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Anti-seismic device test facility of CERISI



**Qualification and acceptance tests
of seismic isolators and energy
dissipation devices (hysteretic
dampers, viscous dampers, etc.)
according to UNI EN 15129:2009**

BS EN 15129:2009

EUROPEAN STANDARD

EN 15129

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Anti-seismic devices

Dispositifs anti-sismiques

Erdbebenvorrichtungen

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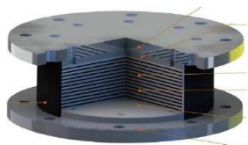
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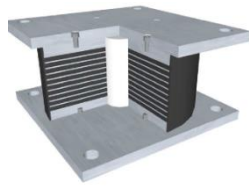
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**3D Render image of the anti-
seismic device test facility**

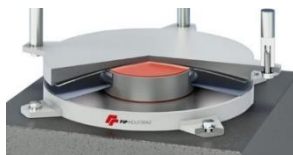
Rubber bearings (HDRB and LDRB)



LRB isolator



FPS isolator



Viscous damper



Buckling restrained braces



Hysteretic (metallic) dampers ...

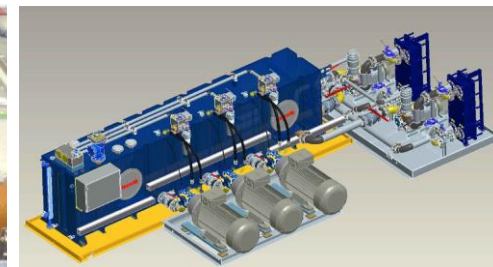
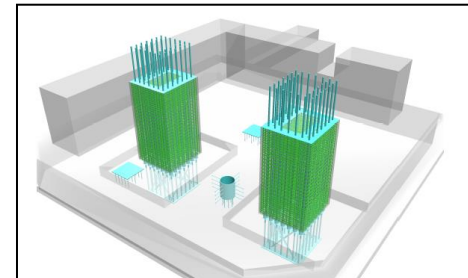
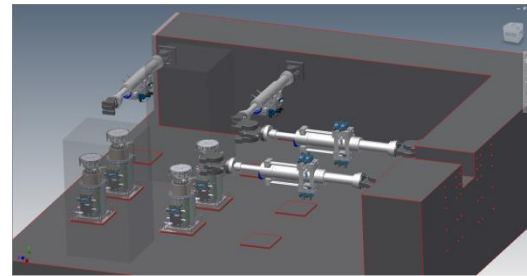
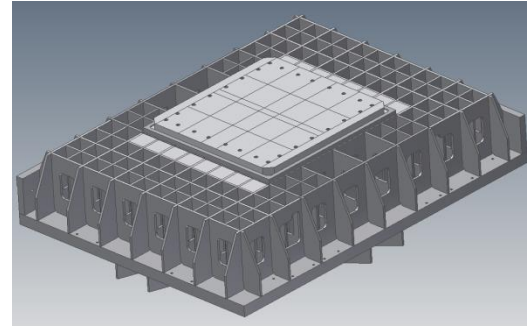
Table 1 — Most common types of Anti-seismic devices

Description of the Device			Relevant Clause	Graphic Representation			Notes
				Plan view	Elevation view		
					Direction x	Direction y	
Rigid Connection Devices (RGDs)	Permanent Connection Devices (PCDs)	Fixed	5.1				This type of device corresponds to type 8.1 (Restrainer bearing) in Table 1 of EN 1337-1:2000 (*)
		Moveable	5.1				This type of device corresponds to type 8.2 (Guide bearing) in Table 1 of EN 1337-1:2000 (*)
	Fuse Restraints	Mechanical Fuse Restraints (MFRs)	5.2			-	
		Hydraulic Fuse Restraints (HFRs)	5.2			-	
	Temporary Connection Devices (TCDs)		5.3			-	This type of device is usually referred to as Shock Transmission Unit (STU)
	Displacement Dependent Devices (DDDs)	Linear Devices (LDs)		6.1			-
Non linear Devices (NLDs)		6.2			-		
Velocity Dependent Devices	Fluid Viscous Dampers (FVDs)		7.1			-	This graphic representation applies also to two-shaft dampers
	Fluid Spring Dampers (FSDs)		7.1			-	
Seismic Isolators	Elastomeric		8.2				The isolators are shown in the deformed position to underscore their lateral flexibility
	Lead Rubber Bearings		8.2				
	Curved Surface Sliders		8.3				The symbols apply to both Single and Double Curved Surface Sliders
	Flat Surface Sliders		8.4				The symbols apply to both types 2.3 (free sliding pot bearing) and 3.5 (free sliding spherical bearing) in Table 1 of EN 1337-1:2000 (u)

Anti-seismic device test facility of CERISI

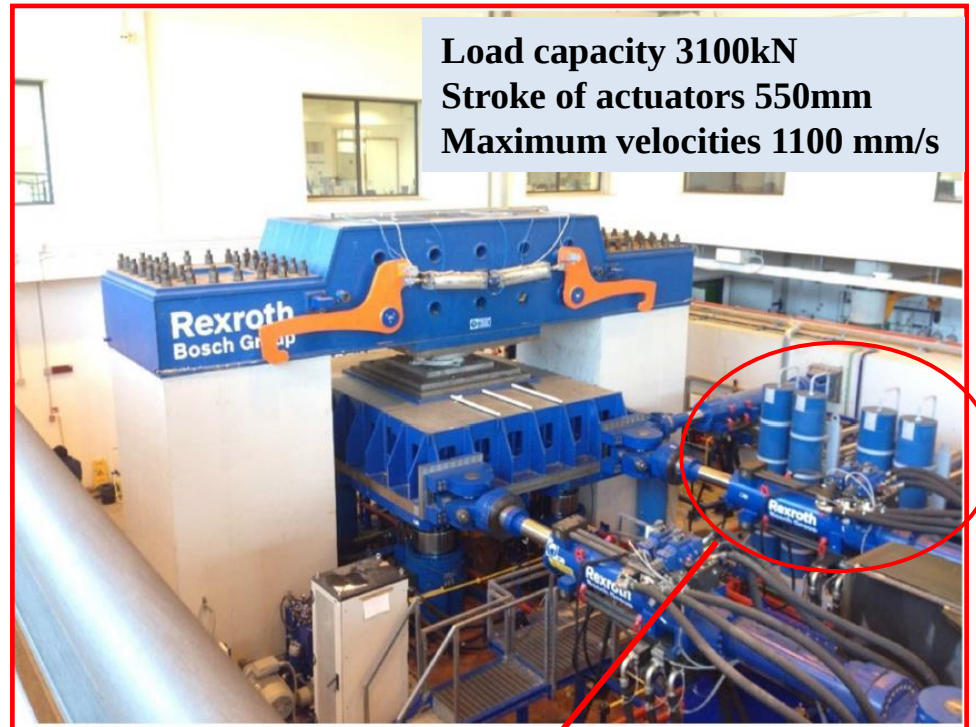
The facility consists of **nine main parts**:

- a shaking table, which has a test area for isolators of $2000 \times 2000 \text{ mm}$
- 4 vertical actuators (Z axis)
- 4 horizontal actuators (X and Y axes)
- an upper box girder steel beam
- 2 reinforced concrete columns
- "L-shaped" strong wall (in concrete)
- a foundation (in concrete)
- an energy storage system
- a hydraulic power unit



