



NHERI@UC San Diego 2ND USERS TRAINING WORKSHOP







NHERI @ UCSD Workshop, 12-13 December, 2016

Objectives

- Familiarize prospective users of the NHERI@UCSD shake table with its simulation capabilities, performance characteristics and limitations.
- Introduce prospective users to the basics of large-scale shake table testing, including recommendations for how to plan for and execute successful large-scale shake table projects:
 - Pros and cons of shake table experiments
 - Experiment design and execution
 - Project management
 - Data acquisition, storage, retrieval, and interpretation
- Provide prospective users with the knowledge necessary to prepare NSF research proposals utilizing the NHERI Experimental Facility at UC San Diego.
- Provide workshop participants with thoughts on the Grand Challenges in Earthquake Engineering and how NHERI@UCSD can be used to contribute to solving these Grand Challenges.

Workshop Program – Monday Morning

7:45 - 8:00am	Registration
8:00 - 8:15am	Welcome, Introduction & Workshop Schedule (Prof. J. Conte, UCSD)
8:15 - 9:15am	NHERI@UCSD: Facility Description and Capabilities (Prof. J. Conte, UCSD)
9:15 - 9:30am	DesignSafe: user tools & support (Prof. E. Rathje, UT-Austin)
9:30 - 10:15am	Nuts & Bolts: Instrumentation/DAQ, Cameras, IT Resources & Cybersecurity (D. Radulescu and R. Beckley, UCSD)
10:15 - 10:30am	Break
10:30 - 11:00am	Journey through a Project (Structural) (Prof. B. Shing, UCSD)
11:00 - 11:30am	Journey through a Project (Geotechnical) (T. Shantz, Caltrans, and Prof. J. Restrepo, UCSD)
11:30 - 11:45am	SimCenter (Dr. A. Schellenberg, UCB)
11:45 - 1:00pm	Lunch

Workshop Program – Monday Afternoon

1:00 - 2:30pm	Facility Tour (bus to site)
2:30 - 3:00pm	Research Planning in a Nutshell (Prof. T. Hutchinson, UCSD)
3:00 - 4:00pm	Innovative Characteristics and Opportunities at NHERI@UCSD Experimental Facility (Prof. G. Mosqueda, UCSD)

- 4:00 4:30pm Questions & Answers
 - 6:00pm Dinner (next door at Chin's Seafood and Grill)

Workshop Program – Tuesday Morning

9:00 - 9:10am	Welcome & Goals for the Day (Prof. J. Conte, UCSD)
9:10-10:20am	 Grand Challenges in Earthquake Engineering Structural Systems (Prof. J. Van de Lindt, CSU) Geotechnical Systems (Prof. Y. Hashash, UIUC) New Technologies (Protective Systems & Hybrid Simulation) (Prof. J. Ricles, Lehigh)
10:20 - 10:30am	Recap of NHERI@UCSD Science Plan Instructions for breakout sessions (Prof. J. Conte, UCSD)
10:30 - 12:00pm	Breakout Sessions 1. Building/Bridge/Nonstructural Systems 2. Geotechnical Systems 3. New Technologies
12:00 - 1:00pm	Working Lunch – Outcomes from the Breakout Sessions (Session Leads)

Tuesday Afternoon - Community Workshop to Develop a Large-Scale Testbed Structure

- 1:00 2:00pm Vision for Testbed Structure: Needs & Preliminary Design (Prof. G. Mosqueda, UCSD, Prof. R. Christenson and Prof. A. Zaghi, U-Connecticut)
- 2:00 4:00pm Breakout Session to Identify Needs (Damping Devices, Isolation, Hybrid Testing)
- 4:00 5:00pm Breakout Report and Summary of Needs for Testbed Structure Design (Session Leads)

Presenters

- Robert Beckley, UC San Diego
- Richard Christenson, Univ. of Connecticut
- Joel Conte, UC San Diego
- Youssef Hashash, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- Tara Hutchinson, UC San Diego
- Gilberto Mosqueda, UC San Diego
- Dan Radulescu, UC San Diego

- Ellen Rathje, UT Austin
- Jose Restrepo, UC San Diego
- Jim Ricles, Lehigh
- Andreas Schellenberg, UC Berkeley
- Tom Shantz, Caltrans
- Benson Shing, UC San Diego
- John Van de Lindt, Colorado State University
- Arash Zaghi, Univ. of Connecticut







