

# Seismic Performance of Buried Cables and Pot Heads

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# Agenda

- Performance of Buried Cables in Past Earthquakes (Christchurch 2010, 2011, Napa 2014)
- Shake Table and In Situ Testing of Pot Heads (115 kV, 230 kV, 300 kV, Composite, Porcelain)
- Tests of Duct Banks
- Who has these problems on the West Coast (PG&E, BC Hydro recognizes and mitigates. Some others have less exposure, or are “don’t see don’t worry (yet)”
- There are NO standards. What should we do? What about submarine cables?

# Anshel Schiff: “Father” of Earthquake Performance of High Voltage Equipment

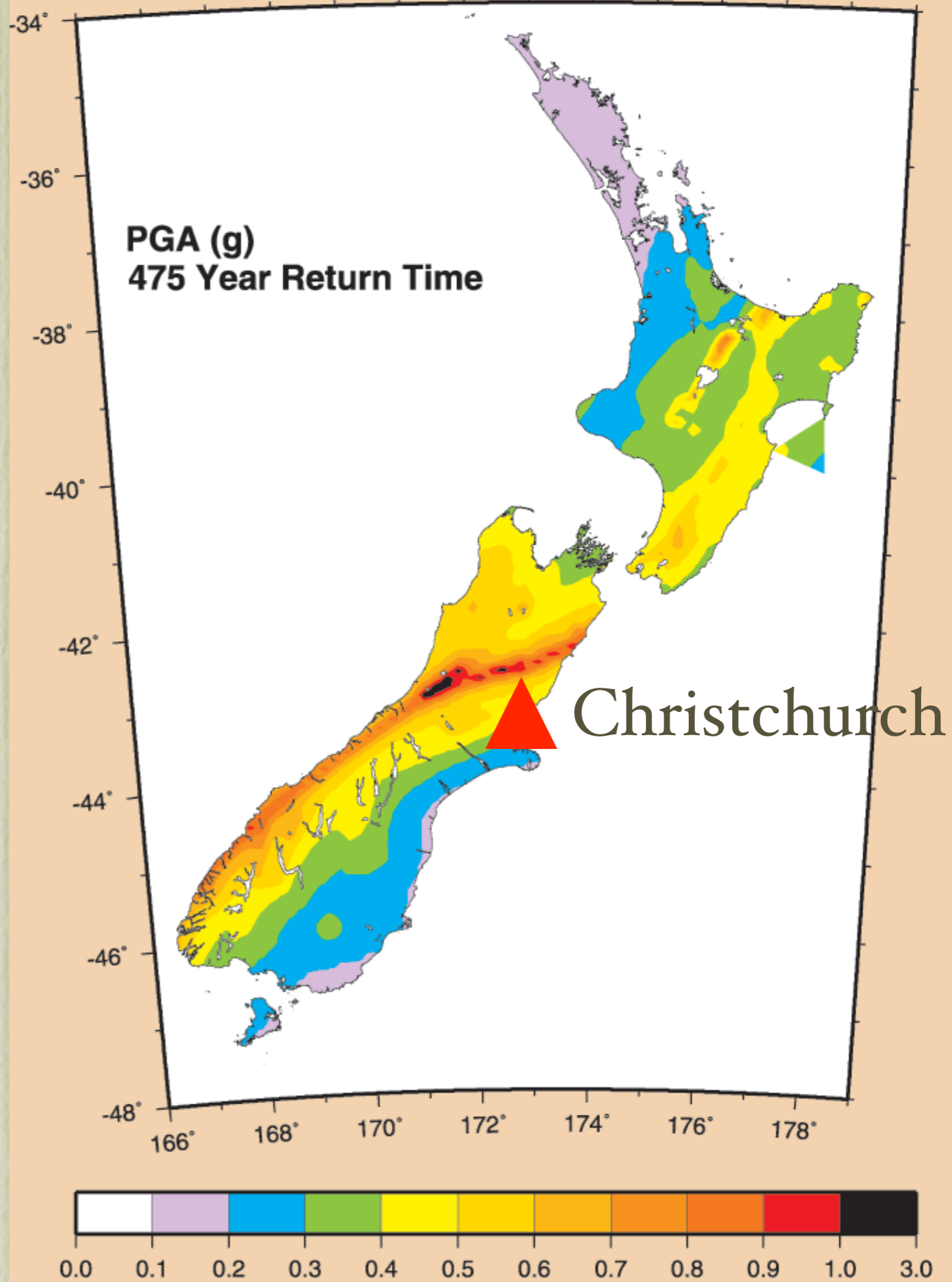
2014 Tests of 230 kV  
Bushing and Surge Arrestor with  
“pseudo” top plate of transformer,  
various types of conductors.  
PSU, BPA



# New Zealand



Earthquake  
Level of Shaking  
475 Years



Christchurch, Feb 22 2011, 1:51 pm



Looking North, from the Port Hills

Collapse of the Central Business District

# Christchurch Cathedral



February 2011

# Orion

- 3rd largest NZ power distribution company
- \$5 million NZ spent, 1995-2009 on seismic strengthening at unreinforced masonry substations, lines and cables



| Construction Type | Length (km) |
|-------------------|-------------|
| PILCA             | 1523.8      |
| PILCA HDPE        | 67.1        |
| XLPE              | 601.0       |
| Unknown           | 24.3        |
| Total             | 2,216.2     |

Table 7-10. Orion 11 kV Cables – Length, by Cable Type (2010)

| Conductor Size | Units       | Conductor Area mm <sup>2</sup> | Length (km) |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 630            | sq. mm.     | 630                            | 3.2         |
| 400            | sq. mm.     | 400                            | 26.5        |
| 300            | sq. mm.     | 300                            | 277.0       |
| 240            | sq. mm.     | 240                            | 14.8        |
| 185            | sq. mm.     | 185                            | 215.4       |
| 180            | sq. mm.     | 180                            | 1.0         |
| 150            | sq. mm.     | 150                            | 68.0        |
| 95             | sq. mm.     | 95                             | 410.9       |
| 70             | sq. mm.     | 70                             | 41.3        |
| 35             | sq. mm.     | 35                             | 126.2       |
| 25             | sq. mm.     | 25                             | 123.8       |
| 16             | sq. mm.     | 16                             | 0.4         |
| .6             | British SWG | 182                            | 0.8         |
| .5             | British SWG | 127                            | 123.9       |
| .4             | British SWG | 81                             | 1.1         |
| .3             | British SWG | 46                             | 14.0        |
| .25            | British SWG | 32                             | 223.4       |
| .2             | British SWG | 19                             | 60.6        |
| .15            | British SWG | 10.5                           | 120.2       |
| .1             | British SWG | 5.5                            | 9.1         |
| .06            | British SWG | 2.1                            | 39.6        |
| .05            | British SWG | 1.2                            | 2.4         |
| .04            | British SWG | 0.81                           | 301.5       |
| .0225          | British SWG | 0.25                           | 1.8         |
| Unknown        | Unknown     | Unknown                        | 8.7         |
| Total          | Total       | Total                          | 2,216.2     |

## Orion Inventory 11 kV

February 22, 2011 Earthquake  
 66kV UG: 50% Failure Rate  
 11 kV UG: 10% Failure Rate  
 400V UG: 1% Failure Rate

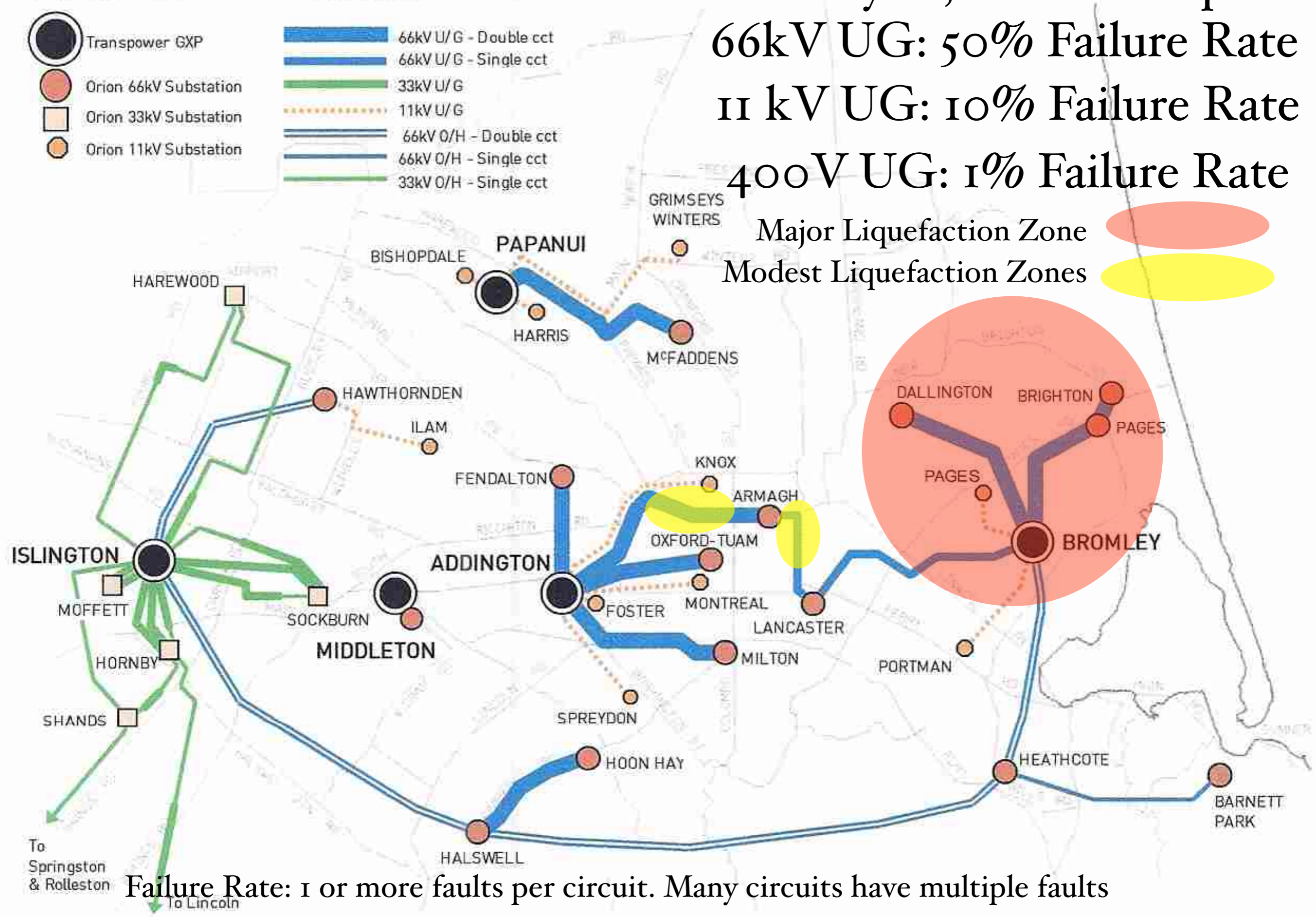
Substation key

- Transpower GXP
- Orion 66kV Substation
- Orion 33kV Substation
- Orion 11kV Substation

Circuit key

- 66kV U/G - Double cct
- 66kV U/G - Single cct
- 33kV U/G
- 11kV U/G
- 66kV O/H - Double cct
- 66kV O/H - Single cct
- 33kV O/H - Single cct

Major Liquefaction Zone   
 Modest Liquefaction Zones



Failure Rate: 1 or more faults per circuit. Many circuits have multiple faults

# Oil Tanks for Buried 66 kV Cables.

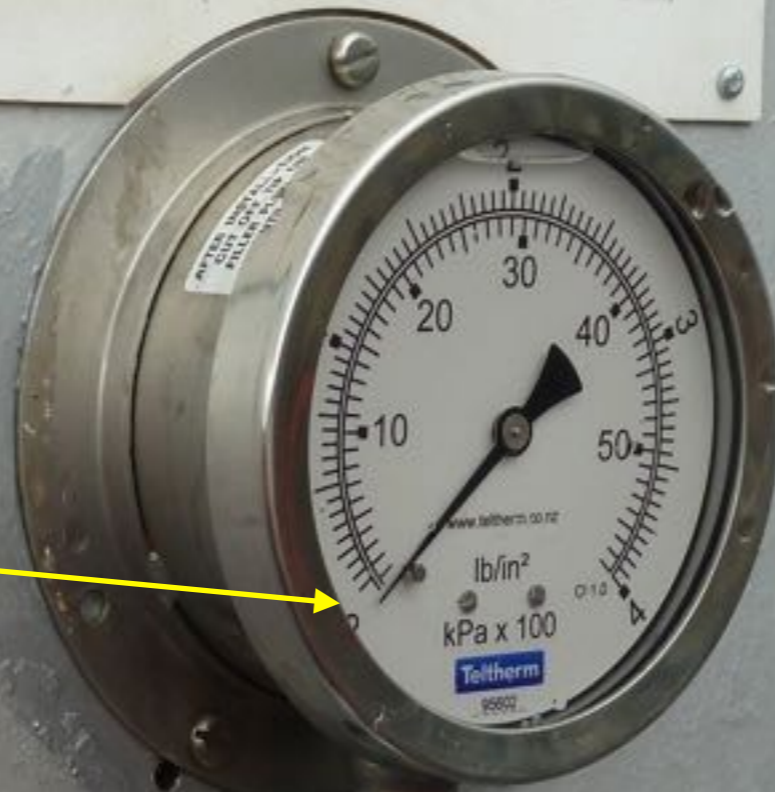
2 of 3 were tilted  
on their  
foundations, one  
spalled concrete  
foundation....

but that is not the  
real problem....



0 psi pressure to buried oil-filled cables  
(3 cables from this substation)

DALLINGTON No.2



This is the  
real problem!

# February 22, 2011 Earthquake

66kV UG: 6 faults, 4 cables  
 11 kV UG: 433 cables  
 400V UG: sporadic

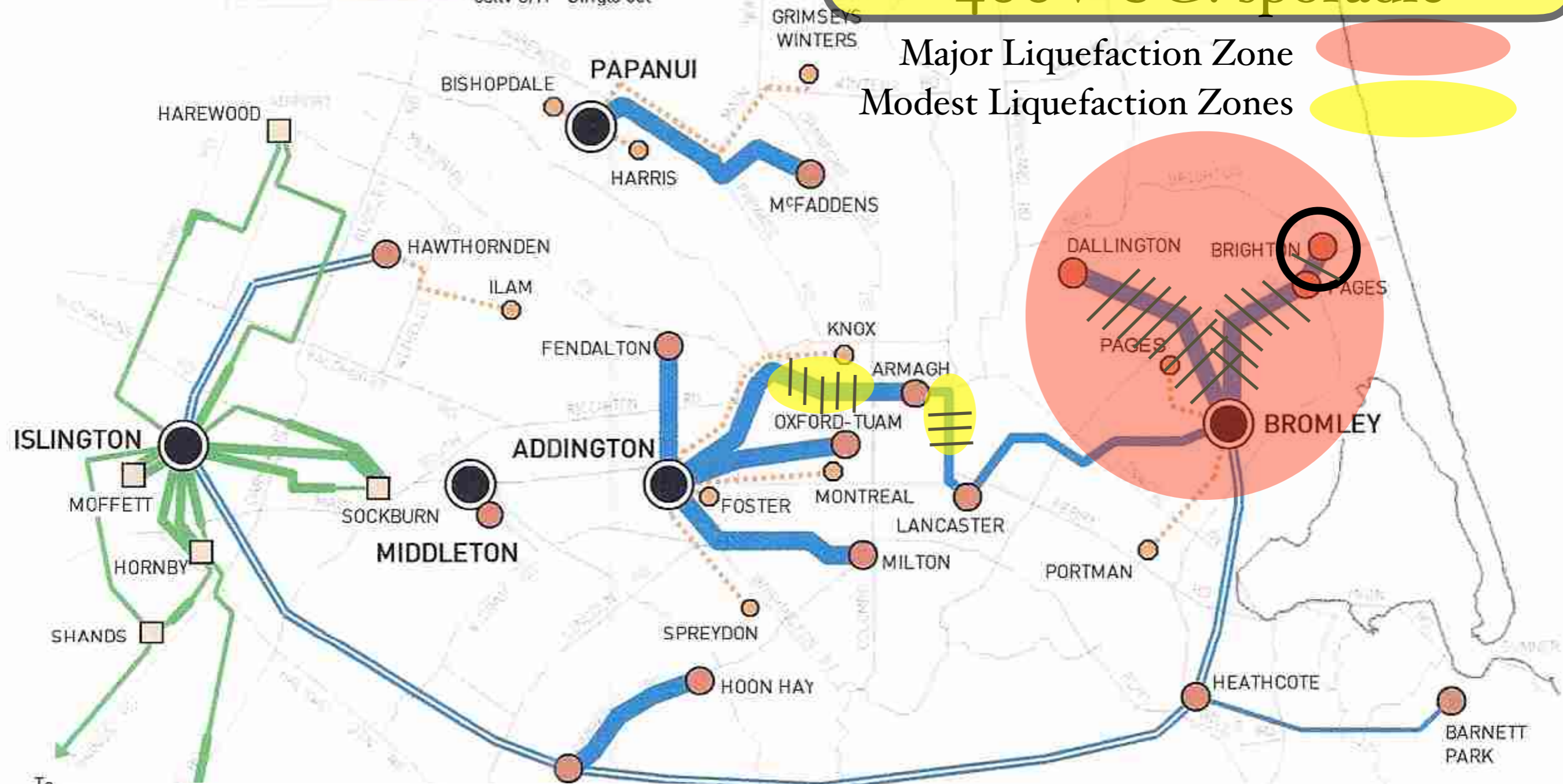
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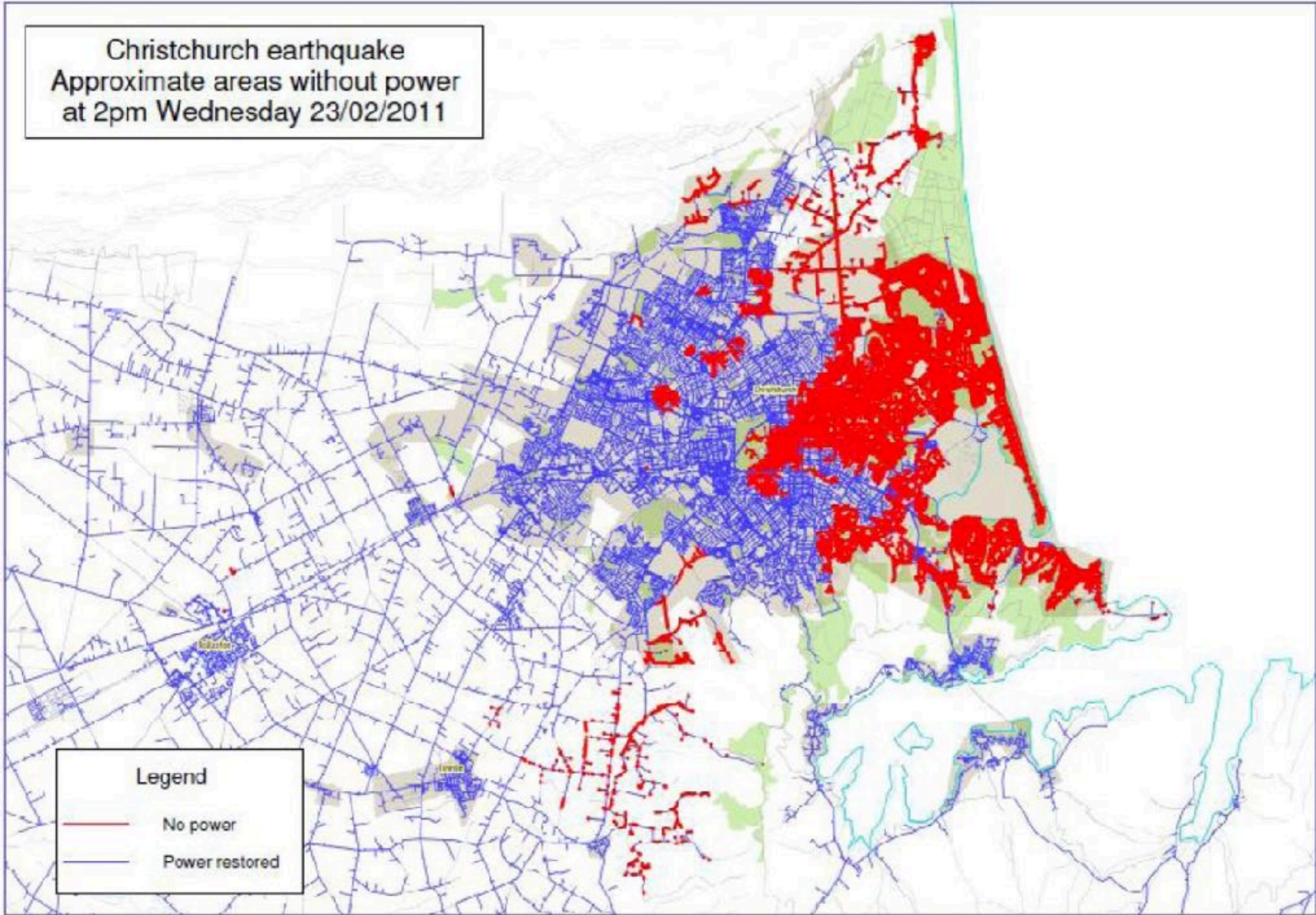
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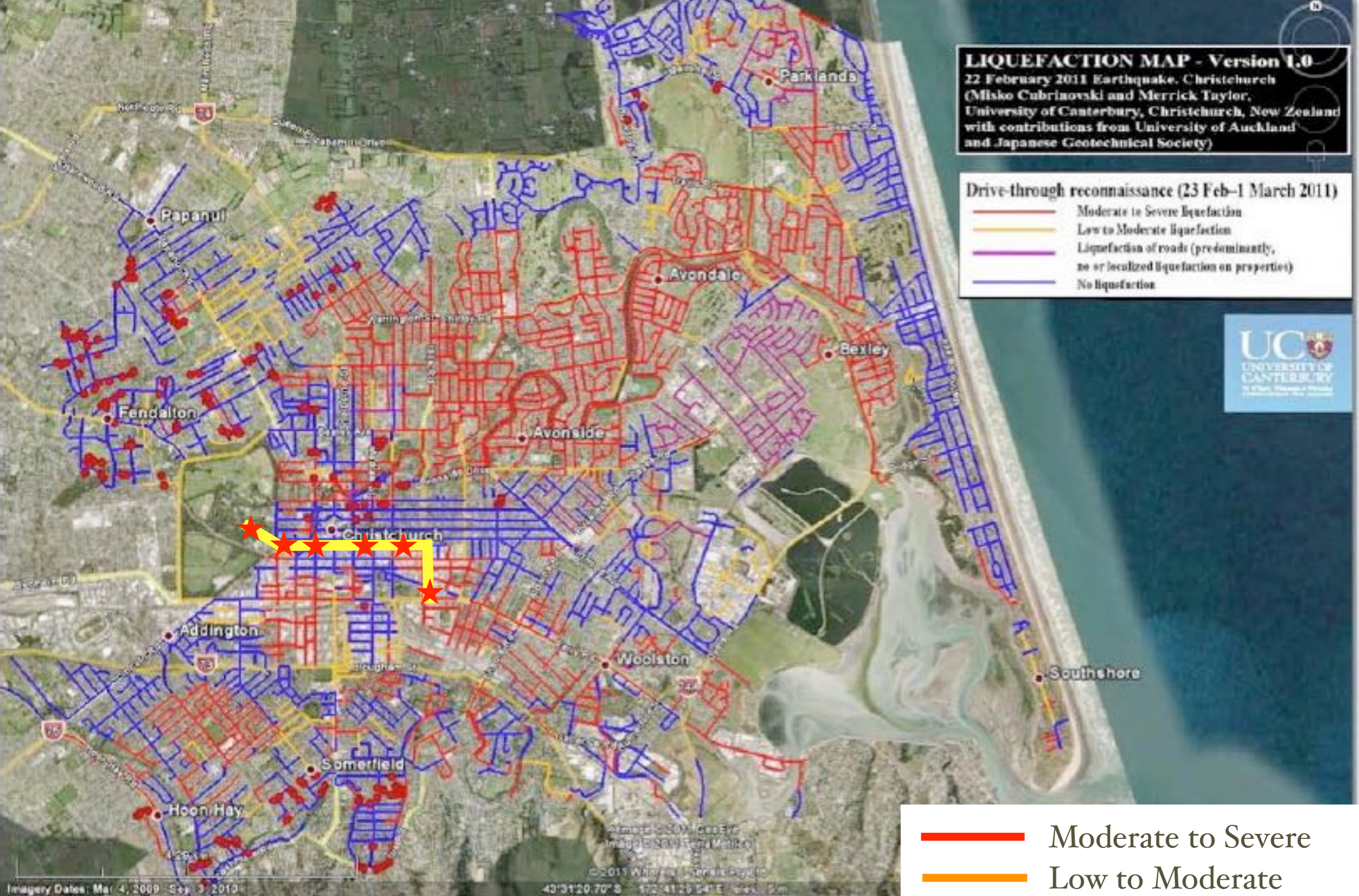


To Spr & F  
 Failure Rate: 1 or more faults per circuit.  
 Many circuits have multiple faults

Substation destroyed due to liquefaction  
 Faulted buried 66 kV Circuit

**Christchurch earthquake  
Approximate areas without power  
at 2pm Wednesday 23/02/2011**





Liquefaction from the Feb 22 2011 Event





- **PILCA: 418 repairs**
- **PILCA with HDPE Sheathing: 10 repairs**
- **XLPE: 5 repairs (installed 1999 - 2006)**

- 1910-1919. 1 repair
- 1920-1929. 0 repairs
- 1930-1939. 8 repairs
- 1940-1949. 7 repairs
- 1950-1959. 49 repairs
- 1960-1969. 122 repairs
- 1970-1979. 170 repairs
- 1980-1989. 60 repairs
- 1990-1999. 29 repairs
- 2000-2009. 8 repairs
- 2010. 1 repair

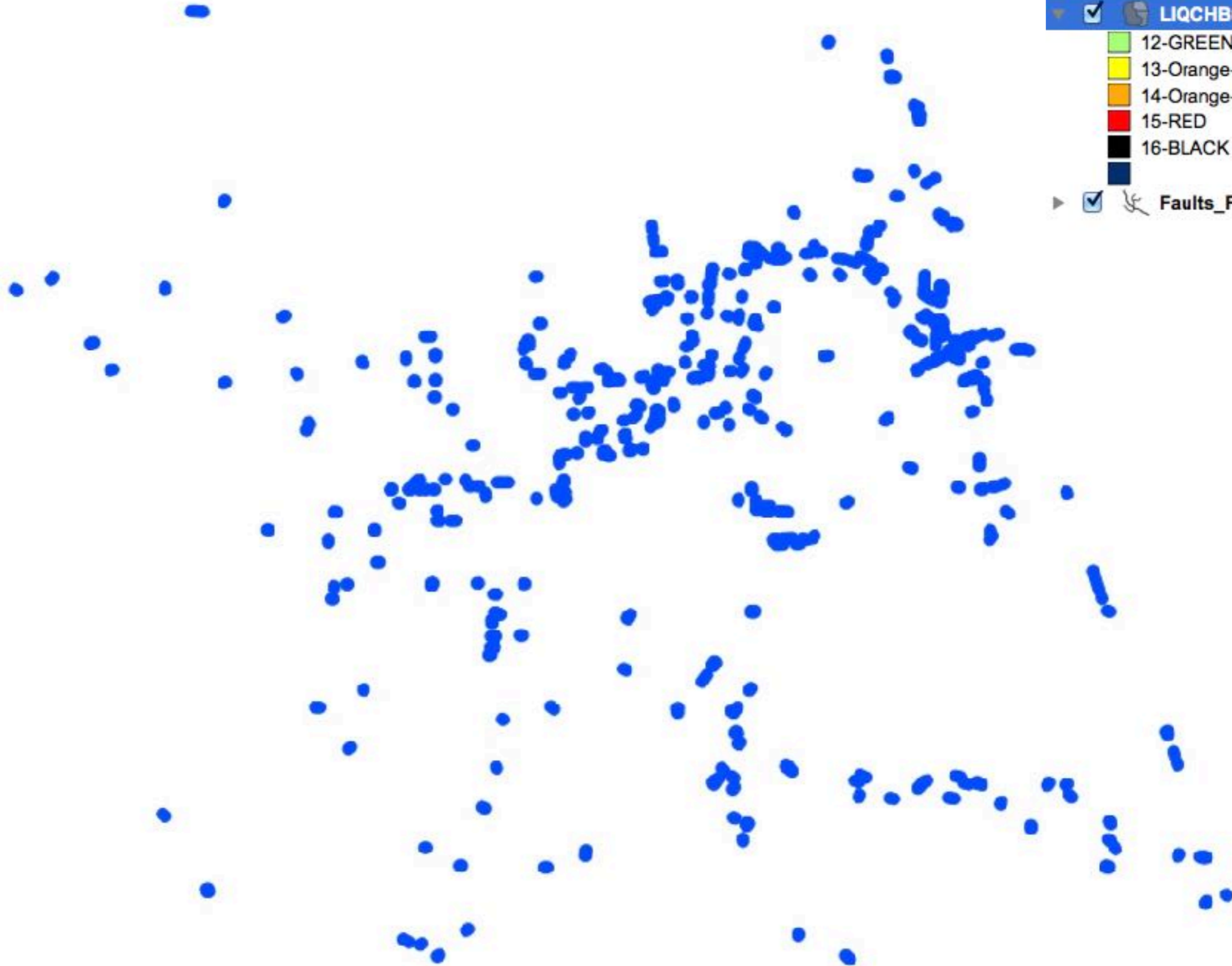
# 11 kV Cable Faults Feb 2011

0 4 km



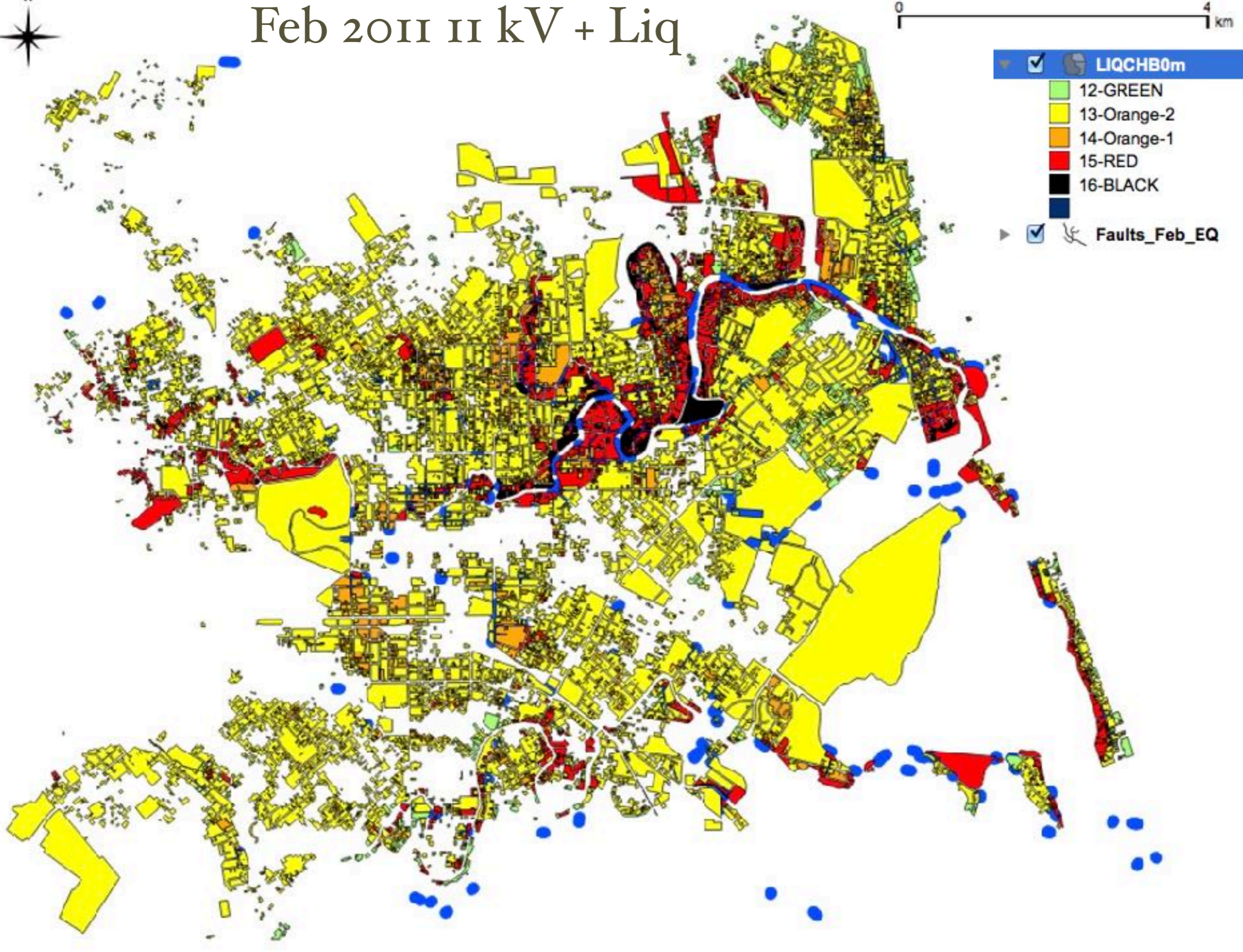
LIQCHB0m

- 12-GREEN
- 13-Orange-2
- 14-Orange-1
- 15-RED
- 16-BLACK
- Faults\_Feb\_EQ



# Feb 2011 11 kV + Liq

0 4 km



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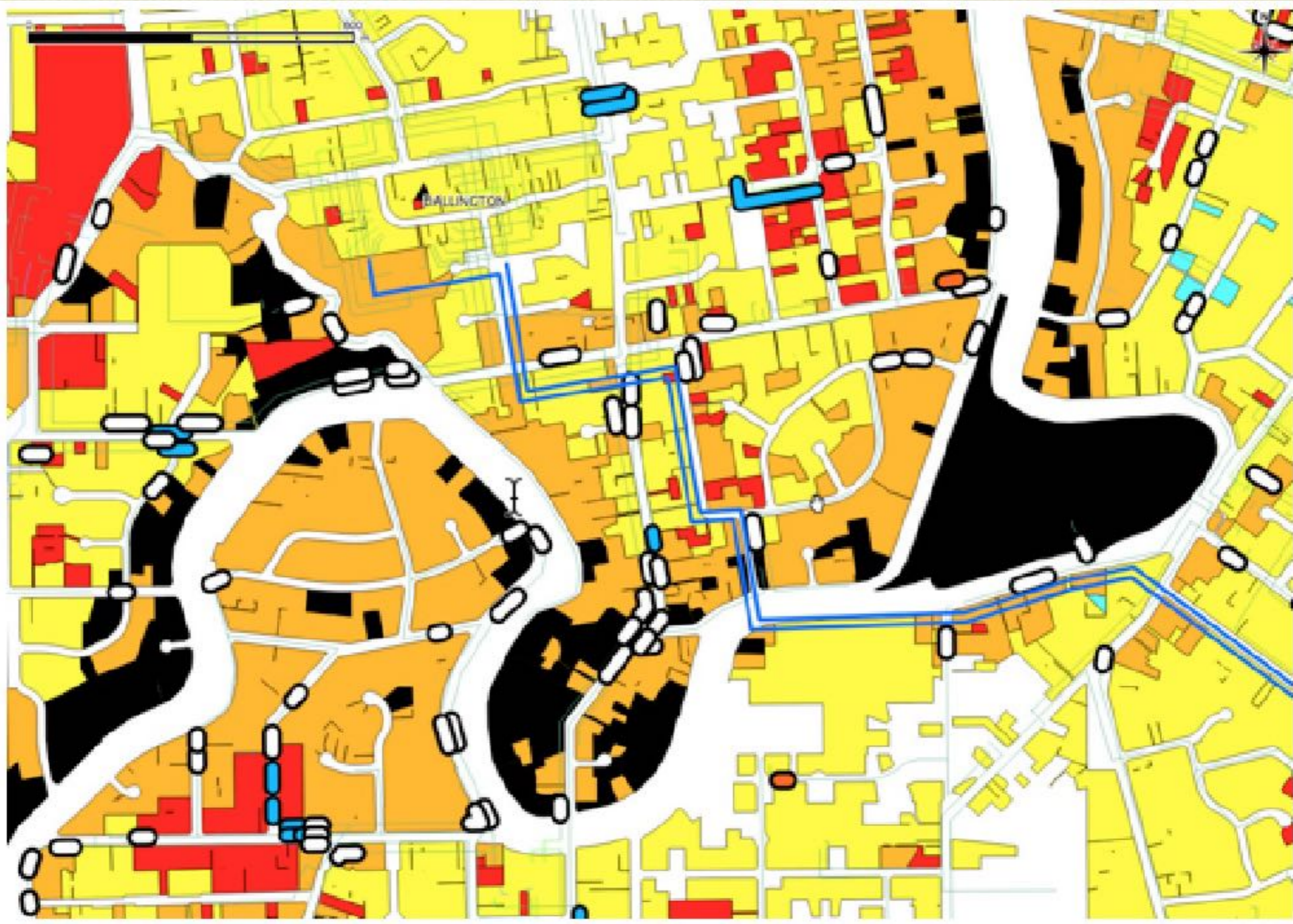
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# Liquefaction Map for Christchurch