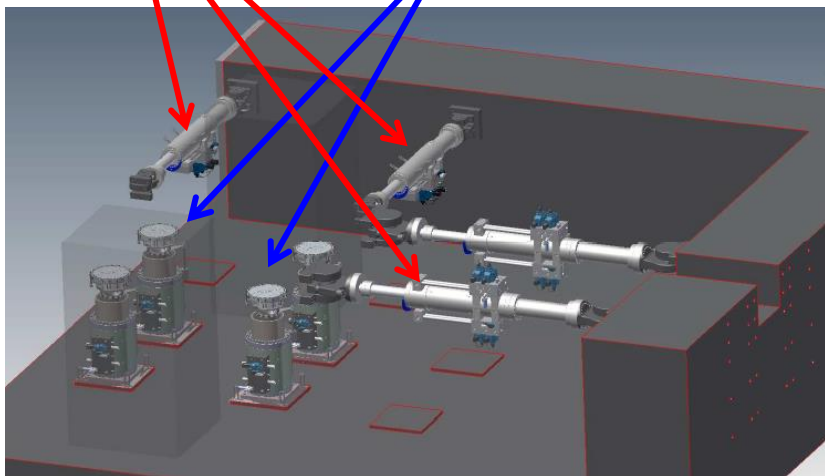
Anti-seismic device test facility of CERISI

	Vertical	Longitudinal	Transversal
Force	16000 kN	±3100 kN	±1400 kN
Displacement	±35 mm	±550 mm	±375 mm
Speed	±55 mm/s	±1100 mm/s	±1100 mm/s
Rotation angle	±2°	±2°	±2°
Data acquisition rate	4 kS/s	4 kS/s	4 kS/s



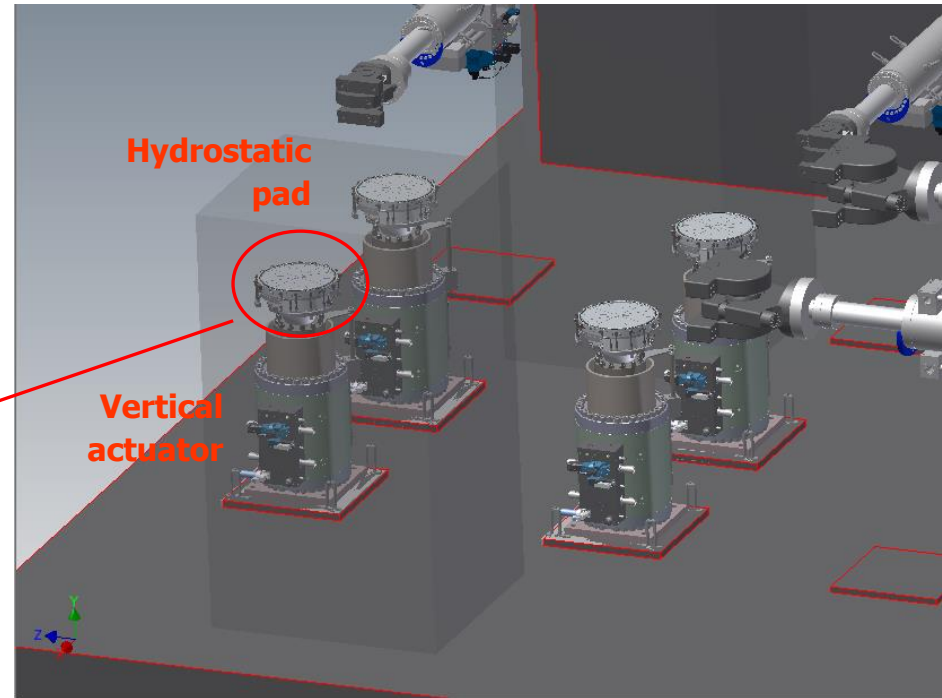
**2 pairs of
actuators**

**hydrostatic pads
with minimal
friction coeff**



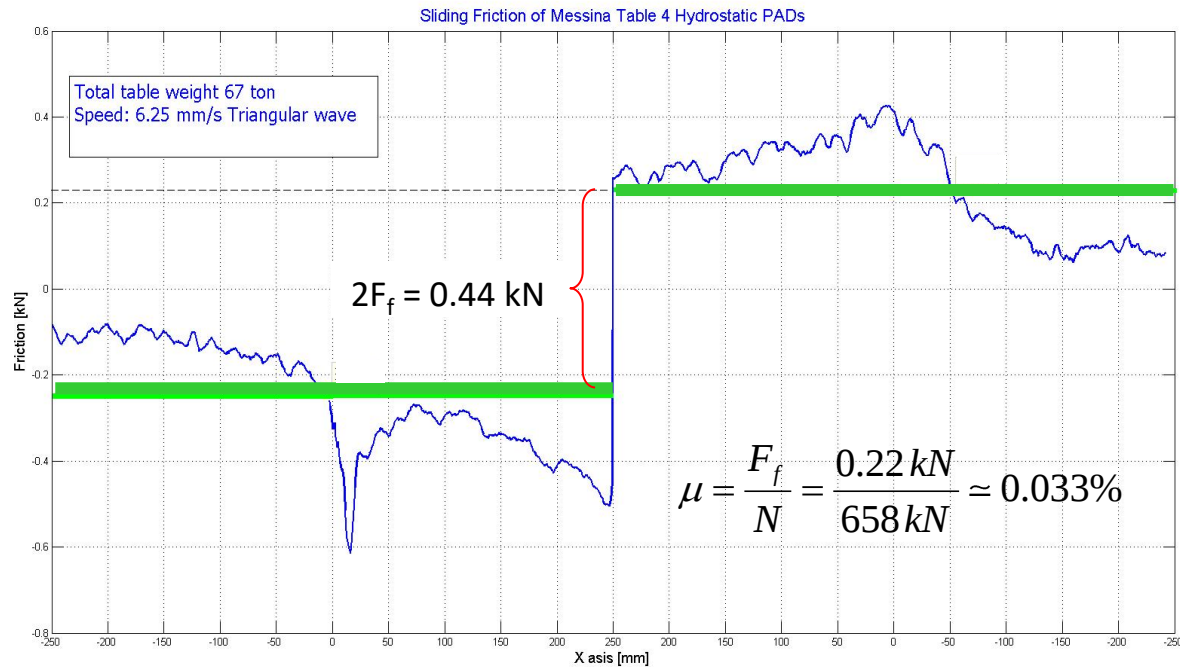
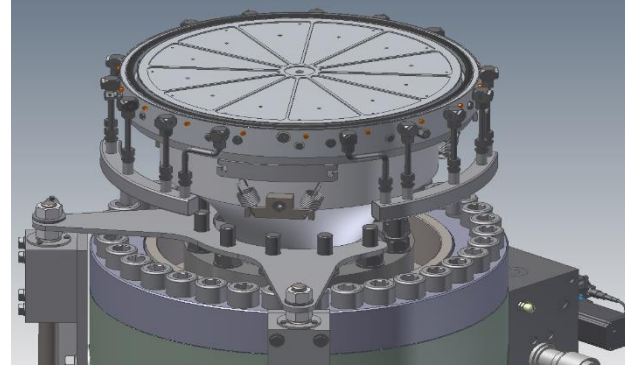
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- Vertical actuators are constructed with a **low-friction hybrid technology**, which allows to drastically reduce the stick-slip phenomenon and friction.
- **4 hydrostatic pads**, with special oil pumped at high pressure inside it, connected to the load cell of each actuator, make "float" the sliding table on a film of oil (with high viscosity).



- The lubrication system allows an **exceptional dynamics**.

