

# EIGHTH G.A. LEONARDS LECTURE

## GROUND SETTLEMENT FROM PILE DRIVING

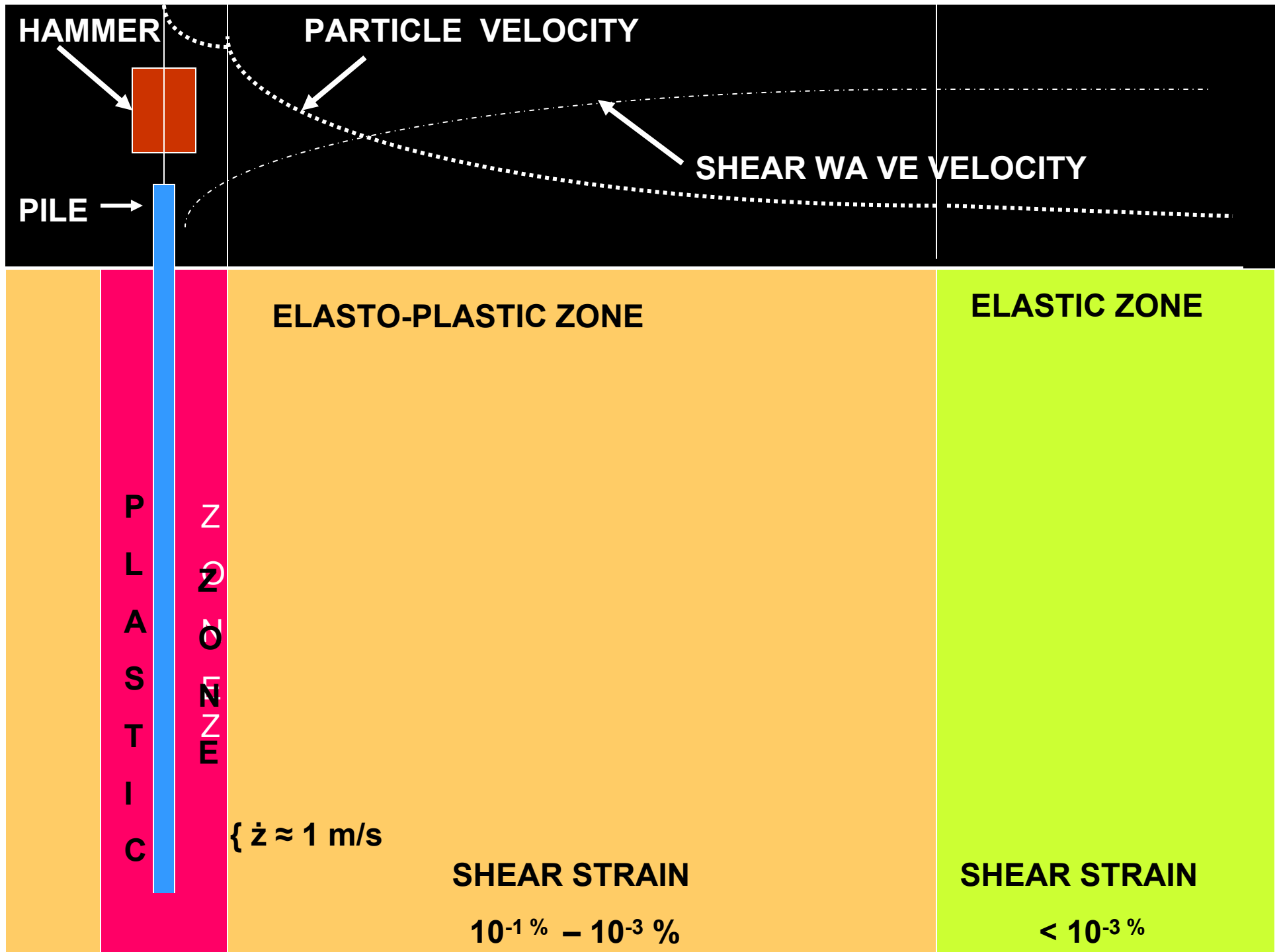
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# MY CONNECTIONS TO JERRY

- Research Engineer, AF Weapons Lab 1963  
My first job after M.S. as project monitor on Jerry's AFWL research.
- Invited to apply to Ph.D. program at Purdue.
- Tokyo ISSMFE Conference 1977, post conference tour with Jerry and Beryl, Jorg Osterberg and others.

# GROUND SETTLEMENT FROM PILE DRIVING

- GENERAL CONCEPTS
  - EXAMPLES FROM PRACTICE
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# COMPONENTS OF PILE VIBRATION ANALYSIS

- **TRANSFER OF ENERGY FROM PILE TO SOIL**
  - **DISIPATION OF ENERGY THROUGH SOIL**
  - **THRESHOLD OF SETTLEMENT CAUSING VIBRATIONS**
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# GENERATION OF GROUND DISTURBANCE

**TRANSFER OF DRIVING  
ENERGY INTO SURROUNDING  
GROUND**





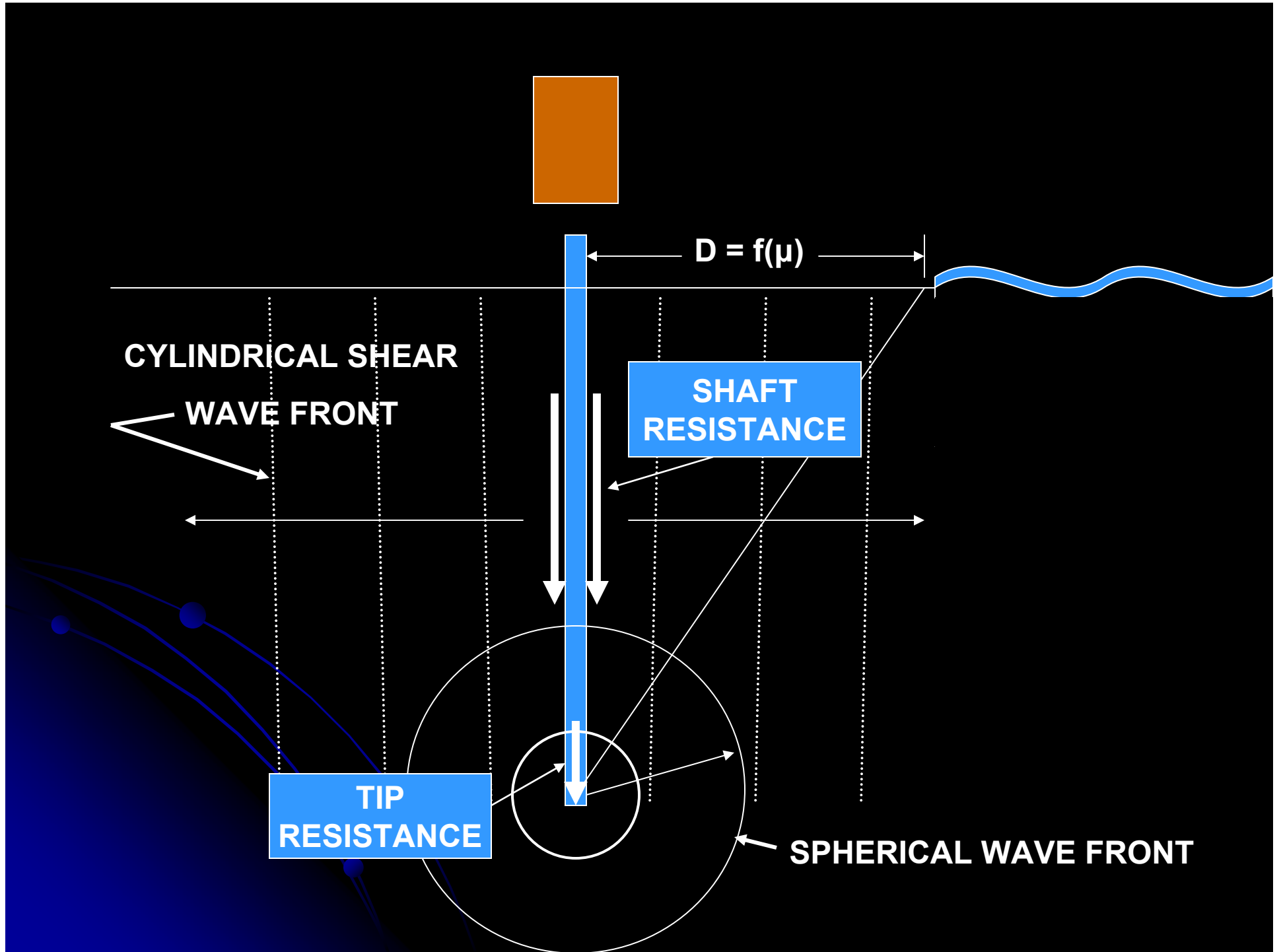
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CYLINDRICAL SHEAR  
WAVE FRONT

