

# Dynamic effects induced by high speed traffic on rail bridges

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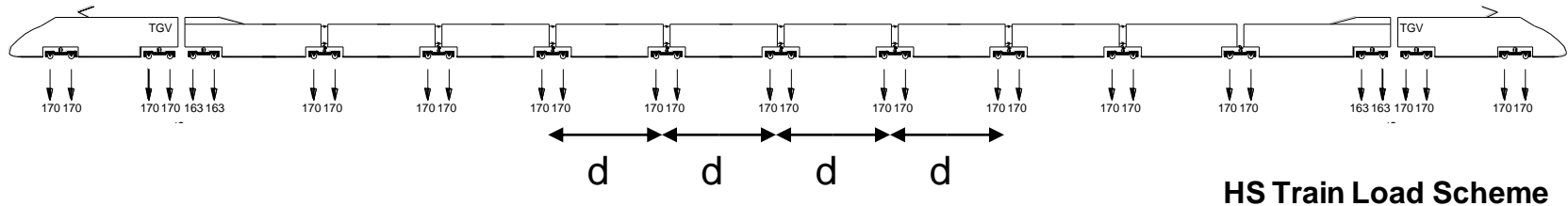
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# 1. Introduction

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## Resonance effects on bridges



Due to the regular spacing of the train axles the action is periodic, with

$$f = v / d$$

$d$  – regular distance between axles

$v$  – train speed

$f$  – load frequency of the train

$n_j$  – natural frequency of the bridge

$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

When the train speed  $v$  is such that

$$f = n_j$$

$$f = n_j / i$$

**RESONANCE  
PHENOMENA**

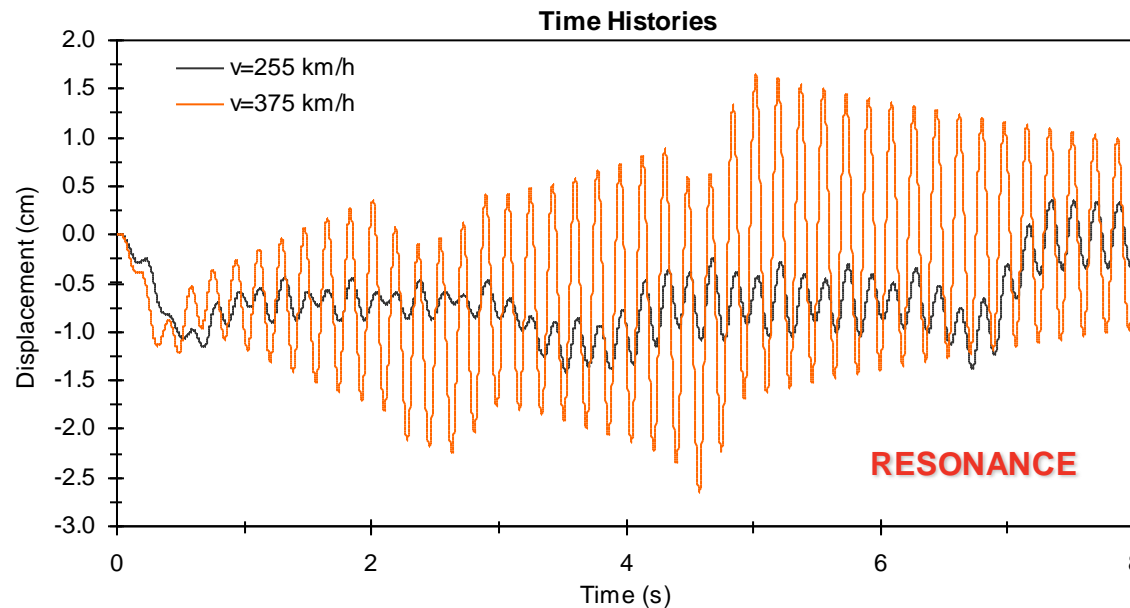
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## Resonance effects on bridges

Influence of the speed



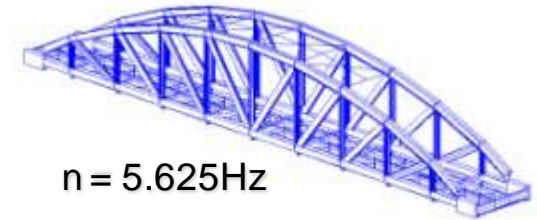
TGV (d=18.7m)



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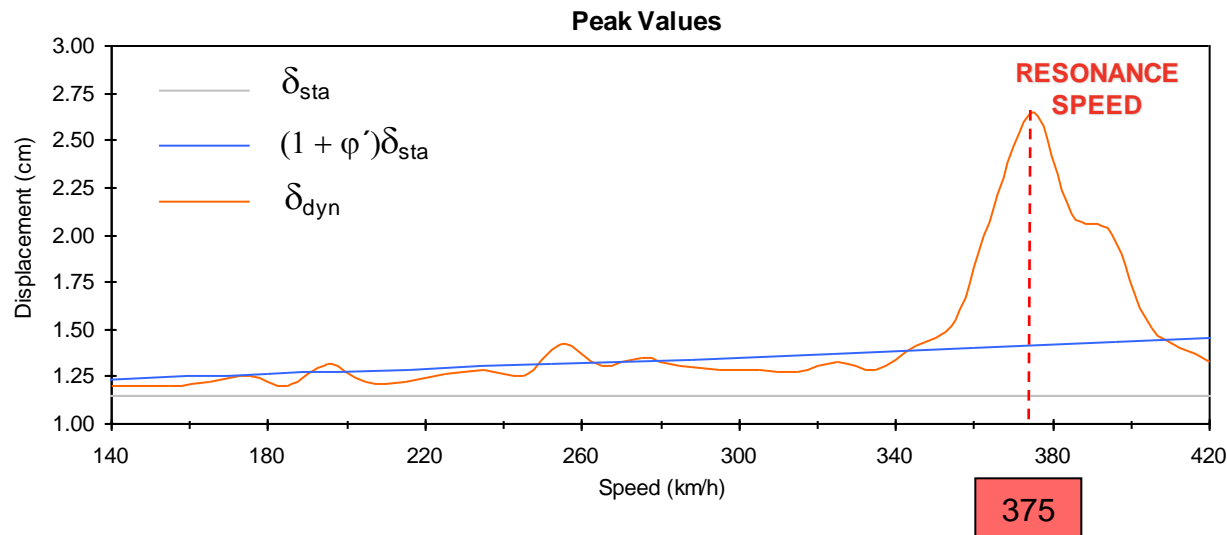
### Influence of the speed



TGV (d=18.7m)



The dynamic amplification factor does not cover the **RESONANCE** effect



$$V_{res} = 5.625 \times 18.7 = 105 \text{ m/s ( 375 km/h)}$$

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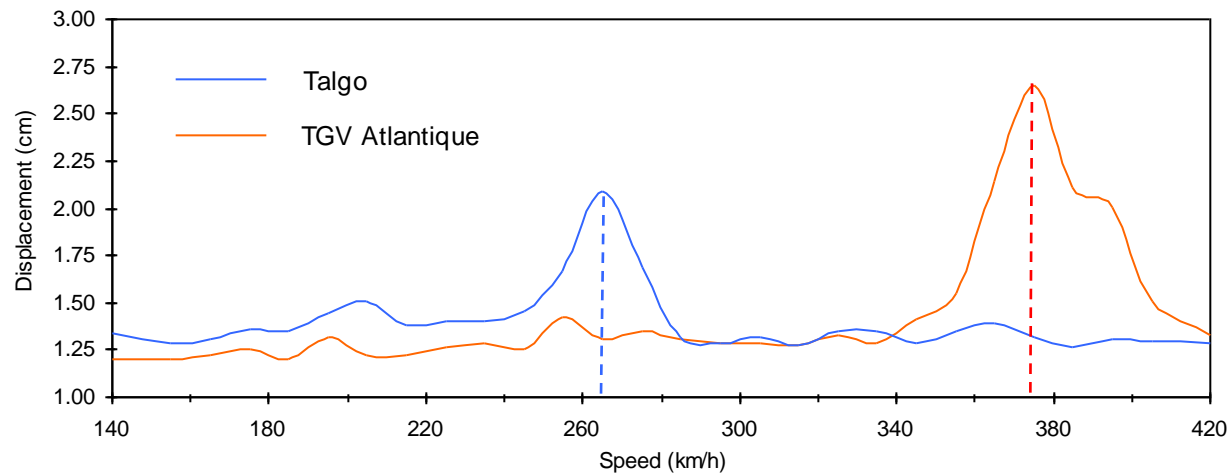
## Resonance effects on bridges

### Influence of the type of train

Talgo (d=13.1m)



TGV (d=18.7m)



265

375

$$V_{\text{res}} = 5.625 \times 13.1 = 73.7 \text{ m/s} \quad V_{\text{res}} = 5.625 \times 18.7 = 105 \text{ m/s}$$

(265 km/h) (375 km/h)

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## 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

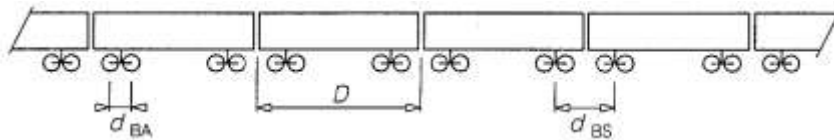




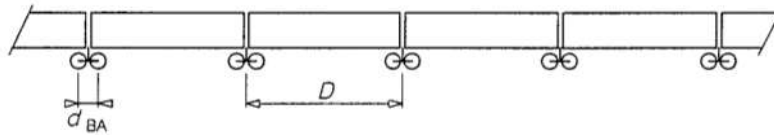
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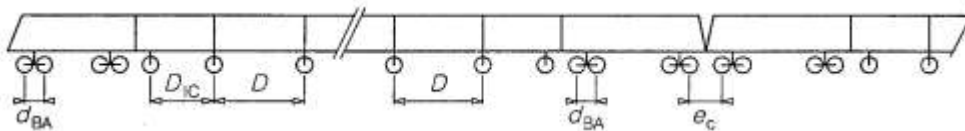
Real trains specified for the project and speeds over 200 km/h



**Conventional** (ICE2, ETR-Y, VIRGIN)



**Articulated** (THALYS, EUROSTAR, TGV)

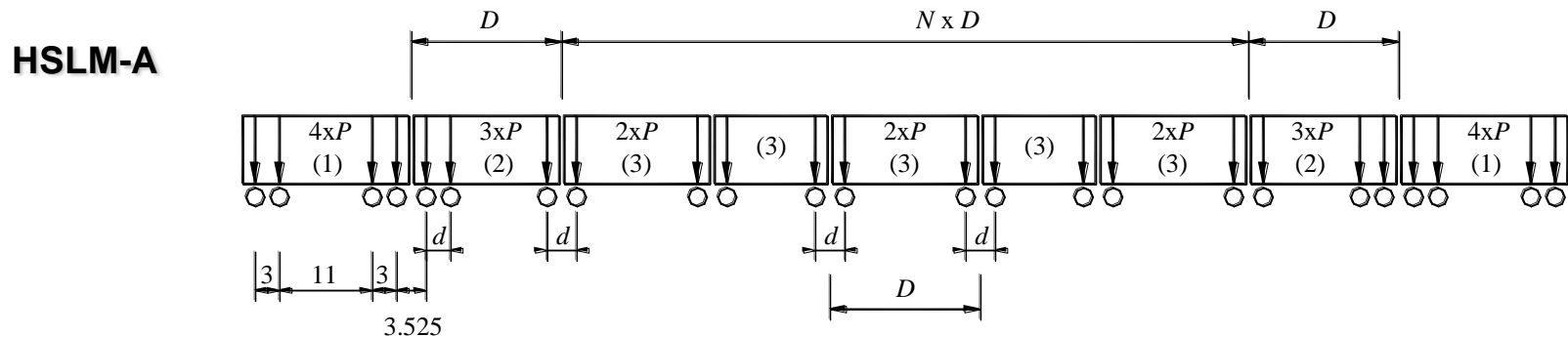


**Regular** (TALGO)

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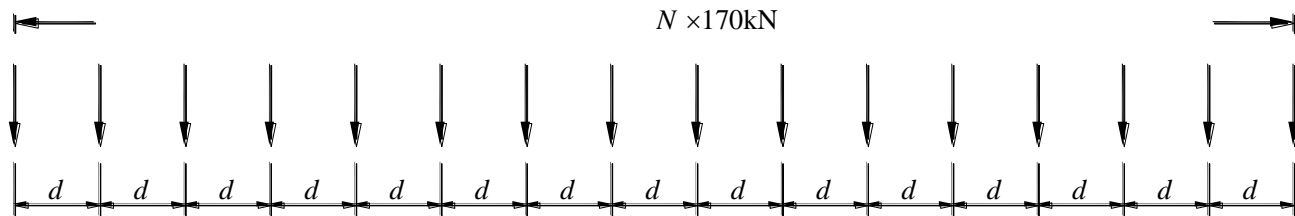
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Load Model HSLM for bridges designed for international lines where interoperability criteria are applicable



- (1) Power car (leading and trailing power cars identical)
- (2) End coach (leading and trailing end coaches identical)
- (3) Intermediate coach

**HSLM-B**



## 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

### Speed range

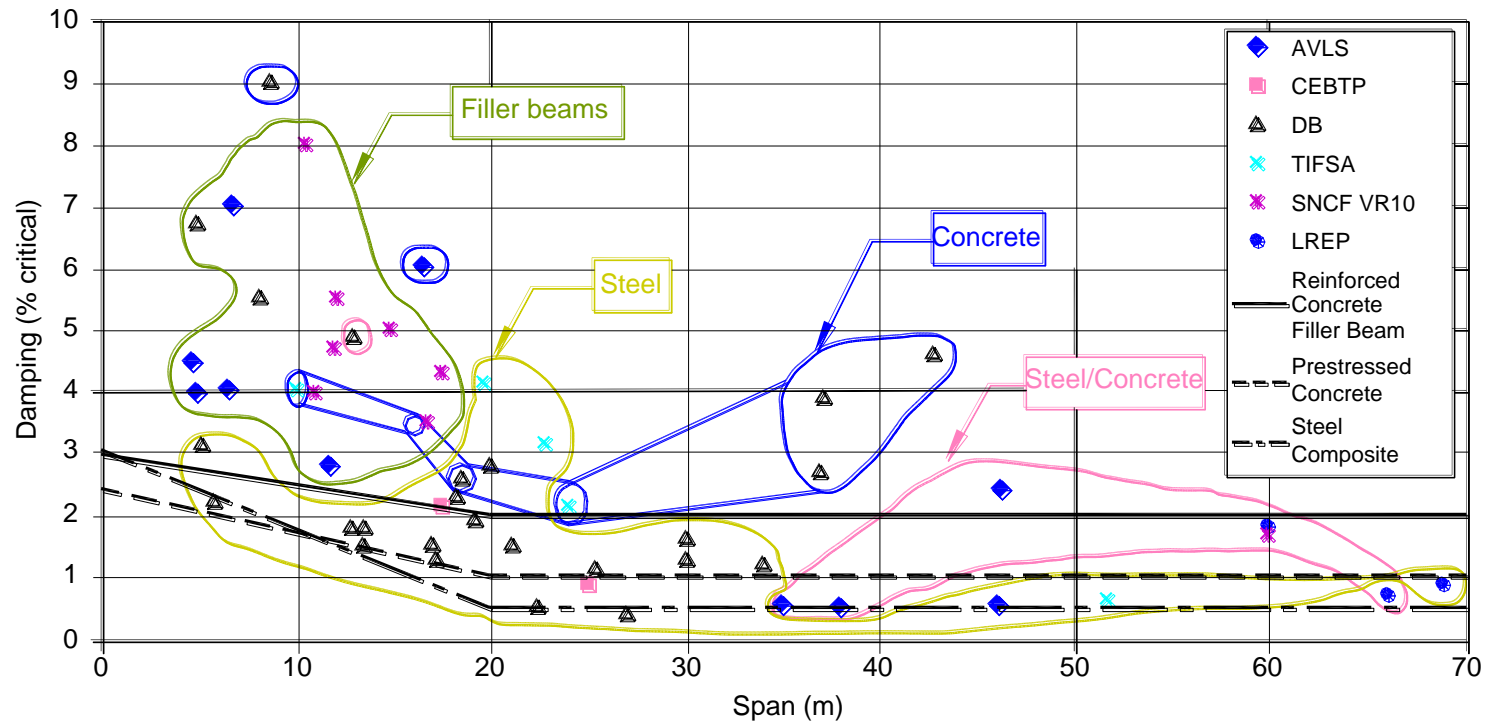
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- For each real train or load model HSLM the dynamic calculations should be made for a series of speeds from 40 m/s ( $\approx 145$  km/h) up to the Maximum Design speed ( $v_{DS}$ )
- The Maximum Design speed ( $v_{DS}$ ) shall be generally  $1.2 \times$  Maximum line speed at the site ( $v_{max}$ )
- Smaller steps should be made in the vicinity of resonant speeds

# 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

## Bridge damping

The peak response at resonance is highly dependent upon damping, therefore only lower bound estimates of damping shall be used



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### Bridge damping

Lower bound estimates of damping

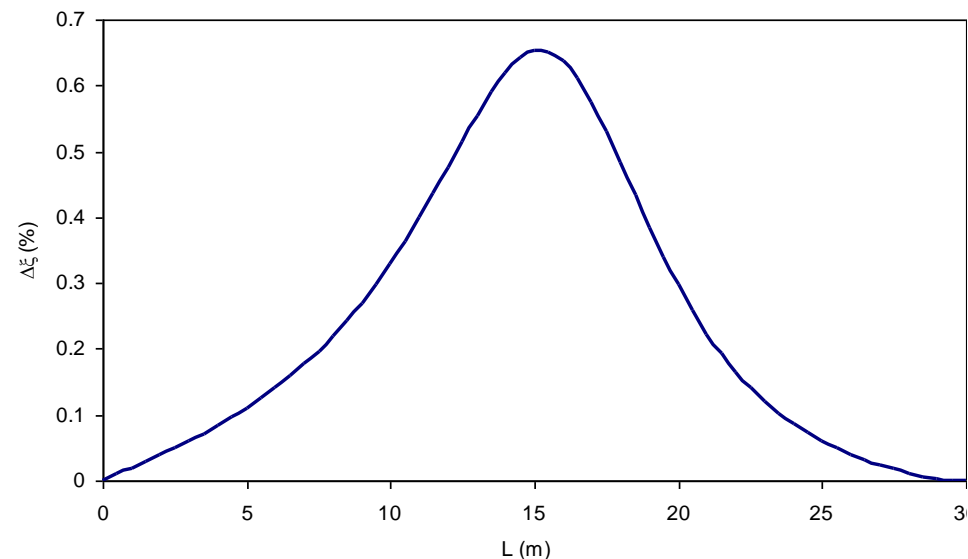
Bridge type	Lower limit of percentage of critical damping (%)	
	Span $L < 20$ m	Span $L \geq 20$ m
Steel and Composite	$\xi = 0,5 + 0,125 (20-L)$	$\xi = 0,5$
Prestressed concrete	$\xi = 1,0 + 0,07 (20-L)$	$\xi = 1,0$
Reinforced concrete and Filler Beam	$\xi = 1,5 + 0,07 (20-L)$	$\xi = 1,5$

## 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

### Bridge damping

- For spans up to 30 m dynamic vehicle-bridge mass interaction effects tends to reduce the peak response at resonance. These effects may be taken by:
  - 1) Carrying out a dynamic vehicle-bridge interactive analysis;
  - 2) Increasing the value of the damping assumed for the structure.

$$\xi_{TOTAL} = \xi + \Delta\xi$$



# 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

## Design checks

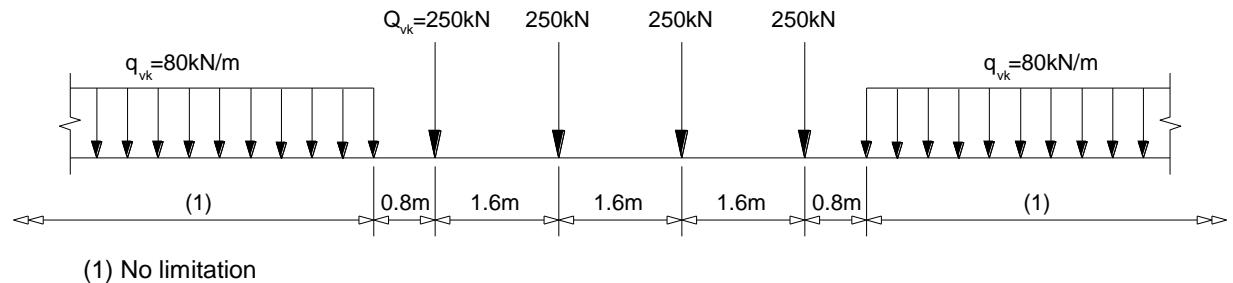
- Structural safety

For the bridge design, the following most unfavorable values should be taken into account:

$$\left(1 + \varphi'_{dyn} + \frac{\varphi''}{2}\right) \times \begin{pmatrix} HSLM \\ \text{or} \\ RT \end{pmatrix} \quad \varphi'_{dyn} = \max \left| \frac{y_{dyn}}{y_{stat}} \right| - 1$$

or

$$\Phi \times (LM71 + SW / 0)$$



a) carefully maintained track

b) track with standard maintenance

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{1,44}{\sqrt{L_\phi} - 0,2} + 0,82$$

$$\Phi_3 = \frac{2,16}{\sqrt{L_\phi} - 0,2} + 0,73$$



# 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

## Design checks

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- Track safety
  - The deformation and structure vibration limit states, which aim at ensuring railway track safety, refer to (EN1990-AnnexA2):
    - 1) Vertical acceleration of the deck
    - 2) Torsion of the deck
    - 3) Vertical deformation of the deck
    - 4) Transverse deformation and vibration of the deck

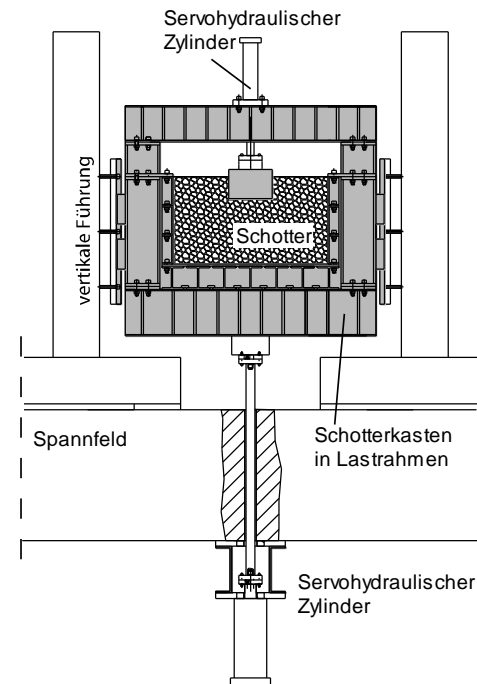
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- Vertical acceleration of the deck

Evaluation of the dynamic behaviour of ballasted track under different acceleration levels (ERRI D214/RP9)

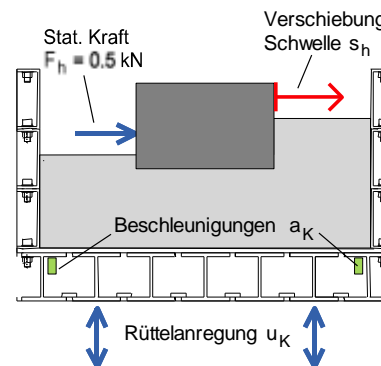
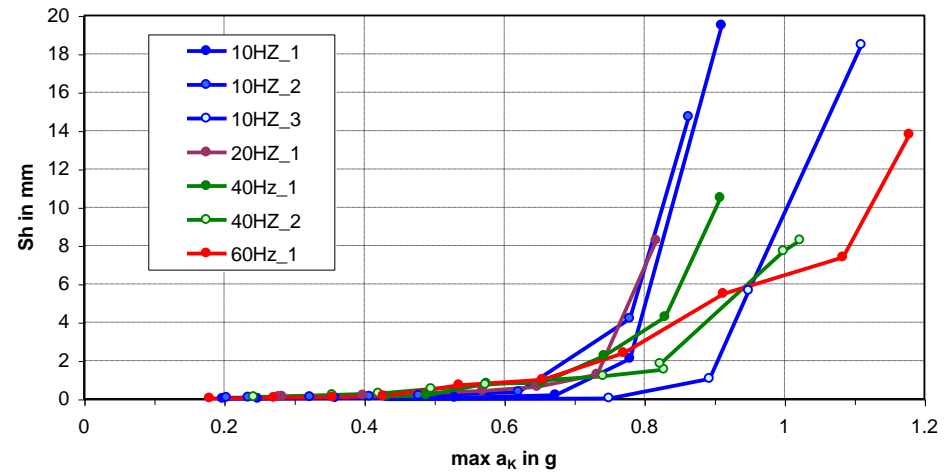
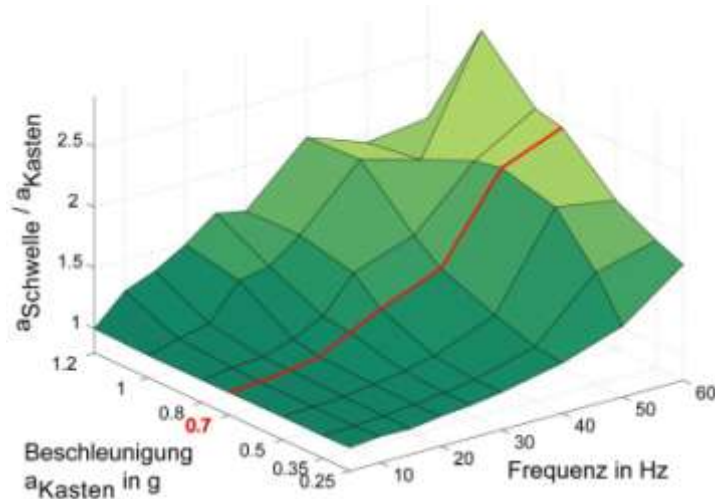
Test rig at BAM



# 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

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- Vertical acceleration of the deck



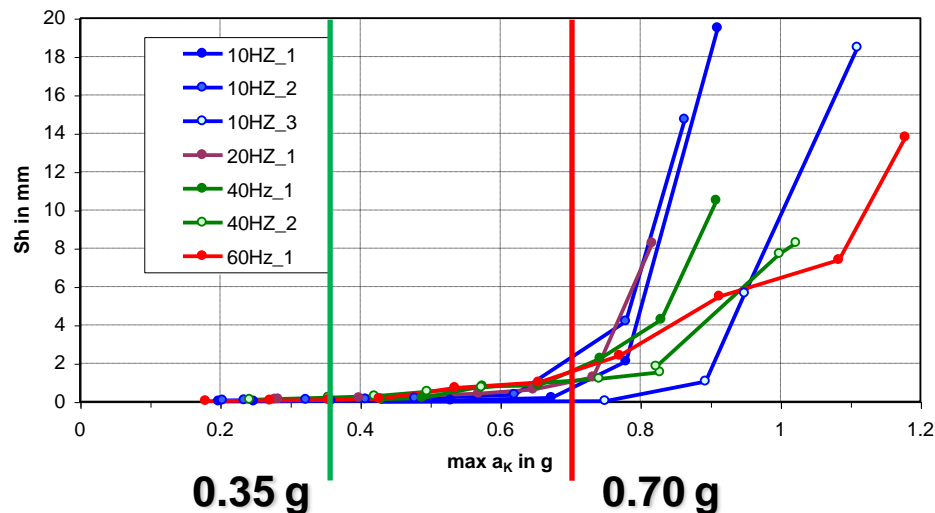
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- Vertical acceleration of the deck

The maximum permitted peak values of bridge deck acceleration calculated along each track shall not exceed:

i)  $3.5 \text{ m/s}^2$  ( $\approx 0.35g$ ), for ballasted track



**Safety factor = 2**

ii)  $5 \text{ m/s}^2$  ( $\approx 0.50g$ ), for direct fastened decks

## 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

### Design checks

- Passenger comfort (EN1990-Annex A2)

Passenger comfort depends on the vertical acceleration  $b_v$  inside the carriages

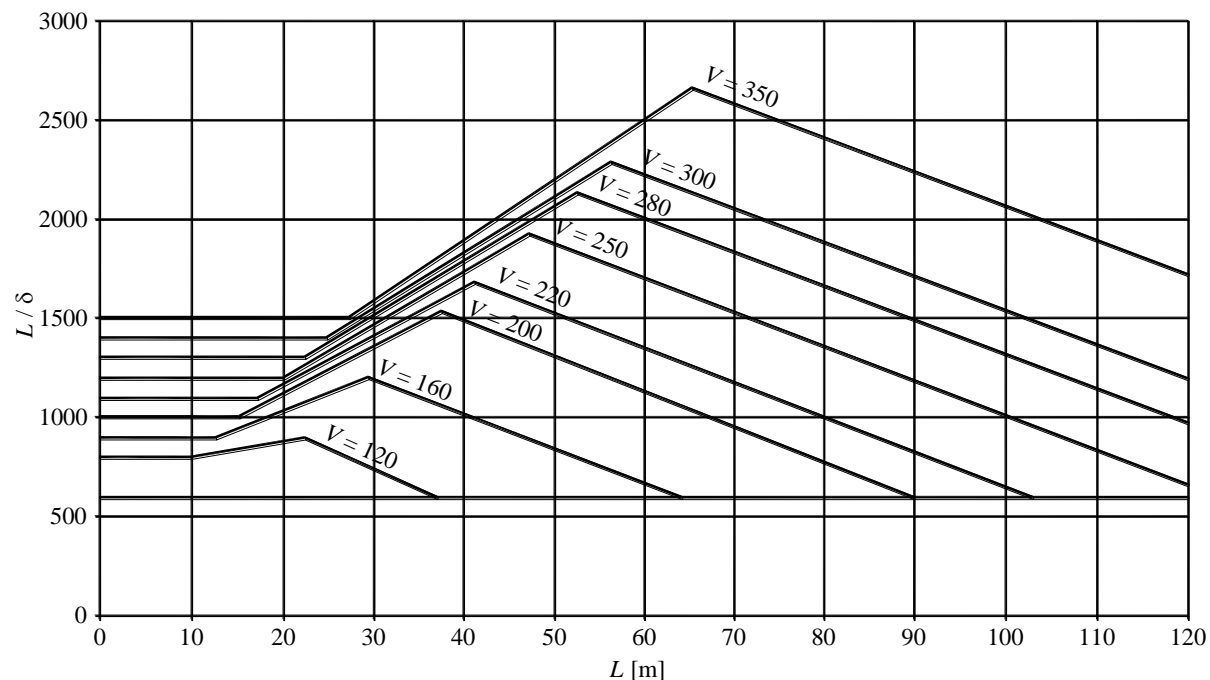
Level of Comfort	Vertical acceleration $b_v$ (m/s <sup>2</sup> )
Very good	1,0
Good	1,3
Acceptable	2,0

Generally, for the determination of the acceleration on the carriages a dynamic analysis with the bridge-train interaction could be done.

## 2. Issues related to design of rail bridges

### Design checks

For bridges consisting of simply supported spans or with continuity, which do not exhibit significant variations of span length or stiffness, and for spans up to 120 m, the verification of passengers comfort can be made by a simplified methodology limiting the vertical displacement of the deck.



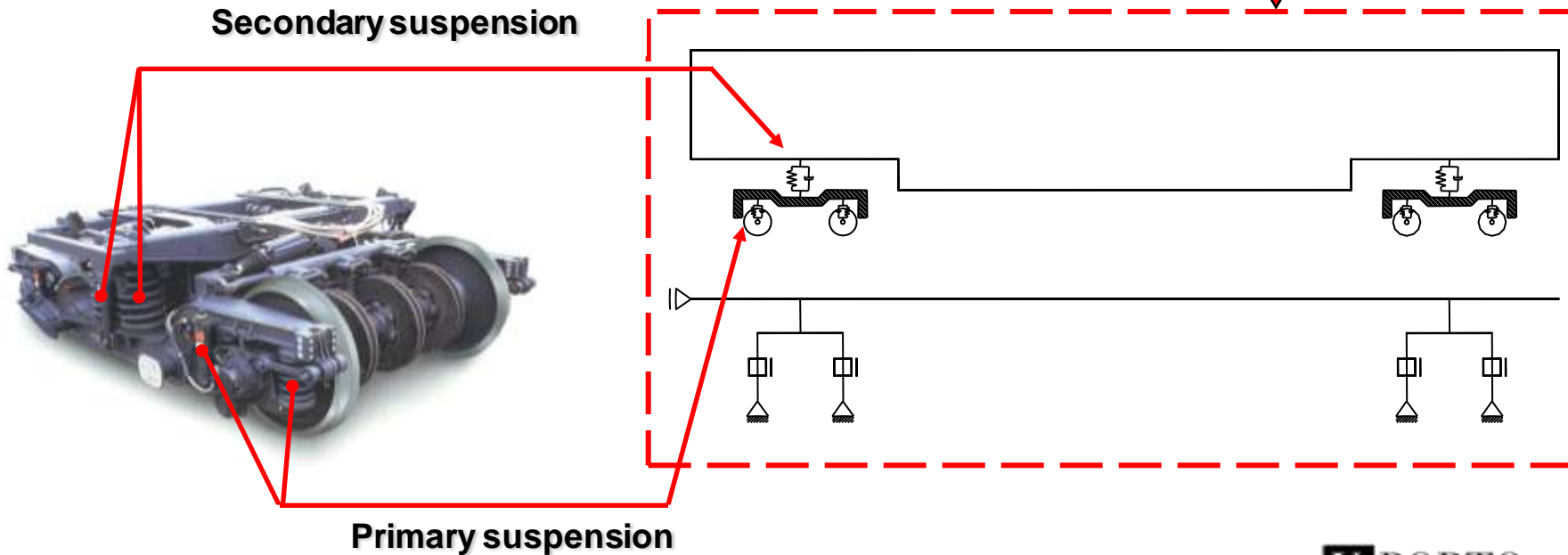
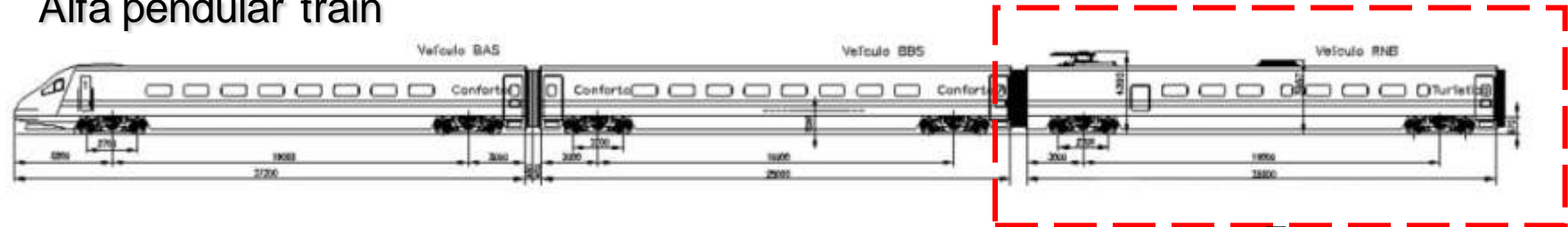
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## Train modelling

Alfa pendular train





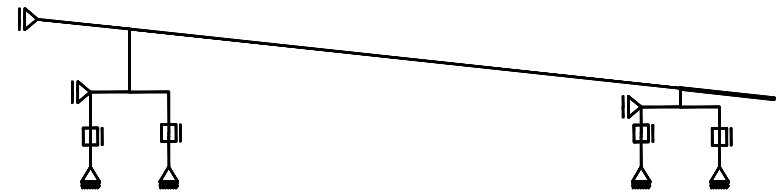
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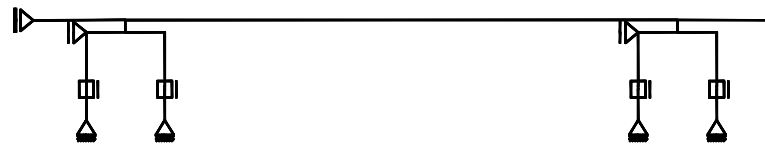
Alfa pendular train – Natural frequencies and mode shapes



Mode 1 -  $f = 1.05$  Hz



Mode 2 -  $f = 1.36$  Hz



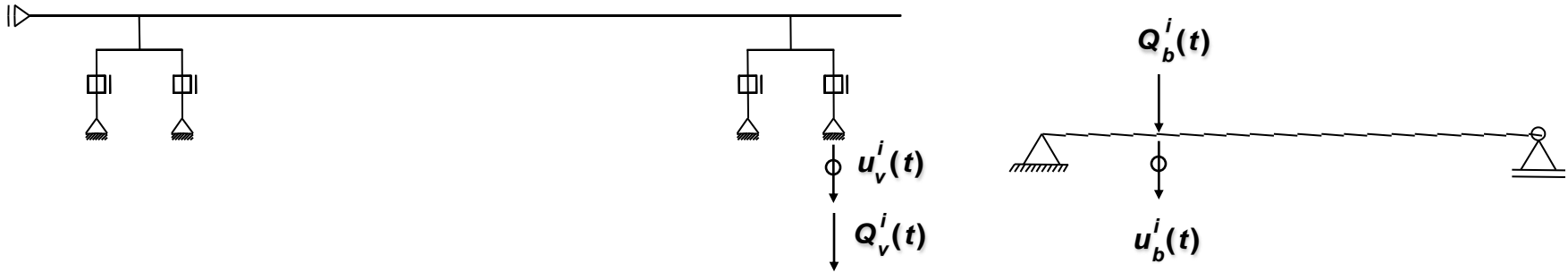
Mode 3 -  $f = 5.39$  Hz



Mode 4 -  $f = 5.41$  Hz

# 3. Dynamic analysis of the train-bridge interaction

## Iterative procedure



	Bridge	Vehicle
<b>Action</b>	$Q_b^i(t) = Q_{sta} + Q_{dyn}^{i-1}(t)$	$u_v^i(t) = u_b^{i-1}(t)$
<b>Result</b>	$u_b^i(t)$	$Q_{dyn}^i(t) = Q_v^i(t)$
<b>Convergence Criterion</b>	$\frac{Q_{dyn}^i(t) - Q_{dyn}^{i-1}(t)}{Q_{dyn}^{i-1}(t)}$	If > tolerance $\rightarrow i + 1$ If < tolerance $\rightarrow t + \Delta t$

