

Design of Deep Excavations



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DEEP EXCAVATION
RELIABLE GEOEXPERTISE

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Webinar topics

- ▶ Philosophy of deep excavation design
- ▶ Identification of issues
- ▶ Understanding soil response
- ▶ Geotechnical investigations
- ▶ Wall systems
- ▶ Support systems
- ▶ Analysis methods
- ▶ Design approach/codes
- ▶ Design examples
- ▶ Case histories

Overview of Part 1

- ▶ Understanding soil response
 - Cohesive vs. frictional materials
- ▶ Apparent earth pressure diagrams are not soil properties.
- ▶ Analysis methods
 - Conventional (limit–equilibrium etc)
 - Elastoplastic with Winkler springs
 - Finite element methods
- ▶ Obtain wall moments, displacements, support forces

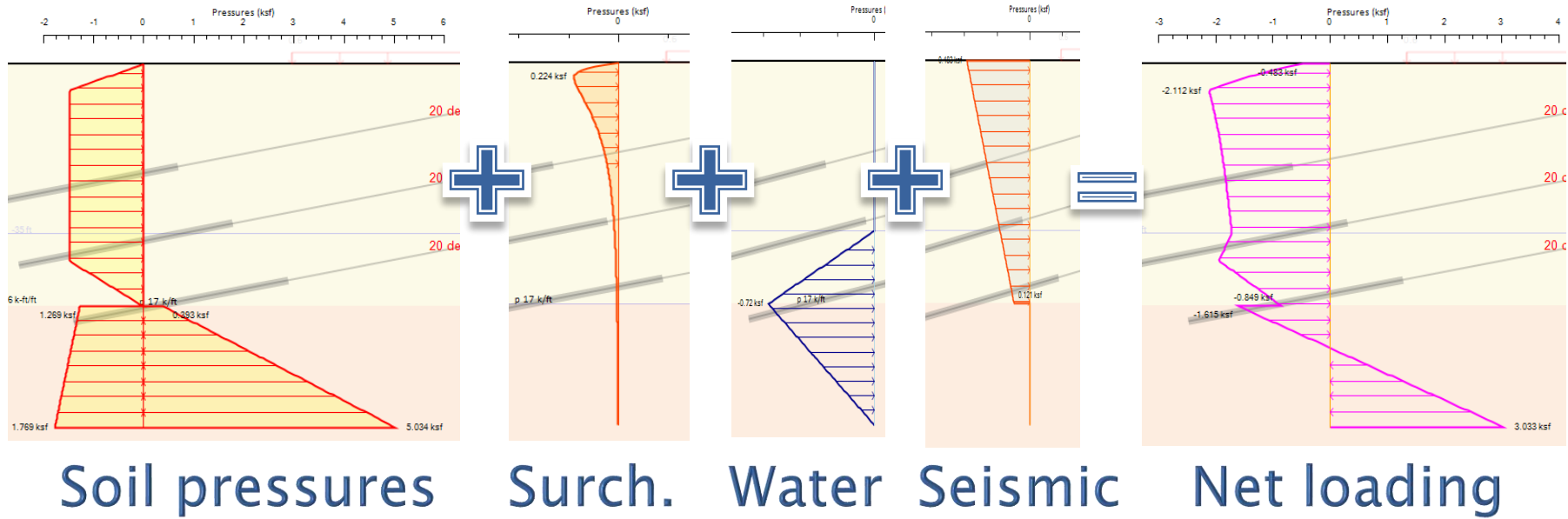
1.1 Conventional methods

General

- ▶ Assume lateral earth pressures.
- ▶ Determine fixity locations for forces at subgrade.
- ▶ Analyze wall beam with assumed loads.

- ▶ Advantages: Easy method to verify. Gives a back check for more rigorous methods.
- ▶ Disadvantages: Soil–structure interaction ignored.

1.2 Determine net loading diagram on wall



Soldier pile walls (berlin type), 3D effects
Pile spacing above excavation,
Active and passive effective widths, Water width

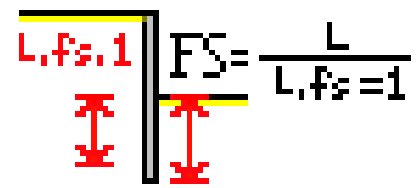
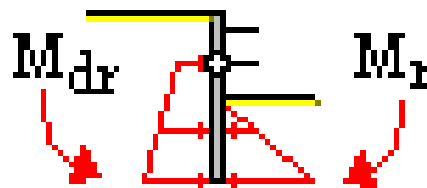
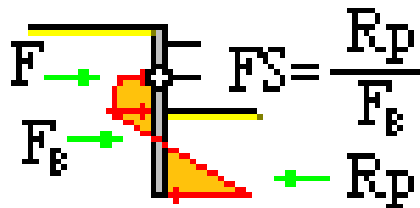
1.3 Wall embedment safety factors (limit-equilibrium)

- ▶ Horizontal force
- ▶ Moment
- ▶ Length

$$FS_{pas} = \frac{\text{Available Resistance beneath virtual fixity point}}{\text{Hor. reaction at virtual point} + \text{driving pressures beneath virtual fixity point}}$$

$$FS_{rotation} = \frac{\text{Resisting moments about a point}}{\text{Driving moments about the same point}} \quad (\text{Eq. 9.2})$$

$$FS_{embed} = \frac{\text{Available wall embedment depth}}{\text{Max. Required embedment depth for } FS = 1 \text{ from Equations 1\& 2 above}} \quad (\text{Eq. 9.3})$$

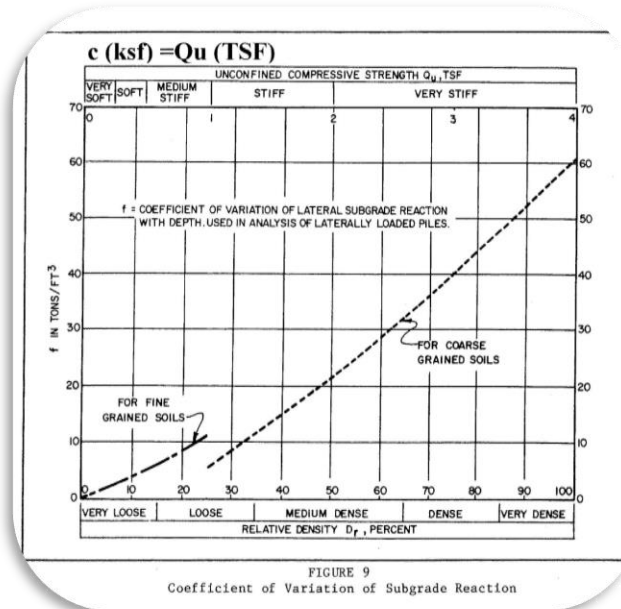
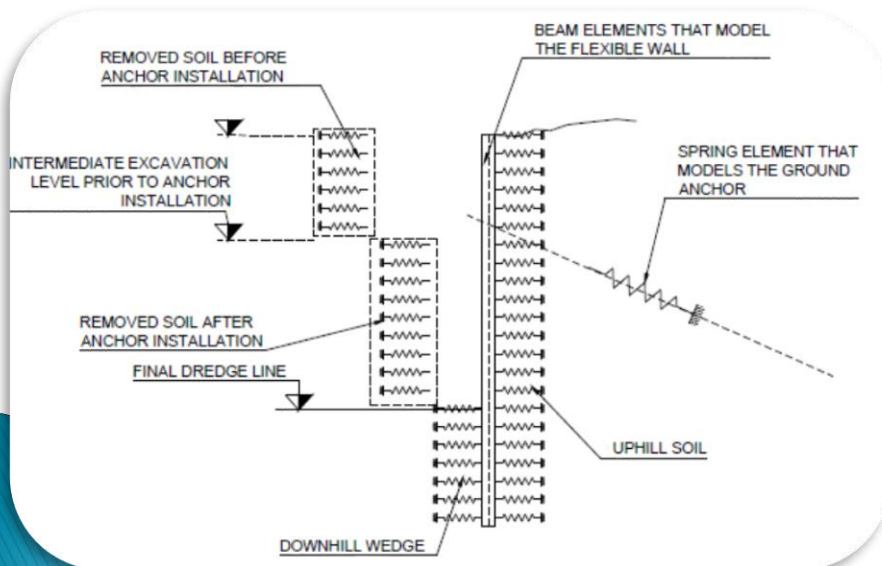


1.4 Beam on elastic foundations

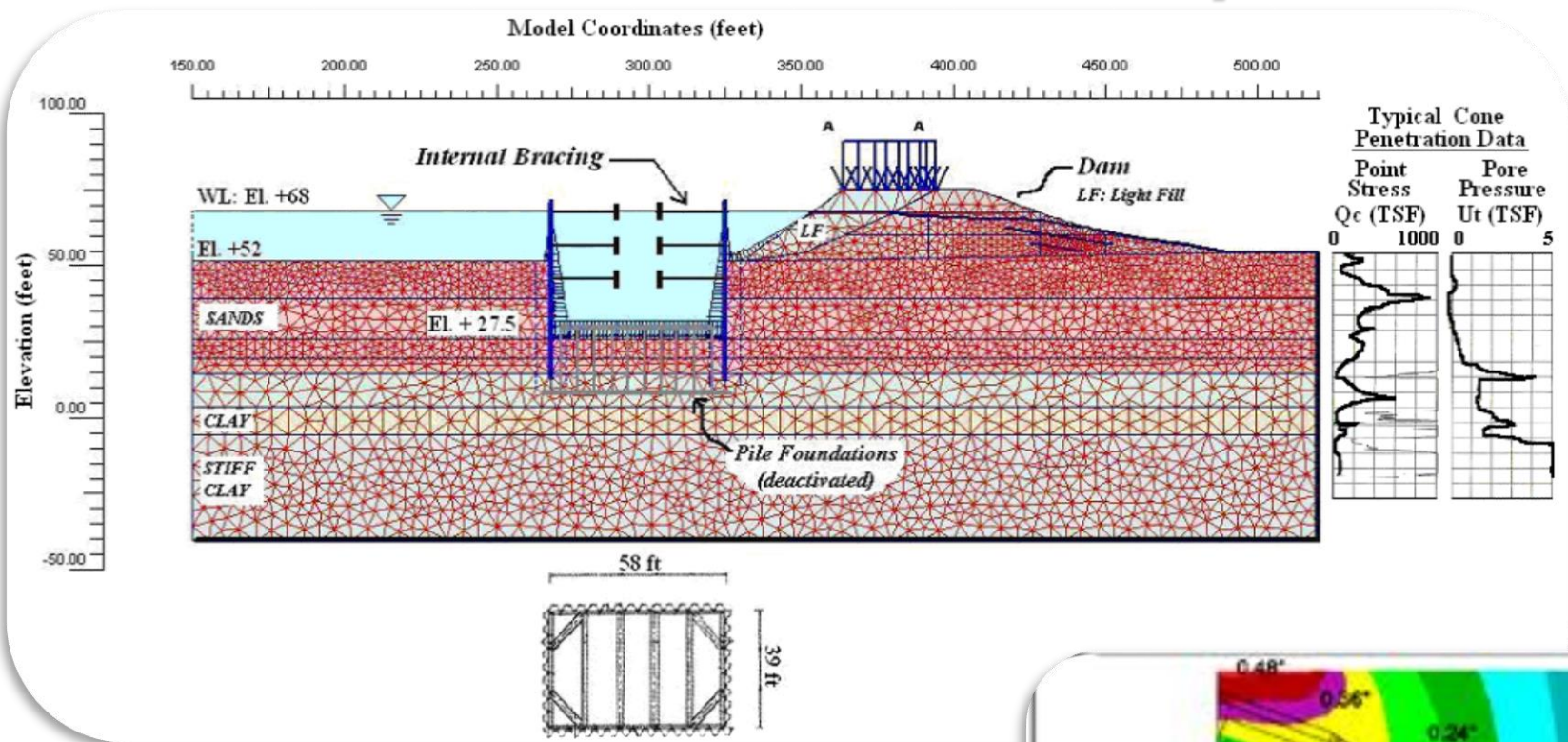
Soil assumed as elastic (elastoplastic) springs.

Different methods available:

- a) Driving pressures assumed, passive springs
- b) Active and passive soil springs
- c) Stage dependency?
 - ▶ Subgrade reaction (depends on dimensions)
 - ▶ From soil elasticity with active/passive wedges

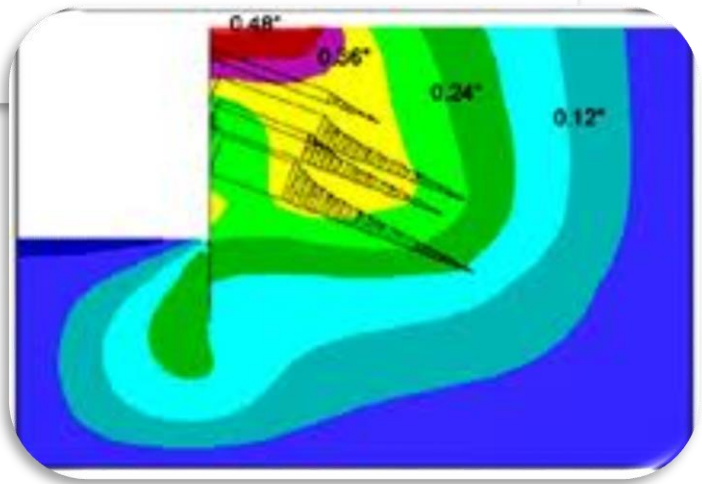


1.5 Finite element analysis



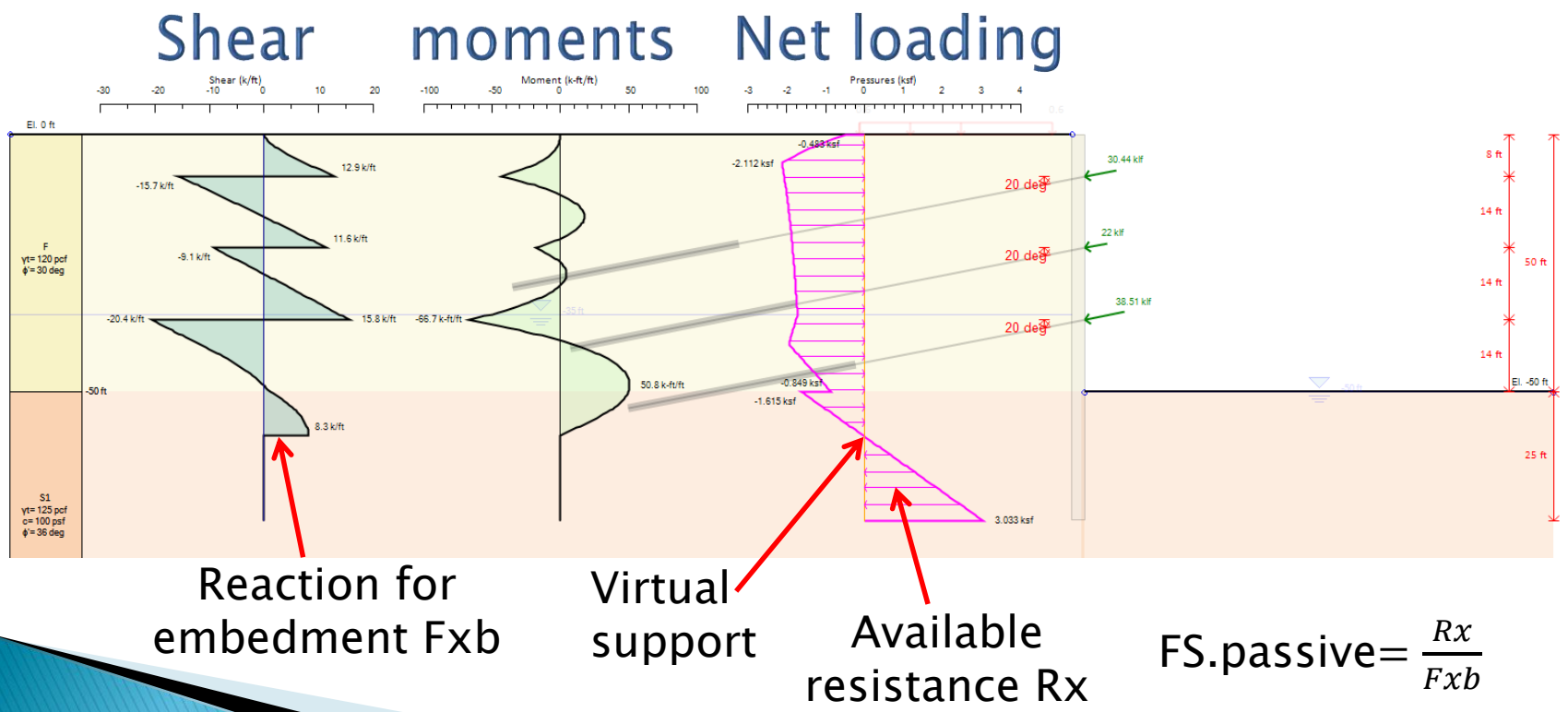
$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} \\ \epsilon_{yy} \\ \epsilon_{zz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yy} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\nu & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & -\nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma'_{xx} \\ \sigma'_{yy} \\ \sigma'_{zz} \\ \sigma'_{xy} \\ \sigma'_{yz} \\ \sigma'_{zx} \end{bmatrix}$$