Anti-seismic device test facility of CERISI



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$$F_i + F_f + F_c = F_a$$

$$m_p \ddot{u} + \mu N + F_c = F_a$$

$F_i = m_p \ddot{u}$ inertia force of the shaking table

$F_f = \mu N$ friction exerted by hydrostatic pads

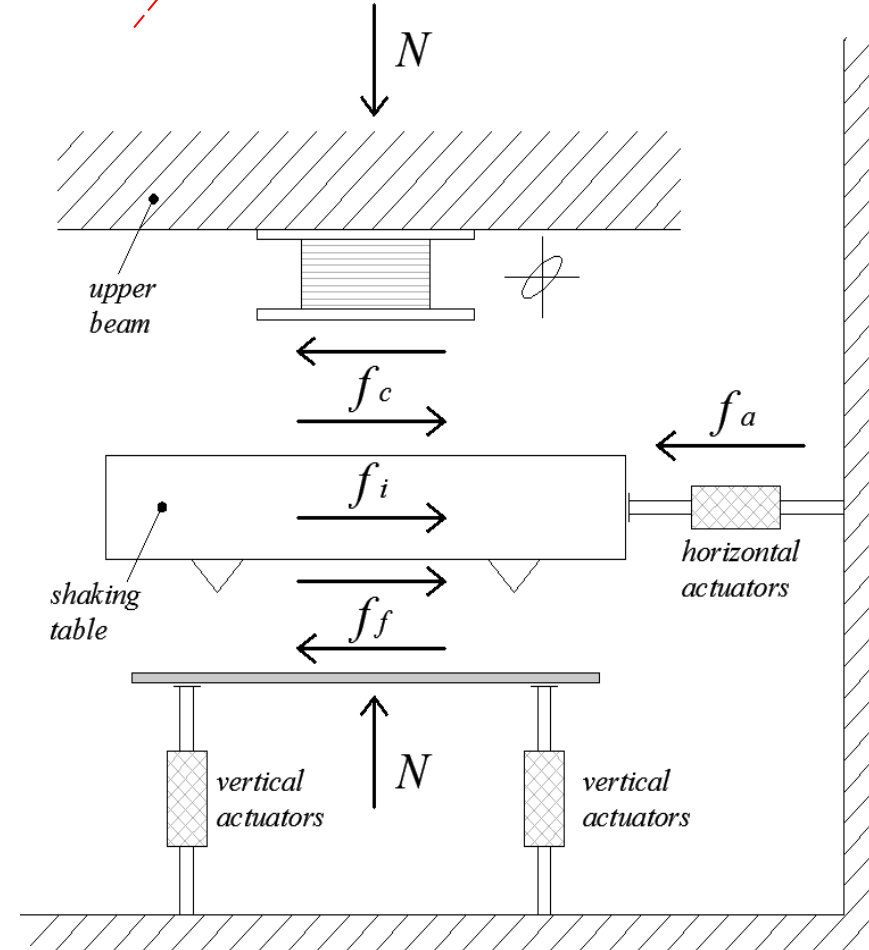
F_c corrected force applied to the specimen

F_a force applied by the horizontal actuators

m_p mass of the shaking table

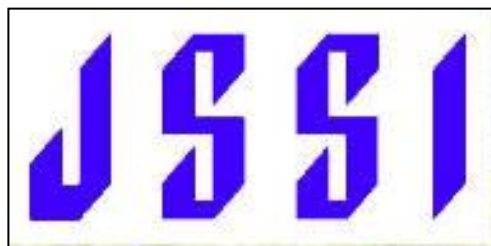
$\ddot{u}$ acceleration of the shaking table

N vertical load



$$F_c = F_a - m_p \ddot{u} - \mu N$$

Collaborations and customers



Some experimental tests...

*Full-scale **3D** tests of isolators, and dissipation devices*

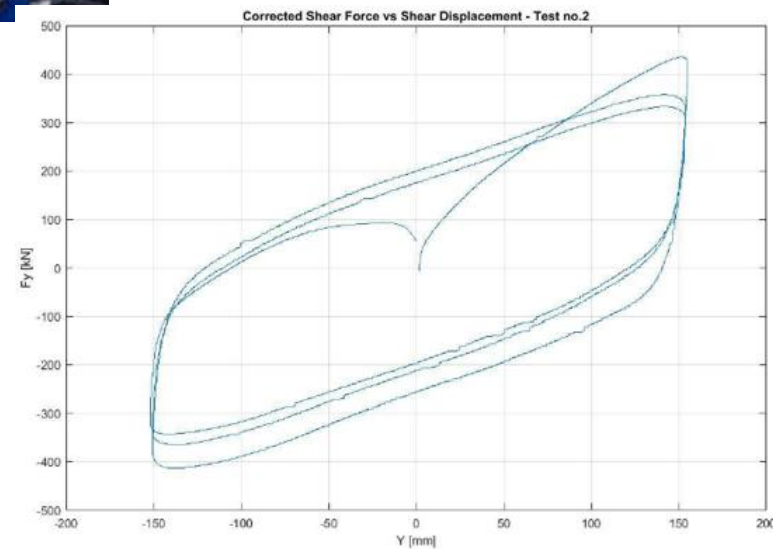
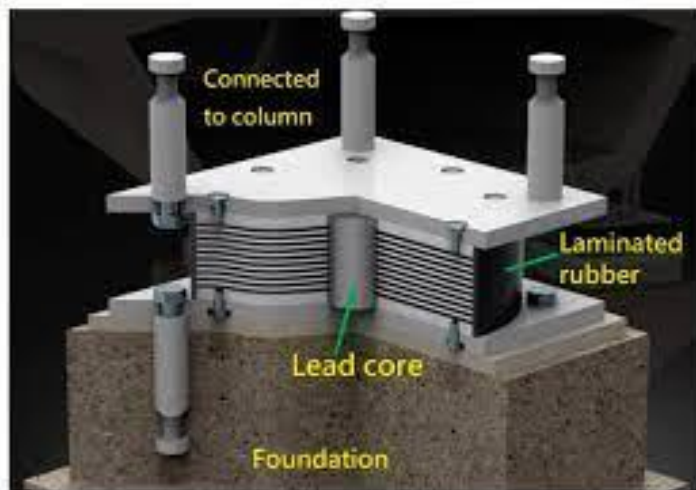
Load capacity 3100kN
Stroke of actuators 550mm
Maximum velocities 1100 mm/s



Experimental tests on elastomeric bearings



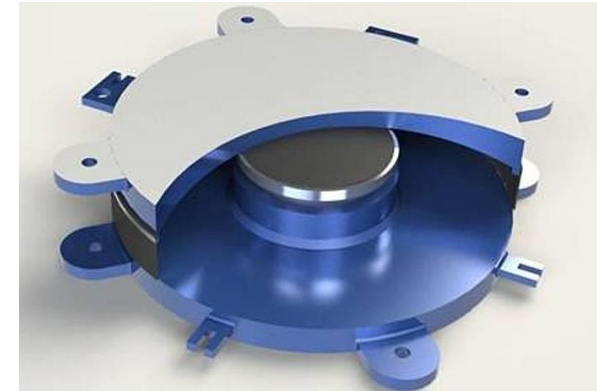
Lead rubber bearing (LRB) isolator



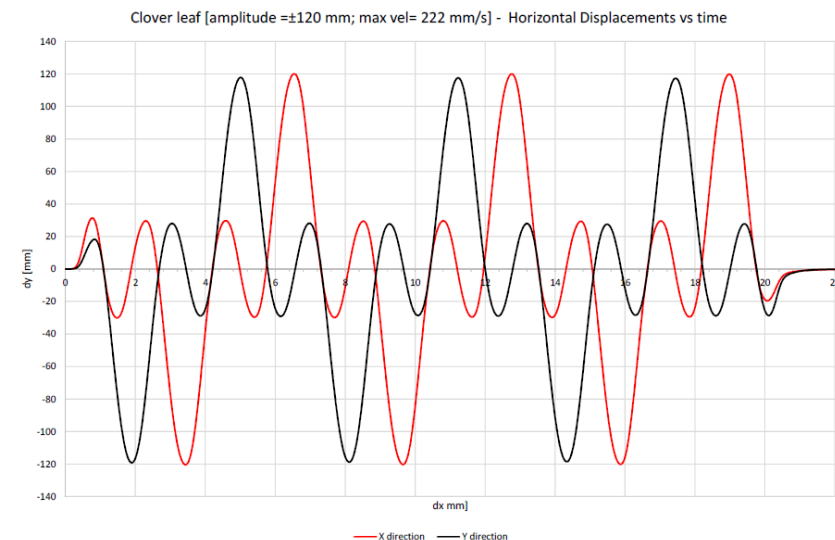
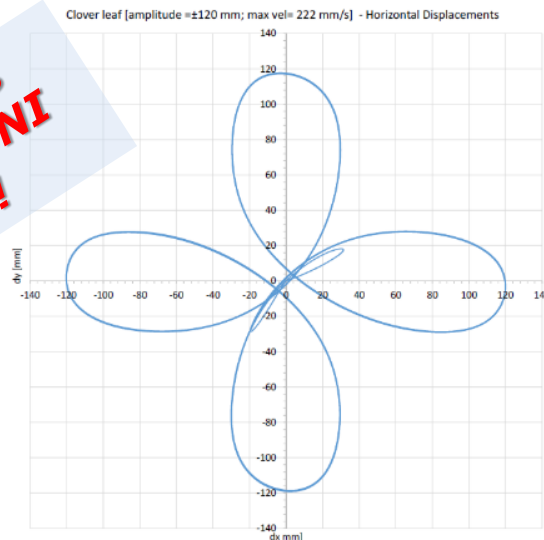
Experimental tests on friction pendulum isolators



