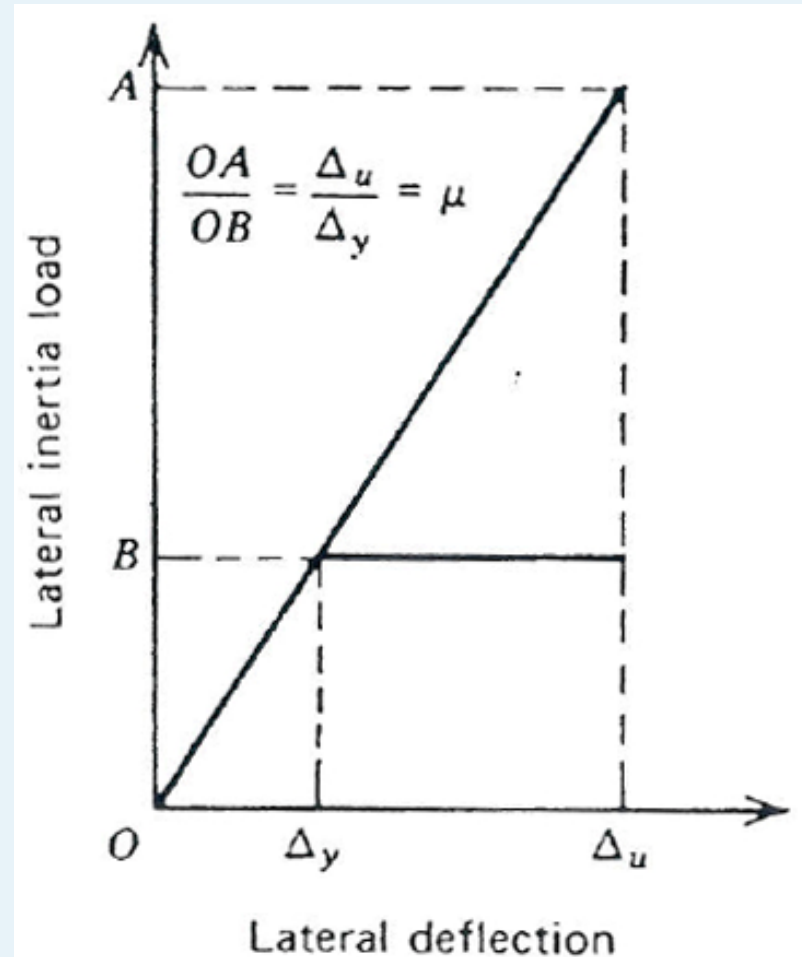
$$R = \frac{F_A}{F_B} = \frac{\Delta_A}{\Delta_B}$$

Equal Displacement

$$R = \sqrt{2\mu - 1}$$

Equal Energy

## Response Modification Factor



# Displacement Based Design Method

- Column capacity assessment using displacement only
- Adjacent members typically designed as capacity protected elements
- Local column ductility factor prescribed in Guide Specs to determine displacement capacity
- Elastic displacements < Column Capacity **DESIGN OK!!**

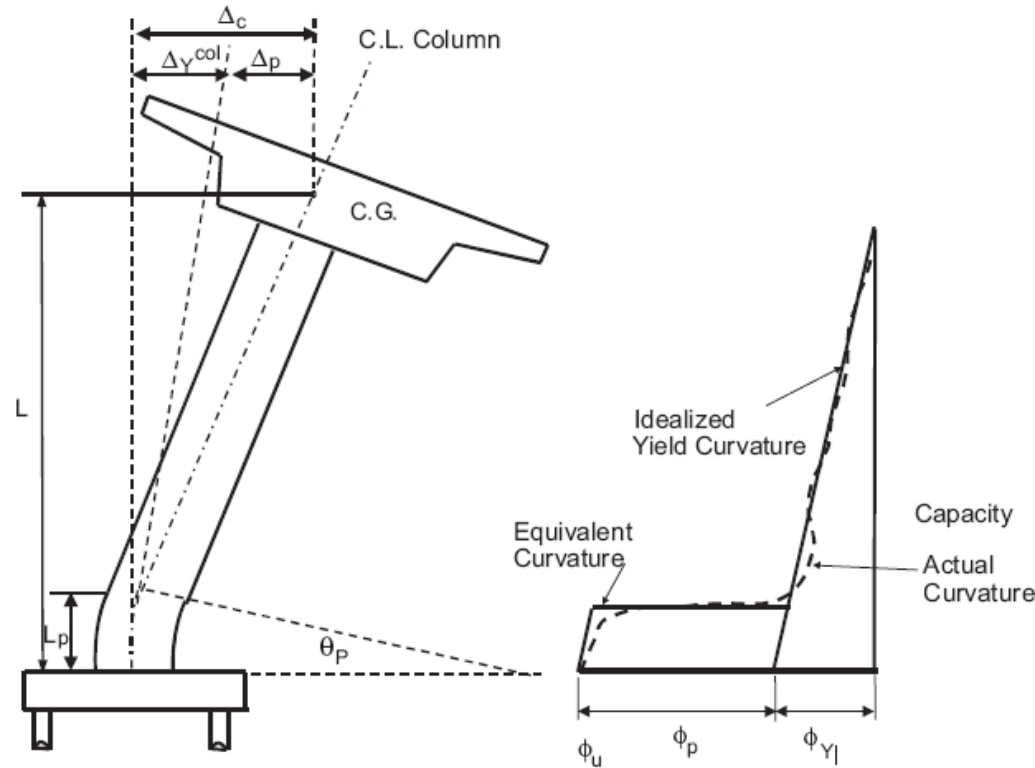
# Displacement Based Design Method (Cont.)

