

# VIbCONTROL

Vibrations under control. Smart damping for buildings and bridges: increasing safety and comfort and reducing maintenance costs.



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## Technological Offers type

Technological solutions

## Research and innovation areas

- Industry, Materials and Circular Economy
- Security, Defense and Disaster-Resilience

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## Where?

Structural Engineering Group

Keywords: | Construction | damping | security

## **Brief description of the solution and the added value it delivers**

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## **Description of the technological basis**

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*'It involves designing bridges and buildings with integral dampers, resulting in less vibrations, more comfort, a longer useful life, less maintenance and less impact on the environment'*

## **Business needs / application**

- Improved infrastructure safety.
- Improved safety when holding mass events, in order to avoid stampedes.
- Multi-use structures with safety requirements relating to different types of load.
- Building slender structures with better materials, avoiding the tendency to vibrate.
- Integration of smart dampers in structures, with constant awareness of the structural response.
- Avoiding destructive testing.
- Increasing the use of technologies consolidated in other fields of engineering, such as robotics or the automotive sector.

## **Competitive advantages**

- Material savings during construction of up to 50% of the price of the structure, representing between 20 and 80% of the total and financial benefits of up to 40%.
- Reduces the carbon footprint by up to 50%.
- Increases the useful life of the structure, making it more reliable.
- Increases the comfort perceived by users, by reducing vibrations.
- Thanks to its integrated sensors, it is an adaptive smart structure.

## References

- More than €102,000 through contracts with companies: VALORIZA, CORSAM-CORVIAM, FCC, TELICE, VZERO, PONDIO, MELCHOR MASCARÓ, etc.
- Public projects: REVES-P, development of new vibration reduction systems, 2014-2016; SETH, comprehensive structural monitoring system for buildings, 2013-2015.
- Recognised experts in vibration control, structural instrumentation and innovative repair systems.

## Stage of development

- Concept
- Research
- Lab prototype
- Industrial prototype
- Production

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