

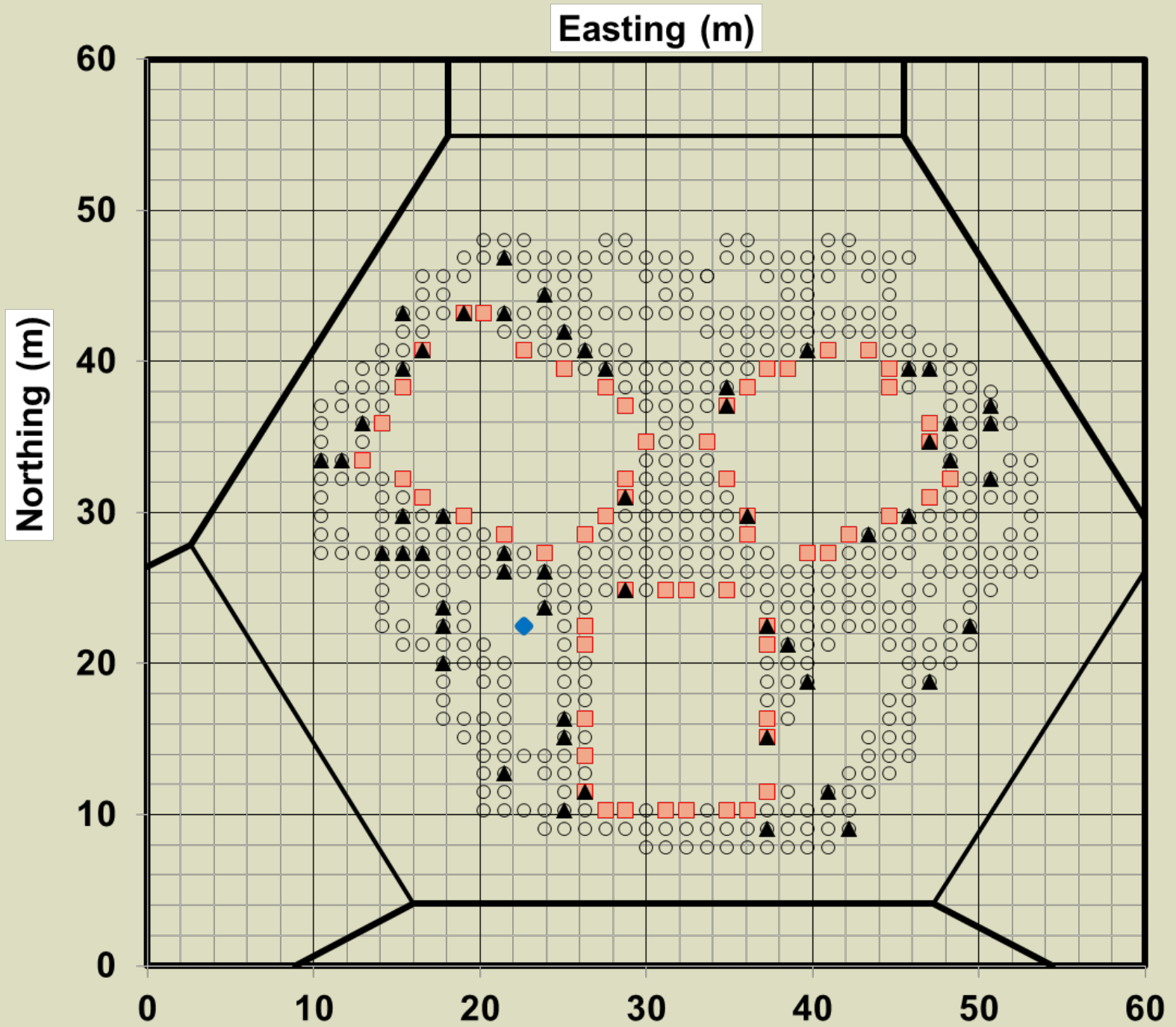
A photograph of the Mandalay Bay hotel building in Las Vegas. The building is a tall, curved structure with a gold-colored facade and numerous vertical white columns. The name "MANDALAY BAY" is visible on the top edge of the building. In the foreground, there is a row of palm trees. The sky is clear and blue.

MANDALAY BAY

# **Micropile Performance and Durability**

**A fifteen year record of monitored micropile  
response to sustained static load**

- Micropile locations
- 60 micropile test group
- ▲ 55 micropile SBSM group
- ◆ 94 point Sondex (K22)



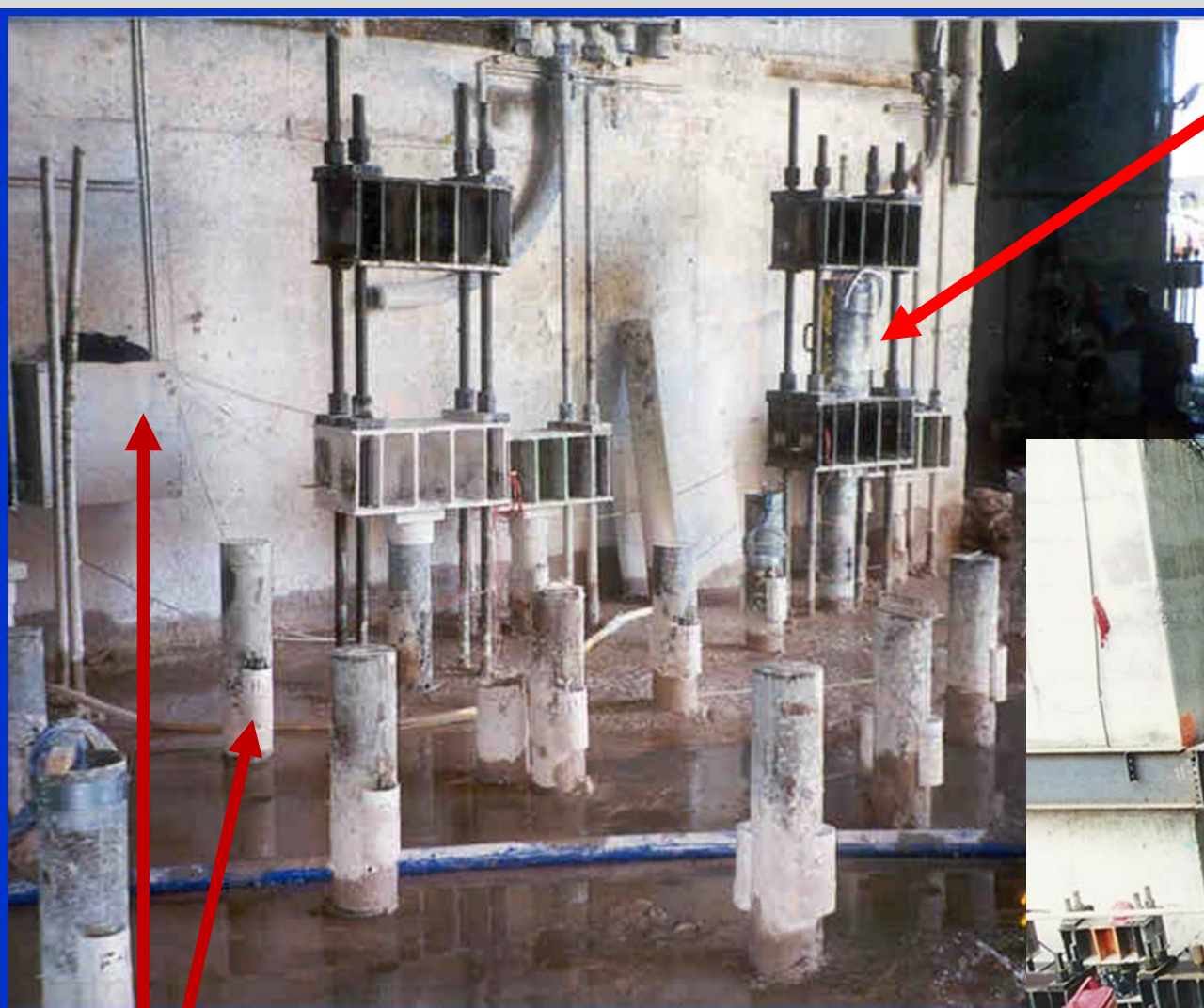
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- Installation @  
MP C19, Sept.18, 1998

