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MUTANC : MUTualized ANChors for offshore wind farms

MUTANC PROJECT

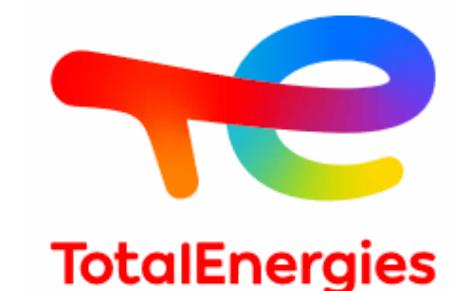
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Lead : FEM

Scientific lead : Technip Energies

Project duration: 3 years (end November 2024)

Total budget: 1332 k€ (FEM: 516k€)



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MUTANC TOPIC

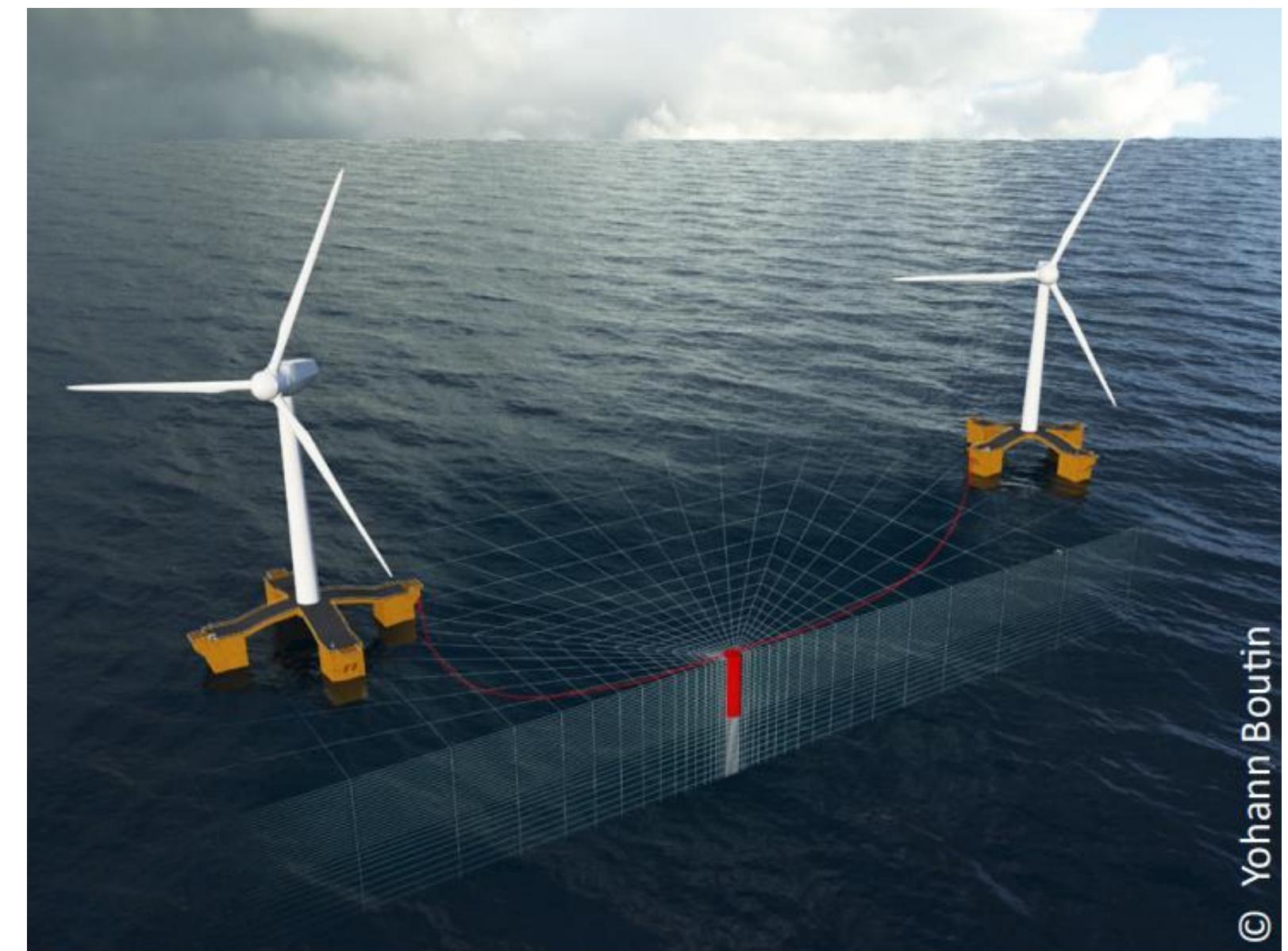
ORE sector need: Identification of shared anchor as a way to reduce mooring system cost

S&T: challenges :

- ▶ Farm layout design and optimisation with shared anchors
- ▶ Soil/structure interaction of shared anchors
- ▶ Design methodology for shared anchors
- ▶ Consequences on CAPEX, OPEX and reliability

Expected results:

- ▶ Better understanding about shared anchor potential to reduce costs
- ▶ Better understanding of anchor/soil interaction



MUTANC WP2 : Mooring system design and anchor load analysis

Lead : France Energies Marines

WP2 Objectives

- ▶ Assess the feasibility and cost of mooring systems with mutualized anchors for different cases
- ▶ Calculation of realistic loads at shared anchors in order to evaluate the anchors behavior under a multidirectional-cyclic load in WP3&4.

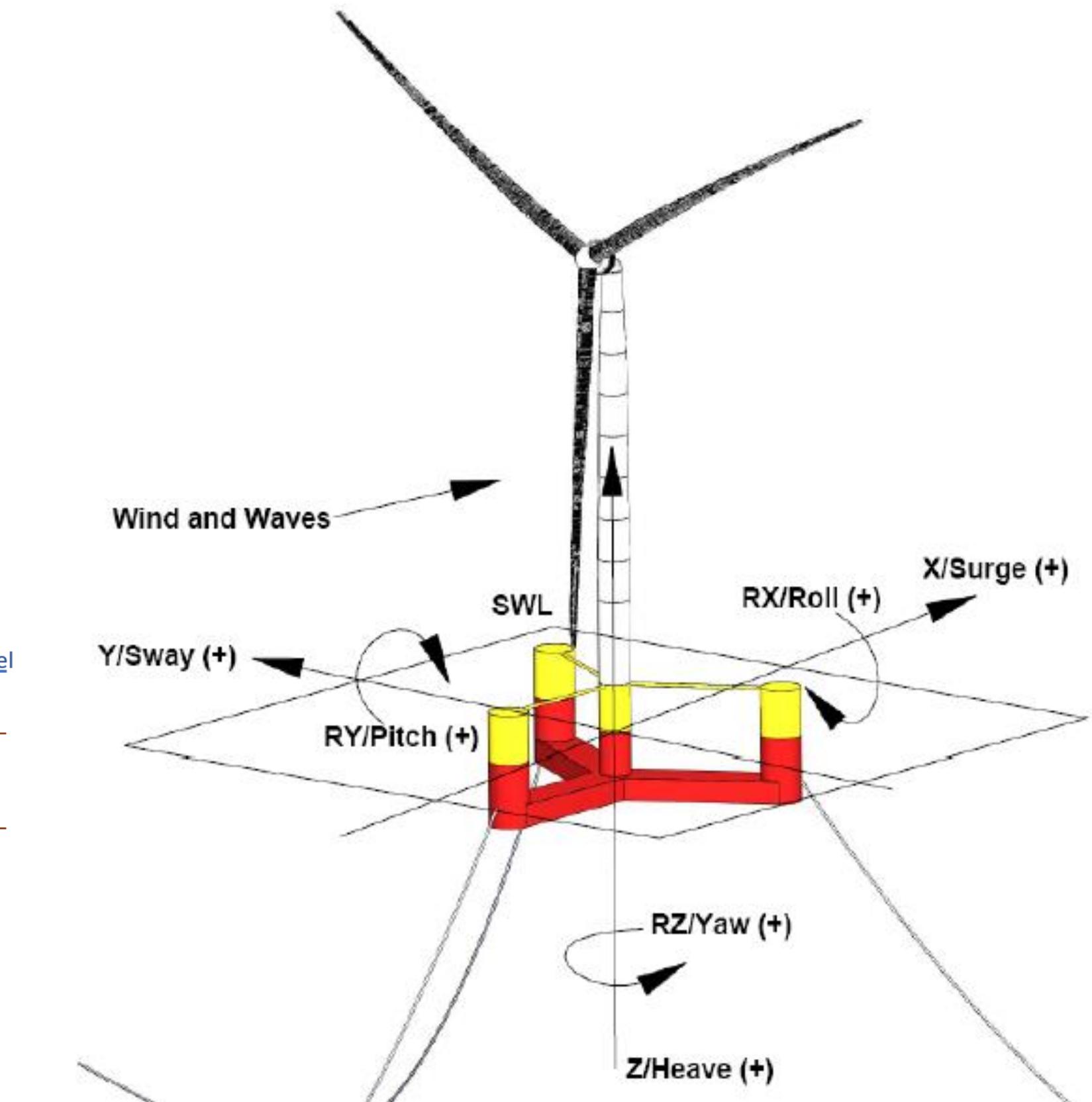
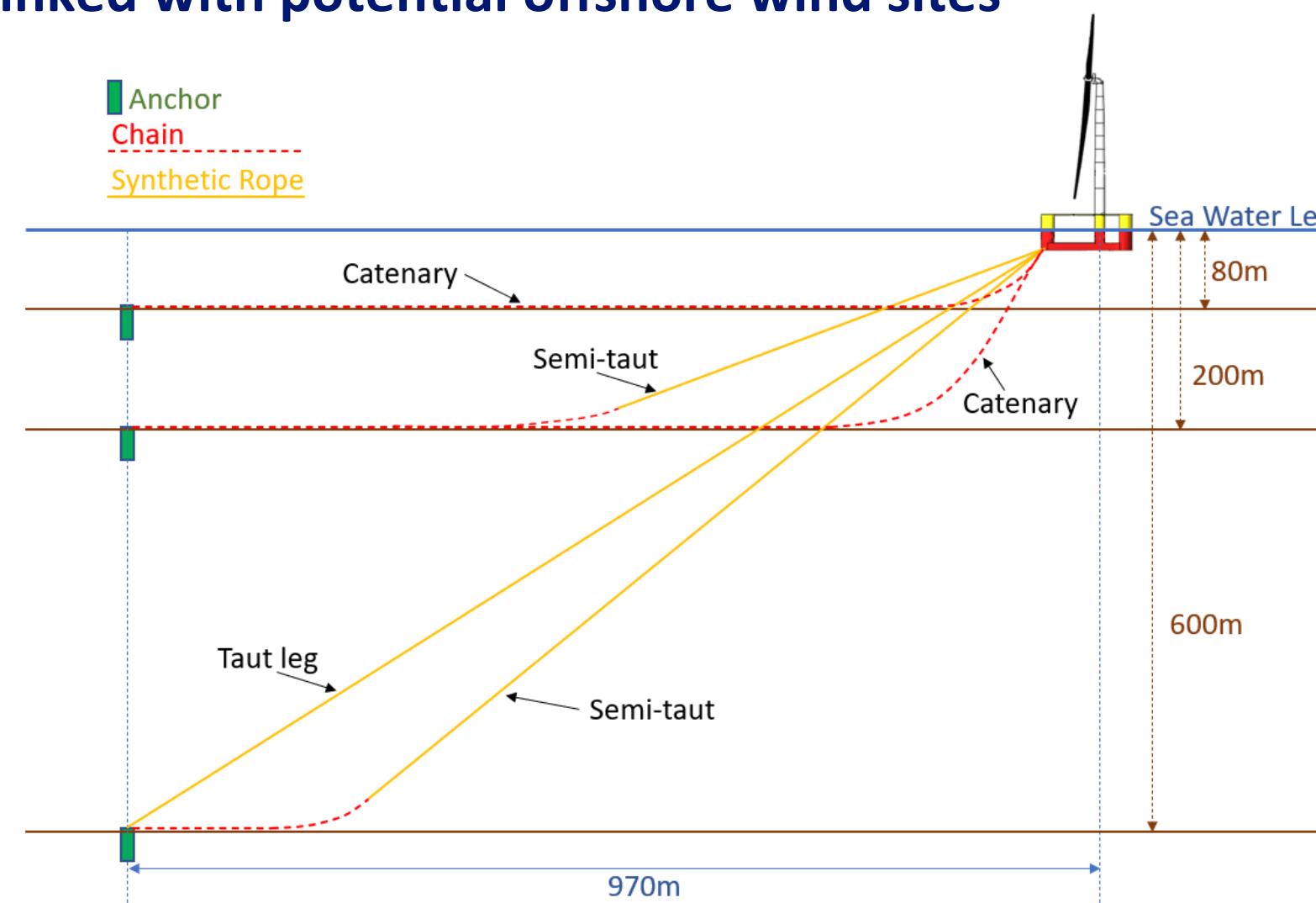
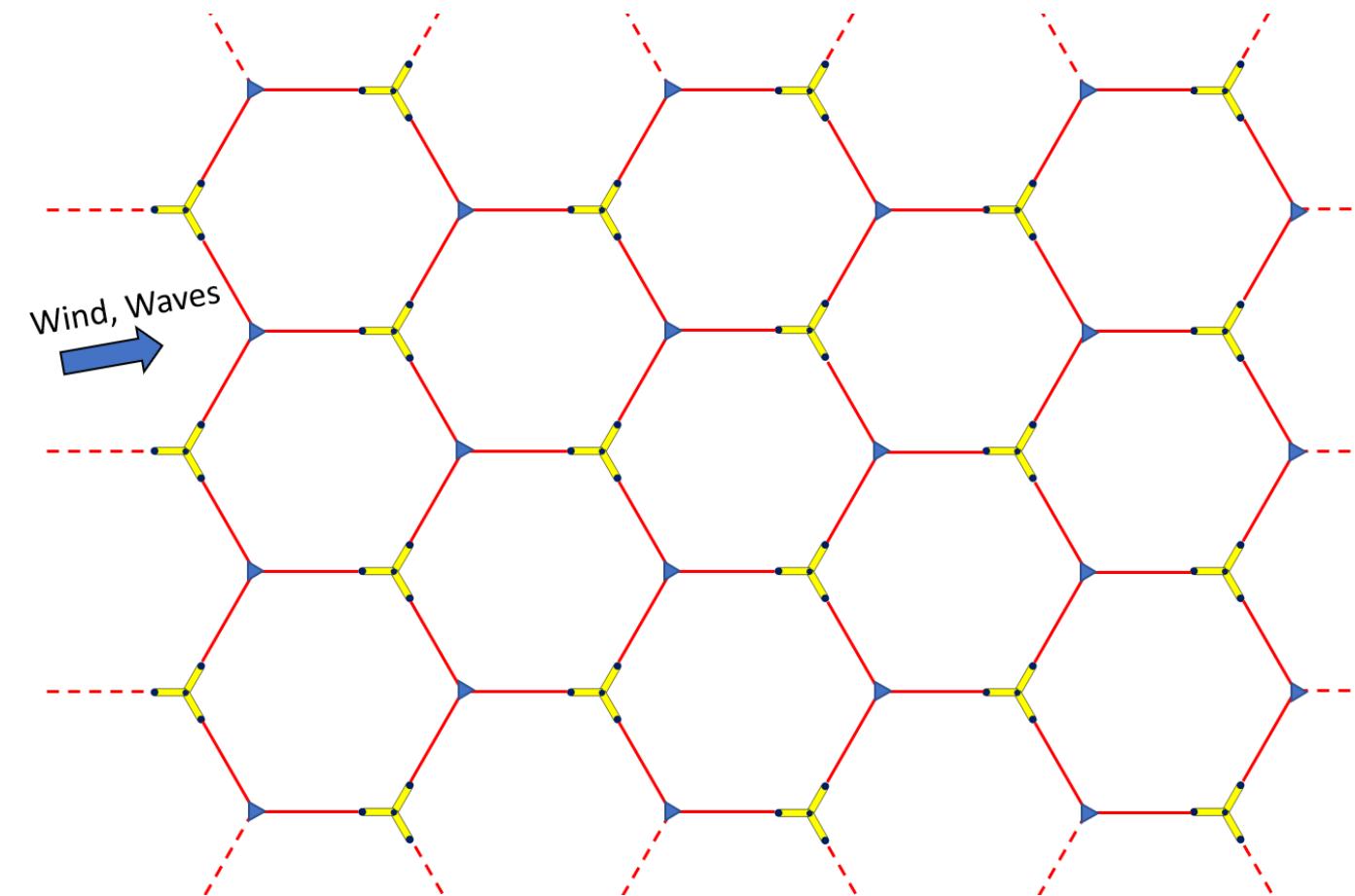
WP2 Activities

- ▶ WP2.1 : Case study definition
- ▶ WP2.2 : Mooring system design
- ▶ WP2.3 : Results analysis and reliability

MUTANC WP2 : Mooring system design and anchor load analysis

WP2.1 Case study definition

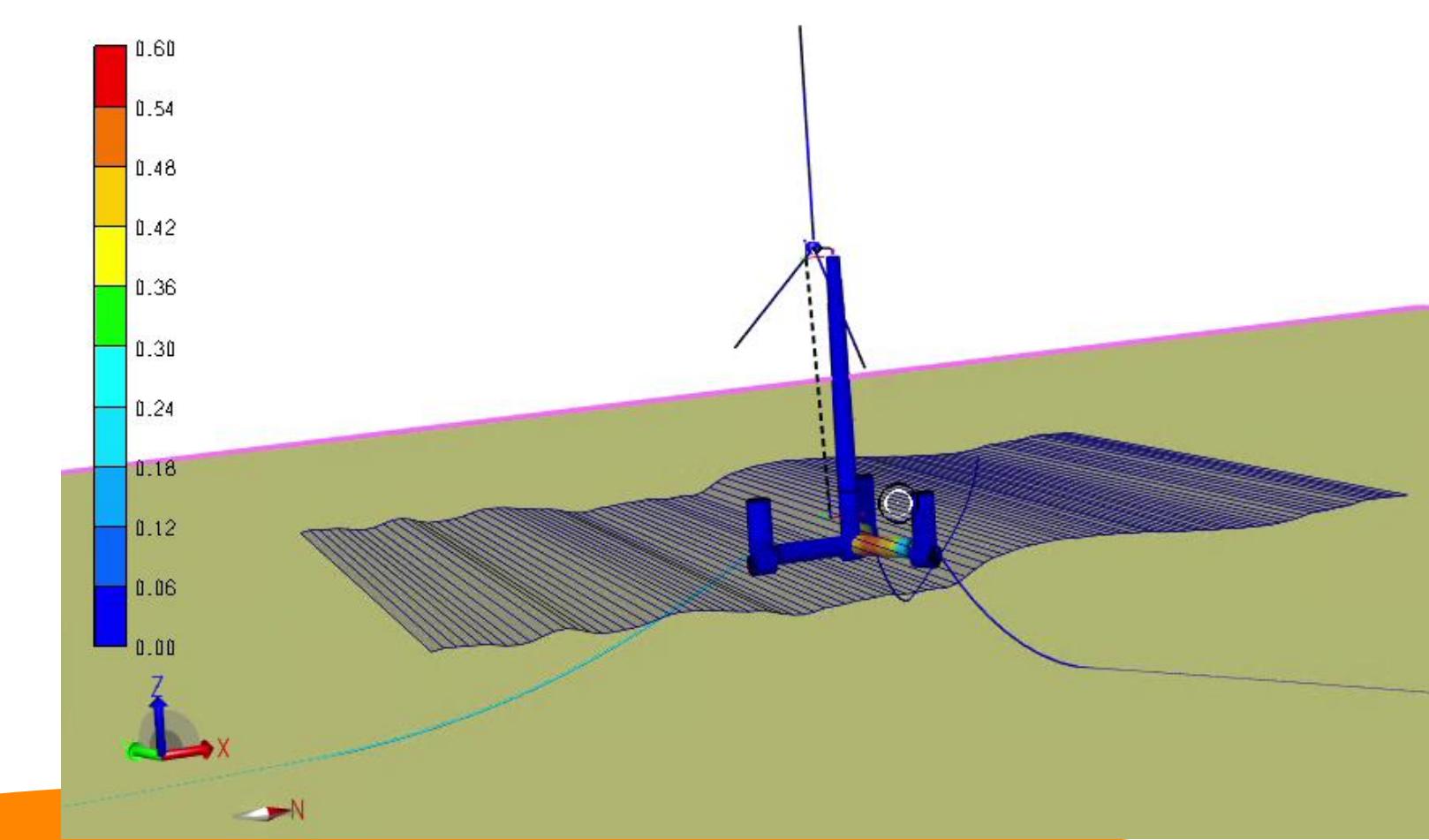
- Turbine and Floater: VolturnUS-S + 15MW NREL
- Anchor Layout: Regular triangle
- Water depth: 3 studied water depth (80m,200m,600m)
- Realistic Environment input linked with potential offshore wind sites



MUTANC WP2 : Mooring system design and anchor load analysis

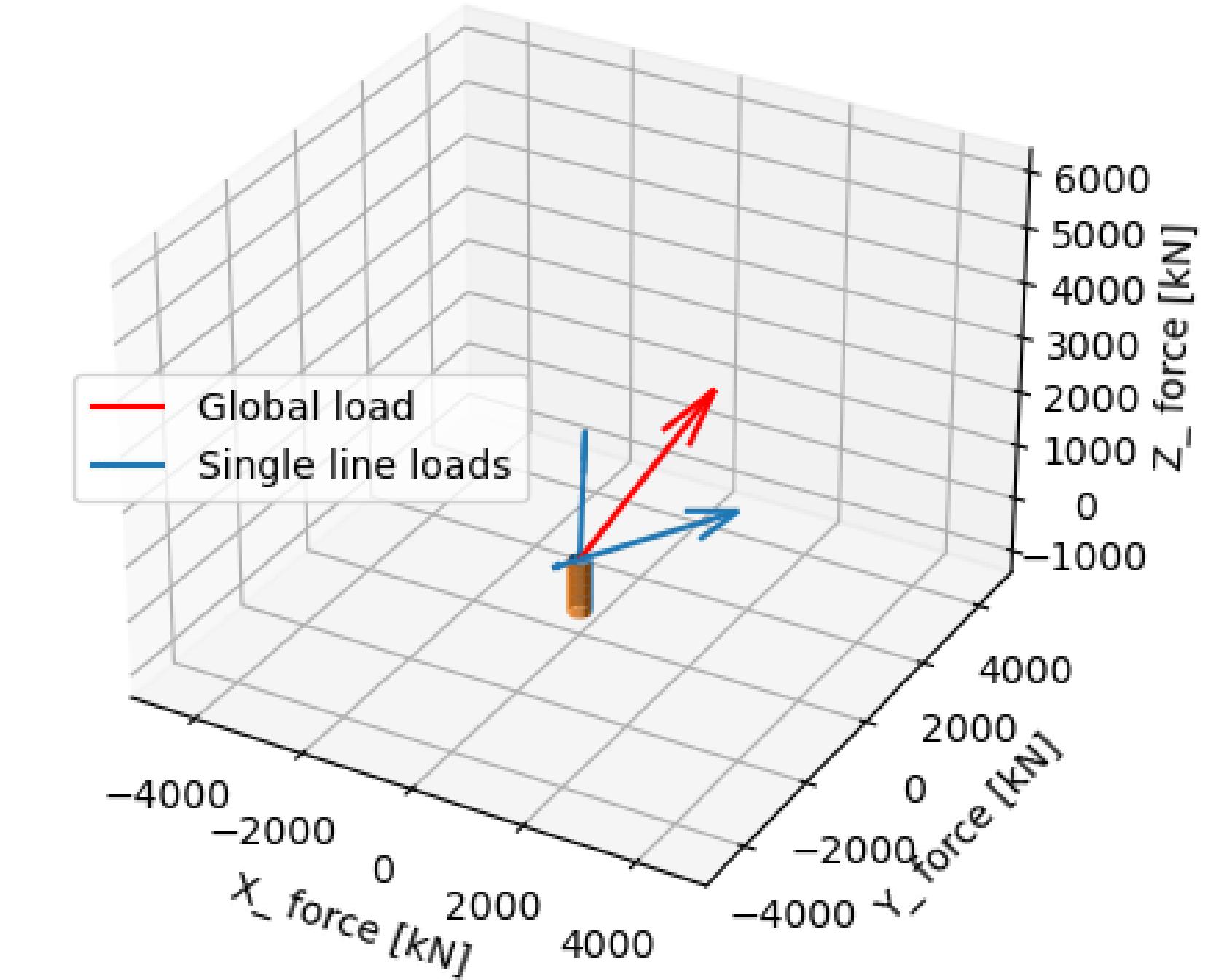
WP2.2 Mooring System Design

- Various material configuration: Chain, Polyester, Nylon, HMPE
- Realistic Environment input linked with potential offshore wind sites
- Mooring optimisation based on ULS and FLS analysis
- Hydro-Servo-Aero-Elastic Analysis Numerical model, with FEA for mooring
- Both mutualized and non-mutualized configurations were optimized



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Global force at anchor, $t = 0.1$ s



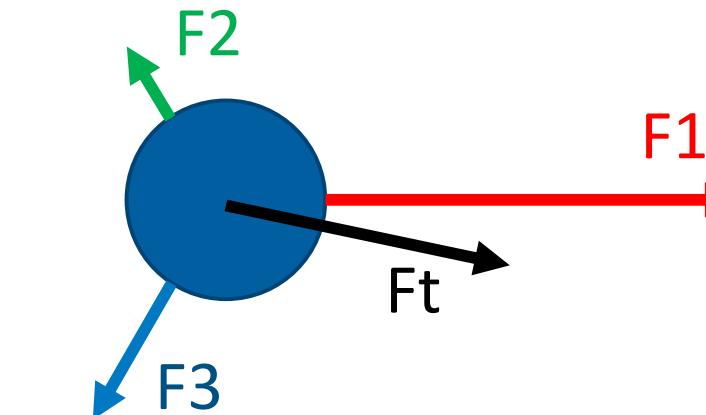
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WP2.3 Result Analysis and Reliability