E= Young's modulus
 ν = Poisson's ratio
 σ'_{xx} = Effective stress



1.6 Blum's method

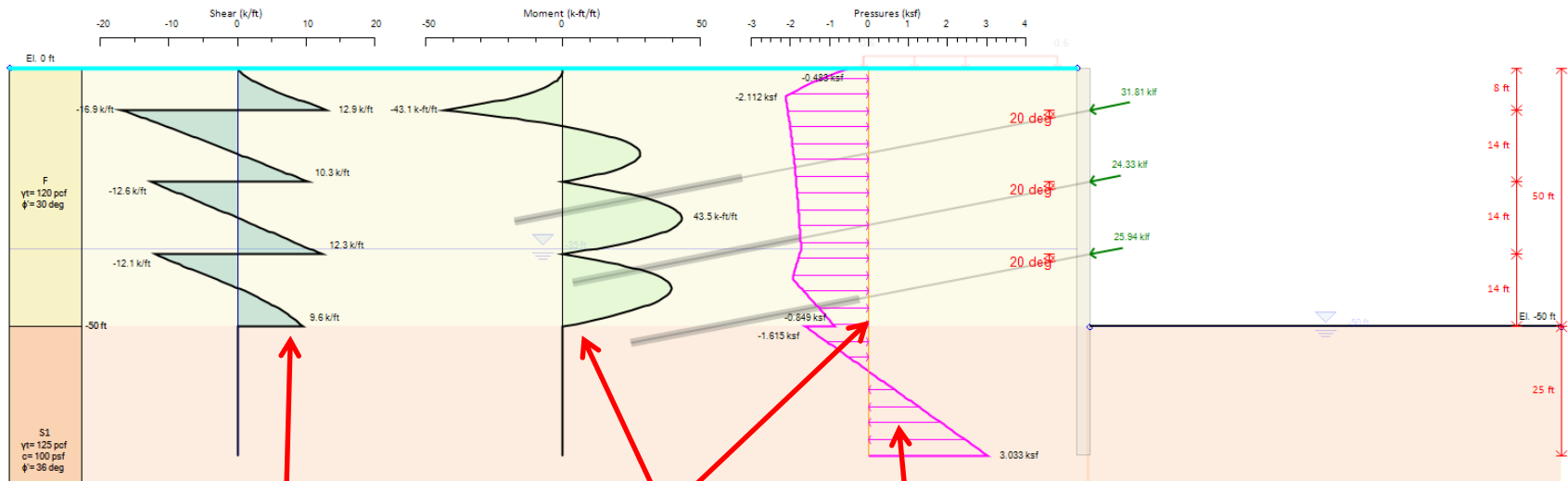
- ▶ Pinned supports – continuous beam
- ▶ Point of zero net soil shear below subgrade.
- ▶ Use point of zero shear as a virtual support.



1.7 FHWA Simple Span Approach

- ▶ Pin support at excavation base, simple spans

Shear moments Net loading



Reaction for
embedment Fxb

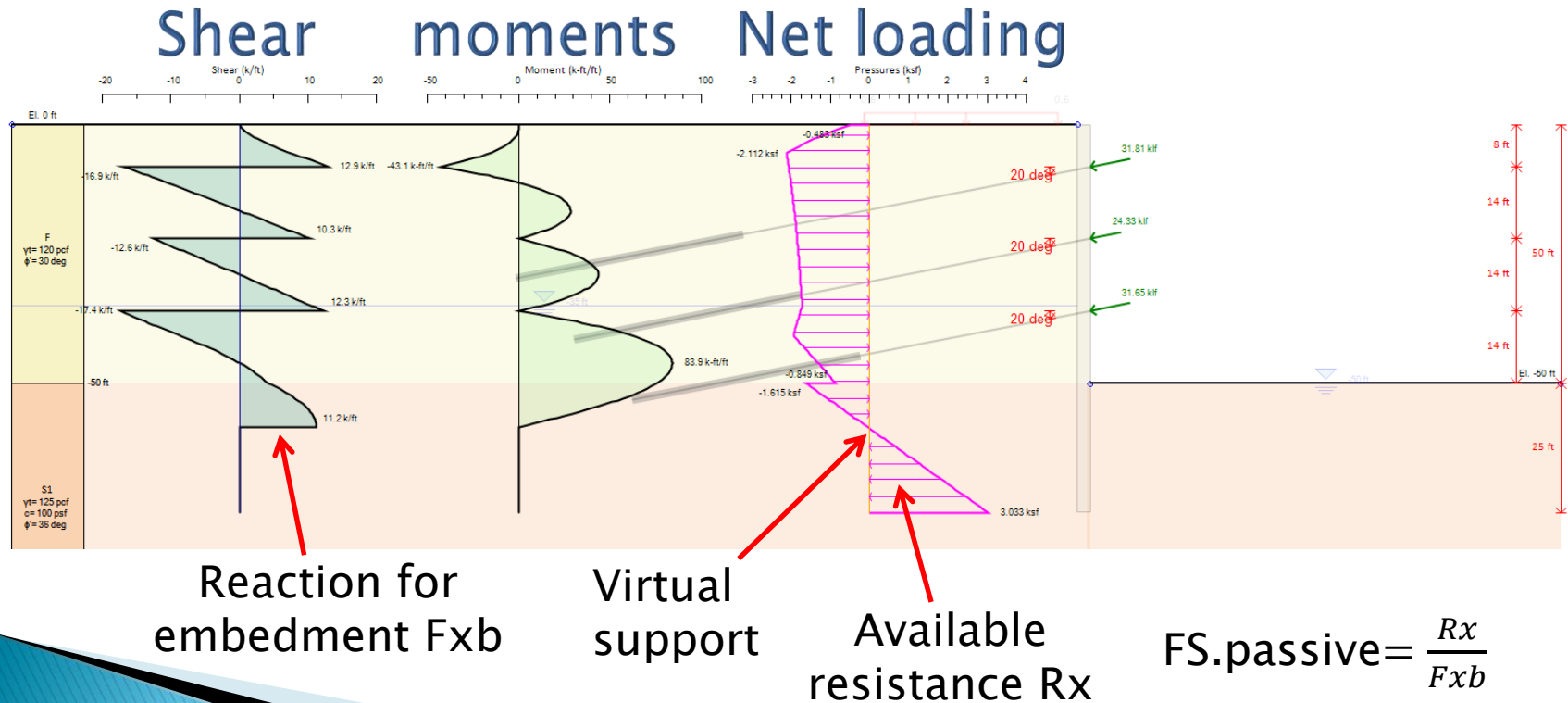
Virtual
support

Available
resistance R_x

$$\text{FS.passive} = \frac{R_x}{Fxb}$$

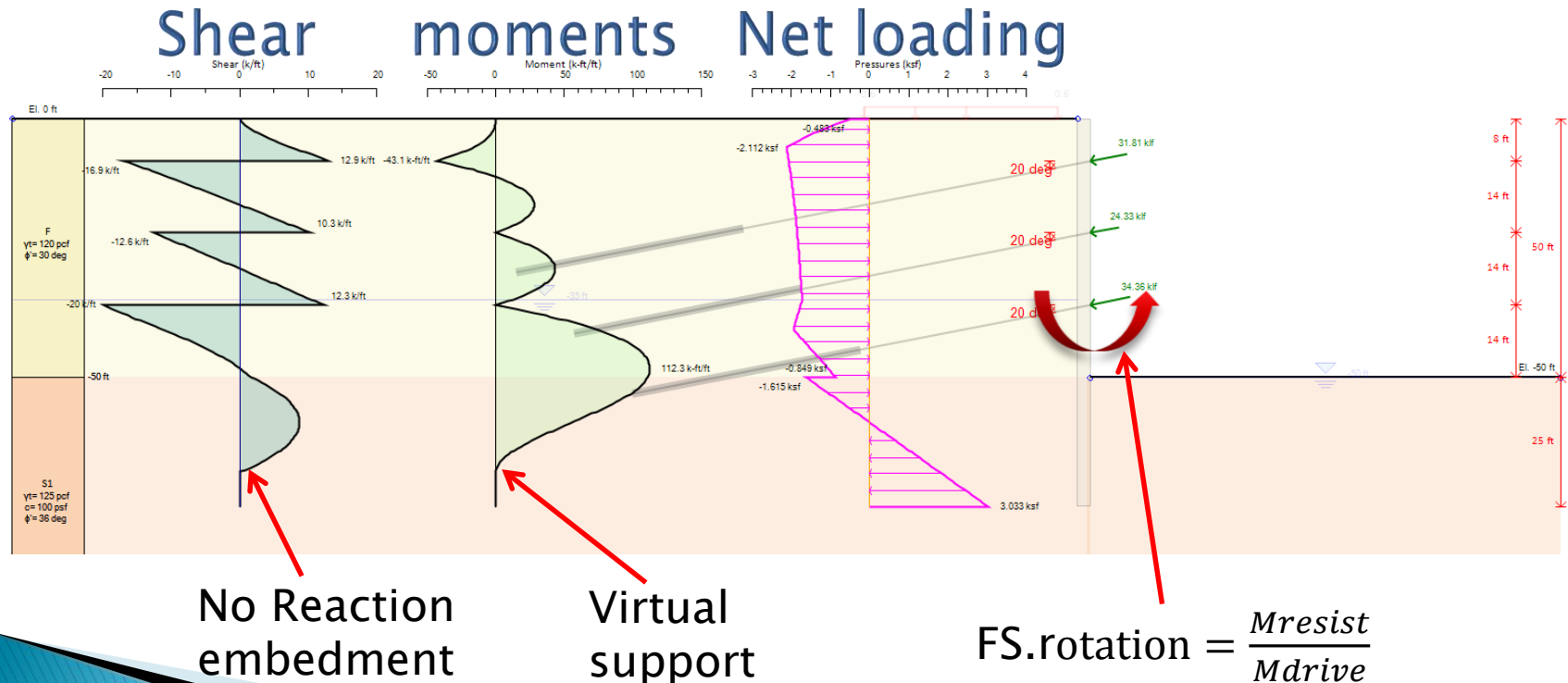
1.8 Modified FHWA–Blum

- ▶ Pinned supports – simple span
- ▶ Point of zero net soil shear below subgrade



1.9 Caltrans method

- ▶ Pinned supports – simple span
- ▶ Base at point of zero moment below bottom support
- ▶ Shears and moments balance out



2.1 Design approach

- ▶ Allowable design – traditional way
- ▶ LRFD (Load and Resistance Factor Design)
 - AASHTO, US approach for Highway projects
- ▶ ULS (Ultimate Limit State Design)
 - Eurocode 7
 - Design approaches and cases

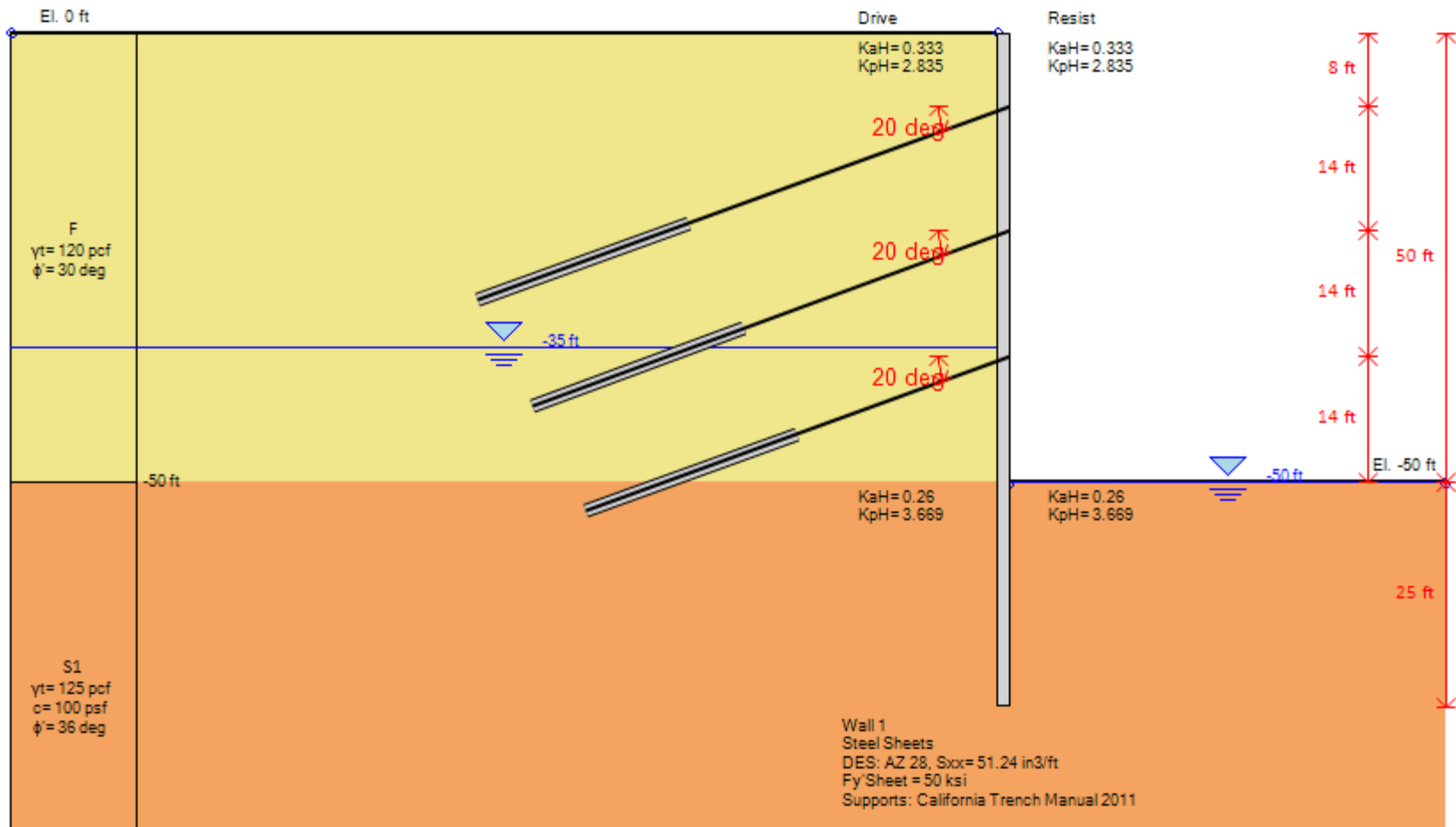
2.3 Allowable design

- ▶ Conservatively assume soil properties
- ▶ Determine lateral pressures on wall (soil, water, surcharges, etc.)
- ▶ Determine support reactions
- ▶ Determine wall embedment with an appropriate safety factor
- ▶ Determine bending moments on walls
- ▶ Determine shear forces on walls
- ▶ Design structural/geotechnical elements with a safety factor on their capacity

