PROCESSED STRONG-MOTION RECORDS FROM THE

CSMIP/NSF TREASURE ISLAND GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY

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INTRODUCTION

Important data for geotechnical engineering was recorded at the joint GSHIP/National Science Foundation (NSF) Treasure Island Geotechnical Array near San Francisco. Low-amplitude accelerograms were recorded at the array from a distant Mw 5.3 earthquake. The earthquake occurred near Gilroy, approximately 120 km away. In this soft-soil site-response array accelerometers are installed at the surface and in 5 nearby boreholes. The borehole accelerometers are located below the sandstone and shale bedrock surface (104 m) and at 4 intermediate locations in the soil profile (7, 16, 31, 44 m).

The peak acceleration, velocity and displacement at the array are 0.0142 g, 0.86 cm/sec and 0.08 cm, respectively. These peaks were recorded on channel 1, located on the surface in the north-south direction. In the north-south direction, peak acceleration ranged from 0.0032 g in bedrock to 0.0142 g at the surface. In the east-west direction, peak accelerations of 0.0024 and 0.013 g were recorded in bedrock and at the surface, respectively. In contrast, on the vertical component the peak acceleration ranged from 0.0021 g in bedrock to 0.0004 g at the surface. The processing of these records occurred in parallel with digitization and processing of many large amplitude records from the Landers earthquake.

THE GSHIP/NSF TREASURE ISLAND GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY

The Treasure Island Geotechnical Array is a recently installed joint project of GSHIP and the NSF (de Alba and others, 1993). This installation fits into the framework of the proposed network of U.S. Geotechnical Test Sites (Benoit and de Alba, 1988). One of the goals of the array is to explain the observed amplification of rock motion by soil deposits observed during the magnitude 7 Loma Prieta earthquake (de Alba and others, 1993). Figure 1 shows a plan view of the array and instrumentation.

Site Geology Treasure Island is a 400-acre manmade island created in the 1930's by hydraulic filling. The island was constructed over a natural sand spit and Bay Mud and is located in San Francisco Bay north of the Franciscan outcrops on Yerba Buena Island. Figure 2 shows the depth profile of the instrumentation. The shear-wave velocity and lithology (after Gibbs and others, 1992) are also shown. At the array site there is approximately 12 m of hydraulic fill and sand overlying about 15 m of medium-stiff Holocene Bay Mud (soft silt and clay sediments) over dense sand and stiff Pleistocene Bay Mud (Old Bay Clay). Generally, the clay stiffness increases with depth. Franciscan sandstone and shale is encountered at 91 m beneath the site. The hydraulic fill consists of silty fine sands with clayey zones. The fill is in a relatively loose condition due to the construction method. After the Loma Prieta earthquake sand boils on Treasure Island provided evidence of liquefaction within 100 m of the array site (Shakal and others, 1989; EERI, 1990). Array site characterization studies are described in greater detail in Gibbs and others (1992), de Alba and others (1993), and EERI (1993).
In instrumentation, the array includes six triaxial accelerometers that have been installed at the surface and in five boreholes. As indicated in Figure 2, borehole acceleration data is recorded in the artificial fill at 7 m; near the top of the Young Bay Mud at 16 m; near the top of a dense gray sand at 33 m; near the top of the Old Bay Mud at 44 m; and below the bedrock surface at 104 m. The 5 borehole accelerometers were installed in 5 m PVC pipe that was grouted in place. The accelerometers are secured in the borehole using the GSMIP orientation and locking system (Shakal and Pedersen, 1992). At the time of the earthquake the array installation was not yet complete because the pore pressure sensors had not been installed.

Observations. The peak acceleration (Apk) ranged from 0.0142 g at the surface to 0.0032 g at 104 m depth in bedrock in the north-south direction. In the east-west direction, Apk ranged from 0.0133 g at the surface to 0.0024 g in bedrock. An amplification ratio of peak acceleration from bedrock to the surface of greater than a 4 is observed on both of the low-amplitude horizontal components.

Horizontal Acceleration

Surface Apk = 0.0142 g = 4.4
Amplification Ratio: Bedrock Apk 0.0032 g

In contrast, on the vertical component the peak acceleration ranged from 0.0046 g at the surface to 0.0021 g in bedrock with an amplification ratio of about 2 from bedrock to the surface.

Vertical Acceleration

Surface Apk = 0.0046 g = 2.1
Amplification Ratio: Bedrock Apk 0.0021 g

In addition, the acceleration waveforms recorded at the surface and subsurface soil instruments have significantly longer duration than the bedrock record. On all three components, the duration (Dobry and others, 1978) is between 8 and 10 seconds in the bedrock, between 15 to 25 seconds in the soil profile and between 15 and 20 seconds at the surface. The longest durations were recorded in the soil profile at 16 m (51 ft).

