

2005 National Building Code of Canada

Seismic Design Changes

Impact on Insurance Industry

# NBCC 2005 Seismic Design Changes

## Earthquake Damage



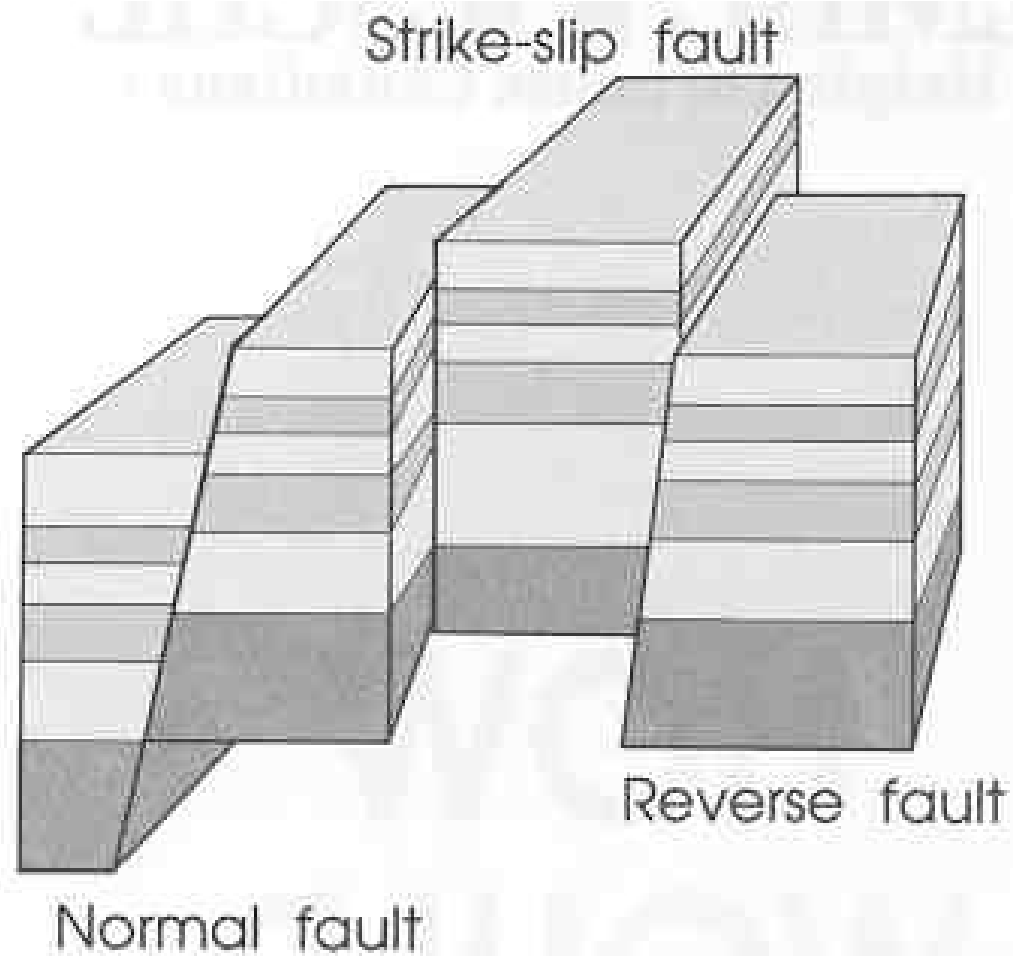
# Gravity Element Failures



# Reinforced Concrete Column Confinement

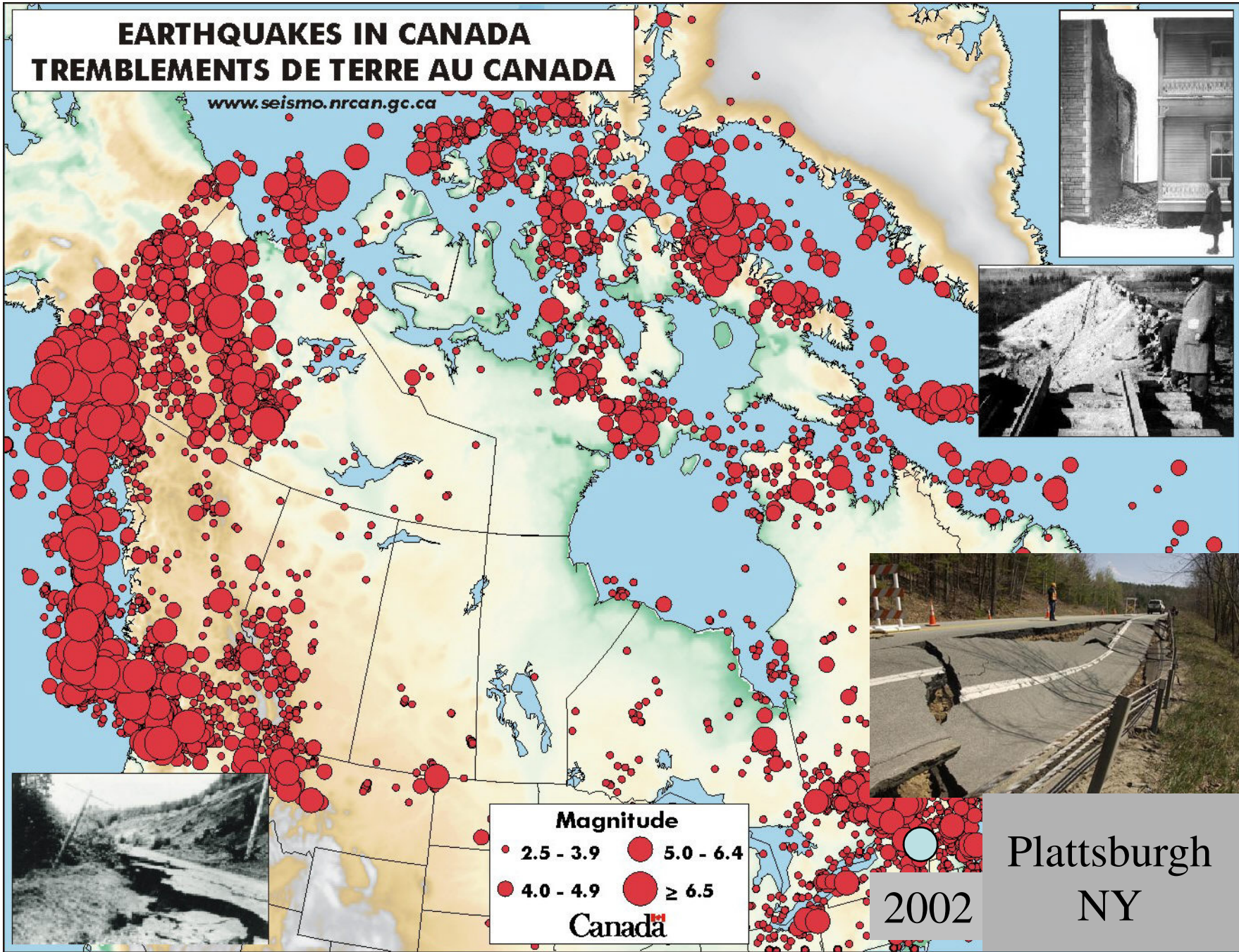


# What Causes Earthquakes



# EARTHQUAKES IN CANADA TREMBLEMENTS DE TERRE AU CANADA

[www.seismo.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.seismo.nrcan.gc.ca)



**Magnitude**

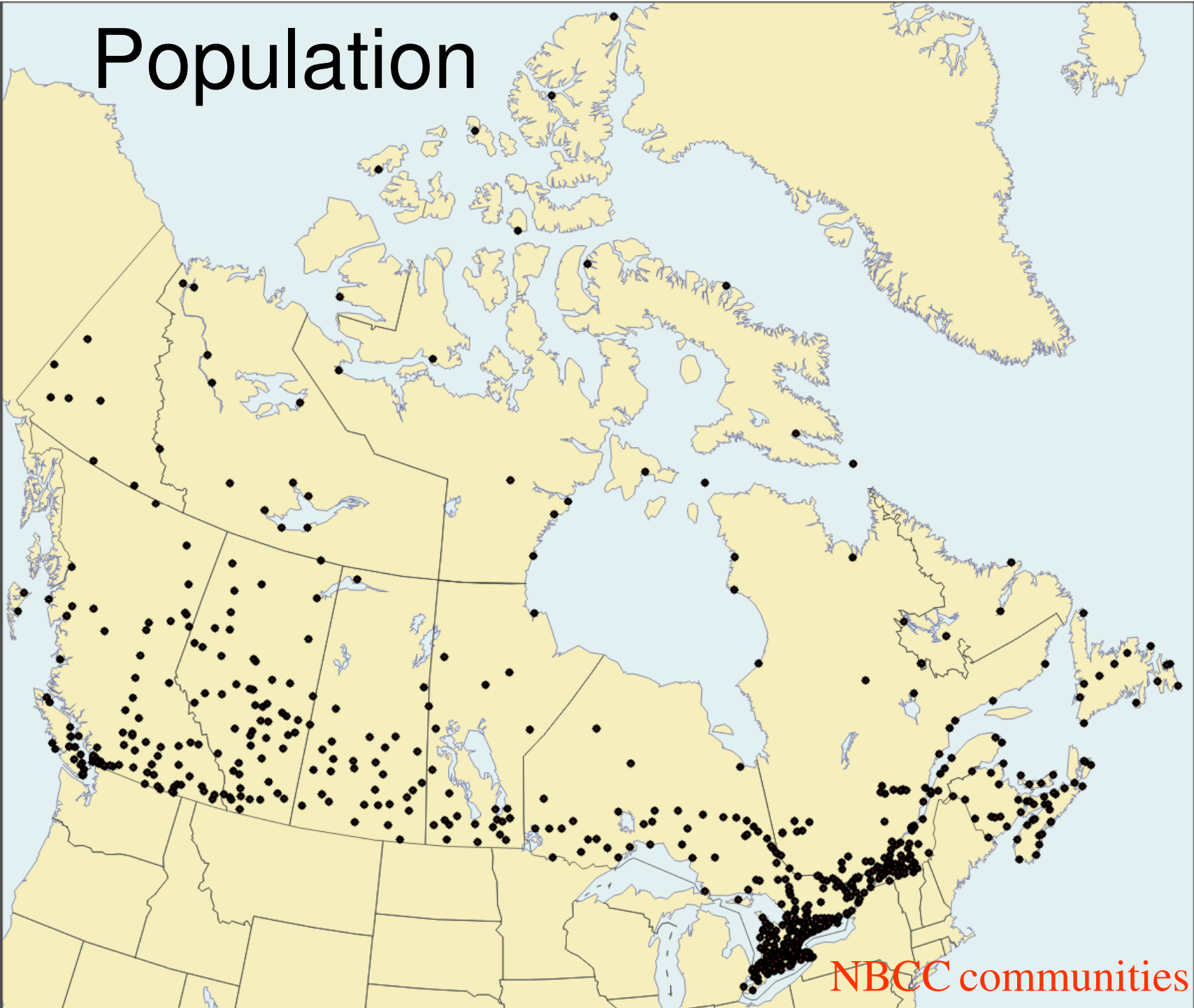
- 2.5 - 3.9
- 4.0 - 4.9
- 5.0 - 6.4
- ≥ 6.5

Canada

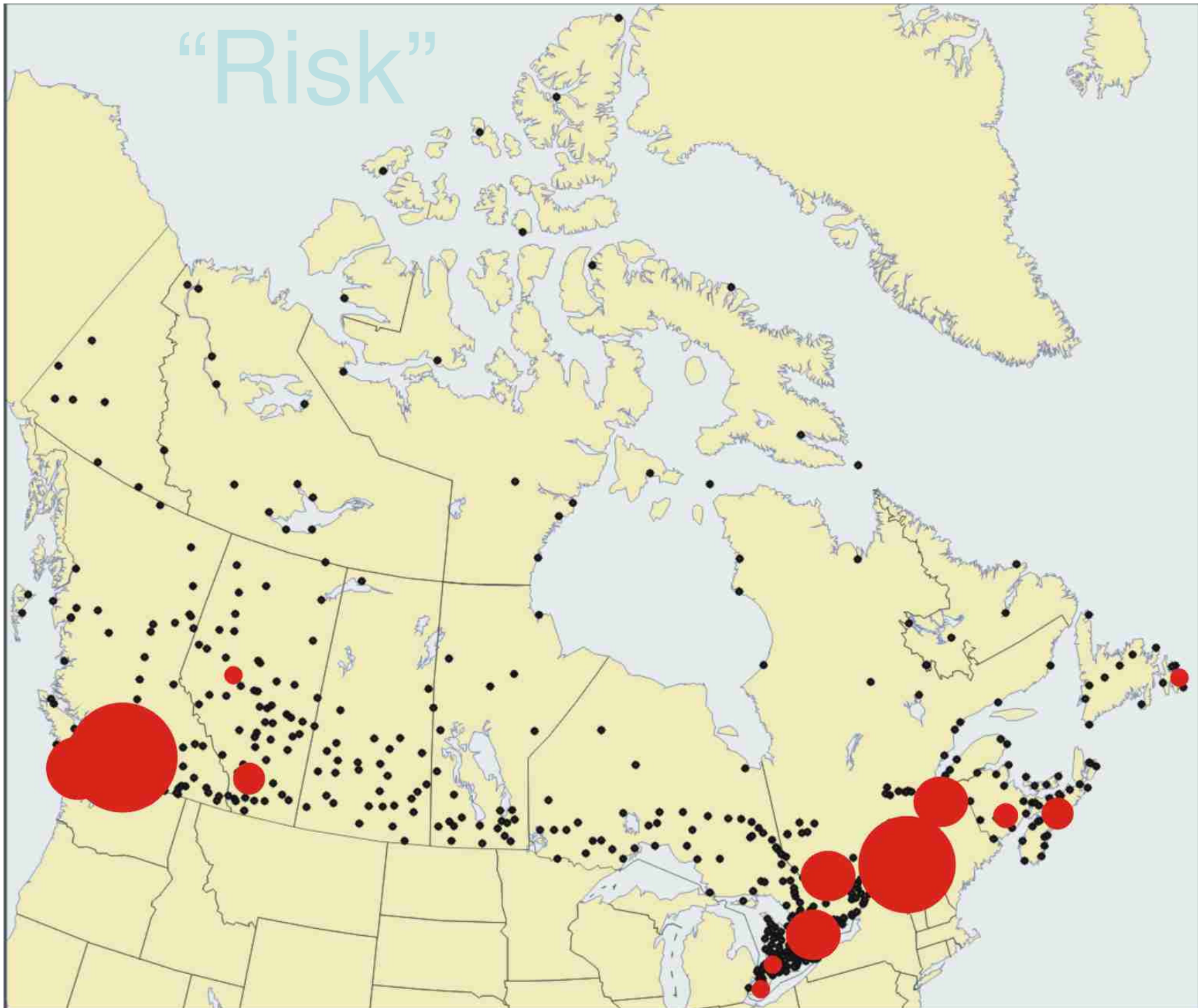
2002

Plattsburgh  
NY

# Population

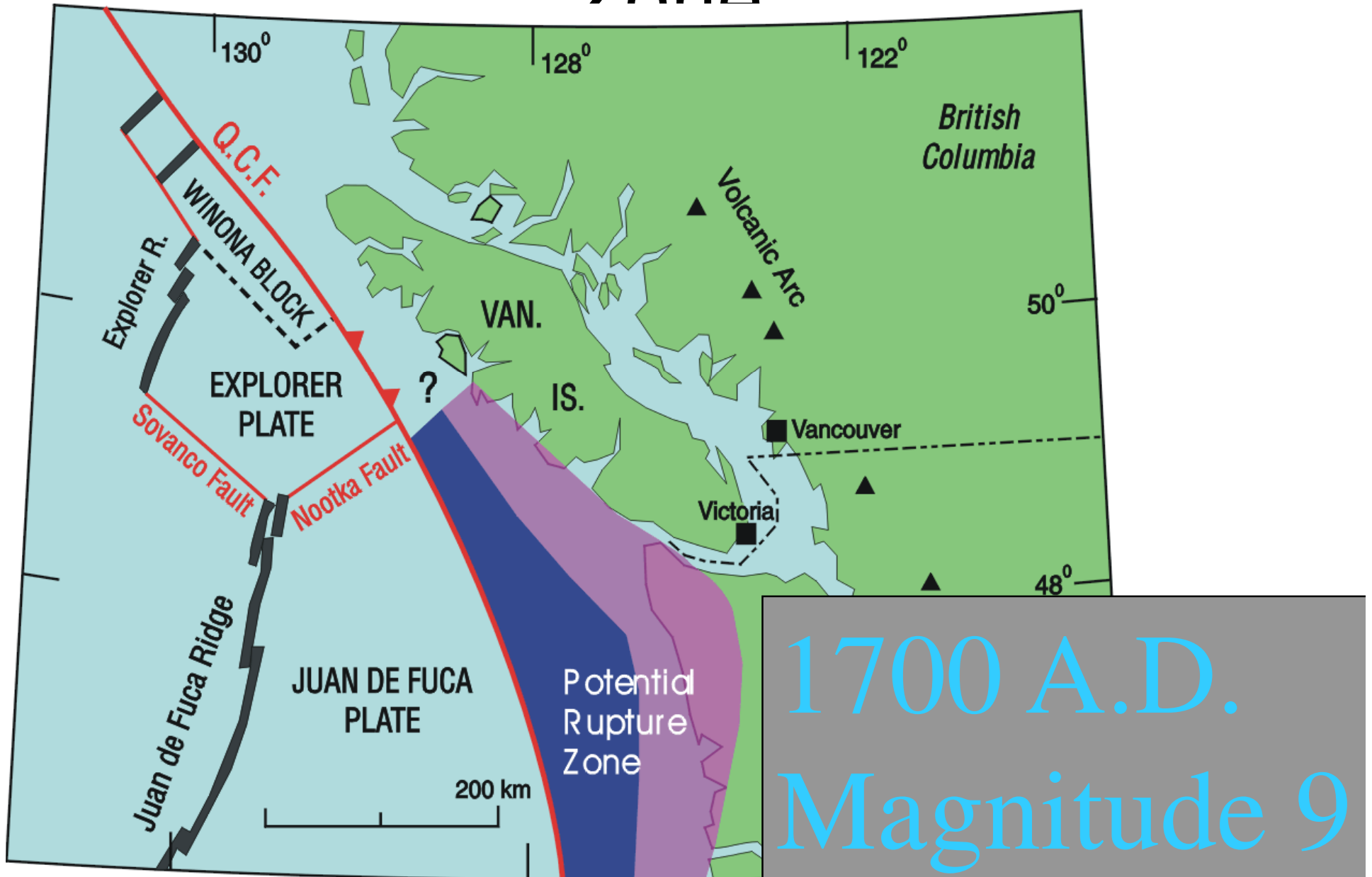


“Risk”

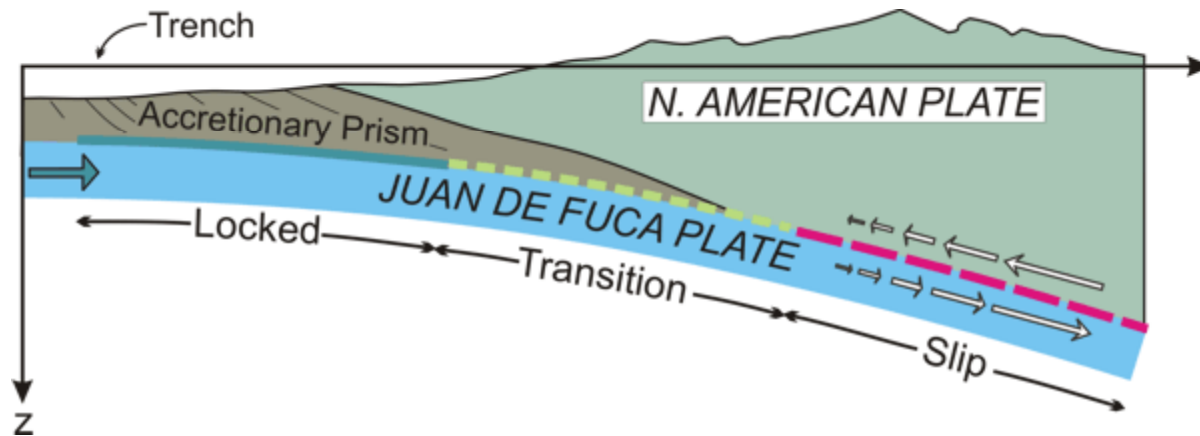




# Cascadia Subduction Zone



# Juan de Fuca Plate Slip



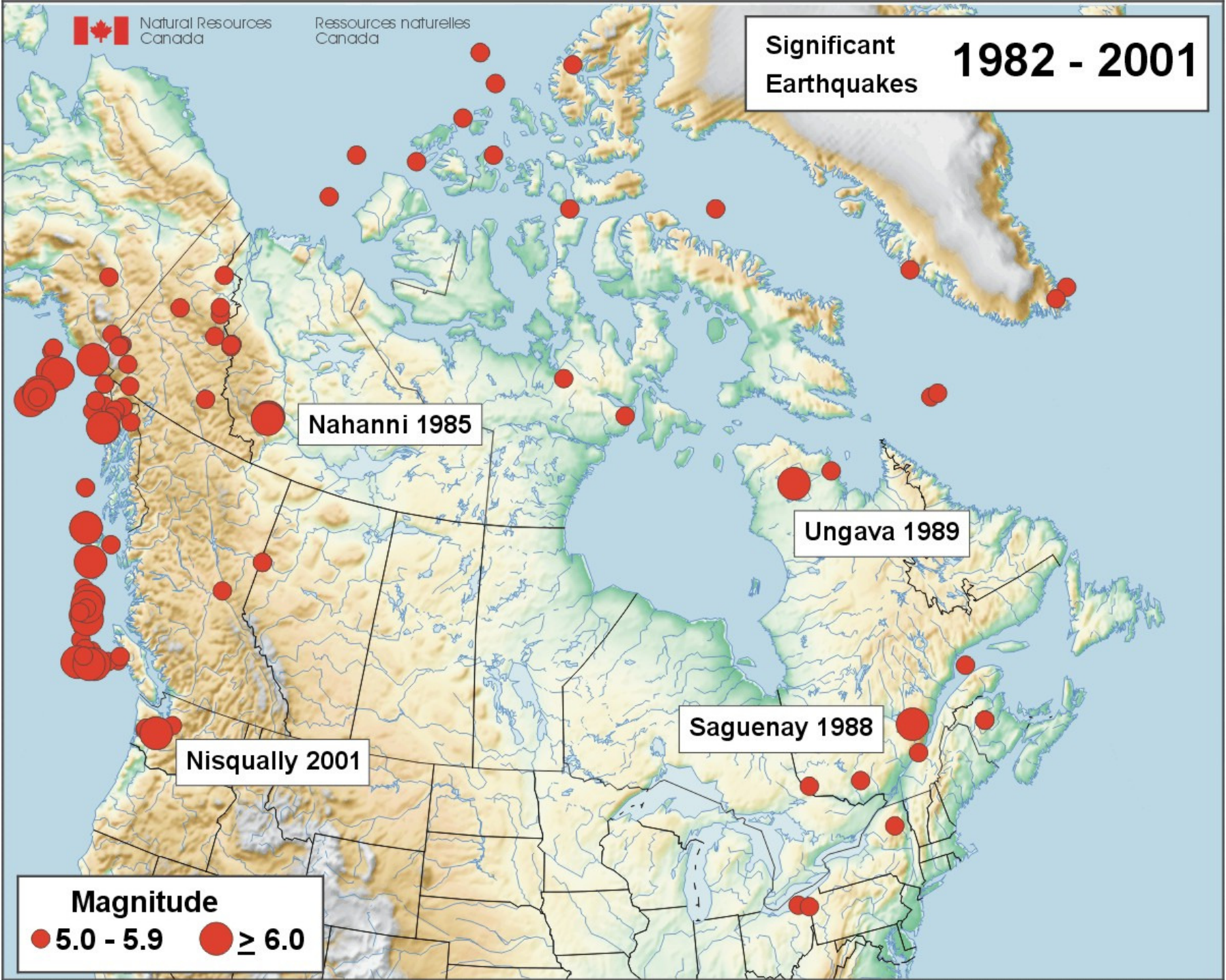


Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

Significant  
Earthquakes

1982 - 2001



Nahanni 1985

Ungava 1989

Saguenay 1988

Nisqually 2001

Magnitude

● 5.0 - 5.9

●  $\geq 6.0$

# 2005 National Building Code of Canada Seismic Design

- Basics of Seismic Design
- Changes Incorporated in 2005 NBCC
  - Seismic Loads – New Hazard Map
  - Structural Analysis
- Rationale Behind the Changes
- Changes in CSA A23.3 Design Of Concrete Structures Standard.
- Implications for the Insurance Industry

