

# Appendixes



# Appendix A. Instrument capabilities for measuring land-surface displacement

INSTRUMENT	AVAILABILITY	INSTRUMENT CHARACTERISTICS	DATA COLLECTION CHARACTERISTICS		RANGE	ACCURACY	SENSITIVITY TO ENVIRONMENT	CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE	EASE/COST OF INSTALLATION	EASE/COST OF OPERATION	POWER REQUIREMENTS	EASE/COST OF DATA REDUCTION	COST OF INSTRUMENT
			REMOTE OR DIRECT	ENTER SUBSIDENCE AREA									
Steel tape (structure and surface strain, surface and structure crack movement)	Luffkin; Chesterman; Kueffel & Esser	Portable, rugged, long life	Direct	Yes	100 ft usually; available in 3 to 300 ft lengths	±0.01 ft	Temperature; wind; tension	Periodically clean, oil, and calibrate against standard tape	Install reference points	2 tapemen plus 1 man to set stakes; use with tensioning device, taping pins, plumbob	None	Simple	100 ft: \$30 to \$300
Invar tape (structure and surface strain, surface and structure crack movement)	Kueffel & Esser	Portable, prone to breaking	Direct	Yes	50 ft to 100 ft	±0.005 ft	Wind; tension	Clean periodically	As above	2 tapemen; use with tension frames and weights; for high accuracy repeat readings with 3 tapes	None	Simple	100 ft: \$300 150 ft: \$400
Precision level (automatic or tilting with optical micrometer) with invar rod (structure and surface settlement; with tape or tape extensometer for ground tilt)	Jenoptik; Kern; Wild; Leitz; Zeiss	Portable, rugged, long life	Direct	Yes	Maximum change in elevation between sights approx. 13 ft; sight length greater than 7 ft and less than 150 ft	±0.002 ft to ±0.005 ft over mile circuit	Wind; bright sunlight	Check telescope alignment annually	Install reference points and bench marks	1 instrument man; 1 rod man	None	Simple; need 1 engineer; may use computer to reduce large volume of data	Level: \$850 to \$1500; rod: \$700
Precision theodolite with tape for baseline (triangulation) (surface and structure settlement and strain)	Kern; Wild; Jenoptik; Leitz	As above	Direct	No	1 sec instrument read to 0.2 sec by angle repetition: 1:20,000 to 1:50,000; best positional accuracy ±0.001 in ±0.005 ft	Temperature; wind; vibration; direct sun; temperature sensitivity minimal with invar tape	As above	Install reference points and instrument stations	1 surveyor; and 1 rod man if targets not fixed; 2 men needed for taping of baselines between instrument points	None	As above; computer programs readily available	Precision Theodolite: \$3000 to \$9000	
Optical electronic distance measurement device (EDM) (use with theodolite if not built-in) (structure and surface strain)	First developed 1948; AGA; Kern	Portable; retro-reflectors may be portable or fixed to reference point	Direct	Yes-rod man only	20,000 ft	±0.02 to 0.2 ft plus 1:25,000 to 1:650,000 Mekometer 3000: ±0.0007 ft plus 1:1,000,000 (as good as invar)	Temperature and pressure along line of sight; smog can disrupt readings; may be used day or night	Calibrate against 50 meter invar tape every two years	Install reference points	1 surveyor plus 1 laborer if retro-reflectors portable or adjustable; lower cost per mile of traverse than conventional methods	Rechargeable battery for 1 day's work	Distance usually automatic; a few provide only phase shift and surveyor must convert to distance	Typical EDM: Mekometer 3000: \$34,000; reflectors: \$0.50 to \$410
Infrared EDM (use with theodolite if not built-in) (structure and surface strain and settlement)	Wild; AGA; Kern; Kueffel & Esser; Zeiss; HP; Precision; Cubic Corp; Tellurometer	As above	Direct	Yes-rod man only	1000 to 16,000 ft; minimum: 1 ft	Typically 0.02 ft plus 1:100,000 to 1:300,000; Tellurometer MA 100; 0.002 ft over 300 ft	Temperature and pressure; less sensitive than other EDM's; can use day or night and in bright sun	As above	As above	As above	Rechargeable battery for 1 day's work	Distance usually automatic; most have automatic correction for temperature and pressure	Reflectors: \$0.50 to \$260 each; EDM: \$3000 to \$7000 without theodolite; Tellurometer MA 100.
Infrared EDM (3-D trilateration) (structure and surface settlement and strain)	As above	As above	Direct	No	As above	As above	As above	As above	Install reference points and instrument stations	1 surveyor	As above	As above; reduce distances to EDM to coordinates	As above
Laser EDM (structure and surface strain)	Developed late 1960's; AGA	As above	Direct	Yes-rod man only	5000 to 20,000 ft	±0.01 to 0.08 ft and 1:1,000,000; ±0.015 over 19 miles	Temperature and pressure; smog; dust; fog; air turbulence; sensitive to vibration	As above	As above	1 surveyor and 1 rod man	Lower power consumption than other EDM's; rechargeable battery for 1 day's work	Distance automatic	
EDM tachymeter (distance, angles, horizontal distance and elevation automatically computed) (structure and surface settlement; and strain)	AGA geodimeter models 700 and 710; Wild model DI-35	Portable	Direct with portable reflectors Remote with fixed reflectors	Yes-rod man only	1000 to 15,000 ft	.02 ft plus 1:1,000,000 to .02 ft plus 5:1,000,000	Temperature; pressure; vibration; dust	As above	Install reference points; install instrument stations if used	1 surveyor and 1 rod man, if targets not fixed	Rechargeable battery for 1 day's operation	Automatic data reduction; surveyor may have to enter horizontal or vertical angle to get horizontal distance and elevation (DI-35 only)	\$18,000; \$10,000 (DI-35 without theodolite); reflectors: \$0.50 to \$260 each

