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INTRODUCTION

- Majority of Florida bridges are supported on deep foundations
- Most common deep foundation:
Precast Prestressed Concrete piles
- Dynamic testing of all Test Piles required as per Specifications



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1995 FDOT PRACTICE

- Pile Installation Plan (Contractor)
 - Pre-field wave equation analysis
- Test Pile program
 - PDA
 - CAPWAP
 - Final wave equation
 - Driving Criteria
- Install Production Piles



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DRIVING CRITERIA

- The Driving Criteria letter as a minimum addresses the following items;
 - Minimum number of blows per foot at various hammer stroke heights for the bearing layer
 - Maximum allowable stroke height
 - Minimum tip
 - Refusal conditions
 - Set-check requirements (when needed)

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In 1996 we were asking WHAT IF?

- What if piles could be instrumented without climbing the leads?
- What if pile testing did not impact construction operations?
- What if all foundations could be monitored instead of issuing blow count criteria?
- What if all of this was affordable?

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FDOT Sponsored Research

- Alternate dynamic testing method investigated by UF through FDOT sponsored research 1997-2002
- University of Florida's Final report issued August 2002
 - Proposed theory for the use of two levels of instruments
 - First generation hardware and software



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- In 2003 Smart Structures, Inc. acquired a license to the patented technology
- Advancements to the hardware and signal transmission aspects of the system



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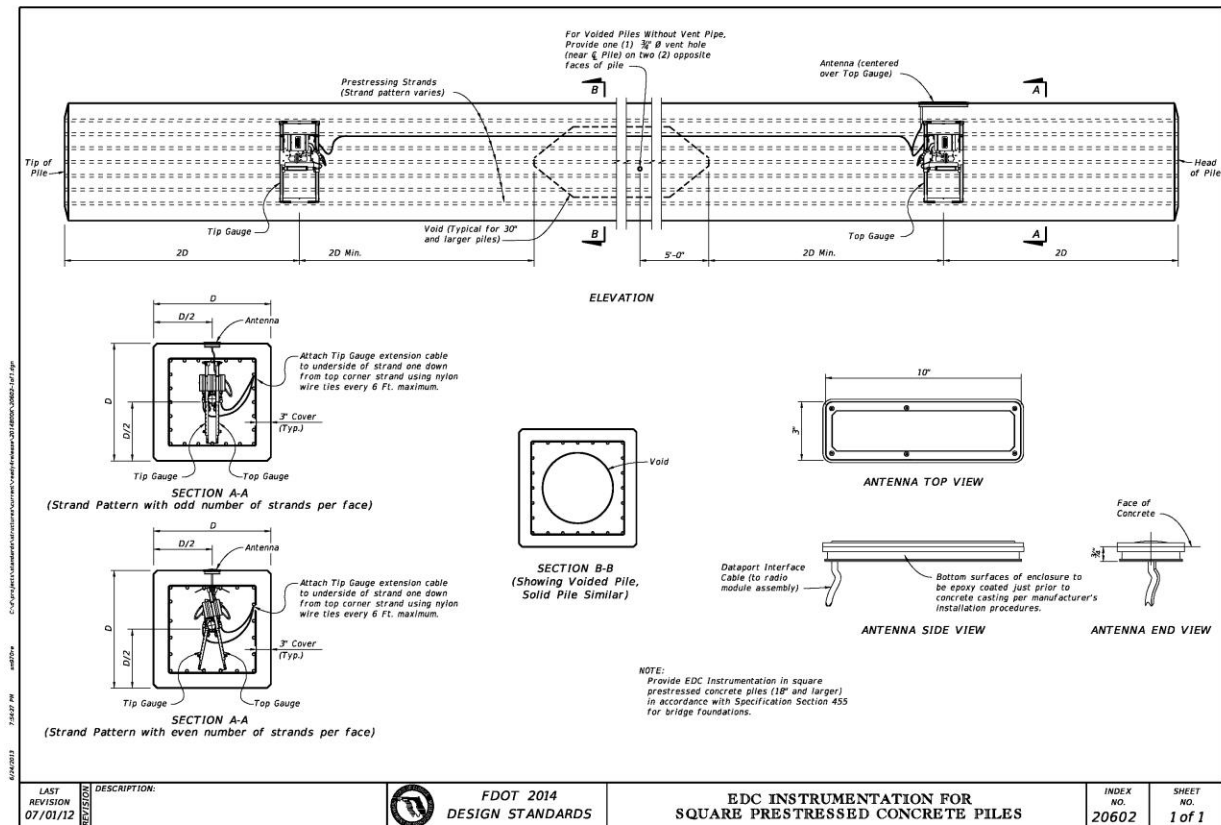
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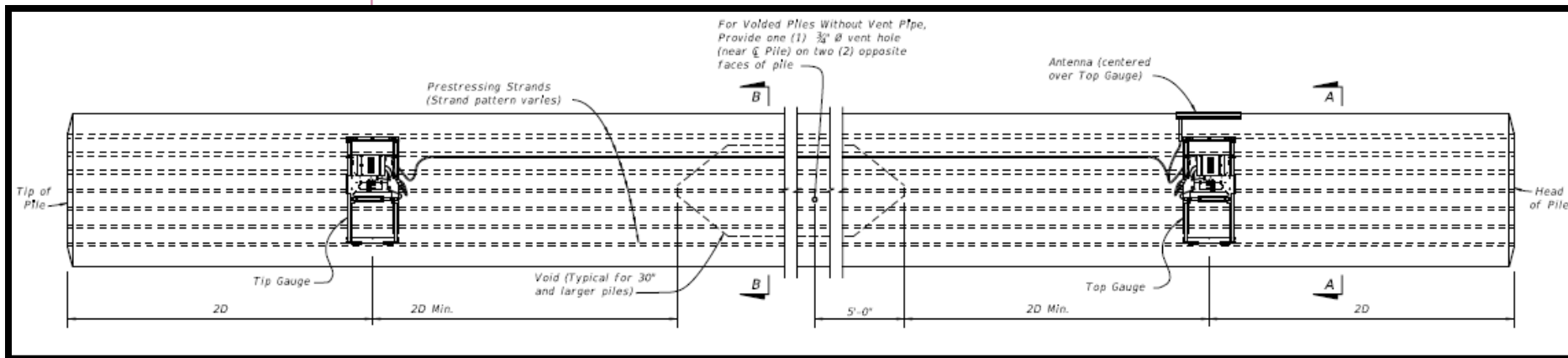
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- Instruments cast into solid concrete piles;
- Two instrumentation levels, pile head and tip

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CASTING PROCESS

- Instrumentation
 - Tip gages
 - Connector cable (within the pile)
 - Top gages and antenna



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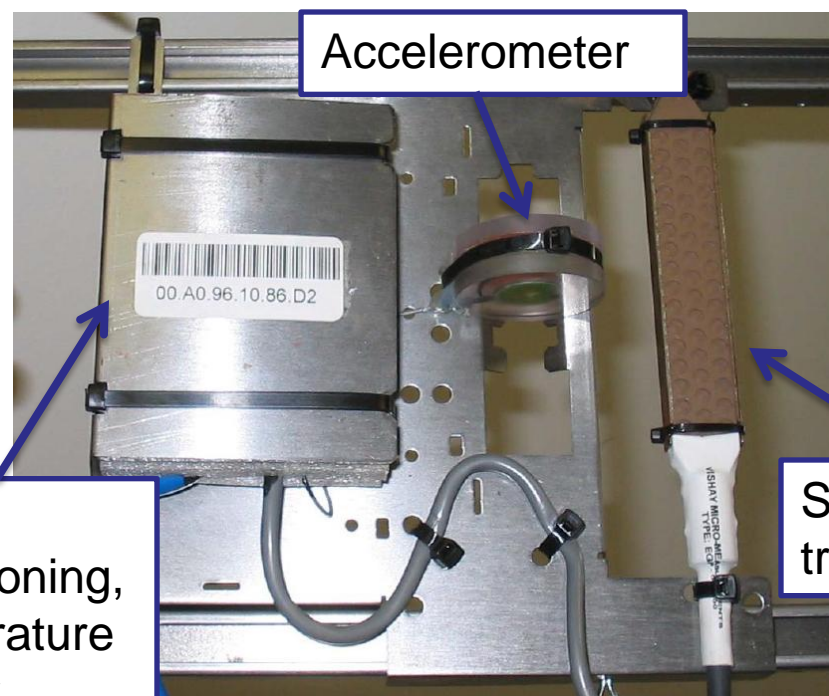
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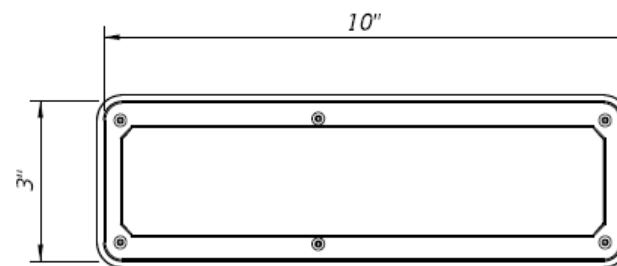
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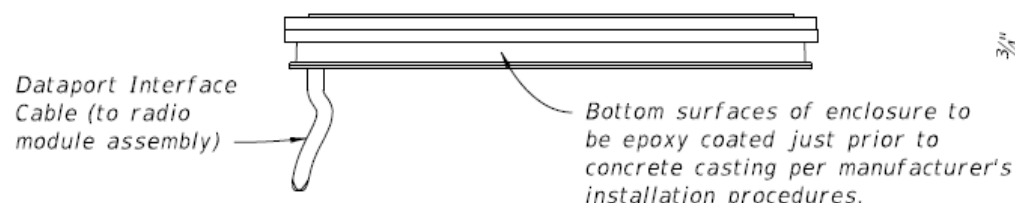


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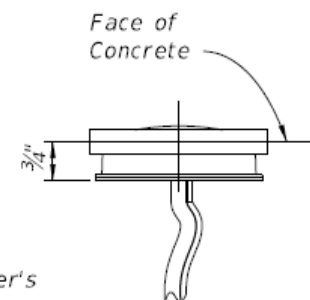
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ANTENNA SIDE VIEW



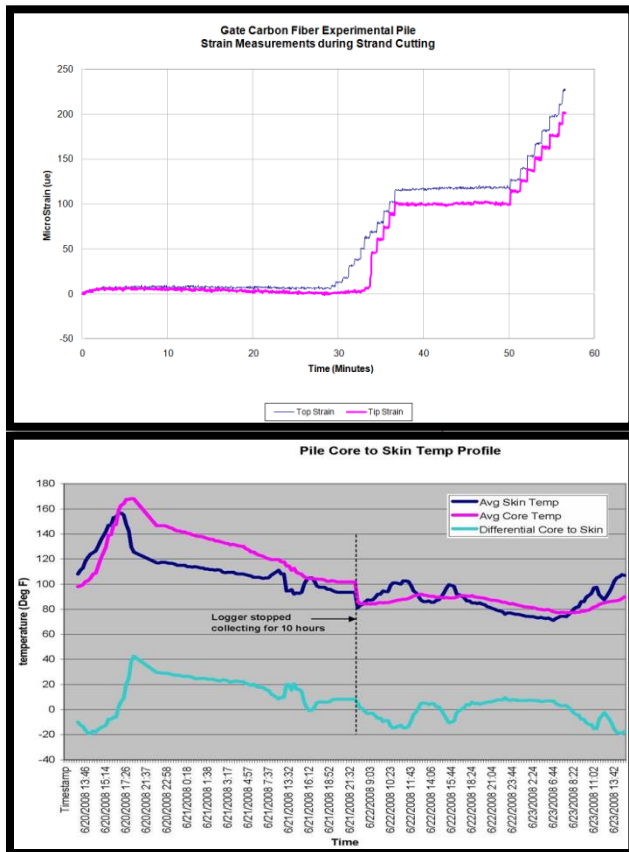
ANTENNA END VIEW

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CASTING YARD MEASUREMENTS

- Install two levels of instruments prior to casting the pile
 - Get an initial measurement to confirm signal transmission
 - Cast the pile
 - Subsequent measurements
 - » Strain before and after cutting prestressing strands
 - » Temperature readings at pile core and antenna (ambient)



