

Structural Health assessment of Bridges – Safety Audit, capacity augmentation and Life enhancement

Dr.-Ing Saptarshi Sasmal
Chief Scientist & Head

**Special and Multi-functional Structures Laboratory
CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre
CSIR-Campus, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai-600113**



Dr.-Ing Saptarshi Sasmal

Chief Scientist & Head

Thrust Area Leader: Structural Health Monitoring and Life Extension

Chairman: Director's Technical Cell

Editor: ASME J Nondestructive Evaluation
Transactions of INAE

Journal of Structural Engineering

Editorial Board member:

Structural Engg and Mechanics

Advances in Computational design

- Rating and priority ranking of bridges
- Instrumentation, response measurement and data synthesis
- Performance evaluation and condition assessment
- Response evaluation under fatigue and dynamic loading
- Structural Health Monitoring
- Retrofitting and upgradation for service life enhancement
- Mechanics of materials and structures

Outline of the presentation



- About CSIR and Structural Engineering Research Centre
- What is SHM? Importance and relevance
- Sensors, data transfer, acquisition, acquisition and signal processing
- Structural Health Monitoring and health assessment
- Future trend, challenges and activities

CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre



CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre is a constituent laboratory and a unit of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) under Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) coming under the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of India.

Infrastructure Laboratories at CSIR-SERC

Advanced Concrete Testing and Evaluation Laboratory

Advanced Materials Laboratory

Advanced Seismic Testing Laboratory

Fatigue and fracture laboratory

Special- and Multi- functional Structures Laboratory

Wind Engineering Laboratory

Tower Testing Laboratory

Steel Structures Laboratory

Structural Health Monitoring Laboratory

Theoretical and Computational Mechanics Laboratory

Thrust areas of Research – CSIR-SERC



Health monitoring, assessment and prognosis



CSIR-SERC has a world class research laboratory and field testing capabilities/facilities for safety auditing of bridges (of various types, materials and spans) for Railways, Highways, PSUs, State agencies, etc...

- ❑ Expertise in carrying out instrumentation, data acquisition, signal processing, field investigations on **condition assessment, distress diagnosis, performance evaluation and health monitoring of bridges**
- ❑ **Capacity building for the field engineers** on maintenance and management of bridges
- ❑ Expertise in carrying out **experimental investigations** on components or full scale under **static, cyclic, fatigue and dynamic loading**
- ❑ Expertise on development of repair/retrofit/upgradation schemes for old and deteriorated bridges for **capacity augmentation and service life enhancement**

Failure of critical structures



I-90 Bridge over Schoharie Creek, New York (1987)



US 51 Bridge over Hatchie River, Tennessee (1989)

Failure of critical structures



Sampoong Department Store Collapse due to Overload in Seoul, South Korea (1995).



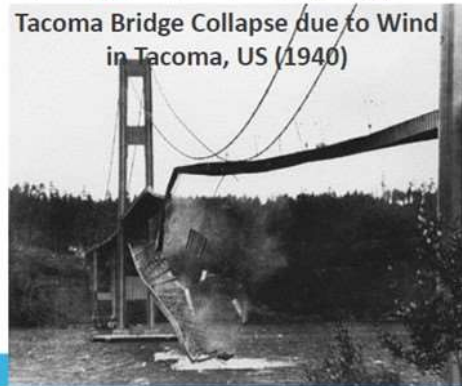
Nicoll Highway Collapse due to Construction Failure and Overload, Singapore (2004)



I-35 Bridge Collapse in Minnesota, US (2007)



Historical Archive of the City Collapse due to Ground Deformation in Cologne, Germany (2009)



Tacoma Bridge Collapse due to Wind in Tacoma, US (1940)



Sung-Su Bridge Collapse in Korea (1994)



bridge collapse in Goa -2017



bridge collapse near Siliguri



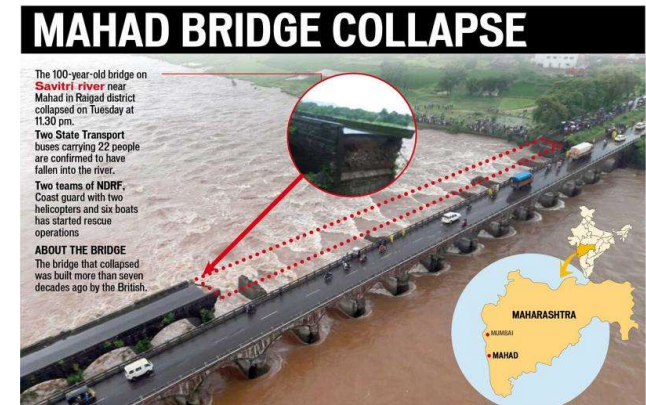
near Calicut, in 2001



Bridge over Alaknanda river near Srinagar



Majerhat bridge in southern Kolkata



What is SHM?

- Conventional NDE \Rightarrow Schedule based Maintenance: Flaws can be induced and become critical between successive maintenance schedules
- Overwhelming interest pervasive throughout the civil, mechanical and aerospace engineering communities to address the issue
- Need for real-time detection of damage at an early stage – led to the development of the general area of **Structural Health Monitoring**.

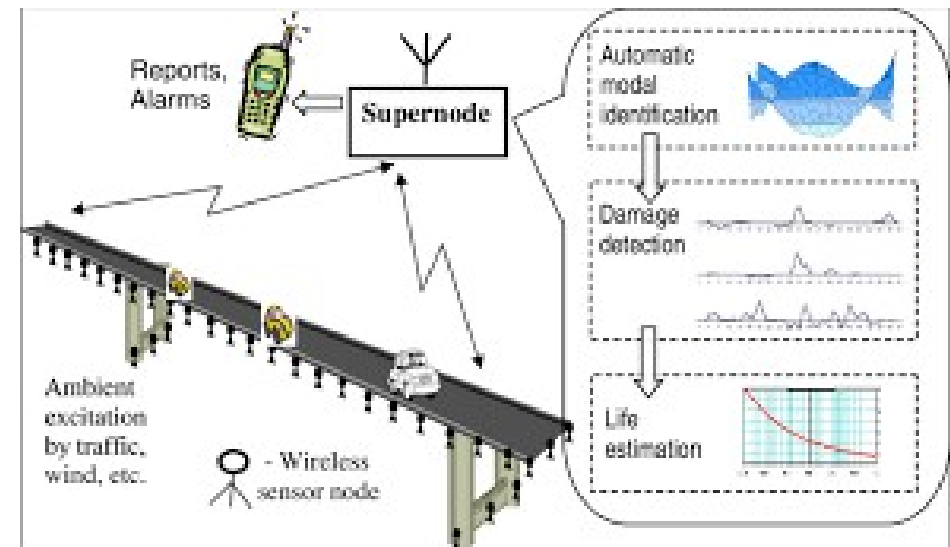
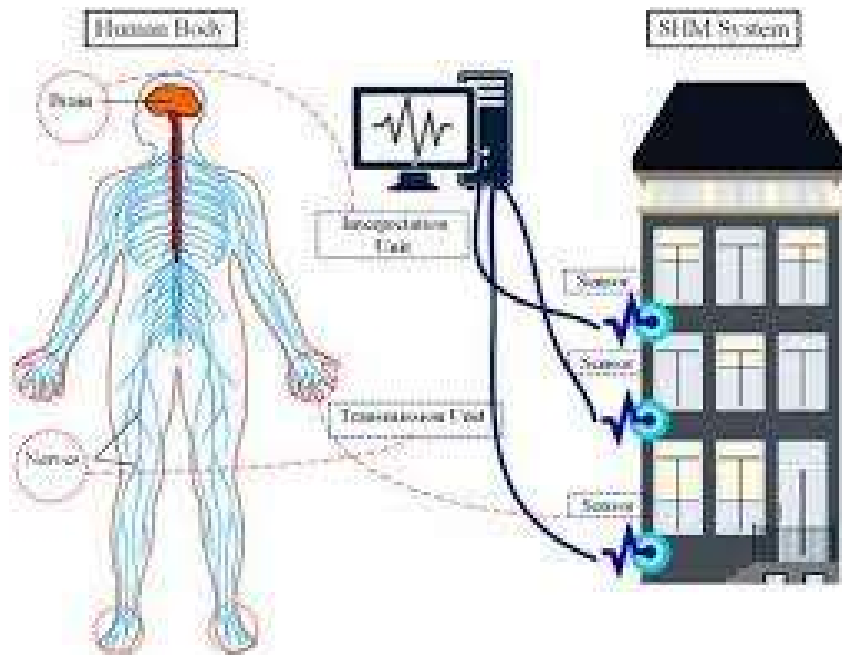
Paradigm shift

Regular schedule-driven maintenance



Condition-based as-needed maintenance regime

Structural Health Monitoring and assessment



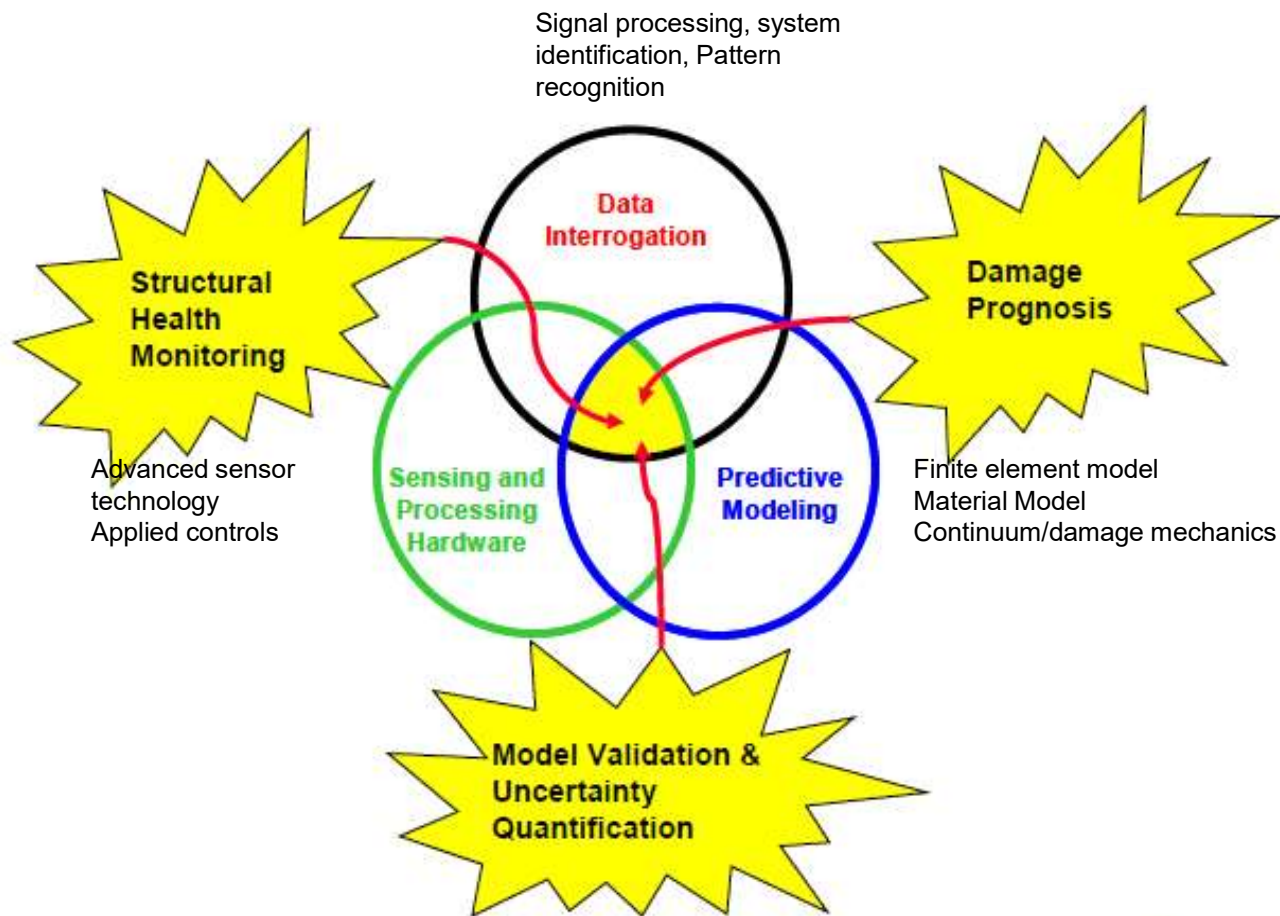
The process of implementing a damage detection and characterization strategy for engineering structures

Advantages of SHM

Advantages of SHM include...