# Factors Influencing Seismic Effects

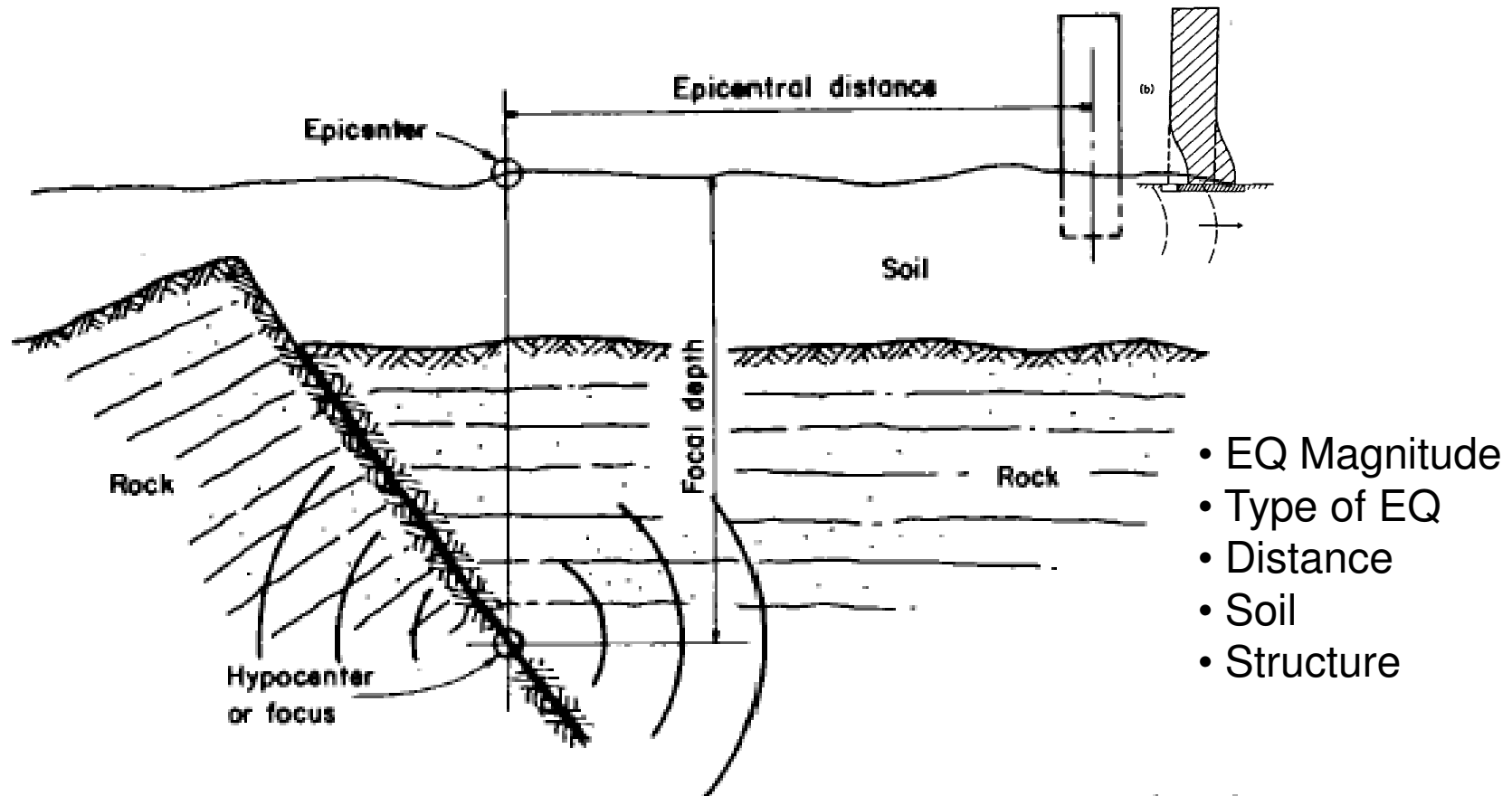


Fig. 12-1 Illustrating definition of common earthquake-related terms.

# Ductility – Dissipating Seismic Energy

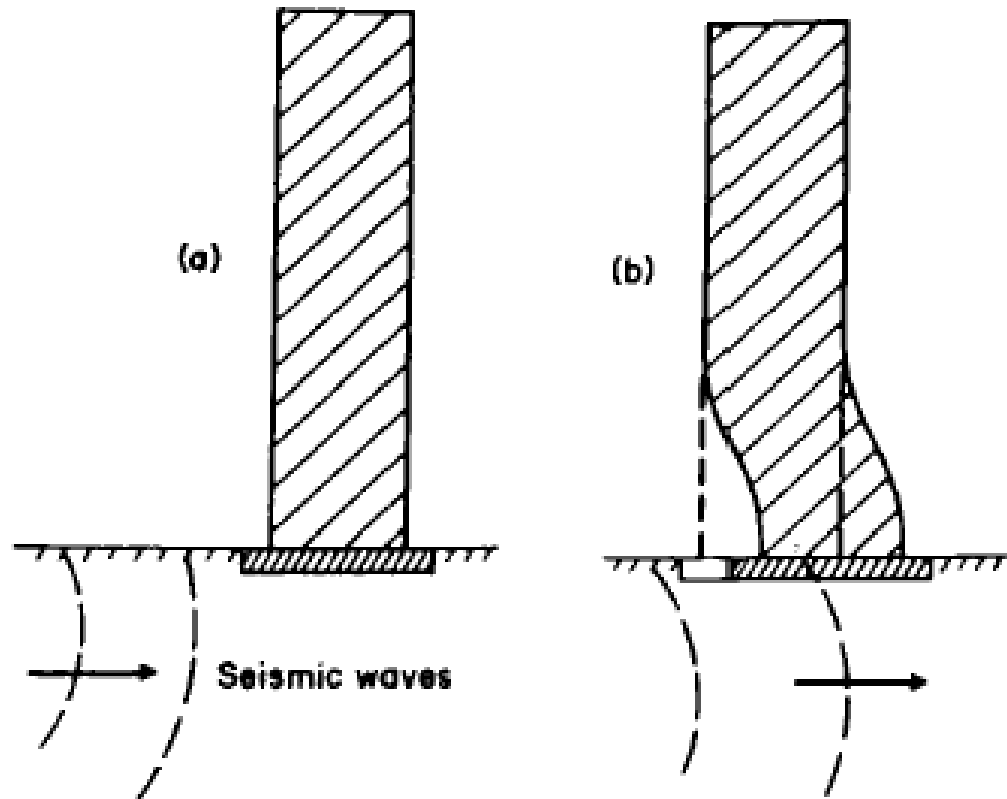
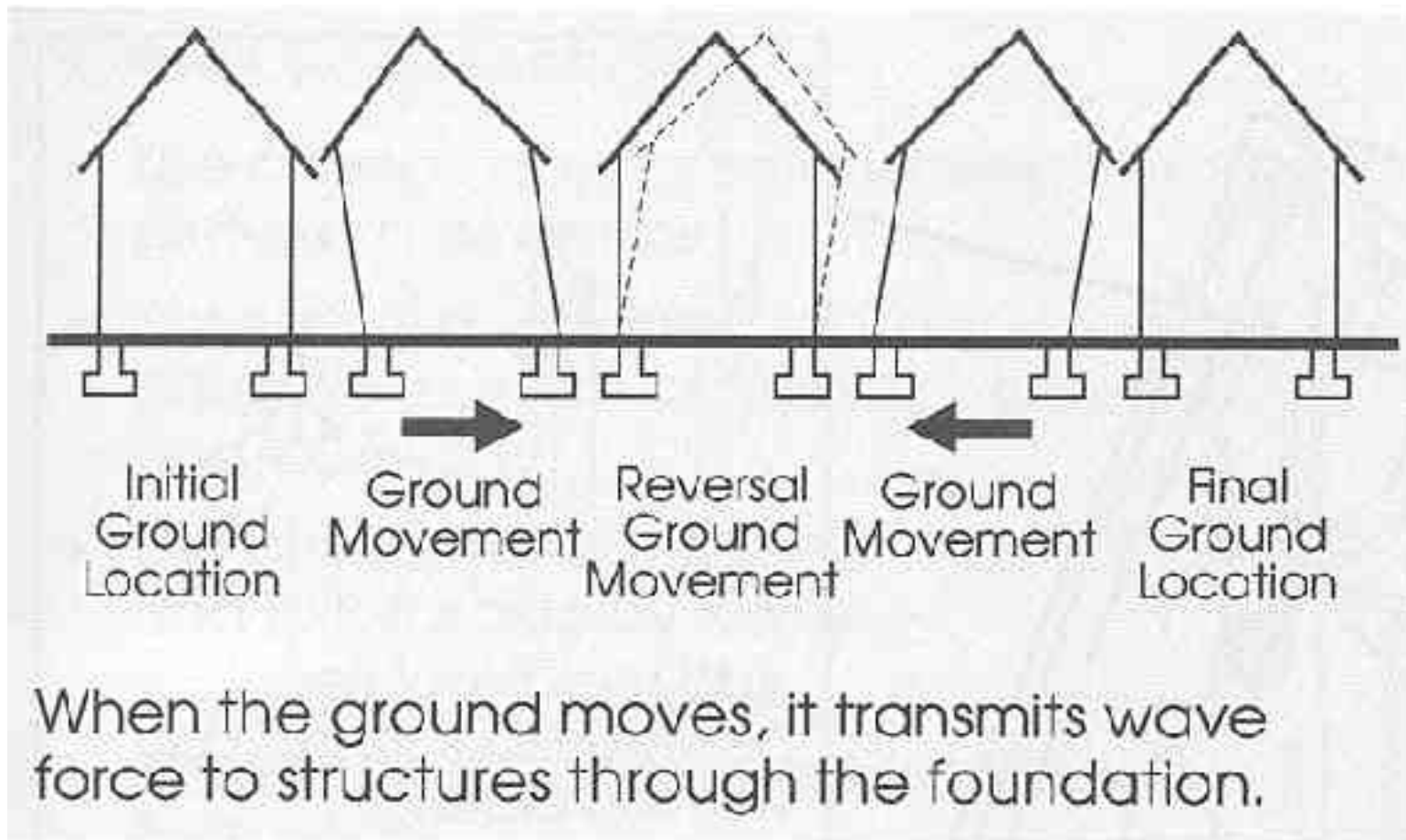
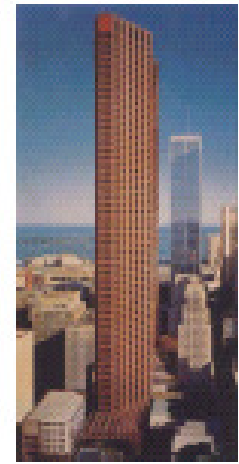
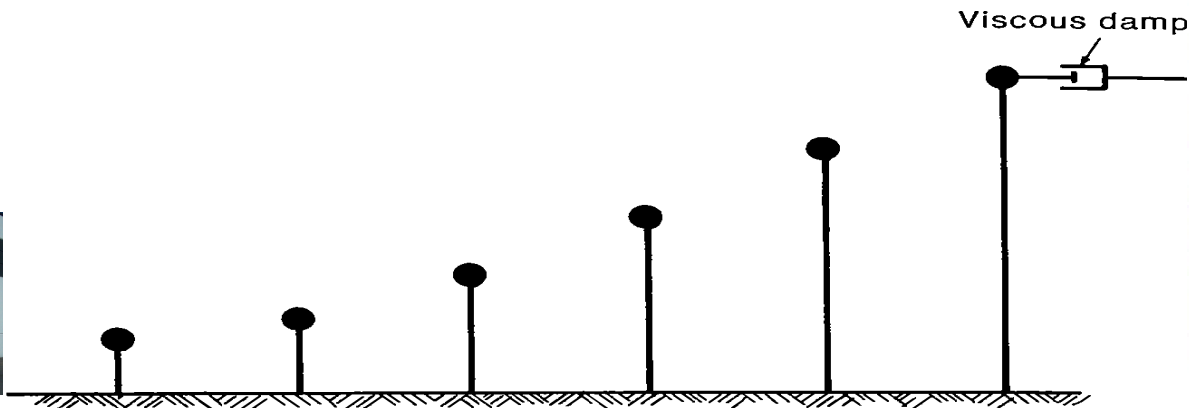


Fig. 12-7

# Structural Response To Earthquakes

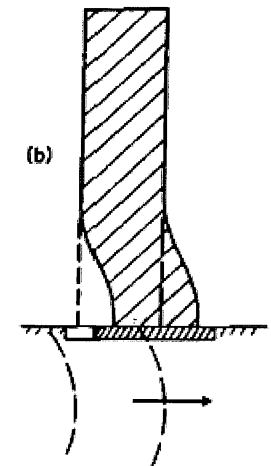
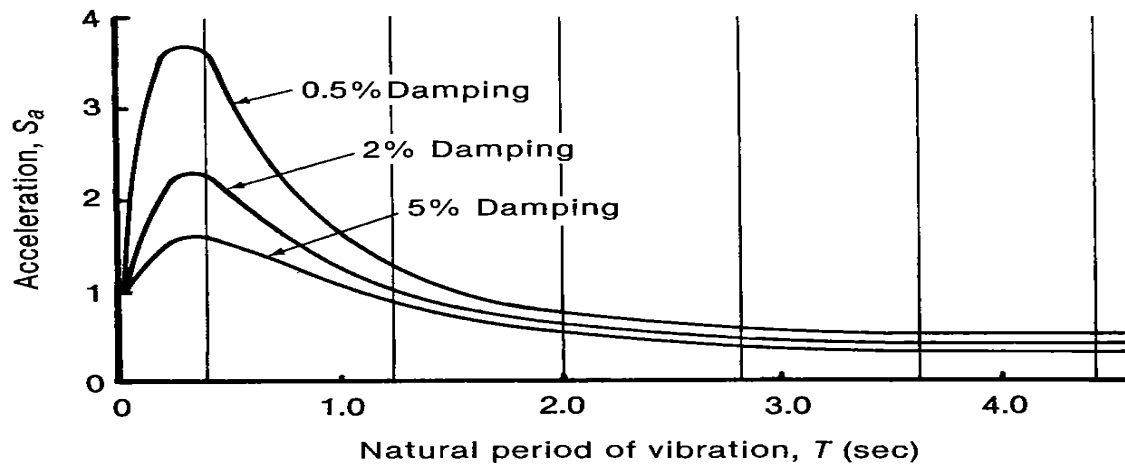


# Acceleration Response Spectrum



Scotia Plaza, Toronto, ON

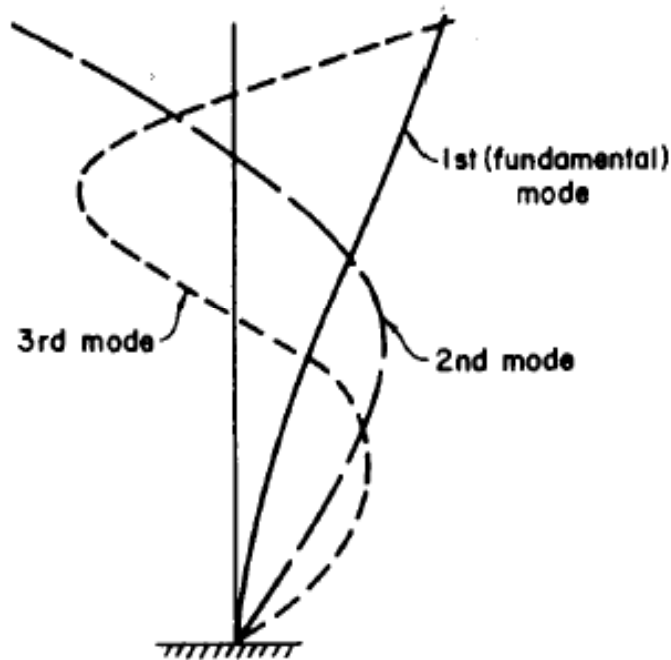
(a) Damped pendulums of varying natural frequencies.



$$V = m \times a$$



# Natural Modes of Building Vibration



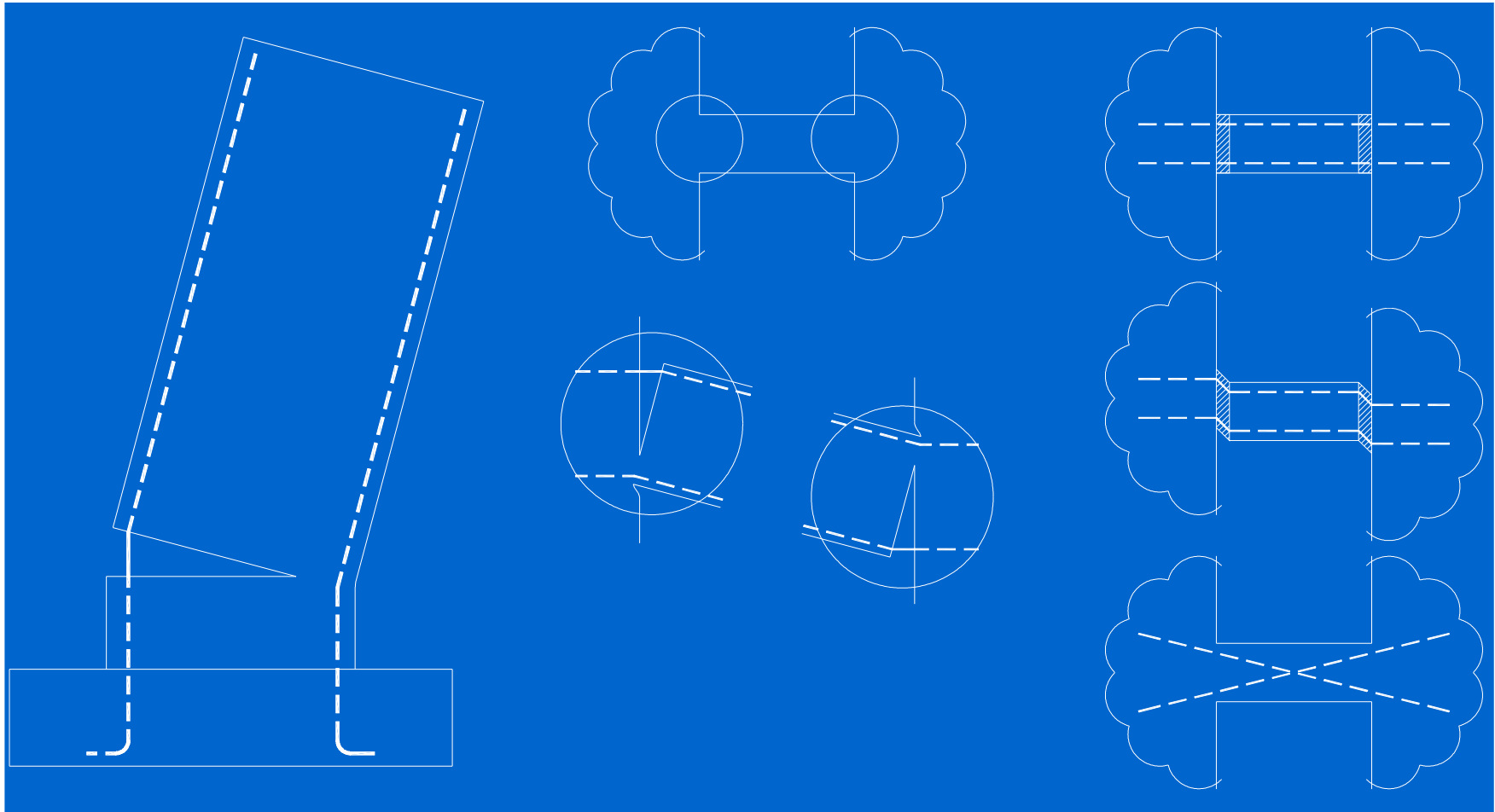
**Fig. 12-8** Typical shapes of the first three natural modes of vibration of a multistory structure.



