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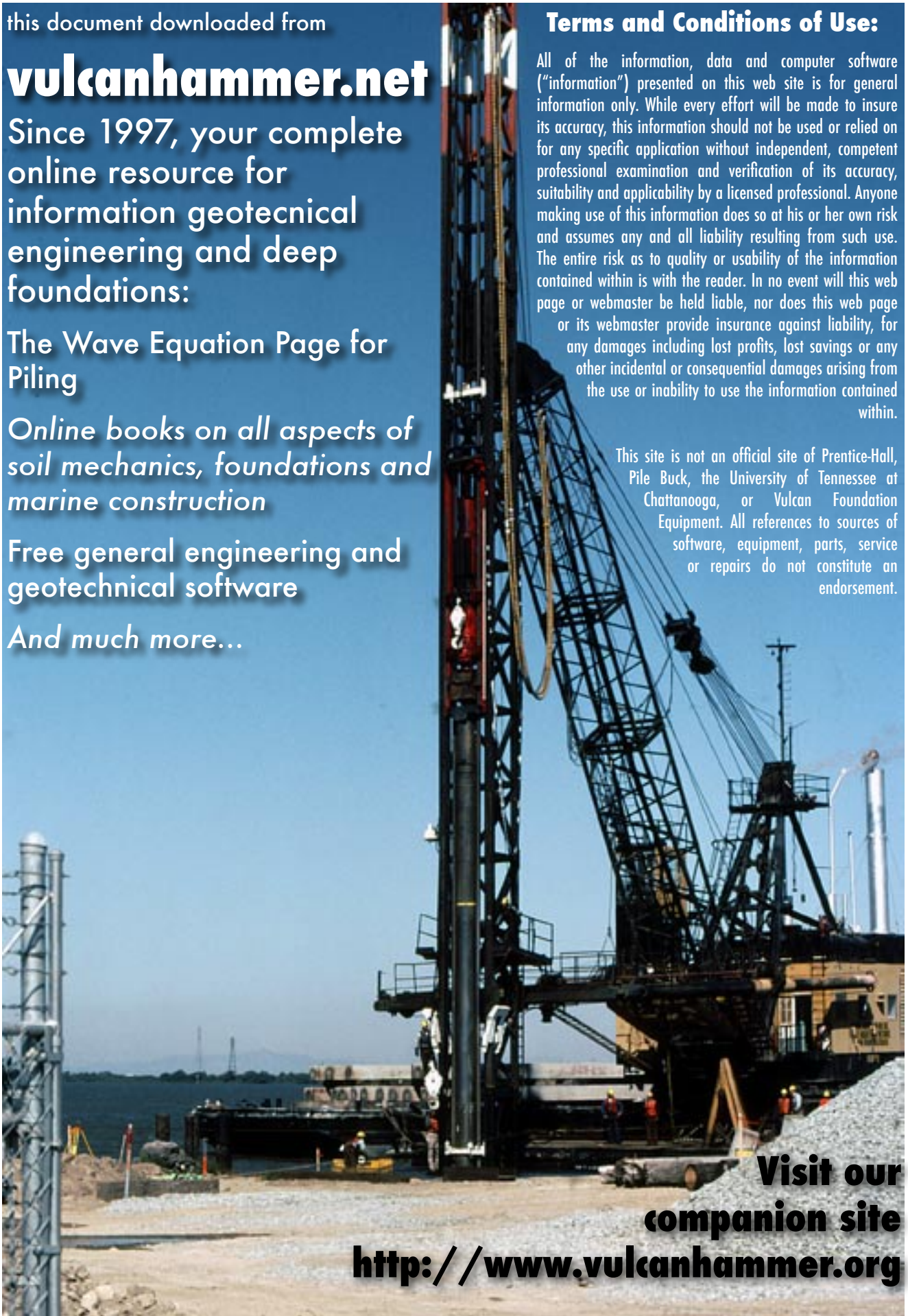
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# ENCE 461 Foundation Analysis and Design