- Increased understanding of in-situ structural behaviour
- Early damage detection
- Assurances of structural strength and serviceability
- Decreased down time for inspection and repair
- Development of rational maintenance / management strategies
- Increased effectiveness in allocation of scarce resources
- Enables and encourages use of new and innovative materials

Schematic of SHM process



Classification of SHM Systems

Level IV

Detect presence, location, severity and consequences of damage

Level III

Detect presence, location and severity of damage

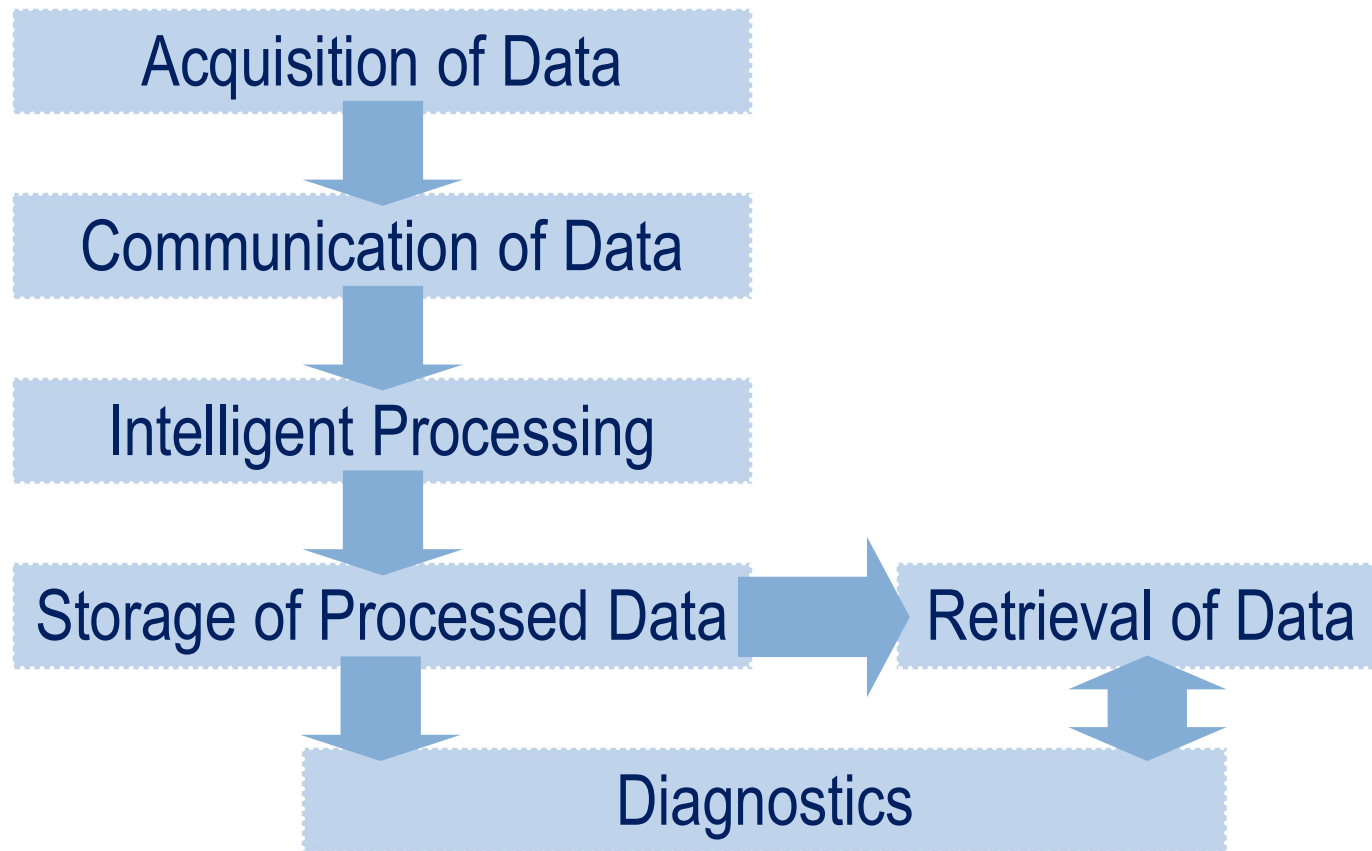
Level II

Detect presence and location of damage

Level I

Detect presence of damage

SHM System Components



Hierarchical Structure of SHM (Rytter, 1993)

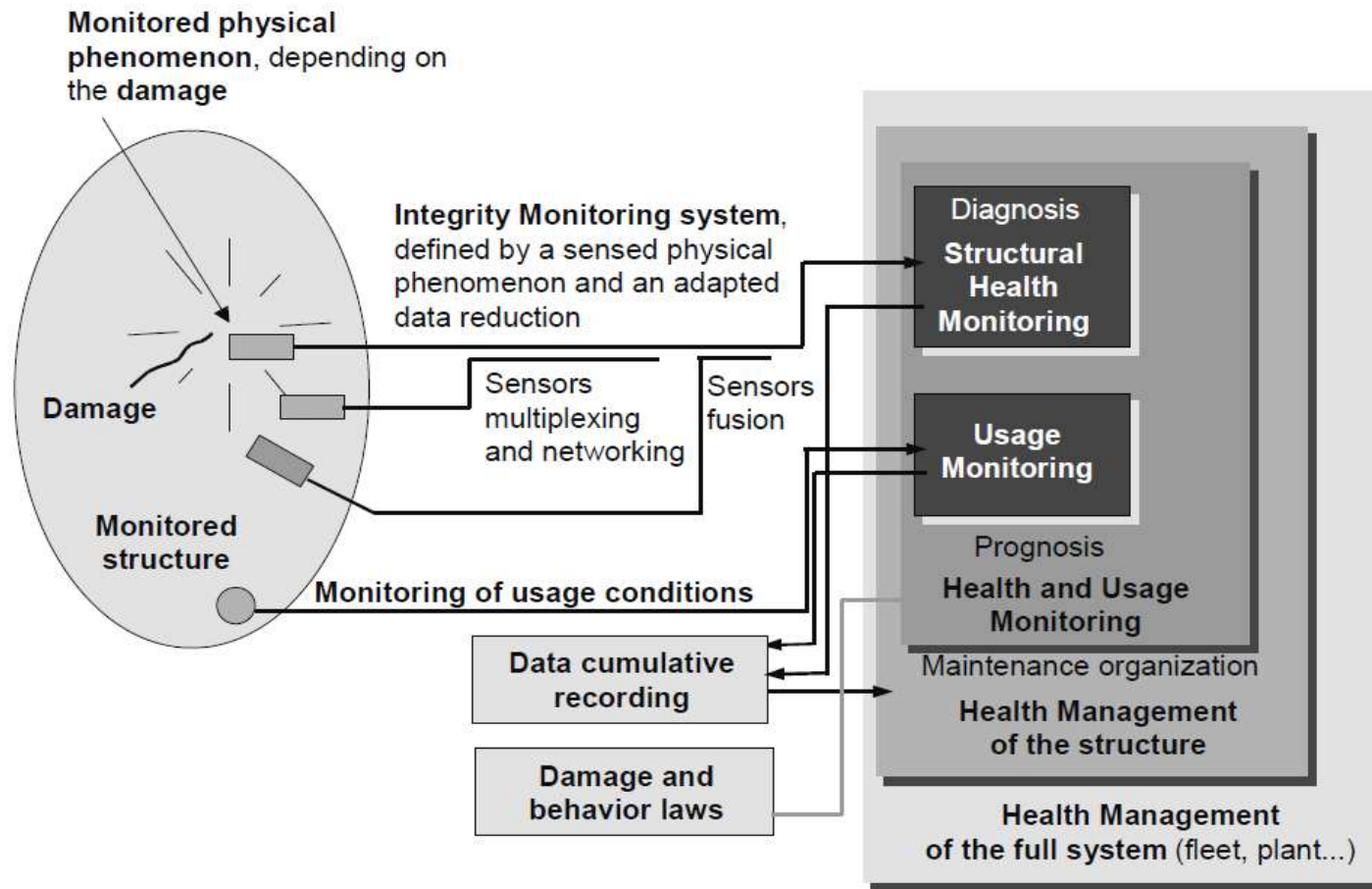
Diagnosis

- Identification
- Localization
- Characterization

Prognosis

- Assessment of severity -Remaining Useful Life

Principle and Organization of a SHM System



Types of Sensors

LOAD	Load cells
DISPLACEMENT	Linear Variable Differential Transformer
	Linear Potentiometer
ACCELERATION	Accelerometers
TEMPERATURE	Thermocouples
	Integrated Temperature Circuits
STRAIN	Vibrating wire strain gauges
	Electrical resistance gauges
	Fiber optic sensors

SHM Categories

Static Field Testing:

Behaviour tests
Diagnostic tests
Proof tests

Dynamic Field Testing:

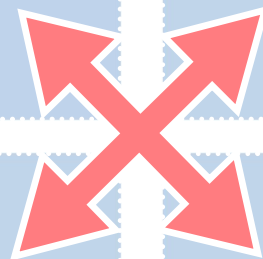
Stress history tests
Ambient vibration tests
DLA tests
Pullback tests

Periodic Monitoring:

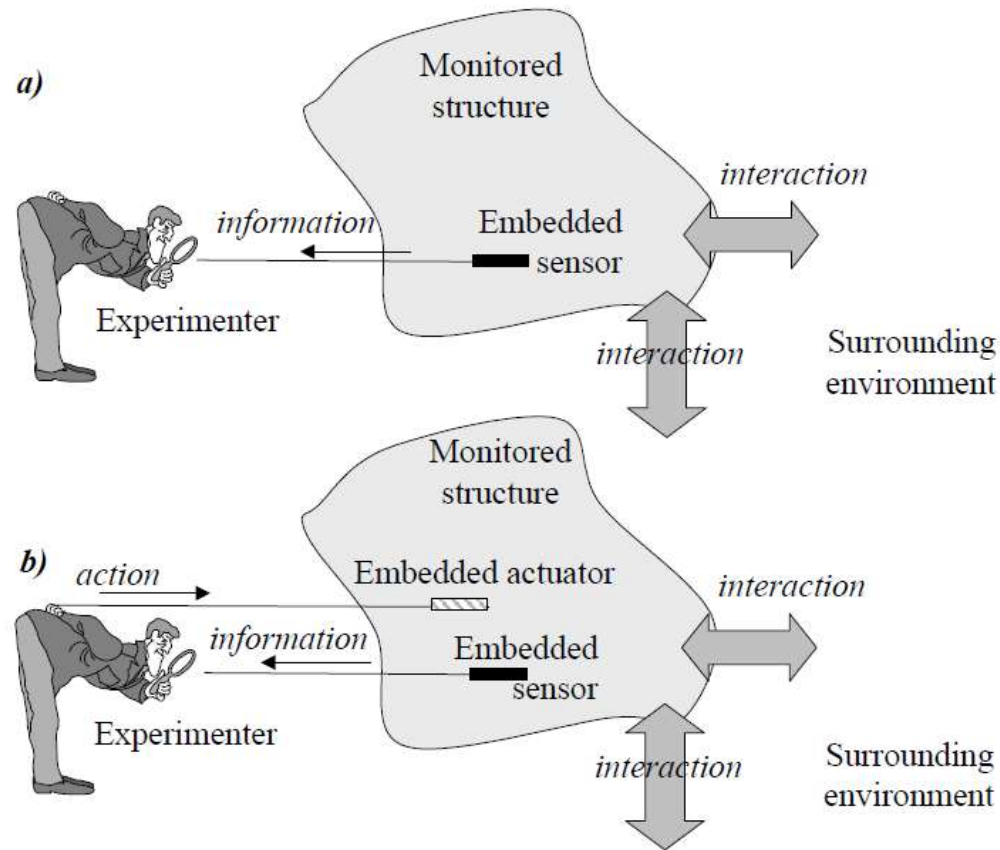
Includes field testing
Tests to determine
changes in structure

Continuous Monitoring:

Active monitoring
Passive monitoring



Passive and Active Monitoring



Mobile laboratory and complete instrumentation



13 April 2024 15/04/2024

Long stroke electro-dynamic Multi-shaker Excitation System



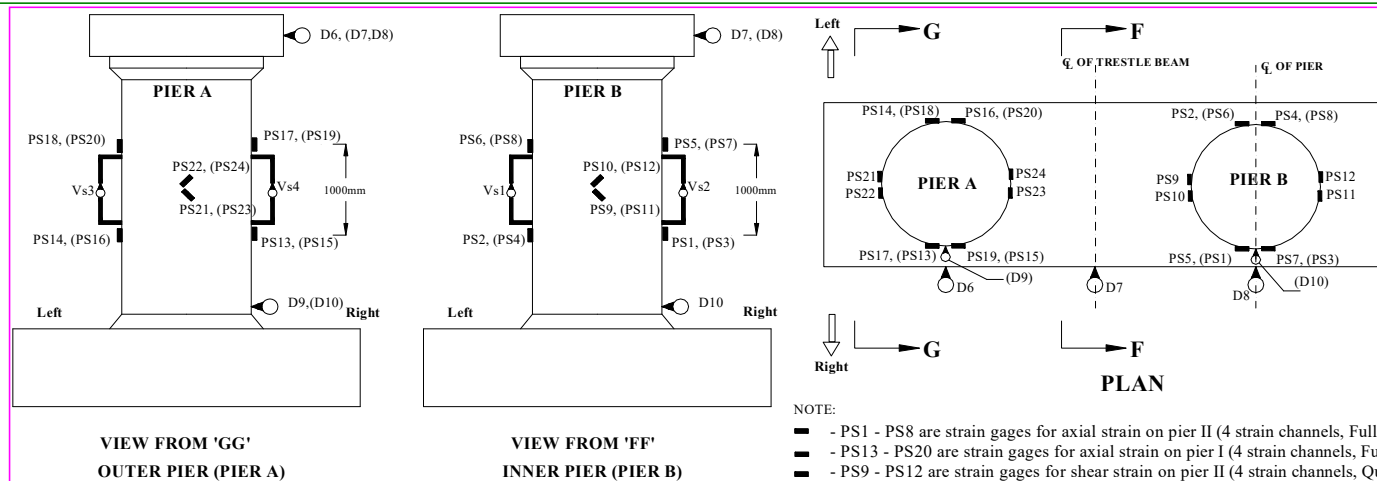
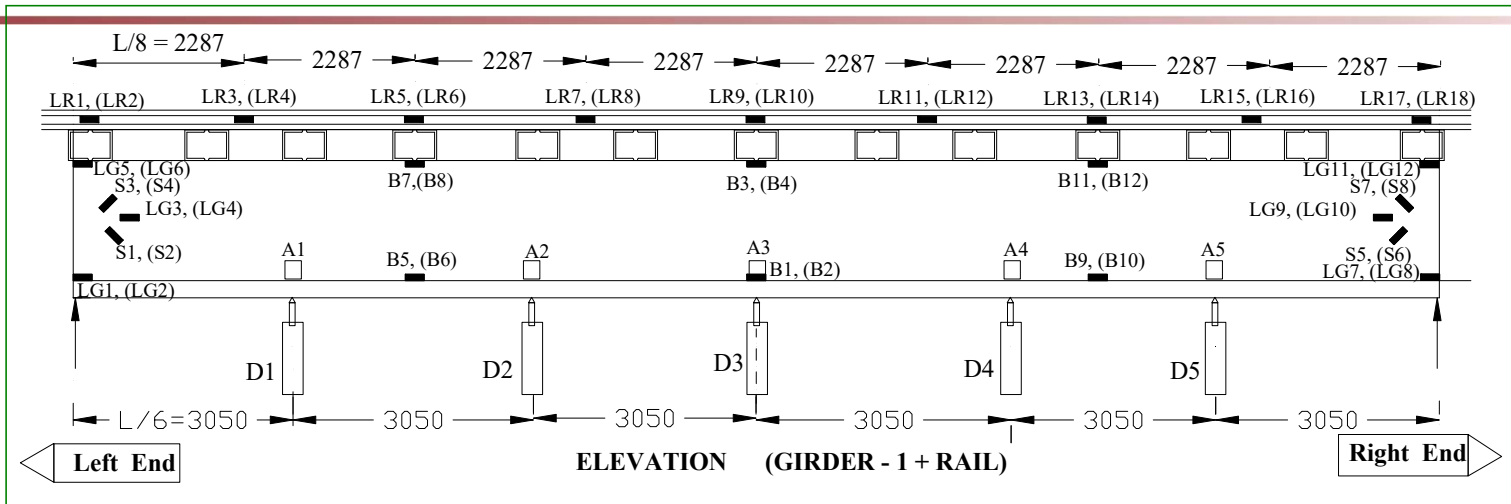
Performance Evaluation of Railway Bridges



- Electrical Strain Gauges
- Accelerometers
- Linear variable displacement transducers (LVDTs)
- Specially fabricated load cells / Instrumented fixture arrangement
- Data acquisition systems
- Dynamic strain conditioner/amplifier



Instrumentation scheme adopted

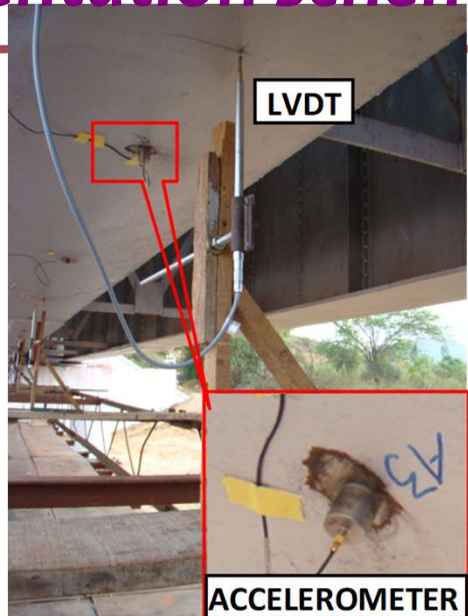


All dimensions are in mm

NOTE:

- - PS1 - PS8 are strain gages for axial strain on pier II (4 strain channels, Full bridge)
- - PS13 - PS20 are strain gages for axial strain on pier I (4 strain channels, Full bridge)
- - PS9 - PS12 are strain gages for shear strain on pier II (4 strain channels, Quarter bridge)
- - PS21 - PS24 are strain gages for shear strain on pier I (4 strain channels, Quarter bridge)
- - Vs1 - Vs2 are LVDTs for strain measurement on pier I and pier II
- - D6 - D10 are LVDTs for tilt & rotation measurement (5 channels)

Instrumentation scheme adopted



LVDT and accelerometers



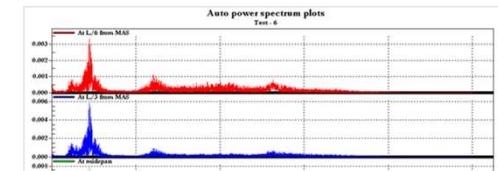
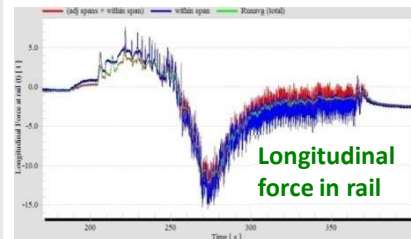
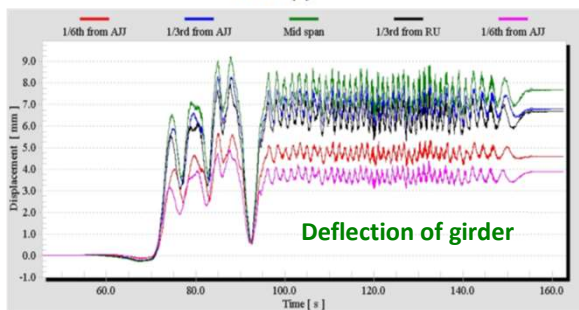
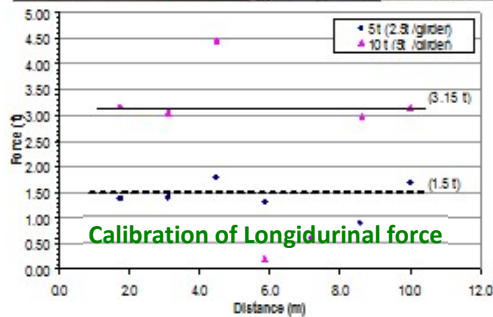
Strain gage on rail

