



PICASO – Design for Cyclic Loading

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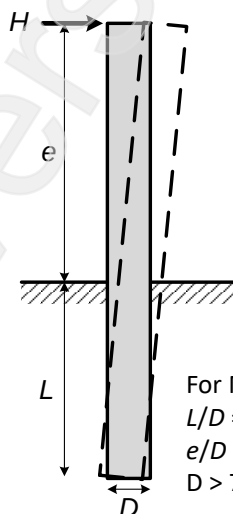


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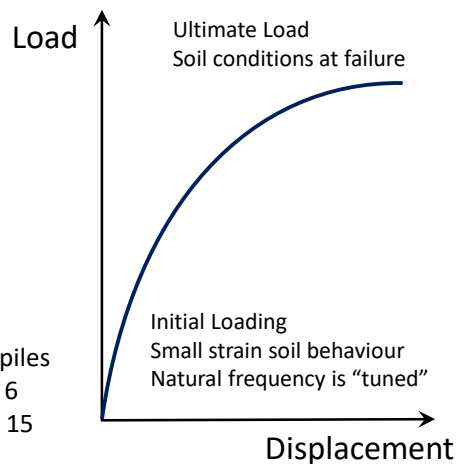
Monotonic Design



Photos from Dan Kallehave (Ørsted)



For Monopiles
 $L/D = 2$ to 6
 $e/D = 5$ to 15
 $D > 7.5$ m

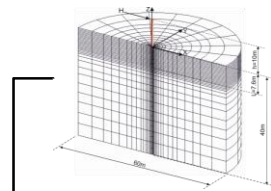


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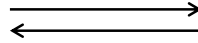
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PISA Project Overview – 2013 – 2018

Advanced Numerical Modelling



Design

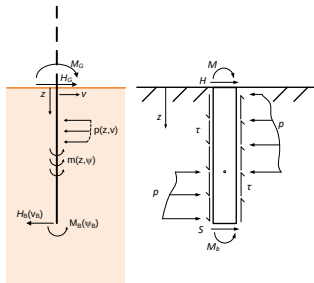


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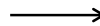
Field Tests (28 Pile Tests, 2 Sites)



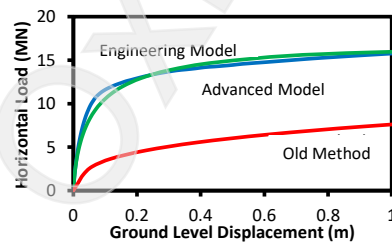
Simplified Engineering Models



Apply to Design

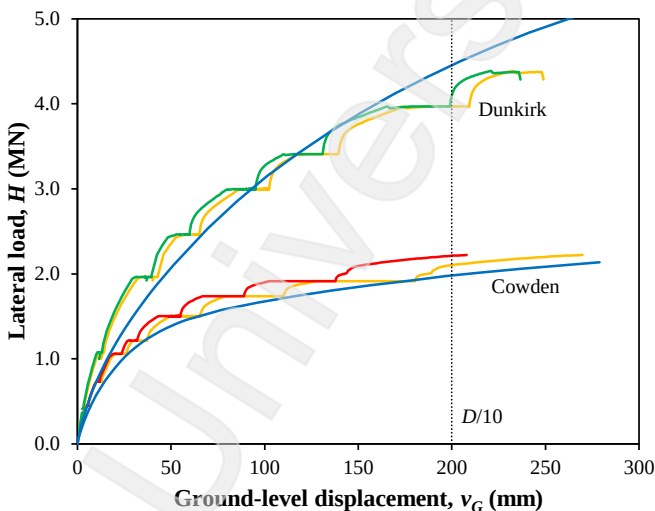


Accurate Response Prediction



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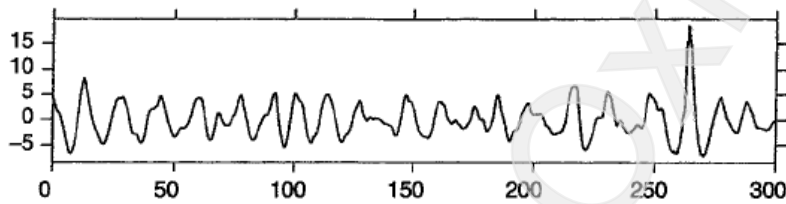
2.0 m Diameter Pile Tests



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1995 New Year Wave – Draupner E: 1 in 100 Wave

- Structure and foundations fully monitored
- Forces on foundations well within design loads
- Max H = 25.6 m
- Many large waves (trough to crest)!



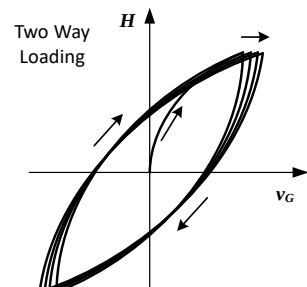
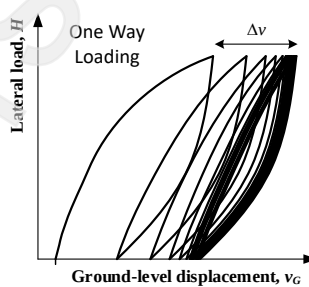
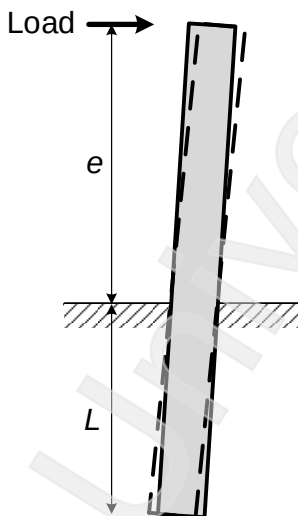
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Cyclic Loading: Basics

