

Earthquake Engineering in Armenia

SPITAK DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE M7.1

Armenia 07.12.1988.

Brief Information on Spitak M7.1 Earthquake

Grave consequences

- . Casualties: 25 000
- . Invalids 19 000
- . Homeless: 500 000
- . Destruction extent: 40 percent of the area
- . Disrupted: 21 towns and settlements
- . Collapsed: 10 000 apartment buildings, hundreds of kindergartens and schools and tens of higher education establishments, 2000 public facilities
- . Property loss: 13 billion USD

Collapsed facilities

Town of Spitak



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This is a black and white aerial photograph of Gyumri, Armenia, showing extensive damage from the 1915 earthquake. The town is densely packed with multi-story buildings, many of which are severely damaged or collapsed. The streets are narrow and winding, and debris is scattered throughout the urban landscape. In the upper left corner, a large, intact building stands out, serving as a focal point for the text overlay.

Town of Gyumri

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Basically destructed buildings



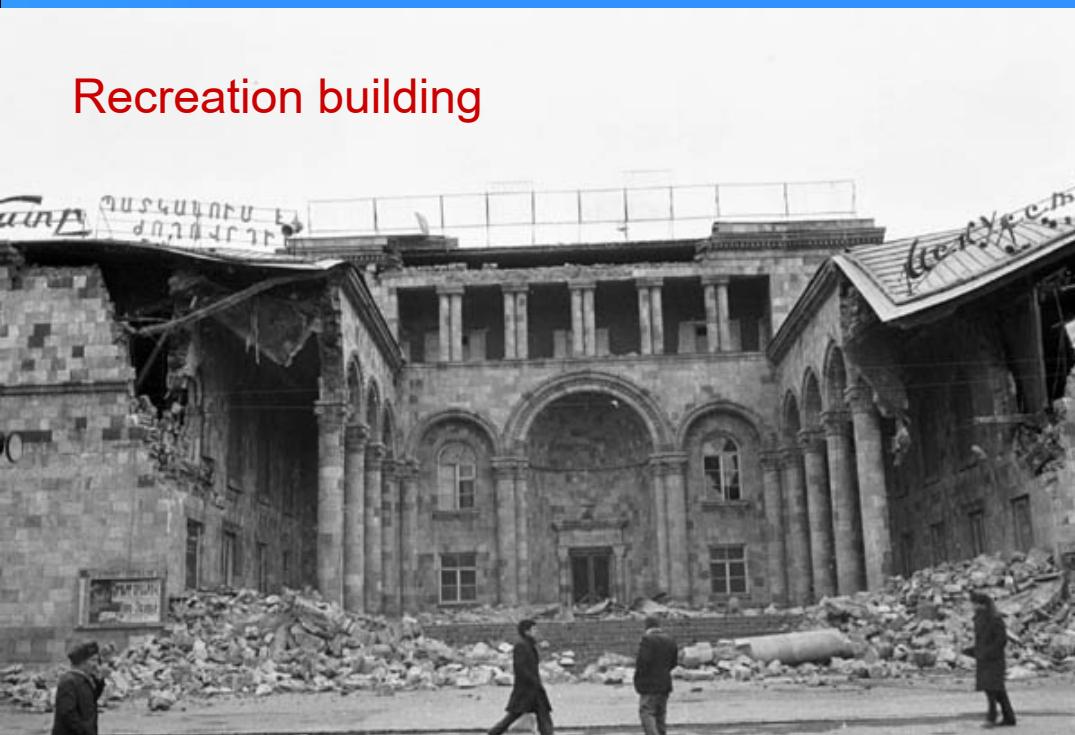
Destructed buildings



Destructed buildings

Heavily damaged buildings

Recreation building



Hospital



Settlements and buildings damaged during
earthquakes in some countries



Skopje, Macedonia, 26.07.1963, M7.2



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Gujarat, India, 26.01.2001, M7.7



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Izmit, Turkey, 17.08.99 M7.4



