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CONTACT FREE ELASTO-MAGNETIC SENSORS FOR MONITORING OF TENSION FORCES IN PRE-STRESSING ANCHORS AND COMPRESSION LOADS IN PILES



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DF Sensors for Force Monitoring



OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

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INTRODUCTION

Our infrastructure is expanding and existing infrastructure is aging Determine the behavior of the structure under various loads and environmental effects

Know the condition of the structure before it is too late Inspection- non-destructive testing Repair or replacement

Pre-stressing is a key element to the performance and durability of the structures where they are installed

Anchor Force

During construction Long-term monitoring Periodic, continuous, remote

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INTRODUCTION Cont'd

Anchor embedded or external

Anchor either of strand or high strength bar

Strand/bar can be of bare, coated or grouted

Various methods to measure the anchor force

Most are cumbersome and accuracy differs



DSI involved in development, testing and utilization of DYNA Force to measure the force in anchors





DYNA Force sensors are manufactured based on the magneto-elastic properties of ferrous material.

FARADAY'S LAW: Change in magnetic environment of a coil of wire will cause a voltage to be induced in the coil

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d}{dt}(\phi_B)$$

$$\varepsilon = \text{ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE}$$

$$\phi_B = \text{MAGNETIC FLUX}$$

$$\sigma(t) \quad \uparrow$$

$$\text{CURRENT}$$

$$\text{GENERATOR}$$

$$\sigma(t) \quad \uparrow$$

$$\text{POWER STRESS}$$

$$\text{UNIT}$$

THEORY Cont'd

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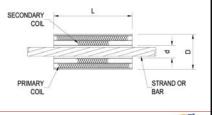
Sensor is composed of a primary coil and a secondary coil

By passing current through primary coil, ferromagnetic material is magnetized

Sensing coil picks up induced electromotive force that is proportional to change rate of applied magnetic flux and relative permeability

As permeability of core changes, output voltage changes

Output voltage is calibrated to measure force



SYSTEMS

DYNA Force System consists of mainly sensor and readout unit

The force can be measured by:

Manual reading Local data storage Remote access











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Readout Unit

Multiplexer



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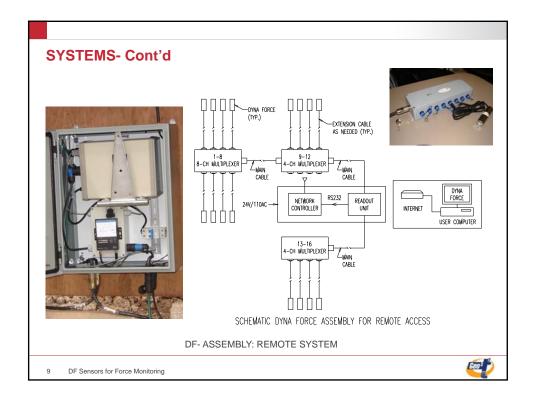
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Table: DYNA Force Dimensions

Strand Size	Strand Grade	Sensor Dimensions [in]		
[in]	[KSI]	ID	OD	Length
0.5" - 0.62"	270	0.79	1.42	5.2
THREADBAR Size	Bar Grade	Sensor Dimensions [in]		
[in]	[KSI]	ID	OD	Length
#7 - #11	75-97	1.69	3.15	7.09
#14	75-97	2.09	3.90	7.87
#18 / #20	75-97	2.87	5.71	12.20
#24	75-97	3.35	6.10	12.99
1" - 1-3/8"	150	1.69	3.15	7.09
1-3/4"	150	2.09	3.90	7.87
2-1/2"	150	2.87	5.71	12.20
3"	150	3.35	6.10	12.99

DYNA Force over the x-section of the anchor is custom made and dimensions will be provided upon request

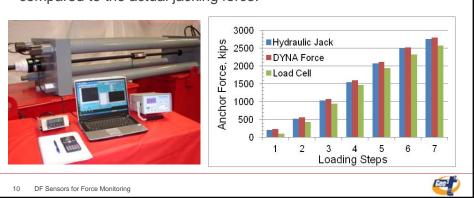




ACCURACY

Due to the diversity of the magnetic property of steel, calibration is done for each type of steel allowing the sensors to perform at their highest accuracy.

Three sensors were used in each of three 59-0.6" strand anchors Sensors were consistently more accurate than load cells when compared to the actual jacking force.



