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Summary of Recent Bridge Research in Iowa

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Collaboration with ISU-CTRE Bridge Engineering Center (BEC)

- An agreement with CTRE (Center for Transportation Research and Education) that provides the equivalent of a half-time faculty position dedicated for helping the Iowa DOT Bridges & Structures in various research activities. The research is conducted by the Bridge Engineering Center (BEC) which is part of CTRE

Overview of Research Program Description

- FHWA Innovative Bridge Research & Construction/Deployment (IBRC/IBRD) and Highways for Life (HFL) programs
- Iowa Highway Research Board (IHRB)
- Special Investigations
- Load Testing program

LIST OF PROJECTS BY PROGRAM

IBRC/IBRD & HFL PROJECTS

- Accelerated Bridge Construction Using Prefabricated Elements
- Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)
- Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP)
- Corrosive Resistant Reinforcing Steel (MMFX)
- Steel Free Concrete Deck
- High Performance Steel (HPS)

IOWA HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD (IHRB) PROJECTS

- Load Rating through Diagnostic Load Testing
- Investigation of Fatigue Cracks due to Out-of-Plane Bending
- Investigation of Light Pole Failure

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Monitoring of the Iowa River Bridge Launching
- Monitoring of Various Structural Elements (drilled shafts, arch hangers, sign support structures, light poles, etc.)
- Load Testing of Bridges

DETAILS OF PROJECTS FOLLOW

IBRC/IBRD & HFL PROJECTS

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Chapter 1

Accelerated Construction using Prefabricated Elements

a) Prefabricated Bridge Elements
Boone County
Madison County
24th Street

Project Goal

- Using high performance precast concrete bridge components to reduce construction time by 60%.

Boone County IBRC Project

- Type:
 - PPC beam bridge
 - Steel H piling and pipe piling foundation
 - Approach roadway surface – gravel
- Size:
 - Span: 151'-4 three span 47'-5, 56'-6, 47'-5
 - Width: 33'-2 out to out
 - Roadway: 30' gutter-line to gutter-line

Replacement Structure Details

- Superstructure
 - Modified LXA beams - spacing 8'-4"
 - Deck full-depth precast deck panels
 - Pre-stressed transversely
 - Post-tensioned longitudinally
- Substructure
 - Precast abutment footing
 - H-pile foundation
 - Precast pier cap
 - Pipe pile foundation

Substructure Construction

- Integral Abutment
- Precast Abutment Footing (Pile Cap)
- P10A Pier (Pipe Piling)
- Precast Pier Cap





Superstructure Construction

- Pretensioned Prestressed Concrete Beams
- Precast Deck Panel Fabrication
- Deck Construction



Deck Panel Fabrication

- Pretensioned Transversely
- Post-tensioned longitudinally
- 32 Interior deck panels
- 4 End panels with PT anchorage zones



Deck Panel Erection

- Setting Panels
- Leveling Panels
- Casting Transverse Joints
- Post-Tensioning
- Casting Longitudinal Joints and Abutment Diaphragms





