

2024 SPRING CONVENTION



VIBRATION ANALYSIS AND MONITORING OF BRIDGES



PRESENTATION GOALS

Gain a basic understanding of vibration analysis

Understand the typical results from a vibration analysis

Be able to distinguish the benefits of vibration analysis over other inspections

Understand how owners and engineers can use a vibration analysis to assist in design or repair or improvement





TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY



Structure Magazine (https://www.structuremag.org/?p=18776)



➤ TECHNICAL DATA COLLECTION



Sensequake



TECHNICAL MATHEMATICAL MODELS CONTROL THEORY



» Frequency Domain Decomposition, FDD

» Stochastic Subspace Identification, SSI

» Enhanced Frequency Domain Decomposition, EFDD

Non-parametric method:

Parametric methods:

Stationary zero mean Gaussian White Noise W_t W_t Unknown excitation forces $Cx_t \rightarrow \oplus \rightarrow y_t$ V_t

Discrete-time Stochastic State Space Model

State Equation Observation (Output) equation $x_{t+1} = Ax_t + w_t$ Model of the dynamics of the system $y_t = Cx_t + y_t$ Model of the output of the system

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wr: Process noise - vr: Measurement noise - Model order: Dimension of A





TECHNICAL MODAL IDENTIFICATION

Stability Diagram: SSI - Unweighted Principal Component n 80 Average Singular Values [dB] Modal Order 40 no -60 20 -80 0 2 3 5 4 Frequency [Hz]











Checking for local deficiency due to lack of stiffness or material loss

Checking for deficiency in support conditions

Checking for global deficiency due to gradual loss of stiffness







Use the previous results as a new baseline for future analysis

Provide realtime monitoring of worsening conditions

Provide realtime monitoring detecting an event causing immediate decrease in stiffness









In-situ natural frequencies, opposed to using assumptions based on ideal construction Accurate determination of where the deficiency is, whether that deficiency is visible or not Long term monitoring with an appropriate interval between analysis enables engineers to react faster ahead of visible deficiencies



CASE STUDY Frijolillo Bridge Tuxpan, Mexico















CASE STUDY Whitewater Cutoff Bridge California, USA







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WHY VIBRATION ANALYSIS

Time

Setup

Cost

Labor, Equipment

Engineering

Locate specific areas of concern Provide in-situ properties for repair







Equipment for access

Significant technician experience

Visible deficiencies

Significant amount of data

Visible deficiencies

Different use-case



WHY VIBRATION ANALYSIS

Quick data collection, with a majority of analysis completed off-site

Access to the top-side of structure is sufficient

Small team of one to two people

Clear identification of deficiencies

In-situ natural frequencies for use in a more precise engineering of repairs, without idealized assumptions



THANK YOU



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