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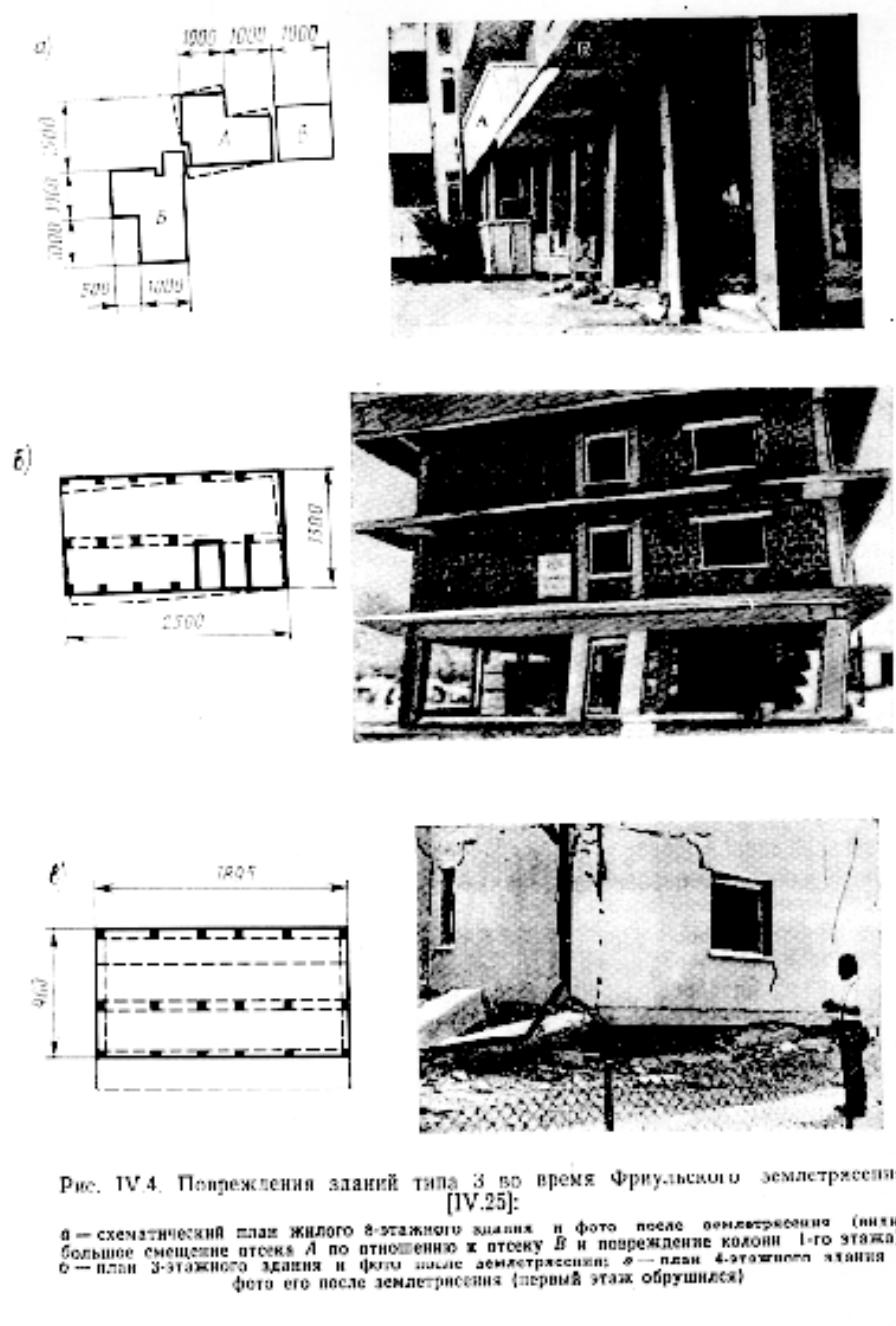


Рис. IV.4. Повреждения зданий типа 3 во время Фриулийского землетрясения [IV.25]:
а — схематический план жилого 8-этажного здания и фото после землетрясения (линия большое смещение отсека А по отношению к отсеку В и повреждение колонн 1-го этажа); б — план 3-этажного здания и фото после землетрясения; в — план 4-этажного здания и фото его после землетрясения (первый этаж обрушился)

