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ABSTRACT

At the present date no source is available which lists systematically the literature on design, theory, and installation of sheet piling structures. The purpose of this report is therefore to aid in locating sufficient material on these subjects.

The emphasis in the selection of titles has been on the last two decades and about two thirds of all listed references have been published after 1950. Full bibliographical data for all references together with short abstracts for more than one half of the listed titles have been compiled.
1. INTRODUCTION

At the present date no source is available that lists the feasible references about sheet piles in the form of a literature survey. It is the purpose of this report to give a bibliography that can aid engineers in locating sufficient material on the different aspects related to theory, design, and installation of steel sheet piling structures. This summary does not intend to provide methods of calculation and design. However, it will list references from which one can obtain the required information.

The general composition of this report is to give in different chapters a short description of a specific aspect, by name:

Forms and Section Properties of Steel Sheet Piles
Theories and Design Procedures; Field and Laboratory Tests
Installation and Removal; Durability and Corrosion

At the end of each chapter the reader will find a list of references, the selection of which has been guided by the title. Those references marked by an asterisk have short abstracts in alphabetical order at the end of the report.
2. FORMS AND SECTION PROPERTIES OF STEEL SHEET PILES

A sheetpiling wall consists of a series of sheet piles driven side by side into the ground thus forming a continuous vertical wall that is to retain chiefly lateral earth and water pressures, but which can also transmit vertical forces to the ground. Commonly used materials for sheet piles are wood, concrete, and steel. However, this report deals only with the latter type, beginning with a short description of available shapes and followed by some remarks about obtainable information of section properties.

2.1 Straight Web Piles

These piles are designed for structures where the prime consideration of design is in the tensile strength of the interlock and not the bending strength of the section. These piles can be obtained in many weights and thicknesses depending on the driving and corrosion conditions present in the area of construction. Straight web sections are used in all applications where the interlocks are subjected to tension stresses, that is, principally in cellular construction. Piling of this type is rated by its interlock tensile strength.
2.2 Arch Web Piling

Arch web piles have cross-sections somewhat U-shaped and are designed essentially for applications in which a combination of beam strength and interlock tightness is required. This piling should never be used where excessive interlock tensile forces are present because there will be a tendency for the U-shape to stretch out or flatten. This piling is not rated according to interlock tensile strength but on bending strength and is used for wall or bulkhead types of structures where bending is of primary consideration.

2.3 Z-Piling

The Z-piling is of higher beam strength than arch web piling and offers the maximum economy sheet piling can have. Of all the sections produced by manufacturers this piling has the highest ratio of beam strength to weight. American producers of this piling have changed the interlock system from the thumb and finger system used in other shapes to the ball and socket interlock used in the Z-sections. The Z-piling has little interlock tensile strength and its properties are only predicated on its high bending strength.

2.4 Interlocks

American manufacturers of sheet piling produce two types of interlocks. All straight web and arch web sections have interlocks known as the thumb and finger type. This form of connection provides continuous contact throughout the longitudinal section and promotes
both strength and water tightness. This type of construction also allows the pile to swing or rotate about the interlock. This rotational ability of the system is essential in all circular and cellular constructions. The Z-piling affords the least resistance to driving and has little or no ability to swing about its ball and socket form of interlock. Construction with Z-piling is limited to straight walls with high bending moments.

2.5 Section Properties

The section properties of steel sheet piling are published by all steel companies that produce these sections. Among the forms for publication of these properties are books, booklets, and pamphlets. The standard set of section properties is:

1. Width
2. Thickness
3. Depth
4. Weight per foot or per square foot
5. Area of a single section
6. Moment of inertia
7. Section modulus for a single section and per foot of wall

Other information often contained in these brochures describes typical joints; methods of bolting and welding; types of corners and butts; accessories such as tie rods, wales, and anchorages. The more complete publications also include methods of calculation and design and give illustrations and case histories of completed and partially completed installations.
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The purpose of these constructions is mainly to resist horizontal forces, such as earth and water pressures. These loads are carried to the ground by that part of the bulkhead which is driven into the soil (cantilever sheet piling) or by the embedment in the ground and additional anchors at one or several levels (anchored walls). The type of support depends on the height of the wall and the magnitude of forces. These in turn are affected by the soil properties (unit weight, cohesion, angle of inner friction), the water level behind and in front of the bulkhead, and the flexibility of the sheet piling. The upper support may consist of struts or anchors whose forces are transmitted to the entire wall by means of wales on the front or on the back side of the structure.