Blue: Sept 2010  
White: Feb 2011  
Red: June 2011





John O'Donnell - Chief Operating Officer

XLPE Type

Shane Watson - Network Asset Manager

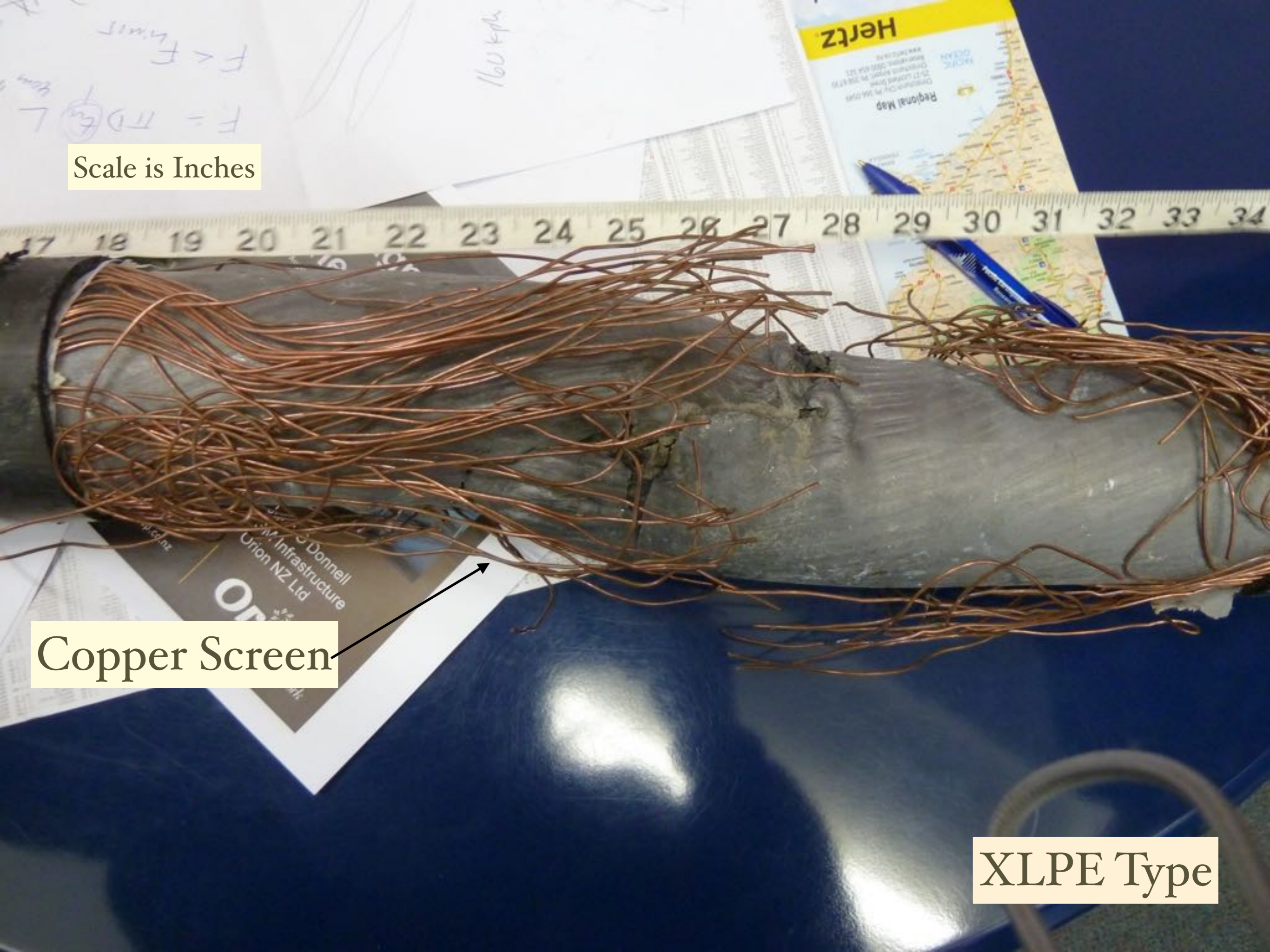
XLPE Type



Scale is Inches

Copper Screen

XLPE Type





Metallic Screen



XLPE Insulation



HDPE Sheath

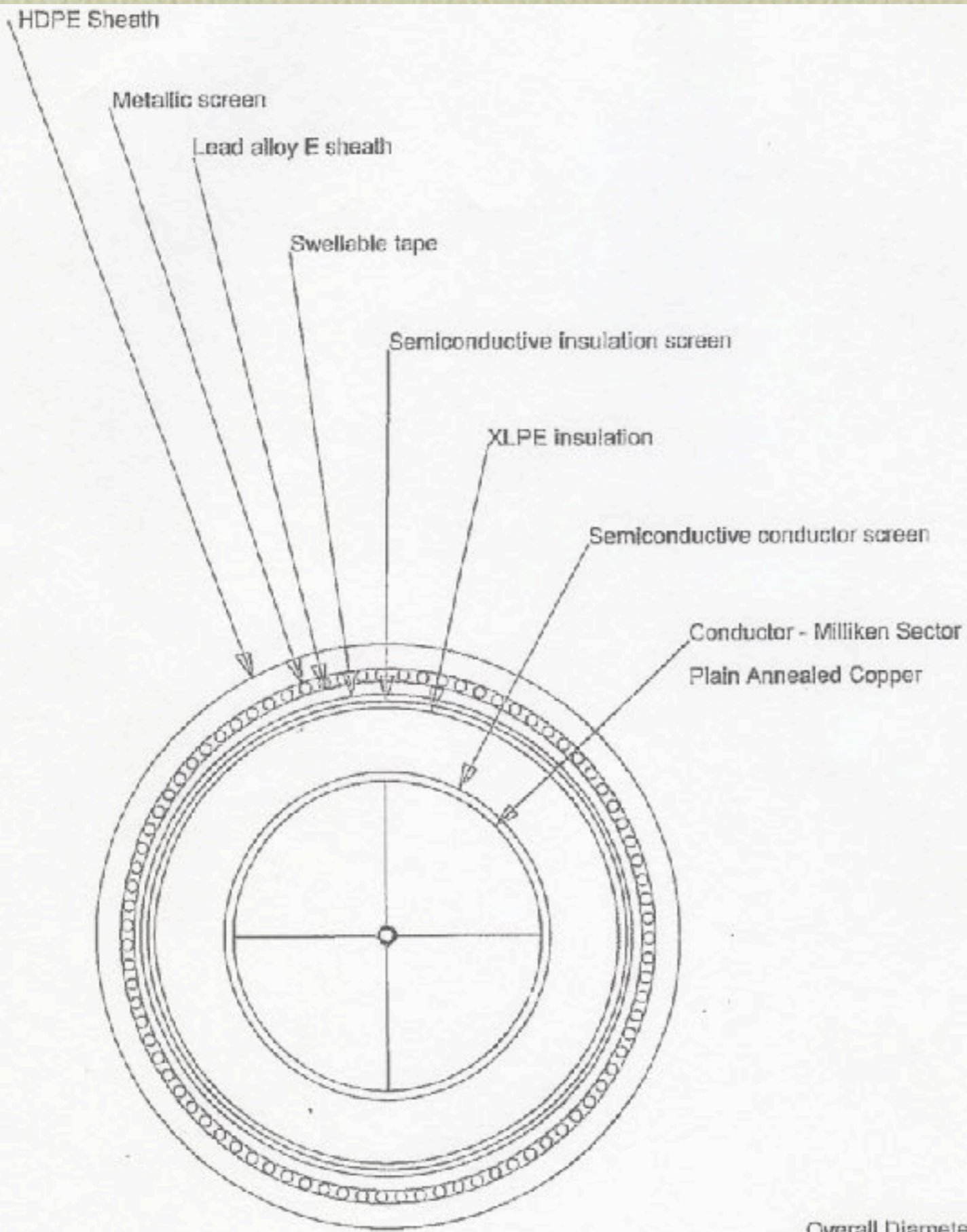


Copper Core



Lead Sheath



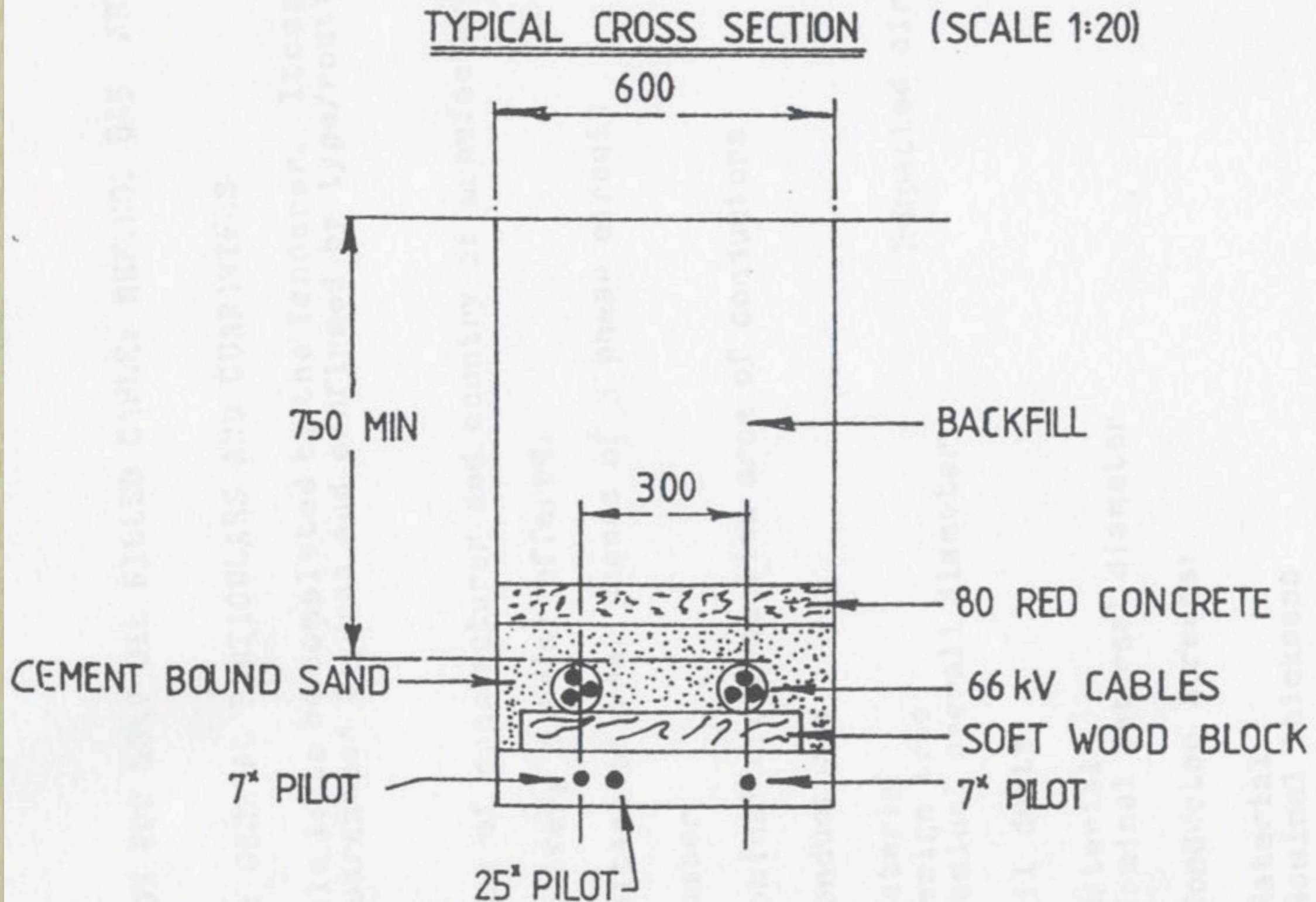


DESCRIPTION: 1 Conductor 1600 mm<sup>2</sup> Milliken Sector Plain Annealed Copper, Semiconductive XLPE Conductor Screen (1.6 mm nominal), 38/66 kV XLPE Insulated (10 mm min av wall), Semiconductive XLPE Insulation Screen (1.0 mm min av wall), Waterblocking Screen Taped, Lead Sheathed (2.0 mm min av wall), Copper Wire screened (area 119 mm<sup>2</sup>), HDPE Sheathed (3.6 mm min av wall), Graphite coated, EHV cable to AS 1429.2.

Overall Diameter:  
 92.5 ± 1.6 mm  
 Net Mass:  
 25203 kg/km

May 6 1999  
 Installations

# 66 kV Cable, Armaugh. OD = 89.1 mm



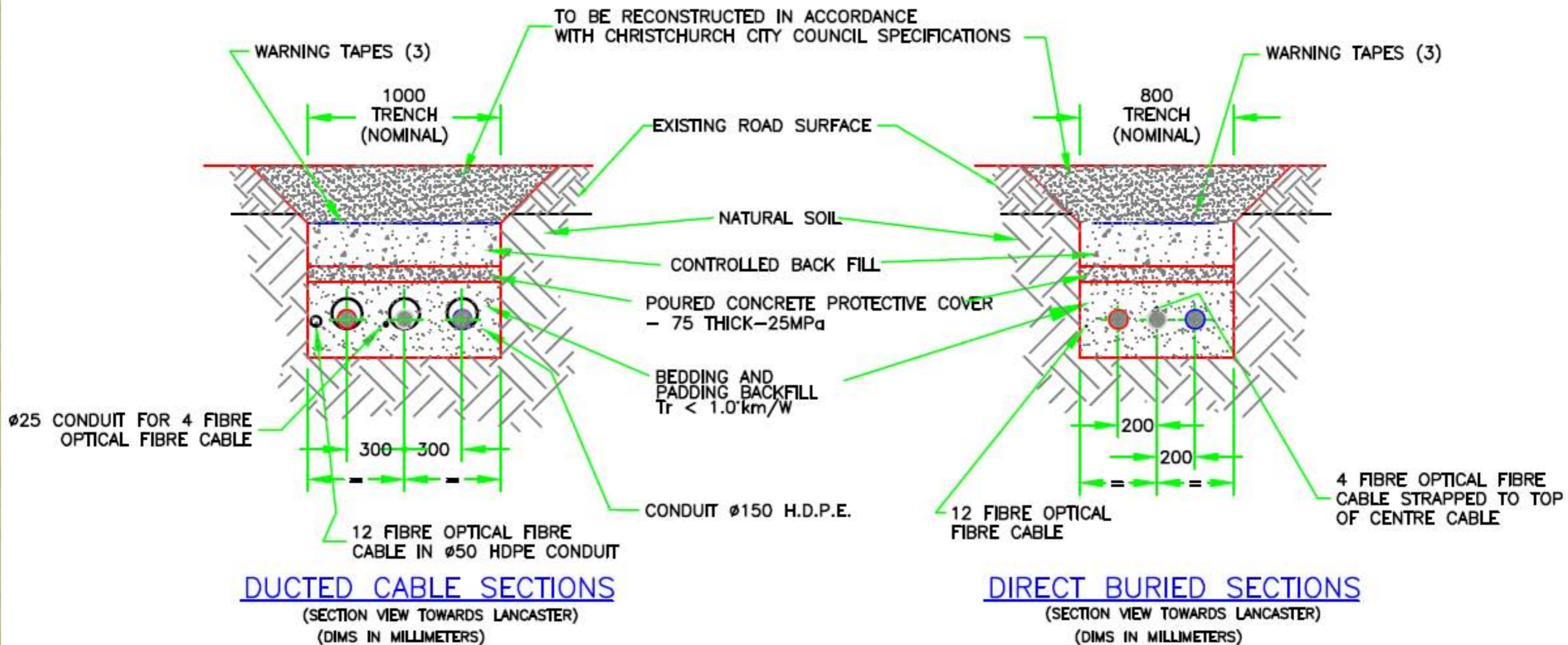
Conductor: 20.35 mm diameter, aluminum  $300 \text{ mm}^2$

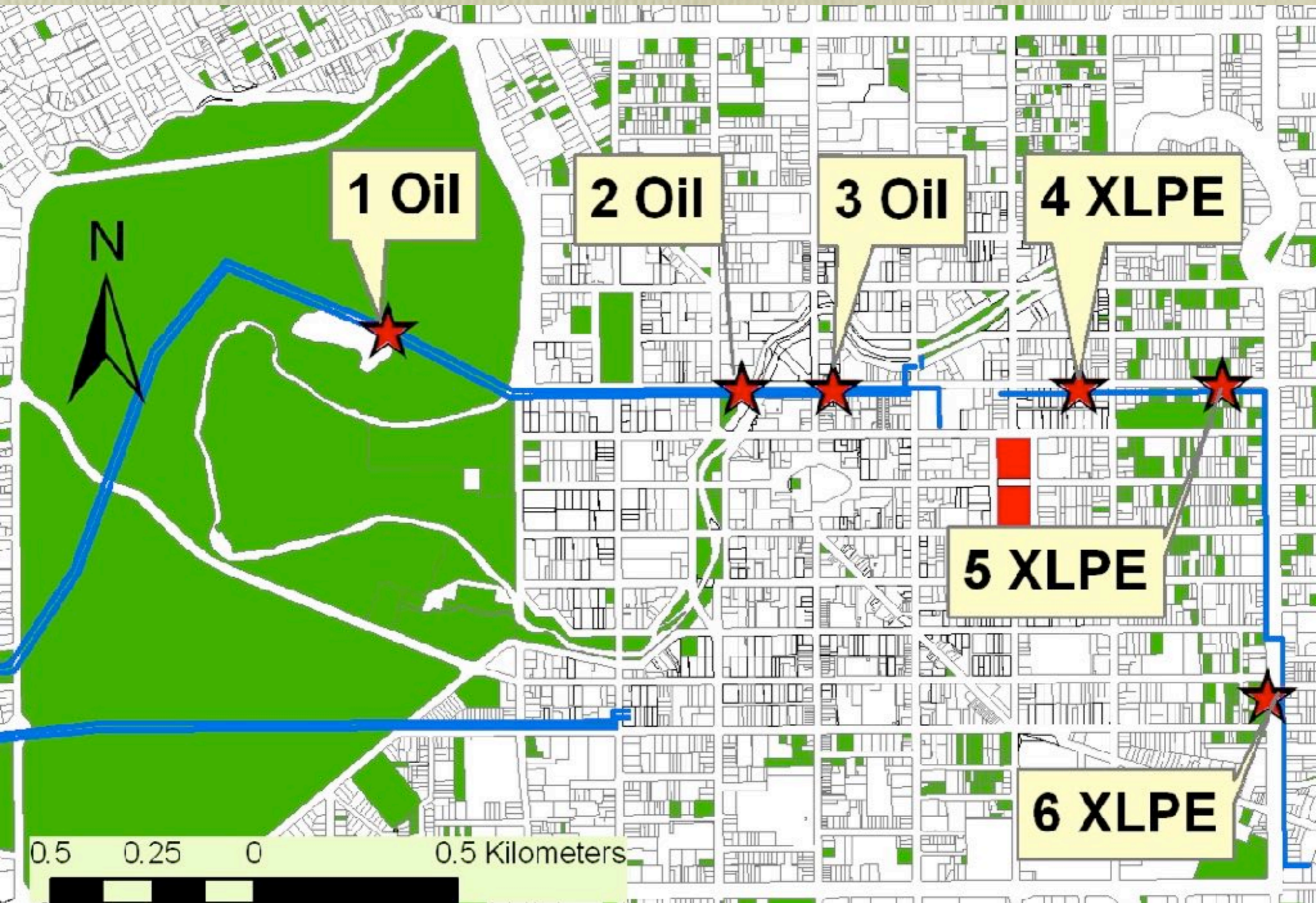
Oil ducts: 12.5 mm diameter, aluminum

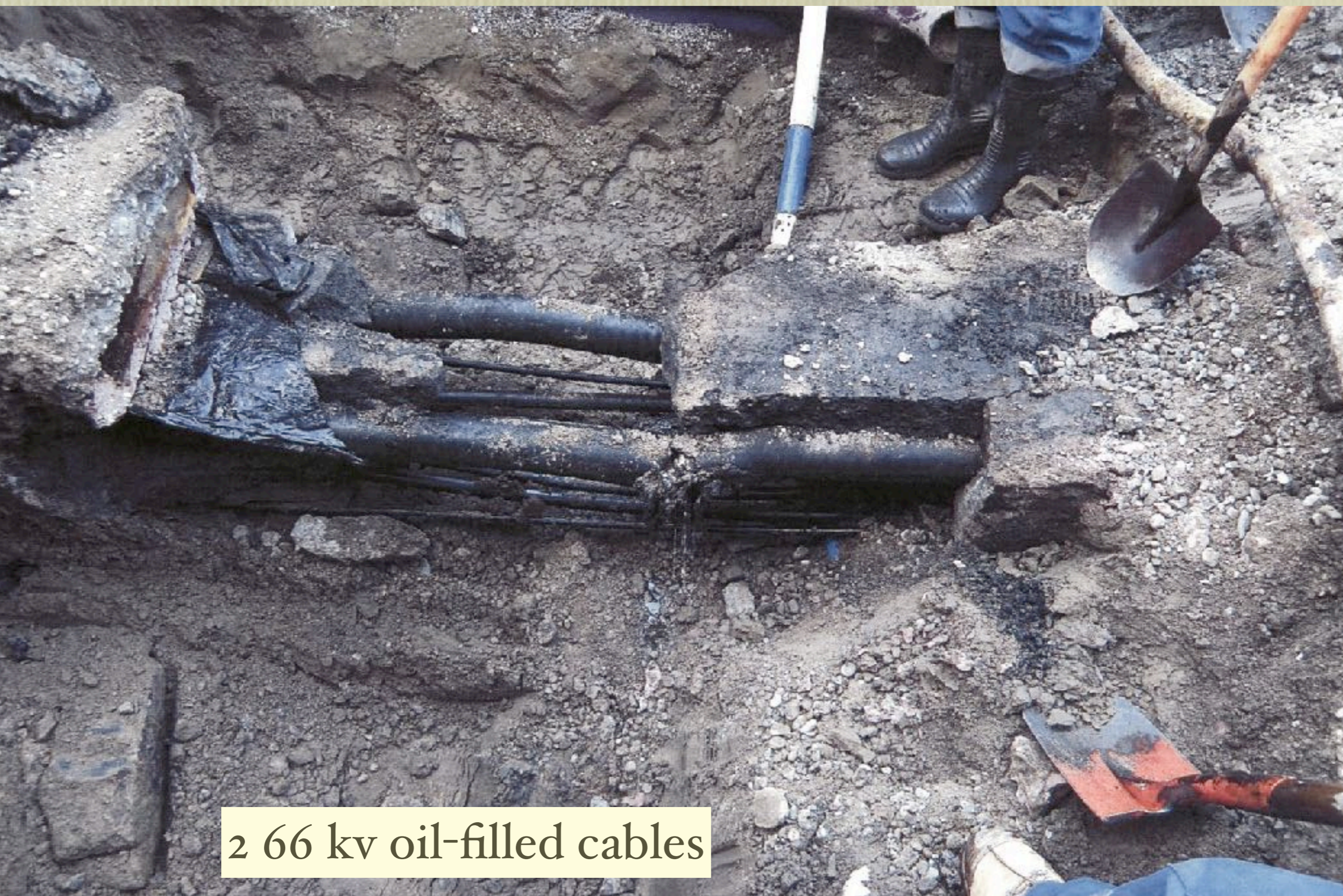
Corrugated aluminum sheath:  $t = 1.5 \text{ mm}$   $3.7 \text{ mm}$  depth  $29.3 \text{ mm}$  pitch  $0.5 \text{ mm}$  OD;  $F_y (0.01\%) = 34.5 \text{ MN/m}^2$ .  $F_a = 12.2 \text{ MN/m}^2$ .  $W = 9.6 \text{ kg/m}$

# 1600Cu XLPE TRENCHING DETAILS

TO BE RECONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL SPECIFICATIONS







2 66 kv oil-filled cables

# Oil-Filled Pipe Type 66 kV Cable - Armagh



Oil Filled Pipe Type



66 kV Oil Filled Pipe Type



# 66 kV Oil Filled Pipe Type, Armagh

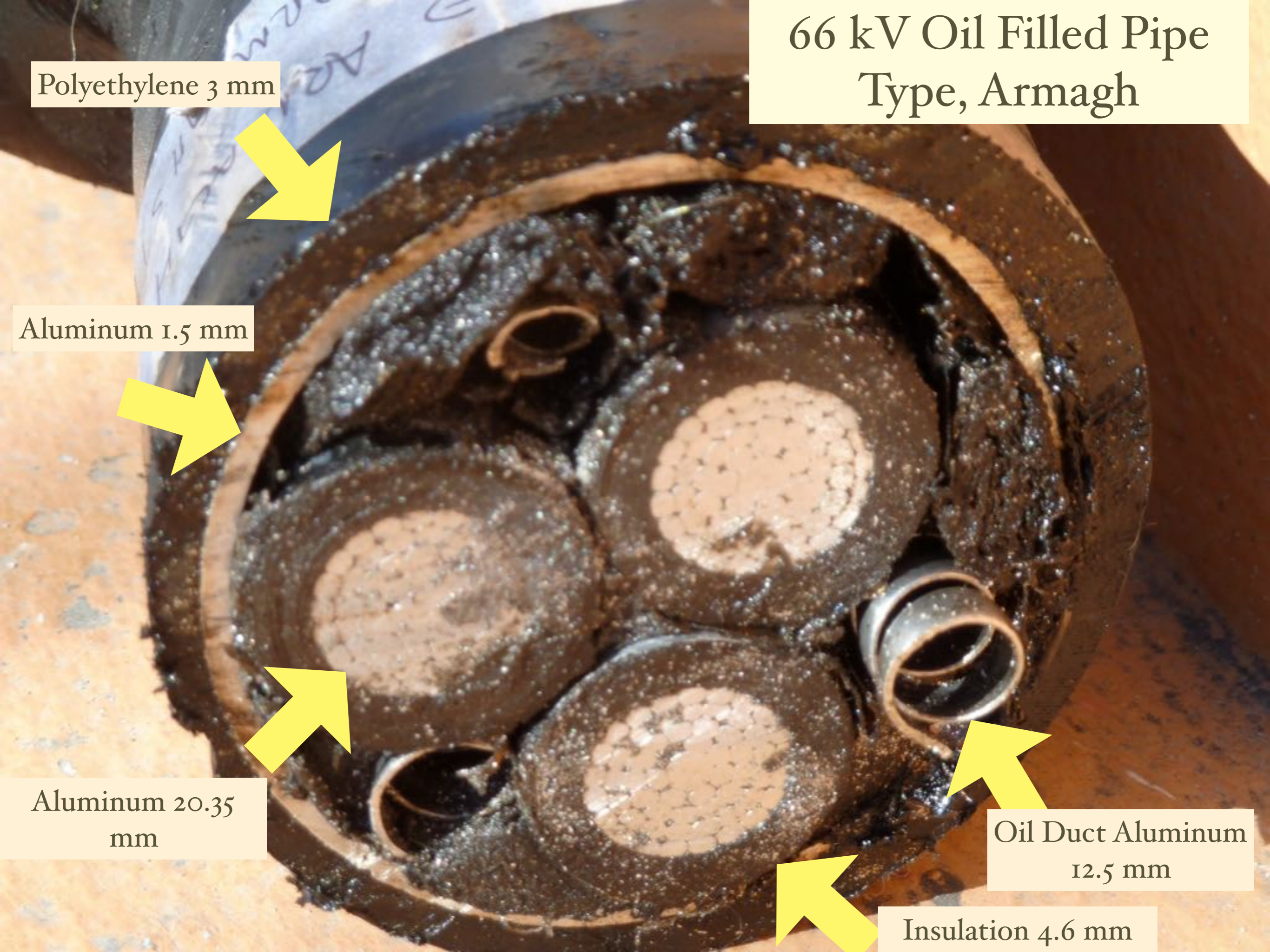
Polyethylene 3 mm

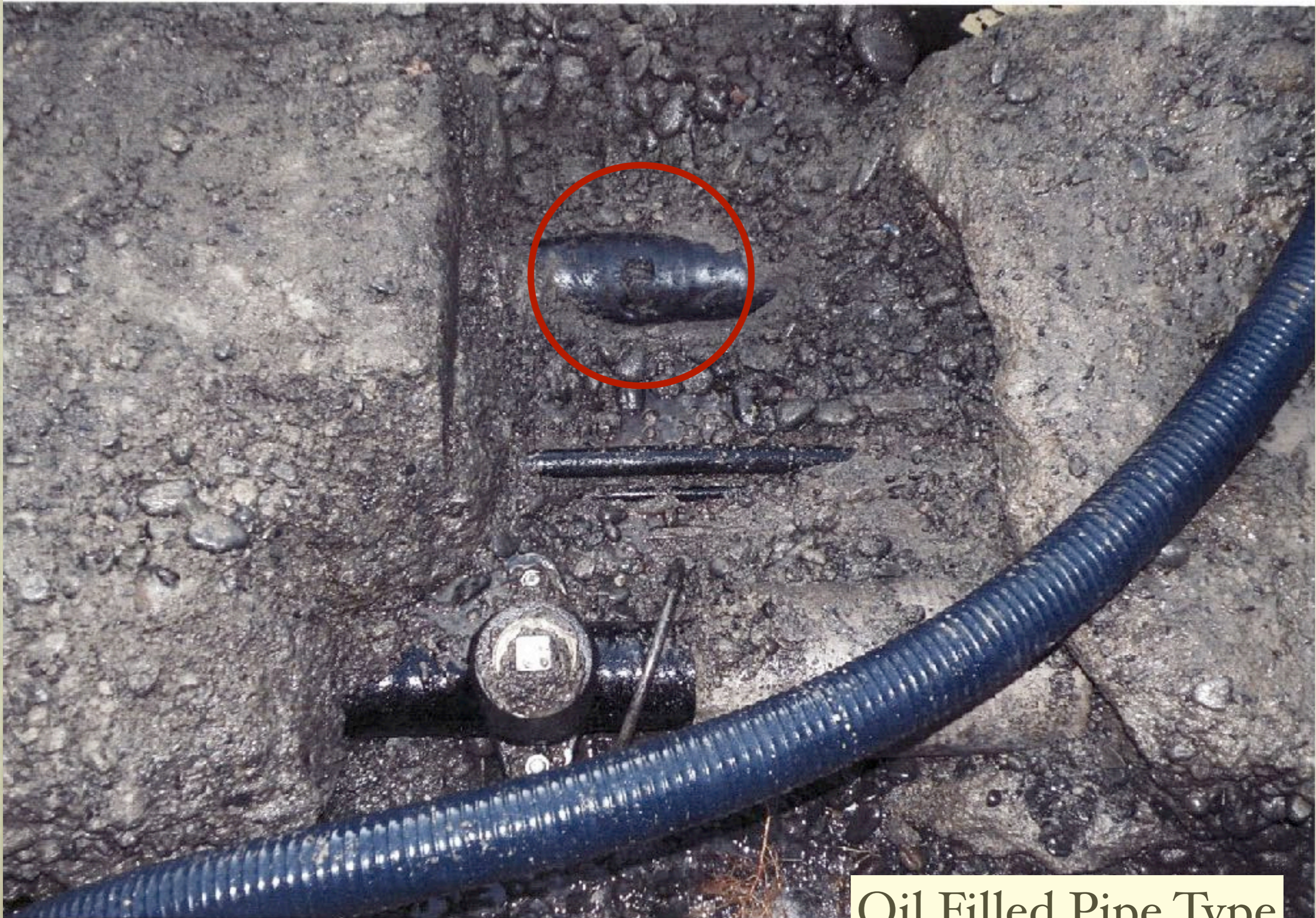
Aluminum 1.5 mm

Aluminum 20.35  
mm

Oil Duct Aluminum  
12.5 mm

Insulation 4.6 mm





Oil Filled Pipe Type



Oil Filled Pipe Type



Oil Filled Pipe Type







Oil Filled Pipe Type













66 kV XLPE Type

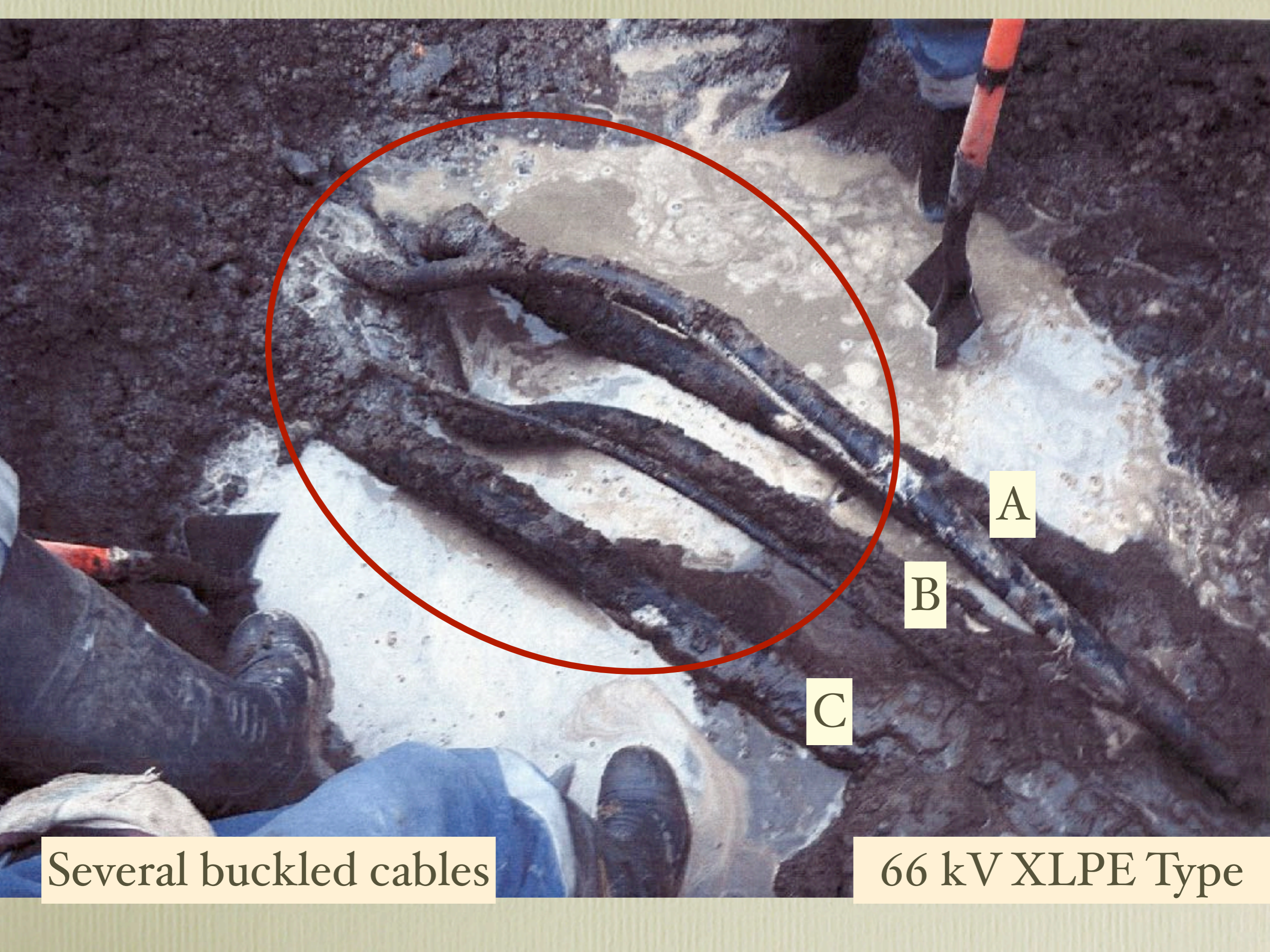


C

B

A

66 kV XLPE Type



Several buckled cables

66 kV XLPE Type



66 kV XLPE Type



66 kV XLPE Type





Two 66 kV Oil  
Filled Pipe-Type  
Cables



11 kV Cable





11 kV Cable









11 kV







11 kV - Transition from direct burial to conduit





















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# Main Power Buried Cable Damage

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M7.2 Canterbury Earthquake of  
September 4 2010

Sept 4 2010. 7:14 am  
t + 3 hours



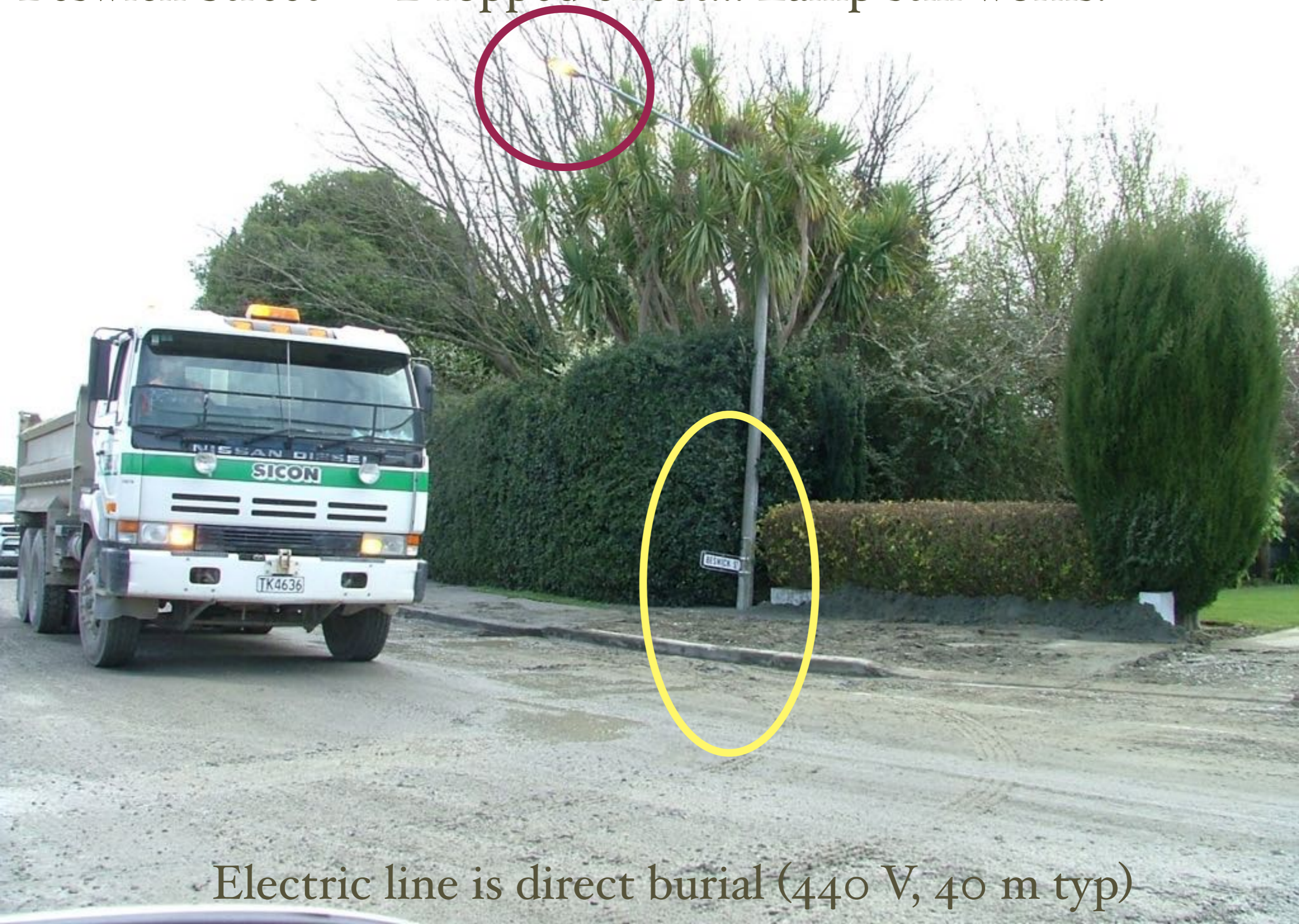


Cnr Beswick And Sewell Sts, Kaiapoi  
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Beswick Street

Dropped 6 feet... Lamp still works!



Electric line is direct burial (440 V, 40 m typ)



Kaiapoi, Opposite Police Station, Williams Street







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Electrician  
Plumber  
Gas Fitter  
Roofing  
Painting  
Carpentry  
Joinery  
Tiling  
Flooring  
Gardening  
Landscaping  
Drainage  
Scaffolding  
Structural Steel  
Concrete  
Brickwork  
Masonry  
Painting & Decorating  
Roofing & Guttering  
Plumbing & Gas Fitting  
Electrical & Data Cabling  
HVAC & Air Conditioning  
Solar Panel Installation  
Window & Door Installation  
Fencing & Gates  
Paving & Driveways  
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# Failed Meter Service to House (Liquefaction)



Rolleston, Looking Southeast



# Rolleston, Looking Northwest





Fault Crossing - Post Earthquake

# Liquefaction along the Main North Line

Sept 4 2010 3:14 pm

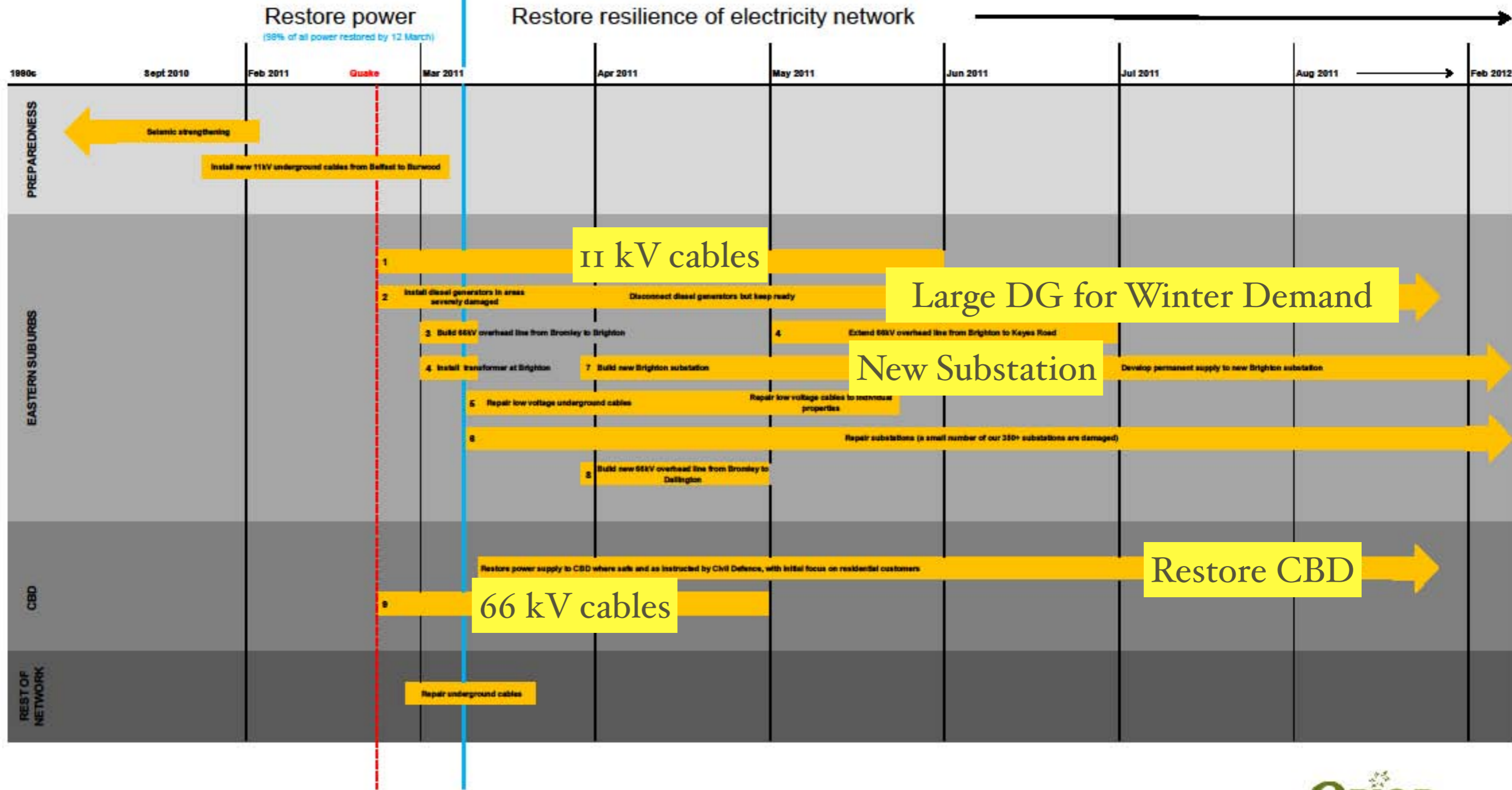


# Liquefaction along the Main North Line Several days later



# 98% Restored

## Proposed 2011 earthquake work plan



# Why do the cables fail?

- Choice 1 .Ground settlements to 2 to 5 cm  
(LESS LIKELY)
- Choice 2. Lateral cracking of top soil cap,  
followed by block vibration (MOST LIKELY)



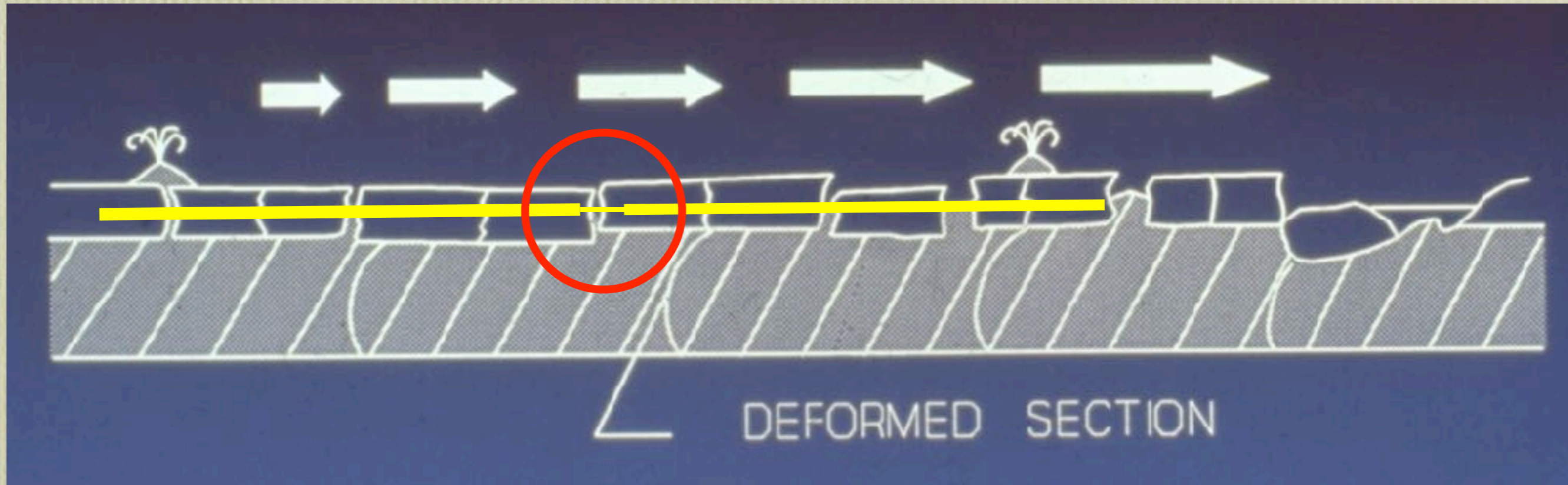
# Before the Earthquake



High Voltage Buried Cable

## During the Earthquake

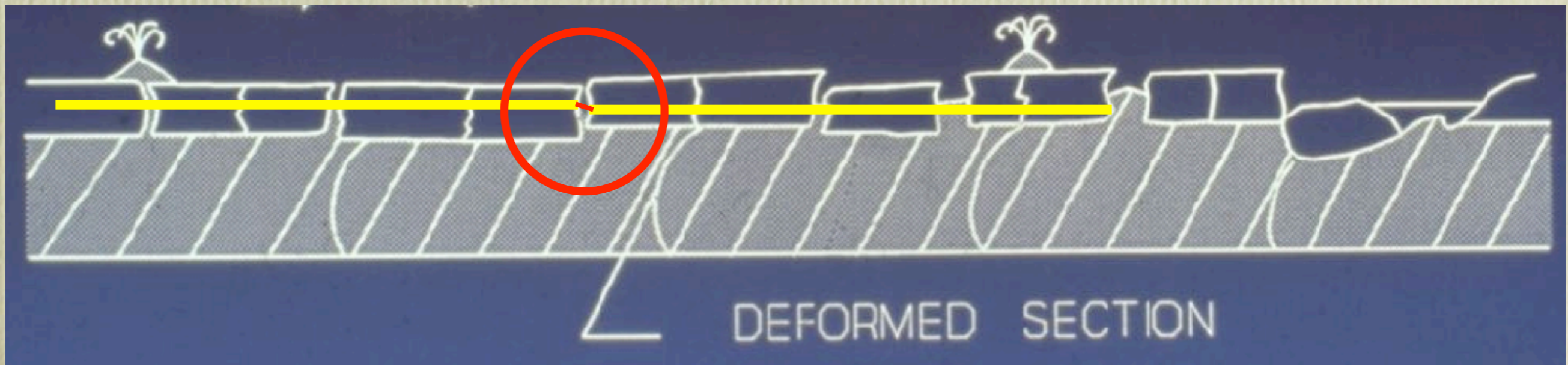
Soil cap break into independent blocks and begin to slosh around, tending towards free face



Cable Stretches

# After the Earthquake (minutes)

Soil cap blocks continue to vibrate back and forth



Cable Compresses, High Curvature, Buckles and Fails

66 kV Cable

110  
0111





# Mitigation Strategies

- Never use direct burial cables in thermal concrete in liquefaction zones.
- Use overhead (if possible)
- User buried cables in PVC or HDPE conduits within reinforced thermal concrete duct banks

Napa California  
August 23 2014

# Distribution System

- Key findings. Napa 2014 Earthquake.
- 127 damage locations.
- 23 “types” of damage.
- Most common (53%) is overhead conductors; then overhead cross arms and overhead jumpers.
- No broken poles.
- No broken underground cables.