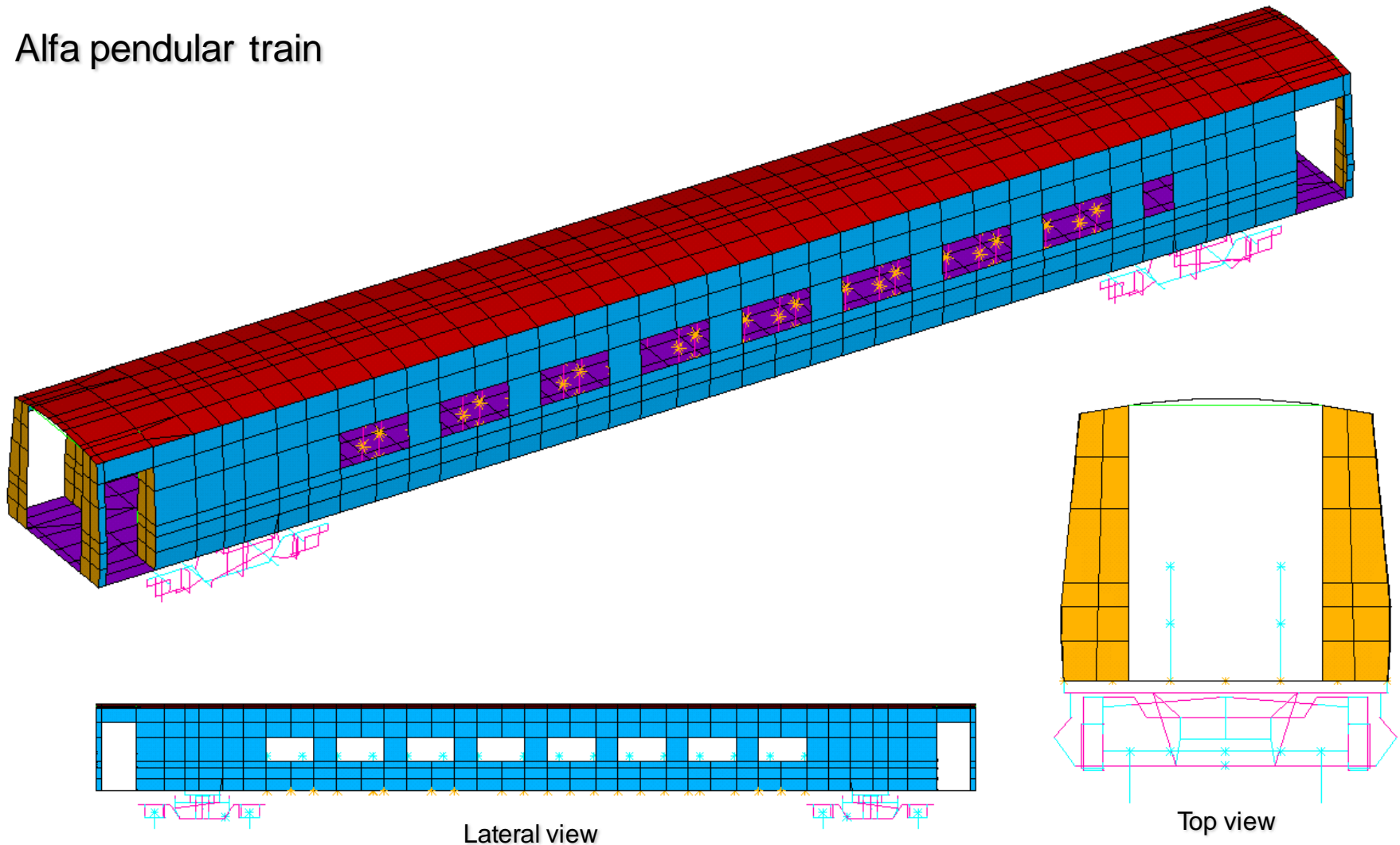
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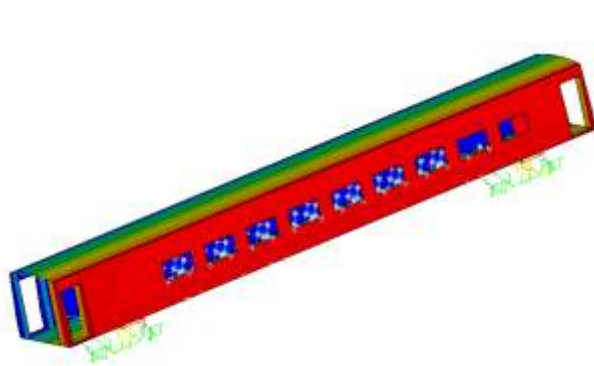
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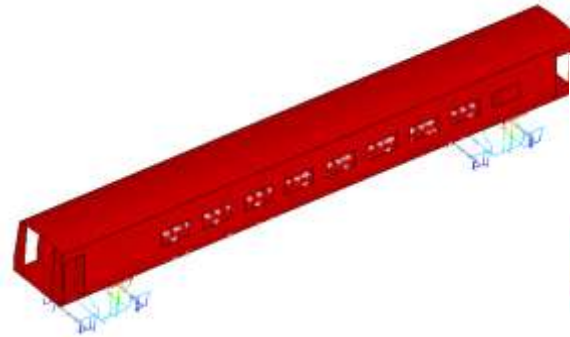
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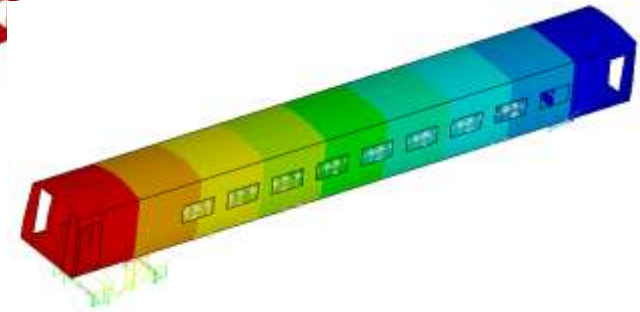
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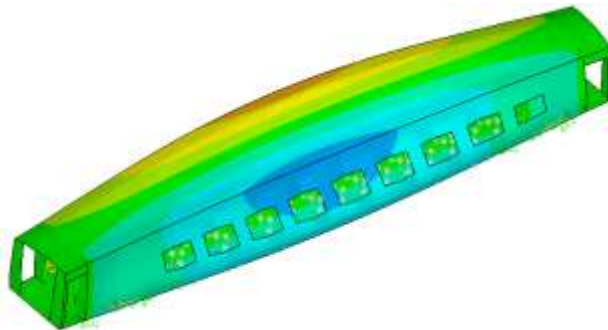
Mode 1 –  $f = 0.67$  Hz  
Rolling mode



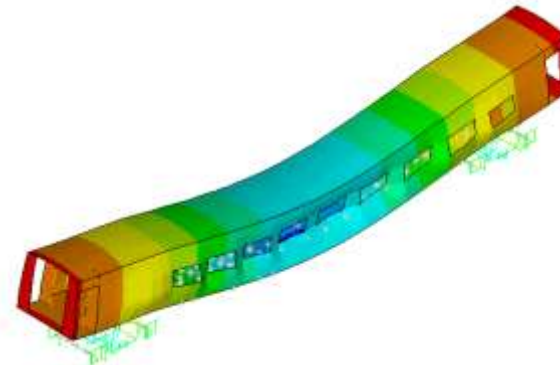
Mode 2 –  $f = 0.97$  Hz  
Bouncing mode



Mode 3 –  $f = 1.32$  Hz  
Pitching mode



Mode 4 –  $f = 7.04$  Hz  
1<sup>st</sup> torsion mode



Mode 5 –  $f = 13.99$  Hz  
Bending mode

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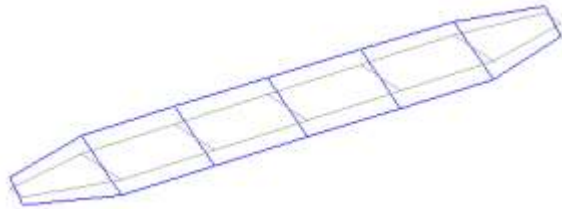
### Dynamic test



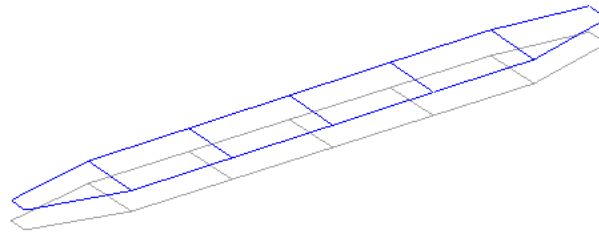
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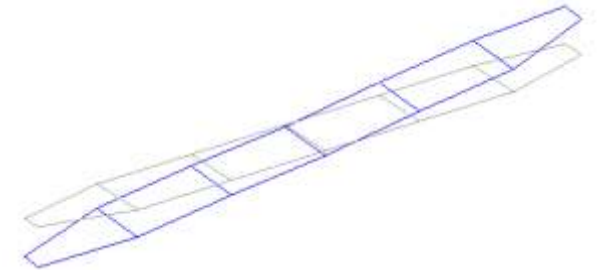
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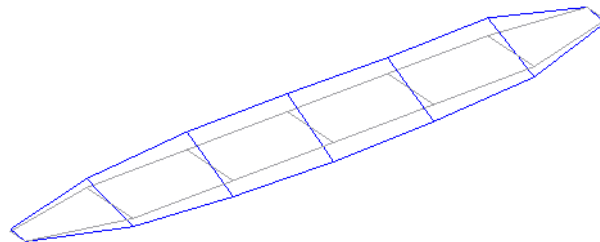
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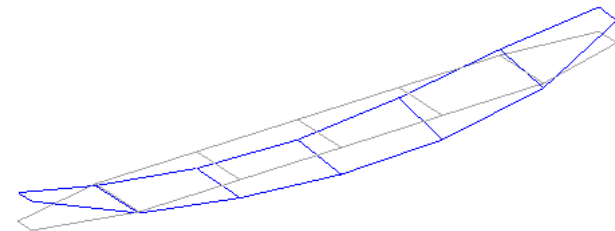
Mode 2 –  $f = 1.33$  Hz  
Bouncing mode



Mode 3 –  $f = 1.59$  Hz  
Pitching mode



Mode 4 –  $f = 8.38$  Hz  
1<sup>st</sup> torsion mode

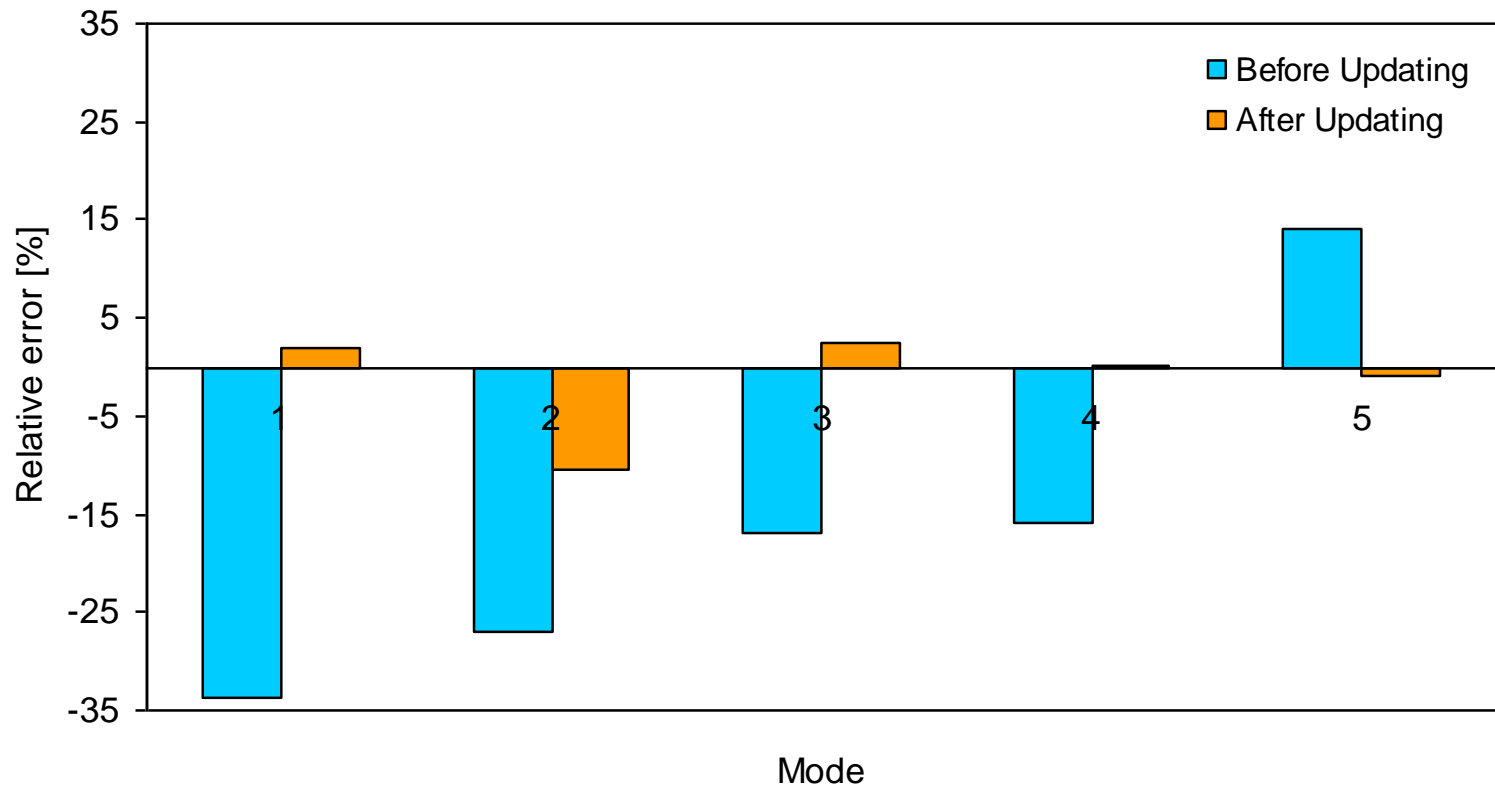


Mode 5 –  $f = 12.26$  Hz  
Bending mode

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## Train modelling

- Numerical vs experimental natural frequencies

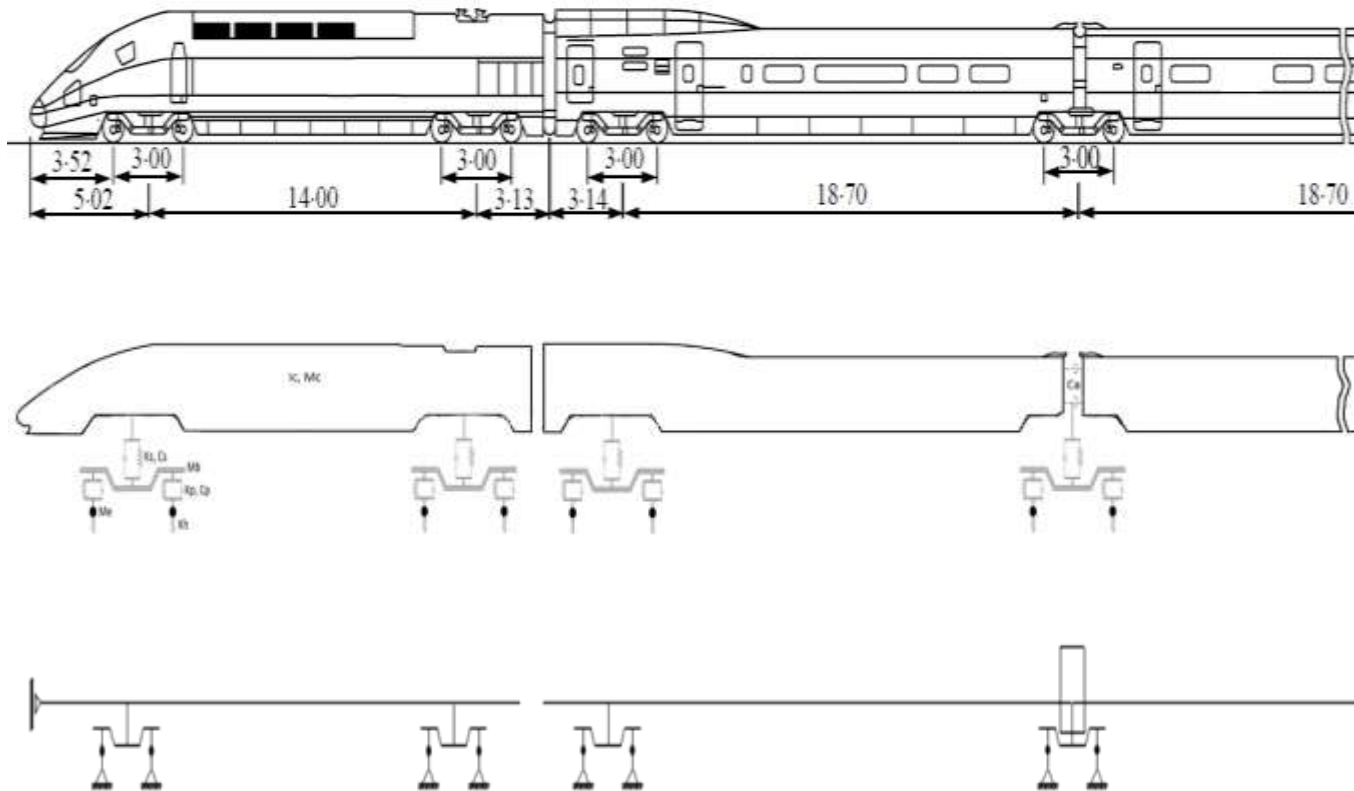




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TGV train



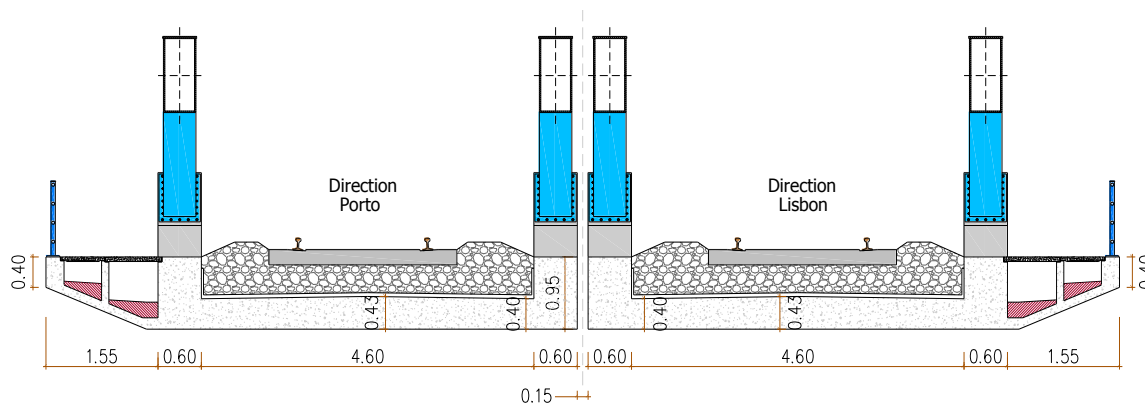
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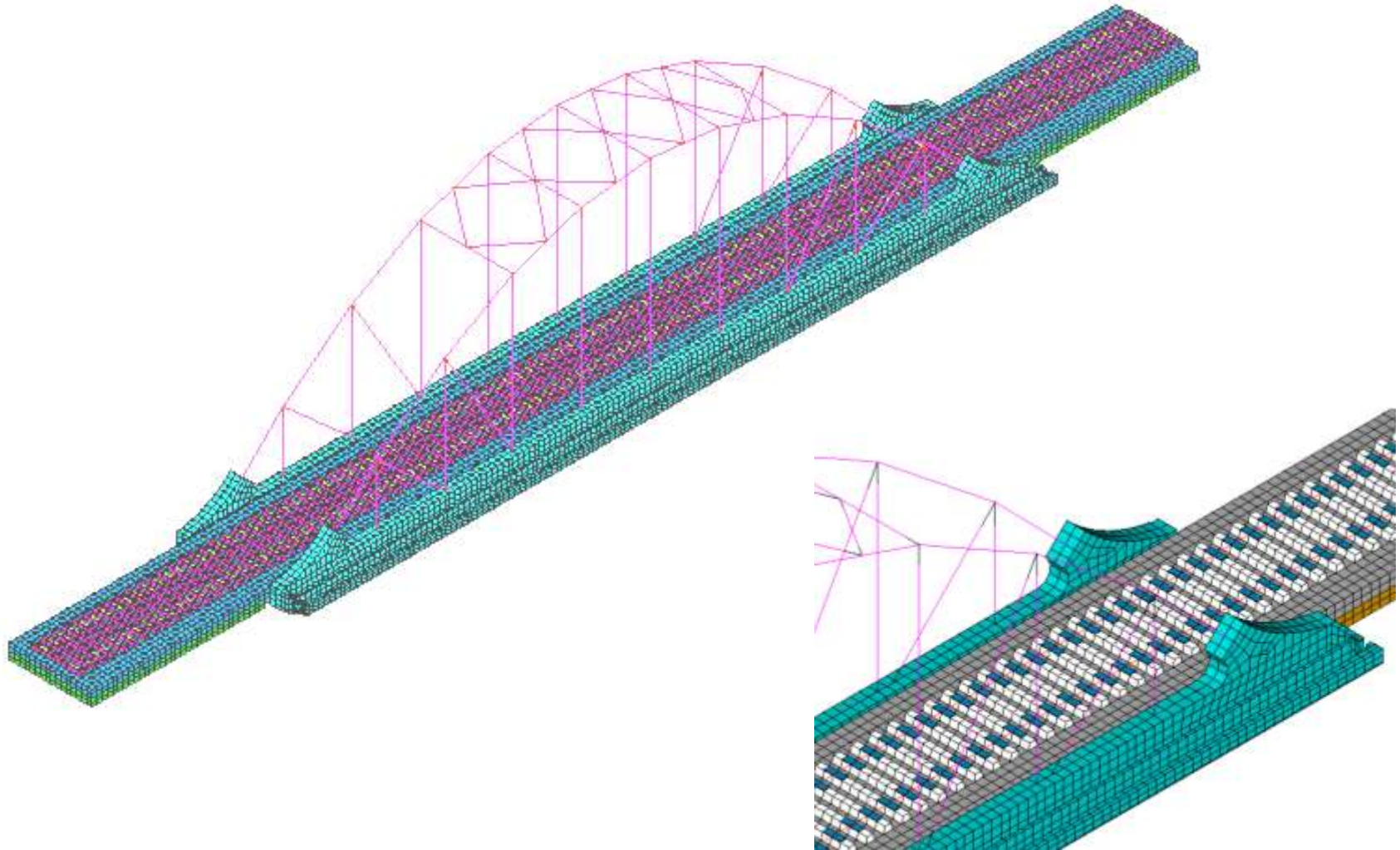
## São Lourenço rail bridge

### Location and description



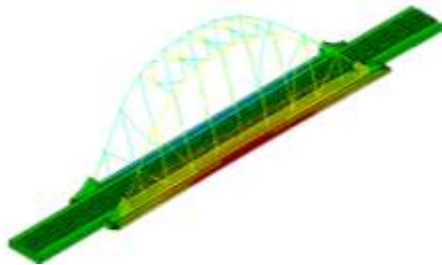
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## Numerical model



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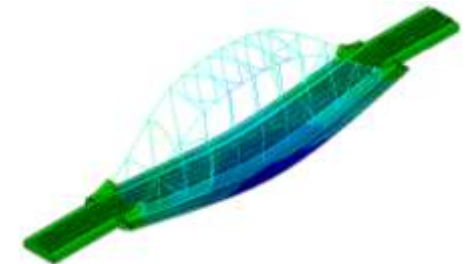
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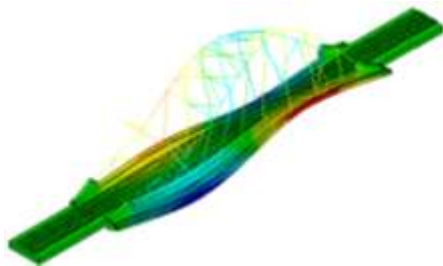
Mode 1 –  $f = 2.33$  Hz  
Transversal bending (arches)



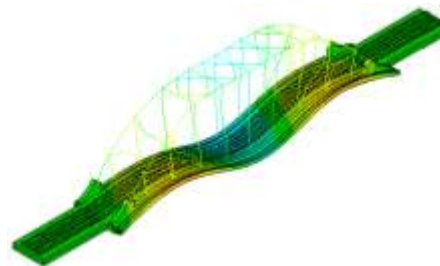
Mode 2 –  $f = 4.06$  Hz  
Vertical bending



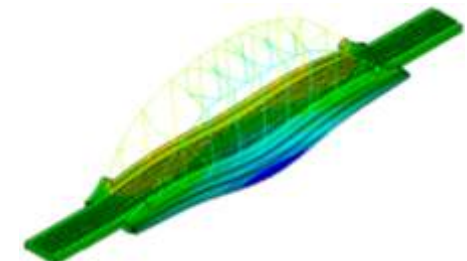
Mode 3 –  $f = 5.88$  Hz  
Vertical bending



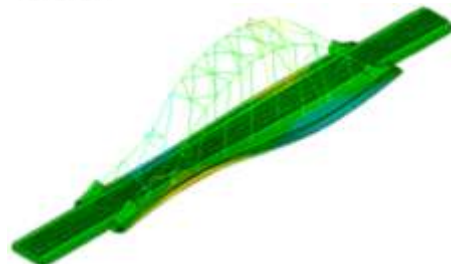
Mode 4 –  $f = 6.67$  Hz  
Torsion



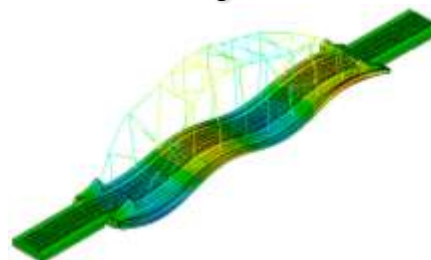
Mode 5 –  $f = 9.01$  Hz  
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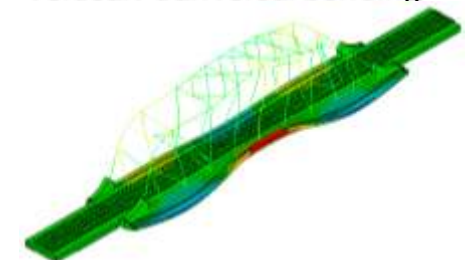
Mode 6 –  $f = 9.67$  Hz  
Vertical / transversal bending



Mode 7 –  $f = 11.31$  Hz  
Transversal bending (arches)



Mode 8 –  $f = 13.92$  Hz  
Vertical bending



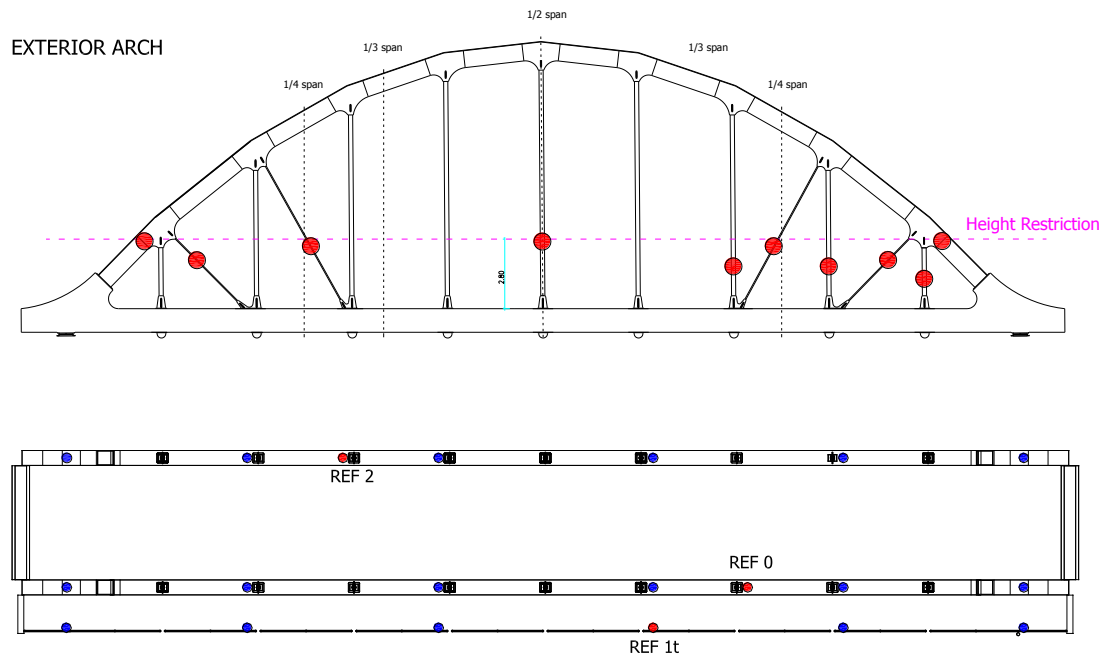
Mode 9 –  $f = 14.82$  Hz  
Torsion



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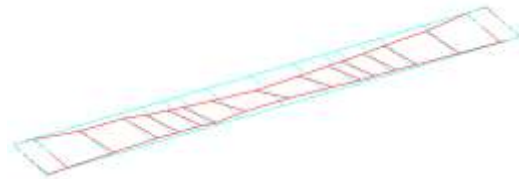
## Ambient vibration test

- Accelerometers located in the axis of the main girders of the deck slab, in the footway cantilever, diagonals, hangers and arches
- Sensor placement restrictions
- 3 fixed reference point (REF) and 59 mobile measurement points

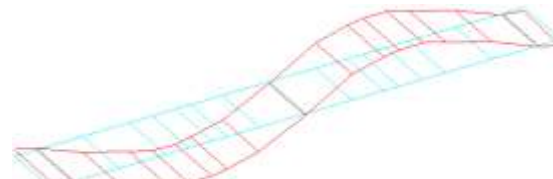


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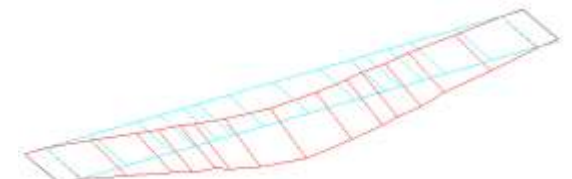
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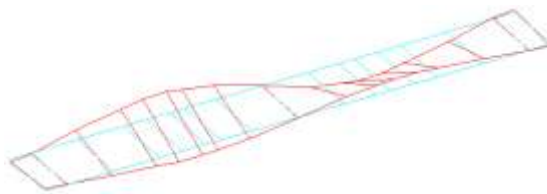
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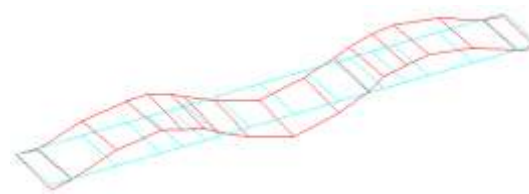
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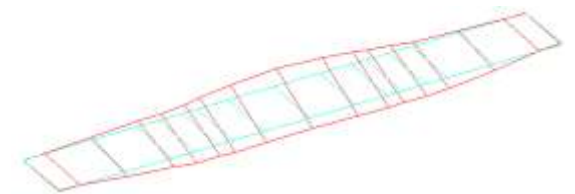
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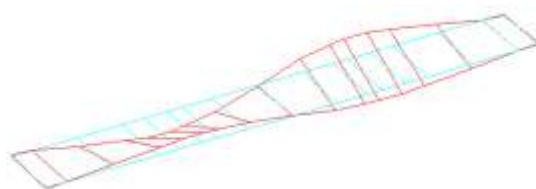
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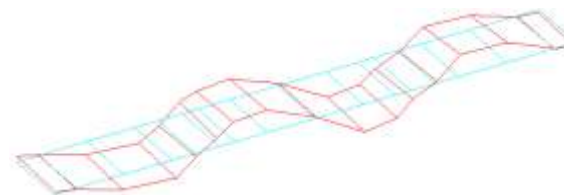
Mode 5 –  $f = 9.77$  Hz



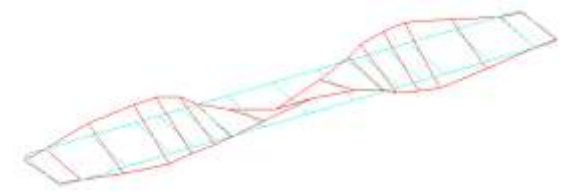
Mode 6 –  $f = 9.94$  Hz



Mode 7 –  $f = 11.30$  Hz



Mode 8 –  $f = 15.21$  Hz



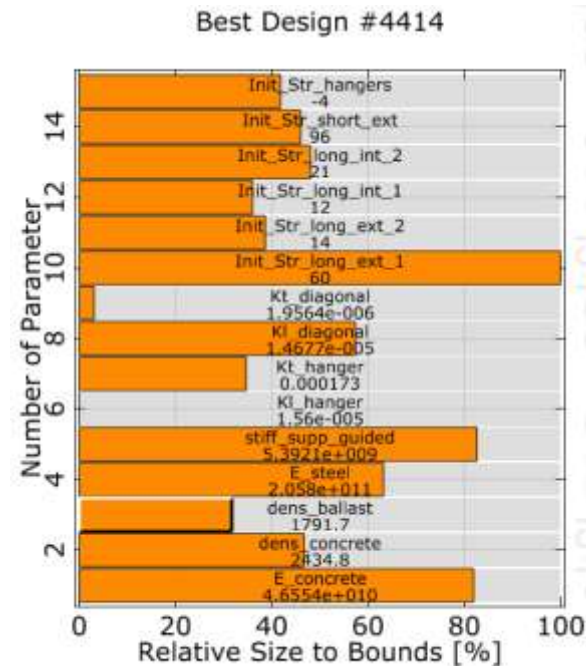
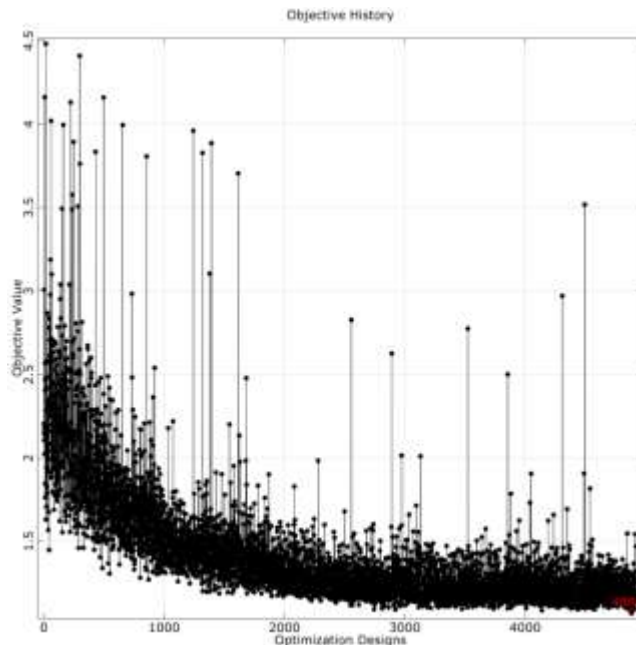
Mode 9 –  $f = 15.72$  Hz

# 4. Dynamic analysis of a bowstring arch rail bridge

## Model Updating

- Genetic algorithm (GA)