2.3.1 Allowable Design Example

- ▶ 50ft deep excavation (15m)
- ▶ 0–50ft F: sand, $\gamma = 120\text{pcf}$ $\phi = 30\text{ deg}$
- ▶ 50ft S1: sand, $\gamma = 125\text{pcf}$ $\phi = 36\text{ deg}$
 $c' = 100\text{psf}$
- ▶ Groundwater at -35ft $\gamma_w = 62.4\text{pcf}$
- ▶ Assume same permeability for both soils
- ▶ Ground is horizontal
- ▶ Tieback supports at 8ft, 22ft, and 36ft depth
- ▶ Tiebacks at 20 degrees from horizontal

2.3.2 Allowable Design Example



2.3.3 Allowable design example

- ▶ Assume FHWA apparent earth pressures
- ▶ Assume full passive pressures on resisting side
- ▶ No wall friction

Soil F

$$K_a = \frac{1 - \sin(\varphi)}{1 + \sin(\varphi)} = \frac{1 - \sin(30^\circ)}{1 + \sin(30^\circ)} = 0.333$$

$$K_p = \frac{1 + \sin(\varphi)}{1 - \sin(\varphi)} = \frac{1 + \sin(30^\circ)}{1 - \sin(30^\circ)} = 3.0$$

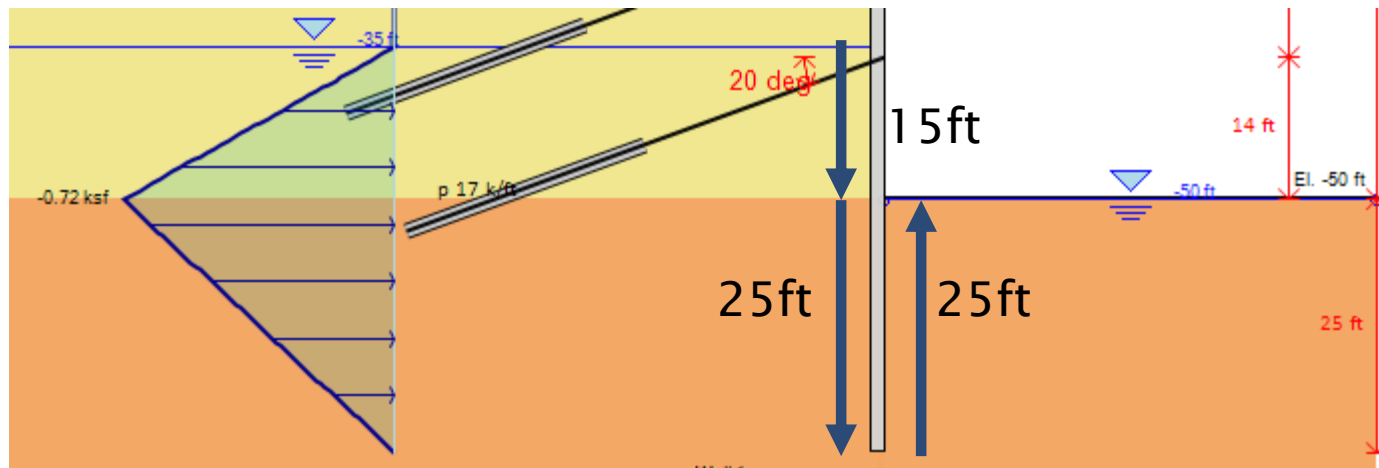
Soil S1

$$K_a = \frac{1 - \sin(\varphi)}{1 + \sin(\varphi)} = \frac{1 - \sin(36^\circ)}{1 + \sin(36^\circ)} = 0.26$$

$$K_p = \frac{1 + \sin(\varphi)}{1 - \sin(\varphi)} = \frac{1 + \sin(36^\circ)}{1 - \sin(36^\circ)} = 3.852$$

2.3.4 Establish water pressures

- ▶ 1D flow, because of same permeability
- ▶ Hydraulic head loss $DH = (-35' - (-50')) = 15\text{ ft}$
- ▶ Total travel path $15' + 2 \times 25' = 65'$
- ▶ Hydraulic head gradient $m = 15'/65' = 0.23077$



2.3.5 Establish hydraulic heads

- ▶ Total hydraulic head at various locations

$$H_t = H_{\text{initial}} - \text{Hyd. losses}$$

$$\text{Hyd. losses} = \text{travel path} \times m$$

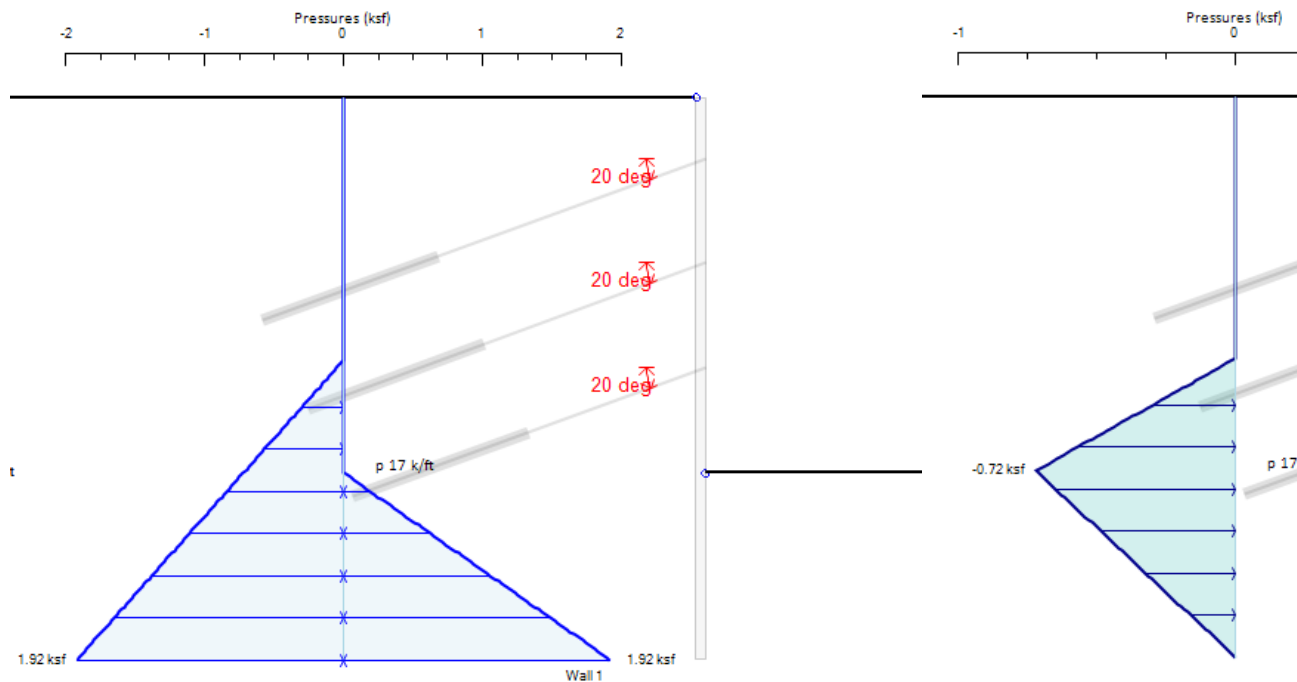
$$\text{Water pressure} = (H_t - \text{El.}) \times \gamma_w$$

$$m = 0.23077$$

El. (ft)	Travel path L (ft)	Ht = L x m (ft)	Hu = Ht - El. (ft)	u = Hu x γ_w (ksf)
-35	0	-35.000	0.000	0
-50	15	-38.462	11.538	0.72
-75	40	-44.231	30.769	1.92
-50	65	-50.000	0.000	0

2.3.6 Establish net water pressures

- ▶ 0.72ksf at 15' below GWT

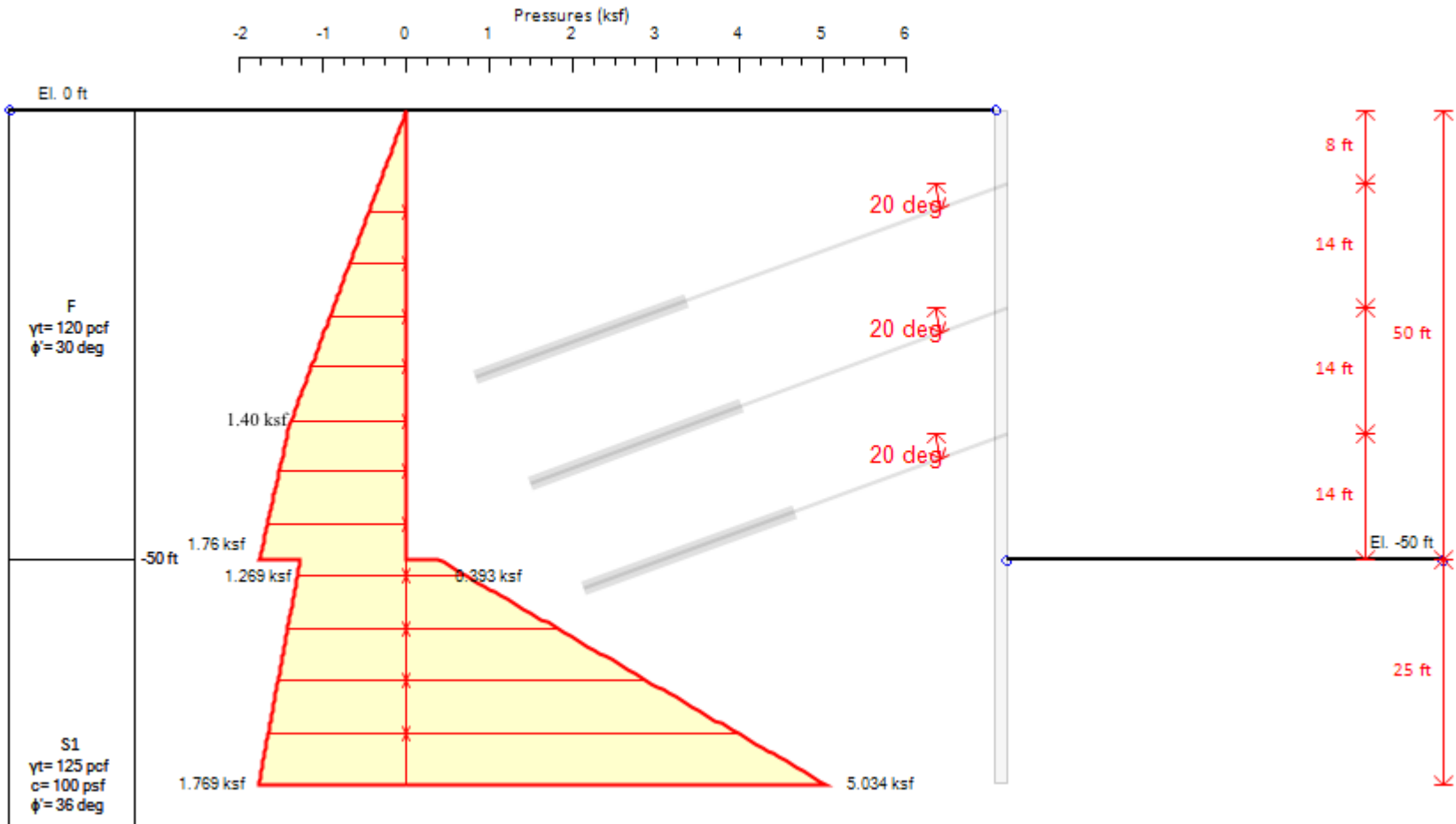


2.3.7 Active and Passive Pressures

	El. (ft)	γ (kcf)	$\sigma_{v.total}$ (ksf)	u (ksf)	$\sigma'_v = \sigma_{v.t} - u$ (ksf)	c' (ksf)	K_a	$\sigma_{h.active} = K_a \sigma'_v - 2 c' (K_a)^{0.5}$
F	0	0.12	0	0.000	0.000	0	0.333	0.000
	-35	0.12	4.2	0.000	4.200	0	0.333	1.400
	-40.667	0.12	4.88	0.272	4.608	0	0.333	1.536
	-50	0.12	6	0.720	5.280	0	0.333	1.760
S1	-50	0.125	6	0.720	5.280	0.1	0.2596	1.269
	-75	0.125	9.125	1.920	7.205	0.1	0.2596	1.769

	El. (ft)	γ (kcf)	$\sigma_{v.total}$ (ksf)	u (ksf)	$\sigma'_v = \sigma_{v.t} - u$ (ksf)	c' (ksf)	K_p	$\sigma_{h.passive} = K_p \sigma'_v + 2 c' (K_p)^{0.5}$
F								
S1	-50	0.125	0	0.000	0.000	0.1	3.852	0.000
	-75	0.125	3.125	1.920	1.205	0.1	3.852	4.249

2.3.8 Active & Passive Pressures



2.3.9 Integrate active pressures

- ▶ FHWA method -> Determine active thrust above excavation subgrade
- ▶ Total thrust = active x 1.3

$$\text{From El. 0 to -35ft: } F_{H1} = \frac{1.4 \text{ ksf} \times 35'}{2} = 24.5 \text{ klf}$$

$$\text{From El. -35 to -50ft: } F_{H2} = \frac{(1.4 \text{ ksf} + 1.76 \text{ kf}) \times 15'}{2} = 23.7 \text{ klf}$$

