

# **SEISMIC DESIGN PROVISIONS FOR ANCHORS: CONCEPT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE U.S**

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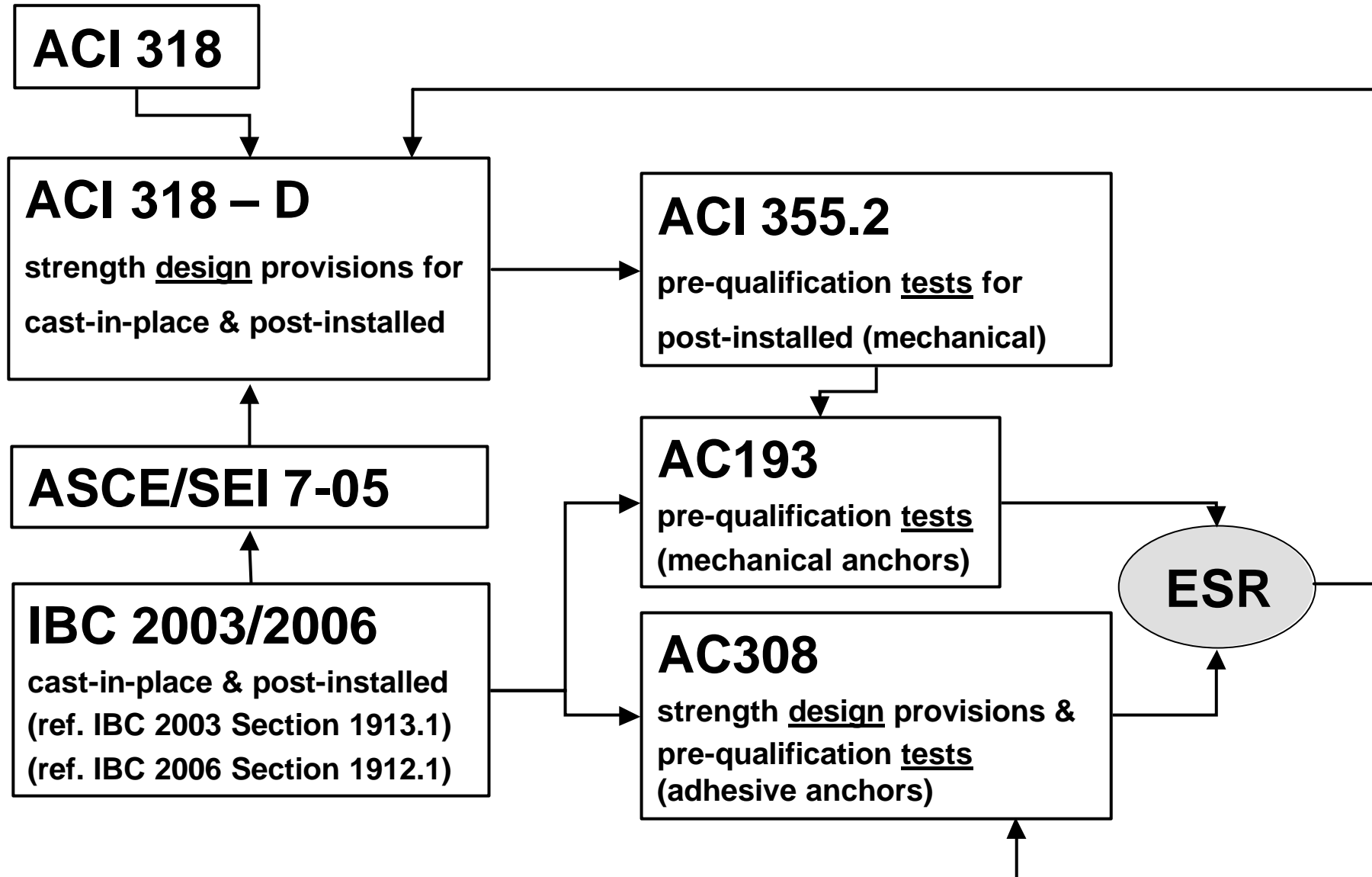
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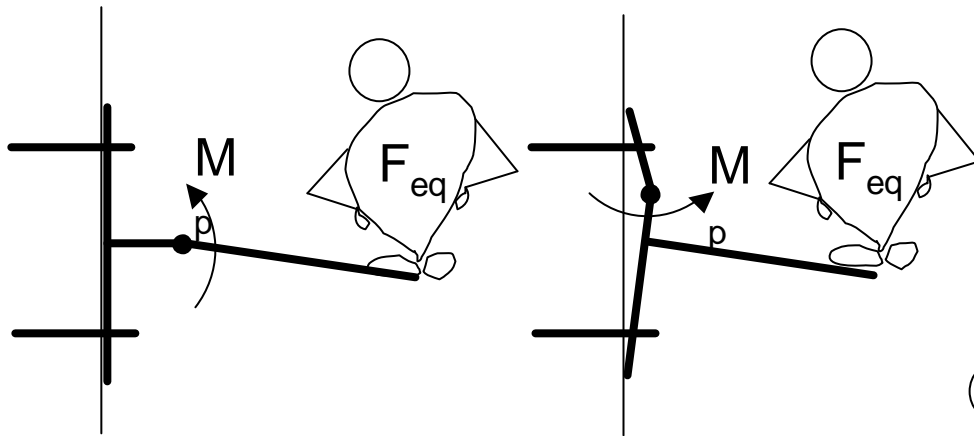