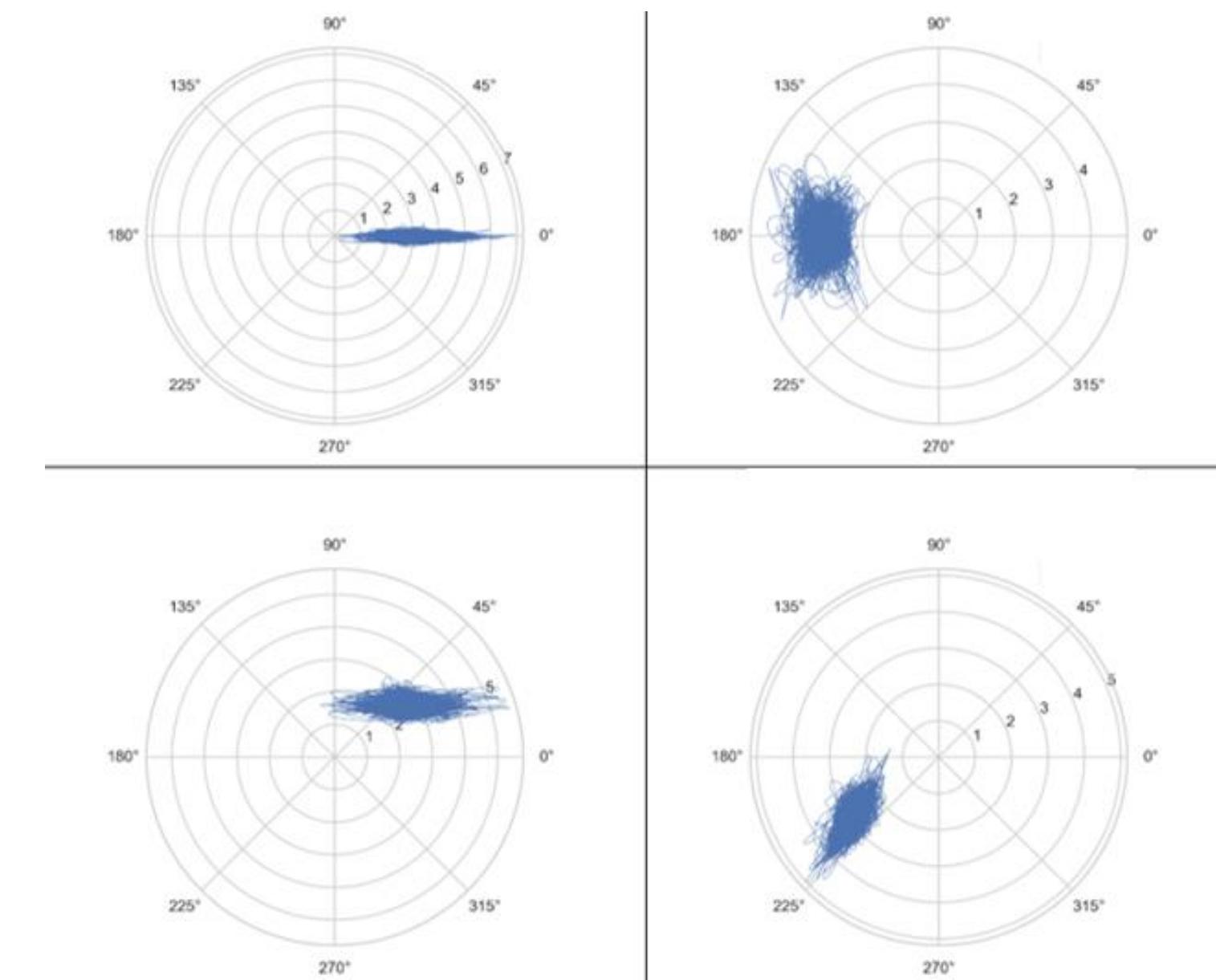
- Cost Analysis for each optimized configuration
- Combined loads calculation at anchors

Simplified cost analysis output for 2 water depth:

Configuration index	Anchor radius	MBL	Mooring length	Design tension	Utilization Ratio	Offset max	Single line Cost
Water Depth 1	C1						
	C2						
	C3						
	C4						
Water Depth 2	C5						
	C6						
	C7						
	C8						
	C9						



Time load roses for a mutualized anchor:



MUTANC WP3 : Geotechnical numerical analysis

Lead : Université de Nantes

WP3 Activities

► WP3.1 : Literature review

► WP3.2 : Calibration of the soil constitutive model

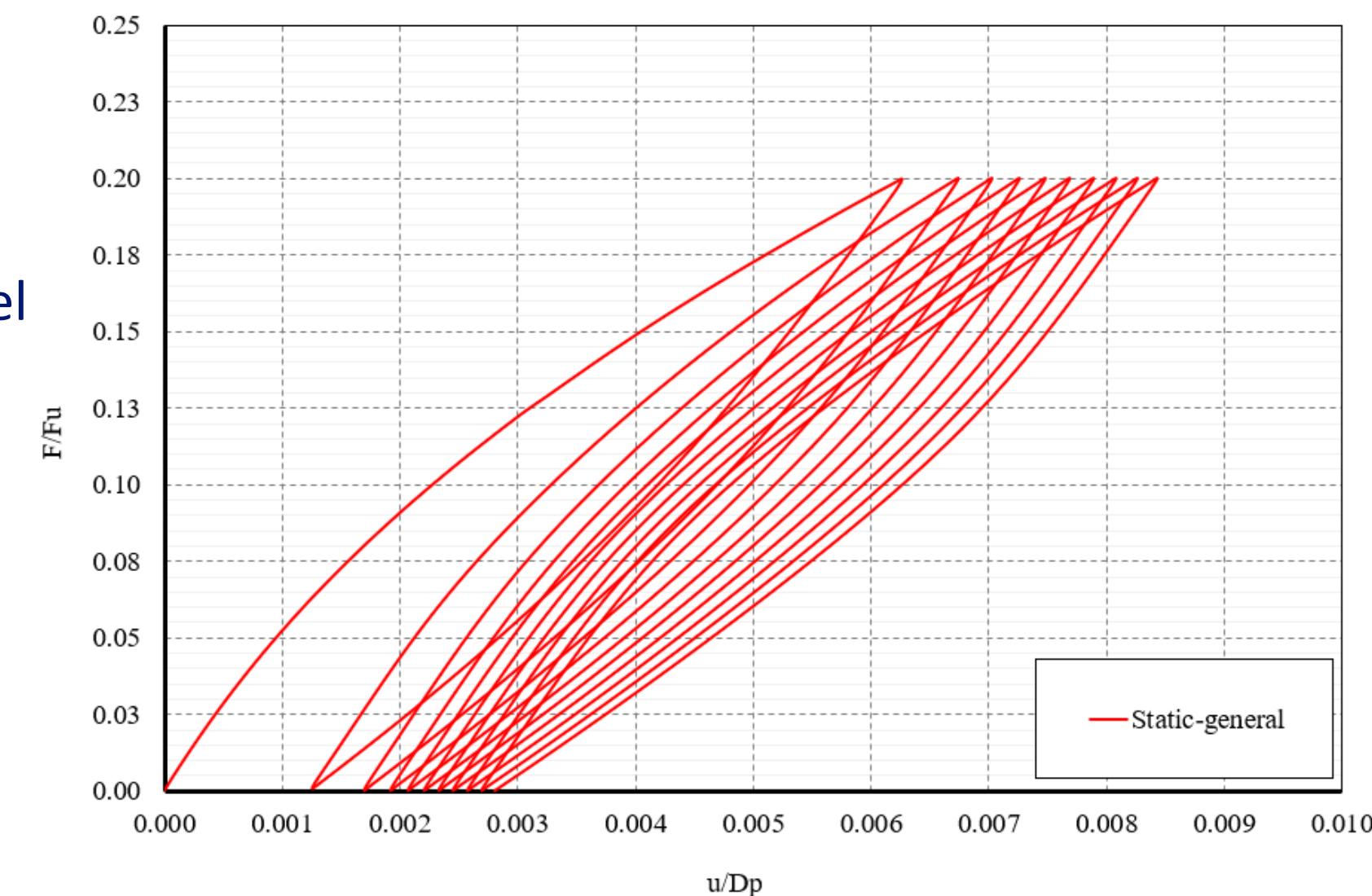
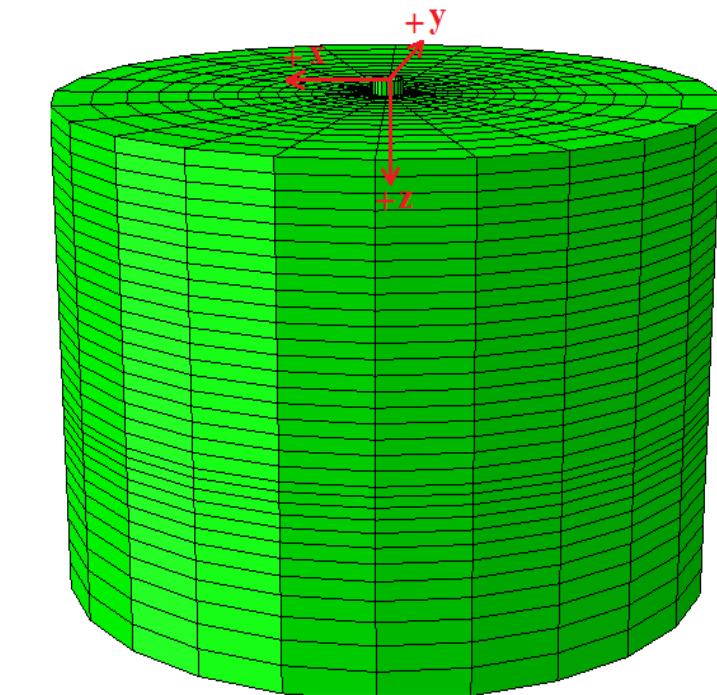
- Determination of parameters of the soil constitutive model (complex law)
- Objective : Numerical and experimental benchmarking of the pile performance under cyclic multidirectional loadings

► WP3.3: Geotechnical numerical modelling and analysis of the soil-anchor system

- Develop a 3D finite element model of the soil-anchor system in ABAQUS
- Nonlinear dynamic analysis of soil-anchor system using complex soil constitutive model
- Cyclic sinusoidal multidirectional loadings used in WP4
- Realistic time-varying environmental loadings from WP2

► WP3.4: Sensitivity and cost analyses of the soil-anchor system

- Sizing, feasibility and cost of mutualized anchor
- Sensitivity analysis: soil parameters, geometrical parameters
- Possibly : study of an anchor in clay, effect of soil/anchor loading variability on pile performance



MUTANC WP4 : Geotechnical Experimental Analysis

Lead : Université Gustave Eiffel

WP2 Objectives

- ▶ Increase the knowledge on shared pile anchors by performing centrifuge tests on small-scale models :
Multidirectional loading & Cyclic loading
- ▶ Develop Multi-Directional Loading Set-up
- ▶ Carry out an experimental campaign in geotechnical centrifuge :
- ▶ Validation of the numerical model

WP5 Activities

- ▶ WP4.1 : Design of the Multi-Directional Loading
- ▶ WP4.2 : Choice of the model dimensions and instrumentation
- ▶ WP4.3 : Monotonic failure envelope & Multidirectional loading
- ▶ WP4.4 : Impact of cyclic loading
- ▶ WP4.5: Validation of the physical and numerical modelling

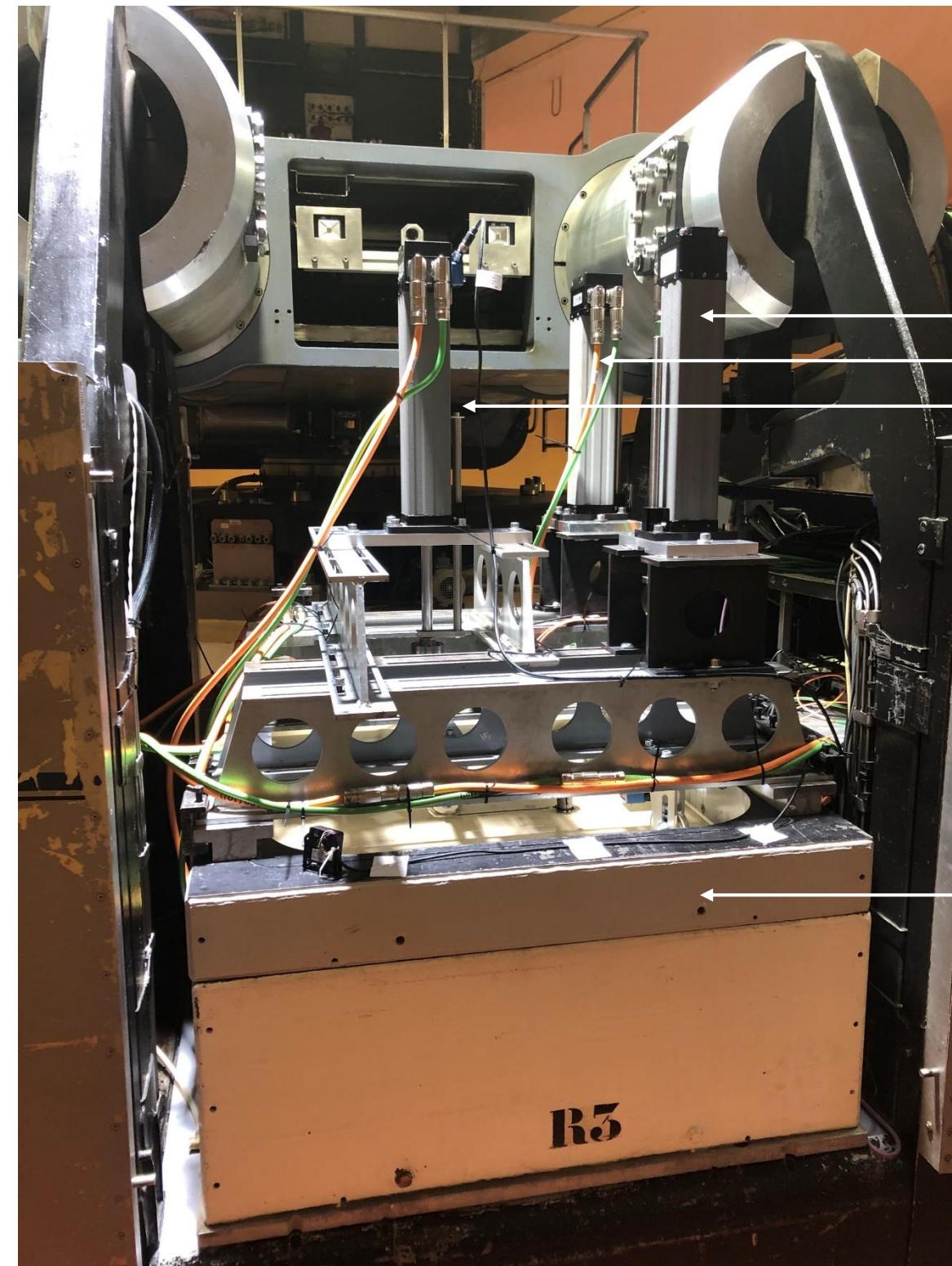


Physical modelling in centrifuge

- ▶ Soil behaviour : highly non linear / stress state dependent
- ▶ Univ Eiffel beam centrifuge : Ø 11m - 2t up to 100g

MUTANC WP4 : Geotechnical Experimental Analysis

WP4.1 : Design of the Multi-Directional Loading : horizontal loading at anchor head

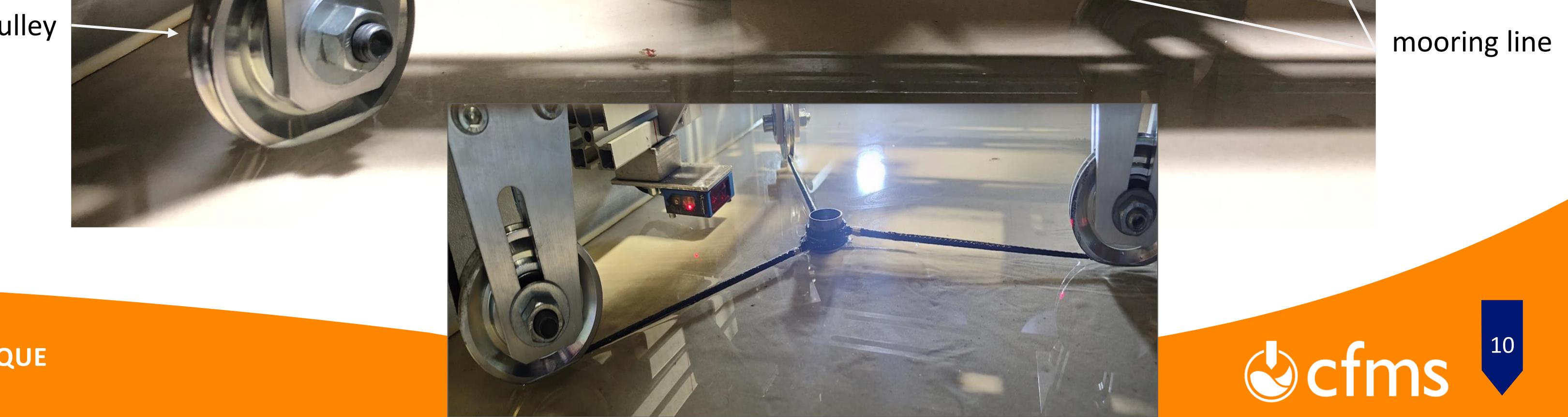


3 actuators at 120°

disp. sensor

strongbox
saturated sand

pulley

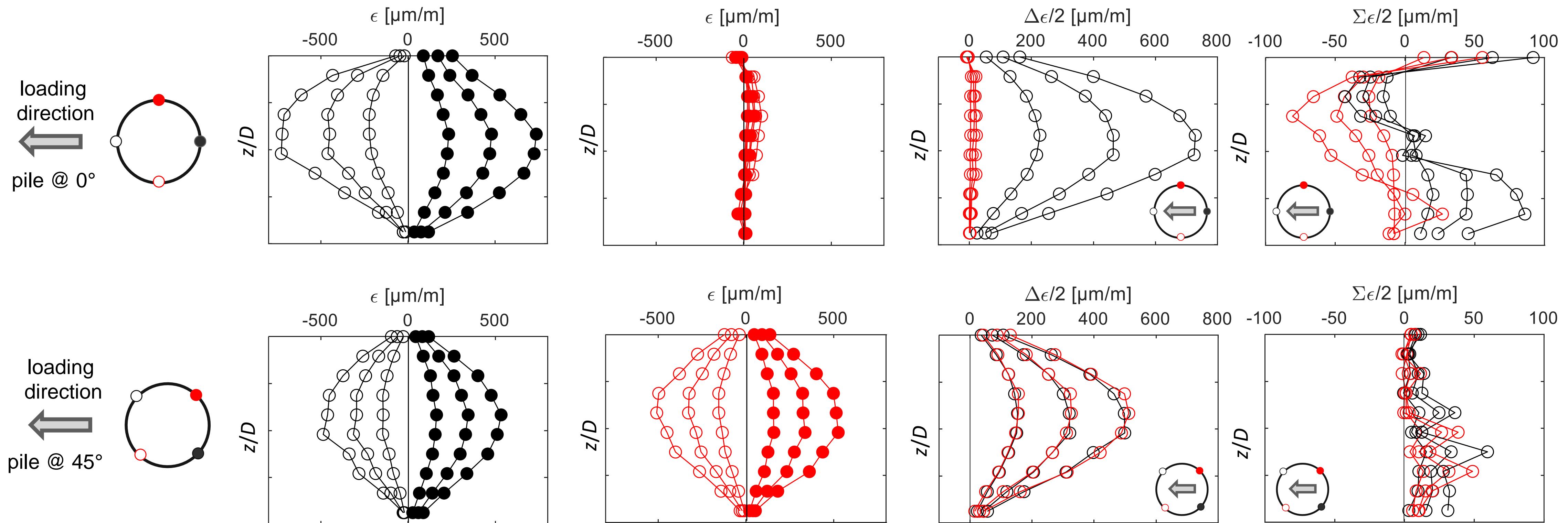


Anchor pile instrumented with Optical Fibres

mooring line

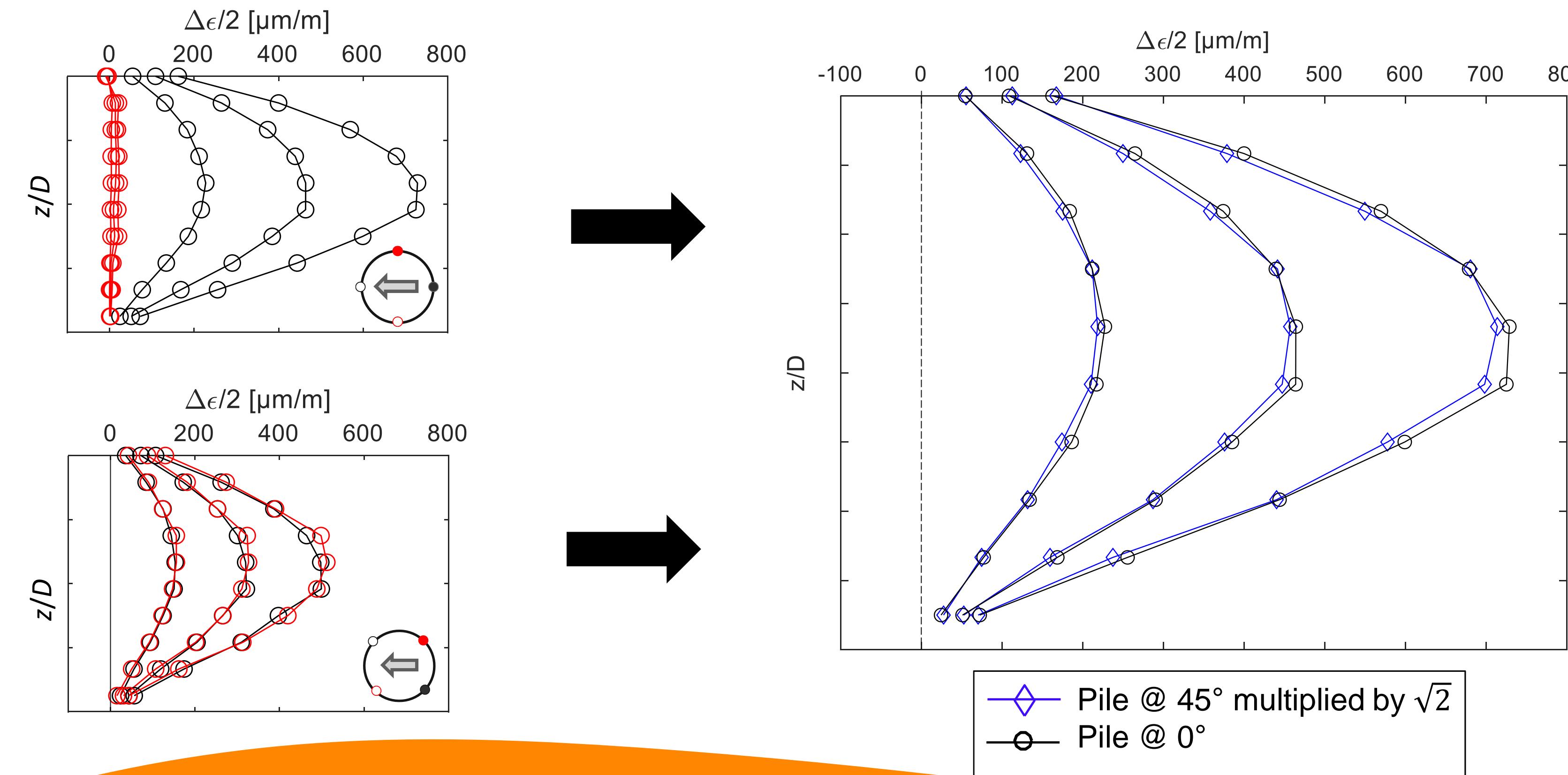
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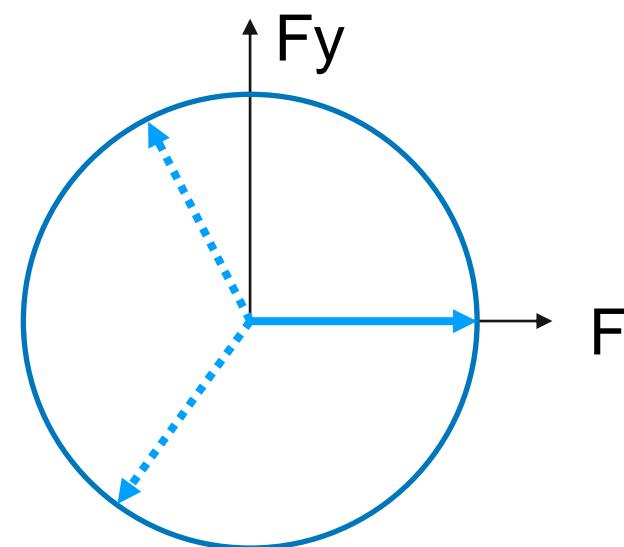
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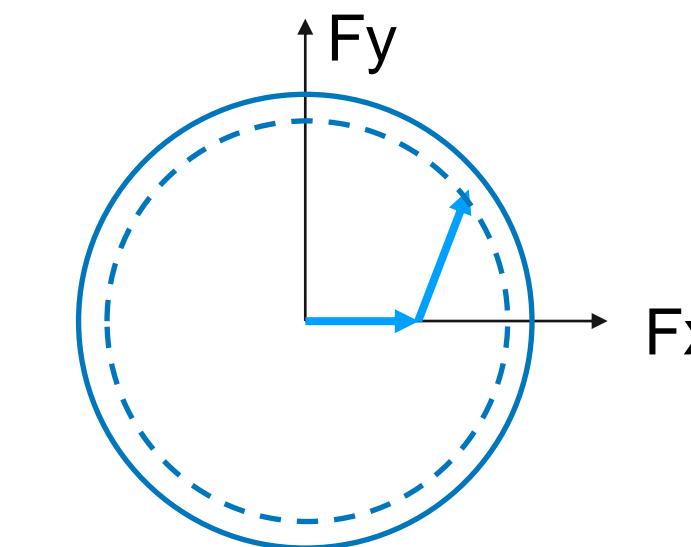