LVDT and strain gaging on piers

Realtime longitudinal force measurement



Special fixture arrangements for evaluation of longitudinal force

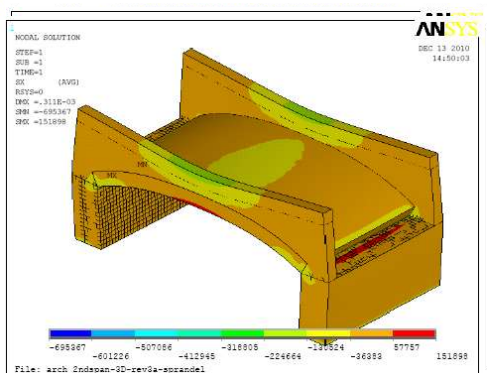
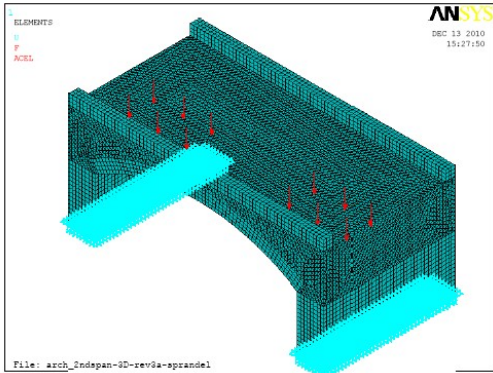


Frequency spectra

Vibration based health assessment



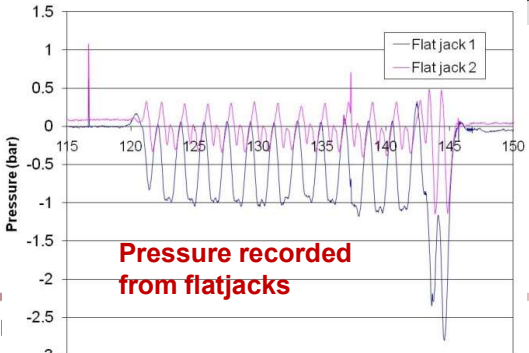
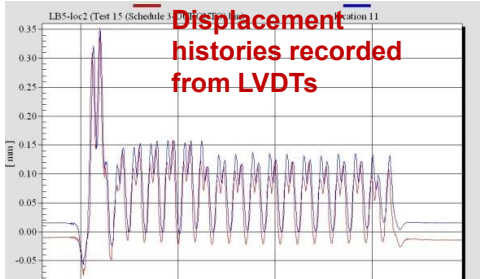
Live load stress monitoring in masonry arch bridge



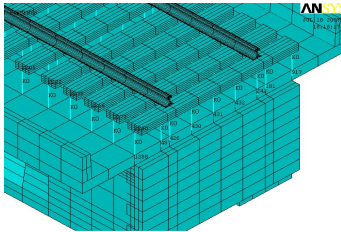
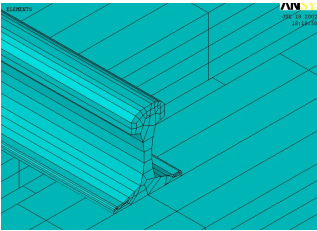
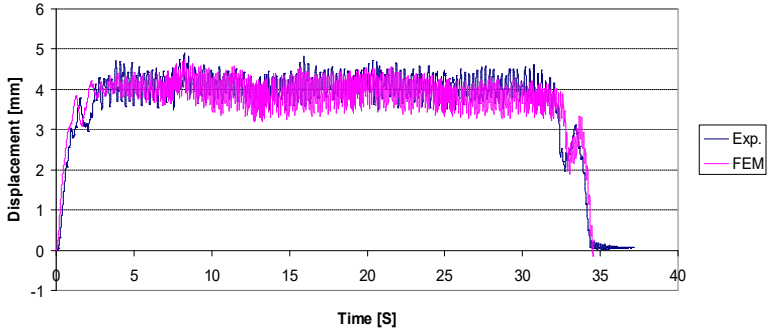
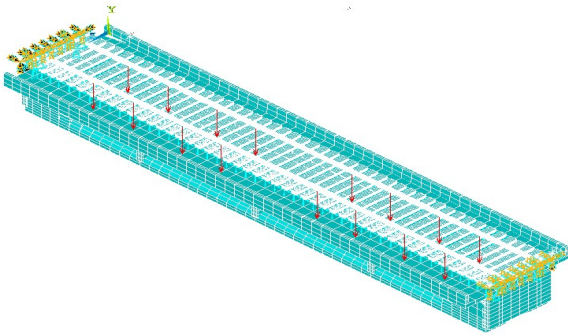
LVDT and accelerometers



Flat jack installation



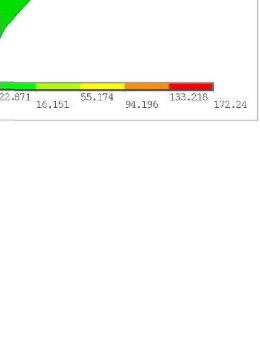
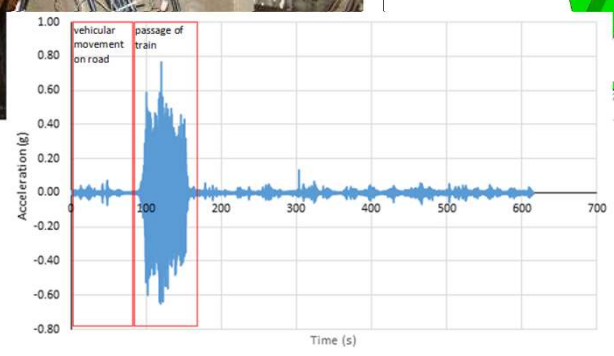
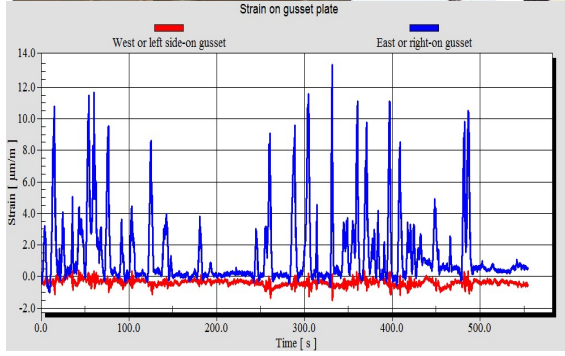
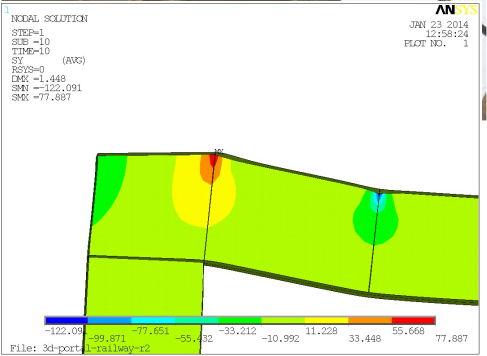
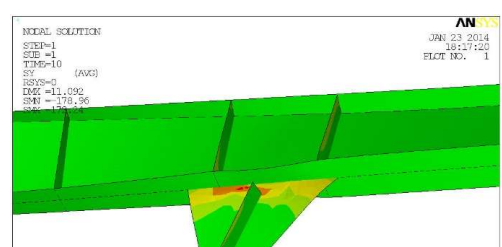
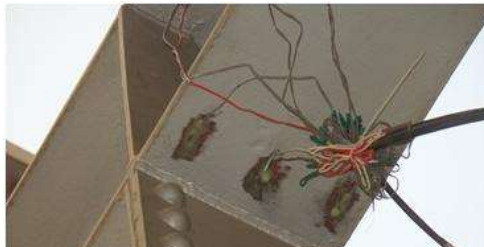
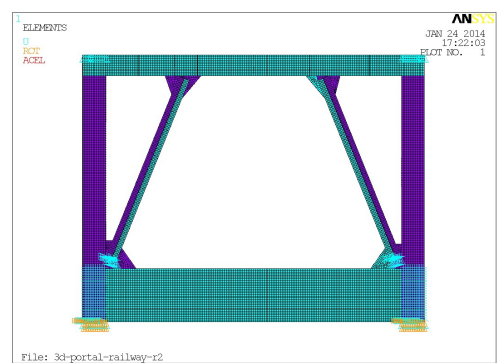
Numerical simulations for response prediction



LOADING CONDITION	Displacement at centre of the span, mm		
	Field Measurement	ANSYS Result	Percentage of Difference
Loco placed centrally on the span	2.876	3.0375	5.615
Loco placed for Maximum Bending Moment	2.744	2.9385	7.088
Wagons placed centrally on the span	4.579	4.7870	4.5424
Wagons placed for Maximum Bending Moment	4.357	4.5487	4.3998

Distress diagnosis and restoration





External prestressing –shear in anchor zone



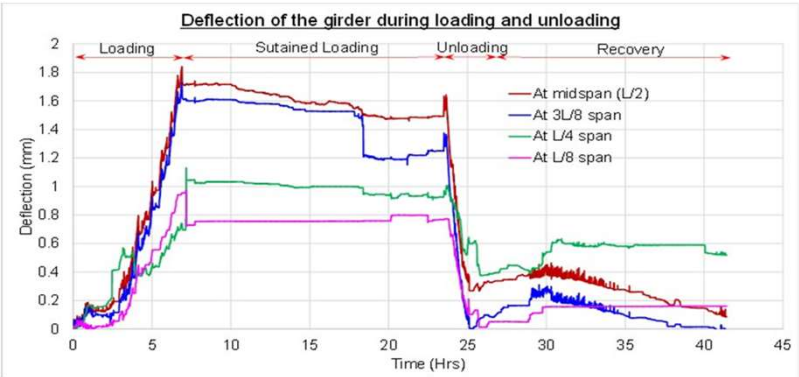
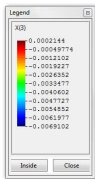
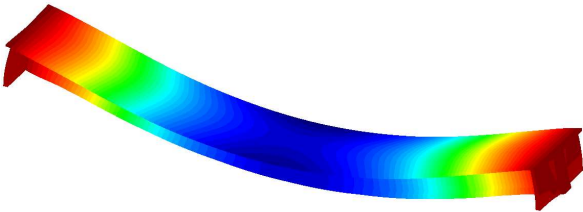
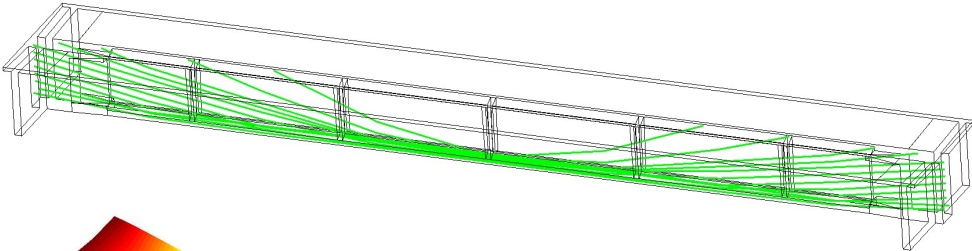
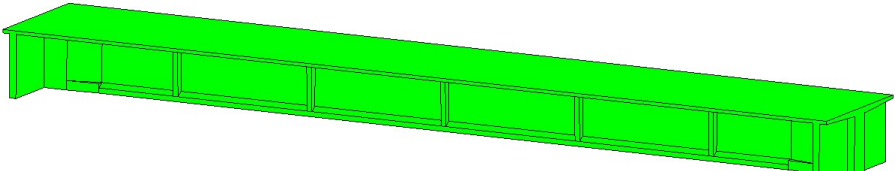
- Rehabilitation of distressed PSC structures is usually carried out by adopting external prestressing.
- There is a need to rehabilitate structures in the fast track mode, but adopting the scheme which would ensure performance of the retrofitted structure to its desired level.
- Complicated three-dimensional reaction at the anchor zone in conventional external prestressing scheme has been replaced by simple shear in longitudinal direction in the case of proposed external prestressing scheme.



