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Slime Characterization of Drilled Shafts

Abstract: The bases of bored piles are typically laden with soil particles during the drilling of boreholes as well as afterward. This accumulation, referred to as "slime," contributes to increased pile settlement when loads are applied. Consequently, to ensure the ultimate bearing capacity of bored piles, it is essential to precisely determine the thickness of the slime. Traditionally, the slime thickness has been assessed empirically using a weighted pendulum. To quantitatively evaluate this parameter, we have developed a slime-meter that continuously measures the electrical resistivity along the depth of the borehole. Initially introduced in a cone-type design in 2013, the instrument evolved into a bell-type in 2014 and subsequently into a wedge-type in 2016. Furthermore, in 2024, an upgraded version equipped with an ultrasonic transducer was developed, enabling the measurement of borehole verticality through a distance-axis approach. The slime-meter presented in this study is thus capable of effectively assessing both slime thickness and verticality.

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