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| **UTC Project Information** | |
| Project Title | MPC-446 – A Modified Approach for Predicting Fracture of Steel Components under Combined Large Inelastic Axial and Shear Strain Cycles |
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| Project Cost | $204,507 |
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| Project Duration | 1 Year |
| Brief Description of Research Project | The objectives of this project are as follows: 1) Collect experimental data on identifying mathematical models for predicting low-cycle fatigue (LCF) and ultra-low cycle (ULC) fatigue behavior in metallic structures; 2) Generate data from experimental testing to be used for predicting LCF and ULCF response of bridge girders; and 3) Develop a framework for fracture predictions. |
| Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)  Place Any Photos Here | The results can be implemented to revise existing code provisions on connection strength. |
| Impacts/Benefits of Implementation  (actual, not anticipated) | The report provides a methodology that, for the first time, allows fracture in steel connections under combined loads to be captured. The results and the modeling approach can be used to design and assess connections against failures. |
| Web Links   * Reports * Project Website | https://www.ugpti.org/resources/reports/details.php?id=902 |