





## NHERI@UC San Diego: Facility Description and Capabilities



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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.
- 28 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	Charac	taristics in	Current 1	Contid	uration
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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 tonf)	
Vertical Payload Capacity	20 MN (2,000 tonf)	
Overturning Moment Capacity	50 MN-m (5,000 tonf-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 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Rating (Manufacturer Moog)	19 lt/min		
Pilot 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stage Rating	630 lt/min		
4 <sup>th</sup> 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

### **Assembly of Laminar Soil Shear Box**



### **Assembly of Stiff Soil Confinement Box**



### **Disassembly of Stiff Soil Confinement Box**



## **Staging Facility**

- In an effort to increase throughput at the NHERI@UCSD facility, a reinforced concrete staging slab with dimensions of 13.4 m by 8.8 m X 0.914 m deep was built near the shake table.
- Small to moderate size specimens (weighing up to 100 tons) can be constructed on the staging area then lifted onto the shake table platen, or partial assembly of components for large specimens can reduce construction time.









## **Staging Facility**



### **Instrumentation Overview**

### The instrumentation inventory consists of:

- Twelve (12) Data Acquisition Nodes with 64 channels 16-bit resolution each.
- One hundred thirty (130) MEMS based accelerometers.
- One hundred fourteen (114) linear displacement transducers.
- Eighty seven (87) string potentiometer displacement transducers.
- Strain gauges.
- Four (4) load jacks.
- Twenty four (24) load cells (0 20,000 lbs).
- Thirty two (32) soil pressure transducers.
- High-speed cameras and GoPro cameras.
- GPS system providing dynamic displacement monitoring in three coordinates.
- Calibration equipment for data acquisition systems and sensors.

### **Data Acquisition System**

- Twelve (12) Data Acquisition Nodes with 64 channels 16-bit resolution each. Each channel can be configured to accept any type of sensor (strain gauges, displacement transducers, accelerometers, pressure cells, load cells, etc.)
- Top picture shows two nodes (hardware)
- Bottom picture shows the corresponding DAQ software



### **GPS System**

 The GPS system uses RTD NET software by Geodetics. A network of three NAVCOM ANT-2004T antennae (two mobile and one reference) provides dynamic displacement monitoring in three coordinates. The dedicated standalone computer allows continuous monitoring via three NAVCOM NCT2030M receivers operating at 50-Hz.







### **Relative Displacement Transducers**

- To measure displacement, the facility has a number of linear and string potentiometers.
- A total of 114 linear displacement transducers with full-scale range from 2in to 12in.
- A total of 87 string potentiometer transducers with full-scale range from 2in to 120in.





### **Accelerometers**

 To measure acceleration, the facility has a total of 130 MEMS based accelerometers.

Main parameters:

- Full-scale: +/-10g
- Dynamic range: 96 dB
- Freq. Response: DC to 200Hz
- Damping: 70%
- DC power: 8-30Vdc
- Output signal: 0.2 V/g



### **Soil Pressure Transducers**

- Tactilus system
  After testing two systems, we
   decided to purchase one Tactilus
   system:
  - 32 channels
  - Data acquisition software
  - 40 sensors
- We are testing another soil pressure sensor PS-C Miniature Pressure Sensor manufactured by KYOWA:
  - Strain gauge based
  - Ultra-thin
  - Installed by adhesives
  - Linear response







## **Video Recording System**

- Axis P1365 (3)
  - Provide real-time viewing via web site/ 500 viewers per camera
  - Provide Time-Lapse for Projects

### IDVR-Pro H.264 HD CCTV DVR (Coax)

- Trigger-based recording for synchronization with data
- 16 channels of digital video recording with immediate playback capabilities (synchronized with data)

### NUUO Hybrid Video Recorder/IP NVR

- Trigger-based recording for synchronization with data
- 16 channels of digital video recording with immediate playback capabilities (synchronized with data)


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- Trigger-based recording for synchronization with data
- 16 channels of digital video recording with immediate playback capabilities (synchronized with data)
- GoPro Hero 2
  - 14 cameras



#### **In-house Calibration Equipment**





#### DAQ SCXI 1520



**Reference Rented Equipment** 

Displacement Transducers

#### Sensor In-house Calibration Certificate

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2007 9:44:51 AM

#### **Customer Information:**

Name: UC San Diego Structural Engineering Dept. Address: 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla Ca. 92093 Sensor Information: Sensor Type: Displacement Model No: PT8101-0030-211-1110 Sensor Full Scale Value: 30 in. Tracking No: 175 Excitation Voltage: +10Vdc **Calibration Information:** Operator Name: Steve Morris Notes: Temperature: 74.8 °F Humidity: 45% **Equipment used for calibration:** Trimos V1002+ height stand sn: 10312 / A calibration date: 07.04.2006 due date: 07.04.2007

NI PXI 6251 DAQ sn: DFF3F0 tracking no: DFF3F0 calibration date: 28sep2006 due date: 28sep2007

#### NI SCXI 1520

sn: CFD976 tracking no: 73 calibration date: 19oct2006 due date: 19oct2007 **Standards:** Procedure no: SD400030 Version: 0 Date: 1/11/07

#### **Calibration** Graph



Displacement [inch]	Voltage [volt]		
0.000	0.000	Sensitivity	MSE
-2.995	-0.939	[V/in/Vexc]	
-5.993	-1.879	0.031	5.211E-6
-8.989	-2.817		
-10.986	-3.446		
-13.984	-4.384		
-16.983	-5.318		
-19.981	-6.260		
-22.980	-7.195		
-24.980	-7.820		







# 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
- $A_1, A_2$  : Compression and tension 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.

$$K_v = \left(C_d w \sqrt{1/\rho}\right) \sqrt{P_s}$$
 where

where  $C_d$  = discharge coefficient



#### 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 table 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 may 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 signal 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): Iterative signal matching technique
  - 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 (through OLI) 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



#### Seismic Performance Tests of Full-Scale Retaining Wall PI – Prof. Patrick Fox, UCSD



22 ft. Above Table Elevation





### Earthquake Performance of Full-Scale Reinforced Soil Wall

PI: Prof. Patrick Fox, UC San Diego



# Earthquake Performance of Full-Scale Reinforced Soil Wall

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## **Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction Test** PI – Prof. Marios Panagiotou, UC Berkeley



