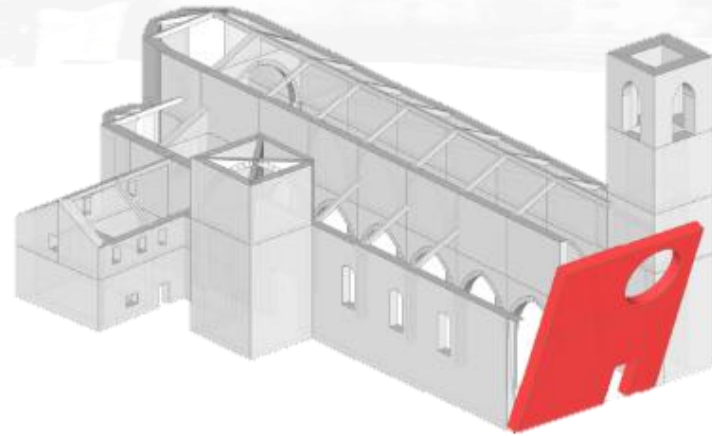


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ORIGINAL RESEARCH PAPER

Horizontally restrained rocking blocks: evaluation of the role of boundary conditions with static and dynamic approaches

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Abstract The paper deals with the behavior of restrained actions. Structural or non-structural masonry or r.c. elements pre-cast panels subjected to out-of-plane modes, may be restrained by horizontal springs. Horizontal restraints can be anchored or any anti-seismic device designed to impede effect could improve, in most cases, the dynamic response of rotation amplitude. Nevertheless, this effectiveness could be the response in negative way, resulting in overturning when sided motion in particular conditions are assumed. Two cases are analyzed: (1) concentrated restraint as single spring and (2) with constant or linearly variable stiffness. The single static formulation are here analyzed and commented, to obtain enhancement of response in static and dynamic point of a masonry façade with non-linear boundary conditions. Finally, unit stiffness for masonry/concrete walls and restraints

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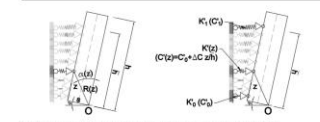


Fig. 9 Smeared horizontal restraints varying with linear law of spring flexibility $C(Z)$

$$\delta W = -\operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) \frac{d_1}{2} \sin \theta \left[A \ln(1 + D\theta) + B \left(k - \frac{1}{D} \ln(1 + D\theta) \right) + \frac{C}{D} \left[\frac{(1 + D\theta)^2}{2} - 2(1 + D\theta) + \ln(1 + D\theta) + 2 \right] \right] \quad (51)$$

Obviously, the limit of δW as D tends to zero, is given by Eq. (52) with $k = k_0$.

Now, the equation of motion can be modified in the general case of linearly variable spring deformability by including the term of the work in the Euler-Lagrange's equation:

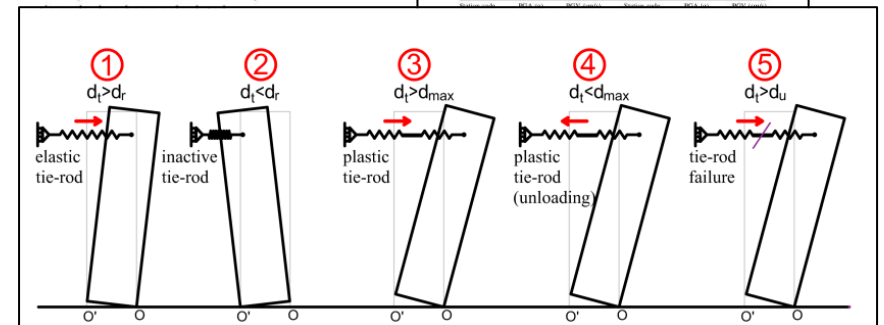
$$I \ddot{\theta} + \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) m g R \sin(\alpha - \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) \theta) - \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) \frac{d_1}{2} \left[A \ln(1 + D\theta) + B \left(k - \frac{1}{D} \ln(1 + D\theta) \right) + \frac{C}{D} \left[\frac{(1 + D\theta)^2}{2} - 2(1 + D\theta) + \ln(1 + D\theta) + 2 \right] \right] - m g \mu_0 R \cos(\alpha - \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) \theta) = 0 \quad (52)$$

where the terms A, B, C are expressed by Eq. (31).

4 Parametric analysis and discussion of results

A parametric analysis was performed by considering different acceleration time-histories, later used for a practical case study in Sect. 5. These earthquakes have been chosen as they have similar PGA and PGV values as those of the El Centro earthquake (Table 3). Indeed, particularly the PGV is a relevant parameter for the risk of collapse in rocking motion. The geometric dimensions and weight are the same adopted in Sects. 3 and 4, namely

Table 3 Earthquakes used for the parametric analysis of restrained block/PGA peak ground acceleration, PGV peak ground velocity