Re-engineering of Pamban bridge



Health assessment of prestressed ash pipe bridge



Induced vibration – road bridge assessment

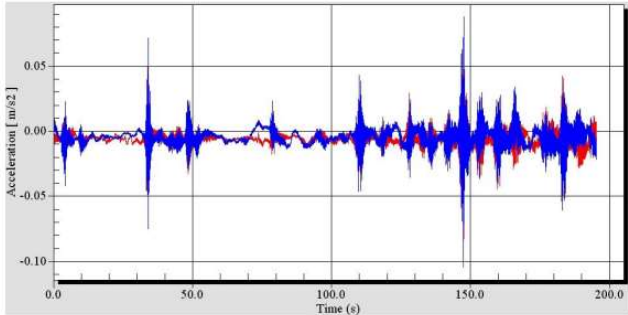
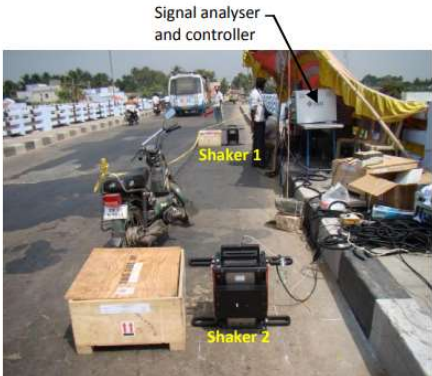
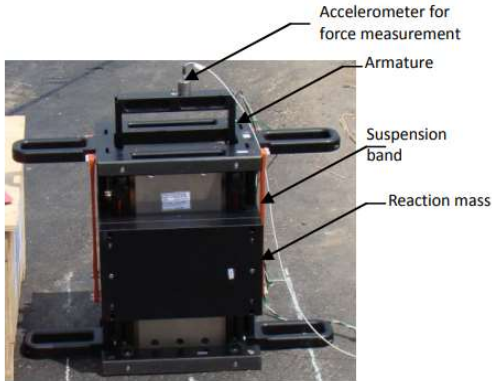


Fig.6 Acceleration time history response

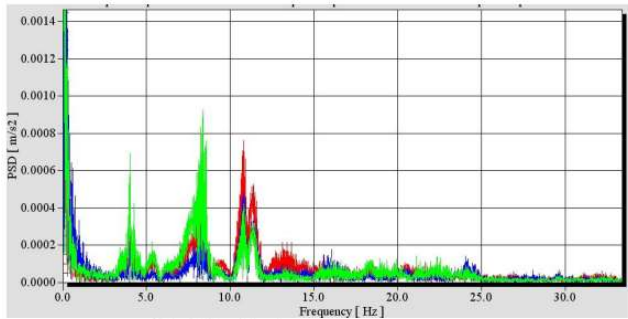
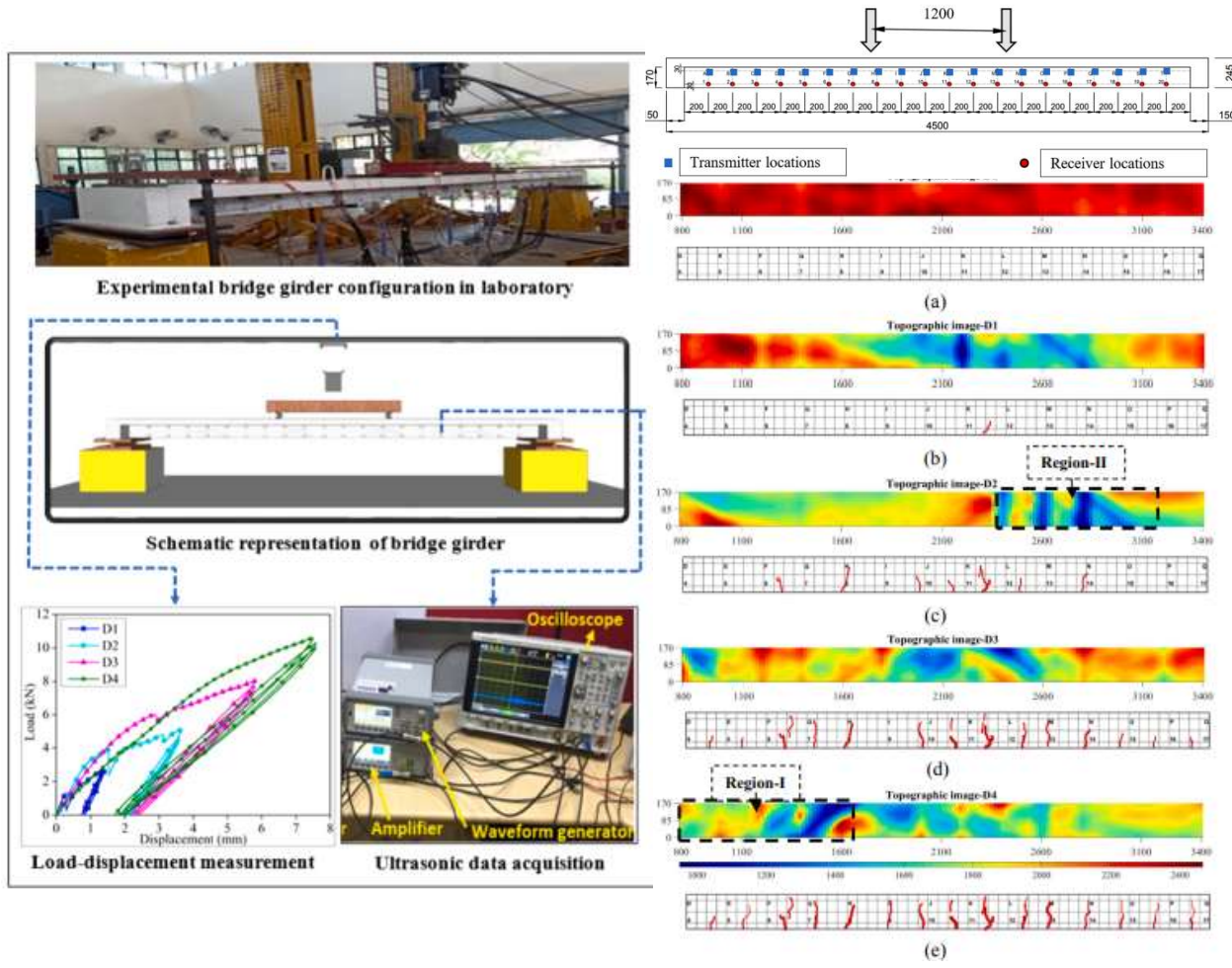


Fig.7 Typical auto power spectra

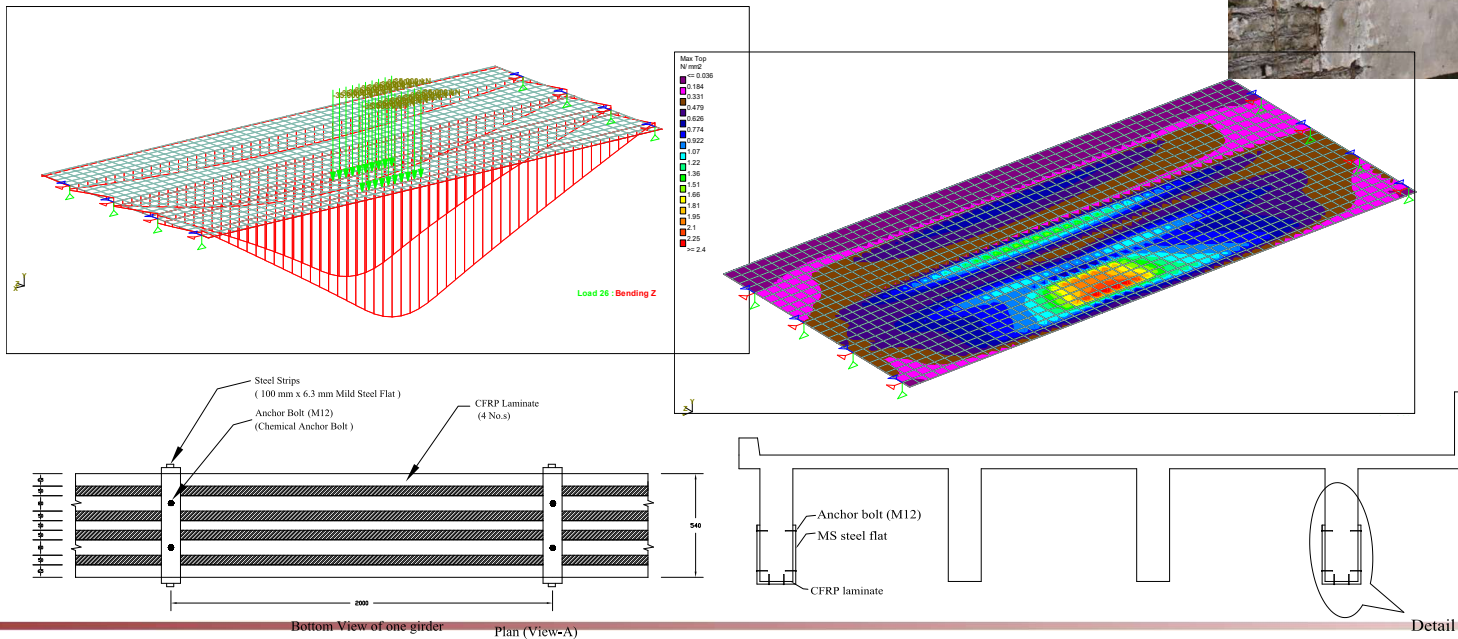


Damage mapping using ultrasonic tomography



Tomographic imaging results and the corresponding experimentally observed crack pattern (schematic sketch) for different damage levels, (a) D0; (b) D1; (c) D2; (d) D3; (e) D4.

