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# VIBRATION ANALYSIS

OPERATIONAL DEFLECTION  
SHAPES & MODE SHAPES

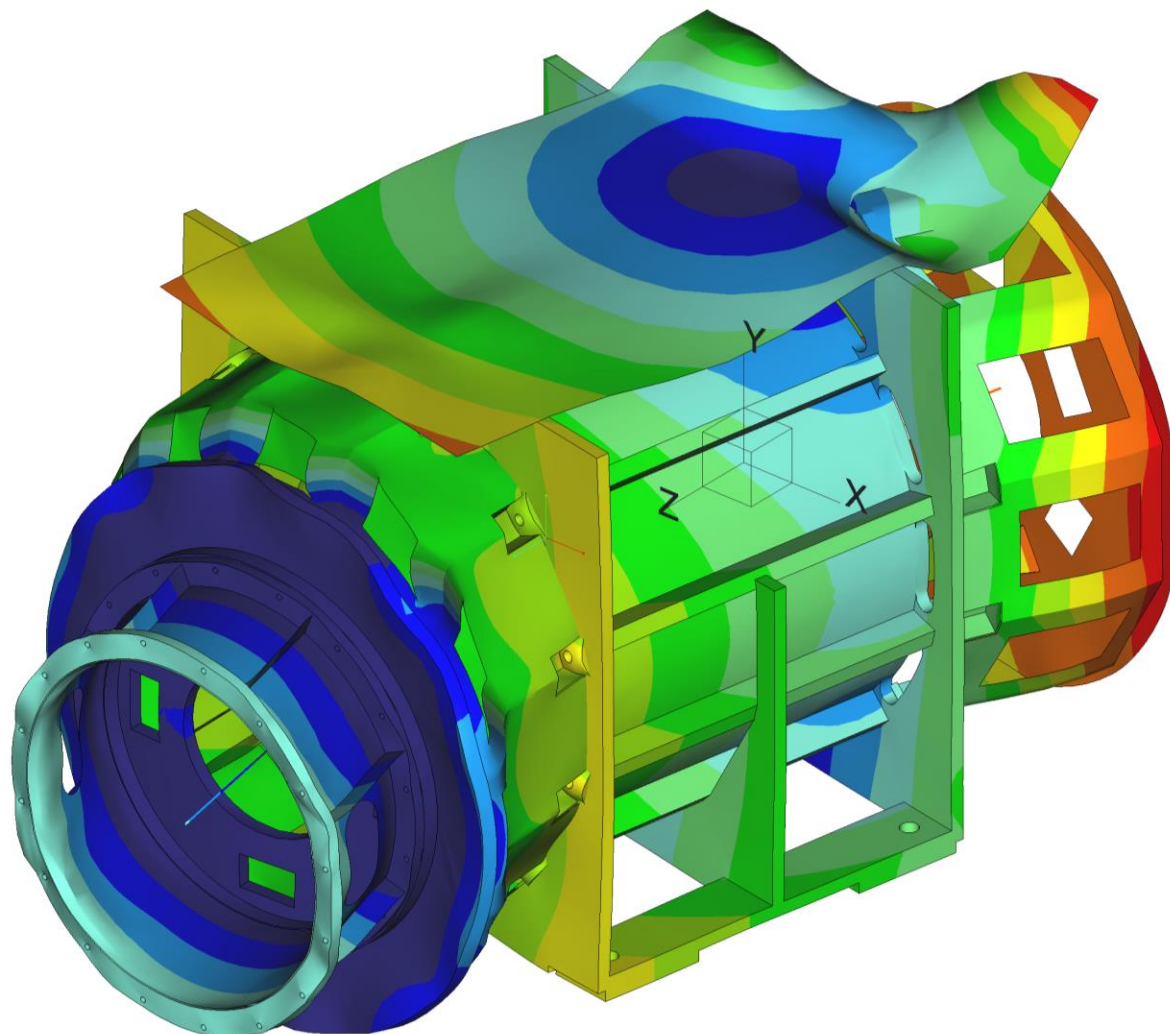
VERIFICATION OF ANALYTICAL  
MODELLING

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# ABSTRACT

**In the process of designing an alternator for genset application, it is essential to carry out some structural vibration analysis as well.**

Most often this is done by performing ODS (Operating Deflection Shape Analysis) or Modal Analysis.

An **ODS** shows the deformation of a structure at a specific frequency and shows the response of a structure to both resonant and forced vibration, and is generally very representative of real world data.

**Modal analysis** is similar to ODS in that deformation of the structure can be viewed, but it is primarily concerned with resonance frequencies (or natural frequencies) of a structure.

# INTRODUCTION

**The goal of this project is to confirm the mechanical design of the Mecc Alte series ECO49, and setup a foundation method for the new series ECO47.**

The project is composed of the following stages:

1. Acquiring the ODS's in a real genset MTU 20V4000G63 / Mecc Alte ECO 49MV-L
2. Simulate the ECO 49MV-L with a FEM software in order to model the modal parameters: natural frequencies, modal damping and shape.
3. Create a simplified virtual model of the engine, by means of a curve fitting process
4. Create a virtual test bench where simulate the alternator with different engines