Scotia Plaza, Toronto, CAN

← Seismic Motion →

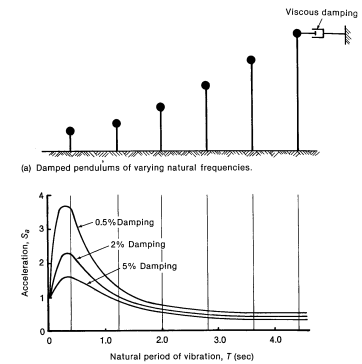
# Concrete Plastic Hinges



# Seismic Shake Table Testing



**Figure 6. Full-scale wooden house on shake table for testing.**



# Ductility - Shear Wall Structures

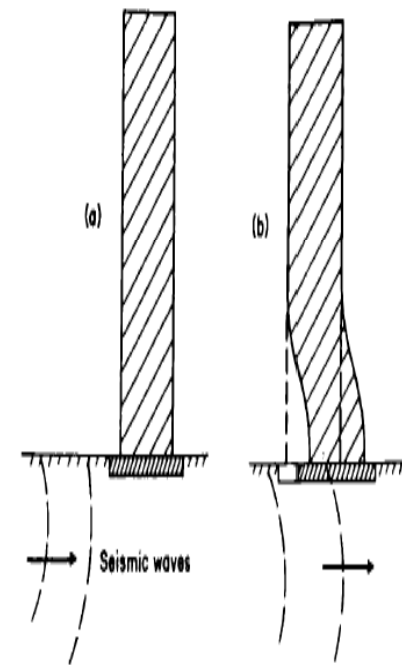
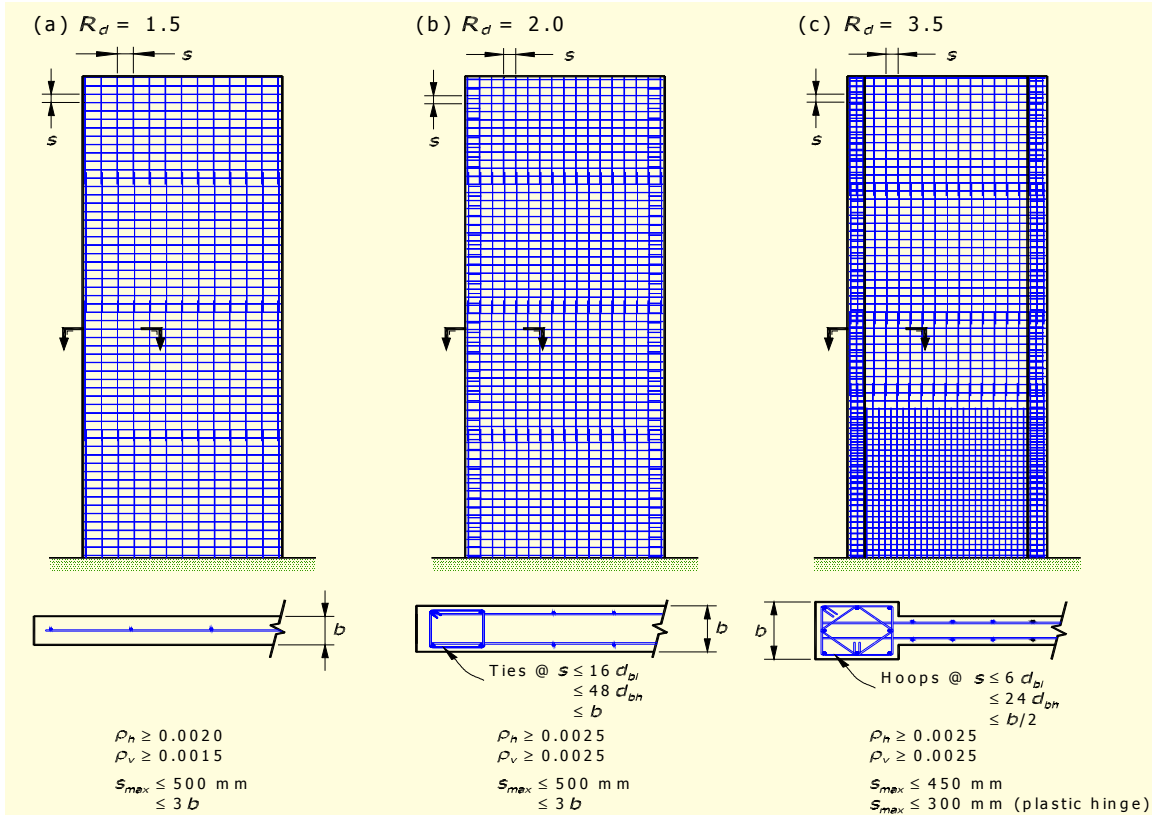
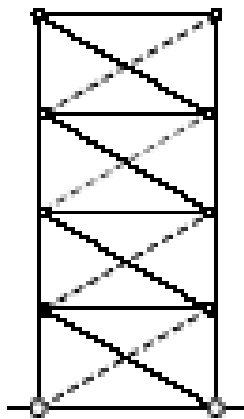


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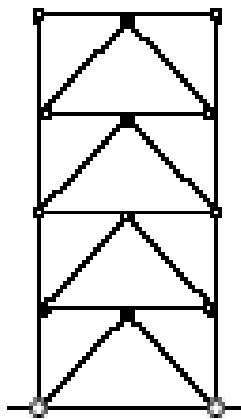
# Braced Steel Structures

(a)



Tension-only bracing

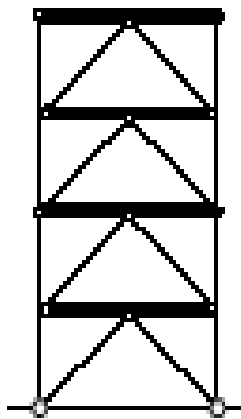
≤ 8 storeys ( $R_d = 2.0$ )  
 ≤ 4 storeys ( $R_d = 3.0$ )



Chevron or V-bracing

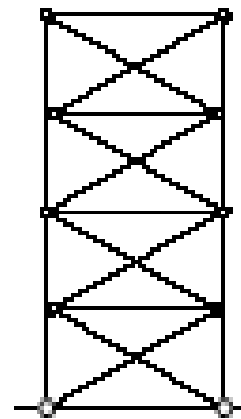
"Weak beam" design

≤ 4 storeys



"Strong beam" design

≤ 12 storeys ( $R_d = 2.0$ )  
 ≤ 8 storeys ( $R_d = 3.0$ )



Tension-compression bracing

≤ 12 storeys ( $R_d = 2.0$ )  
 ≤ 8 storeys ( $R_d = 3.0$ )

# 2005 NBCC - Uniform Hazard Spectrum

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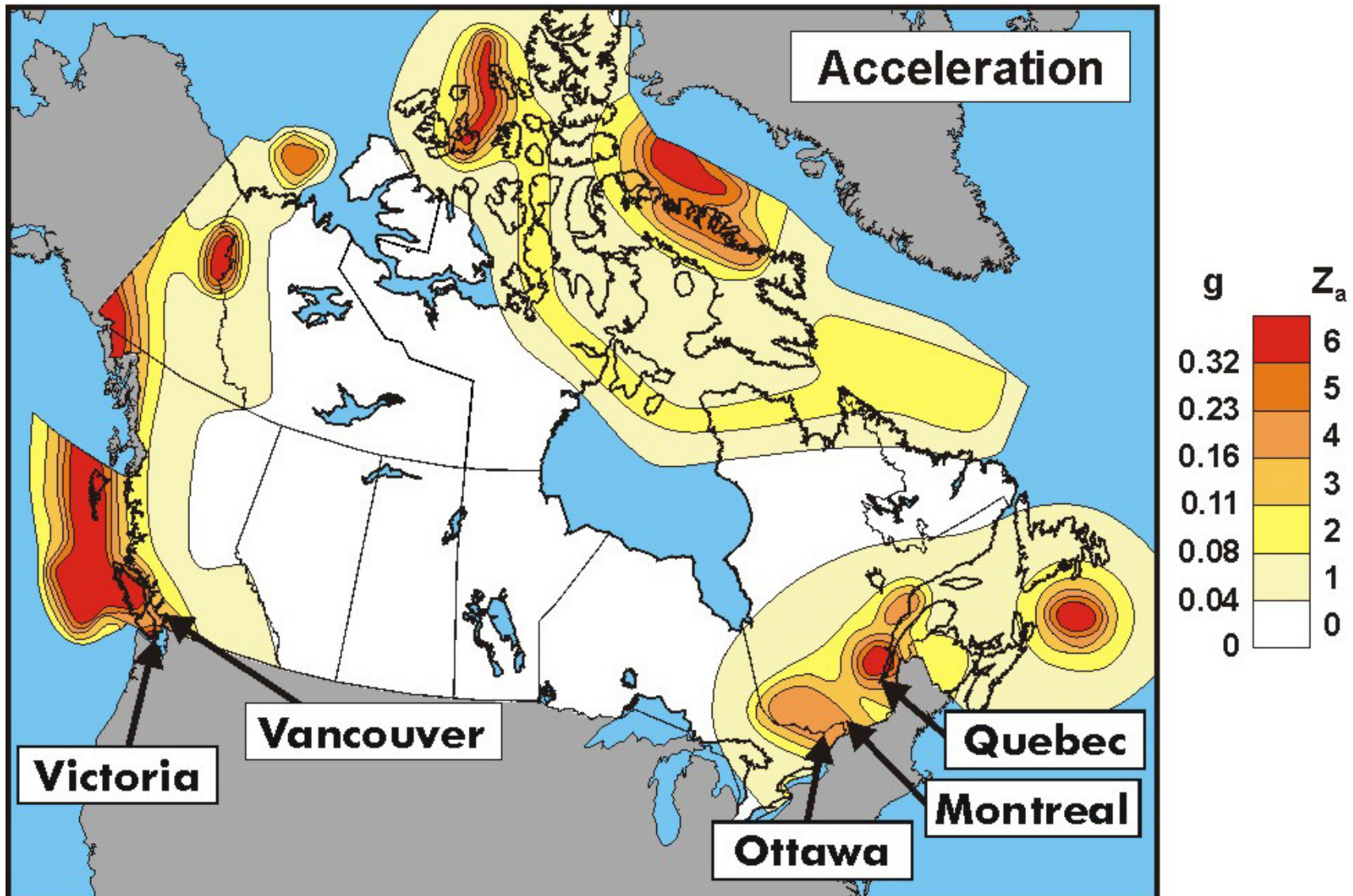
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- **Maximum considered earthquake ground motion**
- **2% in 50 year probability of exceedance (2500 year return period)**
- **New seismic hazard maps**

# 2005 NBCC Seismic Design

## Bad News

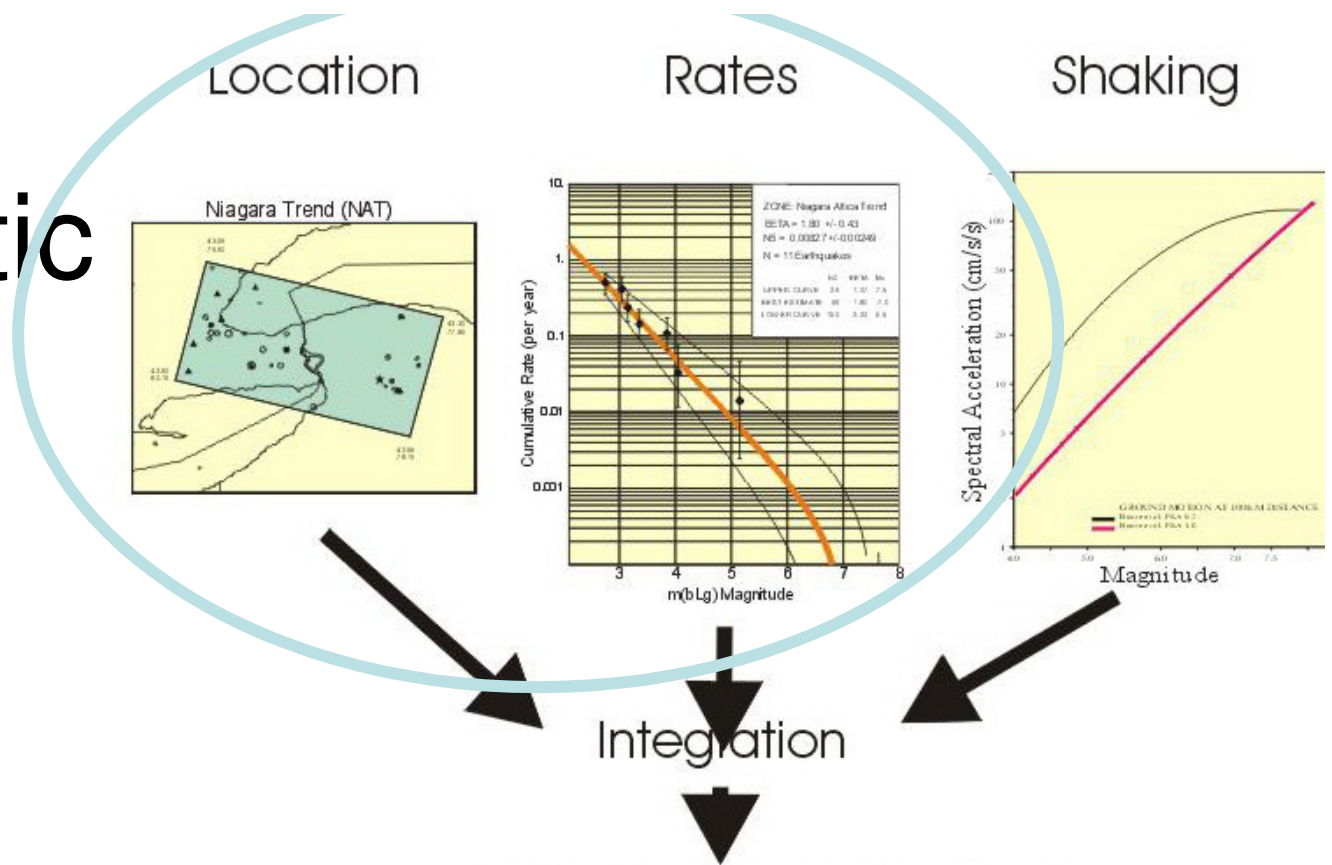
- 1995 Seismic Risk Level
  - 10% in 50 yrs  $\Rightarrow$  1 / 475 yrs return period
- 2005 New Seismic Risk Level
  - 2% in 50 yrs  $\Rightarrow$  1 / 2400 yrs return period
- Good News:
  - $500 \times 5 \neq 2500$