- Load test @ MP BB7  
August 11, 1998





- Micropile L18  
8/27/1998

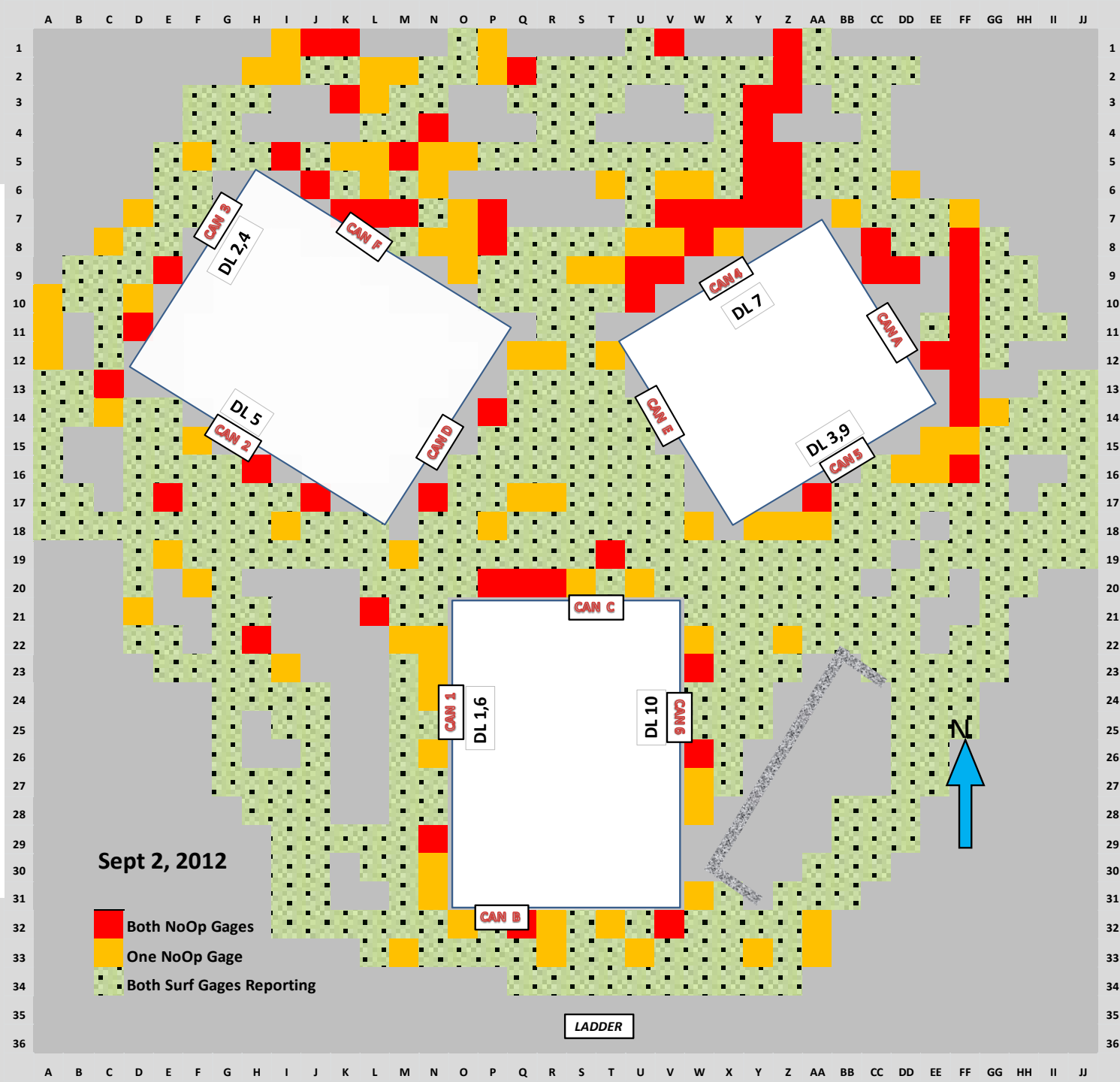
- Installation complete  
10/30/1998



- Temporary data logger mount  
& cables
- SMSG's with PVC covers

08/27/98

- By September 2012, 210 gauges had failed
- Both gauges on 64 micropiles
- One of two on 82 additional micropiles
- Maintenance in 2013 restored both SMSG's on 58 micropiles and recovered one gauge on 25 additional micropiles.



Micropile N31  
Installed 7/24/1998  
Load tested 8/4/1998  
Conditions 12/12/2013



- Micropile grid lines 27 – 28 from row A (west side) 10/28/1998

- Condition at micropile grid Q32 on 12/12/2013



- Conduit conditions 12/12/2013 at grid lines 27 - 28

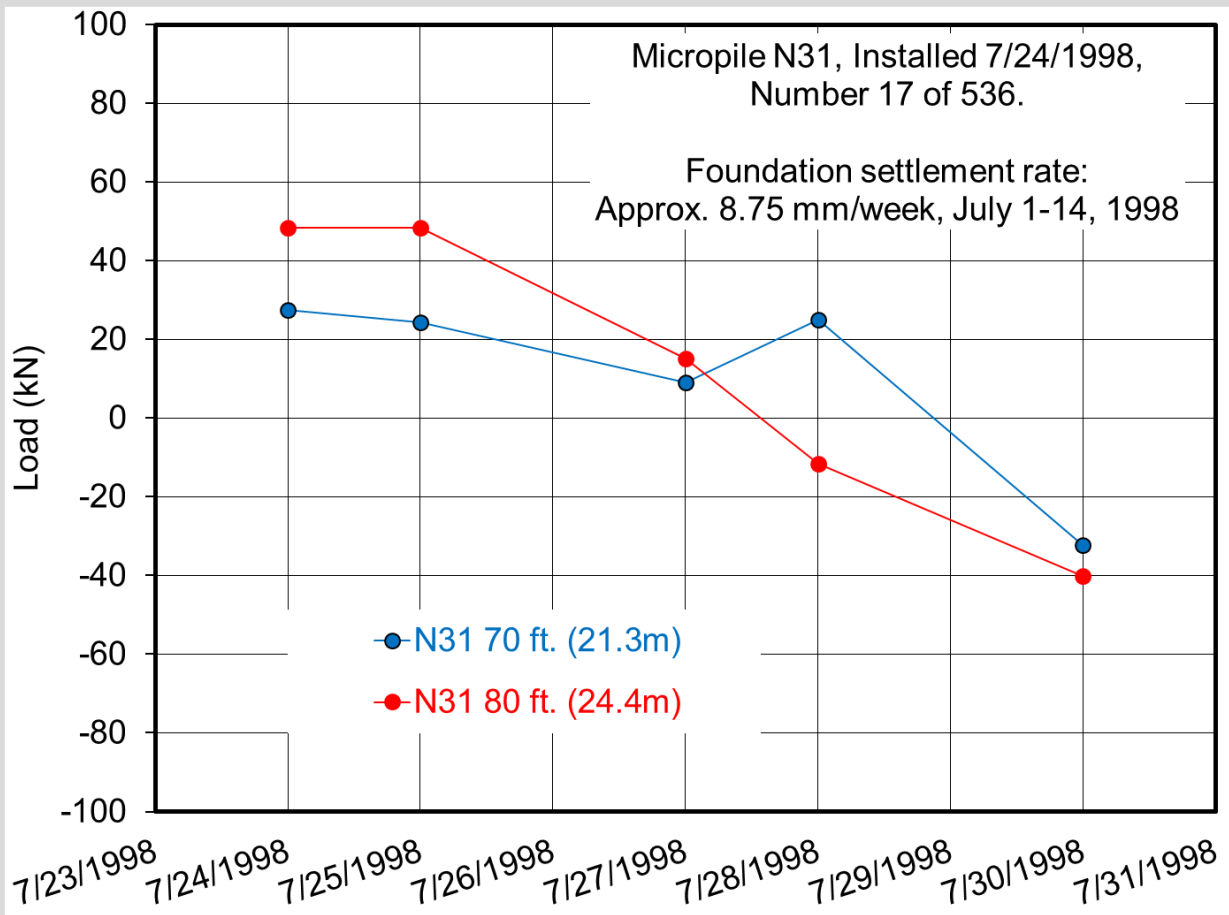
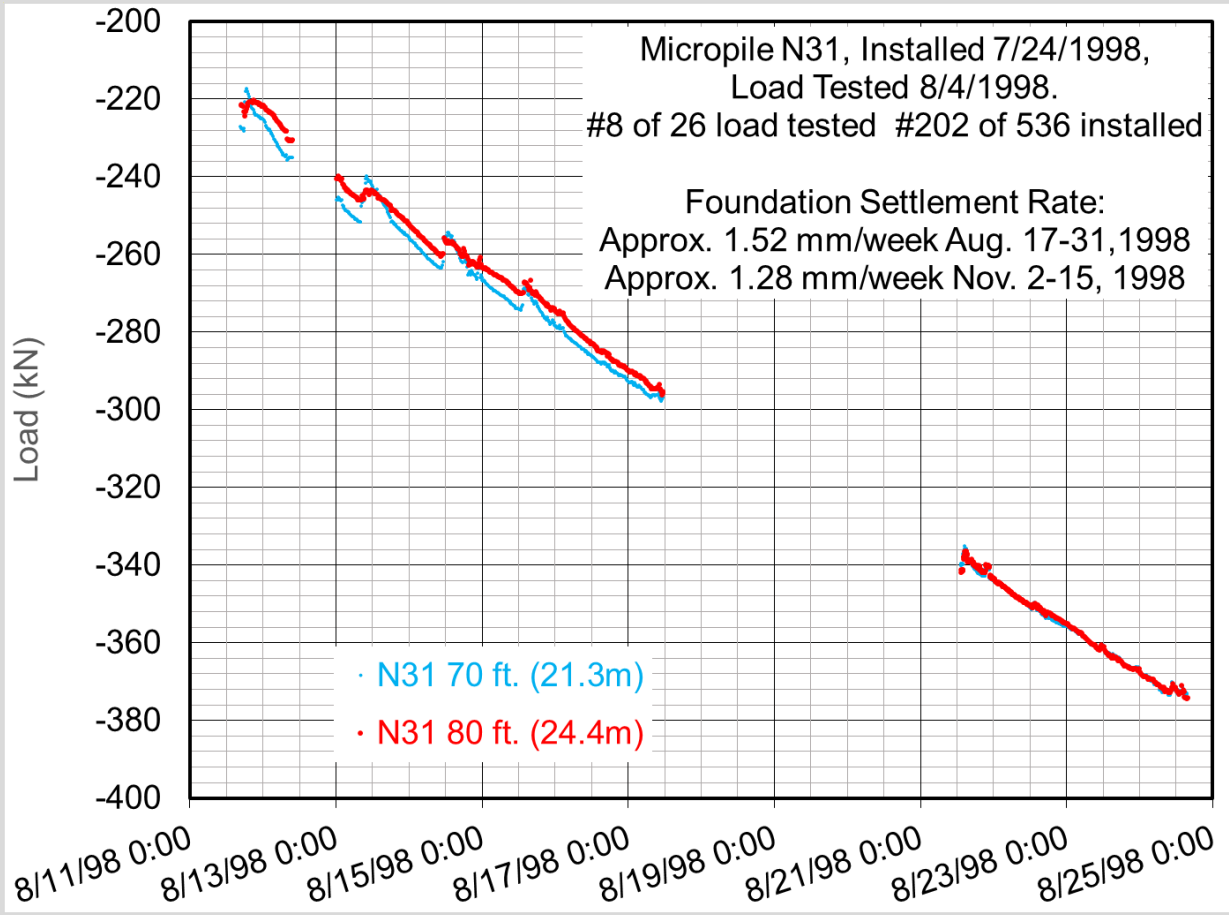
Conditions 12/12/2013 at cable box on north wall of NW elevator



