



ACTIVE STRENGTHENING WITH POST-TENSIONED CFRP TENDONES

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KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

01

DETERMINE WHY STRUCTURES NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED

02

BASICS OF THE ACTIVE POST-TENSIONING CFRP SYSTEM AND INSTALLATION PROCESS

03

CASE STUDIES: APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF BRIDGE REINFORCEMENT, SEISMIC REINFORCEMENT AND APPLICATION OF REINFORCEMENT FOR CIRCULAR STRUCTURES

DETERMINE WHY STRUCTURES NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED

WHY DO STRUCTURES NEED STRENGTHENING?

- Insufficient reinforcement
- Corrosion damage
- Change in use
- Structural damage
- Seismic upgrade



HOW ARE STRUCTURES STRENGTHENED



EXTERNALLY BONDED
FRP OR STEEL

Traditionally done with steel, most bonded strengthening is nowadays done with FRP



SECTION ENLARGEMENT

Used frequently, this method is intrusive to the structure, adds a lot of weight, and takes longer to implement



EXTERNAL POST-
TENSIONING

For cases where high-capacity contribution is required, external PT is great solution. Traditionally done with steel, PT strengthening can also be done with FRP



SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTS

Supplemental supports are a great solution, though they take headspace and can be tricky to install.

REVIEW OF EXTERNALLY BONDED FRP SYSTEMS



EXTERNAL POST TENSIONING WITH CFRP

Externally FRP systems

➤ Passive Strengthening



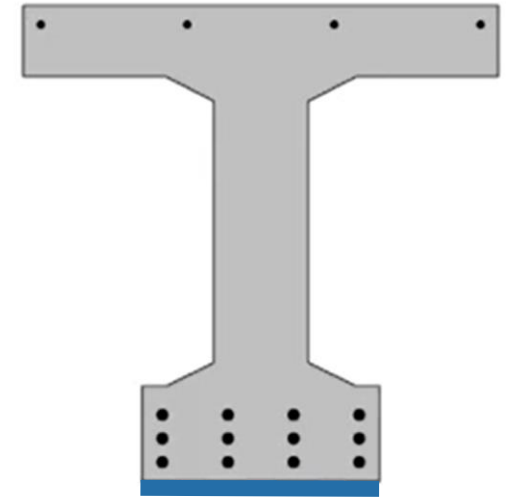
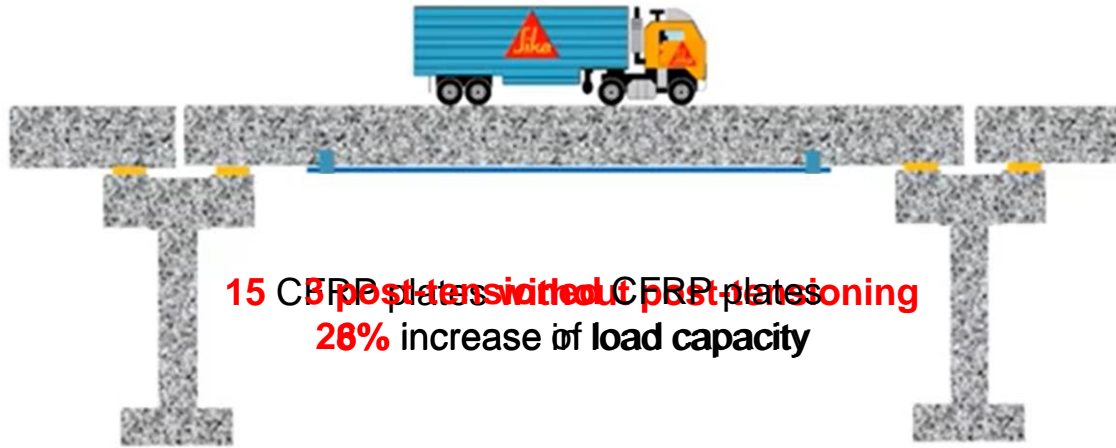
External PT FRP system

➤ Active Strengthening



**PT SYSTEM ADDRESSES DEFLECTION
AND PROVIDES MUCH HIGHER CAPACITY,
COMPARED TO EXTERNAL FRP**

EXTERNALLY BONDED CFRP VS POST-TENSIONED CFRP



15 CFRP plates

BASICS OF THE ACTIVE POST-TENSIONING SYSTEM WITH EXTERNAL CFRP TENDONS

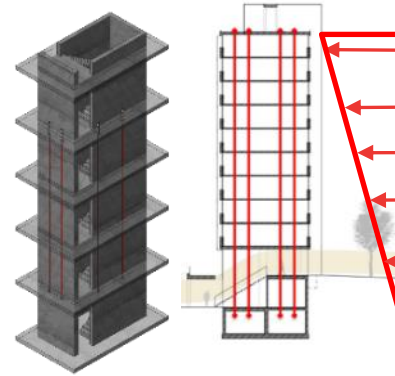
System



Bridge strengthening



Strengthening of industrial and high-rise buildings



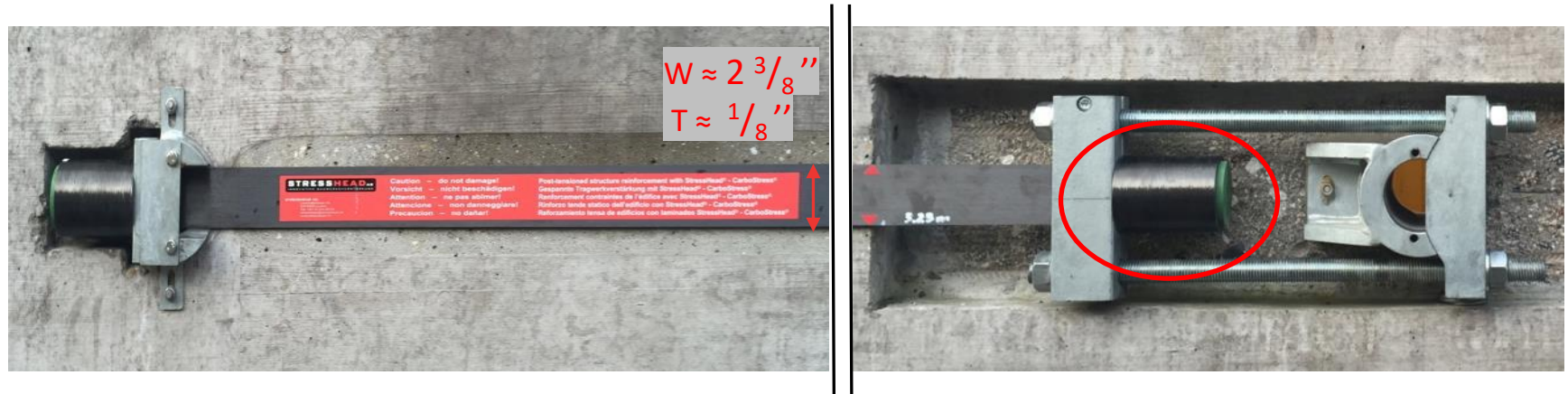
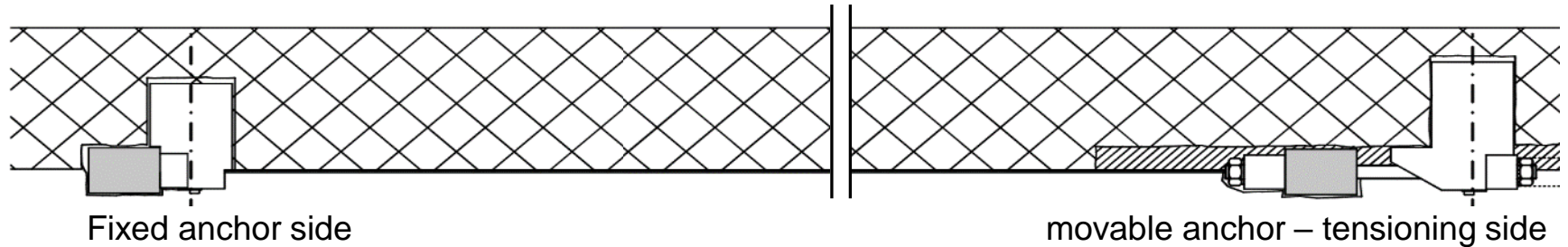
Earthquake strengthening & storm hardening



