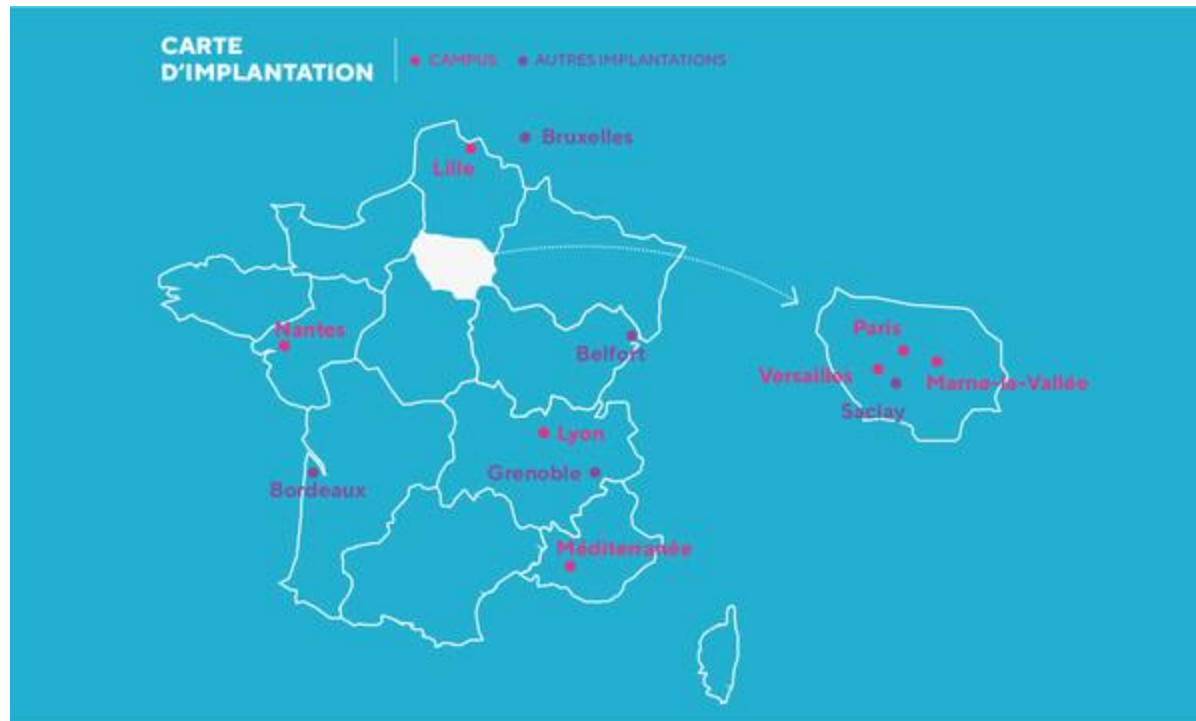


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# University Gustave Eiffel test Facilities

# Uni-Eiffel / Campus Nantes / SMC Lab



# Laboratory missions

Research and  
Development

- Improve knowledge of metallic elements, cables, structural bonding and composites used in civil engineering applications (bridges, nuclear enclosures, dams, **offshore/EMR structures**),

Standardisation and  
professional  
associations

- Supporting public policies/public contracting authorities in the **management of civil engineering structures** and the deployment of **new MRE structures** (infrastructure management, adaptation of structures and climate change mitigation)

- Help train the next generation in these issues,

- Contributing to the dissemination of knowledge

Certification

Expertise

Internships,  
doctorates, teaching

Publications, conferences,  
technical doctrines...



## Mechanical testing

## Cable testing/Major equipment

## Observations-Microstructure

## Instrumentation

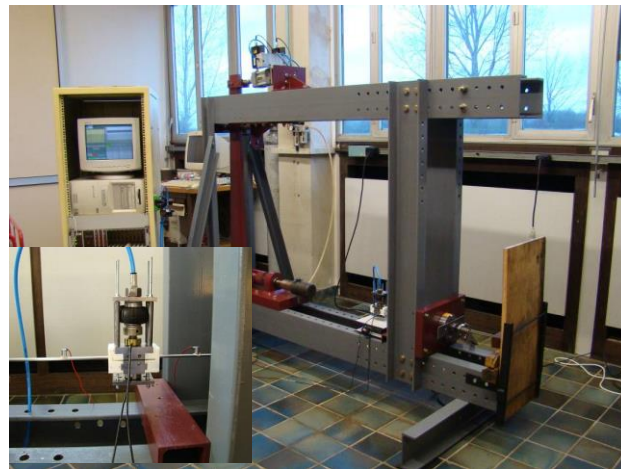
## Environmental ageing

## Modelling and numerical calculation

- 5 tensile test Rigs, including 3 fatigue machines (100, 250, 300, 600, 2500 kN)
- 5 mechanical test benches (up to 5,000 kN)
- 1 fretting-fatigue bench (50 kN)
- Several creep/relaxation frames