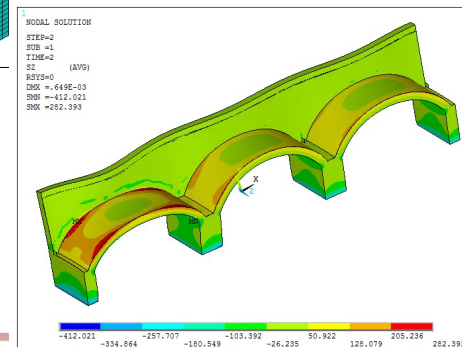
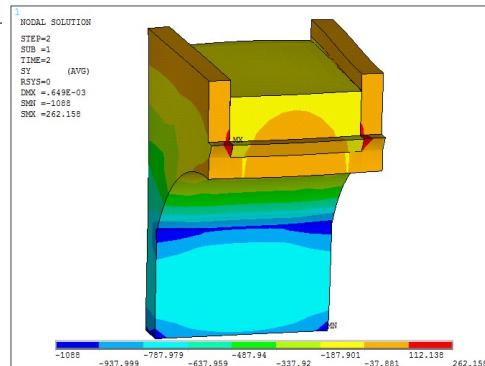
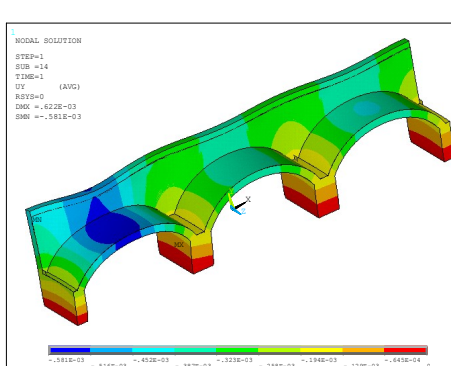
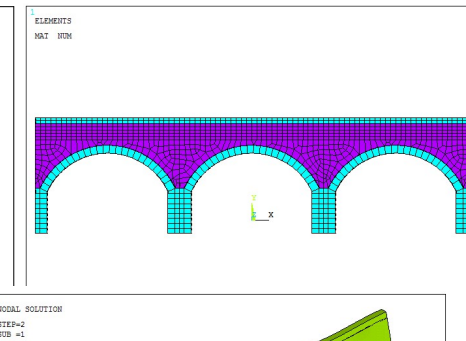
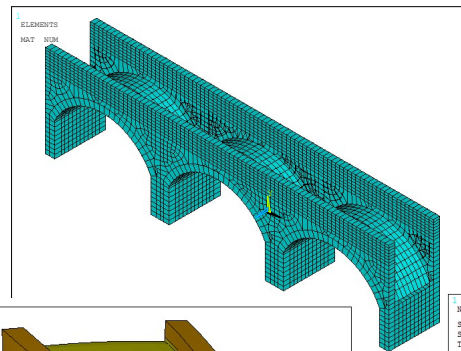
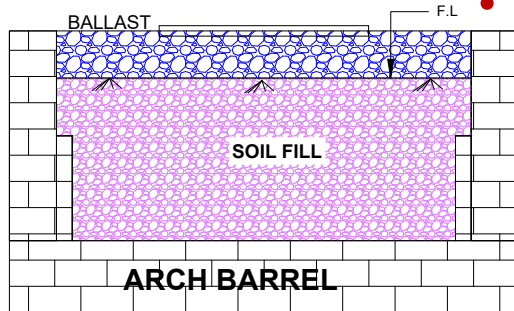
Retrofit of corrosion damaged exterior girders of bridge



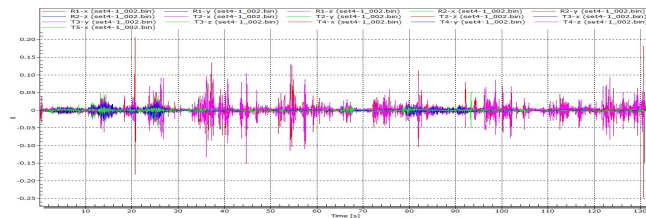
Numerical simulation of masonry arch railway bridge



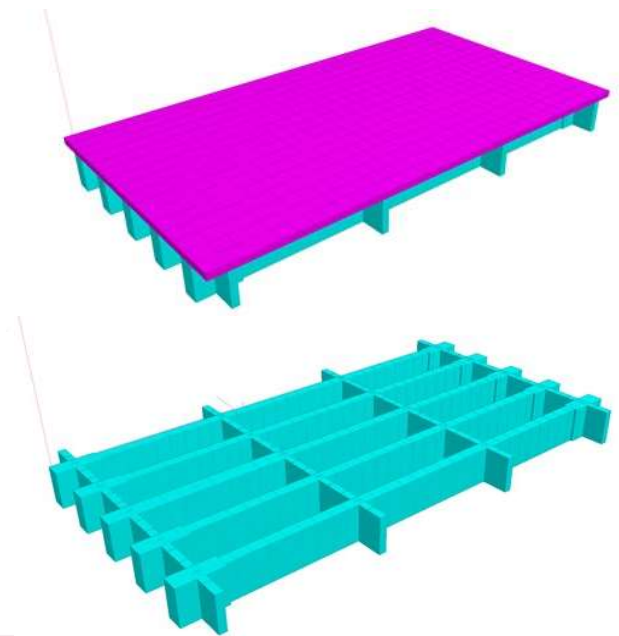
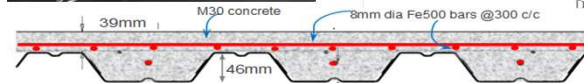
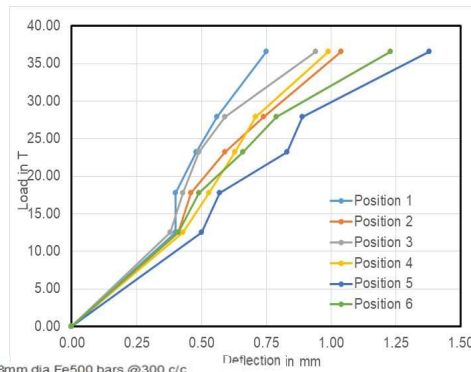
- Solid 65 employed for masonry material- uses a **smear crack model** to allow the formation of cracks
- Overlaid on the arch barrel and contained within the spandrel walls, **3D solid elements to model the fill**
- To facilitate movement of the fill material over the barrel without generating significant tensile stresses, **3D frictional contact surfaces** included
- **Drucker-Prager material law** used for fill material (cohesion, angle of internal friction and angle of dilation)
- **William-Warke material model** used for arch masonry



Instrumentation and performance evaluation



Performance evaluation –Post bridge

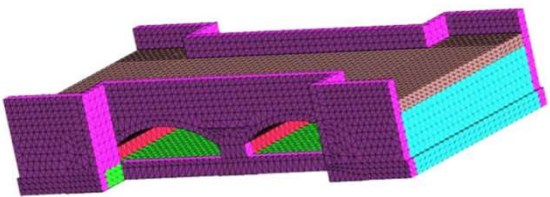


French era brick masonry arch bridge – life enhancement



(a) Measuring the responses of the arch

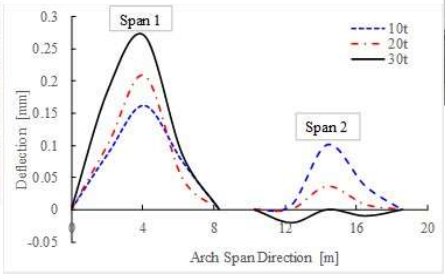
(b) Measuring the vertical deflection of the arch



(a)

(b)

(c) Measuring the arch spread



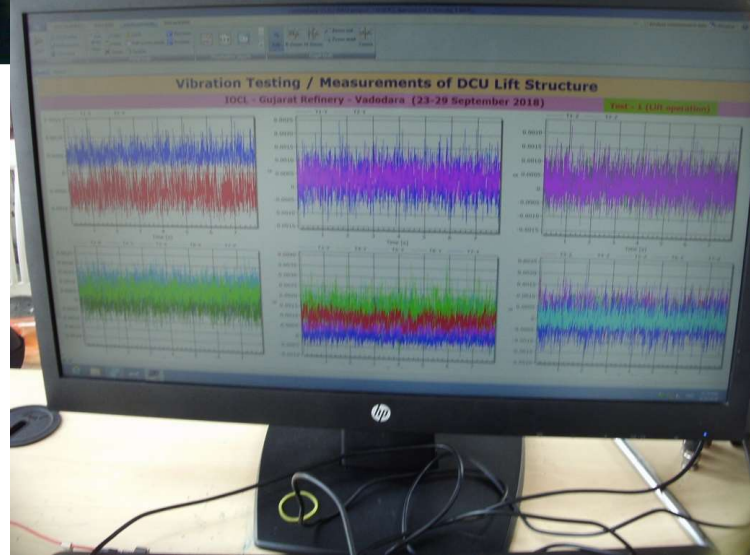
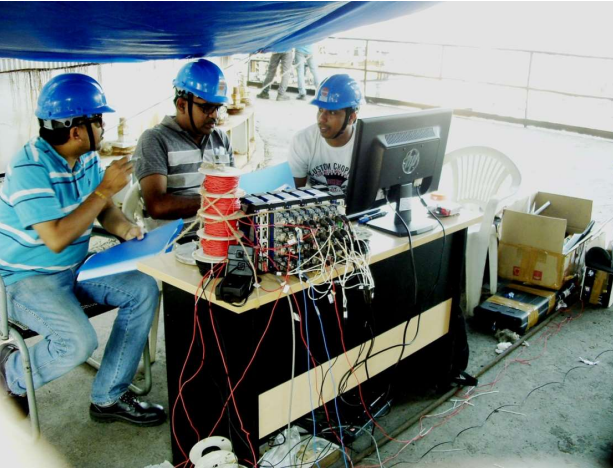
(c)

(d)

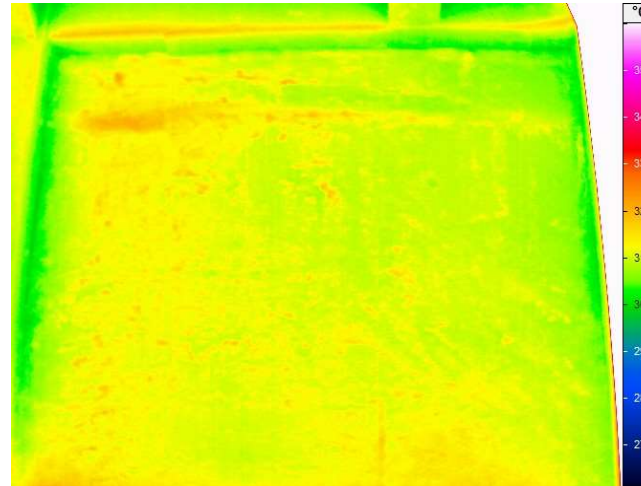
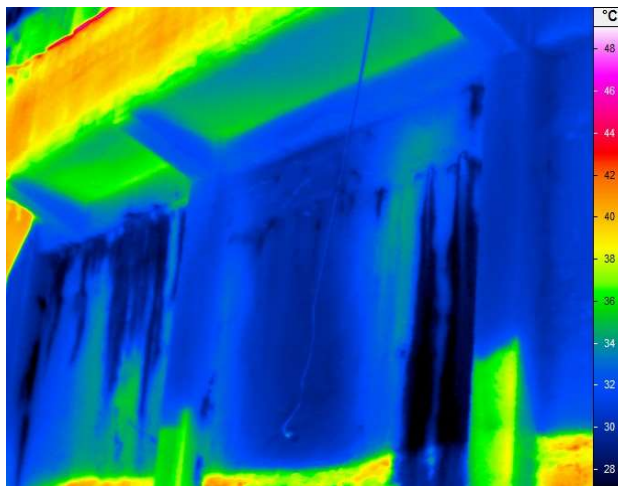
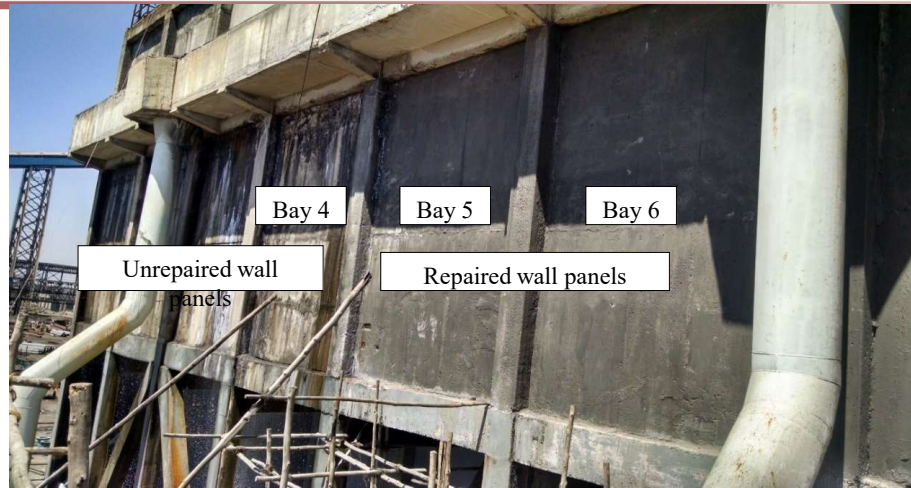
(d) Measuring the widening of existing cracks on the arch