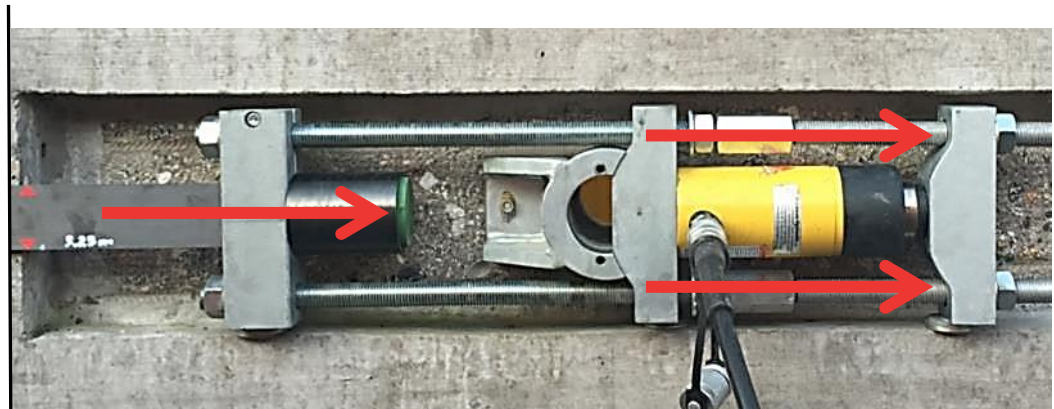
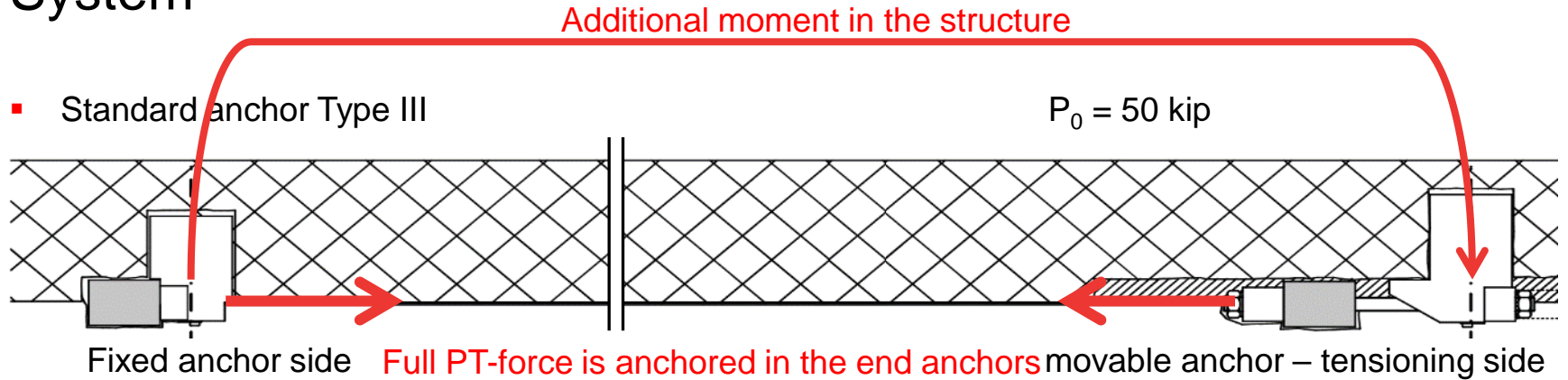
Reinforcement of silos and water tank (round shape)

System

- Standard anchor Type III



System



Anchor Types

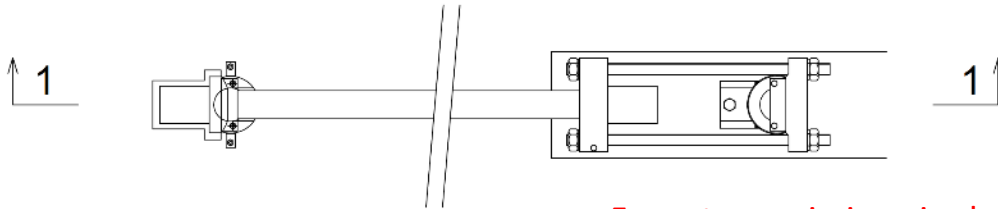
- Standard anchor (Shear pin)

Standard anchors:

Geometry: $t = \text{approx. } 8''$

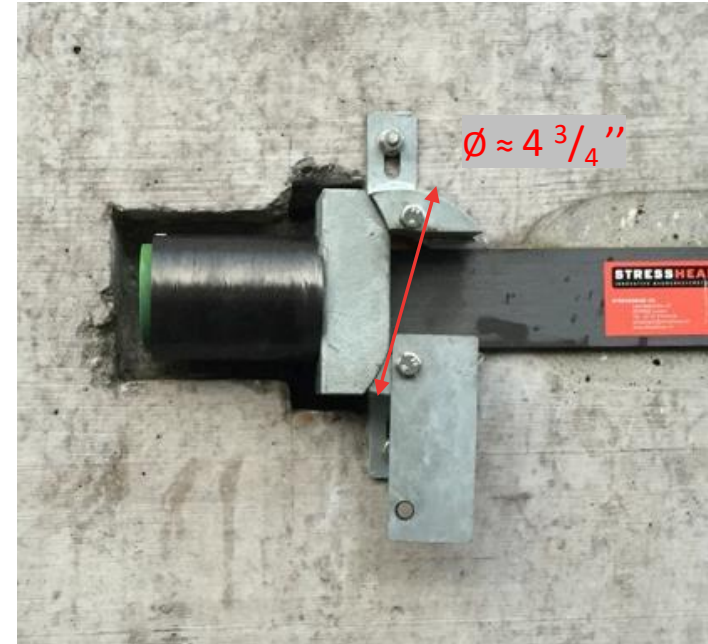
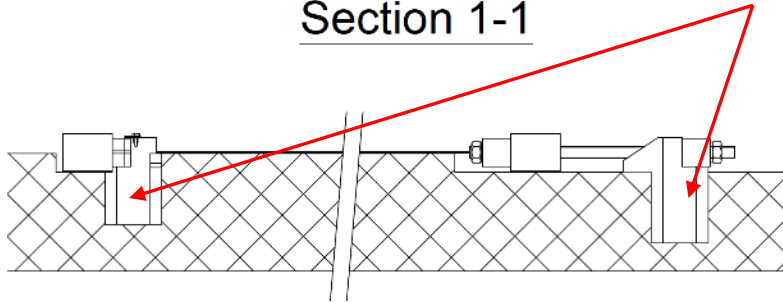
Concrete: $f_{cd} = \text{approx. } 3,000 \text{ psi}$

Layout / Elevation



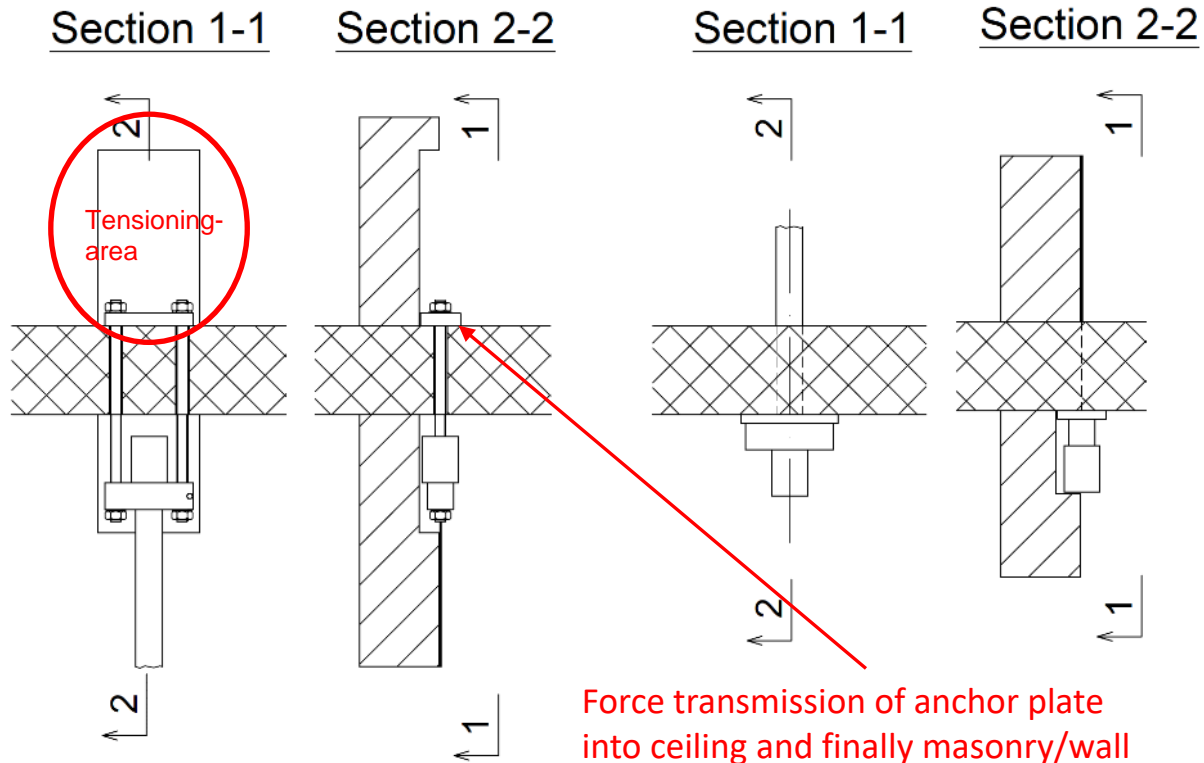
Force transmission via shear pin in the supporting structure

Section 1-1



Anchor Types

- Standard anchor through ceiling or wall

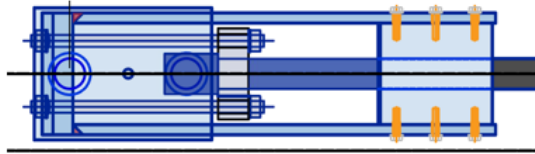


Anchor Types

- Individual anchor types (designed project specific)

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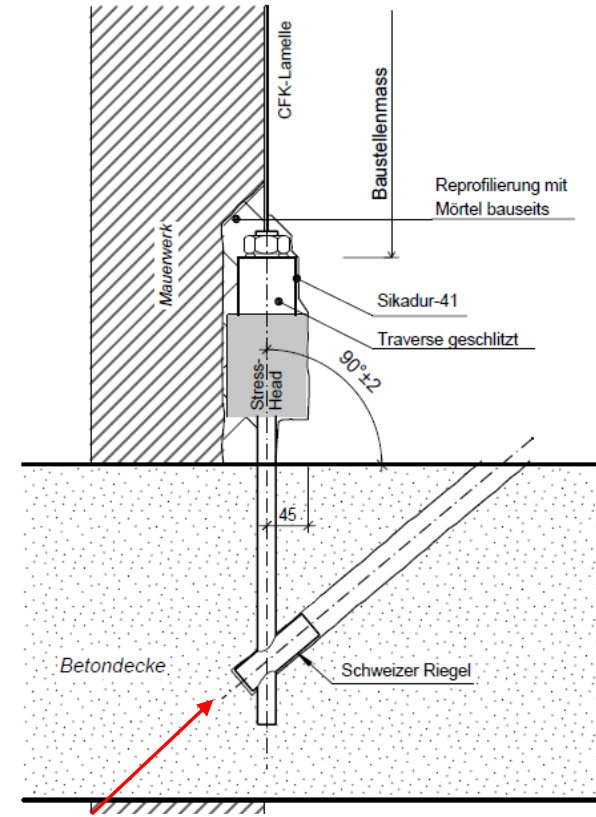
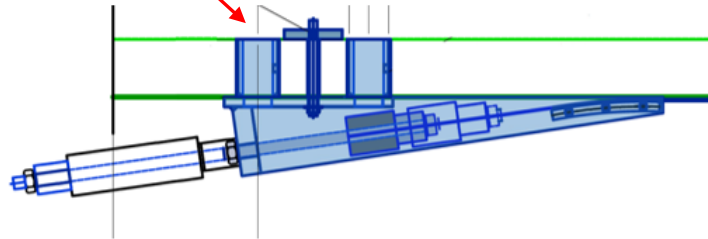
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Force transmission via two shear pins
(modification of standard anchor)