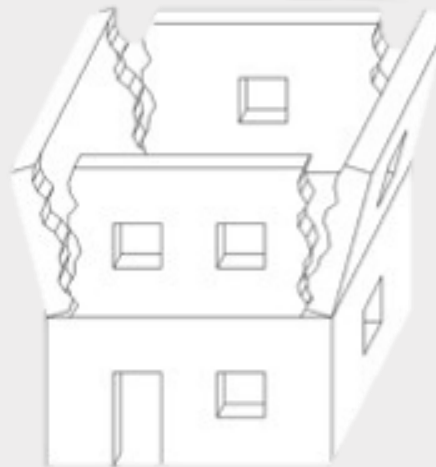
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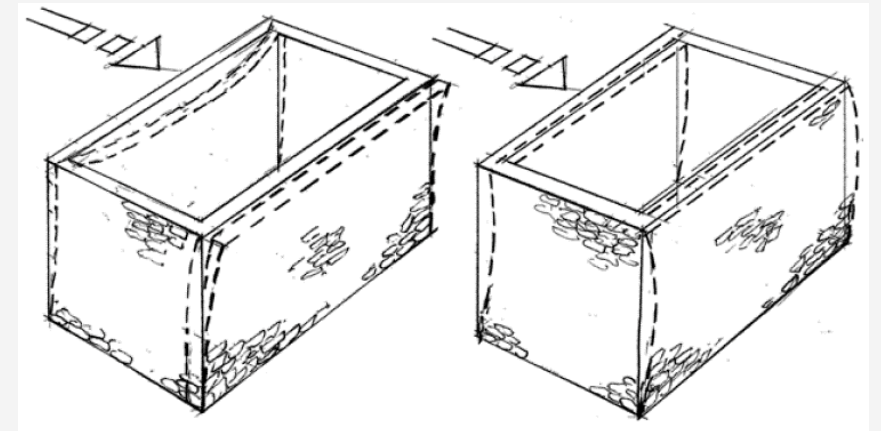
PROBLEMS & NEEDS

PROBLEMS



- High seismic vulnerability of unreinforced masonry buildings
- Out of plane of masonry portions or entire façade
- Lack of proper structural connections

NEEDS



- To promote the policy on seismic vulnerability reduction
- To guarantee and maintain the structural integrity of buildings under seismic actions
- To ensure the box behaviour avoiding local collapse mechanisms

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Turn problems in to solution



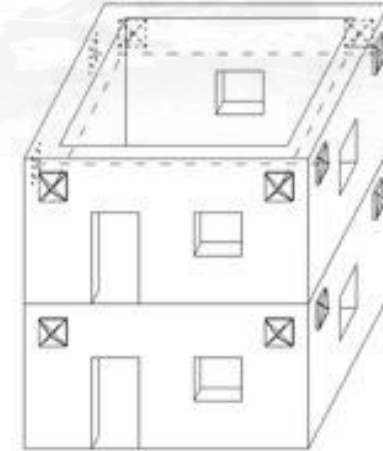
CURRENT TADITIONAL SOLUTION

Stell tie rod

Safeguard the out-of plane mechanism

STRENGTHS

- Steel tie rods have widely been used for centuries and are still adopted nowadays to prevent the out-of-plane mechanism, enforcing the building box behavior.
- Such intervention is also suggested by current code standards and was seen to beneficially prevent the collapse of the building after medium-intensity earthquakes.

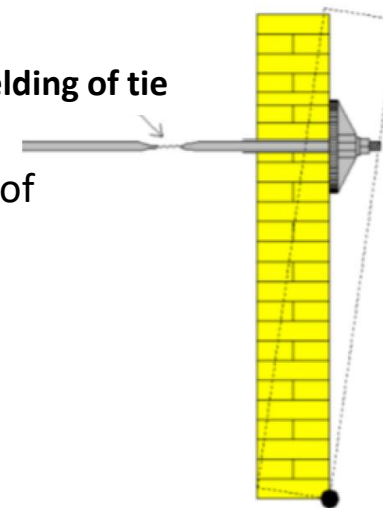


WEAKNESSES

Under highly seismic events:

- Possible damage to the masonry in the surrounding area of the tie
- Possible yielding/rupture of the ties.

Yielding of tie



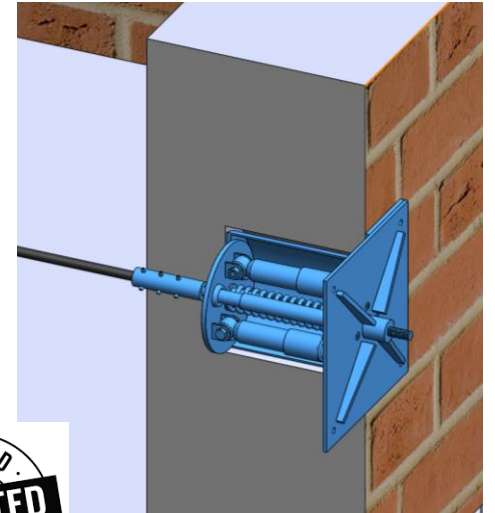
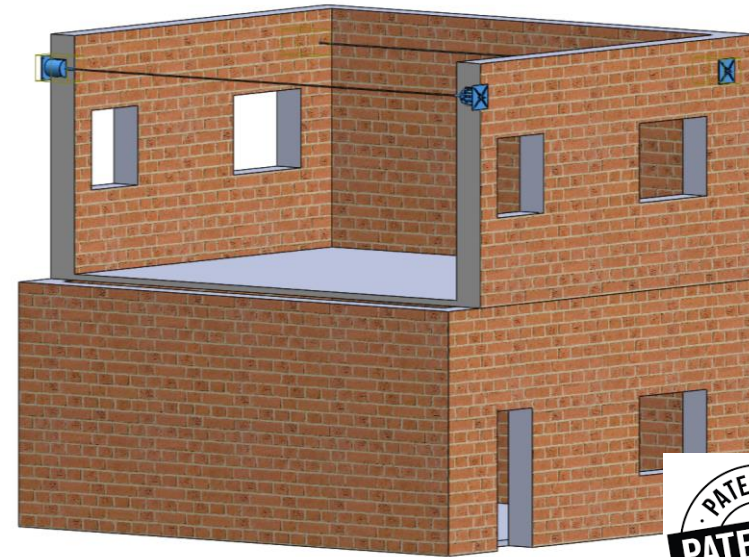


