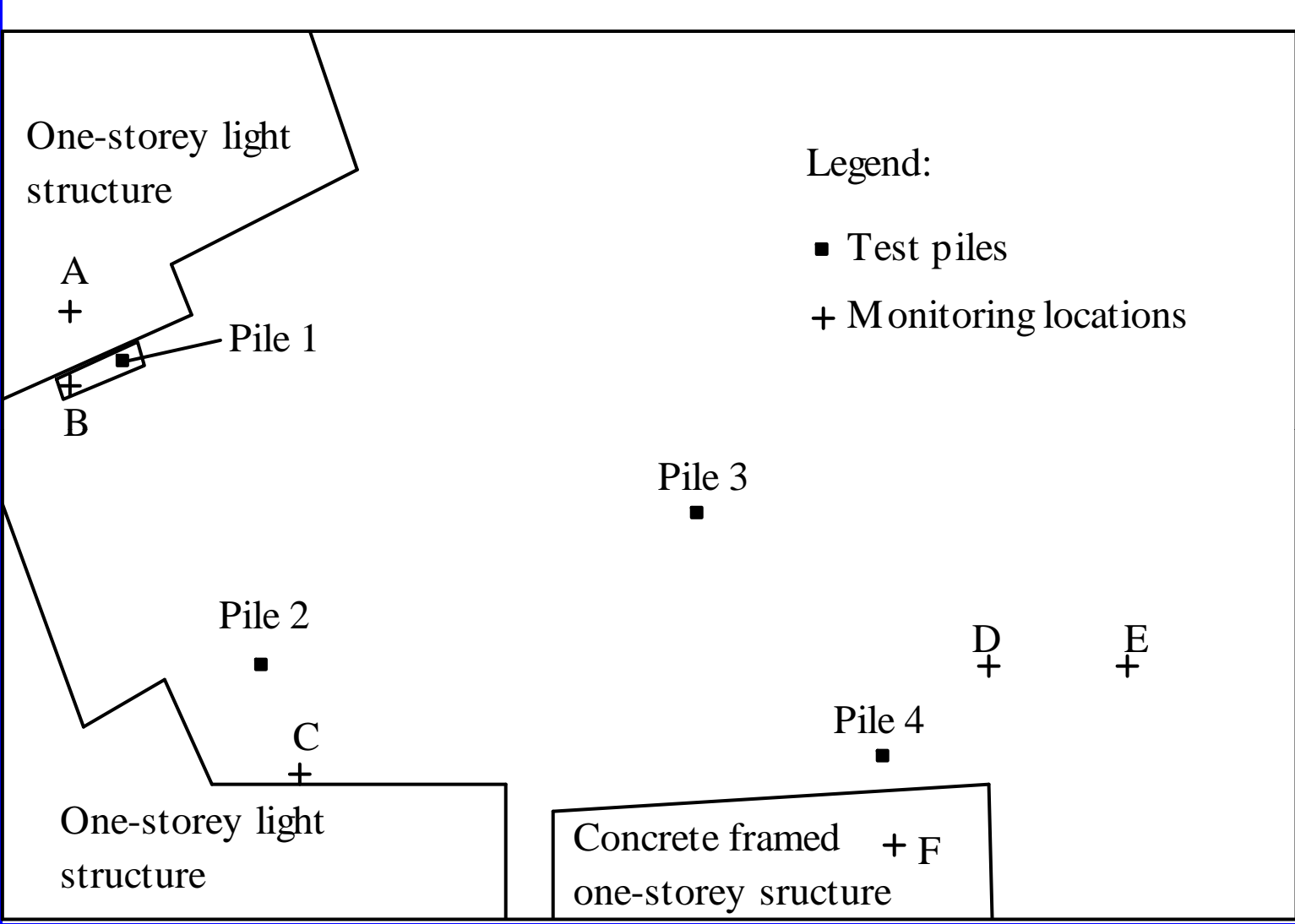


# Modeling and monitoring of hammer piling induced vibrations

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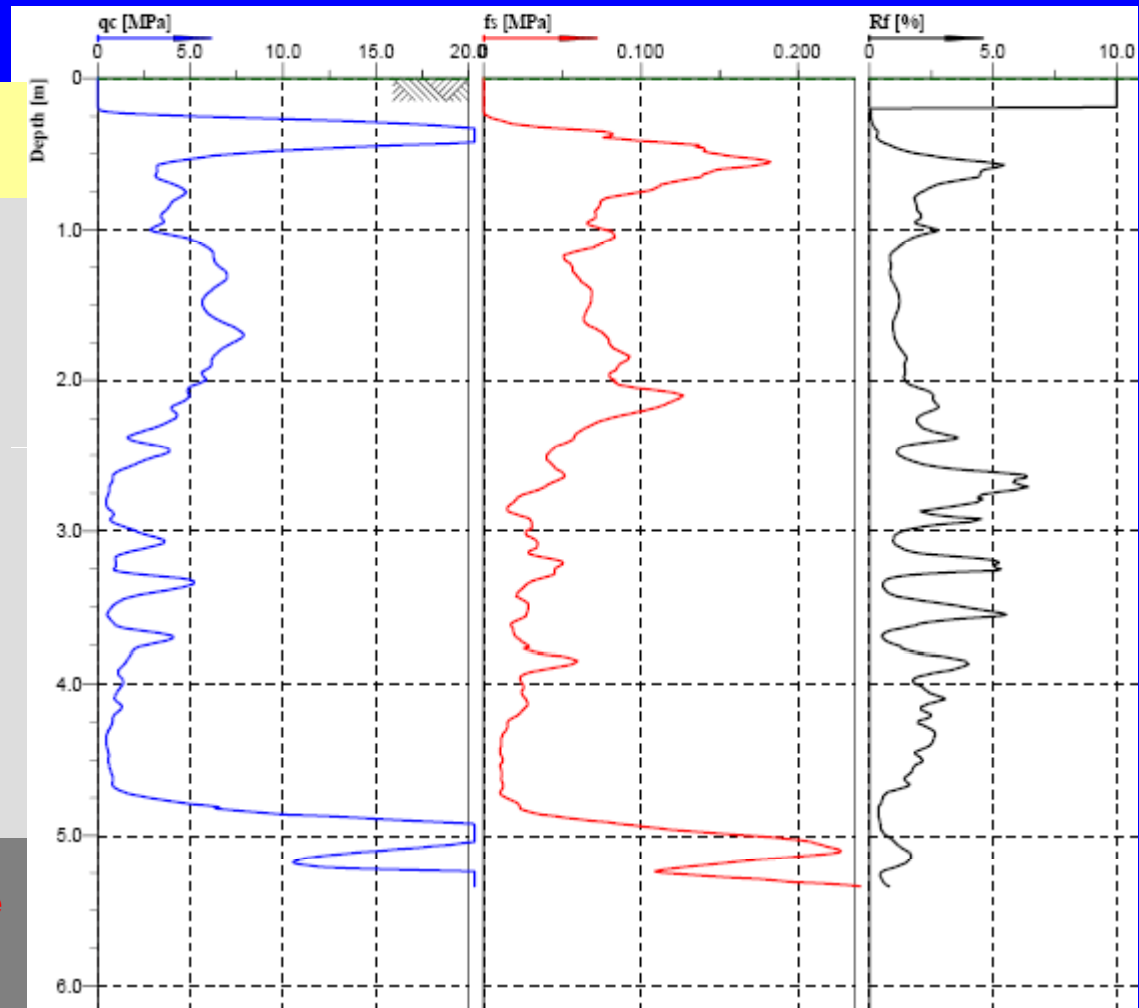
## Fill