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			REMOTE OR DIRECT	ENTER SURFACE AREA									
Rod extensometer with dial gauge (ground or structure strain and crack movement)	Terrametrics; Structural Behavior Engineering Laboratories (see Section 2.2); Fabricated; Mason (1971)	Permanent for monitoring period; recoverable; rugged and dependable	Direct	Yes	Displacement ranges to 1.0 in.; resettable gauge; 10 in. to 20 in.; if user fabricated gauge length may be 10 feet	Sensitivity of 0.0001 in.	Susceptible to vandalism unless protected; sensitive to temperature	Calibrate with standard reference bar; easy to replace	Embed reference points in soil, rock or structure and attach bar; provide protection for instrument	Simple; one person to read; can use camera recorder and replace film periodically	Battery for camera	Convert dial readings to displacement; temperature correction	\$100 to \$800
Steel tape extensometer (ground or structure strain, convergence)	Sinco; Inrad; Terrametrics; Interfels; Soiltest	Portable; dependable	Direct	Yes	Displacement ranges of 0.01 in. to 100 ft; gauge length 2 ft to 100 ft	±0.01 in.	Reference points susceptible to damage; sensitive to temperature	Problems with tape breaking; calibrate with standard reference bar; oil periodically and check tensioning device	Embed reference points in soil, rock or structure	Simple; one person to attach extensometer to reference points, apply tension and read; two people need to take readings for 15 readings	None	Direct readout of distance makes data simple; temperature corrections	\$500 to \$1500
Invar wire extensometer (ground or structure strain, convergence)	Telemac; Kern	Portable	Remote	Yes	Displacement ranges of 2.5 in. to 4.0 in.; gauge length of 3 ft to 150 ft	±0.0008 in. to 0.002 in.	Reference points susceptible to damage; insignificant temperature effects	Calibrate with standard reference bar; periodically clean and tensioning device as well as zero drift of readout	As above	As above	12 VDC	Digital readout of distance makes data reduction simple	\$4800
Rod extensometer with LVDT (ground and structure strain and crack movement)	User fabricated; Kennedy (1971)	Permanent for monitoring period; may be recoverable; suitable for long-term monitoring	Remote	No	Displacement ranges of 0.10 in. to 6 in.; gauge length 5 ft to 10 ft	±0.001 in.; positive; infinite resolution	Electronics not very sensitive to vibration or temperature, but changes in line resistance, cable length, or input voltage variance; may be subject to corrosion, vandalism and sensitive to temperature	Check for zero drift; easy to replace; calibrate with standard reference bar	Embed reference points in soil, rock or structure; provide protection for instrument; establish zero reading; enclose in telescoping casing for monitoring convergence	Simple; one person to take reading	None	Direct reading of distance makes data reduction simple; temperature correction	LVDT \$200; transducer amplifier and recorder \$800; cable \$14/20 ft
Rod extensometer with machinist's scale (ground and structure strain and crack movement)	User fabricated; Utter and Tesco (1965)	May be permanent for monitoring period or may be portable	Direct	Yes	Displacement ranges of 0.1 in. to 10 ft; typical gauge length 3 ft to 10 ft	Sensitivity of 0.01 in.	Susceptible to corrosion, vandalism and sensitive to temperature	Clean periodically; calibrate with standard reference bar; easy to repair	Embed reference points in soil, rock or structure; provide protection for instrument	Simple; one person to take reading	None	As above	Materials and labor \$500
Rod extensometer with micrometer (surface or structure strain and crack movement)	Micro-precision Engineering Livermore, CA; Blund and Moore, 1973	Portable	Direct	Yes	Displacement ranges to 3.0 in.; typical gauge length 10 ft	±0.005 in.; sensitivity of 0.0004 in.	Reference points susceptible to damage; sensitive to temperature unless invar	Clean periodically; calibrate with standard reference bar; easy to repair	Embed reference points in soil, rock, or structure	One or two people to move bar, adjust micrometer and take reading	Penlight battery	Direct readout of distance makes data reduction simple; temperature correction	Materials and labor \$600