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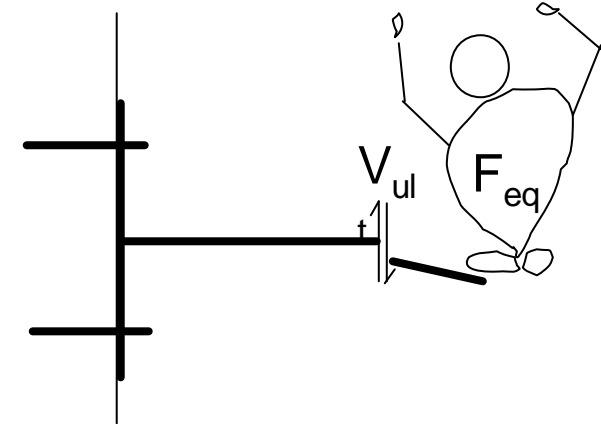
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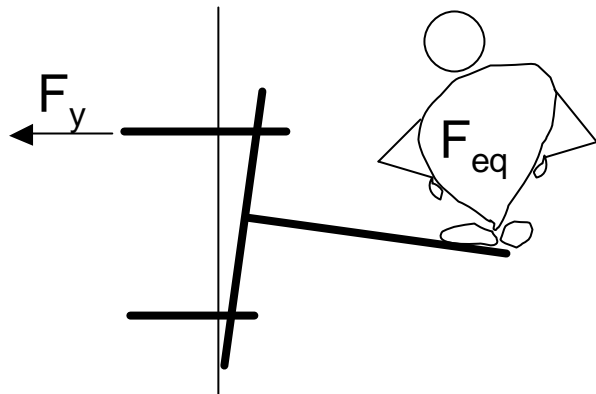
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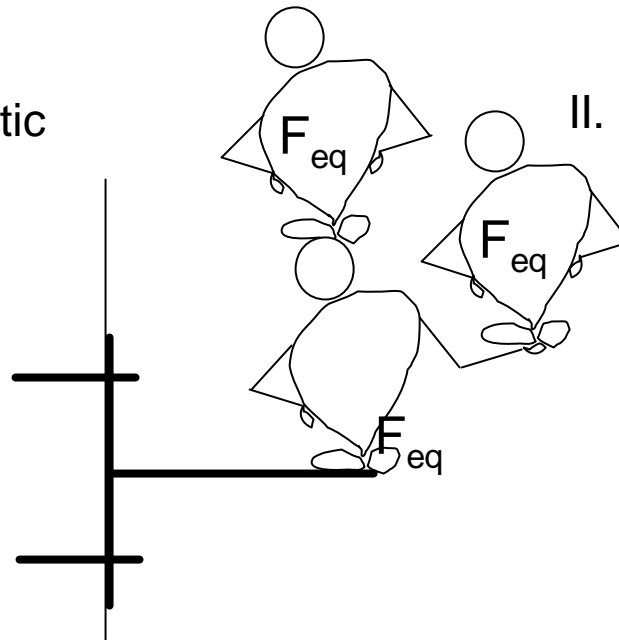
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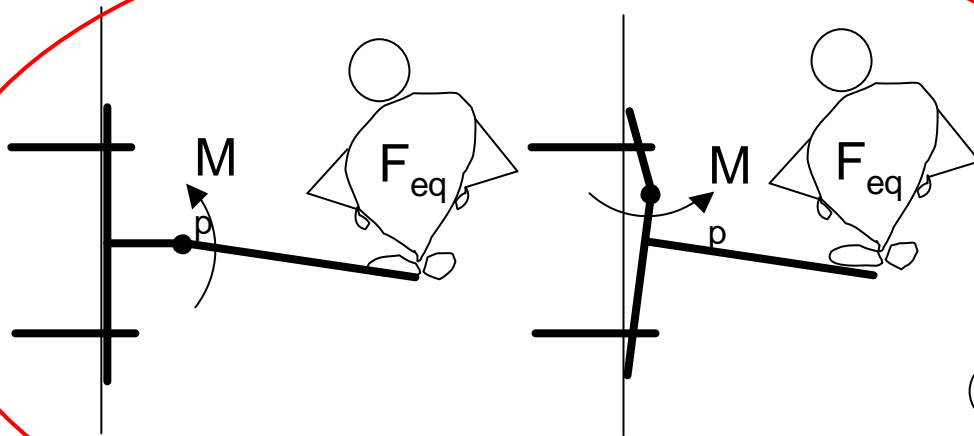