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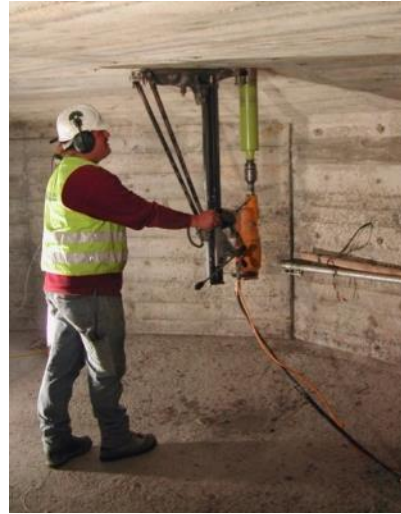


Access other side not necessary
(anchoring in foundation)

Application (e.g. Typ III) – 1. step preparation



Define location



Drilling



Chipping



Installation & injection

For standard anchors: chipping- and assembling scheme from StressHead

2. Step Installation



Bonding:

- Additional strengthening and stiffness
- Mechanical protection

3. Step Installation and tensioning

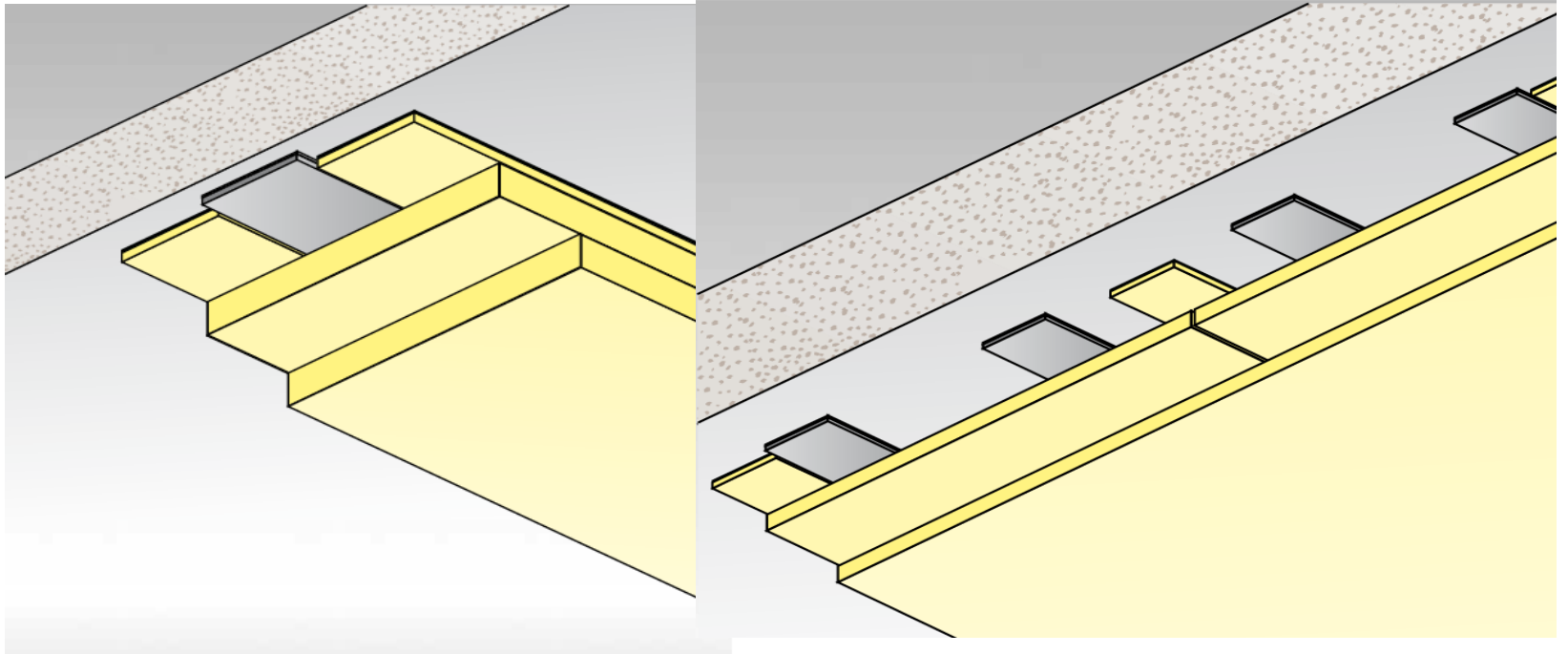


3. Step Installation and tensioning movable anchor



PROTECTION (OPTIONAL)

- Protection against fire



PROTECTION (OPTIONAL)

- Protection of plates against mechanical impact



CASE STUDIES

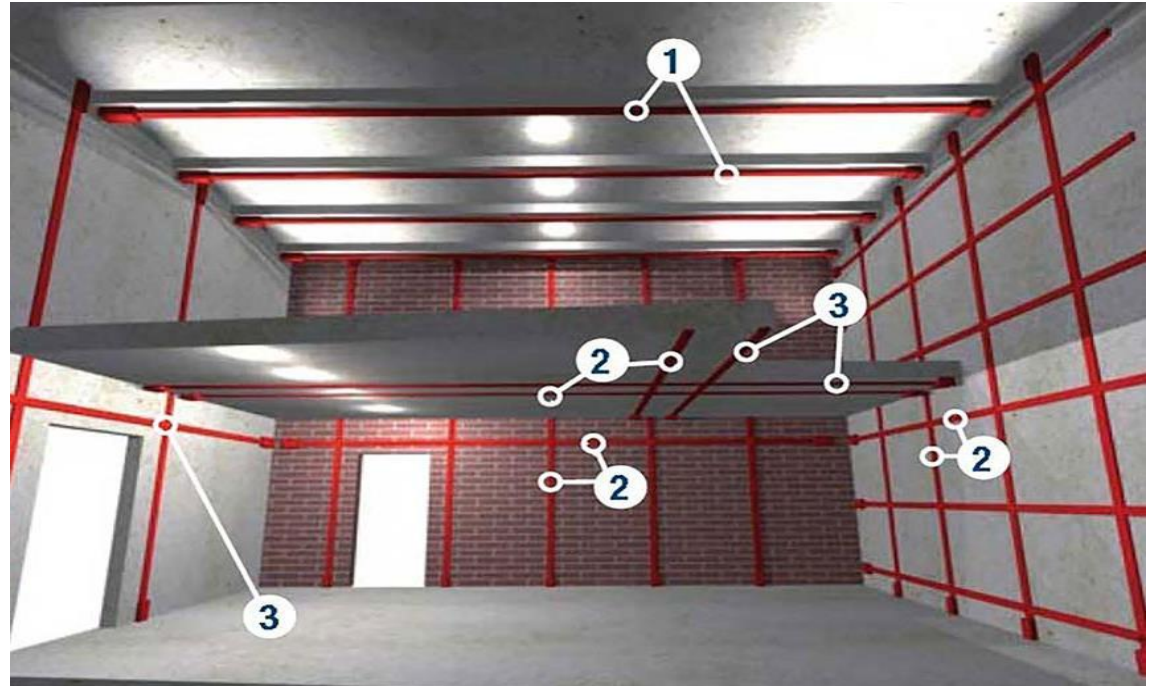
Strengthening of Industrial and High-rise buildings

