

A wide-angle photograph of the Victoria Dam in Sri Lanka. The dam is a large, curved concrete structure with a spillway in the center. It is surrounded by lush green hills and a large reservoir of water. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text 'Headworks Division of Mahaweli Authority' is overlaid in yellow at the top left, and 'Victoria Dam Sri Lanka' is overlaid in yellow on the right side. At the bottom right, the name 'Eng.S.R.K.Aruppola' and the date 'November 2014' are also overlaid in yellow.

# Headworks Division of Mahaweli Authority

## Victoria Dam Sri Lanka

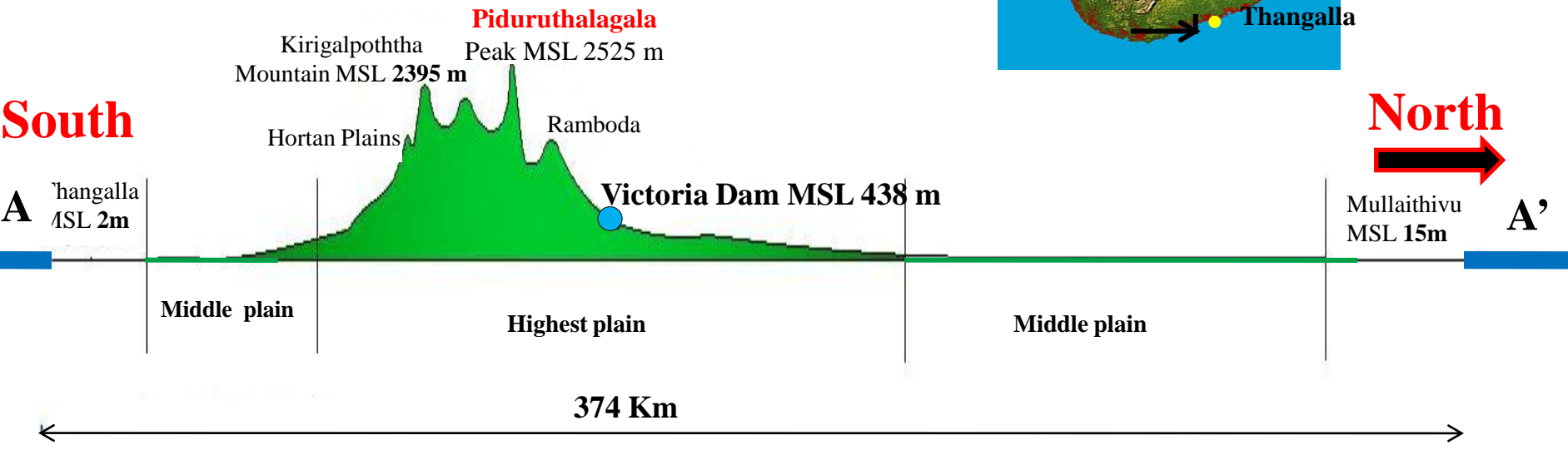
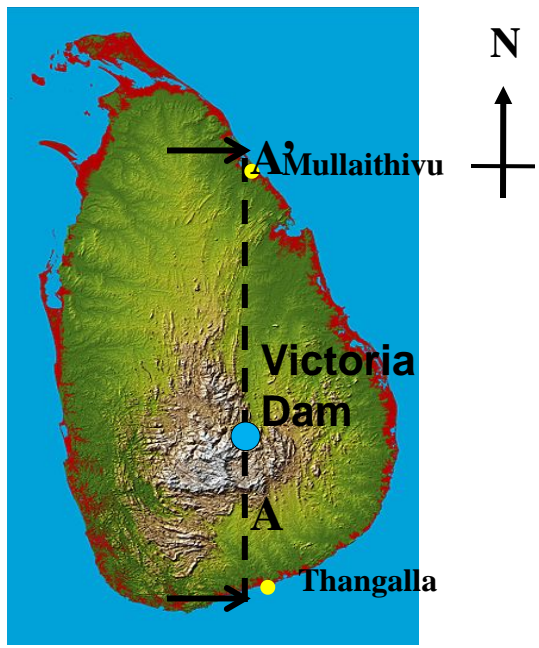
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November 2014



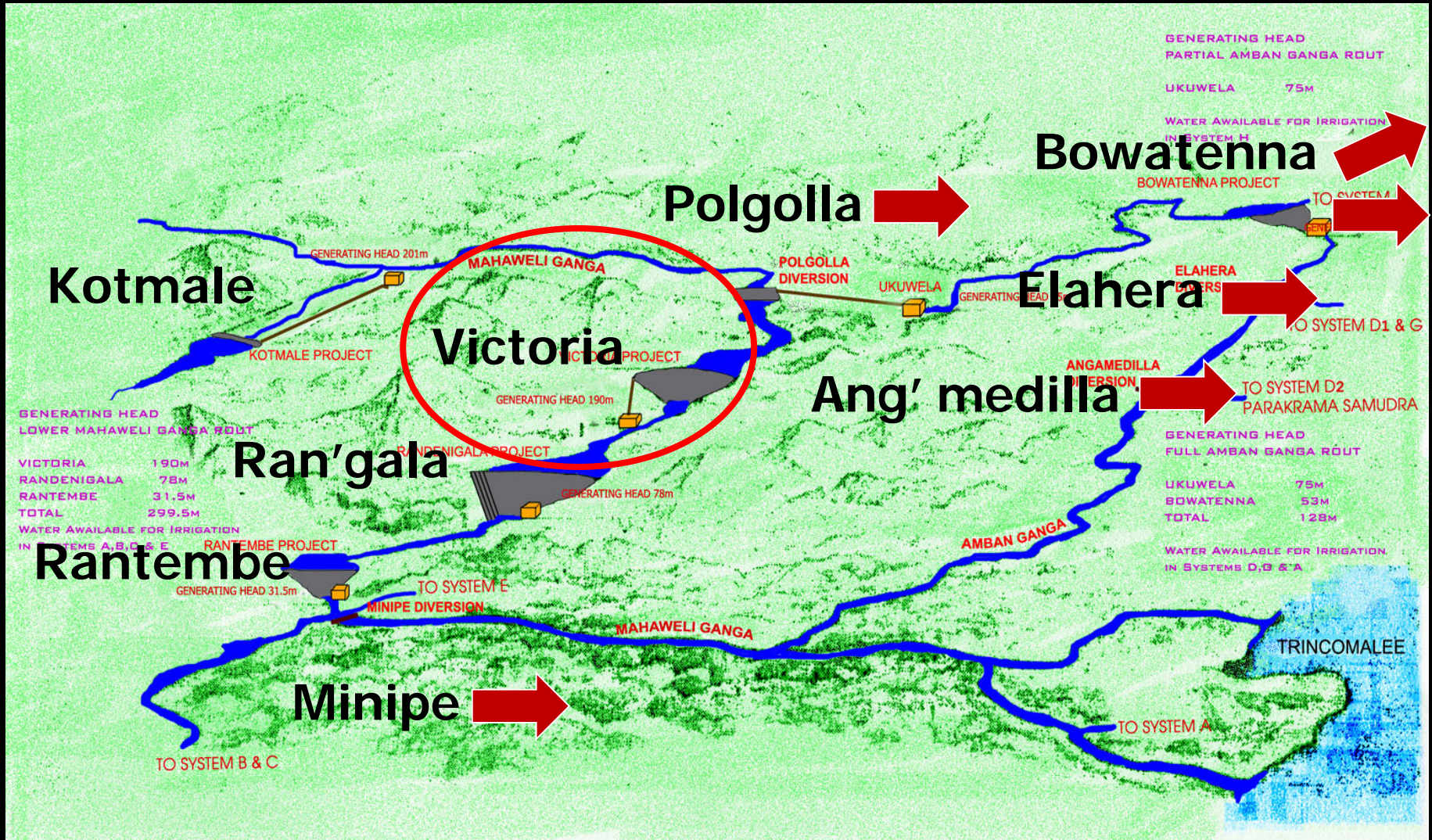


# Diagrammatic Section Across Sri Lanka Showing Victoria Dam



Section A-A'

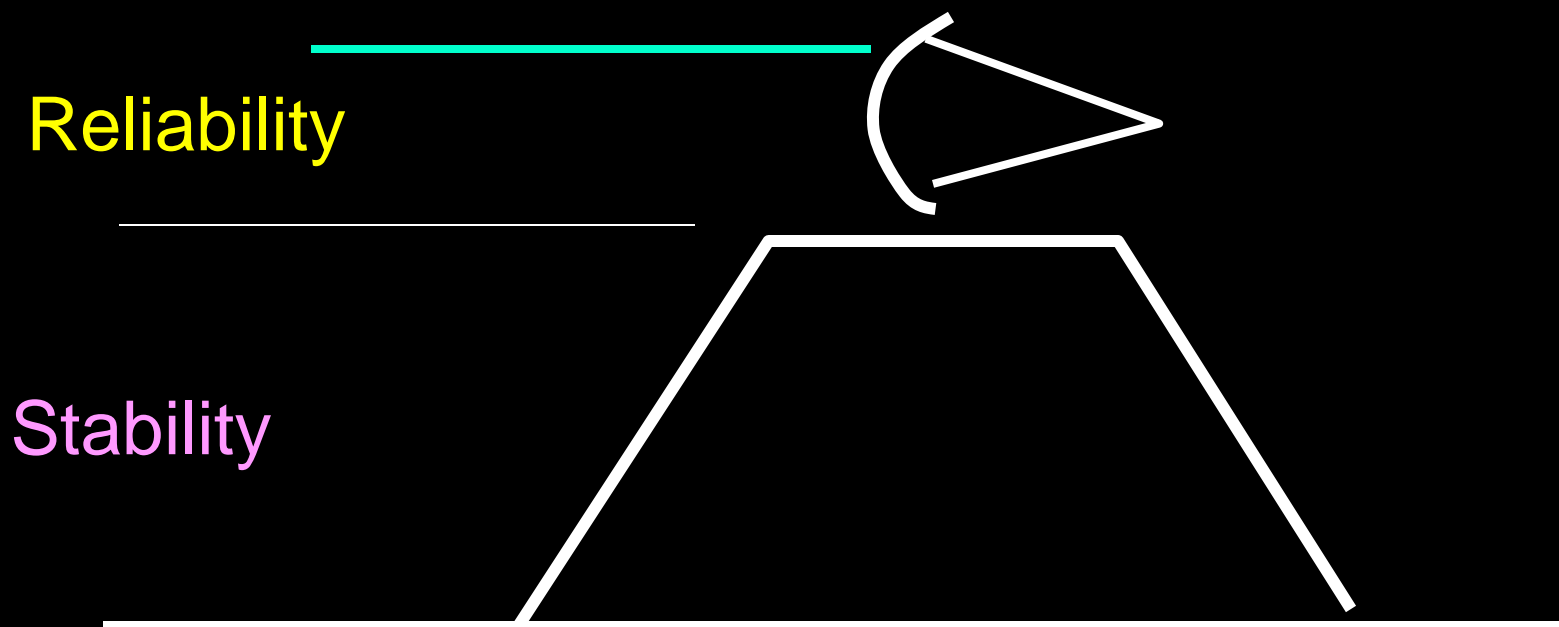
# MAHAWELI SYSTEM



# What is HAO&M...?

Headwork  
Administration  
Operation  
&  
Maintenance

# Safety of Dam depends



# Chapters

## **Part 1**

### **General Information**

## **Part 2**

### **Instrumentation**

## **Part 3**

### **Observations 1~6 & Conclusion**



# Chapters

## **Part 1**

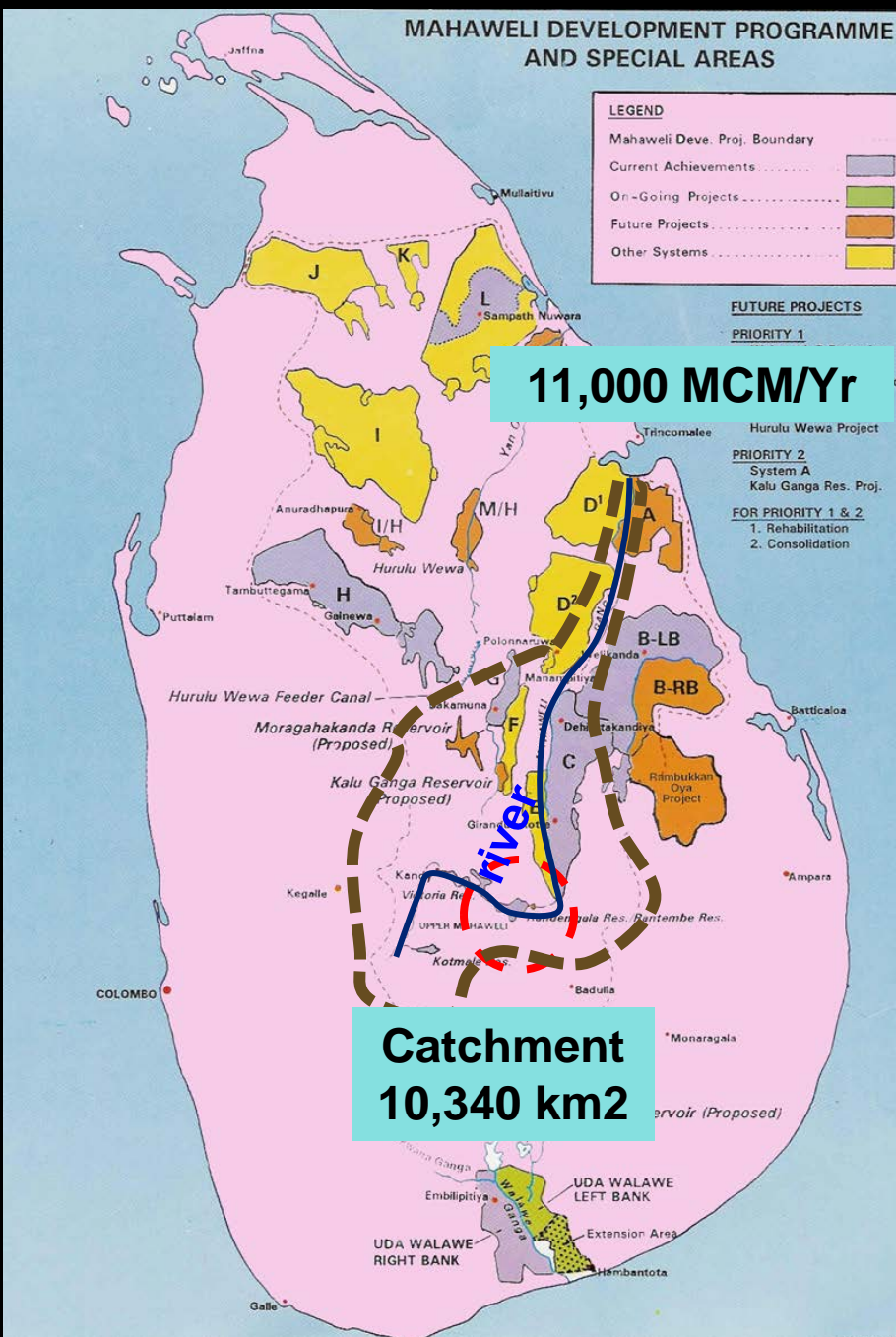
### **General Information**

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System	Project	Irrigable Area (ha)	Institute
H	Dambulu Oya	2,225	MASL
	Kandalama	4,500	MASL
	Kalawewa RB	13,965	MASL
	Kalawewa Yoda Ela	4,720	MASL
	Kalawewa LB	6,000	MASL
	Rajanganaya	7,123	ID
I/H	Nachchaduwa	2,540	ID
	Nuwara wewa	970	ID
	Tisa wewa	520	ID
M/H	Huru wewa	4,210	ID
	Huru wewa canal	2,250	MASL
G	Elahera	5,400	MASL
D	Girithale	3,075	ID
	Minneriya	8,900	ID
	Kawdulla	5,060	ID
	Kantale	6,782	ID
	Parakrama Samudra	10,420	ID
E	Hasalaka	7,750	ID
C	Sorabora	810	ID
	Mapakada	550	ID
	Dambarawa	610	ID
	Ulhitiya/Ratkinda	21,700	MASL
B	Maduruoya	16,500	MASL
	Wakaneri	3,500	ID
A	Alleya	7,050	ID
Walawa	Walawa RB	12,300	MASL
	Walawa LB	6,110	MASL
	Liyangastota	6,800	ID
	Kaltota	940	ID
<b>Total</b>		<b>173,280</b>	

# VICTORIA DAM

(Double Curvature Arch Concrete Dam)

(27 years old)

35 blocks

Spill way gates-8 nos

Bottom Outlets

500 Gwh / year – 6% of the total power requirement

1st construction	23 March 1980
Impounding start	07 April 1984
Commissioning Power 1	2 April 1985

## Consultants

Alexander Gibb & CECB

## Contractor

Balfour Beatty Nattall UK

Mechanical Boving UK

Electrical Balfour Klipatric UK

Cost 9.8 billion Rs. (1980-1984)

Height - 122 m

Length – 520 m

Catchment Area

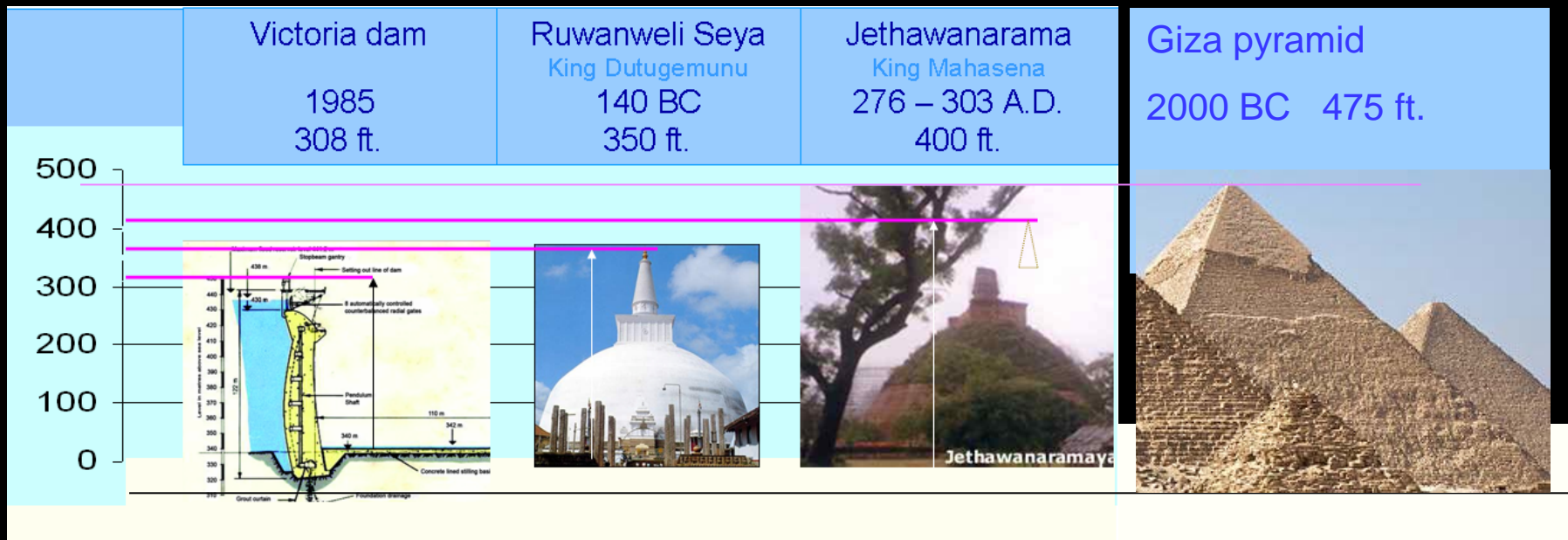
1891 km<sup>2</sup>

Gross Storage

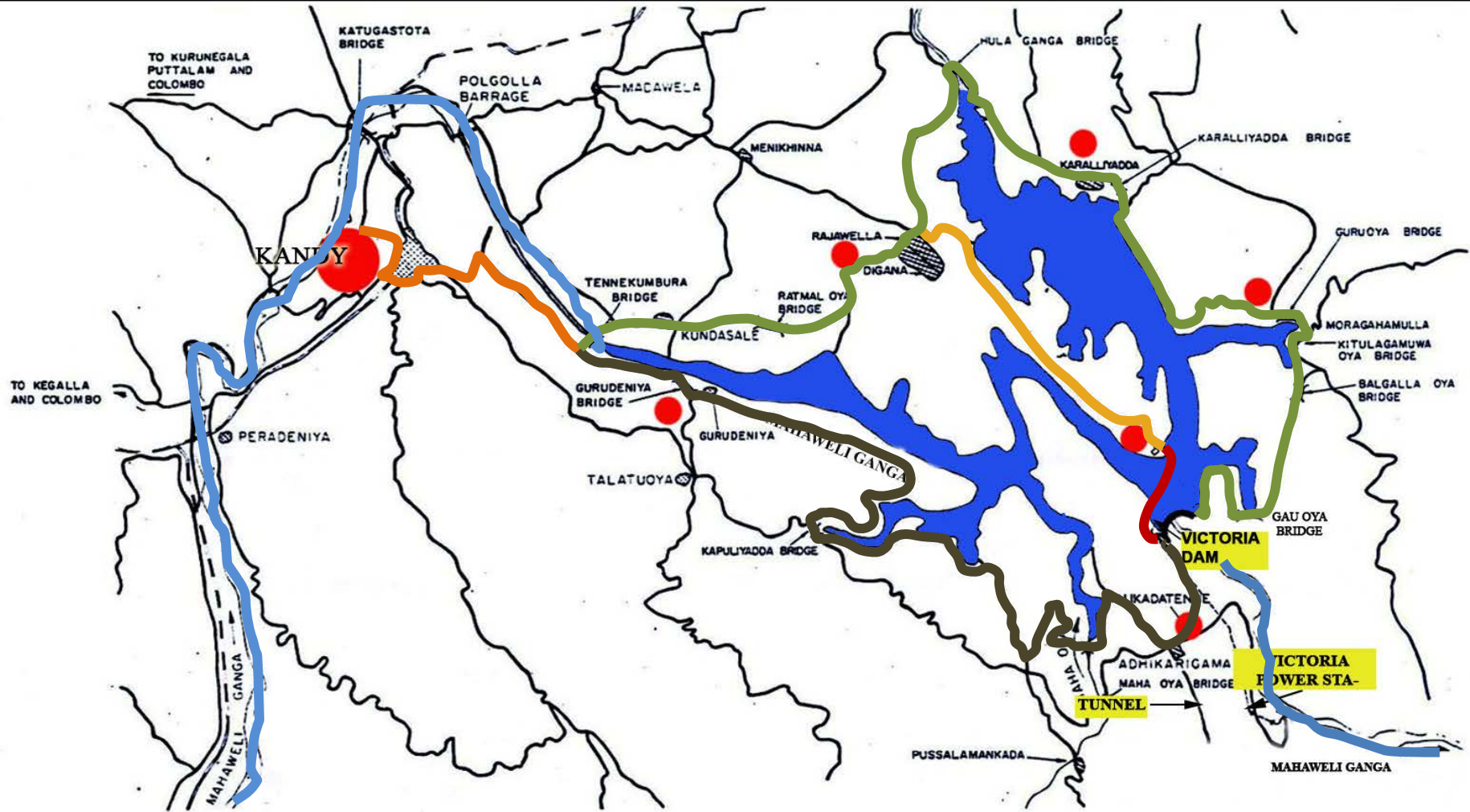
722 MCM

Power Generation

3x70 MW







Heights of ancient and modern structures compared



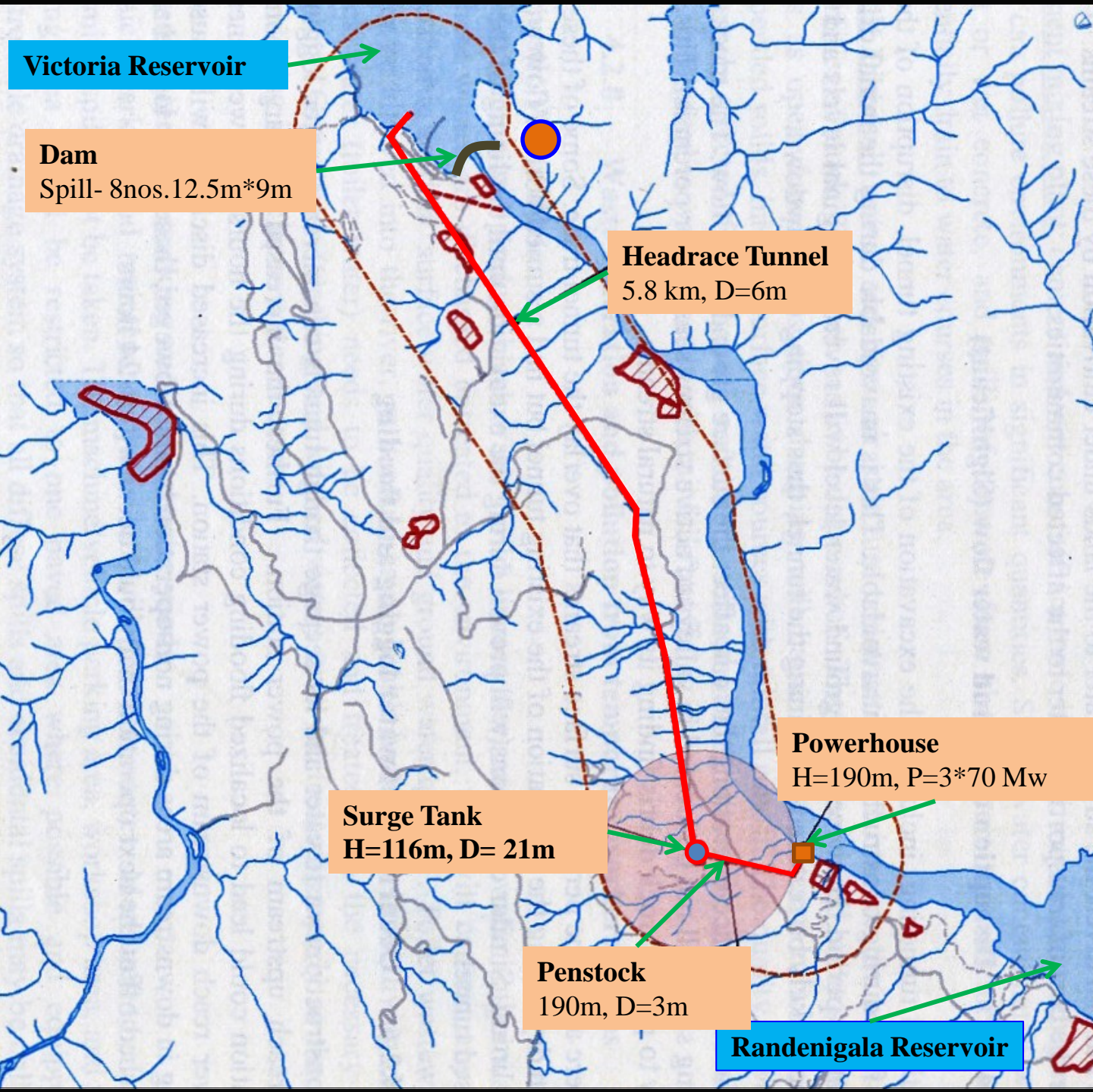
LOCATION PLAN

**LEGEND**

-  Towns
-  Railways
-  Surfaced road
-  Dam site and reservoir



MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA <b>VICTORIA PROJECT</b> <b>DAM</b>
<b>LOCATION PLAN</b>



