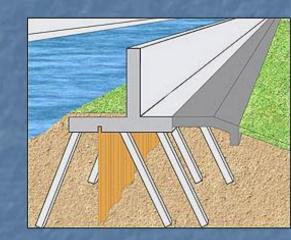
Pile Load Tests for New Orleans Storm Protection Projects

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STGEC 2010

- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway West Closure Project
 - 225-ft navigable sector gate
 - 110-ft navigable sector gate
 - 20,000 cfs pumping station
 - Bayou aux Carpes Floodwall
 - Relocated levee and tie-ins



- LPV-145 Levee Improvement (T-walls)
 - 5+ miles of T-wall

Project Roles

 Owner and Designer: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Team New Orleans)

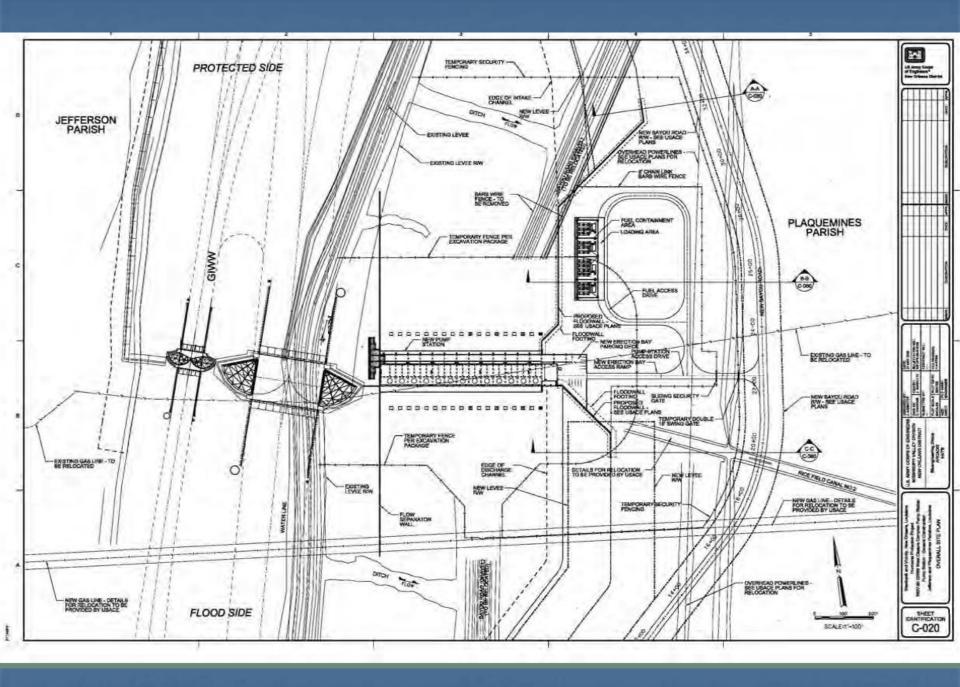
GIWW Contractor: Kiewit/Traylor Brothers JV

LPV-145 Contractor: Kiewit/Massman/Traylor JV

 DBA worked for Kiewit Engineering Company and both JVs providing engineering support for test pile programs and other construction tasks