- Micropile plan, grid line J  
12/12/2013



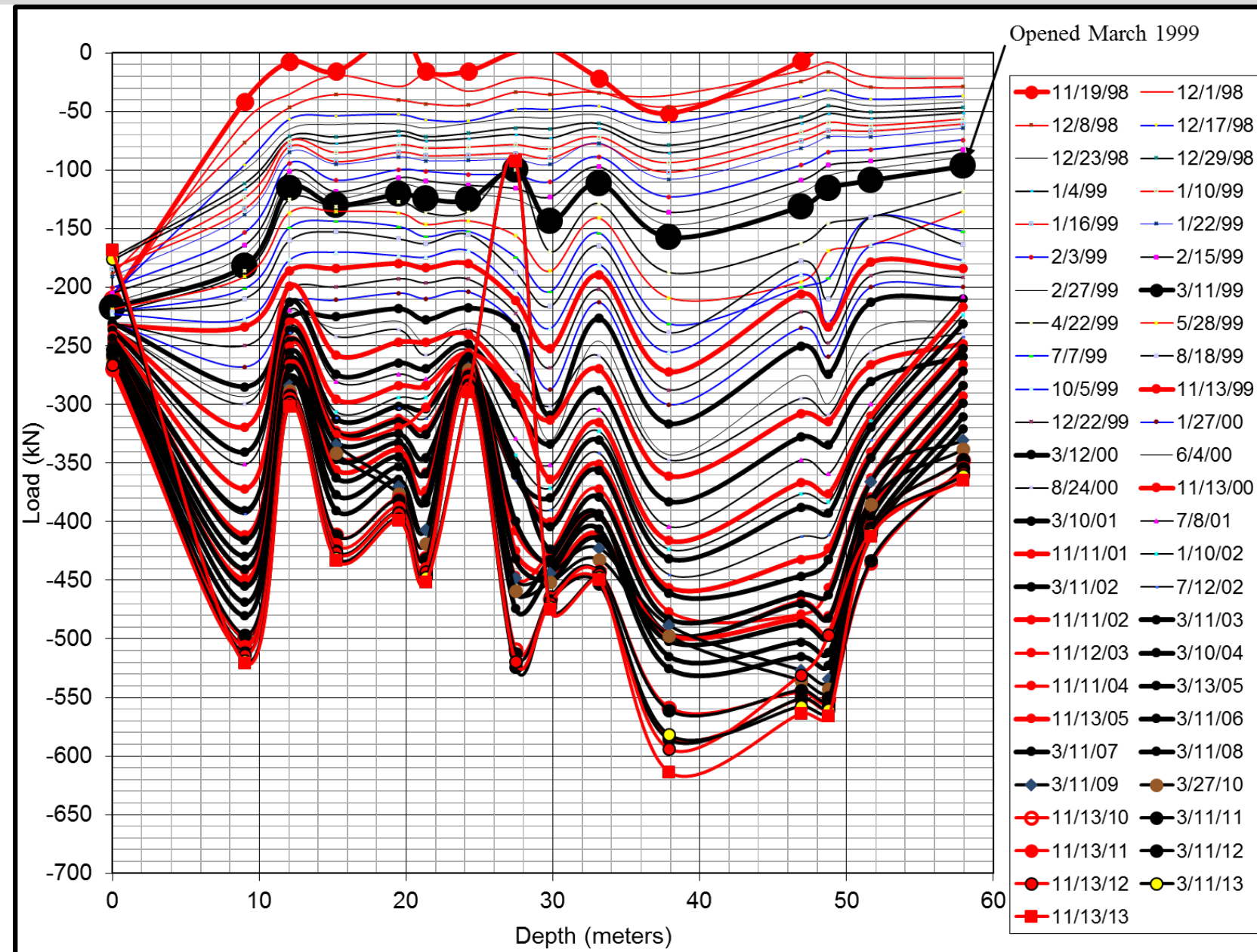
- Micropiles began taking on load as soon as the grout set.
- Load development of approximately 15 kN/day before load test and 10 kN/day by 8/25/1998.



- Data only collected from one micropile (N31) between the load test (8/4/1998) and the 11/13/1998 load application due to site congestion.

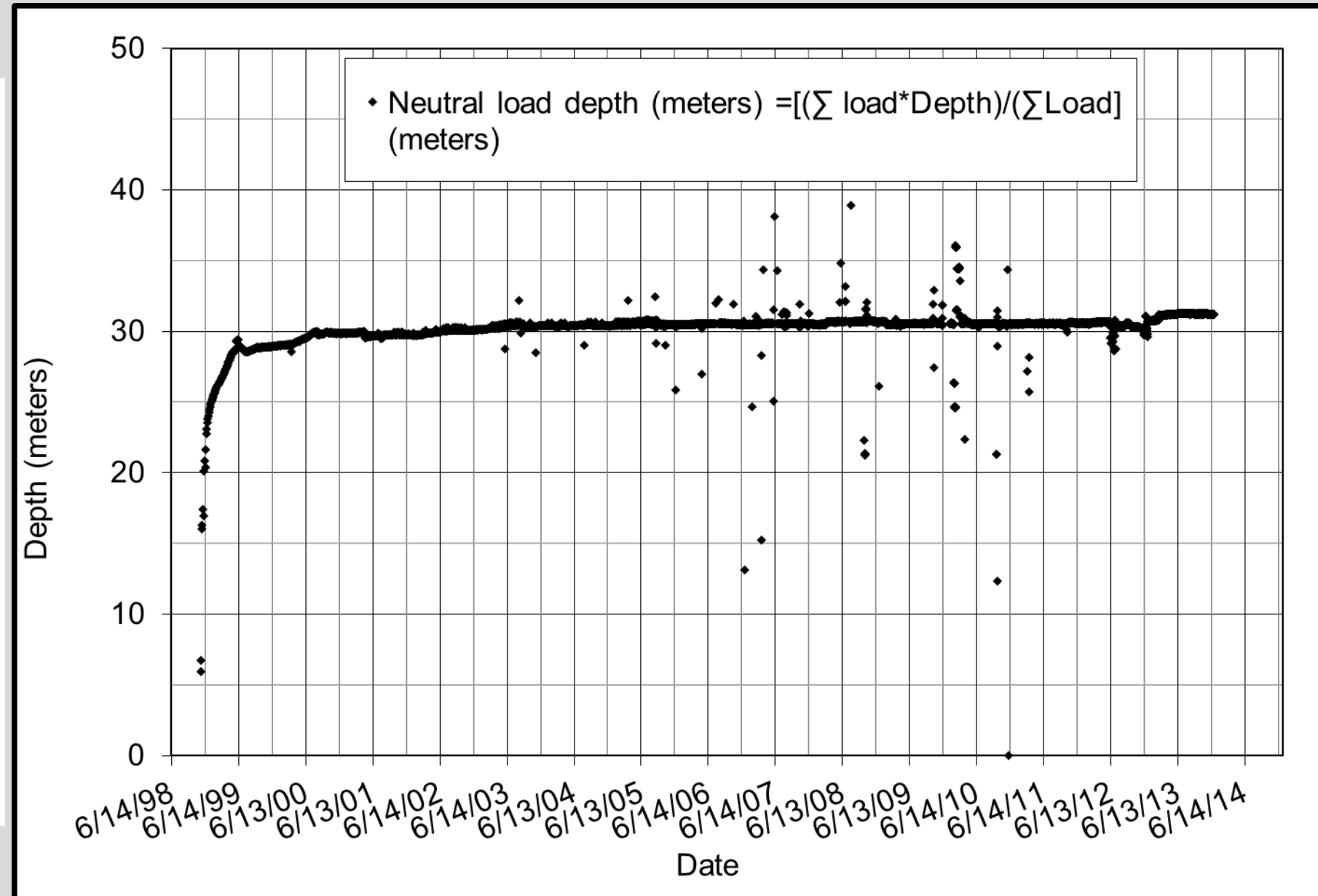
# Micropile load by depth interval in time domain

- Typical load pattern for 14 depth intervals.
- Fifty dates from the 15 year period
- November 13, 1998 load applied to top of each micropile - 222 kN/pile
- January 1, 2014 average load at top of each micropile 270 kN/pile
- Higher loads consistent with soft/compressible layers
- Lower loads consistent with cemented/strong layers