$$\Delta_Y = \phi_Y * \frac{L^2}{3}$$

Yield Displacement

$$\Delta_P = \theta_P * \left( L - \frac{L_P}{2} \right)$$

Plastic Displacement

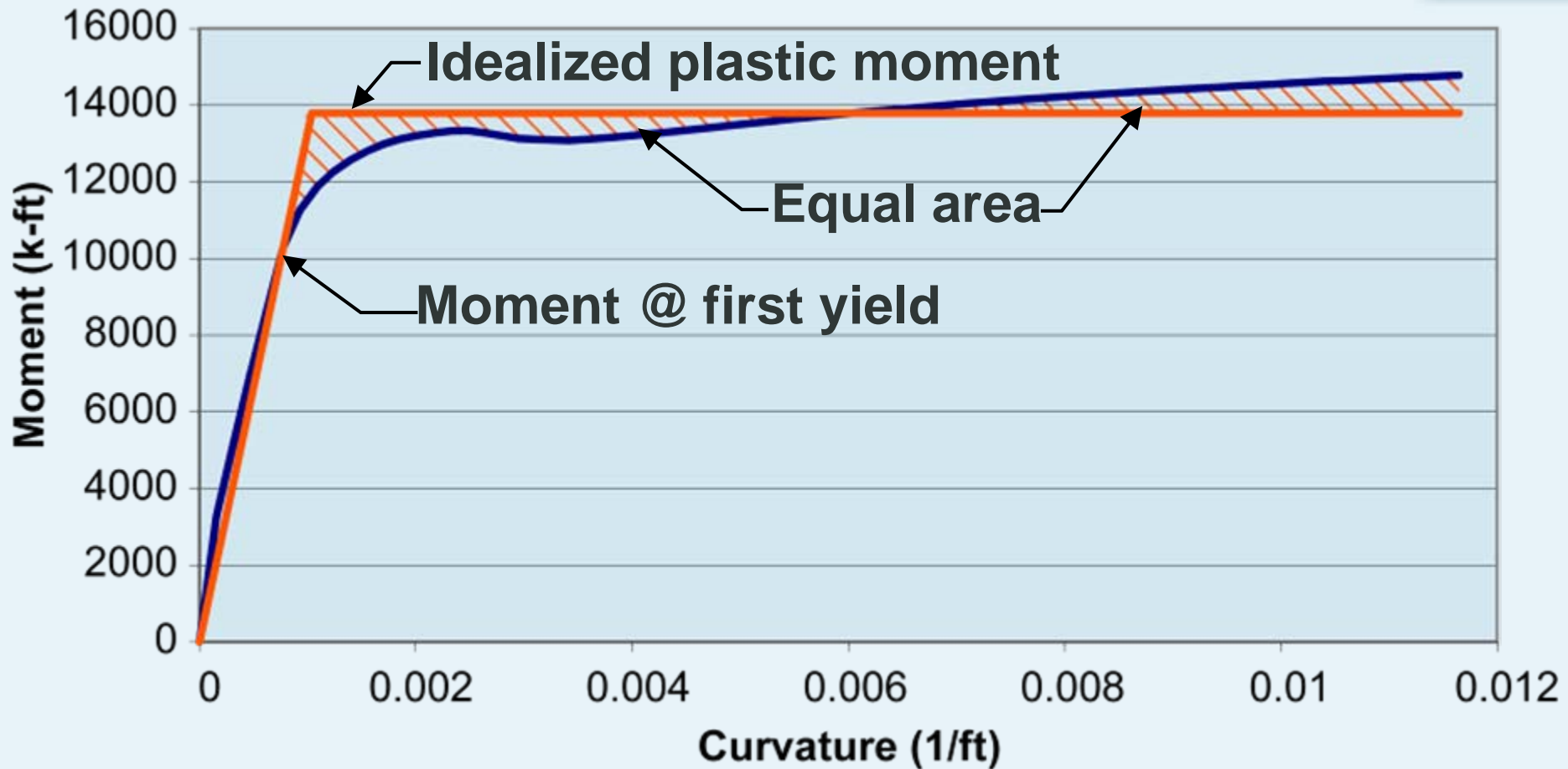


Displacement

Curvature



# Displacement Based Design Method (Cont.)



Typical Moment Curvature Diagram

# Comparison of Methods

- **Structure stiffness increase**

**FBM - Reinforcement increases. Design moment (M/R) increases due to stiffness increase**

**DBM - Reinforcement not affected**

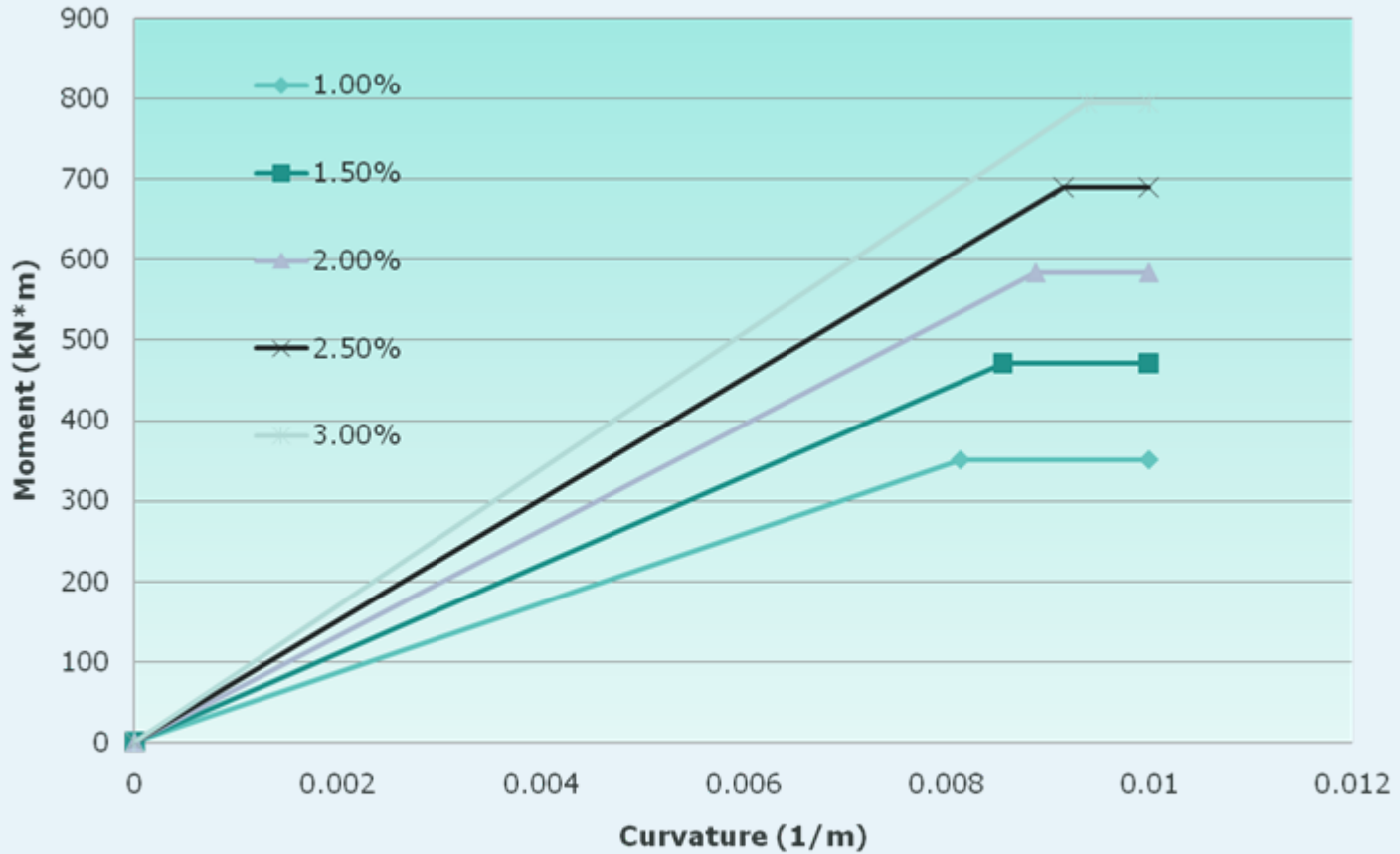
# Comparison of Methods (Cont.)