LRFD Methods

# Solving the “Factor of Ignorance” via Probability

- It should be remembered, however, that these are not true factors of safety, but include a "factor of ignorance." The author suggests that when the ultimate resistance of any pile has been determined, in fixing the factor of safety...the most unfavorable conditions possible in the supporting strata should be judged (the range of conditions possible being narrowed with better knowledge of the subsurface conditions and of the possibility of disturbance from extraneous sources) and a proportion of the factor of safety -- a "factor of ignorance" -- then allowed in respect to these possible conditions, the manner of determining the ultimate load, and the type of loading to be borne. The remaining proportion of the factor of safety -- or true margin of safety -- should be approximately constant for all classes of loading and foundation conditions involving the same value of loss in case of failure; and the overall factor of safety...will then be equal to the product of the true factor of safety with the "factor of ignorance." (David Victor Isaacs, 1931)
- LRFD is an attempt to define that “factor of ignorance” based on probabilistic considerations
- Main source for lecture: FHWA HI-98-032, “Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) for Highway Bridge Substructures”

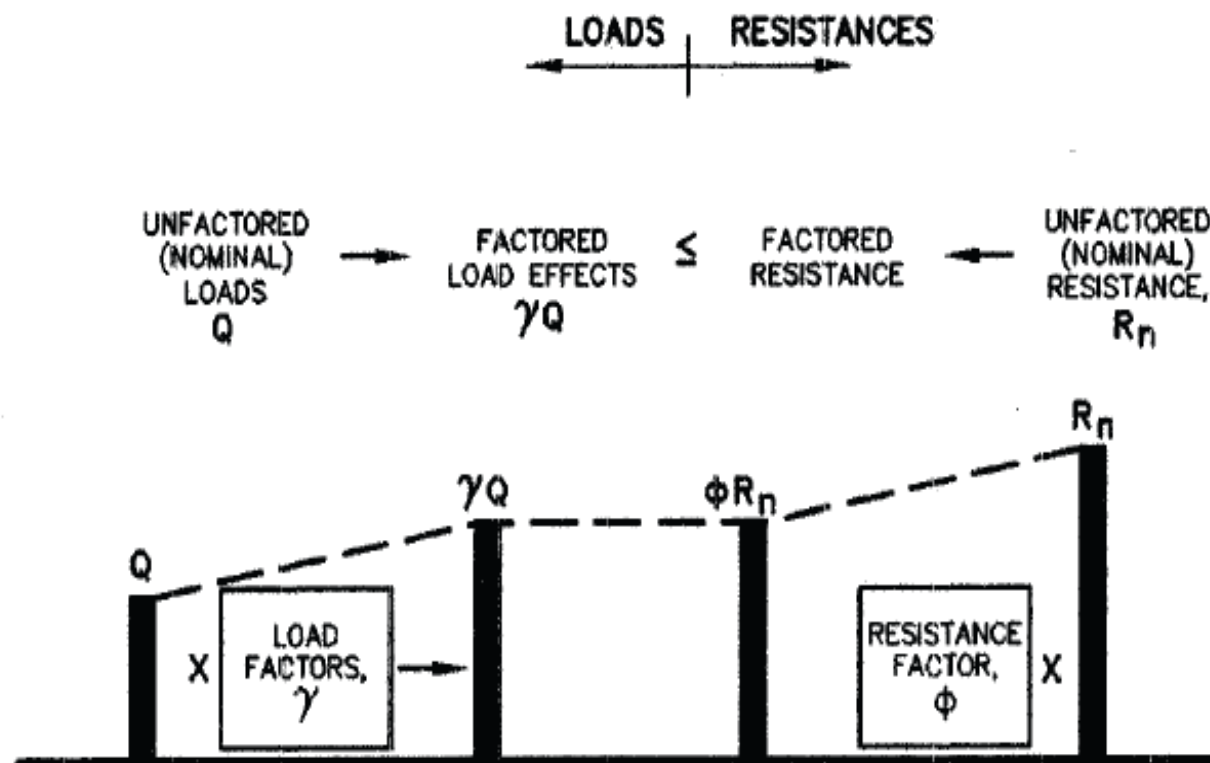
# From ASD to LRFD

- History
  - Until early 1970's all civil engineering design was done using ASD
  - Transition for superstructures was complete by mid-1990's
  - Transition to LRFD for substructures began around this time and has continued to the present
- Limitations of ASD
  - Does not adequately account for variability of loads and resistances. The FS is applied only to resistance. Loads are considered to be without variation (i.e., deterministic).
  - Does not embody a reasonable measure of strength, which is a more fundamental measure of resistance than is allowable stress.
  - Selection of a FS is subjective, and does not provide a measure of reliability in terms of probability of failure.