Friction pendulum system (FPS)



**Cloverleaf tests
prescribed in UNI
EN 15129 !**

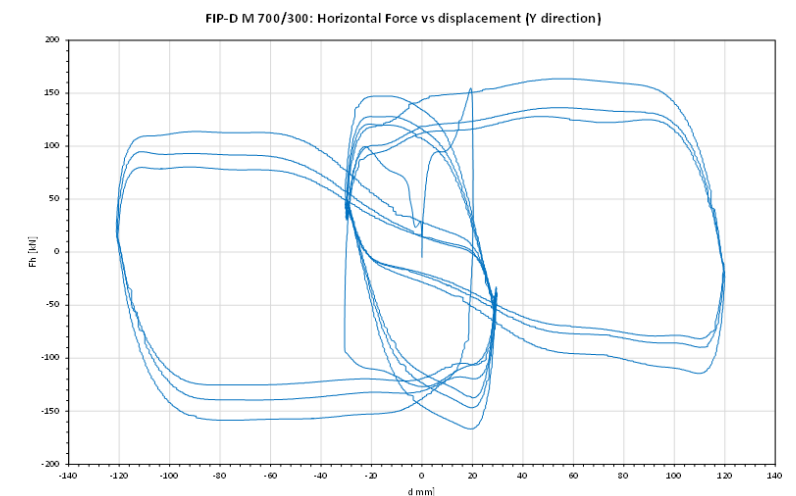
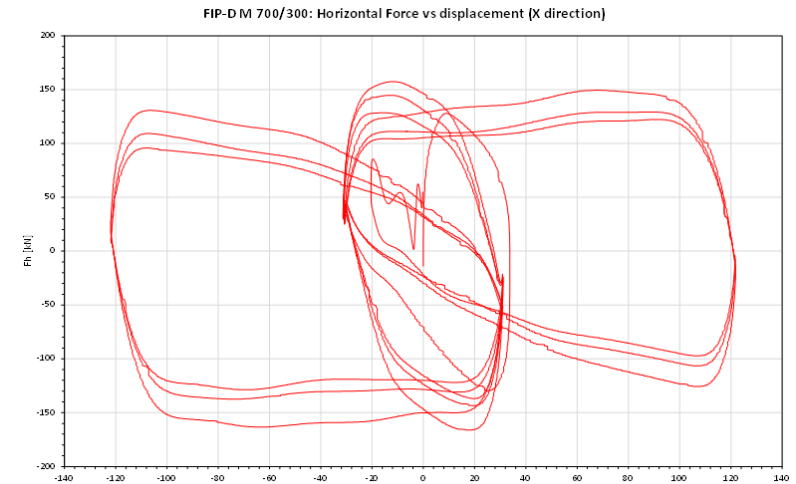
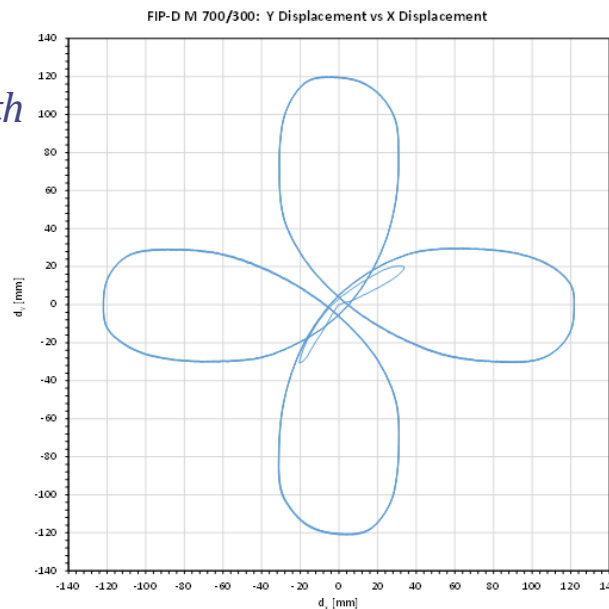


Experimental tests on friction pendulum isolators

*Cloverleaf (bidirectional)
tests on double curved
surface sliders*



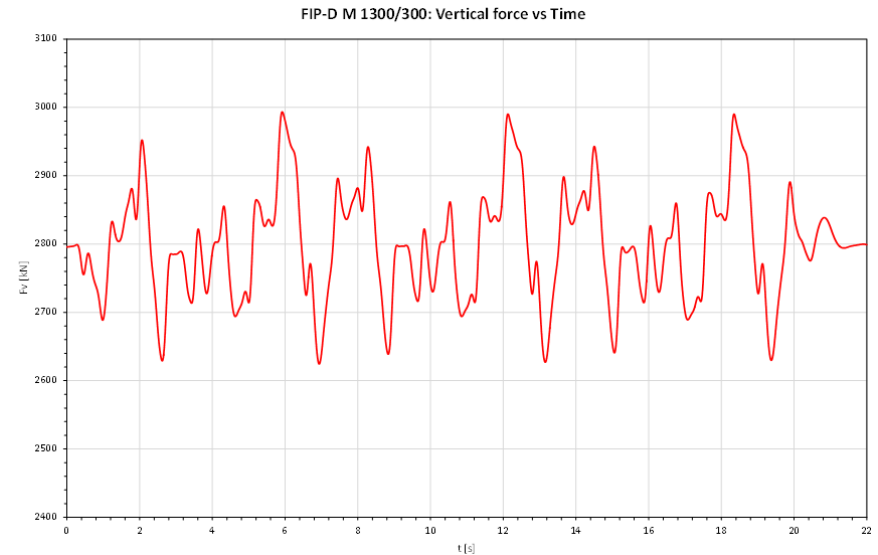
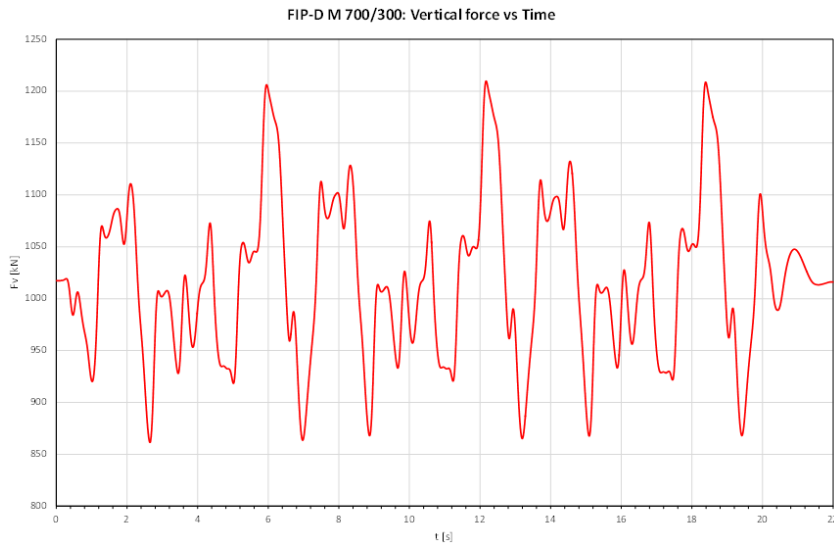
*Cloverleaf test with
maximum displ.
equal to 125mm
3 cycles
Vertical force
1018 kN*