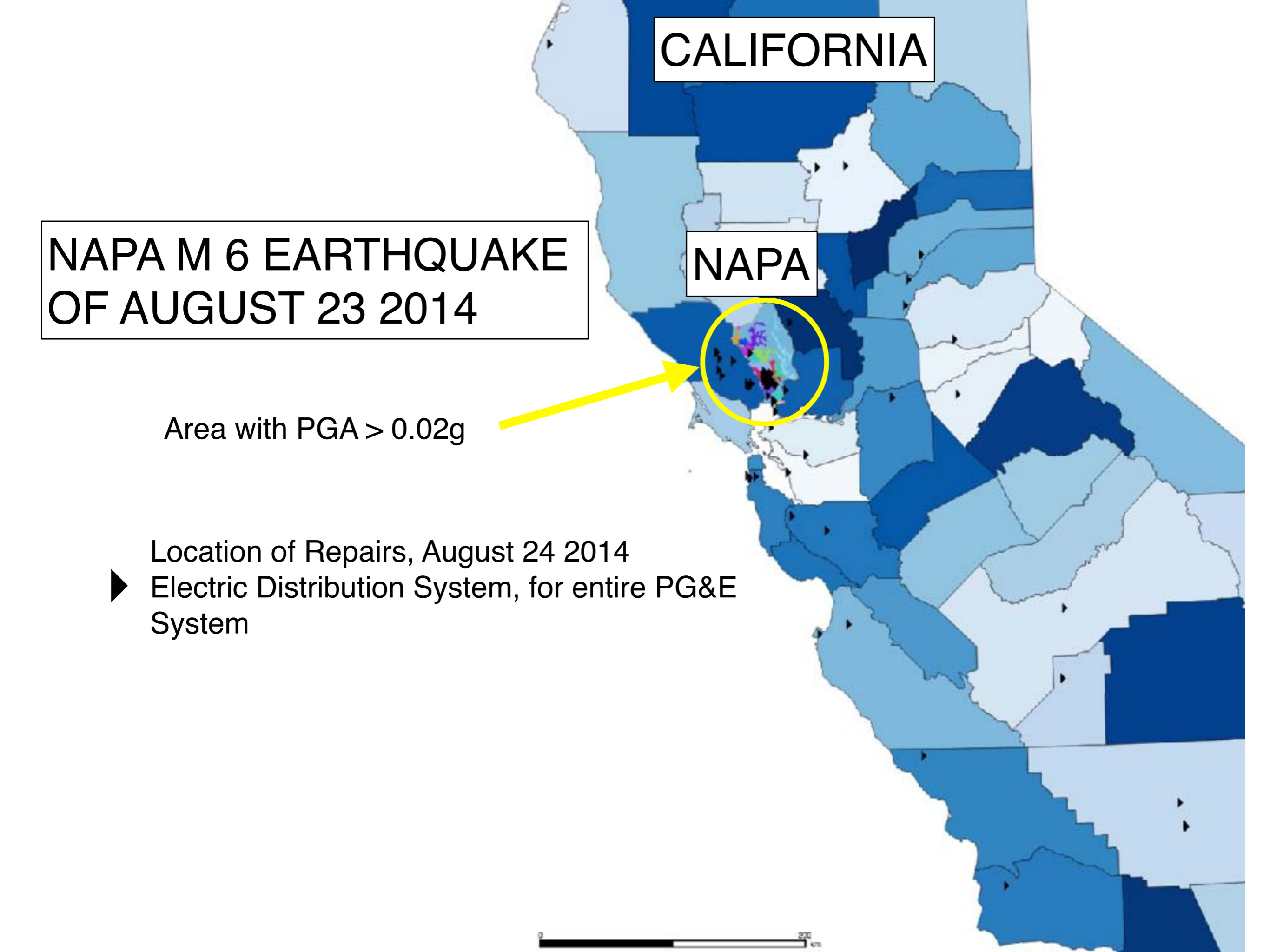
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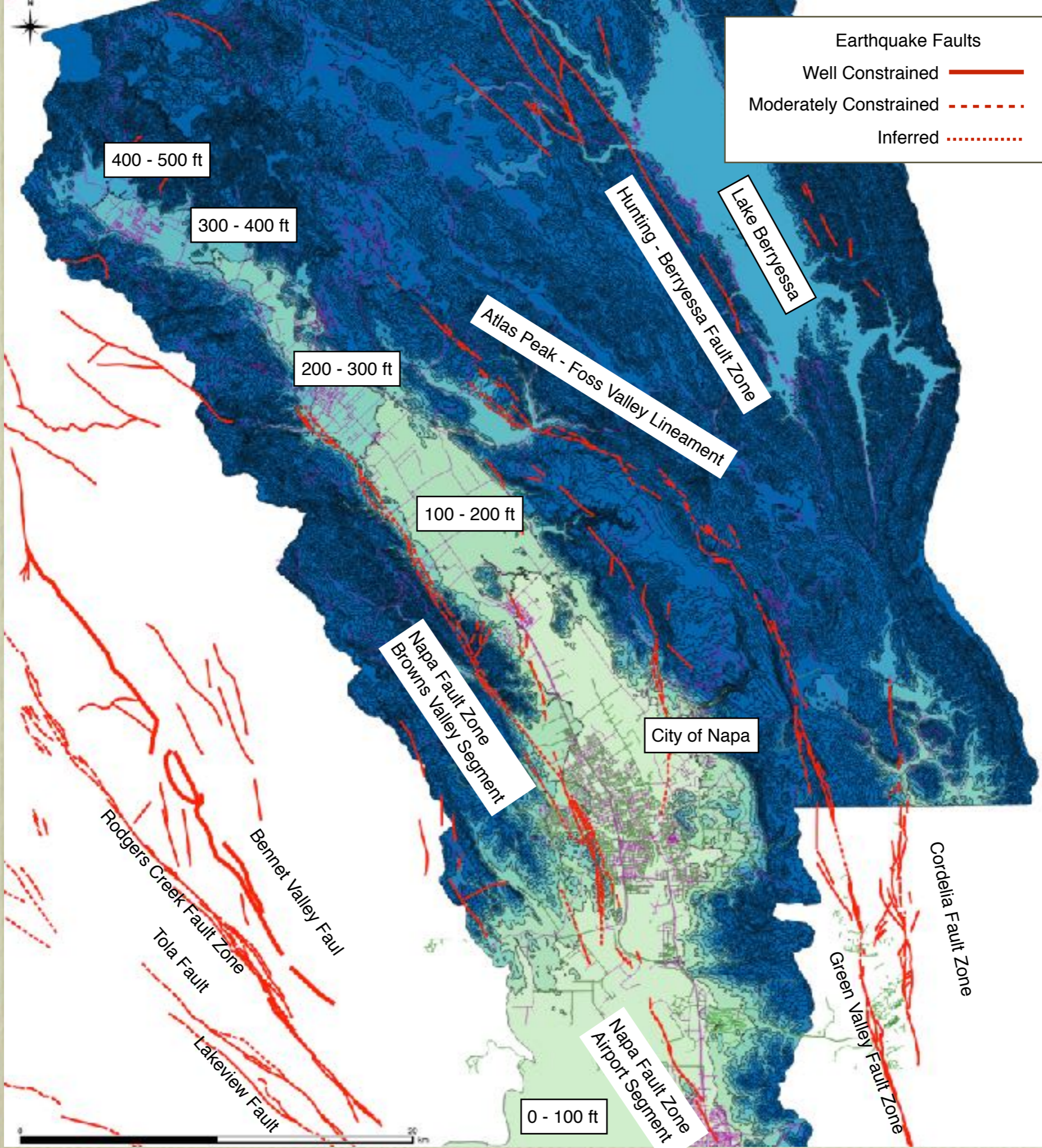
NAPA M 6 EARTHQUAKE  
OF AUGUST 23 2014

NAPA

Area with PGA > 0.02g

- Location of Repairs, August 24 2014
- ▶ Electric Distribution System, for entire PG&E System





Earthquake Faults

- Well Constrained ———
- Moderately Constrained - - - - -
- Inferred ·····

400 - 500 ft

300 - 400 ft

200 - 300 ft

100 - 200 ft

City of Napa

0 - 100 ft

Hunting - Berryessa Fault Zone

Lake Berryessa

Atlas Peak - Foss Valley Lineament

Napa Fault Zone  
Browns Valley Segment

Cordelia Fault Zone

Rodgers Creek Fault Zone

Bennet Valley Fault

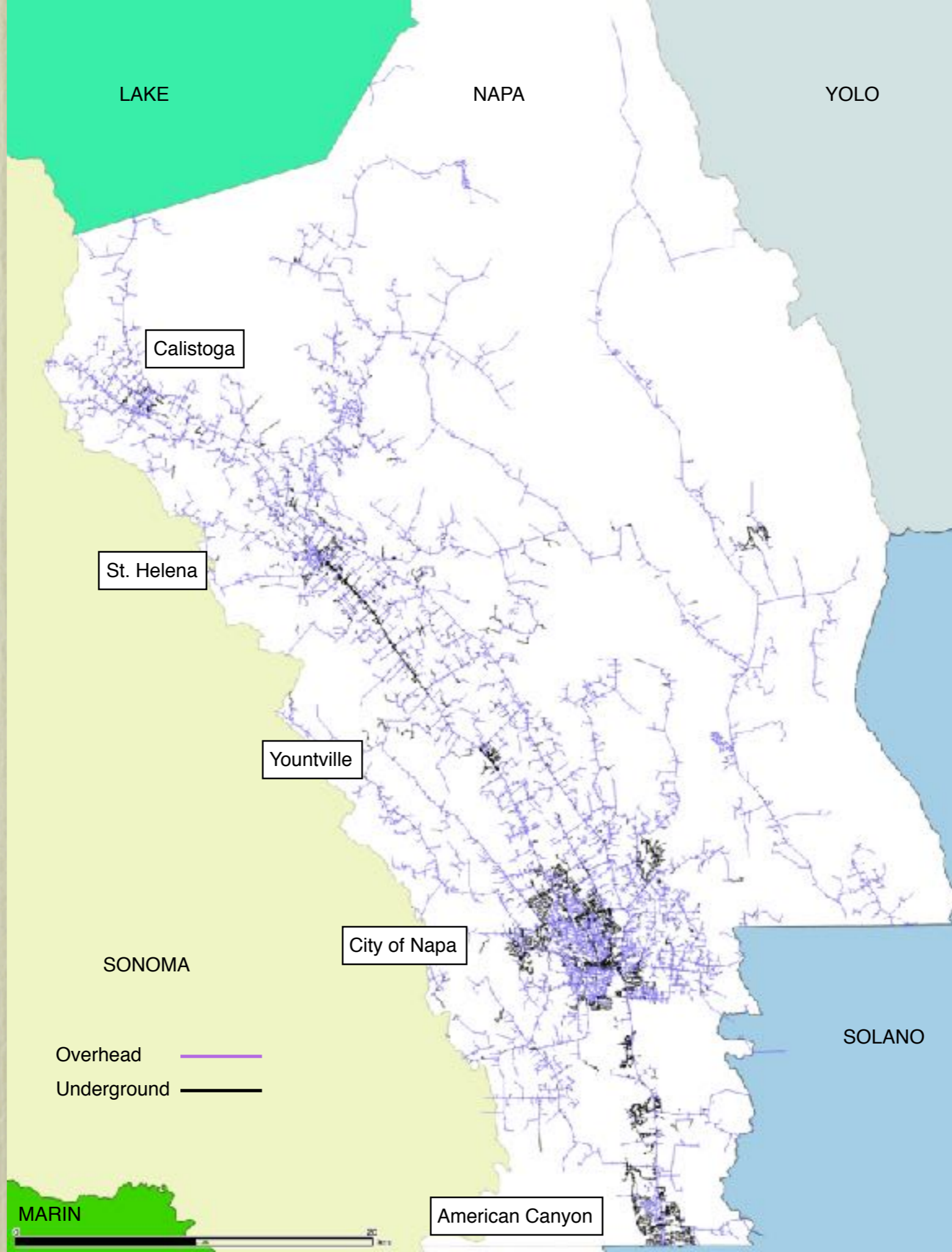
Tola Fault

Lakeview Fault

Green Valley Fault Zone

Napa Fault Zone  
Airport Segment





LAKE

NAPA

YOLO

Calistoga

St. Helena

Yountville

City of Napa

American Canyon

SONOMA

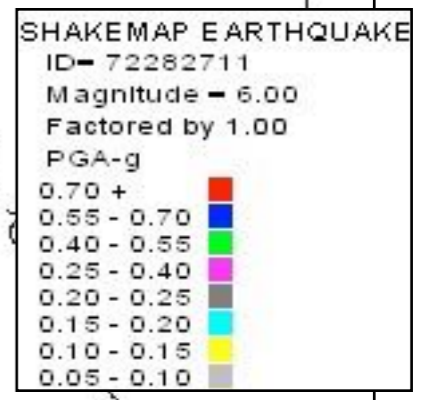
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MARIN

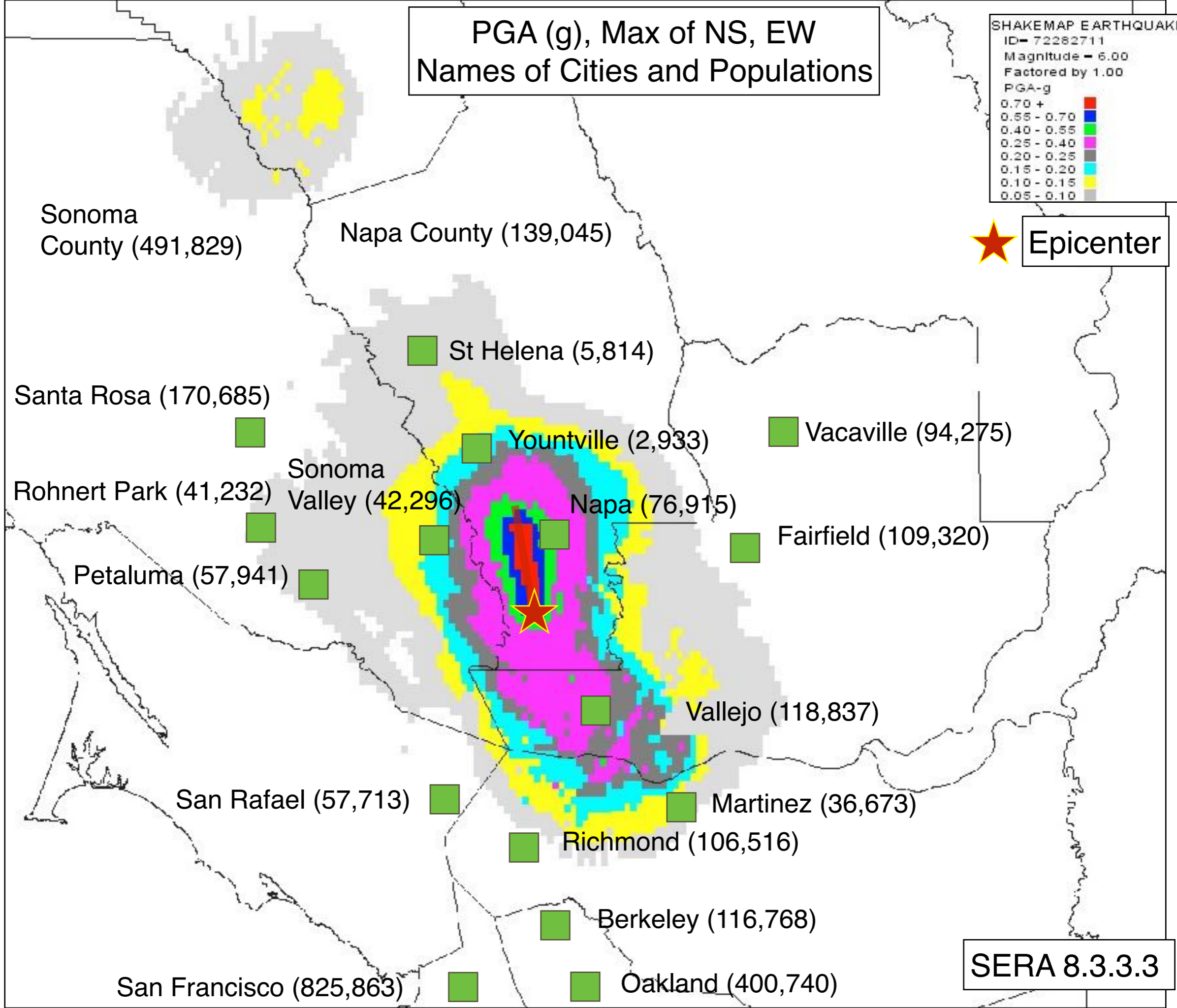
Overhead  
Underground



PGA (g), Max of NS, EW  
Names of Cities and Populations



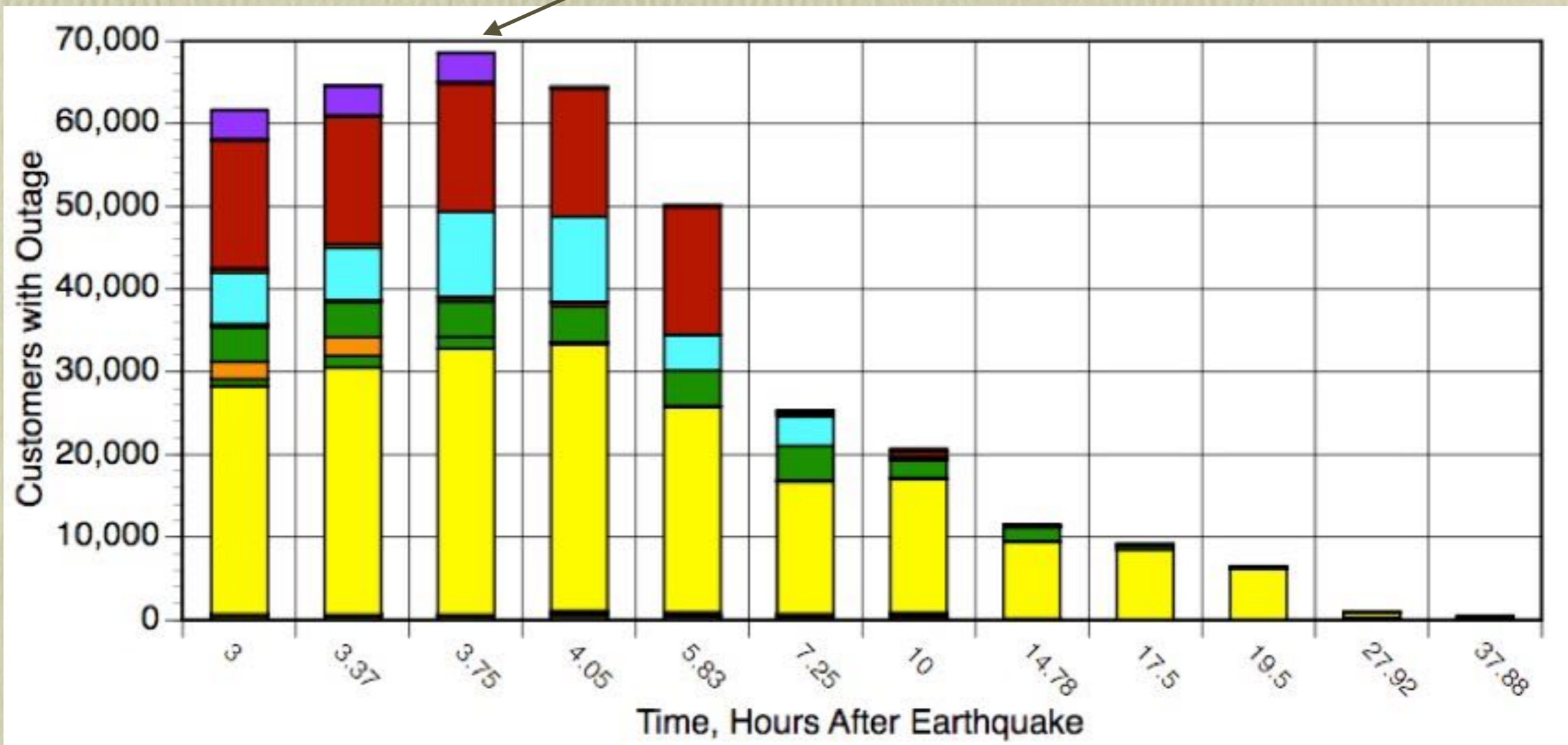
★ Epicenter



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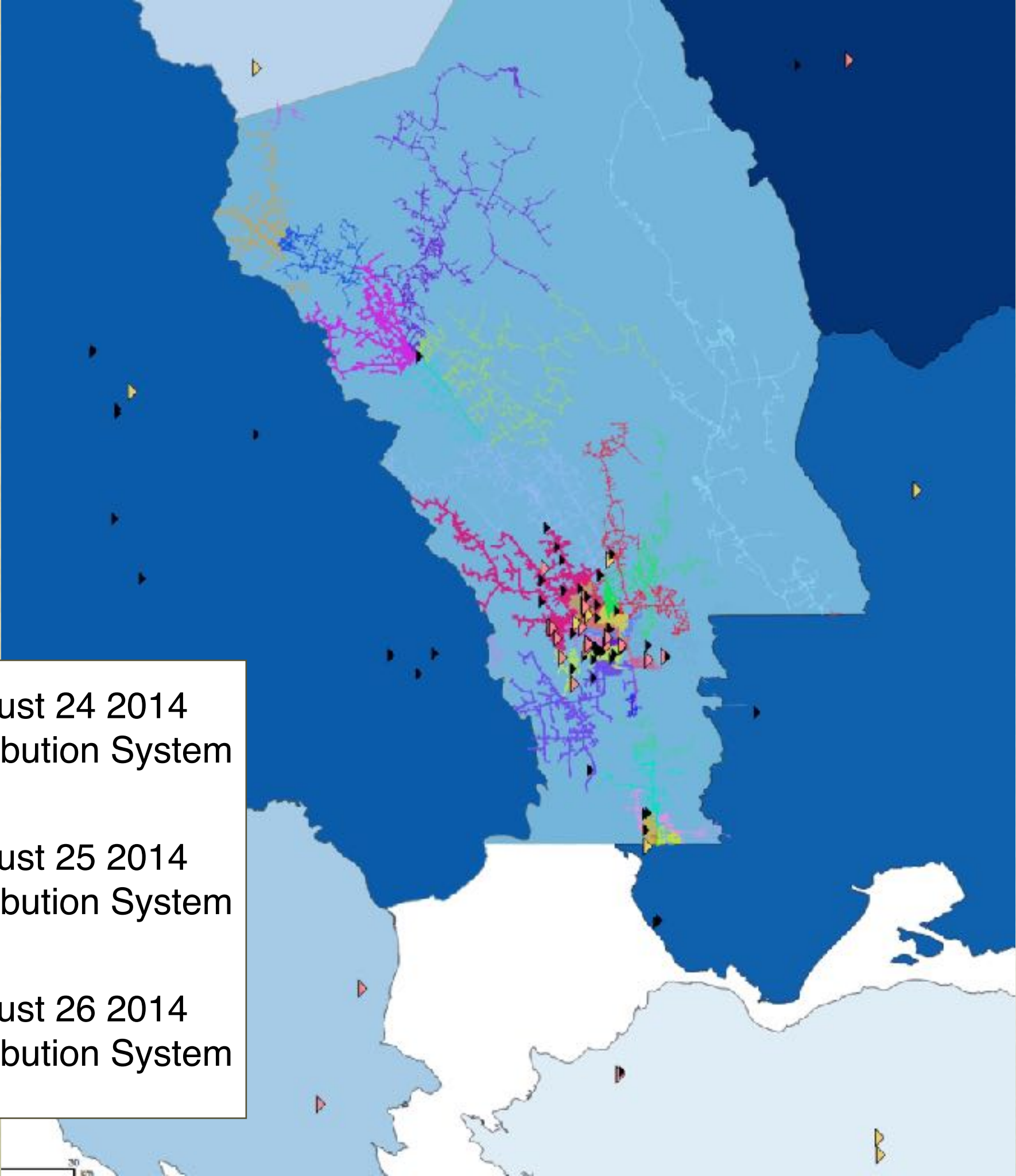
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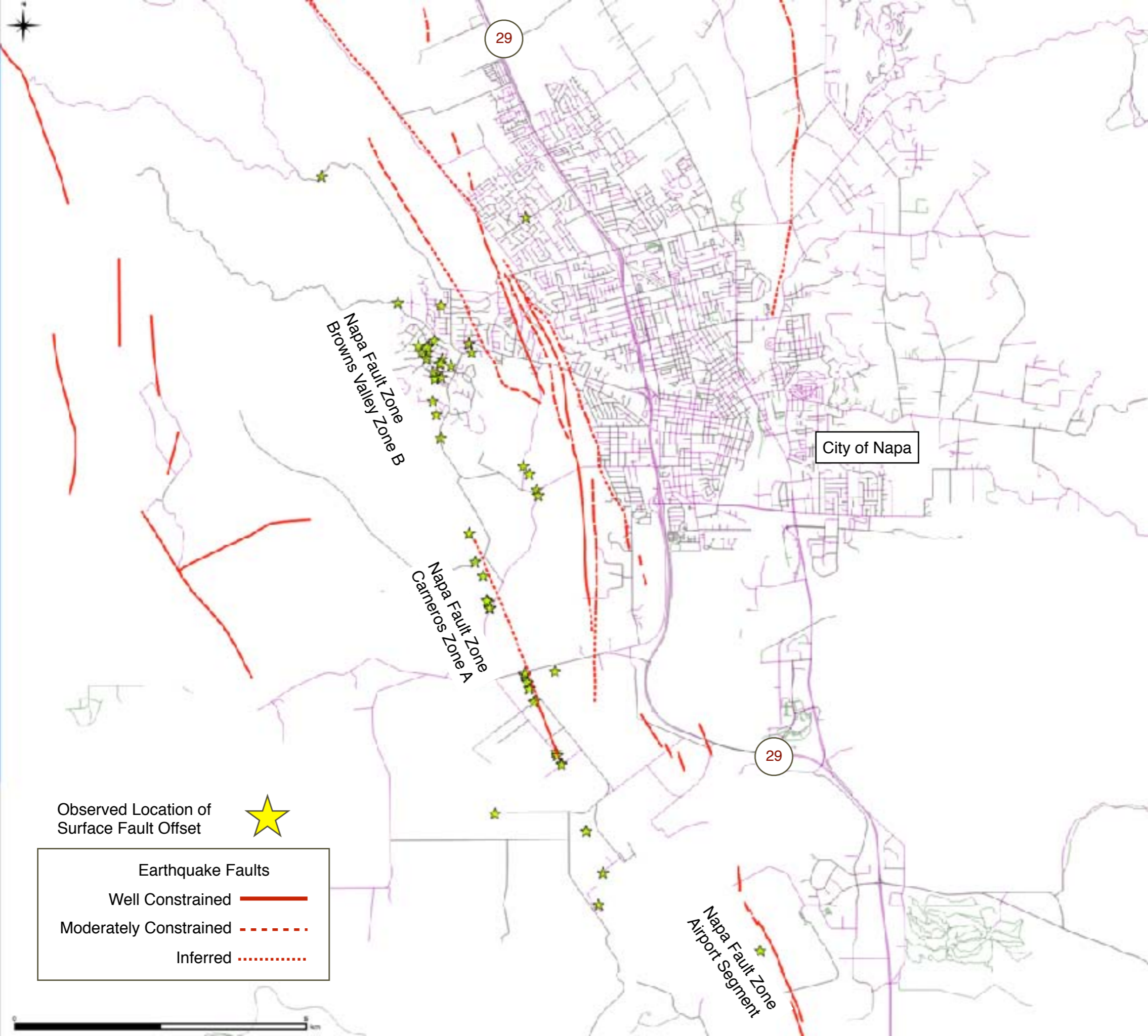
1.4% of PG&E's 5,100,000 Customers



Yellow: Napa  
Orange: Rohnert Park  
Green: Saint Helena  
Cyan: Santa Rosa

Red: Sonoma Valley  
Grey: American Canyon  
Blue: Vallejo

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- Repairs, August 24 2014  
Electric Distribution System
- Repairs, August 25 2014  
Electric Distribution System
- Repairs, August 26 2014  
Electric Distribution System
- The map shows a complex network of electric distribution lines in various colors (purple, blue, green, red, yellow) across a geographical area. Small colored triangles are placed at specific points along these lines to indicate repair locations. A legend in the bottom-left corner explains the color coding for repairs on August 24, 25, and 26, 2014. The background is a light blue map with a dark blue area to the right and a white area at the bottom.



Observed Location of Surface Fault Offset



Earthquake Faults

Well Constrained



Moderately Constrained



Inferred





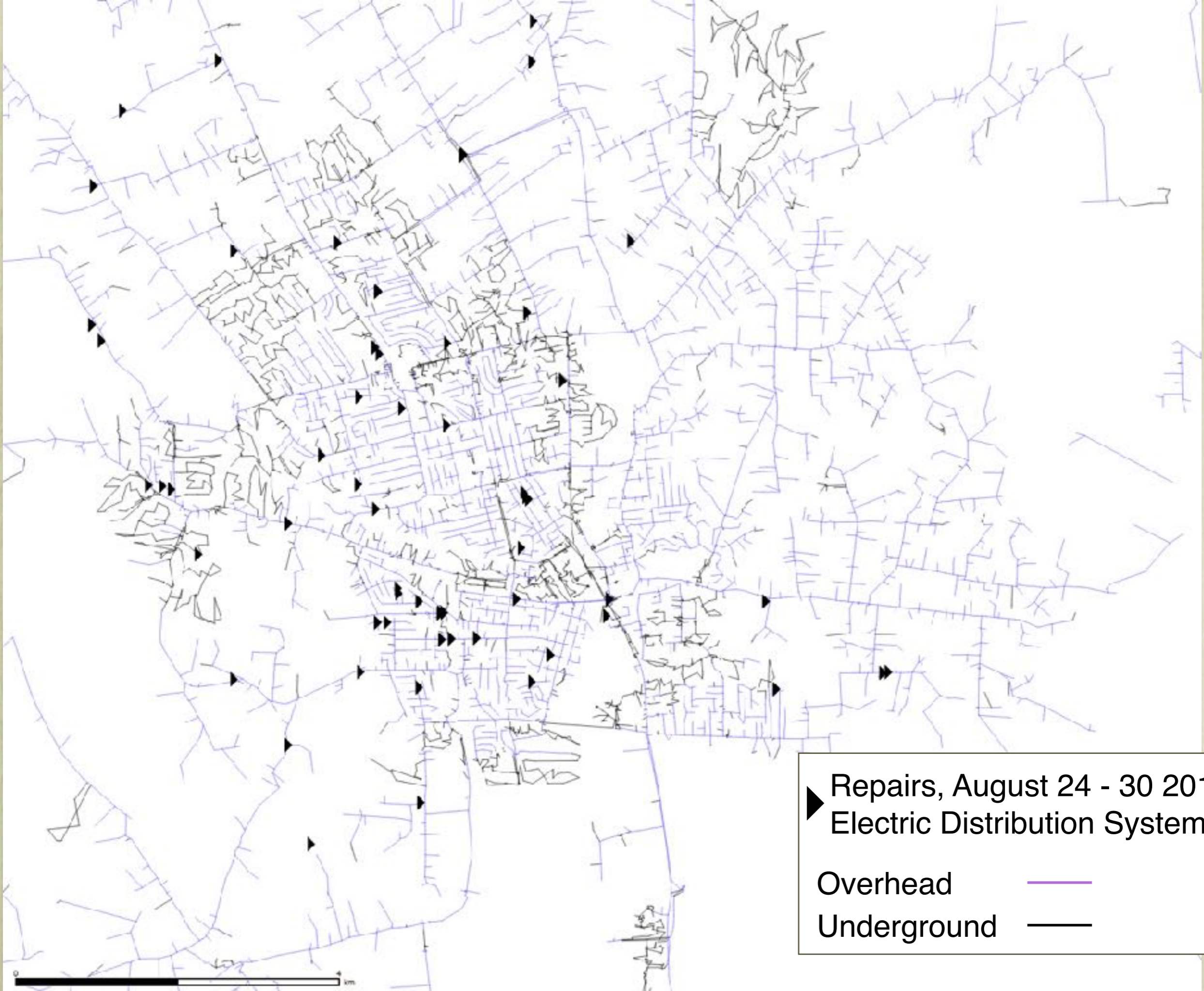
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NO TRUCKS  
NO TRAILERS  
NO TOWNS  
PG&E

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# Distribution Damage

- 166 overhead, 3 underground
- 52 fuse related
- 41 wire related
- 10 equipment related
- 6 pole / cross arm / insulator related



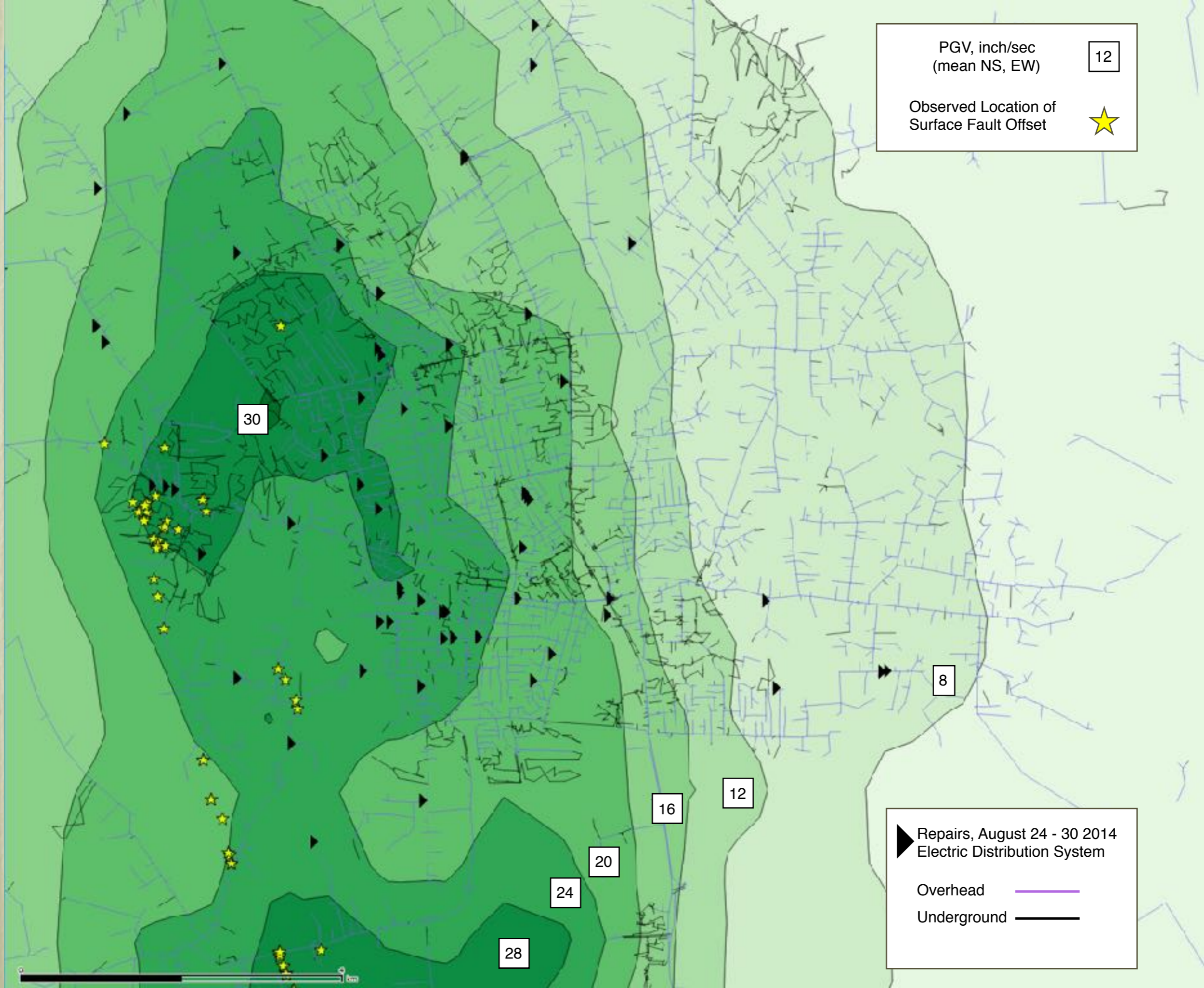
► Repairs, August 24 - 30 2014  
Electric Distribution System

Overhead      ———

Underground      ———



# Correlating the Hazard and the Damage



PGV, inch/sec  
(mean NS, EW)

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Observed Location of  
Surface Fault Offset



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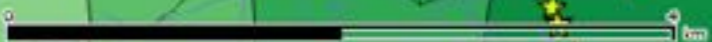
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Repairs, August 24 - 30 2014  
Electric Distribution System

