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1 TESTIMONY OF DR. PERRY L. EHLIG

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Dr. Perry L. Ehlig.

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. I am a professor of geology at California State  
6 University at Los Angeles.

7 Q. In what manner are you associated with the  
8 Applicants in this proceeding?

9 A. Over the past four years I have been retained by the  
10 Applicants as a consulting geologist. I have  
11 conducted several geologic studies of the area  
12 around San Onofre involved with local stratigraphy;  
13 regional and local structure and tectonics.

14 Q. Would you please describe your formal training in  
15 geology?

16 A. I received a B.A. and Ph.D in geology from the  
17 University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in  
18 1952 and 1958, respectively.

19 Q. What professional positions have you had in the area  
20 of geology?

21 A. I have been a consulting engineering geologist since  
22 1954 to private consulting firms, the U.S. Army  
23 Corps of Engineers, Southern California Edison, City  
24 of Rancho Palos Verdes, and a member of Los Angeles  
25 County Engineering Geology and Soils Review and  
26 Appeals Board.



1 Q. Have you been associated with any educational  
2 institutions?

3 A. Yes, I was a teaching assistant in geology at UCLA  
4 in 1953-1954, a field geology instructor in 1956 and  
5 1958 at UCLA and at Louisiana State University in  
6 1957, and I have been a professor in geology at  
7 California State University at Los Angeles since  
8 1956.

9 Q. Do you hold any professional registrations in the  
10 State of California or any other state?

11 A. Yes, I am a Registered Geologist, No. 1692, and a  
12 Certified Engineering Geologist, No. 533, in the  
13 State of California.

14 Q. What are your pertinent professional or  
15 organizational memberships?

16 A. I am a member of the American Association for the  
17 Advancement of Science; American Association of  
18 Petroleum Geologists; Association of Engineering  
19 Geologists; Geological Society of America;  
20 Mineralogical Society of America; Sigma Xi; Society  
21 of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists; and  
22 National Association of Geology Teachers.

23 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field  
24 of geology?

25 A. Yes, I have authored or co-authored numerous papers  
26 and reports dealing with applied igneous and

1 metamorphic petrology, structural geology and  
2 engineering geology. A list of published reports is  
3 appended hereto.

4 Q. Have you presented expert opinion or testimony?

5 A. Yes. I presented expert opinion to the Advisory  
6 Committee on Reactor Safeguards ("ACRS") in this  
7 proceeding. In addition, I presented expert opinion  
8 before the Riverside, California Superior Court  
9 about 1970. This testimony dealt with the volume of  
10 hard rock likely to have been present in an area  
11 requiring blasting.

12 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this  
13 proceeding?

14 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether  
15 based on the geologic characteristics of the OZD,  
16 including its length, assignment of M 7 as the  
17 maximum magnitude earthquake for the OZD renders the  
18 seismic design basis inadequate. The purpose of my  
19 testimony is to establish the regional geologic  
20 setting and the evolution of the relevant geologic  
21 structures and stratigraphy in the San Onofre region.

22 Q. Have you investigated or studied the geologic  
23 evolution of the San Onofre region including the OZD?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Would you describe the basic geologic evolution of  
2 the San Onofre region up to the time of development  
3 of the OZD?

4 A. My studies indicate the geologic evolution of the  
5 San Onofre region began about 200 million years  
6 ("m.y.") ago when the western edge of the  
7 continental crust terminated near the eastern margin  
8 of the present Peninsular Ranges and sedimentary  
9 strata of Triassic and Jurassic age, referred to as  
10 the Bedford Canyon Formation near SONGS, were  
11 accreted against it, presumably as a result of  
12 eastward subduction of oceanic crust (Hamilton,  
13 Warren, "Mesozoic Tectonics of the United States"  
14 and Criscione and others, "The Age of Sedimentation/  
15 Diagenesis for the Bedford Canyon Formation and the  
16 Santa Monica Formation in Southern California; A  
17 Rb/Sr evaluation," Mesozoic Paleogeography of the  
18 Western United States: Pacific Section, So. Economic  
19 Paleontologists and Mineralogists, Pacific Coast  
20 Paleogeography Symposium 2, Howell, D.G. and  
21 McDougall, K.A., eds., pp. 385-396 (1978).)  
22 Volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks were emplaced on  
23 top of the accretionary wedge along the western side  
24 of the Peninsular Ranges during the Late Jurassic  
25 and Early Cretaceous (Castil, Morgan, G. J. and  
26 Krummenacher, "Tectonic History of Peninsular

1 California and Adjacent Mexico", in The Geotectonic  
2 Development of California, 284-305 (Ernst, W.G. ed.  
3 1981); Gastil and others, "Reconnaissance Geology of  
4 the State of Baja California." Geological Society of  
5 America, Mem. 140, (1975).) Batholithic rocks  
6 intruded the accretionary wedge during the  
7 Cretaceous. The initial batholiths were emplaced  
8 across the western half of the Peninsular Ranges  
9 starting about 120 m.y. ago. The locus of magmatism  
10 was nearly static until about 105 m.y. ago when it  
11 began migrating eastward and eventually passed east  
12 of the Peninsular Ranges 85-90 m.y. ago (Silver and  
13 others, "Some Petrological and Geological  
14 Observations of the Peninsular Ranges Batholith Near  
15 the International Border of the U.S.A. and Mexico,"  
16 in Mesozoic Crystalline Rocks Peninsular Ranges  
17 Batholith and Pegmatites Point Sal Ophiolite:  
18 Depart. of Geological Sciences San Diego State  
19 University, Abbott, P.L. and Todd, V.R., eds.,  
20 pp. 83-110, (1979).) Batholithic emplacement was  
21 accompanied by uplift and erosion, but, by Late  
22 Cretaceous, subsidence along the western margin of  
23 the Peninsular Ranges permitted the sea to  
24 transgress eastward to form a rugged shoreline near  
25 the western margin of the batholithic intrusions  
26 (Figure PLE-A, "Block Diagram of Peninsular Ranges

1 During Cretaceous"). As seen today, the eastern  
2 limit of Upper Cretaceous marine strata forms a  
3 relatively straight line from the Santa Ana  
4 Mountains at the northwest corner of the Peninsular  
5 Ranges to the Vizcaino Peninsula in Baja,  
6 California. Gastil and others (supra at 47) refer  
7 to this as the Santillan and Barrera line (Figure  
8 PLE-B, "Location of Santillan and Barrera Hinge  
9 Line"). The line was originally thought of as the  
10 eastern edge of a geosynclinal basin analogous to  
11 the Great Valley of California but in terms of  
12 modern nomenclature we would refer to it as a  
13 forearc basin. The Santillan and Barrera line is a  
14 tectonic hinge line separating the thick, buoyant,  
15 dominantly batholithic continental crust to the east  
16 from the westward-thinning, accretionary wedge which  
17 adjoins oceanic crust to the west. Downwarping to  
18 the west of this line was probably controlled  
19 primarily by isostatic adjustments and proceeded  
20 gradually through time, probably in response to  
21 loading by sediments eroded from the continent to  
22 the east of the line.

23 During the period 90-20 m.y. ago, from the  
24 Late Cretaceous through the Early Miocene, the  
25 position and configuration of the coastline varied  
26 slightly, probably as a result of fluctuations in

1 relative sea level and minor crustal warping.  
2 During the Eocene approximately 40 m.y. ago the  
3 coast transgressed landward across the Santillan and  
4 Barrera line but most of the time it was on the  
5 seaward side of the line. During the Early Miocene  
6 (about 20 m.y. ago) the shoreline was immediately  
7 west of SONGS and trended north-northwesterly across  
8 the present Capistrano Embayment as shown  
9 diagrammatically in Figure PLE-C, "Location of  
10 Coastline During Early Miocene About 20 m.y. Ago"  
11 (see Campbell, R.H. and Yerkes, R.F. "Cenozoic  
12 Evolution of the Los Angeles Basin Area - Relation  
13 to Plate Tectonics": Pacific Section of American  
14 Association of Petroleum Geologists and  
15 Petrologists: Misc. Pub. 24, pp. 541-558, (1976).)  
16 At that time the Vaqueros Formation was deposited  
17 under shallow marine conditions on the seaward side  
18 of the shoreline while the continental Sespe  
19 Formation was deposited on the landward side.

20 At the beginning of the Middle Miocene (about  
21 16 m.y. ago) conditions changed radically along the  
22 southern California coast and adjacent offshore  
23 borderland. The change may have been brought on by  
24 passage of the East Pacific Rise beneath this part  
25 of the continental margin or by divergent transform  
26 faulting postdating the overriding of the rise.



1           The major changes included: 1) the sudden  
2 appearance of Catalina Schist at the surface in the  
3 area offshore from the present coast with local  
4 shedding of schist debris in a northerly to easterly  
5 direction to form the onshore occurrences of the San  
6 Onofre Breccia; 2) widespread volcanism including  
7 volcanic intrusions within and to the north of the  
8 San Joaquin Hills; and 3) crustal extension and  
9 fragmentation causing the initial opening of the Los  
10 Angeles Basin (Figure PLE-D, "Paleogeography in  
11 Middle Miocene About 15 m.y. Ago"; (see Stuart, C.J.  
12 "Middle Miocene Paleogeography of Coastal Southern  
13 California and the California Borderland -- Evidence  
14 from Schist-bearing Sedimentary Rocks", in Cenozoic  
15 paleogeography of the Western United States, Pacific  
16 Section, SEPM, pp. 29-44, (Armentrout, Cole and  
17 Terbist, eds., 1979) and the development of  
18 northwest-trending ridges and basins in the Southern  
19 California Continental Borderland. PLE-E, "Known  
20 Distribution of San Onofre Breccia and Probable  
21 Northeastern Limits of Catalina Schist Basement"  
22 shows the distribution of San Onofre Breccia which  
23 consists of Catalina Schist debris and the probable  
24 landward limit of schist bedrock. The juxtaposition  
25 of the schist against Peninsular Range basement is  
26 significant because the two formed in very different



1 environments. The juxtaposition is important  
2 because the two formed in very different  
3 environments and were probably brought together by  
4 lateral faulting. Whereas the Peninsular Ranges  
5 basement formed in a shallow continental environment  
6 by emplacement of batholithic magma: believed to be  
7 derived from a subduction zone undergoing partial  
8 melting at a depth of 125 to 175 km below the  
9 surface, the Catalina Schist experienced low  
10 temperature, high pressure metamorphism  
11 characteristic of a subduction zone at a depth of 30  
12 to 40 km (Platt, J.P., "The Petrology, Structure,  
13 and Geologic History of the Catalina Schist Terrane,  
14 Southern Terrain, Southern California"; in 112  
15 Univer. Calif. Publ. Geol. Sci., (1976)). The  
16 limited available data indicates the schist was  
17 metamorphosed synchronous with emplacement of  
18 batholithic rocks (Platt, J.P., Stuart, C.J., Suppe,  
19 J. and Armstrong, R.L., "Potassium Argon Dating of  
20 Franciscan Metamorphic Rocks: 272 American Journal  
21 of Science, 217-233, (1972)).

22 In the area offshore from SONGS the contact  
23 between the two terranes is likely to lie along the  
24 OZD but the presence of a thick sedimentary cover  
25 inhibits verification. The greatest known thickness  
26 of San Onofre Breccia is exposed on San Onofre

1 Mountain east of SONGS where it was deposited on a  
2 piedmont alluvial fan (Figure PLE-F, "Idealized  
3 Block Diagram, Deposition of the San Onofre  
4 Breccia"). Details of its depositional environment  
5 in the SONGS area are described by me in "Miocene  
6 Stratigraphy and Depositions, Environments of the  
7 San Onofre Area and Their Tectonic Significance" (in  
8 Stuart, C.J., A Guidebook to Miocene Lithofacies and  
9 Depositional Environments, Coastal Southern  
10 California and Northwestern Baja California, pp.  
11 43-51, (1979)) and by Stuart, C.J., in "Middle  
12 Miocene Paleogeography of Coastal Southern California  
13 and the California Borderland - Evidence from  
14 Schist-Bearing Sedimentary Rocks", (in Cenozoic  
15 Paleogeography of the Western United States, Pacific  
16 Section, SEPM, pp. 29-44 (Armentrout, Cole and  
17 Terbest, eds., (1979)).

18 Volcanism was wide spread within southern  
19 California during the Middle Miocene but in the  
20 region around SONGS it occurred mainly within and to  
21 the north of the San Joaquin Hills. Here, the  
22 volcanic rocks occur as flows and pyroclastic debris  
23 interbedded with the Topanga Formation and as  
24 intrusions along faults (Vedder and others,  
25 "Geologic Map and Cross Section of the San Joaquin  
26 Hills - San Juan Capistrano area, California; U.S.

1 Geological Survey Open - File Maps 75-552, (1975)).  
2 A southward plunging domal uplift developed in the  
3 San Joaquin Hills and the area to the north  
4 simultaneous with emplacement of volcanic rocks.  
5 McCulloh has mapped a steep-gradient positive  
6 gravity anomaly over this area. (McCulloh, T.H.,  
7 "Gravity Variations and the Geology of the Los  
8 Angeles Basin of California," U.S. Geological Survey  
9 Research, Professional Paper 400-B, p. B-325,  
10 (1960)). Although McCulloh suggested the anomaly  
11 might be caused by a gabbro intrusion in the  
12 underlying basement, it appears more likely that the  
13 area is underlain by a shallow laccolith of Middle  
14 Miocene age.

15 A microfaunal analysis of the Topanga  
16 Formation in the northwestern San Joaquin Hills  
17 indicates water depths increased from about 250 m  
18 (800 ft.) at the start of the Middle Miocene  
19 (16 m.y. ago) to about 1800 m (5900 ft.) in late  
20 Middle Miocene (about 14.5 m.y. ago) as determined  
21 by Ingle (Ingle, J.C., "Biostratigraphy and  
22 Paleocology of Early Miocene through Early  
23 Pleistocene Benthonic and Planktonic Foraminifera,  
24 San Joaquin Hills - Newport Bay - Dana Point Area,  
25 Orange County, California," in Stuart, C.J., supra,  
26 pp. 53-78, (1979).) (Figure PLE-G "Bonita Canyon -

1 Paleobathymetry Correlation"). This reflects the  
2 initial opening of the Los Angeles Basin. As  
3 subsidence progressed throughout the area and a  
4 silled basin with oxygen-deficient bottom water  
5 developed, sedimentation changed to the laminated  
6 diatomaceous shale of the Monterey Formation and the  
7 paleobathymetry changed as shown in Figure PLE-H  
8 "Newport Bay - Paleobathymetry Correlation". Along  
9 the coast southeast of SONGS, shale in the Monterey  
10 Formation interfingers with massive sandstone  
11 deposited as small submarine fans. This reflects  
12 the presence of a relatively steep submarine slope  
13 along the western margin of the Peninsular Range  
14 perhaps controlled isostatically by a thinner crust  
15 west of the OZD.

16 Q. Subsequent to the Middle Miocene period, described  
17 above, were there any significant changes in  
18 geologic structure or stratigraphy?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Would you describe those changes?

21 A. During the Late Miocene, (approximately 10 m.y. ago)  
22 the Cristianitos fault began to move in association  
23 with subsidence in the Capistrano Embayment as  
24 described by me in "The Late Cenozoic Evolution of  
25 the Capistrano Embayment" (Geologic Guide of San  
26 Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and Adjacent

1           Regions of Southern California, Pacific Sections

2           AAPG, SEPM, and SEG, Fife, D.L., ed., pp. 38-47,

3           (1979)). The surface trace of the Cristianitos

4           fault is subparallel to the Santillan and Barrera

5           line and lies at an average distance of about 6

6           miles (10 km) west of it. As interpreted here, the

7           Cristianitos fault is a westward-facing listric,

8           normal fault which passes downward into a

9           bedding-plane fault within the lower part of the

10          post-batholithic Cretaceous strata or underlying

11          Santiago Peak Volcanics which contain interfingered

12          marine shale. Structural factors controlling the

13          Cristianitos fault would be the westward dip of the

14          deep strata and the eastward pinchout of clay-rich

15          strata which might serve as surfaces of low shear

16          strength during gravity gliding. The dip of the

17          strata would be essentially perpendicular to the

18          Santillan and Barrera line and the dips would be

19          steeper at the base of the sedimentary sequence than

20          near the top because of progressive westward tilting

21          through time.

22                 Movement on the Cristianitos fault started

23          when the area was below sea level and is marked by a

24          change in sedimentation from the dominantly

25          laminated diatomaceous strata of the Monterey

26          Formation to the poorly bedded mudstone, siltstone

1 and sandstone of the Capistrano Formation. Beds  
2 within the two formations are concordant and are  
3 gradational in lithology within the interior of the  
4 embayment but are discordant and change abruptly  
5 from shale to sandstone adjacent to the Cristianitos  
6 fault. During deposition of the Capistrano  
7 Formation, two large submarine fans had their heads  
8 along the base of a west-facing submarine scarp  
9 along the Cristianitos fault. One is in the  
10 northeastern part of the Capistrano Embayment and is  
11 represented by massive sandstone of the Oso Member  
12 of the Capistrano Formation. Here, conglomeratic  
13 sandstone of the Oso Member rests upon a scoured  
14 surface cut on slightly upturned beds of Monterey  
15 shale. The sand of the Oso Member was probably fed  
16 into the area by the ancestral Trabucco Creek which  
17 probably drained a large area some 50 km northeast  
18 of SONGS, in the Perris region. The second  
19 submarine fan had its head along the Cristianitos  
20 fault in the area between SONGS and San Mateo Creek  
21 and, although its massive sandstone is referred to  
22 as the San Mateo Formation, it interfingers with and  
23 is part of the Capistrano Formation. The coarsest  
24 part of the fan-head deposits is restricted to a  
25 small area between San Onofre and San Mateo Creeks.  
26 This suggests that the fan was fed by a submarine



1 canyon cut into the fault scarp along the  
2 Cristianitos, probably by the ancestral San Mateo  
3 Creek which may have drained a large area extending  
4 some 50 km northeast of SONGS in the Perris region  
5 during the Late Miocene.

6 Simultaneous with the development of the  
7 Capistrano Embayment, the Los Angeles Basin deepened  
8 rapidly in the vicinity of Newport Bay on the west  
9 side of a submarine ridge which occupied the present  
10 position of the San Joaquin Hills. Faunal analyses  
11 by Ingle (supra) indicate water depths were at least  
12 3,000 m (9840 ft.) in the Newport Bay area during  
13 the Late Miocene (PLE-H). At the same time water  
14 depths were a maximum of 2,500m (8,200 ft.) in the  
15 Dana Point-Capistrano area at the mouth of the  
16 Capistrano Embayment (Figure PLE-I, "Capistrano-  
17 Dana Point-Paleobathymetry Correlation"). The  
18 paleogeography for this period is shown in Figure  
19 PLE-J, "Paleography of Capistrano Embayment Area  
20 About 8 m.y. Ago". The arrangement of the Doheny  
21 and San Mateo submarine fans indicates a relatively  
22 steep south-facing submarine slope existed at the  
23 mouth of the Capistrano Embayment with a deep ocean  
24 basin to the south.

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1 Q. Would you please discuss the development of the  
2 Cristianitos fault in the context of the regional  
3 geology?

4 A. Movement on the Cristianitos fault and extension  
5 within the Capistrano Embayment is also probably the  
6 result of gravity gliding in a westward direction  
7 into the Los Angeles Basin. That the Cristianitos  
8 fault is a west-facing normal fault can readily be  
9 seen in the coastal exposure southeast of SONGS.  
10 Here, the fault dips 57 degrees west with  
11 slickensides oriented down the dip. The west side  
12 is down and reverse drag on the downthrown side  
13 indicates a flattening of the fault plane with depth  
14 (Ehlig, P.L., "Geotechnical Studies Northern San  
15 Diego County, October, 1977, Consultants Report to  
16 Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas  
17 and Electric Company," (1977)). (Figure PLE-K,  
18 "Reverse Drag Features at the Cristianitos Fault".)  
19 Similar features exist along the fault within the  
20 Capistrano Embayment. For example, cross section  
21 C-B by West (West, J.C., "Generalized Sub-Surface  
22 Geological and Geophysical Study, Capistrano Area,  
23 Orange County, California": Consultants Report to  
24 Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas  
25 and Electric Company, (1975)) Figure PLE-L, ("A  
26 Portion of a Geologic Section Across the Capistrano

1 Area") shows reverse drag on the down side (west) of  
2 the fault. Figure PLE-L indicates bedding has a  
3 regional dip of about 15 degrees west along the base  
4 of the Cretaceous to the east of the Cristianitos  
5 fault thus providing a structure suitable for  
6 westward sliding. Although Figure PLE-L indicates  
7 gentle dips along the base of the Cretaceous beneath  
8 the Capistrano Embayment, structural control is  
9 restricted to the upper half of the sedimentary  
10 sequence. The base of the Cretaceous sediments is  
11 likely to continue to dip westward beneath the  
12 Capistrano Embayment as a result of westward  
13 thickening and the addition of older strata at the  
14 base of the sequence in the seaward direction from  
15 the Santillan and Barrera line. The base of the  
16 Cretaceous may also dip westward beneath the San  
17 Joaquin Hills structural high if the domal uplifting  
18 of the high was the result of a Middle Miocene  
19 laccolithic intrusion as appears likely.

20 The Cristianitos fault is likely to flatten  
21 with depth and become a bedding plane fault near the  
22 base of the Cretaceous sediments. Movement on the  
23 Cristianitos fault was probably caused by gravity  
24 gliding of the hanging wall block and was the result  
25 of inadequate lateral support within the Los Angeles  
26 Basin where the ocean floor was very deep and where

1 the westward continuation of the Middle Miocene and  
2 older rocks of the Peninsular Ranges had been  
3 removed by crustal extension and/or strike-slip  
4 faulting.

5 It should be noted that Los Angeles Basin had  
6 a different configuration during the Late Miocene  
7 and Early Pliocene than at present. A deep trough  
8 extended southward across the present coast to the  
9 west of the San Joaquin Hills structural high  
10 whereas a northwest-trending structural high was  
11 subsequently developed along the landward side of  
12 the coast to the west of the San Joaquin Hills.  
13 This is shown by the fact that Upper Miocene strata  
14 exposed above sea level on the west side of San  
15 Joaquin Hills were, according to Ingle, supra,  
16 deposited at an ocean depth of about 10,000 feet  
17 (3,000 m) whereas strata of the same age and  
18 probably deposited at about the same depth are  
19 presently 20,000 feet below sea level within the  
20 deepest part of the modern Los Angeles Basin.  
21 Vertical relief between the Capistrano Embayment and  
22 the Los Angeles Basin probably provided the driving  
23 force for the gravitational gliding. A contributing  
24 factor may have been loss of lateral support by  
25 deep-seated extension beneath the Los Angeles Basin.

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1 Q. Would you describe the amount of movement that is  
2 evident along the Cristianitos?

3 A. The displacement along the Cristianitos fault is  
4 greatest near the center of the Capistrano Embayment  
5 where West (supra) indicates the top of the  
6 Cretaceous strata have a stratigraphic separation of  
7 about 3500 feet with the west side down and  
8 decreases both to the north and to the south.

9 At the south end of the embayment near SONGS  
10 the Monterey Formation has a dip separation of about  
11 600 feet across the Cristianitos fault as seen in  
12 Figure PLE-M, "Geologic Cross Section Between  
13 Onshore Borings". Displacement appears to die out  
14 completely several thousand feet offshore from SONGS.

15 Q. Are there other instances in the vicinity of San  
16 Onofre where faults were formed as a result of  
17 gravity gliding during the same time period?

18 A. Yes. The San Joaquin Hills to the west of the  
19 Capistrano Embayment contain several westward-facing  
20 normal faults which were active at the same time as  
21 the Cristianitos fault. A good example is the  
22 Pelican Hill fault shown in Figure PLE-N,  
23 "Cross-Section Showing Pelican Hill Fault", by  
24 Vedder and others (Vedder, J.G., et al.,  
25 "Preliminary Report of the Continental Borderland of  
26 Southern California," United States Geol. Survey,

1 Misc. Field Studies, Map MF-624, (1974)). The  
2 diagnostic features are: (1) the west side of the  
3 fault is down; (2) the fault surface dips westward  
4 and the dip of the fault surface flattens with  
5 depth, and (3) there is reverse drag along the down  
6 thrown side of the fault. In essence, the fault  
7 functioned as the base of a large landslide with the  
8 overlying strata sliding westward toward the Los  
9 Angeles Basin.

10 Q. Is there a structural relationship between the  
11 Cristianitos Fault and the OZD?

12 A. No. The Cristianitos fault dies out in the near  
13 shore area before reaching the OZD. A likely  
14 mechanical reason for its dying out is because of a  
15 change in the physiographic and geologic structure  
16 which existed in the vicinity of the present coast  
17 during the Late Miocene and Early Pliocene. In the  
18 inland area to the east of the Cristianitos, exposed  
19 bedrock consists mainly of Eocene and Cretaceous  
20 strata striking nearly parallel to the fault and  
21 dipping gently in a westerly to southwesterly  
22 direction. To the east of the fault near the coast  
23 the San Onofre Breccia forms the principal exposed  
24 bedrock. It strikes in northwesterly to westerly  
25 directions and dips seaward at angles typically  
26 ranging between 35 and 45 degrees along the south

1 flank of the San Onofre Mountains (Ehlig, supra).  
2 If a similar change in structure is present at depth  
3 to the west of the surface trace of the Cristianitos  
4 fault, it would tend to prevent gravity gliding  
5 toward the Los Angeles Basin in the area south of  
6 the present coast and the steep dip would tend to  
7 cause the Cretaceous beds to be buttressed in the  
8 offshore area. An alternate or complimentary  
9 possibility is that the downwarping of the coastal  
10 area southeast of the Cristianitos fault tended to  
11 reduce the gravitational driving force along the  
12 southern edge of the gravity glide block thereby  
13 causing displacement to die out in the offshore area.

14 Q. Have you reviewed the earthquake potential of the  
15 OZD?

16 A. Yes. I have reviewed it from the standpoint of what  
17 I consider to be the maximum earthquake likely to  
18 occur along it based on its features, geologic  
19 strain rate, and regional tectonic setting.

20 Q. One of the issues is whether  $M_s$  7 is an appropriate  
21 maximum magnitude for earthquakes on the OZD. Do  
22 you believe  $M_s$  7 is adequate?

23 A. Yes, I do for the following reasons:

24 1. The absence of extensive and/or throughgoing  
25 fault ruptures in near-surface strata along much of  
26 the OZD is typical of faulting associated with



1 earthquakes of less than about  $M_S$  7. For larger  
2 earthquakes the high rate and large amount of ground  
3 displacement during such an earthquake would favor  
4 propagation of faults to the surface and would also  
5 favor extensive secondary faulting and lurching near  
6 the surface. For example, there is a lack of  
7 near-surface faulting in the vicinity of Dominguez  
8 Hill near the center of the NIZD. If  $M_S$  7 or  
9 greater earthquakes had occurred in this area, I  
10 would expect extensive evidence of near-surface  
11 faulting.

12 2. As I interpret the regional tectonic setting,  
13 north-south compression and right lateral drag along  
14 the Big Bend in the San Andreas fault is causing  
15 widespread deformation within the upper crust to the  
16 west of the San Andreas. Displacement along the OZD  
17 is only one aspect of this deformation. Folding,  
18 broad arching, and other faulting is also occurring  
19 over a wide area. Because of this and the  
20 variability of rock types and geologic structures  
21 along the OZD, I would expect variations in the  
22 orientation and intensity of the stress field along  
23 the OZD. Because its strain rate is only about  
24 0.5 mm per year, only a relatively small segment of  
25 the OZD is likely to have shearing stress at or near  
26 the elastic limit at any given time. Consequently,



1 I would expect strain release by localized  
2 earthquakes of less than  $M_s$  7.

3 Q. Are you familiar with present-day theories of what  
4 is commonly called wrench tectonics?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Would you please describe your understanding of  
7 wrench tectonics theory?

8 A. The current theories of wrench tectonics are  
9 described by Wilcox, Harding and Seely in "Basic  
10 Wrench Tectonics", 57 American Assoc. Petroleum  
11 Geologists Bull., p. 74-96 (1973). They attempt to  
12 relate certain types and patterns of shallow folding  
13 and faulting to horizontal shearing strain within  
14 the underlying crystalline crust. Their  
15 interpretations are based on the deformation  
16 produced in clay models by moving tin sheets beneath  
17 a clay cake. Different styles of deformation are  
18 achieved by varying the sense and amount of  
19 strike-slip movement and by combining divergent or  
20 convergent motion with strike-slip motion.

21 The basic concepts of wrench tectonics have  
22 been known for several decades in association with  
23 studies of strike-slip faults but wrench terminology  
24 has become popular only recently, particularly among  
25 petroleum geologists. An understanding of the  
26 terminology is essential in order to comprehend the

1 strengths and weaknesses of the concepts. Some of  
2 the most important terms used by Wilcox and others,  
3 supra, are:

4 Wrenching - the process of deforming near  
5 surface rocks by horizontal shearing strain along a  
6 steeply inclined zone or fault within the underlying  
7 basement.

8 Wrench fault - a high-angle strike-slip fault  
9 of great linear extent which involves basement  
10 deformation.

11 Wrench zone - a swath of terrane deformed by  
12 wrenching prior to and concurrently with strike-slip  
13 along the throughgoing wrench fault.

14 The principal strength of the concepts and a  
15 significant reason for the present day interest in  
16 them is that they may permit the identification of  
17 zones of deformation along which petroleum-bearing  
18 structures may occur in a systematic pattern. The  
19 principal weakness of the concepts is that, aside  
20 from establishing a sense of shear, they do not deal  
21 with the nature, origin and causes of the deepseated  
22 basement deformation.

23 Among the most controversial aspects of wrench  
24 fault tectonics is the theory proposed by J. D.  
25 Moody and M. J. Hill (Moody, J. D. and Hill, M. J.,  
26 "Wrench-fault tectonics", 67 Geol. Soc. America

1 Bull., p. 1207-1246 (1956)). According to their  
2 theory, the earth has been broken into major blocks  
3 bounded by first-order conjugate wrench faults  
4 formed by north-south (equator to pole) crustal  
5 compression. The major blocks were then broken into  
6 progressively smaller blocks by second-order and  
7 third-order conjugate wrench faults caused by  
8 reorientation of the stress field within blocks.  
9 Other types of deformation including thrust faults,  
10 compressional folds and drag folds are associated  
11 with the wrench faults. Their theory assumes (1)  
12 that crustal blocks are mechanically homogeneous  
13 with conjugate wrench faults forming at an angle of  
14 30 degrees to the axis of compression and (2) that  
15 the local stress field has a constant orientation  
16 through time except for changes brought about by  
17 progressive development of higher order wrench  
18 faults. The weaknesses of this theory are discussed  
19 by Badgley (Structural and Tectonic Principles,  
20 p. 261-272 (1965)). The major weaknesses include:

21 (1) The basic premise of north-south global  
22 compression is incompatible with modern knowledge of  
23 plate tectonics.

24 (2) Local stress fields change orientation  
25 through time due to interactions between crustal  
26 plates. As a result, faults and folds formed during

1 one stage in the tectonic evolution of a region may  
2 be inactive during a later stage when other types of  
3 deformation may be taking place along new  
4 orientations.

5 (3) Most of the earth's crust is  
6 inhomogeneous with new ruptures tending to follow  
7 surfaces of weakness. Thus the geometry of the  
8 faulting is influenced by the fabric of the crust  
9 and not just the orientation of the stress field.  
10 Also, the assumed orientation of wrench faults at 30  
11 degrees to the axis of compression requires crustal  
12 rocks to have a constant angle of internal friction  
13 of 30 degrees. Measured values are variable.

14 (4) The theory of Moody and Hill requires  
15 wrench faults to form as a result of horizontal  
16 compression in a system of non-rotational  
17 pure-shear. Wrench faults associated with plate  
18 boundaries, such as those in California, tend to  
19 form by simple-shear and may be associated with  
20 rotational and dilational motion.

21 Thus, although wrench tectonic concepts and  
22 models may be used to identify wrench zones  
23 underlain by deepseated strike-slip faults, the  
24 concepts are of little value when interpreting  
25 regional tectonic history.

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1 Q. Would you discuss how the OZD fits into the wrench  
2 tectonic system?

3 A. Assuming the OZD marks the boundary between the  
4 Peninsular Range basement and the Catalina Schist,  
5 the OZD originated about 15 or 16 m.y. years ago  
6 during the Middle Miocene. As indicated in my  
7 earlier testimony, the difference between the two  
8 basement terranes seems to require them to have  
9 formed at a considerable distance from each other  
10 and to have been brought together by faulting.  
11 Based on our knowledge of regional geology and plate  
12 tectonic reconstructions by Tanya Atwater  
13 ("Implications of Plate Tectonics for the Cenozoic  
14 Tectonic Evolution of Western North America", 81  
15 Geol. Soc. America Bull. 3513-3536 (1970)), the OZD  
16 was probably part of a system of right-lateral  
17 faults which formed the Pacific-North American plate  
18 boundary within the California Continental  
19 Borderland during Middle Miocene. Thus, the OZD  
20 probably originated as a wrench fault. However, the  
21 San Andreas fault and its branches constitute the  
22 present plate boundary. Assuming the OZD is active,  
23 it is probably responding to the effects of crustal  
24 compression along the Big Bend in the San Andreas  
25 fault or to drag along the plate boundary. In  
26 either case, Quaternary deformation along the OZD is

1 a secondary effect of interaction between the  
2 Pacific and North American crustal plates and the  
3 theory of wrench-faulting is not applicable.

4 Q. Given your understanding of wrench tectonics do you  
5 see any basis for relating the onshore Cristianitos  
6 fault with the OZD?

7 A. No not at present, however, an indirect relationship  
8 may have existed when the Cristianitos was active 4  
9 to 10 m.y. ago insofar as there may have been an  
10 inter-relationship between the OZD and faults  
11 involved in the opening of the Los Angeles Basin.  
12 However, as previously described by me, the  
13 Cristianitos fault is a westward dipping normal  
14 fault which developed as a result of the hanging  
15 wall block undergoing gravity gliding toward a deep  
16 submarine depression located in the vicinity of the  
17 present Los Angeles Basin. The submarine depression  
18 was formed by east-west crustal extension caused by  
19 divergent motion between the Pacific and North  
20 American crustal plates. The Los Angeles Basin  
21 stopped opening during the Pliocene about the same  
22 time that the Gulf of California began to open and  
23 the San Andreas fault began to take up most of the  
24 Pacific North American interplate motion in southern  
25 California. The Los Angeles Basin has subsequently  
26 filled with sediment and is currently experiencing



1 crustal shortening in a northeast and southwest  
2 direction. In the vicinity of the Capistrano  
3 Embayment shortening is causing upwarping near the  
4 coast and downwarping within the inland area as  
5 shown in Figure PLE-O, "Location of Axes of  
6 Quaternary Upwarping and Downwarping". Under  
7 existing conditions the Cristianitos fault is  
8 buttressed and cannot move. Consequently movement  
9 on the OZD would not cause movement on the  
10 Cristianitos fault.

11 Q. Have you investigated the onshore area between the  
12 Rose Canyon fault and the northern extent of the  
13 Vallecitos fault?

14 A. Yes. I have reviewed the literature, examined  
15 aerial photographs, and have made a limited geologic  
16 reconnaissance of the area.

17 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether there is an  
18 association between those faults in that location?

19 A. My opinion is that there is no apparent association  
20 between the Rose Canyon fault and the Vallecitos  
21 fault. The northern end of the Vallecitos fault  
22 either dies out or is overlapped by Eocene  
23 conglomerate as reported by Gastil, Kies and Melius,  
24 ("Active and potentially active faults: San Diego  
25 County and northernmost Baja California", in  
26 Earthquakes and Other Perils, San Diego region: San



1 Diego Assoc. of Geologists and Geol. Soc. America,  
2 Field Trip Guidebook, Abbott, P.L., and Elliott,  
3 W.J., eds., pp. 47-60 (1979)). I have examined  
4 aerial photographs of the 30 km interval between the  
5 most northerly mapped position of the Vallecitos  
6 fault and the U.S. border and find no lineament or  
7 other feature suggestive of a through-going fault  
8 along the projected trend of the Vallecitos fault as  
9 mapped in Plate 1-A by Gastil, Phillips and Allison  
10 in their book, "Reconnaissance Geology of the State  
11 of Baja California", Geological Society of America,  
12 Memoir 140, 1975. In a few places  
13 northeast-trending features, such as the margin of a  
14 batholithic intrusion, extend across the projected  
15 trend of the Vallecitos fault without visible offset.

16 Gastil, Kies and Melius, supra, discuss  
17 evidence for the "Tijuana lineament" which might be  
18 used to infer the presence of a concealed fault  
19 along the Tijuana Valley subparallel to, but  
20 northeast of, the Vallecitos fault. All of the  
21 evidence is equivocal and may result from causes  
22 other than a hypothesized fault along the Tijuana  
23 Valley. An examination of aerial photographs  
24 reveals no northwest trending feature where the  
25 hypothetical fault would have to pass through  
26 exposed basement terrane southeast of Rodriguez

1           Reservoir. This suggests the Tijuana lineament is  
2           not a fault-controlled feature.

3           Q. Have you investigated the area between the southern  
4           extent of the Vallecitos fault and the San Miguel  
5           fault?

6           A. Yes. I have reviewed geologic literature, examined  
7           aerial photographs, and made a field reconnaissance  
8           of selected parts of the area.

9           Q. In your opinion is there an association between  
10          those two faults in that location?

11          A. There is no apparent relationship between the  
12          Vallecitos fault and the San Miguel fault. The two  
13          faults have subparallel trends but remain about 7 km  
14          apart at their closest approach, Figure PLE-P. ("A  
15          Portion of A Geologic Map of Northern Baja  
16          California" [reference: Gastil, Phillips, and  
17          Allison, supra].) Although neither fault appears to  
18          have a maximum displacement of more than a few  
19          hundred meters, the Vallecitos fault appears to have  
20          little or no displacement along it opposite to where  
21          the San Miguel fault dies out north of Valle San  
22          Rafael. The Vallecitos fault appears to be an old  
23          inactive fault with no evidence of cutting anything  
24          younger than Mesozoic basement rocks as has also  
25          been pointed out by Gastil, Kies and Melius, supra.

26          ///

1                   My investigation indicates that the San Miguel  
2                   fault terminates near the northwest corner of Valle  
3                   San Rafael. The fault trends northwestward into  
4                   this area as seen in aerial photographs and on  
5                   Figure PLE-P. The fault is within schist terrane  
6                   bounded on the northeast and southwest by  
7                   elliptically-shaped granitic intrusions. Several  
8                   northward-trending, steeply-inclined Mesozoic dikes  
9                   are present within the schist terrane. One dike was  
10                  traced for 8 km in the field. The overlapping  
11                  arrangement of the dikes precludes the existence of  
12                  northwest-trending strike-slip faults of significant  
13                  displacement within the area between the two  
14                  granitic intrusions. The granitic intrusion to the  
15                  southwest contains northeast-trending joints and  
16                  minor faults along with other structural features  
17                  which indicate no northwest-trending faults extend  
18                  across the granitic intrusion's 10 km width.

19                 The granitic intrusion to the northeast of the  
20                 terminous of the San Miguel fault lacks  
21                 northwest-trending features suggestive of faults  
22                 except in the northeastern part where the linear  
23                 arrangement of erosional features marks the location  
24                 of the Vallecitos fault as mapped by Castil,  
25                 Phillips and Allison (supra). Their map (supra,  
26                 1975, Plate 1-A) shows a 3 km right-separation of

1 the intrusion's northern margin where it is cut by  
2 the Vallecitos fault. In order to verify the  
3 displacement, I traversed along more than 10 km of  
4 the fault in this area. Although the mapped trace  
5 of the fault is well marked by canyons and other  
6 topographic features, geologic contacts appear to  
7 extend across the trace without detectible offset.  
8 Along the north side of the intrusion in the area  
9 shown as schist in Figure PLE-P, the area is  
10 underlain by granitic rocks, including numerous  
11 dikes. On the east side of the intrusion, granitic  
12 dikes interspersed with gabbro appear to extend  
13 without interruption across the mapped trace of the  
14 fault. A strong linear color contrast visible on  
15 aerial photographs of this area marks the contact  
16 where old deeply weathered alluvial deposits abut  
17 against bedrock along the former margin of a  
18 steep-sided valley. Thus, on the basis of my  
19 observations, the Vallecitos fault lacks significant  
20 displacement in this area.

21 In summary, my findings based on  
22 photointerpretation and field observations not only  
23 indicate that there is no relationship between the  
24 Vallecitos and San Miguel faults but also indicate  
25 an absence of significant strike-slip faults  
26 crossing this part of Baja California.

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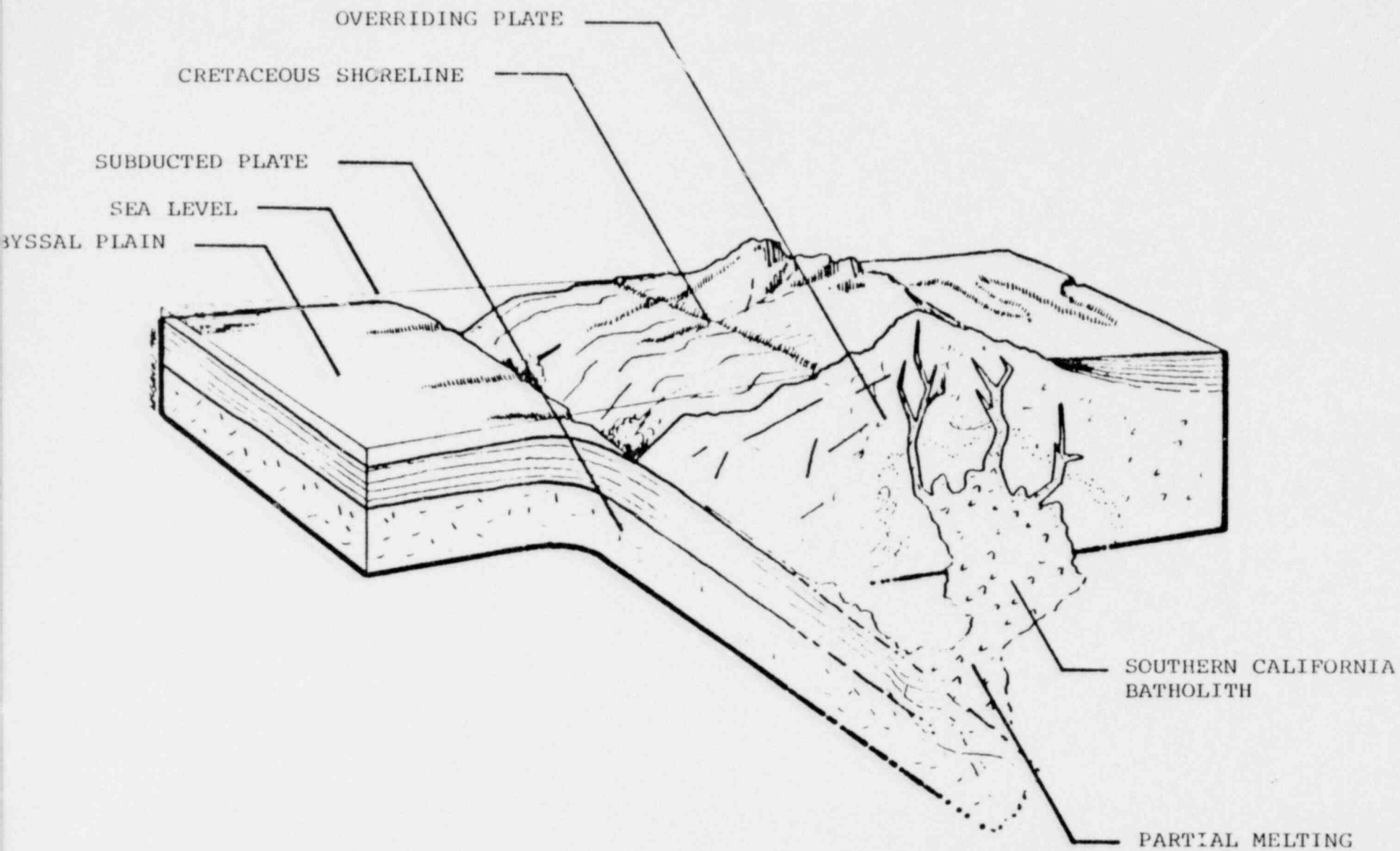
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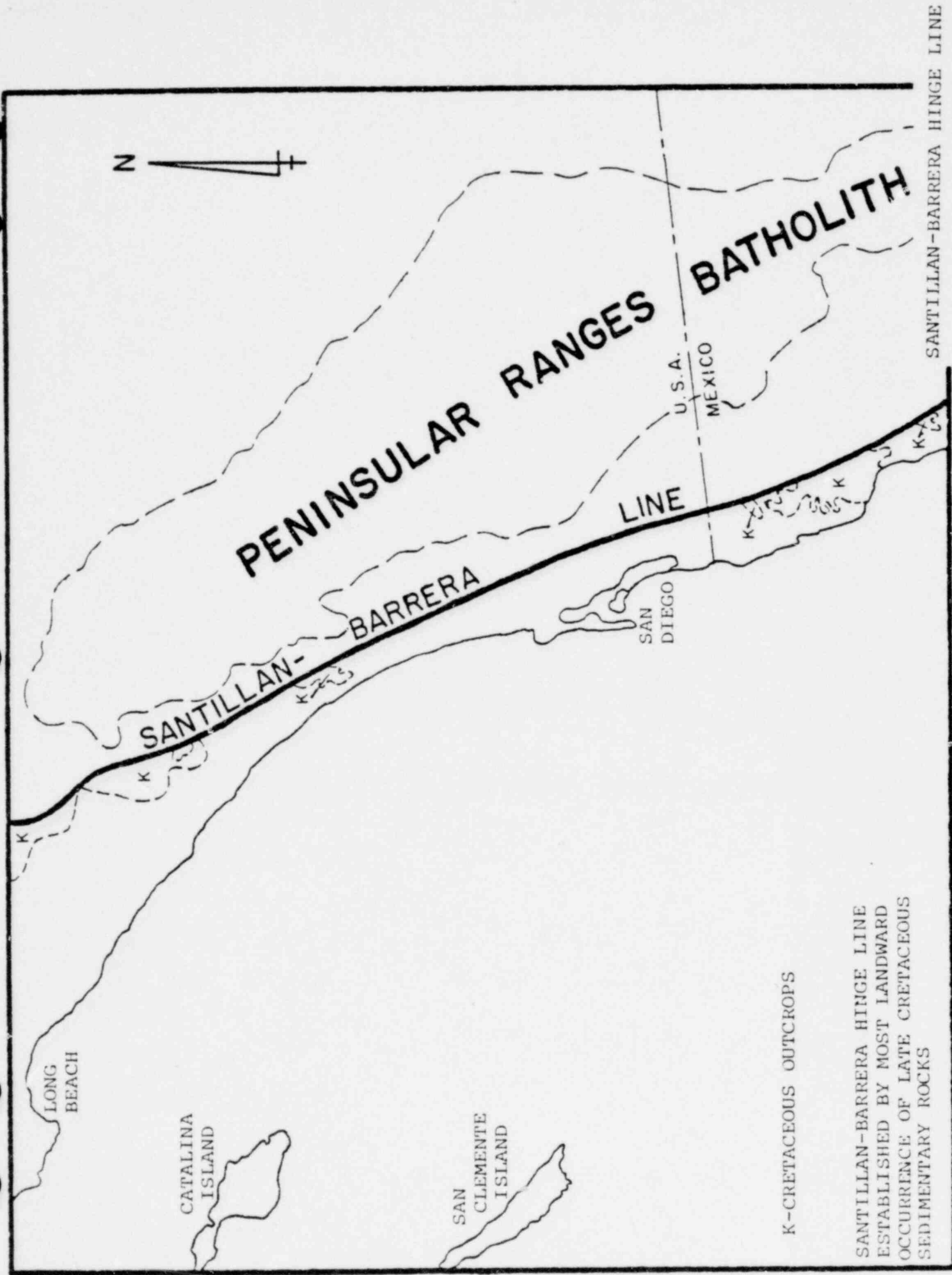
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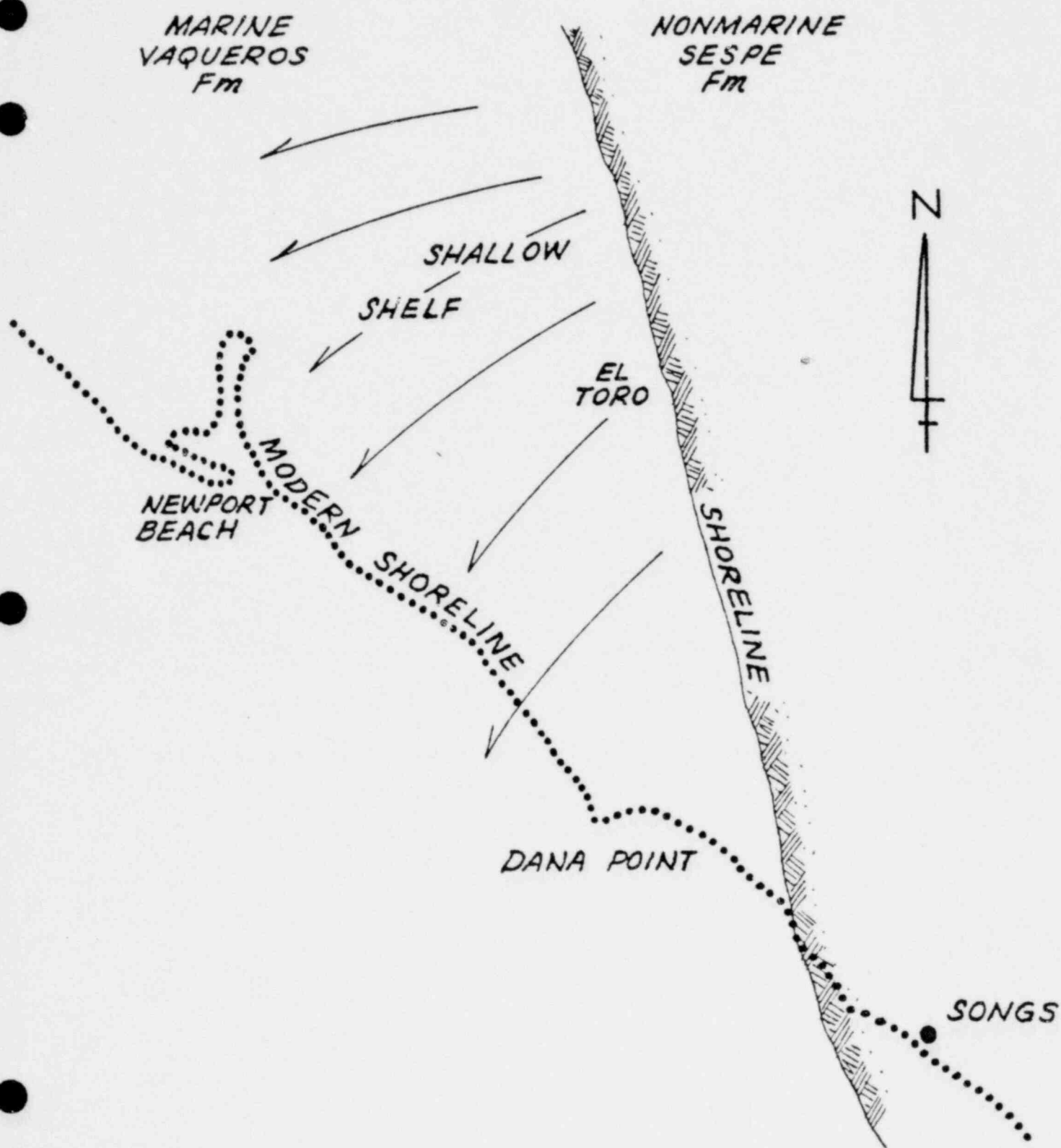
IDEALIZED BLOCK DIAGRAM  
CRETACEOUS TIME