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Single point or differential settlement manometer (structure settlement)	Senate; Galileo	Readout and hoses permanent or portable	Direct	Yes	Up to 50 ft of settlement; distances up to 1000 ft; reference points	±0.25 in.	Susceptible to barometric pressure variations due to sunlight, temperature, and vibration; water cannot be used in freezing conditions	Hoses must be free of air, leaks, little difficulty to repair; hoses; replace hoses; measurement of readout in permanent installation observation	Install reference structure; provide for readout; measurement and hoses in permanent installation	Simple; two technicians; system, one for permanent readout; one for portable readout; data entry, and a line sample line; simple timing oscillations	None	Convert pressure differences or reading to elevation	Multiple points and terminal; \$150 to \$500; deairing unit \$300 to \$600
Single point manometer (structure or settlement)	Soil and rock instruments; also user fabricated; (1971)	Permanent for monitoring; may be recoverable	Direct	No, if hose long enough	Up to 20 ft of settlement	±0.50 in.	As above	Hoses must be free of air, bubbles, dirt, and repair or replace hoses; elevation of readout device; must be installed before observation	Hose placed in trench of uniform grade; hose depth provide connection for readout device; hoses must be installed along hose point	Simple; one person to take reading	None	As above	Readout \$150; tubing \$0.30/ft; deairing unit \$300 to \$600
Single point electric type hose manometer (structure or settlement)	Soil and Rock Instruments; Soil Instruments	As above	Direct	As above	Up to 3 ft of settlement	±0.10 in.	As above; problems with electronics; used in freezing temperatures	As above	As above; install readout at same elevation; manometer hose	Simple; one person to establish contact; and take reading	Battery	As above	100 ft long manometer with electronics, mercury and contact; single point multi-point \$450; multi-point \$300 to \$600
Single point manometer (structure or surface settlement)	Telenac; Galileo	As above	Direct	As above	Up to 3 ft of settlement	±0.20 in.	Susceptible to variations, heating due to sunlight, temperature, and freezing conditions and vandalism	As above	As above; cell is buried; must be installed below point along hose	Simple; one person to add water, confirm and get reading	None	Convert graduated reading to elevation	Flow cell \$35; pressure gage tubing \$15; deairing unit \$300 to \$600
Full profile over-flow type manometer (structure or surface settlement)	Telenac	Permanent for monitoring; recoverable	Direct	As above	Up to 10 ft of settlement	±0.30 in.	As above	As above	Casing is placed in trench; readout and pulley installed in pit with manometer provided	One person to move and add water, confirm and get reading	None	As above	Readout manual \$300; digital \$600
Full profile air balloon tube settlement device (structure or settlement)	Soil Instruments	Probe and readout are portable	Direct	As above	Up to 10 ft of settlement	±0.60 in.	Susceptible to variations in temperature and used in freezing conditions; electric problems with transducer and readout	Periodic calibration of transducer; steel tape brought to reference point on bar; survey on at station each observation	Tube placed along trench, straight, brought to reference point, and buried	One person to move probe and reading	Battery	Convert electric readouts to elevation	Available with electromagnetic monitor horizontal movement \$650; casing \$175
Full profile two liquid pressure balance manometer (structure or settlement)	User fabricated; (1977)	Permanent for monitoring; may be recoverable	Direct or Remote	As above	Up to 20 ft of settlement	±0.25 in.	As above	As above; calibration of risers; long trench of uniform grade below and buried	Tubing with calibration risers; long trench of uniform grade below and buried	One person to move liquid in tube, calibrate and take readings	None for readout; automatic readout	Convert readings on pressure gage to elevation for automatic readout; gives recording of tubing elevation	Tubing \$0.30/ft; manual readout \$400; automatic readout \$550
WEL with fixed level sensors (surface settlement)	User fabricated; Cooke and (1973)	Permanent for monitoring; recoverable	Remote	No	±30 minutes; can be mechanically depressed to down 3 degrees up	3 min.	Sensitive to moisture, changes in line length, structure calibration, but zero reading is temperature variation and twist of casing	Hoses difficult to remove; repair or replacement	Install flexible sensors in trench and bury	Simple; one person to adjust and take reading	Battery or AC main	Convert voltage readout to displacement	

