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# BRIDGE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

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# Overview of Seismic Retrofitting Manual for Highway Structures: Bridges

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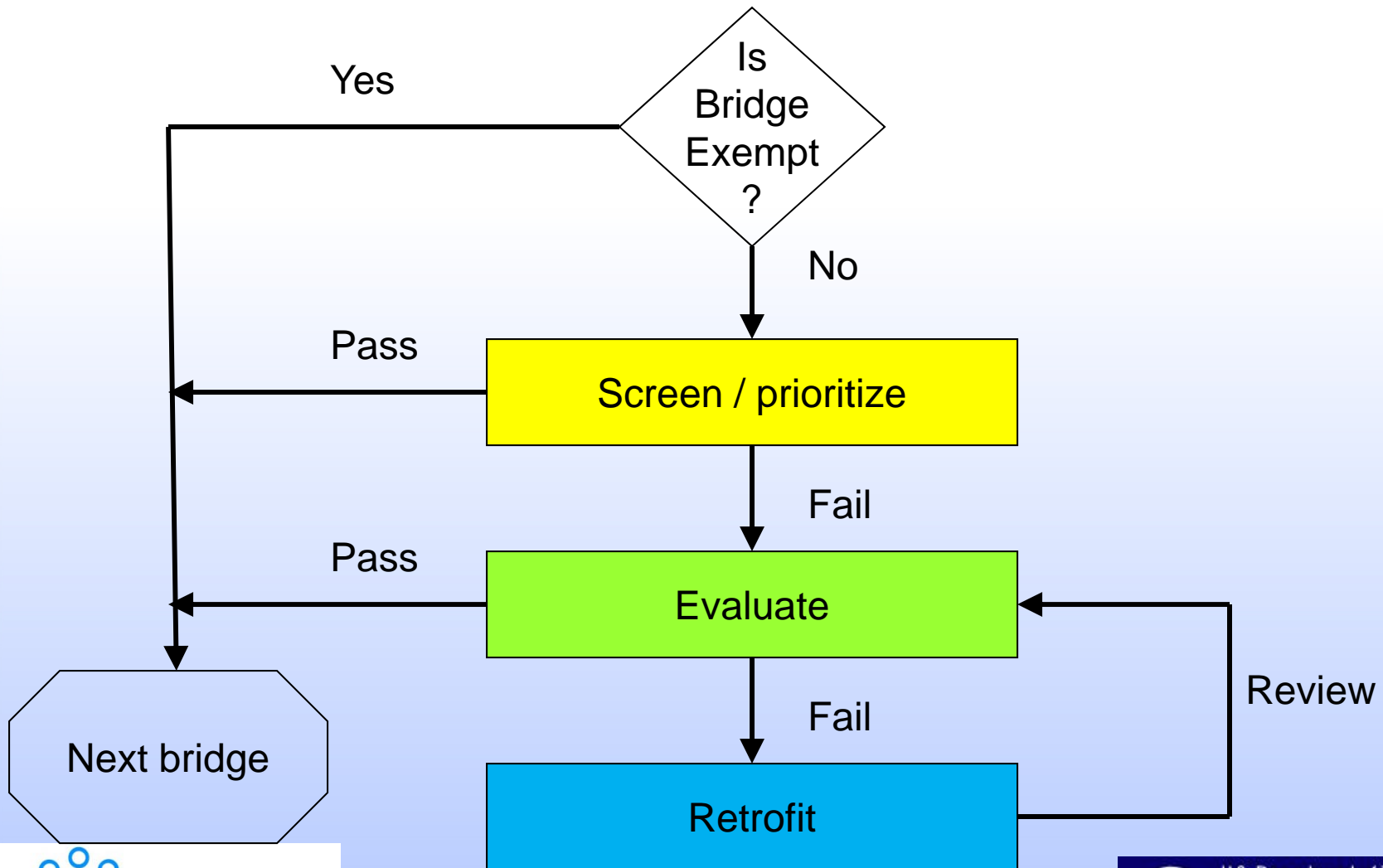
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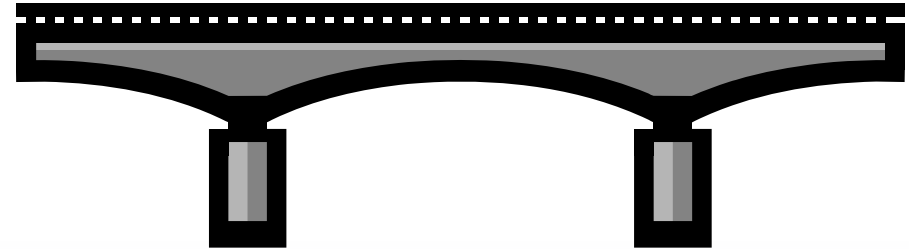
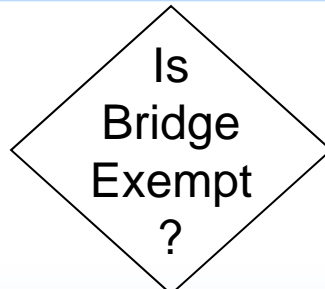
- Philosophy and process
- Screening a bridge inventory
- Evaluation of bridge performance
- Retrofit strategies for deficient bridges