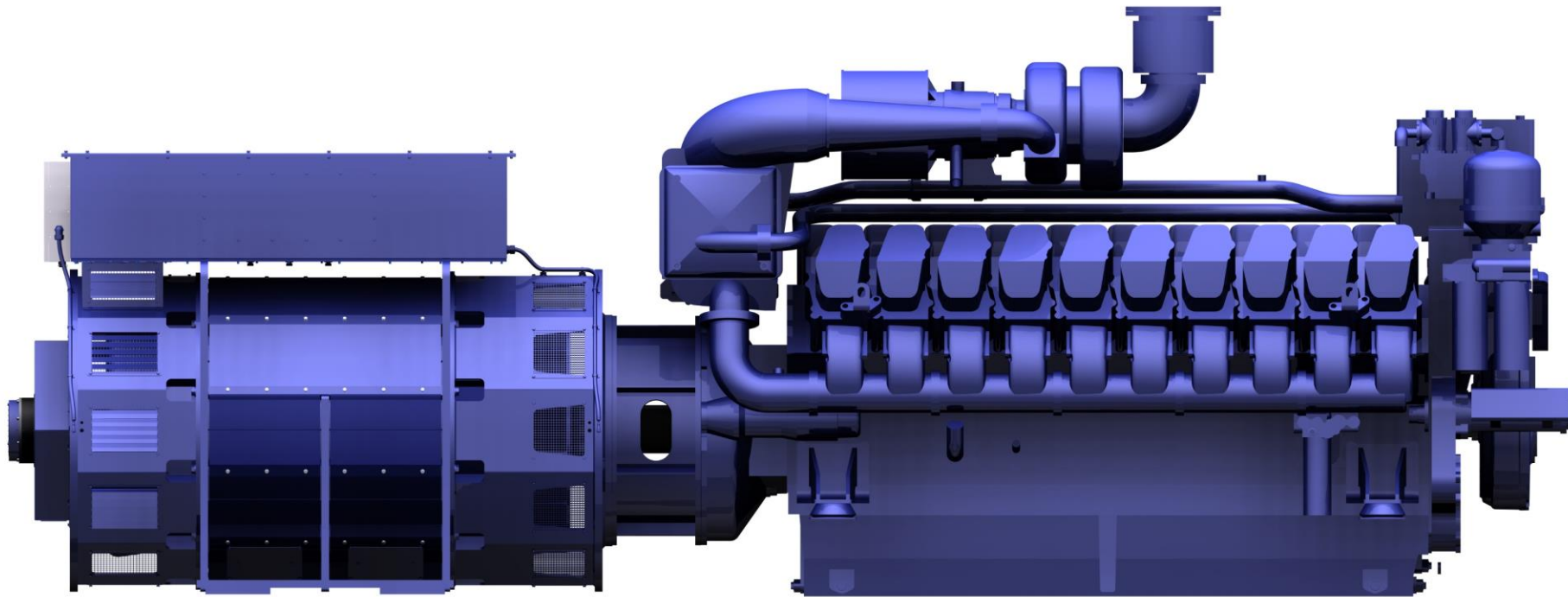
**The project has been developed in collaboration with CTM – Milan**



# EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST

Mecc Alte ECO 49MV-L  
2750kVA - 6,6kV – 50Hz

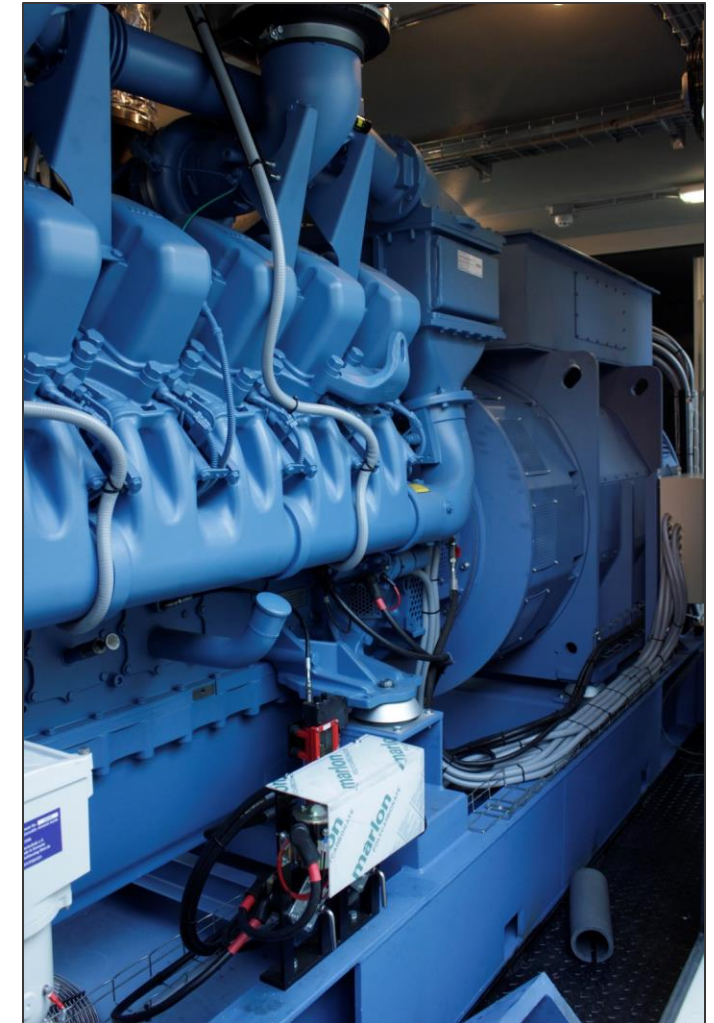
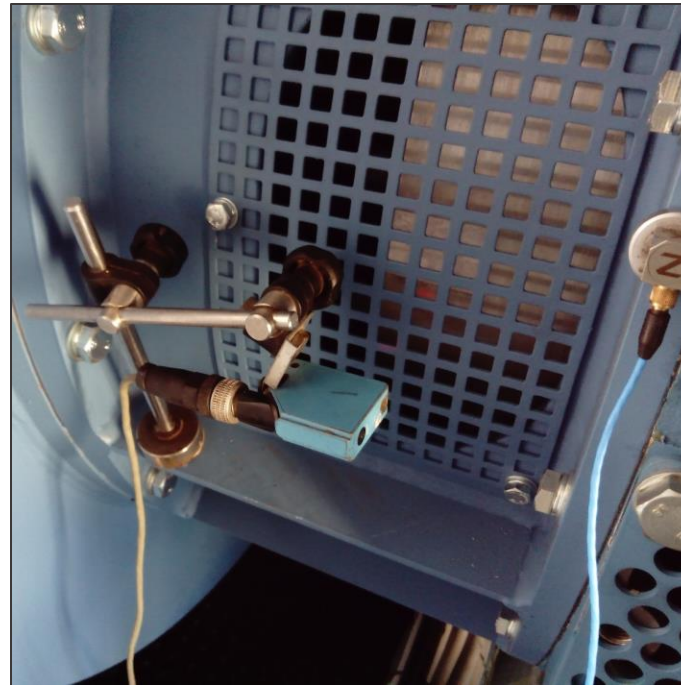
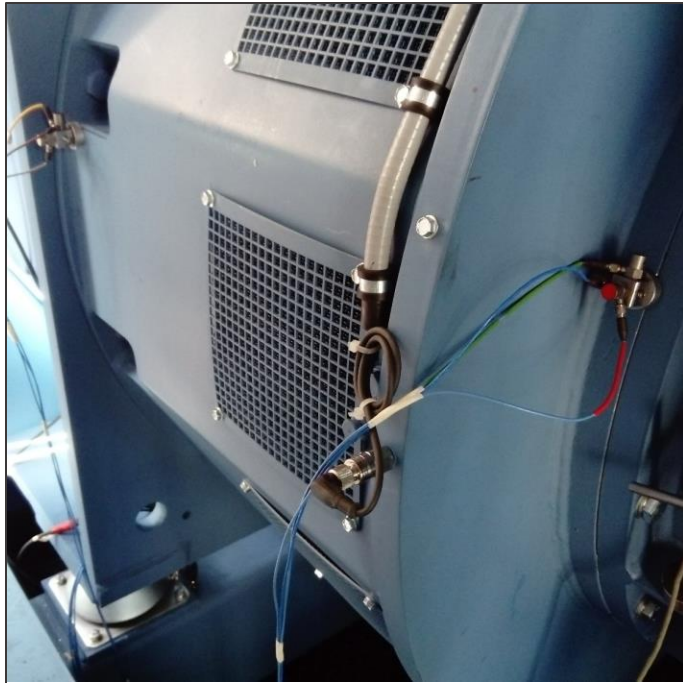
MTU 20V4000G63  
2000kW – 1500rpm