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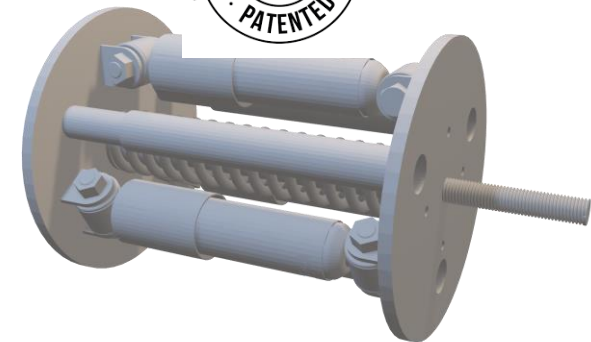
The technology

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- Meccanical Fuse Restraints (MFR)
- Linear Device (LD)
- Fluid Viscous Damper (FVD)



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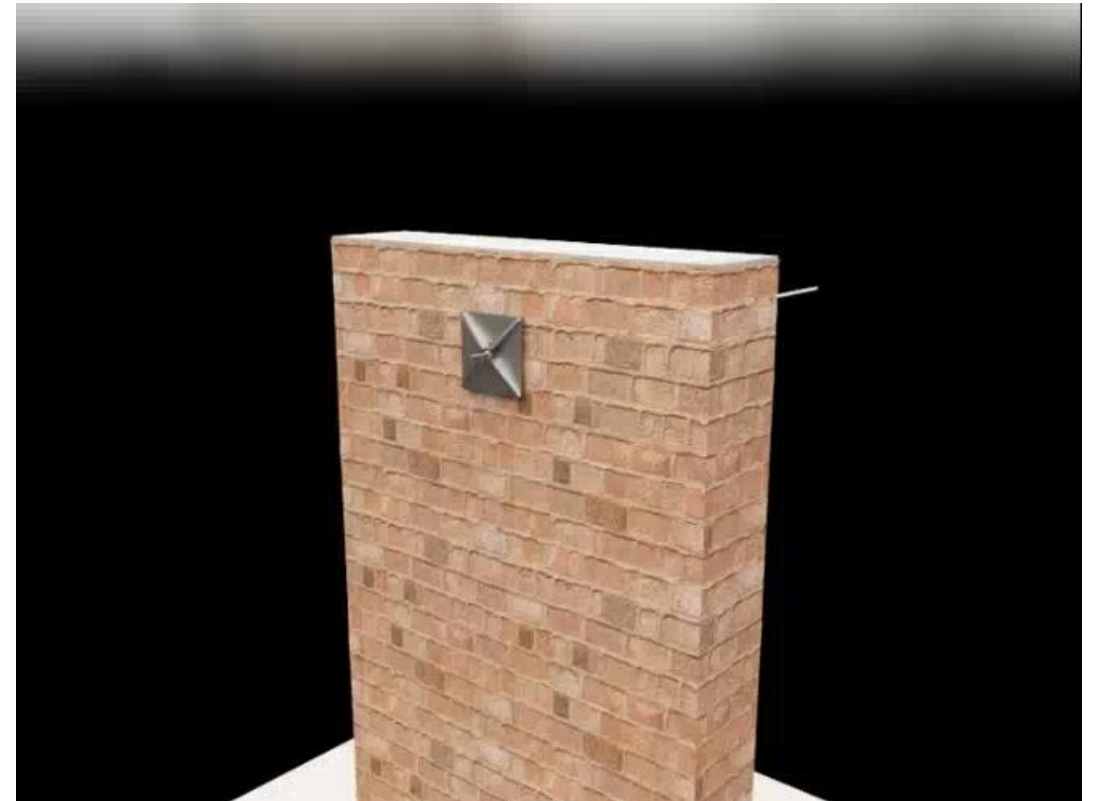
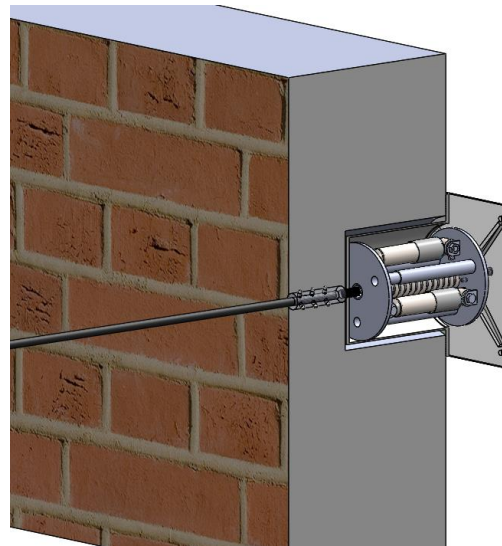
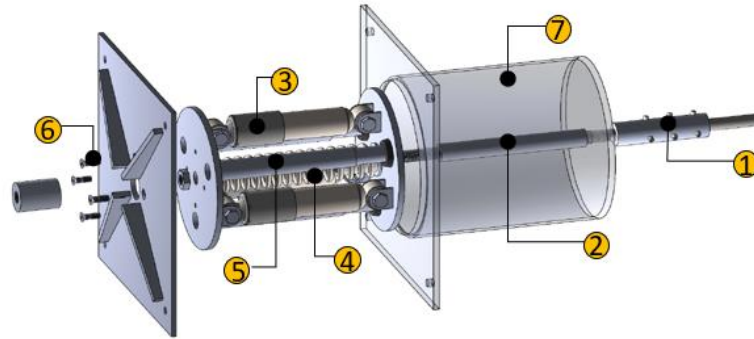
Components

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2. Tension switch
3. Shock absorber
4. Compression spring
5. Guide tubes
6. Mechanical fuse
7. Casing
8. Closing plate