# *Philosophy and process*

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**Exempt bridges include those that are:**

- Near end of service life ( $\leq 15$  years remaining service life)
- Temporary ( $\leq 15$ -year life)
- Closed, but not crossing active roads, rail-lines, or waterways
- In the lowest seismic zone

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# Performance-based retrofit

Explicit attempt to satisfy public expectations of bridge performance for earthquakes ranging from small to large... for example:

Performance	Earthquake		
	Small	Intermediate	Large
No interruption	√	√	
Limited access		√	√
Closed for repairs			√



## Performance-based retrofit

- Application of *performance-based design* to bridge retrofitting
  - Performance levels (life safety, operational)
  - Two earthquake levels (Lower Level, Upper Level)
  - Two bridge types (standard, essential)
  - Three service life categories (ASL 1,-2,-3)



## Upper and lower level earthquakes

- Lower Level earthquake (LL):  
100-year return period  
(50% probability of exceedance in 75 years)
- Upper Level earthquake (UL):  
1000-year return period  
(7% probability of exceedance in 75 years)



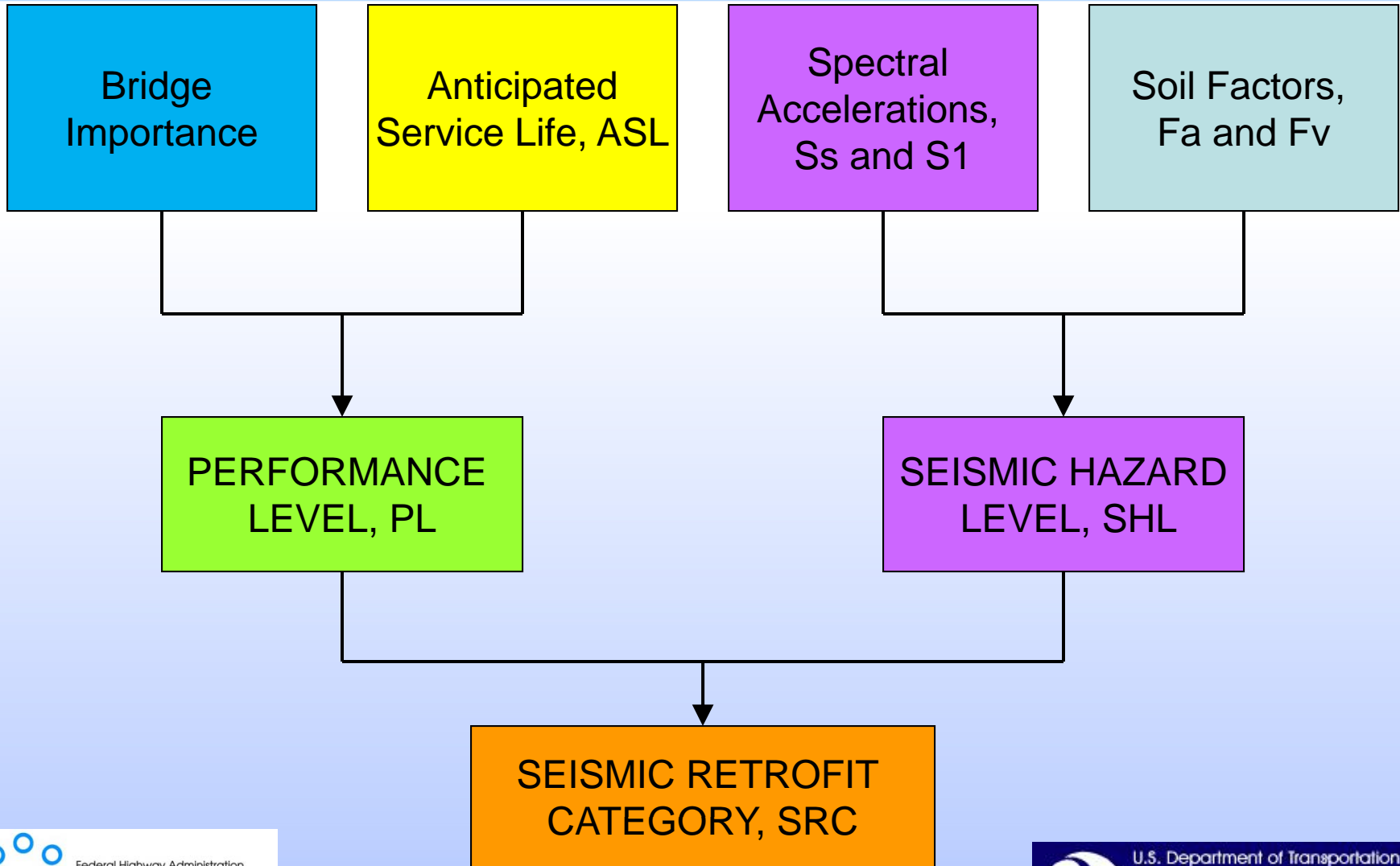
## Seismic retrofit categories

- *Seismic Retrofit Categories, SRC*, are used to recommend minimum levels of:
  - screening
  - evaluation
  - retrofitting

