Advances and Challenges since Northridge Earthquake

## Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering Accomplishments & Challenges

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## 1994 Northridge EQ: 57 people killed







## **Seismic Site Effects**



## Santa Monica Freeway Damage at La Ciénaga







## Liquefaction Led to Fires & Loss of Fire Suppression Capabilities





## Earth/Waste Structure & Slope Performance



Tapo Canyon Liquefaction-Induced Tailings Dam Failure (picture from Y. Moriwaki)



**Oll Waste Fill Performance** 



**Pacific Palisades Slope Failure** 





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# Accomplishments & Challenges

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# Post-Earthquake Reconnaissance



## **Google Earth<sup>TM</sup>**





#### **Central Business District, Christchurch, New Zealand**

## UAVs Survey Damage Effectively

Flyover of 2014 S Napa EQ Fault - Z-Q Chen & M Chen of UMKC







80 high-resolution 4000 x 3000 pixel images provide 2.4 cm/pixel detail



## **Ground-Based LIDAR**





LIDAR scan inside Building S37 in CentrePort Wellington showing deformation around buried seawall from 2016 Kaikoura EQ (LIDAR survey by M. Olsen in Cubrinovski and Bray 2017)



## 19 SEP 2017 M7.1 Mexico EQ



#### Videos of Mexico City Building Responses







From E. Rathje, UT, Design-Safe

### **Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**

## Liquefaction

## Liquefaction Triggering Seed et al. 1985



**Clean Sand** 



#### Silty Sand

## **SPT used primarily**

## **New Case History Data Led to New Relationships**



Robertson & Wride (1998)

Moss et al. (2006)

Boulanger & Idriss (2014)

## **CPT used primarily**

## **Renewed Focus on Effects of Liquefaction**

## Liquefaction-Induced Building Movements

2011 Tohoku, Japan EQ ( $M_w$  = 9.1) Tokimatsu et al. (Ashford et al. 2011)





#### FTG7 Building – Deformation Mechanisms & Estimates 2011 Christchurch EQ



#### **Differential Settlements**

Event	Calculated (mm)	Measured (mm)	
Darfield	5 – 10	-	
Christchurch	20 – 50	10 – 30	
13 June 2011	10 – 20	0 – 25	

Luque & Bray (2017) using FLAC with PM4Sand model (Boulanger & Ziotopoulou 2015)



Nonlinear Effective Stress Analyses used to Develop Simplified Procedure for Estimating Shear-Induced Settlement (Bray & Macedo 2017)

## Challenge in Estimating Ejecta-Induced Settlement





## **Observed vs. Estimated Liquefaction Damage**



## Site Characterization Tools in Challenging Soil Deposits



Beyzaei et al. 2018

## **Enhanced CPT** Characterization



in Thin Layers (Robertson & Fear 1995)

Use Inverse Filtering Procedure (Boulanger & DeJong 2018)

Measured

St. Theresa's: CPT 45485

Inverted

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Liquefaction-Induced Ground Movements Effects NSF sponsored US-NZ-Japan Workshop PEER Report 2017/02

**Cross-Cutting Research Priorities:** 

- 1. Case History Data
- 2. Integrated Site Characterization
- 3. Numerical Analysis
- 4. Challenging Soils
- 5. Effects and Mitigation of Liquefaction in the Built Environment and Communities





#### **Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**

# Seismic Slope Stability

## Simplified Estimates of Seismic Slope Displacement (Makdisi & Seed 1978)



Few Motions Available in 1977: Performed Limited Number of Analyses &

Decoupled 'Shear-Slice' Model

Not True Upper & Lower Bounds

No Estimate of Uncertainty

## Simplified Estimates of Seismic Slope Displacement (Bray & Rathje 1998)



More Motions Available in 1997: Hundreds of Analyses Performed & Coupled Nonlinear

Seismic Demand (k<sub>max</sub>) Estimated & then Resulting Slope Displacements

Model

Ad Hoc Estimate of Uncertainty

## Simplified Estimates of Seismic Slope Displacement (Bray & Travasarou 2007)



688 NGA-West Motions with 80 k<sub>y</sub> & T<sub>s</sub> Combinations: Over 55,000 Analyses Performed

&

Fully Coupled Nonlinear Model

Seismic Displacement Estimated Using S<sub>a</sub>(1.5T<sub>s</sub>), k<sub>y</sub>, T<sub>s</sub> & M<sub>w</sub>

Captures Full Uncertainty due to Ground Shaking

## Simplified Estimates of Seismic Slope Displacement (Bray & Macedo 2019 & Macedo et al. 2019)

#### **Scenario & Full Probabilistic Procedures**



6,711 NGA-West-2 Motions with 130 k<sub>y</sub> & T<sub>s</sub> Combinations: Nearly, 3,000,000 Analyses Performed

&

Fully Coupled Nonlinear Model

Seismic Displacement Estimated Using S<sub>a</sub>(1.3T<sub>s</sub>), k<sub>y</sub>, T<sub>s</sub> & M<sub>w</sub>

Performance-Based Approach Captures Uncertainty due to All Key Factors

## **Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**

- 1994 Northridge EQ challenged our understanding of earthquake phenomena
- Advanced survey tools enable effective documentation of field case histories
- Capture liquefaction effects using enhanced characterization & numerical simulations
- Wealth of ground motion records is advancing many fields in EQ engineering including seismic slope stability