



Workshop Agenda

Thursday

- 1:30pm Introductions
- 1:45pm Overview of NHERI@UTexas Equipment Facility
- 2:45pm Presentation by Dr. Woods
- 3:00pm Overview of EAGER project and bridge testing
- 4:00pm Presentations on NDE research from Rutgers faculty
- 4:30pm Travel to BEAST facility for tour
- Evening Dinner (pay for yourselves)

Friday

- 7:45am Meet in hotel lobby to take bus to bridge testing
- We plan to be back at the hotel before 11:30am



**Large Mobile Shakers for Natural Hazard Field Studies to Develop
Resilient and Sustainable Infrastructure
(Award CMMI-1520808)**

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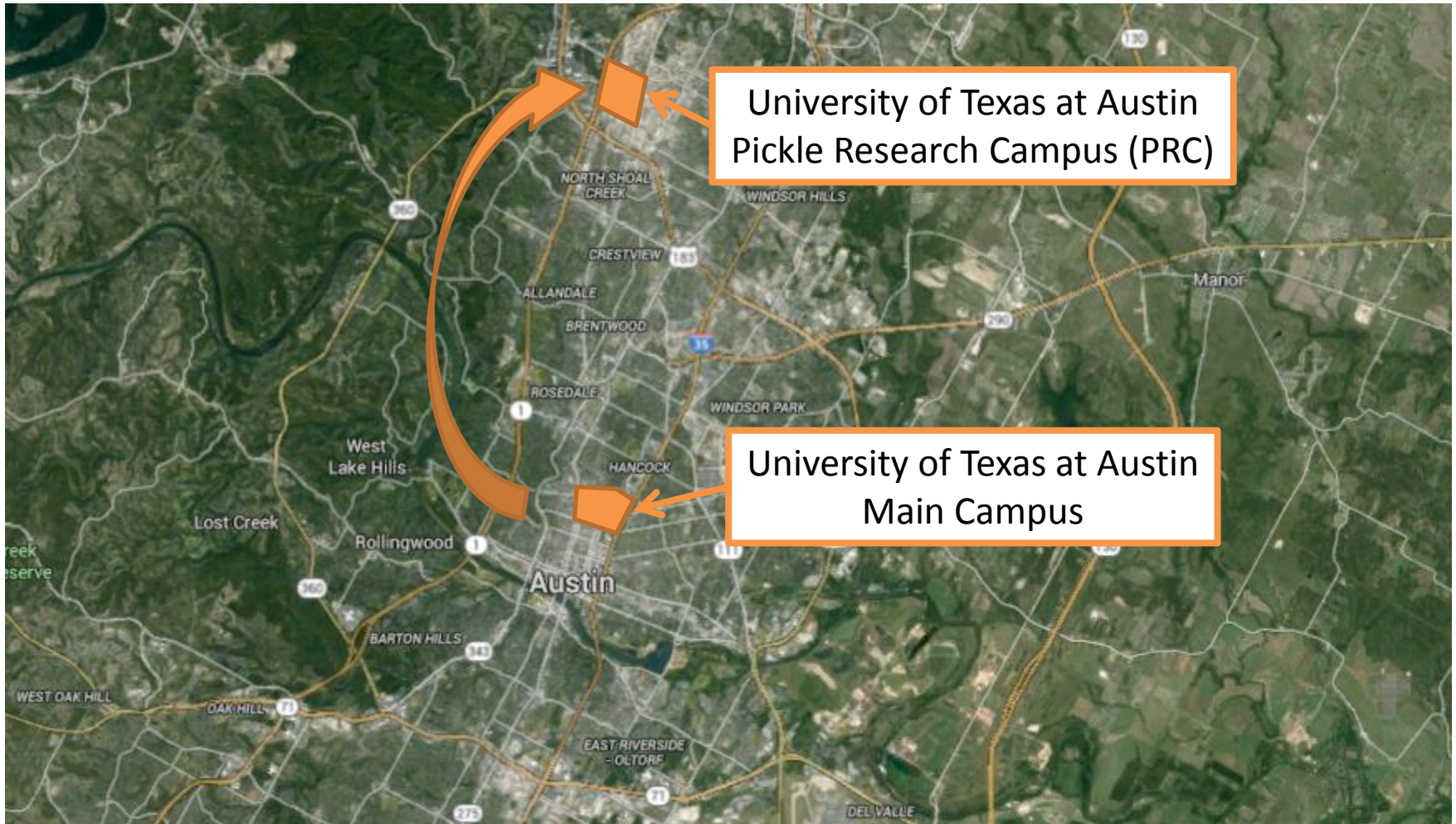
Mobile Shaker Specialist

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NHERI@UTexas Facility



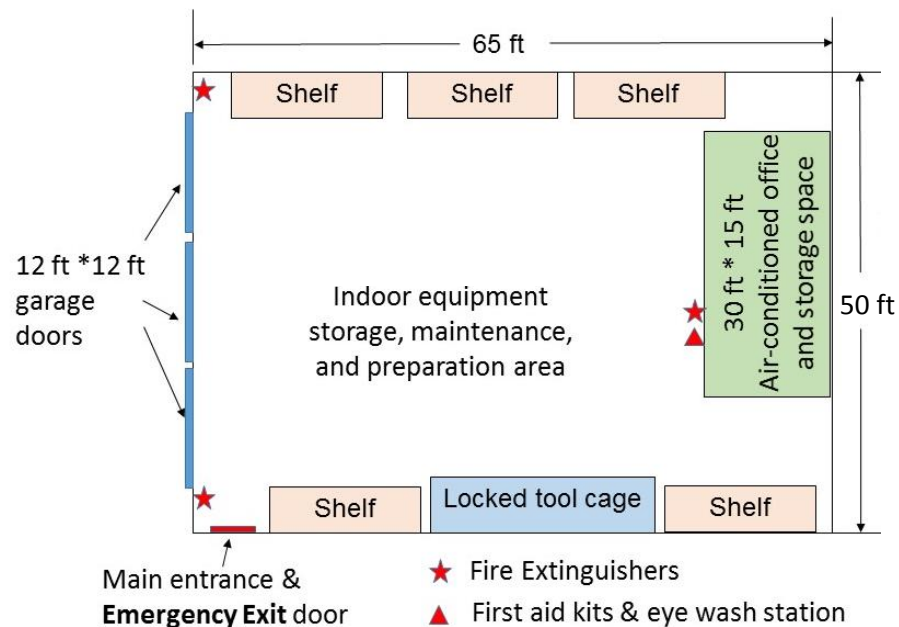


NHERI@UTexas - Building 46





Building 46 Facility





T-Rex (Tri-axial Shaker)

- Off-road buggy; weight = 64,000 lbs
- Three vibrational orientations
- Shear mode Peak Force = 30,000 lbs
- Vertical mode Peak Force = 60,000 lbs



Liquidator (Low Frequency Shaker)

- Off-road buggy; weight = 72,000 lbs
- Two vibrational orientations
- Shear mode Peak Force = 20,000 lbs
- Vertical mode Peak Force = 20,000 lbs



Thumper (Urban Shaker)

- International 4300 truck; weight = 24,800 lbs
- Three vibrational orientations
- Shear mode Peak Force = 6,000 lbs
- Vertical mode Peak Force = 6,000 lbs



Raptor (Mid-Size Shaker)

- Highway legal truck; weight = 41,200 lbs
- Vertical mode Peak Force = 27,000 lbs



Rattler (Horizontal Shaker)

- Off-road truck; weight = 54,500 lbs
- Shear mode Peak Force = 30,000 lbs



Big-Rig

- 26 wheeler tractor-trailer rig for shipping T-Rex, Liquidator, and Rattler



Field-Support Truck

- Carries diesel fuel for T-Rex and Liquidator
- Acts as a working platform for maintenance



Instrumentation Van & Trailer

- Cargo van with air-conditioned workspace
- Trailer with added work and storage spaces



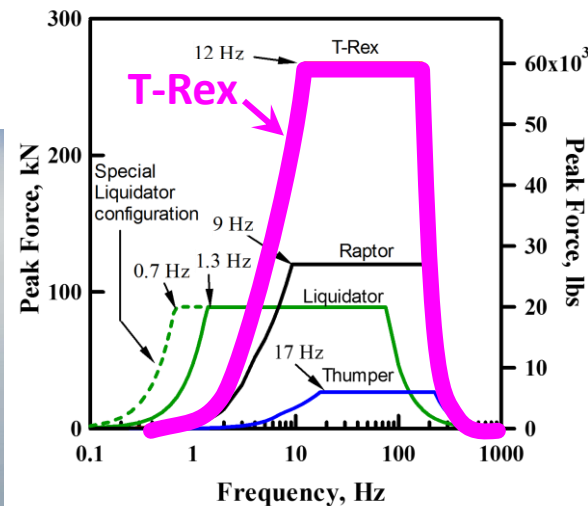
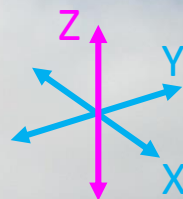
Hydraulic Cylinder with Adjustable Platform

- Platform mounted at the rear of T-Rex
- Pushing and retrieving subsurface sensors

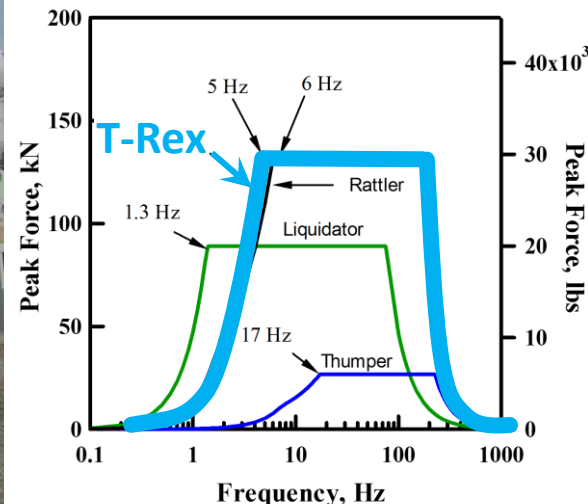


T-Rex

- Tri-axial shaker
- Push-button transformation of shaking orientation
- 32 ft long, 8 ft wide, Wt. = 64,000 lbs
- Only operating tri-axial vibroseis we are aware of in the world



