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Drive-by and Fly-by Bridge Monitoring and Damage Detection Technology

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Problems

(1) Current management methods are reliant on visual inspections which only provide <u>qualitative</u> information and introduce <u>subjectivity</u>

(2) Due to continuous monitoring, <u>extremely large volume of data</u> accumulates in a short period of time, e.g., a single sensor channel sampled at 200 Hz generates 34 MB of data in one day or 12.6 GB of data in one year. Already have a burden of <u>large inventory of structures requiring</u> <u>structural health monitoring</u> (SHM) technologies.

(3) Requirement of a <u>continuous power supply</u> on every bridge in the network. Constitutes a <u>prohibitive cost for every bridge in the stock</u>.

(4) The causal relationship between repeated truck loading and long-term structural deterioration is not well understood. Current <u>SHM systems are only telling half of the story</u>. The solution to the <u>bridge safety problem is</u>, <u>therefore, two-fold: control of overloaded trucks, and safety</u> assessment/monitoring of bridges and their loads.

<u>SHM Systems are not portable</u>, it cannot be moved easily from one bridge to another, the cost accompanied with that makes the systems dramatically expensive.





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Understand the relationship between loading and structural deterioration







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Investigation of damage detection and Load Control algorithms by "short data burst"

- <u>The use of *limited number of sensor channels*</u>, will lead to shorter length of data streams than that of the conventional SHM.
- Bridge vibrations induced by everyday traffic and environmental loading are collected by SHM systems to capture features of the bridge (e.g., frequencies and mode shapes).
- Mode shapes in particular have great potential to identify, locate and quantify deterioration but have not been successfully used to date because (i) many sensors are required and (ii) robust post-processing methods do not exist that can successfully extract mode shapes from measured accelerations.





2 - Extremely large volume of data problem

• To overcome this problem new type of <u>damage detection</u> <u>algorithms</u> have been developed called

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"Short Data Burst".

• This type of algorithms deal with signals less than 5 sec.





Short data burst (left) and frequency spectrum by SWT (right).





- 1) Zero Padding (zpd).
- 2) Symmetry Padding (sym).
- 3) Anti-Symmetry Padding (asym).
- 4) Periodic Padding (ppd).
- 5) Smooth of Order 0 Padding (sp0).
- 6) Smooth of Order 1 Padding (sp1).

Examples of signal extension.



PADDING	Noise-free	SNR			
TECHNIQUE		50	20	5	
original	0.4365	0.4360	0.4383	0.4373	
zpd	0.1682	0.1683	0.1664	0.1693	
sym	0.3008	0.3058	0.3058	0.3058	
asym	0.1692	0.1697	0.1689	0.1711	
ppd	0.3904	0.3904	0.3904	0.3904	
sp0	0.1682	0.1683	0.1668	0.1694	
sp1	0.1680	0.1693	0.1845	0.1857	

RMSE (Hz) for different padding techniques and noise levels.



Conclusion & Future Plan ---- Part 1:

- 1) The results have highlighted that all padding techniques under investigation have rendered better estimation of frequencies than not applying padding at all. In the case of a noise-free signal, symmetry padding and periodic padding perform worse than the others. Based on the RMSE, smooth padding of order 1 and 0, zero padding, and anti-symmetry padding have clearly outperformed symmetry and periodic types of padding.
- 1) Further research aims to propose an efficient technique able to deal with the <u>discontinuity at the transition period</u> between forced and free vibration.





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3a - Load Control (B-WIM SYSTEM)





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3b- Load Control (Multiple-Presence)





Challenges facing current B-WIM system and all SHM systems

- Installation Time
- Complexity
- Access to bridges underneath
- Cost





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4 - Drone Sensors



Truck weight

Drone Accelerometers

- The benefits of switching to this is unprecedented.
- But why this has not been used to date ????
- Bridge Vibration is of small amplitude in which requiring a very sensitive sensors to record this vibration.



Silicon Designs 2012-002 accelerometers Detect signal with power of 1⁻⁴ dB iPhone has M9 accelerometer Designed for Tracking the human activities **Detect signal with power of 10 dB**



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Drone Accelerometers

So if off-the-shelf deceives used to record the bridge vibration, the vibration will totally disrupted by the noise



Silicon Designs Record for bridge vibration

iPhone Record for bridge Vibration



Introduction to Stochastic Resonance

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• This example demonstrate the application of conventional SR



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Stochastic Resonance: Extract Bridge Frequency Using iPhone acceleration.





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Extracting Bridge Frequency using an iPhone

• SR results was very promising.

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Extracting Bridge Frequency using an iPhone

• The algorithm Successfully identifies the first four bridge frequencies.





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Flying Sensor

Accelerometer will be install inside the drone which equipped by perching mechanism allows drone to stick to any steel structure





Receiver Working Voltage Input DC3.5V-12V



Electromagnet







Accelerometer

Drone









Flying Sensor











7 – Drone Flock Orchestration







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8 - Damage Detection from Image (detailed image of damage and actual location)



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• To detect small cracks drone should fly close enough to detect it.

 But it will be hard to know where is this crack in the whole bridge.