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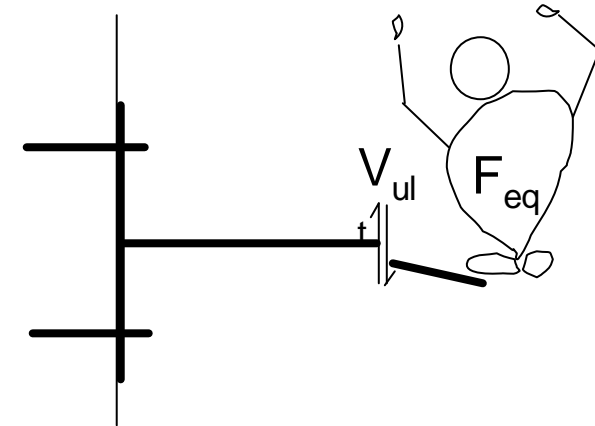


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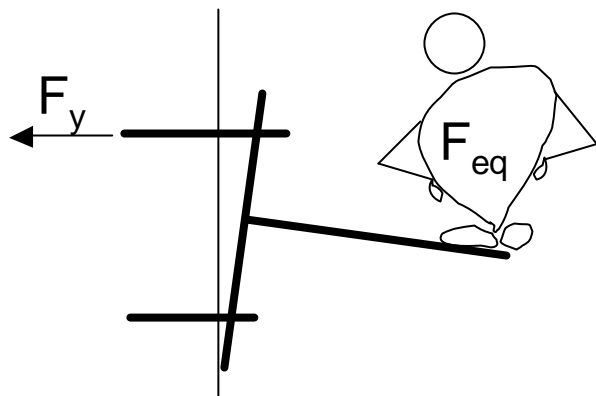
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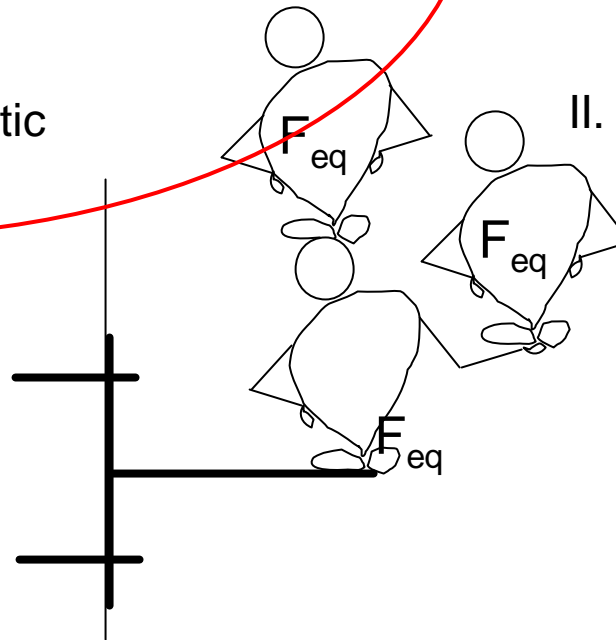
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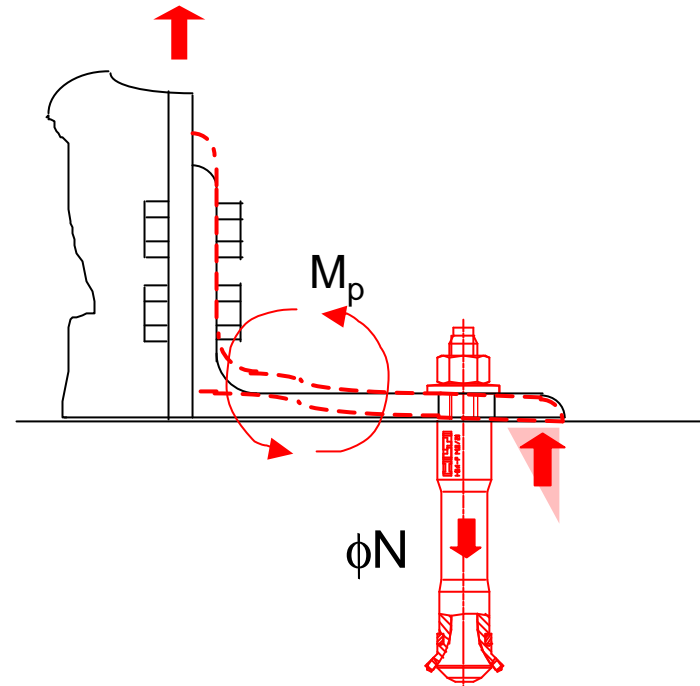