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WP4.3 : Monotonic failure envelope & Multidirectional loading

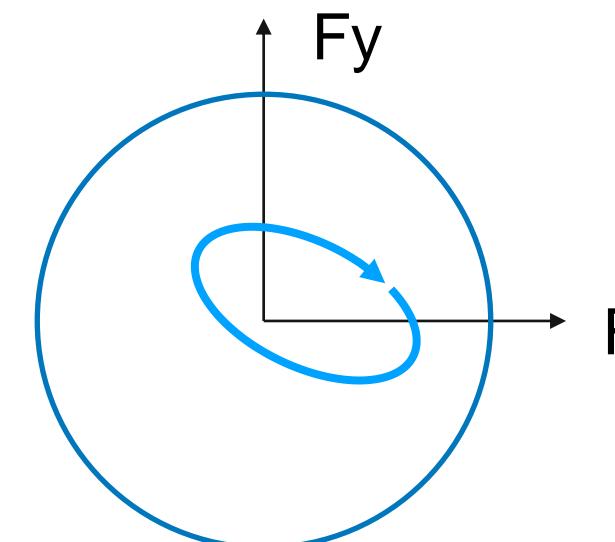


failure envelope (monotonic loading)

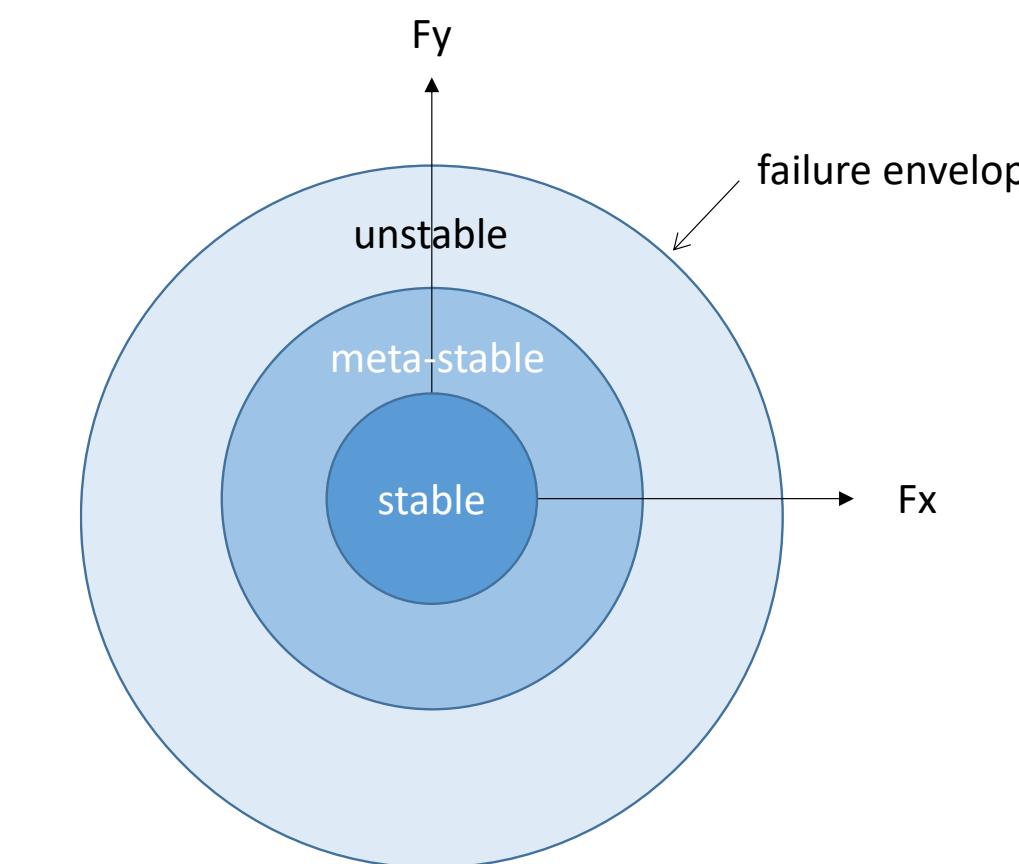


multidirectional loading - impact on failure envelope

WP4.4 : Impact of cyclic loading



cyclic multidirectional loading
accumulation of displacement
stability zones



MUTANC WP5 : Results and further work

Lead : France Energies Marines

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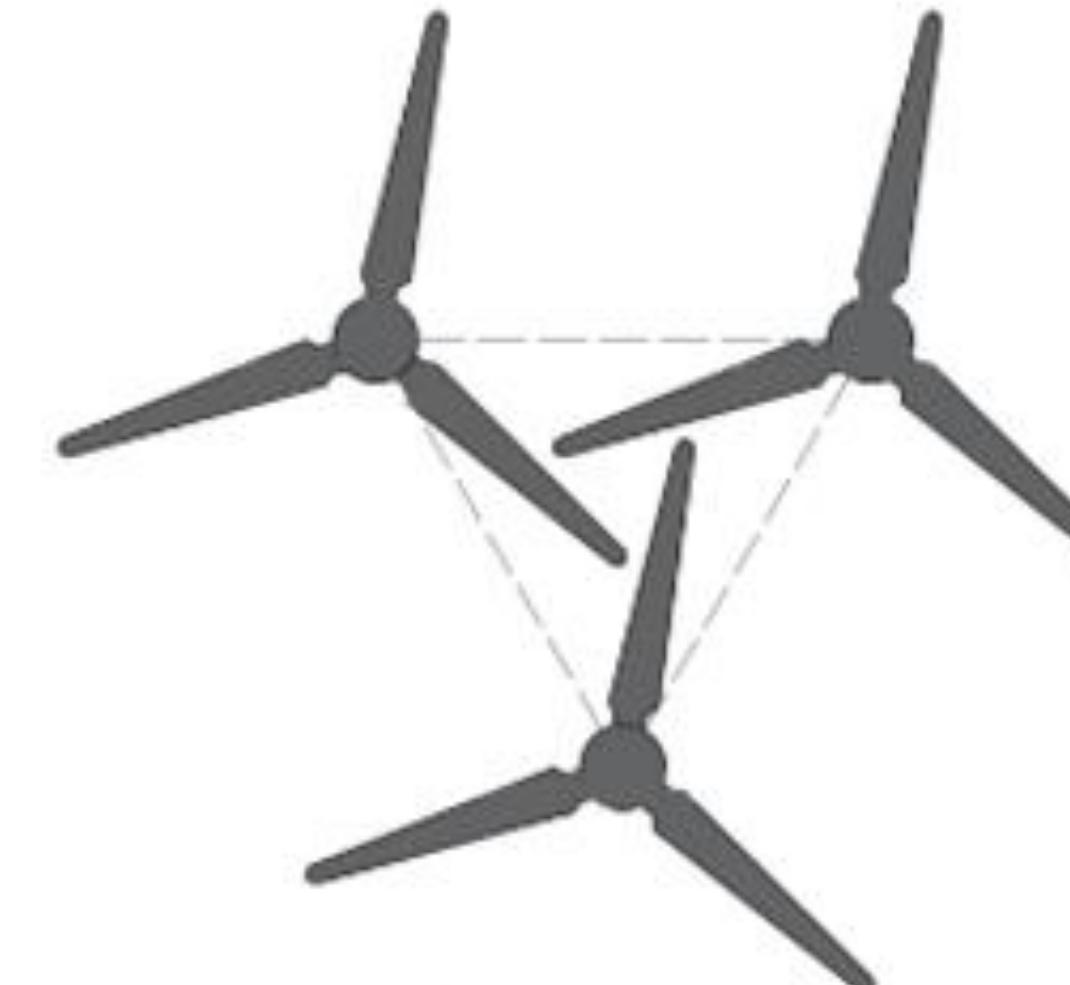
- ▶ Draw conclusions about the overall techno-economic performances of the mutualized anchor solutions for a FOWT farm.

WP5 Activities

- ▶ **WP5.1 : Methods, challenges and cost estimations of installation, maintenance and decommissioning of mutualized anchors**
 - Evaluation of the cost of various items such as:
 - Line and anchors manufacturing costs
 - Mooring and anchoring installation costs
 - Operation and maintenance costs
 - Dismantling costs
 - Cost study on specific cases with the help of WP 2, 3 &4
- ▶ **WP5.2 : Results summary and further work**

ShareWind

Shared anchors for floating wind turbines



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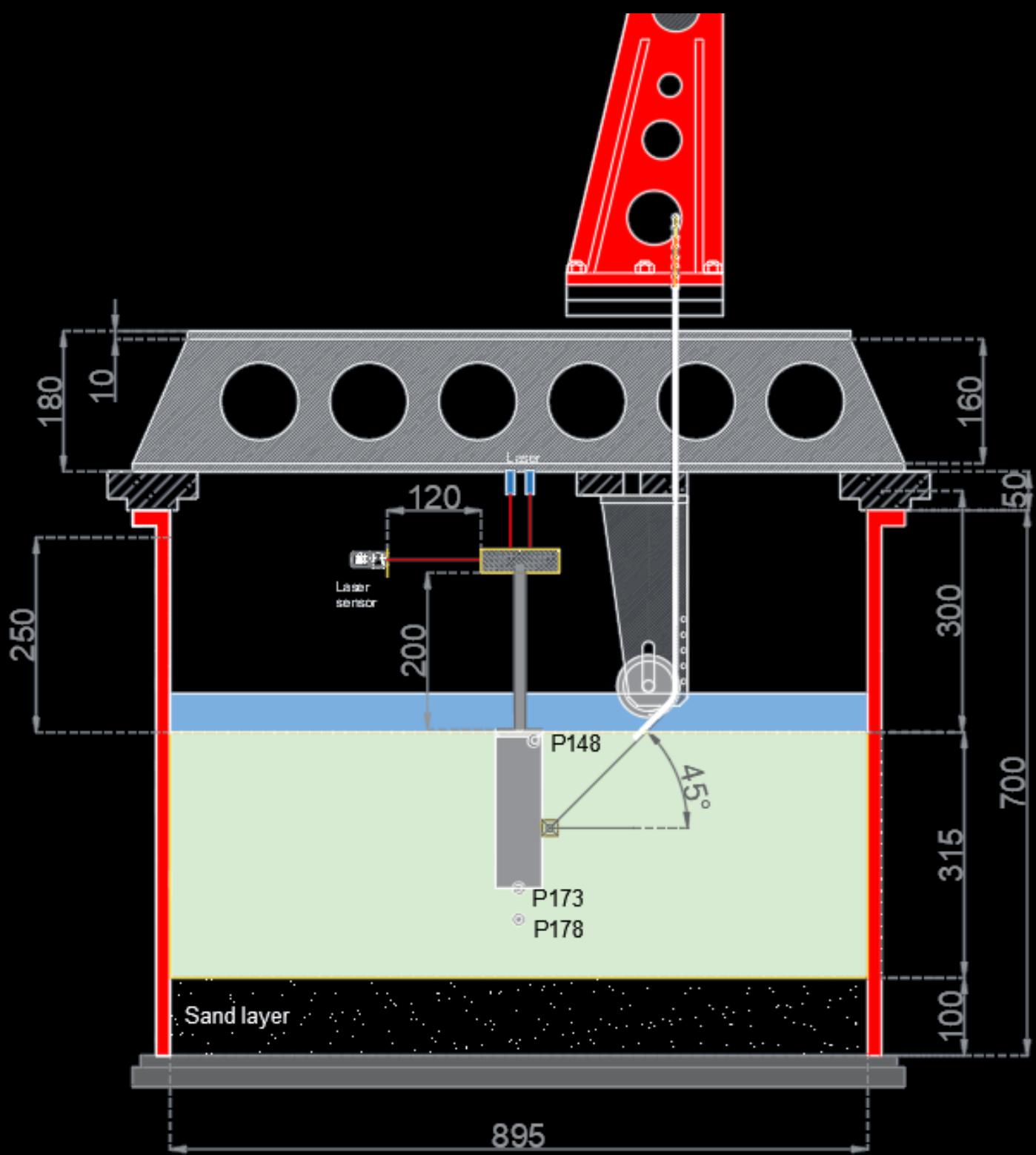
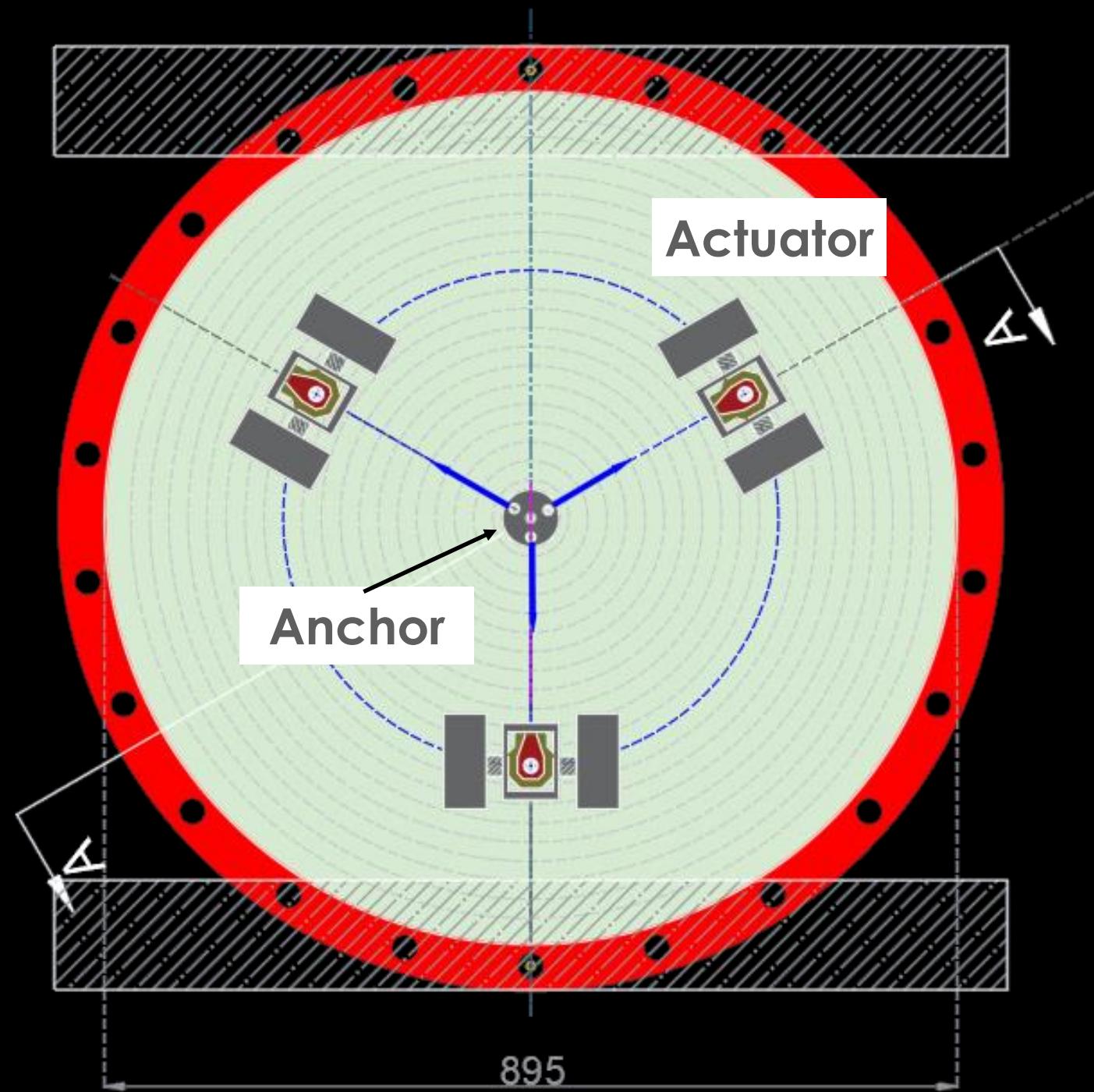
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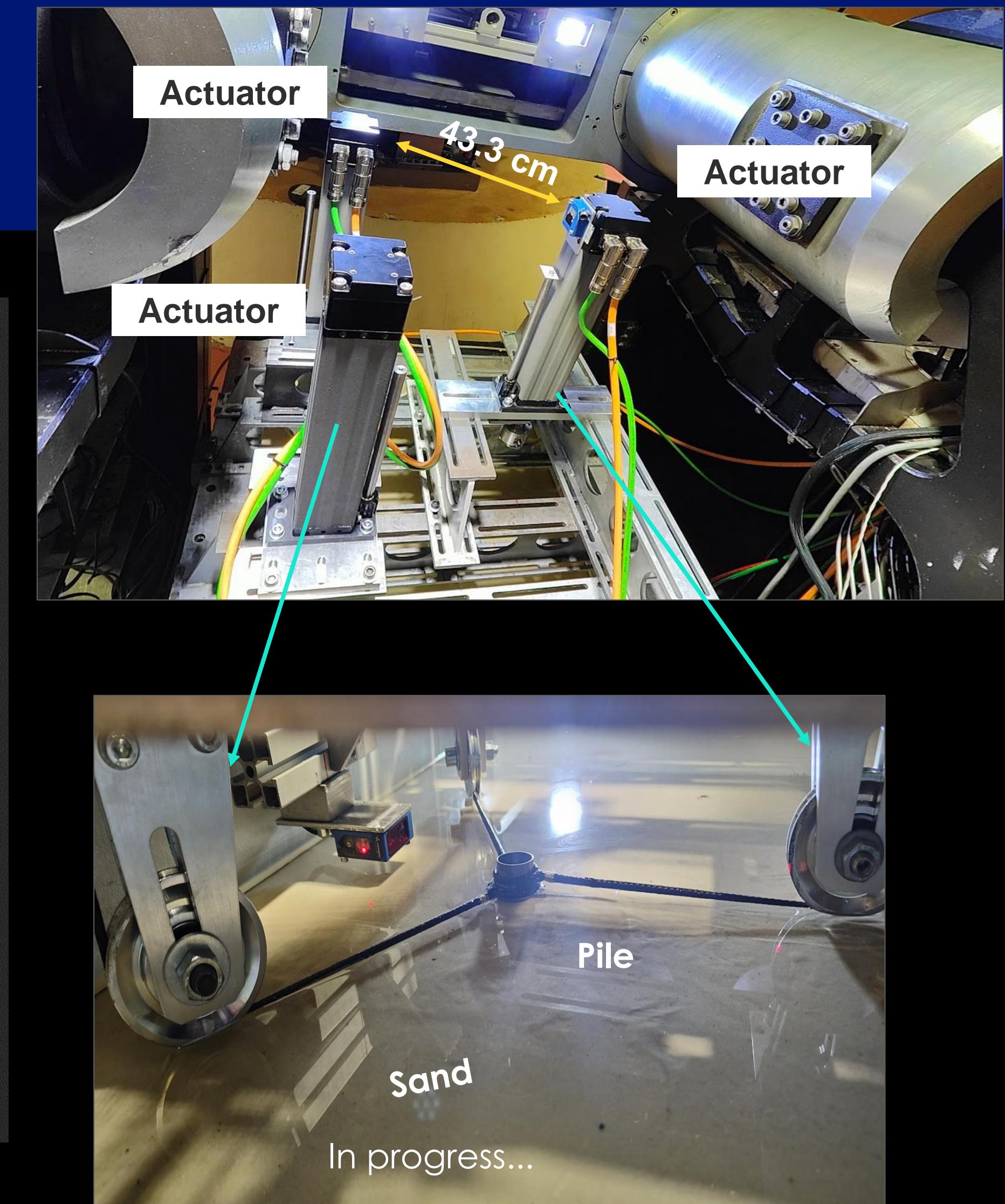
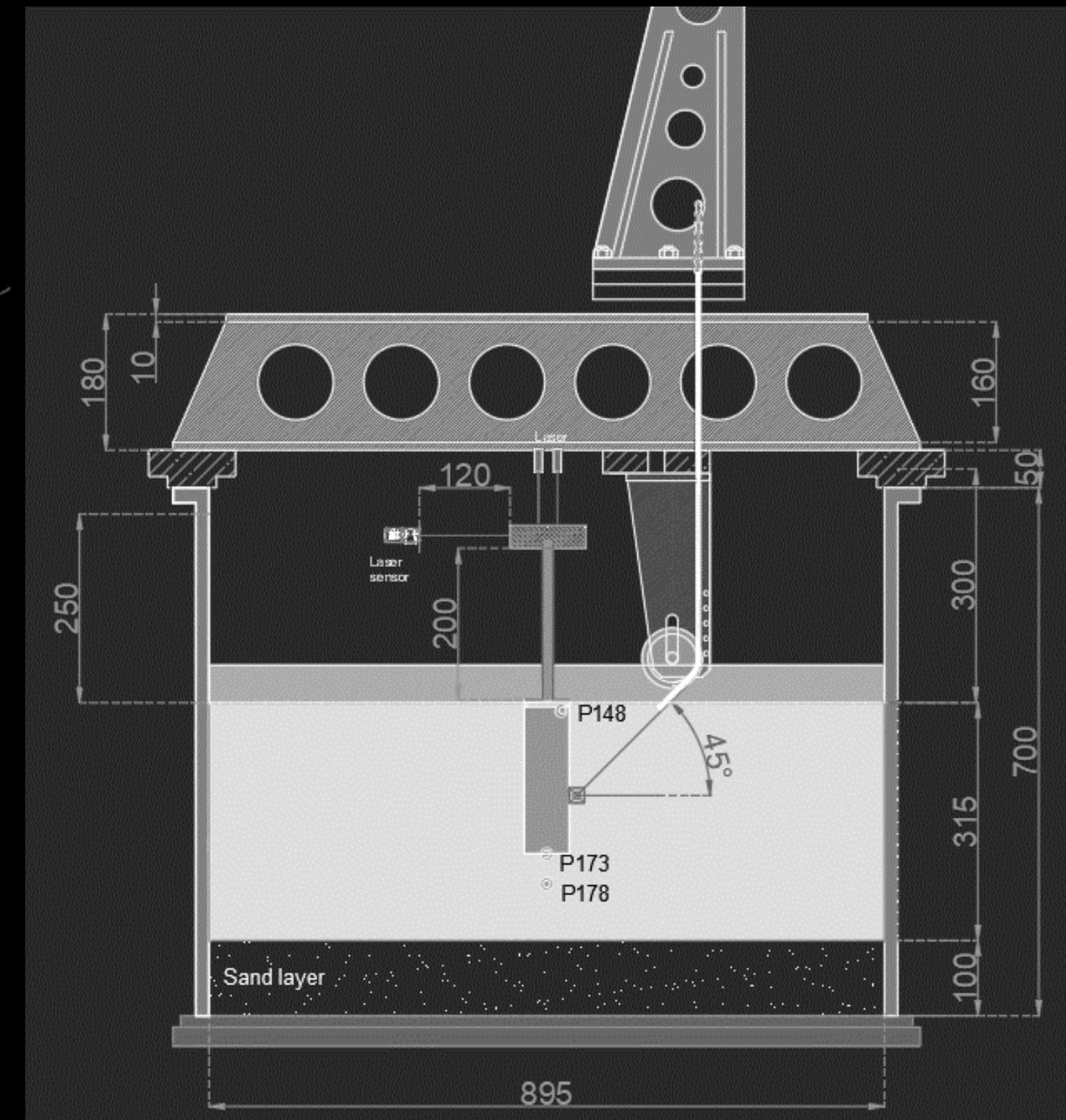
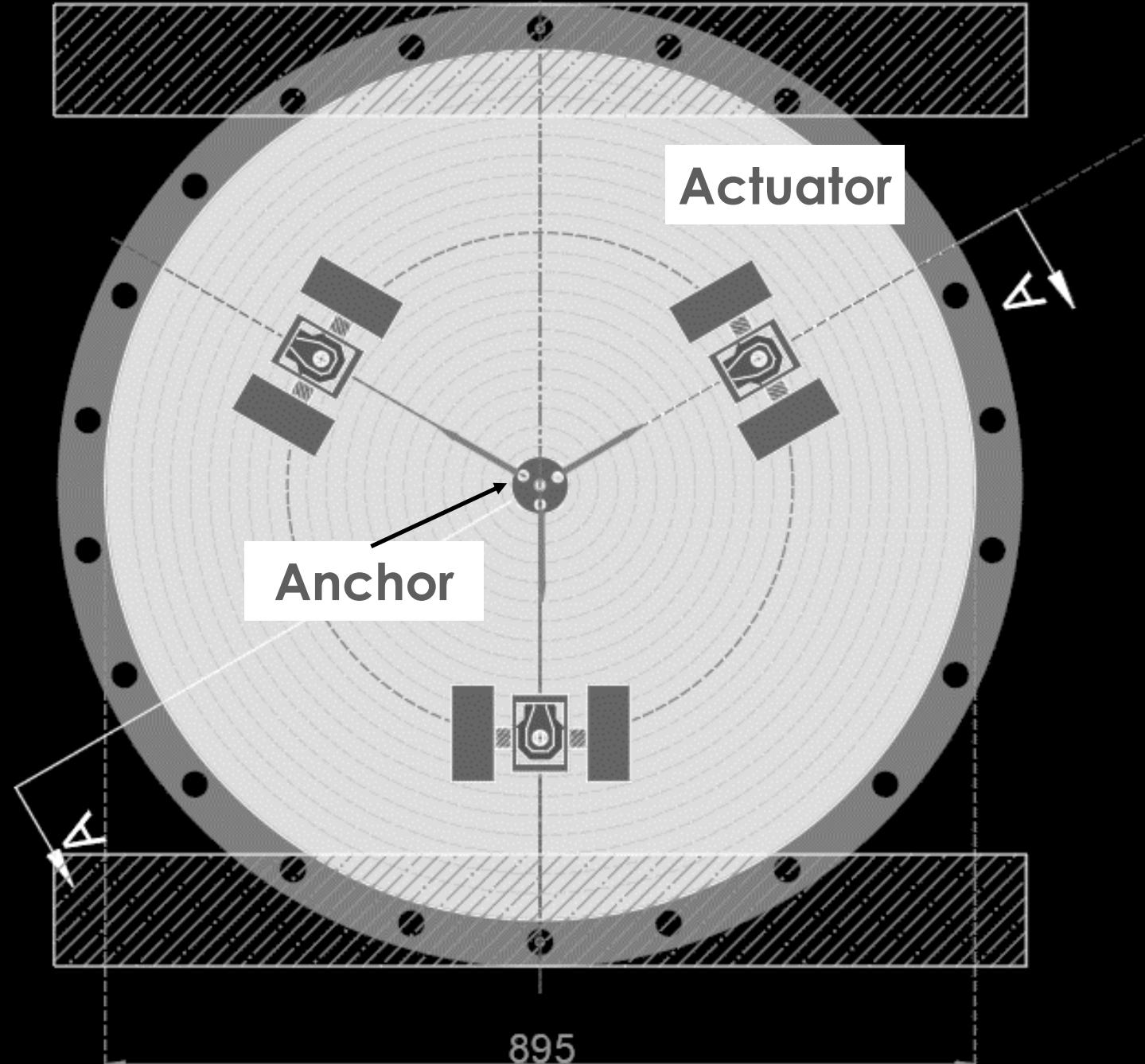
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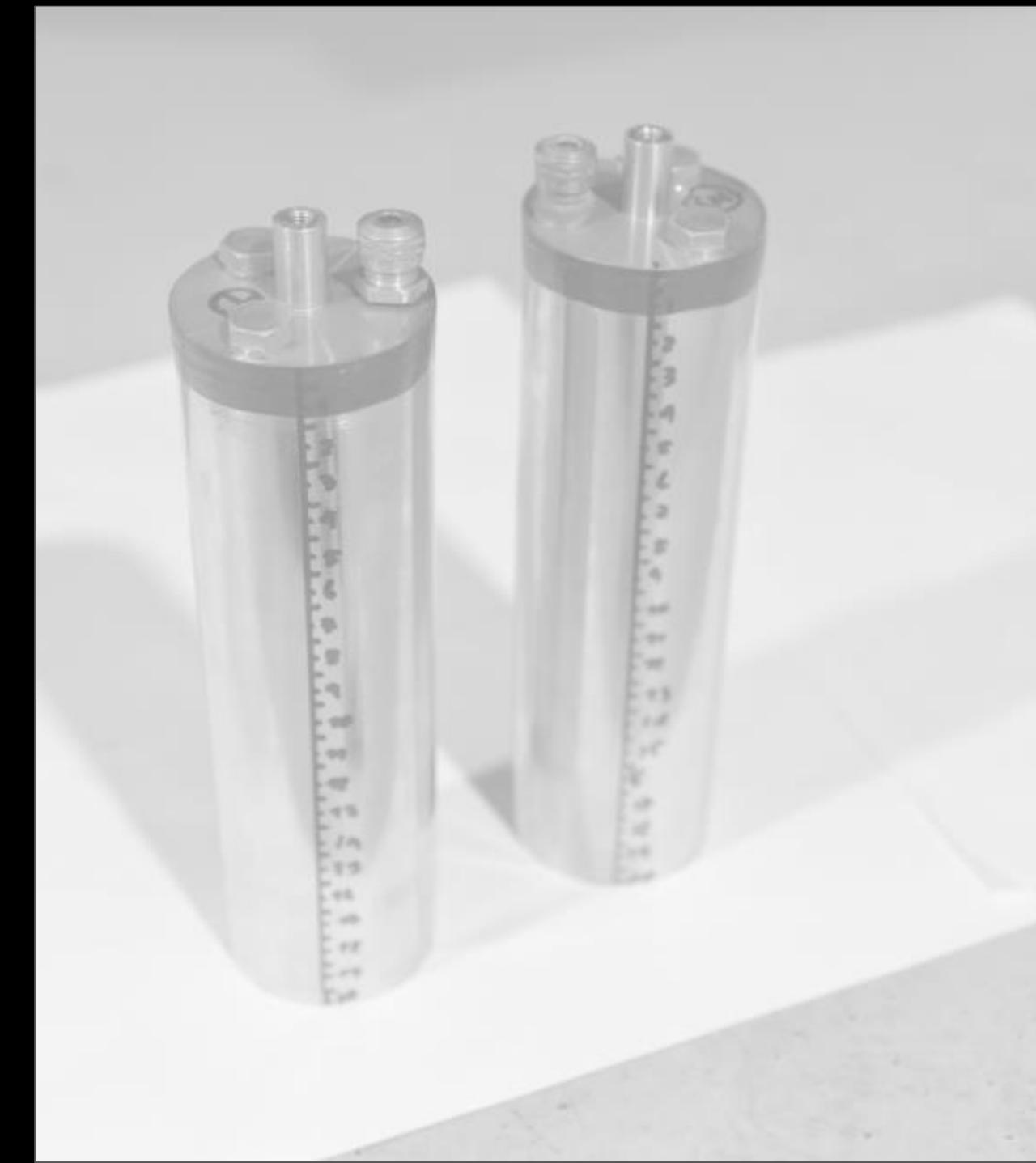
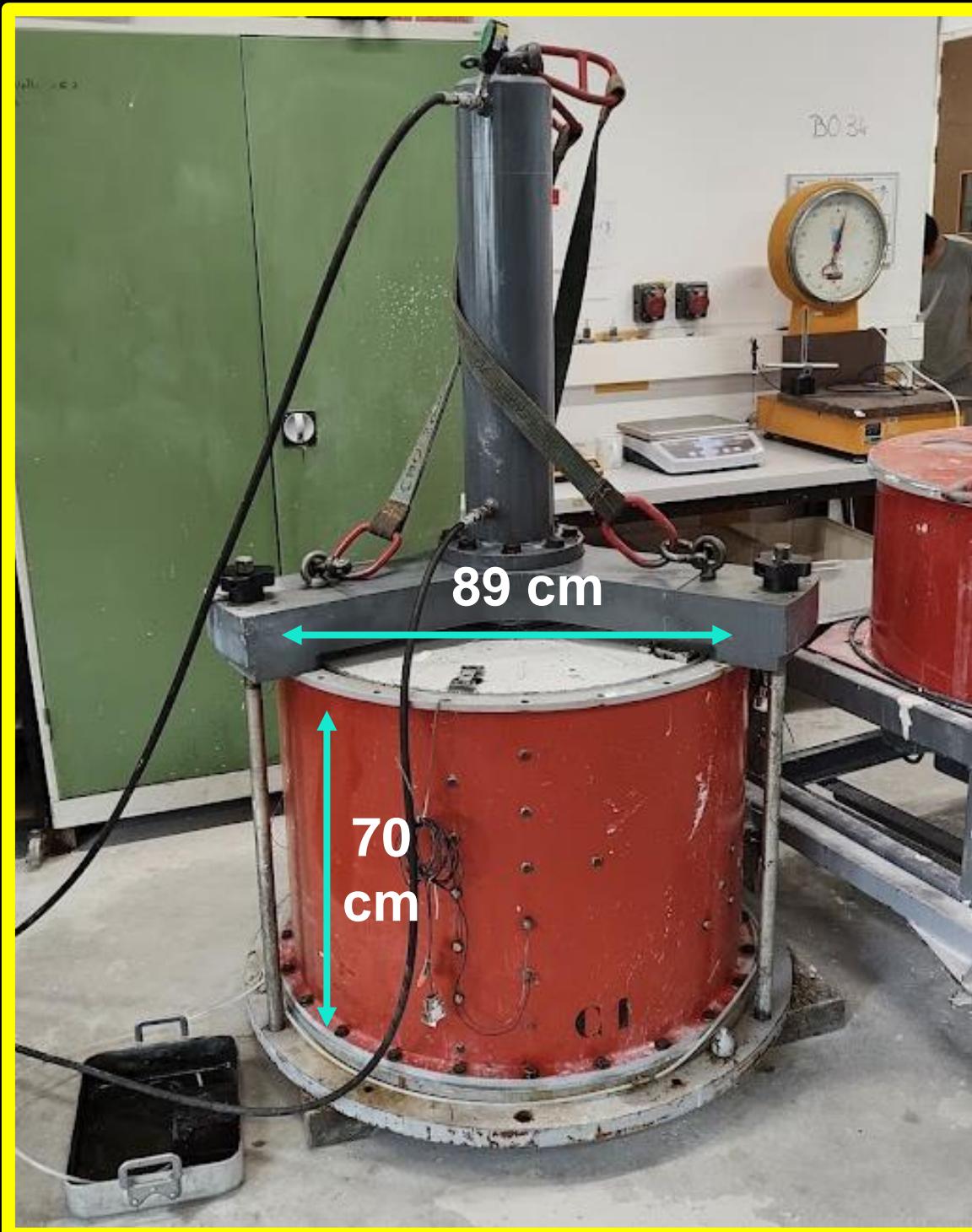