MEASURING PROCEDURE

Sensors supplied are pre calibrated at DSI facility

Install over the strand/bar during construction

Attach portable readout unit to wire leads from DYNA Force

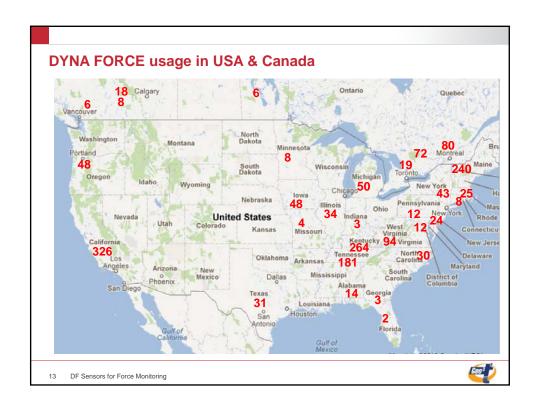
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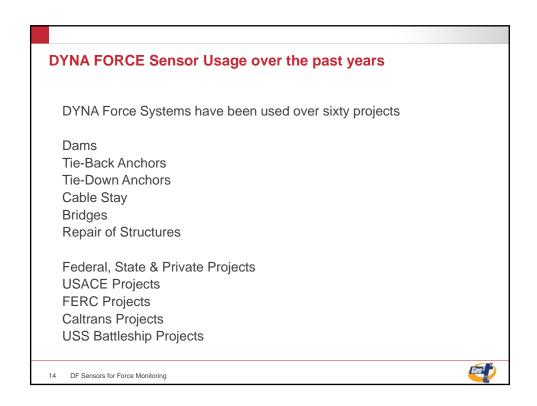
Apply anchor force

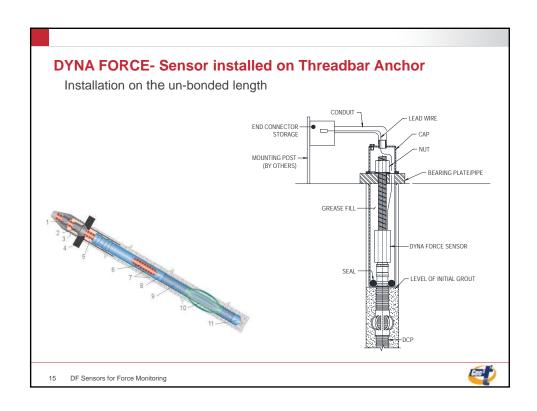
Measure the force in anchor anytime

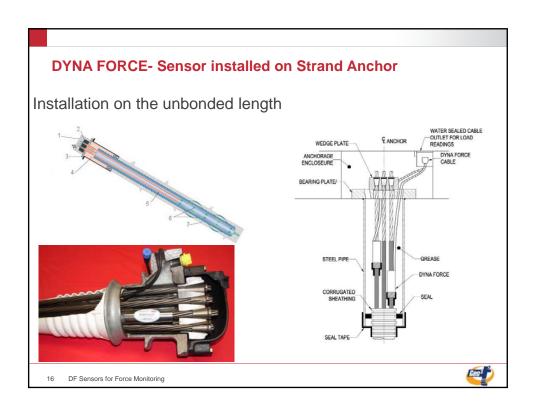


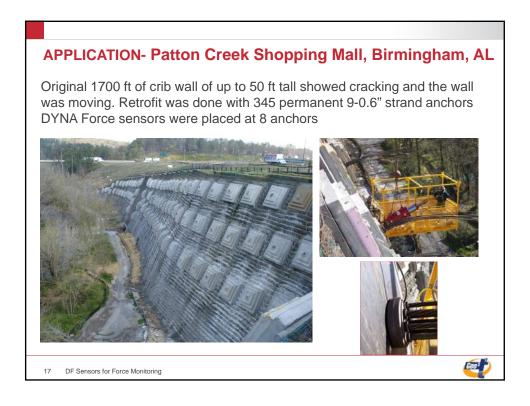






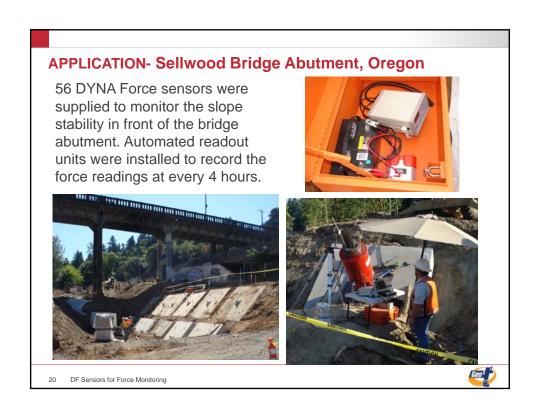












DYNA FORCE – Interstate 405 / Sepulveda Blvd.



2 Permanent Retaining Walls for Road Widening Soldier Beam and Lagging System with up to 5 rows of tiebacks 470ea 4 thru 8-0.6" DCP Strand Anchors

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APPLICATION- Retaining Wall- Rt 405, CA

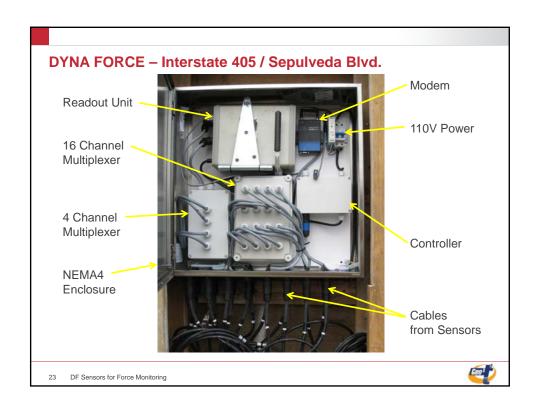
48 DYNA Force sensors were installed on tie back anchors to monitor the performance of the retaining wall. Automated readout units were installed to record the force at every 4 hrs.