SHAFT  
RESISTANCE

TIP  
RESISTANCE

SPHERICAL WAVE FRONT



# TIP RESISTANCE

**GOBLE (1980)**

$$R_T = J Z^P \dot{z}$$

J = Damping or loss factor

$Z^P$  = Pile impedance

$\dot{z}$  = particle velocity in pile

**IWANOWSKI AND BODARE (1988)**

J = ratio of pile and soil impedance and also related to "K" in Heckman & Hagerty (1978)

**MASSARSCH AND FELLENIUS (2008)**

$$\underline{R_T = Z_P v_o}$$

$$Z_P = A^P v_{ps} \rho_s$$

$v_o$  = Hammer impact velocity



# SHAFT RESISTANCE

MASSARSCH AND FELLENIUS (2008)

$$R_s = z_s \dot{z} A^c$$

$z_s$  = specific impedance of soil

$\dot{z}$  = particle velocity in pile

$A^c$  = contact area between soil and pile

$$\dot{z} = t_f / v_s \rho \quad (\text{often} > 12 \text{ in/sec})$$

$t_f$  = shearing strength of soil

$v_s$  = shear wave velocity

$\rho$  = mass density of soil

$\{(\dot{z})_{\max} \approx 1 \text{ m/s} \text{ Observed in densification studies}\}$

# DISSIPATION OF ENERGY WITH DISTANCE

GEOMETRICAL  
AND  
MATERIAL DAMPING

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# EQUATIONS DESCRIBING ENERGY DISSIPATION

## BORNITZ EQUATION

$$w = w_1 (r_1/r)^n \exp[-\alpha(r - r_1)]$$

$w_1$  = amplitude at known distance  $r_1$

$w$  = amplitude at any distance  $r$

$r_1$  = distance from source to point of known amplitude

$r$  = distance from source to any point

$n$  = coefficient depending on type of wave

$n = 1$  for body waves in half-space

$n = 2$  for body waves along surface

$n = 0.5$  for Rayleigh waves

$\alpha$  = coefficient of attenuation

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF  
EARTH MATERIALS BY  
ATTENUATION COEFFICIENT

CLASS	ATTENUATION COEFFICIENT		DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL
	$\alpha$ ( 1/ft)		
	5 Hz	50Hz	
I	0.003	0.03	<u>Weak or Soft Soils</u> -lossy soils, dry or partially saturated peat and muck, mud, loose beach sand, and dune sand, recently plowed ground, soft spongy forest or jungle floor, organic soils, toposoil. <b>N &lt; 5</b> (shovel penetrates easily)
	to	to	
	0.001	0.10	
II	0.001	0.01	<u>Competent Soils</u> - most sands, sandy clays, silty clays, gravel, silts, weathered rock. (can dig with shovel) <b>5 &lt; N &lt; 15</b>
	to	to	
	0.003	0.03	
III	0.0001	0.001	<u>Hard Soils</u> - dense compacted sand, dry consolidated clay, consolidated glacial till, some exposed rock. (cannot dig with shovel, must use pick to break up) <b>15 &lt; N &lt; 50</b>
	to	to	
	0.001	0.01	
IV	<0.0001	<0.001	<u>Hard, Competent Rock</u> - bedrock, freshly exposed hard rock. (difficult to break with hammer) <b>N &gt; 50</b>