Based on MUTANC project
Shared anchors in sand

WP2: Physical modelling

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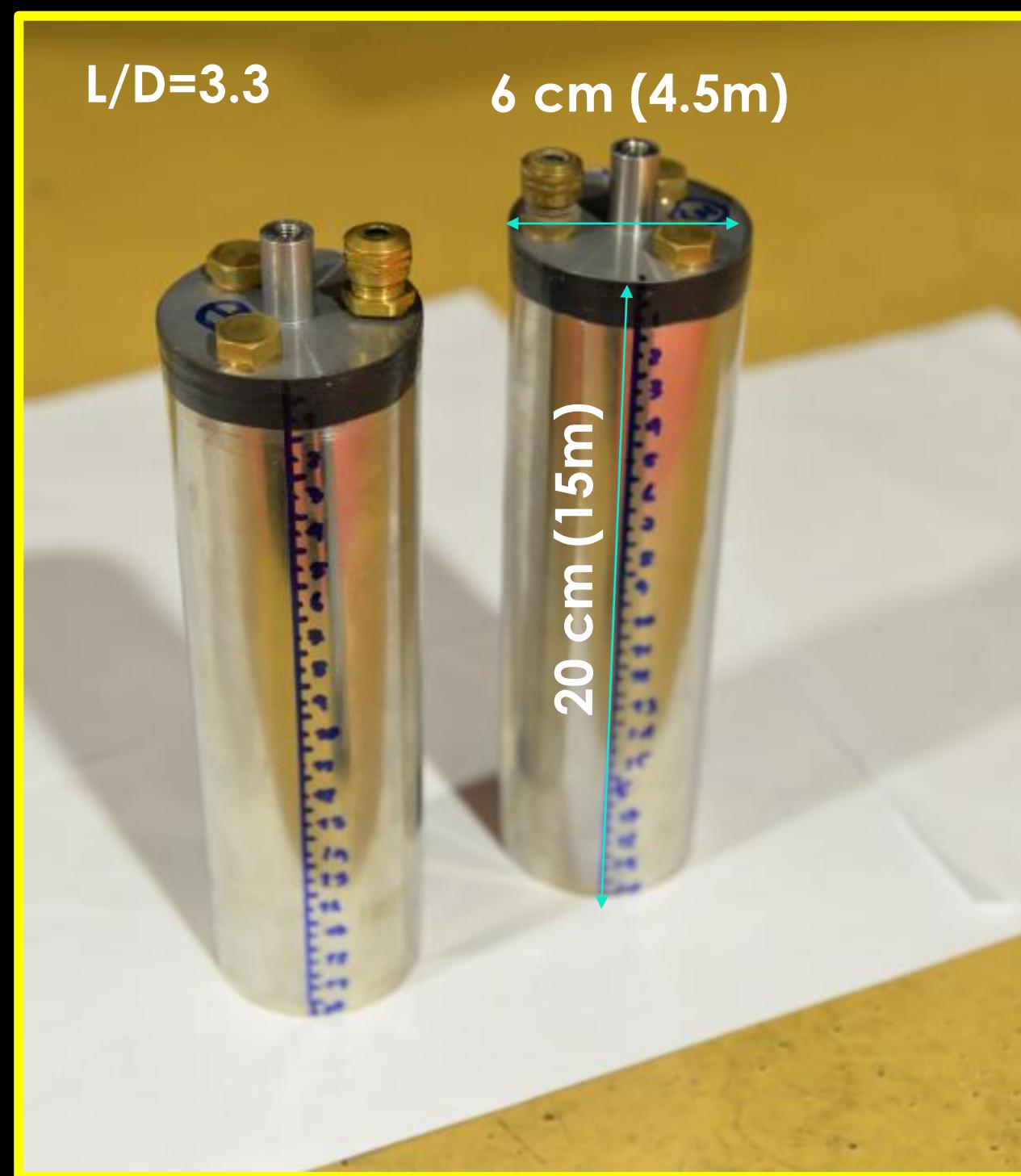
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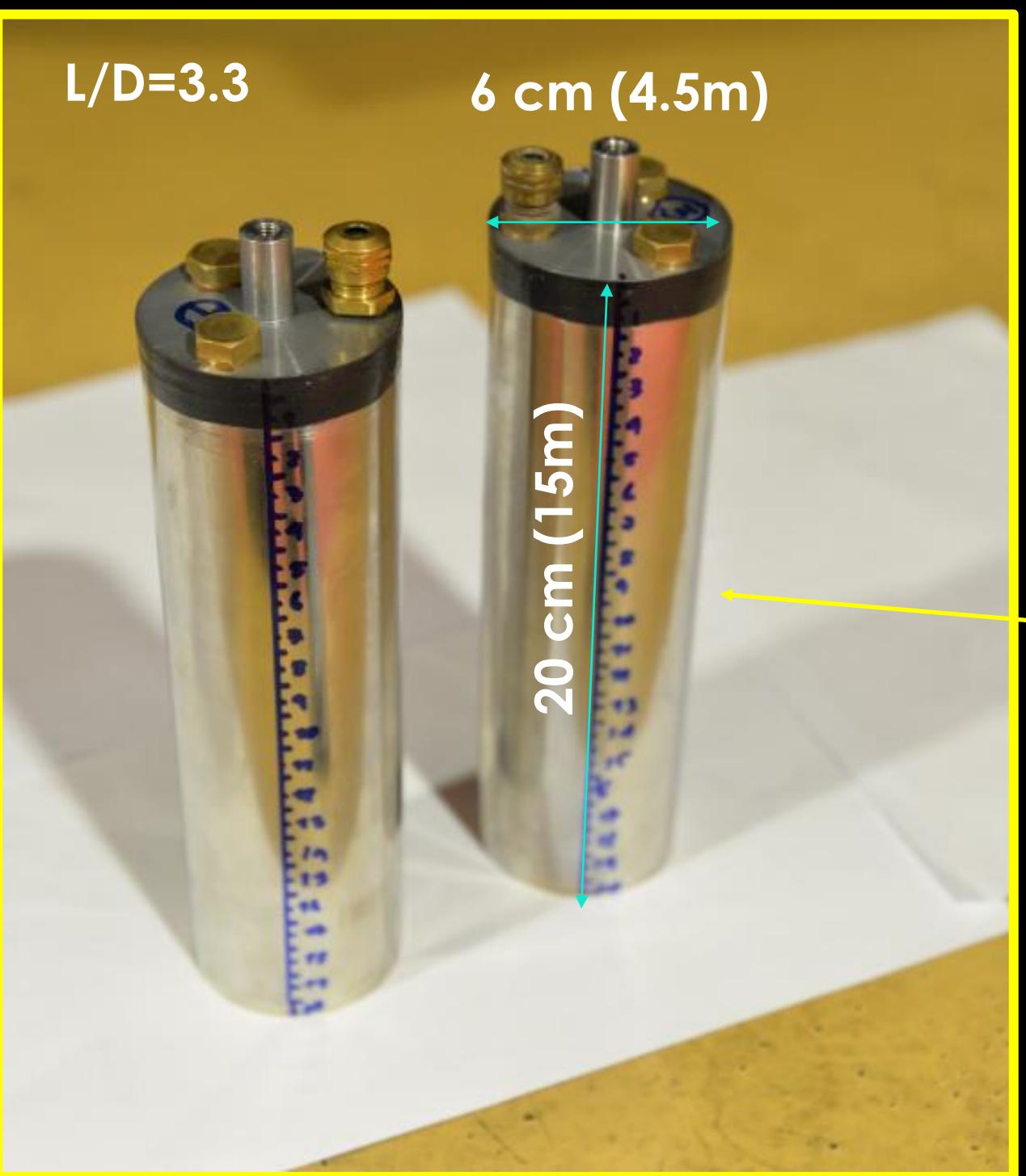
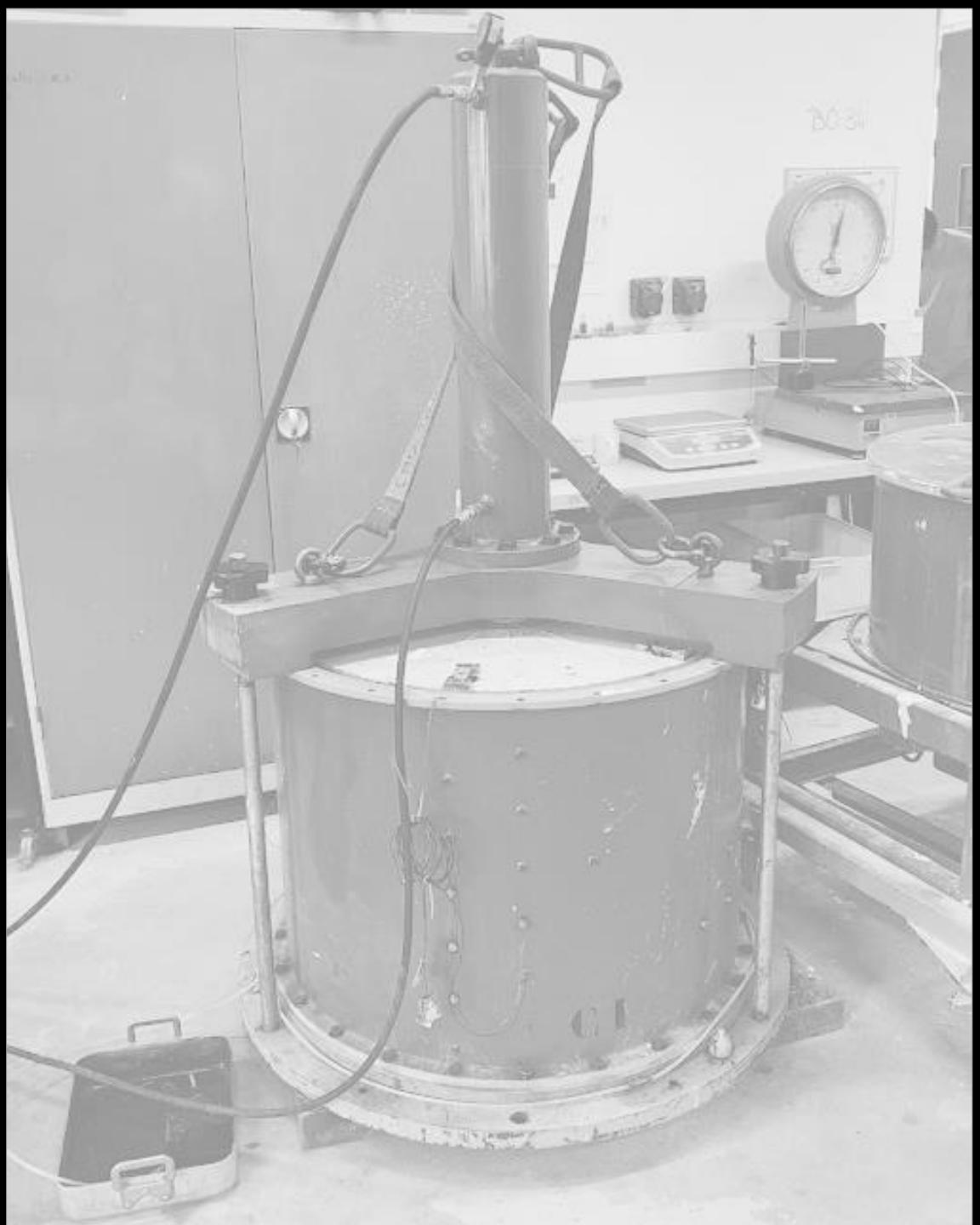
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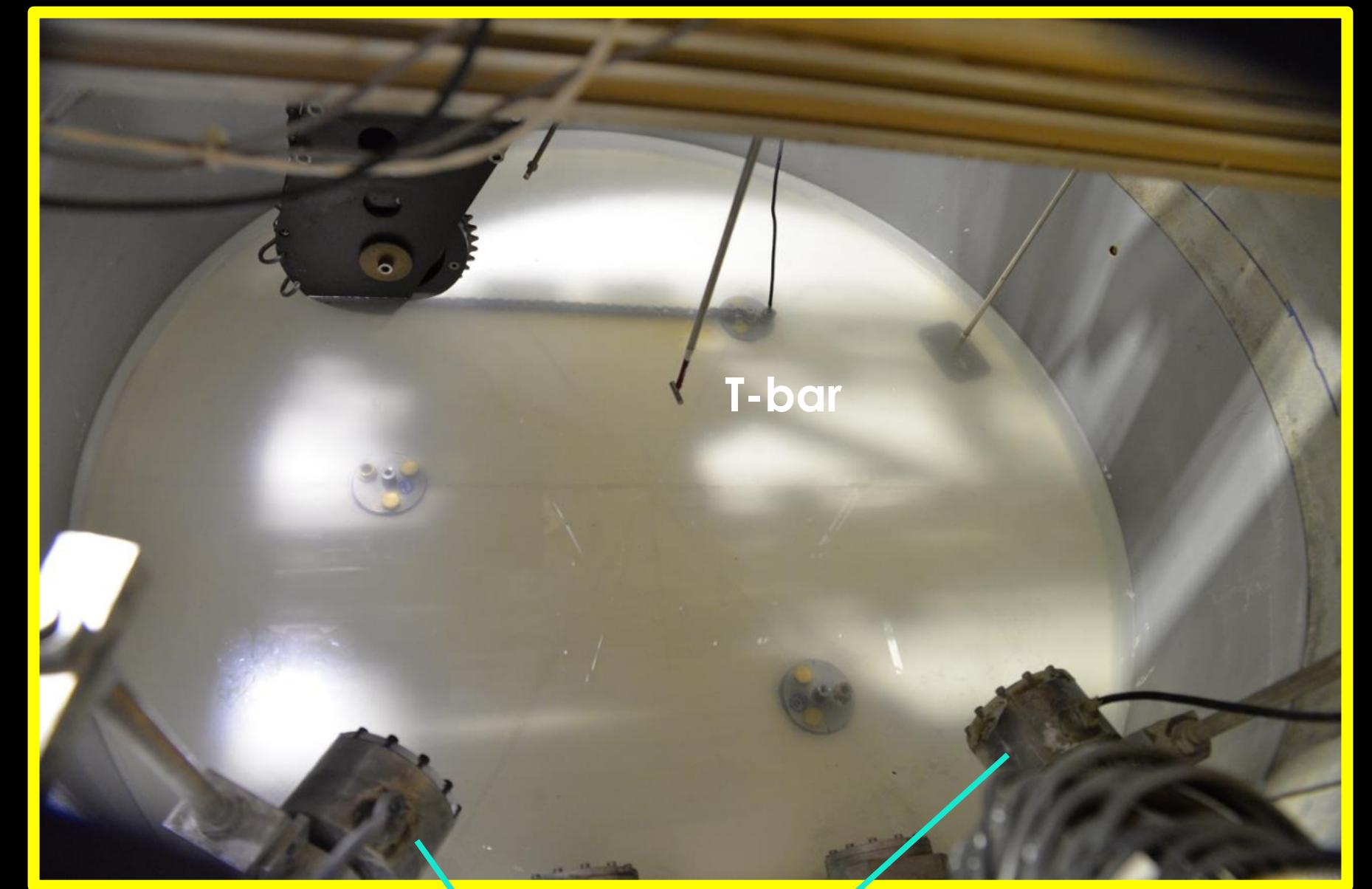
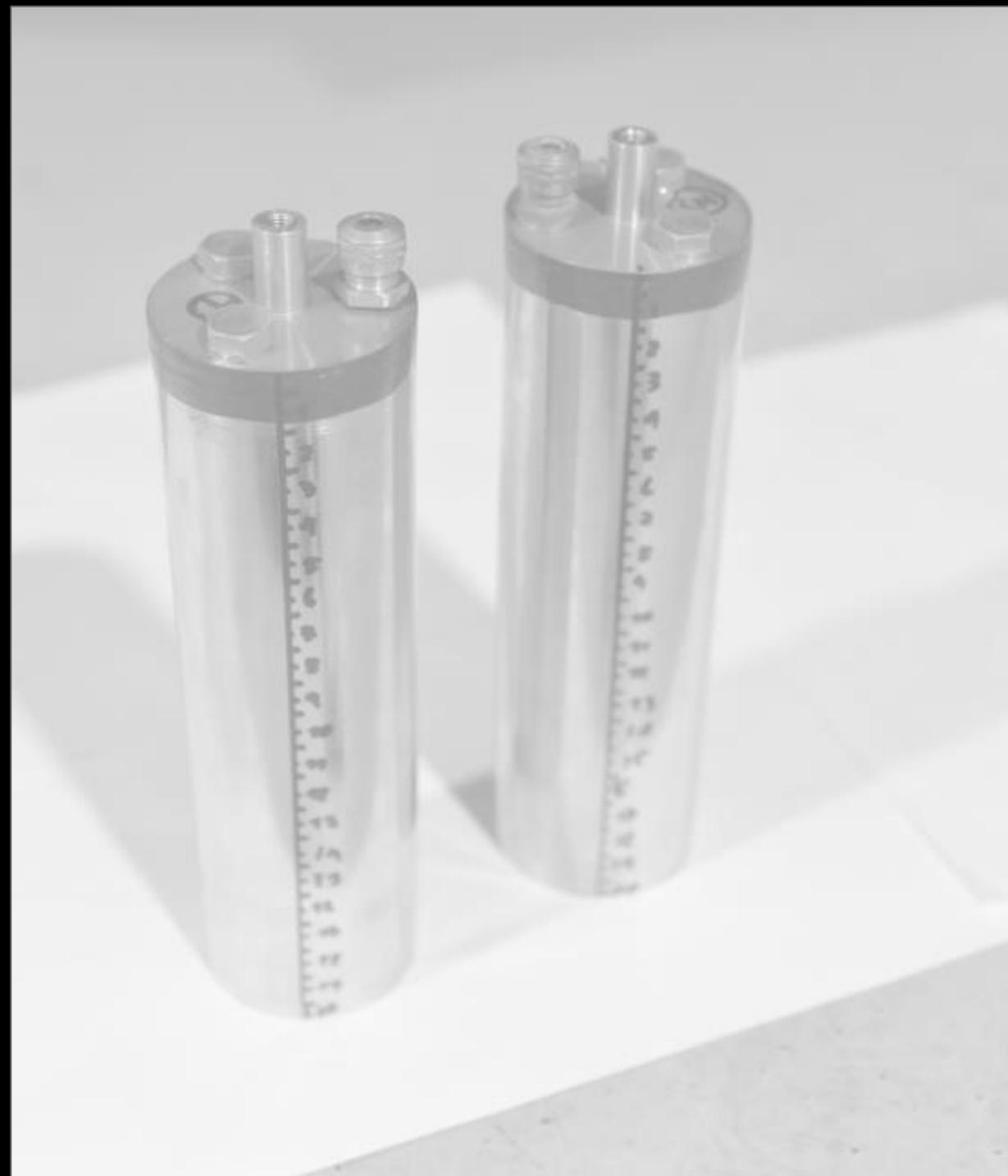
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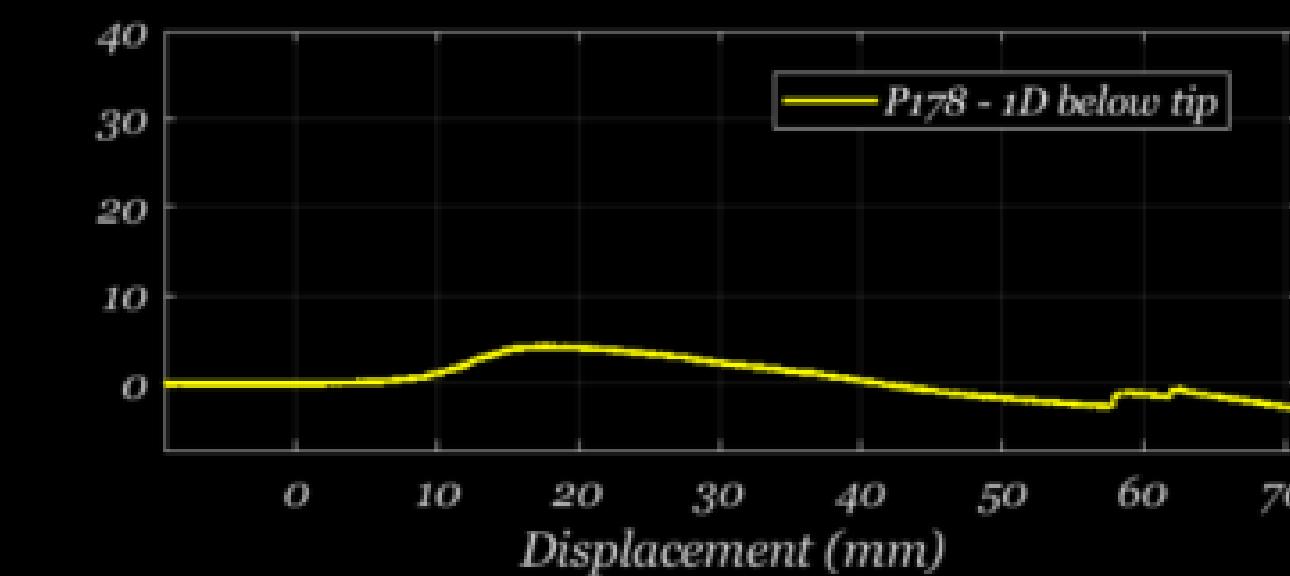