Although anchored bulkheads were already in use in pre-Roman times, it appears that no attempt was made to design them on the basis of earth pressure computations until about 1910. The investigation of this problem began, assuming an earth pressure distribution according to Rankine's or Coulomb's theory. However, both solutions only give
reliable earth pressure values if the wall yields laterally either by sliding or by rotation about the bottom of the wall. In contrast an anchored sheet piling bulkhead bulges or yields considerably more at a point between the tie rod level and the dredge line than at other portions of the wall.

Because of this fact many tests - both in the field and laboratory - have been carried out during the last three decades and numerous procedures have been developed. For example, the "elastic line", the "elastic beam", the "equivalent beam", and a method for designing against the ultimate total failure of the structure have been formulated.

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4. INSTALLATION, REMOVAL; DURABILITY AND CORROSION

4.1 Installation

Sheet piles are installed by a driving device known as a pile hammer. This hammer may be suspended from the boom of a crawler crane, supported on a large frame called the pile driver or carried on a barge for construction in water.

Several types of hammers are in use and each of which has different sizes. The hammer types are:

- Drop hammer
- Single-acting hammer
- Double-acting hammer
- Diesel hammer
- Vibratory hammer

The choice of the hammer type depends mainly on the driving depth, the subsurface conditions and the dimensions of the sheet pile.

4.2 Removal

If the completed structure lies in or near at the water, the sheet piles used for the cofferdam normally are not extracted in order to protect the foundation against seepage. In these cases they are cut at a certain depth.
Other walls are to be removed after completion of the foundation. This removal can be done in minor cases (small penetration depth and a limited number of piles) with skrew jacks, hydraulic jacks, hoists and the like. In bigger jobs, special extractors should be used, which pull out the pile while simultaneously decreasing the shearing forces between soil and pile by short blows. In some cases, vibratory hammers give good results.

4.3 Durability and Corrosion

Sheet piling walls can be constructed on dry land, in fresh water, or in sea water. The rate of corrosion and the durability differ considerably between the locations. The principal factors affecting the rate of deterioration are:

1. The type of structure (for example: harbour bulkheads, beach bulkheads, groins)
2. The geographical location
3. The type of soil
4. The exposure to aggressive waters.

To protect a steel sheet piling wall against excessive corrosion, the following methods may be used:

1. Additional thickness in excess of the sectional area as required by the strength;
2. Removal of the corrosive soil (only economical for shallow depth);
3. Concrete encasement of the endangered parts;
4. Painting with a coat of tar, bitumineous paint, or other protective material;
5. Cathodic protection - this may be done either by supplying a low-voltage direct current to an iron or graphite anode buried near the piles or by depressing the potential of the piles by grounding them, or by a combination of both.

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Equations and nomograms for the calculation of sheet piling walls are given from which the penetration depth, the anchor pull, and the bending moments can be determined. Five different types of support are considered. Also included are examples and those values which are necessary for plotting the nomograms.

Blum, H.
Beitrag zur Berechnung von Bohlwerken unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Wandverformung, Wilh. Ernst & Sohn, Berlin, 1951

This reference gives the influence of the flexibility of a sheetpile wall on the maximum bending moment, using the theory of subgrade reaction.
Blum, H.
Fangedämme, Grundbau-Taschenbuch, Band 1
2. Auflage, pp. 495-509,
Wilh. Ernst & Sohn, Berlin, 1966

The author gives a short description of box-type, cellular and concrete cofferdams, the assembling procedures and the calculations necessary for dimensioning such structures. Moreover two examples with interesting construction details are included.

Boggs, E. W.
Vibratory Driver Successful for Sheetpile Cells,
ASCE, Civil Engineering, pp. 58-60, April 1964

A wharf in Lake Erie, Pa. has been constructed of 40 sheet pile cells driven in saturated silty sand, through dense silt to bearing in hard glacial till on bedrock at 42-65 ft. depth. The sheets were driven in 12 or 17 ft. long runs using a template with changeable curved side. Pile driving with differential acting steam hammers proved too slow although considerable jetting was used. Changing to a vibratory hammer (4.5 tons, 840-1100 cycles/min. at 0.375 in. to 0.5 in. amplitude) clamped hydraulically to the sheets doubled the driving speed. Typical driving records and other details are presented graphically.

Boyer, W. C. and H. M. Lummis
Design Curves for Anchored Steel Sheet Piling,

These curves are based on Rankine's theory and are destined for preliminary design computations. This reference also gives the complete theoretical derivations. Comments by leading authorities.