- **Column steel increase**

**FBM – Column stiffness does not increase using typical assumptions. Yield displacement assumed to increase.**

**DBM – Column stiffness increases. Yield displacement relatively unchanged.**

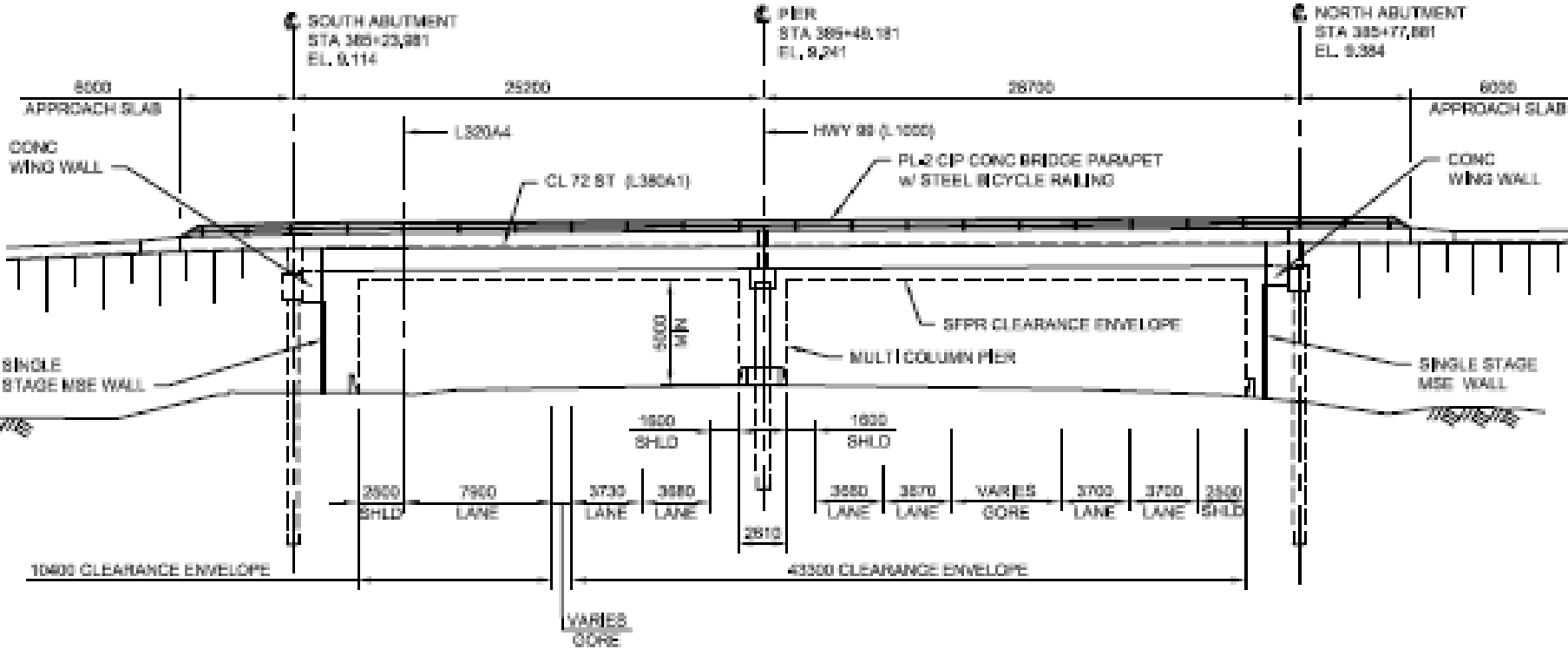
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610mm Diameter Column