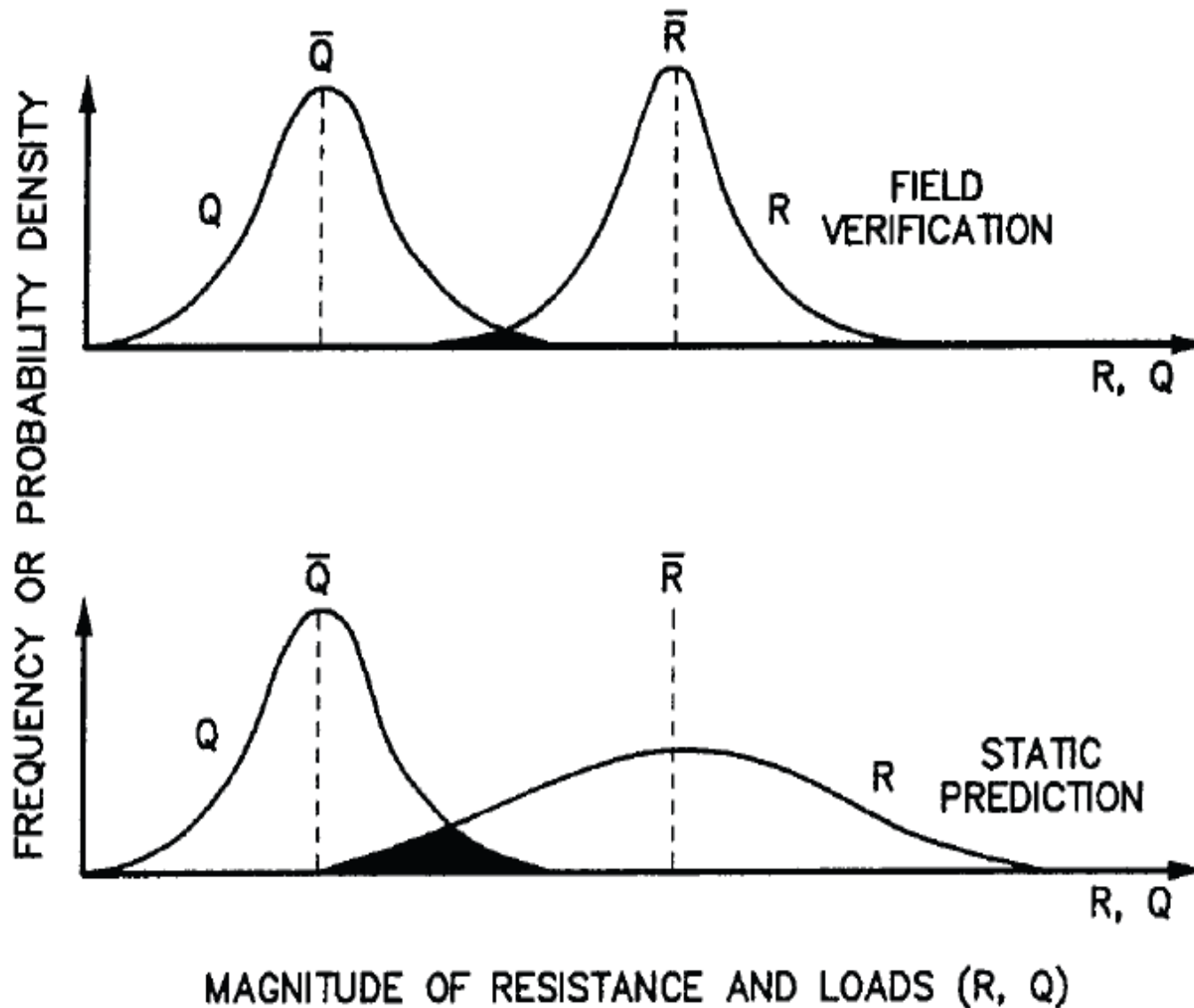
# LRFD Design Approach

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i