# Hazard

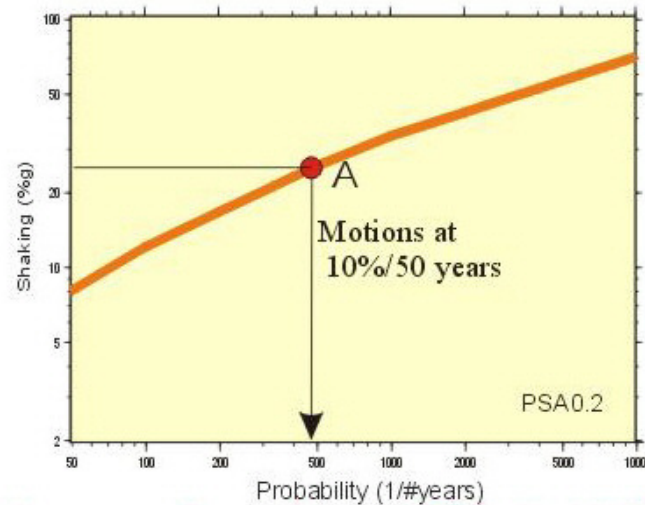




# Probabilistic seismic hazard



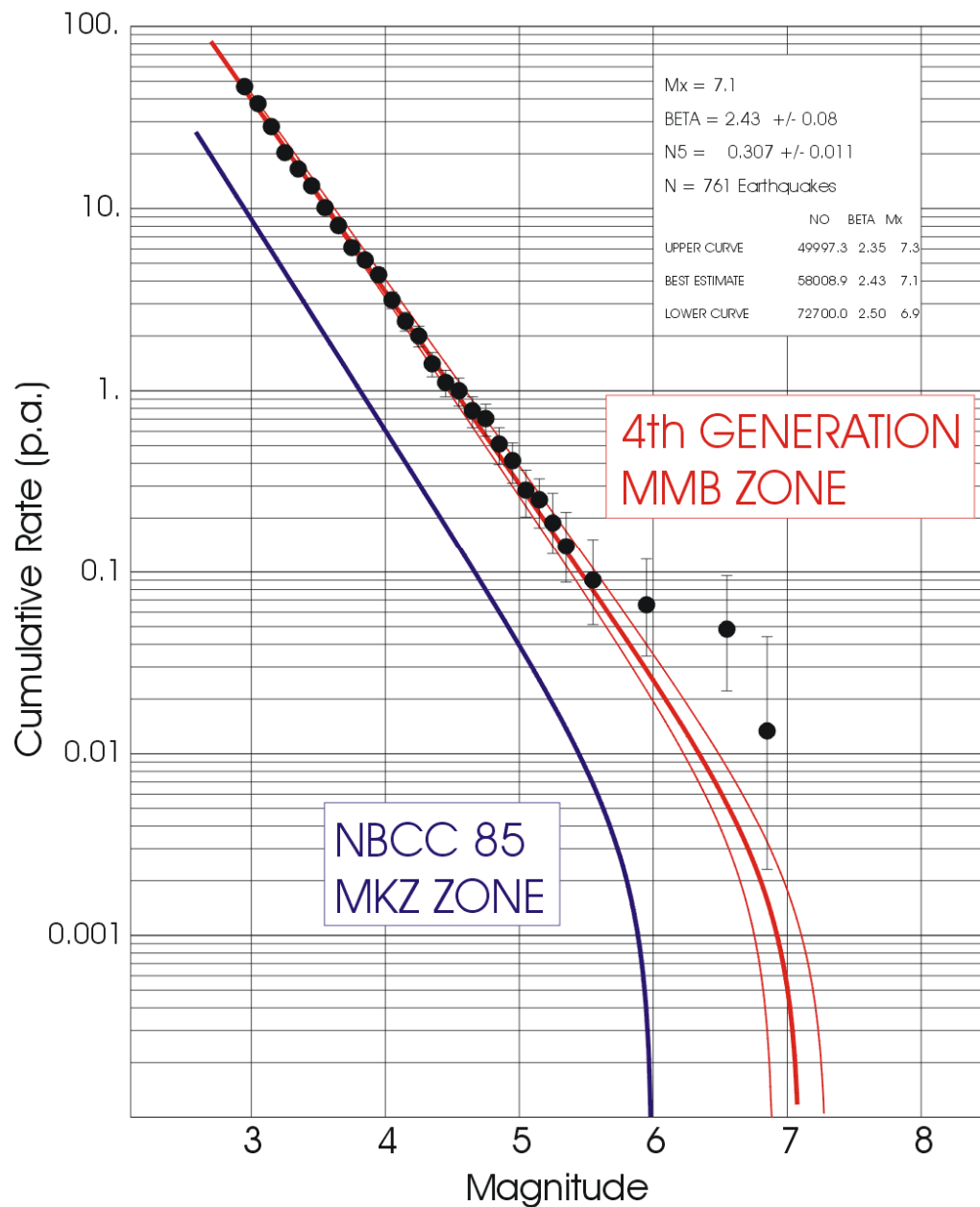
Double integration to give hazard



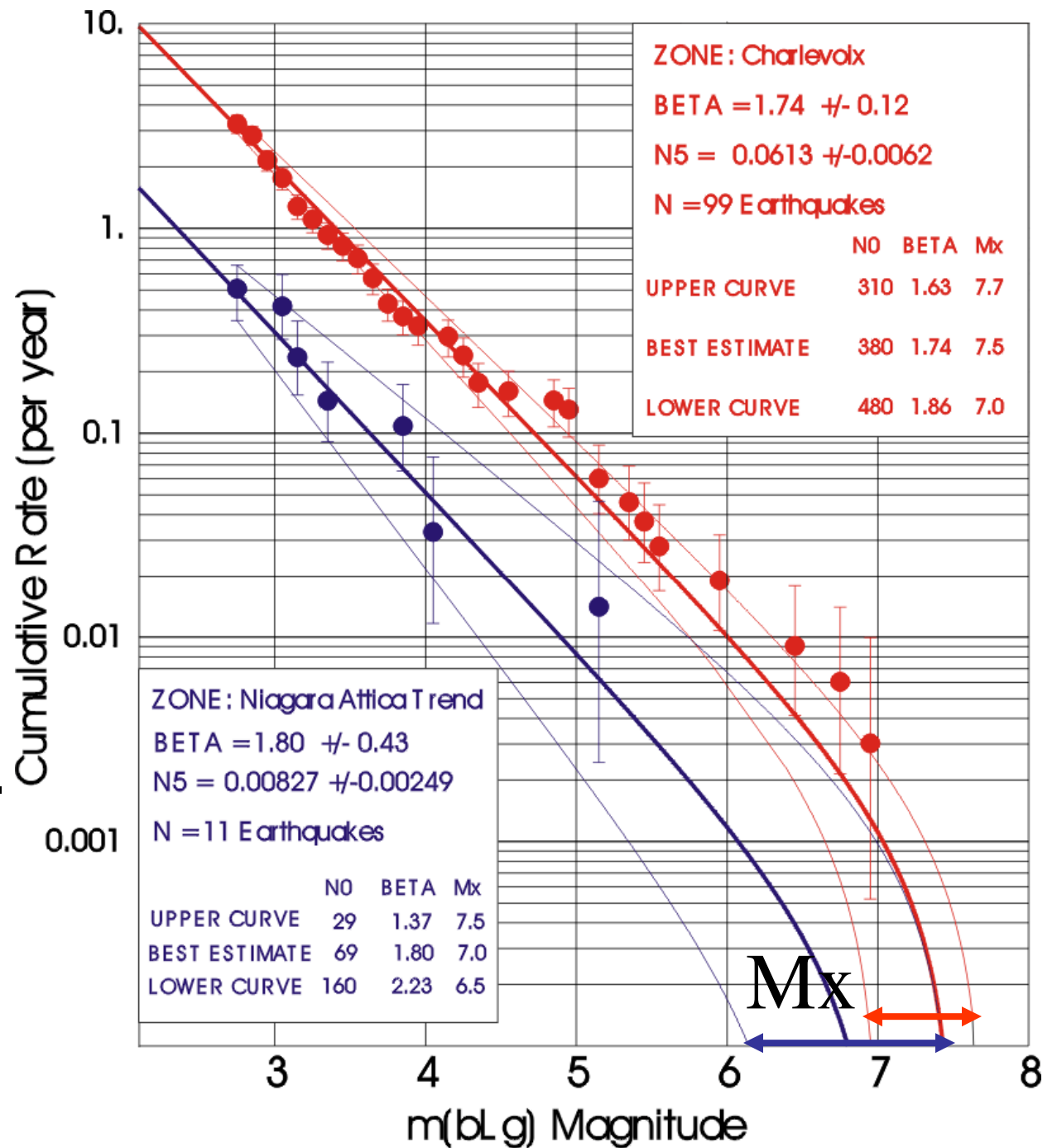
Shaking as function of Probability

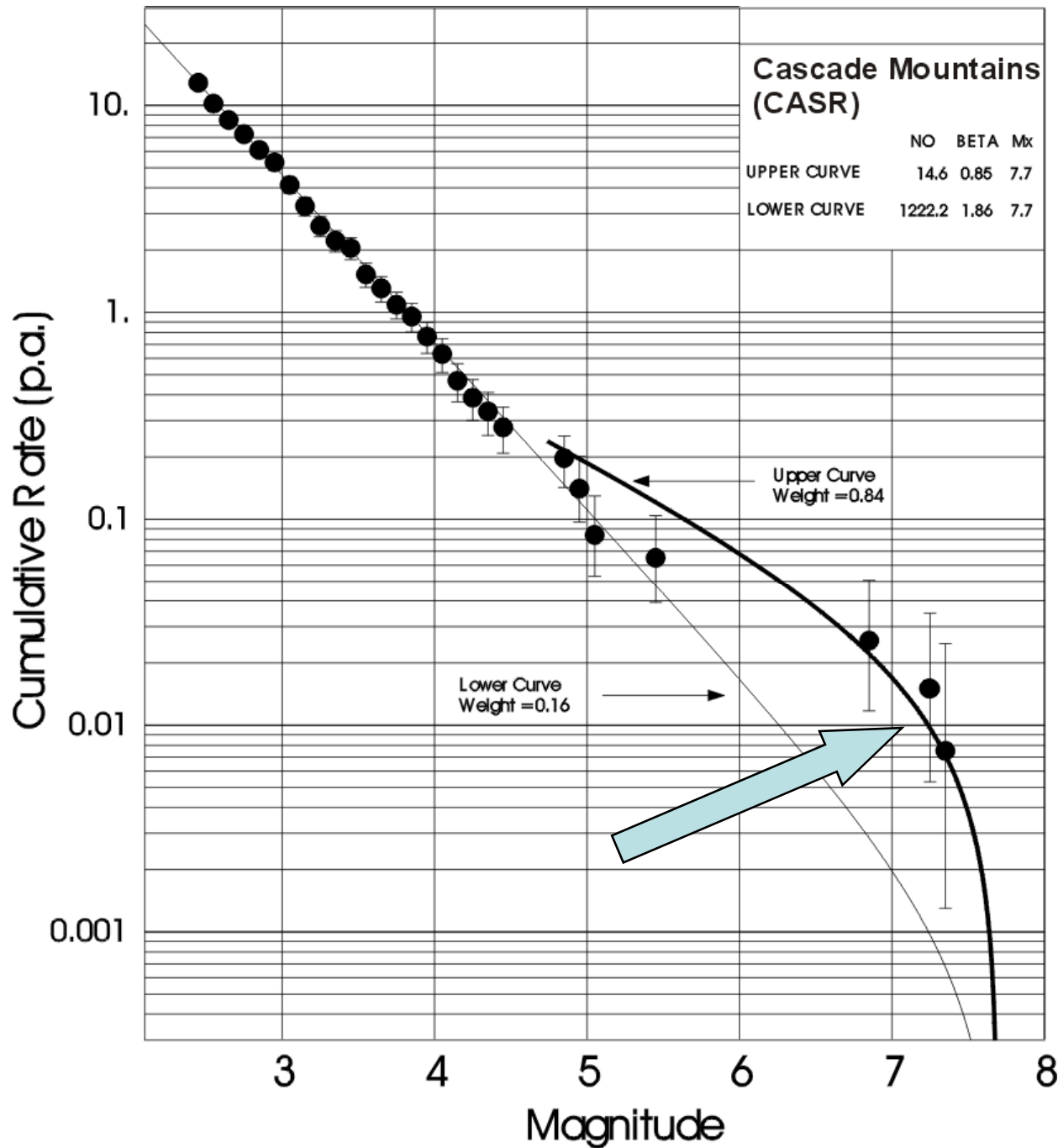
Rates of activity, and sizes of the biggest events were underestimated

### Nahanni Region Magnitude Recurrence



Different rates, different errors in rates for magnitude-recurrence curves





Some data do not appear to fit the simple model

# Full Robust Hazard Model

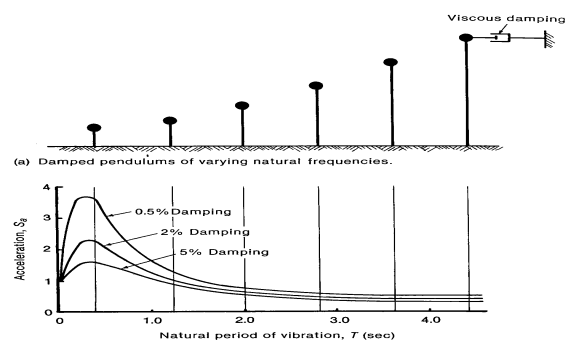
Highest value of:-

Probabilistic **H** model

Probabilistic **R** model

Deterministic **Cascadia** model

Probabilistic **Stable craton** model



# Base Shear NBCC 1995 vs 2005

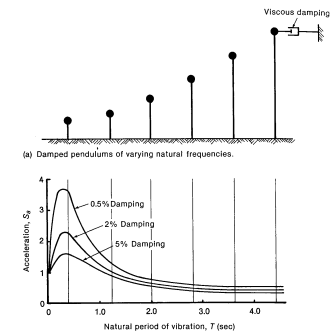
1995

$$V = \frac{V_E}{R} U$$

$$V_E = v S I F W$$

2005

$$V = \frac{S(T_a) M_v I_E}{R_d R_o} W$$



# Design Spectral Acceleration

defined by 4 spectral hazard parameters  
and 2 site factors

$$S(T) = F_a S_a(0.2) \text{ for } T \leq 0.2 \text{ s}$$

$$= F_v S_a(0.5) \text{ or } F_a S_a(0.2)$$

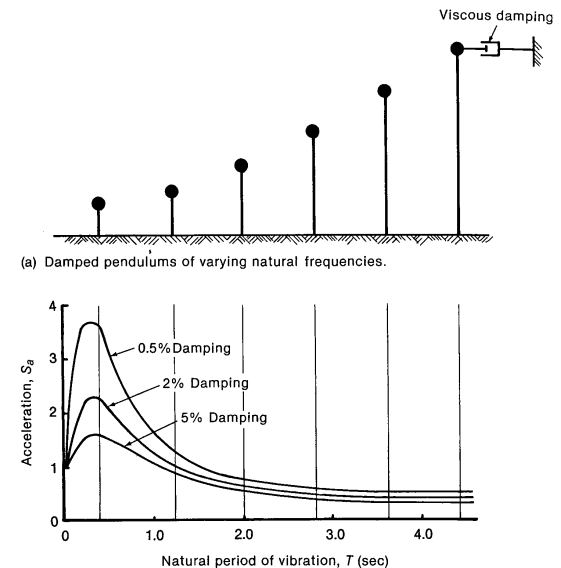
whichever is smaller,

for  $T = 0.5 \text{ s}$

$$= F_v S_a(1.0) \text{ for } T = 1.0 \text{ s}$$

$$= F_v S_a(2.0) \text{ for } T = 2.0 \text{ s}$$

$$= F_v S_a(2.0)/2 \text{ for } T \geq 4.0 \text{ s}$$



# Influence Of Soil

- **The Soil Factor**

Can change the characteristics of earthquake motions.

- **Poor - deep loose sand; silty clays; sand and gravel; and soft, saturated granular soils.**

Amplify earthquake forces on water-saturated soils

- **Good - bedrock stiff soils.**

Much less vibration is transferred through the foundation to the structure above.

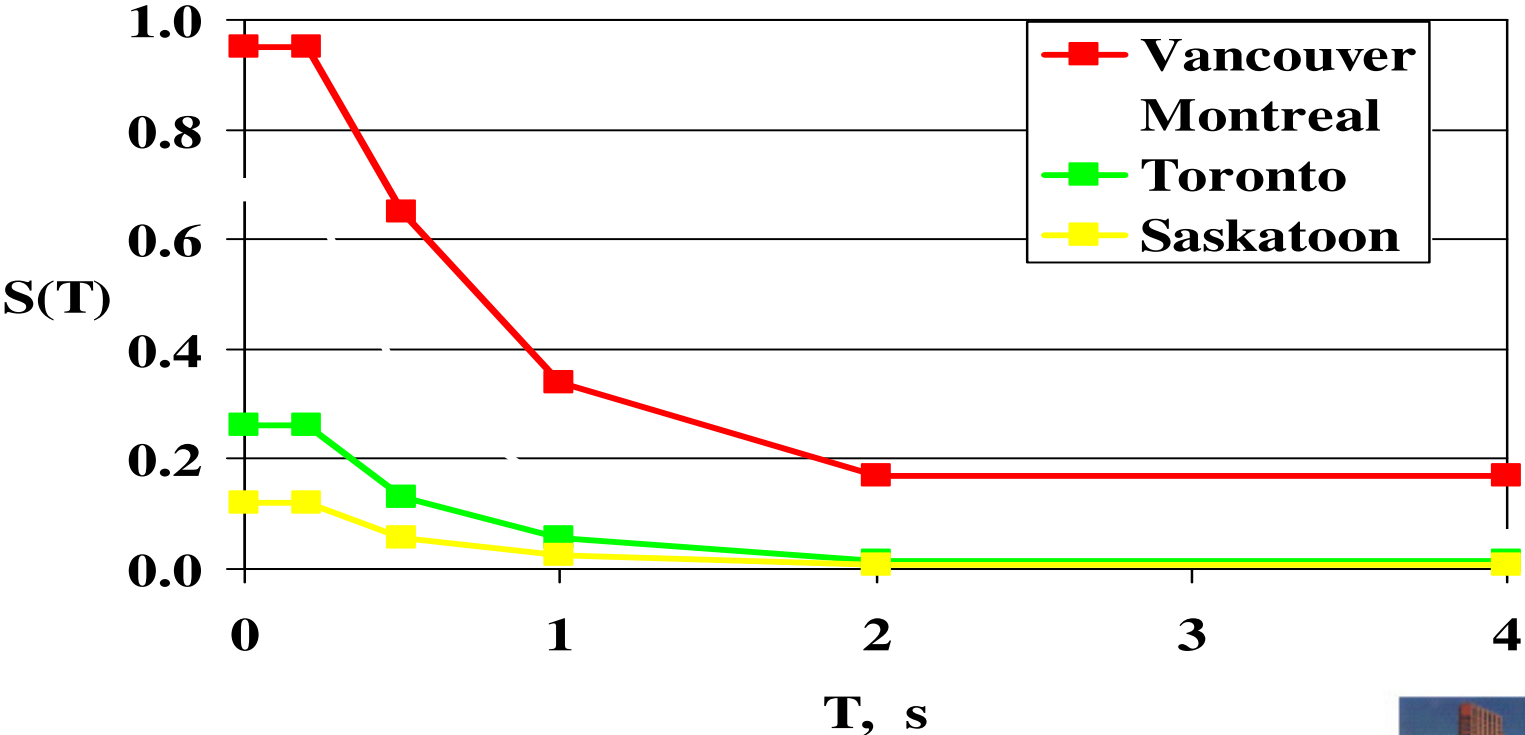


# Site Classification for Seismic Site Response

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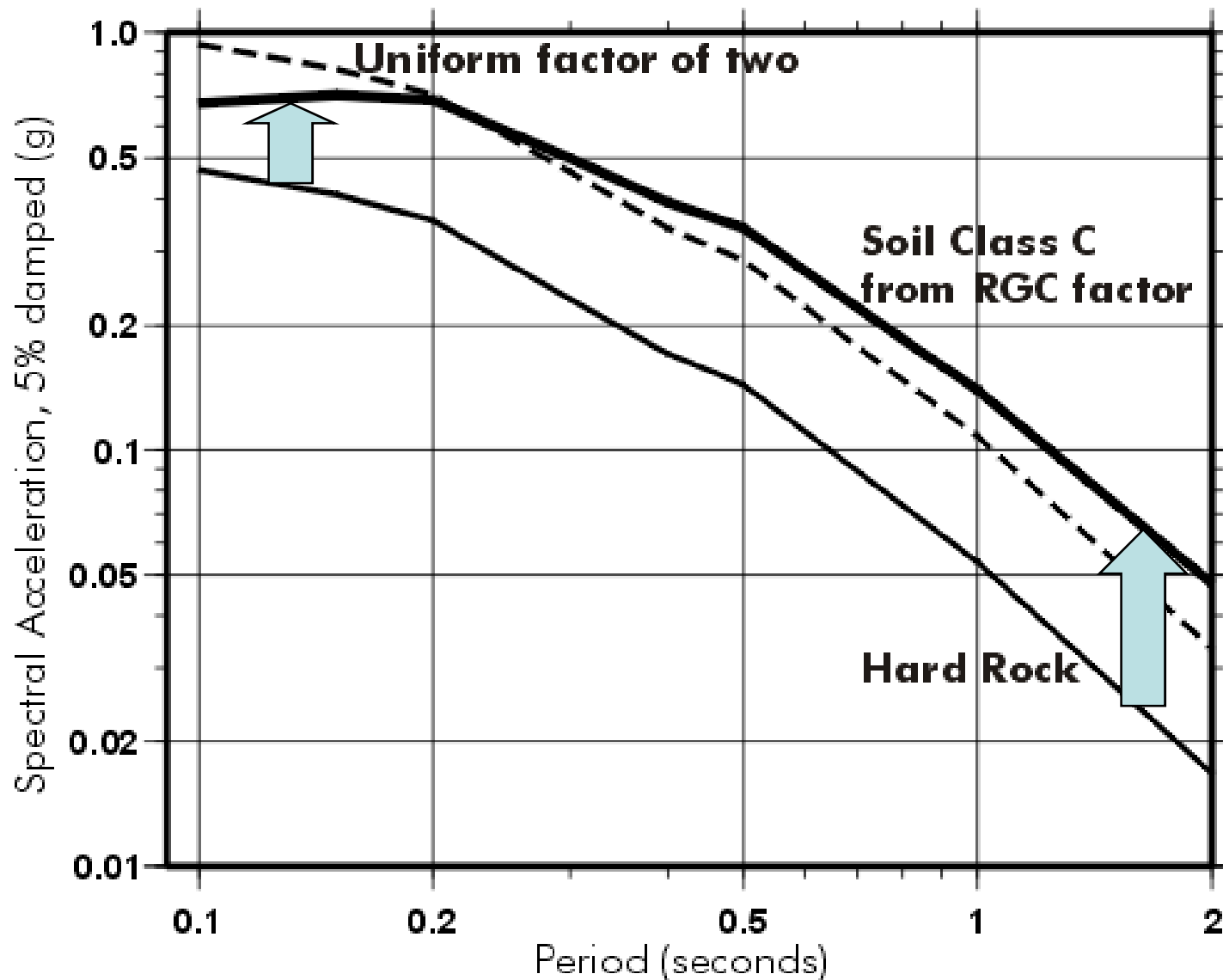
- A = hard rock
- B = rock
- C = dense soil or soft rock
- D = stiff soil
- E = > 3 m of “soft soil”
- F = others (liquefiable, peat, etc.)

# Design Spectral Response Acceleration – Class “C” Soil

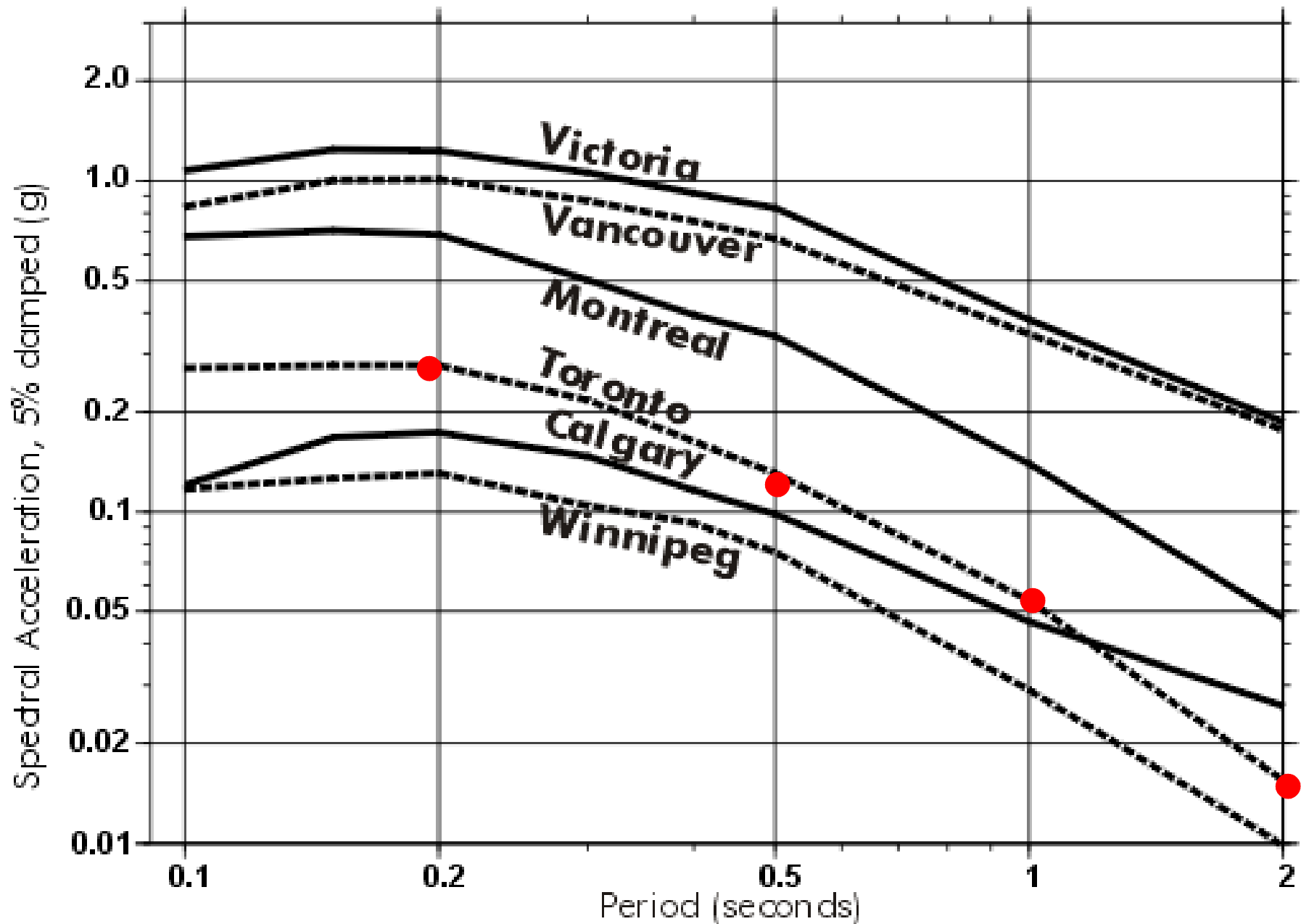


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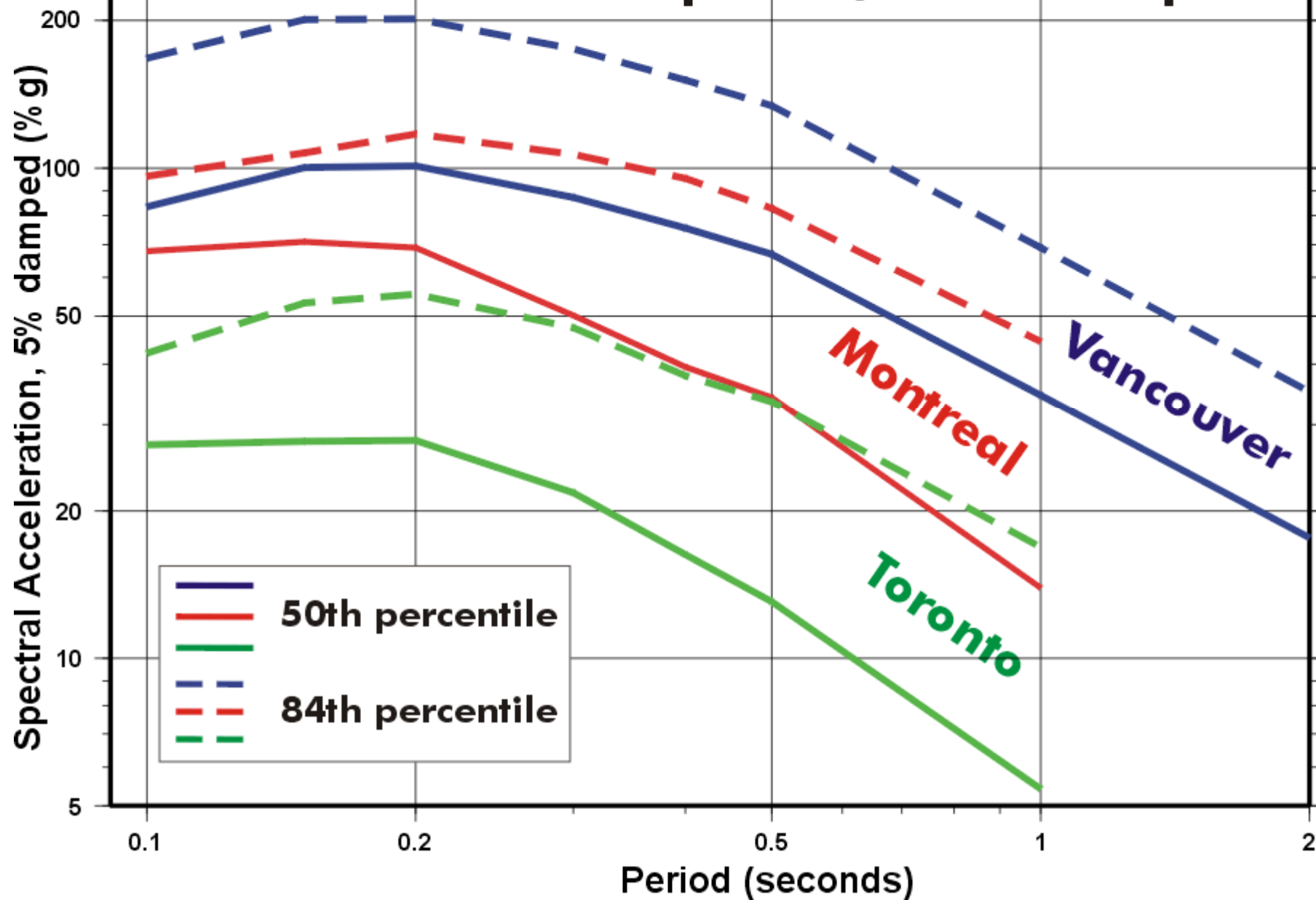
Conversion factors have been derived to ensure all hazard values are for site Class C