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Electrolytic type tiltmeter (ground tilt)	BAC	Portable; long service records; permanent installation for best accuracy	Yes	Remote	0.5 to 1.0 degree	1.0 to 2.0 seconds of arc	Sensitive to temperature; possible electric problems including zero drift due to residual instability of metals and cements; permanent installation may be subject to vandalism	Check for zero drift	Install base plates on reference stations	One person with moderate training to take portable reading; device must be mounted on base plate for each reading	Battery	Convert digital readout to tilt angle	readout \$1500; stations to \$100 each
Spirit level type tiltmeter (ground tilt)	Galileo	Portable; rugged long operating life	Yes	Direct	0.5 to 1.0 degree	5.0 to 10.0 seconds of arc	Moderately sensitive to temperature; reference points may be subject to vandalism	Check zero at 180 degrees	As above	Simple; one person to mount level and read	None	Simple; direct readout of tilt angle is given	readout \$1200; stations to \$100 each
Vibrating wire type tiltmeter (ground tilt)	Telemac; Mahak	Portable; rugged long term stability	Yes	Remote	1.5 degree	0.3 to 10.0 seconds of arc	Relatively insensitive to temperature or moisture; reference points may be subject to vandalism	None	As above	One person to mount tiltmeter and take reading; time and training required depends on readout device used	Battery	Convert vibrating frequency, analog reading, or digital readout to tilt angle	Tiltmeter \$1200; readout \$3000 to \$4500
Force balance servo-accelerometer type tiltmeter (ground tilt)	Sinco; Terra; Technology; Schaevitz; Geotesting	Portable; moderately delicate	Yes	Remote	±30 degrees	10.0 to 80.0 seconds of arc	As above	None	As above	One person with moderate training to mount tiltmeter and take reading	Battery	Convert digital readout to tilt angle	Tiltmeter \$2900; readout \$1100
Rod extensometer, micrometer, and spirit level (ground tilt)	Micro Precision Engineering; Galileo	Portable; rugged	Yes	Remote	0.5 to 1.0 degree	5.0 to 10.0 seconds of arc	Moderately sensitive to temperature; reference points may be subject to vandalism	Check zero by readings at 180 degrees	Reference points embedded in soil, rock or structure	One person with moderate training to mount bar, adjust level and read	None	Simple; direct readout of tilt angle is given	\$3500
Rod extensometer with leveling bubble and leveling screw, and LVDT, or dial gauge (ground tilt)	User fabricated; Hendron, et al, (1975); Nason (1971)	Permanent for monitoring period	Yes	Direct	5.0 degrees	50.0 seconds of arc	Susceptible to corrosion and vandalism unless protected	None	Extensometer mounted on reference points embedded in soil, rock or structure	Simple, one person to adjust screw and take reading	None	Convert leveling screw reading to tilt angle	\$1500 to \$3500