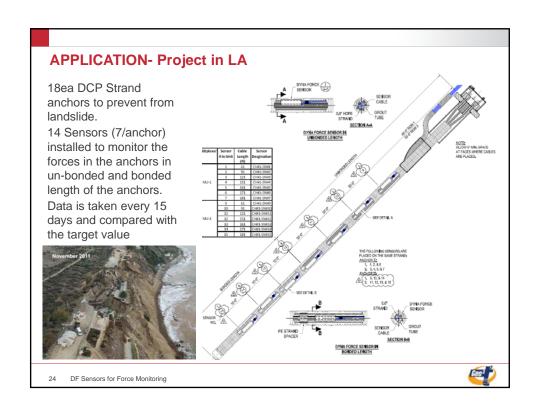


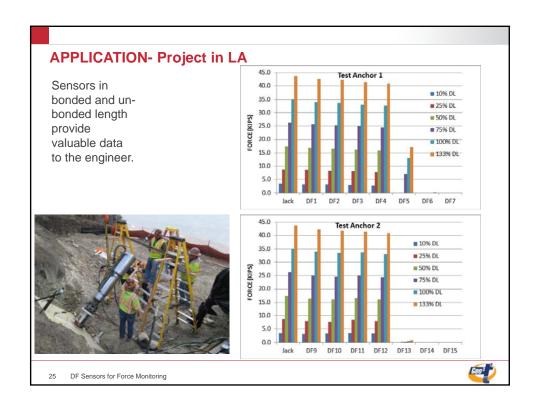


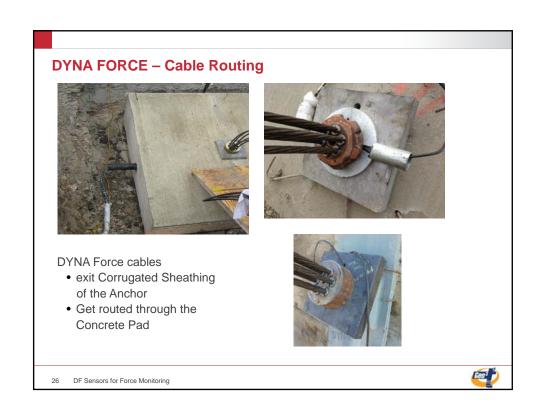
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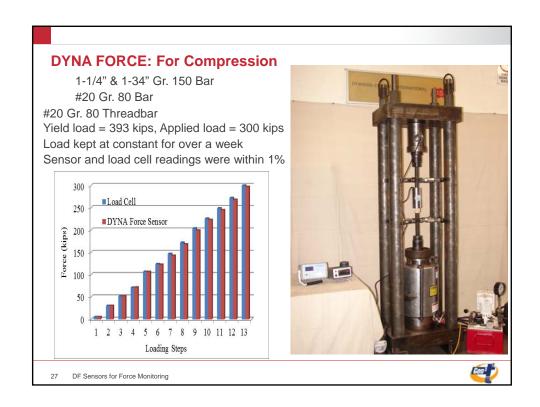
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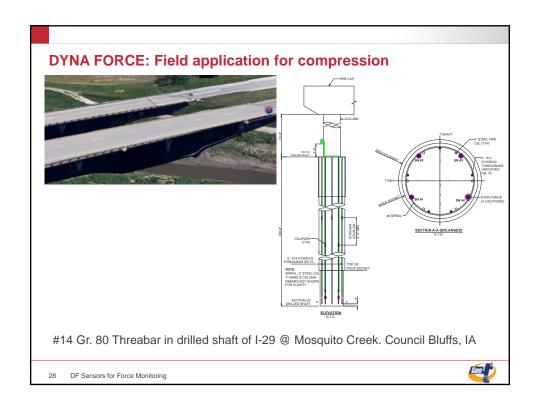






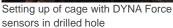


















Completion of concrete pour of drilled shaft with DYNA Force sensors

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CONCLUSIONS

DYNA Force sensors can be used for:

bare, epoxy-coated, galvanized and greased-sheathed steel in bonded, un-bonded, grouted or un-grouted length of the anchor.

Eliminates any lift-offs & friction tests.

Reduce the pocket depth since no load cell is required.

Portable read-out unit.

Reading in seconds by a trained person any time.

Owner can regularly monitor forces in anchor even from remote access.



CONCLUSIONS- Cont'd

Durability

DYNA Force system is robust

Requires no maintenance & has no moving parts

Similar service life to that of the structure

The accuracy of the force measurement is normally within 1.5% for strand and within 3% for bar for preinstalled DF sensors.



