

# Development of Multi-Directional Elastic Wave Measurement System Using Disk-Shaped Piezoelectric Transducers

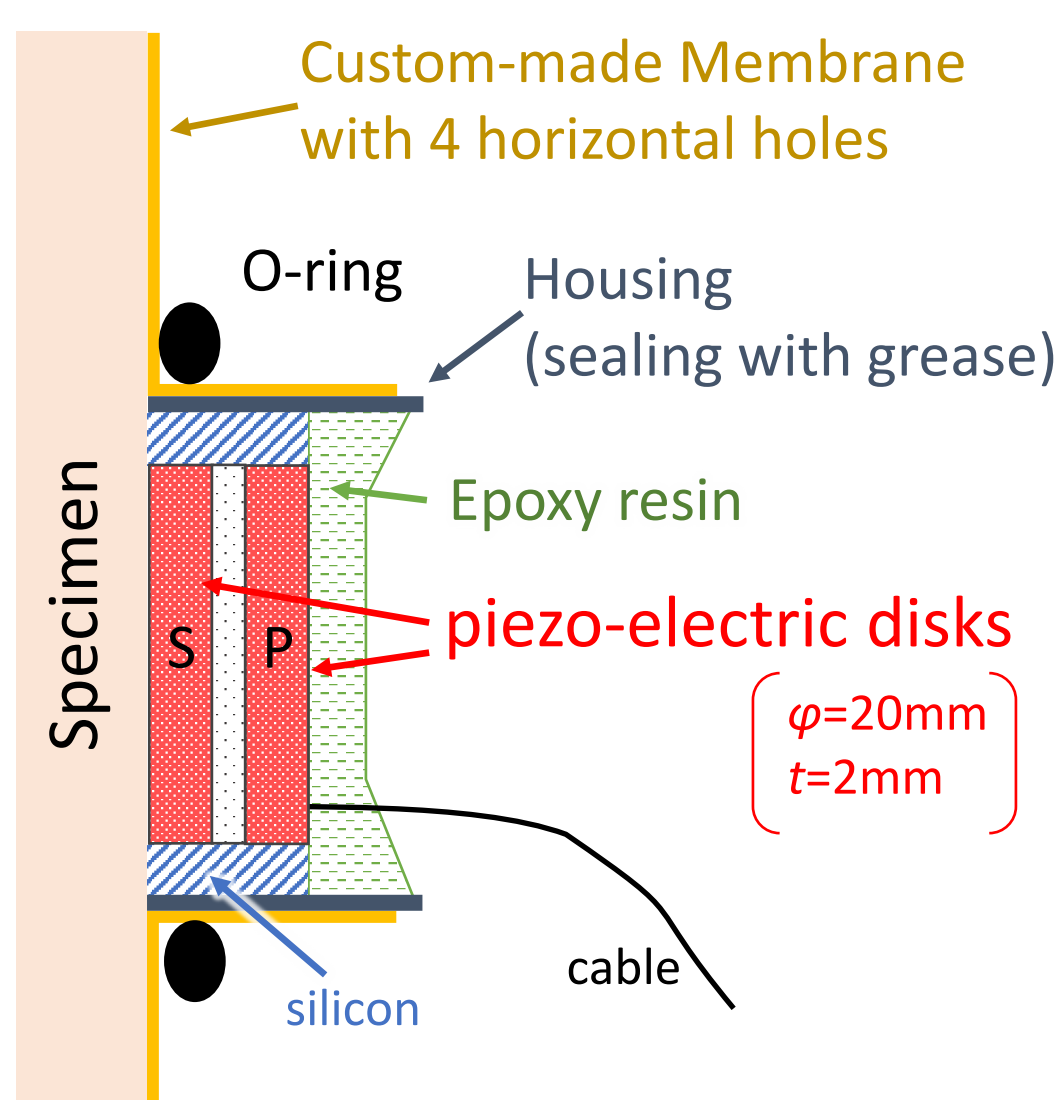
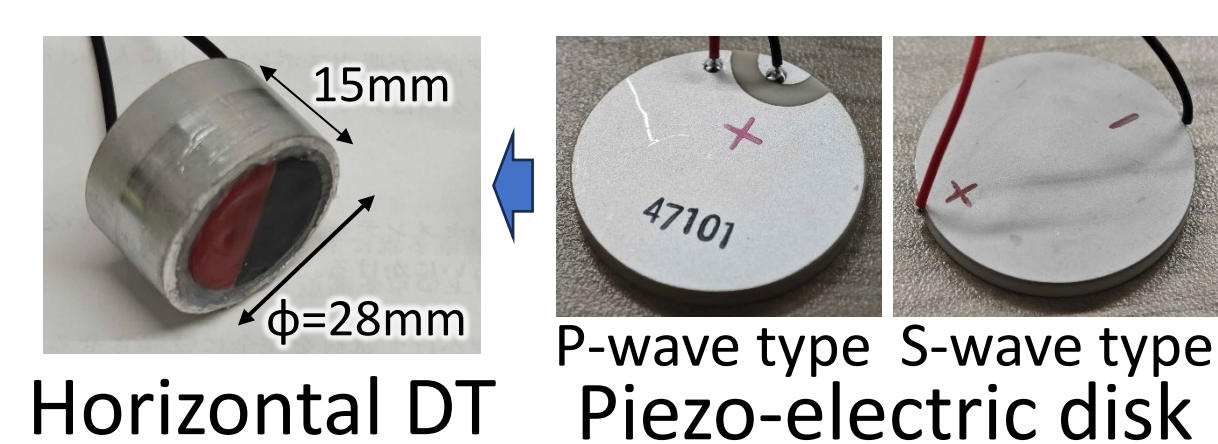
ディスクトランスデューサーを用いた多方向弾性波計測システムの開発