**Victoria Reservoir**

**Dam**  
Spill- 8nos.12.5m\*9m

**Headrace Tunnel**  
5.8 km, D=6m

**Surge Tank**  
H=116m, D= 21m

**Powerhouse**  
H=190m, P=3\*70 Mw

**Penstock**  
190m, D=3m

**Randenigala Reservoir**



**View from Left bank**



**Victoria Spilling (Recently in Jan/2011)**

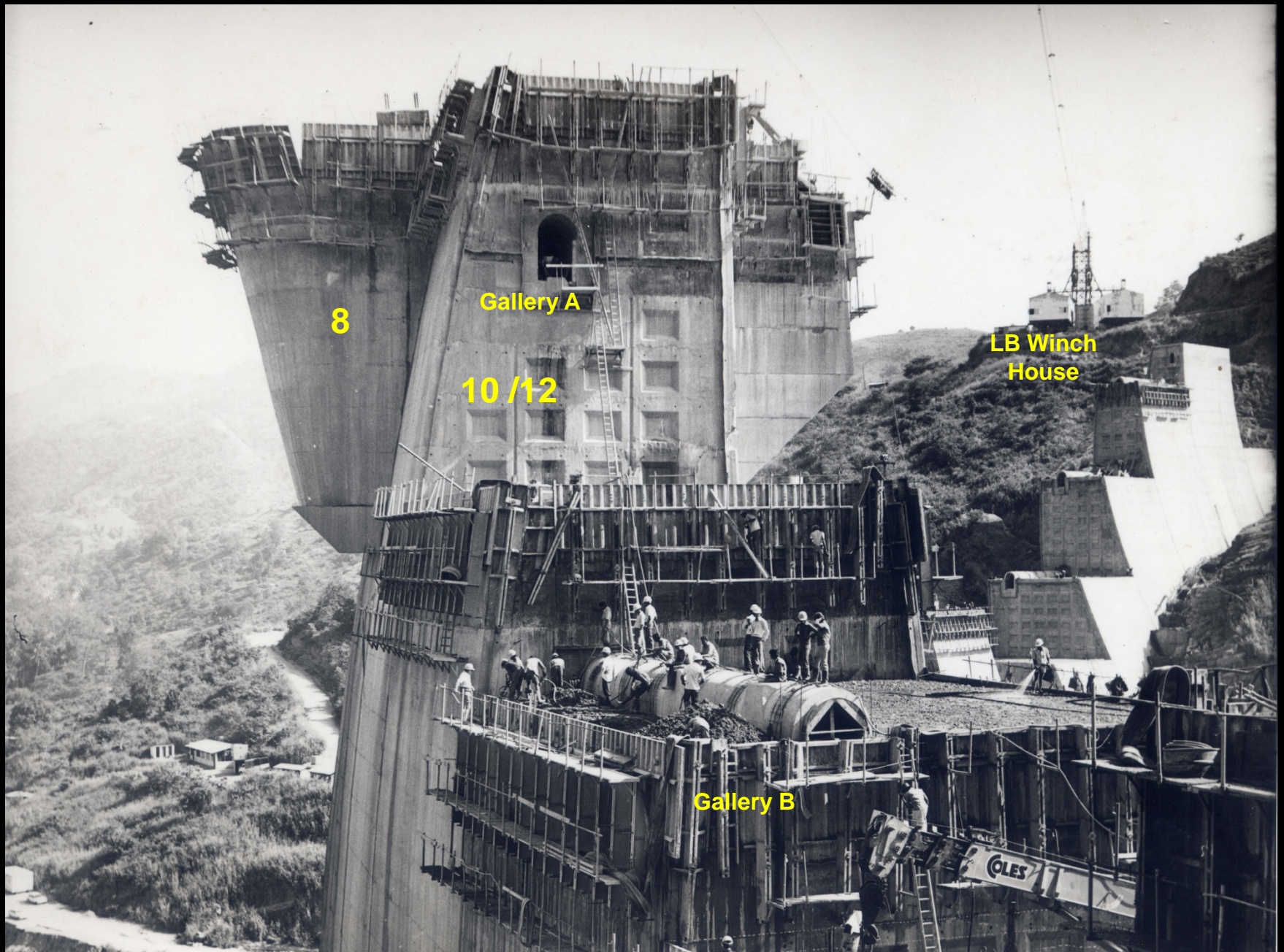




**Downstream View**



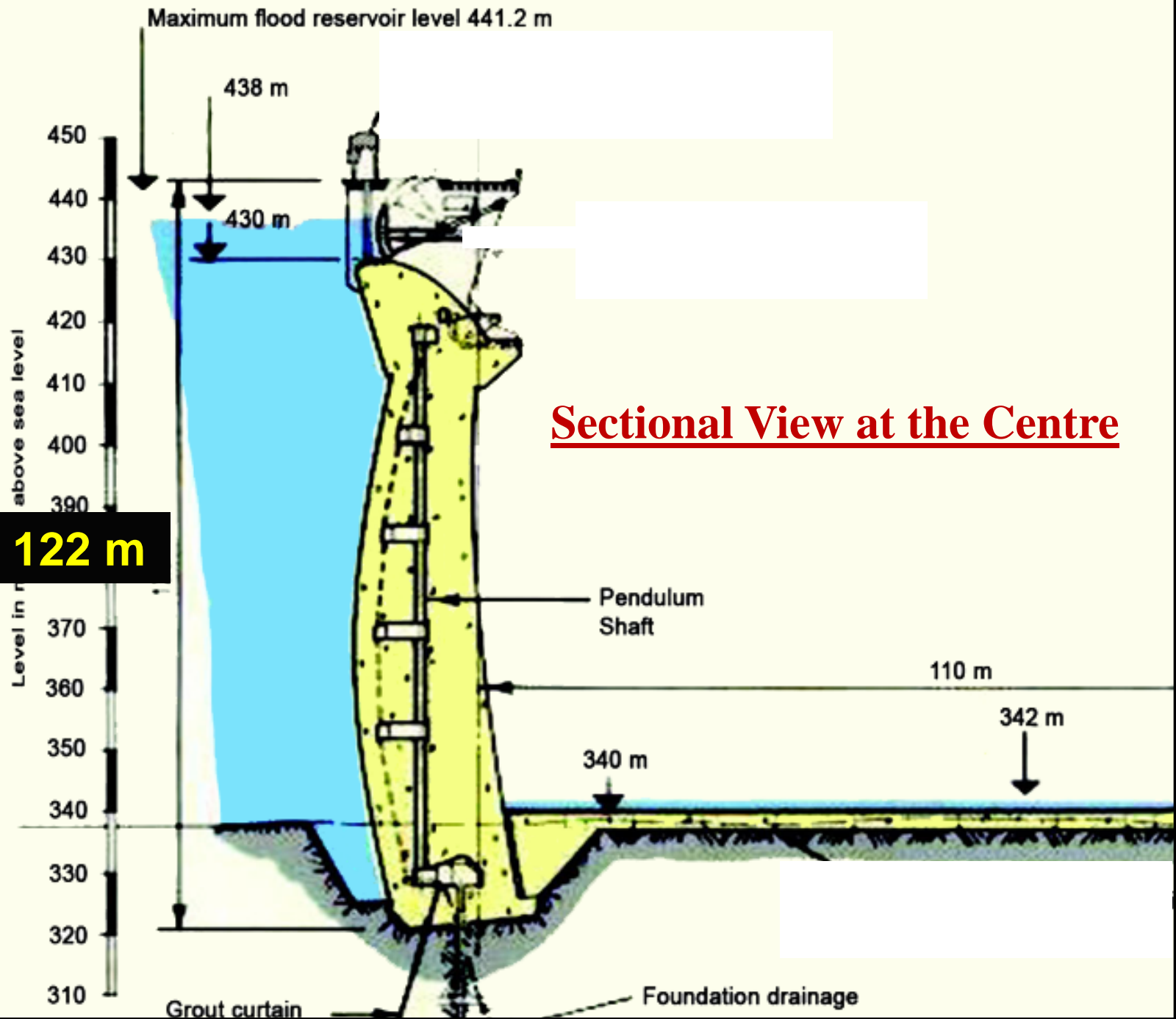
**Dam Under Construction**

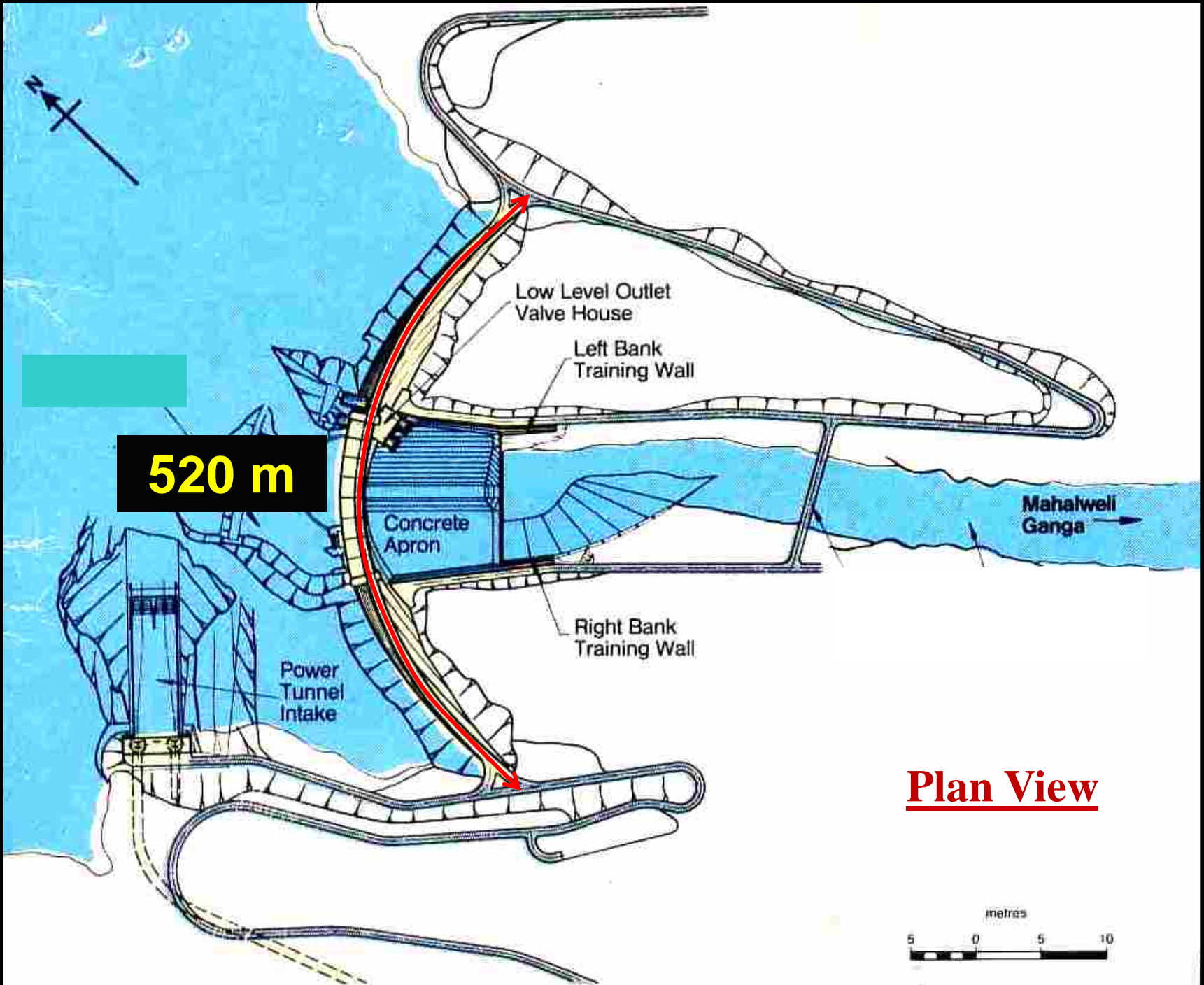


**Taken on 31-Jan-1983( from RB)**



**Power Station**





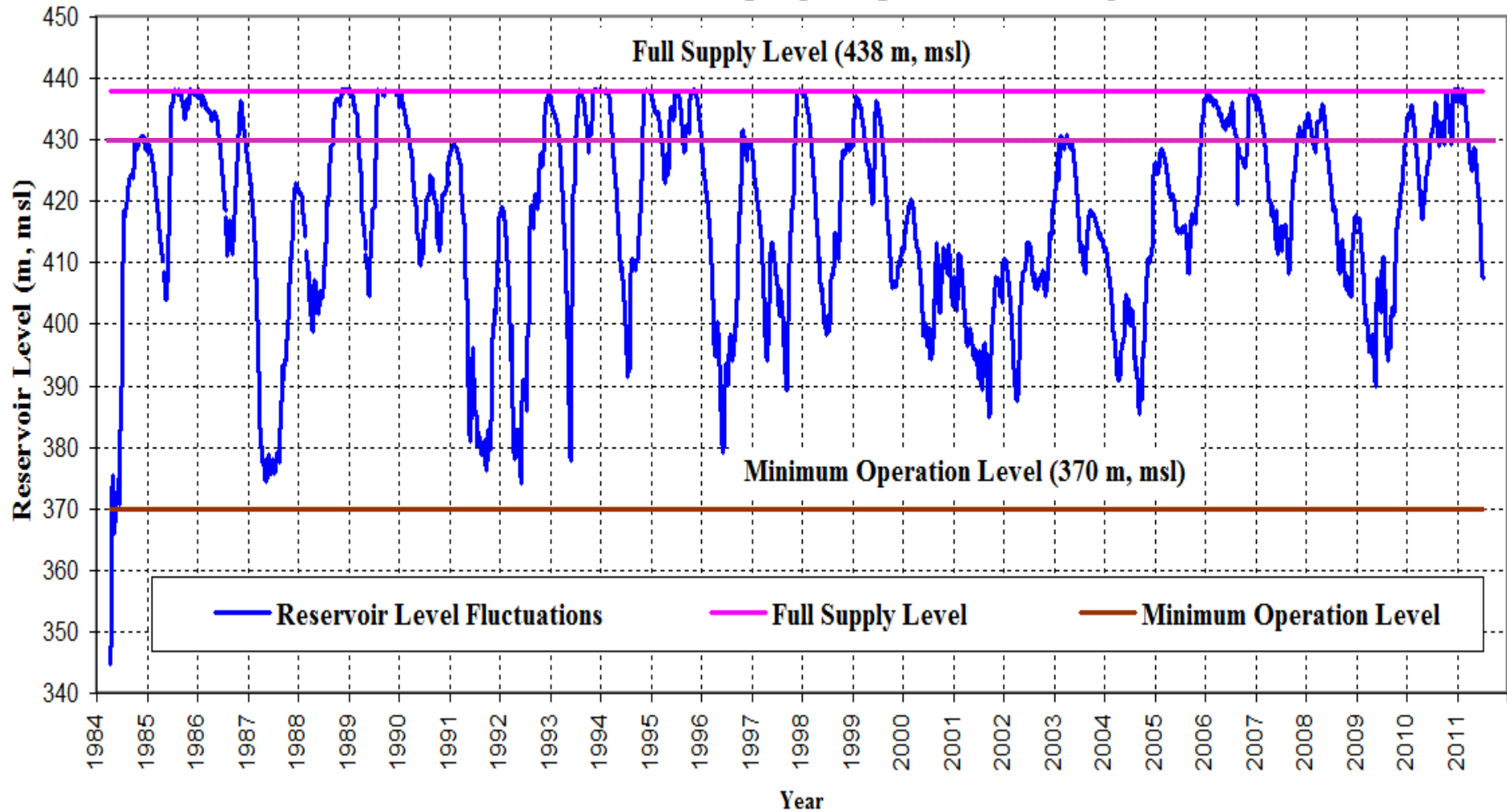
**Plan View**

# Dam Concrete

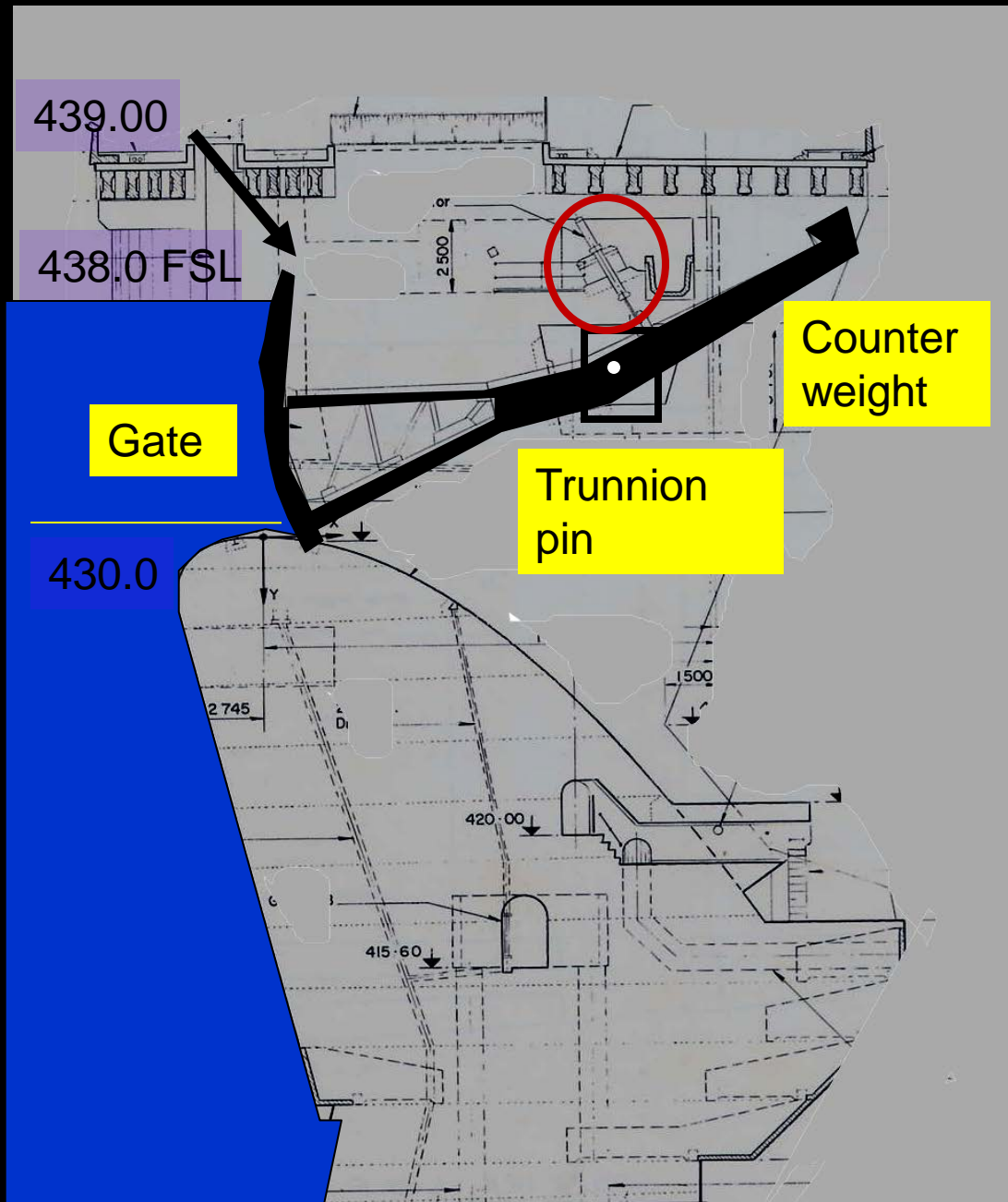
- Concrete volume :480,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Low Heat Low Alkali Cement
  - Na<sub>2</sub>O equivalent 0.65 %
  - Alkali content per m<sup>3</sup> ~ 1.15 kg
- Cement content of the dam concrete
  - 230 ± 10 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 150 mm (max) graded aggregate
- Upstream face
  - chemically impregnated
- Concrete temperature controlled at 22 °C

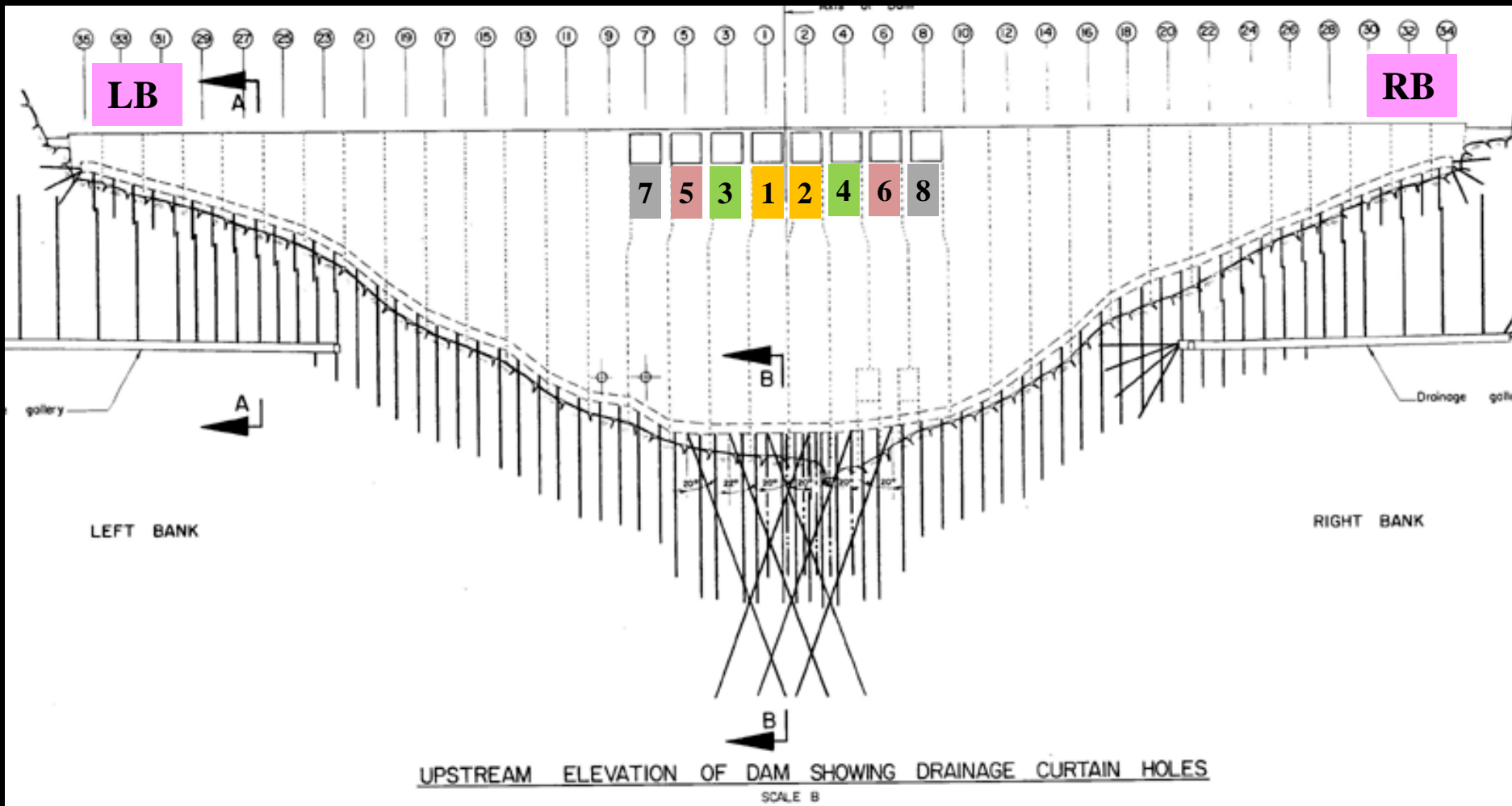
# Reservoir Level Fluctuations in Victoria Reservoir for last 27 years (Since April-1984)

Reservoir Level Fluctuations During Reporting Periods (Since April-1984)



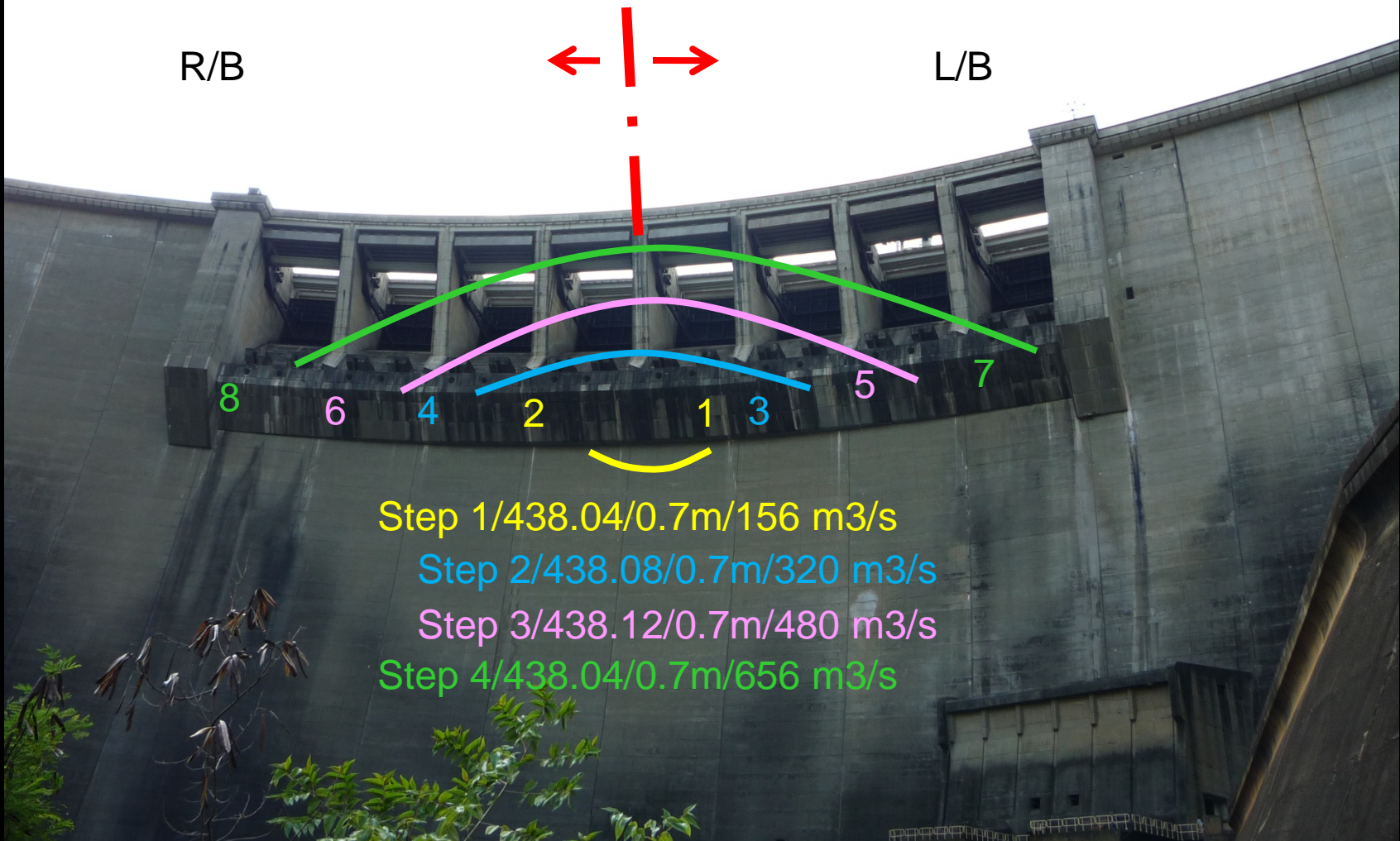






**Upstream View**  
**Numbering of Blocks & Drainage Curtain**

# Auto Operation Sequence



Downstream View

# Chapters

## Part 1

General Information

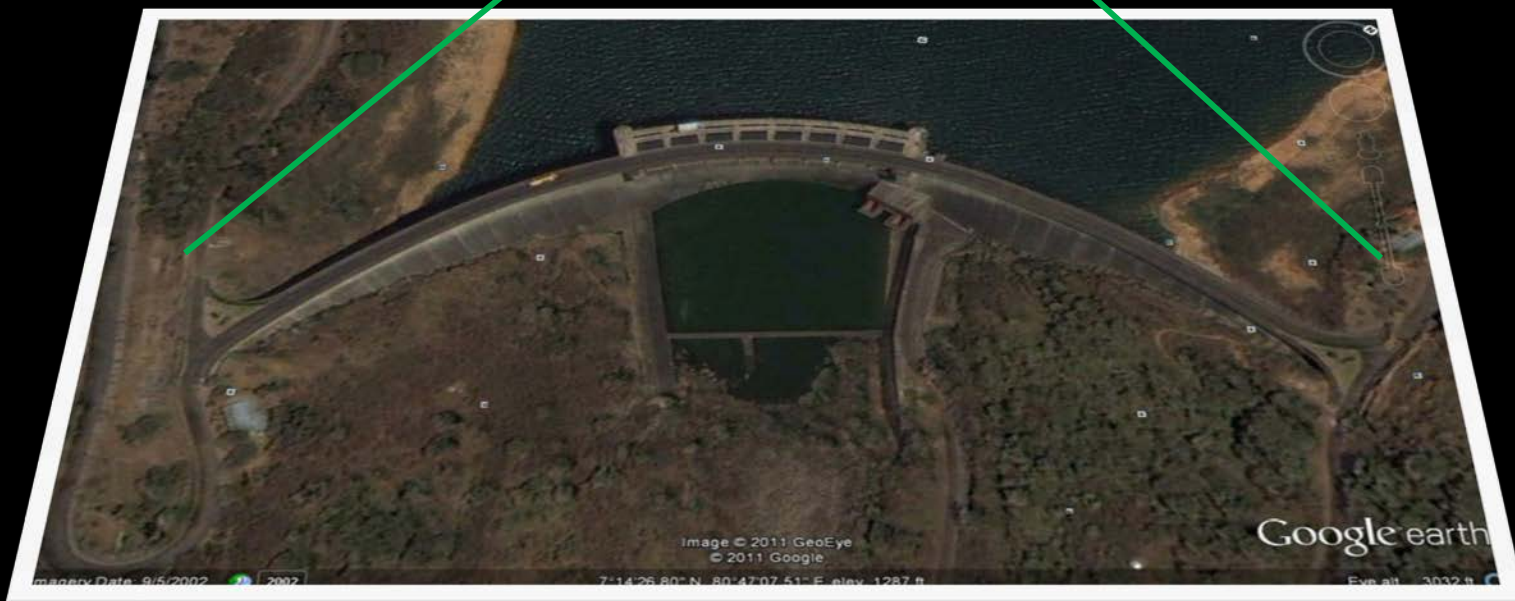
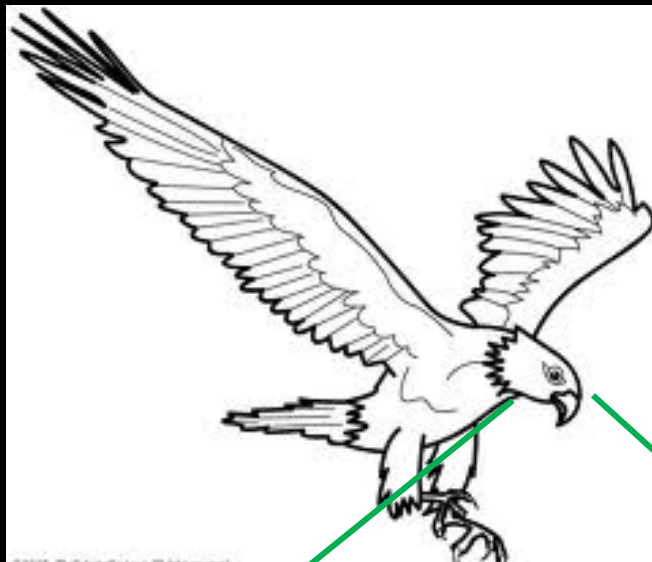
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Instrumentation