# EQUATIONS DESCRIBING ENERGY DISSIPATION

## PSEUDO - ATTENUATION

$$\dot{z} = k [D/\sqrt{E}]^{-N}$$

$\dot{z}$  = peak particle velocity

k = intercept at 1 energy unit

D = distance from source

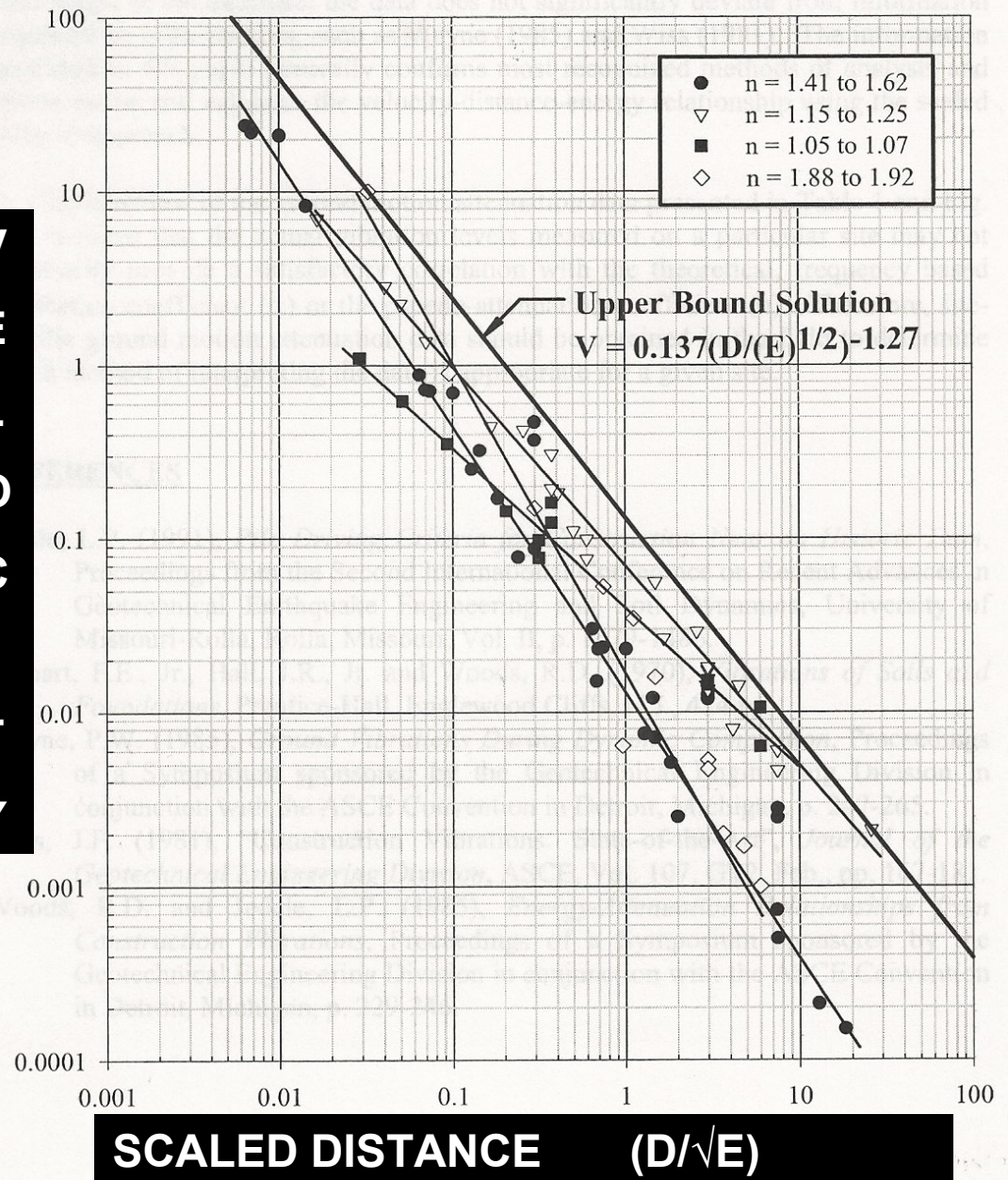
E = energy of source

N = slope of line on log-log plot of  $\dot{z}$  vs  
scaled distance

# PSEUDO ATTENUATION

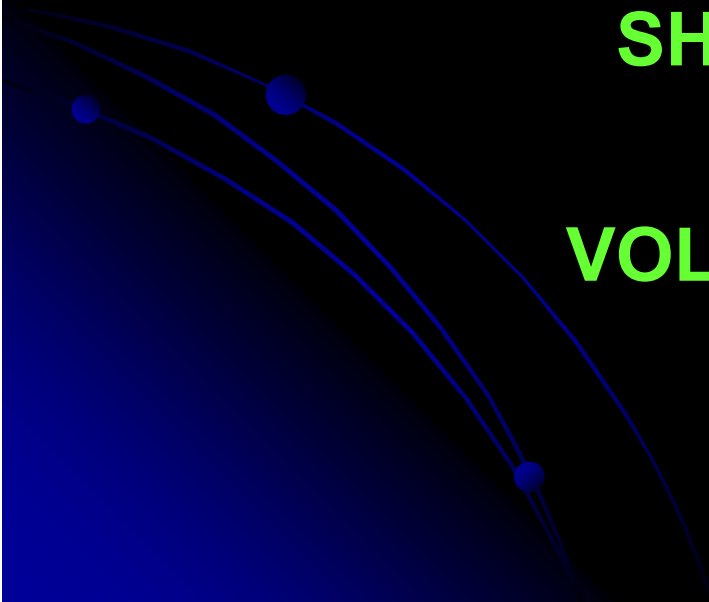
# PEAK PARTICLE

# VELOCITY



# VIBRATIONS CAUSING SETTLEMENT

**SHEARING STRAIN  
AND  
VOLUMETRIC STRAIN**



# SHEARING STRAIN

$$\gamma = \dot{z} / v_s$$

(For harmonic motion only)

$\gamma$  equivalent for non-harmonic vibrations, displacement gradient suggested by Brandenberg et al (2009)

$$\partial u_z / \partial y$$

$$\dot{z} = \sigma_z v_p / E_p$$

(free end of pile)



# THRESHOLD STRAIN

- SILVER & SEED (1971)  $\gamma_t \approx 0.01\%$
- YOUD (1972)  $\gamma_t = 0.01\%$  (limit of his tests)
- DOBRY (1983)  $\gamma_t = 0.01\%$  (for liquefaction)
- HSU & VUCETIC (2004)  $\gamma_t = <0.01\%$  (10 cycles)
- MASSARSCH (2008)  $\gamma_t = 0.001\%$  (many cycles)
- BRANDENBERG ET AL (2009)  $\gamma_t = <0.01\%$

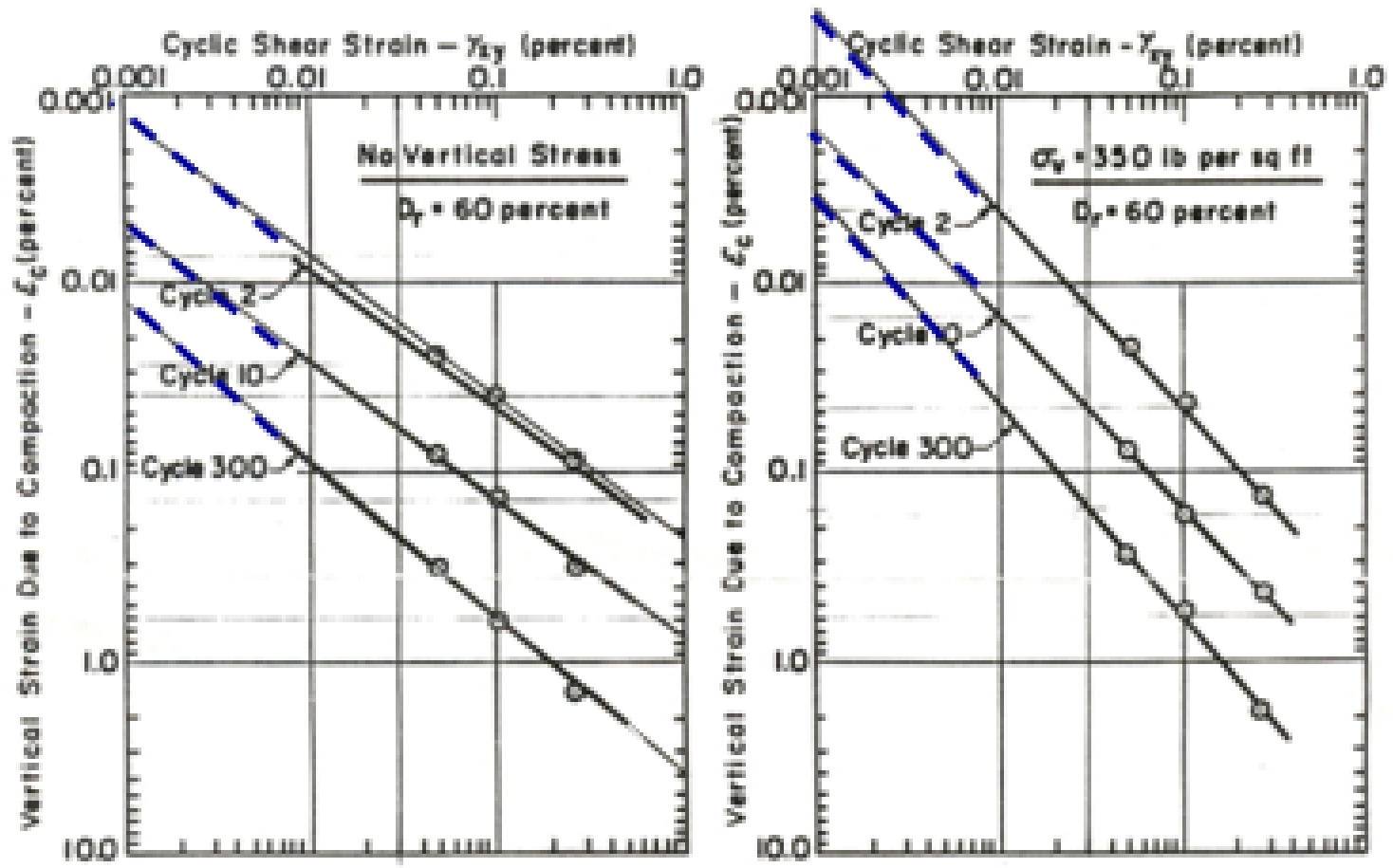


FIG. VERTICAL SETTLEMENT—SHEAR STRAIN RELATIONSHIP FOR SILICA SAND ( $D_r = 60\%$ )