Crack Detection using Faster R-CNN and Point Feature Matching





b) Drone hovering



c) Inspected beam (Target image)





Crack photo



Beam photo



Matched FEATURES between the two photos.



Crack Location



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• We solved this challenge using Point Feature Matching algorithm





Undamaged Bridge





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The conception of "drive-by" is first developed by Y.B. Yang etc. [1].



 $\overline{m}\ddot{u} + EIu^{""} = f_c(t)\delta(x - vt)$ $m_v\ddot{u} + k_v(q_v - u|_{x=vt}) = 0$



$$\ddot{q}_{v}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \bar{\bar{A}}_{1,n} \cos\left(\frac{(n-1)\pi v}{L}\right) t + \bar{\bar{A}}_{2,n} \cos\left(\frac{(n+1)\pi v}{L}\right) t + \bar{\bar{A}}_{3,n} \cos(\omega_{v}t) \\ + \bar{\bar{A}}_{4,n} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_{b,n}}{L} - \frac{n\pi v}{L}\right) t + \bar{\bar{A}}_{5,n} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_{b,n}}{L} + \frac{n\pi v}{L}\right) t \right\}$$

The vehicle response contains vibration components dominated by the natural frequencies of bridge

[1]. Yang, YB, and CW Lin. 2005. "Vehicle-bridge interaction dynamics and potential applications." Journal of sound and vibration 284 (1):205-226.



Drive-by bridge SHM

- The natural bridge frequencies
- The bridge damping
- The mode shapes
- To detect the discontinuity with signal processing tool as wavelet transform & Hilbert transform, etc.



- Bridge frequencies
 - ≻ FFT
 - The limited Vehicle and Bridge Interaction time
 - Iow resolution of FFT spectrum
 - It cannot detect the frequency drop caused by damages

Using the pseudo-frequency of wavelet transform to replace FFT





• Wavelet Theory

- FT only works as a signal-converting tool from the time domain to the frequency domain.
- While, performing wavelet transforms, a signal is shown in the frequency domain while the information in the time domain still retained.
- Wavelet analysis gives better frequency-time information to objective signals.



Vehicle properties		Bridge properties		
m _s	14000 kg	Span	15m	
k _s	200 kN/m	Density	4800kg/m ³	
c _s	10 kN s/m	Width	4 m	
m _a	1000 kg	Depth	0.8m	
k _a	2750 kN/m	Modulus	$2.75 \times 10^{10} \text{N/m}^2$	











$$F_S = \frac{0.25}{0.001 * 65.4} = 3.823$$

No resolution limitation





The pseudo-frequency can detect the change of frequency, but the vehicle speed affects the identified frequency accuracy as well.



• Damping effect

Most of time, the bridge damping ratio is ignored for simplifying the vehicle response

 $\overline{m}\ddot{u} + EIu^{""} = f_c(t)\delta(x - vt)$ $m_v\ddot{u} + k_v(q_v - u|_{x=vt}) = 0$

Bridge motion equation: Vehicle motion equation:

$$\overline{m}\ddot{u} + c_{b,e}\dot{u} + c_{b,i}I\,\dot{u}^{""} + EIu^{""} = f_c(t)\delta(x - vt)$$
$$m_v\ddot{q}_v + k_v(q_v - u\Big|_{x=vt}) = 0$$

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$$\ddot{q}_{v}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta_{st,n}}{2\sqrt{\left(1 - S_{n}^{2}\right)^{2} + 4S_{n}^{2}\varepsilon_{b,n}^{2}}} \left\{ \bar{\bar{A}}_{1,n} \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi vt}{L} - \alpha\right) + \bar{\bar{A}}_{2,n} \cos(\omega_{v}t + \alpha) + \bar{\bar{A}}_{3,n} \cos(\omega_{v}t - \alpha) + \bar{\bar{A}}_{3,n} \cos(\omega_{v}t -$$



Yang etc. (2014) developed a Hilbert Transform based algorithm to extract mode shape from vehicle acceleration. They didn't consider the bridge damping, so they obtained: $HT\left(\frac{x}{v}\right) = constant \cdot \left|\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)\right|$; if the damping exits, the formula changes to as $HT\left(\frac{x}{v}\right) = constant \cdot e^{-\varepsilon\omega(x/L)} \cdot \left|\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)\right|$





• Different vehicle speeds

Extracted damping for different vehicle speeds

Speed (m/s)	2	4	6	8	10
Damping ratio	0.0100	0.0100	0.0105	0.0160	0.0225
MAC	0.9998	0.9989	0.9968	0.9939	0.9914

High vehicle speed negatively affects the accuracy in both damping and mode shape.

Bridge damping ratio and mode shape



• The effect of road roughness



Since the road roughness emerges a wide range of spatial frequency into the vehicle acceleration, the road roughness effect cannot be removed completely from the extracted mode shapes, using the frequency-domain filtering technique. In addition, the extracted higher modes are easier to mingle with the road roughness, because of their lower amplitudes of higher modes comparing to those of lower.