Brinch Hansen, J.
Earth Pressure Calculation,
Danish Technical Press, Copenhagen, 1953

This book discusses all the methods of accepted earth pressure analysis up to 1953. The author analyzes each method and discusses the assumptions each is predicted. Informative and complete.
Brinch Hansen, J.
Simplified Stress Determination in Soils,
Danish Geotechnical Institute, Bulletin No. 20,
pp. 5-7, Copenhagen, 1966

A stress-strain relationship is developed to solve the problem of the vertical and horizontal movements of any given point of the surface of a mass of soil subjected to known horizontal and vertical loads. Formulas are developed and explained which provide rough agreement with observed measurements.

Bültmann, W.
Zur Berechnung von Bohlwänden,
Die Bautechnik 41, Heft 4, pp. 132-139, 1964

Derivations, tables, and graphs are given for the determination of the penetration depth required for sheet piling walls. Different types of support are considered. The earth pressure is assumed to have a trapezoidal shape behind the wall (active earth pressure and water pressure) and a triangular shape in front of the wall (passive earth pressure). Examples are given to show the influence of necessary safety factors.

Chellis, R. D.
Pile Foundations, 2nd Edition

This reference is dedicated to the theory, design, and practice of pile structures. The text has complete information on pile-driving analysis, hammer speeds, strokes and driving stresses, driving equipment, selection of pile and selection of driving method, caisson types, deterioration and preservation of piles, failure of piles, and methods of extraction.

Cooling, L. F.
Second Rankine Lecture: Field Measurements in Soil Mechanics,

A series of measurements were made of earth pressures, forces, stresses, and displacements in a large anchored sheetpile dock wall. The measurements were made on a section 35 ft. long and anchored with six tie rods; the load in each rod was measured by vibrating-wire strain gages. The fitting of the instruments was carried out in the laboratory and the sheet piles were later transported to the site and driven into the construction.
Corps of Engineers
Shore Protection Planning and Design,
Technical Report 4, Dept. of the Army, Corps of Engineers
Office of the Chief of Engineers, Beach Erosion Board,
June 1954

This reference contains an extensive bibliography and a
glossary of terms.

Cummings, E. M.
Application of Soil Mechanics to Engineering Structures,
Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Sales Department,
Piling Division, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

An excellent source and guide for the design of sheet
pile structures.

DiBiagio, E. and L. Bjerrum
Earth Pressure Measurements in a Trench Excavated in Stiff
Marine Clay,
Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Soil
Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, Vol. II, p. 196,
London, 1957

This paper describes earth pressure measurements made in
a braced experimental trench excavated in the stiff
fissured crust of the Norwegian marine clay. Horizontal
and vertical deformations of the soil mass were recorded.
In addition, pore pressure piezometers were installed to
measure changes in pore water pressures. Soil properties,
measured strut loads, and comparisons to calculated values
are given.

Dismuke, T. D.
Method of Determining Stress in Loaded Steel Billet Tie Backs,
Instrument Society of America, Reprint No. 34-TC-61, June 1961

Reviews the methods used to determine the stresses by
measuring localized strain changes induced by drilling
a hole through the billet.

Duke, C. M.
Field Study of a Sheet Pile Bulkhead,
ASCE, Transactions Paper No. 2572, Vol. 118, pp. 1131-1196,
1953, with discussion, pp. 1157-1163

Analysis and results of a hydraulic filled Long Beach,
California bulkhead. Lateral pressures and stresses on
all components of the structure. This analysis includes
pore pressure studies.
Edelman, Joustra, Koppejan, van der Veen, van Weele:
Comparative Sheet Pile Calculations,
Brussels Conference on Earth Pressure Problems,

Five different methods of sheetpile calculations are
compared in order to develop Dutch code rules.
Limitations of Tschebotarioff's, Schütte's, Rowe's,
Blum's and Danish Rules methods are given.

Empfehlungen des Arbeitsausschusses "Ufereinfassungen"
3. Aufl., Wilh. Ernst & Sohn, Berlin, 1964

This reference gives in the form of a building code
information on calculation assumptions (earth
pressures, water pressures, ship pull) allowable
stresses and construction details of sheet piling
bulkheads.

Feld, J.
Arrested Steel Sheet Pile Bulkhead Failure - Cause and
Correction,
Proceedings, 3rd International Conference on Soil Mechanics

Failure of an anchored sheetpile bulkhead due to
overloading, corrected by driving additional anchor
piles and cables and partially unloading the bulkhead.

Gantke, F.
Vereinfachungen in Rowe's Berechnung verankerter Spundwände,
Die Bautechnik 41, Heft 6, pp. 201-203, 1964

The author proposes a simplification of Rowe's method which
reduces the amount of computational work. The procedure is
illustrated by an example.

