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Reticulated Micropiles for Restoration of Historic Structures Foundations after Natural and Manmade Disasters

James A. Mason, Ph.D., P.E. NPS Vanishing Treasures Program Structural, Geotechnical, Preservation, Seismic Engineer The Motivation for the Invention of Reticulated Micropile Groups. The Genius of Dr. Fernando Lizzi.



Naples, Italy. Immediately after the retreat by the Nazi Forces.



The Four Days of Naples (Italian: Quattro giornate di Napoli) was an uprising in Naples, Italy, against Nazi German occupation forces from September 27 to September 30, 1943, immediately prior to the arrival of Allied forces in Naples on October 1 during World War II.



#### Imagery date: 12/31/1942

Naples

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Imagery Date: 12/31/1942 40°50'32.42" N 14°15'24.89" E elev 16 ft eye alt 11.39 mi 🔘





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The straw that broke the camel's back occurred on September 22, when a decree was issued that all males between 18-33 were to present themselves—to be deported and used for forced labor. Men were rounded up and brought to the stadium in the Vomero. Meanwhile, people living within 300 meters of the coastline were ordered to evacuate within 20 hours– 35,000 families were now filling the streets wandering into exile while plans for blowing up the port were being finalized.

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On September 8, 1943 the Italians switched sides (Cassibile Armistice) leaving the Germans in an untenable position—having to change from allies to invaders in one day. Almost immediately they turned from stern occupiers to defeated warriors. By September 9 they had already received their orders, Napoli was to be reduced "to cinders and mud" so that the arriving Allied forces could not use the port city as a strategic base.



Patrioti e popolazione solidarizzano con i soldati nei giorni successivi all'insurrezione.

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On July 25, 1943, Mussolini was voted out of office. On April 28, 1945, he was executed.



During World War II the Italian city of Naples suffered approximately 200 air raids by the Allies from 1940 to 1944; only Milan was attacked more frequently. Almost all of the attacks — a total of 181 — were launched in the first nine months of 1943 before the Four days of Naples and the Allied occupation of the city at the beginning of October. Estimates of civilian casualties vary between 20,000 and 25,000 killed.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

Destruction of Naples Harbor immediately after the retreat of the Nazi Submarine Navy





Drilled and Grouted Micropiles:

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#### **Reticulated Root Structure**



## The successful execution of the restoration works is based on 4 "Lizzi principles":

• "Primum non nocere" (Latin). First, do no harm. • Maintain the existing equilibrium. • Reinforce both the soil and the existing structure. • Strictly preserve the construction scheme and the original aesthetic designed by the original architect / engineer.

#### **Lizzi's Reinforced Soils**

Improvement of Foundations of Historic Structures with Reticulated Micropiles. JA Mason and FE Kulhawy



#### **Basic Mechanics of RRP**





RECENT COMMENTS ABOUT NEW YORK CITY SINKING. NOTE HOW THE TRUNCATED CONE CONFIGURATION CONSTRAINS SUPPORTING SOILS.

Thus, downward movement densifies and strengthen the encased soil. With densification, i.e., a decrease in the soil voids, (further, yet smaller, downward vertical movement) the permeability is decreased. Remember that the RRP geometrics allows the movement of ground water through the pile group.



## The "Knotting Effect"

The ability of the soil-pile system to generate this "knot effect" is dependent on the density and arrangement of the system. When a reticulated micropile system is used to support excavations and slopes, the density and configuration of the piles should also be selected to minimize the possibility of plastic flow between the piles. The stability against plastic flow can be verified by comparing the horizontal pressure exerted by the soil mass to the limit resistance developed by the arching effect between two adjacent piles as analyzed by Ito and Matsui, (1975). A preliminary configuration of 6 to 7 piles per linear meter is recommended for reticulated micropile walls (Figure 5) to allow for the generation of the "knot effect."

Failure Surface: The failure surface in



Figure 5 : Knot Effect in a Reticulated Micropile System

Ref: Ground Improvement Engineering. Issues and Selection. George Munfakh and Duncan Wylie

THE DESIGN AND EXECUTION OF DRILLED AND FLUSH-GROUTED TITAN MICROPILES IS GOVERNED IN EUROPEAN UNION (EU) BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL APPROVAL Z-34.14-209 (DIBT)

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FROM LIZZI'S PIONEERING VISION OF "PALI RADICE" TO - TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2 MICROPILES ACCORDING TO EN 14199 "MICROPILES" AND NATIONAL TECHNICAL APPROVAL FOR TITAN DRILLED MICROPILES.