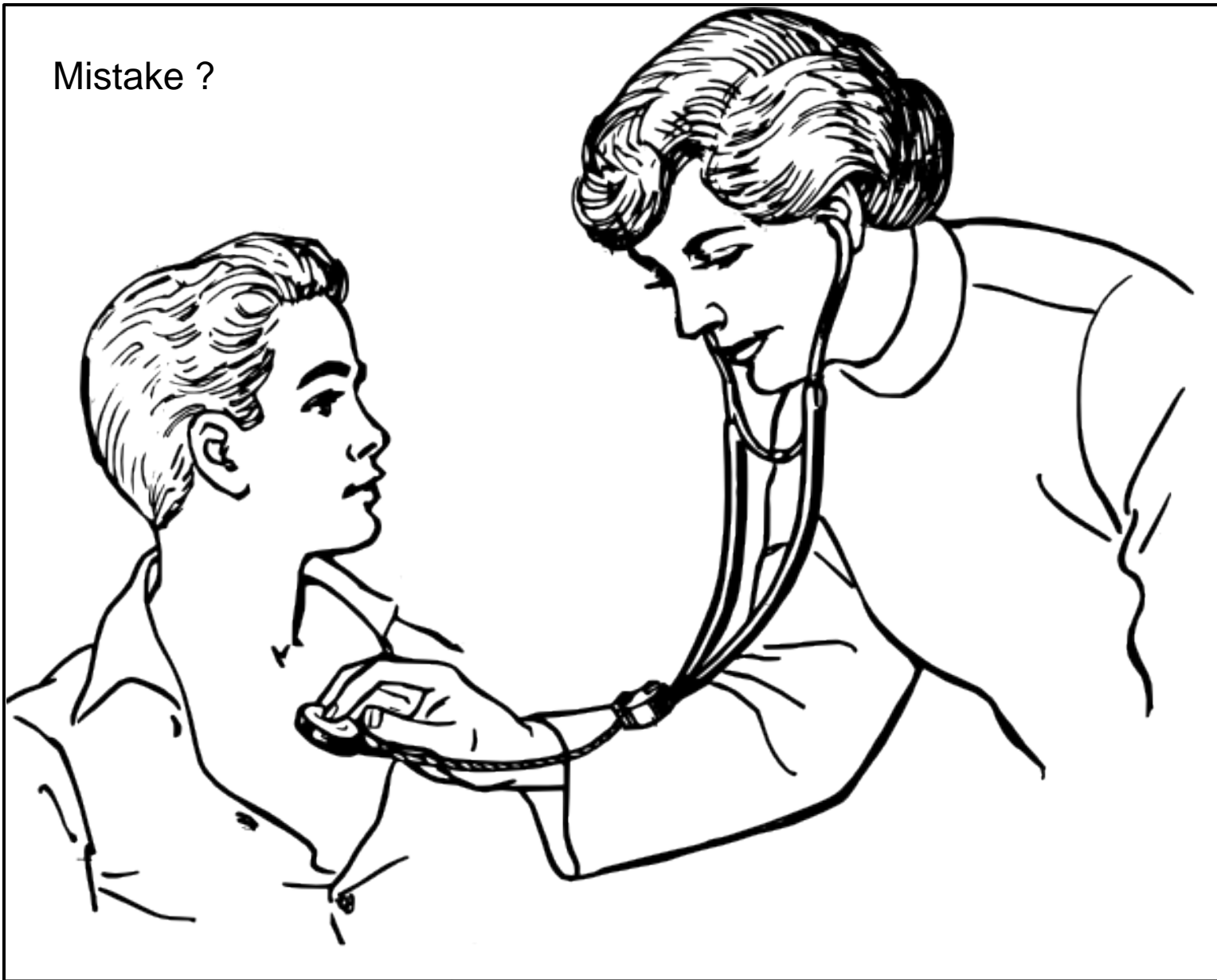
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Observations 1~6 & Conclusion

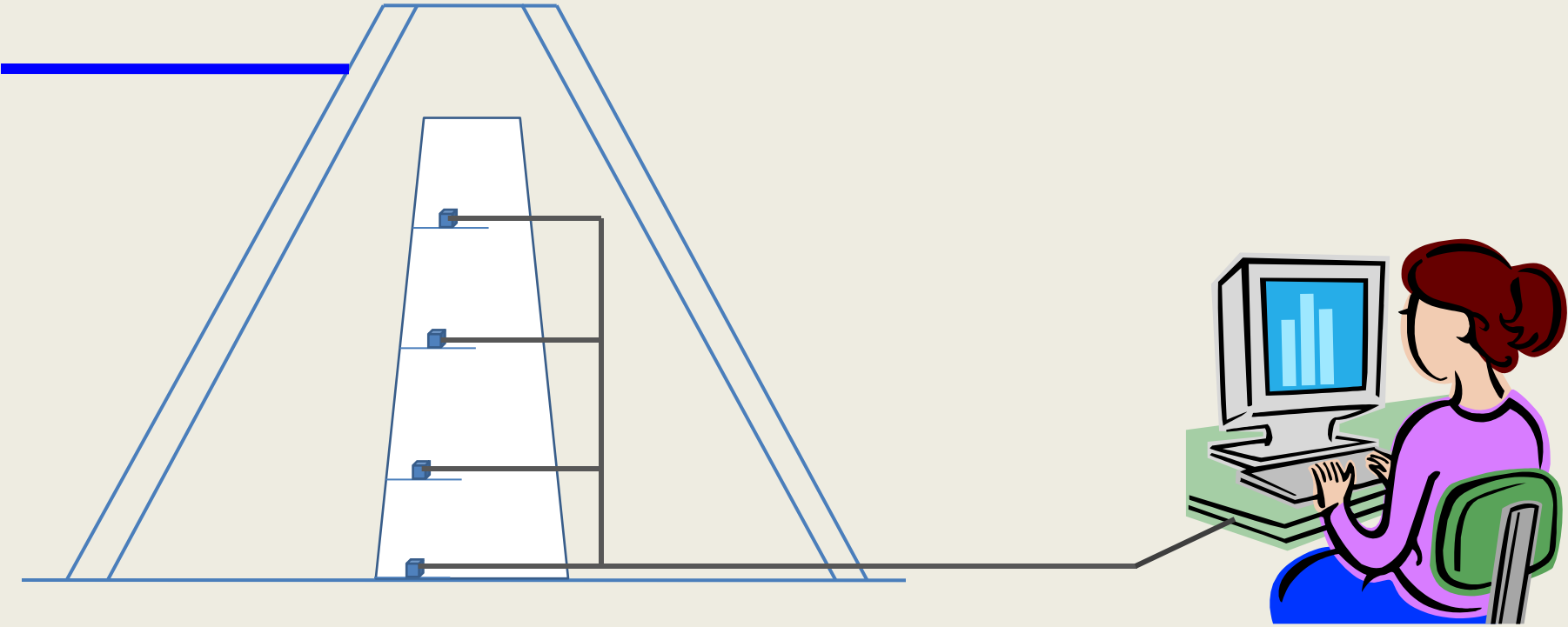
# Looking the whole dam as an eagle eye



Mistake ?



Mistake ?

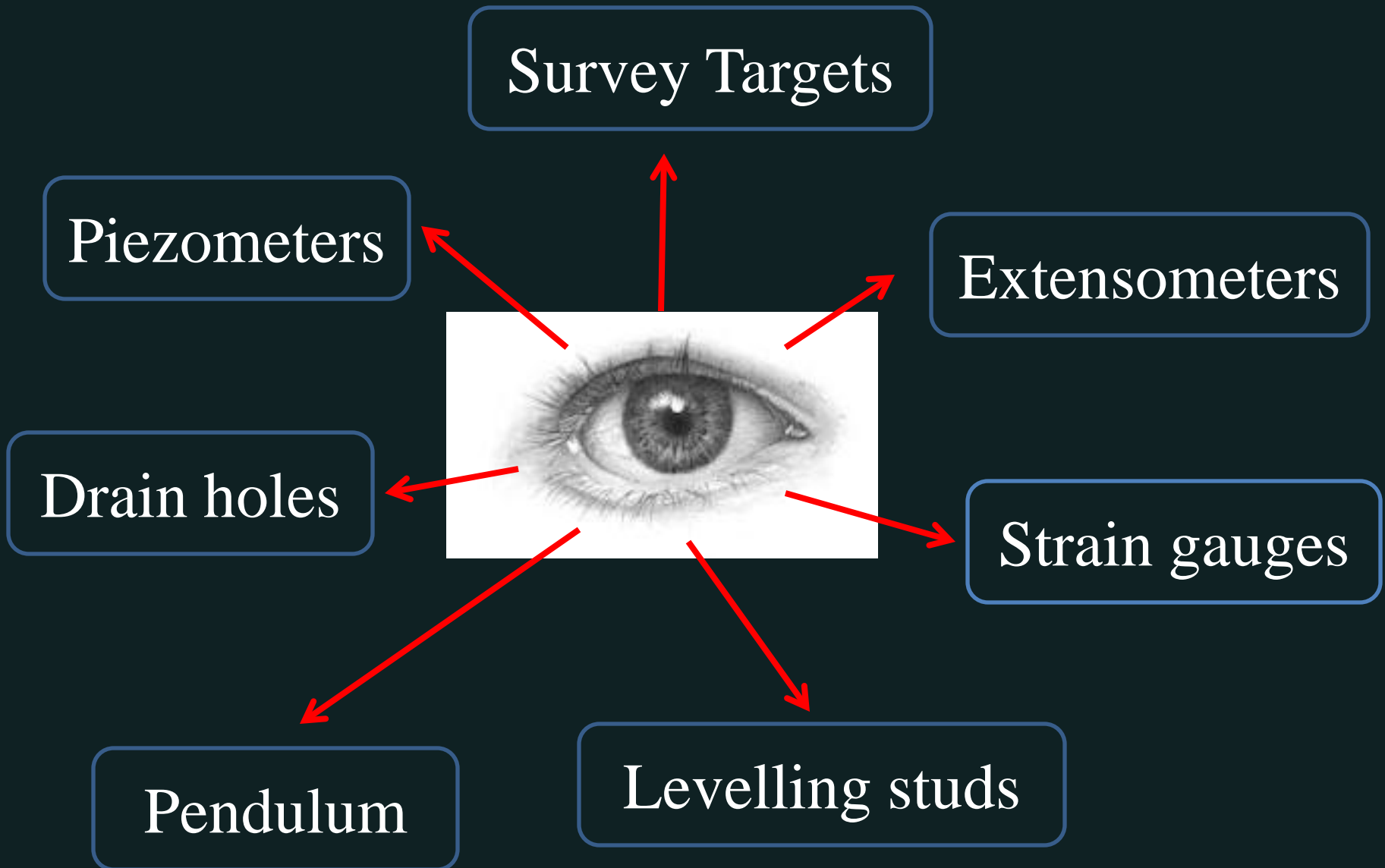


# **Dam Instrumentation**



# Observant Eye linked to an Intelligent Brain

# Dam Instruments



**Interpretation**

**Long term trends**

**Identifying the patterns**

**Accuracy**

**Calibrations**

**Precision**

**Least count**

- **Observer reliability**
- **Commitment**
- **Working Principle of Instruments**

## Settlement at centre

Post  
construction

crest Level

Un noticed !



Water Level

**Overtopping due to Settlement of  
Long Embankment Dam**

# Settlements



# **Instruments in Victoria**

**...topics to be discussed**

**Pendulums**

**Clinometers**

**Extensometers**

**Piezometers / Drain holes**

**Survey Targets**

**Strain Gauges**

# Dam Instrumentation

- **Dam Deflections**

  - 7 Normal Pendulums , 1mm( 2 week)

  - 24 Crest Precise Levelling 0.1mm (annually)

  - 48 Survey Face Targets , 0.5 sec(annually)

- **Foundation Deflections**

  - 7 Inverted Pendulums (0.01mm)

  - 10 VW Clinometers (5) (2 week)

  - 3-Point Extensometer ( 2 week )

- **Concrete Strains**

  - 269 VW Strain meters (50) (2 week)

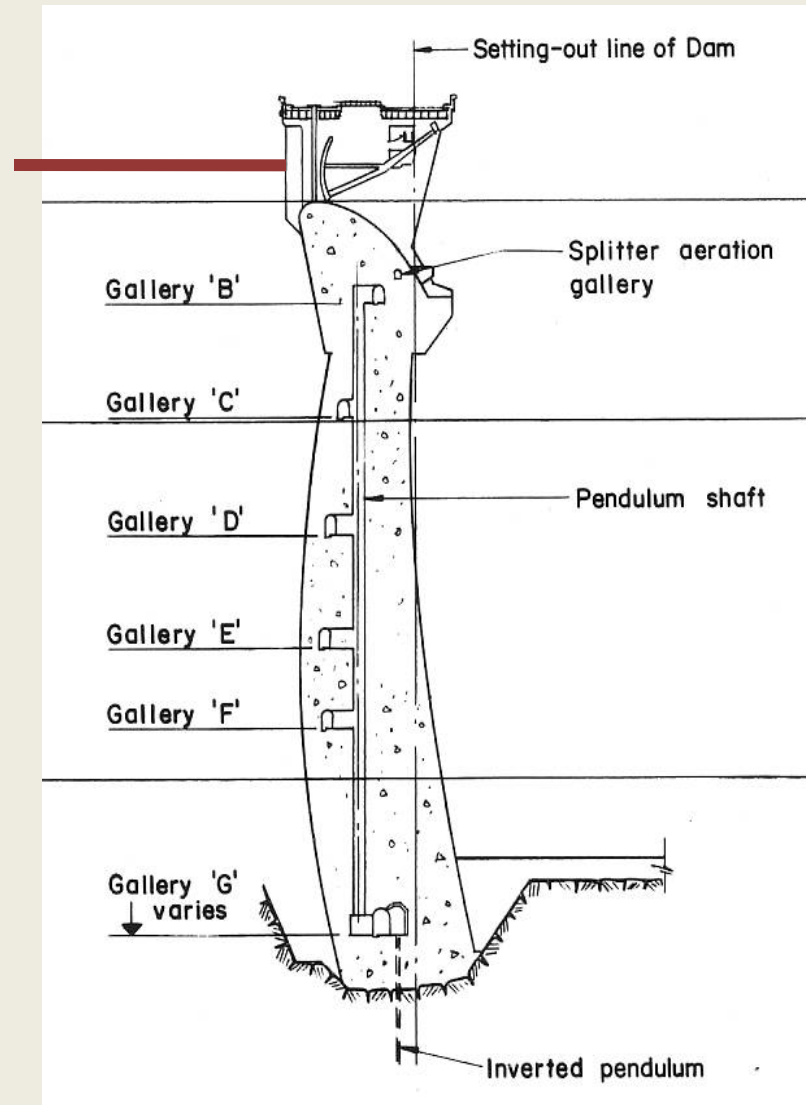
  - 66 VW Thermometers (19) (2 week)

- **Foundation Hydrogeology**

  - 21 Piezometers 1water m (4) (weekly)

  - Drainage Flows 5 ml, 0.01s (weekly)

\*out of order



# **Instruments in Victoria**

**Pendulums**

**Clinometers**

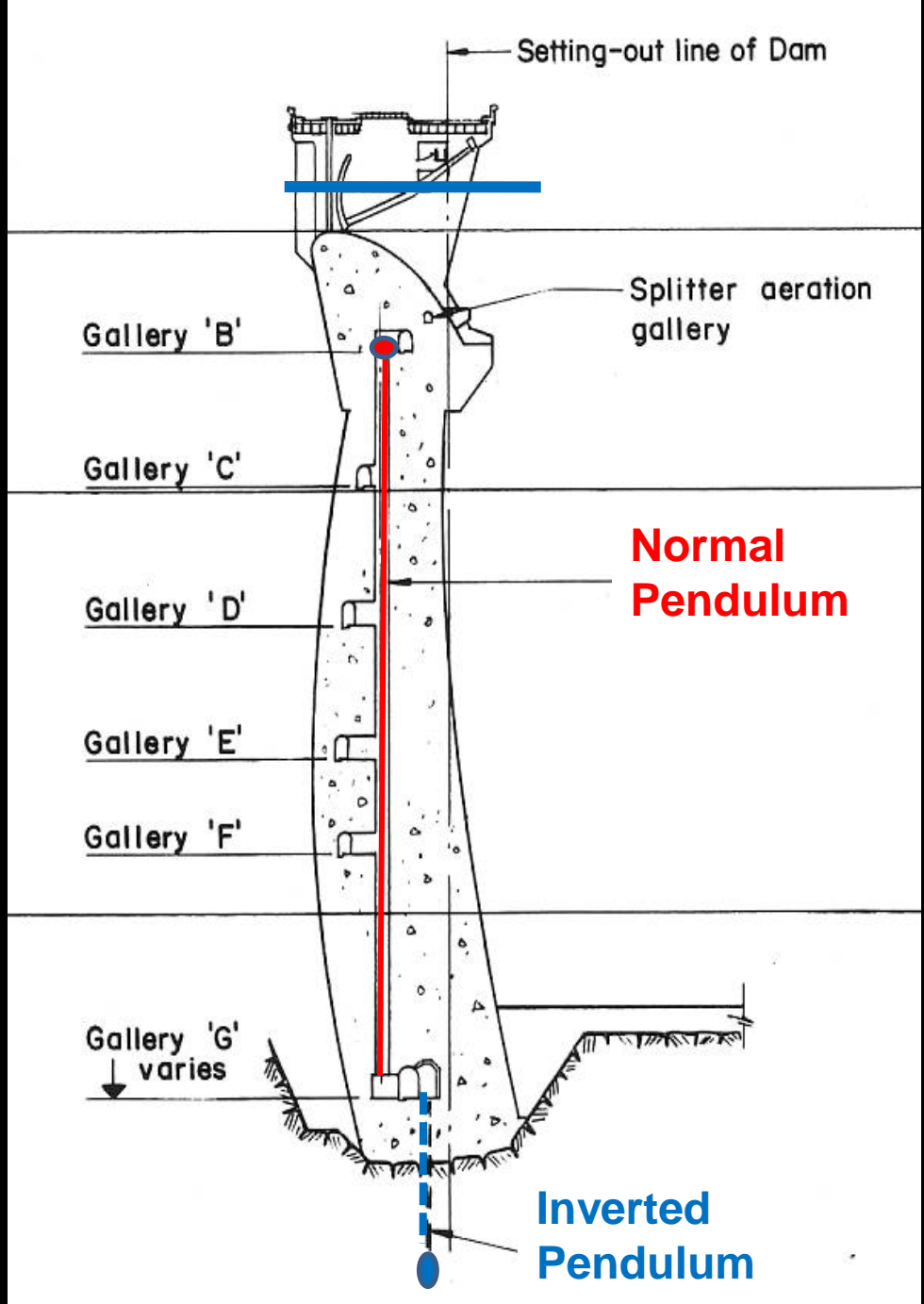
**Extensometers**

**Piezometers / Drain holes**

**Survey Targets**

**Strain Gauges**





Setting-out line of Dam

Gallery 'B'

Splitter aeration gallery

Gallery 'C'

**Normal  
Pendulum**

Gallery 'D'

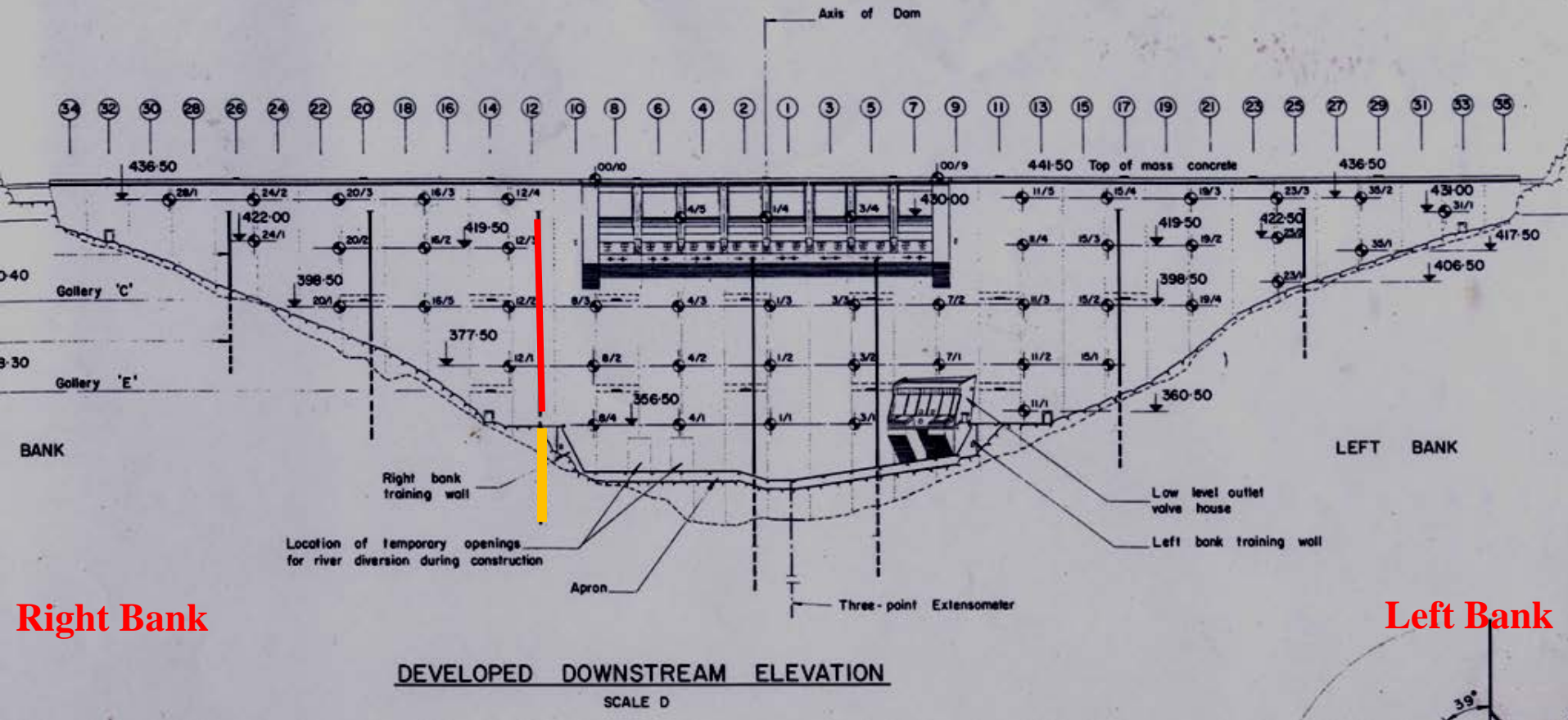
Gallery 'E'

Gallery 'F'

Gallery 'G'  
varies

**Inverted  
Pendulum**

# Pendulum locations



**Normal and Inverted**



Normal Pendulums



Inverted Pendulums



# **Instruments in Victoria**

**Pendulums**

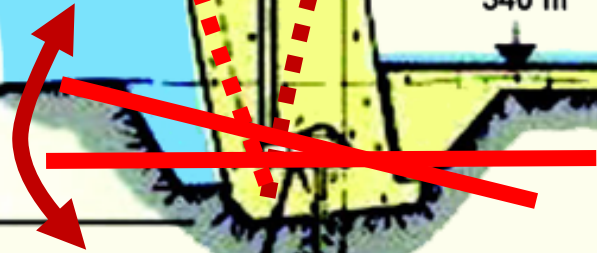
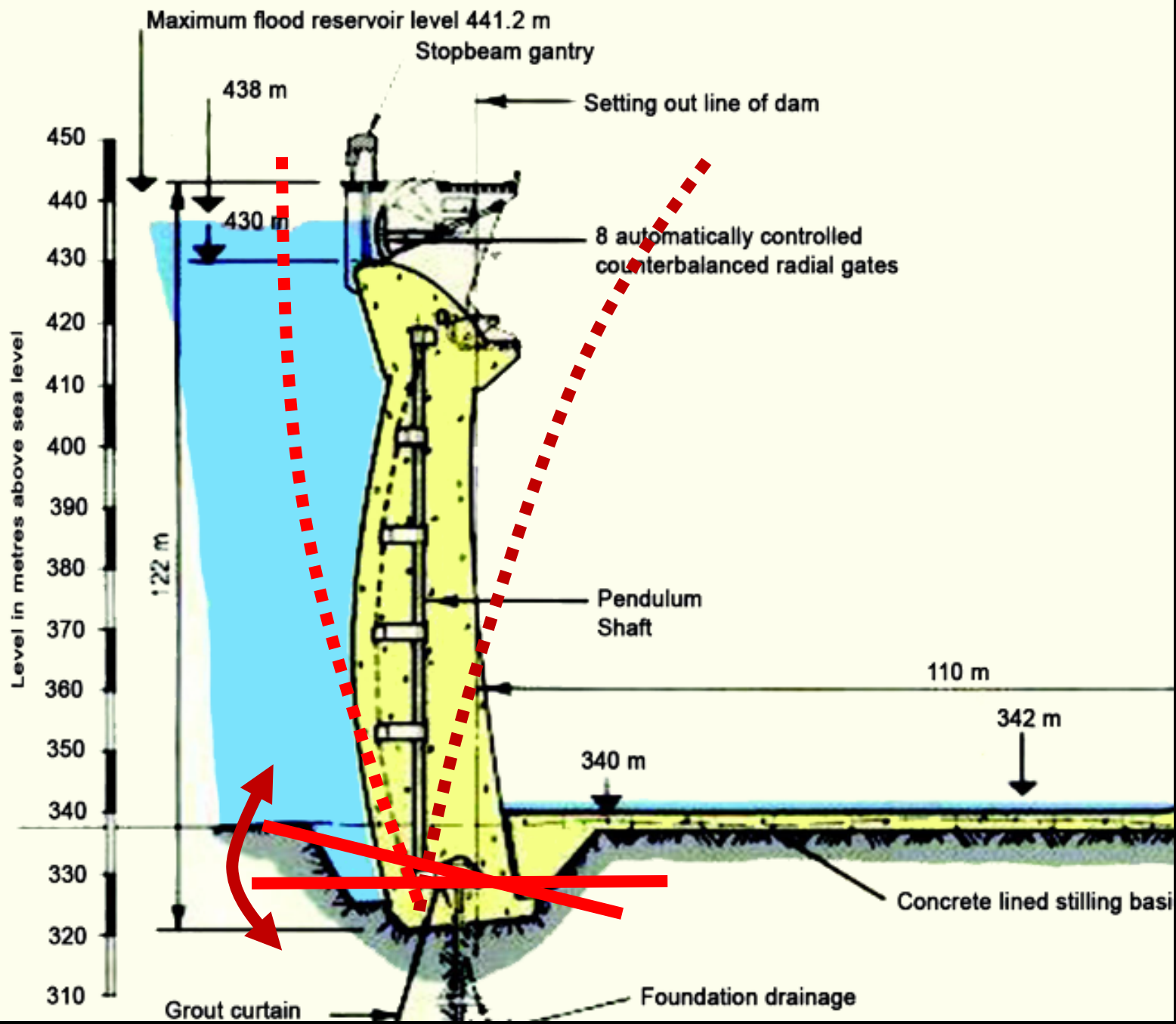
**Clinometers**

**Extensometers**

**Piezometers / Drain holes**

**Survey Targets**

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VW Clinometers

# **Instruments in Victoria**

**Pendulums**

**Clinometers**

**Extensometers**

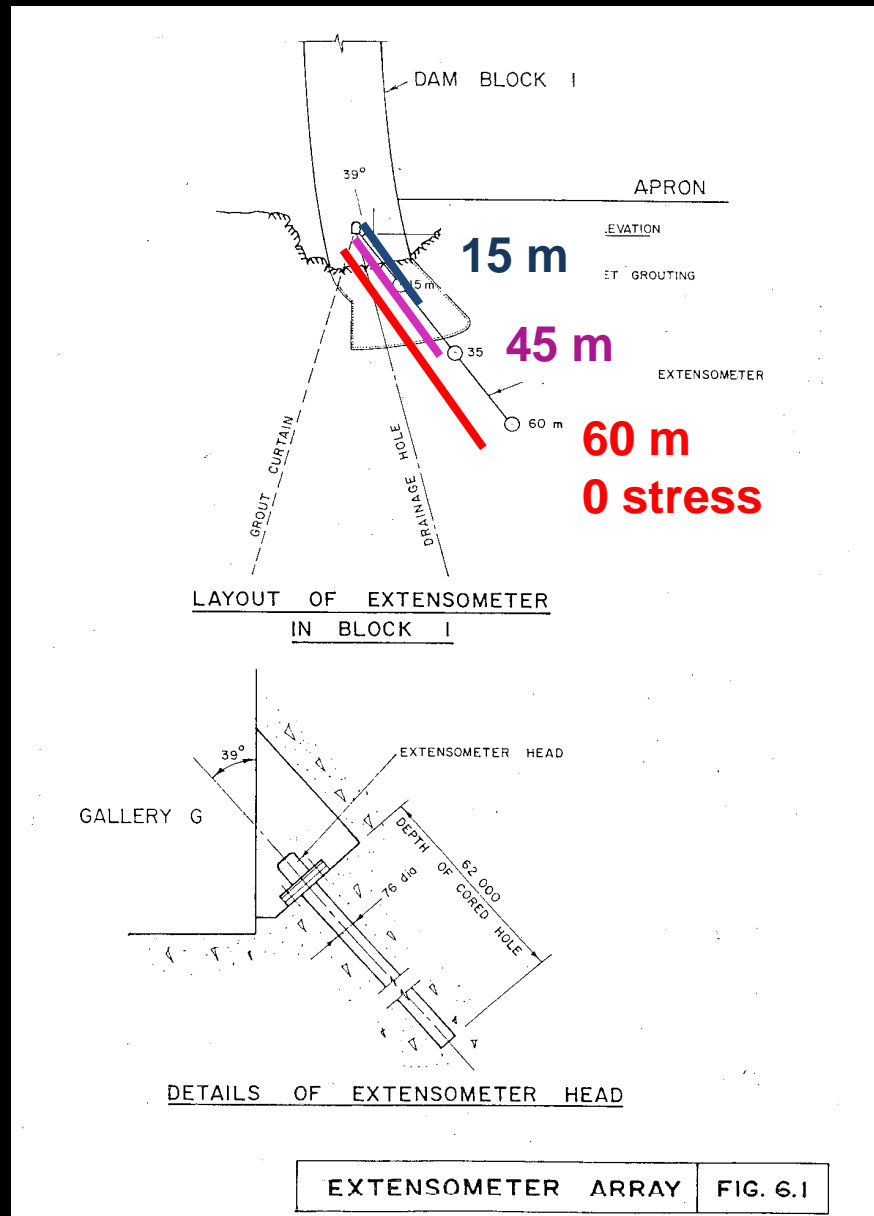
**Piezometers / Drain holes**

**Survey Targets**

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# Extensometer: Detail of Installation



- In 76mm Ø hole drilled from gallery 'G'