West Closure Complex





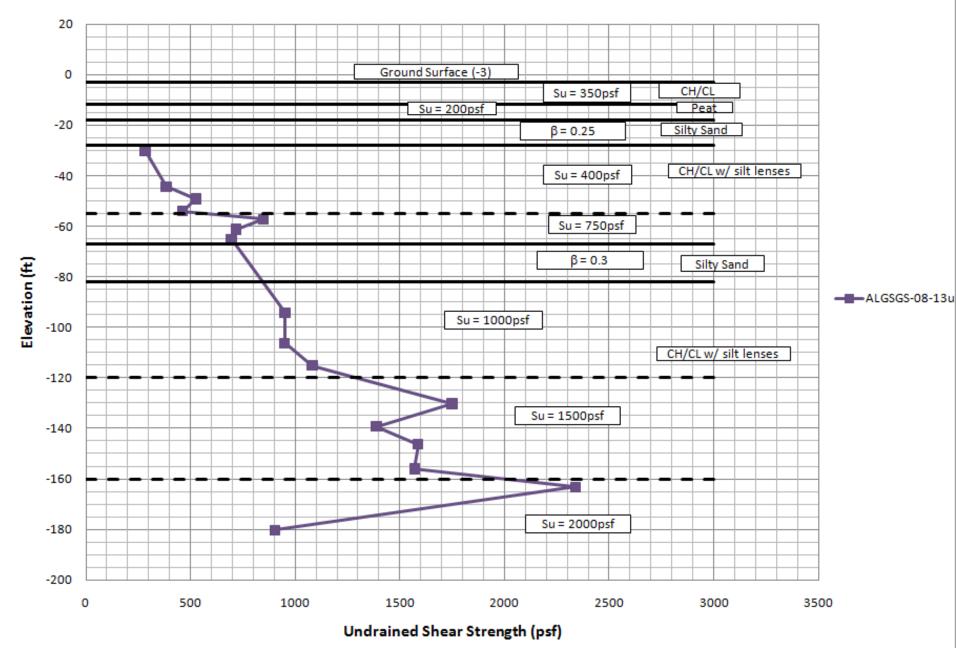
GIWW-WCC Test Pile Program

- 33 test piles
- Static Tests axial, tension, lateral
- Dynamic Tests Pile Driving Analyzer (PDA) during driving and restrikes over time on the load test piles
- Pile Types:
 - Open-ended pipe piles (24 total)
 - Dia =18", 24", 30" 54"
 - L = 120' to 180'
 - Concrete piles (9 total)
 - 18" square; L = 102 to 134