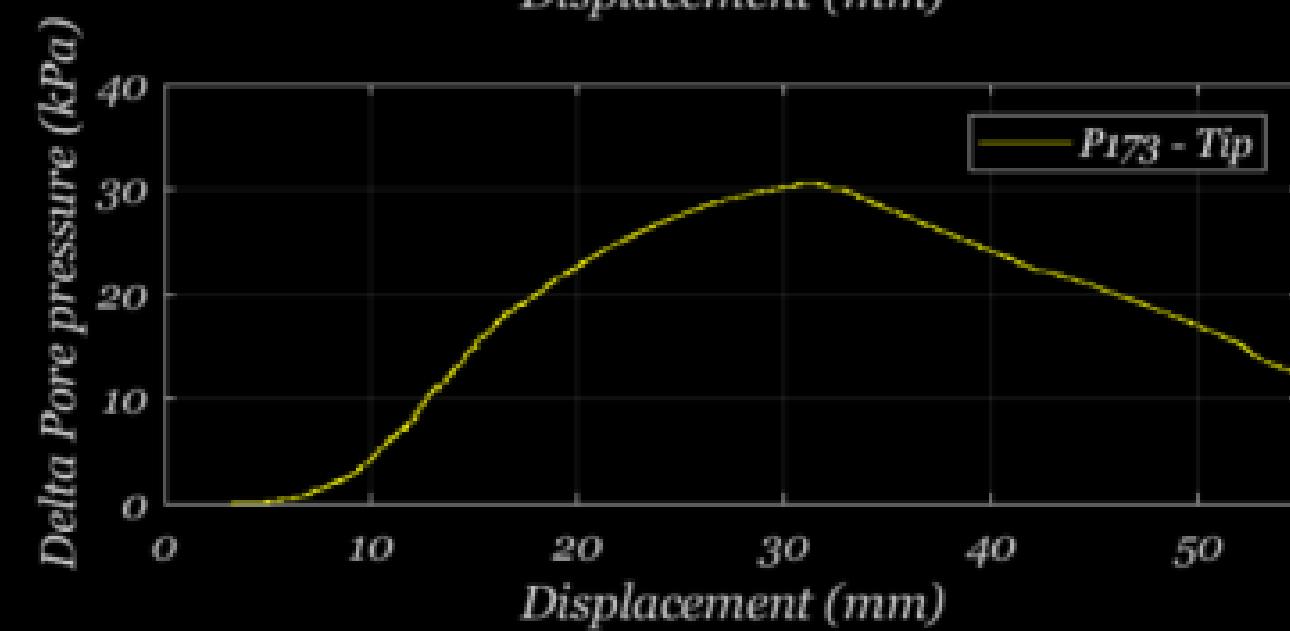
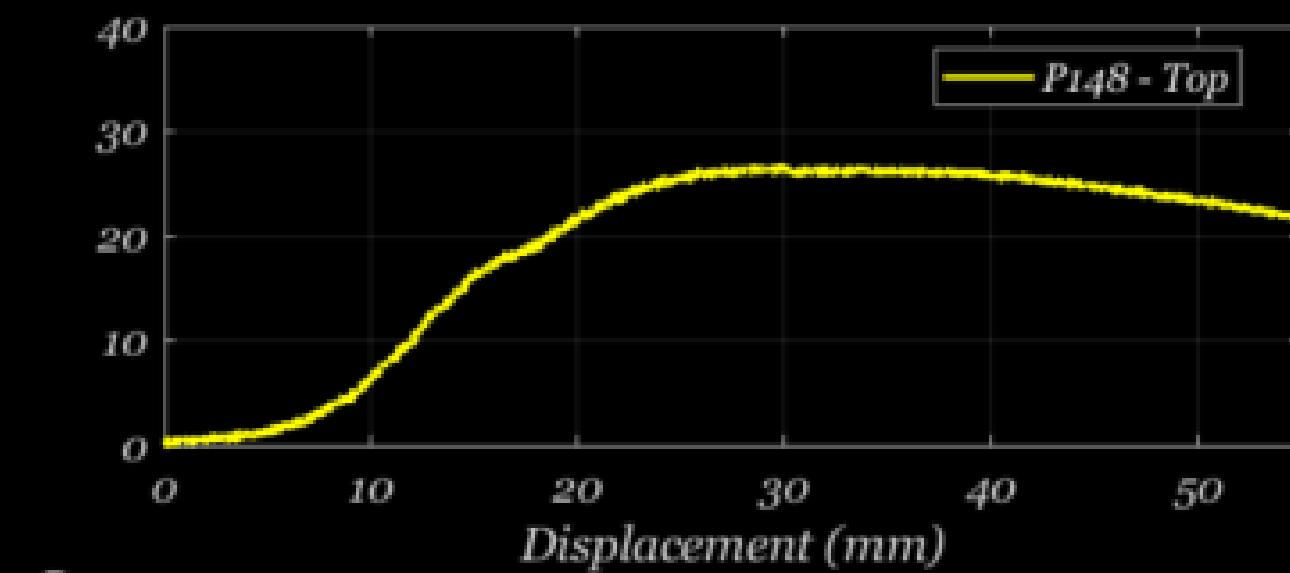
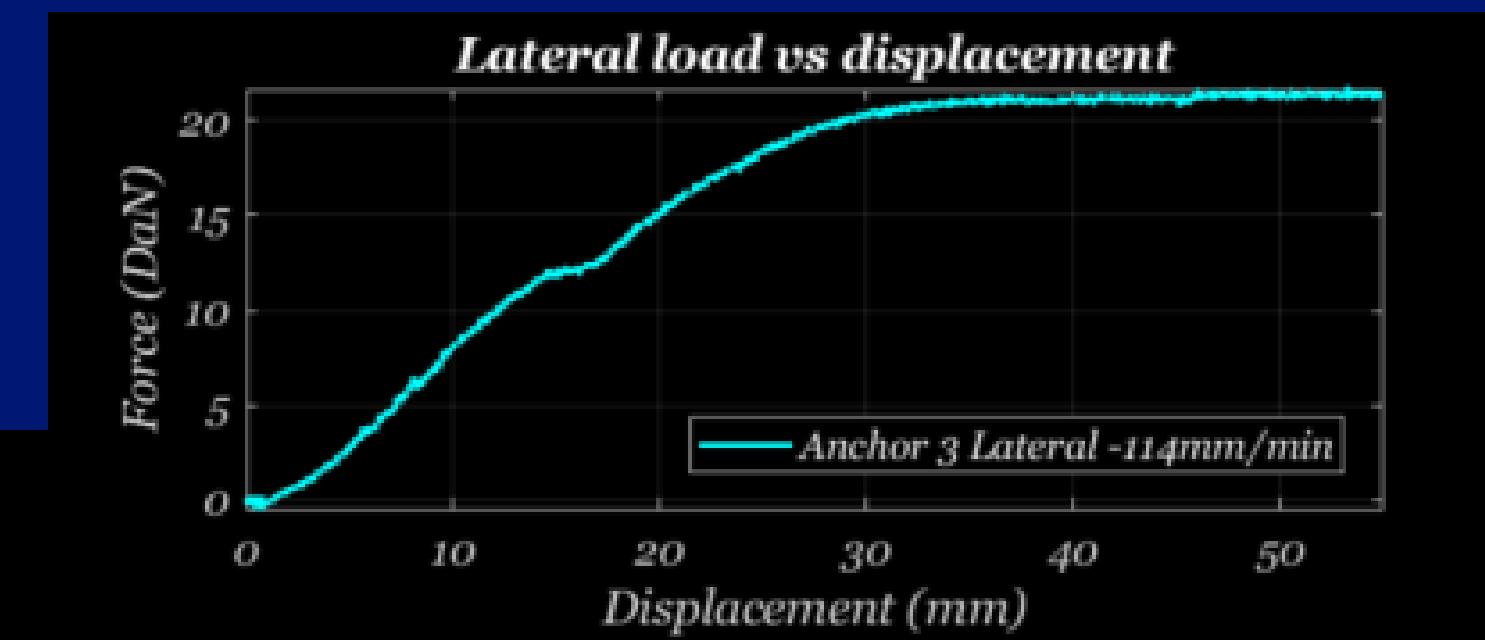
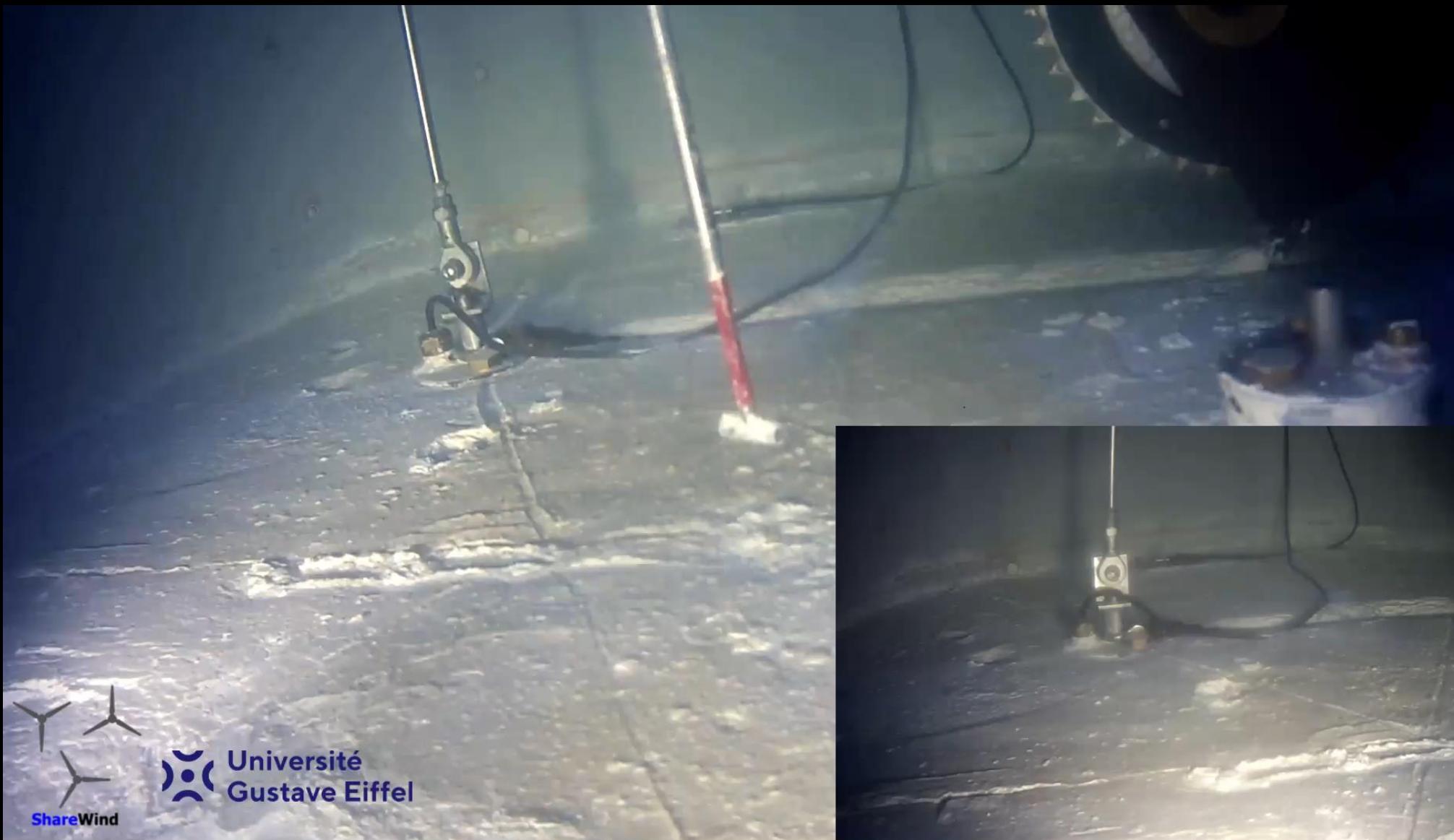
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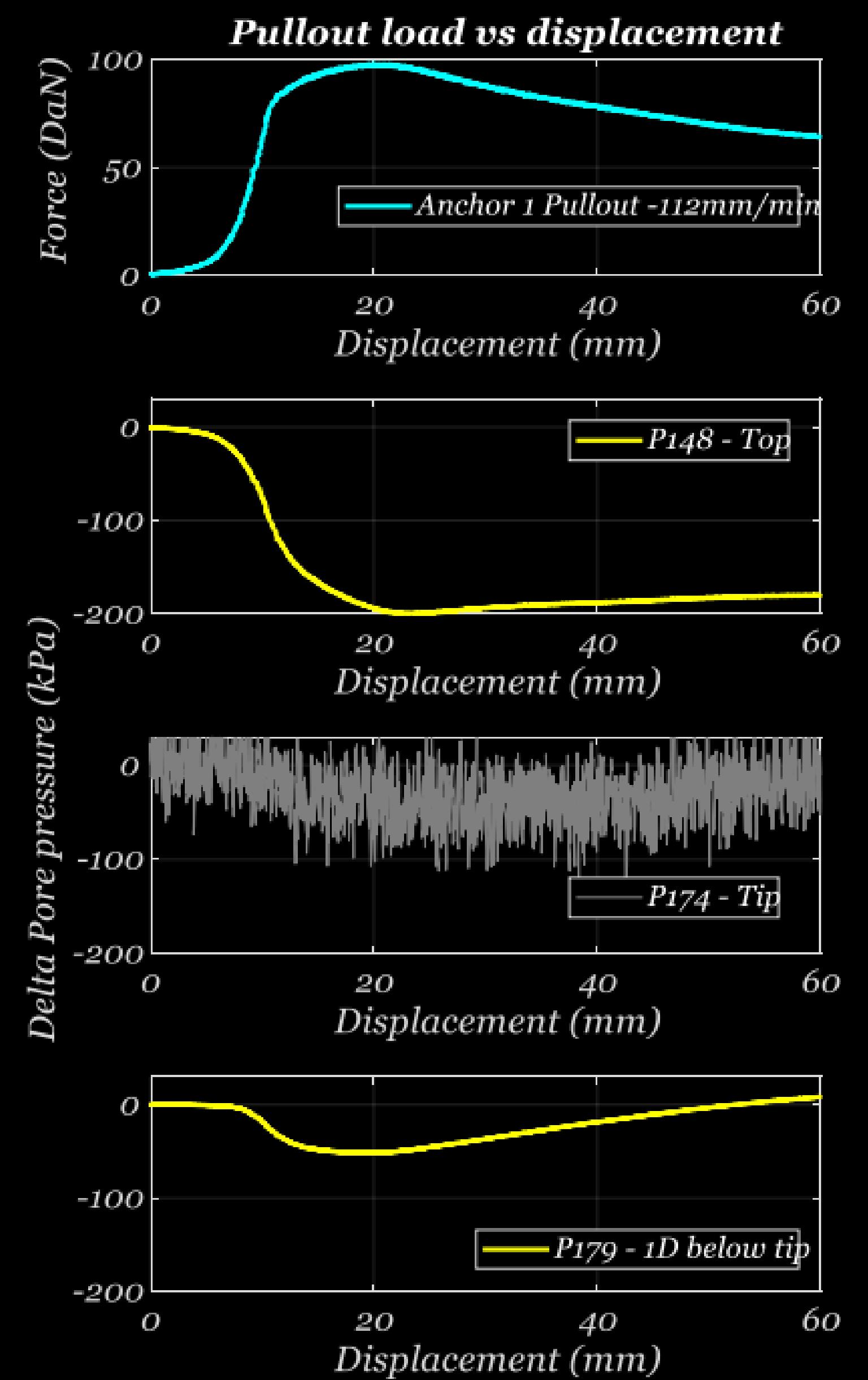
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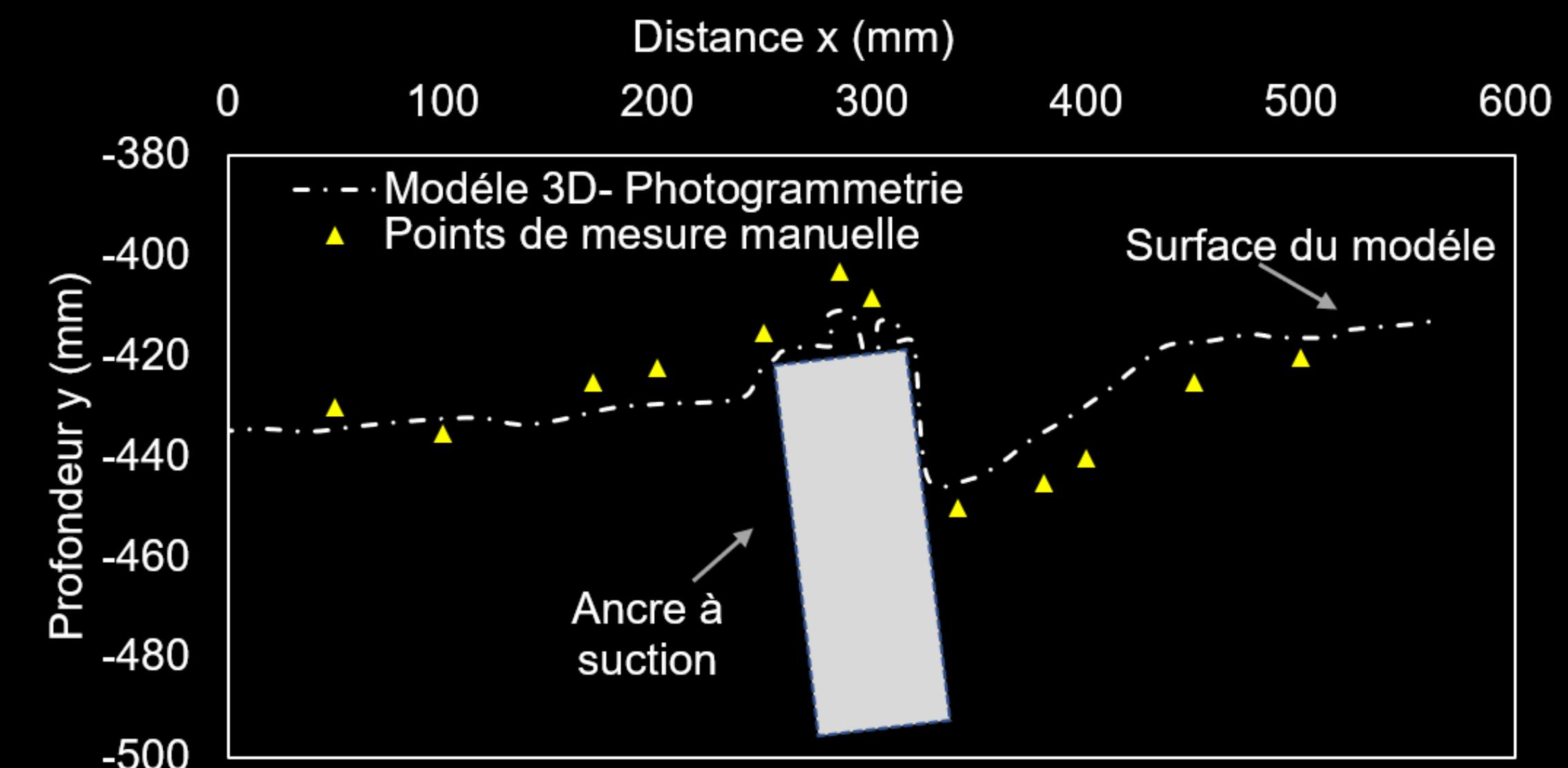
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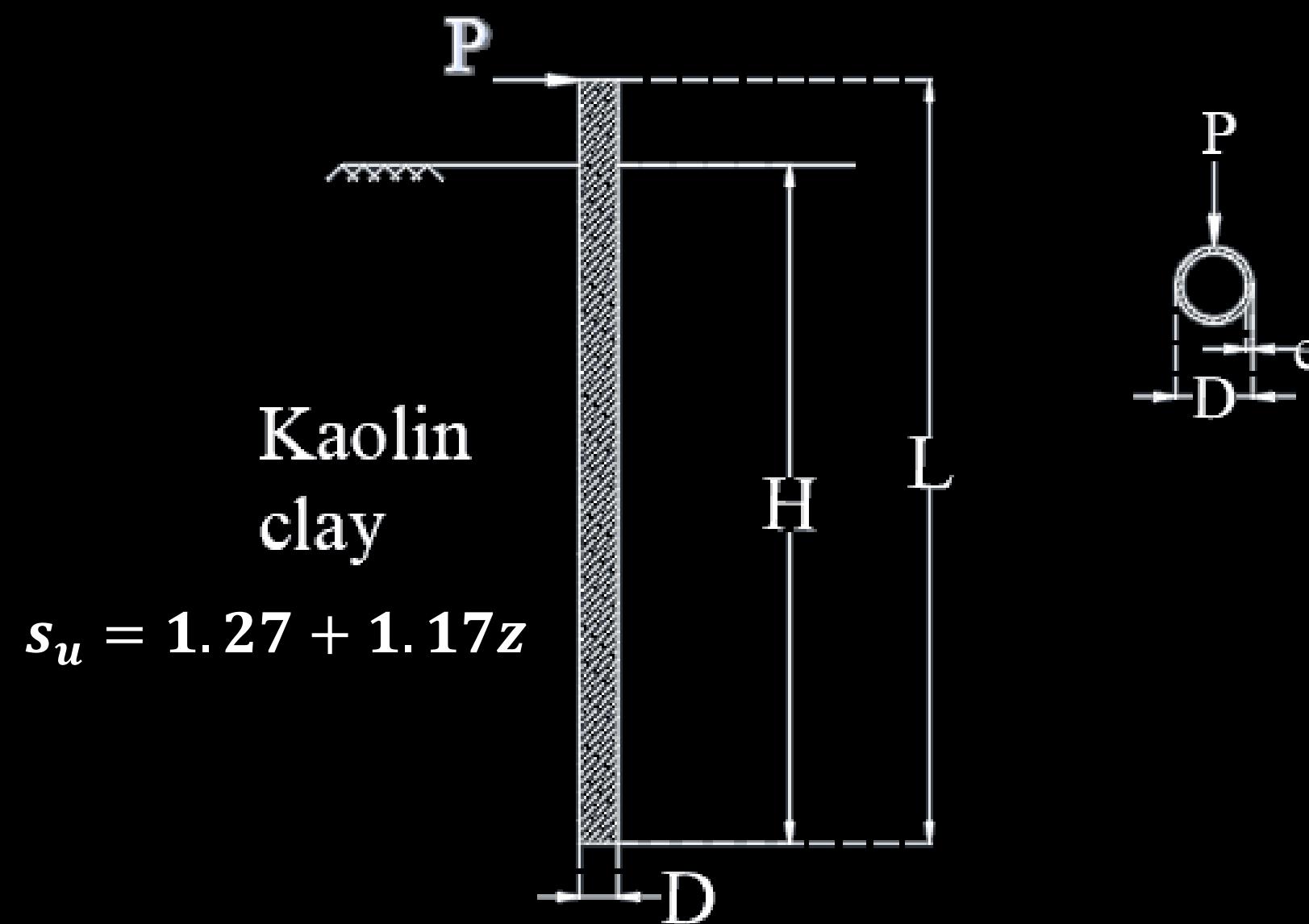
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Implementation of photogrammetry