3-Point Extensometer



# **Instruments in Victoria**

**Pendulums**

**Clinometers**

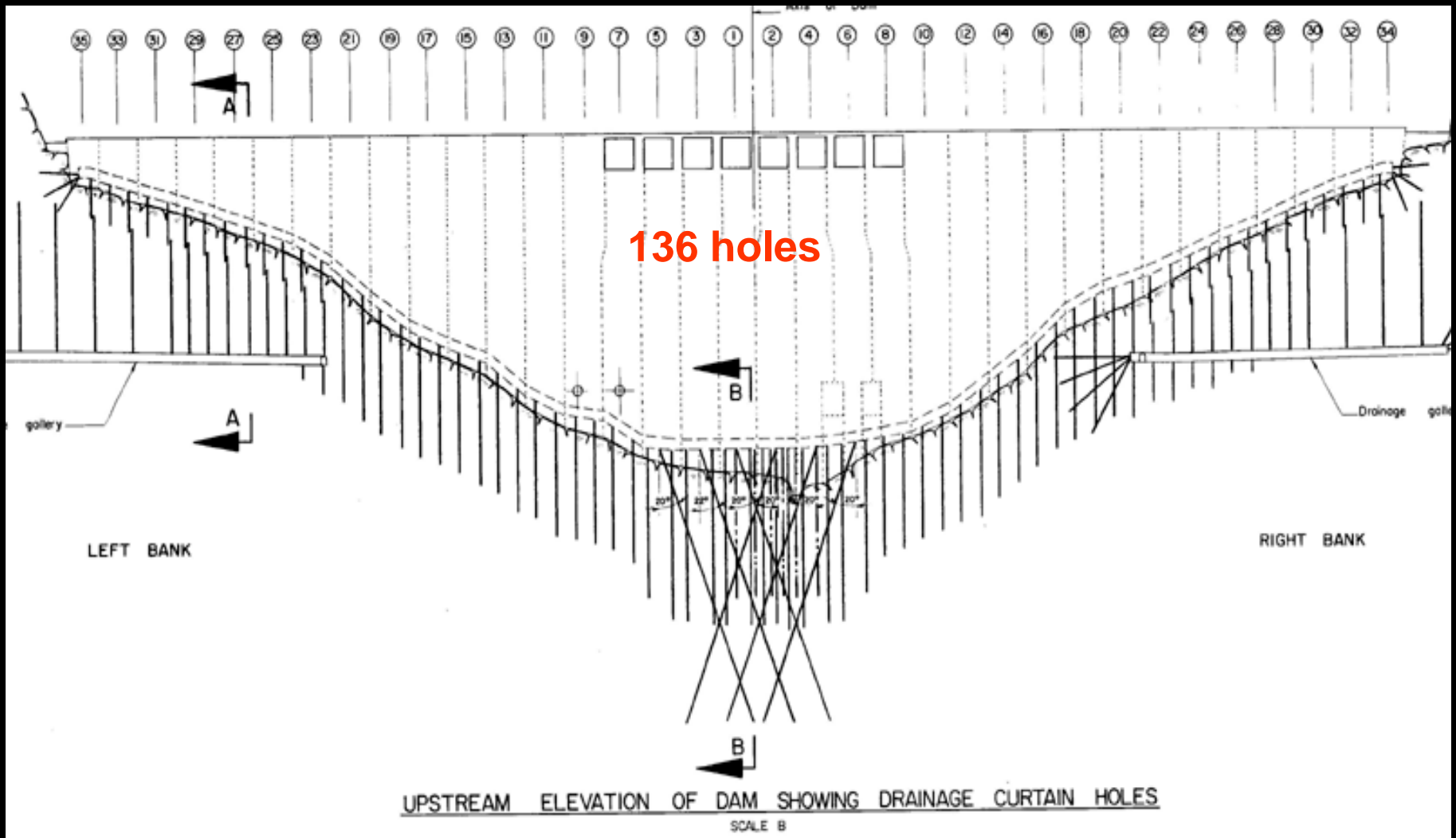
**Extensometers**

**Piezometers / Drain holes**

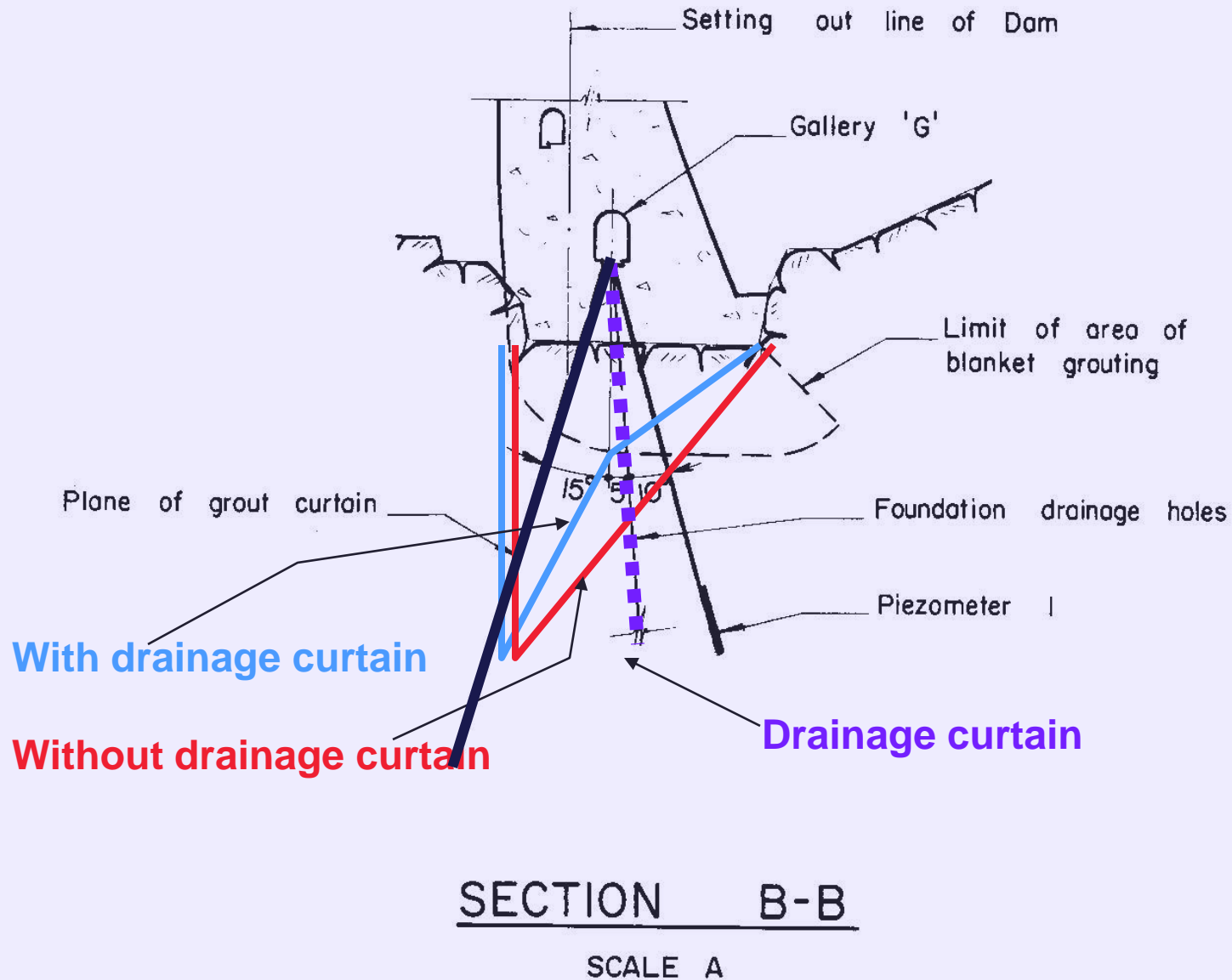
**Survey Targets**

**Strain Gauges**

# Drainage Holes



# De-choking of Drainage Holes



$$\eta = 60\%$$

**Expected drainage efficiency is 60%**



Piezometers

Drain Holes



# **Instruments in Victoria**

**Pendulums**

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**Extensometers**

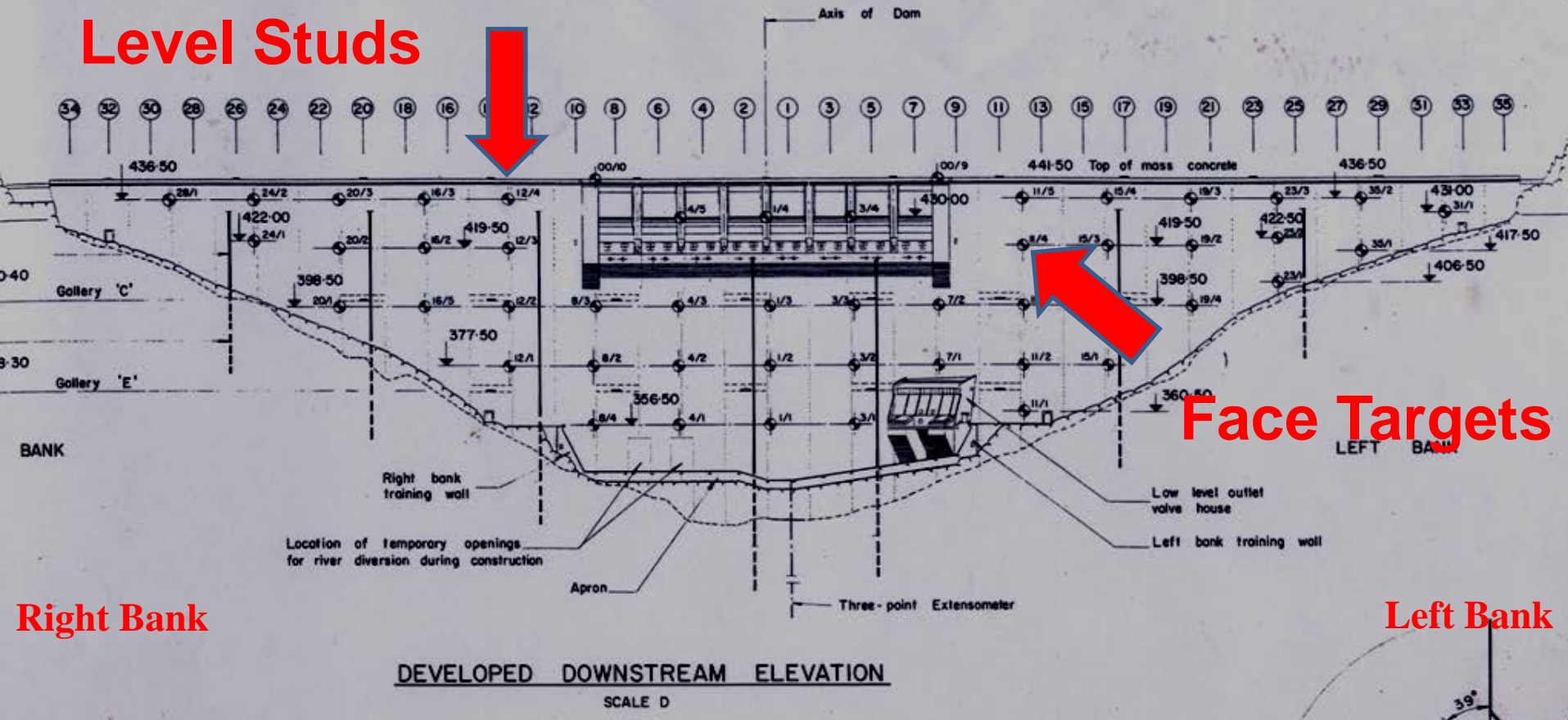
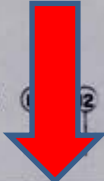
**Piezometers / Drain holes**

**Survey Targets**

**Strain Gauges**

# Behaviour of Face Survey Targets

Level Studs



Face Targets

Right Bank

Left Bank

Locations of Face Survey Target on the Dam face



# Dam Monitoring Survey

## Geodetic Survey





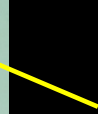
**Kern heavy-duty centering adapter**



**Theodolite (Kern AARAU –DKM3)**

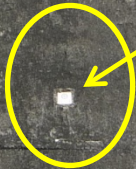


**Target Plate**





**Survey Target Point No 11-1**



# Dam Monitoring Survey

## Precise Leveling

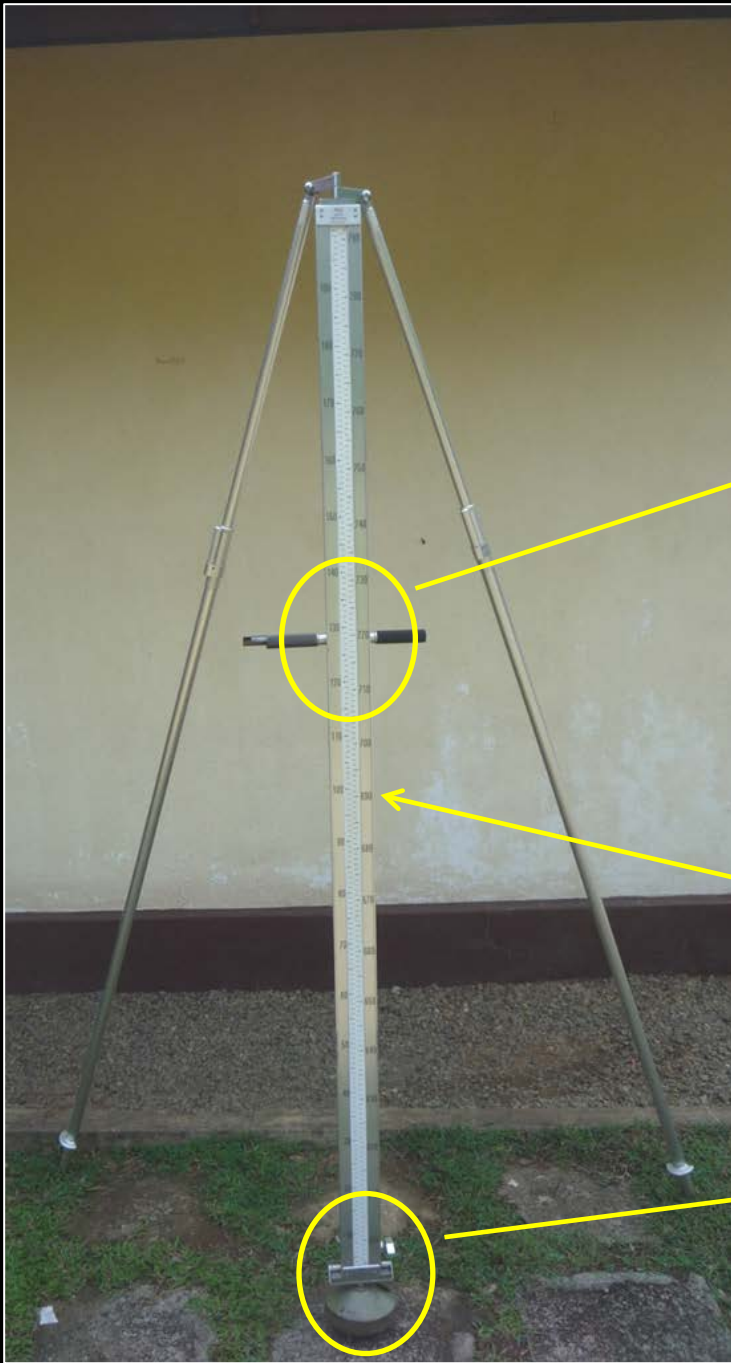


**Leveling Instrument  
(Kern GK 2A)**

**Tripod**



**Centering  
Adaptor**



**Foot Plate**

**Leveling Staff**



# Level Stud on the Dam crest



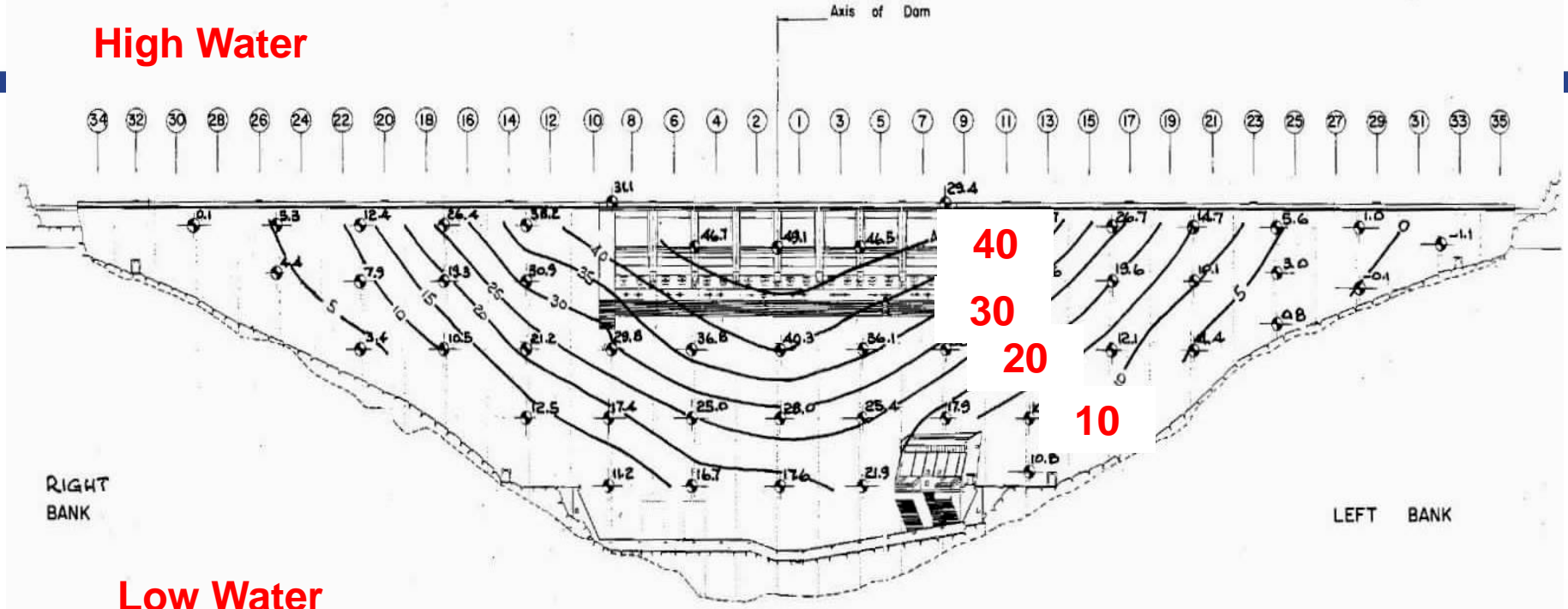
Wrench

Steel Ball

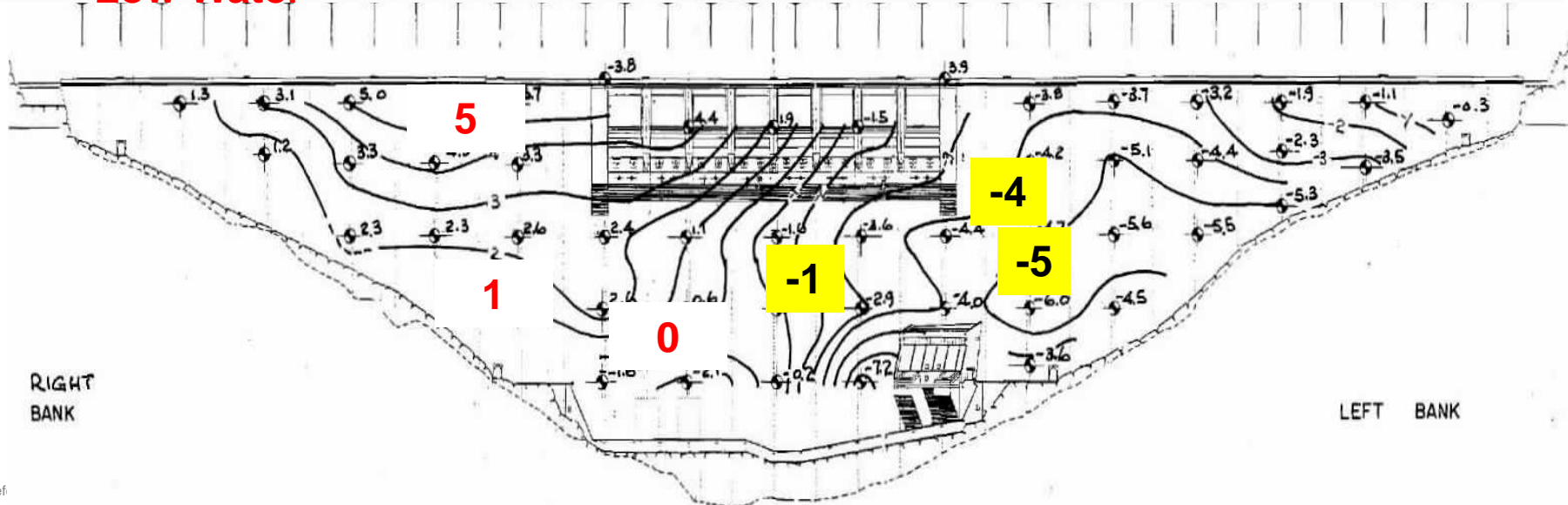


# Face Survey Targets, 2000 Dec

High Water



Low Water



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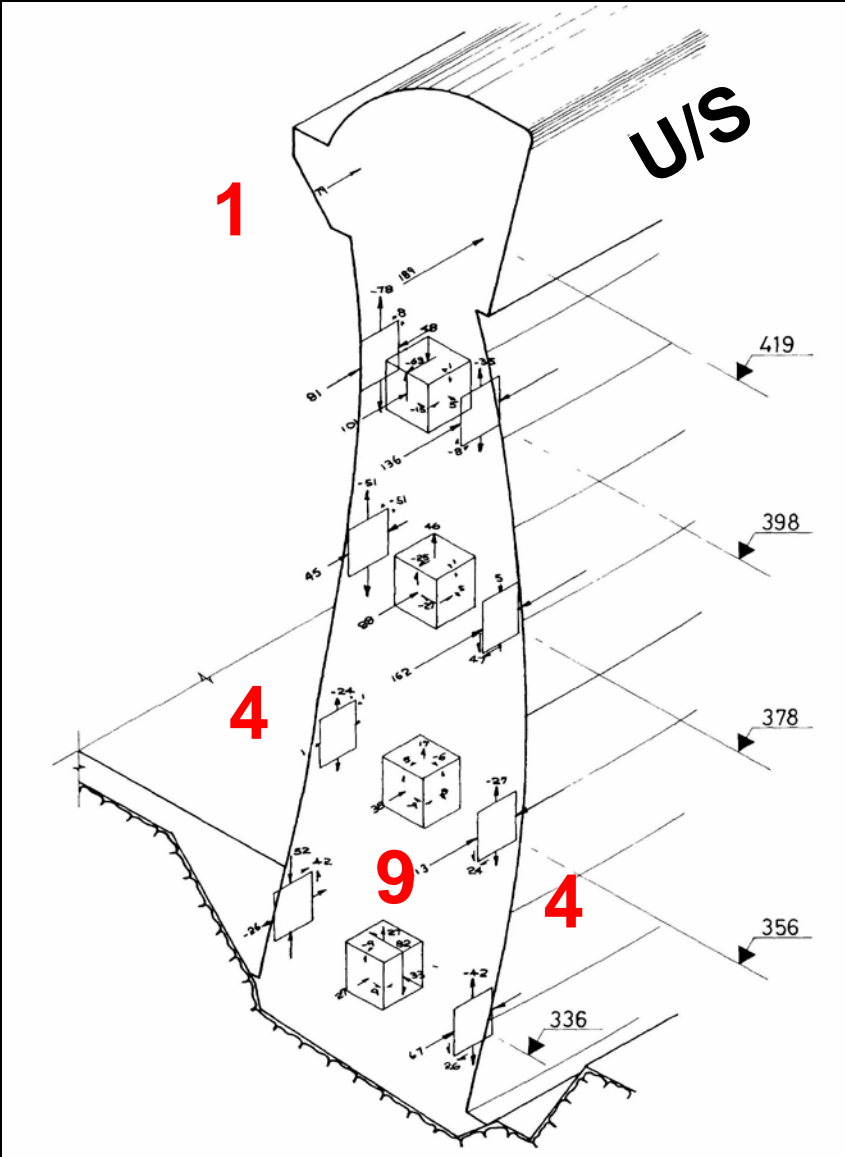
**Piezometers / Drain holes**

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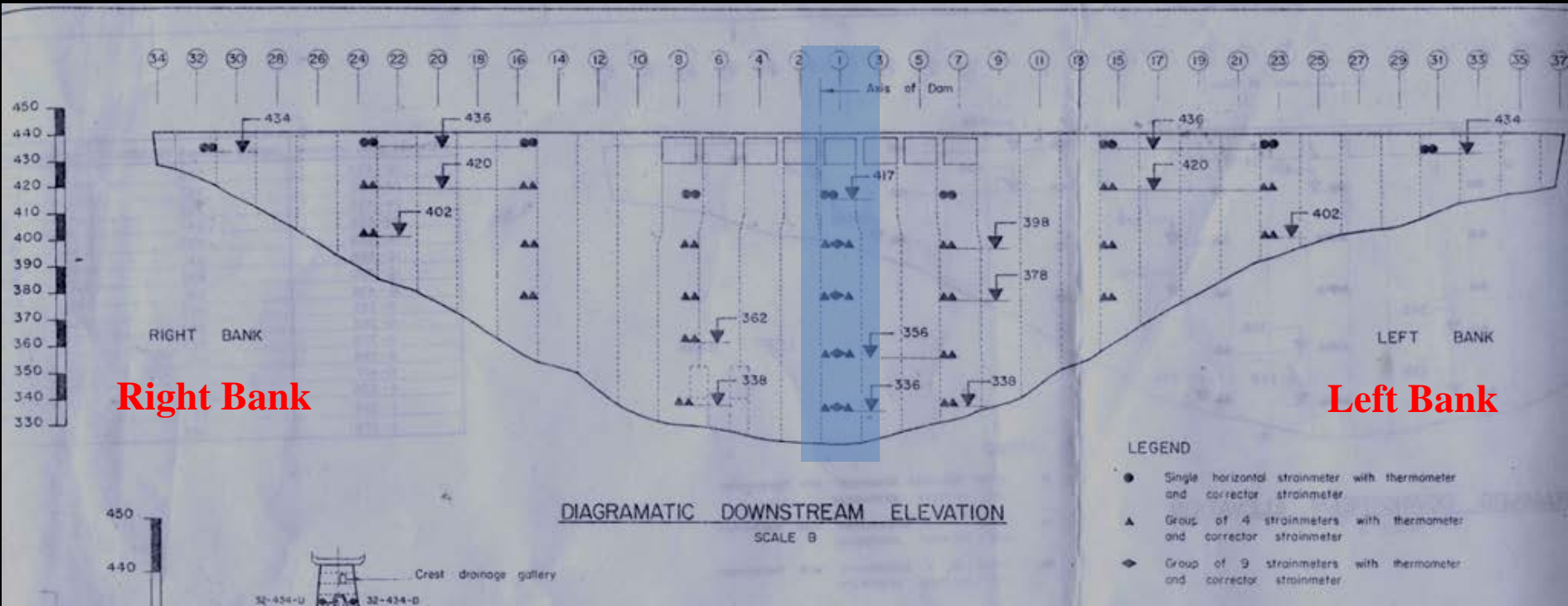
**Strain Gauges**



# Vibrating Wire Strain Gauges



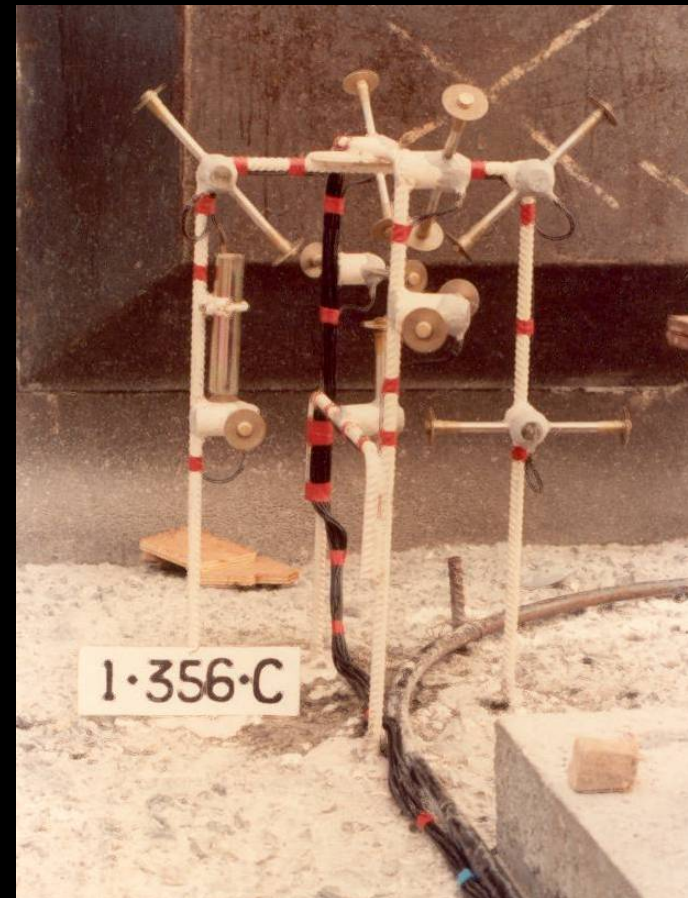
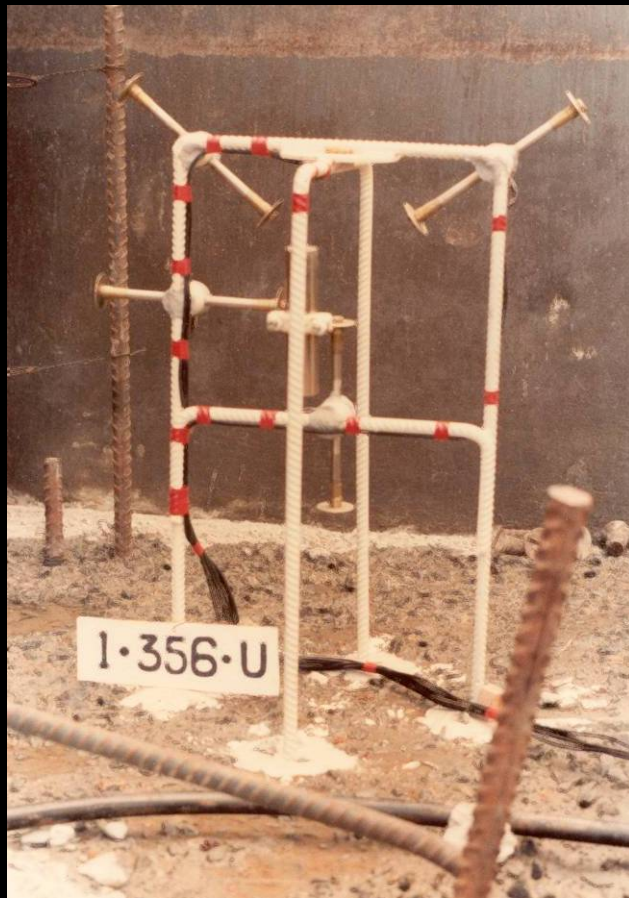
# Strain Gauge Locations of the Victoria Dam