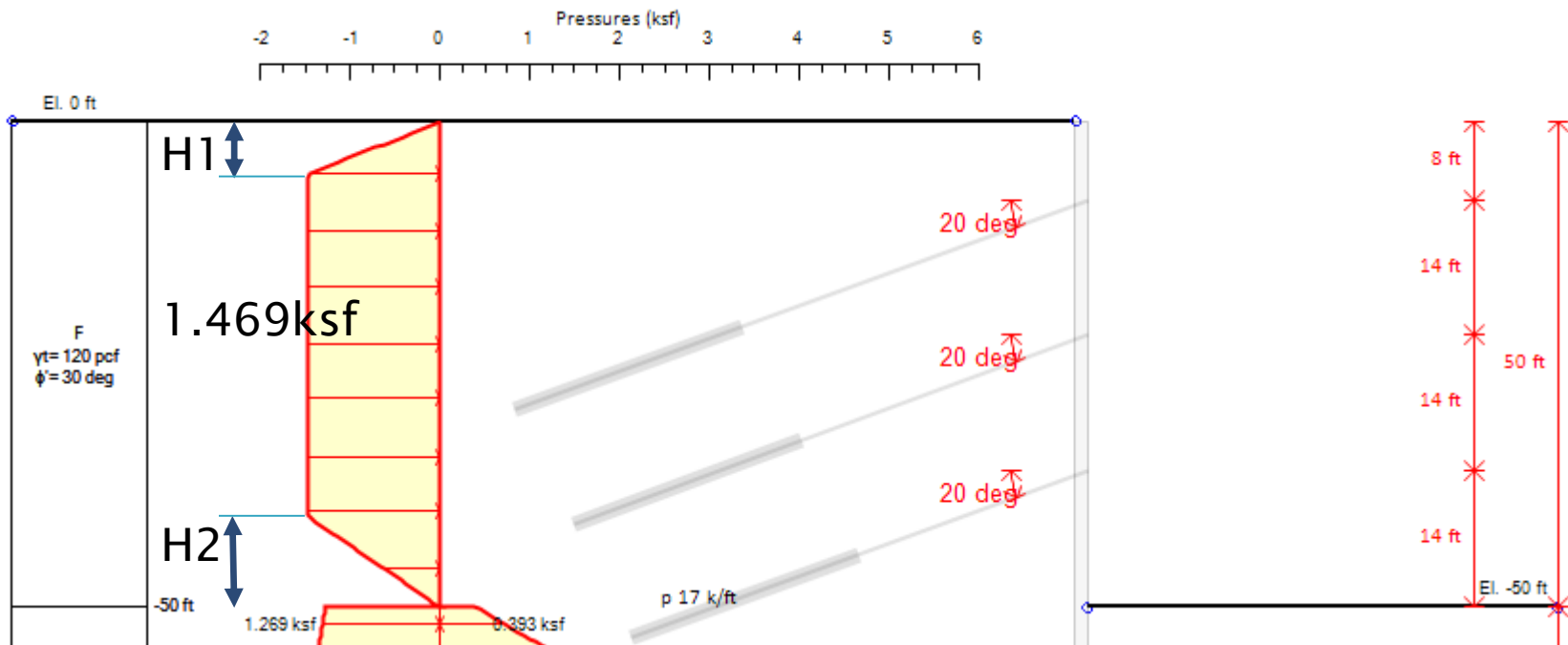
$$F_H = F_{H1} + F_{H2} = 48.2 \text{ klf}$$

$$F_{H,APP} = 1.3F_H = 62.66 \text{ klf}$$

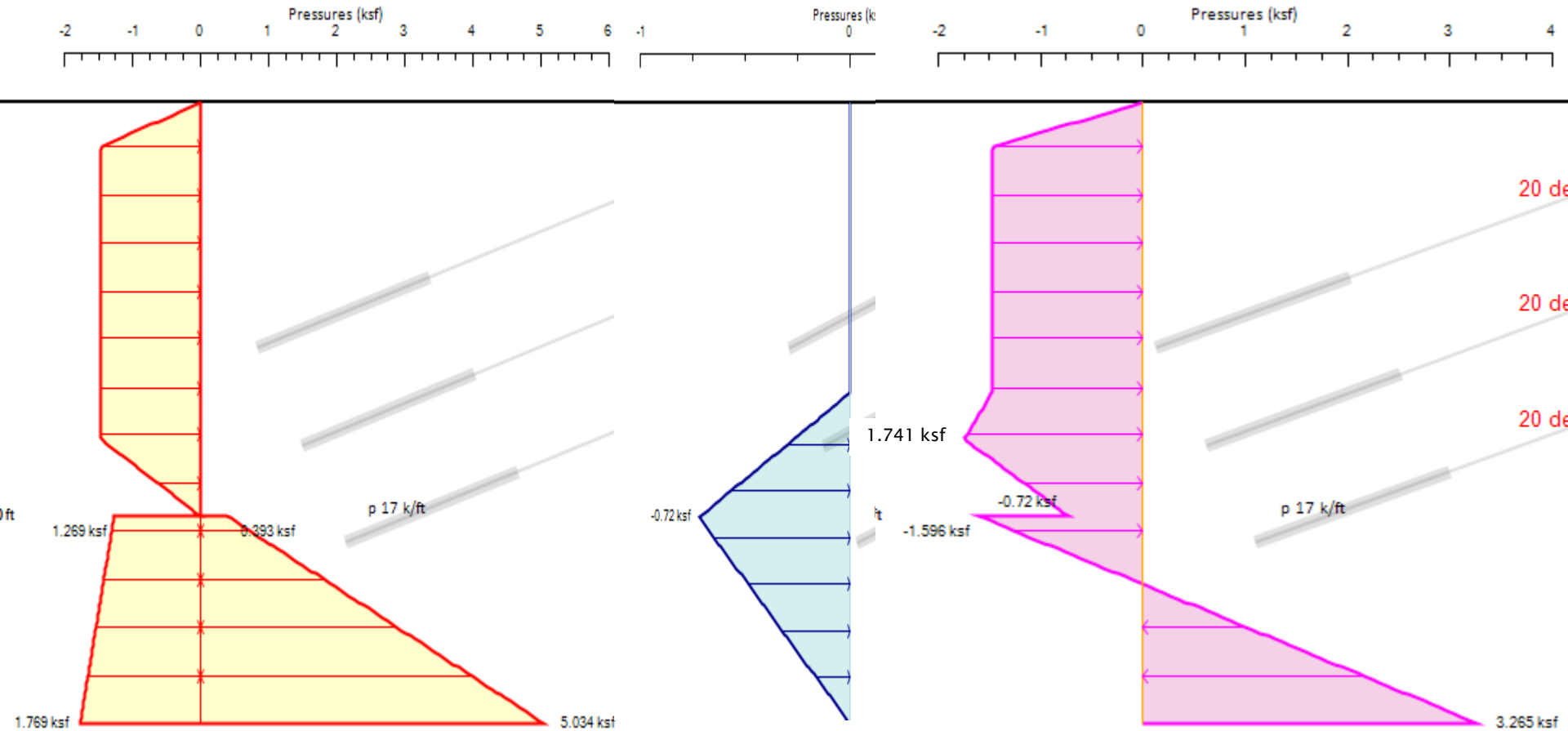
2.3.10 Establish Apparent FHWA

- ▶ $H_1 = 2/3 \times 8' = 5.333'$
- ▶ $H_4 = 2/3 \times 14' = 9.333'$
- ▶ $H = 50'$

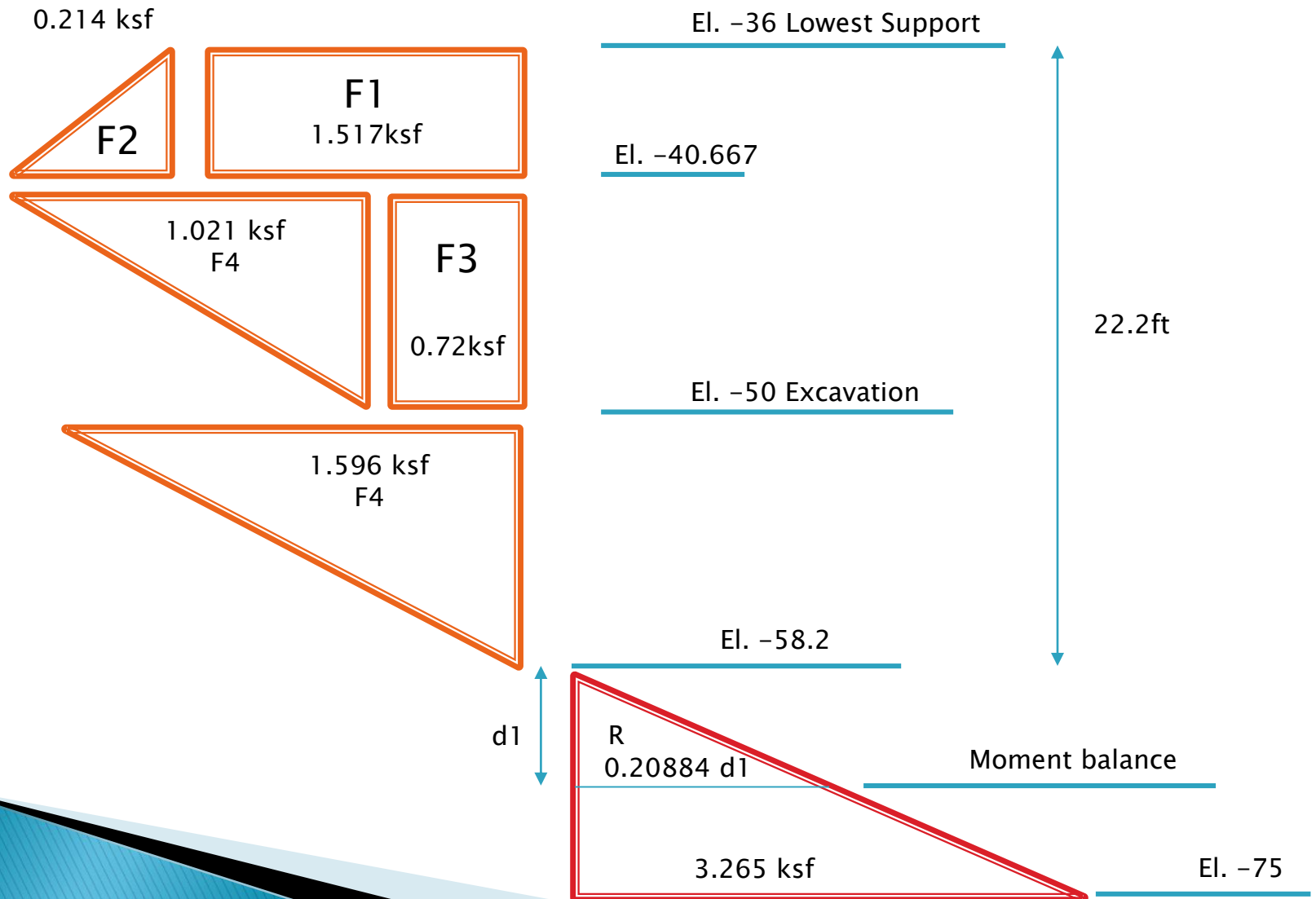
$$\sigma_{H.App} = \frac{2 F_{H.APP}}{H + (H - H_1 - H_4)} = 1.469 \text{ ksf}$$



2.3.11 Establish net loading



2.3.12 Moment Equilibrium

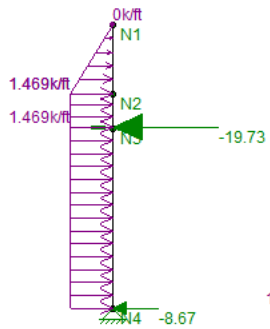


2.3.13 Establish Base Point

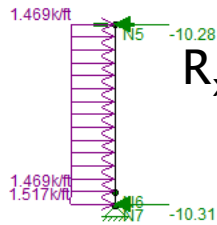
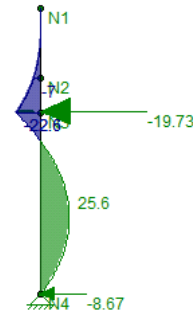
▶ Trial and error → El. -67.007

	Force	El1 (ft)	El2 (ft)	DZ (ft)	Force (k)	Moment arm (ft)	Moment (k-ft)
	F1	-36.000	-40.667	4.667	7.079	2.333	16.518
	F2	-36.000	-40.667	4.667	0.499	3.111	1.553
DRIVE	F3	-40.667	-50	9.333	6.720	9.333	62.720
	F4	-40.667	-50	9.333	4.765	7.778	37.059
	F5	-50	-58.2	8.200	6.544	16.733	109.496
							227.347
RESIST	R	-58.2	-67.007	8.807	8.099	28.071	227.347
						Moment Balance	0.000

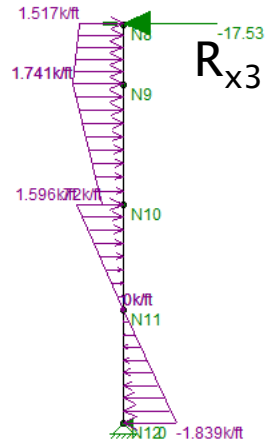
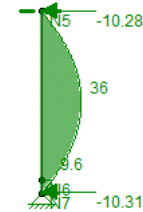
2.3.14 Divide Wall into Beams



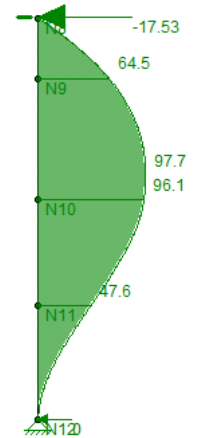
$$R_{x1} = 19.73 \text{ klf}$$



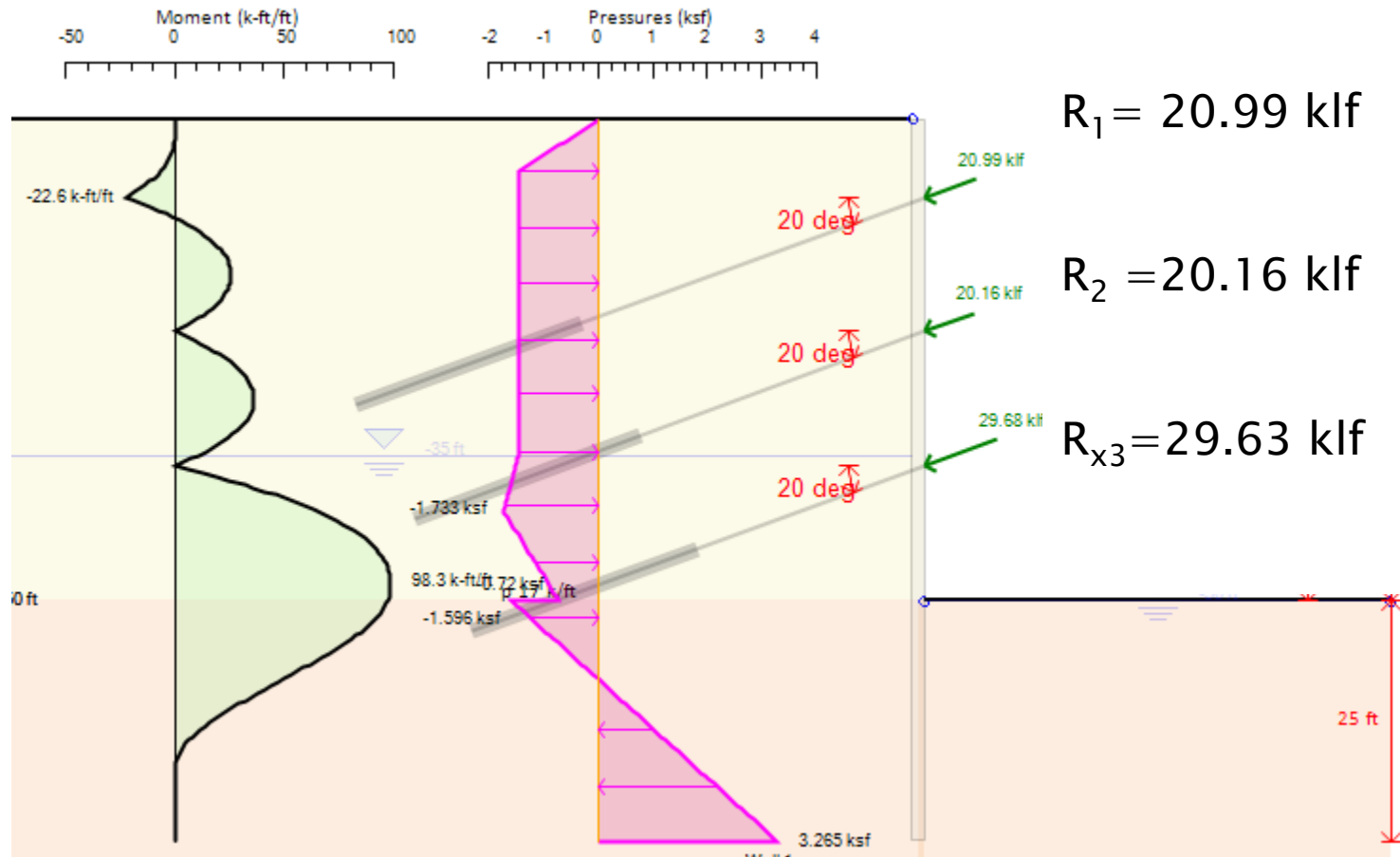
$$R_{x2} = 8.67 \text{ klf} + 10.28 \text{ klf} = 18.95 \text{ klf}$$