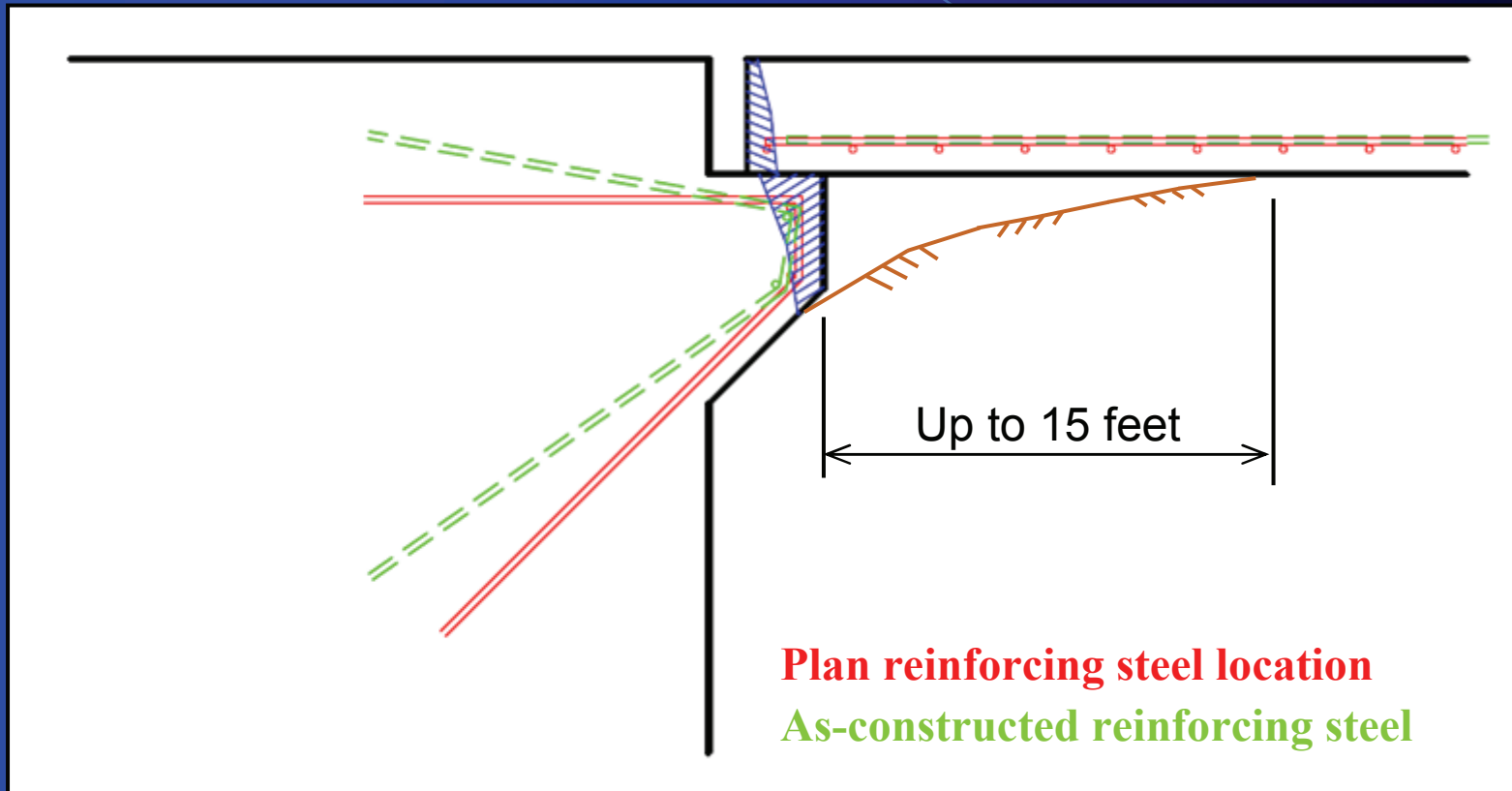


b) Panels and Paving Notch US 63

Bridge Approach Settlement Problems



Causes of Approach Settlement



Conventional repair