Vertical force output



Horizontal force output



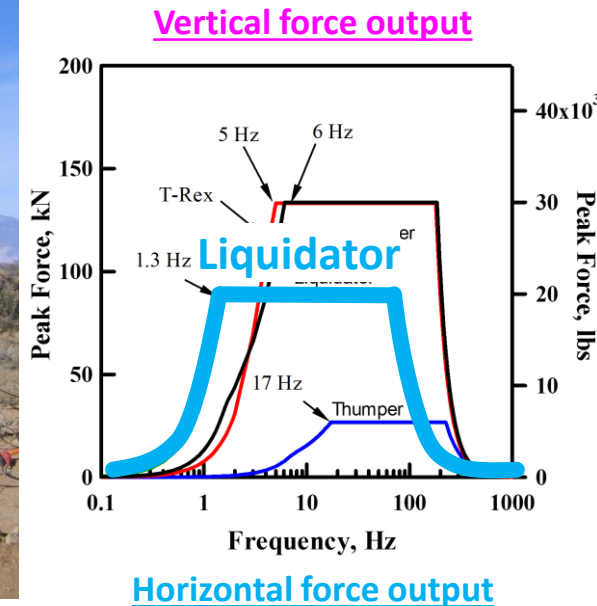
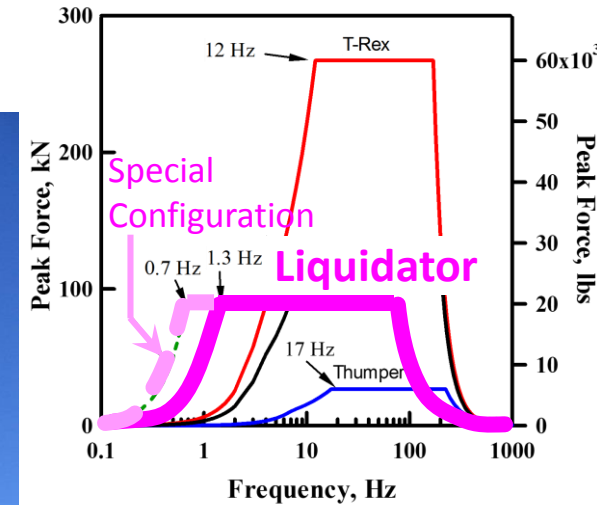
T-Rex – Vertical Shaking





Liquidator

- Custom-built, one-of-a-kind, low frequency shaker
- Two-shaking orientations
- One-day shop transformation of shaking orientation
- 32 ft long, 8 ft wide, Wt. = 72,000 lbs





Liquidator – Standard Configuration





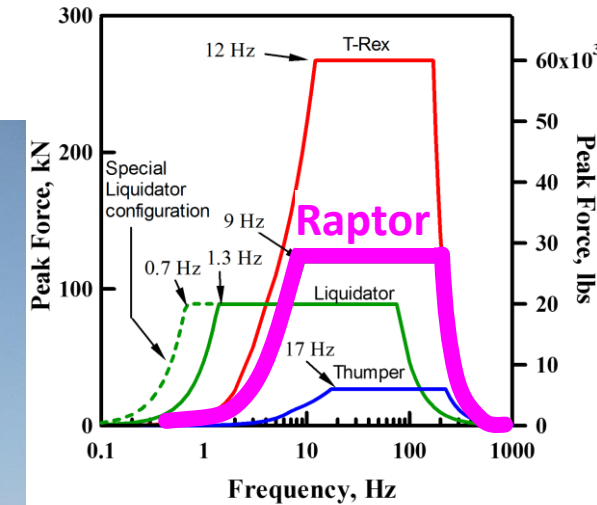
Liquidator – Special Configuration





Raptor

- Standard vibroseis, vertical shaker (P-wave)
- 32 ft long, 8 ft wide, Wt. = 41,200 lbs



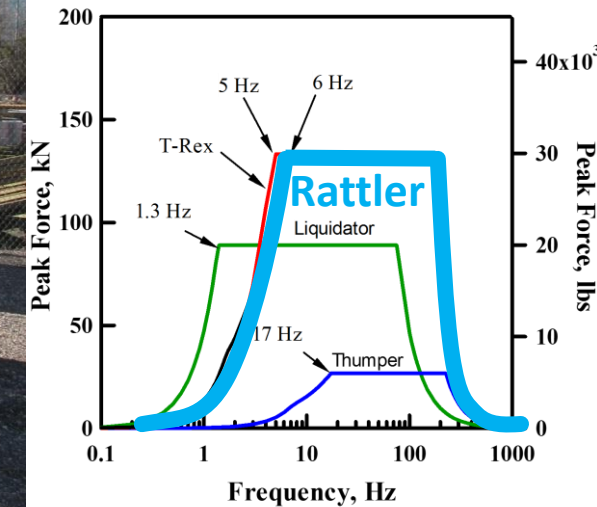
Vertical force output





Rattler

- Standard vibroseis, horizontal shaker (S-wave)
- 29 ft long, 8.5 ft wide, Wt. = 30,000 lbs

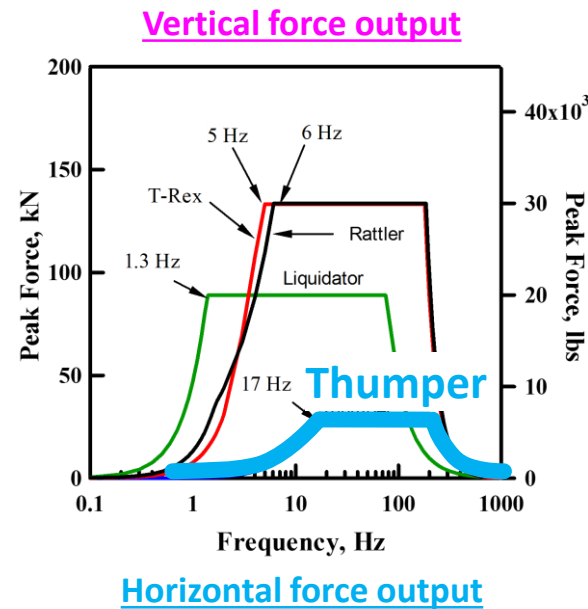
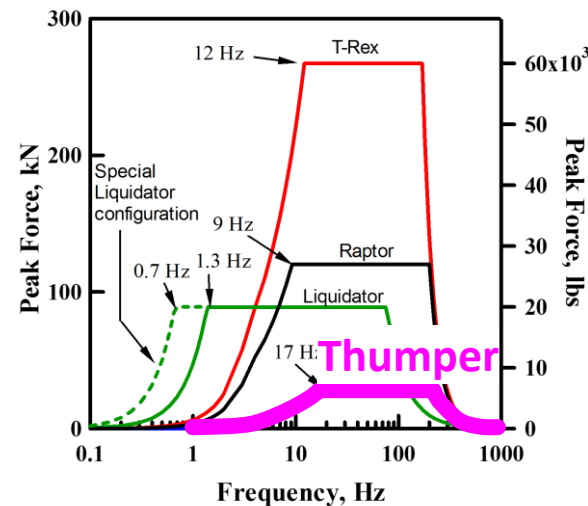


Horizontal force output



Thumper

- Mini-vibroiseis/urban shaker
- Three vibrational orientations
- Two-hour field transformation of shaking orientation
- 27 ft long, 8.5 ft wide, Wt. = 28,400 lbs.





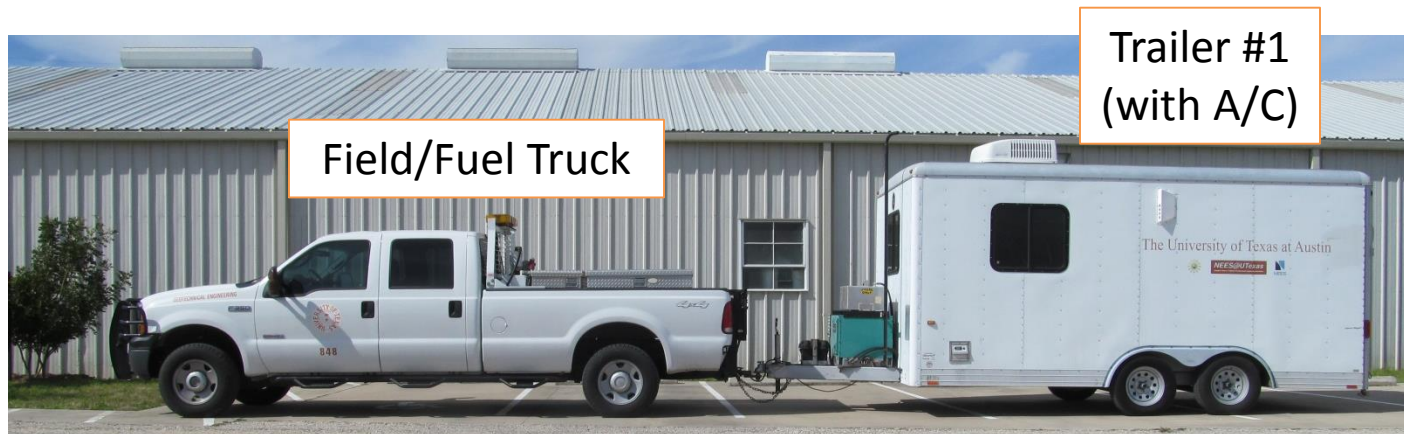
Big Rig

- 26-wheel tractor trailer for shipping T-Rex, Liquidator, and Rattler





Support Vehicles



Field/Fuel Truck

Trailer #1
(with A/C)