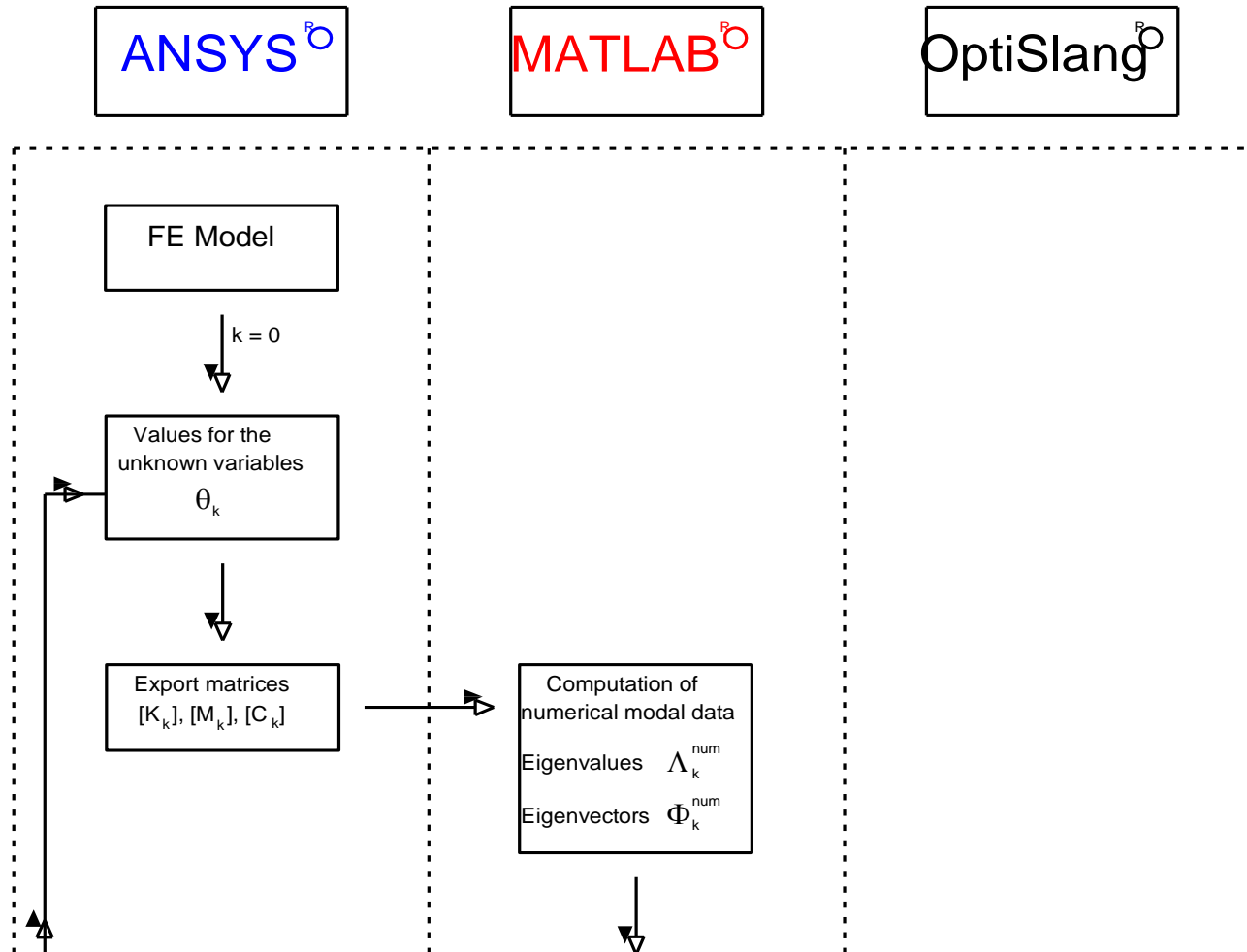
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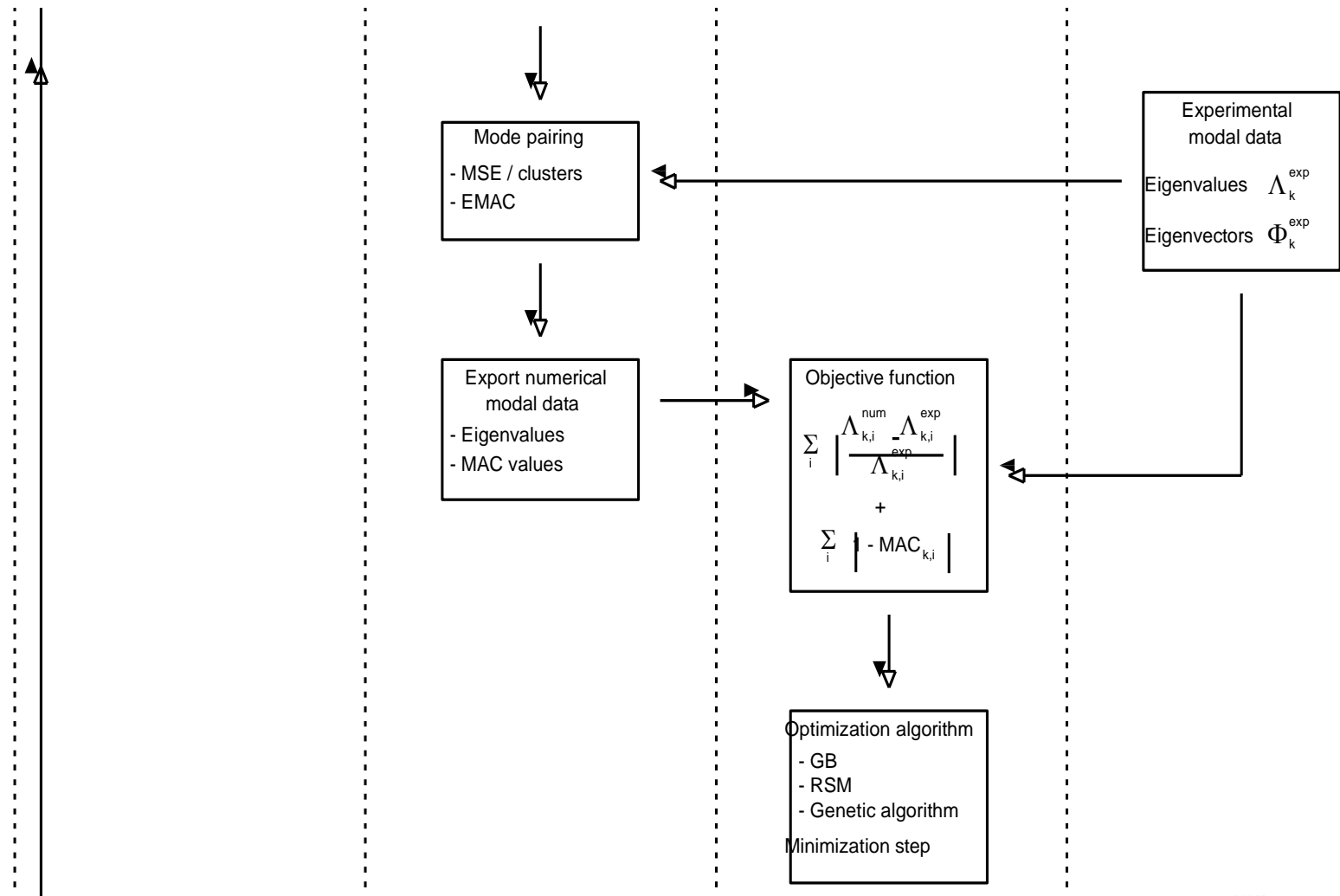
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## Model Updating



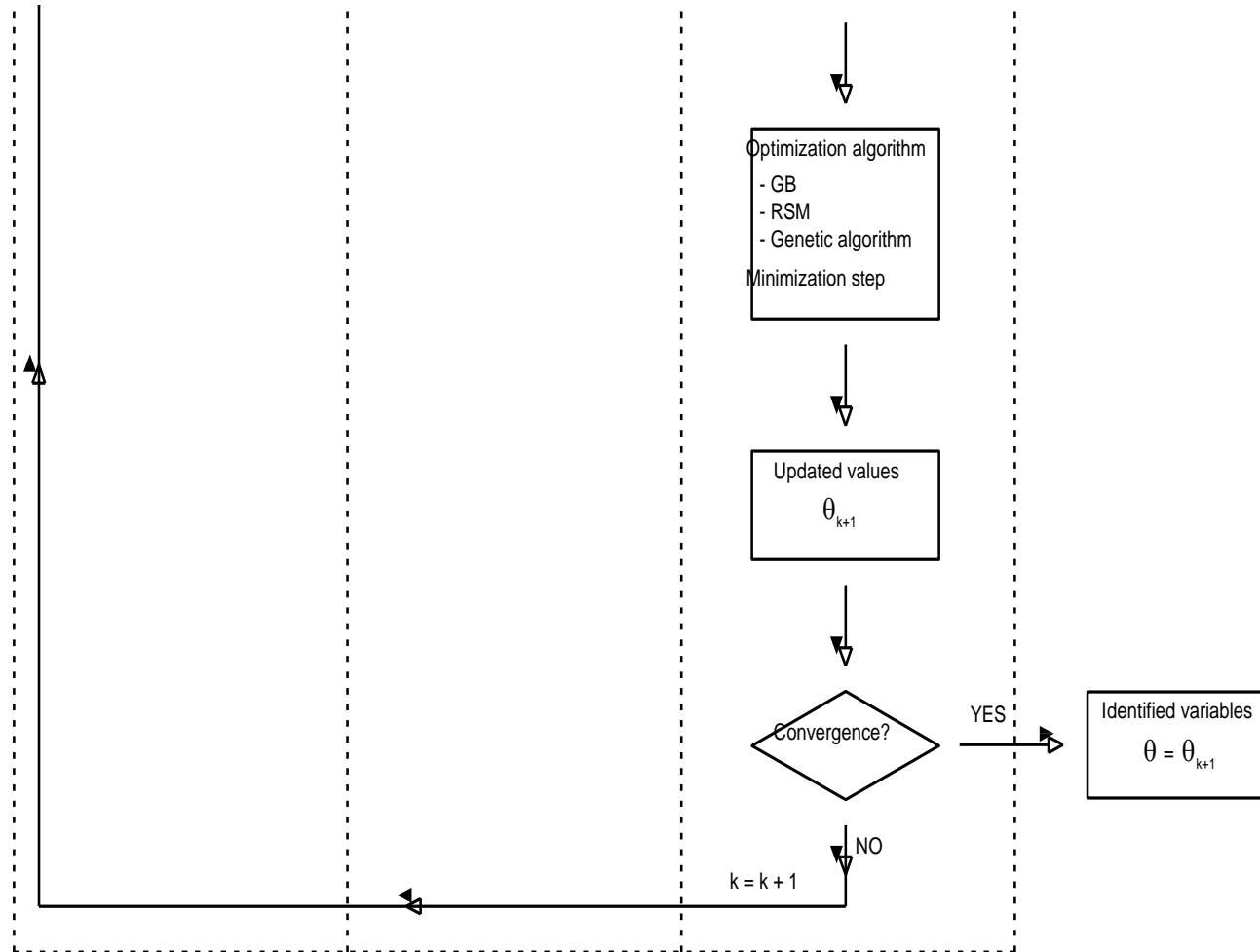
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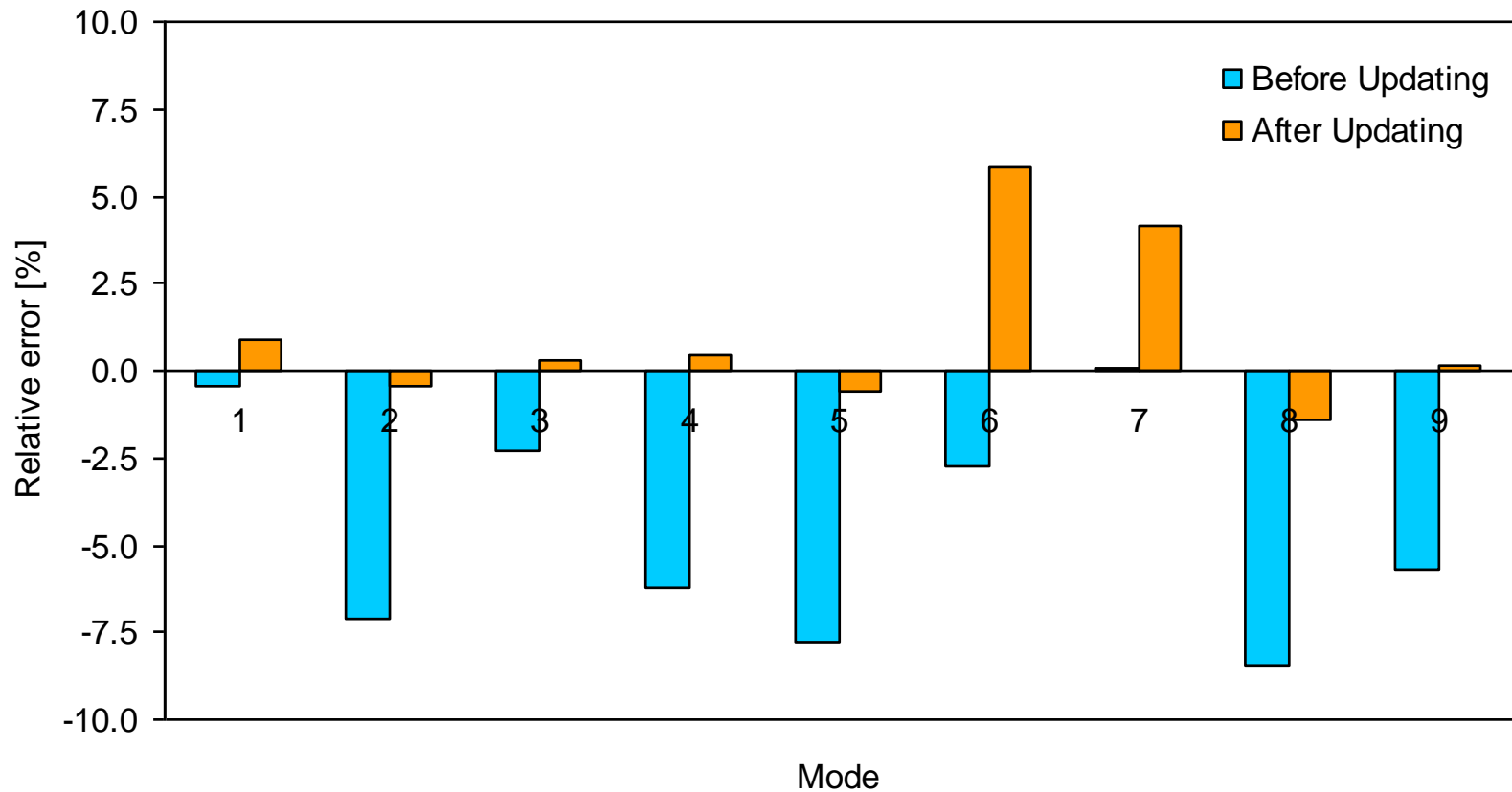
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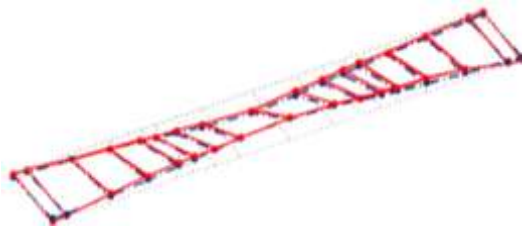
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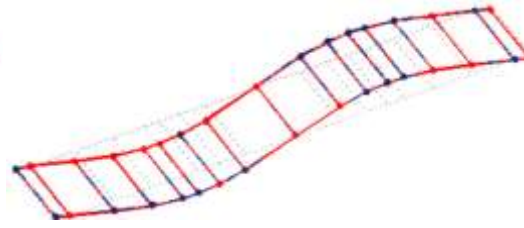
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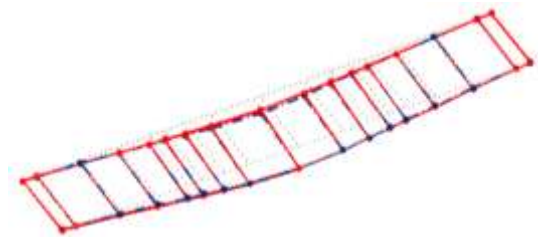
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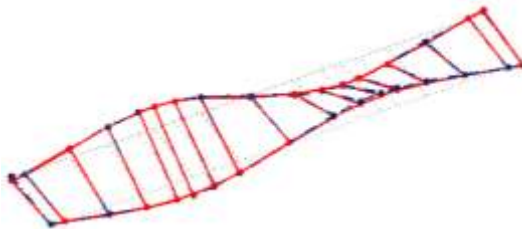
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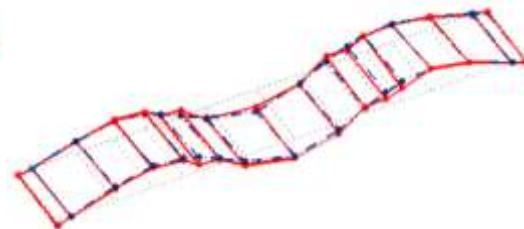
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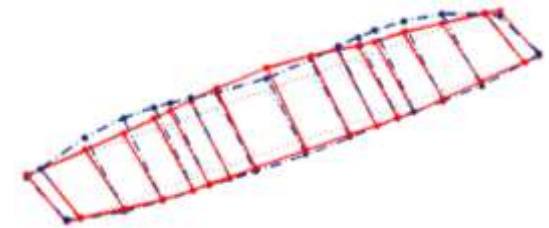
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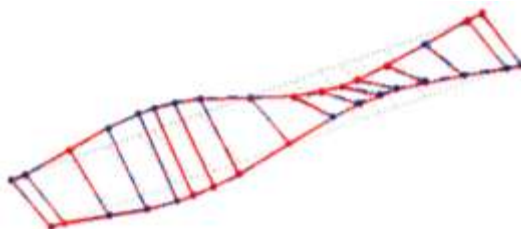
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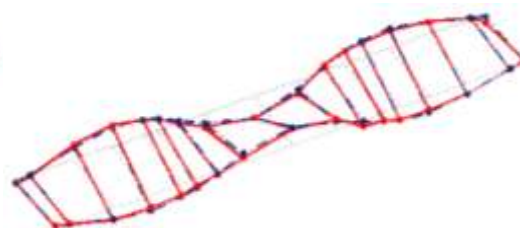
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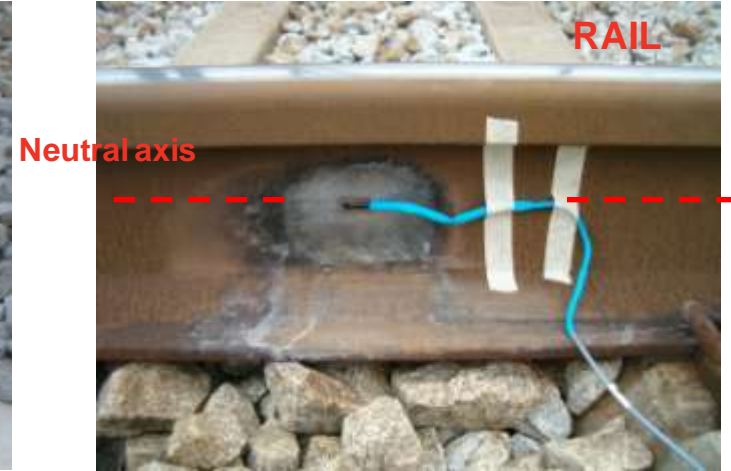
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## Dynamic tests under railway traffic

- Displacements and accelerations



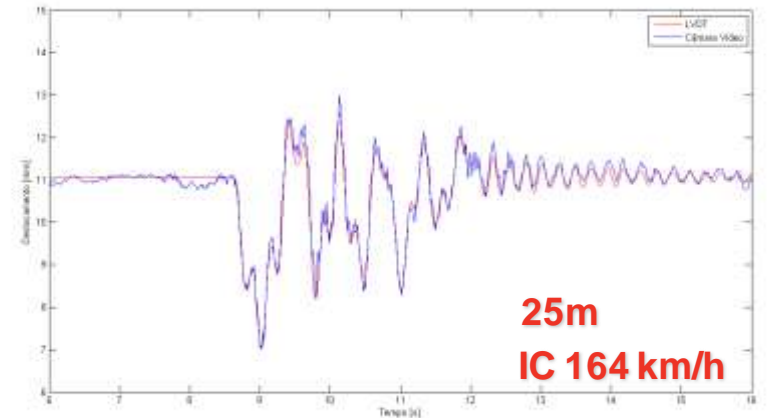
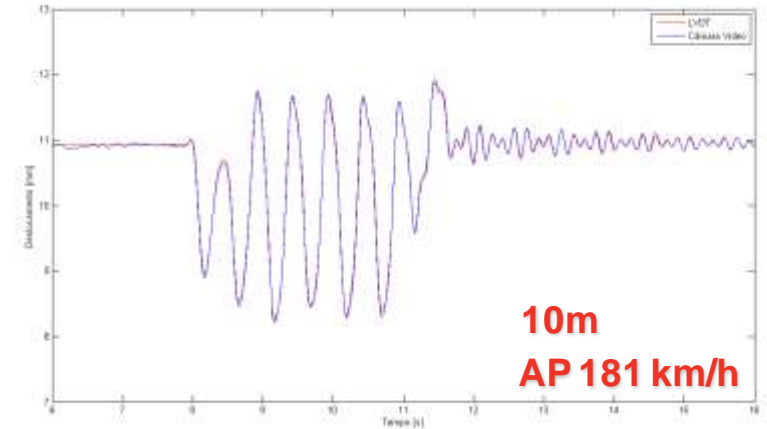
- Deformations



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## Experimental tests under railway traffic

- Measuring displacements using an advanced non-contact video system

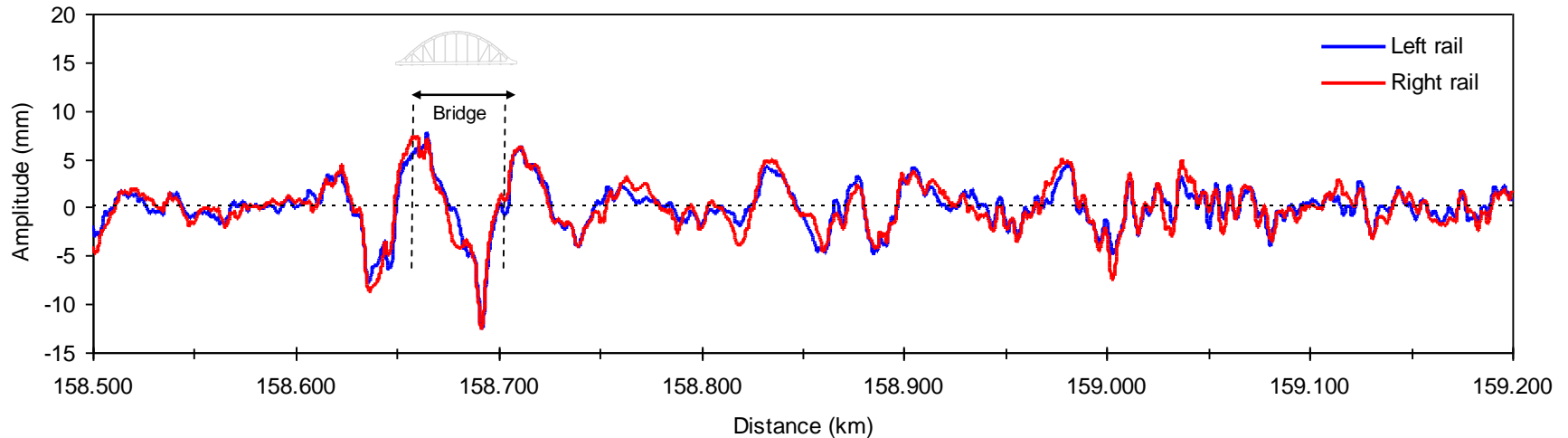




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## Characterization of the track irregularities

- Track inspection vehicle (EM120)

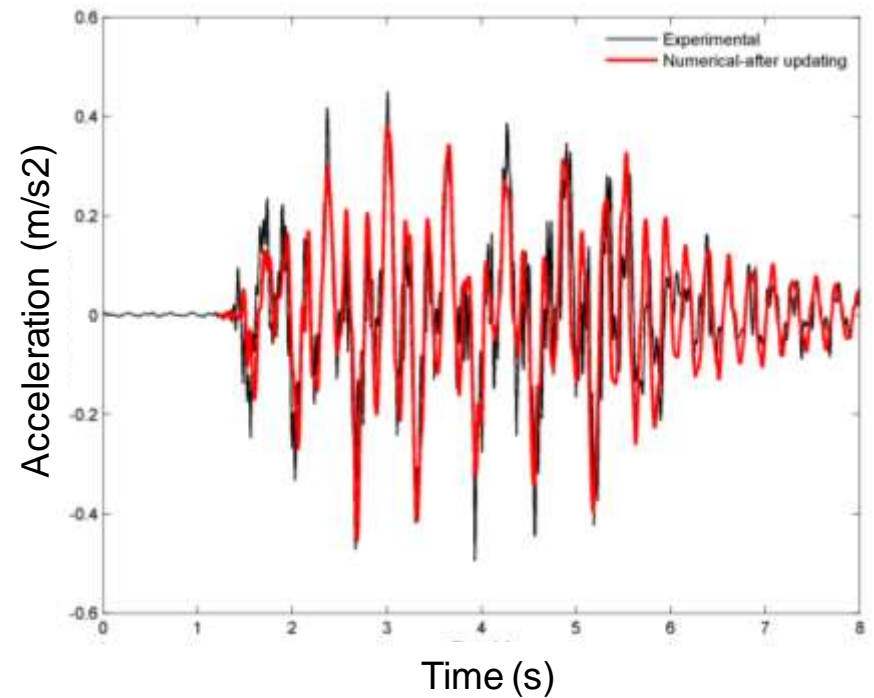
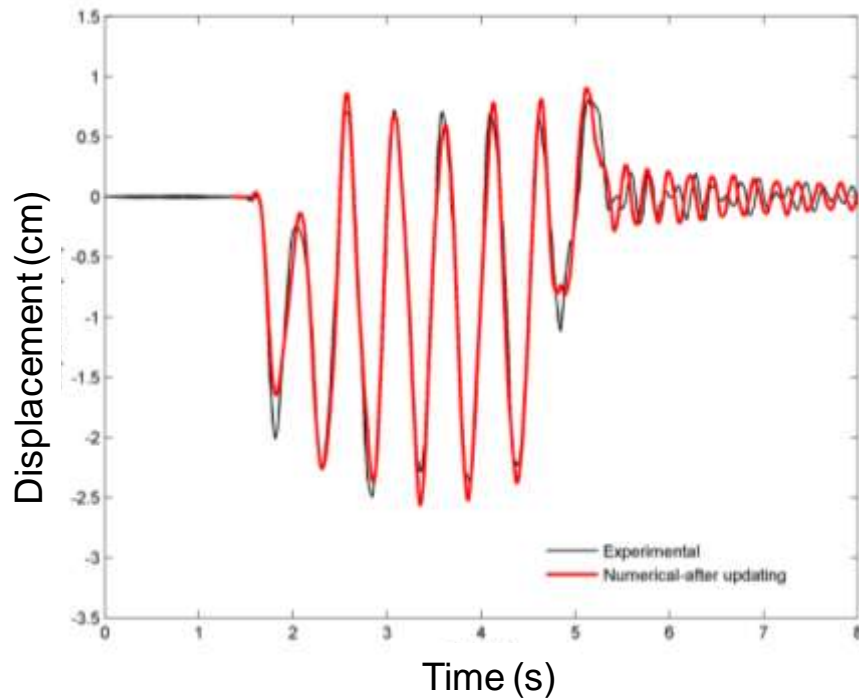




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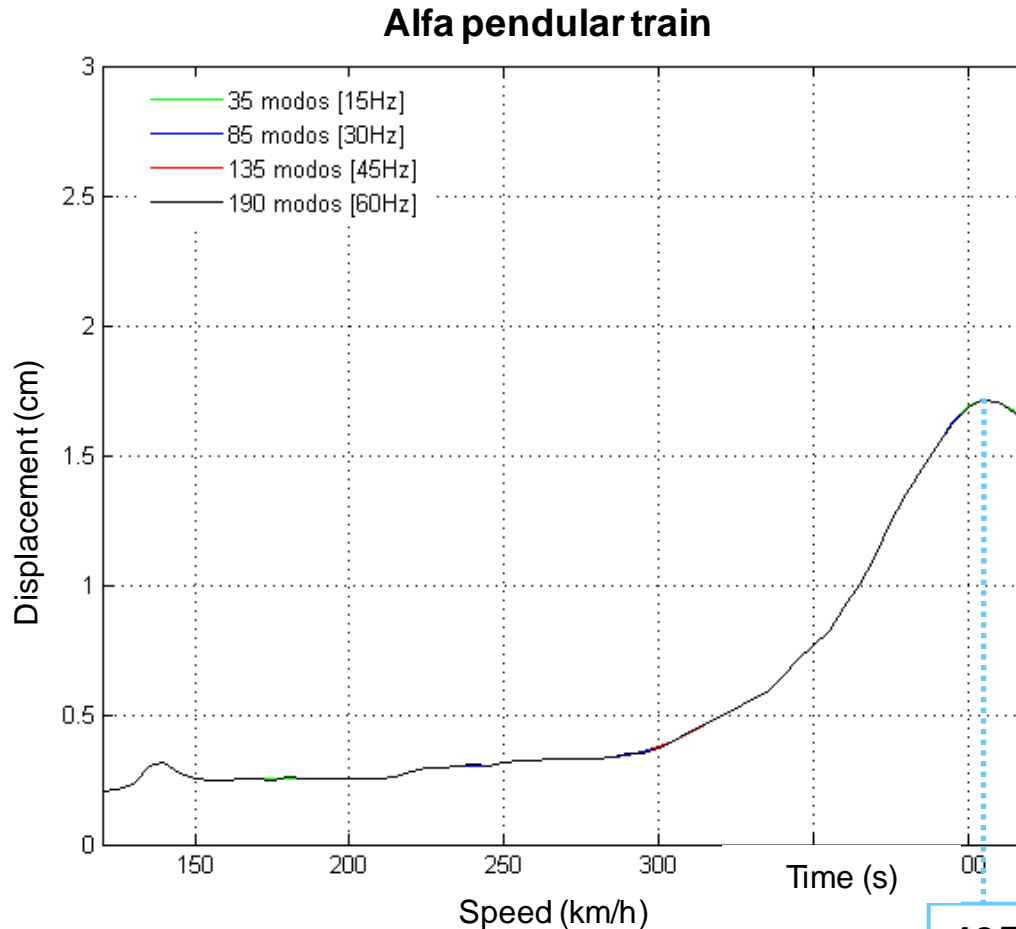
## Experimental validation of the numerical model

- Alfa pendular train  $v=185$  km/h



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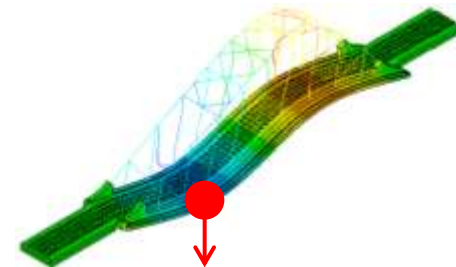
## Simulation results



$$V_{res}(i, j) = \frac{dn_j}{i}$$

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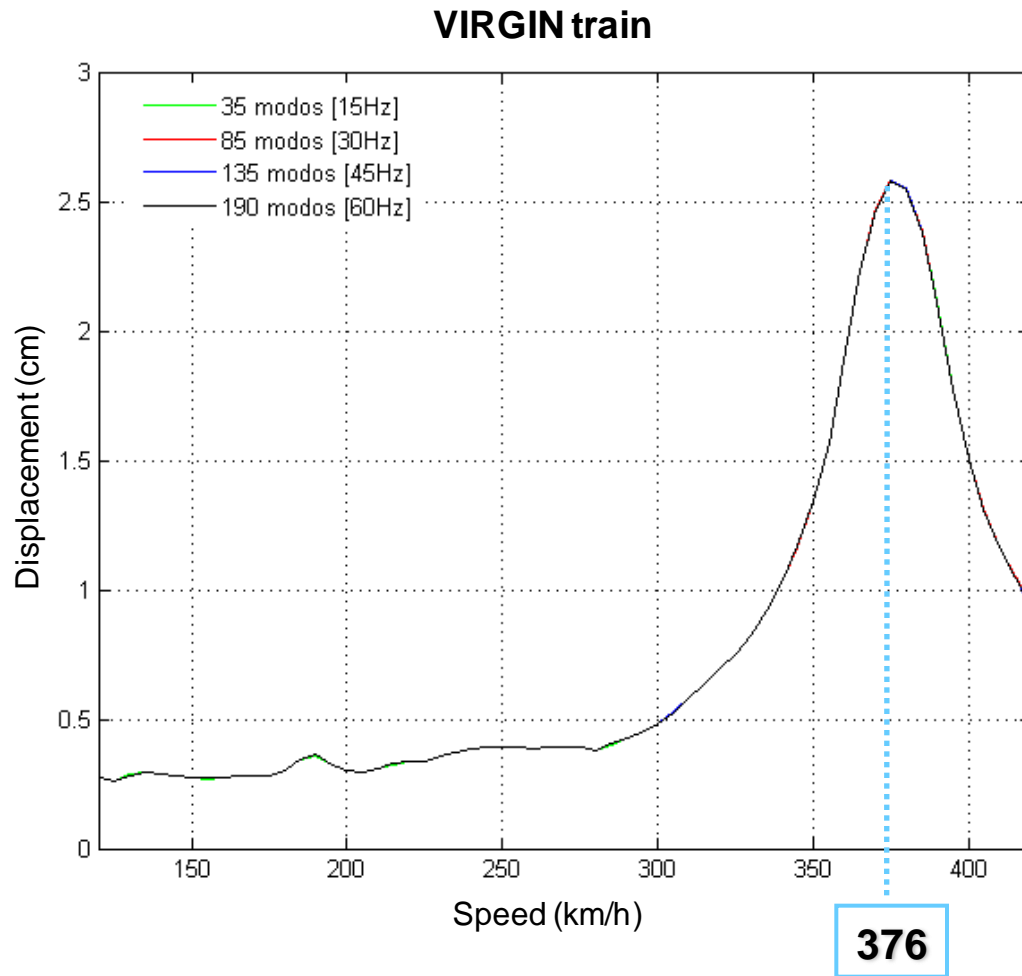


405

$$V_{res}(1,2) = 25,9 \times 4,37 = 113 \frac{m}{s} \approx 405 \text{ kmh}$$

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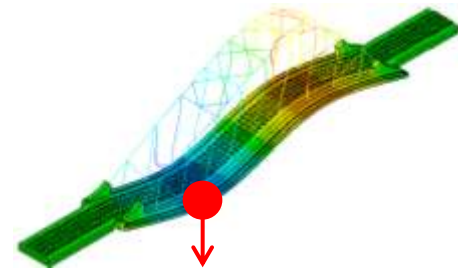
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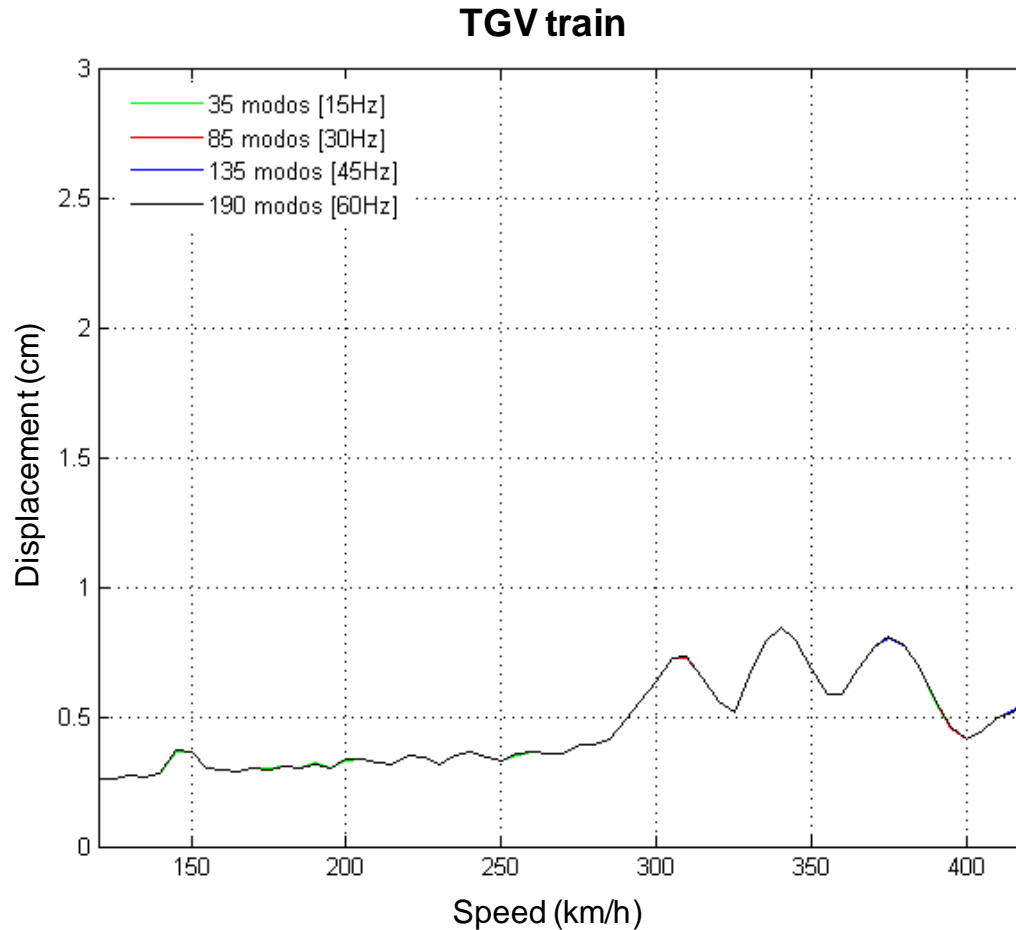
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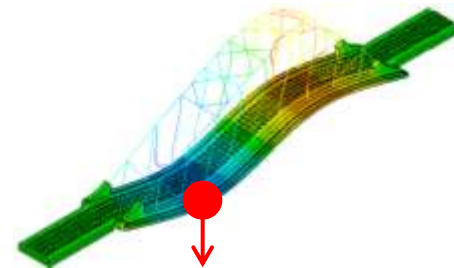
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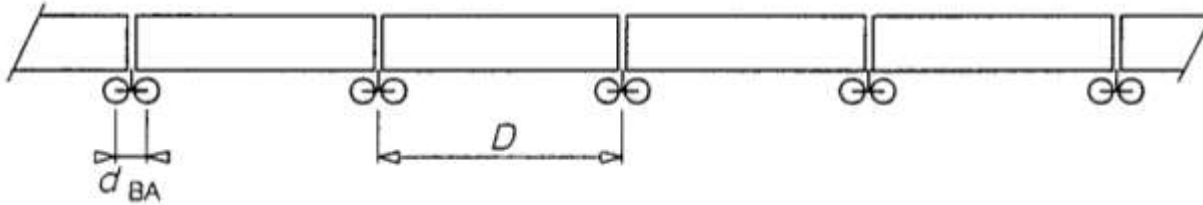
$$d = 18,7 \text{ m}$$