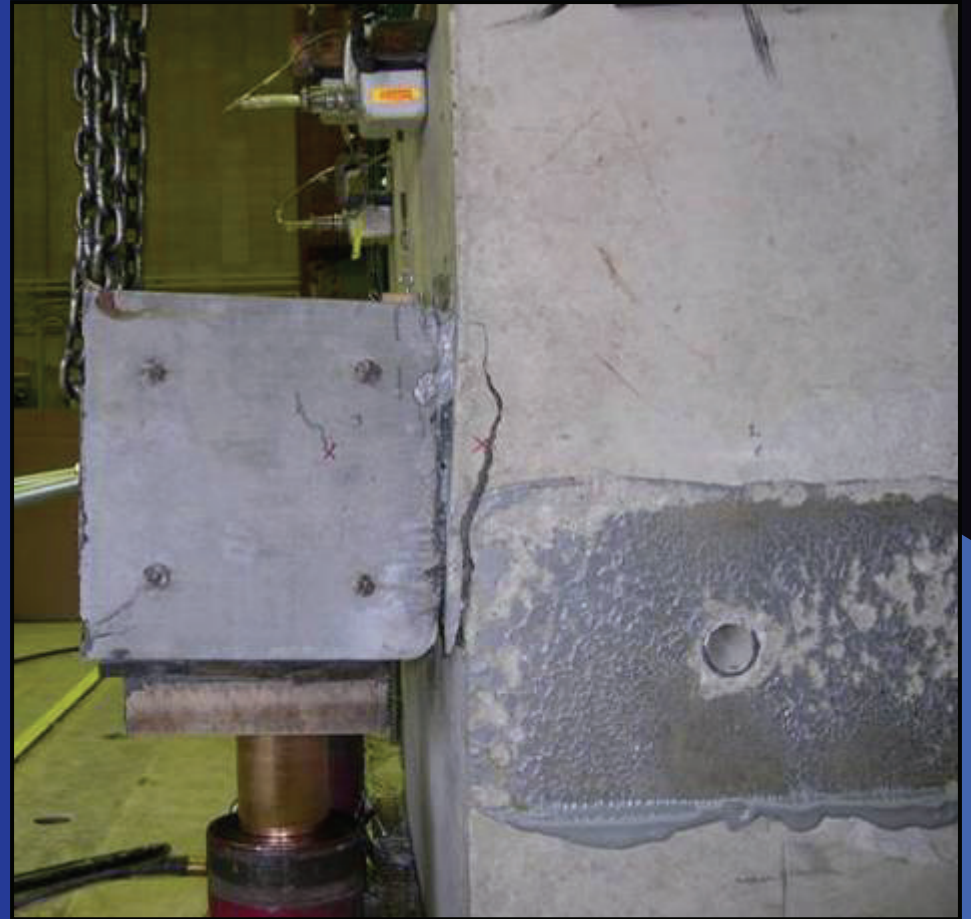


Why Precast Concrete?

- How do you replace failed approach slabs under traffic?
- Night or Weekend construction?