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Casting Yard Battery



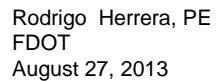
Pile Driving Battery



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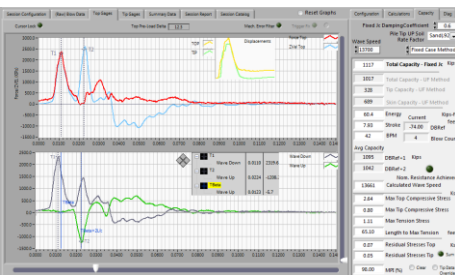
- Display of raw data;
 - Strain and acceleration
 - Qualitative assessment of data



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SOFTWARE INTERFACE



- Display of top level instrumentation;
 - Force-Velocity
 - Wave up / Wave down
 - Pile static capacity
 - Compression and tension stresses
 - Estimates of pile integrity (MPI)

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- Tip instrumentation readings;
 - Measured compressive stress near the pile tip
 - Total, dynamic, inertial and static components of the measured force
 - Force-velocity



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SOFTWARE OUTPUT

- Summary Table
 - Project information
 - Blows/ft
 - UF method (resistance)
 - Stresses
 - Energy
 - Stroke
 - Integrity
 - Other...

User Information										Pile Information									
CEI Name: Michael Foster Company Name: Applied Foundation Testing City: Odessa State: FL Zip: 33556 Certification ID: 010PL0066-16 Phone Number: 727-375-5040										Structure Pier: 4 Pile Number: 1 Pile Length: 95 Feet Pile Marker Increment: 1 Set Check Marker Increment: 1 Top Gauge to Pile Top: 48 inches Tip Gauge to Pile Tip: 24 inches 48 Dimensions: 24 inches Mid Gauge to Pile Tip: 0 inches Top Cross-Section Area: 576 inches 2 Tip Cross-Section Area: 576 inches 2 Modulus of Elasticity: 5725.967212 KSI Concrete Specific Weight: 0.15 KCF/3 Wave Speed: 13300 Feet/sec Fixed Jc Damping Coefficient: 0.5 Pile UP Soil Rate Factor: 0.96 Air Hammer Multiplier: FALSE Hammer SFI: 045-32 Nominal Bearing Resistance: 314 Tons Tension Resistance: 0 Minimum Tip Elevation: -30 Feet JetPileFem Elevation: -10 Feet Pile Cut Off Elevation: 16 Feet Radio 1 ID: 00.A0.96.36.T0.F2 Radio 1 FID Version: 517 Final Tip Elevation: -57.87 Feet									
Project Information																			
Project Name: SW Florida Airport Interchange City: Ft Myers State: FL County/District: Lee Project Number: EDC1 APT 913087 Project Description: Structure: Bridge 120179 Description: Latitude: Longitude:																			
Notes																			

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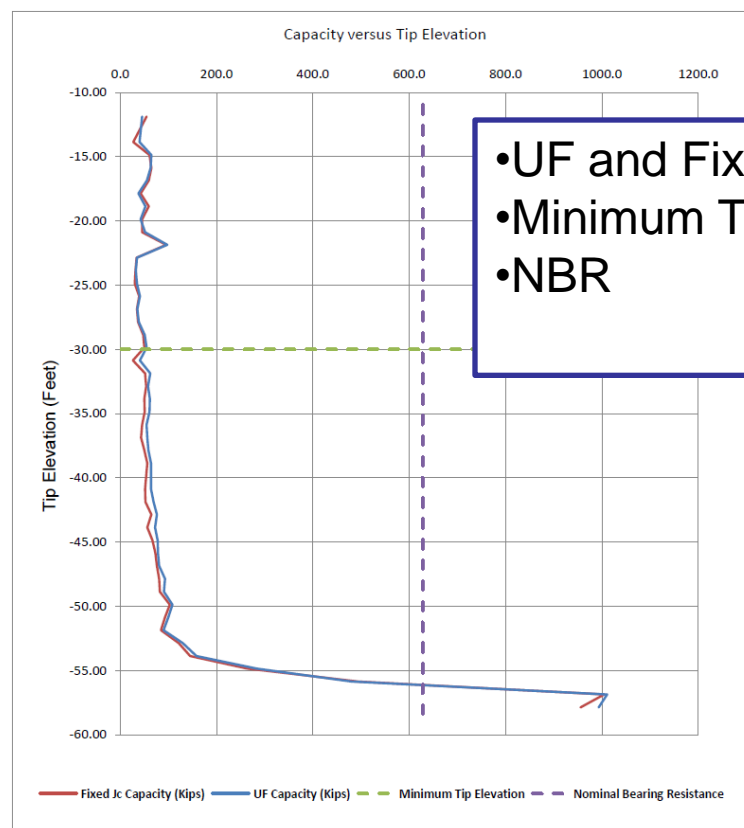
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User Information						Pile Information							
CEI Name Company Name City State Zip Certification ID Phone Number						Structure Pier 4 Pile Number 1 Pile Length 90 Pile Marker Increment 1 Set Check Marker Increment 1 Top Gage to Pile Top 48 Tip Gage to Pile Tip 24 d Dimension 24 Mid Gage to Pile Tip 0 Top Cross-Section Area 576 Tip Cross-Section Area 576 Modulus of Elasticity 5726.967212 Concrete Specific Weight 0.15 Wave Speed 13300 Fixed Jc Damping Coefficient 0.6 Pile Tip UP Soil Rate Factor 0.96 Air Hammer/Multipeak FALSE Hammer SPI D46-32 Nominal Bearing Resistance 314 Tension Resistance 0 Minimum Tip Elevation -30 Jet/PreForm Elevation -10 Pile Cut-Off Elevation 16 Radio 1 ID 00.A0.96.36.70.F2 Radio 1 FW Version 517 Final Tip Elevation -57.87							
Project Information													
Project Name City State County/District Project Number (DOT) Project Description Structure Description Latitude Longitude													
Notes													
Drive Duration: From 06-19-2013 12:23:21 to 06-19-2013 12:35:34						**Average at identified displacement unless a single blow or indicated otherwise in header (e.g. Tension)							
Tip Elevation (Feet)	Blow Number	Blows per Foot to Disp	Stroke/BPM (Feet)	Energy (Kips- ft)	Fixed Jc Capacity (Kips)	UF Capacity (Kips)	Wave Speed (Feet/sec)	Top Compression (Ksi)	Tip Compression (Ksi)	Max Tension (Ksi)	MPI	Top Preload Delta (uStrain)	Tip Preload Delta (uStrain)
-11.87	3	4	2.6	12.3	54.5	45.0	13003.4	1.1	0.2	0.7	87.5	-28.5	-75.0
-13.87	10	3	4.7	12.8	26.7	39.7	13113.7	1.1	0.2	0.7	100.0	2.8	-2.4
-14.87	13	3	4.7	12.3	61.0	64.7	13125.1	1.1	0.1	0.8	100.0	1.5	-0.4
-15.87	16	3	4.7	12.2	64.3	62.7	13165.8	1.2	0.2	0.9	100.0	2.3	-3.0
-16.87	19	3	4.6	11.6	59.0	55.3	13188.0	1.1	0.2	0.8	100.0	2.0	-6.7
-17.87	22	3	4.5	11.0	42.3	37.3	13208.3	1.1	0.1	0.8	100.0	2.4	-4.7
-18.87	24	2	4.6	11.9	59.5	52.5	13223.7	1.1	0.1	0.8	100.0	1.9	-4.8

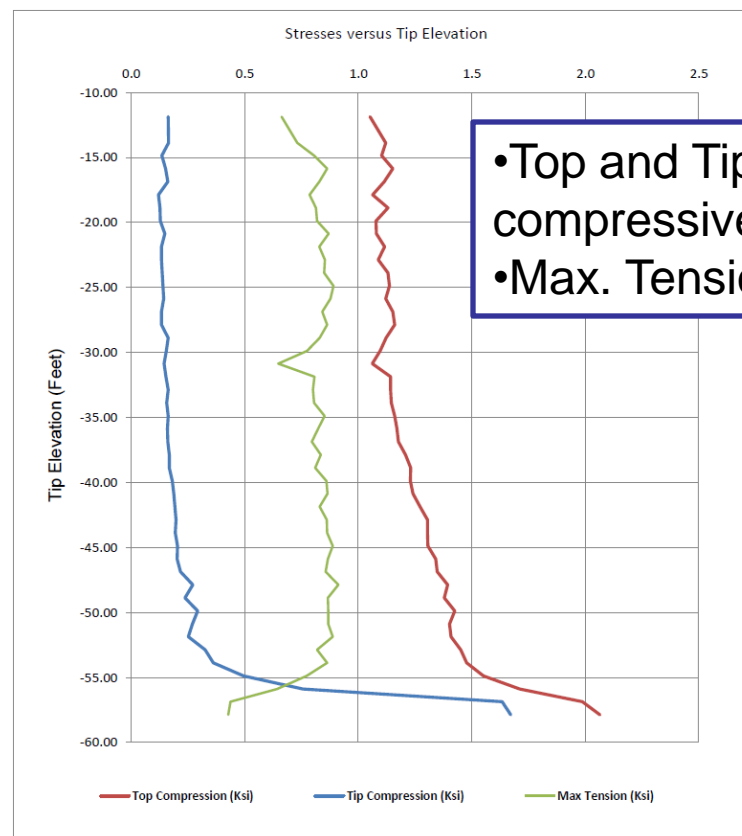
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CALCULATION METHODS

- Fixed Case Method
 - Constant damping factor for the entire drive, input by operator
 - Only top level of instruments
- UF Method
 - Damping factor is calculated for every hammer blow using pile top and tip measured data



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CALCULATION METHODS

- UF Method – Continued
 - Allows for the separation of static and dynamic resistance in real time, no signal match analysis required on an instrumented pile (top & tip)
 - Computes the contribution of end bearing and side friction to total resistance using both top and tip instrumentation.



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EVALUATING RESULTS

- Phase I, In-House evaluation (2006-2010)
 - Compare EDC estimates to PDA & CAPWAP;
- Phase II, UF (2009 – Present)
 - Collect results and generate a database of EDC vs. static load tests to develop a system-specific resistance factor for use in LRFD design



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EVALUATING RESULTS

- Phase 1: Compare EDC to PDA and CAPWAP
 - Database of piles monitored simultaneously with EDC and PDA
 - EDC data was collected and reported by different engineers than those collecting the PDA data.



