



— BRIDGES AND  
VIADUCTS  
MONITORING

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**Arch bridges**



**Truss metal bridges**



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**Viaducts**

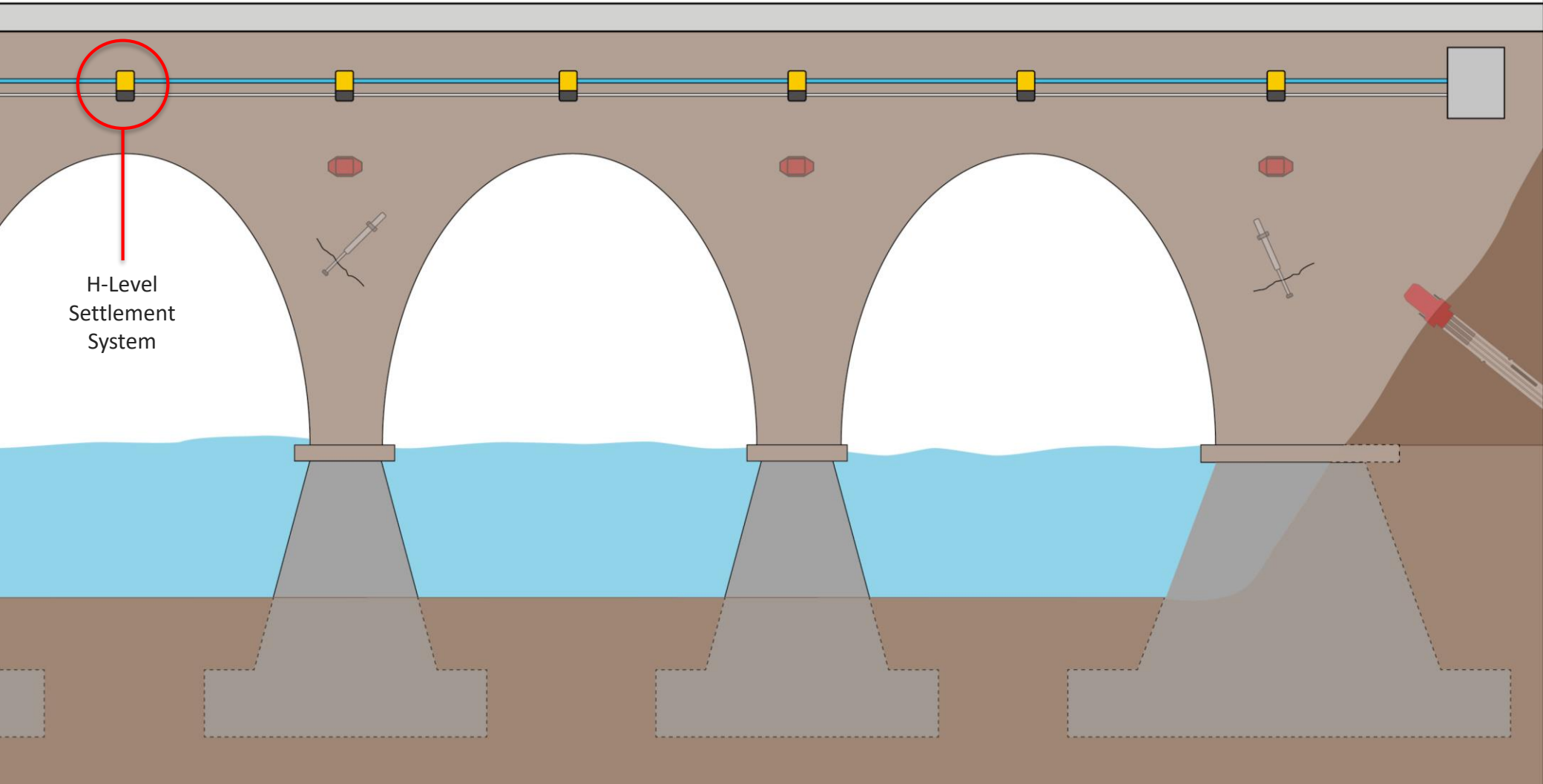


# \_\_ ARCH BRIDGES





# \_ H-LEVEL LIQUID LEVEL SYSTEM



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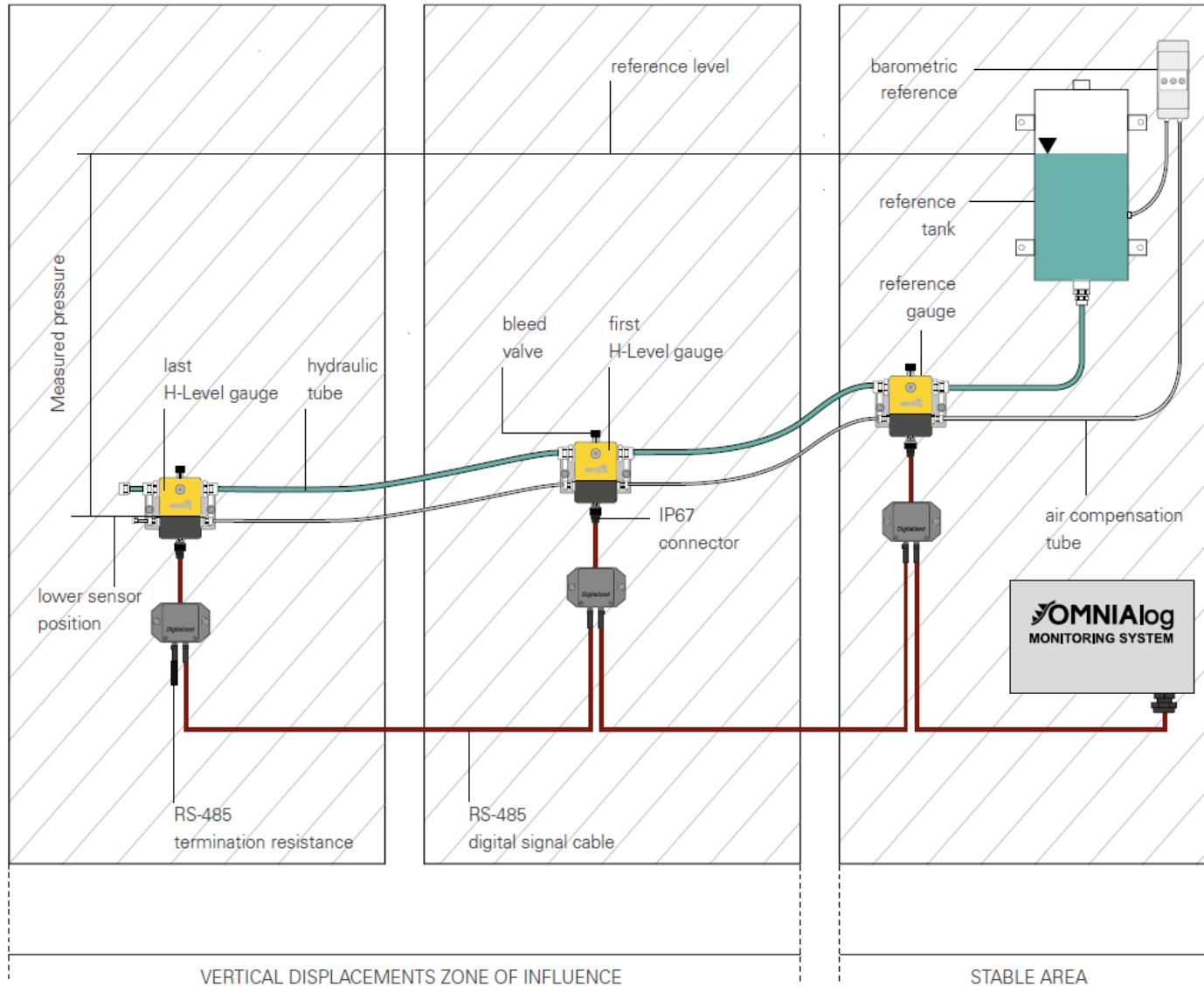
AIM :

**Monitor deck or pillar settlement**

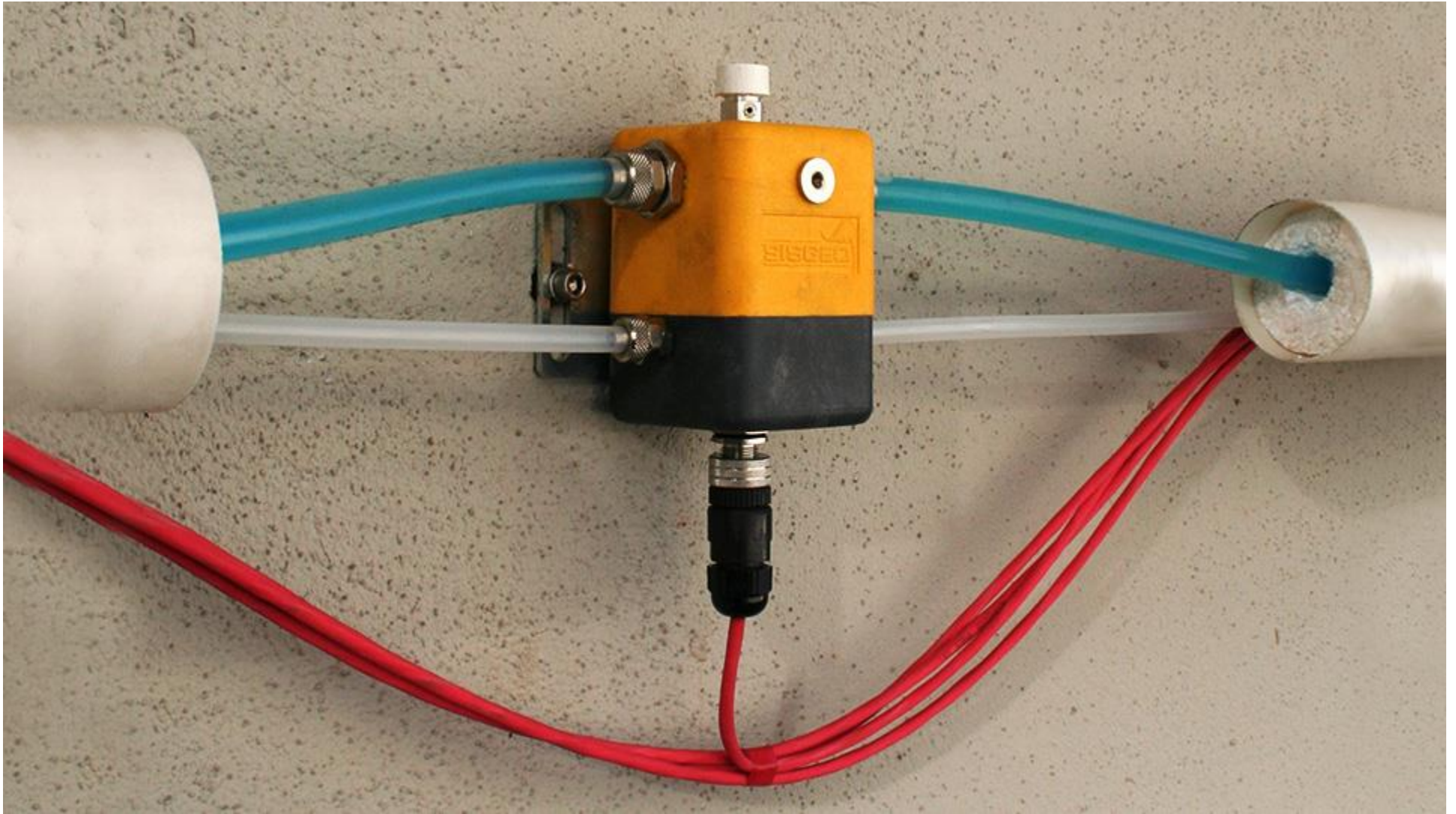
INSTALLATION :

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**

# \_\_ H-LEVEL SYSTEM – WORKING PRINCIPLE



# \_ H-LEVEL LIQUID LEVEL SYSTEM

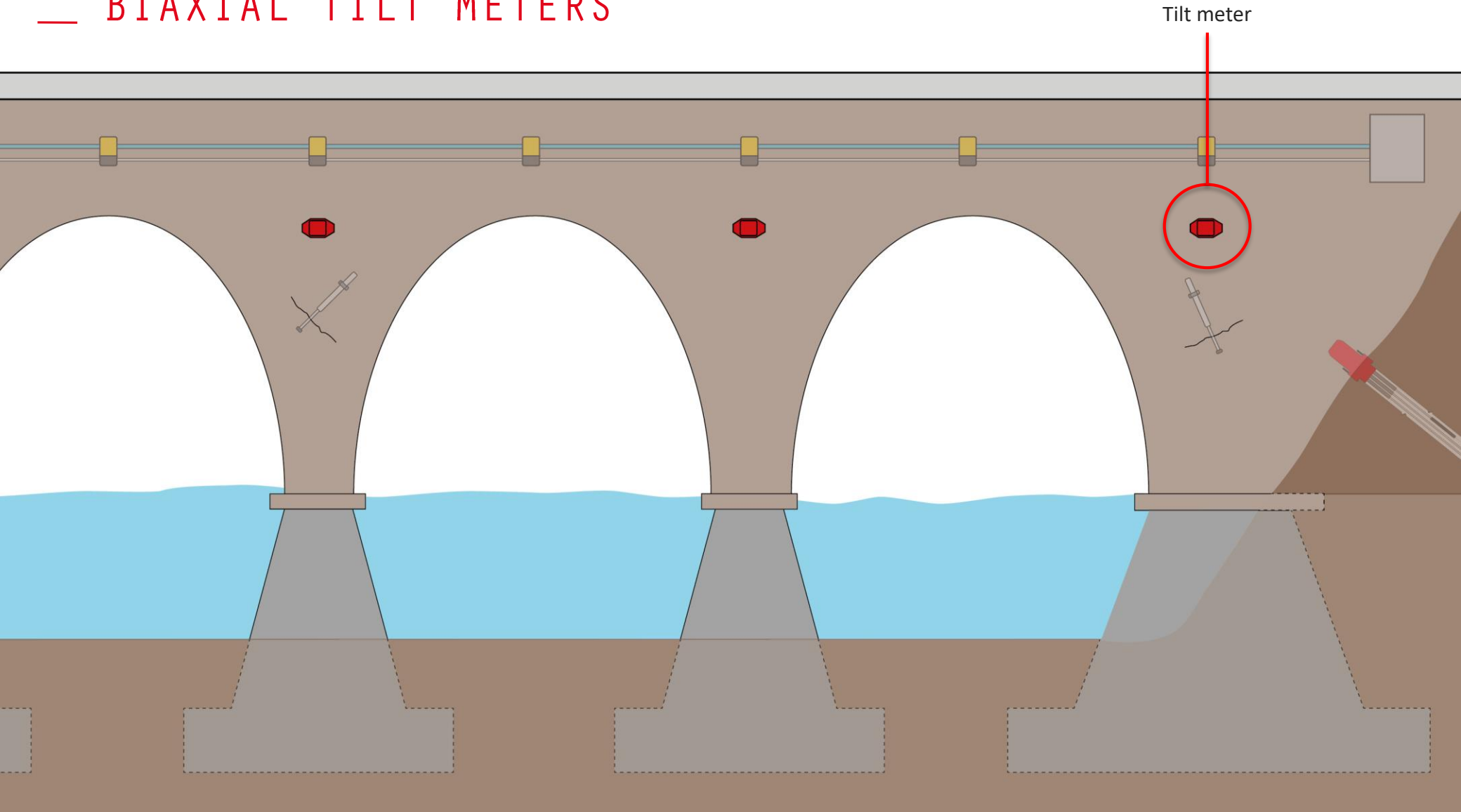




— H-LEVEL GAUGE AND  
TILT METER INSTALLED  
INSIDE DECK



# BIAXIAL TILT METERS



## — BIAXIAL TILT METERS

### AIM:

**monitor the inclination in X and Y directions of deck or pillar.**

### INSTALLATION:

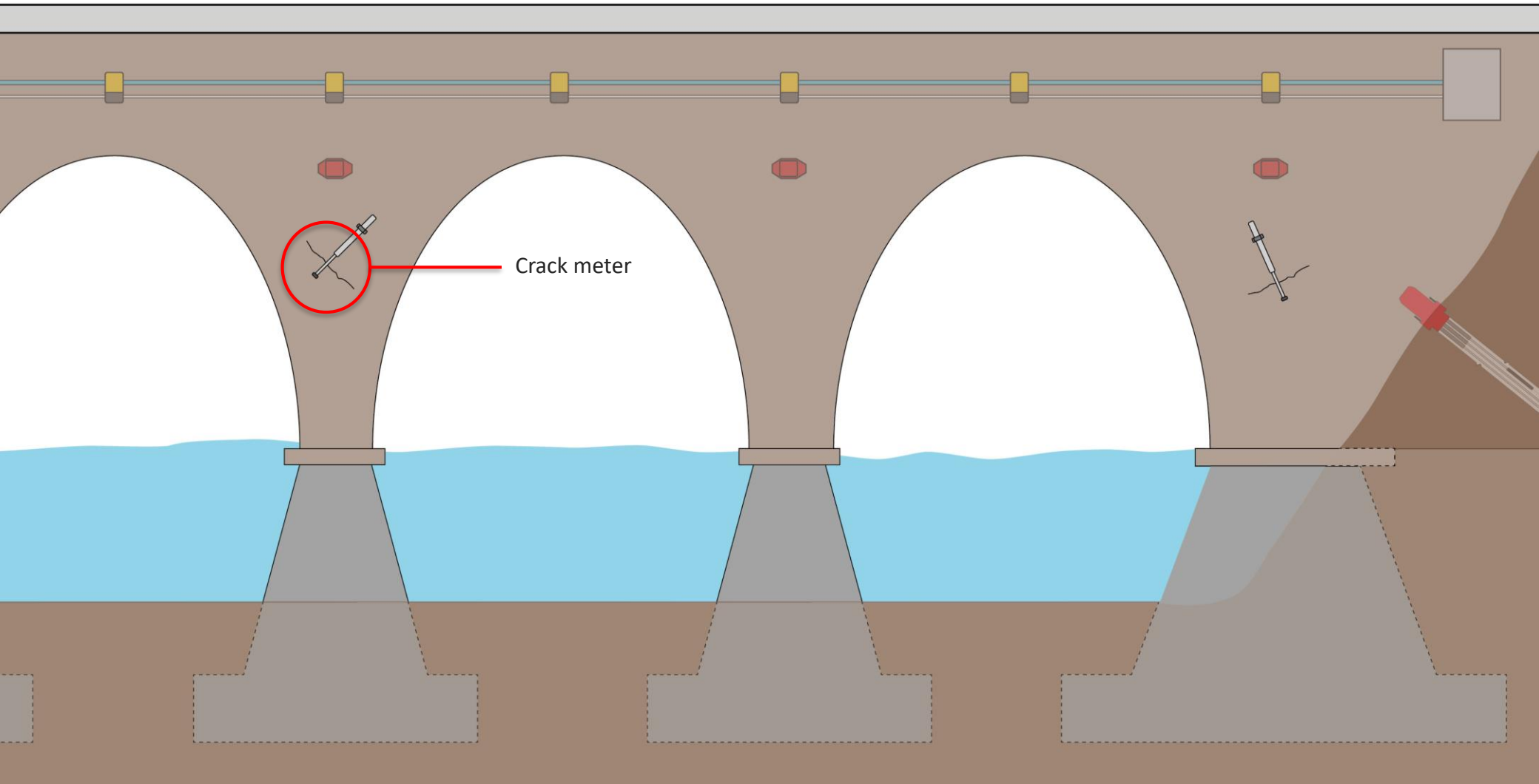
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# BIAXIAL TILT METER WITH ADJUSTABLE PLATE



