

Abutment Design Example

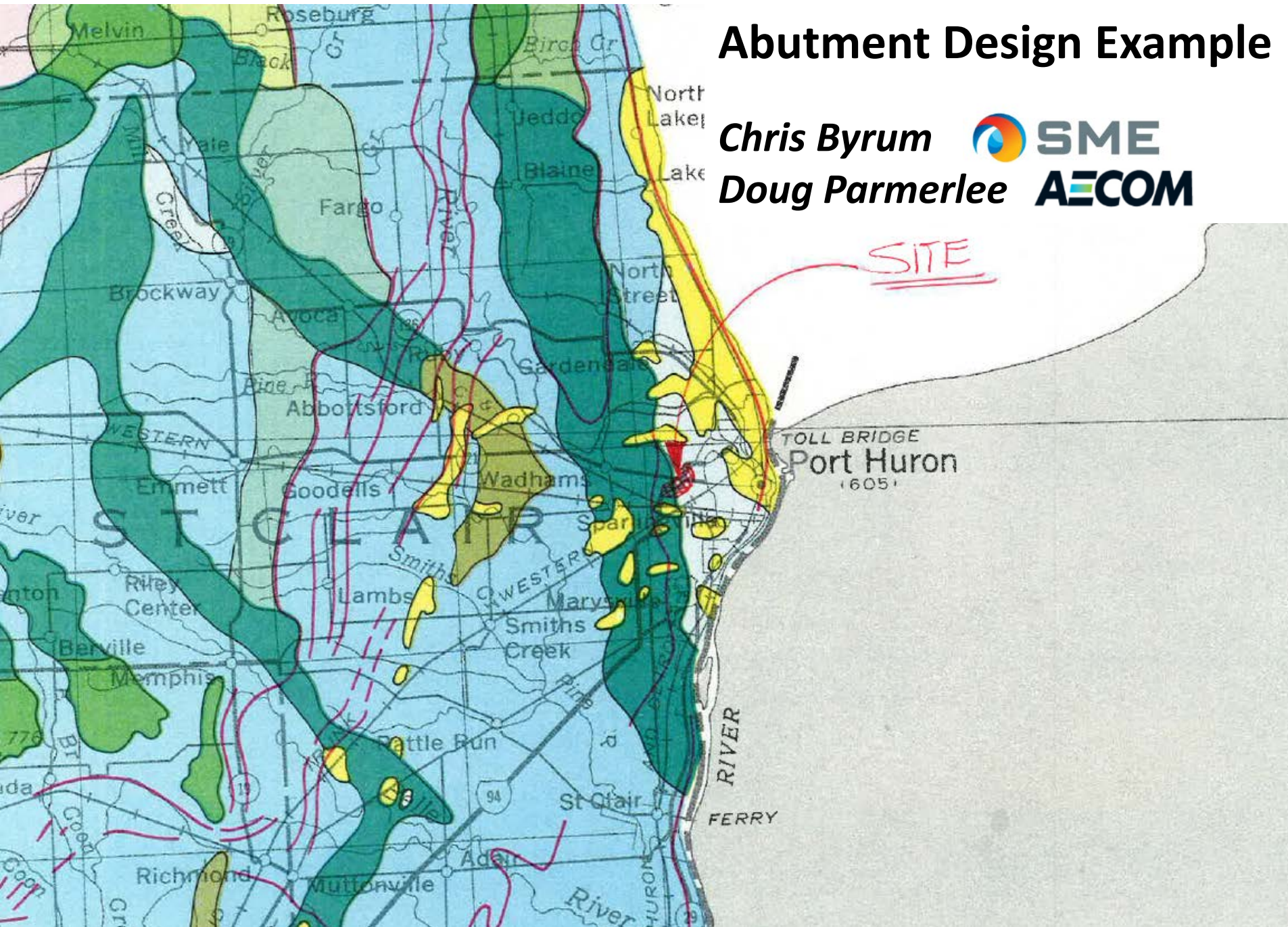
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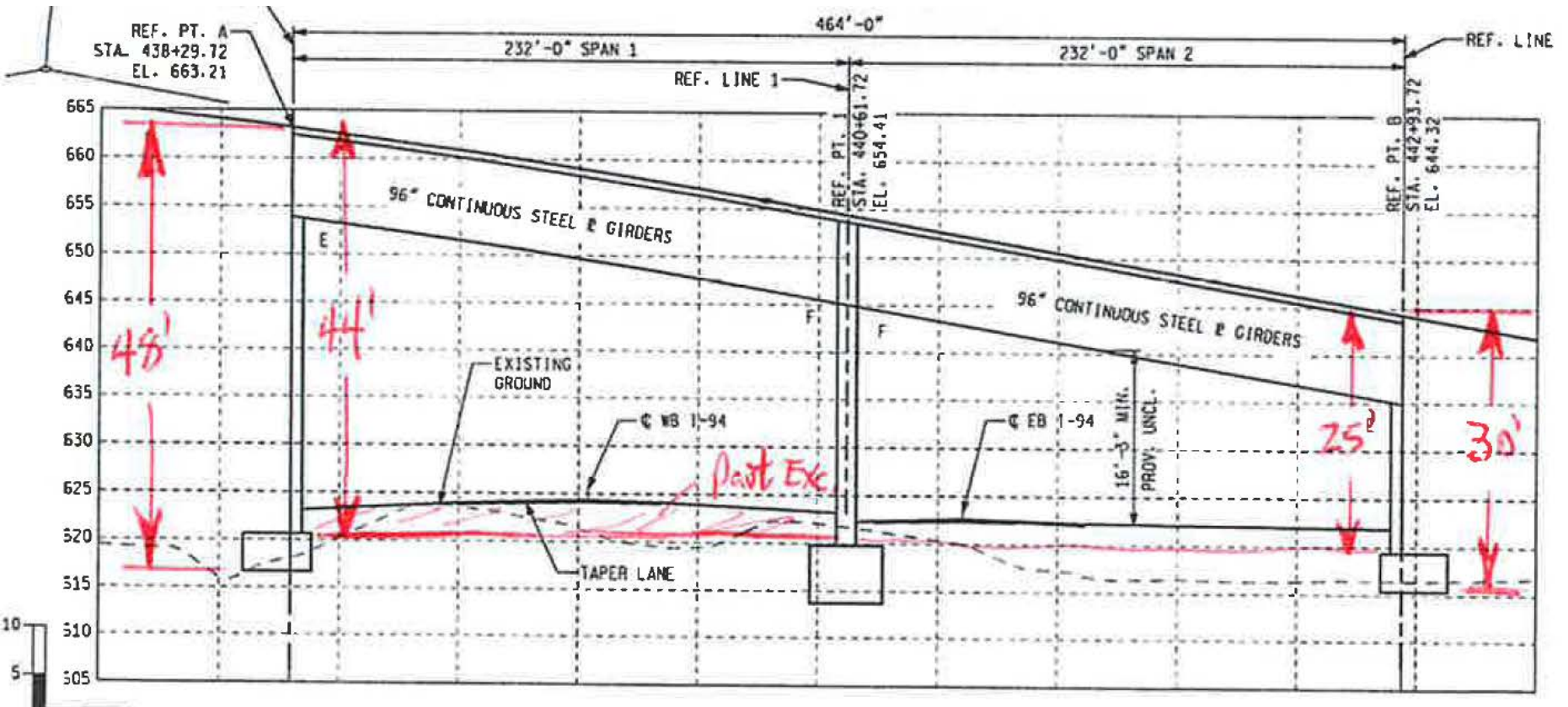




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Example Bridge

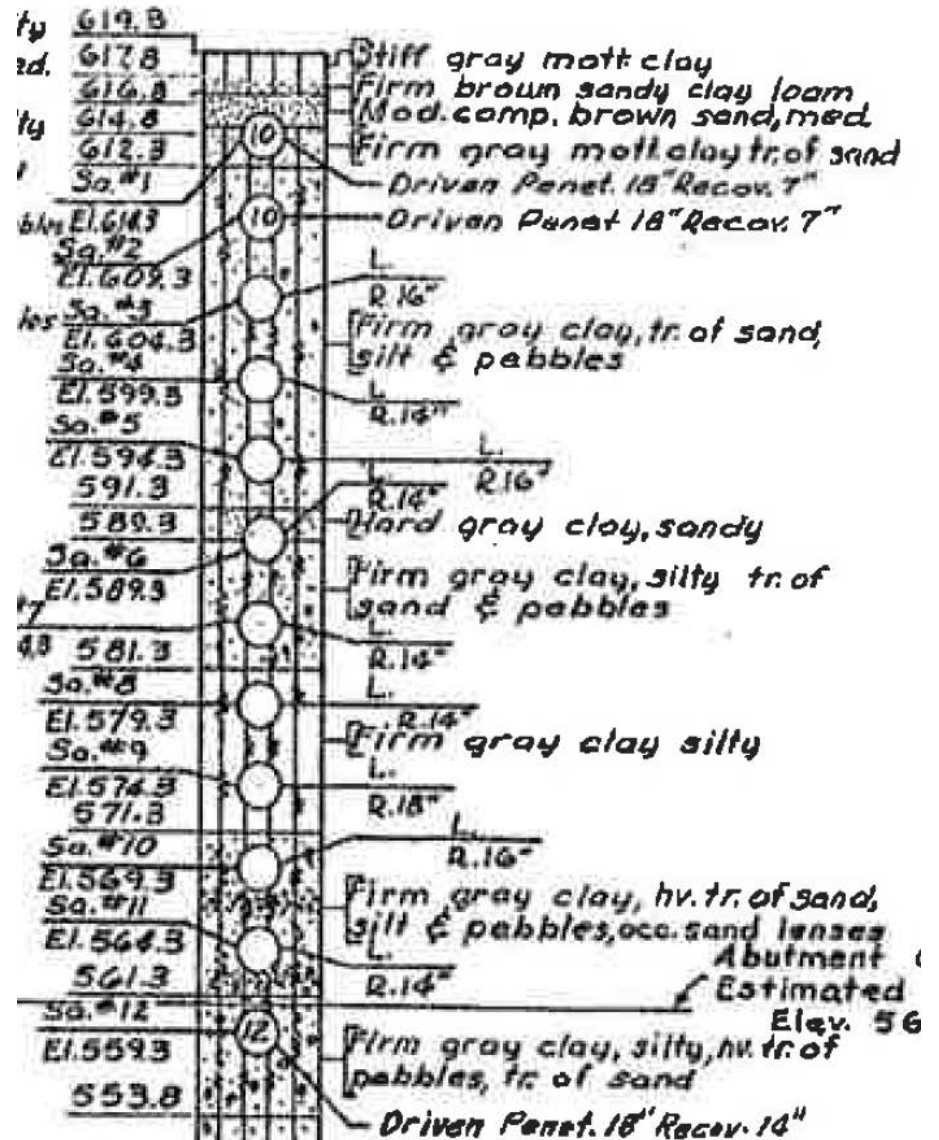


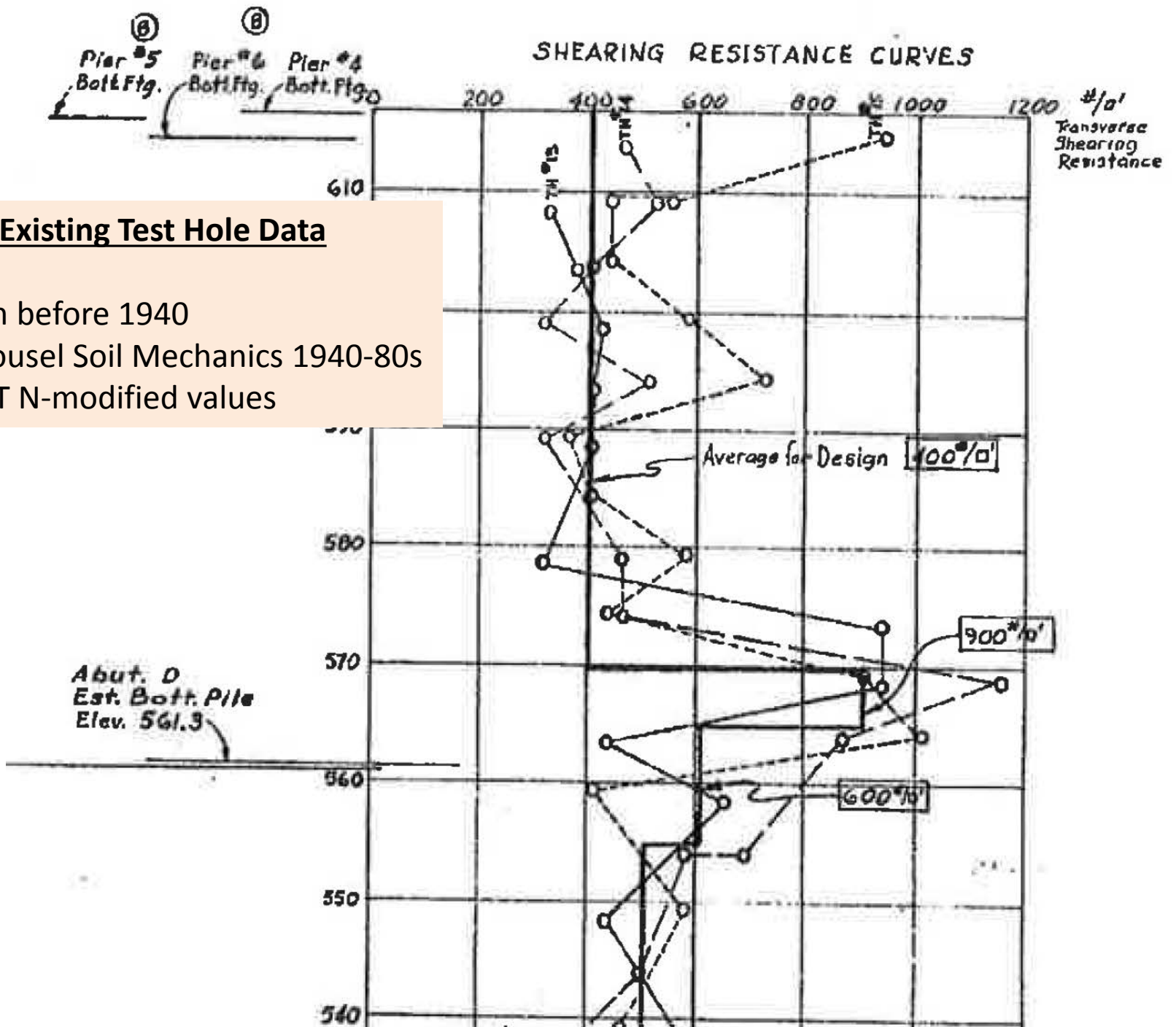
T.H.15

Location - 30' Rt. & N. Bd. I-94 Sta. 1942 + 35

Evaluate Existing Test Hole Data

Not much before 1940
MDOT House Soil Mechanics 1940-80s
ASTM SPT N-modified values





Evaluate Existing Test Hole Data

Not much before 1940

MDOT Housel Soil Mechanics 1940-80s

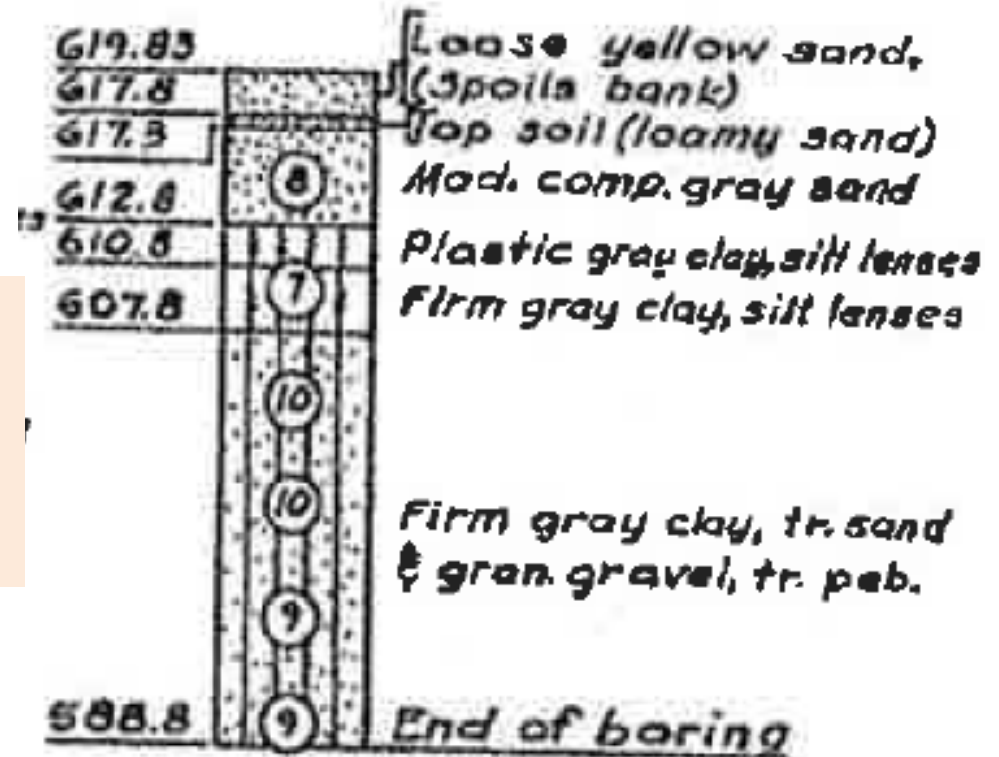
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Evaluate Existing Test Hole Data

Not much before 1940

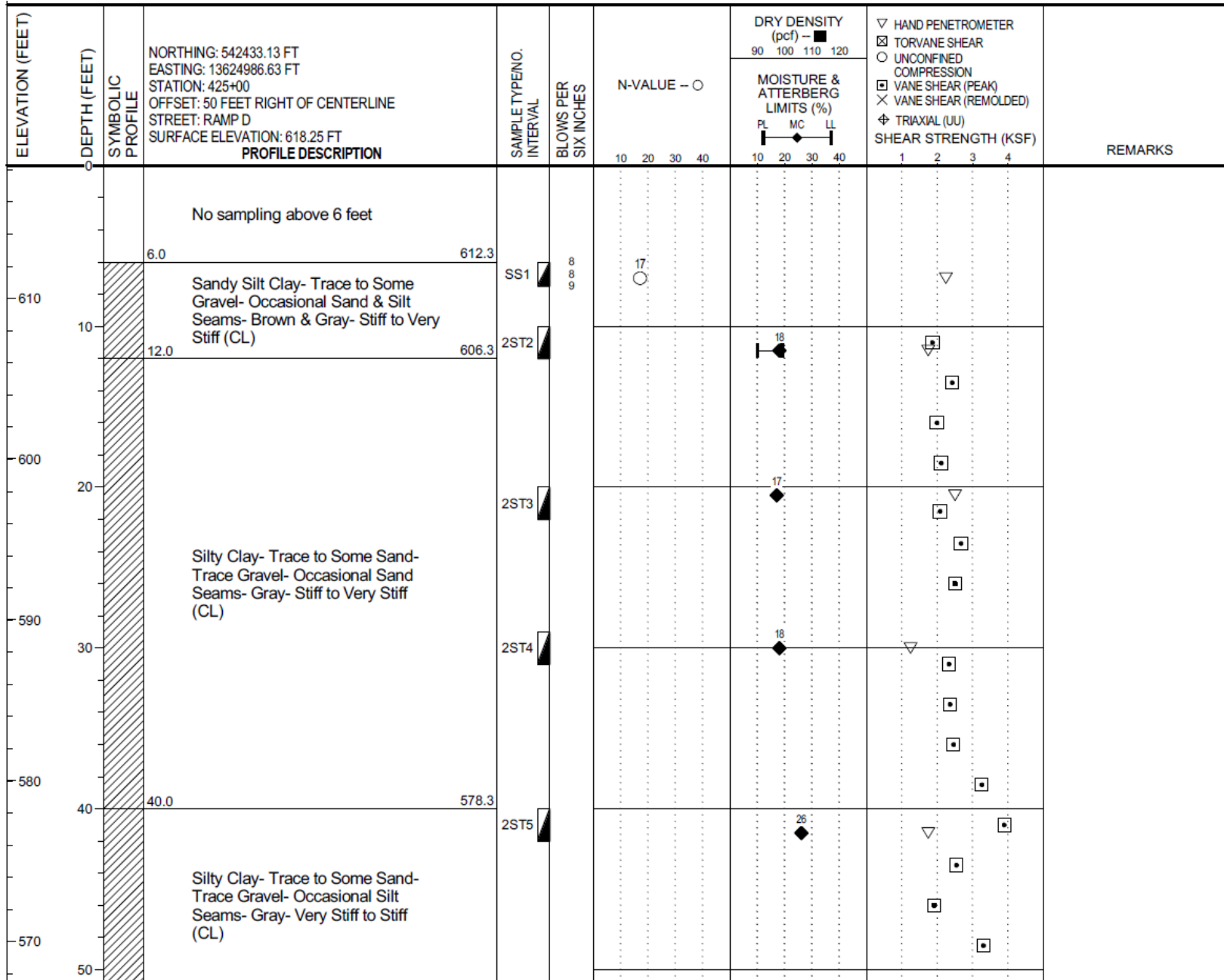
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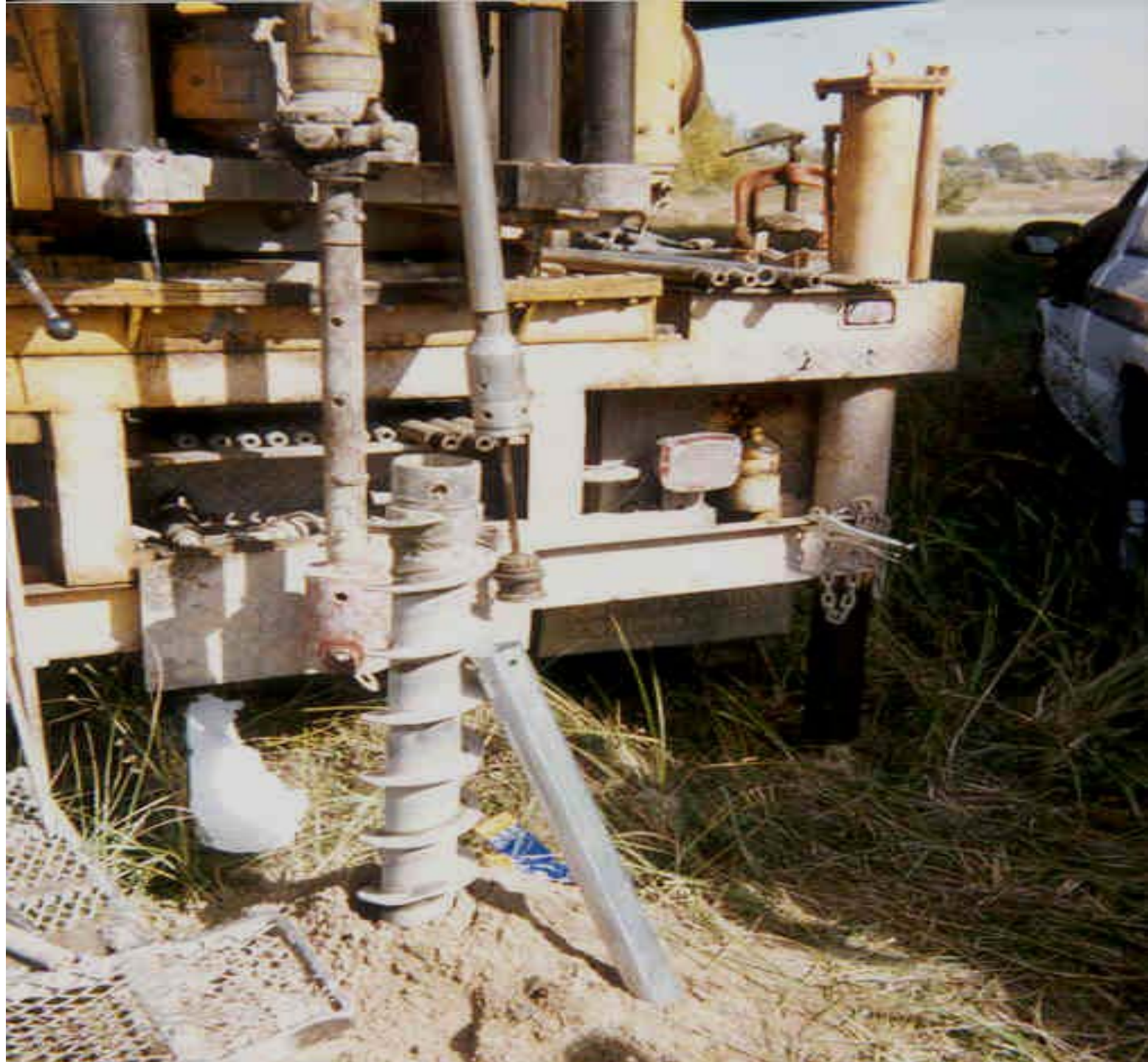
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24 hrs. after completion
W/L 4' below T.H. Elev.