Q_i \leq \phi R_n$$

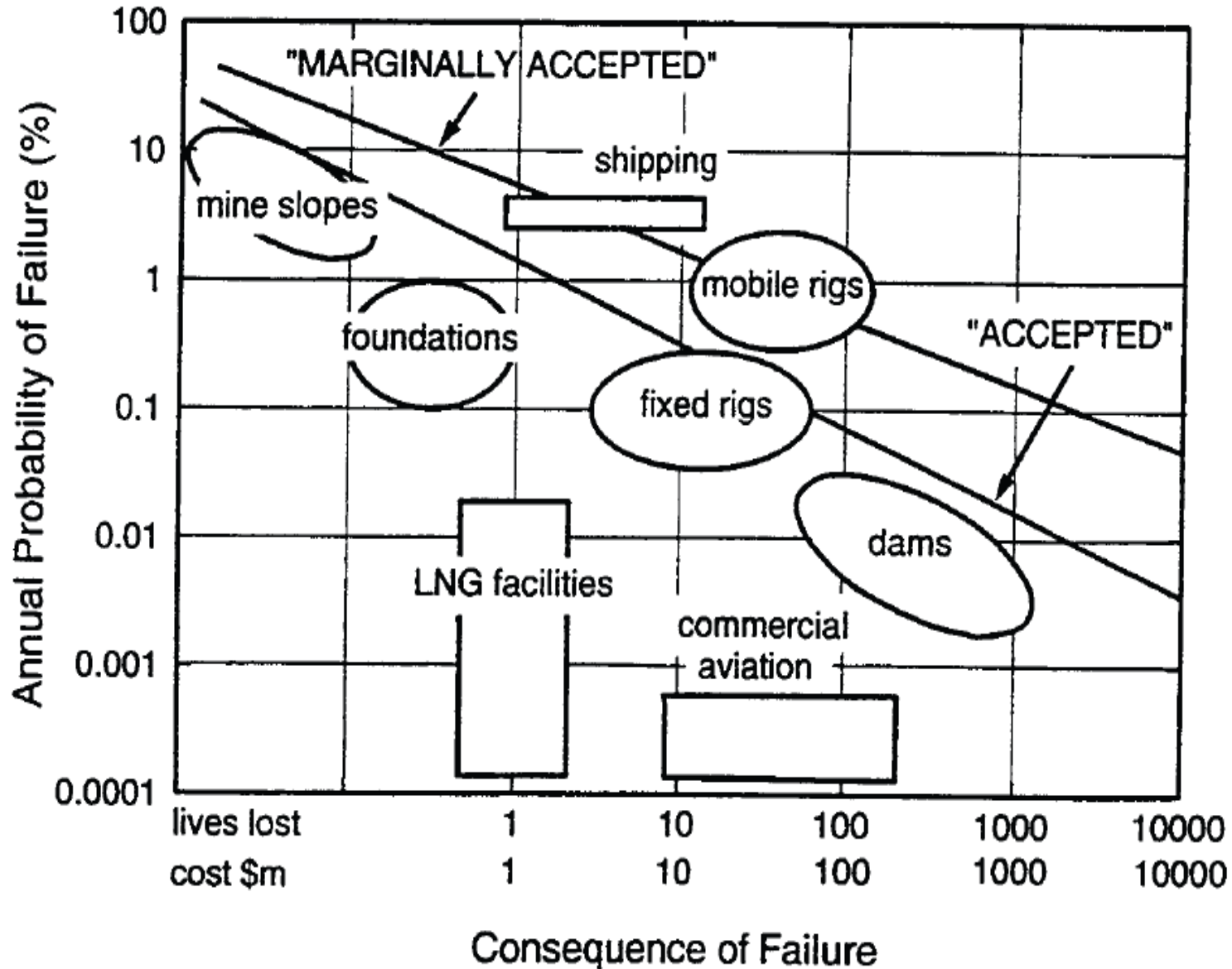
$\gamma_i > 1, \phi < 1$  (usually)