WP1 and WP3: Numerical modelling

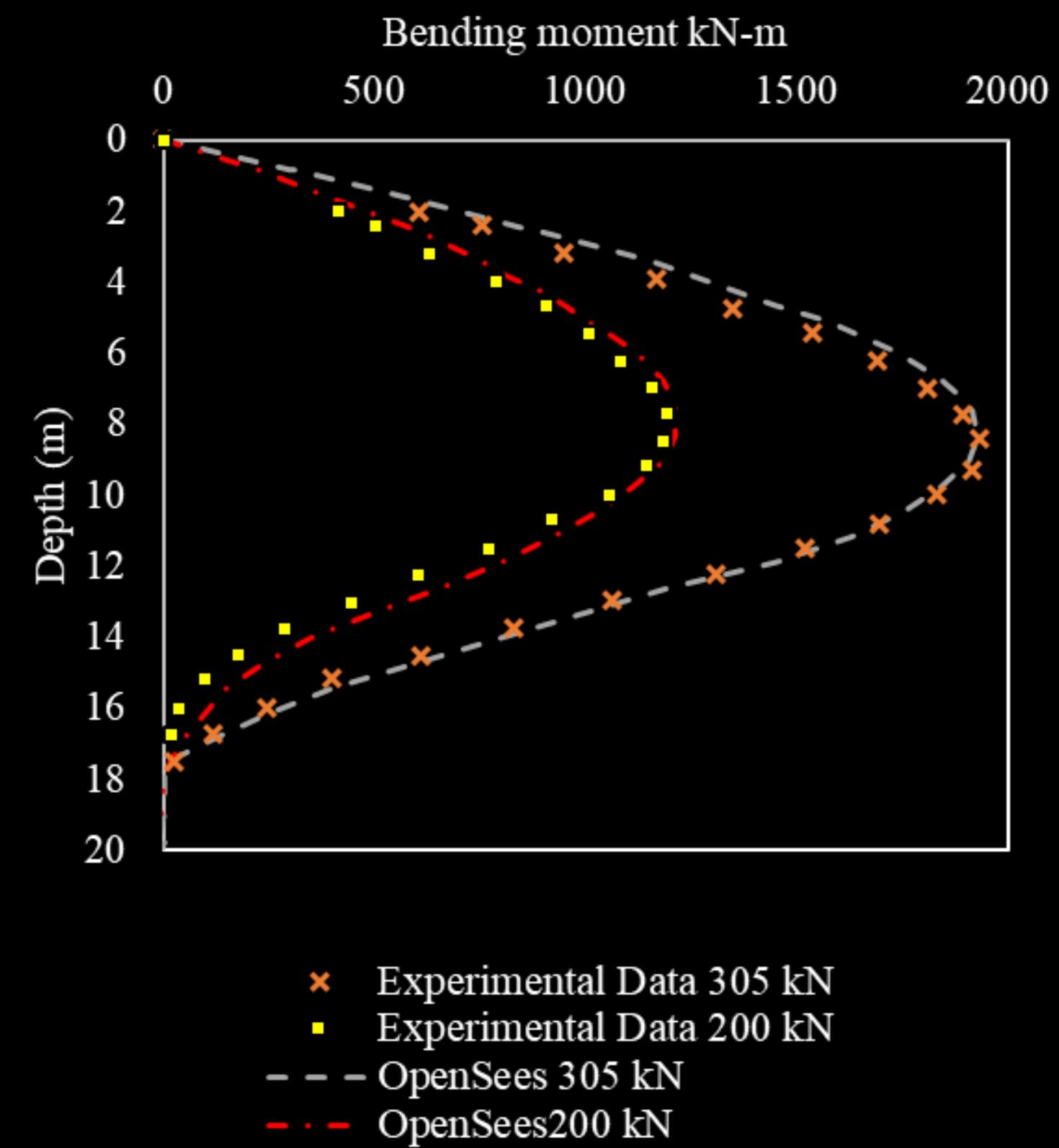
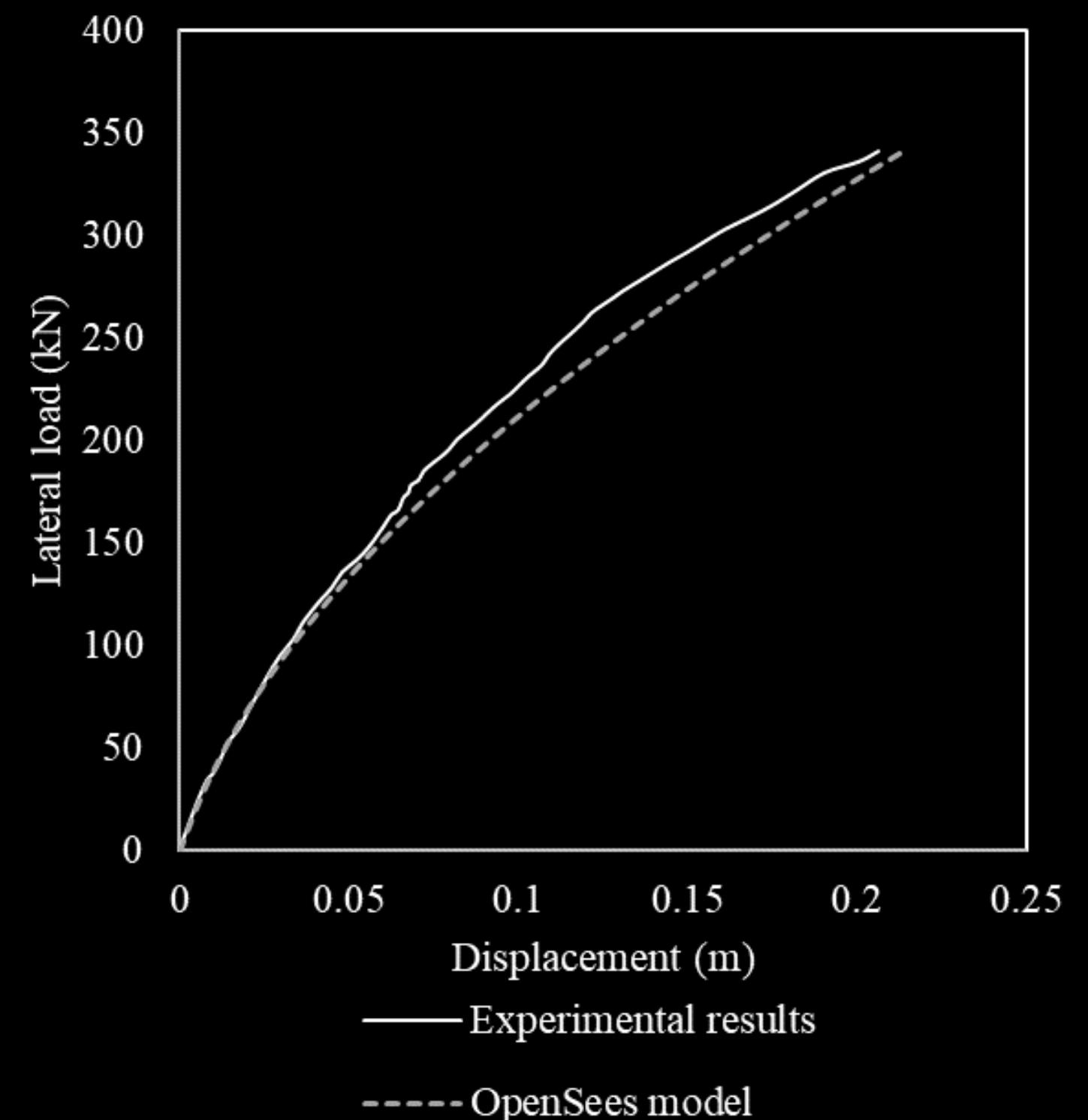
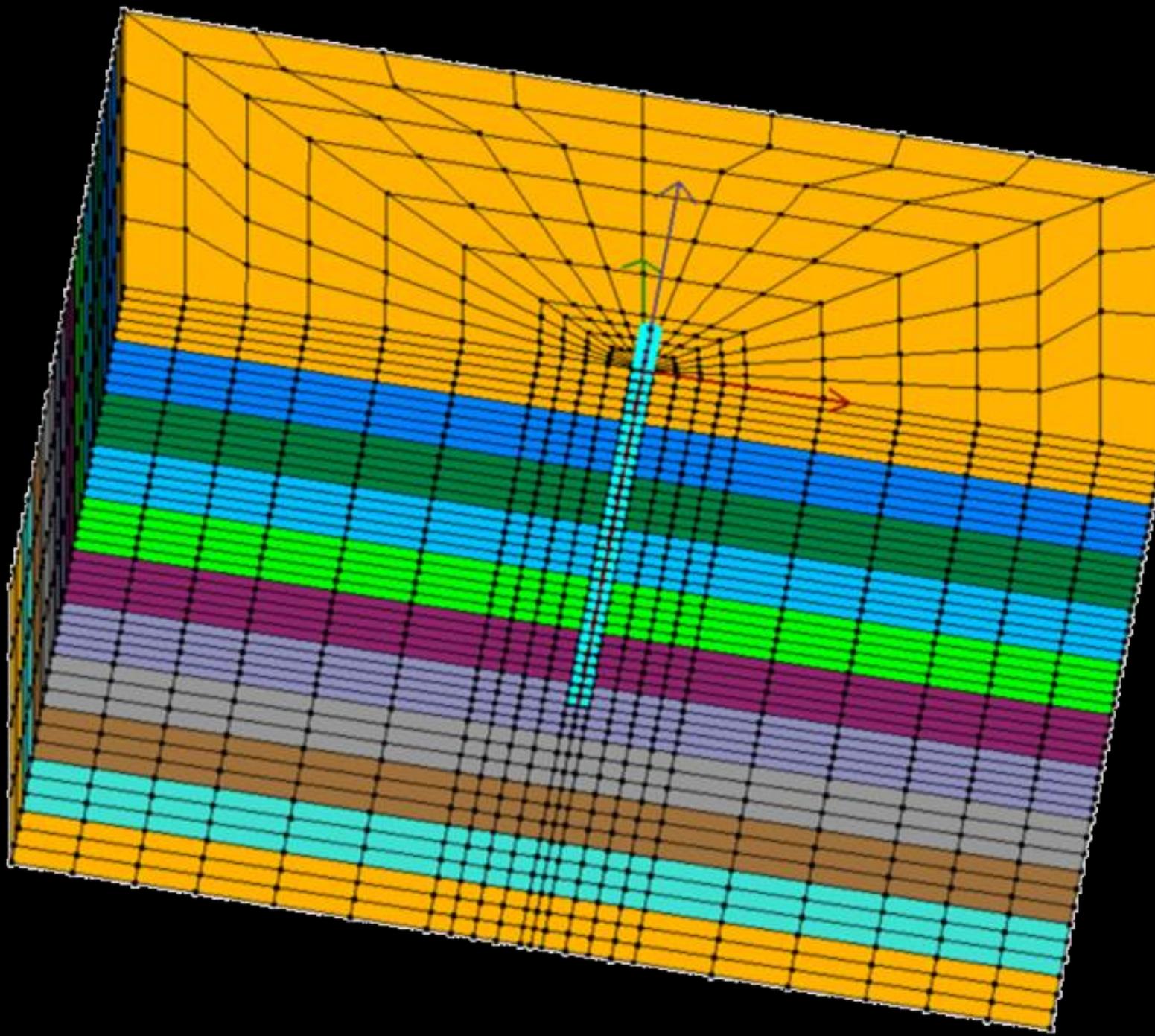
Methodology for cyclic loading: pile installed in clay
SOLCYP project Khemakhem (2011)



Parameter	Model dimensions (1/50)	Prototype dimensions
Length, L	360 mm	18 m
Embedded length, H	320 mm	16 m
Diameter, D	18 mm	0.954 m*
Wall thickness, e	1 mm	40 mm*
Modulus of elasticity, E	74 Gpa (aluminum)	74 Gpa (aluminum)
Flexural rigidity, EI	-	895 MNm ²

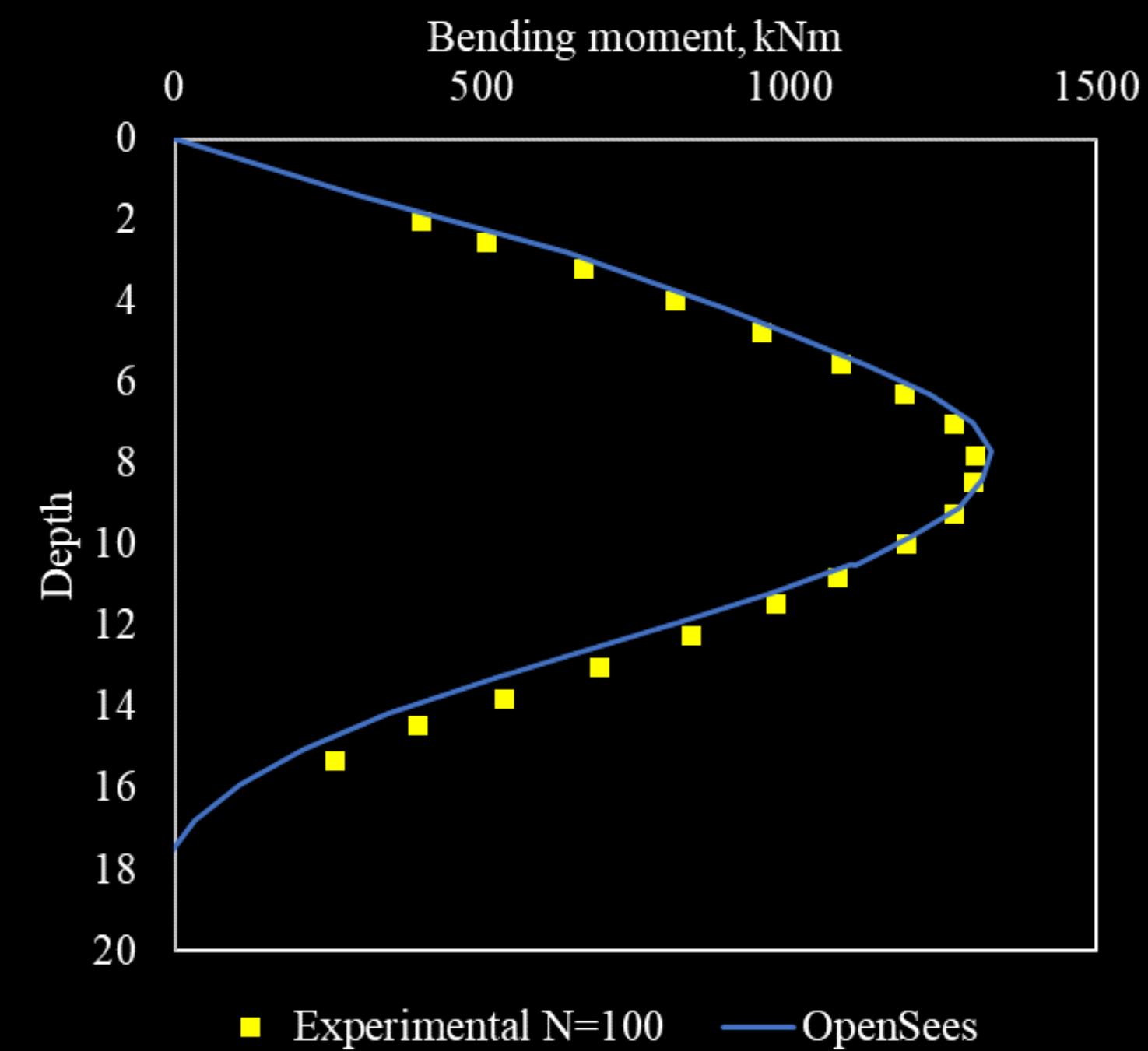
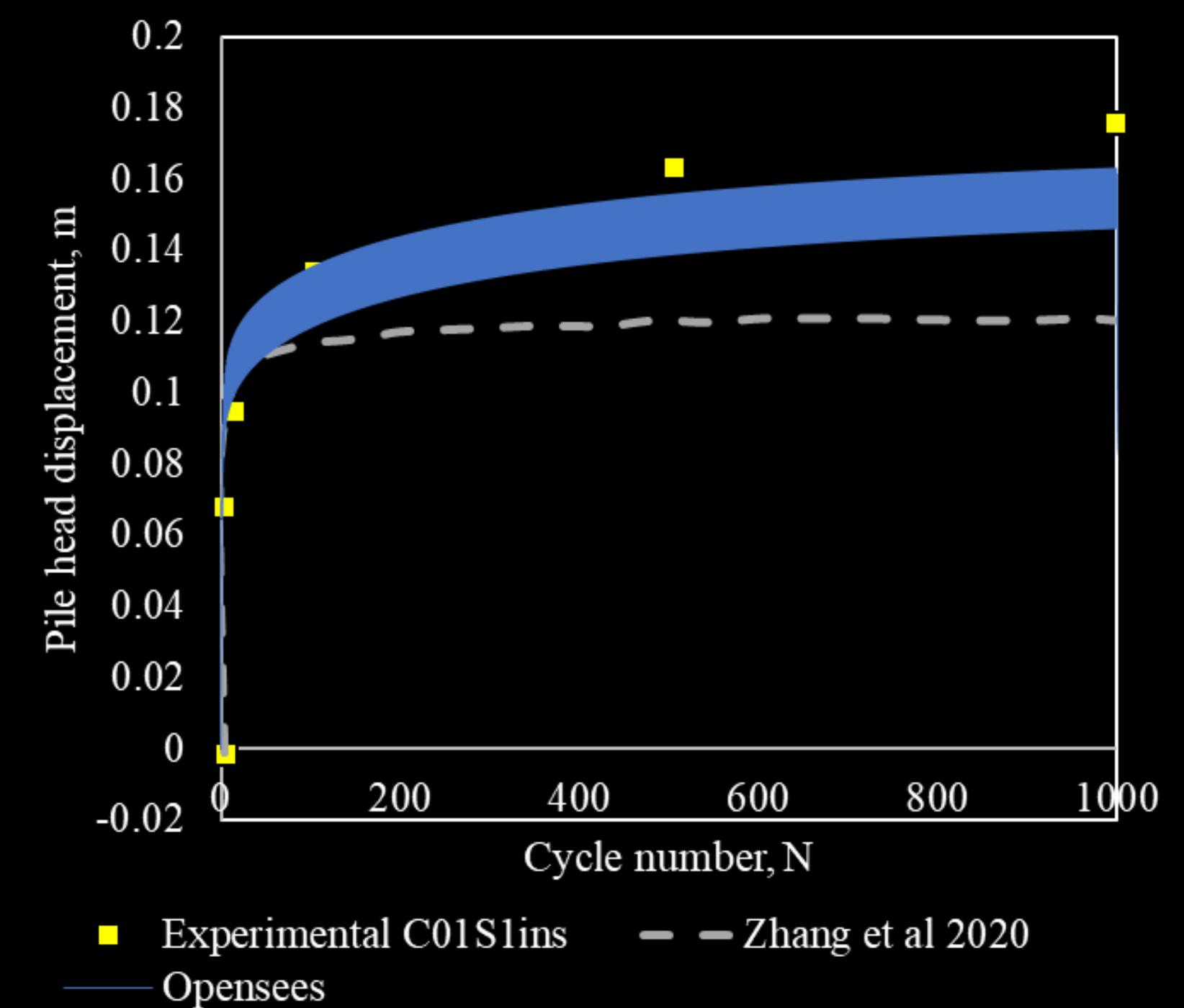
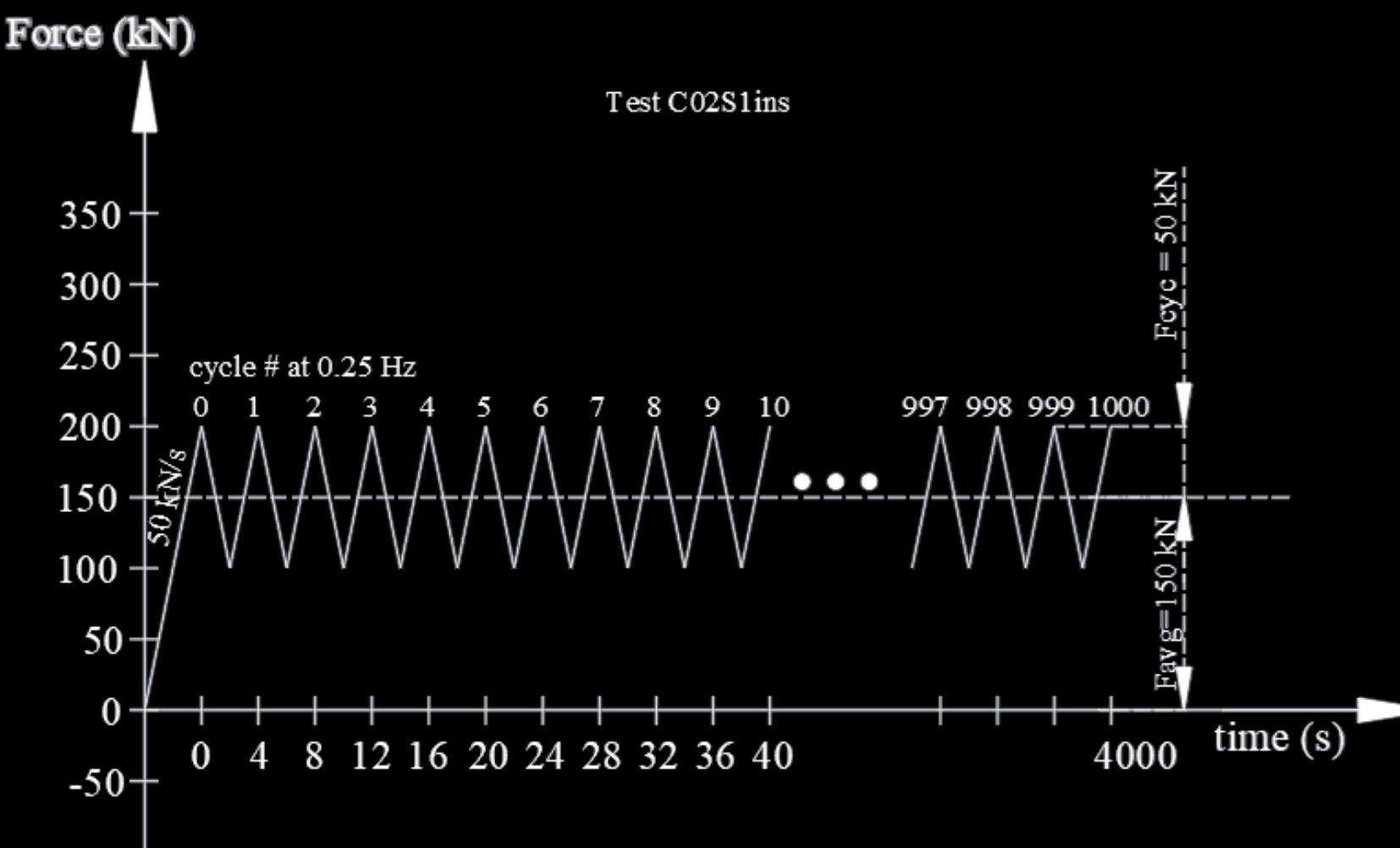
WP1 and WP3: Numerical modelling