BLOCK DIAGRAM OF PENINSULAR RANGES DURING  
CRETACEOUS (VERTICAL SCALE EXAGGERATED)

FIGURE PLE-A



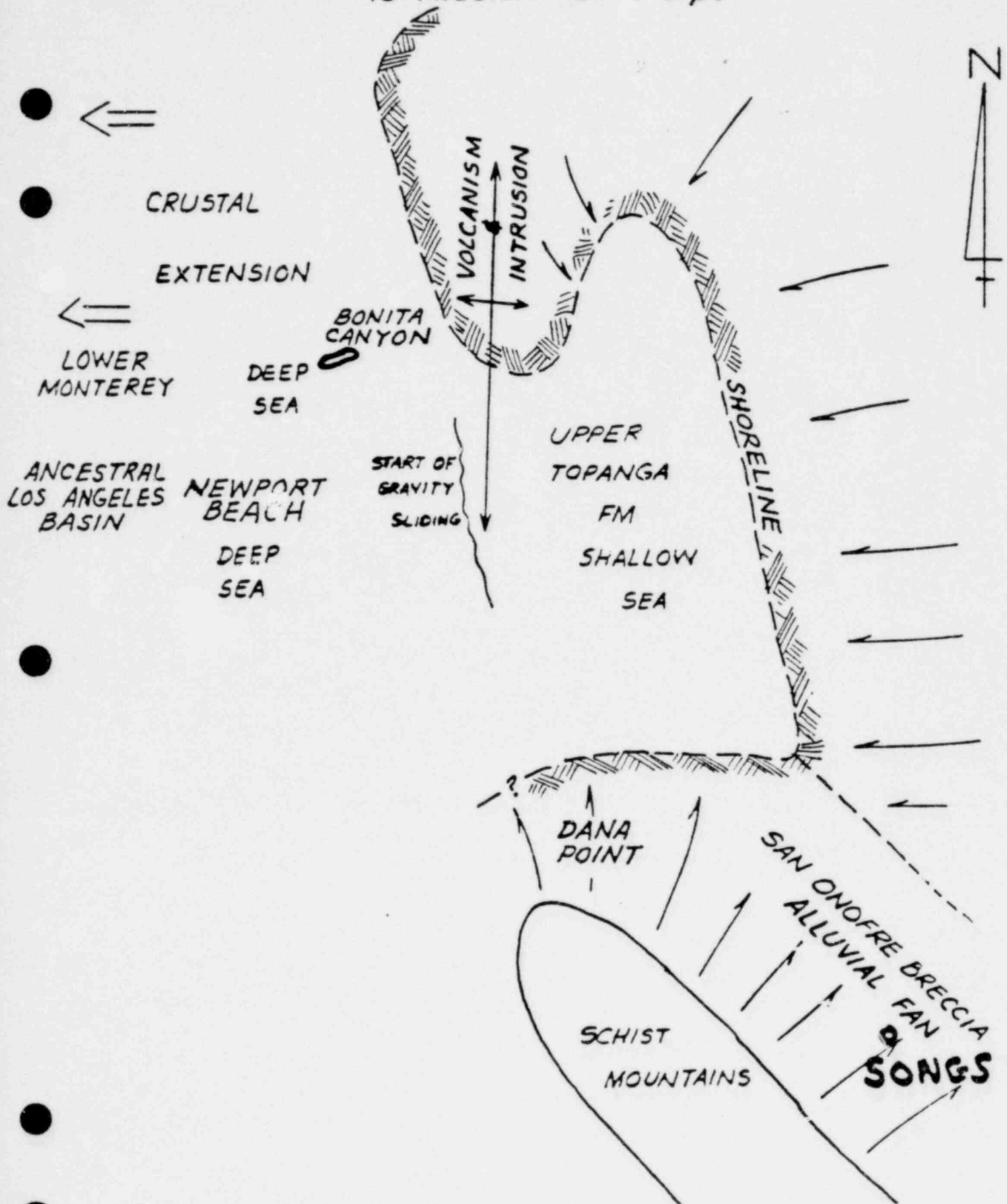
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LOCATION OF COASTLINE DURING EARLY  
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FIGURE PLE-C

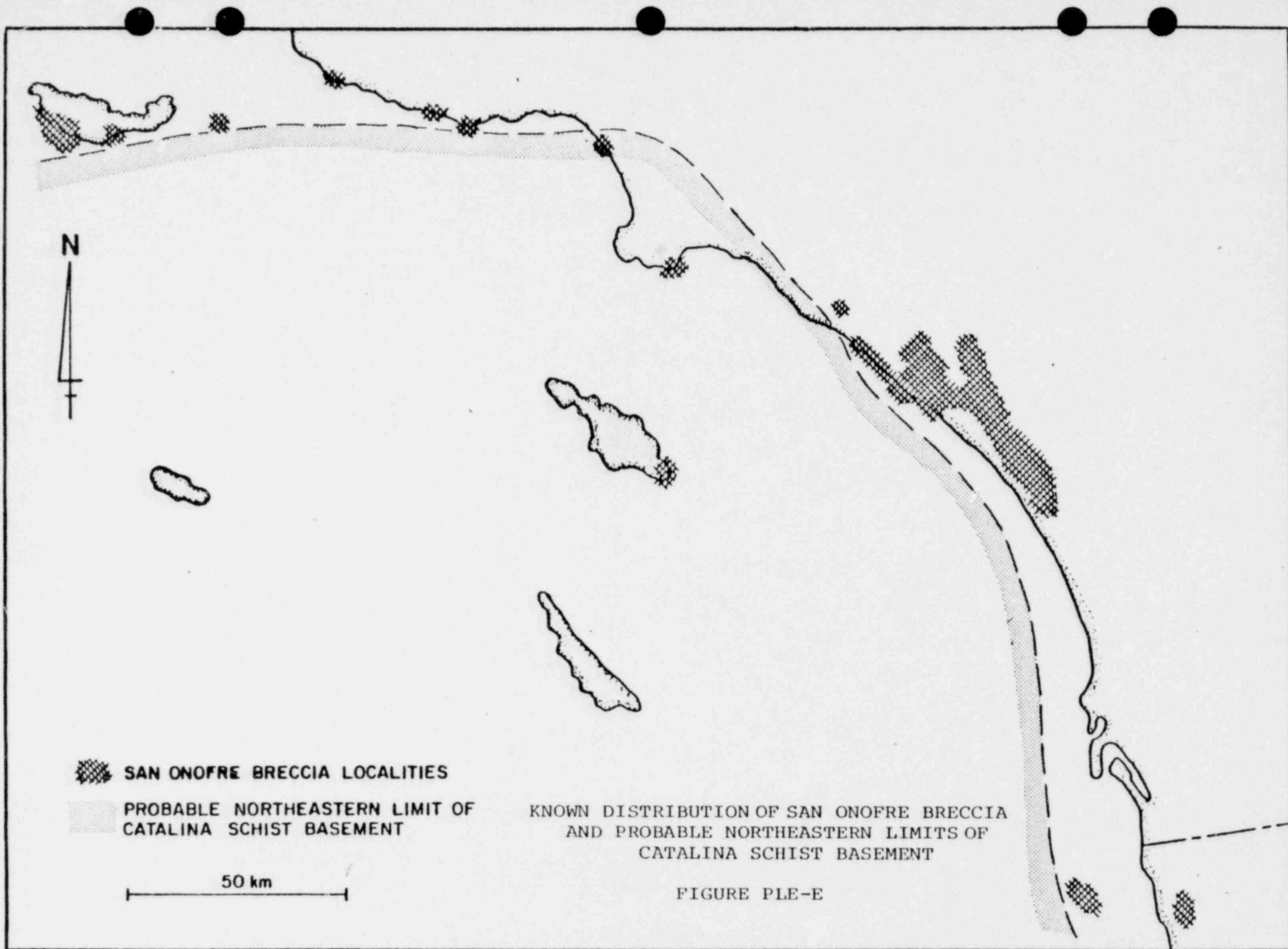
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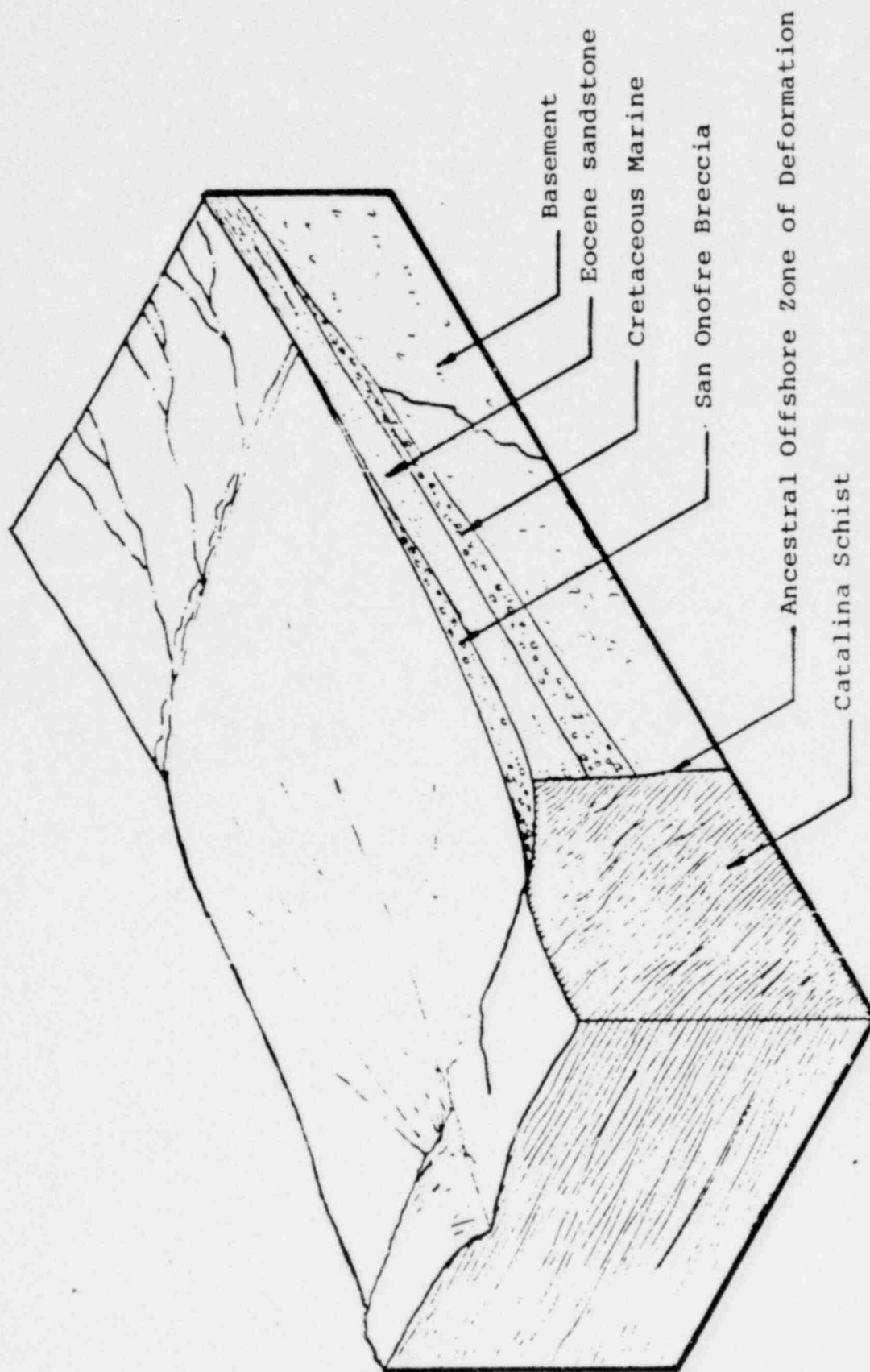


PALEOGEOGRAPHY IN MIDDLE MIOCENE  
ABOUT 15 M.Y. AGO

Figure PLE-D







IDEALIZED GEOLOGIC BLOCK DIAGRAM  
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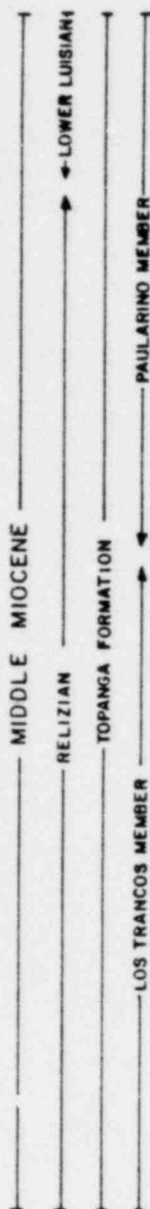
IDEALIZED GEOLOGIC BLOCK DIAGRAM,  
DEPOSITION OF THE SAN ONOFRE BRECCIA

FIGURE PLE-F

# WESTERN SAN JOAQUIN HILLS

## BONITA CANYON SECTION

STAGE  
SERIES FORMATION



- 15 m.y.b.p.

## ESTIMATED PALEOBATHYMETRY

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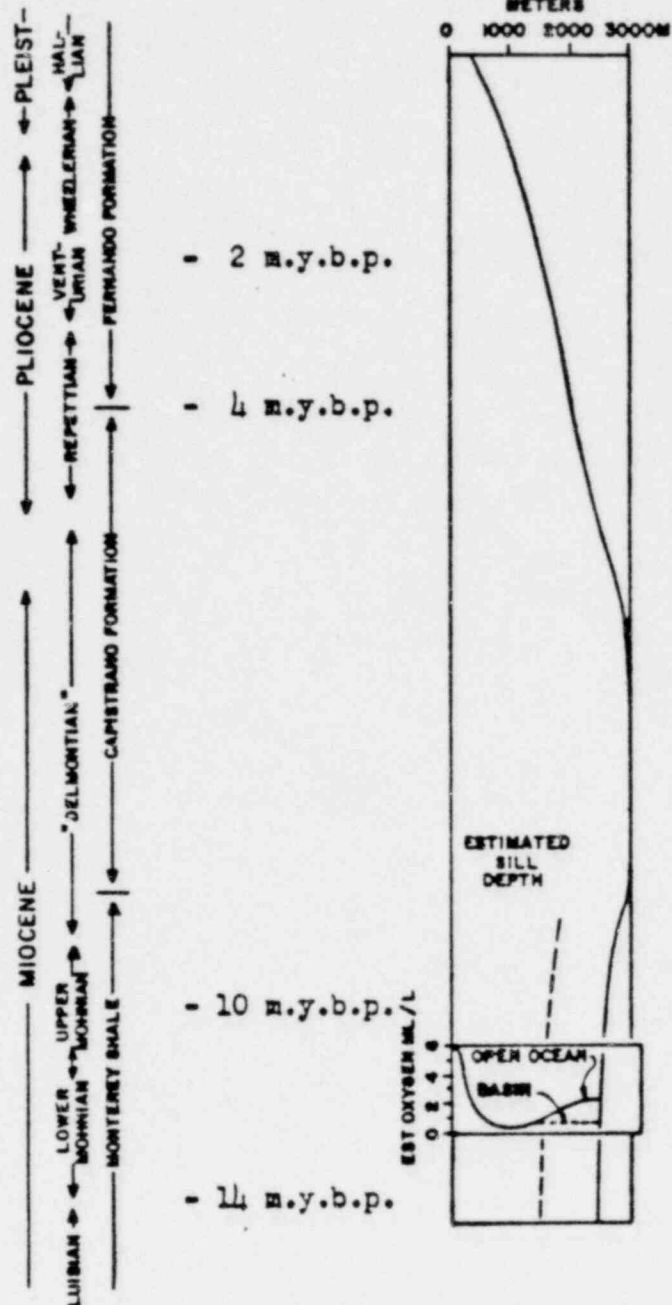
BONITA CANYON-PALEOBATHYMETRY  
CORRELATION

FIGURE PLE-G

NEWPORT BAY  
SECTION

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	VERMILION CLAY	← PLEISTOCENE
	VERMILION CLAY	← PLEISTOCENE
	VERMILION CLAY	← PLEISTOCENE
MIOCENE	VERMILION CLAY	← PLEISTOCENE
	VERMILION CLAY	← PLEISTOCENE
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ESTIMATED  
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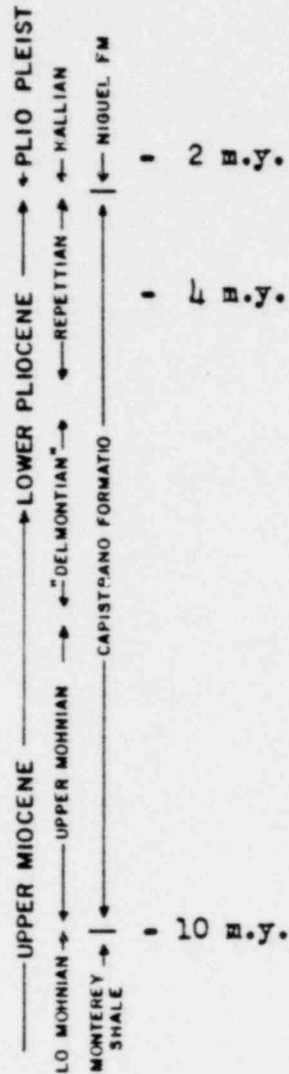
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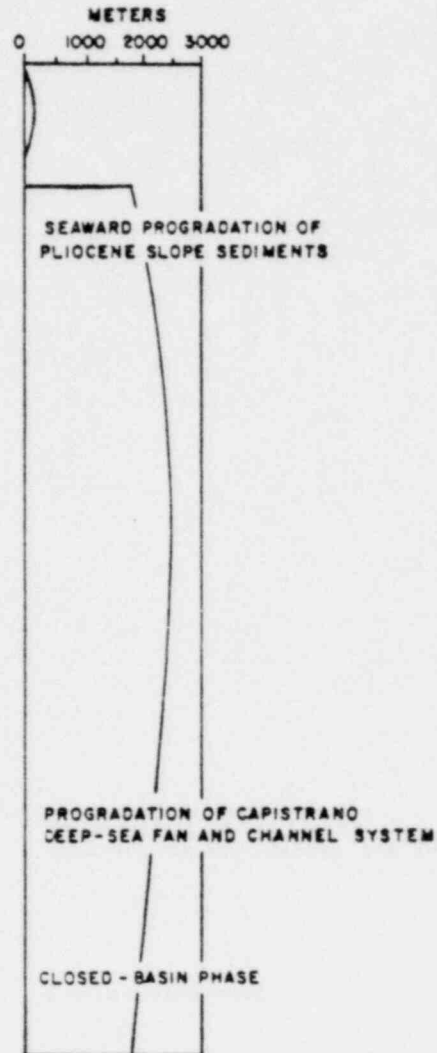
FIGURE PLE-H

# CAPISTRANO-DANA POINT SECTION

SERIES FORMATION  
STAGE



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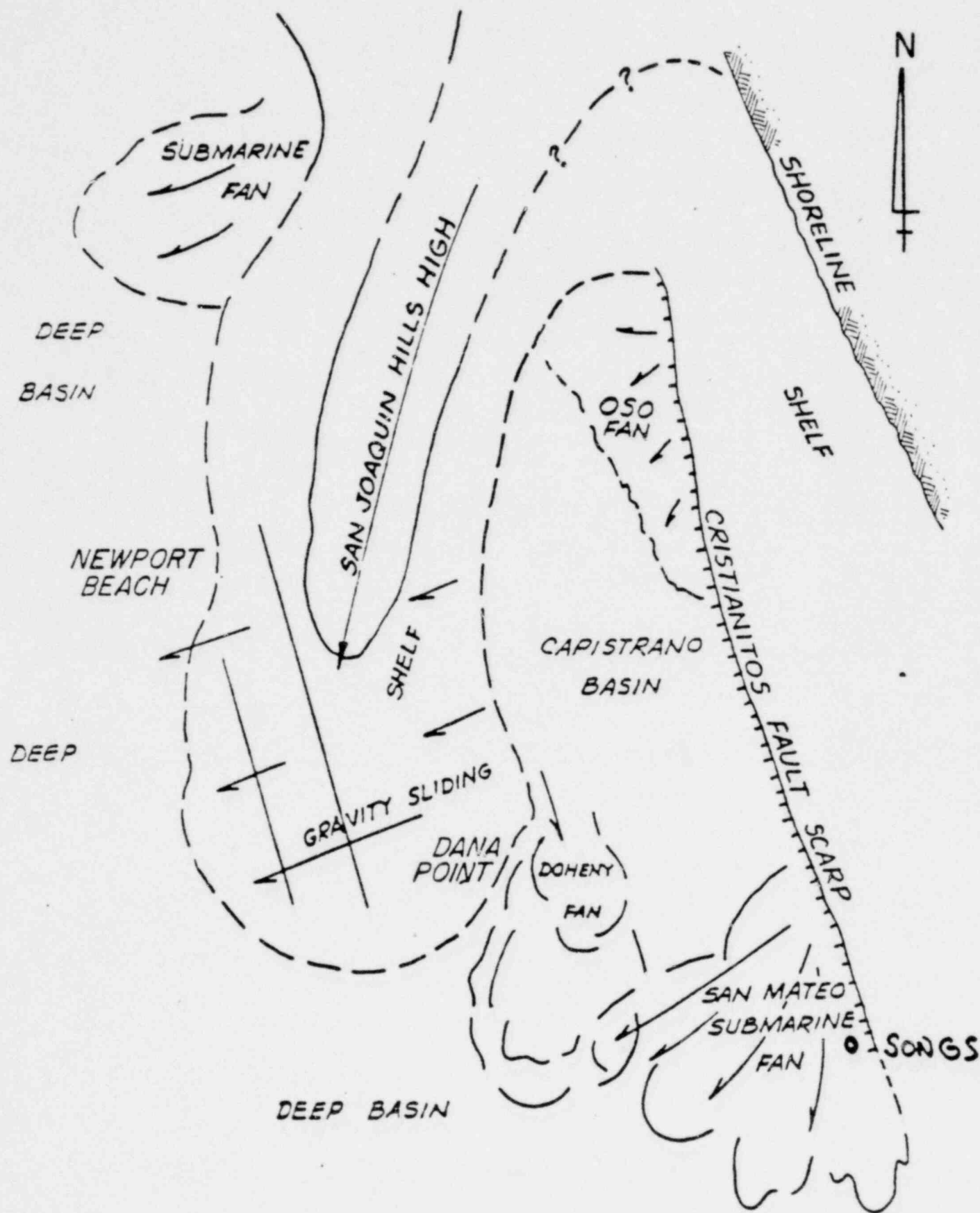


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CAPISTRANO-DANA POINT PALEOBATHYMETRY  
CORRELATION

FIGURE PLE-I

8 MILLION YEARS b.p.

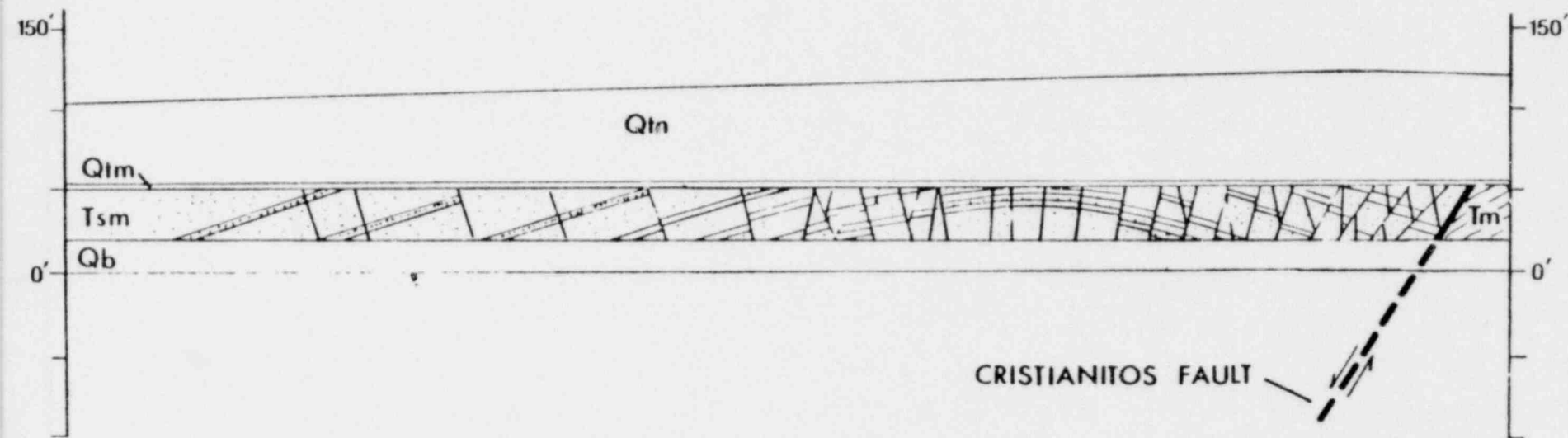


PALEOGEOGRAPHY OF CAPISTRANO EMBAYMENT AREA ABOUT 8 M.Y. AGO

FIGURE PLE-J



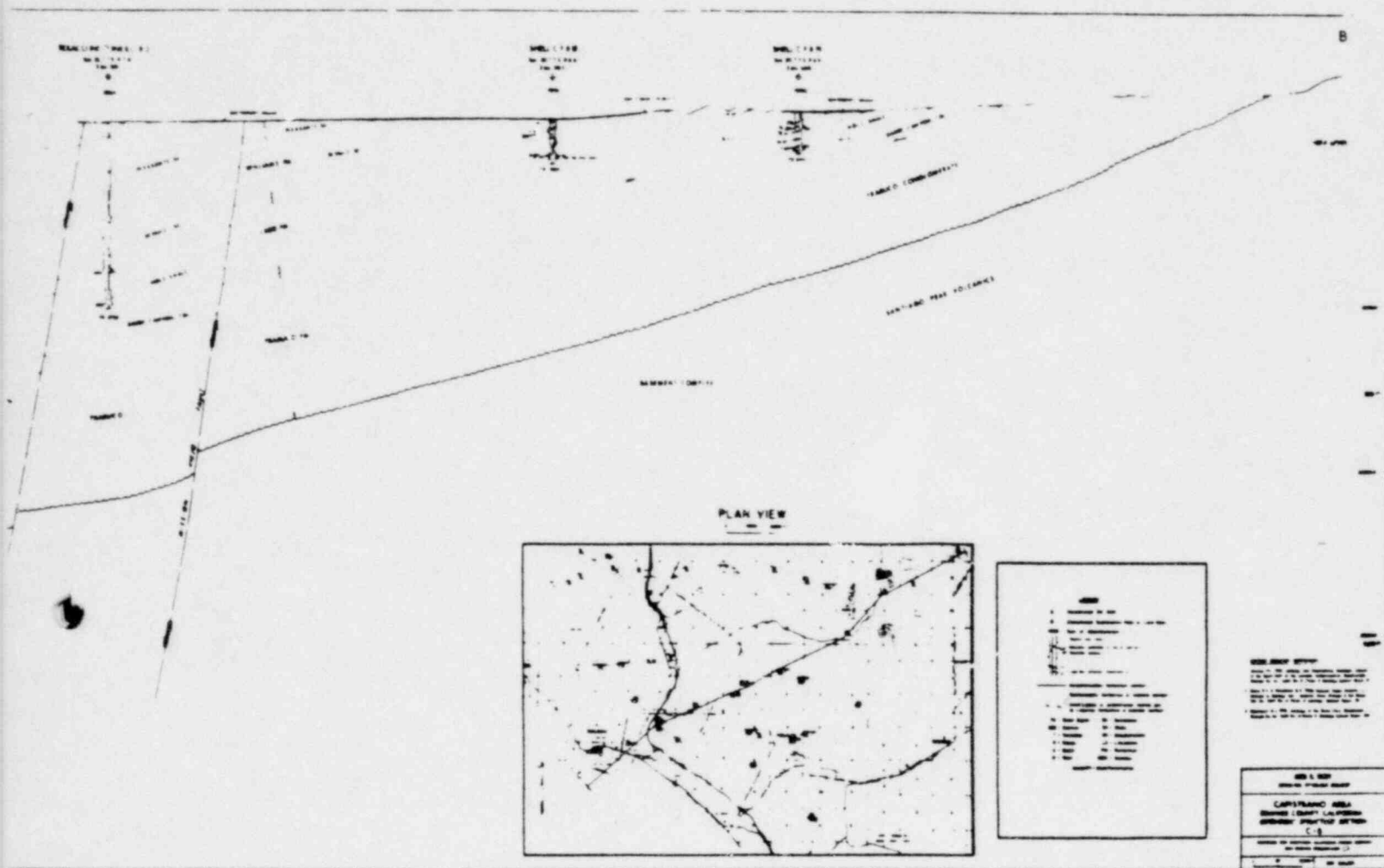
REVERSE DRAG FEATURES AT THE CRISTIANITOS FAULT  
LOOKING NORTH



SCALE: 1" = 100'

REVERSE DRAG FEATURES AT THE  
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FIGURE PLE-K

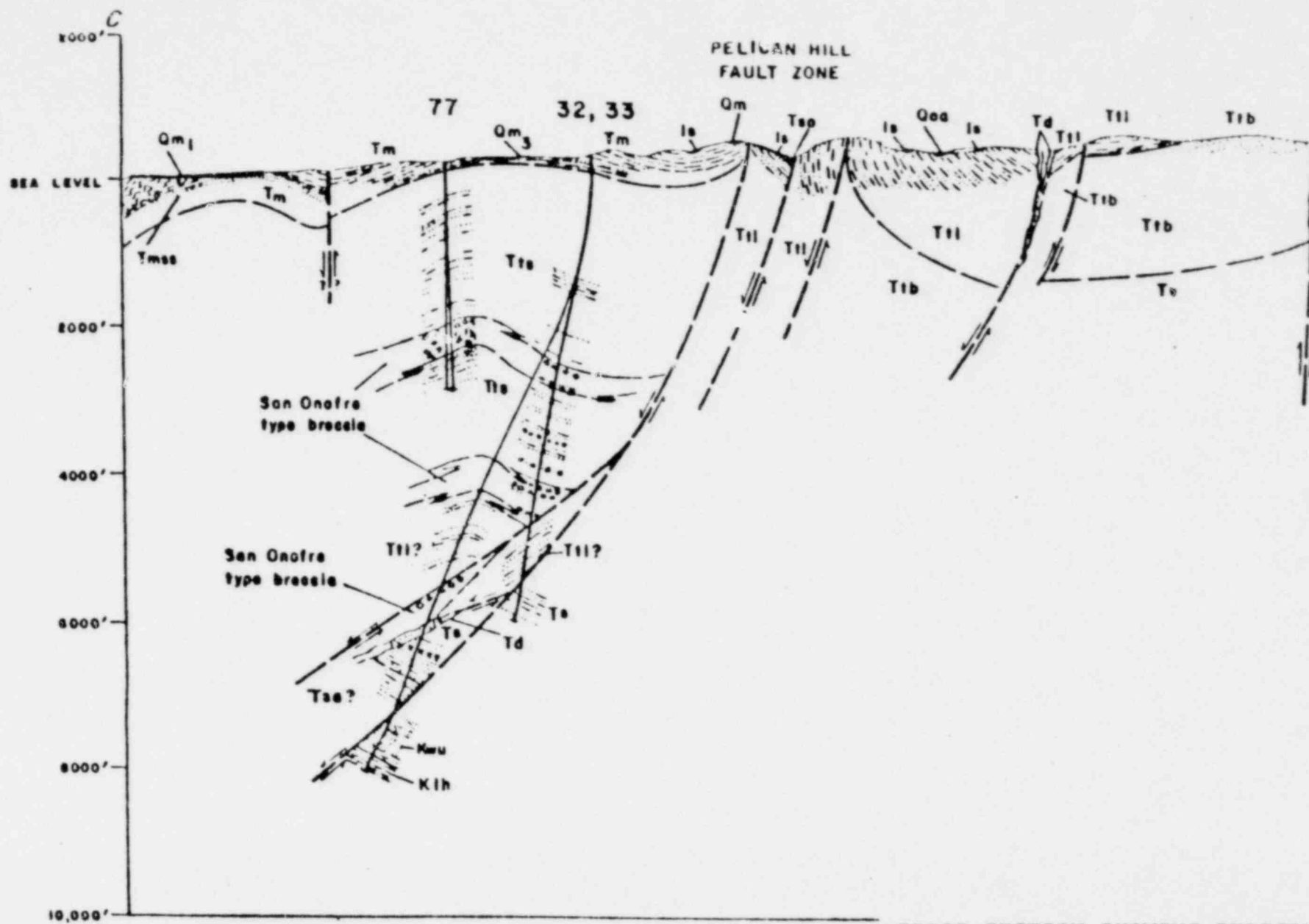


A PORTION OF A  
GEOLOGIC SECTION ACROSS  
THE CAPISTRANO AREA  
FROM WEST, 1975

Figure PLE-L

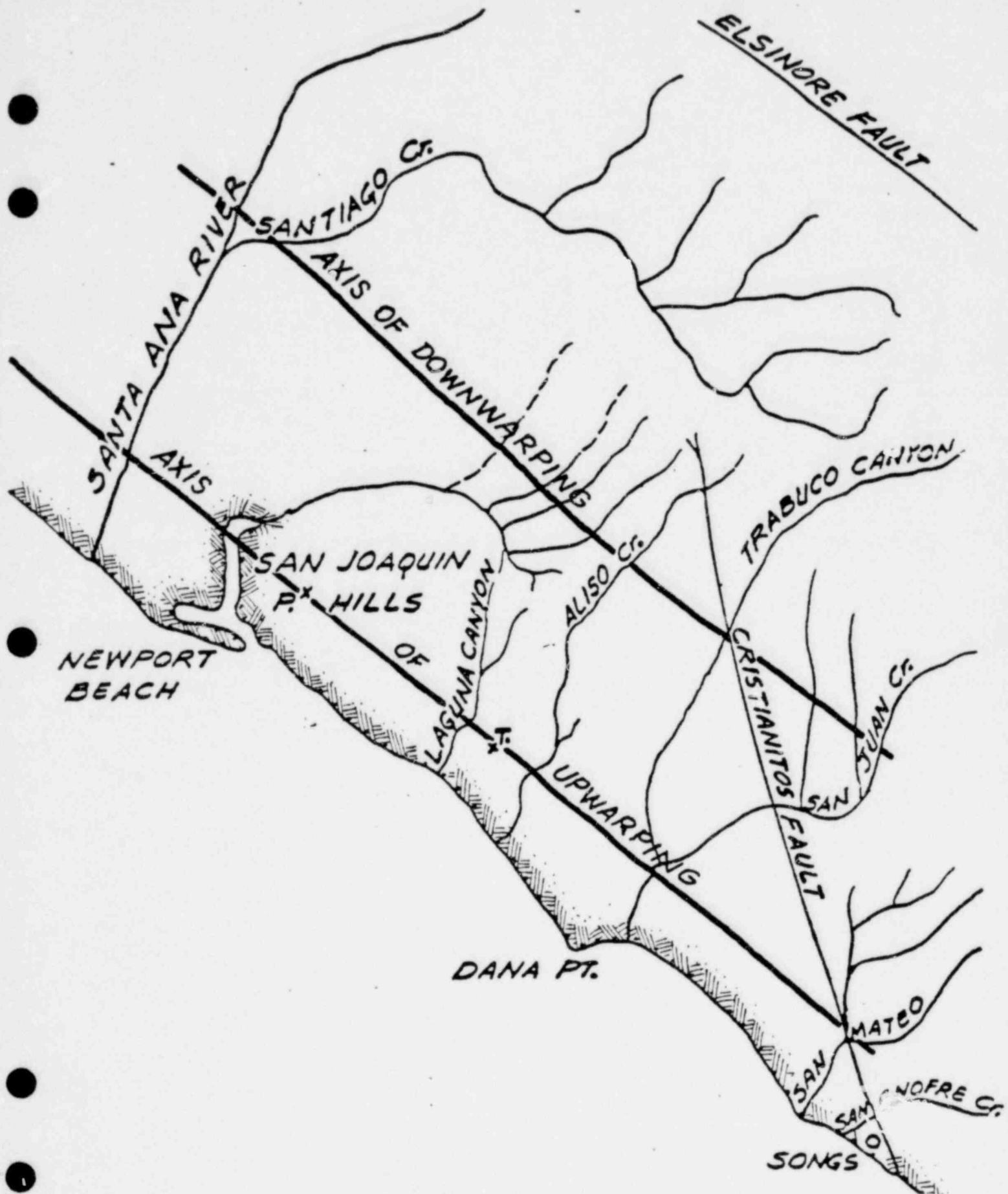






CROSS-SECTION SHOWING PELICAN HILL  
FAULT

FIGURE PLE-N



LOCATION OF AXES OF QUATERNARY  
UPWARDING AND DOWNWARDING





1 TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. HEATH

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Edward G. Heath

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. I am a geologist employed by Woodward Clyde Consultants  
6 ("WCC"). I am currently a Project Manager and Senior  
7 Project Geologist with WCC in their Orange/Los Angeles  
8 facility.

9 Q. In what manner are you associated with the Applicants in  
10 this proceeding?

11 A. I am responsible for all WCC geologic studies related to  
12 the development of a maximum magnitude for the  
13 hypothesized Offshore Zone of Deformation ("OZD").

14 Q. Would you please describe your formal education?

15 A. I received my Master of Arts degree in Geology from the  
16 Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California in 1954  
17 and my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from Pomona  
18 College, Claremont, California in 1952.

19 Q. What professional positions have you had in the area of  
20 Geology?

21 A. I have 27 years of experience in geology with major  
22 emphasis in the last 13 years on engineering and seismic  
23 geology. I have been with WCC since 1973.

24 From 1968 to 1973 I was with F. Beach Leighton and  
25 Associates, consulting geologists, in LaHabra,  
26 California as a project geologist and Vice President. I

1 was a research geologist with the Shell Development Co.  
2 in Houston, Texas from 1966 to 1968 and was the Chief  
3 Geologist with the Hydrocarbon Mining group of the Shell  
4 Oil Co. in Los Angeles from 1965 to 1966. Prior to that  
5 I was a Production Geologist with the Shell Oil Co. in  
6 Los Angeles from 1954 to 1966.

7 Q. Have you been associated with any educational  
8 institutions?

9 A. I have taught field geology at Whittier College and made  
10 presentations in seismic geology to several meetings of  
11 the Geologic Society of America and other professional  
12 societies.

13 Q. Do you hold any professional registrations in the State  
14 of California or any other state?

15 A. I am a Certified Engineering Geologist and a Registered  
16 Geologist in the State of California. I am a Certified  
17 Petroleum Geologist in the American Association of  
18 Petroleum Geologists. I am also currently serving as a  
19 Reviewer for the Professional ethics review Committee of  
20 the Board of Registration of Geologists and  
21 Geophysicists for the State of California.

22 Q. What are your pertinent professional or organizational  
23 memberships?

24 A. I have membership in the following professional  
25 organizations:

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1 American Association of Petroleum Geologists  
2 Association of Engineering Geologists  
3 Earthquake Engineering Research Institute  
4 Geologic Society of America  
5 South Coast Geological Society

6 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field of  
7 geology?

8 A. I have published several papers in the field of  
9 geology. Those related to seismic geology are listed as  
10 follows:

11 "Evidence of Faulting Along a Projection of the San  
12 Andreas Fault, south of the Salton Sea," in Geology  
13 and Mineral Wealth of the California Desert, South  
14 Coast Geological Society, 1980.

15 "Slip Rates Along the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone,  
16 Los Angeles, California," Geological Society of  
17 American Cordilleran Section, Abstracts with  
18 Programs, San Jose, California, Vol. 11, No. 3,  
19 February 1979, with P. Guphill, R. Sugiura, G.  
20 Linkletter, and G. Hawkins.

21 "A Geological-Geophysical Approach Toward Re-  
22 Analysis of Existing Dam Foundations," Association  
23 of Engineering Geologists, Program Abstracts, 1978  
24 Annual Meeting, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 1978, with  
25 D. D. Pieratti and D. E. Jensen.

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1 "Subsurface Investigation of Ground Rupturing

2 During San Fernando Earthquake," San Fernando,  
3 California, Earthquake of February 9, 1971,  
4 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,  
5 1973, with F. Beach Leighton.

6 "What Land-Use Planners Need from Geologists,"

7 Geology, Seismicity and Environmental Impact,  
8 special Publication of Association of Engineering  
9 Geologists, October 1975, with R. Henderson and F.  
10 Beach Leighton.

11 "Geology Along the Whittier Fault, Santa Ana Canyon,  
12 California," M.A. Thesis, Claremont Graduate  
13 School, 1954.

14 "Surface Faulting along the Newport Inglewood Zone of  
15 Deformation," (in press), with P. D. Gupta.

16 Q. Have you presented expert opinions or testimony?

17 A. Yes, I presented expert opinion to the ACRS in this  
18 proceeding as well as in that for the Vidal Nuclear  
19 Generating Station. I have also made presentations as  
20 an expert at public hearings for seismic safety elements  
21 in the southern California area for the Cities of  
22 Glendora, San Dimas, Pomona and Long Beach.

23 Q. On which projects have you been retained as an expert  
24 consultant in seismic geology?

25 A. In addition to these projects listed in response 10  
26 above, I have managed or been the principal engineering

1 geologist in several other seismic element studies in  
2 southern California, including the County of Los Angeles  
3 and cities of Inglewood, Culver City, and Yorba Linda.  
4 I was also retained by the County of Los Angeles in the  
5 post earthquake evaluations of the siting of a new  
6 hospital at the Olive View site. I have been retained  
7 by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the  
8 seismic safety re-analysis of several existing dams in  
9 southern California and by the Corps of Engineers to  
10 evaluate the active fault and earthquake hazard  
11 potential to Prado Dam on the Santa Ana River.

12 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

13 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether based on  
14 the geologic and seismic characteristics of the OZD,  
15 including its length, assignment of  $M_s$  7 as the maximum  
16 magnitude earthquake for the OZD renders the seismic  
17 design basis for SONGS 2 & 3 inadequate to protect the  
18 public health and safety. My testimony will address the  
19 assignment of the maximum magnitude earthquake for the  
20 OZD.

21 Q. Would you please state your conclusions as to the  
22 appropriate value to be assigned for the maximum  
23 magnitude earthquake for the OZD?

24 A. In my opinion,  $M_s$  6-1/2 is a reasonable maximum  
25 earthquake magnitude consistent with the geologic and  
26 seismologic features of the NIZD. Because the NIZD is



1 considered to conservatively represent the earthquake  
2 potential of the OZD, transferring  $M_s$  6-1/2 to the OZD  
3 provides a degree of conservatism for the maximum  
4 magnitude estimate for the OZD opposite the site. Based  
5 on incorporation of additional conservatism through  
6 evaluation of ranges in the slip rate data and review of  
7 other elements for assessing the degree of fault  
8 activity of the OZD, the most conservative maximum  
9 magnitude is  $M_s$  7. A larger earthquake is inconsistent  
10 with the geologic and seismologic features of the OZD.

11 Q. Would you please describe the methodologies considered  
12 and applied in reaching your conclusions?

13 A. Several methodologies were considered in evaluating the  
14 maximum earthquake applicable to the OZD. My specific  
15 approach uses both a qualitative and quantitative  
16 comparison of features, such as maximum historic  
17 earthquake, fault rupture length, total displacement,  
18 degree of deformation, and long-term slip rate on faults  
19 as a means of differentiating and ranking faults and  
20 evaluating the earthquake potential of the OZD. I also  
21 evaluated rupture-length versus magnitude, and  
22 displacement-per-event versus magnitude relationships,  
23 however, use of either of those methodologies alone is  
24 not appropriate based upon the uncertainties in the data  
25 base available for the OZD. My degree-of-fault-activity  
26 approach is neither independent of, nor is it meant to

1 replace other methods of estimating maximum magnitude.  
2 The approach extends existing knowledge and provides a  
3 viable supplement to other methods. The  
4 degree-of-fault-activity methodology is presented in  
5 Exhibit EGH-1; "NRC Staff Question 361.38 and Parts (a),  
6 (b), and (d) of Response".