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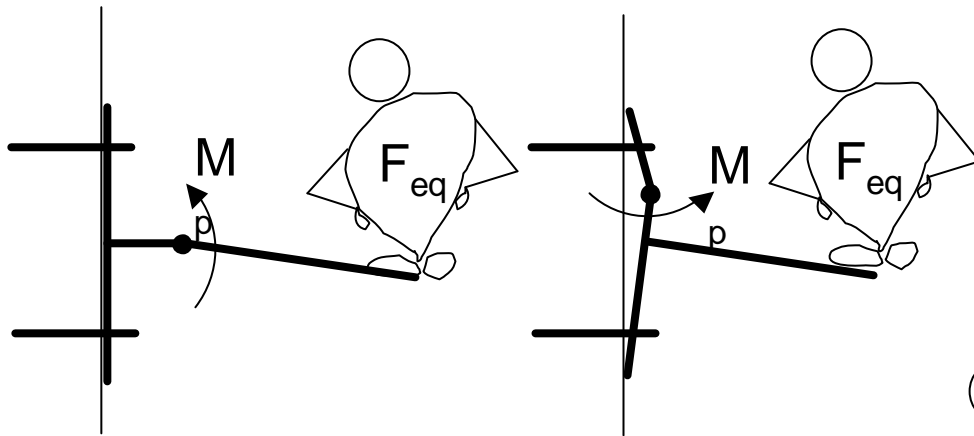
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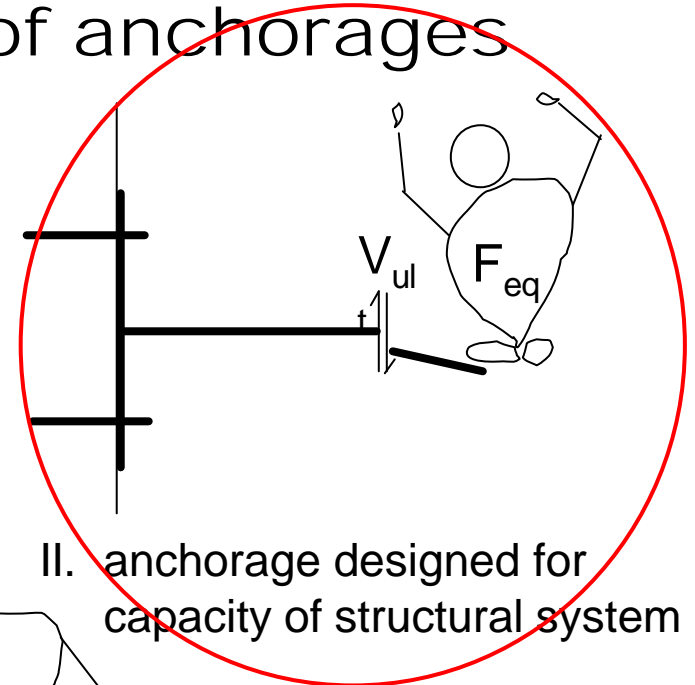
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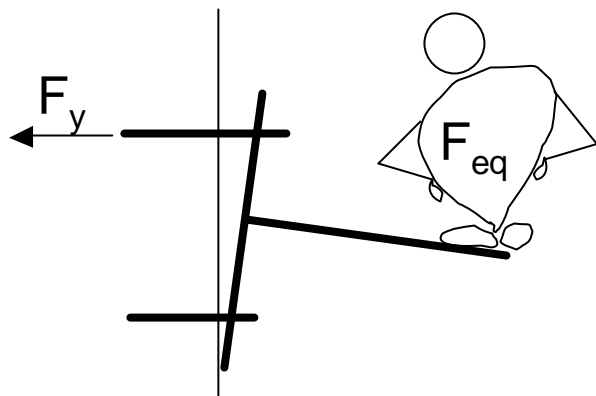