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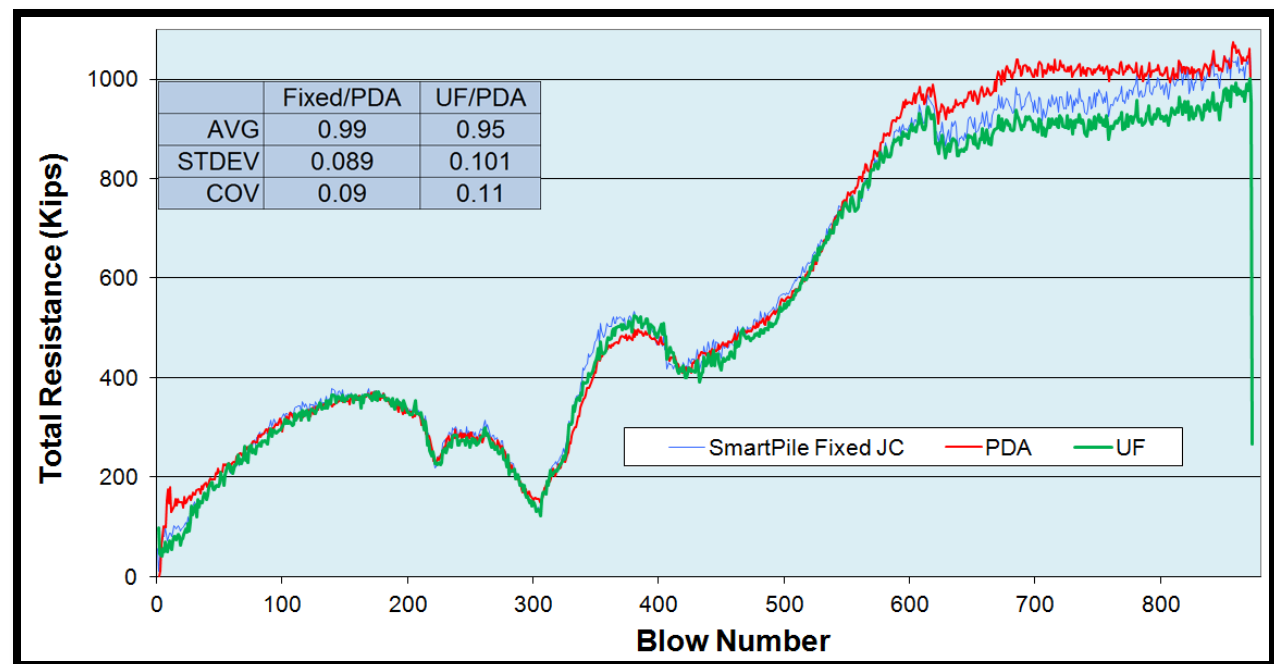
- Phase 1: Compare EDC to PDA and CAPWAP
 - Neither engineer would see the other's data until test pile program was completed and both reports turned in.



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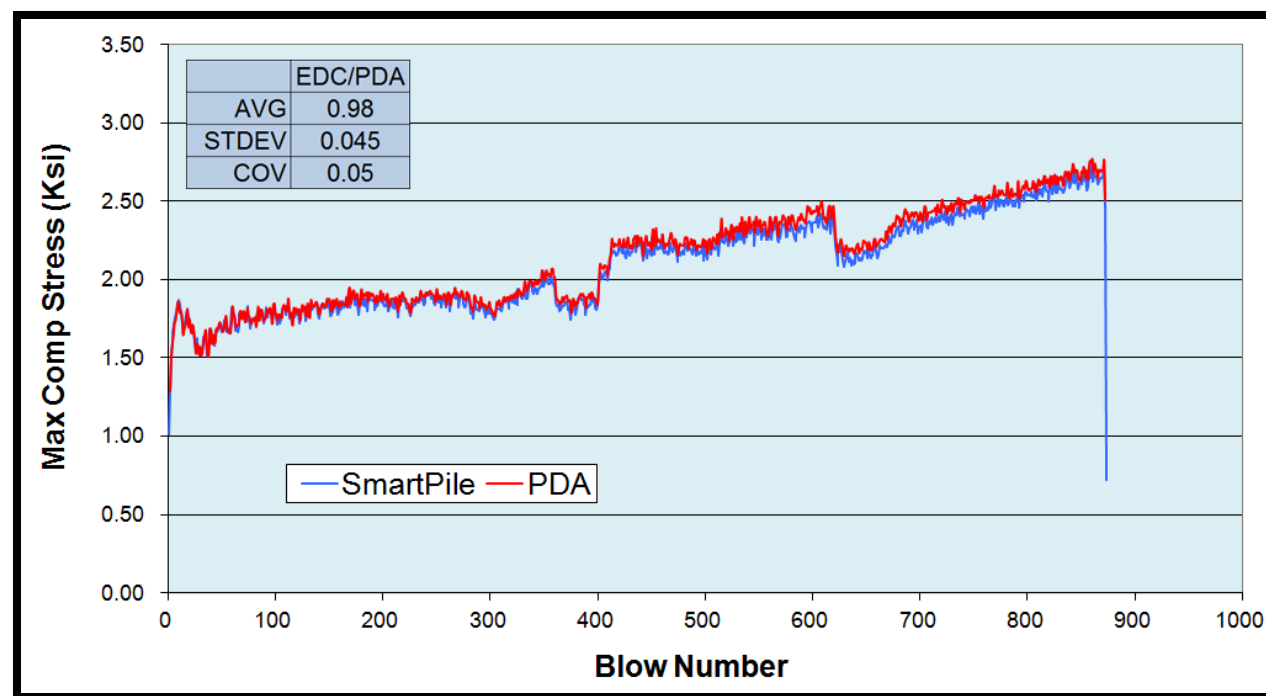
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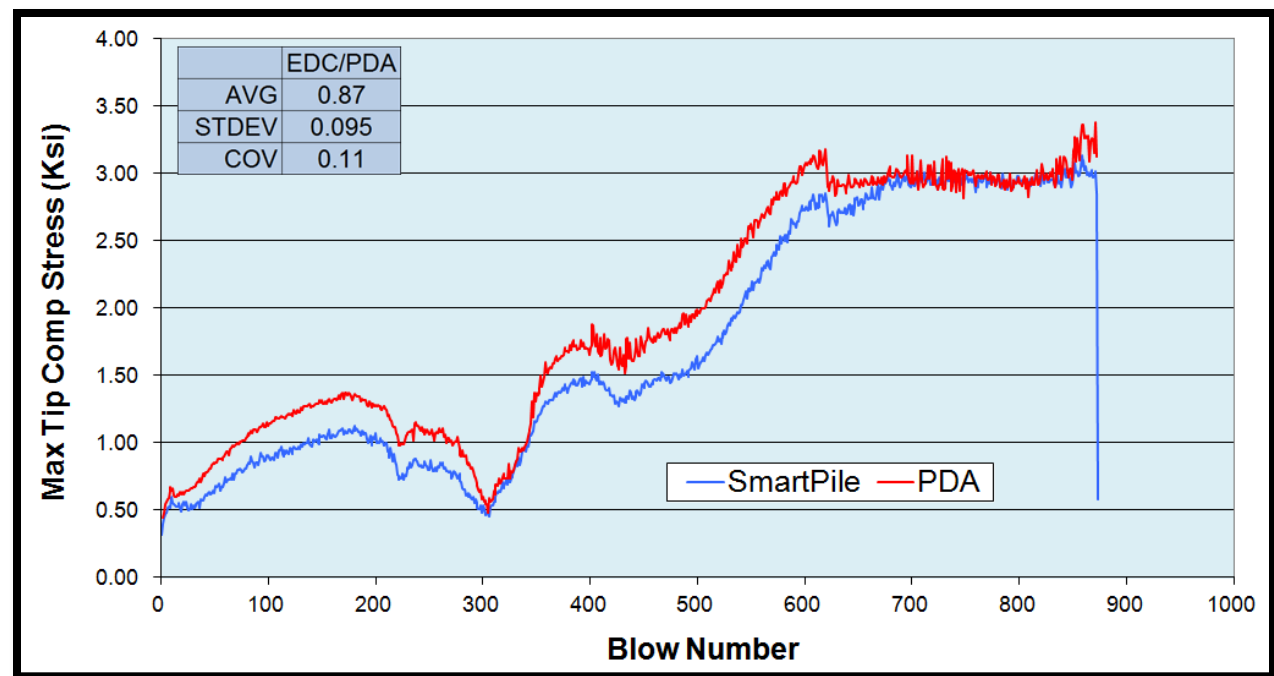
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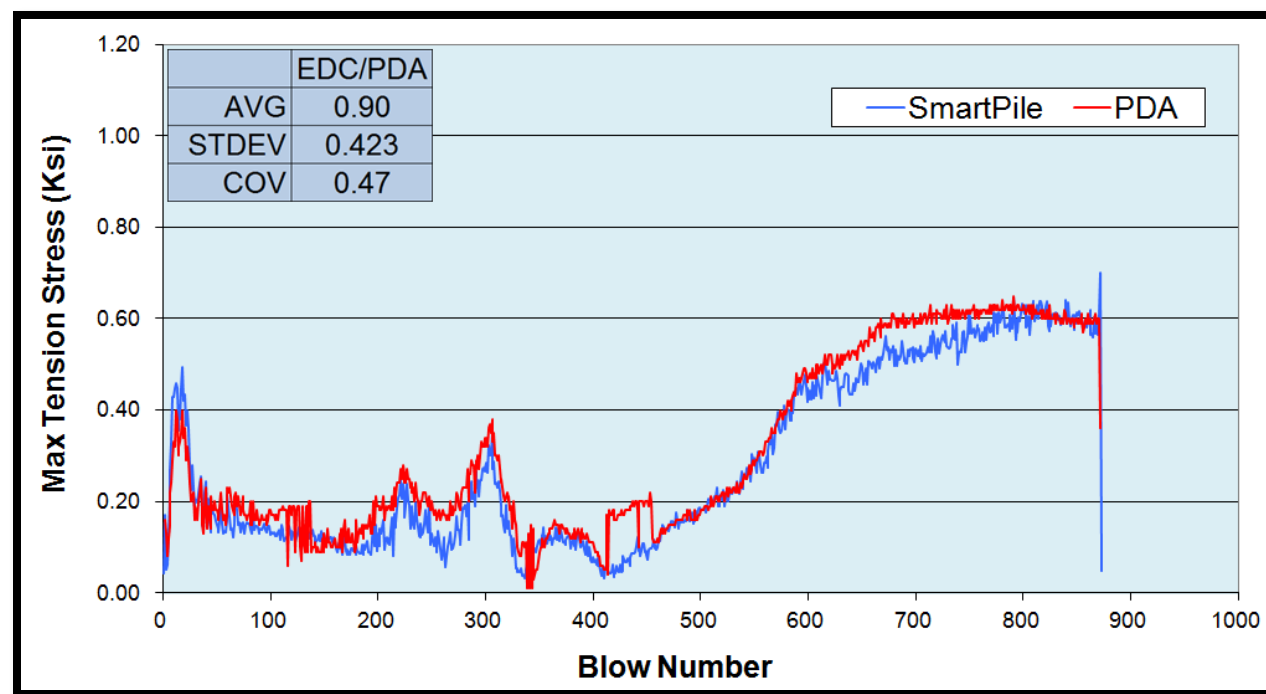
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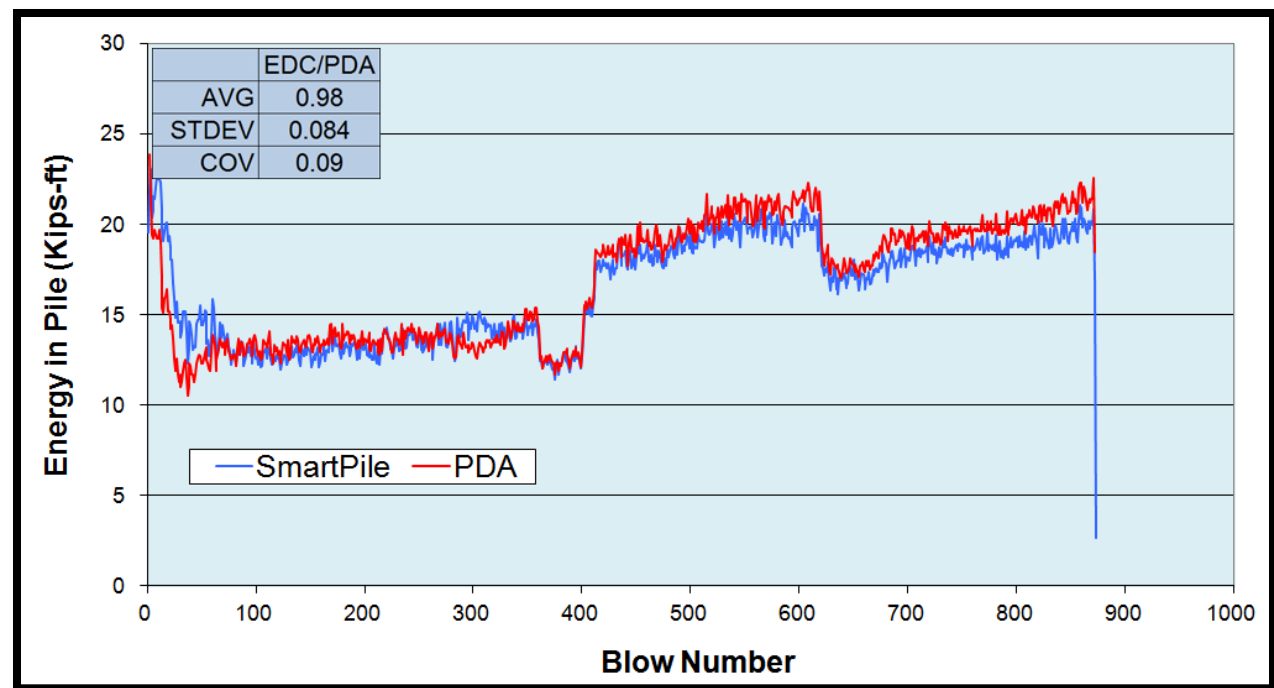
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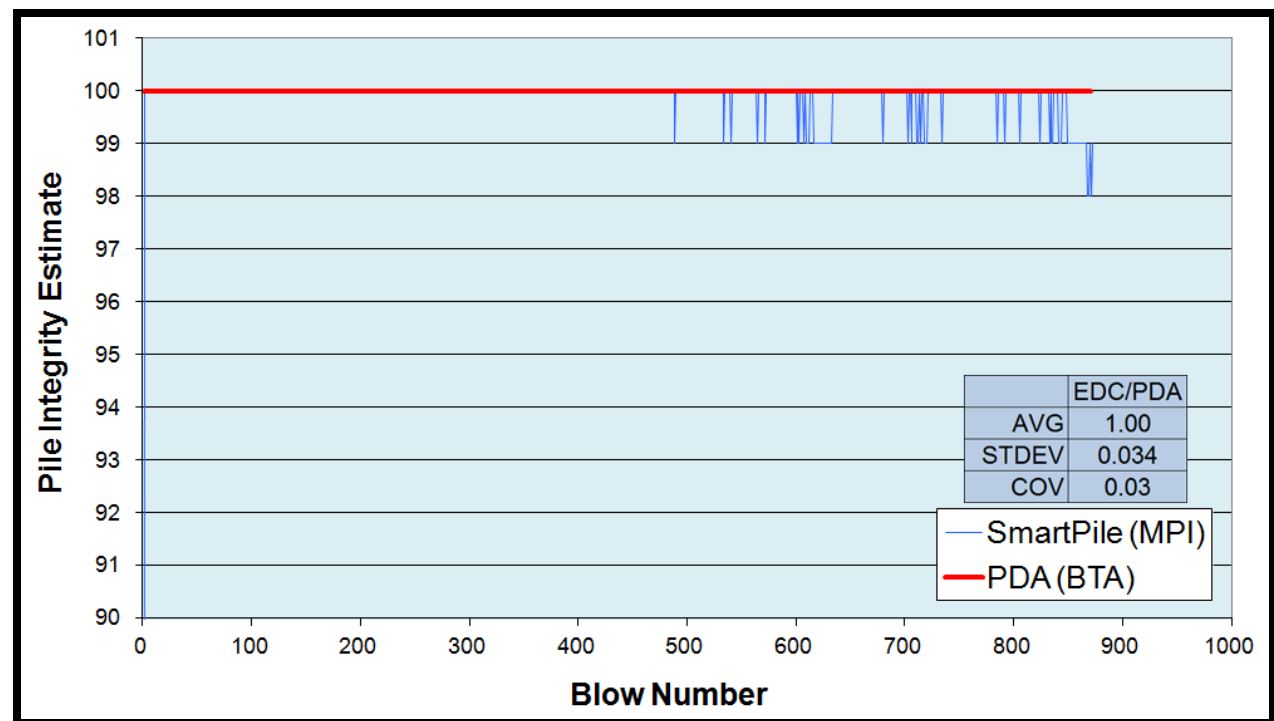
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EDC/PDA STATIC CAPACITY