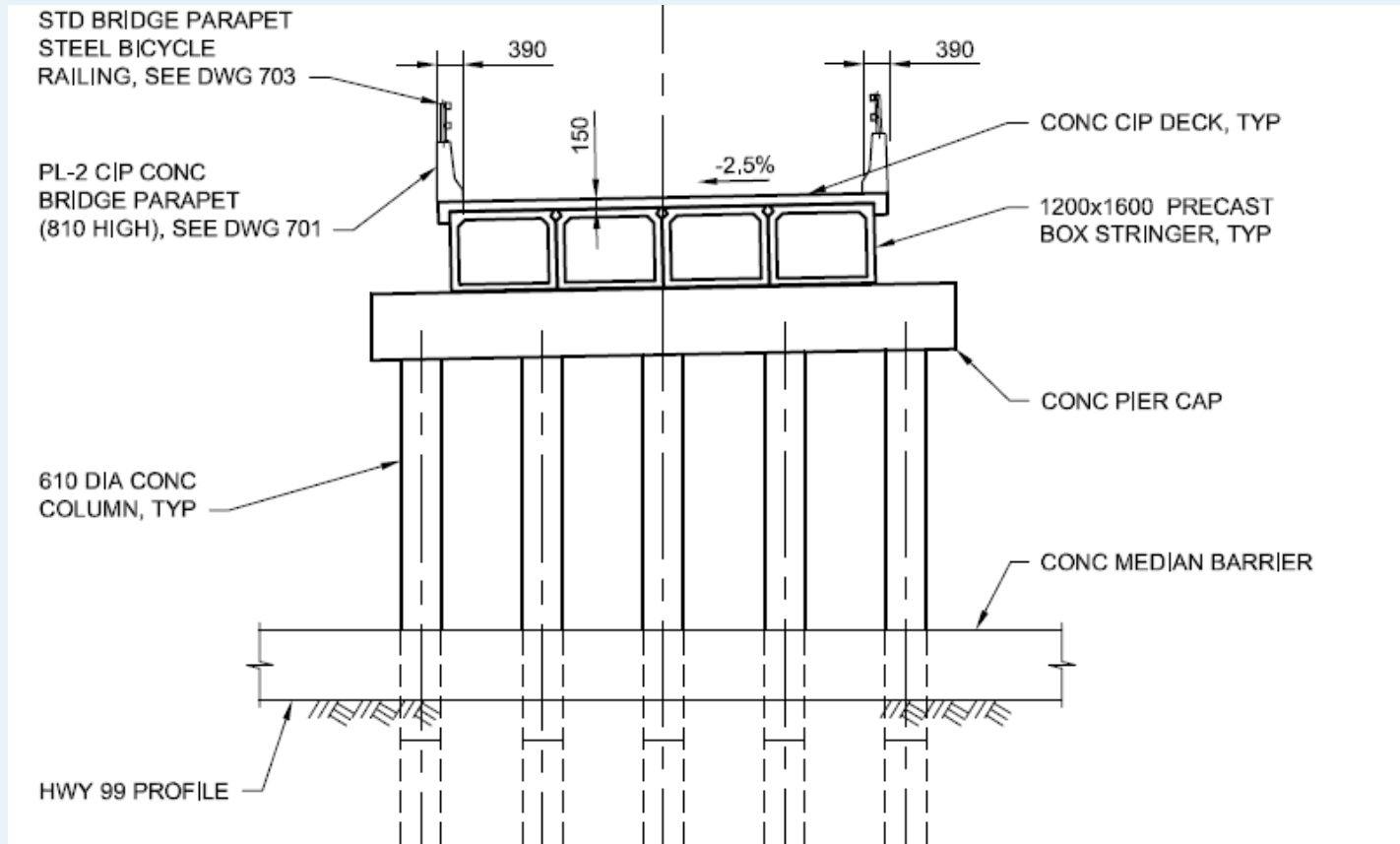
# Illustrative Example – Hwy99 over 72<sup>nd</sup> ST

- Two span precast girder bridge in Vancouver, B.C.