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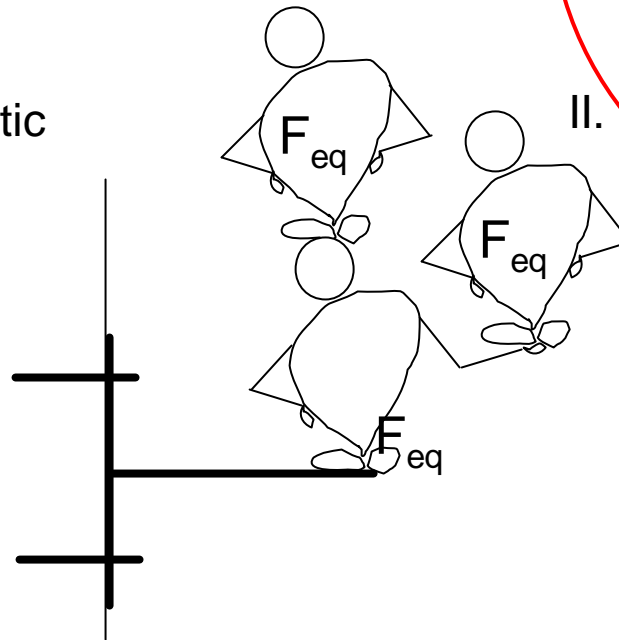
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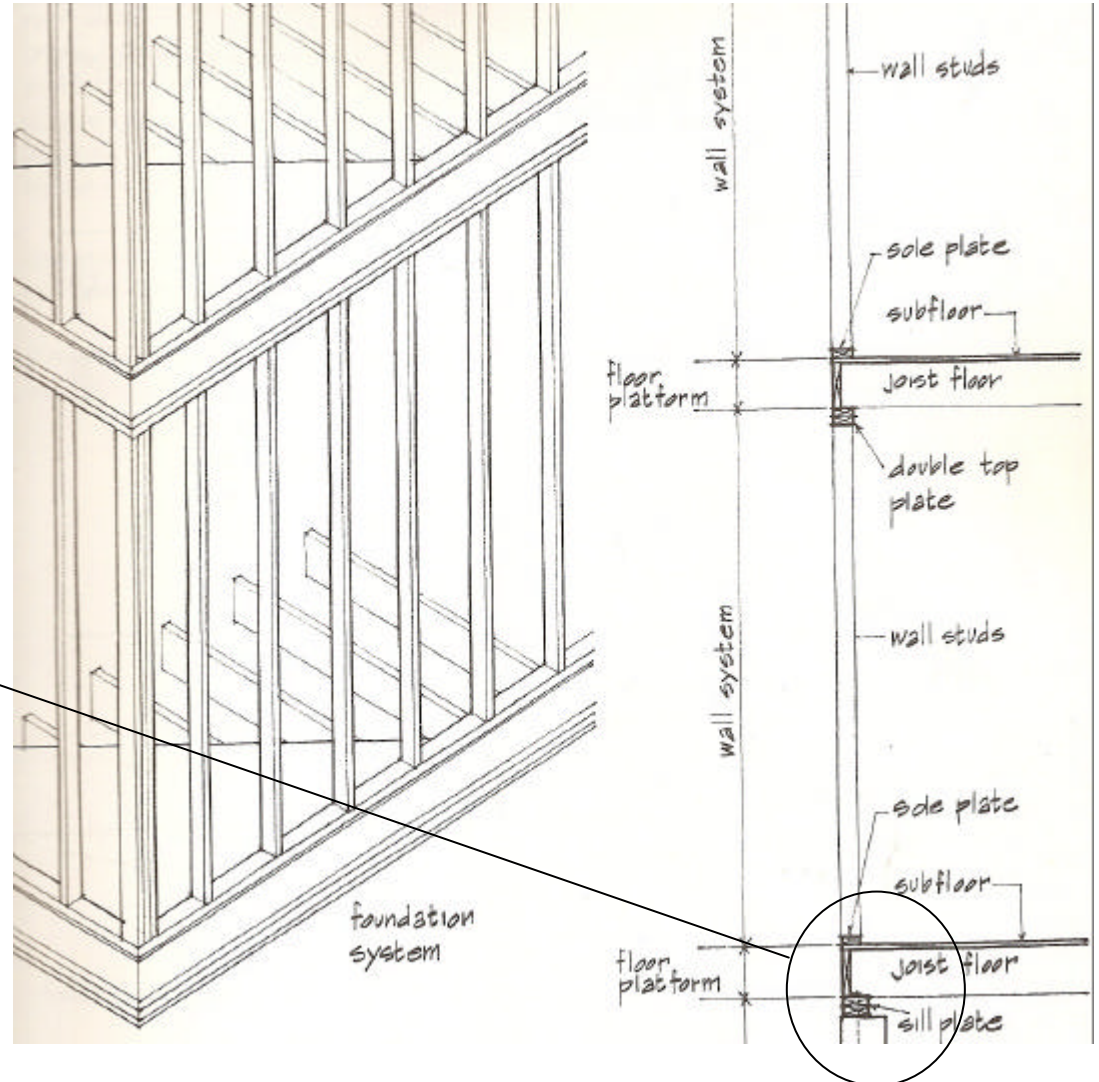
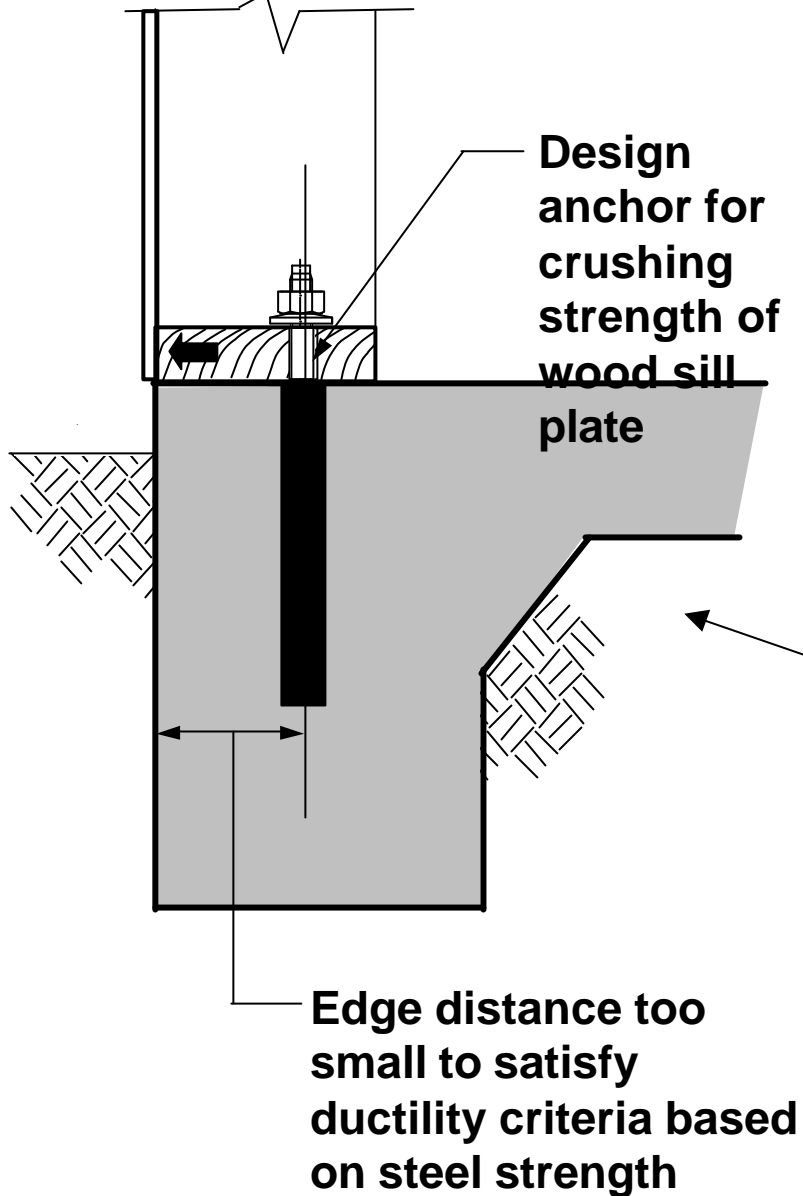
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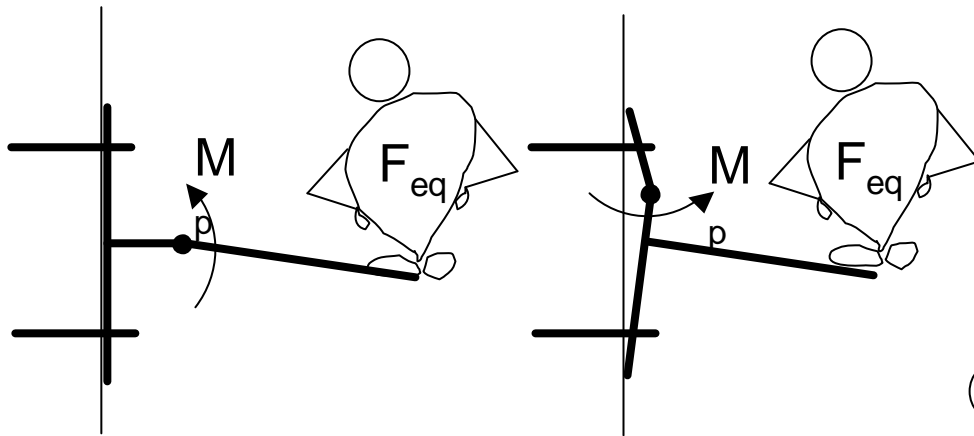