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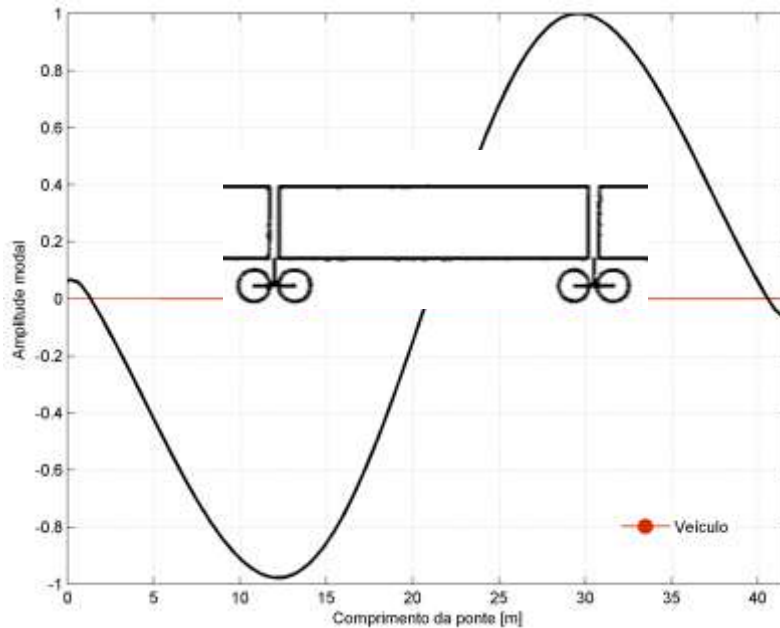
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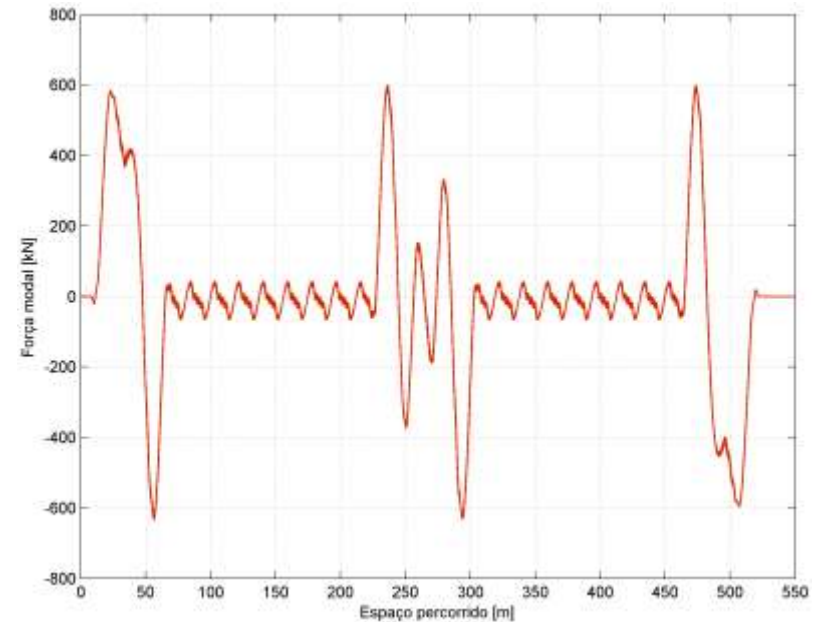
TGV (D=18.7m)



Mode shape



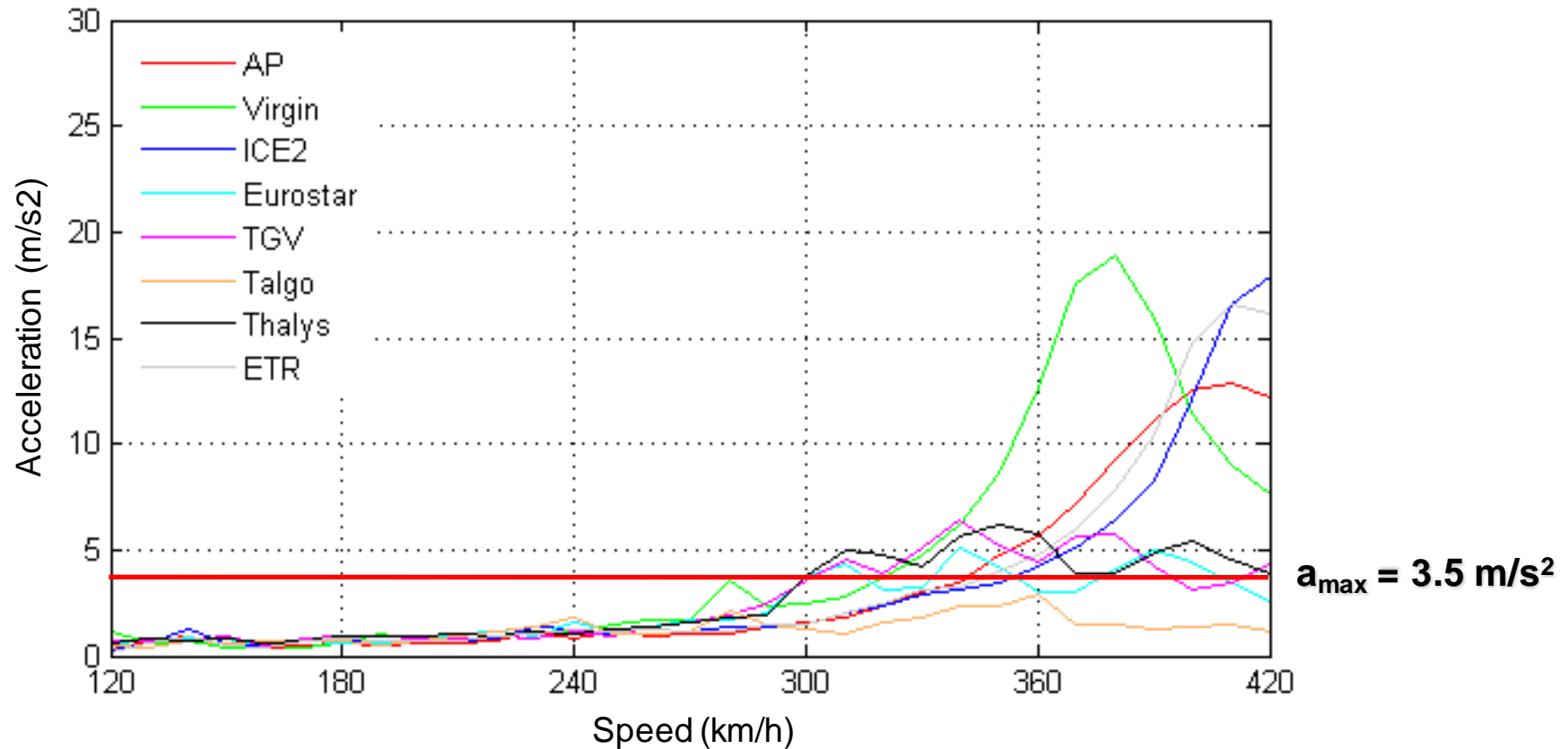
Modal force



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## Traffic safety

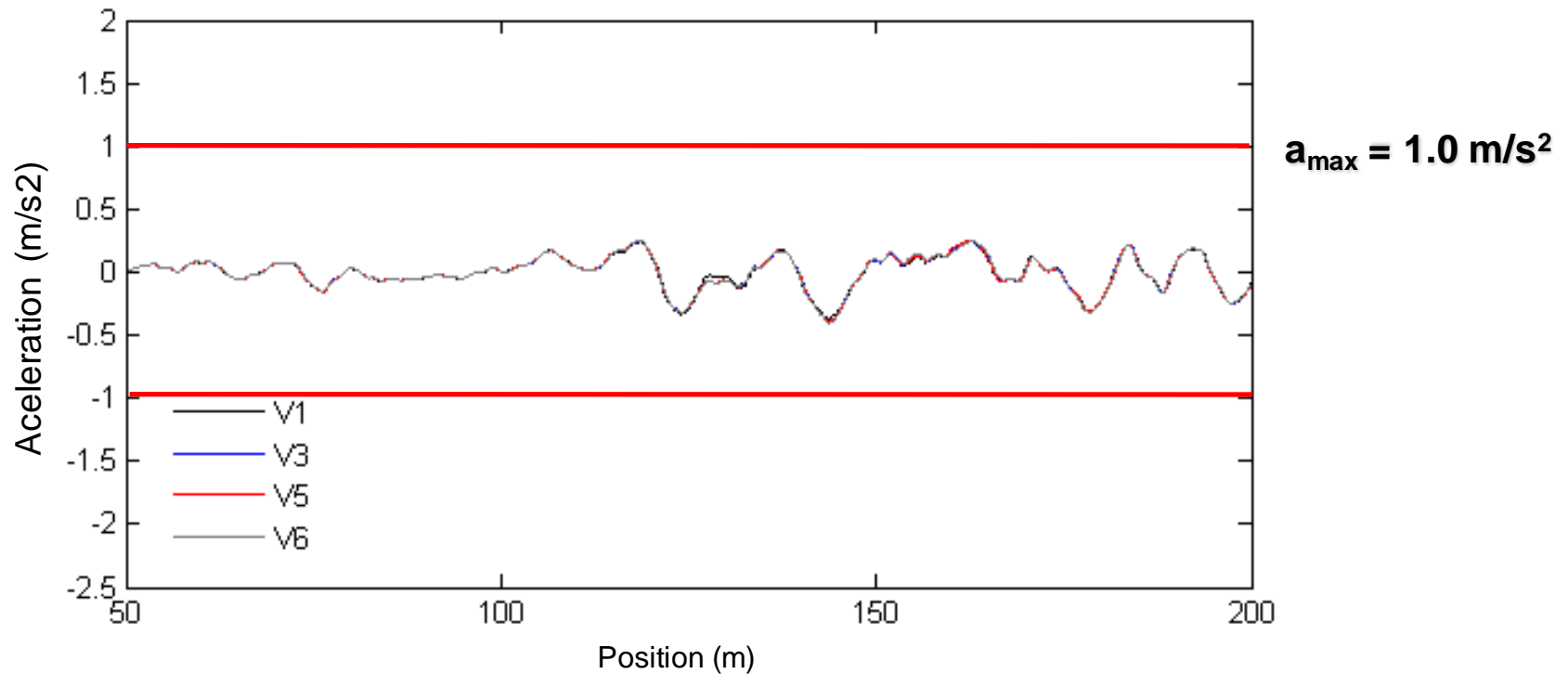
- Vertical acceleration of the deck



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## Passengers comfort

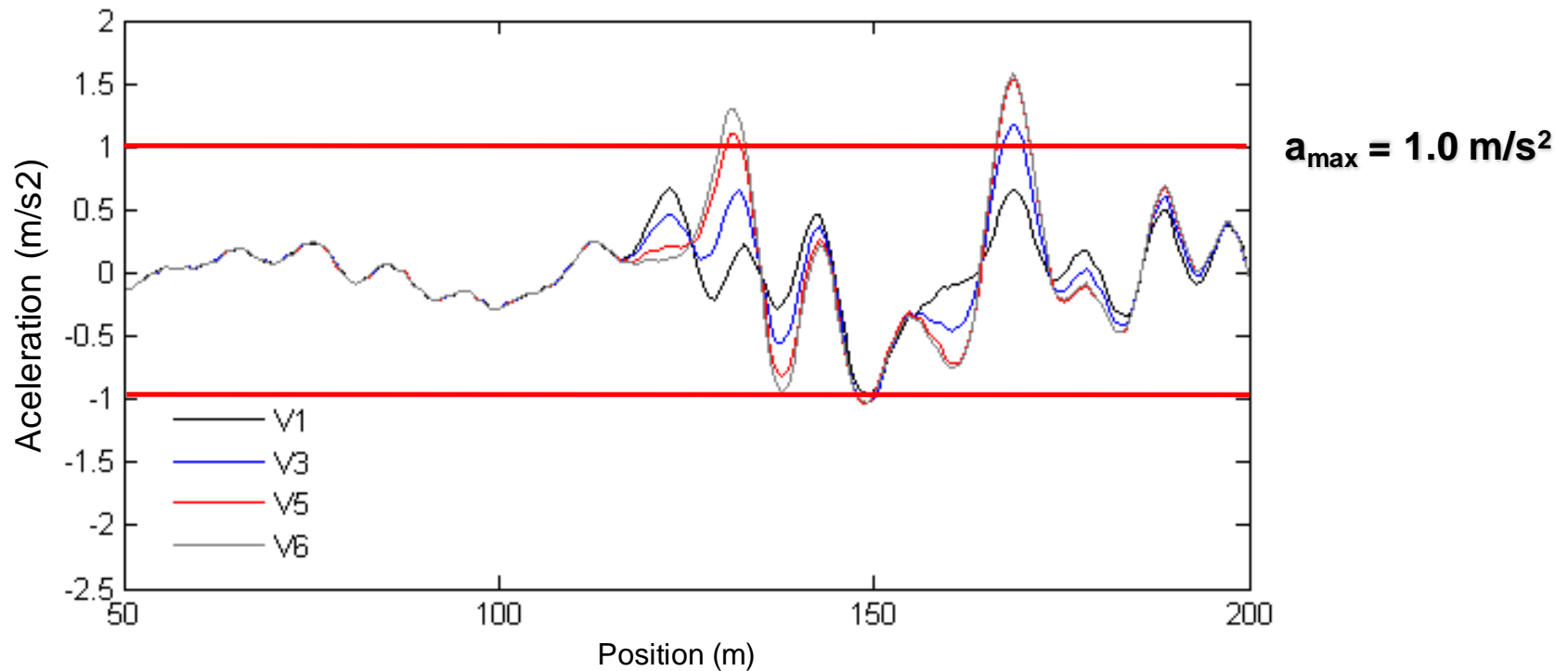
- Alfa pendular train  $v = 250$  km/h



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## Passengers comfort

- Alfa pendular train  $v = 405 \text{ km/h}$





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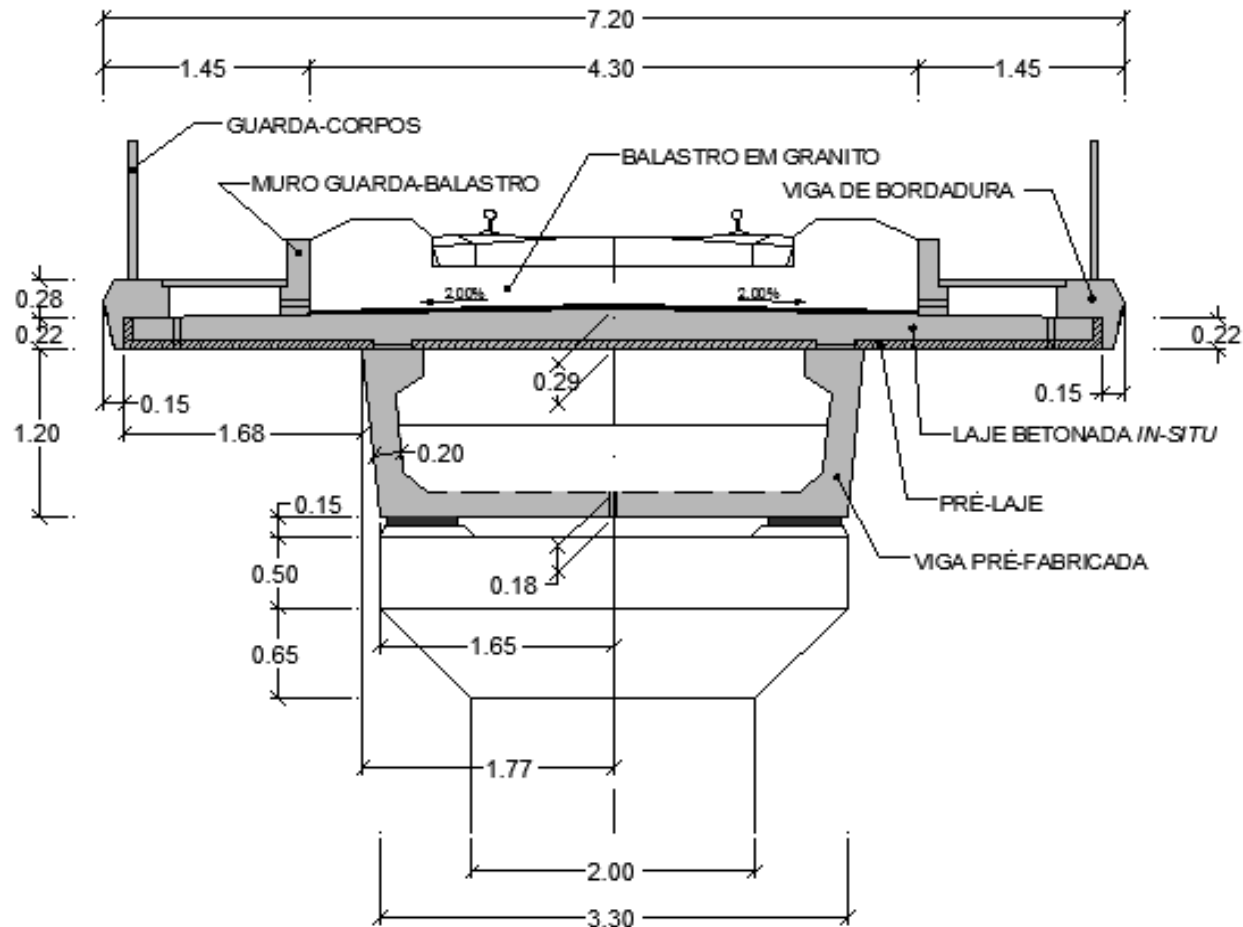
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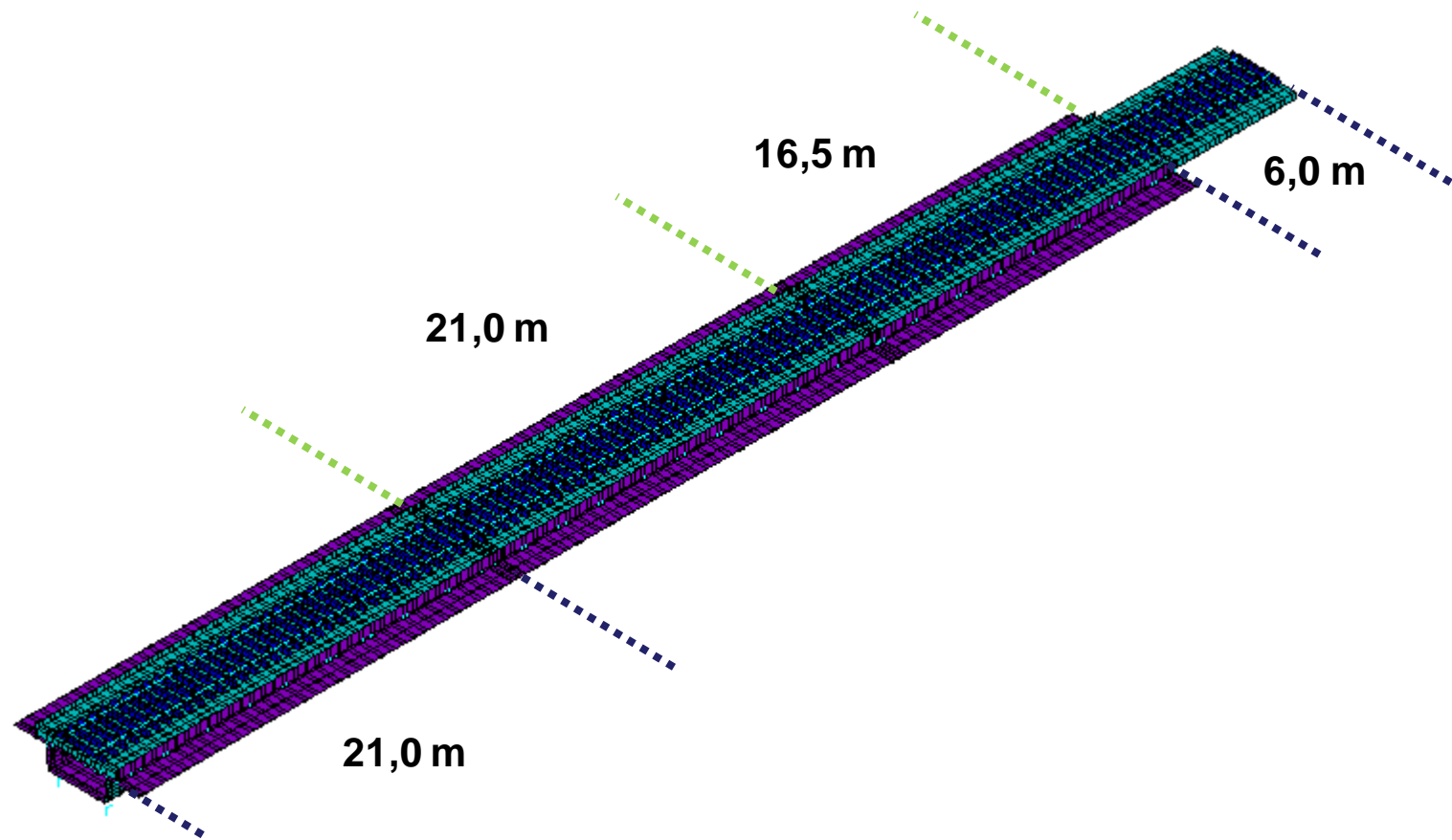
## Alverca viaduct

### Cross section of the deck



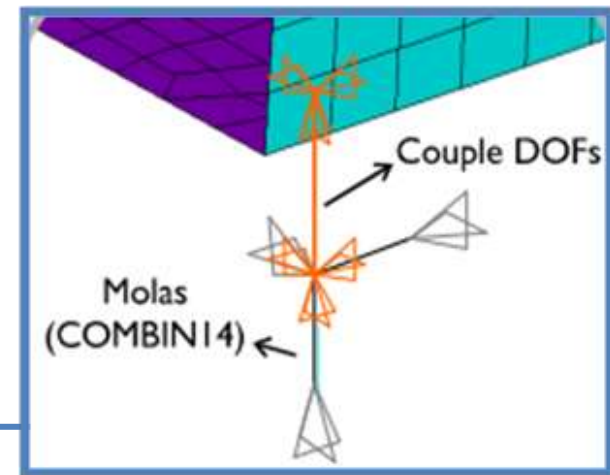
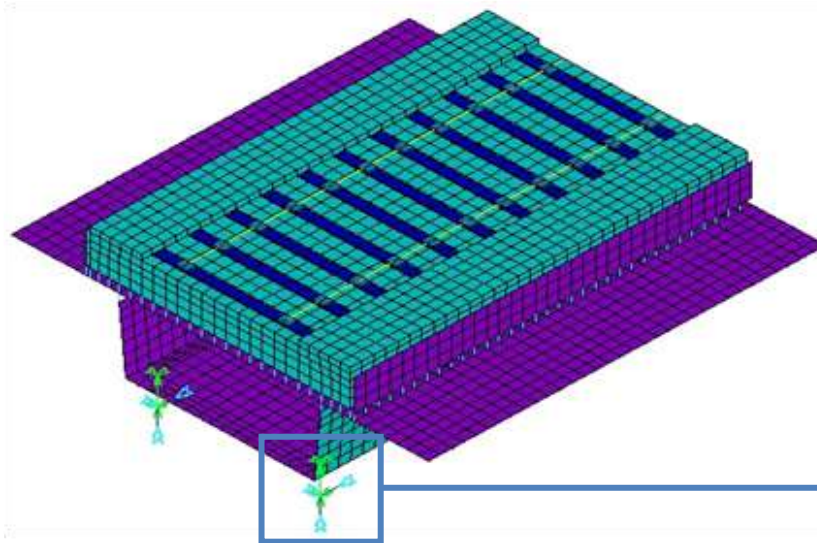
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## Numerical model



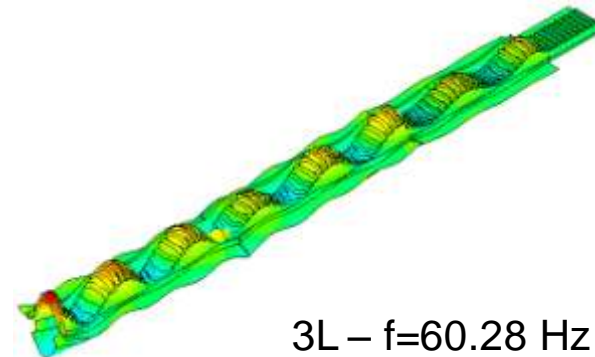
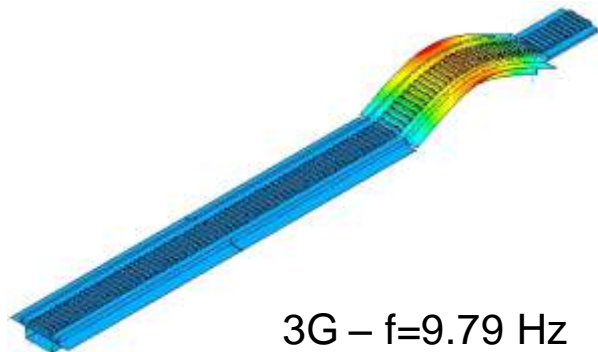
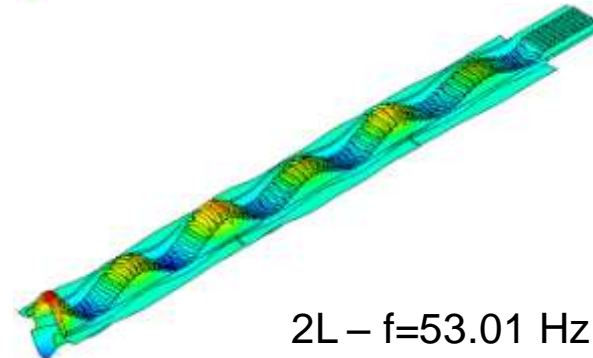
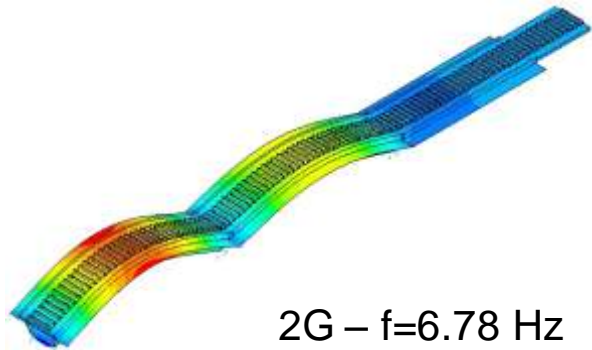
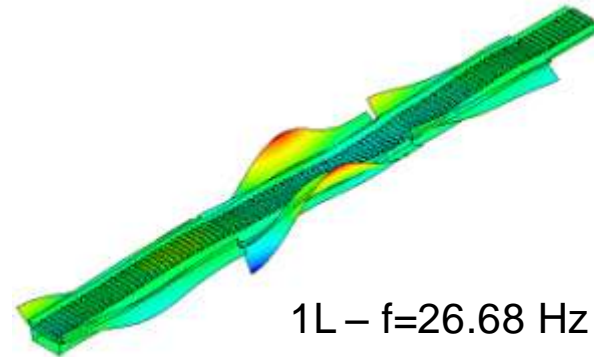
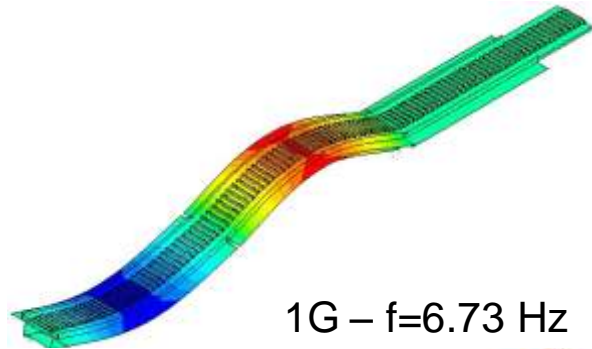
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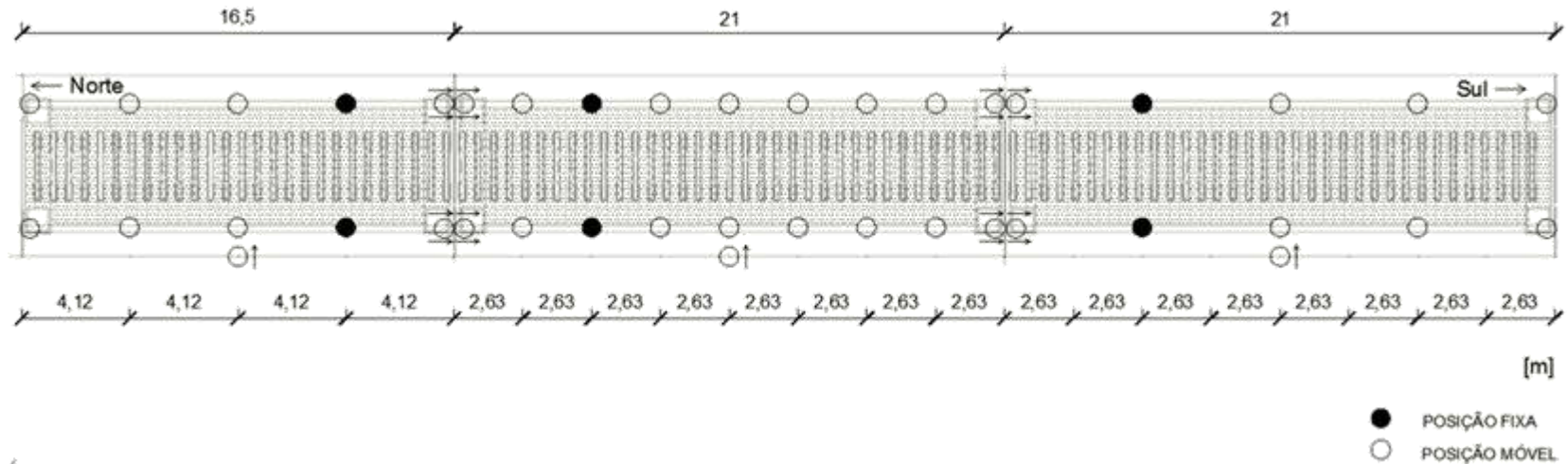
## Numerical frequencies and mode shapes





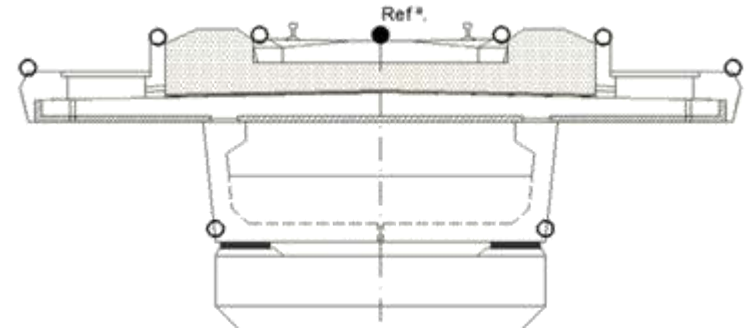
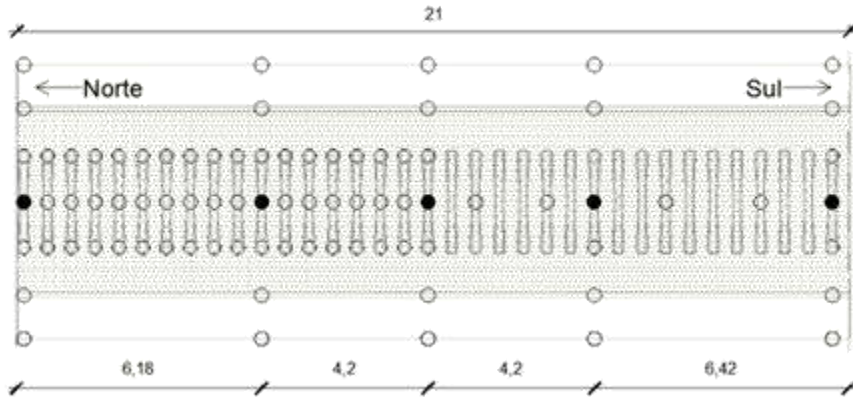
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## Ambient vibration test – identification of global modes



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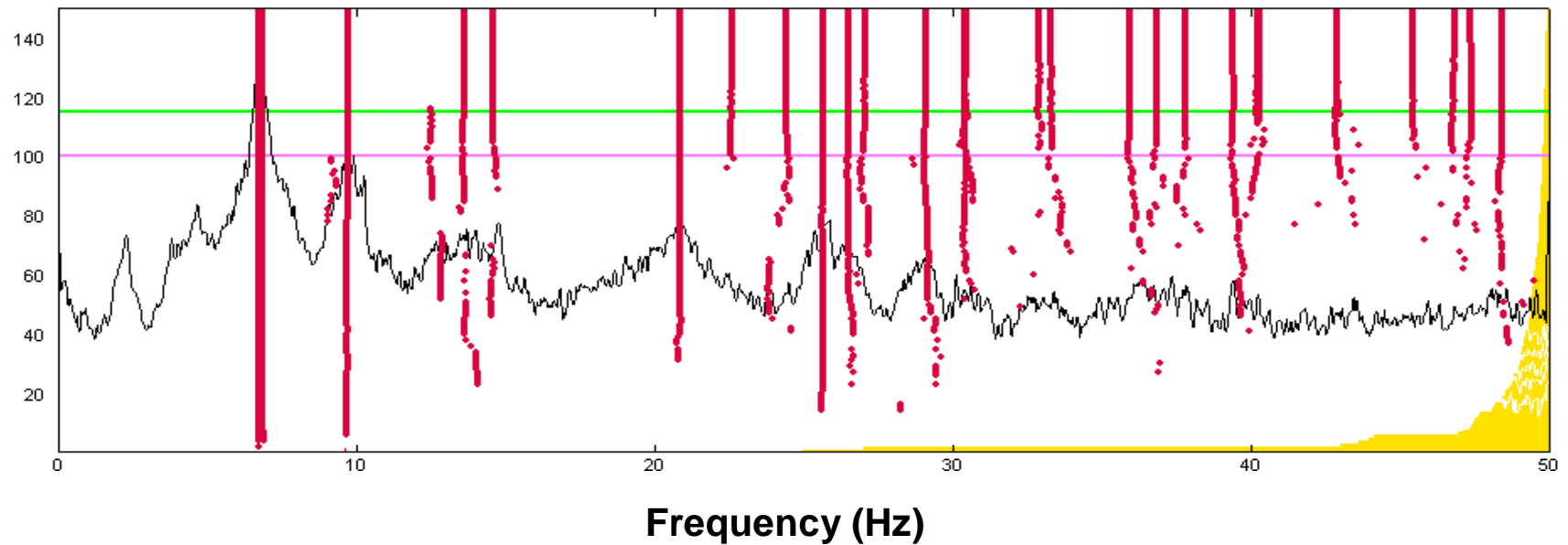
## Ambient vibration test – identification of local modes



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## Ambient vibration test

### Application of Stochastic Subspace Identification (SSI) method

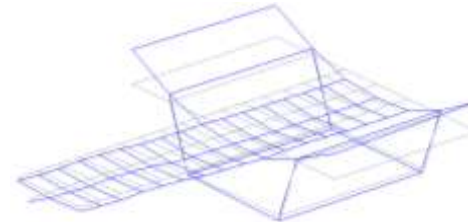


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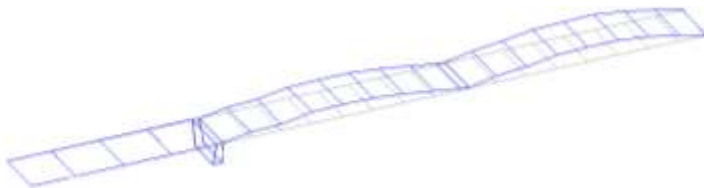
## Experimental frequencies and mode shapes