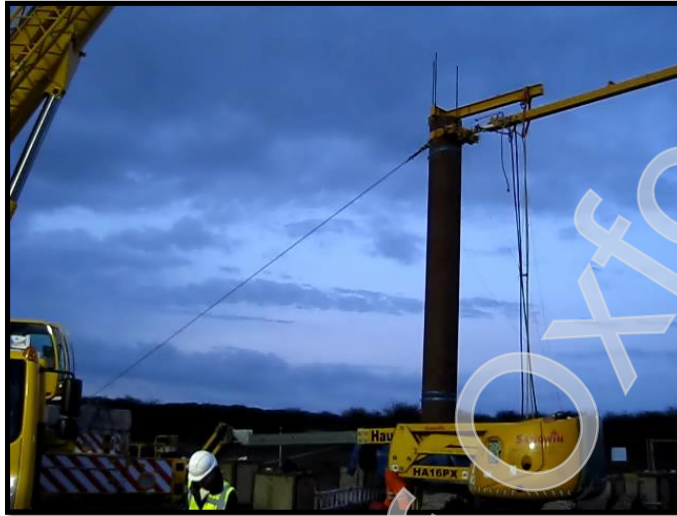


- Cyclic loading models must capture hysteresis, ratcheting behaviour and stiffness change
- Ultimate capacity after cycling
- Cyclic loading is irregular / pseudo random
- Time domain calculations important
- **Monotonic loading is essential for any cyclic loading calculation**



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PISA Cyclic Loading



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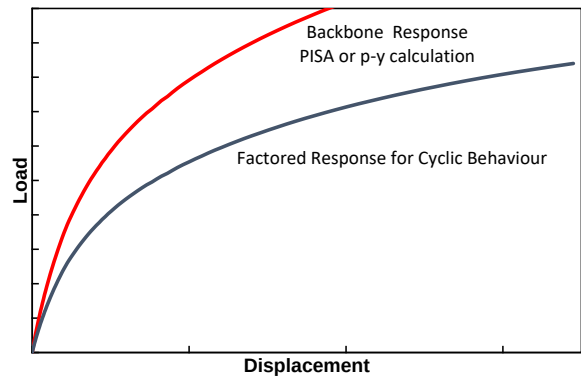
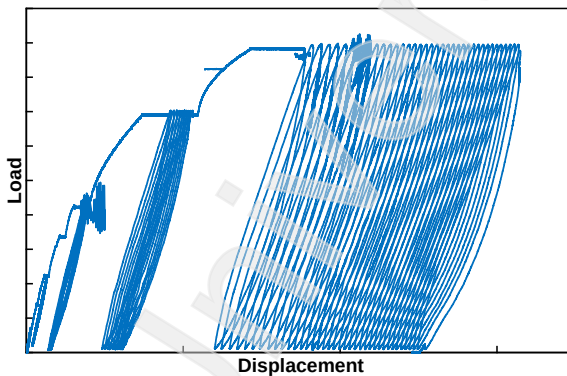


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Cyclic Results from PISA – Current Design Approach (?)

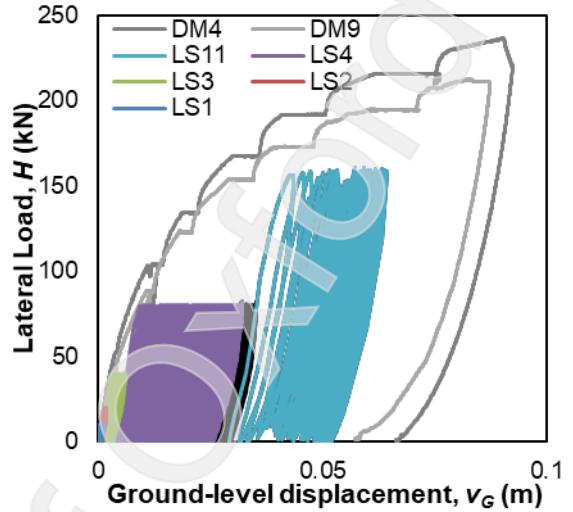
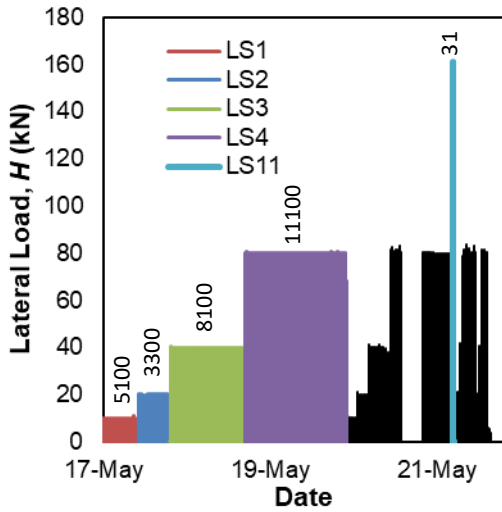