7 The method for estimating earthquake magnitude is  
8 based on comparing the degree of fault activity on the  
9 OZD with that of similar faults in the southern  
10 California region and in similar tectonic environments  
11 around the world. By correlating the levels of activity  
12 with the maximum earthquakes associated with those  
13 faults an estimate can be made of the maximum earthquake  
14 that may be associated with the OZD. The degree-of-  
15 activity approach considers: relative behavior of  
16 faults, particularly in terms of strain release or long  
17 term slip rates; the size, periodicity, and energy  
18 release of seismic events; the mechanical and  
19 compositional properties of the faults; and the tectonic  
20 setting. This approach for a specific fault considers  
21 evidence of fault behavior in the following steps:

- 22 1) the tectonic setting and style of the fault is  
23 defined;
- 24 2) fault activity parameters are compiled for those  
25 faults of interest within the tectonic province.  
26 The fault activity factors most accessible and

germane to characterize the differences in degree of fault activity include: slip rate, recurrence for large slip events, slip per event and fault rupture length;

- 3) the degree-of-activity parameters compiled above are compared so that the fault of interest is ranked relative to other faults. The degree of activity as measured by the long term, or geologic, slip rate is then compared to the maximum historic earthquakes that have occurred on these faults. From this context, a maximum magnitude limit can be estimated for each fault.

Techniques such as using fault-length versus magnitude or amount-of-surface-displacement versus magnitude incorporate only one or two aspects of fault behavior. Such singular approaches fail to describe the complexities of fault behavior; for example, such characteristics as those reflecting the degree of activity are not considered (EGH-1). The degree-of-fault-activity methodology incorporates these characteristics and compares those of the OZD to other faults within the same or similar tectonic environments.

The NIZD has been selected as a model to represent the style of faulting for the entire OZD because the greatest amount of information regarding fault behavior along the OZD is available from the NIZD. The tectonics

1 of the OZD as defined by the evidence of structural  
2 style along its length is representative of the  
3 wrench-style tectonics as defined by Wilcox and others  
4 (Wilcox, R.E., Harding, T.P. and Seely, D.R., "Basic  
5 Wrench Tectonics", 57 American Association of Petroleum  
6 Geologists Bulletin, no. 1, 74-96 (1973)) and Harding  
7 (Harding, T.P., "Newport-Inglewood Trend, California, An  
8 Example of Wrenching Style of Deformation," 57  
9 American Association of Petroleum Geologists Bulletin,  
10 No. 1, 97-116 (1973)). The magnitude of the folding and  
11 faulting and the historical seismicity on the NIZD are  
12 greater than on the other portions of the OZD suggesting  
13 that the NIZD has the greatest seismic potential of the  
14 three portions, and that it serves as a conservative  
15 model to characterize the earthquake potential of the  
16 OZD (Exhibit EGH-2, "Report of the Evaluation of Maximum  
17 Earthquake and Site Ground Motion Parameters Associated  
18 with the Offshore Zone of Deformation San Onofre Nuclear  
19 Generating Station, June 1979, Appendix A, Tectonic  
20 Setting of the Offshore Zone of Deformation").

21 Q. You have stated that the first step in your assessment  
22 of maximum magnitude is an examination of the tectonic  
23 setting and style of the fault in question. Would you  
24 describe the tectonic setting and style of the OZD?

25 A. Yes. The major faults of southern California are set  
26 forth in Figure EGH-A, "Map of Major Faults in Southern

1 California." Southern California is dominated by the  
2 San Andreas fault system, which is the major boundary  
3 between the Pacific and North American plates. This  
4 system, consisting of the large northwest-trending,  
5 right-lateral San Andreas and San Jacinto fault zones,  
6 is paralleled to the west by other smaller right-slip  
7 fault zones such as the Whittier-Elsinore fault zone,  
8 the OZD and the San Clemente fault.

9 Although all these fault zones show evidence of  
10 predominant right slip, the faults westward from the San  
11 Andreas fault zone show a general decrease in (1) amount  
12 of total displacement, (2) continuity of surface trace,  
13 and (3) amount of seismic activity.

14 A detailed discussion of this fault system is  
15 presented in EGH-2 and concludes that by far the  
16 greatest amount of post middle Miocene regional  
17 displacement has occurred along the San Andreas-San  
18 Jacinto fault zone and that the faults to the west are  
19 characterized by less historical seismicity, smaller  
20 total displacements and lower geologic slip rates.

21 The OZD consists of three tectonic elements 1)  
22 Newport-Inglewood zone of deformation (NIZD), 2) South  
23 Coast Offshore zone of deformation (SCOZD), and 3) Rose  
24 Canyon fault zone (RCFZ); Figure EGH-B, "Location Map  
25 Hypothesized OZD". The three elements extend from the  
26 Santa Monica Mountains southward to offshore of the

1 Mexican-American international border, a distance of  
2 approximately 200 km. The OZD passes by the SONGS site  
3 about 8 kilometers (5 miles) to the west. Several  
4 geologic features are common to each of the segments of  
5 the OZD. These features include north to  
6 northwest-trending en echelon fault segments, aligned  
7 and en echelon drag fold anticlines, and numerous  
8 smaller second-order faults intersecting the primary  
9 faults, all suggestive of predominant wrench faulting  
10 (Harding, supra). However, there appears to be a  
11 progressive change in the amount and style of faulting  
12 between the elements. Starting at the north, the NIZD  
13 is characterized by discontinuous faults and folds that  
14 have evidence of right-lateral displacement of  
15 post-middle Miocene basin sediments. The SCOZD to the  
16 south displays a pattern of similar wrench fault  
17 tectonism; however, it lacks direct evidence for the  
18 amount of lateral or vertical displacement. The RCFZ,  
19 at the south end of the OZD, displays evidence for both  
20 strike-slip and normal faulting but lacks conclusive  
21 evidence of the amount of either type of displacement.  
22 Prior investigators of the RCFZ suggest highly differing  
23 interpretations, ranging from mostly strike-slip  
24 faulting to mostly dip-slip faulting. Locally, folding  
25 in the western block of the RCFZ has produced an  
26 apparent reversal of faulting style, such as at



1 Mt. Soledad where the western block has been raised, and  
2 at Mission Bay where the western block has been dropped.

3 Of the three fault elements, the NIZD is best  
4 documented and has the most complete geologic data base  
5 because it has been extensively explored and studied by  
6 oil companies, as discussed in EGH-2. The NIZD consists  
7 of: a series of short, discontinuous,  
8 northwest-trending en echelon, right-lateral faults; a  
9 northwest-trending series of relatively shallow drag  
10 fold anticlines; and numerous short subsidiary normal  
11 and reverse faults. This tectonic style is  
12 representative of right-lateral, wrench faulting; Figure  
13 EGH-C, "Structure Along the NIZD". (cf. Harding, supra).

14 The most recent period of deformation along the  
15 NIZD appears to have begun contemporaneous with the  
16 deposition of uppermost Miocene marine sediments and has  
17 continued at more or less the same rate up to the  
18 present time. Several geologic observations support  
19 continued deformation since Miocene: (1) the Miocene  
20 units are displaced laterally a greater distance than  
21 are the overlying younger units, as discussed in Exhibit  
22 EGH-3, "Report of the Evaluation of Maximum Earthquake  
23 and Site Ground Motion Parameters Associated with the  
24 Offshore Zone of Deformation, San Onofre Nuclear  
25 Generating Station, June 1979, Appendix B, Estimates of  
26 Displacement Along the Newport-Inglewood Zone of



1 Deformation Based on E-log Correlations" and Exhibit  
2 EGH-4, "NRC Staff Question 361.61 and Response";  
3 (2) these Miocene units also show more structural relief  
4 on the major anticlinal structures than do the younger  
5 units, which indicates evidence of structure growth  
6 during deposition; and (3) the time-displacement plots  
7 discussed in EGH-3 and EGH-4, suggest that intermittent  
8 horizontal displacement has produced a relatively  
9 consistent average slip rate since late Miocene.

10 The tectonic structure of the South Coast Offshore  
11 Zone of Deformation (SCOZD) was evaluated through  
12 examination of offshore geophysical reflection profiles;  
13 Exhibit EGH-5, "Report of the Evaluation of Maximum  
14 Earthquake and Site Ground Motion Parameters Associated  
15 with the Offshore Zone of Deformation San Onofre Nuclear  
16 Generating Station June 1979, Appendix D, South Coast  
17 Offshore Zone of Deformation Geophysical Data". This  
18 interpretation by Western Geophysical depicts the  
19 apparent tectonic deformation of two deeply buried  
20 reflecting horizons, and shows the SCOZD to consist of a  
21 zone of branching and discontinuous faults trending  
22 south to southeast about 8 kilometers (5 miles) seaward  
23 of the SONGS site; Figure EGH-D "Horizon B Contour".  
24 Local northwest- to west-trending anticlinal folds in  
25 the shallower horizons are also associated with this  
26 zone and, together with the faults, appear to reflect a

1 tectonic style similar to that of the NIZD, but of a  
2 lower level of deformation.

3 The RCFZ consists of a zone of northwest and  
4 north-striking faults both offshore north of La Jolla  
5 and south of Coronado, and onshore in San Diego between  
6 La Jolla and Coronado. The RCFZ is believed to die out  
7 toward the south in the vicinity of the international  
8 border west of Imperial Beach (Figure EGH-E, "Southern  
9 RCFZ", from Kennedy, M.P. and Welday, E.E. "Recency and  
10 Character of Faulting Offshore Metropolitan San Diego,  
11 California", California Division of Mines and Geology  
12 Map Sheet 40 (1980)).

13 The onshore segment in the vicinity of Rose Canyon  
14 has been interpreted as having evidence of right-lateral  
15 displacement (Kennedy, M.P. "Geology of the San Diego  
16 Metropolitan Area, California California Division of  
17 Mines and Geology Bulletin 200 (Part A) (1975); Moore  
18 and Kennedy, M.P. "Quaternary Faults at San Diego Bay,  
19 California, 3 U.S. Geological Survey Journal of  
20 Research, 589-595 (1975)). Folding is evident along the  
21 western block, which has produced both normal and  
22 reverse fault relationships across the RCFZ (EGH-2). A  
23 strike-slip style of deformation within the RCFZ has  
24 been suggested on the basis of the postulated displaced  
25 stratigraphic units and other features such as  
26 slickensides that have been observed on individual

1 faults within the zone. Measurements of displacements  
2 are difficult to corroborate and those reported in the  
3 literature are at best speculative. (Exhibit EGH-6,  
4 "NRC Staff Question 361.44 and part K of Response").

5 Although the available data provide no unique  
6 geologic line that can be used as a piercing point for  
7 the precise determination of net slip along the RCFZ,  
8 evaluation of geologic evidence indicates tht some  
9 dip-slip displacements exist and an indeterminate but  
10 small amount of strike-slip is probable in the San Diego  
11 area. Threet (Threet, R.L., "Rose Canyon Fault: An  
12 Alternative Interpretation" in Earthquakes and Other  
13 Perils, San Diego Region (Abott, P.L. and Elliot, W.J.,  
14 eds.). p.61-71 (1979)) discusses the published estimates  
15 of strike-slip displacement focussing on the fundamental  
16 problems of interpretations and he provides alternative  
17 interpretations to those of Kennedy and Moore (e.g.  
18 Moore and Kennedy, supra (1975); Kennedy, Tan, Chapman,  
19 and Chase "Character and Recency of Faulting in San  
20 Diego Metropolitan Area, California," California  
21 Division of Mines and Geology Special Report 123 (1975);  
22 and Kennedy, supra (1975)). The data pertaining to the  
23 published displacements are discussed in EGH-6.  
24 Recently acquired evidence of faulting in San Diego is  
25 presented in Artim and Streiff, "Trenching the Rose  
26 Canyon Fault Zone San Diego, California", Final

1 Technical Report U.S. Geological Survey Contract No.  
2 14-08-0001-19118 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction  
3 Program (1981).

4 The southern terminous of the RCFZ occurs as a  
5 series of sub parallel en echelon fault traces south and  
6 west of Coronado. The main traces as defined by Kennedy  
7 and Welday, supra, are the Spanish Bight, Coronado and  
8 Silver Strand Faults. These are north-south striking  
9 faults that become less continuous and tend to die out  
10 southward from Coronado before reaching the  
11 international border.

12 Q. You have stated that the NIZD conservatively represents  
13 the earthquake potential of the OZD. On what basis do  
14 you reach that conclusion?

15 A. The NIZD is a representative model of the OZD because of  
16 the similarities in structural style among the three  
17 elements of the OZD, and because of the extensive and  
18 high-quality data available regarding the style and  
19 amount of the deformation along the NIZD. The available  
20 surface and subsurface geologic data allow a higher  
21 degree of accuracy in assessing the amount and rate of  
22 faulting and folding for the purpose of estimating the  
23 maximum earthquake to be assigned to the OZD. Of the  
24 three elements of the OZD, the NIZD has by far the  
25 highest levels of both historical and recorded seismic  
26 activity. It has produced two damaging earthquakes, one

1 in Inglewood in 1920, having an estimated magnitude of  
2 4.9, and the other in Long Beach in 1933, having a  
3 recorded magnitude of 6.3. The NIZD is considered to be  
4 a conservative model for the other segments because (1)  
5 it has a higher level of historical seismicity; (2) it  
6 has the most prominent surficial anticlines and short  
7 but prominent fault scarps; (3) it is coincident with a  
8 Mesozoic basement rock discontinuity not known to exist  
9 beneath the SCOZD or the RCFZ; and (4) it is closer to  
10 the area of high stress at the interaction between the  
11 San Andreas fault system and the Transverse Range than  
12 are the other segments of the OZD to the south.

13 Q. You state that the next step in your evaluation is to  
14 examine in a qualitative and quantitative manner, the  
15 geologic parameters of strike-slip faults. Would you  
16 describe the comparisons you made for the OZD?

17 A. Comparison of faults covers a broad range of possible  
18 systems for differentiating faults. Among systems for  
19 comparing faults are: 1) the relative importance of a  
20 fault in its structural-tectonic setting, 2) relative  
21 rates of deformation, 3) fault lengths, 4) seismicity,  
22 5) relative geomorphic expression of the faults and 6)  
23 degree of segmentation.

24 One of the quantitative methods for comparing  
25 faults is by geologic slip-rate; this method is  
26 particularly useful because it describes quantitatively

1 the relative degree of activity of faults in their  
2 present tectonic setting, and it incorporates properties  
3 of the mechanics and behavior of faults, including  
4 stress accumulation, strain release in earthquakes, and  
5 recurrence intervals of earthquakes. Because geologic  
6 slip rates reflect average fault displacements during a  
7 relatively long time interval, the behavior of faults in  
8 the past can be evaluated and can provide a basis for  
9 projection of fault behavior into the future.

10 A table comparing fault parameters of the San  
11 Andreas, San Jacinto, and Whittier-Elsinore faults, and  
12 the hypothesized OZD is presented in Figure EGH-F  
13 "Southern California Strike - Slip Fault Zones  
14 Characteristics and Ranking Criteria". More detailed  
15 information on the hypothesized OZD from north to south  
16 is summarized in Figure EGH-G, "Comparison of Zone  
17 Characteristics North to South Along the Hypothesized  
18 Offshore Zone of Deformation.

19 The general conclusions that can be drawn from  
20 comparing degree-of-activity parameters presented in  
21 EGH-F and EGH-G are: 1) the major plate motions between  
22 the North American and Pacific Plates is occurring along  
23 the San Andreas and San Jacinto fault zones and has  
24 continued to do so for at least the past 5 million  
25 years; 2) this is particularly well demonstrated by  
26 comparing total displacement across the faults and the



1 long term geologic slip rates of the faults; and 3)  
2 there is a consistent decrease in essentially all of the  
3 measurable parameters westward from the major plate  
4 boundary faults to the OZD suggesting that the OZD is a  
5 less significant fault with a much lower level of earth  
6 quake potential than the more activie faults along the  
7 plate boundary.

8 Q. Would you describe precisely how you used the foregoing  
9 degree of activity approach to assign a maximum  
10 magnitude for the OZD?

11 A. As stated earlier the degree-of-fault-activity method is  
12 a broadbased multiparameter method of considering  
13 various geologic and seismologic characteristic in  
14 comparing and ranking of faults. This approach leads to  
15 a generalized categorization of faults and their  
16 earthquake potential.

17 In addition to this qualitative analysis several  
18 other methods were considered in making a quantitative  
19 estimate of the maximum earthquake applicable to the  
20 OZD. These methods include analysis of maximum historic  
21 earthquakes, fault rupture-length versus magnitude  
22 relationships, displacement versus magnitude  
23 relationships, and long term or geologic slip rate on a  
24 fault versus the maximum historic earthquake.

25 If we review the historical seismicity of the OZD  
26 and other strike-slip faults in southern California the



1 following conclusions can be made: 1) seismicity is  
2 lower along the OZD than for other major strike-slip  
3 fault zones in southern California; 2) the major  
4 interplate motion is occurring on the San Andreas and  
5 San Jacinto faults and to a lesser degree on the faults  
6 to the west; 3) the maximum historical earthquake on the  
7 OZD is the 1933 Long Beach event--M 6.3; 4) the  
8 estimated maximum magnitude for the zone could be  
9 expected to be somewhat greater than the historical  
10  $M_s$  6.3 but less than that for the more active zones such  
11 as Elsinore, San Jacinto, and San Andreas; and 5) the  
12 subsurface rupture length of the 1933 earthquake, based  
13 on aftershock data was 30 km, this approaches the  
14 maximum measured fault segment length for the NIZD and  
15 thus the  $M_s$  6.3 event may be close to the maximum for  
16 this zone.

17 The rupture length and displacement-per-event  
18 methods of estimating earthquake magnitudes involves the  
19 use of empirical relationships between length of surface  
20 rupture or amount of surface displacement per event and  
21 magnitude. Commonly, the consideration of fault length  
22 is used by selecting the half-fault length as a maximum  
23 potential rupture length. This method is commonly  
24 applied in the absence of other data and sometimes even  
25 to the exclusion of other data. From empirical data  
26 (Slemmons, D.B., "State-of-the-Art for Assessing

1 Earthquake Hazards in the United States, Report 6:  
2 Faults and Earthquake Magnitude", U.S. Army Corps of  
3 Engineers, Miscellaneous Paper 5-73-1 (1977)) we can see  
4 that style of faulting and tectonic setting directly  
5 affect the relationship between magnitude and length of  
6 rupture and the amount of surface displacement. We also  
7 know that strike-slip faults do not necessarily rupture  
8 their half lengths ("Safety Evaluation Report Related to  
9 the Operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating  
10 Station Units 2 and 3, Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362,  
11 (NUREG-0712)." Appendix E, p.1-28 (1981)). For  
12 example, the San Jacinto fault generally is not believed  
13 to rupture half of its length, but rather segment  
14 lengths that are less than 30 percent the total fault  
15 length. With this in mind, if we look at the rupture  
16 length versus magnitude method for the OZD we find that  
17 the lengths of the various segments provide limits on  
18 the maximum magnitude that could be expected from the  
19 zone. Total segment lengths for faults in the younger  
20 geologic formations (upper Miocene and Pliocene), as  
21 defined in the subsurface by drilling and geophysical  
22 exploration along the OZD, are presented in EGH-F and  
23 EGH-G. The longest segments of each of the elements of  
24 the OZD range from 27 to 48 km and if you assume full  
25 rupture length and obtain an estimate of maximum  
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1 magnitude from Slemmon's, supra, relationships you get  
2 magnitude ranges from  $M_s$  6.6 to  $M_s$  6.9.

3           Nowhere along the OZD is there good evidence of the  
4 amount of surface displacement that has occurred from  
5 single major past earthquakes. Evidence of possible  
6 surface displacement during the 1933 Long Beach  
7 earthquake has recently been uncovered. This data  
8 showed apparent offsets in the surficial units, however,  
9 it provides no actual horizontal or vertical  
10 displacement measurements. (Guptill, P. D. and Heath,  
11 E. G., "Surface Faulting Along the Newport-Inglewood  
12 Zone of Deformation", (in press)). Therefore we cannot  
13 directly apply the displacement per event versus  
14 magnitude methodology to the OZD. However, we can  
15 estimate how much surface displacement might be expected  
16 for hypothetical earthquakes of various sized large  
17 events and then test the likelihood that such  
18 displacements could have occurred on the OZD. Based on  
19 the relationships of Slemmons, supra, a magnitude 6 1/2  
20 earthquake could produce up to 1 meter of lateral  
21 surface rupture, EGH-1. This appears feasible for the  
22 zone. Similarly a magnitude 7 earthquake could produce  
23 up to 1.7 meters of displacement. Such displacement also  
24 appear feasible but should be readily visible in the  
25 geologic record, and geologists have not reported  
26 evidence of such observed displacements. A hypothetical

1 earthquake of magnitude 7 1/2 could produce up to 3.2  
2 meters of surface displacement in a single-event, but  
3 surface displacements of this amount are not supported  
4 by geological evidence and are certainly not  
5 characteristic of the OZD.

6 In order to assess the degree of activity of the  
7 various faults in terms of geologic slip rate a  
8 literature search was conducted to estimate the  
9 displacements with time and thus geologic slip rates of  
10 the NIZD, other strike-slip faults in southern  
11 California, and other strike-slip faults from similar  
12 tectonic settings around the world. Available data of  
13 fault displacements and slip-rate estimates were  
14 compiled and are presented in Exhibit EGH-7, "NRC Staff  
15 Question 361.45 and part (e) of Response". However,  
16 because the literature on the NIZD provided a wide range  
17 of poorly constrained estimates, it was necessary to  
18 evaluate long-term geologic slip rates by interpreting  
19 subsurface geologic data. Hill applied a technique  
20 utilizing oil well electric logs, which record the  
21 lithologic facies relationships of layered geologic  
22 units, to estimate the total fault displacement that has  
23 occurred since these units were deposited. (Hill, M.L.,  
24 "Tectonics of Faulting in Southern California" in  
25 Geology of Southern California: California Division of  
26 Mines and Geology Bulletin 170, (Jahns, R.H. ed) p. 5-13

1 (1954); and Hill, M.L., "Newport-Inglewood Zone and  
2 Mesozoic Subduction California," 82 Geological Society  
3 of America Bulletin 2957-2962 (1971)) This process was  
4 applied in three areas along the NIZD to estimate the  
5 geologic slip rates from displacements recorded in upper  
6 Miocene and Pliocene rocks, see Figure EGH-H,  
7 "Horizontal Geologic Slip Rate, Seal Beach and  
8 Huntington Beach, Newport-Inglewood Zone of Deformation"  
9 and Figure EGH-I, Horizontal Geologic Slip Rate, Long  
10 Beach, Newport-Inglewood Zone of Deformation". All of  
11 the slip-rate data for faults considered in this  
12 analysis were compiled and presented in EGH-7.

13 The data for slip rates were selected specifically  
14 for strike-slip faults in southern California and for  
15 strike-slip faults in other similar tectonic  
16 environments. Selection of faults was carefully limited  
17 to California-style strike-slip faults because  
18 fundamental differences in fault behavior appear to  
19 exist between this group of faults and normal dip-slip  
20 faults, reverse faults and other strike-slip faults  
21 (e.g. Japan) of different tectonic environments. These  
22 differences are discussed in Exhibit EGH-8, "NRC Staff  
23 Question 361.47 and Response".

24 Because slip rate is perhaps the most quantitative  
25 measure of the degree of activity of a fault a plot of  
26 slip rate versus maximum historical magnitude was

1 constructed as a method to compare those measures of  
2 fault behavior. This was done by plotting the geologic  
3 slip-rate from Tables 361.45-2 and 361.45-3 of EGH-7  
4 against the magnitudes of the largest historical  
5 earthquakes on these faults in a semi-log format of  
6 slip-rate versus maximum magnitude; see Figure EGH-J,  
7 "Empirical Plot, Geologic-Slip Rate Versus Historical  
8 Magnitude for Strike-Slip Faults" (from Figure 361.45-1  
9 in EGH-7). The pattern of historic earthquake data  
10 presented in EGH-J indicates a trend of increasing  
11 maximum earthquakes with increasing geologic slip rates.

12 In order to evaluate the slip-rate relationship, a  
13 line can be drawn bounding these empirical observations  
14 as shown in Figure EGH-K, "Historical Earthquake Limit,  
15 Geologic Slip Rate Versus Historical Magnitude For  
16 Strike-Slip Faults", (from Figure 361.45-3 in EGH-7).  
17 This line suggests that there is a consistent limit to  
18 the size of an earthquake associated with the geologic  
19 slip rate of these strike-slip faults. This assumes  
20 that some of the strike-slip faults in the world have  
21 had maximum or close-to-maximum earthquakes and that  
22 when these maximum data points are enveloped, they form  
23 a maximum Historic Earthquake Limit (HEL) related to  
24 slip rate.

25 Several procedures can be used to assess the  
26 conservatism and the significance of this observational



1 limit. One method is to consider the ranges of slip  
2 rate and magnitude data obtained from published and  
3 unpublished sources. The data presented in Tables  
4 361.45-2 and 361.45-3 of EGH-7 provide for this  
5 assessment of uncertainty in the data interpretation.

6 To account for possible uncertainty in earthquake  
7 magnitude values, a magnitude range is assigned to each  
8 earthquake. The earliest surface wave magnitude  
9 estimates were considered to be dependable to one  
10 quarter of a unit (Richter, C.F., Elementary Seismology,  
11 p. 347 (1958)). Modern estimates, based on a larger and  
12 better distributed set of stations, are dependable to  
13 one tenth of a unit at a confidence level of 95% (e.g.,  
14 Shimazaki D. and Somerville, P, "Static and Dynamic  
15 Parameters of the Izu-Oshima, Japan Earthquake of  
16 January 14, 1978", 69 Seismological Society of America  
17 Bulletin, 1343-1378 (1979)). The Applicants, therefore,  
18 conclude that a value of two tenths of a unit plus or  
19 minus is a conservative estimate of the uncertainty  
20 associated with surface wave magnitude estimates.

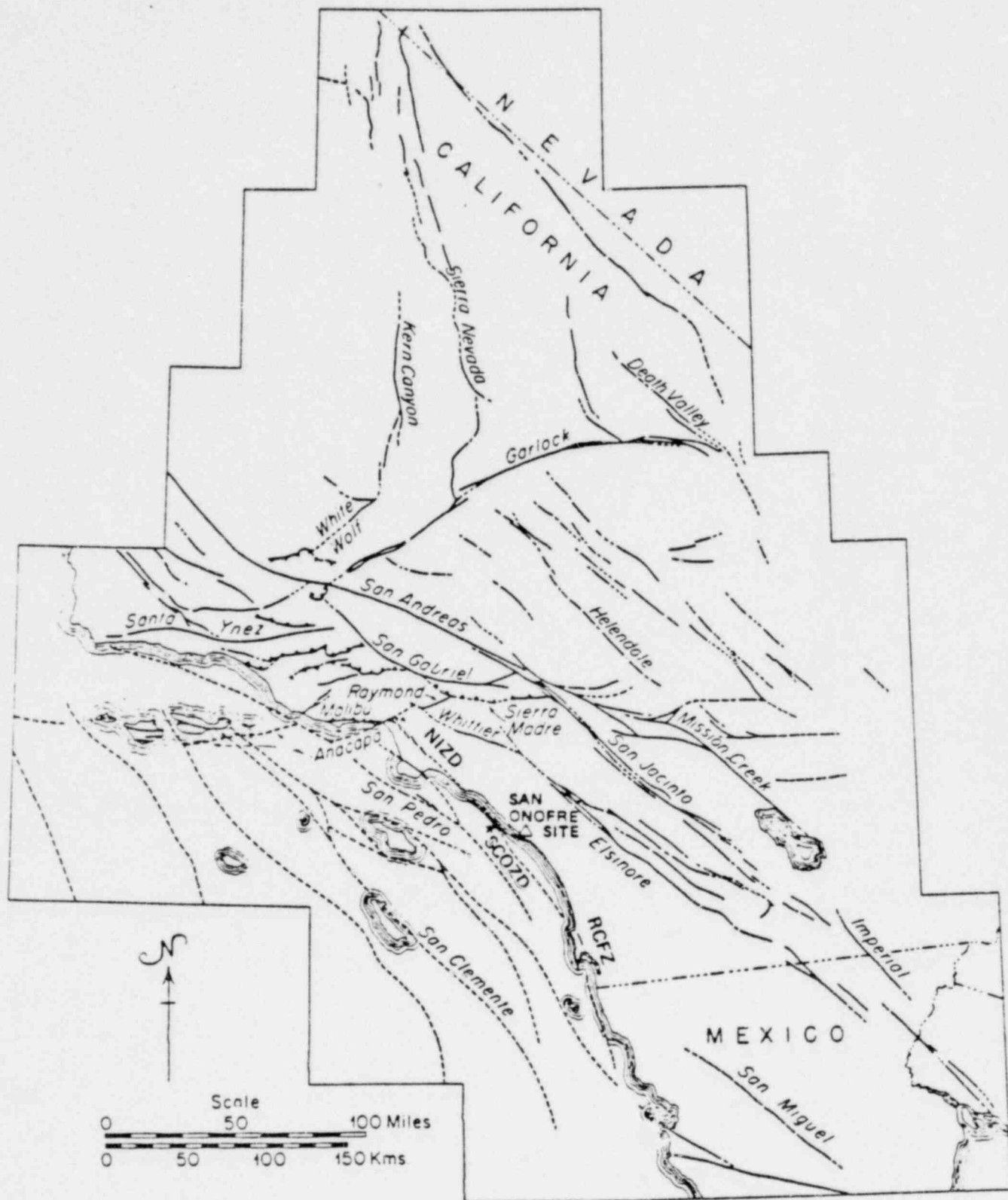
21 To account for variations in slip rate the ranges  
22 of data were evaluated and have been included in Figure  
23 EGH-L, "Data Range Analysis, Geologic Slip Rate Versus  
24 Historical Magnitude For Strike-slip Faults", (from  
25 Figure 361.45-2 in EGH-7). The variations shown  
26 represent the widest reasonable ranges of data as



1 discussed in available literature. These ranges of slip  
2 rates can be used in conjunction with the magnitude  
3 ranges to establish a Maximum Earthquake Limit line  
4 (MEL), see Figure EGH-M, "Maximum Earthquake Limit,  
5 Geologic Slip Rate Versus Historical Magnitude For  
6 Strike-slip Faults", (from Figure 361.45-4, in EGH-7).  
7 The MEL is drawn to envelope the lowest slip-rate ranges  
8 and the maximum-magnitude ranges of all the data  
9 points. The most conservative use of the line is to  
10 estimate a maximum earthquake by reading the MEL value  
11 based on the maximum slip-rate value provided for each  
12 fault. We believe that the MEL line represents an outer  
13 bound for maximum magnitude that should not be exceeded  
14 by future earthquakes on these faults. This line does  
15 not mean that each of these faults is capable of the MEL  
16 earthquake, but only that this line should not be  
17 exceeded by future earthquakes.

18 This relationship was used to estimate the maximum  
19 magnitude earthquake on the NIZD, On the basis of the  
20 most conservative interpretation of the MEL line, the  
21 maximum magnitude for the NIZD associated with the  
22 highest slip rate of 0.68 mm/year results in  $M_s$  7.0. A  
23 comparison between magnitudes predicted for numerous  
24 strike-slip faults using the slip-rate methodology and  
25 magnitudes based on the rupture length-magnitude  
26 methodology is provided in EGH-1, Section 361.38(b).

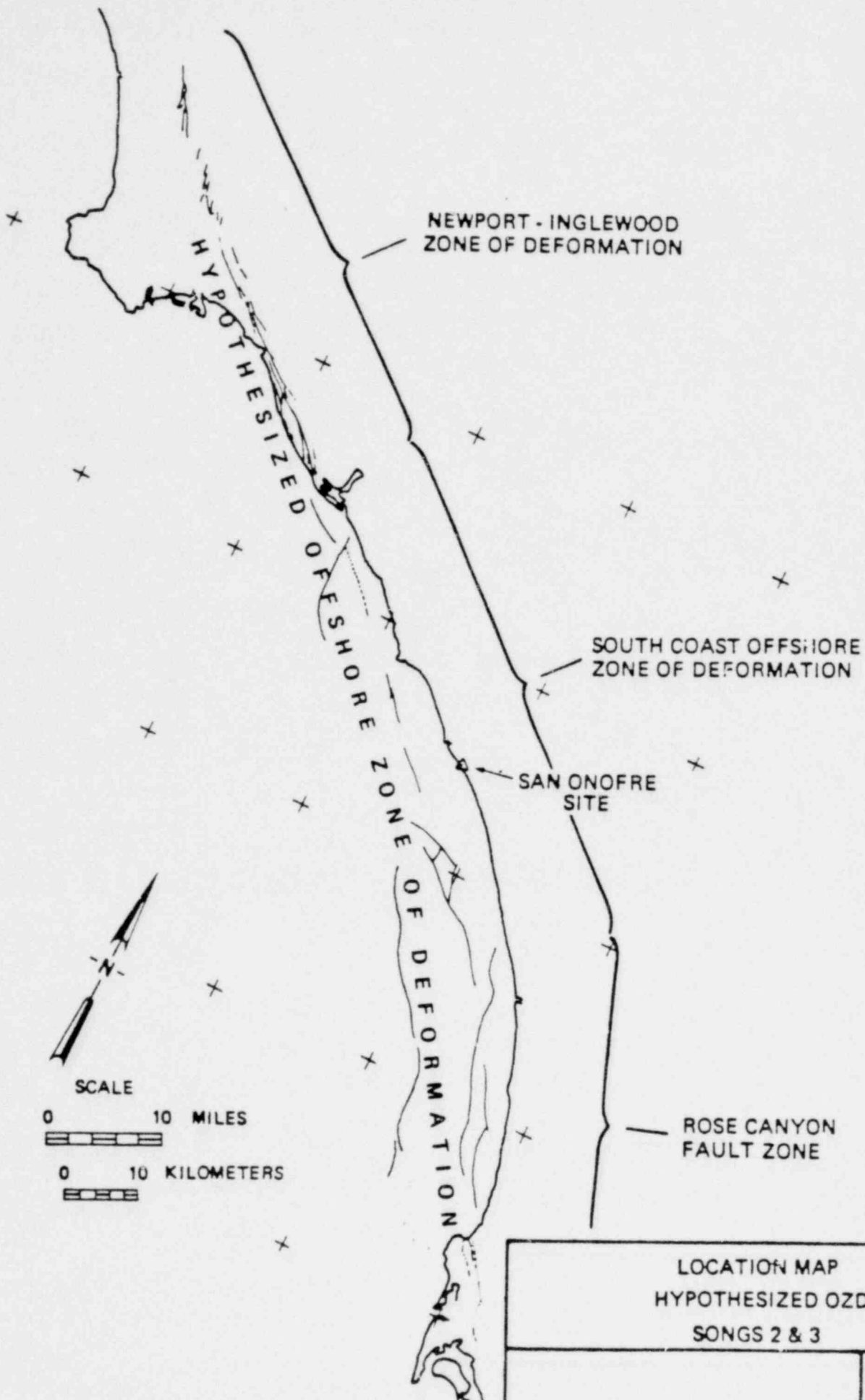
1 The comparison shows that the results of the half-fault  
2 length rupture approach is consistent with the results  
3 predicted from the Historical Earthquake Limit (HEL) and  
4 the Maximum Earthquake Limit (MEL).  
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(Modified from Allen et al, 1965; California Department of Water Resources, 1964a; Emery, 1960; Hill, 1916).

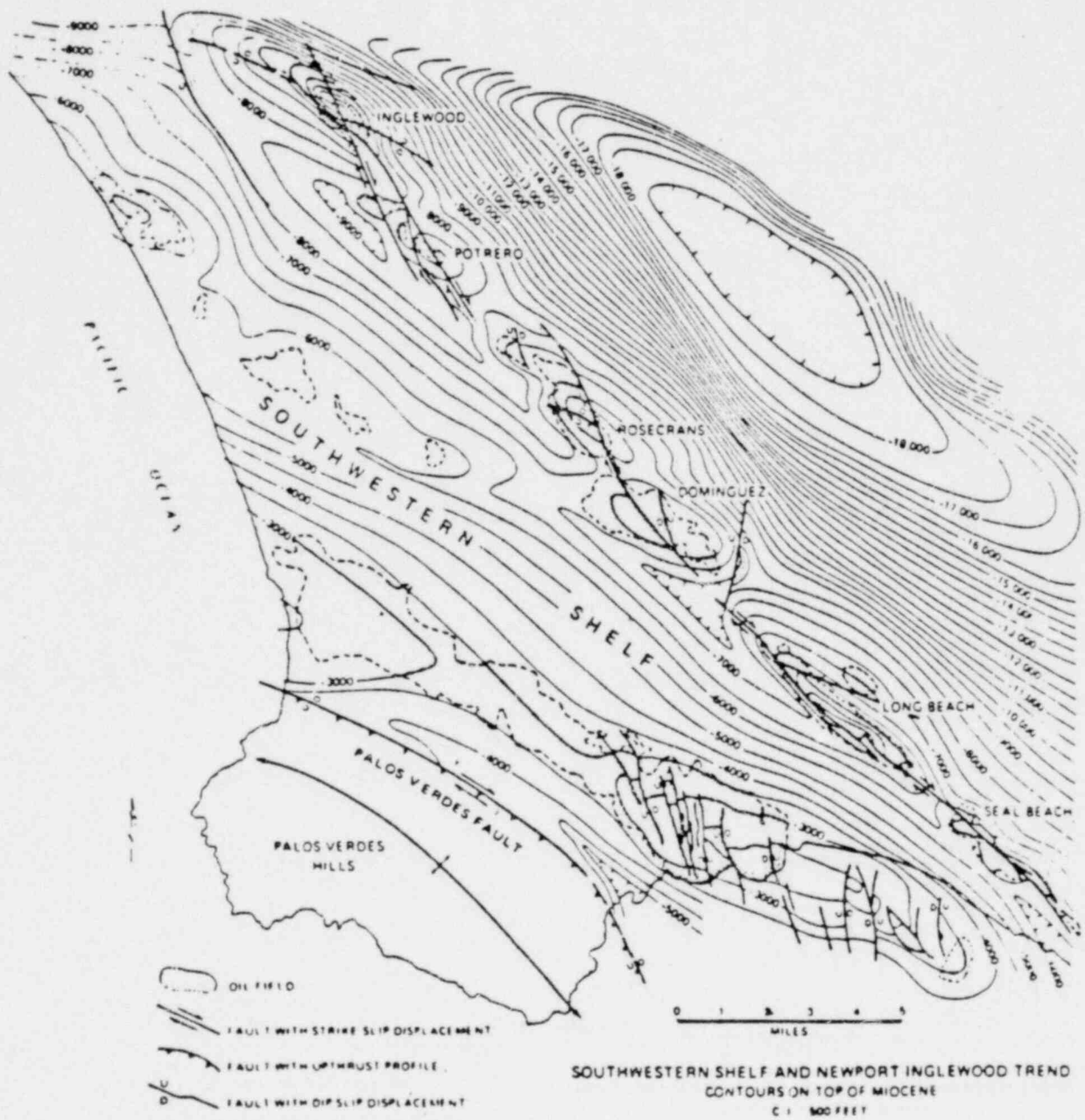
MAP OF MAJOR FAULTS  
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
SONGS 2 & 3

FIGURE  
EGH-A



LOCATION MAP  
HYPOTHESIZED OZD  
SONGS 2 & 3

FIGURE  
EGH-B



—Structure of northwest and central part of Newport-Inglewood trend (with oil fields named) and southwestern shelf of Los Angeles basin.

(From Harding, 1973)

FIGURE EGH-C STRUCTURE ALONG THE NIZD

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 SURFACE GEOLOGIC INFORMATION  
 FROM GEOLGIC MAP OF CALIFORNIA  
 OLDT P. JONES EDITION

NOTE  
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 REVISIONS OF THIS  
 MAP APPLIED TO THE  
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SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION Units 2 & 3	
HORIZON B CONTOUR	
Figure 2E-3	

FIGURE EGH-D HORIZON B



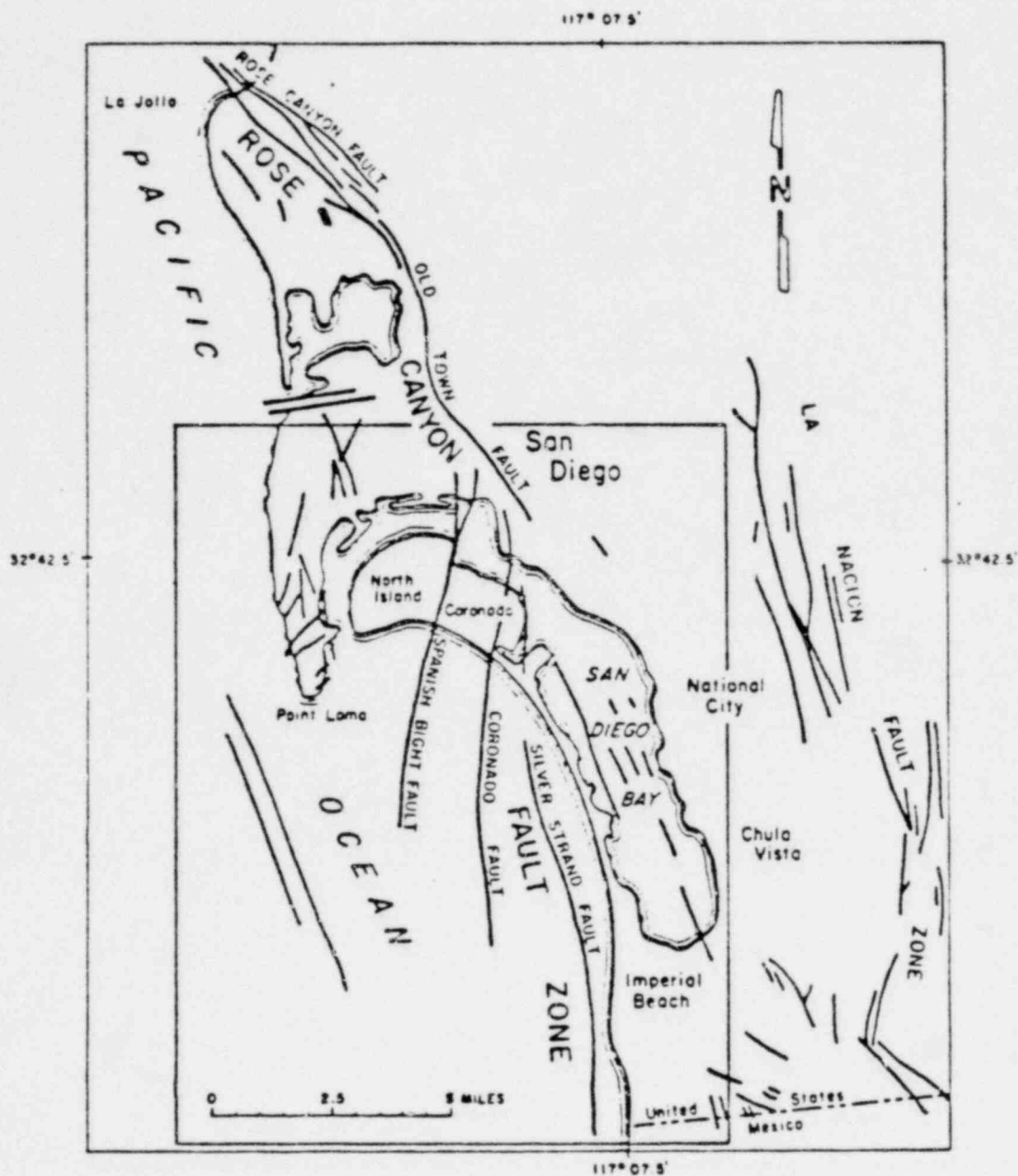


Figure 2. Generalized fault map of offshore area studied and immediately adjacent onshore area.