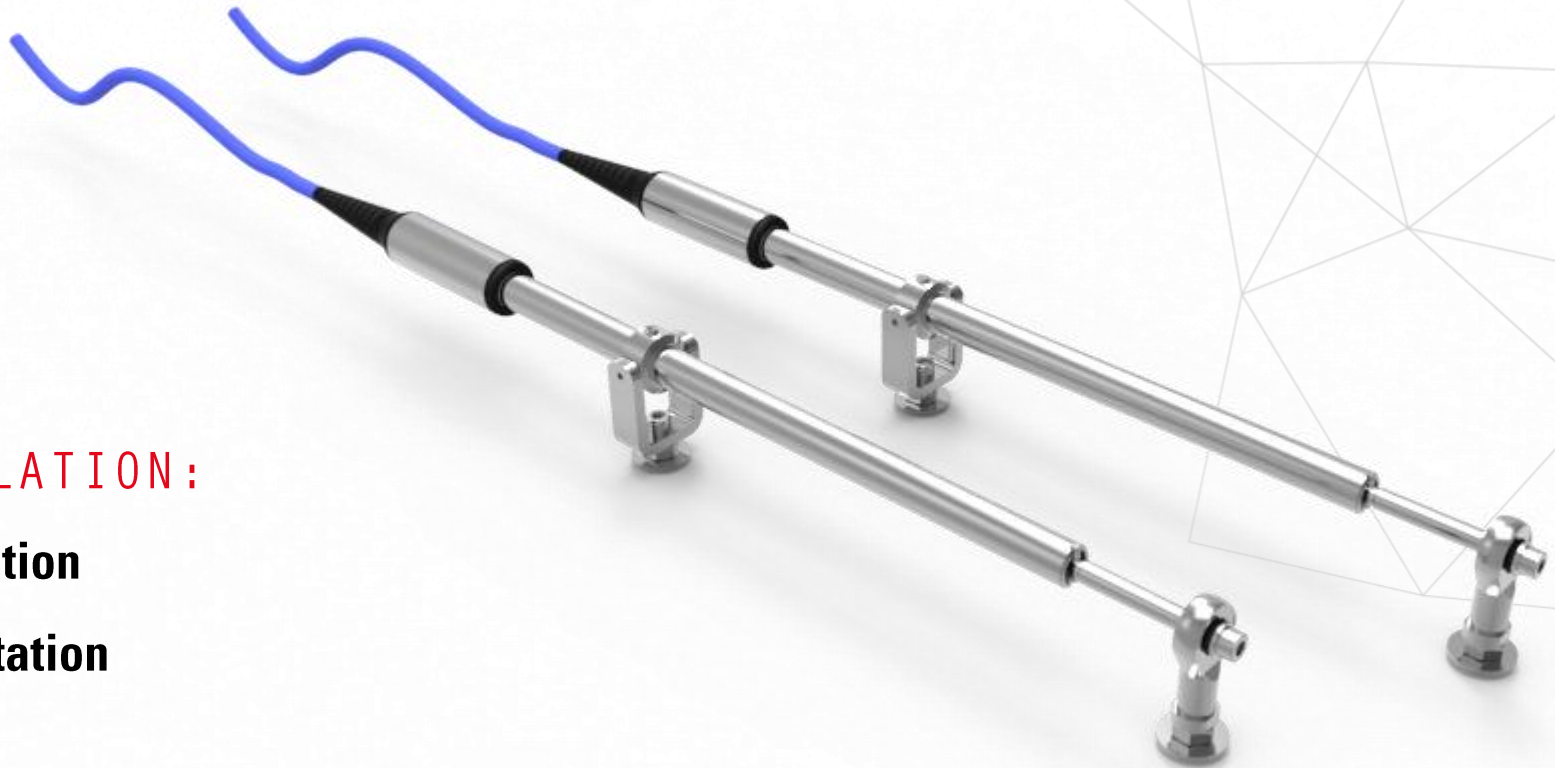
# \_\_ CRACK METERS



## — CRACK METERS

AIM:

**monitor cracks on pillar or  
other structural parts**



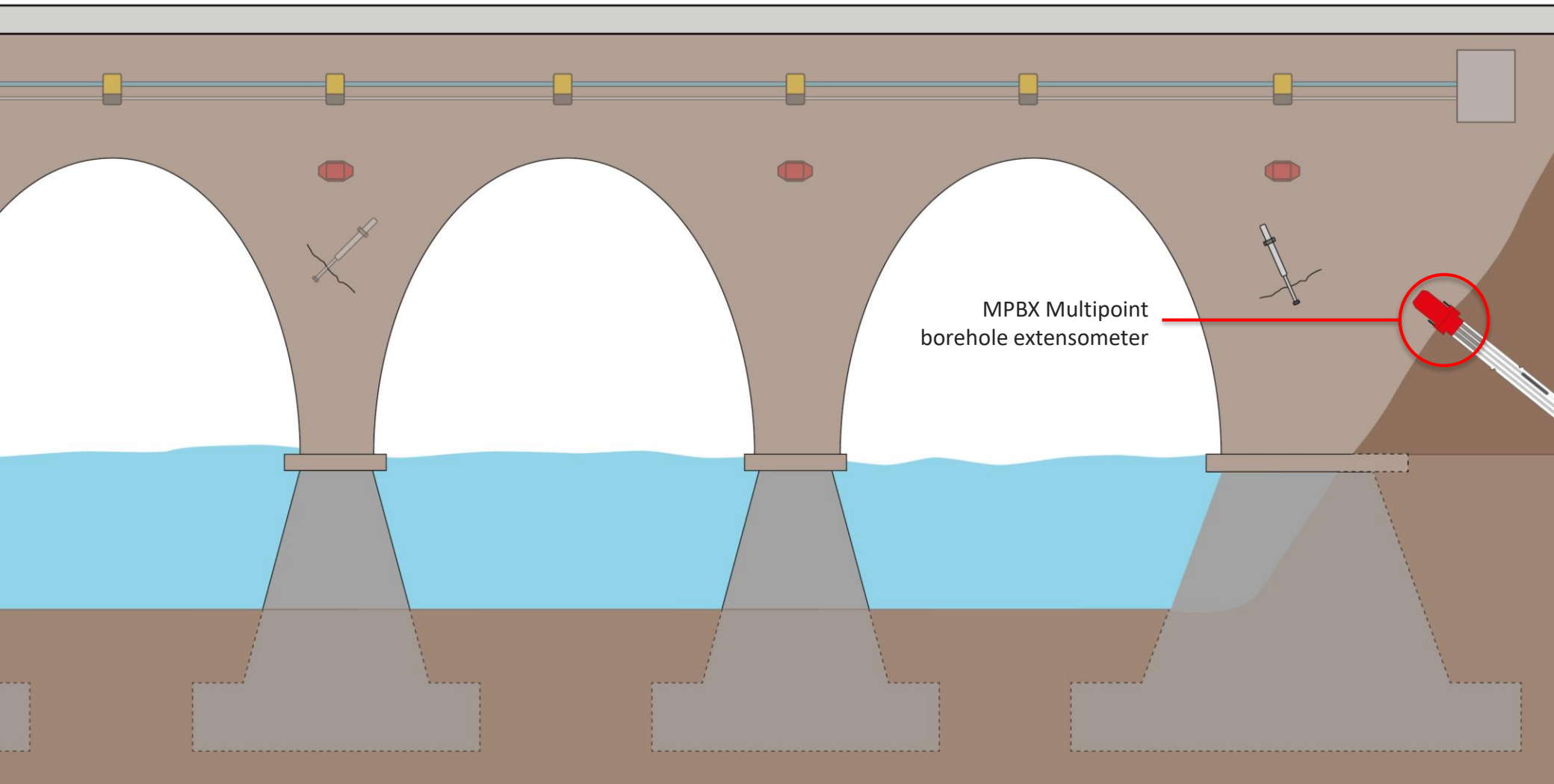
INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
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# — CRACK METER



# \_\_ MPBX MULTIPOINT BOREHOLE EXTENSOMETERS





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## INSTALLATION:

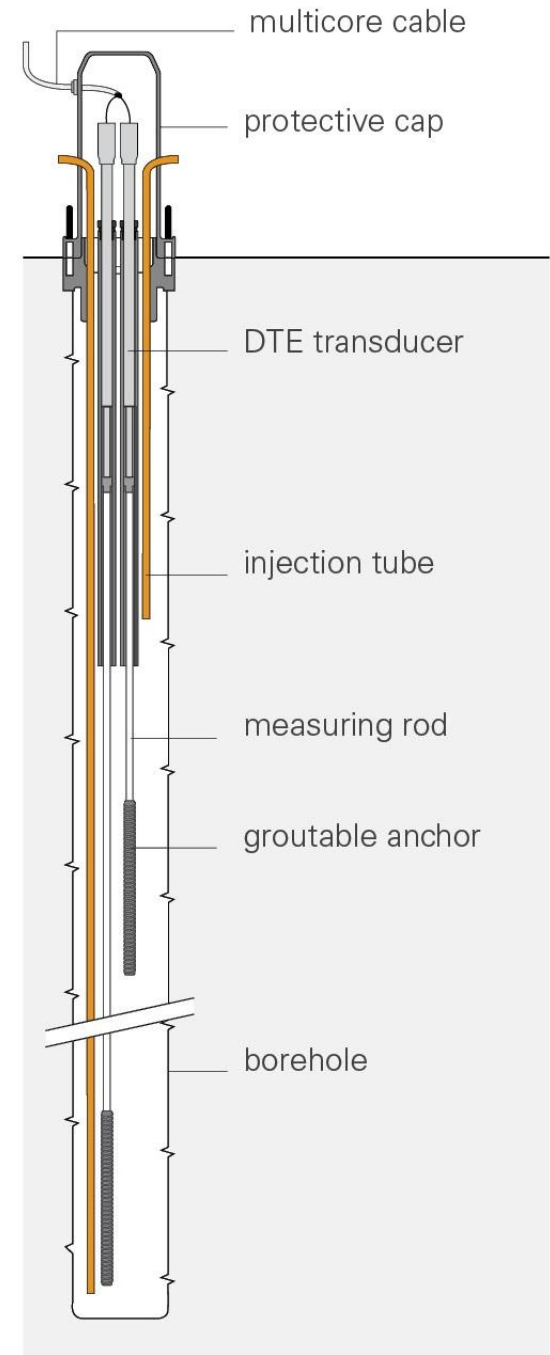
- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**

# MPBX MULTIPOINT BOREHOLE EXTENSOMETERS

***Aim: monitor ground/rock displacements  
in the abutments***

***Available with:***

- ***groutable or packer anchors***
- ***vibrating wire or potentiometric  
displacement transducers***
- ***fiber glass or stainless steel rods***



# \_\_ MPBX MULTIPOINT BOREHOLE EXTENSOMETERS



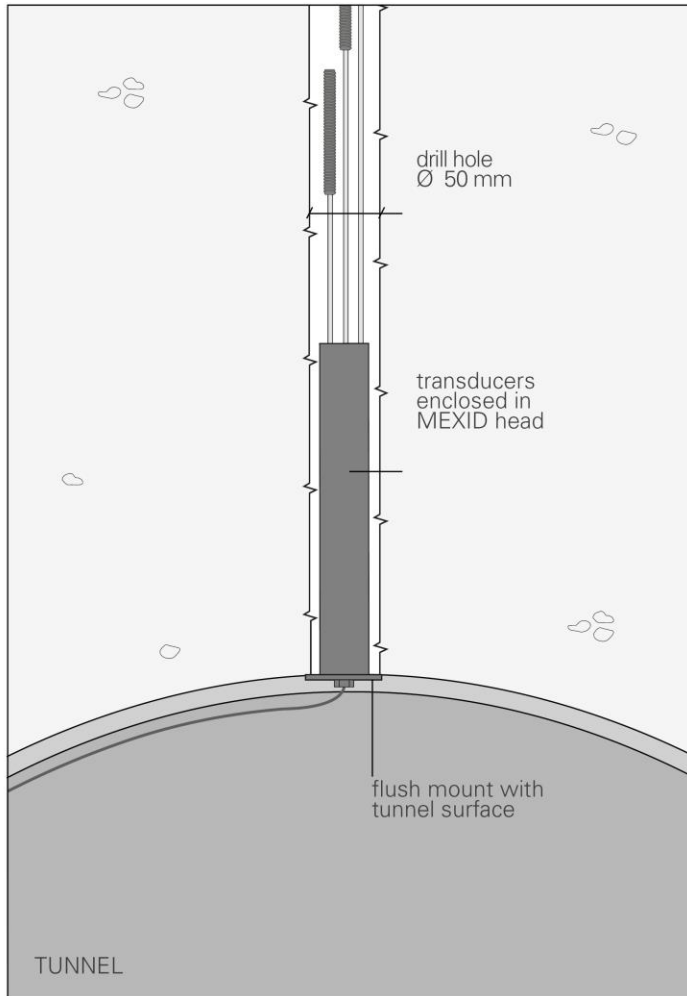
— ALTERNATIVE TO MPBX:  
MEXID MINIATURISED EXTENSOMETER

*Fully pre-assembled,  
including fiberglass rods and  
transducers*

INSTALLATION:

- Construction
- Rehabilitation

# \_\_ COMPARISON MEXID VS MPBX

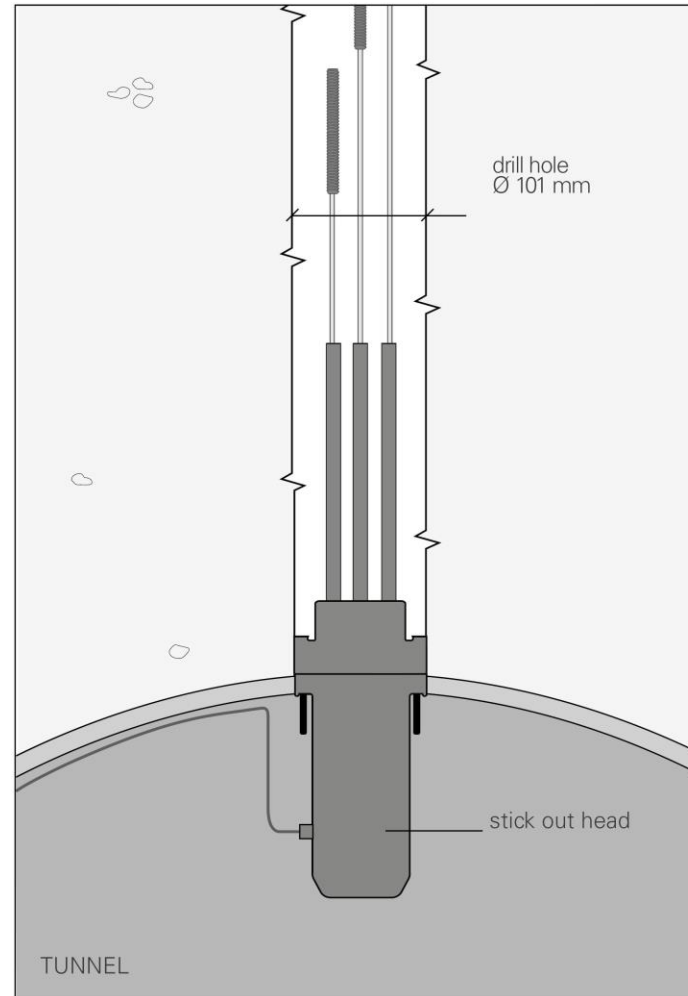


## MEXID

Required drill hole: Ø 50 mm (2"), Ø 75 mm (3") first meter

Flush mount maximizes clearance

Enclosed transducers



## MPBX MULTIPOINT BOREHOLE EXTNSOMETER

Required drill hole: Ø 101 mm (4"), Ø 140 mm (5.5") first meter

Stick out reduces clearance up to 510 mm

Transducers installed at site

# \_\_ MEXID MINIATURISED EXTENSOMETER



# \_ TRUSS BRIDGES



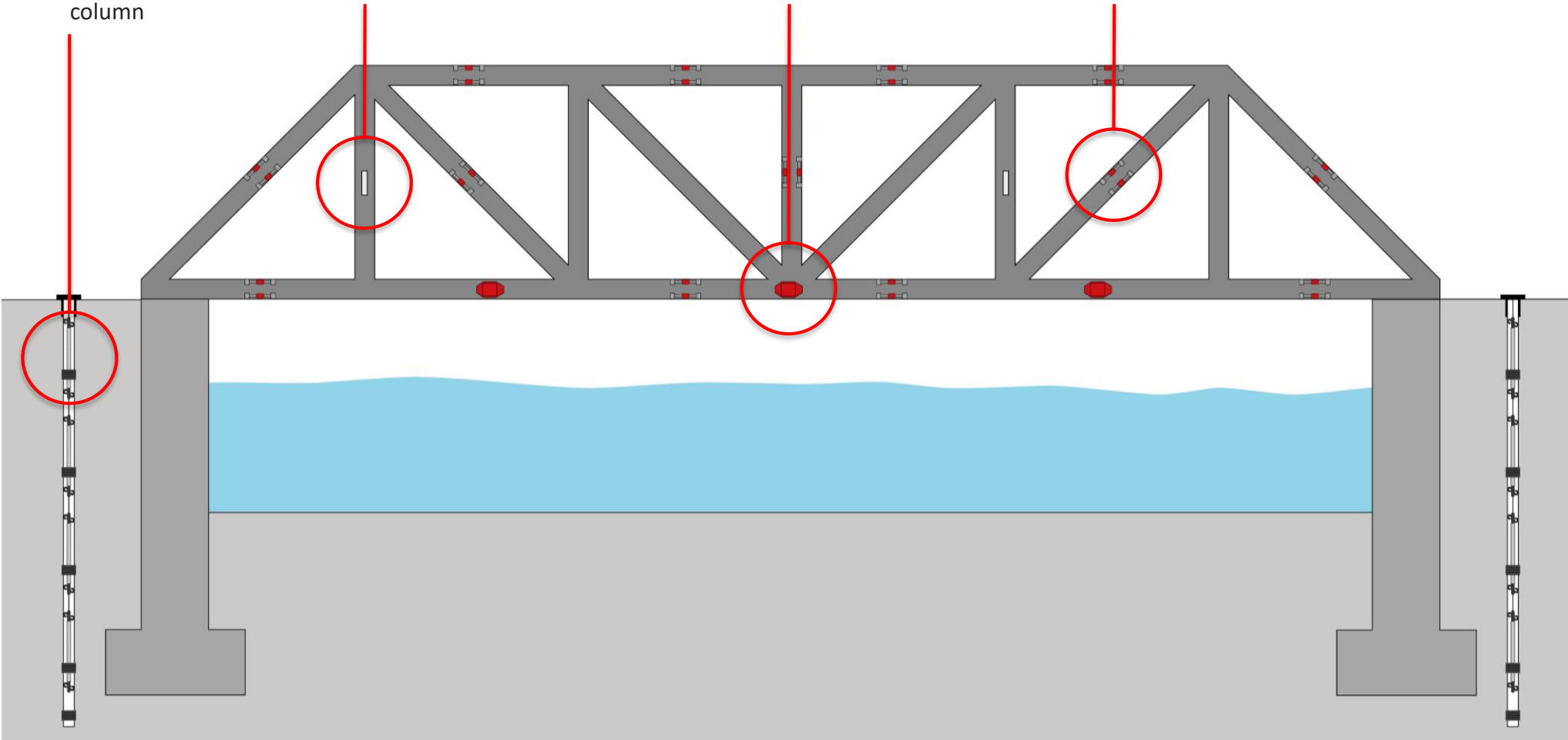
# \_\_ TYPICAL TRUSS METAL BRIDGE MONITORING