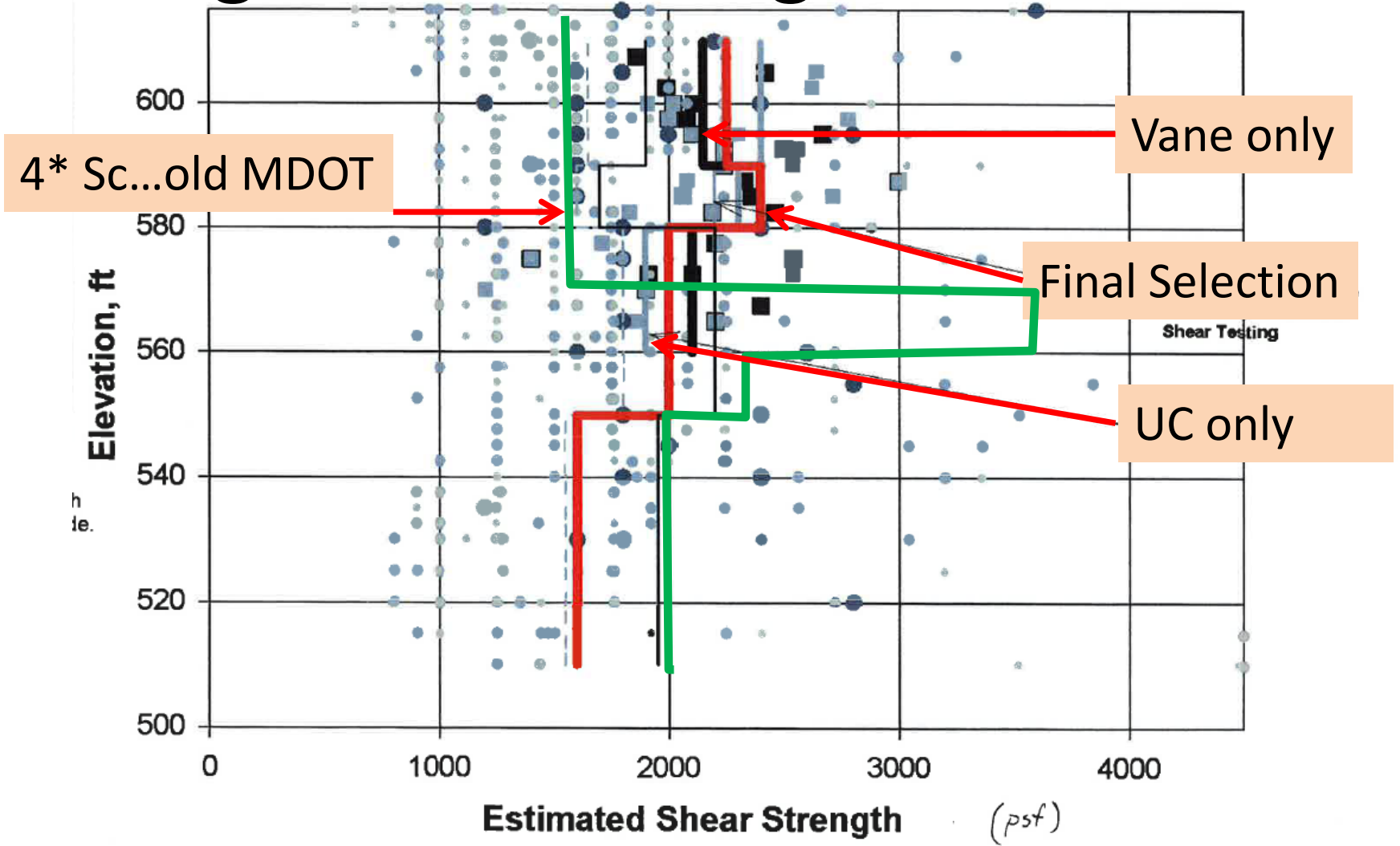
In-Situ Vane-shear and 3" Shelby Tubes





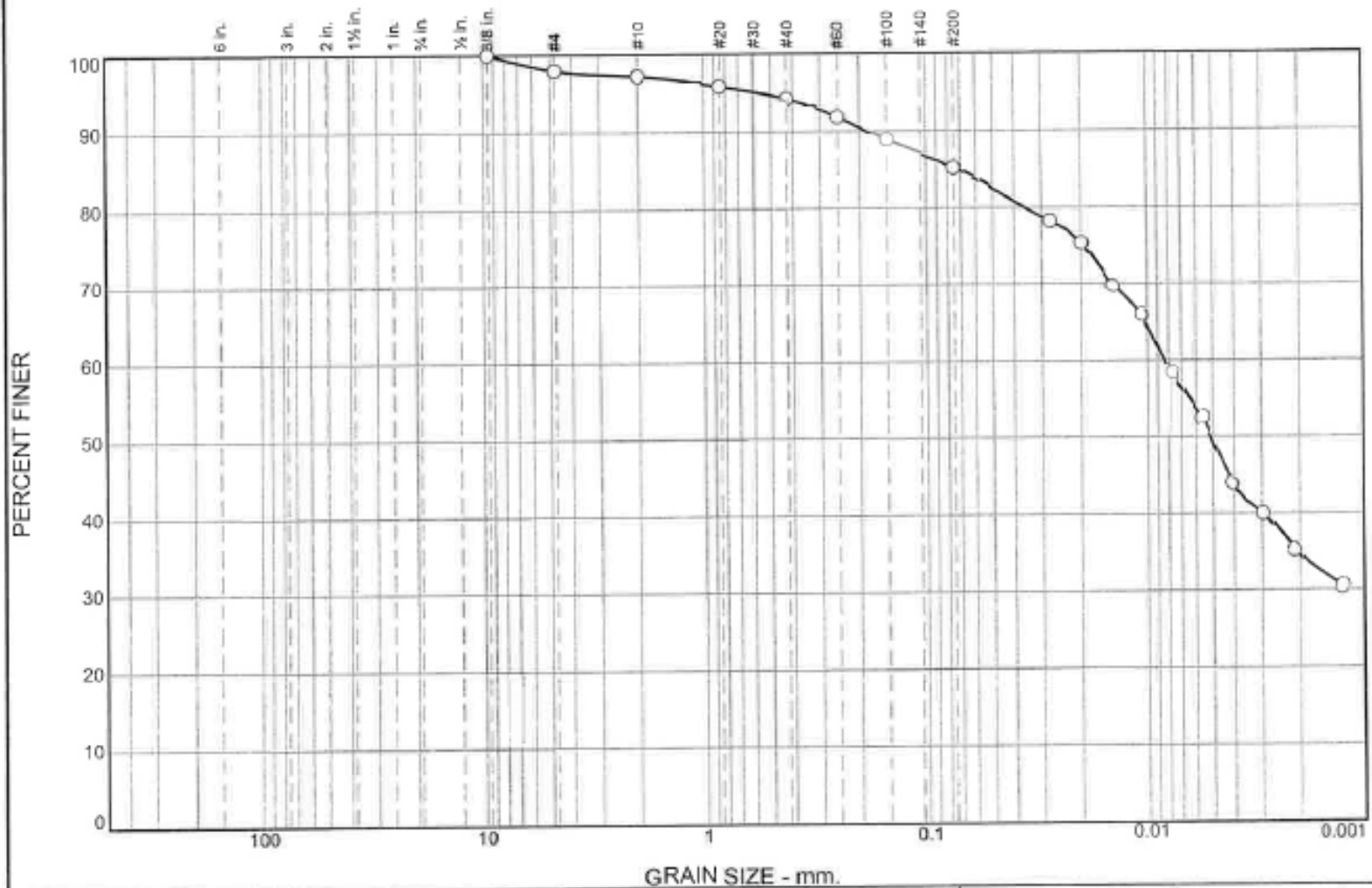


Design Shear Strength Profiles



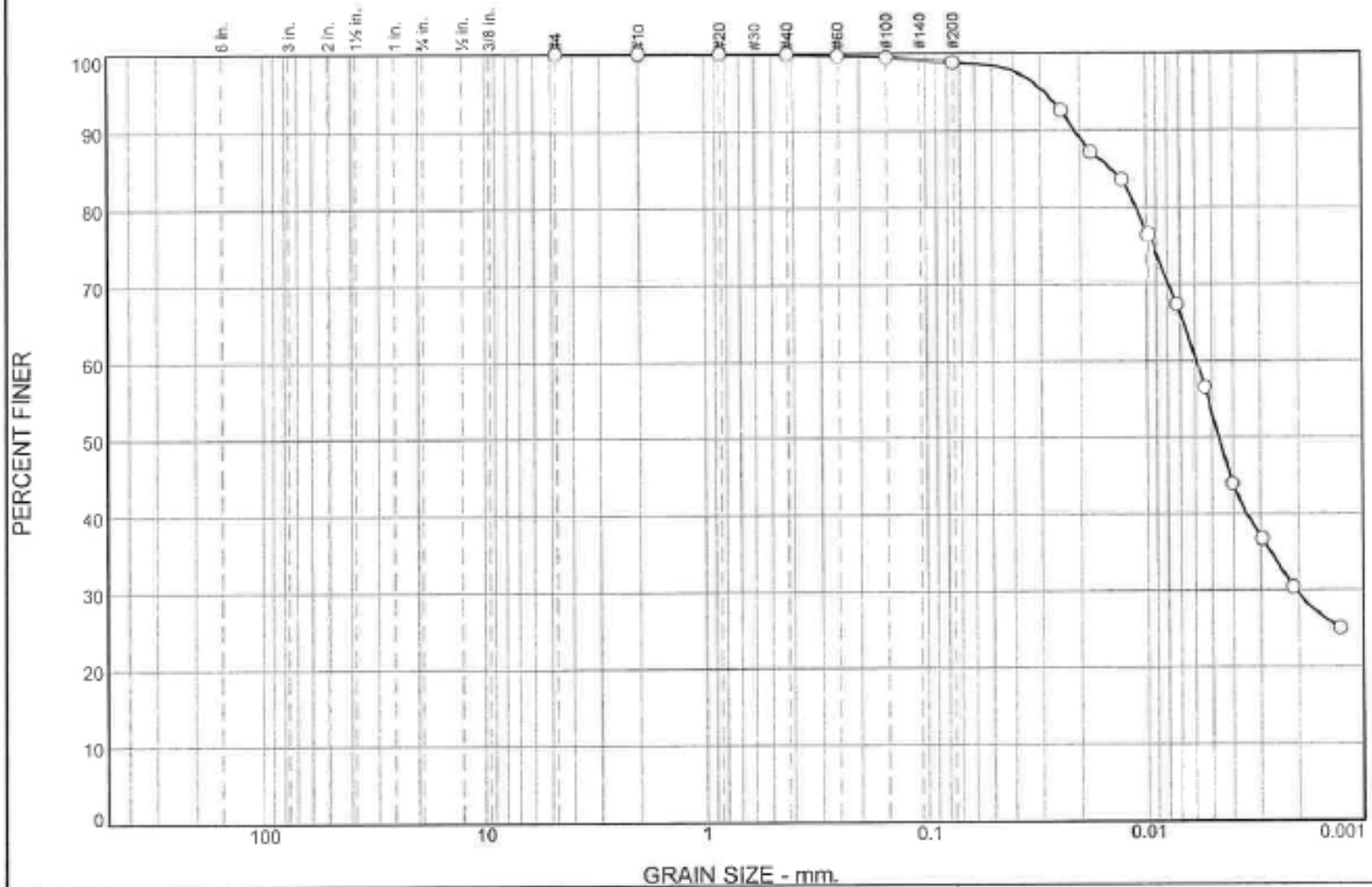
Used for: Global Stability, Bearing Capacity, Piling Side Resistance, Pile Lateral.....

Particle Size Distribution Report

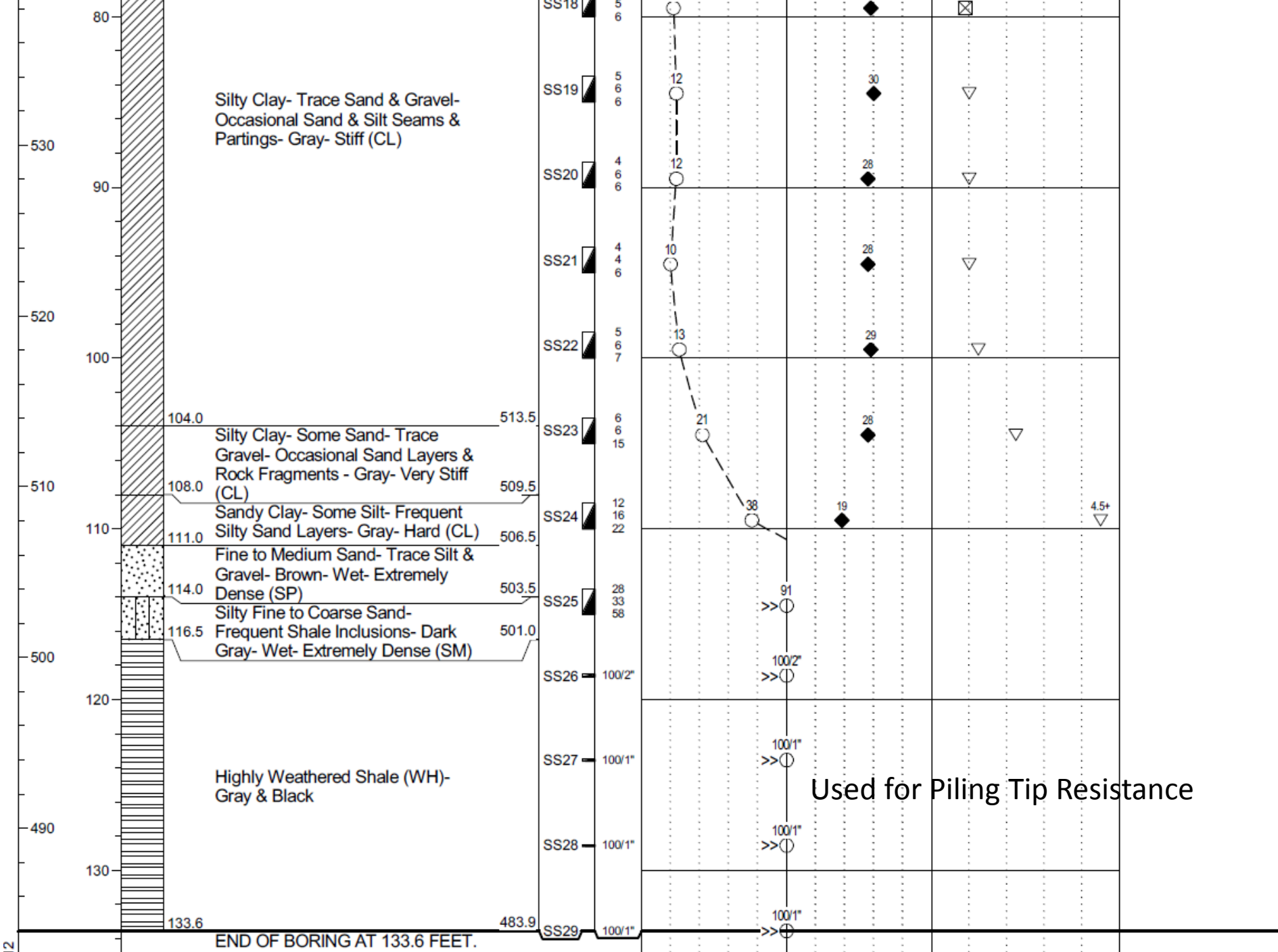


	% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines			
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay		
○	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.8	3.0	9.0	36.1	49.1		
×	LL	PL	D ₈₅	D ₆₀	D ₅₀	D ₃₀	D ₁₅	D ₁₀	C _c	C _u
○	27	13	0.0727	0.0084	0.0052					

Particle Size Distribution Report



		GRAIN SIZE - mm.								
% +3"		% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines			
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay		
○	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	45.9		52.9	
⊗	LL	PL	D ₈₅	D ₆₀	D ₅₀	D ₃₀	D ₁₅	D ₁₀	C _c	C _u
○	31	16	0.0143	0.0059	0.0047	0.0021				



External Stability

- Task 1: Lateral Squeeze
- Task 2: Global Stability
- Task 3: Settlement Analyses
- Task 4: Bearing Capacity

LATERAL SQUEEZE ANALYSIS

$$FS = \frac{2 * Cu}{\text{gama} * Ds * \tan(\text{theta})} + \frac{(4.14 * Cu)}{H * \text{gama}}$$

Also used in the past... $H * \text{gama} < 3Cu$, or $4Cu$

Where,

Cu = Undrained shear strength of soft layer, psf

Ds = Thickness of soft soil layer, ft

gama = Unit weight of fill soil, psf

theta = Angle of fill slope, degrees

H = Height of fill, ft

Primary Shear



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“Secondary/Sympathy” Shear

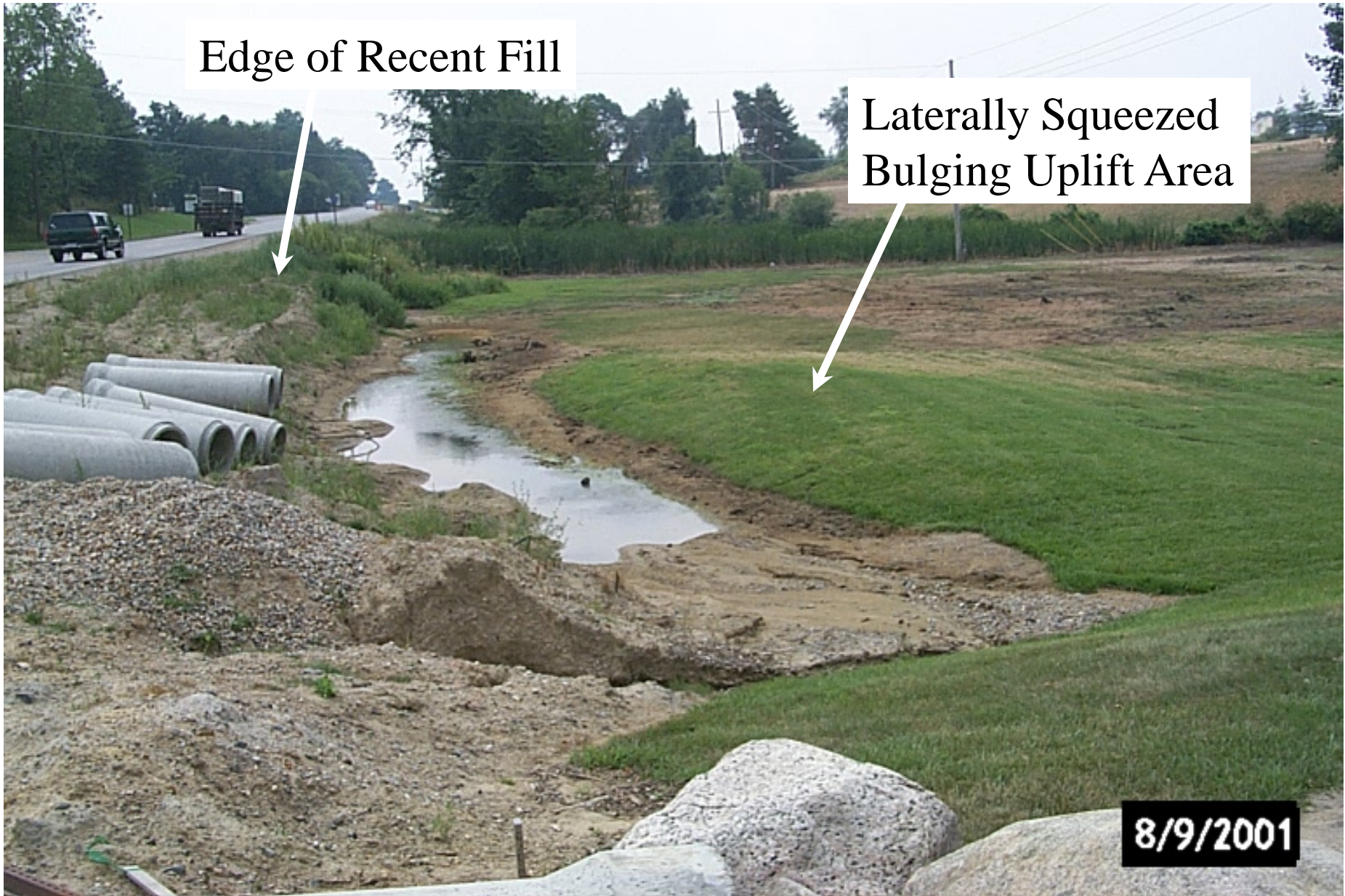


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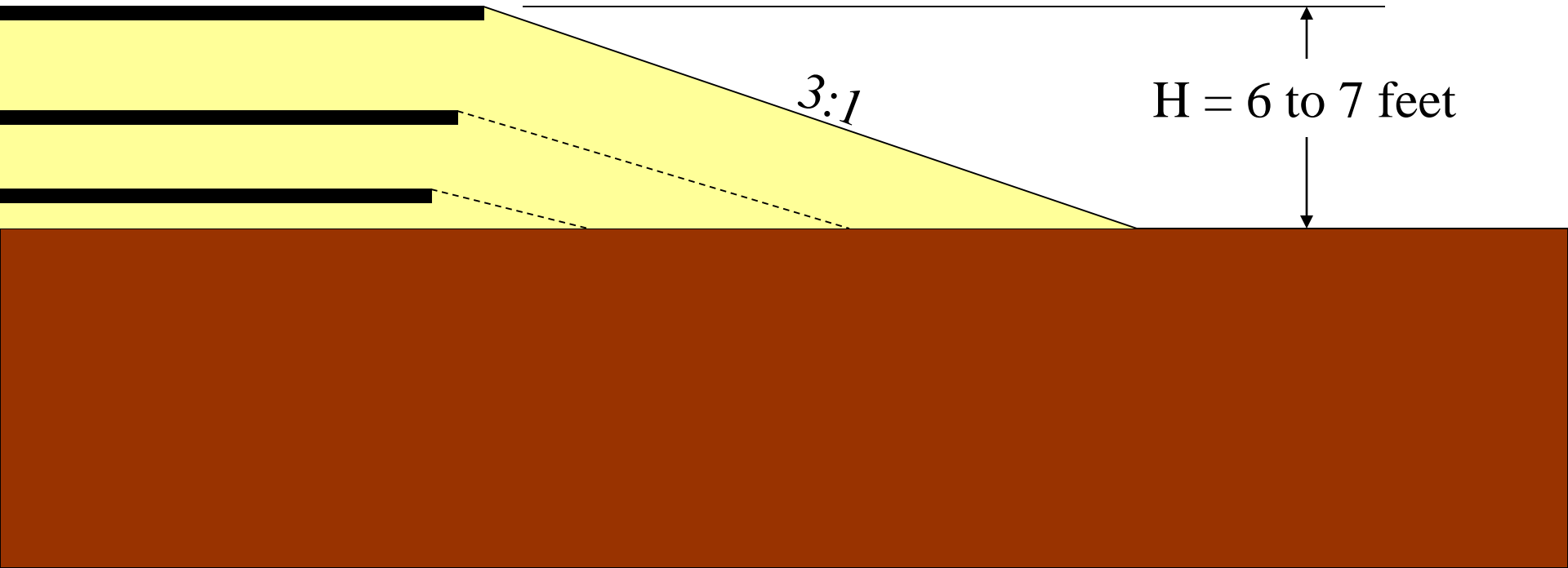
Edge of Recent Fill

Laterally Squeezed
Bulging Uplift Area

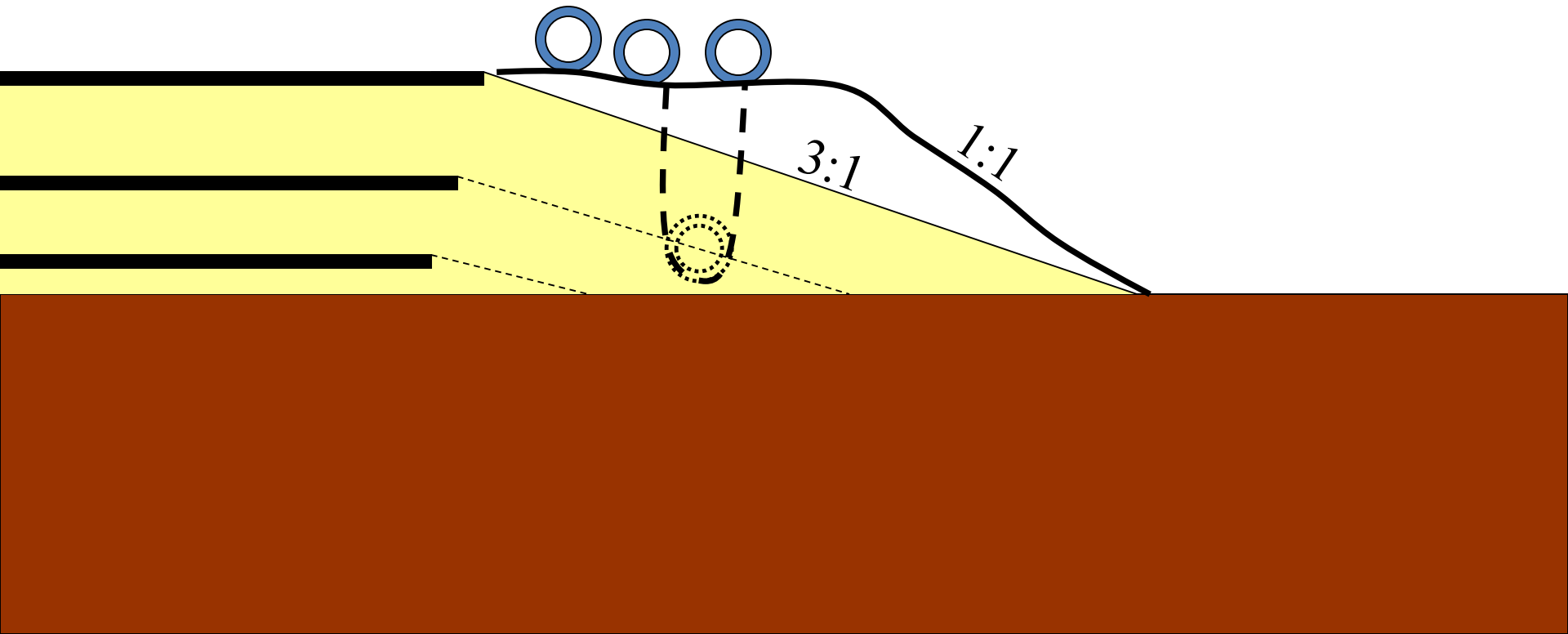
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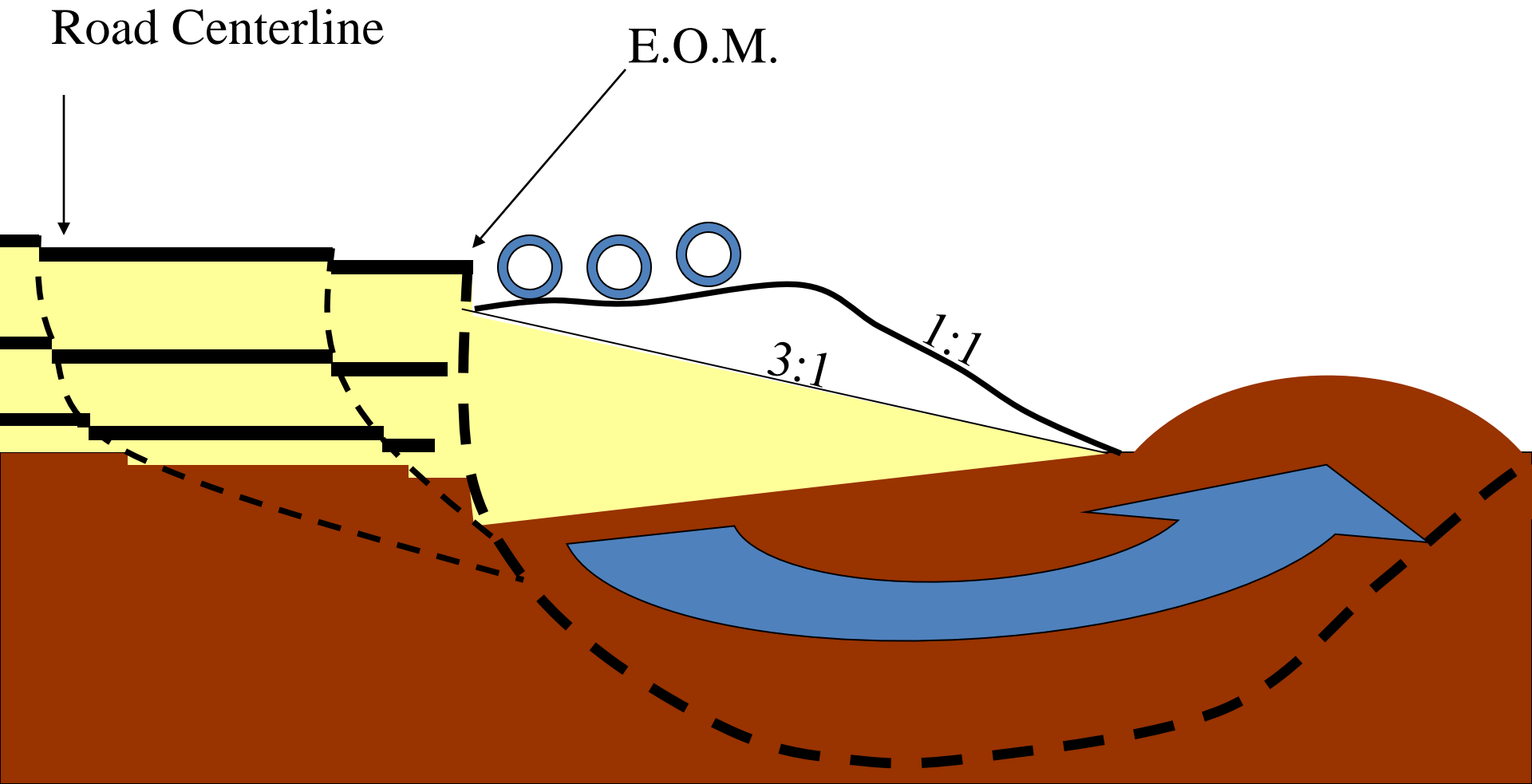
Previous Scenario



Utility Contractor Adds Weight



Reaches \rightarrow F.S. = 1.0 Condition



Failure Backcalculation

$$FS = \frac{2 \cdot Cu}{\gamma \cdot D_s \cdot \tan(\theta)} + \frac{(4.14 \cdot Cu)}{H \cdot \gamma}$$

For FS = 1

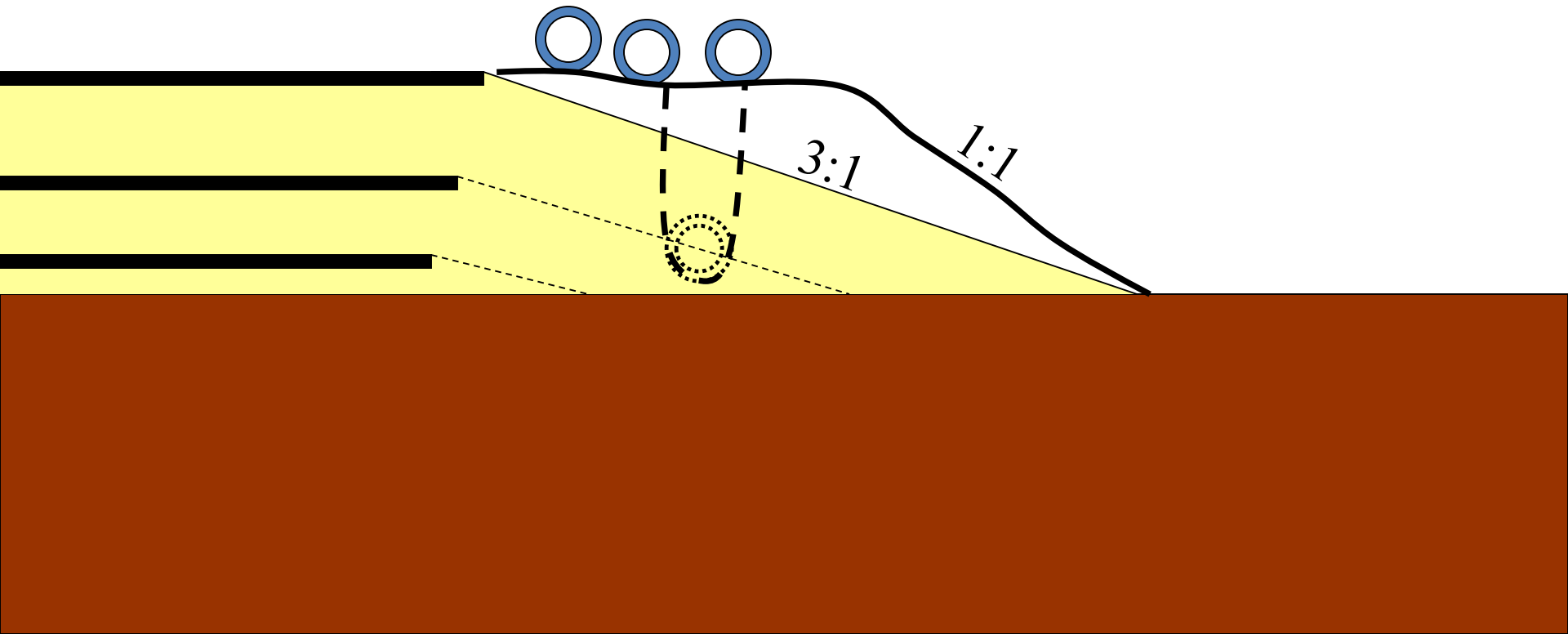
Cu =	180 psf
Ds =	30 ft
gamma =	125 pcf
theta =	45 degrees
H =	6.5 ft

Component 1	Component 2	FS
0.10	0.92	1.01

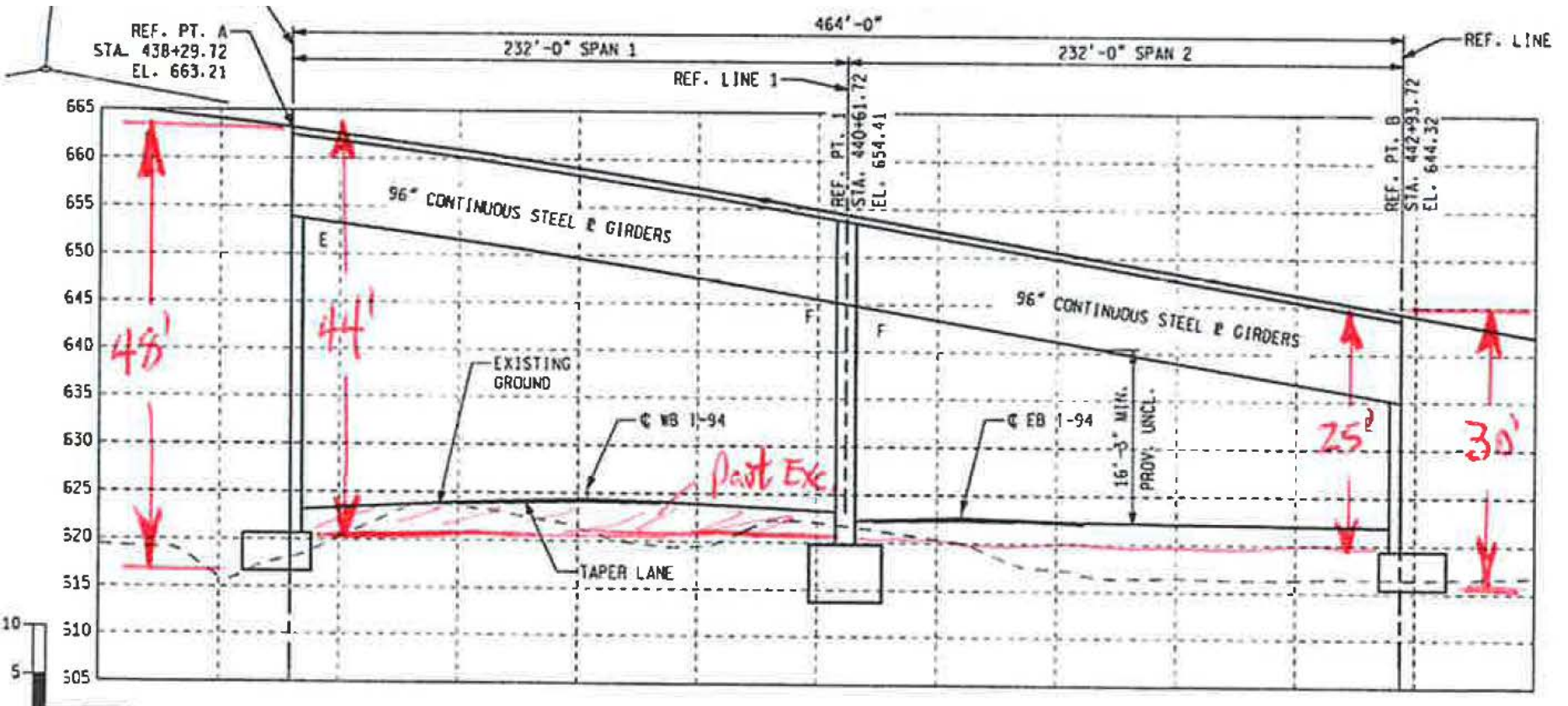
$$3 \cdot Cu = 540$$

$$4 \cdot Cu = 720$$

$$\gamma \cdot H = 812.5$$



Example Bridge

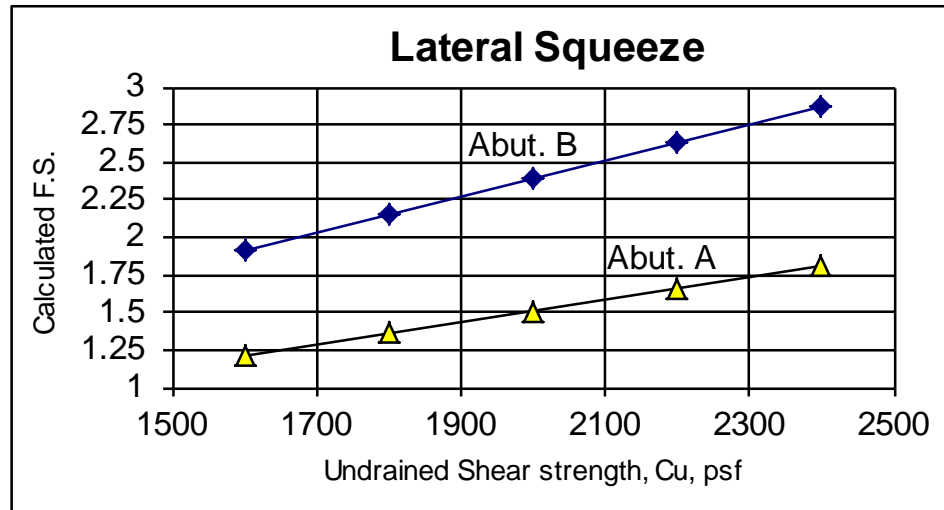


$$FS = \frac{2 \cdot Cu}{\gamma \cdot D_s \cdot \tan(\theta)} + \frac{(4.14 \cdot Cu)}{H \cdot \gamma}$$