Industrial and high-rise buildings:

1. Slab and beam strengthening
2. Earthquake strengthening
3. Strengthening due to changes

Ideal application criteria:

- High strengthening degree
- Serviceability problems
- Strengthening of prestressed structures
- Cracked concrete



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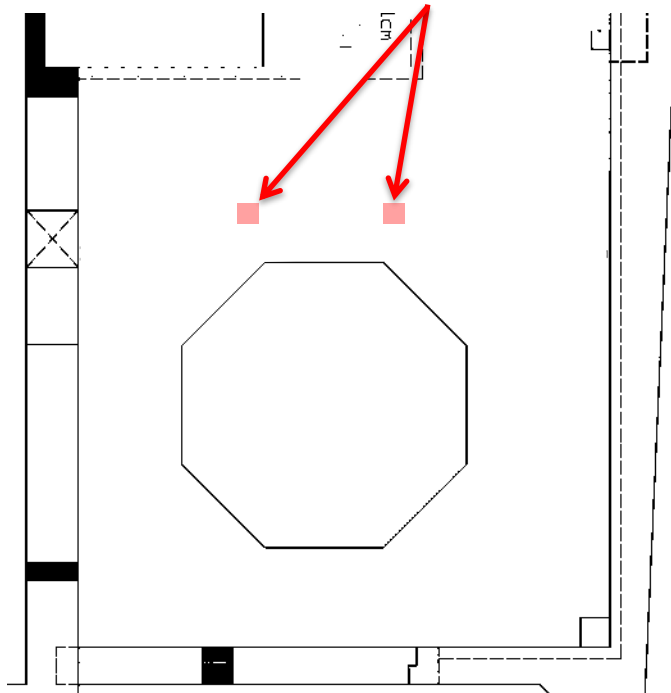
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- New situation with displaced columnsnew columns