Monotonic load – Model calibration in OpenSees



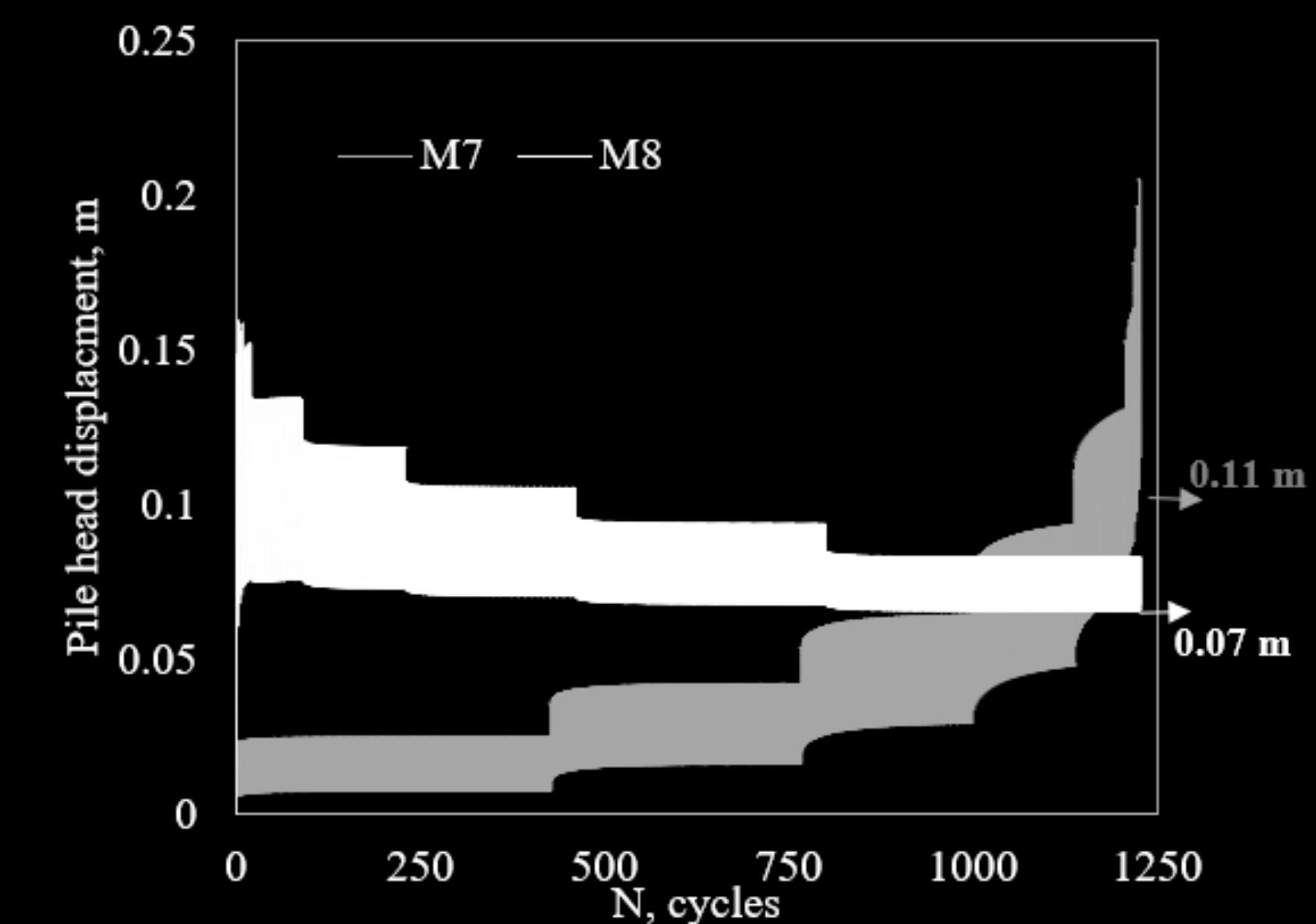
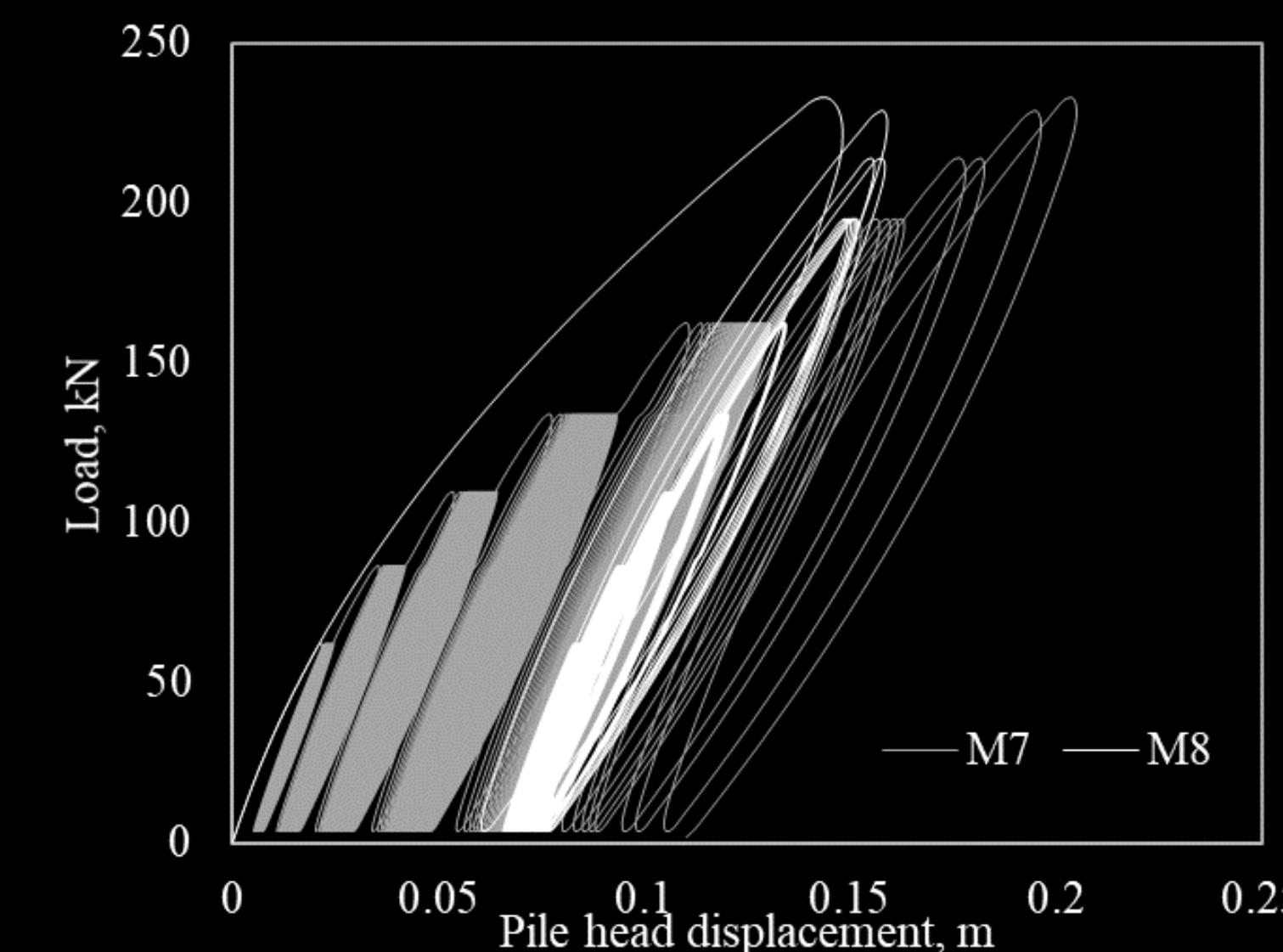
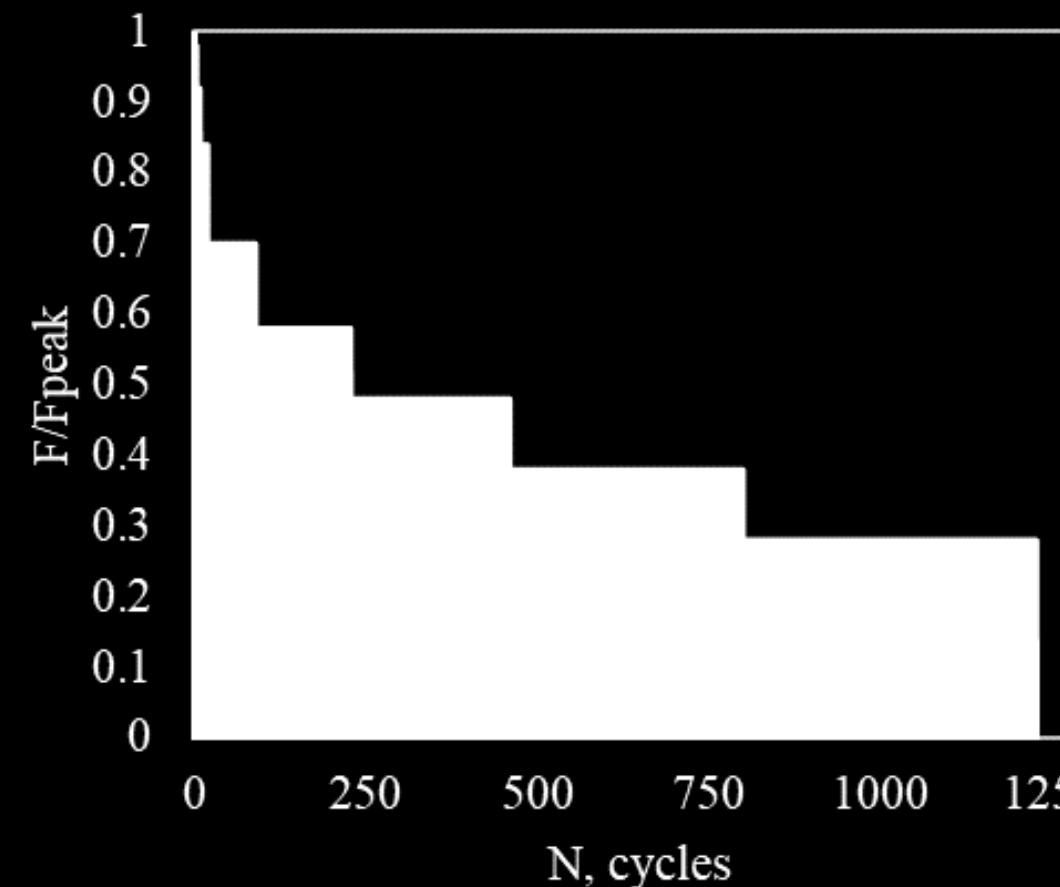
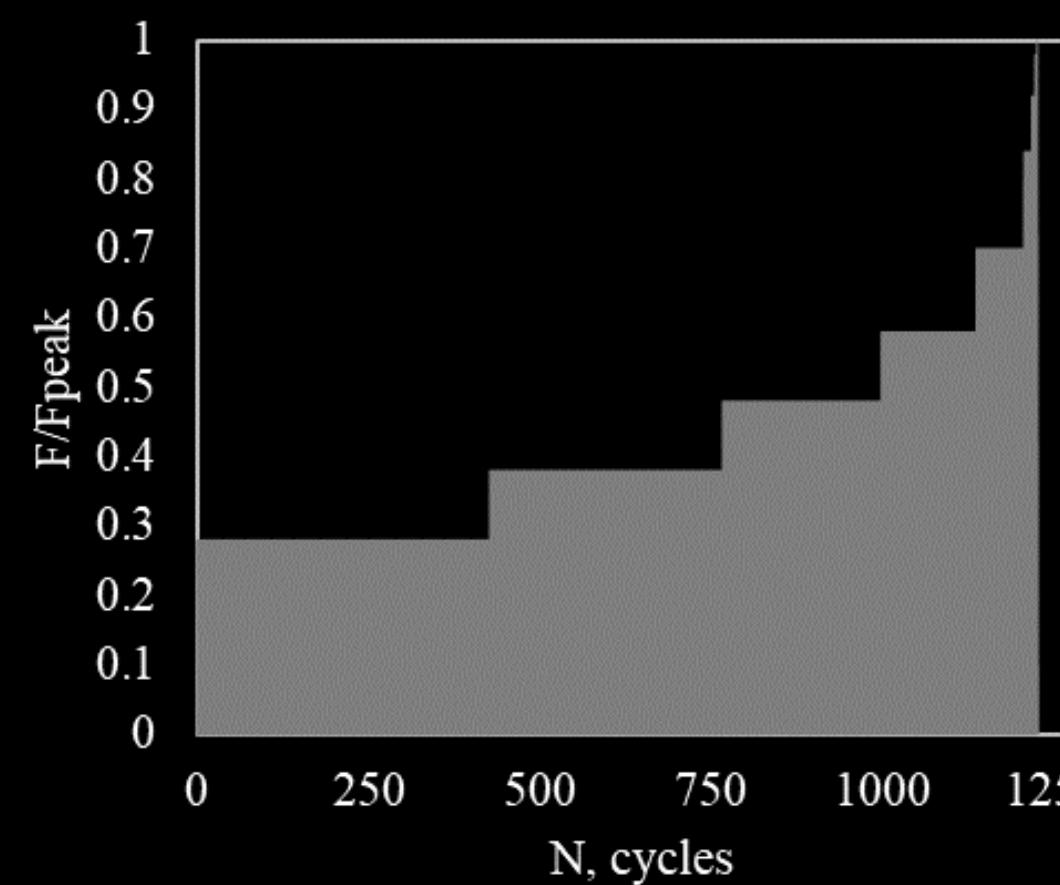
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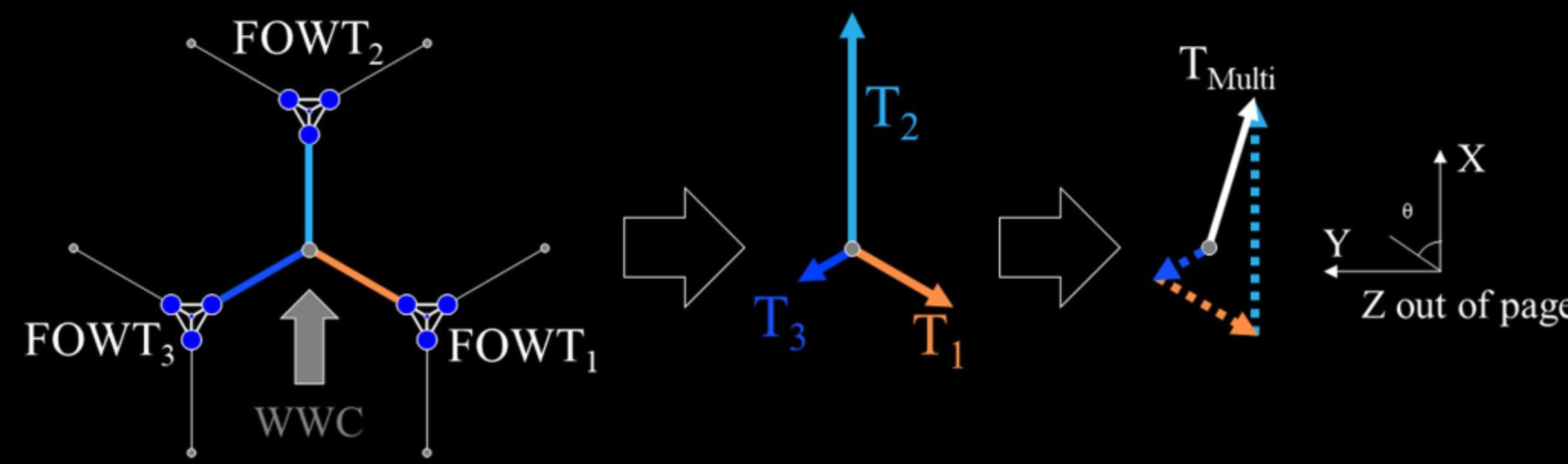
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Cyclic load – Application of variable amplitude loads (Andersen, 2015)

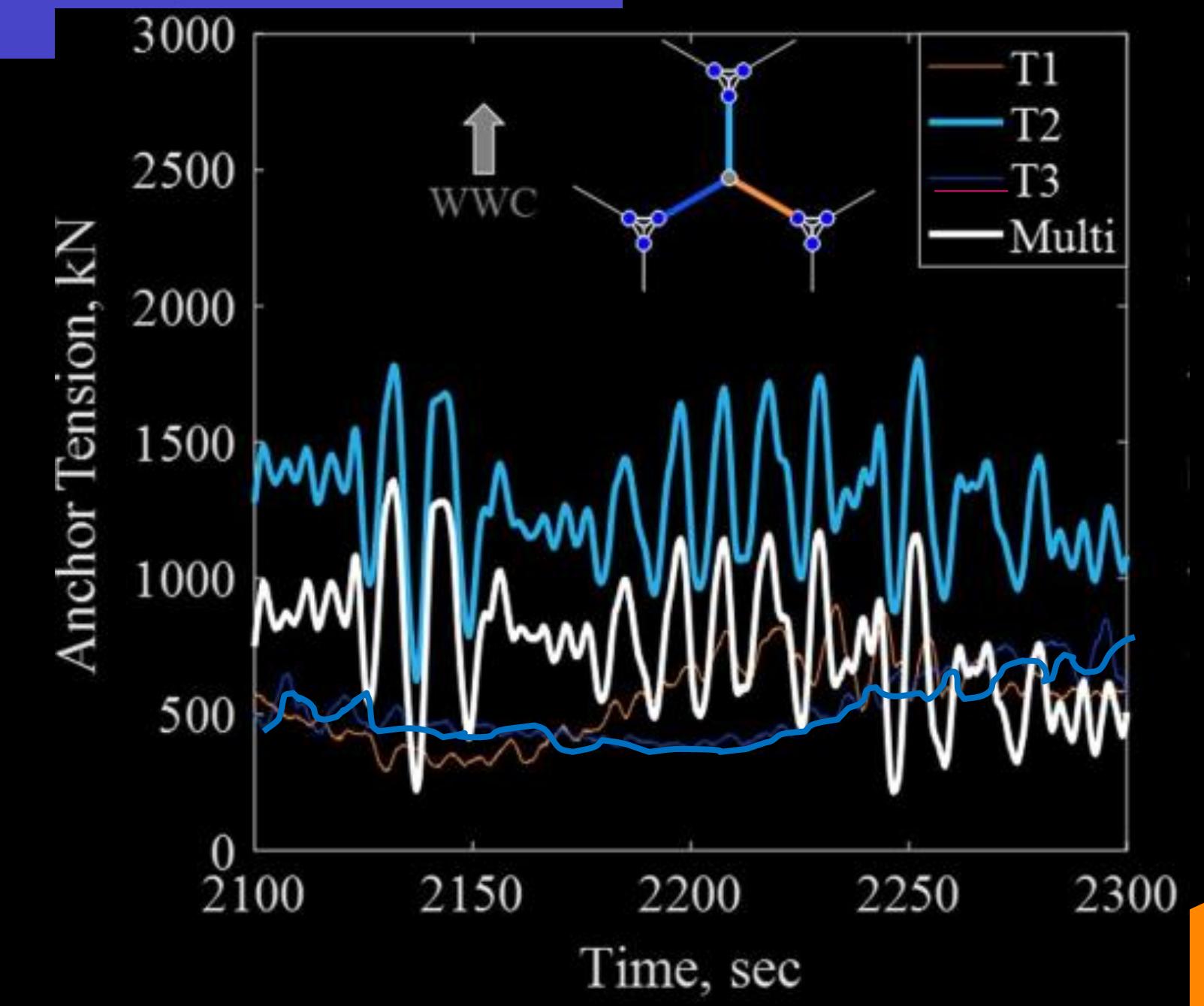


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Cyclic load – Multidirectional