### Pleistocene Age sediments:

stiff to very stiff sandy silt or silty sand

$q_c = 1 \sim 8$  MPa

Weakly cemented siltstone or sandstone



7 tonne Junttan hydraulic drop hammer





Test Pile 1  
(310 UC 97)

Monitoring  
Point A



PDA testing at Test Pile 3



Test Pile 4

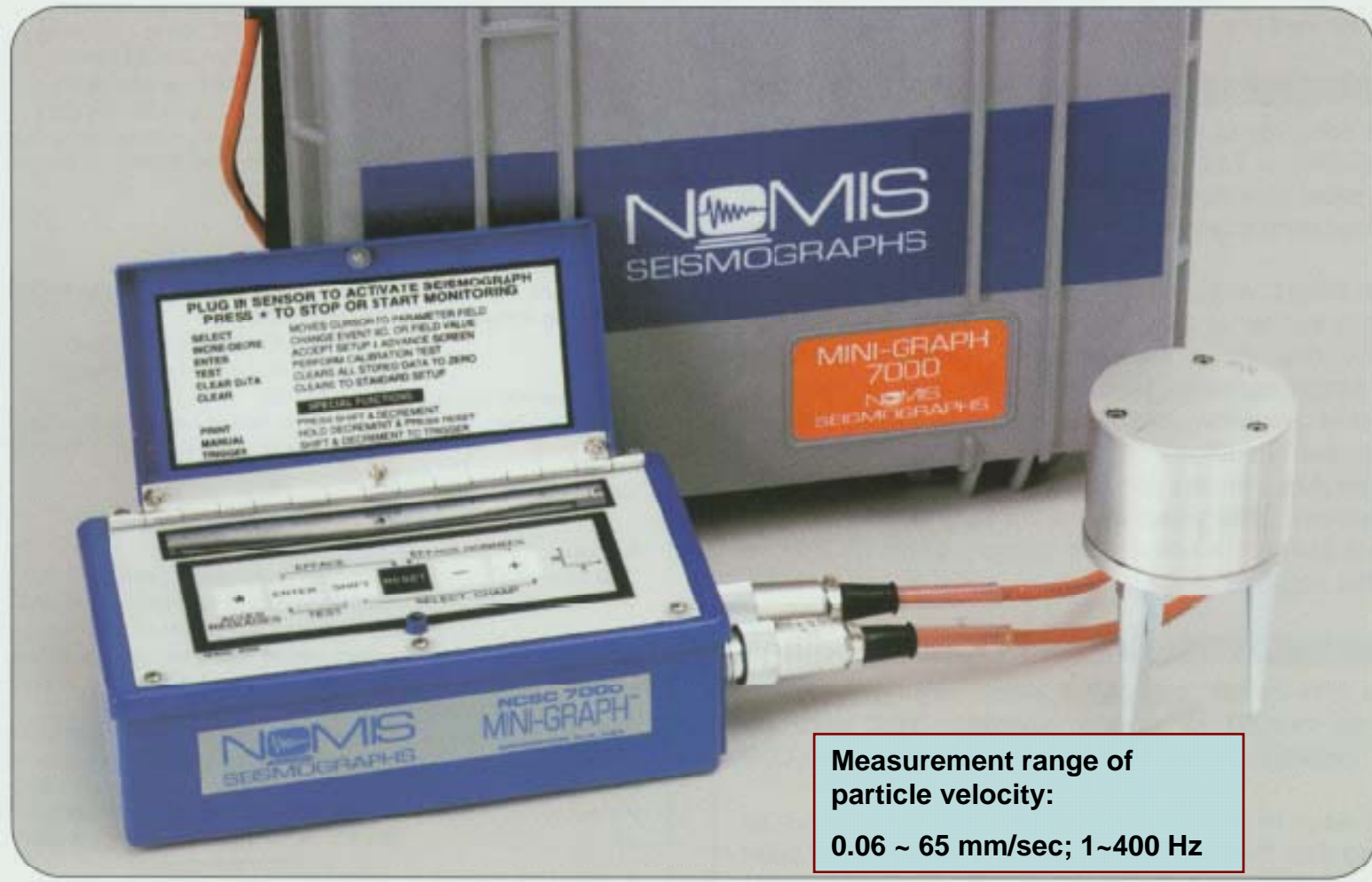
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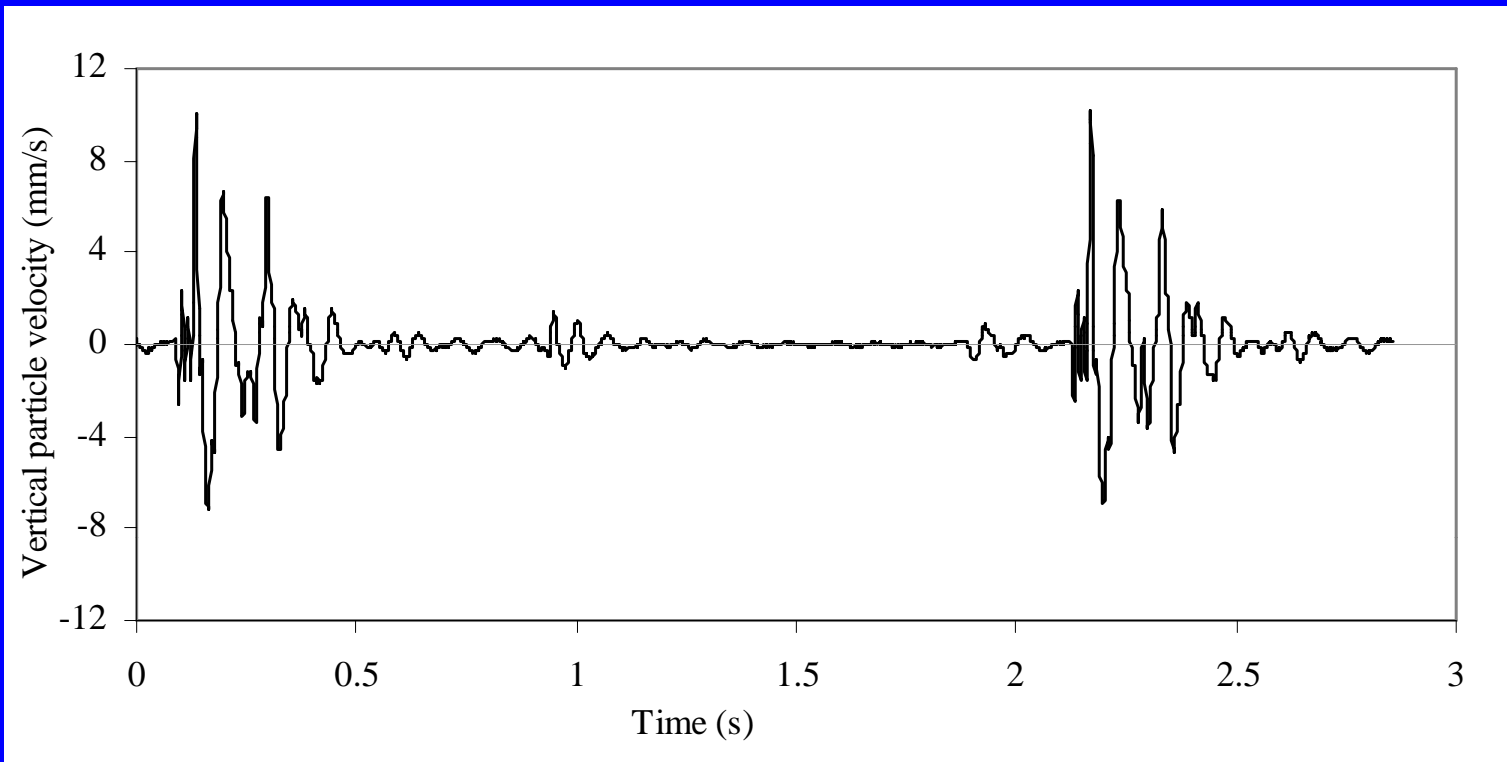
Triaxial  
transducer