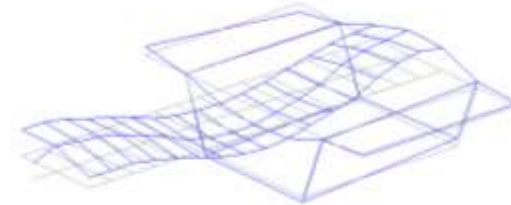
1G –  $f=6,76\text{Hz}$  ;  $\xi= 1,53\%$



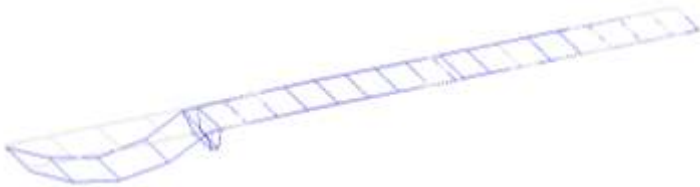
1L –  $f=25,48\text{Hz}$ ;  $\xi= 2,03\%$



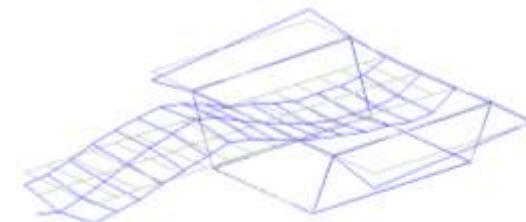
2G –  $f=6,95\text{Hz}$ ;  $\xi= 3,72\%$



2L –  $f=53,18\text{Hz}$ ;  $\xi= 2,27\%$



3G –  $f=9,65\text{Hz}$ ;  $\xi= 2,21\%$



3L –  $f=60,18\text{Hz}$ ;  $\xi= 3,16\%$

# 5. Dynamic analysis of a precast rail bridge

## Numerical vs experimental results

### Global modes

Mode	Experimental (Hz)	Numerical (Hz)	Error(%)
1G	6,76	6,73	0,44
2G	6,95	6,78	2,45
3G	9,65	9,79	1,45

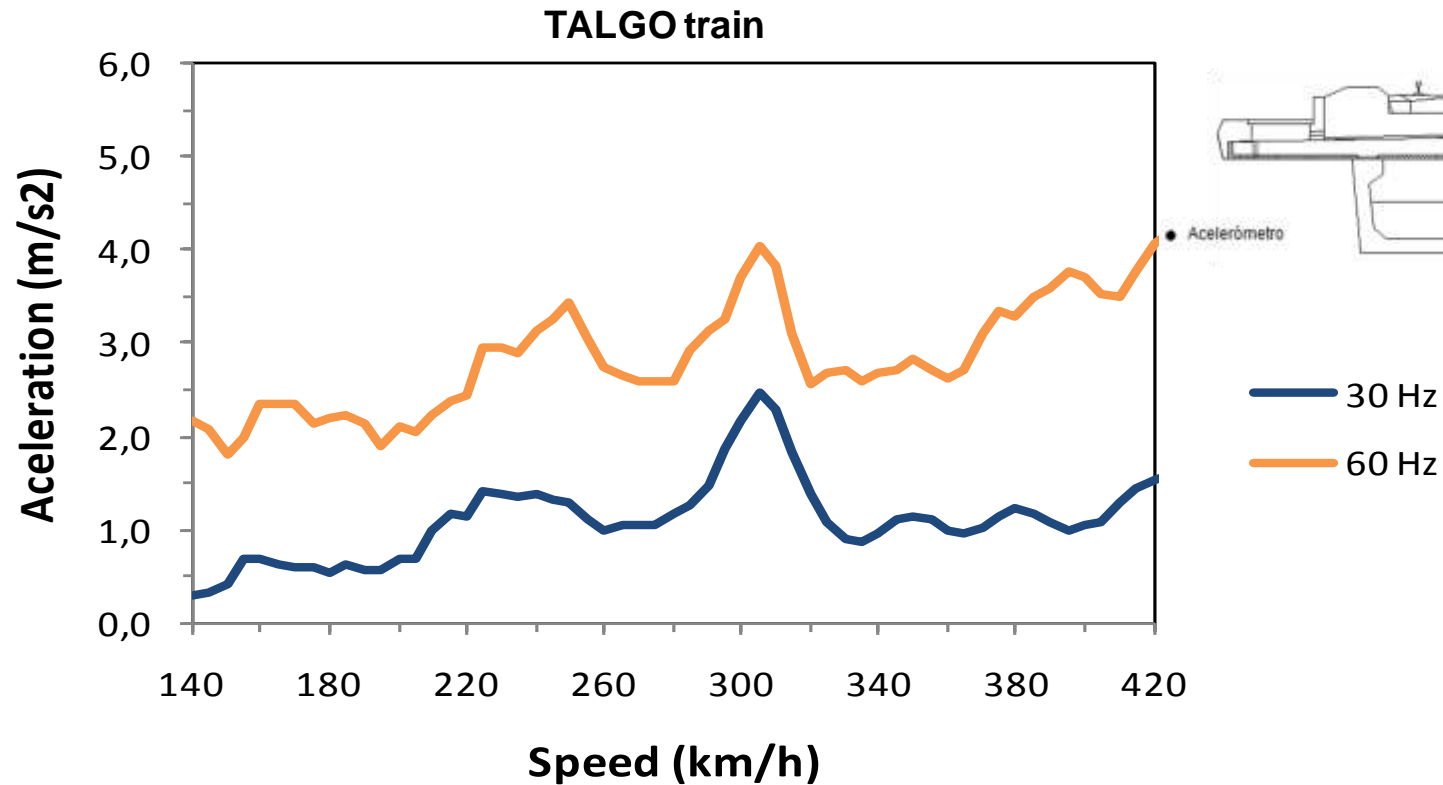
### Local modes

Mode	Experimental (Hz)	Numerical (Hz)	Error(%)
1L	25,48	26,68	4,71
2L	53,18	53,01	0,32
3L	60,18	60,28	0,17

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## Results

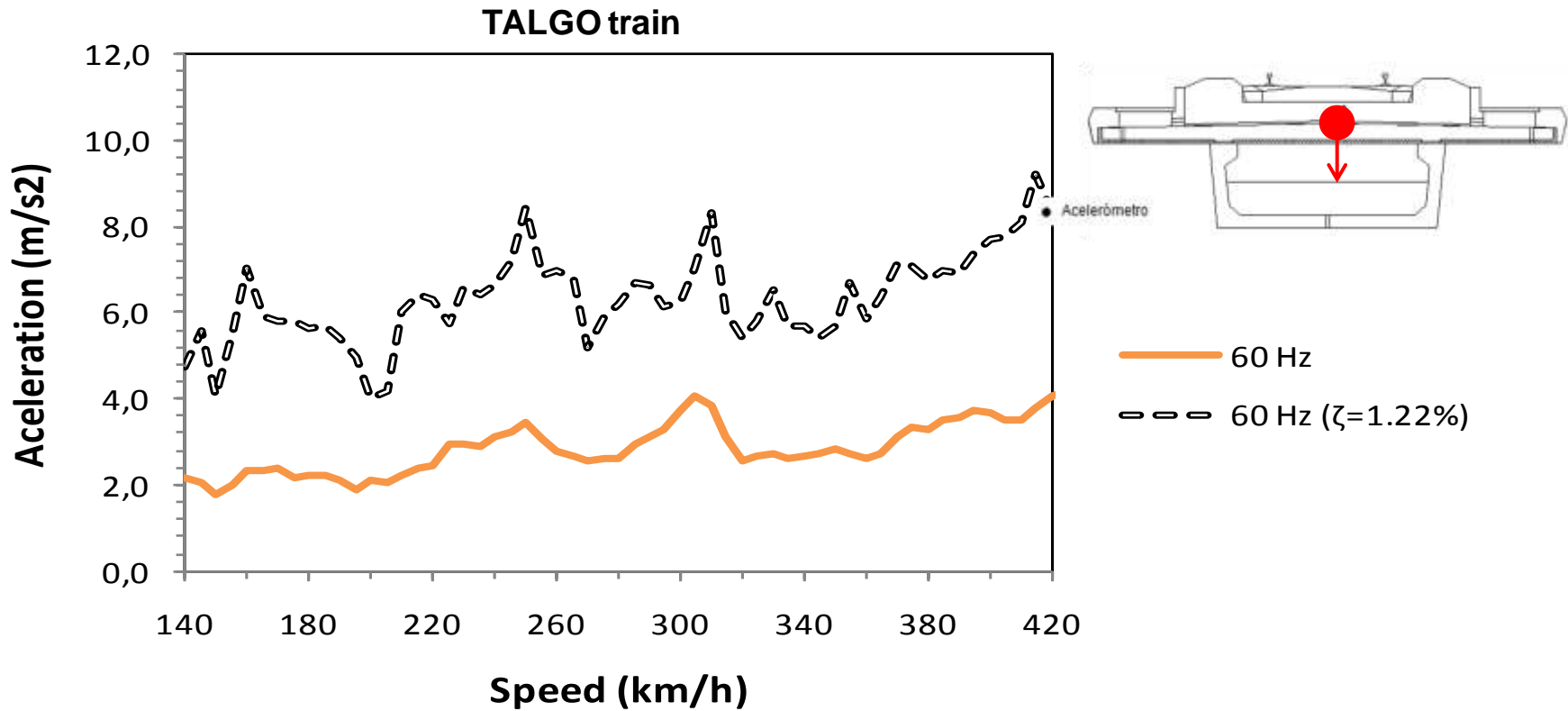
### Influence of frequency range



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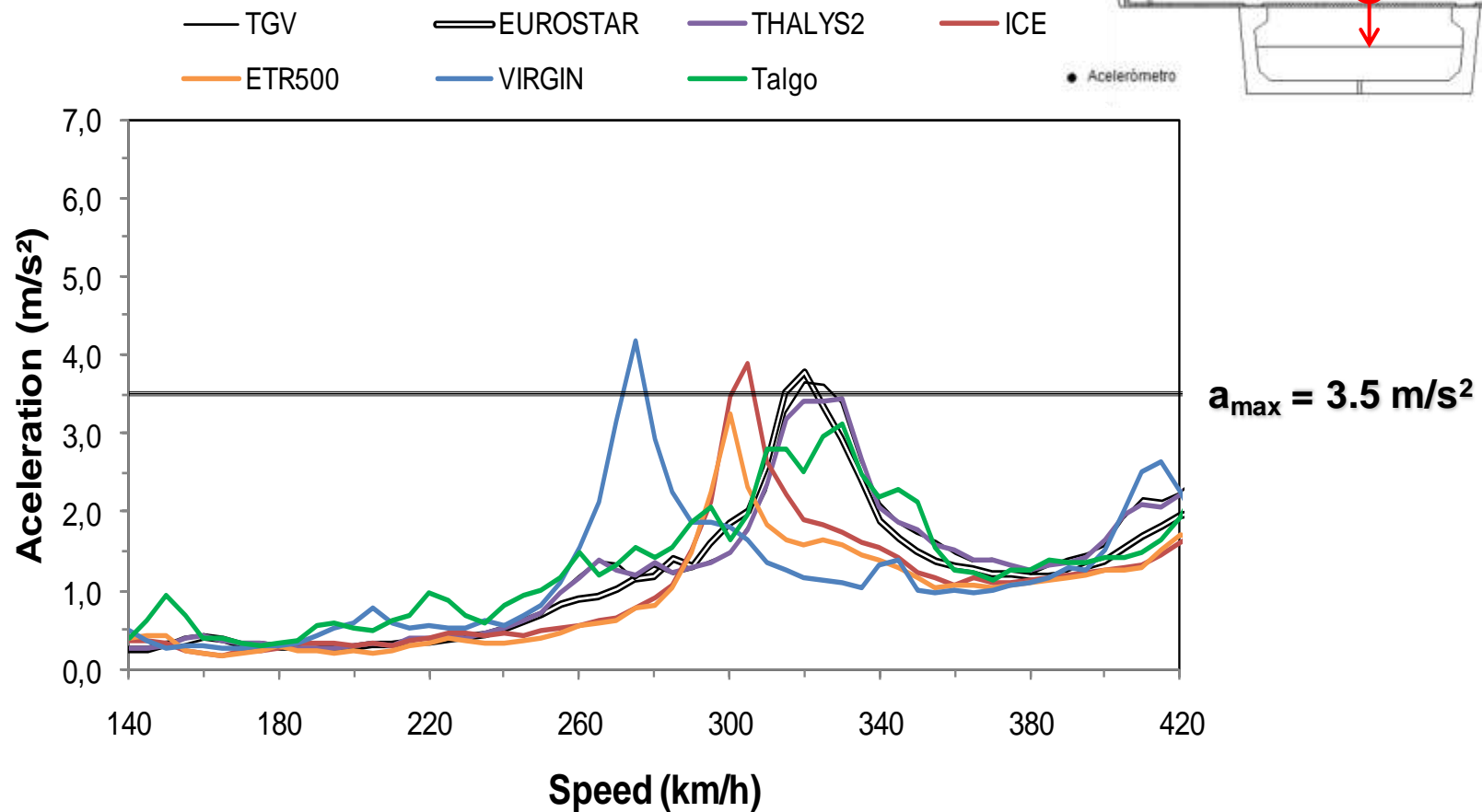
## Results

### Influence of structural damping



# 5. Dynamic analysis of a precast rail bridge

## Traffic safety





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## 6. Dynamic analysis of a short span filler beam bridge

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## Canelas bridge

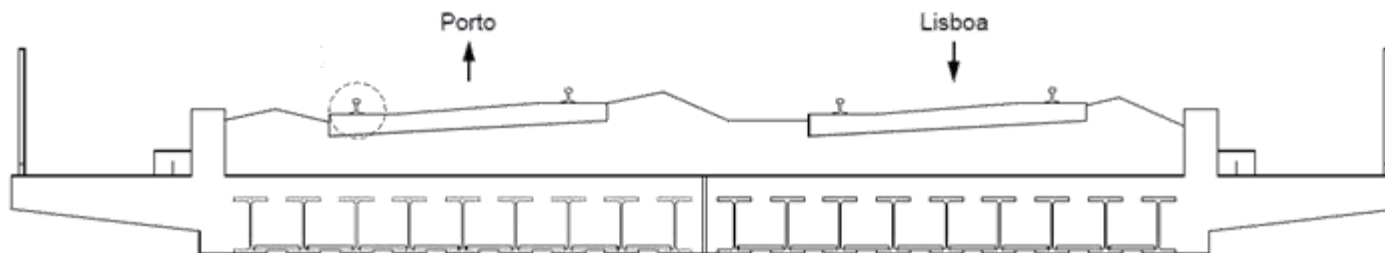
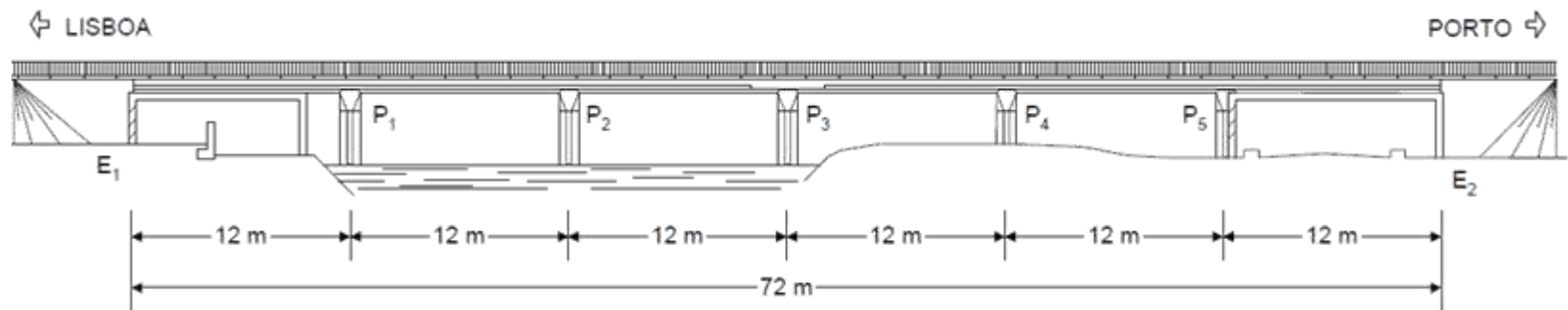
### Location



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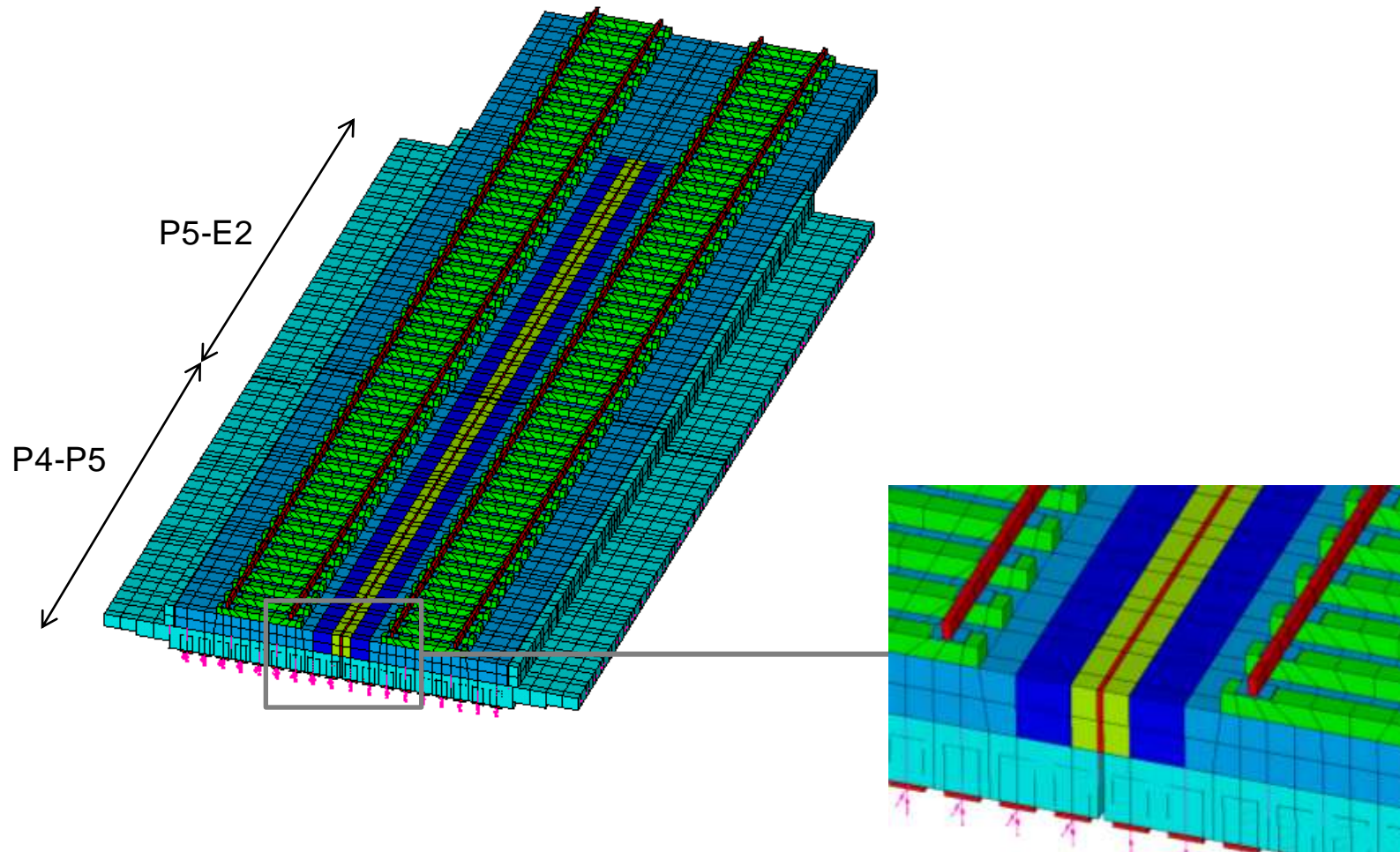
## Canelas bridge

### Description



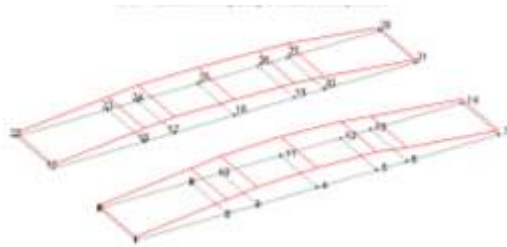
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## Numerical model

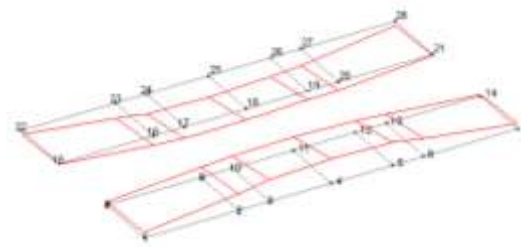


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## Experimental frequencies and mode shapes



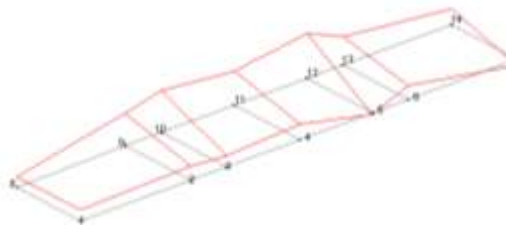
Mode 1 –  $f = 8,7$  Hz



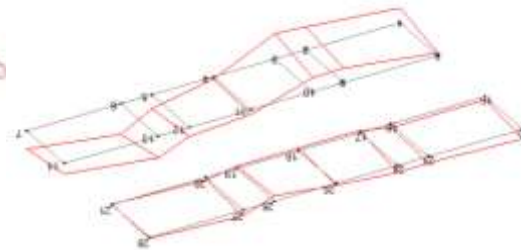
Mode 2 –  $f = 9,8$  Hz



Mode 3 –  $f = 14,9$  Hz



Mode 4 –  $f = 16,6$  Hz



Mode 5 –  $f = 28,3$  Hz

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## Model updating

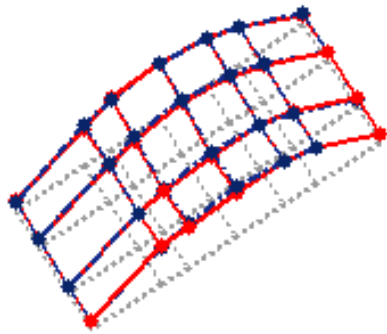
- Experimental vs numerical frequencies

Mode	Experimental (Hz)	Numerical Initial model (Hz)	Error (%)	Numerical Updated model (Hz)	Error (%)
1	8,7	9,43	8,38	9,07	4,23
2	9,8	11,01	12,39	9,78	-0,21
3	14,9	16,62	11,57	14,89	-0,04
4	16,6	30,37	82,97	16,60	0,00
5	28,3	27,38	-3,26	27,25	-3,73

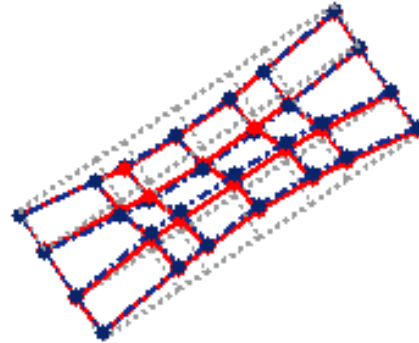
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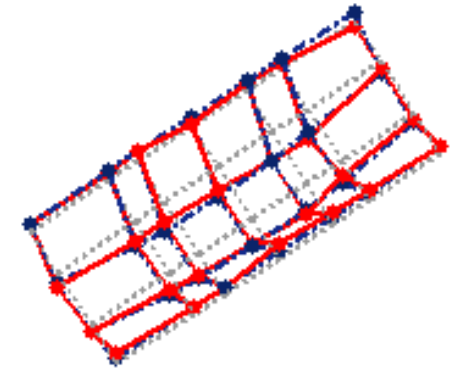
- Experimental vs numerical mode shapes



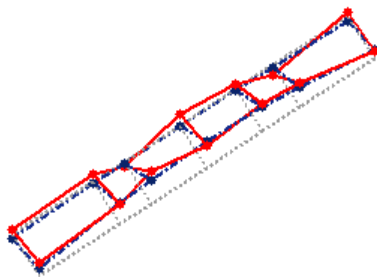
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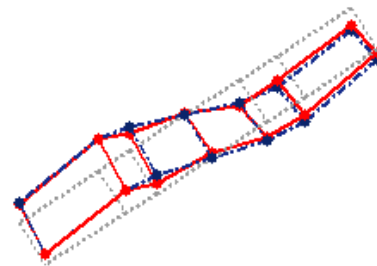
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Mode 4



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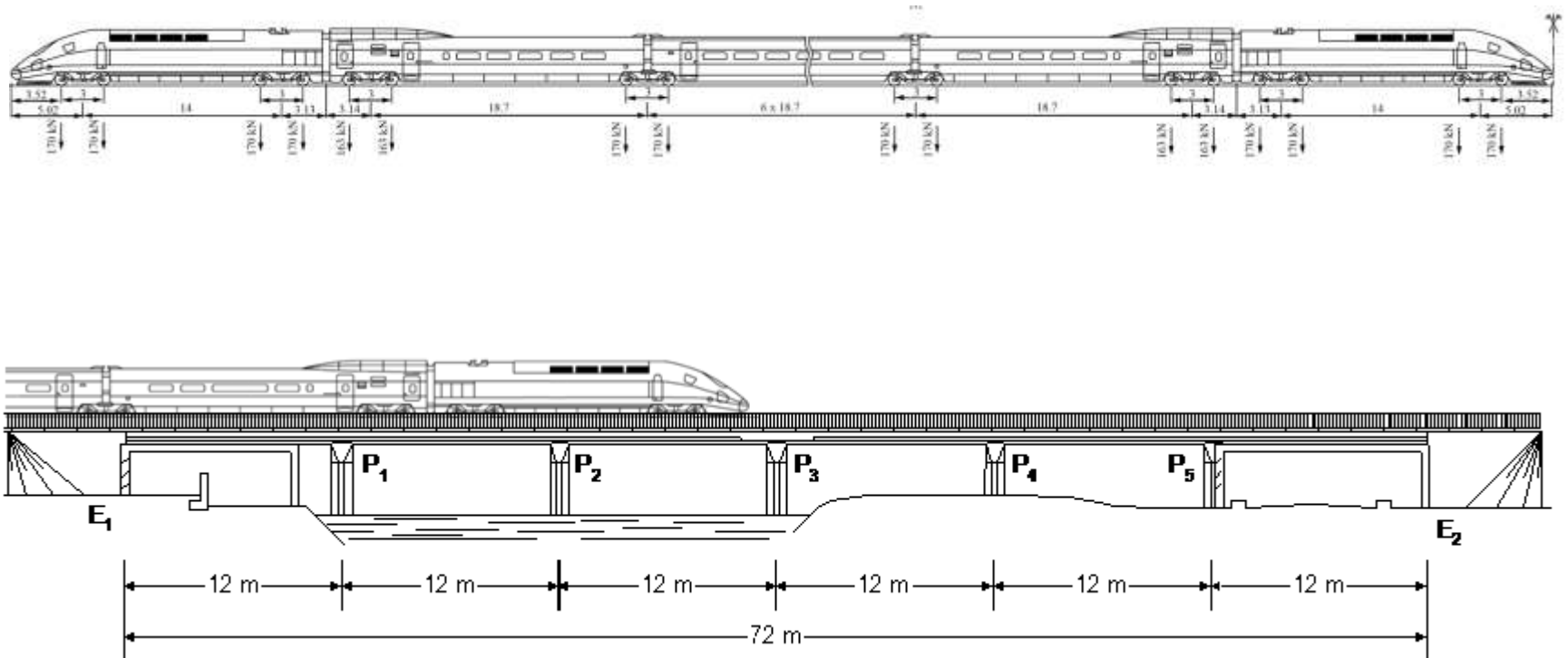
Numerical  
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# 6. Dynamic analysis of a short span filler beam bridge

## Simulation scenario

- TGV train

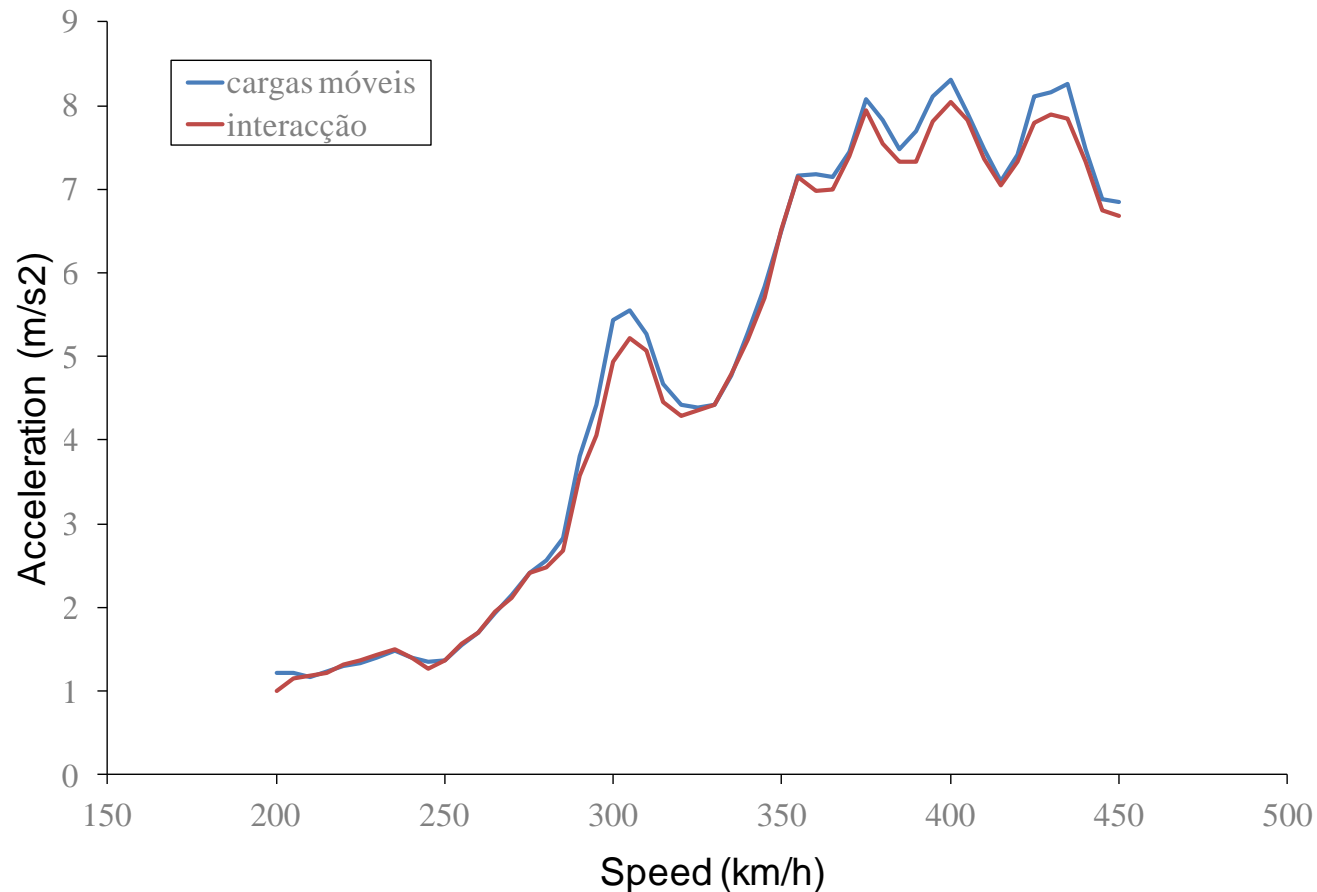




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## Deterministic response

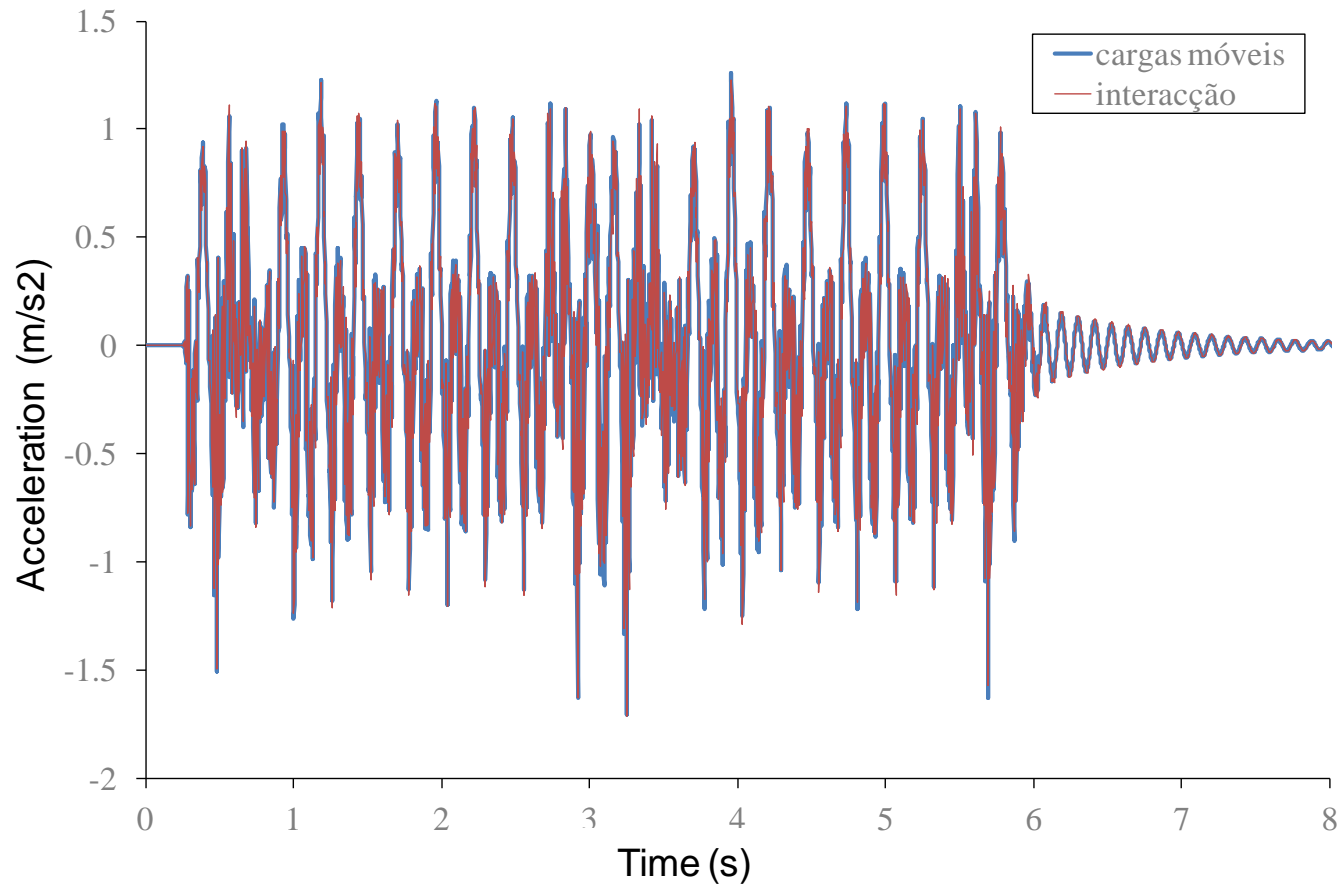
- TGV train



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## Deterministic response

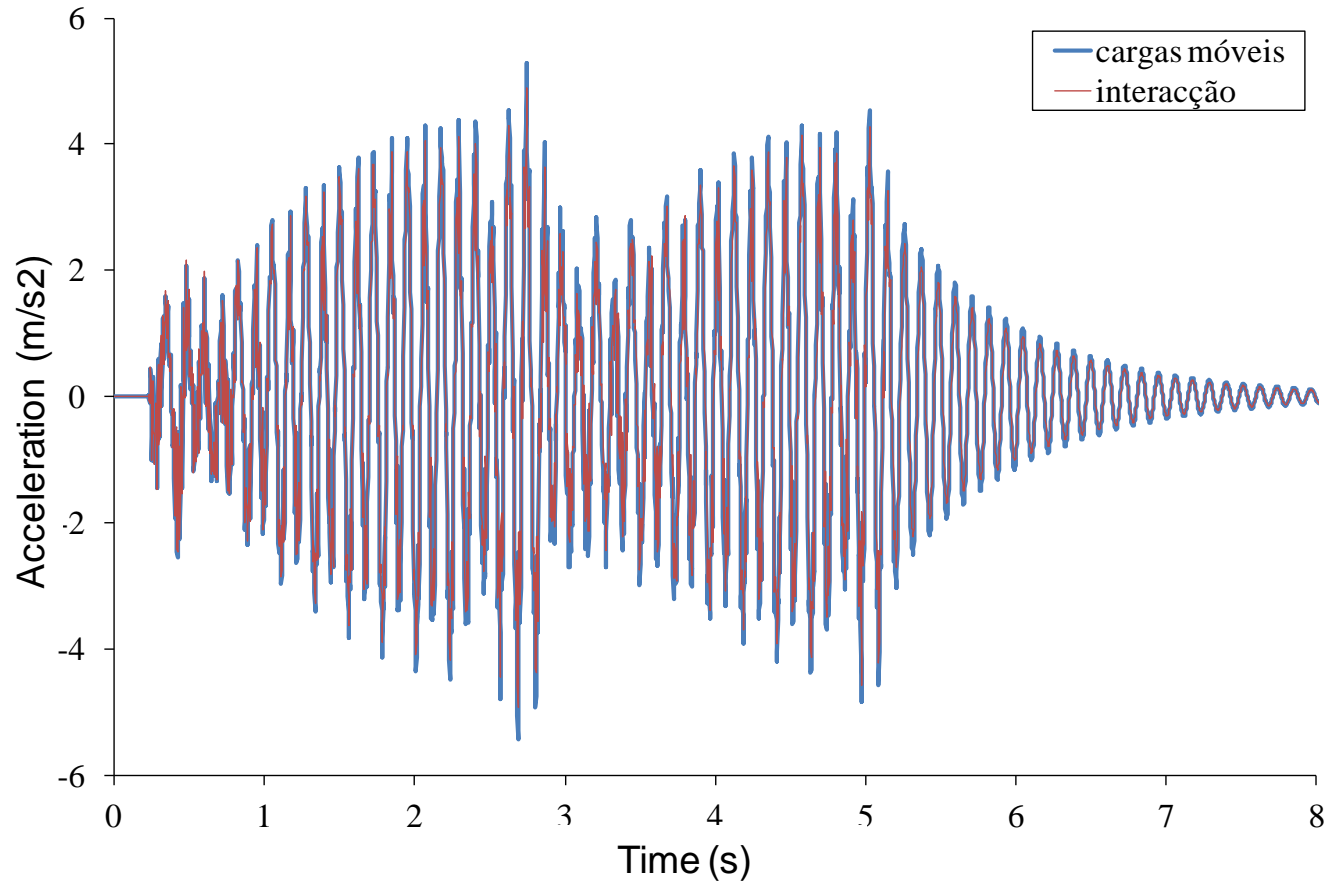
- TGV train  $v = 250$  km/h



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## Deterministic response

- TGV train  $v = 300$  km/h



# 6. Dynamic analysis of a short span filler beam bridge

## Stochastic simulation of the dynamic response

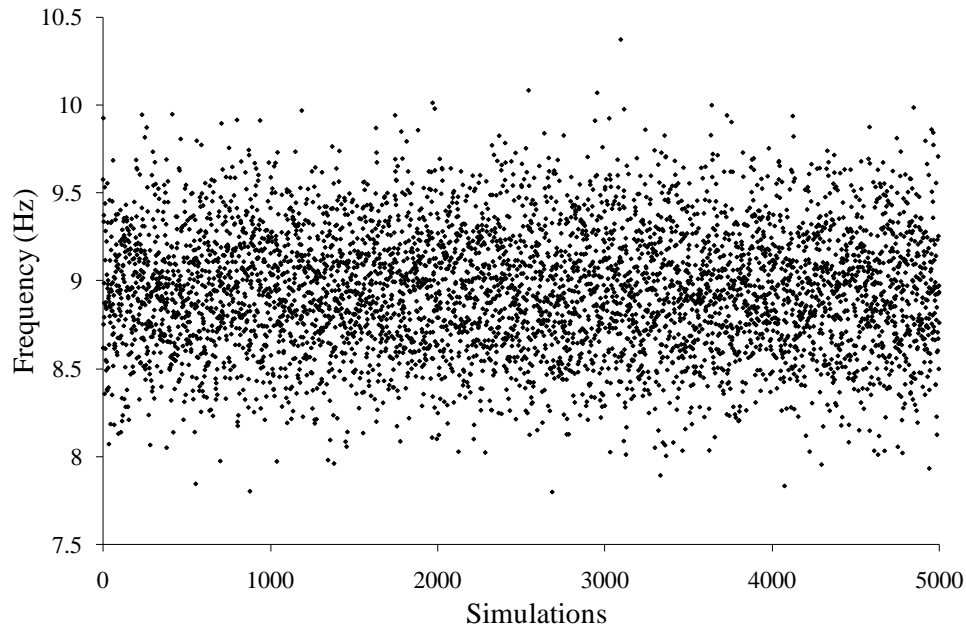
- Random variables

Variable [simulation]	Distribution	Mean (gaussian) or Min. (uniform)	Std. Deviation (gaussian) or Max. (uniform)
Concrete density	Gaussian	2,5 t/m <sup>3</sup>	0,1 (CV = 4%)
Ballast density	Uniform	17 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	21 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Ballast area	Uniform	1,48659 m <sup>2</sup>	2,76081 m <sup>2</sup>
HEB 500 area	Gaussian	Nominal area	0,04 x nominal area
Elasticity modulus concrete	Gaussian	36,1 GPa	2,888 (CV = 8%)
Concrete height	Gaussian	Nominal value	10 mm
Concrete width	Gaussian	Nominal value	5 mm
Distortion modulus neoprene	Uniform	0,75 MPa	1,18 MPa