Provide fuel,
storage, and
workspace in
the field



Instrumentation Van

Trailer #2



Instrumentation – Data Acquisition (DAQ)

72-channel VXI DAQ

- 24 bit digitizer
- Up to 50 kHz sampling rate
- Real-time frequency domain capabilities

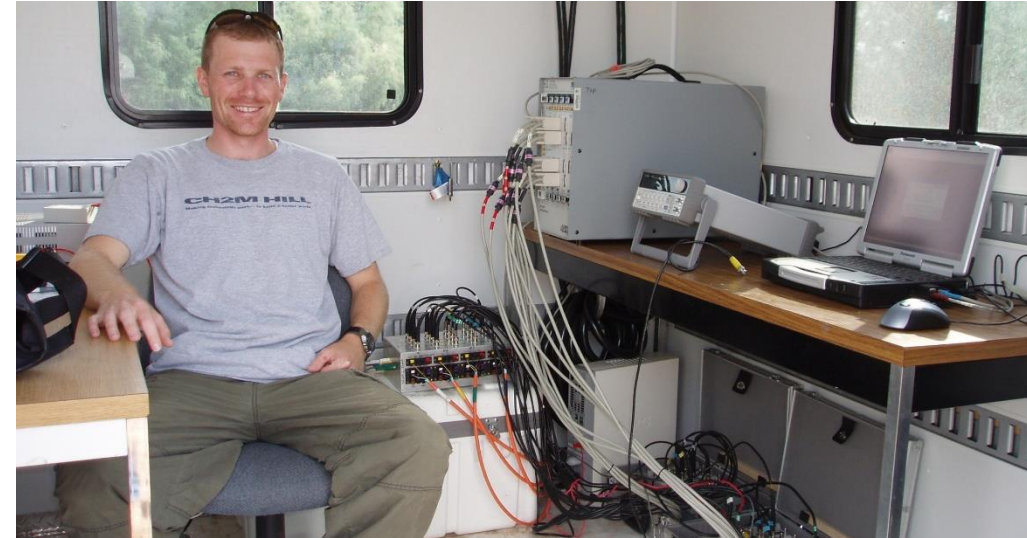


136 channels of DAQ



64-channel Data Physics DAQ

- 24 bit digitizer
- Up to 200 kHz sampling rate
- Real-time frequency domain capabilities



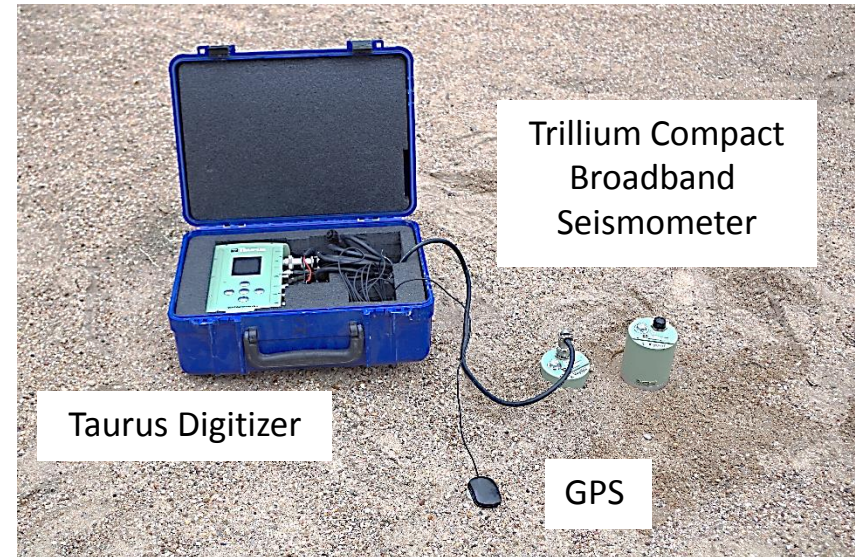


Instrumentation – Sensors



109, 1-Hz Geophones

- 85 vertical & 24 horizontal
- 15,000 ft of cable

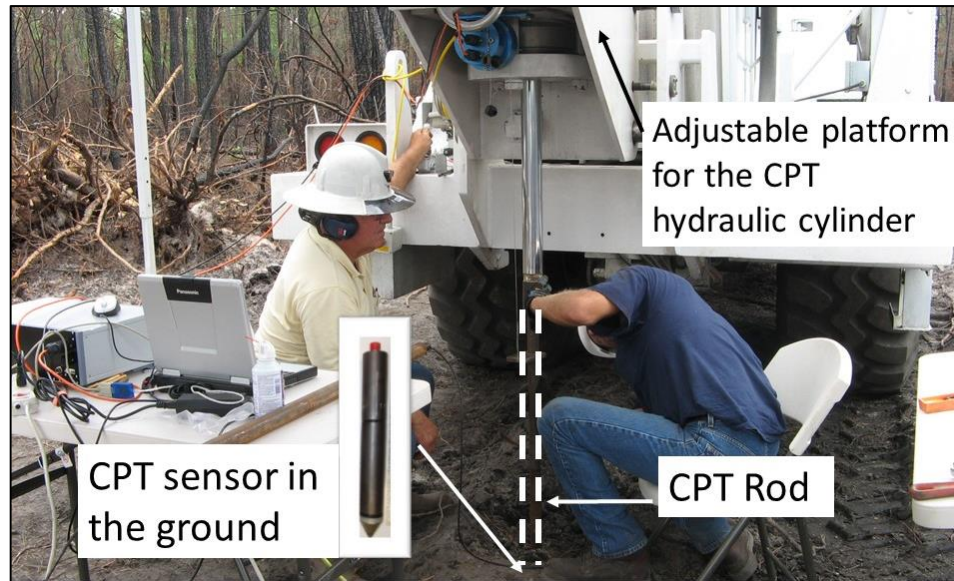


10, Nanometrics Broadband Seismometer Stations

- 3-component, GPS synchronized
- 120-sec period Trillium Compact seismometers
- Flat response 0.01 to 100 Hz
- Taurus digitizers (24 bits)
- Structural and Geotechnical applications



Instrumentation – CPT and Liquefaction Sensors



Direct-Push Sensors

Cone Penetrometers

- Standard CPT
- Seismic CPT
- 4 different cones

Motion Sensors

- Tri-axial MEMS accelerometers
- 2D or 3D geophones

Liquefaction Sensors

- Custom built
- Pore water pressure transducers



Additional Instrumentation Resources

- IRIS/PASSCAL

The screenshot shows the IRIS/PASSCAL Instrumentation website. The main header includes the IRIS/PASSCAL logo and the text 'Portable Array Seismic Studies of the Continental Lithosphere'. A navigation menu at the top includes links for Home, General Information, Instrumentation (highlighted), Data Archiving, Polar, Expt. Schedule, USArray, Forms, and Software. A sidebar menu on the left lists categories such as Home, General Information, Instrumentation, Dataloggers, Power Systems, Sensors, Accelerometers, Broadband Sensors, High Frequency Sensors, and Intermediate. The main content area displays the 'Kinometrics Episensor ES-T Accelerometer' with a breadcrumb trail: Home > Instrumentation > Sensors > Accelerometers > Kinometrics Accelerometer. Below the text is an image of the accelerometer device, which is a black cylindrical unit with a yellow sensor and various ports. The text 'Salient Features:' is positioned below the image.

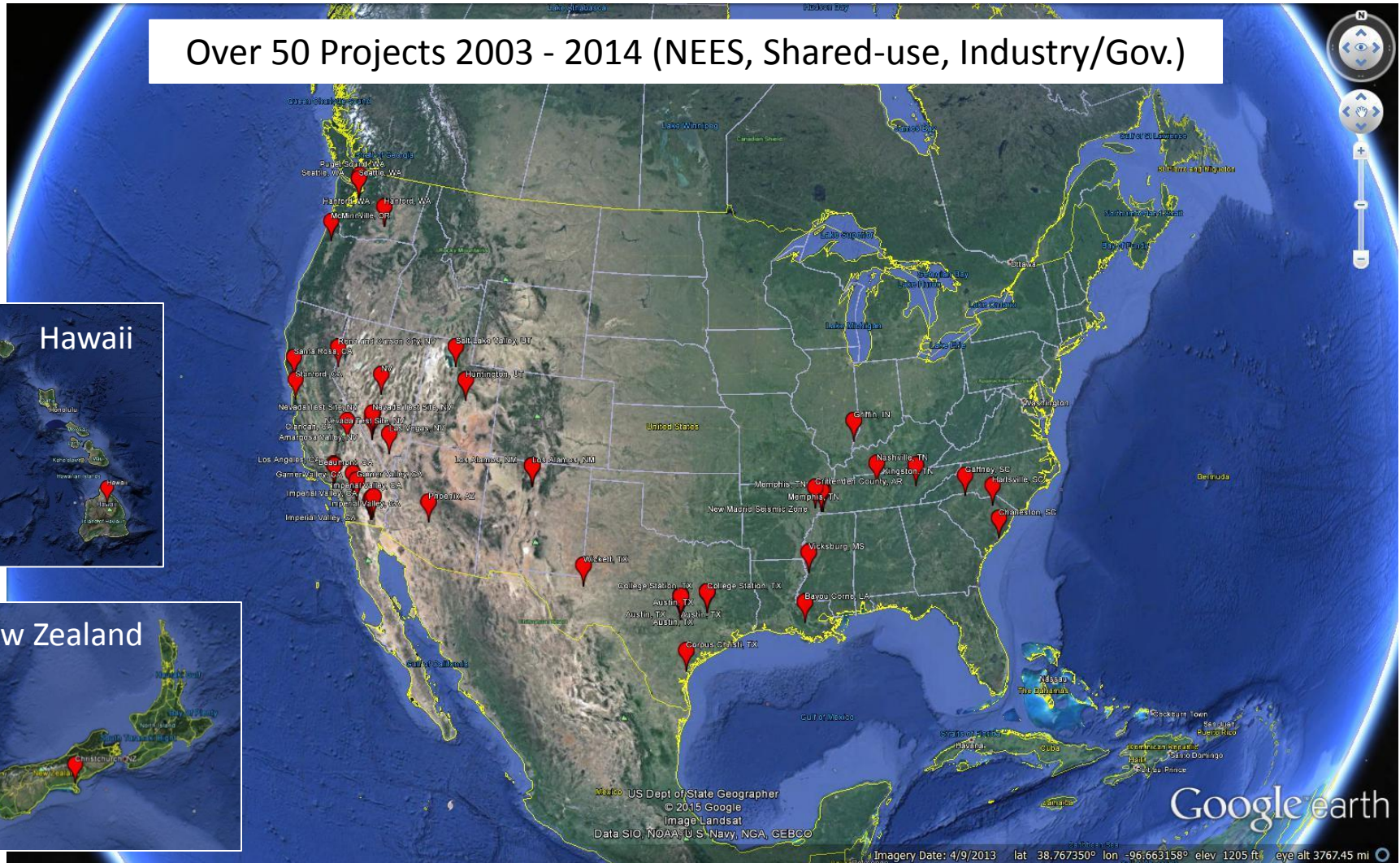
Free to NSF-funded projects
*PI pays for shipping & travel expenses

- (35) 3D accelerometers
- Digitizers
- Field support
- and more...