DEX-S in-place  
extenso-inclinometer  
column

Termometer for thermal  
compensation

Tilt meter installed on  
deck or metal structure

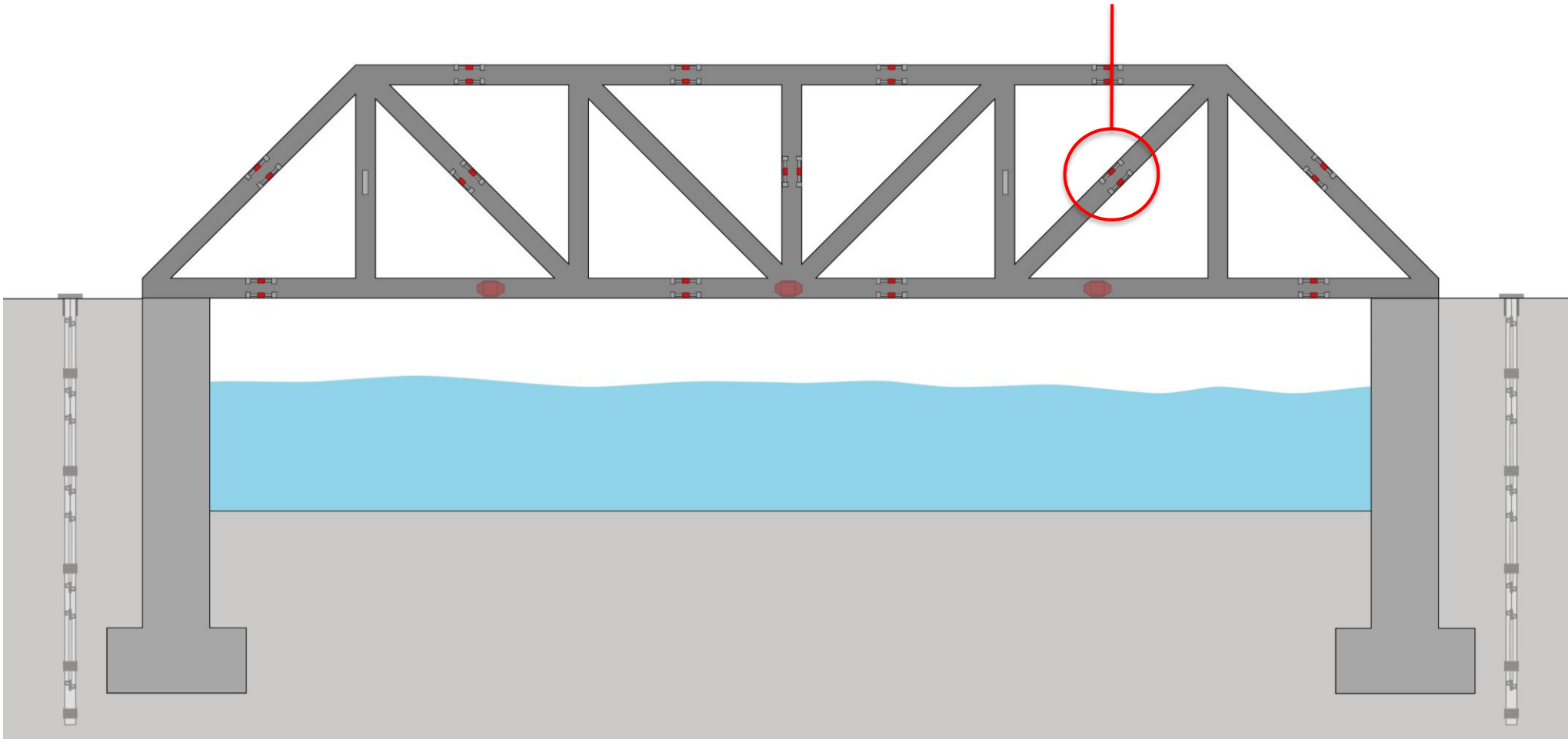
Vibrating wire strain gauges  
welded on steel structures





# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

Vibrating wire strain gauges  
welded on steel structures



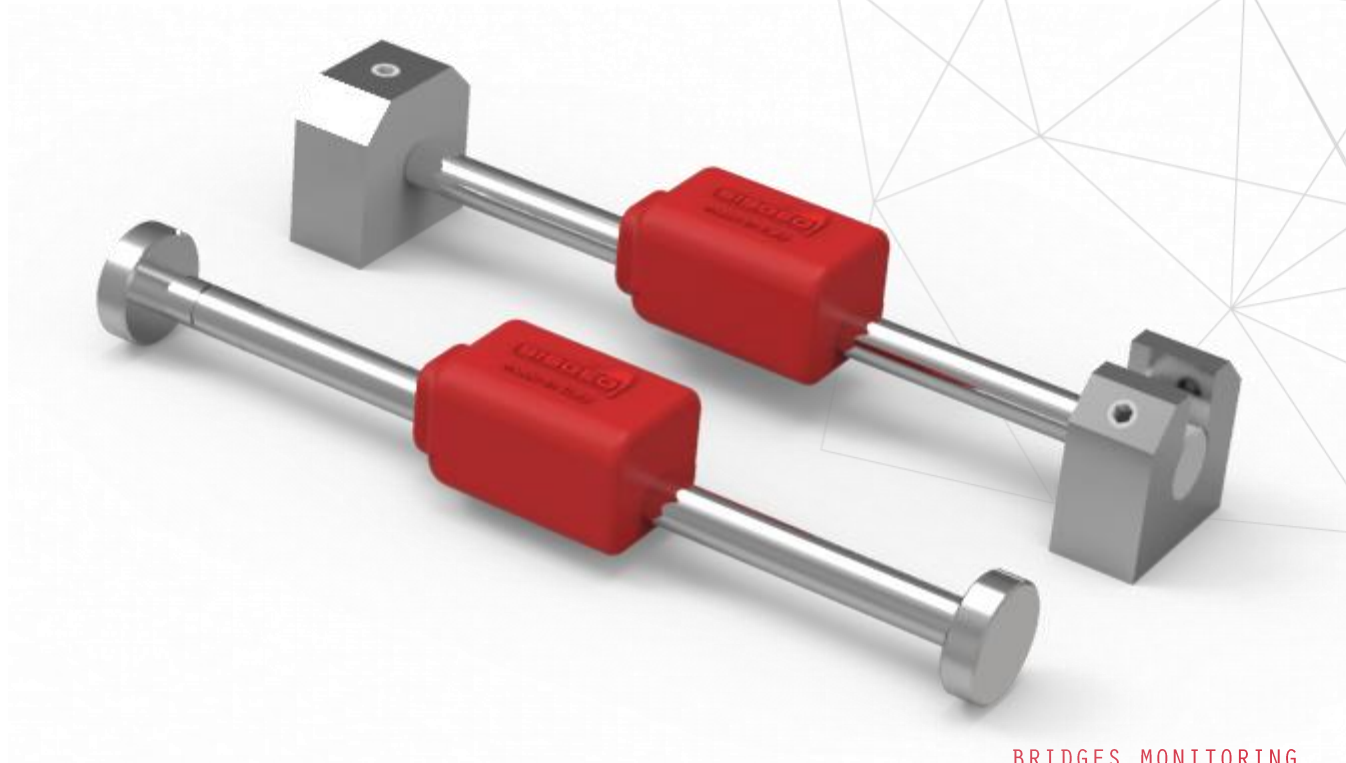
# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

AIM:

**monitor stress on metal structure**

INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**



# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

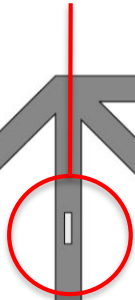


# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES



# — TERMOMETER SENSORS

Termometer for thermal compensation



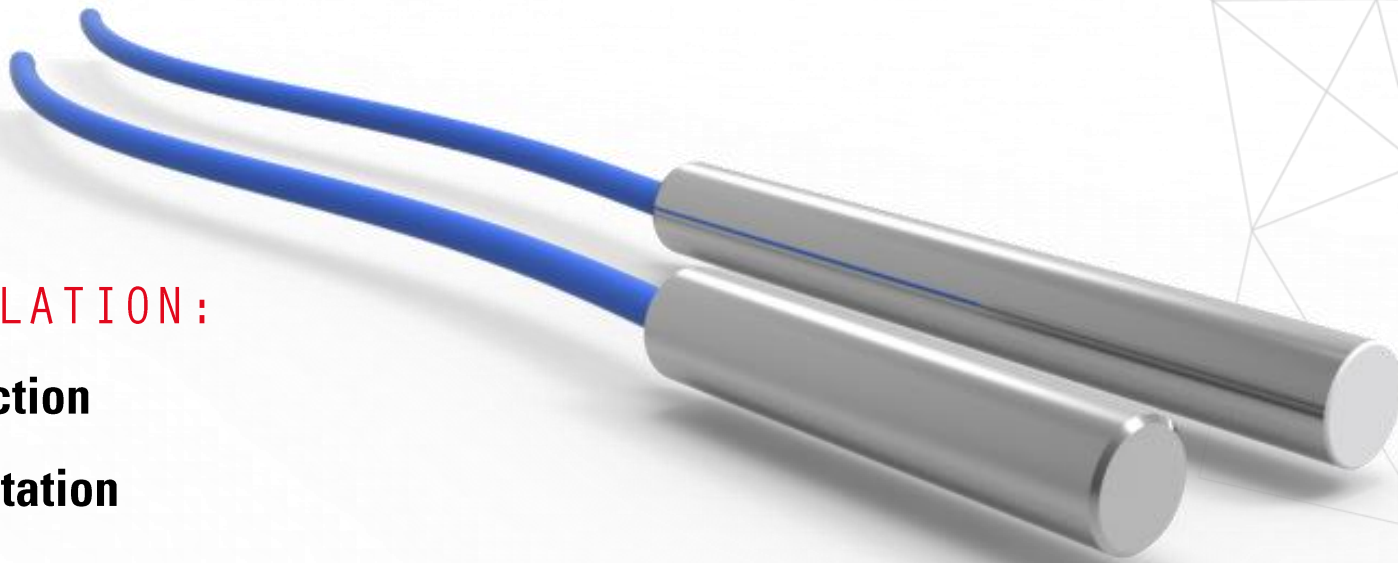
## — THERMOMETER SENSORS

### AIM:

**accurate monitoring of temperature changes  
for thermal compensations**

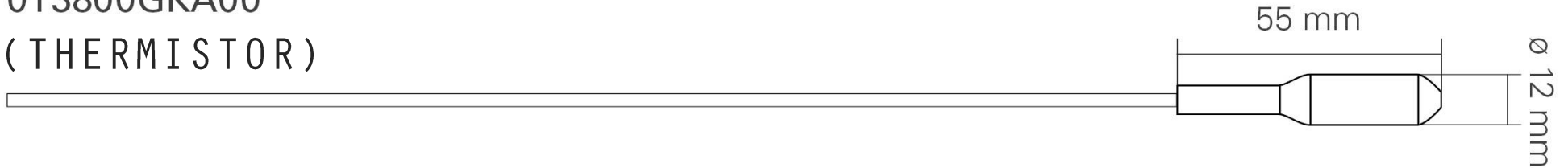
### INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
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# AVAILABLE TEMPERATURE SENSORS

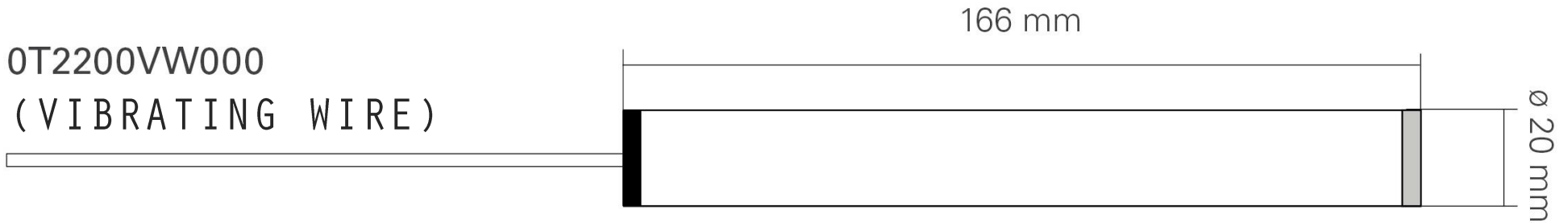
OT3800GKA00  
(THERMISTOR)



OT111PT1000  
(PT - 100)



OT2200VW000  
(VIBRATING WIRE)