# VARIABLES AFFECTING $\gamma_t$

N  
O

- RELATIVE DENSITY
- VOID RATIO
- EFFECTIVE CONFINING PRESSURE

Y  
E  
S

- NUMBER OF CYCLES
- STRAIN LEVEL

# EXAMPLE 1

**BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE**

**I-10**

**PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**





**BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE looking SOUTH**

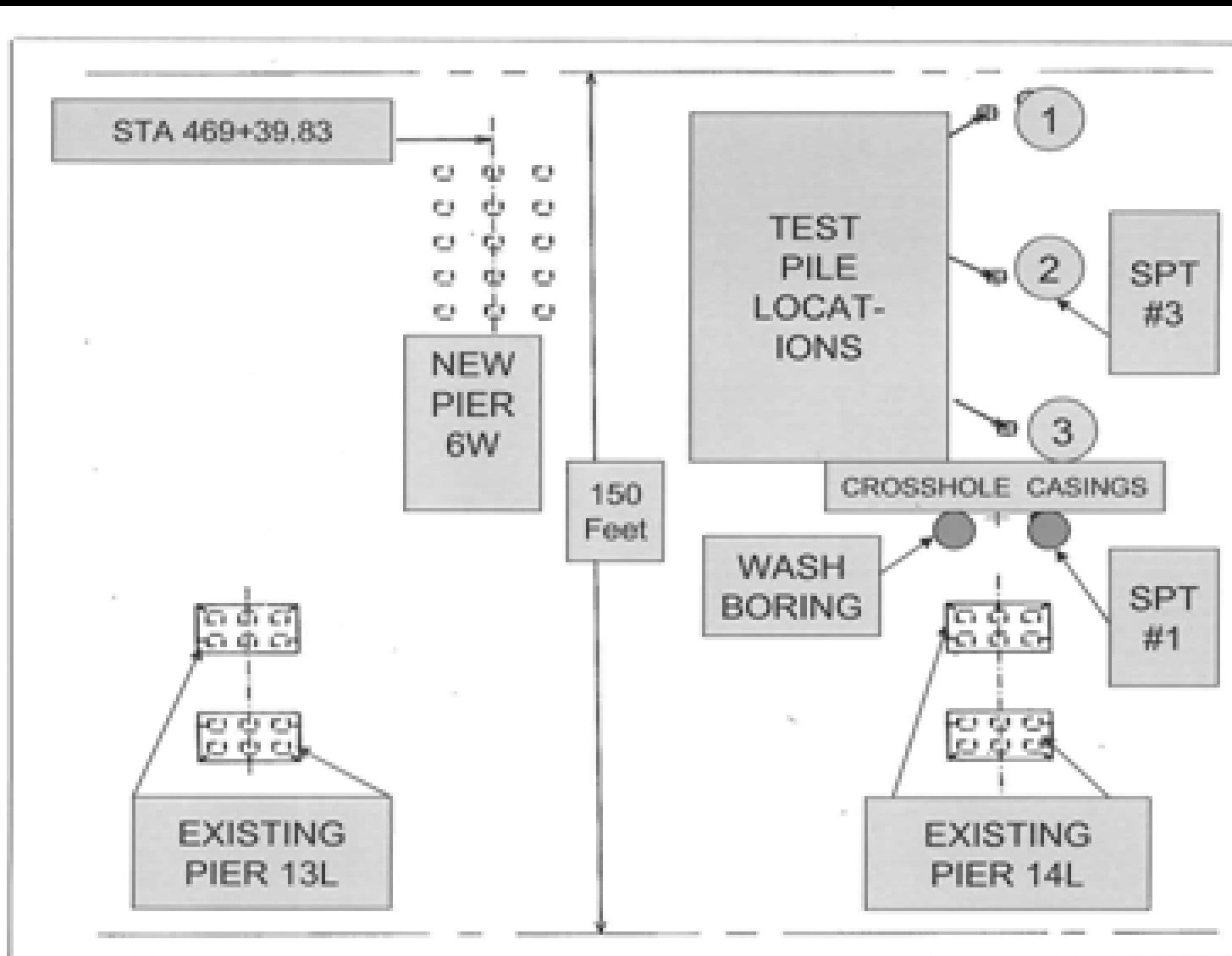


**BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE looking WEST**

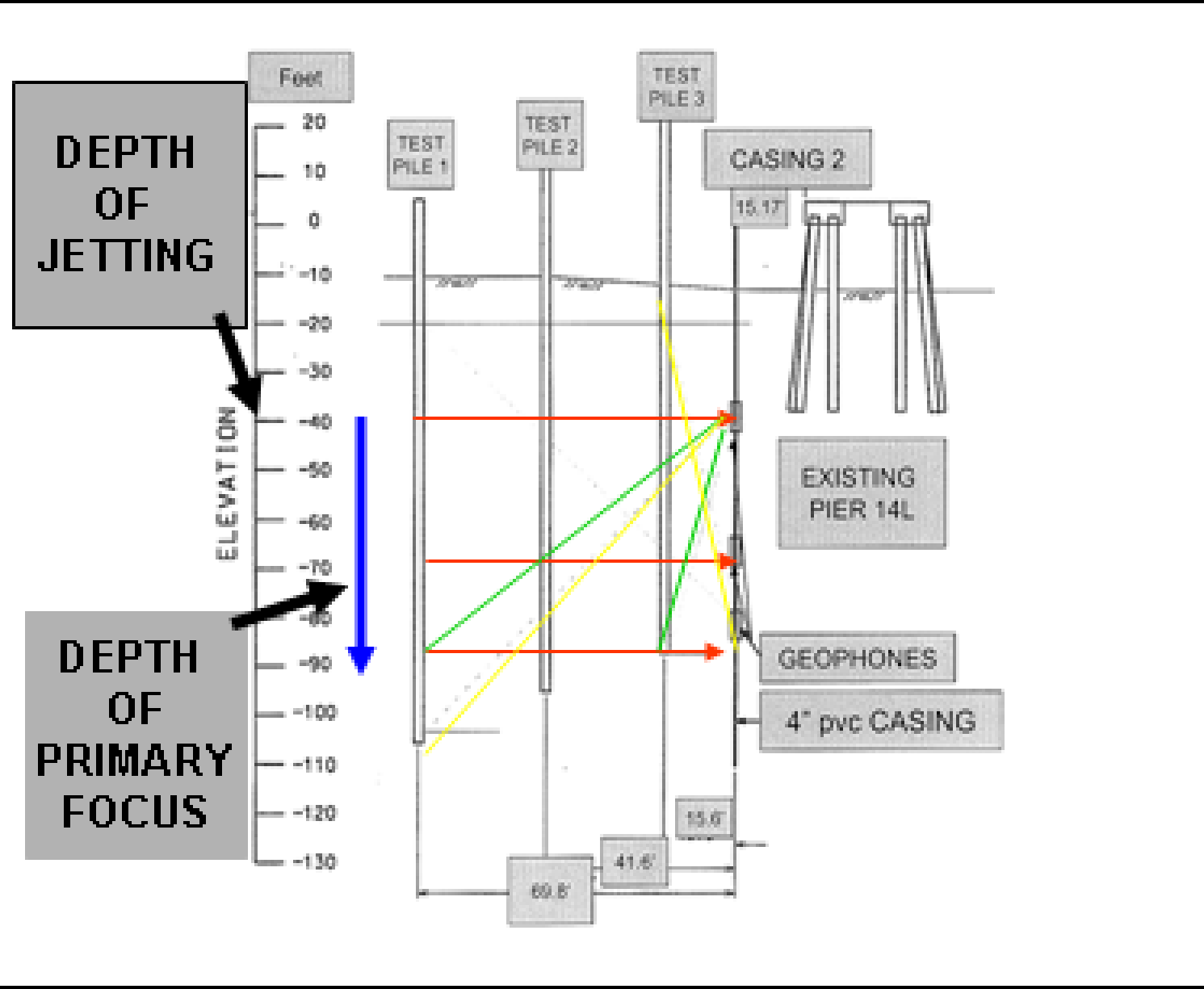
# INITIAL LEVEL SURVEY



# TEST PILE INSTALLATION







**ELEVATION THROUGH TEST PILE SECTION**

# FIELD MEASUREMENTS

CROSS SECTION

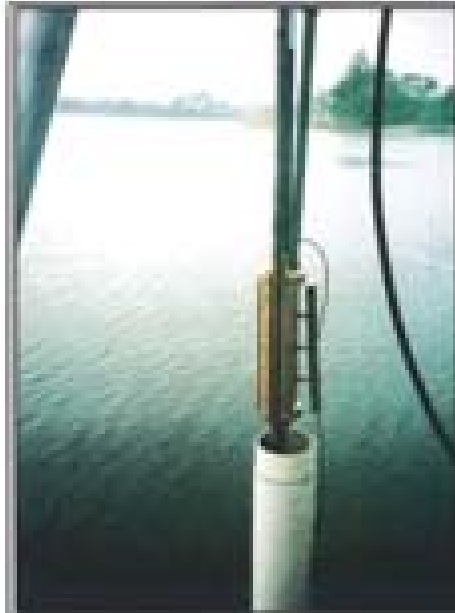


Figure 12 Dilatometer sensor platform fully extended to check expansion range.