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## Stochastic simulation of the dynamic response

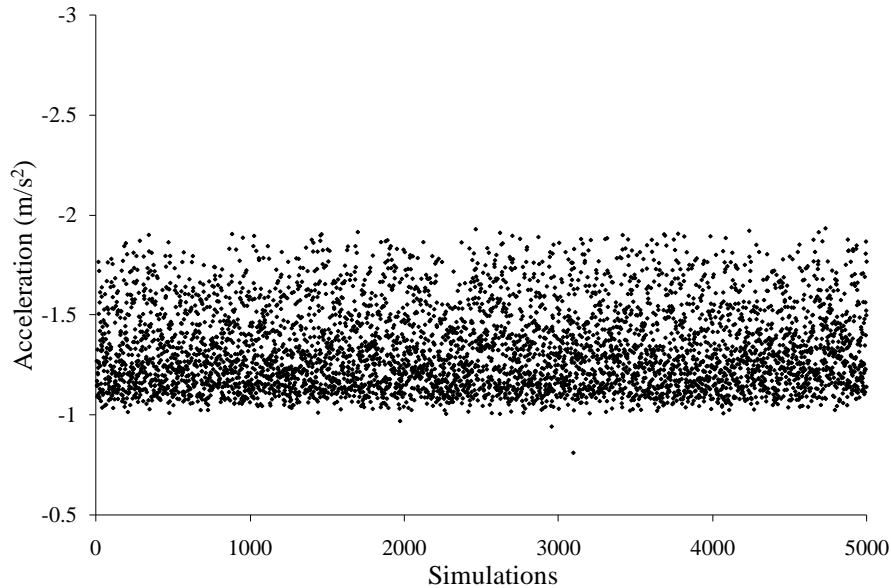
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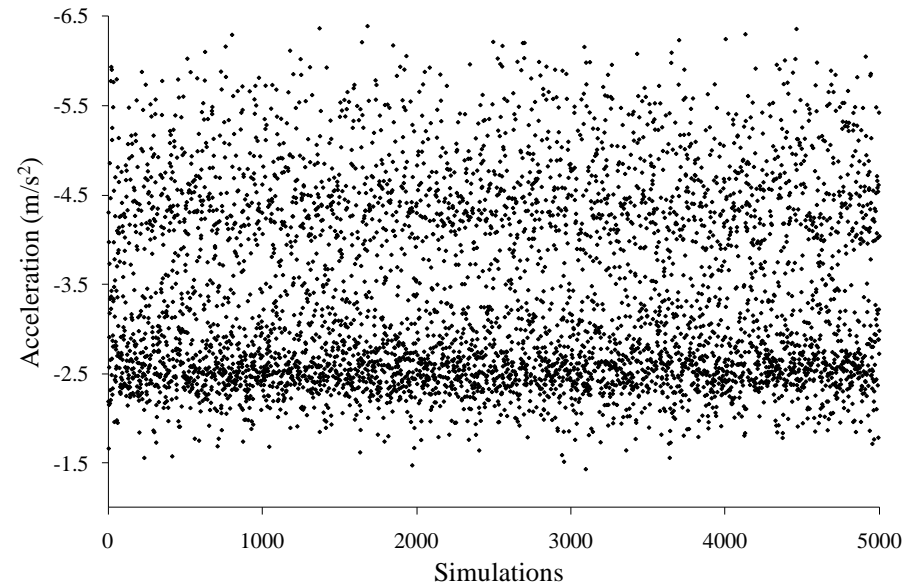
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- Maximum deck acceleration for the simulated bridges



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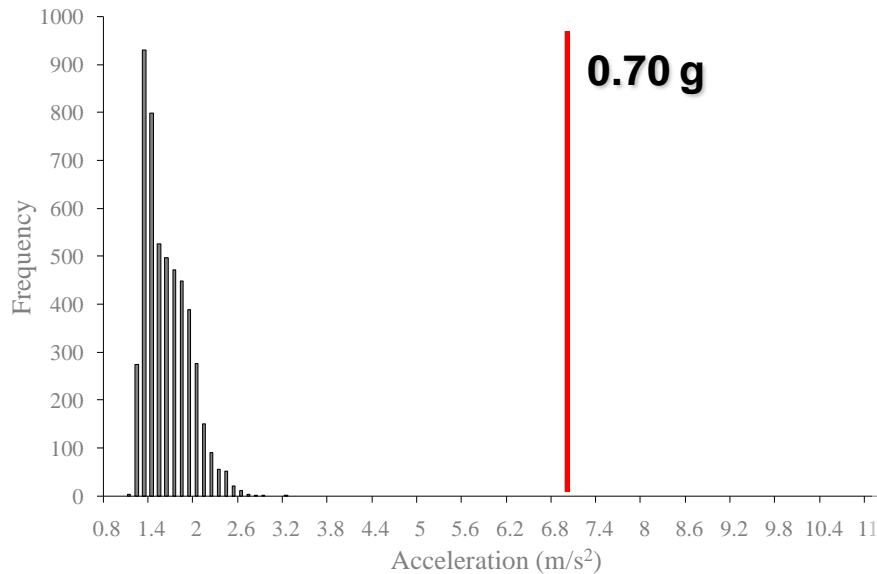


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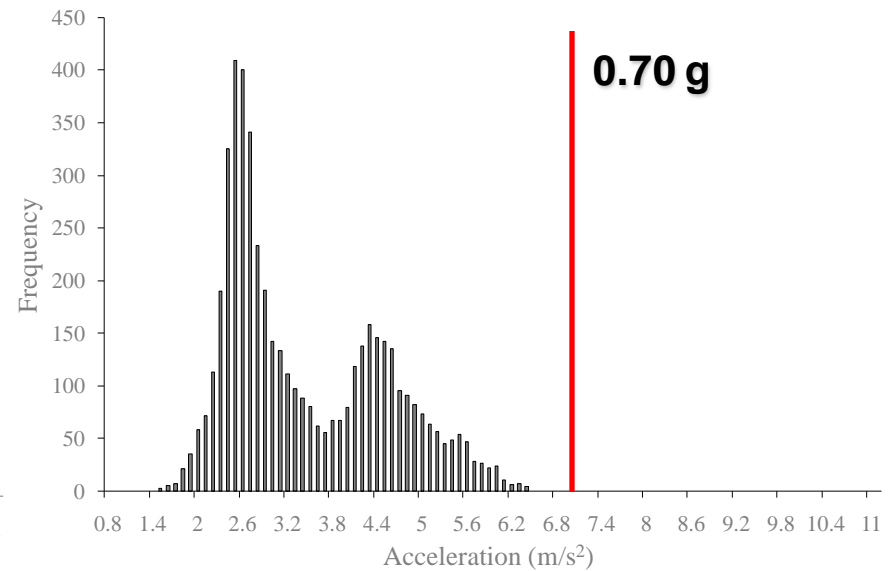
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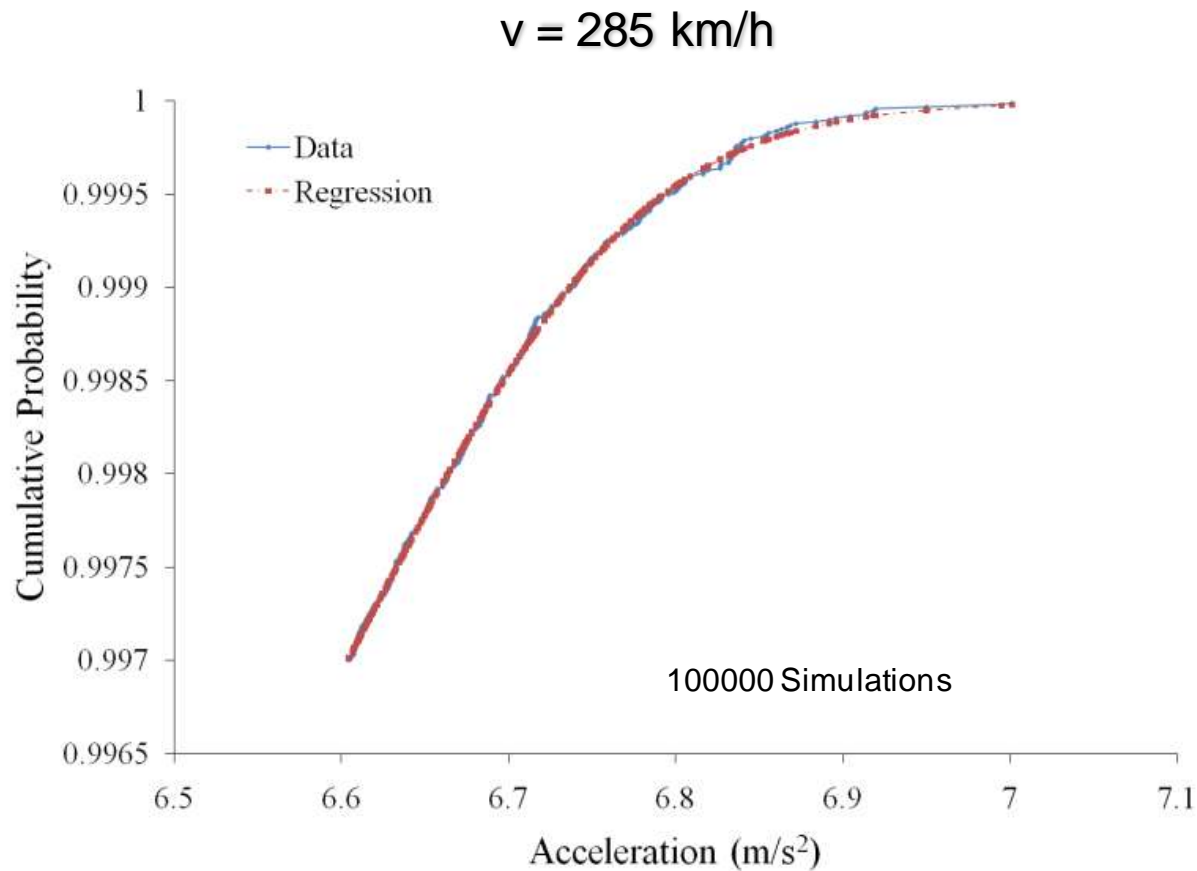


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## Stochastic simulation of the dynamic response

- Cumulative probability

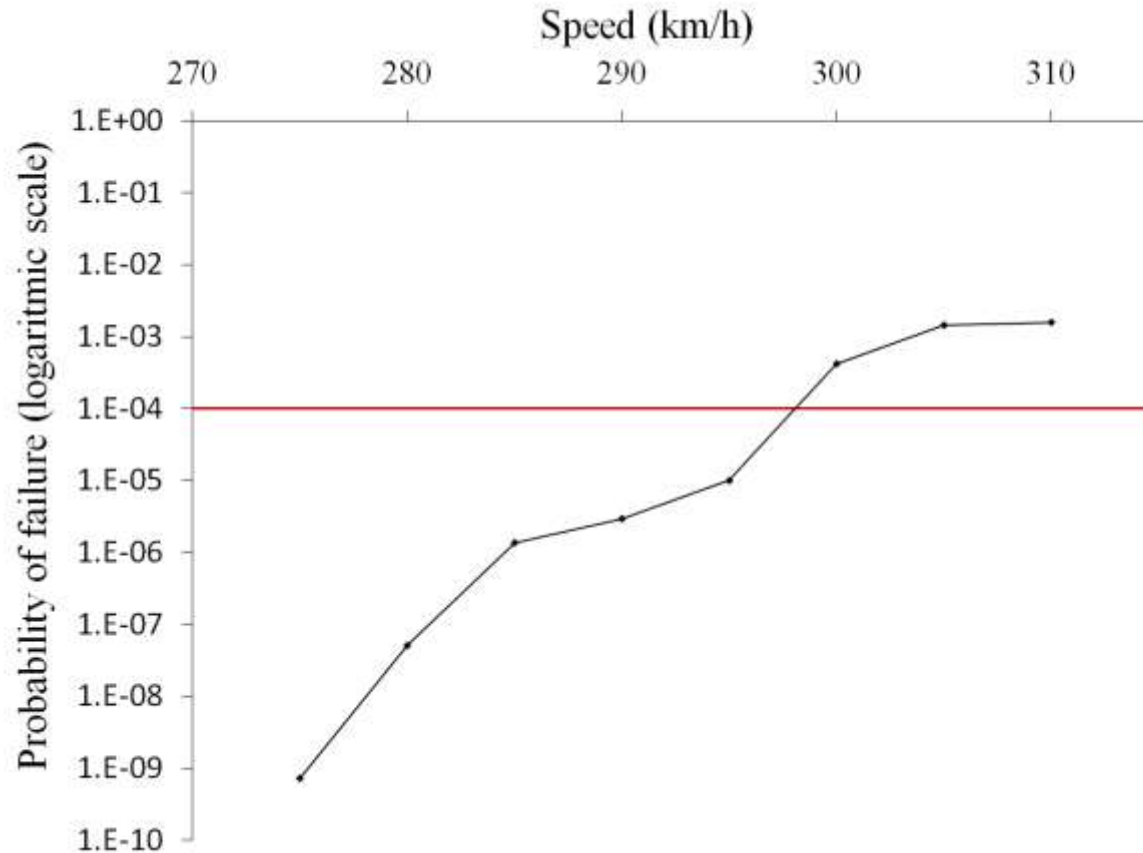




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## Stochastic simulation of the dynamic response

- Probability of failure



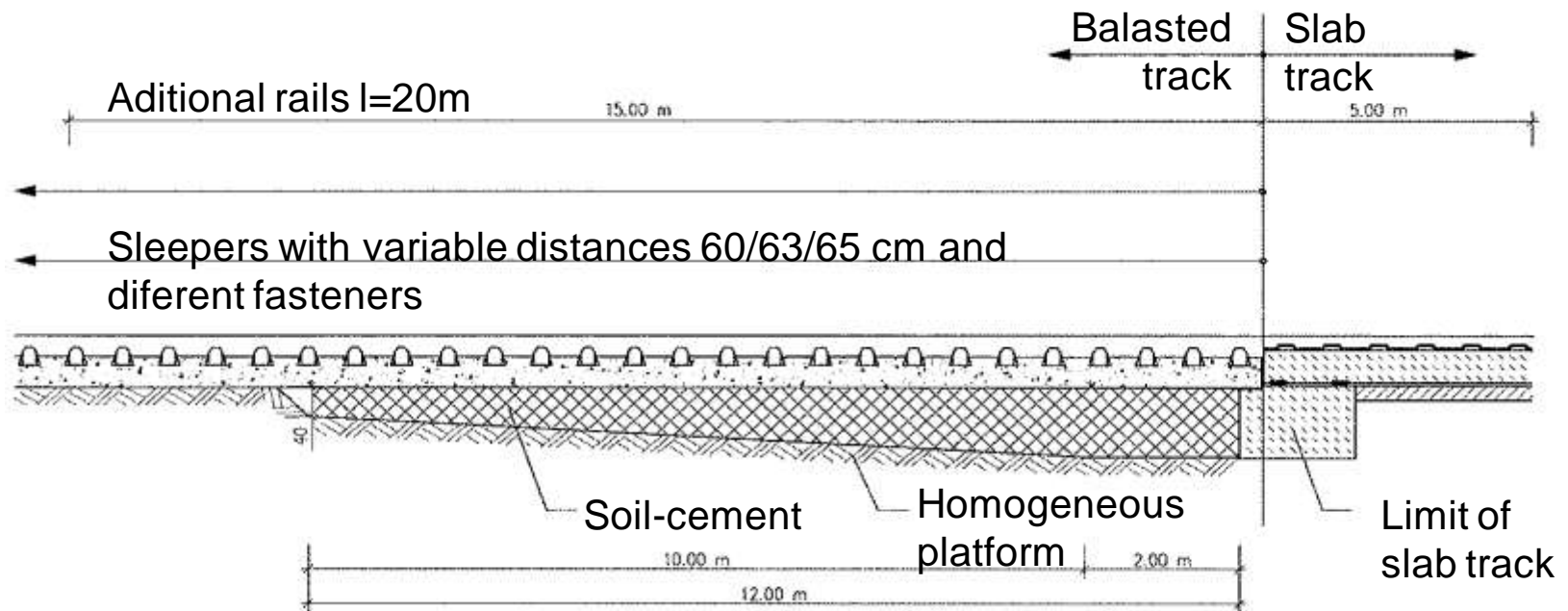
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## 7. Dynamic effects of the train passage on transition zones

# 7. Dynamic effects on transition zones

## Introduction

- Balasted track to slab track transition



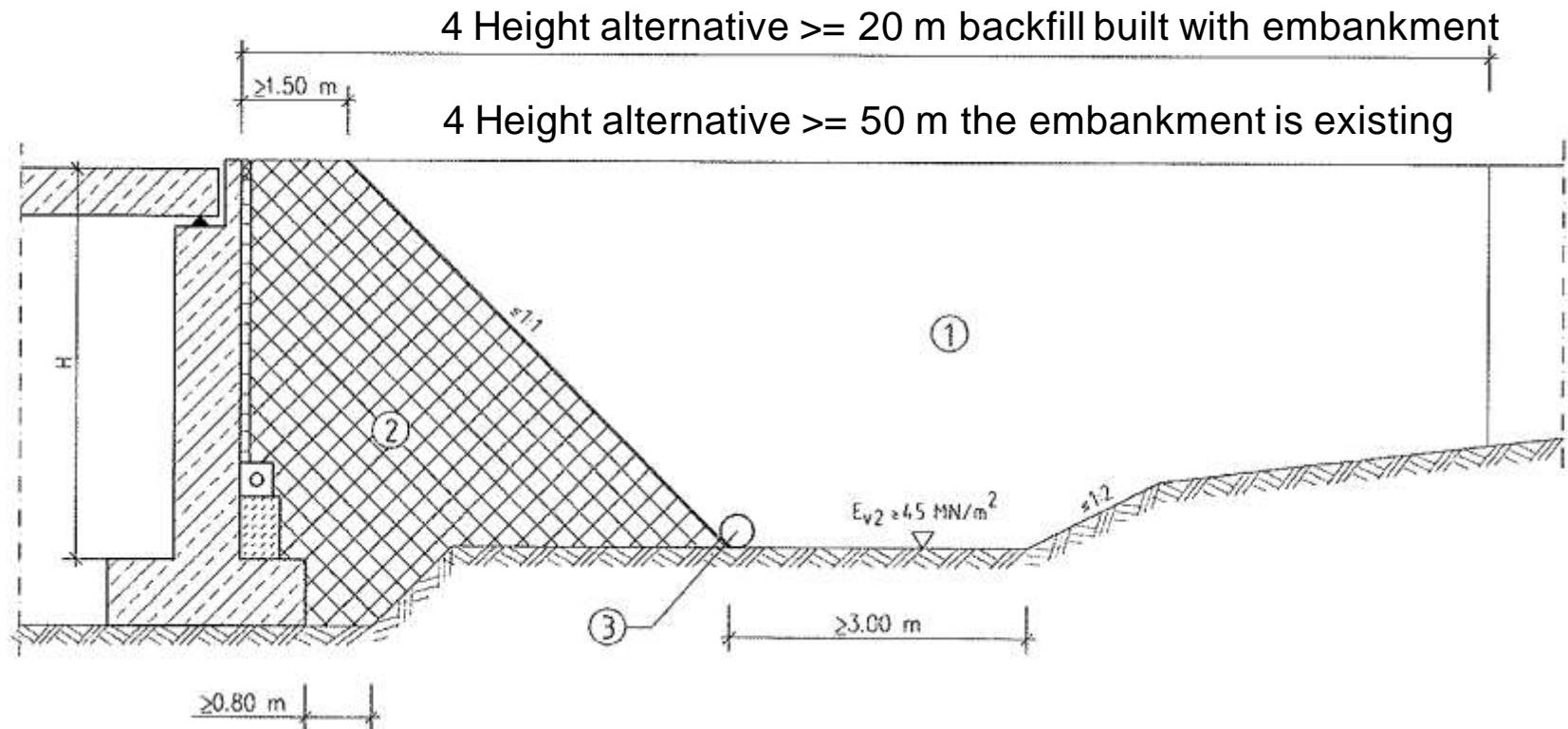
# 7. Dynamic effects on transition zones

## Introduction

- Embankment to bridge transition

Bridge

Embankment



# 7. Dynamic effects on transition zones

## Introduction

- Maintenance interventions (Madrid - Seville high speed line)

TRACK SECTION CONSIDERED	EXCEEDANCE LEVEL(*) DENSITY(EXCEEDANCE N°/KM OF TRACK/INSPECTION)	RELATIVE RATE
Track section without any switches, expansion devices, bridges or embankments	0.075	100
Track section on embankment, without any switches, expansion devices or bridges	0.094	125
Track section on bridge	0.159	194
Track section at beginning of bridge-natural infrastructure transition	0.259	315
Track section over culvert	0.487	594
Track section (on ballast) in tunnel	0.026	32

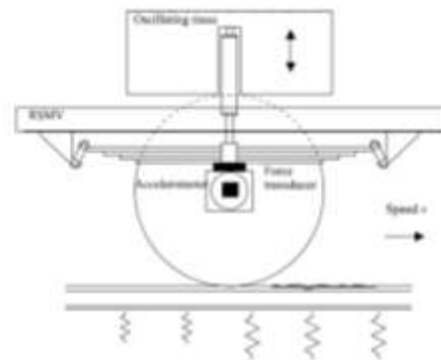
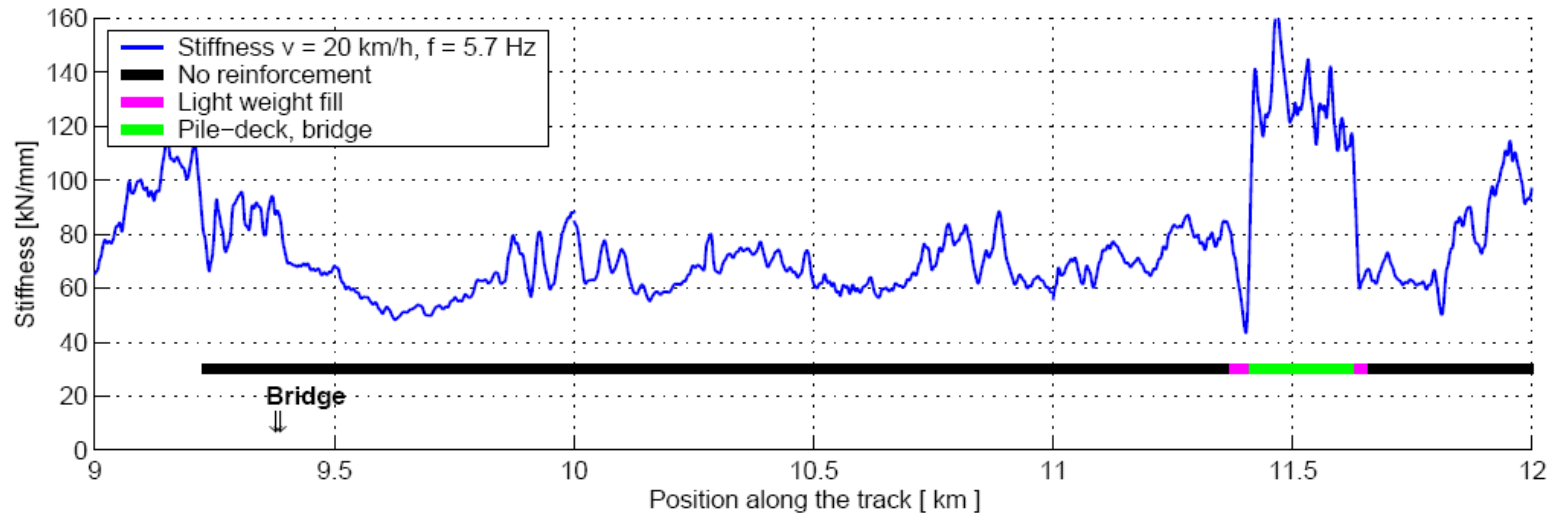
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(\*) número de vezes por quilómetro de via que a aceleração vertical do eixo do comboio AVE ultrapassou 30m/s<sup>2</sup>.

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## Introduction

- Vertical track stiffness variation

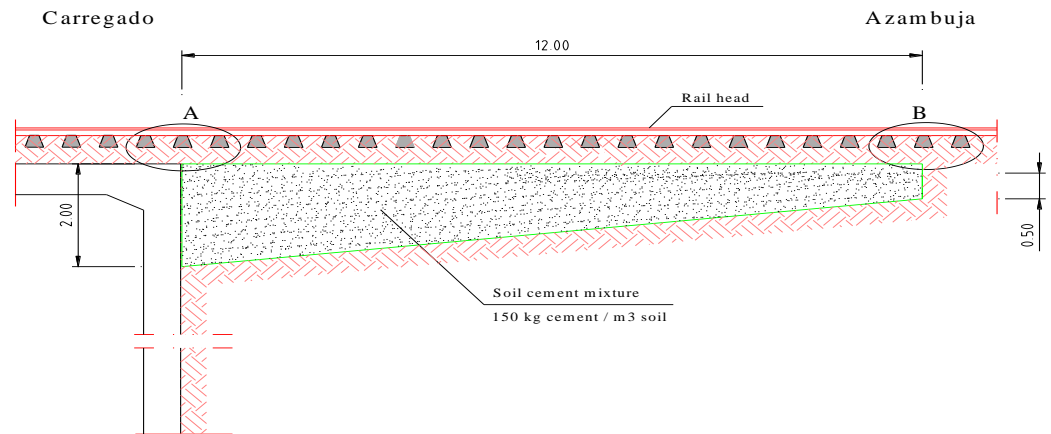


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## Hydraulic underpass PH126A

- Location and description

Linha do Norte  
km 40+250

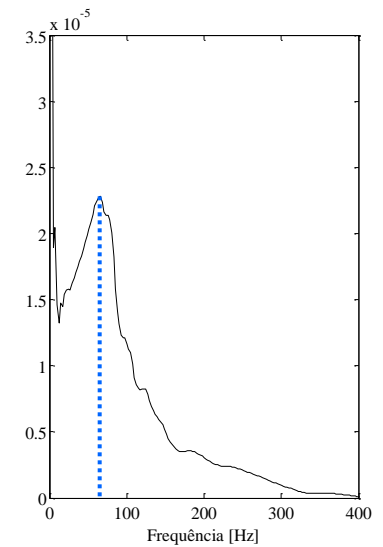
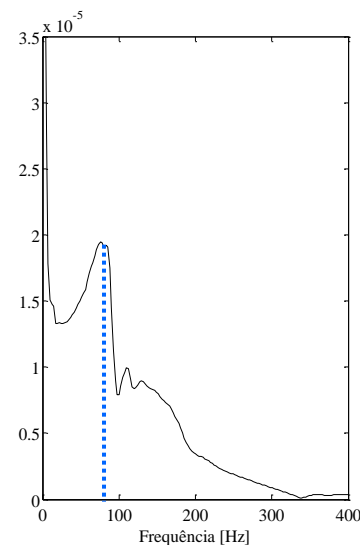
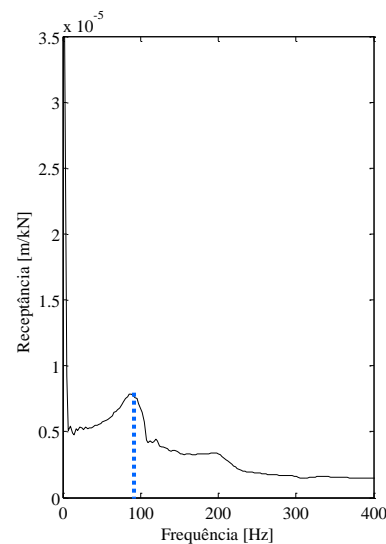
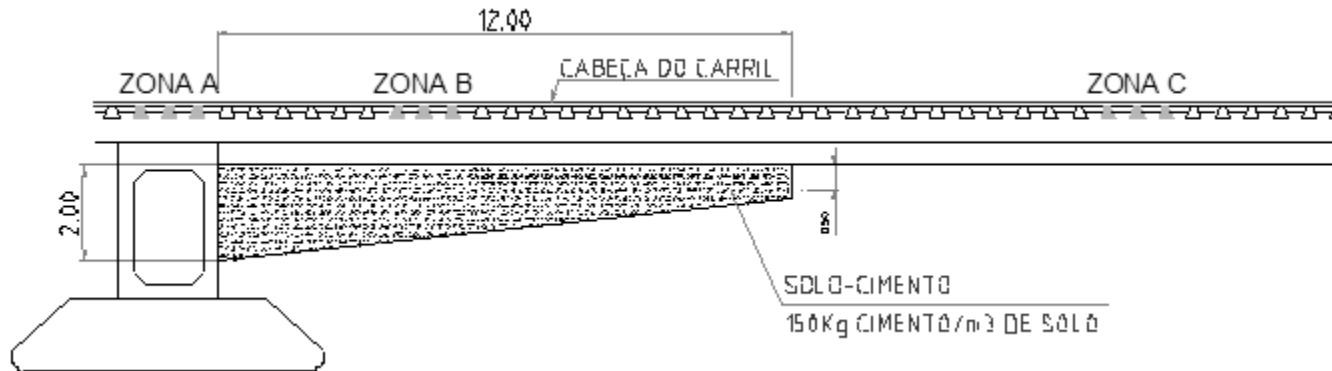




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## Hydraulic underpass PH126A

- Track receptance tests

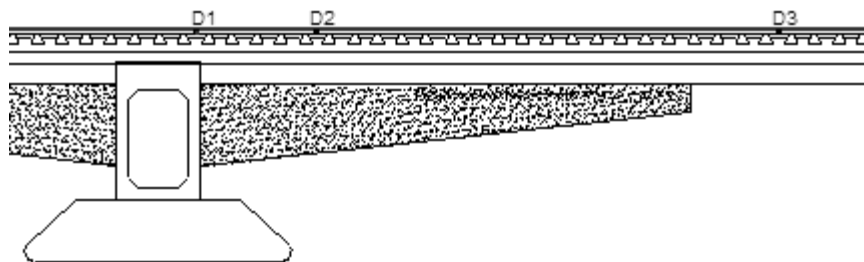
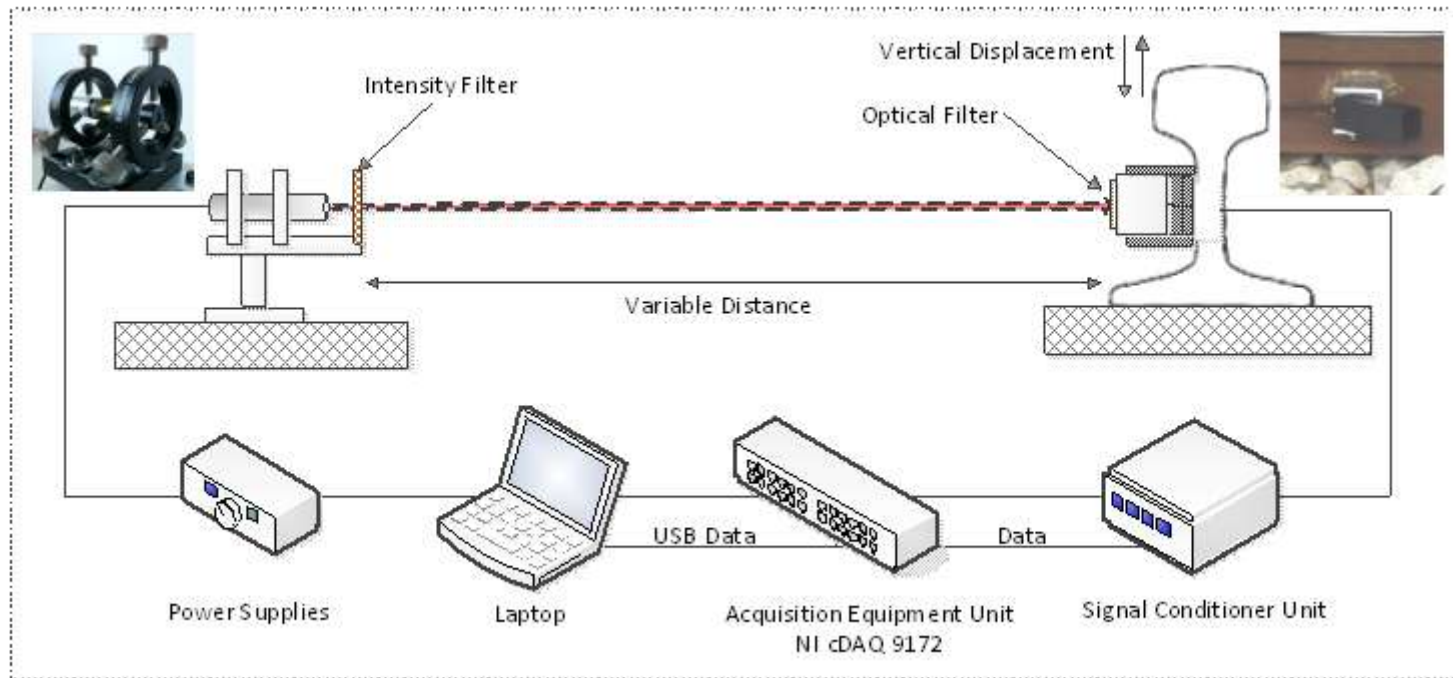