# — THERMOMETER SENSORS (PT-100)



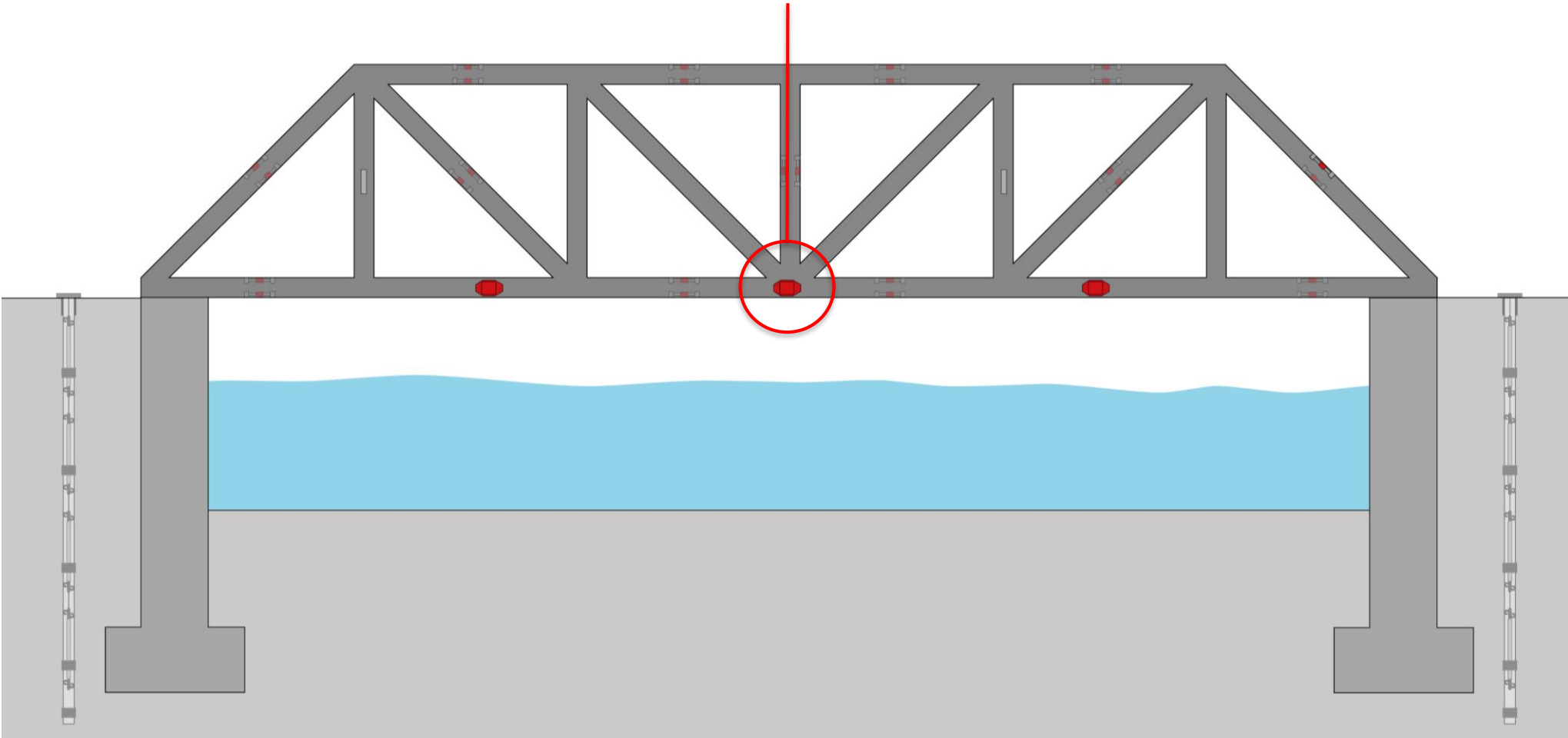


# — THERMOMETER SENSORS AND VW STRAIN GAUGE



# — TILT METERS

Tilt meter installed on deck  
or metal structure



## — BIAXIAL TILT METERS

### AIM:

**monitor the inclination in X and Y directions of metal structures / deck**

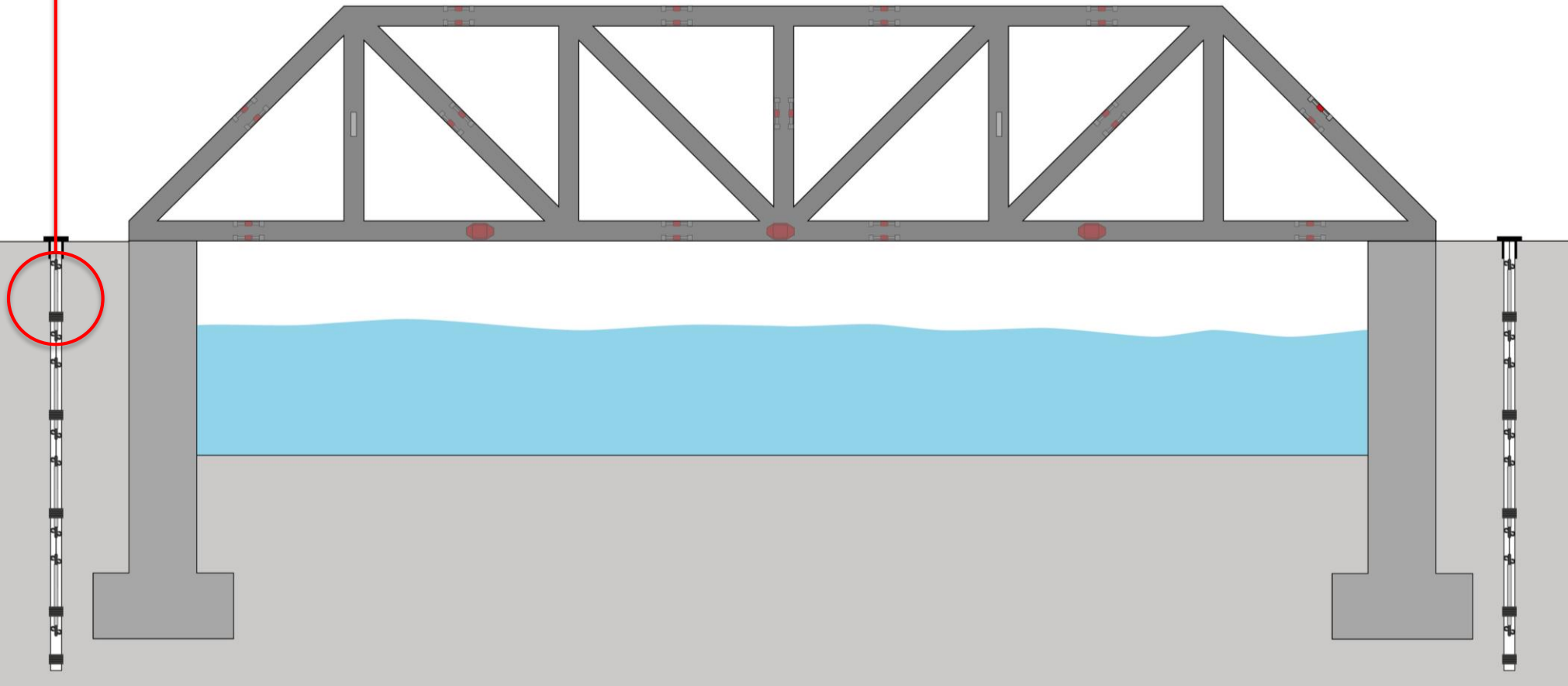
### INSTALLATION:

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# \_\_ DEX-S 3-D EXTENSO-INCLINOMETER COLUMNS

DEX-S in-place  
extenso-inclinometer column



# \_\_ DEX-S EXTENSO-INCLINOMETER COLUMNS

**AIM:**

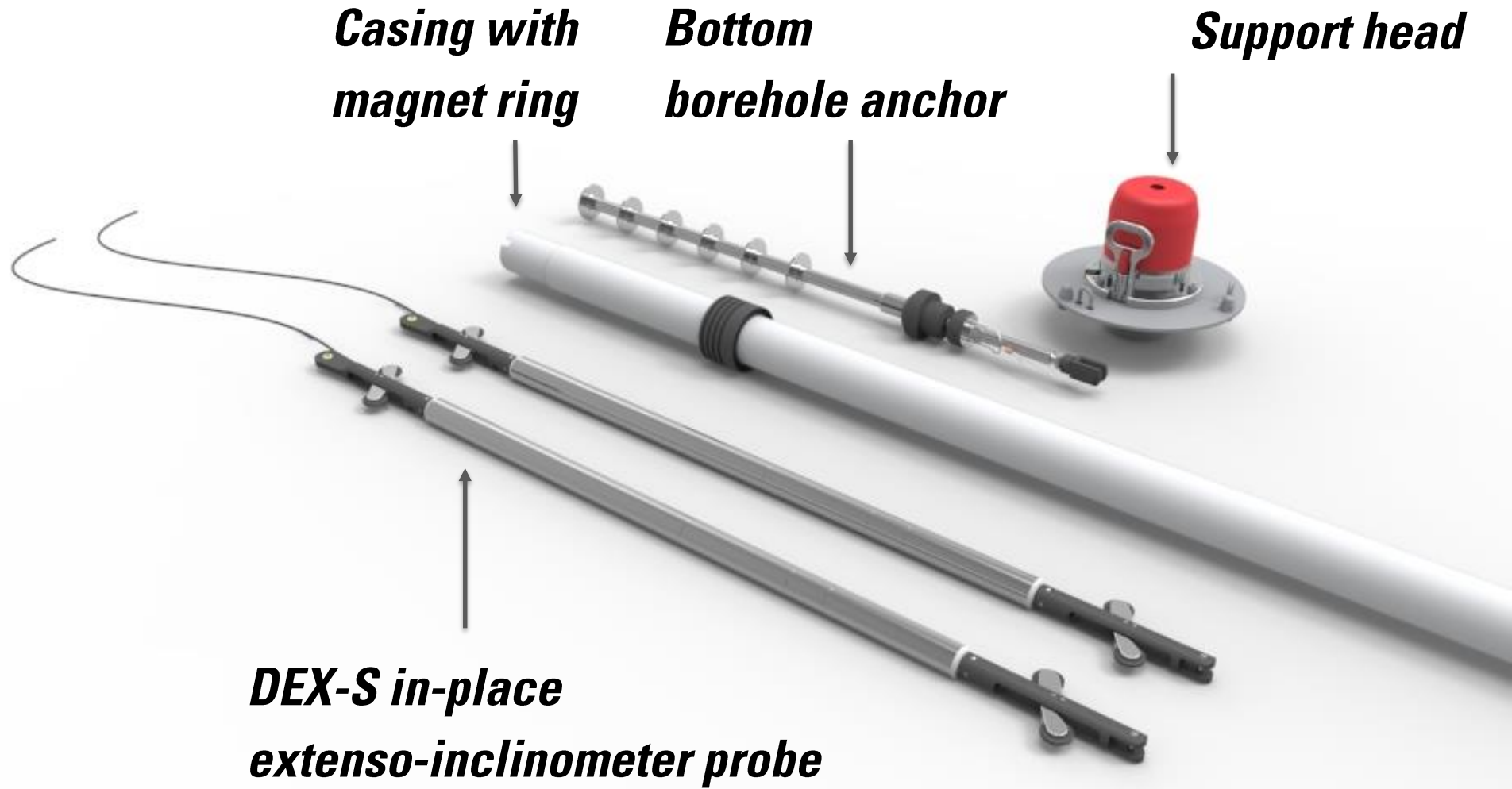
**monitor both horizontal and vertical displacement along bridge abutments → 3-D borehole monitoring**

**INSTALLATION:**

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**

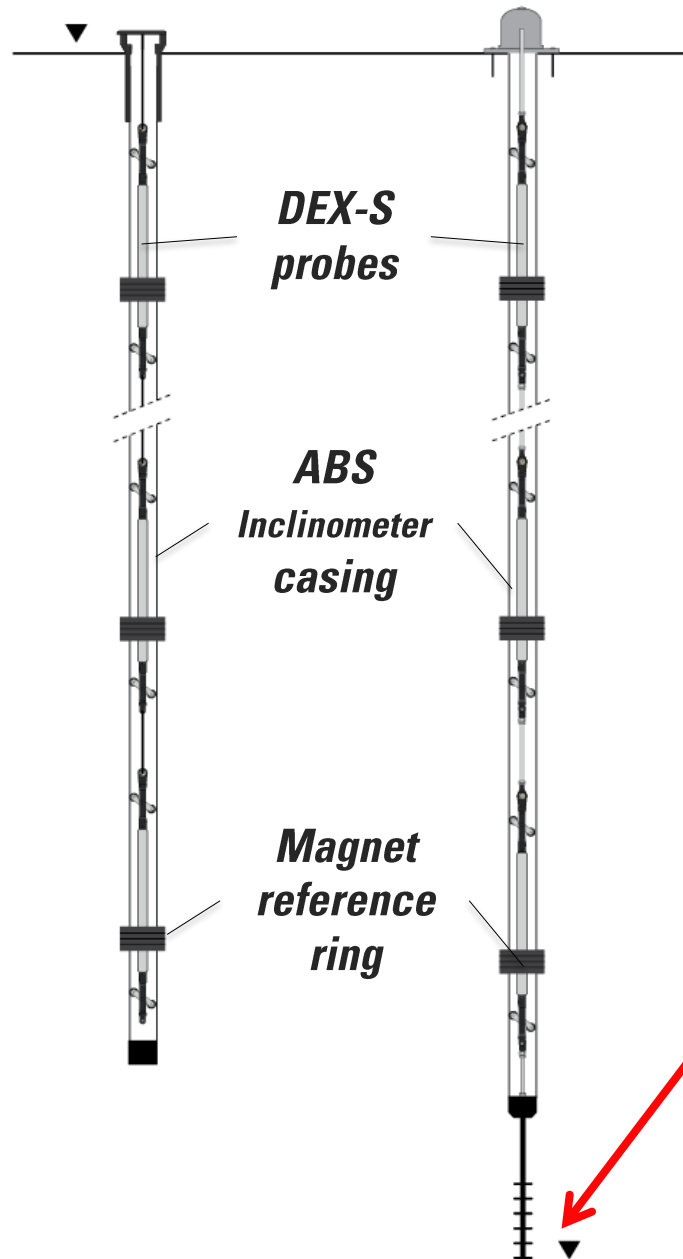


# \_\_ DEX-S EXTENSO-INCLINOMETER COMPONENTS



# \_\_ DEX-S: INSTALLATION METHODS

***DEX-S chain  
with upper  
reference  
(hanging from  
the top)***



**WHAT'S NEW:**  
3D deformation  
within only one borehole  
Upper or bottom reference  
High accuracy  
Cheaper than Competitors  
NO specific software needed

***DEX-S chain  
with lower  
reference  
(stiff chain  
connected to the  
bottom anchor)***

# \_\_ INSTALLATION OF DEX-S EXTENSO-INCLINOMETER CASING





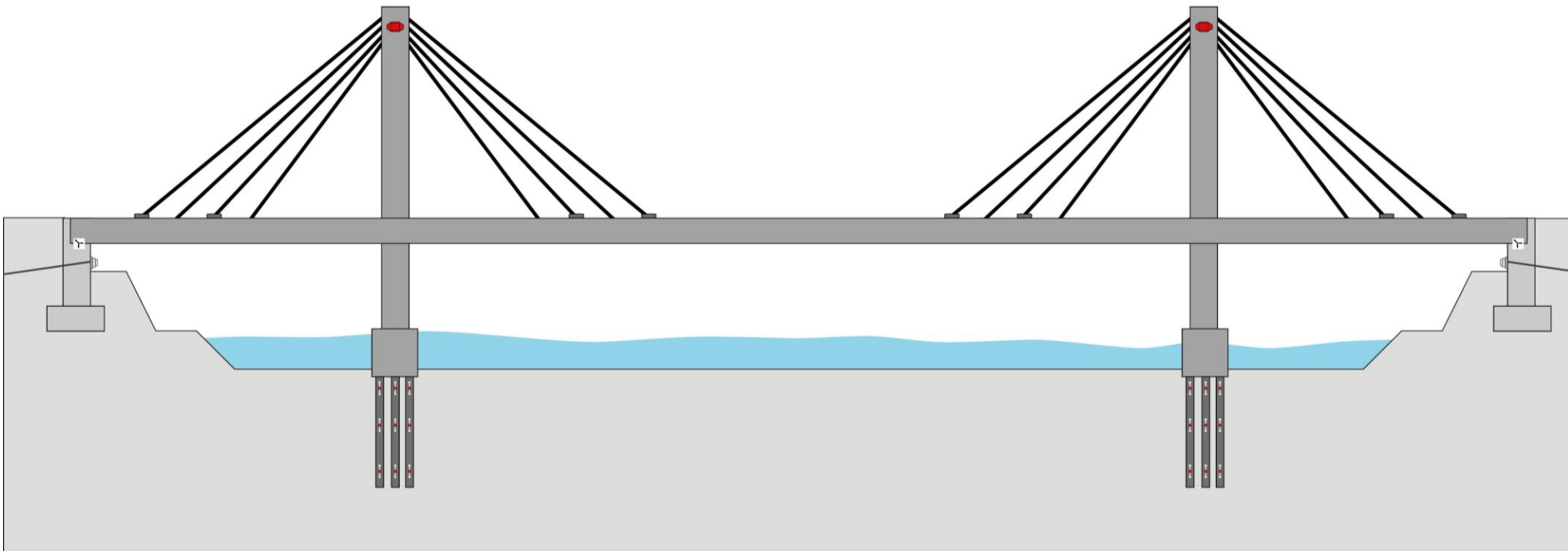
# \_\_ INSTALLATION OF DEX-S EXTENSO-INCLINOMETERS



