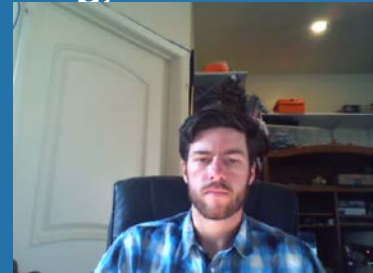

LABORATORY COMPONENT OF NEXT GENERATION LIQUEFACTION DATABASE

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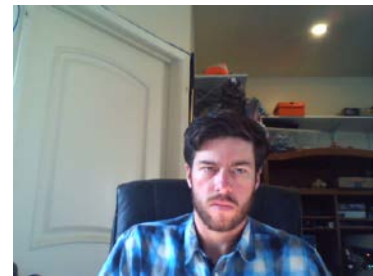
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What is NGL?

The Next Generation Liquefaction (NGL) project has developed an online relational database of liquefaction case histories to support model development

<http://nextgenerationliquefaction.org/>



NGL Laboratory Component Motivation

- The goal of NGL is to provide a dataset with a wide parameter space to enable more accurate model development
- The field testing database was recently expanded to include laboratory test program results
- Laboratory results can inform aspects of liquefaction models that are poorly constrained by case histories alone
 - K_{σ} , K_{α} , Liquefaction Susceptibility



Example Application: Liquefaction Susceptibility

There are 3 phases of a liquefaction analysis:

1. **Assessment of soil susceptibility**
2. Evaluation of expected ground strength (resistance)
3. Assessment of expected deflection

The difficulty with using case history data is the potential for *false negatives* and behavior in low-plasticity fine-grained soils with low fines content

This makes susceptibility poorly predicted by case history data and laboratory test data

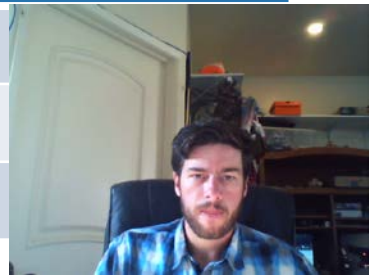


Database Structure

- A thorough description of the NGL database structure can be found in Brandenburg et al. [4].
- The Lab component is built into the NGL framework as a relational database that can be queried using structured query language (SQL).
- A relational database comprises tables linked to one another by means of identifiers called keys. Each table has a primary key that uniquely identifies table entries. If two tables are linked, the primary key of a table is used as a foreign key in another table. This structure is called schema.