Gerber, E.
Untersuchungen über die Druckverteilung im örtlich
belasteten Sand,
Zurich, 1929

The author determined in model tests the intensity and
distribution of the lateral earth pressure. The back­
fill consisted of clean, uniform river sand with a grain
size between 0.2 and 1.5 mm. The lateral support was
practically rigid. The lateral pressures caused by a
line load were measured by means of pressure cells
arranged in vertical rows.
Gray, H. and K. Nair
A Note on the Stability of Soil Subject to Seepage Forces Adjacent to a Sheet Pile,
Geotechnique 17, No. 2, pp. 136-144, June 1967

In this note an approximate but very convenient method for analyzing the stability of soil adjacent to a sheet piling against seepage forces is presented. The errors introduced by the approximation are discussed. Graphs facilitating the computation and estimation of errors are presented. A solved example is presented to illustrate the method. The method is based upon a principle analogous to that of St. Venant in elasticity coupled with simple analytic solutions of the Laplace equation.

Hakman, P. A. and W. M. Buser
Bulkhead Test Program at Port of Toledo, Ohio,
ASCE Journal of the Soil Mechanics and Foundation Division, Proceedings paper 3176, June 1962

38 ft. tall bulkhead instrumented with slope-indicator, strain gages, and displacement markers. Instrument details presented. Observations indicate fair agreement with Tschebotarioff's equivalent beam method although the actual stresses were smaller than the computed.

Hammer, Vibratory Hammer from France Drives Piles Fast,
Construction and Equipment, September 1962

Sheetpiles for a cofferdam have been driven quickly and efficiently with a French vibratory hammer. Two electric motors, through a roller-chain drive, turn a series of shafts filled with eccentric weights that vibrate the piles. Hydraulic jaw connection between pile and hammer.

Henderson, R. P. and M. A. J. Matich
Use of Slope Indicator to Measure Movements in Earth Slopes and Bulkheads,
ASTM, STP 322, Field Testing of Soils, pp. 166-186, 1963

The Wilson tiltmeter, which works in a grooved plastic casing, is described and its use for detecting ground movements and as a precautionary measure is illustrated by detailed movement vs. depth diagrams for three high earth slopes and five steel pile bulkheads. Typical cross-sections. Accurate conversion of tiltmeter readings on sheet piling to bending moment require tiltmeter observations of the pile profile as driven. In the discussion G. A. Reti presents a tiltmeter with automatic recording features.
Hoesch - Steel Sheet Piling
Lieberman Waechli and Company, Inc.
15-19 West 37th Street, New York, New York 10018

This pamphlet includes standard sections and section properties, examples for riveted corners, junctions, box piling and rolled corners. Corrections for eccentricity of loaded walls are discussed as well as pile driving and extraction. Also design and calculation examples are given, followed by pictures of executed constructions.

Hoesch: Die Stahlspundwand "Hoesch"
Hoesch Aktiengesellschaft Westfalenhütte,
Dortmund, 5. Auflage 1962

This reference gives a short historical review of the development of steel sheet piles, section properties of Hoesch straight web and Z-piles, examples for corners, butts and pile clusters, construction details such as wales and anchorages, driving devices, calculation examples and case histories.

Hueckel, S.
Model Tests on Anchoring Capacity of Vertical and Inclined Plates,

The paper deals with model tests carried out for the determination of anchoring capacity of vertical and inclined plates embedded in beach sand. The form of sliding wedge, the influence of inclination of plates and of distance between the plates is discussed.

Illiger
Korrosionsuntersuchungen an Stahlspundwänden des Rhein-Herne-Kanals und des Dortmund-Ems-Kanals,
Die Bautechnik 33, Heft 6, pp. 190-195, 1956

Measurements at steel sheet piles in fresh water showed much smaller corrosion than comparable piles in sea water. From the obtained results may be concluded that corrosion is not to be considered when dimensioning bulkheads in fresh water.
Ireland, H. O.
Design and Construction of Retaining Walls,
Proceedings, Soil Mechanics Lecture Series on Design
of Structures to Resist Earth Pressures, pp. 51-90,
Chicago, 1964

The author discusses theories of retaining wall design
and comments on their adequacy or inadequacy; he also
gives illustrative examples of unsatisfactory walls
with specific cases, in which is shown that clay back­
fill is by far the most notorious.

Irwin-Childs, F. and I. J. A. H. Hartman
Karachi Harbour - East Wharves, Reconstruction of Quay,
Proceedings, The Institution of Civil Engineers,

In this reference design and construction of an anchored
bulkhead with prestressed king piles are described. The
piles have a sheeted face of concrete curtain slabs.
High-tensile wire-cable anchors tie the concrete capping
beam to deadmen at 130 feet distance. The deadmen
capacity was tested by prestressing the anchors.