Overhead

Underground



PGV, inch/sec  
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Observed Location of  
Surface Fault Offset



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Surface Faulting Zone

Liquefaction Zone

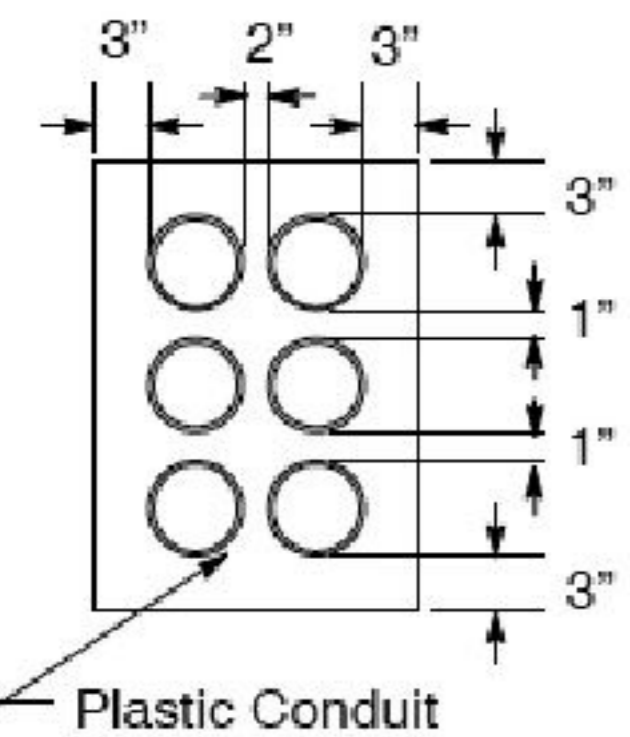
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Electric Distribution System

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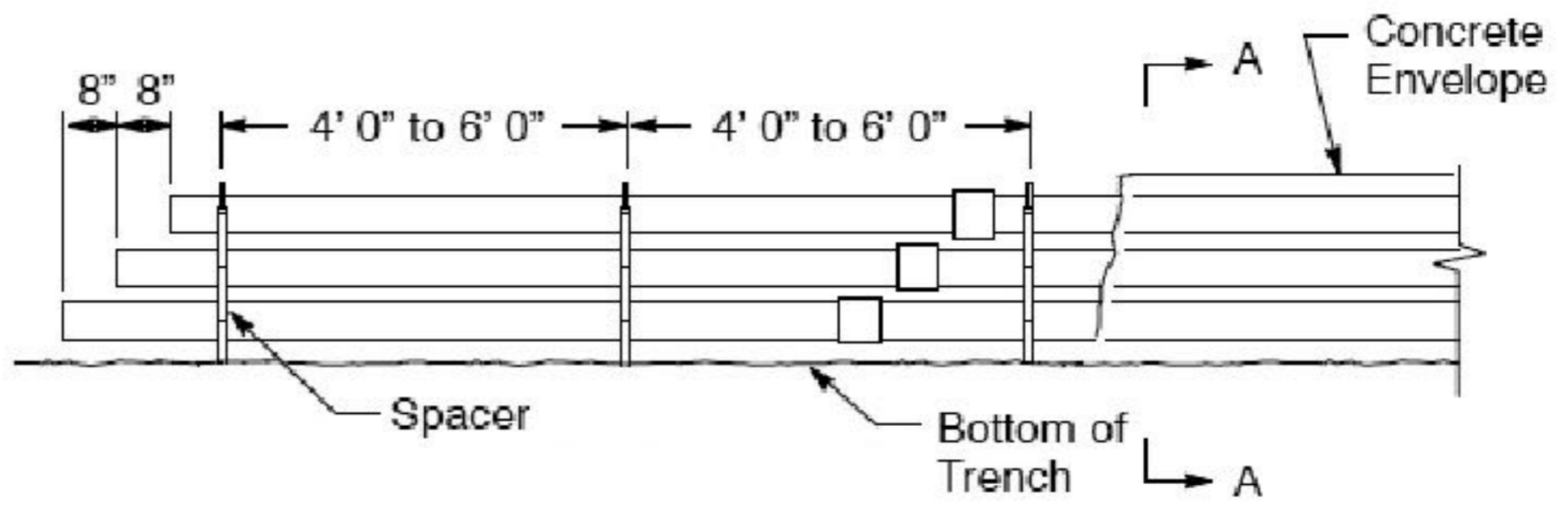
Underground ————

● Repairs to Underground  
Water Pipes

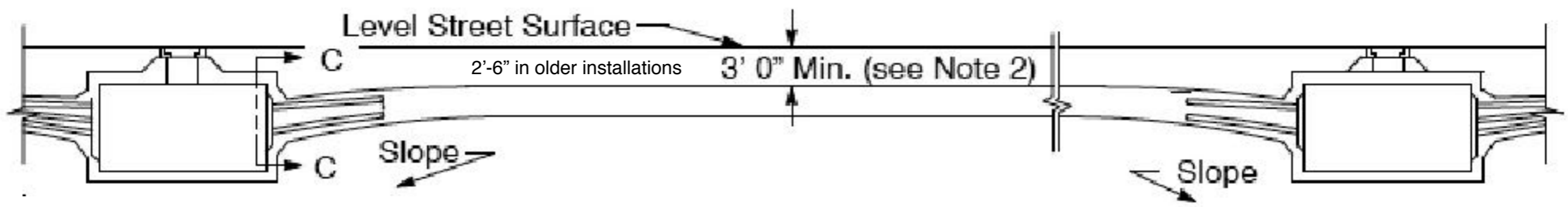
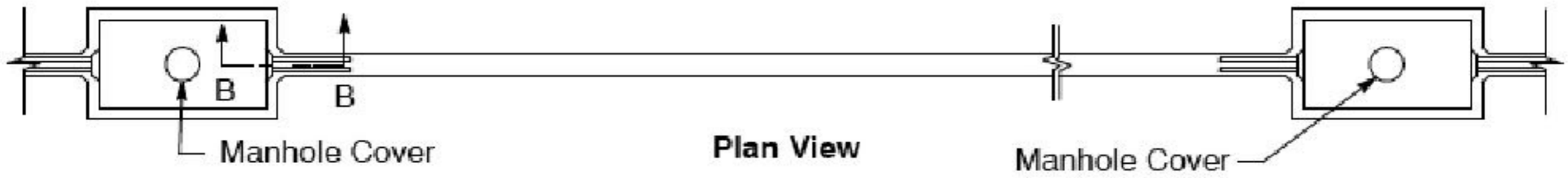




**Section A-A**

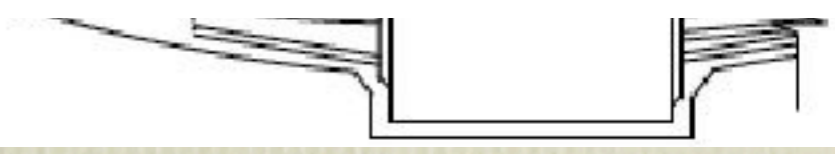


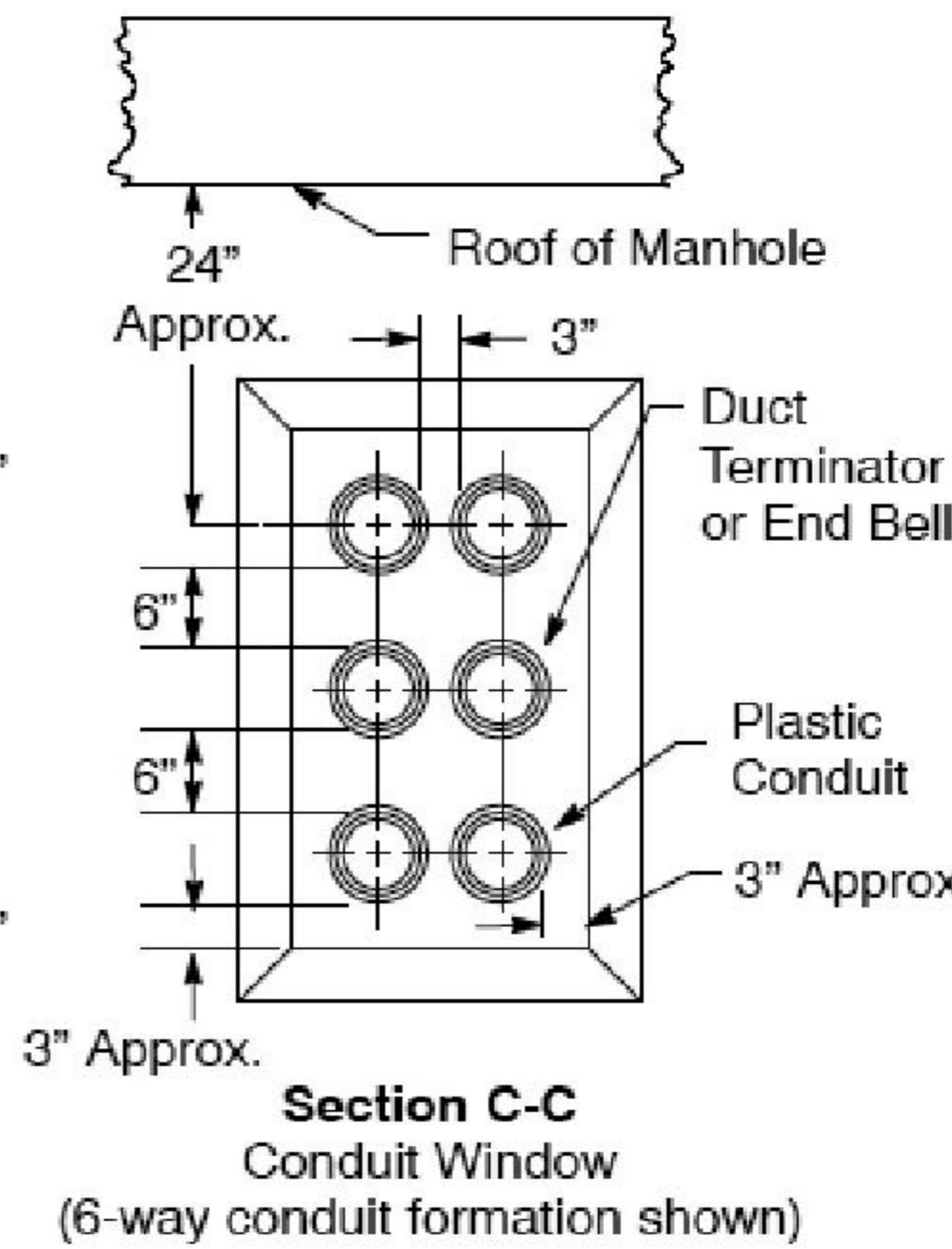
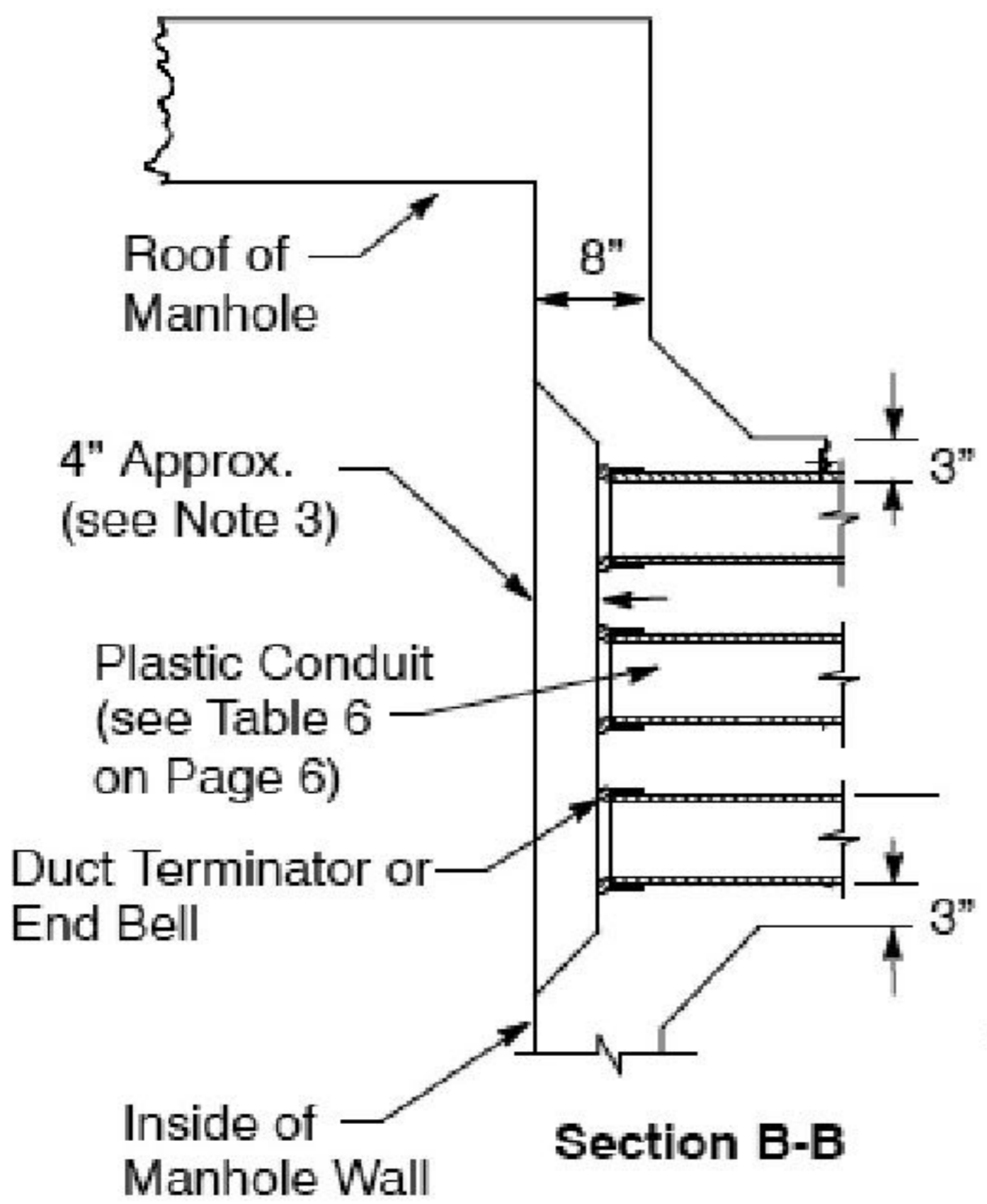
**Typical Straight Run Installation  
(5" conduit, 6-way shown)**



**Sectional Elevation  
Level Grade**

**Steep Grade**







$$\text{Damage} = \sum \text{overhead damage} + \text{underground damage}$$

$$\text{Overhead damage} = \text{SUM}[\text{inertial}, \text{PGD}]$$

$$\text{Underground damage} = \text{SUM}[\text{inertial}, \text{PGD}]$$

# Ground Shaking Fragility Model

Underground

$$RR_{shake} = k1 * k2 * k3 * k4 * 0.00187 * PGV, \text{ inch/sec}$$

RR is repairs per 1,000 feet

| Case   | k1  | k2   | k3<br>(age) | k4<br>(not used) |
|--|-----|------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Pre 1960 overhead primaries with overhead secondaries     | 1.0 | 1.0  | 0.8 to 1.25 | 1.0              |
| 2. Post 1960 overhead primaries with underground secondaries | 1.0 | 0.75 | 0.8 to 1.25 | 1.0              |
| 3. Underground in non-filled duct                            | 0.3 | 1.0  | 1.0         | 1.0              |
| 4. Underground in filled duct                                | 1.0 | 1.0  | 1.0         | 1.0              |

Table 4-19, Repair Rate, due to Shaking

k1 = 1.0 for overhead construction with overhead secondaries. PG&E did not provide us with information about secondaries. Based on visual observations, we estimated that if the overhead circuit was installed 1960 or earlier, it was likely to have overhead secondaries; post-1960, the secondaries are assumed to be buried.

k2 = 1.0 for overhead secondaries.

k3 = 1.25 if year of construction is 1945 or earlier; 1.0 if 1946 to 1990; 0.80 for 1991 or later. For overheads, the k3 factor is thought to be a reasonable proxy for the age-related effects on wood pole and cross arm strength owing the cumulative effects of termites and wood rot. For undergrounds, the incremental strains due to shaking are assumed to not have an age related effect.

# PGD Fragility Model

$$RR_{liq} = k1 * k2 * k3 * k4 * PGD^{1.1245}, PGD > 0.5 \text{ inches}$$

$$RR_{liq} = 0, PGD < 0.5 \text{ inches}$$

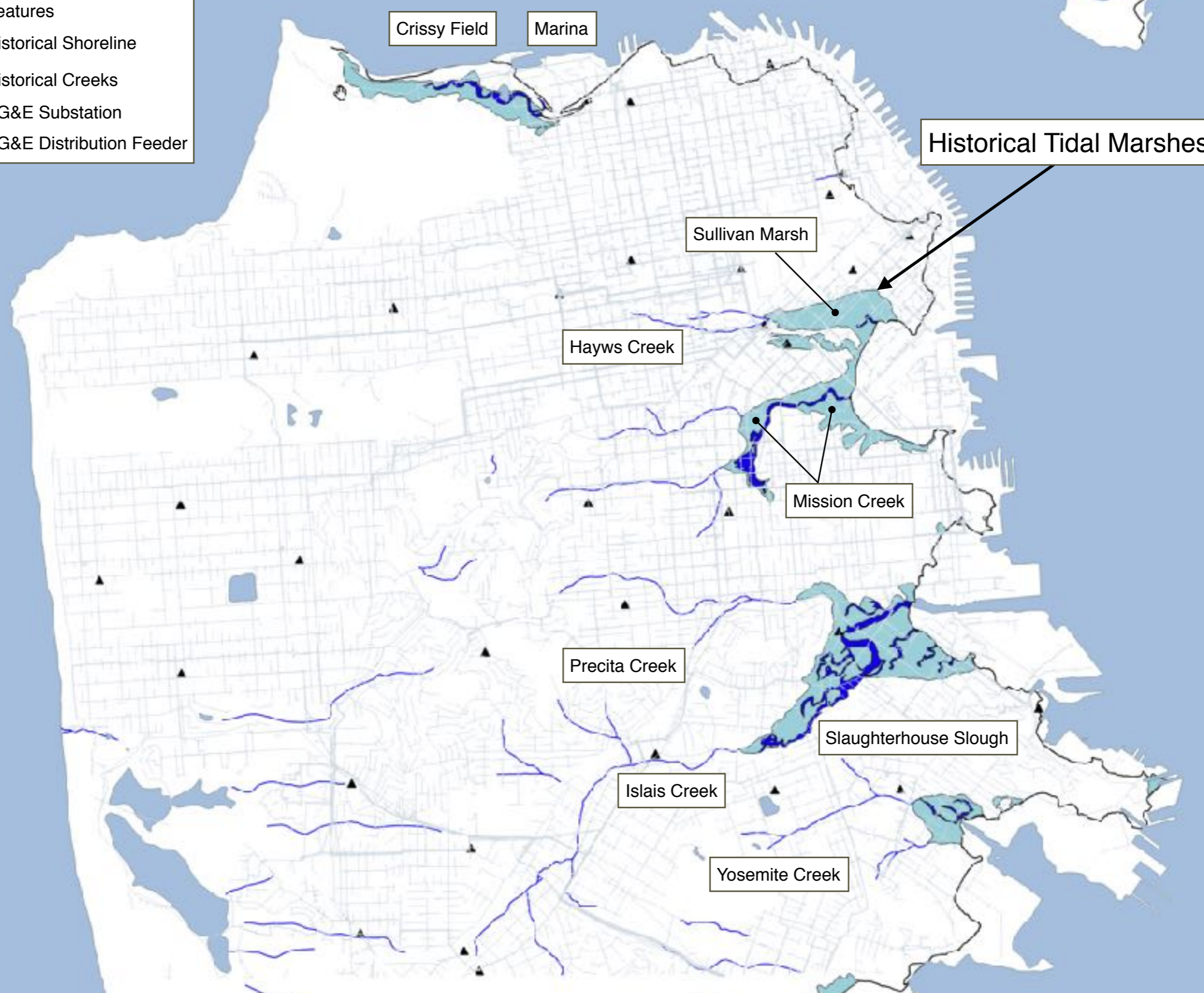
where RR(liq) is repairs per 1,000 feet, and PGD is in inches.

| Case                              | k1    | k2                                   | k3<br>(age)    | k4<br>(not used) |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 3. Underground in non-filled duct | 0.01  | 1.0 unreinforced<br>0.125 reinforced | 0.8 to<br>1.25 | 1.0              |
| 4. Underground in filled duct     | 0.026 | 1.0 PILC<br>0.80 XLPE<br>0.80 EPR    | 0.8 to<br>1.25 | 1.0              |

Now, Lets Apply These Fragility  
Models for San Francisco in a future  
San Andreas Earthquake



- Features
- Historical Shoreline
  - Historical Creeks
  - PG&E Substation
  - PG&E Distribution Feeder



Crissy Field

Marina

Historical Tidal Marshes

Sullivan Marsh

Hayws Creek

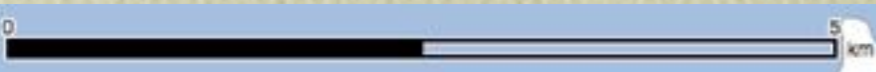
Mission Creek

Precita Creek

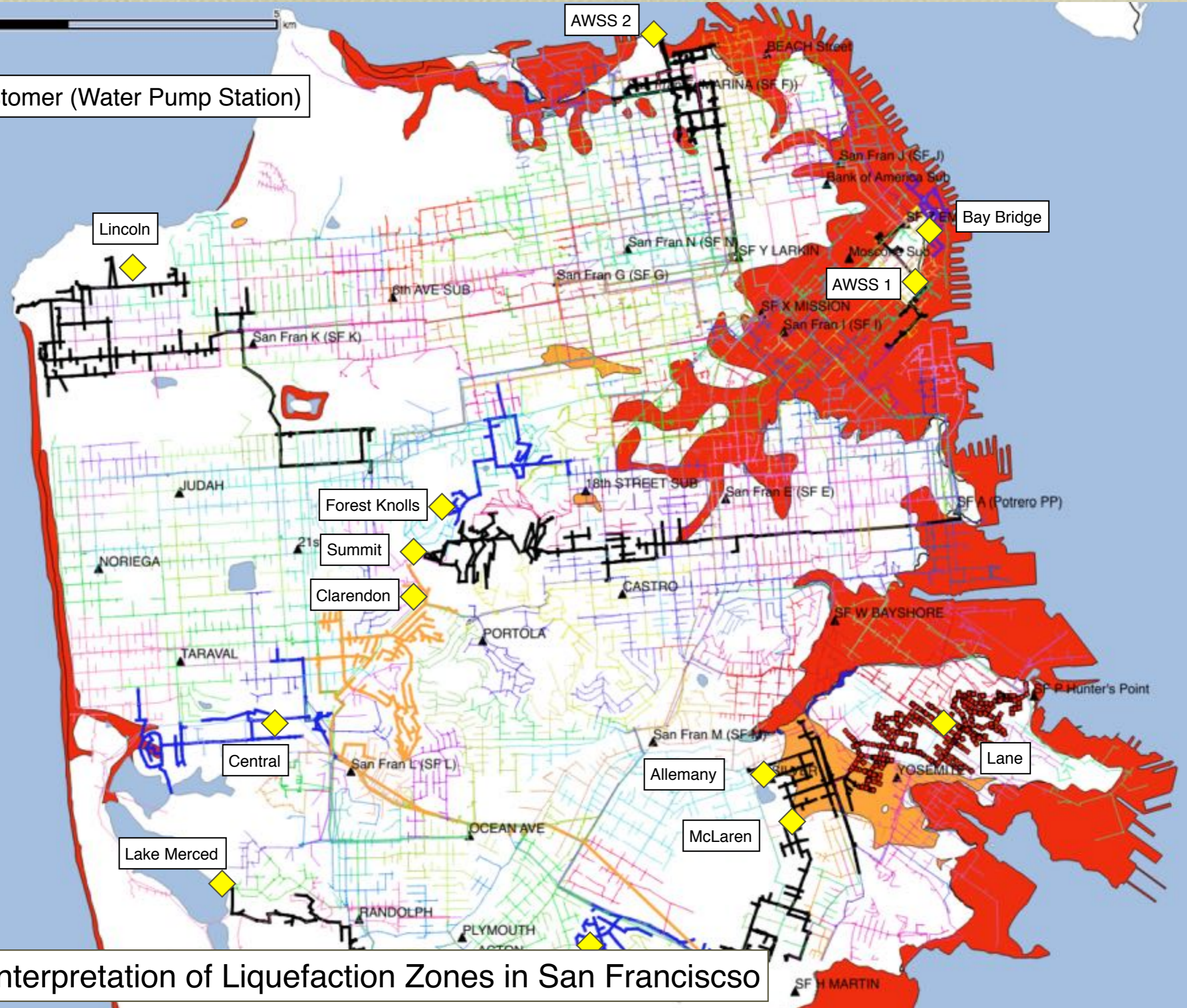
Slaughterhouse Slough

Islais Creek

Yosemite Creek



◆ Key Customer (Water Pump Station)



Modern Interpretation of Liquefaction Zones in San Francisco

# SF Damage Forecast

| Fault / Segment | M   | Shaking | Liquefaction | Landslide | Total |
|-----------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| San Andreas SAP | 6.0 | 1.9     | 0.0          | 0.0       | 1.9   |
| San Andreas SAP | 6.2 | 5.3     | 0.0          | 0.0       | 5.3   |
| San Andreas SAP | 6.4 | 13.3    | 0.0          | 0.0       | 13.3  |
| San Andreas SAP | 6.6 | 25.8    | 0.3          | 0.0       | 26.1  |
| San Andreas SAP | 6.8 | 45.4    | 2.3          | 0.0       | 47.7  |
| San Andreas SAP | 7.0 | 77.3    | 6.4          | 0.1       | 83.8  |
| San Andreas SAP | 7.2 | 116.2   | 13.7         | 0.2       | 130.1 |
| San Andreas SAP | 7.4 | 132.6   | 22.2         | 0.3       | 155.1 |
| SA SAN+P+S      | 7.5 | 139.3   | 28.4         | 0.4       | 168.1 |
| SA SAN+P+S      | 7.7 | 153.1   | 47.3         | 1.4       | 201.8 |
| SA SAN+P+S      | 7.8 | 160.2   | 60.6         | 2.1       | 222.9 |
| SA SAN+P+S      | 8.0 | 175.0   | 97.0         | 4.3       | 276.3 |
| SA Repeat 1989  | 7.0 | 1.6     | 0.0          | 0.0       | 1.6   |
| Hayward N+S     | 7.5 | 36.6    | 4.5          | 0.0       | 41.1  |

Number of repairs to electric distribution system

In the High Seismic Zone along the West Coast of USA and  
CANADA,  
Who Has Buried High Voltage Cables Exposed to Liquefaction?

### Transmission

Pacific Gas and Electric (Lots)

BC Hydro (Lots)

San Diego Gas and Electric (Some)

SCE (Some)

BPA (Little)

### Distribution

Alameda, Palo Alto, Silicon Valley, PacifiCorp,

Portland General Electric, Seattle City Light



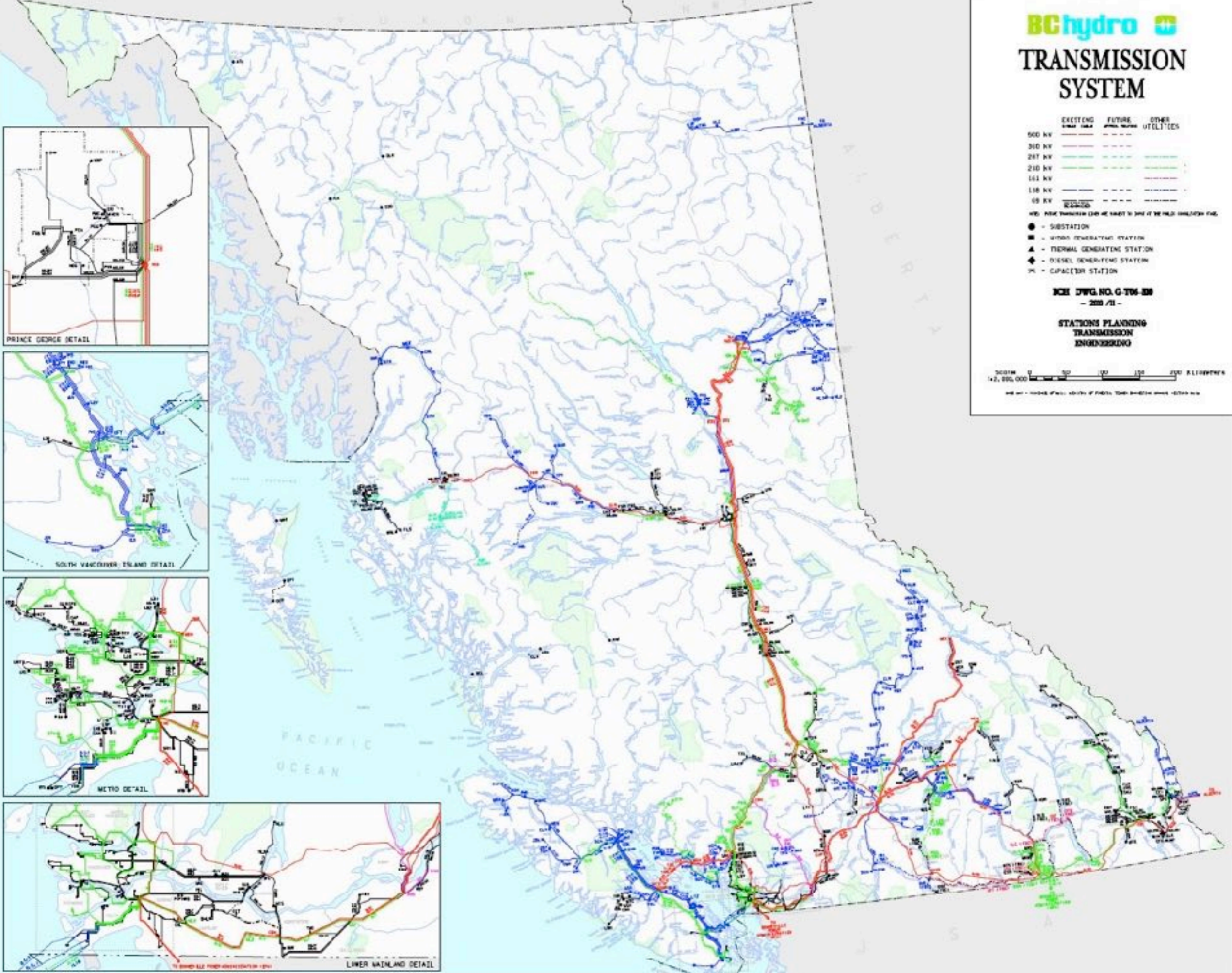
# TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

|        | EXISTING | FUTURE | OTHER |
|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| 500 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 310 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 230 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 210 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 141 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 118 KV | —        | ---    | ---   |
| 15 KV  | —        | ---    | ---   |

- - SUBSTATION
- - HYDRO GENERATING STATION
- ▲ - THERMAL GENERATING STATION
- ◆ - DIESEL GENERATING STATION
- ⊕ - CAPACITOR STATION

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STATIONS PLANNING  
TRANSMISSION  
ENGINEERING



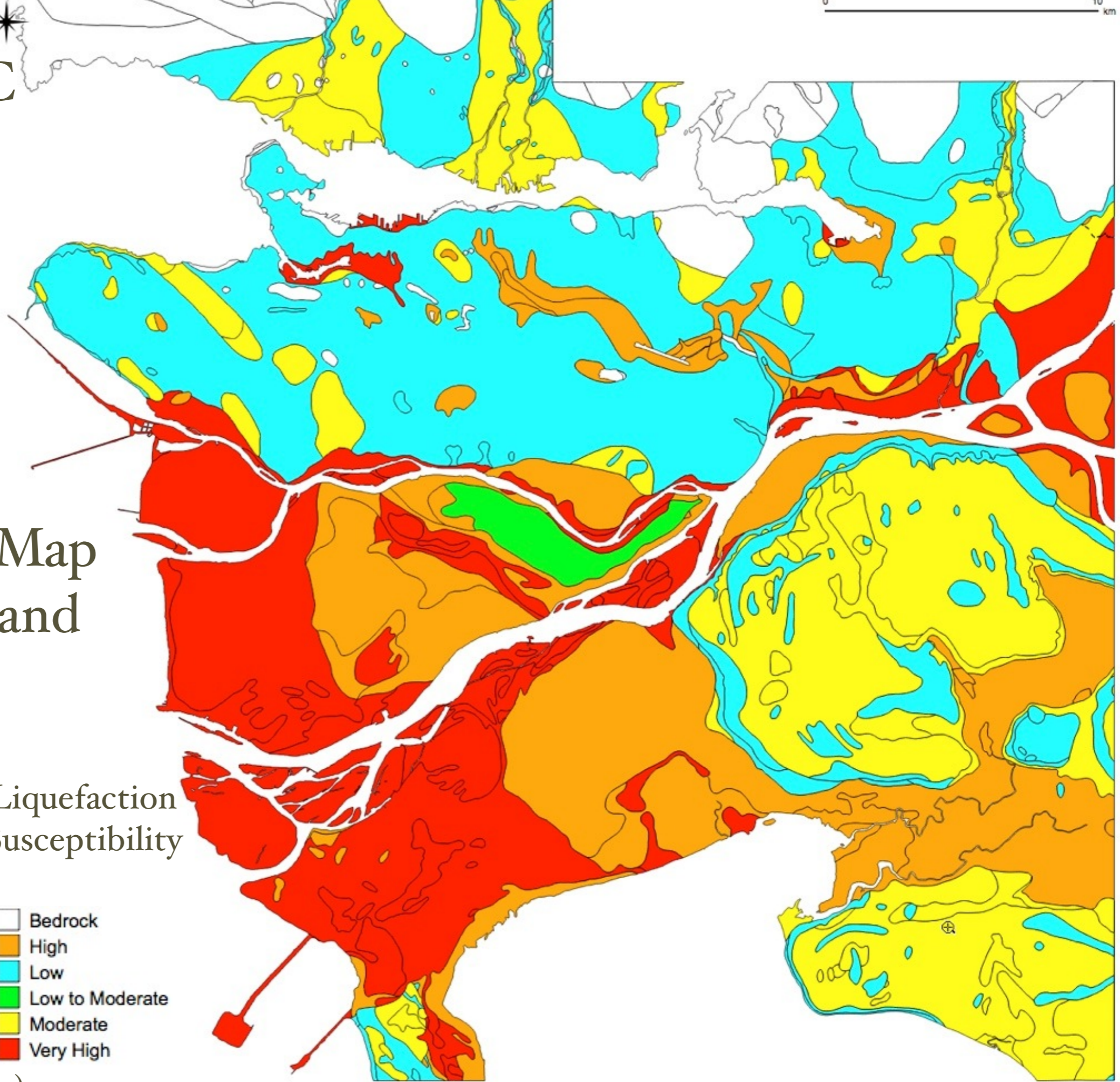
Vancouver, BC  
(BC Hydro)

Liquefaction Map  
Lower Mainland

Liquefaction  
Susceptibility

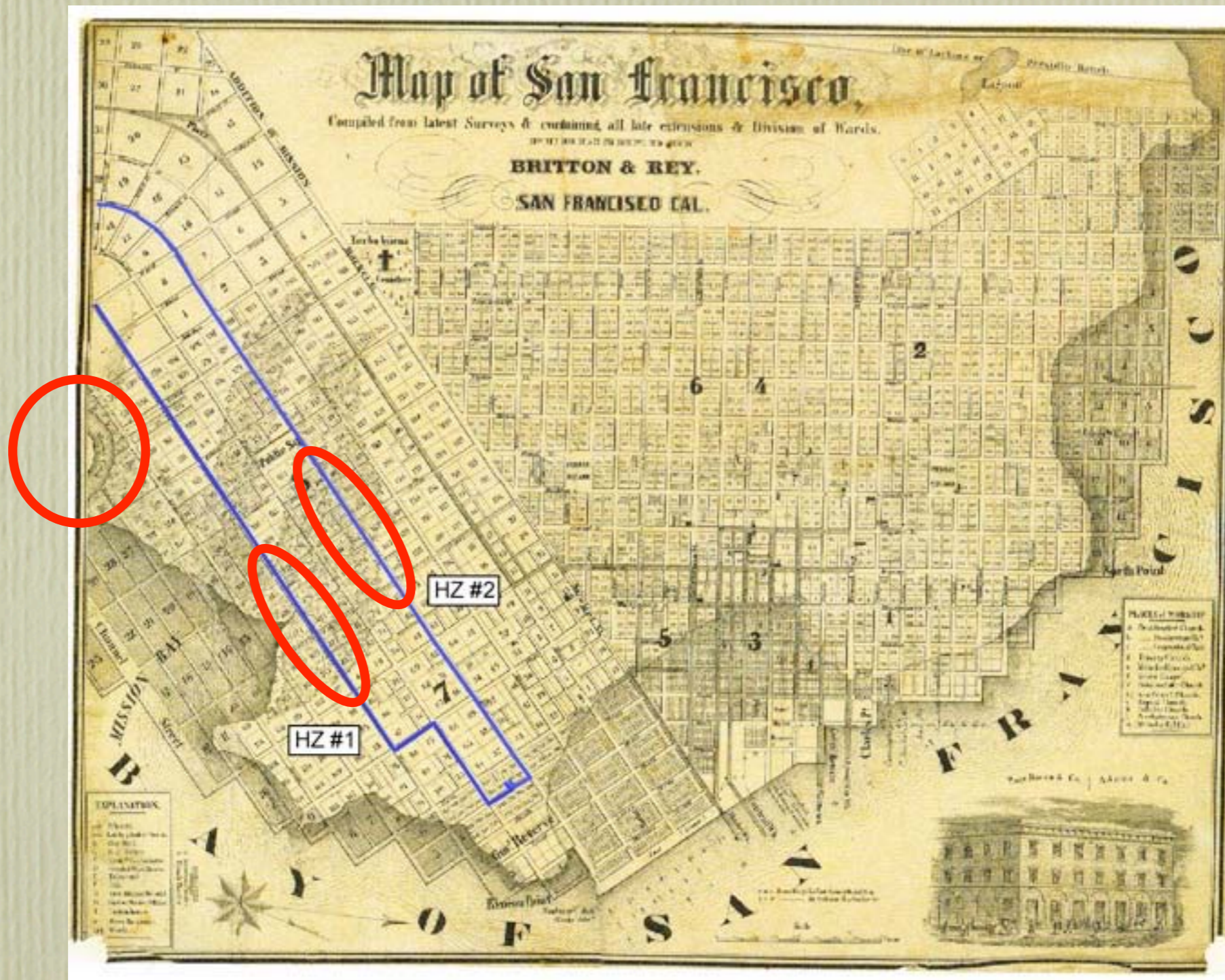
- Bedrock
- High
- Low
- Low to Moderate
- Moderate
- Very High

UTM NAD 83 Zone 10 (meters)