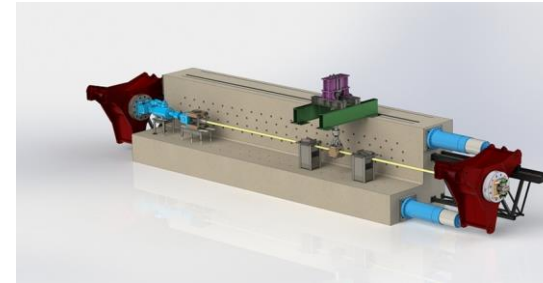


2500 kN fatigue press



Fretting-fatigue machine

- Major equipment: Cable fatigue bench (static force up to 24,000 kN + dynamic jacks)
- 200 m traction bench



Cable Fatigue Bench

**THEOREM**  
TEST FACILITIES FOR HYDRODYNAMICS AND MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY



200 m mechanical test bench

Mechanical testing

Cable testing/Major equipment

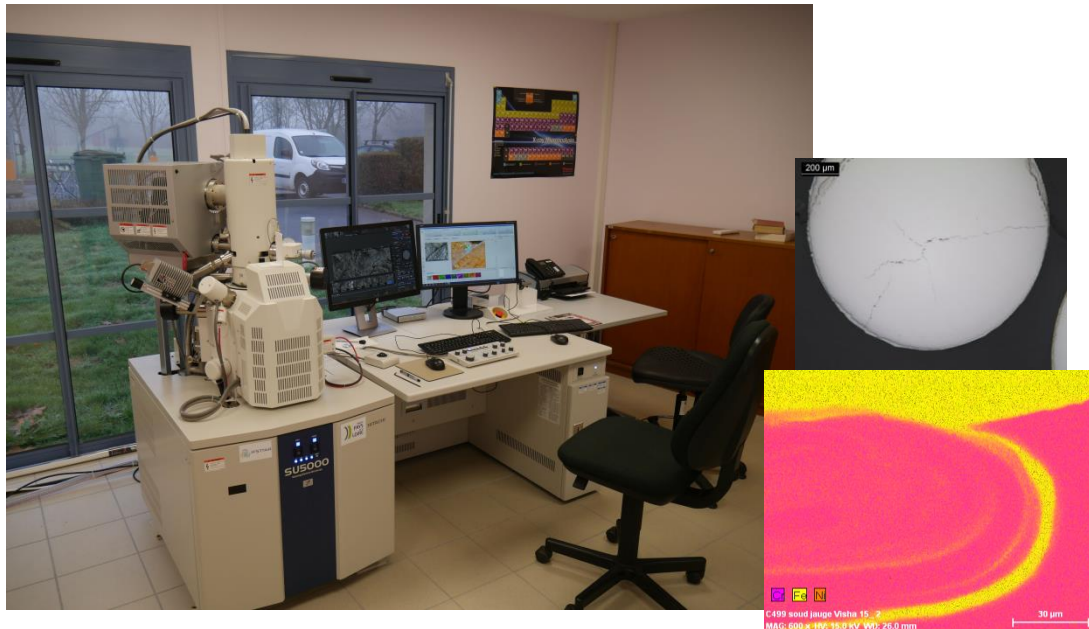
**Observations-Microstructure**

**Instrumentation**

Environmental ageing

Modelling and numerical calculation

- Metallurgical analyses: Preparation room + optical microscopes, SEM/EDS
- Hydrogen measurement
- 3D geometric characterisation
- Hardness / micro-hardness measurement systems



Scanning Electron Microscope

- ND monitoring / auscultation techniques: multichannel acoustic emission (X 4), Acousto-ultrasound and US (X2),
- Instrumentation and vibration analysis equipment,
- Single-channel and multi-channel electrochemistry (X5)
- Systems for measuring and acquiring displacements, deformations, forces and temperatures
- Image correlation measurements