Population “n” = 213,734 blows from 139 piles

Ratio of Total Static Resistance		
Parameter	Fixed Method/PDA	UF Method/PDA
Mean	0.89	0.91
Median	0.93	0.91
Standard Deviation	0.15	0.16
Coefficient of Variation	0.17	0.18

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EDC EVALUATION – PHASE I

Population “n” = 205,516 blows from 134 piles

STRESS, ENERGY AND INTEGRITY

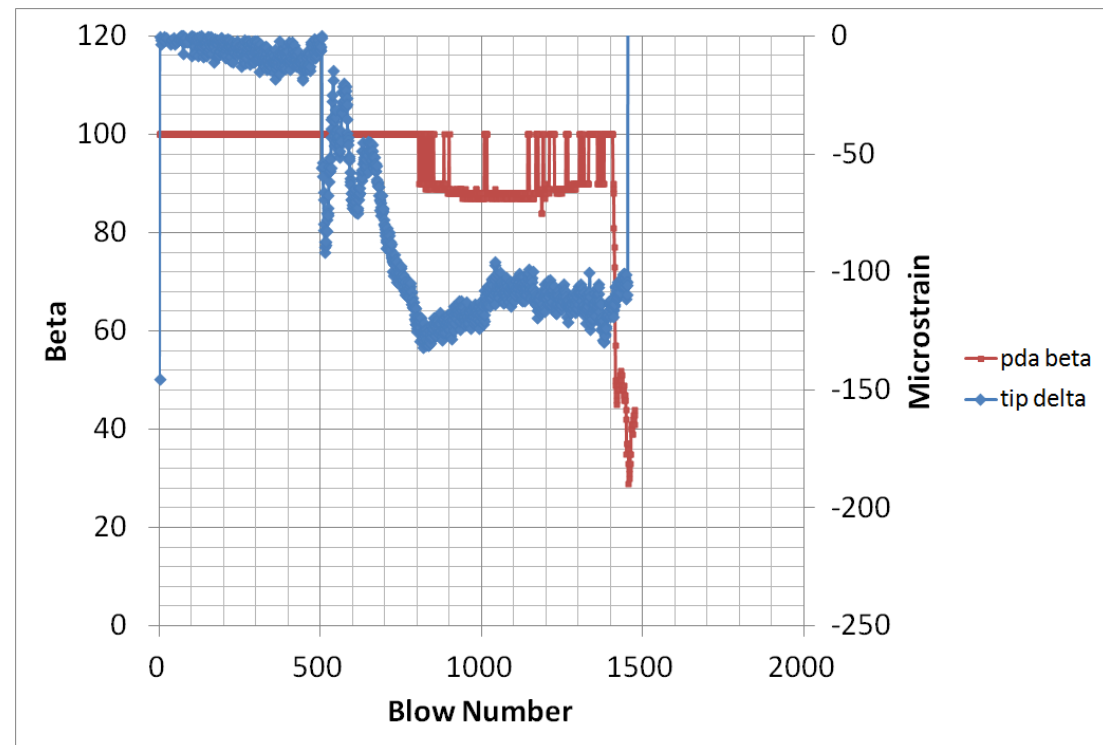
EDC/PDA

	CSX	CSB	TSX	EMX	Beta
Mean	0.92	0.75	0.89	0.95	0.96
Median	0.93	0.75	0.90	0.93	0.99
Std. Deviation	0.09	0.18	0.26	0.24	0.12
Coefficient of Variation	0.1	0.24	0.29	0.25	0.12

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TIP DAMAGE INDICATOR



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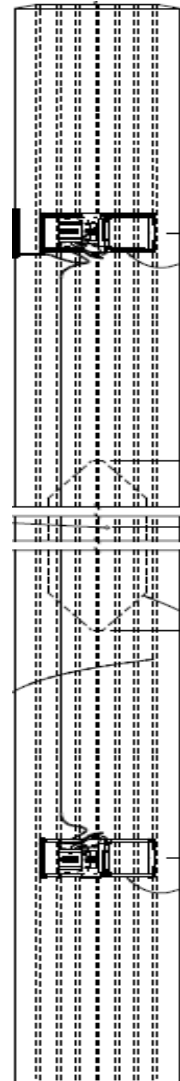
- Changes in measured strain;
 - Observed more often near the tip of the pile
 - Gradual loss of pre-stress as a precursor to damage



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Measured state of stress
during driving

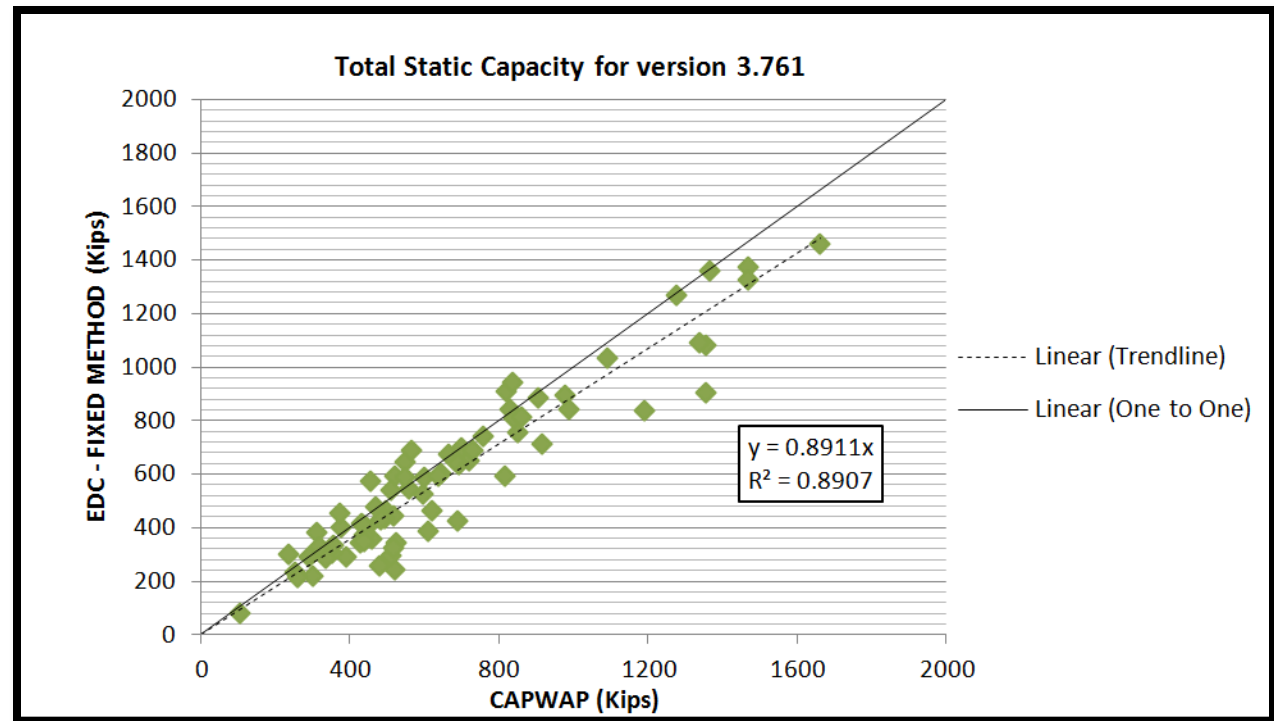


EDC/CAPWAP STATIC CAPACITY

Population “n” = 78 blows from 78 piles

Ratio of Total Static Resistance		
Parameter	Fixed Method/CAPWAP	UF Method/CAPWAP
Mean	0.88	0.86
Median	0.92	0.90
Standard Deviation	0.21	0.22
Coefficient of Variation	0.24	0.26