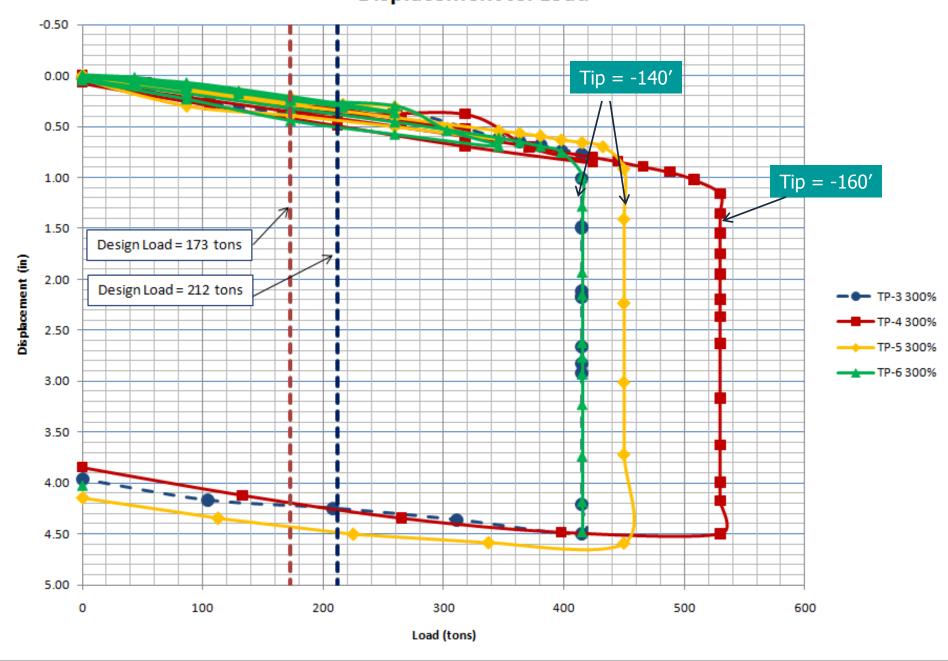


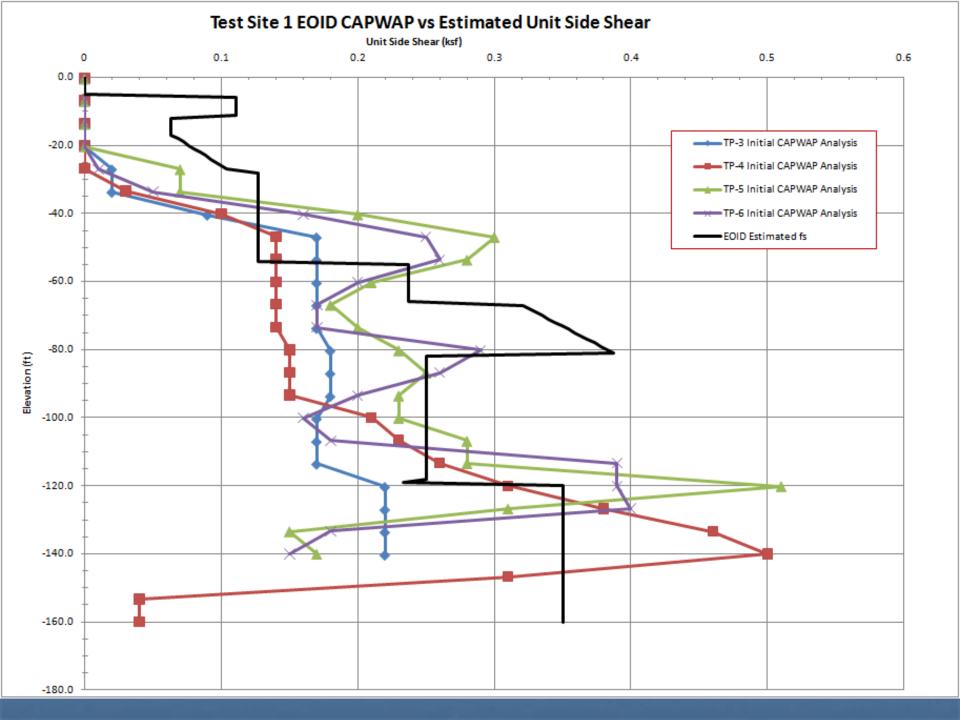


GIWW Soil Profile - Test Site 1

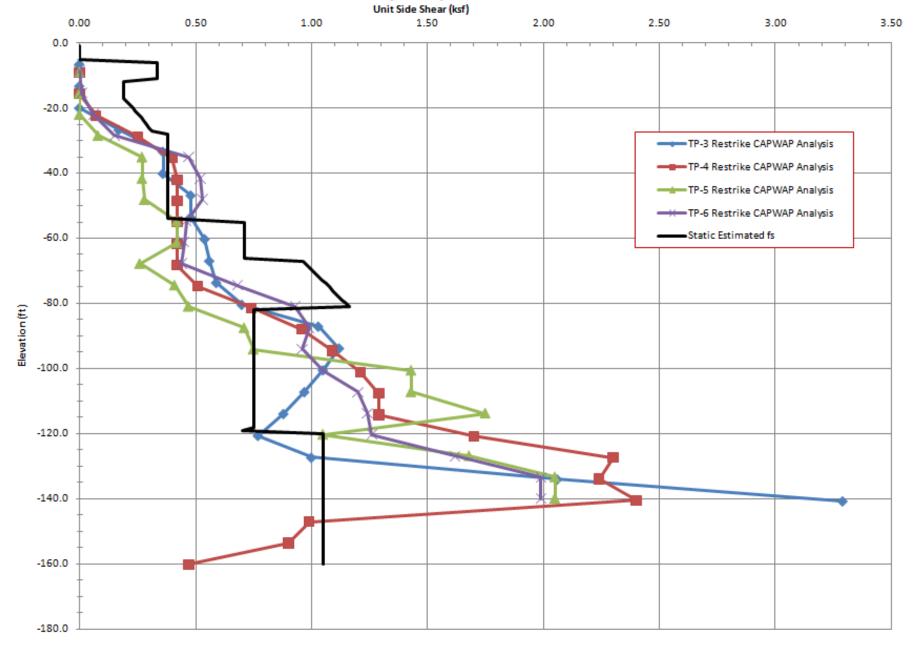


Displacement vs. Load

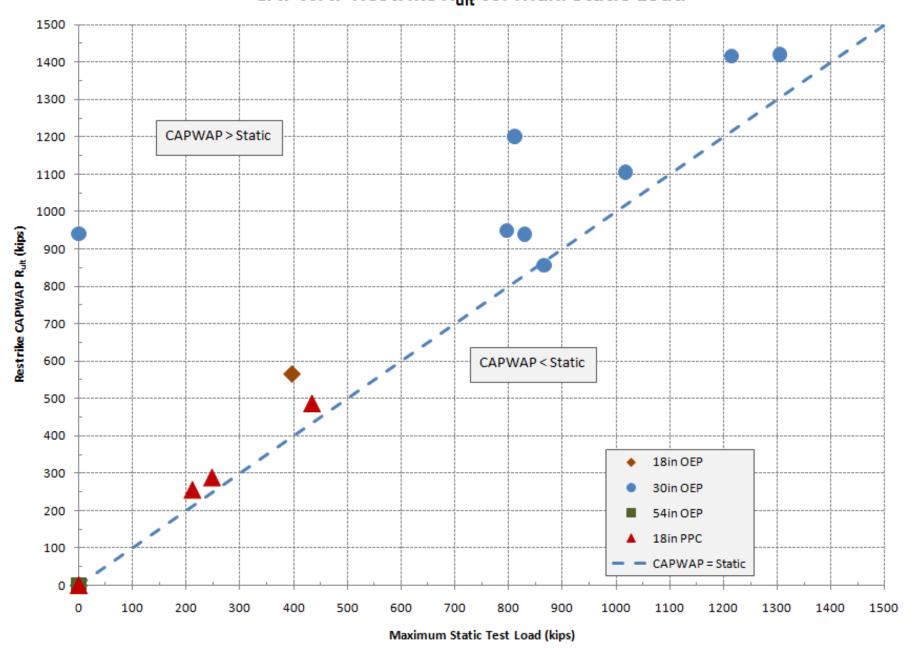




Test Site 1 Restrike (static) CAPWAP vs Estimated Unit Side Shear



CAPWAP Restrike R_{ult} vs. Max. Static Load