Ishiguro, K. and Y. Hatano
Strength of Sheet Pile in Driving
(in Japanese with English summary)
The Fuji Iron and Steel Company, Ltd.

For determining the maximum sheetpile driving length
tests were performed, the results of which give
information whether sheetpile driving is possible
or not for a given project.

Jasper and Ringheim
Steel Sheet Piling Studies,
3rd International Conference on Soil Mechanics and

Study of the effectiveness of steel sheeting as cutoff
wall in earth dam. Equations for flow of water through
sheeting.
Remarks on the Safety of Cofferdams and Sheet Pile Anchorages,

Graphical methods (based on logarithmic spiral failure surfaces) for determining the minimum resistance of earthfilled cofferdams and sheetpile anchorages. Variation of the theoretical failure surface inclination with changes in the cofferdam width to height ratio are shown to be small.

Jelinek, R. and H. Ostermayer
Zur Berechnung von Fangedämmen und verankerten Stützwänden,

This reference describes a method to design thin earthfilled cofferdams and sheetpiling walls with short anchors. The calculation is based on the assumption of logarithmic spirals, which is shown to be in line with model test results.

Jessberger, L.
Theorie und Praxis eines neuzeitlichen Verankerungsverfahrens,
Die Bautechnik 40, Heft 7, p. 226, 1963

The author describes an injection anchorage whose theoretical principles are based on numerous loading tests. The installation procedure is described and illustrated by some completed structures. For common types of soils a table of allowable anchor pull is included.

Johnson, S. M.
Field Study of a Cellular Bulkhead,

Detailed field measurements of movements and strains in steel sheetpile cells. An extensive analysis with much theory.
Jumikis, A. R.
Mechanics of Soils,

After the discussion of earth pressure distributions in non-cohesive and in frictional-cohesive soils the author derives the principles for the design of cantilever sheet pile walls loaded with a concentrated horizontal force and for the design of cantilever and anchored sheet pile walls loaded with earth and water pressure.

Kézdi, Á.
Erddrucktheorien,
Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1962

Four groups of earth pressure theories are considered: methods using the theory of elasticity or plasticity, methods using equilibrium and kinematic compatibility conditions, and variational principles. Although the treatment of sheet pile bulkheads is short, the given material shows clearly the basic assumptions and limitations of different earth pressure theories.


This booklet includes section properties, types of driving caps and clamps, methods of driving and extraction. Other items included are the properties of sections, lengths, welding, holes, chisel points, reinforcing, butt joints, bolts and concrete filling of boxes. Methods of wall design with example problems are also included.

Lackner, E.
Spundwände, Grundbau-Taschenbuch, Band 1,

This reference gives section properties of English, French, German, Luxembourg, and U. S. American piles as well as calculation methods after Blum, Streck, Tschebotarioff, Ohde, Rowe, Brinch Hansen, and Lackner. Also examples of built sheetpile walls and of anchorage systems are given. Good reference list.
Lacroix, Y. H.
Design and Construction of a Deep Cutoff,
(Univ. Micr. Serv. 62-633)

A detailed record of design, construction and performance of the deep cutoff installed at Mission Dam, B. C., Canada, which is founded on very compressible clay underlain by alluvial deposits. Details of grout curtain of unprecedented size and a sheetpile cutoff installed in the dam core to withstand very large differential settlements. An old sheetpile wall buried 50 ft. was breached and a groove was carved in the granite at 100 ft. depth.

Larssen-Handbuch,
Dortmund-Hörder Hüttenunion A. G.,
Dortmund, Ausgabe 1960

This book includes section properties of Larssen steel sheet piles, different wall combinations, solutions for joints and corners, driving devices and directions for the execution of construction. Other topics covered are design and calculation of steel sheetpiling walls as well as examples of built wharves, piers, cofferdams, and pile foundations.

Lawson, L. D.
Seabees Give Technical Assistance in Chile - U. S. Navy Assists in Rebuilding Wharf Destroyed by Earthquake,
ASCE, Civil Engineering, pp. 47-49, February 1965

A concrete gravity quay wall in Chile founded on marine clay and backfilled with beach sand failed during the 1960 earthquake due to liquefaction of the backfill. The U. S. Navy assisted in the construction of a replacement wall consisting of a bulkhead of ZP-38 sheetpiling anchored with steel rods to concrete deadmen. The unorthodox construction conditions and techniques, necessitated by the lack of supplies and skilled tradesmen, are outlined.