PROPERTIES INSTRUMENT	AVAILABILITY	OPERATING PRINCIPLE	DEPTH RANGE	RANGE OF VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT	MANUFACTURER'S SENSITIVITY	ACCURACY	MAXIMUM DOWNHOLE TEMPERATURE: RATED OR (ESTIMATED)	MAXIMUM DOWNHOLE PRESSURE: RATED OR (ESTIMATED)	MATERIAL COMPOSITION	OPERATION AND INSTALLATION (IMPORTANT FEATURES)	MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS & ESTIMATED SERVICE LIFE	SELECTED REFERENCES
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and LVDT sensor	Callisto; Dumas and Nozce	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m estimated	2°	41 min	±10 min estimated	40°C, with cable heated at typical electronic	(3000 KNM <sup>2</sup> - estimated based on depth)	Probably aluminum alloy housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	As above	As above	(1) Bousquet, Ryan and Beggan, 1991
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and servo accelerometer	Sisco	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m	2° - 25°	3 min	±10 min estimated	as above	1400 KNM <sup>2</sup>	Probe has brass housing, casing usually aluminum or plastic.	as above	as above	61 Mason, 1982
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and servo accelerometer	Deer Park; Sisco	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. This system requires force required to return pendulum depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m	Typical: 25° 45-51° available	410 sec	±1 min reported (1)	Typical: 30°C, up to 90°C available	Typical: 1500 KNM <sup>2</sup> up to 3000 KNM <sup>2</sup> available	Probably aluminum alloy housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	As above	as above	(1) Bousquet, Ryan and Beggan, 1991
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and air pressure device	Geotek	As above except: tilt measured by pneumatic force sensor and pendulum to original alignment in probe.	10m estimated	As above except:	±15 sec	±3 deg estimated	50°C estimated	(100 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated)	Probably stainless steel housing	as above	as above	Boncziff, 1970
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and air pressure device	Mohaly; Telemec	Counterweight with weight at unopposed end and bonds as probe tilts. Bonding wire strain gauge depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m estimated	Typical: 6-20°	430 sec - 42 min	±3 to 6 min reported	50°C estimated based on typical electronics	(3000 KNM <sup>2</sup> - estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	as above	as above	
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum, compass and camera	Sperry Sun; Schlumberger	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs compass fixed to case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	40m	5° to 30°	±15 sec to 140 sec	±1 deg (1) reported for shallow depths	as above	4000 KNM <sup>2</sup> - estimated based on depth	Strome plated brass or stainless steel housing, stainless steel wheel.	as above	as above	(1) Kallitrenias and Beggan, 1991
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with gyro-compass camera, and rotary motor	Telemec	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs minor rotation mirror, tilt indicator remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	40m - 50m	As probe tilts, camera and instrument remain vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case.	1° for tilt; 2° for orientation	±15 min tilt; 1° to 3° orientation	50°C estimated	600 KNM <sup>2</sup>	Strome plated brass case	Instrument determines both orientation and tilt; camera measurement associated with angle should be easily maintained as a single shot device.	as above	
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with gyro-compass camera, and pendulum	Sperry Sun; Schlumberger	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs compass, fixed to case.	5-10m estimated	2° to 30°	8 min	±5 min estimated	30°C reported with thermal shield for up to 1.5 hrs.	(15 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated based on depth and made reported)	Housing: Kevlar	Orientation inclination and TV camera	as above	(1) and Gas Journal, 1971
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with middle-pointed pendulum and punchable chart	Touss	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. At pre-set time point of pendulum, pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out.	4-10m estimated	1, 14, 21 deg	4 min	±5 min estimated	Special ready available for mercury and 300°C estimated	(100 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing	Probe reading as on depth only - gives tilt only - not orientation. This device depends on punchable chart with monitoring glass, will give any type of note, coded or un-coded.	as above	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with cantilever-mounted electrical resistance strain gauge sensors with inductive sensor	Phometrics	Steel tubes anchored in hole and connected to adjacent tubes by cantilevers. Bending sensed by strain gauges.	5m with 6m intervals between cantilevers	Non-adjustable; ressetable	±1 sec	±20 sec	50°C	(50 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated based on depth)	Probe are stainless steel	Designed for use in un-cased hole but could be installed in flexible casing. Orientation must be determined when installed.	Instrument may be responsible to remove or require modification for installation. Seals may leak after several years of use. Pitting or corrosion.	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with inductive sensor	Inertech	Steel tubes anchored in hole and connected by tensioned wire. Movement between tubes occur. Movement detected by inductive sensors.	5m with up to 4 measuring elements	Ressetable; ressetable	±1 to ±10 sec	±1 to 3 min estimated	50°C estimated	(50 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing	as above	as above	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with microstrain	SOI	Pendulum remains vertical as probe inclines. Pendulum has many electrical contacts. Movement between tubes can be turned from surface to contact pendulum to determine angle.	1m estimated	0 - 1 deg. to several degrees (1)	46 min to 37 sec	±3 deg estimated	50°C estimated	(100 KNM <sup>2</sup> estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing	Install in flexible tube. Determine connection between surface and instrument.	as above probably not. Determine mechanical environment.	(1) Kallitrenias and Beggan, 1991

## Appendix C. List of symbols used in text, part I

Symbol	Term
A	Cross-sectional area
$A_p$	Area of point of sampling spoon
a	Area of manometer
b	Thickness; effective stress due to buoyant weight of submerged deposits
$b'$	Thickness of aquitard
C	D/R
$C_c$	Compression index
$C_v$	Coefficient of consolidation
D	Depth to compressing beds
dh/dt	Rate of subsidence
E	Young's modulus
e	Void ratio; $e_0$ , initial void ratio
G	Specific gravity
H	Total subsidence
$H_0$	Initial thickness
h	Applied stress; difference in head; head at given elapsed time
$h_a$	Average head in aquitard
$h_c$	Head in confined system
$h_0$	Head at zero time
$h_u$	Head in unconfined system
J	Seepage stress
K	Hydraulic conductivity
$K'$	Vertical hydraulic conductivity
L	Length of flow
$M_v$	Coefficient of volume compressibility

Symbol	Term
$\bar{N}$	Average of N (blows)
n	Porosity
p	Total stress (geostatic pressure); water level
p'	Effective stress (effective overburden pressure)
p <sub>a</sub>	Applied stress
P <sub>0</sub>	Reference water level
Q	Amount of liquid production; quantity of water discharged in unit time
R	Radius of stressed system
R <sub>u</sub>	Ultimate bearing resistance
r <sub>s</sub>	Specific retention
S	Storage coefficient; effective stress due to weight of unsaturated deposits
S <sub>c</sub>	Final subsidence
S <sub>o</sub>	Sorting coefficient
S <sub>s</sub>	Specific storage
S' <sub>s</sub>	Specific storage of aquitard (compressible bed)
S <sub>ke</sub>	Component of S attributable to elastic deformation of the aquifer-system skeleton
S <sub>ske</sub>	Component of S <sub>s</sub> due to elastic deformation of aquifer-system skeleton
S <sub>kv</sub>	Component of S attributable to inelastic (virgin) deformation, of aquifer-system skeleton
S <sub>skv</sub>	Component of S <sub>s</sub> due to inelastic (virgin) deformation of aquifer-system skeleton
S <sub>sw</sub>	Component due to compressibility of water
S' <sub>sk</sub>	Component of specific storage due to compressibility of aquitard
S' <sub>skv</sub>	S <sub>kv</sub> /b'; b' is aggregate thickness of aquitards
s	Amount of subsidence; drawdown
T	Transmissivity; time factor
t	time
U	Degree of consolidation
U <sub>t</sub>	Excess pore pressure at time t
U <sub>w</sub>	Pore pressure (fluid pressure or neutral stress)