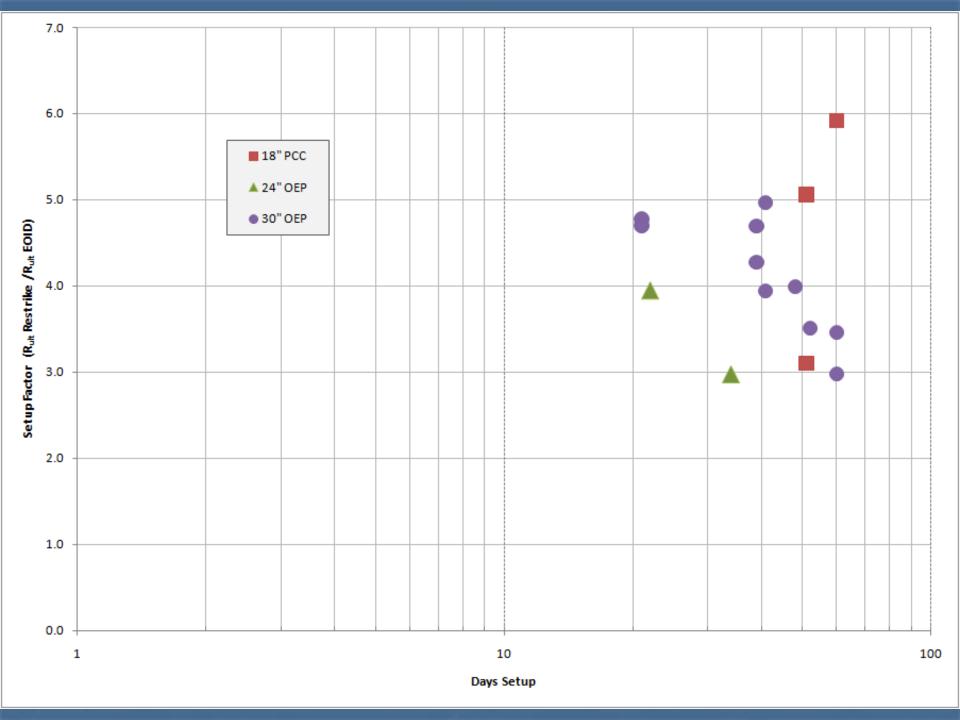




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LPV-145 Test Pile Program

- 4 Test Sites
- 11 test piles (axial and tension)
- 6 indicator piles (dynamic testing)
- HP 14x73, HP14x89, 24" Pipe Piles
 - Lengths 95' to 110' (planned)
- Restrikes on indicator piles, not test piles