## LEGEND

- Single horizontal strainmeter with thermometer and corrector strainmeter
- ▲ Group of 4 strainmeter with thermometer and corrector strainmeter
- ◆ Group of 9 strainmeter with thermometer and corrector strainmeter

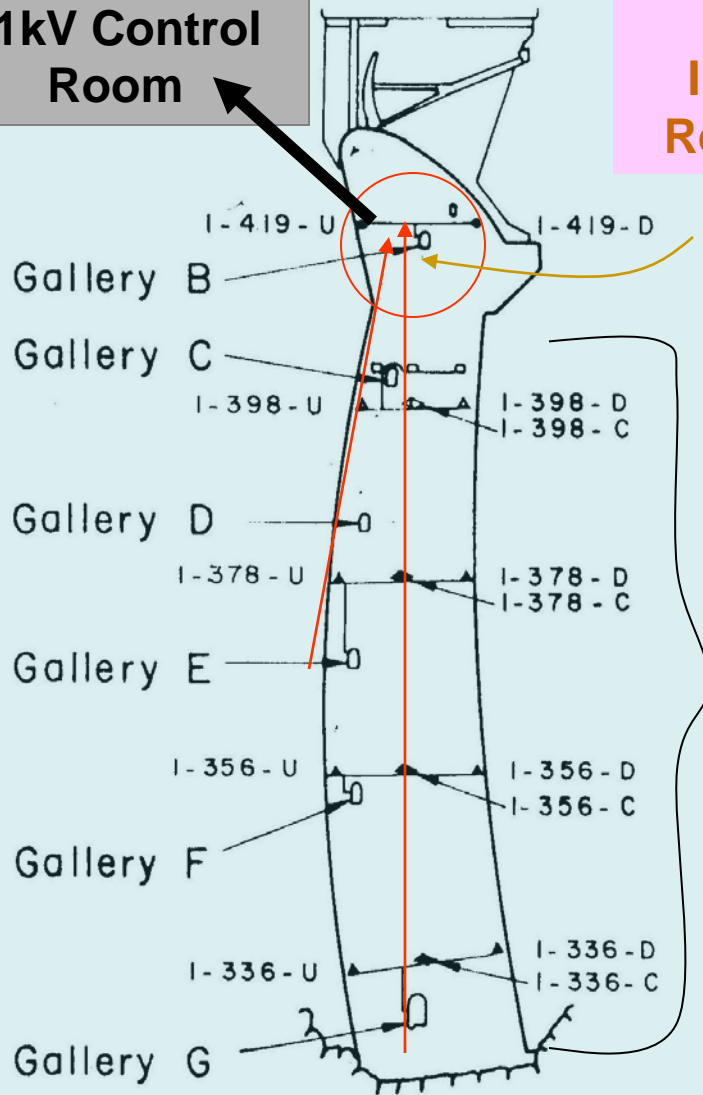
# Vibrating Wire Strain Gauges



11kV Control Room

Central Instrumentation Reading Chamber

Victoria Data Logger



BLOCK I

TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH DAM

### Vibrating Wire instruments

230 Strainmeters

66 Corrector Strainmeters

66 Thermometers

10 Clinometers

# Victoria Data Logger

Data logger  
system in the  
Central  
Instrumentation  
Reading  
Chamber

Manual Rack

Automatic  
Logger



# Chapters

## Part 1

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### Observations 1~6 & Conclusion

**Long term trend**

# Observation 1 of 6

## Cracks in Dam



# Crack Monitoring

Some minor cracks

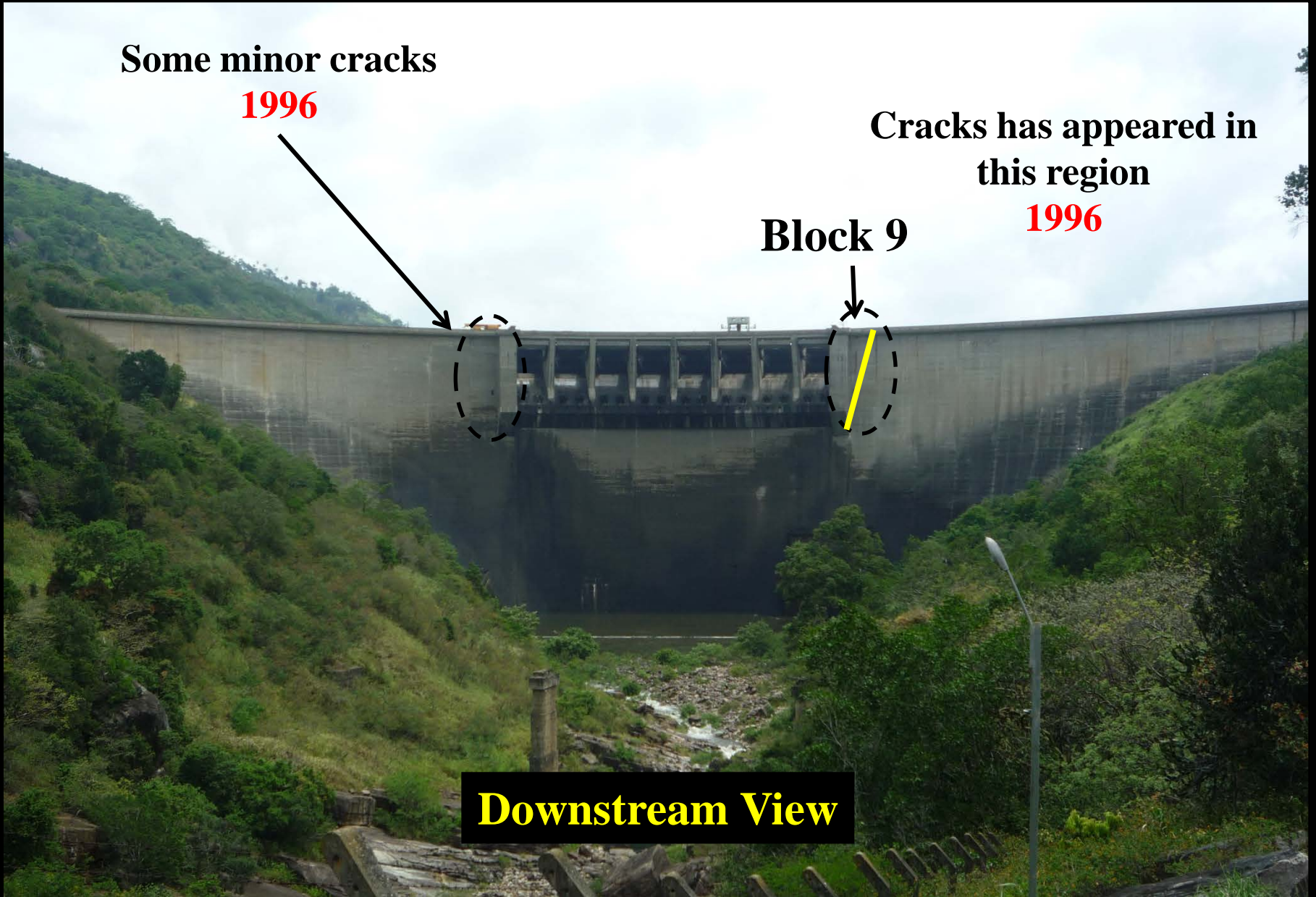
1996

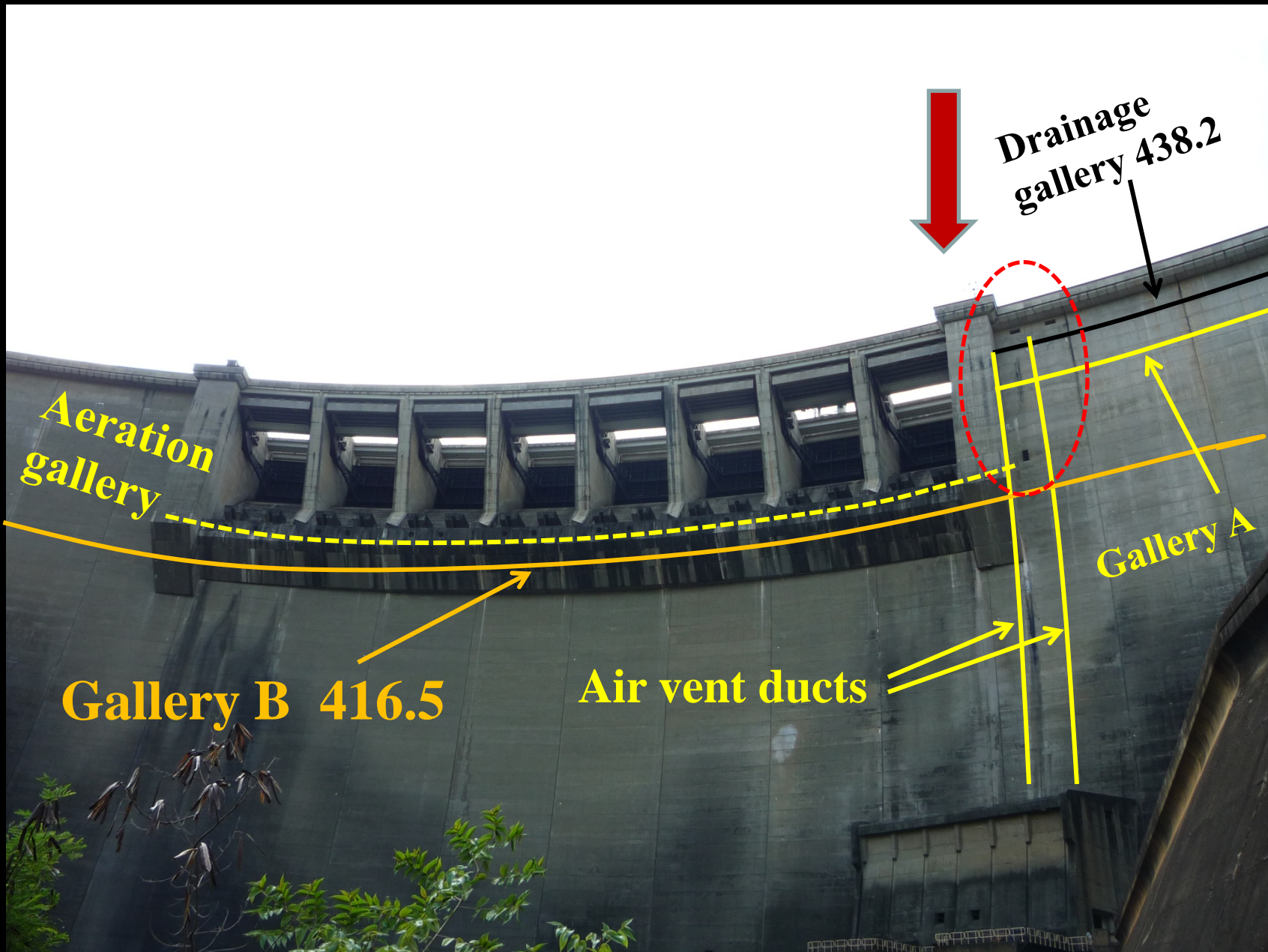
Cracks has appeared in  
this region

1996

Block 9

Downstream View





**Aeration  
gallery**

**Gallery B 416.5**

**Air vent ducts**

**Gallery A 432.5**

**Drainage  
gallery 438.2**



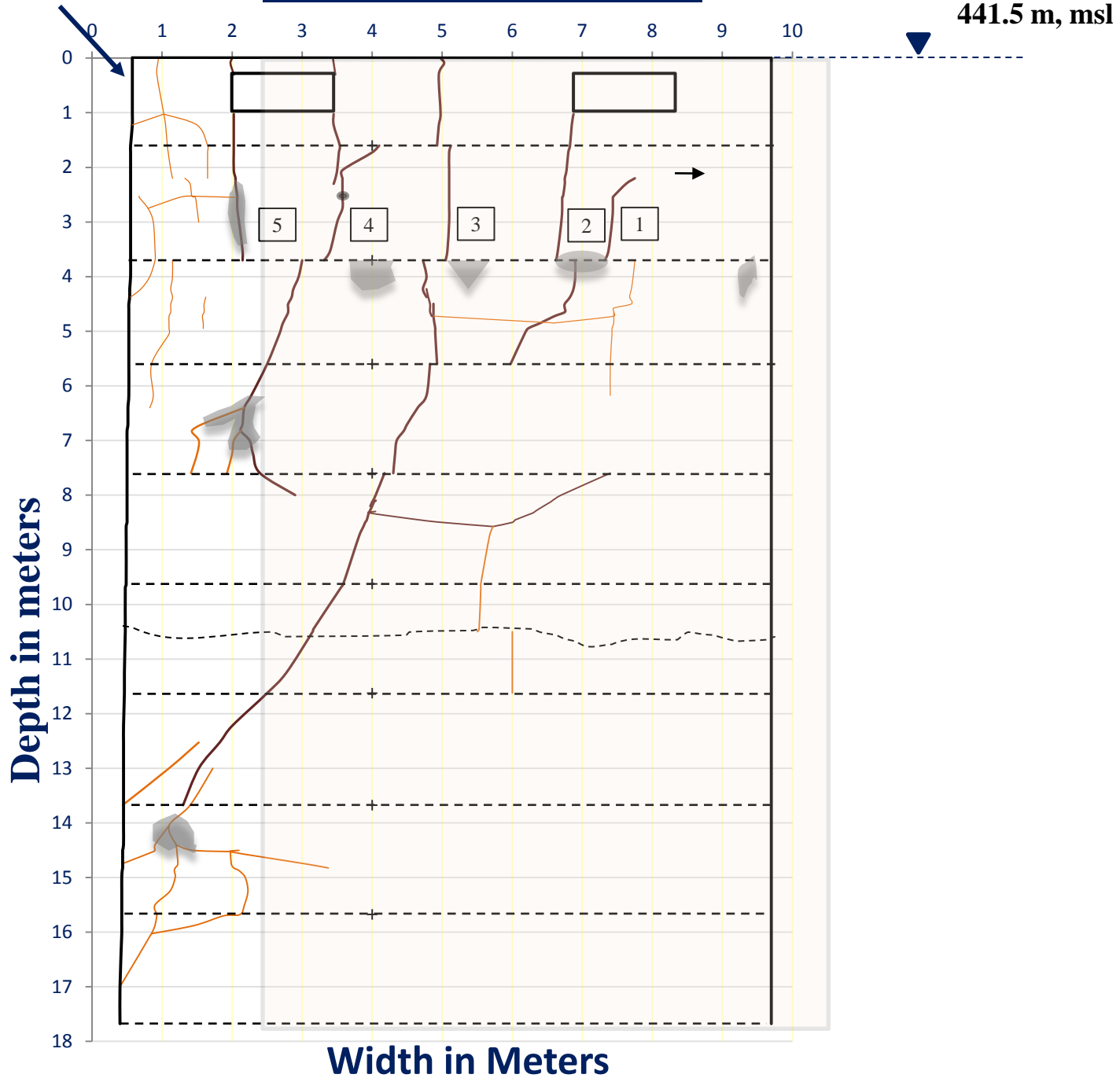
**Crack Monitoring Sensor**

**View form the Crest: All Cracks appeared on this region  
(Block 9 Downstream Face)**

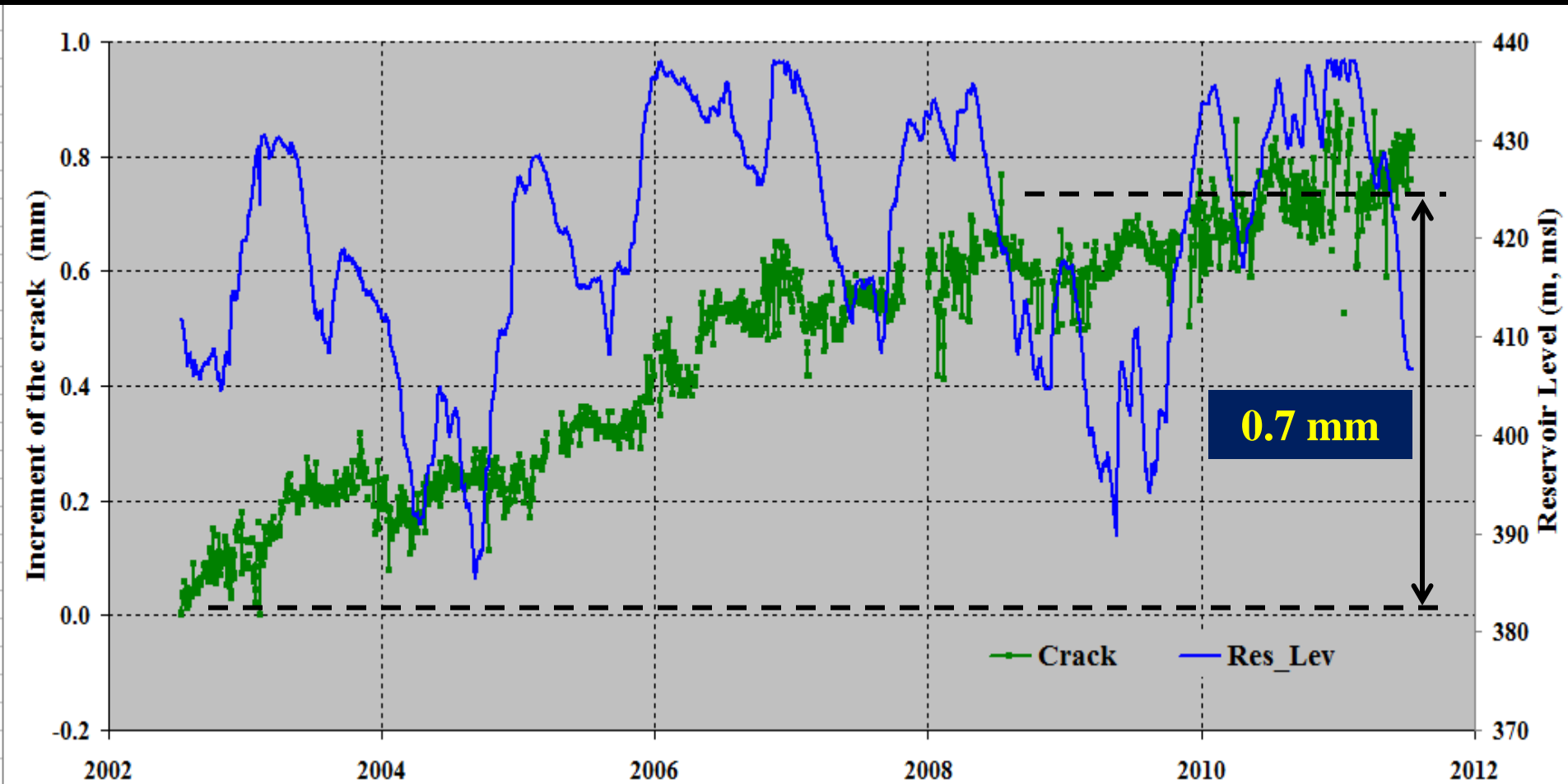
Pier End

# Crack appeared on Block 9

441.5 m, msl



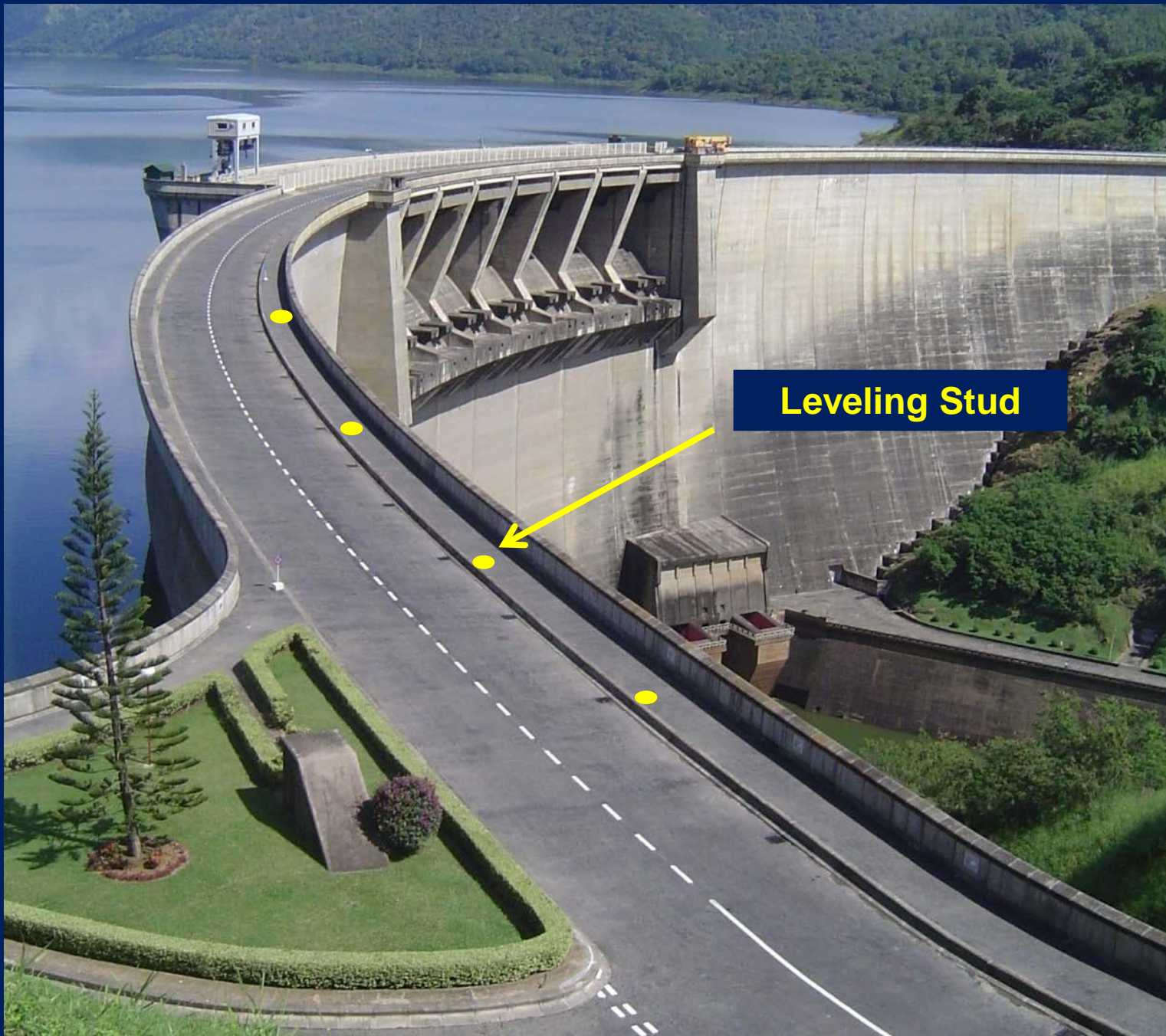
# Increasing of main crack (Block 9) with time (Identified in 1996 and monitored since 2002)





# Observation 2 of 6

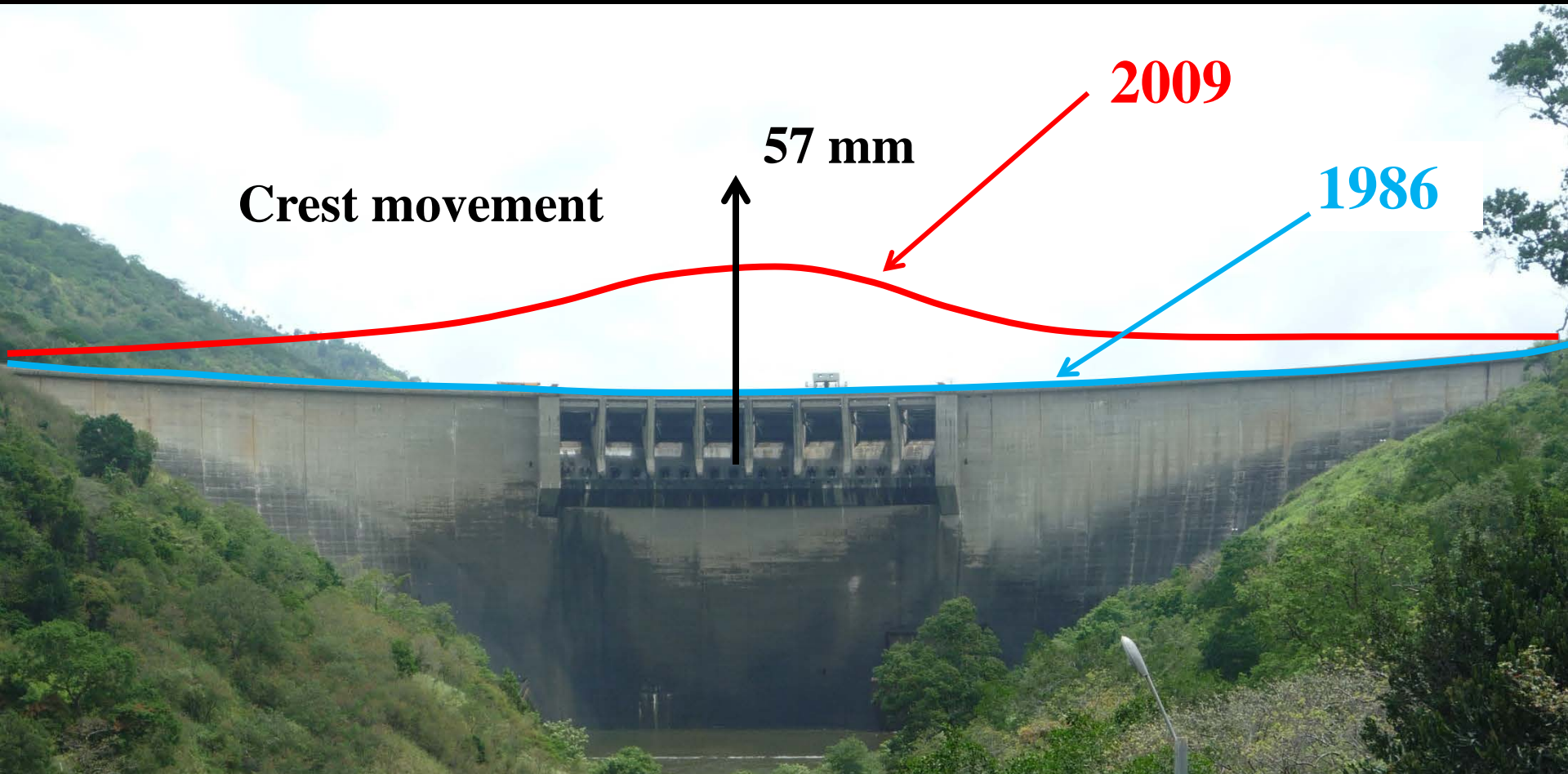
## Precise Leveling Dam Crest



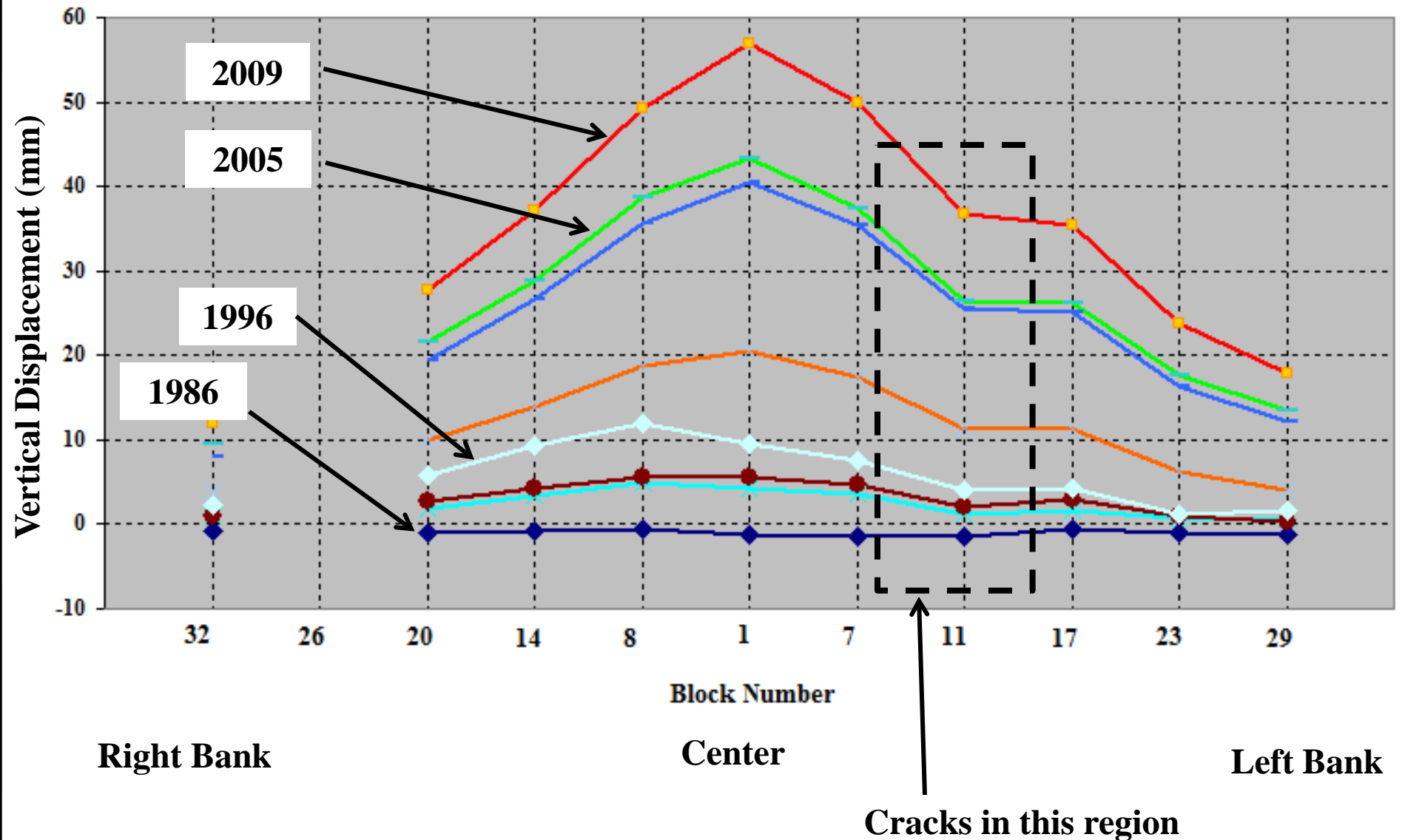
**Leveling Stud**



# Precise leveling Survey Results



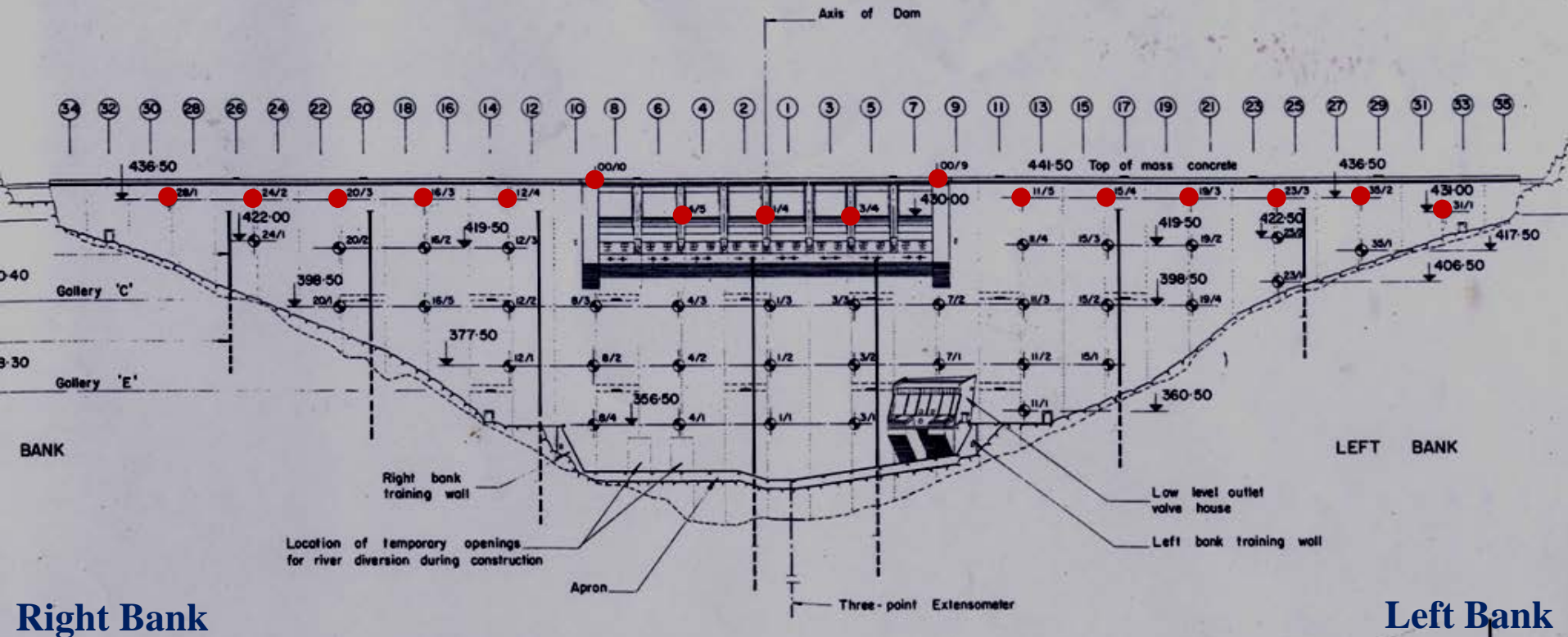
# Crest displacement profile across the dam (Precise leveling Survey Results)



