



# Deformation monitoring of Danube bridges in Bratislava by integrated measurement system



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### **Bridges over the Danube**



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## **Research at Department of Surveying**



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Automated Measurement System Development, 2013-2015,

- Multi-Sensor Measuring System Development
- Synchronisation
- Data Processing

Bridge Monitoring by Repeated Measurements, 2015-2017

- Bridge Health Care
- Methodology
- Data Processing
- Bridge Classification





## **Research at Department of Surveying**



Bridge of Slovak National Uprising connects the city centre with the city district Petržalka over the Danube, construction began in 1969 and to full operation was given in 1972

The bridge consists from the asymmetric cable-stayed steel structure with one pylon

The overall length of the bridge is 688.4 m and width 21.0 m the pylon is 95.0 m higth





## **Basic Concept and Requirements**



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- continuous and time unlimited monitoring of the bridge girder and pylon
- determination of dynamic short-term deformation of the bridge girder, cables and the pylon
- providing an information about the deformation in real time
- remote access and management of the system



## **Communication solution**



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#### Communication between the system components

- connection between the subsystems realized by mobile internet connection,
- communication by virtual private network VPN,
- each sensor is identified by own IP address in VPN network,
- time synchronization by local time server with receiving time signal from NAVSTAR GPS satellites.



## **Synchronisation**



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VB1 – total station

Reference point VB2

**Reference point VB4** 





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Prisms and sensors

- 6 measuring points (prisms) for
   measuring of spatial deformation,
- 3 tilt sensors, accelerometers and temperature sensors.





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view at measuring points







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continuous and time unlimited monitoring of the bridge pylon by GNSS







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# Top of the pylon





### **Software solutions**



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#### Software for remote control and data processing and analysis:

- TrackingTS30 for dynamic measurements control and management,
- **Lomb** for data processing of dynamic measurements by total stations,
- **DynMer** for auto-spectral and cross-spectral analysis of the measurements,
- Accint numerical analysis of the accelerometer data.

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- software with GUI interface,
- modules for real-time data download from FTP server of AMS.



## Monitoring



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- Long-term monitoring .... time domain (GNSS, TS, tilt sensors)
- Short term monitoring .... frequency domain (accelerometers, TS, GNSS)



### Long-term monitoring in time domain



- continuous and time unlimited monitoring of the bridge girder deformation by TS
- auto-spectral and cross-spectral analysis of the bridge long-term deformation induced by temperature changes
- processing of tilt measurement data the longitudinal and the torsional oscillation of the structures was determined and compared with the TS data
- using double integration of accelerations (leads to displacements) the bridge girder deformation was determined and compared with TS data



## Long-term monitoring in time domain



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# Longitudinal displacements of the structure



- high coherence (at level 0.95) between the structure's temperature
- phase delay of time series describes structural response on temperature changes approximately in 1 to 1.5 hour
- highest amplitudes varies from 10.0 to 18.0 mm
- accuracy of the displacements determined in each direction was 1.2 mm



### **Frequency domain**



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Model frequencies of the bridge structure – calculated using FEM





- data processing is based on spectral analysis and signal processing, which enable to describe not only the static, but the dynamic behavior of the monitored structure, also
- for data processing of time series is general FFT used
- sensors generate data sets in evenly (time series) and unevenly spaced time intervals (generate by TS)
- for spectral analysis of unevenly spaced data Lomb-Scargle Periodogram (LSP) was used, which produces better results as FFT
- results in the frequency domain contain from two parts the power spectrum (periodogram) and the phase spectrum of the signal
- cross-spectral analysis of two time series (signals) is used for determination of the cross-correlation (common frequency amplitudes) and the time delay between them



### Frequency analysis – TS data



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Vibration mode	Frequency calculated [Hz]	Frequency measured [Hz]	Difference [%]
2.	0.41	0.45	8.9
7.	1.36	1.28	5.9



### Frequency analysis of accelerometer data



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## **Daily variations of vibration frequencies**



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Vibration mode	Frequency Calculated [Hz]	Average Daily Frequency Measured [Hz]	Difference [%]
2.	0.41	0.45	9.7
5.	0.82	0.83	1.2
7.	1.36	1.28	2.9
12.	2.48	2.48	0.0
13.	3.07	3.00	2.3



## Conclusion



- multi-sensor AMS developed, tested by series of 24 hour measurements
- synchronisation (level 0.05 sec), data capturing in real-time, data transfer in side VPN and to the server via IP solved, tested
- data aces, management and processing possible using smart phone
- spectral analysis of unevenly spaced data (generate by TS) Lomb-Scargle Periodogram (LSP) solved, tested, max difference up to 9%
- spectral analysis of time series (acceleration, inclination, GNSS) using FFT solved, tested, max difference up to 3%
- cross-spectral analysis of two signals could be made to determine the common frequency amplitudes and the time delay between signals







- developed AMS builds part of common AMS developed for 3 Danube bridges with the server and data processing at Department of Surveying FCE
- research suported by 2 research projects (grants)
- during these were one PhD thesis and 2 master thesises finalised at the Department
- in co-operation with the municipality of Bratislava
- next development of the AMS using FOS, only at the 3rd Danube bridge, which was fully rebuild this year





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#### **Plenary sessions**



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# Important dates

	Peer reviewed papers	Non peer reviewed papers
Abstract submission deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> February	30 <sup>th</sup> June
Notification on paper acceptance	25 <sup>th</sup> February	25 <sup>th</sup> July
Paper submission deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> September
Deadline for reviewers	30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Final paper submission	1 <sup>st</sup> September	

Papers not send by September the 1<sup>st</sup> will not be included to the conference proceedings





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