NHERI@UC San Diego: Facility Description and Capabilities



Joel Conte, Professor University of California, San Diego December 12, 2016



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Englekirk Structural Engineering Center



Location of Site and Relation to the Englekirk Structural Engineering Center



Large High-Performance Outdoor Shake Table (LHPOST)

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Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction Facility

Bridge Abutment - Soil Interaction (Caltrans)



Pile – soil interaction (Port of Los Angeles)









NHERI@UC San Diego Shake Table Experimental Facility





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Outline

- Overview of NHERI@UCSD Shake Table Experimental Facility
 - Description of Facility
 - Performance Characteristics
 - Capabilities and Limitations
- Shake Table Dynamics and Control
 - Sources of Signal Distortion
 - Shake Table Controller
 - Fidelity in Signal Reproduction
- Select Large-Scale Shake Table Tests Performed on the NHERI@UCSD Shake Table

Objectives of the NHERI@UCSD Site

- The vision for the NHERI@UCSD Shake Table experimental facility is rooted on three critical needs for advancing the science, technology, and practice in earthquake disaster mitigation and prevention:
 - Fundamental knowledge for understanding the **system-level behavior** of buildings, critical facilities, bridges, and geo-structures during earthquakes, from the initiation of damage to the onset of collapse.
 - Experimental data to support the development, calibration and validation of high-fidelity physics-based computational models of structural/geotechnical/soil-foundation-structural systems that will progressively shift the current reliance on physical testing to model-based simulation for the seismic design and performance assessment of civil infrastructure systems.
 - Proof of concept, benchmark and validation/verification tests for seismic retrofit methods, protective systems, and the use of new materials, components, systems, and construction methods that can protect civil infrastructure systems against earthquakes.

Large High Performance Outdoor Shake Table (LHPOST)

- Designed to permit accurate simulation of severe earthquake ground motions and, particularly, strong near-source ground motions.
- Lack of height limitation allows testing of full- or very large-scale structural specimens.
- Table designed in 2001-2002, built in 2002-2004, and commissioned on October 1, 2004, as part of the NSF NEES Network.
- 27 major tests were performed in 12 years of operation:
 - Reinforced concrete buildings and bridge column
 - Precast concrete parking structure
 - Unreinforced and reinforced masonry building structures
 - Metal building structures
 - Woodframe dwellings and buildings
 - Wind turbine
 - Soil retaining walls
 - Underground structures (deep and shallow)



Large High-Performance Outdoor Shake Table



Performance Characteristics in Current 1-DOF Configuration

Designed as a 6-DOF shake table, but built as a 1-DOF system to accommodate funding available		
Stroke	±0.75m	
Platen Size	40 ft × 25 ft (12.2 m × 7.6 m)	
Peak Velocity	1.8 m/sec	
Peak Acceleration	4.7g (bare table condition); 1.2g (4.0MN/400 tons rigid payload)	
Frequency Bandwidth	0-33 Hz	
Horizontal Actuators Force Capacity	6.8 MN (680 tons)	
Vertical Payload Capacity	20 MN (2,000 tons)	
Overturning Moment Capacity	50 MN-m (5,000 ton-m)	

Capabilities/Provisions of NHERI@UCSD Site

- Simulation of near-source earthquake ground motions which involve large acceleration, velocity and displacement pulses.
- Seismic testing of **extensively instrumented large/full-scale structural specimens** under extreme earthquake loads at near real-world conditions.
- Seismic testing of extensively instrumented large-scale geotechnical and soil-foundation-structural systems by using the shake table in combination with large soil boxes.
- Basic capabilities for hybrid shake-table testing.
- Education of graduate, undergraduate, and K-12 students, as well as news media, policy makers, infrastructure owners, insurance and the general public, about natural disasters and the national need to develop effective technologies and policies to prevent these natural hazard events from becoming societal disasters.

