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The University of Texas, Austin (UTA) final report, "Correlation Study of Nonlinear Dynamic Soil Properties", is enclosed. The purpose of the report is to summarize measurements of SRS soil dynamic properties (including those measured by the UTA) and to make specific recommendations on soil dynamic properties to be used in ground motion predictions. The UTA analysis and recommendations represent a significant advancement in the measurement and application of soil dynamic properties in soils.

A summary document, entitled "Investigations of Nonlinear Dynamic Soil Properties at the Savannah River Site", has been prepared with the assistance and concurrence of a Peer Review Panel, which is documented by their signatures. This summary document reflects and extends the major conclusions of the UTA report.

If you should have any questions, please contact M. E. Maryak (2-6846) or R. C. Lee (2-6938) of my staff.

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Introduction

This document summarizes laboratory dynamic soil testing investigations conducted by the University of Texas at Austin (UTA) for the Savannah River Site (SRS) (Stokoe et al., 1995a, Stokoe et al., 1995b, Sponseller and Stokoe, 1995). The purpose of the investigations is to provide an evaluation of past testing results in the context of new test data and the development of consistent site wide models of material strain dependencies based upon geologic formation, depth, and relevant index properties. The resulting sets of modulus reduction and damping curves and their uncertainties (Figures 3 through 9; Tables 1 through 3) are intended to provide valuable baseline data for guidance in future analyses of site effects as well as the evaluation of previous site response studies. For future applications, the recommended dynamic properties and their uncertainties are specifically intended for SRS site evaluations and should be appropriately updated when site specific data are collected.

The UTA results and recommendations incorporated in this summary have been reviewed by consultants employed by Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) or the Department of Energy (DOE), namely, Prof. Carl Costantino, Dr. Robert Pyke, and Dr. Walter Silva. Together with Prof. Kenneth Stokoe, II of the UTA, their signatures at the end of this summary constitute concurrence with the results and recommendations.

The UTA (Stokoe et al., 1995a) summarized various studies conducted for the SRS together with results of new dynamic measurements made from samples taken during the Pen Branch Confirmatory Drilling Program. The particular properties of interest are the non-linear behavior in shear modulus (G) (or normalized shear modulus G/G_{max}) and hysteretic damping ratio (D) as functions of induced maximum shear strain (γ). The data used to assess these relationships were obtained from cyclic triaxial, torsional resonant column and cyclic torsional shear tests conducted on "undisturbed" samples taken at various SRS sites. The data were taken from 29 reports for 17 different site areas at the SRS together with the results from the investigations conducted by UTA for the Pen Branch Fault Confirmatory Drilling Program. The objectives of the program were: (1) to review existing SRS dynamic soil properties test data for the purpose of incorporating the data in a database; (2) to test Pen Branch Fault Confirmatory Drilling Program samples using the latest dynamic testing technology; (3) to construct a dynamic soil properties database with the purpose of deriving possible formation or soil specific correlations of nonlinear dynamic soil properties with parameters of the SRS Coastal Plain sediments; and (4) to provide recommendations for dynamic soil properties associated with the SRS soil column.

SRS Dynamic Soil Testing Data Review and Database

A dynamic soil properties database was compiled from available SRS reports on dynamic soil properties (Stokoe et al., 1995b). The SRS areas from which data were obtained are: (1) area of the Pen Branch Fault Confirmatory Drilling Program; (2) H-Area In-Tank Precipitation Facility; (3) H-Area Replacement Tritium Facility; (4) H-Area, Building 221-H (5) Proposed New Production Reactor; (6) Par Pond Dam; (7) K-Reactor Area; (8) Burial Ground Expansion; (9) L-Reactor Area; (10) L-Area Cooling Pond Dam; and (11) F-Area, Sand Filter Structure. These 11 areas represent 8 general locations at the SRS and are shown in Figure 1.

Test Data Limitations

Based on review of the test data presented in these reports, the following conclusions were reached regarding test procedures or methodology in the evaluations of soil properties.

1. All cyclic triaxial test data, previously measured, were excluded based upon a review of the hysteretic data presented in these reports. Equipment related complications are apparent in the hysteretic loops presented in some reports which indicate that piston friction and/or top-cap lifting may have influenced the resultant data generated. These results require a more extensive investigation of the raw data before they could be incorporated into the database.
2. Some resonant column test data, previously measured, were excluded. Three tests which were performed on samples of reconstituted materials were excluded, and 10 tests were excluded which had data presented in graphical form only, making it difficult to evaluate the non-linear behavior.
3. All resonant column damping data were excluded because of strong frequency dependencies observed in the data. Because there were not sufficient data to model the frequency dependence of $D(\log \gamma)$, the higher frequency RC damping measurements made by all organizations (other than UTA) compiled in the database, could not be corrected to the desired lower frequencies typical of TS measurements. Therefore, the recommended $D(\log \gamma)$ functions were estimated from TS measurements only which were performed by UTA at $f < 1$ Hz..

Dynamic Property Database

Based upon a review of the site descriptions at the SRS facility areas, a general stratigraphic description of the site has been formulated in which the order of the soil layers through the overburden is considered reasonably consistent across the SRS (Figure 2). The specific depths and thickness of the various units, however, are expected to vary somewhat depending upon the particular location at the site. A total of 72 resonant

column (RC) and 15 cyclic torsional shear (TS) tests on "undisturbed" samples were obtained for the various locations at the SRS. Of the 72 samples evaluated, 51 are sand samples taken from the Tobacco Road, Dry Branch, Santee and Snapp formations as shown in Figure 2. The remaining 21 samples were relatively uniformly distributed throughout the other soil layers or are clay samples within these formations.

Dynamic Soil Testing

The UTA measured strain dependency of the soil shear modulus ($G(\log \gamma)$) and material damping ($D(\log \gamma)$) by two independent methods (Resonant Column and Torsional Shear) on the same sample and in the same apparatus. Because the RC technique excites the sample at resonance, the frequency (f) of the measurement is inherently higher than the TS frequency. In general, it has been found that both the TS and RC testing lead to similar evaluation of strain dependent shear modulus degradation properties or the strain dependent $G/G_{\max}$ ratios. However, significant frequency dependent effects can distort the corresponding hysteretic damping evaluation. These parallel measurements have identified clear first-order dependence of hysteretic damping on excitation frequency. For either the low frequency TS ($f < 1\text{Hz}$) or corresponding higher frequency RC testing, machine losses and/or frequency dependent effects associated with the cyclic testing must be quantified to ensure that the measured cyclic loss data are appropriate for application for site response analyses. Therefore, to confidently use the results from RC testing, these frequency dependent effects, if any, must be established and quantified. This can be done by performing complementary TS testing on the same samples.

These experimental results, as well as those from other studies, indicate that for either sands or clays, the cyclic properties are sensitive to the applied loading cycle (N) selected, particularly at the higher level of shear strain. This effect is a result of volume and pore-pressure changes with loading cycle. It is therefore recommended that the values of $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$ be computed from the tenth load cycle ($N=10$) for use in site seismic response analyses. The tenth load cycle was judged to be most appropriate for application to magnitude 6-7 earthquakes. In addition, it is recommended that the highest value of hysteretic damping ratio (D) used in these analyses be limited to 15% since laboratory measurements at higher strain levels are complicated by degeneration of the shape of the stress-strain loops and the applicability of the damping ratio as used in equivalent linear analysis becomes questionable.

Dynamic Soil Property Correlation and Modeling Results

The effects of geologic and geotechnical variables on $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$ were considered in this evaluation. Considerations were made on the dependencies by soil type, plasticity index, fines content, small-strain stiffness, state of stress, specimen depth, boring location, geologic age, and geologic formation. From the review of these experimental results, it is observed that the $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$ relationships are primarily dependent on the particular soil type and geologic formation from which the sample was obtained. The Unified Soil Classification system was used to establish soil type for sands

and clays. Effects of plasticity index, fines content, and state of stress are implicitly included in the formation dependency. Confining pressure has only minor effects on $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$. The "sands" and "clays" databases were additionally subdivided into shallow (< 150 m (500 ft)) and deep (> 150 m (500 ft)) sample depth categories. Sufficient data were available to establish statistical confidence bands for analysis of correlated data subsets of shallow sands: (1) Tobacco Road; (2) Dry Branch; (3) Santee; and (4) Snapp. There are however, several formations missing from the sands and clays databases. Statistical summaries for $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$ were also compiled for deep sands, shallow clays, and deep clays. Application of specific nonlinear strain dependence is based solely on the soil type and stratigraphy as described in Figure 2.

The experimentally determined cyclic data has been found to be reasonably approximated by the hyperbolic stress-strain model (Hardin and Drnevich, 1972, and Pyke, 1993). Pyke (1993) extended this model to provide a unique and consistent relationship between $G(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$, given the specific values of the three parameters $G_{\max}$ (low strain shear modulus), $D_{\min}$ (low-strain hysteretic damping ratio) and γ_r (the reference strain defined as the maximum shear stress divided by $G_{\max}$) for a particular soil. In general, it has been found that for sands at depths less than 90 m (300 ft), the value of the reference strain increases with depth or mean effective confining pressure. This is similar to the results and recommendations of other studies (e.g., EPRI, 1993). The results for the deeper sands and clays of SRS, however, did not follow this trend. This discrepancy may be due to sample disturbance effects inherent in the procedures used to retrieve samples at these deeper depths, the limitations of the testing procedures for the deep samples or both.

All data (sands and clays) from the deep soil specimens were discarded, and dynamic properties for deeper portions of the soil column were extrapolated from the shallow correlations. To account for the effects of increased confining pressure at the deeper portions of the column, a normalized power law relationship was derived between γ_r and the mean effective stress (σ_o') and $D_{\min}$ and σ_o' using test data:

$$\gamma_r / \gamma_{r,m} = (\sigma_o' / \sigma_{m}')^{0.28}$$

and

$$D_{\min} = 3.2 (\sigma_o')^{-0.16} \quad \text{for clays}$$

$$D_{\min} = 1.6 (\sigma_o')^{-0.16} \quad \text{for sands}$$

where σ_m' is the in situ mean effective stress and $\gamma_{r,m}$ is the reference strain corresponding to the in situ mean effective stress. The dynamic properties ($G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$) from these samples have been correlated with the site stratigraphy and are presented in terms of best-estimate values together with their variability. Figures 3 through 6 illustrate

the recommended dynamic properties for the following shallow sands:

1. Stiff Upland ($G_{max} > 200 \text{ MPa}$)
2. Tobacco Road and Snapp
3. Dry Branch, Santee, Warley Hill, and Congaree Sands (and soft Upland)
4. Unrepresented Shallow Sands (average depth of specimens 35m (116 ft))

The figures show fits to the mean and $\pm \sigma$ of the data using the hyperbolic model. In addition, recommendations are presented in Figure 7 for the shallow clays (average depth of 48 m (156 ft)), the deep sands (extrapolated from the shallow sands) and the deep clays (extrapolated from the shallow clays) (Figures 8 & 9 respectively). Figures 10 & 11 illustrate best estimate G/G_{max} and damping curves for the same general site stratigraphy. Comparison of the recommended SRS G/G_{max} curves with those from EPRI (1993) are shown in Figures 12 and 13. Comparisons with EPRI (1993) damping are shown in Figures 14 and 15.

Estimates of the statistical variability in G/G_{max} data are included in Table 1 for the formations described in the general site stratigraphy recommended for the SRS. These estimates are based upon the analysis of data from both RC and TS tests conducted on these formations. Estimates of variability of hysteretic damping ratio are less robust since so few torsional shear test data are available for inclusion in the database. However, based upon the analysis of damping data from seven TS sand samples taken from several formations of the soil column, it is recommended that the standard deviation (natural log) of D (in percent) be set to about 0.3 for strain levels in the range of 1×10^{-4} to 1×10^{-2} percent. It is recommended that this value be used for all formations in site response calculations until further test data become available or further statistical analysis is pursued (Table 2).

Finally, it has been noted that a rough inverse correlation exists between shear stiffness and hysteretic damping ratio from the TS test data. Based upon this result as well as the subjective judgment of its appropriateness, these correlations may be accommodated in selection of percentiles for G/G_{max} and D in any site response calculations.

Comparison To Prior SRS Dynamic Soil Models

Comparisons of these recommendations to a previously developed degradation model for the SRS, known as the GEI (1991) model with its depth dependent factor, are shown in Figures 16 & 17. The GEI model has been used in a number of site response evaluations. The experimental results described above indicate that the degradation properties are related to stratigraphy rather than to a single parameter such as depth. The GEI results compare favorably with the recommended values except that degradation data for the shallow Upland unit and for the shallow and deep clay samples do not correlate well with the GEI model used previously, as can be seen from Figure 16.

Prior ground motion investigations for the SRS that use the GEI recommendations are not expected to differ significantly as a result of this recommendation. Anticipated earthquake-induced strains in the shallow Upland unit are low, further, the GEI shallow dynamic property recommendations were more linear so that ground motion predictions for the Upland formation are conservative. The shallow and deep clay modulus and damping relationship are more linear than GEI (Figures 16 & 17). However, there are no known SRS facility soil column's that have thick clay deposits (that could tend to under-predict larger-strain ground motions using GEI recommended soil properties).

Conclusions

For application of dynamic soil properties to critical facilities at the SRS, formation dependent degradation models reported herein (Figures 3 through 9; Tables 1 through 3) are considered appropriate for soils or structural analysis. If, for higher hazard facilities, additional site specific sampling and testing is performed, then data correlations described herein should be validated by the new data. If testing is done, additional validation should be done for the recommended variability in $D(\log \gamma)$ and coupling between $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$.

For future site characterization or confirmatory analysis, selection of depths for fixed-piston samples should be made on the basis of geologic formation and observed fluctuations in low-strain shear modulus or the occurrence of clay layers with significant thickness (for seismic response purposes, a layer having thickness of one-half of the seismic wavelength or greater at the frequencies of interest). Fixed piston or other samples taken for dynamic testing should not be attempted for depths greater than about 90 m (300 ft) without additional justification or modification of procedures that may insure that disturbance is minimized.

If cyclic triaxial tests are to be used in the future, deformation measurements must be performed on the soil specimen (not platen-to-platen) and the load cell must be placed inside the confining chamber. The resultant loops should be carefully scrutinized to ensure that (a) the loops are reasonably stable for the initial 10 to 15 load cycles, and (b) no particular machine dependent anomalies are apparent in the data generated in the individual loops. It is recommended that the values of $G/G_{\max}(\log \gamma)$ and $D(\log \gamma)$ be computed from the tenth load cycle ($N=10$) and measured at $f < 1$ Hz for use in seismic site response analyses. In addition, it is recommended that the highest value of hysteretic damping ratio (D) used in these analyses be limited to 15%. The low-strain damping ($D_{\min}$) and $D(\log \gamma)$ for all specimens were found to be strongly dependent on frequency of the cyclic test. All future dynamic soil testing should account for this dependency by measuring properties at a suite of frequencies (including the site response analysis frequencies) and in-situ stress levels. The frequency effects can be accounted for by a combination of TS and RC tests on all samples.

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Table 1. Statistics Associated with the G/G_{max} ; Relationships Determined by RC Testing

Formation Description	n	Reference Strain ⁽¹⁾ γ_r (%)		
		mean	mean + σ	mean - σ
Stiff Upland Sands	3	0.021	(0.031) ⁽²⁾	(0.014)
Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands	18	0.044	0.059	0.033
Dry Branch, Santee, Warley Hill and Congaree Sands	25	0.077	0.109	0.051
Four Mile Sands and any other Unrepresented Shallow Sands	46	0.066	(0.107)	(0.044)
Shallow Clays	4	0.148	0.246	0.103
Deep Sands	-	0.111	0.221	0.068
Deep Clays	-	0.230	0.493	0.143

Notes: (1) Computation of G/G_{max} mean and $\pm \sigma$ for selected value of shear strain is:

$$G/G_{max} = 1/(1+\gamma/\gamma_r)$$

where γ is the desired value of shear strain in percent and γ_r is the reference strain tabulated. Fit to the mean and $\pm \sigma$ of the data was made using hyperbolic model (Pyke, 1993).

(2) Reference strains in parenthesis's were derived on the basis of small sample data sets.

Table 2. Statistics Associated with the D (log- γ); Relationships Determined by TS Testing

Formation Description	Ref. Strain γ_r (%)	Mean D_{min} (%)	$\sigma^{(1)}$
Stiff Upland Sands	0.021	1.03	0.3
Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands	0.044	0.61	0.3
Dry Branch, Santee, Warley Hill and Congaree Sands	0.077	0.88	0.3
Four Mile Sands and any other Unrepresented Shallow Sands	0.066	0.71	0.3
Shallow Clays	0.148	1.36	0.3
Deep Sands	0.111	0.53	0.3
Deep Clays	0.230	1.06	0.3

Notes: (1) σ is ln-normal value that can be applied throughout the strain-range.

Table 3. Recommended⁽¹⁾ Damping Ratio vs Shear-Strain

Formation Description				
Strain (%)	Upland	Tobacco Rd/Snapp	Dry Branch/Santee	Shallow Sand
0.00001	1.059	0.625	0.825	0.674
0.0001	1.059	0.625	0.825	0.674
0.0002	1.103	0.647	0.835	0.687
0.0003	1.151	0.67	0.846	0.702
0.0005	1.248	0.717	0.871	0.733
0.001	1.493	0.835	0.936	0.811
0.002	1.973	1.07	1.07	0.97
0.003	2.434	1.3	1.205	1.127
0.005	3.302	1.747	1.47	1.435
0.01	5.201	2.79	2.108	2.171
0.02	8.165	4.605	3.281	3.505
0.03	10.407	6.139	4.336	4.686
0.05	13.639	8.614	6.162	6.692
0.1	18.317	12.799	9.605	10.363
0.2		17.425	13.951	14.825
0.3			16.683	

Formation Description			
Strain (%)	Shallow Clay	Deep Sand	Deep Clay
0.00001	1.296	0.489	0.992
0.0001	1.296	0.489	0.992
0.0002	1.292	0.497	0.99
0.0003	1.293	0.505	0.991
0.0005	1.3	0.524	0.995
0.001	1.326	0.57	1.013
0.002	1.389	0.665	1.054
0.003	1.456	0.759	1.097
0.005	1.594	0.945	1.186
0.01	1.938	1.398	1.410
0.02	2.603	2.251	1.851
0.03	3.233	3.039	2.276
0.05	4.392	4.453	3.08
0.1	6.82	7.289	4.856
0.2	10.356	11.179	7.671
0.3	12.884	13.799	9.833
0.5	16.317	17.21	12.995

Notes: (1) Recommended curves derived using hyperbolic model (Pyke, 1993).

Fig. 1 Map of Savannah River Site Showing the General Boring (Well) Locations of All Specimens Used in the Correlation Database.

Elevation (ft)	Geologic Formation	Depth (ft)	Number of Specimens	
			Sand	Clay
248		0	(3)	(0)
218	Upland	30	(18)	(1)
	Tobacco Road			
174		74	(13)	(2)
	Dry Branch			
125		123		
	Santee		(16)	(0)
58		190	(2)	(0)
43	Warley Hill	205		
			(1)	(0)
	Congaree			
-4		252	(0)	(0)
-30	Four Mile	278	(4)	(1)
-55	Snapp	303		
			(0)	(0)
	Sawdust Landing			
-122		370		
			(0)	(1)
	Steel Creek			
-242		490		
			(4)	(1)
	Black Creek			
-517		765		
			(1)	(1)
	Middendorf			
-657		905		
			(3)	(0)
	Cape Fear			
-795		1043		
	Basement			

Note: Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.