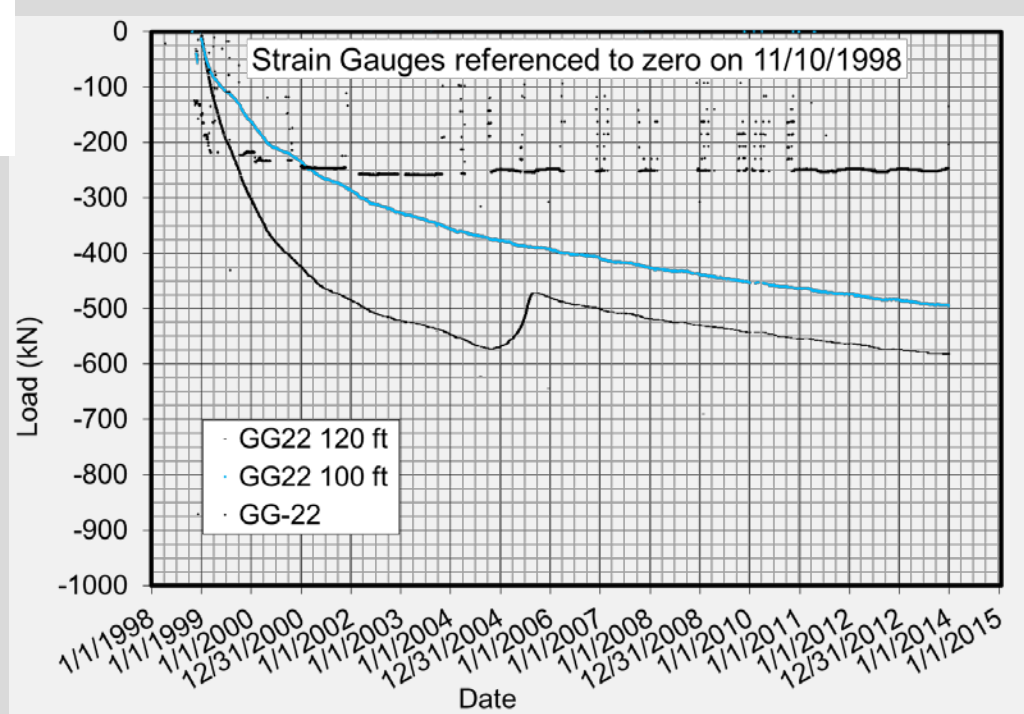
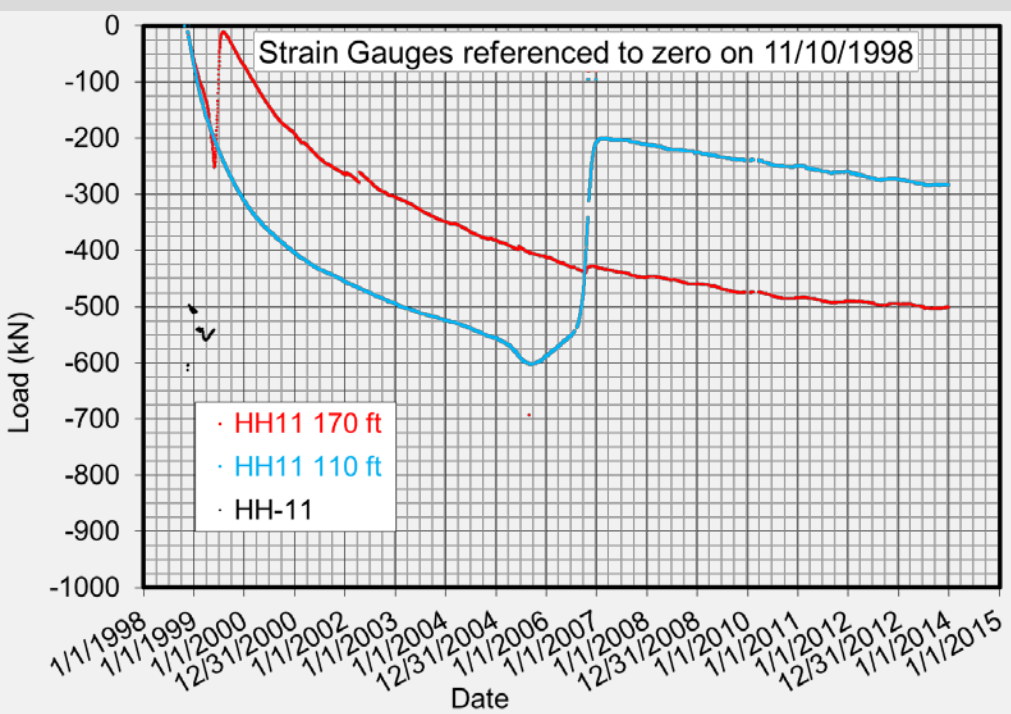
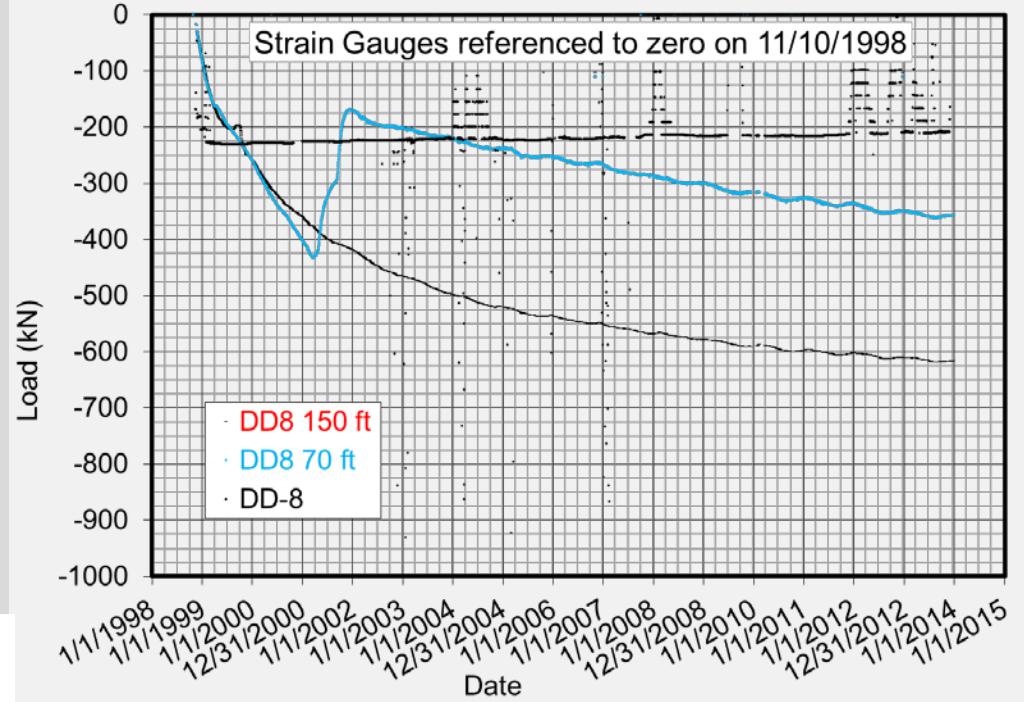
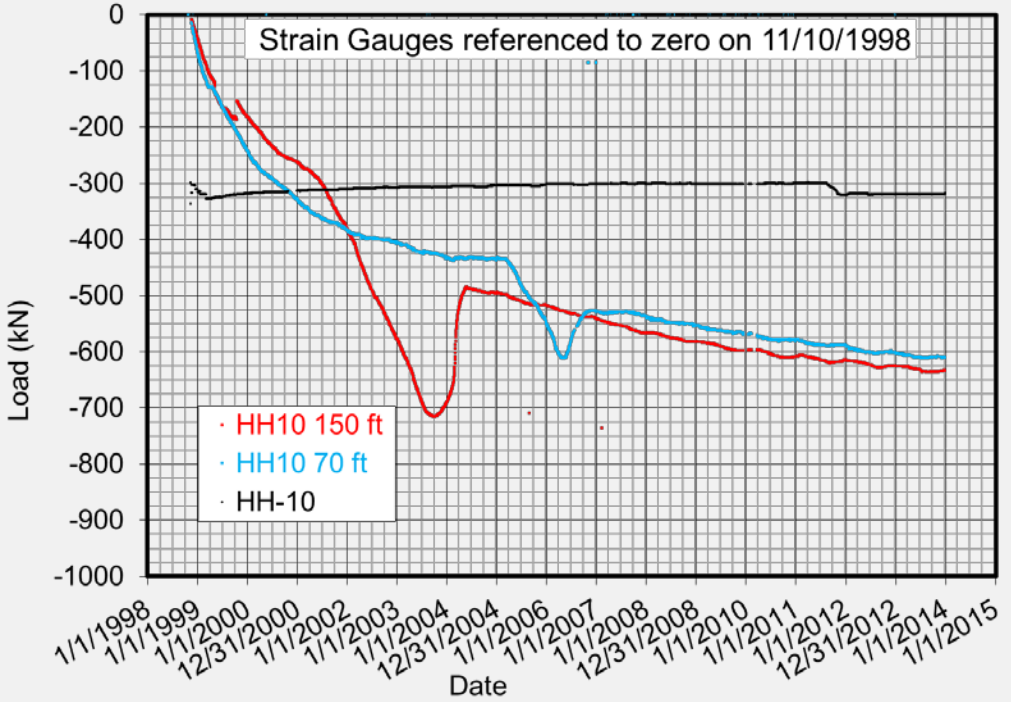
# Micropile load centroid in time domain

- Daily observations  
11/13/98 to  
12/28/2012
- Pile load migrated  
down the piles  
from 11/1998 to  
6/2000
- Load centroid depth  
has remained nearly  
constant for past  
14 years