Lechner, W.
Kurventafeln für die zeitsparende Berechnung von verankerten und unverankerten Spundwänden,
Die Bautechnik 44, Heft 4, p. 131, 1967

For the case of homogenous soil diagrams are given for determination of the required penetration depth, the tie rod force and the maximum bending moment in cantilever and simply anchored sheetpiling walls.
Lincoln, F. L.
Reconstruction of Dry Dock No. 3 at the Portsmouth
Naval Shipyard,
Boston Society of Civil Engineers, Journal, pp. 256-265,
October 1963

A 17 ft. deep dry dock with walls of circular sheet pile
cells was enlarged to 37 ft. depth by installing an interior
sheet pile bulkhead penetrating soft blue clay and glacial
till to bedrock. To preserve the stability of the original
cells the new sheeting was braced across the cofferdam
and stage excavation was used. The sheeting was designed
to act as partial reinforcement of the new concrete wall.
The heavy Z-sheet piling was reinforced during construction
by driving 12" W-120 lb. soldier beams in the valleys
between adjoining sheet piles.

Lohmeyer, E.
Die Spannungen in der Larssenwand,
Die Bautechnik. 15, Heft 53, pp. 699-708, 1937

This reference gives information about the interlock
friction in Larssen sheet piles. Development of 75%
of full section modulus by adding sand into the
interlocks.

McDermott, J. F.
All-Steel Abutments for Highway Bridges,
ASCE, Civil Engineering, pp. 54-56, February 1963

Design and cost data advocating the use of steel H-piles
and sheetpiling to support superstructure and retain
earth fill at bridge abutments. 30% - 50% cost savings
realized as compared to reinforced concrete abutments.
References are presented in support of the contention
that corrosion is not a problem if scouring and
pollution are prevented.

Mackintosh, I. B.
Cofferdamming the Columbia River for the John Day Dam,
Civil Engineering and Public Works Review, pp. 1264-1268,
October 1963

This article gives a description of the rockfill dike and
the cellular steel sheetpile cofferdams used during the
construction of the John Day Dam on the Columbia River.
Design features, gradation characteristics of embankment
materials, construction procedures, and effectiveness of
the completed cofferdams are described. Well illustrated.
Marsland, A.

This article describes model experiments performed at the B. R. S. to determine the type of failure occurring in strutted sheeted excavations. The results are discussed and tentative suggestions for design are put forward.

Martin, G. P. and W. J. Shirley

This dock was founded on layers of glacial clays, silts and sands and boulder clay underlain by sand and gravel on bedrock. High artesian pressures were resisted by a heavy dock structure (24' slab thickness). The 44' tall sheet walls were retained by anchors with the tie rods placed through slag fill by a horizontal piledriving rig. When the walls yielded, they were strengthened by steel trusses and the addition of raking pile anchorages. Blows in cofferdam sections were repaired by clay fill blankets.

Matich, M. A. J., R. P. Henderson, and D. B. Oates

Field observations of stresses and deflections in steel sheetpile anchored bulkheads are compared with computed bending moments and tie rod stresses. Fair agreement between observed and calculated bending moments was obtained at one site, but comparison at the other site was not possible due to difficulties in evaluating the friction in the sheet pile interlocks. The observations are presented in graphical form.

Mead, C. F.
Measure of Earth Pressure on a Sheetpile Breast-work, 4th Australia and New Zealand Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, Adelaide, 1963

In Auckland, N. Z., steel sheetpiles were driven into sandstone with scoria backfill. Earth pressures were measured with ten Goldback-type pressure cells located at varying depth three feet behind the sheet piles. Results comply with those of Duke but not with other investigators. This may be due in part to erroneous readings. Diagrams of measured pressures are shown.
Ménard, L. and G. Bourdon
Calculation of Lateral Supports - A New Method Including True Conditions of Embedment,
Sols-Soils, No. 12, p. 18038, March 1965
(in French with English summary)

This article gives a method for obtaining the shear forces and moments in tied bulkheads considering the type of ties, the flexibility of the wall, the coefficient of subgrade reaction and passive and active pressure variations with amount of wall yield. The method is illustrated by two numerical examples.

Ménard, L., G. Bourdon, and A. Houy
Experimental Study of the Fixity of a Diaphragm with Respect to the Soil Characteristics,
Sols-Soils, No. 9, Vol. III, pp. 11-41, June 1964
(in French with abstracts in English, German, and Spanish)

The authors present the results of experiments (utilizing pressuremeter testing) to verify a method for determining the horizontal subgrade reaction, the passive resistance, displacements and deformations of steel sheetpile or concrete diaphragm walls as a function of the applied forces on the walls. Theoretical and experimental values agreed within 20%.