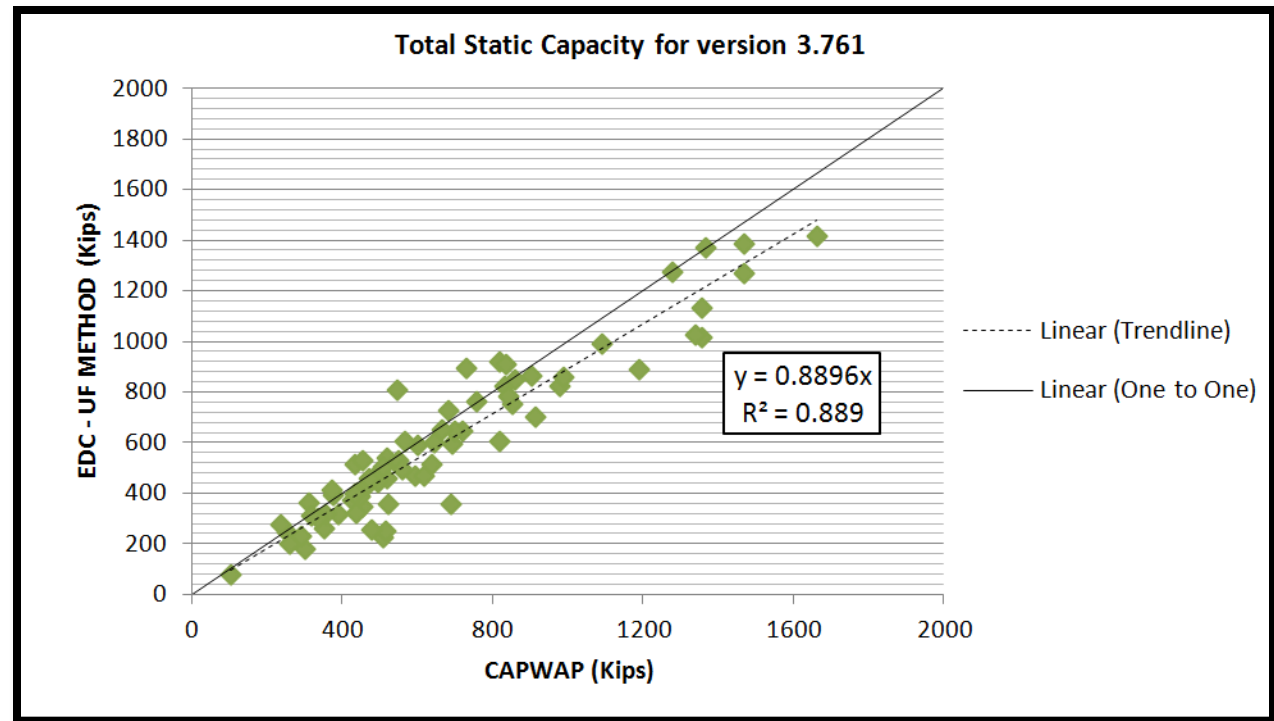
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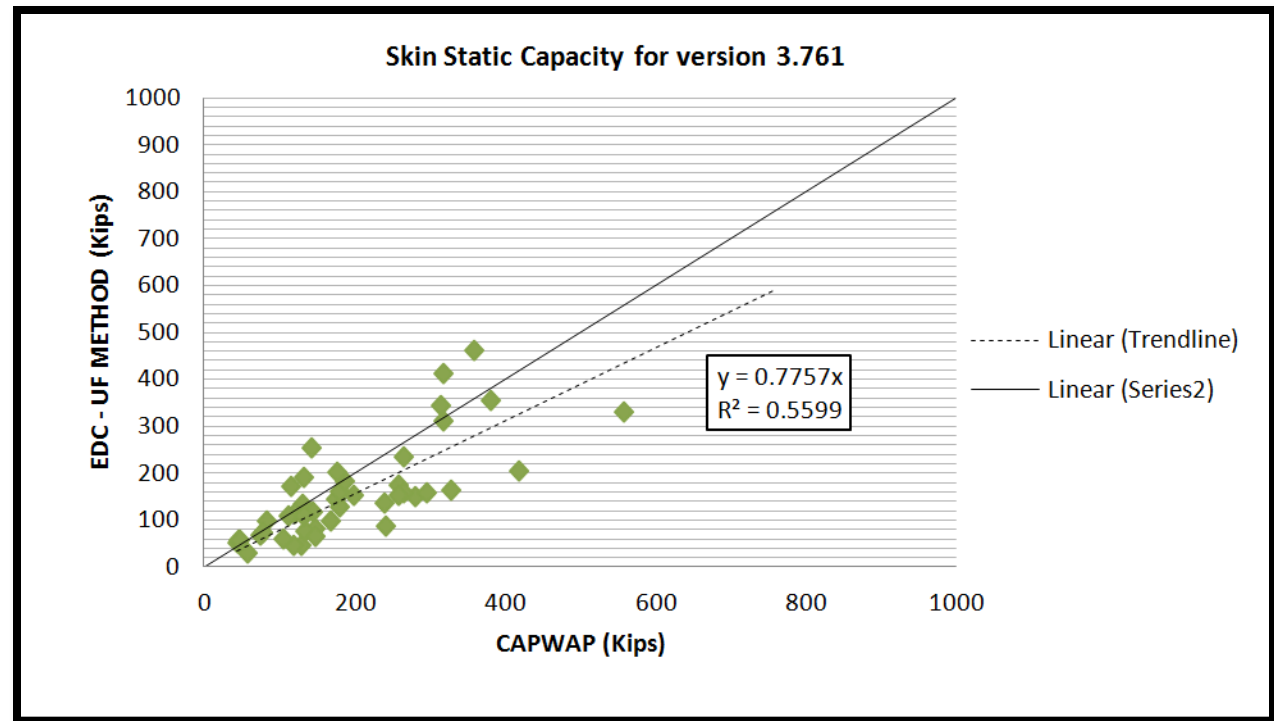
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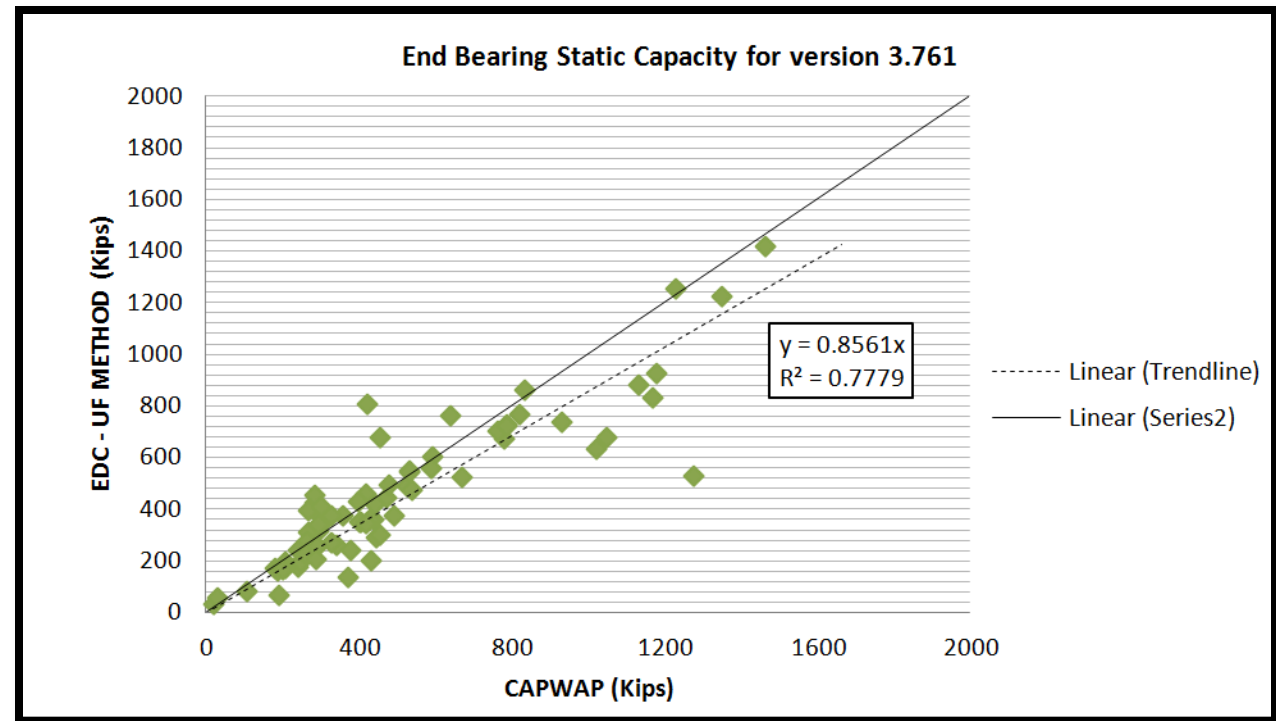
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EDC EVALUATION - CAPWAP



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EDC EVALUATION – PHASE I

- Partial findings published in the proceedings of the 2009 International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo
 - Blows with PDA estimate > 50 tons
 - Data within three standard deviations from the mean used in the development of statistical parameters

International
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& Equipment Expo '09

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EVALUATING RESULTS

- Phase 2: Compare EDC to Static Load Tests
 - 12 Load Tests (7 compression and 5 tension)
 - 8 in Florida
 - 4 in Louisiana
 - More to come...