# NOMIS Mini-Graph<sup>®</sup> 7000



Measurement range of  
particle velocity:

0.06 ~ 65 mm/sec; 1~400 Hz



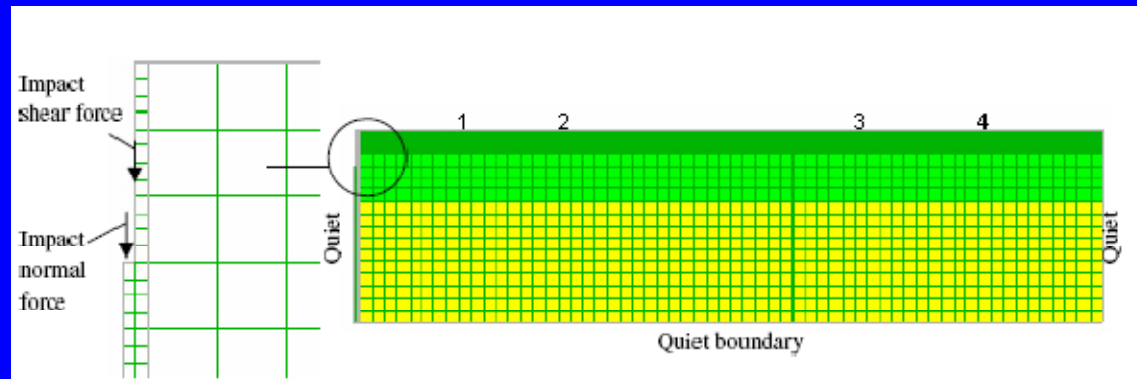
## Vertical particle velocity time history