"Have mobile shakers, will travel..."

Over 50 Projects 2003 - 2014 (NEES, Shared-use, Industry/Gov.)





T-Rex:



1.
Liq. Demo
SAGEEP
S. Carolina



2.
Explore UT
Austin
Texas



3.
Deep
Downhole
PNNL, WA



4.
Hoodoos
LANL
N. Mexico



5.
MSW
Landfill
Los Angeles





Thumper:



1.
Vs Profile
Mauna Kea
Hawaii



2.
Topo. Amp.
Deer Creek
Utah



3.
Hispanic
Eng. Week
South TX



4.
Geophysics
Sum. Camp
Colorado



5.
Vs Profile
Stanford U.
California





Liquidator:



1. Deep Vs Yucca Mtn. Nevada



2. Deep Vs Mississippi Embayment



3. Deep Vs Salt Lake Valley Utah



4. Deep Vs Hanford PNNL, WA



5. Deep Vs Palo Verde NPP Arizona



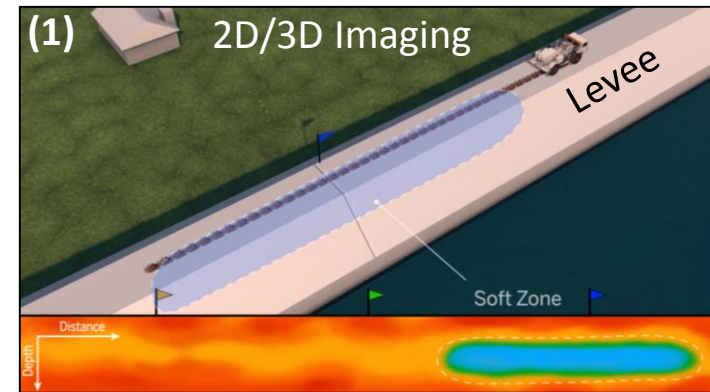


Proof-of-Capability Workshops

- Each test aligned with one of three main areas in our Science Plan:

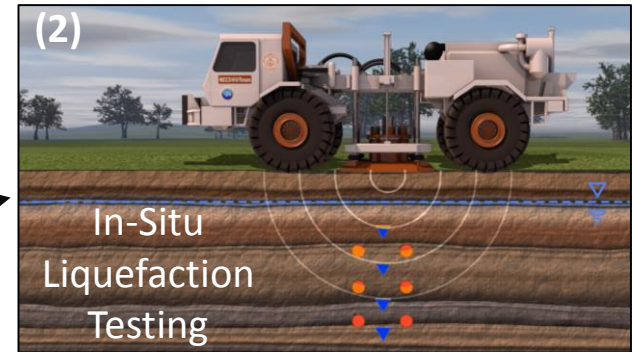
(1) Subsurface Imaging (2D/3D)

(St. Louis, MO; November 11, 2016)



(2) In-situ Liquefaction/Nonlinear Testing

(Portland, OR; June 24, 2016)



(3) Structural Health Monitoring/SFSI

(Brunswick, NJ; August 3-4, 2017)





Proof-of-Capability Workshops cont...

- Marketing to broaden the user base
 - Familiarize potential users with NHERI@UTexas capabilities
 - Invite all interested parties (Gov/Academia/Industry)
 - Data and metadata posted to NHERI DesignSafe-CI (open access)
 - Generate preliminary proposal data
 - Opportunities for piggy-back projects

Thumper at levee testing workshop



Liquefaction testing workshop





Science Plan #1:

Performing deeper, more accurate, higher resolution, 2D/3D subsurface geotechnical imaging

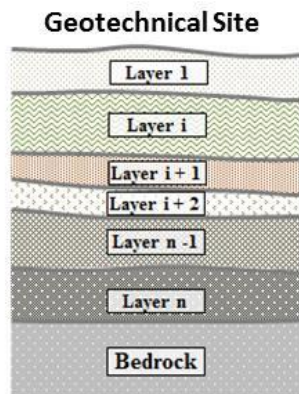


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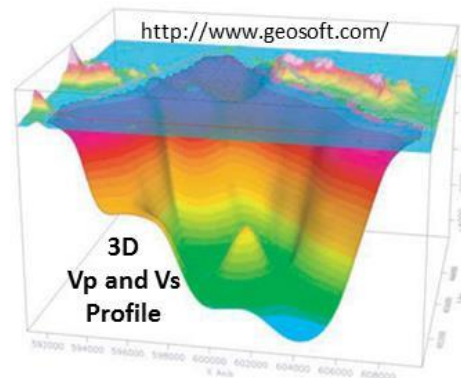
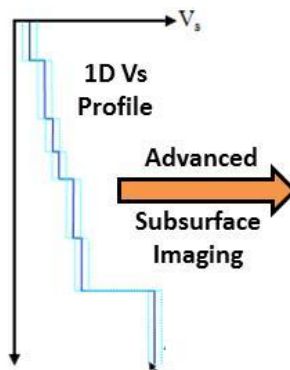
Advanced
Medical
Imaging



b. Ultrasound of the Present



c. 1D Geotechnical Imaging of the Present



d. 3D Geotechnical Imaging of the Future

Retrieve:

- Shear Wave Velocity (V_s)
- P-wave Velocity (V_p)

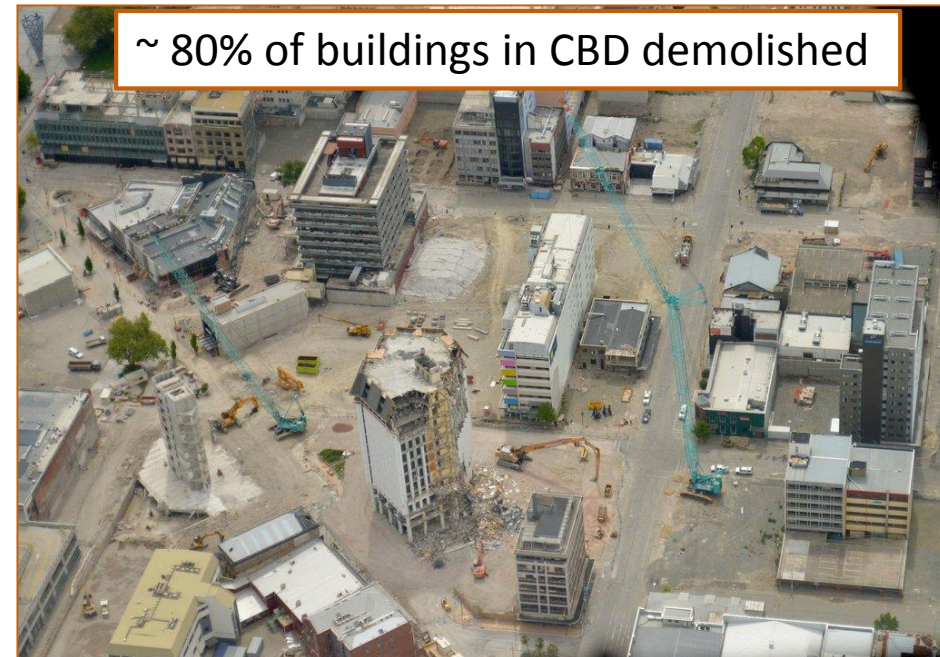
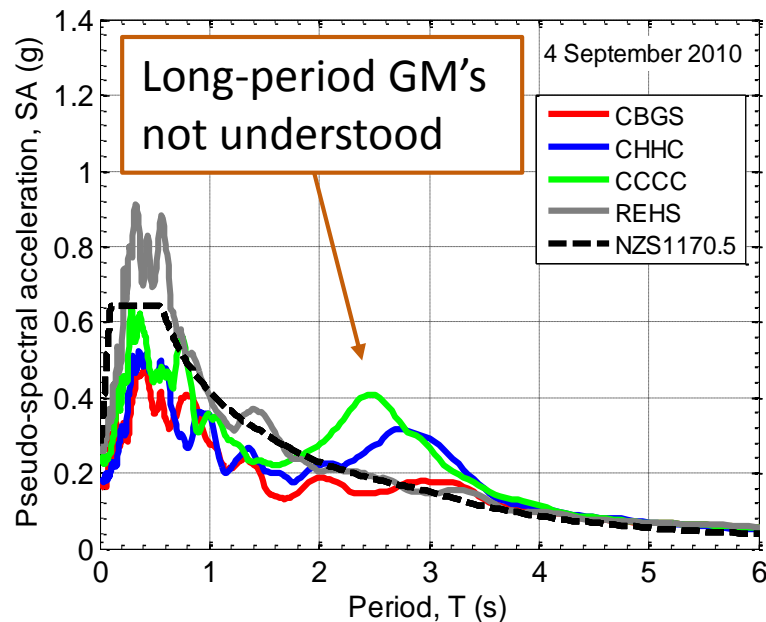
for direct determination of elastic moduli needed in engineering analyses