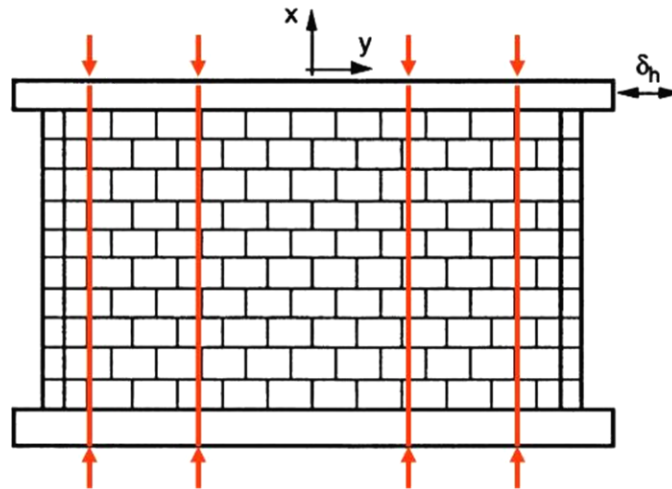
Vienna (AT) – Serviceability problem

- Casino – Removal of existing pillars

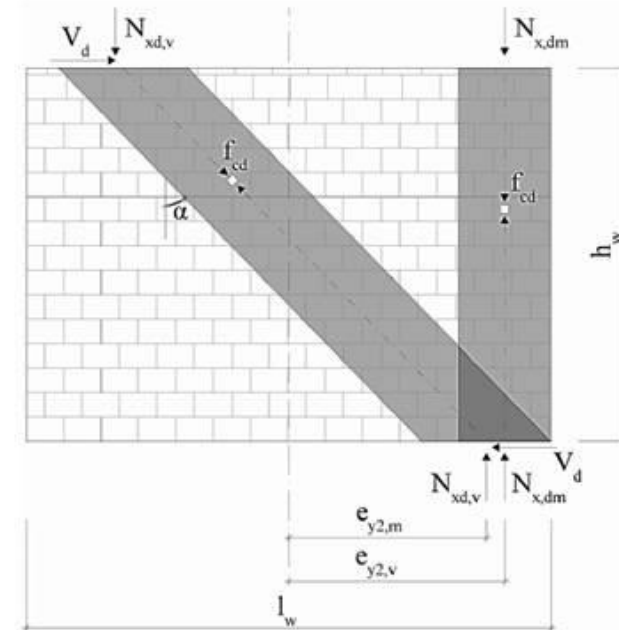


Earthquake Strengthening / Storm hardening

- Strengthening of masonry walls



Additional vertical force to result a greater lateral strength

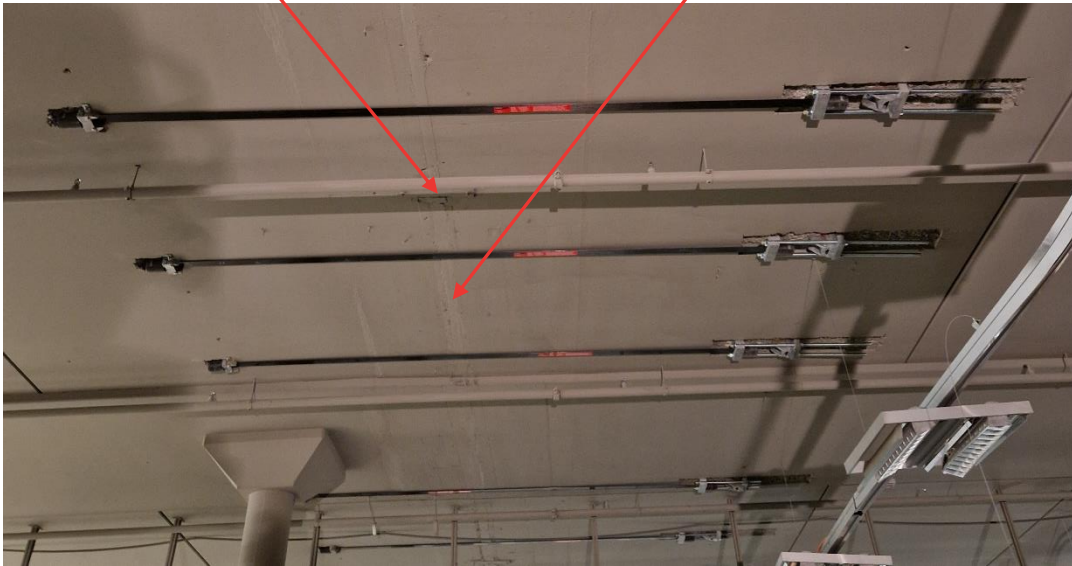


Earthquake Strengthening

- Earthquake strengthening of a shopping mall

Shear pin for forces in joint direction

Building joint



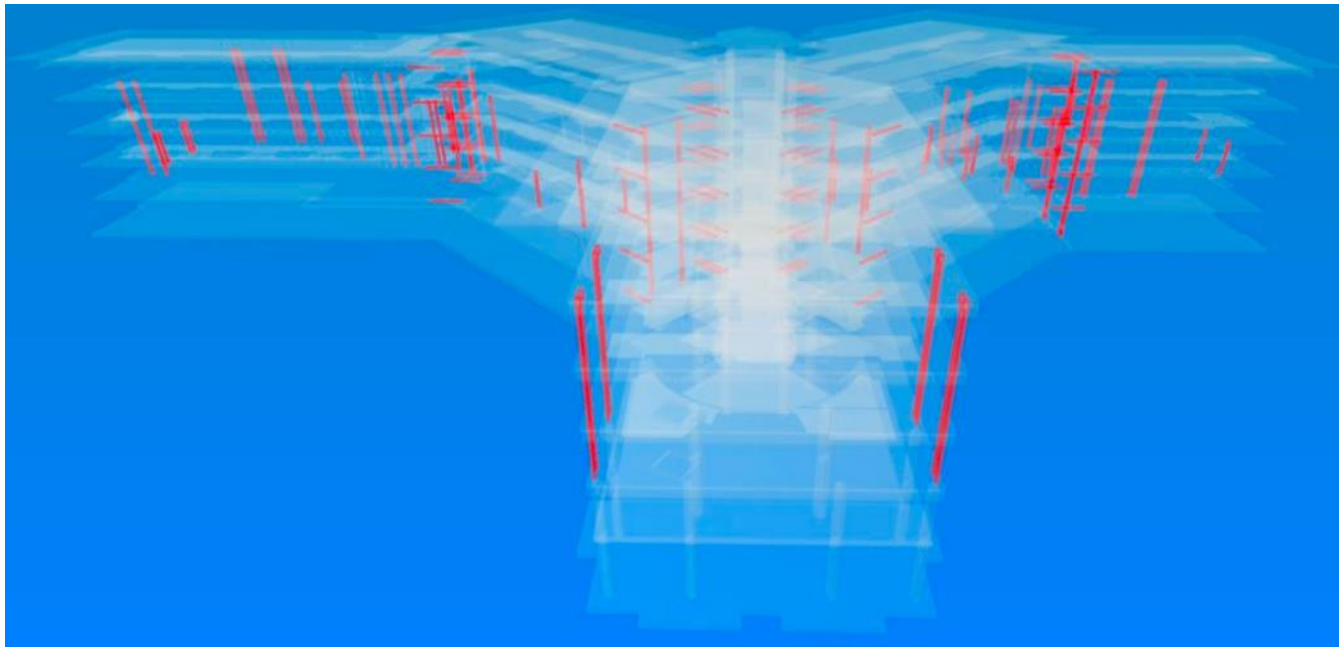
Davos (CH) – High Mountain Clinic

- Earthquake strengthening



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- horizontal and vertical strengthening with different lengths
- Over several floors
- Embedded in the wall to be invisible



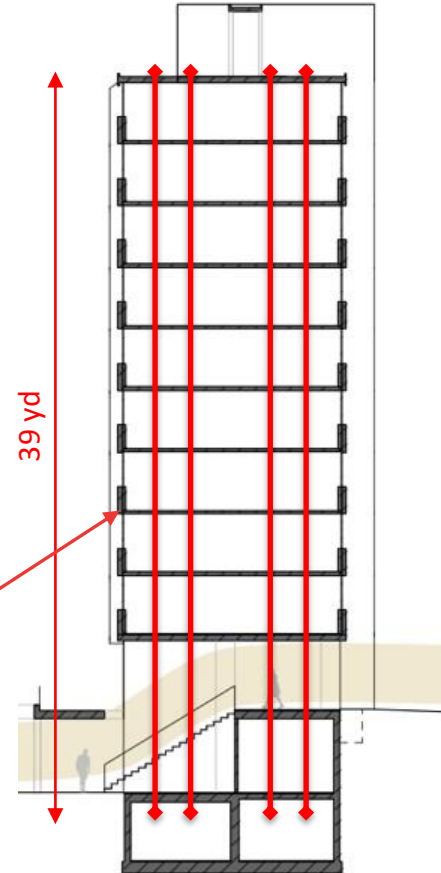
Bern (CH) – Precast concrete elements

- Fellergut – Lack of reinforcement in the joints



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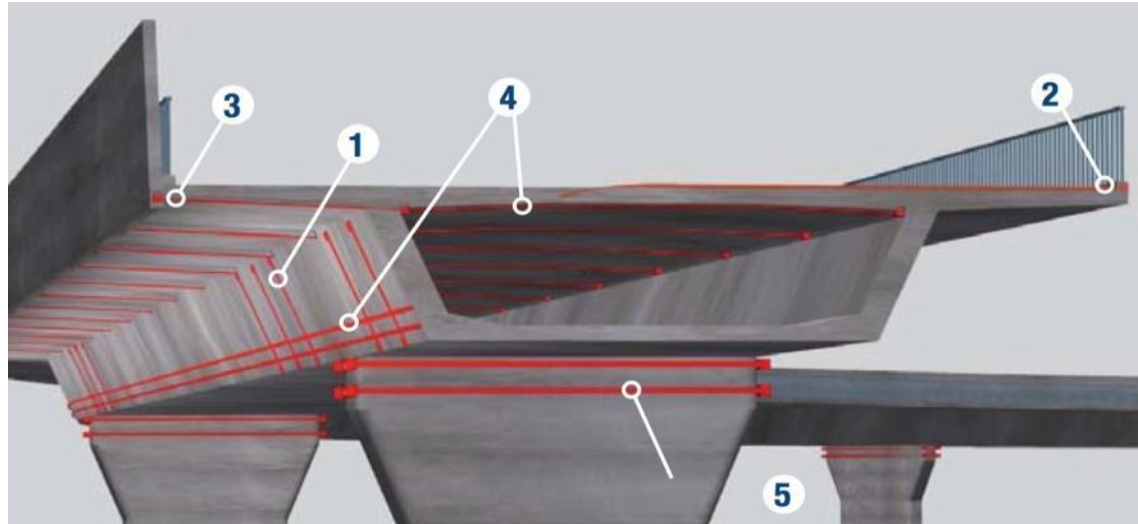
Insufficient reinforcement in the coupling joints for seismic loads



Strengthening of Bridges

Strengthening of bridges:

1. Shear
2. Widening of the super structure
3. Wind / noise barrier walls
4. Longitudinal and transverse
5. Pier heads



Strengthening of Bridges



Damage of the existing structure



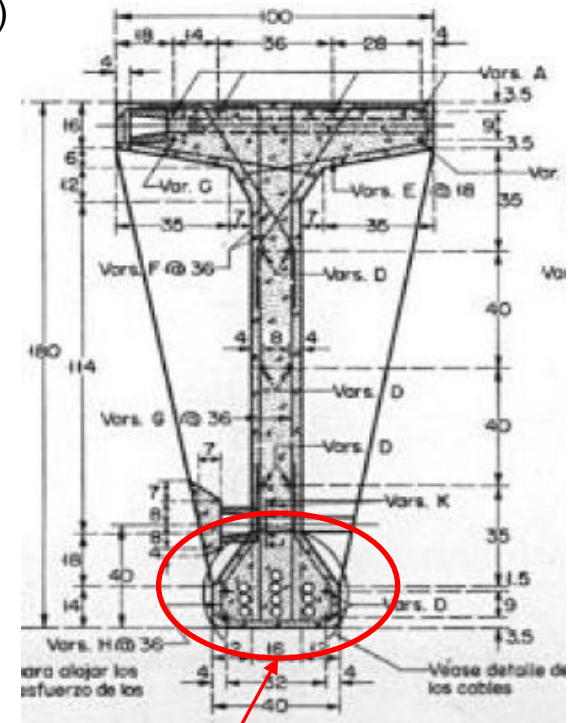
Higher loads



Corrosion problems

Ensenada (MX) – Prestressed beams

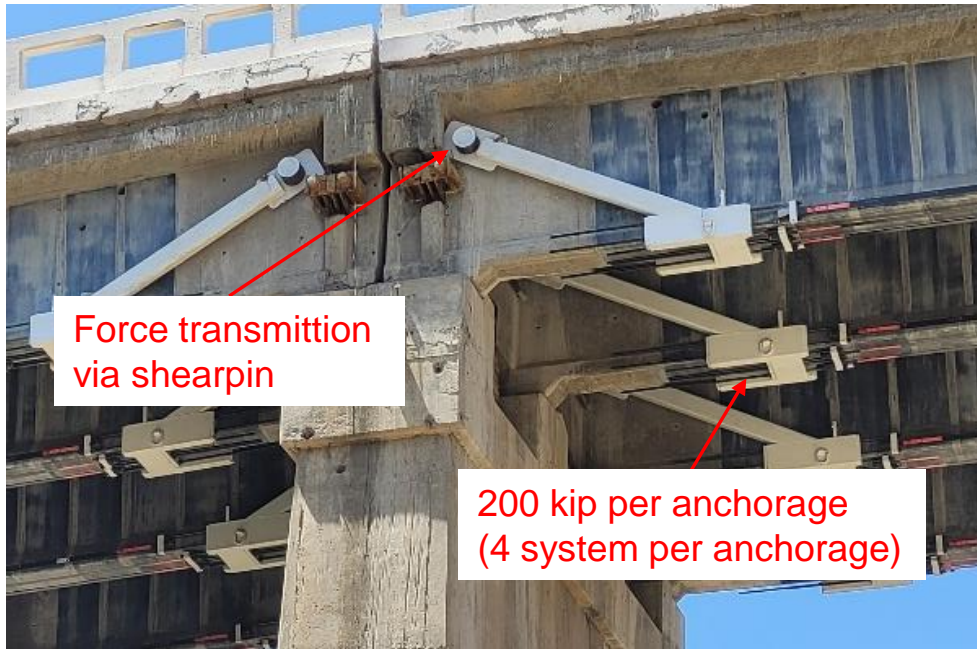
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prestressing cables

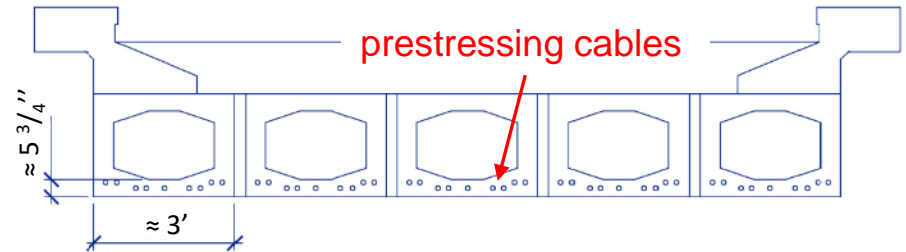
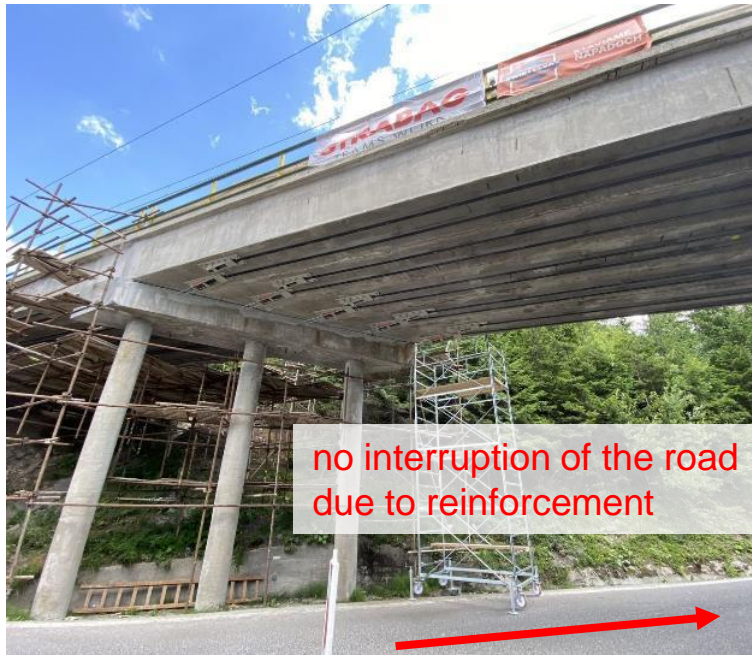
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High Tatras (SK) – Precast box girders (2 bridges)

- Strengthening due to higher loads (3 bridges / 90 systems / 3 weeks)



Precast box girders (2 bridges)

- Strengthening due to higher loads (1 bridge / 60 systems / 2.5 weeks)



Israel (IL) / Tel Aviv (IL) – Circular strengthening

- Silo strengthening / water tanks, etc.