Experimental tests on friction pendulum isolators



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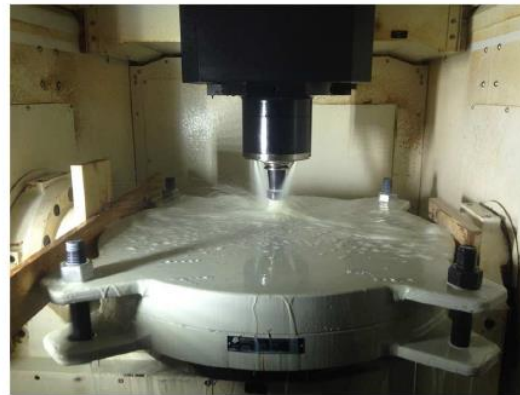
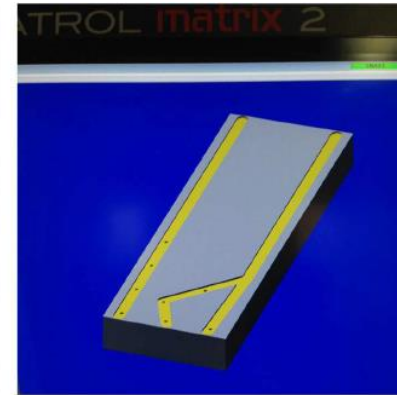
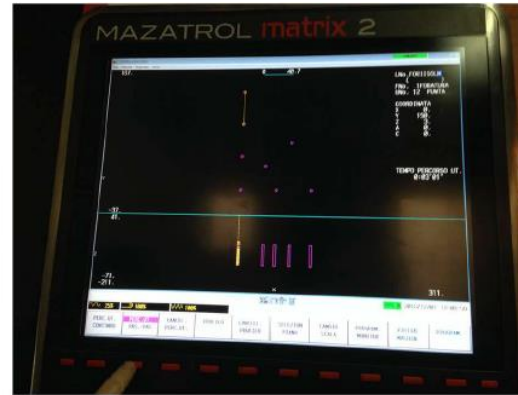


Experiments on thermo-mechanical behavior of FPS

The upper plate of the DCSS prototype is CNC (computer numerical control) machined to create a set of holes that allow the installation of 8 thermocouples

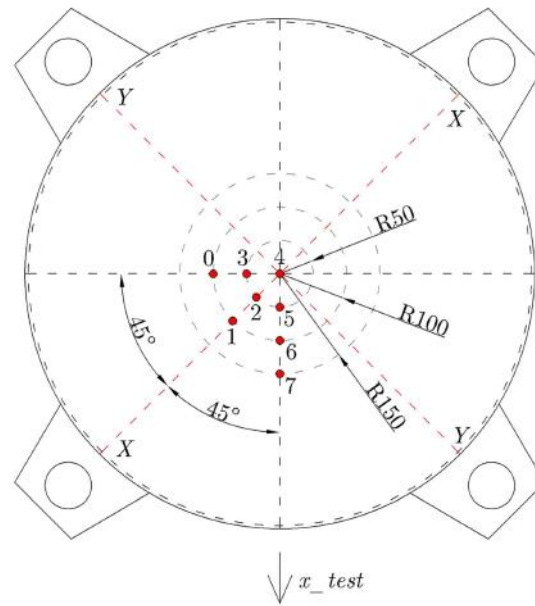
J-type thermocouples are used with temperature range from -60°C to $+350^{\circ}\text{C}$

Thermocouples installed in contact with the underlying polished stainless-steel sheet of 2.5mm thickness $\rightarrow$ their measurements representative of the temperature rise at the sliding interface



Experiments on thermo-mechanical behavior of FPS

The position in plan allows the evaluation of temperature rise in different points (the heating phenomena depends upon the sliding motion)



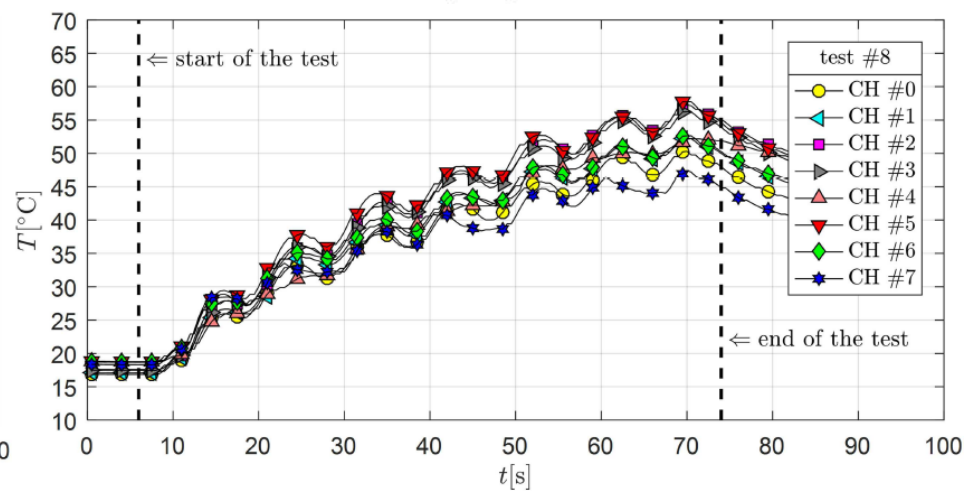
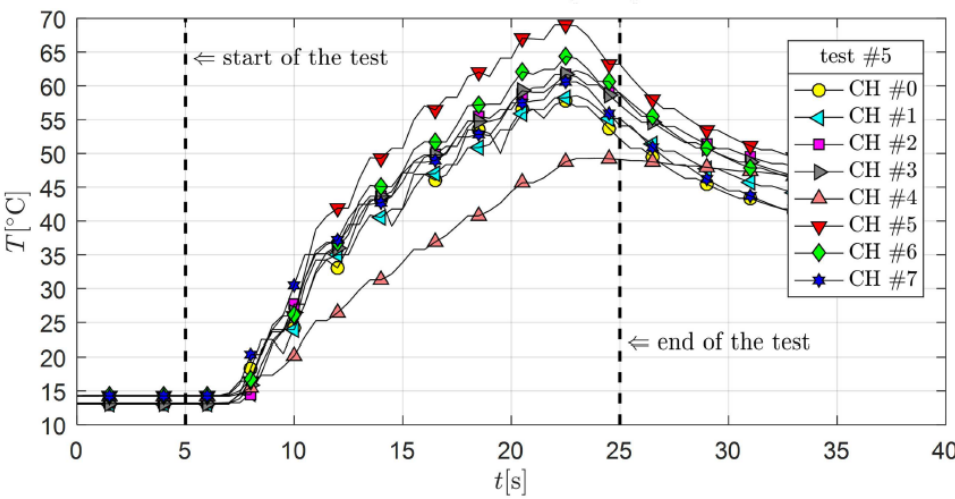
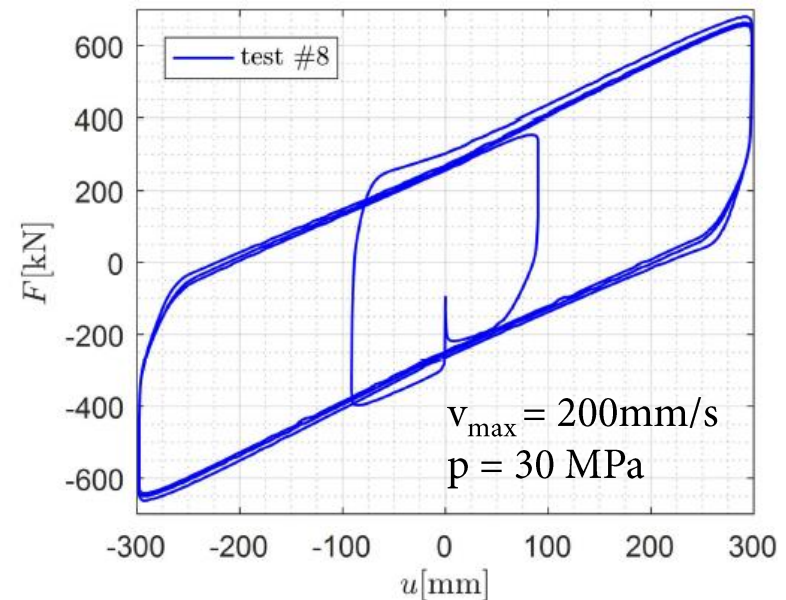
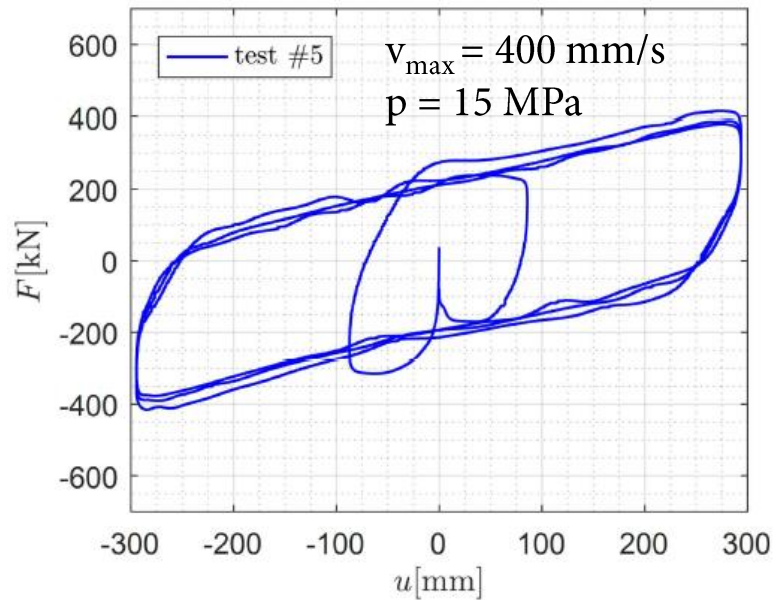
probes of the thermocouples in contact with the underlying stainless steel sheet