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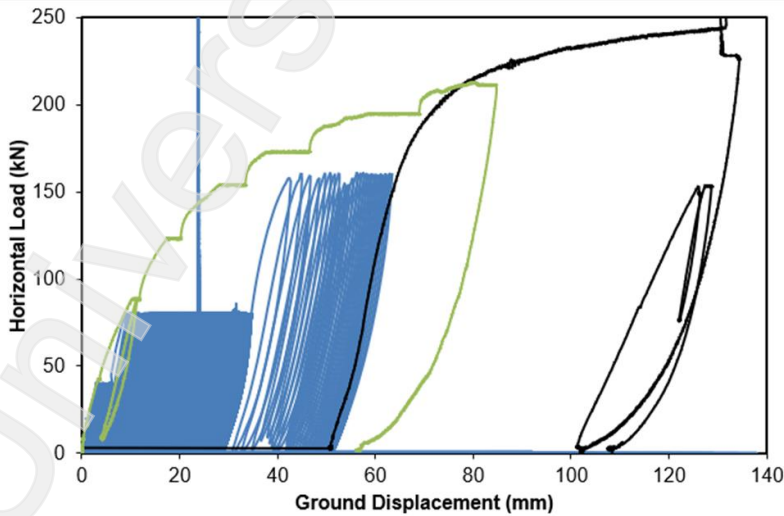


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Dunkirk: DM2 – 1 Way Cyclic Loading

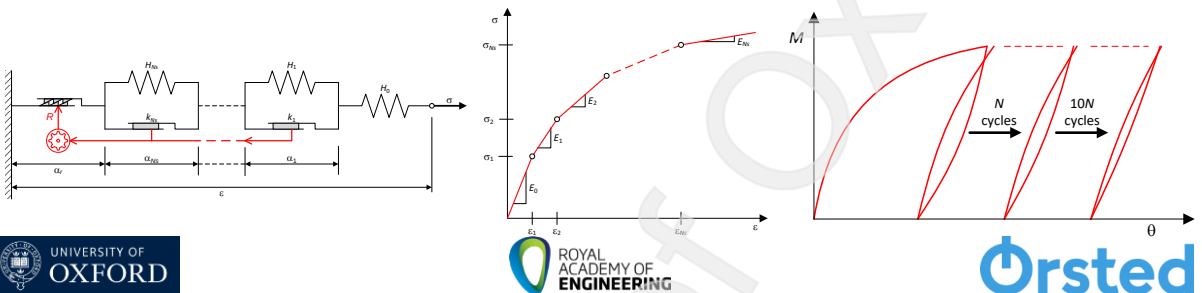


Dunkirk: Post-Cyclic Response



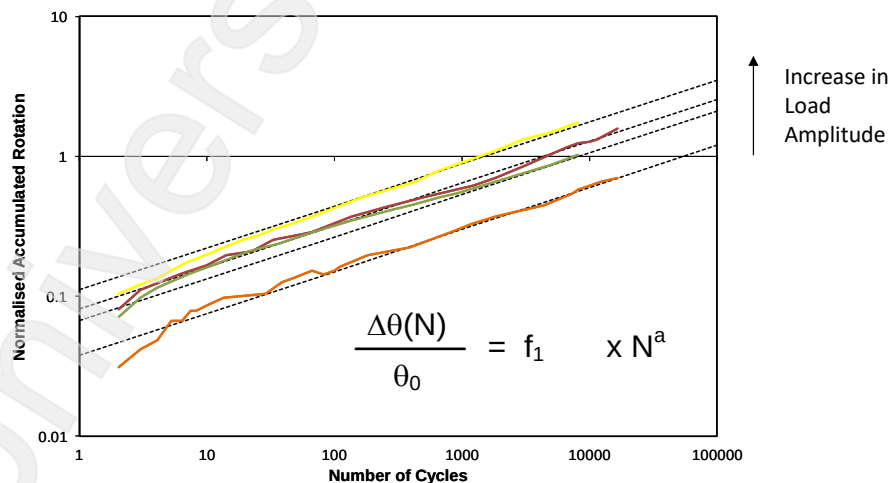
Hyperplastic Accelerated Ratcheting Model (HARM)

- Hyperplasticity, an approach to plasticity theory based on thermodynamic principles, developed by Guy Houlsby
- Entire model specified by just two functions with output derived using standard mathematical procedures
- Can be applied at 0D macro model, 1D generalised Winkler model or at the 3D continuum level
- See Abadie 2015, Beuckelaers 2017, Richards 2019, Balaam 2020



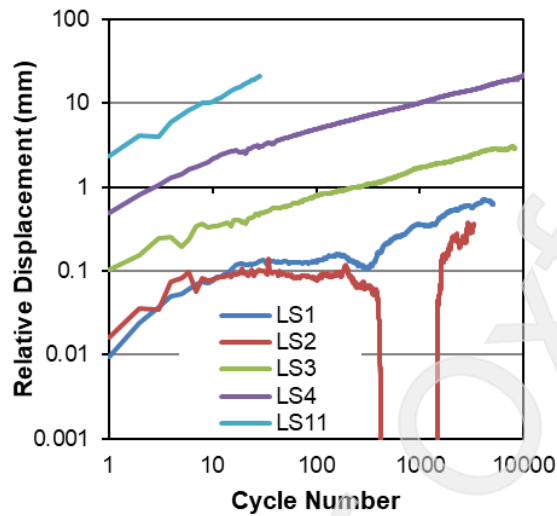
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Model Test Results – Accumulated Rotation – Leblanc 2010