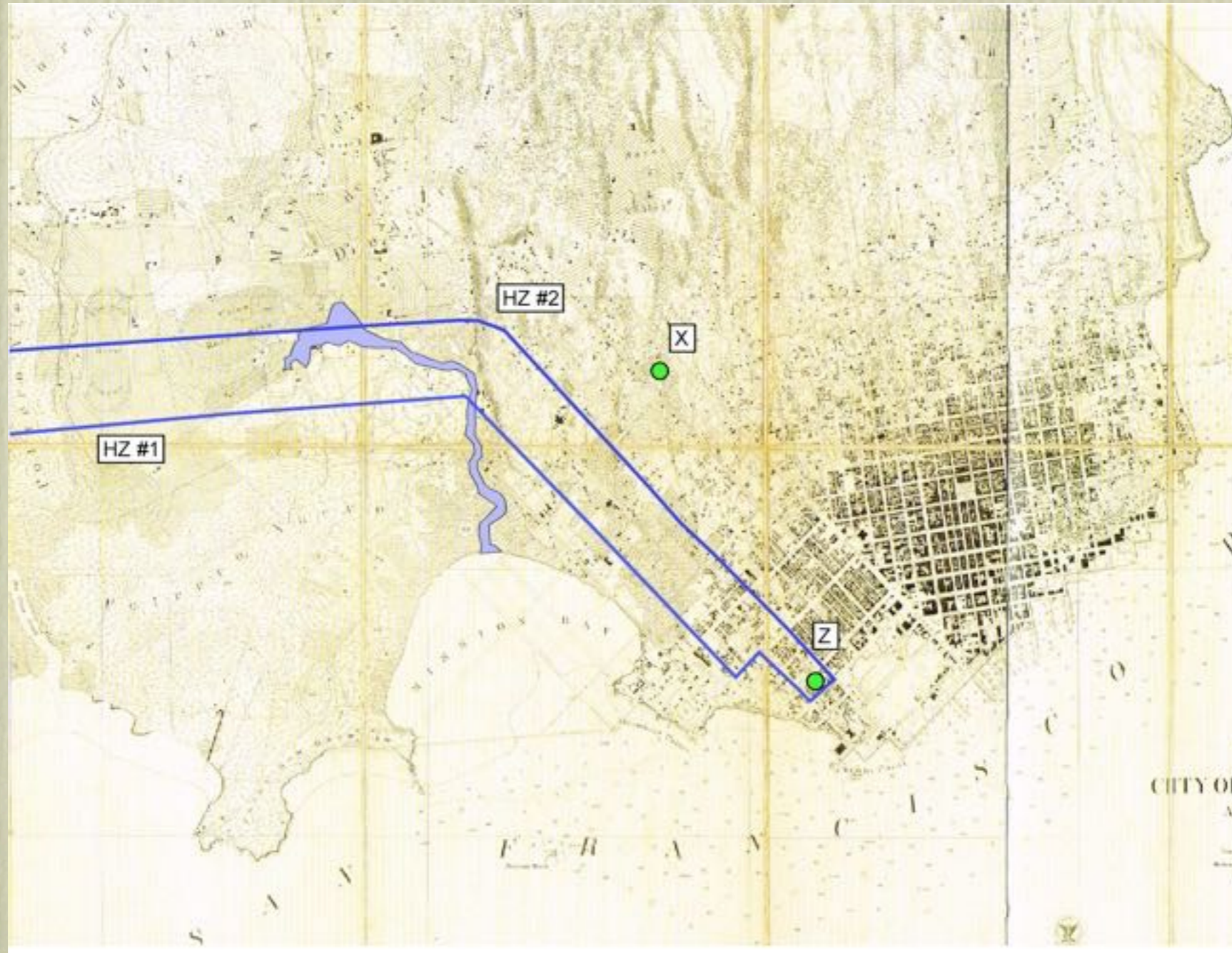


# 1852 Map



Zones of Primary Concern

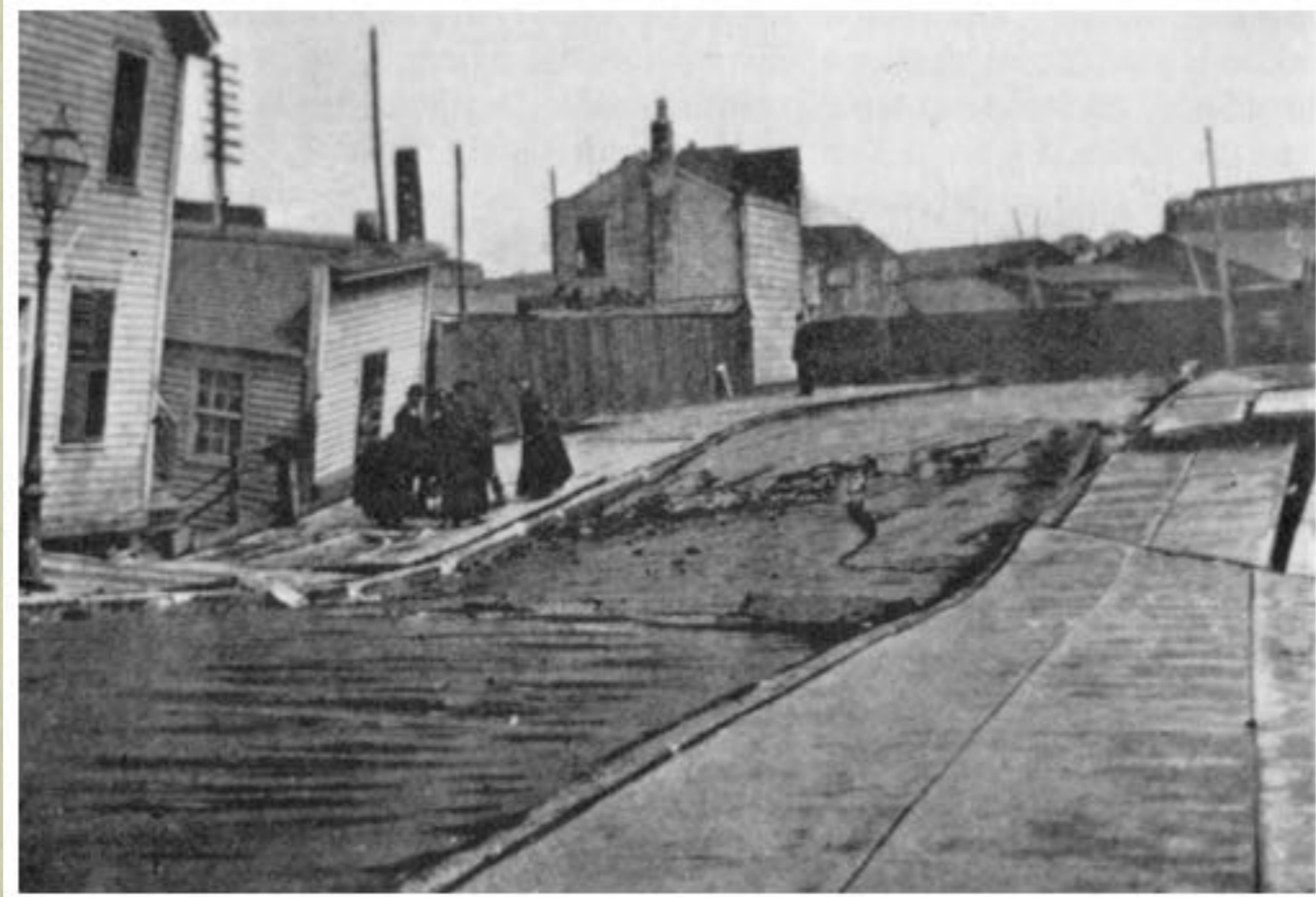
# 1859 Map



# Mission and 7th Street at Post Office



# Dore and Bryant

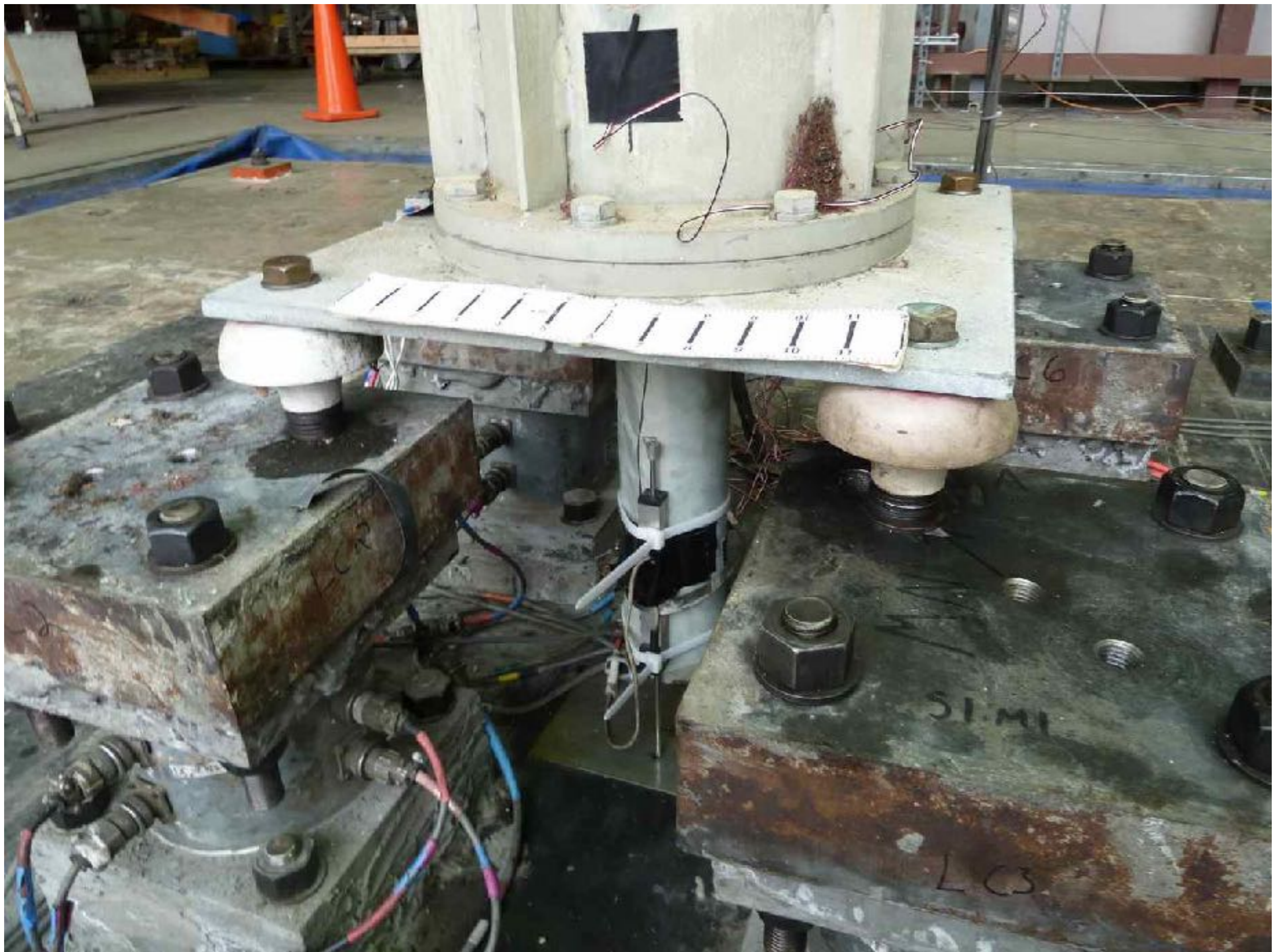


# **Cable Terminations (Potheads):**

Their Importance, Seismic Qualification, and Dynamic Characteristics











Pot Heads  
with Weak  
Standoffs  
(fail at PGA  
0.25-0.5g)

Handwritten notes on a piece of paper, including directional indicators and some illegible text:

21  
100 CORTEX  
SPARK  
FOLD  
2  
1/2  
1/2

NW  
NE  
SW  
SE

↓  
↓  
↓  
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# PG&E 115 kV Pot Head Shake Table Test September 10 2013



Movie







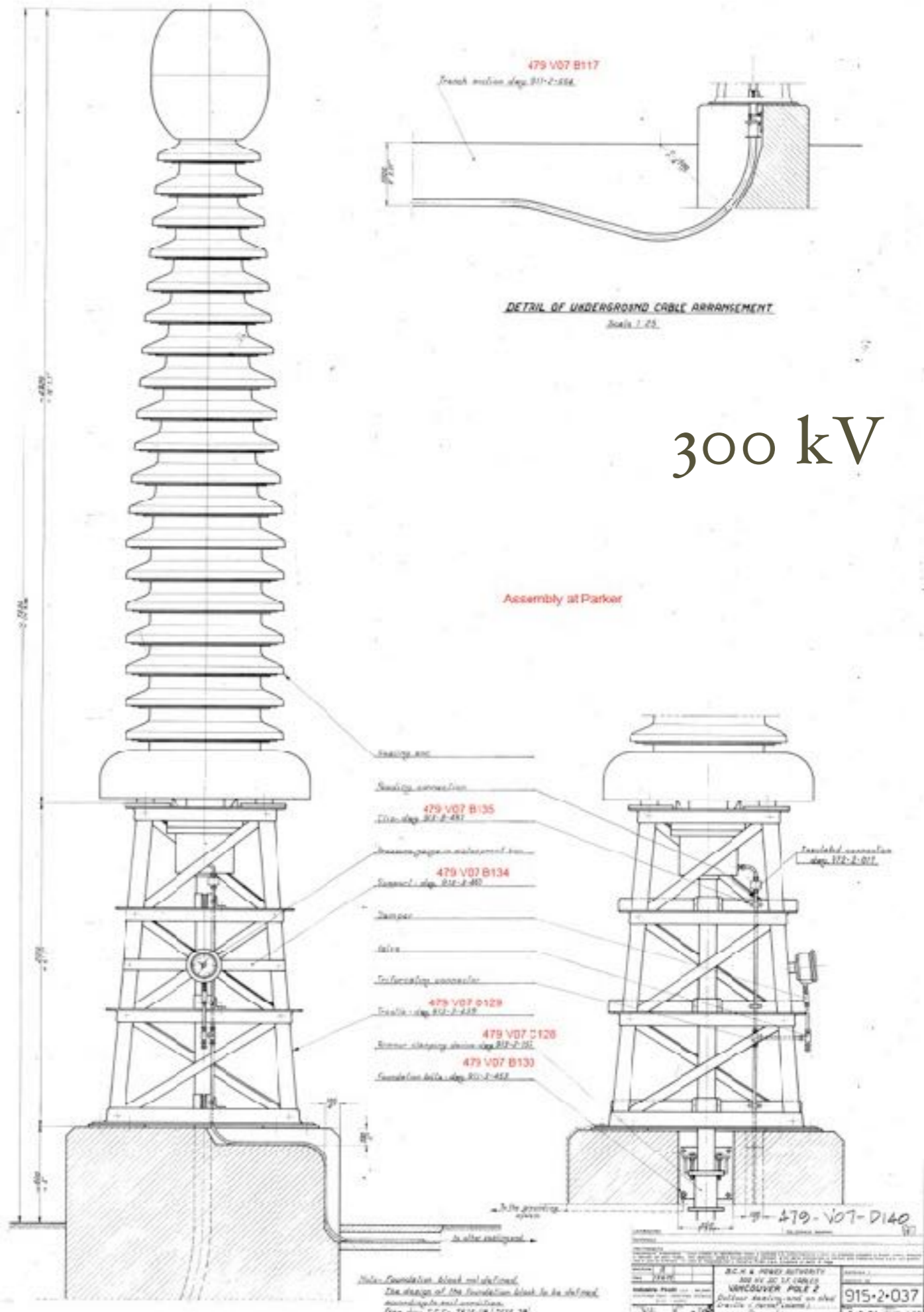
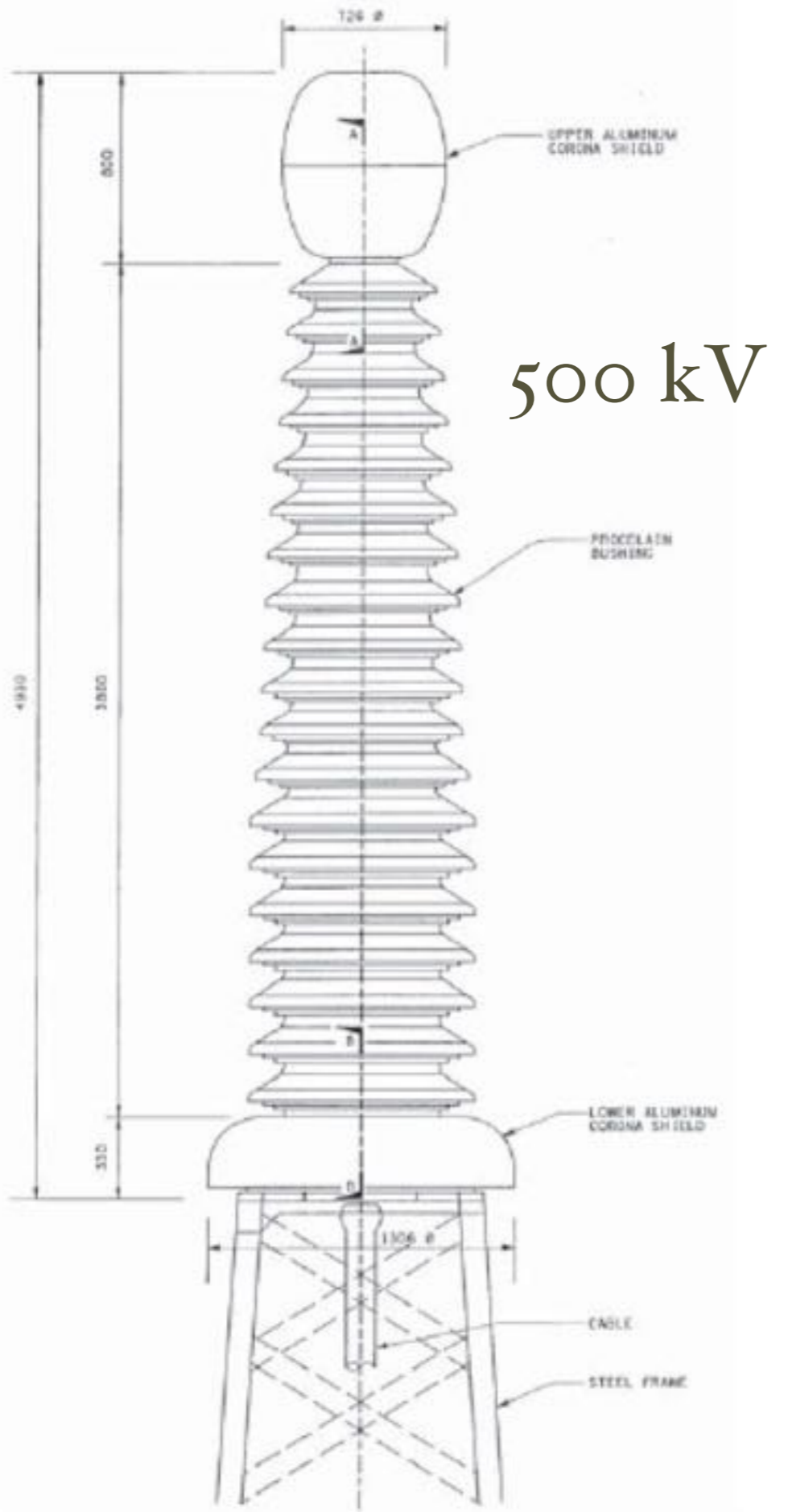


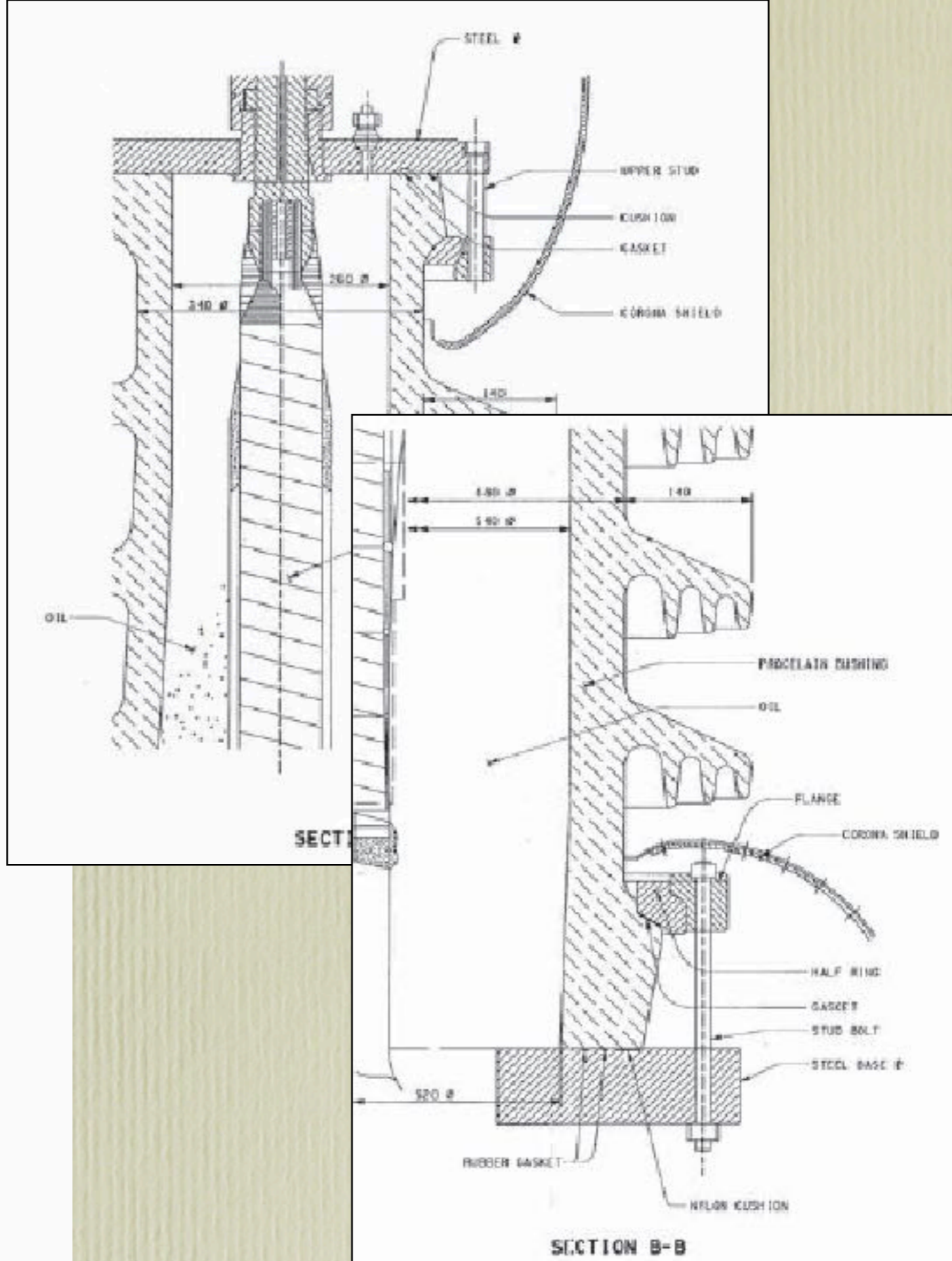
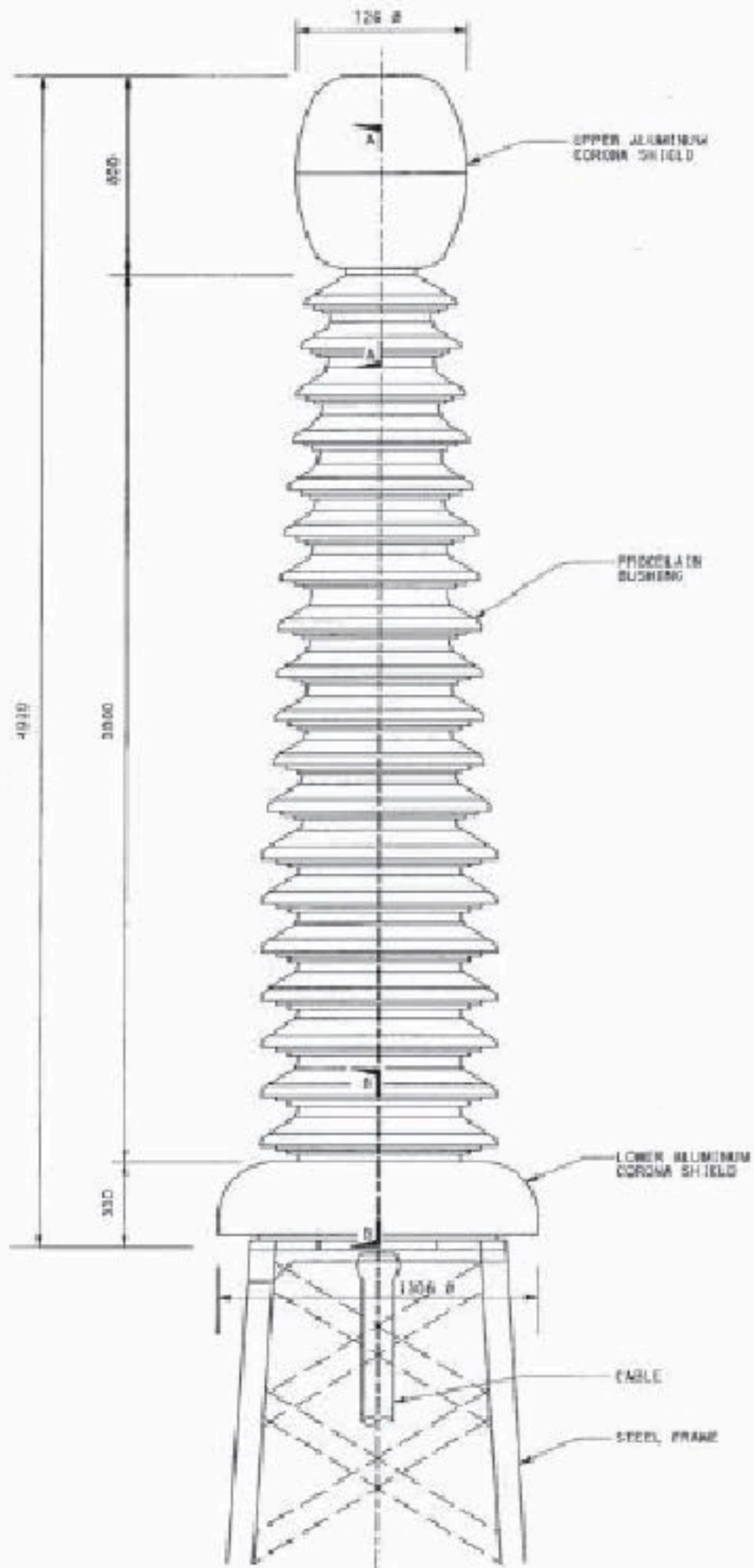




500 kV  
Potheads









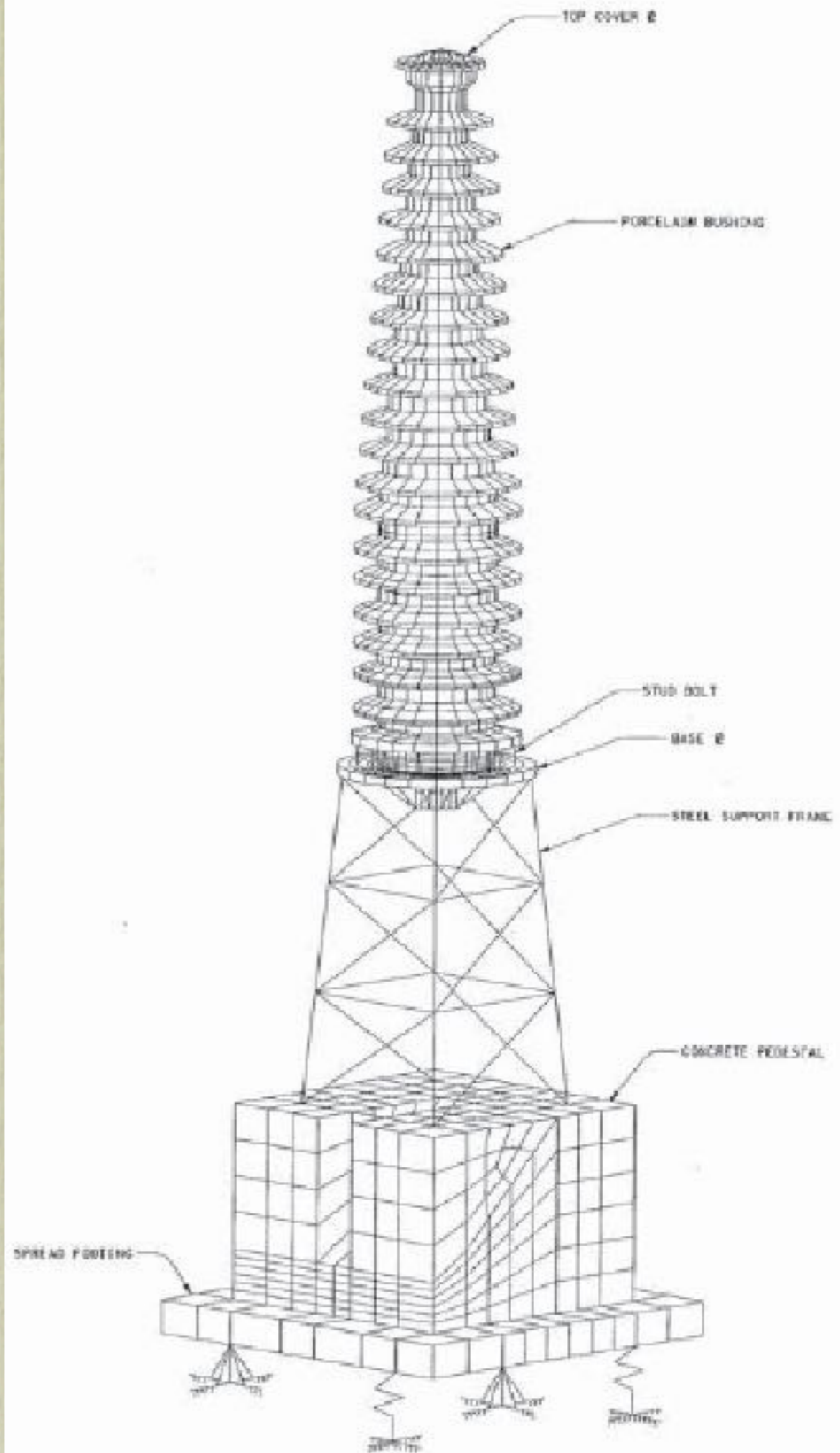


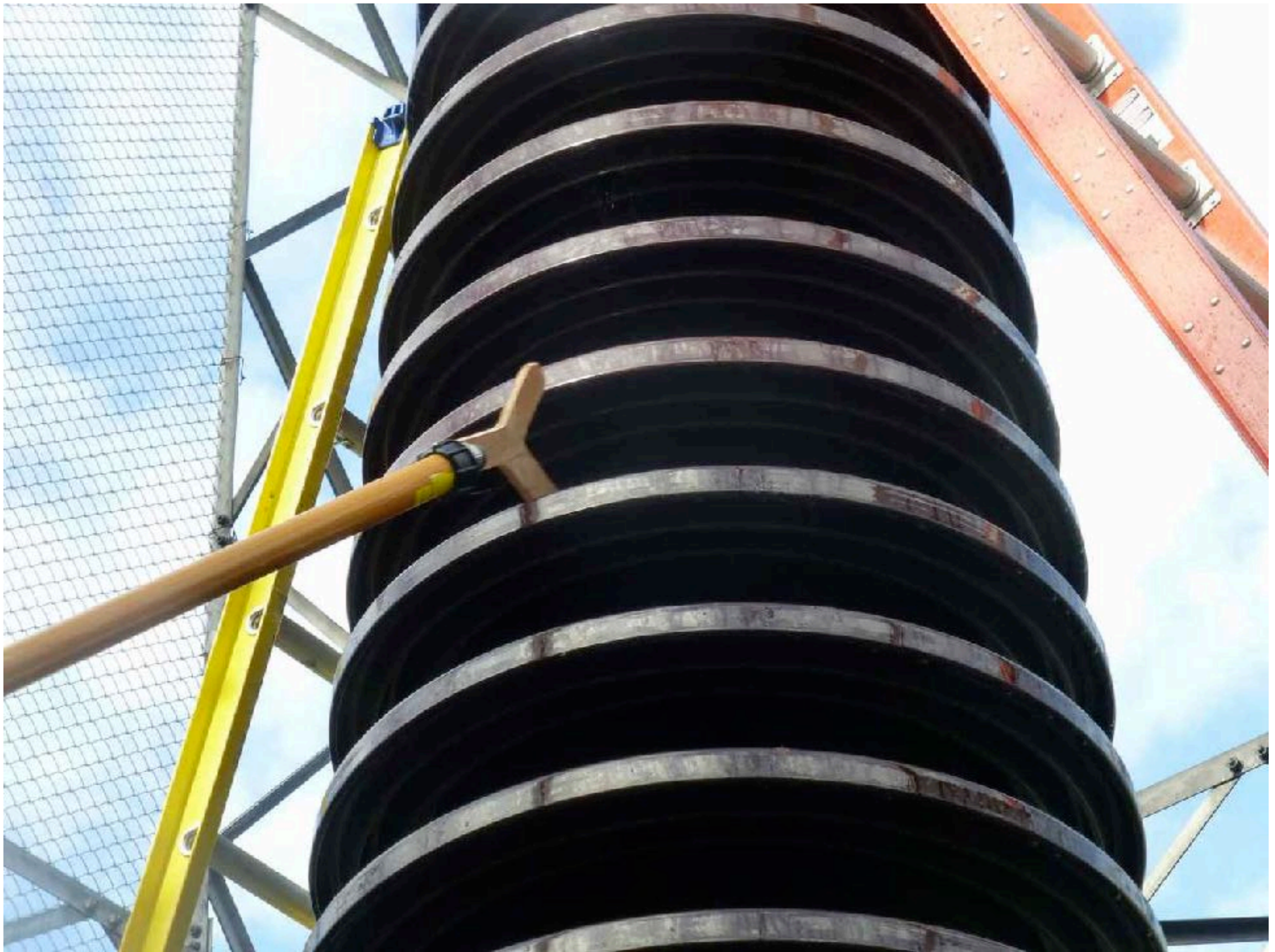
Instruments B  
and C (held with  
magnets)

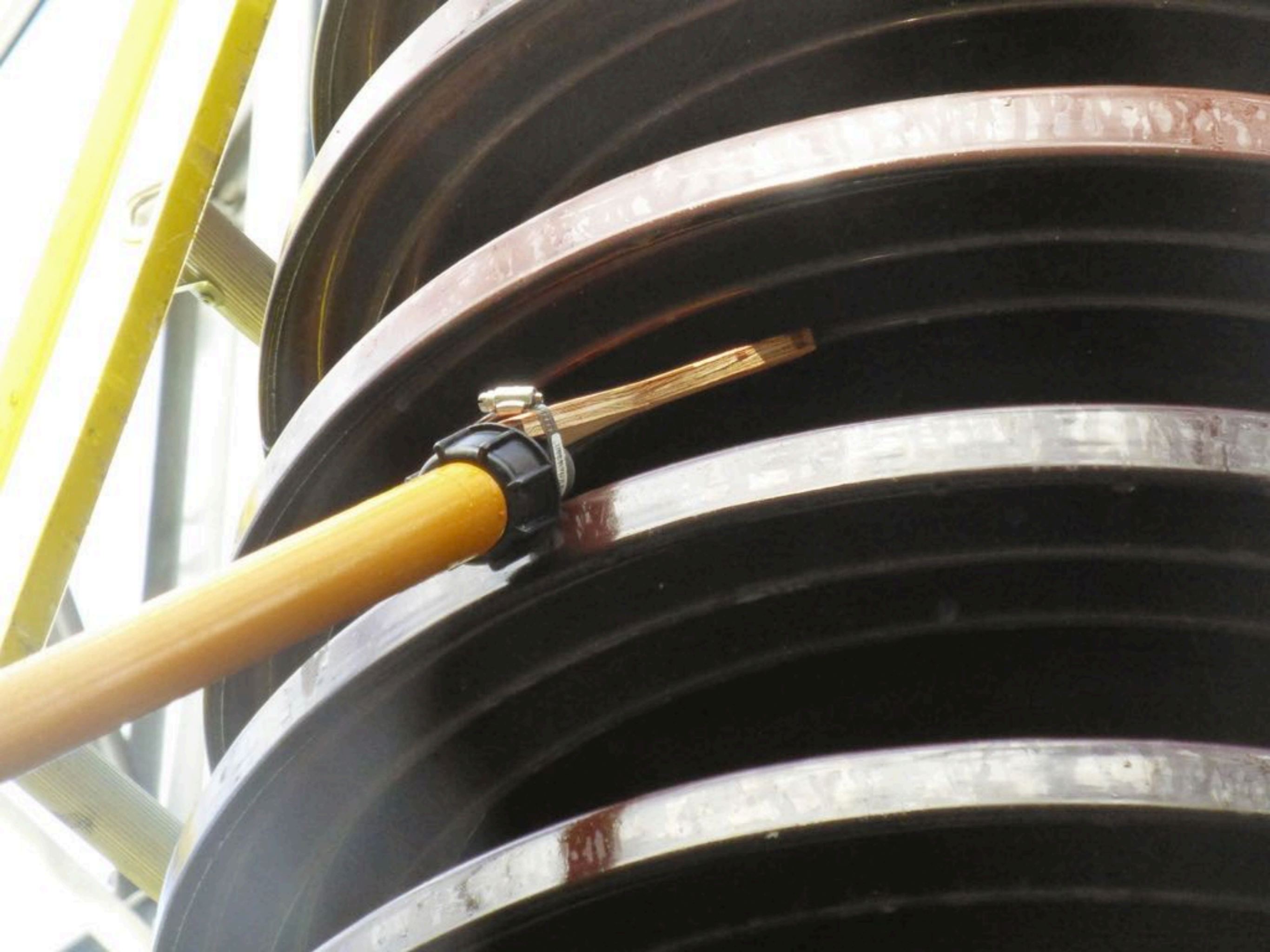




300 kV Pothead  
Pirelli  
1968  
(CPT)







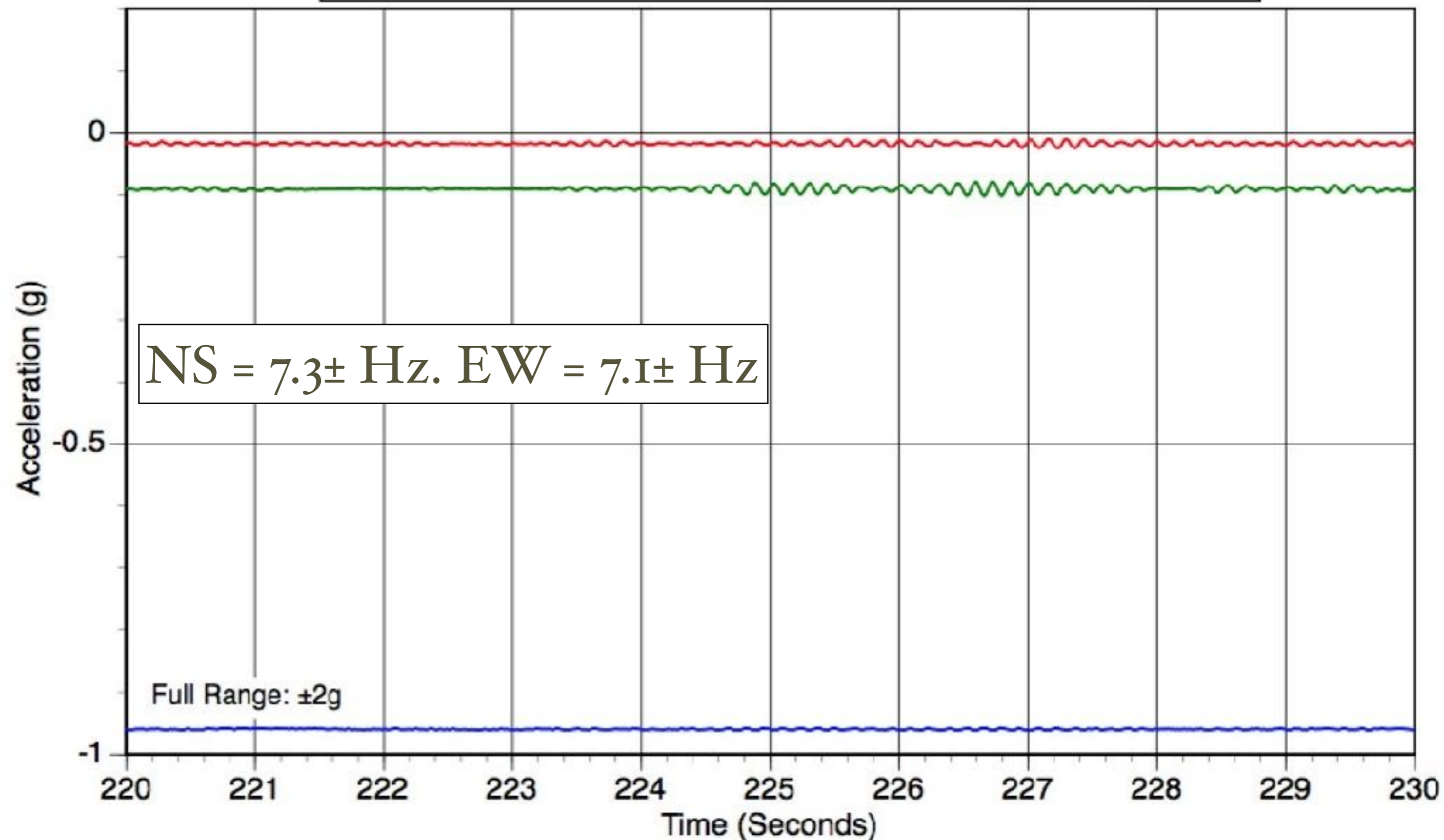
# 300 kV DC at CPT

X = Vertical Y = NS Hot Stick Z = EW Manshake

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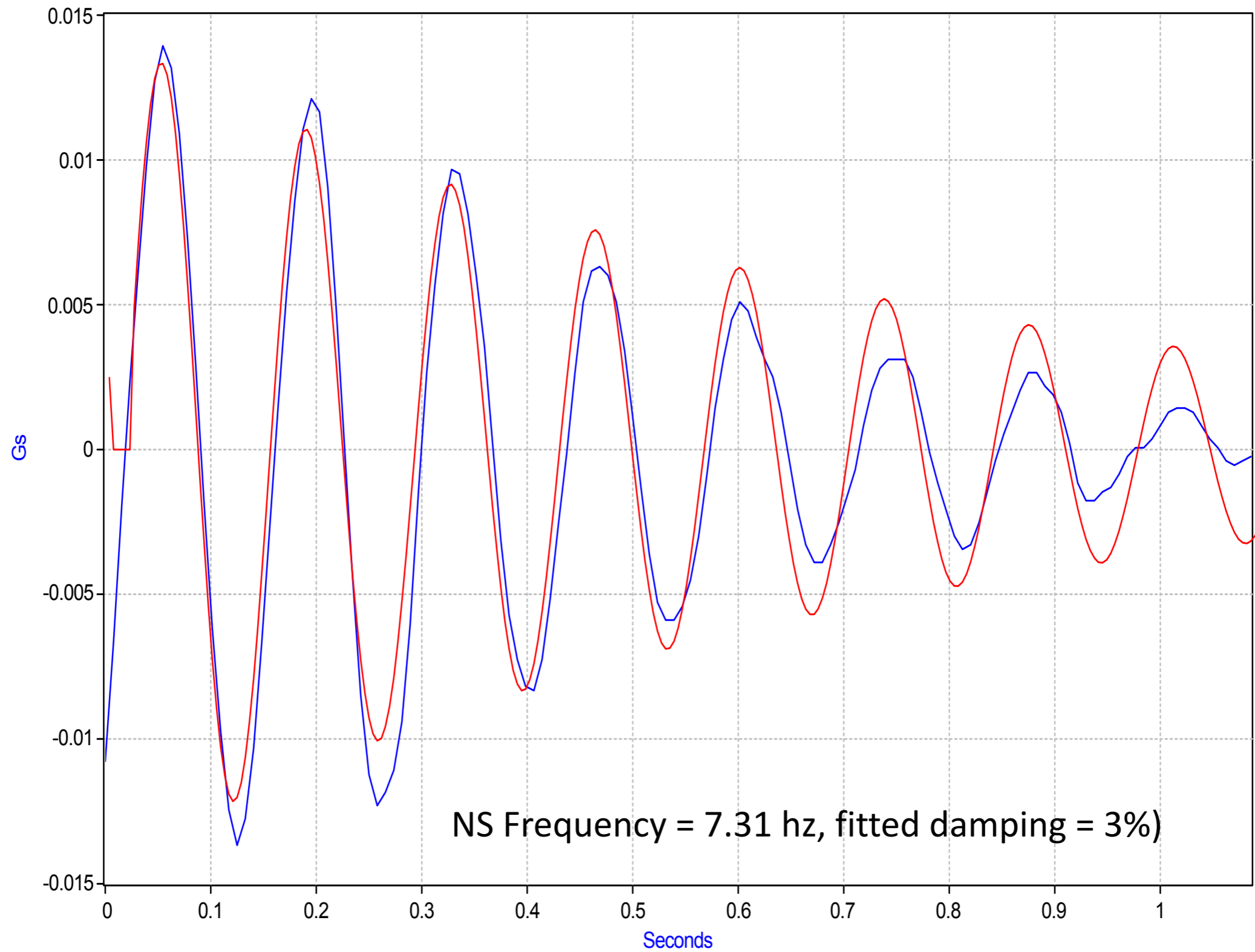
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— agz