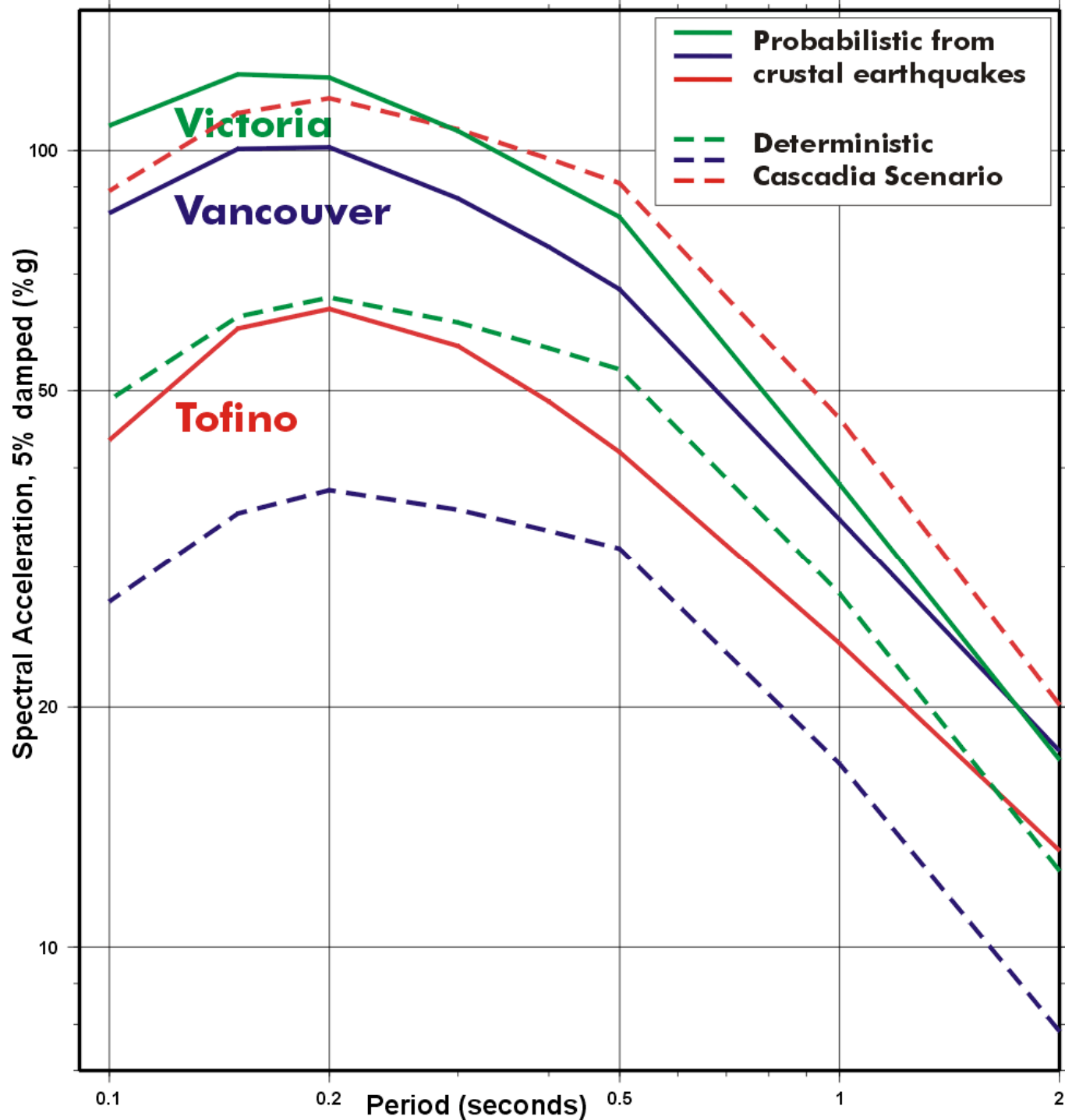
# Uniform Hazard Spectra



# Uniform Hazard Spectra, 0.000404 p.a.



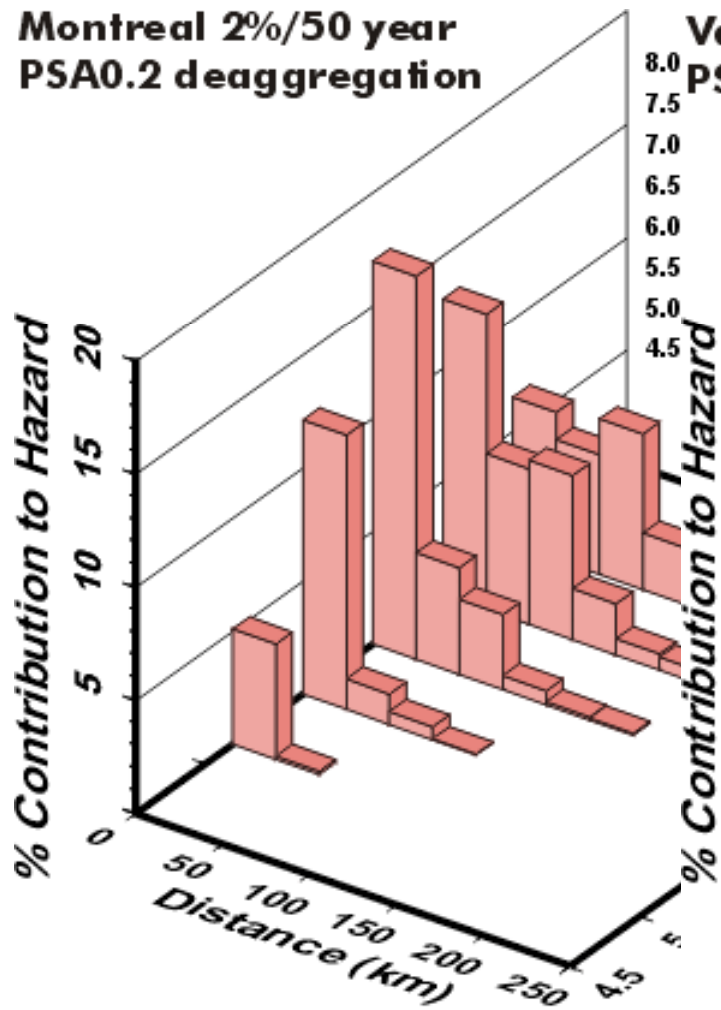
Uniform  
Hazard  
Spectra  
probabilistic  
and  
Cascadia



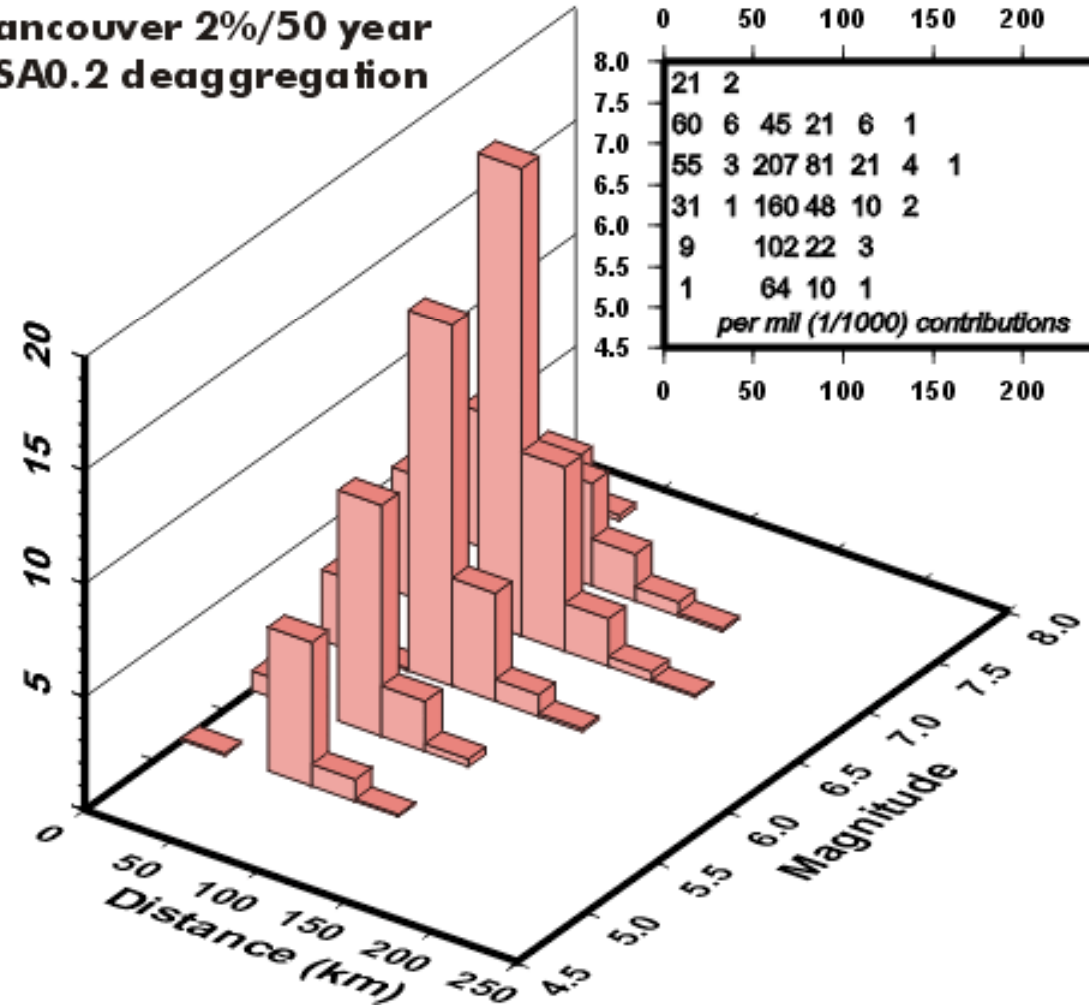
# Deaggregation of hazard

contributions by magnitude and distance

**Montreal 2%/50 year  
PSA0.2 deaggregation**



**Vancouver 2%/50 year  
PSA0.2 deaggregation**

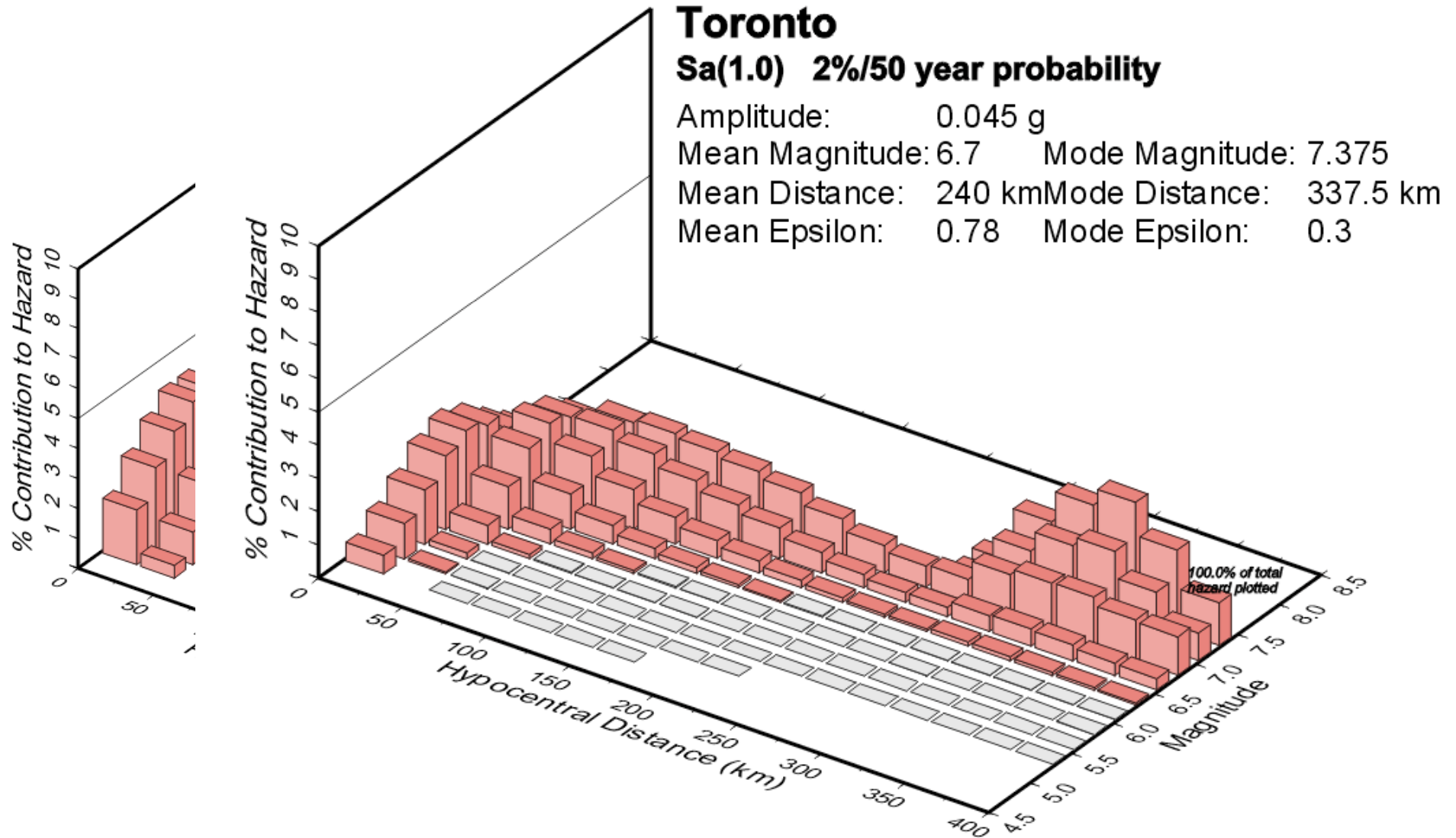


|     | 0  | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 |
|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 8.0 | 21 | 2  |     |     |     |     |
| 7.5 | 60 | 6  | 45  | 21  | 6   | 1   |
| 7.0 | 55 | 3  | 207 | 81  | 21  | 4   |
| 6.5 | 31 | 1  | 160 | 48  | 10  | 2   |
| 6.0 | 9  |    | 102 | 22  | 3   |     |
| 5.5 | 1  |    | 64  | 10  | 1   |     |
| 5.0 |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| 4.5 |    |    |     |     |     |     |

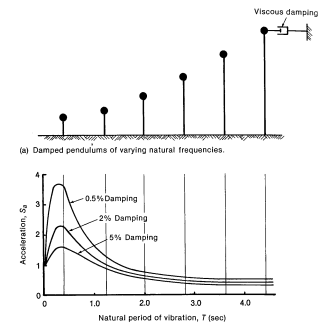
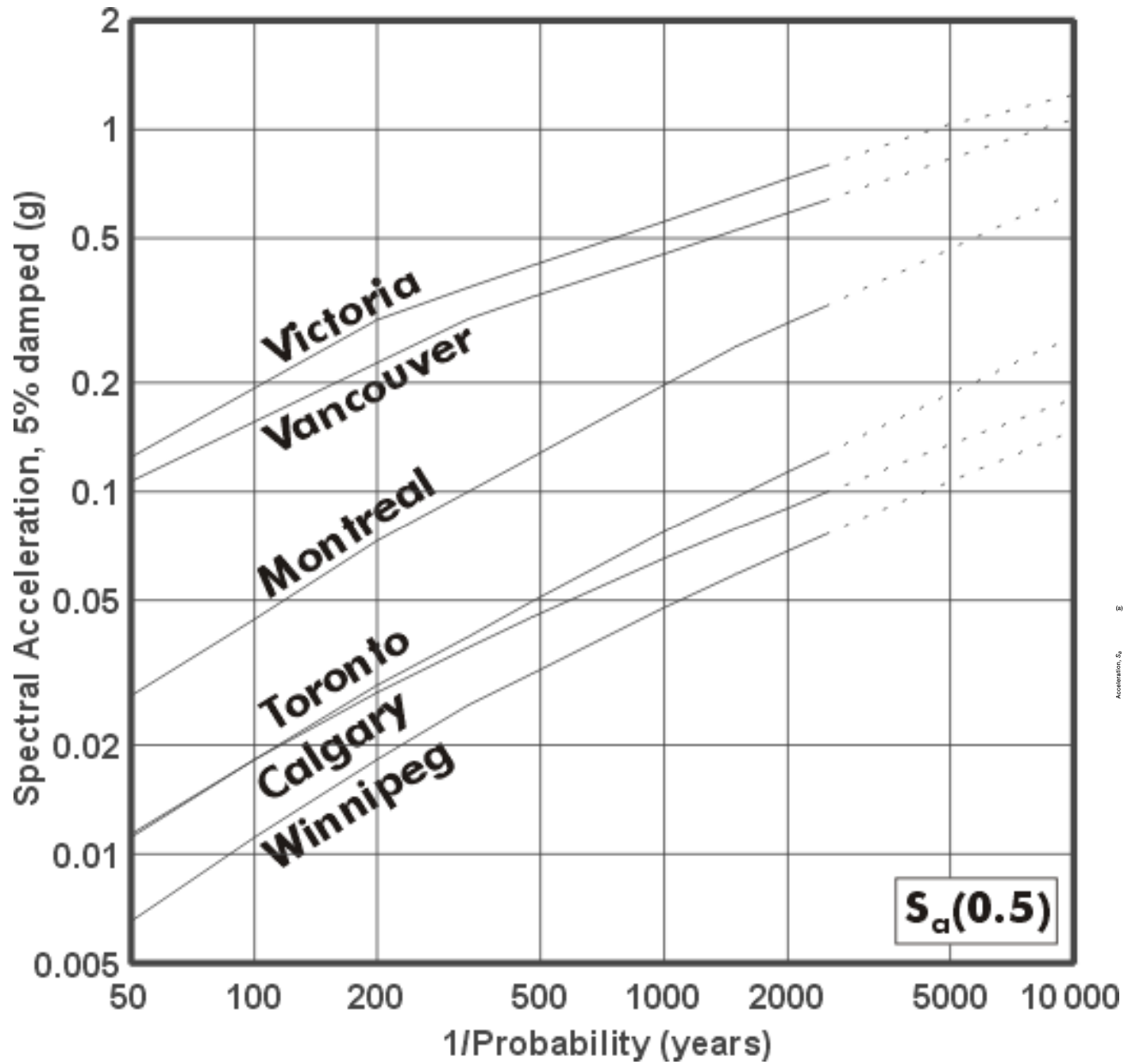
per mil (1/1000) contributions

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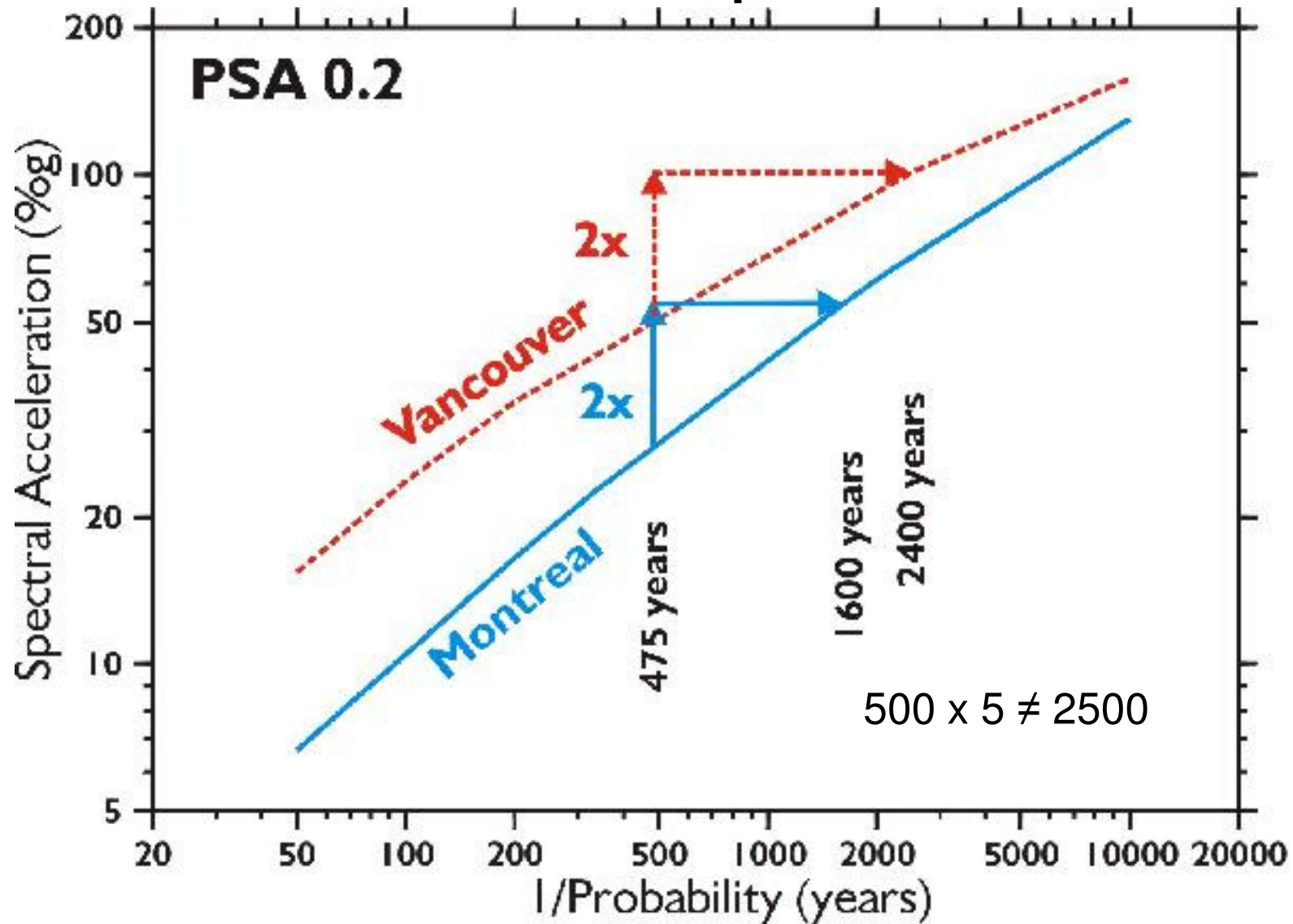
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# New probability level will lead to more uniform protection



# Uniform Hazard Spectrum

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- **Seismic hazard at a lower probability of exceedance, nearer probability of failure**
- **Maximum considered earthquake ground motion**
- **2% in 50 year probability of exceedance (2500 year return period)**
- **New seismic hazard maps**

# General Requirements NBCC 2005

## Seismic Structural Design

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- Design for clearly defined load paths
- Must have a clearly defined Seismic Force Resisting System (SFRS)
- Stiff elements not part of SFRS to be separated from structural components or made part of SFRS and accounted for in analysis