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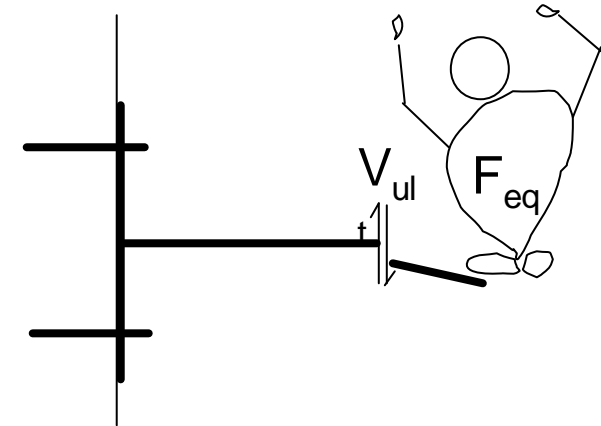


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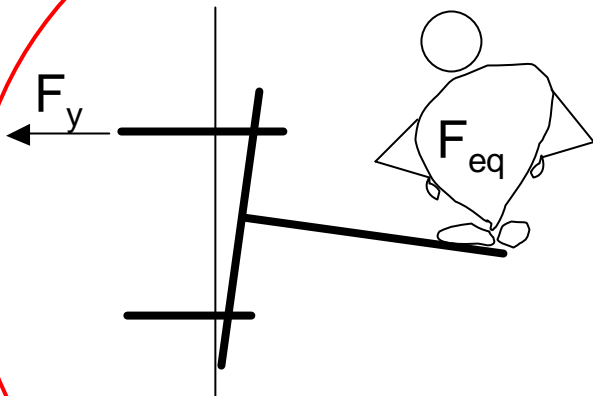
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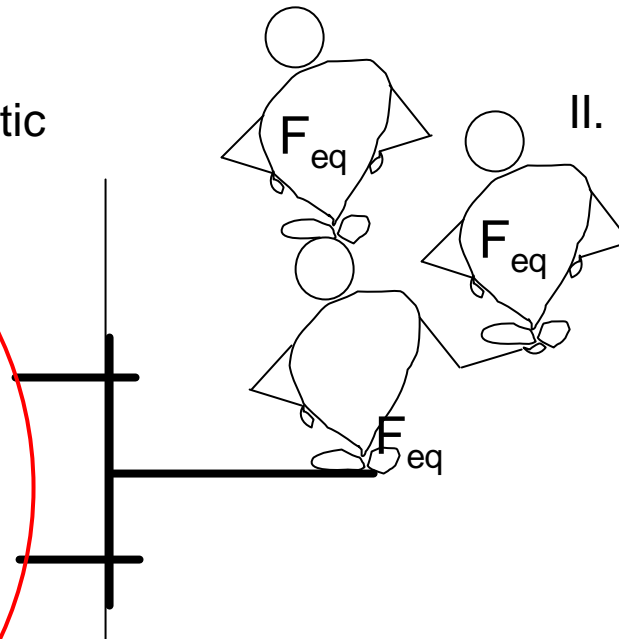
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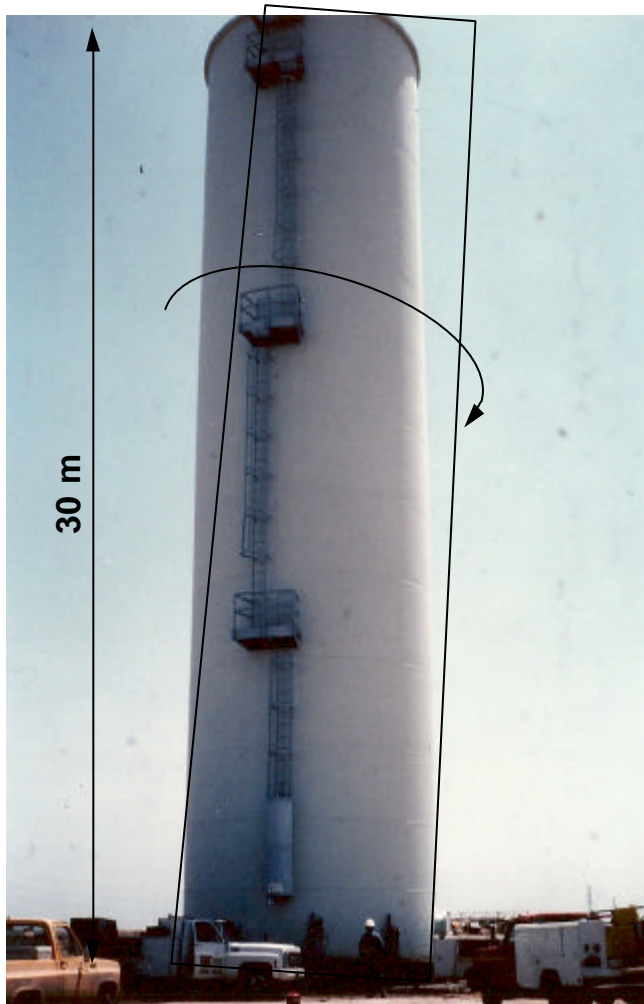
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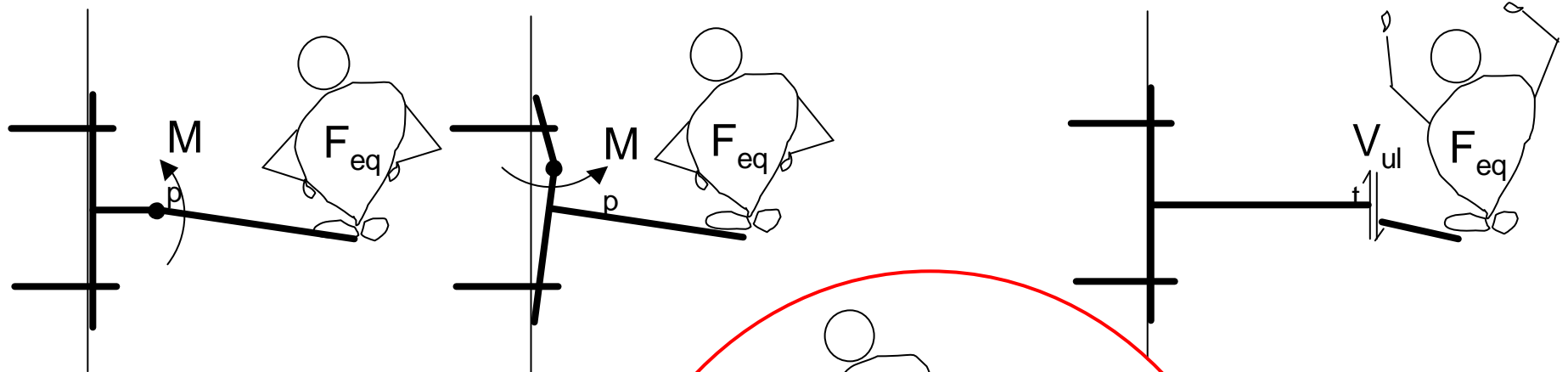


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Coalinga earthquake of May 1983