Müller, P.
Erddruckmessungen bei mechanisch verdichteter Hinterfüllung von Stützkörpern,
Die Bautechnik 17, Heft 13, pp. 195-203, 1939

Measurements with electro-acoustic devices demonstrated that earth pressures exerted by mechanically consolidated backfills of bridge abutments were considerably higher than those of unconsolidated fills. The measurements also showed an increase in friction between wall and soil.

Oien and Kjell
An Earth Pressure Cell for Use on Sheet Piles - Oslo Subway,

Instruments developed by the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute are described. Those instruments were used in measurements on a sheetpile structure for the Oslo Subway.
Ovesen, N. K.
*Anchor Slabs, Calculation Methods and Model Tests*, Danish Geotechnical Institute, Bulletin No. 16, Copenhagen 1964

The author gives a calculation method for the resistance and horizontal movement of anchor slabs (based on modifications of Brinch Hansen's earth pressure theory). The non-dimensional design charts and design examples are supported by the results of tests on two-dimensional analogy models and on three-dimensional models in sand. Details of model testing and techniques are given.

Peck, R. B.

Contains results of earth pressure measurements on several open cuts in soft and medium clay.

Peiner Kastenspundwand,
*Ilseder Hütte*, Peine, 3. Auflage 1960

This pamphlet gives the history of Peine piles and indicates structures for which they can be used. Included are tables of sections and section properties, corners and butts, and construction drawings.

Petermann, H.
*Schrifttum über Bodenmechanik*, Forschungsarbeiten aus dem Strassenwesen, Neue Folge Heft 10, Kirschbaumverlag, Bielefeld, 1953

Gives about 9000 references in soil mechanics and related fields.

Petermann, H. and W. Börner
*Schrifttum über Bodenmechanik II*, Forschungsarbeiten aus dem Strassenwesen, Heft 32, Kirschbaumverlag, Bielefeld, 1957

Gives about 4000 references in soil mechanics and related fields.

Petermann, H. and H. Kühn
*Schrifttum über Bodenmechanik III*, Forschungsarbeiten aus dem Strassenwesen, Heft 46, Kirschbaumverlag, Bielefeld, 1961

Petermann, H. and H. Kühn
Schrifttum über Bodenmechanik IV,
Forschungsarbeiten aus dem Strassenwesen,
Band 63, Kirschbaumverlag, Bad Godesberg, 1965


Piles, Horizontal Piles Brace Cofferdam Wall,

Horizontal H-piles were driven through a cofferdam and anchored to wales to act as a tie rod system for the high cofferdam wall.

Plummer, F. L. and S. J. Dore
Soil Mechanics and Foundations,
Pitman Publishing Corporation, New York, 1940

The text contains procedures for the design of retaining walls, active, passive and at rest pressures. Other articles included are: algebraic derivation of Coulomb's theory, graphic solution of Coulomb's theory, failure of retaining walls, application of Coulomb's theory, and design of sheet pile bulkheads.

Richart, Jr., F. E.
Analysis for Sheet Pile Retaining Walls,
ASCE Transactions, p. 1113, 1957

Sheet pile analysis method assuming the piling to be cut at the dredge line and all loads above this line transferred to the embedded pile portion which is treated as a beam on an elastic foundation.

Richart, Jr., F. E.
Anchored Bulkhead Design by Numerical Method,
ASCE Journal of the Soil Mechanics and Foundation Division, February 1960

A good review of classical design methods for anchored bulkheads and presentation of a new numerical method which is rapid and of practical value.
Romanoff, M.
Corrosion of Steel Pilings in Soils,
National Bureau of Standards Monograph 58,
October 1962

Results of inspections made on steel pilings which have been in service in various underground structures under a wide variety of soil conditions for periods of exposure up to 40 years are presented. In general, no appreciable corrosion of steel piling was found in undisturbed soil below the water table regardless of the soil types or soil properties encountered. Above the water table and in fill soils corrosion was found to be variable but not serious.

Rombas, Steel Sheet Piling,
Sidelor Usine de Rombas,
Steel Sheet Piling Central Office, 2, Rue de Penthievre,
Paris, 1964

This book includes the section properties with description of Larssen, Lackawanna, and Rombas piles. Discussions include information on the placing of anchorages, anchorage accessories, articulation, cappings, and on methods to resist corrosion. Another chapter contains procedures for analyzing and designing of sheet pile structures, as well as information about pile driving, lifting, guiding, handling, usage, and extraction. Case histories and discussions of many sheet pile constructions are given.

Rowe, P. W.
Anchored Sheet-Pile Walls,
Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers,

Experiments with fifteen models of flexible walls retaining cohesionless soils are described, in which the influence of surcharge, anchor level, anchor yield, dredge level, soil type and state, pile flexibility and distribution of soil pressure has been studied. As a result a simple chart is proposed for the design of all types of anchored pile, for use with the "free earth support" analysis.