Fig. 2 General Stratigraphic Profile of the Savannah River Site.

Fig. 3 Recommended $G/G_{\max}(\log-\gamma)$ and $D(\log-\gamma)$ relationships for Stiff Upland Sands at SRS (taken from Stokoe et al., 1995). Numerical values for best estimates and uncertainties for $G/G_{\max}(\log-\gamma)$ and $D(\log-\gamma)$ can be determined from Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Geologic Formation

- Notes: 1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
2. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 15.
3. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 4 Recommended $G/G_{\max}(\log-\gamma)$ and $D(\log-\gamma)$ relationships for Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands at SRS (taken from Stokoe et al., 1995). Numerical values for best estimates and uncertainties for $G/G_{\max}(\log-\gamma)$ and $D(\log-\gamma)$ can be determined from Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Geologic Formation

Upland
Tobacco Road
Dry Branch
Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

Sands

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. These relationships are also proposed for use with soft ($G_{max} < 100$ MPa) Upland sands.
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 12.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 5 Recommended G/G_{max} ($\log \gamma$) and D ($\log \gamma$) relationships for Dry Branch, Santee, Warley Hill and Congaree Sands at SRS (taken from Stokoe et al., 1995). Numerical values for best estimates and uncertainties for G/G_{max} ($\log \gamma$) and D ($\log \gamma$) can be determined from Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Geologic Formation

Upland
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Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

Sands
↓
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- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. Average depth of "shallow" sand specimens is 116 ft (35.4 m).
 3. Upland sands were not used in calculating these relationships.
 4. Statistics associated with $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 24.
 5. Relationships should not be used for sands with a significant amount of cementation.
 6. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

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Geologic Formation

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. "Deep" sand relationships determined by extrapolating the "shallow" sand relationships shown in Fig. 124 from an average depth of 116 ft (345.4 m) to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m).
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 24.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

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Geologic Formation

- Notes:
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 2. "Deep" clay relationships determined by extrapolating the "shallow" clay relationships shown in Fig. 125 from an average depth of 156 ft (47.6 m) to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m).
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 16.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

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SRS Recommended Damping

Fig. 11 SRS best estimate damping curves, by formation.

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Fig. 13 Comparison of SRS best estimate G/Gmax (Solid Curves) with deep EPRI (1993) (dashed).

Comparison of SRS and EPRI Damping

Fig. 14 Comparison of SRS best estimate damping (Solid Curves) with shallow EPRI (1993) (dashed).

Comparison of SRS and EPRI Damping

Fig. 15 Comparison of SRS best estimate damping (Solid Curves) with deep EPRI (1993) (dashed).

Fig. 16 Comparison of SRS best estimate G/Gmax (Solid Curves) with minimum and maximum GEI (1991) (bold).

Comparison of SRS and GEI Damping

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CORRELATION STUDY OF NONLINEAR DYNAMIC SOIL PROPERTIES AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

1. Introduction

This report documents studies conducted by the University of Texas at Austin (UTA) to investigate possible correlations between coastal plain soils and nonlinear dynamic properties of intact natural soils at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The study incorporates nonlinear dynamic soil properties measured in an on-going laboratory investigation conducted by UTA (Hwang et al. (1995)) for the Westinghouse Savannah River Corporation (WSRC) with similar results from prior dynamic and cyclic laboratory soil tests performed by other organizations with intact samples obtained from SRS (Stokoe et al., 1995). The UTA correlation study involved reviewing a total of 29 reports from 17 different areas at SRS. These reports are listed in Table 1. The areas (and associated three-letter acronyms) from which data were obtained are:

1. Pen Branch Fault Confirmatory Drilling (CFD),
2. H-Area, In-Tank Precipitation Facility (ITP),
3. H-Area, Replacement Tritium Facility (RTF),
4. New Production Reactor (NPR),
5. Par Pond Dam (PPD),
6. K-Reactor Area (KRA),
7. Burial Ground Expansion (BGE),
8. L-Reactor Area (LRA),
9. L-Area Cooling Pond Dam (LPD),
10. F-Area, Sand Filter Structure (SFS) and
11. H-Area, Building 221-H (B221H).

These 11 areas can be divided into 8 general locations around SRS as shown in Fig. 1. The remaining areas which are discussed in the reports, but from which no data were obtained, are:

1. Replacement High Level Waste Evaporator (RWE),
2. New Waste Transfer Facility (NWT),
3. Gravity Drain Lines In Areas 100-C, 100-K, and 100-P (GDL),

4. 200-S Area, Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWP),
5. 200-B Area, Away From Reactor Spent Fuel Storage Facility (AFR) and
6. 200-H and 200-F Areas, Radioactive Waste Storage Tanks (RWS).

No data were obtained from these areas because the test results were either limited to field seismic measurements and/or the laboratory results required additional analyses to validate and interpret which were beyond the scope of this study as discussed in Section 2.

Critical assessments were made to establish allowable subsets of the nonlinear dynamic soil properties from the 11 areas considered in the correlation study. The purpose of this report is to provide the key information necessary to select "best estimates" and "ranges" of strain-dependent shear modulus and material damping relationships for intact natural soils at SRS. In the final analysis, the strain-dependent relationships are correlated with a two-descriptor soil type that is stratigraphically defined by geologic formation and geotechnically defined by soil description.

1.1 Typical Nonlinear Behavior Exhibited by Soils

Since the thrust of this correlation study deals with nonlinear dynamic soil properties, a brief overview of typical nonlinear behavior is initially presented. The terms and parameters used to express nonlinear soil behavior and a framework of expected trends from previous laboratory studies are presented. The emphasis in the overview is placed on the response of intact natural soils to earthquake excitation. In this case, the dynamic properties are generally expressed as shear modulus, G , and material damping ratio, D . These properties are defined as illustrated in Fig. 2 with a hysteresis loop that is generated by loading the soil specimen with complete stress reversals, commonly referred to as two-way cyclic loading.

In this overview and in the correlation study, it is assumed that intact soil specimens are being tested at representative values of void ratio, e , effective state of stress, σ' , and degree of saturation, S_r , under undrained loading conditions. The key variables are then soil type (including gradational, plasticity and geological characteristics), strain amplitude, γ , number of cycles of loading, N , and excitation frequency, f . Soil type is discussed more extensively in the correlation study, but for

now, soil type is simply divided into "sands" and "clays." Sands are assumed to be coarse-grained soils with no plasticity, and clays are assumed to be fine-grained soils with plasticity.

Typical nonlinear behavior exhibited by sands and clays is presented in Fig. 3 in terms of $G - \log \gamma$, $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships. In this case, testing was performed with $f = 0.5$ Hz and $N = 1$ in a torsional shear test (Hwang et al., 1995) so that f and N can be eliminated as variables. The results show that both G and D remain essentially constant below some threshold strain. The threshold strain is denoted as the elastic threshold, γ_t^e , and the constant values of G and D below γ_t^e are denoted as $G_{\max}$ and $D_{\min}$, respectively. The constant value of G below γ_t^e is easy to see in the normalized modulus, $G/G_{\max}$, versus $\log \gamma$ curve. Once the strain amplitude exceeds γ_t^e , G and $G/G_{\max}$ decrease and D increases as γ increases. In these comparisons, the relative value of G between sands and clays is very site dependent and is not considered herein. Therefore, the key nonlinear curves are $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$. As shown in Figs. 3b and 3c, the dynamic response of sands relative to clays for $N = 1$ and $f \leq 1$ can be summarized as:

1. sands exhibit a lower γ_t^e than clays with γ_t^e for sands is often around 0.001 %,
2. sands exhibit a lower value of $G/G_{\max}$ at $\gamma > \gamma_t^e$ than clays for measurements performed at the same γ ,
3. sands exhibit a lower value of $D_{\min}$ than clays, with $D_{\min}$ for sands often in the range of 0.5 to 1.5 %,
4. sands exhibit a more rapid increase in D than clays at $\gamma > \gamma_t^e$, and
5. sands generally exhibit a larger value of D than clays at strains above several 0.01 %'s.

The effects of excitation frequency, f , and number of cycles of loading, N , are important parameters in the evaluation of nonlinear dynamic soil properties as soon as $N > 1$ and $f > 1$ Hz. The effects of these parameters can be especially important when comparing modulus and damping values measured in slow cyclic tests ($f \leq 1$ Hz) and dynamic tests (f typically ≥ 10 Hz) as done on this project. The effects of f and N on G and D is shown in Figs. 4 and 5 for sands and clays, respectively.

The effects on natural sands of f and N can be summarized as follows:

1. the effect of increasing f is to increase $G_{\max}$ and increase $D_{\min}$, with this effect being more significant on $D_{\min}$ than $G_{\max}$,
2. the values of $G_{\max}$ and $D_{\min}$ are not affected by N for cyclic loading below γ_t^e .
3. another strain threshold exists, termed the cyclic threshold and denoted as γ_t^c above which N has a significant effect on the values of G and D because of volume changes caused by N in unsaturated sand and pore pressure generation caused by N in saturated sands,
4. $\gamma_t^c > \gamma_t^e$ and γ_t^c may be different for G than D , with values of G greater than or equal to γ_t^c for D ,
5. the effect of N on unsaturated sands is to increase G and decrease D at $\gamma > \gamma_t^c$, and
6. the effect of N in saturated sands is directly related to pore pressure generation and effective confinement, with G decreasing and D increasing as the effective stress decreases.

The effects of f and N on the nonlinear dynamic properties of natural clays can be summarized as follows:

1. the effect of increasing f above 1 Hz on $G_{\max}$ and $D_{\min}$ is to increase their values in a similar, but more significant manner, than sands,
2. as with sands, the values of $G_{\max}$ and $D_{\min}$ are not affected by N for cyclic loading below γ_t^e ,
3. as with sands, a cyclic strain threshold, γ_t^c , exists above which the values of G and D increase with increasing numbers of loading cycles, and
4. the value of D determined in the first cycle of loading at all strain amplitudes (with most testing performed at $\gamma \leq 0.3\%$) being less than the value of D determined at the same γ in the resonant column (RC) test.

2. Laboratory Results Included in the Correlation Database

The review by UTA of the dynamic and cyclic laboratory data presented in the reports listed in Table 1 is given in Stokoe et al., 1995. Based on this review, it was found that most of the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by resonant column (RC) and torsional shear (TS) testing could be taken directly from the reports for use in the correlation study. However, the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC testing had to be modified using TS results to account, primarily, for the effects of excitation frequency at small strains and for the combined effects of excitation frequency and number of loading cycles at larger strains ($\gamma > 10^{-2} \%$) as discussed in Section 1.1. In terms of cyclic triaxial data, these results required more extensive investigation of the raw data (hysteresis loops) before they could be incorporated into the database due to equipment-related complications (piston friction and top-cap lifting) in some of the hysteresis loops as discussed in Stokoe et al., 1995. The effort required to review the hysteresis loops and re-evaluate some of the data to establish the validity of the results was beyond the scope of this work. Therefore, the database used to investigate correlations is comprised of the results from RC tests with 72 specimens and companion TS tests with 15 of these 72 specimens.

2.1 Summary Listings of All Specimens

All specimens considered in the study are listed in Tables 2 through 5. The specimens can be subdivided into the following categories: 24 nonplastic specimens (Table 2), 14 specimens with a plasticity index (PI) greater than zero but less than 20 % (Table 3), 12 specimens with a PI equal to or greater than 20 % (Table 4), and 22 specimens for which the PI was not determined (Table 5). In addition to the index properties, information in Tables 2 through 5 includes geologic formation, soil type (according to the Unified Soil Classification System), and the estimated in-situ values of the total vertical stress, pore water pressure, coefficient of effective horizontal earth pressure at rest and estimated mean effective stress. Information on the complete profile of geologic formations in the soil column determined from five deep borings is presented in Table 6.

It should be noted that, for the purpose of completeness, resonant column tests were performed on 87 specimens as listed in Table 1. However, only 72 specimens were incorporated into the database. The results from 15 specimens were

not added in the database for the following reasons. Specimens ITP-HBOR29-2B and ITP-HBOR29-4A were fill materials, and specimen BGE-B45-BS1 was a reconstituted specimen. Therefore, these three specimens are not representative of intact natural soils. The results from the 10 specimens presented in D'Appolonia (1982) were only presented in graphical form, and conversion of these data to digital form was not within the scope of the project. Finally, the results from two specimens in Hwang et al. (1995) were incomplete because testing had to be prematurely stopped due to the rupturing of the membrane on sharp particles on the sides of the specimens.

2.2 Summary Plots of All Dynamic Measurements

Summary plots of all dynamic measurements for the 72 specimens are presented in Figs. 6 through 9 for the $G - \log \gamma$, expanded $G - \log \gamma$, $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships, respectively. In some studies, stage testing at multiple confining pressures was conducted. Only measurements that were performed at the confining pressure closest to the estimated in-situ mean effective stress are presented in Figs. 6 through 9. As seen in the figures, the data cover a wide range in each figure and clearly need to be subdivided if possible correlations are to be identified.

3. Variables Considered in Developing Correlations

Variables incorporating geotechnical characteristics, geologic considerations, and testing conditions were considered in the correlation study. To allow the geologic setting at SRS to be considered, WSRC personnel identified stratigraphic profiles at each boring from which samples were recovered. A general profile, taken for boring CFD18, is presented in Fig. 10. This profile is presented to show the geologic formations that exist at the site and their relative stratigraphic position. The number of test specimens in the correlation database which are associated with each geologic formation is also shown in Fig. 10. Finally, since the relative location of the specimens across the site was considered in the correlation study, a map of SRS is presented in Fig. 1 showing the locations of all borings (wells) used to recover specimens that form the database.

3.1 Geotechnical and Geologic Variables

The following variables, which are based on the geotechnical characteristics of the specimens and the geologic setting at SRS, were considered:

1. soil type,
2. plasticity index (PI),
3. fines content,
4. small-strain stiffness ($G_{\max}$),
5. state of stress,
6. specimen depth,
7. boring (site) location,
8. geologic age, and
9. geologic formation.

To illustrate the general effects of variables associated with the geotechnical characteristics and geologic setting, consider Figs. 11 through 14. Only specimens in the UTA database are utilized in these figures. In Fig. 11, the dynamic response of two different soil types, a sand (SM) and a clay (CH), are shown. The soils have different fines contents, plasticity indices, and small-strain stiffnesses. However, it can be assumed that the state of stress and geologic age are nearly the same because the specimens come from similar depths in the same geologic formation. Also, the site location within SRS has a minor effect on the dynamic properties as noted in Section 6. Therefore, the main variables are soil type, plasticity index, fines content and small-strain stiffness. It is not possible to say which variables are controlling from this comparison, but it is shown in Sections 6 through 8 that soil type combined with geologic formation are the controlling variables.

A similar comparison to the one shown in Fig. 11 is presented in Fig. 12, except that the sand (SP-SM) and clay (CH) are from a different geologic formation. The same conclusion that soil type combined with geologic formation are the key correlators is found as discussed in Sections 6 through 8.

The importance of confining pressure on the dynamic response of these soils is illustrated in Figs. 13 and 14 for a sand specimen and a clay specimen, respectively. In this case, confining pressure is assumed to represent the state of stress in the geologic setting. It is important to note that specimen depth is equated to confining pressure so that items 5 and 6 listed above are essentially the same as long as the effective coefficient of earth pressure at rest does not vary by more than about 50 %. As seen in Figs. 13 and 14, confining pressure most directly affects the $G - \log \gamma$ relationships. Confining pressure has only a minor effect on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships in these comparisons, where the effective pressure was

changed by a factor of about four. It is best, of course, to perform dynamic laboratory measurements as close as possible to the in-situ state of stress. However, since the purpose of this work is to recommend $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ curves, measurements performed at confining pressures within a factor of about two of the estimated in-situ state of stress can be used in the database without introducing much variability.

3.2 Laboratory Test Variables

In terms of variables which could enter the laboratory tests and effect the correlations, the following variables were considered:

1. effective confining pressure (σ_o'),
2. confining time,
3. excitation frequency (f),
4. number of loading cycles (N),
5. degree of saturation (S_r), and
6. drainage conditions.

The only variable associated with the resonant column (RC) test which could be carefully evaluated is confining pressure (Stokoe et al., 1995). The importance of this variable is shown in Figs. 13 and 14, and it was carefully considered by only using data from testing at or near the estimate in-situ mean effective stress, σ_m' . The value of σ_m' was evaluated for each specimen in the database from:

$$\sigma_m' = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_v' + 2K_o' \sigma_v') \quad (1)$$

where σ_v' = effective vertical stress at the specimen depth, and
 K_o' = coefficient of effective horizontal earth pressure at rest.

The value of σ_v' was determined from:

$$\sigma_v' = \sigma_v - u \quad (2)$$

where σ_v = total vertical stress at the specimen depth, and
 u = pore water pressure at the specimen depth.

The values of σ_v , u , K_o' and σ_m' are given in Tables 2 through 5 for all specimens in the database.

Since combined resonant column and torsional shear (TS) tests were performed on 15 of the 17 confirmatory drilling (CFD) specimens in the database (Hwang et al. (1995)), excitation frequency and number of loading cycles could also be investigated in these tests. The general effects of these variables in the dynamic laboratory measurements are illustrated in Figs. 3 through 5. For measurements performed on the CFD specimens, most torsional shear testing was performed at 0.5 Hz over 10 cycles of loading (Stokoe and Hwang, 1993) so that this frequency and number of loading cycles are the test variables which most closely fall in the general ranges associated with earthquake shaking. In the RC test, most measurement frequencies were in the range of 25 to 250 Hz, typically above 50 Hz, and the number of cycles of loading typically ranged from 500 to 1000. These values exceed the general frequency range and number of loading cycles associated with earthquake shaking.

The impact of testing over different ranges in frequencies and loading cycles is shown in Figs. 15 and 16 on the CFD specimens with RC and TS tests. The most important effect is clearly on the $D - \log \gamma$ relationships for these soils over the strain range investigated ($\gamma < 0.1\%$). This behavior is consistent with the behavior evaluated in previous work as shown in Figs. 3 through 5, and modification of the $D - \log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC testing by using $D - \log \gamma$ relationships from TS testing forms one of the major efforts of this study and one of the most important conclusions.

4. Hyperbolic Curve Fitting of Laboratory Data

Before the correlations for the SRS data are presented, it is helpful to briefly discuss hyperbolic modeling of nonlinear soil behavior. A hyperbolic model has been shown to be a very useful model in representing nonlinear dynamic soil properties and in differentiating trends between various data sets (Hardin and Drnevich, 1972 and Pyke, 1993). The basis for using a hyperbolic model is that a hyperbola can be used to represent the shape of the stress-strain curve in simple shear loading as illustrated in Fig. 17a. With this model and two-way cyclic loading without permanent deformations, the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship can be written as:

$$G/G_{\max} = 1/(1+\gamma/\gamma_r) \quad (3)$$

where $G_{\max}$ = small-strain shear modulus,

G = secant shear modulus at γ ,
 γ = peak cyclic shearing strain, and
 γ_r = reference (shearing) strain.

The relationship of $G_{\max}$, G , γ and γ_r to the hyperbolic stress-strain illustrated in Fig. 17a. Hardin and Drnevich (1972) defined reference strain, γ_r , as:

$$\gamma_r = \tau_{\max} / G_{\max} \quad (4)$$

where $\tau_{\max}$ = shear strength.