NEES@UTexas Project Highlight

“RAPID: Deep Shear Wave Velocity Profiling for Seismic Characterization of Christchurch, NZ - Reliably Merging Large Active-Source and Passive-Wavefield Surface Wave Methods”

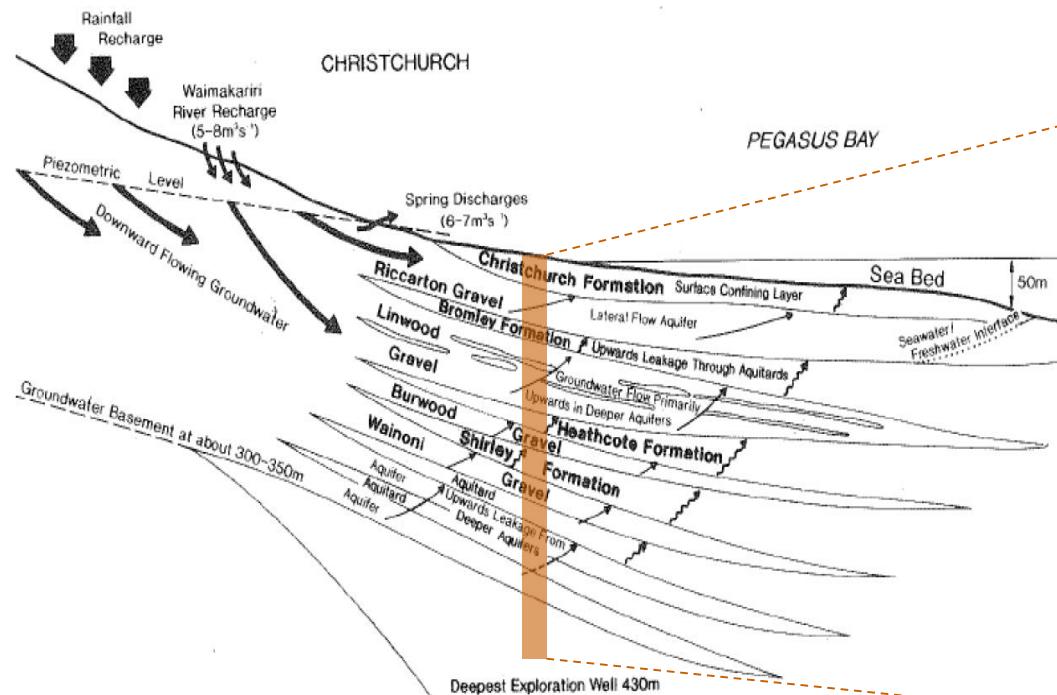
(CMMI-1303595)





Complex Subsurface Conditions & Deep Bedrock

- Geotechnical investigations do not extend past Riccarton Gravel layer (artesian aquifer) at 10 – 40 m
- Result: no detailed Vs profiles deeper than 40 m in Christchurch
- Deepest well in city ~ 450 m ... still no bedrock



(after Brown and Weeber 1992)

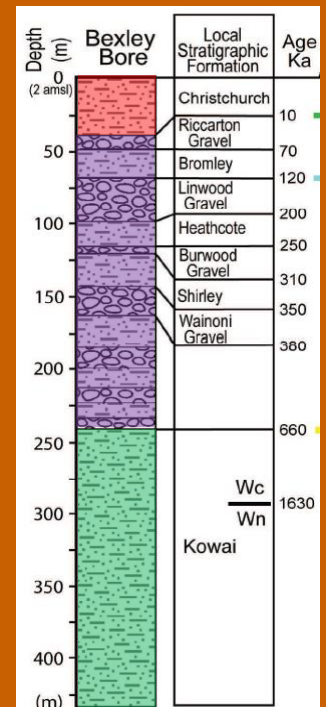
0m
Sands & Silts
10-40m

**Inter-layered
Sands &
Gravels**

250m

Sands, Silts & Clays

450m



(after Brown 1998 and Barnes 2012)



T-Rex in Christchurch

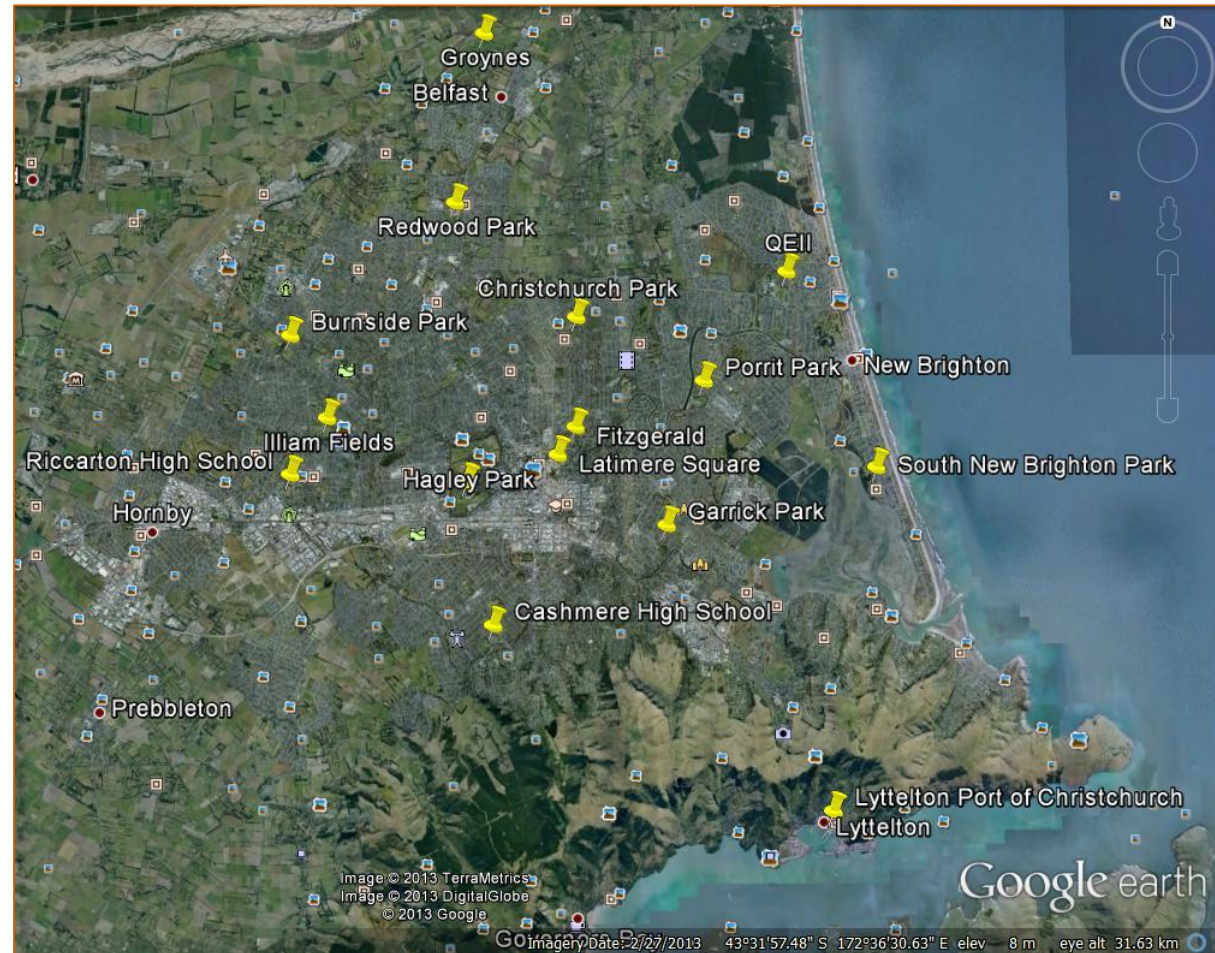


- Shipped from Texas to Christchurch in Feb. 2013



Christchurch Surface Wave Testing Sites

- 15 primary sites in greater Christchurch
- Target depth of Vs profiling: 400m – 1000m
- Approximately 2 days of testing per site