Symbol	Term
$\bar{v}$	Flow velocity vector
$w$	Moisture content, per cent of dry weight
$w_L$	Liquid limit
$w_P$	Plastic limit
$Y_s$	Specific yield
$z$	Depth
$\alpha_{ke}$	Compressibility of aquifer-system skeleton in elastic range of stress
$\alpha_{kv}$	Compressibility of aquifer-system skeleton in virgin range of stressing
$\beta_w$	Compressibility of water
$\gamma$	Submerged unit weight
$\gamma_b$	Buoyant unit weight of saturated deposits
$\gamma_d$	Dry unit weight
$\gamma_m$	Moist unit weight
$\gamma_s$	Unit weight of solids
$\gamma_w$	Unit weight of water
$\Delta p'$	Change in effective stress
$\nu$	Diffusivity; Poisson's ratio
$\tau$	Time constant



# Appendix D. Glossary, by Laura Carbognin and Working Group

The purpose of this glossary is to explain the meaning of terms currently recurring in studies on land subsidence due to ground-water withdrawals. Because this volume is for readers with diverse backgrounds and for interested untrained personnel, the definitions given here are simplified. For a more detailed explanation, the bibliography suggests some books which will help the reader.

## AQUICLUDE

An areally extensive body of saturated but relatively impermeable material that does not yield appreciable quantities of water to wells. Aquicludes constitute boundaries of aquifer flow systems; term is synonymous with confining bed.

## AQUIFER

An areally extensive body of saturated permeable material that will yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs. An aquifer includes the unsaturated part of the permeable body. Aquifers may be classed as unconfined or confined, depending upon the presence or absence of a water table. An aquifer may also be called a water-bearing stratum. Unconsolidated alluvial deposits of sand and gravel, porous sandstones, or fractured limestones are examples of water-bearing formations

## AQUIFER SYSTEM

A heterogeneous body of interbedded permeable and poorly permeable layers that functions regionally as a water-yielding hydraulic unit. It comprises two or more aquifers (permeable formations) separated by laterally discontinuous aquitards that locally impede ground-water movement but do not greatly affect the overall hydraulic continuity of the system.

## AQUITARD

A saturated, but poorly permeable, bed that locally impedes ground-water movement and does not yield water freely to wells, but which may transmit appreciable water, to or from adjacent aquifers.

## ARTESIAN

The term artesian derives from Artois (Lat. Artesium), a northern province of France where naturally flowing wells were drilled in 1750. Today the term artesian is applied to any well tapping a pressure aquifer or simply to the aquifer itself. Artesian is synonymous with confined.

## ARTESIAN AQUIFER

An aquifer in which the water level rises above the base of the upper confining bed when penetrated by a well. In recent years artesian aquifer has been used as a synonym for confined aquifer.

#### BENCH MARK

A relatively permanent mark, natural or artificial, furnishing a survey point at a known elevation in relation to an adopted datum. Bench marks, or marked points, connected by precise leveling, constitute the control of land-surface settlement.

#### COEFFICIENT OF COMPRESSIBILITY ( $L^2F^{-1}$ )

Compressibility is the aptitude of the soil to be deformed. It is expressed by means of a coefficient which is the ratio between a void ratio decrease from  $e_0$  to  $e$  and an increase in effective stress. The value  $a_v = e_0 - e \Delta p$  represents the coefficient of compressibility for the range  $p_0$  to  $p_0 + p$ . Units usually are  $cm^2 kg^{-1}$ .

#### COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME COMPRESSIBILITY ( $L^2F^{-1}$ )

The compression of a clay (aquitarde) per unit of original thickness, due to a unit increase of effective stress, in the load range exceeding preconsolidation stress. It is expressed by the equation

$$m_v = \frac{a_v}{1 + e_0}$$

in which  $e_0$  is the initial void ratio. Units usually are  $cm^2 kg^{-1}$ .

#### COMPACTION

A decrease in the volume of a mass of sediments from any cause. In this guidebook, compaction is defined as the decrease in the thickness of sediments, as a result of an increase in vertical compressive stress, and is synonymous with "one-dimensional consolidation," as used by engineers. The term compaction is applied both to the process and to the measured change in thickness.