# Base Shear NBCC 1995 vs 2005

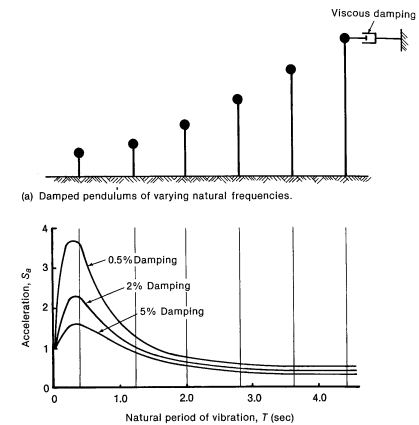
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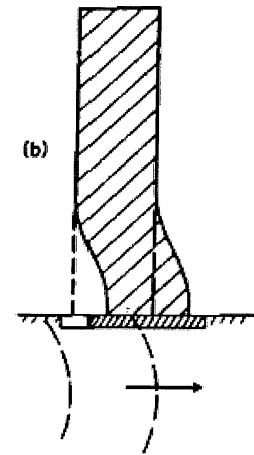
# $R_o$ (Overstrength) Factor 1.3-1.7

$$V = \frac{S (T_a) M_v I_E}{R_d R_o} W$$

$$V = \frac{V_e}{R_d R_o} W$$

$R_d$  = Ductility 1.5  $\rightarrow$  4.0

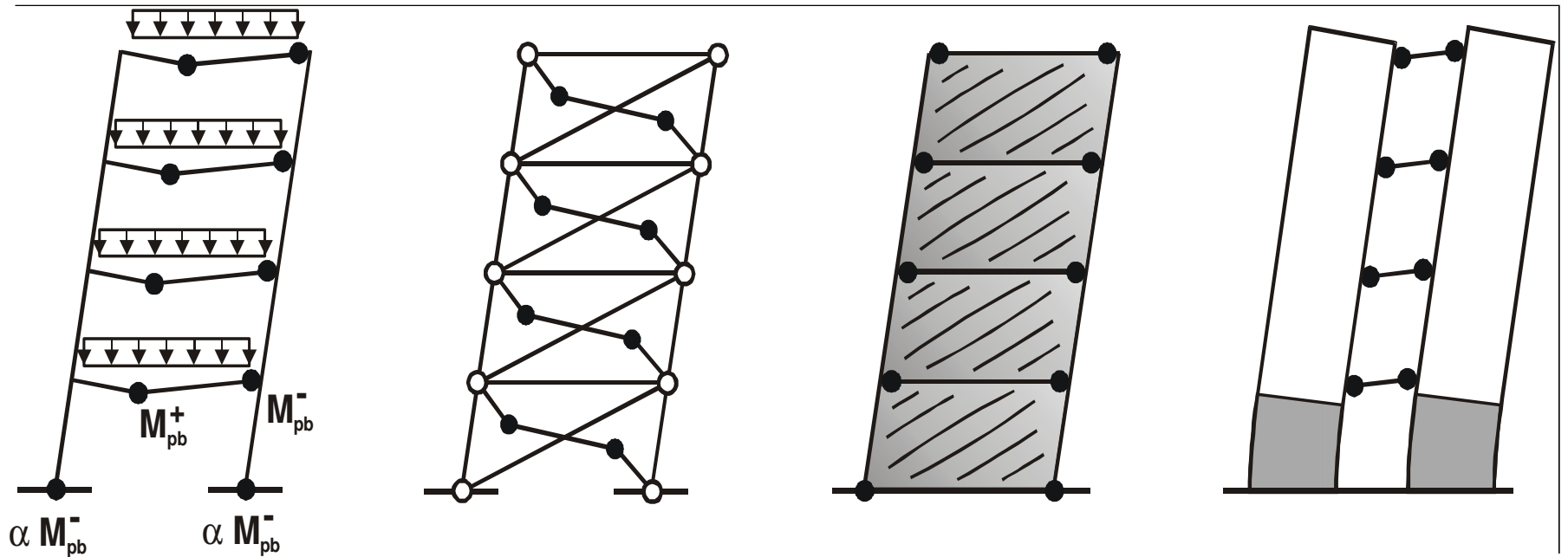
$R_o$  =  $R_{size} R_{\phi} R_{yield} R_{sh} R_{mech}$



# $R_o$ (Overstrength) Factor

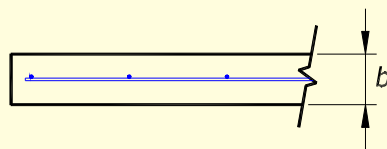
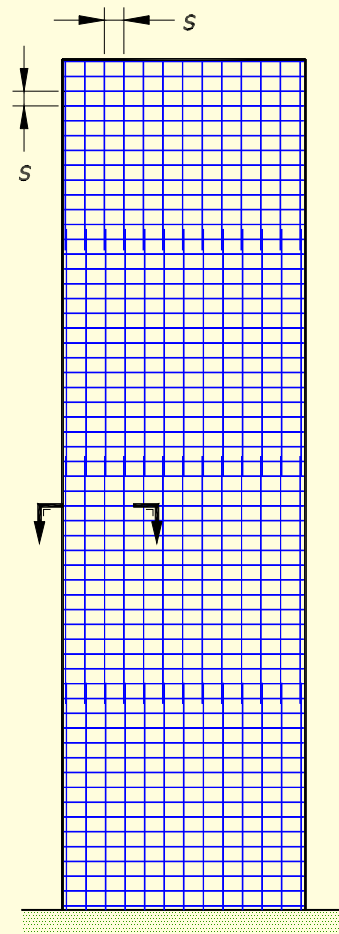
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$R_o$  depends on the system :1.3 – 1.7



$R_d = 1.5 - 4.0$

(a)  $R_d = 1.5$



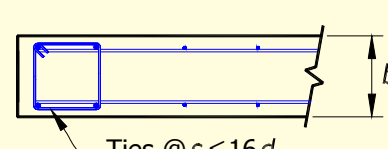
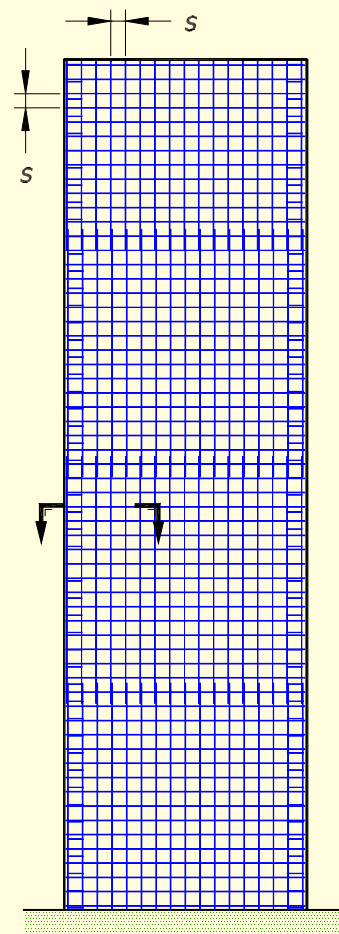
$$\rho_h \geq 0.0020$$

$$\rho_v \geq 0.0015$$

$$s_{max} \leq 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$\leq 3b$$

(b)  $R_d = 2.0$



Ties @  $s \leq 16d_{bl}$   
 $\leq 48d_{bh}$   
 $\leq b$

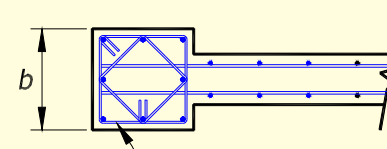
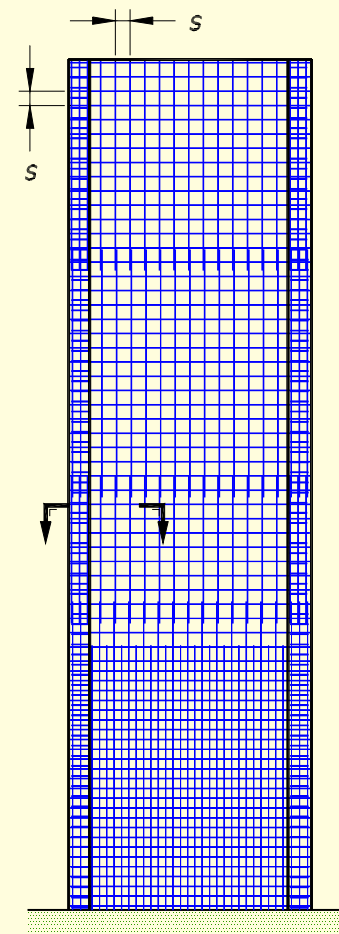
$$\rho_h \geq 0.0025$$

$$\rho_v \geq 0.0025$$

$$s_{max} \leq 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$\leq 3b$$

(c)  $R_d = 3.5$



Hoops @  $s \leq 6d_{bl}$   
 $\leq 24d_{bh}$   
 $\leq b/2$

$$\rho_h \geq 0.0025$$

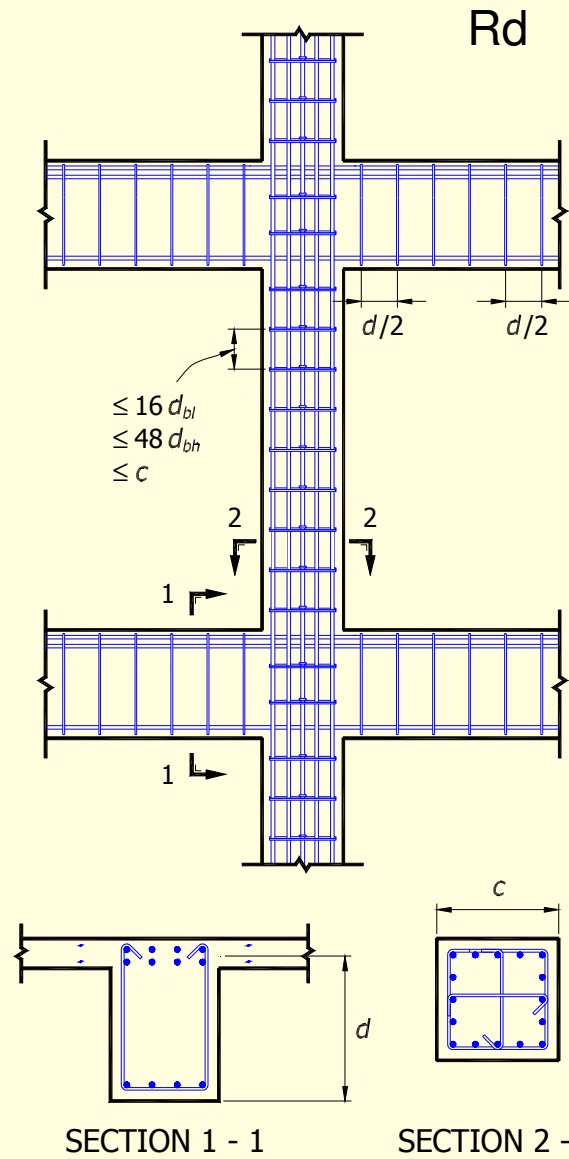
$$\rho_v \geq 0.0025$$

$$s_{max} \leq 450 \text{ mm}$$

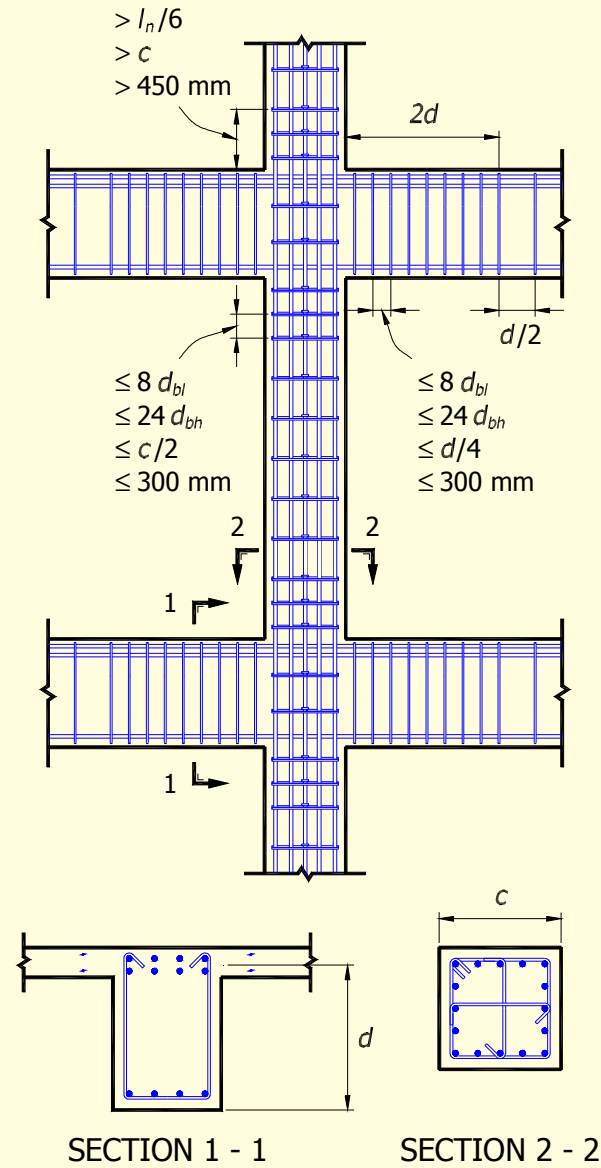
$$s_{max} \leq 300 \text{ mm (plastic hinge)}$$



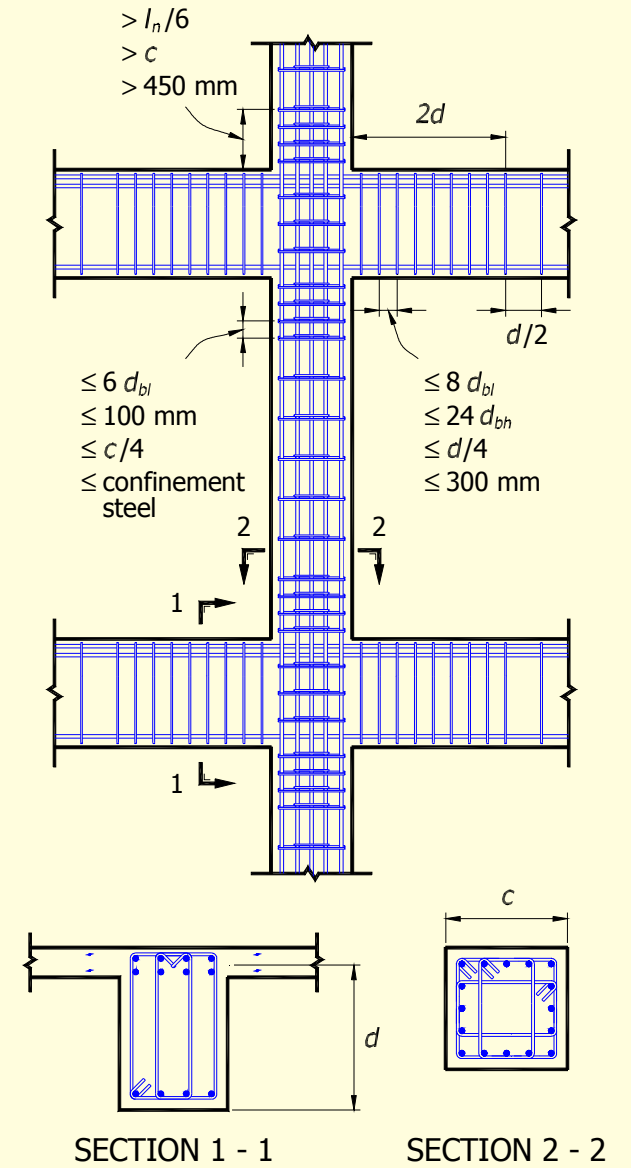
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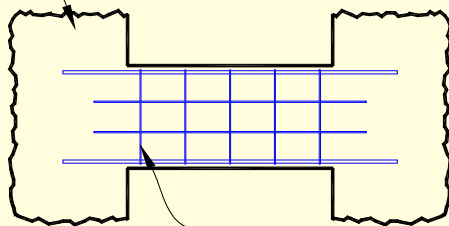
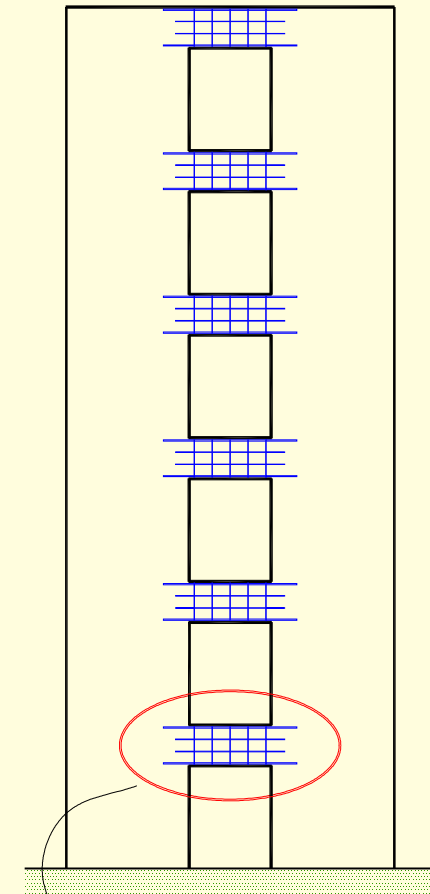
(b)  $R_d = 2.5$



(c)  $R_d = 4.0$

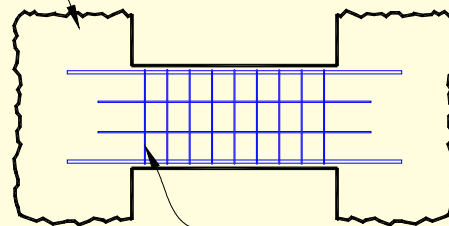
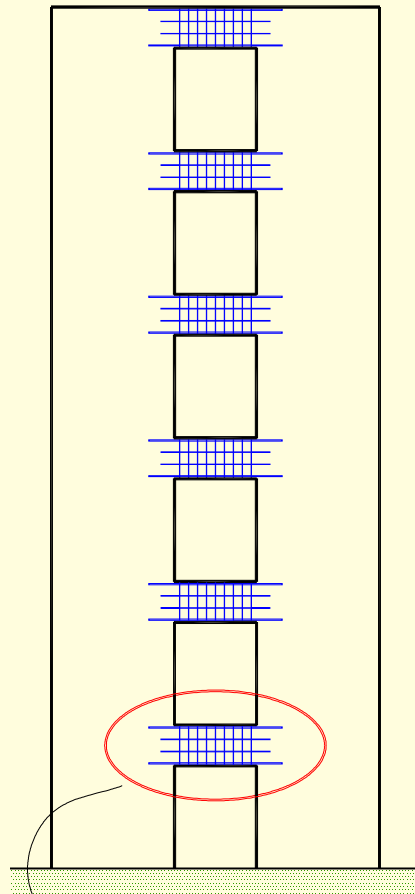


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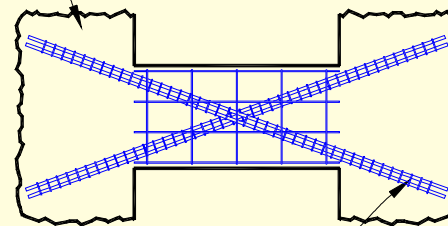
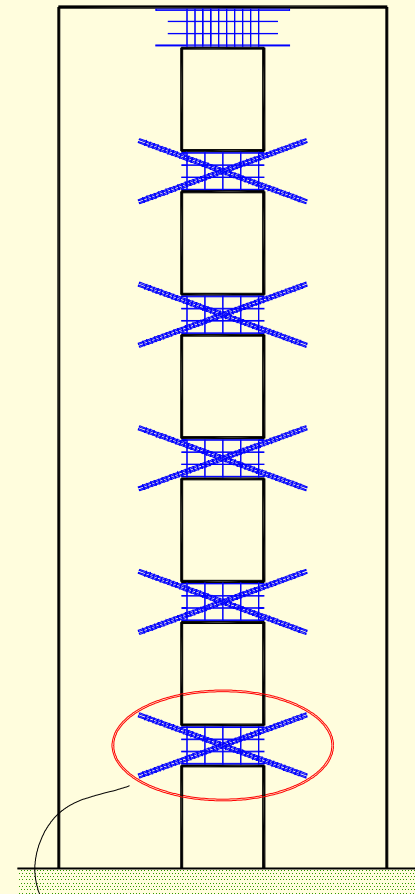
Beams  
stirrups  
@  $s \leq d/2$

(b)  $R_d = 2.0$



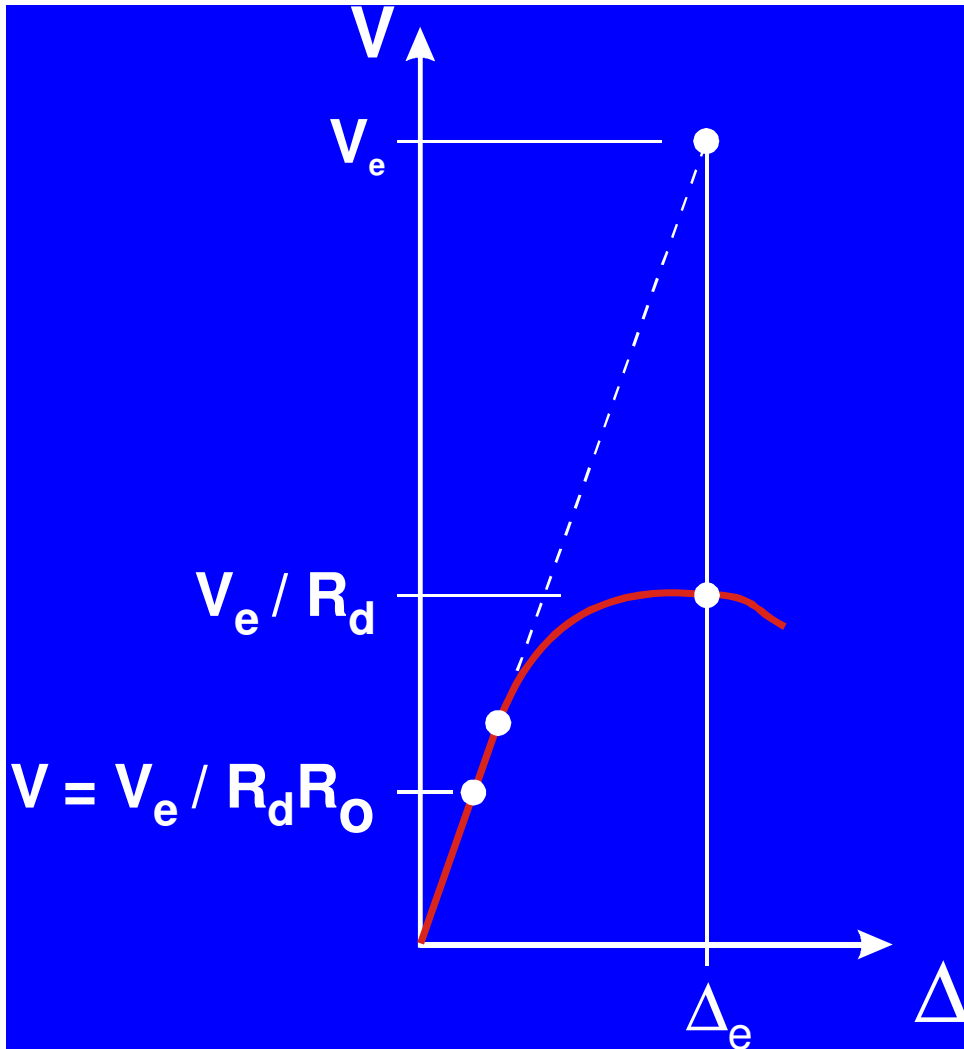
Beams  
stirrups  
@  $s \leq 8 d_{bl}$   
 $\leq 24 d_{bh}$   
 $\leq d/4$   
 $\leq 300 \text{ mm}$