The shear strength in Eq. 4 is actually an asymptote to the stress-strain relationship as shown in Fig. 17a which is a curve fitting parameter and is not the shear strength measured in the laboratory because of deviations from a hyperbolic shape caused by real soil behavior at large shearing strains (Pyke, 1993).

The $G - \log \gamma$ relationship determined from the hyperbolic stress-strain curve in Fig. 17a is shown in Fig. 17b. The resulting $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship is shown in Fig. 18a. As seen in Figs. 17b and 18a, the hyperbolic model exhibits strain-independent behavior at small strains ($\gamma \leq \gamma_t^e$) and strain-dependent behavior at larger strains ($\gamma > \gamma_t^e$). This behavior closely mimics the behavior exhibited by real soils as presented in Figs. 3 through 16. The effects of cyclic loadings, excitation frequency and number of loading cycles can also be added to the model (Pyke, 1993). However, as used herein, the model is fit at a selected frequency (around 1 Hz) and at a given number of loading cycles (10 cycles) so that these two variables are implicitly incorporated into the data set.

The hyperbolic model described by Eq. 3 is well-suited to represent the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship. However, without modification, it can not be used to represent the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship. Therefore, Pyke (1993) combined the hyperbolic model with $D_{\min}$ measured in RCTS testing to generate a $D - \log \gamma$ curve compatible with the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curve described by Eq. 3. At the request of the SRS Dynamic Property Advisory Panel (1995), a computer program was supplied by Pyke (1995) to UTA which was used to fit all $D - \log \gamma$ relationships shown in this report. Compatibility between the hyperbolic curve representing the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship and the resulting $D - \log \gamma$ relationship is maintained by using γ_r determined from fitting the laboratory modulus measurements and using this value in the construction of the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship. All values of γ_r reported

herein were determined by fitting the hyperbolic model (Eq. 3) to each laboratory curve of $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ using a least-squares approach.

An example of the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship determined with Pyke's program is shown in Fig. 18b. the relationship was determined for the hyperbolic curve shown in Fig. 17 ($\gamma_r = 0.1\%$) combined with an assumed value for $D_{\min}$ of 1 %. (The value of $D_{\min}$ had to be assumed simply because no laboratory measurements were performed in this case.) As shown in Sections 6 through 8, the nonlinear $D - \log \gamma$ relationship follows the measured data quite closely. However, one additional parameter was added in the damping curve fit. This parameter is D_{cap} , and it represents a maximum value of material damping for use in analytical studies. The SRS Dynamic Property Advisory Panel (1995) recommended a value of 15 % for D_{cap} . Therefore, in the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship in Fig. 18b, a constant value of D equal to 15 % is shown once the value of D determined with Pyke's program reaches 15 %.

5. General Results of Correlation Study

Based on initial correlation studies conducted during the general review of prior work (Stokoe, et al., 1995), the main variables associated with the geologic setting and geotechnical characteristics which incorporate most of the other variables are geologic formation and soil type. Soil type (based on the Uniform Soil Classification System) was used to form subsets within the geologic formation category because of the wide range in soil types found in various formations at SRS. Therefore, in the correlations, resonant column results measured at or near the estimated in-situ mean effective stress for a given geologic formation and soil type ("sands" or "clays") were used as the starting point because these results form the vast majority of data in the database. In addition, the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves from RC and TS testing of the CFD specimen are essentially the same (as shown in Figs. 15 and 16 and in some of the appendices) for most of the CFD specimens. Therefore, the effects of excitation frequency and number of loadings can be neglected in this part of the correlation study.

As the study progressed, it became apparent that specimen depth should also be used to divide the results into two general sets of data. These data sets are called "shallow" and "deep" herein. Shallow specimens are those specimens obtained from depths less than 500 ft (153 m). Deep specimens, on the other hand, were obtained from depths equal to or greater than 500 ft (153 m). There is no theoretical

— basis for this dividing line, and it probably resulted, to some extent, from the lack of a significant number of deep samples. However, the nonlinear behavior exhibited by the deep soils does appreciably differ from that exhibited by the shallow soils.

5.1 Robust Data Sets

— Sufficient data to develop meaningful correlations exist in only five sets of data. Four of the data sets are composed of shallow sands and the fifth data set is composed of shallow clays. The shallow sands can be subdivided according to geologic formations as follows: 1) Tobacco Road sand (a total of 18 specimens from which data from 16 specimens were used), 2) Dry Branch sand (a total of 13 specimens from which data from 11 specimens were used), 3) Santee sand (a total of 16 specimens which were all used) and 4) Snapp sand (a total of 4 specimens which were all used). Data from two specimens were deleted from two of the sand correlation sets, because (assumed) testing difficulties resulted in the data not fitting data trends formed by the other specimens. All deleted data are presented in Appendix A (by the solid symbols) and are shown relative to the data trends (shown by the open symbols) determined in the correlations for comparison purposes.

The data set for the shallow clays is composed of 5 specimens from 4 geologic formations (Tobacco Road, Dry Branch, Snapp and Steel Creek). Therefore, there were not enough data to subdivide this data set according to geologic formations so all shallow clay data were combined.

5.2 Sparse Data Sets

The remaining data sets which are divided according to soil type and geologic formation for the shallow specimens are composed of the following three sets: Upland sand (3 specimens), Warley Hill sand (2 specimens), and Congaree sand (1 specimen). The remaining data sets for the deep specimens have simply been divided into two sets: clay (2 specimens) and sand (8 specimens). Although the number of deep sand specimens would seem to allow this category to be subdivided by geologic formation, significant variability in the results and obvious difficulty in testing precluded any subdivisions.

— Correlations for the under-populated data sets (three "shallow" sand sets, one "deep" sand set and one "deep" clay set) are estimated from comparisons with the

five robust data sets and/or from comparisons with data in the literature or other research reports from UTA. Example data from UTA reports are presented in Appendix B. The data in Appendix B form important supporting data for estimating nonlinear behavior at shearing strains around and above 0.1 %.

5.3 Unrepresented Soils at SRS

It is important to note at this point that both shallow and deep specimens of sands and clays from many formations at SRS do not exist in the database. In terms of shallow sands and clays, no specimens are in the database from the following geologic formations:

1. Sands-	2. Clays-	
a. Four Mile,	a. Upland,	d. Congaree,
b. Sawdust Landing,	b. Santee,	e. Four Mile, and
c. Steel Creek,	c. Warley Hill,	f. Sawdust Landing.

In terms of deep sands and clays, only a deep clay from the Cape Fear formation has not been tested. However, as discussed in Sections 10 and 11, the test results from all deep specimens (sands and clays) seem to be determined with specimens which were altered by the sampling and test-preparation processes and/or were of such a stiffness and uniformity that the laboratory results were comprised. This conclusion is based on the fact that the trends with depth of the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are contrary to those that would be predicted with the robust data sets from the shallow specimens. Therefore, the important conclusion is reached that there is essentially no test data in the database for deep specimens at SRS.

6. Correlations Using Shallow Sand Specimens

As noted earlier, shallow specimens are designated as those specimens obtained from depths less than 500 ft (153 m). In fact, all but two of the 54 shallow sand specimens were recovered from depths less than 300 ft (92 m).

6.1 Dry Branch and Santee Sands

The most consistent trend and best correlation was found by combining "sands" from the Dry Branch and Santee formations. The word "sands" is used because these specimens contain more than 50 % sand particles by weight but exhibit

a wide range in plasticity so that the specimen classifications range from SP-SM to SM to SP-SC to SC as shown in Table 7. It is interesting to note that the Dry Branch and Santee formations are adjacent to each other (Fig. 10), with the Dry Branch overlying the Santee. The 29 specimens which comprise this data set were recovered over the depth range of 37.5 to 232.5 ft (11.4 to 70.9 m).

G/G_{max} - log γ : Complete Data Set - All resonant column measurements of the G/G_{max} - log γ relationships are plotted in Figs 19 through 21 for the Dry Branch specimens (11 specimens), the Santee specimens (16 specimens) and the combination of Dry Branch and Santee specimens, respectively. The companion figures for the G - log γ relationships are plotted in Figs. 22 through 24, respectively. (The data from Dry Branch specimens ITP-10b and BNH-29c have been deleted because they do not follow the trend of data from the remaining 27 specimens. The data from these two specimens are presented in Appendix A (by the solid symbols in Figs. A.1 through A.3 for comparison and documentation purposes.) The G - log γ relationships are included to show the general range in stiffness over which these measurements exist. The very wide range in the G - log γ relationships clearly shows that these relationships are not correlated without further manipulations. However, the G/G_{max} - log γ relationships exhibit a good correlation, although the data band is rather wide in each figure. The general correlation shown in Fig. 21 is a significant improvement over the wide band in the G/G_{max} - log γ relationships exhibited by all SRS data presented in Fig. 8. The statistical significance of the data sets and justification for combining the data sets as presented in Fig. 8 are discussed in Section 8.

Average G/G_{max} - log γ curves were fit to the data in Figs. 19 through 21. Only the results from specimens which exhibited a reasonable amount of nonlinearity were used in curve fitting. A reasonable amount of nonlinearity is defined in this study to be represented by measurements at strains large enough so that $G/G_{max} \leq 0.80$. (This criterion resulted in the exclusion of specimens LRA-9 and SFS-8c from the remaining 25 specimens used in the curve-fitting data set.) The average curve was fit using the hyperbolic model discussed in Section 4. The average hyperbolic curve is shown by the solid line for $\gamma \leq 0.1$ % and by the dashed line for $\gamma > 0.1$ % where little, if any, data exist. The average reference strain, γ_r , used to define the hyperbolic curve is given in the insert in the figure.

The empirical $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship recommended for sands by Seed et al. (1986) is compared in Fig. 25 with the data from the Dry Branch and Santee sands. This comparison is presented simply as a frame of reference because the Seed et al. (1986) relationship has been widely cited in the past. The upper bound of this relationship is the closest predictor of the nonlinear behavior exhibited by the Dry Branch and Santee sands, although the upper bound curve still falls somewhat below the average hyperbolic curve used to represent the complete data set.

$G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$: Data Sub-Sets - The range exhibited in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves in Fig. 21 can be significantly reduced by subdividing the data according to site location. This subdivision is presented in Figs. 26 through 37. This group of figures is divided into six sets of two figures, with the first figure showing the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships and the second figure showing the $G - \log \gamma$ relationships. In all figures, data determined from the three specimens at the CFD site act as the reference, and these data are shown by themselves in the first set of figures, Figs. 26 and 27.

There is a general order in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves according to site location which is: ITP, NPR, CFD $\cong$ RTF $\cong$ KRA $\cong$ BGE $\cong$ SFS $\cong$ BNH, and PPD $\cong$ LRA. (All acronyms are defined in Table 1.) This order represents a slight shifting to the right (shifting to slightly higher strains) of the set of $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships from one figure to the next. It is interesting to note that this general order follows a slight trending to the south at SRS as shown in Fig. 1. It is also interesting to note that the stiffest specimens were recovered from the NPR site while the softest specimens were recovered from the BNH site. Hence, no consistent trend in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships occurs with stiffness.

Effects of f , N and σ'_0 on $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ - All data presented in Figs. 19 through 37 (as well as Figs. 6 through 8) were determined using RC testing at or near the estimated in-situ mean effective stress. The good comparisons between results determined by different laboratories over a period of about 15 years demonstrates the robustness of the RC test. However, the RC test involves 100's of cycles of loading around the resonant frequency before a measurement is obtained (Stokoe and Hwang, 1993). Therefore, the effects of excitation frequency, f , and number of loading cycles, N , can not be evaluated in the RC test. On the other hand, TS testing can be used to evaluate the effects of f and N on the $G - \log \gamma$ and $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships.

Typical results for the effects of excitation frequency and number of loading cycles on natural sands and clays are illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 (Stokoe et al., 1994). The effects of f and N on the CFD specimens are briefly discussed in Section 3 (Figs. 15 and 16) and are presented in detail in Appendix C. In terms of the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships for the Dry Branch and Santee sands, these two effects can be considered very small at shearing strains less than 0.1 %, with generally only a slight stiffening of the relationship as number of cycles of loading increases at strains around 0.1 %. At strains above 0.1 %, the effects have not been determined in this correlation study.

Effective confining pressure, σ_o' , is another parameter which can affect the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships presented in Figs. 19 through 37. The importance of σ_o' on these relationships is discussed in Section 3 (Figs. 13 and 14), and results for the CFD specimens are shown in Appendix C. Basically, if the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationship is determined at a confining pressure within about ± 30 % of the in-situ value, this effect is small and can be ignored in these tests.

In summary, the effects of f , N and σ_o' on the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships presented in Figs. 19 through 37 are small. Therefore, it is recommended that the data be used as shown, keeping in mind that these effects will have a slight tendency to increase the value of $G/G_{\max}$ under most earthquake shaking relative to the values shown.

D - $\log \gamma$: Complete Data Set - All resonant column measurements of D - $\log \gamma$ are plotted in Fig. 38 (except for specimens ITP-10b and BNH-29c as in the correlations with shear modulus). The data in this correlation cover a wide band, with $D_{\min}$ values ranging from 0.52 to 3.75 %. However, this band width is narrower than the one seen for all SRS data presented in Fig. 9 in which the value of $D_{\min}$ ranges from 0.50 to 5.80 %. It is interesting to note that the data from the different investigations generally fall within the same band, lending credibility to the data and to the RC test. However, the width of the band of data presented in Fig. 38 is too large to develop a meaningful correlation.

D - $\log \gamma$: Data Sub-Sets - When the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are subdivided according to site location, as done with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships, the data band is not reduced, and no significant trend is observed as seen by reviewing Figs. 39 through 44. The main reasons for the wide range in damping values at a given

strain level are excitation frequency and number of loading cycles as discussed below.

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on $D - \log \gamma$ - When excitation frequency is taken into account by using the torsional shear tests on the CFD specimens, the range in material damping data at small strains, strains less than about 10^{-3} %, is dramatically reduced as shown in Fig. 45 for the CFD sand specimens from the Dry Branch and Santee formations. In this case, the range in values of small-strain material damping, D_{min} , from the RC tests is 0.77 to 3.54 % while the range in D_{min} from the TS tests is 0.44 to 1.13 %. In addition, the average value of small-strain material damping for the three CFD specimens is reduced by slightly more than a factor of two when the TS results are compared with the average value determined from the RC tests. (Average D_{min} from the TS tests is about 0.88 %, while it is about 2 % from the RC tests.) It is recommended that the CFD results be used to form the data band at small strains for all sands from the Dry Branch and Santee formations.

Besides the impact on D_{min} of using TS test results, the use of the torsional shear results for the CFD specimens at strains above 0.02 % leads to two more differences in the correlation data set when compared with values determined from RC testing. First, the torsional shear results show that material damping values at strains above about 0.02 % depend on number of loading cycles as shown in Figs. 45 and 46 and Appendix C. Therefore, all material damping data determined by resonant column testing need to be adjusted upward at strains above 0.02 % to account for number of loading cycles. In addition, the second difference between TS and RC results at larger strains is the more rapid increase in D with increasing γ in the TS test results. This effect is most easily seen in Fig. 45.

Recommended $D - \log \gamma$ Relationship - Based on the discussion above, it is recommended that the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship be based on TS test results. Furthermore, these relationships should be those determined for the tenth loading cycle because this number of cycles is a reasonable first approximation of potential earthquake shaking at SRS. Also, from a conservative point of view, the maximum value of material damping should be capped at 15 %. The general idea of a cap on material damping is supported by the absence of measured values of D above 15 %, including all RC measurements as shown in Fig. 9, and was suggested by the SRS Dynamic Property Advisory Panel (1995).

With these criteria, a hyperbolic model which accounts for $D_{\min}$ (Pyke, 1993) was fit to the damping values determined in the tenth cycle of TS testing. Comparison of the average hyperbolic curve and cap (denoted as D_{cap}) with the CFD data is shown in Fig. 47. The average reference strain (0.0778 %) is the arithmetic average value determined from the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves measured in the TS tests of the three CFD specimens. The average $D_{\min}$ (0.88 %) is the arithmetic average determined from TS testing of the three CFD specimens. The average hyperbolic curve fits the TS data quite closely, with the possible underprediction of D at strains above 0.04 % as shown in Fig. 47. Unfortunately no measurements at strains around 0.1 % were performed because of the inability of the TS equipment to generate sufficient torque to reach such strains with the specimen stiffnesses and sizes involved.

Unfortunately, only material damping data from TS testing of the CFD specimens exist. As such, this set of damping data and the average hyperbolic curve with D_{cap} presented in Fig. 47 are recommended for use as the guide to estimating material damping values of all sands from the Dry Branch and Santee formations. The average value of γ_r determined from all resonant column tests presented in Fig. 21 is 0.0771 %. This value of γ_r can be considered equal to the average value of γ_r from the same population of TS tests based on the finding that f and N have little effect on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships of the Dry Branch and Santee sands as noted earlier. A representative average value of $D_{\min}$ still needs to be obtained for the same population of test results from which $\gamma_r = 0.0771$ % was determined. This value of $D_{\min}$ is estimated from a general relationship between $D_{\min}$ and γ_r for all shallow sands at SRS that were tested in the TS device. The $D_{\min} - \gamma_r$ relationship is shown in Fig. 48. The general relationship shows $D_{\min}$ decreasing as γ_r increases. This trend is also seen in stage testing with a given specimen, where γ_r increases with increasing σ_o' and $D_{\min}$ decreases with increasing σ_o' .

By using the general trend shown in Fig. 48 with the average $D_{\min}$ (0.88 %) from the TS tests, the estimated $D_{\min}$ going from $\gamma_r = 0.0778$ % (3 TS tests) to $\gamma_r = 0.0771$ % (25 RC tests) is still 0.88 %. Therefore, the value of $D_{\min}$ of 0.88 % is combined with γ_r of 0.0771 % to generate the recommended average hyperbolic $D - \log \gamma$ relationship for all Dry Branch and Santee sands. This combination of γ_r and $D_{\min}$ was selected to have internal compatibility for cyclic loading between the recommended average $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship and the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship.

The resulting recommended average curve is shown in Fig. 49. The curve is essentially the same as the one shown in Fig. 47 because the overall average γ_r from the RC tests (Fig. 21) is very close to the average γ_r from the three TS tests.

Comparison of the recommended average $D - \log \gamma$ relationship with the Seed et al. (1986) relationship for sands is shown in Fig. 50. As with the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ results, this comparison is shown mainly for reference purposes. The comparison shows that the empirical relationship underpredicts the average value of $D_{\min}$ and the extent of the linear range, the range over which $D_{\min}$ is a reasonable approximation. However, the lower bound curve predicts very well the recommended average hyperbolic curve and the measured TS data in the shearing strain range of about 0.002 % to about 0.25 % as seen by comparing Figs. 47 and 49.

Comparison of the recommended average $D - \log \gamma$ relationship with all resonant column results determined for the Dry Branch and Santee sands is shown in Fig. 51 for reference purposes. This comparison shows the significant impact that the TS test results have had on evaluation of the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship, with one important difference being the general lowering of all values of D at strains less than about 0.03 %.