Lab testing precast paving notch

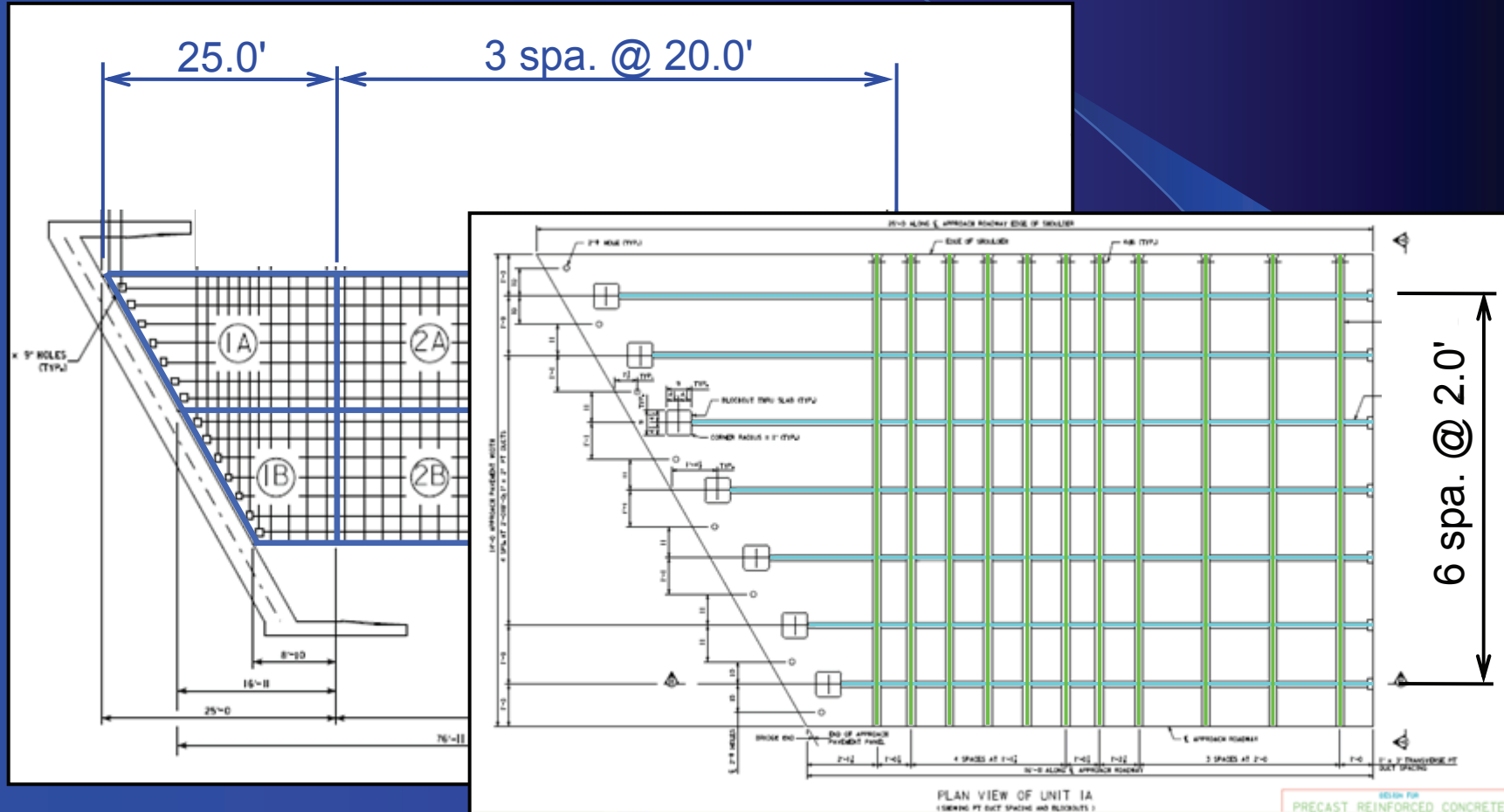


c) Precast Bridge Approach Iowa 60

Iowa Demonstration Project

- Precast Prestressed Bridge Approach Slabs
 - ~77 ft at either end of a skewed bridge
 - Tied to integral bridge abutment
- 2-way Post-Tensioning
- Partial-width panels (lane-by-lane construction)
- Installed over crushed aggregate base graded to crown
- Panels: 14 ft x 20 ft x 12 in.

Precast Approach Slab Layout



Longitudinal PT (1 - 0.6" dia. strands)

Transverse PT (1 - 0.6" dia. strands)