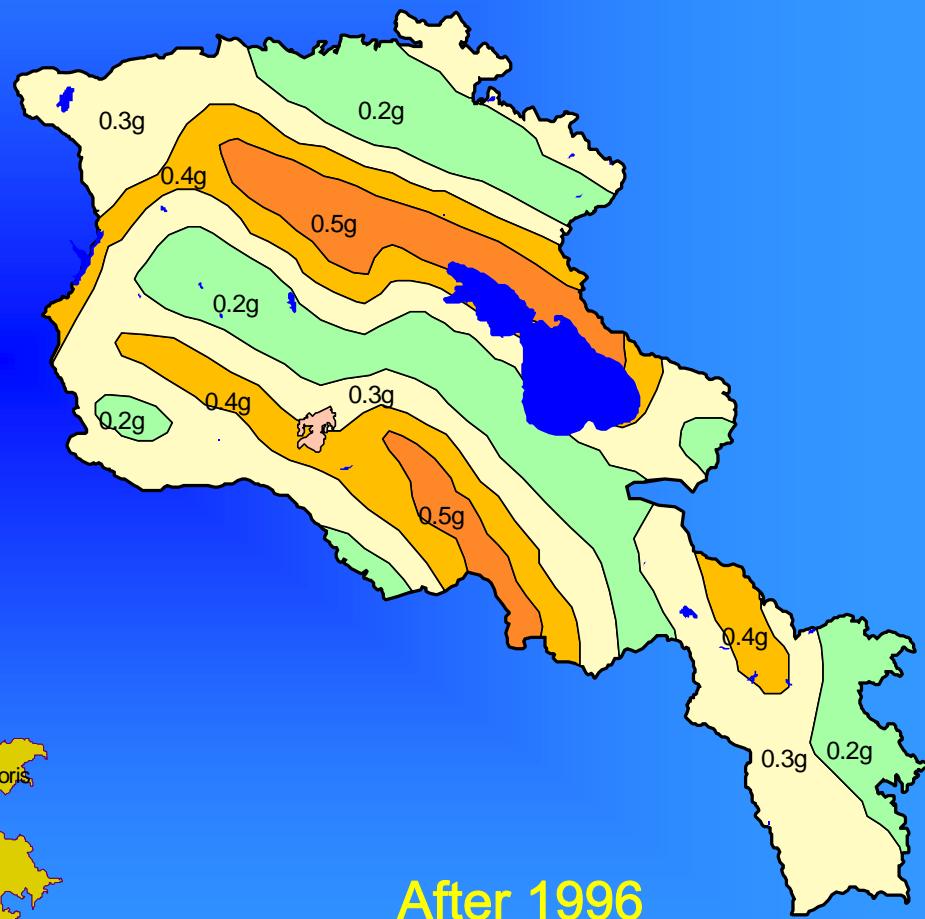
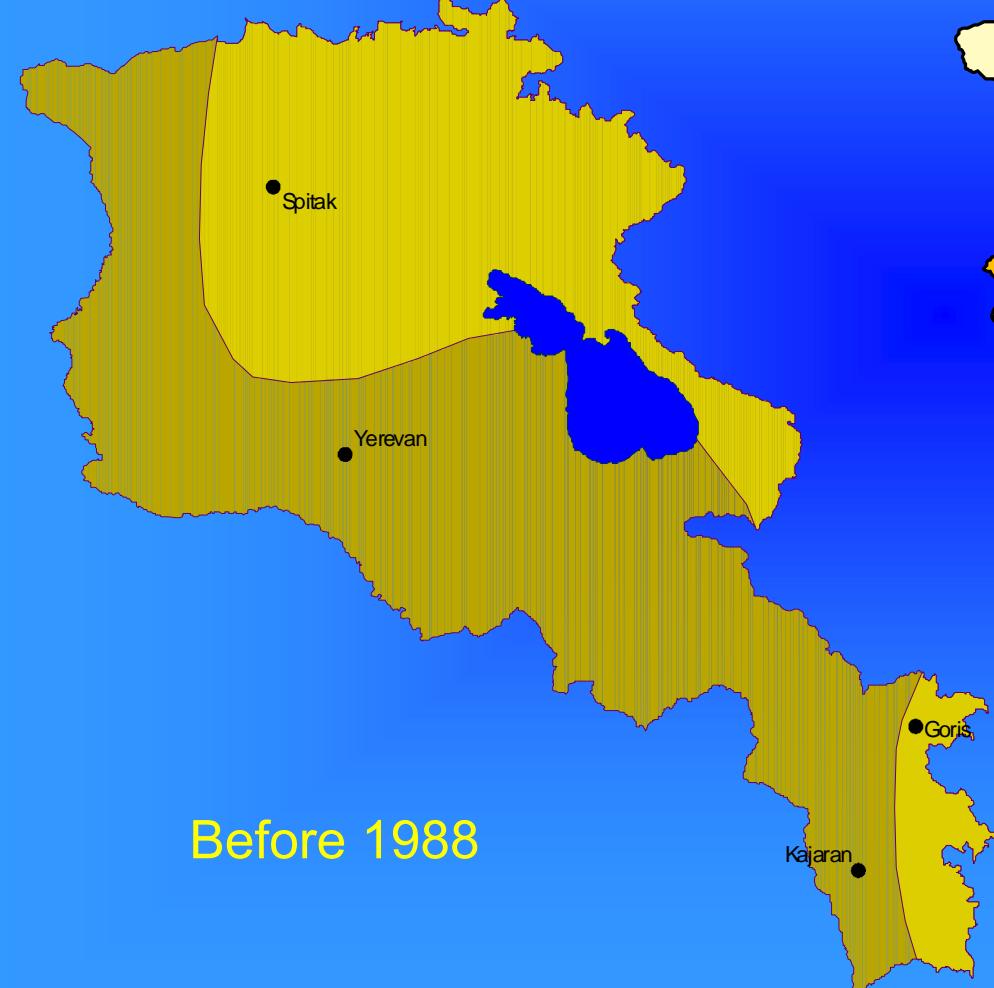
Friuli, Italy, 06.05.1976, M6.5

