

CAPWAP® Signal Matching Analysis

CAPWAP[®] Signal Matching Analysis is the most accurate analysis method to determine deep foundation capacity from pile top dynamic measurements. In pile driving analysis, there are three sets of unknowns: internal pile forces, pile motions, and external pile forces. CAPWAP uses pile or shaft top force and velocity measurements collected by a Pile Driving Analyzer® (PDA) to extract the external deep foundation forces consisting of the static and dynamic soil resistance models.

CAPWAP® Analysis Procedure

A CAPWAP analysis is performed on a representative hammer blow or impact acquired near the end of driving or beginning of restrike testing. The basic CAPWAP procedure consists of the following steps:

- 1. Retrieve force and velocity data measured by the PDA.
- 2. Input the pile model of known pile material types, their lengths and cross sectional areas.
- 3. Assume a set of soil parameters including resistance, quake, and damping.
- 4. Perform analysis using one of the measured quantities as an input and calculate the complementary quantity.
- 5. Compare the measured and computed complementary quantity and assess the match quality.
- 6. If match is not satisfactory, adjust soil model and return to step 3.
- 7. Output soil model, extrema table, plot of satisfactory match, table summarizing the deep foundation model, and simulated static load-movement curve.

Benefits of CAPWAP® Signal Matching Analysis

- Computes the total mobilized static soil resistance
- Determines shaft resistance magnitude and its distribution along the shaft, and the toe resistance
- Predicts the load displacement behavior of the tested deep foundation
- Computes compression and tension stresses at any point of the deep foundation
- Calculates a simulated static load test curve under compression and tension loading

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CAPWAP® Results

CAPWAP results include the deep foundation's mobilized total bearing capacity as well as the soil resistance distribution along the foundation length.

CAPWAP graphical results include the measured force and velocity record, the best match, the resistance distribution versus depth, and a simulated static load test load-set curve.

CAPWAP numerical results include the CAPWAP summary results table detailing the resistance distribution, the dynamic soil models, match quality, and pile stress maxima. For driven piles, the CAPWAP determined soil resistance and dynamic soil models are often used to develop GRLWEAP refined wave equation input parameters and establish the pile installation criterion.

For additional information on CAPWAP Signal Matching Analysis or any other GRL Engineers service please contact info@GRLengineers.com or visit us at www.GRLengineers.com.

Soil	Dist.	Depth	Ru	Force	Sum	Unit	Unit	
Sgmnt	Below	Below		in Pile	of	Resist.	Resist.	
No.	Gages	Grade			Ru	(Depth)	(Area)	
	ft	ft	kips	kips	kips	kips/ft	ksf	
				198.9				
1	20.3	8.3	2.0	196.9	2.0	0.24	0.05	
2	27.1	15.1	2.0	194.9	4.0	0.30	0.06	
3	33.9	21.9	2.0	192.9	6.0	0.30	0.06	
4	40.6	28.6	2.0	190.9	8.0	0.30	0.07	
5	47.3	35.3	2.0	188.9	10.0	0.30	0.07	
6	54.0	42.0	2.0	186.9	12.0	0.30	0.07	
7	60.7	48.7	2.0	184.9	14.0	0.30	0.07	
8	67.5	55.5	2.5	182.4	16.5	0.37	0.08	
9	74.2	62.2	12.2	170.2	28.7	1.82	0.40	
10	80.9	68.9	21.5	148.7	50.2	3.20	0.70	
11	87.6	75.6	23.7	125.0	73.9	3.53	0.78	
12	94.3	82.3	25.0	100.0	98.9	3.73	0.82	
13	101.0	89.0	25.0	75.0	123.9	3.73	0.82	
Avg. Shaft			9.5			1.39	0.31	
Тое			75.0				47.89	
Soil Model	Parameter	s/Extension	S		Shaft	Тое		
Smith Dam	nping Facto	r			0.02	0.28		
Quake	1 5	(in)			0.17	0.18		
Case Damping Factor					0.03	0.22		
Damping T	Type			v	iscous Vi	scous		
Jnloading Quake		(% of l	oading qua	ake)	73	54		
Reloading Level		(% of F	Ru) U.	,	100	100		
Jnloading Level		(% of F	λu)		67			
Resistance	e Gap (inclu	ided in Toe (Quake) (in))		0.14		
Soil Plug V	Veight	(kips)				1.982		
	match quali	itv = 3.8	2	(Wave Up N	latch: RS/	A = 0		
Observed: Final Set		= 0.8	6 in:	Blow Coun	t =	14 b/ft		
Computed	: Final Set	= 0.7	8 in:	Blow Coun	t =	15 b/ft		
ransducer	F1 (V419) C A1 (K11002	CAL: 144.3; RF: 0. CAL: 384; RF: 1	95; F2 (V420) 1.00; A2 (K2294	CAL: 144.2; RF: 0. 4) CAL: 390; RF:	95 1.00			
nax. Top Comp. Stress		ss = 3.1	= 3.1 ksi		(T= 28.4 ms, max= 1.005 x Top)			
nax. Comp. Stress		= 3.1	= 3.1 ksi (Z= 80			9 ft, T= 34.7 ms)		
nax. Tens. Stress		= -0.5	= -0.56 ksi (Z= 67.5 ft, T= 39.6 ms)					
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CAPWAP Numerical Results



Drilled Shaft Test Results