	Component 1	Component 2	FS
Cu = 2100 psf	0.01	1.58	1.59
Ds = 100 ft			
gamma = 120 pcf			
theta = 88 degrees			
H = 46 ft			

3 * Cu = 6300
4 * Cu = 8400
gamma * H = 5520

Cu	FS
1600	1.91
1800	2.15
2000	2.39
2200	2.63
2400	2.87

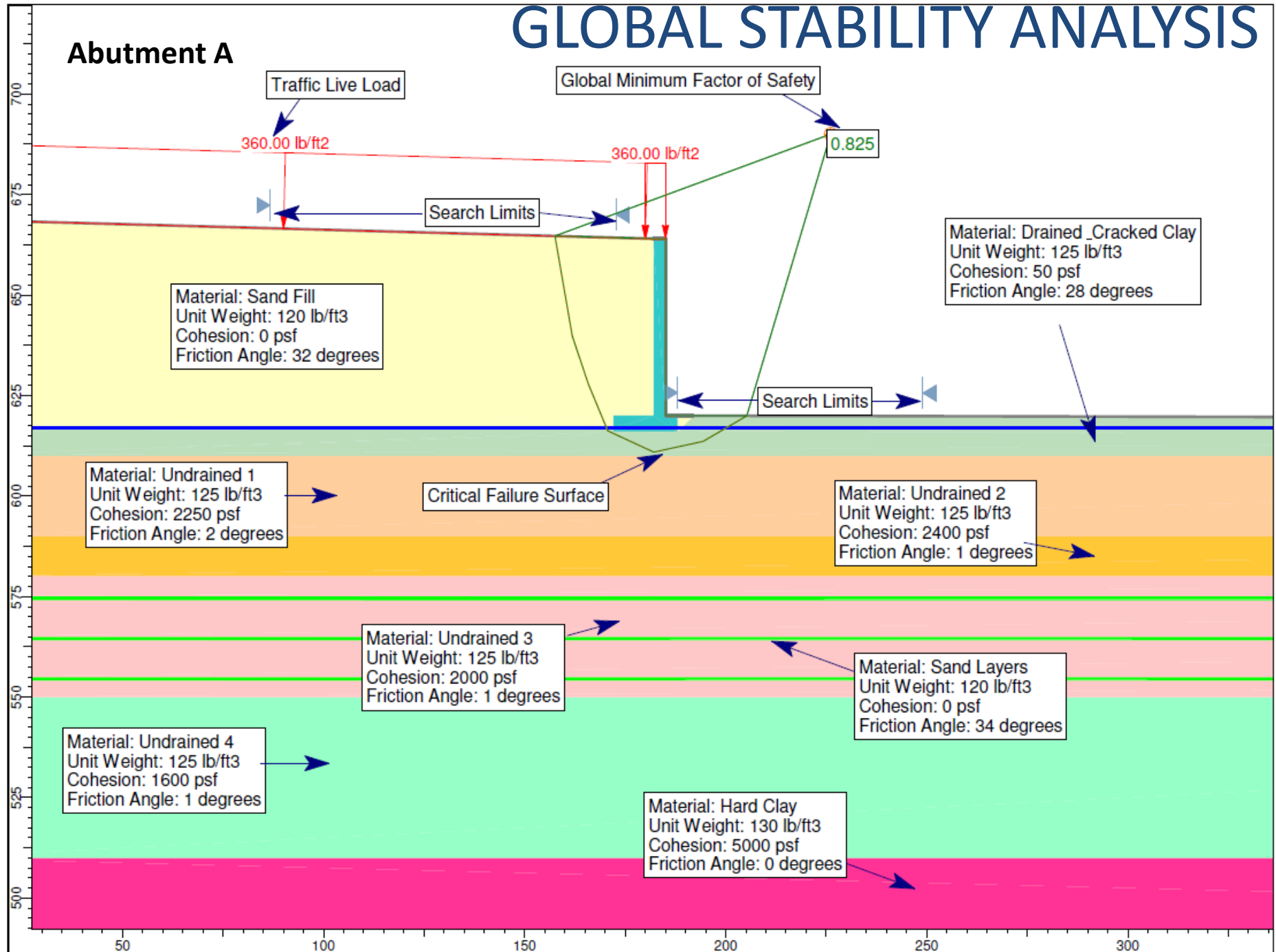


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- Ds** = Thickness of soft soil layer, ft
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- theta** = Angle of fill slope, degrees
- H** = Height of fill, ft

GLOBAL STABILITY ANALYSIS

Abutment A



Abutment A

Global Minimum Factor of Safety

Set 2% strain force > 1.1 FS force

Traffic Live Load

1.097

360.00 lb/ft2

360.00 lb/ft2

Support: Geogrid
Length: 60 feet
Tensile Strength: 10,000 lb/ft (30,000 lb/ft total)

Search Limits

Material: Drained_Cracked Clay
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 50 psf
Friction Angle: 28 degrees

Material: Sand Fill
Unit Weight: 120 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 0 psf
Friction Angle: 32 degrees

Search Limits

Material: Undrained 1
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 2250 psf
Friction Angle: 2 degrees

Critical Failure Surface

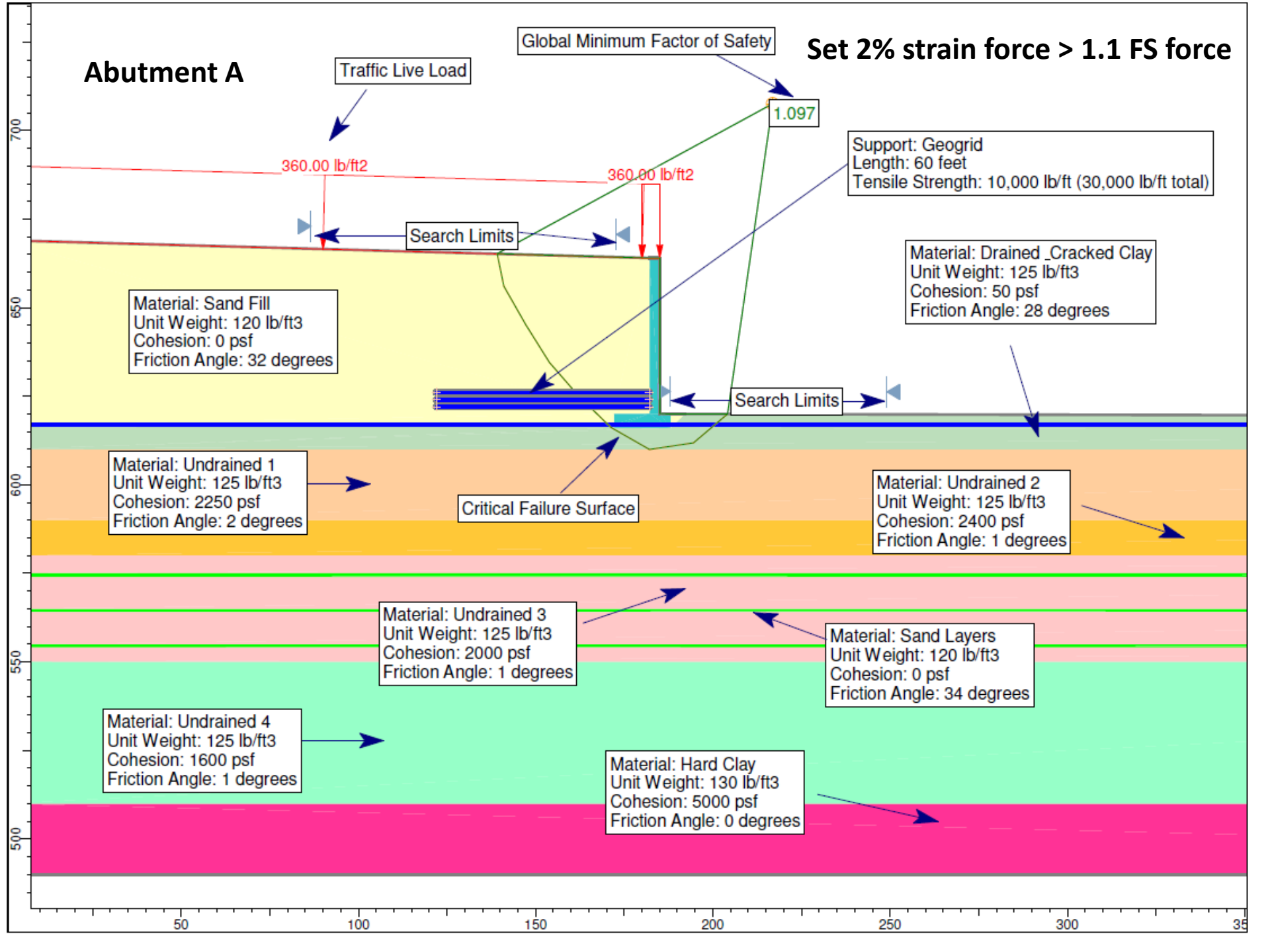
Material: Undrained 2
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 2400 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees

Material: Undrained 3
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 2000 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees

Material: Sand Layers
Unit Weight: 120 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 0 psf
Friction Angle: 34 degrees

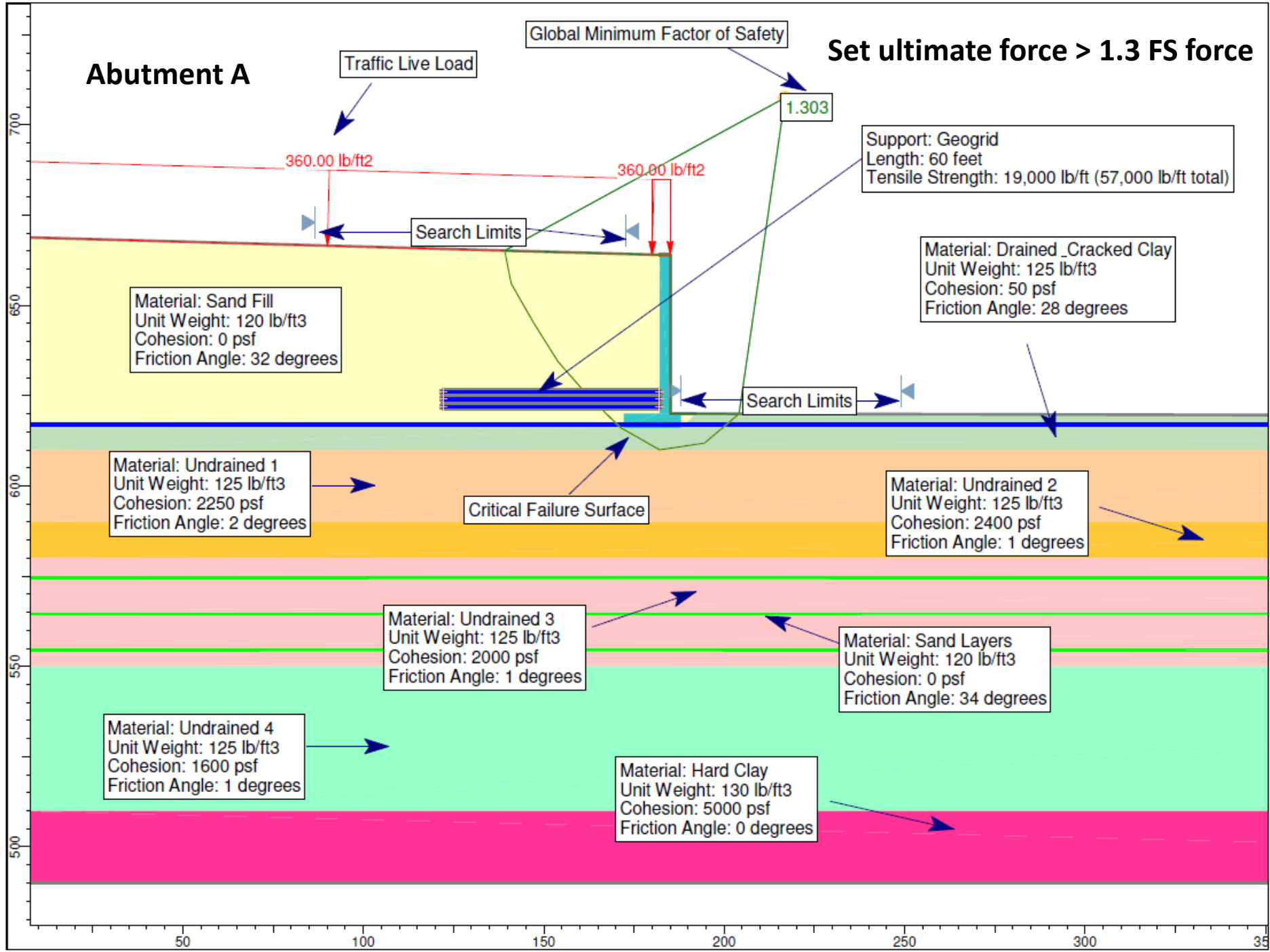
Material: Undrained 4
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 1600 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees

Material: Hard Clay
Unit Weight: 130 lb/ft3
Cohesion: 5000 psf
Friction Angle: 0 degrees



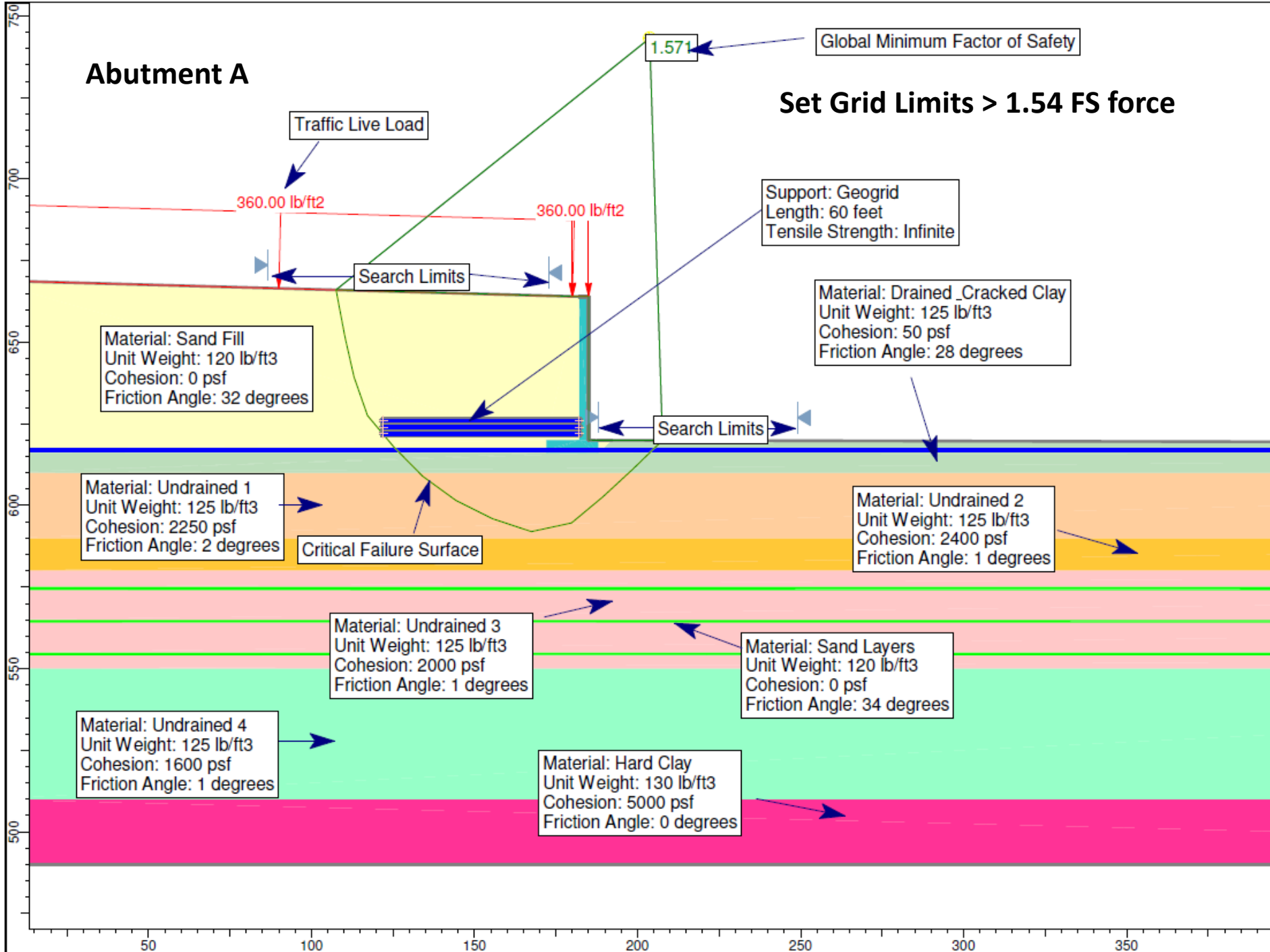
Abutment A

Set ultimate force > 1.3 FS force



Abutment A

Set Grid Limits > 1.54 FS force



Traffic Live Load

360.00 lb/ft²

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Search Limits

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Material: Drained_Cracked Clay
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Cohesion: 2000 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees

Material: Sand Layers
Unit Weight: 120 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 0 psf
Friction Angle: 34 degrees

Material: Undrained 4
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 1600 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees

Material: Hard Clay
Unit Weight: 130 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 5000 psf
Friction Angle: 0 degrees

1.571

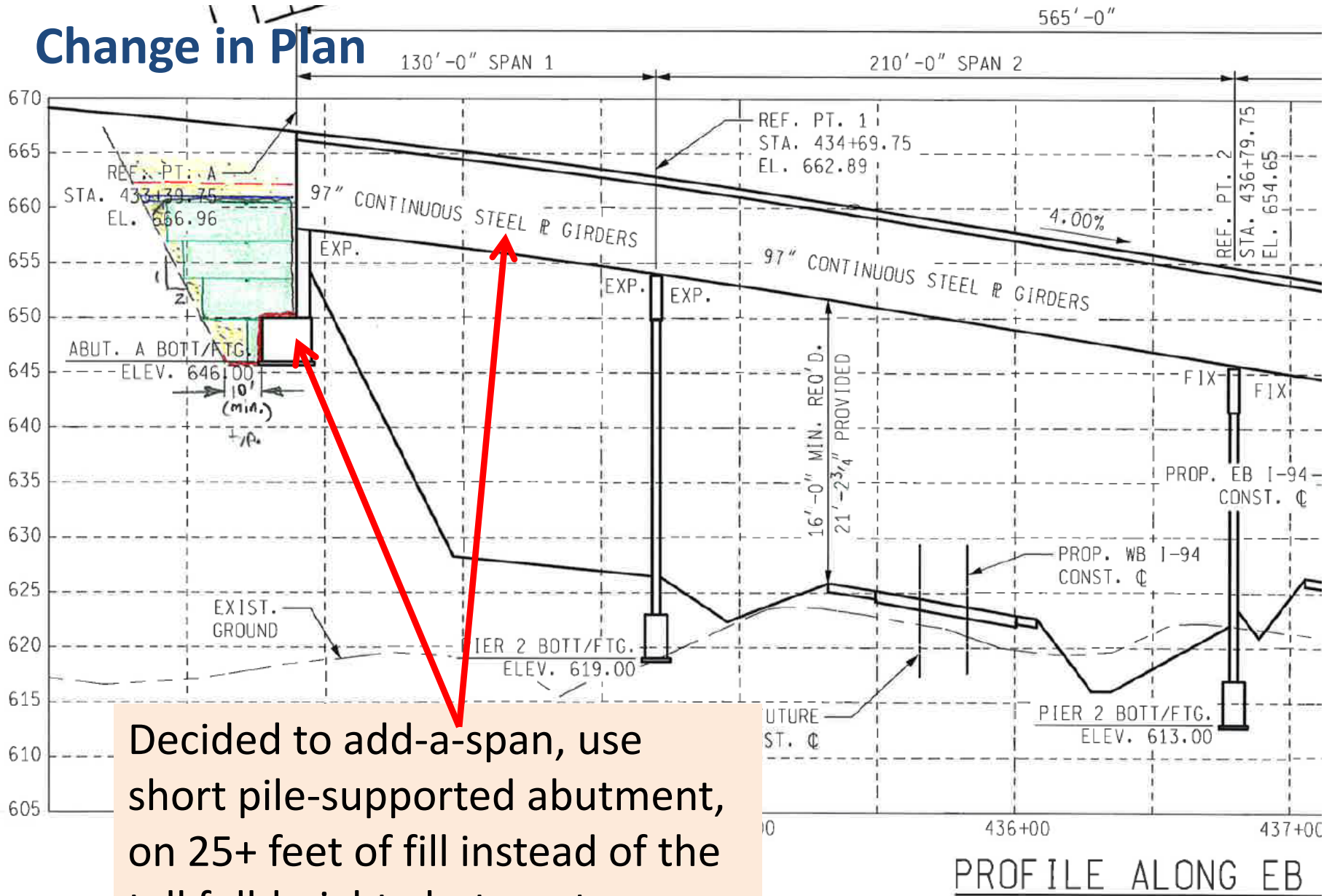
Global Minimum Factor of Safety

Support: Geogrid
Length: 60 feet
Tensile Strength: Infinite

50 100 150 200 250 300 350

750
700
650
600
550
500

Change in Plan



Decided to add-a-span, use short pile-supported abutment, on 25+ feet of fill instead of the tall full-height abutment

Abutment A

Support: Geogrid
 Length: 10 feet behind retaining wall footing and eps zone
 Tensile Strength: 5,000 lb/ft (10,000 lb/ft total)

*Ultimate Strength needed
 @ FS=1.1 \Rightarrow 800 lb/ft total*

*Simulates
 12 EPS with
 10-ft reinf.
 extensions*

Traffic Live Load

360.00 lb/ft²

Material: PCC/AGG Base
 Unit Weight: 135 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 0 psf
 Friction Angle: 36 degrees

Global Minimum Factor of Safety

1.567

This is AASHTO min.

Material: EPS
 Unit Weight: 10 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 0 psf
 Friction Angle: 10 degrees

Material: Drained Cracked Clay
 Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 50 psf
 Friction Angle: 28 degrees

Material: Sand and Clay Fill
 Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 0 psf
 Friction Angle: 32 degrees

Critical Failure Surface

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Search Limits

Material: Undrained 1
 Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 2250 psf
 Friction Angle: 2 degrees

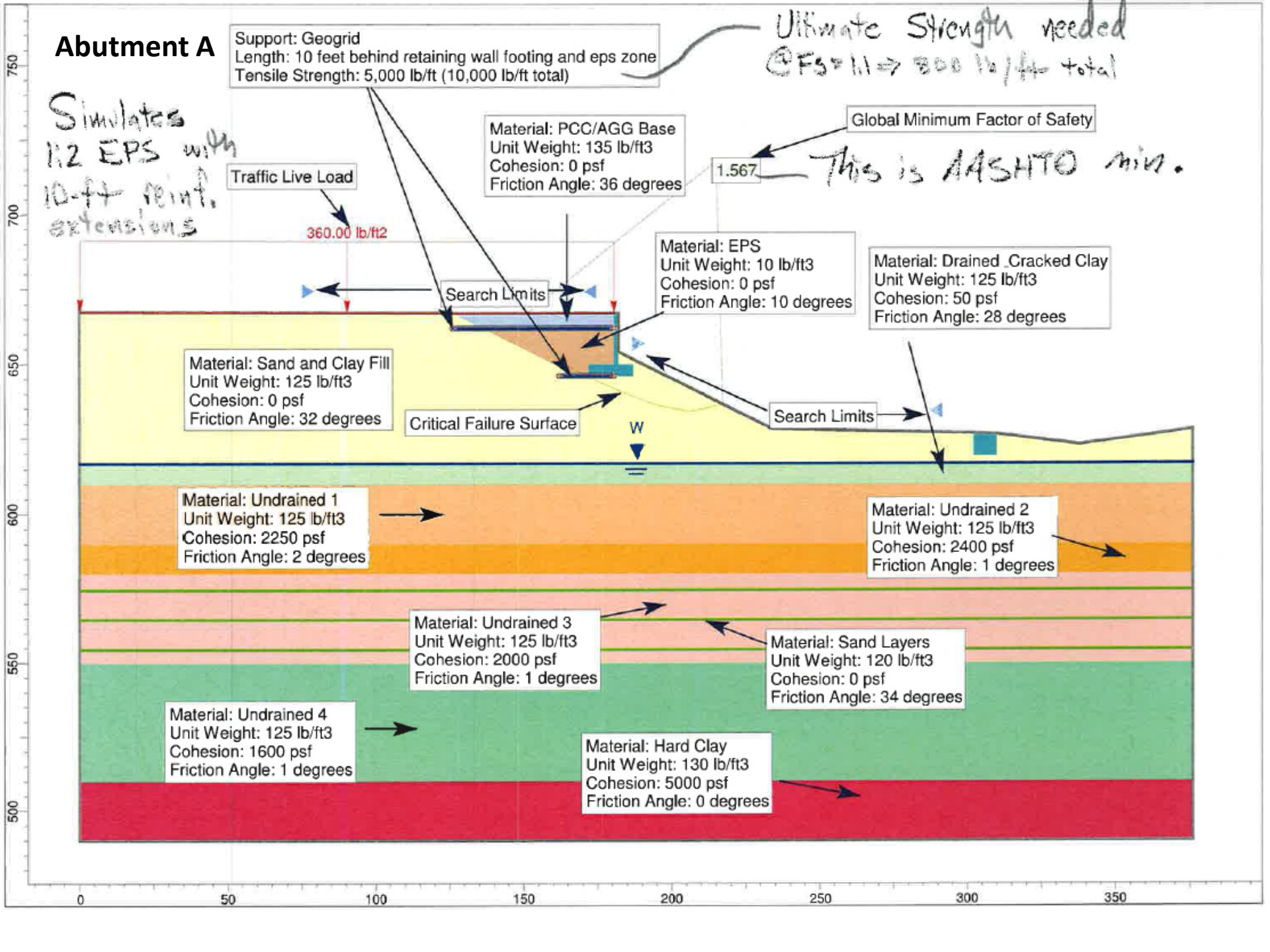
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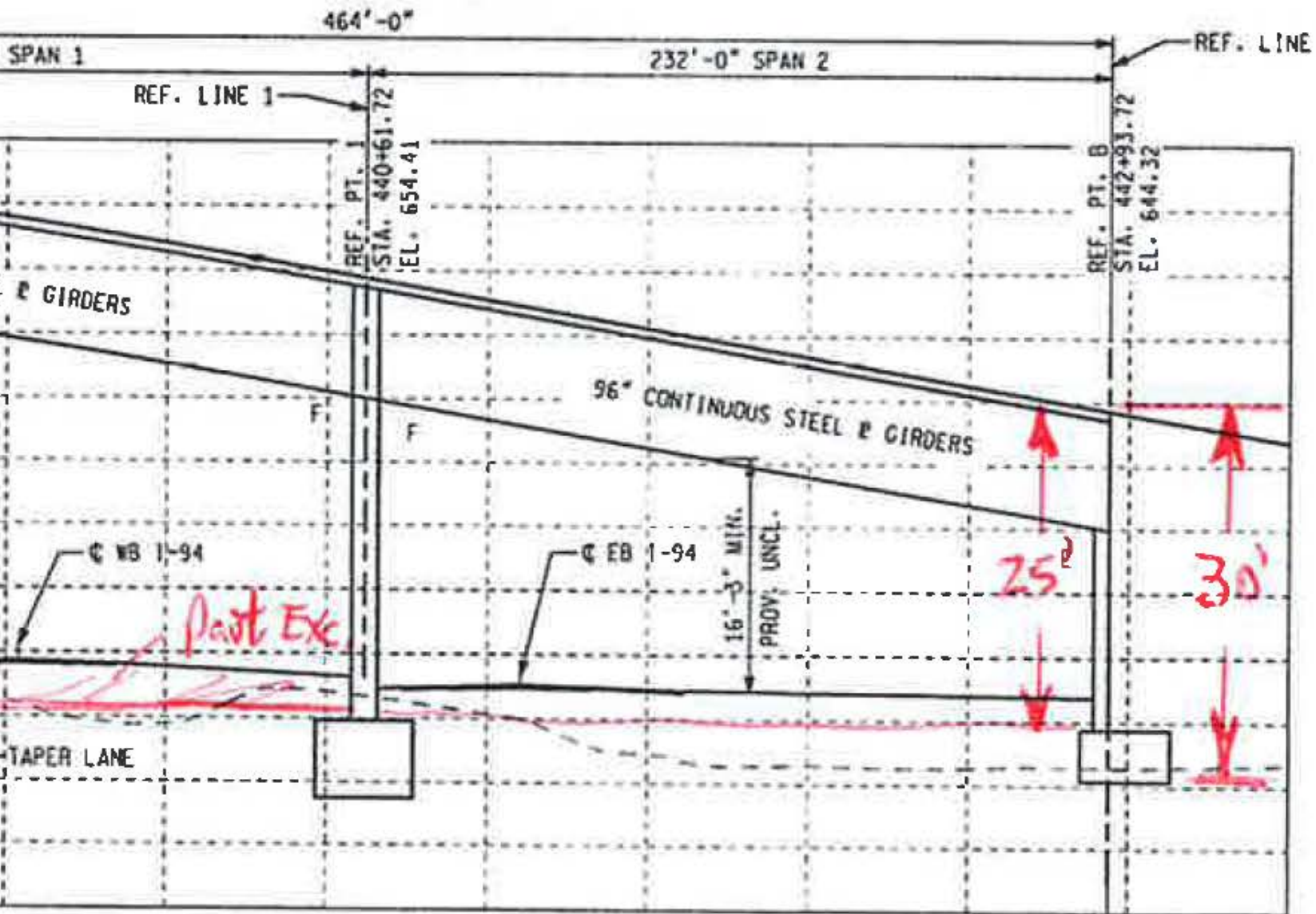
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 Friction Angle: 1 degrees