**If these minima are satisfied, the required performance levels will be satisfied.**

- SRCs are similar to *Seismic Design Categories (SDC)* used in new design

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## Bridge importance

- A bridge is **essential** if it satisfies one or more of the following:
  - Provides access for emergency vehicles and is required for life safety
  - Would result in major social and / or economic loss if collapsed or was closed
  - Required for security / defense
  - Crosses an essential route
- All other bridges are **standard**

## Service life categories (ASL)

Service Life Category	Anticipated Service Life	Age (if not rehabilitated)
ASL 1	0 – 15 yrs	60 - 75 yrs
ASL 2	15 – 50 yrs	25 - 60 yrs
ASL 3	>50 years	< 25 yrs



## Performance levels: PL0 and PL3

- **PL0:** No minimum performance specified.
- **PL3: Fully Operational:** No collapse, no damage, no interruption to traffic flow. No repair required.

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# Performance levels for bridge retrofiting

EARTHQUAKE	BRIDGE IMPORTANCE and SERVICE LIFE					
	Standard			Essential		
	ASL1	ASL2	ASL3	ASL1	ASL2	ASL3
<b>Lower Level</b>	PL0	PL3	PL3	PL0	PL3	PL3

## Performance levels: PL1 and PL2

- **PL1: Life-safety:** No collapse and life-safety preserved but damage will be severe particularly after UL event. Service is significantly disrupted. Bridge may need replacement after UL event.
- **PL2: Operational:** No collapse, life-safety preserved, damage is minor, almost immediate access for emergency vehicles, repairs feasible but with restrictions on traffic flow.

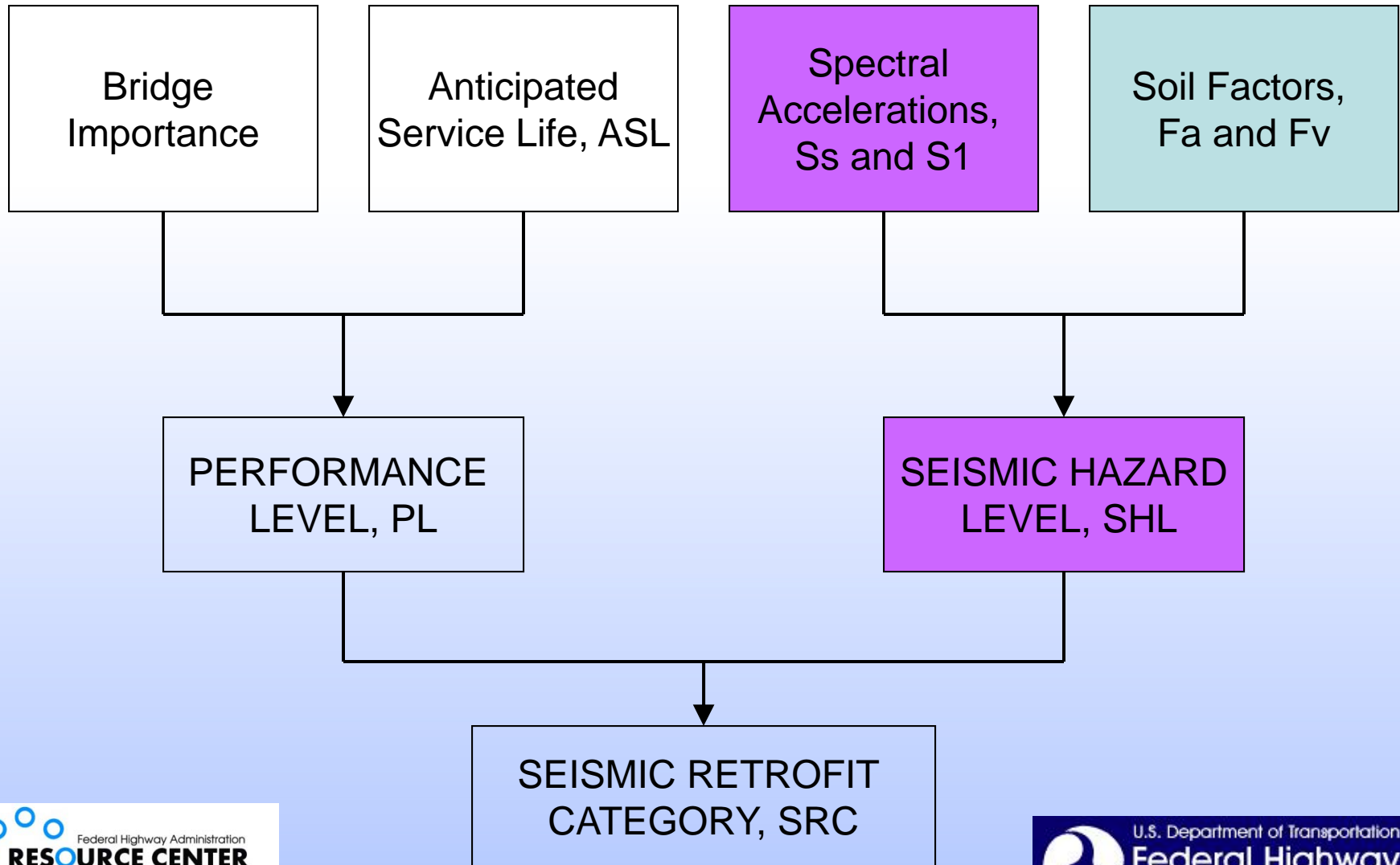
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<b>Lower Level</b>	PL0	PL3	PL3	PL0	PL3	PL3
<b>Upper Level</b>	PL0	PL1	PL1	PL0	PL1	PL2