# ODS's MEASUREMENT

The ODS's were acquired during the commissioning of the genset in December 2017, at the clients factory.

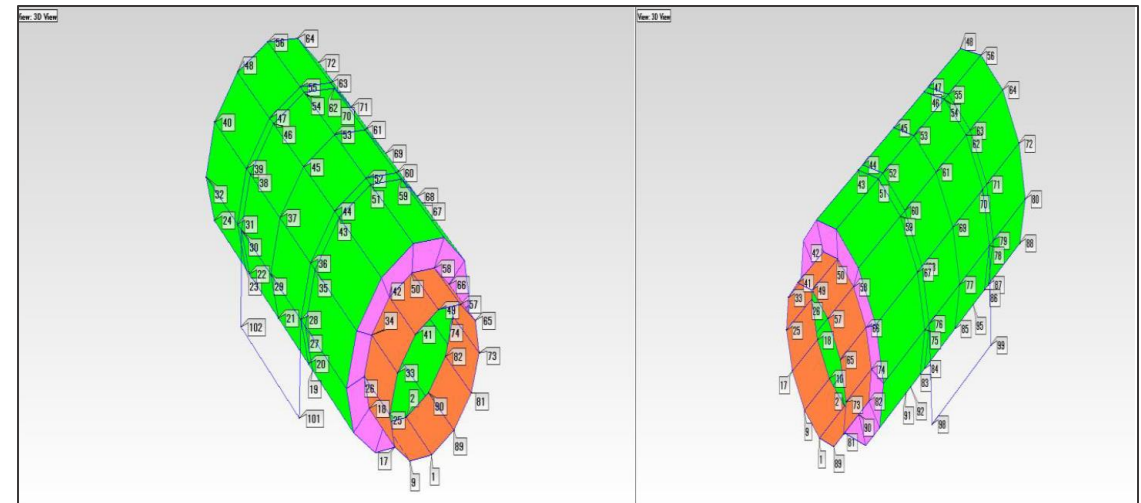
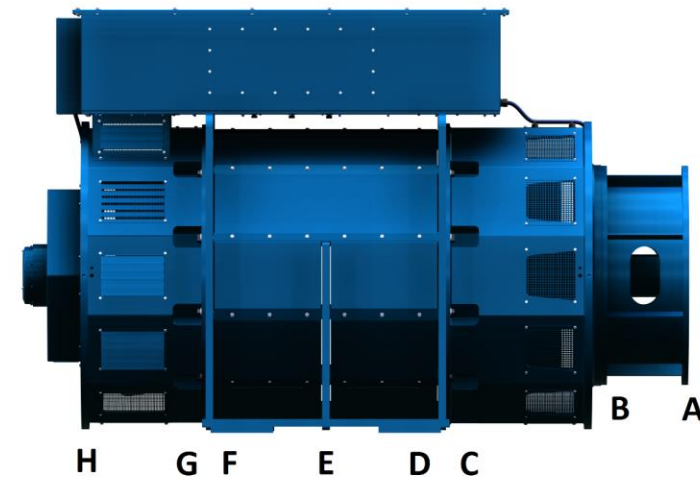


# ODS's MEASUREMENT

The vibrations are measured on the alternator with 8 triaxial accelerometers in 12 different points