Main reasons of destruction

1. Untrue assessment of seismic hazard
2. Not strict seismic building codes
3. Faults in constructive solutions
4. Low quality of construction
5. Unproper exploitation

Untrue Assessment of Seismic Hazard

Seismic Zoning Maps of Armenia



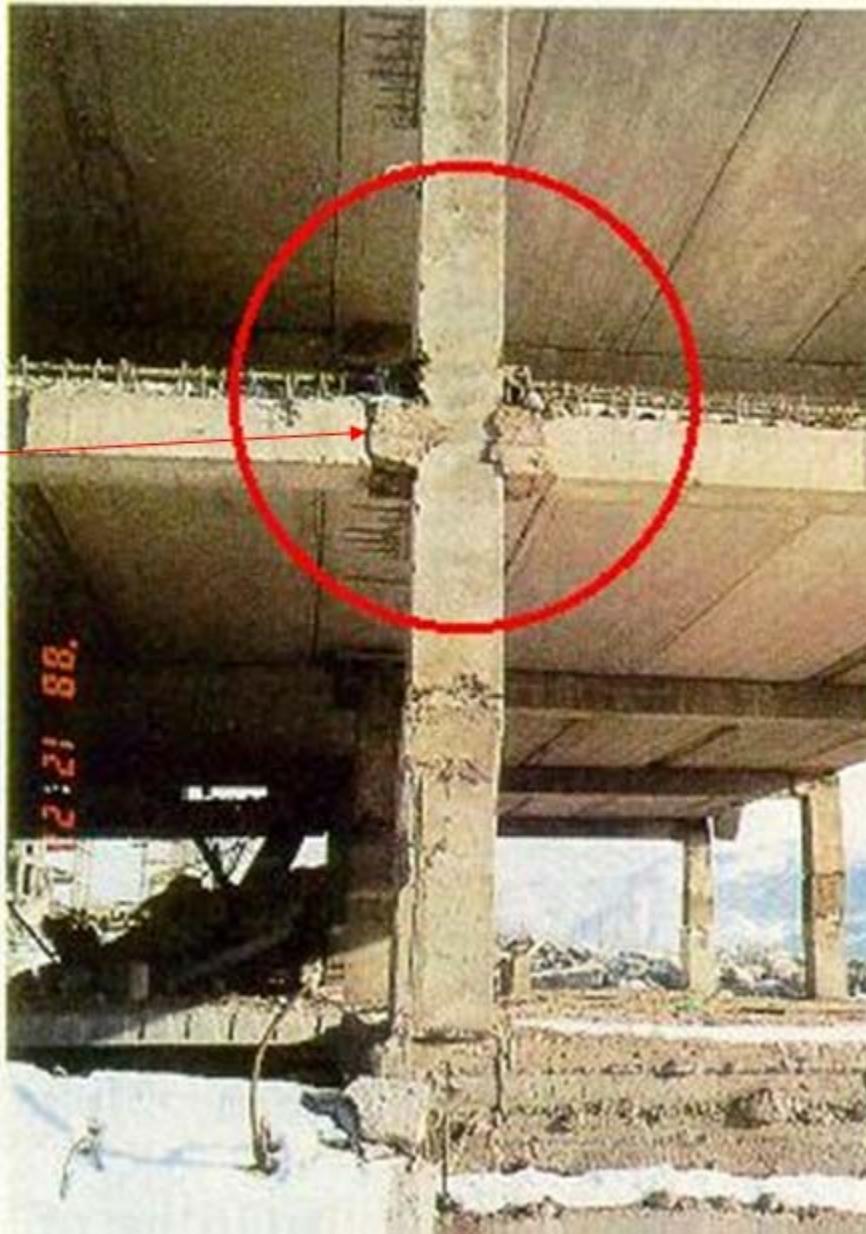
Not Strict Seismic Building
Codes

Seismic building codes ԱՀ Հ.8/92 էլեմենտար
ժամանակակից դիզայնինգի համար!

Since 1994 the Regulations “Seismically Resistant Construction. Design Codes” ՀՀԸՆ Ա-2.02-94 have been applied in Armenia

Since 2006 the updated Regulations “Seismically Resistant Construction. Design Codes” ՀՀԸՆ Ա-6.02-2006 were in force in Armenia

Faults in Constructive Solutions



Low Quality of Construction



Low quality of construction works



Unproper Exploitation





Classification of Buildings by Constructive Solutions in Armenia

1. Stone-wall (masonry) (up to 5 story)
2. Large panel buildings (9 story)
3. Frame-panel buildings (9 story)
4. Buildings with frame-tied system (12-16 story)
5. Buildings constructed with story-raising technology (12-16 story)
6. Buildings constructed with new constructive solutions



Stone-wall (masonry) buildings (up to 5 story)

30 percent of building stock

High vulnerability

Retrofitting required









Large Panel Buildings (9 story)

10 percent of building
stock

Low vulnerability





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Frame Panel Buildings (9 story)

15 percent of building
stock

High vulnerability

After Spitak 1988 Earthquake were not constructed

Retrofitting required





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Buildings with Frame-Tied System (12-16 story)

15 percent of building stock

Low vulnerability







Buildings Constructed with Slab Lift Technology (12-16 story)

7 percent of building stock, mainly in Yerevan-city

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High-rise Buildings with New Constructive Solutions