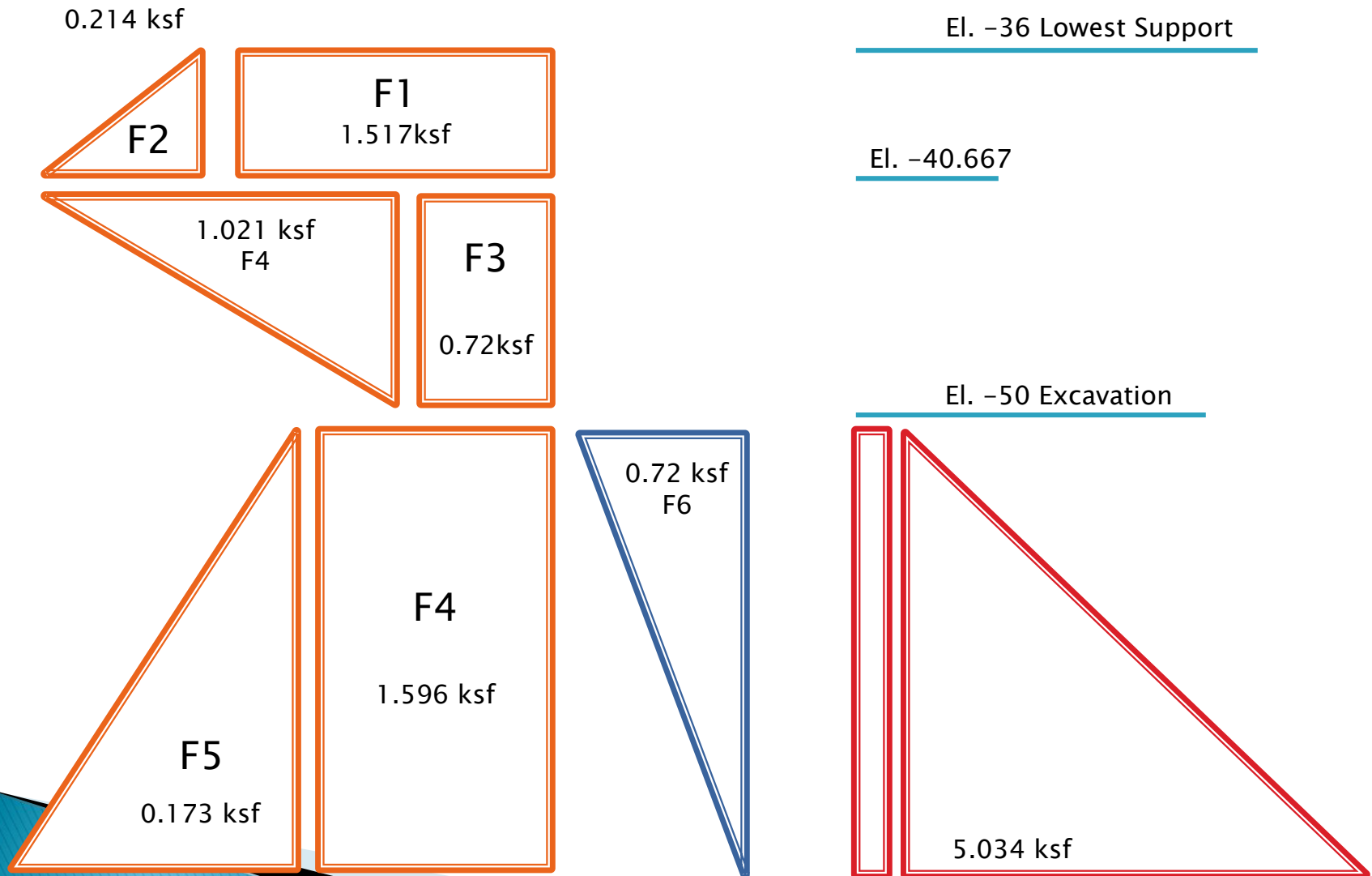
$$R_{x3} = 10.31 \text{ klf} + 17.53 \text{ klf} = 27.84 \text{ klf}$$



2.3.15 Model models & Reactions



2.3.16 Wall embedment FS



2.3.17 Wall Embedment

	Force	EI1 (ft)	EI2 (ft)	DZ (ft)	Force (k)	Moment arm (ft)	Moment (k-ft)
	F1	-36.000	-40.667	4.667	7.079	2.333	16.52
	F2	-36.000	-40.667	4.667	0.499	3.111	1.55
	F3	-40.667	-50	9.333	6.720	9.333	62.72
DRIVE	F4	-40.667	-50	9.333	4.765	7.778	37.06
	F5	-50	-75	25.000	2.163	30.667	66.32
	F6	-50.000	-75	25.000	39.900	26.500	1057.35
	Fw	-50	-75	25.000	9.000	17.667	159.00
M_{drive}=							1400.52
	R1	-50	-75.000	25.000	9.825	26.500	260.36
RESIST	R2	-50	-75.000	25.000	58.013	30.667	1779.05
M_{resist}=							2039.41
FS.rotation=							1.456

- ▶ For FS=1.3, Required wall L=73ft d=23ft

2.3.18 All. Wall bending design

- ▶ Bending moment $M_{\max} = 98.3 \text{ k-ft}$
- ▶ $f_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$
- ▶ $f_{\text{allow}} = 0.6 \times 50 \text{ ksi} = 30 \text{ ksi}$
- ▶ If axial load is ignored!
- ▶ Required Elastic Section modulus \Rightarrow
$$S_{xx} = M_{\max} / f_{\text{allow}} = 39.32 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}$$

2.3.19 All. ground anchor design

- ▶ Assume presumptive ULT bond resistane
- ▶ Safety factor of $FS_{geo} = 2.0$
- ▶ Assume fixed bond diameter (6inch)
- ▶ Determine length
- ▶ Allowable Geotechnical Capacity:
$$F_{cap.GEO} = L \times q \times d \times \pi / FS_{geo}$$
- ▶ Allowable Structural Capacity:
$$F_{cap.STR} = \alpha A_s f_y$$

$$\alpha = 0.6, f_y = 270 \text{ ksi (1862MPa)}$$

3.1.1 LRFD

- ▶ Adopted in USA, AASHTO
- ▶ Load combinations
- ▶ Multiply loads by a load factor
- ▶ Divide resistances by resistance factor
- ▶ Many DOT's find it very difficult to use
- ▶ Engineers find it too cumbersome
- ▶ Inconsistent results can be produced due to lack of guidance and proper calibration

3.1.2 AASHTO LRFD Overview

- ▶ Safety factor on earth loads (ES)
 $\gamma_p = 1.35$ for Apparent Earth Pressures (AEP)
 $\gamma_p = 1.50$ for Active earth pressures
- ▶ Resistance factors for passive resistance $\Phi = 0.75$
- ▶ Calibrated on limit-equilibrium analysis methods
- ▶ No guidance on non-linear analysis....

3.1.3 AASHTO Load Factors

Table 1. Load combinations and load factors (from AASHTO table 3.1.4.1)

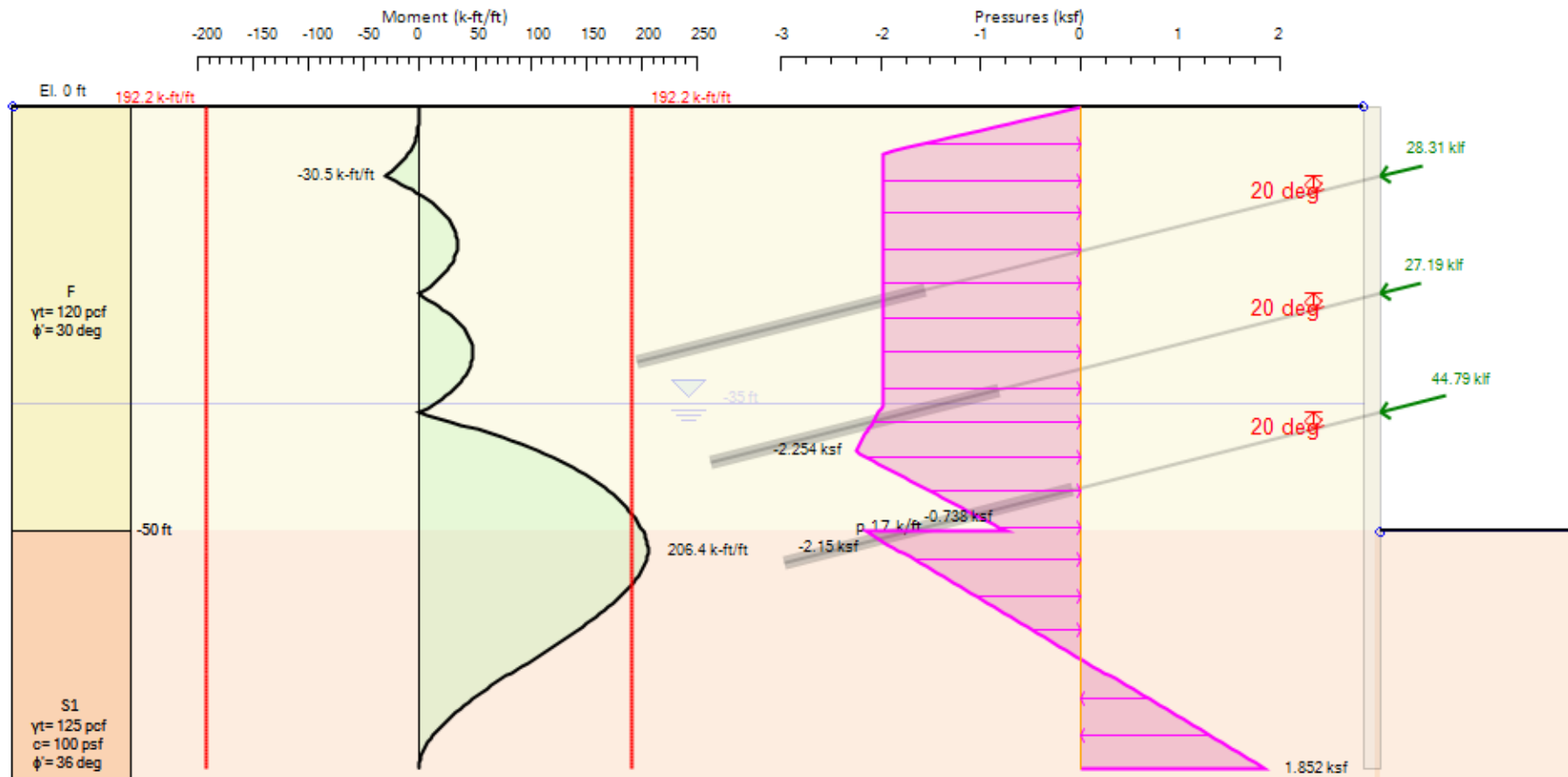
Load Combination Limit State	DC	DD	DW	EH	EV	ES	EL	PS	CR	SH	LL	IM	CE	BR	PL	LS	WA	WS	WL	FR	TU	TG	SE	EQ
Strength I	γ_P	1.75	1.00	-	-	1.00	0.50/1.20	γ_{TG}	γ_{SE}	-														
Strength II	γ_P	1.35	1.00	-	-	1.00	0.50/1.20	γ_{TG}	γ_{SE}	-														
Strength III	γ_P	-	1.00	1.40	-	1.00	0.50/1.20	γ_{TG}	γ_{SE}	-														
Strength IV	γ_P	-	1.00	-	-	1.00	0.50/1.20	-	-	-														
Strength V	γ_P	1.35	1.00	0.40	1.00	1.00	0.50/1.20	γ_{TG}	γ_{SE}	-														
Extreme Event I	γ_P	γ_{EQ}	1.00	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-														1.00
Extreme Event II	γ_P	0.50	1.00	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-														-

Table 2. Factors from permanent loads γ_p (from AASHTO Table 3.1.4.2)

EH: Horizontal earth pressure	Load factor	
	Maximum	Minimum
• Active	1.50	0.90
• At-rest	1.35	0.90
• AEP for anchored walls	1.35	N/A

3.2.0 Example with AASHTO LRFD

► Strength 1a Load Combination



3.2.1 AASHTO LRFD – Wall

- ▶ Required wall length $L = 78\text{ft}$, $d = 28\text{ft}$
Increase 22% over ASD
- ▶ Wall moment $M = 206.4 \text{ k-ft/ft}$
- ▶ $F_{y.des} = 0.9 \times 50 \text{ ksi} = 45 \text{ ksi}$
- ▶ If axial load is ignored!
- ▶ Required Elastic Section modulus \Rightarrow
 $S_{xx} = M_{max} / f_{y.des} = 55.04 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}$
Increase 40% over allowable stress design

3.2.2 AASHTO LRFD – Anchors

- ▶ Force increases to 44.8 klf
- ▶ $\phi=0.8$
- ▶ Results in 13% increase vs. allowable stress

4.0 Eurocode 7 ULS approach

- ▶ **EQU:** Loss of equilibrium of the structure or the ground, considered as a rigid body, in which the strengths of structural materials and the ground are insignificant in providing resistance.
- ▶ **STR:** Internal failure or excessive deformation of the structure or structural elements, ... in which the strength of structural materials is significant in providing resistance.
- ▶ **GEO:** Failure or excessive deformation of the ground, in which the strength of soil or rock is significant in providing resistance.
- ▶ **UPL:** Loss of equilibrium of the structure or the ground due to uplift by water pressure (buoyancy) or other vertical actions.
- ▶ **HYD:** Hydraulic heave, internal erosion and piping in the ground caused by hydraulic gradients.

4.0.1 EC7 Design Approaches

- ▶ **Design Approach 1:**

Combination 1: $A1$ “+” $M1$ “+” $R1$ (DA-1/1)

Combination 2: $A2$ “+” $M2$ “+” $R1$ (DA-1/2)

- ▶ **Design Approach 2:**

Combination: $A1$ “+” $M1$ “+” $R2$ (DA-2)

- ▶ **Design Approach 3:**

Combination: ($A1^*$ or $A2\dagger$) “+” $M2$ “+” $R3$
(DA-3)

*on structural actions, †on geotechnical actions

Where “+” implies: “to be combined with”.

4.0.2 EC7 Comments

- ▶ More comprehensive approach over LRFD
- ▶ Different design approach methods may result in very different results
- ▶ Impractical to perform calculations by hand
- ▶ Numerous partial factors, most practitioners confused.