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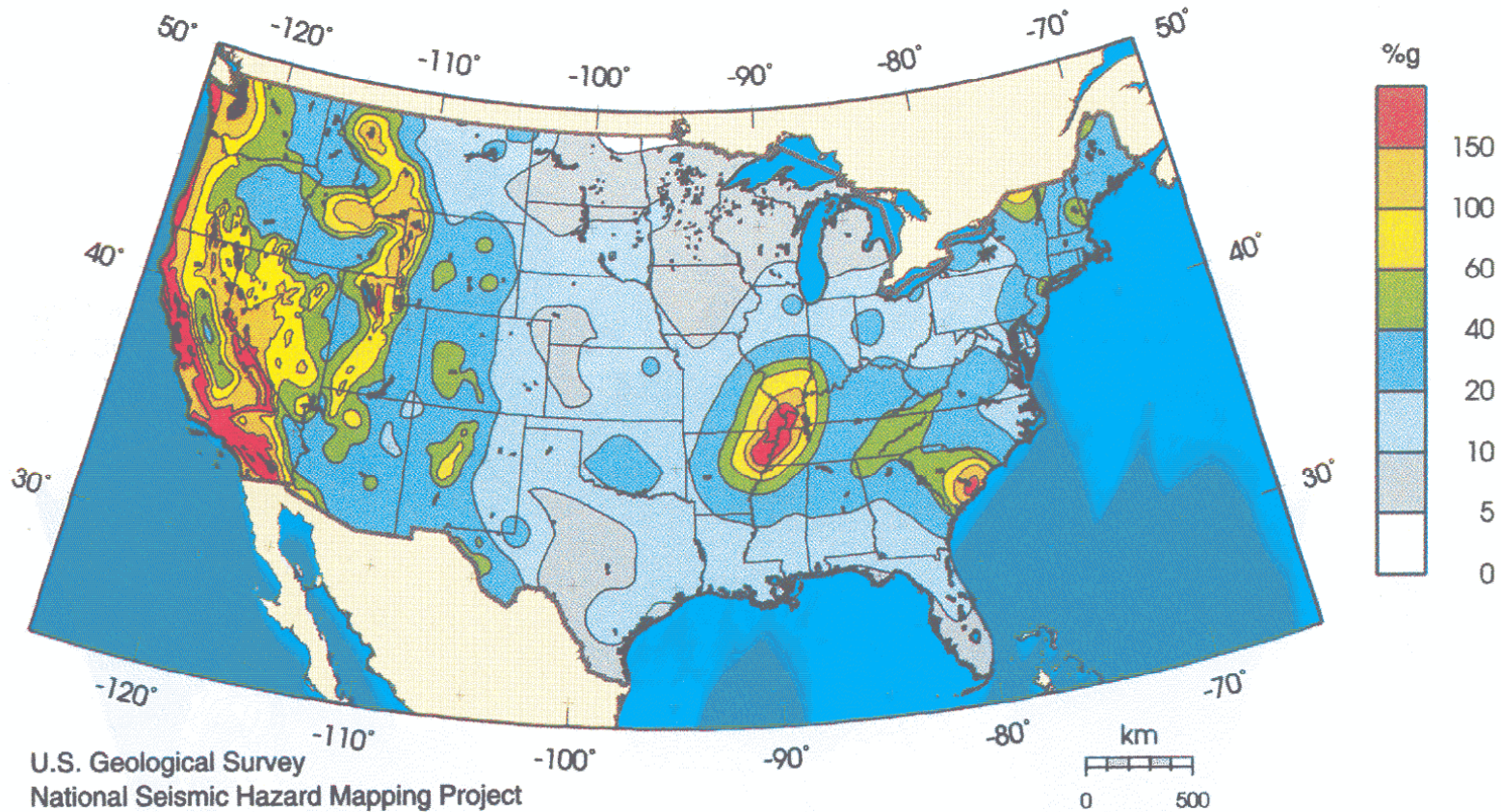