# Typical Pile Bent Section

- 610 mm diameter driven pile bent



# Column Design Criteria

- 475 yr EQ

Column reinforcing requirements based on the greater of

Elastic moment / R = 5

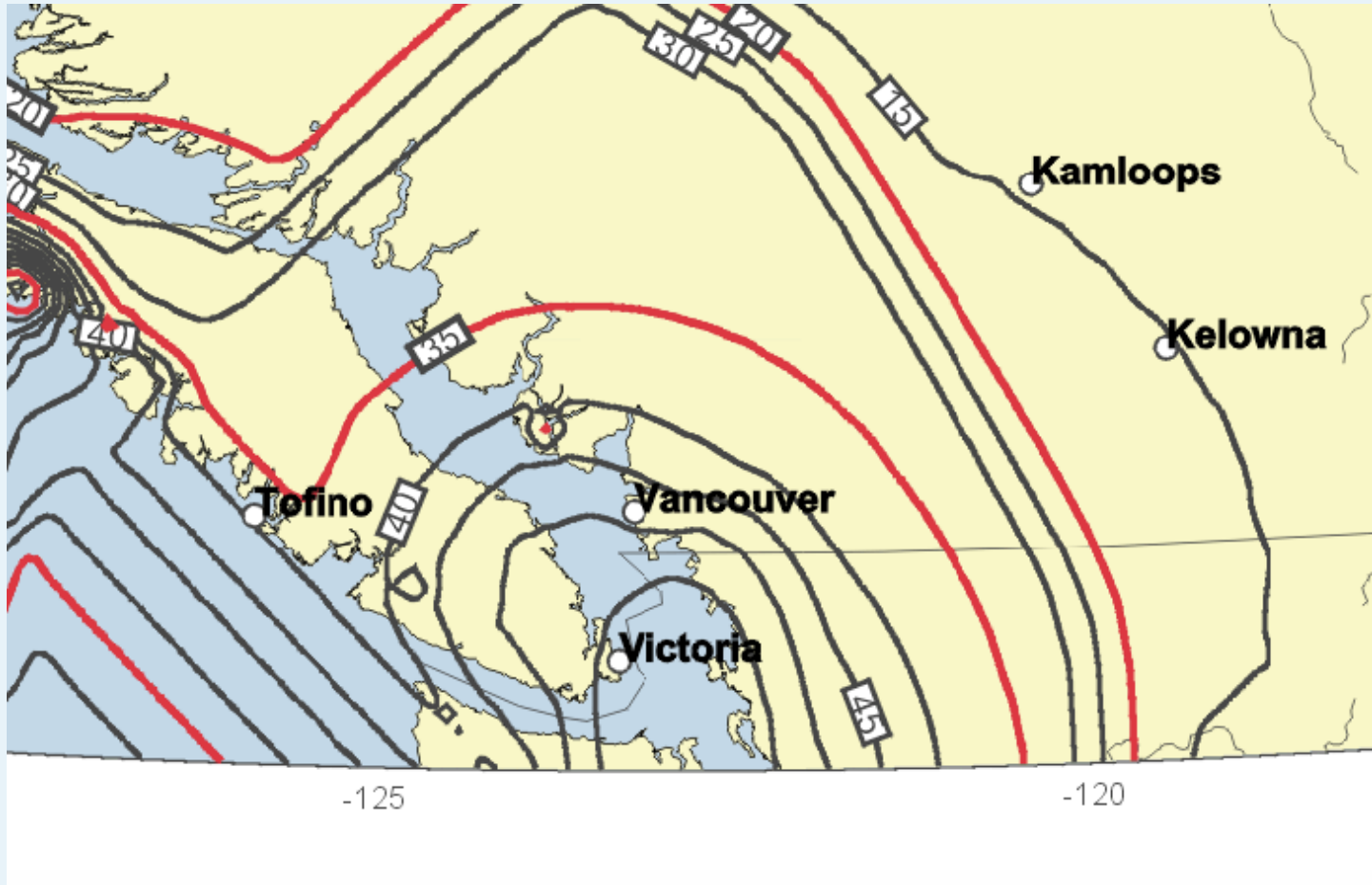
or

$$\epsilon_s < 0.75\epsilon_{su} \quad \epsilon_c < 0.75\epsilon_{cu}$$