Acoustic emission measurement chain

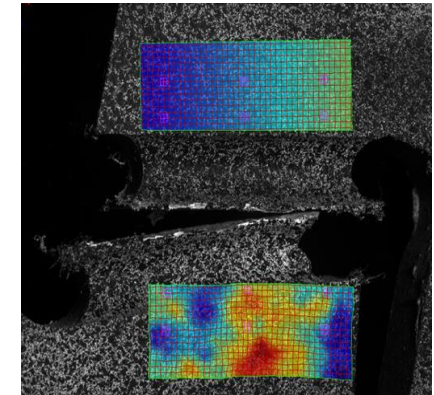


Image correlation measurements



Mechanical  
testing

Cable  
testing/Major  
equipment

Observations-  
Microstructure

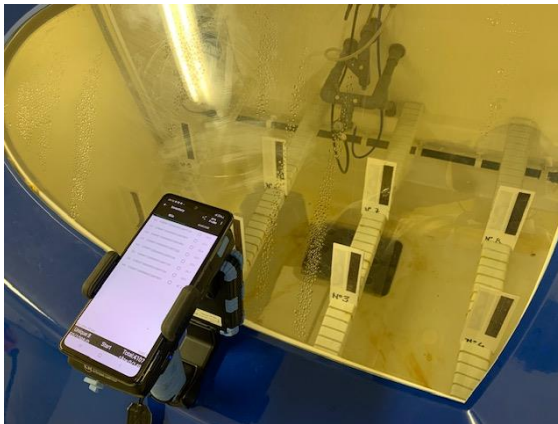
Instrumentation

Environmental  
ageing

Modelling and  
numerical  
calculation

- Set of environmental chambers: 2 salt spray chambers, a hygrothermal stability chamber and a hygrothermal cycling chamber
- Ageing frame under stress (corrosion, alkaline environment, etc.)

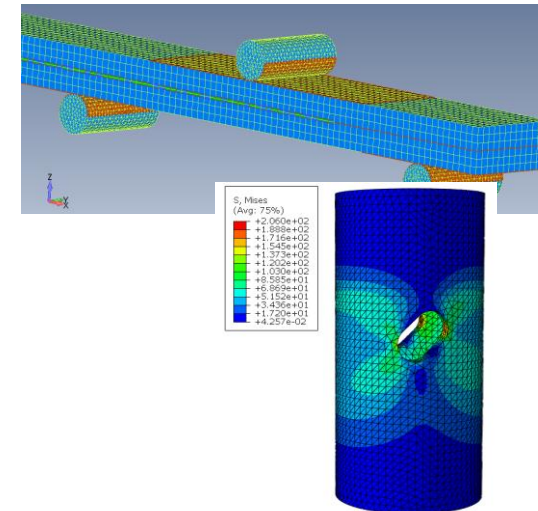
- Finite element Modelling software (Abaqus, Msc Marc et Mentat, etc.)
- Data processing tools (Matlab, etc.)
- CAD (SolidWorks, etc.)



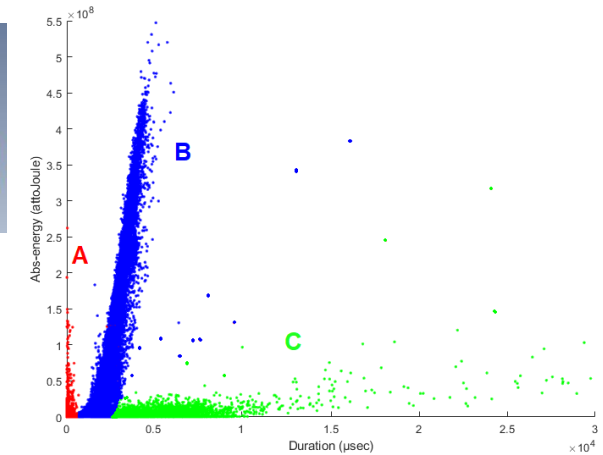
Salt fog chamber



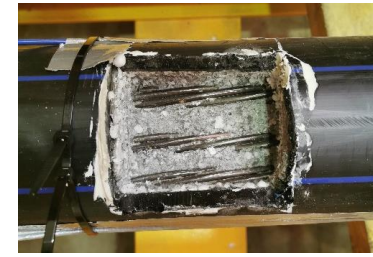
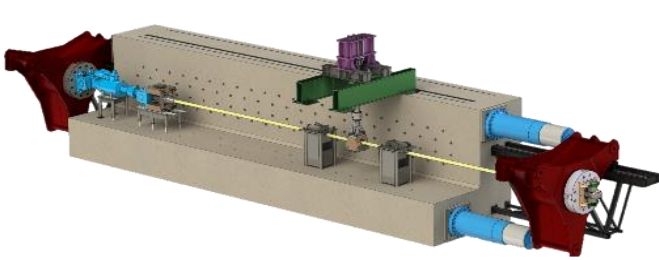
Stressed ageing frames