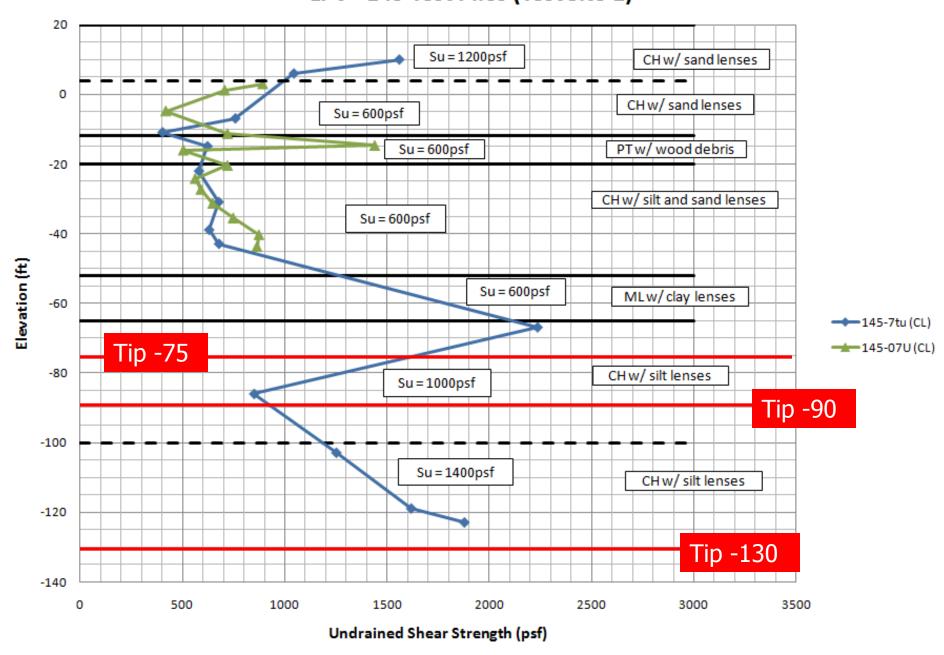


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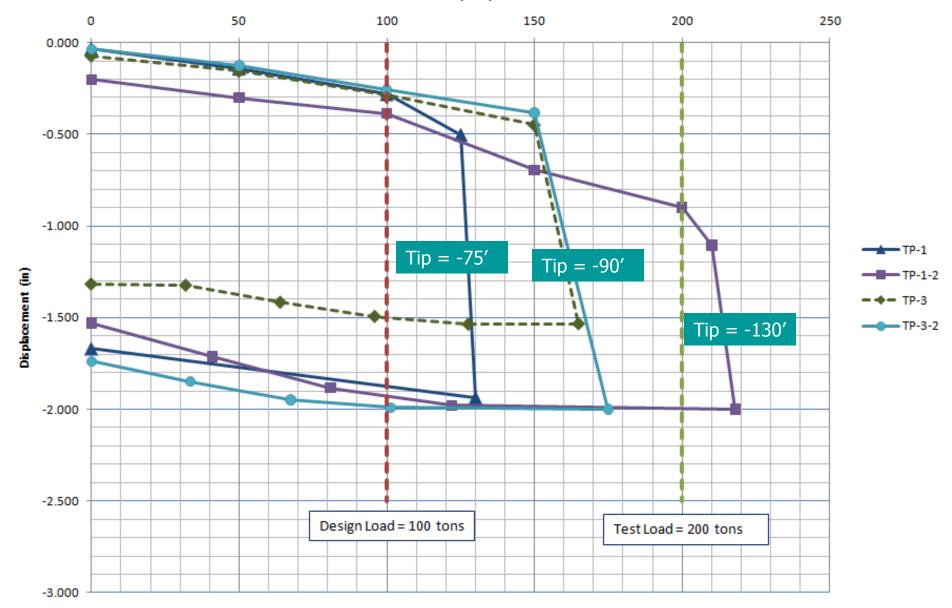


LPV - 145 Test Piles (Test Site 1)