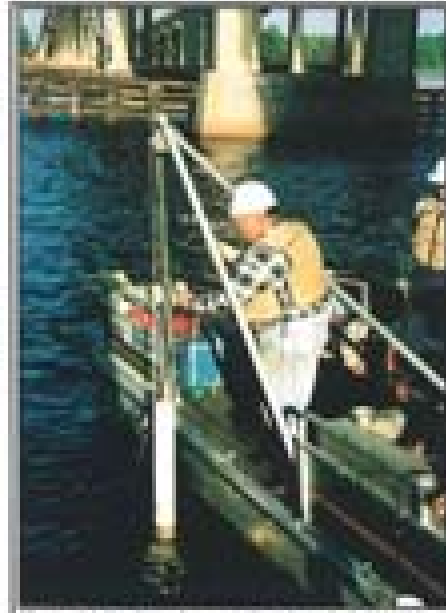


Figure 13 Dr. Woods operating dilatometer during crosshole seismic test at T.A. 1.

$V_s$   
VELOCITY

**TYPICAL  
CROSSHOLE  
WAVE FORMS**  
  
**(Repetitions  
to show  
reproducibility)**

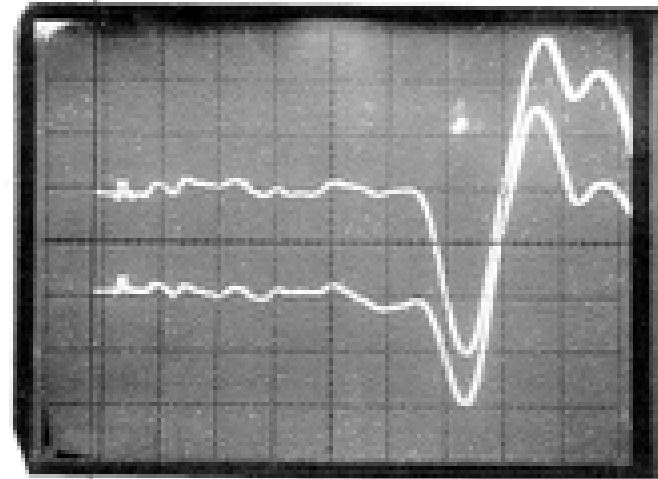


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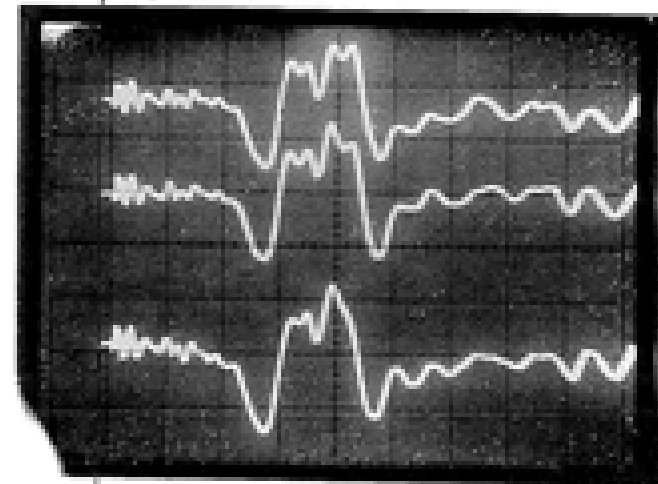
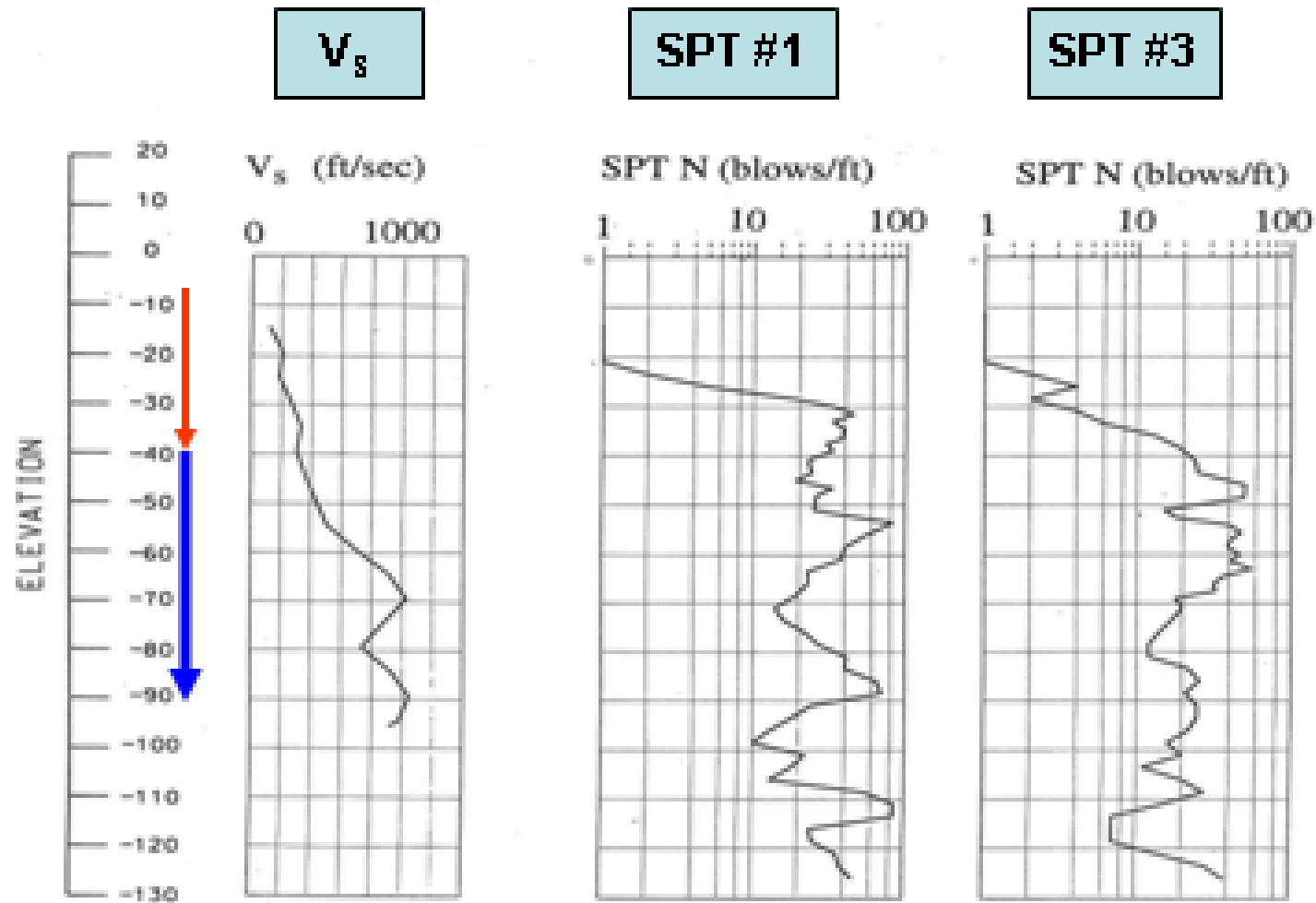


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**CROSSHOLE  
CASING**

# PRE-DESIGN SOIL DATA







# EMPIRICAL EQUATIONS FOR $V_s$ AND $V_v$

$$V_s = a + bN^n(\sigma_o)^m$$

where  $N$  is SPT Blow Count  
 $\sigma_o$  is effective octahedral confining pressure  
and  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $n$ , &  $m$  are empirical constants

$$V_v = a (\text{dist.}/\sqrt{\text{energy}})^{-n}$$

where  $a$  &  $n$  are empirical constants  
dist. is source to receiver distance  
and energy is enthu per blow



