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# Factors to Consider When Selecting a Structure for an AOP Design

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# Considerations for Structure Selection



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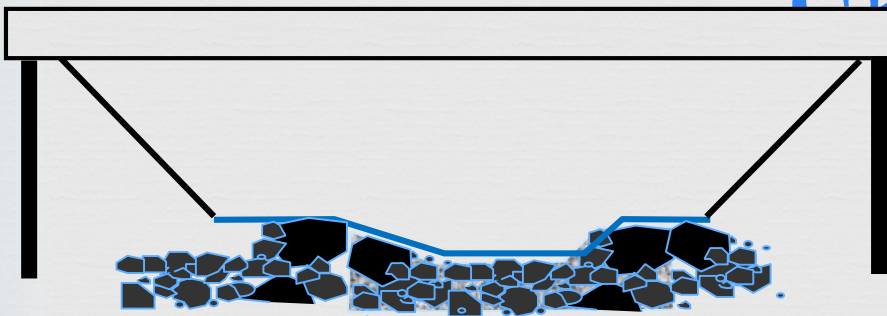
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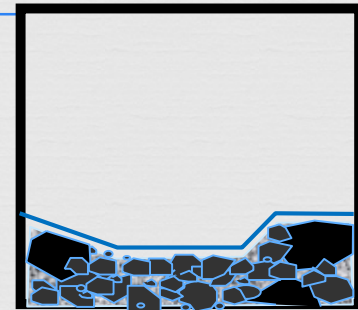


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- Photos

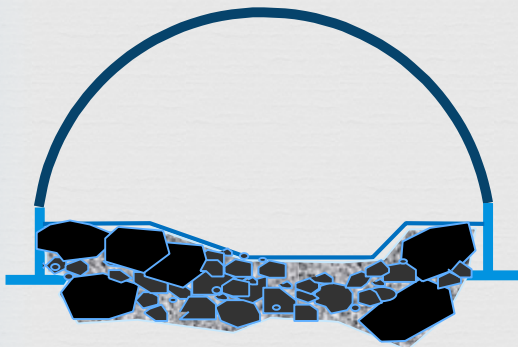
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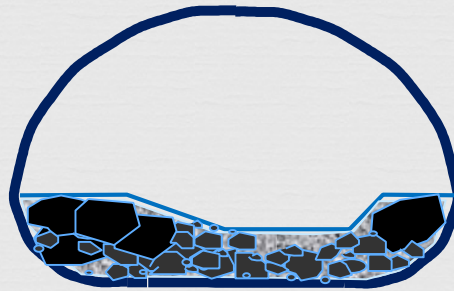
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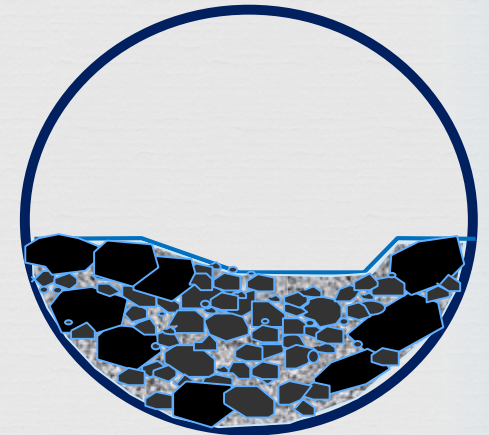
b. Box



d. Bottomless Arch



c. Pipe Arch



e. Embedded Round

# Outline



- ☞ Cost
- ☞ Stream Factors
- ☞ Road Factors
- ☞ Construction Concerns

# Cost



- ❧ Not always just the cost of the structure materials.
- ❧ Need to consider:
  - ❧ Backfill materials
  - ❧ Installation Equipment
  - ❧ Safety Features

# Bankfull Width



## Round Structure

- Solid pipe maximum
  - 12'-14'

## Structural Plate

- 51'
- But how much fill inside do you need



# Bankfull Width



∞ Pipe Arch

∞ 20 ft

∞ Ellipse

∞ 40 ft





# Bankfull Width



## Bottomless Arch

Steel

Up to 83'