(c)  $R_d = 3.5, 4.0$



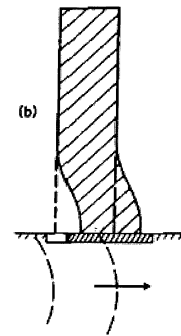
Diagonal  
bars hoops  
@  $s \leq 6 d_{bl}$   
 $\leq 24 d_{bh}$   
 $\leq 100 \text{ mm}$

# R Factors

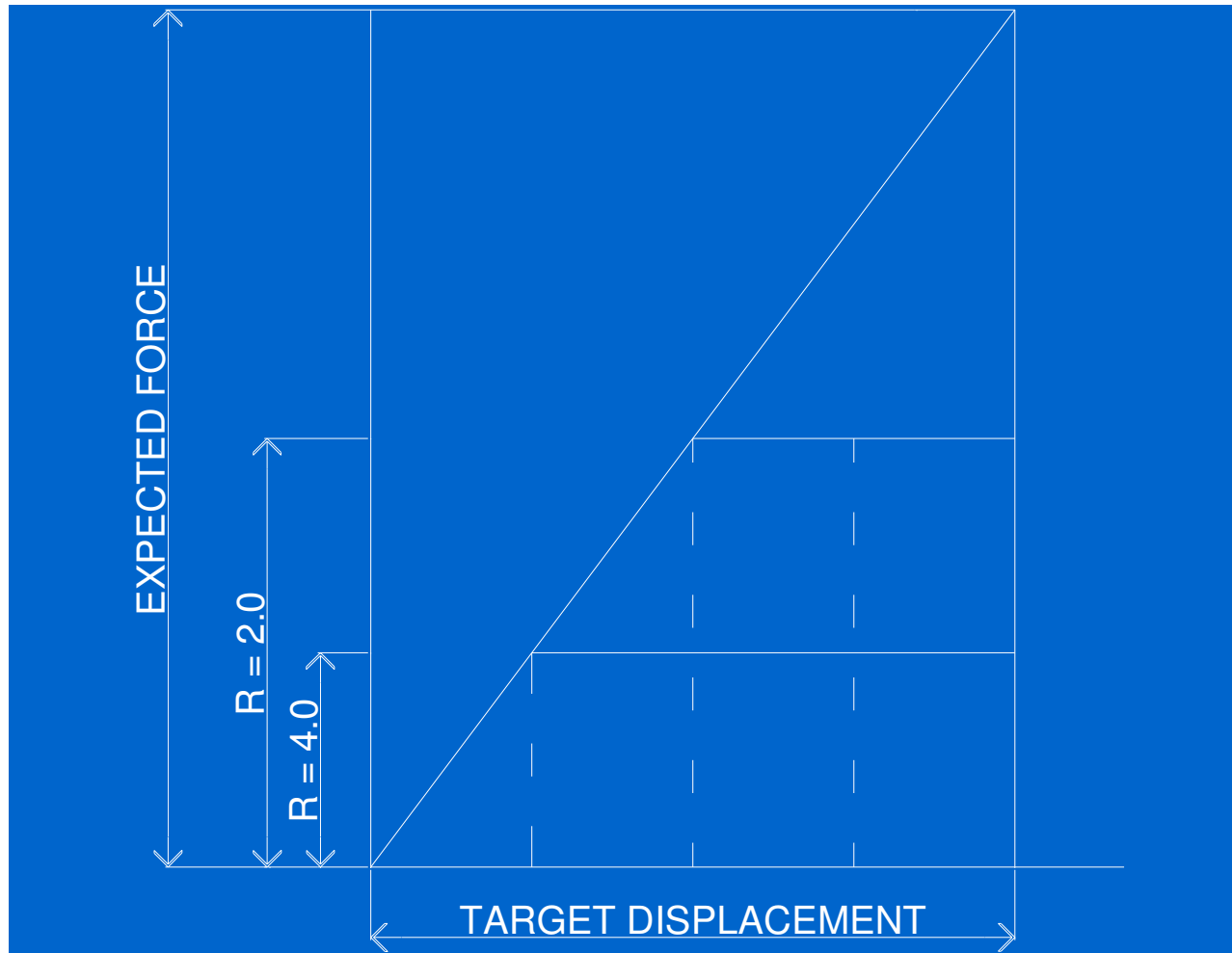


1995: 
$$V = \frac{V_e}{R} U$$

2005: 
$$V = \frac{V_e}{R_d R_o}$$



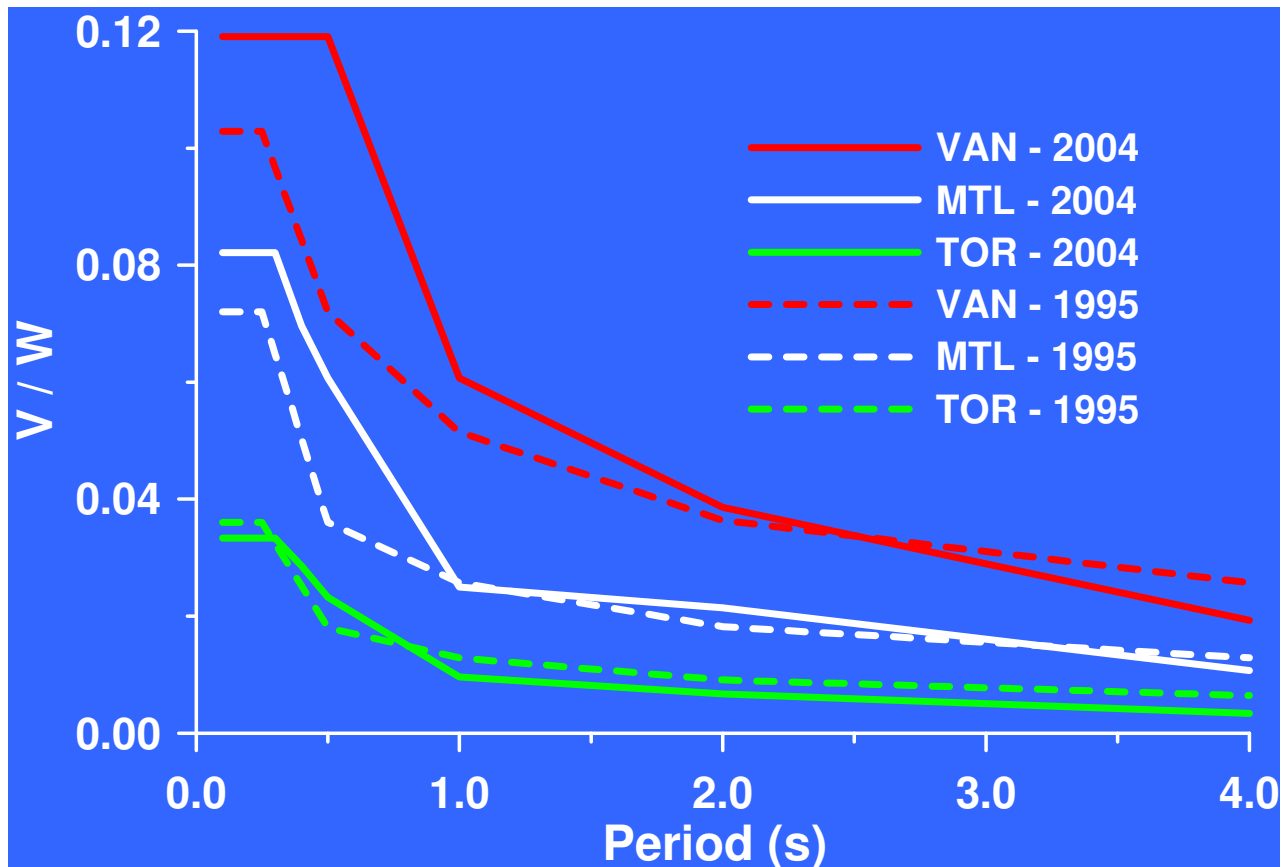
# Effect of R values



# Base shear comparison

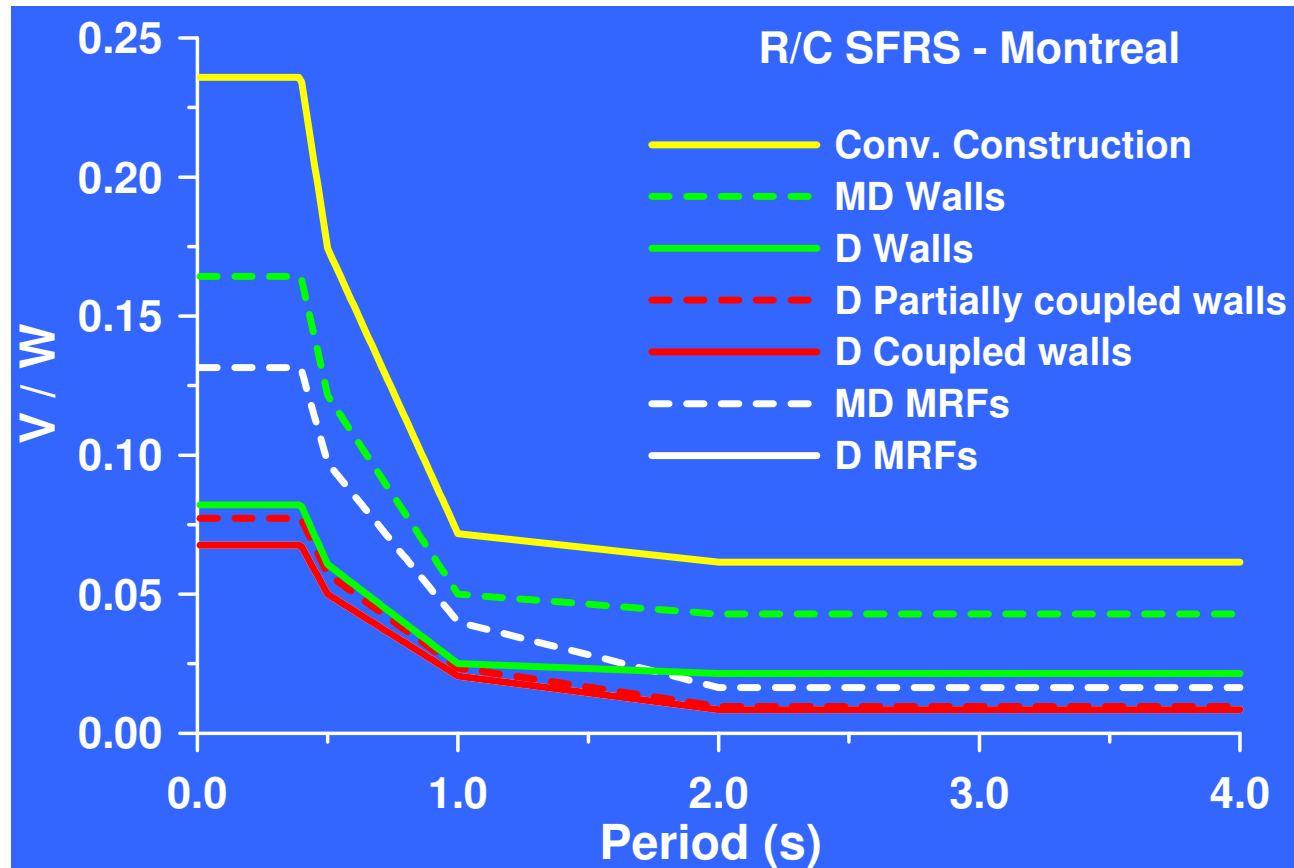
R/C Ductile shear walls,  $R_d = 3.5$

Soil Class C



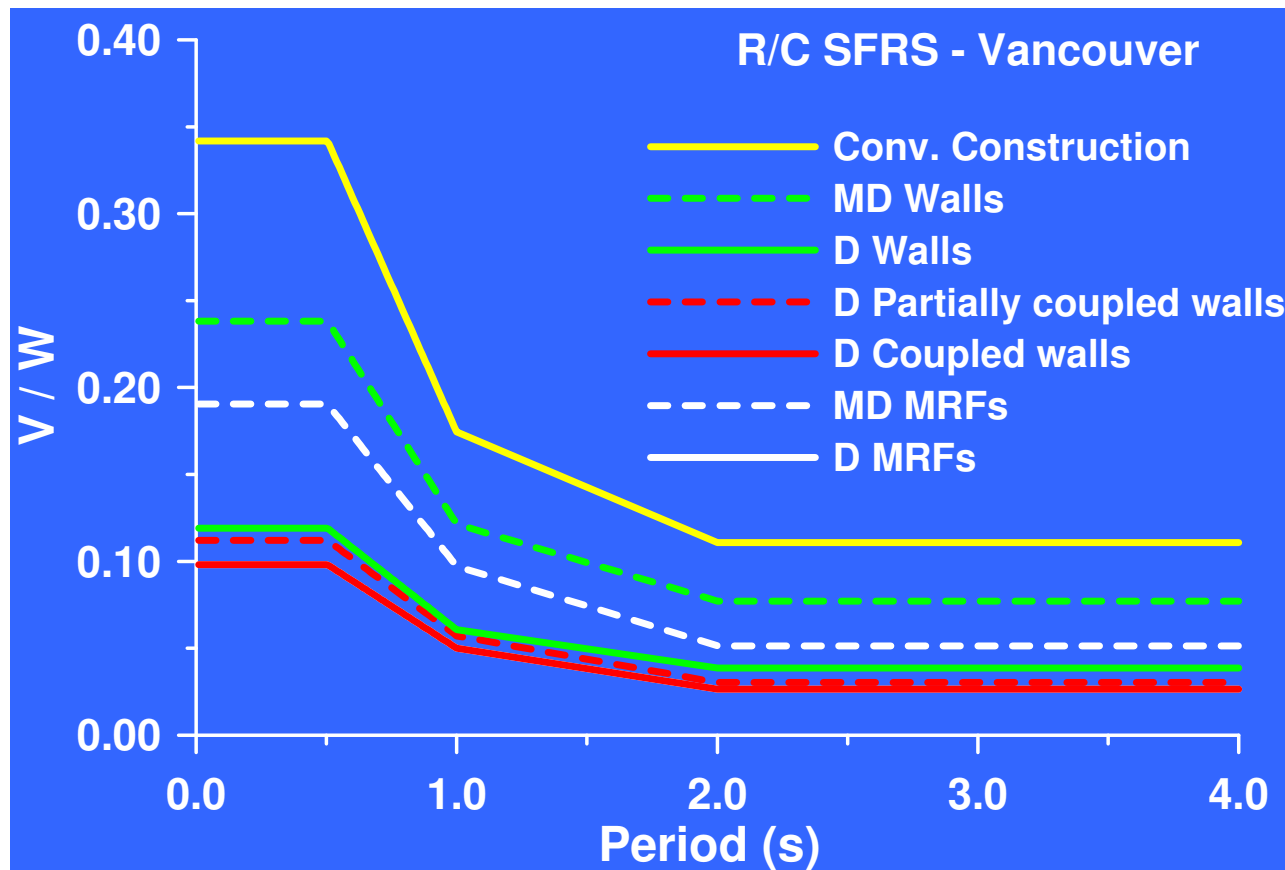
# Influence of $R_d R_o$ (R/C SFRS)

Montreal, Soil Class C



# Influence of $R_d R_o$ (R/C SFRS)

Vancouver, Soil Class C



## 2005 NBCC Seismic Analysis

- Better consideration of irregularities
- Requires more dynamic analysis
- Better consideration of torsional sensitivity
- Lateral storey drift limit increased: 2% -> 2.5%. Relates to structural damage.
- Post-disaster buildings shall not have any irregularity



# **Types of structural irregularities**

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- 1 Vertical stiffness irregularity**
- 2 Weight (mass) irregularity**
- 3 Vertical geometric irregularity**
- 4 In-plane discontinuity**
- 5 Out-of-plane offsets**
- 6 Discontinuity in capacity (weak storey)**
- 7 Torsional sensitivity**
- 8 Non-orthogonal systems**

# Irregularity trigger

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When:

$$I_E \cdot F_a \cdot S_{a(0.2)} > 0.35$$

+ any one of the 8 irregularity types,

the building is considered as *irregular*

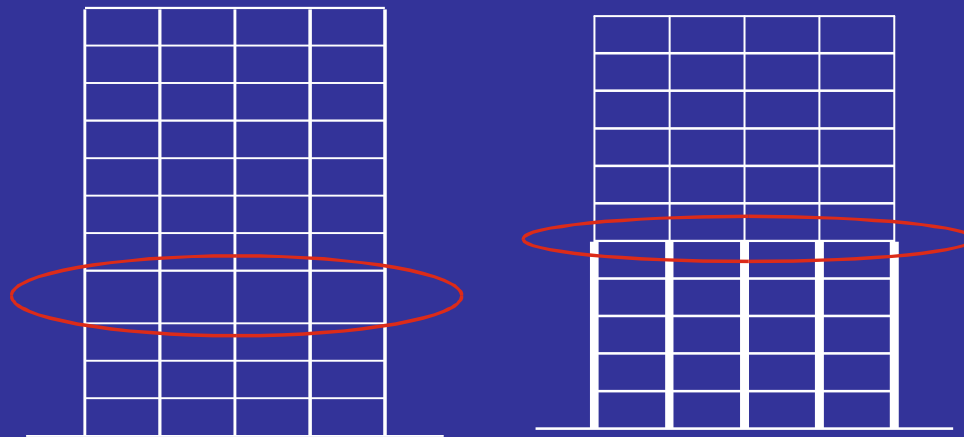
# Types of Irregularities

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## 1 Vertical Stiffness

lateral stiffness of the *SFRS* in a storey:

- < 70% of that in any adjacent storey, or
- < 80% of the average stiffness of the 3 storeys above or below.



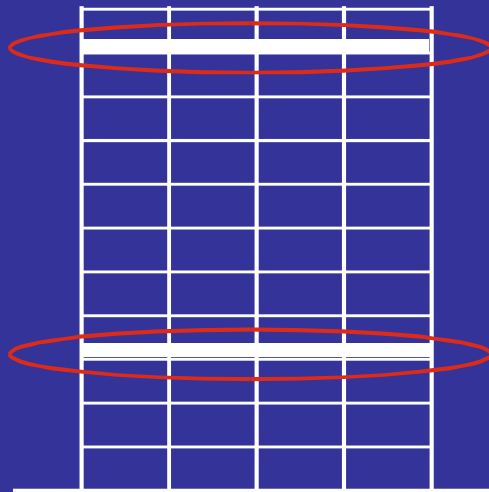
# Types of Irregularities

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## 2 Weight (Mass)

weight of a storey  $>$  150% of weight of an adjacent storey.

(a roof lighter than a floor below is excluded)



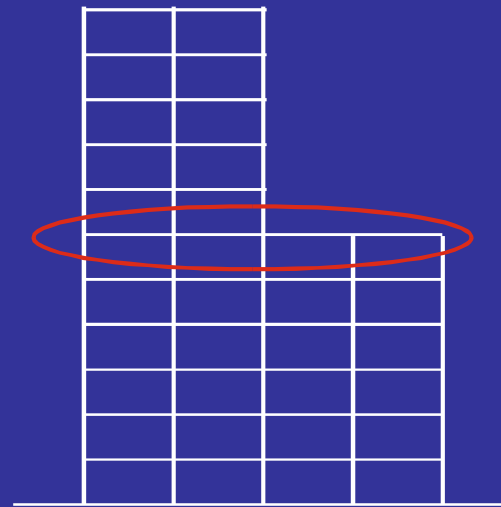
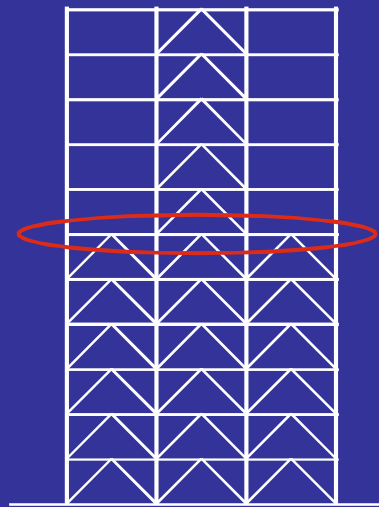
# Types of Irregularities

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## 3 Vertical Geometric

horizontal dimension of the *SFRS* in a storey  $>$  130% of that in any adjacent storey.

(one-storey penthouse excluded)

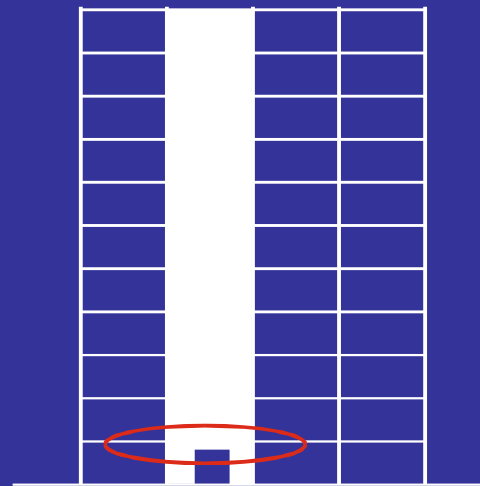
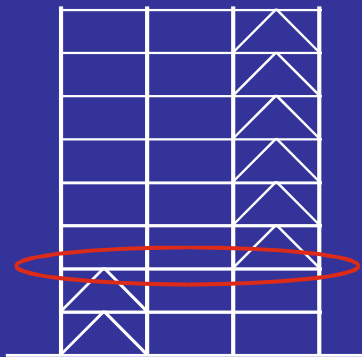


# Types of Irregularities

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## 4 In-Plane Discontinuity

- in-plane offset of an element of the SFRS,  
or
- reduction in lateral stiffness of an element in  
the storey below.