# Observation 3 of 6

**Crest Profile of the Dam in plan  
(face survey targets)**

# Selected Face Survey Targets

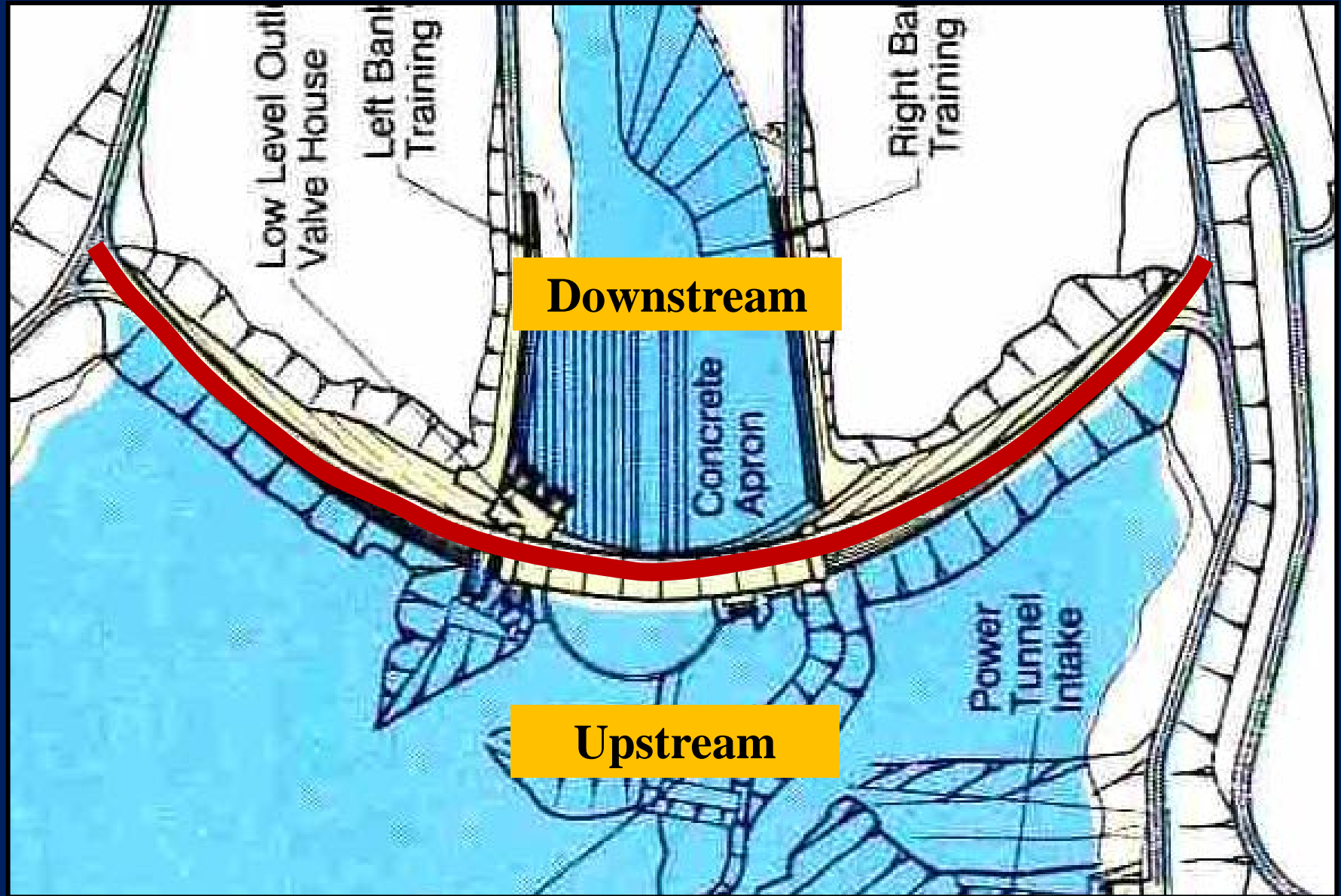


DEVELOPED DOWNSTREAM ELEVATION

SCALE D

Left Bank

39°



Low Level Outlet  
Valve House

Left Bank  
Training

Right Bank  
Training

**Downstream**

Concrete  
Apron

**Upstream**

Power  
Tunnel  
Intake

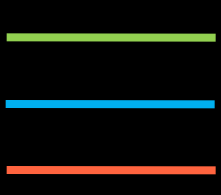
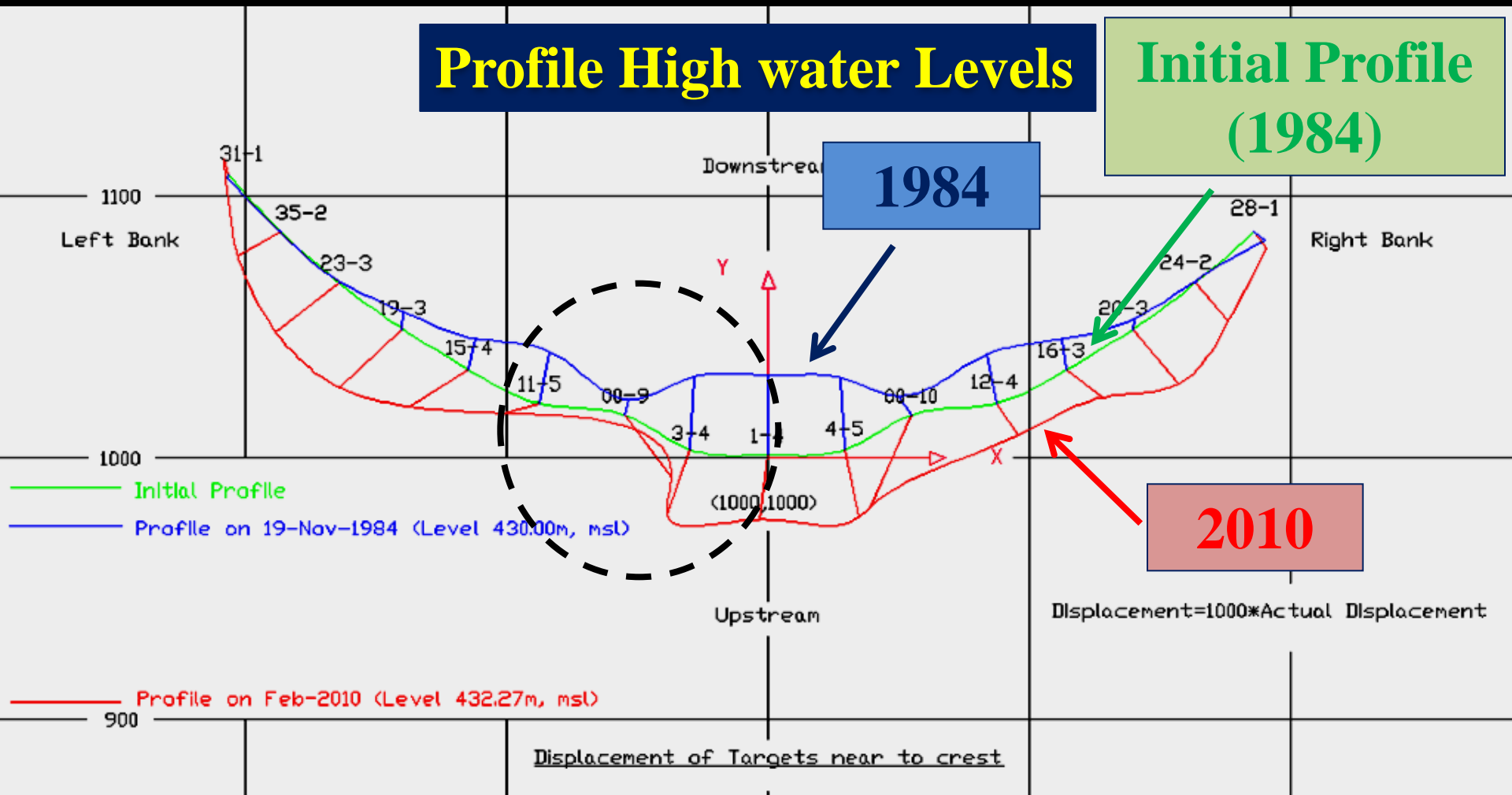
# Changing the Crest Profile of the Dam for High water levels (Survey Targets close to dam crest)

## Profile High water Levels

Initial Profile  
(1984)

1984

2010

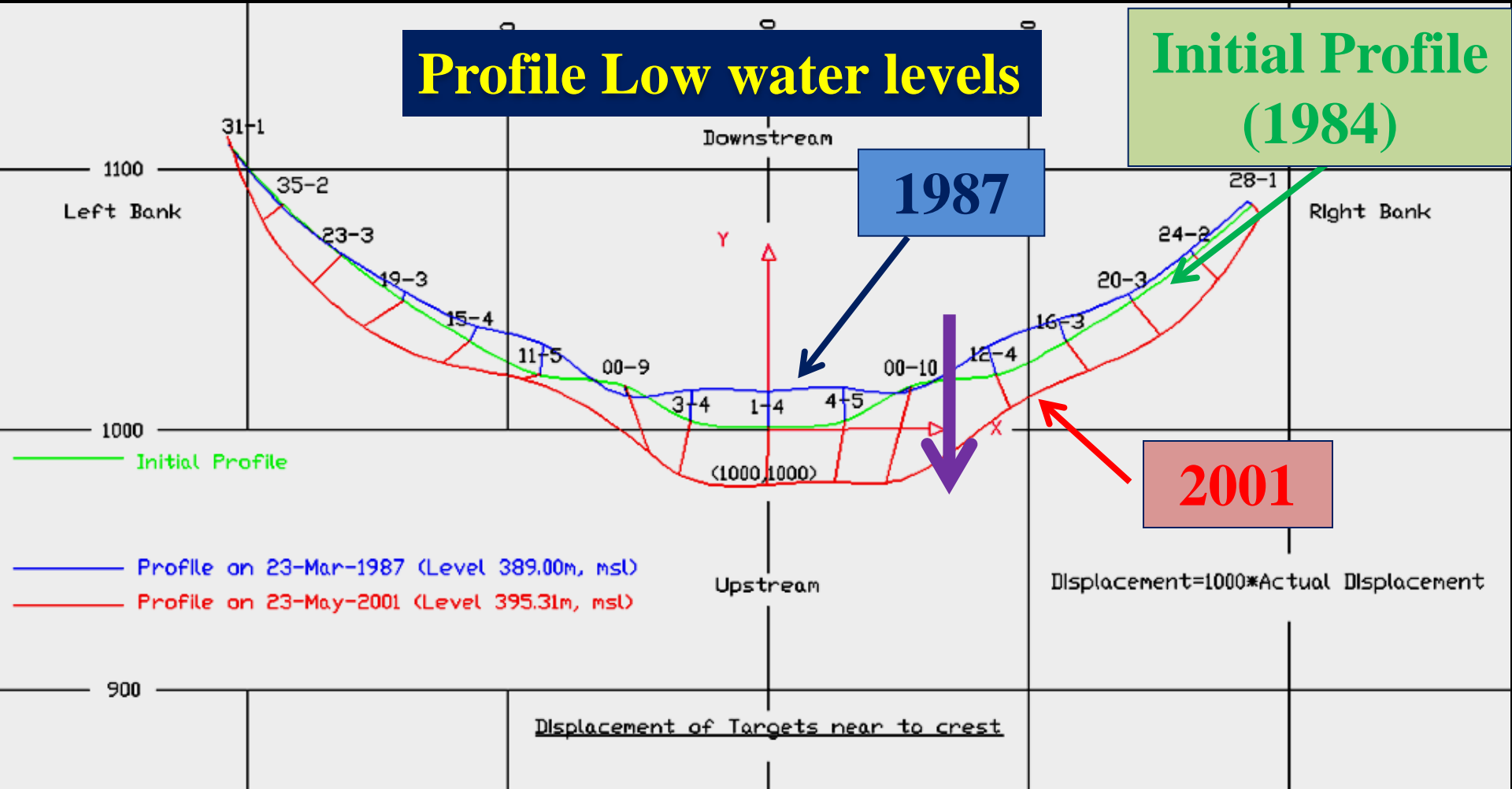


Initial Profile

Profile on 19-Nov-1984 (Water level 430.00 m, msl)

Profile on Feb-2010 (Water level 432.27 m, msl)

# Crest Profile of the Dam in plan for low water levels (Survey Targets close to dam crest)



- Initial Profile
- Profile on 23-Mar-1987 (Water level 389.00 m, msl)
- Profile on 23-May-2001 (Water level 395.31 m, msl)

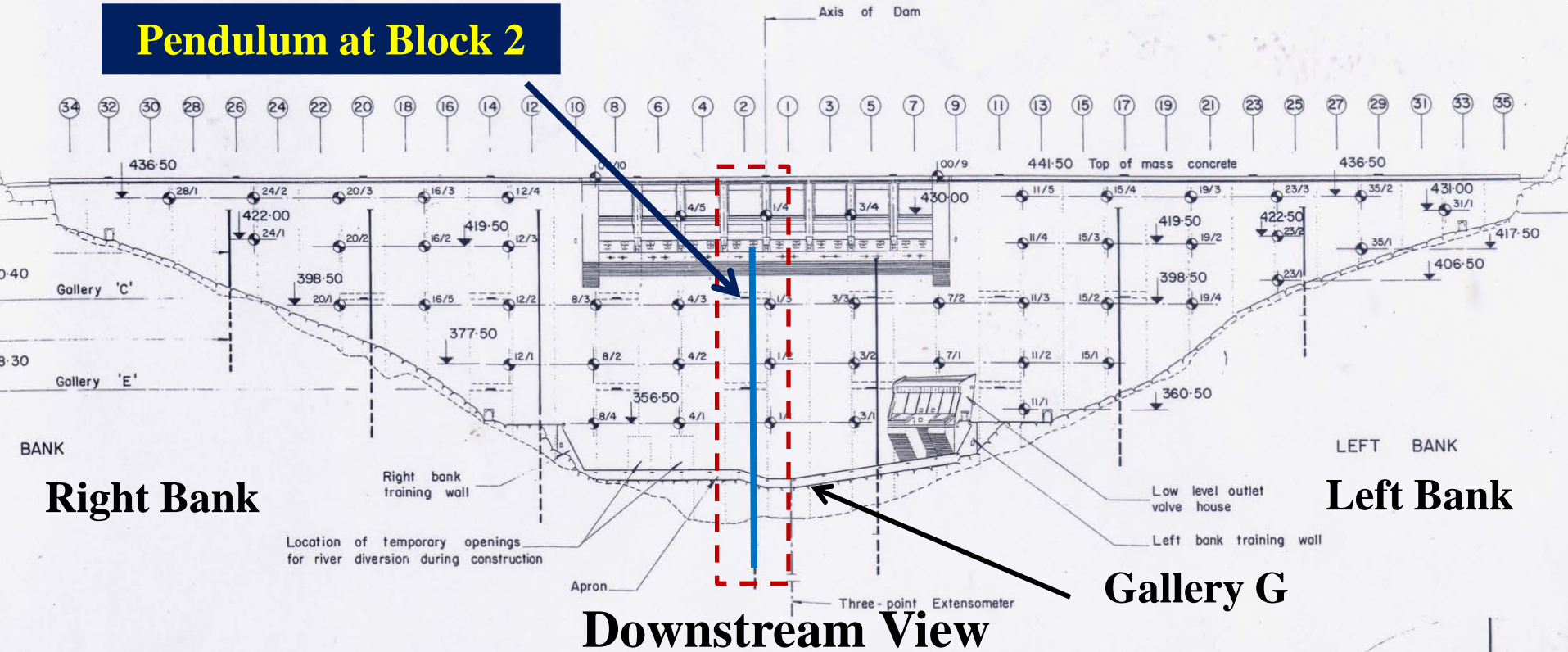
**Observation 4 of 6**

**Pendulum Readings**

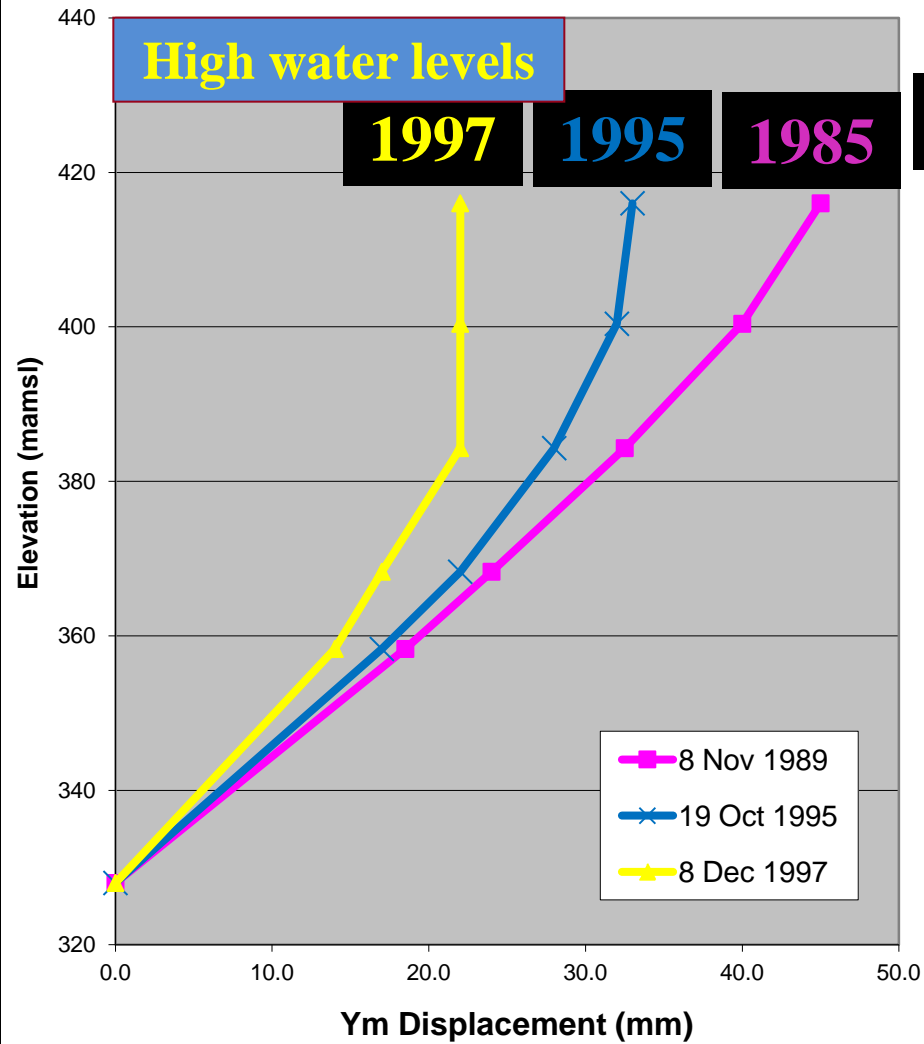


# Pendulum Behaviour – NP2

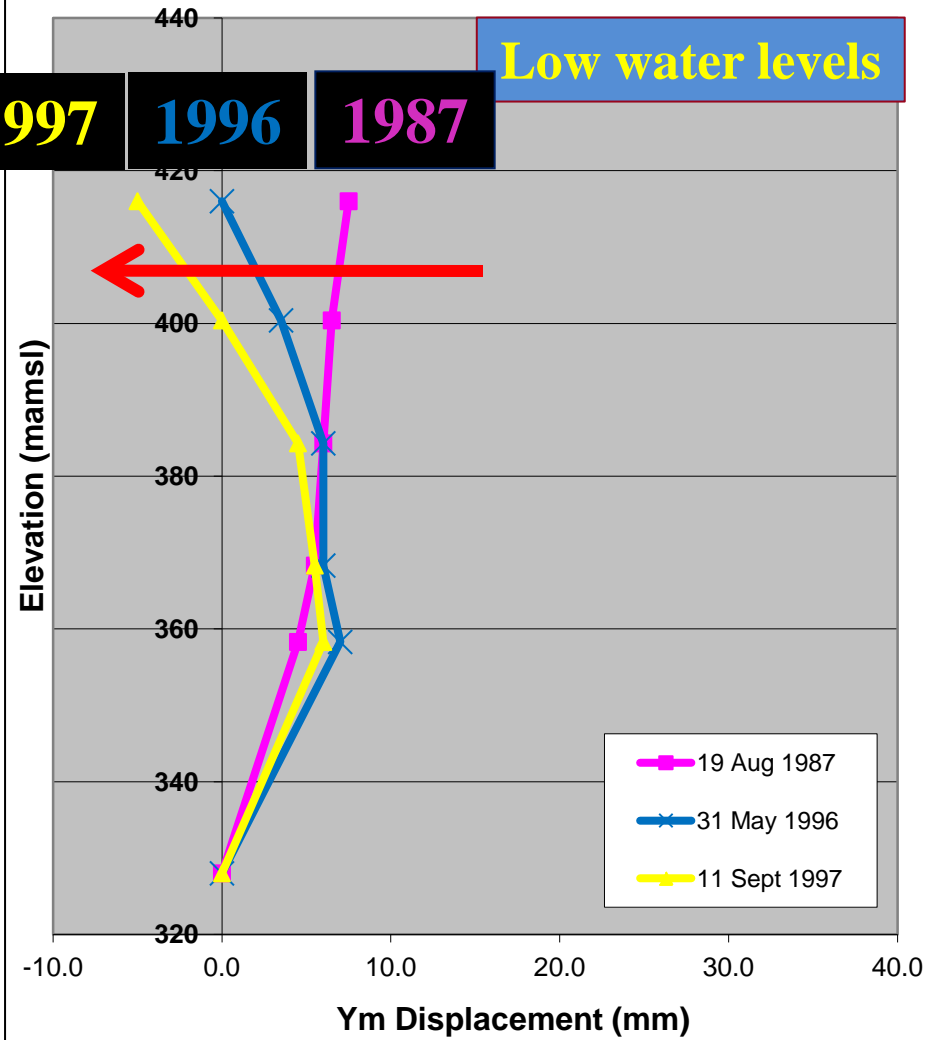
## Pendulum at Block 2



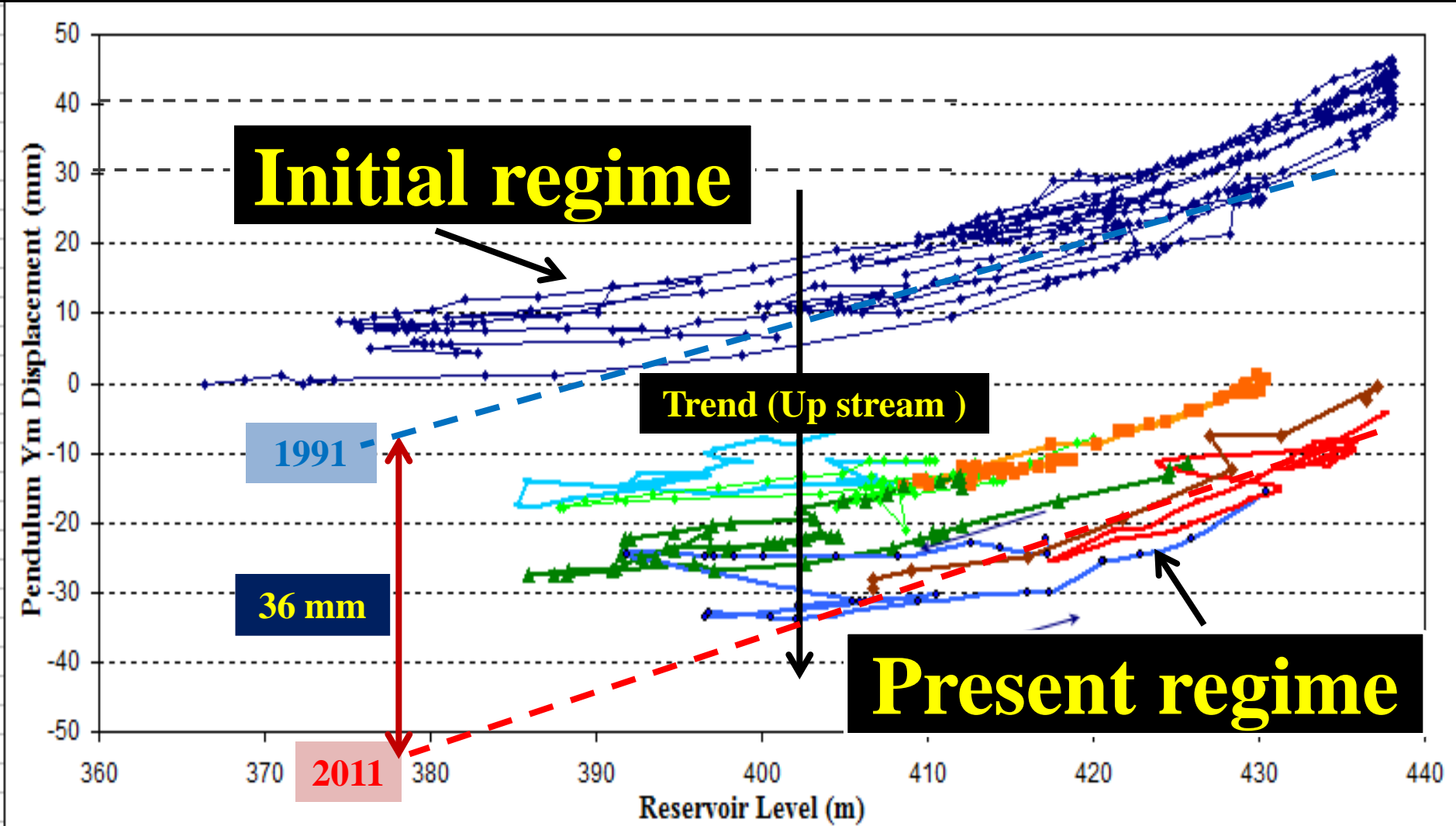
**VICTORIA DAM MONITORING**  
**Profile of Dam at NP2 for Reservoir Level 438.0**