Special care has been taken in order to allow the conductors to come out from the device via two properly realized routes

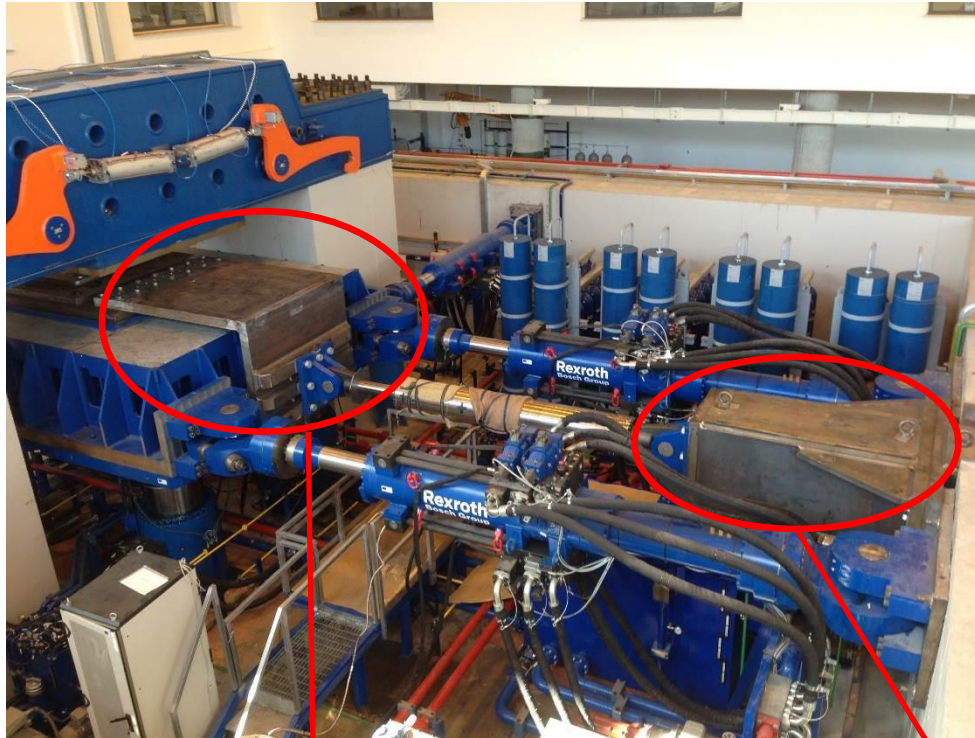


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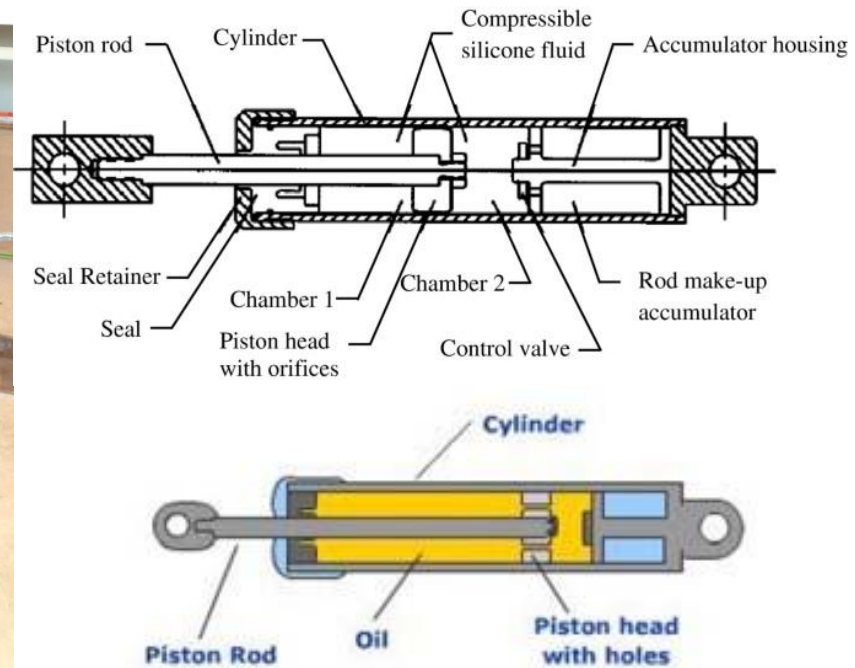


The loops are narrowing after repetition of cycles, which is due to the friction variation induced by the temperature rise

Experimental tests on fluid viscous dampers



Fluid viscous dampers



Experimental tests on fluid viscous dampers

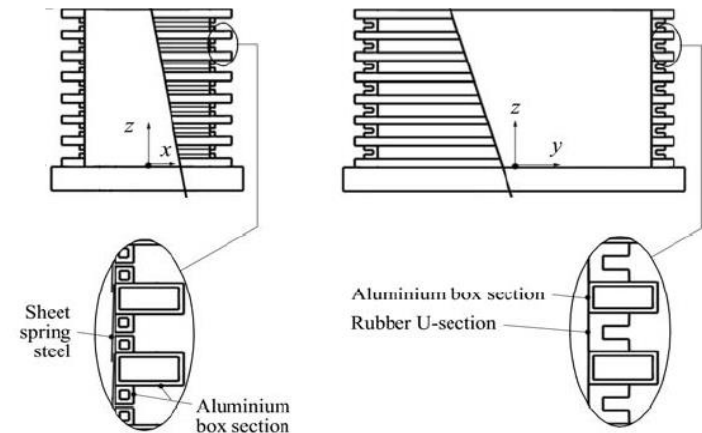
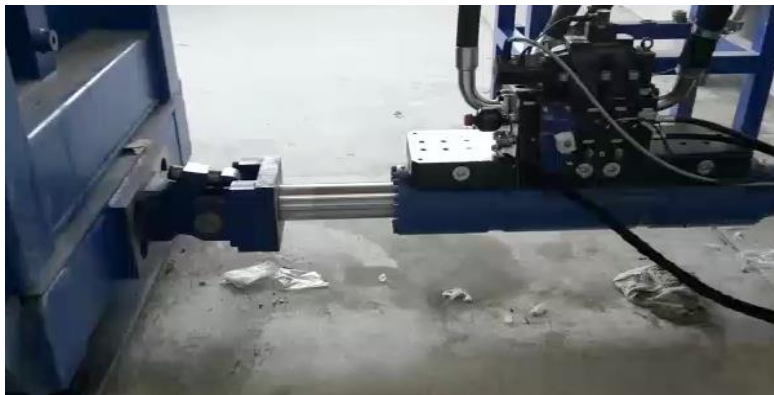
Fluid viscous dampers



During the tests, the damper experiences a significant temperature rise due to the viscosity of the silicone oil. European regulations UNI EN 15129:2009 prescribe that the test can be started provided that the temperature of the device is below 35°C. The damper was wrapped with wet clothes to speed up the cooling process during the testing protocol...