Tel Aviv (IL) – Fresh water tank

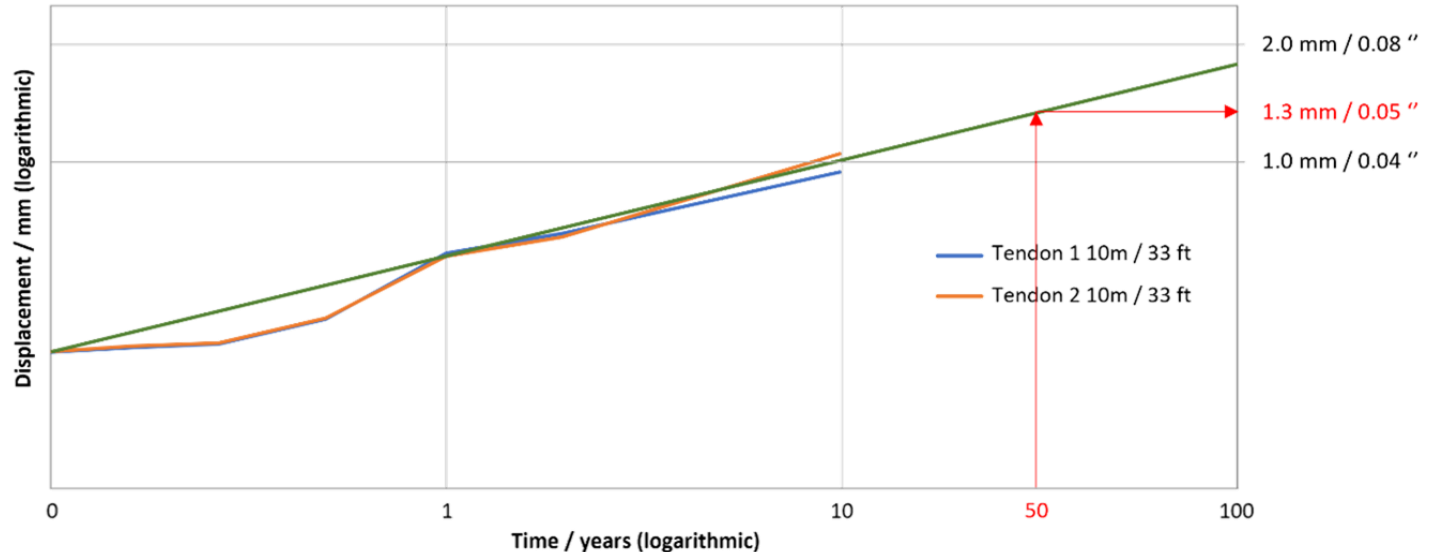
- Circular strengthening



DESIGN PROCESS

Tests

- University of Lucerne (CH) Different anchors, strengthened slab
- Politecnico di Milano, Italy (I) Under fatigue (2 Mio cycles)
- StressHead Ltd, Lucerne (CH) Long Term Tests at 240 kN / 55 kip (2009 – 2019)
 - > To extrapolate to 50 years (Creep, relaxation, etc.)
 - > Result: No loss of tensioning force over the years



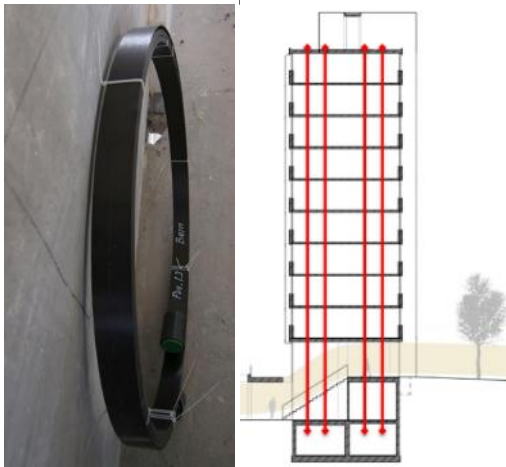
Design

- Design based on classic steel span cables



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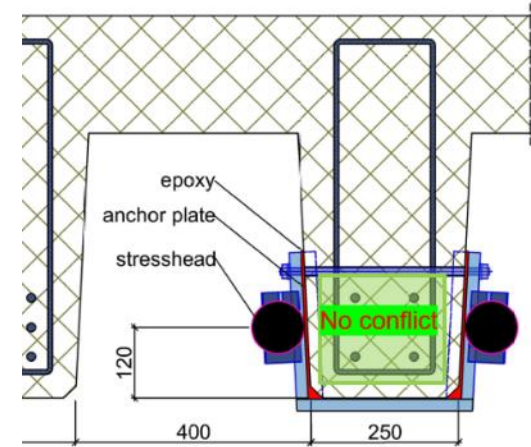
Take Away!



Lightweight and Fast



Corrosion protected system



Various kind of anchorages
>20a experience

Do not hesitate to contact us for any inquiries!



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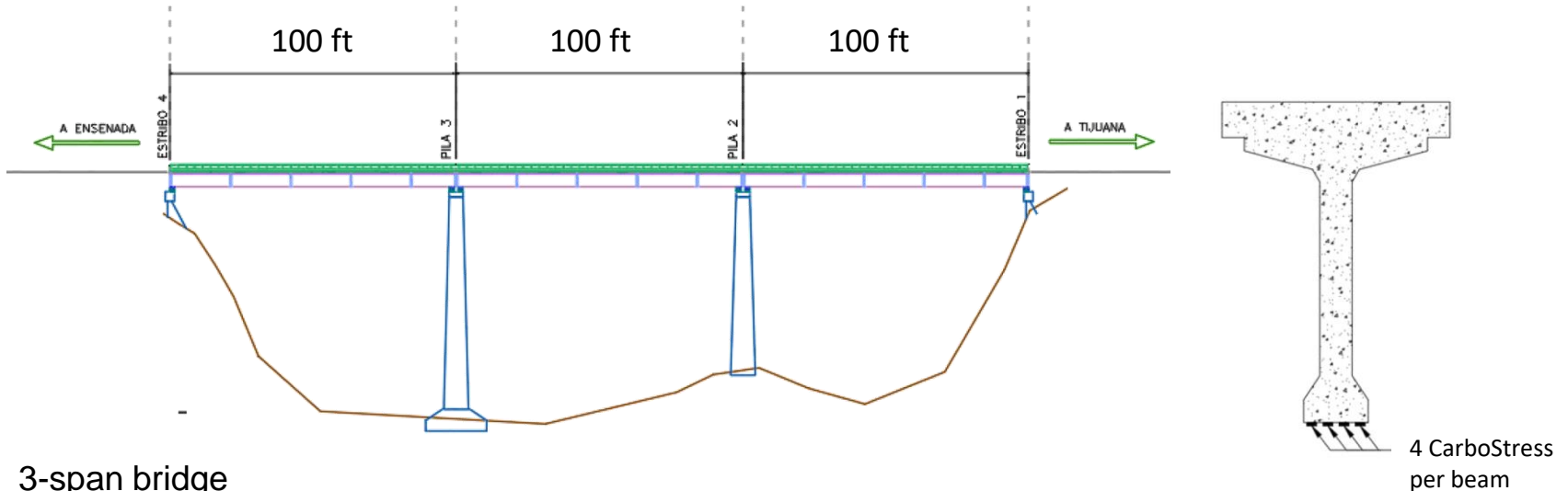
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Price Estimation: 3-span bridge, increase load capacity by +15%



3-span bridge

4 beams 100 ft long beams per span

4 CarboStress systems per beam

- **Totally 48 CarboStress systems each 100 ft to increase the load capacity by +15%**