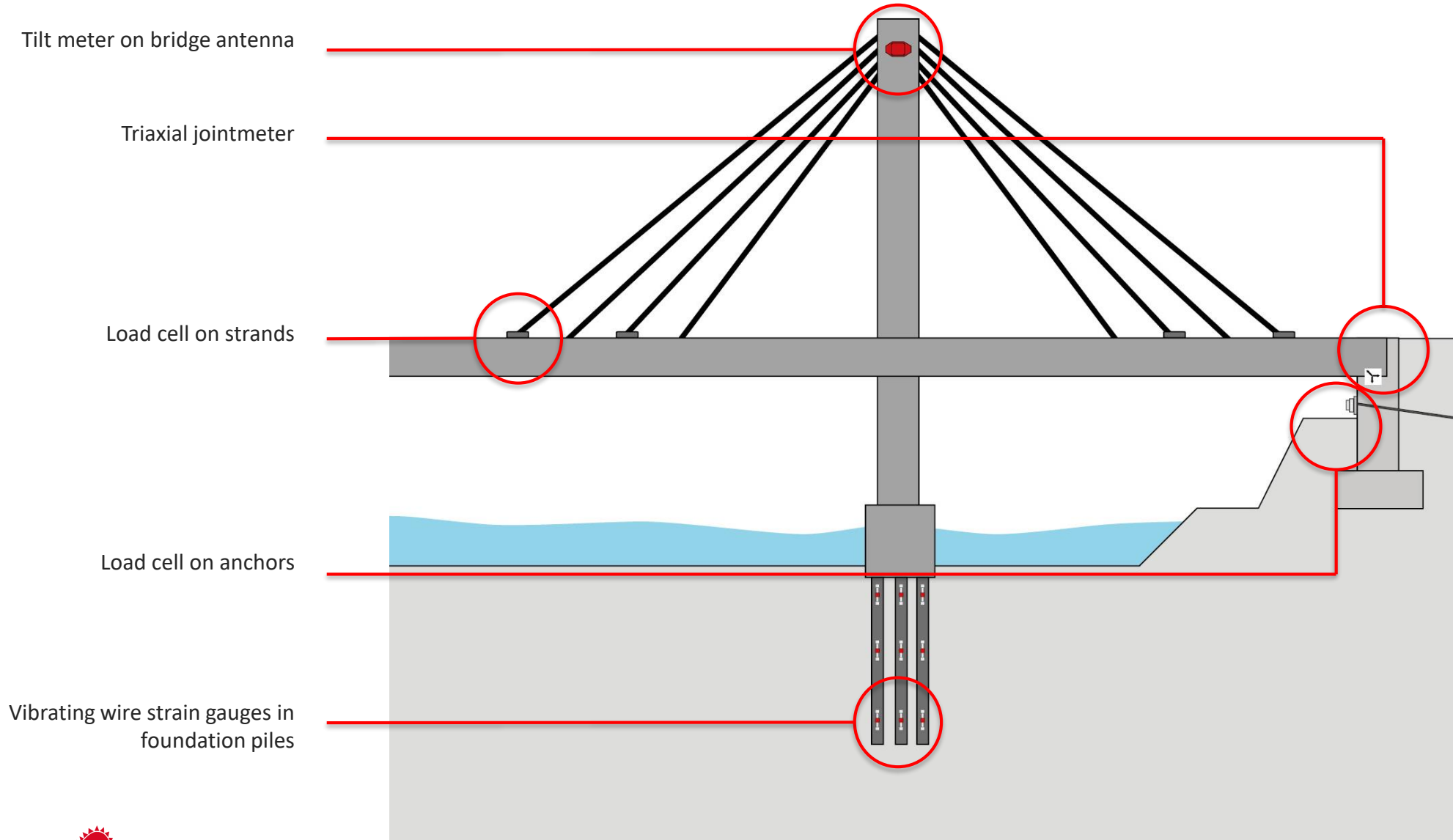
# \_ CABLE-STAYED BRIDGES



# \_\_ TYPICAL CABLE-STAYED BRIDGE MONITORING

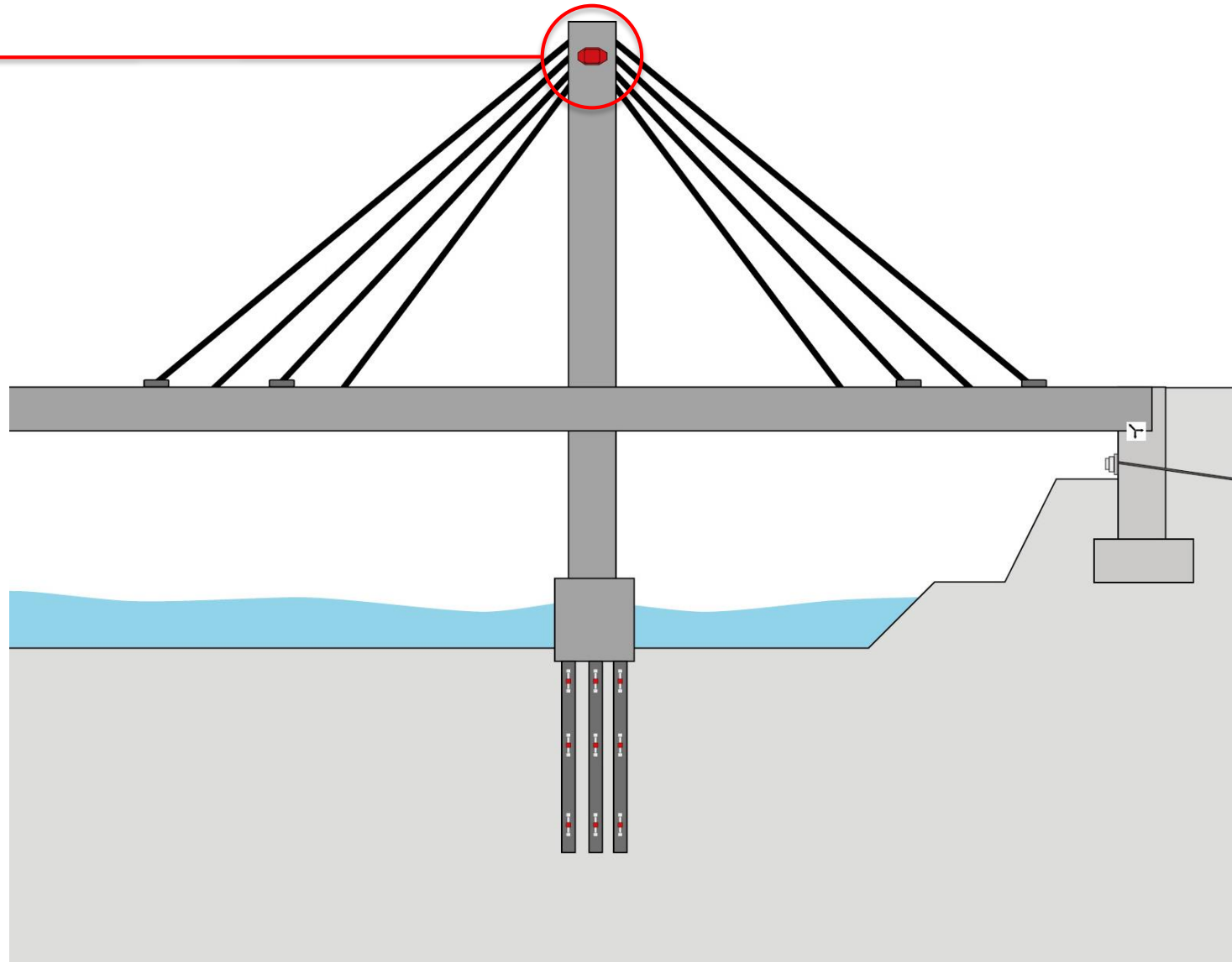


# \_\_ TYPICAL CABLE-STAYED BRIDGE MONITORING - DETAIL



# \_\_ TILT METERS

Tilt meter  
on bridge antenna



## — BIAXIAL TILT METERS

### AIM:

**monitor the inclination in X and Y directions of the main strands support**

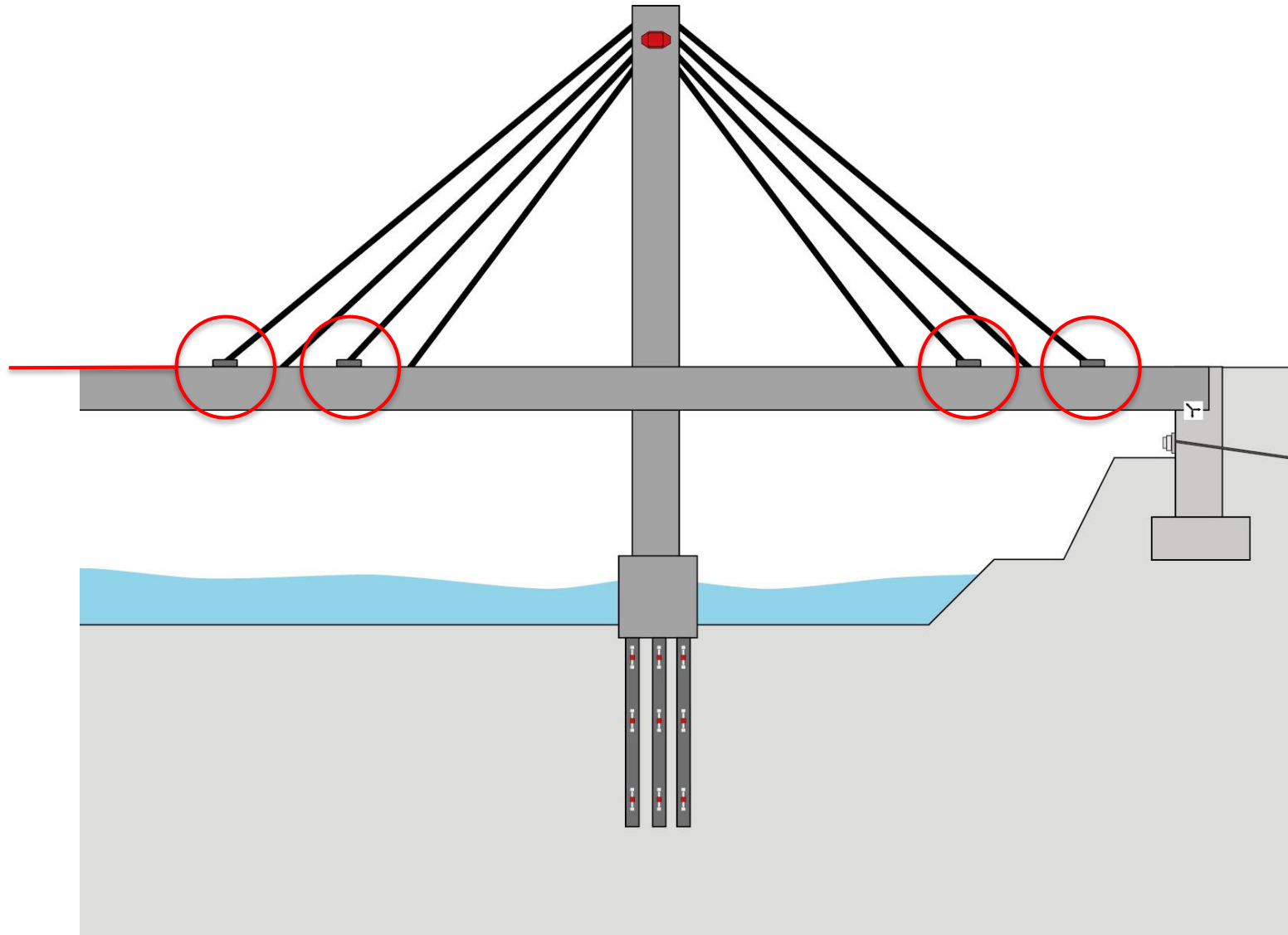
### INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**



# \_\_ LOAD CELLS ON STRANDS

Load cells on strands



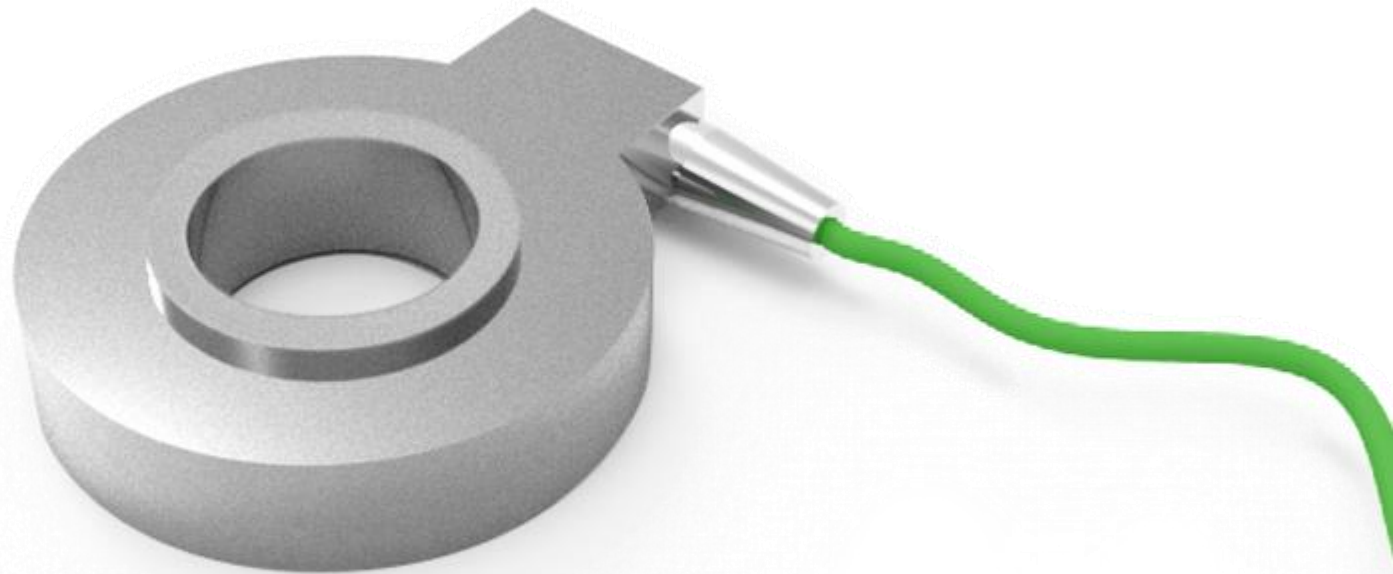
# \_\_ LOAD CELLS ON STRANDS

AIM:

**monitor strand transmitted load**

INSTALLATION:

**- Construction**



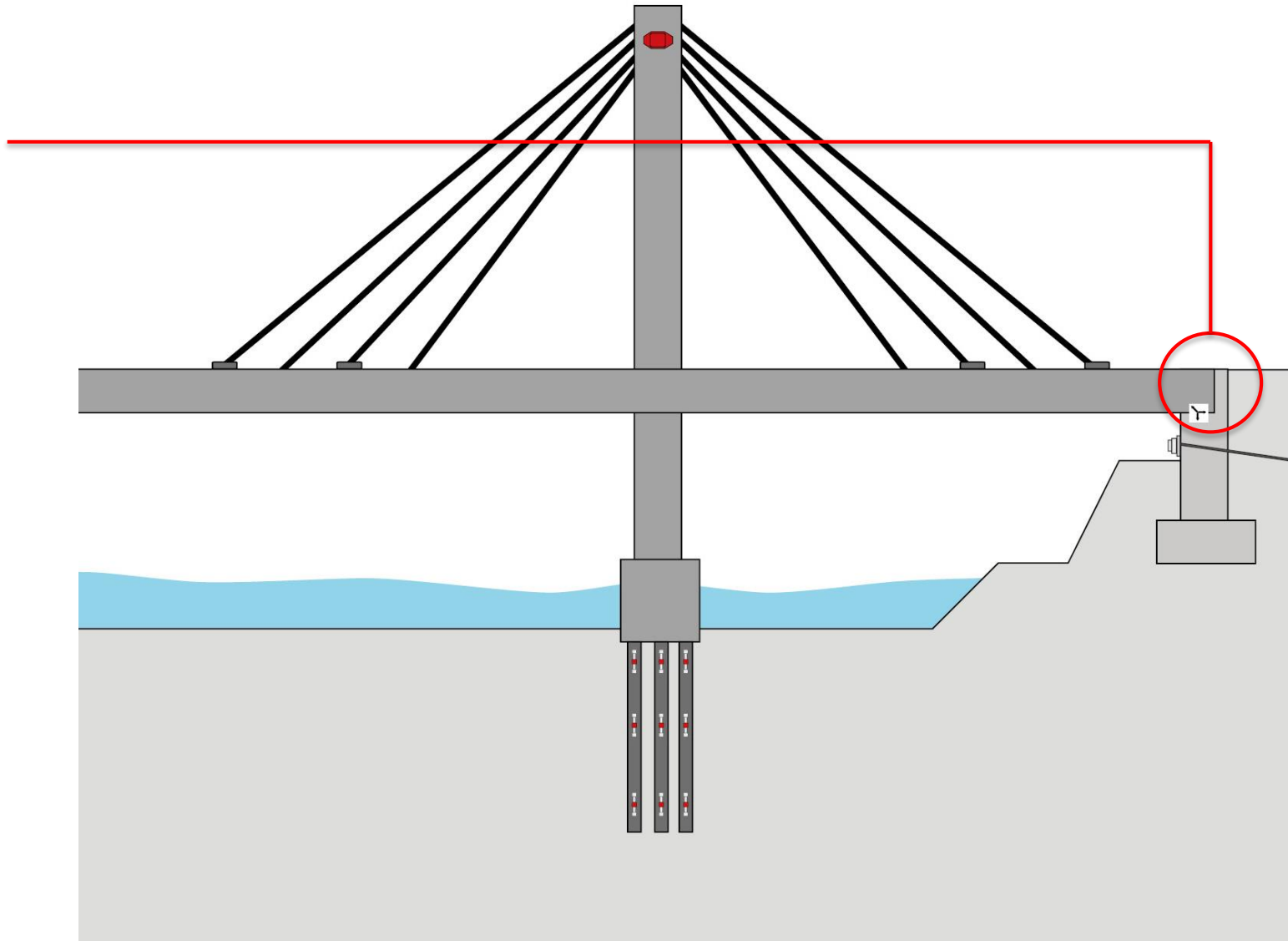


# — LOAD CELLS ON STRANDS



# \_\_ TRIAXIAL JOINT METERS

Triaxial jointmeter



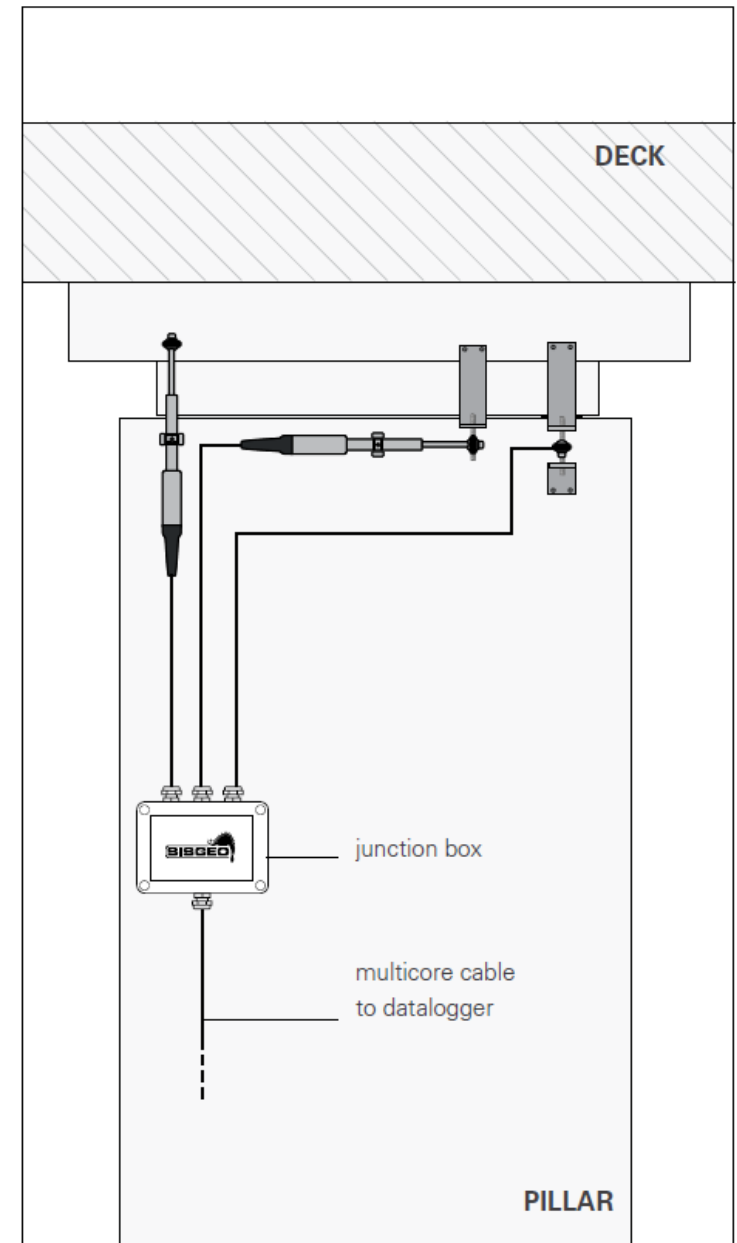
# — TRIAXIAL JOINT METERS

## AIM:

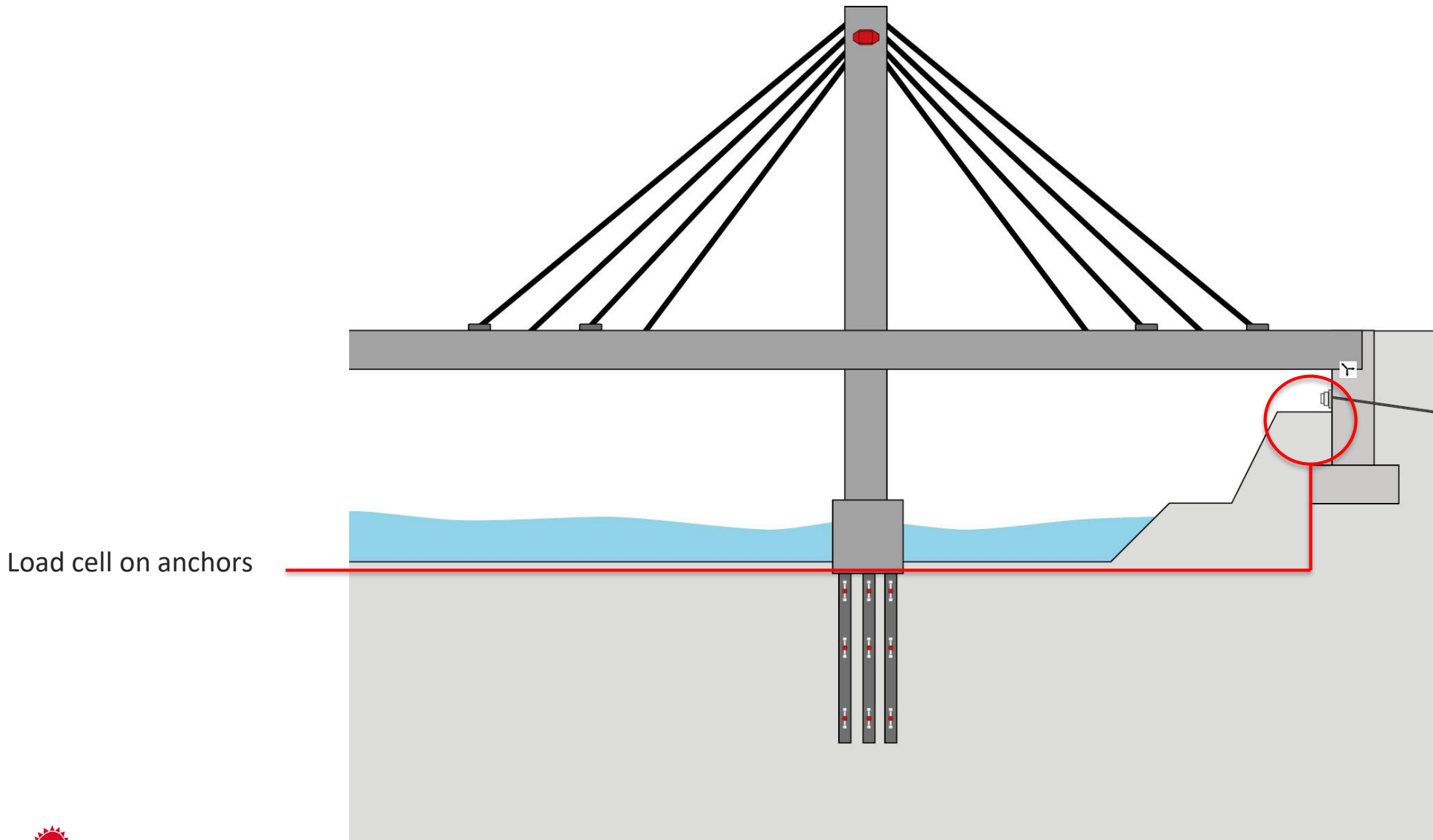
**monitor the relative movement/displacement on abutment**

## INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**



# \_\_ ANCHOR LOAD CELLS



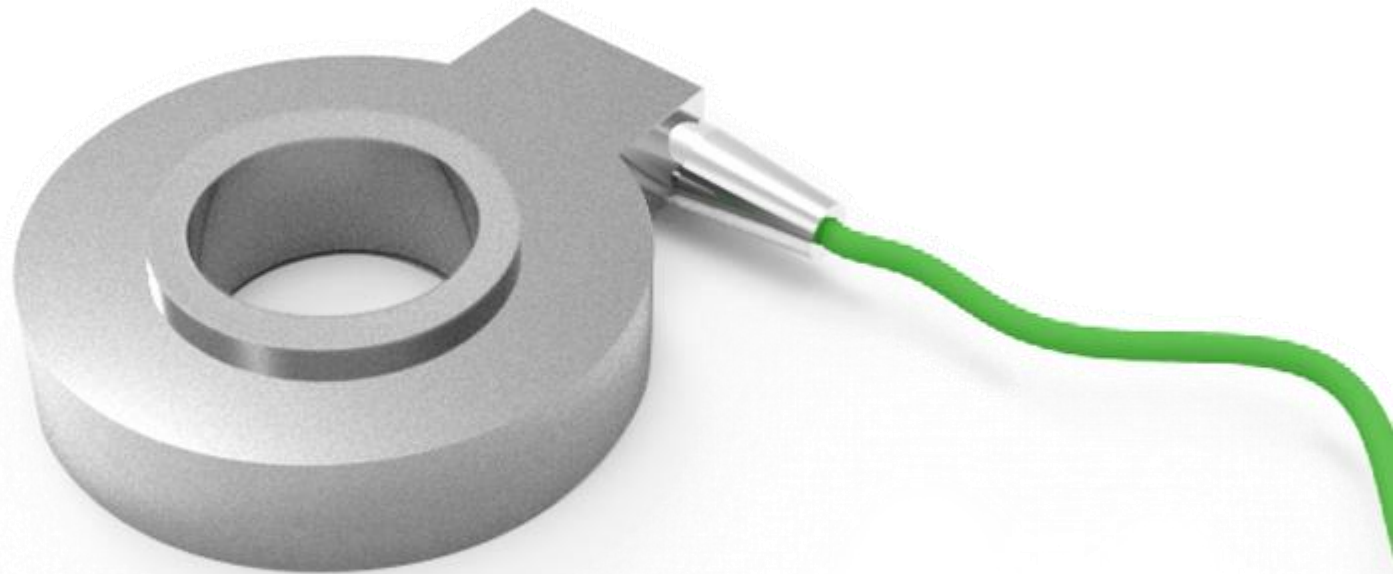
# — ANCHOR LOAD CELLS

AIM:

**monitor  
anchors load**

INSTALLATION:

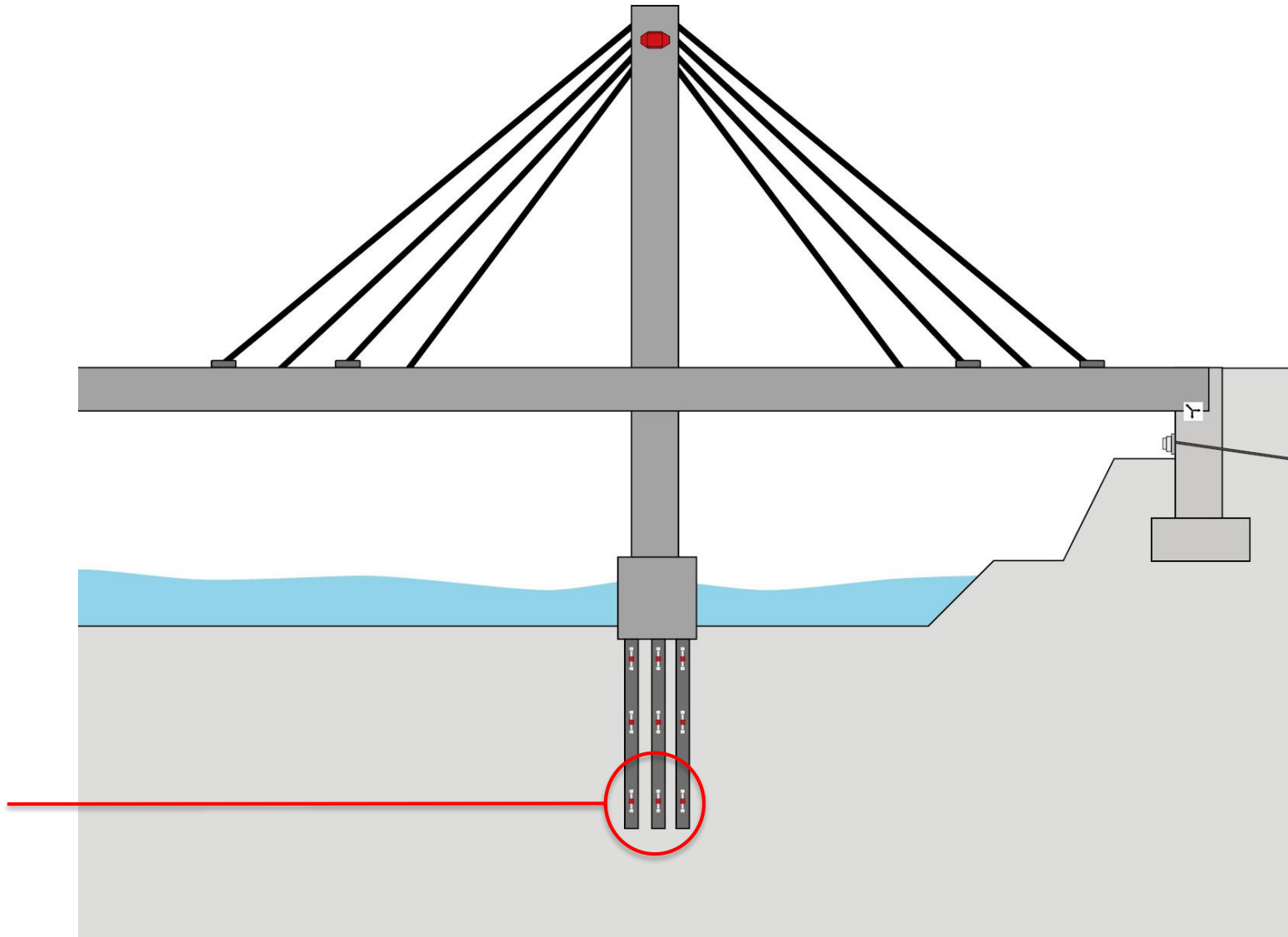
- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**



# — ANCHOR LOAD CELLS



# \_\_ VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES



Vibrating wire  
strain gauges  
in foundation piles

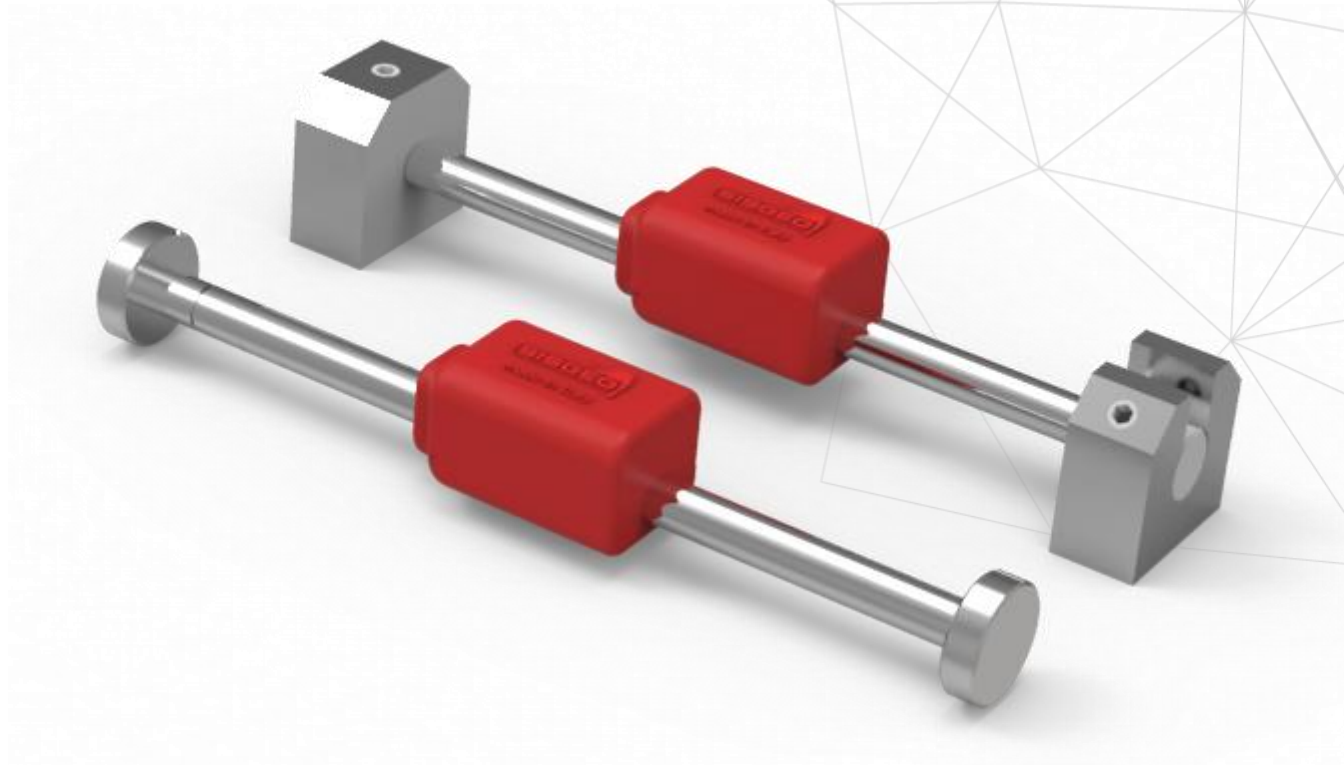
# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

AIM:

**monitor stress  
into foudation piles**

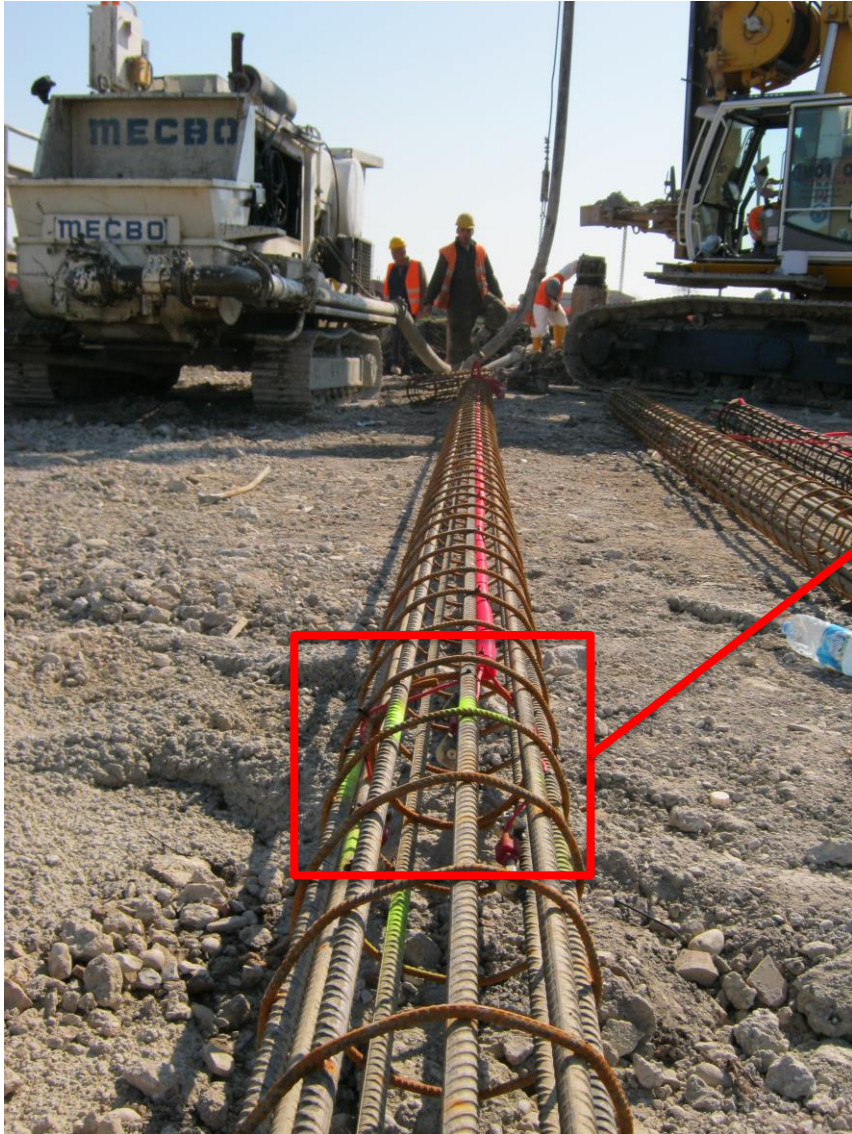
INSTALLATION:

**- Construction**





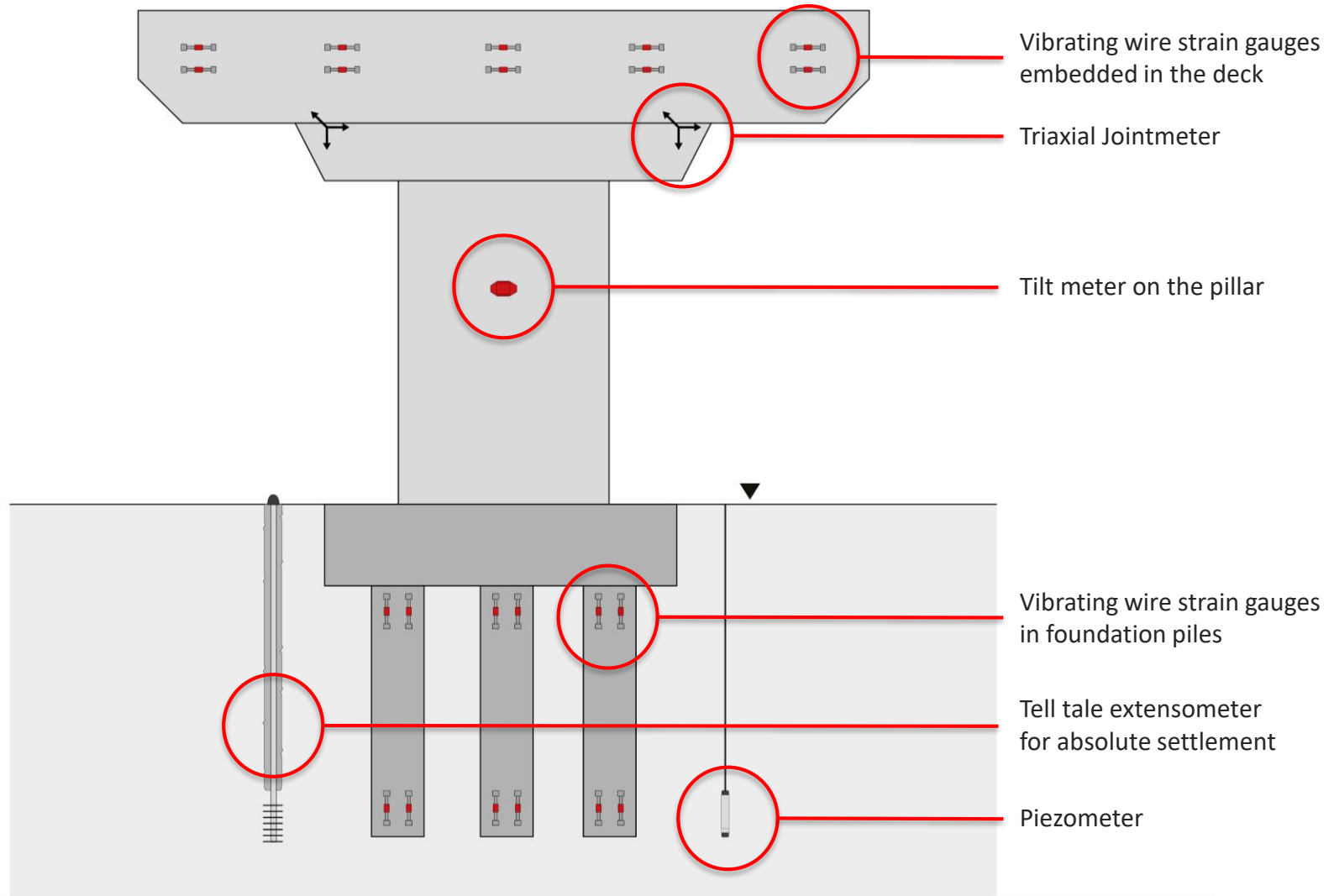
# \_\_ VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES IN PILES