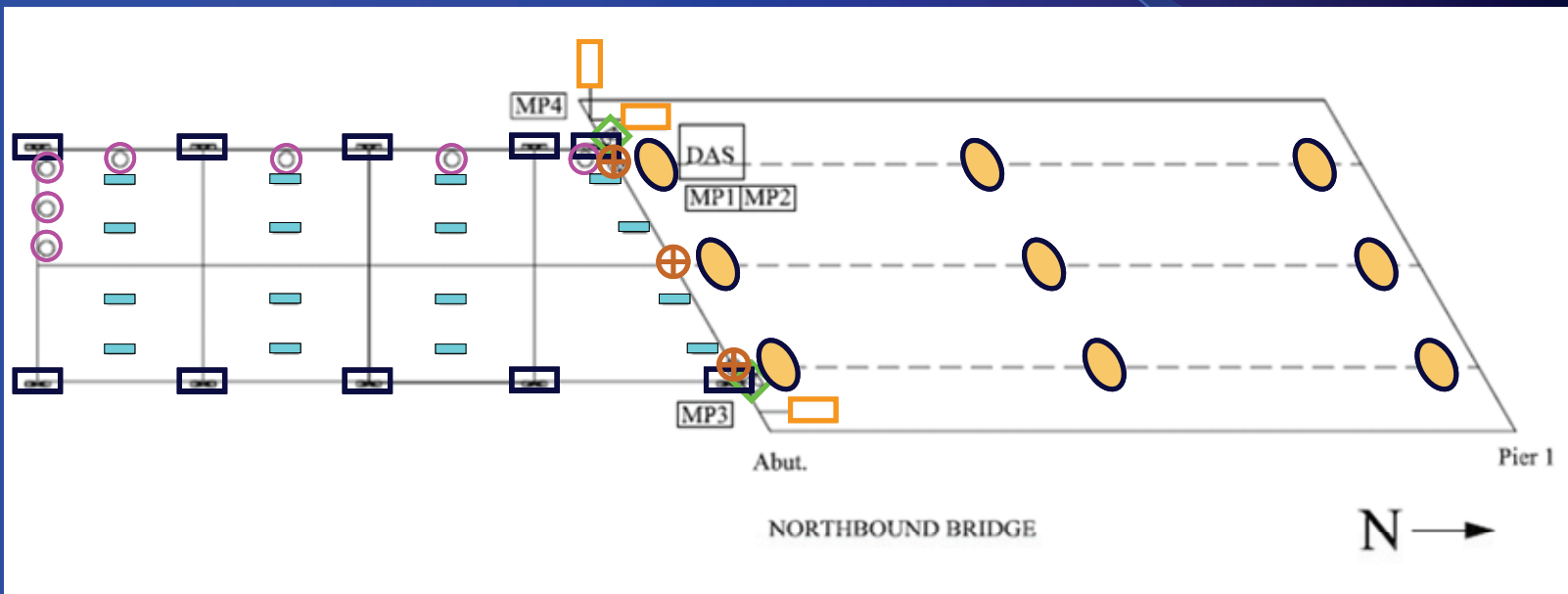




Instrumentation Plan

NB Bridge

(Iowa State University)



- Joint movement crackmeters (10)
- PT strandmeters (7)
- Embedded strain sensors (16)

- Displacement transducers (3)
- ◇ Tiltmeters (2)
- Girder strain sensors (18)
- ⊕ Pile strain sensors (12)



Chapter 2

Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)

What is UHPC?

- Produced by Lafarge in North America
- Fine Sand/Cement/Silica Fume
- Low water/cement ratio (0.15)
- Super plasticizer
- Steel Fibers (2% by volume)
- No traditional mild reinforcing steel is required