# Bankfull Width



∞ Bottomless Arch

∞ Concrete

∞ Up to 35 ft

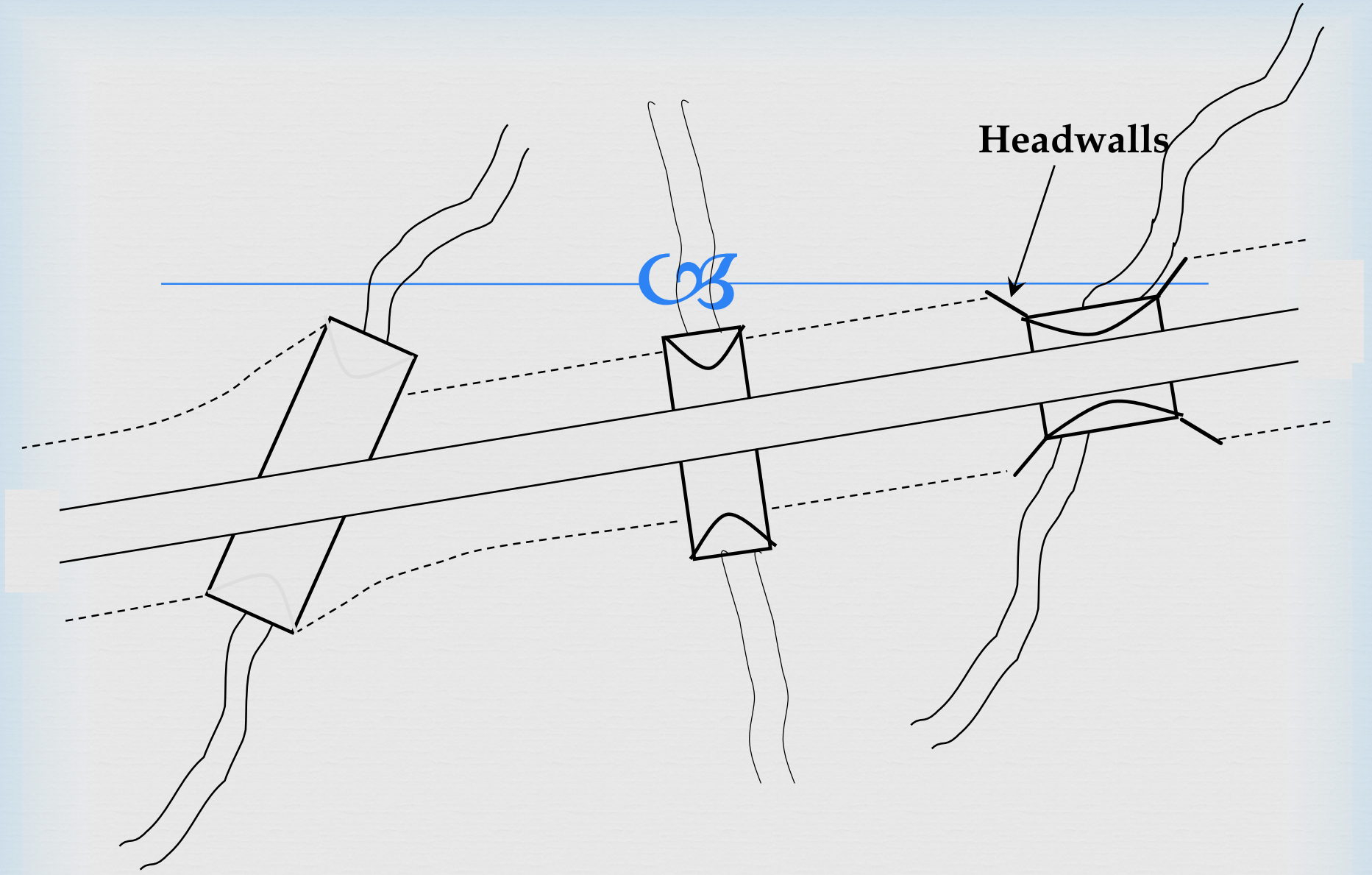


# Bridges



# Horizontal Alignment





Headwalls

CG

# Entrenchment Ratio



# Entrenchment Ratio



# Etnrenchment Ratio





# Entrenchment Ratio



# Vertical Alignment



How much cover is there?

## Clearance Limitations

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## Adequate Cover

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But not too much...

# Gradient



## ∞ Gradient

∞ Embedded pipes

∞ Baffles



# Hydraulics



∞ How much cross-sectional area is needed?