6.2 Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands

The second set of data which exhibit a consistent trend and a strong correlation is the "sands" from the Tobacco Road and Snapp formations. As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, the word "sands" is used because these specimens contain more than 50 % sand particles by weight but exhibit a wide range in plasticity so that the specimen classifications range from SP-SM to SM to SP-SC to SC as shown in Table 8. Contrary to the Dry Branch and Santee formations which formed one data set, these two geologic formations are not next to each other but are separated by five other geologic formations as shown in Fig. 10. As a result, the recovery depths of the 22 specimens which comprise this data set fall into two groups; the first one associated with the Tobacco Road formation (21 to 102.6 ft (6.4 to 31.3 m)) and the second one associated with the Snapp formation (262.8 to 492 ft (80.1 to 150 m)).

It is important to note that two of the four Snapp specimens used in this data set were taken from sample tubes which were designated as "disturbed" by the

driller. The specimens, CFD-12a and CFD-13a, were tested at UTA and were hand carved from intact portions of extruded samples. Visual inspection of the specimens during trimming uncovered no manifestations of disturbance. Each trimmed specimen was whole and was composed of competent material which visually appeared to be representative of intact soil. An earlier study by Sponseller and Stokoe (1995) working with artificially cemented loose sand showed that the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ curves were only slightly affected by various amounts of disturbance caused by transportation and laboratory handling activities. Additional studies presented by Stokoe et al. (1994) showed that disturbance had little effect on the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ curves for a naturally cemented sandy soil. (Unfortunately, Stokoe et al. (1994) did not study the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships of the naturally cemented soil.) Based on these previous studies, it was decided to test specimens CFD-12a and CFD-13a. After testing was completed, it was found that the results from these specimens were consistent with the trends determined by the other Dry Branch and Santee sands, and the specimens were incorporated into the database.

$G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$: Complete Data Set - All resonant column measurements of the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Figs. 52 through 54 for the Tobacco Road specimens (16 specimens), the Snapp specimens (4 specimens) and the combination of Tobacco Road and Snapp specimens, respectively. The companion figures for the G - $\log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Figs. 55 through 57, respectively. (The data from Tobacco Road specimens ITP-8c and BNH-1c have been deleted because they do not follow the trend of data from the remaining 16 Tobacco Road specimens. The data from these specimens are contained in Appendix A for comparison and documentation purposes.) The G - $\log \gamma$ relationships are included to show the general range in stiffness over which these measurements exist and clearly show that these relationships are not correlated without further manipulations. On the other hand, the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships exhibit a general correlation, although the band is becoming rather wide as shearing strains increase above 0.03 %. The general correlation shown in Fig. 54 is a significant improvement over the wide band in the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships exhibited by all SRS data presented in Fig. 8. The statistical significance of the data sets and justification for combining the data sets as done in Fig. 54 are discussed in Section 8.

Average $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ curves were fit to the data in Figs. 52 through 54. Only the results from specimens which exhibited a reasonable amount of

nonlinearity were used in curve fitting; that is, only those measurements in which $G/G_{\max} \leq 0.80$. This criterion resulted in the exclusion of specimens LPD-8c and LPD-10c from the remaining 18 specimens used in the curve-fitting data set. The average curve was fit using the hyperbolic model discussed in Section 4. The average reference strain, γ_r , used to define the hyperbolic curve is given in the inserts in Figs. 52 through 54.

The empirical $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship recommended for sands by Seed et al. (1986) is compared in Fig. 58 with the data from the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands. As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, this comparison is presented simply as a frame of reference. The upper bound of this relationship is the closest predictor of the nonlinear behavior exhibited by the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands at strains less than 0.03 %. At larger strains, the average hyperbolic curve dips more rapidly than the Seed et al. relationship until it coincides with the lower bound at strains above 0.5 %.

$G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$: Data Sub-Sets - As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, the band width in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves for the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands can be significantly reduced by subdividing the data according to site location. This subdivision is presented in Figs. 59 through 68. This group of figures is divided into five sets of two figures, with the first figure showing the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships and the second figure showing the $G - \log \gamma$ relationships. In all figures, data determined from specimens at the CFD site act as the reference, and these data are shown by themselves in the first set of figures, Figs. 59 and 60.

There is a general order in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves according to site location which is: ITP $\cong$ BNH, NPR $\cong$ CFD, RTF $\cong$ SFS $\cong$ LRA $\cong$ LPD. This order represents a slight shifting to the right (shifting to slightly higher strains) of the set of $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships from one figure to the next. It is interesting to note that this order closely (but not exactly) follows the order determined for the Dry Branch and Santee sands. This order represents a slight trending to the south at SRS. The good general agreement between the order in the Dry Branch and Santee sands and the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands strengthens the appropriateness of these correlations.

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ - As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, combined torsional shear and resonant column testing of the CFD specimens was used to evaluate the effects of f and N on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships. In

— addition, stage testing at several confining pressures was used to evaluate the effect of σ_o' on the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC testing. These results are briefly discussed in Section 3 and all data are presented in Appendix D. Basically, the test results show that the effects of f , N and σ_o' on the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships presented in Figs. 52 through 54 are small. Therefore, it is recommended that the data be used as shown in summary Fig. 54 for all Tobacco Road and Snapp sands.

D - $\log \gamma$: Complete Data Set - All resonant column measurements of the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Fig. 69 (except for specimens ITP-8c and BNH-1c as in the correlations with shear modulus). The data in this correlation cover a wide band, although the band is narrower than the one seen for all SRS data presented in Fig. 9. However, the width of the data band is too large to develop a meaningful correlation.

— D - $\log \gamma$: Data Sub-Sets - When the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are subdivided according to site location, as done with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships, the data band is not appreciably reduced when three or more specimens are considered, and no significant trend is observed as seen by reviewing Figs. 70 through 74.

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on D - $\log \gamma$ - As in the case of the Dry Branch and Santee sands, when excitation frequency is taken into account by using the TS tests on the CFD specimens, the range in material damping values at small strains is significantly reduced as shown in Fig. 75 for the CFD sands specimens from the Tobacco Road and Snapp formations. In this case, the range in values of small-strain material damping, $D_{\min}$, from the RC tests is 0.68 to 1.55 % while the range in $D_{\min}$ from the TS tests is 0.49 to 0.94 %. In addition, the average value of small-strain material damping for the three CFD specimens is reduced by about 50 % when the TS results are compared with the average value determined from the resonant column tests (average $D_{\min}$ from the TS tests is about 0.60 % and it is about 1.10 % from the RC tests). It should be noted that, no SC materials from the CFD site were tested in this data set, and it is expected that such sands would increase the $D_{\min}$ values somewhat. It is recommended, however, that the TS results from the CFD specimens be used to form the data band at small strains for all sands from the Tobacco Road and Snapp formations, realizing that this value may tend towards a lower bound.

Use of the torsional shear results for the CFD specimens at strains above 0.02 % leads to the same additional differences found in the Dry Branch and Santee correlation data set based on the RC tests. First, the torsional shear results show that material damping at strains above 0.02 % depends on number of loading cycles as shown in Fig. 76. Therefore, all higher-amplitude material damping data determined by resonant column testing need to be adjusted upwards for number of loading cycles. In addition, the second difference between the TS and RC results at larger strains is the more rapid increase in D with increasing γ in the TS test results. This effect is seen in Fig. 75 and also results in an increase in values of D at larger strains.

Recommended $D - \log \gamma$ Relationship - As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, only material damping data from TS testing of the CFD specimens exist. As such, it is recommended that this set of TS damping data be used with the hyperbolic model combined with $D_{\min}$ (Pyke, 1993) and D_{cap} to estimate an average $D - \log \gamma$ relationship for the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands based on the tenth cycle of loading.

Comparison of the TS tenth-cycle results with the average hyperbolic curve determined from the average γ_r measured in the TS tests combined with D_{cap} is shown in Fig. 77. The tendency for the average curve is to begin to underestimate D in the range around 0.01 % and to more substantially underestimate D in the range around 0.1 %. However, additional TS measurements around strains of 0.1 % are needed to better quantify this comparison.

As with the Dry Branch and Santee sands, the recommended average hyperbolic curve for the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands comes from combining the average value of γ_r determined from all $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves measured in RC testing (shown in Fig. 54) with the average $D_{\min}$ determined from the average $D_{\min} - \gamma_r$ relationship shown in Fig. 48. This combination is done to have internal compatibility for cyclic loading between the recommended average $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship and the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship. Therefore, the $D_{\min}$ of 0.61 % and γ_r of 0.056 % from the average of three TS tests combined with a γ_r of 0.0441 % from the average of 18 RC tests give a $D_{\min}$ of 0.066 %. The resulting recommended average hyperbolic $D - \log \gamma$ relationship for use with all Tobacco Road and Snapp sands is given in Fig. 78.

Comparison of the average recommended curve in Fig. 78 with the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship recommended by Seed et al. (1986) for sands shows a somewhat different comparison than found for the Dry Branch and Santee sands. In the case of the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, the lower bound empirical curve falls slightly below the average hyperbolic curve for the TS results based on the tenth loading cycle around a strain of 0.001 % as shown in Fig. 79. At strains above 0.01 %, the lower bound curve underpredicts values of D estimated from the hyperbolic curve.

Comparison of the average recommended curve with all resonant column results is presented in Fig. 80 for reference purposes. Just as found for the Dry Branch and Santee sands, the recommended curve is near the lower bound of all RC results at strains below 0.003 %. As strains increase above 0.003 %, the recommended $D - \log \gamma$ relationship generally increases more rapidly than the RC results.

7. Correlations Using Shallow Clay Specimens

The last of the five robust data sets discussed in Section 5.1 is the data set composed of shallow clays. Shallow clays are designated as those clay specimens which were recovered from depths less than 500 ft (153 m). A listing of these specimens is presented in Table 9. Five specimens exist in the database. The specimens were recovered over a large depth range, depths ranging from 36 to 424 ft (11.0 to 129.2 m). The specimens were obtained from four sites and from four geologic formations. Therefore, insufficient data exist to develop a meaningful correlation based on both geologic formation and soil type, as done with the shallow sands. Hence only soil type could be used in developing this correlation. The trends exhibited by the shallow clays are easily differentiated from the trends of the shallow sands, as expected (see Figs. 3 through 5), indicating the necessity for this correlation.

$G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$: Complete Data Set - All resonant column measurements of the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Fig. 81. The companion $G - \log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Fig. 82. There is a tendency for the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships to divide into two groups at strains above about 0.03 %. This division occurs from differences in stiffnesses of the two groups of specimens as shown in Fig. 82, with the softer specimens ($G_{\max} < 100$ MPa) exhibiting slightly more linearity to larger strains and a somewhat less rapid decrease in modulus in the nonlinear range than the stiffer specimens. However, the limited number of test specimens in

the database precludes the development of any meaningful correlation for any data set other than the complete data set.

An average hyperbolic curve was fit to four of the five $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves shown in Fig. 81. The data from specimen NPR-96x were not used because measurements were not performed to sufficiently high strains. The average hyperbolic curve exhibits a slightly different nonlinear shape than the results from the four specimens, with the hyperbolic curve slightly beneath the data at strains around 0.01 % and generally exhibiting a slightly flatter slope than the trend in the measurements at strains above 0.03 %. This comparison between measured data and the hyperbolic curve is shown individually for each of the CFD specimens in Appendix E.

The shallow clay specimens exhibit considerably more linearity to larger strains than any of the shallow sands discussed in Section 6. This data trend is typical of that predicted in the literature, with linearity increasing as PI increases (Vucetic and Dobry, 1991). This trend is also clearly demonstrated by comparison with the empirical Seed et al. (1986) curve for sands in Fig. 83. This comparison is done simply to illustrate the increased linearity of the shallow clays with respect to the shallow sands.

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ - The effects of excitation frequency and number of loading cycles on the CFD specimens are presented in Appendix E. Unfortunately, no strains above 10^{-2} % were generated in these tests. The data show that f and N had little effect on the normalized modulus over the strain range tested. It is assumed that a similar behavior would be exhibited at higher strains, strains around 0.1 % as shown in Appendix B for clays. It is recommended, therefore, to ignore the effects of f and N on the tenth cycle of loading in the shallow clays and to use the average hyperbolic curve shown in Fig. 81.

The effect of σ_o' on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship is shown in Appendix E for both CFD specimens. The effect of increasing the effective confining pressure is to increase the strain range over which $G_{\max}$ exists. This effect is demonstrated by the increasing value of γ_r with increasing σ_o' for the hyperbolic curve fit at different pressures as noted in Appendix E. As with the shallow sand specimens discussed in Section 6, this effect does not enter the correlations in the shallow clays because all tests were performed at or near the estimated in-situ mean effective stress, σ_m' .

However, this effect needs to be taken into account when comparing with the deep clays in Sections 10 and 11.

D - log γ : Complete Data Set - The RC measurements of the D - log γ relationships are plotted in Fig. 84. The data form a reasonably narrow band at strains below 0.01 %, but they form two somewhat divergent nonlinear patterns at strains above 0.01 %. These two higher-strain patterns follow the trends expected from the $G/G_{\max}$ - log γ relationships; that is, clays exhibiting the more rapid decrease in $G/G_{\max}$ with increasing γ also exhibited the more rapid increase in D with increasing γ .

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on D - log γ - The TS results for the CFD specimens are shown in Fig. 85. When the TS and RC results are compared for the CFD specimens (by comparing Figs. 84 and 85 and reviewing Appendix D), it is apparent that the effect of frequency on material damping is quite important, and the RC results overestimate the values of small-strain material damping, $D_{\min}$, for earthquake analyses.

Unfortunately, the TS results shown in Fig. 85 do not extend to strains around 0.1 %. Therefore, results from other shallow clays tested on other projects at UTA are included in Appendix B. The intent of presenting these results is to show typical trends between TS and RC results at higher strains for sands and clays. Basically, the D - log γ relationships from the RC and TS tests parallel each other for clays, and the number of cycles of loading has a rather small effect. It is recommended, therefore, that this trend be followed in constructing the D - log γ relationship for the shallow clays. This process can be done by using the fitting procedure recommended by Pyke (1993) which incorporates $D_{\min}$ estimated from the TS results and the average γ_r determined from the $G/G_{\max}$ - log γ relationships measured in RC testing (Fig. 81) as described below.

The effect of σ_o' on the D - log γ relationship is shown in Appendix E for both CFD specimens. This effect was only determined using the RC test and, therefore, can not be used to adjust any of the TS results because of the significant impact of excitation frequency on the RC results. However, no adjustment for σ_o' is required for the shallow clays because all measurements were performed at or near σ_m' .

Recommended D - log γ Relationship - The recommended average D - log γ curve using $D_{\min}$ from the TS tests combined with the hyperbolic model (Pyke, 1993) and

the RC results for $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ is presented in Fig. 85. This curve is recommended for use with all shallow clays. The curve is compared with the Seed et al. (1986) relationship for sands in Fig. 86. (The comparison with the Seed et al. sand curve is done because use of the Seed and Idriss (1970) clay curve was discontinued more than a decade ago.) As expected (Stokoe et al., 1994), the shallow clays exhibit considerably more material damping at strains around $10^{-4} \%$, a much larger linear region over which $D_{\min}$ acts, and significantly less material damping at strains above 0.01 % than the recommended curve for sands. Resonant column testing has had a significant impact on the values of D at $\gamma \leq 0.1 \%$ which were selected in the past. Comparison of material damping values of the shallow clays measured by RC tests with the (new) recommended $D - \log \gamma$ relationship is presented in Fig. 87. This comparison clearly shows the decrease in material damping values which has occurred over strains ranging from very small to rather large as a result of improved testing techniques.

8. Statistical Analyses of Shallow Sand and Clay Correlations

Statistical analyses of the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships for the shallow sand and clay correlations presented in Sections 6 and 7 were studied. The purpose of these analyses were: 1. to determine values of the mean, standard deviation and standard error of the mean associated with the various data sets, 2. to evaluate the applicability of using a normal distribution or log normal distribution to represent the relationships, and 3 to test the hypothesis of combining and/or separating the data sets. These statistical analyses were only performed with the RC results for $G/G_{\max}$. No analyses were performed on the $D - \log \gamma$ relationships from TS testing because of the scarcity of these data.

8.1 $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ Relationships

The mean, standard deviation (σ) and standard error of the mean ($\sigma/\sqrt{n}$) were determined for the individual and combined $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ data sets. The results of these calculations are presented in the following tables: Dry Branch sands - Table 10; Santee sands - Table 11; Dry Branch and Santee sands - Table 12; Tobacco Road sand - Table 13; Snapp sands-Table 14; Tobacco and Snapp sands - Table 15; and shallow clays - Table 16. The statistics were calculated assuming a normal distribution and a log normal distribution as shown in the tables.

The values of $G/G_{\max}$ which are presented in Table 10 through 16 at selected strain amplitudes were determined from a Ramberg-Osgood (R-O) relationship which was fit to each individual RC test result. All R-O fitting parameters are presented in Hwang et al. (1995). (The R-O curve-fitting procedure was used because a two-parameter model is used which more closely fits all $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships up to strains of about 0.1 % than the hyperbolic model. The hyperbolic model is, however, much easier to incorporate in nonlinear dynamic analyses of earthquake site response such as at SRS.) Once the curves were fit, $G/G_{\max}$ values were then determined at selected strain amplitudes over the strain range of concern for the total population in the data set. Representation from the total population in each data set was not possible without a curve-fitting approach because some of the soil specimens in the each data set were not tested at the highest strain amplitudes (0.06 and 0.1 %) considered in the statistical study.

To evaluate if a normal or log normal distribution is a reasonable representation of the population for $G/G_{\max}$ at a given strain amplitude, the values of $G/G_{\max}$ at $\gamma = 0.03$ % were evaluated as suggested by the SRS Dynamic Property Advisory Panel (1995). Figures 88 and 89 show the $G/G_{\max}$ values plotted on probability graphs for the Dry Branch and Santee sands and for the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, respectively. If the assumed distribution (normal or log normal) is a reasonable representation, the data should plot as straight lines in these figures. As can be seen, either assumption can be applied about equally well to the data. Therefore, a normal distribution is used hereafter.

Values of the mean and the mean $\pm \sigma$ for the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships representing the individual and combined data sets are presented in Figs. 90 through 96. The results presented are those based on the assumption of a normal distribution. Average hyperbolic curves from the average reference strains presented in Sections 6 and 7 are also included in the figures for comparison purposes. The average hyperbolic curves fit the mean values of $G/G_{\max}$ quite well, with the main variation occurring at $\gamma = 0.1$ % for the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands where the hyperbolic curve underpredicts the mean value of $G/G_{\max}$ by approximately σ .

Also included in Figs. 90 through 96 are hyperbolic curves fit at $\gamma = 0.03$ % to the values of the mean $G/G_{\max} \pm \sigma$. These curves were fit at the suggestion of the

SRS Dynamic Property Advisory Panel (1995) and are used in Section 13 to illustrate the variability expected in the curves.

8.2 Testing the Hypotheses of Combining and/or Separating Data Sets

The following hypotheses have been made in Sections 6 and 7 with regard to the similarities or differences in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ data sets:

1. the Santee and Dry Branch sands are statistically similar populations,
2. the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands are statistically similar populations,
3. the Santee and Dry Branch sands are statistically different populations than the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, and
4. the shallow clays are statistically different populations than either the Dry Branch and Santee sands or the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands.