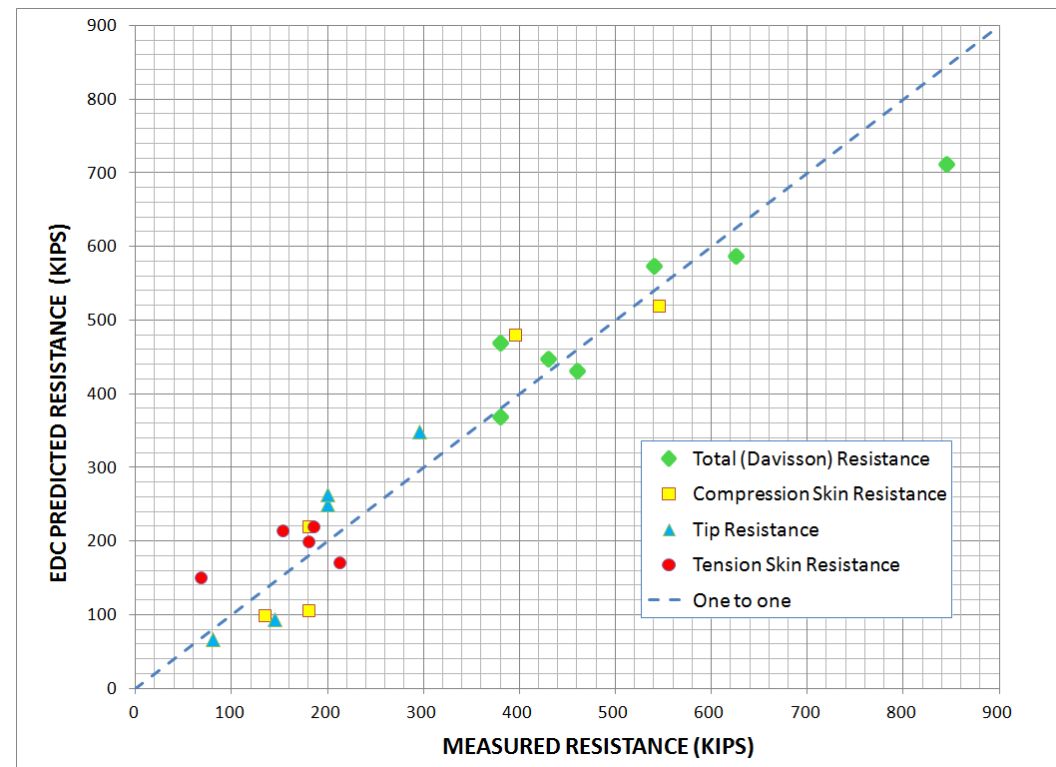
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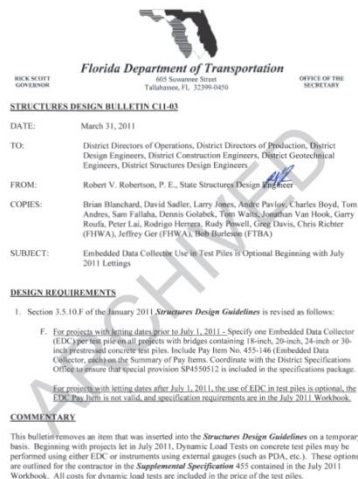
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IMPLEMENTATION



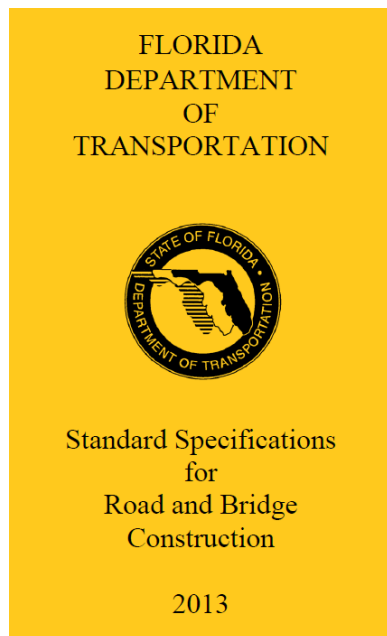
- Design Bulletins issued on 2006, 2009 and 2010 addressing the use of EDC in test and production piles
- Collect sufficient data to evaluate the system

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IMPLEMENTATION

- July 2011 Workbook
 - EDC introduced as a stand-alone system
- 2013 Standard Specifications

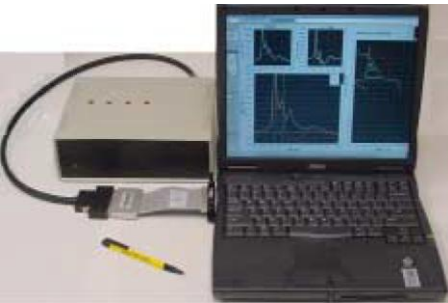


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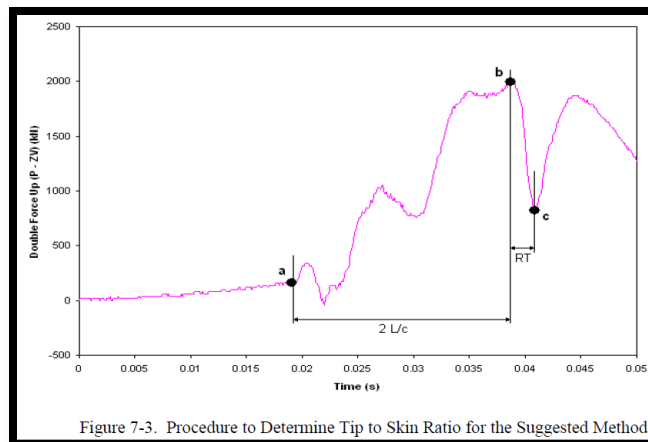
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- Original Research
 - “Double wave up” for skin friction estimates

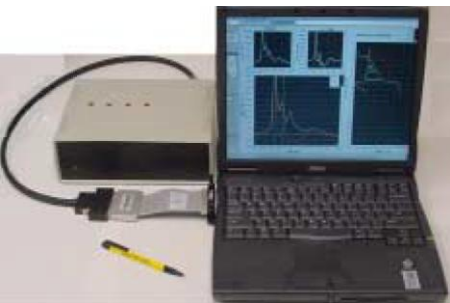


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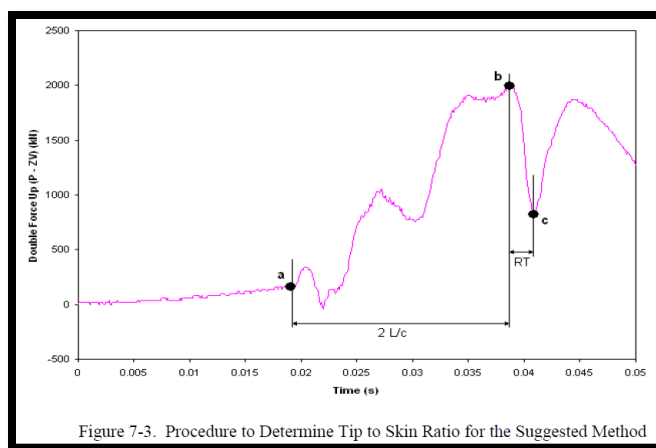
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- Original Research
– Tip to skin ratio



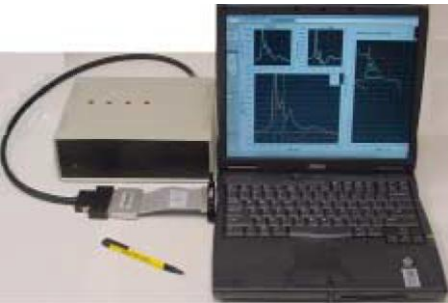
$$\frac{Tip}{Skin} = \frac{[(F_b - ZV_b) - (F_c - ZV_c)]}{[(F_b - ZV_b) - (F_a - ZV_a)]}$$

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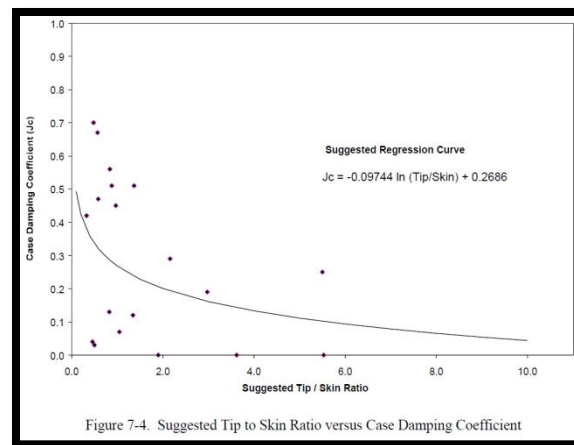
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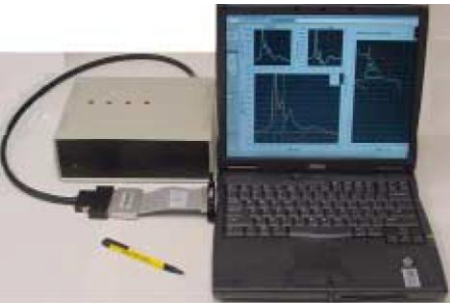
- Original Research
 - Case damping vs. tip/skin ratio



$$J_c = -0.09744 \ln \left(\frac{Tip}{Skin} \right) + 0.2686$$

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- Original Research
 - Case equation (Static resistance)

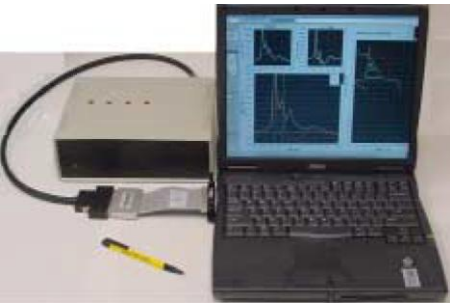
$$\bar{R} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(1 - \bar{J}_c)(F_1 + ZV_1) + (1 + \bar{J}_c)(F_2 - ZV_2) \right]$$

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EDC EVALUATION

- Original Research
 - Proposed method vs. static load tests

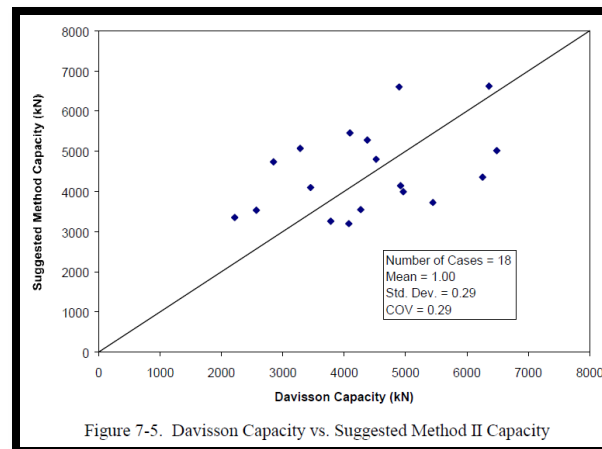


Figure 7-5. Davison Capacity vs. Suggested Method II Capacity

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- Follow-up Research
 - Evaluate EDC's measurements at the core of the pile vs. PDA and UF's instrumentation measurements on the face of the pile under controlled laboratory conditions



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- Follow-up Research



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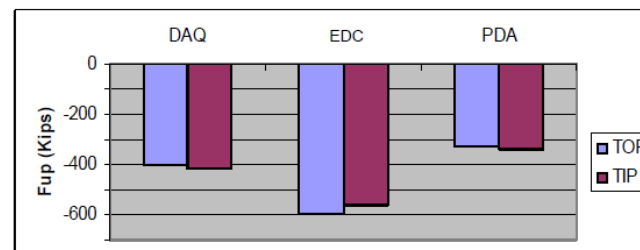


Figure 5-2. Comparison of peak F_{up} between tip and top of pile.

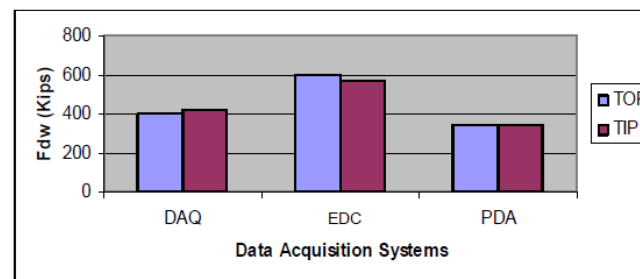


Figure 5-3. Comparison of peak F_{dw} between tip and top of pile.