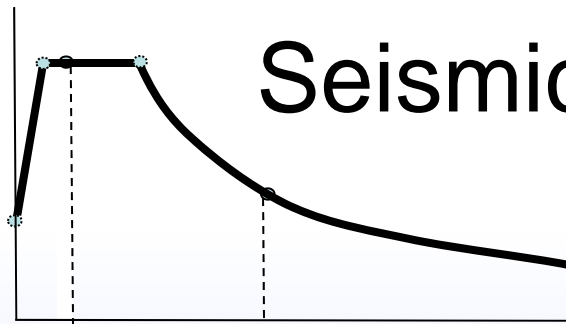
# USGS hazard maps



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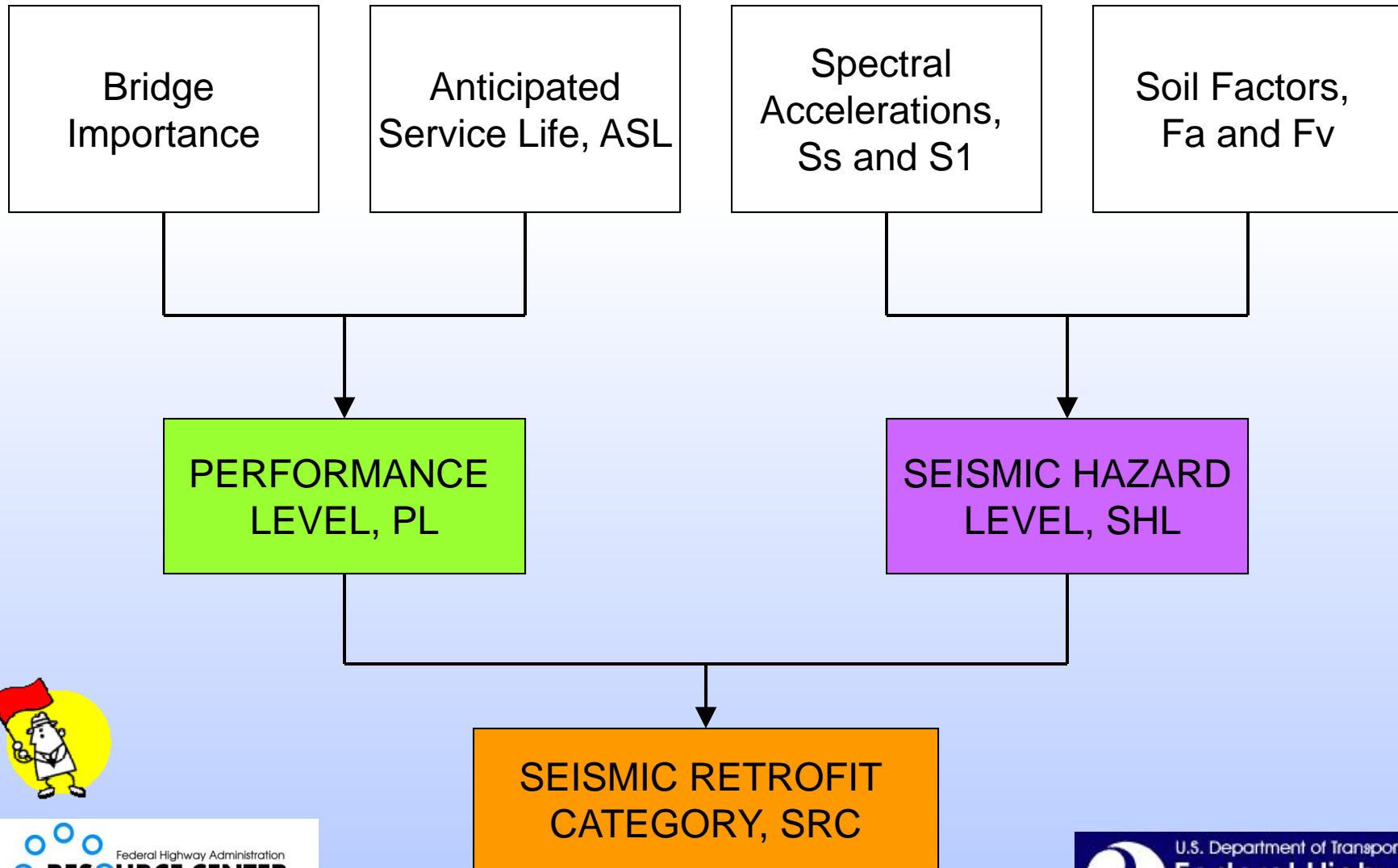
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# Seismic hazard levels: I - IV