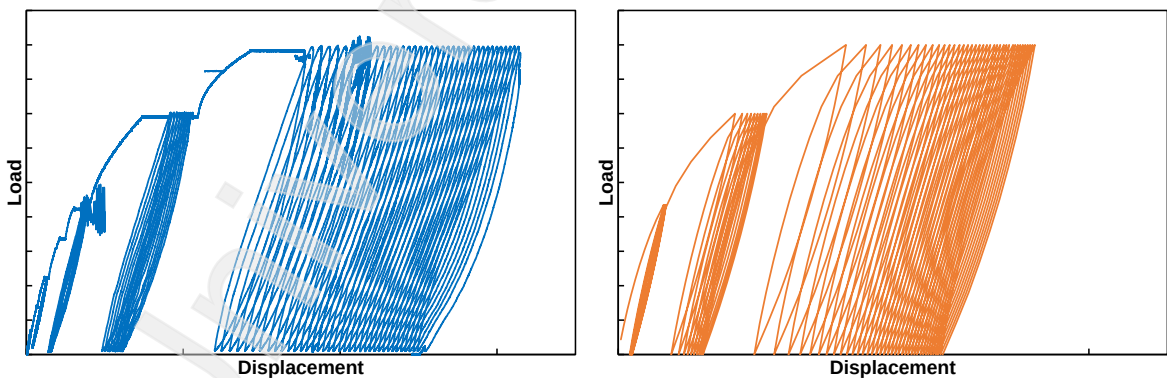


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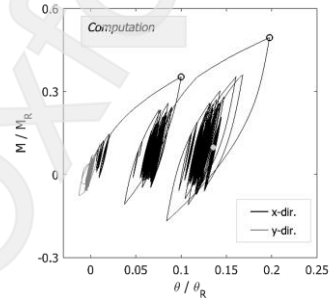
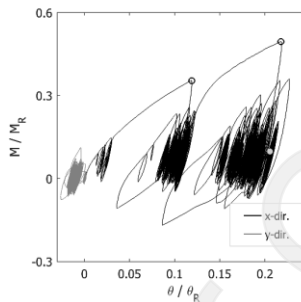
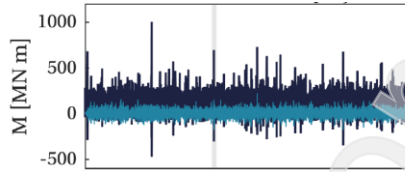
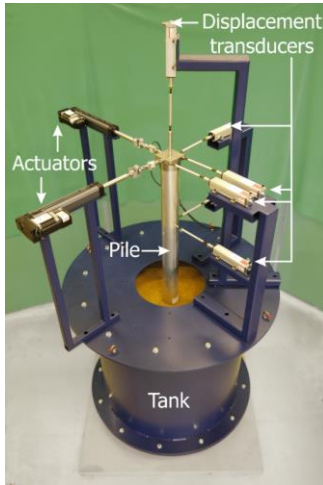
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Modelling Results from PISA (1D): HARM – Beuckelaers 2017



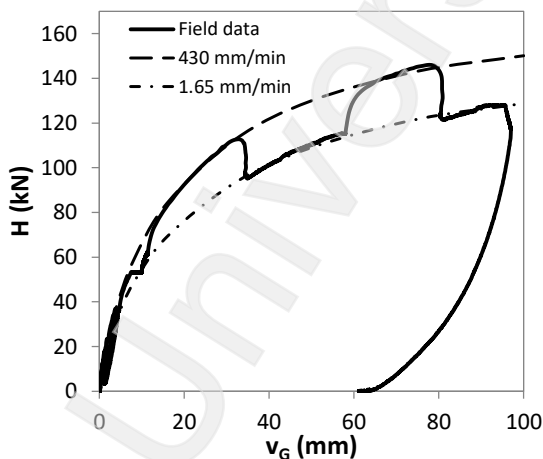
OD HARM - Complex Loading – Richards 2019



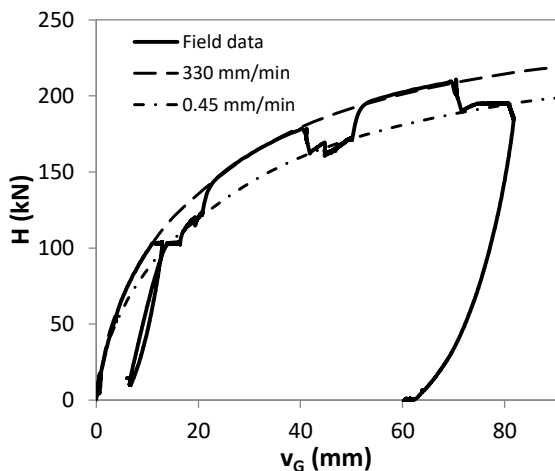
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PISA Rate Effects

Cowden – CM1



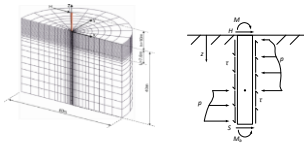
Dunkirk – DM6



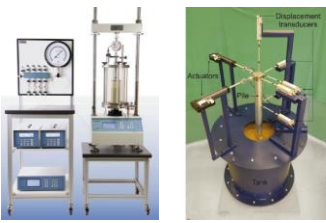
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PICASO: Oxford – Ørsted Collaboration – 2018 - Present

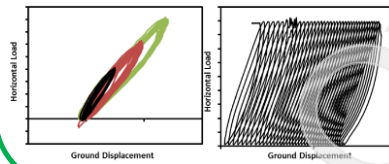
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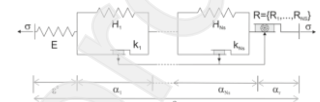
WP2: Calibration Methods