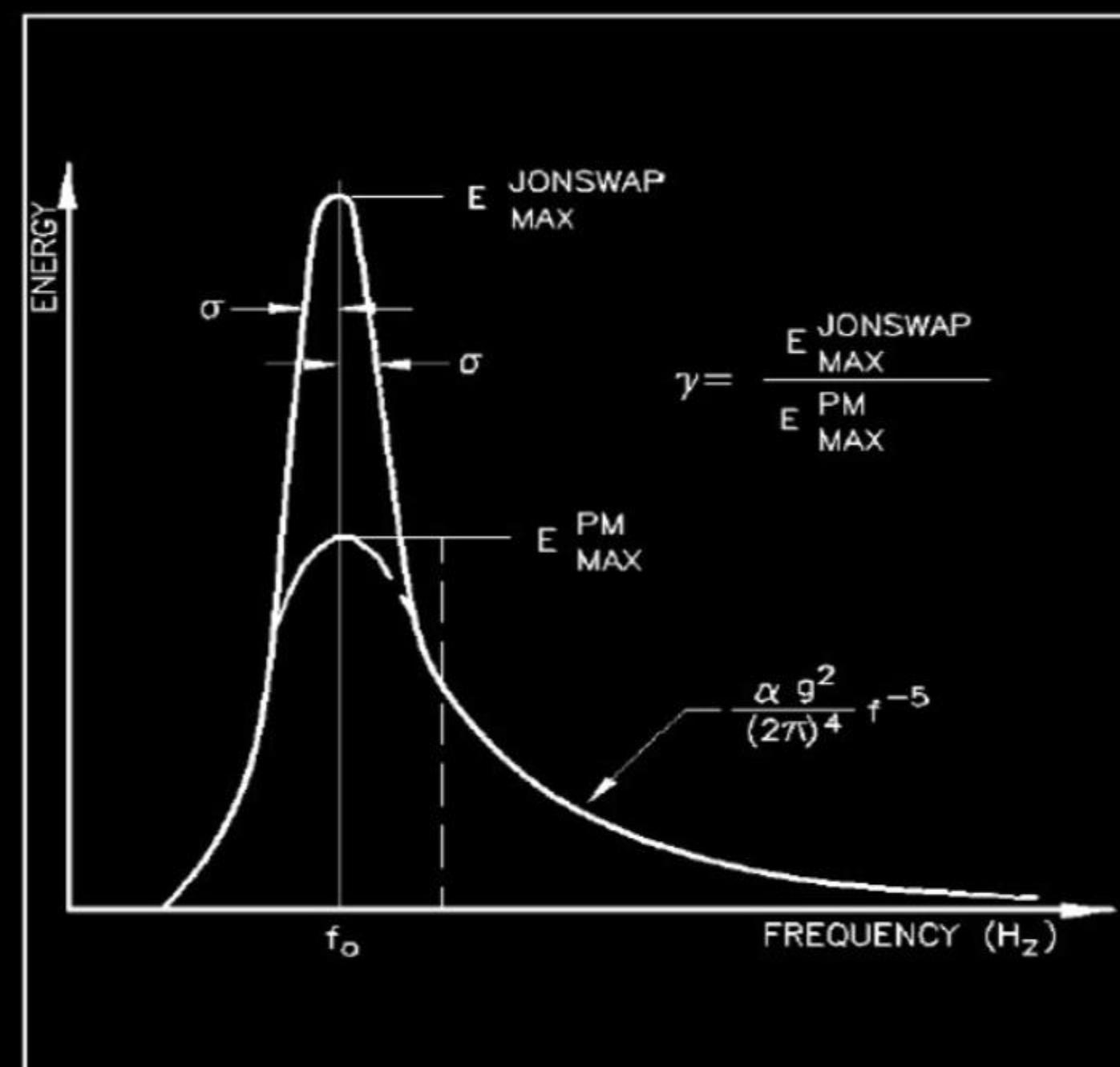


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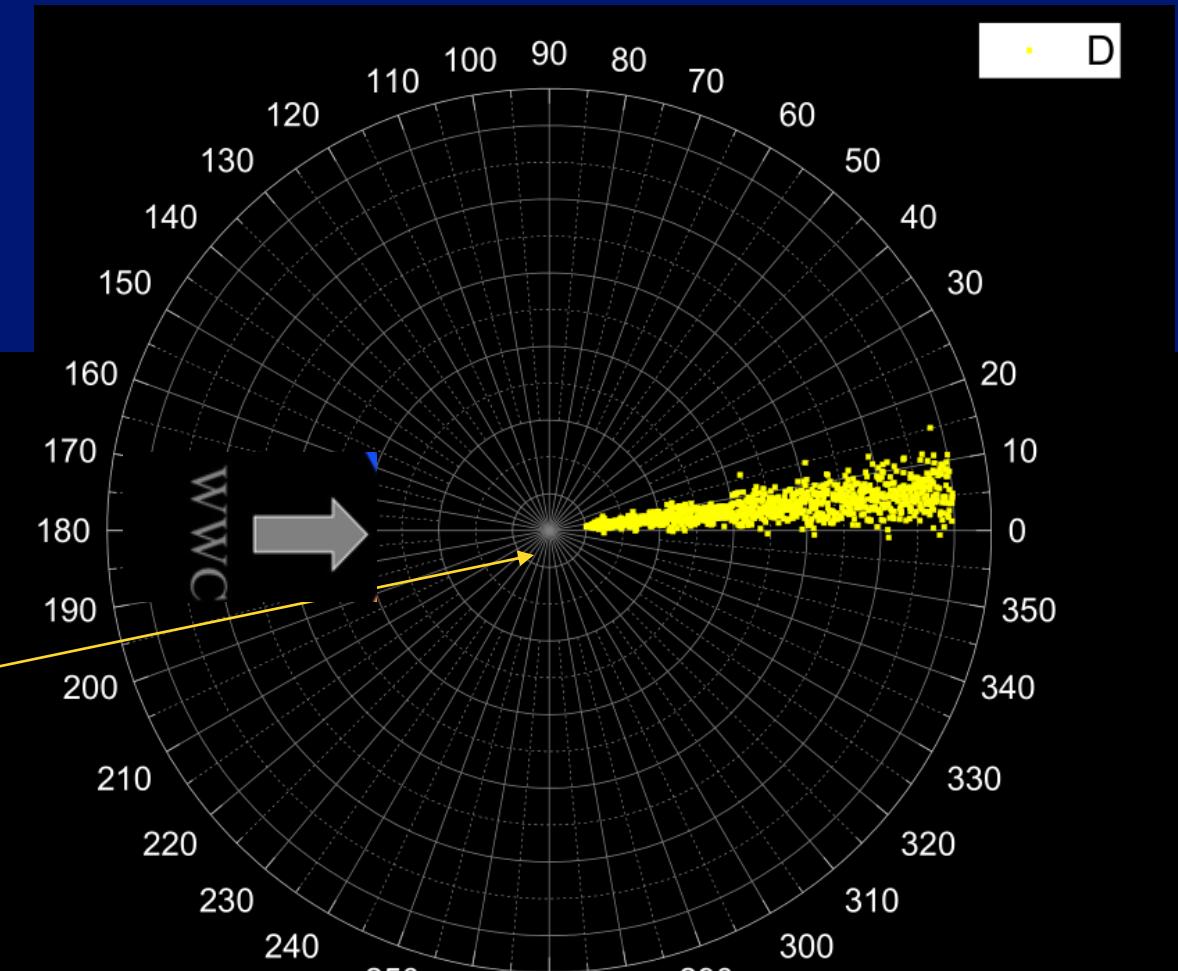
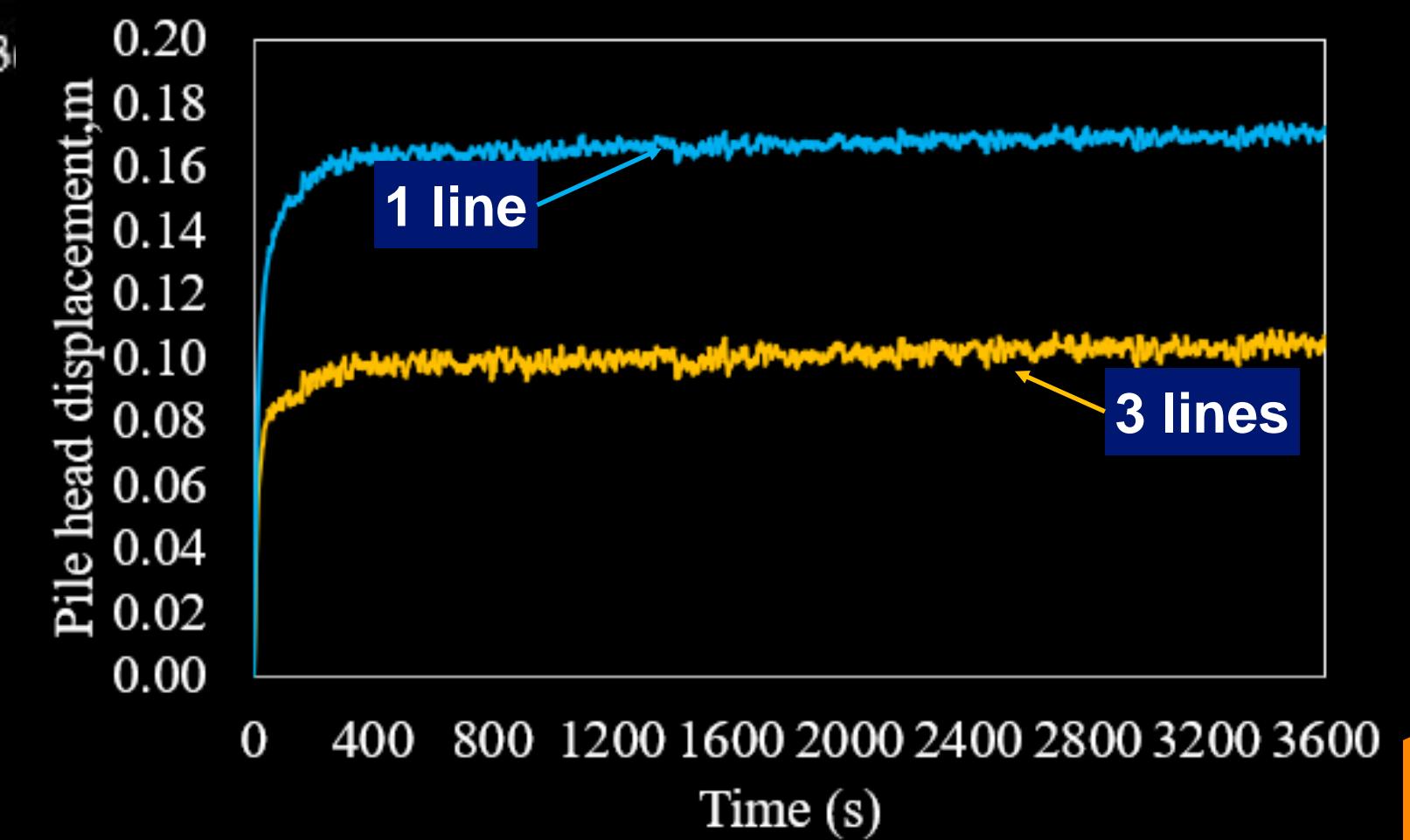
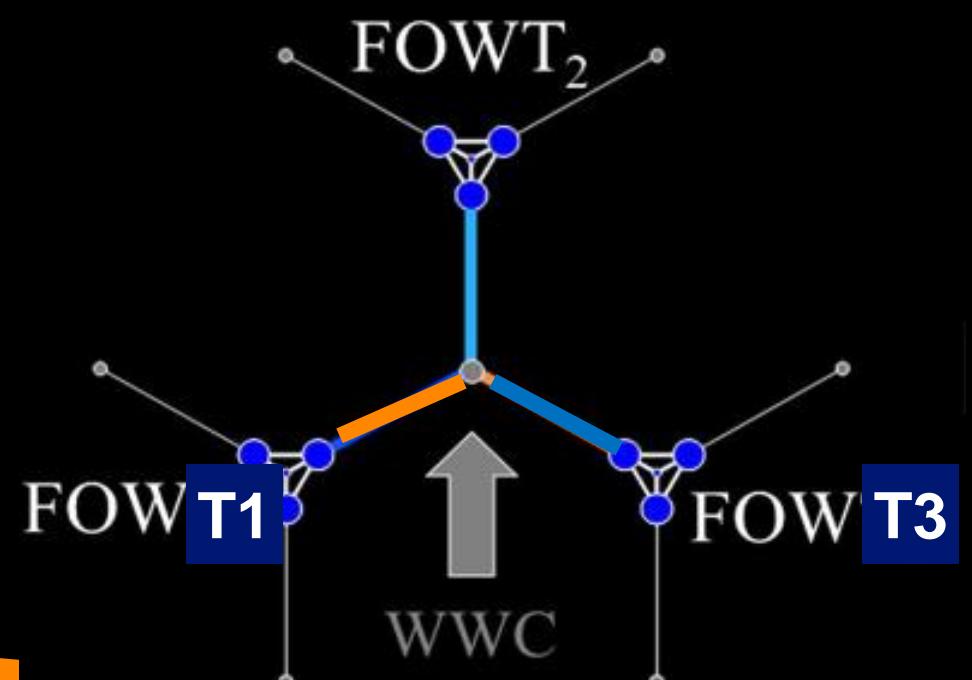
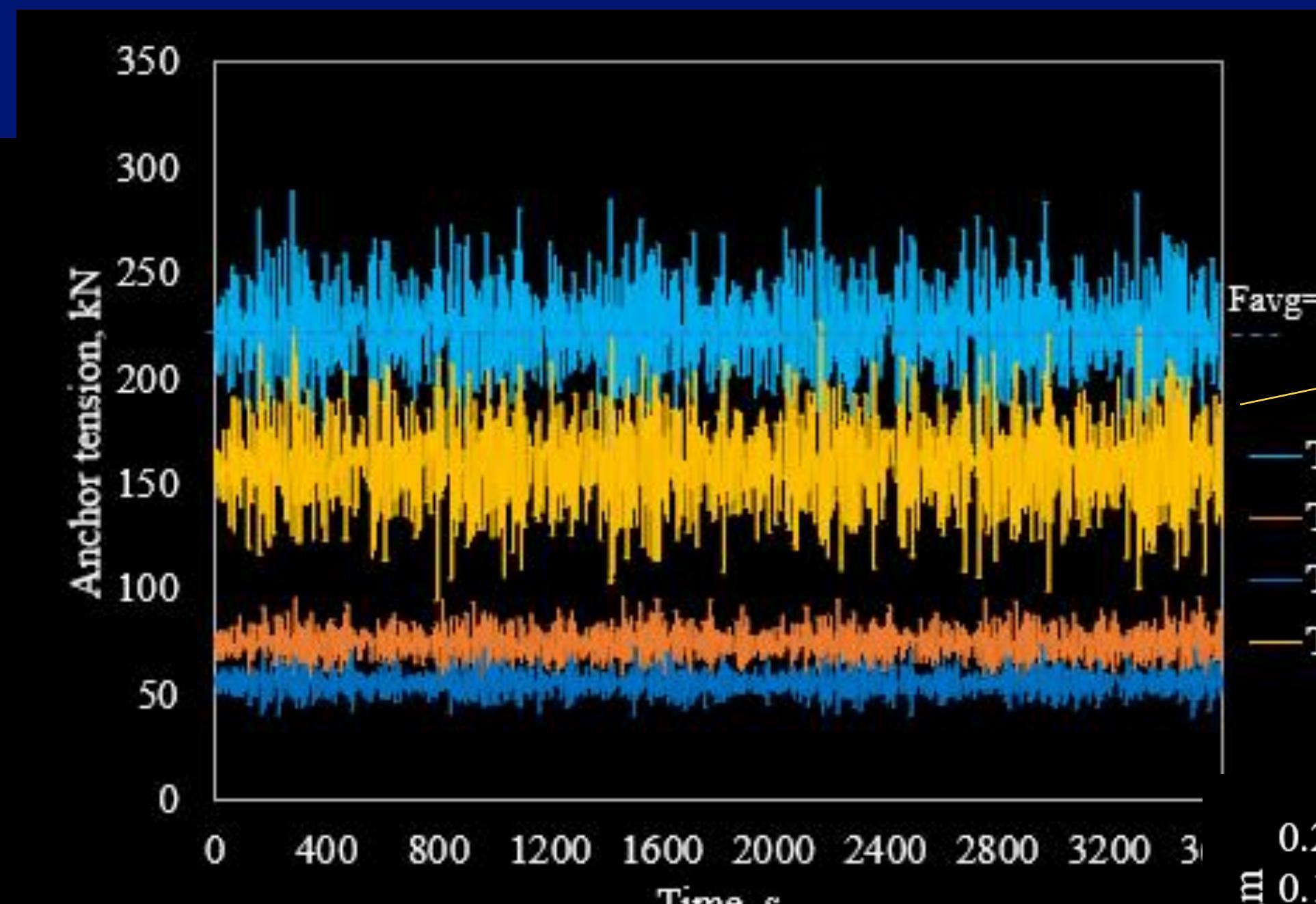


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Cyclic load – Multidirectional

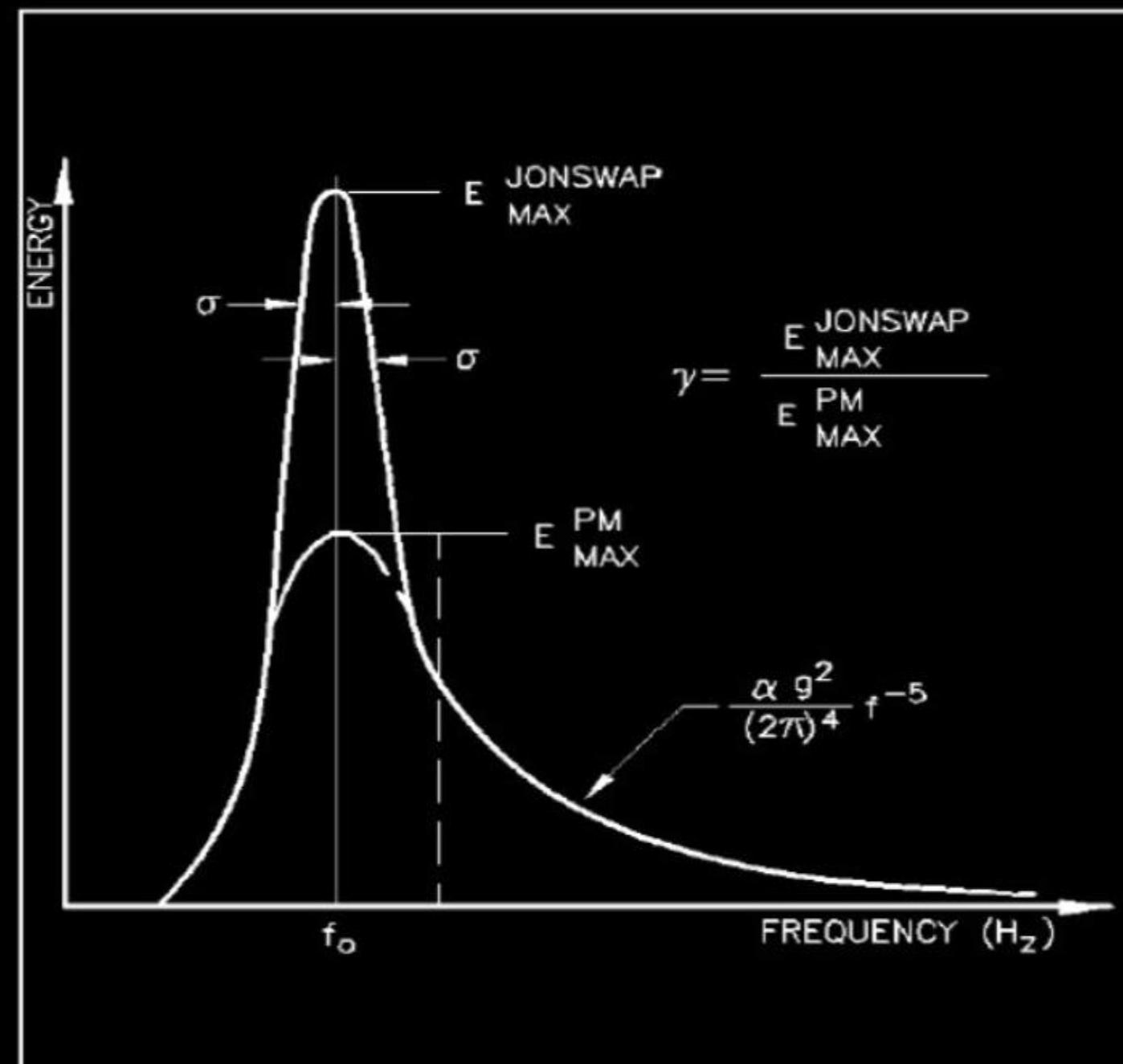


Significant wave height	8.0 m
Peak spectral wave period	12.7 s
JONSWAP gamma factor	2

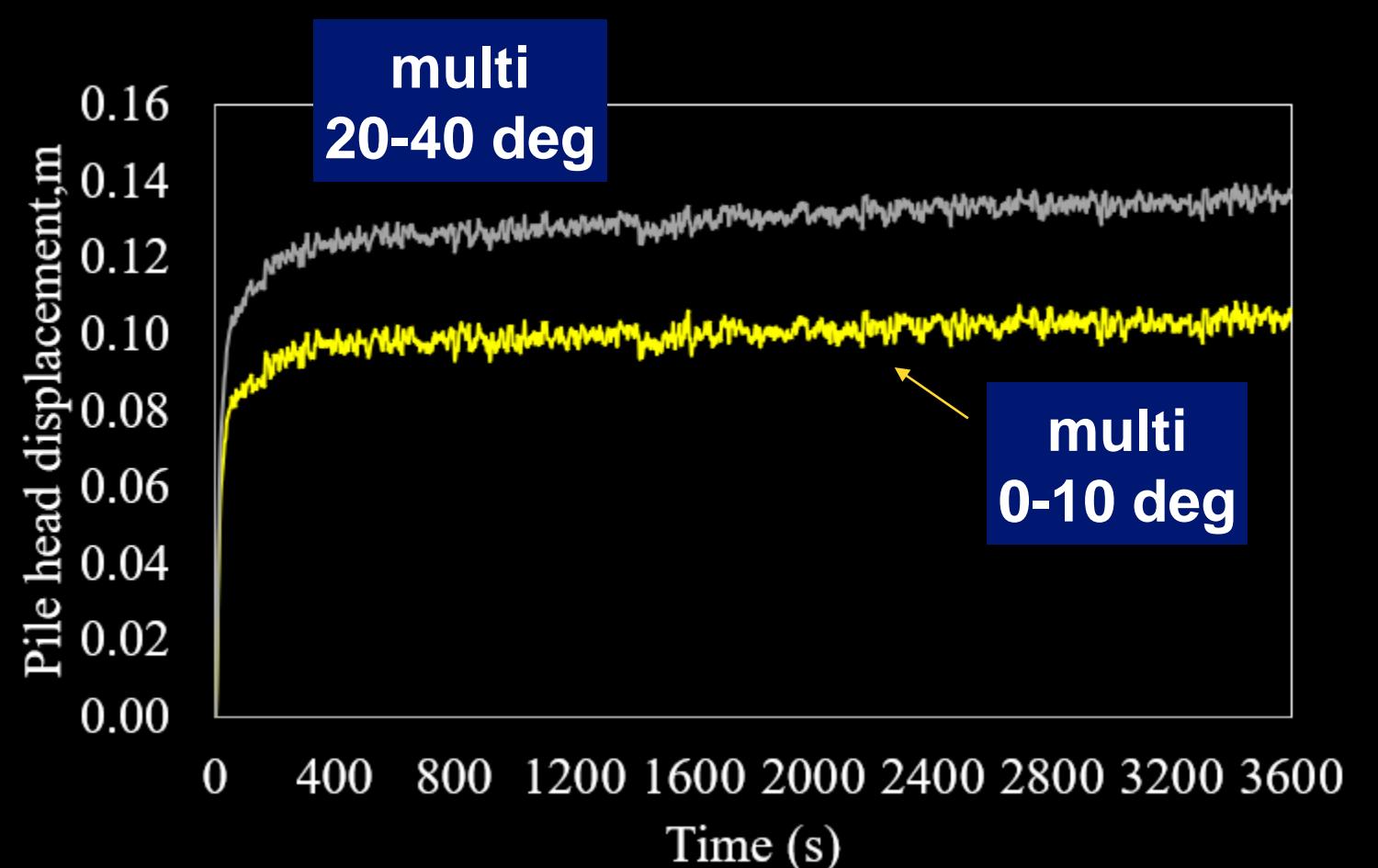
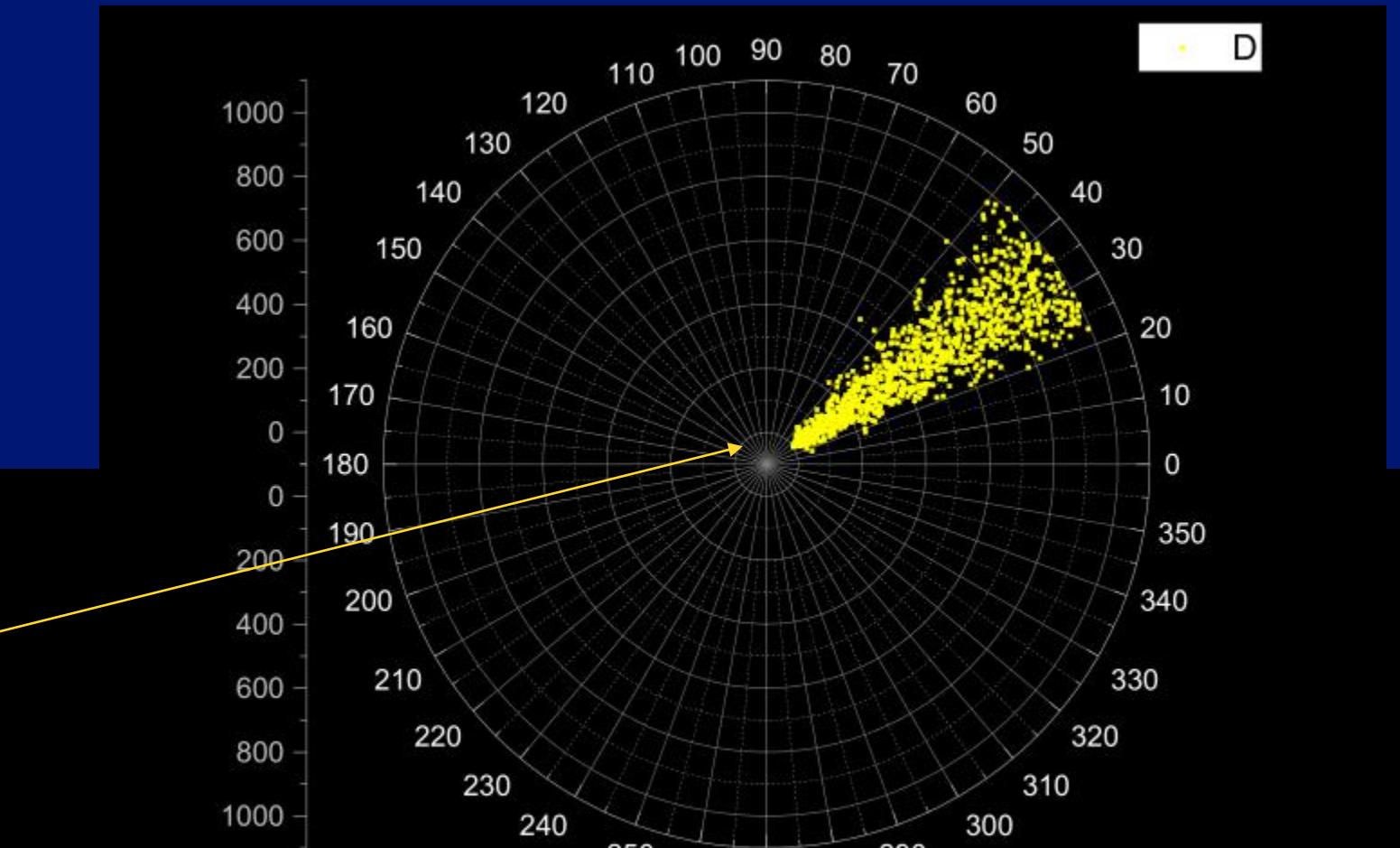
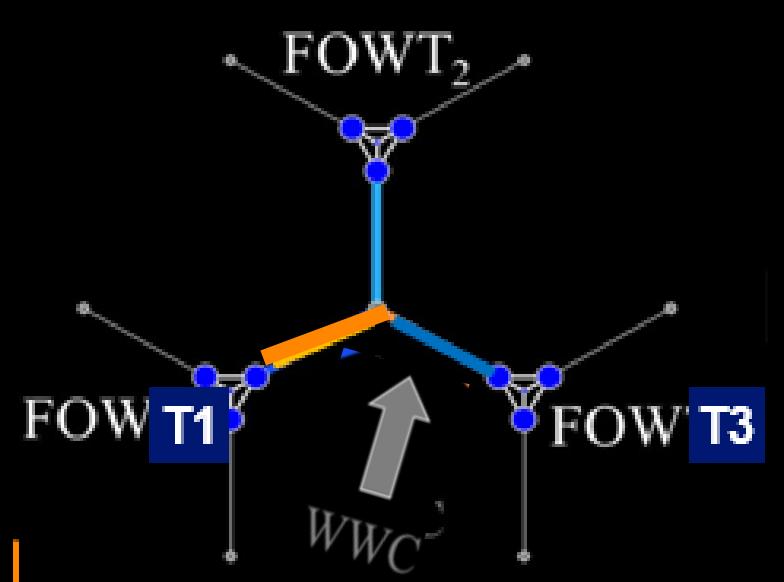
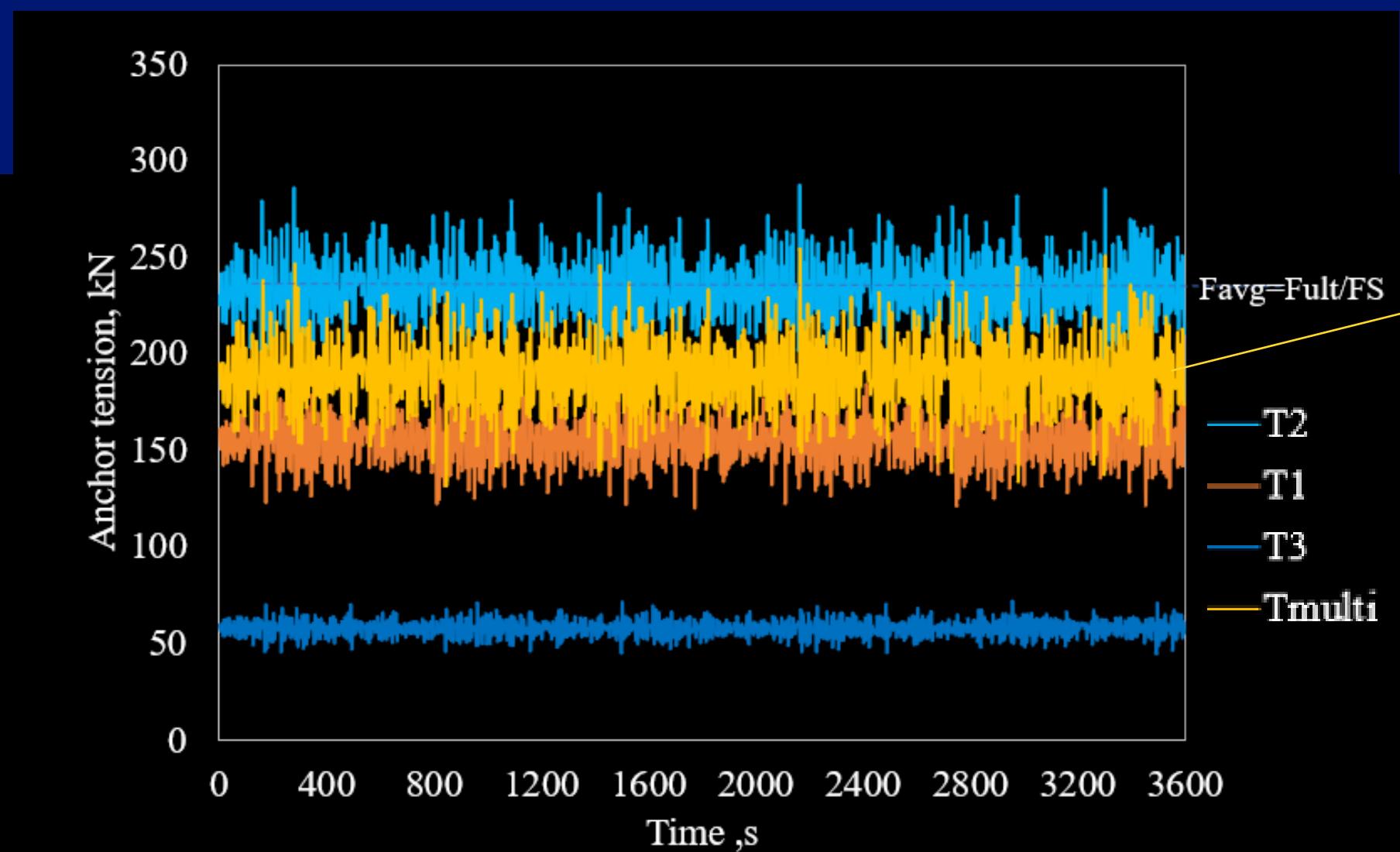


WP1 and WP3: Numerical modelling

Cyclic load – Multidirectional



Significant wave height	8.0 m
Peak spectral wave period	12.7 s
JONSWAP gamma factor	2



Final Remarks

- ▶ Development of experimental setup for monotonic load
- ▶ In progress the setup for multidirectional load
- ▶ Application of measuring techniques and preservation of digital copies of the models
- ▶ Some insights about the numerical modelling approach, initial application to piles+OpenSees



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