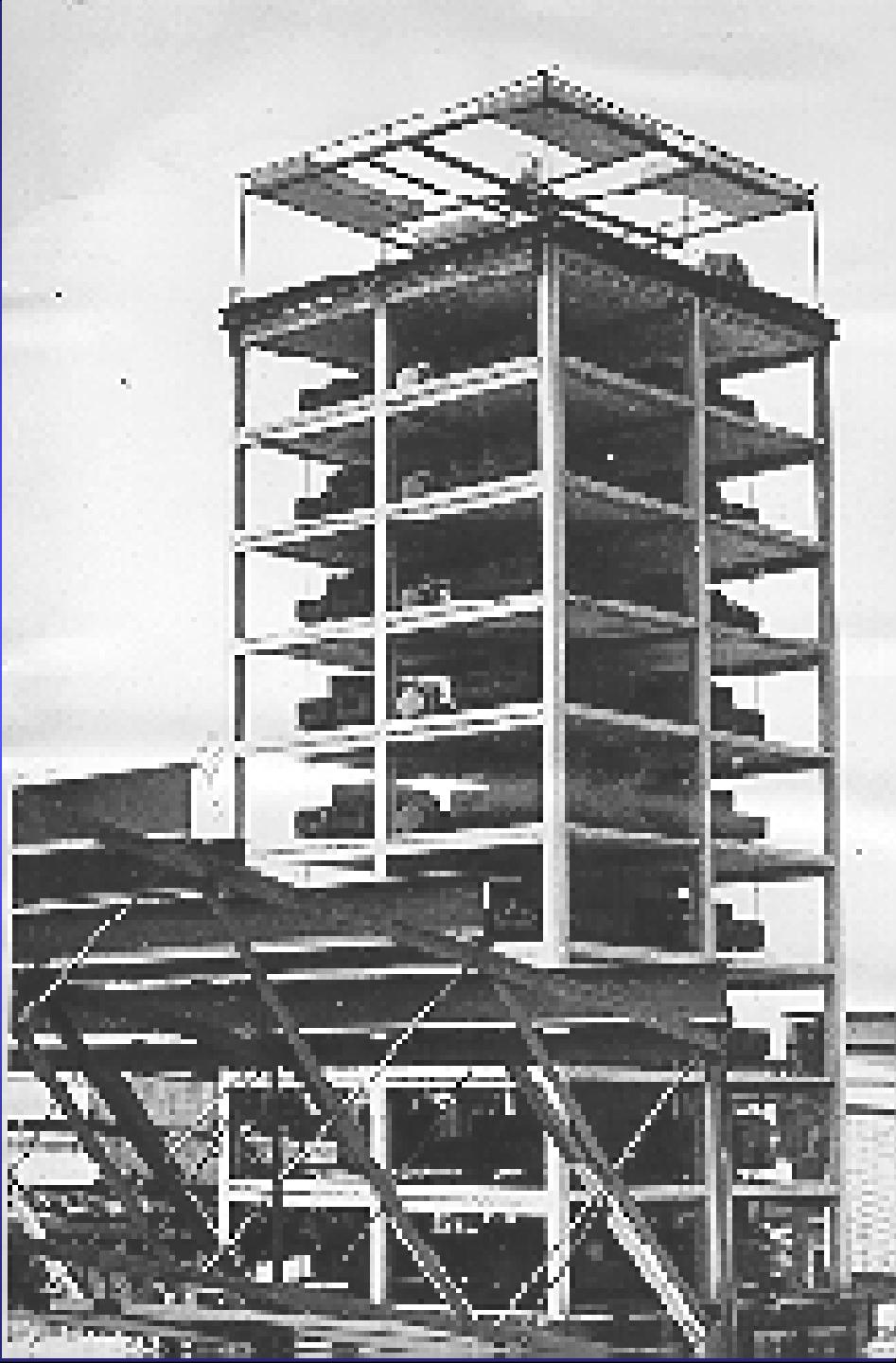


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Special Seismically Resistant Systems

- Dynamic vibration dampers
- Switch on and switch off ties
- Rubber-metallic layered bearings
- Vibration Damping increasing constructions
- Bonding of existing structure with newly constructed rigid structure