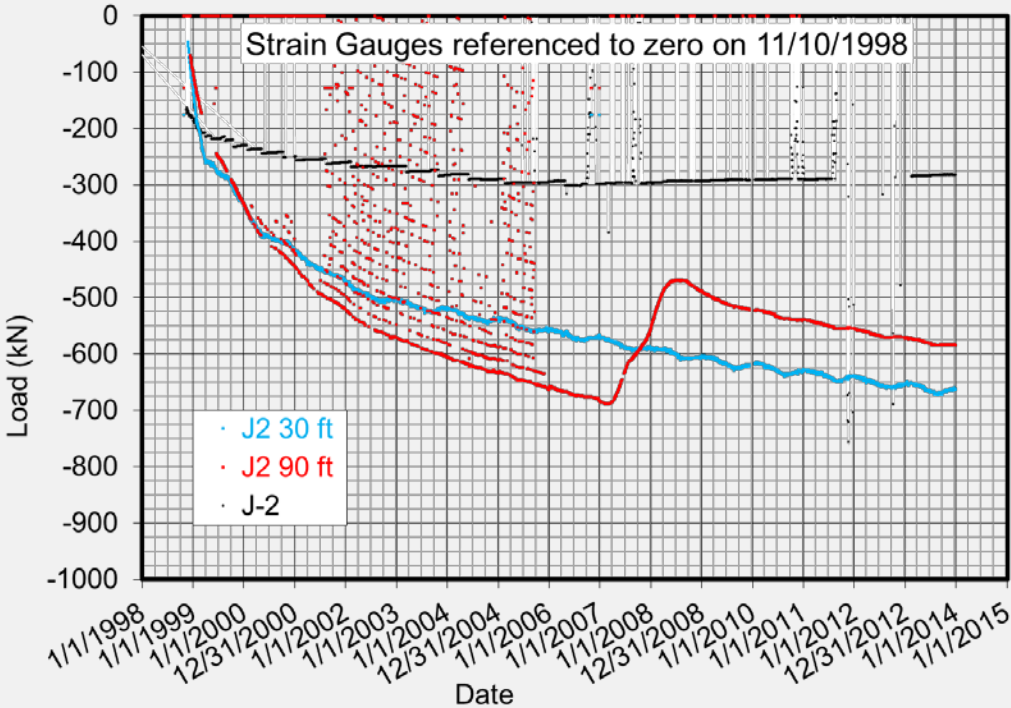


# Conclusions

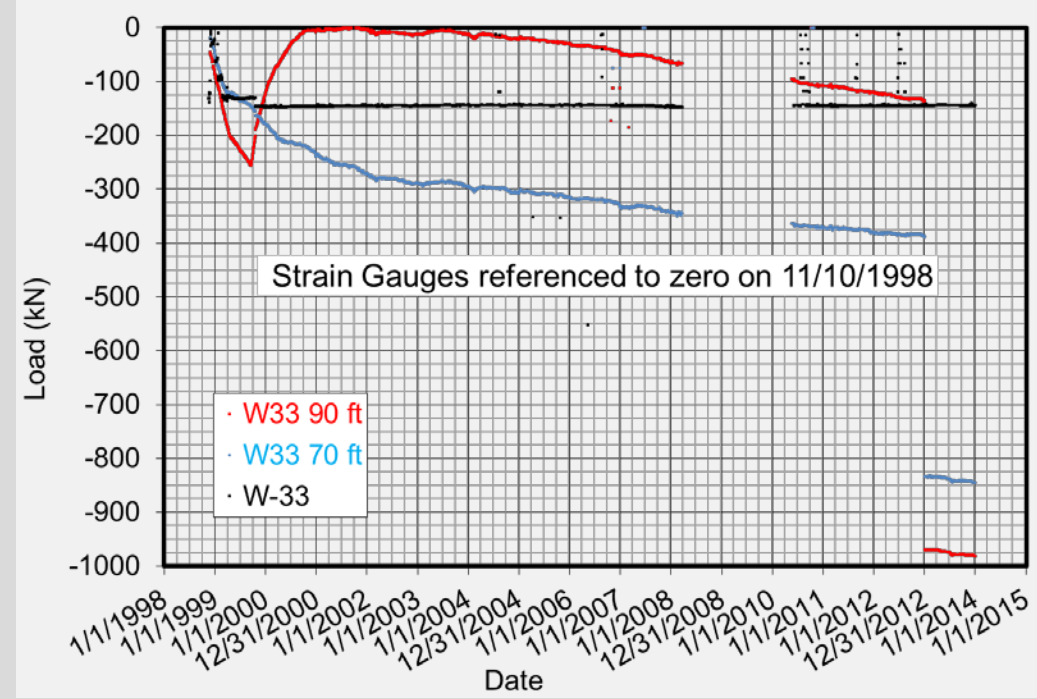
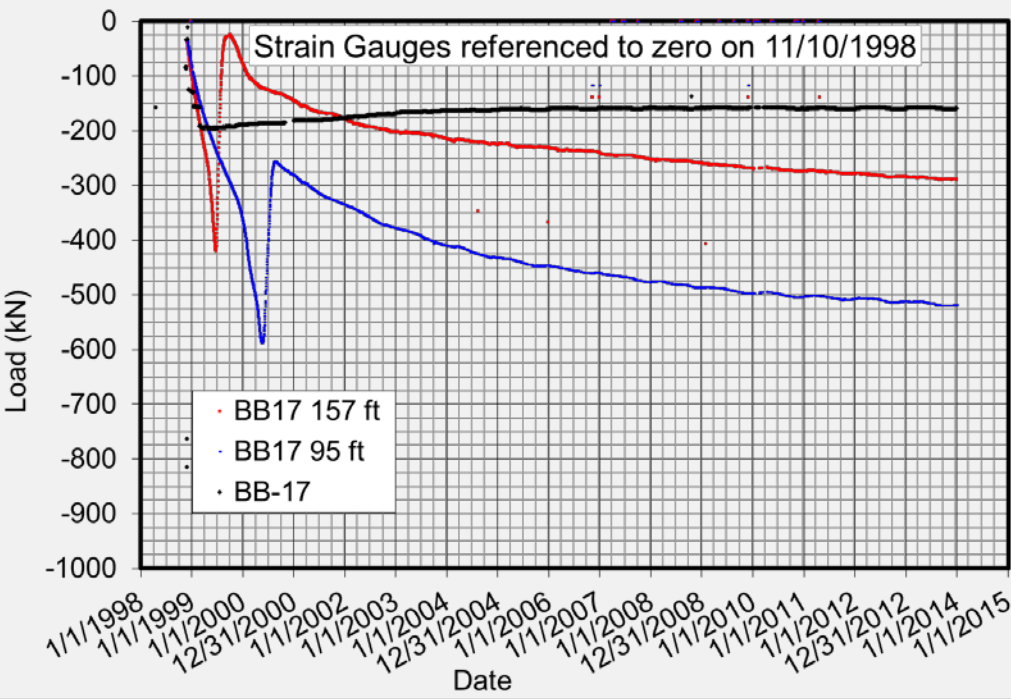
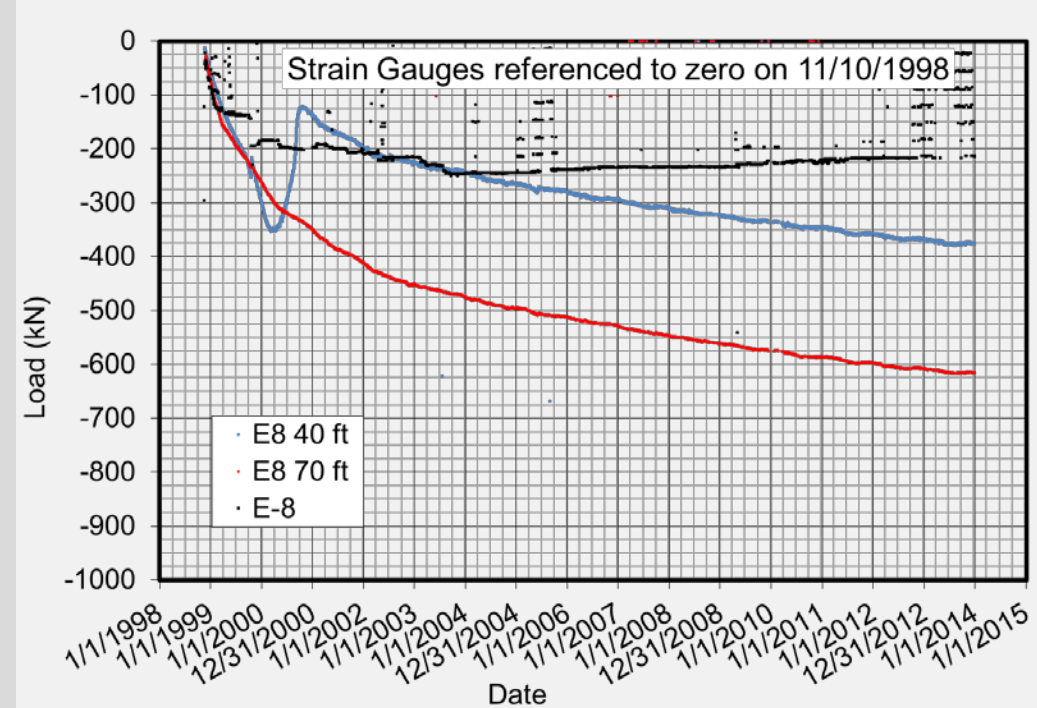
- “Steady State” is a little like “uniform, homogeneous, isotropic, normally consolidated, immediate elastic settlement, all in an infinite half-space”.
- The simplifying assumptions may be completely adequate for “geotechnical engineers” where “close enough for government work” meets the test.