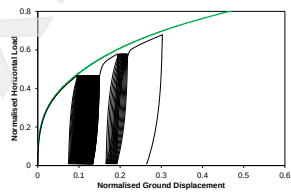
WP4: Field Testing



WP3: Theoretical Methods

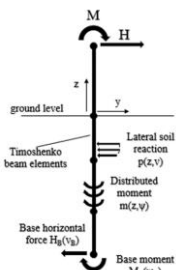


WP5: Application to Design



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PICASO Data-Driven 1D Model – Kamas 2023



Use PISA 1D model to predict pile monotonic response

Perform 3D FEA for soil profiles and a pile calibration space

Predict the depth variation of the knot parameters

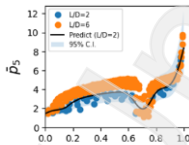
Supply pile geometry & soil profile

Inputs: Pile geometry & soil profile data

Train

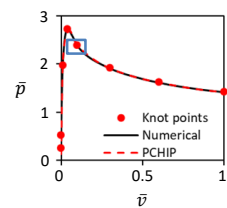


DATABASE



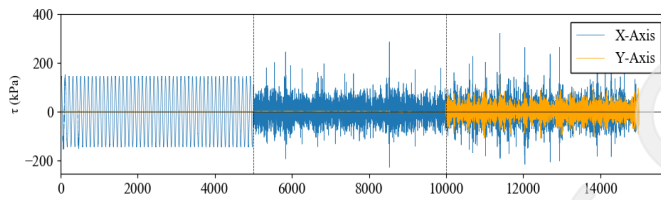
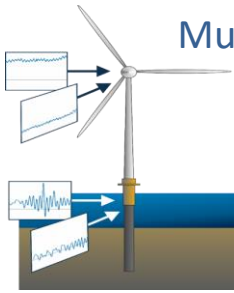
Based on Suryasentana et al. (2021)
Confidential WP1 Report3

Gaussian Process Regression M.L. model



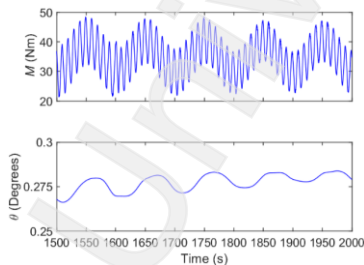
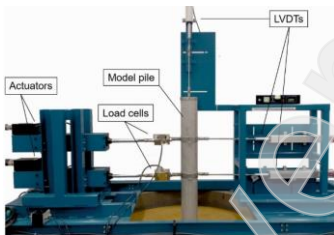
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Multi-Directional Simple Shear Testing – Qiu 2023



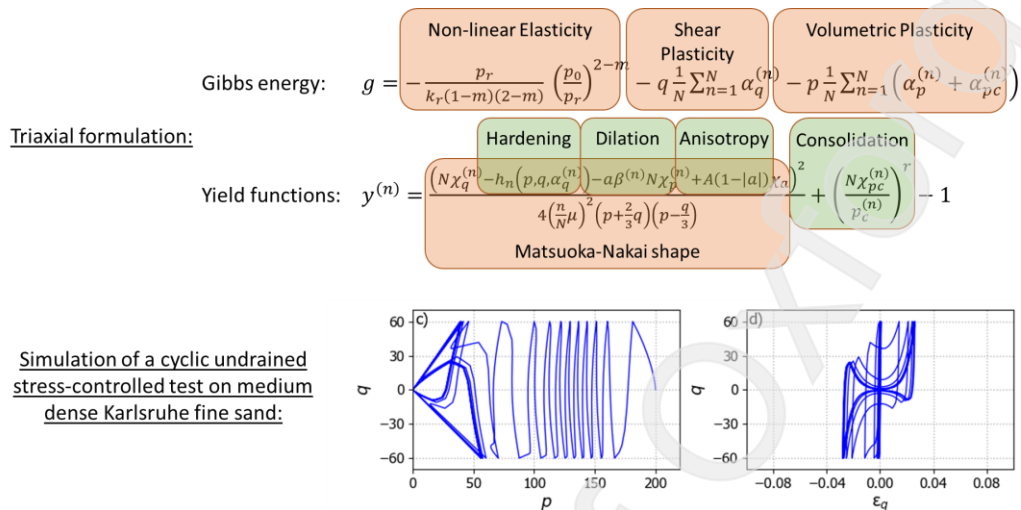
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In-Situ Model Scale Pile Tests – Wu 2022



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HySand – A New Approach to Modelling – Simonin 2023



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PICASO Field Test Sites



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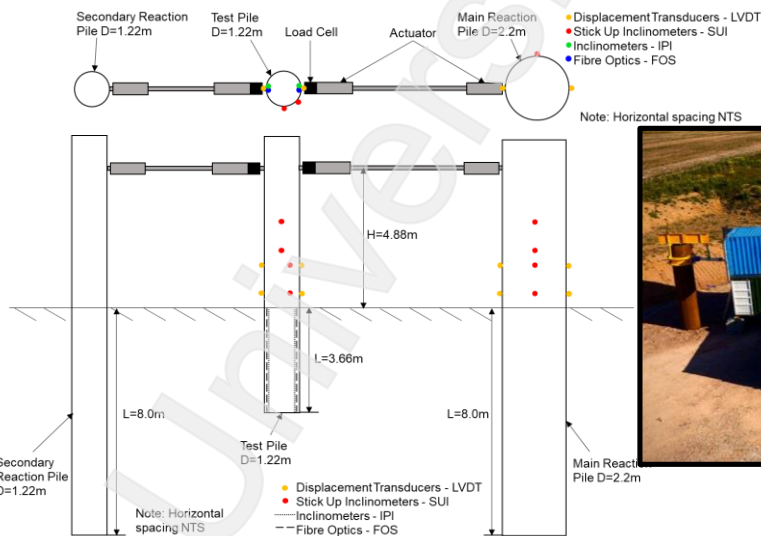
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 $h/D = 4$