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1	Ken
2	Scott
3	Jon

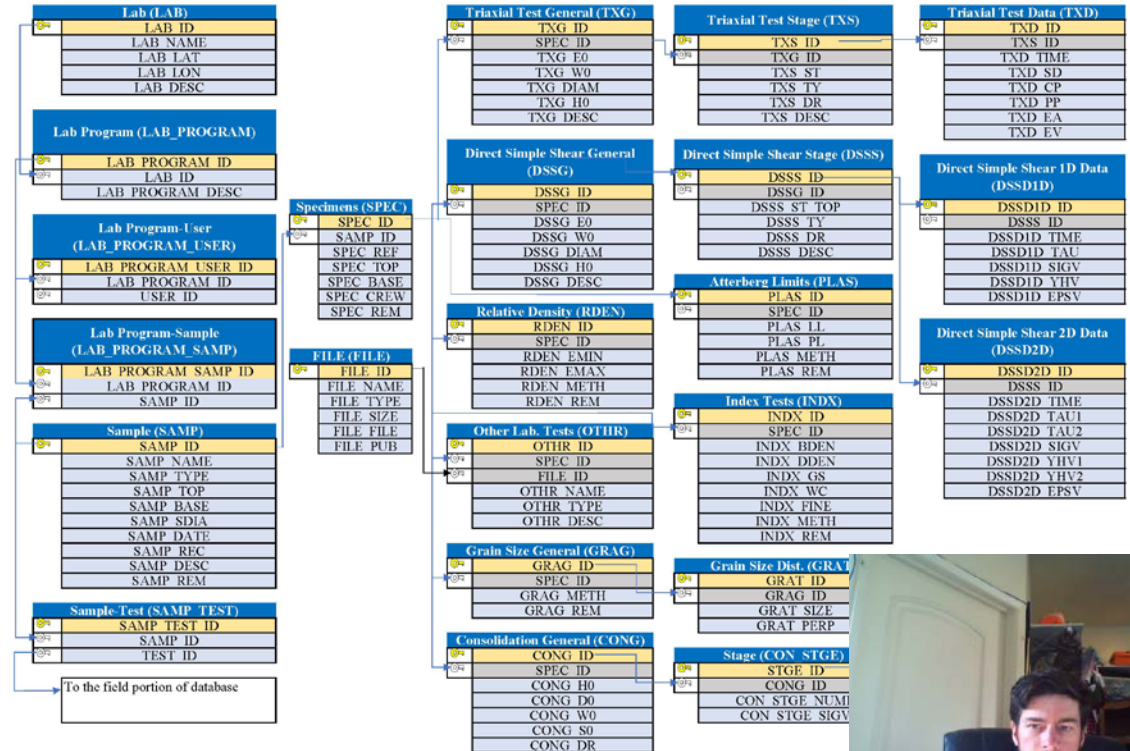
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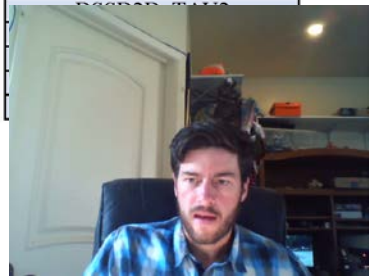
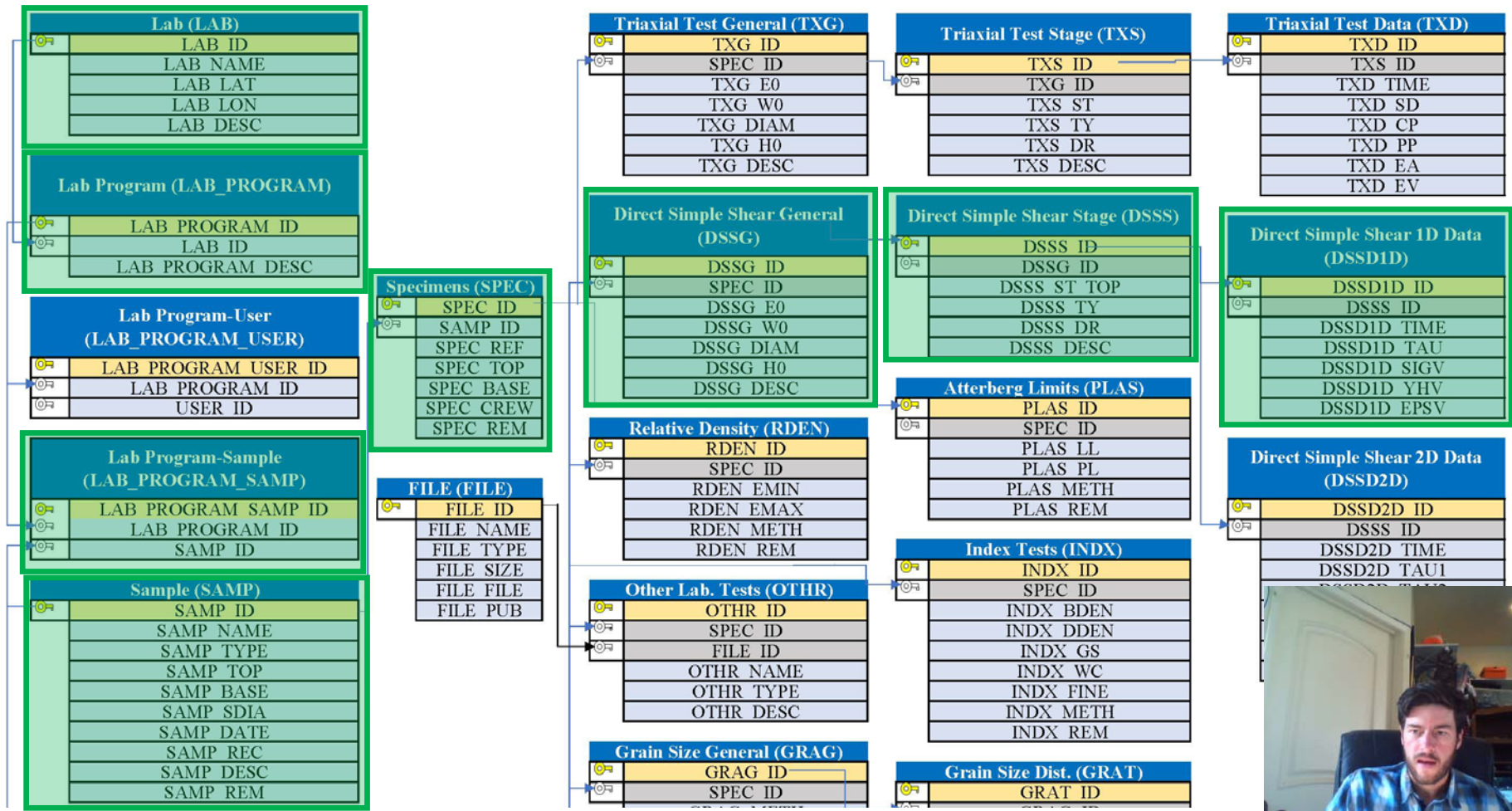


Database Structure

Tests that can be input into the database

- Triaxial
- Direct Simple Shear (1D and 2D)
- Relative Density
- Atterberg Limits
- Grain Size
- “Index” (G_s , w_c , % Fines)
- Consolidation





Data Querying and Visualization

View Direct Simple Shear Tests

Out[10]: To toggle on/off the raw code, click [here](#).