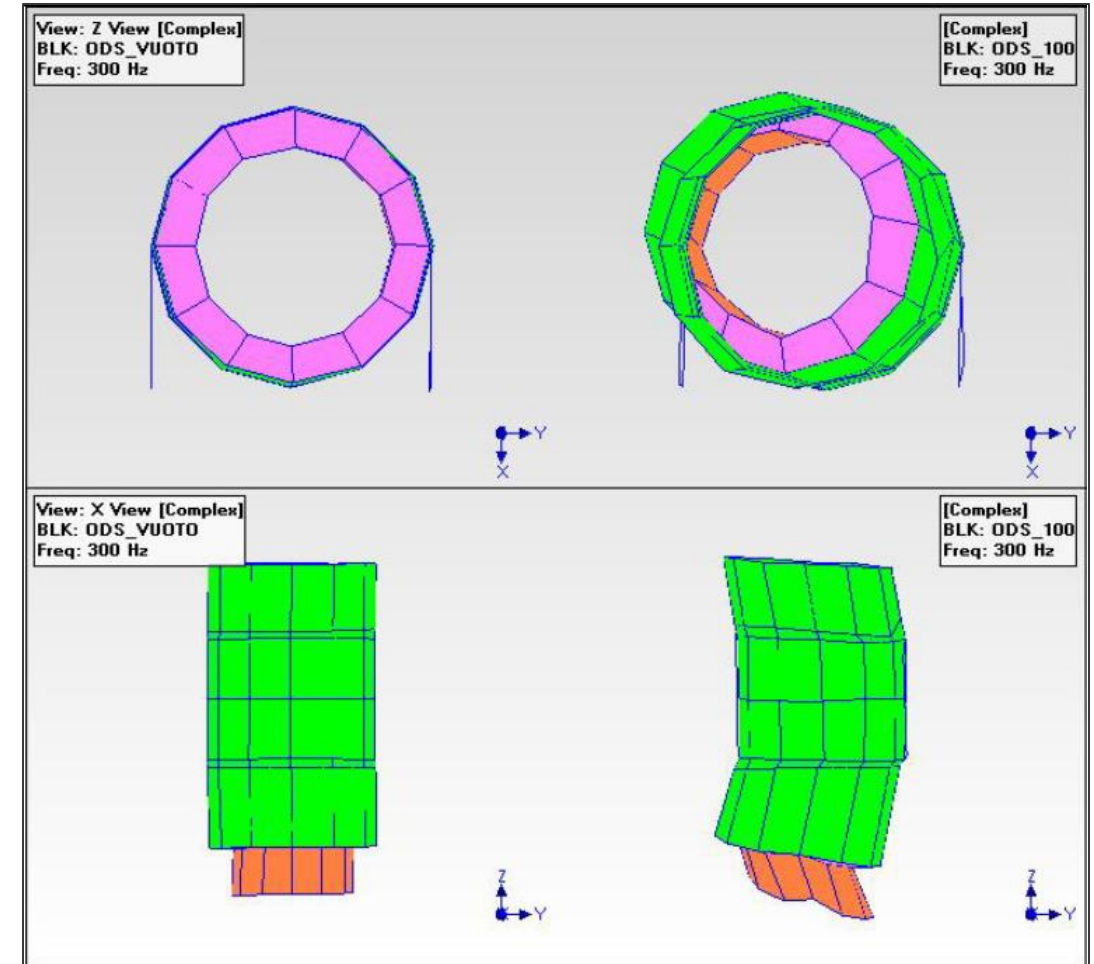
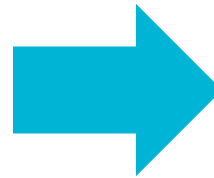
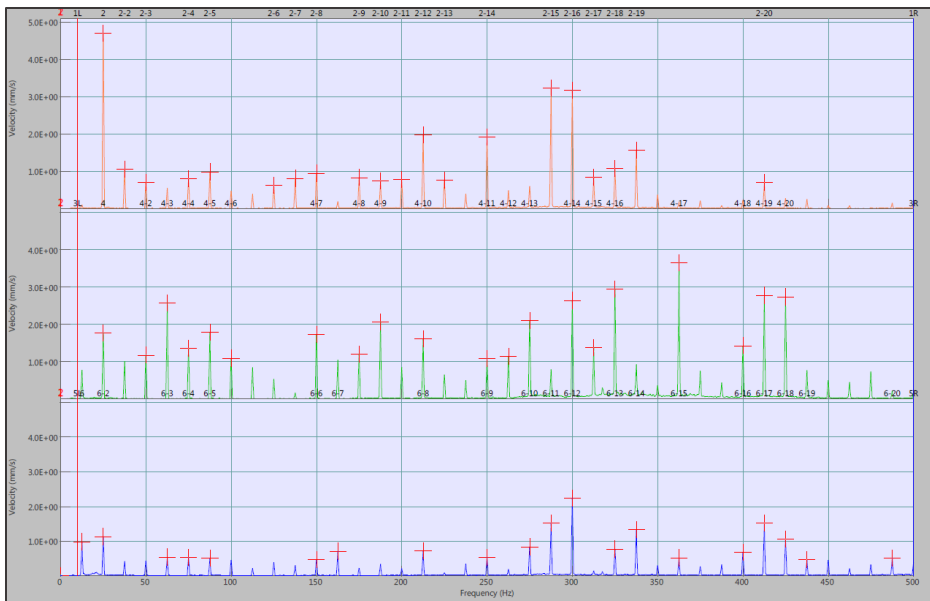
We acquired in total 288 different traces on the frame and 306 traces on the feet, at 0%, 75% and 100% of the load.

On each of these traces an FFT analysis 10-500 Hz was performed and with a specific software the deflection shapes were determined