- 975 yr EQ – No Collapse

$$\epsilon_s < \epsilon_{su} \quad \epsilon_c < \epsilon_{cu}$$

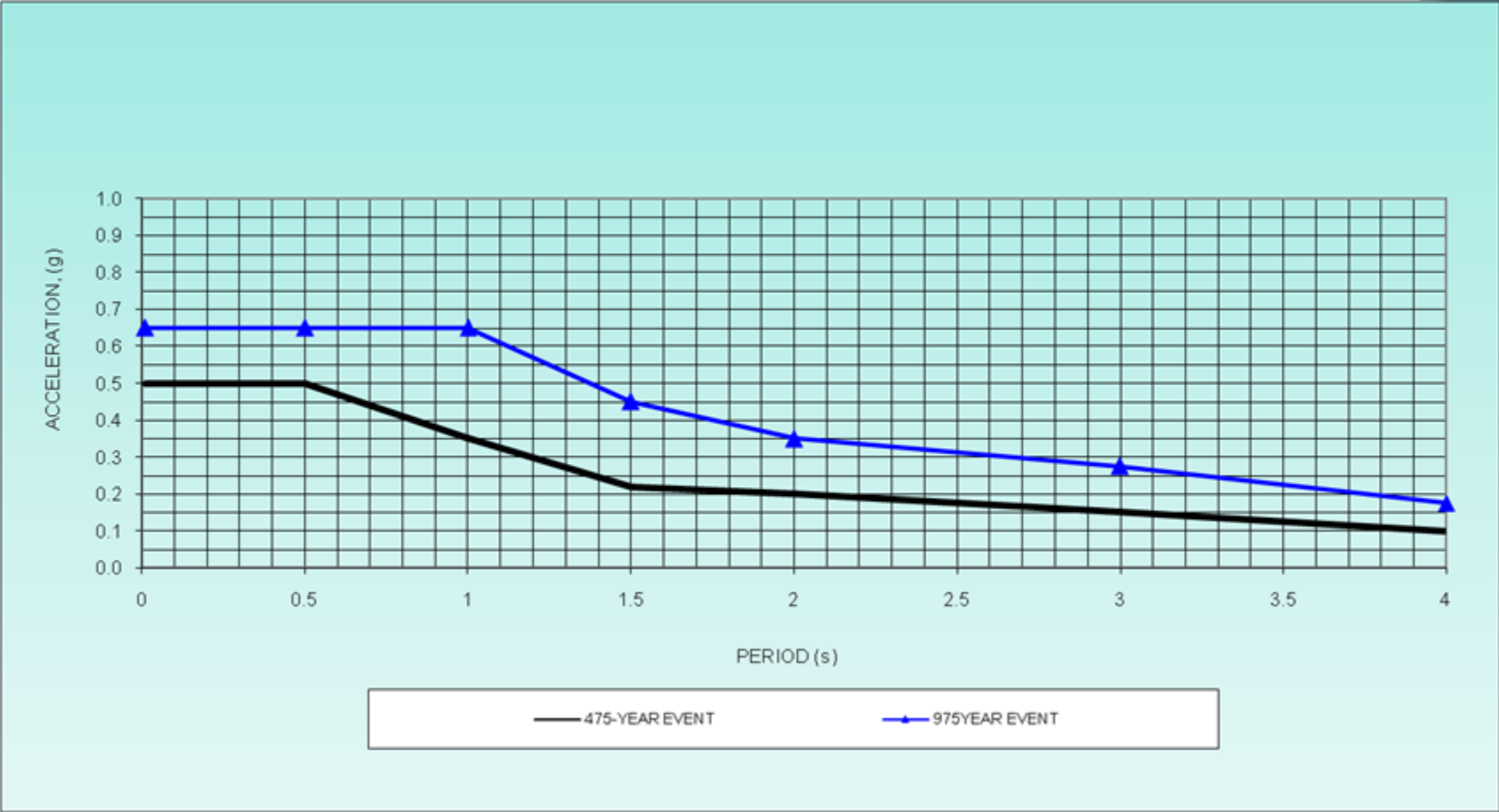
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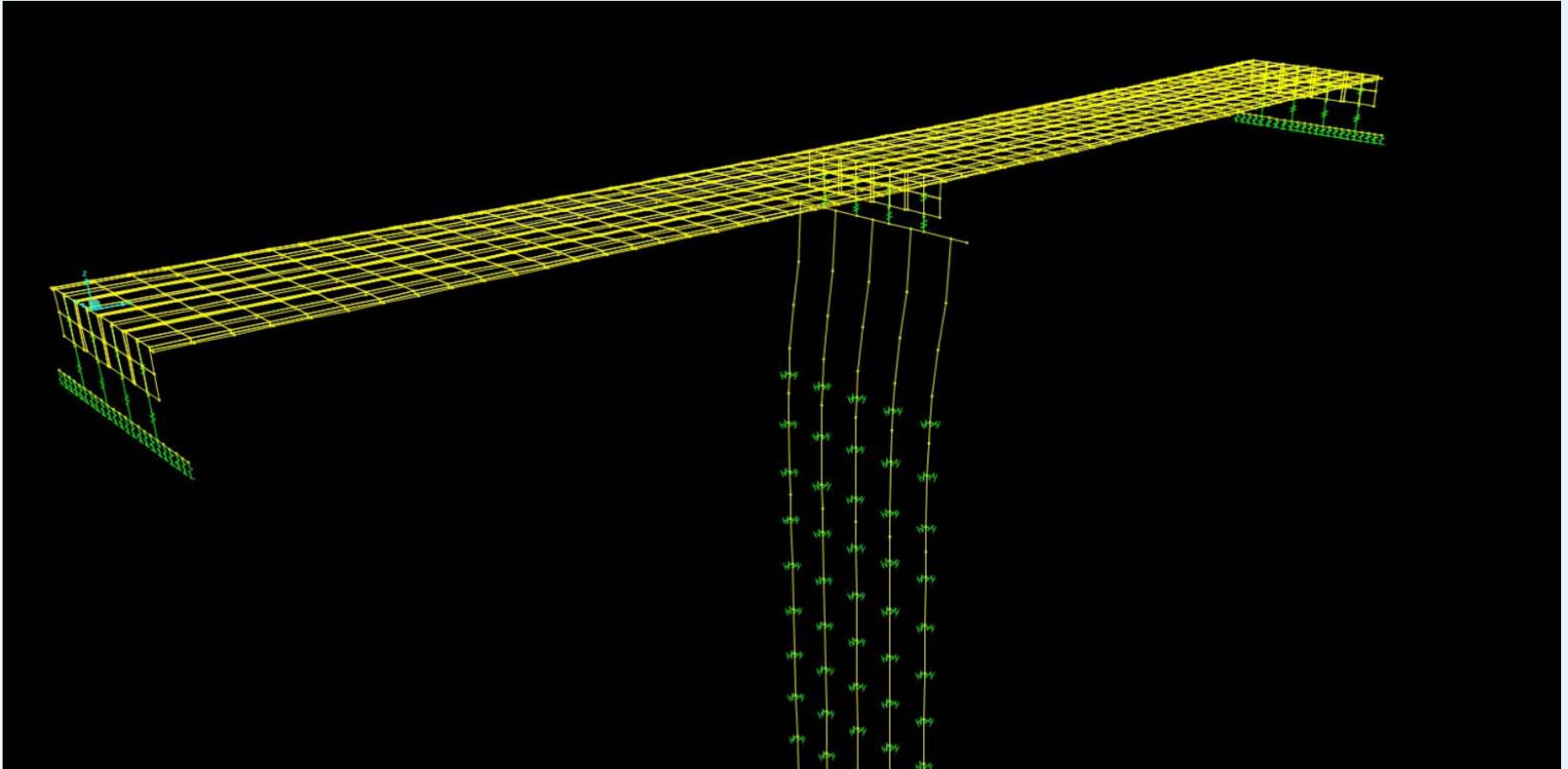
975 yr Earthquake