Instrumented-corrected and band-pass filtered peak velocity (Vpk) and displacement (Dpk) are less than 1 cm/sec and 0.1 cm, respectively for all records. The amplification ratios of peak velocity and displacement from bedrock to the surface are greater than 3 for the horizontal components. For example, in the north-south direction peak velocity ranges from 0.154 in bedrock to 0.857 cm/sec at the surface.

Horizontal Velocity

Surface Vpk = 0.857 cm/sec = 5.6
Amplification Ratio: Bedrock Vpk 0.154 cm/sec

Horizontal Displacement

Surface Dpk = 0.078 cm = 6.5
Amplification Ratio: Bedrock Dpk 0.012
In contrast, the amplification ratio of peak vertical velocity and displacement from the bedrock to the surface are both near 1.

Vertical Velocity
Amplification Ratio: Surface Vpk = 0.220 cm/sec = 1.2
Bedrock Vpk = 0.178 cm/sec

Vertical Displacement
Amplification Ratio: Surface Dpk = 0.022 cm = 1.3
Bedrock Dpk = 0.017 cm

Similar to acceleration, the durations of the displacement and velocity waveforms recorded at the surface and in the soil profile are longer than recorded in the bedrock.

The response spectra computed from the surface and the soil profile recordings are generally larger than the bedrock spectrum. The spectra generally decrease in amplitude with increasing depth. The spectral amplification in the north-south direction is greater than 10 near 1 Hz. The east-west spectra show similar trends. However, the spectral amplification on the vertical component is generally 2 or less for the periods within the Usable Data Bandwidth.

**PLOTS OF PROCESSED DATA**

The processed data for the array recordings from the Gilroy Area earthquake are presented below. The order of the plots is as follows:

1. Phase 2 (Vol. 2) data: instrument and baseline-corrected acceleration, velocity and displacement. The data for the full processed length (39 seconds) are plotted with equal scaling for all channels. The 18 channels at the array are arranged by orientation (north-south (360°), up-down (Up), east-west (90°)) and plotted on a single page. The filter frequencies used in the processing are indicated on the plots. For these records, the Usable Data Bandwidth is from 0.51 to 23.6 Hz. (or 0.04 to 2.0 seconds period) (see Figure 3). The Usable Data Bandwidth was selected because of some noise aspects in the data recorded from the newly installed accelerometers.

2. Phase 2 (Vol. 2) data: instrument and baseline-corrected acceleration, velocity and displacement. The data for the full processed length are plotted with equal scaling for all channels; one channel per page.

3. Phase 3 (Vol. 3) data: response spectra. The pseudo-velocity spectra (PSV), the pseudo-acceleration spectra (PAS), the displacement spectra (SD), and the Fourier amplitude spectra (FS) are presented on a tripartite logarithmic plot for each channel. The spectra at the surface (channels 1 to 3) are plotted using the traditional ordinate, scaled to 400 in/sec; one channel per page. To display the low-amplitude spectra more completely, the response spectra are plotted using an ordinate scaled to 40 in/sec; three channels are plotted per page. The spectra are plotted for periods within the Usable Data Bandwidth.

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REFERENCES


Figure 1. Plan view of the CSMT/SSF Treasure Island Geotechnical Array instrumentation. Accelerometers at the surface and at depths of 7 m (23'), 16 m (51'), 31 m (102'), 46 m (151') and 104 m (340') are denoted by hatched circles. At each location the three components are oriented north, up and east. The channel numbers, channel orientation and recording depth (in feet) are also shown for each accelerometer. The array also includes 8 pore pressure sensors (piezometers) denoted by solid triangles. These sensors are installed at depths of 3 through 11.7 m (10 through 38 ft). These sensors monitor the dynamically-induced pore pressure in the sand but were not yet installed at the time of this earthquake. The installation of these sensors is described in more detail in de Alba and others (1993).
Figure 2. The USMIP/NSF Treasure Island Geotechnical Array instrumentation. Accelerometers at the surface and at depths of 7 m (24'), 16 m (51'), 31 m (102'), 44 m (145') and 104 m (340') are denoted by hatched circles. The channel number and orientation are shown for each component. The U.S. Geological Survey shear-wave velocity and lithology log from Gibbs and others (1992) are shown (modified from Gibbs and others, 1992). The 8 pore pressure sensors (piezometers) are denoted by solid triangles. The channel number and depth (feet) are shown for each sensor.
DEFINITION OF USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH