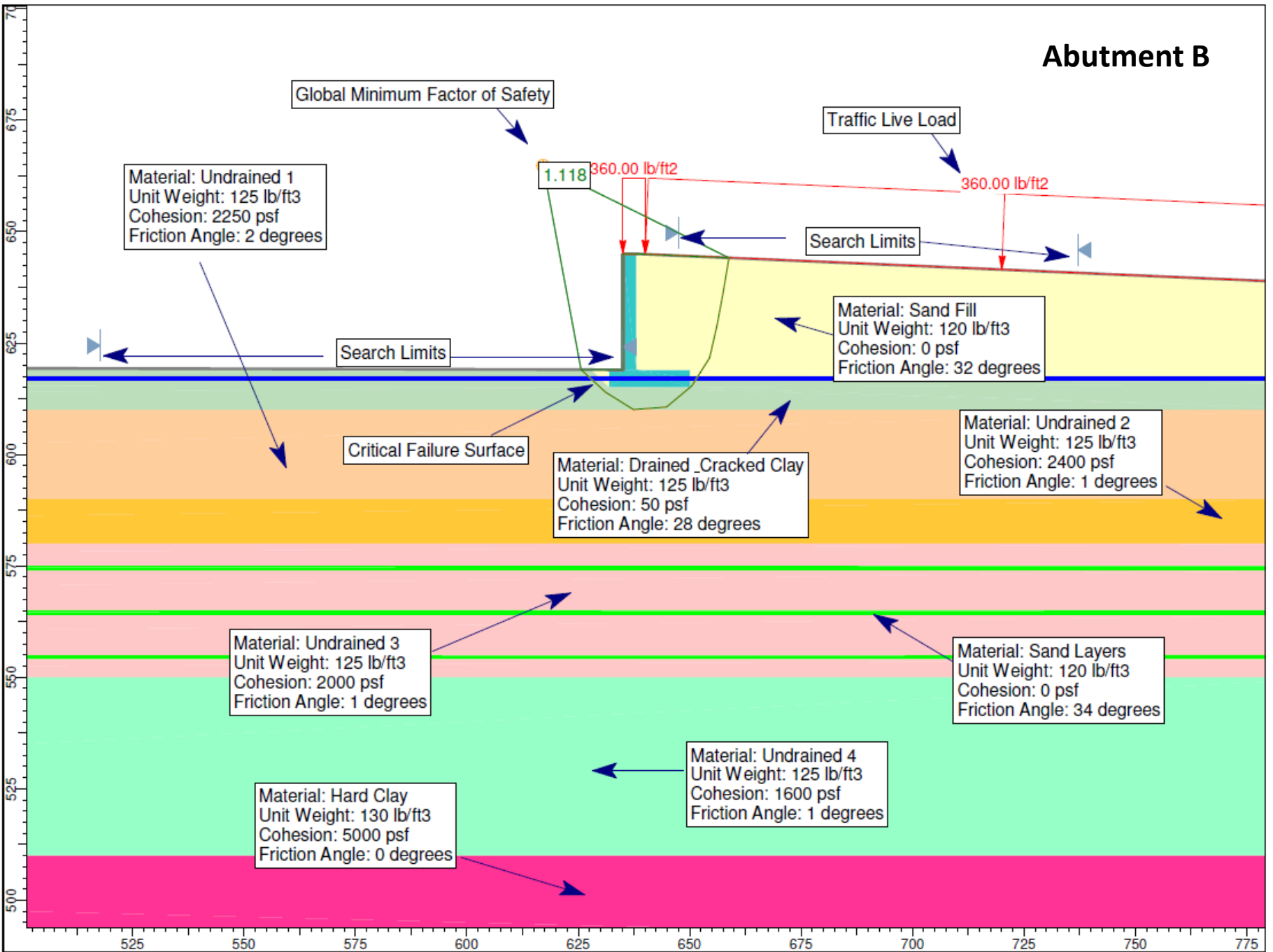
Material: Hard Clay
 Unit Weight: 130 lb/ft³
 Cohesion: 5000 psf
 Friction Angle: 0 degrees



Abutment B



Abutment B



Abutment B

Global Minimum Factor of Safety

Support: Geogrid
Length: 30 feet
Tensile Strength: Infinite

Material: Undrained 1
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 2250 psf
Friction Angle: 2 degrees

1.545

Traffic Live Load

360.00 lb/ft²

360.00 lb/ft²

Search Limits

Search Limits

Material: Sand Fill
Unit Weight: 120 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 0 psf
Friction Angle: 32 degrees

Critical Failure Surface

Material: Drained Cracked Clay
Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 50 psf
Friction Angle: 28 degrees

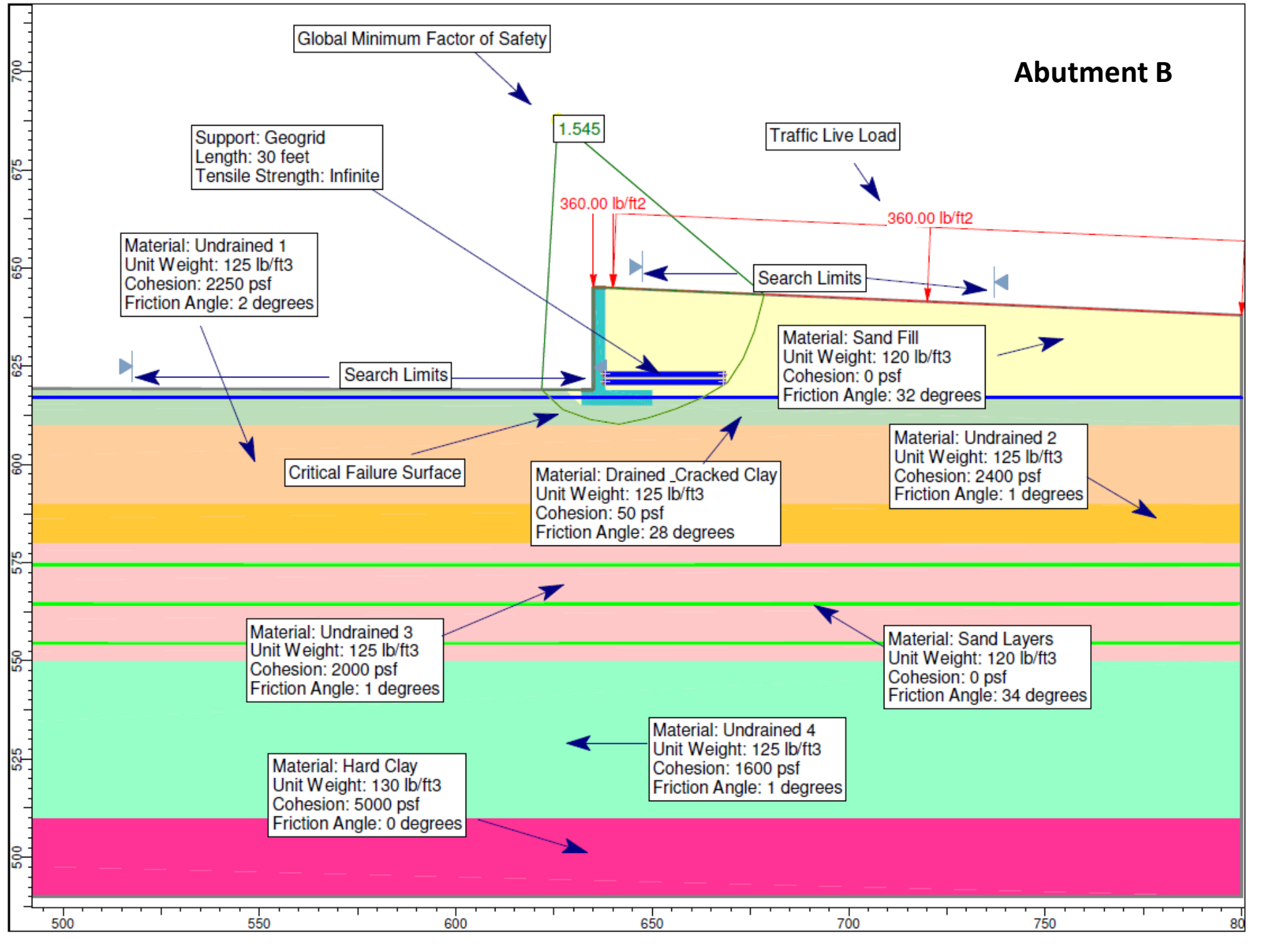
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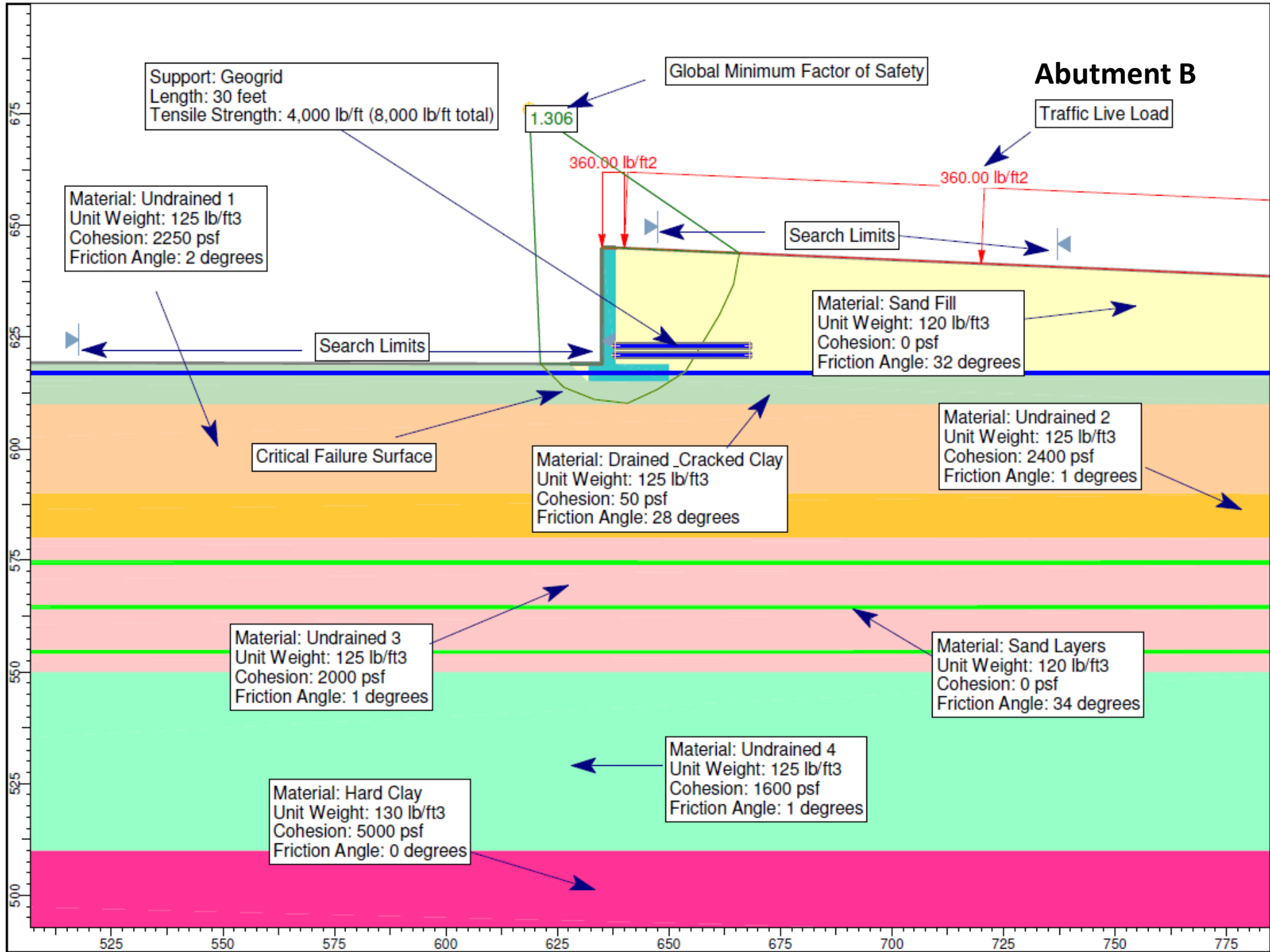
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Friction Angle: 0 degrees

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Unit Weight: 125 lb/ft³
Cohesion: 1600 psf
Friction Angle: 1 degrees





ARE SPREAD FOOTINGS OK?

- Bearing Capacity

$$q_{ult} = cN_c s_c b_c i_c + 0.5\gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma b_\gamma i_\gamma + q N_q s_q b_q i_q$$

ARE SPREAD FOOTINGS OK?

- Bearing Capacity

$$q_{ult} = cN_c s_c b_c i_c + 0.5\gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma b_\gamma i_\gamma + q N_q s_q b_q i_q$$

.....Factored B.C. = approx. 5000 - 6000 psf

Approach Embankment Weight next to Abutment:

Abut. A = $48 * 125 = 6000$ psf → not likely!

Abut. B = $30 * 125 = 3750$ psf → maybe

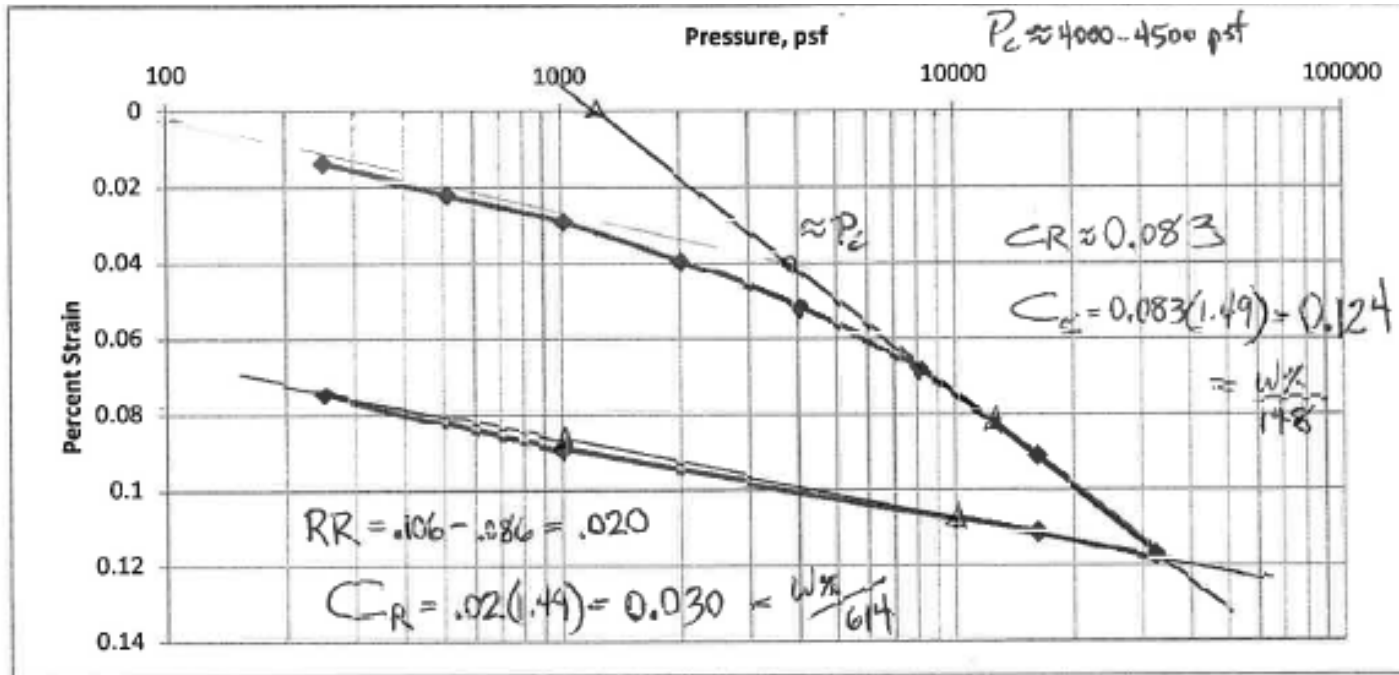
ARE SPREAD FOOTINGS OK?

- Settlement Management

$$S = \frac{C_s H}{1 + e_o} \log\left(\frac{p_c}{p_o}\right) + \frac{C_c H}{1 + e_o} \log\left(\frac{p_o + \Delta p}{p_c}\right)$$

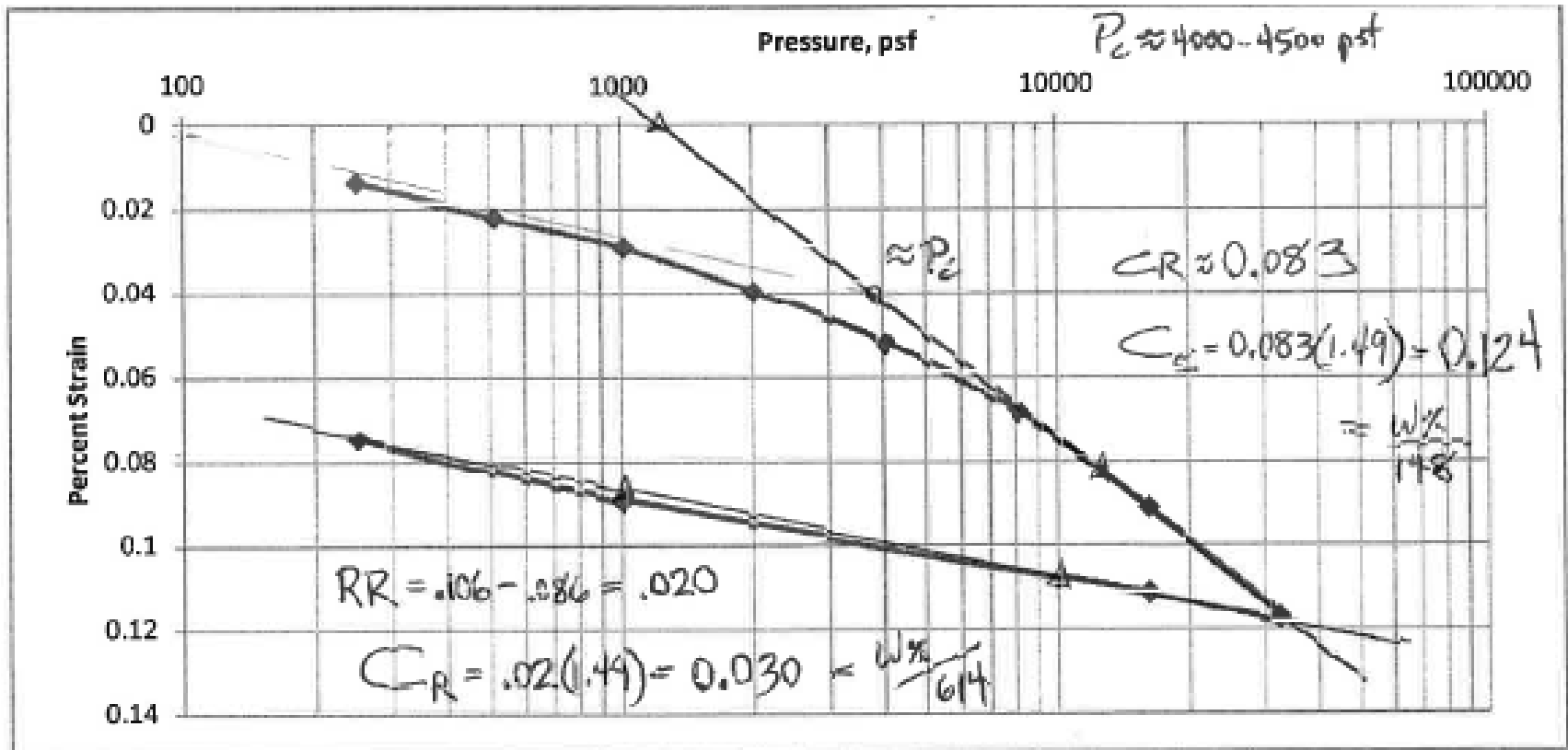
- Need to estimate settlement of footings caused by approach embankments
- And Footing pressures causing settlement serviceability-limit (1-inch and 1.5-inch limits)
- Pre-loads? Lightweight Fills? Pile Downdrag?

SETTLEMENT MANAGEMENT



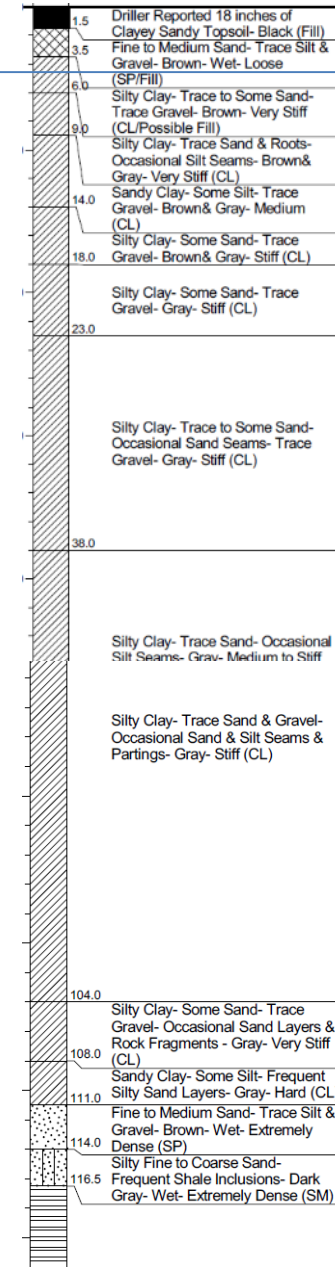
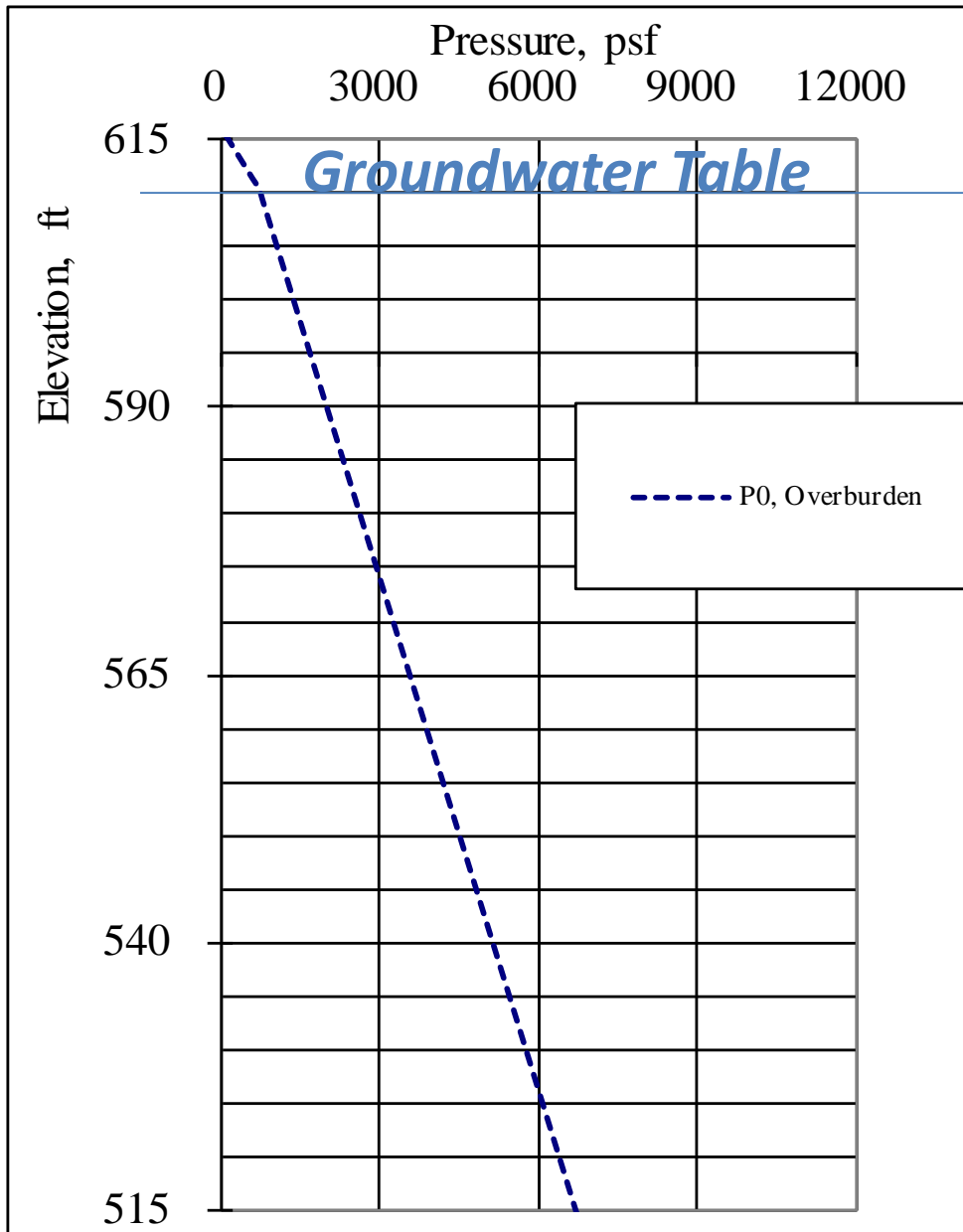
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4040	0.947	875	755	850	803	2	0.0227
8080	0.930	1040	881	1020	951	6	0.0074
16180	0.907	1270	1041	1235	1138	4	0.0107
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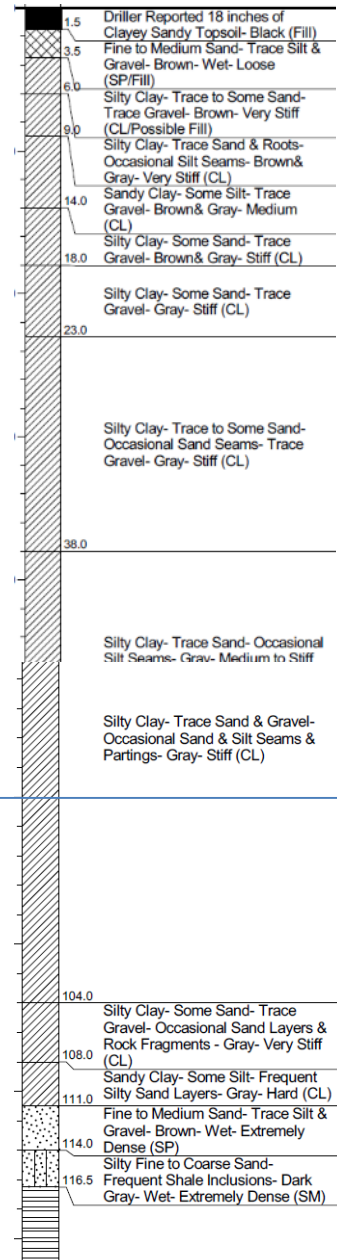
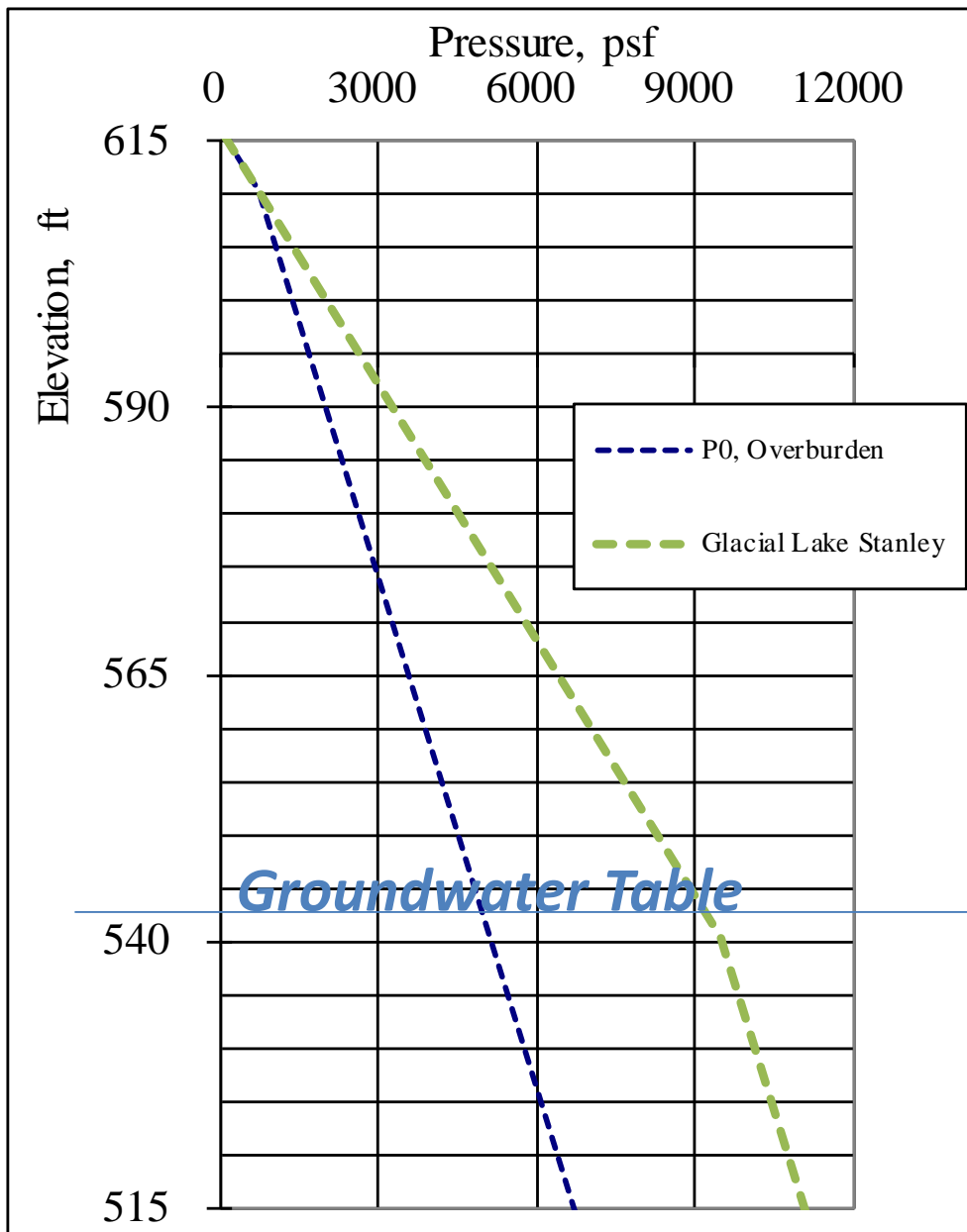