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- Implementation of Findings and Smart Structures Updates
 - Revised Tip/Skin ratio

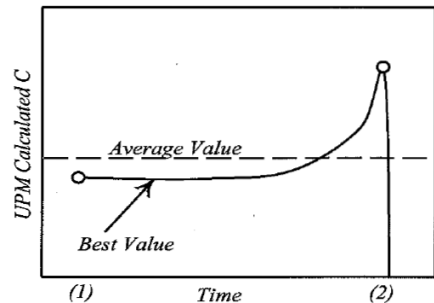
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tip/Skin} &= R_{D,\text{tip}} / R_{D,\text{skin}} \\ &= [F_{\text{down,tip}} + F_{\text{up,tip}}] / [2 * [F_{\text{Down,top}} - F_{\text{Down,tip}}]]\end{aligned}$$

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EDC EVALUATION

- Implementation of Findings and Smart Structures Updates
 - Unloading point method used for tip data analysis

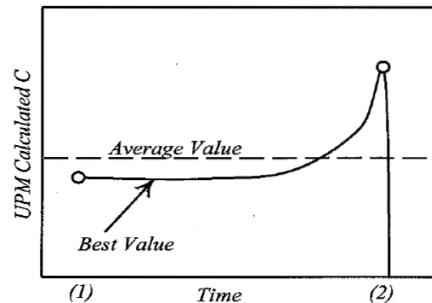
$$F_{\text{applied}} = F_{\text{static}} + ma + cv$$

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EDC EVALUATION

- Possibilities for the future
 - New methods for both tip and skin friction determination from UF (Tran & McVay)
 - Monitoring throughout the lifetime of the structure

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EDC EVALUATION

- Summary
 - Technology developed initially through FDOT funded research
 - UF - Dr. Michael McVay
 - Evaluation and stepped implementation of the system by FDOT between 2006 and 2011



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EDC EVALUATION

- Summary
 - Comparisons of total static capacity indicate that both UF and Fixed methods generally trend conservatively when compared to PDA and CAPWAP with averages near 86% and COV under 0.26



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Potential Future Benefits

**Jc Determination without Signal Matching
for the use of top gauges in production
piles**

INTRODUCTION

- The EDC's UF method uses information from top and bottom gauges to determine the capacity of the pile without the need for signal matching analysis.
- This has one potential benefit: Obtaining J_c , Case damping value directly from the output without matching analysis.

INTRODUCTION

- Once Jc from top and tip instrumentation measurements is determined, it would be reasonable to use 100% EDC with top gauges only, similar to PDA.
- When we previously required 100% EDC on all projects, PDA and CAPWAP were used to determine Jc. Piles were then accepted based on the top gauge information.

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Determining Jc

- The procedure is similar, except the EDC data and UF method are the basis for determining Jc.
- This is easily done when the Session Reports are loaded into Excel.
- A Session Report for each Jc value will need to be created and the comparison with the UF method performed in Excel.

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EDC output

Here is a typical Session Report in Excel:

SMARTPILE

SmartPile™ EDC REPORT

SmartPile(TM) Review Version 4

Disabled Error Detection Levels: None

SW Florida Airport Interchange

End Bent 1

Pile 3

Print to PDF (Excel 2007)

User Information

CEI Name Mitchell Foster

Company Name Applied Foundation Testing

City Odessa

State FL

Zip 33556

Certification ID 010FL0064-16

Phone Number 727-376-5040

Project Information

Project Name SW Florida Airport Interchange

City Ft Meyers

State FL

County/District Lee

Project Number (DOT) FIN 416649-2-52-01

Project Description

Structure Bridge 120179

Description

Latitude

Longitude

Notes

Drive Duration: From 04-15-2013 10:32:28 to 04-15-2013 10:58:47

Tip Elevation (Feet)

Blow Number

Blows per Foot to Disp

Stroke/BPM (Feet)

Energy (Kips-ft)

Fixed Jc Capacity (Kips)

UF Capacity (Kips)

Wave Speed (Feet/sec)

Top Compression (Ksi)

Tip Compression (Ksi)

Max Tension (Ksi)

MPI

Top Preload Delta (uStrain)

Tip Preload Delta (uStrain)

-0.42

6

5

2.8

9.8

179.0

146.4

15015.0

1.1

0.2

0.8

90.0

10.8

-9.8

-1.42

13

6

5.2

12.3

196.0

189.0

14810.0

1.2

0.2

0.9

100.0

1.7

6.3

-2.42

22

9

5.8

15.7

238.9

285.0

14669.6

1.5

0.2

1.3

100.0

-0.7

-3.9

-2.42

22

1

5.3

5.1

97.0

107.0

14609.7

0.7

0.1

0.4

100.0

2.9

-1.1

-15.42

46

4

4.8

12.2

220.0

224.0

14558.7

1.3

0.2

1.0

100.0

-0.1

-1.9

-16.42

51

5

4.8

11.1

205.8

214.4

14503.3

1.3

0.2

0.9

100.0

-0.6

-0.1

Session Results

Session Graphics

Blow Distribution

**Average at identified displacement unless a single blow or indicated otherwise in header (e.g. Tension)

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EDC output

The typical output includes “Fixed Jc Capacity” and “UF Capacity” columns:

Drive Duration: From 03-11-2013 12:07:07 to 03-11-2013 13:01:04					**Average at ide	
Tip Elevation (Feet)	Blow Number	Blows per Foot to Disp	Stroke/BPM (Feet)	Energy (Kips- ft)	Fixed Jc Capacity (Kips)	UF Capacity (Kips)
0.67	19	6	5.8	22.9	134.0	127.4
-0.33	21	2	7.9	28.1	218.5	249.0
-1.33	24	3	7.6	24.9	174.3	216.7
-2.33	27	3	7.0	24.5	178.3	231.0
-3.33	30	3	6.6	27.8	224.7	292.3
-3.33	30	1	6.9	23.4	217.0	247.0
-5.33	34	2	7.7	27.6	250.5	273.0
-5.33	34	1	8.9	41.2	227.0	312.0
-8.33	37	2	8.0	31.7	285.5	370.5
-8.33	37	1	6.9	28.3	246.0	385.0
-9.33	38	1	7.1	26.9	197.0	271.0
-11.33	42	3	6.9	28.2	178.0	227.0
-11.33	42	1	6.7	31.2	194.0	223.0
-13.33	46	3	6.9	28.9	231.7	310.0
-13.33	46	1	6.7	29.2	227.0	297.0
-15.33	49	2	6.7	29.1	231.5	300.5

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A column can be added to perform statistical comparisons between Jc Cap and UF Cap:

added

**Average at identified displacement unless a single blow or indicated otherwise in header (e.g. Tension)								
UF Capacity (Kips)	Wave Speed (Feet/sec)	Top Compression (Ksi)	Tip Compression (Ksi)	Max Tension (Ksi)	MPI	Top Preload Delta (uStrain)	Tip Preload Delta (uStrain)	fixed Jc Cap/UF
853.0	14502.0	2.3	1.6	0.4	100.0	0.0	-0.6	0.964
847.0	14509.0	2.2	1.6	0.4	100.0	0.0	-5.0	0.959
844.0	14507.3	2.2	1.5	0.4	100.0	1.5	-4.4	0.944
845.0	14509.0	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-5.1	0.981
863.0	14507.3	2.3	1.6	0.4	100.0	0.0	-7.0	0.943
843.0	14509.0	2.3	1.6	0.4	100.0	-1.9	-6.2	0.963
834.0	14512.9	2.2	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-7.7	0.960
881.0	14502.9	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-3.3	0.980
869.0	14496.1	2.3	1.6	0.4	100.0	0.0	-11.8	0.997
855.0	14497.2	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	1.3	-0.6	0.978
865.0	14485.3	2.2	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-4.8	0.986
861.0	14486.0	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-7.7	0.969
866.0	14490.9	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-3.7	0.986
861.0	14491.9	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-7.7	0.980
846.0	14503.8	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	-0.8	-3.7	0.989
848.0	14499.4	2.3	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-4.0	0.988
860.0	14503.8	2.2	1.5	0.4	100.0	-1.0	-9.6	0.979
854.0	14488.1	2.2	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-3.3	0.959
831.0	14487.3	2.1	1.5	0.4	100.0	0.0	-3.3	0.964
717.0	14487.3	1.5	1.2	0.2	100.0	-2.7	-7.3	0.987
504.0	14487.3	0.8	0.7	0.0	99.0	-1.8	-0.4	0.871
							Avg	0.962
							stdr. Dev	0.047
							correl	0.999
							max	1.103
							avg+ stdr	1.010

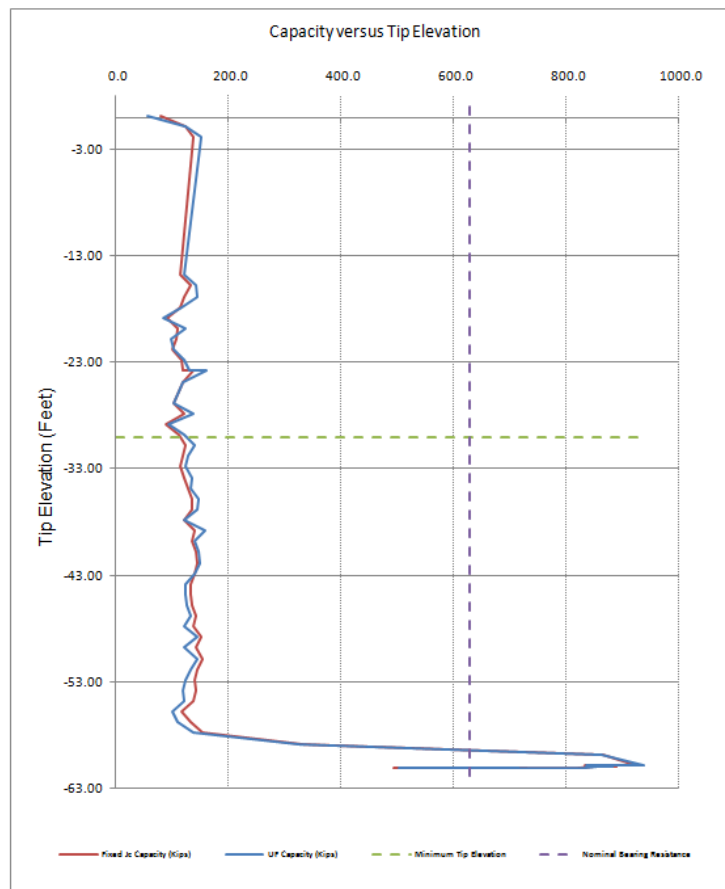
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The graphical output includes a chart comparing the Fixed Case capacity with Jc and UF capacity



A typical output of an EDC session. In red, Jc capacity (at the JC value selected) compared with UF capacity (blue)

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- The value of J_c used in the Fixed Method analysis is called the Fixed J_c Damping Coefficient in SmartPile Review and can be changed. The user then replays the EDC data for each different J_c value.