Combined Active-Source & Ambient-Wavefield Surface Wave Testing

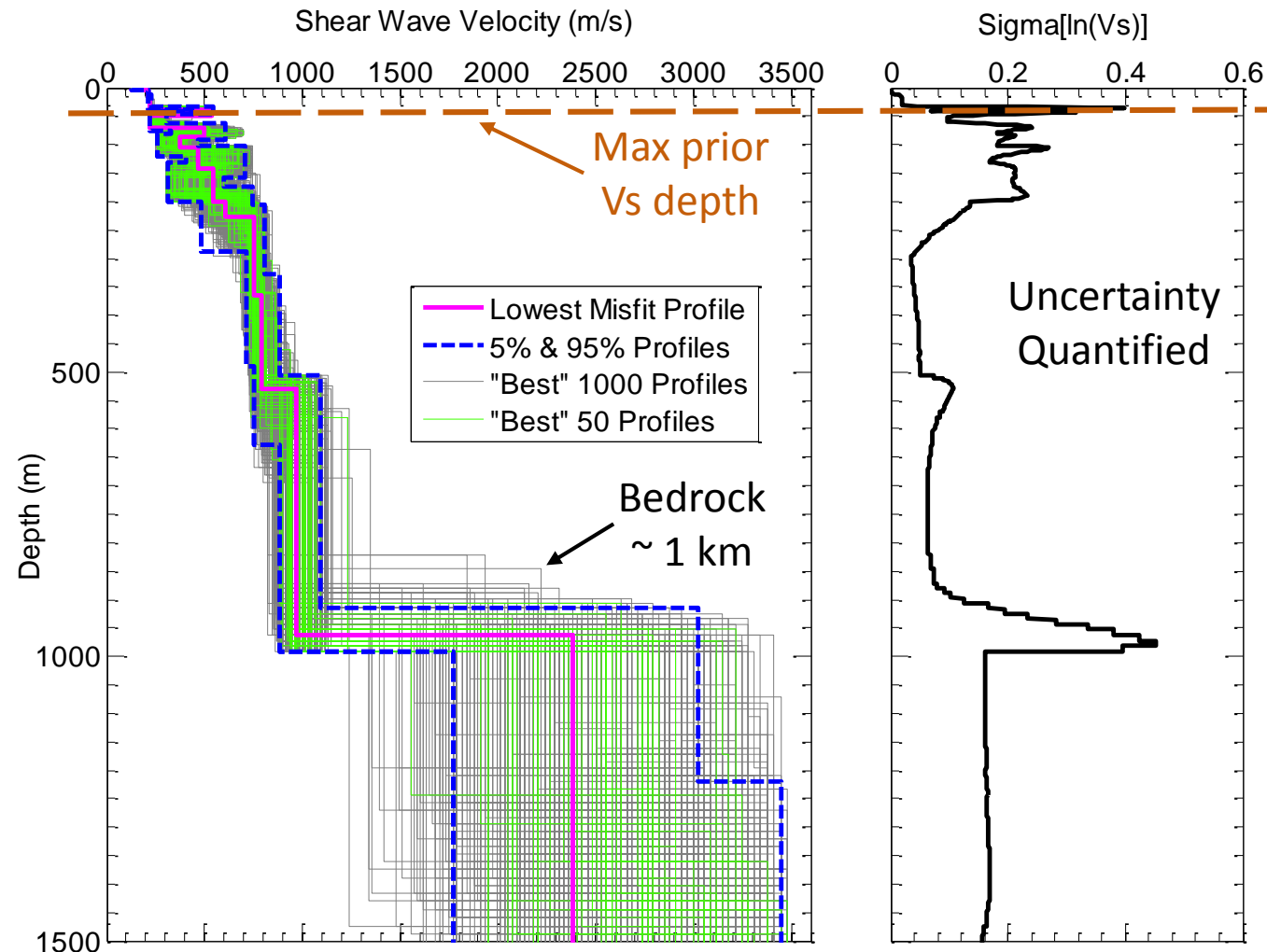




Reliable 1D Vs Profiles to Record Depths

Inversion Process

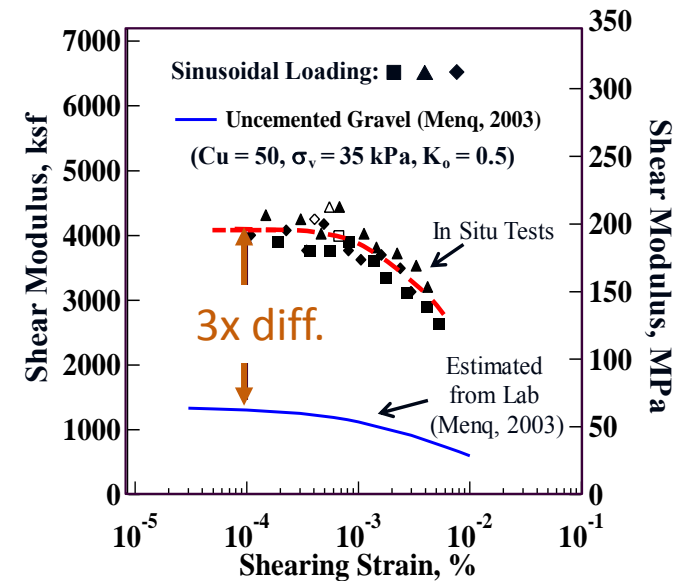
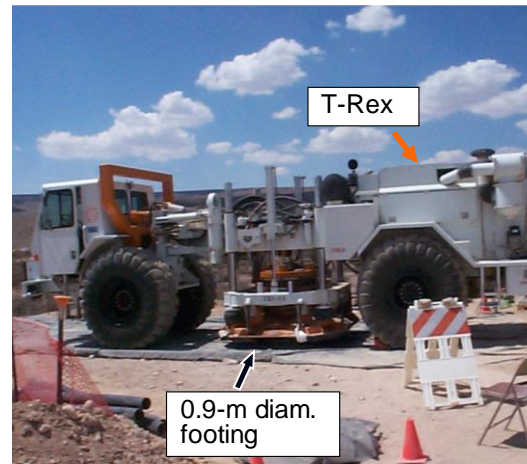
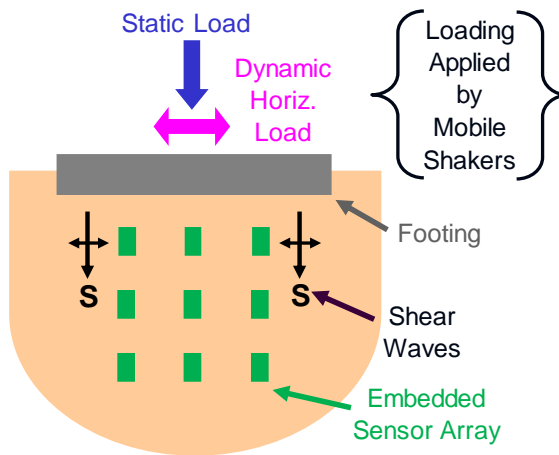
- Analysis took weeks for each site
- Millions of models searched via Monte-Carlo/ Neighborhood algorithms
- Hours of computer time followed by user scrutiny, model adjustment, repeat inversion





Science Plan #2:

Characterizing the nonlinear dynamic response and liquefaction resistance of complex geomaterials in situ



Determine nonlinear relationship between:

- Shear modulus and shear strain
- Constrained modulus and axial strain
- Pore water pressure generation and shear strain

for use in static (settlement) and dynamic (site response) engineering analyses



In-Situ Nonlinear Geotechnical Testing

Shallow In Situ Non-linear Testing of Liquefiable Soils



NEES@UTexas Project Highlight

“Field Investigation of Shallow Ground Improvement Methods for Inhibiting Liquefaction Triggering; Christchurch, New Zealand”

(CMMI-1343524)

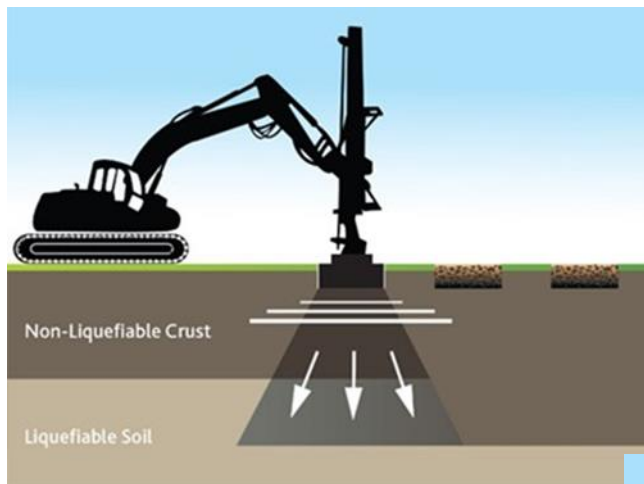


10,000 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES MORE
VULNERABLE TO LIQUEFACTION DAMAGE IN
FUTURE EARTHQUAKE EVENTS