Connection of Platen to Reaction Block



Mechanical and Servo-Hydraulic Components



Vertical Actuators

VERTICAL ACTUATORS SPECIFICATION			
	Bi-Axial Configuration	4 or 6 DOF Configuration	
Piston Diameter	0.81 m	0.81 m	
Piston Stroke	± 0.006 m	± 0.127 m	
Piston Tilt	N/A	± 2°	
Force Rating	20.7 MPa	20.7 MPa	
Compression	10.0 MN	10.0 MN	
Valve Flow	56.8 lit/min	18,927 lit/min	

3-D Rendering of the Vertical Bearing





Hydraulic Power System

Pumps



Accumulator bank



Hydraulic System		
Accumulator swept displacement	7.5 m	
Accumulator bank pressure	35 MPa	
System pressure	20.7 MPa	
Blow-down maximum flow rate	38,000 lt/min	
HPU flow rate @ 35 MPa	431 lt/min	
HPU flow rate @ 20.7 MPa	718 lt/min	
Surge tank capacity	20,000 lt	



Surge tank

Servovalves

Servo-valves (Qty. 2E + 2W)		
Pilot 2 nd Stage Rating (Manufacturer Moog)	19 lt/min	
Pilot 3 rd Stage Rating	630 lt/min	
4 th Stage Flow Rating	10,000 lt/min	
Port Area Ratios	1:0.8:0.64:0.5	
Valve Sleeve Windows Area Ratio	1:0.64	



Bare Table Harmonic Shaking



Forced Vibration Tests of the Reaction Mass at the NEES-UCSD Shake Table



Commissioning Tests



Instrument locations on Reaction Block and adjacent foundations

Frequency Response Functions of Reaction Mass



Amplitudes of the EW (a) and vertical (b) frequency response functions of the reaction block for EW excitation. The results shown are based on Test 2 and correspond to scaled displacement amplitudes for a harmonic force of constant amplitude 6.8 MN.

Use of LHPOST in Combination with Large Soil Boxes



- To investigate the seismic response of soil-foundation-structural systems
- To complement centrifuge tests in order to validate computational models
- To study the performance of underground structures, bridge abutments, earth retaining walls and slope stability in hillside construction
- To investigate soil liquefaction and its effect on the seismic response of soilfoundation-structural systems

Instrumentation Overview

- Data acquisition system with over 600 channels that can be configured to accept:
 - Accelerometers
 - Linear displacement transducers
 - String potentiometers
 - Strain gauges
 - Load Cells
 - Pressure Cells
 - Soil pressure sensors
- High-speed cameras and GoPro cameras.
- GPS system providing dynamic displacement monitoring in three coordinates.
- Calibration equipment for data acquisition systems and sensors.







Shake Table Dynamics and Control Fidelity in Signal Reproduction & Sources of Signal Distortion





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Components and Interaction Diagram of LHPOST System



Ideal Shaking Table vs. Reality

Ideal shaking table:

- Reproduces commanded motion exactly
- Is characterized by a transfer function with unit gain and zero phase shift over its entire operating frequency range under loaded table condition.



Sources of Signal Distortion

- Many potential sources of signal distortion and many of them are highly interdependent:
 - Hydraulic sources:
 - Servovalves (inherently nonlinear devices)
 - Oil Column resonance
 - Changes/fluctuations in the pressure supply
 - Flow limits
 - Force limits
 - Leakage flows in the servovalves and actuators
 - Mechanical sources:
 - Dissipative/Frictional forces
 - Mechanical resonances
 - Linear/Nonlinear specimen table interaction
 - Backlash (bolted connections within the load train, actuator swivels)

High-Flow High-Performance Servovalves



Courtesy of MTS Systems Inc.

Hydraulics - Servovalves



 $K_{\rm u}$

 W_i

 X_{n}



- : Flow gain (linearized flow coefficient)
- : Valve port window widths
- A_1, A_2 : Tension and compression piston areas
 - : 4th stage valve spool displacement
- P_s , P_R : Supply and return system pressures
- $\overline{P_1}$ and $\overline{P_2}$: Actuator chamber pressures during extend direction
- \underline{P}_1 and \underline{P}_2 : Actuator chamber pressures during retract direction
- Servo-valve flows present two independent sources of nonlinearity:
 - Load pressure nonlinearity or pressure drop flow nonlinearity (explicitly represented by the square root term)
 - Flow gain nonlinearity (K_v changes as a function of orifice size)

Flow Gain Nonlinearity – Hydraulic Pressure Effects

Hydraulic supply pressure fluctuates especially as the hydraulic demand is high. Inertial pressure spikes can cause noise and result in increased signal distortion.



Effect of Load Pressure Nonlinearity on Fidelity in Signal Reproduction



High acceleration signals suffer from load pressure non-linearity.