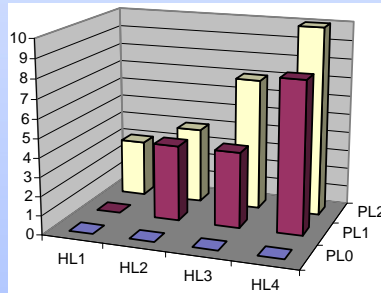
HAZARD LEVEL	Using $S_{DI} = F_v S_I$	Using $S_{DS} = F_a S_s$
I	$S_{DI} \leq 0.15$	$S_{DS} \leq 0.15$
II	$0.15 < S_{DI} \leq 0.25$	$0.15 < S_{DS} \leq 0.35$
III	$0.25 < S_{DI} \leq 0.40$	$0.35 < S_{DS} \leq 0.60$
IV	$0.40 < S_{DI}$	$0.60 < S_{DS}$

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# Seismic retrofit category (SRC)

HAZARD LEVEL	PERFORMANCE LEVEL			
	Upper Level EQ			Lower Level EQ
	PL0: No min.	PL1: Life-safety	PL2: Operational	PL3: Operational
I	A	A	B	C
II	A	B	B	C
III	A	B	C	C
IV	A	C	D	D



# Minimum requirements



ACTION	SEISMIC RETROFIT CATEGORY			
	A	B	C	D
Screening/ Retrofitting	NR	Seats, connections, liquefaction	B + columns, walls, footings	C + abutments
Evaluation Methods	NR	A	B/C/D1/D2	C/D1/D2/E



## Example:

### Data:

Essential bridge

30-year service life remaining

Salt Lake City

Dense soils ( $v_s=1000$  ft/sec)

### Find:

Seismic Retrofit Category, upper level earthquake.

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## Example:

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**Step 1:** 30 year - ASL2; Dense Soil- site class C



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	ASL1	ASL2	ASL3	ASL1	ASL2	ASL3
<b>Lower Level</b>	PL0	PL3	PL3	PL0	PL3	PL3
<b>Upper Level</b>	PL0	PL1	PL1	PL0	<b>PL1</b>	PL2

**Step 2:** Essential bridge; therefore  
Performance criteria (UL) = PL1

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- **Step 3:**
- For Salt Lake City:       $S_1=0.39g$      $S_S=1.11g$ 
  - For site class C:       $F_v=1.4$        $F_a=1.0$
  - $S_{D1}=F_v*S_1=0.55g$        $S_{DS}=F_a*S_S=1.11g$
  - SHL = IV

HAZARD LEVEL	Using $S_{D1} = F_v S_1$	Using $S_{DS} = F_a S_s$
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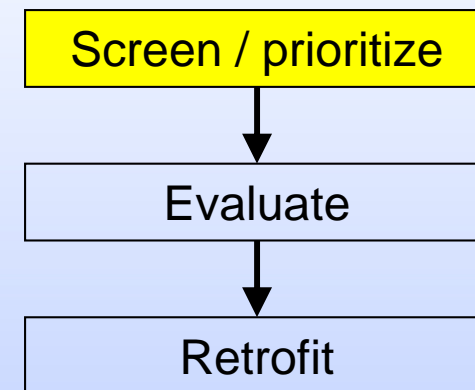
- **Step 4: For PL1, SHL = IV  
Seismic retrofit category is SRC= “C”**

HAZARD LEVEL	PERFORMANCE LEVEL		
	PL0: No min.	PL1: Life-safety	PL2: Operational
I	A	A	B
II	A	B	B
III	A	B	C
IV	A	<b>C</b>	D

## ◆ Step 5: Minimum Requirements

ACTION	SEISMIC RETROFIT CATEGORY			
	A	B	C	D
Screening/ Retrofitting	NR	Seats, connections, liquefaction	B + columns, walls, footings	C + abutments
Evaluation Methods	NR	A	B/C/D	C/D/E

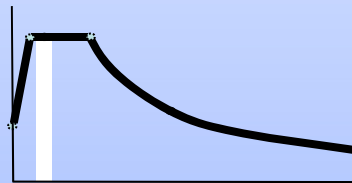
# *Screening & Prioritization*



## Process for Lower Level earthquake

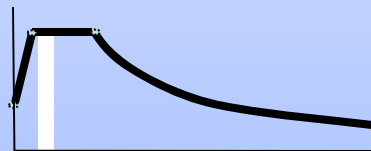
$$F=Ma$$

- Screening and prioritization
  - Quick screen based on comparison of basic earthquake load against wind and braking loads
  - $F = F_a S_S W = S_{DS} W$
  - If  $F <$  both  $F_{wind}$  *and*  $F_{braking}$ , (bridge passes)
  - If  $F >$  either  $F_{wind}$  *or*  $F_{braking}$ , (detailed evaluation)
  - Prioritization for further evaluation based on severity of shortfall in strength