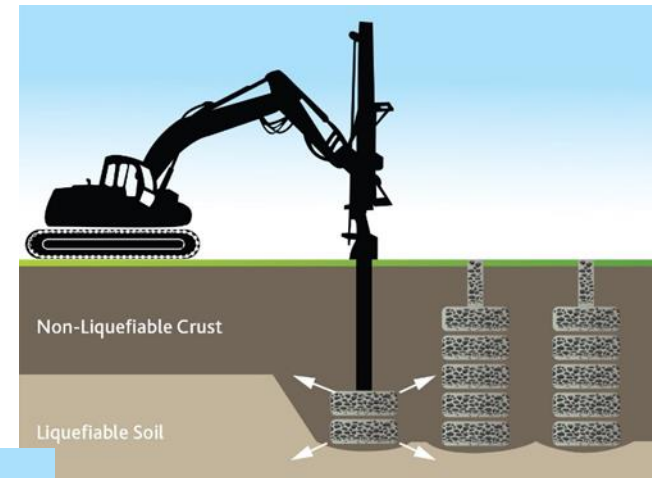
NZ EQC Ground Improvement Trials

Objective: Rebuild Christchurch with Affordable Resilience

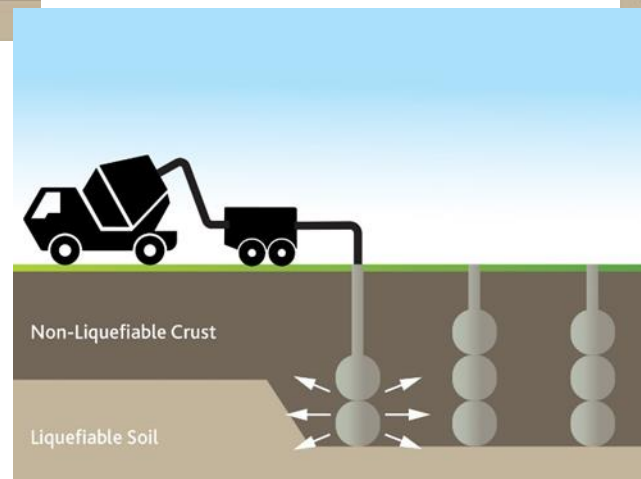


▲ **Rapid Impact Compaction (RIC)**

Techniques for “green” sites or demolished home sites



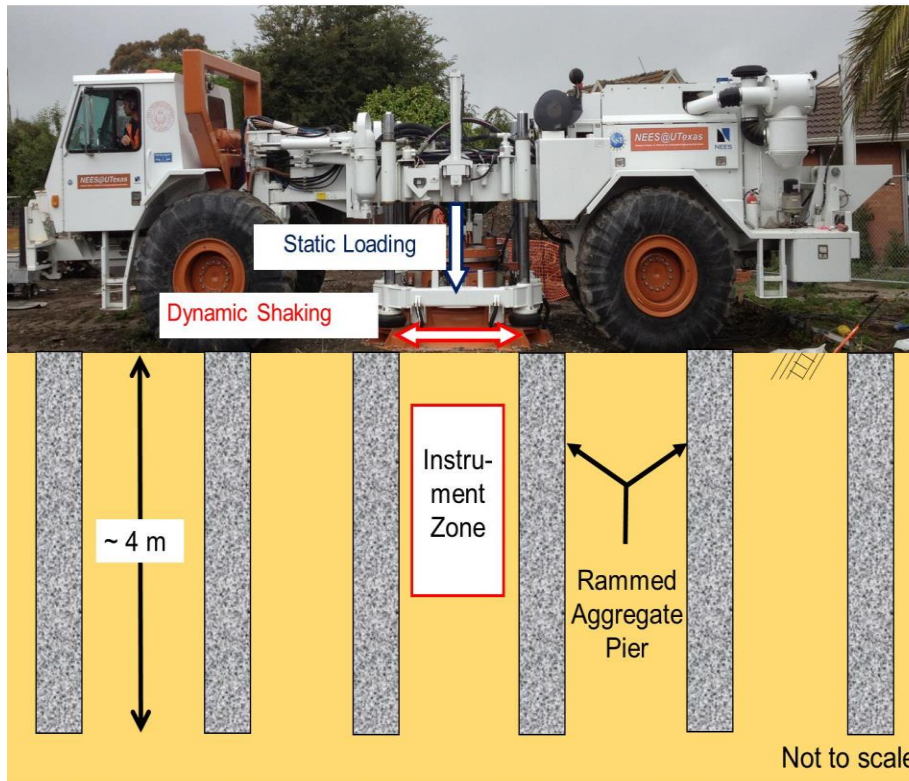
▲ **Rammed Aggregate Piers (RAP)**



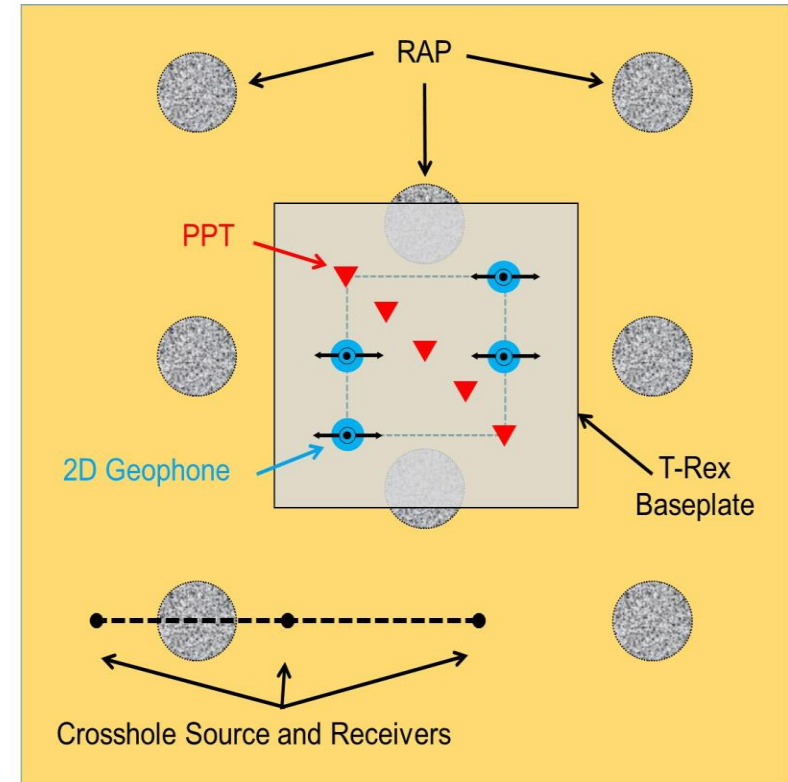
◀ **Low Mobility Grout (LMG)**



In-Situ Liquefaction Testing with T-Rex



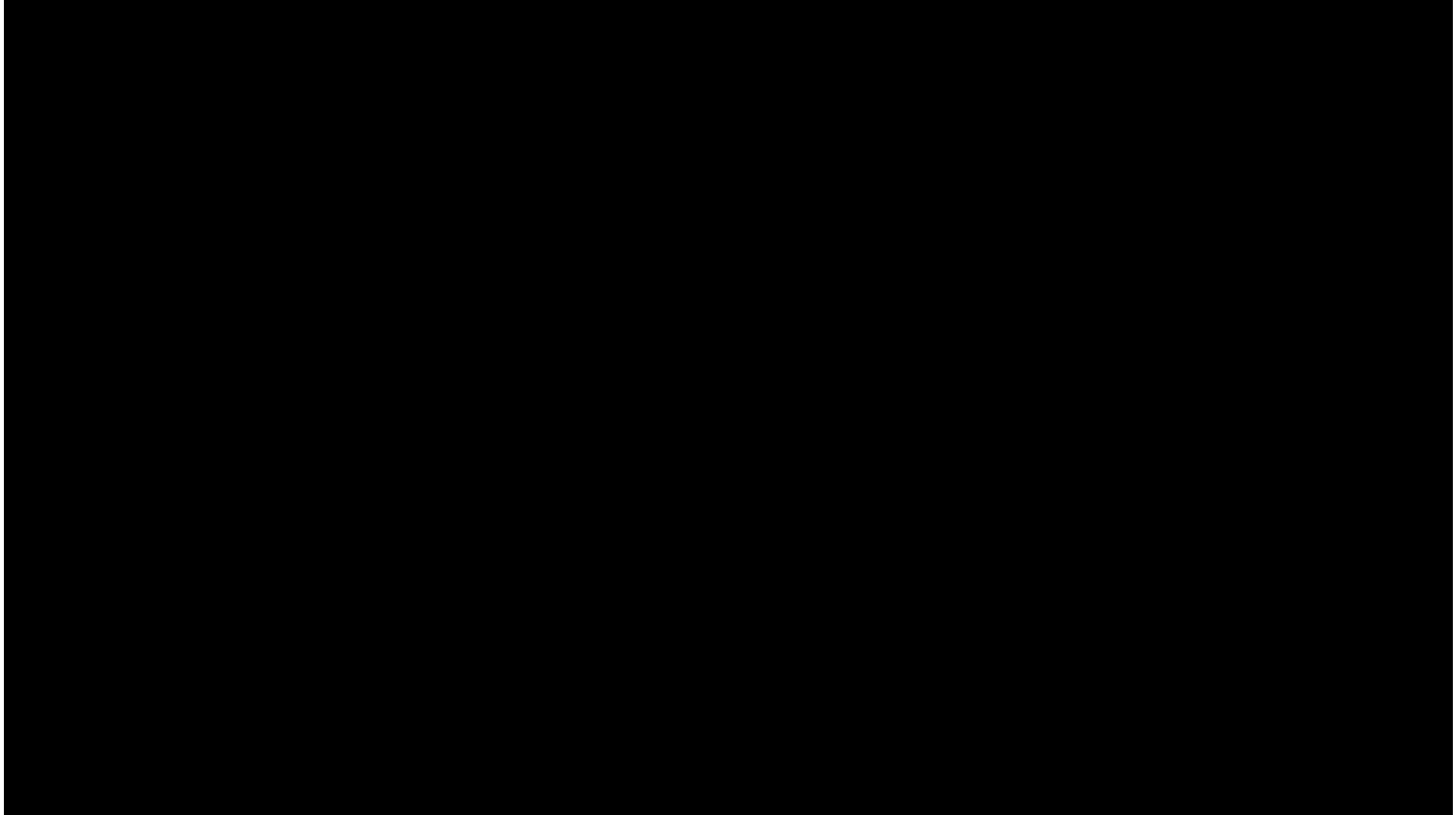
a. Cross-sectional perspective of T-Rex in place to shake the RAP.



b. Plan view of central portion of RAP test panel



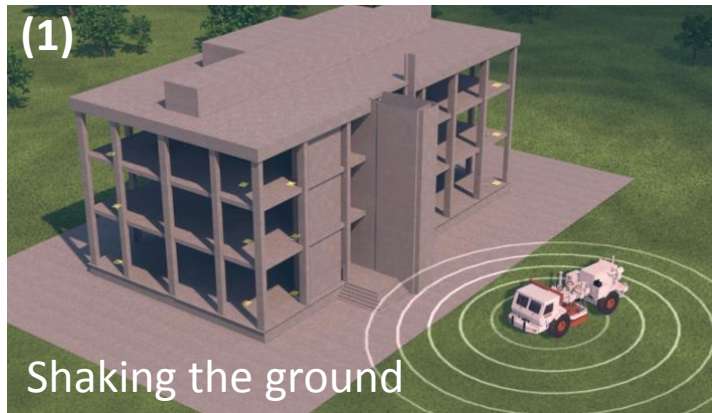
Ground Improvement Trials Video





Science Plan #3:

Developing rapid, in-situ methods for non-destructive structural evaluation and soil-foundation-structure interaction (SFSI) studies



3 methods of structural testing with NHARI@UTexas equipment:

- (1) Shaking ground around a structure
- (2) Shake the structure directly
- (3) Quasi-static pullover





Structural Testing

- In the lab...



Hybrid testing
at Lehigh

Shake table
testing at
UC San Diego



- In the field...