From Kennedy and Welday, 1980



TABLE 361.38-2  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STRIKE-SLIP FAULT ZONES  
CHARACTERISTICS AND RANKING CRITERIA

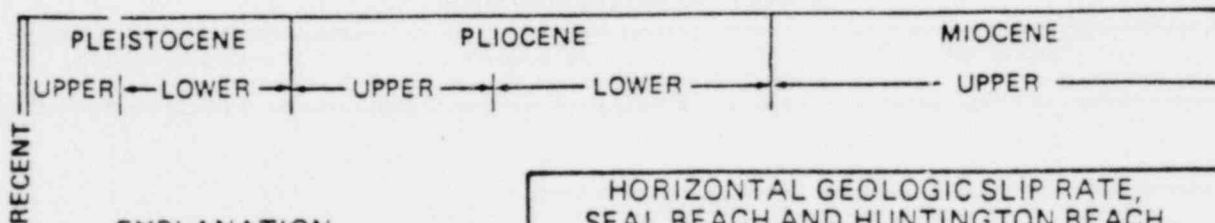
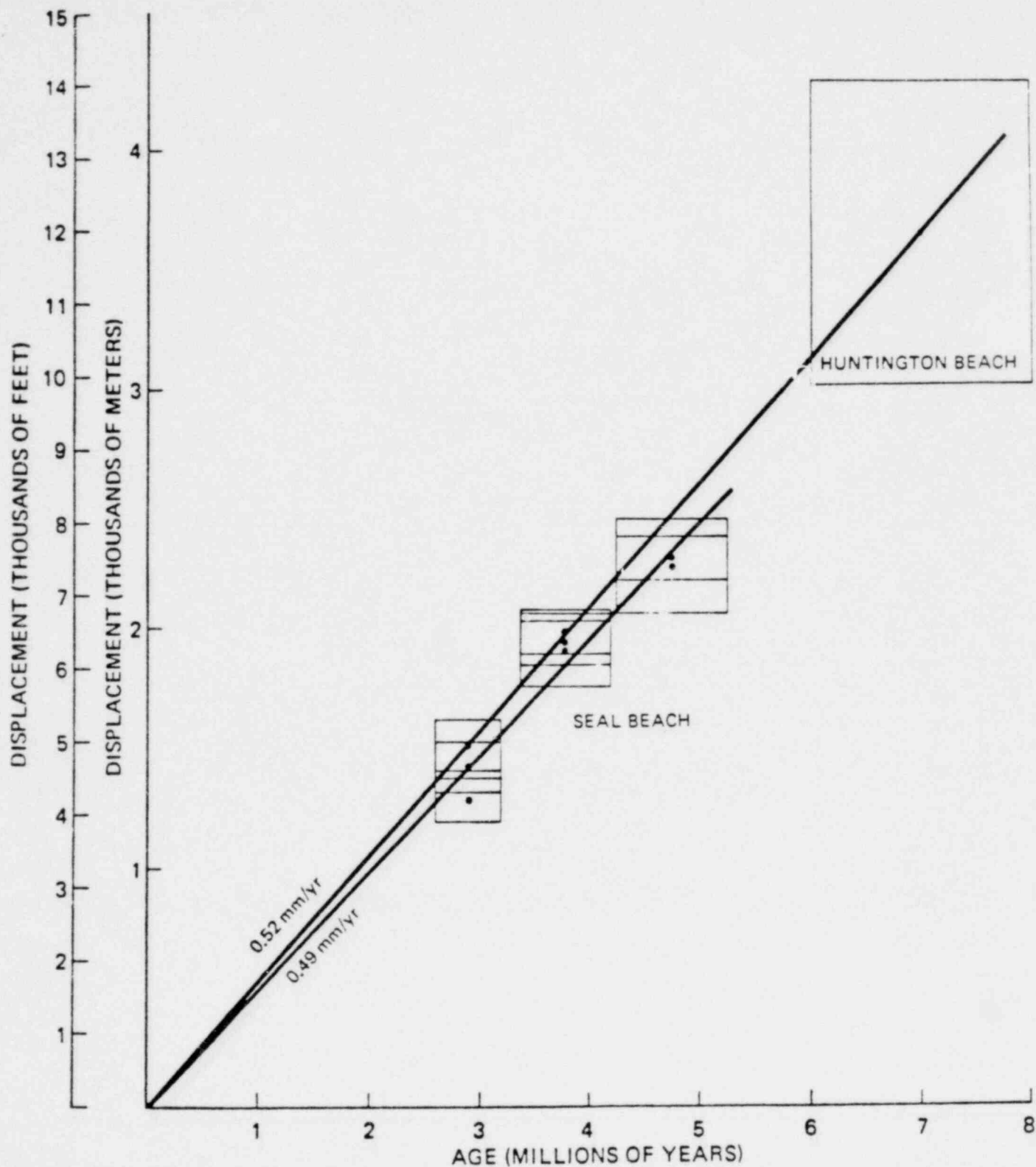
FAULT ZONE CHARACTERISTICS	SAN ANDREAS	SAN JACINTO	WHITTIER-ELSINORE-LAGUNA SALADA	HYPOTHESIZED OZD
Dimensions and Segmentation	Total length - 1300 km Imperial-Cerro Prieto segment - 180 km (Imperial Valley to Gulf of California) Southern segment - 225 km (Cajon Pass to Imperial Valley) Central segment - 330 km (Parkfield to Cajon Pass) Creep segment - 135 km (Hollister to Parkfield) Northern segment - 435 km (Cape Mendocino to Hollister)	Total length - 260 km Loma Linda-Claremont - 97 km Casa Loma-Clark - 126 km Coyote Creek - 60 km Superstition Mountain - 51 km Superstition Hills - 53 km	Total length - 339 km Whittier - 42 km Chino - 32 km Eagle-Glen - 43 km Ivy - 43 km Wildomar-Elsinore - 160 km Laguna Salada - 80 km	Total length - 200 km NI2D - 70 km Segment lengths - 6.5-36 km SC02D - 75 + km Segment lengths - 8-27 km (Horizon B) RCF2 - 65 + km Segment lengths - 10-40 km
Total Displacement	300 km (Miocene-Cretaceous)	24 km (Pliocene)	8-13 km (Tertiary)	3 km (Upper Miocene-NI2D)
Distance from San Andreas Fault (Plate Boundary)	0 km	0-48 km	40-80 km	62-150 km
Historic Rupture Length	435 km (Northern Segment)	33 km (Coyote Creek)	N/A	30 km (Aftershock Zone - NI2D)
Historic Displacement	6.1 m	.38 m (Coyote Creek)	N/A	31 - .46 m (Seismic Moment - NI2D)
Continuity and Geomorphic Features	Great Continuity  Long linear surface scarps, numerous traces; traces suggest great continuity; sag ponds, offset streams and topography	En echelon Segments  Strong linear trends in young alluvium, water barriers; sag depressions, offset streams and topography, linearity and continuity not as pronounced as San Andreas	En echelon Segments  Linear scarps, offset alluvial fans and streams but fault trace vanishes frequently in younger sediments sag depressions	Discontinuous en echelon Segments  En echelon large folds at north end with smaller and more gentle folding to the south. Occasional linear fault scarps at north end with no persistent scarps to the south.
Historic Seismicity	Very High	Very High	Moderate	High in the north, low in central and southern areas
Maximum Historic Magnitude, $M_s$	8.2 (1857)	6.7 (1968 Coyote Creek) 7.1 (1940 Imperial)	5.5-6 (1910)	6.3 (1933 - NI2D)
Geologic Slip Rate	37 mm/yr	8 mm/yr	2.3 mm/yr (Elsinore) 1.2 mm/yr (Whittier)	0.5 mm/yr (NI2D)

FIGURE EGH-F SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STRIKE-SLIP FAULT ZONES  
CHARACTERISTICS AND RANKING CRITERIA

TABLE 361.38-3  
COMPARISON OF ZONE CHARACTERISTICS NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG  
THE HYPOTHESIZED OFFSHORE ZONE OF DEFORMATION

FAULT RELATED CHARACTERISTICS	NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH
	NEWPORT-INGLEWOOD ZONE OF DEFORMATION	SOUTH COAST OFFSHORE ZONE OF DEFORMATION	ROSE CANYON FAULT ZONE
Total Length	70 km	75 $\pm$ km	65 $\pm$ km
Maximum Segment Length	18 km (36 km combined)	27 $\pm$ km (Horizon "B")	48 $\pm$ km (offshore)
Structural Features	Large en echelon folds, En echelon faults, North trending branch faults near basement	Smaller en echelon folds, folds, En echelon faults, North trending branch faults near basement	Gentle folds on oppo- site sides of fault zone, En echelon faults
Continuity of Geomorphic features	Low en echelon folds, short fault scarps	Little to none Fault scarps up to 1/2 meter	Main fault segments tend to follow Rose Canyon, No persistent fault scarps
Distance from San Andreas Fault (Plate Boundary)	62 - 80 km	85 - 130 km	110 - 150 km
Historic Seismicity	High	Very Low	Low
Maximum Historic Earthquake - $M_s$	6.3 (1933)	4.5 (1969)	3.7 (1958)
Historic Rupture Length	30 km (Aftershock Zone)	U.K.	U.K.
Geologic Slip Rate	0.5 mm/yr	U.K.	Indeterminant, see Responses to Question 361.44 k)

FIGURE EGH-G COMPARISON OF ZONE CHARACTERISTICS NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG  
THE HYPOTHESIZED OFFSHORE ZONE OF DEFORMATION

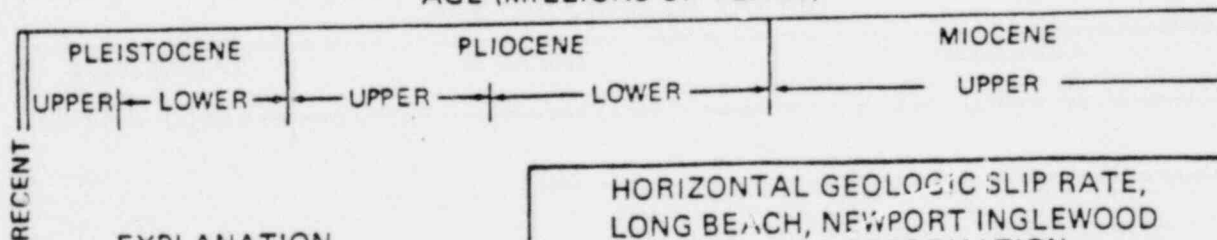
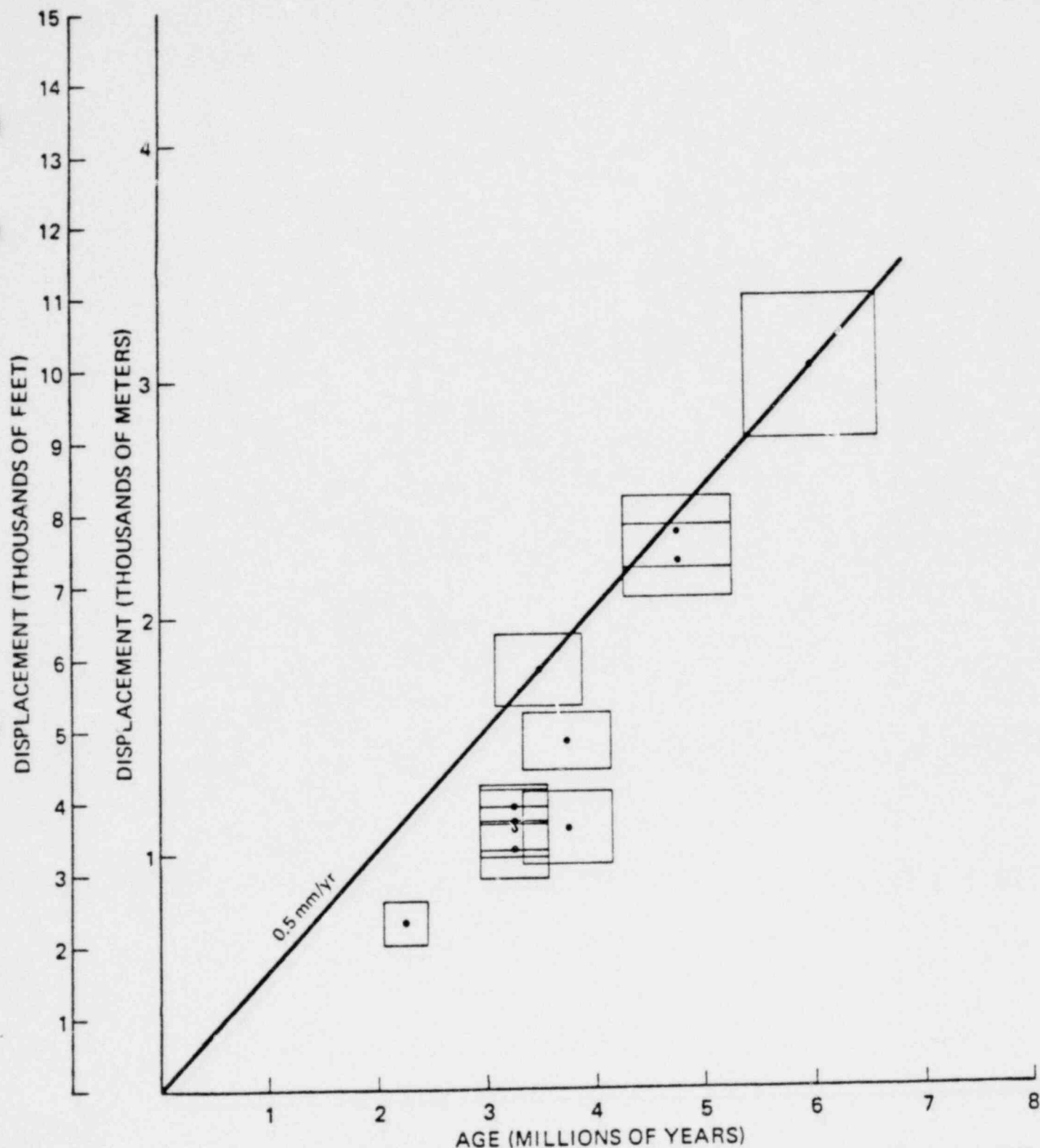


#### EXPLANATION

• Box represents limits of accuracy

HORIZONTAL GEOLOGIC SLIP RATE,  
SEAL BEACH AND HUNTINGTON BEACH,  
NEWPORT INGLEWOOD ZONE  
OF DEFORMATION  
SONGS 2 & 3

FIGURE  
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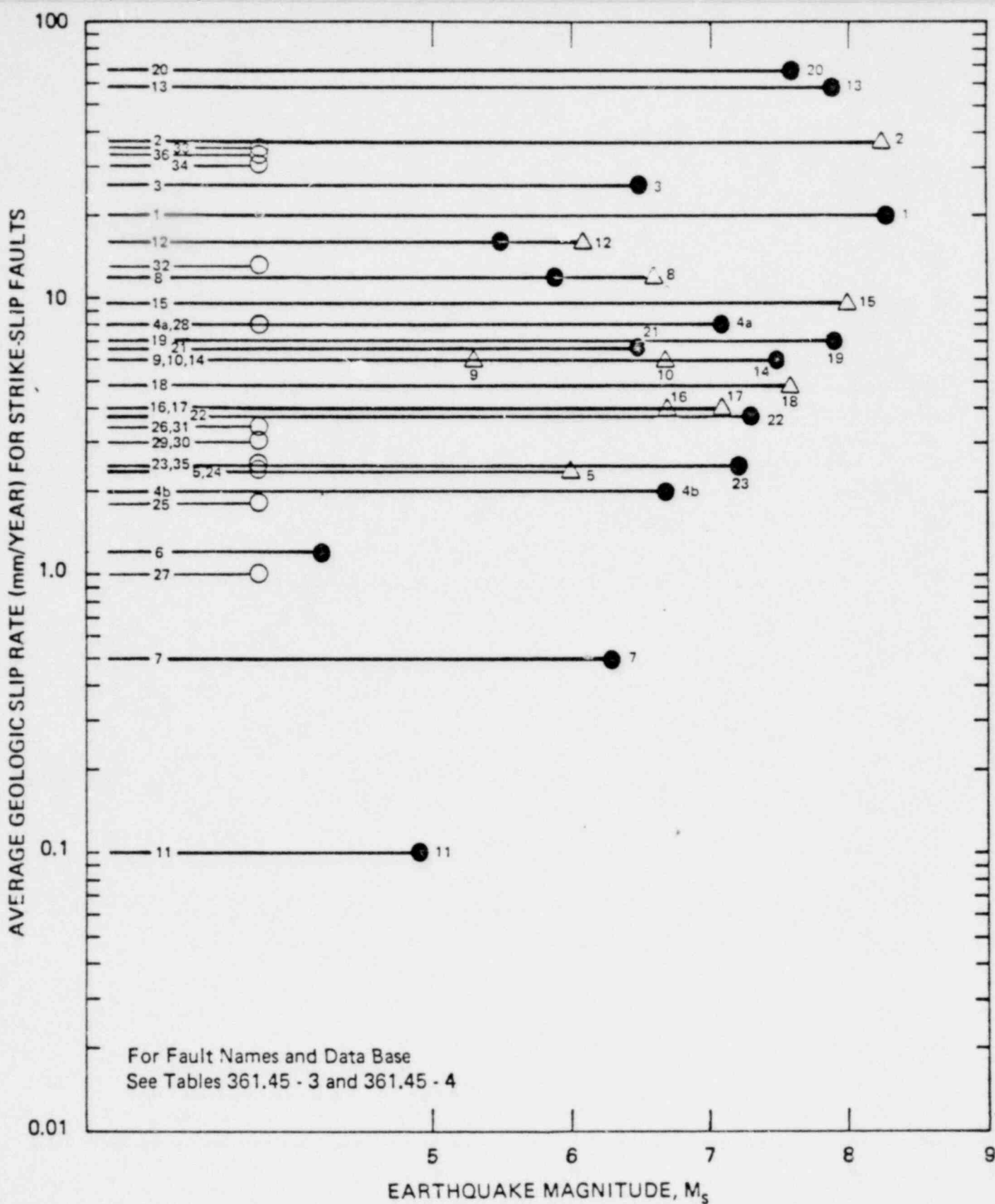


#### EXPLANATION

• Box represents limits of accuracy

HORIZONTAL GEOLOGIC SLIP RATE,  
LONG BEACH, NEWPORT INGLEWOOD  
ZONE OF DEFORMATION  
SONGS 2 & 3

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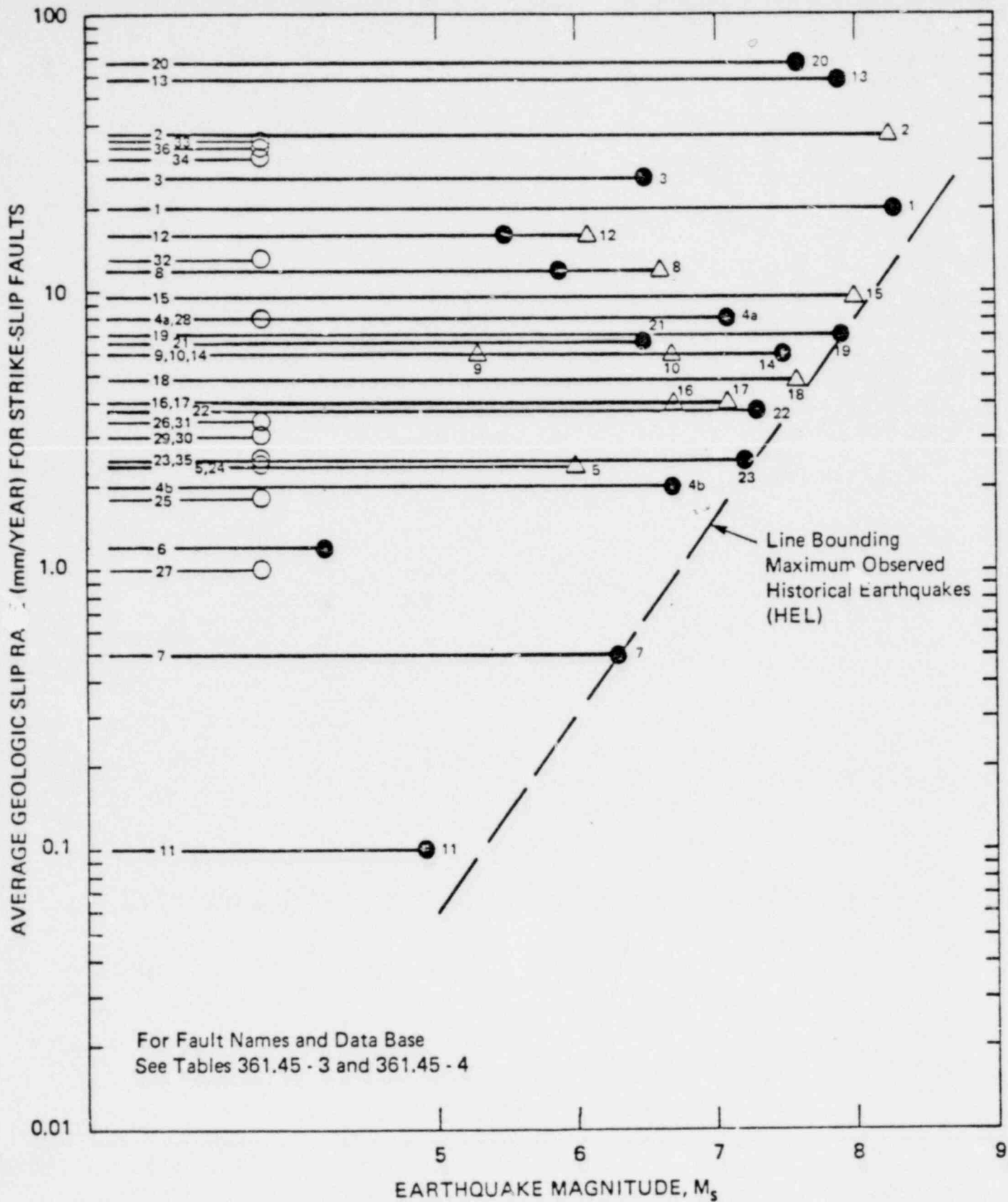


EXPLANATION

- Maximum instrumental recording
- △ Maximum pre-instrumental estimates
- Range over which smaller earthquakes occur
- No maximum magnitude from instrumental or pre-instrumental data.

Figure 361.45 - 1 Empirical Plot  
Geologic Slip Rate VS Historical  
Magnitude for Strike-Slip Faults

FIGURE EGH-J

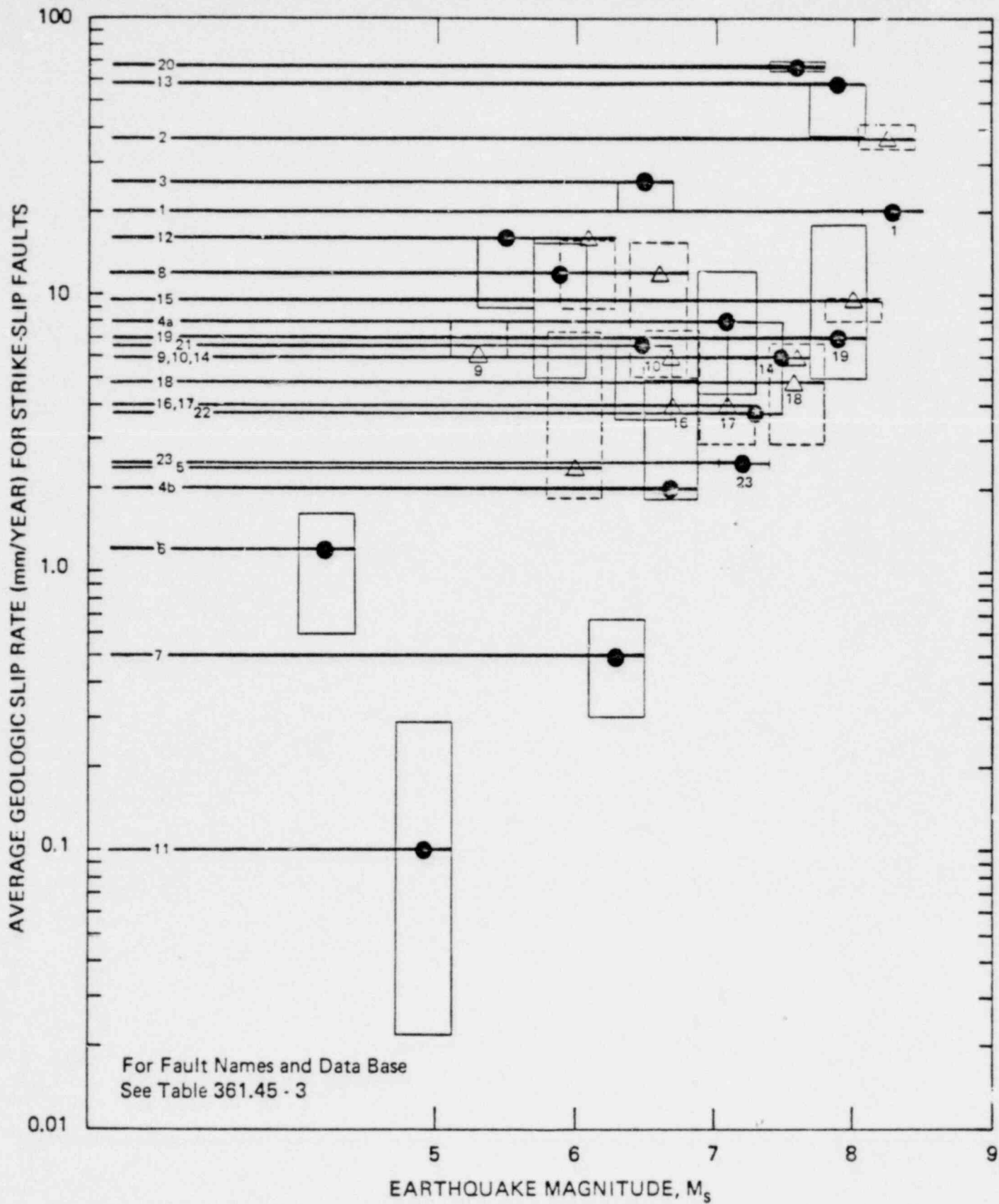


#### EXPLANATION

- Maximum instrumental recording
- △ Maximum pre-instrumental estimates
- Range over which smaller earthquakes occur
- No maximum magnitude from instrumental or pre-instrumental data.

Figure 361.45 - 3 Historical Earthquake Limit  
Geologic Slip Rate VS Historical  
Magnitude for Strike-Slip Faults





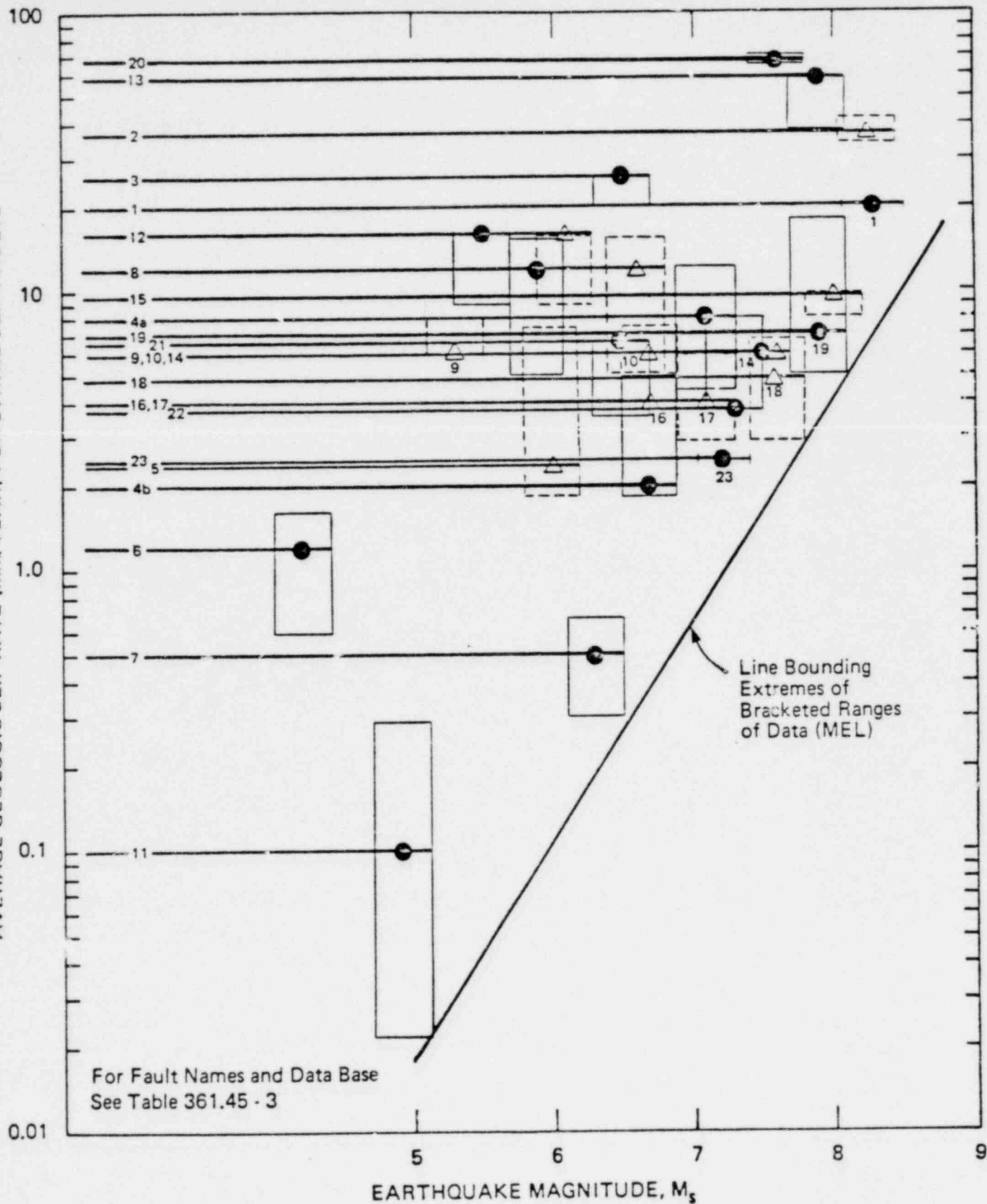
#### EXPLANATION

- Maximum instrumental recording
- △ Maximum pre-instrumental estimate
- Range over which smaller earthquakes occur
- Box represents most likely range of geologic slip rate data and possible error range of  $\pm 0.2$  in Magnitude calculation. Dashed box represents uncertainty of pre-instrumental estimates.

Figure 361.45 - 2 Data Range Analysis  
Geologic Slip Rate VS Historical  
Magnitude for Strike-Slip Faults

FIGURE EGH-L

AVERAGE GEOLOGIC SLIP RATE (mm/YEAR) FOR STRIKE-SLIP FAULTS



EXPLANATION

- Maximum instrumental recording
- △ Maximum pre-instrumental estimate
- Range over which smaller earthquakes occur
- Box represents most likely range of geologic slip rate data and possible error range of  $\pm 0.2$  in Magnitude calculation. Dashed box represents uncertainty of pre-instrumental estimates.

Figure 361.45 - 4 Maximum Earthquake Limit Geologic Slip Rate VS Historical Magnitude for Strike-Slip Faults

FIGURE EGH-M

1 TESTIMONY OF DR. STEWART W. SMITH

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Stewart W. Smith

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. I am a Professor of Geophysics at the University of  
6 Washington, Seattle, Washington.

7 Q. In what manner are you associated with the  
8 Applicants in this proceeding?

9 A. I was retained as a member of their Board of  
10 Technical Review to review the original work for  
11 the San Onofre site in 1970 and have continued as a  
12 consultant since that time.

13 Q. Would you please describe your formal education?

14 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree from the  
15 Department of Geology and Geophysics at the  
16 Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954; a  
17 Masters of Science degree by the California  
18 Institute of Technology in 1959 and a Ph.D in  
19 Geophysics by the California Institute of  
20 Technology in 1961.

21 Q. What professional positions have you held in the  
22 area of seismology?

23 A. I was a staff member of the Seismological  
24 Laboratory and an Assistant Professor (1961-64) and  
25 Associate Professor (1964-1970) of Geophysics at  
26 the California Institute of Technology. I am

1 currently Professor of Geophysics at the University  
2 of Washington having served as Chairman of  
3 Geophysics from 1970-1980.

4 Q. What other professional positions have you held in  
5 the area of seismology?

6 A. I was a Geophysicist for the Shell Oil Company from  
7 1954-1957 in the area of exploration seismology.  
8 In addition I have been a Principal Scientist,  
9 earthquake seismology, for TERA Corporation since  
10 1974.

11 Q. Do you hold any professional registrations in the  
12 State of California or any other state?

13 A. I am a Registered Professional Geophysicist in the  
14 State of California.

15 Q. What are your pertinent professional or  
16 organizational memberships?

17 A. I am a member of the following organizations:  
18 Seismological Society of America  
19 Earthquake Engineering Research Institute  
20 American Geophysical Union

21 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field  
22 of seismology?

23 A. I have published about 40 articles in the field of  
24 geophysics during the period from 1961 to the  
25 present. A list of my publications is appended  
26 hereto.

1 Q. Have you served with formally-organized groups  
2 concerned wholly or in part with matters of seismic  
3 safety?

4 A. I have served on a number of committees and panels  
5 concerned with seismic safety. Recent activities  
6 include the U.S. Geological Survey, Workshop on  
7 Earthquake Hazards in Puget Sound, the National  
8 Science Foundation Workshop on Strong Motion  
9 Instrumentation and the American Nuclear Society  
10 Standards Committee on Active Faulting.

11 Q. On which matters have you been retained as an  
12 expert consultant in seismology?

13 A. I have served as a consultant to private industry  
14 on a number of important structures in the Western  
15 U.S., including Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant,  
16 Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant, Pebble Springs  
17 Thermal Power Plant Site, and others. I have also  
18 served as a consultant to the Nuclear Regulatory  
19 Commission on matters related to the statistical  
20 evaluation of seismic hazards and to the State of  
21 California regarding seismic considerations for  
22 several dams.

23 Q. Have you testified as an expert in any previous  
24 hearings or trials?

25 A. Over the past fifteen (15) years, I have testified  
26 at numerous regulatory proceedings including all

1           hearings on seismic related issues before the  
2           Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board (ALAB) and  
3           the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) for  
4           Diablo Canyon.

5           I also presented expert testimony to the ASLB  
6           at the construction permit stage for SONGS 2 & 3  
7           (1972).

8           Q.   What is the purpose of your testimony in this  
9           proceeding?

10          A.   One of the issues in this proceeding is whether,  
11               based on the geologic and seismic characteristics  
12               of the OZD, including its length, assignment of  $M_s 7$   
13               as the maximum magnitude earthquake for the OZD  
14               renders this seismic design basis for SONGS 2 & 3  
15               is inadequate to protect the public health and  
16               safety. My testimony addresses whether assignment  
17               of  $M_s 7$  is a reasonable maximum magnitude for the  
18               OZD and whether such assignment renders the seismic  
19               design basis for SONGS 2 & 3 established for  
20               issuance of the construction permit inadequate.

21          Q.   In addressing the question of the maximum magnitude  
22               that could be generated from a particular  
23               structure, what factors do you consider?

24          A.   The factors to be examined, in very general terms,  
25               are; the seismic history of the area, the geologic  
26               record of deformation, the regional stress as



1 inferred from focal mechanisms and the faulting  
2 characteristics of the particular structure.

3 Q. Would you please describe the seismic history of  
4 the area relevant to the SONGS site?

5 A. The south coast region has not been an area of high  
6 seismic activity either in the historic record that  
7 dates back to the early missions (1769) or in the  
8 modern era of instrumental seismic recording that  
9 dates back to about 1934. The historic record is  
10 reviewed in FSAR Section 2.5.2.1; Tables 2.5.1 and  
11 2.5-3. The instrumental record is reviewed in FSAR  
12 Section 2.5.2.1; Tables 2.5-2 and 2.5-4. The  
13 following figures display the seismic activity of  
14 Southern California from the transverse ranges to  
15 Baja California:

16 Figure SWS-A "EPICENTER PLOT M3-M6 AND ABOVE  
17 CIT CATALOG 1932 - JUNE 1980"

18 Figure SWS-B "EPICENTER PLOT M4-M6 AND ABOVE  
19 CIT CATALOG 1932 - JUNE 1980"

20 Figure SWS-C "EPICENTER PLOT M5-M6 AND ABOVE  
21 CIT CATALOG 1932 - JUNE 1980"

22 Figure SWS-D "EPICENTER PLOT M6 AND ABOVE  
23 CIT CATALOG 1932 - JUNE 1980"

24 These four figures illustrate the seismic activity  
25 at different magnitude levels. They indicate in a  
26 general way that although small earthquakes (less

1 than magnitude 4.0 for example) are widely  
2 distributed over the Southern California area, they  
3 show a clustering along major faults on which  
4 larger earthquakes have occurred. Major fault  
5 systems that are active and may form part of the  
6 boundary between the Pacific and North American  
7 Tectonic Plates can be seen in the Imperial Valley  
8 area, the Los Angeles area, and in the Transverse  
9 Range area. The conclusion from such displays is  
10 that no significant zone of seismic activity has  
11 existed during the nearly half century during which  
12 accurate recording of earthquake locations has been  
13 possible. Further, this data supports the idea  
14 that the principal plate boundary at the latitude  
15 of SONGS occurs on the San Andreas and San Jacinto  
16 fault systems, and that activity generally  
17 decreases westward away from these faults.

18 Q. How is the geologic record of deformation on the  
19 OZD relevant to maximum earthquake magnitude?

20 A. Since one cannot use several centuries of seismic  
21 record as a sole indicator of future possible  
22 activity, the geologic record must be examined for  
23 evidence of prehistoric activity.

24 Earthquakes represent the disturbance that  
25 occurs during sudden fault movement, thus, the  
26 geologic record of past fault movement as preserved

1 in the rocks of a fault zone, allows us to look  
2 back millions of years beyond the historic record  
3 to get an idea of the level of earthquake activity  
4 that may have occurred.

5 The geologic information most important for  
6 assessing the seismic potential of a fault system  
7 is the rate of deformation, or slip rate, over  
8 about the last ten to twenty thousand years. The  
9 measured slip rate (testimony of Edward G. Heath)  
10 shows between 0.5 and 1.00 mm/year for the OZD over  
11 the past several million years. This is to be  
12 contrasted with other faults of greater activity  
13 and seismic potential such as the San Jacinto with  
14 3.0 mm per year or the San Andreas with 37.0  
15 mm/year. A specific line of reasoning has been  
16 developed by Mr. Heath to provide a quantitative  
17 estimate of maximum magnitude based on slip rate.  
18 In the context of the historic and pre-historic  
19 seismic history being discussed here, it is  
20 sufficient to note that earthquakes larger than  
21 about 6.5 - 7.0 ( $M_s$ ) could not have occurred with  
22 any regularity over the past million years without  
23 producing a record of geologic deformation much  
24 more impressive than what is seen in the region of  
25 the OZD. Finally, the rate of vertical uplift and  
26 downwarping, which is often used as a measure of

1 the vigor of tectonism, indicates that the south  
2 coast region has been a stable area compared with  
3 the more active regions of California over the past  
4 several hundred thousand years. This is discussed  
5 in detail in the testimony of Dr. Roy J. Shlemon.

6 Q. Based on your investigations of the seismic history  
7 and geologic deformations in the area of San  
8 Onofre, have you drawn any conclusions?

9 A. My investigations reveal a consistent picture of  
10 relative stability over four different time scales  
11 involving four different types of data; the  
12 instrumental record of a half century, the historic  
13 record of several centuries, the geomorphic record  
14 of several hundred thousand years, and the geologic  
15 record of several million years. By itself, no one  
16 of these could be used as conclusive evidence that  
17 large earthquakes have not (and will not) occur in  
18 this area, but taken together they provide a very  
19 strong case for just this conclusion.

20 Q. Are there additional seismological considerations  
21 that have been investigated in arriving at an  
22 assignment of maximum magnitude?

23 A. Yes, several other seismological characteristics  
24 of the OZD can be determined. The first concerns  
25 the nature of the stress field operative at the  
26 present time and at the time of development of the

1 OZD. Earthquake focal mechanisms provide the most  
2 direct way of estimating slip directions associated  
3 with the contemporary record of seismicity, that  
4 is, earthquakes for which we have modern  
5 seismographic data. From the slip direction or  
6 focal mechanism during individual earthquakes one  
7 can infer the direction of principal stresses. In  
8 order to derive such focal mechanisms, good  
9 seismographic coverage is necessary, a level which  
10 has only been obtained during the past decade.  
11 Since seismograph coverage on all sides of the  
12 earthquake source is desirable for a well  
13 constrained focal mechanism, the offshore region is  
14 especially difficult to handle as a result of the  
15 lack of stations on the seaward side. The other  
16 really important point to consider concerning the  
17 offshore zone is of course that there haven't been  
18 any significant earthquakes there with which a  
19 seismologist can work. Despite these difficulties,  
20 some information on focal mechanisms of events  
21 occurring in the southern California coastal region  
22 is available. The principal conclusion drawn from  
23 these focal mechanisms is that the pattern is  
24 irregular, with little preference for any one slip  
25 direction or system of fault planes. There is some  
26 preference for a general northerly direction for

1 the compressive axis. I conclude that the lack of  
2 consistent focal mechanisms is evidence that the  
3 regional stress levels are not at a high level. If  
4 the area were part of the active section of a plate  
5 margin, I would expect much more consistency in  
6 focal mechanisms and a higher level of seismicity.  
7 If stress levels are not dominated by a regional  
8 stress field, then residual stresses, which are  
9 much more influenced by local geological  
10 conditions, and thus more irregular, will be the  
11 ones revealed by current seismic activity.

12 Q. Given the irregular nature of focal mechanisms and  
13 the lack of seismicity on the South Coast Offshore  
14 Fault, on what basis have seismic characteristics  
15 for the OZD been assigned?

16 A. We have assumed that the Newport Inglewood zone is  
17 representative of the overall OZD in terms of  
18 seismological characteristics. Since the 1933 Long  
19 Beach earthquake (M 6.3) is the largest and most  
20 significant earthquake on this zone, it is the  
21 basis of the assignment of seismological  
22 characteristics to the overall OZD. Although the  
23 modern seismic network was not in operation at the  
24 time of this earthquake, the earthquake was large  
25 enough to record long-period seismic waves on  
26 seismograph stations throughout the world. This



1 data made possible some special studies which have  
2 yielded a focal mechanism, an estimate of fault  
3 rupture length and depth, and a measure of fault  
4 slip associated with the earthquake. The  
5 conclusion is that the mechanism was primarily  
6 right lateral strike slip and involved an average  
7 slip of 41 cm over a rupture length of about 33 km,  
8 and that the depth of energy release was  
9 approximately 11 km. Since this is by far the  
10 largest earthquake anywhere near the OZD, it should  
11 carry the most weight in assigning characteristics  
12 to the OZD. We thus conclude that future  
13 significant earthquakes on the OZD can be best  
14 characterized as being strike slip, responding to a  
15 northerly direction of compression, and would  
16 involve rupture and energy release to depths of  
17 about 12-15 km.

18 Q. Have you considered any additional factors  
19 characteristic of the OZD that assist in assignment  
20 a maximum magnitude for the OZD?

21 A. Yes, I have reviewed the investigations presented  
22 by Mr. Heath in this proceeding. I would agree  
23 with him that assignment of a maximum magnitude for  
24 the OZD requires a multifaceted approach to bring  
25 to bear as many different lines of evidence as are  
26 available. As an example, one particular piece of

1 geologic information that has a direct bearing on  
2 the maximum magnitude for the OZD is the style of  
3 faulting or the degree of continuity. As discussed  
4 in Mr. Heath's testimony, the OZD consists of a  
5 complex series of short and sinuous sections of  
6 faults and folds. The seismological question is,  
7 can such systems generate large earthquakes. It is  
8 clear that large earthquakes require large rupture  
9 zones, that future earthquakes are unlikely to form  
10 on new ruptures but rather on existing ones and  
11 thus it seems unlikely that a long continuous or  
12 throughgoing rupture could develop on the OZD.

13 Q. Is assignment of  $M_s 7$  on the OZD consistent with  
14 your assessment of the earthquake on which the  
15 SONGS 2 & 3 seismic design basis was predicated?

16 A. Yes. In the early work for the SONGS site, I  
17 characterized the earthquake potential of the OZD  
18 in terms of a rupture length rather than a maximum  
19 magnitude. The reason for this was my concern that  
20 the only relevant prediction for earthquake  
21 engineering purposes is a prediction of ground  
22 shaking at the site. I believed at that time that  
23 it was possible and desirable to eliminate the  
24 uncertain step of estimating earthquake magnitude  
25 and go directly from rupture length to ground  
26 motion. Although a maximum magnitude was not

1 specified at the time of the Construction Permit  
2 hearing, one can ask now whether an  $M_s 7$  would have  
3 been consistent with the ground motion (.67g) used  
4 at that time. My answer in 1972 would have been  
5 yes. At that time although very little data was  
6 available close-in to large earthquakes, it already  
7 appeared that the design basis was adequate to  
8 cover virtually any "size" earthquake. My  
9 conclusion is strengthened by statistical analysis  
10 of the new data collected during the past ten years  
11 and by developments in numerical modelling of  
12 earthquake sources. My earlier objections to  
13 specification of a magnitude are now largely  
14 overcome by an improved understanding of the  
15 relationship between magnitude ( $M_f$ ) and ground  
16 motion and reductions in the uncertainty of ground  
17 motion estimates that have occurred with the  
18 increased data now available.

19 Q. Have you an opinion as to the maximum magnitude  
20 that should be assigned to the OZD?

21 A. Forecasting the size of future earthquakes is a  
22 difficult task, and one in which there is  
23 considerable uncertainty. It is, however, not  
24 impossible and the uncertainties are not  
25 overpowering. It involves a large number of  
26 different types of evidence, each one of which has

1           uncertainties attached to it. I would also say  
2           that the process involves professional judgment, in  
3           much the same way that professional judgment enters  
4           into engineering assessments. The necessity of  
5           judgment can be seen by considering what would  
6           result if independent predictions of maximum  
7           parameters were made from each class of seismologic  
8           or geologic data, and then the maximum magnitude  
9           taken from the upper bound of these parameters.  
10          The result of "cascading" levels of conservatism  
11          yields a result which is essentially useless from  
12          an engineering viewpoint since it would make no  
13          real distinction between any different parts of  
14          western North America. In my opinion there is a  
15          real distinction between the earthquake potential  
16          of the OZD compared with other fault systems in  
17          southern California such as the San Jacinto,  
18          Imperial, and Elsinor. Its potential is less based  
19          on all the seismologic and geologic parameters we  
20          can quantify. My professional judgment of the  
21          overall geologic-seismic situation including the  
22          data presented by Mr. Heath in his degree-of-fault  
23          activity analysis leads me to conclude that  $M_{s7}$  is  
24          a conservative maximum magnitude to assign to the  
25          OZD.