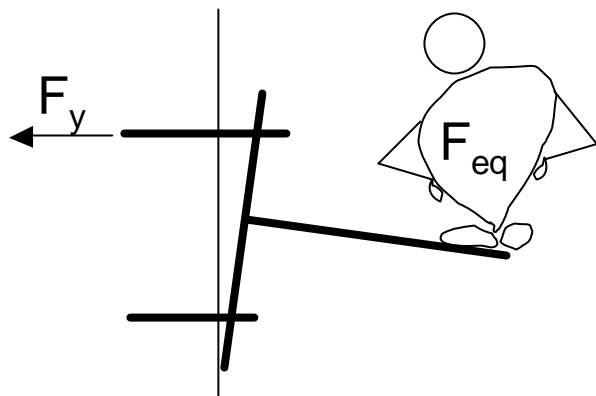
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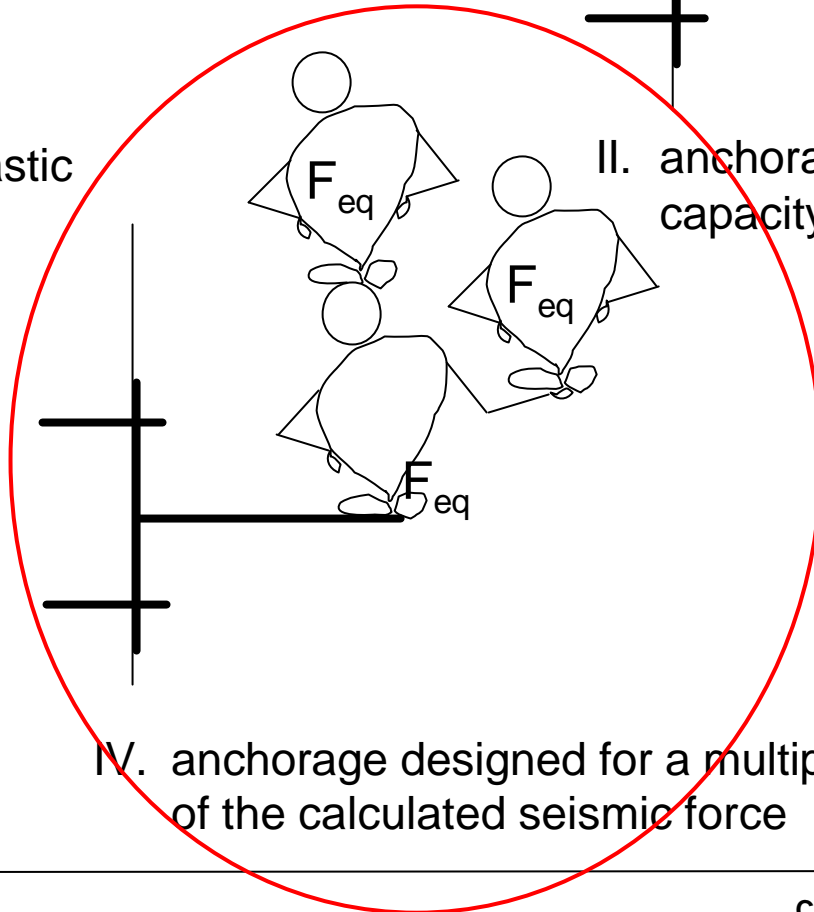