# Types of Irregularities

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## 5 Out-of-Plane Offsets

discontinuity of lateral force path  
e.g., out-of-plane offsets  
of the elements of the *SFRS*.



Bottom Floors



Top Floors

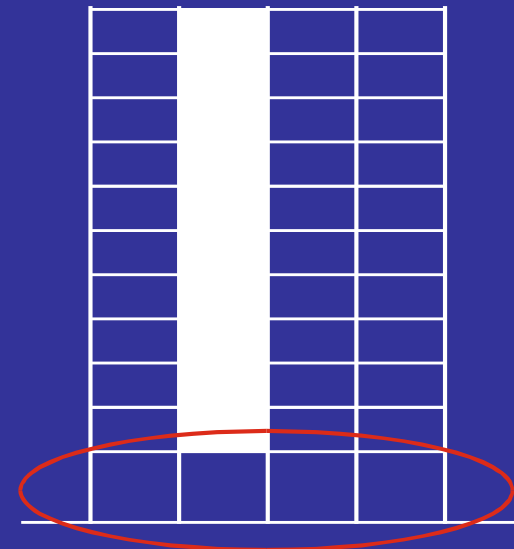
# Types of Irregularities

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## 6 Discontinuity in Capacity - Weak Storey

storey shear strength less than that in the storey above.

*(Storey shear strength = total of all elements of the SFRS in the direction considered)*





# Types of Irregularities

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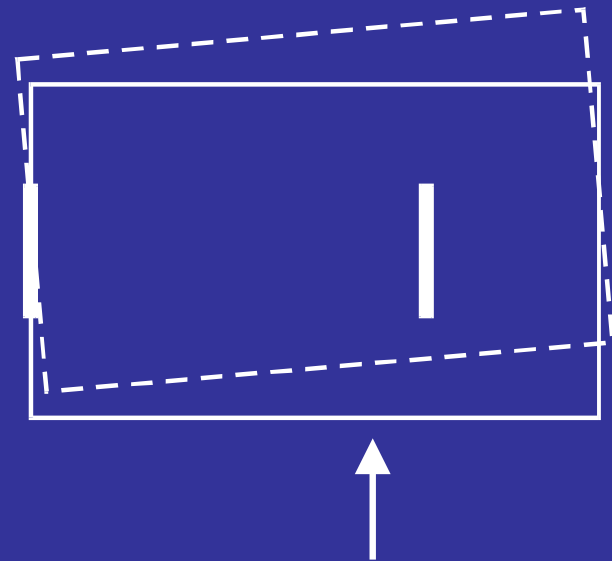
## 7 Torsional sensitivity

if the ratio  $B > 1.7$ .

$$B = \delta_{\max} / \delta_{\text{avg}}$$

$\delta$  calculated for static loads applied at  $\pm 0.10 D_n$

Plan

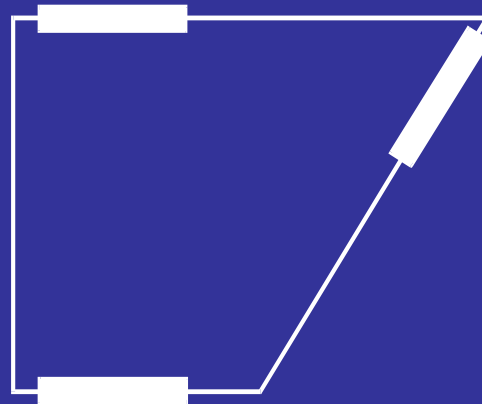


# Types of Irregularities

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## 8 Non-orthogonal systems

*SFRS* not oriented along a set of orthogonal axes.



**Plan**

# Seismic Importance Factor

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Importance

Category

$I_E$

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Low

0.8

Normal

1.0

High

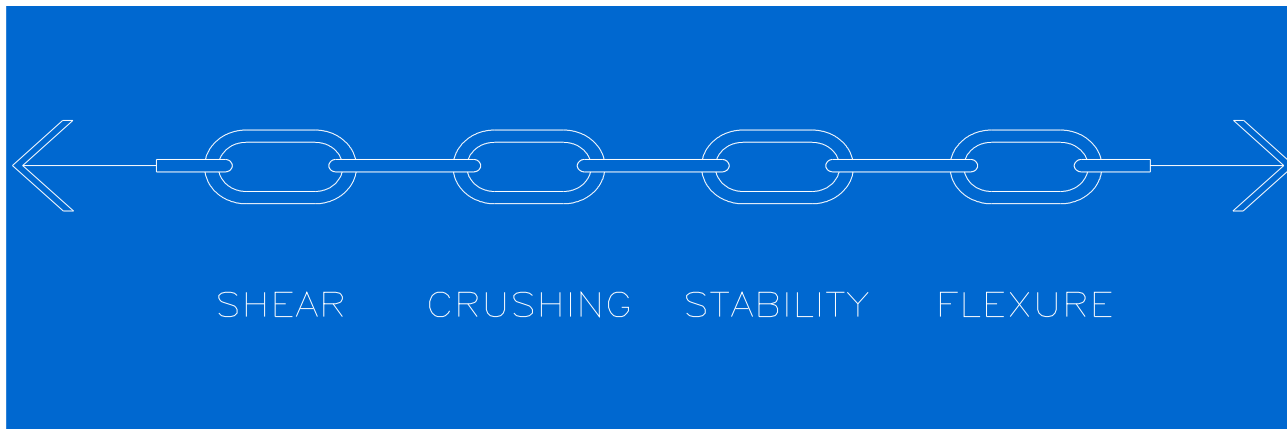
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Post Disaster

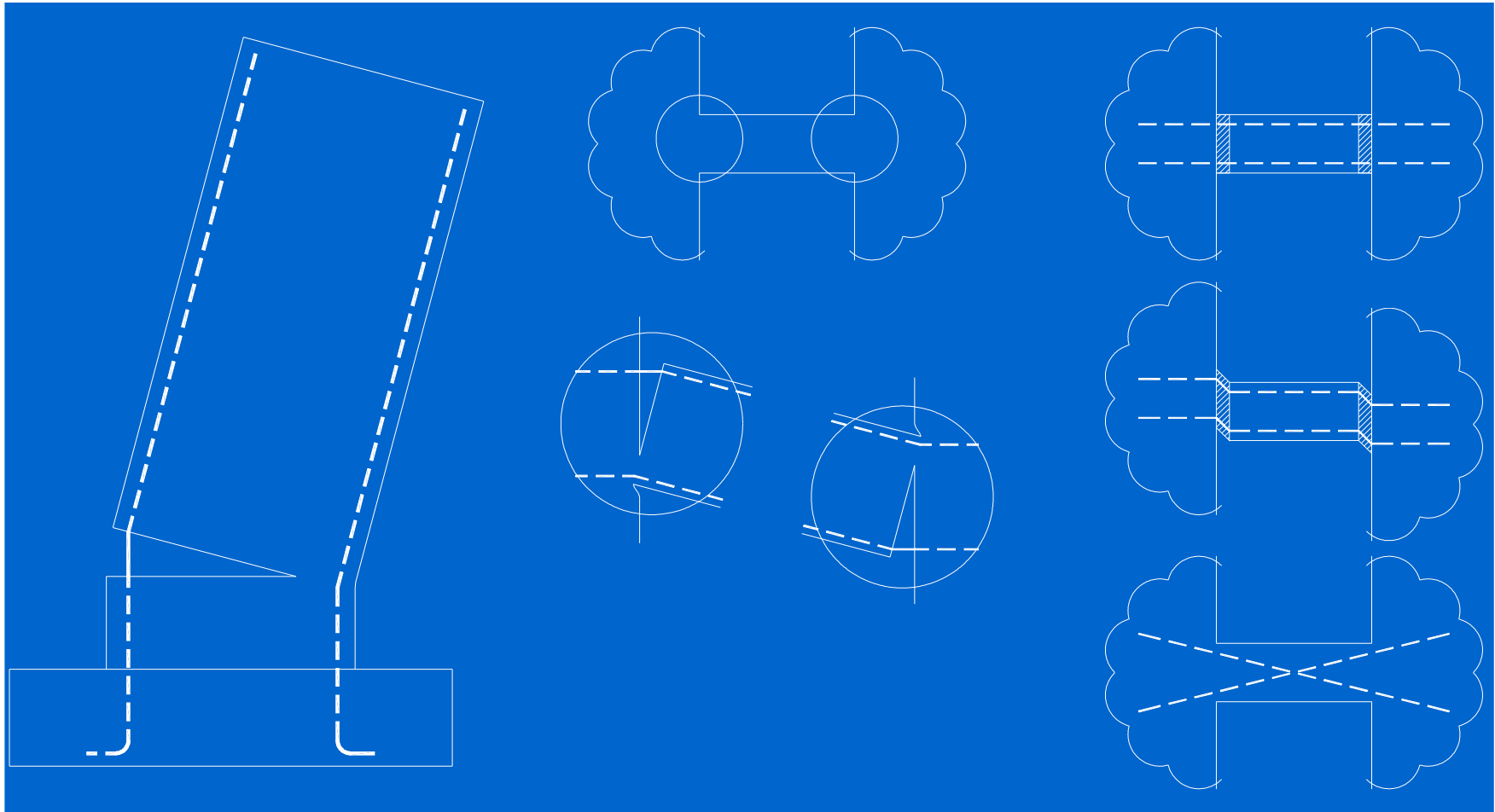
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# Modern Design Codes

- SEAOC 1988/NBC 1990
- CSA A23.3 1984 Canadian Concrete Design Code
  - Introduced “Capacity Design”



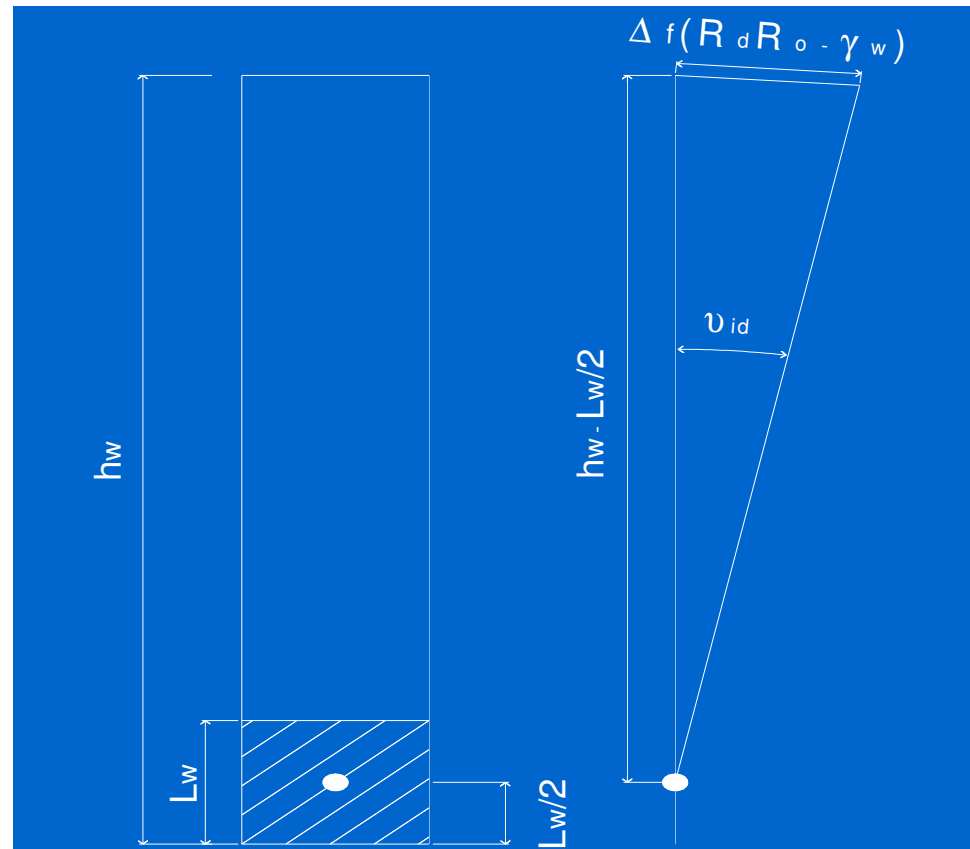
# Concrete Plastic Hinges



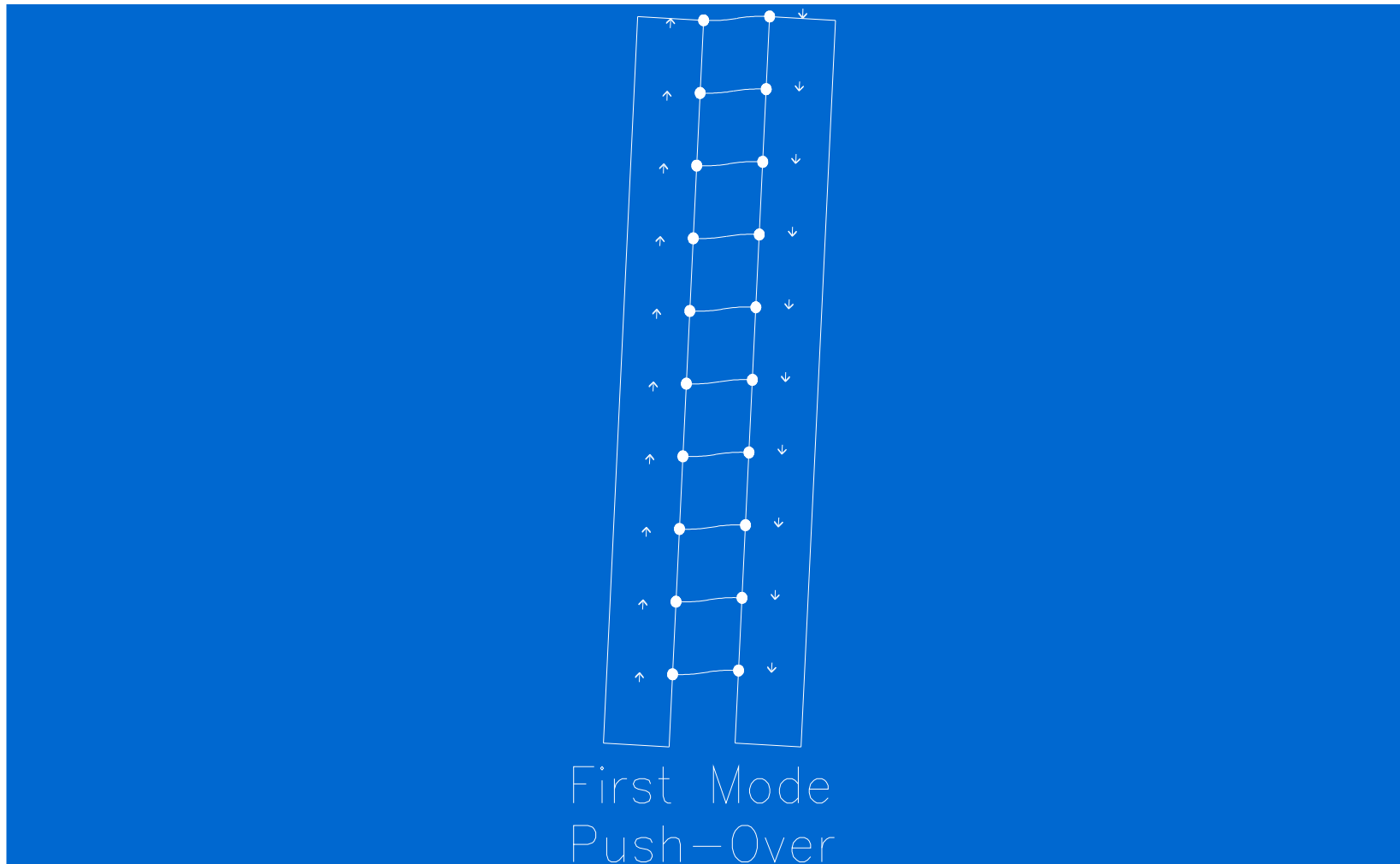
# Overview of Clause 21 Changes

- Introduced a “ductility” limit state for plastic hinges in walls and coupling beams
- Rotational capacity  $\geq$  Rotational demand

$$\theta_{ic} \geq \theta_{id}$$



# Plastic Hinges to Absorb Energy

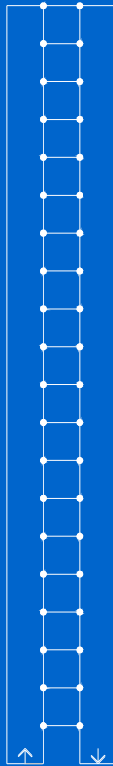


# NBCC Concrete Ductile Systems



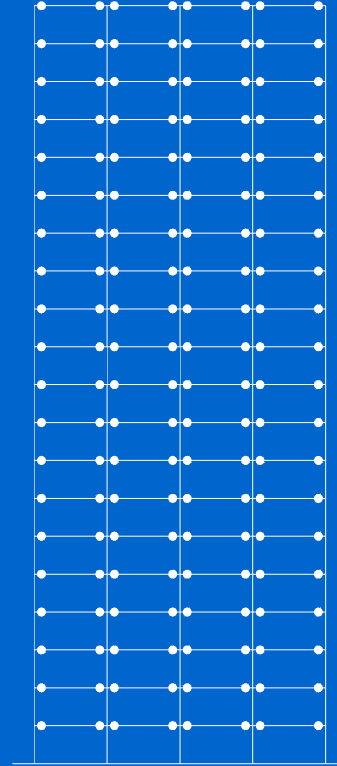
SINGLE WALL

Rd = 2.0  
Rd = 3.5



COUPLED WALL

Rd = 4.0  
Rd = 3.5

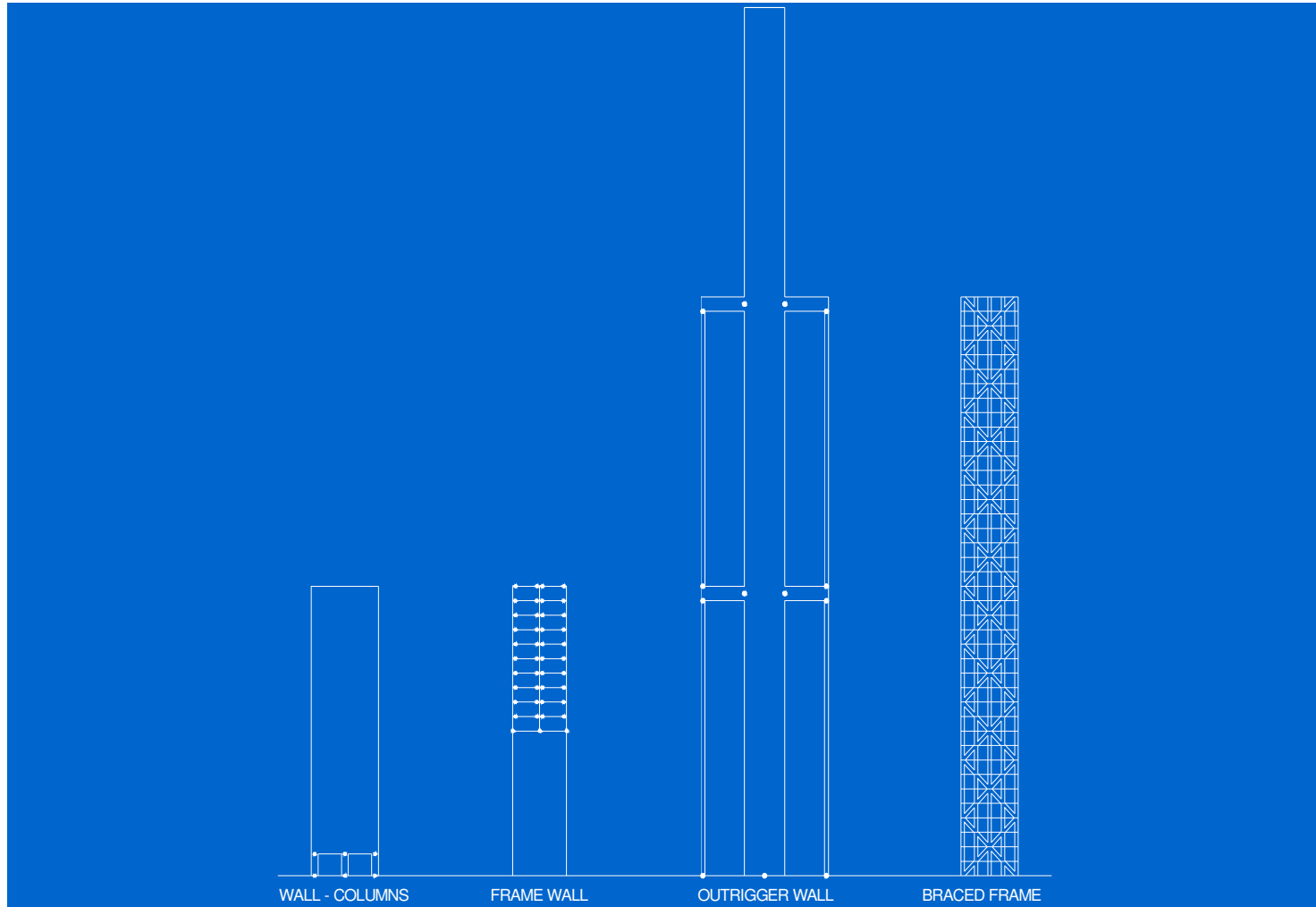


MOMENT FRAME

Rd = 2.5  
Rd = 4.0



# Un-Classified Systems



# Earthquake Design Factor of Safety

- “Earthquake” Factored Load Design
  - Factored Load  $\approx 0.15$  to  $0.5 \times$  Expected Load
  - Factored Bending Resistance  $\approx 0.17$  to  $0.6 \times$  Expected Load
  - “Factor of Safety”  $\approx 0.17$  to  $0.6$

# Philosophical Underpinning

- Earthquakes are rare events, the design event has a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years. That is, in an assumed 50 year building life, there is a 98% chance that the building will not experience an earthquake of this magnitude in its design life.
- Therefore design only for life safety, not asset protection, the building may be irreparable but no one dies.

## 2005 NBCC – Objective Based Format

- Part 1 – Objectives of the Code
- Part 2 – Prescriptive Solutions to Objectives
- **1995**
- *Firewalls with a fire rating of 2 hrs or less shall be constructed of concrete or masonry.*
- **2005**
- *Firewalls with a fire rating of 2 hrs or less not explicitly required to be masonry or concrete.*

# Further Information

## **Commentary J - NBCC 2005**

**Canadian J. of Civil Engineering, April 2003:**

- *overview and background of changes*
- *seismic hazard maps*
- **ground amplification factors**
- **equivalent static load method**
- **force modification factors**
- **torsion**
- **dynamic analysis**
- **foundation rocking**
- **non-structural components**

**Thank You**