The Student t test (suitable for small sample sizes) was used for this purpose. Student t confidence intervals were calculated for the difference in the $G/G_{\max}$ means for the four hypotheses outlined above. A confidence interval for the difference in the population mean value was estimated assuming independent random samples from two normal populations with differing means and common variances. Following Bhattacharyya and Johnson (1977), the $100(1-\alpha) \%$ confidence interval (C.I.) for the difference in the means of the two populations is given by:

$$100 (1 - \alpha) \% \text{ C.I.} = X_1 - X_2 \pm t_{\alpha/2} s_{\text{pooled}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} \quad (5)$$

where X_1 and X_2 are the two sample means containing n_1 and n_2 samples, $t_{\alpha/2}$ is the upper $\alpha/2$ point of the t distribution with $(n_1 + n_2 - 2)$ degrees of freedom, and the pooled variance is given by:

$$s_{\text{pooled}}^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1) \sigma_1^2 + (n_2 - 1) \sigma_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \quad (6)$$

where σ_1 and σ_2 are the sample standard deviations. When the confidence interval does not contain zero, the hypothesis that the population means are equal is rejected at the 95 % confidence level. The procedure was to test the relationship between any two formations by computing confidence intervals for the sample difference at each strain range. Tables 17 through 20 contain the estimated confidence intervals for the difference in the means at the 95 % confidence level.

Table 17 shows the t-test for the Dry Branch and Santee sands. At all selected strains, the 95 % confidence intervals indicate that the samples come from the same population, and that pooling the two formations is justified. The Tobacco Road and Snapp t-test is given in Table 18 and indicates that the sample populations are indistinguishable at all strains except the lowest strains (0.0006 and 0.001 %) where independent populations should not be indicated at low strains because of the normalization of G.

Table 19 shows the t-test for the Dry Branch and Santee sands and the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands. The 95 % confidence intervals indicate that the sample come from different populations at all strain levels and that separating the two populations is justified. The same result holds true for separating the shallow clays from the shallow sands as shown in Table 20.

In summary, the t-tests support the pooling and separating of data sets as done in Sections 6 and 7.

9. Comparisons of Sparse and Robust Shallow Sand Data Sets

There are three sparse sets of data which are composed of shallow sands. These data sets can be divided by geologic formation as follows: Upland (3 specimens), Warley Hill (2 specimens) and Congaree (1 specimen). Since, there are no more than three specimens in any data set, the data sets are considered sparse and are too small to develop independent meaningful correlations. Therefore, the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships are studied by comparison with the correlations presented in Section 6 for the robust data sets of shallow sands and by comparison with trends predicted by previous studies in the literature.

Effects of f , N and σ_o' on G and D - As done with the Dry Branch and Santee sands and the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, the effects of f and N on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are small as shown in Appendices F, G and H for CFD specimens from the Upland, Warley Hill and Congaree formations, respectively. Because the effects are small, they are ignored (along with the effect of σ_o') for all tests performed at or near the estimated in-situ mean effective stress, σ_m' . The effects of f and N on the $D - \log \gamma$ relationships are taken into account by using the tenth cycle of loading in the TS test for measurements at or near σ_m' just as done in Sections 6 and 7.

9.1 Upland Sands

The correlation database consists of three "sand" specimens from the Upland formation. Two of these specimens were recovered from the CFD site, and the third was recovered from the LPD site. The specimen classifications range from SP-SC to SC as shown in Table 21. The specimens divide into two groups as discussed below. However, there are insufficient data for correlation purposes. On the other hand, the trends in nonlinear behavior exhibited by the limited data are quite important and consistent with the trends exhibited by the robust data sets of the shallow sands as shown below.

Shear Modulus - The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and G - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC tests are shown in Figs. 97 and 98, respectively. As seen in Fig. 98, the specimen from the LPD site is quite soft compared with the two specimens from the CFD site. Also, the CFD specimens are very stiff considering the shallow depths from which the specimens were recovered. The CFD specimens are, therefore, likely cemented.

An average hyperbolic curve was fit to the RC test results for the two CFD specimens as shown in Fig. 97. This curve is recommended as an average curve for stiff ($G_{\max} \geq 100$ MPa) sand specimens from the Upland formation. The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationship of the softer specimen correlates quite well with sand specimens from the Dry Branch and Santee formations as shown in Fig. 99, and this relationship is suggested for softer sand specimens from the Upland formation.

Material Damping - The RC measurements of the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are plotted in Fig. 100. A wide band of data exists. The data for the CFD specimens agree quite closely when the TS results are compared as shown in Fig. 101. It is suggested that material damping of stiff Upland sands be patterned after the results in Fig. 101 using the hyperbolic model combined with $D_{\min}$ from the TS tests. Based on the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ comparisons, material damping of softer specimens, like LPD -2b, should be patterned after the D - $\log \gamma$ relationship suggested for the Dry Branch and Santee sands as shown in Fig. 44.

9.2 Warley Hill Sands

Only two sand specimens from the Warley Hill formation (CFD-8a and NPR-52x, Table 2) exist in the correlation database. The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and G - $\log \gamma$

relationships determined from the RC tests are shown in Figs. 102 and 103, respectively. The $D - \log \gamma$ relationship determined by RC testing is shown in Fig. 104. The $D - \log \gamma$ relationship determined by TS testing is shown in Fig. 105.

Upon comparison with the correlations determined for the Dry Branch and Santee sands, an average hyperbolic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship fit through the Warley Hill data falls slightly above the average relationship recommended for the Dry Branch and Santee sands as shown in Fig. 106. Similarly, an average hyperbolic $D - \log \gamma$ relationship from TS testing falls slightly below the relationship recommended for the Dry Branch and Santee sands as shown in Fig. 105. The difference in these curves follows the trends based on confining pressure; that is, increasing the confining pressure results in increasing γ_r and decreasing $D_{\min}$. However, the average γ_r for the Warley Hill sands is essentially equal to the value of γ_r representing the relationship at the mean+ σ distribution for the Dry Branch and Santee sands (see Fig. 92), indicating a reasonable match. In addition, the $D_{\min}$ of 0.44 % for the Warley Hill specimen is close to the value of $D_{\min}$ of 51 % which was measured for specimen CFD-4a of the Dry Branch and Santee sands.

9.3 Congaree Sands

Only one sand specimen from the Congaree formation (CFD-11a, Table 2) exists in the correlation database. The $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $G - \log \gamma$ results determined from the RC tests are presented in Fig. 107. The $D - \log \gamma$ results determined by TS testing are presented in Fig. 108. (Additional results are shown in Appendix H.) Upon comparison with the correlations determined for the Dry Branch and Santee sands, the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships are closely approximated by the recommended correlations and are suggested for use with all Congaree sands.

It should be noted that this Congaree specimen was hand carved from intact soil from a tube that was marked "disturbed" by the driller. The trimmed specimen was competent and exhibited no visual manifestations of disturbance, just as in the case of the two CFD Snapp specimens discussed in Section 6.2. Therefore, the specimen was dynamically tested, and the results were added to the database because they fit the expected trends.

10. Investigation of the Dynamic Measurements of Deep Specimens

Very few deep soil specimens (depth ≥ 500 ft (153 m)) from SRS have been dynamically tested. The data set in the correlation database is composed of eight sand specimens from three geologic formations and two clay specimens from one geologic formation as noted in Fig. 10. The results from these specimens are discussed below. Insufficient data exist to develop any meaningful correlations, and only trends in the data are examined below.

10.1 Deep Sand Specimens

The eight specimens from the three geologic formations in this data set are listed in Table 22. Unfortunately, three specimens (NPR-143x, NPR-158x and NPR-247) were deleted from the database because the results from these specimens do not follow the trends from the other specimens and were, therefore, judged to be suspect. The data from these three specimens are contained in Appendix A so that comparisons can easily be made.

Shear Modulus - The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and G - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC and/or TS testing are presented in Figs. 109 and 110. Only TS testing data from specimen CFD-T6c are shown because resonance testing was unsuccessful due to overlapping multiple peaks in the resonance curve. It seems that significant difficulties occurred in testing deep sands by all organizations involved simply by reviewing the data that were deleted. The deleted data show missing parts in the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ relationships as well as distinctly different trends in the nonlinear behavior and significant variations in γ_t^e for similar specimens.

The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ results shown in Fig. 109 exhibit nonlinear behavior as expected. However, when compared with the correlations from the Dry Branch and Santee sands and from the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, nonlinear behavior begins to occur at strains which are much smaller than expected. This onset of nonlinear behavior is also inconsistent with backcalculations of site response at SRS from micro-tremors (Silva, 1995). This trend is discussed further in Section 10.3.

Material Damping - The material damping measurements from the RC tests are shown in Fig. 111. The same measurements from the TS tests are presented in Fig. 112. The nonlinear material damping behavior is consistent with behavior which would be associated with the nonlinear modulus behavior. However, as with

modulus, the exhibited nonlinear damping behavior is inconsistent with trends that are predicted from the shallow sand correlations or with observations from backcalculations of micro-tremors at SRS (Silva, 1995).

10.2 Deep Clay Specimens

The two deep clay specimens in the data set are listed in Table 23 and both come from the Black Creek formation. Both of these specimens were tested at UTA.

Shear Modulus - The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and G - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC and/or TS testing are presented in Figs. 113 and 114, respectively. Only TS results for specimen CFD-T5b are shown because multiple peaks in the RC data resulted in unsuccessful resonant column testing, the same problem that occurred with deep sand specimen CFD-T6c. Clearly, the two deep clays exhibit much less linearity than the shallow clays. However, the extent of the linear region decreases with increasing stiffness, a trend also exhibited by the shallow clays at SRS and by cemented soils presented by Stokoe et al. (1994). One possible reason for this trend would be an increased amount of cementation in the deeper, stiffer specimens, although observations from micro-tremors indicate more linearity in the deep clays than exhibited in Fig. 113 (Silva, 1995).

Material Damping - The same set of RC and TS measurements presented for modulus are presented for the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships in Figs. 115 and 116, respectively. As with the deep sands, the nonlinear material damping behavior of the deep clays is consistent with behavior which would be associated with the nonlinear modulus behavior. However, this behavior is consistent with trends that are predicted from the shallow clay correlations; that is, increasing σ_o should result in increasing γ_r and decreasing $D_{\min}$ as discussed in Section 11.

10.3 Overall Summary of Dynamic Properties of Deep Soils

Both the deep sands and deep clays exhibited the onset of nonlinear behavior at shearing strains much less expected for such deep soils. This observation is based on the wealth of test results from shallow specimens which exists in the literature. The observation is also supported by the SRS test data which show the Tobacco Road and Snapp sands exhibiting the least linearity in the shallow soils database, with an average γ_r of 0.0327 % compared to 0.0309 % and 0.0275 % for the deep sands and clays, respectively. (The strain at which nonlinearity begins to occur increases as γ_r

increases.) Only the cemented Upland sand specimens exhibit less linearity than the deep specimens, and this behavior can be attributed to the significant degree of cementation (Stokoe et al., 1994).

The SRS Dynamic Property Advisor Panel (1995) recommended that all data from the deep specimens be discarded and that the correlations from the shallow specimens be extrapolated to depths associated with the deep soils. The reason or reasons for this unexpected nonlinear behavior could not be determined but was assumed to result, at least in part, from changes created by difficulties associated with sampling at such large depths and from the significant stress relief which occurred upon sample removal. Further evidence that the deep soils exhibit more linear behavior than shown in the laboratory tests was given by Silva(1995), where backcalculations from micro-tremors at SRS indicate linear soil response at larger strains than shown in Figs. 109 and 113 for the deep sands and clays, respectively.

11. Predicting Nonlinear Dynamic Properties of Deep Soils by Extrapolating the Robust Correlations Determined for the Shallow Soils

To extrapolate the correlations determined for the shallow specimens to depths associated with the deep specimens, it is necessary to account for the influence of effective confining pressure on γ_r and D_{min} . The influence of σ_o' on γ_r and D_{min} was evaluated with stage testing results from the shallow specimens (shown in Appendices C through G) combined with the results presented in Appendix B and Stokoe et al. (1994).

The first relationship between γ_r and σ_o' is shown in Fig. 117. This relationship is presented in a normalized form using the estimated in-situ mean effective stress, σ_m' , to normalize the mean effective stress and the reference strain at the estimated in-situ mean effective stress, $\gamma_{r,m}$, to normalize the reference strain. The results from both the shallow sand and clay specimens at SRS are presented together. Also included are sand and clay specimens from other recent work (Stokoe et al., 1994). The data define a general relationship which can be expressed in the form:

$$\gamma_r/\gamma_{r,m} = (\sigma_o'/\sigma_m')^{0.28} \quad (7)$$

The general trend in the relationship determined by the shallow SRS soils is consistent with the results determined from other similarly shallow soils. It is also interesting to note that sands and clays give similar results in this normalized plot.

The second relationship is the one relating $D_{\min}$ and σ_o' . This relationship is presented in Fig. 118. The values of $D_{\min}$ are only those values measured at 0.5 Hz in the TS test. The general trend clearly shows a difference in the values of $D_{\min}$ for the shallow sands and clays, with the average value for the clays twice that for the sands at the same σ_o' . The values of $D_{\min}$ can be expressed as:

$$\text{clay:} \quad D_{\min} = 3.2 (\sigma_o')^{-0.16} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{sand:} \quad D_{\min} = 1.6 (\sigma_o')^{-0.16} \quad (9)$$

These two equations are simply straight - line approximations constructed "by-eye", but they reasonably represent the general trend in the data.

With the relationships shown in Figs. 117 and 118 and the results presented in Section 8, the shallow sand and clay correlations were extrapolated to depths representative of deep sands and deep clays as follows. For the deep sands, the results from all shallow sands (except the Upland sands due to the cemented nature of these sands) were incorporated into one data set. Statistical analyses were then performed on this data set following the procedure described in the Section 8.1. The results of these calculations are presented in Table 24. The depth selected to represent the deep sands is 750 ft (228.6 m). The average γ_r for the RC tests is 0.066 % as shown in Table 25. This value increases to 0.111 % for the deep sands using Fig. 117. The average $D_{\min}$ from TS testing of 8 shallow sand specimens is 0.68 % and is associated with an average γ_r of 0.076 %. With Fig. 48 and the average values of γ_r from the TS and RC tests, the representative value of $D_{\min}$ for the specimen population associated with the RC tests is 0.71 %. This value is extrapolated to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m) using Fig. 118. The resulting value of $D_{\min}$ is 0.53 %. In both cases involving Figs. 117 and 118, the assumption that σ_o' is proportional to depth is made so that the ratio of effective stresses can be equated to the ratio of depths. Also, the value of σ (standard deviation) in Table 24 is assumed to be independent of depth. With the values of γ_r , σ , and $D_{\min}$ for the deep sands, the relationships presented in Fig. 119 are recommended.

The same procedure is followed in the prediction of the relationships for the deep clays. The depth selected to represent the deep clays is also 750 ft (228.6 m). The average γ_r of 0.148 % for the shallow clays increases to 0.230 % for the deep clays using Fig. 117. The value of σ for the shallow clays in Table 16 is assumed to be independent of depth. The average $D_{\min}$ from TS testing of two shallow clay

specimens is 1.36 % and is associated with an average γ_r of 0.148 % determined from RC testing. The average value of γ_r for the shallow clays in the TS tests had to be assumed equal to the value determined in the RC tests because insufficient data were generated at high enough strains in the TS tests to give an independent determination of γ_r . Therefore, Fig. 48 could not be used to adjust for different specimen populations in the TS and RC tests. The value of $D_{\min}$ of 1.36 % from the TS tests is extrapolated to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m) using Fig. 118. The resulting value of $D_{\min}$ is 1.06 %. In both cases involving Figs. 117 and 118, the assumption that σ'_o is proportional to depth is made so that the ratio of effective stresses can be equated to the ratio of depths. With the values of γ_r , σ , and $D_{\min}$ for the deep clays, the relationships presented in Fig. 120 are recommended.

It is important to note that the procedure outlined above for extrapolating the shallow correlations to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m) is a general procedure which can be used to extrapolate the shallow correlations to any desired depth.

12. Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for SRS Soils

Based on the results presented in Sections 6 through 11, generic $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are presented in Figs. 121 through 122. The term "generic" is used because data from many locations around SRS were used to develop the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships, not data from one location such as the CFD site. The figures summarize the findings, beginning with the shallowest formation and ending with the recommended relationships for deep sands and deep clays, Figs. 126 and 127, respectively.

The presentation in Figs. 121 through 127 is the same in each figure. The general stratigraphic profile is shown along the left side, with the formation or formations to which the figure applies being shaded. The $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationship is presented in the upper graph, with the mean and the mean $\pm \sigma$ curves shown and the associated values of γ_r listed next to the curves. The statistics associated with the curves are those given in Section 8 for all figures except the unrepresented shallow sands (Fig. 124) which are discussed in Section 11. The D - $\log \gamma$ relationship is shown in the lower graph. Only a mean relationship is shown because insufficient data exist to evaluate any statistics since all curves represent the tenth cycle of loading measured in the TS test using specimens which were

recovered from the CFD site (discussed in Sections 6 through 10). The mean value of $D_{\min}$ is given in the figure insert. General notes are presented below the $D - \log \gamma$ graph describing any special considerations or important details associated with the figure.

The recommended relationships are presented as follows:

1. Stiff Upland Sands - Fig. 121,
2. Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands - Fig. 122,
3. Dry Branch, Santee, Warley Hill and Congaree Sands - Fig. 123,
4. Unrepresented Shallow Sands - Fig. 124,
5. Shallow Clays - Fig. 125,
6. Deep Sands - Fig. 126, and
7. Deep Clays - Fig. 127.

Points that have not already be emphasized and which should be noted follow.

1. The average depth of all "shallow" sand specimens used to develop the relationship is 116 ft (35.4 m). Therefore, care must be exercised if these results are required at specific sites with significantly different depths.
2. The same point as No. 1 holds true for the "shallow" clays which have an average depth of 156 ft (47.6 m).
3. The soft Upland sands ($G_{\max} < 100$ MPa) should be approximated by the Dry Branch and Santee sands (Fig. 123).
4. All relationships for the deep sands and deep clays were determined by extrapolating the shallow sand and shallow clay results, respectively.

Finally, the question arises of recommending the $G - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ curves for use in evaluating earthquake ground shaking. The $D - \log \gamma$ curves presented in Figs. 121 through 127 should be used directly in the analyses, with some judgment required about the statistics associated with the range in material damping values. The $G - \log \gamma$ curves come from the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ curves presented in Figs. 121 through 127 after they have been multiplied by representative values of $G_{\max, \text{in-situ}}$ as follows:

$$G_{\text{in-situ}, \gamma} = (G/G_{\max})_{\text{lab}, \gamma} * G_{\max, \text{in-situ}} \quad (10)$$

where $G_{\text{in-situ}, \gamma}$ = the in-situ value of G at a strain of γ , and
 $(G/G_{\text{max}})_{\text{lab}, \gamma}$ = the value of G/G_{max} from Figs. 121
through 127 at a strain of γ .

The in-situ values of $G_{\text{max}, \text{in-situ}}$ are typically determined by some type of in-situ seismic test involving shear wave measurements such as the crosshole, downhole and/or suspension logger.

13. Summary and Conclusions

An extensive study was conducted by the University of Texas at Austin to investigate possible correlations between nonlinear dynamic soil properties and the soils at the Savannah River Site. Results were incorporated into a database of dynamic measurements performed on 72 specimens by resonant column testing and on 15 (of the 72) specimens by torsional shear testing. The dynamic measurements in the database include the $G - \log \gamma$, $G/G_{\text{max}} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships. The following variables involving the geotechnical characteristics of the specimens, the geologic setting at SRS, and the testing state in the laboratory were considered:

Geotechnical and Geologic Variables -

1. soil type,	6. specimen depth,
2. plasticity index (PI),	7. boring (site) location,
3. fines content,	8. geologic age, and
4. small-strain stiffness (G_{max}),	9. geologic formation.
5. stress state (including overconsolidation),	

Laboratory Test Variables -

1. effective confining pressure (σ'_o),	4. number of loading cycles (N),
2. confining time at a given σ'_o ,	5. degree of saturation (S_r), and
3. excitation frequency (f),	6. drainage conditions.