Pile Testing at Cowden – Martin 2023

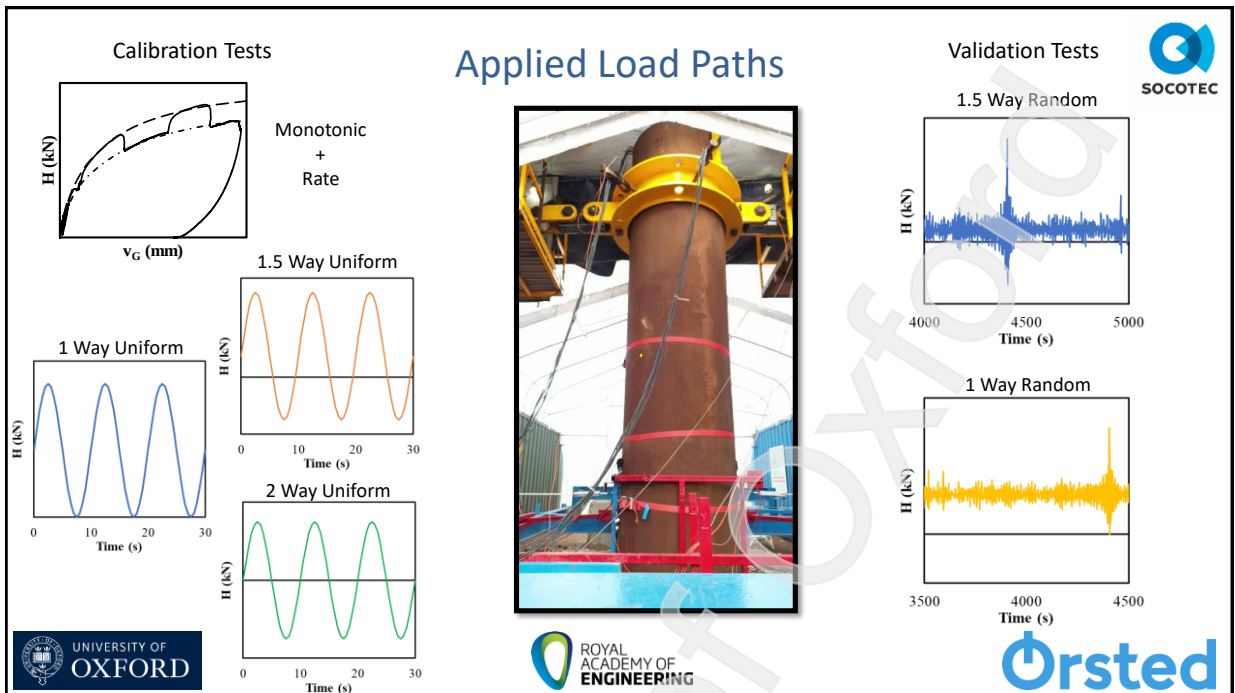


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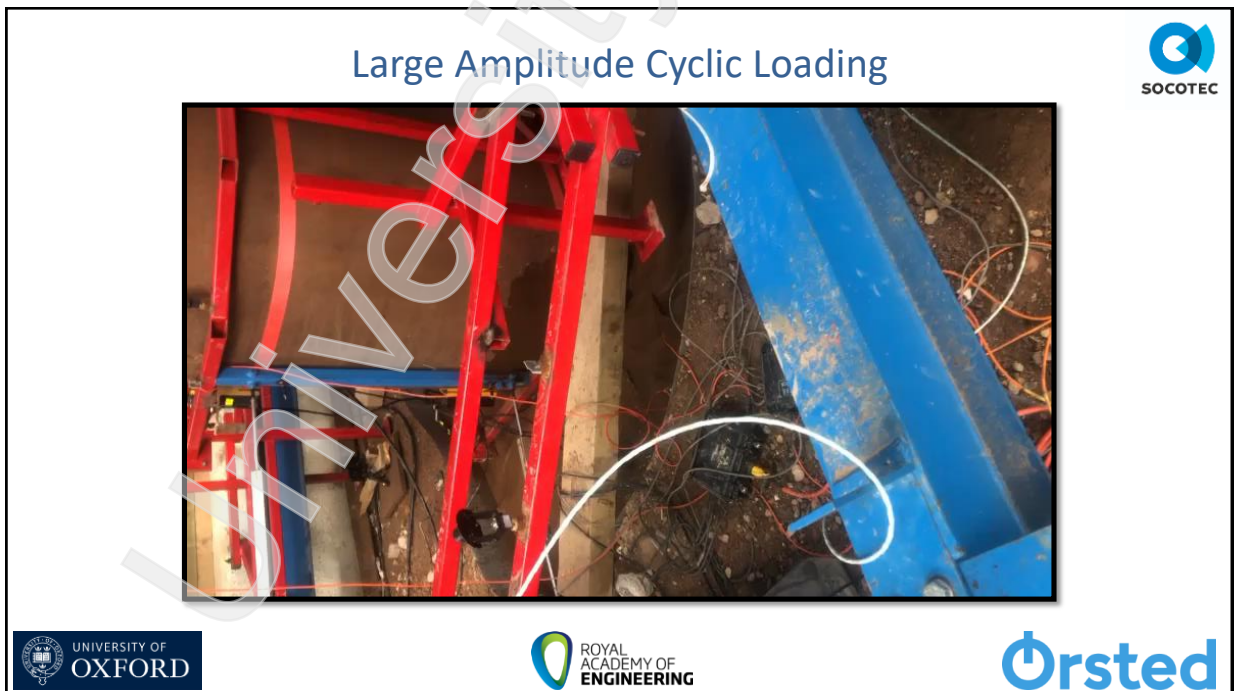
Testing – Example Layout