Point A: 9 m from Test Pile 1

Pile depth: 0.5 m

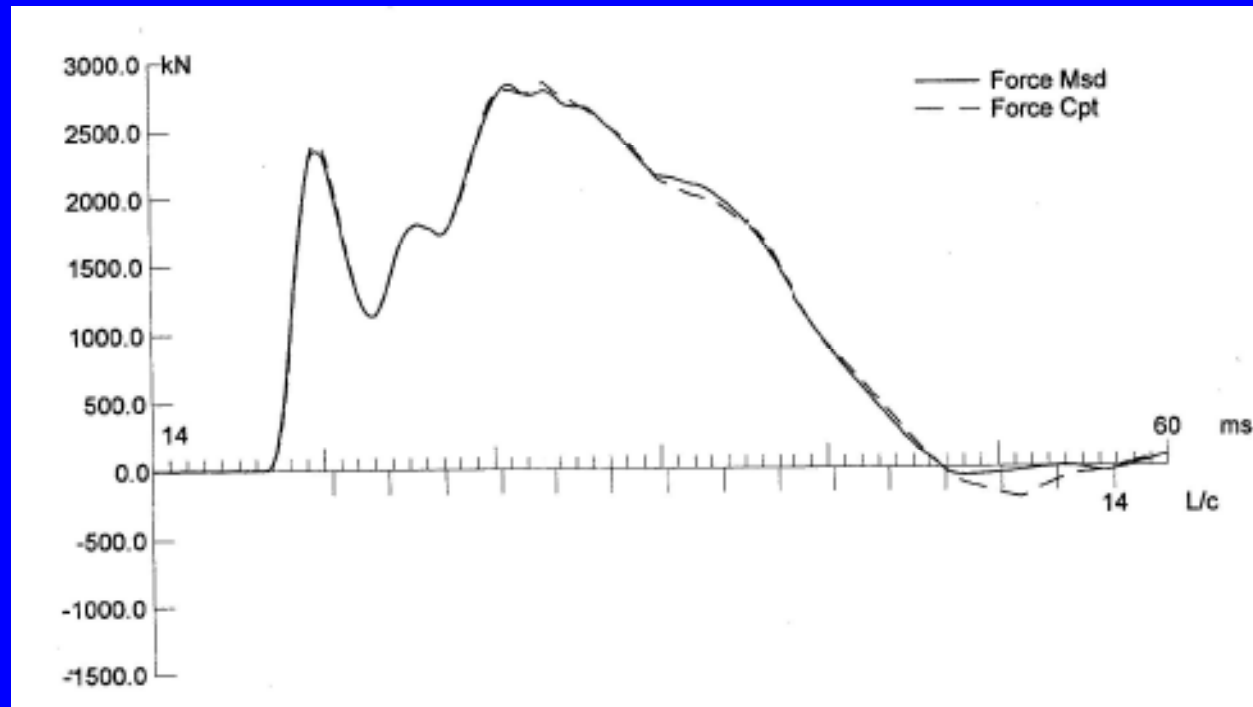
Two blows: 2 sec interval

ppV: 10 mm/sec

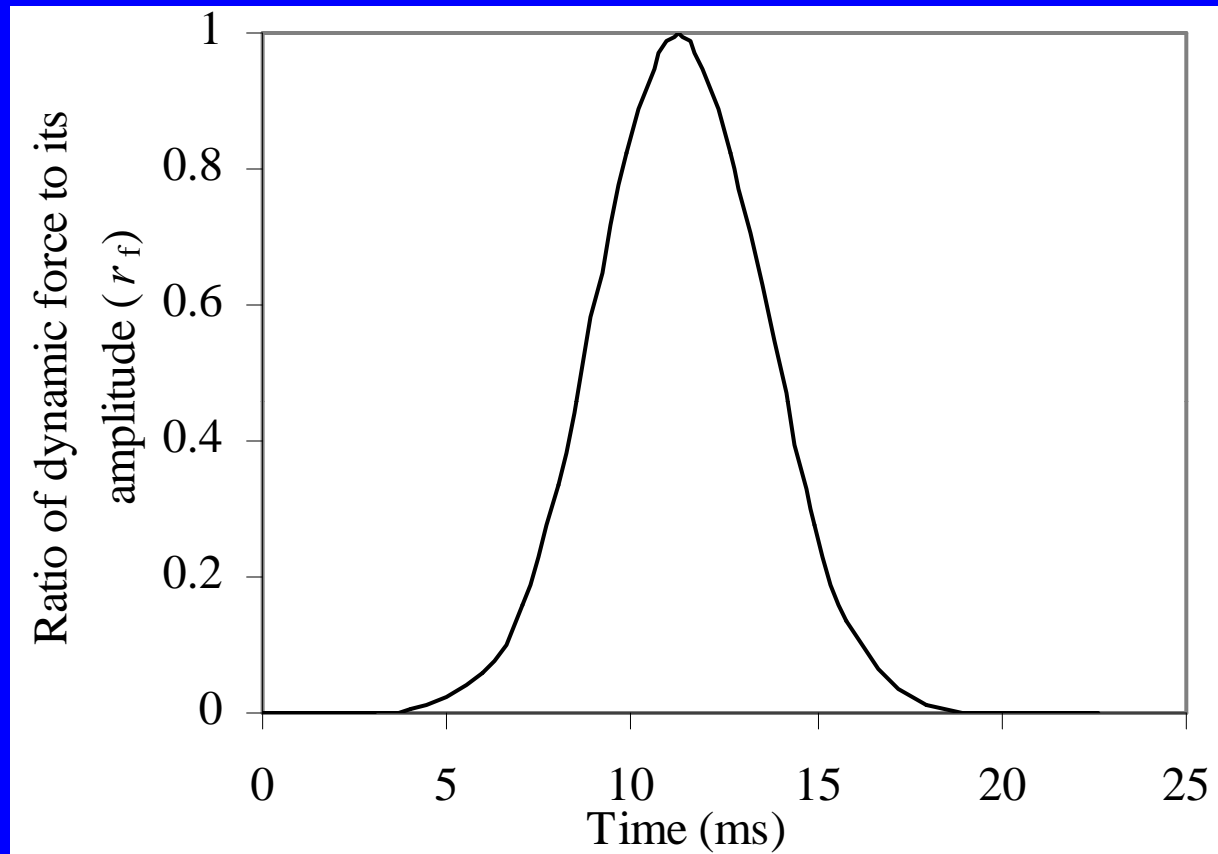


## FLAC model

(Axisymmetrical model/elastic soil)

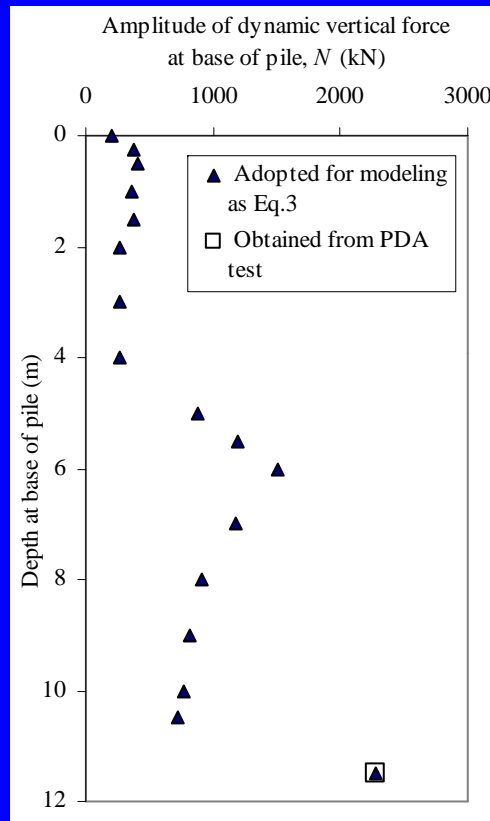


PDA test (Test Pile1)