SmartPile™ Review: Blow Data Display and Reporting

File Session Configuration Import/Export Acquire Data Publish Help

SMARTPILE™ Review 4.0 Review Session Loaded 0 Display Skip Valid Thru

Session Configuration (Raw) Blow Data Top Gages Tip Gages Summary Data Session Report Session Catalog Reset Graphs

User Project Pile Criteria Save Session

No Pile Specified Pile Number 0 Test Pile

Modulus of Elasticity 5461 KSI

Concrete Specific Weight 0.15 KIPs/ft3

Wave Speed 13200 Ft/sec

Fixed J_c Damping Coefficient 0.4

Pile Tip UP Soil Rate Factor Sand(.92)

(Multi-Peak Top Strain) Air/Hydraulic Hammer

Units English

Radio 1 ID

Firmware Version

Pile Physical Dimensions

Pile Length	1.000	Feet
Pile Marker Increment	1.000	
Set Check Marker Increment	1.000	Inches
Top Gage to Pile Top	1.000	
Tip Gage to Pile Tip	1.000	
d Dimension	1.000	Inches
Mid Gage to Pile Tip	1.000	
Top Cross-Section Area	1.000	Inch ²
Tip Cross-Section Area	1.000	

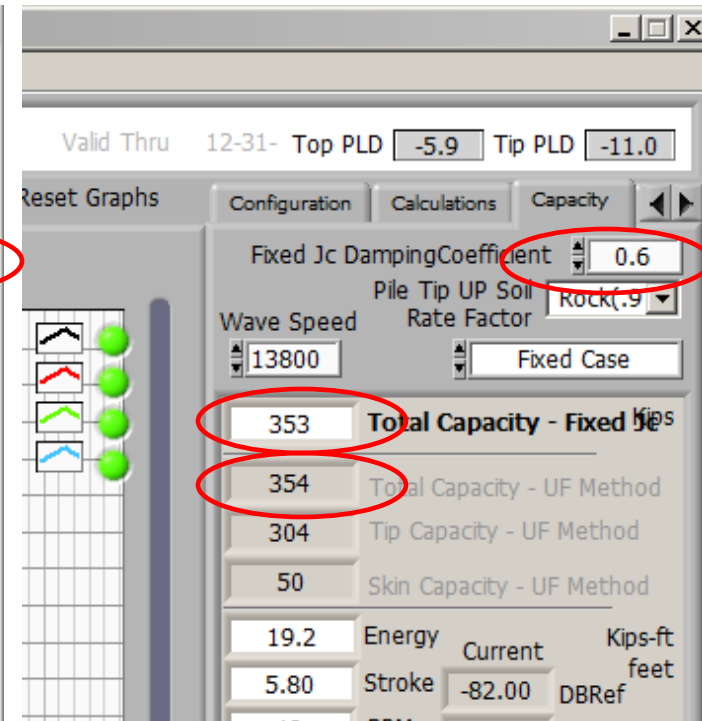
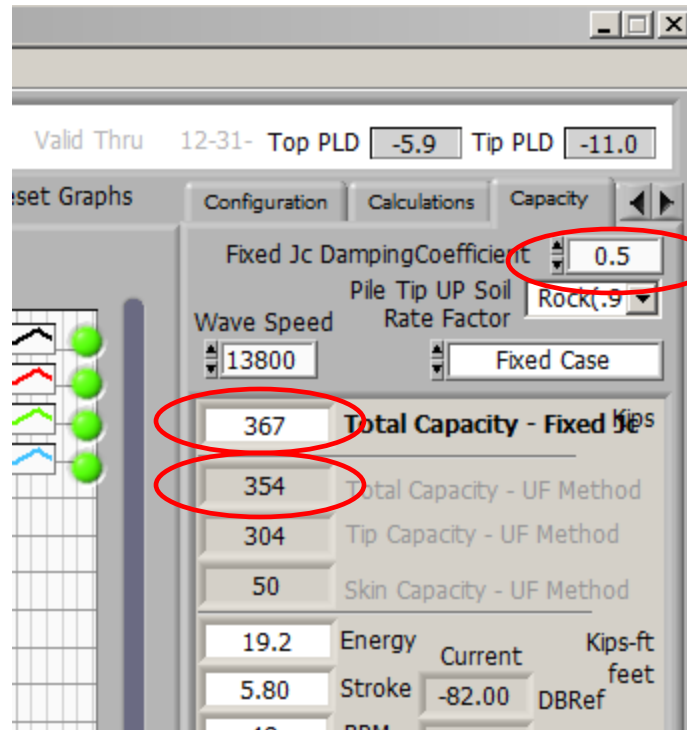
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Capacity variability in individual blows can also be seen by changing the Jc value



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Suggested Procedure

The EDC outputs may be used to estimate the Jc value as follows:

- Produce output data for several Jc values.
- Compare the values and plots of Fixed Jc Capacity and UF Capacity.
- Focus on data collected below the minimum tip elevation.

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- Select the Jc value at which the Fixed Jc Capacity is closest to, but does not exceed the UF capacity

Note: The Fixed Jc capacity will not necessarily be parallel to the UF Capacity for the entire drive.

Example follows:

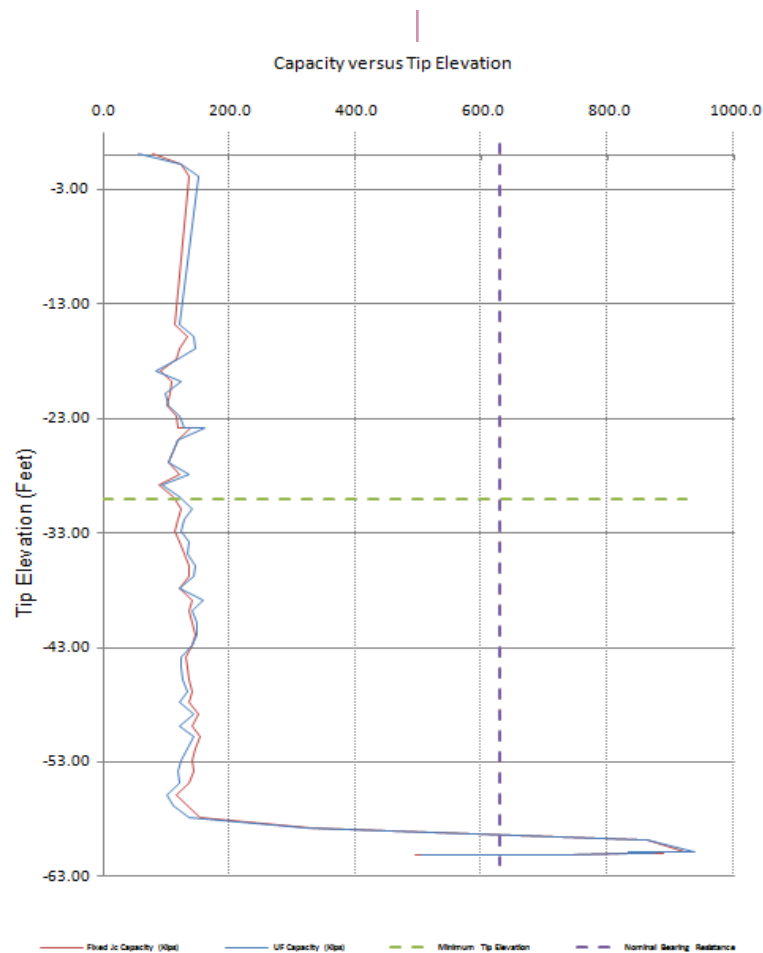
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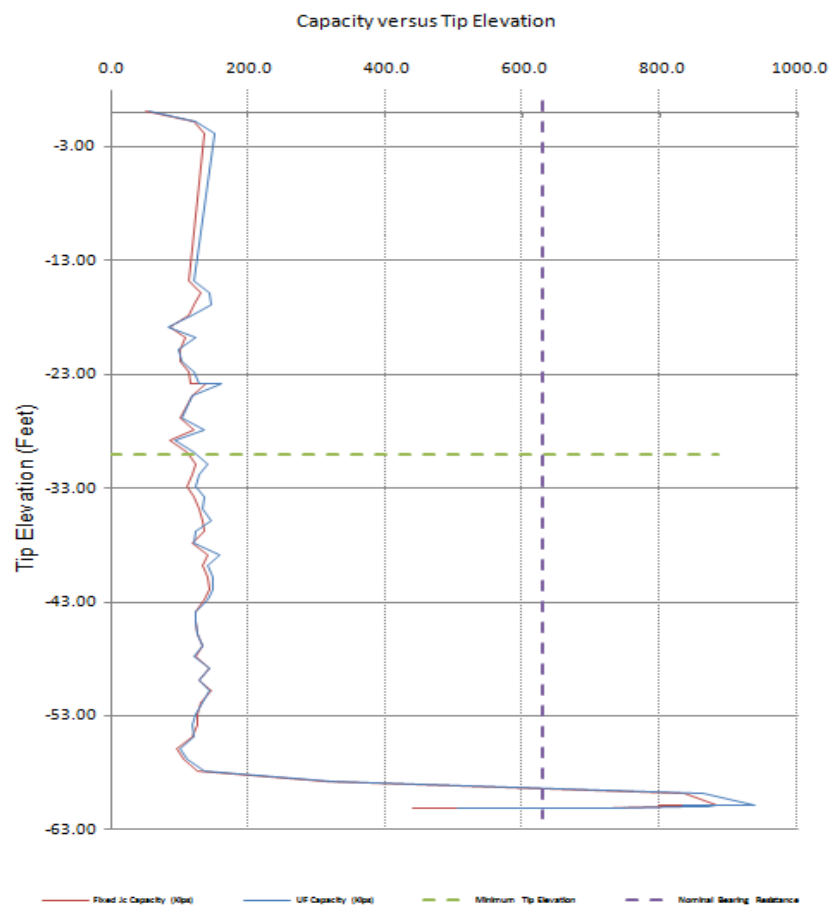
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Jc=0.5 unconservative below
El. -43.



Jc=0.6 is a good value. Great match and
even slightly conservative below El -57.

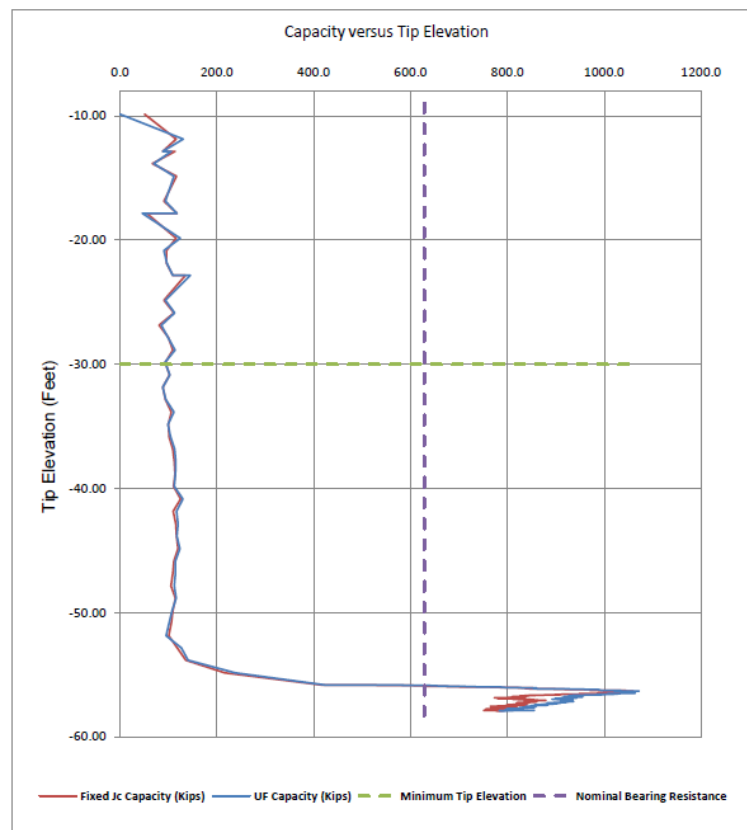


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Example 2:

- In this case it can be seen how a $J_c=0.6$ gives a very good match with the UF Capacity, throughout the full drive.



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Notes on Set-Checks and re-drives

If the capacity is not achieved during initial drive, and we need a set-check (redrive) after a period of time, we may have a limitation because the J_c typically increases between initial drive and redrive, particularly in soils exhibiting set-up over time.