# \_ VIADUCTS



# \_\_ TYPICAL VIADUCT MONITORED SECTION





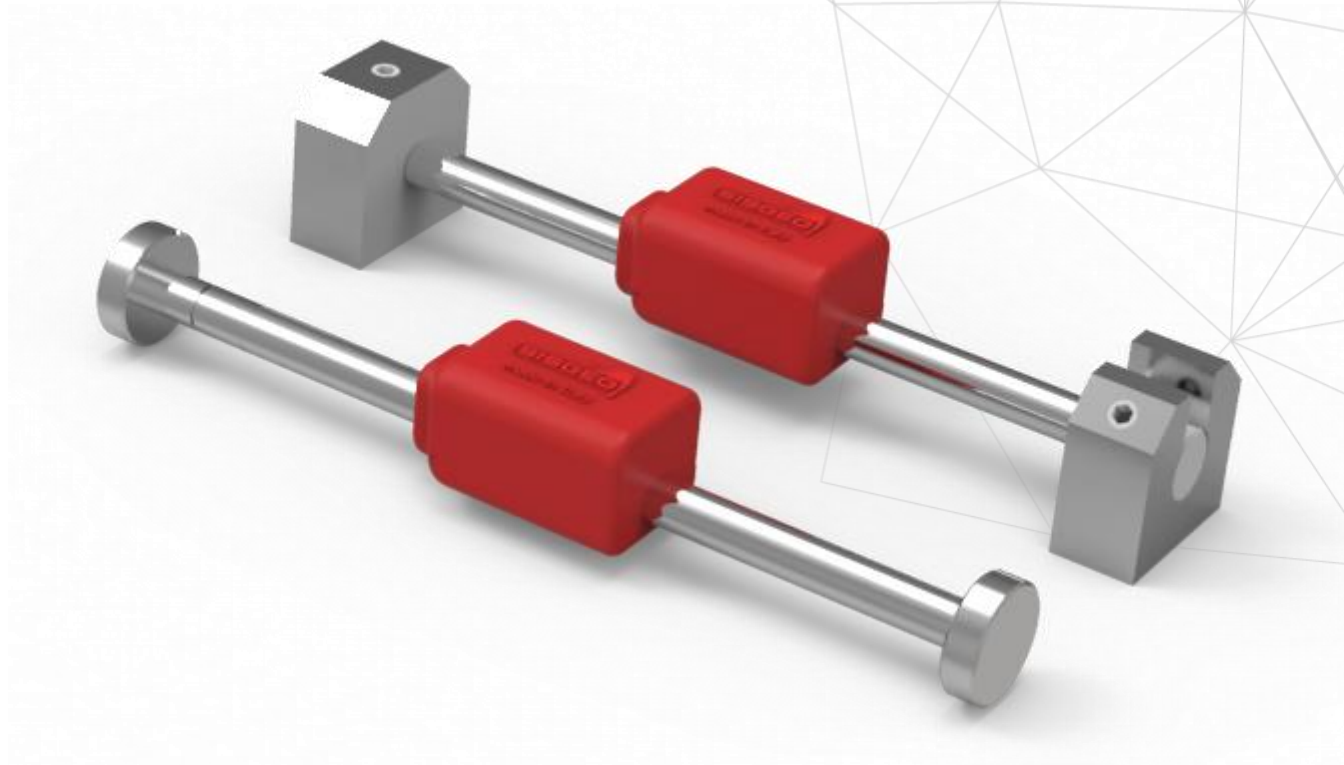
# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

AIM:

**monitor stress  
into deck reinforced concrete**

INSTALLATION:

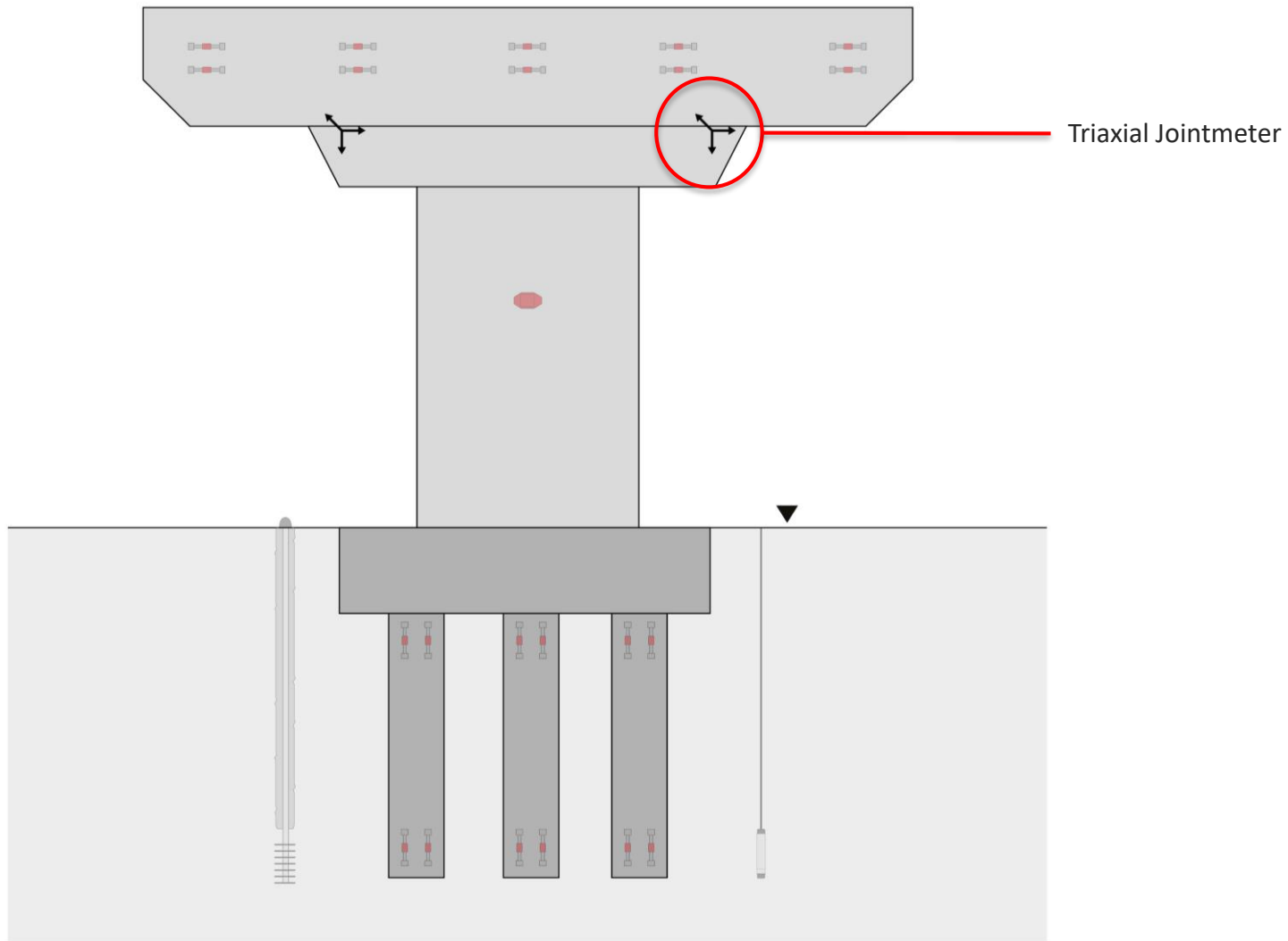
**- Construction**



# VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES READY FOR GROUTING IN THE DECK



# \_\_ 3-AXIAL JOINT METERS



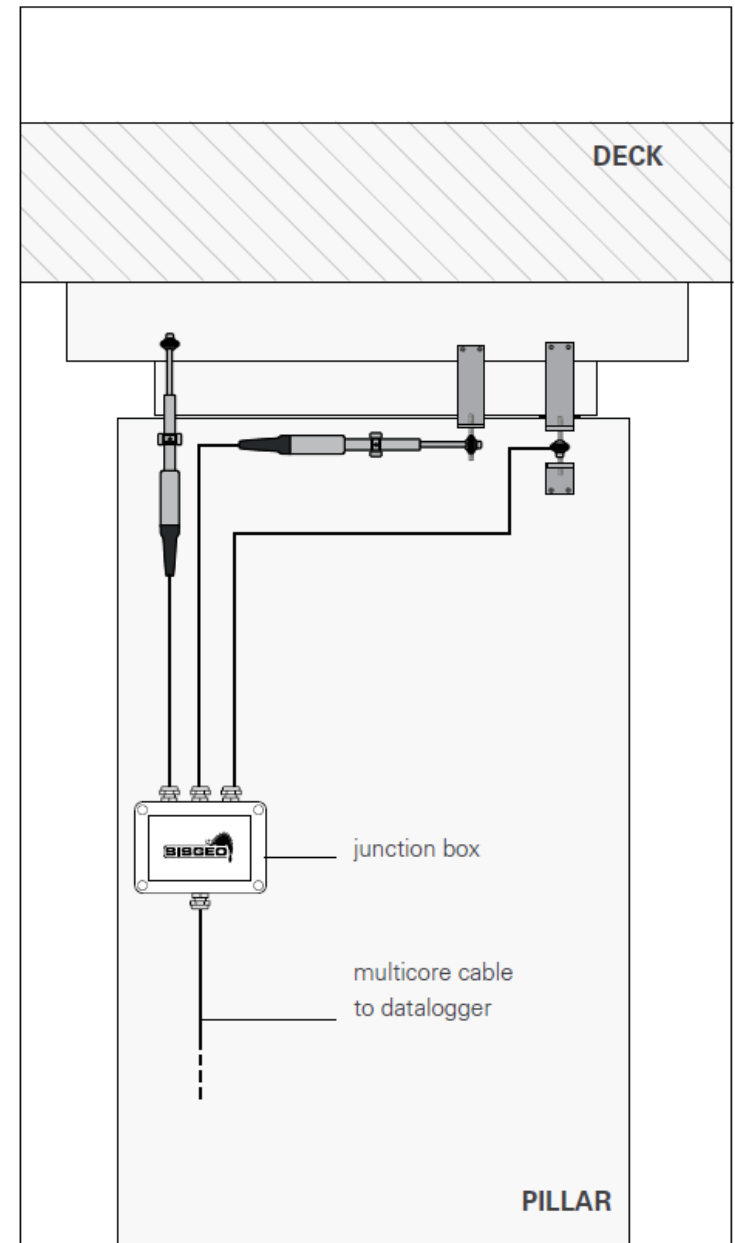
## — 3-AXIAL JOINT METERS

AIM:

**monitor the relative movement/displacement between pile and deck**

INSTALLATION:

- **Construction**
- **Rehabilitation**

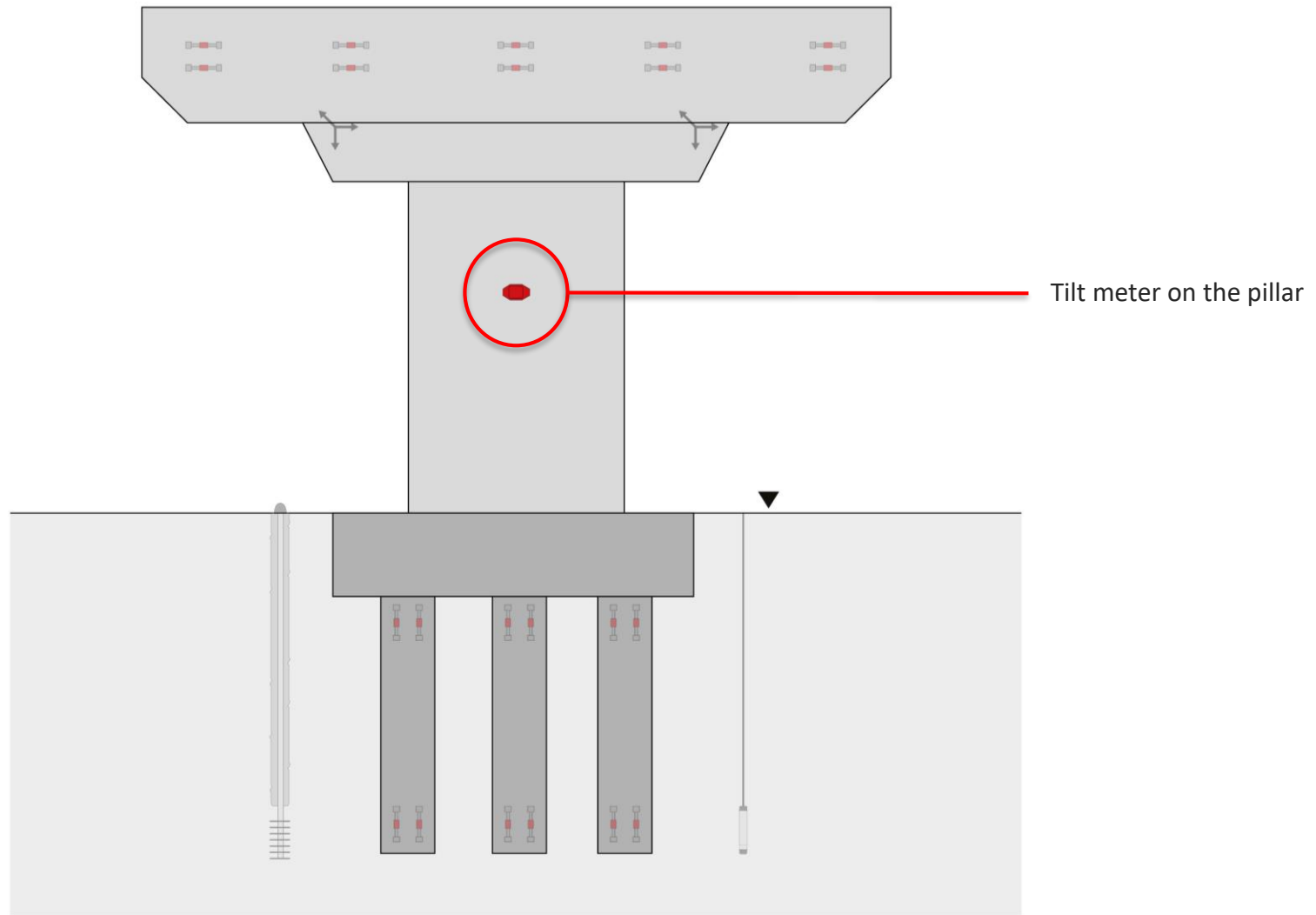




## \_\_ 3-AXIAL JOINT METERS BETWEEN PILLAR AND DECK



# \_\_ BIAXIAL TILT METERS



## — BIAXIAL TILTMETER

### AIM:

**monitor inclination in X and Y directions of viaduct pillar.**

### INSTALLATION:

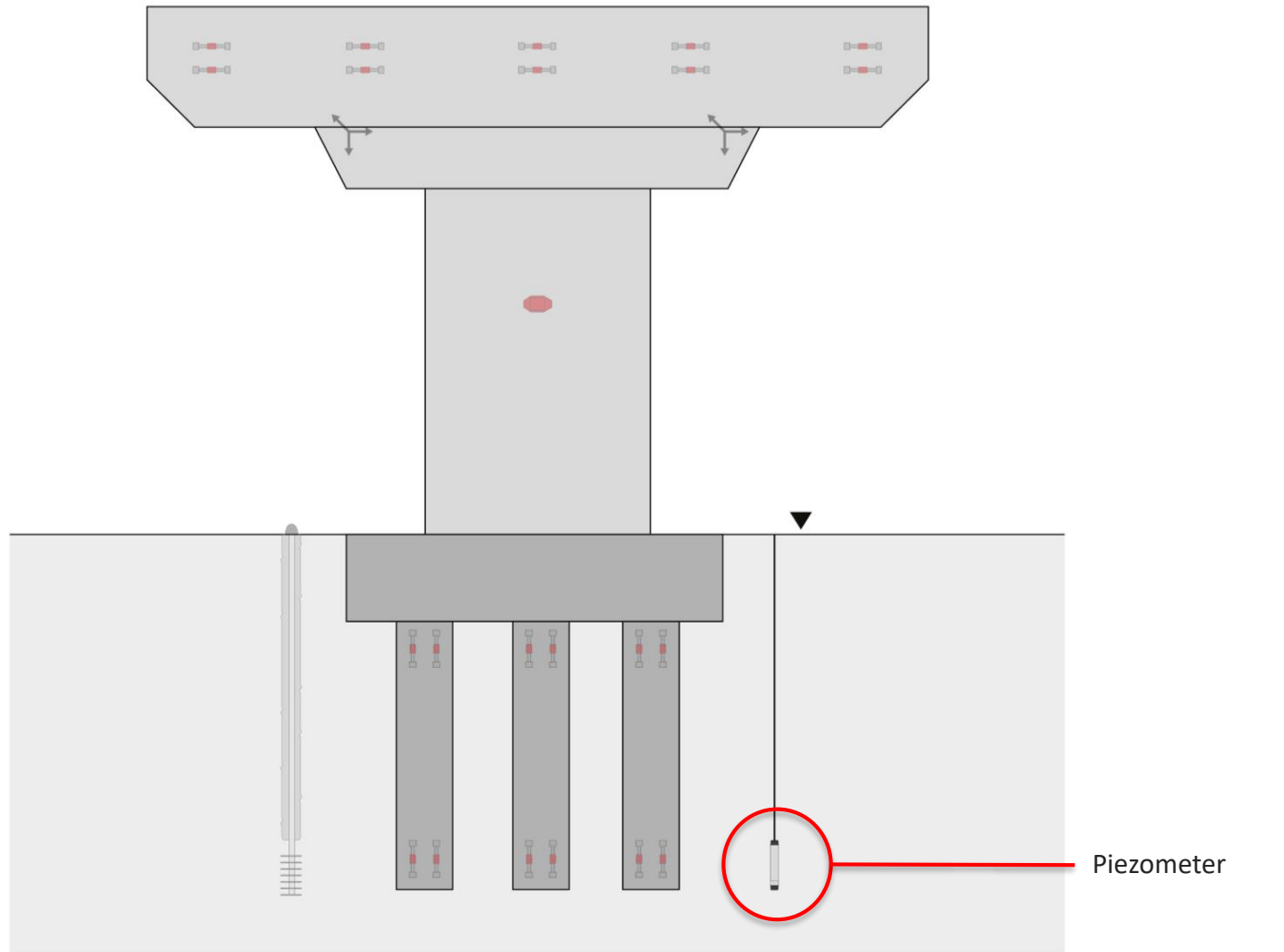
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# BIAXIAL TILT METER WITH ADJUSTABLE PLATE