It was found that meaningful correlations could be developed for the $G/G_{\text{max}} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships of soils at SRS. (The $G - \log \gamma$ relationships are developed from in-situ seismic measurements using Eq. 10 and the laboratory $G/G_{\text{max}} - \log \gamma$ relationships.) For intact specimens confined at or near the estimated in-situ mean effective stress, soil type combined with geologic formation were the

key variables in these correlations. These two variables, soil type and geologic formation, implicitly account for plasticity index, fines content, degree of saturation and geologic age. The small-strain stiffness and boring location were found to have little effect on the correlations. Confining pressure in the laboratory test accounts for state of stress and specimen depth. Confining time was not taken into account in the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships other than to perform tests at anywhere from one to three days after confinement at a given σ_o' . Drainage conditions during nonlinear testing were undrained as generally assumed during earthquake loading. Finally, the effects of excitation frequency and number of cycles of loading were evaluated in the laboratory, and the recommended $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships are for $f \leq 1$ Hz and $N = 10$ cycles.

Robust data sets with meaningful correlations for the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships were found for the following three sets of shallow soils: 1. Dry Branch and Santee sands, 2. Tobacco Road and Snapp sands, and 3. shallow clays. The term "shallow" is used to denote sands and clays from depths less than 500 ft (153 m), although the average depth of the sand specimens is 116 ft (35.4 m) and the average depth of the clay specimens is 156 ft (47.6 m). Also, shallow clays could not be subdivided according to geologic formation due to the lack of laboratory data.

All other correlations suggested in this study were determined by comparisons of three robust data sets with limited laboratory data or by assumption because of the nonexistence of laboratory data.

Recommended generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ relationships for the soils at SRS are presented in Figs. 121 through 127. Statistical analyses could only be conducted with the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationships and not with the $D - \log \gamma$ relationships. This happened because of the relatively small importance of excitation frequency on the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship and the significant importance of excitation frequency on the $D - \log \gamma$ relationship measured at frequencies above $f \approx 5$ Hz. Therefore, 72 RC tests were available for the $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ correlations while only 15 TS tests, which were performed at a frequency of 0.5 Hz, were available for use in the $D - \log \gamma$ correlations. The damping measurements show very low values of $D_{\min}$ (generally between 0.5 and 1.3 %), a relatively large strain range over which $D_{\min}$ is constant (often up to strains on the order of 0.005 %) and a significant increase in D with γ above this strain amplitude. Further, the

value of N was important in the measurement of D of sands at $\gamma > 0.03\%$, with $N = 10$ cycles used in these relationships.

Summary plots showing comparisons of the average recommended $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ relationships are presented in Figs. 128 and 129, respectively. As seen in Fig. 128, the normalized modulus measurements cover a wide range, with the general trend of clays being more linear than sands clearly exhibited and generally (but not always) deeper soils exhibiting more linearity than shallower ones. In terms of the D - $\log \gamma$ relationships, there is a remarkably narrow range in $D_{\min}$ values (0.5 to 1.4 %) and a significantly widening range in values of D above $\gamma \cong 0.005\%$. As with normalized modulus, the general trends seen in Fig. 129 show clays having higher values of $D_{\min}$ than sands and lower values of D at $\gamma > 0.01\%$ than sands. Also, N was important in the measurement of D of sands at $\gamma > 0.03\%$, with the recommended relationships for $N = 10$ cycles.

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Table 1 - Field and Laboratory Dynamic Geotechnical Reports Received from the Westinghouse Savannah River Corporation Which Cover Testing at SRS (from Stokoe et al., 1995).

Report	No. of RC [a] Specimens	No. of CT [b] Specimens	In Situ Seismic Test Arrays	
			No.	Type
Pen Branch Fault Confirmatory Drilling (CFD)				
UTA (1995) Agbabian Assoc. (1992)	17 [c,d] none	none none	none 2	— OYO logger
H-Area, In-Tank Precipitation Facility (ITP)				
Law (1994) Ebasco (1994) ARA (1993a)	9 none none	9 none none	none 3 23	— crosshole CPT downhole
Replacement High Level Waste Evaporator (RWE)				
ARA (1993c)	none	none	4	CPT downhole
New Waste Transfer Facility (NWT)				
ARA (1993d)	none	none	5	CPT downhole
H-Area, Replacement Tritium Facility (RTF)				
Law (1992a) UT (1992) ARA (1993b)	9 none none	8 none none	none 2 5	— crosshole CPT downhole
New Production Reactor (NPR)				
Purdue (1992a) Purdue (1992b,c) Law (1992b) ARA (1991)	5 [d] 12 [d] none none	none none 20 none	none none none 12	— — — CPT downhole
Par Pond Dam (PPD)				
GEI (1992c,d) ARA (1992)	3 none	3 none	1 9	crosshole CPT downhole
K-Reactor Area (KRA)				
GEI (1991) Camp (1991) ARA (1990)	3 none none	3 none none	none 3 17	— crosshole CPT downhole

[a] RC = Resonant Column

[b] CT = Cyclic Triaxial (strain-controlled)

[c] Both resonant column and cyclic torsional shear tests were performed. Additional low-amplitude resonant column and cyclic torsional shear data are available.

[d] Specimens tested at multiple confining pressures.

Table 1 (continued) - Field and Laboratory Dynamic Geotechnical Reports
Received from the Westinghouse Savannah River Corporation Which
Cover Testing at SRS (from Stokoe et al., 1995).

Report	No. of RC [a] Specimens	No. of CT [b] Specimens	In Situ Seismic Test Arrays	
			No.	Type
Burial Ground Expansion (BGE), Hazardous Waste/ Mixed Waste Disposal Facility				
GEI (1990a, b)	3 [d]	3 [d]	1	crosshole
L-Reactor Area (LRA)				
GEI (1989)	3	3 [e]	1 [h]	crosshole
L-Area Cooling Pond Dam (LPD)				
GEI (1984)	3	none	1	crosshole
F-Area, Sand Filter Structure (SFS)				
GEI (1983)	3 [d]	2	1	crosshole
Gravity Drain Lines In Areas 100-C, 100-K, and 100-P (GDL)				
URS/J. A. Blume (1983)	none	none	4	refraction
200-S Area, Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWP)				
D'Appolonia (1982) [g]	10 [h]	6 [h]	4 [h] 4 [h]	crosshole downhole
H-Area, Building 221-H (B221H)				
GEI (1979)	7 [d]	2	1	crosshole
200-B Area, Away From Reactor Spent Fuel Storage Facility (AFR)				
D'Appolonia (1979) [f]	none	14 [h]	3 [h] 3 [h]	crosshole downhole
200-H and 200-F Areas, Radioactive Waste Storage Tanks (RWS)				
Law (1971) Shannon & Wilson (1971)	none none	5 none	none 4	— downhole

[a] RC = Resonant Column

[b] CT = Cyclic Triaxial (strain-controlled)

[c] Summary table or graph only.

[d] Specimens tested at multiple confining pressures.

[e] Few data points only.

[f] Shear wave velocity profiles are estimated for 13 other locations at LRA.

[g] In addition, 4 cyclic torsional tests are reported.

[h] Data in graphical form only. Stress-controlled cyclic triaxial tests; hysteresis loops only.

Table 2 Nonplastic Specimens Used in Correlation Study

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest** Ko	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress MPa
PBF CFD1	PS3B	12.6 (41.5)	NP (82)	NP (30)	SM	Tobacco Road	0.24	0.12	1.00	0.12
PBF CFD1	PS4A	16.8 (55.0)	NP (128)	NP (86)	SM	Dry Branch	0.32	0.16	1.00	0.16
PBF CFD1	PS7A	32.2 (105.5)	NP (103)	NP (50)	SM	Santee	0.61	0.31	1.00	0.30
PBF CFD1	PS8A	47.2 (155.0)	NP (NP)	NP (NP)	SP-SM	Santee	0.89	0.46	1.00	0.43
PBF CFD1	PS11A	57.2 (187.8)	NP (37)	NP (11)	SP-SM	Congaree	1.08	0.55	1.00	0.53
PBF CFD1	PS12A	80.1 (262.8)	NP (55)	NP (13)	SM	Snapp	1.51	0.77	1.00	0.73
PBF CFD1	PS13A	86.4 (283.5)	NP (35)	NP (9)	SM	Snapp	1.63	0.61	1.00	1.02
ITP HBOR29	ST24-B	60.0 (197)	NP[d] (89)	NP[d] (64)	SM	Sawdust	1.13	0.33	1.00	0.80
RTFB2	PS-1	16.1 (52.9)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Tobacco Road	0.30	0.09	1.00	0.21
RTFB2	PB-3	32.3 (106.0)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SP	Santee	0.61	0.21	1.00	0.40
RTFB2	ST-2	24.3 (79.8)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SP-SM	Dry Branch	0.46	0.17	1.00	0.29
RTFB3	PB-5	47.4 (155.4)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Santee	0.89	0.33	1.00	0.56
RTFB4	PB-3	19.8 (65.0)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Tobacco Road	0.37	0.12	1.00	0.25
NPR DH1	52X	75.6 (248.1)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Warley Hill	1.42	0.57	1.00	0.85
NPR DH1	73X	103.0 (337.9)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Snapp	1.94	0.61	1.00	1.33
NPR DH1	130X	169.2 (555.1)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Black Creek	3.19	1.24	1.00	1.95
NPR DH1	143X	182.3 (598.0)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Black Creek	3.43	1.36	1.00	2.07
NPR DH1	247	310.9 (1020.0)	NP (-)	NP (-)	Sand	Cape Fear	5.86	2.63	1.00	3.23
NPR DH1	260X	325.9 (1069.2)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Cape Fear	6.14	2.77	1.00	3.37
NPR B-6	-	66.3 (217.5)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Santee	1.25	0.46	1.00	0.78
NPR B-6	-	70.9 (232.5)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Santee	1.34	0.51	1.00	0.83
NPR B-8	-	54.1 (177.6)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Santee	1.02	0.37	1.00	0.65
NPR B-8	-	57.2 (187.8)	NP (-)	NP (-)	SM	Santee	1.08	0.40	1.00	0.68

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from Mr. James Cameron of WSRC.

Table 3 Specimens Used in Correlation Study with a Plasticity Index Ranging between 0 and 20%

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest** Ko	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress MPa
PBF CFD1	PS2A	7.0 (23.0)	46 (63)	19 (22)	SC	Upland	0.13	0.06	1.50	0.09
PBF CFD1B	T4A	198.8 (652.2)	39 (39)	14 (14)	CL	Black Creek	3.74	1.68	1.00	2.06
PBF CFD1B	T5B	226.2 (742.0)	30 (31)	12 (12)	CL	Black Creek	4.26	1.95	1.00	2.31
PBF CFD1B	T6C	262.5 (861.2)	34 (60)	16 (32)	SC	Middendorf	4.94	2.31	1.00	2.64
IIP HBOR23	ST4-B	16.8 (55)	27 (127)	8 (86)	SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.32	0.07	1.00	0.24
IIP HBOR12	ST8-C	24.4 (80)	34 (167)	11 (122)	SC	Tobacco Road	0.46	0.14	1.00	0.32
RTFB1	PS-2	12.2 (40.0)	40	17	SC	Tobacco Road	0.23	0.04	1.50	0.25
RTFB3	PB-3	28.8 (94.4)	39	19	SC	UNIDENTIFIED	0.54	0.22	1.00	0.33
RTFB6A	ST-4	21.9 (72.0)	28	5	SM	Tobacco Road	0.41	0.13	1.00	0.28
RTFB7	PS-2	17.6 (57.8)	32	3	SM	Tobacco Road	0.33	0.10	1.00	0.23
NPR DH1	96X	129.2 (424.0)	46	19	CL	Snapp	2.43	0.85	1.00	1.58
NPR DH1	192X	247.4 (811.8)	27	6	SC-SM	Black Creek	4.66	2.00	1.00	2.66
NPR B-5		31.3 (102.6)	42	19	SC	Tobacco Road	0.59	0.12	1.00	0.47
KRA K1003A	FP10B	40.9 (134.1)	38	17	SC/SM	Santee	0.77	0.19	0.50	0.38

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from Mr. James Cameron of WSRC.

Table 4 Specimens Used in Correlation Study with a Plasticity Index more than 20%

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen in (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest** Ko	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress MPa
PBF CFD1	PS1A	3.3 (10.8)	52 (90)	31 (55)	SC	Upland	0.06	0.03	1.50	0.05
PBF CFD1	PS5A	24.1 (79.0)	61 (127)	34 (76)	SC	Dry Branch Sawdust	0.45	0.23	1.00	0.22
PBF CFD1B	T1A	107.3 (352.0)	51 (51)	27 (27)	CH		2.02	0.80	1.00	1.22
PBF CFD1	PS6A	26.5 (87)	80 (131)	53 (96)	CH	Dry Branch Fill	0.50	0.25	1.00	0.25
ITP HBOR29	ST2-B	4.6 (15)	60	36	SC		0.09	0.00	2.00	0.14
ITP HBOR29	ST4-A	7.6 (25)	55 (110)	32 (65)	SC	Fill	0.14	0.00	2.00	0.24
ITP HBOR23	PS1-A	8.8 (29)	41	26	SC	Tobacco Road	0.17	0.00	1.50	0.22
ITP HBOR29	PS10-B	42.7 (140)	46	25	SC	Dry Branch	0.80	0.20	1.00	0.61
ITP HBOR12	ST15-C	43.6 (143)	87 (166)	72 (127)	SP-SC	Santee	0.82	0.26	1.00	0.56
NPR DH1	26X	31.9 (104.6)	60	34	SC	Dry Branch	0.60	0.15	1.00	0.45
KRA K1006	FP4D	36.0 (118.1)	57	24	SP-SC/ SP-SM	Santee	0.68	0.14	0.75	0.45
KRA K1005	FP7A	38.1 (125.0)	75	41	SW-SC	Santee	0.72	0.16	0.75	0.46
B221H 12U	11U-C	11.0 (36)	94	64	CH	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.00	1.50	0.28

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from Mr. James Cameron of WSRC.

Table 5 Specimens Used in Correlation Study for which no Plasticity Index were Measured

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest** Ko	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress MPa
ITP HBOR29	PS12-B	45.7 (150)	(205)	(172)	CL	UNIDENTIFIED	0.86	0.23	1.00	0.64
NPR DH1	113	150.0 (492.0)			SM-SC	Snapp	2.83	1.05	1.00	1.78
NPR DH1	158X	201.5 (661.0)			Loose Sand	Black Creek	3.80	1.55	1.00	2.24
NPR DH1	204X	260.1 (853.3)			Coarse Sand	Middendorf	4.90	2.12	1.00	2.78
PPD B308	UF2B	20.7 (67.8)			SP-SC	Santee	0.39	0.20	1.00	0.19
PPD B304	UF4B	33.8 (110.8)			SC	Santee	0.64	0.21	1.00	0.42
PPD B307	UF5B	49.2 (161.4)			SC	Santee	0.93	0.31	1.00	0.62
BGE2	UF7C	11.4 (37.5)			SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.21	0.00	1.50	0.29
BGE2	UF10C	20.2 (66.2)			SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.38	0.00	1.00	0.38
BGEB45	BS1	3.7 (12)			SC	Tobacco Road	0.07	0.00	1.50	0.09
LRA L202	UF1	9.0 (29.5)			SC	Tobacco Road	0.17	0.04	0.75	0.11
LRA L205	UF5	25.4 (83.4)			SP	Dry Branch	0.48	0.16	0.75	0.27
LRA L205	UF9	39.0 (128.0)			SC	Santee	0.73	0.29	0.50	0.30
LPD S-103	UD-2B	5.9 (19.4)			SP-SC	Upland	0.11	0.00	1.00	0.11
LPD S-103	UD-10C	11.3 (37.2)			SP-SC	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.05	0.75	0.13
LPD S-102	UD-8C	7.3 (24)			SP-SC	Tobacco Road	0.14	0.02	0.75	0.10
SFSBR2	UD-2A	7.6 (25)			*	Tobacco Road	0.14	0.00	1.50	0.19
SFSBR2	UD-4A	13.7 (45)			*	Tobacco Road	0.26	0.00	1.50	0.34
SFSBR2	UD-8C	25.9 (85)			*	Dry Branch	0.49	0.00	1.00	0.49
B221H 6UB	29U-C	26.3 (86.2)			SP-SM	Dry Branch	0.50	0.13	1.00	0.36
B221H 6UC	3U-C	7.9 (26)			SC-SM	Tobacco Road	0.15	0.00	1.50	0.20
B221H 12U	17U-B	15.5 (51)			SM	Dry Branch	0.29	0.03	1.00	0.26
B221H 13U	1U-C	6.4 (21)			SC	Tobacco Road	0.12	0.00	1.50	0.16
B221H 6UC	7U-B	11.0 (36)			SM-SC	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.00	1.50	0.28
B221H 12U	29U-B	25.1 (82.5)			SM	Dry Branch	0.47	0.13	1.00	0.34

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from Mr. James Cameron of WSRC.

Table 6 Boring Logs Used for Identification of Geologic Formations of Soil Specimens Dynamically Tested at SRS

GEOLOGIC FORMATION	BORING LOGS USED TO IDENTIFY GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS										NUMBER OF SPECIMENS
	CFD1		CFD18		MMP-2SB		MMP-3SB		MMP-4SB		
	TOP OF LAYER * (ft)	LAYER THICK-NESS (ft)	TOP OF LAYER * (ft)	LAYER THICK-NESS (ft)	TOP OF LAYER * (ft)	LAYER THICK-NESS (ft)	TOP OF LAYER * (ft)	LAYER THICK-NESS (ft)	TOP OF LAYER * (ft)	LAYER THICK-NESS (ft)	
UPLAND	269	28	248	34	287	50	265	30	354	24	3
TOBACCO ROAD	241	25	214	22	237	22	235	17	330	23	19
DRY BRANCH	216	37	192	42	215	40	218	76	307	29	14
SANTEE	179	62	150	95	175	65	142	39	278	46	16
WARLEY HILL	117	13	55	5	**	0	103	5	232	27	1
CONGAREE	104	52	50	25	110	60	98	53	205	37	1
FOUR MILE (FISHBURNE)***	52	30	25	28	50	13	45	28	168	28	0
SNAPP (WILLIAMSBURG)***	22	27	-3	12	37	4	17	41	**	0	5
LANG SYNE SAWDUST LANDING (ELLENTON)***	-5	182	-15	40	33	53	-24	78	140	56	2
STEEL CREEK (PEEDEE)***	**	0	-55	75	-20	118	-102	75	84	146	0
BLACK CREEK	-187	261	-130	270	-138	300	-177	298	-62	191	6
MIDDENDORF	-448	138	-400	255	-438	162	-475	135	-253	132	2
CAPE FEAR	-586		-655	140	-600	70	-610	153	-385	9	2
BASEMENT	****	****	-795	****	-670	****	-763	****	-394	****	0
TOTAL =											71

- * Elevation of top of layer from boring log.
- ** Formation not encountered in boring.
- *** Older name sometimes associated with geologic formation.
- **** Boring terminated before encountering top and/or bottom of formation.