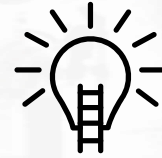
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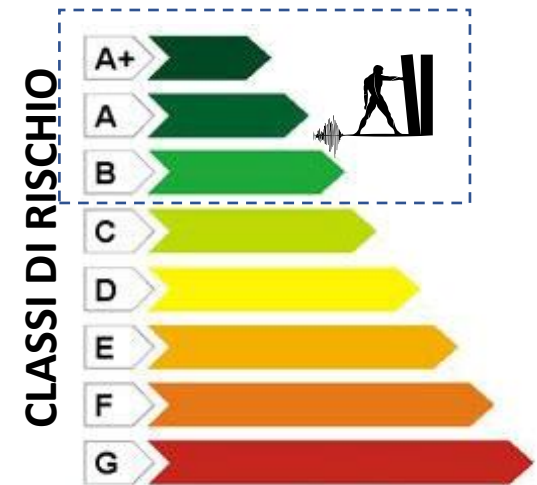
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«innovative, mini-invasive, and simple to be applied»

TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES:

- Increasing the seismic performance of the construction
- Controlling the out of plane mechanisms of masonry buildings
- Increasing the seismic safety index up to 70% for existing buildings
- Increasing the seismic risk class
- To operate maintaining the functioning of the activities
- Monitoring the building health state and controlling the structural integrity of the system



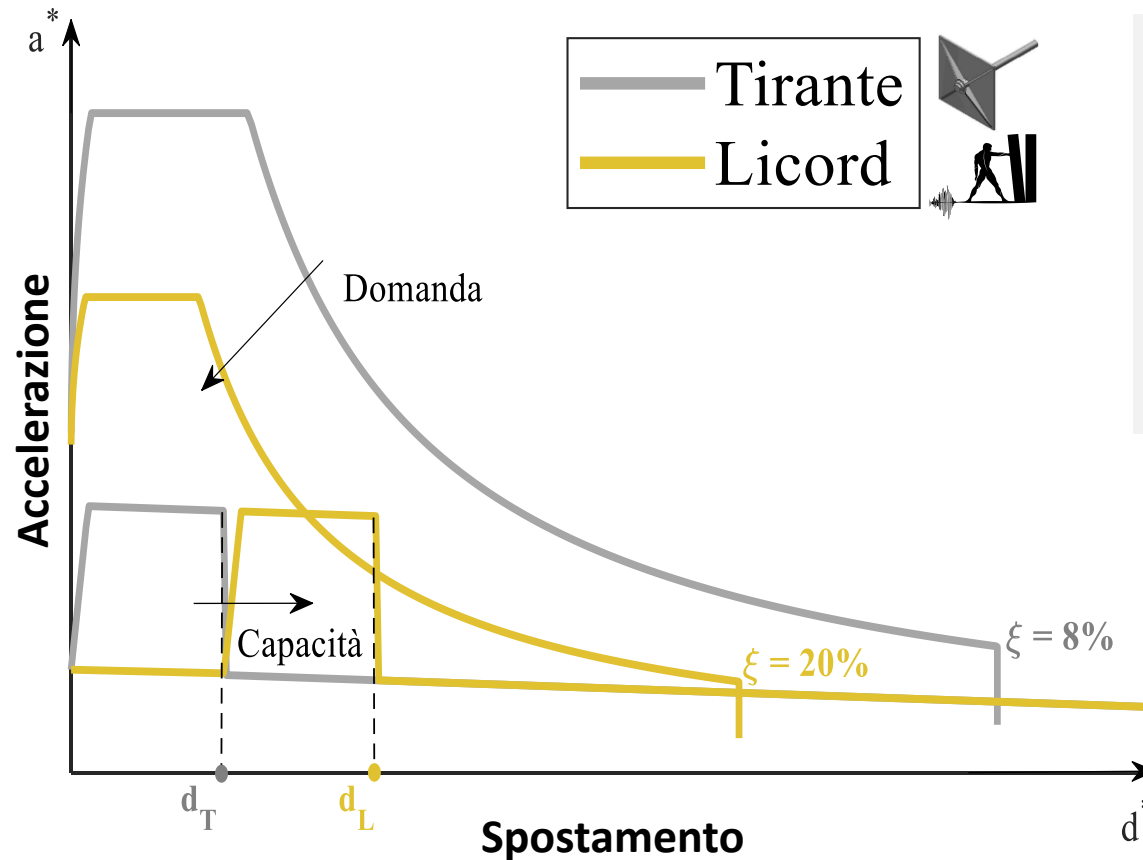
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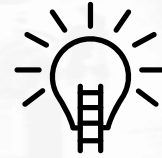
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- Control the force acting on the tie
- Increase of the displacement capacity
- Reduce of the seismic demande



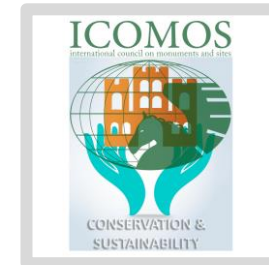
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«effective investment against direct and indirect loss»

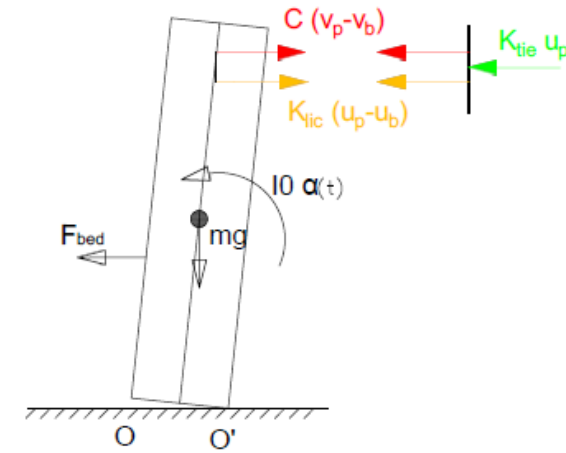
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES

- Safeguard human lives ensuring the functioning of productive activities
- Low installation and maintenance costs
- To reduce repairing costs
- To add value to the construction
- To safeguard the historical and cultural heritage



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From the idea to the product



$$\begin{cases} I_0 \ddot{\theta} + \text{sign}(\theta) m g R \sin A_\theta + M_{K_{bed}} - \overset{\circ}{M}_{K_{LIC}} - \overset{\circ}{M}_D = 0 \\ \overset{\circ}{T}_{K_{LIC}} + \overset{\circ}{T}_D + T_{tie} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$M_{K_{LIC}} = R_d \cos A_d \overset{\circ}{K}_{LIC} (u_p - u_b)$$

$$M_D = R_d \cos A_d \overset{\circ}{C} (\dot{u}_p - \dot{u}_b)^\alpha$$

$$T_{K_{LIC}} = \overset{\circ}{K}_{LIC} (u_p - u_b)$$

$$T_{tie} = K_{tie} u_p$$

$$T_D = \overset{\circ}{C} (\dot{u}_p - \dot{u}_b)^\alpha$$

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- Field experiments
- EN15129 certification
- Support to the client in all project phases

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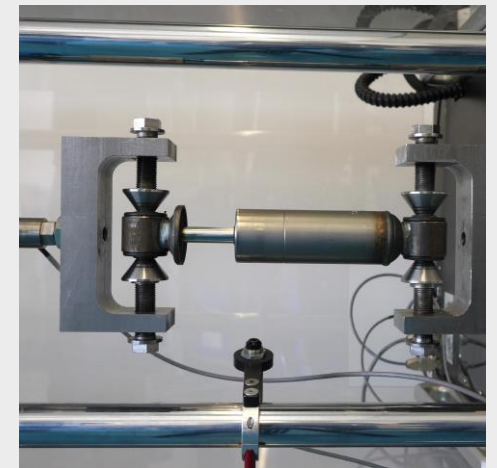
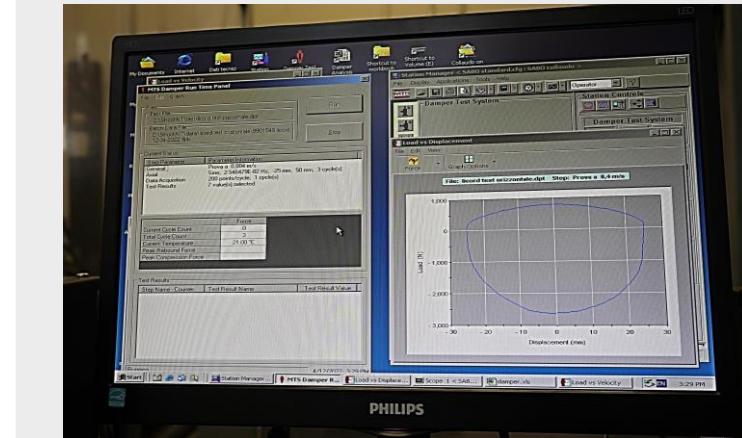
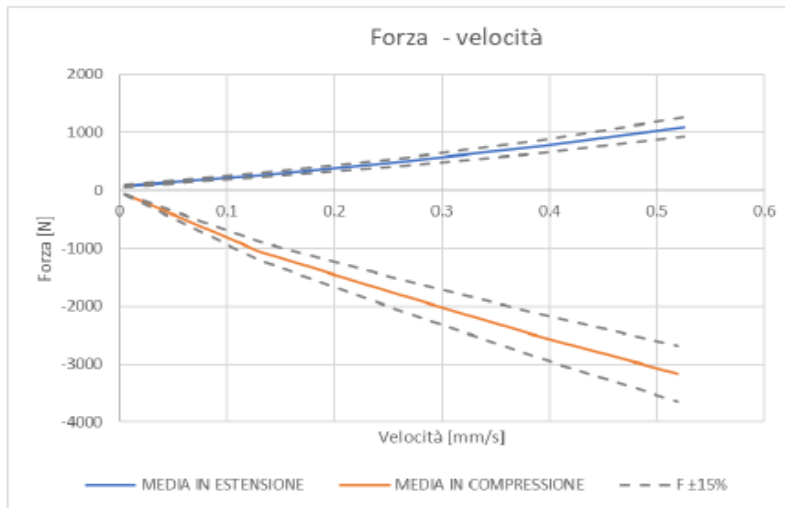
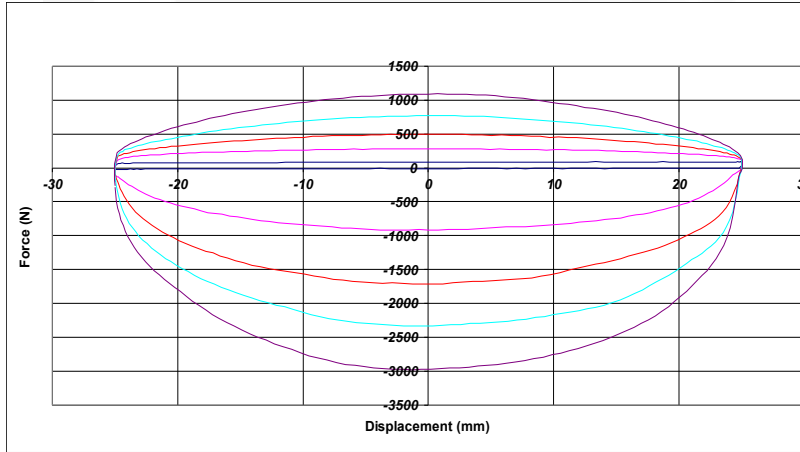
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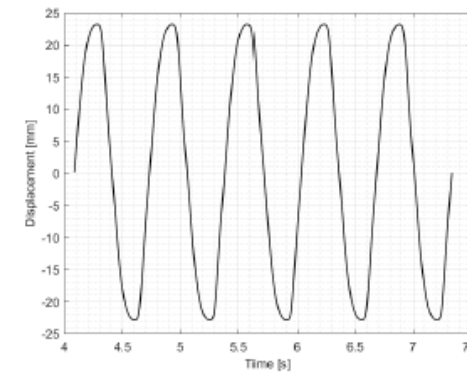
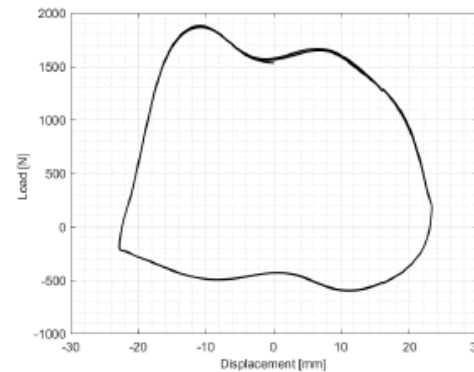