∞  $Q = 1/n * S^{1/2} * R^{2/3} * A$

# Hydraulics



- ∞ 10 ft span X 4 ft rise single radius arch
  - ∞ 33.2 SF
- ∞ 10 ft span X 4 ft rise box shape
  - ∞ 41.3 SF
- ∞ 24% increase by changing shape
- ∞ Nearly doubled cost of the structure
  - ∞ \$233/ LF vs \$430/ LF

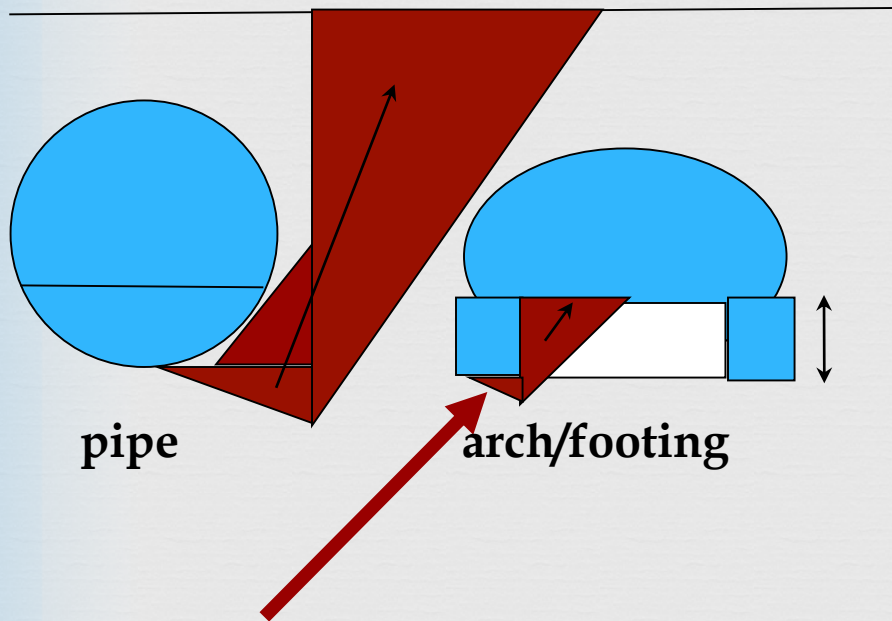


# Debris



# Bearing Capacity

- Bearing Capacity of pipe is 2-4\* open bottom arch.
- Pipes must fail through entire height of fill – seldom a concern. Settlement is a more likely phenomena.
- It is imperative to prevent scour below the footing design depth. – long profile



**Zone of vulnerability, A minimum embedment depth is required to develop foundation bearing capacity in soil.**

# Soil and Climate



- Soil and Climate Conditions (life of structure)
  - pH
  - Acid rain
  - Moisture

“Normal” Corrosion &  
Abrasion in a  
Galvanized Steel  
Culvert



Abnormal Corrosion  
Galvanized Steel  
backfill/groundwater properties



# Table from Oregon DOT



Material	Location East or West of Cascades	Water & Soil pH	Soil Resistivity (ohm-cm)	Service Life
Galvanized Steel	East	4.5 - 6.0	1500-2000	30
	East	>6 - 7	1500-2000	35
	East	>7 - 10	1500-2000	40
Galvanized Steel	West	4.5 - 6.0	1500-2000	15
	West	>6 - 7	1500-2000	20
	West	>7 - 10	1500-2000	25
Aluminum	East or West	4.5 - 10	>1500	75
Aluminized Steel	East	5 - 9	>1500	65
	West	5 - 9	>1500	50
Concrete	All Locations	4.5 - 10	>1500	75+
Polyethylene	All Locations	4.5 - 10	>1500	75

# Road Considerations



# Road Use



## ☞ Traffic Level

☞ What is amount/type of use? public/private?



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# Surfacing





# Road Width and Alignment



∞ Lane Width

∞ Curves



# Safety



## ☞ Safety

- ☞ Are you creating an unusual hazard in the road
- ☞ Guardrails
- ☞ Curbs



# SHPO



Photos by Jim Kozik, USDA Forest Service, Region 8

# Construction Considerations



## ∞ Timing

- ∞ WHEN is the in-stream work window
  - ∞ Winter
  - ∞ Peak recreation
  - ∞ Fire Season
  - ∞ Hunting Season



# Construction Time



- ❧ How Long is the window
  - ❧ Pre-cast
  - ❧ Cast in place
  - ❧ Modular

# Access



## Access:

Can you get it there?

Horizontal/Vertical  
Alignment

Load Ratings



# Access



## Access

How far does it have to come?

Materials

Pre cast

Structural Fill

Equipment

Cranes

Concrete Pumps



# Conclusions



- ❧ Many factors affect the 'best' structure for a given site:
  - ❧ Stream
  - ❧ Road
  - ❧ Construction
  - ❧ Cost





Any  
Questions?