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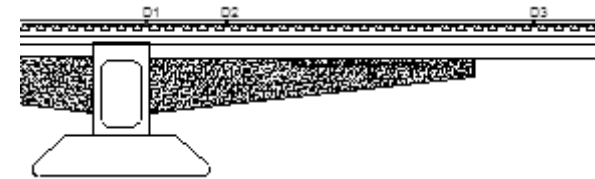
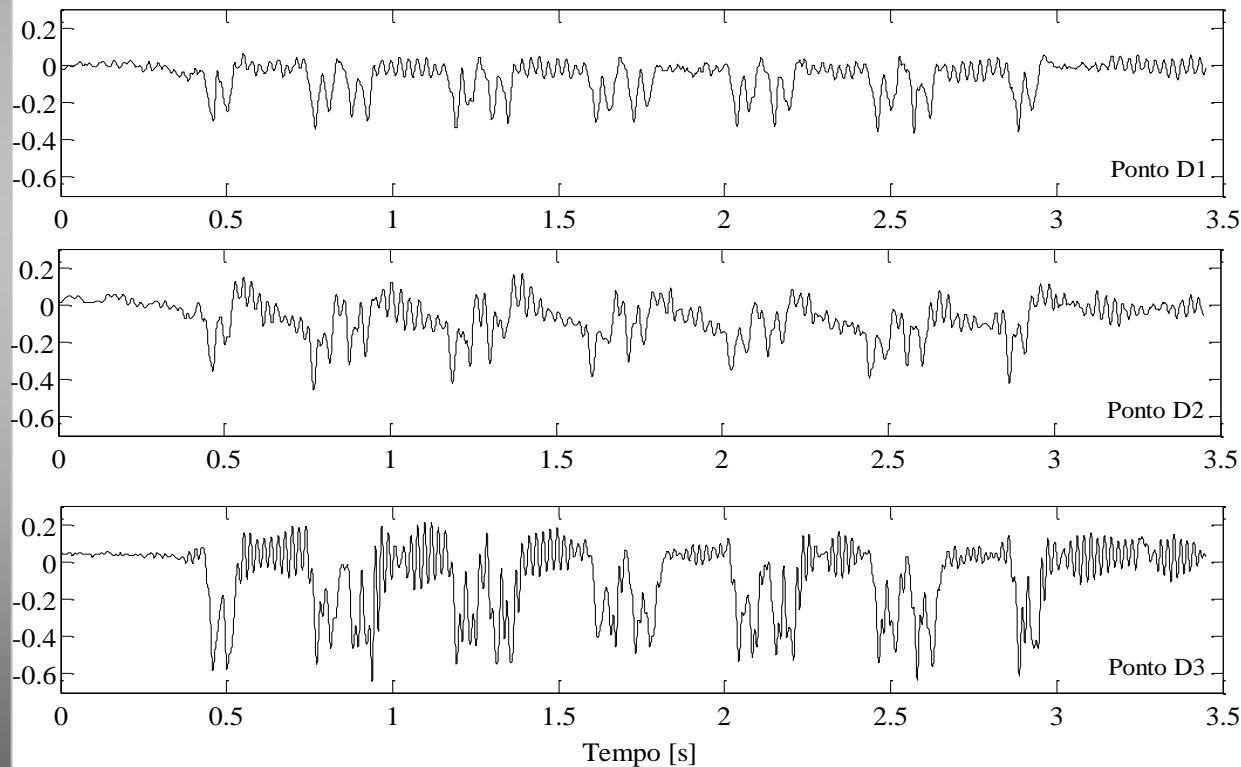
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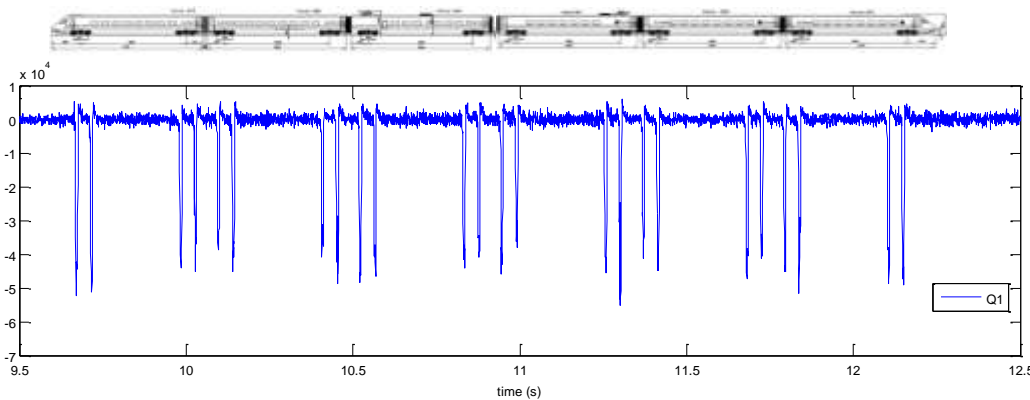
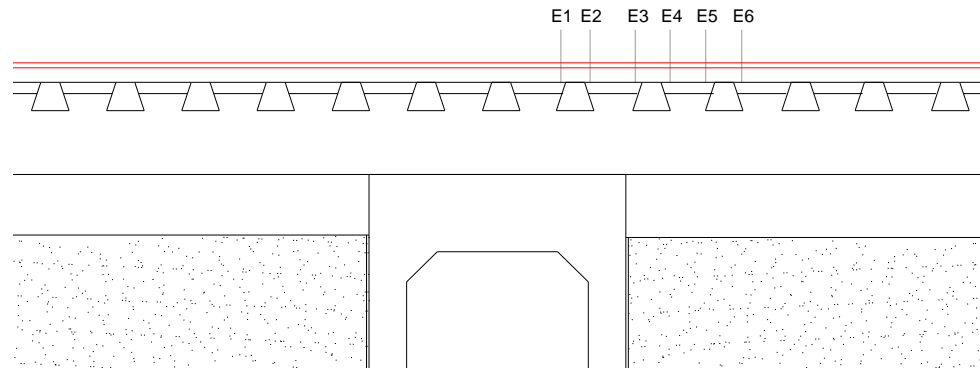
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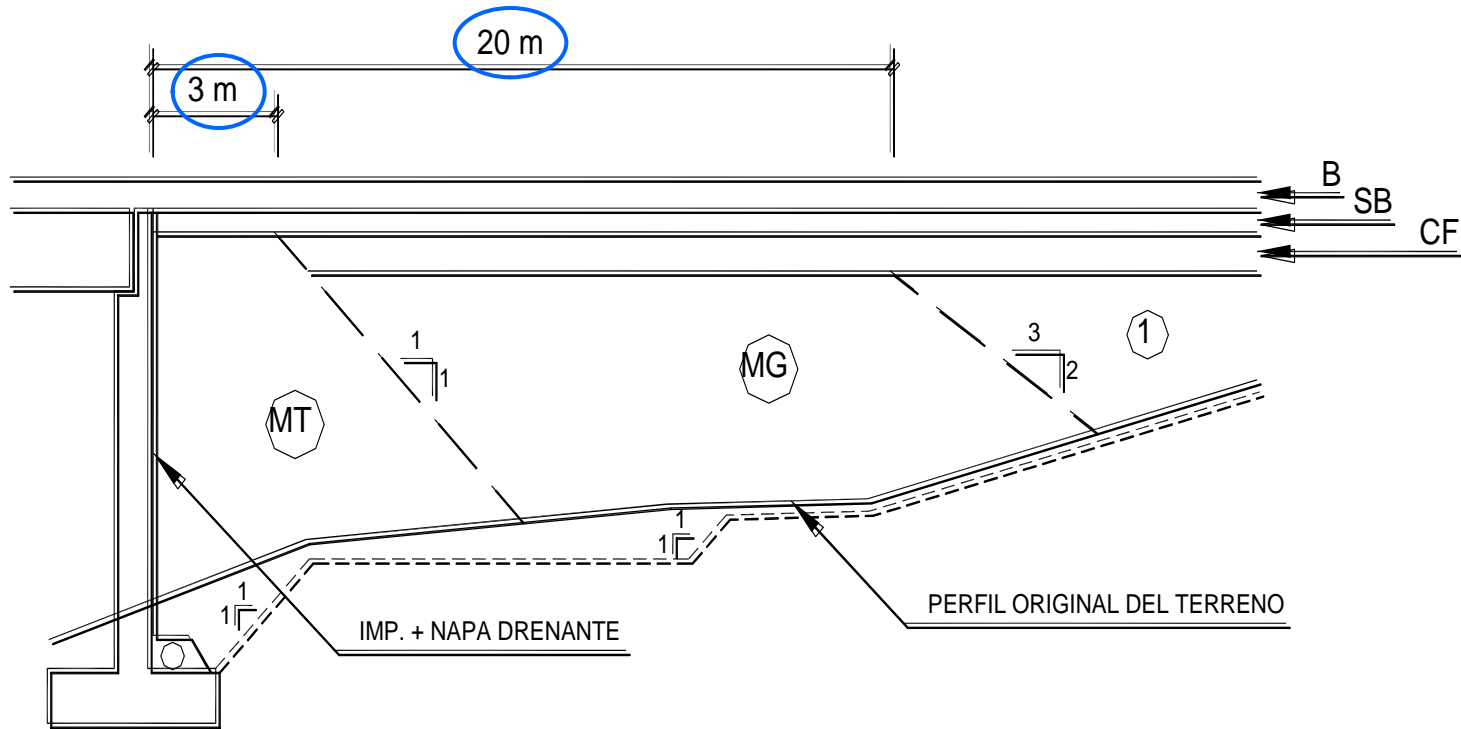
- Dynamic monitoring of axle loads



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## Case studies

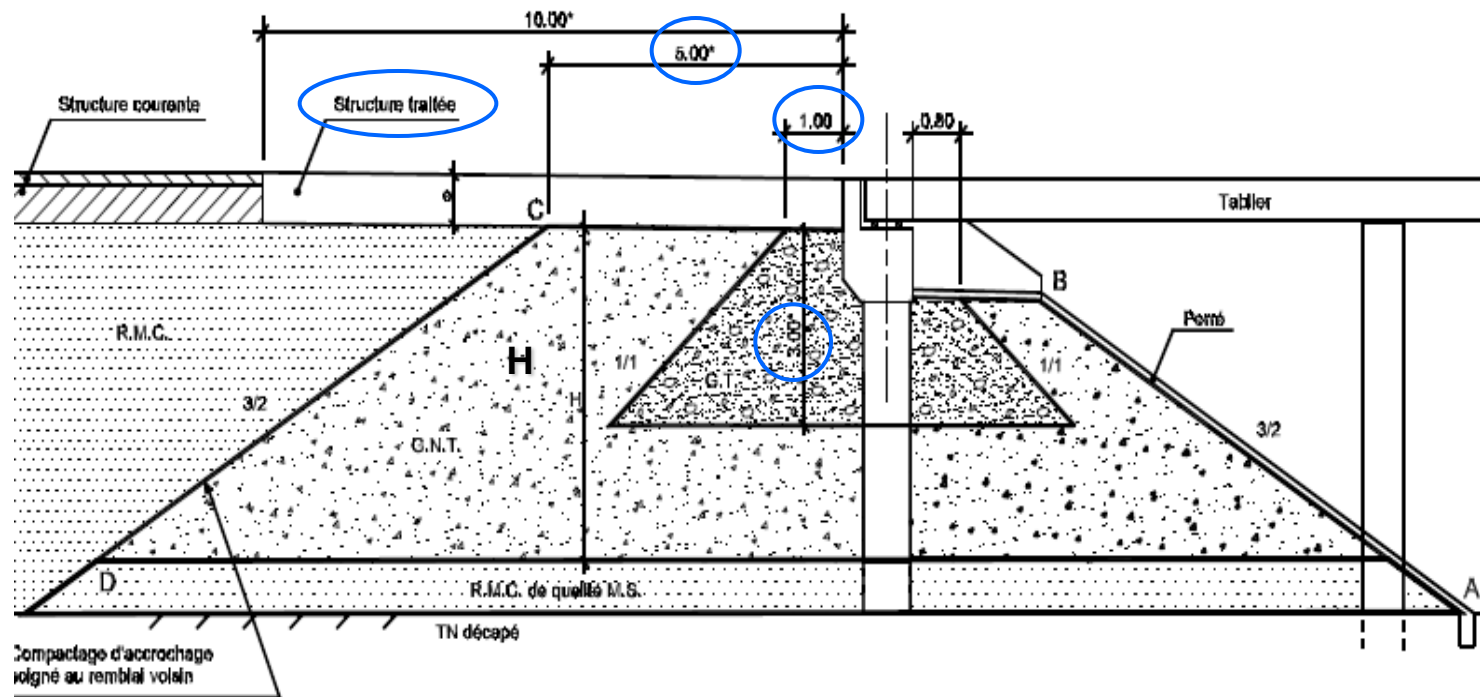
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## Case studies

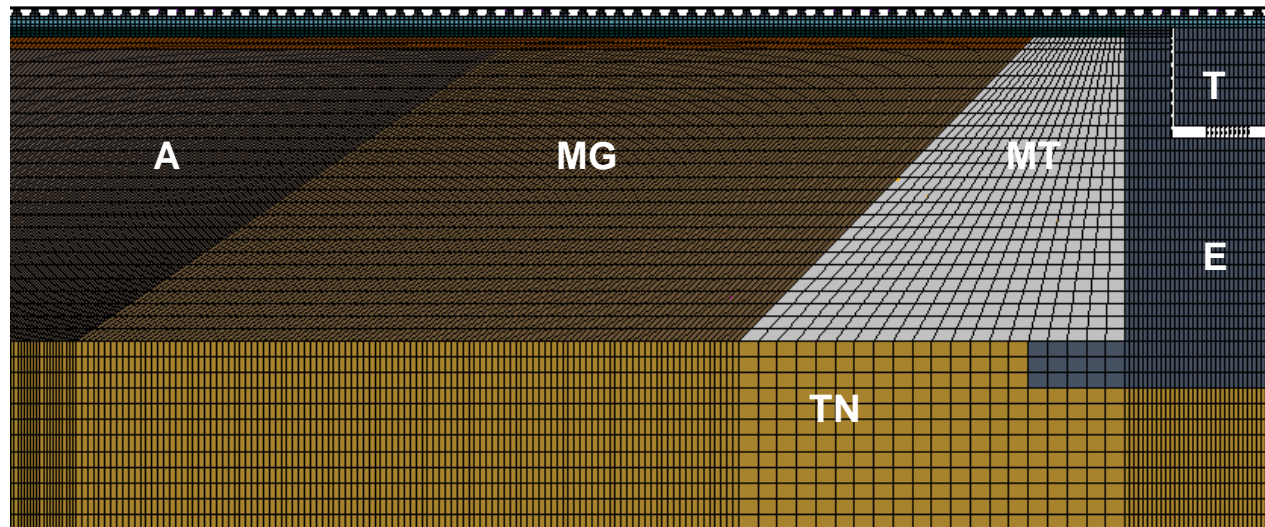
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## Numerical modelling

- ADIF solution (Spain)



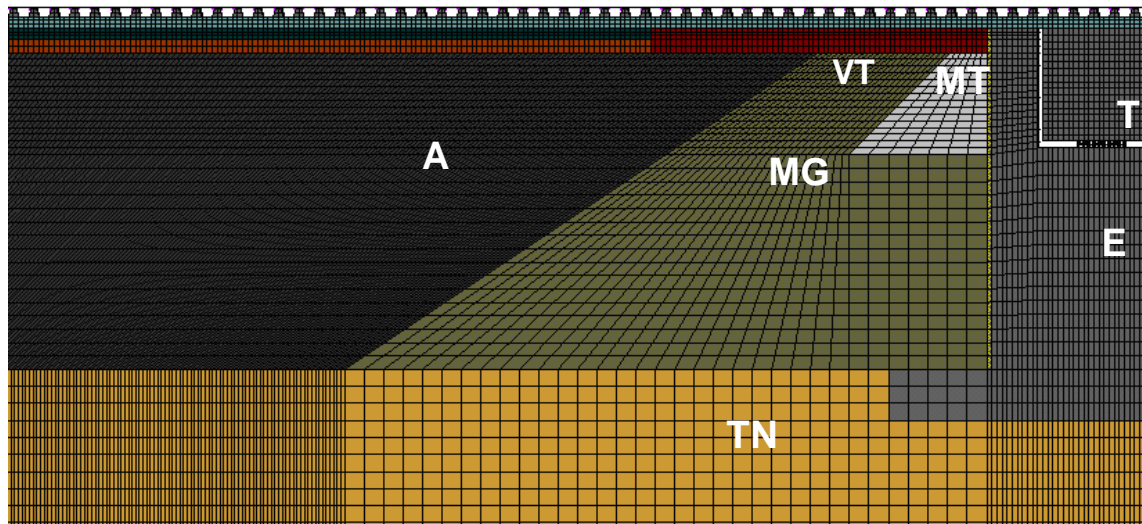
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**E = Abutment**



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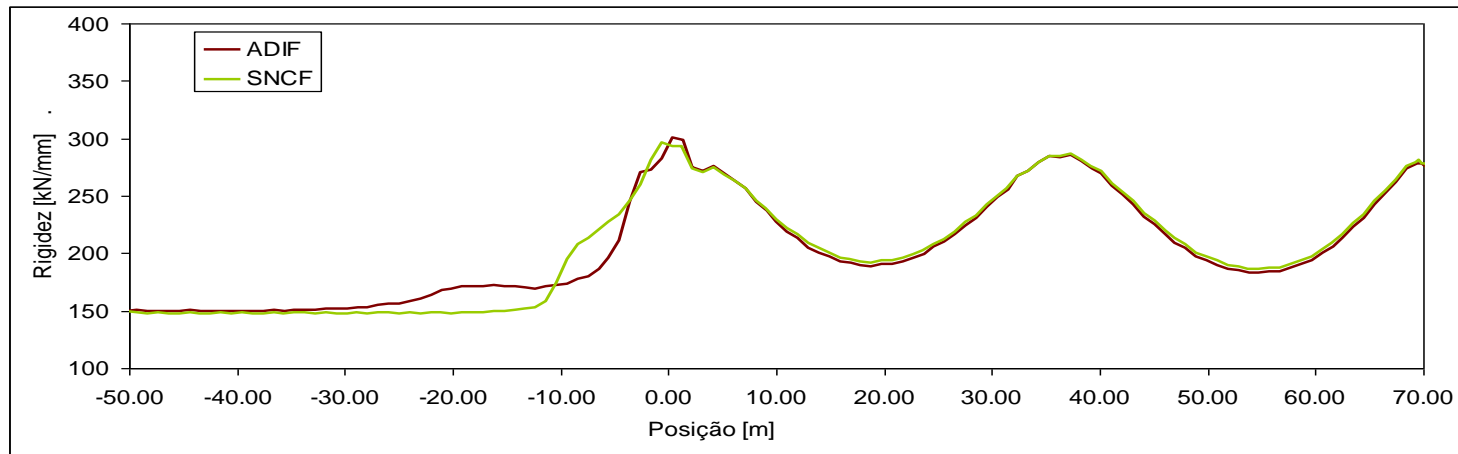
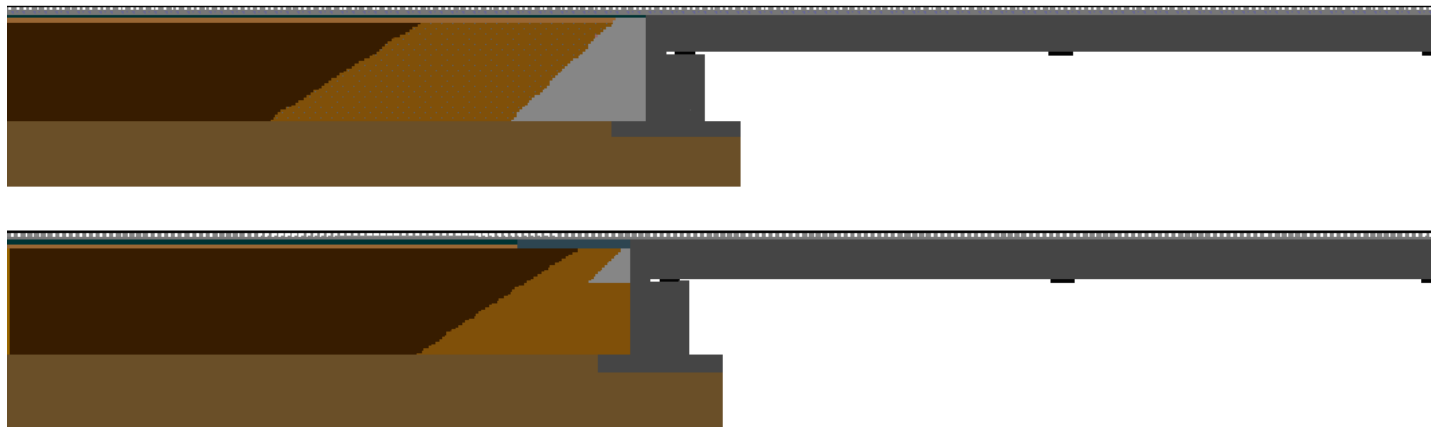


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**VT = Soil-cement under the track**

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## Numerical modelling

- Comparison of vertical track stiffness

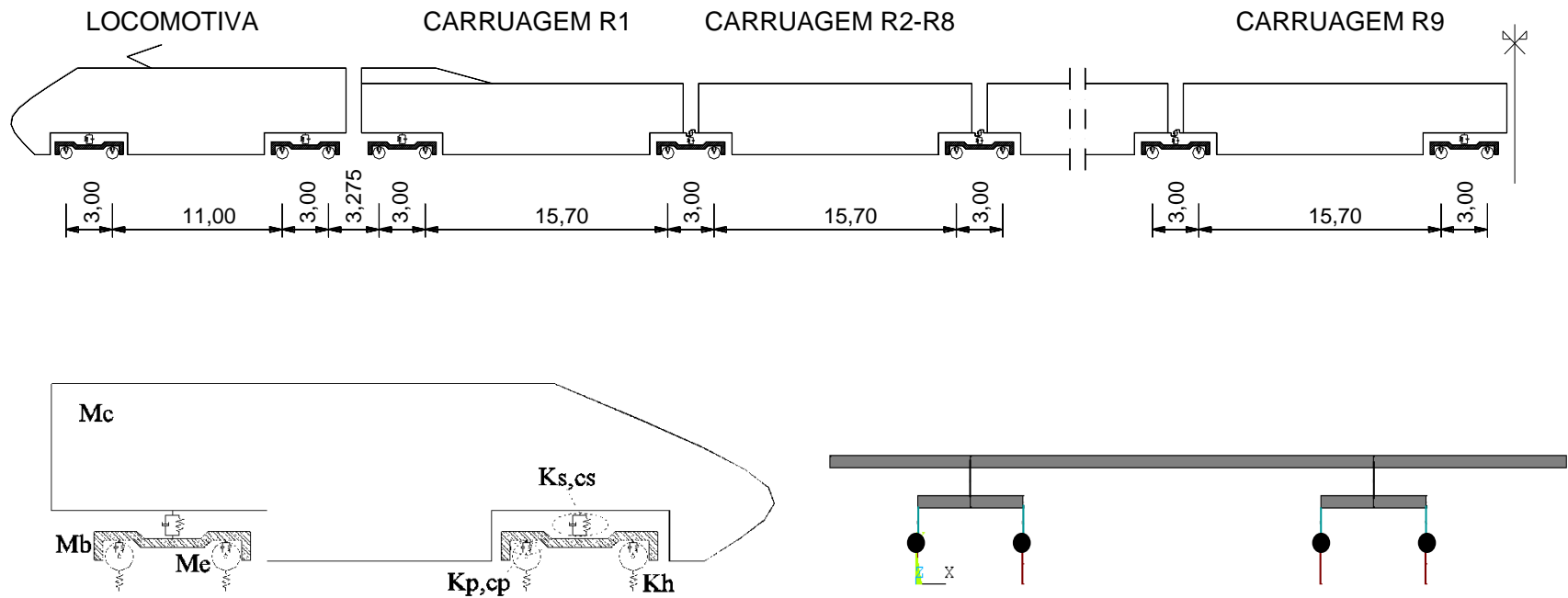




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## Numerical modelling

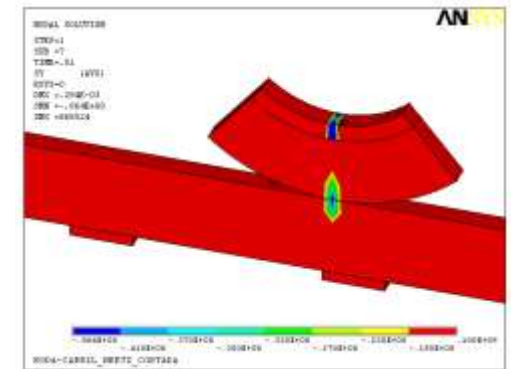
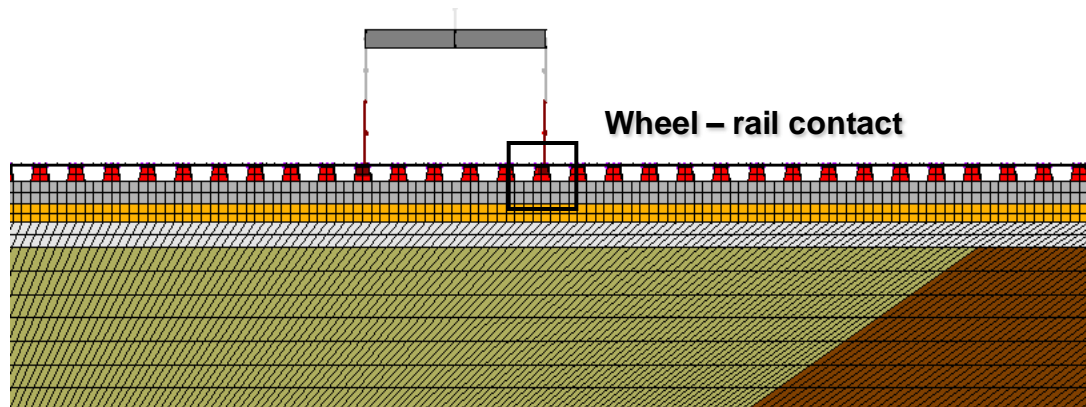
- Eurostar train



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## Numerical modelling

- Train-track interaction

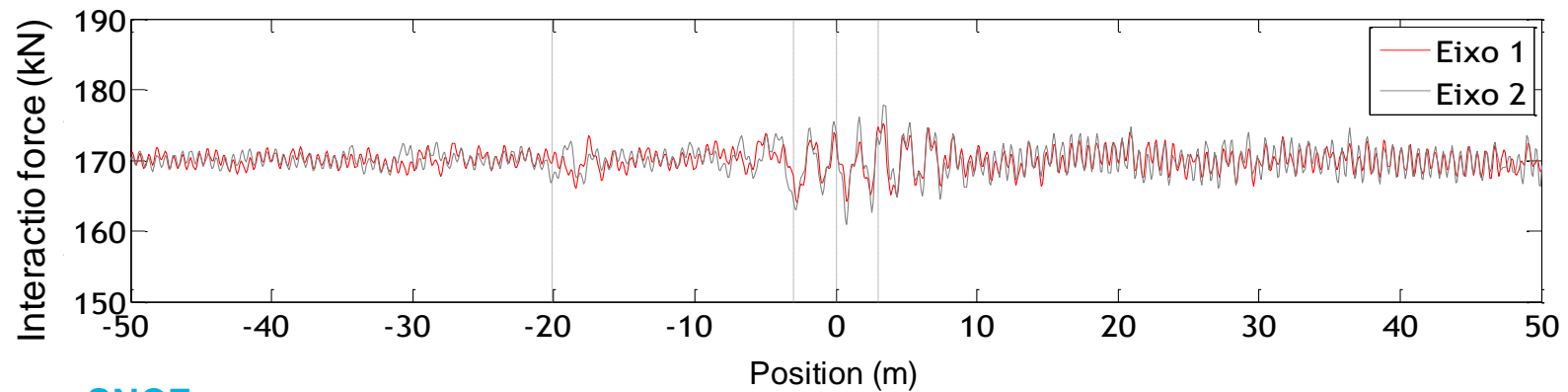


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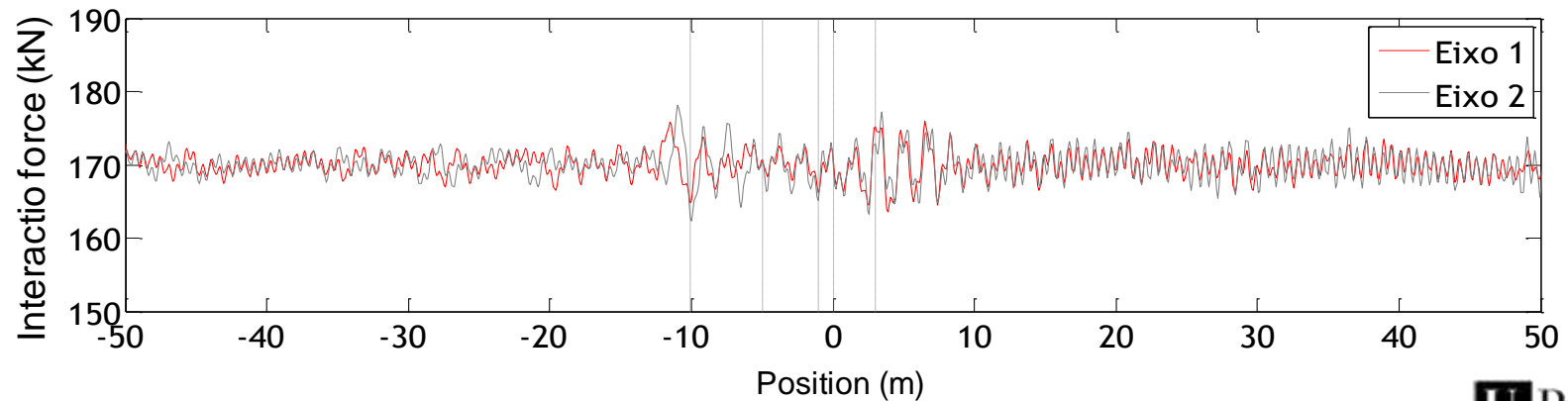
## Short term behaviour

- Wheel rail interaction force

### ADIF



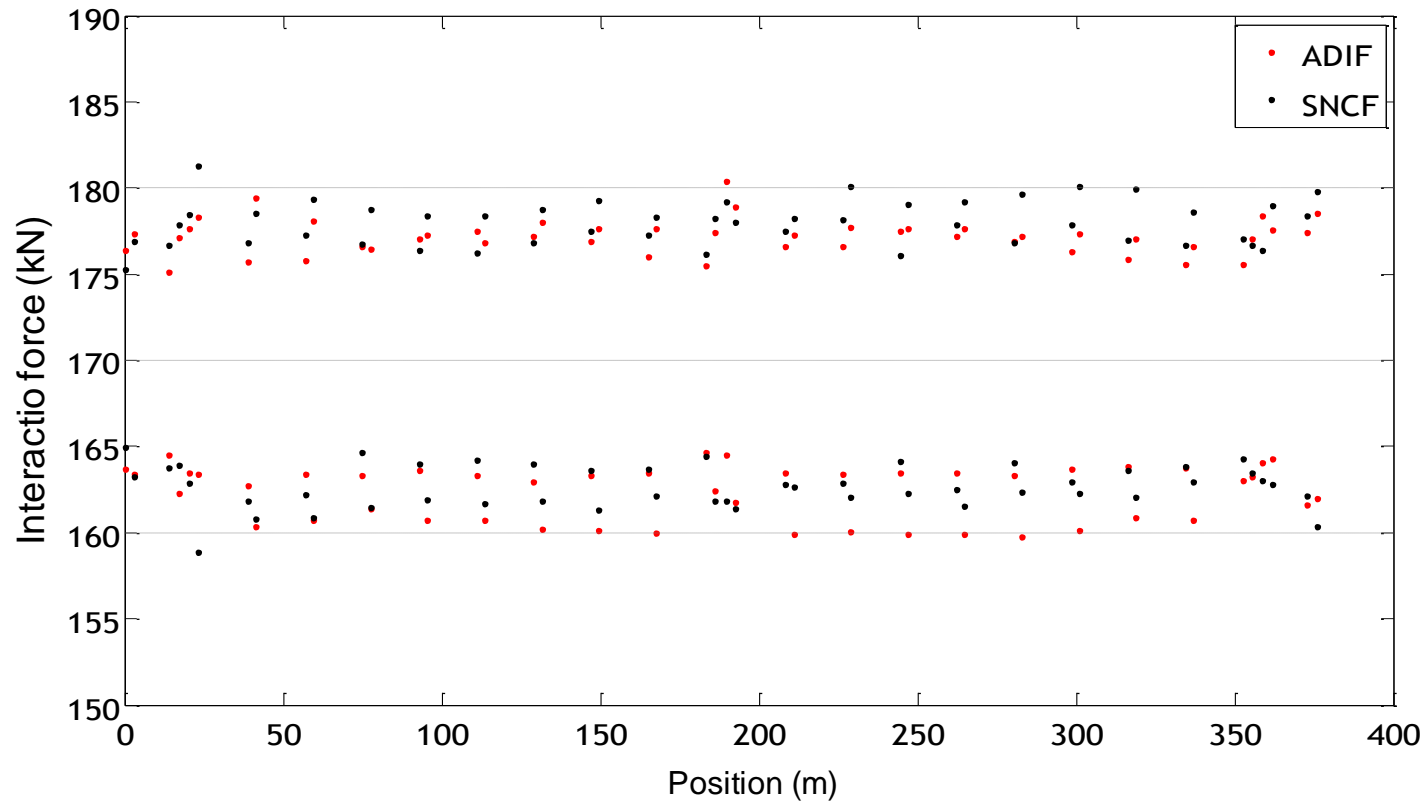
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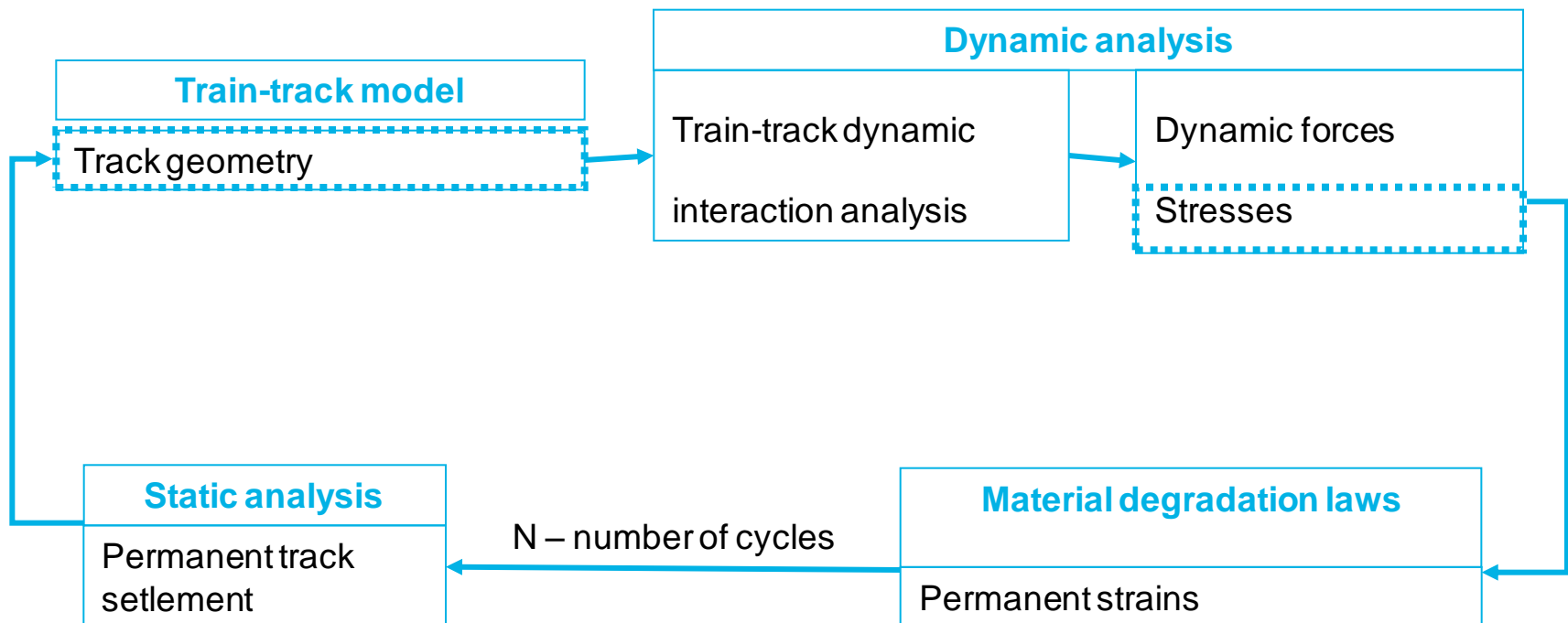
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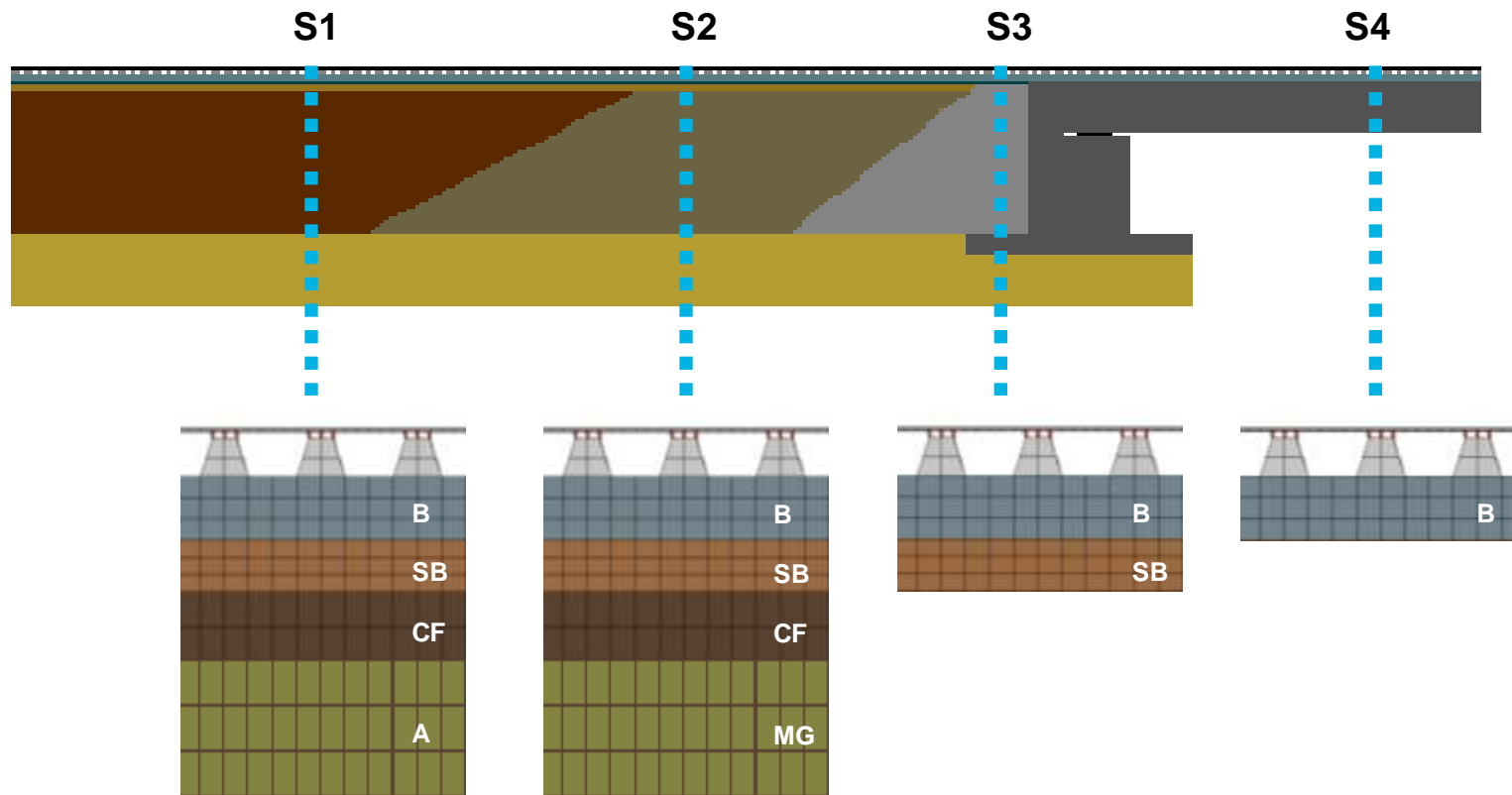
## Long term behaviour