Ductal®

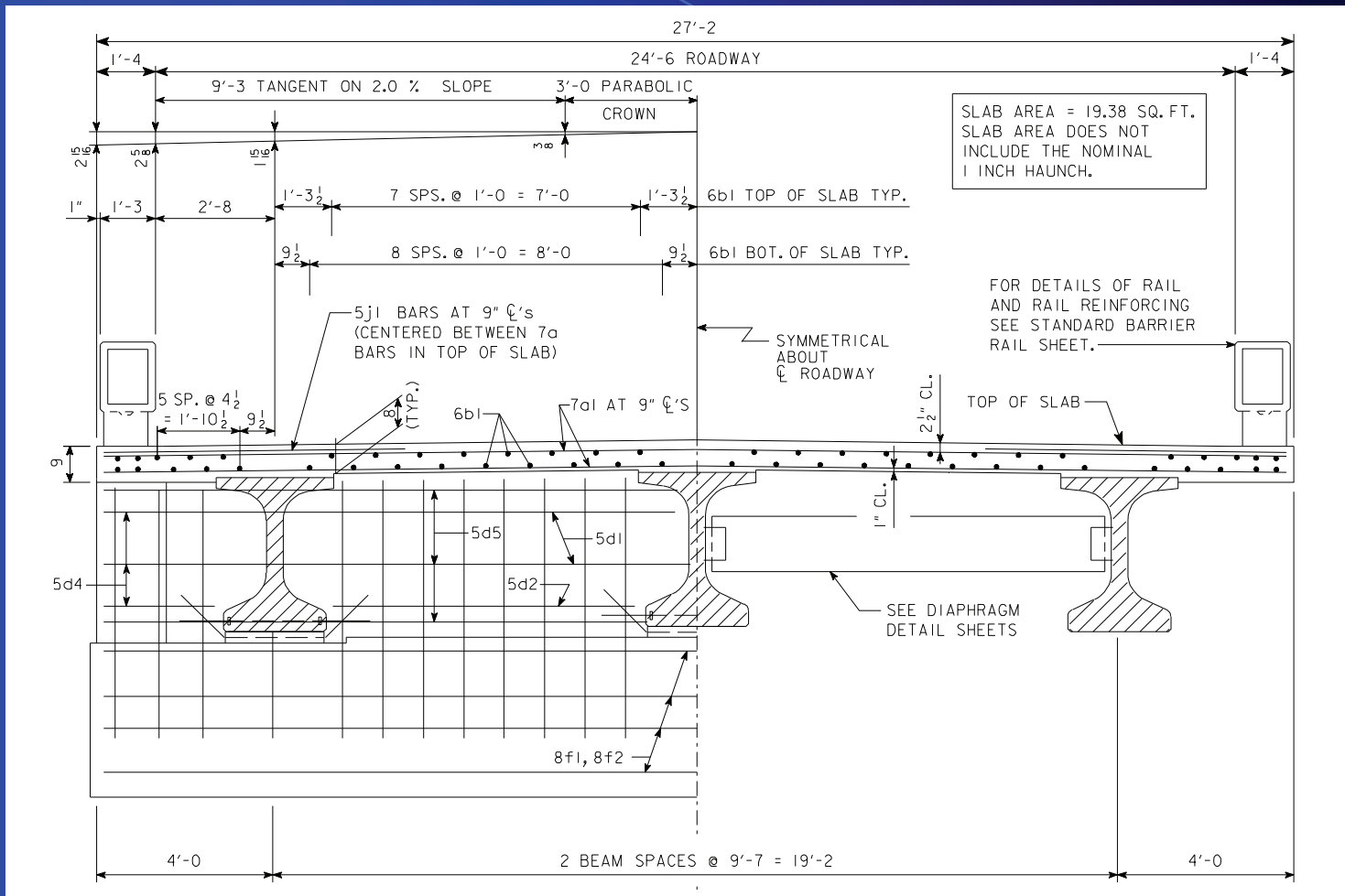


Why UHPC?

- High Compressive Strength (up to 30 ksi)
- High Durability
- Low Permeability
- Remove Mild Reinforcement
- More Efficient Sections

a) Mars Hill Bridge in Wapello County

- 110 ft single span
- 3 beam cross section
- Modified Iowa Bulb-Tee
- 0.6-inch diameter strands
- Integral Abutments
- High Performance Concrete Deck



Design Based on

- Release comp strength 12,000 psi
- Final comp strength 24,000 psi
- Allowable service tension 1,000 psi
- LRFD HL-93 loading
- Grillage analysis for live load distribution

Test Mix Proportions

Test Mix Proportions	
Description	Quantity
Ductal Mix	137 lbs
Water	8.03 lbs
3000NS (Super Plasticizer)	850 g
Steel Fibers	9.7 lbs