**VICTORIA DAM MONITORING**  
**Profile of Dam at NP2 for Reservoir Level 380**



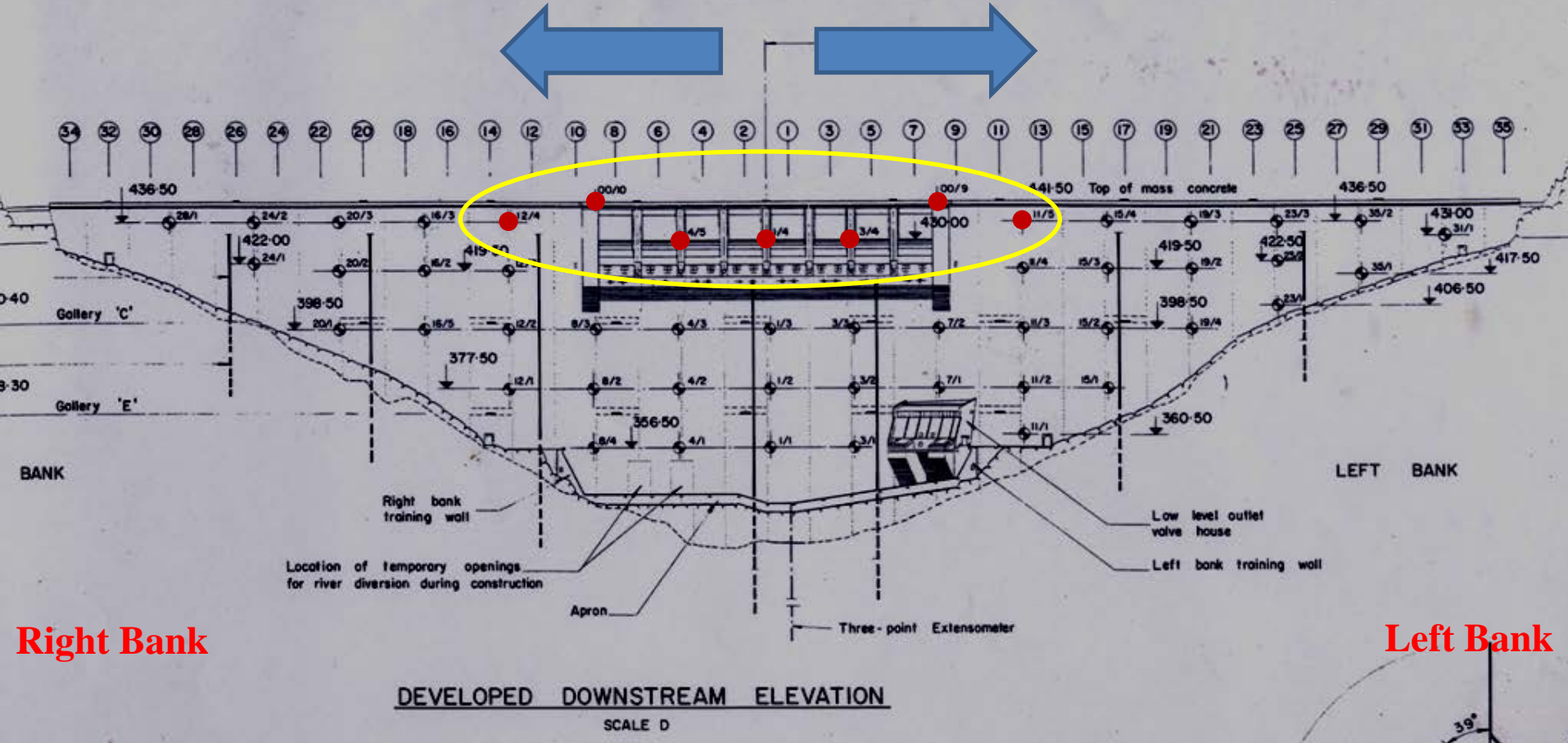
# Normal Pendulum Hysteresis Plots



# Observation 5 of 6

**Face Survey Targets**  
(around spillway section)

# Face Survey Targets around spillway section

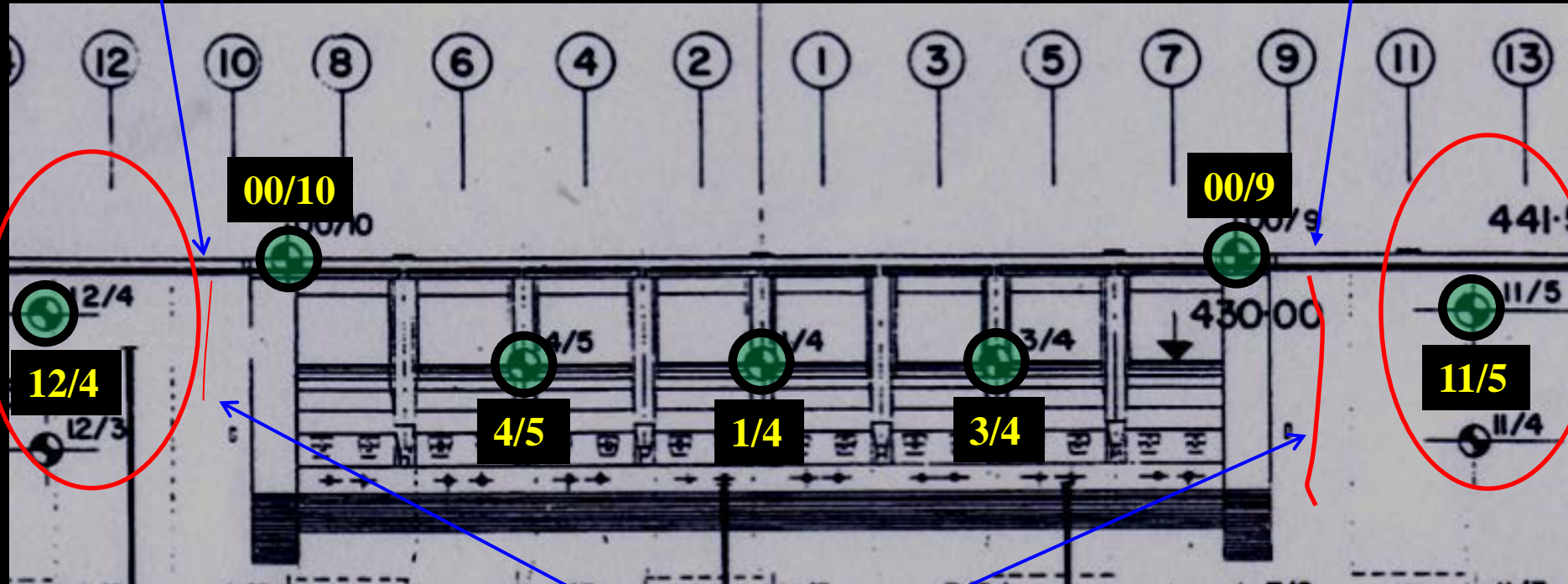


## LB – RB movements

# Face Survey Targets around Spillway Section

**Block 10**

**Block 09**



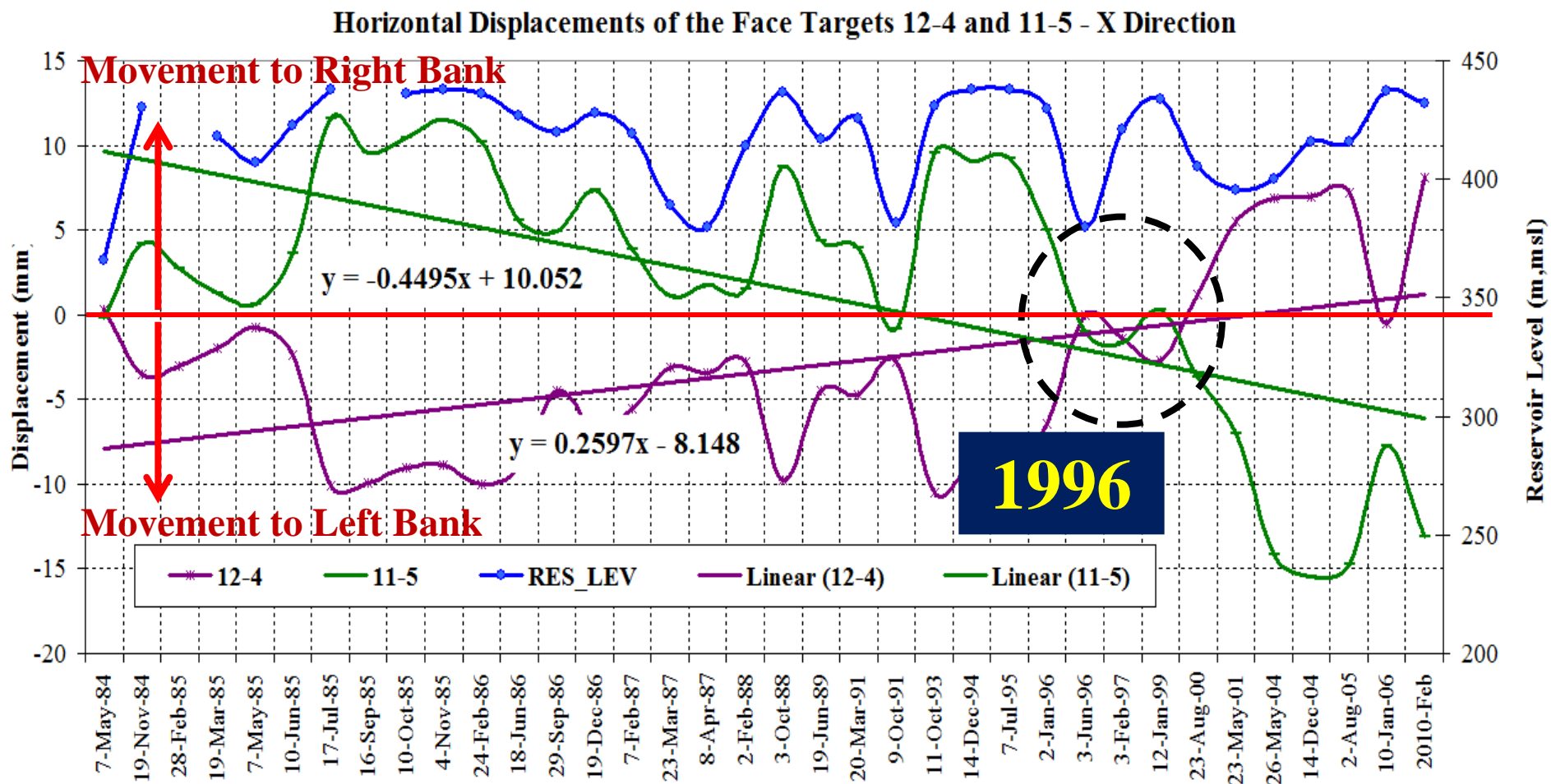
**Right Bank**

**Cracks**

**Left Bank**

**Downstream View**

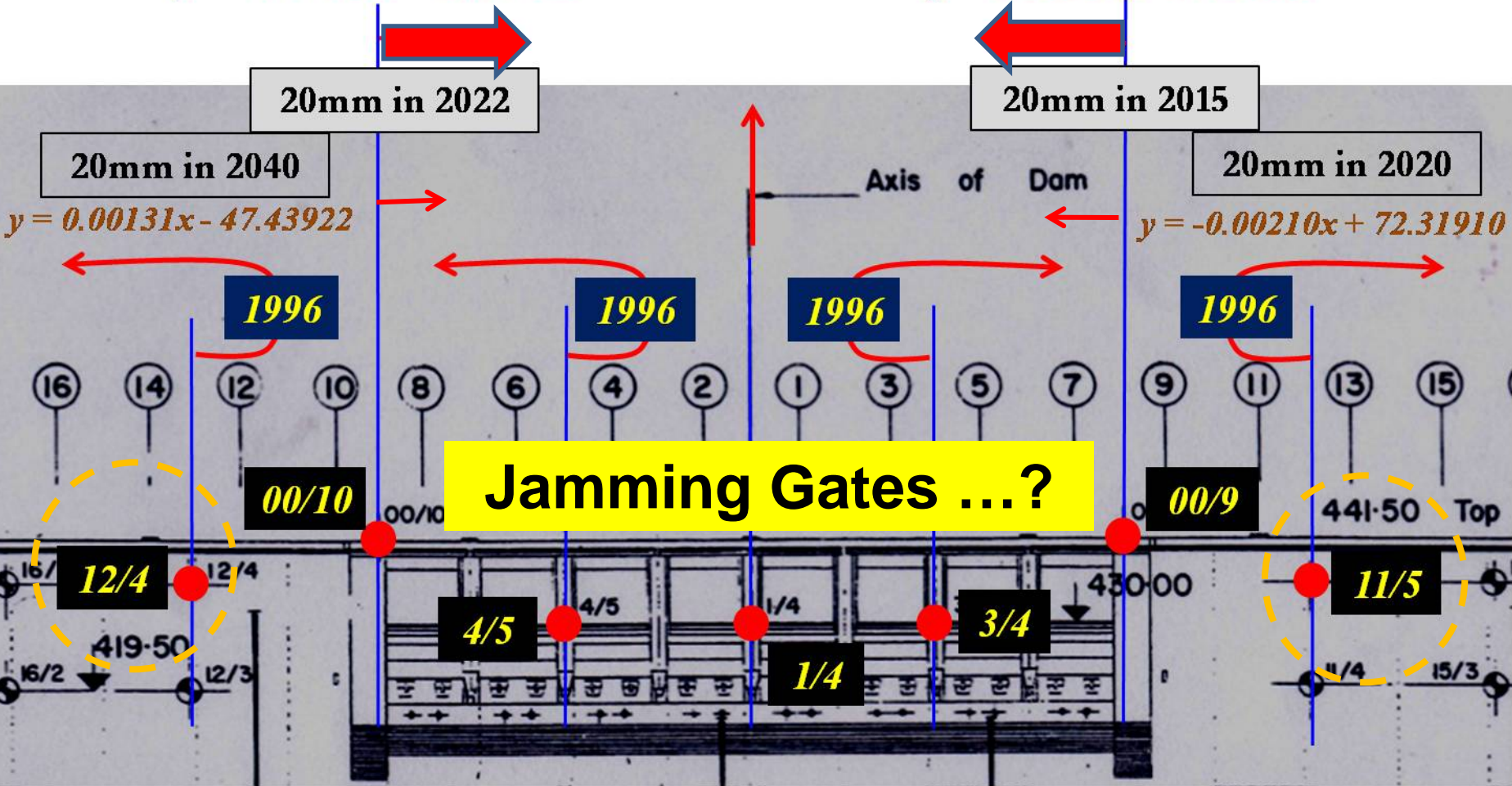
# Historical Behaviour of Face Target 12-4 and 11-5 Horizontal Displacements in X direction



# Movement of Selected targets Horizontal Displacements in X direction

$$y = -0.00088x + 19.47155$$

$$y = 0.00142x - 39.66245$$



*Right Bank*

*Left Bank*

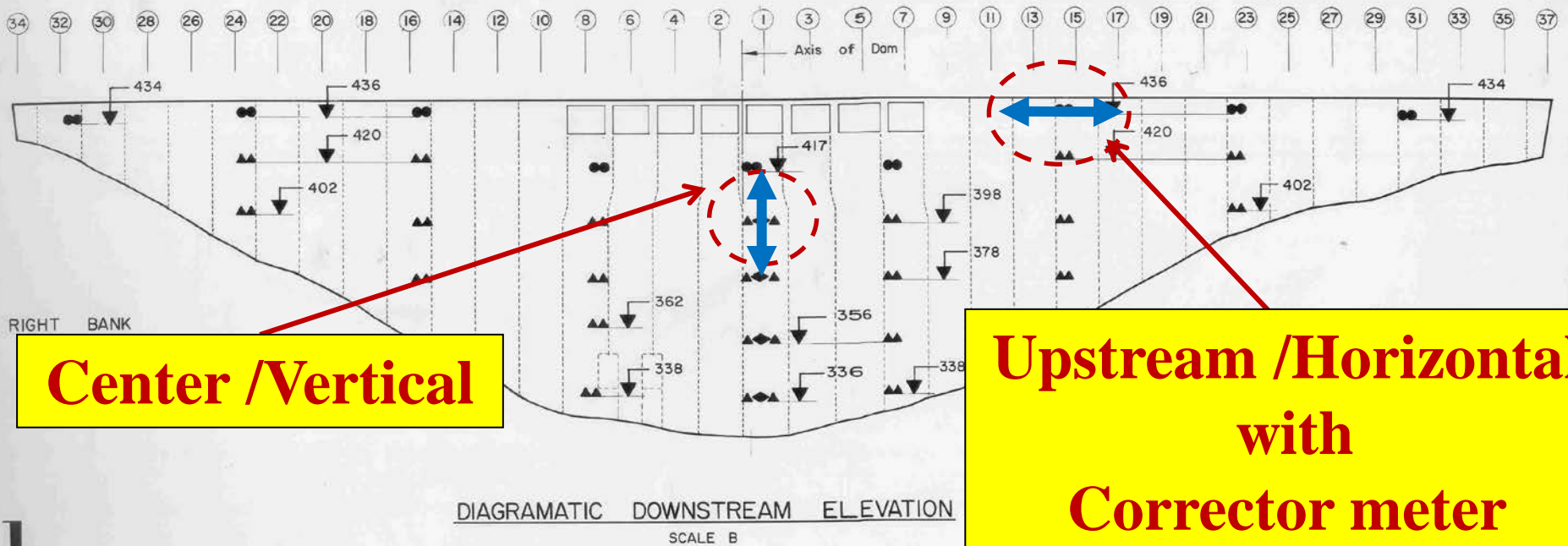
Downstream View



# Observation 6 of 6

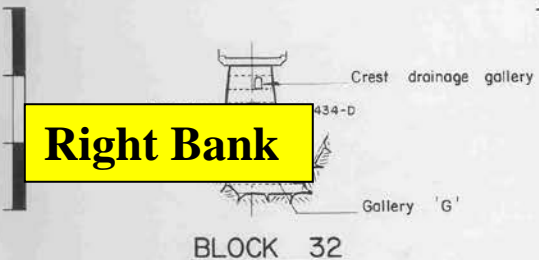
**Strain Gauge**  
**(long term trend)**

# Strain Gauge readings



**Center /Vertical**

**Upstream /Horizontal  
with  
Corrector meter**



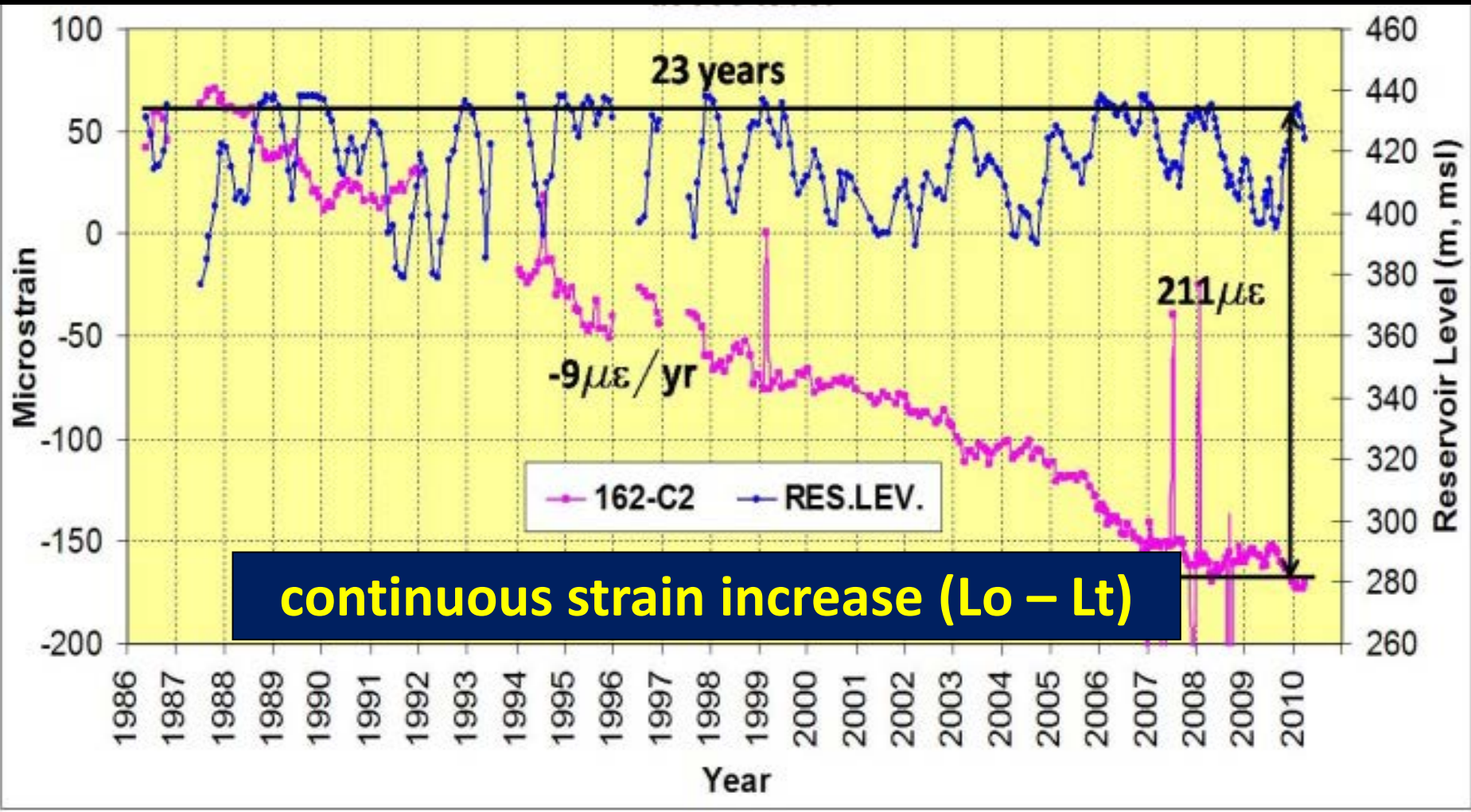
**Right Bank**

**Downstream View**

**Left Bank**

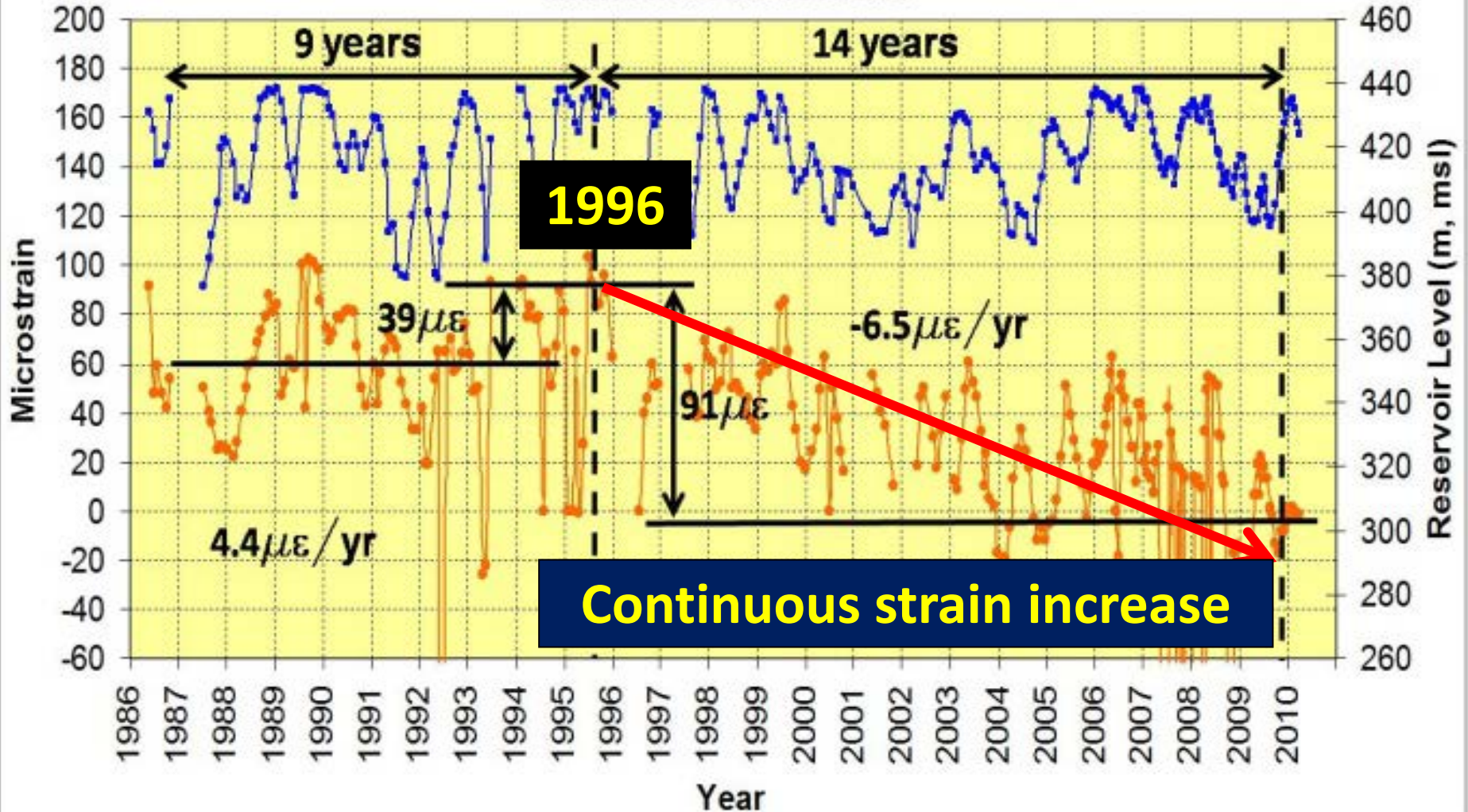
◆ Group of 9 strainmeters with thermometer and corrector strainmeter

# Vertical Strainmeter

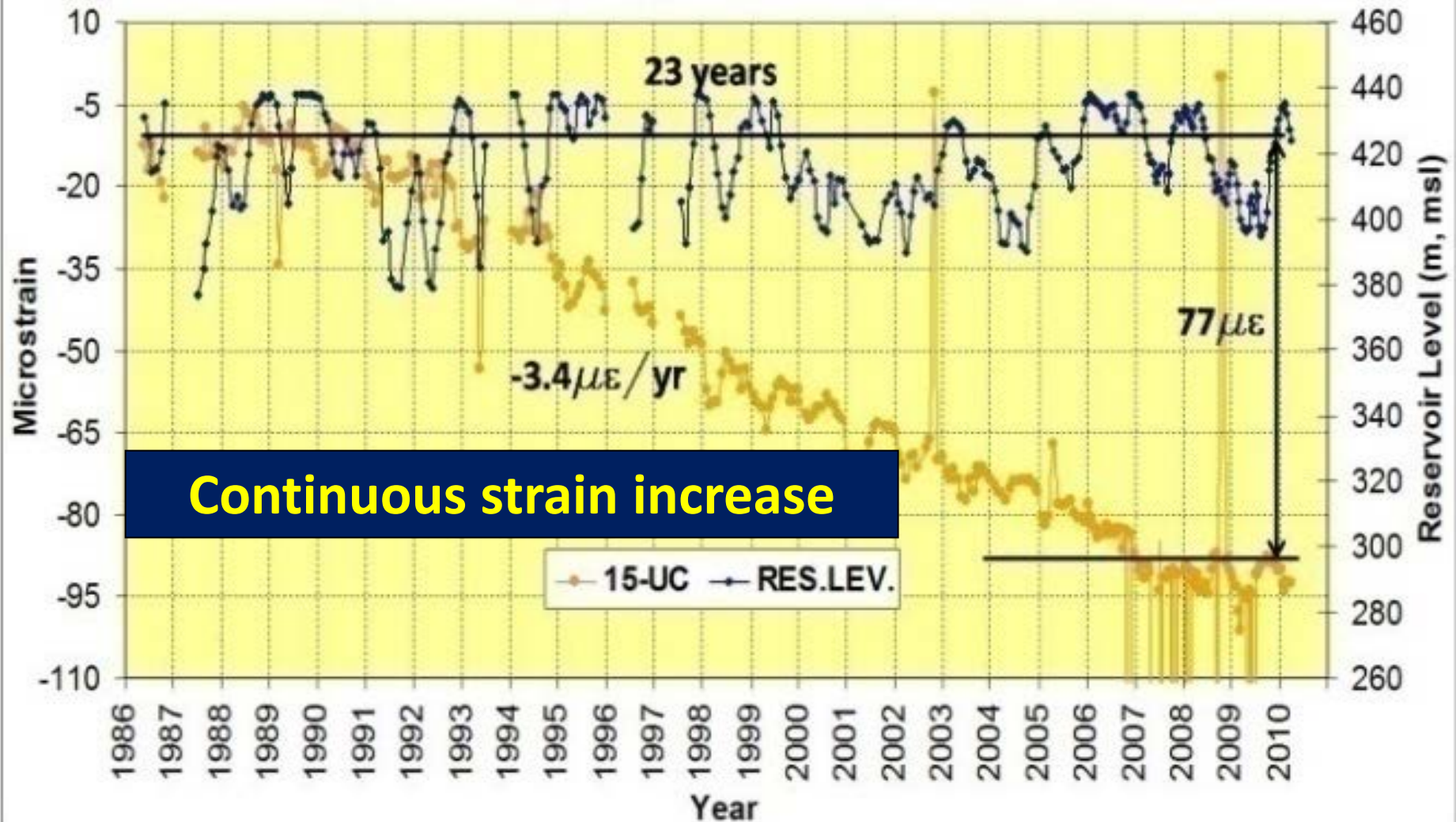


If  $E = 26 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $e = 211 \cdot 10^{-6}$ , then  $\text{Stress} = 5.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