# \_\_ PIEZOMETERS



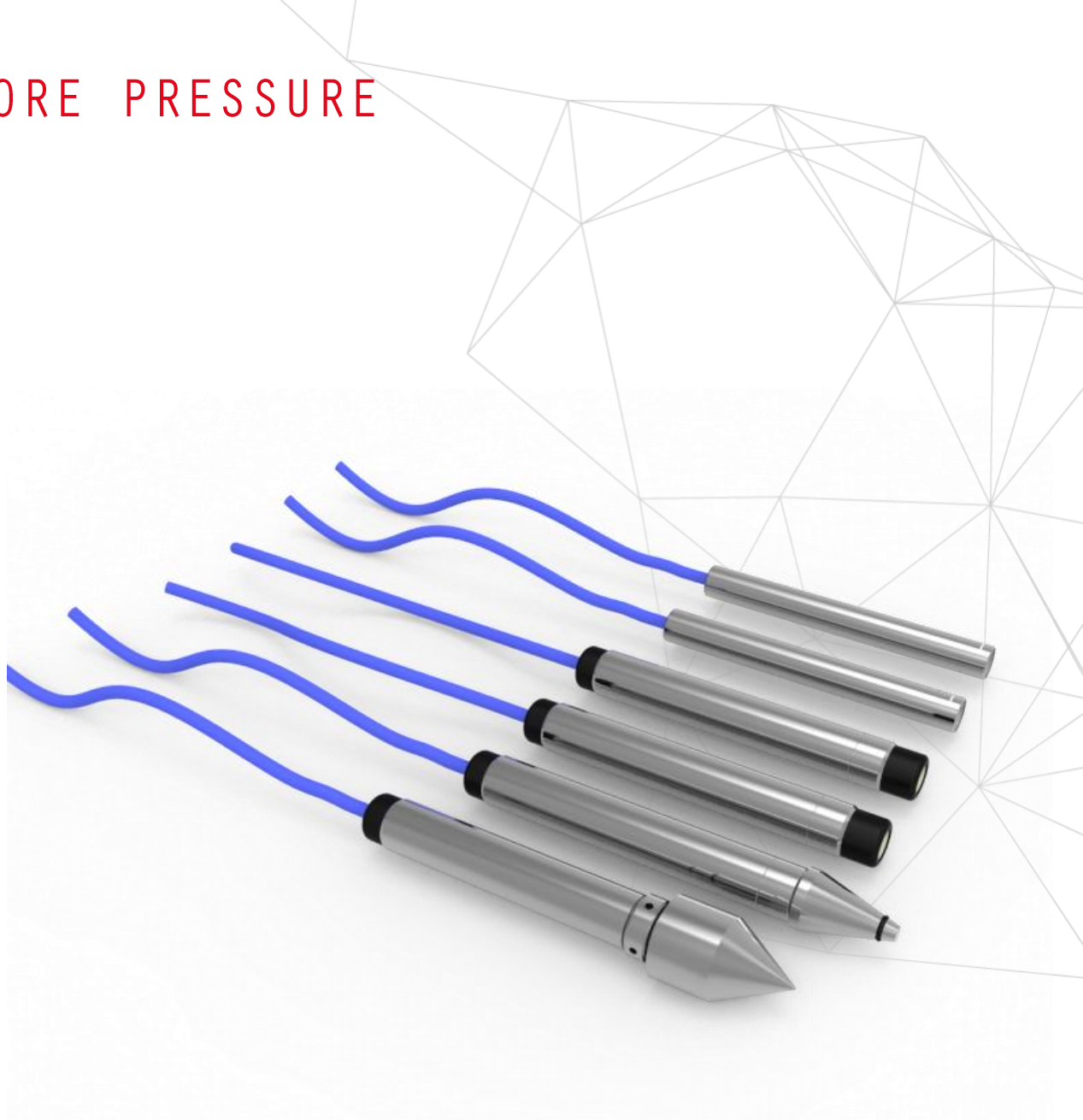
# — PIEZOMETERS FOR PORE PRESSURE

**AIM:**

**Pore pressure or  
water table level monitoring**

**INSTALLATION:**

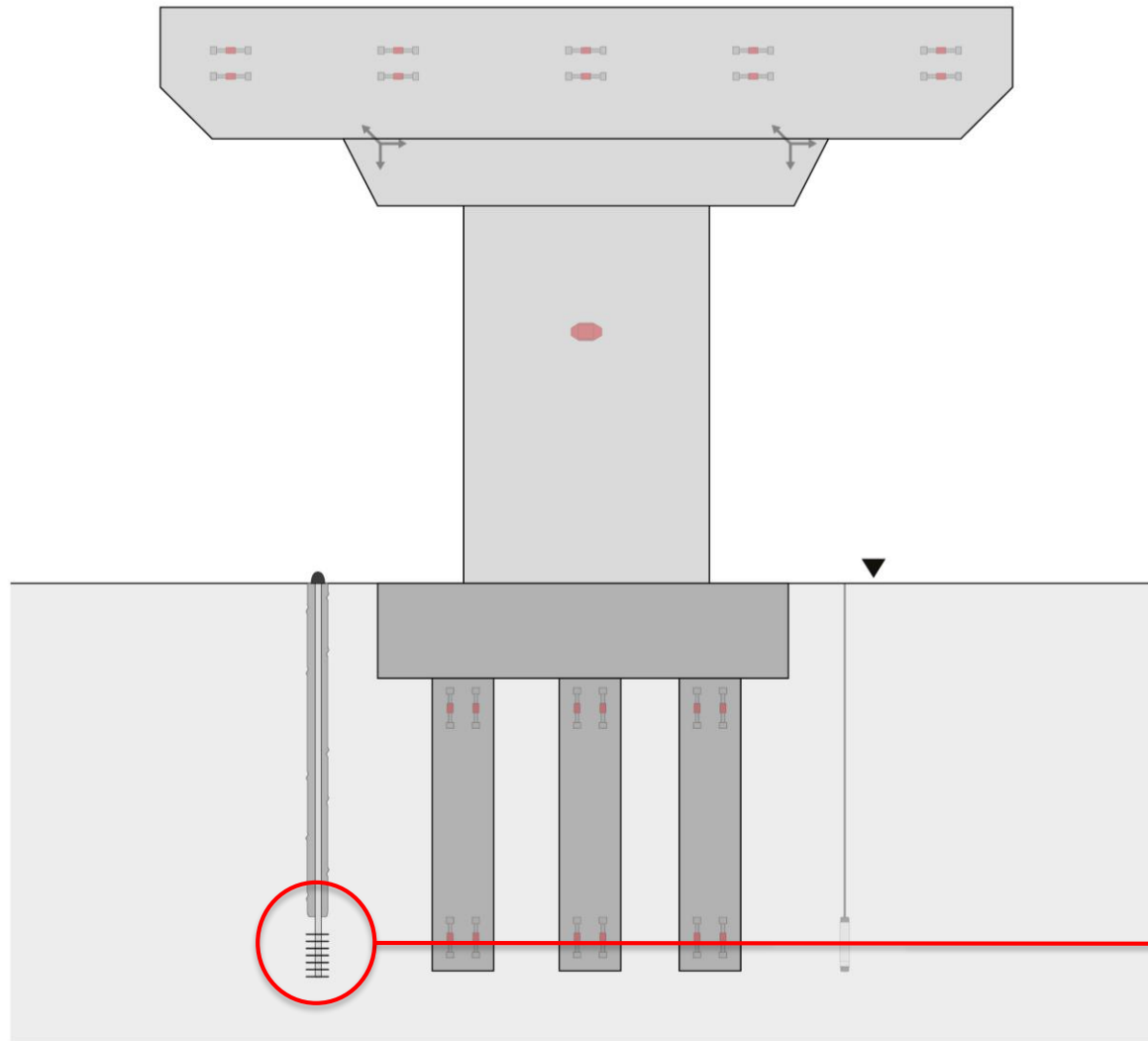
- Construction**
- Rehabilitation**



# \_\_ PIEZOMETERS FOR PORE PRESSURE



# \_\_ TELL-TALE EXTENSOMETER



Tell tale extensometer  
for absolute settlement



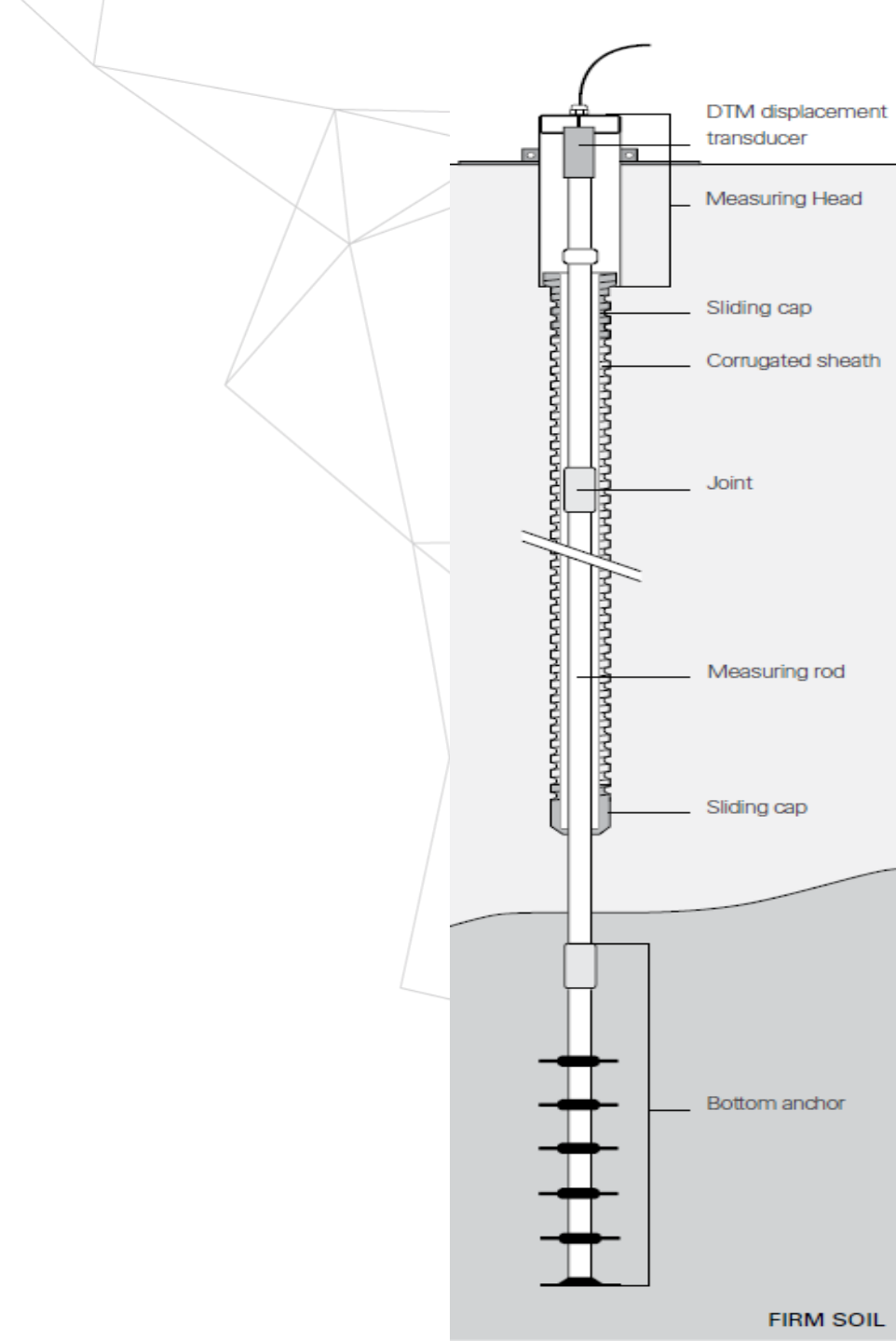
# — TELL-TALE EXTENSOMETER

## AIM:

**monitor absolute ground settlement  
caused by viaduct construction  
and during viaduct life**

## INSTALLATION:

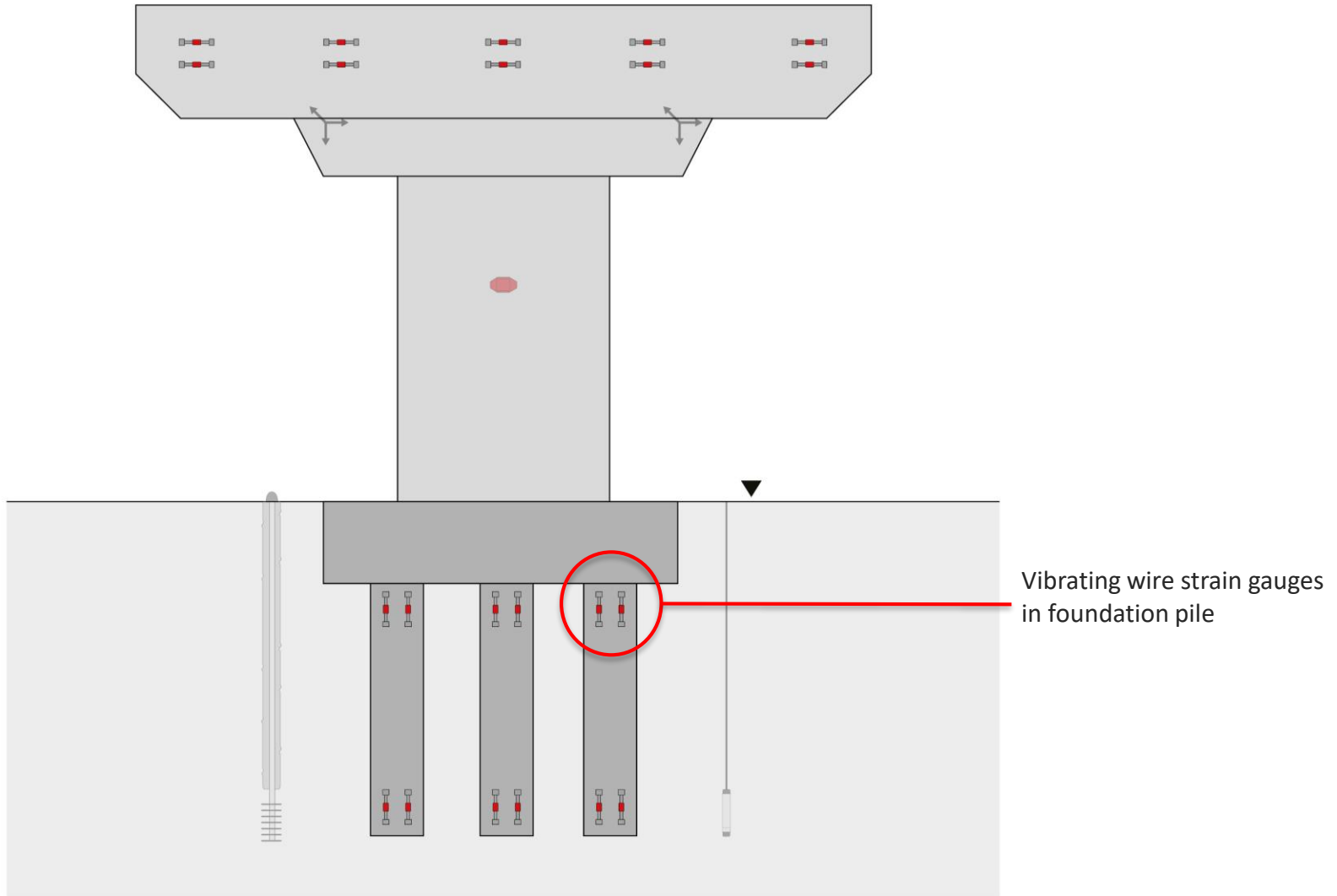
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# \_\_ VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES



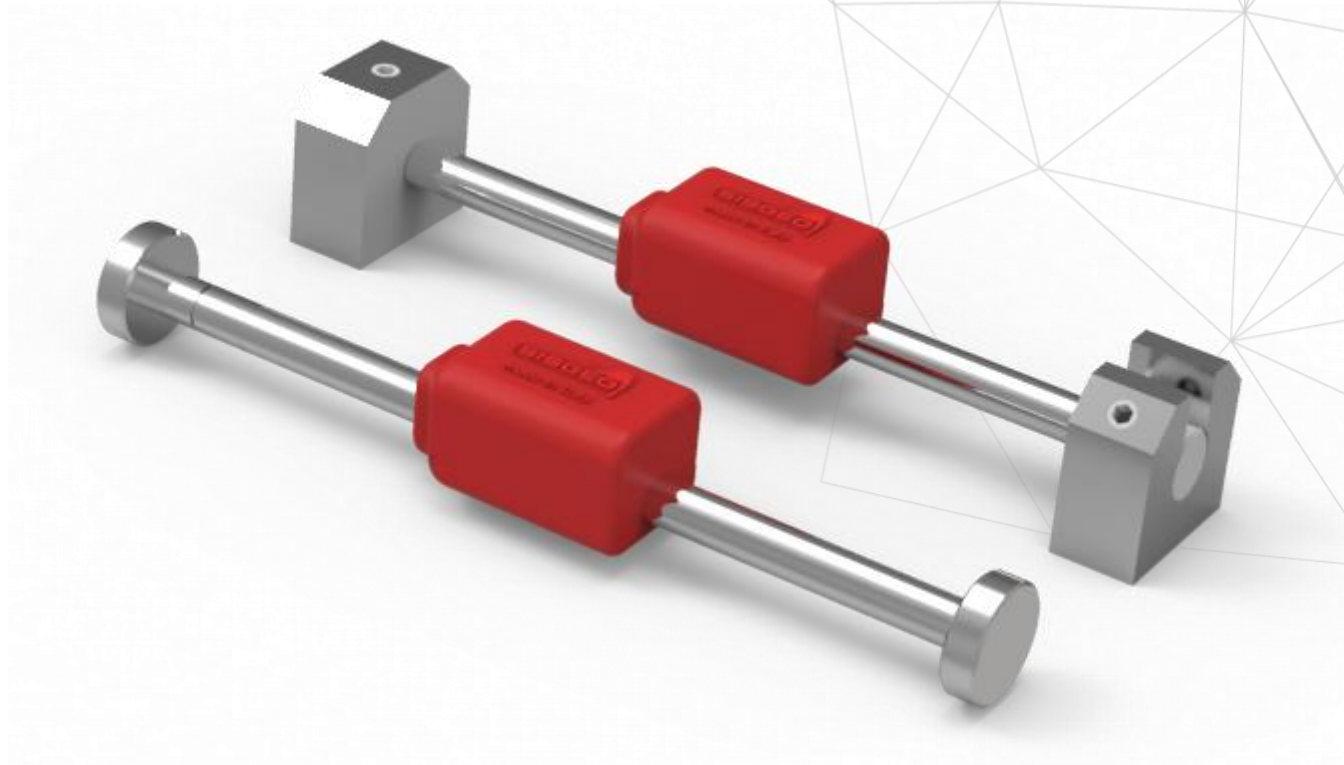
# — VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES

AIM:

**monitor stress  
into foundation piles**

INSTALLATION:

**- Construction**



# VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGES IN PILE STEEL CAGE



## \_\_ DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM



***OMNIAlog is the right solution for bridges automatic monitoring, data transmission and alerting:***

- 1. OMNIAlog, through 3G/4G router or other communication interface, sends the data packages at a preset intervals to a dedicated server***
- 2. Data are subjected to a first automatic validation in order to delete peaks and abnormal readings***
- 3. OMNIAlog can be set to send alarms (i.e. through SMS/email) or activation of sirens / flashings at the pre-set thresholds overcoming.***

## \_\_ DATA MANAGEMENT AND INTERPRETATION



***WMS Web Monitoring System is a SW platform for data management for geotechnical and structural monitoring systems, with the possibility to import data from both automatic data acquisition systems or manual readings. With WMS platform, data are sorted, converted into engineering units, validated, corrected by temperature variations, processed and plotted on special navigable and interactive charts.***



THANK YOU!