The filter bands for each record are indicated on the plots for the Phase 2 and Phase 3 data. In standard processing, the digitized data are processed and filtered using Ornaby filters. The data are first low-pass filtered using a high-frequency filter with a corner frequency of 23 Hz and a roll-off termination frequency of 25 Hz. Then the data are high-pass filtered using a low-frequency filter with a corner frequency of 0.07 Hz and a roll-off termination of 0.05 Hz. Therefore, the Phase 2 data is the result of the digitized data being filtered by the bandpass filter \( H(f) \) with ramps as shown in the figure:

The **Usable Data Bandwidth** is defined as the band between frequencies \( f_b \) and \( f_L \), where \( f_b \) and \( f_L \) are the -3 dB points on the high-frequency and low-frequency ramps, respectively. The value of \( H(f) \) is approximately equal to 0.7 for -3 dB (see Notes). The user should only use these data for analyses within this bandwidth. For these records, the Usable Data Bandwidth is 0.51 Hz to 23.6 Hz (or 0.042 to 2.0 seconds period).

Notes:

1) The values of \( f_b \) and \( f_L \) can be calculated from the corner frequencies \( f_{fb}, f_{fl} \) and the roll-off termination frequencies \( f_{fr}, f_{fl} \) used in the processing by using the formulas \( f_b = f_{fb} + 0.3 \times (f_{fr} - f_{fb}) \) and \( f_L = f_{fl} - 0.3 \times (f_{fl} - f_{fr}) \). For example, the Usable Data Bandwidth for data bandpass-filtered with ramps at 0.30 to 0.60 Hz and 23.0 to 25.0 Hz is 0.51 Hz to 23.6 Hz (0.042 to 2.0 seconds period).

2) It is common in signal processing to plot \( 20 \log_{10}[H(f)] \) versus frequency, and express the ordinate value in decibels (abbreviated dB). Accordingly, 0 dB corresponds to a value of \( H(f) \) equal to 1; 20 dB is equivalent to \( H(f) = 10 \), and -20 dB corresponds to \( H(f) = 0.1 \). Thus, at the -3 dB frequency point, the amplitude of the transfer function, \( H(f) \), is reduced to 0.7, while the power transmitted by the filter, \( H^2(f) \), is reduced to 0.5.
GILROY AREA EARTHQUAKE  JANUARY 15, 1993  22:09 PST
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY  CHN 3: 90 DEG (SURFACE)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND:  .30-6.00 TO 23.0-25.0 HZ.  50642-E0B43-93027.04  120693.1703-GG93A843

MAX = 13.1

MAX = 0.53

MAX = 0.06
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY  CHN 3 (STA CHN 6): 90 DEG (DOWNHOLE 1: 7 METERS)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND: .30-.60 TO 23.0-25.0 Hz.  58642-E0806-93027.04 120693.1703-G093AB86

**Max:** -4.99

**Max:** -0.44

**Max:** -0.06

**Max:**
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY  CHN 3 (STA CHN 9): 90 DEG (DOWNHOLE 3: 16 METERS)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND: .30-.60 TO 2.0-25.0 HZ.  58642-E0887-93027.04  120693.1703-G993A887

![Graph showing acceleration, velocity, and displacement over time.](image)

- **Acceleration:**
  - MAX = 6.03
  - Range: -15 to 15

- **Velocity:**
  - MAX = -0.29
  - Range: -1 to 1

- **Displacement:**
  - MAX = 0.06
  - Range: -0.1 to 0.1

**Time (Sec):**

0 5 10 15 20
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY CHN 1 (STA CHN 10): 300 UES (DOWNHOLE 3.31 METERS)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND: .30-.50 TO 23.0-26.0 hz.  58642-60229-93027.04 12069.1703-G0A93229

MAX = 6.74

MAX = -0.46

MAX = 0.05

TIME (SEC)
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY CHN 2 (STA CHN 11): UP (DOWNHOLE 3: 31 METERS)  
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT  
FILTER BAND: .30-.60 TO 23.0-25.0 Hz.  58642-00229-93027.04  120693.1703-09A93229  

MAX = -2.93  
MAX = 0.21  
MAX = -0.02  

Time (Sec)
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEO TECHNICAL ARRAY CHN 3 (STA CHN 12): 90 DEG (DOWNHOLE 3: 31 METERS)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND: .30-.60 TO 23.0-25.0 HZ.  58642-60229-93027.04 120693.1703-GA493229

ACCELERATION (G)

MAX = -5.82

MAX = 0.28

VELOCITY (IN/S)

MAX = 0.04

DISPLACEMENT (IN)

TIME (SEC)