- The equations of design have no basis in reality if the loads and material properties are not compliant with the design assumptions.
- And then there is the future..... The load? Load case? Construction sequence? Soil chemistry? Water levels? Climate cycles?
- **And then the rest of the story.**

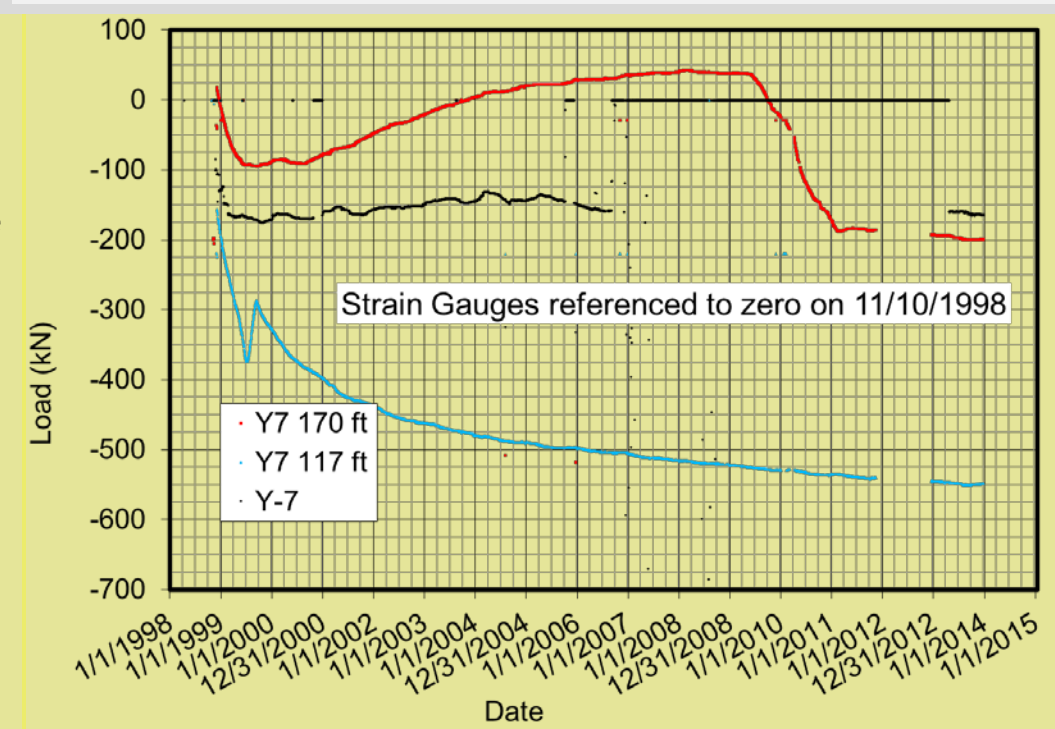
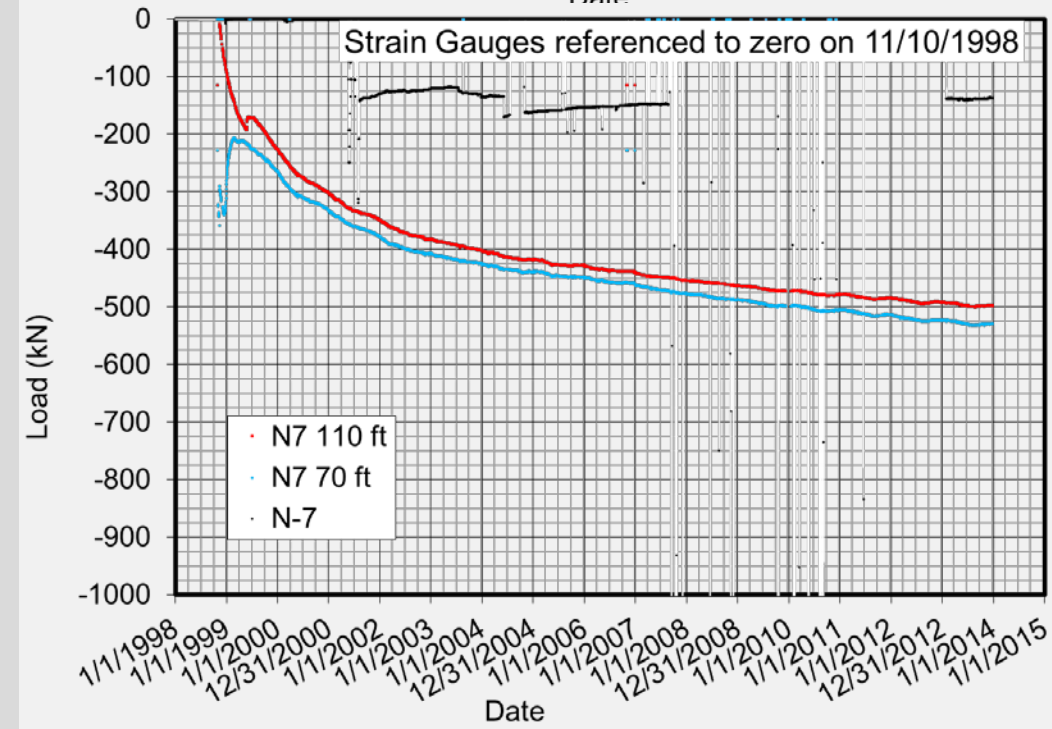
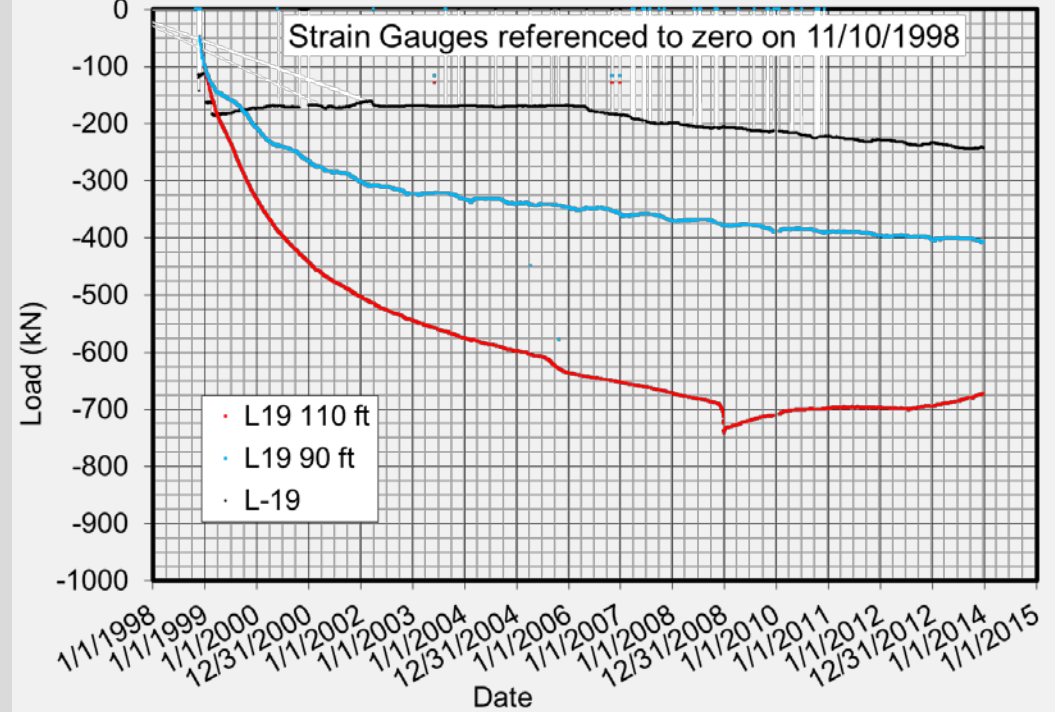
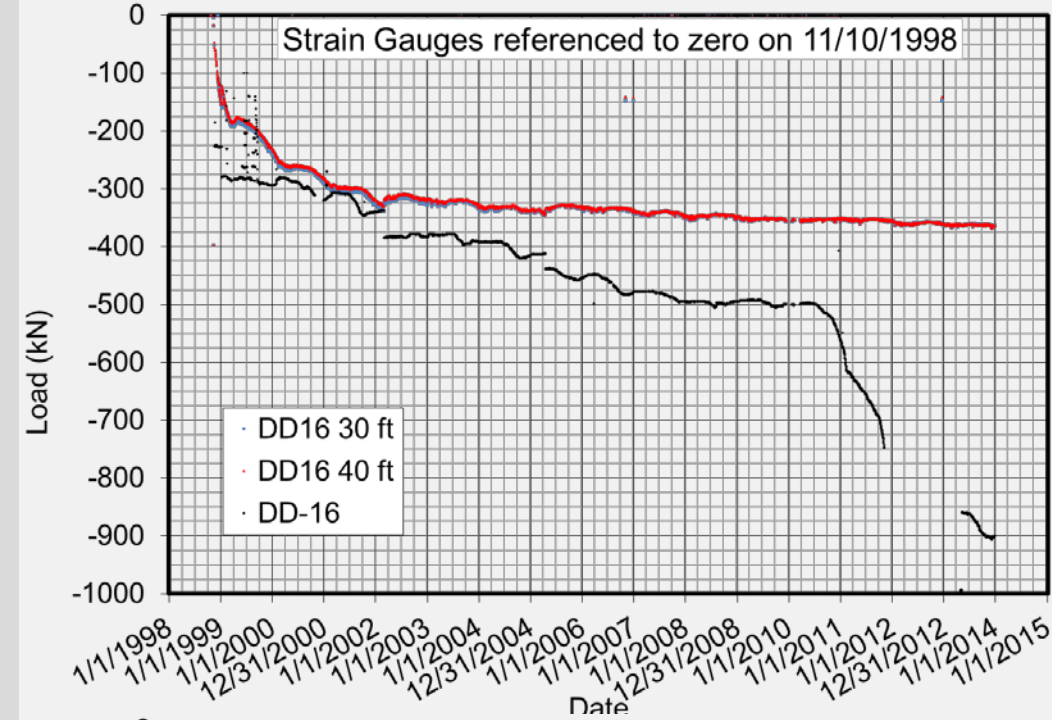