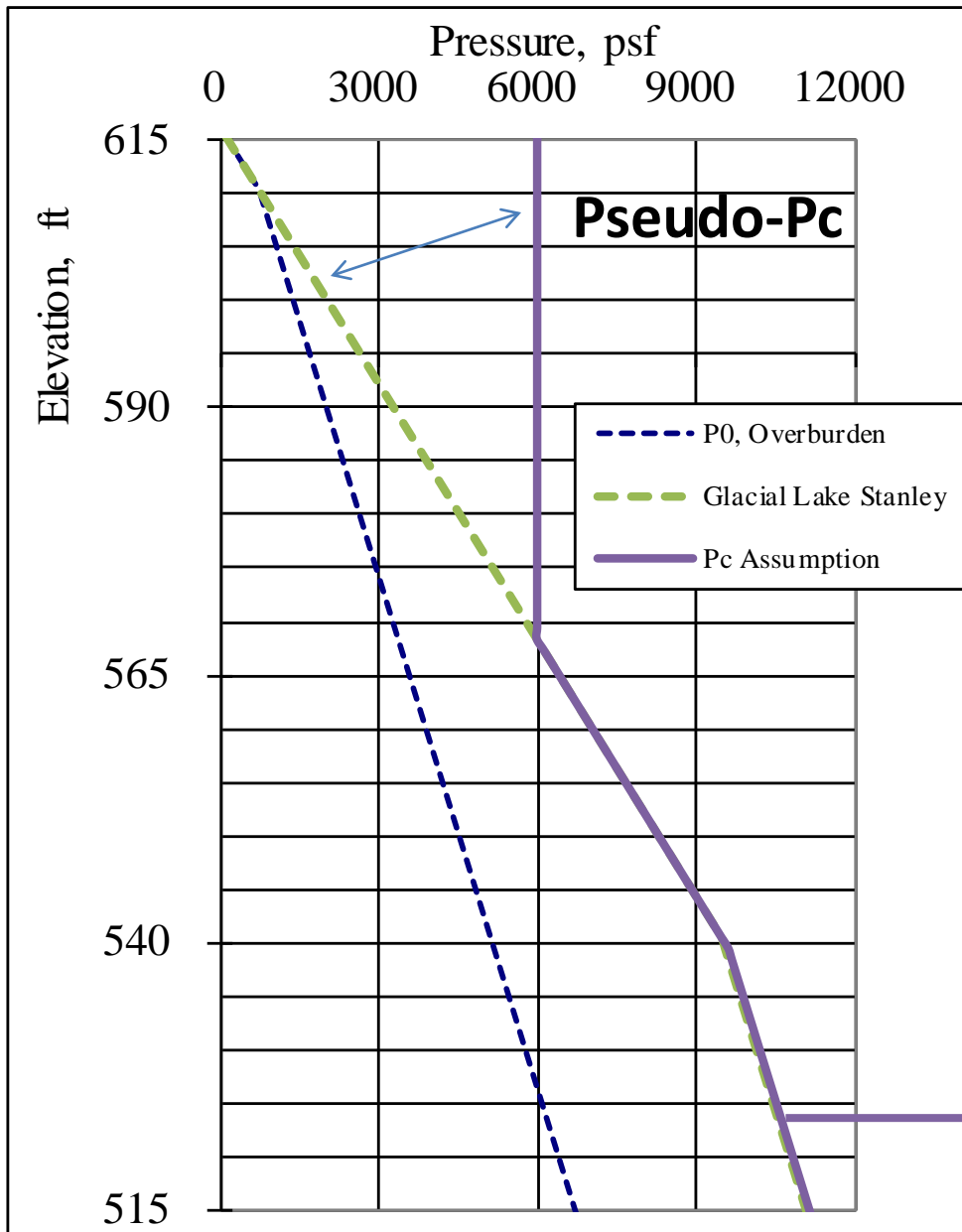
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Today's Condition

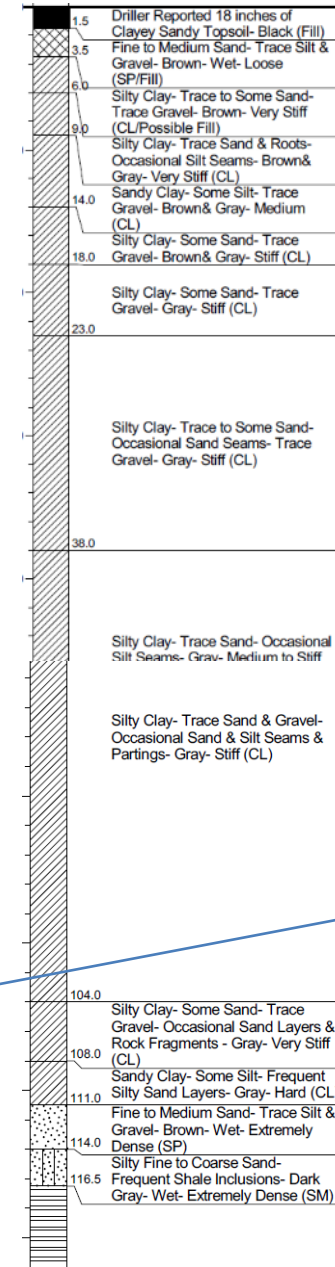


Lake Stanley Dry Period



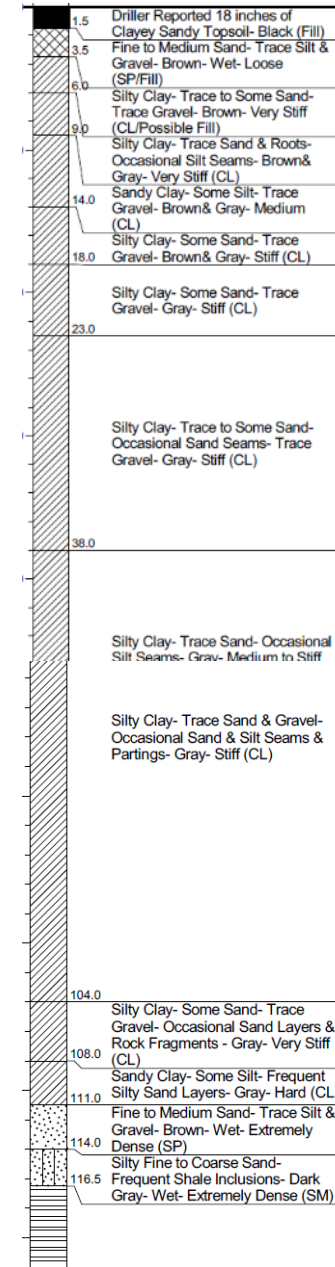
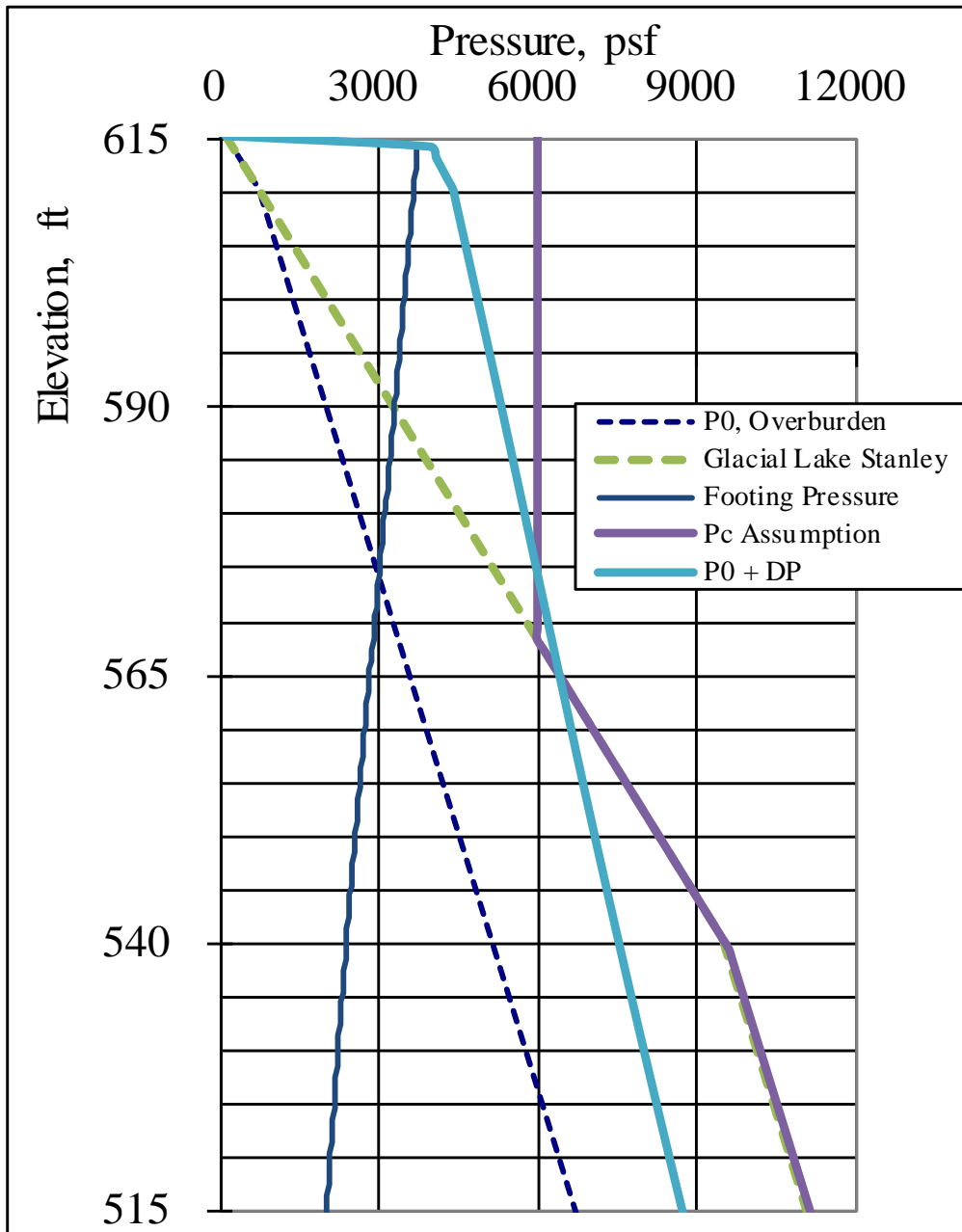


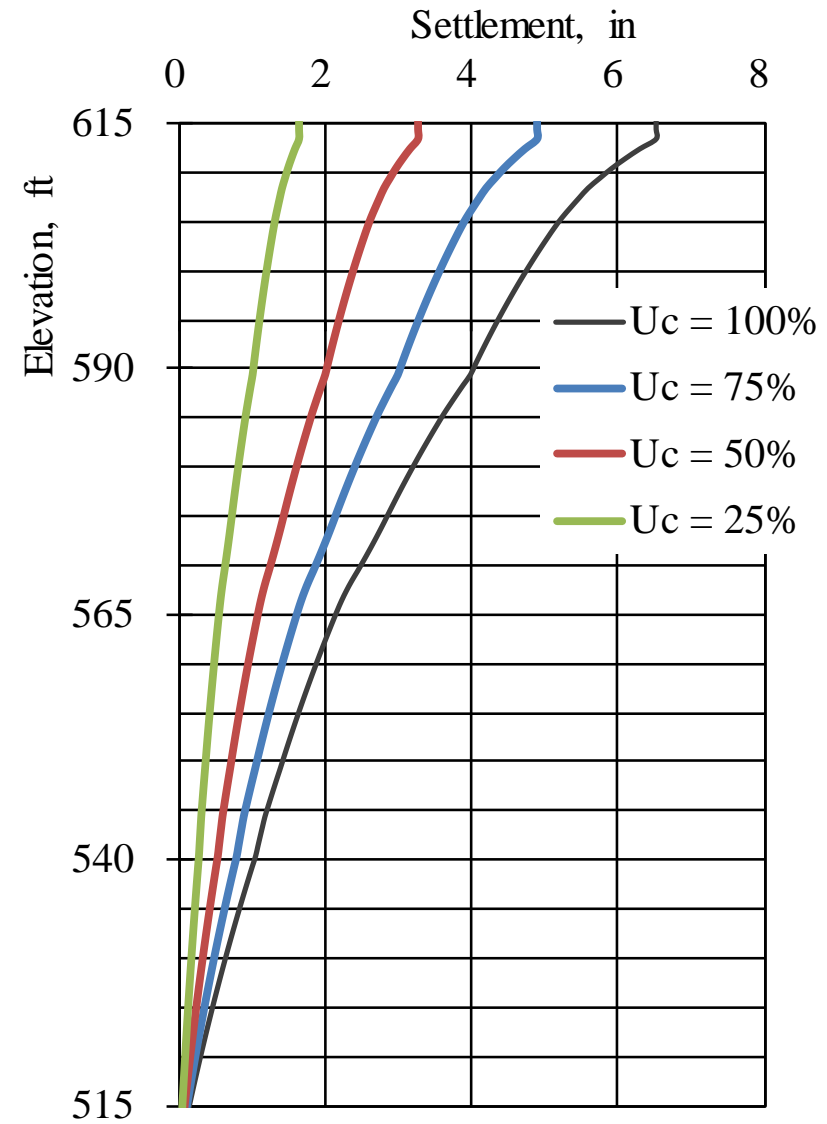
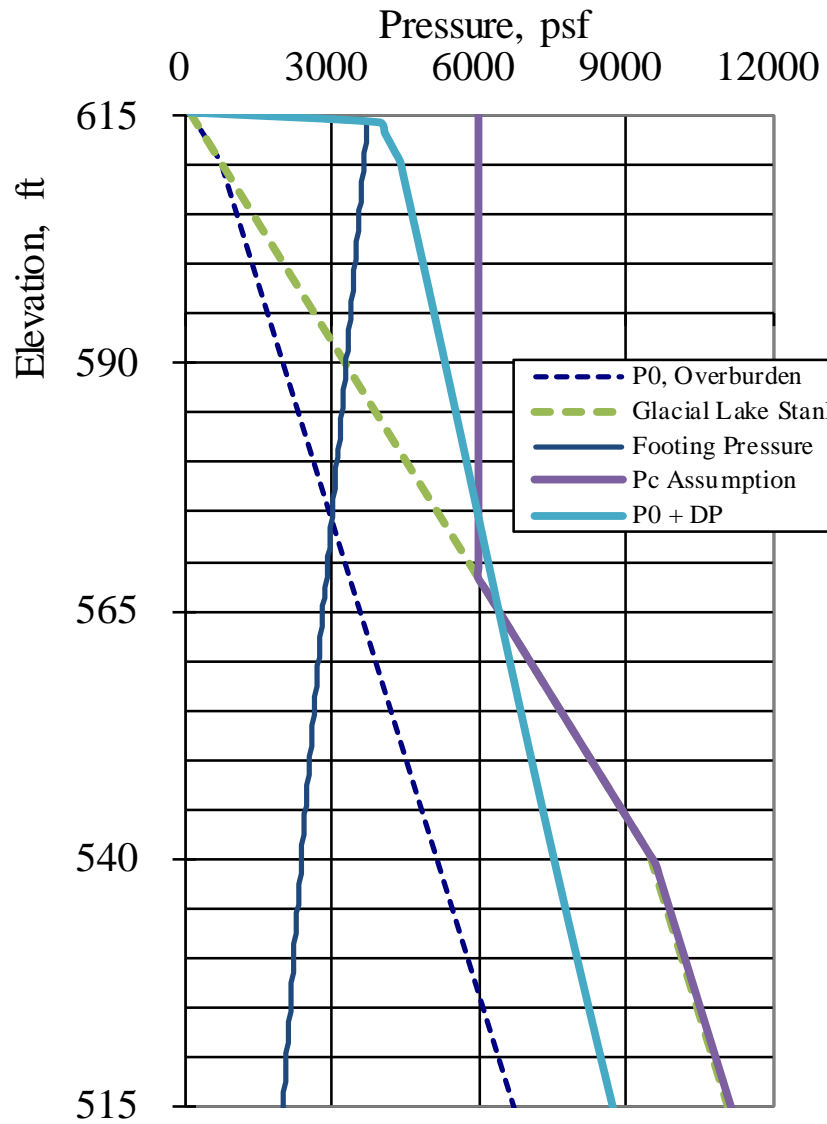
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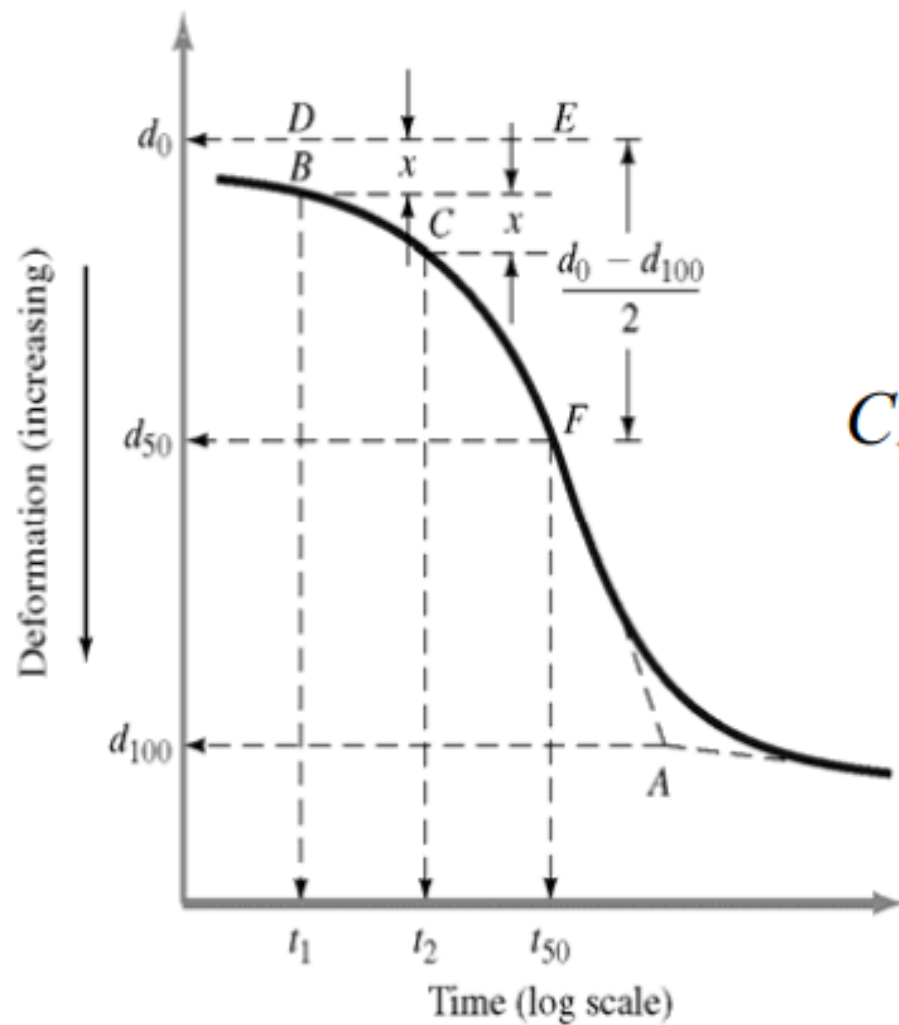
Ice Weight on Hard Till

Load Effects





Determining C_v using Log Time Method



$$T_v = \frac{C_v t}{H^2_{dr}}$$

$$C_v = \frac{T_{V50} H^2_{dr}}{t_{50}} = \frac{0.196 \left[\frac{H}{2} \right]^2}{t_{50}}$$

Figure 7.19

Logarithm-of-time method
for determining coefficient
of consolidation

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Wick Drains



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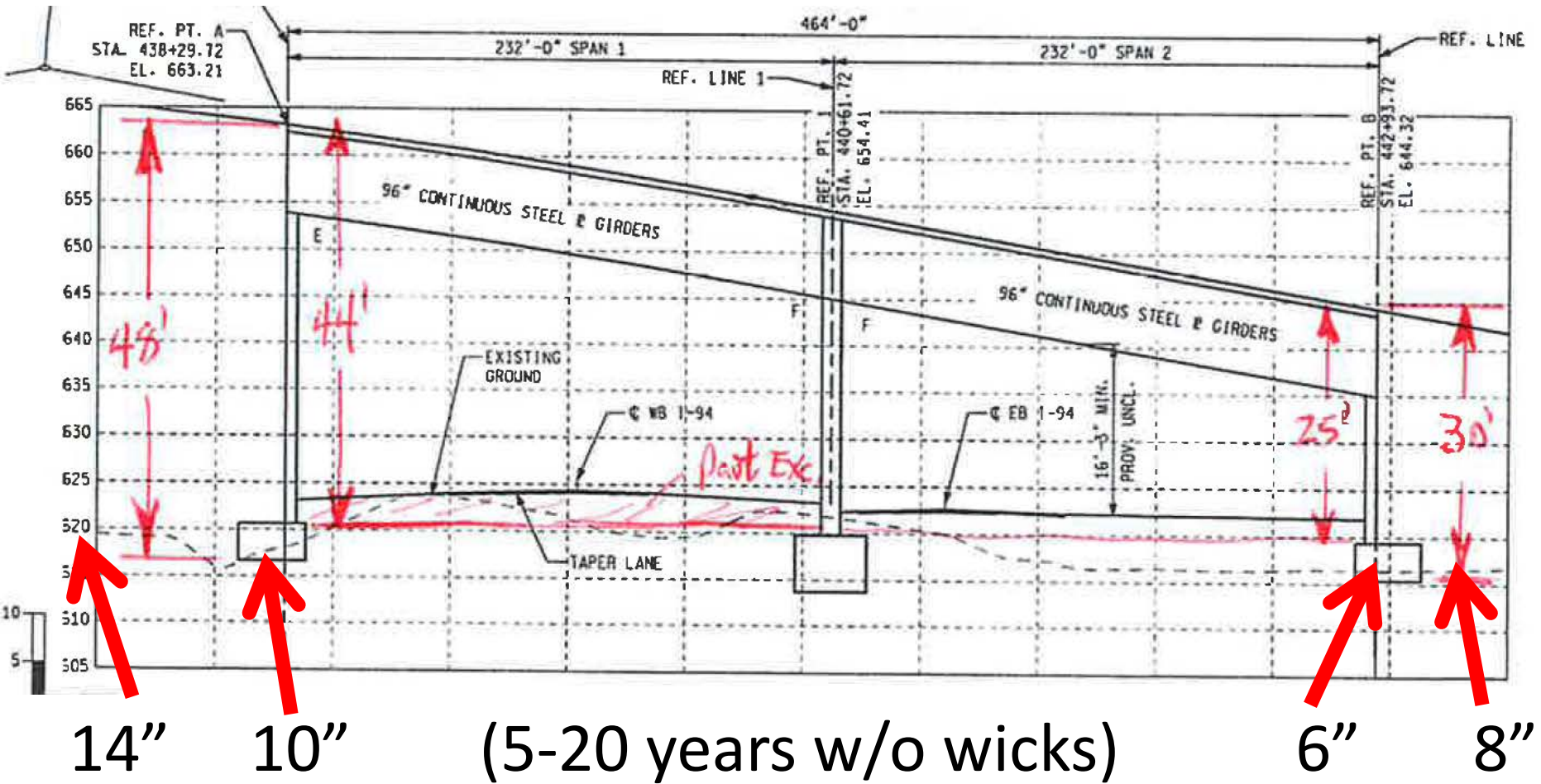




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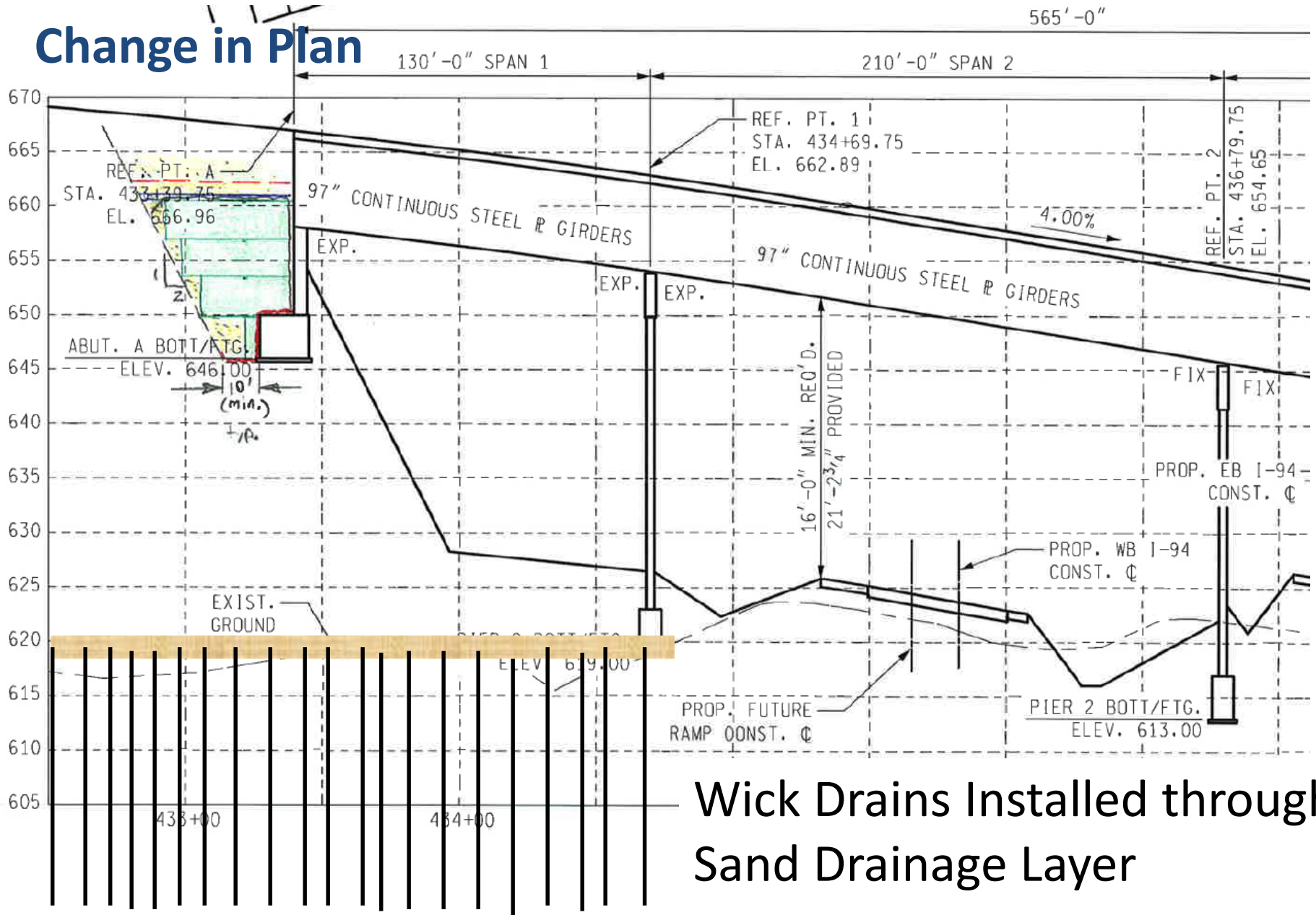


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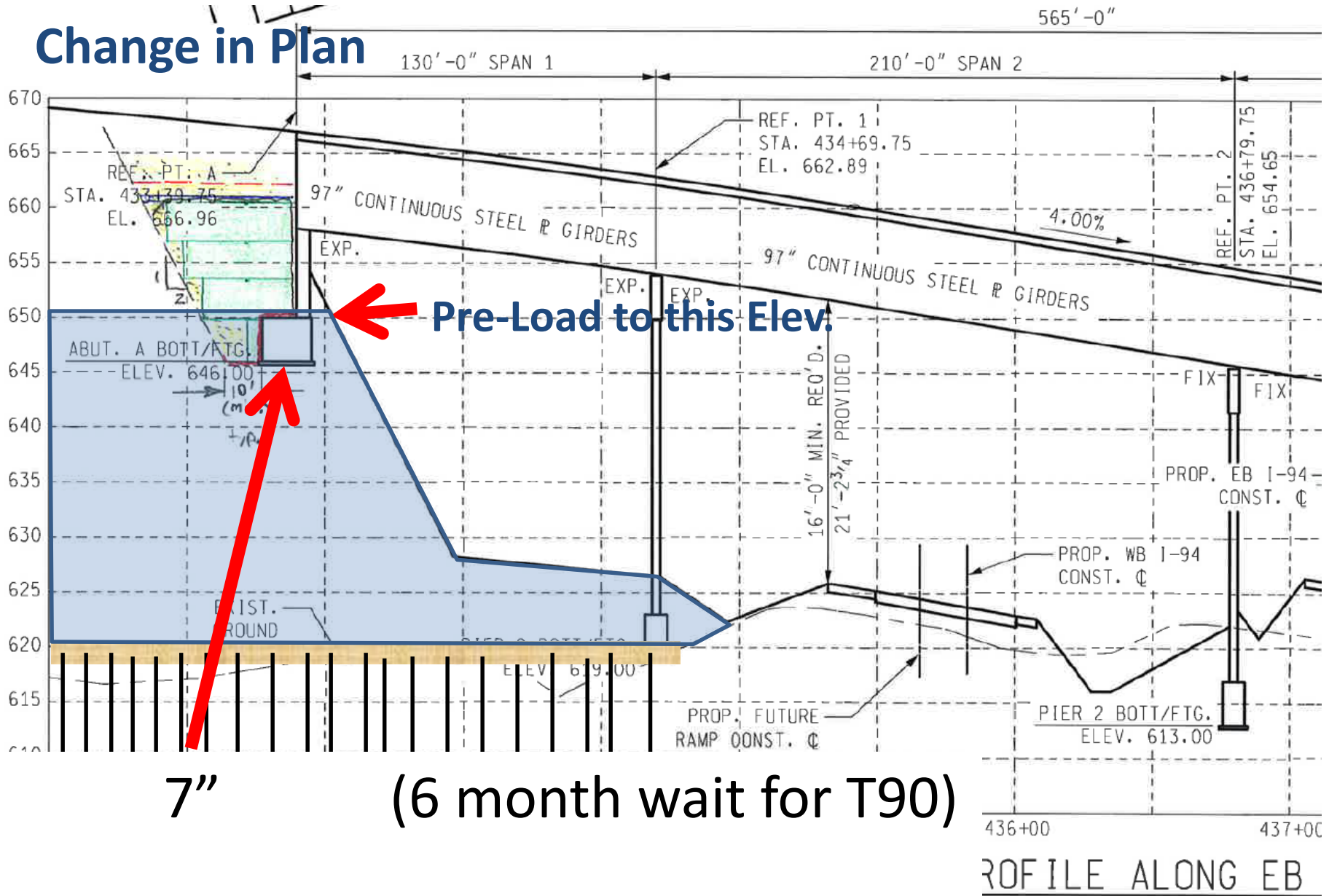
Settlement Estimates – Soil Only, no footing pressures