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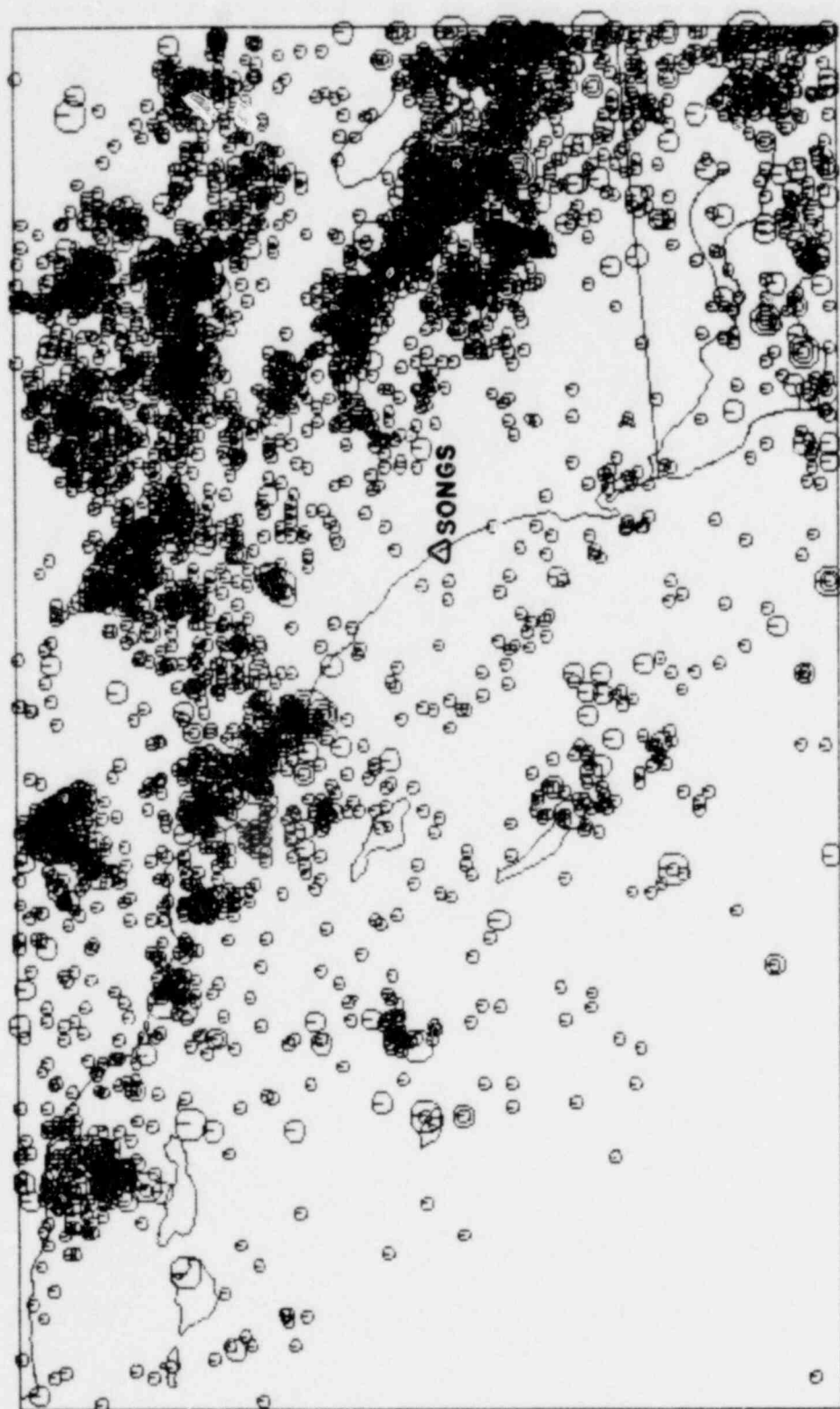
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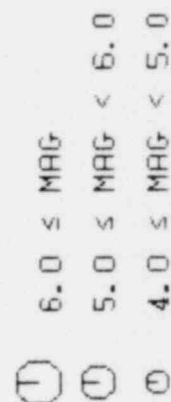
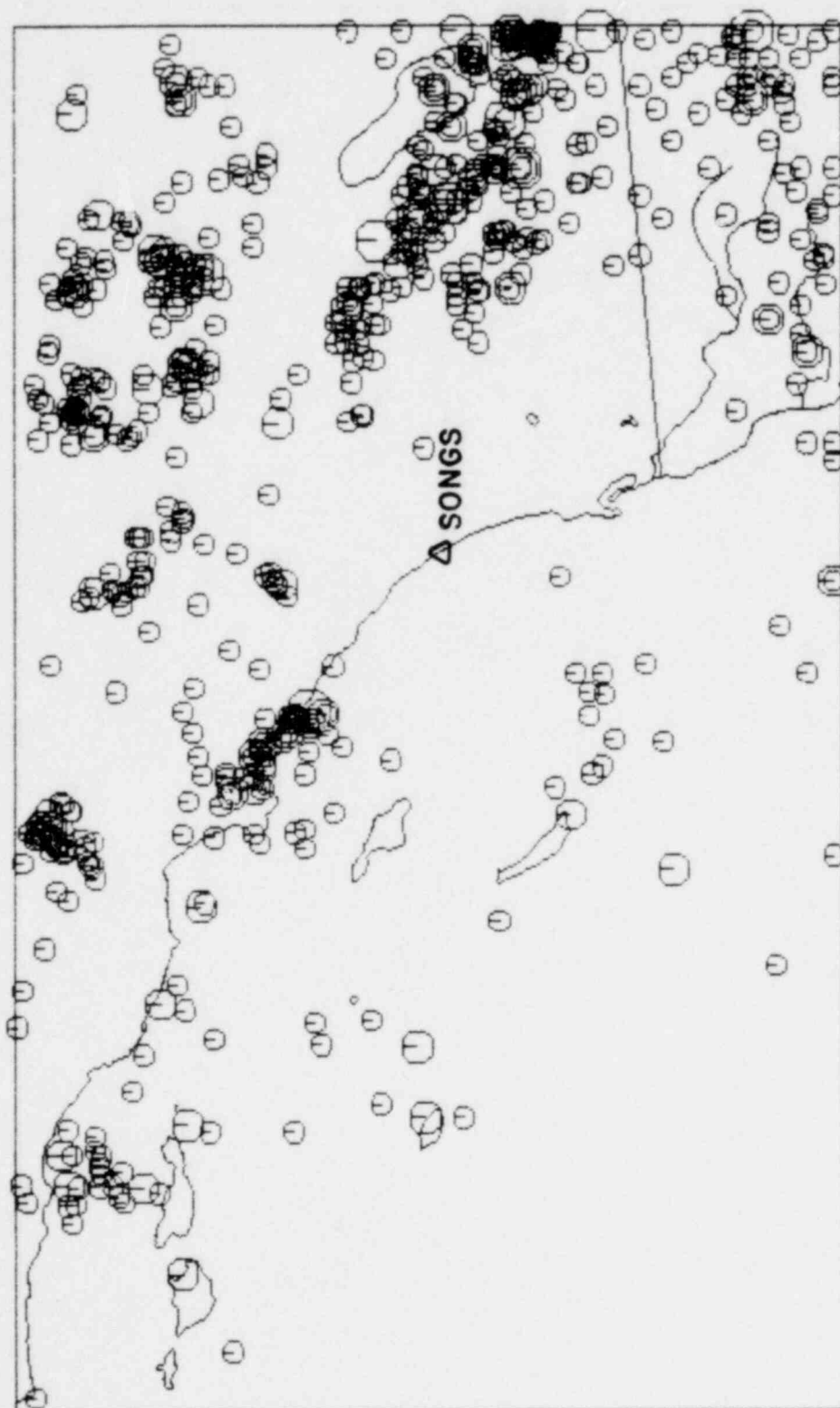
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EPICENTER PLOT  
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FIGURE SWS - A



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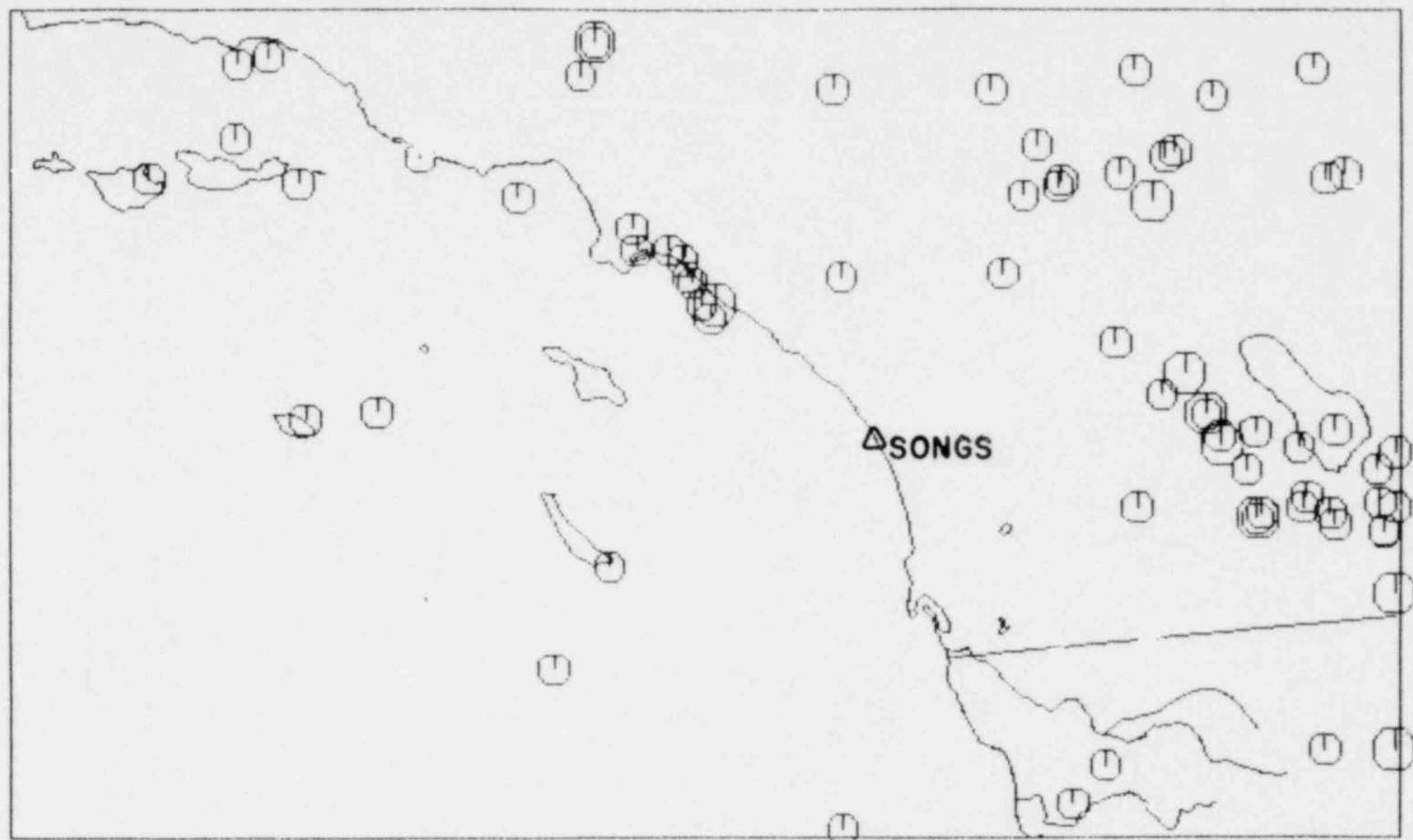
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FIGURE SWS - B



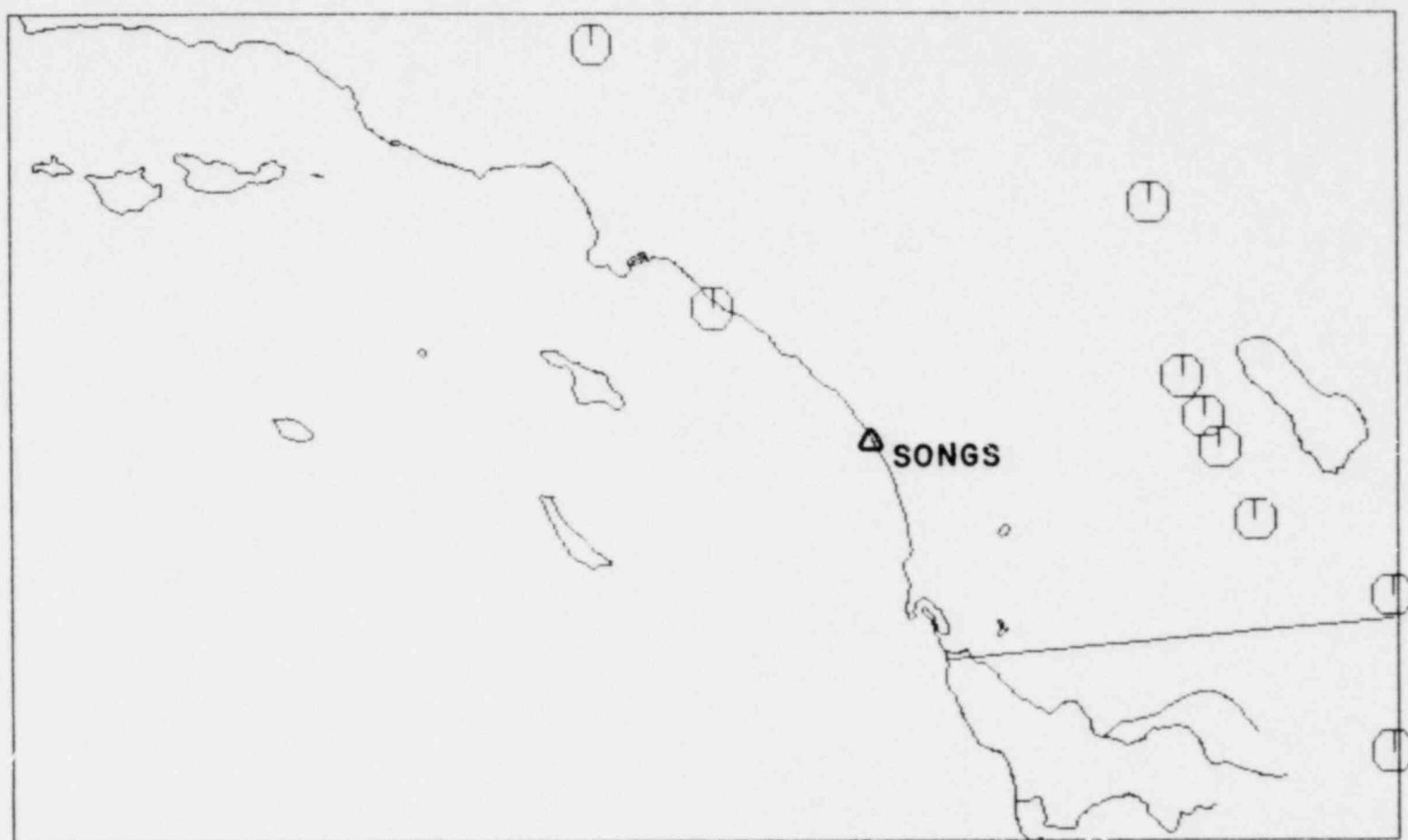


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FIGURE SWS - C

FIGURE SWS - D



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A. Lawrence Howard Wight.

A. TERA Corporation of Berkeley.

A. My firm has been a consultant to the Applicants on seismic issues since approximately 1974. Since I joined the firm in 1976, I have been involved in these efforts in a variety of positions, initially in a very technical role, more recently in a position of technical management and direction.

A. In 1965 I received my Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Management from Boston University. Between 1965 and 1967 I conducted research in geophysical fluid mechanics that led to a Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1967. In 1971 I entered the Graduate Program in Geophysics at the University of Washington where I completed all the course requirements for a Ph.D.

A. In the years 1967 to 1969, I was employed by Lawrence Livermore Laboratory with the responsibility to

1 organize, implement and operate a seismic array around  
2 the Nevada Test Site. During 1969-1970, I was a  
3 lecturer at the Middle East Technical University in  
4 Turkey where I taught civil engineering courses and  
5 participated in earthquake engineering research.  
6 Between 1970-71 I was a lecturer of mathematics,  
7 physics, and geophysics at the Caribbean Meteorological  
8 Institute of the University of the West Indies. Between  
9 1972 and 1976, I was employed again at the Lawrence  
10 Livermore Laboratory where I participated in or directed  
11 research in earthquake engineering. During this time I  
12 was also a lecturer at the University of California at  
13 Berkeley, Extension Division, in engineering and  
14 engineering mechanics and in 1976 I was an invited  
15 lecturer at Chabot College on seismology and earthquake  
16 hazards. My position at TERA Corporation is Vice  
17 President in charge of Geotechnical Engineering.

18 Q. What are your pertinent professional or organizational  
19 memberships?

20 A. I am a member of the Seismological Society of America,  
21 the American Geophysical Union, the Earthquake  
22 Engineering Research Institute, and the American  
23 Association for Advancement of Science.

24 Q. Have you written or presented articles or papers in the  
25 field of seismology and earthquake engineering?

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1 A. Yes. A list of such publications, reports, and  
2 abstracts is attached hereto.

3 Q. On what projects have you been retained as an expert  
4 consultant in seismology and earthquake engineering?

5 A. In 1977 Battelle Memorial Institute retained me to sit  
6 on a multi-disciplinary panel that was responsible for  
7 providing expert opinion on the safety of geologic waste  
8 repositories. My responsibility on this panel was for  
9 the areas of seismology and earthquake engineering. The  
10 panel meets annually to review on-going programs and  
11 make recommendations for future work.

12 I have also been retained by Lawrence Livermore  
13 National Laboratory/Nuclear Regulatory Commission to  
14 review and assess the seismic safety at the General  
15 Electric test reactor near Pleasanton, California.

16 Between 1977-78 the Pacific Northwest Laboratory  
17 retained me to examine the state of the art in  
18 establishing seismic design criteria and to postulate  
19 the design criteria that would be appropriate for a  
20 nuclear energy center on the Hanford Reservation.

21 In addition, I have directed many projects at my  
22 company involving seismic hazard analyses. These  
23 include studies for nine eastern nuclear power plants,  
24 all Department of Energy's facilities, all the  
25 commercial plutonium facilities in the U.S., the Diablo

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1 Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and the Humboldt Bay Nuclear  
2 Power Plant.

3 Q. Have you appeared as an expert in any previous hearings  
4 or trials?

5 A. Yes, I have given expert opinion to the ACRS on the  
6 seismic safety of the General Electric Test Reactor, and  
7 I have also appeared before the ACRS on the seismic  
8 safety of the following nuclear power plants:

- 9 1) Oyster Creek
- 10 2) Yankee Rowe
- 11 3) Ginna
- 12 4) Dresden 1 & 2
- 13 5) Palisades
- 14 6) Big Rock Point
- 15 7) Connecticut Yankee
- 16 8) LaCrosse
- 17 9) Millstone

18 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony on this proceeding?

19 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether based on  
20 the geologic and seismic characteristics of the OZD,  
21 assignment of  $M_s$  7 as the maximum magnitude earthquake  
22 for the OZD renders the seismic design basis for SONGS 2  
23 and 3 inadequate to protect the public health and  
24 safety. My testimony demonstrates and it is my  
25 conclusion that given occurrence of a  $M_s$  7 event on the

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1 OZD, .67g as the anchor for the design response spectrum  
2 is conservative.

3 Q. On what do you base these opinions?

4 A. I base them largely on the result of studies my office  
5 has performed for Applicants, on my review of the  
6 relevant work performed by others, and my experience.

7 Q. What role did you play in the work your firm performed?

8 A. My firm has been responsible for a variety of  
9 seismological/earthquake engineering studies.

10 Dr. Gerald A. Frazier, technical director of our Del Mar  
11 office, is giving testimony in this proceeding on the  
12 earthquake source modeling studies performed in that  
13 office.

14 I was responsible for the technical and project  
15 management of empirical ground motion studies performed  
16 in our Berkeley office and which are discussed in this  
17 testimony.

18 Q. Would you briefly describe the nature of the work your  
19 firm has performed for Applicants?

20 A. We have performed an extensive study of the available  
21 relevant earthquake acceleration data. The results of  
22 our data analysis and interpretation are presented in  
23 Exhibit LHW-1, "Evaluation of Peak Horizontal Ground  
24 Acceleration Associated with the Offshore Zone of  
25 Deformation at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station,"  
26 dated August, 1980. With regard to the effects that

1 structures have in reducing ground motion, we have used  
2 the available earthquake data to quantify the effect of  
3 structural filtering on soil structure interaction. The  
4 results of this study were presented in Exhibit LHW-2,  
5 "Reduction in Free Field Ground Motion Due to the  
6 Presence of Structures," dated August, 1980.

7 Q. Is there anything in your data set that makes it well  
8 suited for predicting ground motion at the SONGS site?

9 A. We selected the 192 peak ground acceleration ("PGA")  
10 recordings from 22 earthquakes based on a selection  
11 criteria that statistically tested and eliminated data  
12 irrelevant to the SONGS site. For example, we  
13 restricted the data set to accelerations recorded within  
14 50 kilometers of the earthquake fault. We also  
15 restricted the data set to stations which recorded  
16 ground motion statistically consistent with the SONGS  
17 site geology. As another example we excluded  
18 recordings from the basements of large buildings and  
19 restricted the data set to recordings from instruments  
20 located either in the free field or at the ground level  
21 or basement of small buildings.

22 We further subjected this selected data set to  
23 quality screening. The recordings from earthquakes  
24 whose magnitude was uncertain were eliminated.  
25 Similarly, we eliminated recordings whose distance to  
26 the rupture surface could not be adequately defined.

1           Our data set can be used confidently to predict  
2 near-source ground motion. One measure of this  
3 confidence is the average distance compared to the  
4 prediction point. Our data base has an average distance  
5 of about 11 km. This compares with the Cal Tech data  
6 base having an average distance of about 50 km. This  
7 distance reduction was achieved through the introduction  
8 of data from several large non-north American  
9 earthquakes and some smaller magnitude near-source  
10 recordings. Our average distance of 11 km can be  
11 compared to the 8 km distance for SONGS.

12       Q.   What conclusions were reached in your analysis of  
13 earthquake acceleration data?

14       A.   As more specifically stated in LHW-1, the accelerations  
15 predicted from our statistical analysis of the data base  
16 correspond to a median prediction of .33g and an  
17 84th-percentile prediction of .52g. My principal  
18 conclusion is that given a  $M_s$  7.0 earthquake occurring  
19 at 8 km from the site, the design peak ground  
20 acceleration of .67g is conservative.

21           Several other conclusions were reached. The  
22 analysis confirmed that peak ground accelerations tend  
23 to saturate both with decreasing distance from the fault  
24 rupture surface, and with increasing magnitude at small  
25 distances. Also, the effects of site geology on peak  
26 ground accelerations in the near-source region is

1 negligible compared to the influence of other  
2 parameters, such as magnitude and distance. Finally,  
3 the calculations confirmed that earthquake accelerations  
4 can be considered lognormally distributed.

5 Q. Would you describe the assumptions you have made in your  
6 analyses and describe for us how you have tested the  
7 sensitivity of these assumptions?

8 A. There were three important assumptions or elements to  
9 our calculations:

- 10 (1) The functional form used in the regression analysis,  
11 (2) The far field acceleration decay rate, and  
12 (3) The inclusion of two very well-recorded earthquakes  
13 in the data base (San Fernando, 1971 and Imperial  
14 Valley, 1979).

15 We have examined the sensitivity of our results to  
16 these assumptions by repeating the analysis using  
17 different functional forms, different far field  
18 acceleration decay rates, and deleting from the data  
19 base the well-recorded earthquakes. These sensitivity  
20 studies, which were set forth in Section 3.0 of Exhibit  
21 LHW-1, showed that the SONGS predictions are insensitive  
22 to each of the above assumptions.

23 Q. Since submittal of LHW-1, have you refined or improved  
24 that analysis?

25 A. Subsequent to the SONGS report, LHW-1, we continued to  
26 investigate PGA in the near field. This involved

1 augmenting and refining the data base, implementing  
2 improvements to the magnitude definition, and performing  
3 additional sensitivity studies. Results of these  
4 additional analyses were presented to several scientific  
5 conferences (e.g., Campbell, K. W. and Davis, B. J. "The  
6 Effect of Fault Type on Recorded Peak Ground  
7 Accelerations", presentation to Eastern Section of  
8 Seismological Society of America ("SSA"), Pennsylvania  
9 State University (Oct. 28, 1980); Campbell, K. W. and  
10 Davis, B. J., "Statistical Analysis of Earthquake Ground  
11 Motion Characteristics, presentation to SSA, University  
12 of California, Berkeley (March 28, 1981); Campbell, K.  
13 W., and Polit, M. W., "An Empirical Analysis of the  
14 Source of Energy Release During the Imperial Valley  
15 Earthquake", presentation to SSA, University of  
16 California, Berkeley (March 25, 1981)), were submitted  
17 for journal publication (Campbell, K.W., "Near-Source  
18 Attenuation of Peak Horizontal Acceleration", submitted  
19 to Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America (May  
20 4, 1981)) and were published as a TERA Technical Report  
21 (1980). Results of the extensions and improvements have  
22 further strengthened our previous conclusions.  
23 Specifically, our current and previous predictions for  
24  $M_s$  7.0 at 8 km are presented in Figure LHW-A "Effect of  
25 Improvements on SONGS Predictions," for both the  
26 Statistical and Physical models. The difference between

1 the previous and current results for both models are  
2 essentially negligible. The results of these subsequent  
3 investigations have thus increased the level of  
4 confidence in our earlier predictions.

5 I would like to elaborate on these improvements, and in  
6 particular, the results of some of the additional  
7 sensitivity studies:

- 8 o After LHW-1, the magnitude scale was improved. The  
9 improvement amounted to the use of  $M_S$  for  
10 magnitudes greater than 6 and  $M_L$  for magnitudes  
11 less than 6. We have examined the sensitivity of  
12 this criterion and find the results to be  
13 exceedingly insensitive to the division point  
14 between  $M_L$  and  $M_S$ .
- 15 o The data base for LHW-1 was frozen in January  
16 1980. In August, 1980, we increased the data base  
17 by adding 37 acceleration components from 5  
18 earthquakes. The improved data base consists of  
19 229 acceleration components recorded from 27  
20 separate earthquakes.
- 21 o Refinements were made to certain magnitude and  
22 distance values based on further investigation.
- 23 o Whereas in LHW-1, our calculational approach  
24 employed two physically-derived constraints in the  
25 regression analysis, (the "Physical Model"), we  
26 subsequently tested the sensitivity of our results



1 to these constraints by repeating our calculations  
2 without the constraints. This is termed the  
3 "Statistical Model".

4 This expanded data base allowed for more elaborate  
5 sensitivity studies. This allowed us to isolate the  
6 influence of fault type and building effects.

7 We have carefully examined our results for any  
8 influence of fault type (e.g., reverse vs.  
9 strike-slip). As Figure LHW-B, "List of Earthquakes in  
10 Data Base by Fault Type" indicates, the 27 earthquakes  
11 in the augmented data set represent a diversity of fault  
12 types, but principally strike-slip and reverse. When  
13 the effect of fault type is incorporated in the  
14 regression analysis, we find that there is a systematic  
15 upward bias in the ground motion associated with reverse  
16 faults. Reverse fault ground motion is approximately 23  
17 percent higher than the corresponding ground motion for  
18 strike-slip faults. This confirms the conservatism of  
19 our analysis since our SONGS ground motion predictions  
20 include reverse fault ground motion.

21 Our augmented data base enabled us to precisely  
22 address the effect of structure size on in-structure  
23 recordings relative to free-field. The location of the  
24 instruments that recorded the majority of the data in  
25 our data base can be divided as follows: free-field,  
26 ground level of small (one to two story) buildings,

1 basement level of larger (three to twenty stories)  
2 buildings. The effects of both structural embedment and  
3 building size were studied by regression analysis on  
4 these instrument locations. Comparisons were made  
5 between small buildings/free-field recordings at ground  
6 level (115 components) and recordings obtained in the  
7 lowest basement level of larger buildings (40  
8 components). The results indicated that the peak ground  
9 acceleration recorded in the basement of larger  
10 buildings was on the average 24 percent lower than the  
11 corresponding accelerations recorded at ground level in  
12 small buildings or the free field. This result is  
13 significant at the 90 percent confidence level.

14 Q Do you have additional evidence to support your  
15 statistically derived results that the ground motion in  
16 the basement of larger building in the near-source  
17 region from large earthquakes is roughly 25 percent less  
18 than the corresponding free-field ground motion?

19 A. Yes. We have compiled additional evidence that  
20 specifically addresses the reduced ground motion  
21 associated with in-structure recordings. These results  
22 were first tabulated in our report LHW-2 "Reduction in  
23 Free Field Ground Motion Due to the Presence of  
24 Structures" dated August 1980. This work also has been  
25 extended and elaborated upon. Improved comparisons have  
26 been presented to a scientific conference (Darragh, R. B.

1 and Campbell, K. W. "Empirical Assessment of the  
2 Reduction in Free Field Ground Motion Due to the  
3 Presence of Structures", presentation to SSA, University  
4 of California, Berkeley (March 23, 1981), SSA). This  
5 report and abstract tabulate and analyze data from  
6 nearby instruments and compare recordings obtained in  
7 the free-field, in small structures and in very large  
8 structures. On the average, the peak ground  
9 acceleration in very large buildings is approximately 30  
10 percent less than the corresponding free-field  
11 acceleration. This reduction is a function of frequency  
12 with the reduction factor being roughly constant between  
13 25 Hz and 2 Hz.

14 Q. As a result of your studies, can you conclude that .67g  
15 is a conservative anchor point for the design response  
16 spectrum given a  $M_S$  7 event on the OZD?

17 A. Yes. The San Onofre design criteria of .67g has been  
18 compared above to predictions based on instrumental  
19 values. The instrumental one standard deviation  
20 free-field acceleration for the San Onofre site is .52g  
21 for an  $M_S$  7.0 at 8 km. This should be further reduced  
22 for the strike-slip environment and by consideration of  
23 structure effects. The corresponding one standard  
24 deviation design acceleration is then even less, perhaps  
25 one-half of the acceleration to which structures at the

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1 San Onofre site have been designed. The seismic design  
2 criteria for SONGS 2 and 3 are extremely conservative.

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FIGURE LHW-A  
EFFECT OF IMPROVEMENTS ON  
SONGS PREDICTIONS

$M_s$	PGA(g)	
	m	$m + \sigma$
<b>Previous Physical Model</b>		
6.5	0.29	0.46
7.0	0.33	0.52
<b>Current Physical Model</b>		
6.5	0.27	0.41
7.0	0.32	0.49
<b>Current Statistical Model</b>		
6.5	0.26	0.39
7.0	0.33	0.50



FIGURE LHW-B  
LIST OF EARTHQUAKES IN DATA BASE  
BY FAULT TYPE

Earthquake Name	Date Yr-Mo-Day	Magnitude	Fault Type
Long Beach	33-03-11	6.2	Strike-Slip
Helena, Montana	35-10-31	5.5	Normal
Imperial Valley	40-05-19	7.1	Strike-Slip
San+ Barbara	41-07-01	5.9	Reverse
Kern County	52-07-21	7.7	Oblique
Daly City	57-03-22	5.3	Strike-Slip
Parkfield	66-06-28	6.0	Strike-Slip
Fairbanks, Alaska	67-06-21	5.7	Strike-Slip
Koyna, India	67-12-10	6.5	Strike-Slip
Borrego Mtn.	68-04-09	6.7	Strike-Slip
Lytle Creek	70-09-12	5.4	Strike-Slip
San Fernando	71-02-09	6.6	Reverse
Bear Valley	72-02-24	5.1	Strike-Slip
Sitka, Alaska	72-07-30	7.6	Oblique
Managua, Nicaragua	72-12-23	6.2	Strike-Slip
Point Mugu	73-02-21	5.9	Reverse
Lima, Peru	74-10-03	7.6	Reverse
Hollister	74-11-28	5.1	Strike-Slip
Oroville	75-08-01	5.7	Normal
Gazli, USSR	76-05-17	7.0	Reverse
Santa Barbara	78-08-13	5.7	Reverse
Tabas, Iran	78-09-16	7.7	Reverse
Bishop	78-10-04	5.8	Strike-Slip
Malibu	79-01-01	5.0	Reverse
St. Elias, Alaska	79-02-28	7.2	Reverse
Coyote Lake	79-08-06	5.9	Strike-Slip
Imperial Valley	79-10-15	6.9	Strike-Slip



1 TESTIMONY OF DR. I. M. IDRIS

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Dr. I. M. Idriss.

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. I am presently employed by Woodward-Clyde Consultants in  
6 San Francisco. I am a Principal and a vice-president of  
7 this firm.

8 Q. In what manner are you associated with the Applicants in  
9 this proceeding?

10 A. I am a consultant to the Applicants in areas of  
11 geotechnical earthquake engineering. I am also the  
12 responsible principal for all consulting work done by  
13 Woodward-Clyde Consultants for this project.

14 Q. Would you please describe your formal training?

15 A. My formal training has been in civil engineering with  
16 emphasis on geotechnical engineering. I received a  
17 Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree in 1958 from  
18 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and  
19 a Master of Science in Civil Engineering in 1959 from  
20 the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena,  
21 California. I received a Ph.D. in 1966 from the  
22 University of California in Berkeley; my major was in  
23 geotechnical engineering and the minors were in applied  
24 mathematics and in engineering mechanics.

25 Q. What professional positions have you held in the areas  
26 of geotechnical earthquake engineering?

1 A. I am currently director of geotechnical earthquake  
2 engineering at Woodward-Clyde Consultants; I have had  
3 this responsibility since 1974. From 1969 through 1973,  
4 I was working in the area of geotechnical earthquake  
5 engineering at Woodward-Clyde Consultants. From 1967  
6 through 1969, I was a consultant to various  
7 architect-engineering firms, structural engineers, and  
8 others in geotechnical earthquake engineering.

9 Q. Have you been associated with any educational  
10 institutions?

11 A. From 1966 to 1969, I was Lecturer in soil mechanics and  
12 a research engineer in geotechnical earthquake  
13 engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at  
14 the University of California in Berkeley. I continued  
15 my research activity, on a part-time basis, until 1974.  
16 Since 1977, I have been consulting professor at Stanford  
17 University, where I teach a course on geotechnical  
18 earthquake engineering.

19 Q. Do you hold any professional registrations in the State  
20 of California?

21 A. Yes, I am a registered Professional Engineer, Civil, in  
22 the State of California.

23 Q. What are your pertinent professional or organizational  
24 memberships?

25 A. I am a member of the following professional  
26 organizations:

1 American Society of Civil Engineers

2 Structural Division:

- 3 - Nuclear Structures and Materials  
4 Committee, (Chairman, Ad Hoc Group on  
5 Soil-Structure Interaction, 1974-1979);  
6 - Seismic Analysis Committee (Chairman,  
7 Subcommittee on Sliding and Overturning);  
8 - Nuclear Standards Committee

6 Geotechnical Division:

- 7 - Publications Committee

8 Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

9 Seismological Society of America

10 Structural Engineers Association of Northern  
11 California

12 Seismology Committee: (Soil-Structure  
13 Interaction Subcommittee; Chairman 1971-1972;  
14 1977-1979; Chairman, Subcommittee on Sliding  
15 and Overturning 1979-date)

16 U.S. Committee of the International Commission on  
17 Large Dams

18 American Petroleum Institute

19 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field of  
20 geotechnical earthquake engineering?

21 A. Yes, I have authored or co-authored over 60 technical  
22 papers and research reports on subjects relating to  
23 geotechnical aspects of earthquake engineering (seismic  
24 response of soil deposits; earth structures including  
25 slopes and earth and rockfill dams; dynamic soil  
26 material properties; liquefaction; soil-structure  
interaction; and probabilistic and deterministic

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1           assessment of characteristics of ground motions.) A  
2           list of my publications is attached.

3       Q.    Have you served with formally-organized groups  
4           concerned wholly or in part with matters of seismic  
5           safety?

6       A.    Yes. Since 1970, I have been a member of the Seismology  
7           Committee of the Structural Engineers Association of  
8           Northern California and a member (and Chairman) of its  
9           subcommittee that developed recommendations which  
10          became part of the seismic design provisions of the  
11          Uniform Building Code. From 1974 to 1977, I was a  
12          member of the subcommittee on Ground Motions and Site  
13          Effects of the Applied Technology Council; this  
14          subcommittee developed recommendations which became part  
15          of ATC-3 design provisions. From 1970 to 1976, I was a  
16          consultant to the Government of Italy on reactor safety  
17          related to earthquake effects and assisted the Italian  
18          nuclear regulatory commission in developing safety  
19          guidelines. From 1975 to 1977, I was a consultant to  
20          the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and  
21          co-authored IAEA's Safety Guide on "Seismic Analysis and  
22          Testing of Nuclear Power Plants." I am a member of the  
23          Nuclear Standards Committee of ASCE, which is writing  
24          standards for "Seismic Analysis of Safety Class  
25          Structures." I am currently serving as a panel member  
26          of the Seismic Review Panel for the State of California

1 Public Utilities Commission reviewing seismic aspects of  
2 the Point Conception LNG Terminal.

3 Q. On which projects have you been retained as an expert  
4 consultant in geotechnical earthquake engineering?

5 A. Since 1967, I have been retained in such capacity on  
6 several projects. I have directed and participated in  
7 the following projects:

8 Nuclear Power Plants: Bolsa Island, Cooper  
9 Station, Ft. St. Vrain, Ranch Seco, Farley, Trojan,  
10 Mendicino, Summer, Shearon Harris, Bugey (France),  
11 Satsop, Bandar Abbas (Iran), Torrente Saccione  
12 (Italy), Marzola (Italy), South Texas Project,  
13 Stanislaus, Fast Flux Testing Facility, Davis  
14 Besse, Pilgrim, Braidwood, Clinton, Humboldt,  
15 Indian Point, Oyster Creek, Hanford, SONGS 1, and  
16 SONGS 2 & 3.

17 Earth and Rockfill Dams: Approximately 30 earth  
18 and rockfill dams in California, Alabama, Alaska,  
19 North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and in Latin  
20 America.

21 Industrial Facilities: Offshore platforms in  
22 California, Alaska, and New Zealand; waterfront  
23 facilities, fossil plants, office buildings and  
24 other industrial facilities in California, Idaho,  
25 Alaska, New Jersey, Texas, Arizona, Washington,

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1 France, Puerto Rico, Europe, Middle East and Latin  
2 American.

3 Applied Research and Non-Site Specific Studies:

4 Seismic soil structure interaction for GESSAR and  
5 General Electric's Standard Plant (1973-date);  
6 behavior of marine clay sediments under earthquakes  
7 and wave loading conditions (1973-date); behavior  
8 of soil-pile-structure systems during earthquakes  
9 (1976-79); probabilistic and deterministic  
10 assessment of earthquake ground motions  
11 (1976-date); offshore Alaska seismic exposure  
12 studies (1977-81); engineering characterization of  
13 earthquake ground motions, which is a generic study  
14 initiated in late 1980 for USNRC to develop  
15 guidelines for seismic input for nuclear plants.

16 Q. Have you presented expert opinion or testimony?

17 A. Yes, since 1967 I have presented expert opinion and  
18 testimony, orally and in writing, to municipal, state  
19 and federal regulatory bodies such as the Advisory  
20 Committee on Reactor Safeguards and to foreign and  
21 international regulatory bodies.

22 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

23 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether  
24 assignment of  $M_s$  7 as the maximum magnitude earthquake  
25 for the OZD renders the seismic design basis for SONGS  
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1 2 & 3 inadequate to protect the public health and  
2 safety. My testimony presents the results of earthquake  
3 ground motion studies based on recorded data conducted  
4 subsequent to issuance of the construction permit for  
5 SONGS 2 & 3 to examine the adequacy of the seismic  
6 design basis for SONGS 2 & 3, as represented by the .67g  
7 DBE and the spectral shape proposed in Section 2.5.2.6  
8 of the FSAR. My testimony demonstrates and it is my  
9 conclusion that the DBE spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3 is  
10 conservative relative to the resulting ground motion  
11 from such an event.

12 Q. Would you please describe the approach you have  
13 developed to estimate the characteristics of ground  
14 motion at the San Onofre site resulting from an  $M_s$  7  
15 earthquake on the OZD?

16 A. My approach involves three steps: First, I used  
17 recorded data to develop site-specific empirical  
18 attenuation relationships for a magnitude  $M_s$  6.5  
19 earthquake. This provided estimates of mean and 84th  
20 percentile instrumental peak acceleration and response  
21 spectra at SONGS. Second, I scaled the instrumental  
22 peak acceleration and response spectra to a magnitude  
23  $M_s$  7 and compared the resulting 84th percentile  
24 instrumental response spectrum with the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE  
25 spectrum. Third, I verified my results with ground

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1 motion data recorded in the 1979 Imperial Valley  
2 earthquake ("IV-79").

3 Q. Why did your approach to this problem commence with a  
4  $M_s$  6.5 earthquake on the OZD?

5 A.  $M_s$  6.5 is a reasonable maximum magnitude earthquake  
6 consistent with the geologic and seismological features  
7 of the NIZD which was conservatively taken as  
8 representative of the seismic potential of the OZD for  
9 purposes of designing SONGS 2 & 3. (See testimony of  
10 Edward G. Heath). Based on that determination, the  
11 first analysis of ground motion at the site was based on  
12 a  $M_s$  6.5 earthquake. Subsequently, as a result of the  
13 additional conservatism incorporated in estimation of  
14 the maximum magnitude event, the results of my initial  
15 analysis were scaled to  $M_s$  7.

16 Q. Would you describe step one in your analysis, the  
17 development of site-specific empirical attenuation  
18 relationships and the development of estimated mean and  
19 84th percentile instrumental peak acceleration and  
20 response spectra for SONGS 2 & 3 for a  $M_s$  6.5 earthquake?

21 A. The development of site-specific empirical attenuation  
22 relationships was accomplished by the selection of  
23 earthquake recordings screened according to source  
24 factors, travel path and local site conditions  
25 appropriate to the San Onofre site. A regression  
26 analysis of peak acceleration and response spectral

1 values for the selected accelerograms was then performed  
2 to derive these relationships.

3 The screening of available accelerograms was  
4 accomplished considering the following criteria:

5 Source Factors:

6 Earthquakes of approximate magnitude 6.5 were  
7 considered.

8 Travel Path Effects:

9 Accelerograms recorded in the Western United  
10 States were considered (i.e., same geographic  
11 locale).

12 Local Site Conditions:

13 The accelerograms were recorded at sites  
14 having subsurface conditions generally similar  
15 to those at the site of San Onofre Nuclear  
16 Generating Station.

17 The results of the above screening process led to the  
18 selection of 56 accelerograms obtained during seven  
19 earthquakes in the  $M_L$  range 6.3 to 6.5 and  $M_S$  range 6.3  
20 to 6.7. Submitted herewith are Exhibit IMI-1, "Report  
21 of the Evaluation of Maximum Earthquake and Site Ground  
22 Motion Parameters Associated with the Offshore Zone of  
23 Deformation San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, June  
24 1979, Section 5, Maximum Site Ground-Motion Parameters,  
25 Figures 8, 9, 10 and 11" and Exhibit IMI-2, "Report of  
26 the Evaluation of Maximum Earthquake and Site Ground



1 Motion Parameters Associated with the Offshore Zone of  
2 Deformation San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, June  
3 1979, Appendix J, Development of Attenuation  
4 Relationships for SONGS." Both exhibits describe in  
5 more detail the manner in which the data were selected  
6 and treated.

7 Exhibits IMI-1 and IMI-2 discuss the data in terms  
8 of  $M_L$  rather than  $M_S$ . Exhibit IMI-3, "NRC Staff  
9 Question 361.52 and Response" is submitted herewith.  
10 Exhibit IMI-3 provides the  $M_S$  values for the earthquakes  
11 used in these studies.

12 In arriving at the final form of the attenuation  
13 relationships, a much larger number of recordings  
14 obtained on soil sites from Western United States  
15 earthquakes with magnitudes approximately equal to 6.5  
16 was examined. Submitted herewith is Exhibit IMI-4,  
17 "Report of the Evaluation of Maximum Earthquakes and  
18 Site Ground Motion Parameters Associated with the  
19 Offshore Zone of Deformation San Onofre Nuclear  
20 Generation Station, June 1979, Appendix I, Development  
21 of Peak Acceleration Attenuation Relationships for Soil  
22 Site and Combined Soil and Rock Site Data Sets."  
23 Exhibit IMI-4 examines the suitability of attenuation  
24 form  $a = \alpha(R + C)^{\beta}$ , and provides a basis for selecting  
25 an appropriate value for parameter C for magnitude 6.5  
26 earthquakes. Visual examination of the data indicates

1 the flattening of attenuation at close distances. It  
2 was noted that this trend would require a non-zero value  
3 of C. Further support for the selected form of the  
4 attenuation relationship and quantification of  
5 parameter C was provided by simulation studies. Such  
6 studies are described in Exhibit IMI-5, "NRC Staff  
7 Question 361.53 and Response."

8 It was concluded that: (1) the functional form  
9  $a = \alpha(R + C)^{\beta}$  adequately describes the attenuation of  
10 acceleration with distance for a given magnitude, and  
11 (2) the selected value of  $C = 20$  for  $M_s 6.5$  is  
12 consistent with the constraints and guidelines indicated  
13 by the simulation studies and by statistical analysis of  
14 recorded ground motion data.

15 The site-specific attenuation relationships for  
16 peak instrumental acceleration are summarized in Figure  
17 8 of Exhibit IMI-1, which shows the data points and the  
18 mean and 84th percentile attenuation curves. Similar  
19 relationships were developed for the attenuation of  
20 instrumental spectral velocity for 25 individual periods  
21 in the period range of .04 to 2 seconds. As an example,  
22 the attenuation curves and associated data points for a  
23 period of .1 seconds are presented on Figure 9 of  
24 Exhibit IMI-1.

25 From the site-specific attenuation relationships  
26 developed from the regression analyses the mean and 84th

1 percentile peak accelerations and response spectra at  
2 SONGS site resulting from a  $M_s$  6.5 earthquake on the OZD  
3 were obtained. The mean and 84th percentile  
4 instrumental peak accelerations are .42g and .57g,  
5 respectively. The mean and 84th percentile instrumental  
6 response spectra are shown in Figure 10 of Exhibit IMI-1.

7 Figure 11 of Exhibit IMI-1 presents a comparison of  
8 the 84th percentile spectrum derived using recorded data  
9 (that is, the instrumental spectrum) with the design  
10 basis (DBE) spectrum for SONGS. As was noted in Exhibit  
11 IMI-1, the DBE spectrum exceeds the instrumental  
12 spectrum at all periods.

13 Q. Would you please describe step two of your analysis:  
14 your scaling of the 84th percentile instrumental peak  
15 acceleration and response spectrum for  $M_s$  6.5 to a  
16 magnitude  $M_s$  7 and your comparison of the resulting  
17 spectrum with the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE spectrum?

18 A. The procedure involved and the relationships used for  
19 scaling the 84th percentile instrumental peak  
20 acceleration and response spectrum at SONGS 2 & 3 from  
21  $M_s$  6.5 to  $M_s$  7 is described in Exhibit IMI-6, "NRC Staff  
22 Question 361.54 and Response." The relationships given  
23 in IMI-6 and the results of simulation studies indicate  
24 that: (1) the dependence of peak acceleration on  
25 magnitude decreases with decreasing source distance;  
26 (2) the dependence of peak acceleration on magnitude at

1 close distances decreases as the magnitude increases;  
2 and (3) the dependence on magnitude of spectral  
3 ordinates at different periods increases with increasing  
4 period.

5 As given in IMI-6, the scaling factor (from  $M_S$  6.5  
6 to  $M_S$  7) is 1.11 for periods up to .2 seconds increasing  
7 to 1.4 for periods in the range 1 to 2 seconds. Using  
8 the relationships in IMI-6 and the 84th percentile  
9 instrumental response spectral ordinates for magnitude  
10 6.5 (given in Figure 11 of Exhibit IMI-1), the  
11 84th-percentile instrumental response spectrum for  $M_S$  7  
12 earthquake on the OZD was obtained as shown in attached  
13 Figure IMI-A, "Instrumental 84th Percentile Response  
14 Spectra Estimated for SONGS from Magnitudes 6.5 and 7  
15 Earthquakes on the OZD." The 84th percentile  
16 instrumental peak acceleration for a  $M_S$  7 is estimated  
17 to be .63g compared to .57g for  $M_S$  6.5.

18 Attached Figure IMI-B "Comparison of the 84th  
19 Percentile Instrumental Spectra with the DBE Spectrum"  
20 presents a comparison of the 84th percentile  
21 instrumental spectra for  $M_S$  6.5 and  $M_S$  7 with the DBE  
22 spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3. The DBE spectrum exceeds the  
23 84th percentile instrumental spectra for  $M_S$  6.5 and  $M_S$  7  
24 at all periods.

25 The DBE spectrum is a design spectrum; the  
26 equivalent instrumental spectrum would be significantly

1 higher than the design spectrum, as noted by Dr. Robert  
2 McNeill. Therefore, the instrumental spectrum  
3 equivalent to the design DBE spectrum is significantly  
4 higher than the 84th percentile instrumental spectra for  
5  $M_s$  6.5 and  $M_s$  7 at all periods.

6 Q. Would you please describe the verification of your  
7 results with ground motion data recorded in the 1979  
8 Imperial Valley earthquake?

9 A. Additional strong motion recordings were obtained from  
10 the October 15, 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake.  
11 Accelerograms recorded during this earthquake provided  
12 significant data, particularly at near source  
13 distances. The examination of the 1979 Imperial Valley  
14 earthquake data confirmed the conclusions reached with  
15 regard to the selected form of the attenuation  
16 relationship and quantification of parameter C. These  
17 observations are set forth in Section 3-b of Exhibit  
18 IMI-7, "NRC Staff Question 361.55 and Response" and  
19 Section 3 of IMI-5.

20 Peak accelerations and response spectra for  
21 horizontal components of the IV-79 earthquake are  
22 presented in Exhibits IMI-7 and IMI-8, "NRC Staff  
23 Question 361.57 and Response." As shown in Exhibit  
24 IMI-7, the mean and 84th percentile peak acceleration  
25 values for IV-79 at 8 km are .32g and .44g,  
26 respectively. The mean and 84th percentile instrumental



1 response spectra for IV-79 corresponding to a distance  
2 of 8 km are illustrated in Figure 361.55-3 of Exhibit  
3 IMI-7.

4 The mean and 84th percentile peak horizontal  
5 accelerations for IV-79 earthquake at 8 km are  
6 significantly below the .63g instrumental peak  
7 acceleration derived for  $M_s$  7. They are also  
8 significantly below the .67g acceleration used as the  
9 horizontal design basis for SONGS 2 & 3. As indicated  
10 in Figure IMI-C "Comparison of the Imperial Valley 1979  
11 Spectra with the 84th Percentile Instrumental Spectrum  
12 and the DBE Spectrum," the 2% damping horizontal DBE  
13 spectrum and the 84th percentile instrumental response  
14 spectrum for  $M_s$  7 envelop the mean and 84th percentile  
15 instrumental spectra associated with horizontal ground  
16 motions at 8 km from the 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake.

17 Q. Have you made an estimate of the probability of  
18 exceedance of SONGS 2 & 3 DBE spectrum?

19 A. Yes. Equal-probability-of-exceedance instrumental  
20 response spectra were developed from the results of  
21 probabilistic seismic exposure analyses. The results of  
22 these analyses are shown in attached Figure IMI-D  
23 "Comparison of SONGS 2 & 3 DBE Spectrum with Equal  
24 Probability of Exceedance Instrumental Spectra." As  
25 shown in Figure IMI-D, the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE spectrum  
26 coincides with the instrumental spectrum with an equal



1 probability of exceedance of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  at zero period and  
2 exceeds this spectrum at all other periods. At periods  
3 greater than approximately .5 sec the probability of  
4 exceedance is less than  $10^{-5}$ .

5 However, the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE spectrum is a design  
6 spectrum; the equivalent instrumental spectrum would be  
7 significantly higher than the design spectrum, as noted  
8 by Dr. Robert McNeill. Therefore, the annual  
9 probability of exceedance of the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE  
10 spectrum is estimated to be at least one order of  
11 magnitude, and more likely two orders of magnitude lower  
12 than shown in Figure IMI-D.