In thick fine-grained beds, compaction is a delayed process involving the slow escape of pore water and the gradual transfer of stress from neutral to effective. Until sufficient time has passed for excess pore pressure to decrease to zero, measured values of compaction are transient.

#### COMPACTION, RESIDUAL

Compaction that would occur ultimately if a given increase in applied stress were maintained until steady-state pore pressures were achieved, but had not occurred as of a specified time because excess pore pressures still existed in beds of low diffusivity in the compacting system. It can also be defined as the difference between (1) the amount of compaction that will occur ultimately for a given increase in applied stress, and (2) that which has occurred at a specified time.

#### COMPACTION, SPECIFIC ( $L^3F^{-1}$ )

The decrease in thickness of deposits, per unit of increase in applied stress, during a specific time period.

#### CONE OF DEPRESSION

A cone of depression in the water table, developed around a pumping well and extending throughout the area of influence of a well (also see drawdown). For an artesian aquifer, this can be called the "cone of pressure relief" (Tolman, 1937).



#### CONFINED AQUIFER

Same as artesian aquifer.

#### CONSOLIDATION

The gradual reduction in the water content (void ratio) of a saturated soil, as a result of an increase in the pressure acting on it, because of the addition of overlying sediments or the application of an external load. A laboratory test called a one-dimensional consolidation test (odometric test), is performed on soil samples to evaluate consolidation. From such a test the coefficient of consolidation,  $c_v$ , usually reported in  $\text{cm}^2\text{sec}^{-1}$ , is calculated as the ratio

$$c_v = \frac{K}{m_v \gamma_w}$$

where  $K$  is the hydraulic conductivity,  $m_v$  is the coefficient of volume compressibility, and  $\gamma_w$  is the unit weight of water. The theory of consolidation, developed by Terzaghi, leads to a relation between degree of consolidation and time:

$$U\% = \frac{c_v t}{H^2}$$

In this expression  $U$  is the degree of consolidation, that is, the percentage of total consolidation occurring in some time  $t$ ;  $c_v$  is the coefficient of consolidation; and  $H$  is half of the sample's thickness when the odometric test is performed.

#### DRAWDOWN

As water is withdrawn from an aquifer by a pumped well, the ground-water level is lowered. Drawdown is the distance the water table or pressure surface is lowered at a given point (see also cone of depression).

#### EXTENSOMETER

An instrument used for measuring vertical deformation of fine-grained beds in the subsoil under stress. Vertical extensometers commonly are installed when land subsidence follows ground-water withdrawal. Extensometers also are used to measure small horizontal displacements.

#### HEAD, HYDRAULIC, OR STATIC

The static head is the height, referred to a standard datum, of the surface of a column of water that can be supported by the static pressure at a given point. The static head is the sum of the elevation head and the pressure head.

#### HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY, $K$ ( $\text{LT}^{-1}$ )

If a porous medium is isotropic and the fluid is homogeneous, the hydraulic conductivity of the medium is the volume of water at the existing kinematic viscosity that will move in unit time under a unit hydraulic gradient through a unit area measured at right angles to the direction of flow. In the metric system it may be expressed in  $\text{cm sec}^{-1}$ ; in English units it may be expressed in feet  $\text{day}^{-1}$  (see also permeability).

#### HYDRAULIC GRADIENT

The change in static head per unit of distance in the direction of the maximum rate of decrease in head if not specified. If different, direction is specified.

#### HYDROCOMPACTION

The process of volume decrease and density increase that occurs when moisture-deficient deposits compact as they are wetted for the first time since burial. This type of land settlement has also been called "shallow subsidence."

#### LAND SUBSIDENCE

Sinking or settlement of the land surface, due to diverse causes and generally occurring on a large scale. Usually the term refers to the vertical downward movement of the land surface although small-scale horizontal movements may be present. The term does not include landslides which have large-scale horizontal displacements, or settlement of artificial fills.

#### PERMEABILITY

The capacity of rock or soil to transmit fluid under the combined action of gravity and pressure. Permeability is expressed as the velocity with which water, under the influence of a given difference in head, passes through a porous medium having a certain cross section and thickness. Permeability is dependent on the size and shape of the pores of the porous medium and it can be reduced by compaction (see also hydraulic conductivity).

#### PHREATIC AQUIFER

Same as unconfined aquifer.

#### PHREATIC SURFACE

Same as water table.

#### PIEZOMETRIC SURFACE

An imaginary surface coinciding with the head of the water in an aquifer. (Also see potentiometric surface.)

#### POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE

A surface which represents the static head. As related to an aquifer, it is defined by the levels to which water will rise in tightly cased wells (USGS) Also called piezometric surface in many countries.