## Overview

The elastic wave velocities and small strain stiffnesses of soils are essential parameters that are used in the design of foundations, tunnels, etc. Disk-shaped piezoelectric transducers (DTs) developed at IIS have been used for measuring elastic waves propagating through geomaterials. In this study, these transducers were modified to develop a system capable of automatic multi-directional elastic wave measurements in triaxial specimens. Changes in multi-directional elastic wave velocity of dry Toyoura sand during triaxial compression are presented.

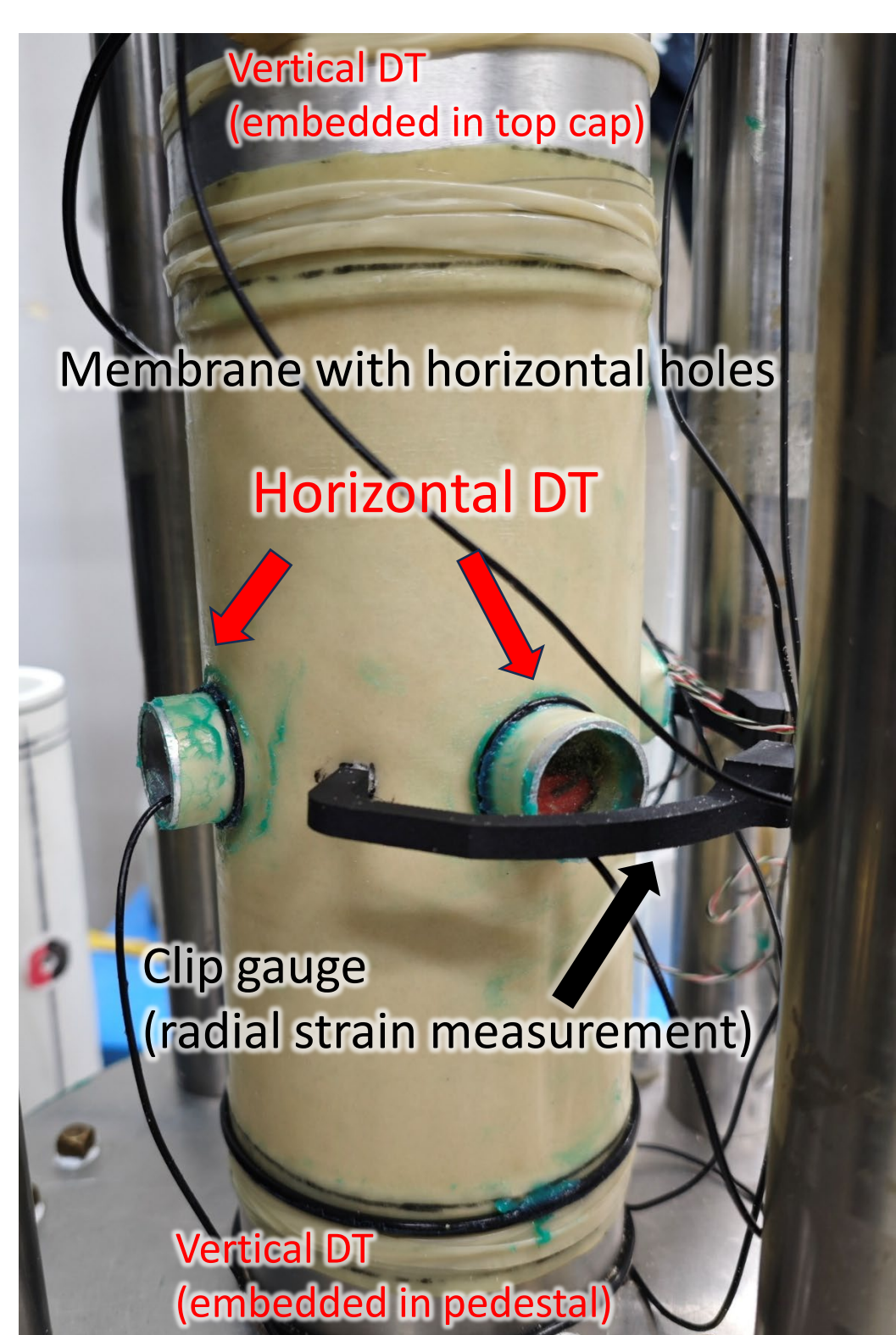
桑野研究室では、ディスクトランスデューサー(DT)を用いて地盤材料を伝わる弾性波速度の計測が行われている。本研究では、DTを用いて、三軸供試体で弾性波の多方向自動計測を行うシステムを開発した。このシステムを用いて、乾燥豊浦砂の三軸圧縮中の弾性波速度の計測を行った結果を示す。