French era brick masonry arch bridge - assessment



Infrared Thermography for integrity assessment



IR Thermographic image of the unrepaired wall panel with lot of seepage

Monitoring of Polavaram dam -Acoustic Emission

Integrity assessment of Polavaram dam through Acoustic Emission (AE) and advanced non-destructive evaluation (NDE) Techniques

Challenge: Due to the presence of huge concrete, dense reinforcement and bi-directional prestress conventional NDT&E is not suitable.

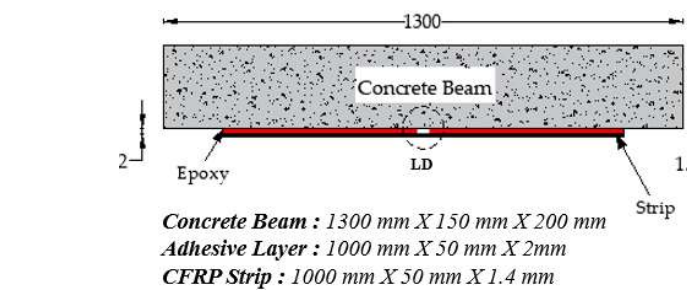
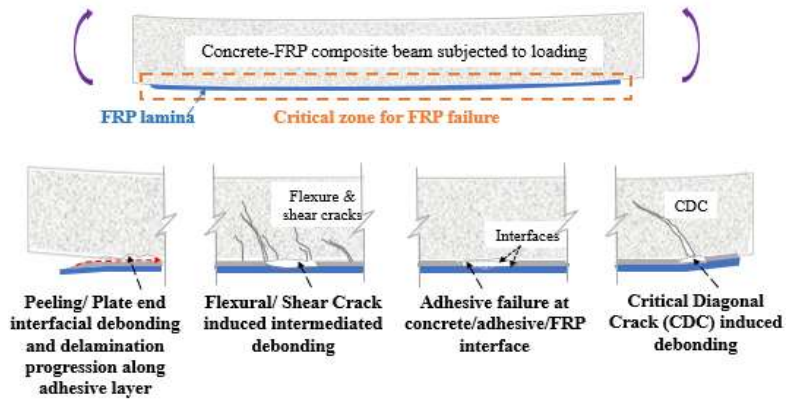
Outcomes: An innovative multi-sensor based three-dimensional instrumentation strategy for assessing microcracks deep inside the structure



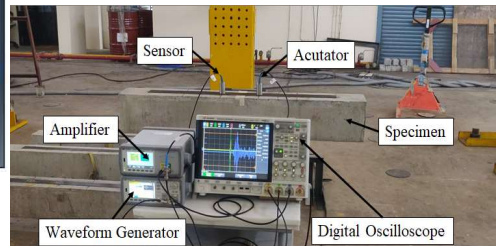
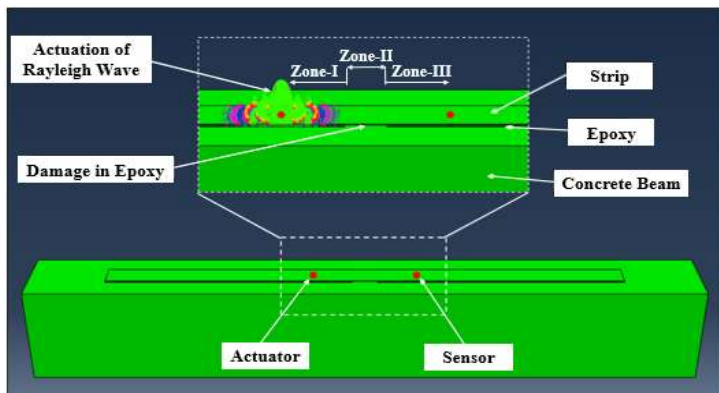
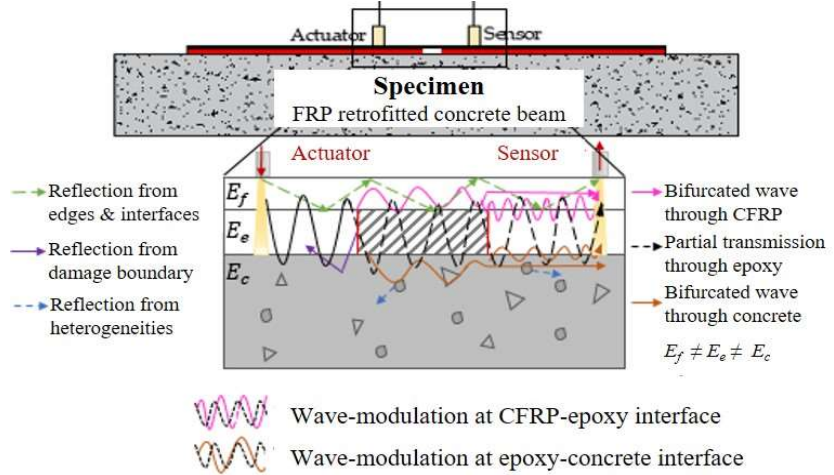
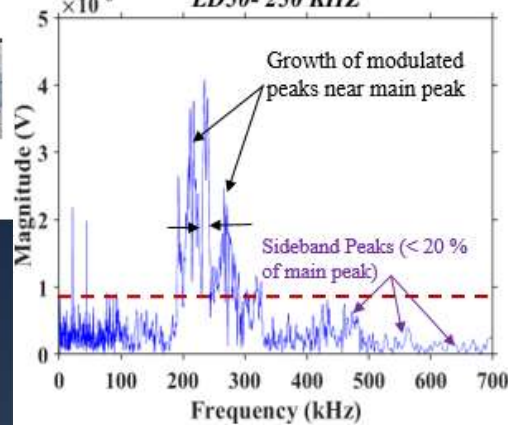
Prestressed trunnion beams in Polavaram Dam



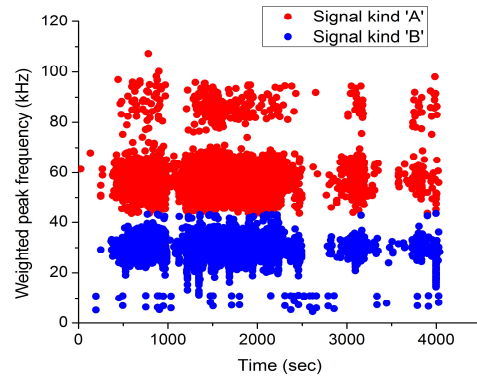
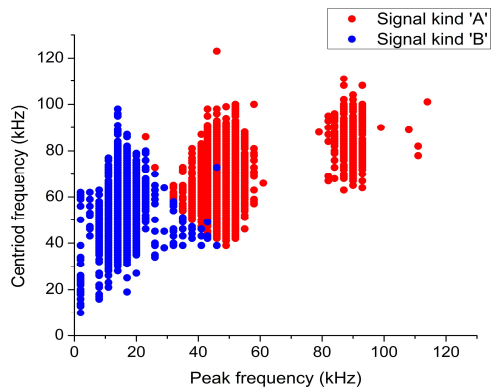
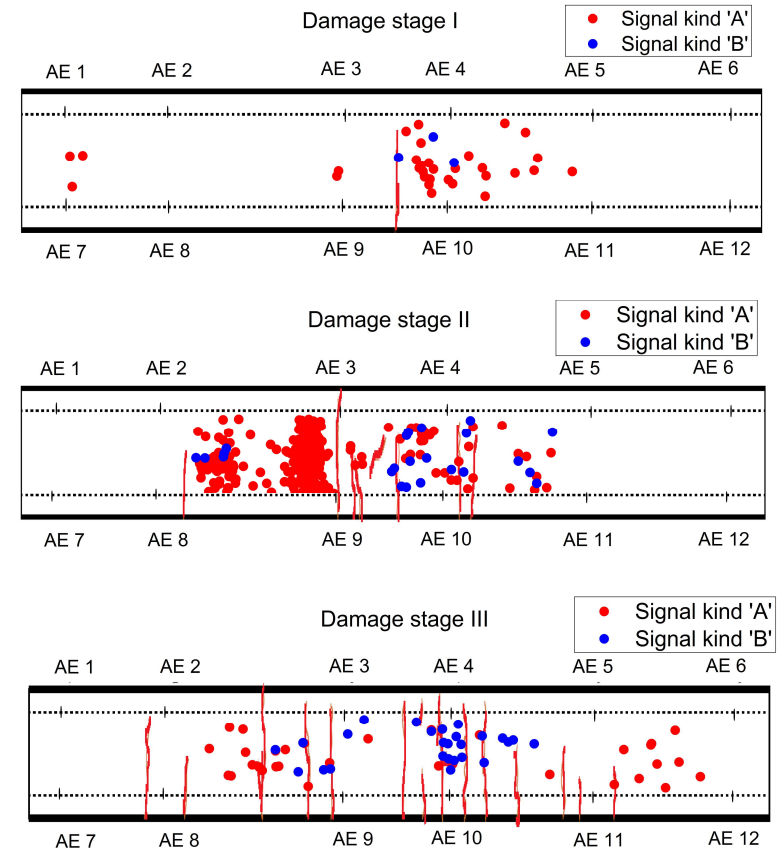
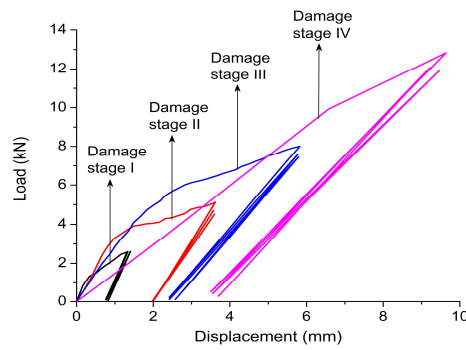
FRP applications- need understanding, mechanics and skill