## Process for Lower Level earthquake (cont'd)

- Detailed evaluation - Step 1
  - Calculate transverse and longitudinal periods of bridge
  - Calculate  $S_{aT}$  and  $S_{aL}$
  - Calculate  $F_T = S_{aT}W$  and  $F_L = S_{aL}W$
  - If  $F_T < F_{wind}$  and  $F_L < F_{braking}$  bridge passes, otherwise go to Step 2



## Process for Lower Level earthquake (cont'd)

- Detailed evaluation – Step 2
  - Calculate elastic, unfactored, strengths in transverse and longitudinal directions,  $F_{capT}$  and  $F_{capL}$
  - If  $F_T < F_{capT}$  and  $F_L < F_{capL}$  bridge passes, otherwise retrofit is required for Lower Level earthquake



## Process for Lower Level earthquake (cont'd)

- Retrofit strategy, approach, measures  
**Strategy:** consider 'do-nothing' and 'full-replacement' options; identify relevant approaches (if more than one)  
**Approach:** Decide most effective combination of techniques (measures) to satisfy performance requirement (PL3)  
**Measures:** Devise retrofit measures... using conventional strength-based methodology.



# Process for Upper Level earthquake

- Screening and prioritization
- Detailed evaluation
- Retrofit strategy and related approaches and measures



## Screening and prioritization

- Purpose is to screen an existing inventory of bridges for seismic deficiencies and prioritize the inventory for seismic retrofitting based on vulnerability, hazard, and non-structural factors
- Screening methods are expected to be quick and conservative; bridges that 'fail' are passed to a second level of screening i.e. 'detailed evaluation'



## Factors considered

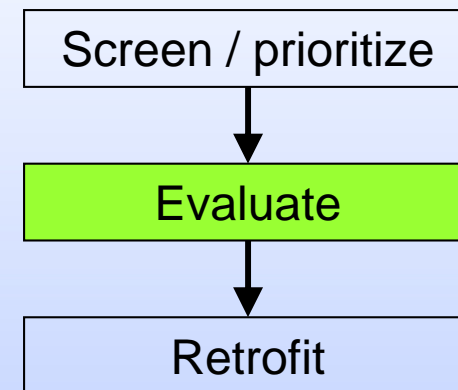
- Structural vulnerability
- Seismic and geotechnical hazards
- Other
  - Importance
  - Network redundancy
  - Age and physical condition

# Screening and prioritization



- Three methods:
  - *Indices Method* (FHWA 1995)
    - Indices used for vulnerable components and hazards and combined for single rating.
  - *Expected Damage Method* (new)
    - Compares severity of damage including direct economic loss.
  - *Seismic Risk Assessment Method* (new)
    - uses network models and fragility functions  
rank is based on direct and indirect losses

# *Evaluation of Performance*



## Methods of evaluation

- In general, all evaluation methods involve:
  - Demand analysis
  - Capacity assessment
  - Calculation of a capacity / demand ratio either
    - for each critical component in a bridge or
    - for bridge as a complete system

# Methods of evaluation (cont'd)

Three categories, six methods:

## I. No demand analysis

1. Method A (capacity checks made for seats and connections- 10% or 25% vertical reaction)
2. Method B (capacity checks made for seats connections, columns, and footings- 25% vertical reaction)

## II. Component C/D evaluation

3. Method C (uniform load method, multimode spectral analysis; prescriptive rules given for calculation of component capacity)





## Methods of evaluation (cont'd)

### III. Structure C/D evaluation

4. Method D1 (*spectrum method*: elastic analysis for demands, simplified models for calculation of capacity)
5. Method D2 (*pushover method*: elastic analysis for demands, nonlinear static analysis used for calculation of pier capacity)
6. Method E (*nonlinear time history*: analysis for calculation of both demand and capacity)



# Structural modeling

- Load path
- Modeling recommendations
- Combination of seismic forces
- Member strength capacities
- Member deformation capacities

## Load path

- Identify clear load path for lateral loads:
  - Deck slab and connectors (studs)
  - Cross frames (diaphragms)
  - Longitudinal beams (girders)
  - Bearings and anchorages
  - Pier (cap beam, columns, walls)
  - Abutments and foundations (back wall, footing, piles)
  - Soils

# Structural modeling recommendations

- Distribution of mass
- Distribution of stiffness and strength
- Damping
- In-span Hinges
  - Substructures
  - Superstructures