HH10 & HH11  
Separated by  
1.2 meters c/c



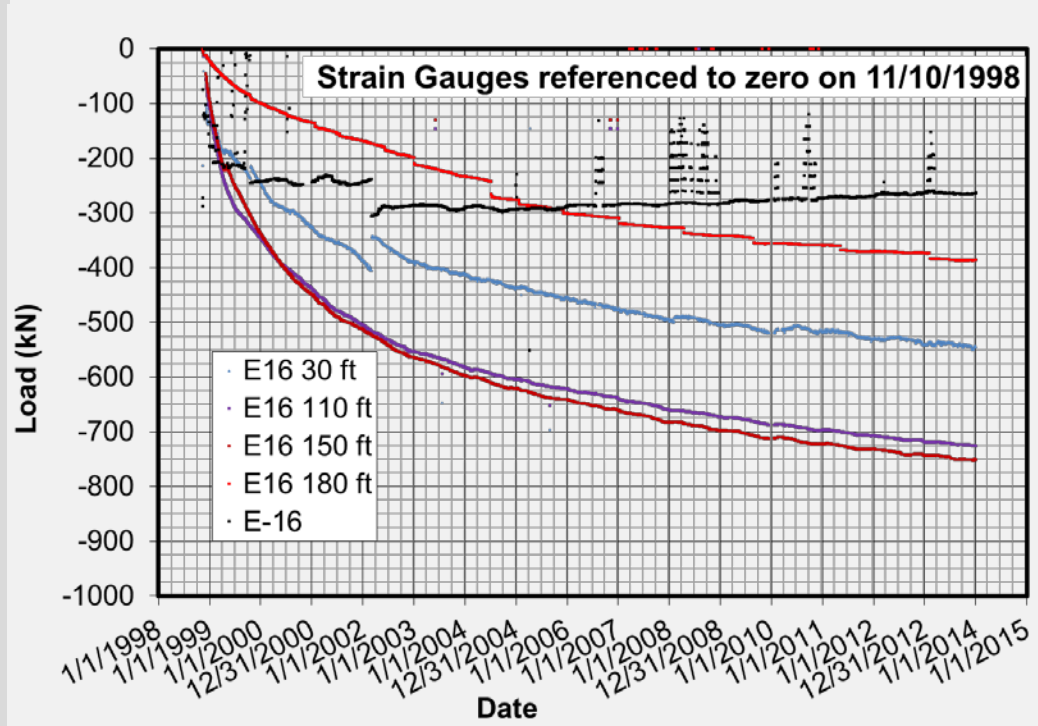
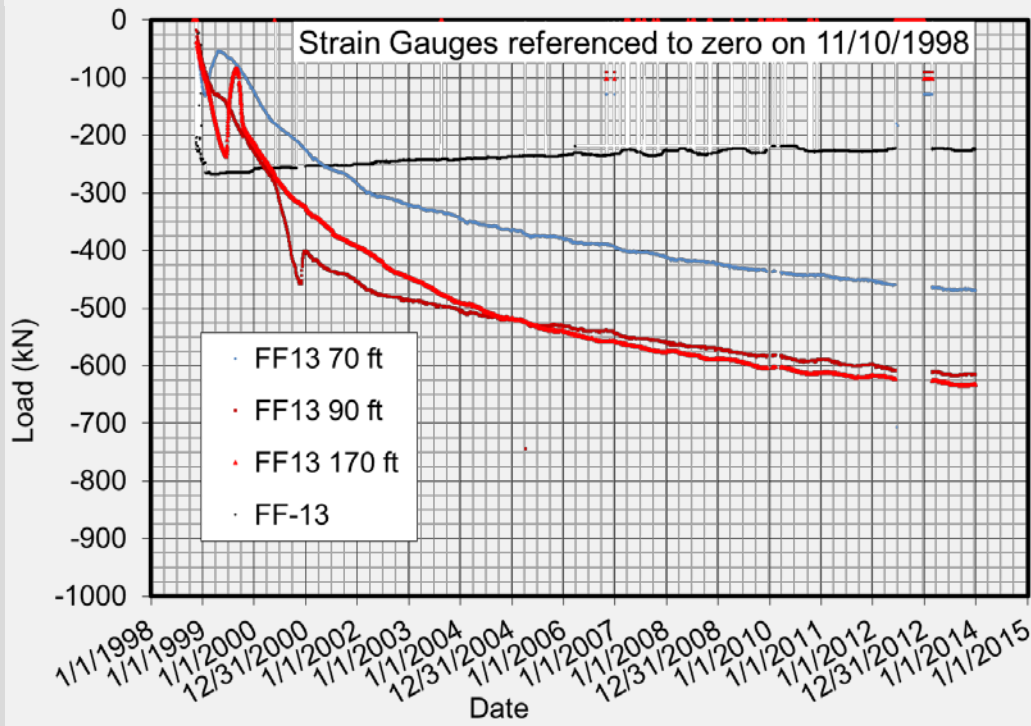
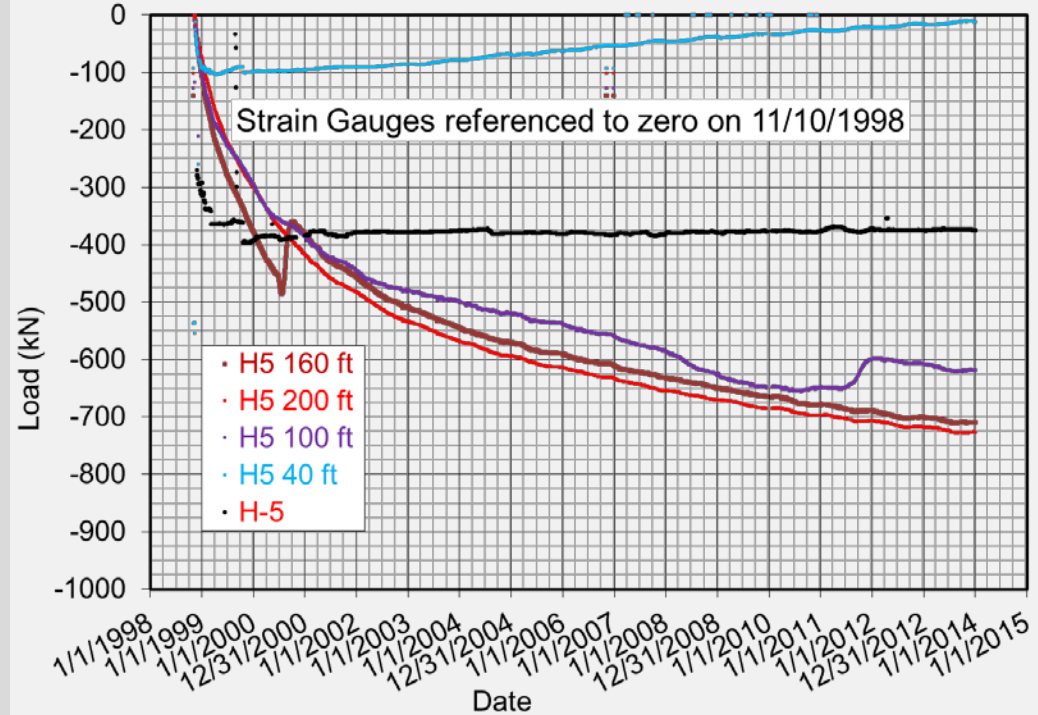
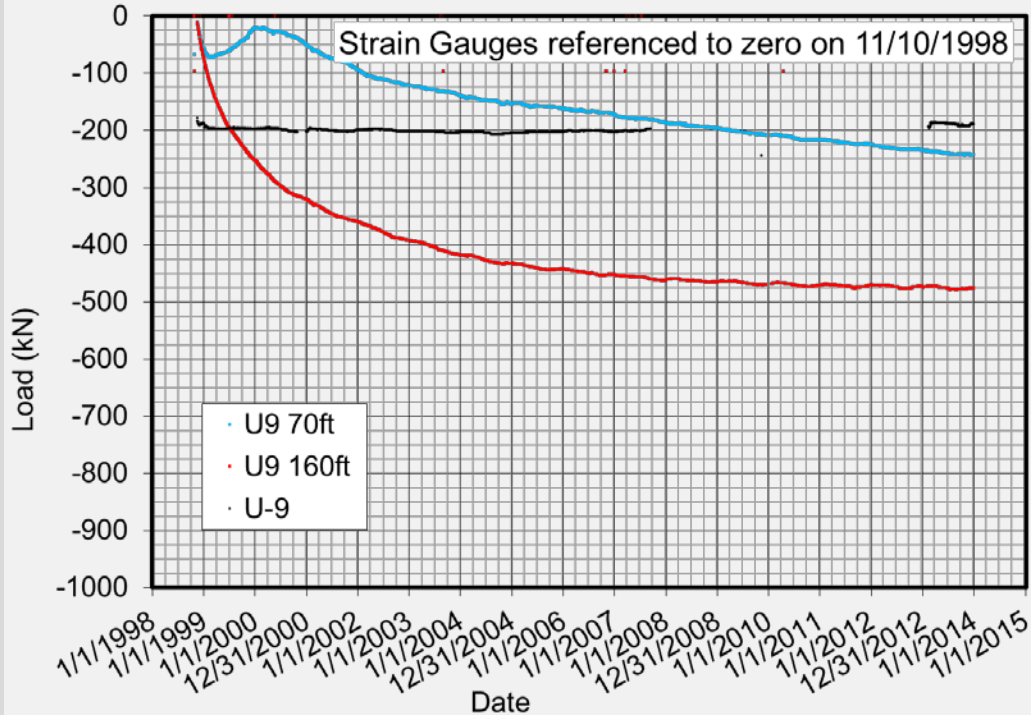
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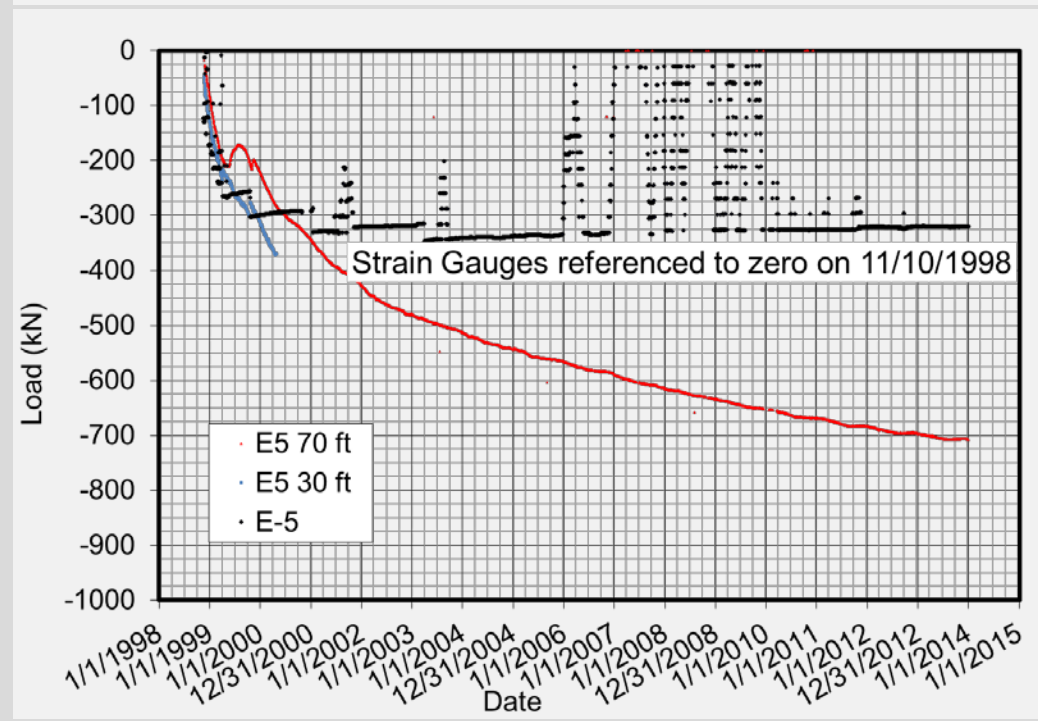
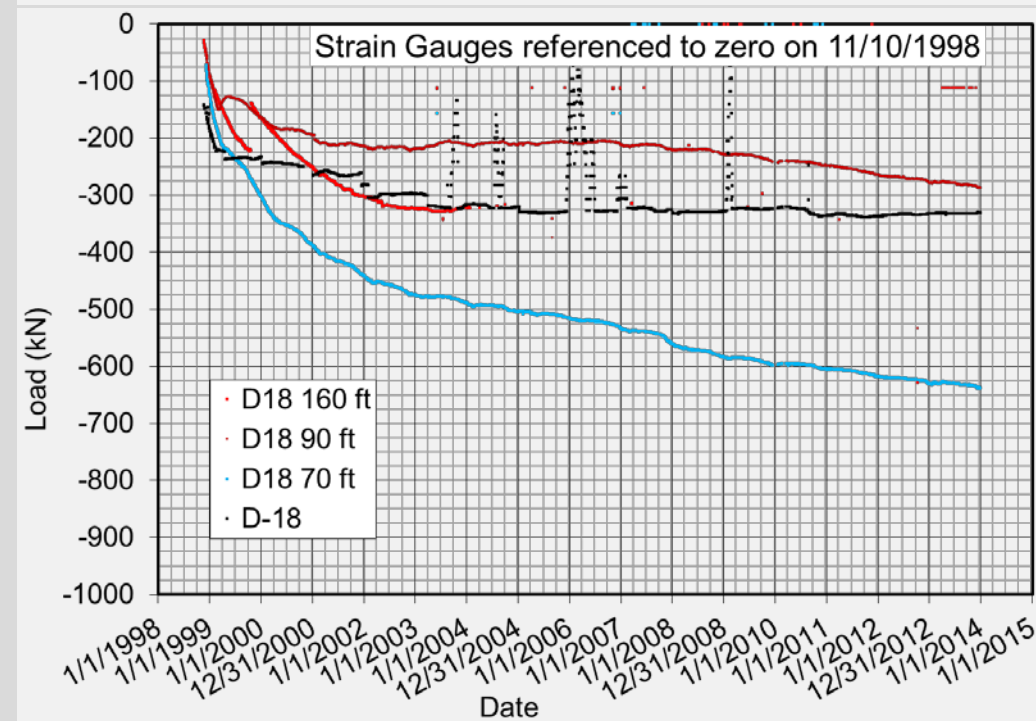
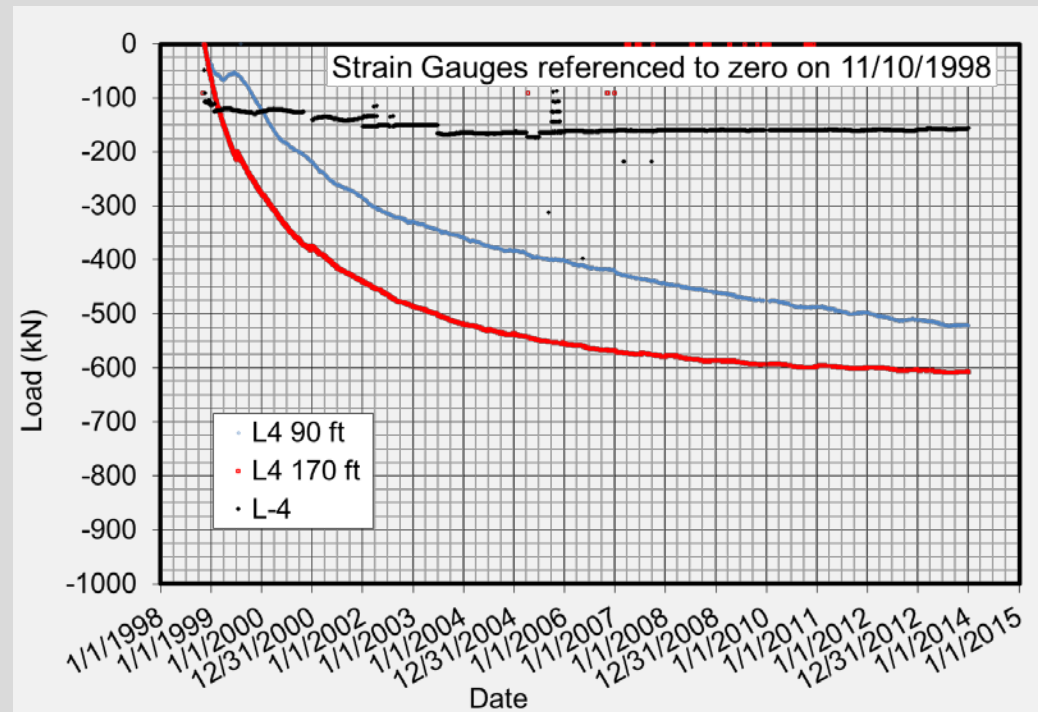
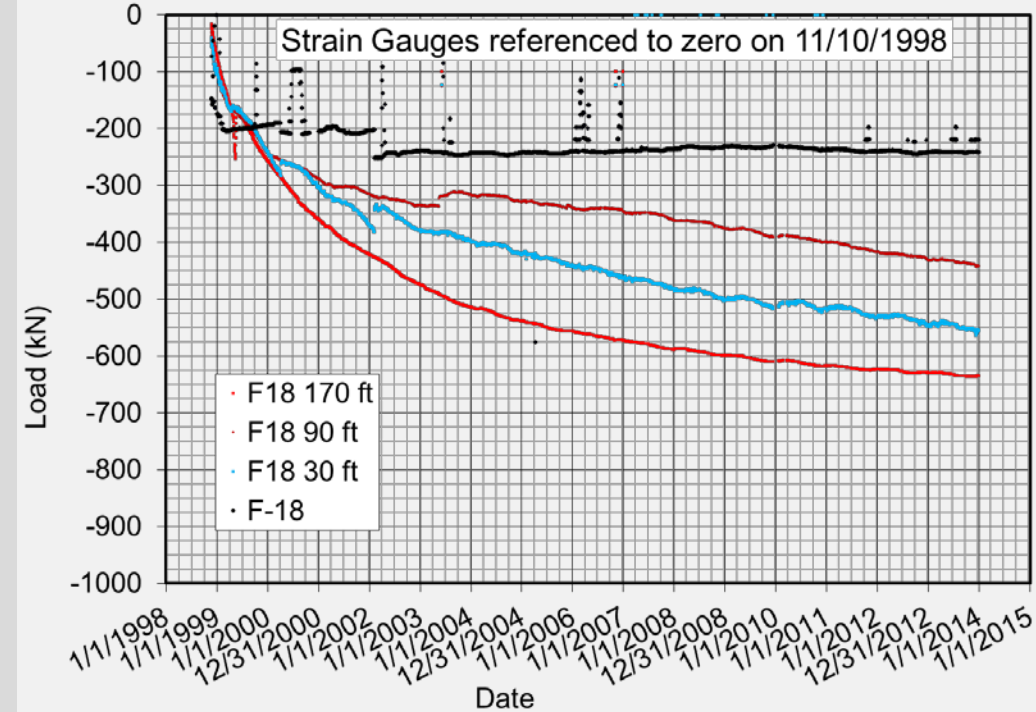