0 5 10 15 20

0 0.1 0.2 0.3

-0.1 -0.2 -0.3 -0.4

0 5 10 15 20

0 0.1 0.2 0.3

-0.1 -0.2 -0.3 -0.4
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY  CHN 4 (STA CHN 13): 360 DEG  (DOWNHOLE 4: 44 METERS)
INSTRUMENT-CORRECTED AND BANDPASS-FILTERED ACCELERATION, VELOCITY AND DISPLACEMENT
FILTER BAND: .30-.60 TO 23.0-25.0 HZ.  58642-60229-93027.04  120693.1703-GSA93229

ACCELERATION

VELCITY

DISPLACEMENT

MAX = -5.01
MAX = -0.35
MAX = 0.05

TIME (SEC)
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEO-TECHNICAL ARRAY
CHAN 1: 360 DEG (SURFACE)
ACCELEROMETER BANDPASS-FILTERED WITH RAMPS AT 30-80 TO 23.0-25.0 HZ.
58642-00131-03027-04 122293.1004-0638131

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD  —  FOURIER AMPLITUDE SPECTRUM: FS
DAMPING VALUES: 0.2, 5, 10, 20%
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY
CHN 2: UP  (SURFACE)
ACCELERGRAM BANDPASS-FILTERED WITH RAMPS AT .30-.60 TO 23.0-25.0 Hz.
58642-CS131-93027.04  122299.1004-0693A131

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD  --- FOURIER AMPLITUDE SPECTRUM: FS
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2, 5, 10, 20%
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TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY
CHAN 3: 90 DEG. (SURFACE)
ACCELEROMGRAM BANDPASS-FILTERED WITH RAMPS AT 30-.6 TO 23.0-25.3 HZ.
55642-CS131-93027.04 122293.1004-06934131

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
- FOURIER AMPLITUDE SPECTRA: FS
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2, 5, 10, 20%
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY: CSNIP S/N 642

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PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA
USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.51 TO 23.6 Hz
(0.04 to 1.96 sec)

RECORD ID: 58842-E01843-93027.04

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2.5, 10, 20%
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY: CSMIP S/N 642

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PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA
USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.51 TO 23.6 Hz
(0.04 TO 1.96 SEC)

RECORD ID: 56642-E0806-93007.04

RESPONSE SPECTRAL PSV, PSA & SD
DAMPING VALUES: 0.2, 5, 10, 20%

CHN 1 (STA CHN 4): 360 DEG
DOWNHOLE 1: 7 METERS

CHN 2 (STA CHN 3): UP
DOWNHOLE 1: 7 METERS

CHN 3 (STA CHN 6): 90 DEG
DOWNHOLE 1: 7 METERS
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY: CSMIP S/N 642

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PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA

USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.01 TO 23.6 Hz
(0.04 TO 1.96 sec)

RECORD ID: 5B642-E08817-93027 04

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2.5, 10, 20%
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY: CSMIP S/N 642

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PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA
USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.51 TO 23.6 Hz
(0.04 TO 1.96 SEC)

RECORD ID: 58642-00229-930527.04

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
JUMPING VALUES: 0, 2, 5, 10, 20%

CHN 1 (STA CHN 10): 360 DEG
DOWNHOLE 3: 31 METERS

CHN 2 (STA CHN 11): UP
DOWNHOLE 3: 31 METERS

CHN 3 (STA CHN 12): 90 DEG
DOWNHOLE 3: 31 METERS
TREASURE ISLAND - GEOTECHNICAL ARRAY: CSMIP S/N 642

GILROY AREA EARTHQUAKE
JANUARY 15, 1993 22:09 PST

PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA
USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.31 TO 23.6 HZ
(0.04 TO 1.95 SEC)

RECORD ID: 59642-60229-93027.04

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2, 5, 10, 20%

CHN 4 (STA CHN 13): 360 DEG
DOWNHOLE 4: 44 METERS

CHN 5 (STA CHN 14): UP
DOWNHOLE 4: 44 METERS

CHN 6 (STA CHN 15): 90 DEG
DOWNHOLE 4: 44 METERS
TREASURE ISLAND - G E O T E C H N I C A L A R R A Y: C S M I P S/N 642

GILROY AREA EARTHQUAKE
JANUARY 15, 1993 22:09 PST

PHASE 3 DATA: RESPONSE SPECTRA
USABLE DATA BANDWIDTH: 0.51 TO 23.6 Hz
(0.04 TO 1.36 SEC)

RECORD ID: 56642-00181-30027.04

RESPONSE SPECTRA: PSV, PSA & SD
DAMPING VALUES: 0, 2, 5, 10, 20%

CHN 1 (STA CHN 16): 360 DEG
DOWNHOLE 5: 104 METERS

CHN 2 (STA CHN 17): UP
DOWNHOLE 5: 104 METERS

CHN 3 (STA CHN 18): 90 DEG
DOWNHOLE 5: 104 METERS