4.0.3 EC7 Factors

Table 1. Partial factors on actions (γ_F) or the effects of actions (γ_E)

Action	Symbol	Set		
		A1	A2	
Permanent	Unfavorable	γ_G	1.35	1.0
	Favorable		1.0	1.0
Variable	Unfavorable	γ_Q	1.5	1.3
	Favorable		0	0

Table 2. Partial factors for soil parameters (γ_M)

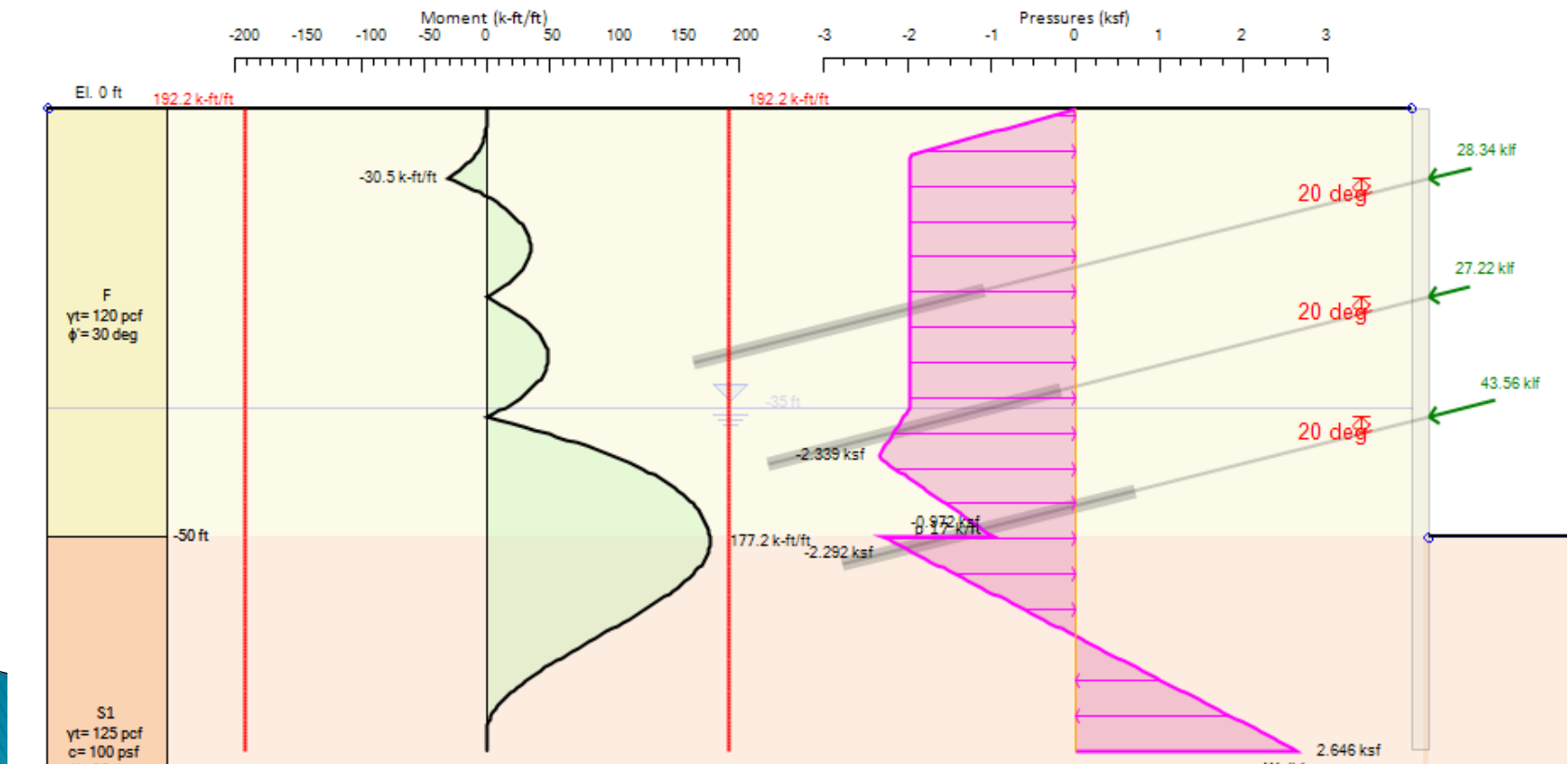
Soil parameter	Symbol	Set	
		M1	M2
Angle of shearing resistance (applied to $\tan \phi$)	$\gamma_{\phi'}$	1.0	1.25
Effective cohesion	$\gamma_{c'}$	1.0	1.25
Undrained shear strength	γ_{cu}	1.0	1.4
Unconfined strength	γ_{qu}	1.0	1.4
Weight density	γ_{γ}	1.0	1.0

Table 3. Partial resistance factors for earth resistance, pre-stressed anchors (γ_R)

Resistance	Symbol	Set			
		R1	R2	R3	R4
Earth resistance	$\gamma_{R:e}$	1.0	1.4	1.0	-
Ground anchors (temporary)	$\gamma_{a:t}$	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
Ground anchors (permanent)	$\gamma_{a:p}$	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1

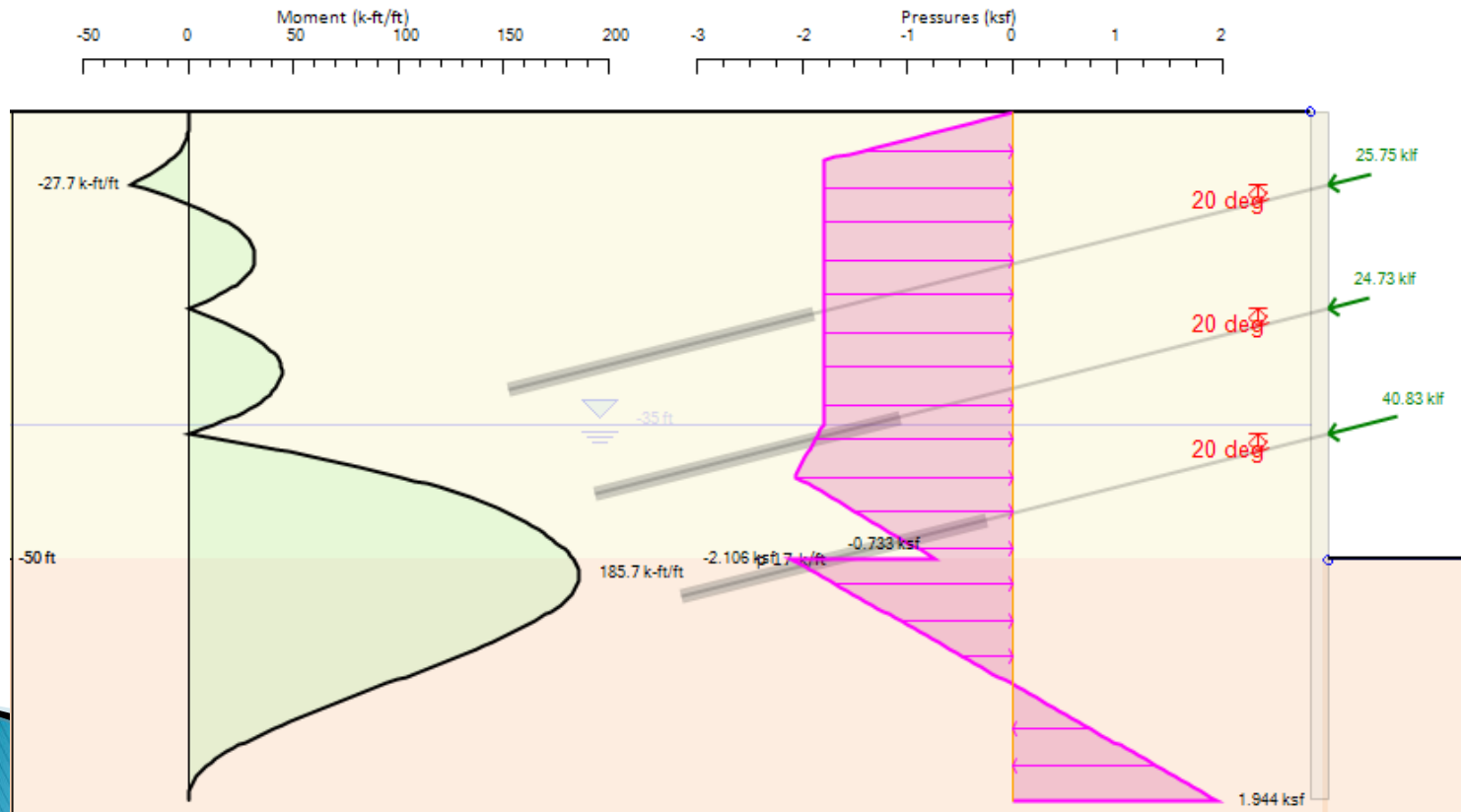
4.1.1 EC7-DA1 / Comb. 1

- ▶ 1.35 factor on apparent pressures
- ▶ Moment 177.2 k-ft/ft $\rightarrow S_{xx} = 47.25 \text{ in}^3$ - 20% greater
- ▶ Anchor: 43.56 klf \rightarrow 10% more steel



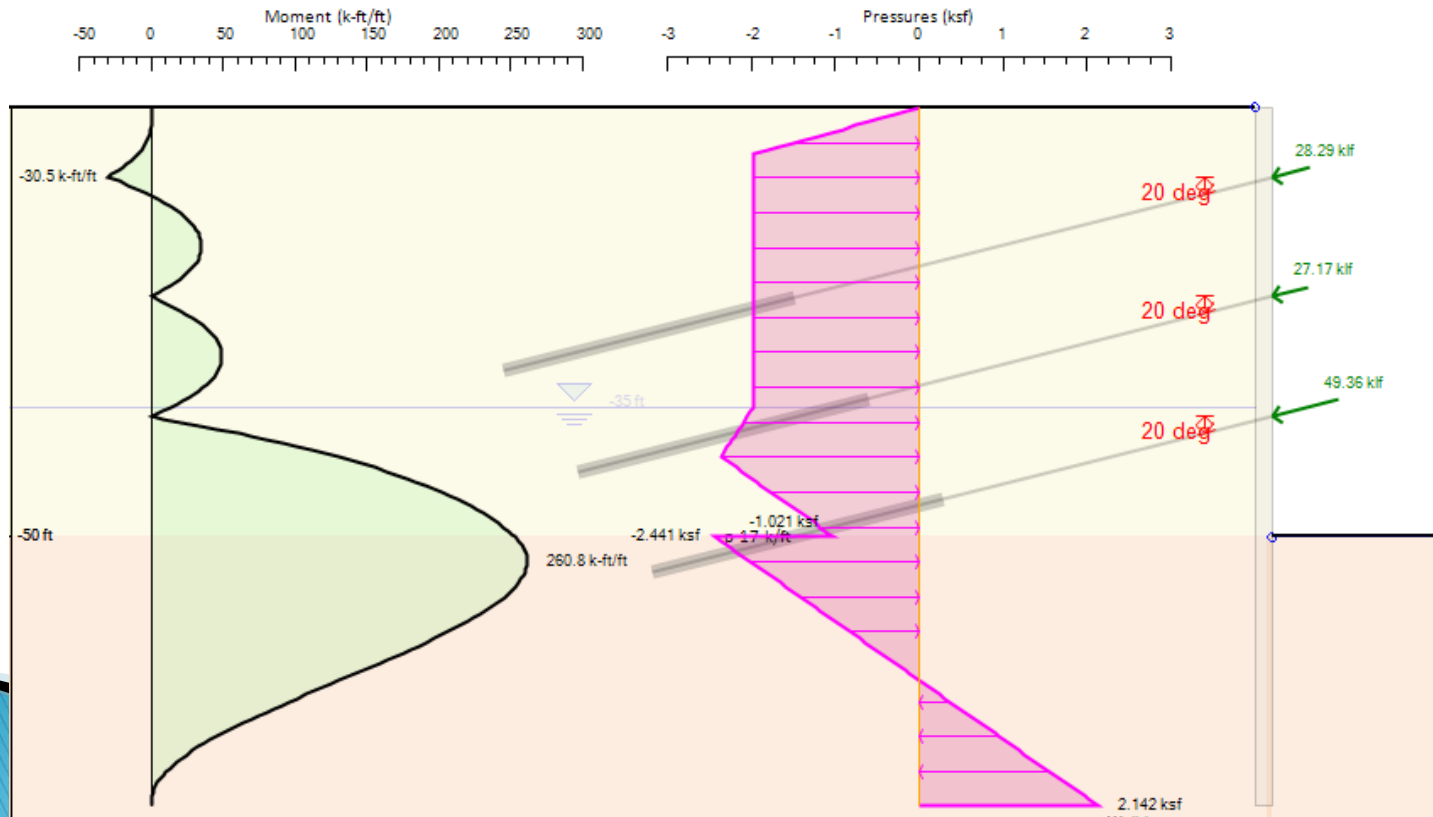
4.1.2 EC7-DA1 / Comb 2.

- ▶ Geotechnical comb. - reduce soil strength
- ▶ Moment 185.7k-ft/ft $\rightarrow S_{xx} = 50 \text{ in}^3$ - 27% greater
- ▶ Anchor: 40.83 klf \rightarrow 3% more steel
- ▶ Required wall embedment 27ft - 17% increase



4.1.3 EC7-DA2

- ▶ 1.35 on apparent, 1.4 on favorable
- ▶ Moment 260.8k-ft/ft $\rightarrow S_{xx} = 69.6 \text{ in}^3$ - 76% greater
- ▶ Anchor: 49.36 klf \rightarrow 25.4% more steel
- ▶ Required wall embedment 31.5ft - 82% increase



5. Compare requirements

Case	Moment (k-ft)	S_{xx} (in ³ /ft)	Increase in		Wall Embedment (ft)	Supports (klf)	Area of steel	
			S_{xx} (%)				(in ² /ft)	(%)
ASD	98.3	39.32	0.0%		23	29.62	0.183	0.0%
AASHTO LRFD Ia	206.4	55.04	40.0%		28	44.8	0.207	13.4%
EC7 DA1/1	177.2	47.25	20.2%		23	43.6	0.202	10.4%
EC7 DA1/2	185.7	49.52	25.9%		27	40.8	0.189	3.3%
EC7 DA2	260.8	69.55	76.9%		31.5	49.4	0.229	25.1%

- ▶ Ultimate moments 180% to 265% of ASD
- ▶ Reactions 137% to 167%

6. Elastoplastic & LRFD or EC7

- ▶ EC7 & LRFD calibrated on conventional methods
- ▶ Performance of deep excavations depends on construction staging.
- ▶ So if you are not getting realistic displacements in an analysis, or a realistic response are EC7 or LRFD results valid for design?