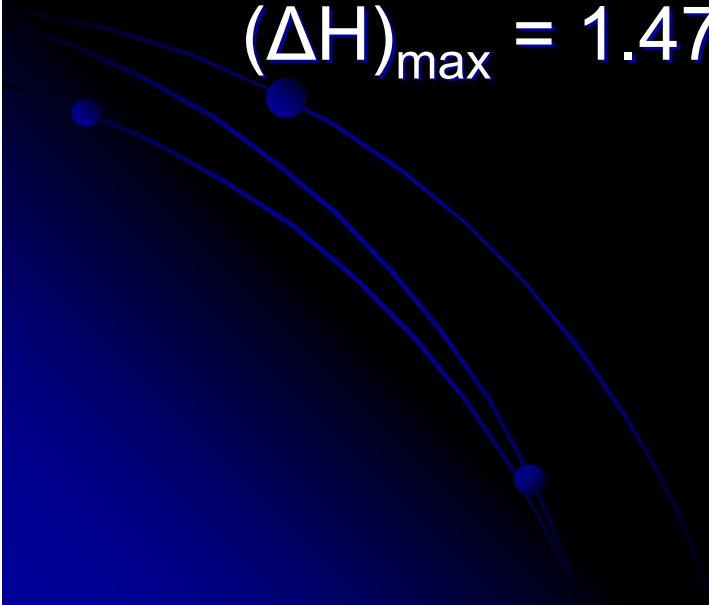
# MEASURED & PREDICTED SETTLEMENT

- PREDICTED

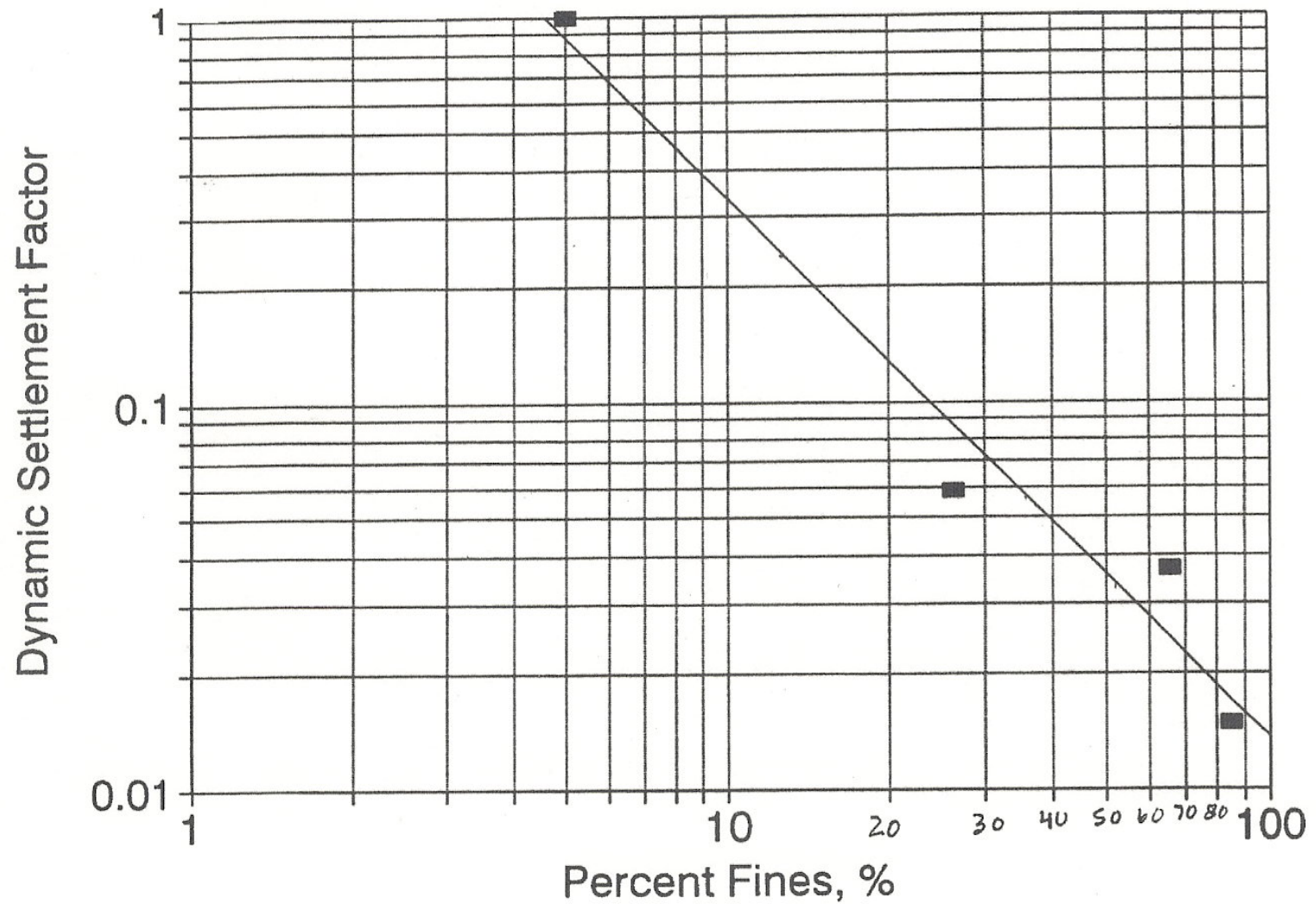
$$(\Delta H)_{\max} = 1.47 \text{ ft}$$

- MEASURED

$$\Delta H < 0.01 \text{ ft}$$



## Effect of Fines on Dynamic Settlement



**BORDEN & SHAO (1995)**

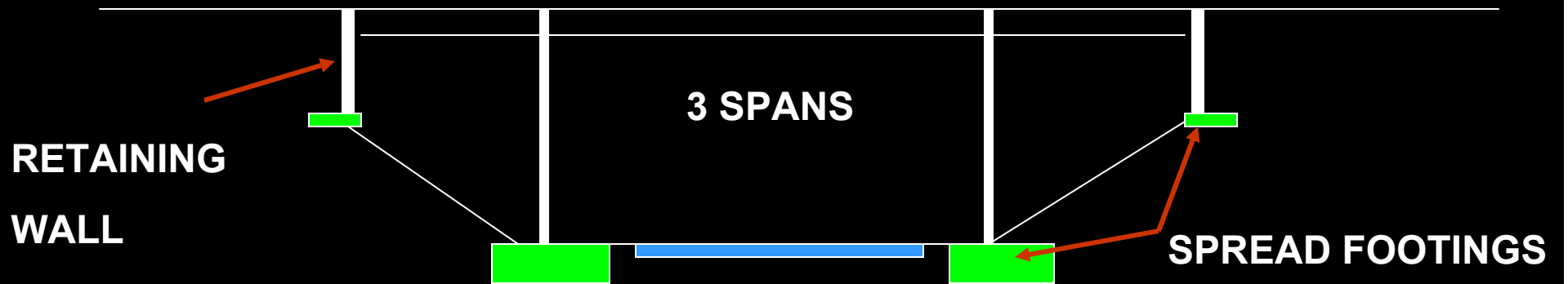
# EXAMPLE 2

**INFRASTRUCTURE  
REHABILITATION**

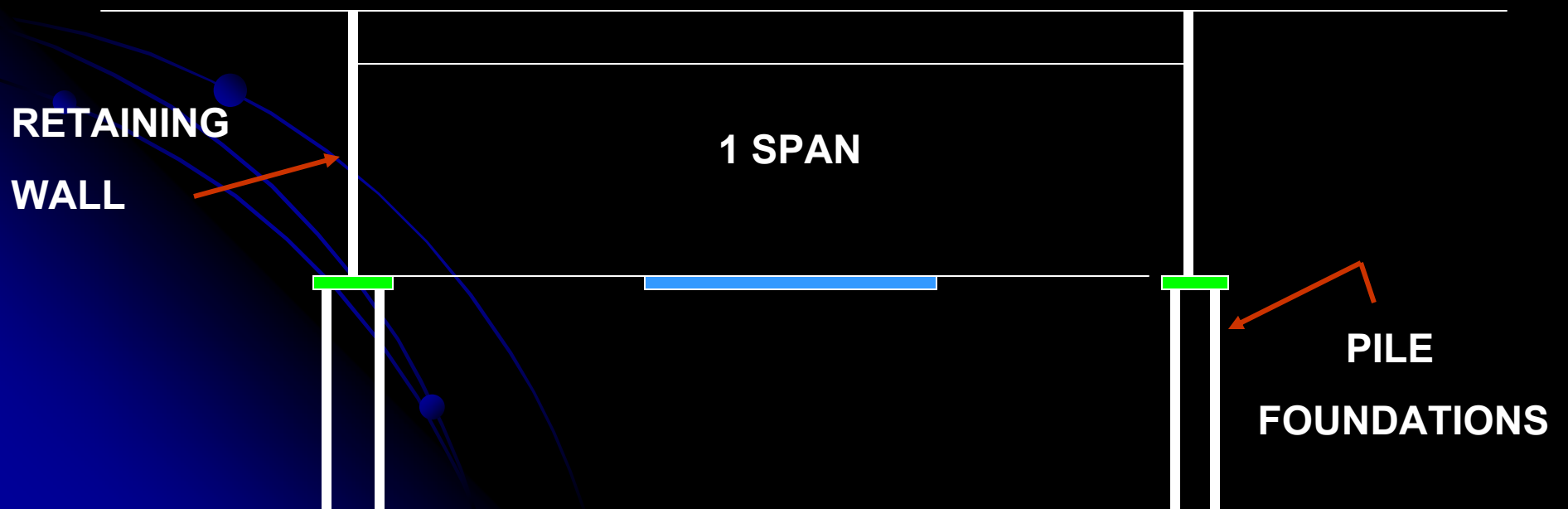
**INTERSTATE BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT**