Rowe, P. W.
A Stress-Strain Theory for Cohesionless Soil with Applications to Earth Pressures at Rest and Moving Walls,

The author discusses different earth pressure theories and their application to practical problems.
Rowe, P. W.
Sheet-Pile Walls at Failure,
Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers,

Correspondence on the above "Sheet-Pile Walls at Failure"
is given in the Proceedings of the Institution of Civil

Experiments are described with model walls in loose sand
where the walls failed in bending or penetration. The
results are compared with Brinch Hansen's limit design method and
the Author's flexibility method, and indicate that either method
may be used as an initial basis for limit design. Modified soil
constants may be necessary for use in Brinch Hansen's method with
compressible subsoils. The principles of the method are compared
with the flexibility method and the latter is shown to be of
general application to subsoils of all compressibilities.

Rowe, P. W.
Measurements on Sheet Pile Walls Driven into Clay,
Proceedings, Brussels Conference on Earth Pressure

Graphs provide simple basis for design of sheet pile
walls in clay; this method is based on dimensionless
stability numbers and relative stiffness numbers.

Rowe, P. W. and A. Briggs
Measurement on Model Strutted Sheet Pile Excavations,
Proceedings, 5th International Conference on Soil
Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, Vol. II,

The authors show the need to differentiate between
deformation and failure problems in strutted sheet
pile analyses. If several struts are used, then
the actual load may not be computed on the basis
of the failure parameters of the soil.

Schenck, W.
Rammen und Ziehen,
Grundbau-Taschenbuch, Band 1, 2, Auflage, pp. 716-765
Wilh. Ernst & Sohn, Berlin, 1966

This reference gives descriptions of German driving
and extraction devices, appropriate rigs and driving
measures under special conditions.
Schneebeli, G. and R. Cavaillé-Col
Contribution au Calcul de la Stabilité des Batârdeaux à Double Paroi de Palphanches
(Contribution to the Stability Analysis of Double-Wall Sheet Pile Cofferdams),

This paper studies cofferdams built on rock and consisting of two straight walls of sheet piling with a sand-fill as far as their security from overturning is concerned. A new formula is proposed which gives the maximum overturning moment corresponding to the resistance of sand-fill.

Schultze, E.
Vergleich von Berechnungsverfahren für verankerte Spundwände,
Der Bauingenieur 33, Heft 4, pp. 163-167, 1958

Based on the Princeton University Master's Thesis by Gibbons and Jasper (1954), this reference gives comparisons of calculation procedures developed by Blum, Tschebotarioff, Rowe, Skempton and the Danish Rules. Included are the results of two examples (cohesive and granular soil).

Schultze, E.
Empfehlungen für die Berechnung von Spundwänden in der Deutschen Bundesrepublik,

A brief review of the development in Germany of a simple and economical method of dimensioning bulkheads, based on tests performed by Rowe. It is suggested that the method has a good application in simple cases, while the methods developed by Rowe or Brinch Hansen are recommended in more complicated cases.

Seelye, E. E.
Foundation, Design, and Practice,
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1956

Practical approach to design problems with sections devoted to: Rankine's and Coulomb's solution to earth pressure, bulkheads and relieving platforms, sheet pile bulkheads, pile anchorages and deadman, tie rod stresses, and selection of retaining walls.
Sheet Piles: How to Work with Sheetpiles, Construction Methods and Equipment, November 1962

This reference outlines the practical fundamentals of working with steel sheetpiling, i.e. pile setting, bracing, hammer selection, extraction, jetting, splicing, cutting, selection of pile type for cofferdams, tips on driving. A useful field guide.

Sheet Piles: How to Work with Sheetpiles, Construction Methods and Equipment, pp. 92-95, December 1962

Summary and illustrations of the applications and practical limitations of bracing systems for cofferdams of interlocking steel sheet piling, i.e. crosslot bracing, raker or inclined bracing, arcs supported by struts, internal ribs functioning as compression rings.

Sheet Piles: How to Work with Sheetpiles, Construction Methods and Equipment, pp. 102-105, January 1963

Review of construction procedures for cellular cofferdams and straight-wall earth fill structures with or without tie rods. Cofferdam cell sizes should be standardized on large jobs and liberal dimensions are recommended. Construction and use of driving templets are detailed.


Pile driver was placed on rails to drive 7400 piles at Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point Plant. The article includes positioning of driver, cycle of driving, guiding of piles, preparation and driving cell ends. It shows illustration of the system of trolley hammers and gives a progress report of method and job.

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