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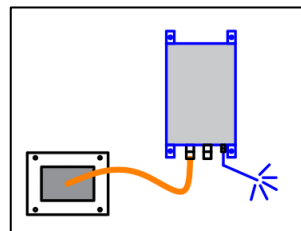
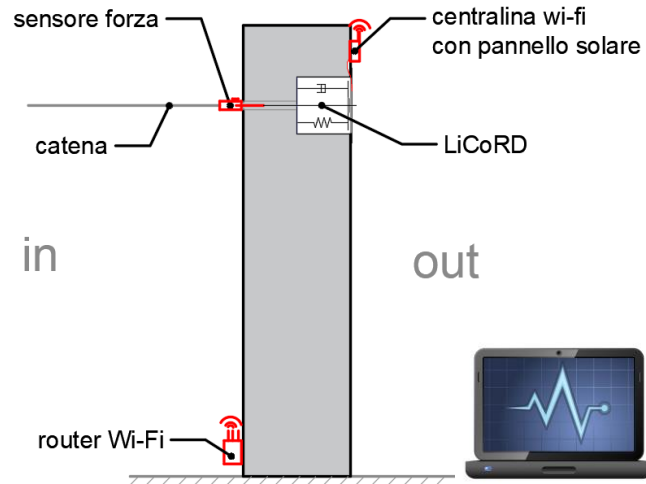
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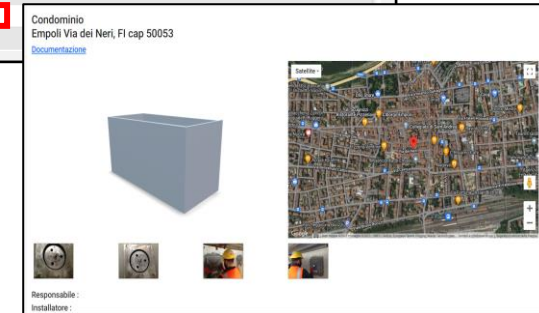
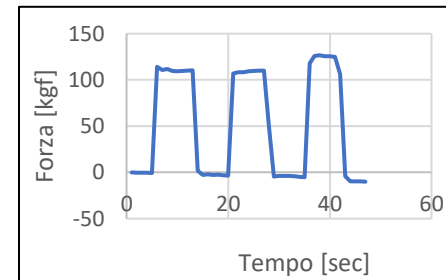
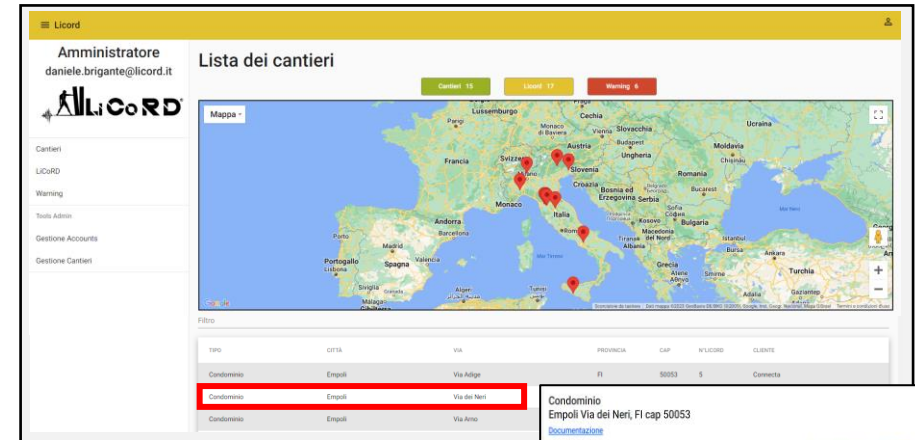
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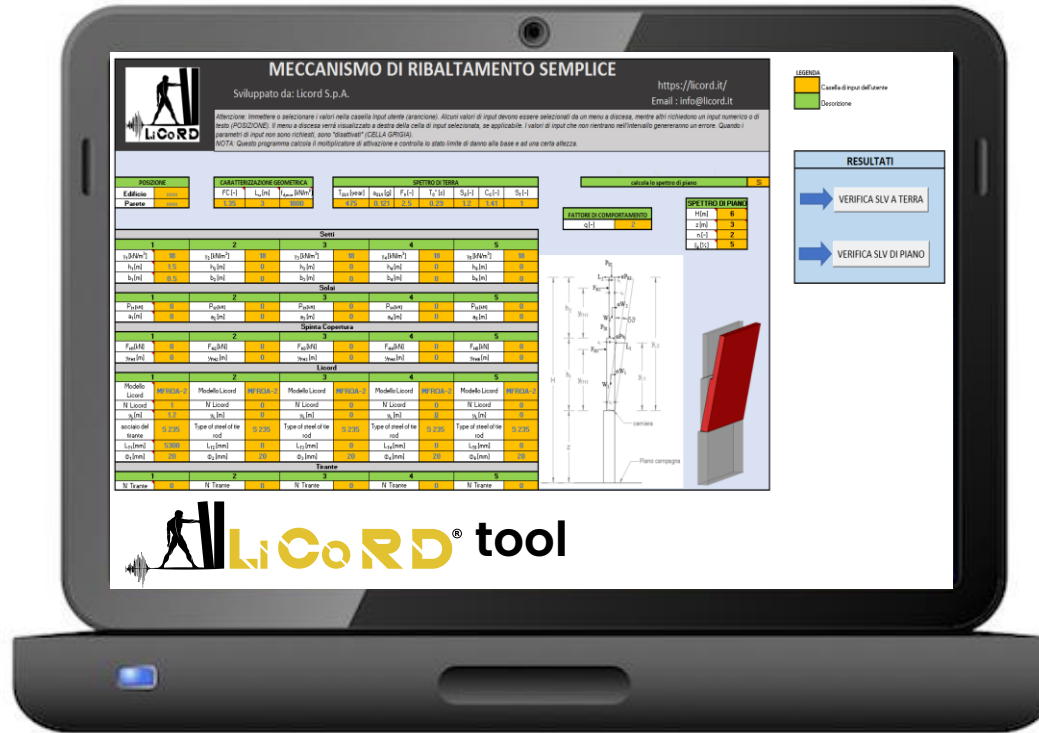
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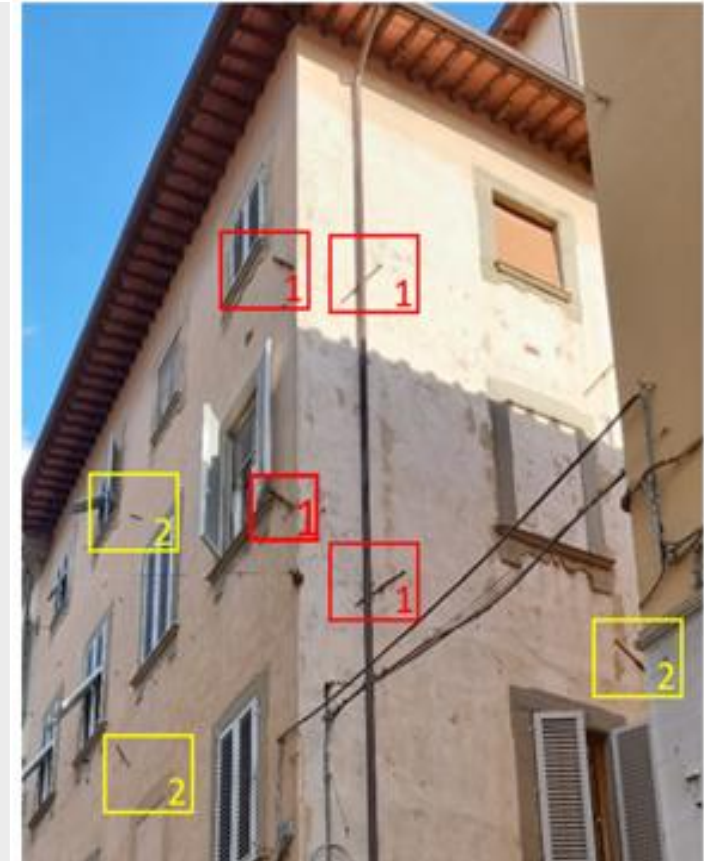
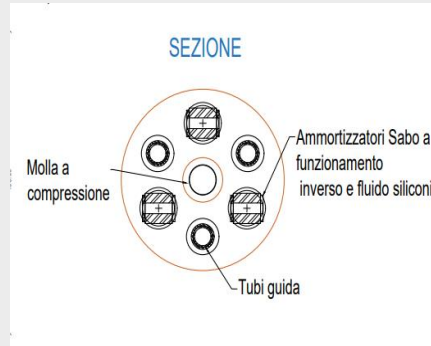
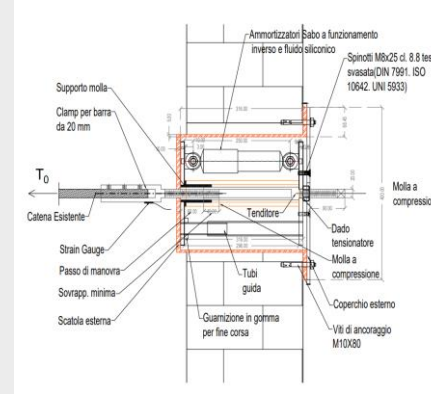
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Installation on **15** existing tie rods