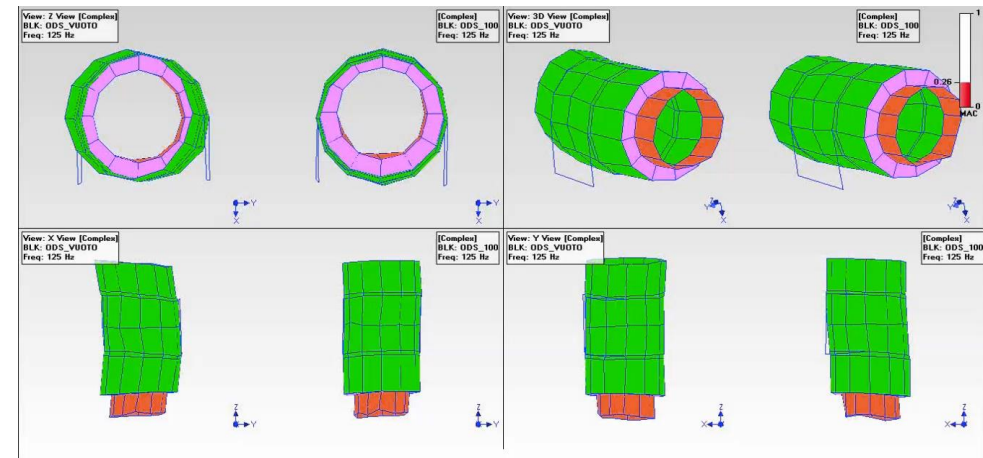
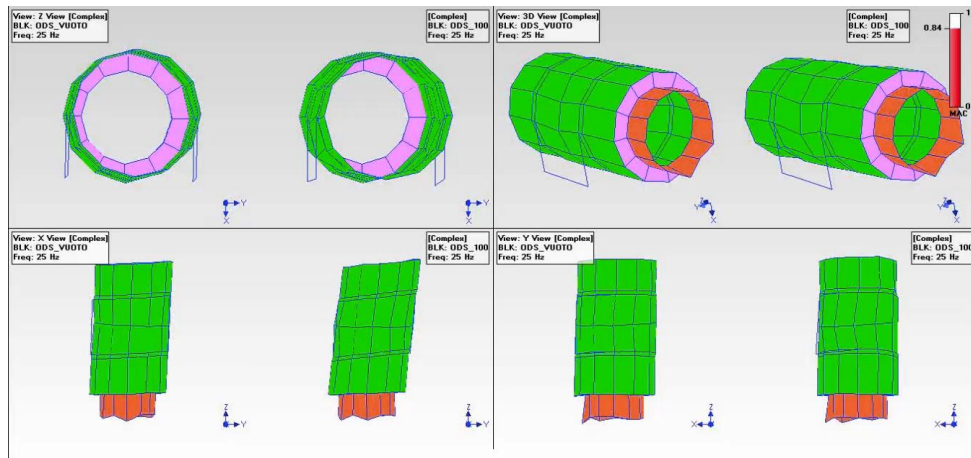
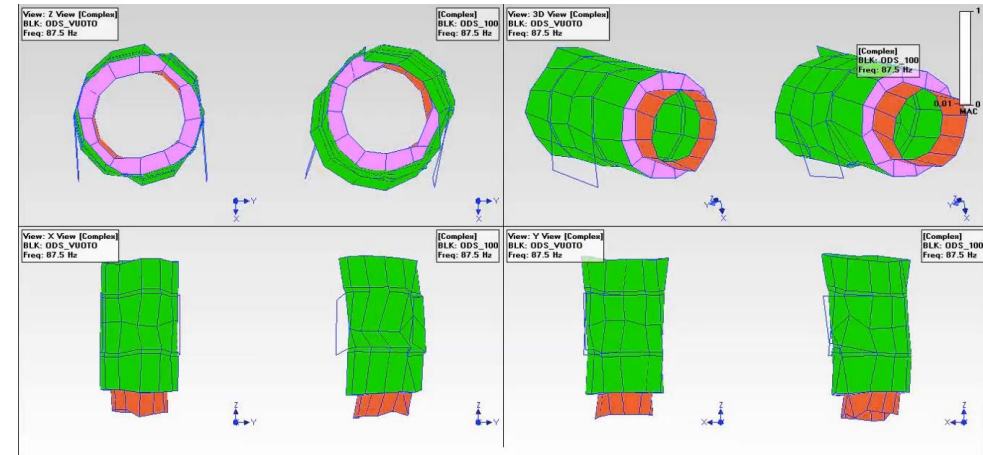
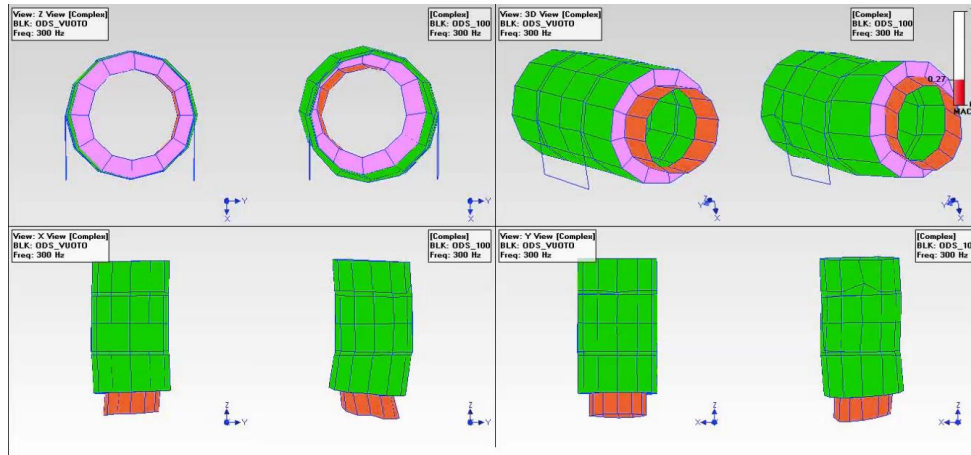
# ODS's MEASUREMENT

From the FFTs to the operative deflection shapes





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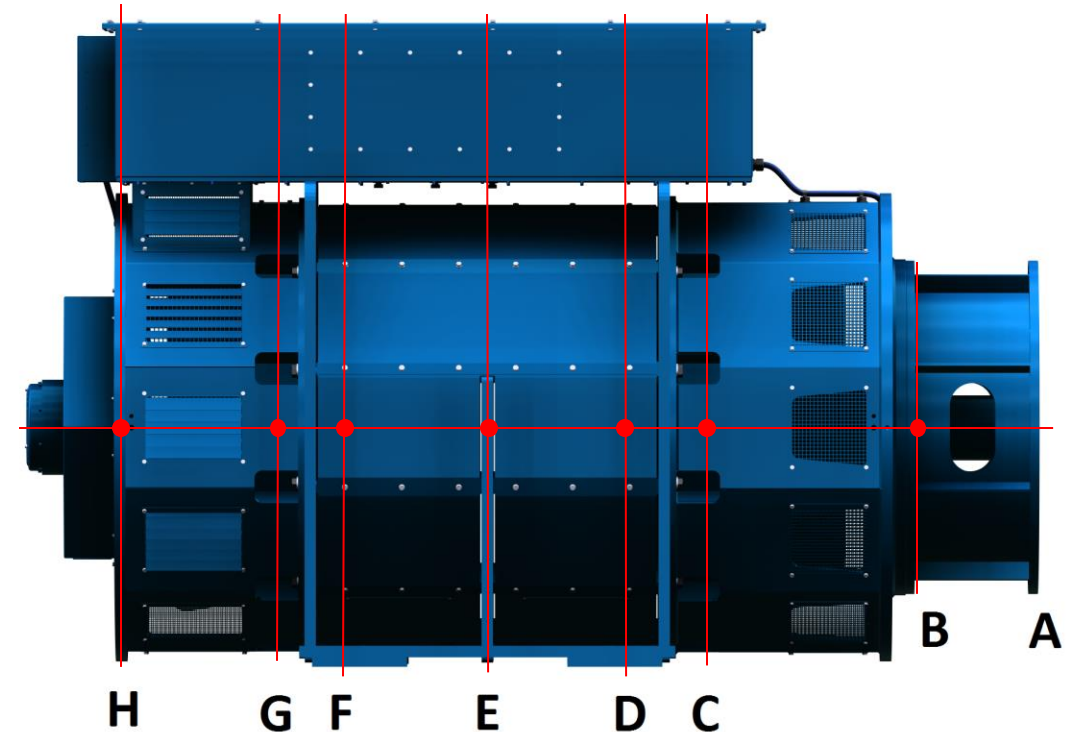




# RMS VALUES 10-1000HZ

Vibrations acquired on the alternator frame,  
horizontal axle [ mm/s rms]