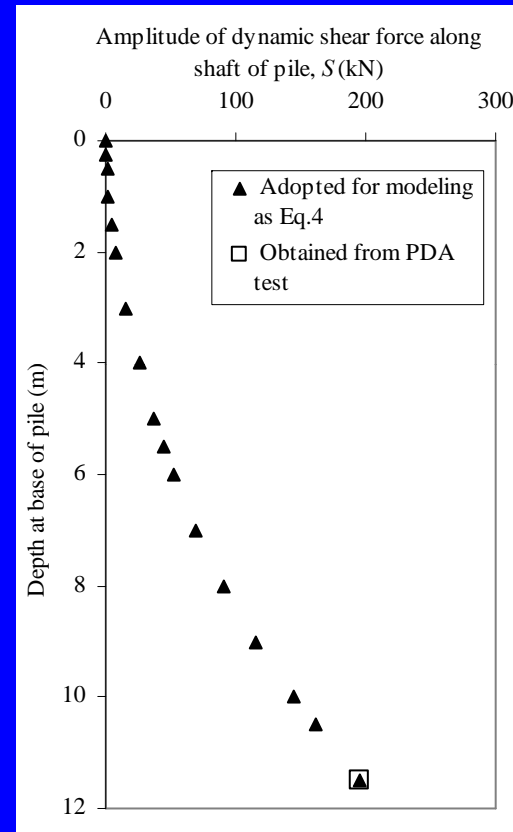


Shape function of dynamic forces

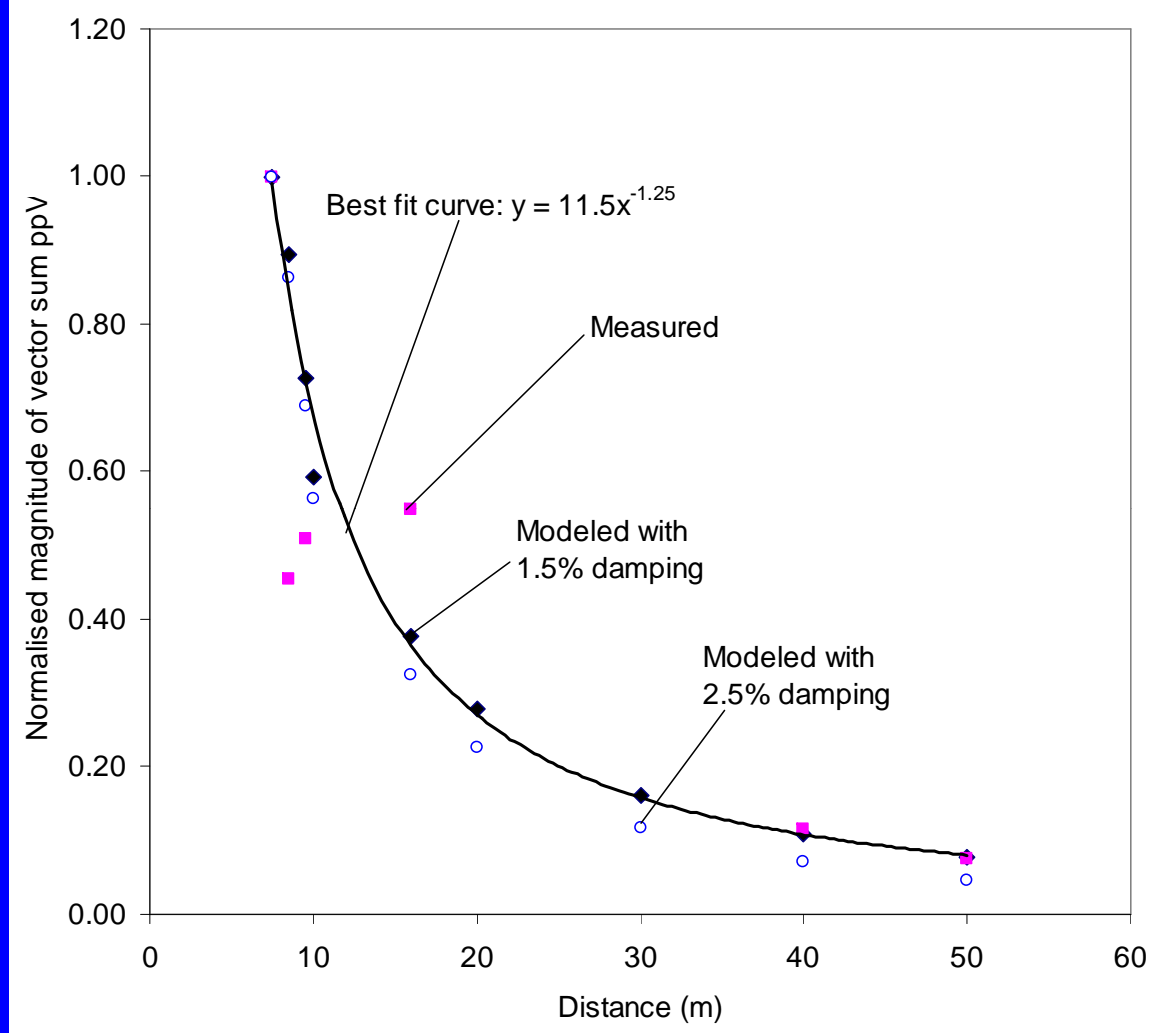
## Amplitudes of dynamic forces



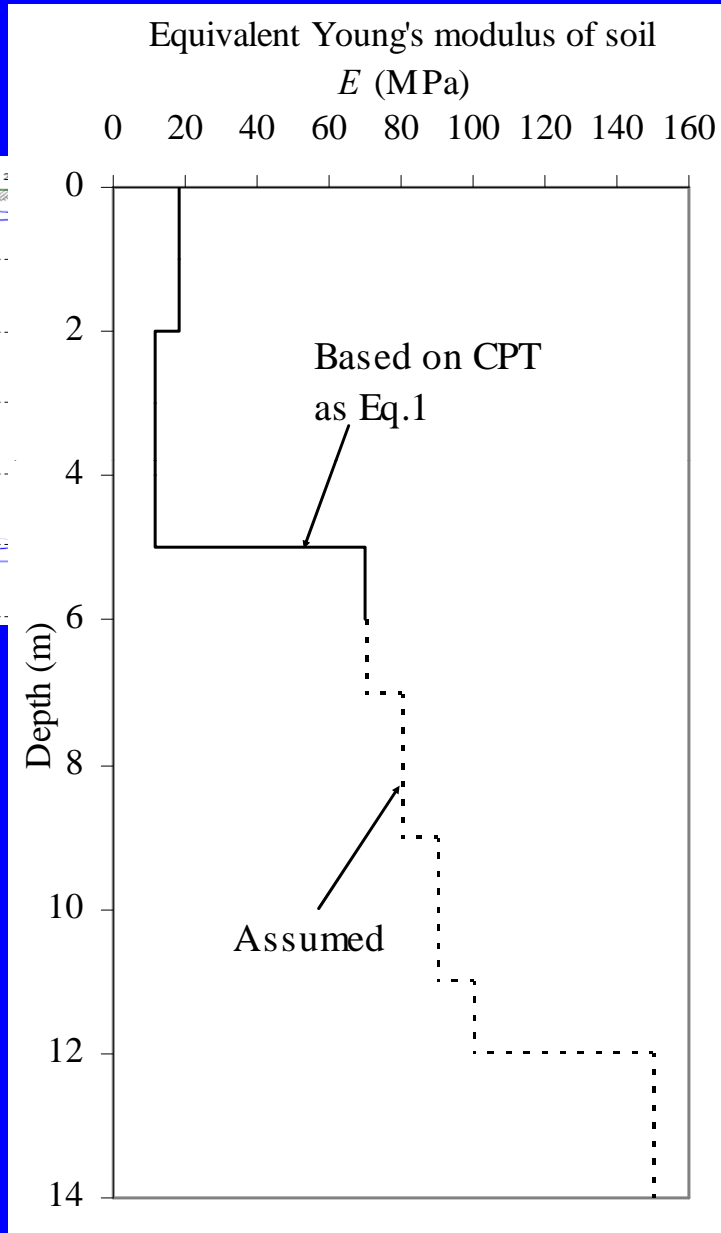
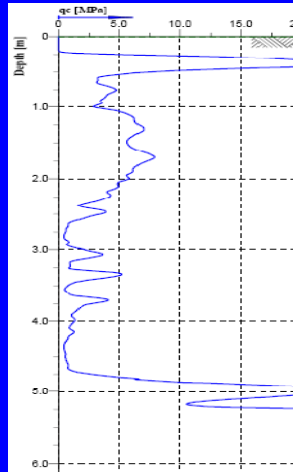
$$N = c_1 c_2 R_b$$



$$S = \pi d f_{PDA} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_{vi} \tan(\varphi_i)}{\sigma_{vPDA} \tan(\varphi_{PDA})} h_i$$