Change in Plan



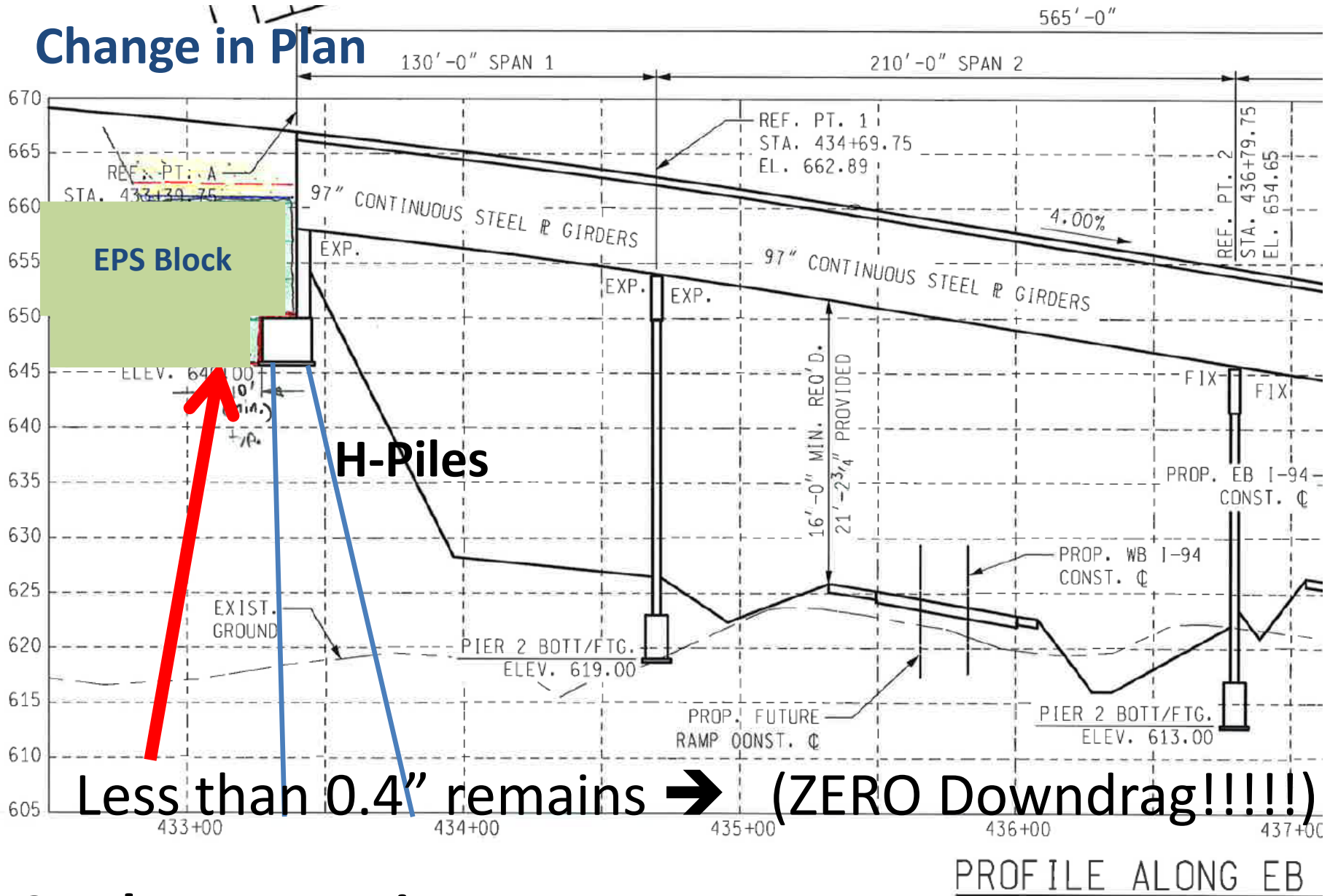
Wick Drains Installed through Sand Drainage Layer

Change in Plan



Settlement Estimates

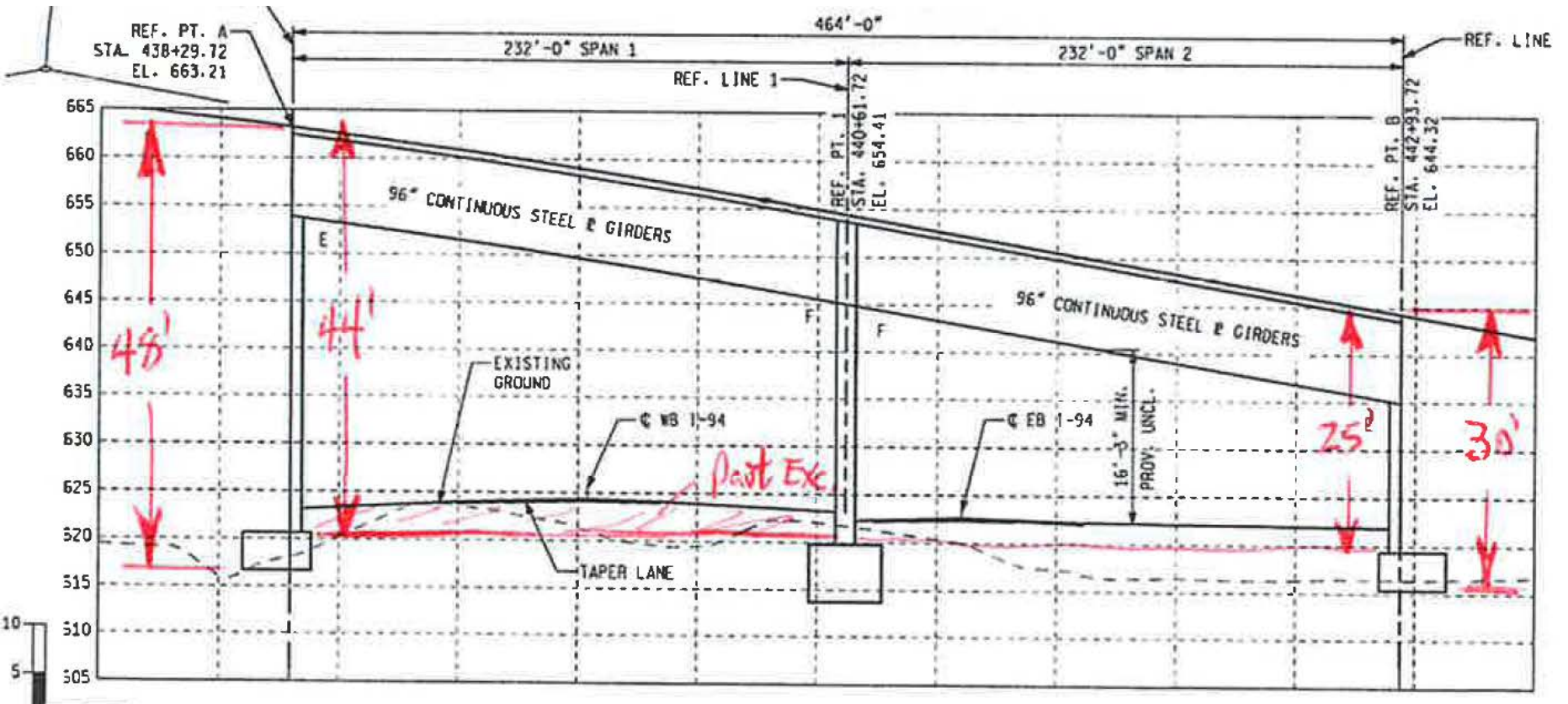
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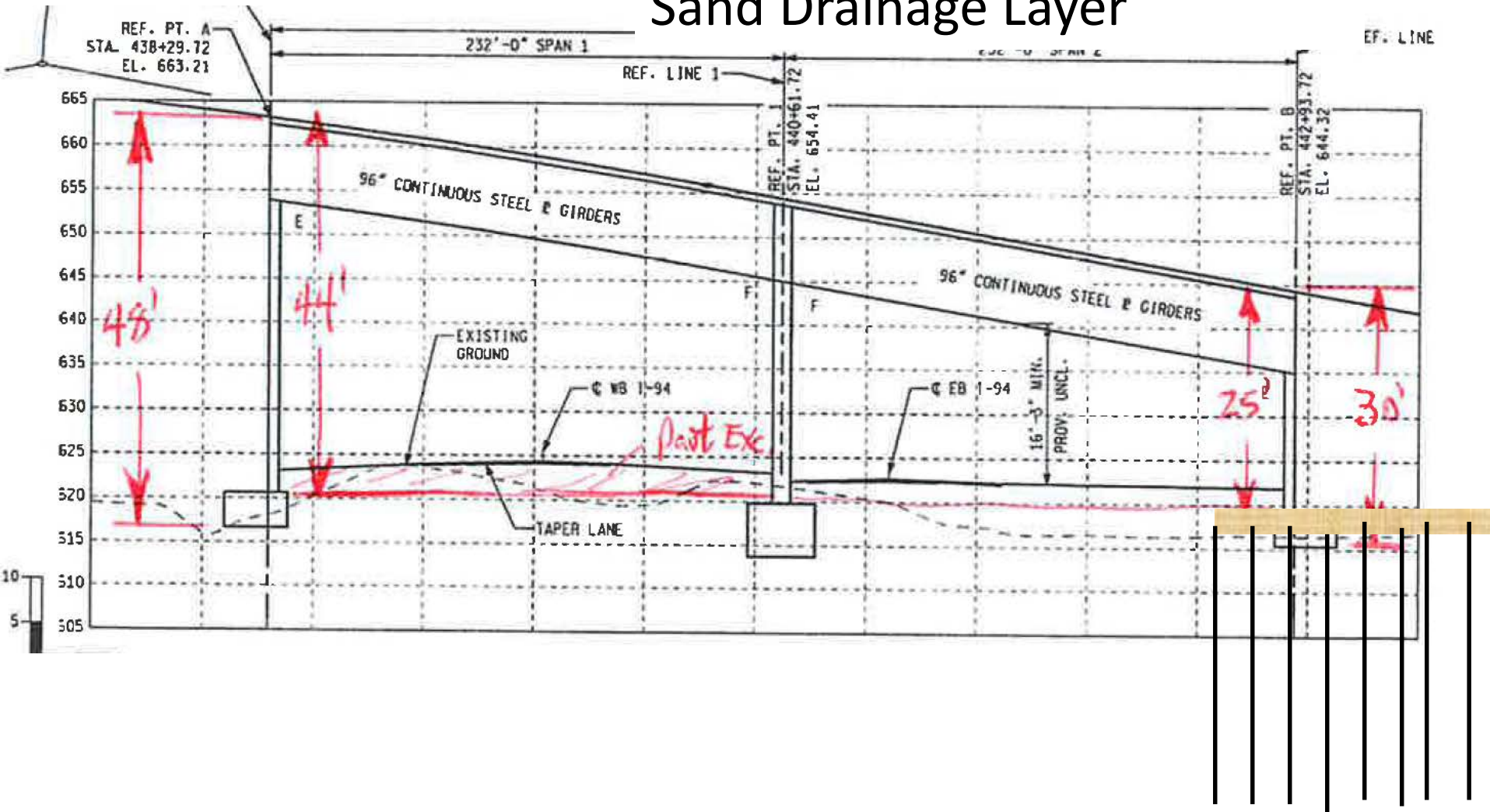


Placement of EPS and Geogrid behind sheeting.

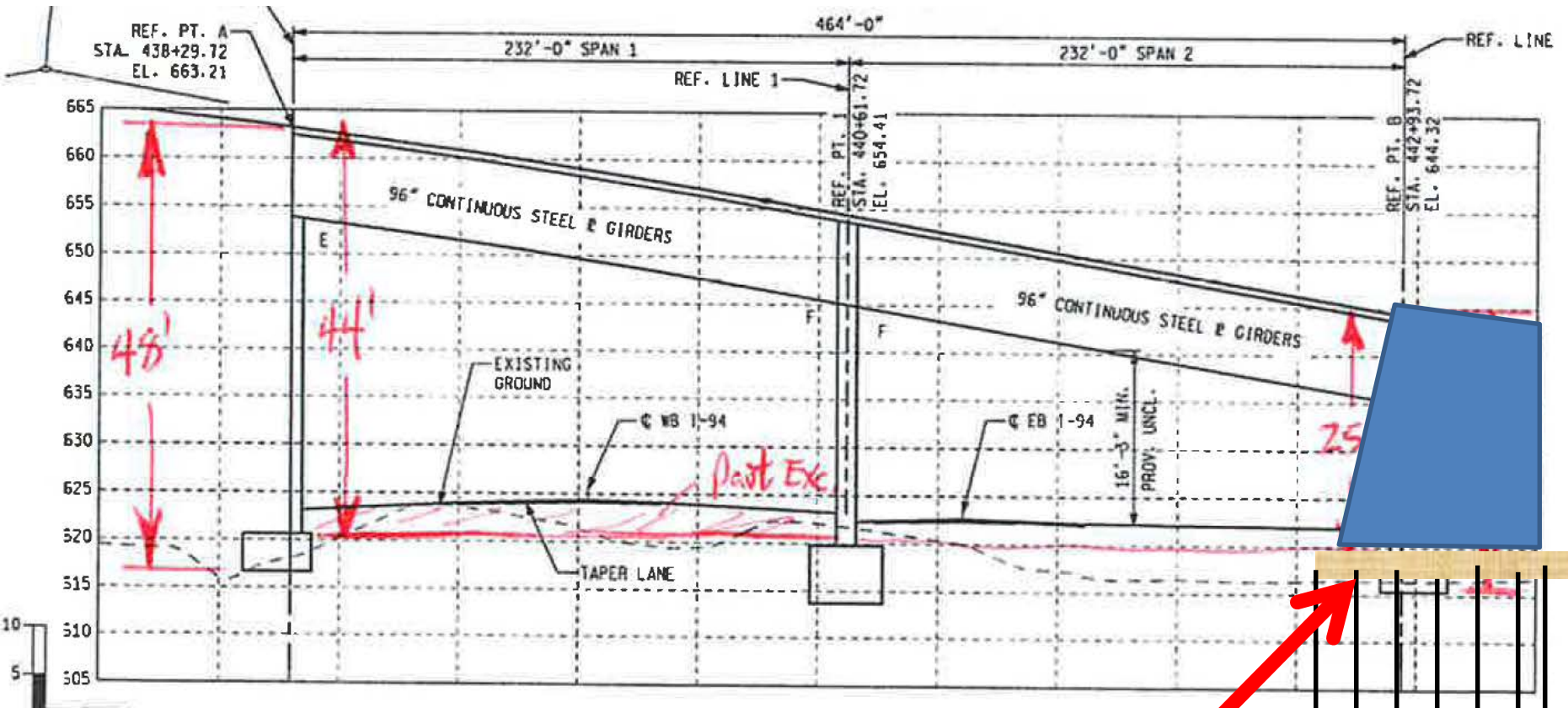
Example Bridge



Wick Drains Installed through Sand Drainage Layer



Pre-Load to Full Height

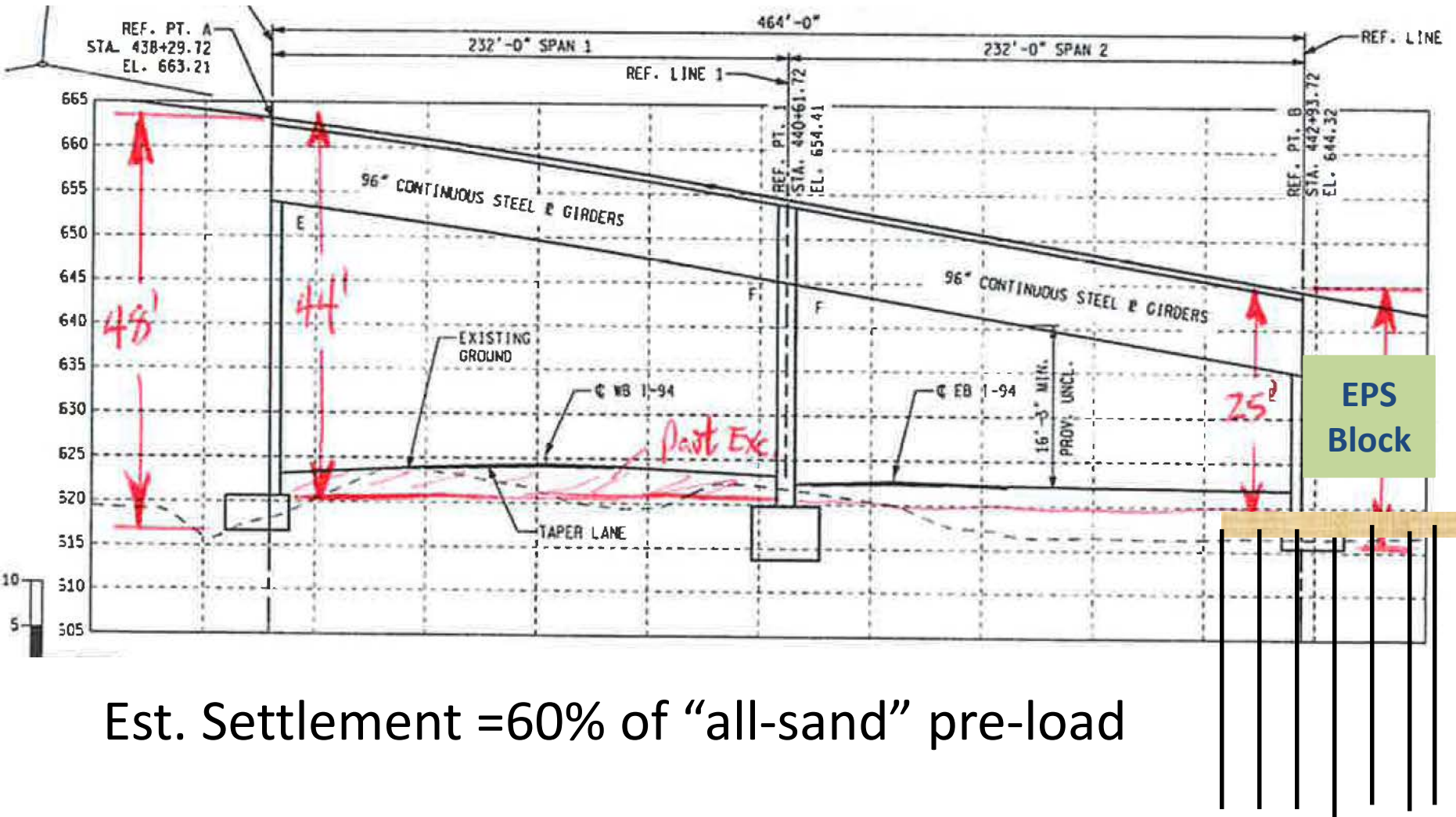


(2 month wait)

7"

Settlement Estimates

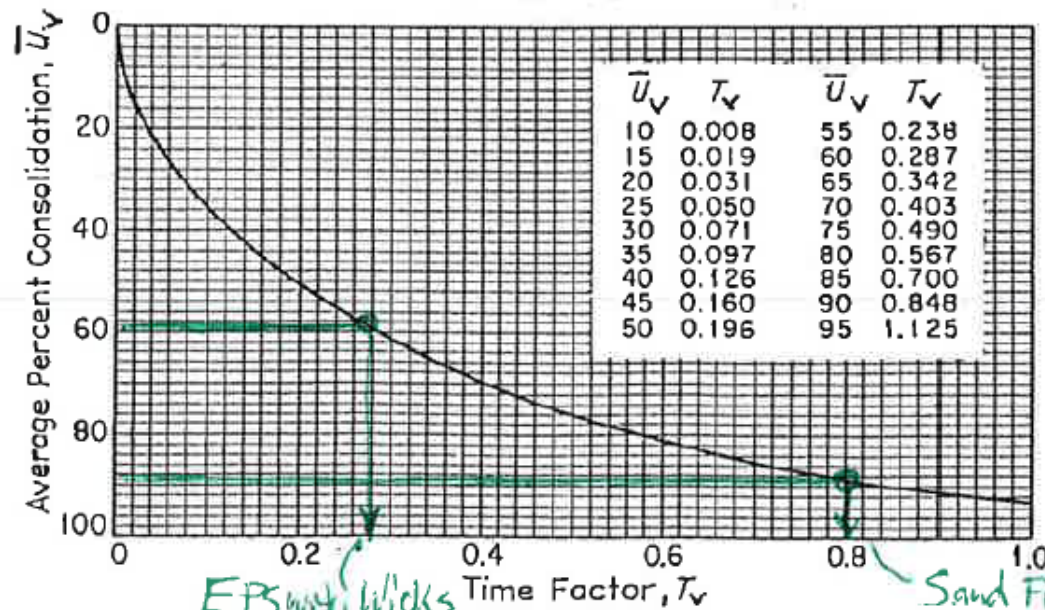
Remove Pre-Load, Piles, and Partial EPS



Est. Settlement = 60% of "all-sand" pre-load

$$t = T_v(H_d)^2/c_v \Rightarrow \approx .848(36)^2/.004 \text{ for } T_{90} \Rightarrow 6.3 \text{ months (4)}$$

The mathematical relationship between \bar{U}_v and T_v is rather complex. Figure 3 presents a plot of \bar{U}_v versus T_v based on:

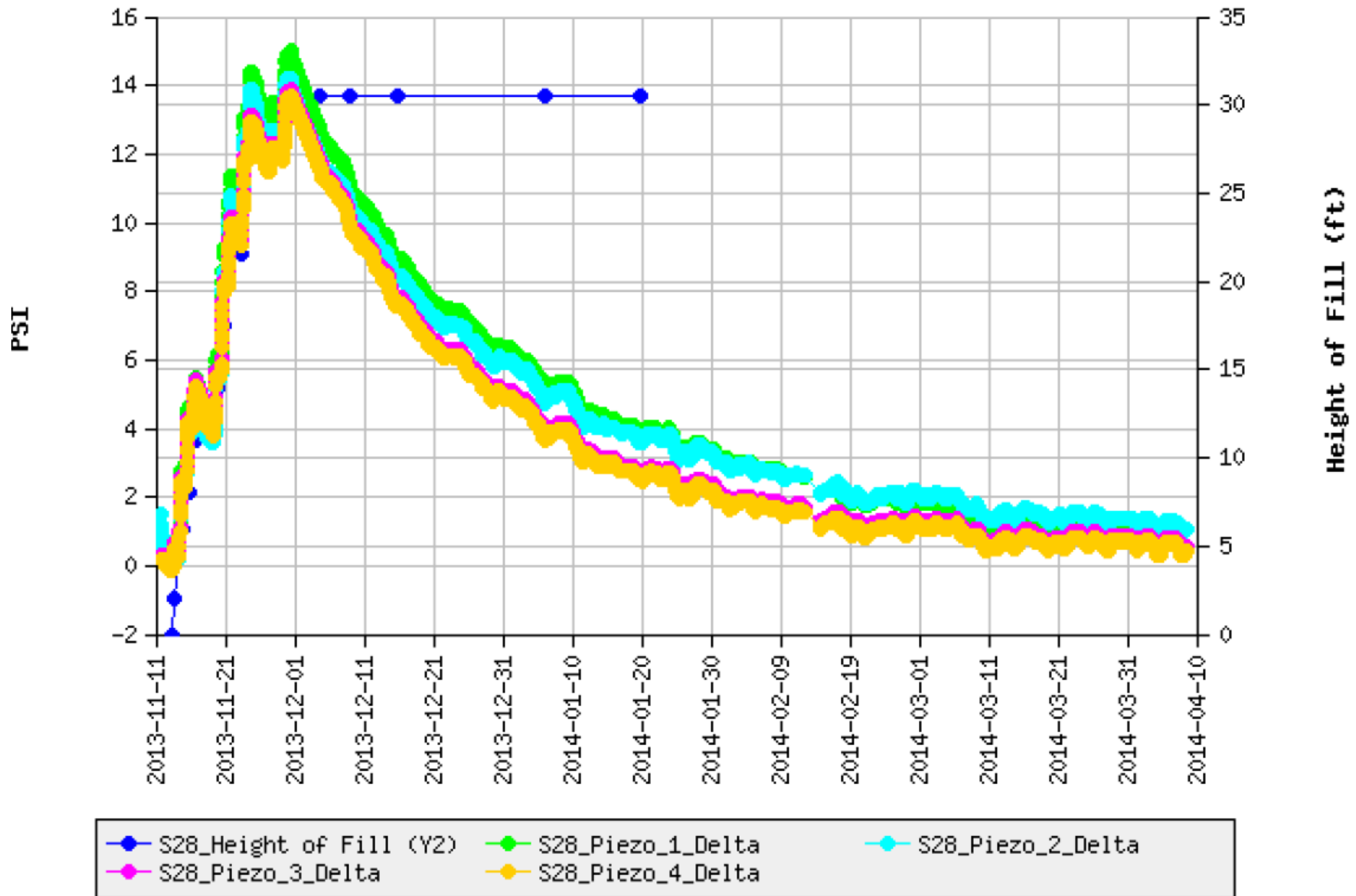


$\approx 30\%$ of
Wait Time
for EPS versus
Sand Fill
(2 months versus 6 months)

Figure 3. Variation of T_v with \bar{U}_v .

*Mandate a 2-month hold using 5 to 6 ft wick spacing and EPS Backfill

Change in Pressure

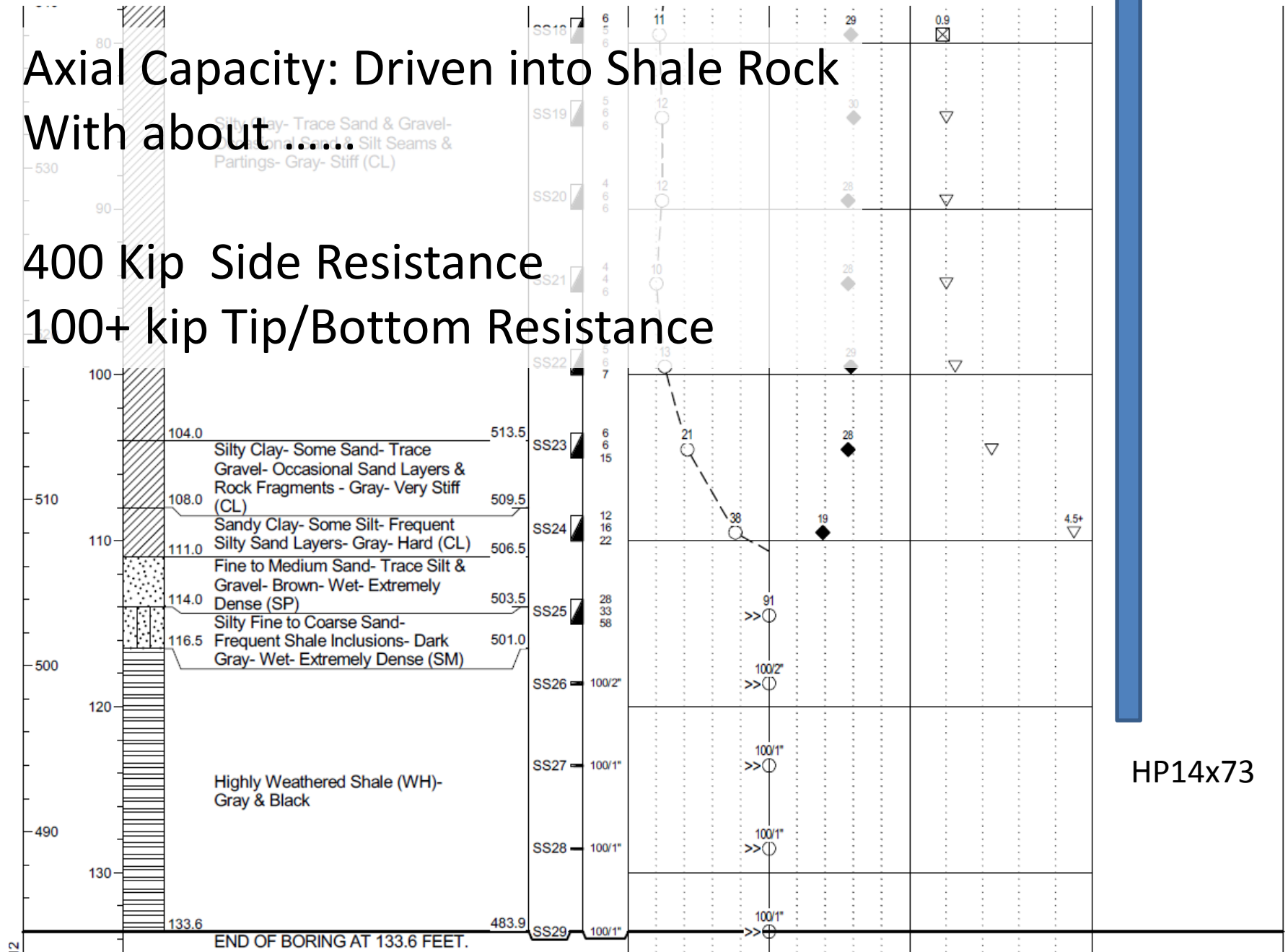


Piling Analyses

- Axial Resistance
- Lateral Resistance: batter vs COM624P
- Bridge Approach Fill Settlement
- Downdrag Negative Skin Friction

**Axial Capacity: Driven into Shale Rock
With about.....**

**400 Kip Side Resistance
100+ kip Tip/Bottom Resistance**



10.7.1.6.2—Downdrag

The provisions of Article 3.11.8 shall apply for determination of load due to negative side resistance.

Where piles are driven to end bearing on a dense stratum or rock and the design of the pile is structurally controlled, downdrag shall be considered at the strength and extreme limit states.

For friction piles that can experience settlement at the pile tip, downdrag shall be considered at the service, strength and extreme limit states. Estimate pile and pile group settlement according to Article 10.7.2.

The nominal pile resistance available to support structure loads plus downdrag shall be estimated by considering only the positive side and tip resistance below the lowest layer contributing to downdrag computed as specified in Article 3.11.8.

In the case of friction piles with limited tip resistance, the downdrag load can exceed the geotechnical resistance of the pile, causing the pile to move downward enough to allow service limit state criteria for the structure to be exceeded. Where pile settlement is not limited by nominal bearing resistance below the downdrag zone, service limit state tolerances will govern the geotechnical design.

This design situation is not desirable and the preferred practice is to mitigate the downdrag induced foundation settlement through a properly designed surcharge and/or preloading program, or by extending the piles deeper for higher resistance.

If compressible soils are located beneath the embankment, piles should be driven after embankment settlement is complete, if possible, to minimize or eliminate downdrag forces.

Force effects due to downdrag on piles or drilled shafts should be determined as follows:

Step 1—Establish soil profile and soil properties for computing settlement using the procedures in Article 10.4.

Step 2—Perform settlement computations for the soil layers along the length of the pile or shaft using the procedures in Article 10.6.2.4.3.

Step 3—Determine the length of pile or shaft that will be subject to downdrag. If the settlement in the soil layer is 0.4 in. or greater relative to the pile or shaft, downdrag can be assumed to fully develop.