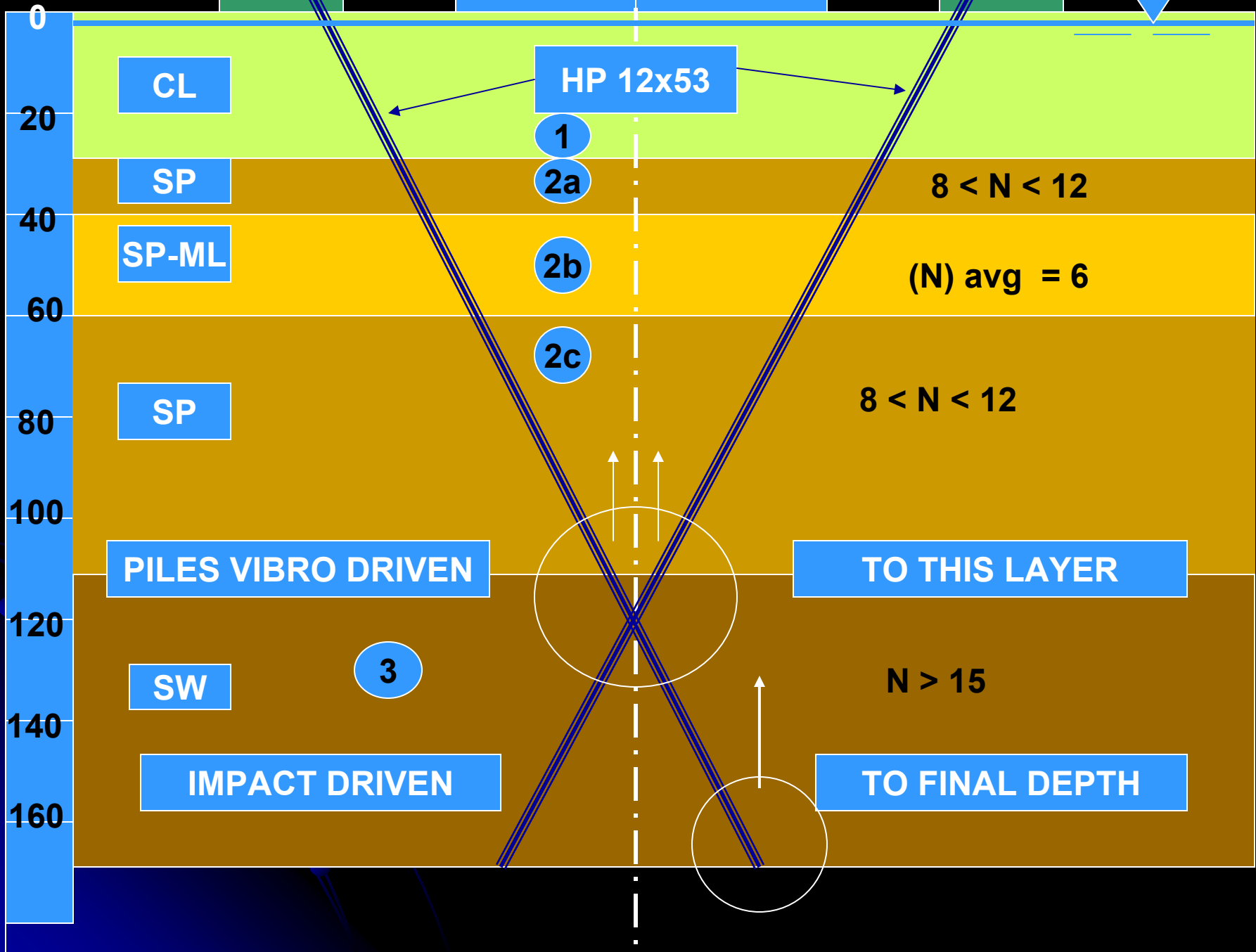
# 1950s BRIDGE



# PROPOSED REPLACEMENT



DEPTH (ft)



# DYNAMIC PILE ANALYSIS

GRLWEAP(TM) Version 2005

DELMAG 19-42 : 40 kip-ft

Comp. Stress ksi	Tension Stress ksi	Stroke ft	ENTHRU kips-ft
0.000	0.000	10.60	0.0
0.000	0.000	10.60	0.0
15.879	-4.929	4.46	23.0
21.333	-3.802	5.24	20.8
21.303	-3.663	5.20	20.6
23.891	-3.170	5.68	19.6
25.728	-3.619	6.13	19.1
25.768	-3.532	6.14	19.1
28.075	-3.782	6.94	19.5
29.923	-3.068	7.71	20.6
30.011	-3.046	7.75	20.7
30.211	-3.238	7.84	20.7
30.310	-2.580	7.92	20.7

# DRIVING 5 PILES WITH D 19-42 HAMMER, 300 BLOWS EACH

40 K-FT

shearing strain 5 Hz (in/in)	shearing strain 50 HZ (in/in)	1-D vert vol. chg 5Hz (in/in)	1-D vert vol. chg 50Hz (in/in)	Vertical Settle 5 Hz (in)	Vertical Settle 50 Hz (in)
0.000849 0	0.00043078 0	0.005	0.003	4.56 0	2.736 0
0.000739 0	0.000340489 0	0.0045	0.0025	4.104 0	2.28 0
0.00087 0	0.000447908 0	0.0045	0.0025	4.104 0	2.28 0
0.000864 0	0.000442854 0	0.0045	0.0025	4.104 0	2.28 0
0.000442	0.000127222	0.003	0.0009	2.736	0.8208
			sum	19.608	10.3968