Laminar box – shear stack

- A shaking table equipped with a "laminar box" allows in-scale tests in the field of geotechnical seismic engineering, for studying local amplification phenomena and soil-structure interaction.
- Rectangular aluminum rings stacked alternately with rubber profiles.
- Shaking table moved horizontally by a servo hydraulic actuator, maximum load 33 ton at 1g and 40 ton at 0.75g. The table operates up to 40 Hz.



Laminar box – shear stack



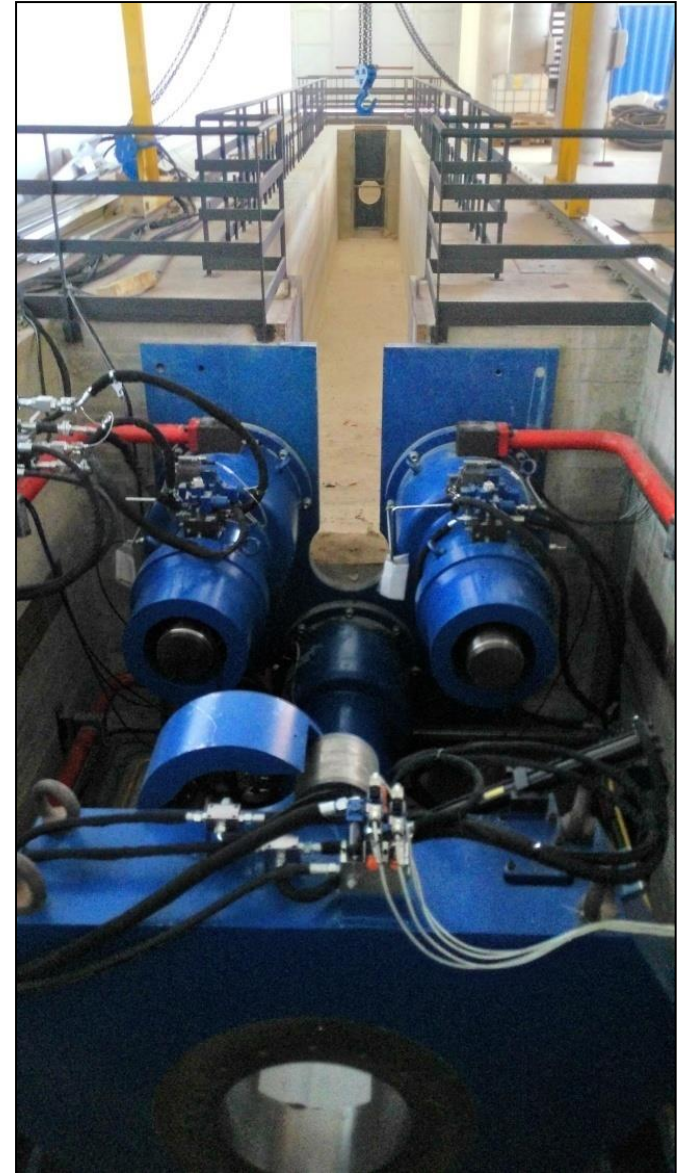
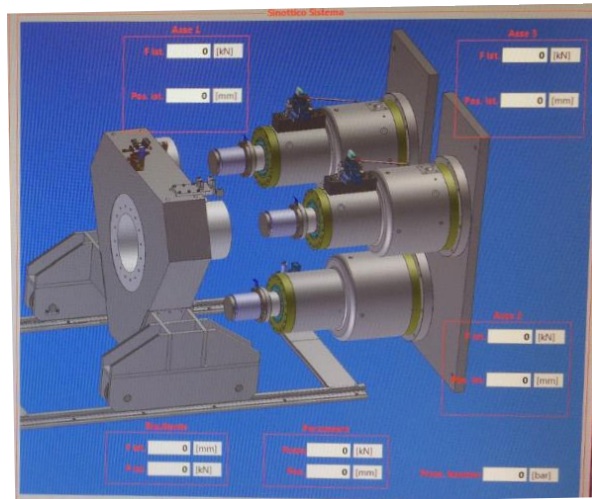
Cables test bench

- A test bench for the characterization of cables and stay cables for long-span bridges allows to perform **failure tests and fatigue tests** on full-scale components of large infrastructures.

Maximum static force:	31,000 kN
Dynamic force superimposed:	3,300 kN
Trench length:	30.6 m
Stay cables length under test (max):	22 m
Stay cables can be tested:	up to 109 wire strands
Transversal dynamic force:	280 kN

3 servo hydraulic actuators in parallel

Patent Bosch Rexroth



Cables test bench



Suspension bridges



Cable-stayed bridges



Arch suspended bridges



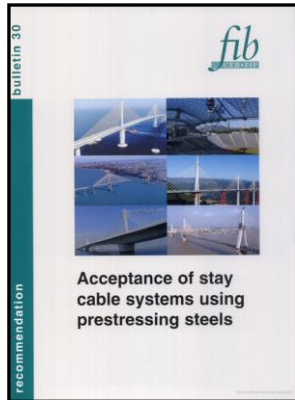
Cableways



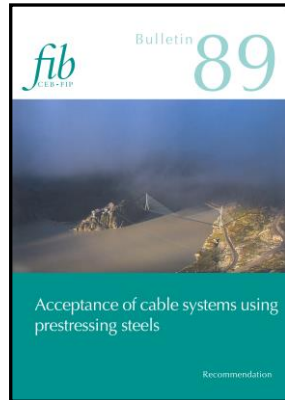
Post-tensioned cables

Cables test bench

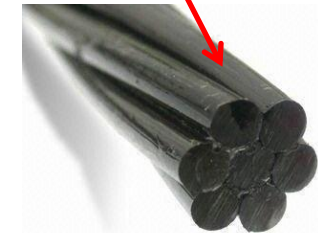
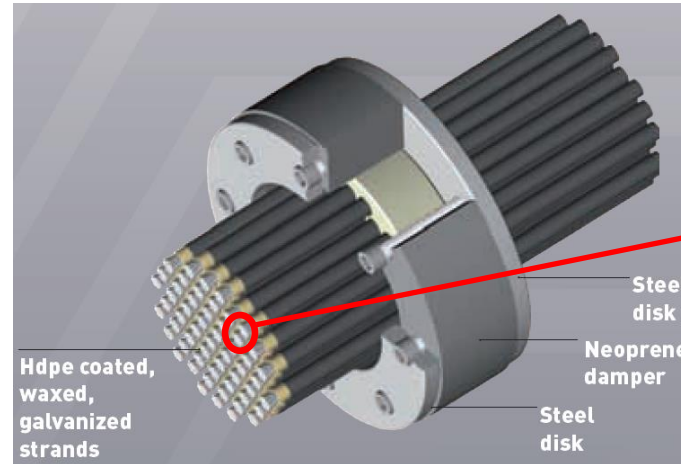
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Tests are performed in accordance with fib Bulletin “Acceptance of cable systems using prestressing steels”