Model of 9 story frame
building with dynamic
damper



Building in Vanadzor
town strengthened
with dynamic damper

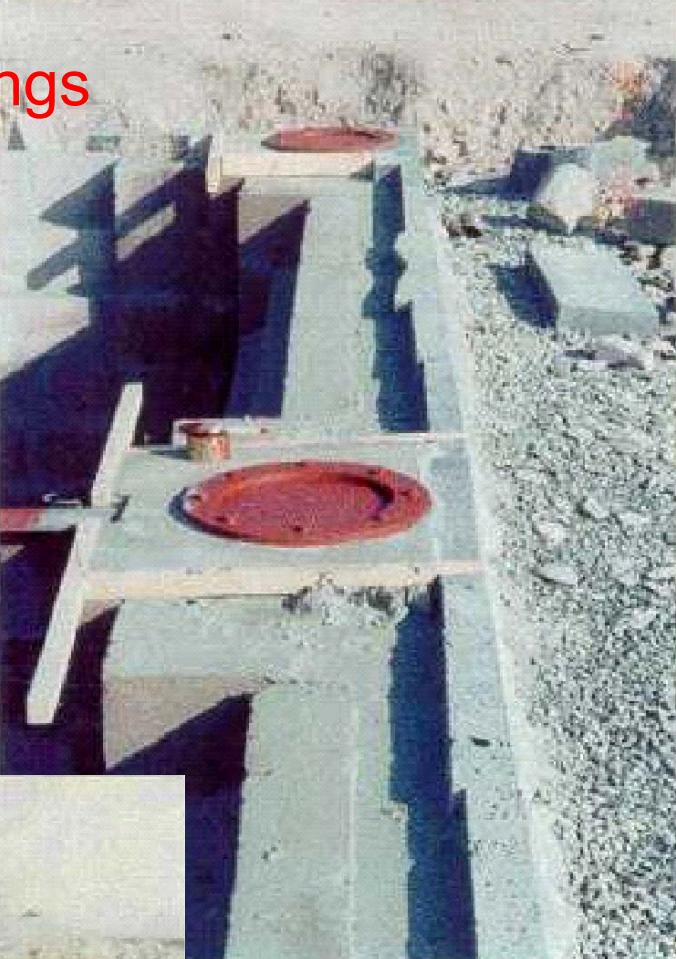




Upper flexible story on rubber metallic bearings



Seismic isolation bearings at the buildings



Armenian International Airport
Production of rubber metallic bearings
(Kuala Lumpur, Robinson Seismic Ltd NZ)