A Instrument (Near Top of Pot Head)

W21: CPT PH NS MS Estimate(7.31, 3, .014, .02)



NS Frequency = 7.31 hz, fitted damping = 3%)

# Field Test of 230 kV Porcelain Pothead (Camosun)

- Man-shake
- Sometimes clean response
- Sometimes not



# Camosun 230 kV Pot Heads





# 230 kV Potheads Camosun











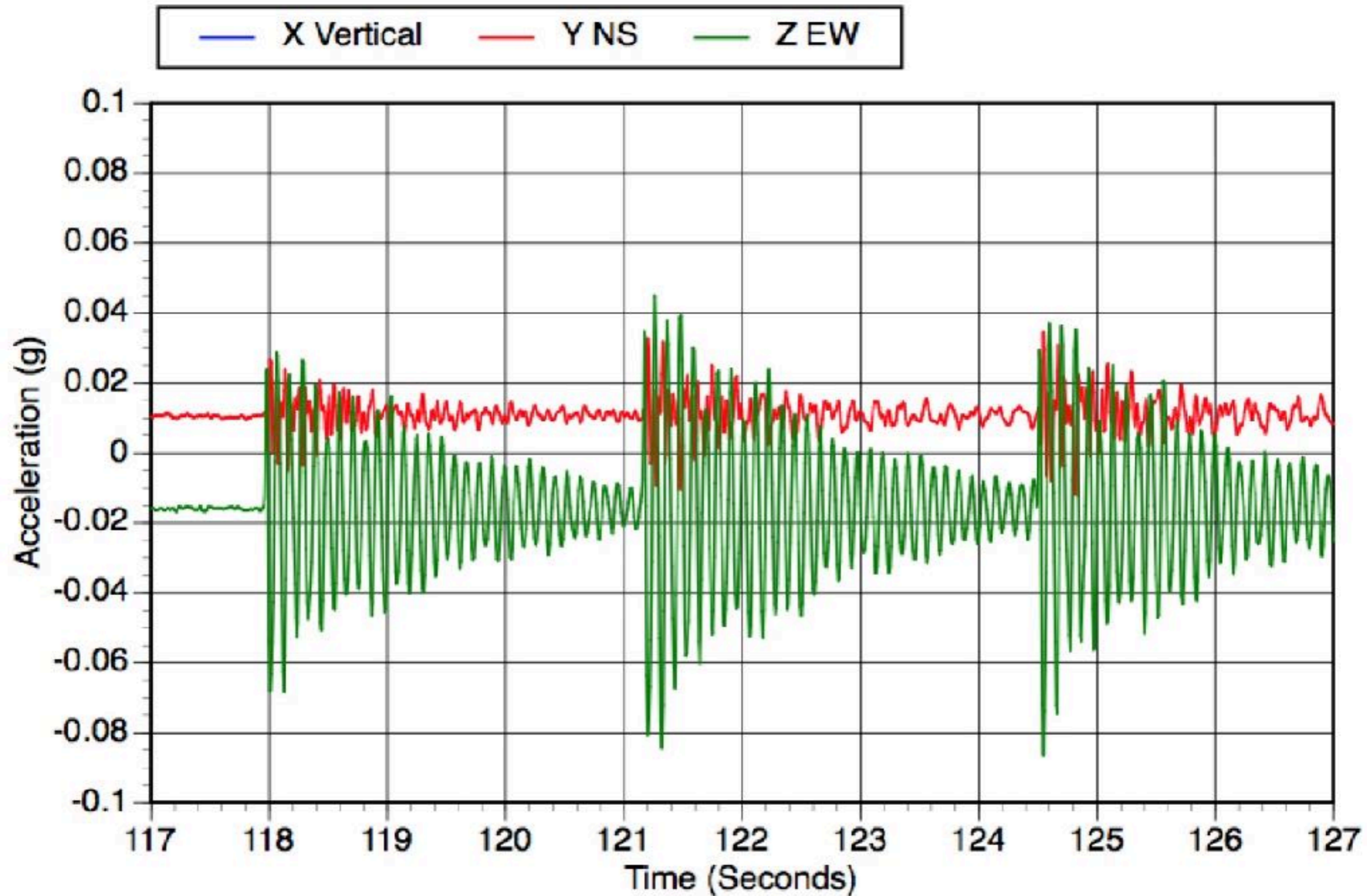
# North South Man Shake



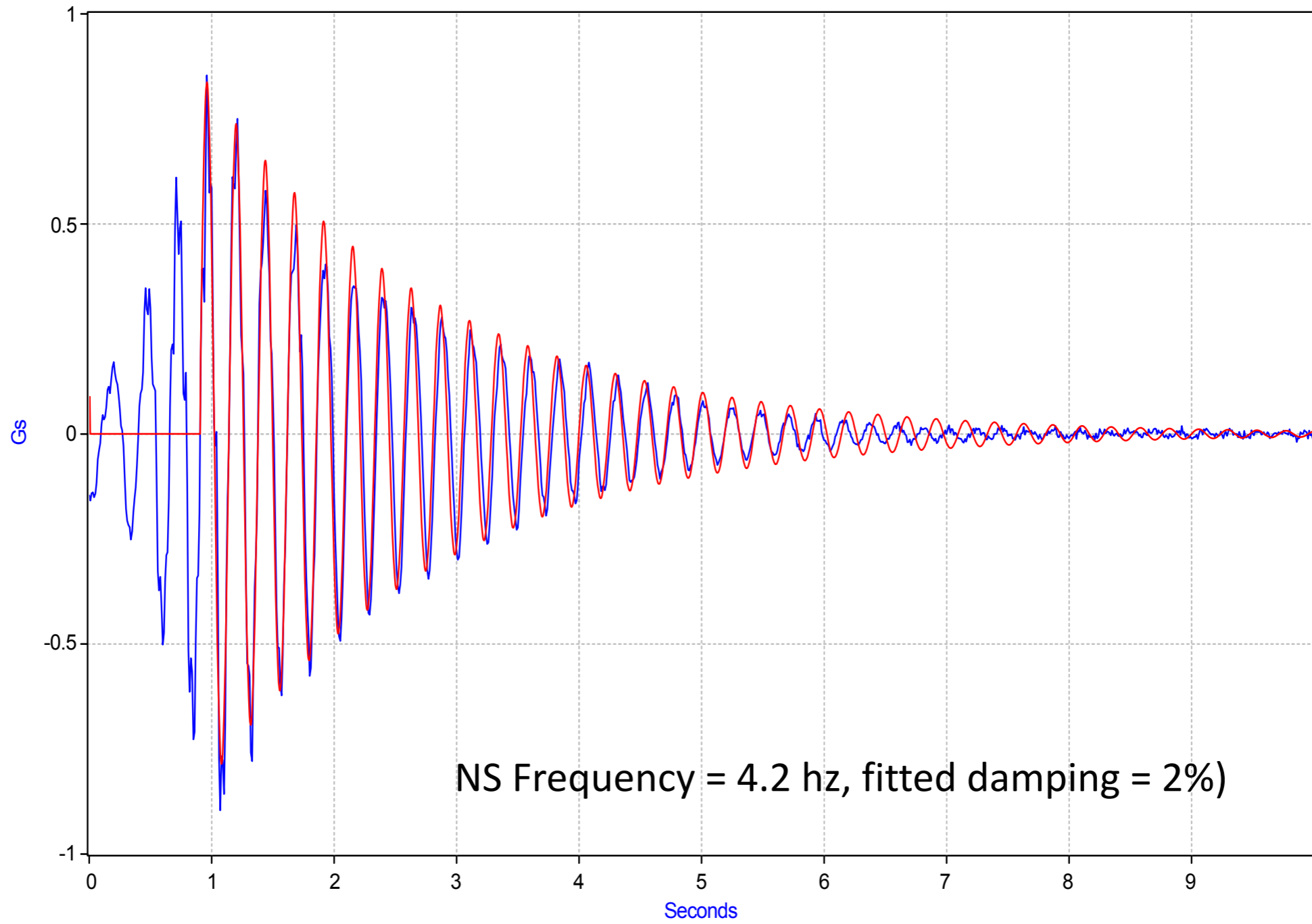
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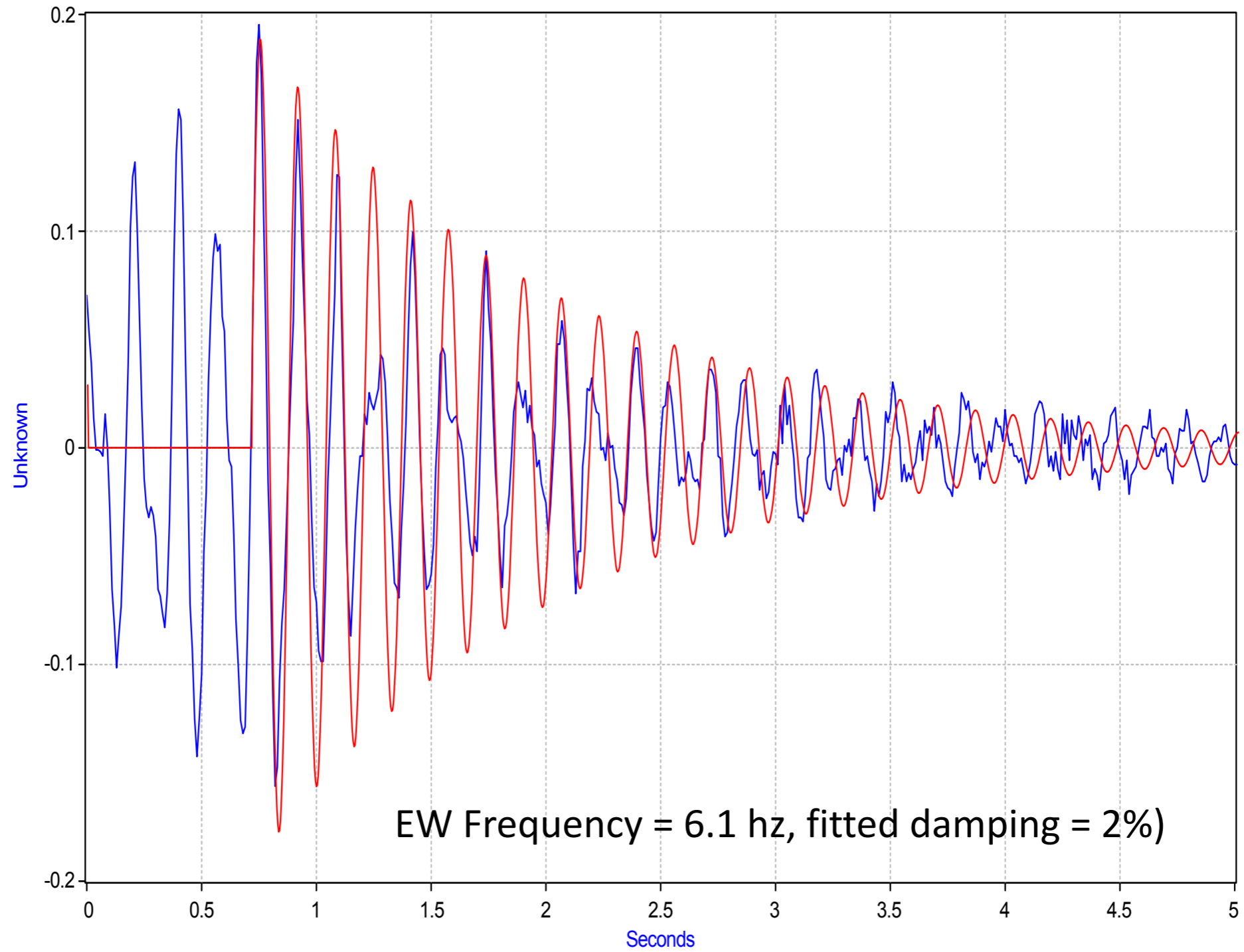
# Camosun Pot Head



W29: CSN PH N-S (4,2, 2, .864, .905,0) Extract (W2,33200,1000,0)



W30: CSN PH E-W (6.1, 2, .195, 715,0) Extract (W3, 18500,1000,0)



ChCh

Feb 2011

Bromley Substation

PGA-0.5g

66 kV Potheads,

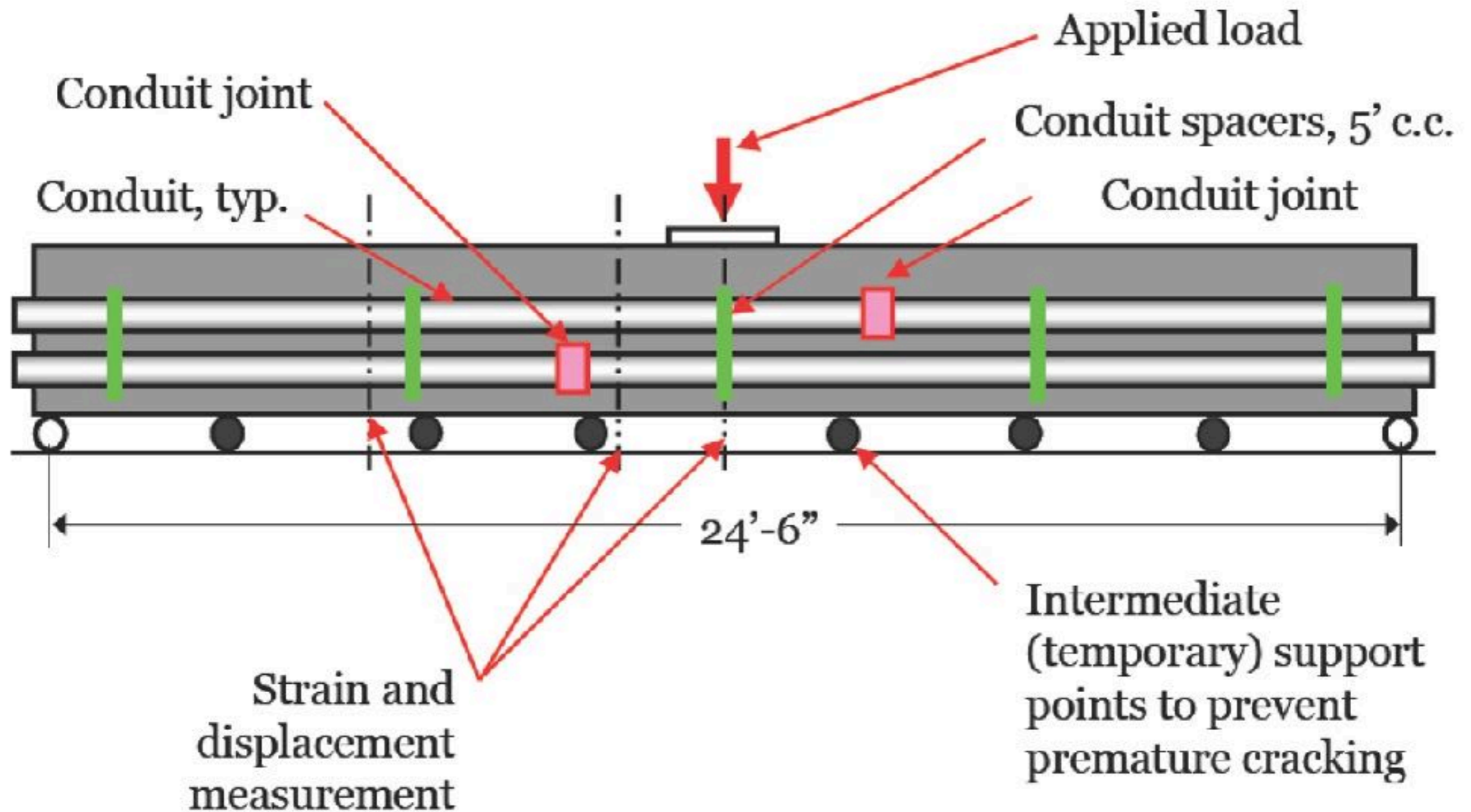
Surge Arrestors, SF6

CB



Full Scale Tests - Berkeley  
Nov-Dec 2011

# Full-scale Test 31"x 34" Cross-section

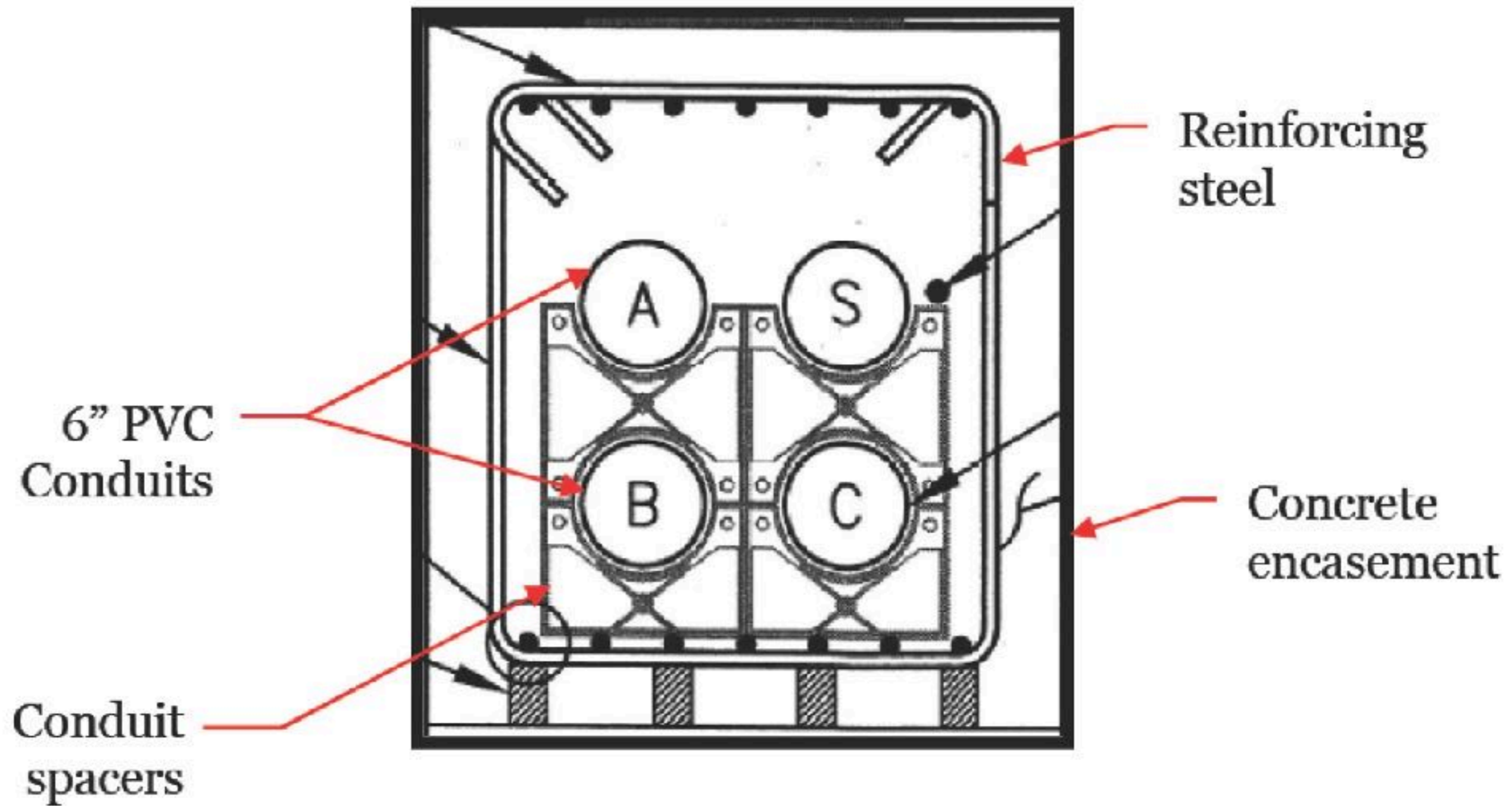








# Buried Duct Bank Cross-section 31"x 34"

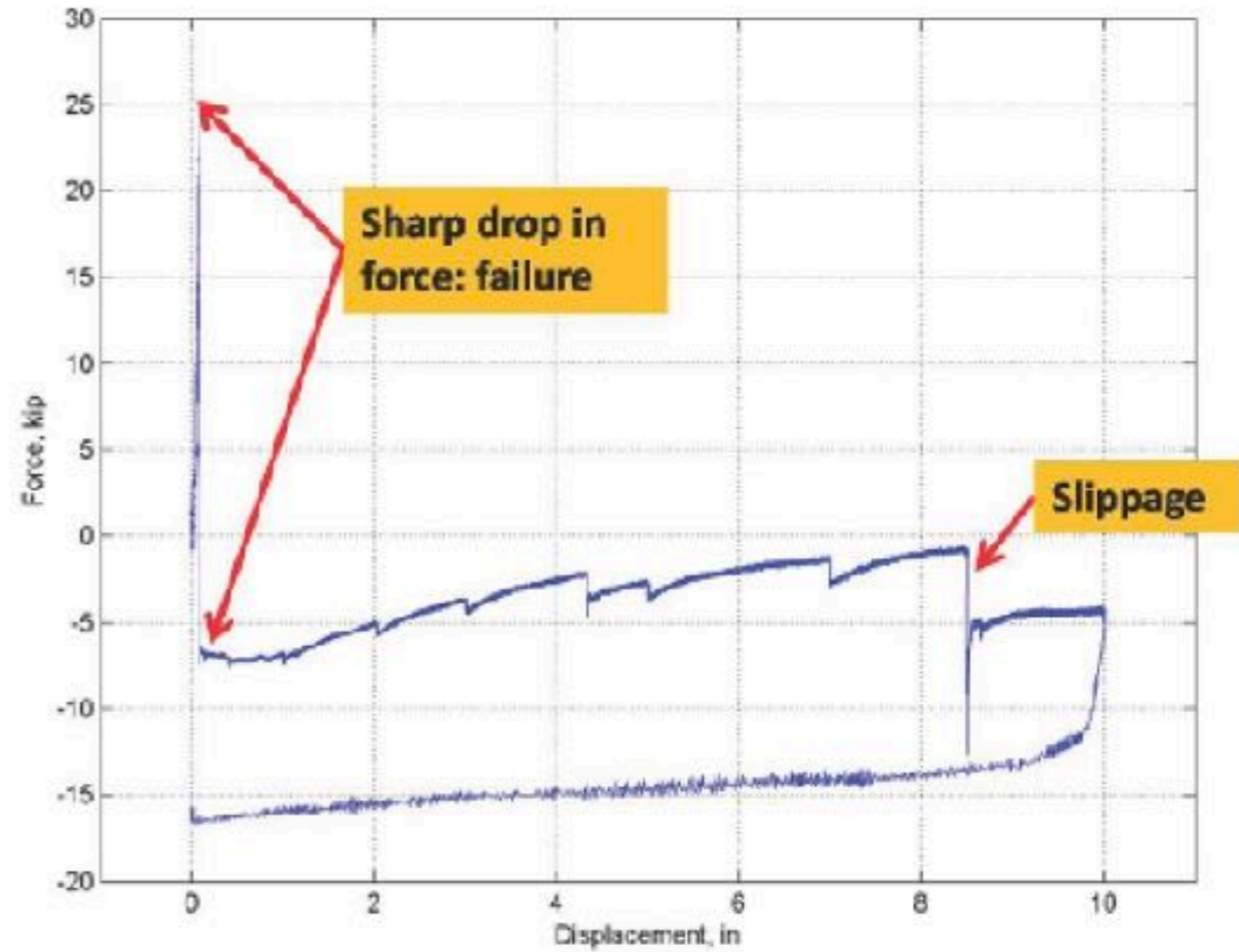




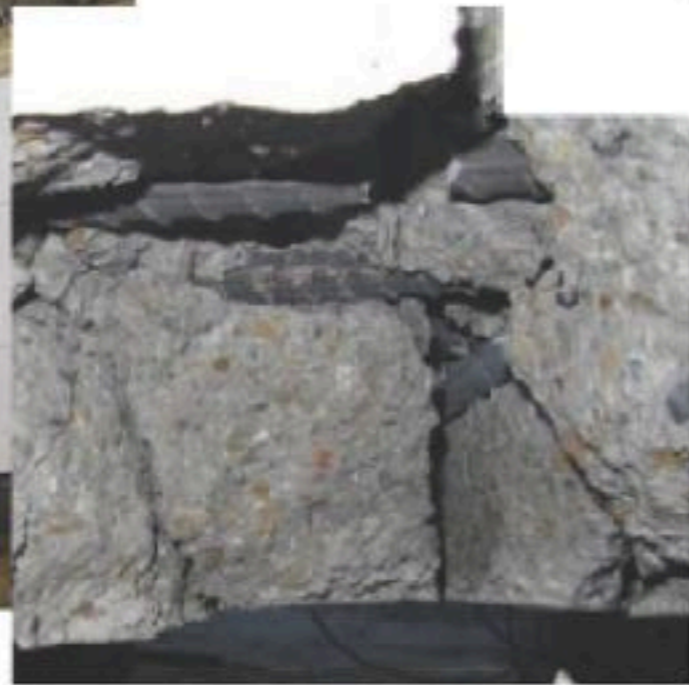
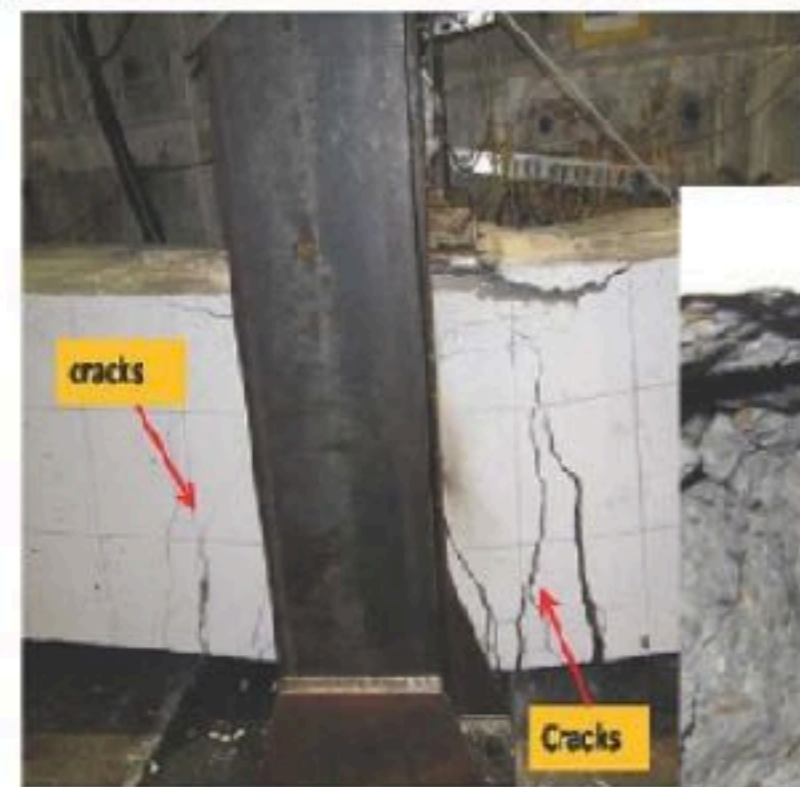
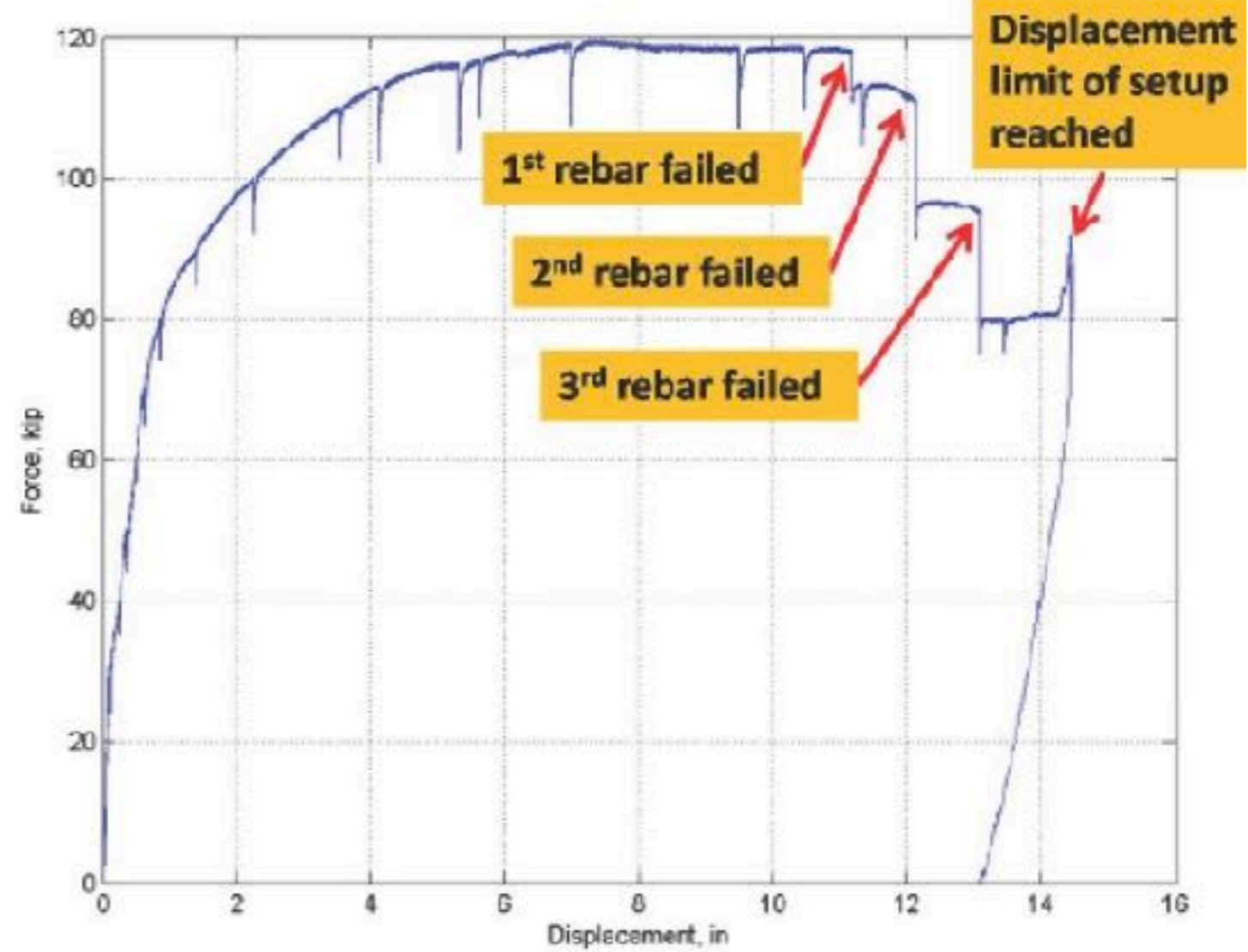
# Full-scale Duct Bank - Fabrication



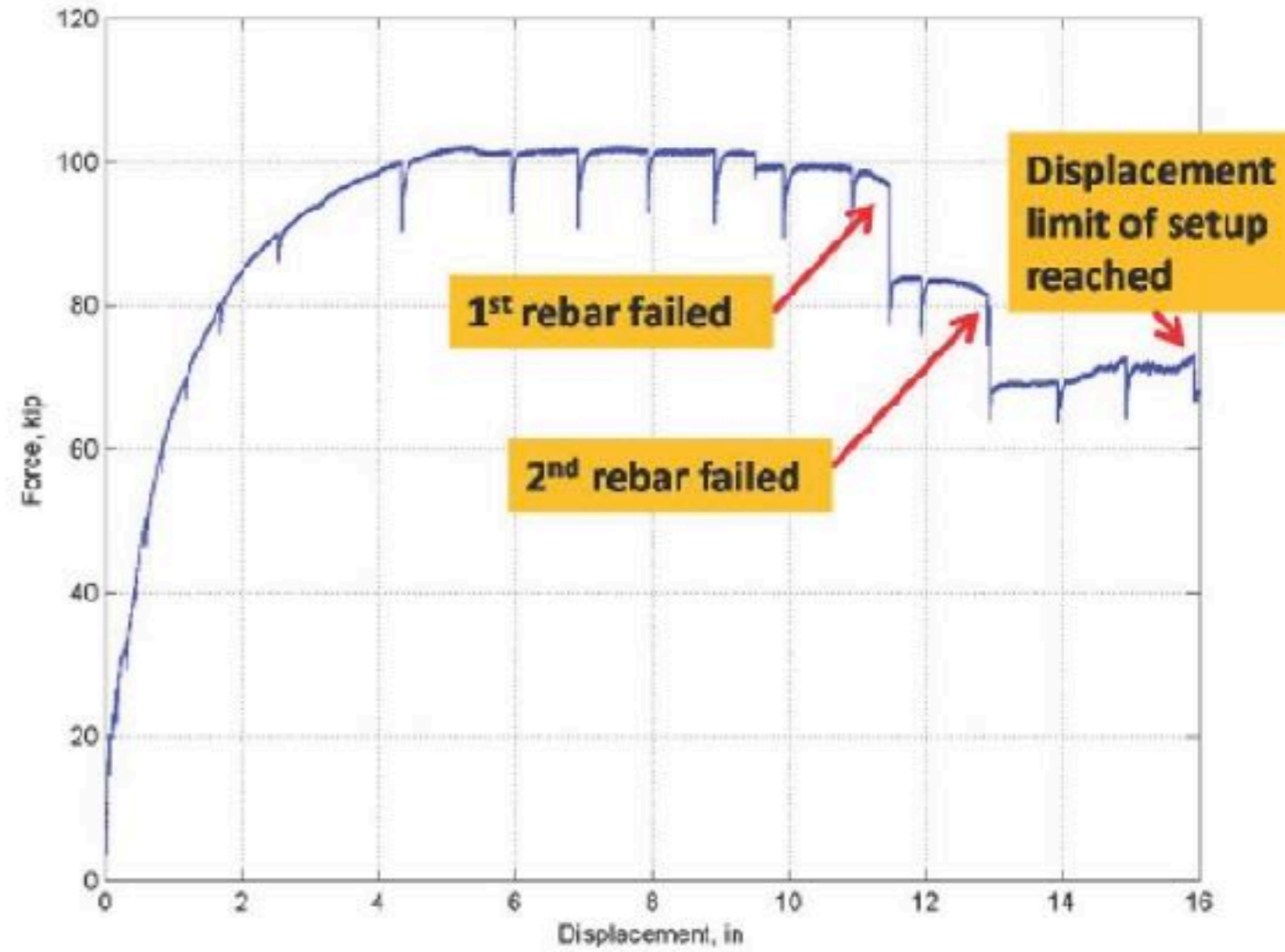
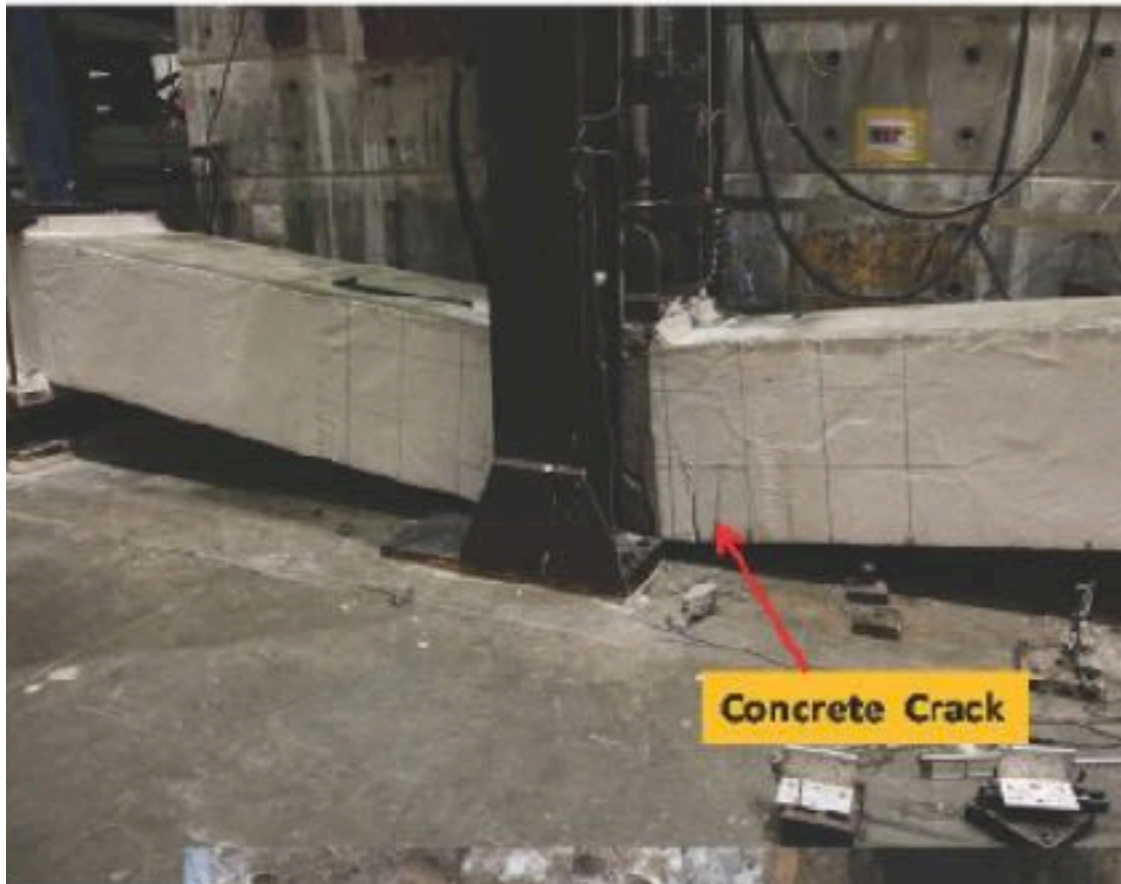
# Unreinforced