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Lizzi's Vision of "Pali Radice" - Micropiles Type 1 and Type 2 includes 4 fundamental experiences: (1)





- Both Roots and Micropiles can transfer tension or compression loads to the ground.
- Roots and Micropiles increase the cohesion of the ground and form a monolithic, composite foundation material.
- The increased volume of roots through growth or the pressure grouting of micropiles both create confinement of the soil. As a result there is an improvement in shear bond values and smaller displacements of the roots and micropiles.
- A network of roots form splayed Micropiles, which work like rebar in reinforced concrete or glasfibre – used in reinforced plastic (GRP).

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#### Example of Lizzi's Method of Modeling and Calculation Sequence

Ref. Thorburn and Hutchinson Underpinning (1986) Surrey University Press Calculations pgs. 122-126







 Scheme of the Reticulated Micropile layout before excavation.
Gravity stresses in the soil before excavation.

3. The Vertical load in addition with the forces introduced be the active soil pressure, after excavation, for the case where the complete system is supported by the encased soil. 4. The same case as #3, but where the loading is supported by the micropiles.



5 + 6. The forces introduced by the excavation are assumed to be supported by the soil (5) combined action of soil and piles (6) according to the pile-stiffness factor 'm". Transformed section analysis.

7 + 8. All forces, including the loading from "dead load", after excavation, are supported by the soil (7) and combined soil-pile action (8).

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### The Unit Cell.

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Lizzi used similar hand calculations for a historic building within a meter of the Milan Underground. The tunnel was constructed via a cut-construct-cover process with the reticulated micropile retaining wall being constructed in-situ before and excavation. Lizzi noted that the lateral movement at the backwall was just several millimeters.










The loading of the RRP retaining wall converts lateral earth pressure on the micropile backwall into bending stress, which is subsequently converted into axial stresses within the micropile group, i.e., a moment couple. The backwall being in tension and the front wall (the excavation side) is loaded in compression. The 3-D soil arching provides the restraining surface onto which the earth pushes against. The flexural displacement, inward towards the interior constrained soil mass, provides a clamping pressure on the core. So, the front and back RRP walls provide the constraint for the lateral earth pressure. The induced bending stress, which could easily use 50 to 60% of the available strength of the micropile steel, is converted into axial stress in the low range of 10 to 20% of the axial strength of the micropile, shown with FEA. Also, the front wall with composite micropiles has both the grout and steel in compression. Lizzi considered the crushing strength of the grout as the limiting capacity of the micropile in compression. It must be remembered that Lizzi designed and successfully constructed micropiles by drilling a 4" diameter hole, inserting a 1" diameter steel rebar, and finishing by grouting the void with a neat cement grout.

# Retrofitting and Strengthening Of a Civil War Era Historic Church Tower In Paducah, Kentucky.



The Grace Episcopal Church Tower. Paducah, KY DESIGN ARCHITECT, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS and METHODS

> Henry M. Condon 1834 – 1922.
> Graduate of Columbia.
> Member of the Ecclesiastical Architectural Movement.





# Spall Band

## Break Point









## Initial Construction

## Deteriorated Core

## Outer Wythe Buckling

# Load Redistribution to Core





Iso-Modulus Plot  
(ksi)  
Krieging Analysis  
$$f'_c = 550 E_m$$
 (psi)



#### **Section Details:**

X Centroid:	8.411 in
Y Centroid:	-12.29 in
Section Area:	13.28E+3 in^2
I gross about X:	7.07E+7 in^4
I gross about Y:	1.20E+8 in^4
Reinforcing Bar Area:	2.454 in^2
Percent Longitudinal Steel:	18.48E-3 %
Overall Width:	323.0 in
Overall Height:	214.0 in
Number of Fibers:	2824
Number of Bars:	16
Number of Materials:	2

#### **Material Types and Names:**

User Defined:

Strain Hardening Steel:

Steel 40















# The Potential Performance of RRP Groups during Earthquake induced Liquefaction



#### **Load vs Deflection**



## Modal Responses

First Mode Period 18 piles. PP7.00x0.408 23 ft. Long Vertical Pile Group: 0.42 sec.

Reticulated Micropile Group: 0.052 sec.







Showa Bridge, Niigata, 1964

Liquefied Soil "Fluid Pressure" 10 to 30kPa = 1.5 to 4.5psi

"Liquefaction and Piled Foundations: Some Issues" J. Berrill and S. Yasuda Journal of Earthquake Engineering Vol. 1 Special Issue 1 (2002)



The Use of Reticulated Rock Bolts To Stabilize a Sandstone Arch In Mesa Verde National Park. The Spruce Tree House Alcove Arch.





