6.1 How to apply LRFD in ELPL analyses

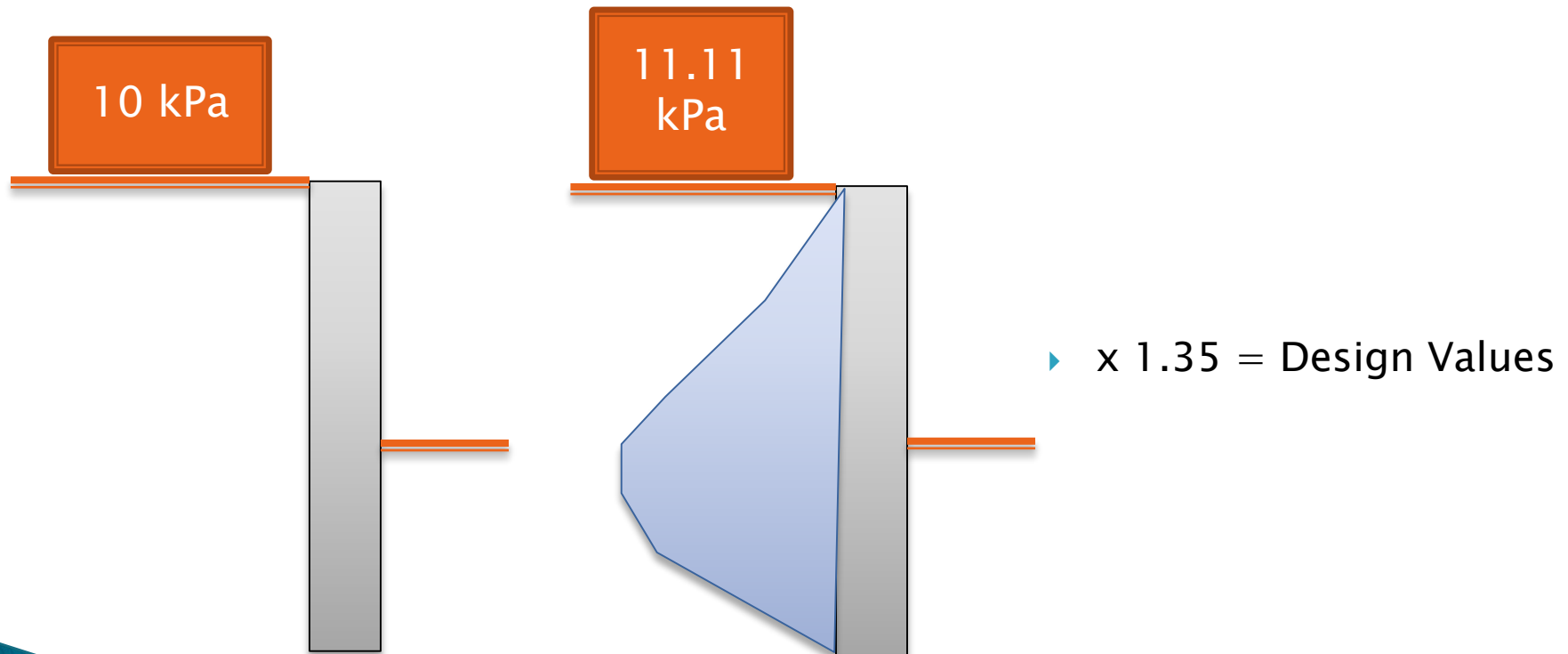
- ▶ One approach, adjust K_a , K_p , c' or S_u to produce equivalent effect
- ▶ Multiply surcharges by load factors
- ▶ AASHTO LRFD does not specifically mention what to do....
- ▶ Some engineers, standardize initial the analysis by the unfavorable lateral earth pressure factor (1.35), and then multiply results times that factor at the very end

6.2 EC7 and Elastoplastic Analyses

- ▶ EC7 in allows the effect of actions to be multiplied.
- ▶ In some combinations (DA 1 / 1) this would lead to a reasonable approach
- ▶ Design Approaches that have soil strength adjusted (M2) may produce unrealistic wall response
- ▶ M2 combinations may still show where a structure is sensitive
- ▶ M2 combinations might not work well (compared to ASD) if you have clays (especially softer clays)

6.2. Example of “effect” on actions

- ▶ DA 1 / 1 - LF= 1.5 Permanent, 1.35 Earth
- ▶ $10 \text{ kPa} \times 1.5 / 1.35 = 11.11 \text{ kPa}$



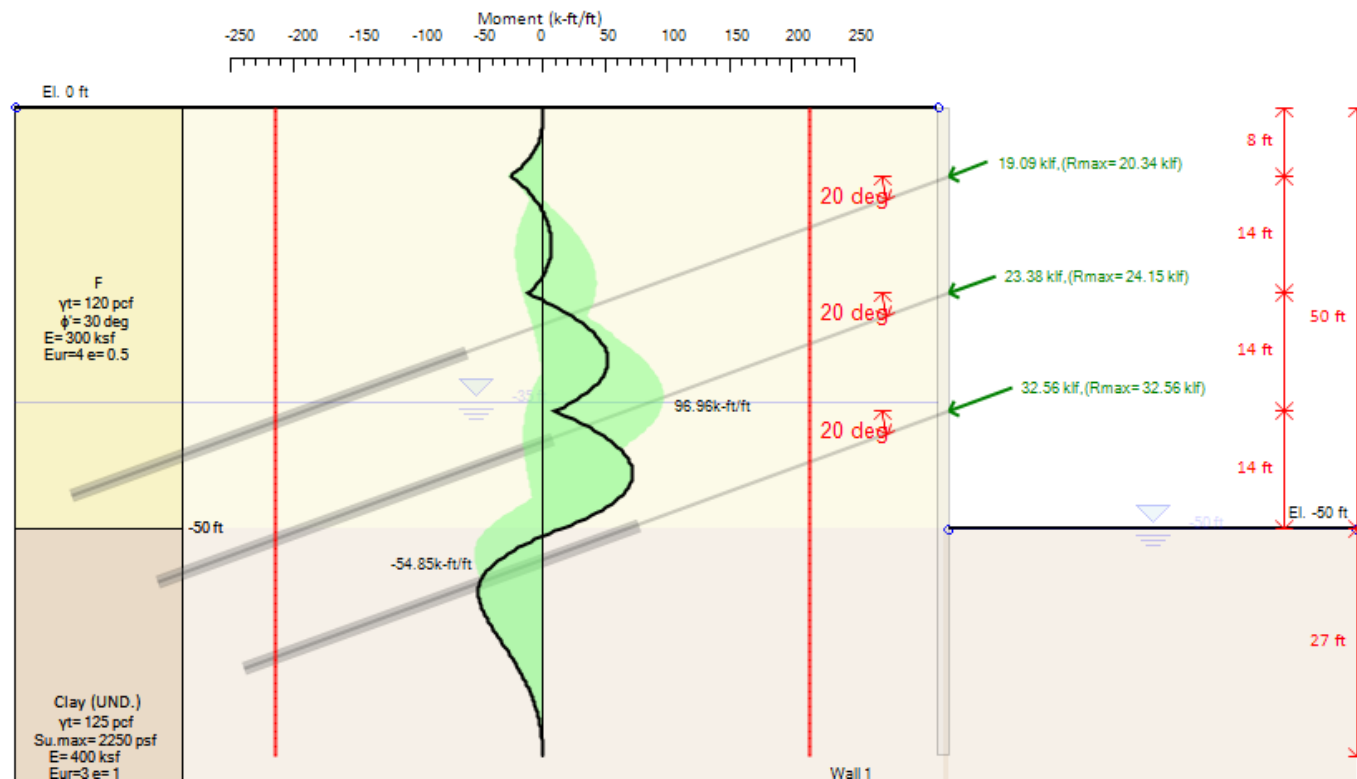
6.3 Compare NL Results

Design Case	Wall Displacement	Max. Wall Moment		Max. Support Reaction	
		Moment	Percent of service case	Reaction	Percent of service case
	(in)	(k-ft/ft)	-	(k/ft)	-
Service case	1.63	91.1	100.0%	31.8	100.0%
AASHTO LRFD (2010): Strength Ia	6.13	198.7	218.2%	43.4	136.3%
EC7, 2007: DA-1, Comb. 1: A1 + M1 + R1	1.63	122.9	135.0%	43.0	135.0%
EC7, 2007: DA-1, Comb. 2: A2 + M2 + R1	5.07	177.9	195.3%	41.3	129.9%
EC7, 2007: DA-2: A1 + M1 + R2	2.53	156.9	172.3%	46.2	145.2%

- ▶ Ultimate moments 135% to 218.2% of SLS
- ▶ Reactions 130% to 145%

6.4 Let's look at clays

- ▶ Lower soil replace with clay $S_u = 2250$ psf



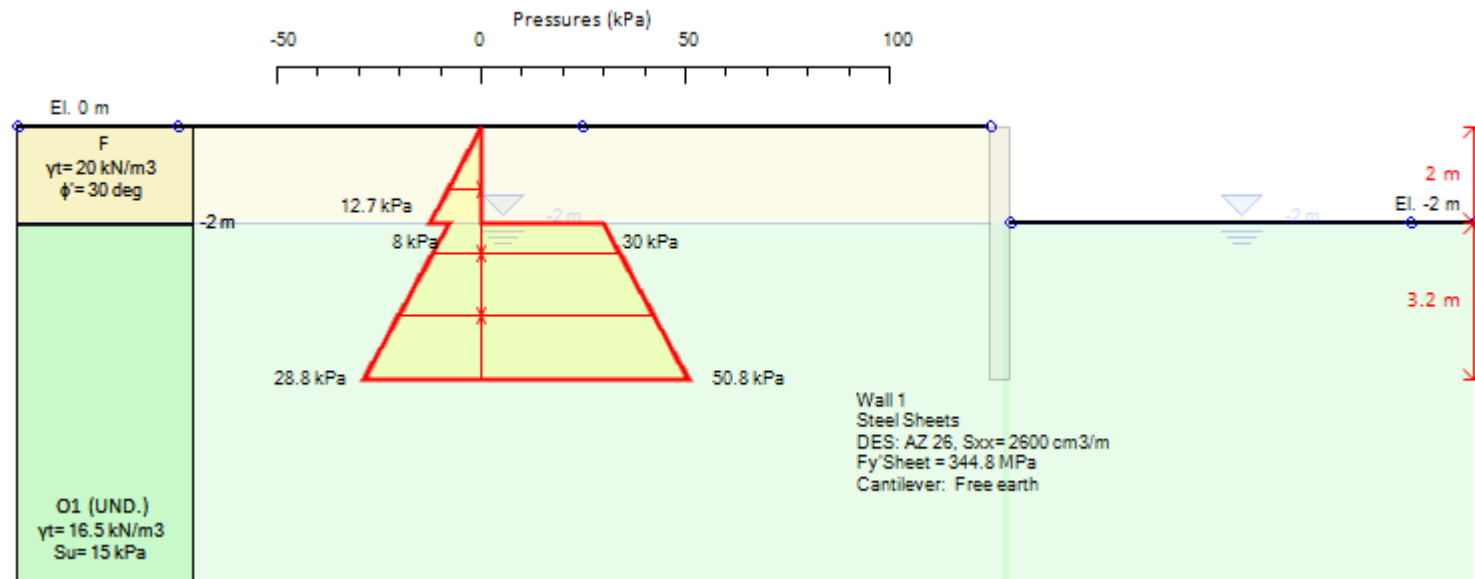
6.5 Clays (medium stiff)

Design Case	Wall Displacement	Max. Wall Moment		Max. Support Reaction	
		Moment	Percent of service case	Reaction	Percent of service case
	(in)	(k-ft/ft)	-	(k/ft)	-
Service case	1.88	97.0	100.0%	32.6	100.0%
AASHTO LRFD (2010): Strength Ia	8.04	205.8	212.3%	40.0	122.9%
EC7, 2007: DA-1, Comb. 1: A1 + M1 + R1	1.88	130.9	135.0%	44.0	135.0%
EC7, 2007: DA-1, Comb. 2: A2 + M2 + R1	7.29	177.9	183.5%	40.5	124.4%
EC7, 2007: DA-2: A1 + M1 + R2	2.49	155.7	160.6%	44.0	135.2%

- ▶ Ultimate moments 135% to 212.2% of SLS
- ▶ Reactions 122% to 135% (support prestress makes a difference)

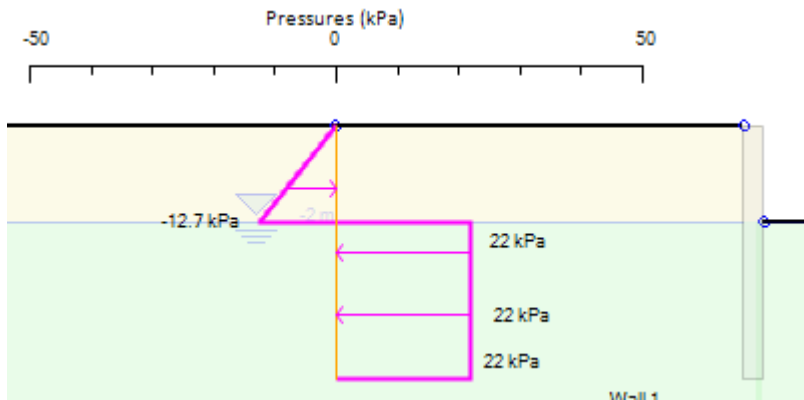
6.6.1 Let's look at soft clays

- ▶ 2.0m excavation (6.5ft)
- ▶ 2.0m fill, 30 degrees, 19 kN/m³
- ▶ Soft clay below $S_u = 15$ kPa (313 psf)
- ▶ Free earth method, required wall embedment 3.2m (FS > 1.5)

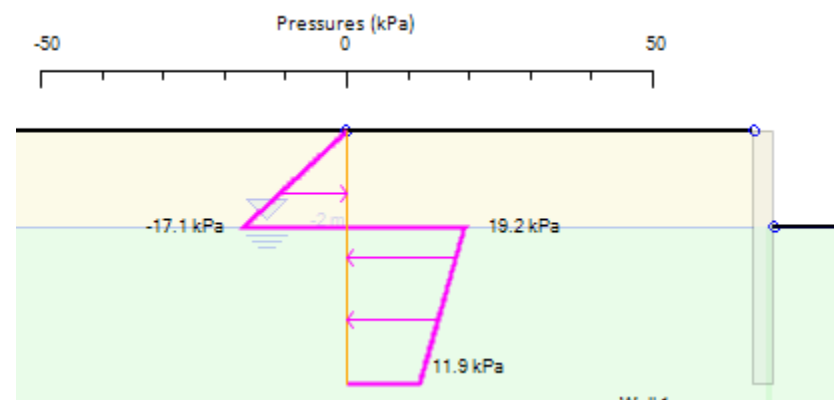


6.6.2 Soft clay example

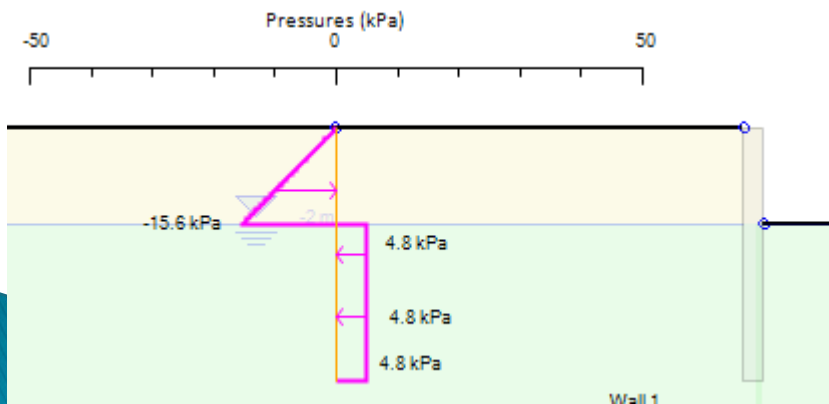
SLS (3.2m)



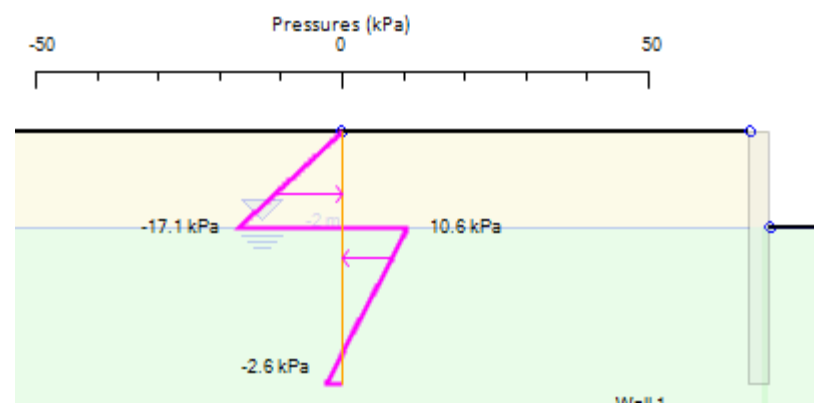
EC7 DA 1 / 1 (4.5m)



EC7 DA 1 / 2 (12.5m+)