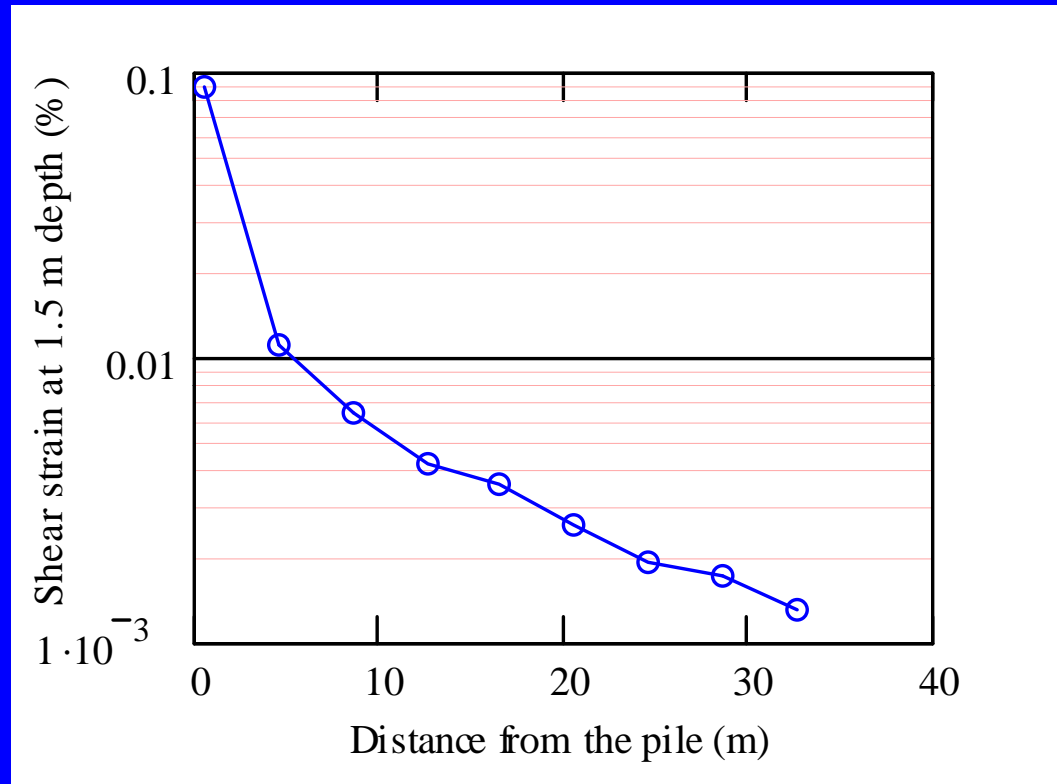


Effects of damping ratio

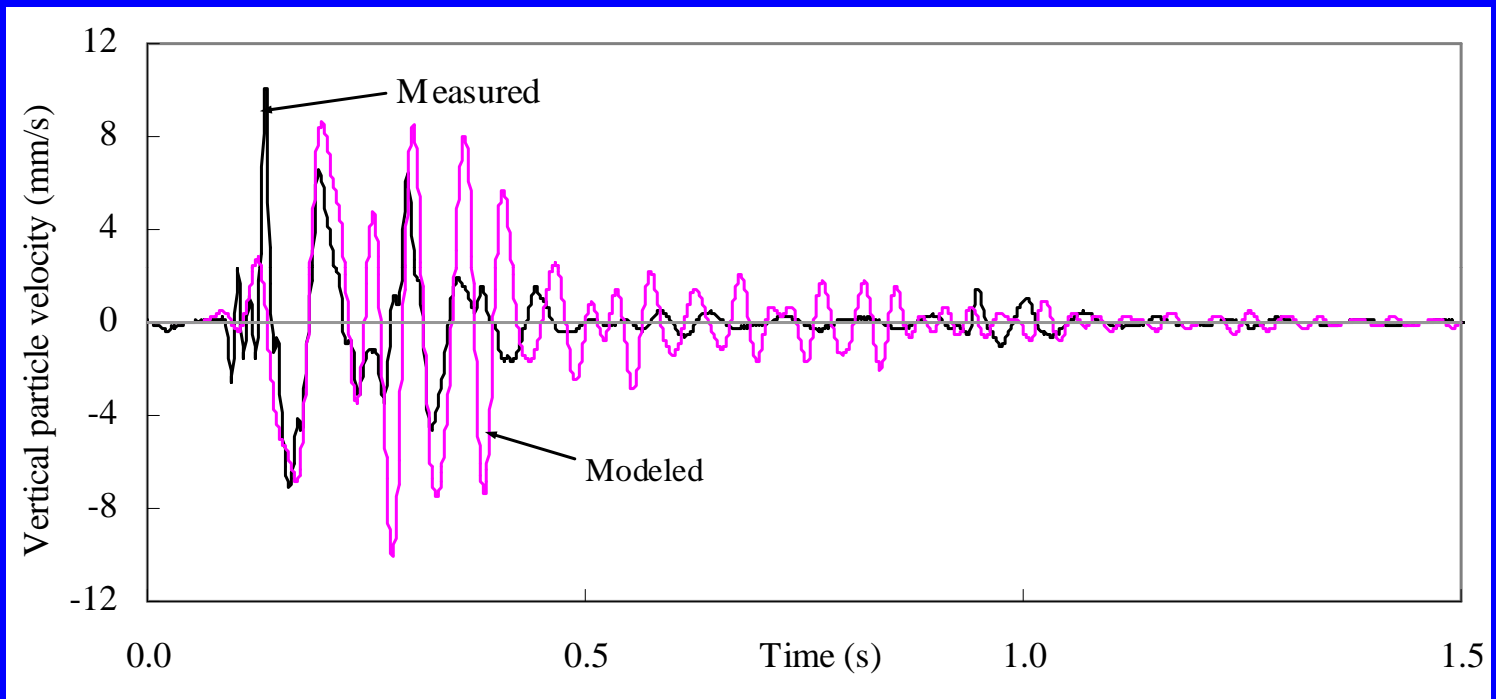


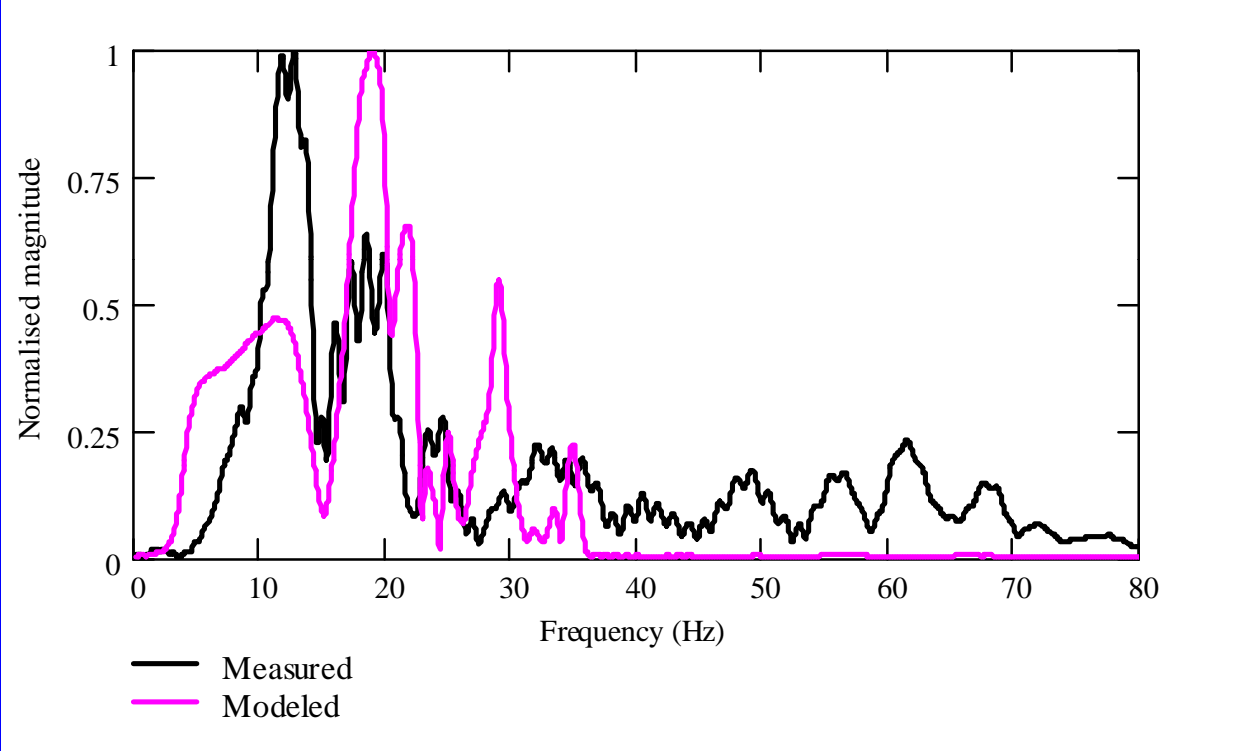
$$E = \alpha (q_t - \sigma_{vo}) \frac{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)}{1 - \nu}$$