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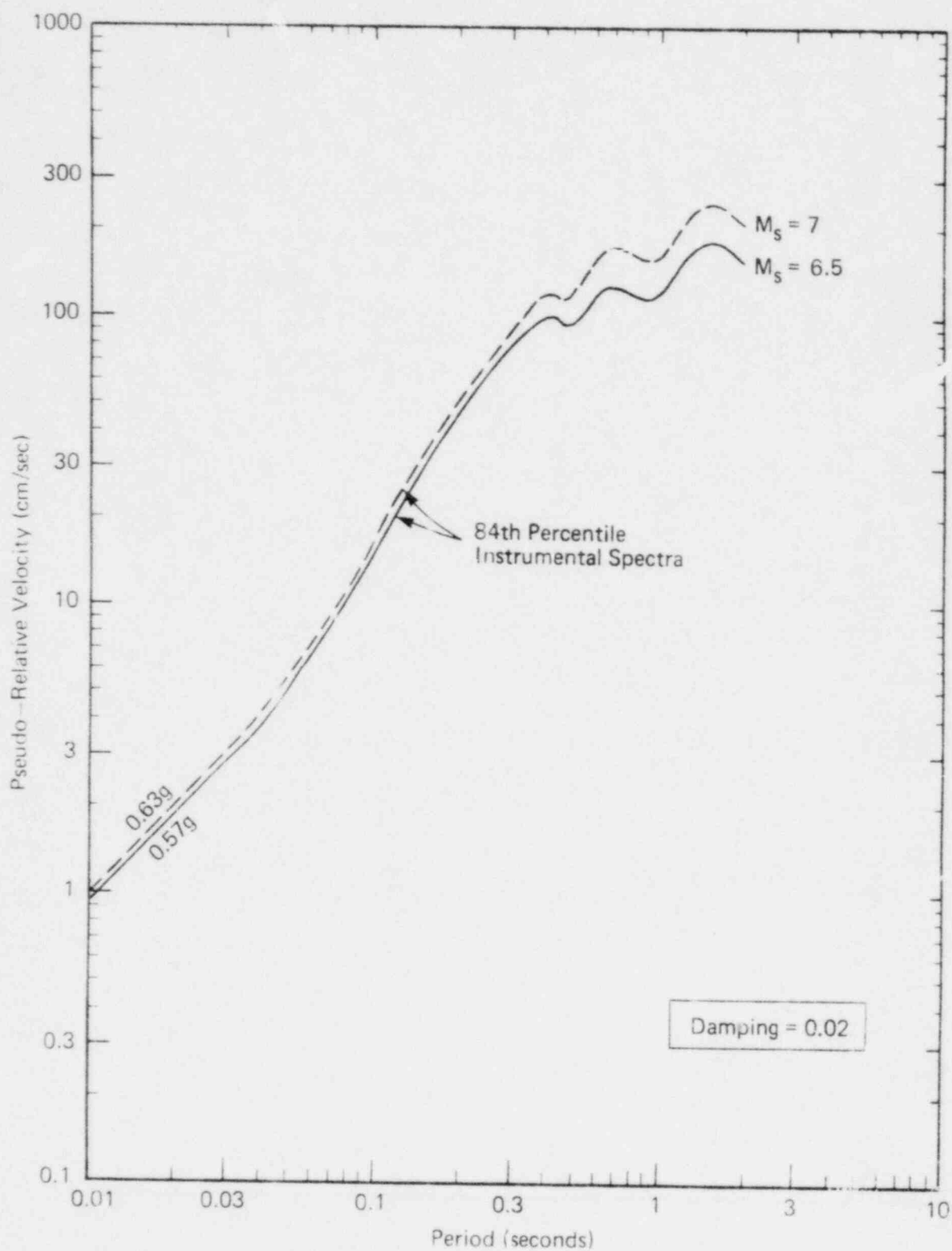


Figure IMI-A — Instrumental 84th Percentile Response Spectra  
Estimated for SONGS from Magnitudes 6.5 and  
7 Earthquakes on the OZD

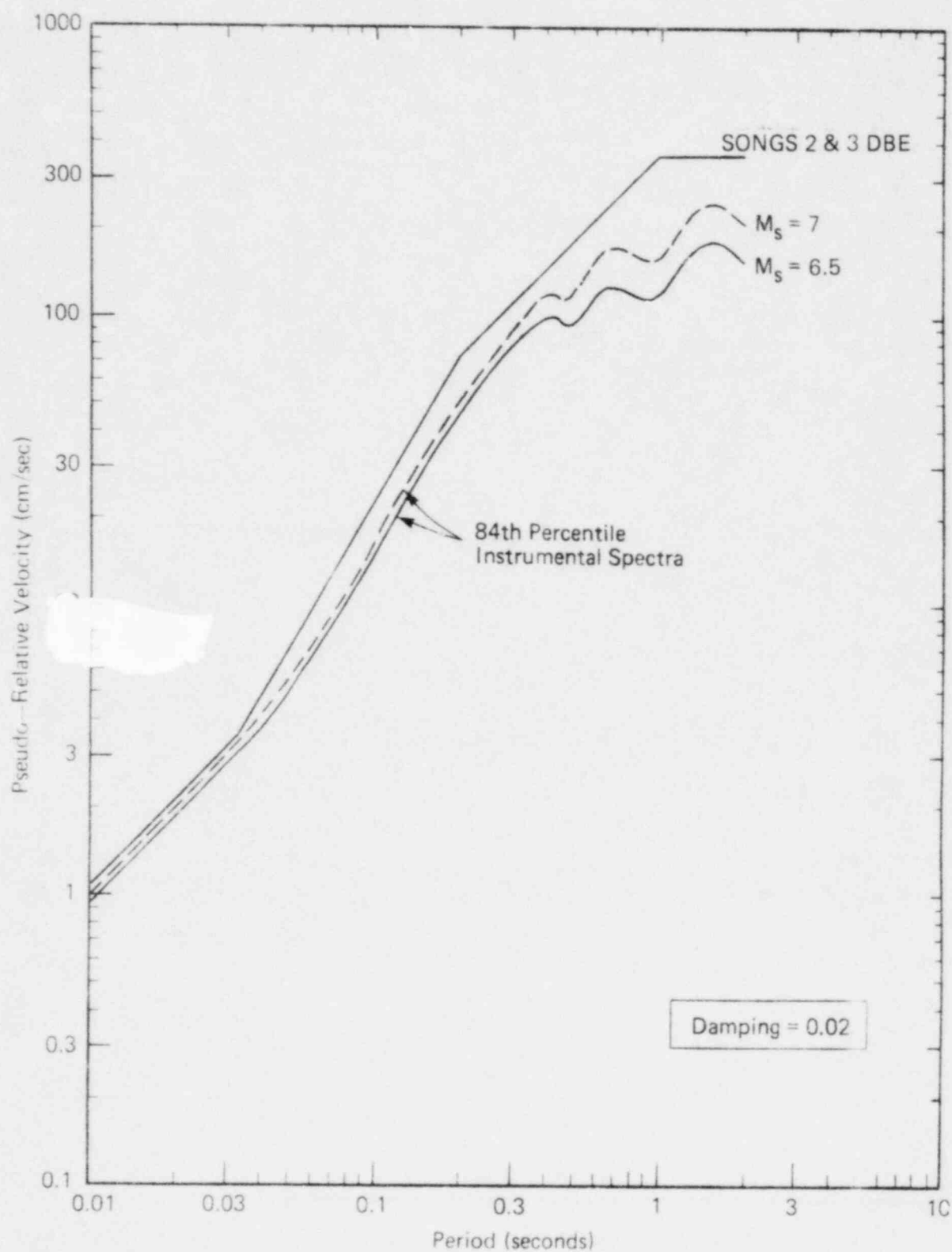


Figure IMI-B — Comparison of the 84th Percentile Instrumental Spectra with the DBE Spectrum

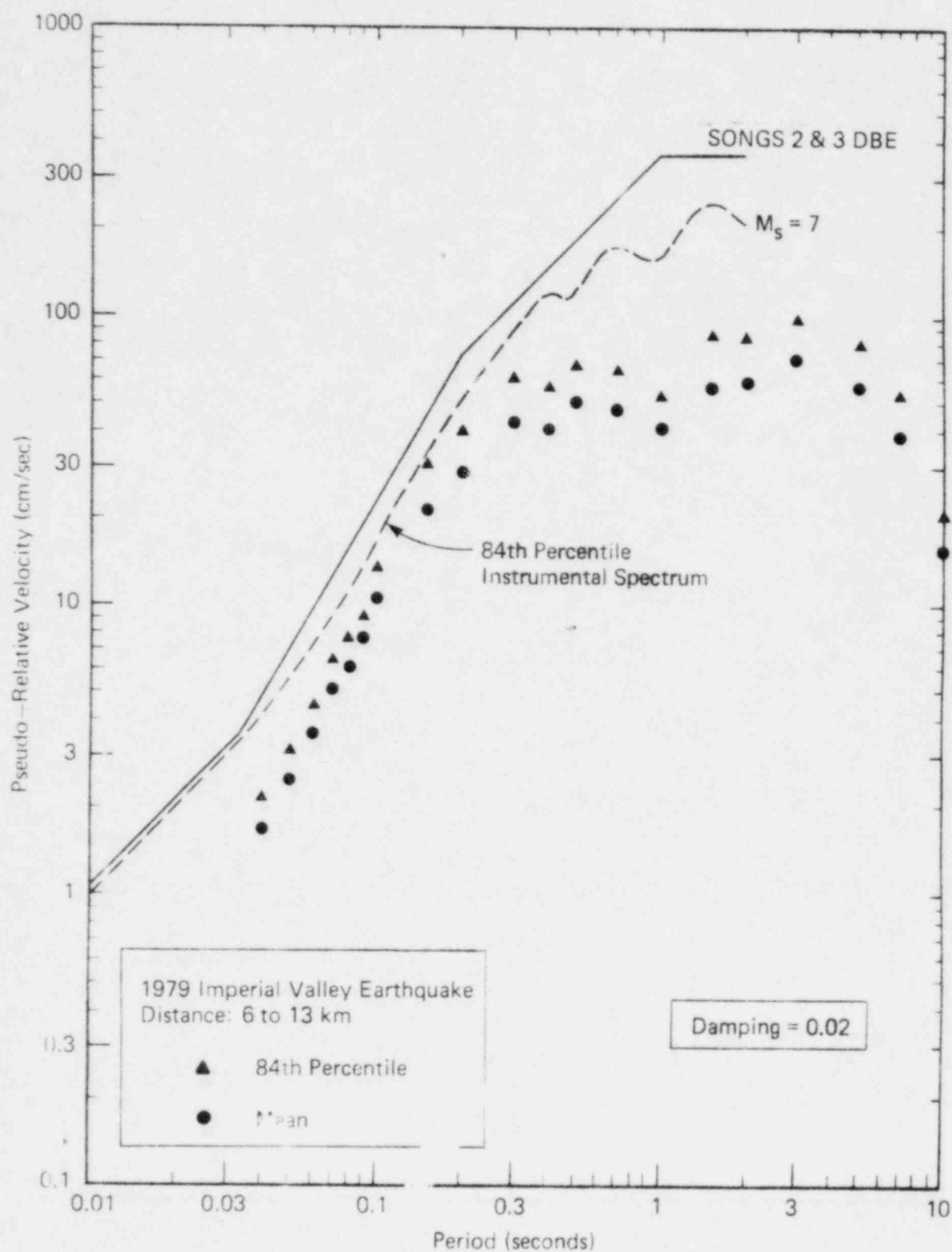


Figure IMI-C - Comparison of the Imperial Valley 1979 Spectra with the 84th Percentile Instrumental Spectrum and the DBE Spectrum



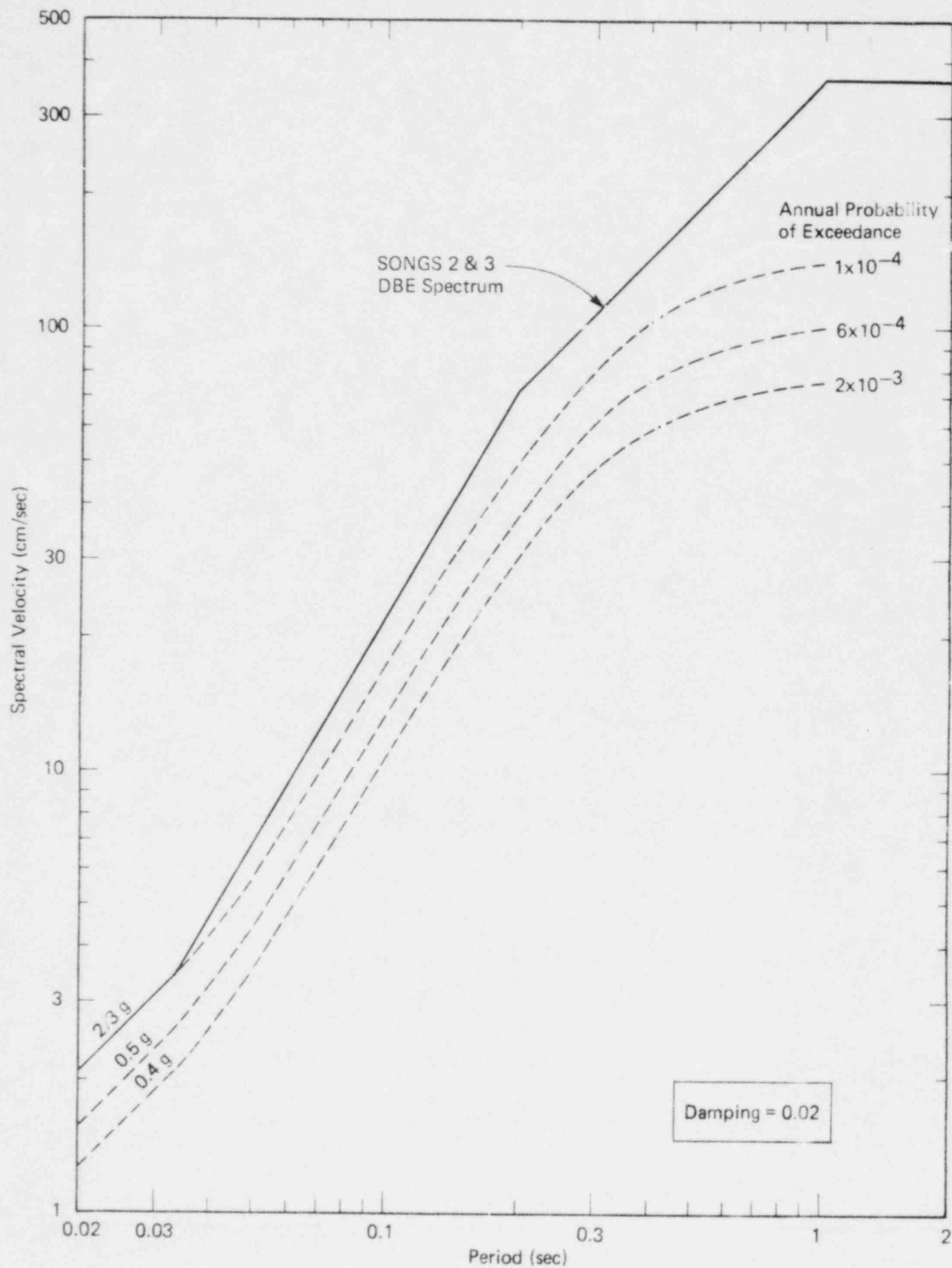


Figure IMI-D — Comparison of SONGS 2 & 3 DBE Spectrum with Equal Probability of Exceedance Instrumental Spectra

1 TESTIMONY OF DR. GERALD A. FRAZIER

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Dr. Gerald A. Frazier

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. Del Mar Technical Associates - a division of TERA  
6 Corporation ("TERA/DELTA"). I am also self-employed as  
7 geophysical consultant on the exploration of  
8 hydrocarbons, minerals and other earth resources.

9 Q. In what manner are you associated with Applicants in  
10 this proceeding?

11 A. I have been retained as a consultant for the purpose of  
12 conducting ground motion studies related to the San  
13 Onofre site.

14 Q. Please describe your formal education.

15 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in 1964, a Masters of  
16 Science in 1966 and a Ph.D in 1969, all from Montana  
17 State University and all in Civil Engineering. My  
18 specialization was earthquake engineering; my minor was  
19 mathematics.

20 Q. Have you been associated with any educational  
21 institutions?

22 A. Yes. 1969-1971, post-doctorate research fellow in  
23 Earthquake Engineering at California Institute of  
24 Technology; 1971-1974 Visiting Research Associate in  
25 Seismology at California Institute of Technology;  
26 1974-1976 Assistant Professor, Institute of Geophysics

1 and Planetary Physics at Scripps Institute of  
2 Oceanography at the University of California at San  
3 Diego; 1976-1981, Visiting Research Associate, Institute  
4 of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at Scripps Institute  
5 of Oceanography at the University of California at San  
6 Diego.

7 Q. What are your pertinent professional or organizational  
8 memberships?

9 A. Yes. I am a member of the Seismological Society of  
10 America, American Geophysical Union, and Society of  
11 Exploration Geophysicists.

12 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field of  
13 geophysics?

14 A. Yes. I have authored or co-authored several articles.  
15 The list of the more pertinent ones is attached hereto.

16 Q. Have you testified as an expert in any previous hearings  
17 or trials?

18 A. Yes. I have testified before the Advisory Committee on  
19 Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), the Atomic Safety and  
20 Licensing Board (ASLB), and the Atomic Licensing Appeal  
21 Board (ALAB) on the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.  
22 In these proceedings I was qualified as an expert in  
23 seismology and earthquake engineering.

24 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in the proceeding?

25 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether,  
26 assuming a  $M_s$  7 earthquake on the OZD, the seismic

1 design basis is adequate to protect the public health  
2 and safety. My testimony demonstrates and it is my  
3 conclusion that the DBE spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3 is  
4 conservative relative to the ground motion that would  
5 result from such an earthquake.

6 Q. Have you performed earthquake modeling studies to  
7 predict ground motions at SONGS from hypothesized  
8 earthquakes along the OZD?

9 A. Yes. The results of these studies are provided in four  
10 reports which I am presenting as exhibits in this  
11 proceeding:

- 12 (1) GAF-1, "Simulation of Earthquake Ground Motions for  
13 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1,  
14 Final Report" 1978
- 15 (2) GAF-2, "Simulation of Earthquake Ground Motions for  
16 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1,"  
17 Supplement I, 1979
- 18 (3) GAF-3, "Simulation of Earthquake Ground Motions for  
19 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1,"  
20 Supplement II, 1980
- 21 (4) GAF-4, "Simulation of Earthquake Ground Motions for  
22 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1,"  
23 Supplement III, 1980

24 Q. Would you describe the objective or premise for the  
25 earthquake modeling studies?

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1       A.    The basic objective has been to predict ground motions  
2            at the SONGS site that would result from a large  
3            earthquake hypothesized to occur along the OZD. The  
4            premise being that by modelling the physical processes  
5            of previous earthquakes, a rational basis could be  
6            developed for simulating hypothesized earthquake  
7            conditions in the vicinity of SONGS. This effort has  
8            been conducted in four stages:

9            (1) Model Development: Computer methods were developed  
10            for simulating earthquake rupture and wave  
11            propagation through the earth to synthetically  
12            produce ground shaking over the frequency range 0  
13            to 20 Hz.

14           (2) Model Calibration: Strong motion recordings of  
15            past earthquakes (1966 Parkfield and 1940 Imperial  
16            Valley) were used in conjunction with earthquake  
17            physics to calibrate rupture parameters in the  
18            computer model.

19           (3) Model Validation: The calibrated model was then  
20            tested for simulating ground motions for additional  
21            earthquakes, namely 1933 Long Beach, 1971 San  
22            Fernando and 1979 Imperial Valley.

23           (4) SONGS Predictions: The resulting model was used to  
24            predict motions at the SONGS site due to several  
25            hypothesized earthquake ruptures along the OZD.  
26            Conservative predictions were provided by

1           considering worst-case rupture configurations,  
2           i.e., ruptures that maximally focused seismic waves  
3           at the SONGS site.

4       Q.    Could you briefly elaborate on the computer methods that  
5           were employed?

6       A.    The computer methods have been developed to simulate the  
7           physical processes that occur during an earthquake,  
8           namely, fracture along the earthquake fault and  
9           transmission of seismic waves from the fracture zone to  
10          the recording site. The technical details on how this  
11          is accomplished are presented in GAF-1, 2, 3 and 4.

12               Earthquake motions have been modeled in three  
13          mathematical steps:

14       (1) Earthquake Fracture. The earthquake fracture is  
15          characterized as a shear crack that initiates from  
16          a point in the earth which is referred to as the  
17          "hypocenter" or the "focus" of the earthquake. The  
18          idealized fracture spreads at a subsonic speed  
19          indicated by crack theory. The fault slip that  
20          results from fracture is prescribed on the basis of  
21          crack theory and laboratory measurements of shear  
22          cracks. Additionally, random processes are  
23          included to mimic observed earthquake behavior.  
24          Because of the introduction of random fluctuations  
25          in the characterization of earthquake fracture, a  
26          simulation of ground motion for one hypothesized



1 earthquake is repeated several times to determine  
2 the range of effects that could result.

3 (2) Wave Transmission. Voluminous calculations are  
4 performed to determine the ground motions that  
5 result from fracture at each of several hundred  
6 points along the fracture surface. These results,  
7 denoted "Green's functions", provide transmission  
8 characteristics for the composite of earth  
9 materials traversed by the seismic waves. The  
10 methods used for this step simulate the complete  
11 myriad of seismic waves that arise in our layered  
12 representation of the earth. The several model  
13 layers are assigned viscoelastic properties to  
14 simulate the hysteretic behavior of earth materials.

15 (3) Earthquake Simulation. The fracture model (Step 1)  
16 is used as input to the wave transmission model  
17 (Step 2) to produce synthetic ground motions at the  
18 desired recording site. Mathematically, this is  
19 achieved through the convolution of fault slip with  
20 the Green's functions for the earth. The  
21 orientation and distance of the site with respect  
22 to the fracture is specified at this stage of the  
23 analysis.

24 Q. What are the parameters used by your model?

25 A. Although the modeling procedure is sophisticated, the  
26 parameterization of the model is straight- forward.

1 Conceptually, the model parameters allow me to  
2 characterize a specific fault slippage along a specific  
3 rupture surface in a specific earth structure. This  
4 involves characterization of (1) the geologic structure,  
5 (2) the rupture geometry, and (3) the rupture kinematics.

6 (1) The geologic structure for a given site is  
7 represented by a stack of horizontal, viscoelastic  
8 layers; the bottom layer extends to infinity. The  
9 layer thicknesses and seismic wave velocities are  
10 extracted from field data (e.g., well logs and  
11 seismic profiles) at the site. The layer densities  
12 are estimated from the wave velocities and geologic  
13 data on rock type. The material quality factors in  
14 each layer are empirically related to the seismic  
15 velocities for that layer as discussed in Section  
16 2.5 of GAF-1.

17 (2) The rupture surface is represented by a fault with  
18 a specified dip, rake, and strike relative to the  
19 site's azimuthal location; a specified hypocentral  
20 location; and a specified rupture extent.

21 (3) The fault slippage over the rupture surface is  
22 characterized by a spatially invariant slip  
23 function that spreads at a specified velocity which  
24 is then perturbed randomly. The shape of the slip  
25 function is defined by three parameters: initial  
26 slip velocity, duration of slip, and final offset.

1 The gross rupture velocity, the duration of slip at  
2 a point and the random irregularities are assigned  
3 values generically. The gross rupture velocity is  
4 set to ninety percent of the local shear-wave  
5 velocity for each layer undergoing rupture, while  
6 the duration of slip at each point is taken as the  
7 travel time of shear waves across the narrowest  
8 dimension of fault rupture. The final offset is  
9 assigned a value so as to give a desired seismic  
10 moment to the earthquake rupture and is related to  
11 the static stress drop for the earthquake. The  
12 initial slip velocity is the principal parameter in  
13 the earthquake model that has been calibrated from  
14 near-field recordings of earthquakes.

15 Q. Would you elaborate on the calibration of the model  
16 parameter termed "initial slip velocity?"

17 A. Because the initial slip velocity governs the amplitude  
18 of ground motions for frequencies above about 2 Hz,  
19 considerable effort has gone into the assignment of  
20 values for this parameter. As described in Supplement I  
21 (Exhibit GAF-2), the initial slip velocity at the lead  
22 edge of the subsurface fracture was assigned a value of  
23 800 cm/sec to yield high-frequency accelerations equal  
24 to or slightly greater than near-field accelerations  
25 recorded for the 1966 Parkfield earthquake ( $M_s$  6.4).  
26 Similar calibration studies were then performed for 1940

1 Imperial Valley earthquake ( $M_S$  7.1). The same value of  
2 800 cm/sec was found to be appropriate for this much  
3 larger earthquake.

4 Subsequently, in Supplements II and III (GAF-3 and  
5 GAF-4), the value of 800 cm/sec was found to be suited  
6 for producing the high-frequency accelerations recorded  
7 for the 1933 Long Beach earthquake ( $M_S$  6.3), the Pacoima  
8 Station of the 1971 San Fernando earthquake ( $M_S$  6.5) and  
9 the 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake ( $M_S$  6.9). These  
10 five earthquakes represent a major portion of the near  
11 field data available for Southern California. Because  
12 all five earthquakes required the same value for initial  
13 slip velocity, I conclude that the production of high  
14 frequency seismic waves per square kilometer of rupture  
15 surface is independent of earthquake magnitude and  
16 static stress drop.

17 This earthquake property is physically reasonable,  
18 because the initial slip velocity directly relates to  
19 dynamic stress drop (the rapid change in stress at the  
20 crack tip as gouge materials undergo initial brittle  
21 fracture). The fracture strength of the earth  
22 constituents is not a function of either magnitude or  
23 fault offset, consequently neither is the empirically  
24 derived parameter - initial slip velocity.

25 Q. Does your modeling study include focusing effects?

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1 A. Yes. In fact, the model tends to overestimate the  
2 effects of directivity or rupture focusing at high  
3 frequencies. Actual earthquakes exhibit smaller  
4 focusing effects due to the apparent abundance of  
5 localized irregularities.

6 Q. What is the effect of focusing on earthquake ground  
7 motions?

8 A. Recorded ground motions tend to be higher in the  
9 direction of spreading rupture than in other directions  
10 due to focusing of seismic waves. Conversely, for the  
11 case of unidirectional rupture, recorded ground motions  
12 tend to be lower in the direction opposite to rupture  
13 growth due to defocusing of seismic energy. The bias of  
14 large amplitudes of motion in the direction of spreading  
15 rupture (i.e., the phenomenon of focusing) has been  
16 theorized, and indeed observed, for intermediate to low  
17 frequencies (less than about 3 Hz) for more than a  
18 decade. One would expect to see the primary effects of  
19 focusing in the lower-frequency parameters of peak  
20 ground velocity and displacement as opposed to the  
21 higher-frequency parameter of peak ground acceleration  
22 due to irregularities in the earth.

23 Earthquake focusing results from time compression  
24 of signals. Recall the familiar Doppler effect heard as  
25 a train passes: high-pitched and loud noise as the  
26 train approaches with both the loudness and pitch

1       diminishing as the train passes. Focusing for  
2       earthquakes can be understood by considering a  
3       unidirectional fracture that ruptures due north and  
4       emits seismic waves for a duration of 10 seconds.  
5       Because of the approaching rupture, an observer in the  
6       near field and north of the source experiences strong  
7       shaking for a duration less than 10 seconds, say 6  
8       seconds. The fact that 10-seconds-worth of seismic  
9       energy arrives within 6 seconds tends to increase the  
10      amplitudes of ground motion in the direction of rupture  
11      focusing. Conversely, an observer in the near field,  
12      south of the source, experiences strong ground shaking  
13      for a duration longer than 10 seconds which tends to  
14      decrease the amplitudes of motion in the direction of  
15      rupture defocusing.

16             Actual earthquake rupture spreads in a somewhat  
17      irregular manner, lurching and altering directions in  
18      response to stress aberrations and material asperities.  
19      The consequence is that the bias toward large amplitude  
20      motions in the path of focusing is subdued for  
21      frequencies greater than about 3 Hz with significant  
22      biases confined to peak velocity and lower frequencies.  
23      The effects of rupture focusing and defocusing on lower  
24      frequencies are widely observed at distances ranging  
25      from near field to teleseismic (more than 1000 km).

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1 Q. How does focusing affect strong motion recordings of  
2 earthquakes?

3 A. Data recorded for several earthquakes illustrate the  
4 subdued nature of focusing at high frequencies.  
5 Relevant data were recorded for the 1966 Parkfield  
6 earthquake. An accelerometer (Parkfield Station 2) was  
7 positioned directly in the line of about 30 km of  
8 approaching rupture. The instrument recorded 0.5 g in  
9 the horizontal direction. About 5 km away,  
10 perpendicular to the surface break, Parkfield Station 5  
11 recorded 0.45 g, a value only 10% smaller than that  
12 directly in the beam of maximum focusing. In contrast,  
13 the lower-frequency velocity peaks were nearly three  
14 times larger in the direct path of focusing (Station 2)  
15 as compared to recorded velocities at Station 5.  
16 Similarly, in the Pacoima Dam recording of the 1971 San  
17 Fernando earthquake, the effects of rupture focusing are  
18 more apparent in the velocity peaks than in the  
19 acceleration peaks.

20 The 1979 Coyote Lake earthquake was an example of  
21 focusing affecting all three parameters but with the  
22 primary effect on the low frequency parameter of  
23 displacement. The peak acceleration was 0.42 g directly  
24 in the path of focusing (Station 6) and 0.25 g within  
25 one kilometer of the fault, but in the path of  
26 defocusing (Coyote Creek). The corresponding values for

1 peak ground velocity are 44 and 20 cm/sec at the two  
2 stations. While effects of focusing are only slightly  
3 more apparent for velocity than acceleration, the  
4 recorded peak displacements of 9.3 cm and 2.4 cm,  
5 respectively, represent a substantially larger effect  
6 due to focusing than that for the higher frequency  
7 acceleration peaks.

8 Recordings of the 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake  
9 provide further evidence on the limited effects that  
10 rupture focusing has on increasing peak accelerations.  
11 At least five strong motion recordings were obtained  
12 essentially on the fault (within 1 km) at various points  
13 along the path of rupture. The horizontal accelerations  
14 of these stations range between about .25 and .75 g with  
15 a mean value well under .5 g. These values fit well  
16 within the range of peak horizontal accelerations cited  
17 above for the Parkfield and the Coyote Lake  
18 earthquakes. These values are also consistent with the  
19 values recorded out to 6 or 7 km from the fault.  
20 Furthermore, there is no significant difference between  
21 peak accelerations recorded south of the epicenter, in  
22 the defocused zone, and those recorded north of the  
23 epicenter, in the focused zone. There is apparently no  
24 significant increase in peak accelerations as a result  
25 of focusing in the IV-79 earthquake data.

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1 Q. Would you describe your ground motion predictions for  
2 SONGS?

3 A. Referring back to the three mathematical steps for  
4 modeling earthquakes, the wave transmission properties  
5 (Step 2) were calculated for the earth structure  
6 underlying the SONGS site. The viscoelastic parameters  
7 derived for the subsurface geology at SONGS are  
8 presented in GAF-2 (Table 6-1, page 6-2). The relevant  
9 parameters include compressional- and shear-wave  
10 velocities, density, compressional- and shear-wave  
11 quality factors, and layer thicknesses. The response of  
12 this earth representation has been calculated from 0 to  
13 20 Hz for 60 epicentral distances from 1 to 60 km and  
14 for 21 source depths from 0.26 to 15.0 km. The  
15 calculated earth response at each epicentral  
16 distance/source depth pair has ten independent  
17 components, giving a total of  $60 \times 21 \times 10$  or 12,600  
18 individual time histories of the earth's response to  
19 points of rupture distributed over the hypothesized zone  
20 of major rupture.

21 The earth response functions are convolved in time  
22 and space (at each point of rupture) with the standard  
23 characterization of fault slip to give the site-specific  
24 results at SONGS. Variations that result from  
25 stochastic properties of the earthquake model are

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1 included by repeating each earthquake simulation several  
2 times to determine the full range of effects.

3 A range of plausible fractures along the OZD were  
4 examined (described in GAF-2). The worst-case fracture  
5 is pictured in the attached Figure GAF-A, "Schematic  
6 representation of the SONGS site relative to the  
7 hypothesized offshore zone of deformation. The 40-km  
8 fracture corresponds to hypothesized earthquake 'D' from  
9 Exhibit GAF-2 and GAF-4." The worst-case fracture,  
10 denoted earthquake "D", represents an  $M_s$  7, maximally  
11 oriented with respect to the SONGS site.

12 The predictions at SONGS, computed with both the  
13 Supplement I Model (GAF-2) and the Supplement III Model  
14 (GAF-4), are shown in Figures GAF-B, "Site  
15 specific...predictions computed with [the refined model  
16 (GAF-4)]... compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the  
17 vertical component with 2% damping", GAF-C, "Site  
18 specific...predictions computed with [the refined model  
19 (GAF-4)]...compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the  
20 horizontal SE component with 2% damping", and GAF-D,  
21 "Site specific...predictions computed with [the refined  
22 model (GAF-4)]...compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the  
23 horizontal component NE 2% damping". In each figure,  
24 the computed mean and mean plus one standard deviation  
25 response spectra is compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE  
26 spectrum at two percent critical damping. Also shown

1 are the calculated mean values for peak acceleration,  
2 velocity and displacement and local magnitude. The  
3 results indicate that the design spectrum for SONGS 2 &  
4 3 conservative in that it exceeds the predicted  
5 instrumental spectrum at all periods of interest.  
6 Damping values of five, seven and ten percent also  
7 reveal a comparable degree of conservatism for the  
8 design spectrum.

9 Q. Would you describe the degree of conservatism and  
10 reliability provided in your modeling studies?

11 A. As illustrated in GAF-A, the SONGS site is 8 kilometers  
12 from the OZD. A conservative prediction of site  
13 specific response spectra has been determined for  
14 hypothesized earthquakes along the OZD. The site  
15 specific prediction is conservative with respect to the  
16 assigned earthquake magnitude ( $M_s$  7) and the critical  
17 rupture sequence which maximally focusses seismic waves  
18 at the site. Also, the instrumental predictions have  
19 not been reduced to account for either the presence of  
20 SONGS structures or the conservative methods by which  
21 base motions are input into the structures.

22 One of the useful features of the earthquake  
23 modeling approach is the capability for examining a  
24 suite of postulated earthquakes so as to isolate  
25 particular rupture configurations that produce the  
26 strongest ground shaking. Such a study has been

1 conducted for SONGS (cf. Chapter 6 of GAF-2) where the  
2 ground shaking from the following suites of earthquakes  
3 were compared: (1) seven different fault locations and  
4 rupture directions; (2) three different fault lengths;  
5 (3) three different hypocentral depths; (4) three  
6 different depths to the fault bottom; and (5) three  
7 different depths to the fault top.

8 These site-specific calculations for SONGS are based on  
9 as complete and rigorous simulation of earthquakes as is  
10 currently available. The SONGS predictions, based on  
11 these studies, offer a high degree of reliability for  
12 the following reasons.

- 13 (1) The results have been validated against near-field  
14 recordings of five important southern California  
15 earthquakes in the same distance range that is  
16 relevant for SONGS;
- 17 (2) The capability provides a rational basis for  
18 extrapolating from past earthquakes to hypothesized  
19 conditions at SONGS, including site-specific  
20 conditions: hypothesized earthquake magnitude,  
21 distance to the OZD, and each structure.
- 22 (3) The results provide a basis for appraising the  
23 likelihood of unusual combinations of fault rupture  
24 and wave guide effects that would cause large  
25 amplitude shaking at SONGS.

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1 (4) Instrumental predictions at SONGS are being  
2 compared with design spectra in GAF-B, C, and D  
3 with no reduction in the predicted spectra at short  
4 period (high frequency) to account for the presence  
5 of the SONGS structures.

6 Q. How does the assignment of  $M_S$  7 impact your predictions  
7 of ground motions at the SONGS site?

8 A. The sensitivity of peak ground acceleration (PGA) on  
9 earthquake magnitude diminishes with increasing  
10 magnitude and with decreasing distance. The earthquake  
11 conditions hypothesized for SONGS are sufficiently  
12 severe as to be insensitive to small changes in the  
13 assigned magnitude. I will explain. The "size" of an  
14 earthquake is quantified using one of several different  
15 magnitude scales. Local magnitude ( $M_L$ ) and body wave  
16 magnitude ( $m_b$ ) are determined from the amplitude of  
17 waves with a period of about 1.0 sec. Both  $M_L$  and  $m_b$   
18 saturate at values near  $M_S$  7. Earthquakes larger than  
19  $M_S$  7 register about  $M_L$  and  $m_b$  7. This is because the  
20 amplitude of 1.0-second waves does not increase with  
21 increasing size of rupture.

22 Surface wave magnitude ( $M_S$ ) is determined from the  
23 amplitude of 20-second waves, thereby largely  
24 circumventing the problem of magnitude saturation.  
25 Eventually, the amplitude of these long-period waves  
26 saturates at about  $M_S$  8.3. An  $M_S$  8.3 would result from

1 an earthquake rupture of several hundred kilometers.  
2 Because  $M_S$  and  $m_b$  are measured teleseismically ( $r > 2000$   
3 km), considerable worldwide data are available for  
4 empirically establishing saturation levels in these  
5 measures of earthquake "size."

6 Similarly, the amplitude of 5 Hz waves (about the  
7 frequency of PGA in the near field) would be expected to  
8 saturate, becoming insensitive to differences in  
9 earthquake "size" for magnitudes greater than about  
10 6.5. The saturation of high-frequency waves is not as  
11 historically documented in the seismological literature  
12 as that of the lower frequency waves used in the various  
13 measures of earthquake magnitude, because the amplitude  
14 of these high frequency waves is not easily measured at  
15 teleseismic distances. The necessity of relying on  
16 strong motion data for relating the amplitude of high  
17 frequency waves to earthquake size significantly limits  
18 the availability of data for large magnitude earthquakes  
19 as compared to teleseismic recordings. Considering that  
20 20-second waves saturate at a about,  $M_S$  8.3, and  
21 1-second waves saturate at about  $M_S$  7.0, I conclude that  
22 5 Hz waves (PGA) should saturate at a somewhat lower  
23 magnitude ( $M_S$  6.5). Consequently, the ground motion  
24 criteria for SONGS is dependent on the postulated nearby  
25 earthquake; the precise magnitude assignment for this  
26 event is not critical.

1 Q. How does the proximity of the OZD to the SONGS site  
2 influence saturation of ground motions with magnitude?

3 A. As I just explained, the widely accepted phenomenon of  
4 saturation of the various magnitude scales with  
5 increasing earthquake size indicates that higher  
6 frequency motions ( $f > 1.0$  Hz) will also saturate.

7 Additionally, based on earthquake physics and recorded  
8 data, saturation of PGA with increasing magnitude is  
9 even more pronounced close to the causative rupture.  
10 For distances less than 10 km from the zone of rupture,  
11 PGA is controlled by the nearest 10- to 20-km zone of  
12 rupture. High-frequency waves produced by more distant  
13 rupture are substantially attenuated so as to negate  
14 their influence on near-field PGA. Additional rupture  
15 length would be inconsequential for influencing the  
16 high-frequency waves and consequently PGA recorded in  
17 the near field.

18 The earthquake modeling studies that I described  
19 above have tested this mechanistic basis for the  
20 saturation of near-field accelerations. These studies  
21 indicate that the source of high frequency waves along  
22 the rupture surface is both independent of earthquake  
23 magnitude and fault offset (static stress drop). Ground  
24 accelerations increase with increasing magnitude to a  
25 point where additional extension of the earthquake  
26 rupture serves only to increase the duration of

1 shaking. Both theory and data indicate that this point  
2 of saturation occurs at about magnitude 6.5 for high  
3 frequency ground motions within 10 km of the causative  
4 rupture.

5 Based on my studies of earthquakes, I conclude that  
6 the DBE used for SONGS 2 & 3 is conservative with  
7 respect to the postulated  $M_s 7$  earthquake on the OZD.  
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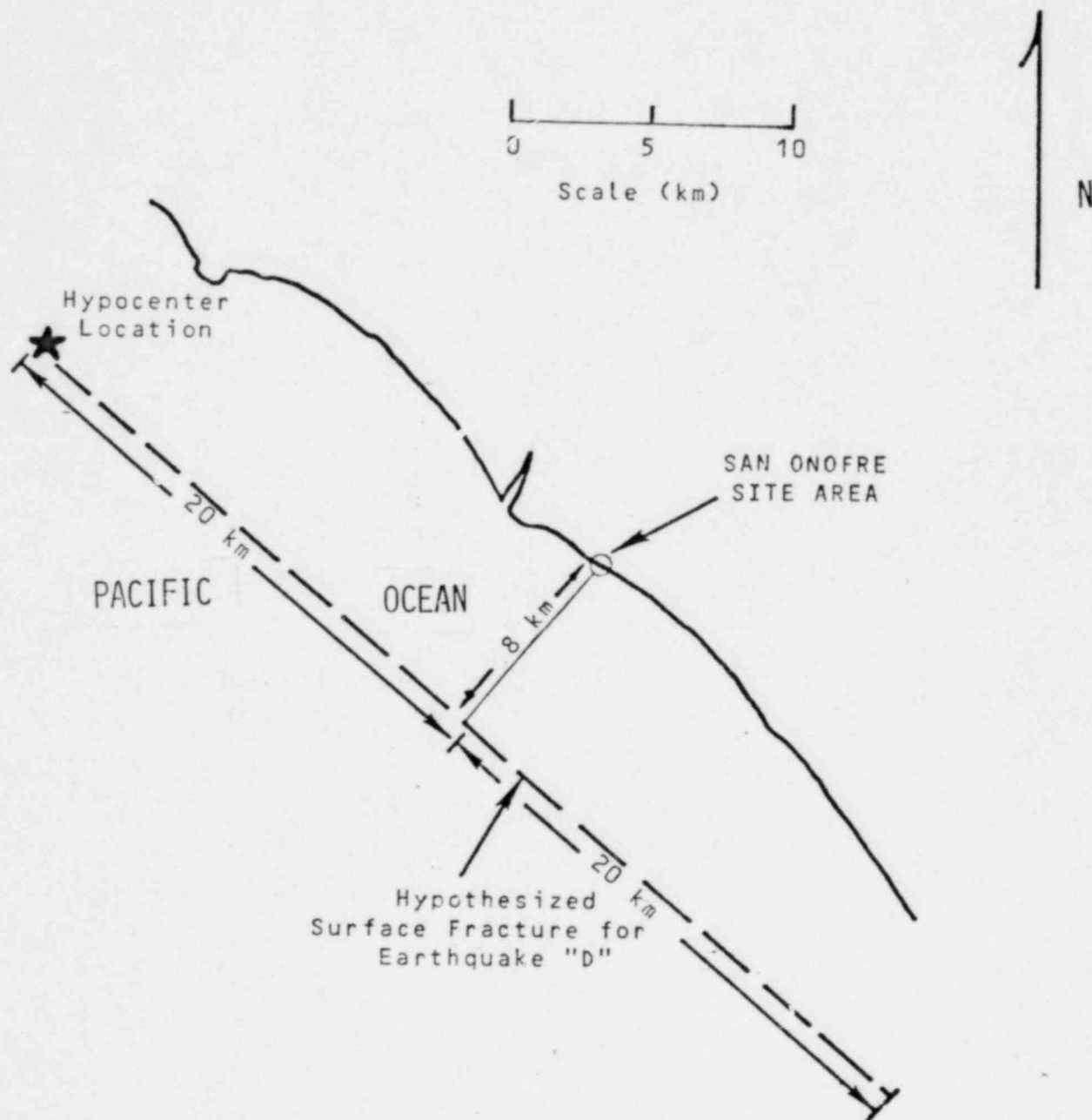


Figure GAF-A. Schematic representation of the SONGS site relative to the hypothesized offshore zone of deformation. The 40-km fracture corresponds to hypothesized earthquake "D" from Exhibits GAF-2 and GAF-4.

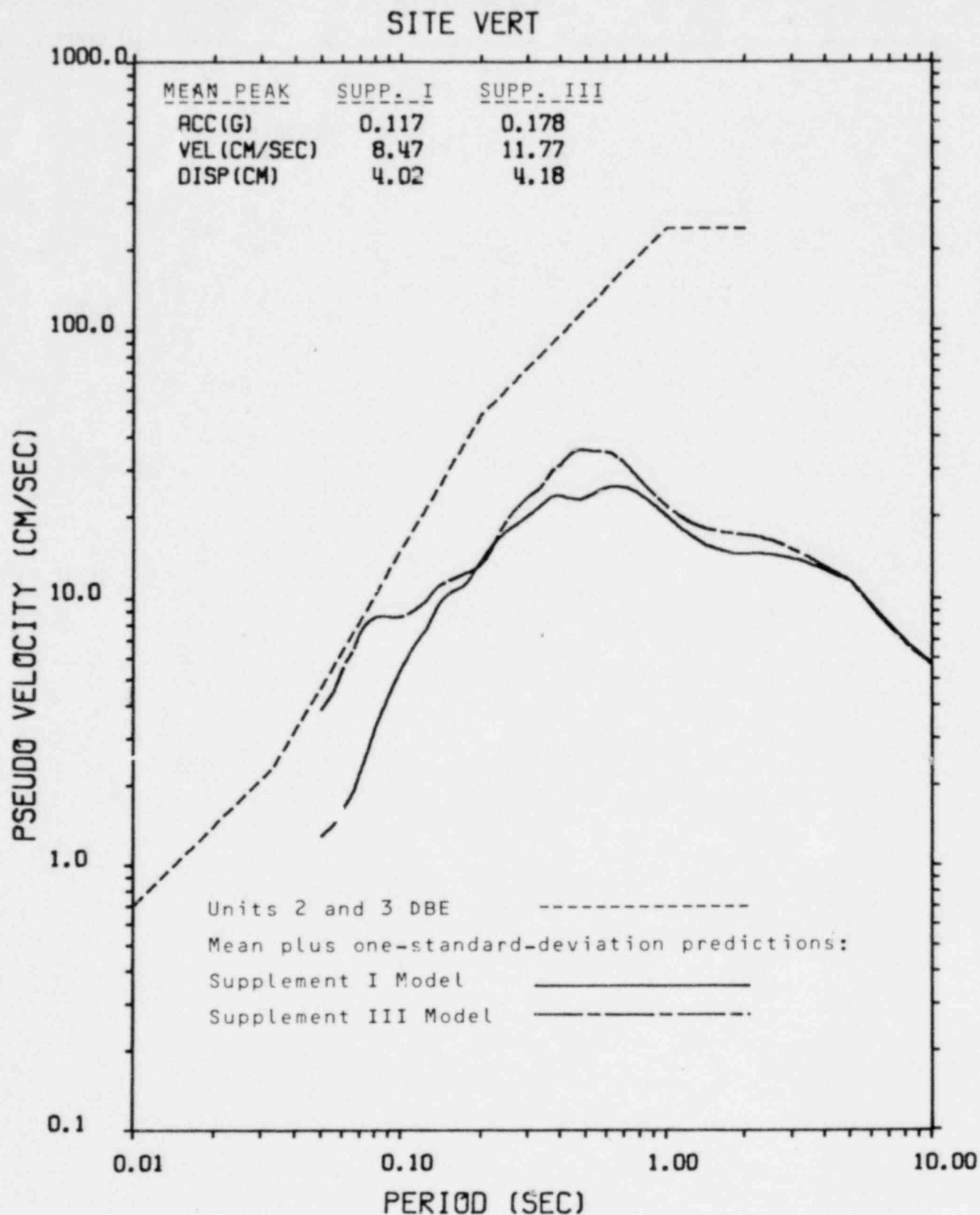


Figure GAF-B. Site specific mean plus one standard-deviation predictions computed with Supplement I Model from Exhibit GAF-2 (solid line) and with Supplement III Model from Exhibit GAF-4 (dashed line) compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the vertical component with 2% damping.