# Design Response Spectrum

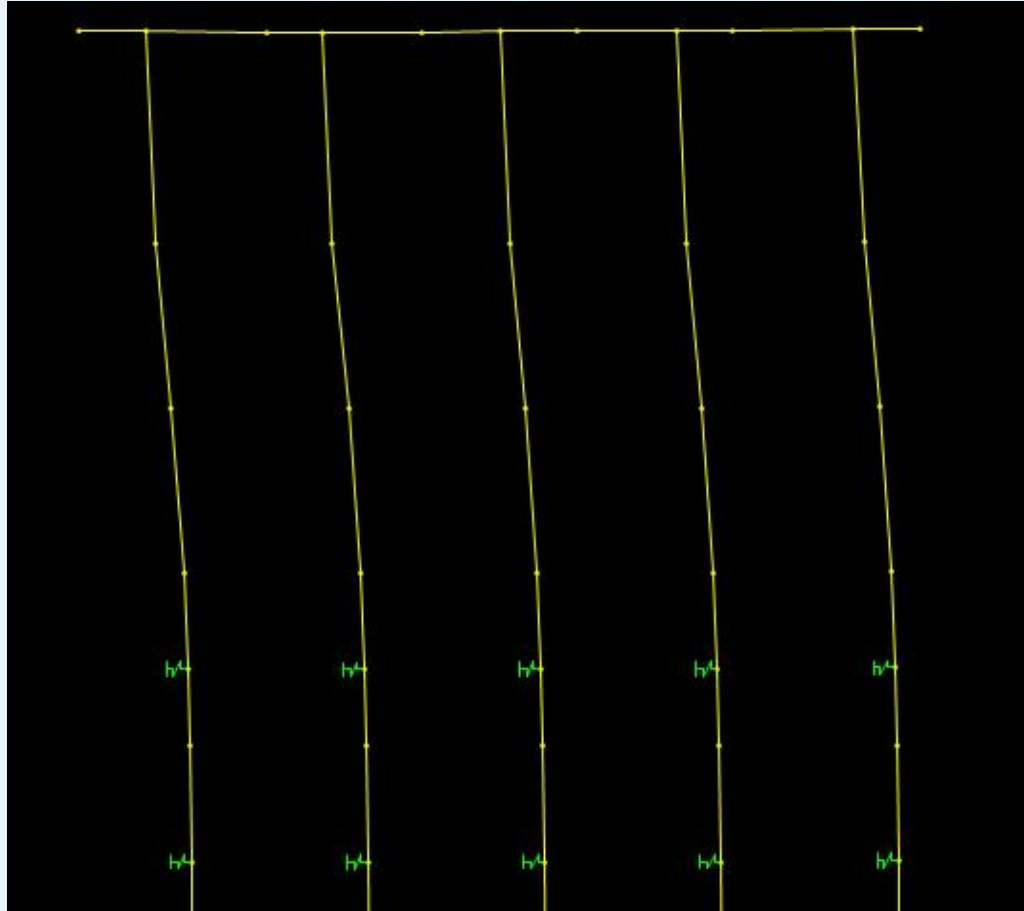


# Fundamental Transverse Mode



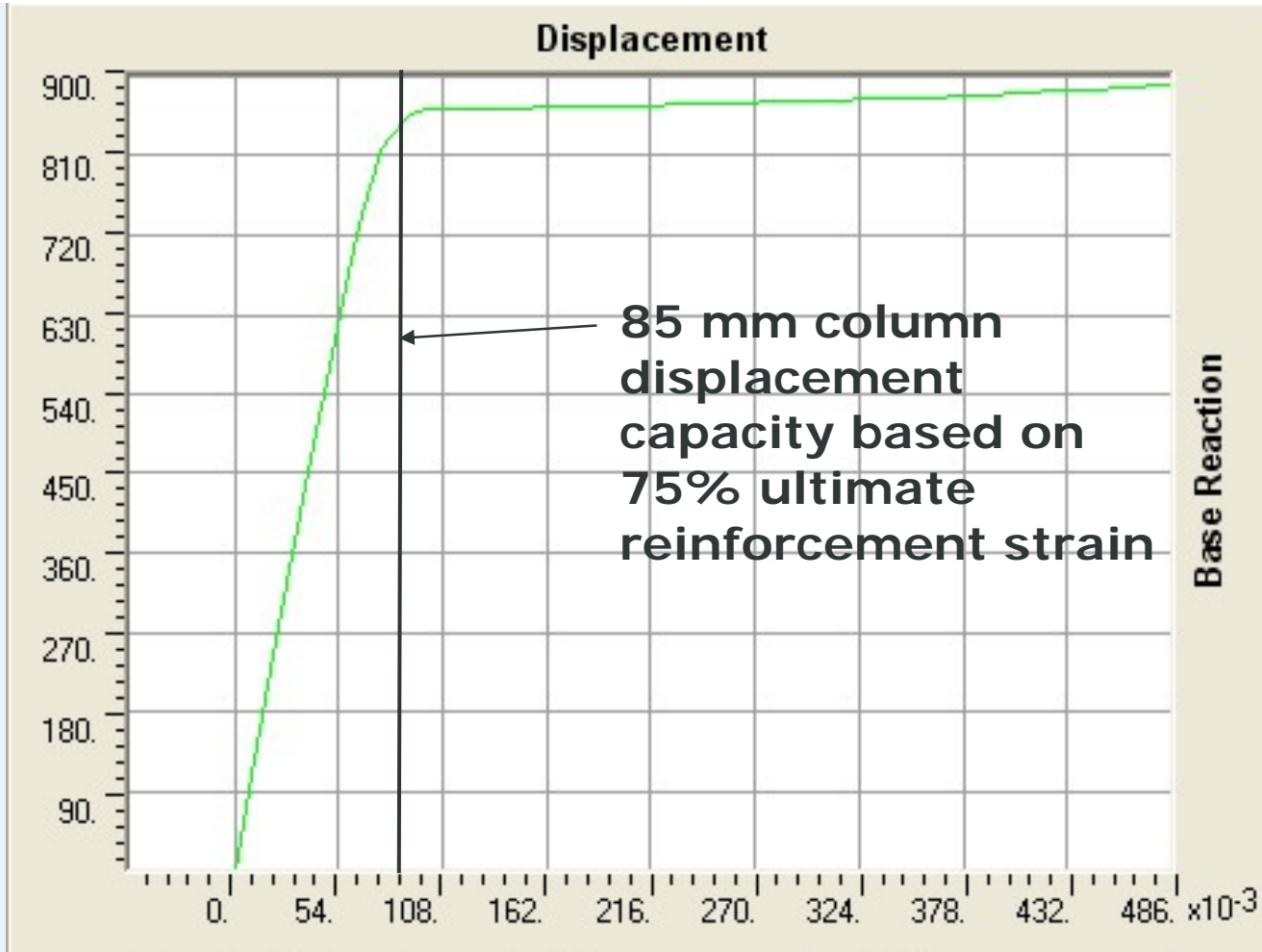
$T_m = 0.39 \text{ sec}$

# Pier Response Under Design EQ

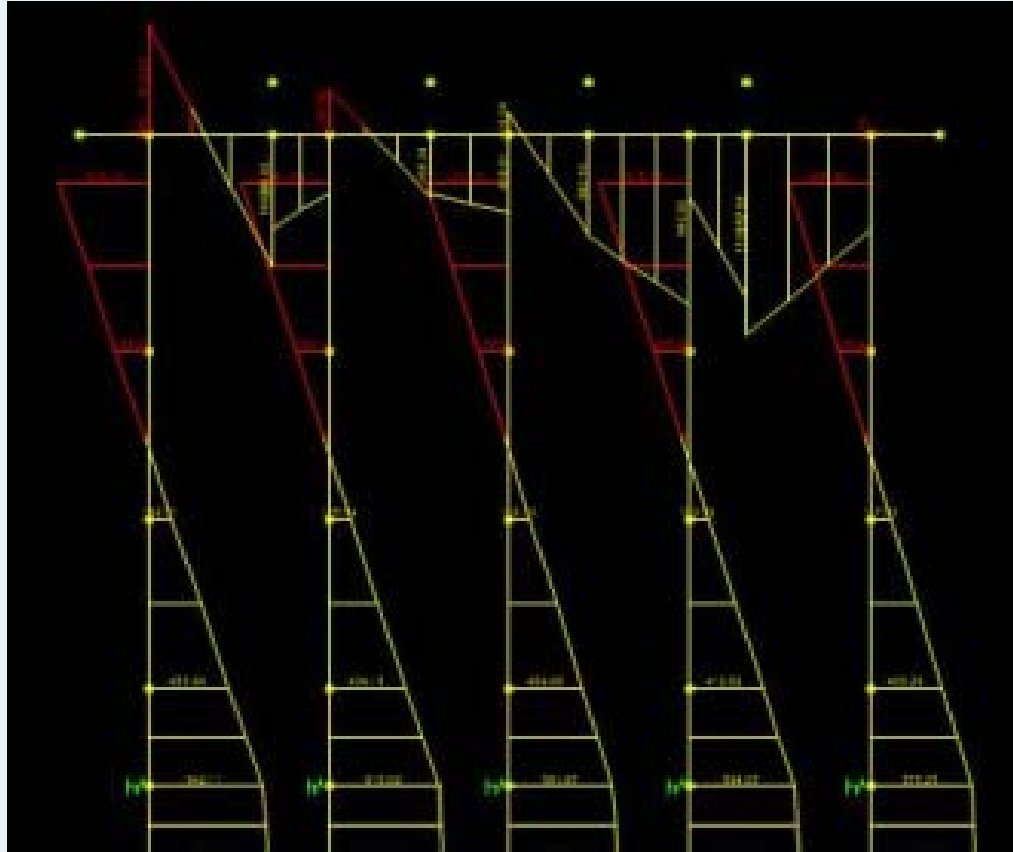


**No Hinging is Expected**  
**Maximum displacement = 28 mm**

# Pushover Curve



# Pushover Analysis – Moment Diagram



Used for Capacity Protected Members

# Summary of Design

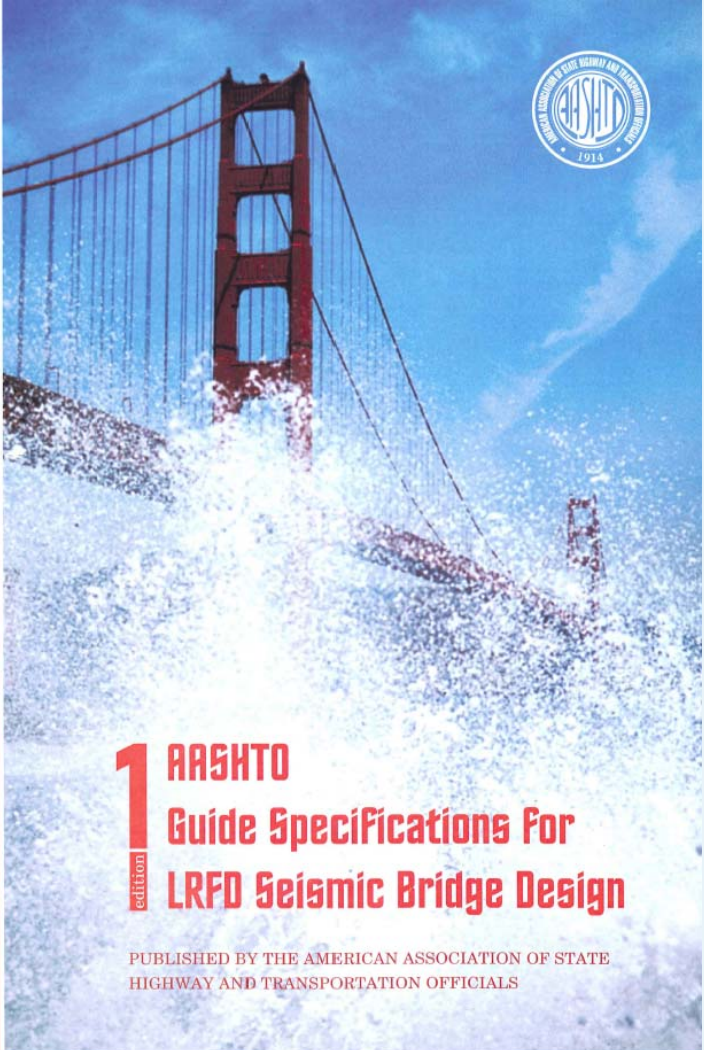
- **Number of piles were governed based on geotechnical capacity requirements under service loads.**
- **Minimum reinforcement requirements were used in the columns.**
- **Column hinging is not expected at the 975 yr EQ.**
- **Piles are capacity protected.**


# Conclusions

- **A simplified model without explicitly modeling of the piles such as a fixed based model could be used to simplify the demand analysis.**