# Horizontal Strainmeter



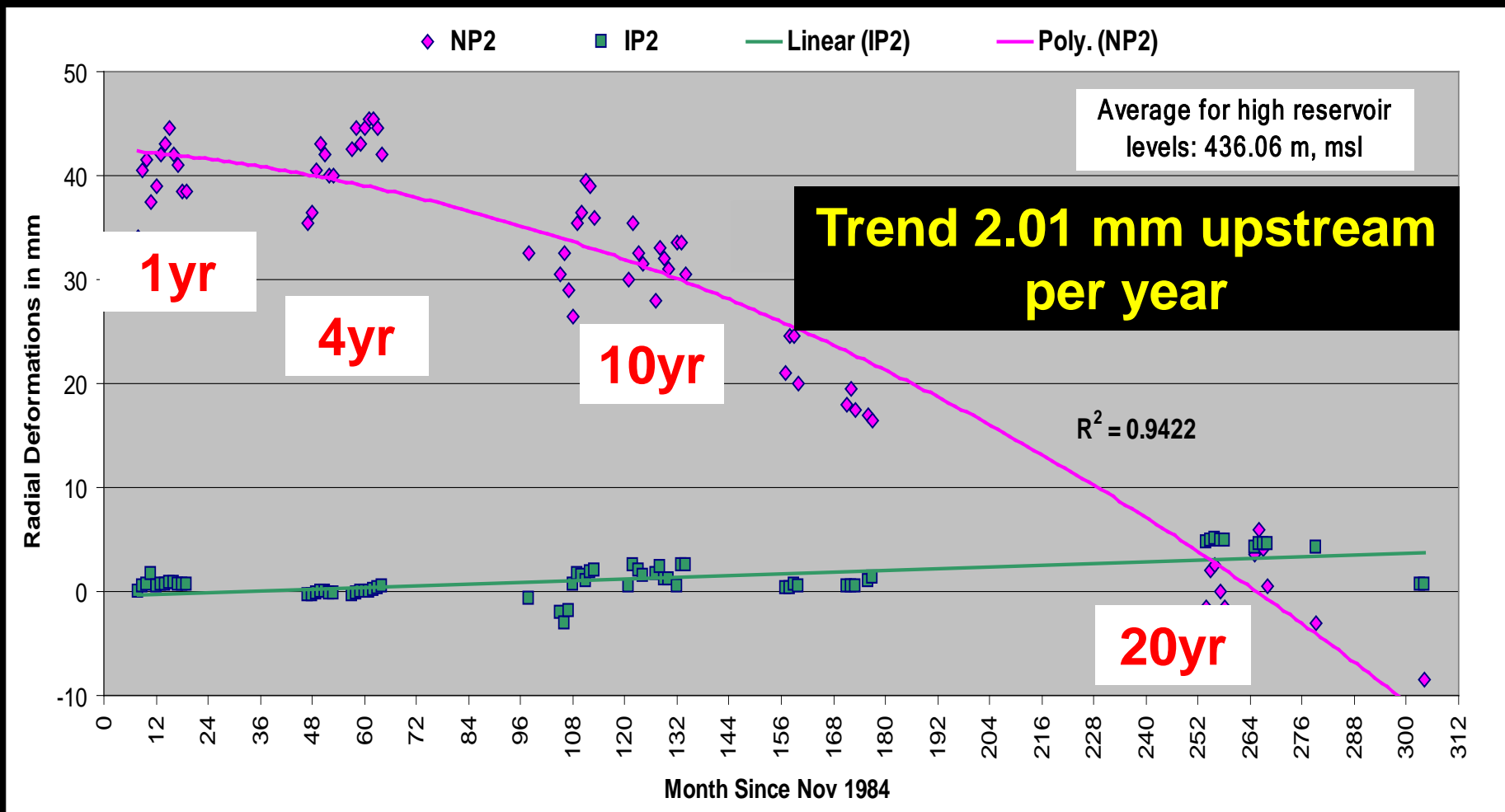
# Corrector Meter (stress free con block)

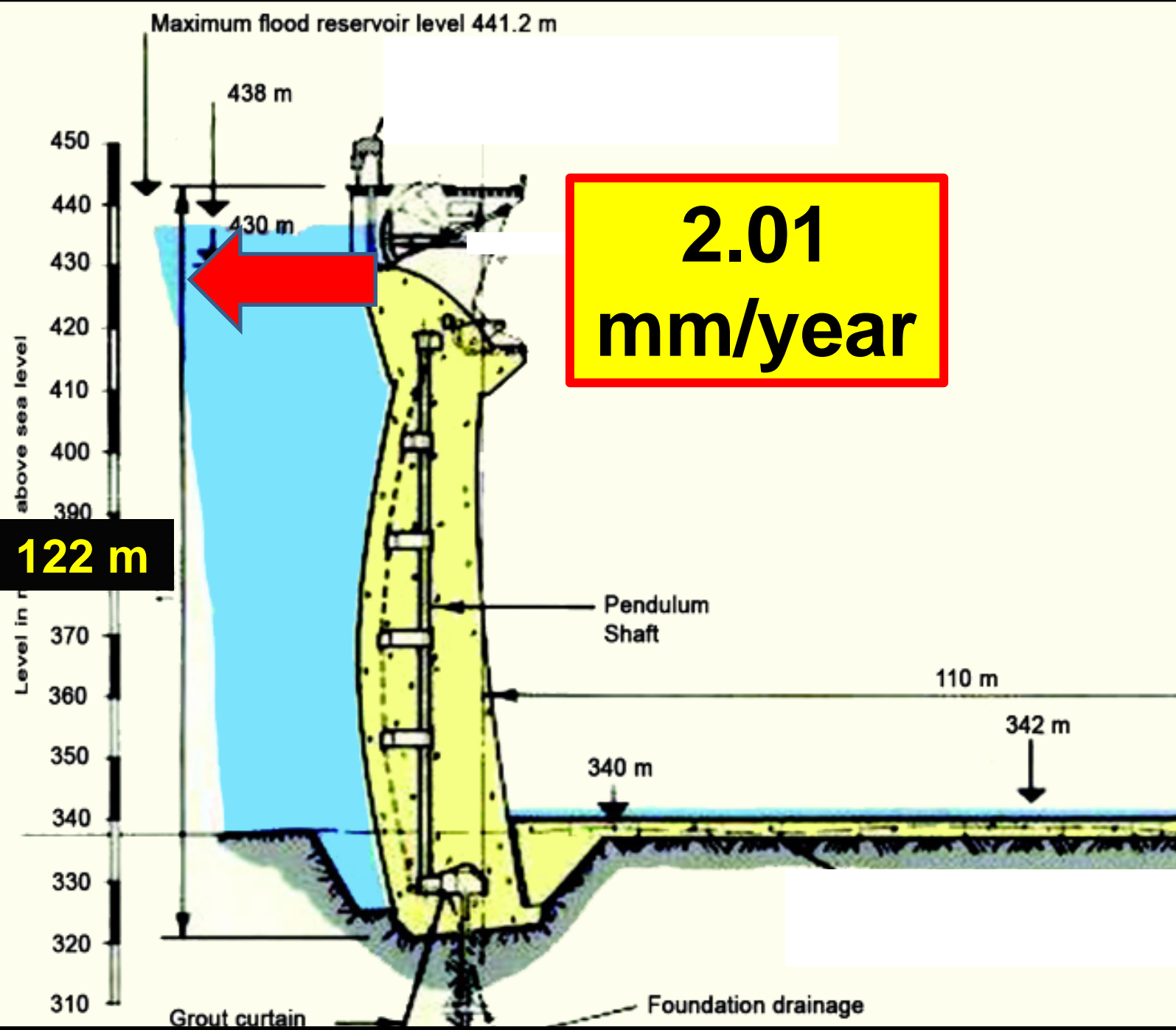


# Conclusion

**Dam Irreversible  
Deformation**

# Pendulum readings at Block 2



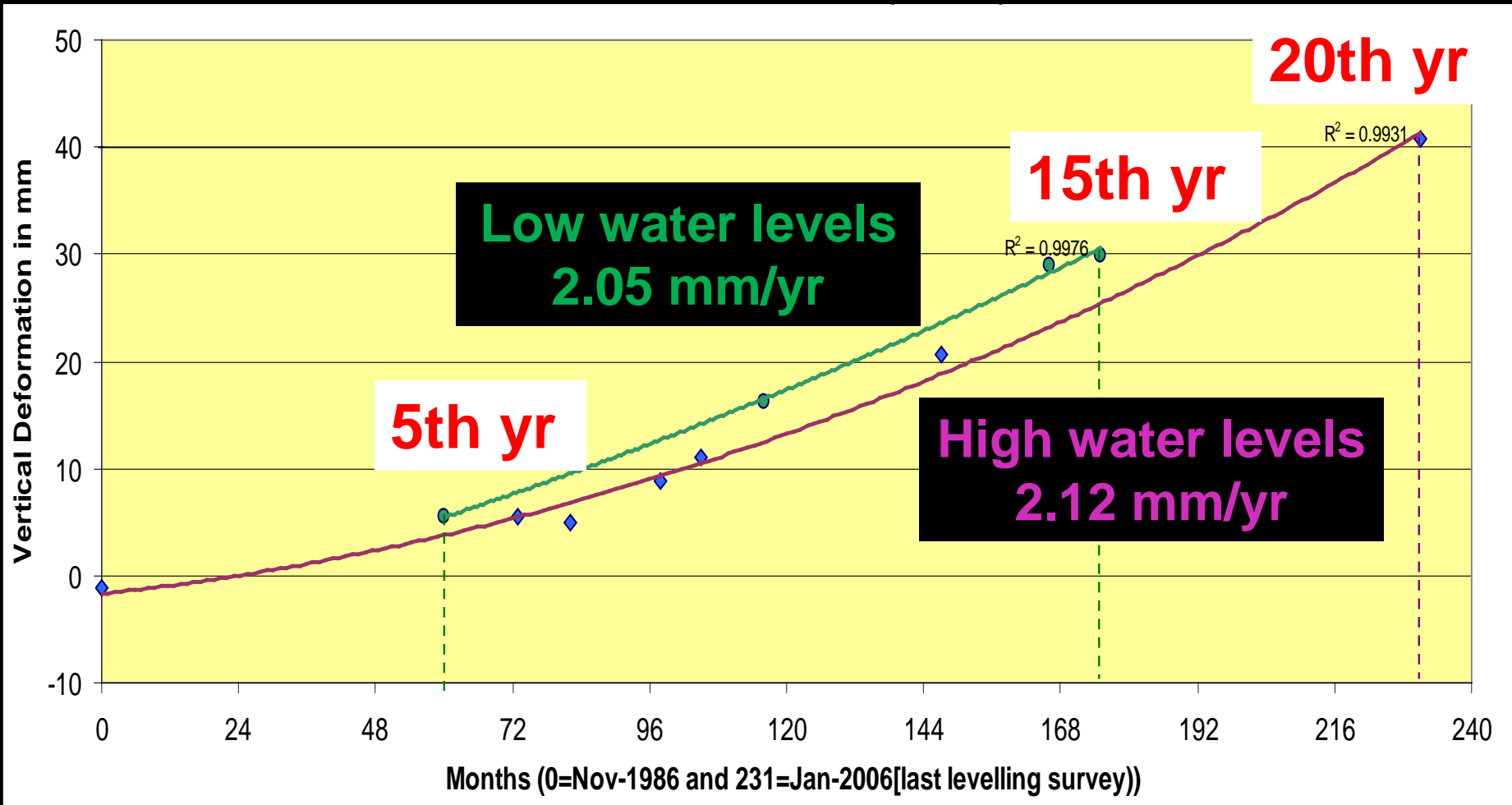


**2.01  
mm/year**

**122 m**



# Precise level readings

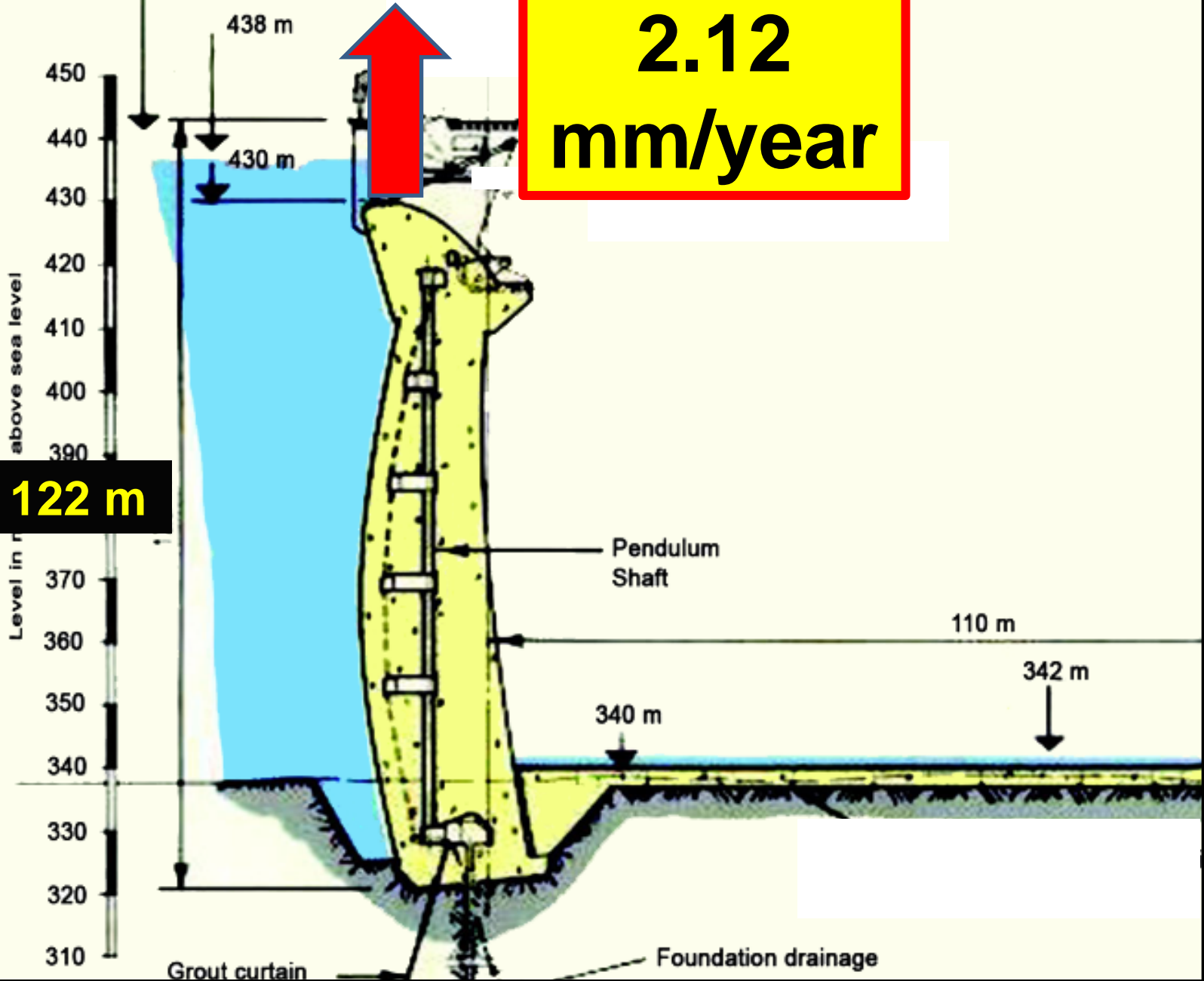


Reference: Poyry Energy AG, Comprehensive Surveillance Report-Victoria Dam, Dam Safety and Water Resources Planning Project, October 2010

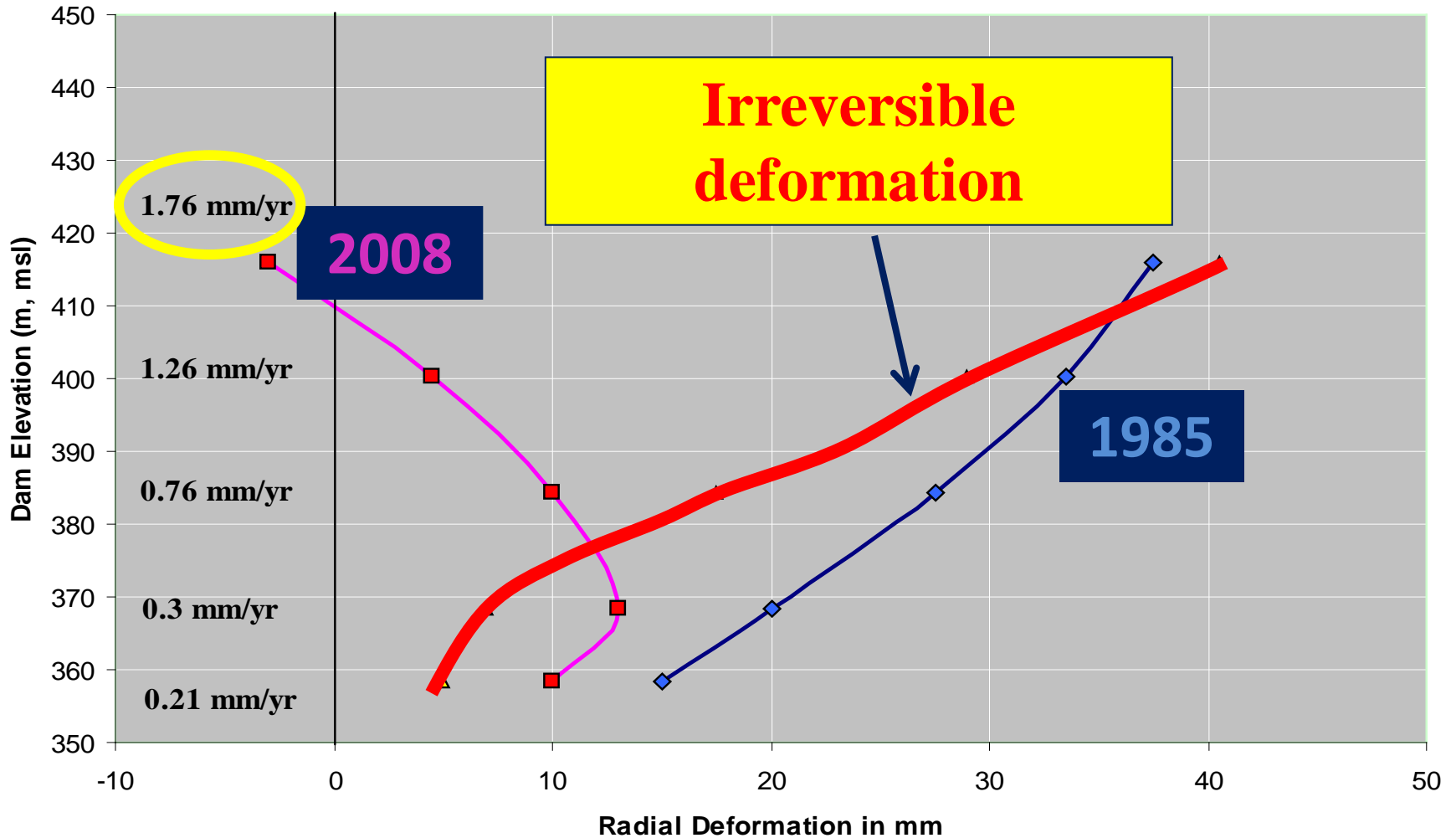
Maximum flood reservoir level 441.2 m

**2.12  
mm/year**

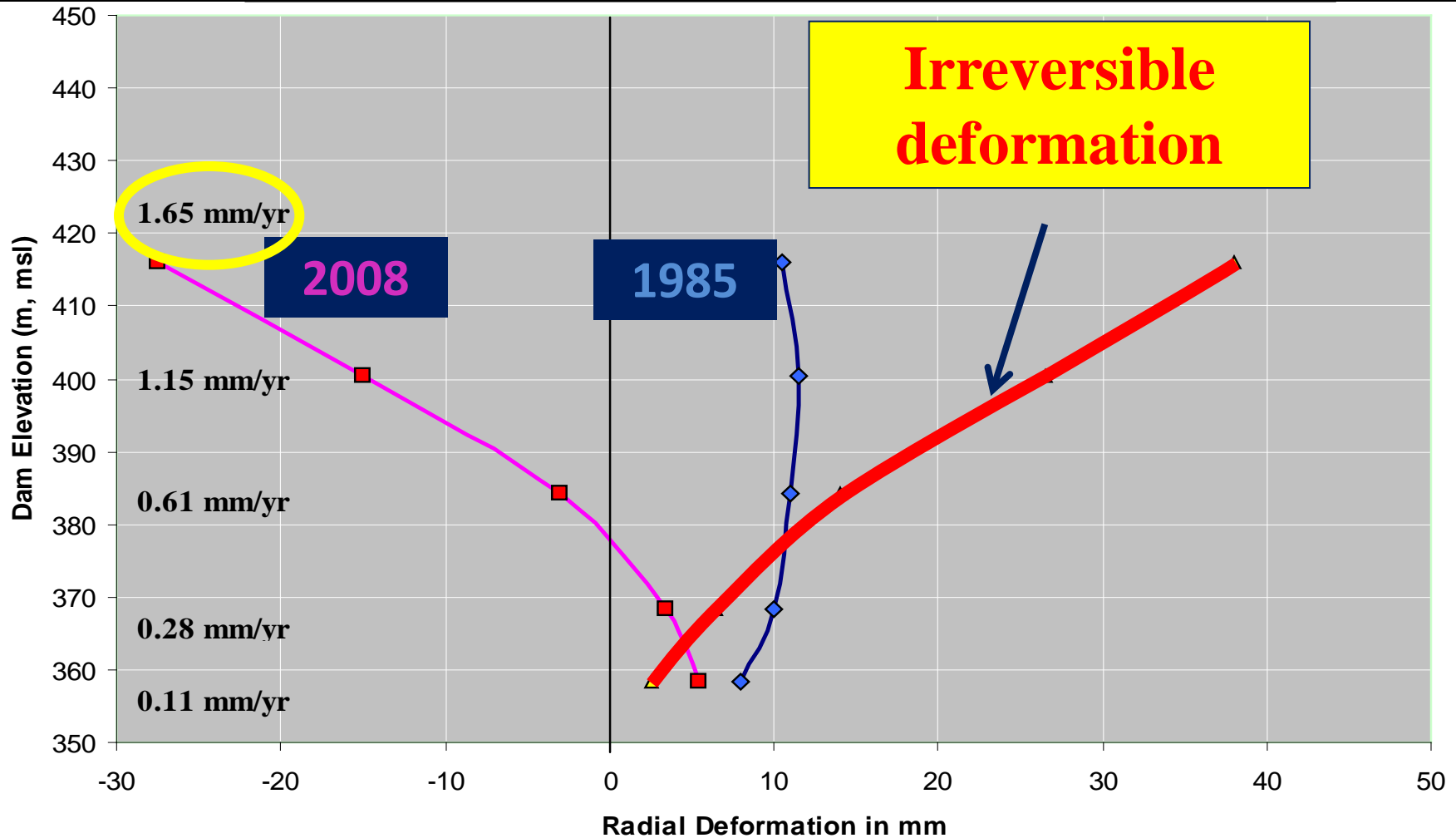
**122 m**



# Irreversible deformations (high water levels)



# Irreversible deformations (low water levels)



# Finally

## Dam has shown

Trend of upstream movement

Trend of vertical rising

## Need

Understanding the behavior with available data

Back analysis

## Two approaches

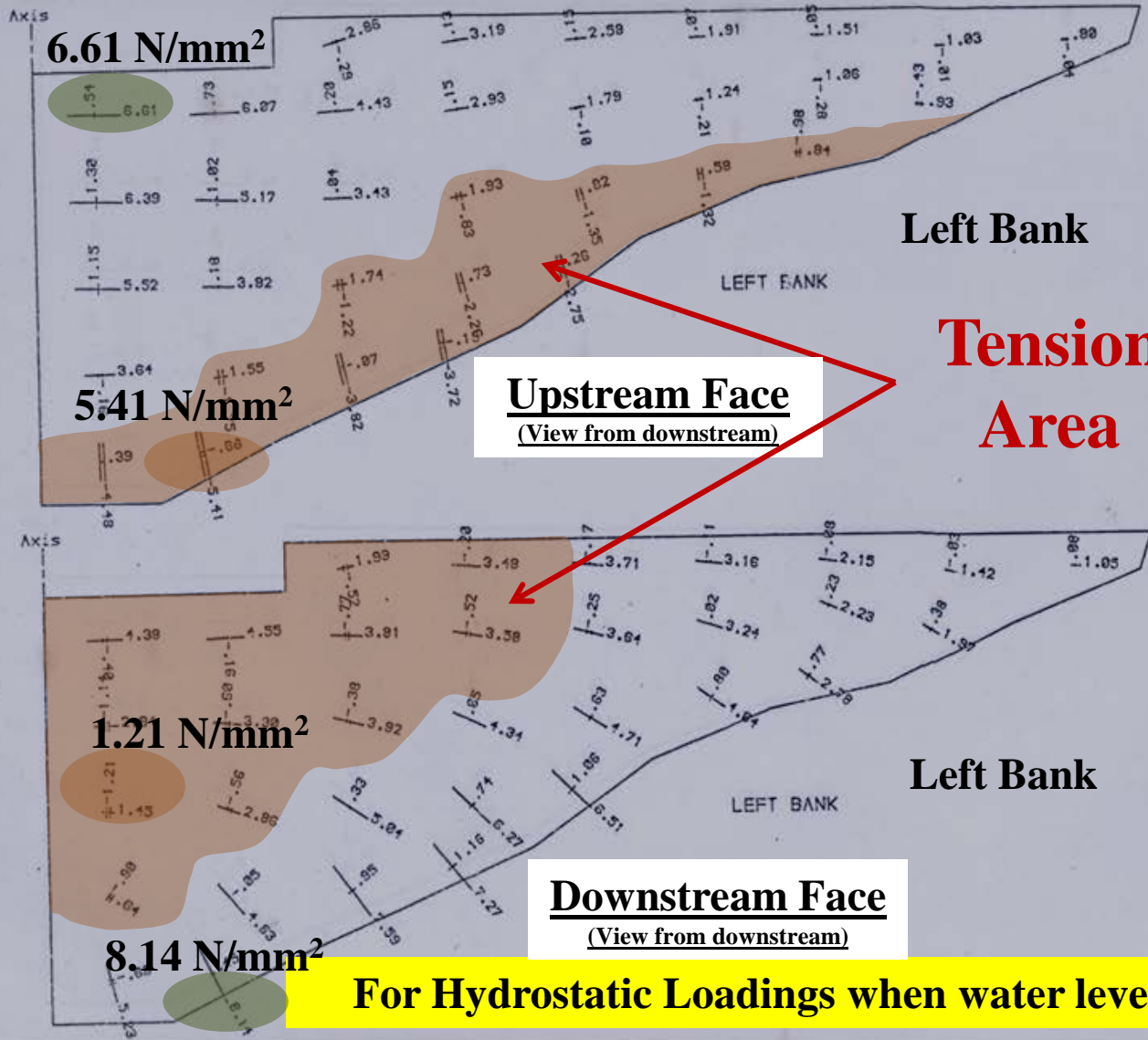
Numerical Study-FEA

Experimental Investigations

Possibility of AAR (ASR)

Lab test /core samples

# Finite Element Studies of Victoria Dam (University of Bristol, October 1980)



Developed elevations, dam symmetrical about axis

Principal stresses on upstream and downstream faces of dam

Stresses in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

+ = Compression



- = Tension

Tension denoted by double bar

Scales

0 10 20 30 40 50m

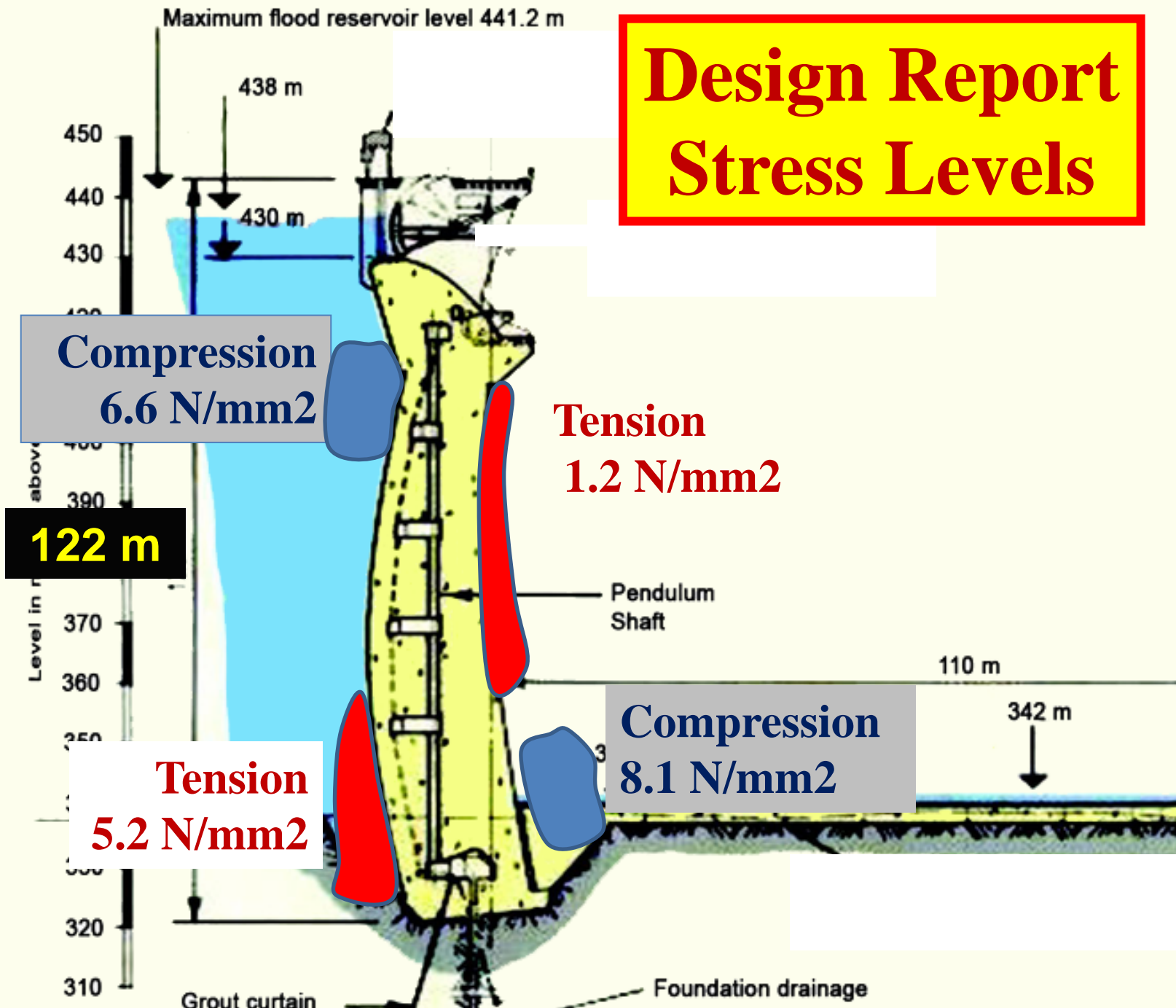
0 5 10 15 20 25N/mm<sup>2</sup>

-  **Maximum Compression**
-  **Maximum Tension**

MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SRI LANKA
VICTORIA DAM
CREST LEVEL 442.5m, LOAD CASE H8 HYDROSTATIC LOADING FOUNDATION MODULUS 126Pa
ENGINEERING BRISTOL

**For Hydrostatic Loadings when water level at 441.00 m**

# Design Report Stress Levels



# Dams and Public Safety

**Concepts and Hypotheses will often be more important** than calculations which may be worth little, if founded on the wrong assumptions...

Designers should be encouraged to use the most advance techniques but at the same time they must be cautioned **not to forget Elementary Forces**



# Uncertainty

- We cannot say, as a matter of principle, the **present** in all its details....
- Need large number of measurements to predict the end effects (**FoS**)

**FOS**



**Material Strength**  
**Load Conditions**

# Scholar Views

**I have no special talents but I am  
passionately curious**

**I know that I don't know**

A large concrete dam with a road on top, set against a backdrop of a reservoir and green mountains. The text "Thank You" is overlaid in the center.

**Thank You**