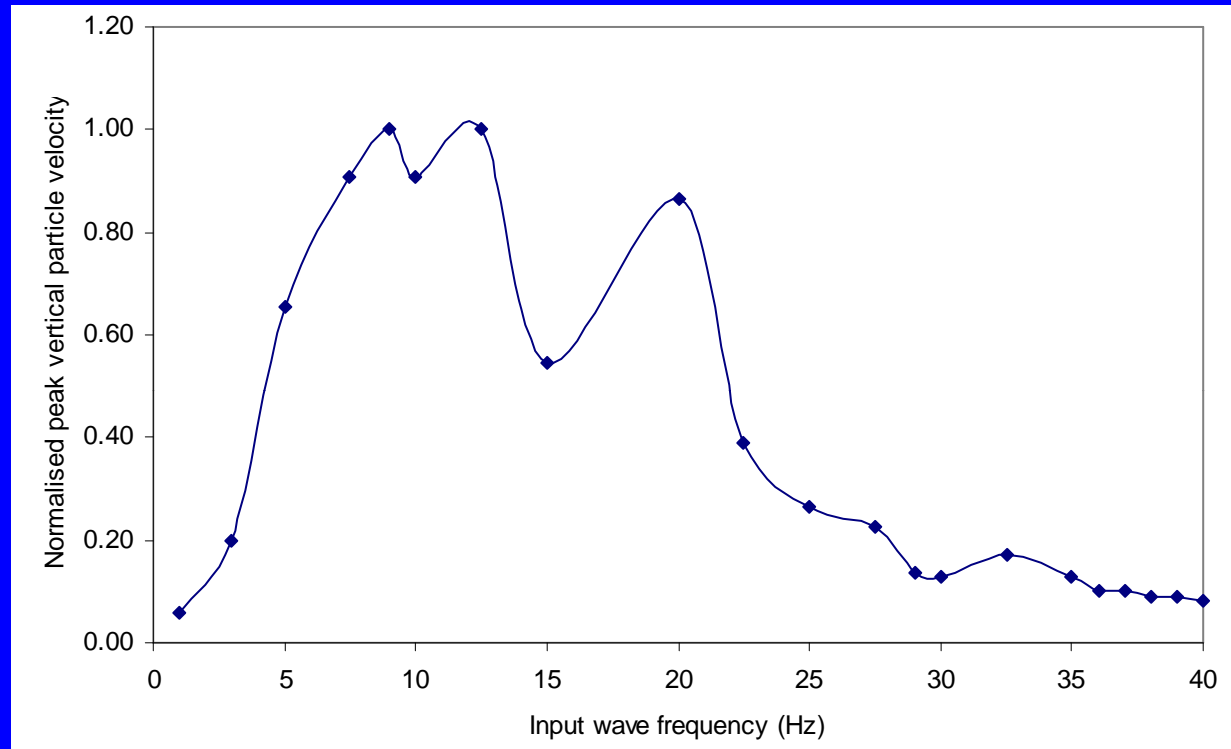
$\alpha = 5.4$  via trial and error



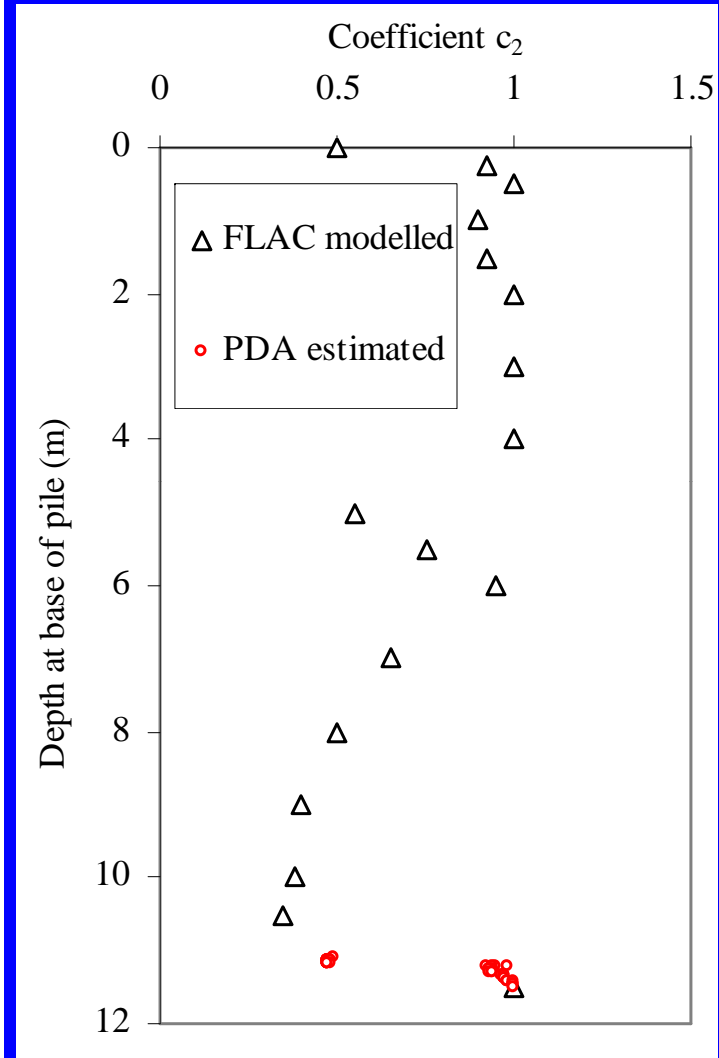
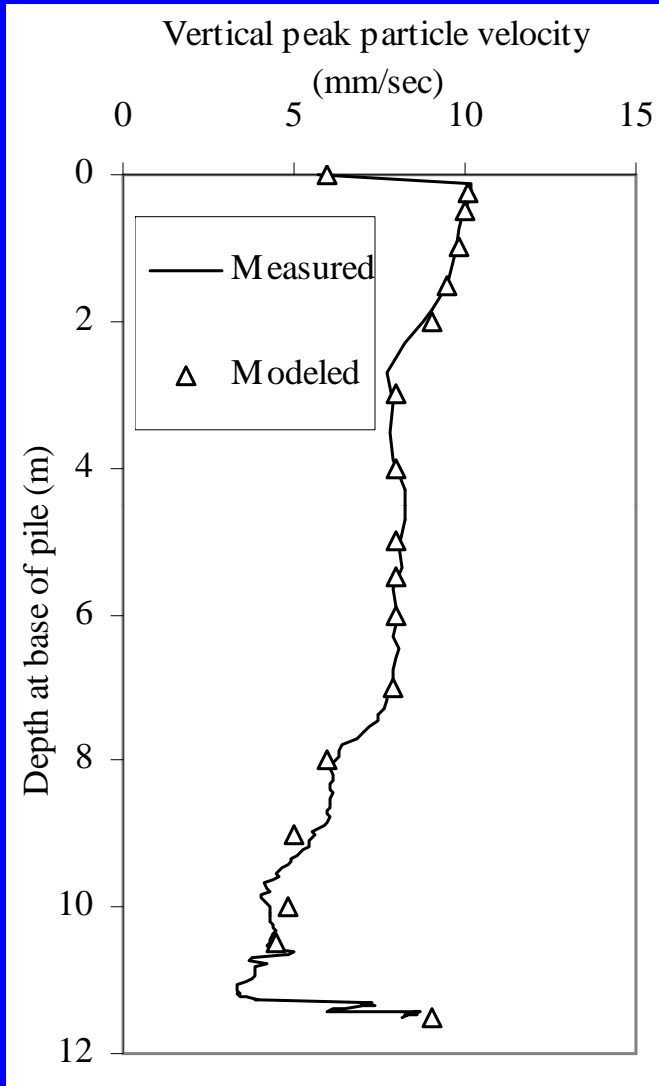
Shear strain level in soil