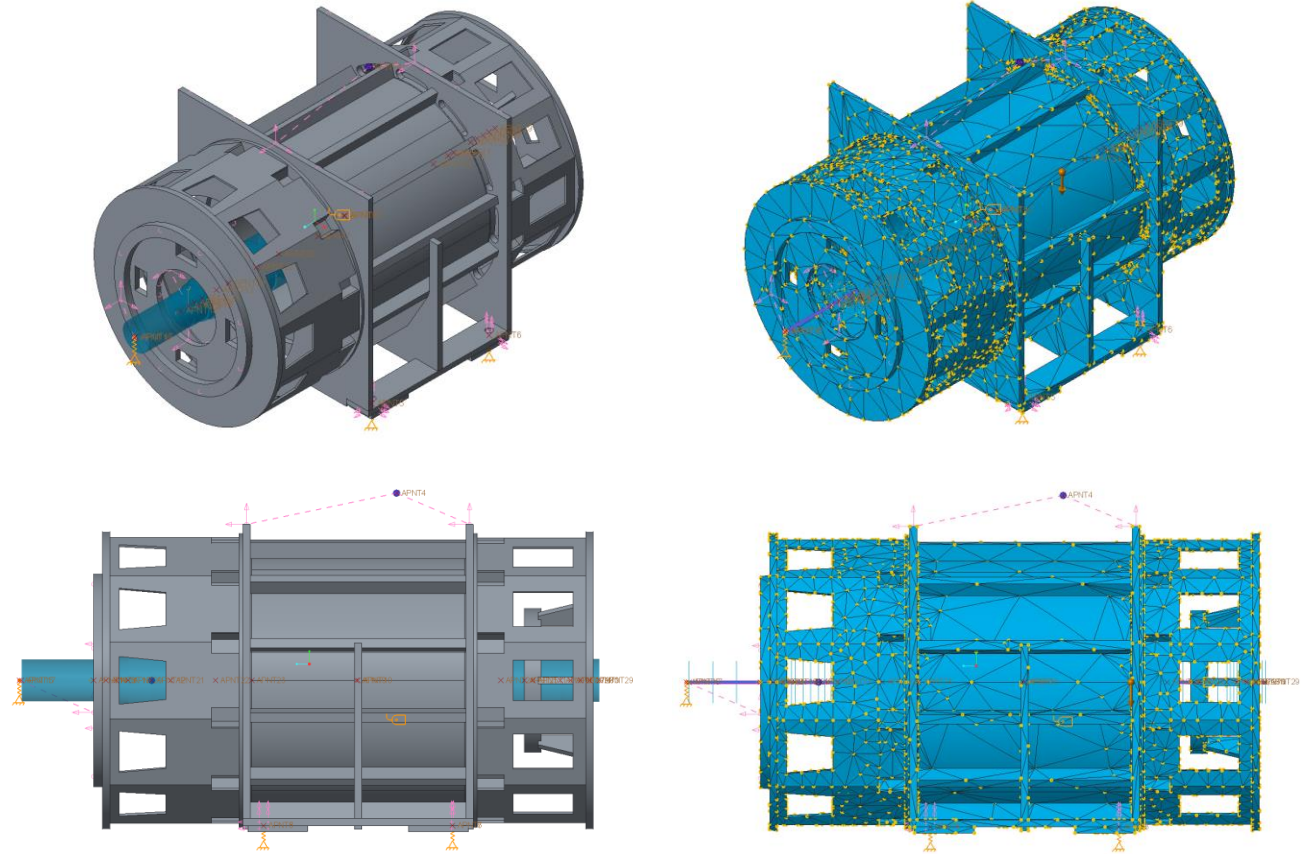
Point	Load 0%	Load 75%	Load 100%
B	4.0	6.7	8.0
C	3.1	3.2	4.0
D	3.1	3.4	3.9
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F	5.0	5.6	6.0
G	5.5	6.2	6.8
H	6.8	8.6	10.2



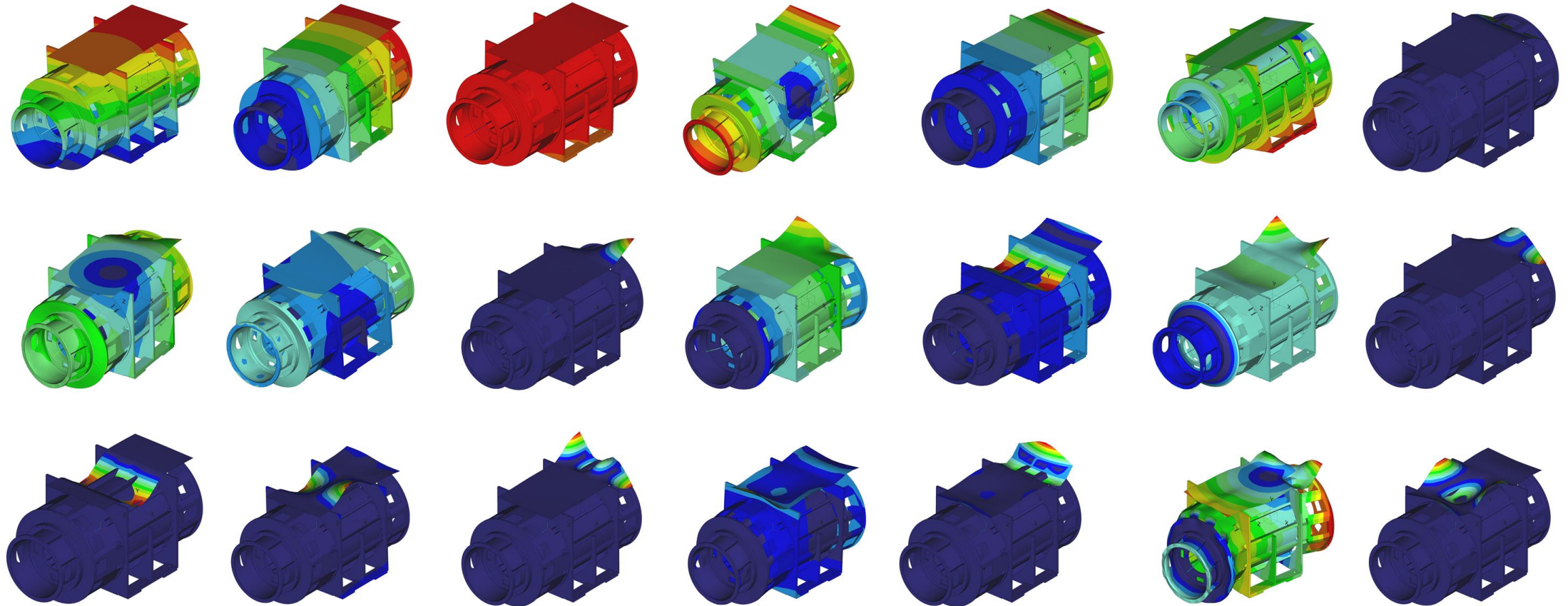
# ECO49 FEM SIMULATION

The modal shapes are determined by using a finite element model of the alternator