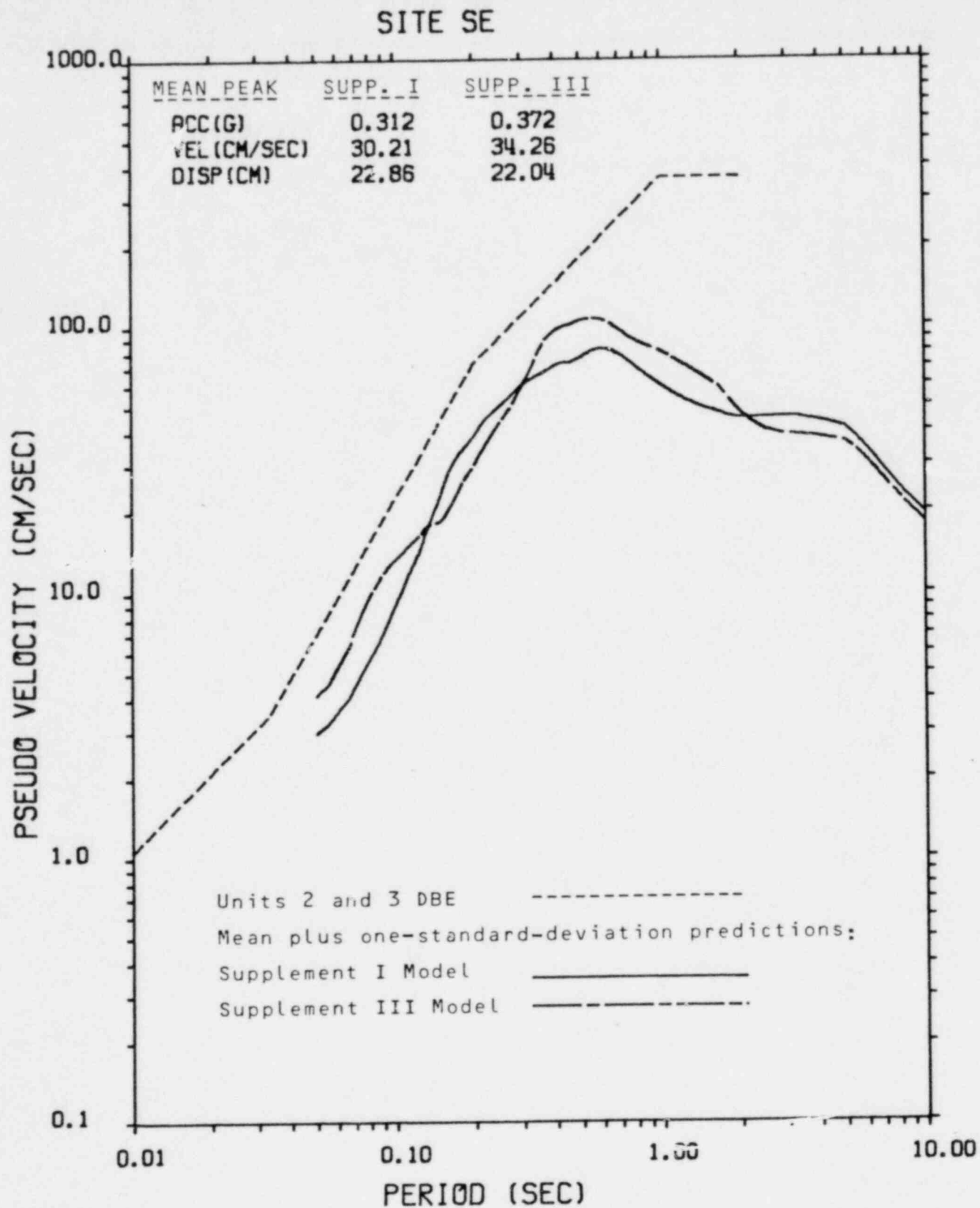


Figure GAF-C. Site specific mean plus one-standard-deviation predictions computed with Supplement I Model from Exhibit GAF-2 (solid line) and with Supplement III Model from Exhibit GAF-4 (dashed line) compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the horizontal SE component with 2% damping.

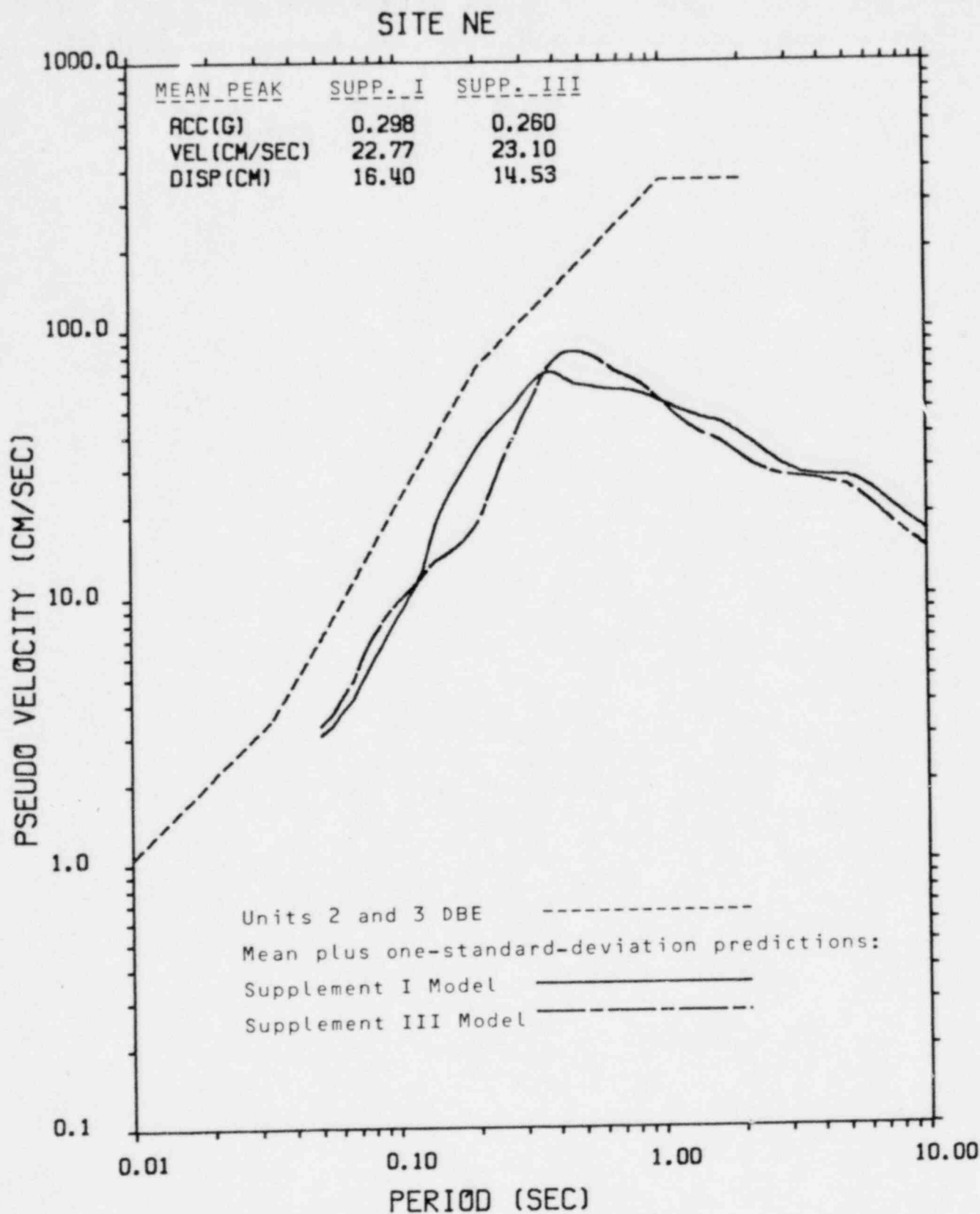


Figure GAF-D. Site specific mean plus one-standard-deviation predictions computed with Supplement I Model from Exhibit GAF-2 (solid line) and with Supplement III Model from Exhibit GAF-4 (dashed line) compared with Units 2 and 3 DBE for the horizontal NE component with 2% damping.

1 TESTIMONY OF DR. ROBERT L. McNEILL

2 Q. Would you please state your name?

3 A. Robert L. McNeill.

4 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

5 A. I am presently employed as a Member of the Technical  
6 Staff at Sandia National Laboratory, located in  
7 Albuquerque, New Mexico. In that capacity, I am doing  
8 research on earthquake ground motion offshore, and the  
9 difference between instrumental and structural response  
10 to earthquakes. I am also self-employed as a  
11 geotechnical engineering consultant to Southern  
12 California Edison Company ("SCE") for matters related to  
13 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3  
14 ("SONGS 2 & 3"). The opinion expressed herein is solely  
15 my own, and does not represent the views or the position  
16 of Sandia National Laboratory, or the United States  
17 Department of Energy.

18 Q. In what manner are you associated with the Applicants in  
19 this proceeding?

20 A. From 1970 until 1975, I was President of Woodward-  
21 McNeill & Associates ("WMA"). WMA was retained by SCE  
22 for geotechnical engineering work associated with the  
23 analysis, design, and construction of SONGS 2 & 3. In  
24 that capacity I was the Principal in charge of said  
25 work, and personally accomplished a substantial amount  
26 of the geotechnical work on the project, in addition to

1 my management duties. Since 1975, I have been an  
2 independent consultant to Woodward-Clyde Consultants  
3 ("WCC") and to SCE, providing advice and consultation t,  
4 WCC as they continued the work of WMA at SONGS 2 & 3,  
5 and providing technical advice and review to SCE on many  
6 other aspects of that project.

7 Q. Would you please describe your formal education?

8 A. I hold a Doctor of Science Degree in engineering  
9 mechanics (minors: mathematics and physics) from the  
10 University of New Mexico, and a Master of Science Degree  
11 in geotechnical engineering and a Bachelor of Science  
12 Degree in structural engineering from the University of  
13 California (Berkeley).

14 Q. What professional positions have you had in the area of  
15 geotechnical engineering, soil dynamics, and earthquake  
16 engineering?

17 A. I have 28 years experience in geotechnical engineering;  
18 two years as a field and laboratory technician, three  
19 years as an engineer-in-training in California, and 23  
20 years as a registered professional engineer. My  
21 experience encompasses the geotechnical, dynamic, and  
22 seismic design aspects of almost every kind of heavy  
23 construction: dams, buildings, bridges, roads, power  
24 facilities, mining facilities, tunnels, subways,  
25 pipelines, offshore structures, and hardened defense  
26 structures.



1 Q. Have you been associated with any educational  
2 institutions?

3 A. I was an Adjunct Professor and lecturer from 1961-1965  
4 and 1978-present at the University of New Mexico in  
5 geotechnical engineering. I was a lecturer at the  
6 University of California at Los Angeles in 1968, 1969  
7 and 1971 in geotechnical engineering and soil dynamics.  
8 I was a lecturer at the California State University at  
9 Long Beach in 1971 and 1974 in a graduate course in soil  
10 dynamics and earthquake engineering. I was an Assistant  
11 Professor at California State University at San Jose in  
12 1957 to 1961 in geotechnical engineering and soil  
13 dynamics. I have also given guest lectures on  
14 geotechnical engineering, wave propagation and soil  
15 dynamics at the University of California at Berkeley and  
16 at Los Angeles, the University of New Mexico, the Texas  
17 A & M University, and the University of Colorado at  
18 Boulder.

19 Q. Do you hold any professional registrations in the State  
20 of California or any other state?

21 A. Yes, I am a Registered Professional Engineer in  
22 California, New York, New Mexico, Nevada, and Arizona.

23 Q. What are your pertinent professional or organizational  
24 memberships?

25 A. American Association for the Advancement of Science  
26 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

1 American Society of Civil Engineers  
2 American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
3 American Society for Testing Materials  
4 Earthquake Engineering Research Institute  
5 Highway Research Board  
6 Marine Technology Society  
7 Navy League  
8 Oceanic Society  
9 Seismological Society of America  
10 Society of Experimental Stress Analysis  
11 U. S. National Council on Soil Mechanics and Foundation  
12 Engineering

13 Q. Have you written or published articles in the field of  
14 geotechnical engineering, soil dynamics, and earthquake  
15 engineering?

16 A. I have authored or co-authored several articles dealing  
17 with geotechnical engineering, soil dynamics, and  
18 earthquake engineering. A list of these publications is  
19 appended hereto.

20 Q. Have you served with formally organized groups concerned  
21 wholly or in part with matters of seismic safety?

22 A. I was nominated for the Governor's Seismic Safety  
23 Commission for the State of California in 1978. I was  
24 Chairman of the National Soil Dynamics Committee of the  
25 American Society of Civil Engineers from 1968 to 1973.

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1 Q. On which projects have you been retained as an expert  
2 consultant in geotechnical engineering, soil dynamics,  
3 and earthquake engineering?

4 A. I have been retained by a number of governmental  
5 agencies and private companies over the past eighteen  
6 years as an expert consultant in the area of  
7 geotechnical engineering, soil dynamics, and earthquake  
8 engineering. I have participated in the following  
9 nuclear projects: Bolsa Island, Cooper Station, Ft. St.  
10 Vrain, South Texas Project, SONGS 1 and SONGS 2 and 3.

11 Q. Have you testified as an expert in any previous hearings  
12 or trials?

13 A. Yes. I presented expert opinion to the Advisory  
14 Committee on Reactor Safeguards ("ACRS") in this  
15 proceeding as well as that for the Cooper Station  
16 Nuclear Power Project. In addition, I have qualified as  
17 an expert witness in geotechnical engineering in various  
18 Superior Court cases in Los Angeles and Orange  
19 Counties. I have been an arbitrator and have presented  
20 expert opinion before arbitration boards concerning  
21 geotechnical engineering in California and New Mexico.

22 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

23 A. One of the issues in this proceeding is whether,  
24 assuming a  $M_s$  7 earthquake on the OZD, the seismic  
25 design basis of SONGS 2 & 3 is adequate to protect the  
26 public health and safety. My testimony demonstrates and

1 it is my conclusion that the design basis earthquake  
2 ("DBE") spectrum as used for design of SONGS 2 & 3 is a  
3 conservative representation of the motion of structures  
4 at the site due to a very large, nearby earthquake.

5 Q. Would you please define and explain the technical terms  
6 which you will use in your testimony?

7 A. I will be speaking about earthquake vibrations, but let  
8 me first define some terms which are used when  
9 discussing virtually all vibrations. Figure RLM-A,  
10 "Definitions (Time)", shows some vibrations as they  
11 would appear as a function of time, such as would be  
12 recorded by a seismograph. The maximum motion for any  
13 one cycle is the amplitude, and the time it takes to  
14 complete one full cycle is the period. In RLM-A  
15 amplitude  $Z_1 = Z_2$ , but period  $T_1$  is more than (longer than)  
16  $T_2$ . Period is usually expressed in seconds,  
17 understanding that it really is "seconds per cycle."  
18 The reciprocal of period is frequency,  $f = (1/T)$ , usually  
19 expressed in cycles per second or Hertz (1 cps = 1 Hz).

20 The foregoing terms describe the behavior of a wave  
21 in time. Figure RLM-B, "Definitions (Space)", shows the  
22 similar system in space, as if the travelling wave had  
23 been photographed. In this case, the distance travelled  
24 while completing one full cycle of vibration is the  
25 wavelength,  $L$ . If the wave at that location is

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1 travelling at a wave velocity,  $c$ , and recalling that it  
2 takes the time-period  $T$  to complete the cycle

$$3 \quad L = cT$$

4 or, because  $f=(1/T)$ ,  $L = (c/f)$

5 Thus for a given ground (with a wave velocity  $c$ ):  
6 the wavelengths are long for long periods or low  
7 frequencies; and the wavelengths are short for short  
8 periods or high frequencies.

9 A structure has a certain natural period (or  
10 frequency) at which it will vibrate when plucked. A  
11 complex structure has many natural periods, all being  
12 shorter than the fundamental period (or higher than the  
13 fundamental frequency). If a structure is shaken or  
14 vibrated at or near one of its natural periods (or  
15 frequencies), it will respond by amplifying the input  
16 motions with which it is being vibrated. The ratio  
17 between the structure's response motion and the input  
18 motion is the amplification ratio.

19 When a real structure is plucked and vibrates, the  
20 vibrations tend to decay or damp with time. This  
21 tendency is expressed quantitatively as the damping (or  
22 damping ratio), usually as a percentage. Generally, at  
23 the short-periods (high frequencies) of interest to  
24 reactor design, response motions tend to be lower for  
25 structures with higher dampings.

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1           Amplitudes of motion are expressed as one of three  
2 quantities, the choice of which is purely a matter of  
3 convenience for the situation at hand. These quantities  
4 are: displacement,  $d$ ; velocity,  $v$ ; and acceleration,  
5  $a$ . Velocity in this case is the velocity of a vibrating  
6 particle at a point in the earth or in a structure; and  
7 it is not the wave velocity mentioned above.

8           Any one of the quantities  $d$ ,  $v$ , or  $a$  provide a  
9 complete description of the motions; and  $d$ ,  $v$ , and  $a$  are  
10 explicitly related, so that one may easily convert from  
11 one to the others. If the wave is smooth and orderly  
12 (harmonic, sinusoidal), the absolute maxima of the three  
13 quantities are related quite simply, as follows:

14 Let the maximum displacement =  $D$  . . . . . (1)

15 Then maximum velocity           =  $V = (2\pi D)/T$  . . . (2)

16 and, maximum acceleration       =  $A = (2\pi V)/T$  . . . (3)

17           Thus, for such an harmonic wave, if any two of the  
18 quantities  $T$ ,  $D$ ,  $V$ , or  $A$  are known, the other two are  
19 easily calculated. This is seldom done, however: the  
20 expressions above are power functions, which map as  
21 straight lines on a log-log plot. Thus there has been  
22 developed a four-axis logarithmic paper which is the  
23 solution to the harmonic expressions above. Figure  
24 RLM-C, "Examples of Use of Harmonic Paper" is an example  
25 of such an harmonic plot (also called tripartite plot),  
26 and shows two examples for reference.



1           The foregoing use of harmonic plot in principle  
2 applies only to smooth harmonic functions, which an  
3 earthquake usually is not. The harmonic plot is so  
4 revealing of the properties of the motions, however,  
5 that it is nevertheless widely used fro displaying  
6 earthquake motions, with the adjective pseudo appended  
7 to the quantities (either explicitly or implicitly) as a  
8 reminder. It is generally agreed that the  
9 approximations of this very powerful procedure are  
10 small, and of no practical significance for the  
11 short-period ranges of engineering applications.

12       Q.    Would you please explain what spectra are, and how they  
13 are calculated and used?

14       A.    The spectrum is one of the most useful tools available  
15 to the seismologist and the earthquake engineer. A  
16 spectrum clearly and concisely displays certain relevant  
17 information about an earthquake's characteristics better  
18 for some purposes than does the instrumental recording  
19 alone and, in proper form, a spectrum provides  
20 information vital to the design of earthquake- resistant  
21 structures. There are, however, important differences  
22 between the instrumental form of a spectrum (used by  
23 seismologists and engineers to study free-field ground  
24 motions), and the design form of that spectrum (used by  
25 engineers to design and evaluate structures). To avoid  
26 possible confusion, I point out that there are several

1 types of spectra (e.g., response spectrum, Fourier  
2 spectrum). My testimony is limited to the response  
3 spectrum, because that is the one of interest to these  
4 proceedings. Other types of spectra, if used or  
5 presented, should be so identified. I will now explain  
6 the terms used when dealing with spectra, develop the  
7 properties of spectra, explain the differences between  
8 the instrumental and design forms of spectra, and  
9 explain how to use spectra to compare various  
10 earthquakes.

11 A spectrum is a graphical representation of  
12 vibratory motions in an orderly array according to the  
13 frequency (or period) of each part of the motion. For  
14 example, the spectrum in Figure RLM-D, "Simplified  
15 Example of a Spectrum" represents a certain vibration  
16 and indicates that the amplitude of the vibration is 5  
17 in. at a frequency of 10 cycles per second, but only 1  
18 in. at 20 cps.

19 An instrument or a small, light structure does not  
20 alter the earthquake ground motions: that is, an  
21 instrument or small structure appears as an  
22 infinitesimal massless point to an earthquake wave,  
23 which may have a wavelength of many tens to a few  
24 hundred feet, or more. For this reason, the  
25 instrumental spectrum for a given instrumental recording  
26 can be calculated quite simply, by allowing the

1 instrumentally recorded motions mathematically to  
2 vibrate small oscillators, as shown in Figure RLM-E,  
3 "Calculation of Instrumental Spectrum". Each oscillator  
4 is composed mathematically of a mass, spring, and  
5 weightless base. The masses and springs are selected so  
6 that the oscillators have different natural periods,  
7 ranging in an orderly way over the range of the periods  
8 of interest. The recorded motion is mathematically  
9 input to the base of each oscillator, and the resulting  
10 response motions of the mass are calculated as a  
11 function of time. The maximax (maximum of all maxima)  
12 for that oscillator is then plotted at the fundamental  
13 period of that oscillator as one point of the  
14 instrumental response spectrum. The usefulness of this  
15 procedure is that any simple (single-degree-of- freedom,  
16 SDOF) structure with the same fundamental period as one  
17 of the oscillators will respond to that instrumentally  
18 recorded motion exactly as did the little oscillator.  
19 Thus the instrumental spectrum portrays the response of  
20 any small structure, regardless of the structure's  
21 characteristics, if the structure's period is known; and  
22 the portrayal on harmonic paper allows expression of  
23 that response in terms of any or all of the three  
24 maximum quantities (D, V, or A, Equations 1-3) as is  
25 convenient.

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1           As an example of the utility of a spectrum and the  
2 method of displaying it on harmonic paper, Figure RLM-F,  
3 "Example Accelerogram" shows an accelerogram  
4 (time history) of an earthquake. Inspection of that  
5 recording offers little quantitative information other  
6 than that the peak ground acceleration (PGA) was about  
7 one-quarter of gravity (g). The important engineering  
8 information on frequencies and responses are in that  
9 record, but they are hidden by its complexity. That  
10 information appears when the instrumental spectrum is  
11 calculated and plotted, Figure RLM-G, "Instrumental  
12 Spectrum", as will now be discussed.

13           The oscillator-response calculations are done for  
14 many periods, so that the resulting plot of maximax  
15 response as a function of oscillator period, the  
16 spectrum of RLM-G, is usually a nonsmooth, jagged  
17 curve. It does, however, clearly display how a small  
18 structure would respond to the same earthquake. For  
19 example, if a small structure had a natural period of  
20 0.1 sec (a stiff, rigid structure), it would respond  
21 with about (point X, RLM-G)  $D = 0.09$  in.,  $V = 5.8$  ips,  
22 and  $A = 0.95$  g. The maximum displacement response is at  
23 point D, the maximum velocity response is at point V,  
24 and the maximum acceleration response is at point A, in  
25 RLM-G. Small, light, and rigid structures (and  
26 oscillators) have very short fundamental periods, and

1       there is not much motion at those periods. For this  
2       reason, the maximax response of a very short-period  
3       structure is the same as the maximax of the input  
4       recorded motion. In other words, the response of very  
5       short-period structures, the zero-period acceleration  
6       (ZPA), is the same as the peak ground acceleration  
7       (PGA). This is shown in RLM-G, where on the left side  
8       the spectrum is shown converging (dashed line) to the  
9       PGA of one-quarter g. The ZPA is also referred to as  
10      the anchor point of the spectrum.

11             Earthquake spectra have certain properties, which  
12      will now be discussed. To simplify the discussion, the  
13      calculated spectrum of RLM-G has been smoothed to the  
14      straight-line segments shown, and as reproduced in  
15      Figure RLM-H, "Smoothed Instrumental Spectrum".  
16      Earthquake spectra can be fairly described by plateaus  
17      where either D, V, or A are essentially constant. Those  
18      three plateaus are labelled in RLM-H. The  
19      acceleration ramp is the transition from the ZPA to the  
20      acceleration plateau. The ratio between the  
21      acceleration plateau and the ZPA is the  
22      dynamic amplification ratio (DAR). For the example  
23      shown, the DAR is  $(0.9/0.25) = 3.6$ . The turning points  
24      of the spectrum are the corners where the straight-line  
25      segments join.

26             The virtues of the logarithmic harmonic plot become  
    apparent when the spectrum of RLM-G is plotted to

1 arithmetic scale, as is shown in Figure RLM-I,  
2 "Instrumental Spectrum". In order to display the  
3 long-period part, the short-period part is a mass of  
4 points, masking important engineering information. To  
5 make such a plot, the quantity to be plotted (D, V, or  
6 A) must be selected; and information on the other two is  
7 unavailable without further calculation. The  
8 characteristic plateaued shape is also masked.

9 The instrumental spectrum of RLM-G is not, in  
10 general, the spectrum which would be used to design a  
11 large or embedded structure. Large structures are not  
12 points, but rather have dimensions which are larger than  
13 the wavelengths of the short-period waves. For this  
14 reason, large structures do not respond fully to the  
15 short-period waves, much as a large ship does not  
16 respond fully to small water waves. If a structure is  
17 embedded, it responds less than a surface instrument  
18 because the motions at depth may be less than those at  
19 the reflecting surface, and because the structure is  
20 subjected to an average of the various incoming and  
21 reflecting waves. The incoming waves are likely not  
22 plane and coherent, but rather probably have some  
23 components lagging and some leading the wavefront.  
24 These effects (wavelength, embedment, and noncoherence)  
25 tend to lower the short-period end of the design

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1 spectrum relative to the instrumental spectrum. These  
2 effects collectively are soil-structure interaction.

3 The above discussion of the shape of a design  
4 spectrum applies to structures which behave perfectly  
5 elastically. This assumption is made for mathematical  
6 simplicity, but real structures respond in a somewhat  
7 ductile fashion, rather than perfectly elastically. Key  
8 structures at nuclear facilities are designed to  
9 minimize their ductility, but nevertheless some exists,  
10 which has the effect of lowering the entire instrumental  
11 spectrum to some degree.

12 As an example, Figure RLM-J, "Example of  
13 Instrumental and Design Spectra", compares an  
14 instrumental to a design spectrum. Some facilities,  
15 such as SONGS 2 & 3, are conservatively designed  
16 directly from the instrumental spectrum, with no credit  
17 taken for the above effects.

18 Q. How are spectra used to compare the strenths of  
19 earthquakes?

20 A. Spectra are often used to compare the strengths of  
21 earthquakes. This is basically a good process, provided  
22 all of the following seven conditions are met:

- 23 1. The spectra being compared must be of the same type  
24 (e.g., response, Fourier).
- 25 2. The spectra being compared must be in the  
26 instrumental form, not in the design form.

- 1           3.    The spectra being compared must be for the same  
2           damping.
- 3           4.    The spectra being compared should be from  
4           earthquakes of the same magnitude, or they should  
5           be scaled to represent the same magnitude.
- 6           5.    The spectra being compared should be from  
7           recordings taken at the same distance from the  
8           causative fault, or they should be scaled to  
9           represent the same distance. Distance should be  
10          measured in a consistent manner.
- 11          6.    The spectra being compared should be from  
12          earthquakes with the same style of faulting, or  
13          they should be scaled to represent the same style  
14          of faulting.
- 15          7.    The spectra being compared should be from  
16          earthquakes in the same or similar tectonic  
17          setting. There is probably no way to scale for  
18          this point.

19               Spectra which do not meet all of these seven  
20               conditions should not be compared, for the comparison  
21               will at best be misleading.

22               When comparing spectra, it is important to include  
23               a number of spectra. Because the world is a  
24               probabilistic place, some spectra must be anticipated to  
25               exceed, and some to lie under, a given instrumental  
26               spectrum assigned to a given site. This is precisely

1 the reason engineers include material safety factors in  
2 their design, and why they use minimum specified  
3 material strengths in their calculations. Safety  
4 factors are not, however, a panacea against distress to  
5 a structure. If an appreciable number of spectra  
6 meeting the seven conditions listed above exceed the  
7 site instrumental spectrum, then that site instrumental  
8 spectrum may be too low; and, more importantly, the  
9 design spectrum derived from it may also be too low;  
10 and, if the amount by which the design spectrum is too  
11 low exceeds the margins provided by the safety factors,  
12 distress to the structure would impend. Thus  
13 conservatism is appropriate at each stage of this  
14 process: selecting the instrumental spectrum;  
15 developing from it the design spectrum; and the  
16 selection and application of the safety factors. If  
17 these are done in a careful and prudent manner, even  
18 though the values at each step may not be exactly  
19 accurate in a scientific sense, engineering experience  
20 shows that the overall process yields structures which  
21 have a very high probability of surviving their design  
22 assumptions, and a reasonable probability of surviving  
23 loads which substantially exceed their design  
24 assumptions.

25 Q. Would you please describe the procedures you employed in  
26 constructing the SONGS 2 & 3 DBE spectrum?

1       A.   During the period 1971-1972, I was directly responsible  
2           for and actively involved in calculation of the DBE  
3           spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3. The shape of the DBE spectrum  
4           was derived by mathematically propagating virtually all  
5           of the strong motion recordings then available through  
6           the profile of the San Mateo Formation. I calculated  
7           the resulting instrumental spectra at the site ground  
8           surface, and enveloped those intrumental spectra. For  
9           this purpose, the dynamic properties of the San Mateo  
10          Formation were determined by both field and laboratory  
11          tests.

12                The instrumental spectrum shape was anchored to a  
13                ZPA of 0.5g, which I still believe to be a realistic  
14                upper limit of the maximum ground motion governing  
15                structures response at this site. The resulting  
16                instrumental spectrum is shown in Figure RLM-K "Original  
17                Instrumental Form of DBE Spectrum". For that case, at  
18                two percent damping, the technique of enveloping the  
19                spectra of real earthquakes indicated that the  
20                acceleration amplification ratio at this site would be  
21                about 3.2, with a short-period turning point at about  
22                0.05 seconds or higher. At that time (1972), the  
23                maximum magnitude on the OZD had not been determined,  
24                but it was recognized that design for a very large,  
25                nearby earthquake would be conservatively appropriate.  
26                For that reason, and in consideration of the state of

1 the art of predicting ground motions and structural  
2 response at that time, the following modifications were  
3 made to the 0.5g site instrumental spectrum to add extra  
4 conservatism: (i) the ZPA was increased to 0.67g, and  
5 the entire instrumental spectrum was scaled up to that  
6 value; (ii) the acceleration amplification ratio was  
7 increased by about ten percent; (iii) the short-period  
8 turning point was decreased from 0.05 second to 0.033  
9 second. The resulting modified spectrum is shown in  
10 Figure RLM-L, "Design Form of DBE Spectrum".

11 Q. Were these the only conservatisms applied to the  
12 calculation of the DBE spectrum?

13 A. While these modifications added considerable  
14 conservatism to the calculated instrumental spectrum,  
15 probably the greatest conservatism lies in the way that  
16 spectrum was used: that DBE spectrum was used directly  
17 for design. No allowances were made for wave-passage,  
18 incoherence, mass, depth-of-embedment or other effects  
19 which cause the motion governing structural response to  
20 be less than those recorded by free-field instruments.  
21 Furthermore, no allowance was made for the extra  
22 strengths which are provided for in the structural  
23 design. That is, the 0.67g modified instrumental  
24 spectrum was used directly as the design spectrum, shown  
25 in RLM-L.

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1 Q. Would you please quantify the conservatisms you believe  
2 are contained in the design spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3?

3 A. I will quantify the conservatism of the design spectrum  
4 for SONGS 2 & 3 by comparing its instrumental form to  
5 some instrumental records calculated for or taken from  
6 the free-field at the ground surface. Before making  
7 such comparisons, however, I must convert the DBE  
8 spectrum, as used directly for design, to its  
9 instrumental form. I have done that by examining data  
10 from the literature, as I will now explain.

11 The majority of the existing free-field  
12 instrumental data have been acquired only in the last  
13 two decades. Some of these instrumental recordings  
14 contain PGAs much larger than had previously been  
15 deduced based on observed structural behavior during  
16 earthquakes.

17 For example, Forrell and Nicolletti ("EERI  
18 Reconnaissance Report" (1980)) gives the maximum  
19 accelerations from recordings made in the free-field  
20 adjacent to, and on the ground floor of a steel mill  
21 building in the Guerrero, Mexico earthquake of 14 Mar 79  
22 ( $M_s$  7.6). In that case, the ratio of the maximum  
23 free-field instrumental acceleration to the ground-floor  
24 maximum acceleration was 1.7 to 1.9.

25 The foregoing is an example of the reducing effect  
26 of a structure on short-period ground motions, when that



structure has large plan dimensions, but no basement.  
 The following table shows the effects of embedment of  
 the structure for magnitudes greater than  $M_s$  6.

<u>Location*</u>	<u>Instr.+</u>	<u>Distance between buildings, m</u>	<u>Distance from earthquake km</u>	<u>Ratio**</u>
14724 Ventura	G	-	15	
15250 Ventura	B	914		1.2
1260 N. Orchid	G	-	19	
7080 Hollywood	B	450		1.9
6430 Sunset	G	-	20	
6464 Sunset	B	100		1.6
6200 Wilshire	G	-	24	
5900 Wilshire	B	500		1.6
3407 W. Sixth	G	-	39	
616 S. Normandie	B	536		1.5
3470 Wilshire	B	396		1.4
3411 Wilshire	B	416		1.4
3550 Wilshire	B	666		1.2
Average =				1.5

\* In Los Angeles

+ G = Ground Floor; B = Basement

\*\* Ratio:  $\frac{\text{Peak Acceleration at Ground Floor, no basement}}{\text{Peak Acceleration at Basement}}$

The earthquake was the 09 Feb 71 San Fernando event. The ground-floor recordings were in buildings with no basement. The table above shows that, although the no-basement buildings had reduced the motion, the basements under the adjacent buildings further reduced the motions, so that the ratio of the peak accelerations in buildings with no basements to those with basements averaged about 1.5.

1 I do not know if these two effects (plan area and  
2 embedment) are additive or multiplicative; but if they  
3 are additive their combined effect is 2.3, and if they  
4 are multiplicative their combined effect is 2.6. Thus  
5 it would seem reasonable and conservative to take an  
6 upper limit for these combined effects as about 2, for  
7 purposes only of comparing the DBE maximum acceleration  
8 to another instrumental maximum acceleration.

9 The foregoing is for peak accelerations. The  
10 situation with respect to spectral values is shown in  
11 Figure RLM-M, "Examples of How Structures Without  
12 Basements Have Higher Spectral Accelerations Than  
13 Structures With Basements". These are the same  
14 buildings as in the table above. RLM-M shows that  
15 buildings without basements experienced spectral  
16 accelerations from 1.15 to about 3 times those of  
17 buildings with basements.

18 The case histories mentioned above and in RLM-M  
19 clearly demonstrate that the PGA and spectral  
20 accelerations from instrumental free-field recordings  
21 are higher, and in many cases substantially higher, than  
22 those of structures with large plan area and/or  
23 embedment. The combined effects of area and embedment  
24 are shown in Figure RLM-N, "Examples of How Structures  
25 Reduce Ground Motion". Shown there is the ratio of  
26 instrumental free-field response to the response

1 measured at or near the bottom of the structures. That  
2 ratio is from 1-1/2 to about 4-1/2, at short periods.  
3 Thus, to derive the range of the instrumental form of  
4 the DBE spectrum, I have multiplied the design spectrum  
5 by 1.5 and 2 at very short periods (less than about  
6 0.025 sec), and by 1.25 and 1.5 at periods about 0.2  
7 sec., and by 1.0 at periods above 1 sec. The resu'ting  
8 multiplier ratio is shown in Figure RLM-O, "Values of  
9 Ratio Used to Construct Instrumental Form of DBE", along  
10 with the examples of RLM-N. I view this operation as  
11 being cautious and conservative for purposes of  
12 comparison, because the correct ratios for structures at  
13 this site are probably higher based on the data in the  
14 literature.

15 The results are shown in Figure RLM-P, "Design and  
16 Instrumental Forms of the DBE" where the lower bound of  
17 the Instrumental Form applies to the smaller and  
18 shallower structures at the site, and the upper bound  
19 applies to the heavier and deeper structures.

20 To evaluate the conservatism of the DBE spectrum,  
21 that spectrum is shown, along with the 84th-percentile  
22 corresponding values calculated from the Imperial Valley  
23 earthquake of 1979 ("IV-79") data, and the instrumental  
24 values calculated by Woodward-Clyde (regression study,  
25 cf., Testimony of Dr. I. M. Idriss) and DELTA (source  
26 modelling study, cf., Testimony of Dr. Gerald A.

1 Frazier), in Figure RLM-Q, "Instrumental Form of DBE  
2 Spectrum, Compared to Other Instrumental Spectra". For  
3 additional comparison, the instrumental value of ZPA  
4 (84th percentile) calculated by TERA (regression study  
5 cf. testimony of Lawrence H. Wight) is 0.49g, whereas  
6 the corresponding value for the DBE is 1 to 1.3g. Using  
7 the TERA ZPA, RLM-Q also shows the instrumental spectrum  
8 calculated by the methods of NRC Publication  
9 NUREG/CR-0098. All of the calculated values (IV-79,  
10 Woodward-Clyde, DELTA, TERA, NUREG/ CR-0098) lie below  
11 both the instrumental and the design forms of the DBE.  
12 Based on those comparisons, it is my opinion that the  
13 DBE spectrum as used for design of SONGS 2 & 3 is a  
14 conservative representation of the motions of structures  
15 at the site due to a very large, nearby earthquake.

16 Q. Is it your opinion that the DBE spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3  
17 is also conservative for the vertical motions?

18 A. The situation for vertical motions is shown in Figure  
19 RLM-R, "Instrumental Form of Vertical DBE Spectrum  
20 Compared to Other Instrumental Spectra" where the  
21 instrumental form of the DBE vertical spectrum is shown,  
22 compared to the 84th-percentile corresponding values  
23 calculated from the IV-79 data, and to the instrumental  
24 values calculated by DELTA (source-modelling study).  
25 The IV-79 verticals are somewhat high because of the  
26 velocity profile of the Imperial Valley (which is

1 different from that at SONGS). Nevertheless, the values  
2 from IV-79 and the U.C. study all lie below the  
3 instrumental form of the DBE. Based on this comparison,  
4 it is my opinion that the vertical DBE spectrum, as used  
5 for the design of SONGS 2 & 3, is a conservative  
6 representation of the motions of structures at this site  
7 due to a very large, nearby earthquake.

8 Q. Has the recent publication USGS 81-365 caused you to  
9 modify your opinion concerning the conservatism of the  
10 DBE spectrum for SONGS 2 & 3?

11 A. No. First of all, I would like to state that I have  
12 disagreement with applying the results of USGS 81-365 to  
13 SONGS because the calculated accelerations and  
14 velocities appear to be inappropriate for SONGS based on  
15 engineering experience, and on the site-specific studies  
16 which have been done for SONGS (Woodward-Clyde  
17 regression study, Tera regression study, Delta source-  
18 modelling study). I agree with the testimony of  
19 Dr. Smith on this matter. Nevertheless, if one were to  
20 use USGS 81-365, for the faulting conditions assumed for  
21 purposes of licensing Units 2 and 3, the result would be  
22 an instrumental 84th percentile of 0.87g. That is less  
23 than the instrumental DBE value of 1 to 1.3 g.

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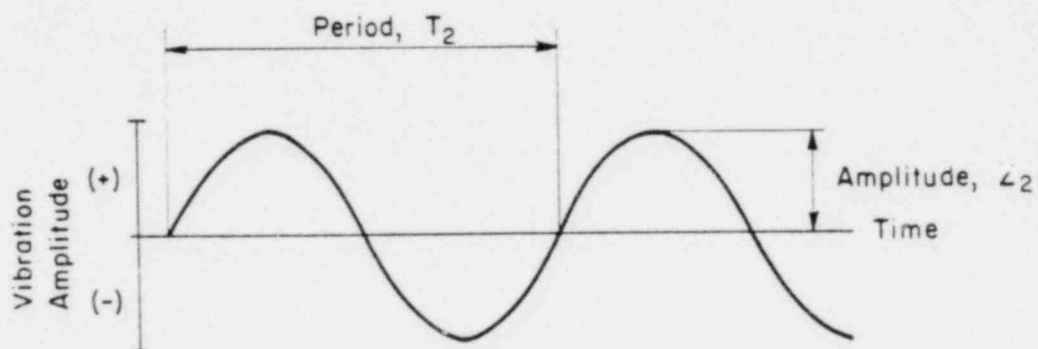
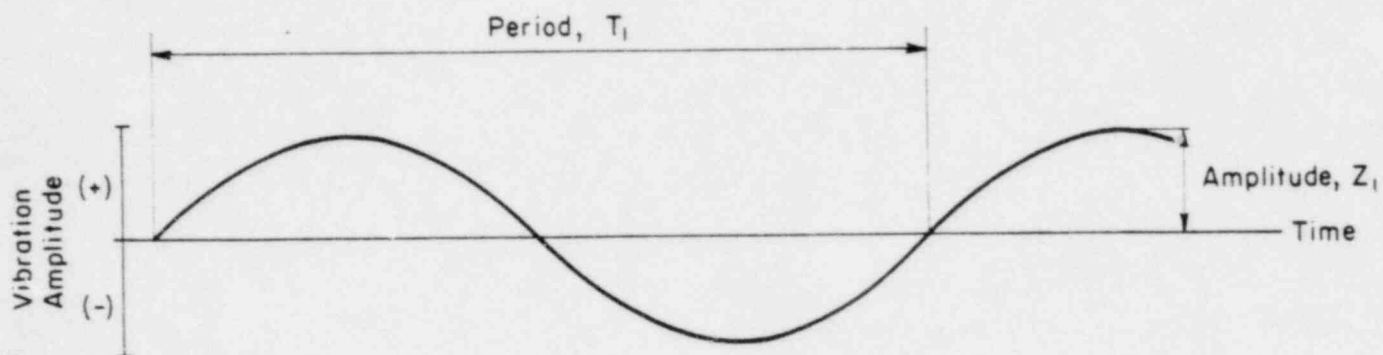
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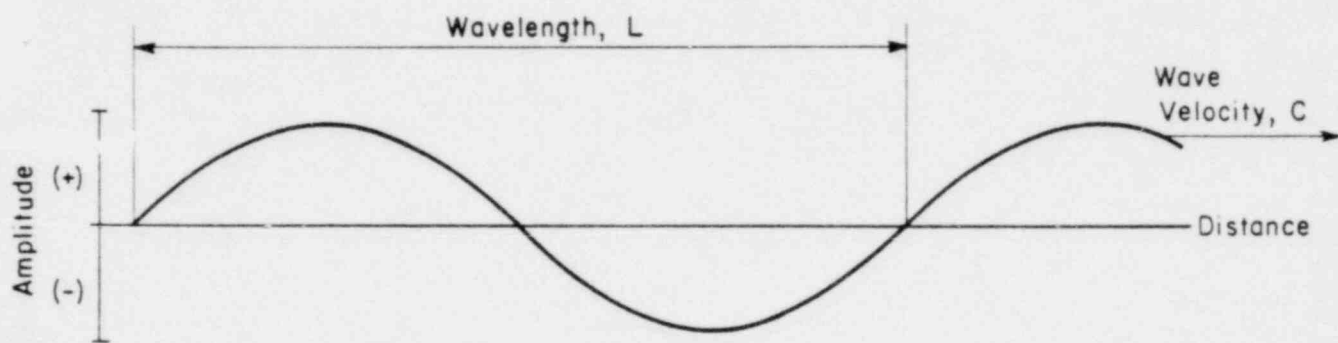
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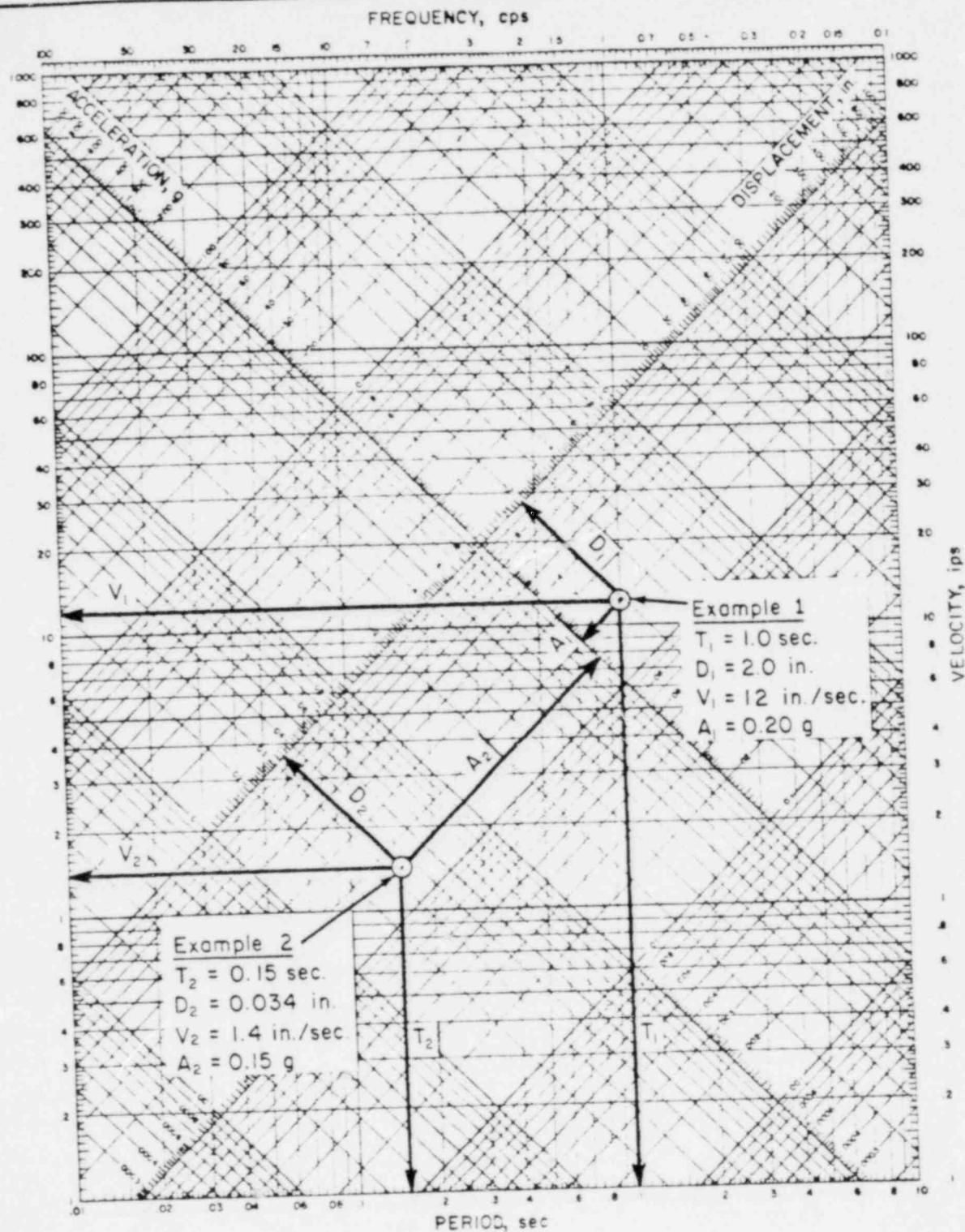


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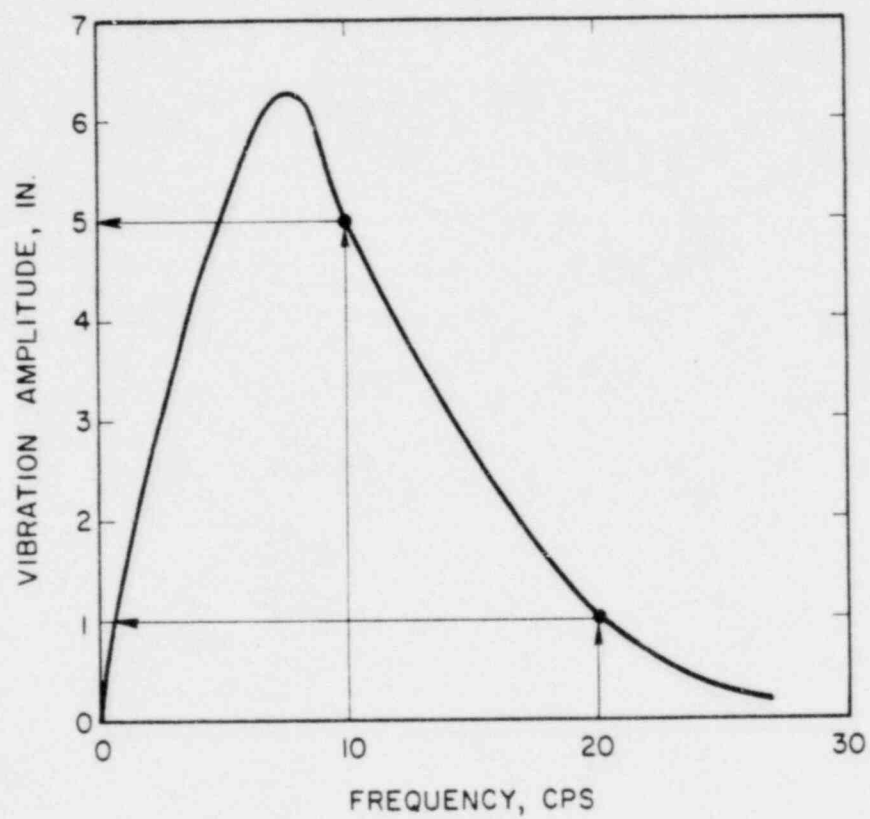




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Examples of Use of Harmonic Paper