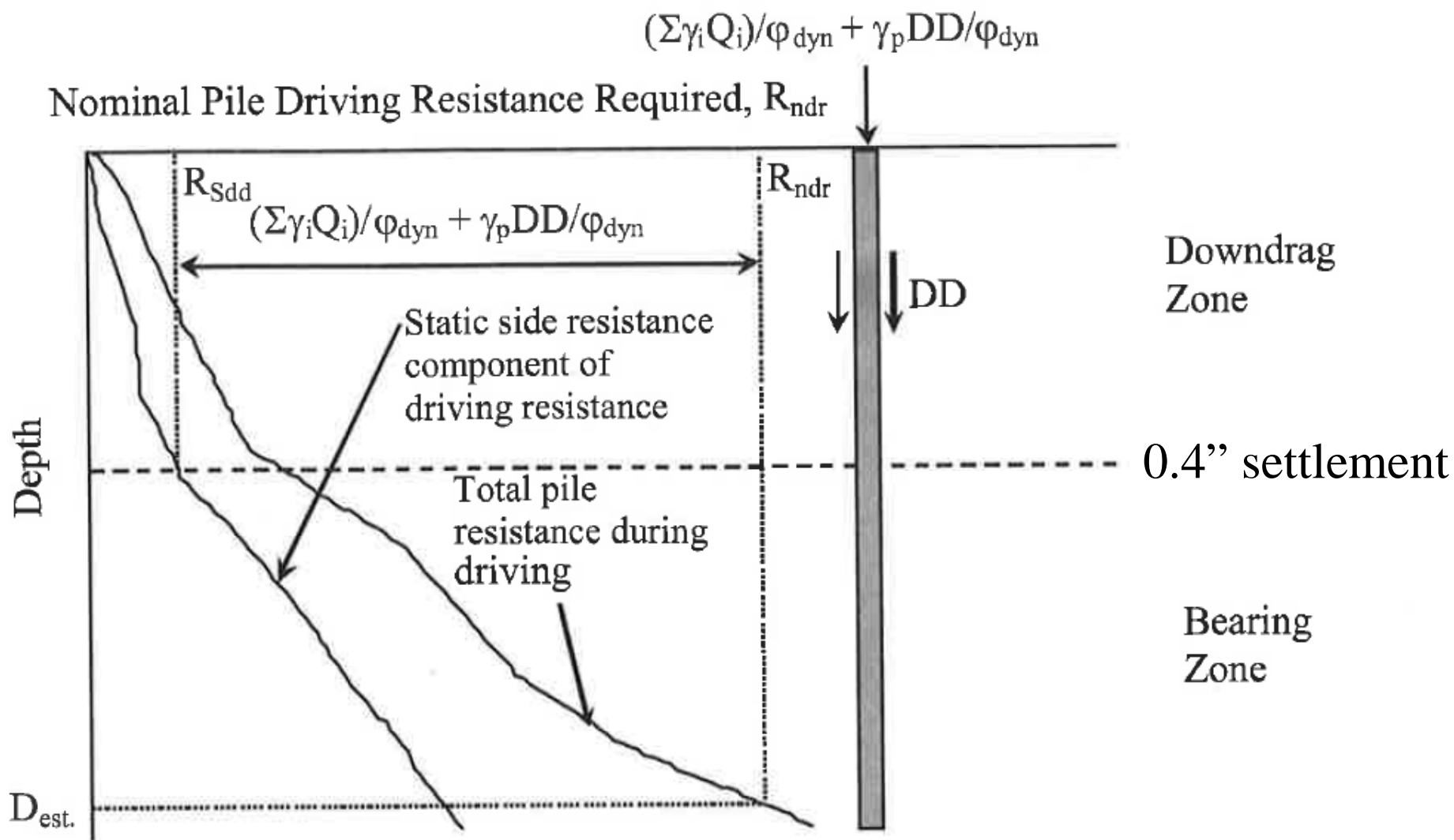
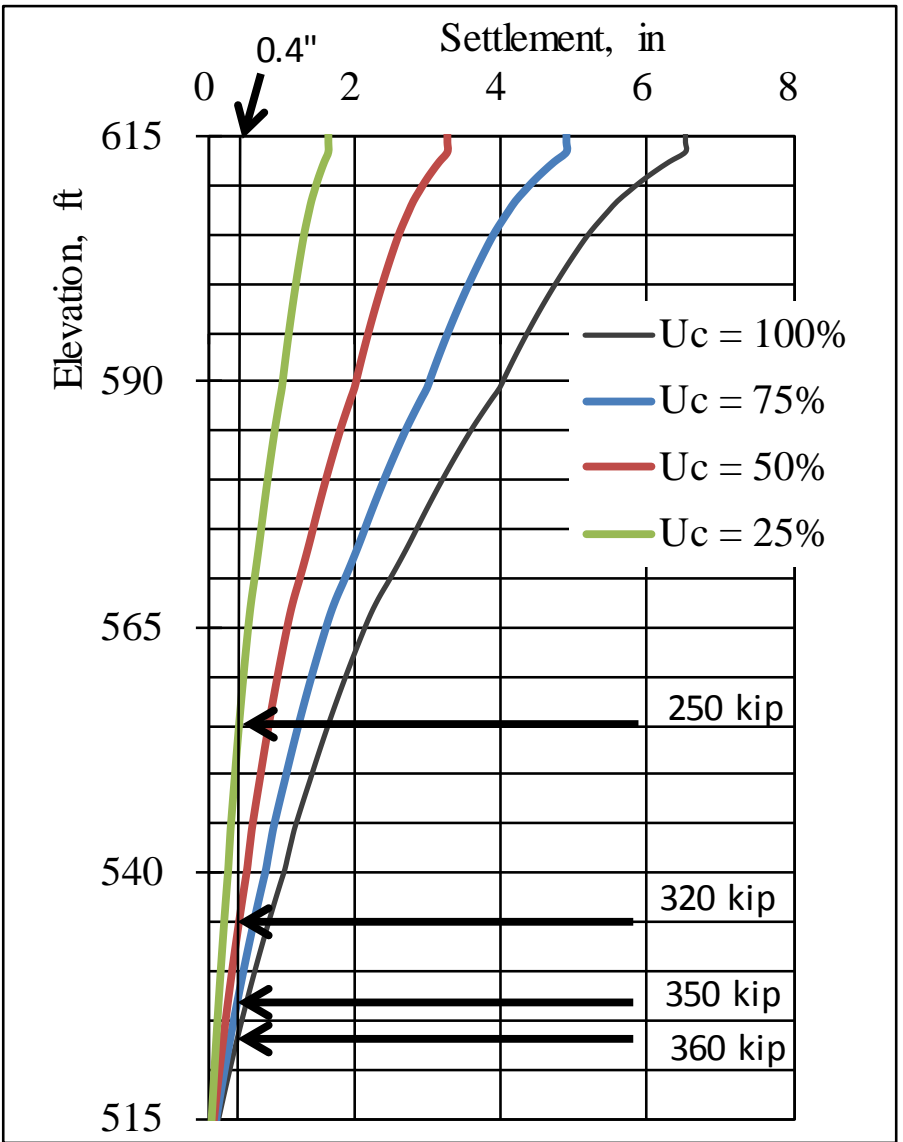
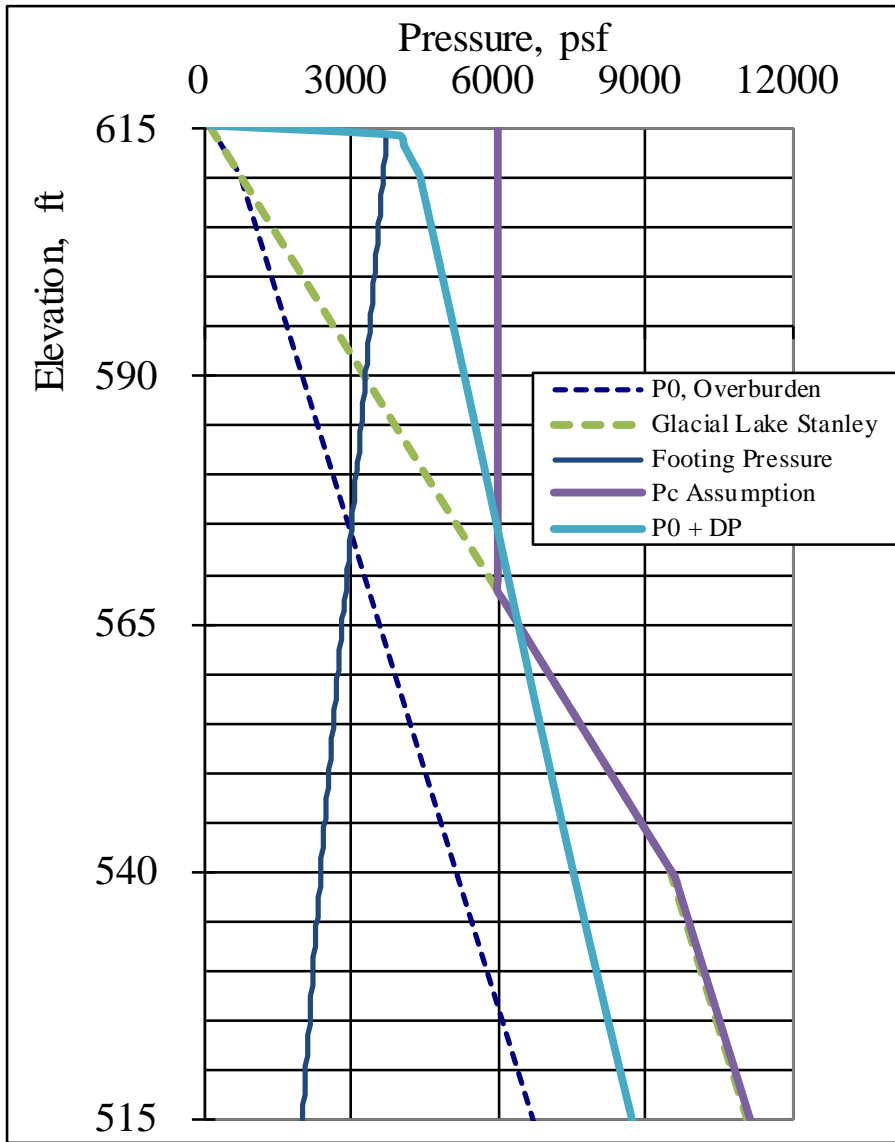
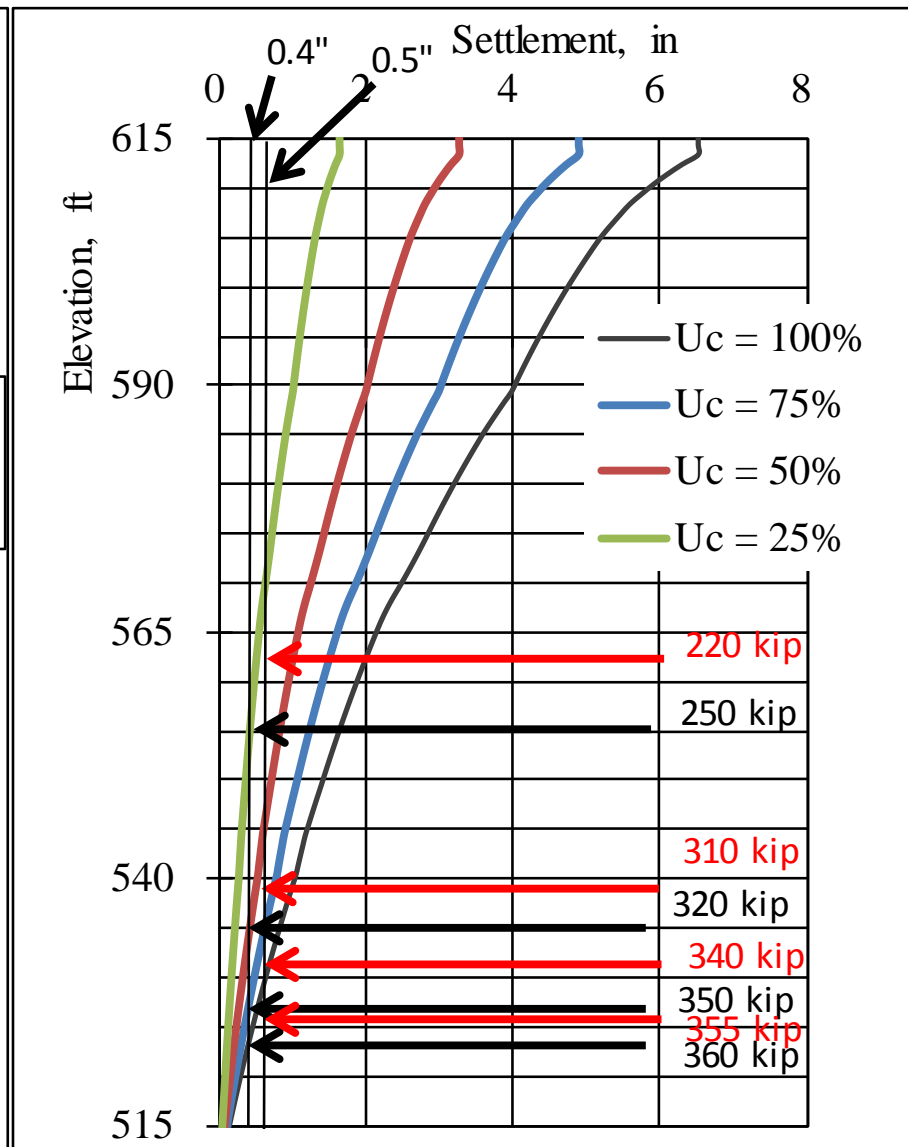
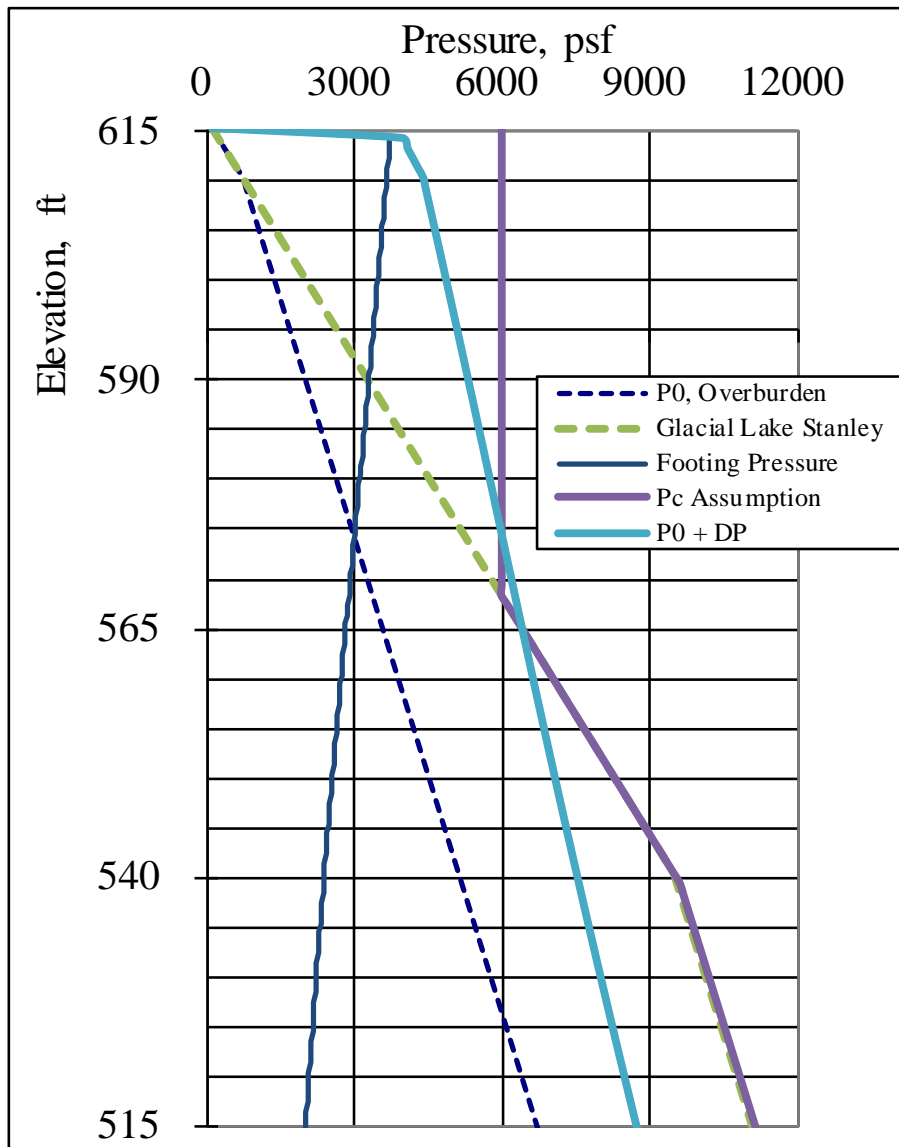


Figure C10.7.3.7-1—Design of Pile Foundations for Downdrag





An extra 0.1" allowance for elastic pile shortening....

The summation of the factored loads ($\sum \gamma_i Q_i$) should be less than or equal to the factored resistance ($\phi_{dyn} R_n$). Therefore, the nominal resistance R_n should be greater than or equal to the sum of the factored loads divided by the resistance factor ϕ_{dyn} . The nominal bearing resistance (kips) of the pile needed to resist the factored loads, including downdrag, is therefore taken as:

$$R_n = \frac{(\sum \gamma_i Q_i)}{\phi_{dyn}} + \frac{\gamma_p DD}{\phi_{dyn}} \quad (C10.7.3.7-1)$$

The total nominal driving resistance, R_{ndr} (kips), needed to obtain R_n , accounting for the side resistance that must be overcome during pile driving that does not contribute to the nominal resistance of the pile, is taken as:

$$R_{ndr} = R_{Sdd} + R_n \quad (C10.7.3.7-2)$$

R_{Sdd} = side resistance which must be overcome during driving through downdrag zone (kips)

$Q_p = \sum \gamma_i Q_i$ = factored load per pile, excluding downdrag load (kips)

DD = downdrag load per pile (kips)

For $R_{ndr} = 500$ kip HP14x73, 25% settlement remaining:

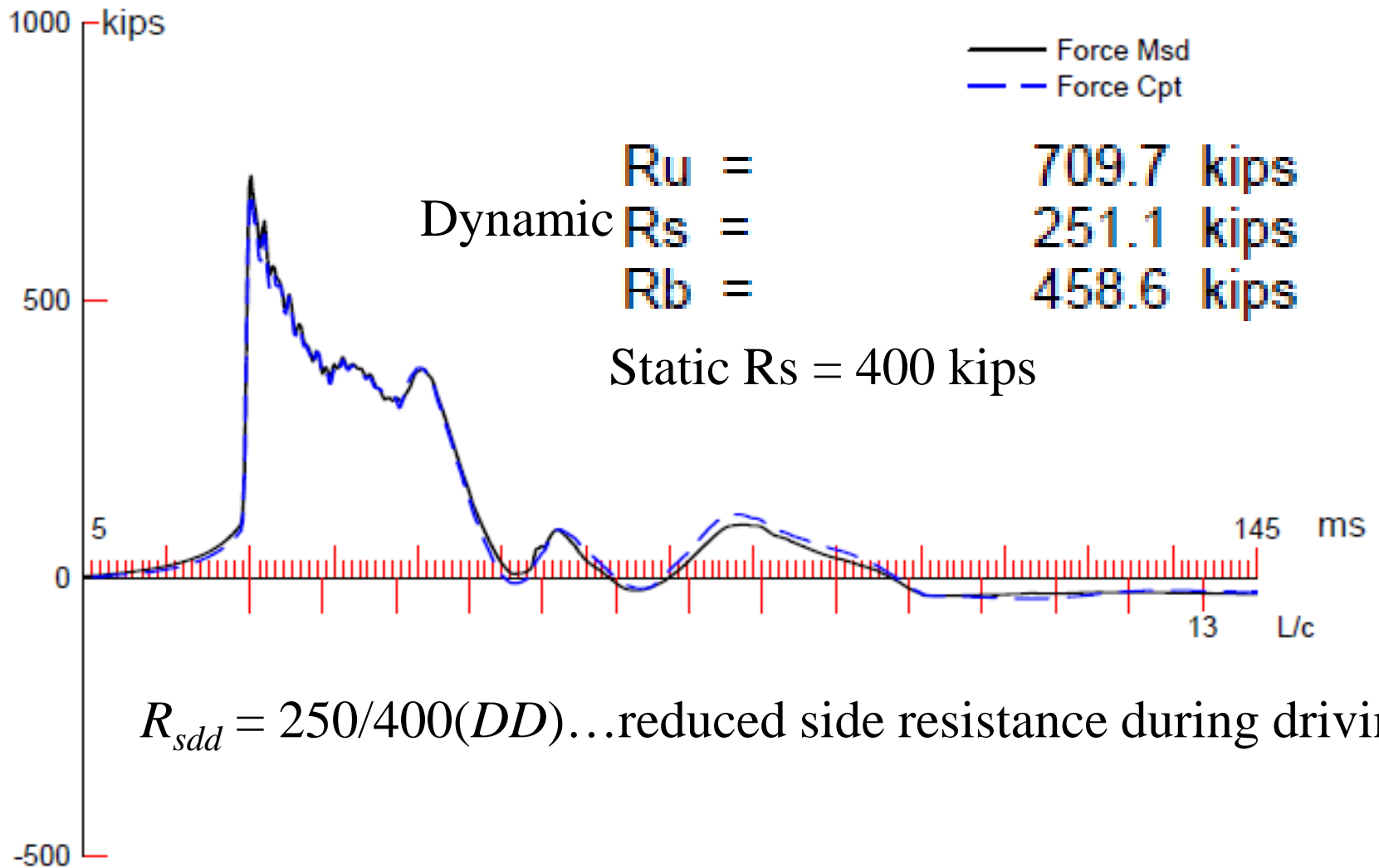
$$R_n = 500 - 220(250/400) = 362.5 \text{ kips}$$

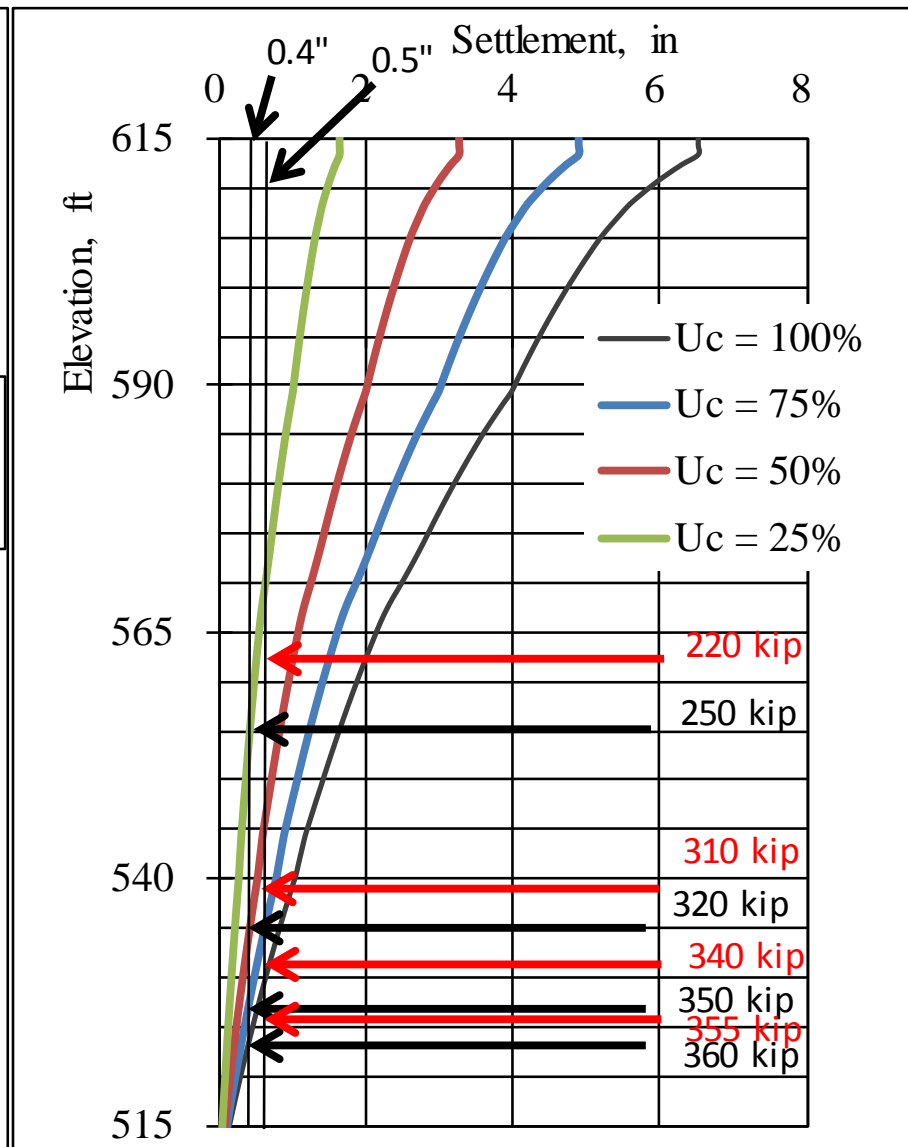
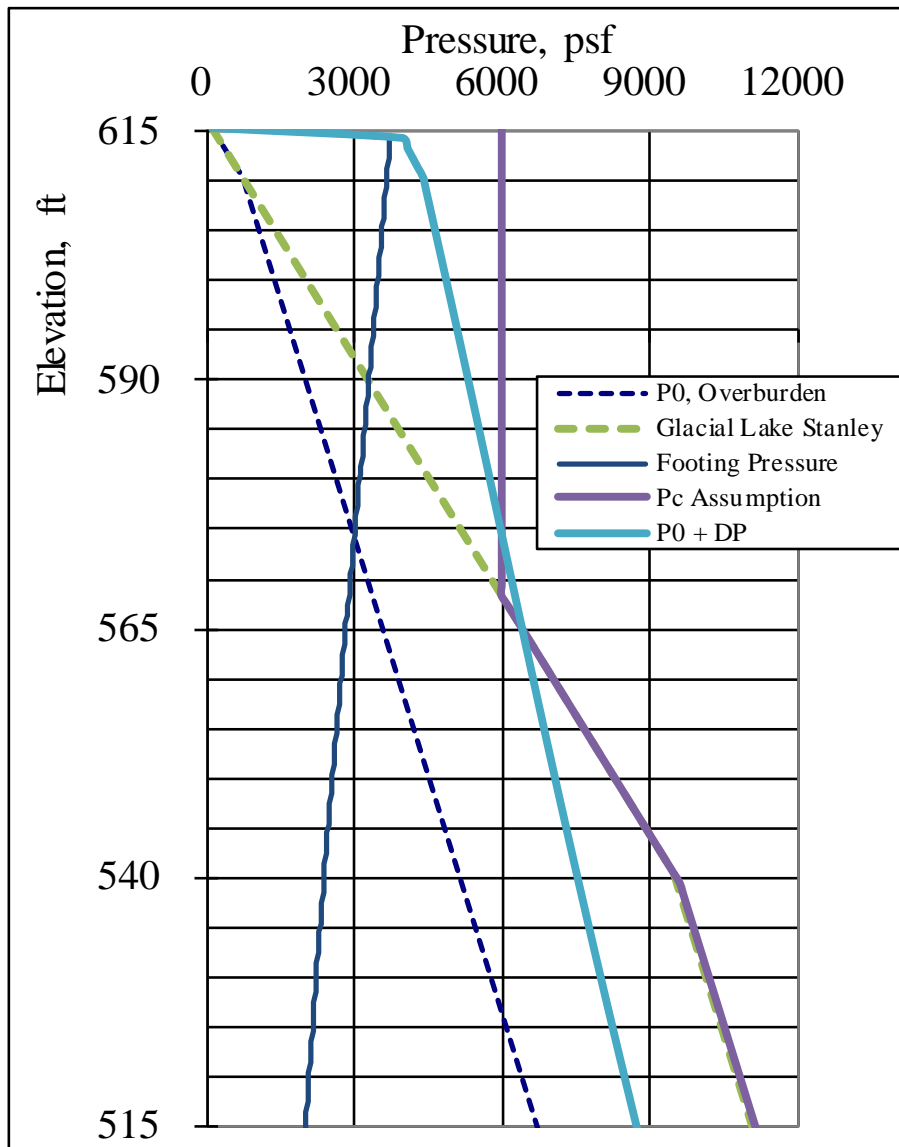
$$Q_p = 0.75(362.5) - 220 = 52 \text{ kips/pile OUCH!!!!}$$

Drive 500 kip pile, only 52 kip available for bridge weight!!!

NO GO!!

PDA with Dynamic Signal Matching

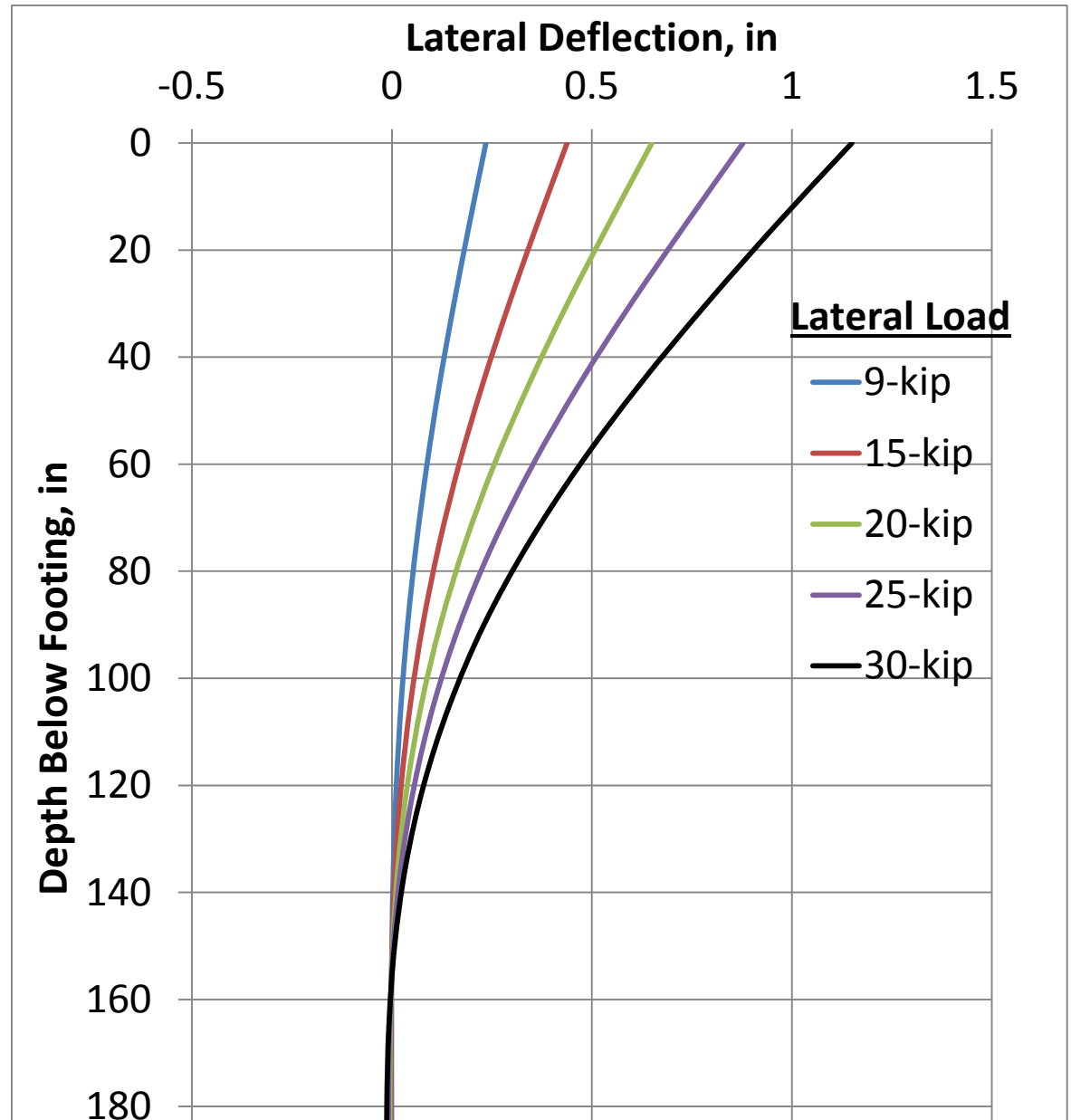




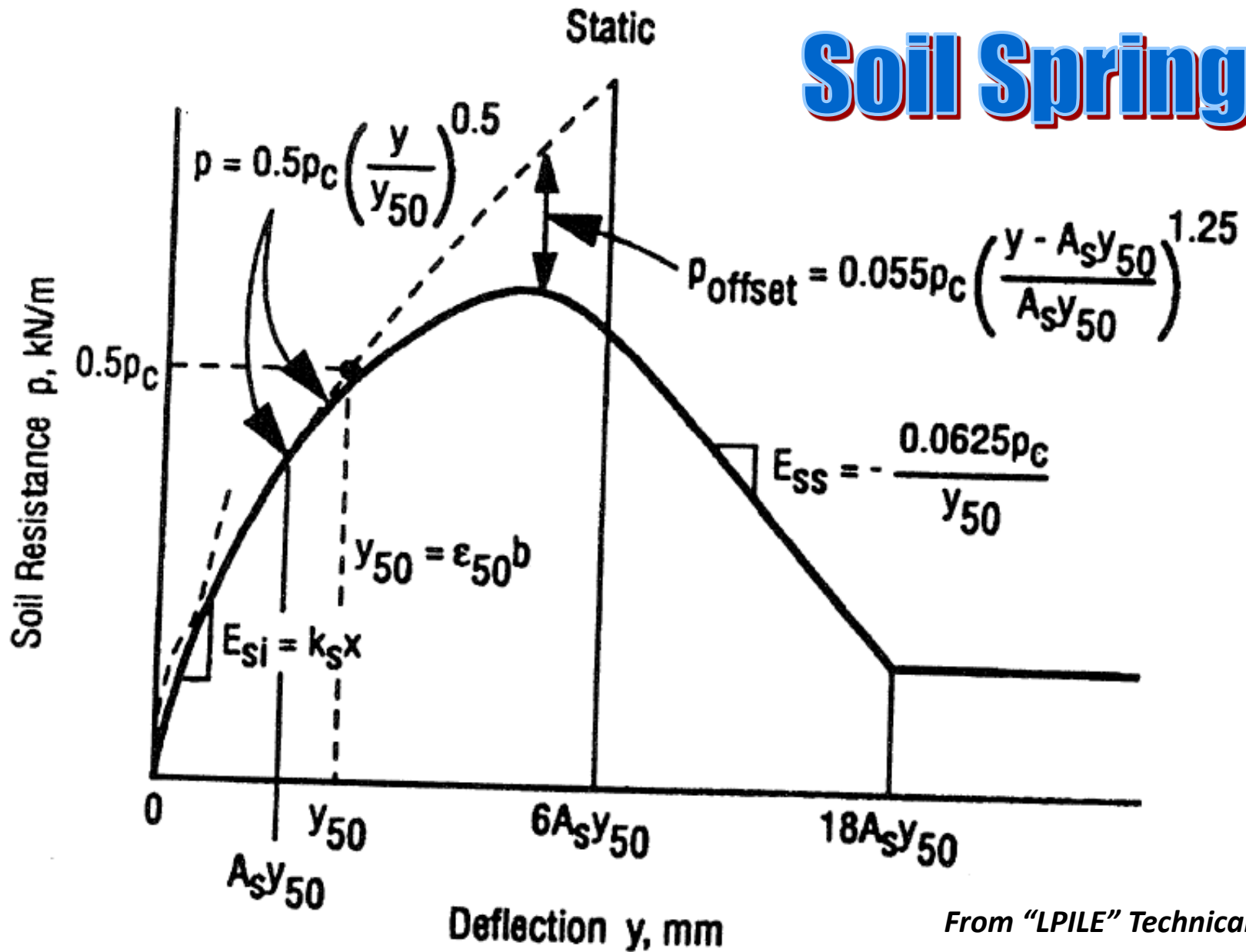
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Pile Lateral Resistance

