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Application of In-Situ Seismic Waves for Geotechnical Site Characterization

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报告摘要 (Abstract): Geotechnical site characterization is considered as a crucial step for every geotechnical project throughout the design and construction phase. In this seminar, some recent applications for advanced seismic wave-based geo-characterization are introduced: (1) A new exploratory procedure for collecting continuous shear wave velocity (V_S) measurements via cone penetration testing using a special autoseis source is presented whereby wavelets can be generated and recorded every 1 to 10 s. The continuous-interval seismic piezocone test offers a fast, productive, and reliable means to expedite the collection of downhole V_S profiles, as well as additional CPT readings with depth. (2) Underground mapping via non-invasive geophysical methods in Singapore is briefly presented. This study used the passive MASW techniques to determine V_S profiles of residual soils, Singapore. Then, the feasibility of investigating spatial variations in bedrock depth is examined. (3) The application of seismic cross-hole tomography for site investigation is advantageous as it can be used to supplement traditional methods for effective site characterization. A recent case study on a reclaimed land in Singapore will be introduced.

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