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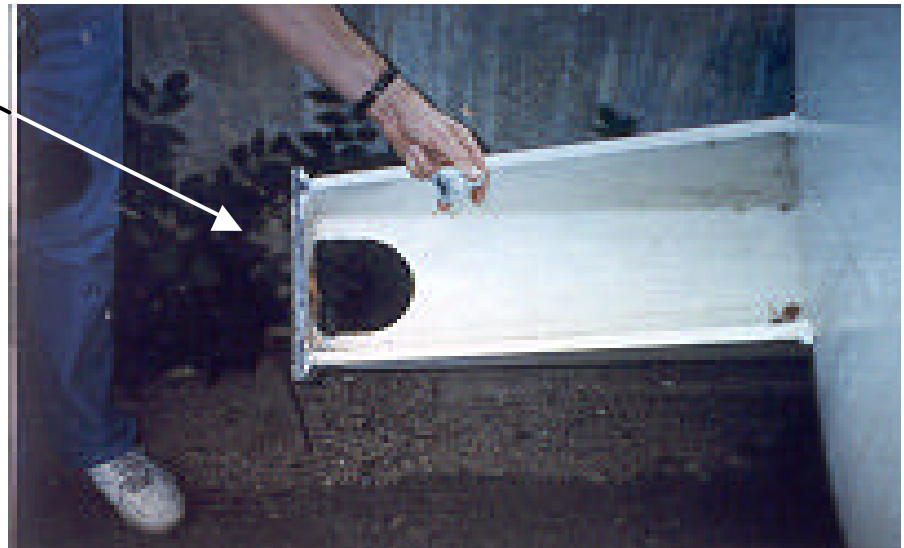
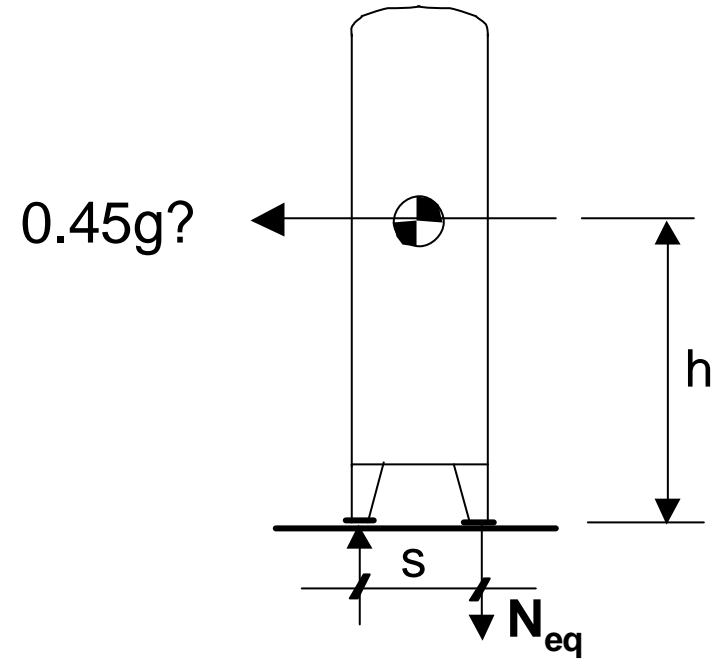
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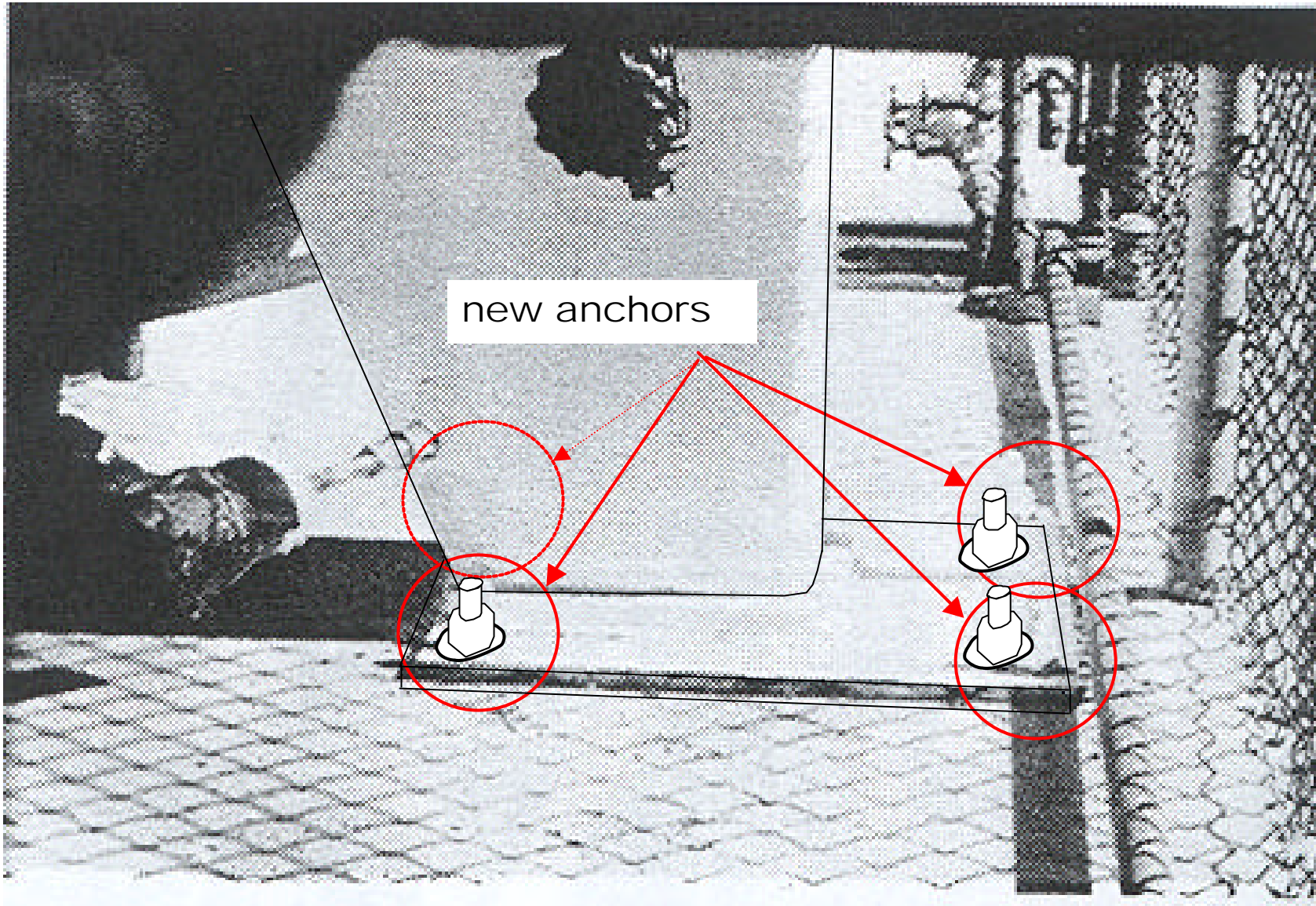


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Overturned medical gasses tank, Olive View Hospital  
Northridge 1994

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Re-anchoring failed tank with 4 large dia. anchors per leg

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# Seismic design categories (SDC)

Seismic Design Category (SDC)	Description <sup>1</sup>
A	Structures in regions where anticipated ground motions are minor, even for very long return periods.
B	Seismic Use Group I and II structures in regions of seismicity where only moderately destructive ground shaking is anticipated.
C	Seismic Use Group III structures in regions where moderately destructive ground shaking may occur as well as Seismic Use Group I and II structures in regions with somewhat more severe ground shaking potential.
D	Seismic Use Group I, II and III structures in regions expected to experience destructive ground shaking but not located very near major active fault lines
E	Seismic Use Group I and II structures in regions located very close to major active fault lines
F	Seismic Use Group III structures in regions located very close to major active fault lines

1) Paraphrased from FEMA 450-2/2003 edition, Part 2, **Commentary on NEHRP Recommended Provisions for Seismic Regulations for New Buildings and Other Structures**, pp. 8-9



# Seismic use groups

Seismic use group	Description <sup>1</sup>
I	Structures not assigned to Group II and III, representing as lesser life hazard only insofar as there is probability of fewer occupants in the structure and the structure are lower and/or smaller.
II	Structures having a large number of occupants or where the occupants' ability to exit is restricted.
III	Essential facilities, e.g. Hospitals, Emergency Repose Facilities, required for post-earthquake recovery.

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- The present methods for seismic qualification of anchor systems in the U.S. are generally simple, however they are developing and evolving.
- Wherever possible, the design of connections involving discrete anchors should strive to protect the anchor against premature and sudden failure.
- Codes in the U.S. have up until recently focused on the loading side of the anchoring connection.
- The design of anchors for earthquake forces requires attention to detailing and consideration of stiffness (load path) and displacement demand as well as strength.
- There is no substitution for sound engineering judgment when designing and detailing for seismic applications