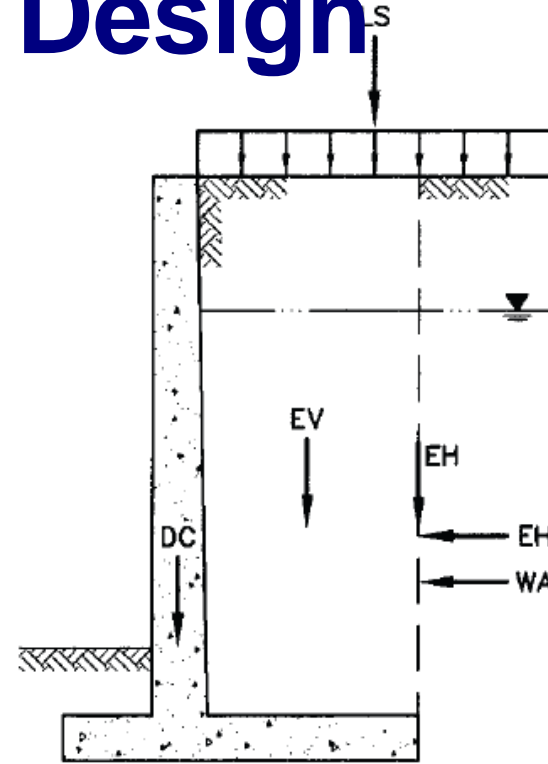
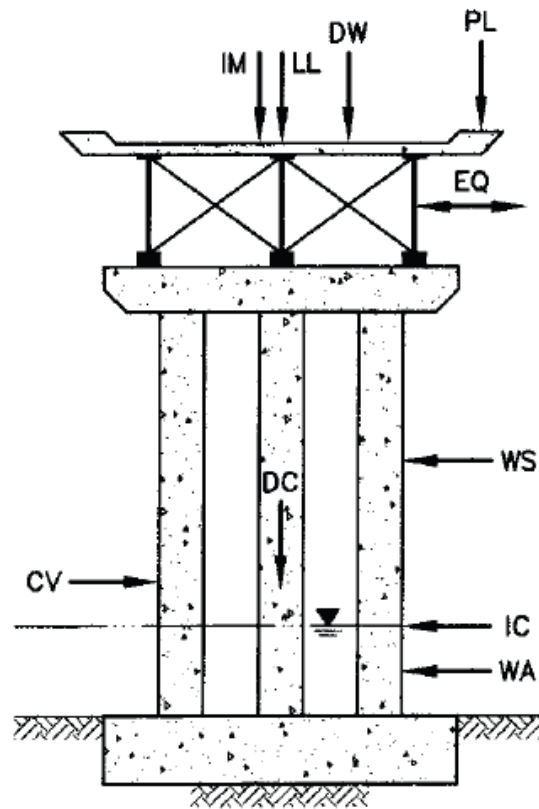
# Distribution of Load and Resistance



# Empirical Rates of Failure for Civil Works Facilities



# Loading for Substructure Design



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# Determination of Resistance Factors

- Calibration of Resistance Factors
  - Engineering judgment
  - Fitting to ASD
  - Reliability theory
  - A combination of approaches
- Selection of Resistance Factors
  - Variability of the soil and rock properties
  - Reliability of the equations used for predicting resistance
  - Quality of the construction workmanship
  - Extent of soil exploration
  - Consequence(s) of a failure

# Advantages of Challenges of LRFD

- Advantages

- Accounts separately for variability in load and resistance prediction
- Achieves more consistent levels of safety in structure and substructure design
- Does not require knowledge of probability or reliability theory

- Challenges

- Implementation requires a change for engineers accustomed to ASD
- Resistance factors vary with design methods and are not constant
- Rigorous calibration of load and resistance factors to meet individual situations requires availability of statistical data and probabilistic design algorithms

# Notes on Load and Resistance Factors in Textbook

- Load Factors
  - Given in Chapter 2
  - Actual load factors subject to code and application
  - Codes are constantly changing, so these values can only be used for purposes of the course
- Resistance Factors
  - Given in Chapter 21
  - Resistance factors subject, to code, application, type of foundation or retaining wall, and design and/or verification
  - Same note on change with load factors

# Example of LRFD For Shallow Foundations

- Given
  - Single column highway bridge bent to be supported on square spread footing
  - Factored vertical load (using AASHTO factors) = 4500 kN
  - Load includes weight of foundation
  - Bottom of footing will be 1.8 m below adjacent ground surface
- Given
  - Soil Conditions:
    - $c' = 0$
    - $\phi = 31^\circ$
    - $\gamma = 17.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$
    - Based on SPT Data
- Find
  - Foundation size using LRFD