#### REBOUND

An upward movement of soil as a consequence of a decrease in effective stress. In fine-grained soils, rebound is usually much less than the amount of compaction, since the latter is mostly irreversible.

## RECOVERY

The water-level rise in a well occurring upon the cessation of discharge from that well or a nearby well.

STRESS, APPLIED ( $FL^{-2}$ )

The downward stress imposed at an aquifer boundary. It differs from effective stress in that it defines only the external stress tending to compact a deposit rather than the grain-to-grain stress at any depth within a compacting deposit.

STRESS, EFFECTIVE ( $FL^{-2}$ )

Stress (pressure) that is borne by and transmitted through the grain-to-grain contacts of a deposit, and thus affects its porosity or void ratio and other physical properties. In one-dimensional compression, effective stress is the average grain-to-grain load per unit area in a plane normal to the applied stress. At any given depth, the effective stress is the weight (per unit area) of sediments and moisture above the water table, plus the submerged weight (per unit area) of sediments between the water table and the specified depth, plus or minus the seepage stress (hydrodynamic drag) produced by downward or upward components, respectively, of water movement through the saturated sediments above the specified depth. Thus, effective stress may be defined as the algebraic sum of the two body stresses, gravitational stress and seepage stress. Effective stress may also be defined as the difference between geostatic and neutral stress.

STRESS, GEOSTATIC ( $FL^{-2}$ )

The total load per unit area of sediments and water above some plane of reference. It is the sum of (1) the effective stress and (2) the neutral stress.

STRESS, NEUTRAL ( $FL^{-2}$ )

Fluid pressure exerted equally in all directions at a point in a saturated deposit by the head of water. Neutral pressure is transmitted to the base of the deposit through the pore water, and does not have a measurable, influence on the void ratio or on any other mechanical property of the deposits.

STRESS, PRECONSOLIDATION. ( $FL^{-2}$ )

The maximum antecedent effective stress to which a deposit has been subjected, and which it can withstand without undergoing additional permanent deformation. Stress changes in the range less than the preconsolidation stress produce elastic deformations of small magnitude. In fine-grained materials, stress increases beyond the preconsolidation stress produce much larger deformations that are principally inelastic (nonrecoverable).

STRESS, SEEPAGE ( $FL^{-2}$ )

When water flows through a porous medium, force is transferred from the water to the medium by viscous friction. The force transferred to the medium is equal to the loss of hydraulic head. This force, called the seepage force, is exerted in the direction of flow.

## SUBSIDENCE/HEAD-DECLINE RATIO

The ratio between land subsidence and hydraulic head decline in the coarse-grained beds of the compacting aquifer system.

UNCONFINED AQUIFER

A geologic formation of permeable material that has a water table as the upper surface.

WATER TABLE

The upper surface of the zone of saturation in a phreatic aquifer in which the pressure is atmospheric.

WELL, ARTESIAN

A well that takes water from a pressure water body.

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## Appendix E. Metric conversion table

<u>Multiply inch-pound unit</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>To obtain metric unit</u>
inch	25.4	millimetre (mm)
foot (ft)	0.3048	metre (m)
foot per mile (ft/mi)	0.1894	metre per kilometre (m/km)
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometre (km).
pound -----	0.45	---- kilogram (kg)
square foot (ft <sup>2</sup> )	0.0929	square metre (m <sup>2</sup> )
square mile (mi <sup>2</sup> )	2.590	square kilometre (km <sup>2</sup> )
acre	0.405	hectare (ha)
acre-foot (acre-ft)	1,233	cubic metre (m <sup>3</sup> )
gallon (gal) -----	3.785	---- litre (l)
	0.003785	cubic metre(m <sup>3</sup> )
cubic foot (ft <sup>3</sup> )	0.0283	cubic metre (m <sup>3</sup> )
acre-foot per square mile (acre-ft/mi <sup>2</sup> )	476	cubic metre per square kilometre (m <sup>3</sup> /)km <sup>2</sup> )
gallon per minute (gal/min)	6.309x10 <sup>-5</sup>	cubic metre per second (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
cubic foot per second per square mile [(ft <sup>3</sup> /s)/mi <sup>2</sup> ]	0.0109	cubic metre per second per square kilometre [(m <sup>3</sup> /s)/km <sup>2</sup> ]
ft per year (ft/yr) -----	9.7x10 <sup>-7</sup>	--- centimetres per second (cm/s)
gallon per day per square foot (gal/d/ft <sup>2</sup> )	4.716x10 <sup>-5</sup>	centimetre per second (cm/s)
ton (short)	0.9072	metric ton (t)
gallon per day per foot (gal/d/ft)	1.433x10 <sup>-3</sup>	square centimetre per second (cm <sup>2</sup> /s)
pound per cubic foot (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	16.05	kilogram per cubic metre (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
pounds per square inch (psi)	0.07	kilograms per square centimetre (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )