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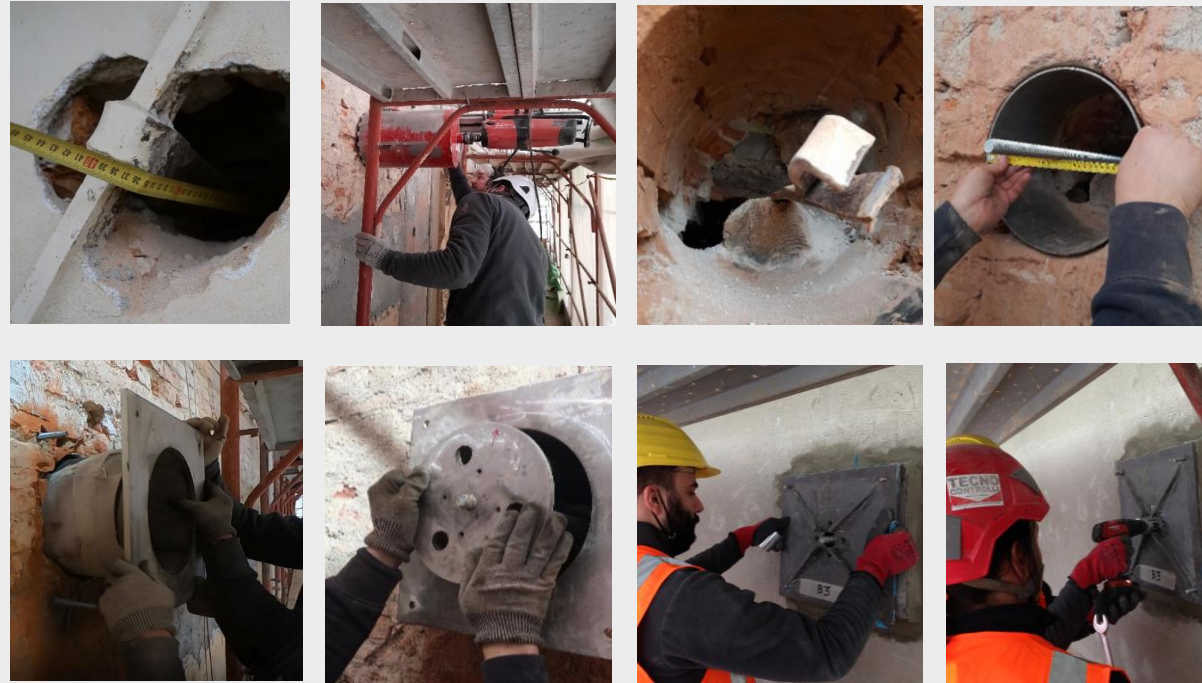
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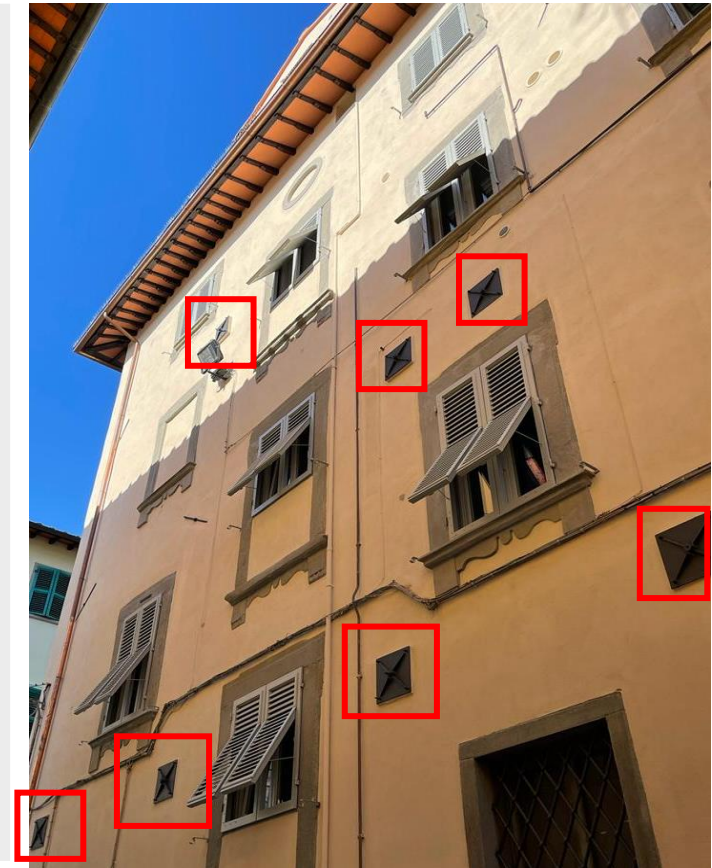
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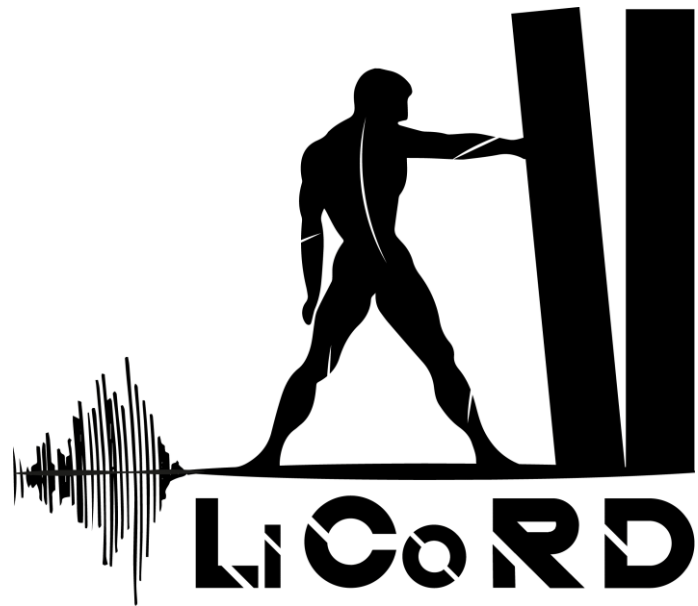


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