Note: Out of the 75 specimens used in the correlation study, two of them still have not been identified. Also two other specimens, which were recovered from a fill, are not presented in this table.

Table 7 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for the Dry Branch and Santee Sands

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure** MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF CFD1	PS4A	16.80 (55.0)	NP (128)	NP (86)	SM	Dry Branch	0.32	0.16	1.00	156	214
PBF CFD1	PS5A	24.10 (79.0)	61 (127)	34 (76)	SC	Dry Branch	0.45	0.23	1.00	224	241
PBF CFD1	PS7A	32.20 (105.5)	NP (103)	NP (50)	SM	Santee	0.61	0.31	1.00	296	317
ITP HBOR23	ST4-B	16.80 (55)	27 (127)	8 (86)	SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.32	0.07	1.00	246	204
ITP HBOR29	PS10-B	42.70 (140)	46 -	25 -	SC	Dry Branch	0.80	0.20	1.00	604	450
ITP HBOR12	ST15-C	43.60 (143)	87 (166)	72 (127)	SP-SC	Santee	0.82	0.26	1.00	561	470
ITP HBOR29	ST24-B	60.00 (197)	NP (89)	NP (64)	SM	Santee	1.13	0.33	1.00	800	824
RTFB2	ST-2	24.30 (79.8)	NP -	NP -	SP-SM	Dry Branch	0.46	0.17	1.00	288	331
RTFB3	PB-3	28.80 (94.4)	39 -	19 -	SC	Dry Branch	0.54	0.22	1.00	322	359
RTFB2	PB-3	32.30 (106.0)	NP -	NP -	SP	Santee	0.61	0.21	1.00	398	405
RTFB3	PB-5	47.40 (155.4)	NP -	NP -	SM	Santee	0.89	0.33	1.00	563	476
NPR DHI	26X	31.90 (104.6)	60 -	34 -	SC	Dry Branch	0.60	0.15	1.00	451	843
NPR B-6	6A^^	66.30 (217.5)	NP -	NP -	SM	Santee	1.25	0.46	1.00	789	765
NPR B-6	6B^^	70.90 (232.5)	NP -	NP -	SM	Santee	1.34	0.51	1.00	825	798
NPR B-8	8A^^	54.10 (177.6)	NP -	NP -	SM	Santee	1.02	0.37	1.00	649	640
NPR B-8	8B^^	57.20 (187.8)	NP -	NP -	SM	Santee	1.08	0.40	1.00	677	671
PPD B308	UF2B	20.70 (67.8)	- -	- -	SP-SC	Santee	0.39	0.20	1.00	190	157
PPD B304	UF4B	33.80 (110.8)	- -	- -	SC	Santee	0.64	0.21	1.00	427	196
PPD B307	UF5B	49.20 (161.4)	- -	- -	SC	Santee	0.93	0.31	1.00	617	412
LRA L205	UF5	25.40 (83.4)	- -	- -	SP	Dry Branch	0.48	0.16	0.75	265	245
LRA L205	UF9	39.00 (128.0)	- -	- -	SC	Santee	0.73	0.29	0.50	296	245
KRA K1006	FP4D	36.00 (118.1)	57 -	24 -	SP-SC/ SP-SM	Santee	0.68	0.14	0.75	448	392
KRA K1005	FP7A	38.10 (125.0)	75 -	41 -	SW-SC	Santee	0.72	0.16	0.75	465	392
KRA K1003A	FP10B	40.90 (134.1)	38 -	17 -	SC/SM	Santee	0.77	0.19	0.50	387	392
BGE2	UF7C	11.40 (37.5)	- -	- -	SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.21	0.00	1.00	215	196
BGE2	UF10C	20.20 (66.2)	- -	- -	SP-SC	Dry Branch	0.38	0.00	1.00	380	491
SFSBR2	UD-8C	25.90 (85)	- -	- -	Sand^	Dry Branch	0.49	0.00	1.00	488	353
B221H 6UB	29U-C	26.30 (86.2)	- -	- -	SP-SM	Dry Branch	0.50	0.13	1.00	365	245
B221H 12U	29U-B	25.10 (82.5)	- -	- -	SM	Dry Branch	0.47	0.13	1.00	343	235

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.
 ** Based on advice from of WSRC personnel.

^ Specimens classified visually but not according to USCS.
 ^^ Designation used by University of Texas

Table 8 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for the Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen in (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure** MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF CFI1	PS1B	12.61 (41.5)	NP (82)	NP (30)	SM	Tobacco Road	0.24	0.12	1.00	117	159
PBF CFI1	PS12A	80.10 (262.8)	NP (55)	NP (13)	SM	Snapp	1.51	0.77	1.00	739	640
PBF CFI1	PS13A	86.40 (283.5)	NP (35)	NP (9)	SM	Snapp	1.63	0.61	1.00	1017	641
ITP HBOR23	PS1-A	8.80 (29)	41	26	SC	Tobacco Road	0.17	0.00	1.00	166	150
ITP HBOR12	STR-C	24.40 (80)	34	11	SC	Tobacco Road	0.46	0.14	1.00	320	300
RTFB1	PS-2	12.20 (40.0)	40	17	SC	Tobacco Road	0.23	0.04	1.00	190	215
RTFB2	PS-1	16.10 (52.9)	NP	NP	SM	Tobacco Road	0.30	0.09	1.00	213	234
RTFB7	PS-2	17.60 (57.8)	32	3	SM	Tobacco Road	0.33	0.10	1.00	231	191
RTFB4	PS-3	19.80 (65.0)	NP	NP	SM	Tobacco Road	0.37	0.12	1.00	253	277
RTFB1A	ST-4	21.90 (72.0)	28	5	SM	Tobacco Road	0.41	0.13	1.00	282	308
NPR DH1	113.00 (357.9)	150.00 (492.0)	-	-	SM-SC	Snapp	2.83	1.05	1.00	1775	1612
NPR DH1	71X	102.90 (337.9)	NP	NP	SM	Snapp	1.94	0.61	1.00	1330	1656
NPR B5**	31.30 (102.6)	42	-	19	SC	Tobacco Road	0.59	0.12	1.00	470	433
LRA L202	UF1	9.80 (29.5)	-	-	SC	Tobacco Road	0.17	0.04	0.75	108	123
LPD S-103	UD-10C	11.30 (37.2)	-	-	SP-SC	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.05	0.75	136	98
LPD S-102	UD-10C	7.30 (26)	-	-	SP-SC	Tobacco Road	0.14	0.02	0.75	98	98
SFSBR2	UD-2A	7.60 (25)	-	-	Sand*	Tobacco Road	0.14	0.00	1.00	143	196
SFSBR2	UD-4A	13.70 (45)	-	-	Sand*	Tobacco Road	0.26	0.00	1.00	258	393
B221H AUC	30-C	7.50 (26)	-	-	SC-SM	Tobacco Road	0.15	0.00	1.00	149	235
B221H L3U	10-C	6.40 (21)	-	-	SC	Tobacco Road	0.12	0.00	1.00	121	59
B221H AUC	70-B	11.00 (36)	-	-	SM-SC	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.00	1.00	207	275
B221H L2U	170-B	15.50 (51)	-	-	SM	Tobacco Road	0.29	0.03	1.00	262	177

* Based on an average initial unit weight of 120 pcf.
 ** Based on advice from of WSRC personnel.
 ^ Specimens classified visually but not according to USCS.
 ** Designation used by University of Texas

Table 9 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for Shallow Clays

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* MPa	Pore Water Pressure** MPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF CFD1	PS6A	26.50 (87)	80 (131)	53 (96)	CH	Dry Branch	0.50	0.25	1.00	249	283
PBF CFD1B	T1A	107.30 (352.0)	51 (51)	27 (27)	CH	Steel Creek	2.02	0.80	1.00	1221	766
ITP HBOR29	PS12-B	45.70 (150)	- (205)	- (172)	CL	Dry Branch	0.86	0.23	1.00	631	608
B221H 12U	11U-C	10.97 (36)	94	64	CH	Tobacco Road	0.21	0.00	1.00	207	147
NPR DHI	96X	129.20 (424.0)	46	19	CL	Snapp	2.43	0.85	1.00	1584	1294

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from WSRC personnel.

Table 10 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Dry Branch Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	10	0.9934	0.0035	0.0011	0.9933	0.0015	0.0005
0.001	10	0.9880	0.0054	0.0017	0.9879	0.0024	0.0008
0.003	10	0.9577	0.0150	0.0047	0.9575	0.0068	0.0021
0.006	10	0.9120	0.0278	0.0088	0.9116	0.0132	0.0042
0.01	10	0.8572	0.0410	0.0130	0.8563	0.0207	0.0066
0.03	10	0.6789	0.0673	0.0213	0.6758	0.0432	0.0137
0.06	10	0.5454	0.0742	0.0235	0.5409	0.0591	0.0187
0.1	10	0.4503	0.0737	0.0233	0.4449	0.0705	0.0223

Table 11 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Santee Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	15	0.9943	0.0040	0.0010	0.9943	0.0017	0.0005
0.001	15	0.9898	0.0063	0.0016	0.9897	0.0028	0.0007
0.003	15	0.9655	0.0171	0.0044	0.9654	0.0077	0.0020
0.006	15	0.9288	0.0314	0.0081	0.9283	0.0146	0.0038
0.01	15	0.8836	0.0467	0.0121	0.8825	0.0228	0.0059
0.03	15	0.7245	0.0809	0.0209	0.7202	0.0487	0.0126
0.06	15	0.5945	0.0905	0.0234	0.5880	0.0672	0.0174
0.1	15	0.4977	0.0903	0.0233	0.4899	0.0804	0.0208

*Used with the log of the mean $G/G_{\max}$ to calculate the mean $\pm \sigma$

Table 12 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Dry Branch and Santee Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	25	0.9939	0.0037	0.0007	0.9939	0.0016	0.0003
0.001	25	0.9890	0.0059	0.0012	0.9890	0.0026	0.0005
0.003	25	0.9624	0.0164	0.0033	0.9622	0.0074	0.0015
0.006	25	0.9221	0.0306	0.0061	0.9216	0.0144	0.0029
0.01	25	0.8730	0.0456	0.0091	0.8719	0.0225	0.0045
0.03	25	0.7062	0.0777	0.0155	0.7021	0.0477	0.0095
0.06	25	0.5749	0.0863	0.0173	0.5687	0.0654	0.0131
0.1	25	0.4787	0.0858	0.0172	0.4714	0.0779	0.0156

Table 13 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Tobacco Road Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	14	0.9907	0.0058	0.0016	0.9907	0.0026	0.0007
0.001	14	0.9825	0.0103	0.0028	0.9824	0.0046	0.0012
0.003	14	0.9373	0.0309	0.0083	0.9368	0.0146	0.0039
0.006	14	0.8720	0.0506	0.0135	0.8706	0.0261	0.0070
0.01	14	0.7992	0.0636	0.0170	0.7967	0.0362	0.0097
0.03	14	0.5901	0.0746	0.0199	0.5854	0.0582	0.0156
0.06	14	0.4534	0.0707	0.0189	0.4480	0.0712	0.0190
0.1	14	0.3635	0.0645	0.0172	0.3580	0.0801	0.0214

*Used with the log of the mean $G/G_{\max}$ to calculate the mean $\pm \sigma$

Table 14 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Snapp Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	4	0.9795	0.0097	0.0048	0.9795	0.0043	0.0021
0.001	4	0.9674	0.0127	0.0063	0.9673	0.0057	0.0028
0.003	4	0.9131	0.0169	0.0085	0.9130	0.0081	0.0040
0.006	4	0.8474	0.0217	0.0109	0.8472	0.0110	0.0055
0.01	4	0.7811	0.0332	0.0166	0.7806	0.0184	0.0092
0.03	4	0.6029	0.0656	0.0328	0.6001	0.0488	0.0244
0.06	4	0.4863	0.0769	0.0384	0.4813	0.0731	0.0366
0.1	4	0.4061	0.0782	0.0391	0.3999	0.0909	0.0455

Table 15 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	18	0.9882	0.0081	0.0019	0.9882	0.0036	0.0008
0.001	18	0.9791	0.0123	0.0029	0.9790	0.0055	0.0013
0.003	18	0.9319	0.0298	0.0070	0.9314	0.0140	0.0033
0.006	18	0.8665	0.0464	0.0109	0.8653	0.0238	0.0056
0.01	18	0.7952	0.0578	0.0136	0.7931	0.0328	0.0077
0.03	18	0.5929	0.0710	0.0167	0.5886	0.0551	0.0130
0.06	18	0.4607	0.0712	0.0168	0.4552	0.0707	0.0167
0.1	18	0.3730	0.0678	0.0160	0.3669	0.0824	0.0194

*Used with the log of the mean $G/G_{\max}$ to calculate the mean $\pm \sigma$

Table 16 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by RC Testing of the Shallow Clays

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	4	0.9990	0.0017	0.0008	0.9990	0.0007	0.0004
0.001	4	0.9981	0.0024	0.0012	0.9981	0.0011	0.0005
0.003	4	0.9933	0.0067	0.0034	0.9932	0.0030	0.0015
0.006	4	0.9828	0.0105	0.0052	0.9827	0.0046	0.0023
0.01	4	0.9638	0.0108	0.0054	0.9637	0.0049	0.0025
0.03	4	0.8331	0.0582	0.0291	0.8315	0.0312	0.0156
0.06	4	0.6881	0.1149	0.0574	0.6803	0.0775	0.0388
0.1	4	0.5740	0.1390	0.0695	0.5600	0.1149	0.0575

*Used with the log of the mean $G/G_{\max}$ to calculate the mean $\pm\sigma$

Table 17 Comparison Between the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for the Dry Branch Sands and Santee Sands

Shearing Strain %	Dry Branch Sands			Santee Sands			Pooled Variance σ^2_{pooled}	Degrees of Freedom	t_{critical}	95% Confidence Interval
	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2				
0.0006	10	0.9934	0.0000	15	0.9943	0.0000	0.0000	23	2.07	[0.0023,-0.0041]
0.001	10	0.9880	0.0000	15	0.9898	0.0000	0.0000	23	2.07	[0.0032,-0.0069]
0.003	10	0.9577	0.0002	15	0.9655	0.0003	0.0003	23	2.07	[0.0059,-0.0216]
0.006	10	0.9120	0.0008	15	0.9288	0.0010	0.0009	23	2.07	[0.0085,-0.0423]
0.01	10	0.8572	0.0017	15	0.8836	0.0022	0.0020	23	2.07	[0.0113,-0.0641]
0.03	10	0.6789	0.0045	15	0.7245	0.0065	0.0058	23	2.07	[0.0185,-0.1097]
0.06	10	0.5454	0.0055	15	0.5945	0.0082	0.0071	23	2.07	[0.0223,-0.1206]
0.1	10	0.4503	0.0054	15	0.4977	0.0082	0.0071	23	2.07	[0.0238,-0.1186]

Table 18. Comparison Between the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for the Tobacco Road Sands and Snapp Sands

Shearing Strain %	Tobacco Road Sands			Snapp Sands			Pooled Variance σ^2_{pooled}	Degrees of Freedom	t_{critical}	95% Confidence Interval
	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2				
0.0006	14	0.9907	0.0000	4	0.9795	0.0001	0.0000	16	2.12	[0.0193,0.0031]
0.001	14	0.9825	0.0001	4	0.9674	0.0002	0.0001	16	2.12	[0.0281,0.0021]
0.003	14	0.9373	0.0010	4	0.9131	0.0003	0.0008	16	2.12	[0.0588,-0.0105]
0.006	14	0.8720	0.0026	4	0.8474	0.0005	0.0022	16	2.12	[0.0806,-0.0313]
0.01	14	0.7992	0.0040	4	0.7811	0.0011	0.0035	16	2.12	[0.0891,-0.0530]
0.03	14	0.5901	0.0056	4	0.6029	0.0043	0.0053	16	2.12	[0.0749,-0.1005]
0.06	14	0.4534	0.0050	4	0.4863	0.0059	0.0052	16	2.12	[0.0536,-0.1193]
0.1	14	0.3635	0.0042	4	0.4061	0.0061	0.0045	16	2.12	[0.0382,-0.1235]

Table 19. Comparison Between the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for the Dry Branch and Santee Sands and the Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands

Shearing Strain %	Dry Branch and Santee Sands			Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands			Pooled Variance σ^2_{pooled}	Degrees of Freedom	t_{critical}	95% Confidence Interval
	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2				
0.0006	25	0.9939	0.0000	18	0.9882	0.0001	0.0000	41	2.02	[0.0094,0.0020]
0.001	25	0.9890	0.0000	18	0.9791	0.0002	0.0001	41	2.02	[0.0156,0.0042]
0.003	25	0.9624	0.0003	18	0.9319	0.0009	0.0005	41	2.02	[0.0448,0.0161]
0.006	25	0.9221	0.0009	18	0.8665	0.0022	0.0014	41	2.02	[0.0793,0.0318]
0.01	25	0.8730	0.0021	18	0.7952	0.0033	0.0026	41	2.02	[0.1097,0.0460]
0.03	25	0.7062	0.0060	18	0.5929	0.0050	0.0056	41	2.02	[0.1601,0.0665]
0.06	25	0.5749	0.0075	18	0.4607	0.0051	0.0065	41	2.02	[0.1644,0.0640]
0.1	25	0.4787	0.0074	18	0.3730	0.0046	0.0062	41	2.02	[0.1549,0.0565]

Table 20. Comparison Between the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for the Dry Branch and Santee Sands and the Shallow Clays

Shearing Strain %	Dry Branch and Santee Sands			Shallow Clays			Pooled Variance σ^2_{pooled}	Degrees of Freedom	t_{critical}	95% Confidence Interval
	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2	Number of Samples n	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Variance σ^2				
0.0006	25	0.9939	0.0000	4	0.9990	0.0000	0.0000	27	2.05	[-0.0012,-0.0090]
0.001	25	0.9890	0.0000	4	0.9981	0.0000	0.0000	27	2.05	[-0.0028,-0.0153]
0.003	25	0.9624	0.0003	4	0.9933	0.0000	0.0002	27	2.05	[-0.0136,-0.0482]
0.006	25	0.9221	0.0009	4	0.9828	0.0001	0.0008	27	2.05	[-0.0285,-0.0928]
0.01	25	0.8730	0.0021	4	0.9638	0.0001	0.0019	27	2.05	[-0.0431,-0.1383]
0.03	25	0.7062	0.0060	4	0.8331	0.0034	0.0057	27	2.05	[-0.0433,-0.2105]
0.06	25	0.5749	0.0075	4	0.6881	0.0132	0.0081	27	2.05	[-0.0140,-0.2125]
0.1	25	0.4787	0.0074	4	0.5740	0.0193	0.0087	27	2.05	[0.0076,-0.1982]

Table 21 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for the Upland Sands

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress*	Pore Water Pressure**	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF CFD1	PS1A	3.30 (10.8)	52 (90)	31 (55)	SC	Upland	0.06	0.03	1.00	32	41
PBF CFD1	PS2A	7.00 (23.0)	46 (63)	19 (22)	SC	Upland	0.13	0.06	1.00	72	90
LPD S-103	UD-2B	5.90 (19.4)	- -	- -	SP-SC	Upland	0.11	0.00	1.00	111	98

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from WSRC personnel.