Finite element models



Tools for processing and classifying acoustic events



## Theme 1: Behaviour and durability of MRE and energy cables

Monamoor (GEF), Seasnake (OceanERANet), Dynamo (GEF), Seanake+ (Cet), SmartMooring (Cet)

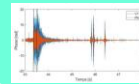
**MENFAT project**

## Topic 2: Reinforcement and cables for civil engineering structures

BA and BP certification, thesis N. Delaplanque (ANDRA), GT AFGC, re-anchoring test (SANEF) + *expert reports*

## Theme 5: Auscultation, instrumentation and diagnosis of existing structures

Thesis C. Sarr, Auscultation of end caps using acousto-US, Cable acoustic instrument (CCI Seine Estuaire), CAHPREEX (Connected bridges), + *expert reports*



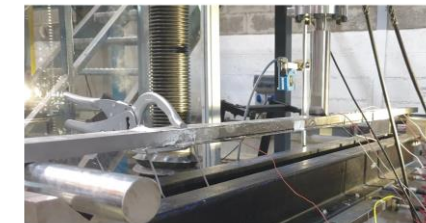
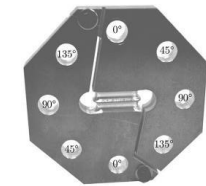
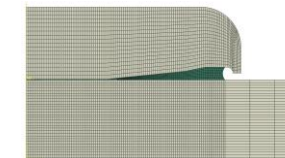
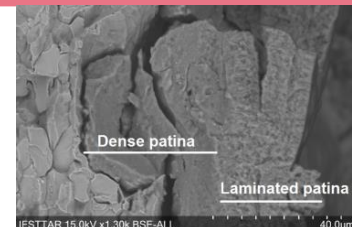
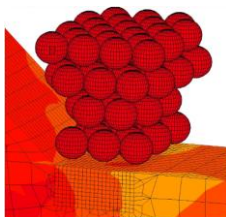
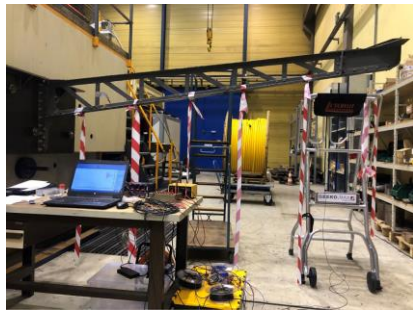
*Certification*

## Theme 3: Behaviour and durability of metal structures and their assembly

Thesis H. Franz (AREP), completion ass. Soudés (SONATS), thesis J.M. Morel (RTE), + *expert reports*

## Theme 4: Structural bonding and composite materials for civil engineering applications

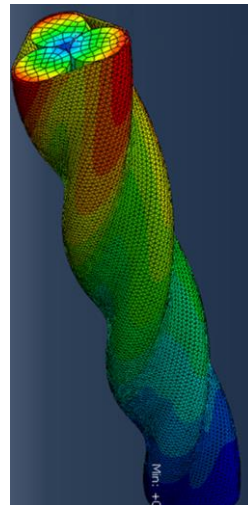
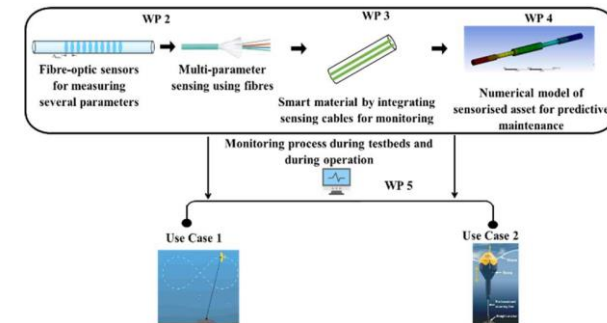
Thesis Q. Sourisseau and post-doc (SBO-Bureau Veritas), thesis A. Fawaz, thesis M. Loiseau (DGA/ColdPad), Recityplast project + *expert appraisals*





# Succes on Cet - projects

- **SEASNAKE Project** : Characterization and Dynamic Behavior of Conductor Cables
- **SMARTMOORING Project** : Sensor-equipped mooring components for marine energy systems
- **Seasnake + Project** : Industrial upscale of surface protection system & fibre optic-based condition monitoring for the SEASNAKE MVC (Medium Voltage Cables)





# Main partners



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