• Damage indexes

A scaling factor α is introduced, representing the minimum distance between the damaged and undamaged mode shapes

 $\alpha = \frac{MOSS_n^d \cdot MOSS_n^u}{MOSS_n^d \cdot MOSS_n^d}$

where $MOSS_n^d$ and $MOSS_n^u$ are the n^{th} MOSS values of the damaged and undamaged structures, respectively. Then the damage index is defined by calculating the discrepancy between the MOSS values of damaged and undamaged bridges as

$$\Delta_n = MOSS_n^u - \alpha MOSS_n^d$$

When the damage location is not required, another damage indicator based on the sum of differences between the MOSSs for the damaged and undamaged bridges is

$$DI_n^* = \frac{1}{n_{ss}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{ss}} \left| MOSS_n^u(j) - \alpha MOSS_n^d(j) \right|$$



• The procedural steps can be summarized as follows :

- (1) Acquire the bridge frequency $\omega_{b,n}$ and damping ratio $\varepsilon_{b,n}$. In practice, they can be obtained from a current or previous simple vibration experiment, or design values.
- (2) Calculate the corresponding instantaneous amplitudes, $A_n(t)$, with the target bridge natural frequency.
- (3) Reformulate the amplitude history with $A_n(t)/e^{-\varepsilon_{b,n}\omega_{b,n}t}$, and then normalize it to output MOSS.
- (4) Compare the output MOSS to that of the undamaged bridge and calculate the damage index.

Bridge damage detection



• Numerical simulation



A peak close to the damage location can be seen when the damage level is 30% or more. The results demonstrate the ability of the algorithm to detect and, to some extent, localize damage. It is clear that DI* is well-correlated with the level of damage.



The effect of noise



Here indicates that damage can still be detected from the index in the presence of noise. This is despite the fact that the band-pass filtering process in proposed algorithm reduces the impact of measurement noise, to some extent.

Bridge damage detection



• Lab experiment—local damage







Intact case: (every speed runs 5 times) Scenario 1 – vehicle velocity is 0.93m/s. Scenario 2 – vehicle velocity is 1.16m/s. Scenario 3 – vehicle velocity is 1.63m/s.



• Damage case of the lab experiment



Damage case (vehicle speed is 0.93 m/s) Scenario 1 – remove 5mm flange from the beam. Scenario 2 – remove 10mm flange from the beam. Scenario 3 – remove 15mm flange from the beam.



• Damage case results

It is clear that, as the damage level increases, the average MAC values decrease.



MAC values for different bridge conditions. Note: the dashed line represents the average value of five runs;

Bridge damage detection



• Average results



The damage index tends to increase with increasing damage and may also give an indication of damage location

MOSS: mode shape squares constructed from the amplitude of the HT; the change in the bridge frequency is used as a damage index to quantify the damage



• Lab experiment—global damage



The model bridge had four simply supported spans with the three internal piers supported on springs to represent the vertical stiffness provided by pad foundations; and scour is modelled as a reduction in stiffness due to scour .



• Lab experiment—global damage—instrumented vehicles





	Weight	Unit
Tractor Front Axle	11.1	kg
Tractor Rear Axle	14.2	kg
Trailer Front Axle	6.7	kg
Trailer Rear Axle	7	kg





• Lab experiment—global damage scenarios





- A vehicle crosses a four span bridge multiple times. The piers are supported on springs and scour is modelled as a reduction in stiffness due to scour. For this, four weaker springs replaced the existing healthy springs.
- Five scour scenarios are investigated <u>Healthy</u>, 24.5% stiffness loss Pier 2, 44.9% stiffness loss Pier 3, 24.5% stiffness loss Pier 3.
- Each "healthy" spring had a stiffness of 49 N/mm, which was determined from load-displacement tests. As 4 springs were used under each pier, the combined vertical stiffness is 196 N/mm.

Bridge damage detection



• Bridge mode shape extraction





It is found that in this case, this approach only performs excellently on extracting the 5th bridge mode shape, since the extracted results shows well repeatability for repeat runs with bridge frequency of 21.9 Hz. For other bridge frequencies, there is no apparent repeatability of the extracted results for repeat runs



• Global damage detection-Pier 3



Another damage index DI^* is calculated as well (undamaged=0.0309; 24.5% loss=0.1986; 44.9 % loss=0.2086)



• Global damage detection-Pier 2



The damage index can show a great difference between healthy and damage bridge conditions as well. The damage index DI^* is also calculated for this case (healthy=0.0310; 24.5% loss=0.1209; 44.9 % loss=0.1456).

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Results:

Current bottlenecks in the areas of challenges of continuous power supply, generating large volume of data, and lack of understanding of bridge load and performance have been addressed by innovative fly-by and drive-by monitoring system:

- Fly-by monitoring using drone has demonstrated significant potential to complement bridge inspection
- Prototype development of drone charging pads and fly-by drone sensors is a major step forward
- Different types of drone sensing can be used based on required efficiency, quality of camera and available processors.
- Algorithms for bridge weigh-in-motion, damage detection on the fly, deformation monitoring and vibration sensing by hoovering drones demonstrated reasonable success
- Drive-by monitoring and damage detection proved to be complementary system for the bridge inspection and management.

Discussions:

- More filed testing will be pursued.
- Different type of stronger processer will be used.