Implied tension based on the gauge zero reference established 11/10/1998

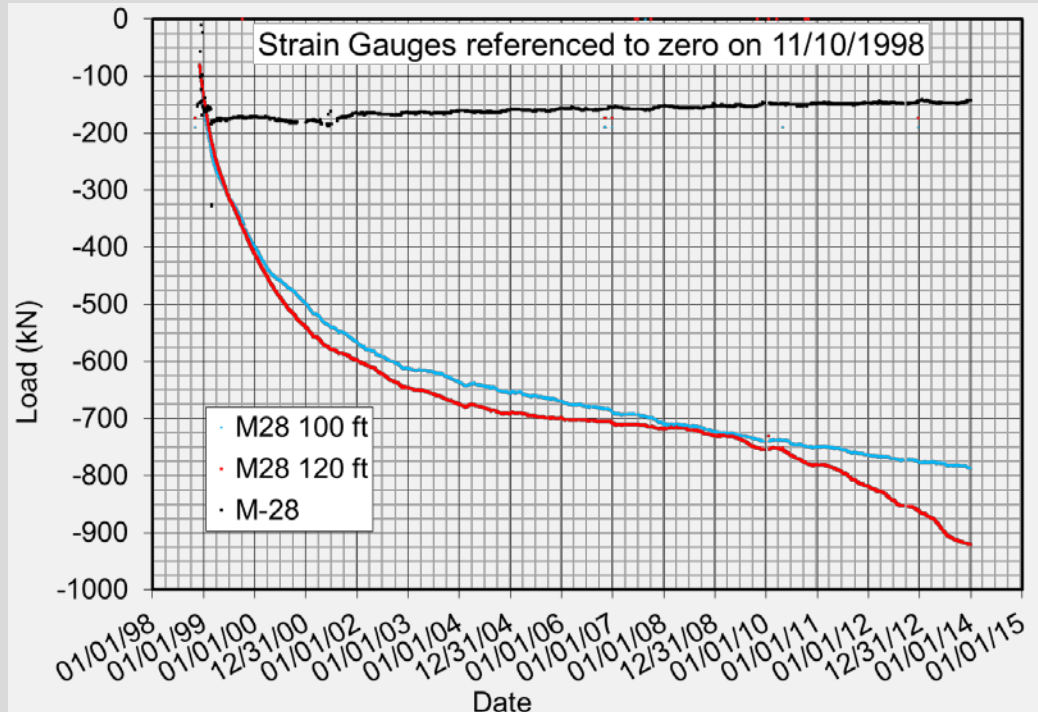
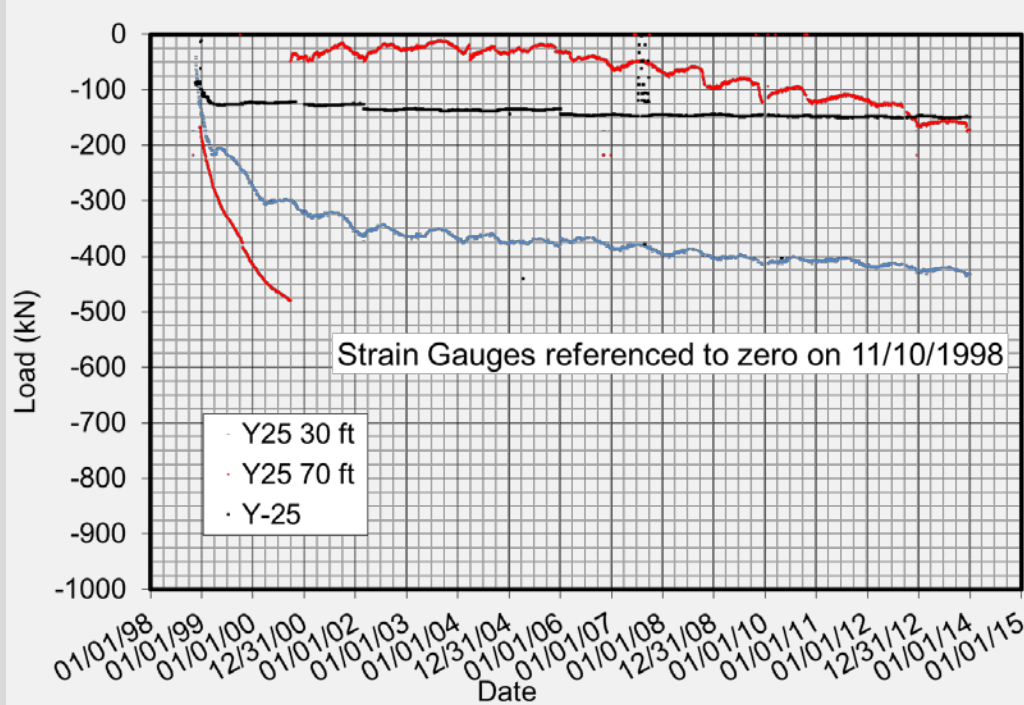
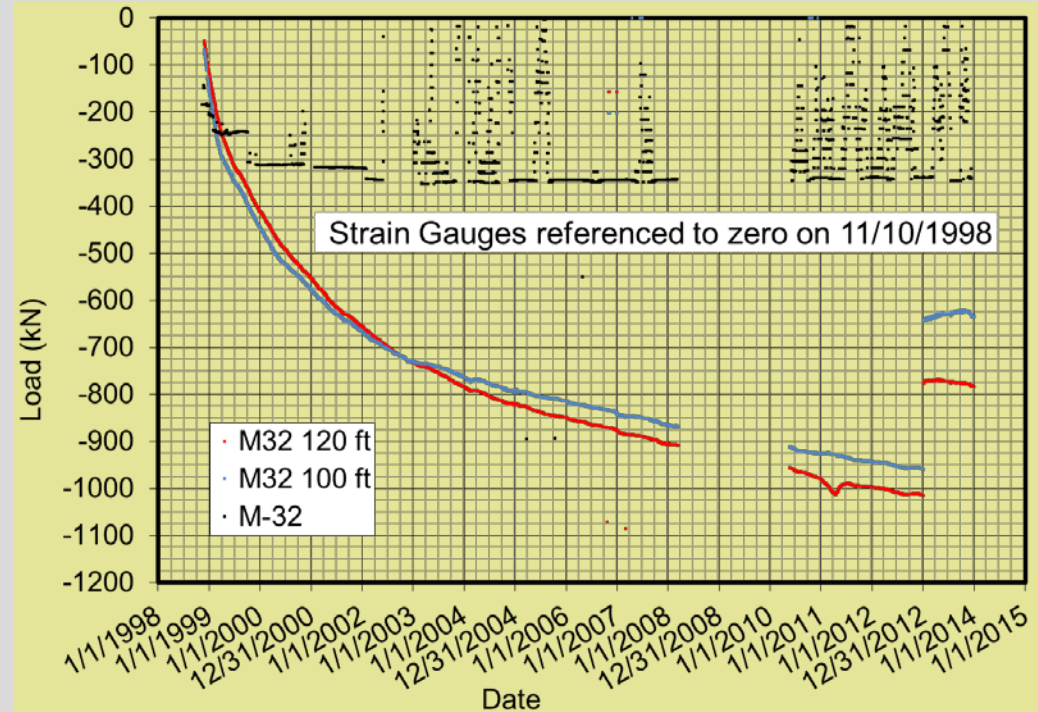
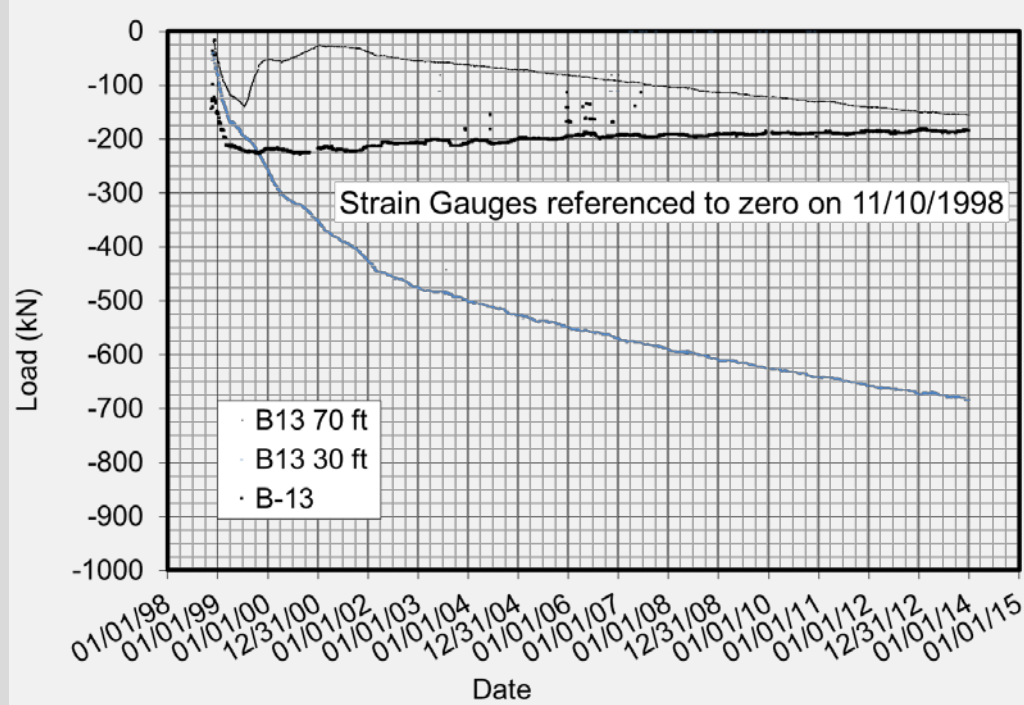
Note scale







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# Questions and Discussion



"Ise been payin' in de mud"

*Thank you  
for  
your time!*

**It was fun  
then  
And  
it's still fun**