# (1997) Load Factors

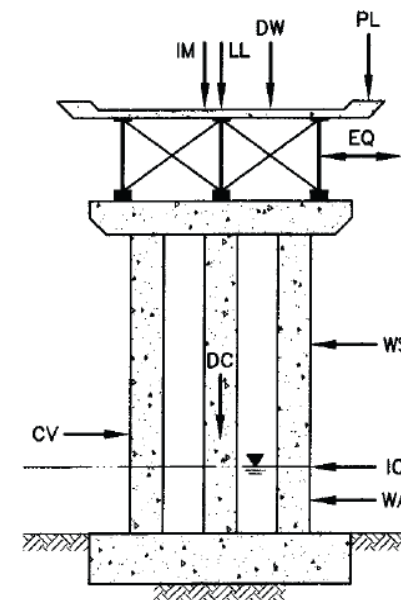
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EXTREME EVENT-I	$\gamma_p$	$\gamma_{EQ}$	1.00	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-
EXTREME EVENT-II	$\gamma_p$	0.50	1.00	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.00
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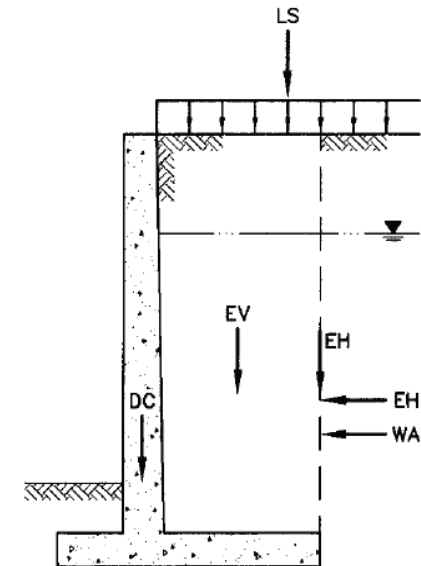
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# Example Problem

- Bearing Capacity Factors (Terzaghi) for  $\phi' = 31^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} - N_c &= 40.4 & q_{ult} &= 1.3cN_c + \sigma'_{zD}N_q + 0.4\gamma BN_\gamma \\ - N_q &= 25.3 & q_{ult} &= 0 + (31.5)(25.3) + 0.4(17.5)(B)(23.7) \\ - N_\gamma &= 23.7 & q_{ult} &= 797 + 166B \end{aligned}$$

- Effective Stress @  
Base  $\sigma_{vo} = (17.5)(1.8)$   
 $= 31.5 \text{ kPa}$

# Resistance Factors for Shallow Foundations (AASHTO, O,

		Method/Soil/Condition	Resistance Factor
Bearing Capacity		Sand	
		- <i>Semiempirical procedure using SPT data</i>	0.45
		- Semiempirical procedure using CPT data	0.55
		- Rational Method:	
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from SPT data	0.35
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from CPT data	0.45
		Clay	
		- Semiempirical procedure using CPT Data	0.50
		- Rational Method:	
		--using shear resistance measured in lab tests	0.60
		--using shear resistance measured in field vane tests	0.60
		--using shear resistance estimated from CPT data	0.50
		Rock	
		Semiempirical procedure, Carter and Kulhawy (1988)	0.60
		Plate Load Test	0.55
Sliding	$\phi_T$	Precast concrete placed on sand	
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from SPT data	0.90
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from CPT data	0.90
		Concrete cast-in-place on sand	
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from SPT data	0.80
		--using $\phi_f$ estimated from CPT data	0.80
		Clay (where shear resistance is less than 0.5 times normal pressure)	
		--using shear resistance measured in lab tests	0.85
		--using shear resistance measured in field tests	0.85
		--using shear resistance estimated form CPT data	0.80
		Clay (where the resistance is greater than 0.5 times normal pressure)	0.85
		Soil on soil	1.0
Passive Pressure	$\phi_{ep}$	Passive earth pressure component of sliding resistance	0.50