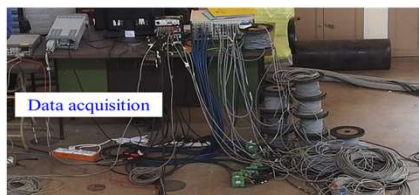
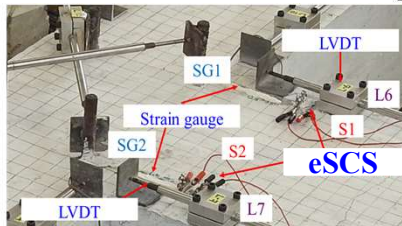
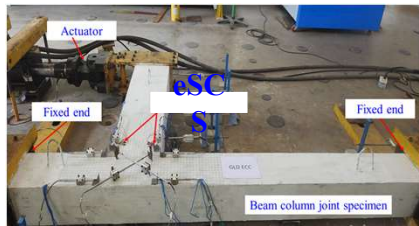
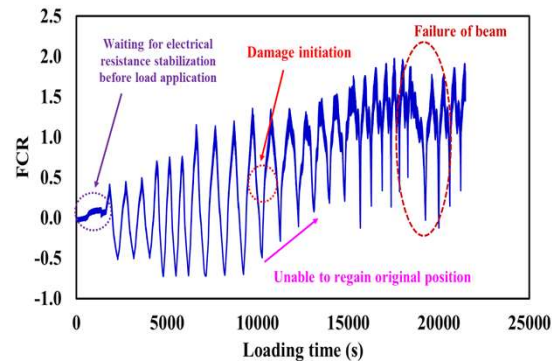
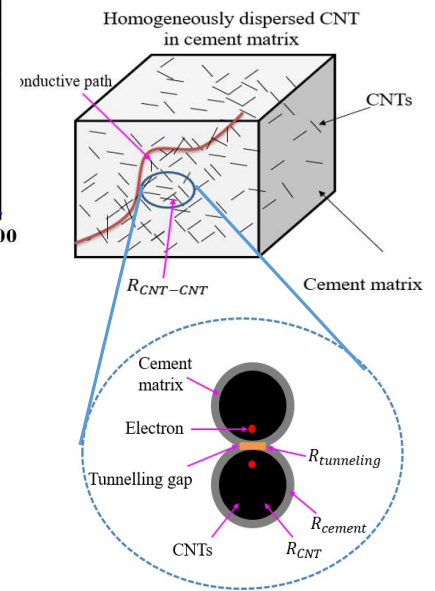
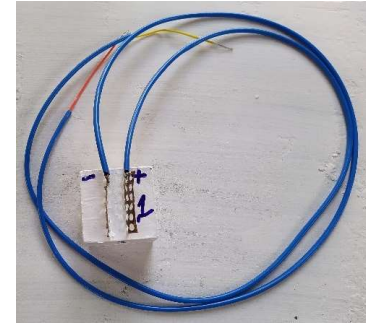
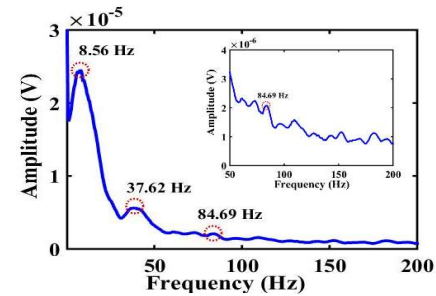
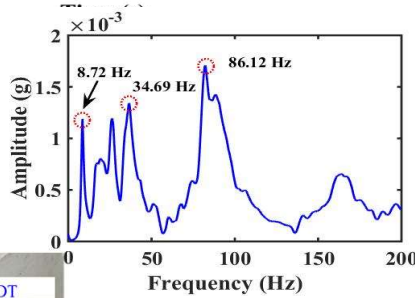
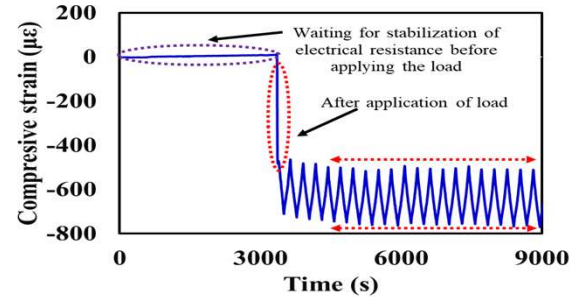
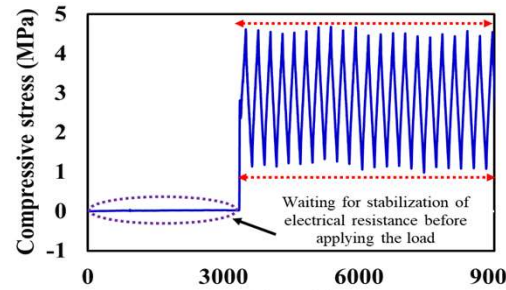
Different Levels of Damages (LD)



AI-ML for damage classification



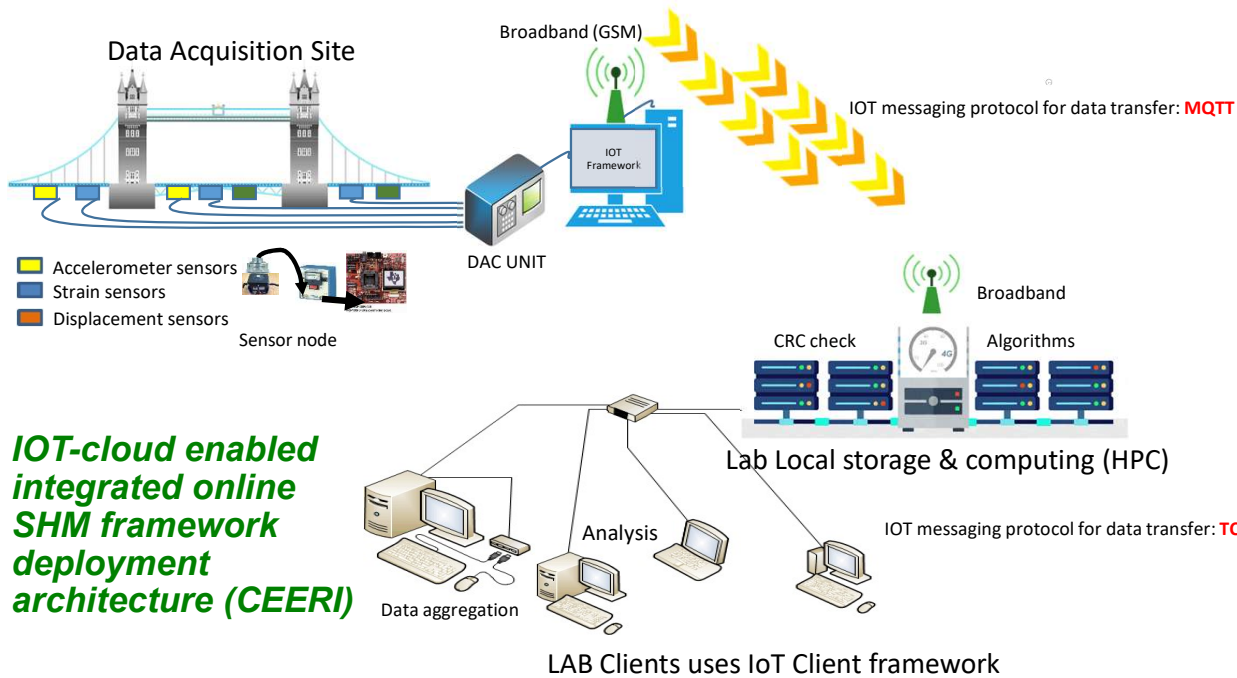
Indigenously developed smart embedded sensor



Future trend and challenges in SHM

- Output-only methods
- Population based methods
- Data driven models - Machine learning algorithms
- Distributed fibre optics sensing for long structures
- Stretchable sensors/bioinspired design
- Vision based sensing
- Optimal sensor placement
- Sensor fault detection
- Model based techniques - Efficient and accurate computational models
- Material models to predict strength based on current microstructure
- Use of IOT platforms for wireless sensing and data transfer

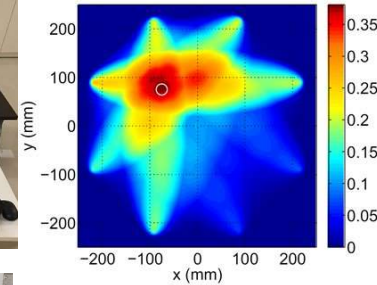
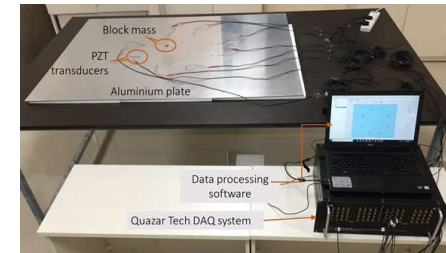
Mission Mode Project : Structural Health Monitoring



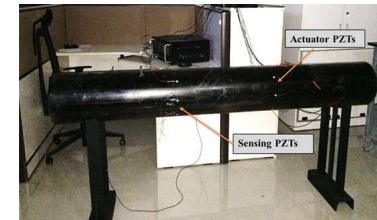
IOT-cloud enabled integrated online SHM framework deployment architecture (CEERI)

Participating Labs

CSIR- SERC, CSIR- CBRI, CSIR-CEERI, CSIR- CGCRI, CSIR- NAL



RTRM at extended mode DI



Refined baseline-free damage identification in thin walled structures using Lamb wave propagation (SERC)



Development of Femto-second laser based FBG inscription for application in SHM (CGCRI)

Way forward



- Baseline-free SHM techniques for detection, localization and characterization of damages in varied types of infrastructure
- Data-driven damage localization and quantification methods for SHM using AI techniques
- Development of **Digital Twin for critical structures** (for example: bridges)
- **Indigenous, low cost durable sensors (point and distributed)**

Establishment of Centre of Innovation & Manufacturing Eco-system for Sensors (CIMES)

2022-2027



Funded by



इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THANK YOU



Dr.-Ing Saptarshi Sasmal

Chief Scientist & Head

Special and Multi-functional Structures Laboratory

CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre

CSIR-Campus, CSIR Road, Taramani,

Chennai-600113

Email: saptarshi@serc.res.in

sasmalsap1@gmail.com

Phone: 044 2254 9210

9791165705

CSIR-SERC can significantly contribute towards safety auditing, capacity augmentation and service life enhancement of bridges.



- **Full scale field testing** of the bridges
- Condition assessment and **non-destructive testing** of bridges
- **Complete instrumentation** of super- and sub- structure, response measurements of in-service bridges under vehicular traffic
- **Performance evaluation** of bridges under service load conditions as well for increased vehicular load demands
- **Distress diagnosis and damage assessment** of bridges to identify weak zones in the bridge structures based on static and dynamic measurements
- **Capacity augmentation** of bridges due to the increased demand
- **Life enhancement** (repair, rehabilitation, retrofitting, and strengthening) of bridges
- Complete and long term **structural health monitoring** of bridges (SHM)
- **Overall design and proof checking** of all types of bridges

Imparting training to the engineers on inspection, maintenance and management of bridges