## Multi-directional elastic wave measurement system



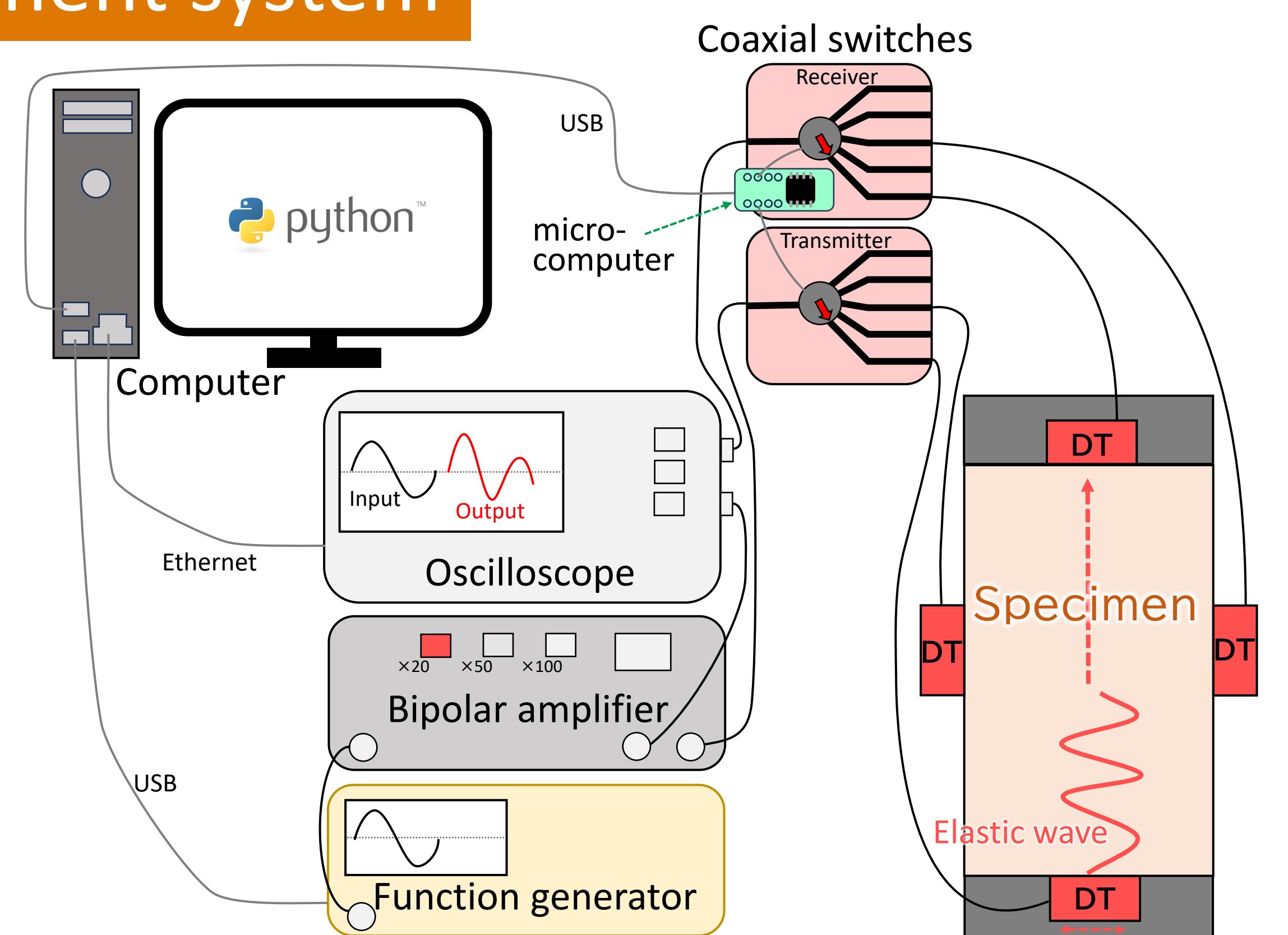