Example of Signal Distortion from UNAM Shake Table – Time Histories



Time [sec]

Example of Signal Distortion from UNAM Shake Table – Fourier Spectra



Simulation of Signal Reproduction with "Linearized" and Nonlinear Servovalve Models



$$k_{sv} = k_{sv}^R \times \sqrt{3}$$



Oil Column Resonance

The effective table mass of the system and the oil columns within the actuators define a mass-spring system with a natural frequency referred to as the oil column frequency.



$$f_{oil} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2(\beta A_{eq}/L)}{m_{eff}}}$$

- eta : Effective bulk modulus of oil
- $m_{\!_{eff}}$: Effective mass of the table
- A_{eq} : Piston area
 - L: Oil column length
- Note that the oil column frequency depends on the effective mass of the "table + specimen".
- Oil column frequency of LHPOST under bare condition has been identified at 10.4 Hz.

Effects of Oil Column on Fidelity in Signal Reproduction

- > Oil column resonance distorts the commanded signal at and around the oil column frequency.
- > On most shaking tables, the oil column frequency falls within the operating frequency range of the system.
- > Operation of a shake table at or around the oil column frequency may result in high gain problems.
- Shake table operation at frequencies around 1/3 of oil column frequency will result, due to servovalve load pressure nonlinearity (odd harmonics are excited), in frequency components around the oil column frequency that will cause significant signal distortion.



Mechanical Sources – Dissipative (friction, viscous) Forces

- Friction arises from a number of sources within the system, e.g., slide bearings, mechanical linkages, etc. Specific sources of friction depend on the design and layout of the shake table system.
- > Frictional forces are typically not large, especially in the case of hydrostatic bearings.
- Signal distortion (high frequency) occurs during motion reversals.
- The magnitude of friction-induced distortions is approximately constant. Therefore such distortions are more significant for lower amplitude signals.



Effects of Friction on Fidelity in Signal Reproduction



MTS Three-Variable Controller (TVC)

- MTS Controller Model 469D used on all large shake tables manufactured by MTS worldwide.
- TVC is a linear state variable controller. The three state variables controlled by TVC are:
 - Displacement
 - Velocity
 - Acceleration

TVC can be set to run under displacement, velocity or acceleration mode.

- TVC has additional special features to compensate for linear/nonlinear sources of signal distortions within the system for both harmonic and broadband command signals:
 - Amplitude/phase control
 - Adaptive harmonic cancellation
 - Adaptive inverse control (AIC)
 - On-line iteration (OLI)
 - Notch filters
- Depending on the control mode, only one state variable becomes the primary control variable with the others serving only as compensation signals to improve the damping and stability of the system.

MTS Three-Variable Controller (TVC)



Courtesy of MTS Systems Corporation

Tuning of LHPOST Controller (MTS 469D)

- **Tuning:** Process of adjusting multiple control parameters (e.g., feedback and feedforward gains) and of preconditioning the input motion to optimize signal reproduction (tracking) capability of the shake table system.
- Step 1: Iterative process in which the control parameters of the controller are manually adjusted iteratively in small increments while the (bare or loaded) table is in motion, until the total table transfer function (estimated recursively) is deemed satisfactory.
- **Step 2:** Estimation of the inverse model of the plant using the adaptive inverse controller (AIC) technique.
- Step 3: Application of iterative time history matching technique called online iteration (OLI). The command input to the shake table controller (drive file) is repeatedly modified to optimize the match between the actual table motion and the desired/target motion.



Tracking Performance of NHERI@UCSD Shake Table



Hybrid Shake Table Testing

> Basic hardware and software in place for real-time hybrid shake-table testing:

- Multi-channel MTS FlexTest controller
- SCRAMNet ring for real-time communication and synchronization of data flow between shake-table controller, FlexTest controller, and real-time target PC running the Matlab/SIMULINK Real-time Workshop and xPC Target software
- Easy integration of OpenSees/OpenFresco open-source software framework
- 50-ton dynamic actuator
- Portable hydraulic power system



Future Upgrade to 6 DOF-Configuration



Selected Set of Specimens tested on the LHPOST



























Integrated Experimental-Analytical Approach



Large Scale Validation of Seismic Performance of Bridge Columns

PI: Prof. Jose Restrepo, UC San Diego









Collapse Vulnerability and Seismic Design of Metal Buildings

PI: Prof. Chia-Ming Uang, UC San Diego



Earthquake Performance of Full-Scale Reinforced Soil Wall

PI: Prof. Patrick Fox, UC San Diego



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Seismically Isolated Unibody Residential Buildings for Enhanced Life-Cycle Performance PI - Prof. Gregory Deierlein, Stanford University





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