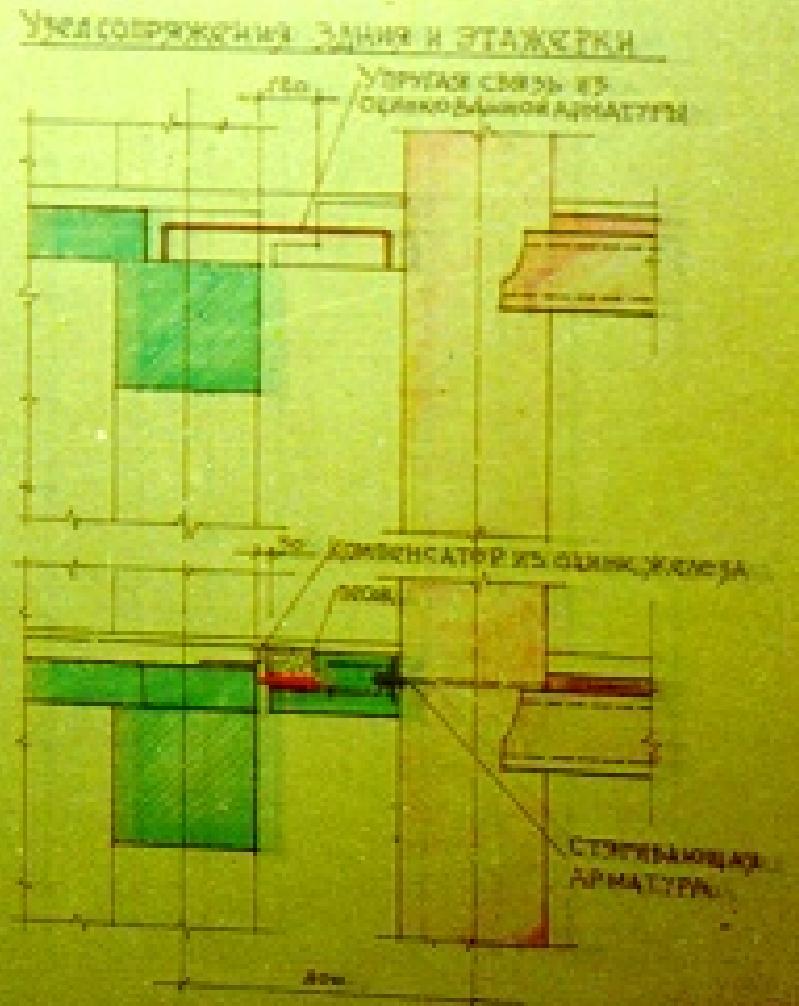
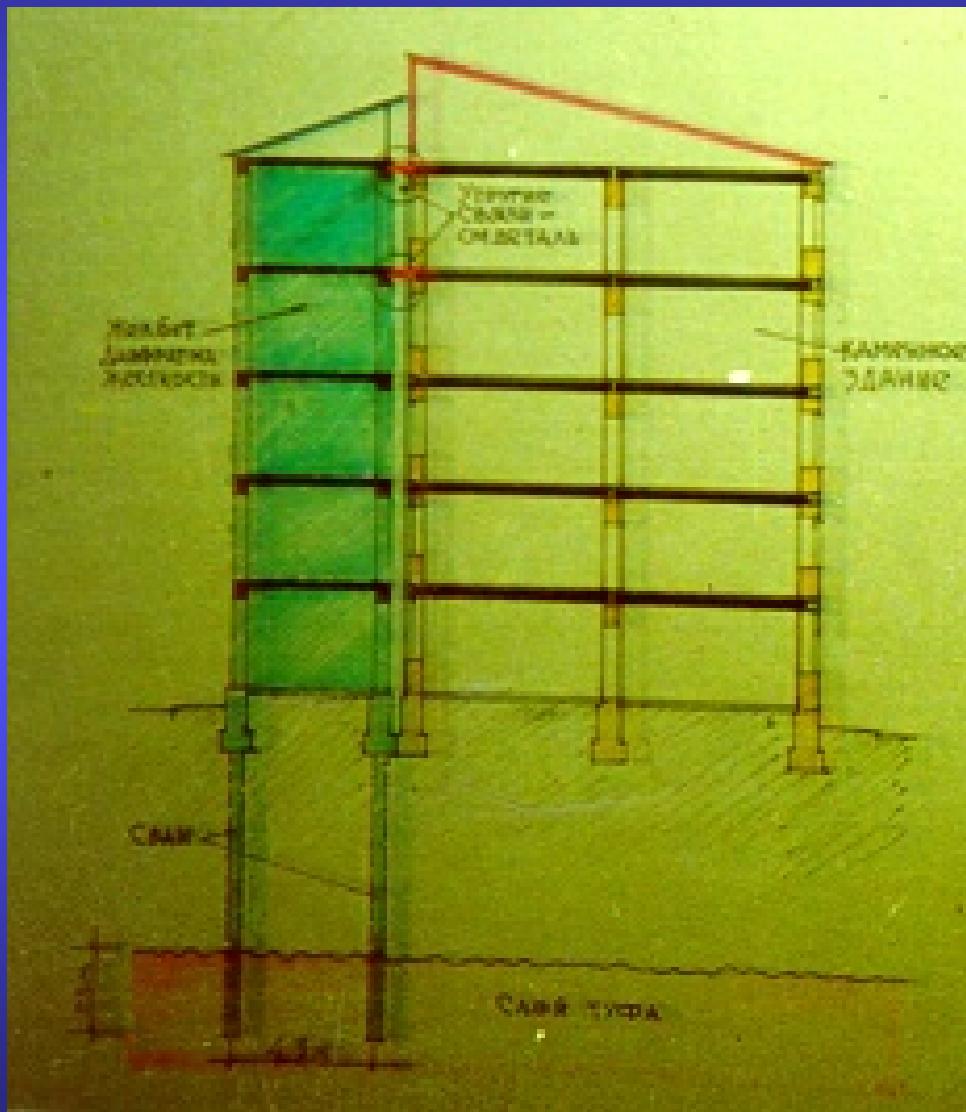


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Building before reconstruction



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Building after reconstruction



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