Vertical cross section

✓ non-invasive



Appearance of the specimen

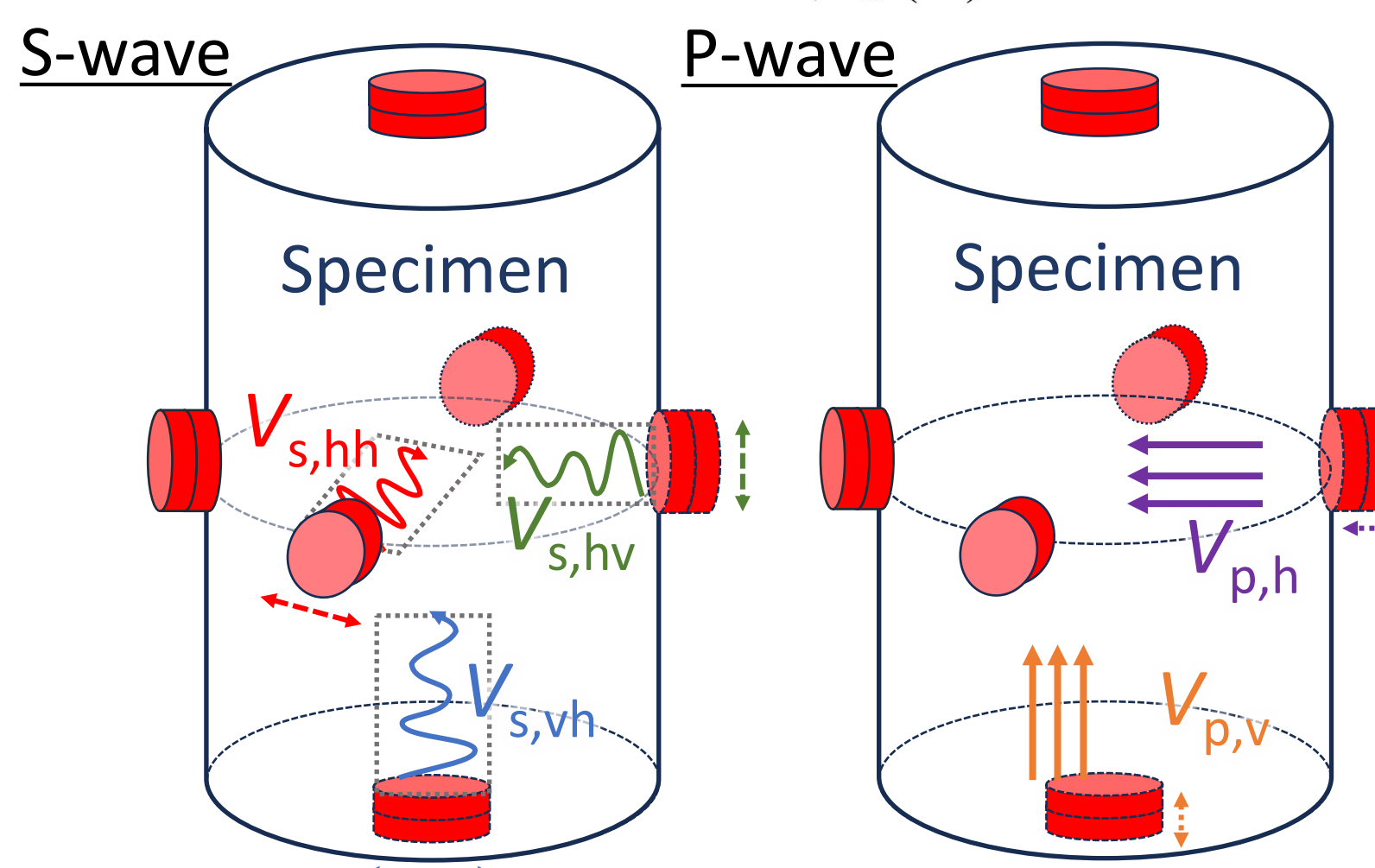
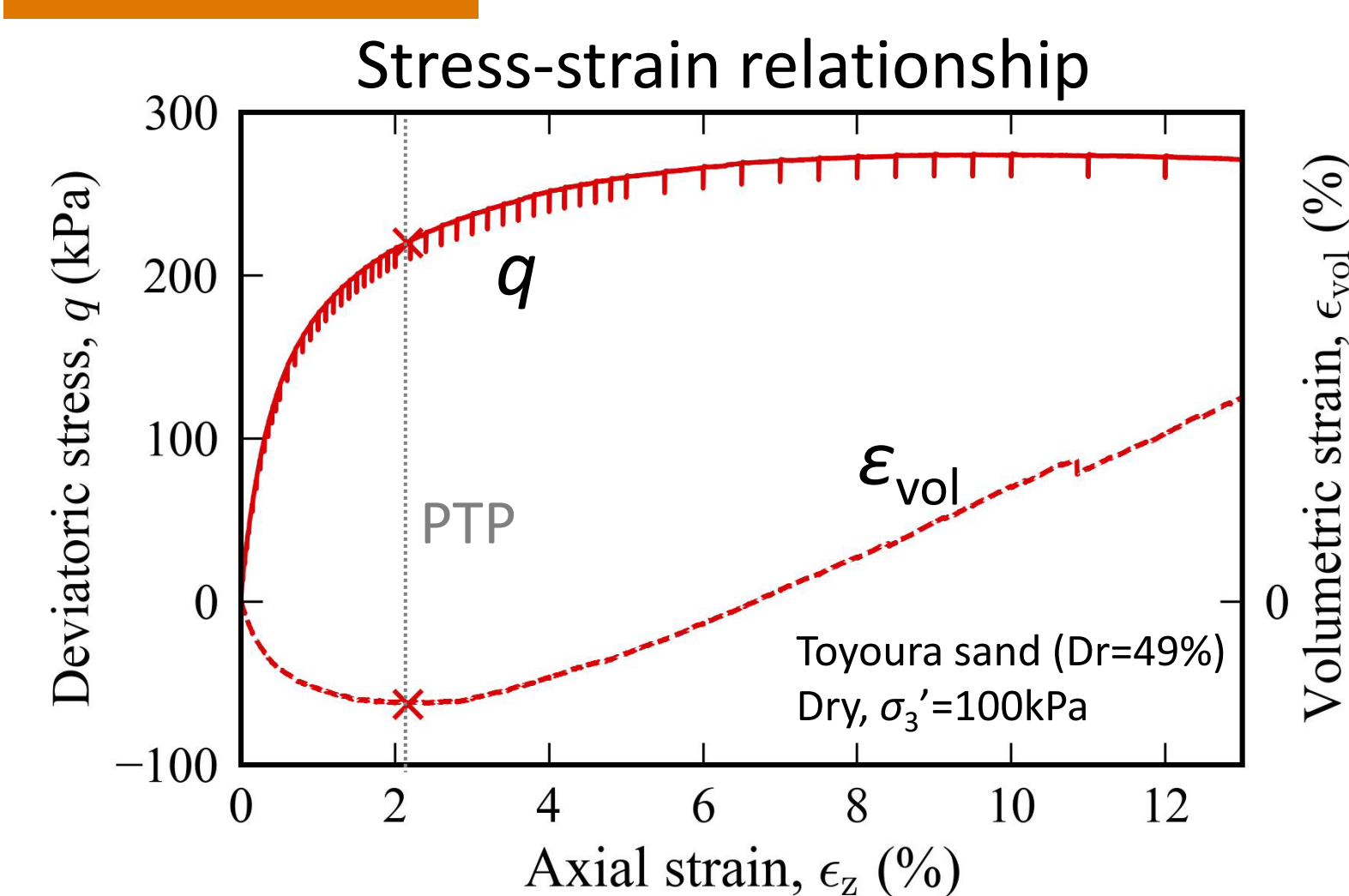
✓ easy to seal