# Example Problem

$$P_u \leq \phi P_n = \phi q_{ult} A$$

$$P_u = 4500 \leq (0.35)(797 + 166B)B^2$$

$$B \geq 3.2 \text{ meters}$$

# Example 13.1 Using LRFD

- Given

- Pile as shown
  - Ultimate Resistances
    - Layer 1 (Medium Clay) = 126 kN
    - Layer 2 (Silty Sand) = 1257 kN
    - Layer 3 (Glacial Till) = 1024 kN
    - Pile Toe (Glacial Till) = 504 kN
- Assume 800 kN downward load is entirely dead load
- Assume AASHTO Strength, I, Service I Load Combinations (“Normal” Structure)

- Given

- Assumptions re Resistance Computations
  - Clay:  $\alpha$  method
  - Sand: SPT method
  - Glacial Till: use same factors as clay
- Find
  - Whether 800 kN downward load is acceptable using LRFD

# (1997) Load Factors

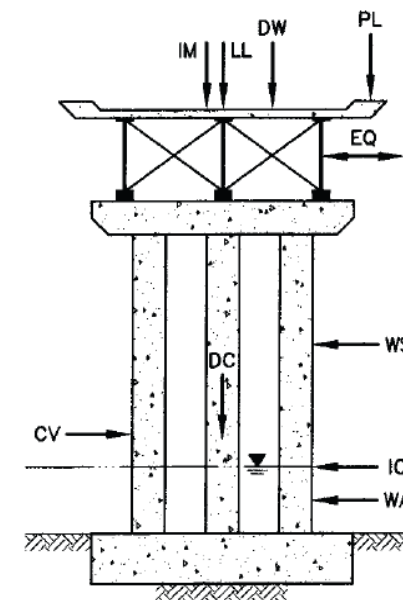
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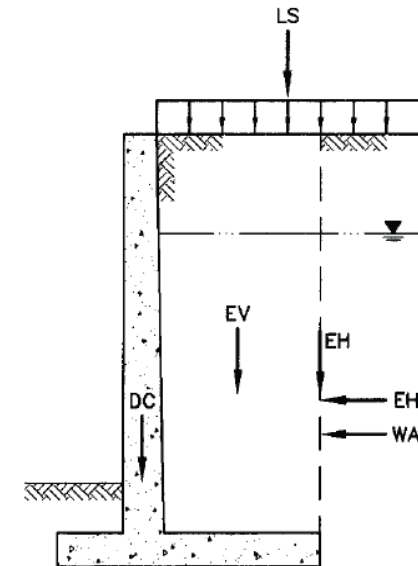
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**Resistance Factors for  
Geotechnical Strength Limit State for Axially Loaded Piles  
(AASHTO, 1996)**

Clay Layer/Glacial Till

Glacial Till

Sand Layer

**Resistance  
Factors  
for  
Piles**

METHOD/SOIL/CONDITION		RESISTANCE <sup>(1)</sup> FACTOR
Ultimate Bearing Resistance of Single Piles	Skin Friction: Clay	
	$\alpha$ -method	0.70
	$\beta$ -method	0.50
	$\lambda$ -method	0.55
	End Bearing: Clay and Rock	
	Clay	0.70
	Rock	0.50
	Skin Friction and End Bearing: Sand	
	SPT-method	0.45
	CPT-method	0.55
Skin Friction and End Bearing: All Soils	Load Test	0.80
	Pile Driving Analyzer	0.70
Block Failure	Clay	0.65
Uplift Resistance of Single Piles	$\alpha$ -method	0.60
	$\beta$ -method	0.40
	$\lambda$ -method	0.45
	SPT-method	0.35
	CPT-method	0.45
	Load Test	0.80
Group Uplift Resistance	Sand	0.55
	Clay	0.55

# Example 13.1

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i Q_i = \phi R_n$$

- $i = 1$
- $Q = 800 \text{ kN}$
- $\gamma = 1.25$  (by inspection, will use Service I value, since only one load factor and  $1.25 > 1$ )
- Resistance Factors  $\phi$  by Layer
  - Layer 1 (Medium Clay) = 0.7
  - Layer 2 (Silty Sand) = 0.45
  - Layer 3 (Glacial Till) = 0.7
  - Pile Toe (Glacial Till) = 0.7

$$(1.25)(800) \leq (126)(0.7) + (1257)(0.45) + (1024)(0.7) + (504)(0.7)$$
$$1000 \leq 1723$$

So design is OK

# Questions

