

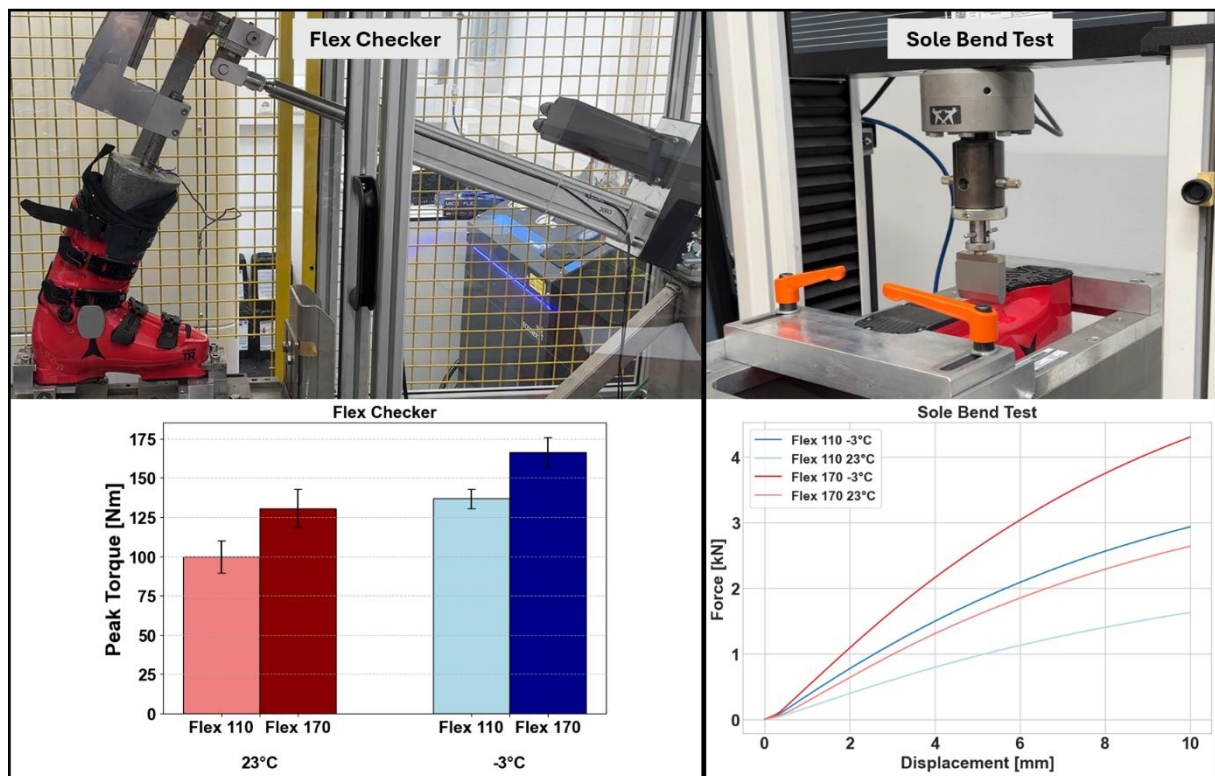


Figure 1. Experimental setup (Flex Checker device and Sole Bend Test); Flex Checker torque peak data across Flex and temperature conditions; Load-displacement curves of the Sole Bend Test for the left boots at both temperature conditions