Characteristics of the tested cable:

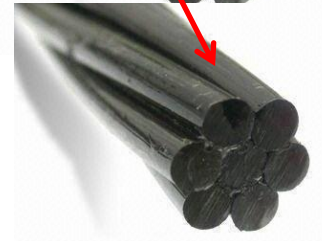
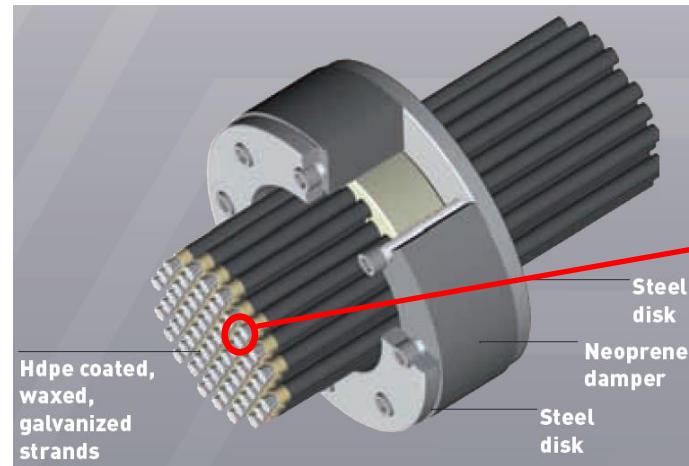
*n. 31 galvanized, waxed and hdpe coated seven-wire low-relaxation steel **strands** with 15.7 mm nominal diameter*
high-density polyethylene

N° of strands	Nominal breaking load Fpk [kN]	Maximum working load 45%Fpk [kN]	Maximum tested fatigue load range (200 MPa) [kN]
31	8.649	3.892	930

At the end of fatigue test, it shall be verified that:

- “not more than 2% of the number of individual wires (rounded to the nearest whole number) or not more than 2 wires, if the number of wires is less than 100, may fail”: so, since the total number of wires is $7 \times 31 = 217$, it is allowed to have not more than 4 wire breakages during the fatigue test;
- “no failure shall occur in the anchorage materials or in any component of the anchorage during the fatigue test”; this requirement does not apply to cracking of wedges.

Cables test bench



Characteristics of the tested cable:

***n. 31** galvanized seven-wire low-relaxation steel **strands** with 15.7 mm nominal diameter*

Nominal steel strand area:	150 mm ²
Area of the cable A_{pk} :	31*150 = 4650 mm ²
Steel grade f_{ptk} :	1860 MPa
Mean force (45% f_{ptk} = 837 MPa):	≈ 3427 kN
Variation of force ($\Delta\sigma$ = 200 MPa):	± 465 kN
Elastic elongation due to mean force:	78 mm
Variation of elongation due to $\Delta\sigma$:	± 10.5 mm
Number of cycles:	2*10⁶ cycles
If frequency is 1 Hz → <u>23 days test duration!!</u>	

...Messina Strait Bridge ???

World's Largest Suspension Bridge



main span	3 300 m
total length	5 070 m
sag:span	1:11
span lengths	183 m - 3 300 m - 183 m
suspended length	3 666 m

cables	total length	5 300 m
	cable diameter	4×1.24 m
	number	4



Thank you for your kind attention!

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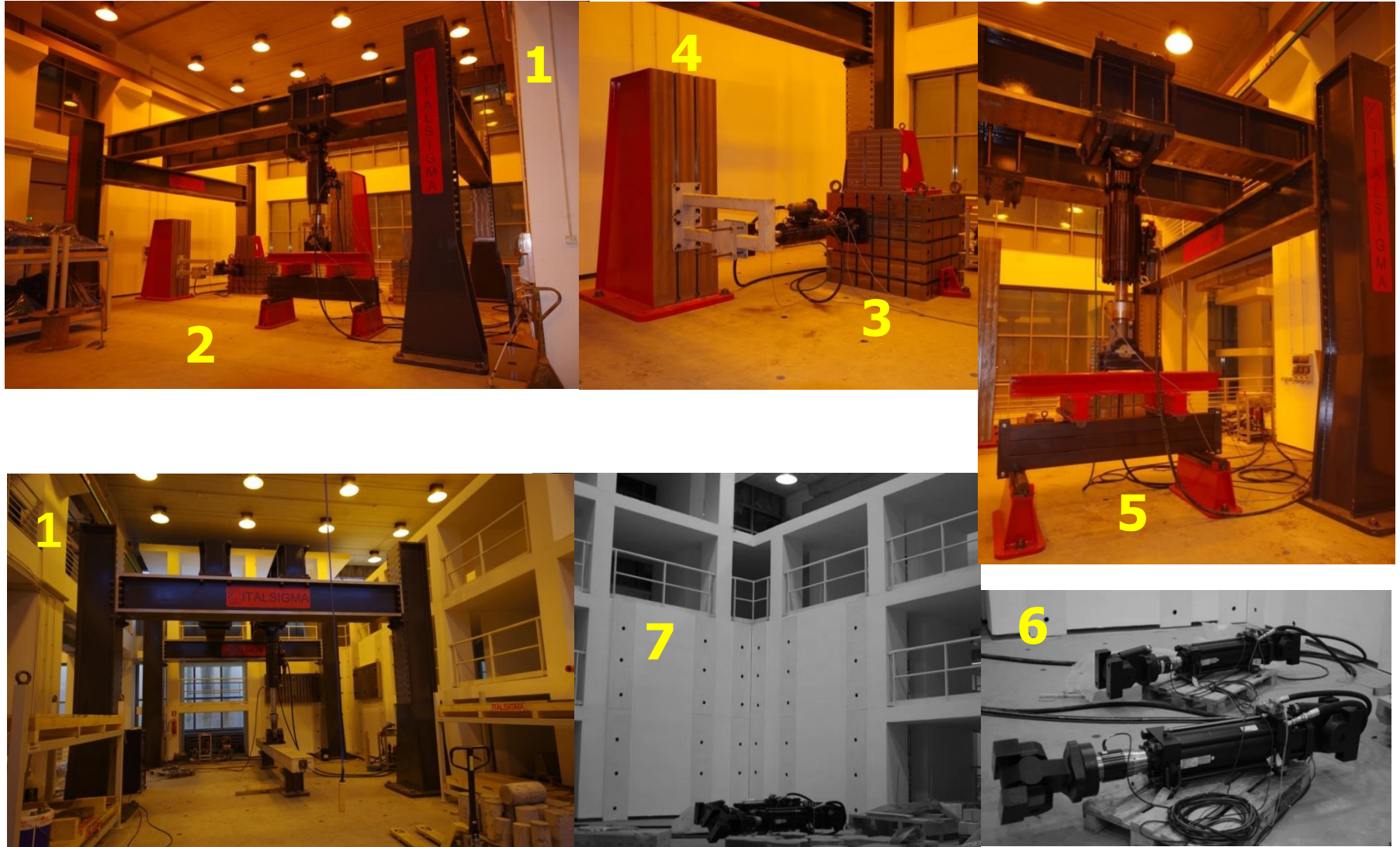


Structural laboratory for large-scale tests

Laboratory for large-scale tests includes the following facilities :

1. Two frame structures (9x7x5 m, 6x6x5 m);
2. Strong floor
3. Movable test benches
4. Movable reaction arms (H=4 and 2m)
5. Accessories for bending tests
6. Hydraulic actuators
 - load: +/- 1000 kN, +/- 500 kN. +/- 250 kN; +/- 100
 - displacement: +/- 100 mm);
7. L-shape strong wall for bi-directional testing
8. Extensometers

Structural laboratory for large-scale tests



Structural laboratory for large-scale tests

- Seismic retrofitting/upgrading of civil structures;
- Seismic load and deformation capacity of building elements.



Dimensions (W x L): 9 x 7m – H = 5m



The system of the strong floor/reaction wall can be used for cyclic or pseudo-dynamic testing of earthquake-resistant components and small structures.