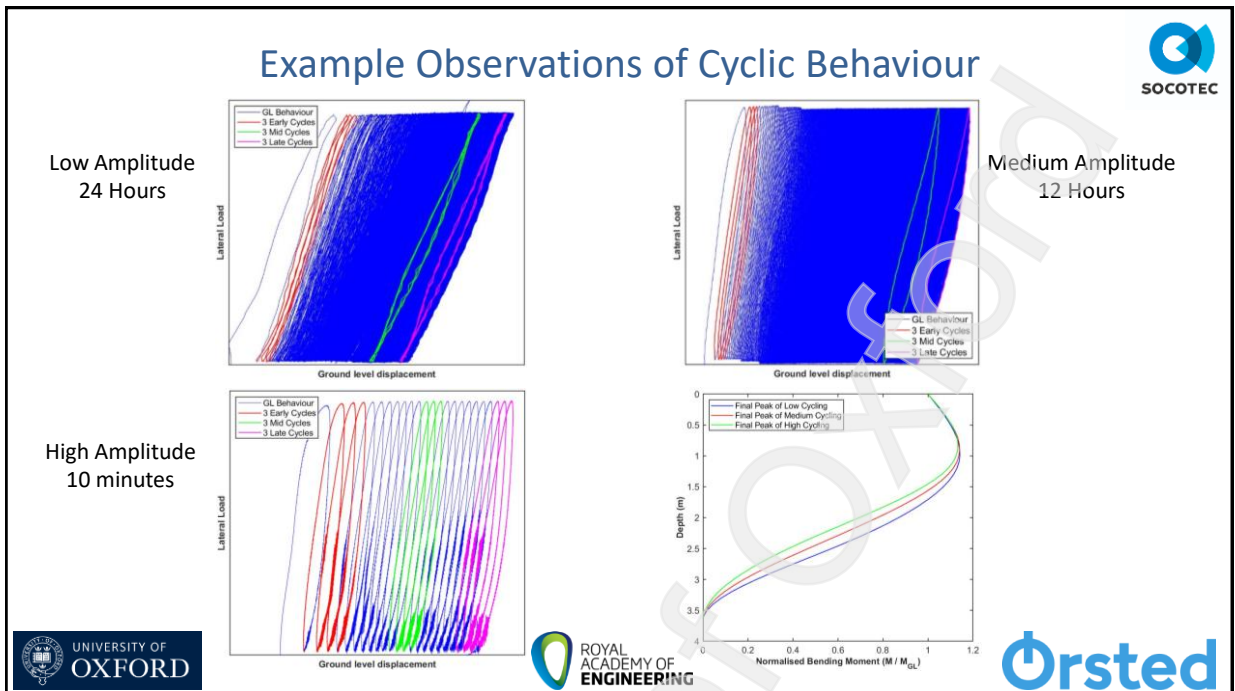
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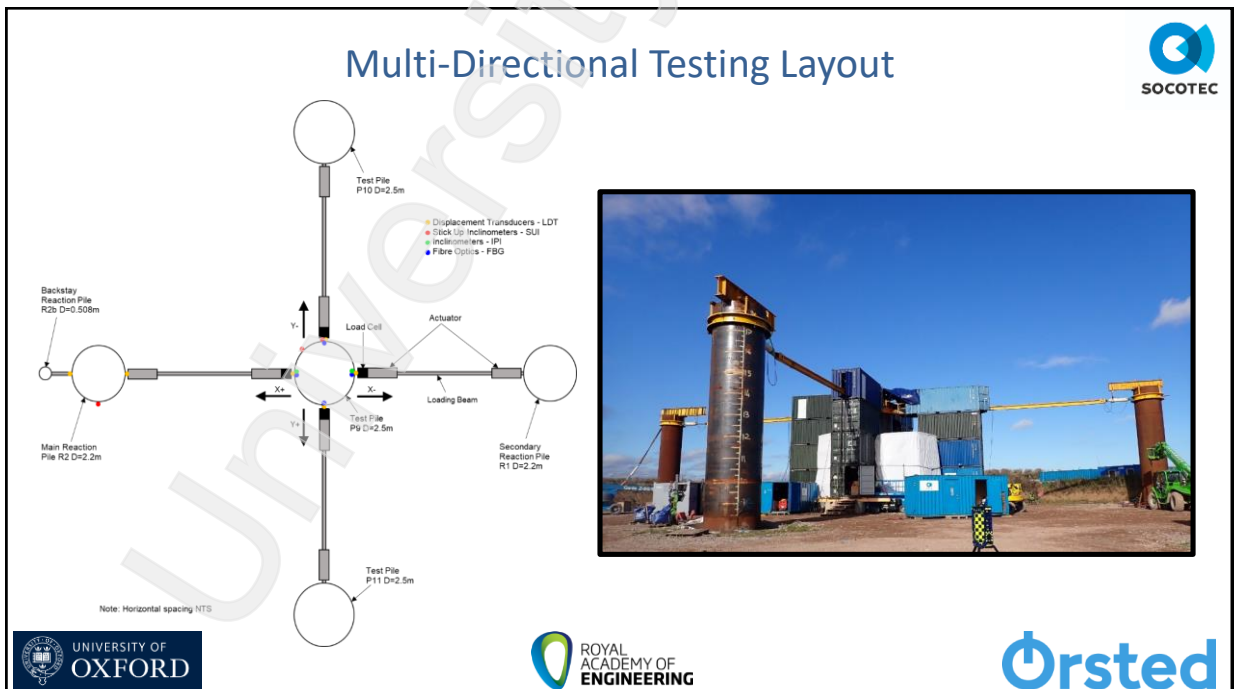
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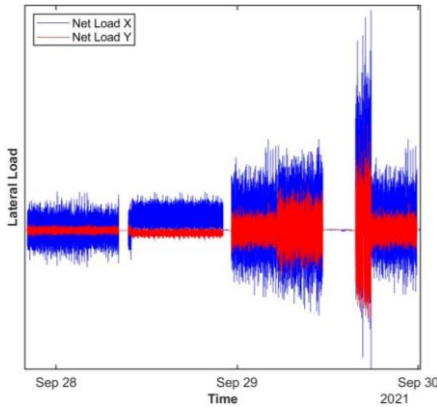