We found 27 different modal shapes from 4 to 150 Hz



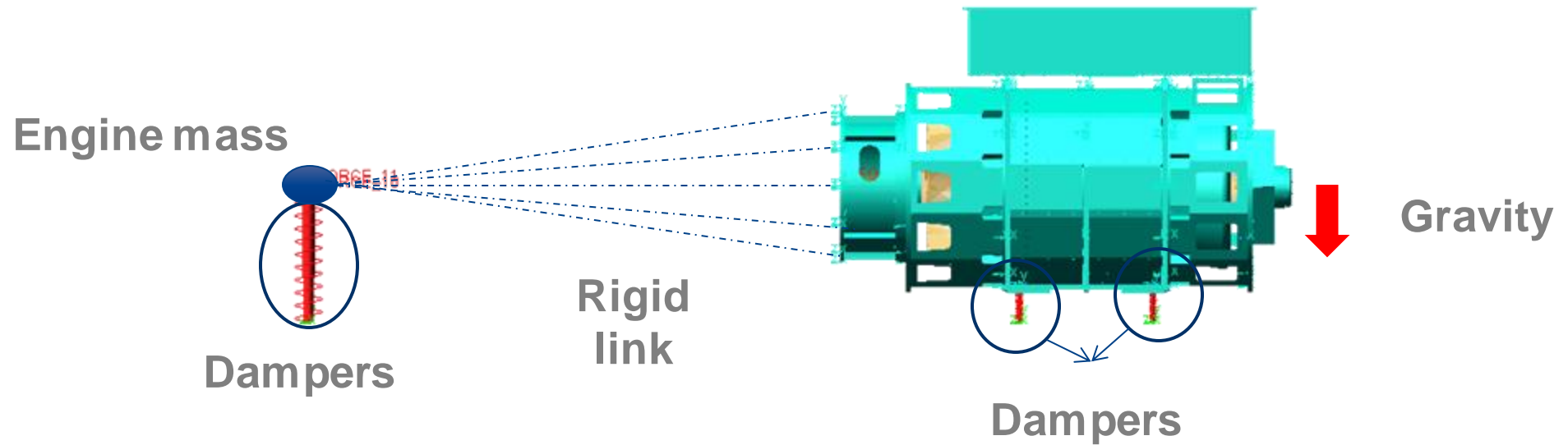
# ECO49 MODAL SHAPES



# ENGINE MODEL

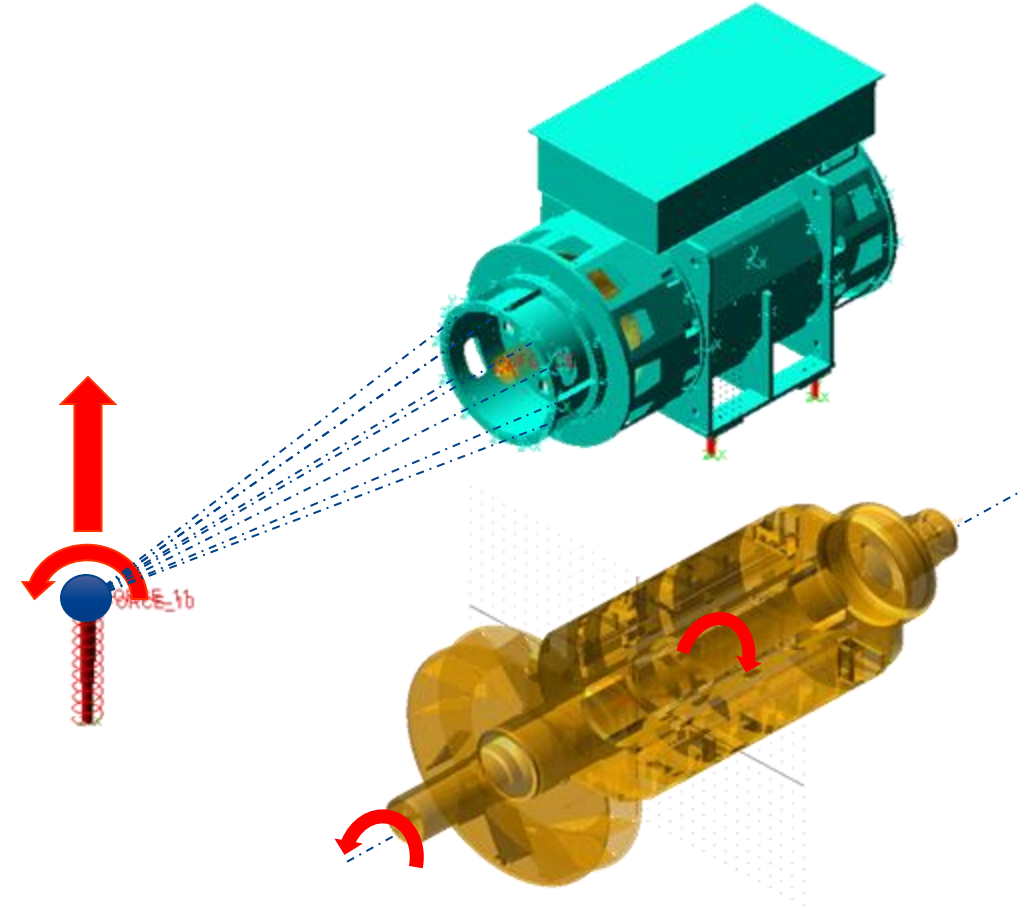
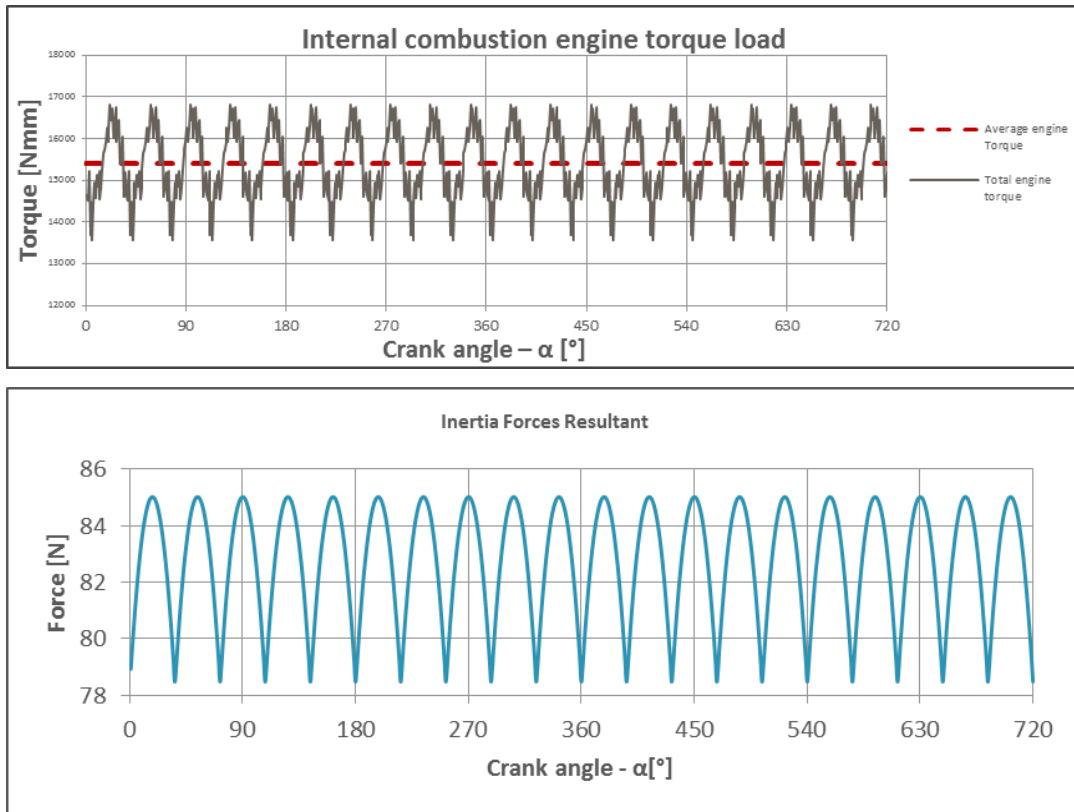
Engine weight & Inertia	
Massa [kg]	9640
$I_{xx}$ [kg mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$1.0e+10$
$I_{yy}$ [kg mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$1.02e+10$
$I_{zz}$ [kg mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$4.25e+9$