## Combination of seismic forces

- Loading in 2- or 3-orthogonal directions:
  - SRSS/CQC Rule
  - 100-40% Rule

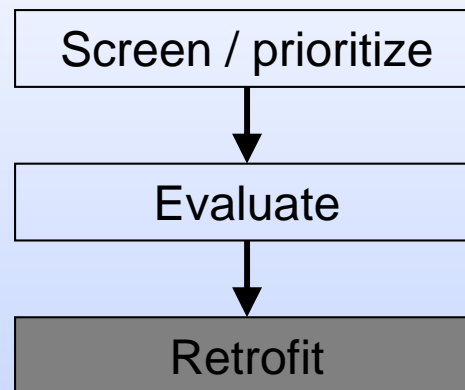
## Member strength capacities

- Flexural and shear strength of reinforced concrete *columns and beams*
  - *Expected* flexural strength
  - Flexural *overstrength*
  - Flexural strength of columns with lap-splices in plastic hinge zones
  - *Initial* shear strength
  - *Final* shear strength

## Member deformation capacities

- Plastic curvature & hinge rotations
- Deformation-based limit states
  - Compression failure of confined and unconfined concrete
  - Buckling longitudinal bars
  - Tensile fracture longitudinal bars
  - Low-cycle fatigue longitudinal bars
  - Failure in lap-splice zone

# Retrofit measures, approaches, and strategies





# Retrofit measures, approaches, and strategies

- **Retrofit Measure:** a device or technique such as a *restrainer, column jacket, stone column...*
- **Retrofit Approach:** One or more measures used together to achieve an improvement in performance such as *strengthening* using restrainers and jackets...

# Retrofit measures, approaches, and strategies (cont'd)

- **Retrofit Strategy (one of the following):**
  - One or more approaches used together to achieve desired level of improvement in performance such as *strengthening and site remediation*.
  - Partial or full replacement
  - Do-nothing (retrofitting not justified)

# Retrofit approaches



- **Approaches:** one or more measures to achieve:
  - Strengthening
  - Displacement capacity enhancement
  - Force limitation
  - Response modification
  - Site remediation
  - Partial replacement
  - Damage acceptance or control



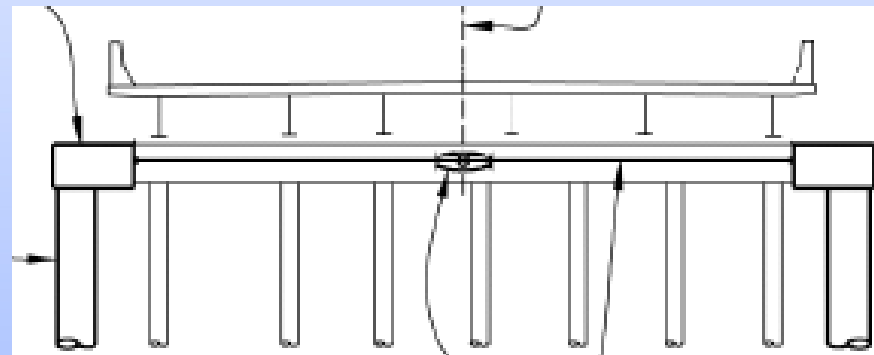
## Retrofit measures

- Superstructure measures:
  - Restrainers
  - Seat width extensions, catcher blocks
  - Simple spans made continuous
  - Bearing side-bar restraints, shear keys, stoppers
  - Isolation bearings and energy dissipaters, including ductile-end-diaphragms



## Retrofit measures (cont'd)

- Substructure measures
  - Column jacketing, using steel, fiber composites, or concrete shells
  - Infill walls
  - Column replacements



# Retrofit measures for foundations and hazardous sites

- Retrofit Measures for
  - Abutments, Footings and Foundations
  - Hazardous sites including
    - near active faults
    - unstable slopes
    - liquefiable sites.



## Discussion

- List four performance-based methodologies in retrofit:
  - two earthquake levels
    - Lower Level-100 year return period
    - Upper Level-1000 year return period
  - two bridge types (standard, essential)
  - three service life categories
    - ASL1,-2,-3 (0-15 years, 15-50 years, 50 + years)
  - two performance levels
    - life safety- (no deaths occur)
    - Operational- (open or restricted access)

## Discussion (cont'd)

- List two major items used to determine SRCs
  - Hazard level (demand on structure)
  - Performance level (level of damage to permit)
- Seismic Retrofit Categories, SRC, are used to recommend minimum levels of
  - Screening (which structures to evaluate)
  - Evaluation (capacity & demand)
  - Retrofitting methods



## Discussion (cont'd)

- List three screening methods
  - Indices (point system for each component)
  - Expected damage (direct loss)
  - Seismic Risk Assessment
    - uses network models and fragility functions
    - rank is based on direct and indirect losses

## Discussion (cont'd)

- Describe three retrofit approaches
  - Strengthening (add structural capacity)
  - Increase displacement capacity (longer seats)
  - Force limitation (decrease demand)
  - Response modification (new structural period)
  - Site remediation (modify soil control)
  - Partial replacement (additional components)
  - Damage acceptance or control (do nothing?)

## Discussion (cont'd)

- How is a structure that crosses a known active fault retrofitted?

*What questions do you have?*