- COM624P
- LPILE



Soil Springs



From "LPILE" Technical Manual

Stiff Clay Below the Water Line

P = soil pressure

$$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + Q \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - p + W = 0$$

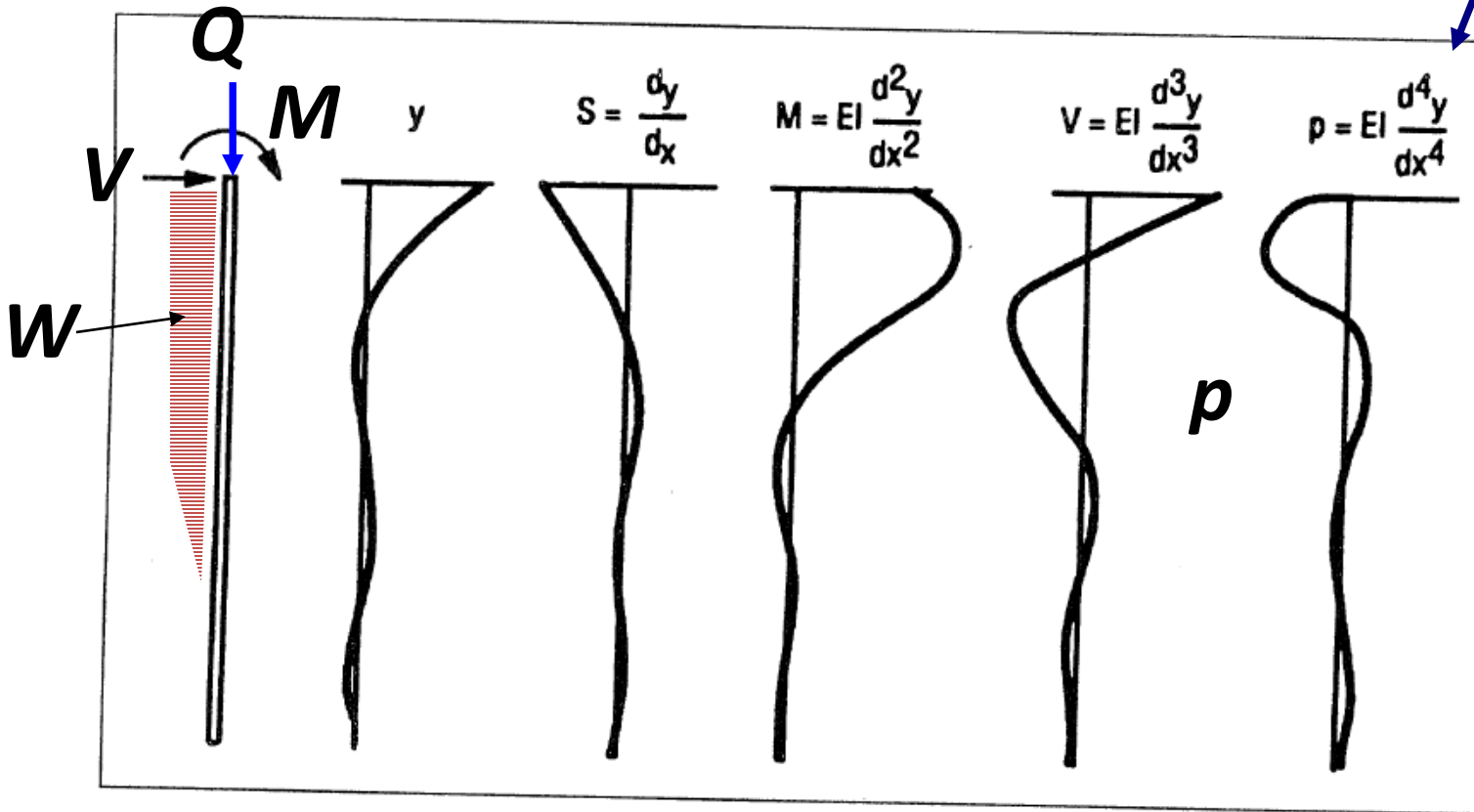


Fig. 2.15 Form of the results obtained from a complete solution

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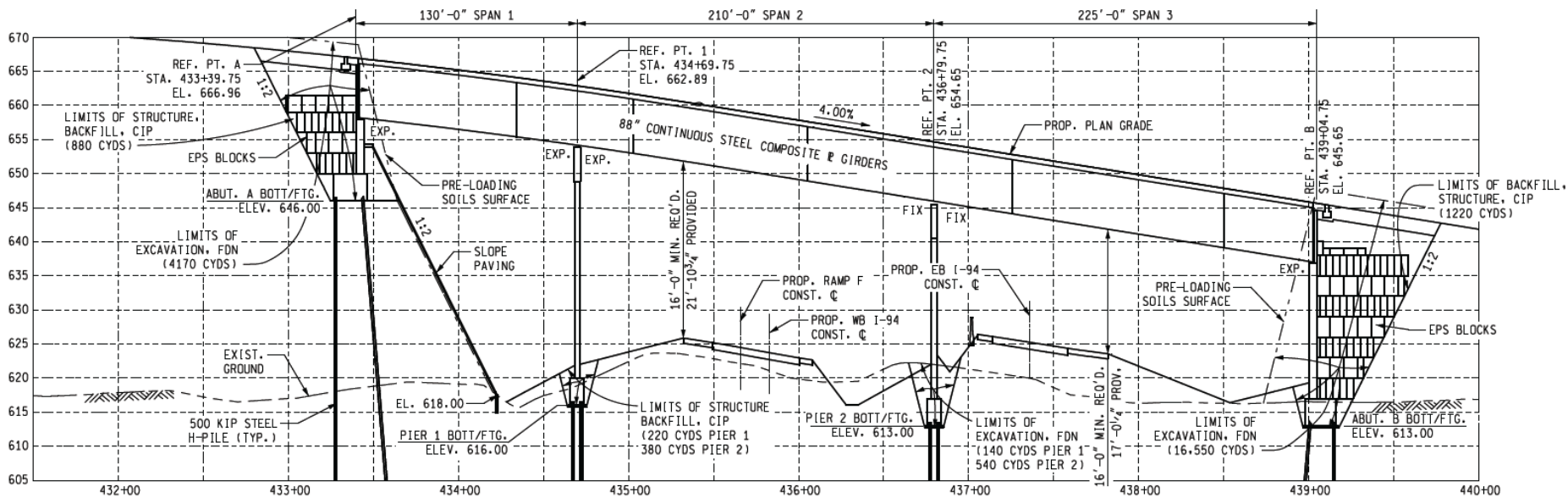
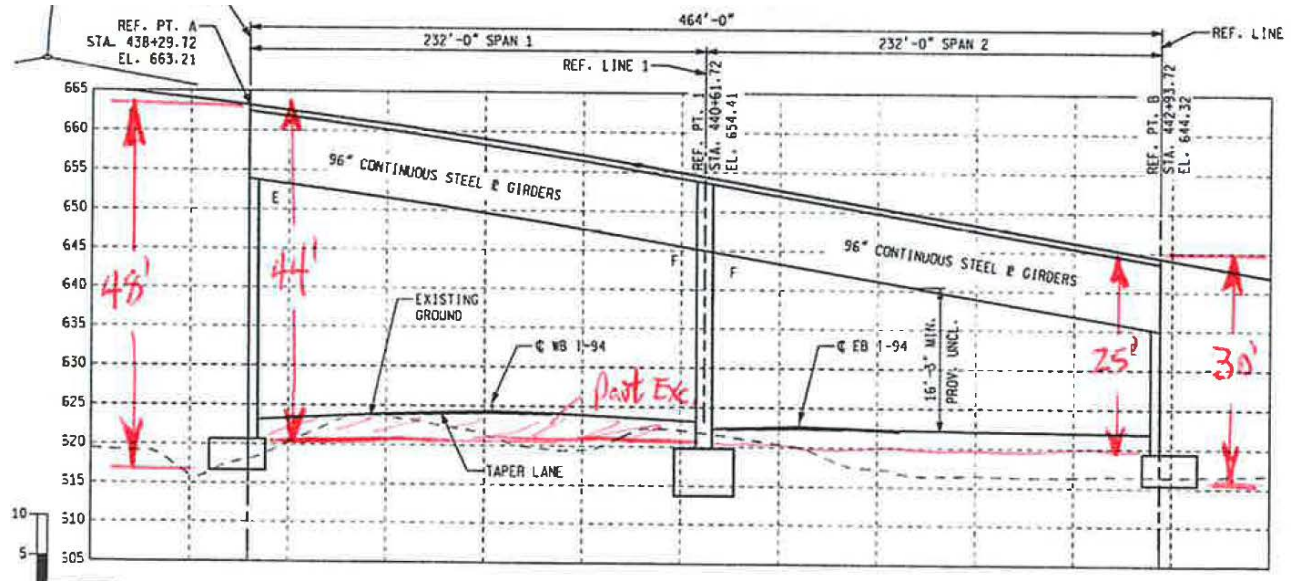
List of Recs Given To Bridge Engineer

- Global Stability
- Settlement Amounts and Rates
- Spreads versus Deep Foundations
- Lateral Resistances
- Special Provisions/Materials Specifications
- Construction Considerations
 - Water control
 - Surface preparation
 - Temporary Walls
 - Vibrations
 - Geotechnical Instrumentation needed?

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- Overview of Abutment Design Concepts

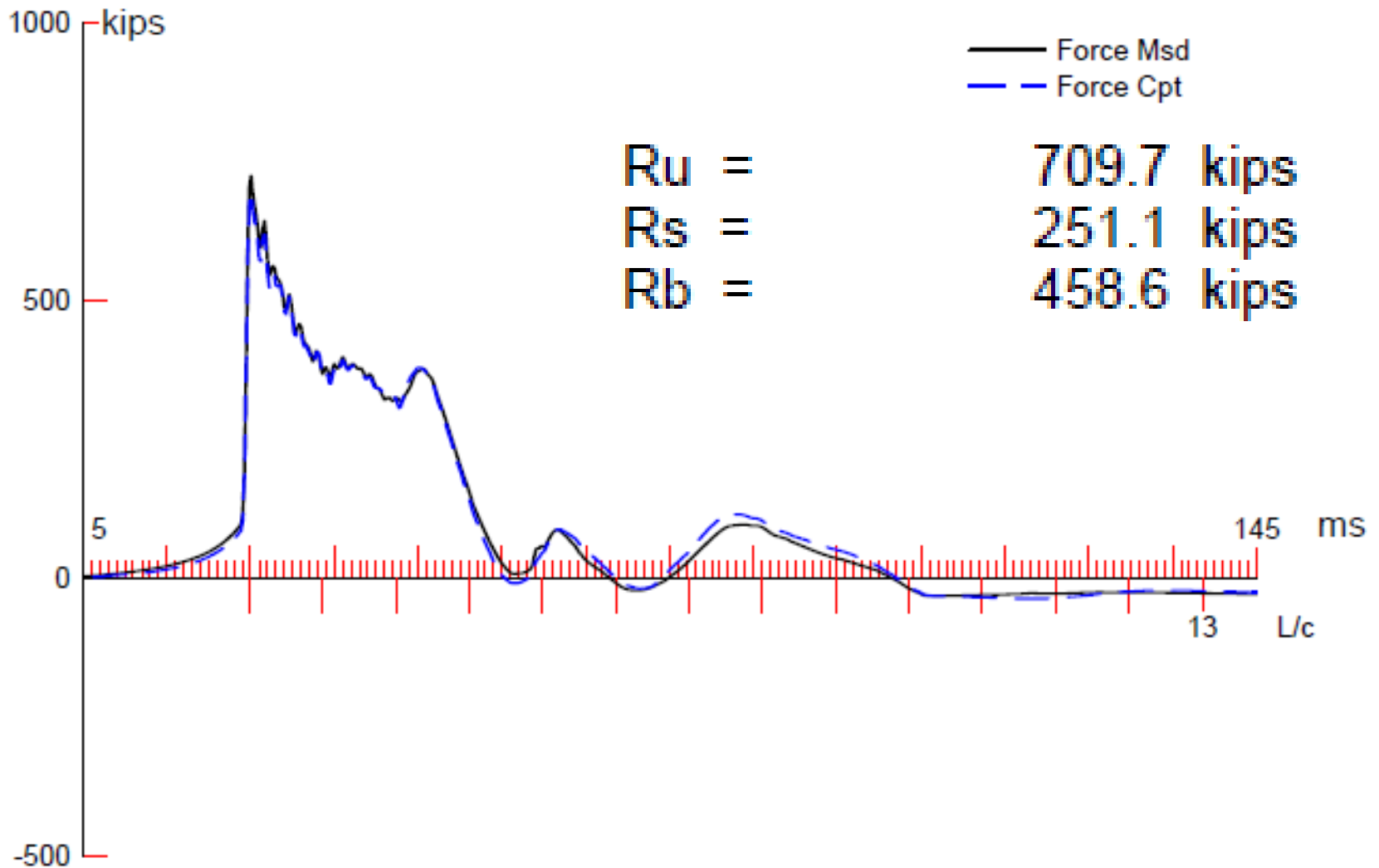
Geotechnical Engineering During Construction



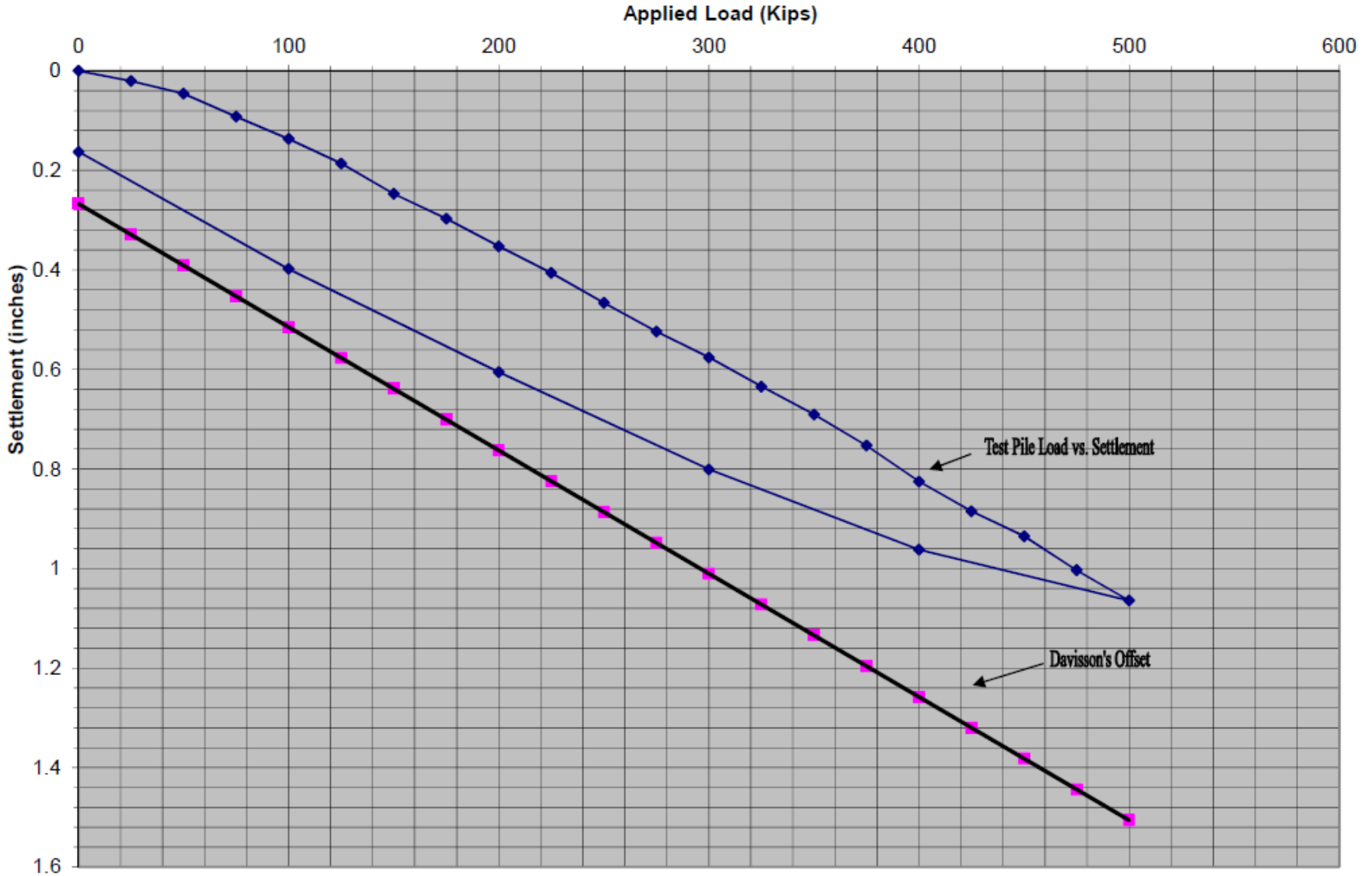
Geotechnical Field Monitoring

- Pile Axial Capacity
- Settlement Rates and Amounts
- Geosynthetics: Limits/Continuity/Splicing
- Lightweight Fills: Limits/Materials

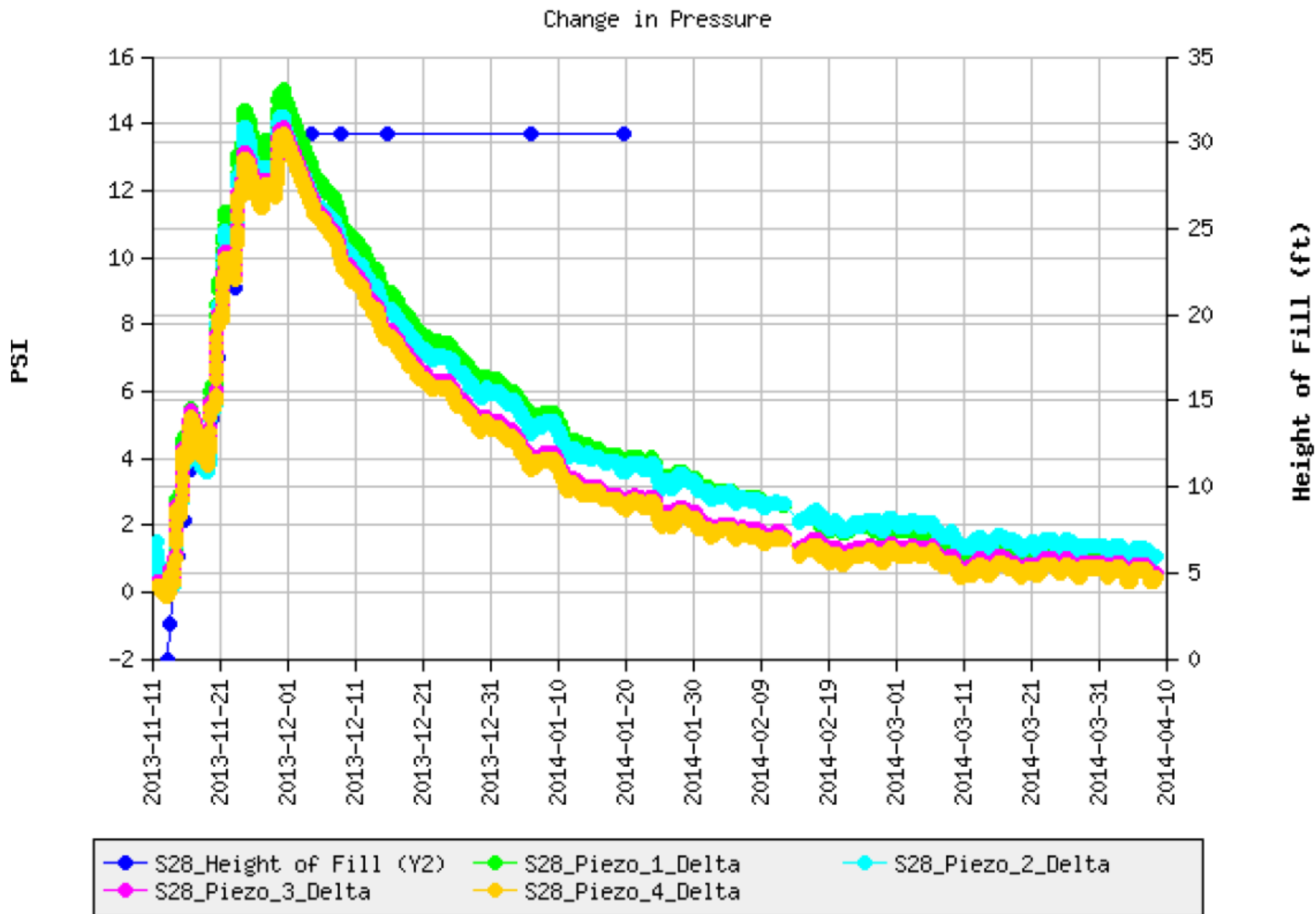
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Load vs. Settlement

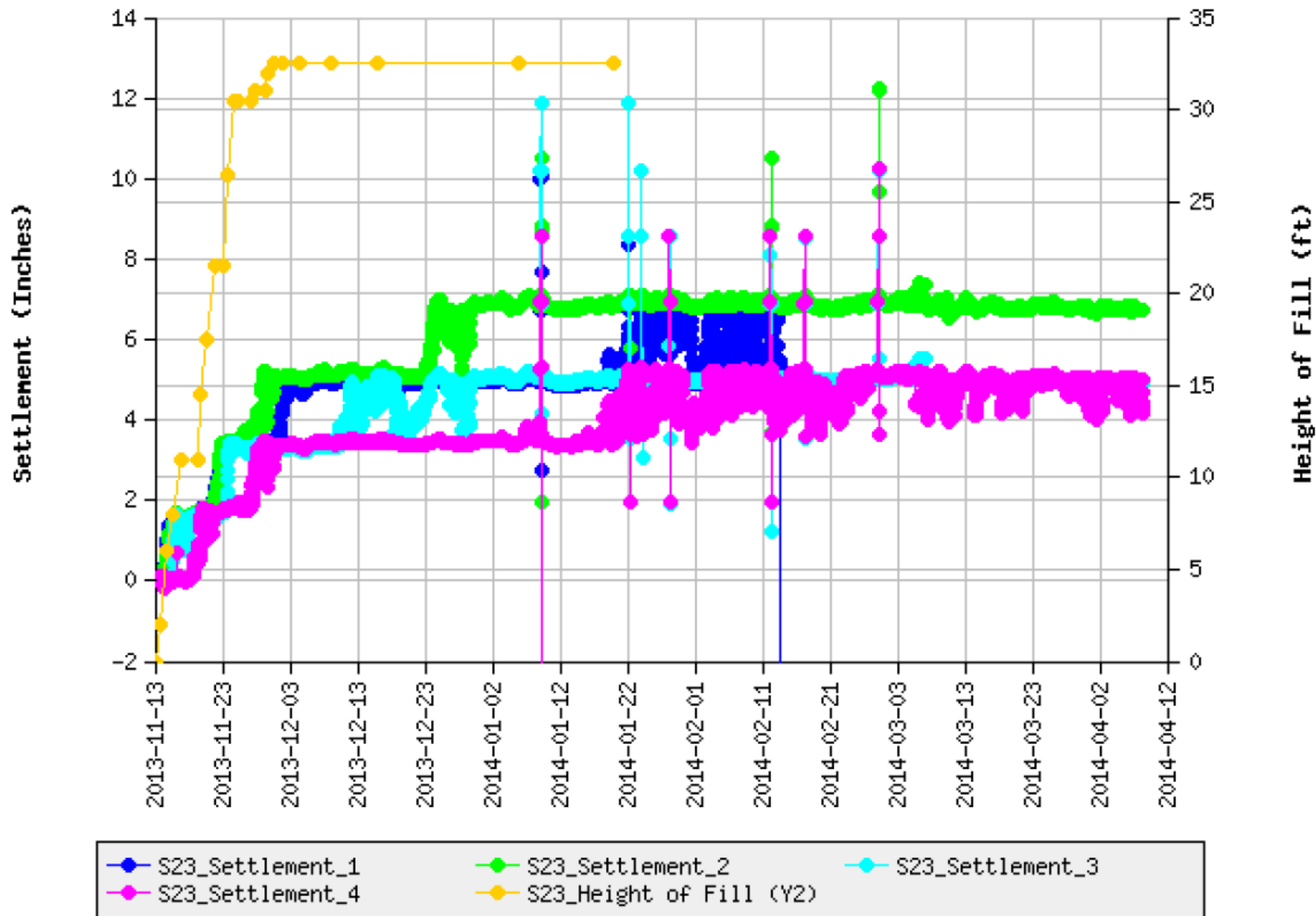


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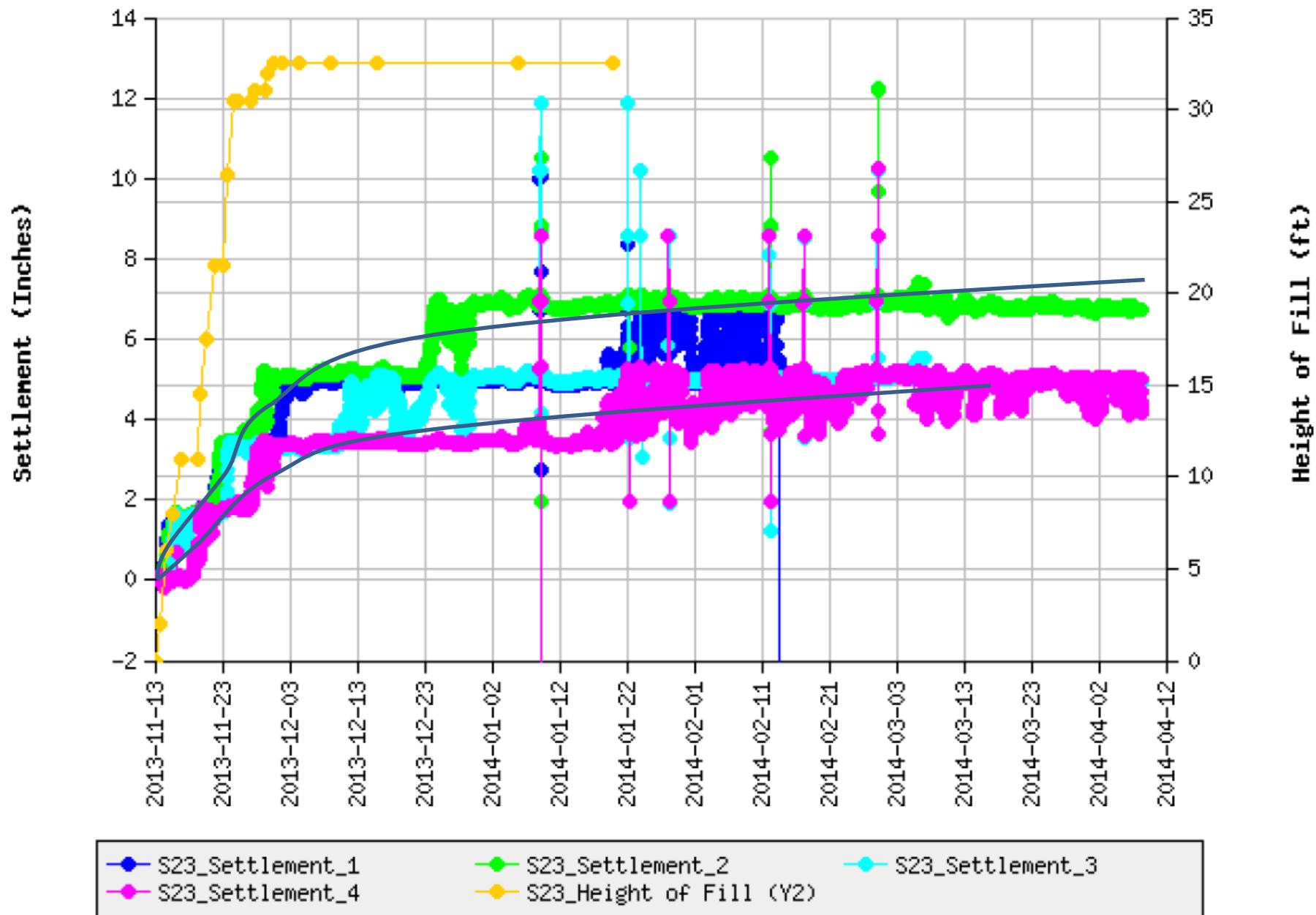


Soil Pore Pressure Dissipation

S23 Settlement Cells



S23 Settlement Cells



Ancient Glacial Lake “Beach” on top of Grand Portal Point, Pictured Rocks

Comments or Questions?

Michigan’s State Fossil:

Mastodon

$$M = EI \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2}$$