# Reinforced #1



# Reinforced #2

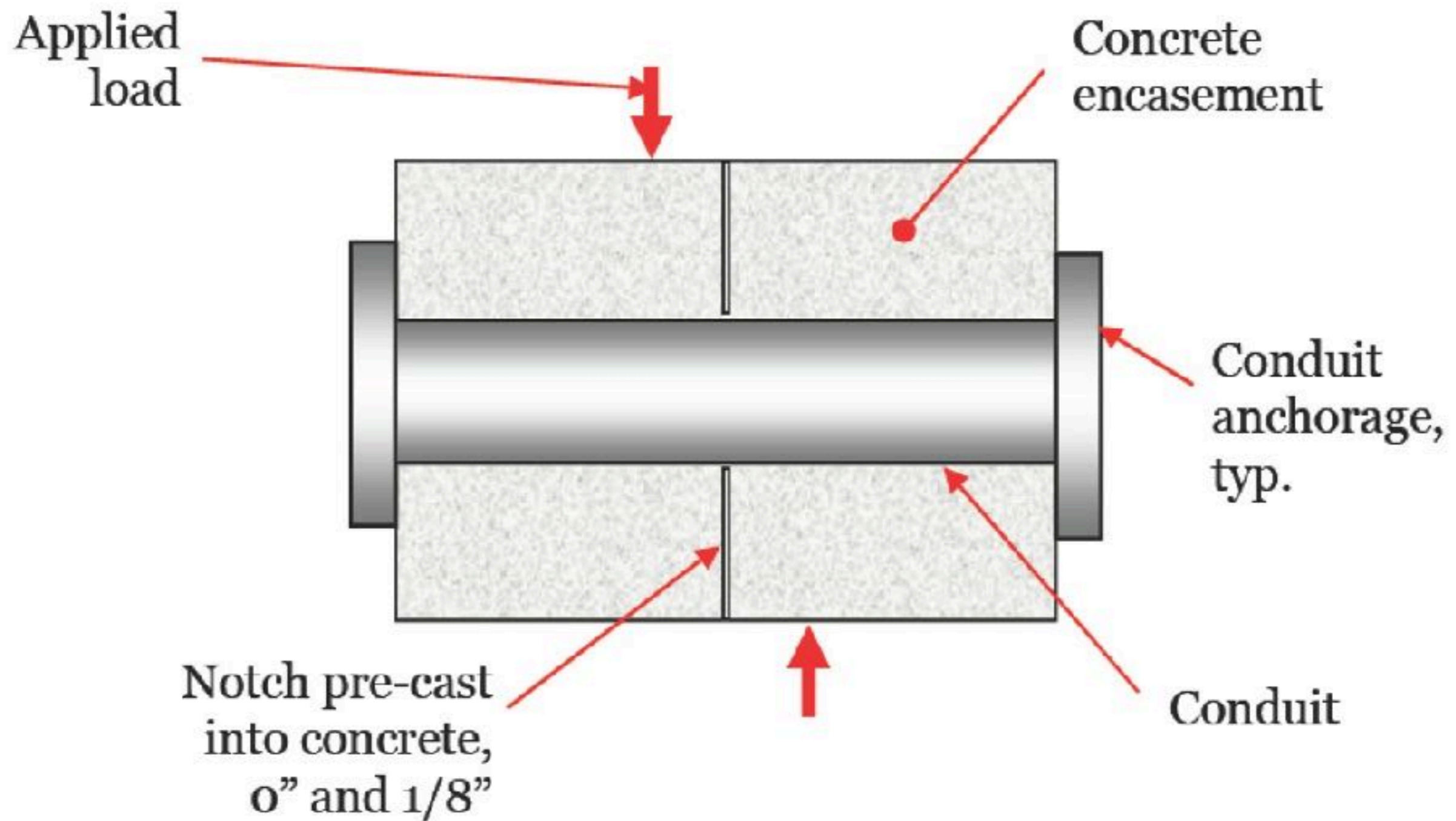


# Full-scale Test Summary

| Test Description                          | Load (kips) | Ultimate Mid-span Displacement (inches) | Ultimate Hinge Rotation (radians) |
|---|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Unreinforced                              | 25.3        | 10                                      | Negligible*                       |
| Reinforced #1<br>(Load about strong axis) | 120         | 14.5                                    | 0.19                              |
| Reinforced #2<br>(Load about weak axis)   | 102         | 16.5                                    | 0.22                              |

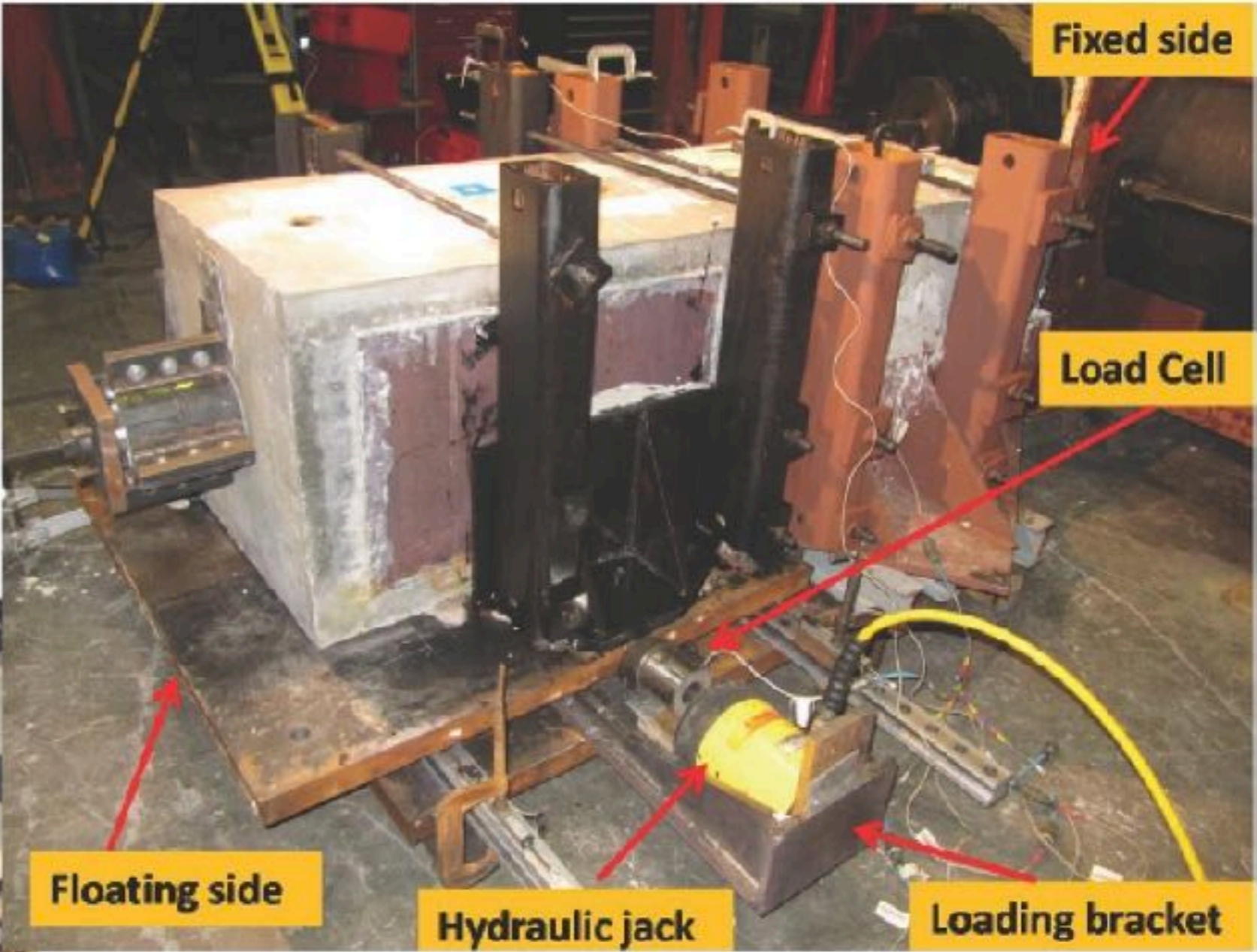
\* The duct bank beam has almost no resistance to bending after initial cracking. Conduit susceptible to shear offset displacement at cracks.

# Shear Offset Test

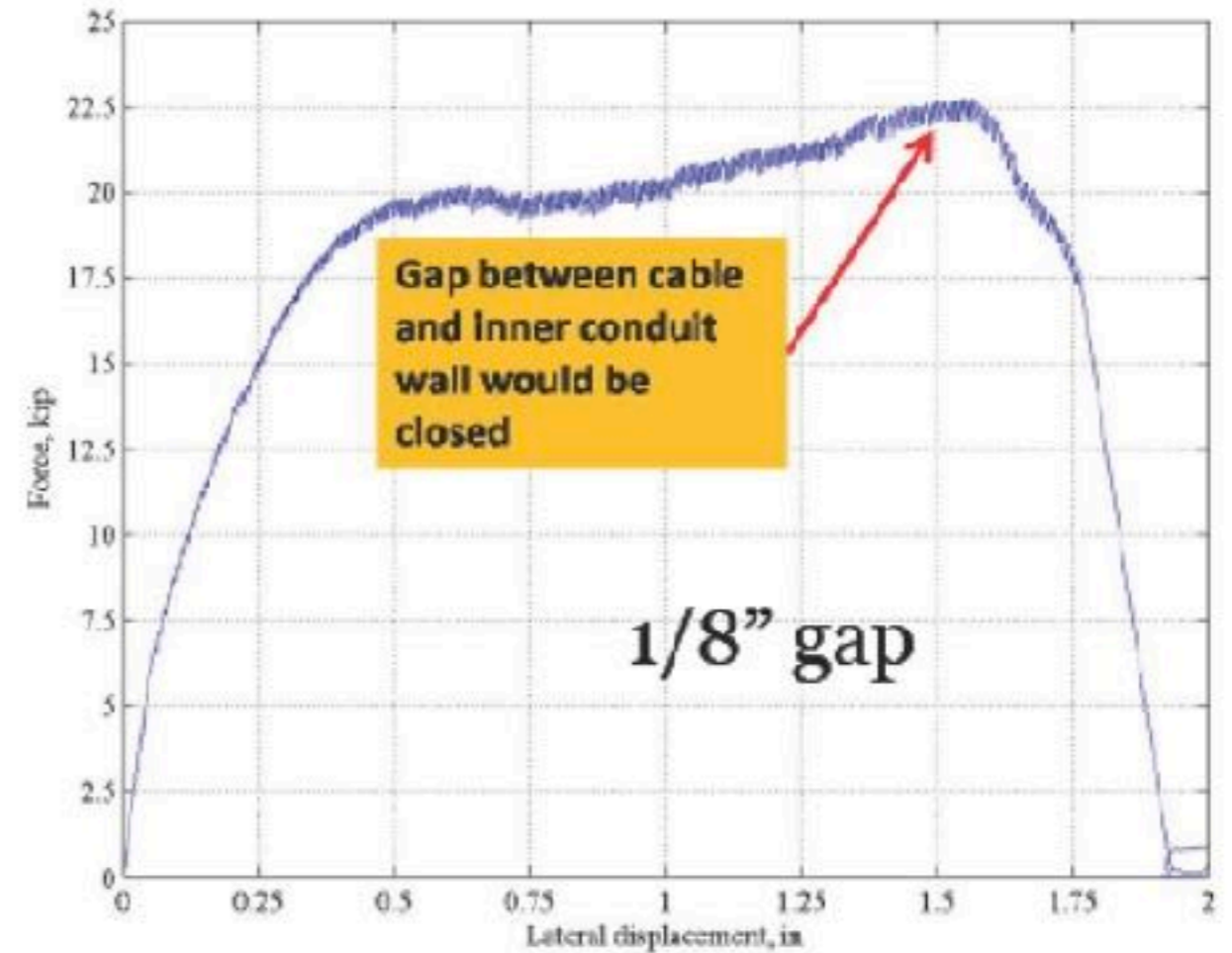
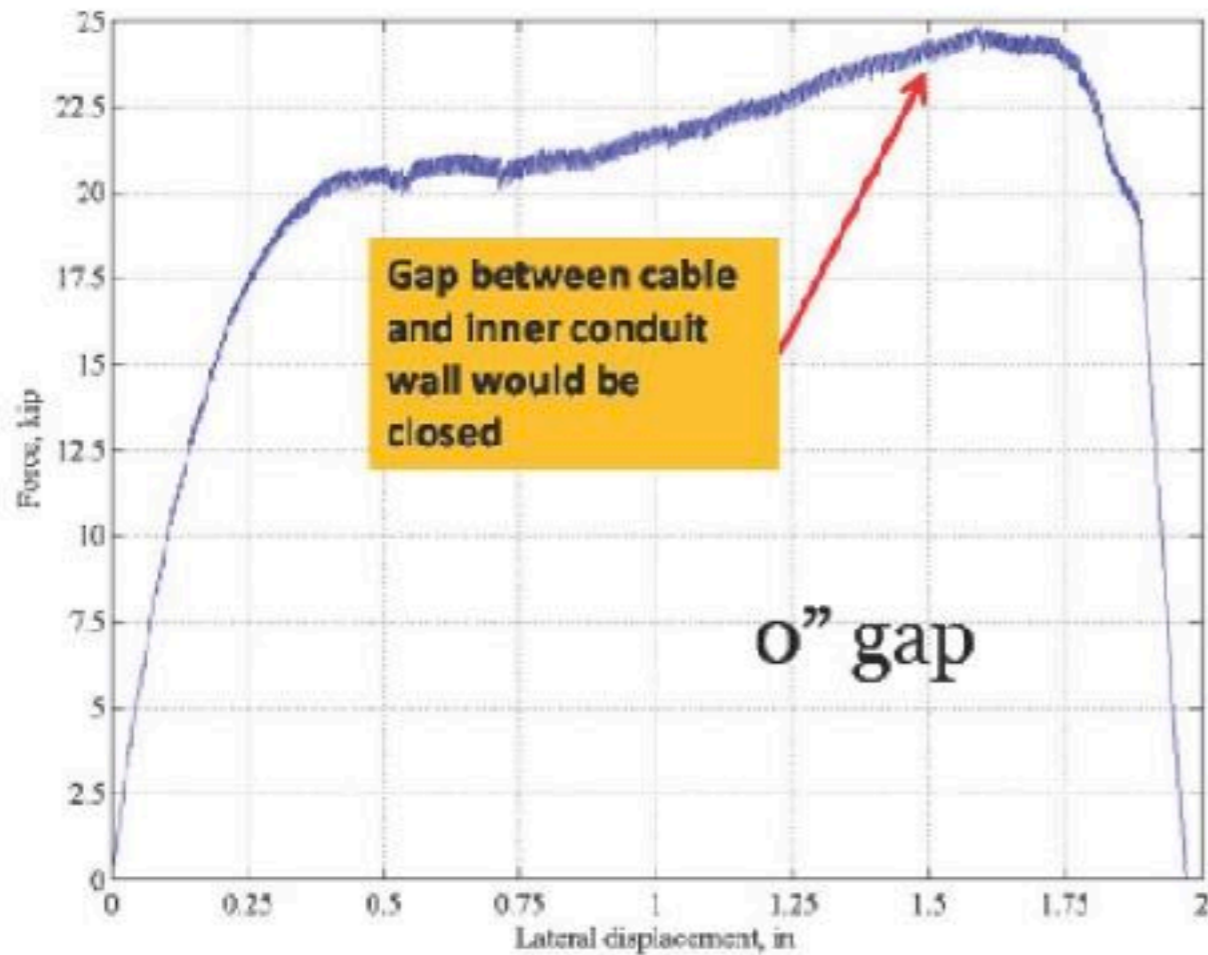
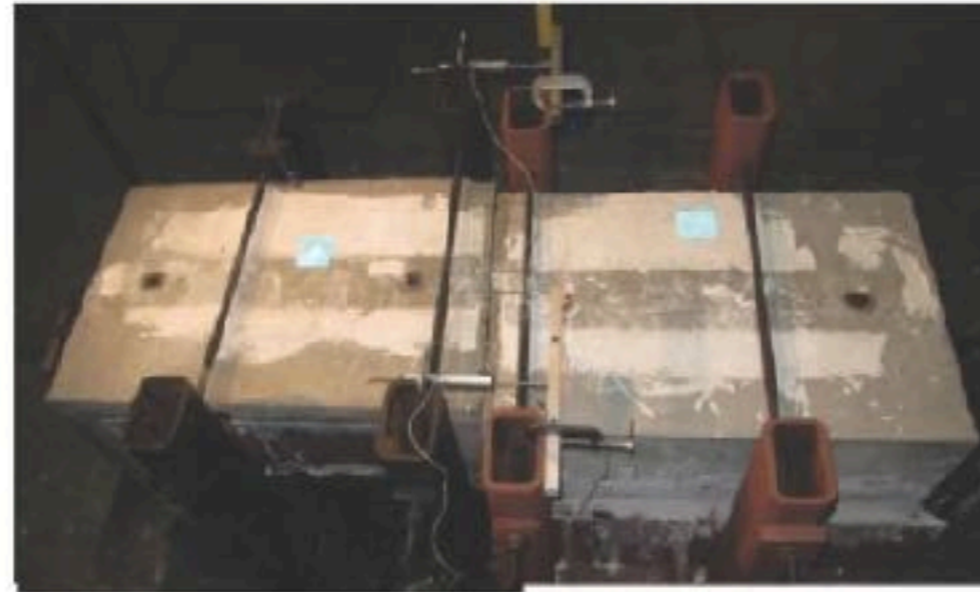




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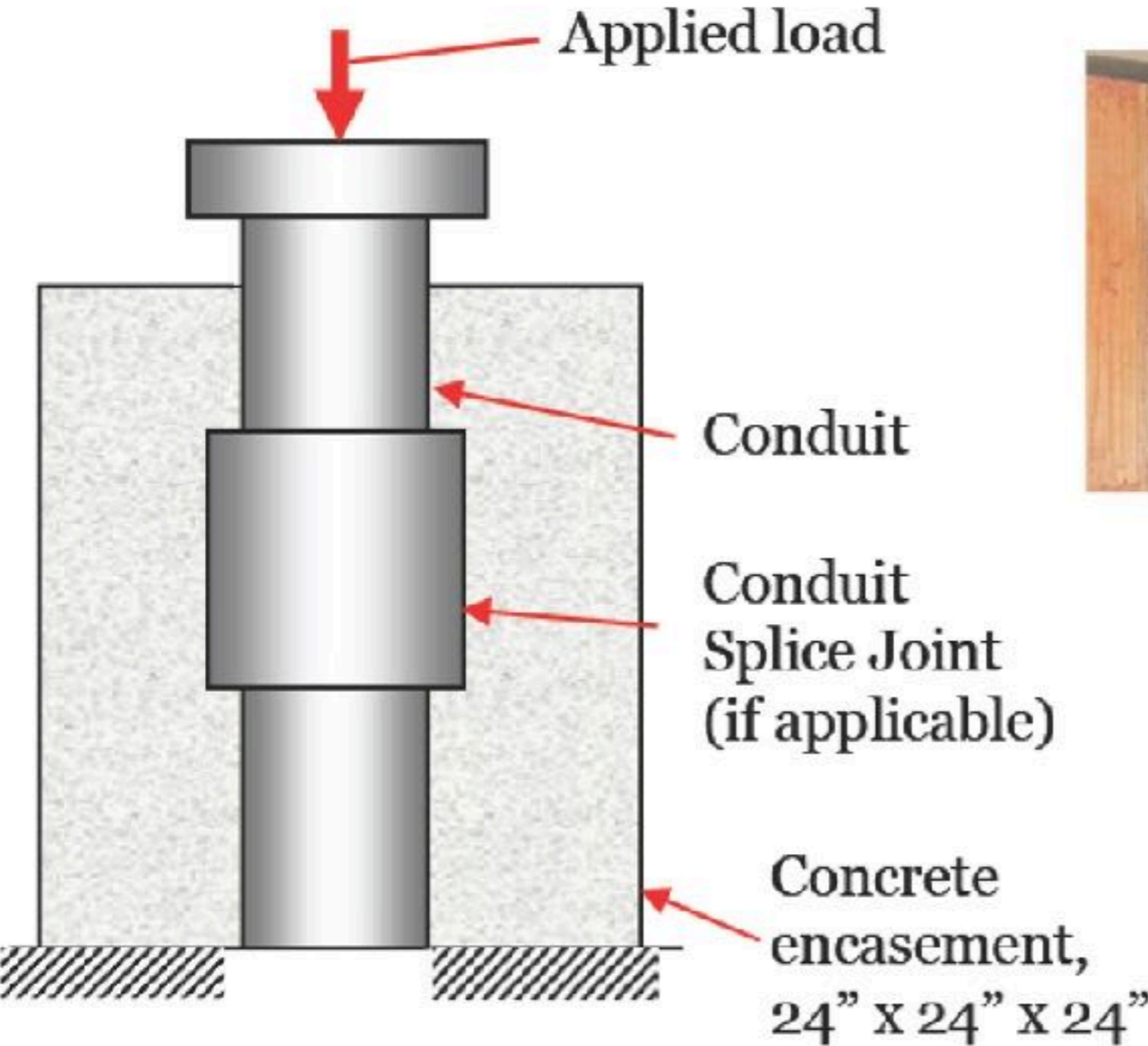
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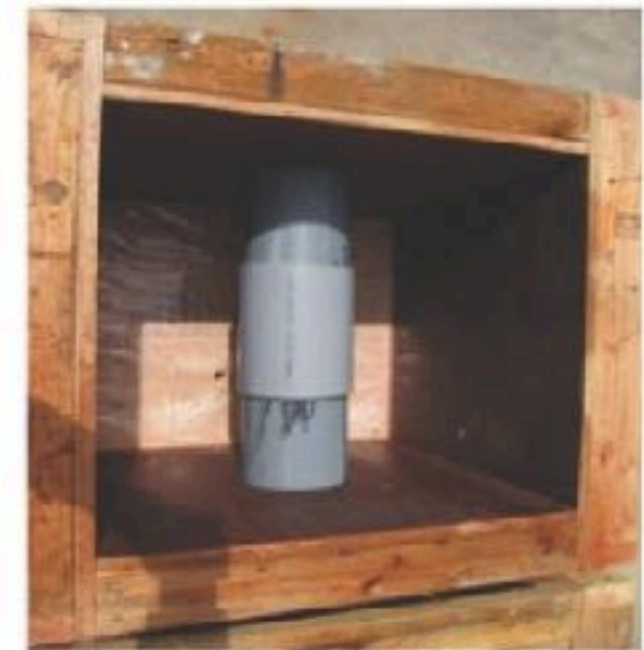
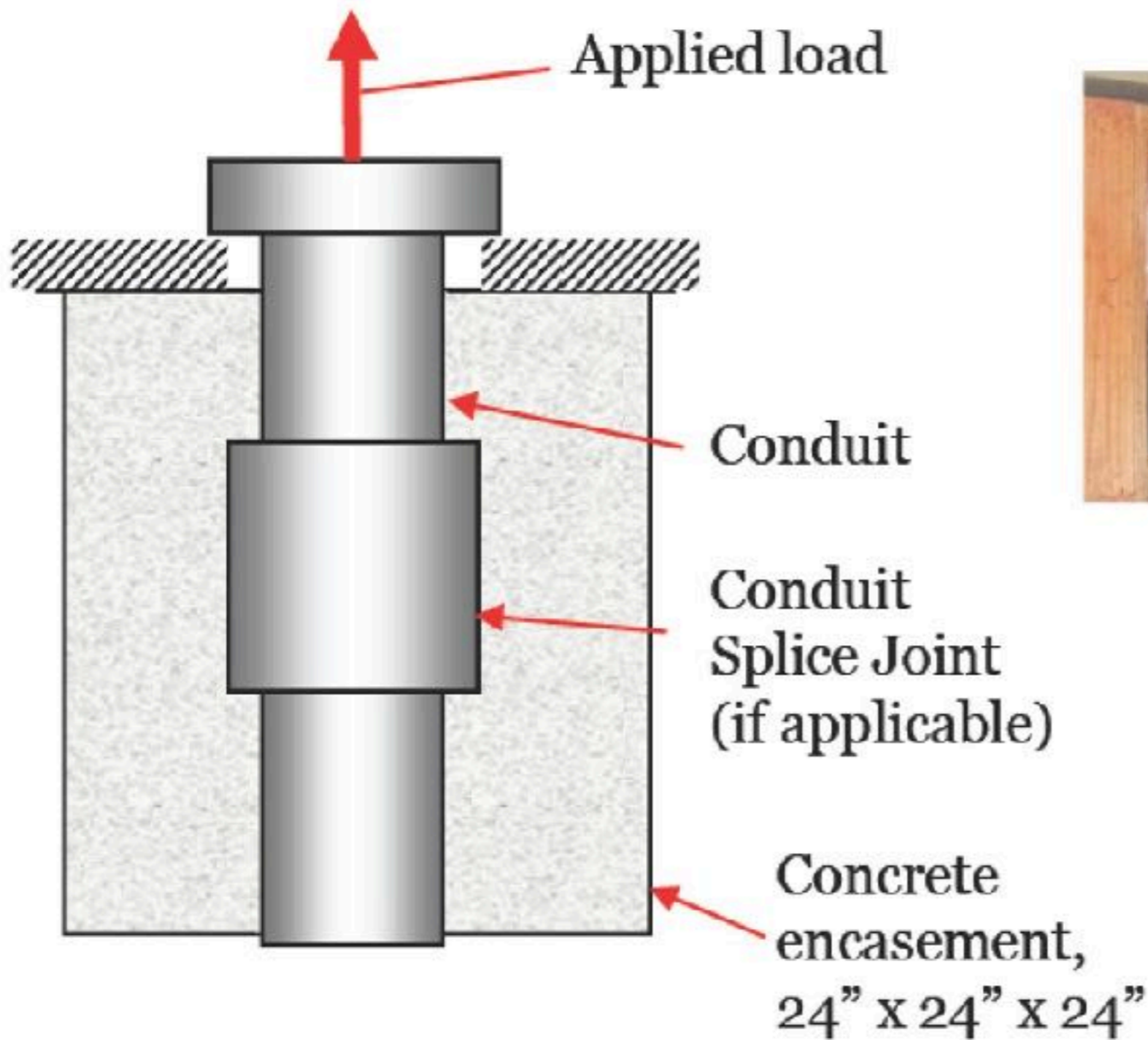
# Shear Offset Test Results

| Test | Gap (inches) | Ultimate force (kips) | Displacement at Failure (inches) |
|------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| #1   | 0            | 24.7                  | 1.89                             |
| #2   | 1/8          | 22.6                  | 1.76                             |

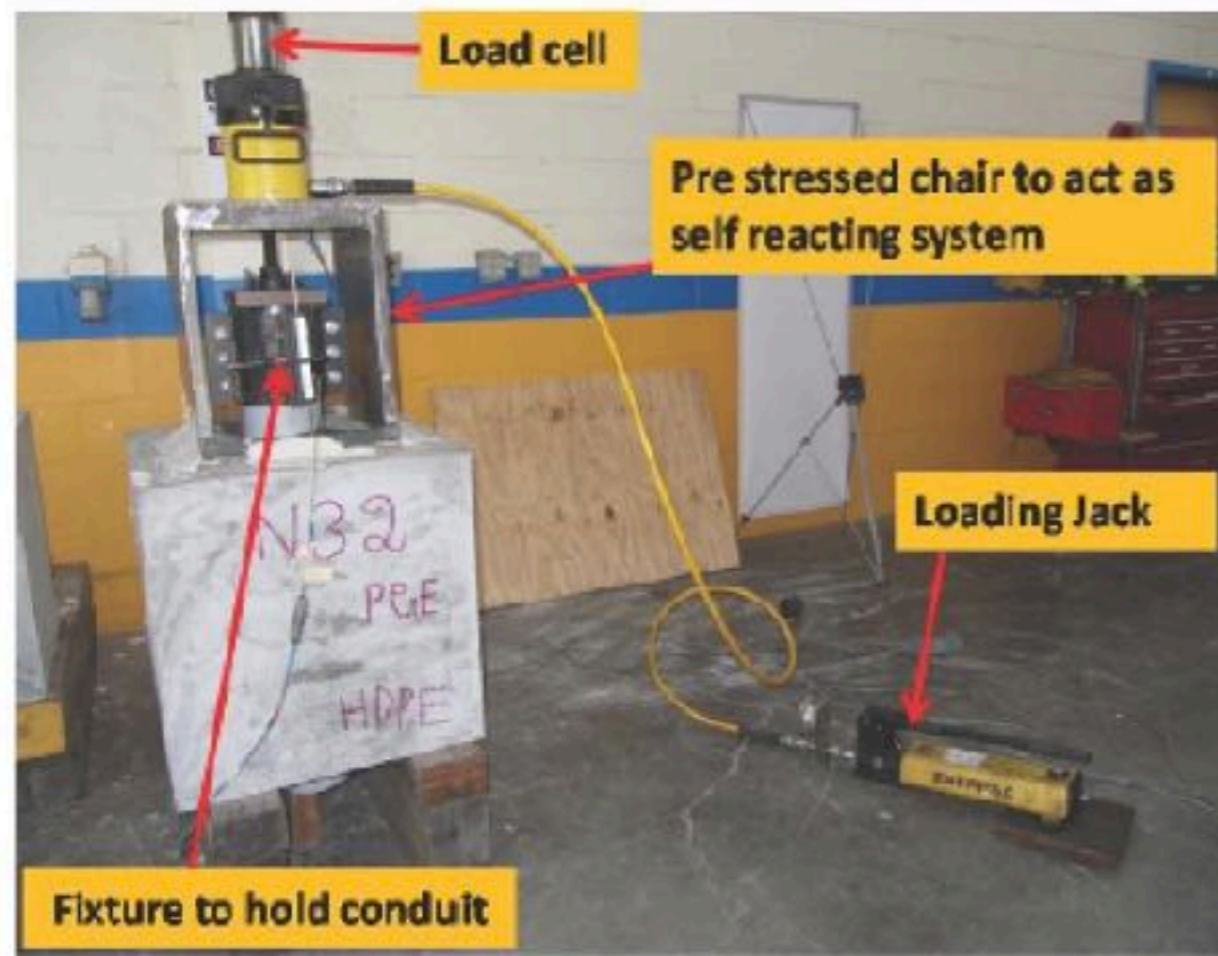
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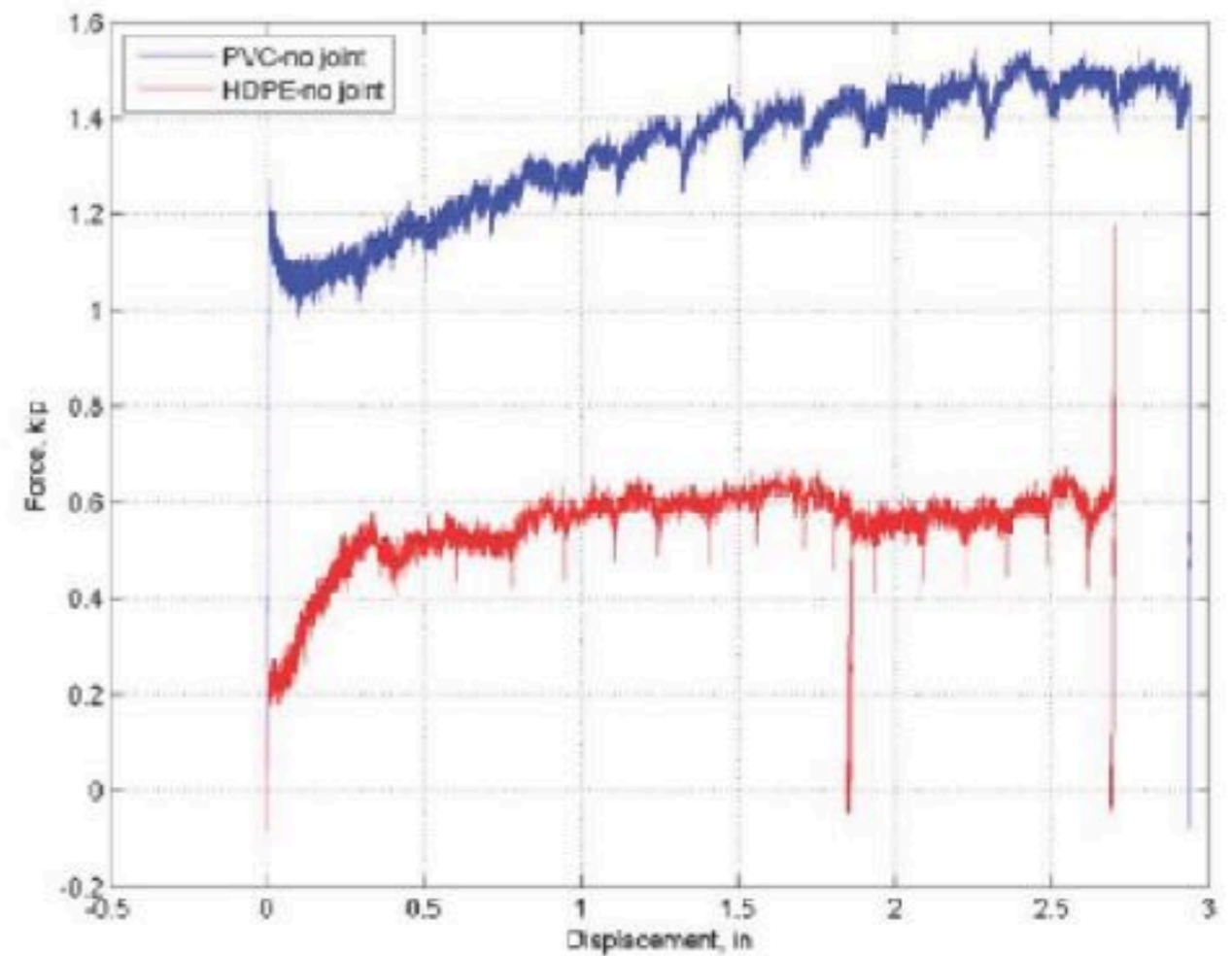
# Conduit/Concrete Bond Tests (Tension)



# Conduit/Concrete Bond Tests (Tension with no Joint)

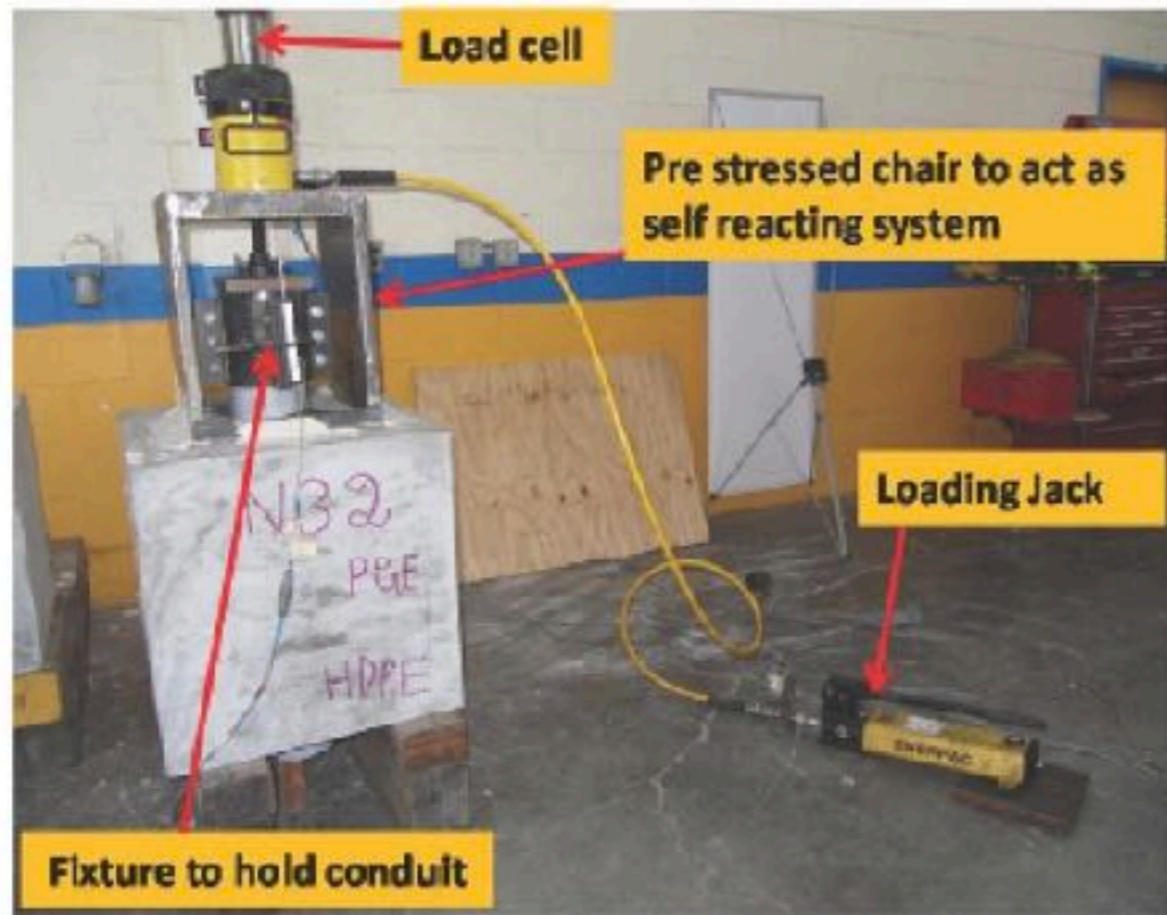


Test setup

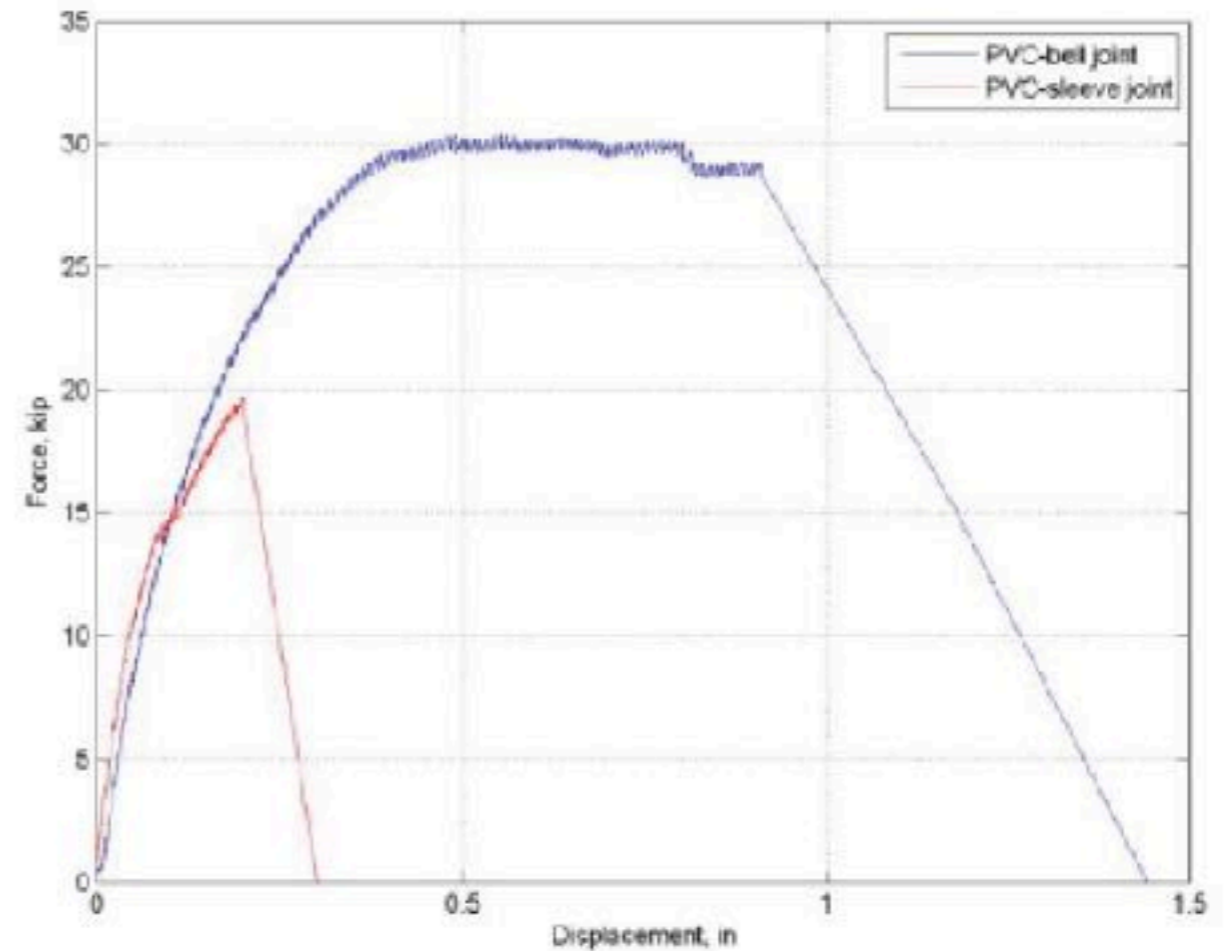


Tension tests without joint

# Conduit/Concrete Bond Tests (Tension with Joint)

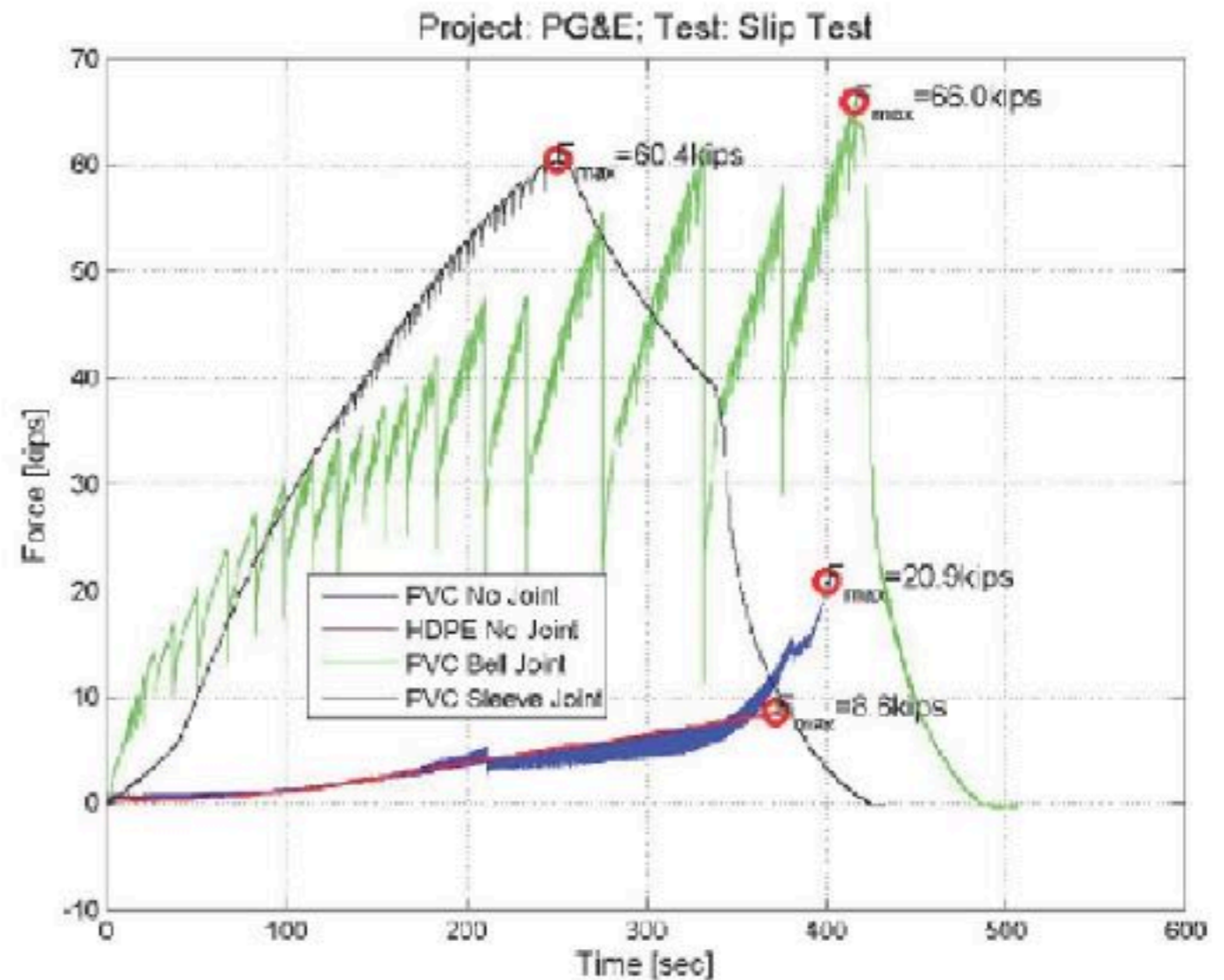
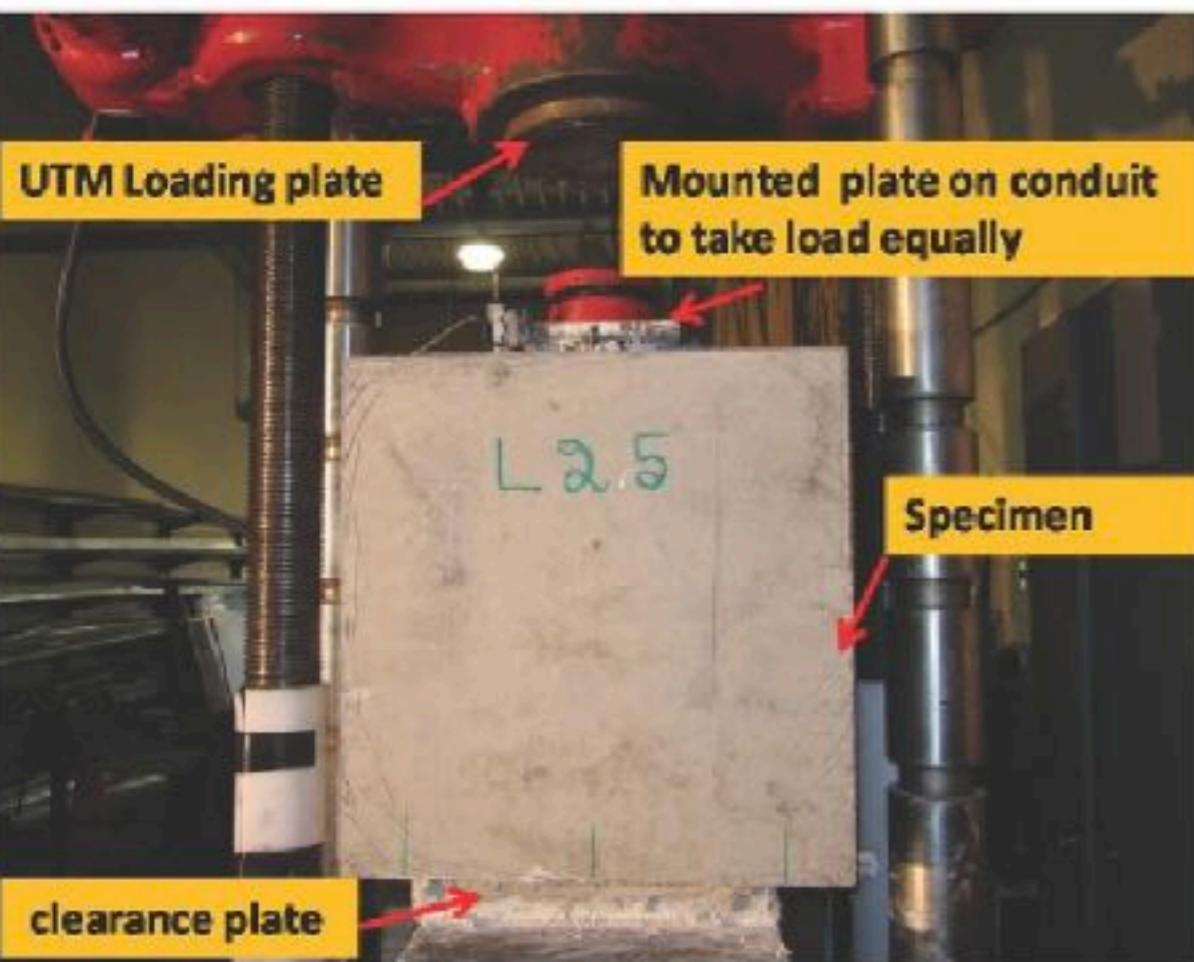