Table 22 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for Deep Sands

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* kPa	Pore Water Pressure** kPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF	T6C	262.50 (861.2)	34 (60)	16 (32)	SC	Cape Fear	4944	2310	1.00	2640	1703
CFDIB											
NPR	130X	169.20 (555.1)	NP	NP	SM	Black Creek	3187	1240	1.00	1947	1850
DHI											
NPR	143X	182.30 (598.0)	NP	NP	SM	Black Creek	3434	1360	1.00	2074	1975
DHI											
NPR	158X	201.50 (661.0)	-	-	(Sand)***	Black Creek	3795	1550	1.00	2240	2162
DHI											
NPR	192X	247.40 (811.8)	27	6	SC-SM	Black Creek	4660	2000	1.00	2660	2662
DHI											
NPR	204X	260.10 (853.3)	-	-	SW-SM	Middendorf	4899	2120	1.00	2779	2845
DHI											
NPR	247	310.90 (1020.0)	NP	NP	Sand	Cape Fear	5856	2630	1.00	3226	3436
DHI											
NPR	260X	325.90 (1069.2)	NP	NP	SM	Cape Fear	6138	2770	1.00	3368	3331
DHI											

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from WSRC personnel.

*** Specimens classified visually but not according to USCS.

Table 23 Listing of All Specimens Considered in Developing the Correlation for Deep Clays

Borehole Ident. Number	Sample Tube Number	Approx. Depth to Center of Specimen m (ft)	Liquid Limit Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Plasticity Index Using #40 Sieve (#100 or #200) %	Soil Type According to Unified Soil Classifi. System	Geologic Formation	Total Vertical Stress* kPa	Pore Water Pressure** kPa	Coeff. of Effective Horizontal Earth Pressure at Rest**	Estimated In Situ Mean Effective Stress kPa	Isotropic Test Pressure kPa
PBF CFD1B	T4A	198.80 (652.2)	39 (39)	14 (14)	CL	Black Creek	3744	1680	1.00	2064	1317
PBF CFD1B	T5B	226.20 (742.0)	30 (31)	12 (12)	CL	Middendorf	4261	1950	1.00	2311	1482

* Based on an average total unit weight of 120 pcf.

** Based on advice from WSRC personnel.

Table 24 Statistics Associated with the $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationships determined by RC Testing of the Shallow Sands

Shearing Strain %	Number of Samples n	Based on Normal Distribution			Based on Log Normal Distribution		
		Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$	Mean $G/G_{\max}$	Standard Deviation σ^*	Standard Error of the Mean $\sigma^*/\sqrt{n}$
0.0006	46	0.9916	0.0066	0.0010	0.9916	0.0029	0.0004
0.001	46	0.9851	0.0103	0.0015	0.9850	0.0046	0.0007
0.003	46	0.9505	0.0270	0.0040	0.9501	0.0125	0.0018
0.006	46	0.9003	0.0458	0.0068	0.8991	0.0227	0.0033
0.01	46	0.8423	0.0628	0.0093	0.8400	0.0334	0.0049
0.03	46	0.6613	0.0948	0.0140	0.6545	0.0640	0.0094
0.06	46	0.5302	0.1013	0.0149	0.5205	0.0851	0.0125
0.1	46	0.4378	0.0986	0.0145	0.4268	0.1001	0.0148

Table 25 Average Values of $D_{\min}$ and γ_r from RCTS Testing of the Shallow Sands at SRS.

Geologic Formation	TS Testing			RC Testing		
	No. of Specimens	Avg. $D_{\min}$ (%)	Avg γ_r (%)	No. of Specimens	Avg. $D_{\min}$ (%)	Avg γ_r (%)
Upland	2	1.03	0.0241	2	2.69	0.0210
Tobacco Road and Snapp	3	0.61	0.0558	18	1.70	0.0441
Dry Branch and Santee	3	0.88	0.0778	25	2.34	0.0771
Warley Hill	1	0.44	0.1253	2	0.80	0.1100
Congaree	1	0.51	0.0810	1	1.00	0.0810
Overall Average	10	0.75*	0.066*	48	2.02*	0.064*
Average Used in Predicting Deep Sands	8	0.68**	0.076**	46	1.99**	0.066**

* Overall averages are weighted averages.

**Overall averages represents weighted averages without the Upland Sands.

Fig. 1 Map of Savannah River Site Showing the General Boring (Well) Locations of All Specimens Used in the Correlation Database

Fig. 2 Determination of Shear Modulus, G and Material Damping Ratio, D , in Cyclic Loading Tests

Fig. 3 Comparison of Typical $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ (b) and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Curves Determined from the First Cycle of Torsional Testing for Undisturbed Sand and Clay Specimens Confined Similarly

Fig. 4 Typical Effects on $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ (b) and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Curves of Excitation Frequency and Number of Loading Cycles for an Undisturbed Sand Specimen

Fig. 5 Typical Effects on $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ (b) and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Curves of Excitation Frequency and Number of Loading Cycles for an Undisturbed Clay Specimen

Fig. 6 Summary Plot of All G - log γ Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing With the Specimen Confined At or Near the In-Situ Mean Effective Stress

Fig. 7 Expanded Summary Plot of All $G - \log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing With the Specimen Confined At or Near the In-Situ Mean Effective Stress

Fig. 8 Summary Plot of All G/G_{max} - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing With the Specimen Confined At or Near the In-Situ Mean Effective Stress

Fig. 9 Summary Plot of All D - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing With the Specimen Confined At or Near the In-Situ Mean Effective Stress

Elevation (ft)	Geologic Formation	Number of Specimens	
		Sand	Clay
248 —	Upland	(3)	(0)
218 —	Tobacco Road	(18)	(1)
174 —	Dry Branch	(13)	(2)
125 —	Santee	(16)	(0)
58 —	Warley Hill	(2)	(0)
43 —	Congaree	(1)	(0)
-4 —	Four Mile	(0)	(0)
-30 —	Snapp	(4)	(1)
-55 —	Sawdust Landing	(0)	(0)
-122 —	Steel Creek	(0)	(1)
-242 —	Black Creek	(4)	(1)
-517 —	Middendorf	(1)	(1)
-657 —	Cape Fear	(3)	(0)
-795 —	Basement		

Note: Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.

Fig. 10 General Stratigraphic Profile of the Savannah River Site

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Fig. 12 Comparison of the $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ (b) and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing of Sand and Clay Specimens from the Dry Branch Formation at the Savannah River Site

Fig. 13 Influence of Effective Confining Pressure on the $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ (b) and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Relationships Determined by Resonant Column Testing of a Sand Specimen from the Tobacco Road Formation at the Savannah River Site

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Fig. 16 Effects of Excitation Frequency and Number of Loading Cycles on the $G - \log \gamma$ (a), $G/G_{max} - \log \gamma$ (b), and $D - \log \gamma$ (c) Relationships Determined by RCTS Testing of a Clay Specimen from the Dry Branch Formation at the Savannah River Site

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Geologic Formation ↓

Upland
Tobacco Road
Dry Branch
Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

↑
Stiff
Sands

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. Standard deviations taken from generic shallow sand relationship shown in Fig. 119 and given in Table 24.
 3. Stiff sands are defined as those with $G_{\max} > 200$ MPa.
 4. For soft Upland sands ($G_{\max} < 100$ MPa) use relationships shown in Fig. 123.
 5. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 121 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for Stiff Upland Sands at SRS

Geologic Formation

Upland	↓
Tobacco Road	
Dry Branch	↑
Santee	
Warley Hill	
Congaree	↓
Four Mile	↓
Snapp	↑
Sawdust Landing	↑
Steel Creek	
Black Creek	
Middendorf	
Cape Fear	
Basement

- Notes: 1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 15.
 3. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 122 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands at SRS

Geologic Formation

Upland
Tobacco Road
Dry Branch
Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

Sands

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. These relationships are also proposed for use with soft ($G_{\max} < 100$ MPa) Upland sands.
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 12.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 123 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for Dry Branch, Santee, Warlev Hill and Congaree Sands at SRS

Geologic Formation

Upland
Tobacco Road
Dry Branch
Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

Sands

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. Average depth of "shallow" sand specimens is 116 ft (35.4 m).
 3. Upland sands were not used in calculating these relationships.
 4. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 24.
 5. Relationships should not be used for sands with a significant amount of cementation.
 6. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 124 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for Four Mile Sands and Any Other Unrepresented Shallow Sand Formation at SRS

Geologic Formation

Upland	Shallow Clays
Tobacco Road	
Dry Branch	
Santee	
Warley Hill	
Congaree	
Four Mile Snapp	
Sawdust Landing	
Steel Creek	
Black Creek	
Middendorf	
Cape Fear	
Basement

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. Average depth of "shallow" specimens is 156 ft (47.6 m).
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 16.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 125 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ and D - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for Shallow Clays at SRS

Geologic Formation

Upland
Tobacco Road
Dry Branch
Santee
Warley Hill
Congaree
Four Mile
Snapp
Sawdust Landing
Steel Creek
Black Creek
Middendorf
Cape Fear
Basement

Deep Sands

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. "Deep" sand relationships determined by extrapolating the "shallow" sand relationships shown in Fig. 124 from an average depth of 116 ft (345.4 m) to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m).
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 24.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 126 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for the Deep Sands at SRS

- Notes:
1. Stratigraphic profile taken from boring CFD 18.
 2. "Deep" clay relationships determined by extrapolating the "shallow" clay relationships shown in Fig. 125 from an average depth of 156 ft (47.6 m) to a depth of 750 ft (228.6 m).
 3. Statistics associated with $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ relationship are given in Table 16.
 4. Values of D evaluated at $f \leq 1$ Hz.

Fig. 127 Recommended Generic $G/G_{\max} - \log \gamma$ and $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for the Deep Clays at SRS

Fig. 128 Summary Plot of the Average Recommended G/G_{max} - $\log \gamma$ Relationships for Soils at the Savannah River Site

Fig. 129 Summary Plot of the Average Recommended $D - \log \gamma$ Relationships for Soils at the Savannah River Site

Appendix A
Data That Were Deleted From The Correlation
Study

Fig. A.1 Dry Branch and Santee Sands: $G/G_{\max}$ - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted from the Correlation

Fig. A.2 Dry Branch and Santee Sands: $G - \log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted from the Correlation

Fig. A.3 Dry Branch and Santee Sands: D - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted from the Correlation

Fig. A.4 Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands: G/G_{max} - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted From the Correlation

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Fig. A.6 Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands: D - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted From the Correlation

Fig. A.7 Deep Sands: G/G_{max} - $\log \gamma$ Relationships Deleted From the Correlation

Fig. A.8 Deep Sands: G - log γ Relationships Deleted From the Correlation

Appendix B

**Nonlinear Dynamic Properties of Similar Soils
Evaluated With The RCTS Equipment at UTA**

Table B. 1. Initial Properties of Specimens Presented in Appendix B

Sample Number	Depth ft (m)	Soil/Rock Type (Unified Soil Classification)	LL %	PI %	D ₁₀ mm	D ₃₀ mm	D ₆₀ mm	R ₂₀₀ ¹ %	Water Content %	Total Unit Weight pcf(g/cm ³)	Void Ratio e	Dia. cm	Height cm	Specific Gravity G _s ²	Degree of Saturation %
T1 ⁶	17.5 (5.3)	Silty Sand (SM)	non-plastic		-	-	0.11	66	19.9	120 (1.92)	0.69	5.03	10.07	2.65	76
T2 ⁶	30 (9.1)	Sand with Silt (SP-SM)	non-plastic		0.10	0.18	0.26	91	21.3	120 (1.92)	0.67	3.78	7.58	2.65	84
T3 ⁶	60 (18.3)	Fat Clay (CH)	51	26	-	-	-	1	50.2	108 (1.73)	1.34	5.11	10.10	2.70	100 ³
G2-1 ⁷	20 (6.1)	Lean Clay (CL)	43	23	-	-	-	14	27.0	121(1.94)	0.76	3.81	7.62	2.70	96
G5-1 ⁷	120 (36.6)	Sandy Silt (ML)	non- plastic		-	-	-	38	19.1	131(2.10)	0.51	3.82	7.52	2.65	100
HQ146 ^{4,8}	662 (202)	Basalt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143(2.29)	0.20	2.54	4.99	2.75	0 ⁵

1. R₂₀₀ = Percent of soil sample by weight remaining on #200 sieve

2. Specific gravity was assumed.

3. Degree of saturation slightly exceeds 100 %.

4. Epoxy glue was used to fix the specimen to the end platens of the test equipment.

5. Degree of saturation was assumed because water content was not determined.

6. From Geotechnical Engineering Report GR93-4, Geotechnical Engineering Center, Civil Engineering Department, The University of Texas at Austin

7. From Geotechnical Engineering Report GR93-5, Geotechnical Engineering Center, Civil Engineering Department, The University of Texas at Austin

8. From Geotechnical Engineering Report GR93-7, Geotechnical Engineering Center, Civil Engineering Department, The University of Texas at Austin

Fig. B.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (=864 psf=41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (=864 psf=41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (=864 psf=41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T1

Fig. B.7 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 10 psi (=1.44 ksf=69 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.8 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 10 psi(=1.44 ksf=69 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.9 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 10 psi (=1.44 ksf=69 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.10 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.11 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.12 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T2

Fig. B.13 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 18 psi (=2.59 ksf=124 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.14 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 18 psi(=2.59 ksf=124 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.15 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 18 psi(=2.59 ksf=124 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.16 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.17 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.18 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample T3

Fig. B.19 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 12 psi (=1.73 ksf=83 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.20 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 12 psi (=1.73 ksf=83 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.21 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 12 psi (=1.73 ksf=83 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.22 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.23 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.24 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G2-1

Fig. B.25 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 48 psi (=6.91 ksf=331 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.26 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 48 psi(=6.91 ksf=331 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.27 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 48 psi(=6.91 ksf=331 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.28 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.29 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.30 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Sample G5-1

Fig. B.31 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 400 psi(=57.6 ksf=2.76 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample HQ-146

Fig. B.32 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 400 psi(=57.6 ksf=2.76 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample HQ-146

Fig. B.33 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 400 psi(=57.6 ksf=2.76 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Sample HQ-146

Appendix C

Effects of Excitation Frequency, Number of Loading Cycles and Confining Pressure on the Dynamic Properties of Dry Branch and Santee Sands (Specimens CFD-4a, CFD-5a, and CFD-7a)

Fig. C.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 31 psi (≈ 4.46 ksf ≈ 214 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 31 psi (≈ 4.46 ksf ≈ 214 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 31 psi (≈ 4.46 ksf ≈ 214 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-4a

Fig. C.7 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 35 psi (=5.04 ksf = 241 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-5a

Fig. C.8 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 35 psi (≈ 5.04 ksf ≈ 241 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-5a

Fig. C.9 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 35 psi (=5.04 ksf=241 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-5a

Fig. C.10 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 46 psi (=6.62 ksf =317 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-7a

Fig. C.11 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 46 psi (=6.62 ksf=317 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-7a

Fig. C.12 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 46 psi (=6.62 ksf=317 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-7a

Appendix D

Effects of Excitation Frequency, Number of Loading Cycles and Confining Pressure on the Dynamic Properties of Tobacco Road and Snapp Sands (Specimens CFD-3b, CFD-12a, and CFD-13a)

Fig. D.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 23 psi (≈ 3.31 ksf ≈ 159 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 23 psi (=3.31 ksf=159 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 23 psi (=3.31 ksf=159 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-3b

Fig. D.7 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 87 psi (=12.52 ksf =600 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.8 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 87 psi (≈ 12.52 ksf=600 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.9 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 87 psi (=12.52 ksf=600 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.10 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.11 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.12 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-12a

Fig. D.13 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 93 psi (=13.39 ksf =641 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-13a

Fig. D.14 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 93 psi (≈ 13.39 ksf ≈ 641 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-13a

Fig. D.15 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 93 psi (=13.39 ksf=641 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-13a

Appendix E

Effects of Excitation Frequency, Number of Loading Cycles and Confining Pressure on the Dynamic Properties of Shallow Clays (Specimens CFD-6a and CFD-T1a)250

Fig. E.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 41 psi (≈ 5.90 ksf ≈ 283 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-6a

Fig. E.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 41 psi (=5.90 ksf=283 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-6a

Fig. E.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 41 psi (=5.90 ksf=283 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-6a

Fig. E.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CF D-6a

Fig. E.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-6a

Fig. E.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-6a

Fig. E.7 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 111 psi (=15.98 ksf =765 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Fig. E.8 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 111 psi (≈ 15.98 ksf ≈ 765 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Fig. E.9 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 111 psi (=15.98 ksf=765 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Fig. E.10 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Fig. E.11 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Fig. E.12 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-T1a

Appendix F

Effects of Excitation Frequency, Number of Loading Cycles and Confining Pressure on the Dynamic Properties of Upland Sands (Specimens CFD-1a and CFD-2a)

Fig. F.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (=864 psf =41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (≈ 864 psf ≈ 41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 6 psi (=864 psf=41 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-1a

Fig. F.7 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 13 psi (=1.87 ksf =90 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Fig. F.8 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 13 psi (≈ 1.87 ksf ≈ 90 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Fig. F.9 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 13 psi (=1.87 ksf=90 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Fig. F.10 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Fig. F.11 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Fig. F.12 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-2a

Appendix G

Effects of Excitation Frequency and Number of Loading Cycles and Confining Pressure on the Dynamic Properties of Warley Hill Sands (Specimen CFD-8a)

Fig. G.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 59 psi (=8.49 ksf =407 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Fig. G.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 59 psi (=8.49 ksf=407 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Fig. G.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 59 psi (=8.49 ksf=407 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Fig. G.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Fig. G.5 Comparison of the Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Fig. G.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain and Effective Confining Pressure from Resonant Column Tests of Specimen CFD-8a

Appendix H

**Effects of Excitation Frequency and Number of
Loading Cycles on the Dynamic Properties of
Congaree Sands**

(Specimen CFD-11a)

Fig. H.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 68 psi (≈ 9.79 ksf ≈ 469 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-11a

Fig. H.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 68 psi (≈ 9.79 ksf ≈ 469 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-11a

Fig. H.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 68 psi (=9.79 ksf=469 kPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-11a

Appendix I

**Effects of Excitation Frequency and Number of
Loading Cycles on the Dynamic Properties of
Deep Sands (Specimens CFD-T6c)**

Fig. I.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 247 psi (≈ 35.56 ksf ≈ 1.70 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T6c

Fig. 1.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 247 psi (≈ 35.56 ksf = 1.70 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T6c

Fig. I.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 247 psi (=35.56 ksf=1.70 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T6c

Appendix J
Effects of Excitation Frequency and Number of
Loading Cycles on the Dynamic Properties of
Deep Clays (Specimens CFD-T4a and CFD-T5b)

Fig. J.1 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 191 psi (≈ 27.50 ksf ≈ 1.32 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T4a

Fig. J.2 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 191 psi (≈ 27.50 ksf ≈ 1.32 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T4a

Fig. J.3 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 191 psi (≈ 27.50 ksf ≈ 1.32 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T4a

Fig. J.4 Variation in Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 215 psi (=30.95 ksf =1.48 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T5b

Fig. J.5 Variation in Normalized Shear Modulus with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 215 psi (≈ 30.95 ksf ≈ 1.48 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T5b

Fig. J.6 Variation in Material Damping Ratio with Shearing Strain at an Effective Confining Pressure of 215 psi (=30.95 ksf=1.48 MPa) from RCTS Tests of Specimen CFD-T5b