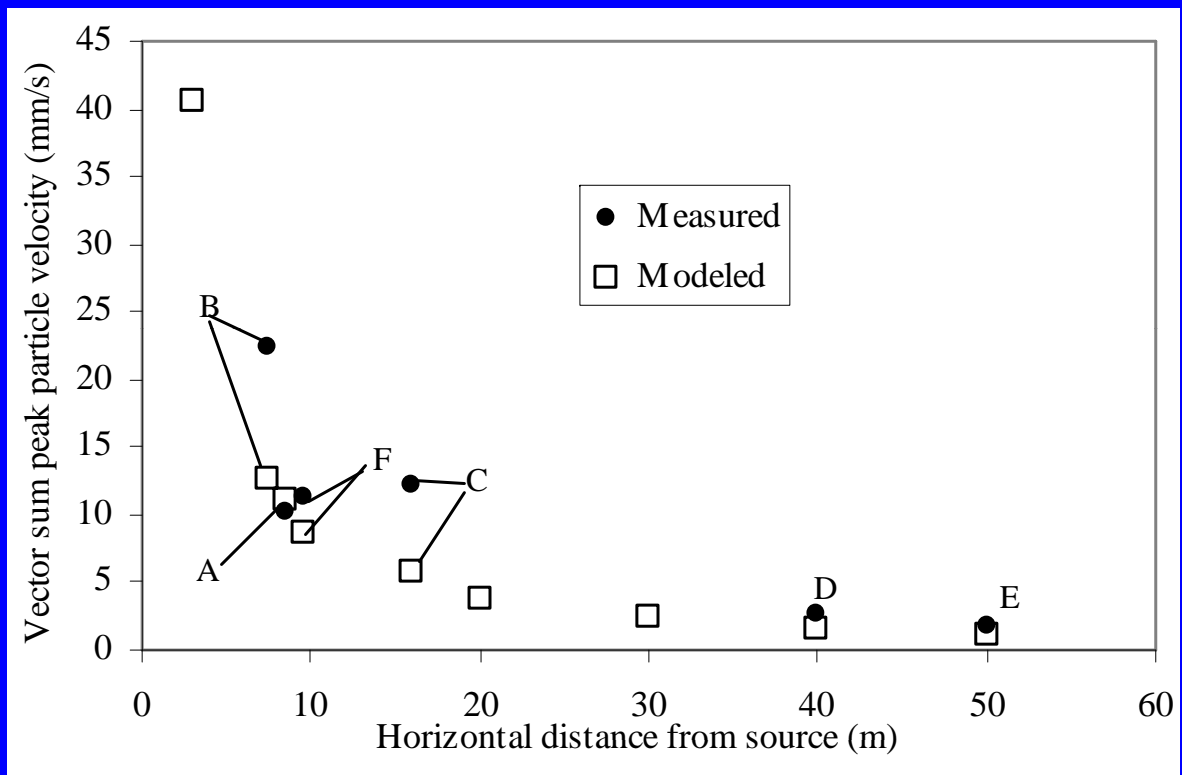


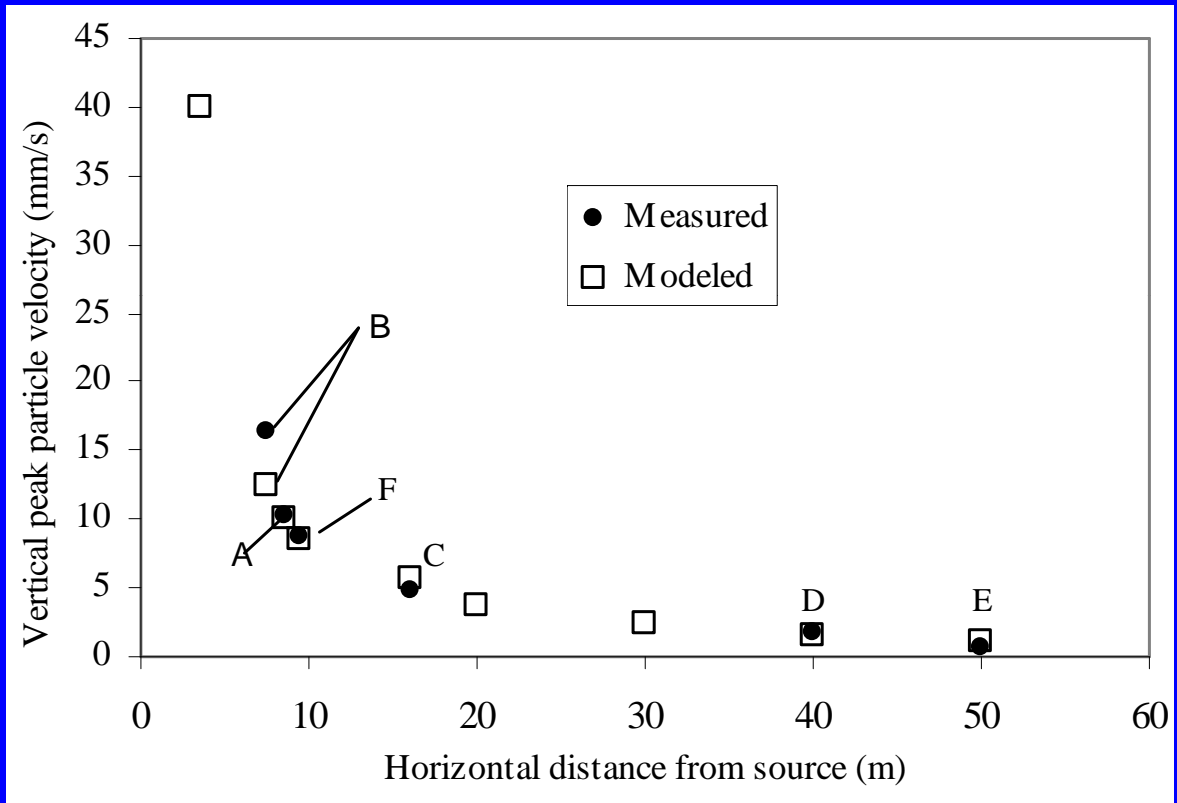


Response of the model to excitation frequency



Hammer  
falling  
height  
ratio





## Summary

- A simplified FLAC model was used to model ground vibrations caused by a 7 ton drop hammer driving steel piles;
- A linear elastic soil model was considered and an equivalent damping ratio of 1.5% was used;
- Young's moduli of soil were derived from CPT results  $q_c$  (coefficient=5.4);
- Peak particle velocity of ground vibrations can be satisfactorily predicted using the simplified elastic model provided appropriate dynamic forces and equivalent soil parameters are used;
- Predominant frequencies of the ground vibrations can also be satisfactorily predicted by the FLAC model but the high frequency components are not adequately predicted by the model due to the limitation of element size (1m).