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Multi-Directional Random Amplitude Loading



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8 by 1.22 m diameter
3 by 2.50 m diameter
 $L/D = 3$
 $h/D = 4$

Pile Testing at Cuxhaven



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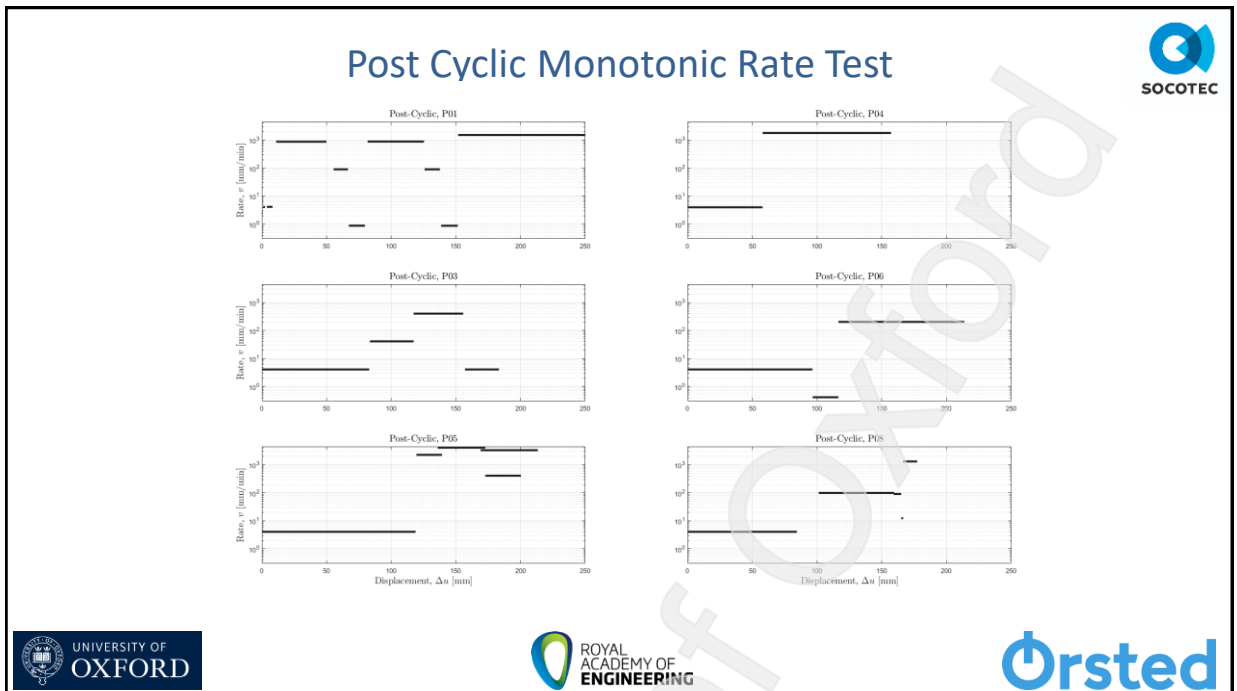


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Multi-Directional Test



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Concluding Remarks

- The development of new design methods is evidence-based at a range of scales and within an appropriate theoretical framework
- New PISA methods allow design of monotonic laterally loaded monopiles for site-wide optimisation, now in widespread use
- Cyclic loading is the most significant challenge to address for larger turbines and deeper water
- The PICASO project develops a new design framework for cyclic loading formulated within advanced plasticity theories including:
 - No degradation of monotonic response
 - Computation of displacements under pseudo-random loading
 - Integration of rate effects
- The procedure has been demonstrated for 1.22 m and 2.50 m diameter scale monopiles in a stiff clay and a medium dense silica sand



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Special Mention to the Cuxhaven Field-Testing Team!



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