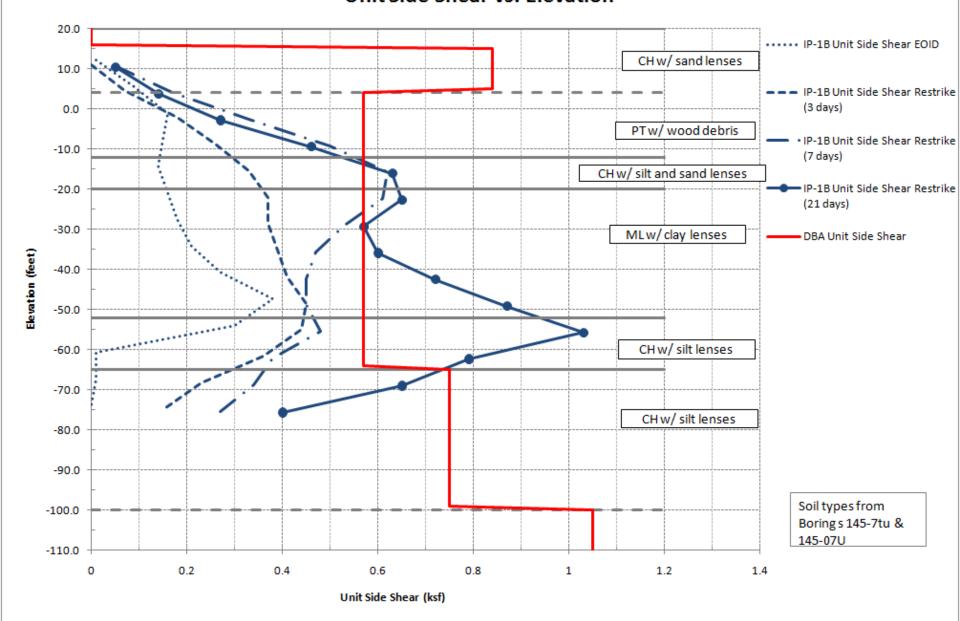


LPV-145 - Test Site 1
Compression Test Displacement vs. Load

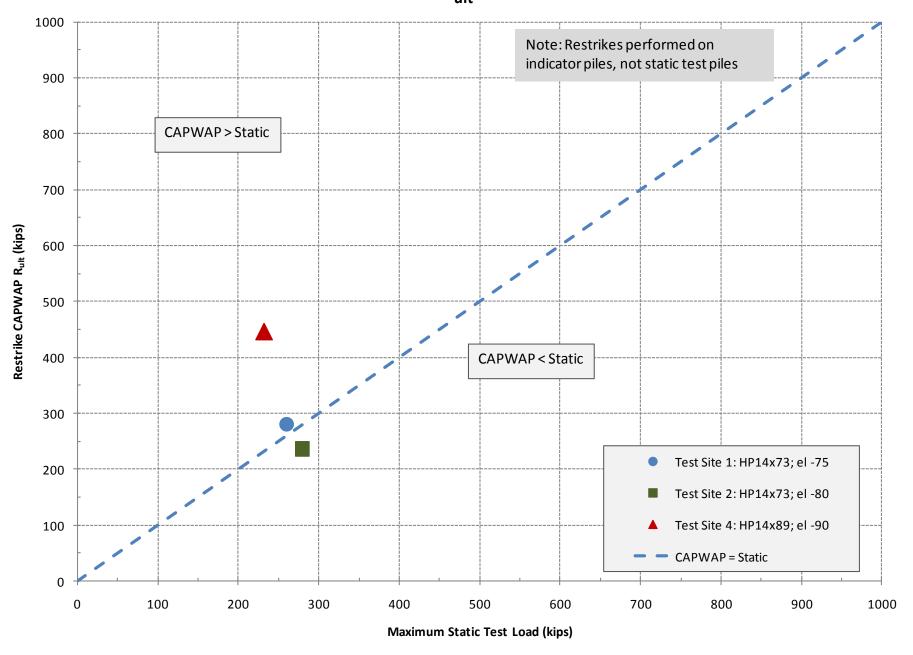




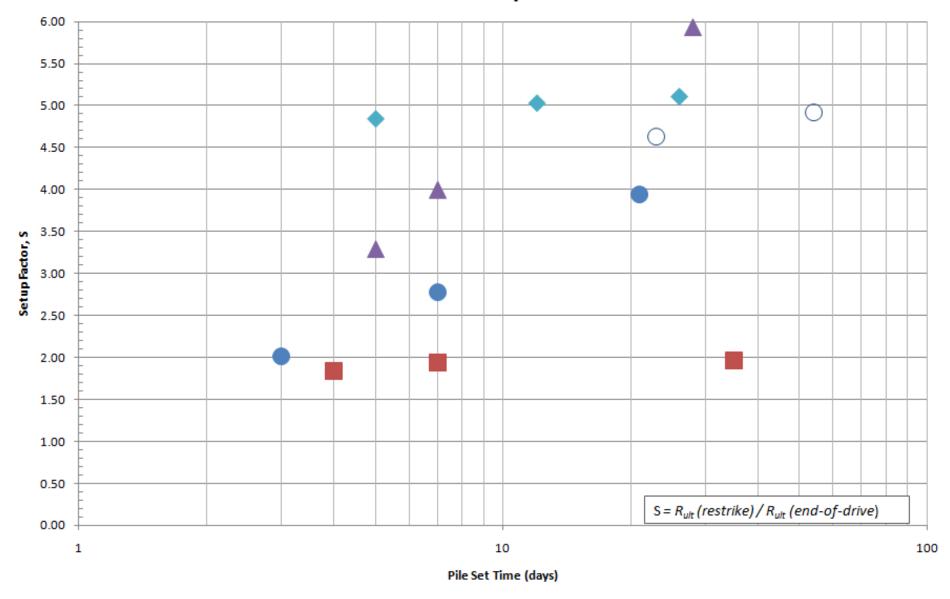
LPV-145 - Test Site 1 Unit Side Shear vs. Elevation



CAPWAP Restrike Rult vs. Max. Static Load



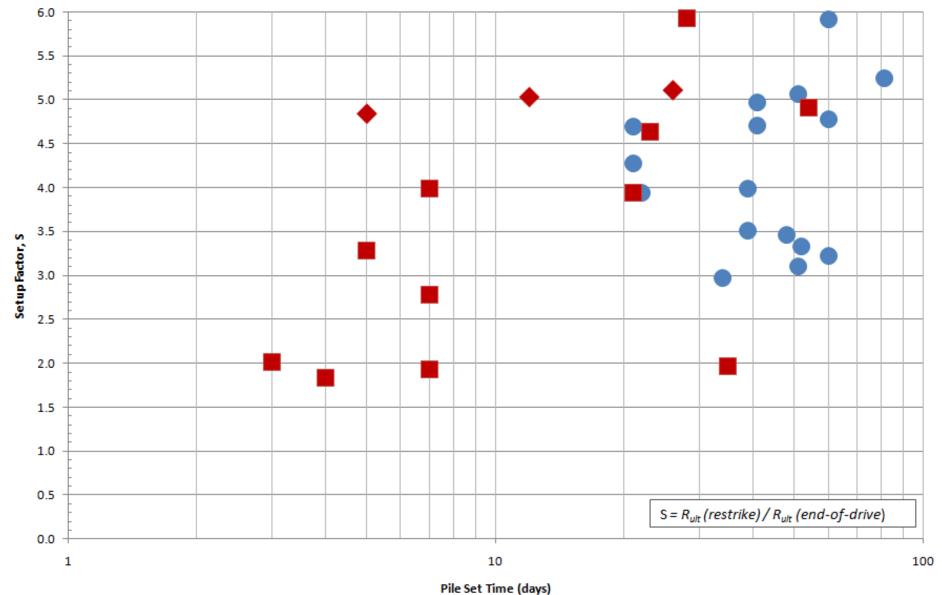
LPV-145 - Pile Setup - All Sites



● IP-1B - HP 14x72 (Test Site 1 - Dynamic) ○ TP-3-2 - HP 14x72 (Test Site 1 - Static) ■ IP-2 - HP 14x72 (test Site 2 - Dynamic)

▲ IP-6 - HP 14x89 (Test Site 4 - Dynamic) ◆ IP-5 - 24" Pipe Pile (Test Site 4 - Dynamic)

LPV-145 and GIWW-WCC - Pile Setup - All Sites



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