Program: **Cyclic testing on clay-silt blends**

Sample: **SBFW_26_MON**

Specimen: **6670**

DSSG_ID: **20**

DSSS_ID: **39**

PlotLogScale

Figure 1

Specimen: SBSW_23_MON; Test description: None; Stage (#): Consolidation (1)

Shear Stress, τ_v [kPa]

Vertical Stress, σ_v [kPa]

[%]

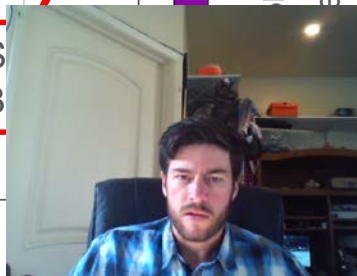
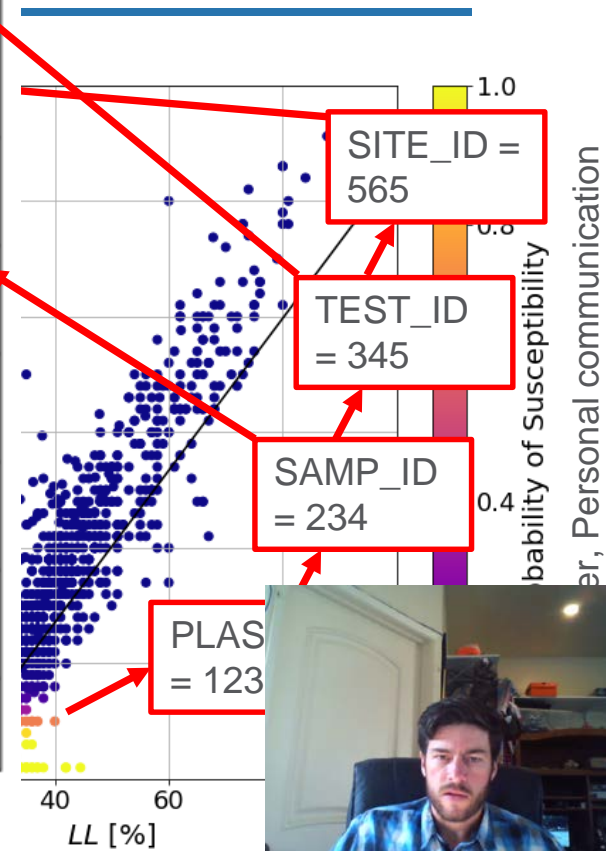
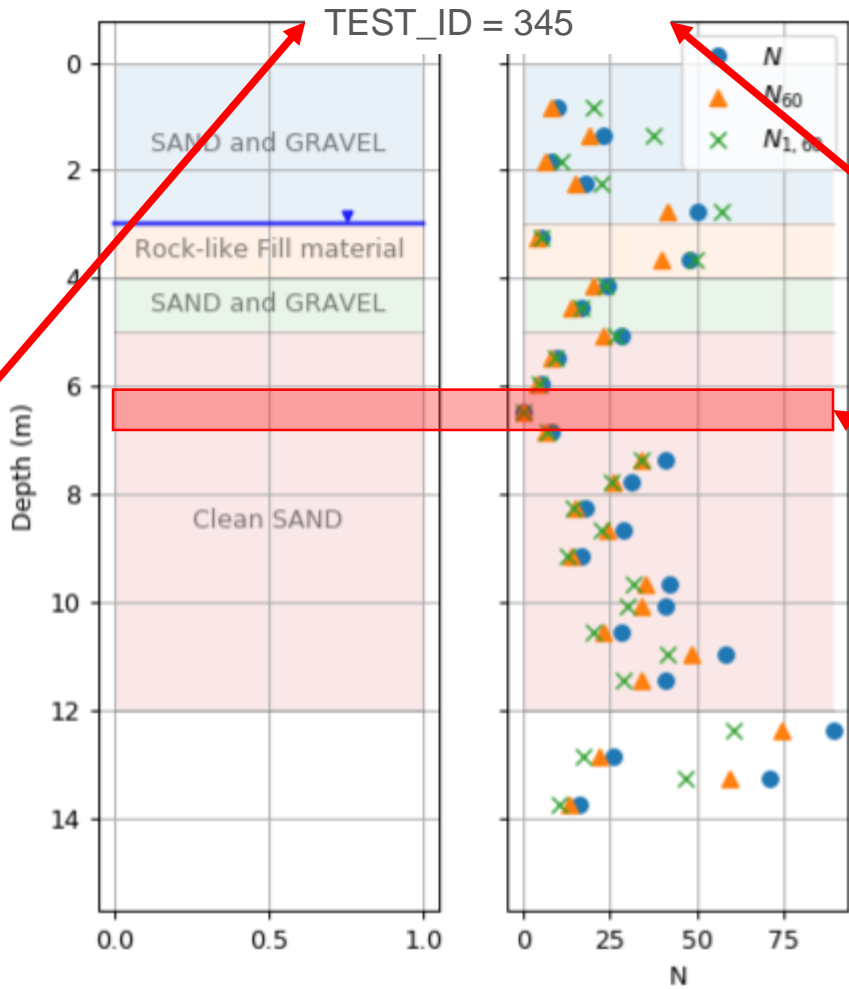
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