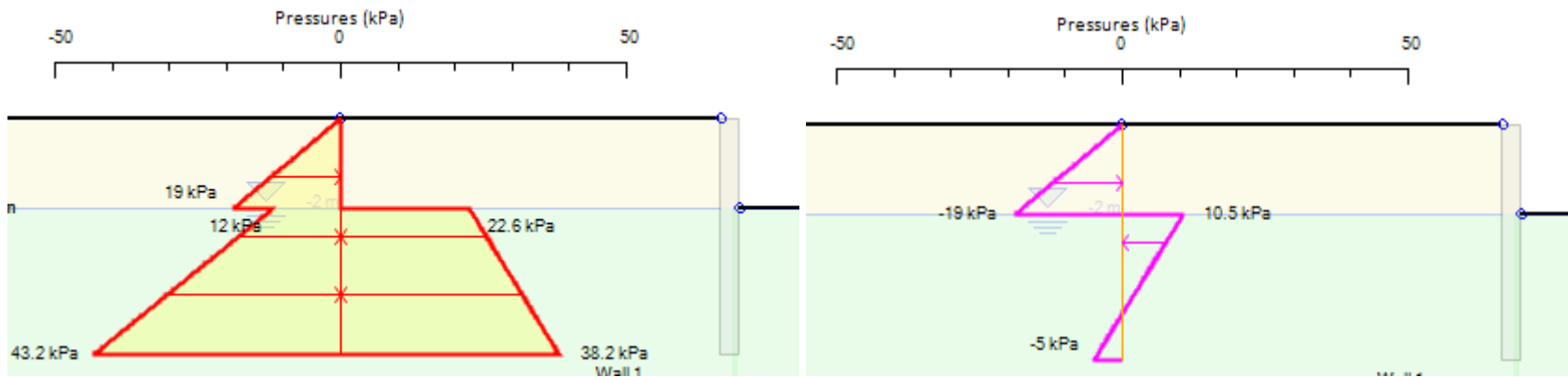


EC7 DA 2 (Unstable)

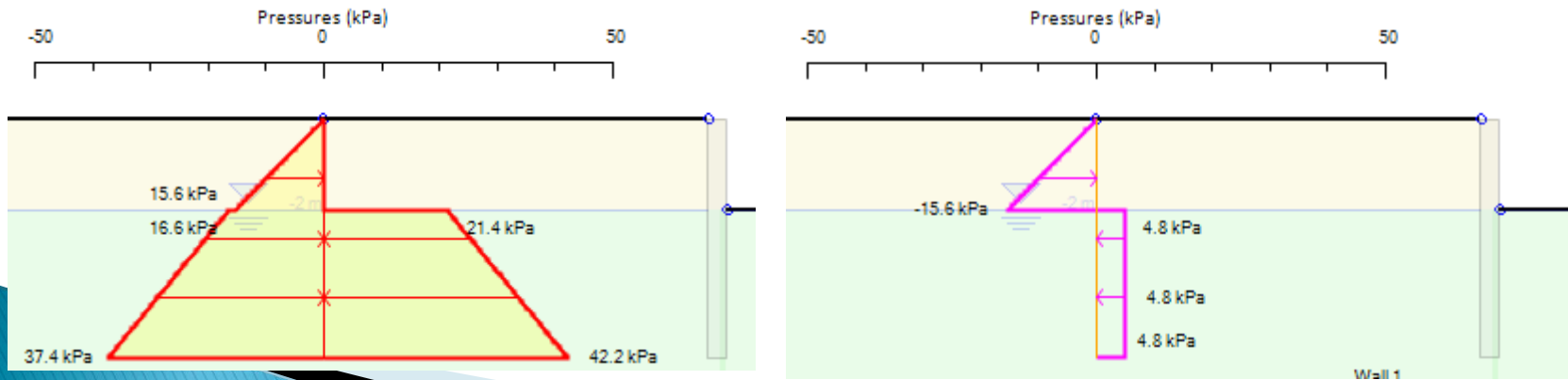


6.6.3 Soft clay example cont.

AASHTO Ia (Unstable)

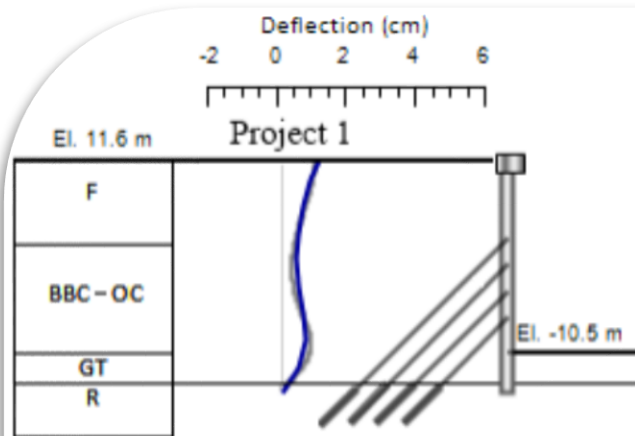


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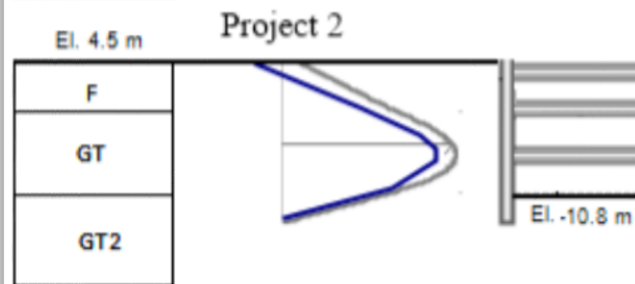


7.1 Benchmarked 6 excavations

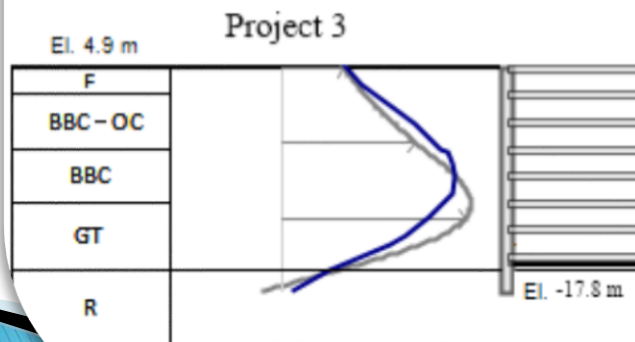
22.1m
(72.5ft)



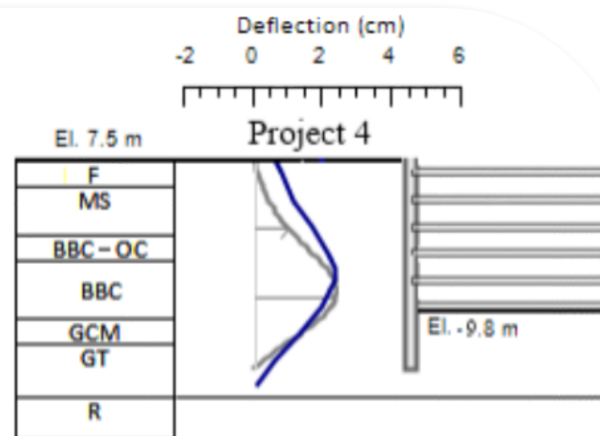
15.3m
(50ft)



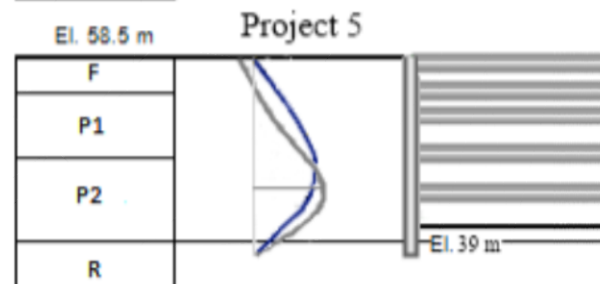
22.7m
(75ft)



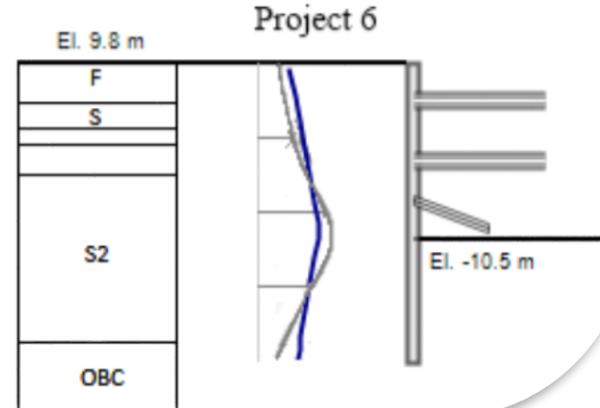
17.3m
(57ft)



19.5m
(64ft)



20.3m
(67ft)



7.2 Result summary, Part I

Project	Non-linear analysis ³						Limit equilibrium analysis ⁴			
	Wall critical results			Supports			Wall results		Supports	
	ID Case ^{1,2}	δ_h^5 (cm)	M_{NL}^7 (kN-m/m)	FS ⁸ M_{NL}	R_{NL}^9 (kN/m)	FS ¹⁰ R_{NL}	M_{LEM} (kN-m/m)	$\frac{M_{LEM}}{M_{NL}}$	R_{LEM} (kN/m)	$\frac{R_{LEM}}{R_N}$
1		1.29	1332.9	1.00	1169.5	1.00	533.6	0.40	621.6	0.53
	1-I	2.01	1741.8	1.31	1176.5	1.01	720.3	0.54	786.0	0.67
	1-II	2.02	1857.5	1.39	1178.8	1.01	720.3	0.54	797.8	0.68
	1-E1/1	1.29	1799.4	1.35	1578.8	1.35	720.3	0.54	839.1	0.72
	1-E1/2	1.96	1722.4	1.29	1173.9	1.00	716.9	0.54	782.5	0.67
	1-E2	1.29	1889.7	1.42	1572.4	1.34	720.3	0.54	839.1	0.72
	1-E3	2.00	1863.5	1.40	1176.3	1.01	716.9	0.54	794.2	0.68
	1-E2*	1.29	1799.4	1.35	1578.8	1.35	720.3	0.54	839.1	0.72
2		5.06	919.4	1.00	480.5	1.00	444.8	0.48	538.1	1.12
	2-I	7.23	1185.6	1.29	620.0	1.29	553.0	0.47	573.3	0.92
	2-II	7.17	1182.1	1.29	619.2	1.29	553.0	0.47	576.5	0.93
	2-E1/1	5.06	1241.1	1.35	648.7	1.35	654.2	0.53	726.4	1.12
	2-E1/2	6.2	1095.2	1.19	574.8	1.20	507.4	0.46	585.8	1.02
	2-E2	5.76	1393.6	1.52	724.8	1.51	838.6	0.60	726.4	1.00
	2-E3	6.18	1090.6	1.19	574.2	1.19	507.4	0.47	589.1	1.03
	2-E2*	5.06	1241.1	1.35	648.7	1.35	838.6	0.68	726.4	1.12
3		5.28	1950.9	1.00	424.9	1.00	411.2	0.21	666.8	1.57
	3-I	7.54	2697.3	1.38	548.8	1.29	584.3	0.30	698.3	1.64
	3-II	7.54	2697.3	1.38	548.8	1.29	584.3	0.30	698.3	1.64
	3-E1/1	5.32	2642.9	1.35	576.2	1.36	556.0	0.29	902.4	2.12
	3-E1/2	7.09	2579.4	1.32	520.4	1.22	439.6	0.23	737.2	1.73
	3-E2	6.08	3157.8	1.62	606.0	1.43	753.7	0.39	902.4	2.12
	3-E3	7.2	2600.8	1.33	531.3	1.25	441.7	0.23	742.3	1.75
	3-E2*	5.32	2642.9	1.35	576.2	1.36	753.7	0.39	902.4	2.12

7.3 Result summary, Part II

Project	Non-linear analysis ³						Limit equilibrium analysis ⁴				
	Wall critical results			Supports			Wall results		Supports		
	ID Case ^{1,2}	δ_h^5 (cm)	M_{NL}^7 (kN-m/m)	FS ⁸ M_{NL}	R_{NL}^9 (kN/m)	FS ¹⁰ R_{NL}	M_{LEM} (kN-m/m)	$\frac{M_{LEM}}{M_{NL}}$	R_{LEM} (kN/m)	$\frac{R_{LEM}}{R_{NL}}$	
4		2.33	1.919	1144.9	1.00	273.9	1.00	216.5	0.19	414.9	1.51
	4-I	3.37	1.326	1587.8	1.39	391.1	1.43	228.8	0.20	450.3	1.64
	4-II	3.37	1.326	1587.8	1.39	391.1	1.43	228.8	0.20	450.3	1.64
	4-E1/1	2.33	1.919	1545.6	1.35	369.7	1.35	292.3	0.26	560.1	2.05
	4-E1/2	3.00	1.336	1447.6	1.26	355.9	1.30	232.8	0.20	461.7	1.69
	4-E2	2.54	1.323	1689.5	1.48	386.9	1.41	292.3	0.26	560.1	2.05
	4-E3	3.00	1.336	1447.6	1.26	355.9	1.30	232.8	0.20	461.7	1.69
	4-E2*	2.33	0.838	1545.6	1.35	369.7	1.35	292.3	0.26	560.1	2.05
5		2.43	4.5	1748.6	1.00	626.3	1.00	355.5	0.20	572.7	0.91
	5-I	3.76	3.09	2409.5	1.38	693.3	1.11	384.1	0.22	627.8	1.00
	5-II	3.76	3.09	2409.5	1.38	693.3	1.11	384.1	0.22	627.8	1.00
	5-E1/1	2.43	4.5	2360.6	1.35	845.6	1.35	480.0	0.27	773.1	1.23
	5-E1/2	3.32	3.381	2208.5	1.26	635.3	1.01	361.2	0.21	580.7	0.93
	5-E2	2.74	3.279	2565.1	1.47	794.5	1.27	480.0	0.27	773.1	1.23
	5-E3	3.32	3.381	2208.5	1.26	635.3	1.01	361.2	0.21	580.7	0.93
	5-E2*	2.43	1.587	2360.6	1.35	845.6	1.35	480.0	0.27	773.1	1.23
6		2.85	3.352	838.9	1.00	592.2	1.00	357.6	0.43	501.1	0.85
	6-I	4.47	2.211	795.5	0.95	702.2	1.19	383.1	0.46	539.0	0.91
	6-II	4.47	2.211	795.5	0.95	702.2	1.19	383.1	0.46	539.0	0.91
	6-E1/1	2.85	3.352	1132.5	1.35	799.4	1.35	482.8	0.58	676.5	1.14
	6-E1/2	4.19	1.878	781.2	0.93	679.6	1.15	403.4	0.48	569.8	0.96
	6-E2	2.89	2.38	1044.5	1.25	808.8	1.37	482.8	0.58	676.5	1.14
	6-E3	4.19	1.878	781.2	0.93	679.6	1.15	403.4	0.48	569.8	0.96
	6-E2*	2.85	1.613	1132.5	1.35	799.4	1.35	482.8	0.58	676.5	1.14

7.4 EC7-LRFD Conclusion

- ▶ Non-linear analysis:
 - Overall FS on wall bending moments: 0.93 to 1.62
 - Overall FS on support reactions: 1.01 to 1.43
- ▶ Limit-equilibrium analysis with FHWA:
 - Bending moments 19 to 66% of non-linear analysis bending moment!
 - Support reactions from 53% to 178% of non-linear analysis results.

7.5 General experience

- ▶ LEM selection of appropriate method
- ▶ LEM for back-checks
- ▶ Non-linear analysis methods are encouraged
- ▶ ULS and LRFD approaches may produce inconsistent results with allowable design experience.
- ▶ Attention to details!!!
- ▶ Breath some AIR (Always Inspect Results)

8. What is next

- ▶ Third week: March 10, 11, 12
Optimization of excavations

Thank you!

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Design example:
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