Complex soil
conditions

Corrosion



Scour



Degradation
(below ground/water)





NEES@UTexas Project Highlight

"Collaborative Research: Demonstration of NEES for Studying Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction" (CMMI-0324326)

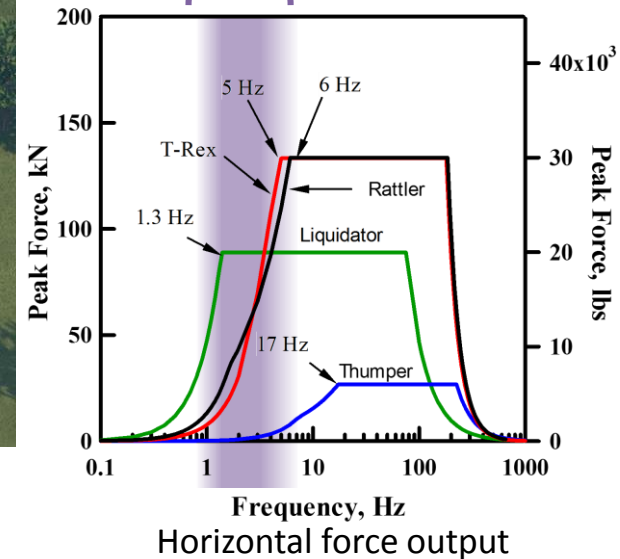




Typical Structures

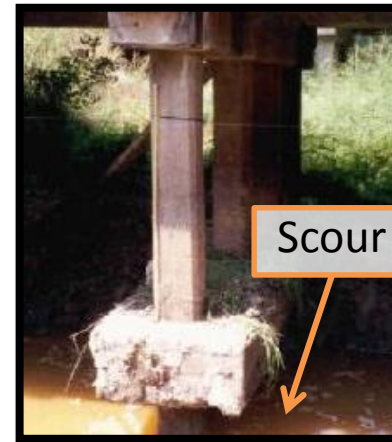
Fundamental frequency range for:

- Typical bridges
- Low-rise reinforced concrete and steel buildings
- Wood residential buildings
- Large-scale specimens

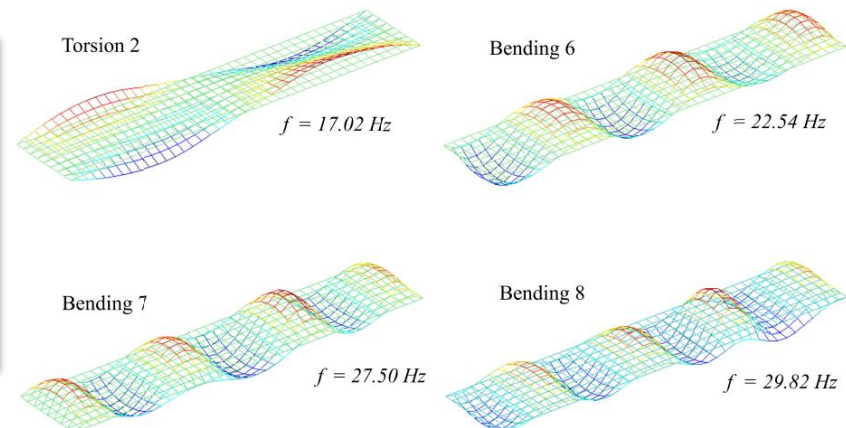
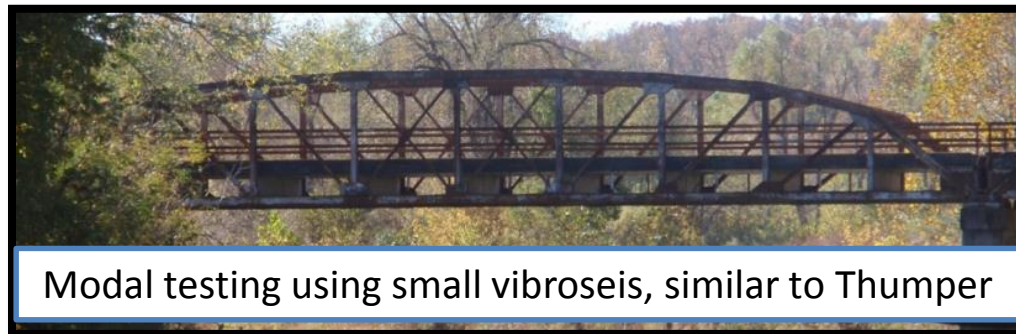




Other Examples



Zhang, R.R. & Olson, L.D. (2004) "Dynamic Bridge Substructure Condition Assessment with HHT: Simulated Flood and Earthquake Damage to Monitor Structural Health and Security," *Transportation Research Record*, pp. 153-159.



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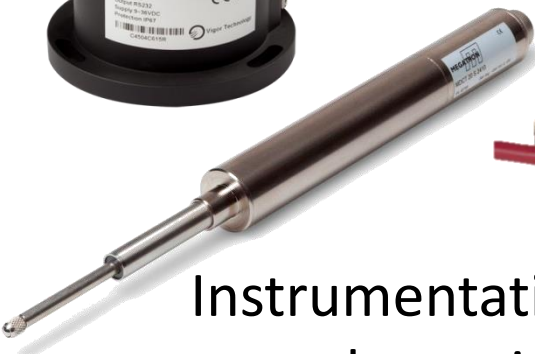


Additional Instrumentation Resources

- IRIS/PASSCAL
- User-provided



Wireless Sensors for Structural Health Monitoring



Instrumentation from user's
home institution

(e.g., LVDTs, inclinometers, strain gages, etc.)



NSF proposals

The screenshot shows the NSF website interface. At the top left is the NSF logo with the text "National Science Foundation WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN". To the right is a search bar and "Contact | Help" links. Below the header is a navigation menu with "NSB" and "Research Areas", "Funding", "Awards", "Document Library", "News", and "About NSF". The "Funding" menu is expanded, showing options like "About Funding", "Browse Funding Opportunities A-Z", "Due Dates", "Find Funding", "Merit Review", and "Policies and Procedures". The main content area shows the "Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation" and the "Engineering for Natural Hazards (ENH)" program. Below this is a "CONTACTS" table with columns for Name, Email, Phone, and Room. The table lists Joy M. Pauschke and Richard J. Fragaszy with their respective email and phone numbers.

Name	Email	Phone	Room
Joy M. Pauschke	jpauschk@nsf.gov	(703) 292-7024	
Richard J. Fragaszy	rfragasz@nsf.gov	(703) 292-7011	

- Submission windows
 - January 10-24
 - September 1-15
- Can use NHERI equipment in proposals to any NSF program



Example of Estimated Costs Associated with Using the NHERI@UTexas Equipment Facility on NSF-Funded Research Projects

Estimated time required for testing	30	hours	include shaking + relocating shaker
Realistic estimation of required time	60	hours	* 2 for Try out + mistakes + DAQ malfunction + others
Total days of testing	10	days	6 hours of vibration each day
Travel	4	days	4 travel days to and from Austin + 4 * 0.5 days for
weekends	2	days	UT personnel is required to take one day off
Days in the field	16	days	

T-Rex	Vibrator	\$1,620	■ Vibrator operation
Tractor-Trailer	Highway	\$4,260	■ 1000 lbs weight permit + \$1.13 fuel)
Fuel-Supply Pickup Truck	Highway	\$0	(fuel cost only)
Recording equipment			per project
Instrumentation Trailer			per project
Total			Account category: Material and supply

3 people	\$6,000	■ 3 people * days
Airline tickets	\$500	■ 1 person 1 trip
Rental van	\$500	
Breakdown induced travel*		20% of estimated cost of NHERI-EF@UTexas
Total Travel	\$7,000	Account category: Personnel

Material and supply	\$500	
Mobile phone service in the field		no charge for NSF supported project
Site liability insurance**		
Total Others	\$500	Account category: Material and supply

Total direct cost	\$14,280	
Indirect cost (55% overhead)	\$7,854	Account category: Overhead
Total Cost	\$22,134	

Budget worksheet posted on DesignSafe

NSF user pays only for fuel for truck(s), truck shipment, and personnel travel

\$22,134
(for this example)



Example of Estimated Costs Associated with Using the NHERI@UTexas Equipment Facility on non-NSF-Funded Research Projects

Step 1: Estimated total time needed for the testing

Estimated time required for testing	30	hours	include shaking + relocating shaker
Realistic estimation of required time	60	hours	* 2 for Try out + mistakes + DAQ malfunction + others
Total days of testing	10	days	6 hours of vibration each day
Travel	4	days	4 travel days to and from Austin + 4 * 0.5 days from site
weekends	2	days	UT personnel is required to take one day off for each weekend
Days in the field	16	days	

Step 2: Estimated equipment costs

T-Rex			
Tractor-Trailer (Big Rig)	Vibrator	\$10,200	■ Vibrator operating time
Fuel-Supply Pickup Truck	Highway	\$9,580	■ 1000 miles (fuel + permit + \$3.79 per mile)
Recording equipment	Highway	\$1,260	■ (fuel only)
Instrumentation Trailer		\$1,200	■ per week * 4 (16 channels total)
Total Equipment			Category: Material and supply

Step 3: Estimated travel cost

Personnel	\$6,000	■ 3 people * days in the field * \$125 /day / person
Permits	\$500	■ 1 person 1 trip
Rental van	\$500	
Induced travel**	\$1,400	
Total Travel	\$8,400	

Step 4: Estimated other cost

Material and supply	\$500
Mobile phone service in the field	\$100
Site liability insurance**	\$3,000
Total Others	\$3,600

Step 5: Estimate of personnel cost

2 Technicians	\$33,106	■ 2 people *(days in the field + 6 days of preparations) * 11hr/day * \$57/hr./person * 1.2 to account for overtime pay
1 Engineer	\$25,265	■ 1 person *(days in the field + 6 days of preparations) * 11hr/day * \$57/hr./person * 1.2 to account for overtime pay
Total Personnel	\$58,370	Account category: Salary

Step 6: Estimated total cost

Total direct cost	\$93,441	
Indirect cost (55% overhead)	\$51,393	Account category: Overhead

Total Cost \$144,834

Budget worksheet posted on DesignSafe

Non-NSF user pays for truck fuel and shipment, personnel travel & overtime + equipment usage fees

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(6.5x more for this example)



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