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## Long term behaviour

- Initial stresses

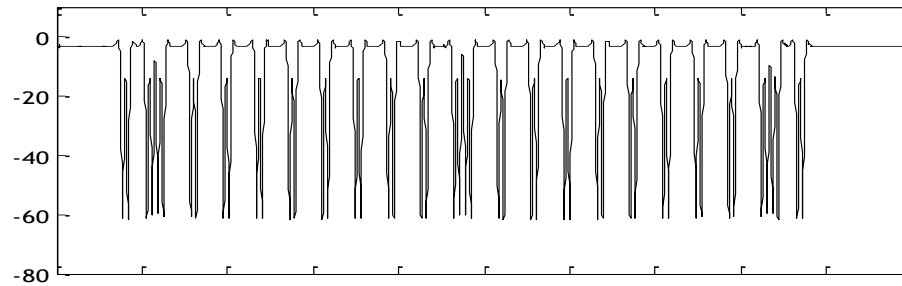


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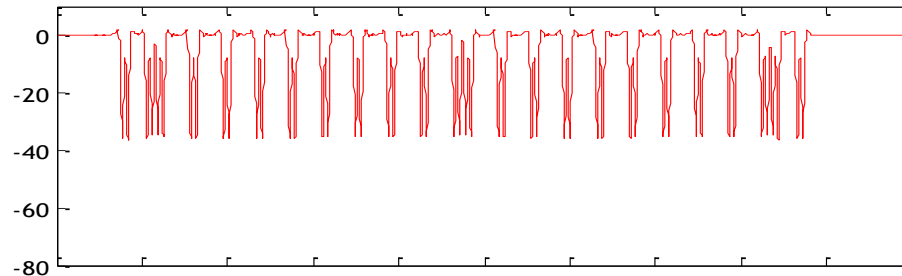
## Long term behaviour

- Initial stresses – section S1

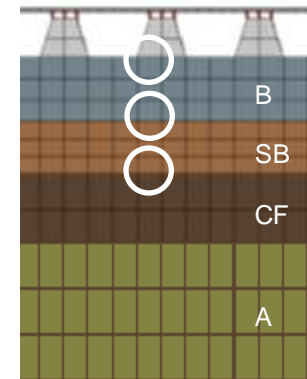
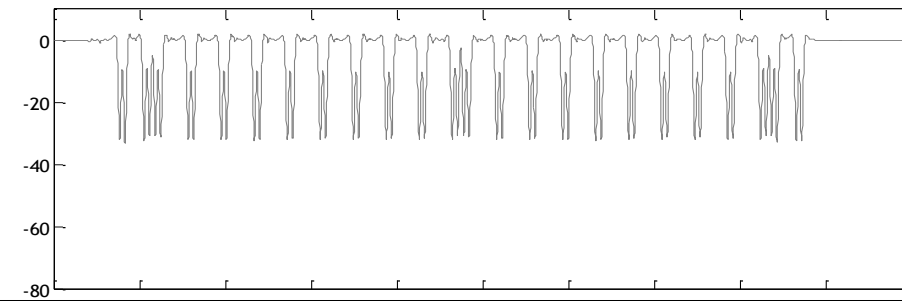
Ballast - top



Subballast - top



CF - Top

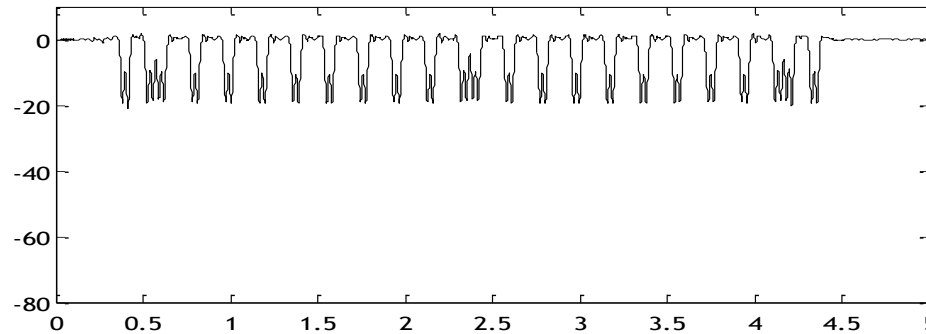


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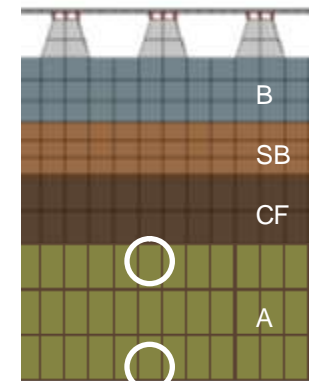
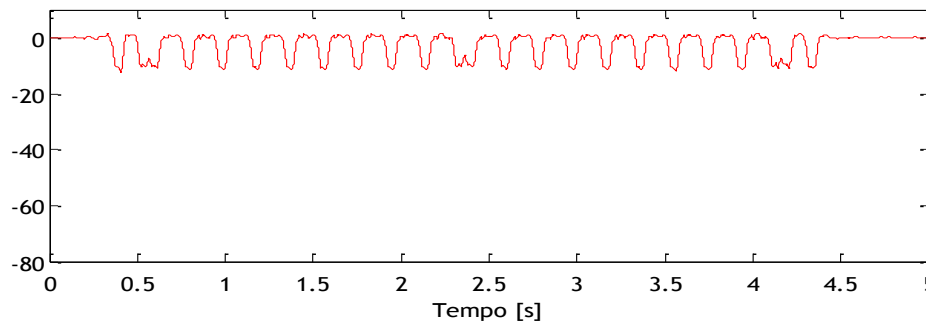
## Long term behaviour

- Initial stresses – section S1

A - top



A - 4 m depth





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## Long term behaviour

- Material degradation laws

$$\varepsilon_P = f(N) \cdot g(p_{\max}, q_{\max})$$

Number of cycles      Material stresses

$$f(N) = A \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{N}{100} \right)^{-B} \right]$$

$N > 100$  cycles

A e B: Parameters

$$g(p_{\max}, q_{\max}) = \varepsilon_1 \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\max}}{p_a} \right)^n \frac{1}{\left( m + \frac{s}{p_{\max}} - \frac{q_{\max}}{p_{\max}} \right)}$$

$$q = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3$$

$$p = \frac{\sigma_1 + 2 \cdot \sigma_3}{3}$$

$$l_{\max} = \sqrt{p_{\max}^2 + q_{\max}^2}$$

$$p_a = 100 \text{ kPa}$$

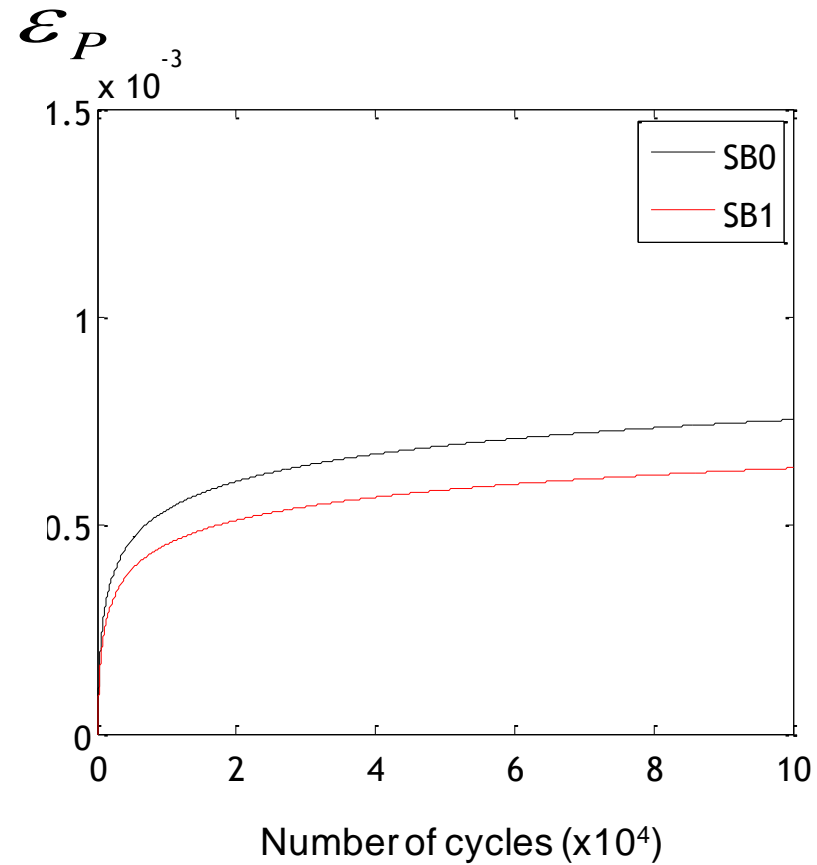
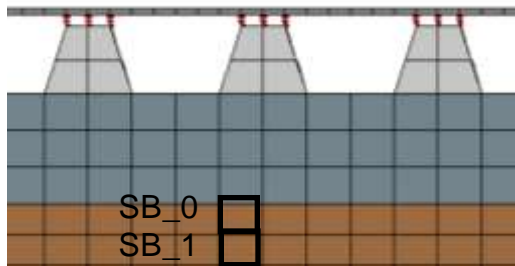
Material dependent parameters:

$\varepsilon_1, m, n, s$

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## Long term behaviour

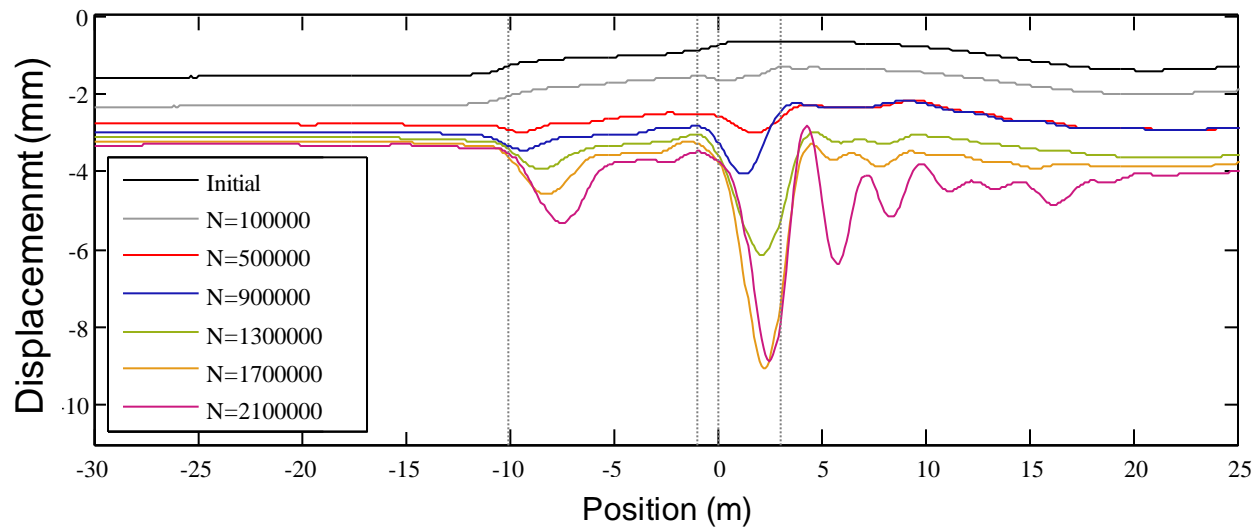
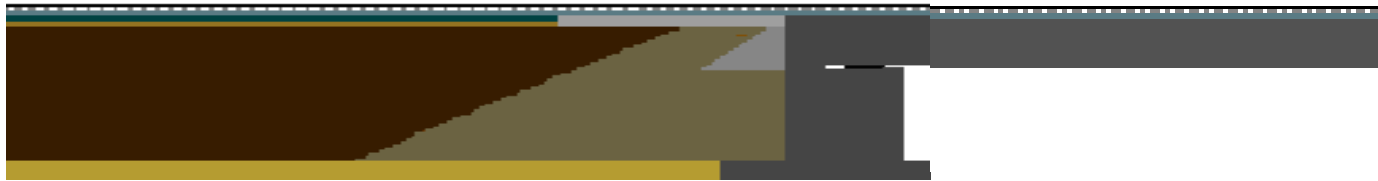
- Permanent strain evolution



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## Long term behaviour

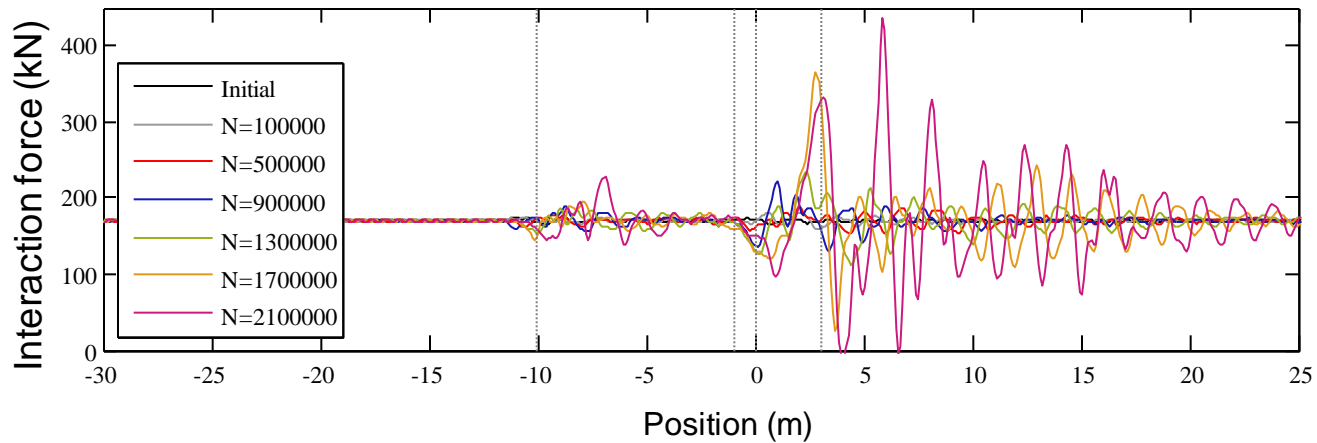
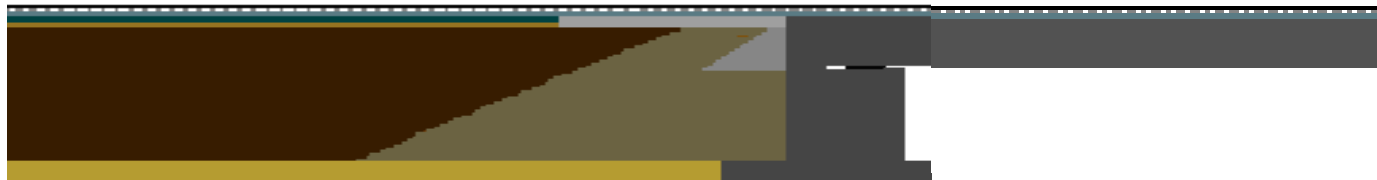
- Wheel displacement



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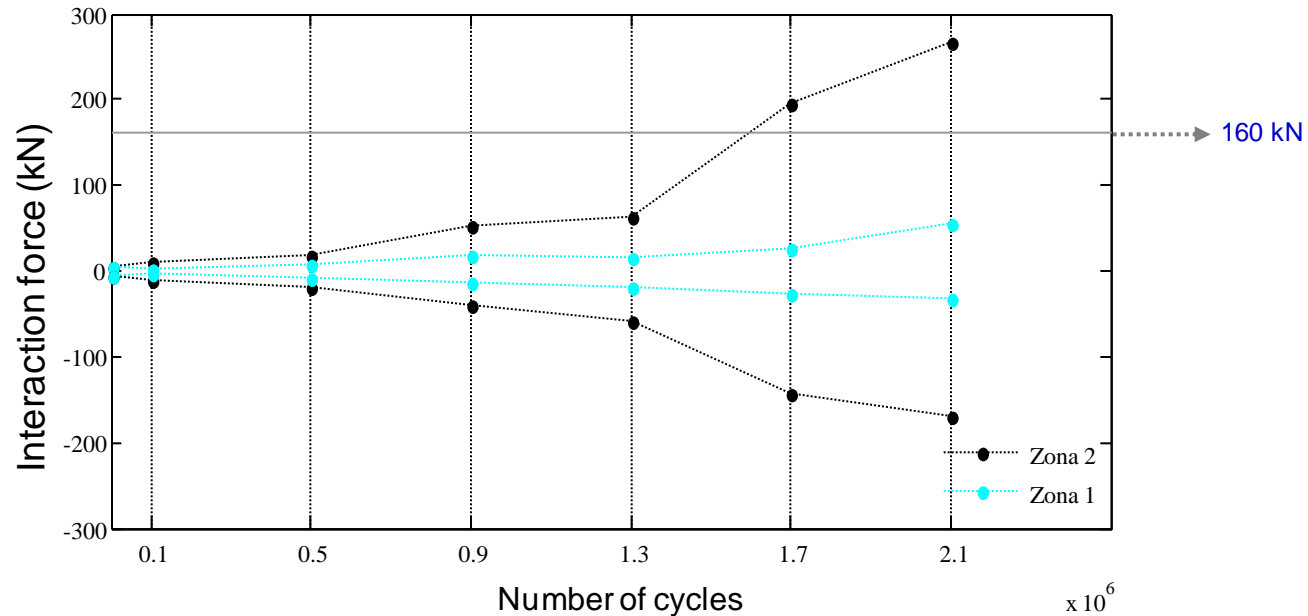
- Wheel-rail interaction force



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## Long term behaviour

- Wheel-rail interaction force

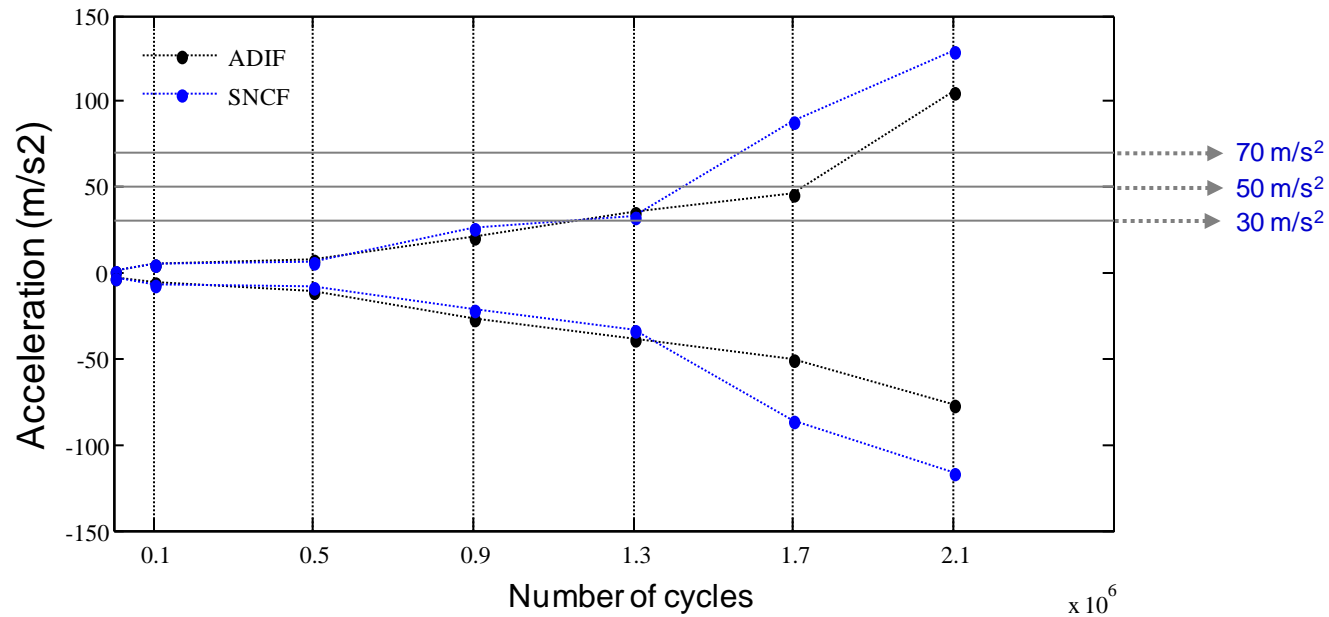


Speed (km/h)	Maximum dynamic load (kN)
$V = 250$	180
$250 < V \leq 300$	170
$V > 300$	160

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## Long term behaviour

- Axle acceleration

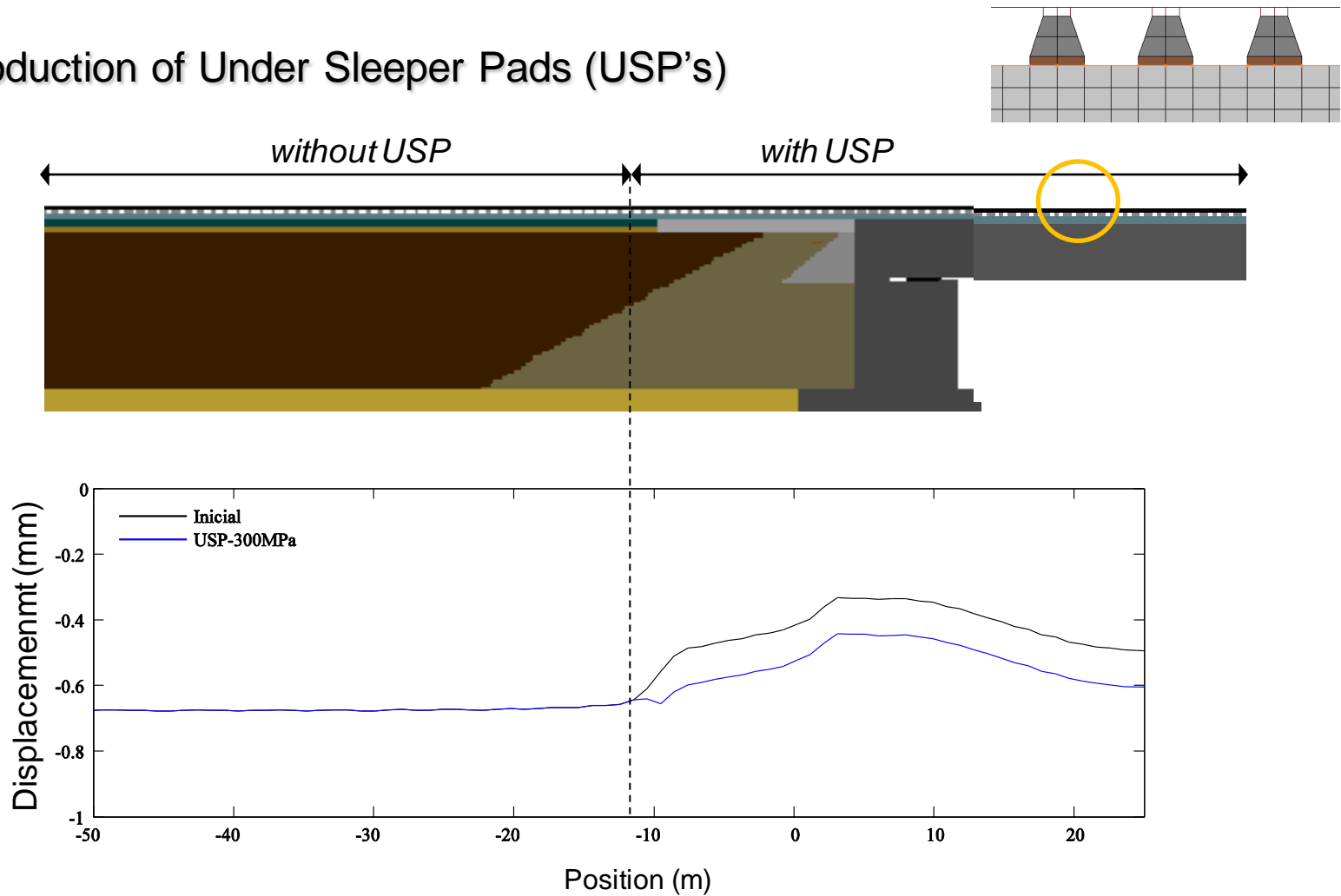


Axle acceleration (m/s <sup>2</sup> )
$a < 30$
$30 < a < 50$
$50 < a < 70$
$a > 70$

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## Long term behaviour

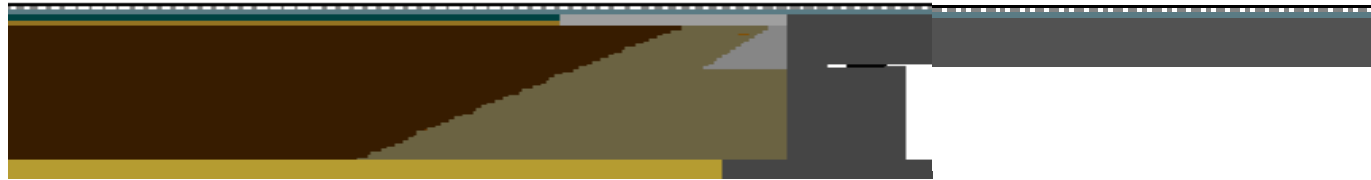
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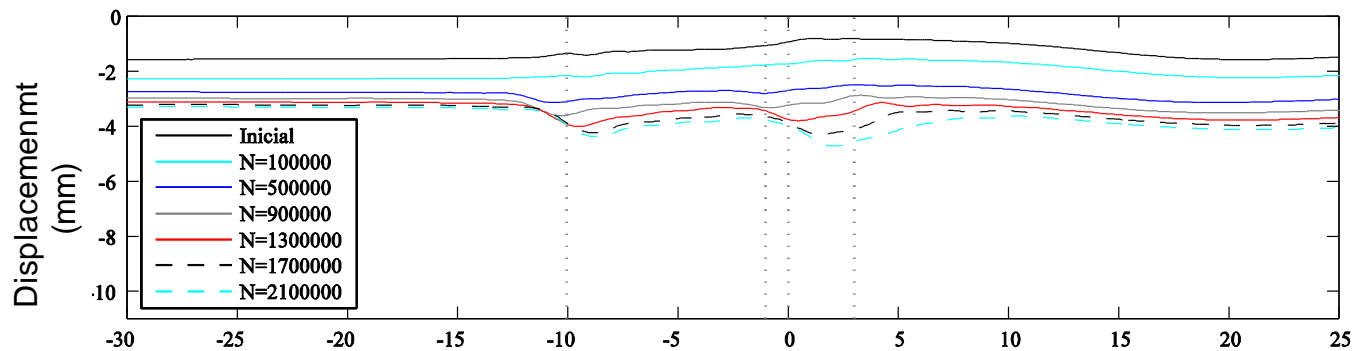
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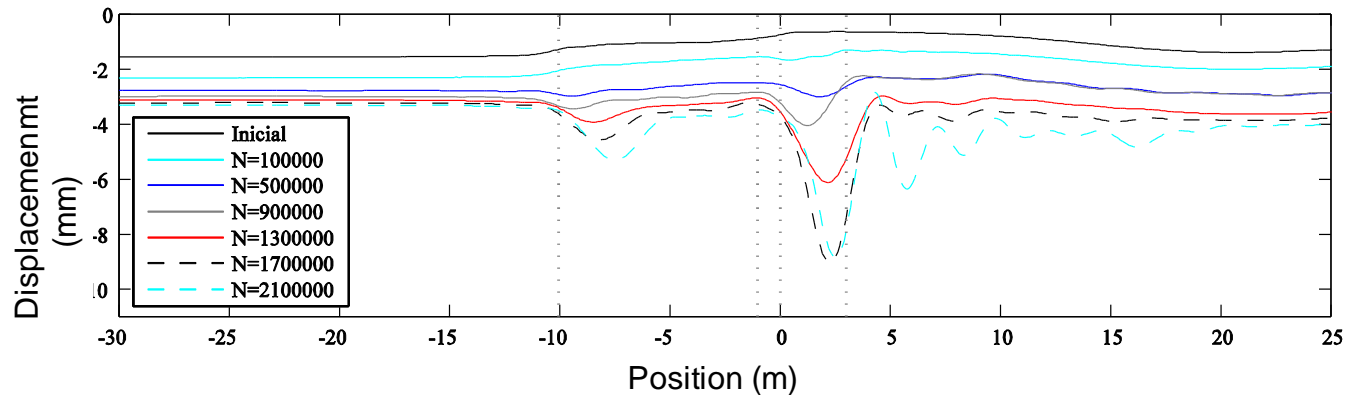
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*With USP*



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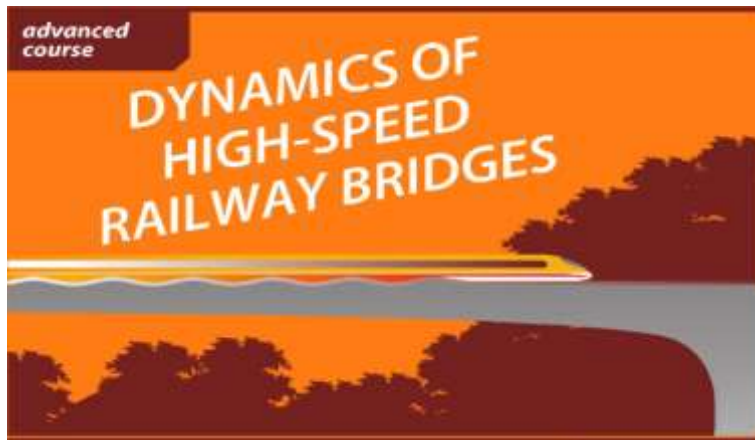
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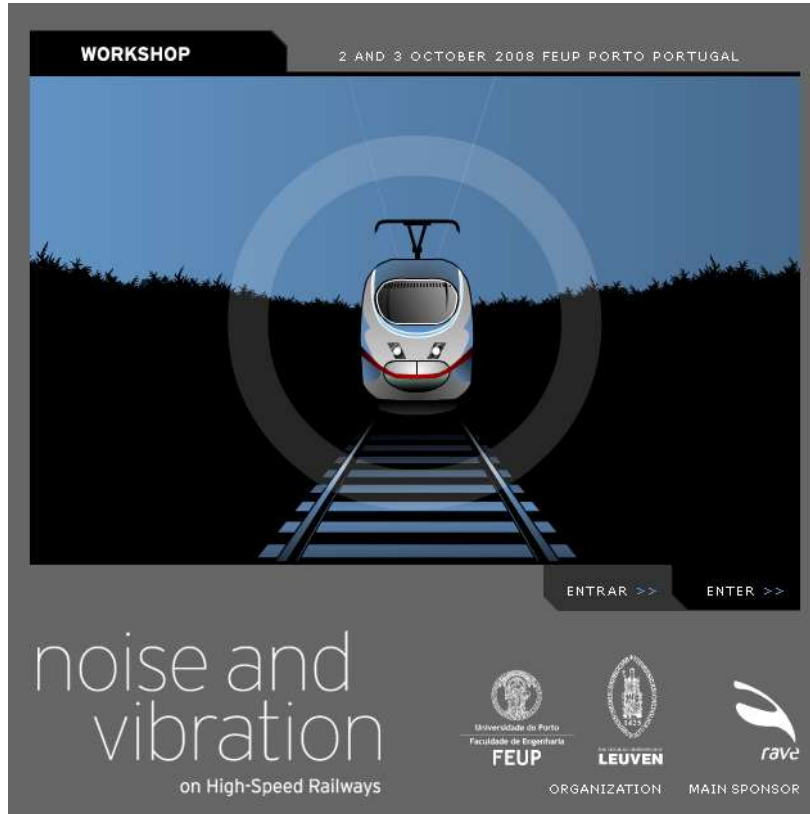
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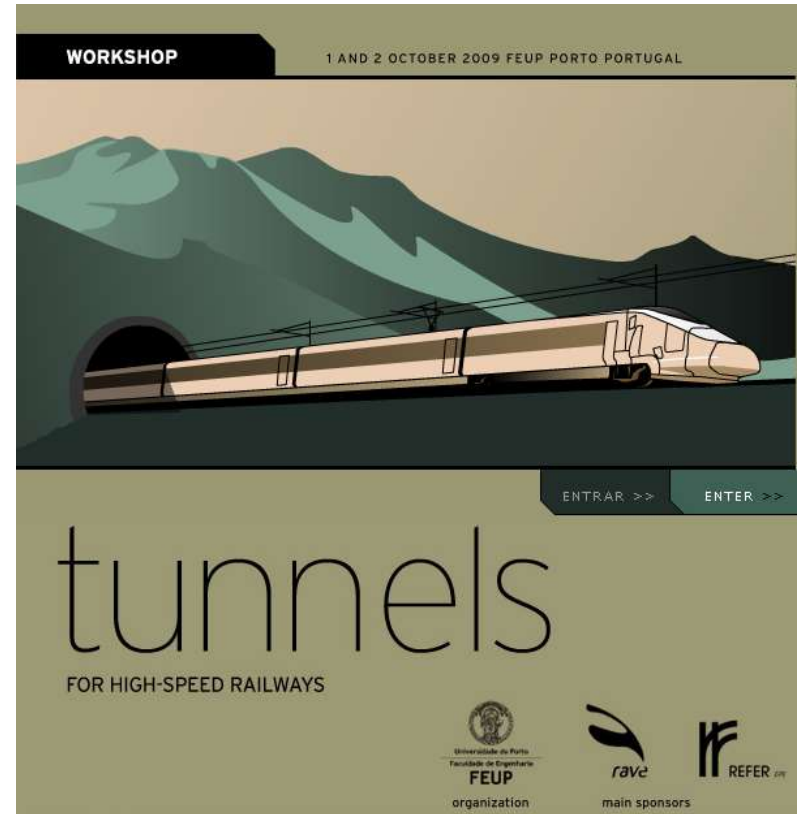
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