# DYNAMIC PILE ANALYSIS

PILECO D30-32 : 70 FT-KIPS

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GRLWEAP (TM) Version 2005

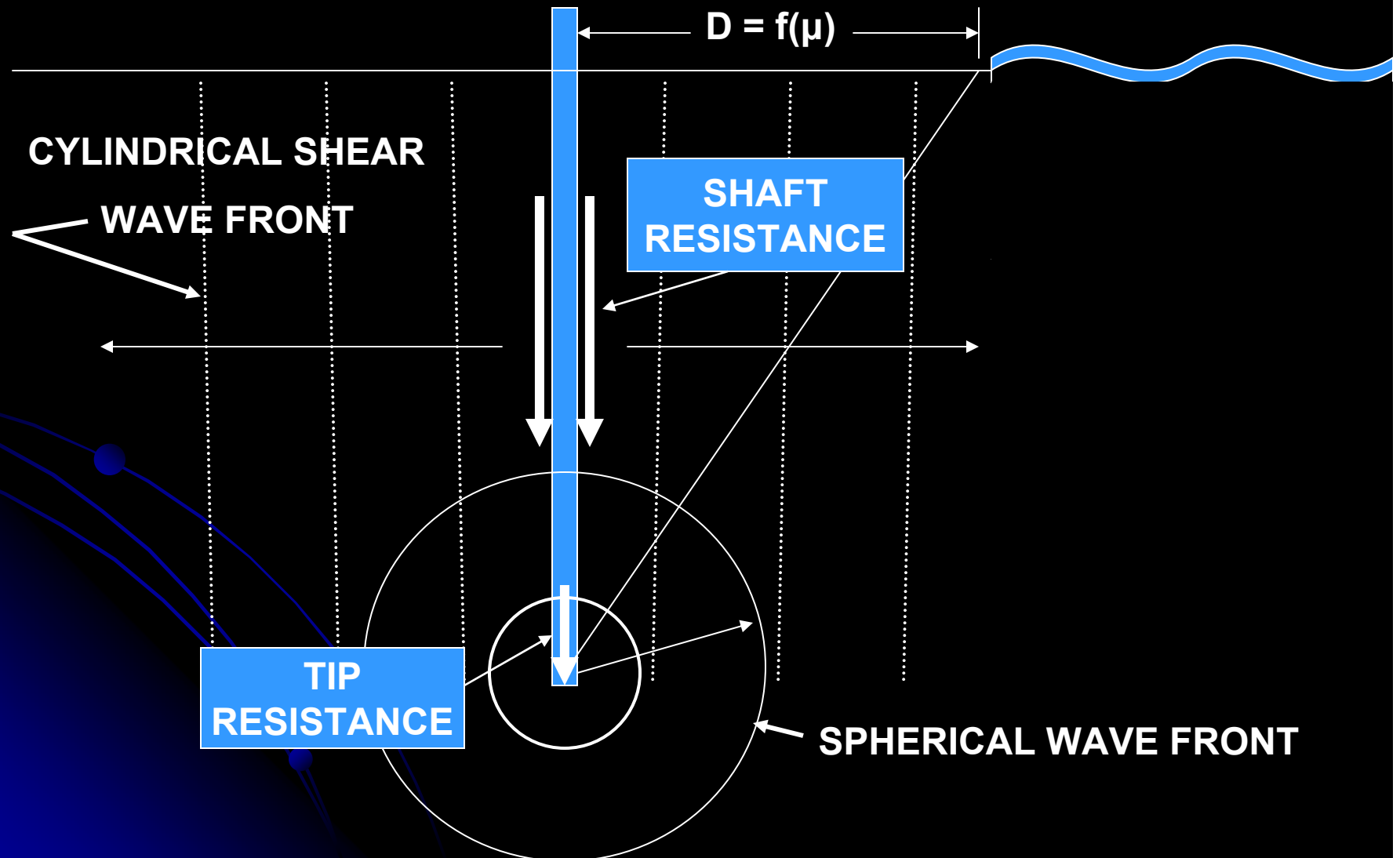
Ultimate Capacity kips	Maximum Compression Stress ksi	Maximum Tension Stress ksi	Blow Count blows/in	Stroke ft	Energy kips-ft
400.0	27.12	2.56	6.4	7.00	17.97
400.0	28.86	2.71	4.9	7.62	20.77
400.0	30.44	2.77	4.2	8.24	22.57
400.0	31.96	2.82	3.7	8.87	24.36
400.0	33.39	2.90	3.3	9.49	26.11
400.0	34.77	3.42	3.0	10.11	27.86
400.0	36.11	4.35	2.7	10.73	29.58
400.0	37.41	4.70	2.5	11.36	31.28
400.0	38.67	4.86	2.4	11.98	32.99
400.0	39.89	4.86	2.2	12.60	34.66

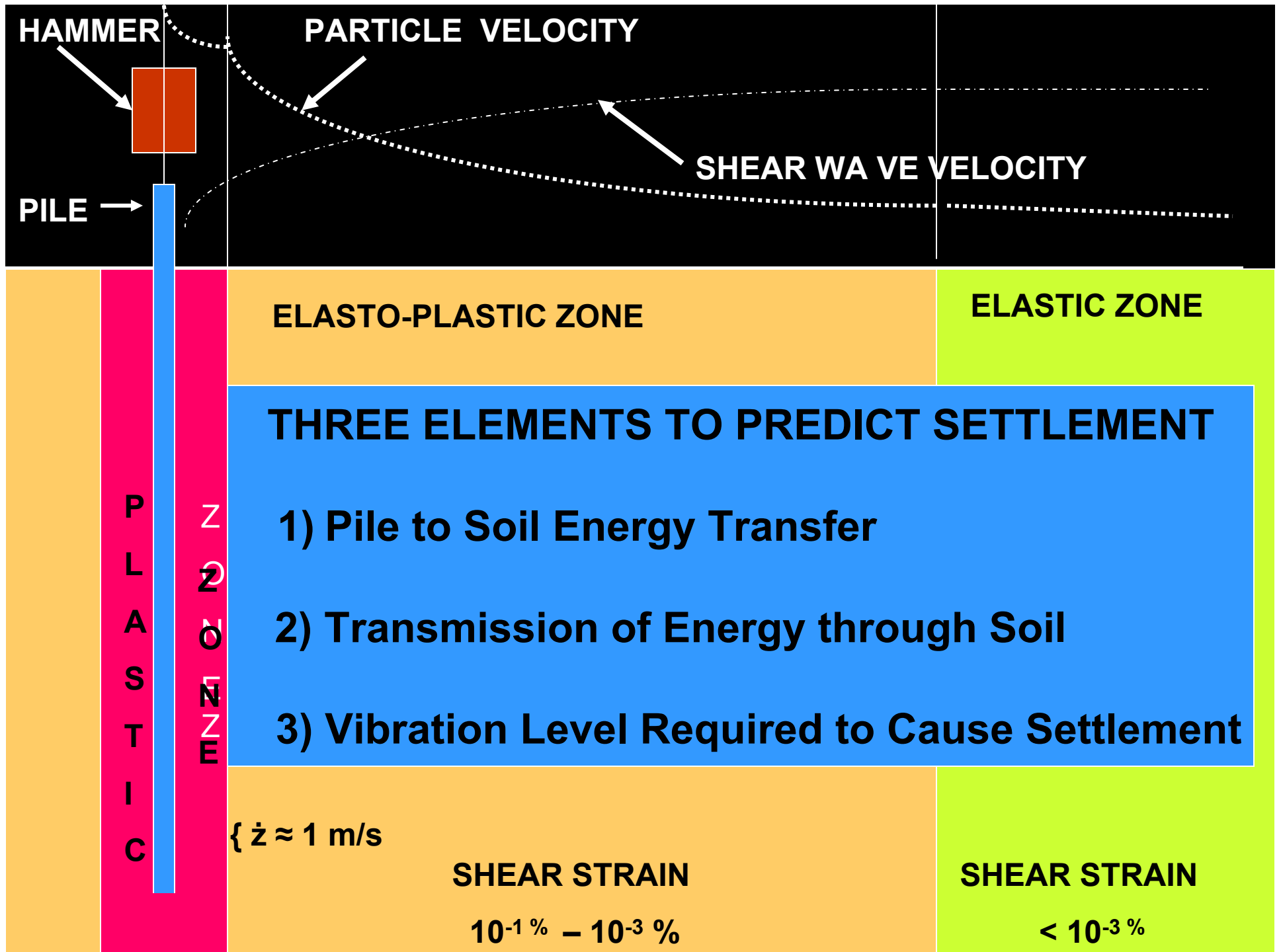


# DRIVING 3 PILES WITH D30-32 HAMMER, 300 BLOWS EACH 70 K-FT

shearing strain 5 Hz (in/in)	shearing strain 50 HZ (in/in)	1-D vert vol. chg 5Hz (in/in)	1-D vert vol. chg 50Hz (in/in)	Vertical Settle 5 Hz (in)	Vertical Settle 50 Hz (in)
0.000338	8.50834E-05	0.0018	0.0004	1.641	0.3648
0	<b>0.000085</b>				0
0.000199	2.28521E-05	0.001	0.0001	0.91	0.0912
0	<b>0.000023</b>				0
0.000339	8.5278E-05	0.0018	0.0004	1.641	0.3648
	<b>0.000085</b>			4.195	0.8208

# SUMMARY





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