Test setup



Tension tests with joint

# Conduit/Concrete Bond Tests (Compression)





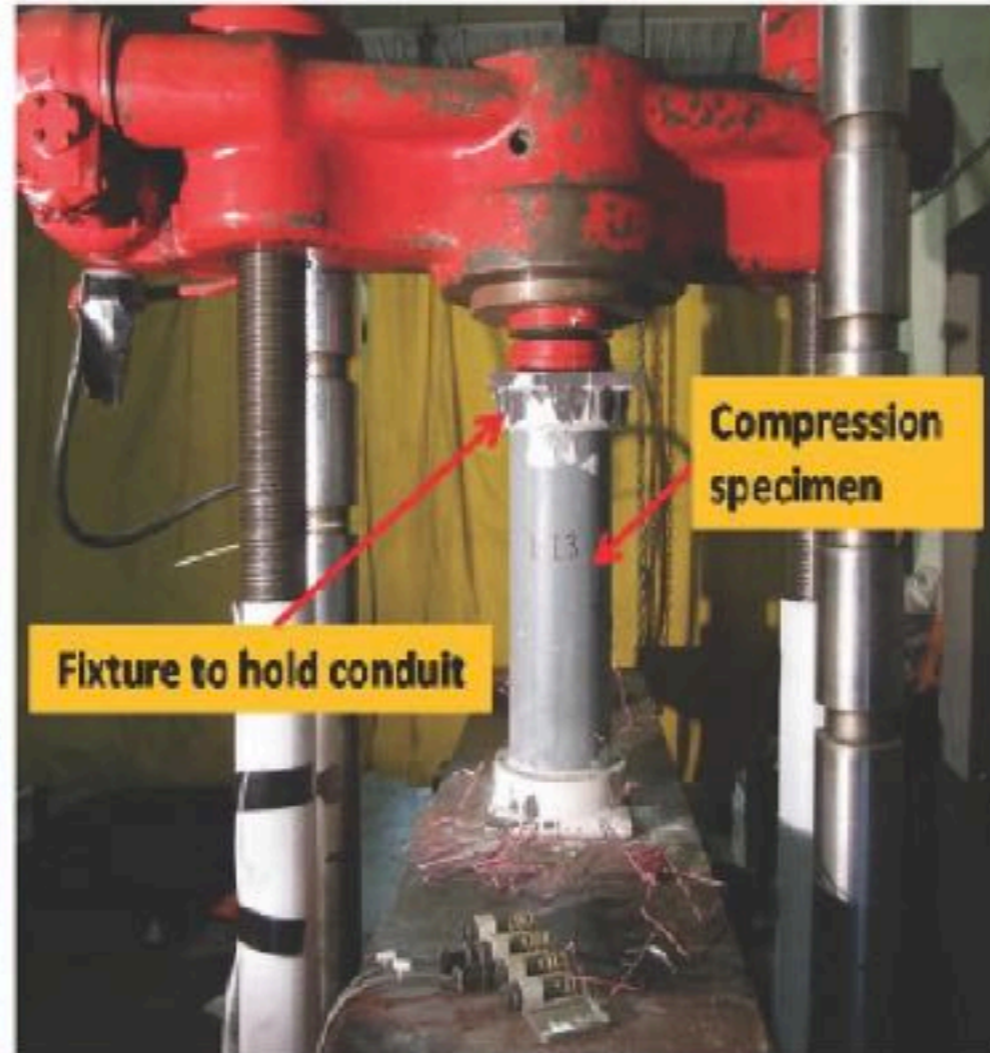
# Conduit/Concrete Bond Test Results (Negative denotes compression test)

| Conduit Type          | Slip Force (kips) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| PVC (bare)            | -20.9             |
| HDPE (bare)           | -8.6              |
| PVC with bell joint   | -66.0             |
| PVC with sleeve joint | -60.4             |
| PVC (bare)            | +1.5              |
| HDPE (bare)           | +0.7              |
| PVC with bell joint   | +30.4             |
| PVC with sleeve joint | +19.7             |

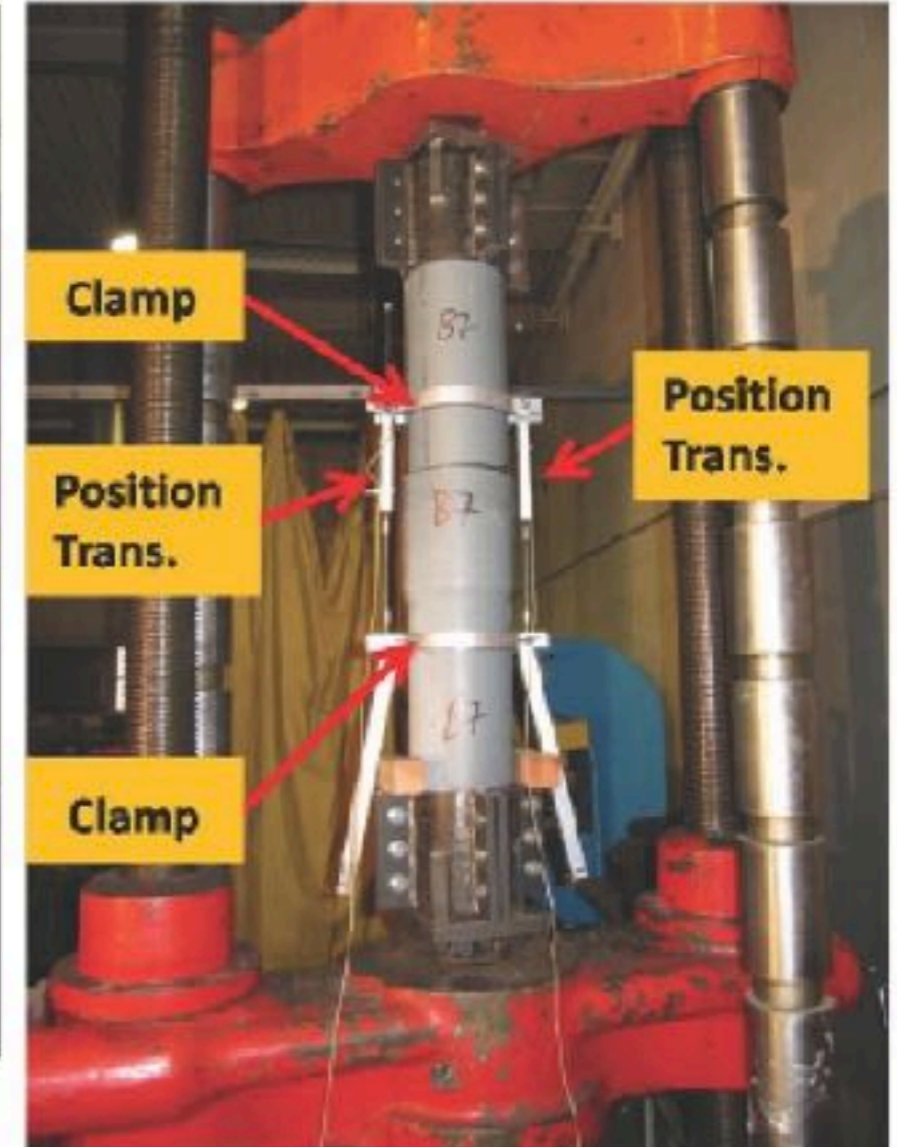
# Conduit Tension and Compression Tests



Specimens before



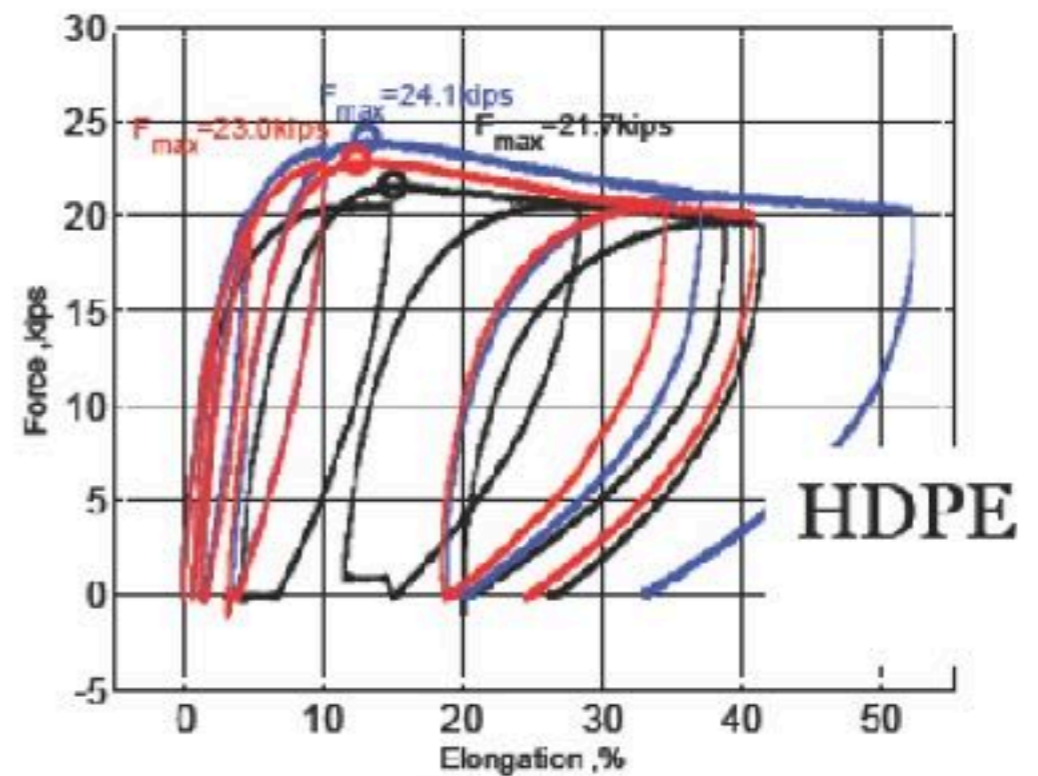
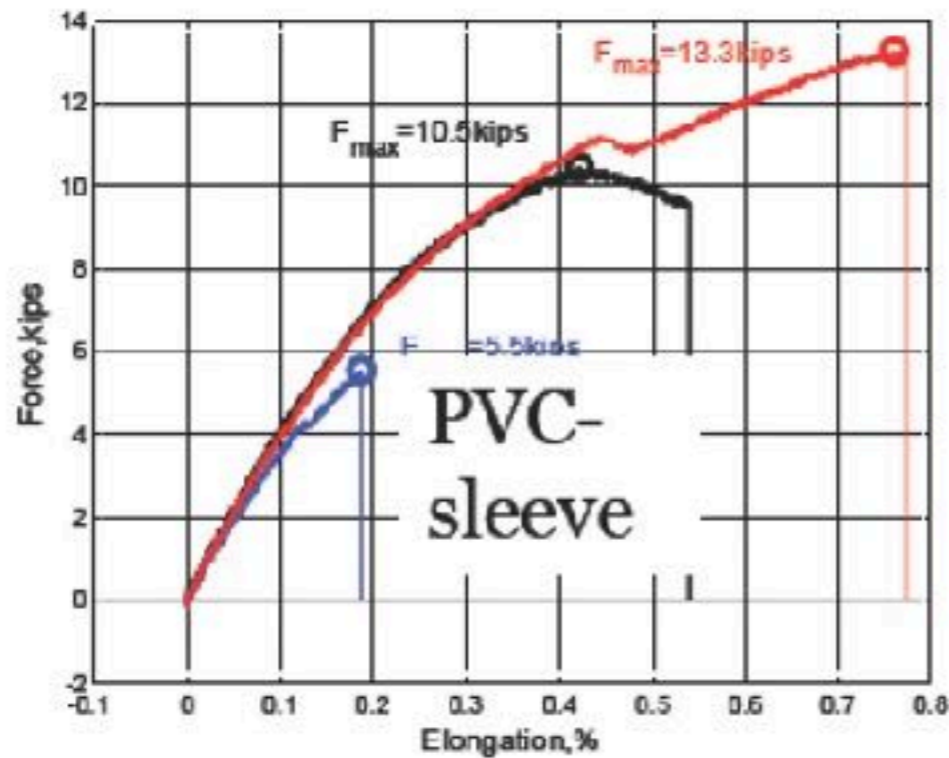
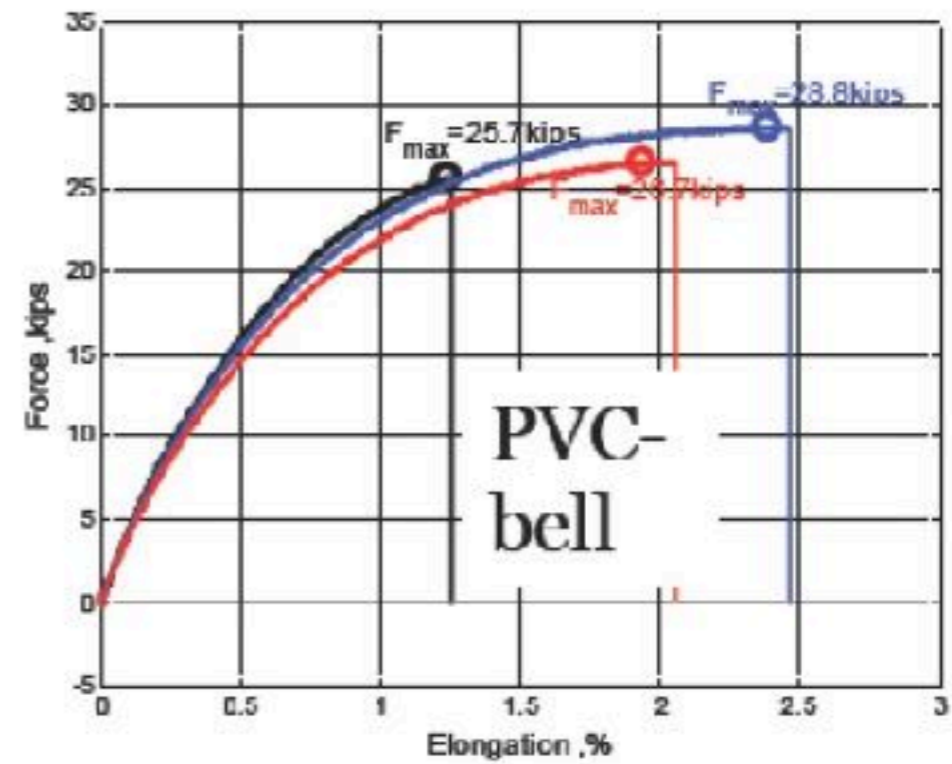
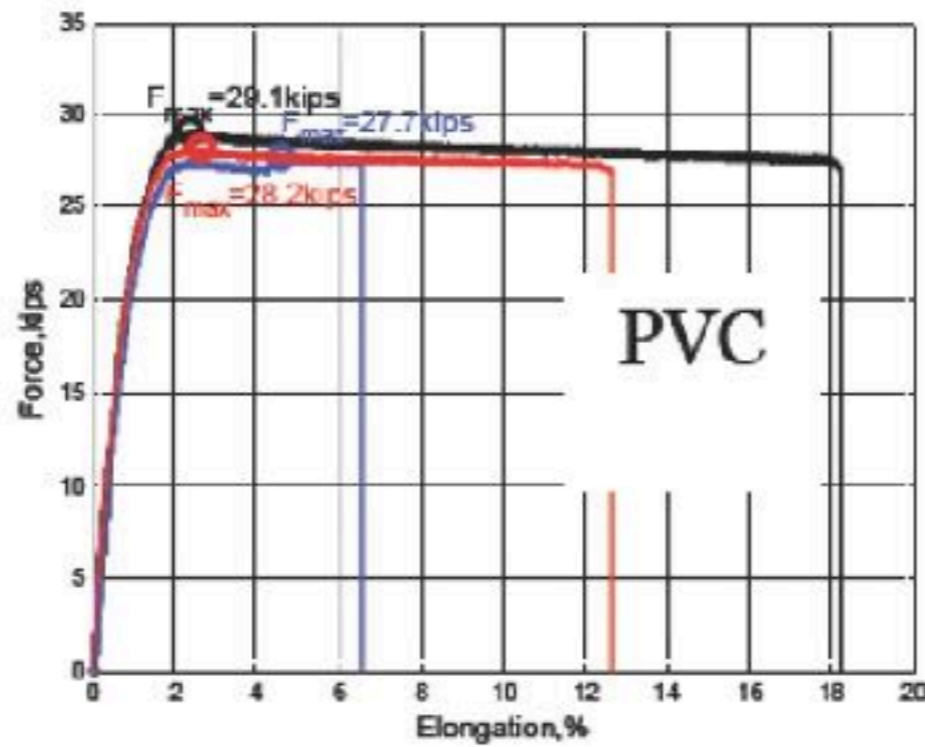
Compression test



Tension test

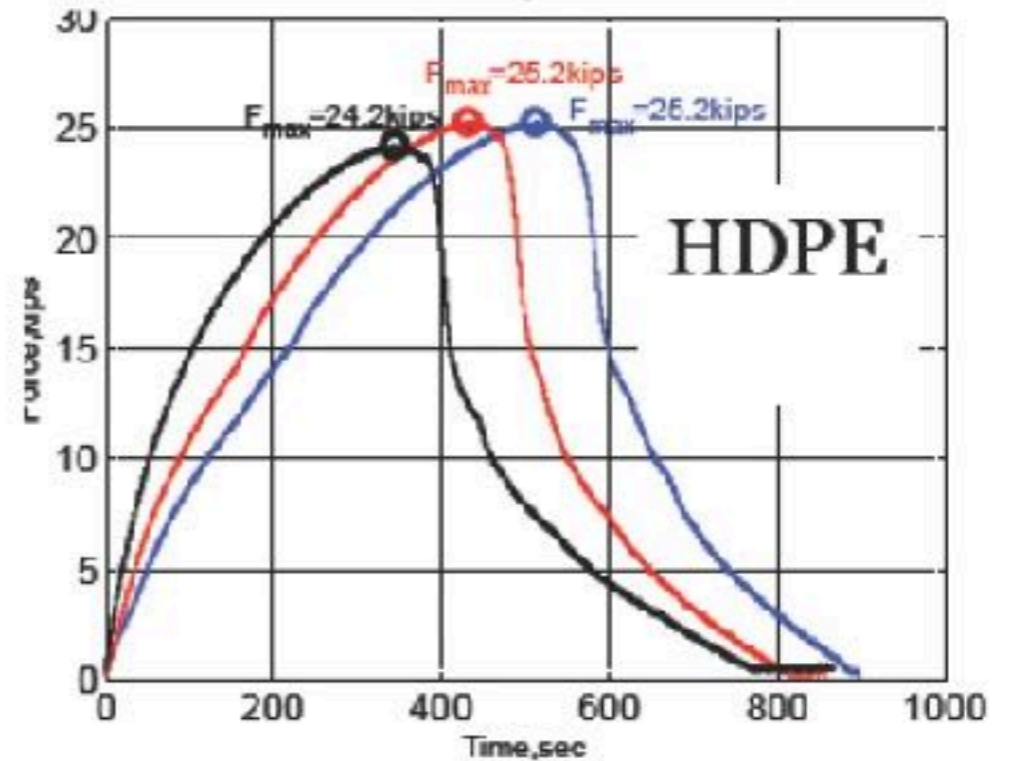
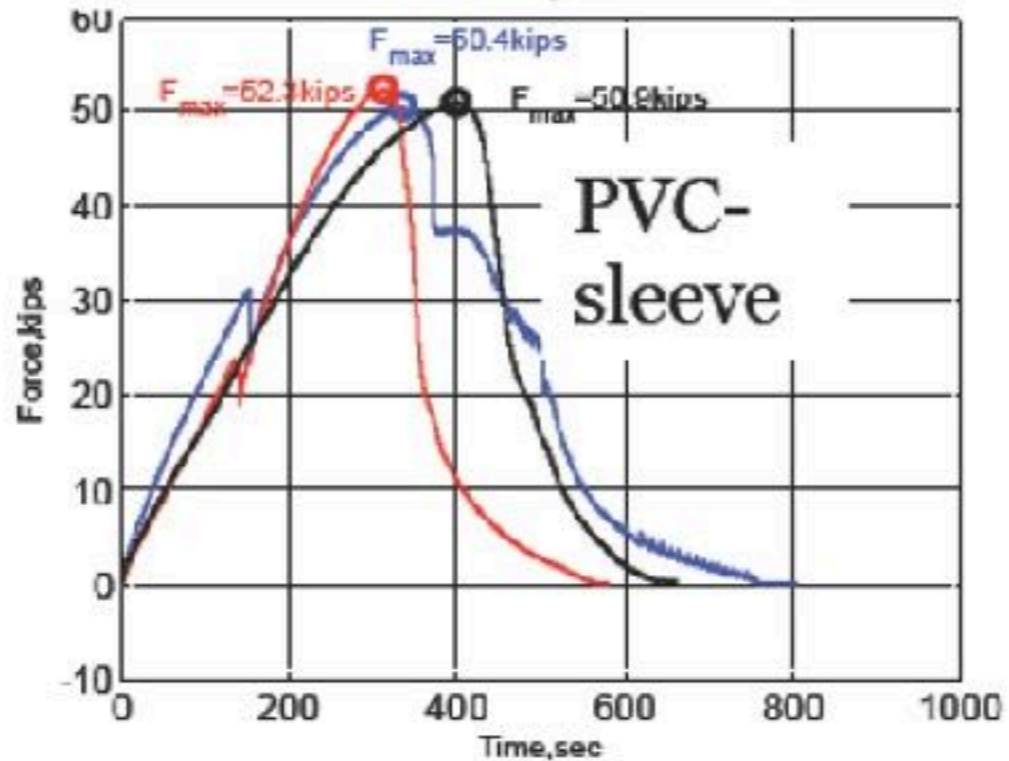
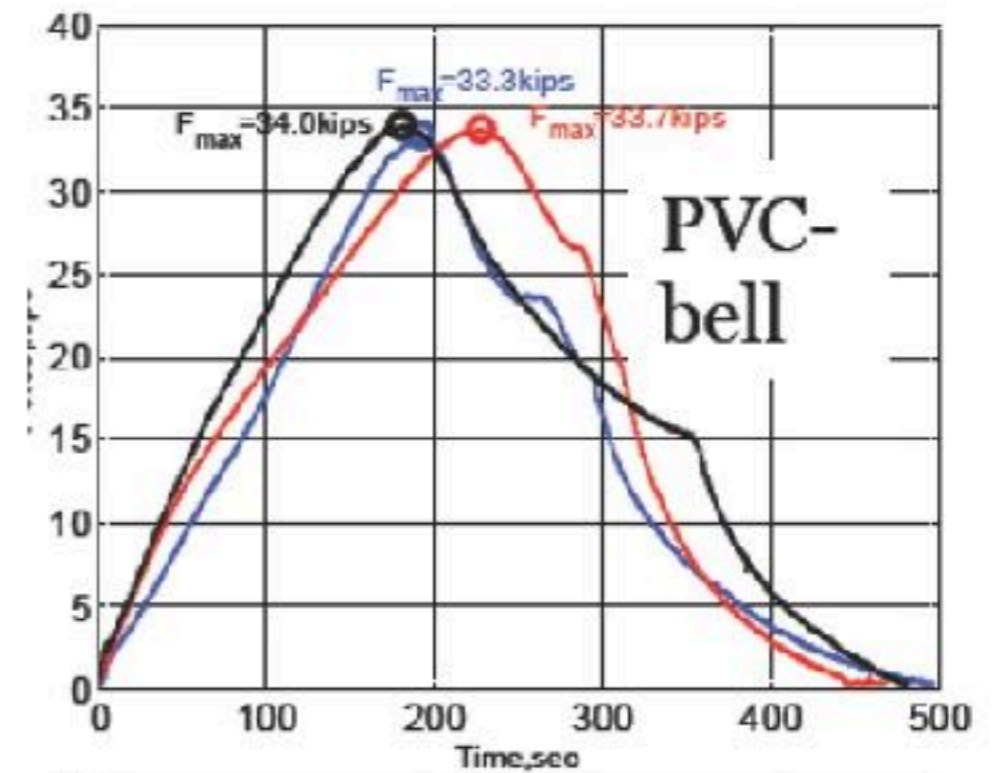
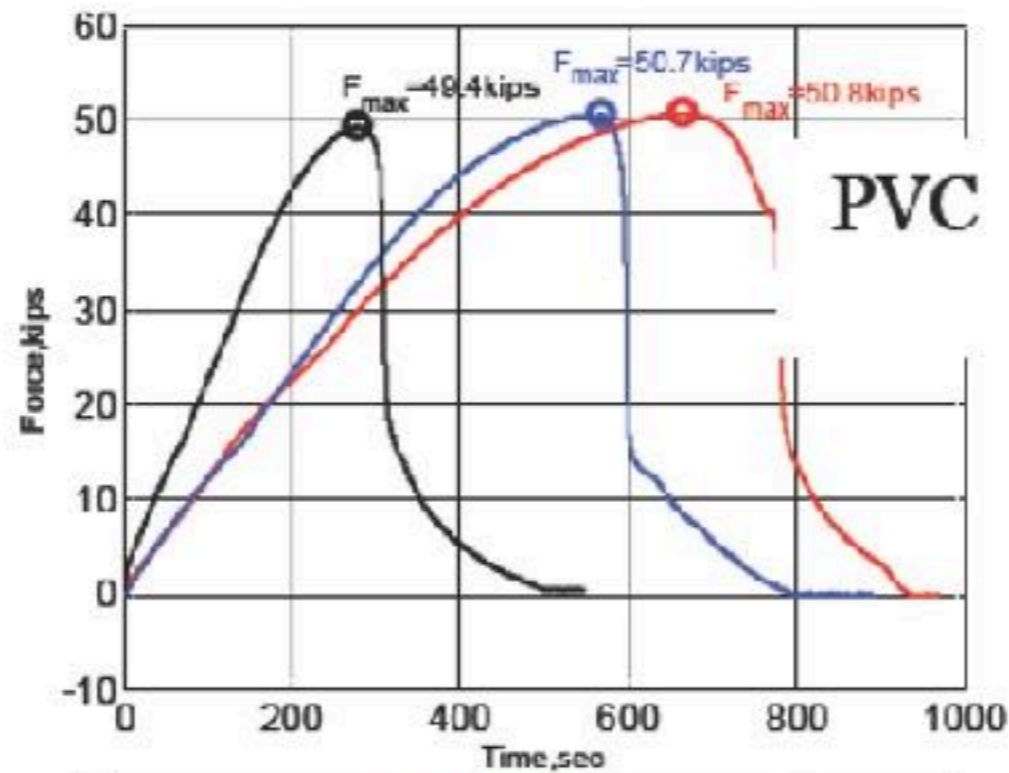
# Conduit Tension Tests

Force  
vs.  
Strain



# Conduit Compression Tests

Force vs. Time



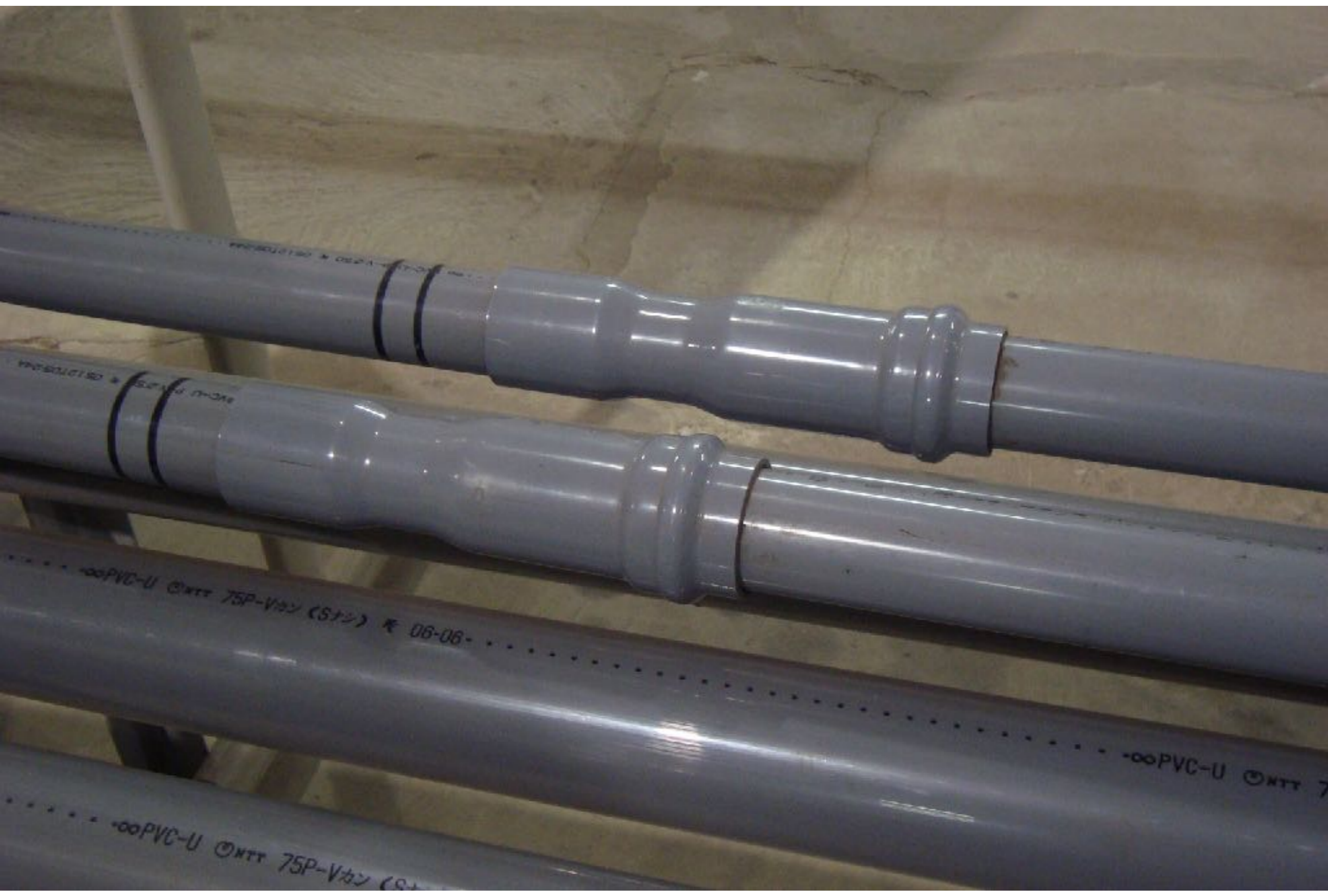
# Conduit Tension and Compression

| <b>Material</b> | <b>Joint</b> | <b>Mean<br/>Comp. Cap.<br/>(kips)</b> | <b>Mean<br/>Tension<br/>Cap. (kips)</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| PVC             | None         | -50.3                                 | +28.3                                   |
| PVC             | Bell         | -33.7                                 | +27.1                                   |
| PVC             | Sleeve       | -51.2                                 | +9.8                                    |
| HDPE            | None         | -24.9                                 | +22.9                                   |

# NTT Telecommunication Research Lab, Tsukuba

- NTT does not bury their cables without a conduit
- Telecom cables bundles and power cable bundles are in separate conduits
- Moisture and telecom cables cannot co-exist particularly optical fiber cables





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... PVC-U NTT 75P-V12 (S12) 06-06 ...

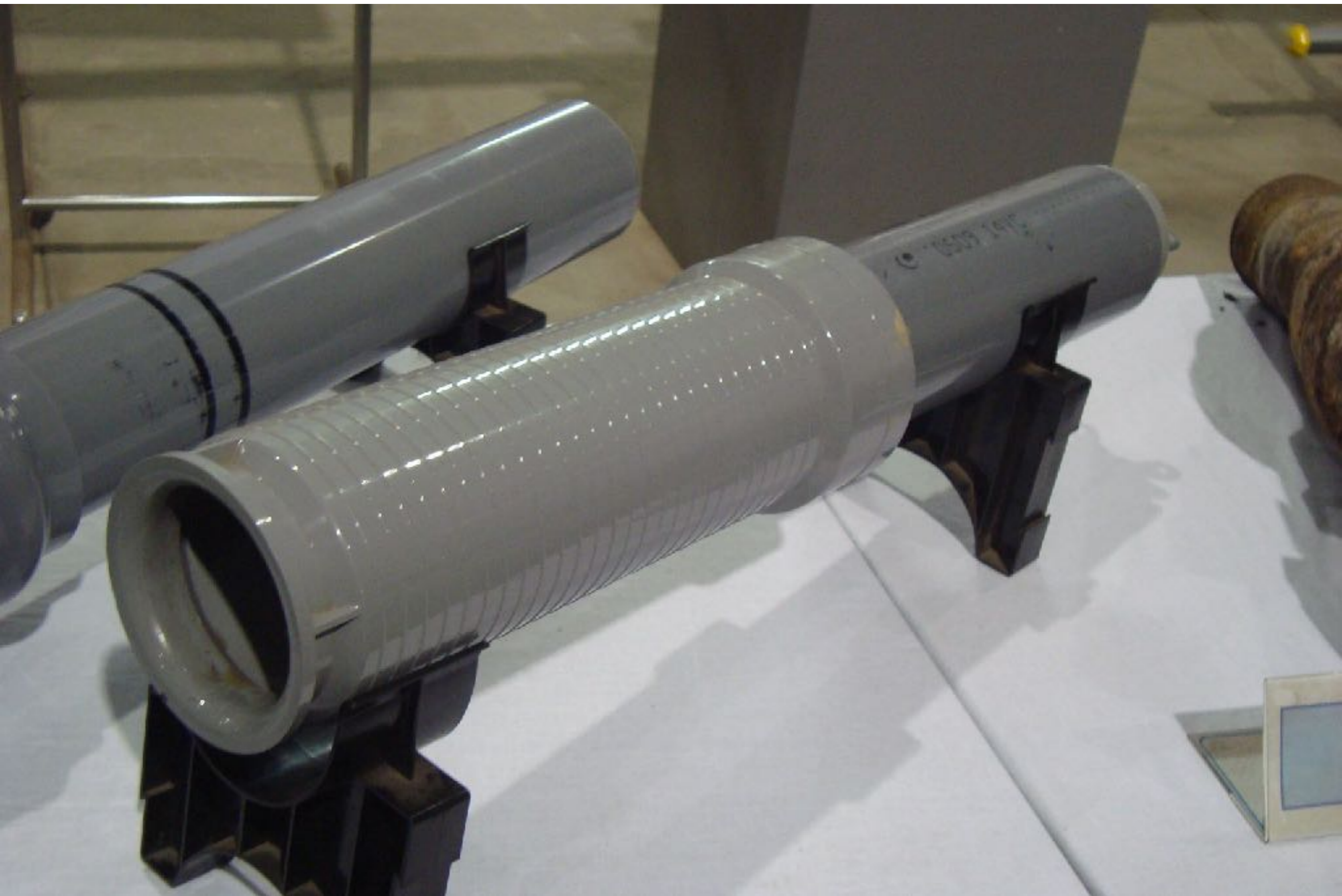
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# Summary

# Buried Cables

- Direct Burial: Highly Vulnerable to PGDs of 3 inches or higher
- In Empty PVC Conduits: OK for PGDs < 6 inches if slack available. Still vulnerable for High PGDs
- Duct Banks: Non-reinforced: Vulnerable.  
Reinforced: Very tough
- Pull Vaults: Detailing is critical

# PotHeads

- Standoffs (porcelain and composites) are vulnerable. Age can degrade(?)
- Porcelain: Yet to fail one
- Composite: Yet to fail one

# Where do we Go?

- The Industry needs a Seismic Design Guide
- Cable Manufacturers: Need to provide P, M, EI, EA, Strain to failure (axial, compression, bending)
- A/E: Need to include seismic as a load case in areas with poor soil / PGDs. Then design ducts, conduits, vaults accordingly

# Who Should do this?

- Cigre
- IEEE 693
- PG&E and BC Hydro
- Similar issues for Communication cables, so applies to AT&T, Verizon, T Mobile, Sprint et al