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#### Figure 2 Site location names.

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Figure 3 Comparison of site geometry and 3DEC model. (Top image from photogrammetry, bottom image is the model representation. The local arch is green, and the intact rock is blue. The black arrows correlate geometric locations between the two images.) Figure 21 shows the open, closed, and intact shale seams in the model. Red indicates an open seam, blue is a closed seam, and green is an intact seam.



Figure 21 Open, closed, and intact shale seams in the 3DEC model.

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principal stress (sigma 3) is illustrated by the other arm of the cross. If the stresses are tensile, the values are plotted in red. This figure confirms several behaviors.

- The local arch is behaving like an arch:
- the pillars are supporting the arch;
- the shale seams are separating the arch into several beams;
- arching is creating tensile stresses in the upper fiber of the beams, and compressive stresses in the lower fiber of the beams (e.g., above the north pillar);
- the lower left and lower right diagonal boundaries of the arch are also supporting the arch; and
- there are two relatively unstressed zones of the arch—above and north of the north pillar, and above the south pillar.





North

Figure 27 Stress tensors in the local arch, no rockbolts, SRF=1.0, blue is compression, red is tension (green background where the Richardson crack is known to exist, magenta background where the crack was extended in the model).



#### Figure 23 Rockbolt locations.



Figure 24 A top view of the reticulated rockbolt pattern.
# Stabilizing an Ancient Puebloan Alcove Site. Cliff Palace In Mesa Verde National Park.

**Using RRP Groups to Re-Direct Load** Paths in both Soils and Structures. The Romans were masters at redirecting the load path within a building wall. This was achieved primarily with arches constructed within the wall section.

## The Baths of Caracalla.

# Redirecting the Load Path.



The Romans had mastered building techniques and engineering, and were able to make massive structures all over the empire, in part due to the cement they made, and in part due to the arch they perfected.

Research Efforts in Support of Investigation, Documentation and Assessment at Cliff Palace, Mesa Verde National Park



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### Introduction to Cliff Palace. *A virtual walkaround.*



Carrara, P.E., 2012, Surficial geologic map of Mesa Verde National Park, Montezuma County, Colorado: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Map 3224, 22 p. pamphlet, 1 sheet, scale 1:24,000.



Figure 2. Stratigraphic section of Mesa Verde National Park (after Griffitts, 1990). Ages given are from Cobban and others (2006), W.A. Cobban, USGS, personal commun. (2007), and Peters (2011a, 2011b).



### Lateral Earth Pressure





### **Cylindrical Shells of Revolution**



### Lateral Soil Pressure on Embedded Cylinder



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### ANOTHER PROJECT by Dr. Mason

Transferring reticulation technology to adobe buildings. Preliminary research conducted by Mason at Fort Union using Cintek Helifix anchors. (All of the Cintex technology is based on Lizzi's work.) Very promising results were obtained, which prompted NPS Vanishing Treasures program to coordinate with The University of Vermont, Burlington (a CSEU partner) where better loading and monitoring equipment confirmed the work from Fort Union.



# UVM Adobe Helifix Investigation for NPS-VT

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DryFix tie being power-driven into pilot hole

# Testing Apparatus Continued





# Deformation of Tie

Deformation of tie:

-Couplet still connected after failure. -Implications for stability of structure



The strengthening of the Al-Hadba Minaret in Mosel, Iraq. XII century structure.

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Here are key facts about Mosul's Grand al-Nuri Mosque and famous leaning minaret, blown up on Wednesday as Iraqi forces advanced on Islamic State's last stronghold. It was from this mosque that Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi announced the creation of his "caliphate" on July 4, 2014.[nL8N1JI5TO]





ISIS forces had been shooting at the Minaret for weeks, thinking that they could destroy it with guns. Then they shot at it with bazookas. Still the structure stood firmly against the attacks. The attackers had no idea that the structure was reinforced by Lizzi. Finally, on June 21, 2017 massive amounts of explosives were placed inside of the tower.



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### al-Hadba' Minaret: A Beacon for 700 Years

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By World Monuments Fund



# The Reconstruction of Destroyed Historic Buildings in the Ukraine. Based on the Works of Dr. Fernando Lizzi.



- 31 buildings dedicated to cultural activities
- 17 monuments
- 9 libraries



Saint Catherine's Church in Chernihiv, Ukraine. Church was dedicated in 1715.











## Damaged Courtyard.