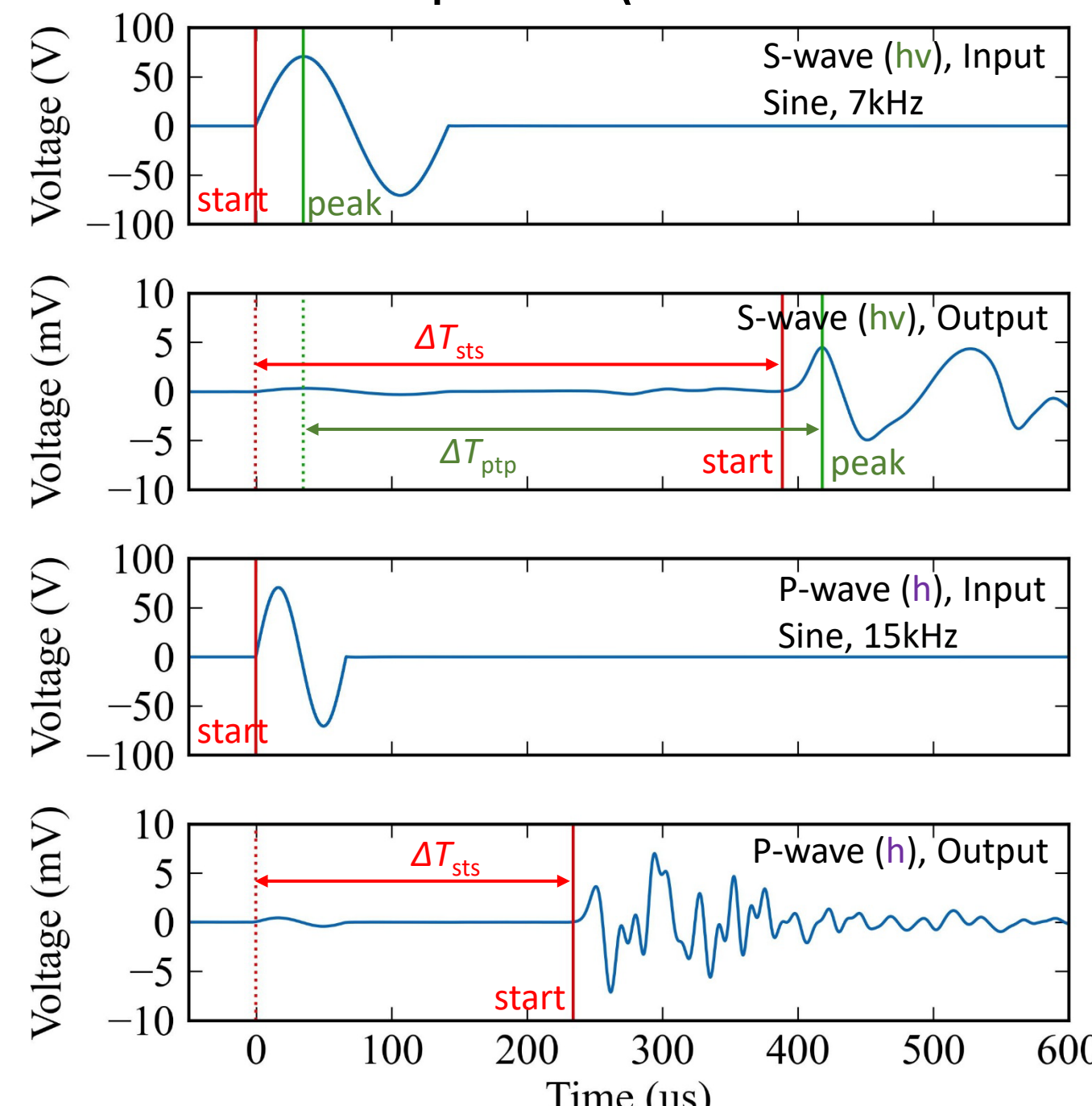
Automatic multi-directional elastic wave measurement system

✓ Automated measurement of 3 S-waves and 2 P-waves in 10 seconds

## Results



Time-domain response (after consolidation)



- ✓  $V_{s,hh}$  and  $V_{p,h}$  decreased with increasing axial strain.
- ✓  $V_{s,hv}$  and  $V_{s,vh}$  exhibited peaks at phase transformation point (PTP) and subsequently decreased.
- ✓  $V_{p,v}$  increased until around the peak of  $q$ , followed by a slight decrease with strain softening.