- **A simplified hand calculation could be used to show the columns have adequate displacement capacity.**
- **Pier cap and piles should be capacity protected although hinging is not expected.**
- **Displacement based method does not require significant additional effort to assess column capacity.**
- **Displacement based method provides a more rational approach.**

# Questions?

2010 Interim Revisions





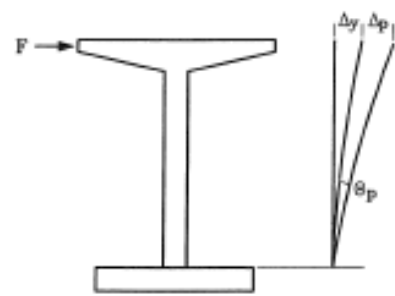
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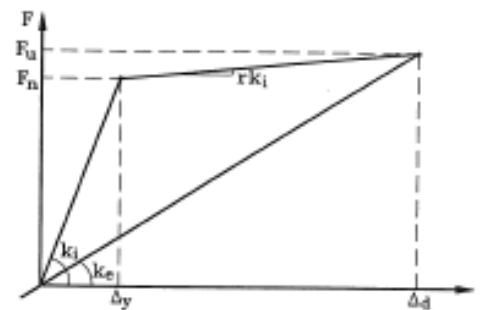
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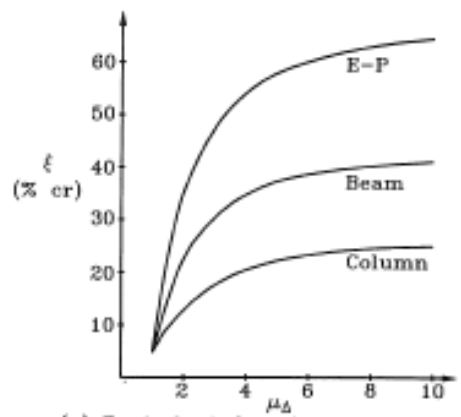
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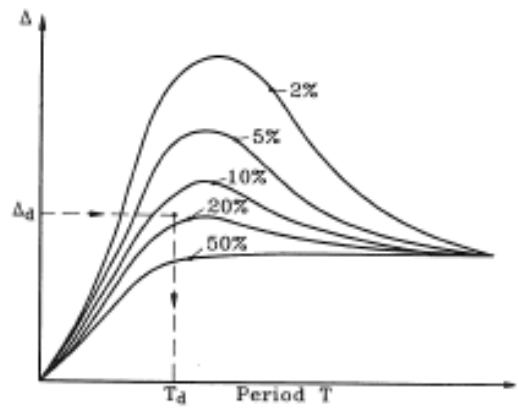
(a) Column displacement profile



(b) Effective stiffness  $k_e$



(c) Equivalent damping vs Ductility



(d) Design displacement response spectra