Dampers Stiffness [N/mm]	
Generator	$10^9$
Engine	$10^9$





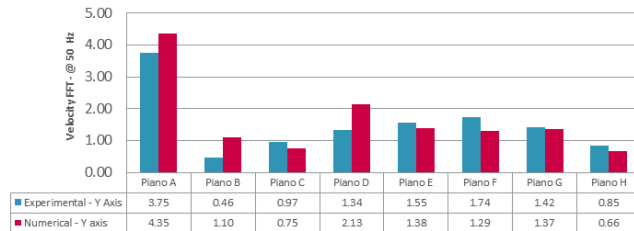
# LOADS INTRODUCED BY THE ENGINE



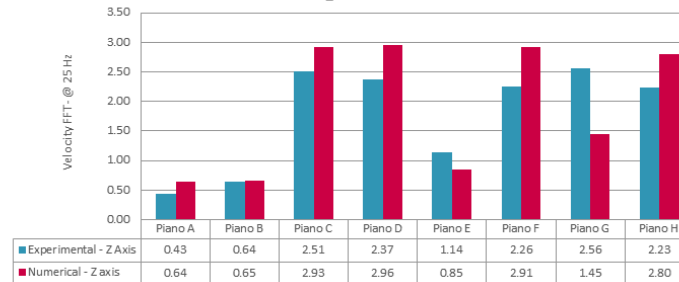
# CURVE FITTING

We created a virtual genset, and adapted the modal parameters, comparing the analytical data with the sampling acquired in the field, minimizing the square errors.

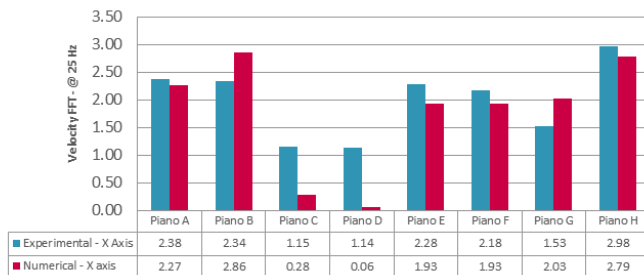
Vibration 50 Hz @1500 RPM – Y Axis



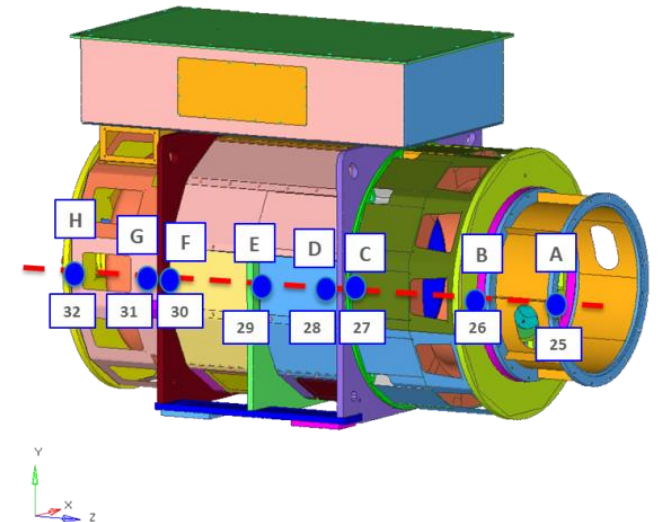
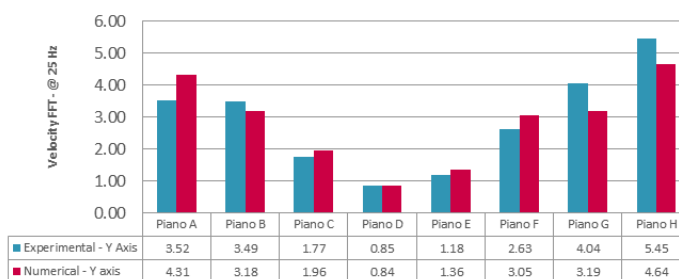
Vibration 25 Hz @1500 RPM –Z Axis



Vibration 25 Hz @1500 RPM – X Axis



Vibration 25 Hz @1500 RPM – Y Axis



# CONCLUSION

1. Vibrations acquired on the CTM project are below ISO 8528 limits and safe for the genset
2. We have setup a virtual test bench, to estimate the vibrations in a specific condition, even with different engines
3. We can help the customer in case of abnormal vibrations
4. We have defined a methodology to be used for the approval of other series and the design of the new series ECO47





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