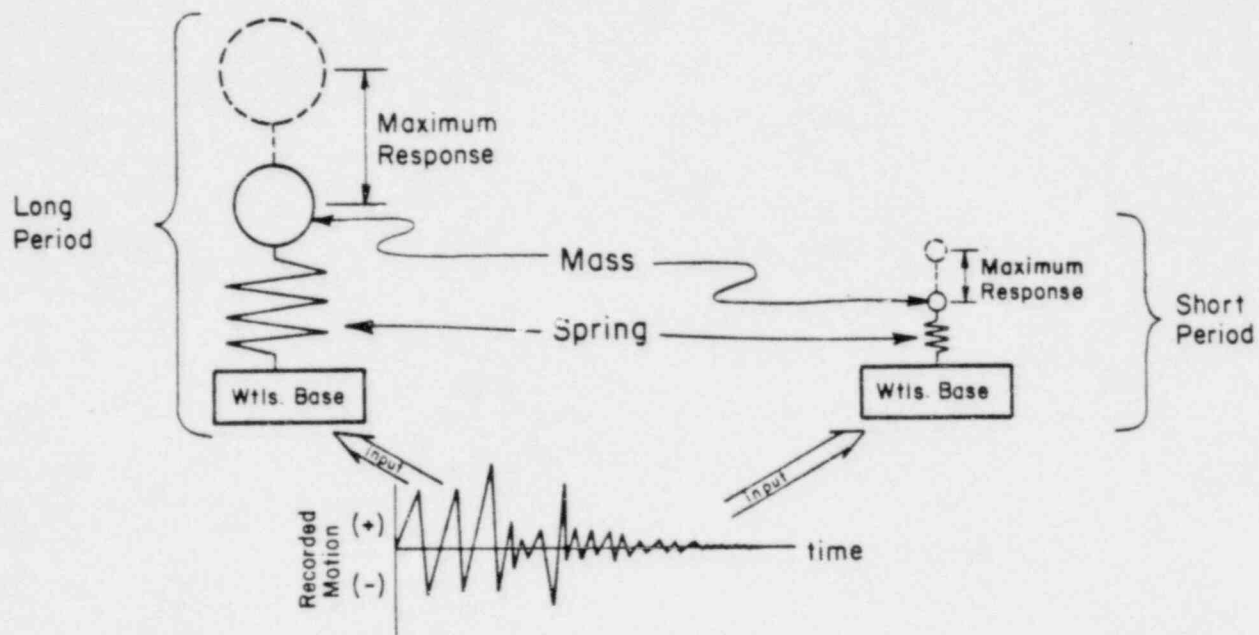
Fig.  
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Simplified Example of a Spectrum,  
an ordered array of the motions

Fig  
RLM-D



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Calculation of Instrumental Spectrum

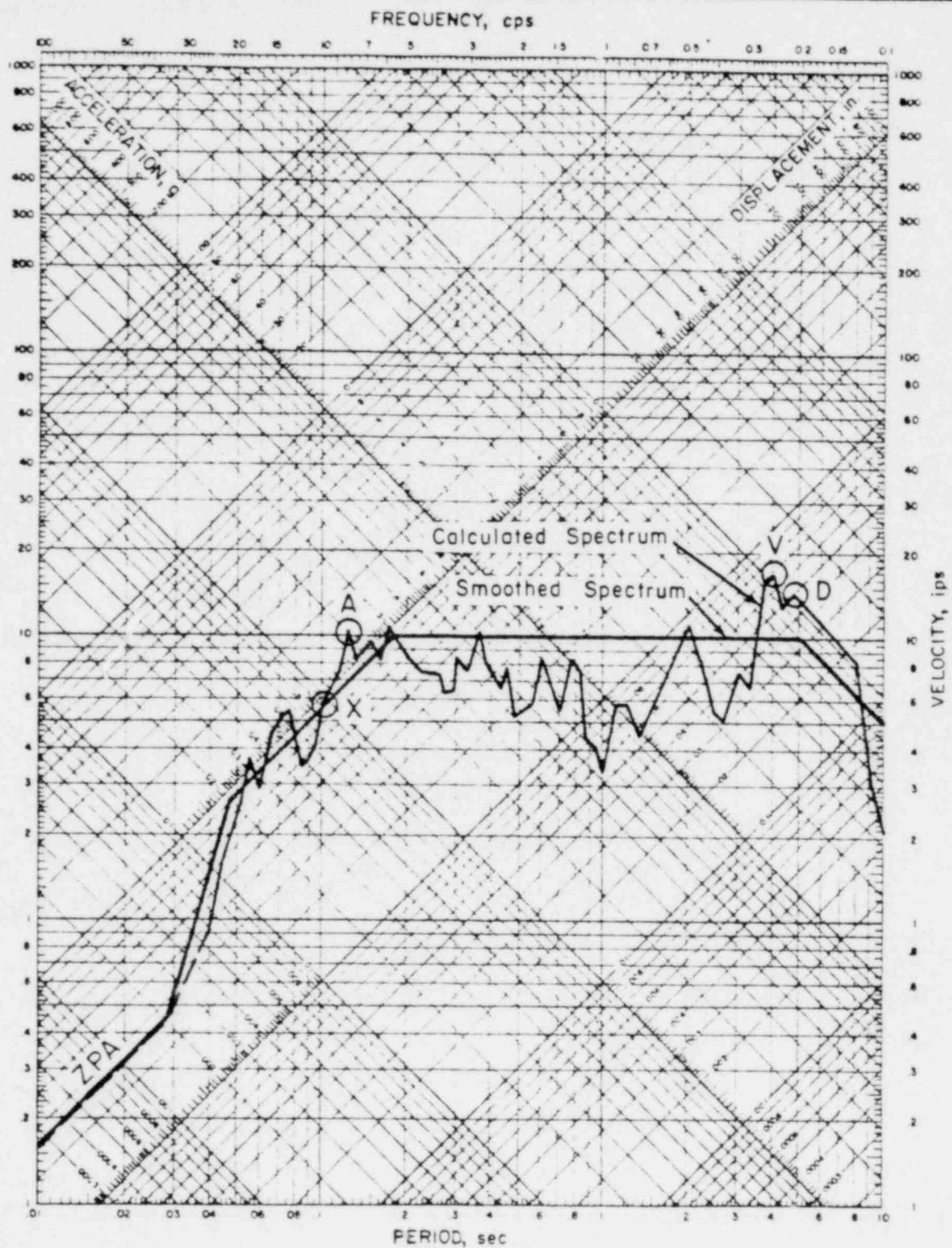
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*FIGURE 9(b)*  
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Example Accelerogram  
IV-79, USGS 5055, vertical component

Fig.  
RLM-F



Damping = 2%

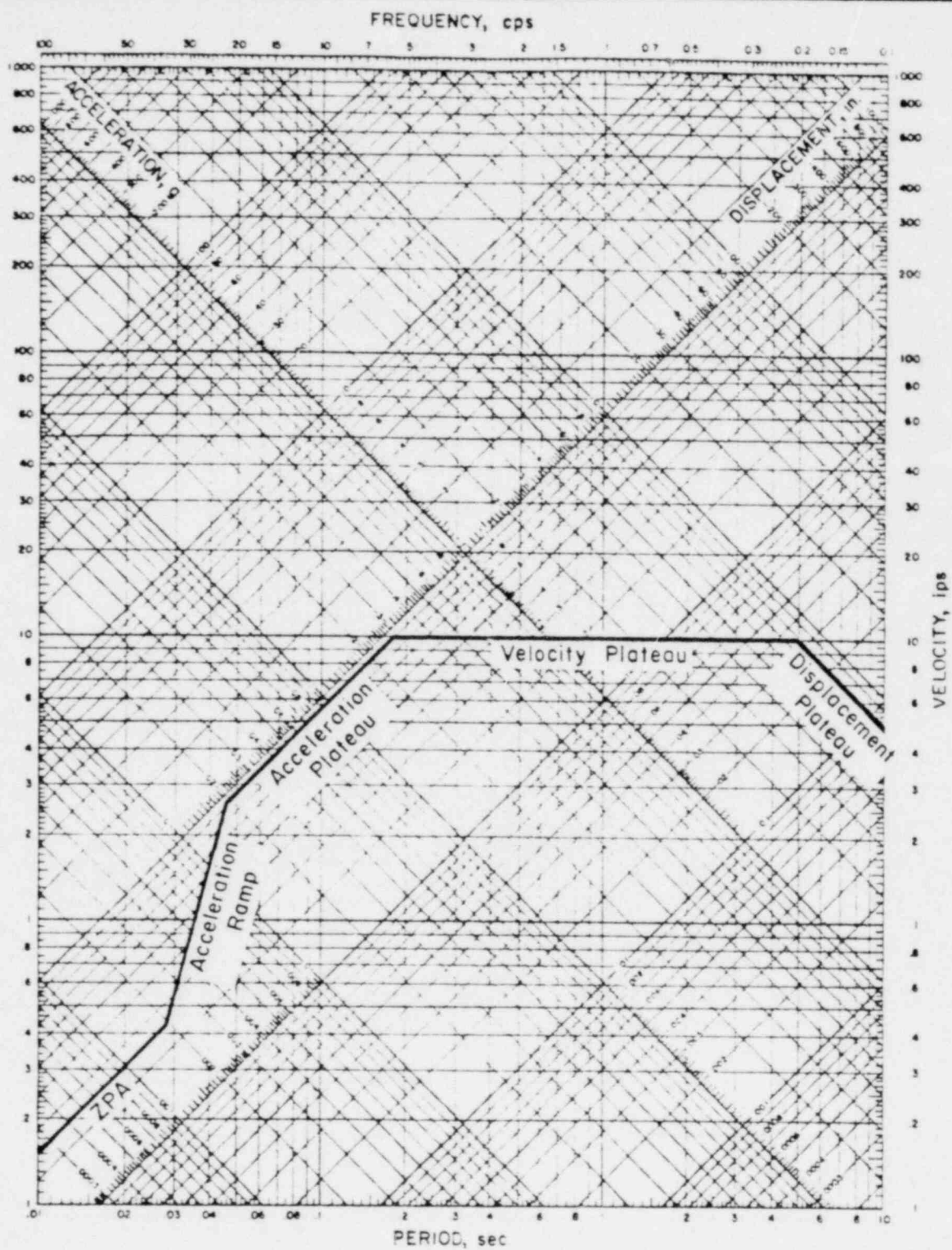
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Instrumental Spectrum

Fig.  
RLM-G



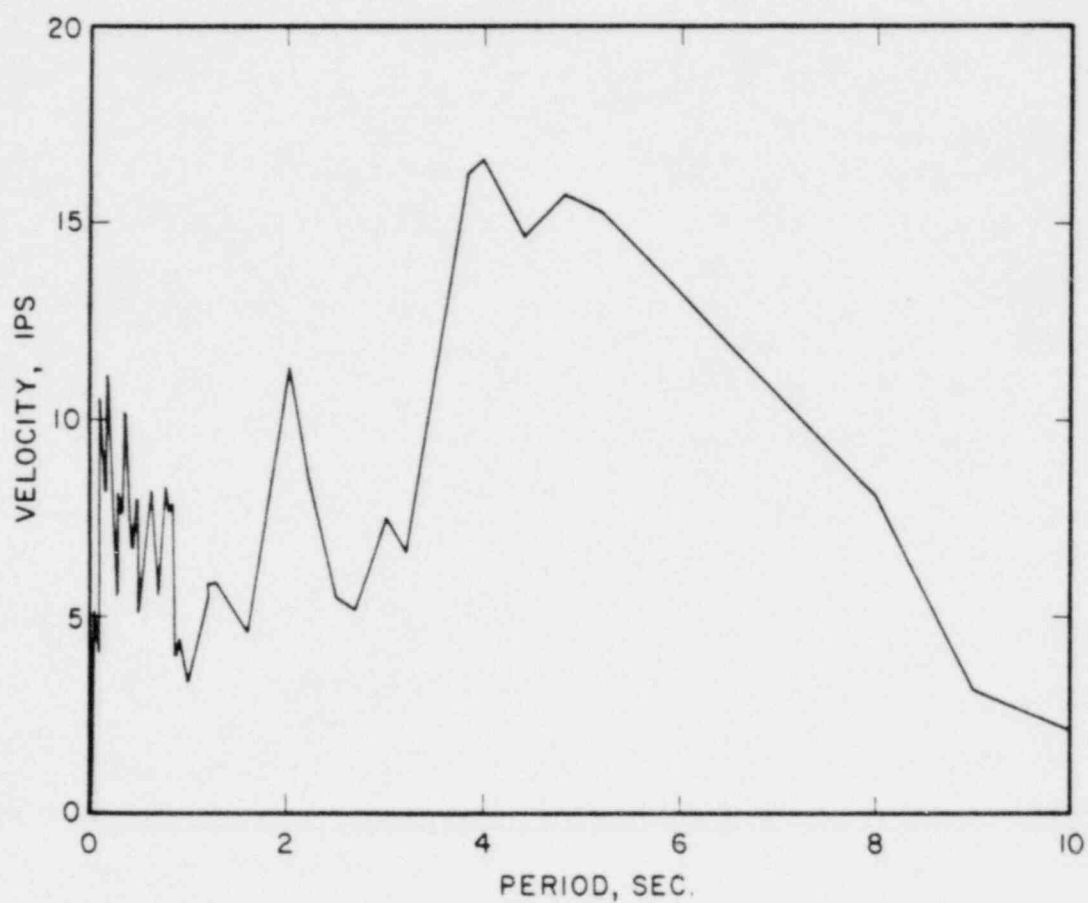


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Smoothed Instrumental Spectrum

Fig.  
 RLM-H





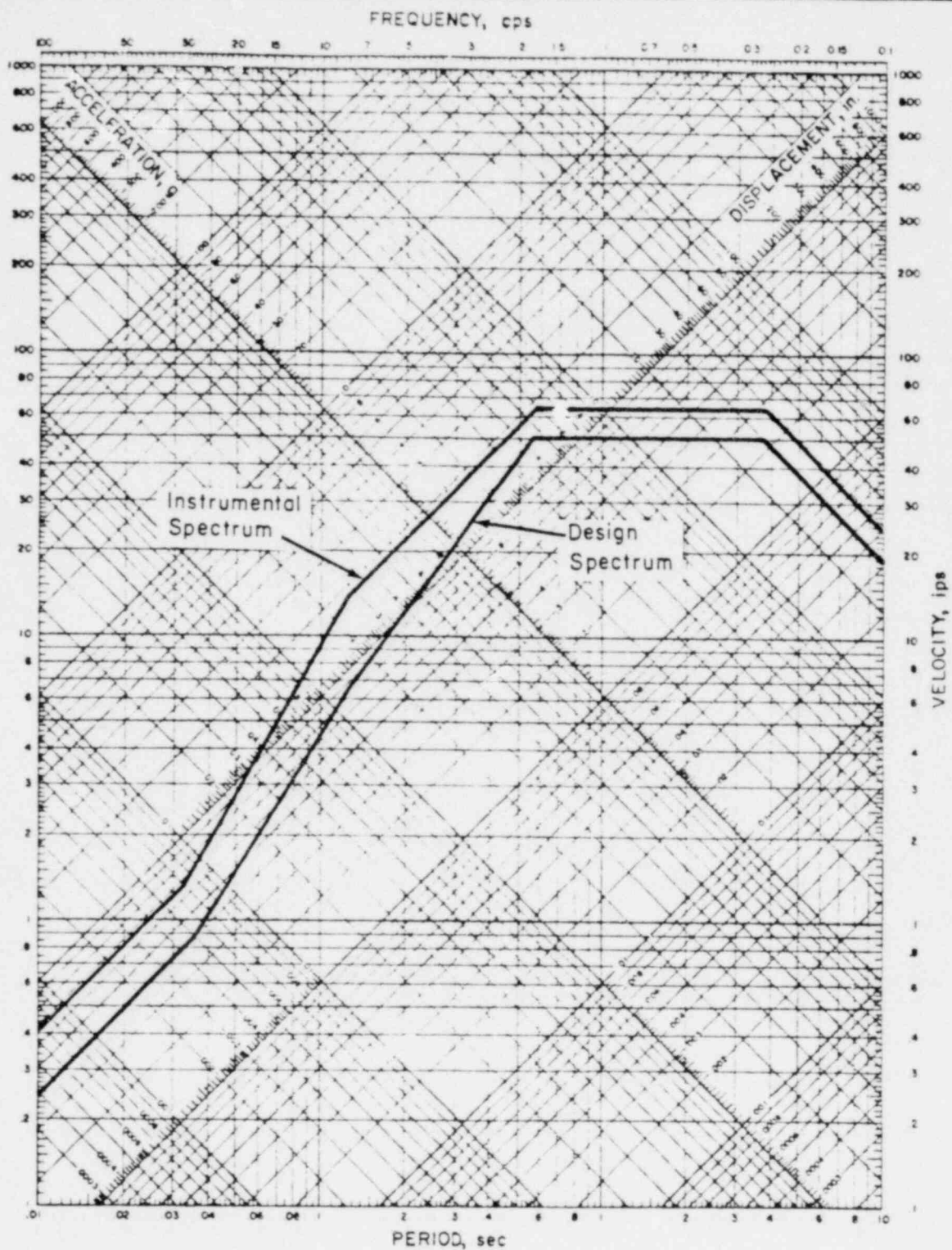
Damping = 2%

IV - 79, USGS 5055, vertical component.

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Instrumental Spectrum

Fig.  
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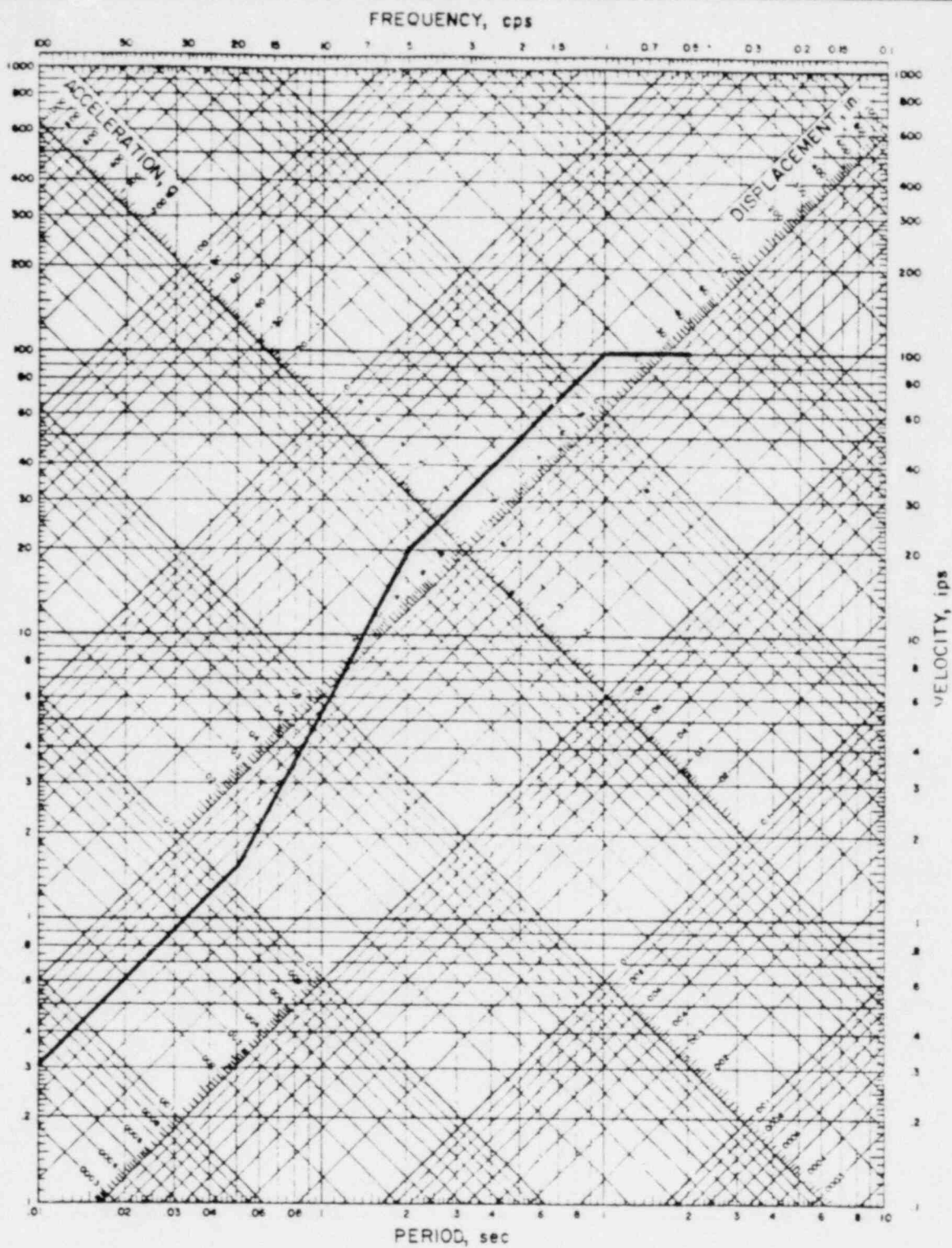


Based on NUREG/CR-0098, Damping = 2%,  
SSI Factor = 0.60, Ductility = 1.3

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Example of Instrumental and Design Spectra

Fig.  
RLM-J

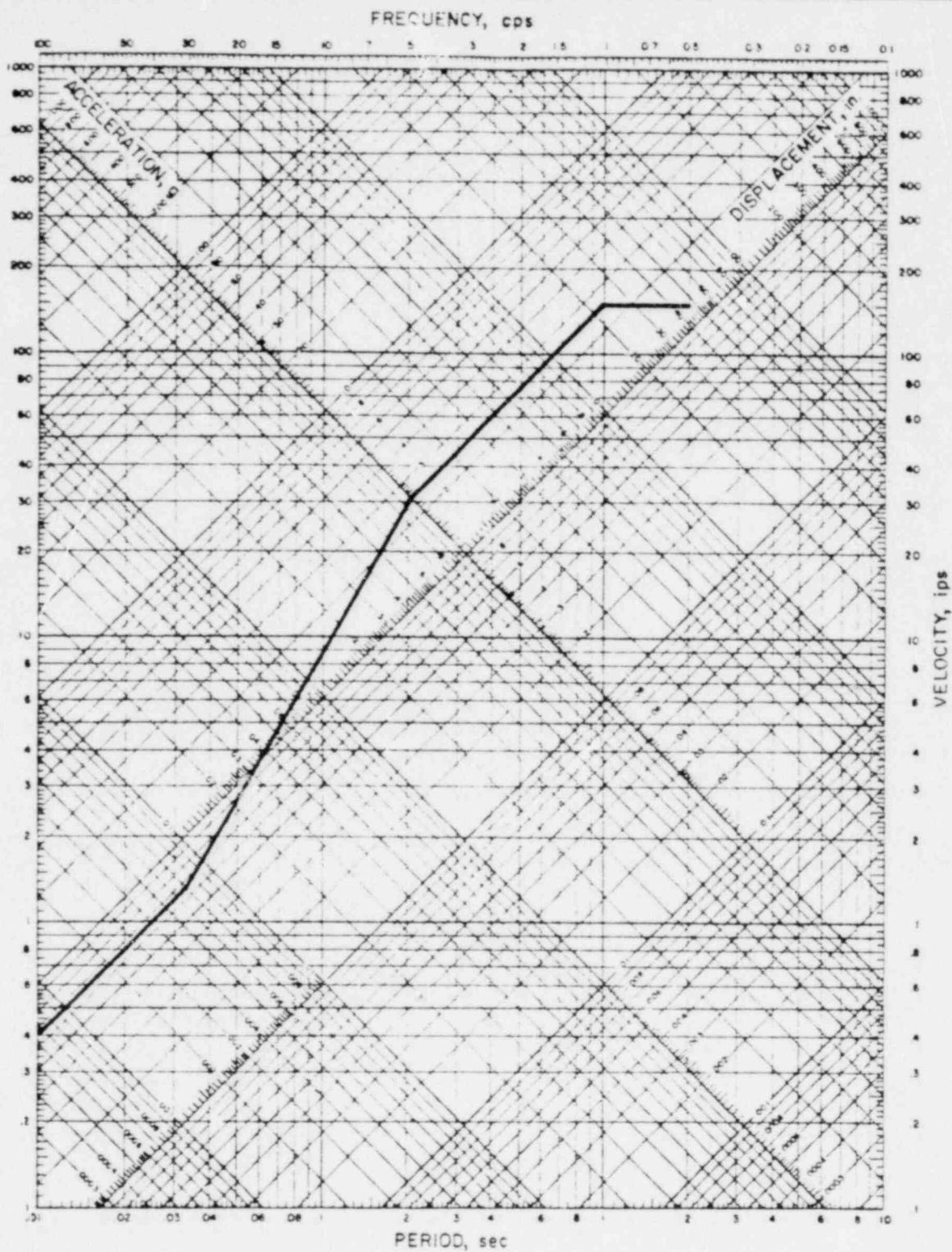


- 2% Damping
- Derived from calculations using instrumental records.

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Original Instrumental Form of DBE Spectrum

Fig.  
RLM-K

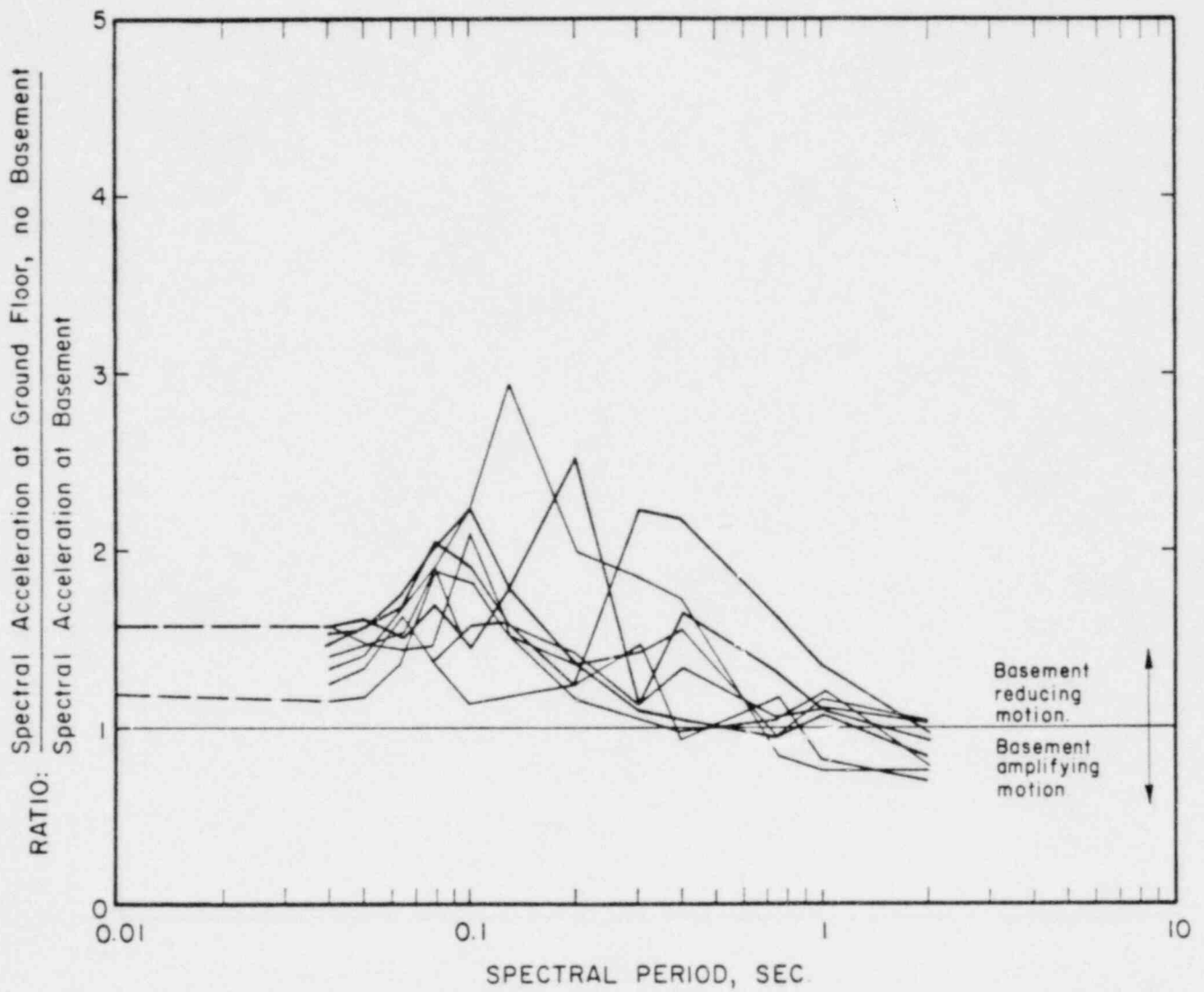


- 2% Damping

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Design Form of DBE Spectrum

Fig.  
RLM-L



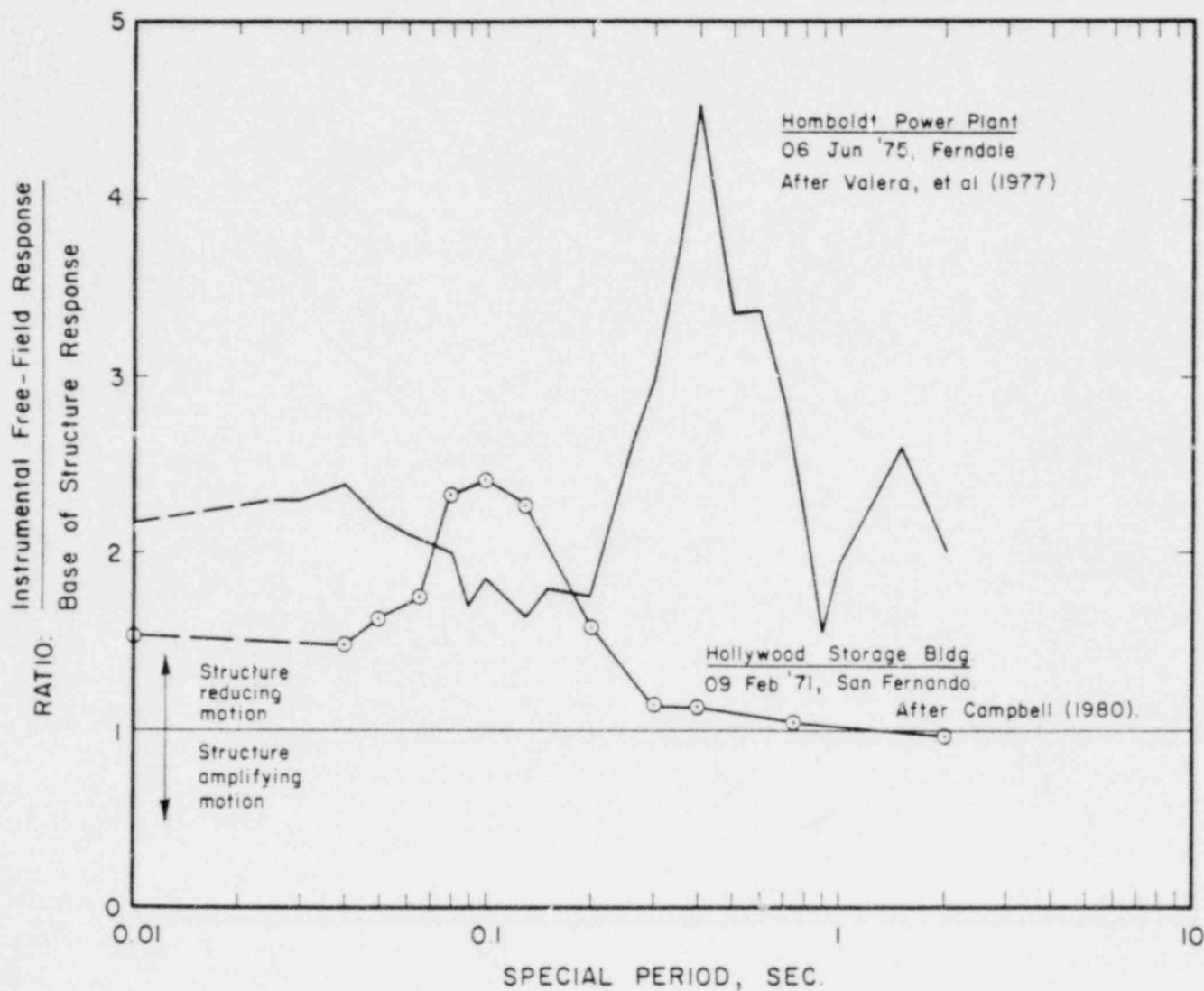
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Examples of How Structures Without Basements  
Have Higher Spectral Accelerations than  
Structures with Basements

Fig  
RLM-M





Damping = 5%.

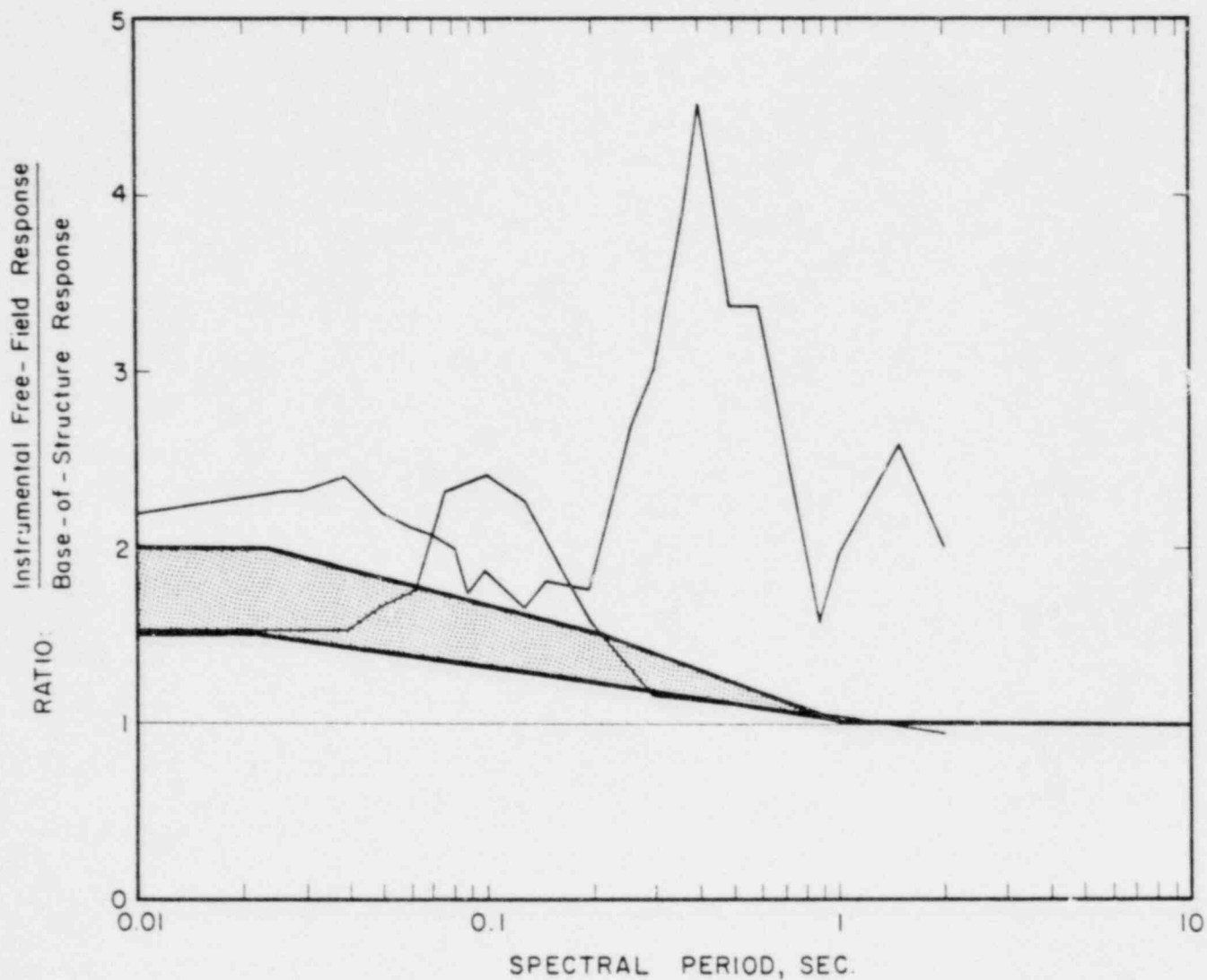
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Examples of How Structures Reduce  
Ground Motion

Fig.  
RLM-N

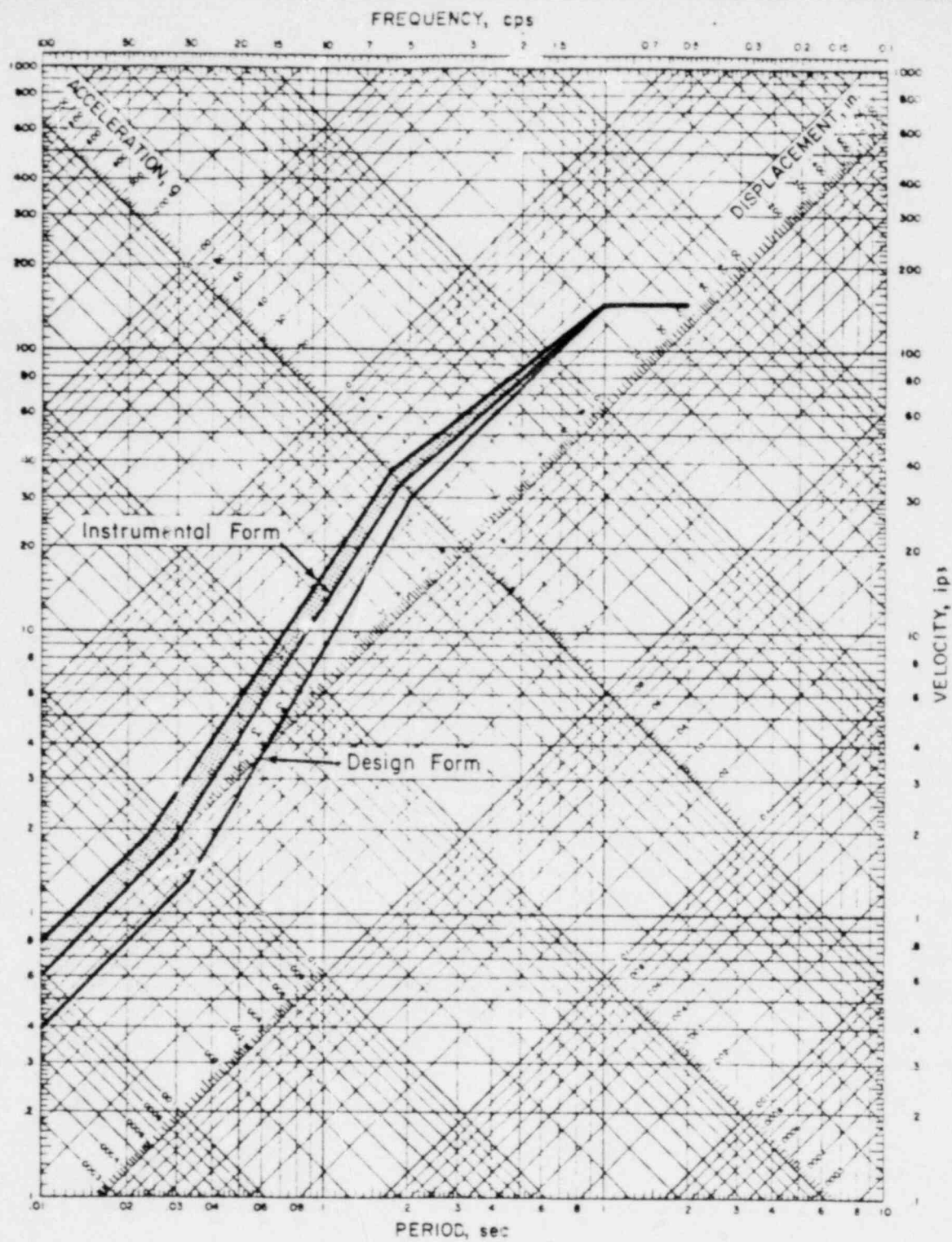




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Values of Ratio Used to Construct  
Instrumental Form of DBE

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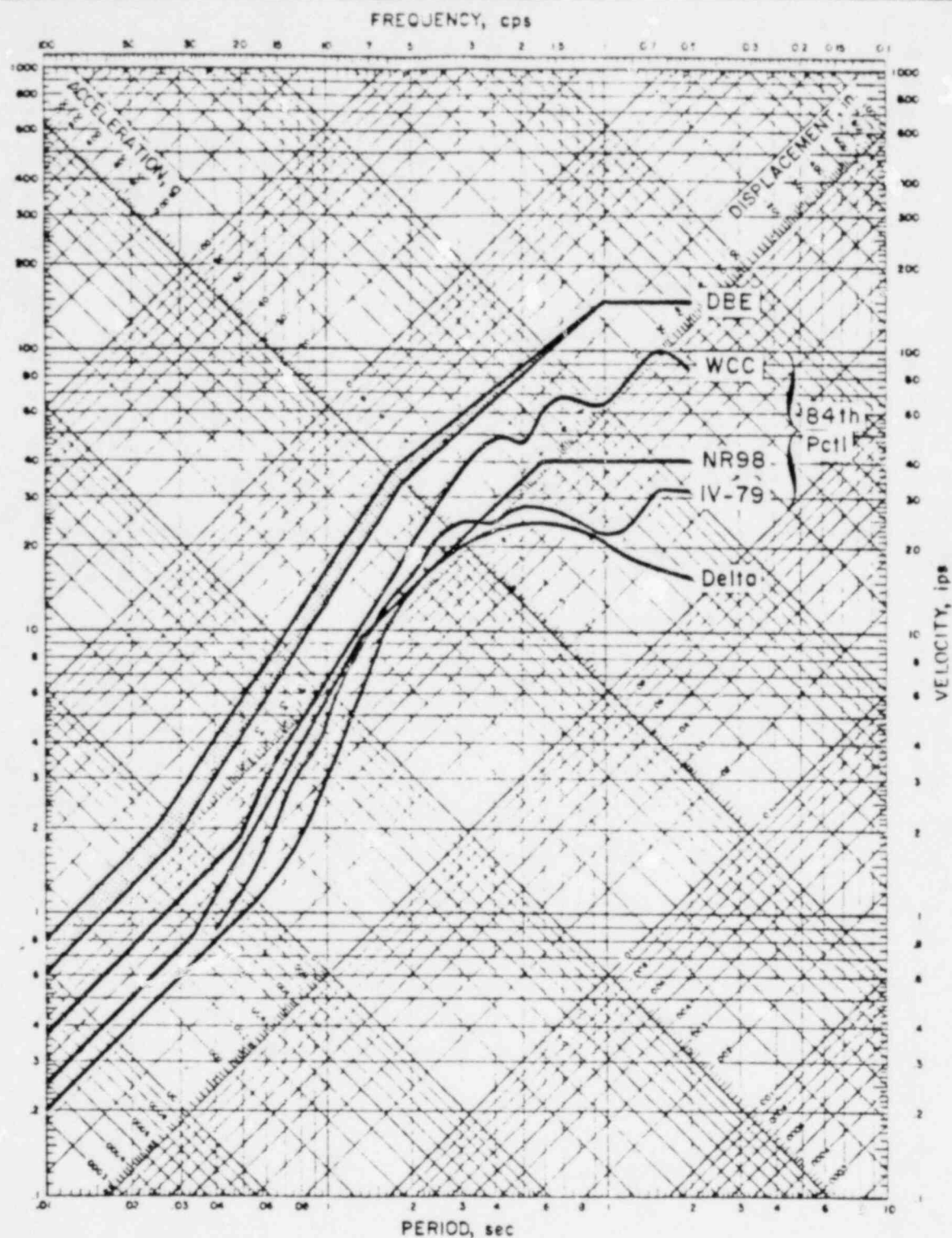


- 2% Damping

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Design and Instrumental Forms of the DBE

Fig.  
RLM-P



- 2% Damping

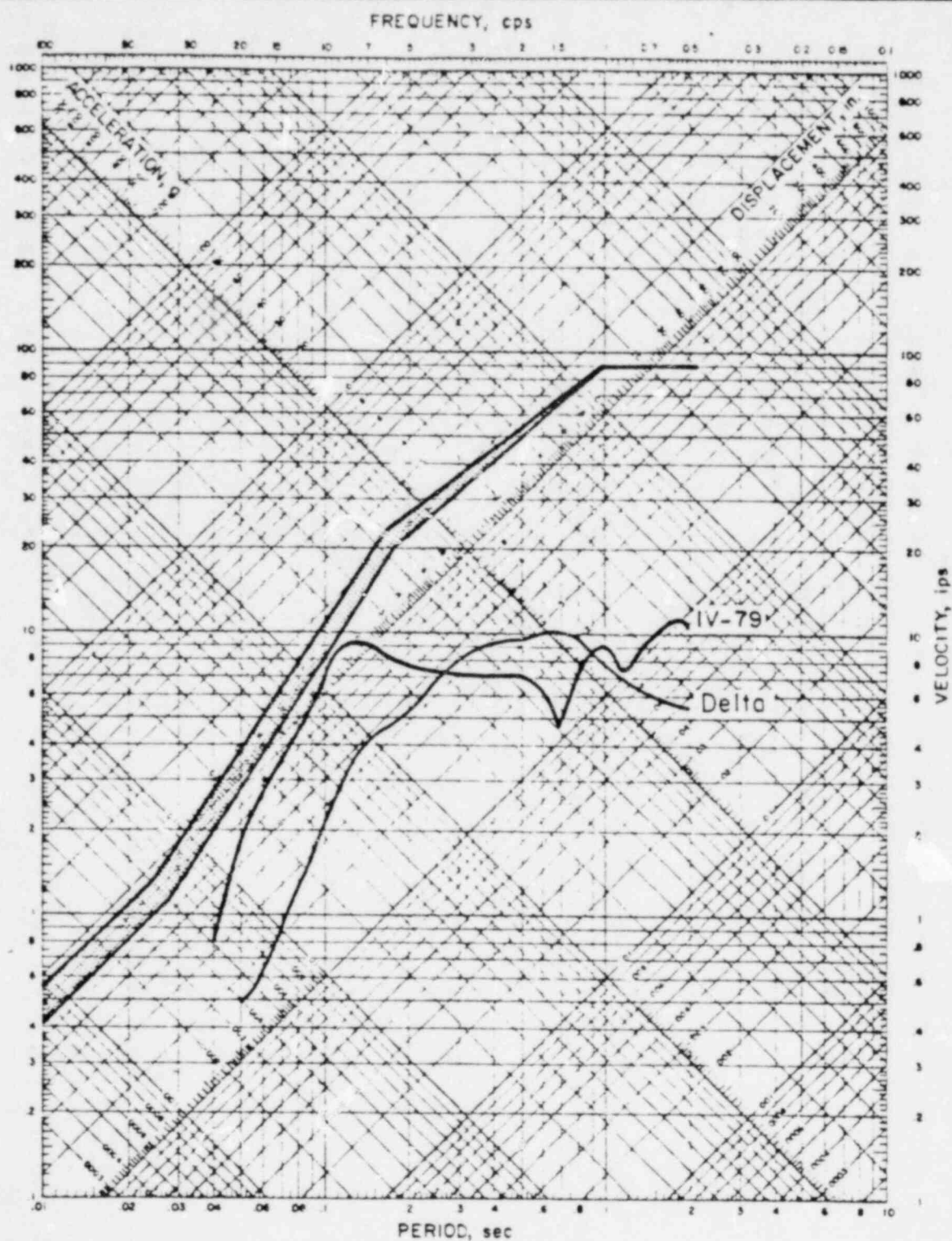
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Spectrum shown is 84th - percentile

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Instrumental Form of DBE Spectrum,  
Compared to Other Instrumental Spectra

Fig.  
RLM-Q



- 2% Damping
- IV-79, all stations 6 - 13 km from fault,  
Spectrum shown is 84th-percentile

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Instrumental Form of Vertical DBE Spectrum,  
Compared to Other Instrumental Spectra

Fig.  
RLM-R