Adding Steel Fibers

Mixing of UHPC



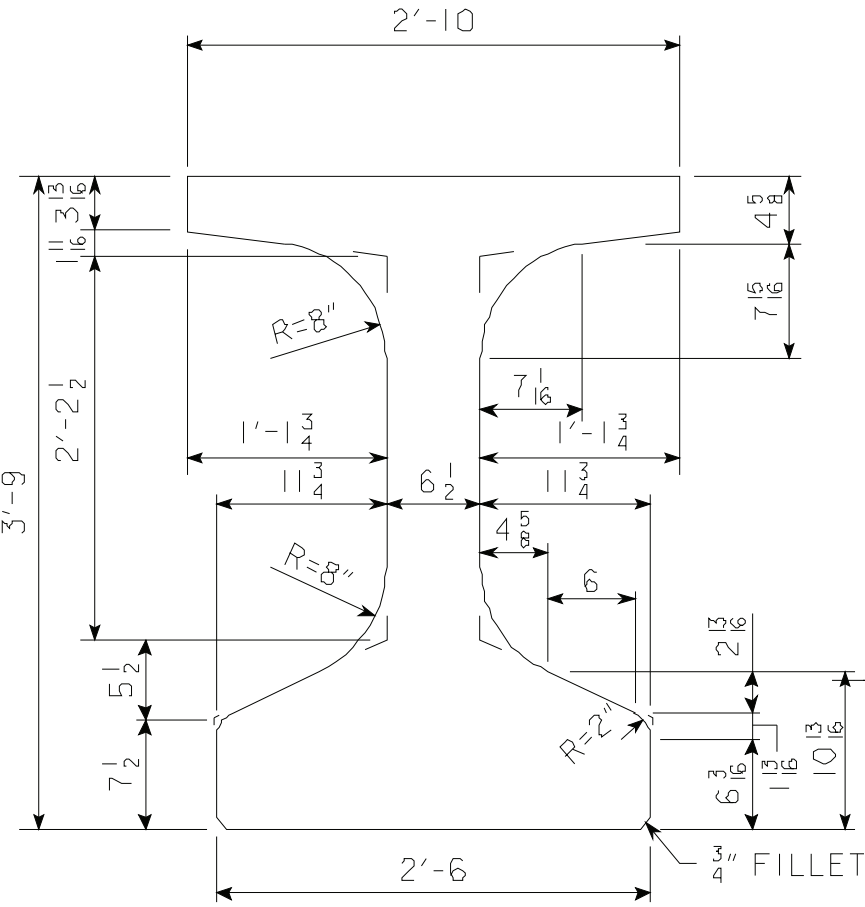
Results of Test Mix

Cylinder	Compressive Strength (psi)
1	15,896
2	16,123
3	20,004
4	15,943


Cylinder	Compressive Strength (psi)
1	23,820
2	24,570
3	22,510

UHPC Issues

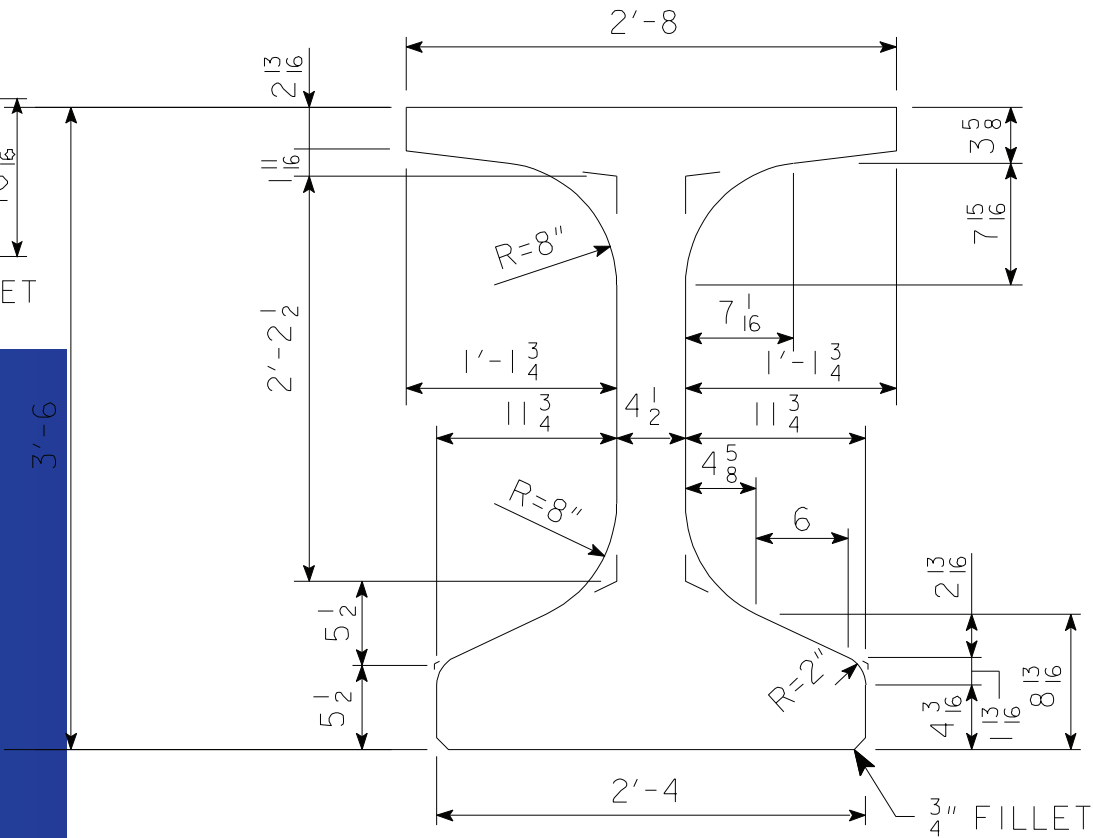
- Batching Time
- Equipment
- Placing
- Shrinkage
- Curing Time



Iowa 45 inch Bulb-Tee



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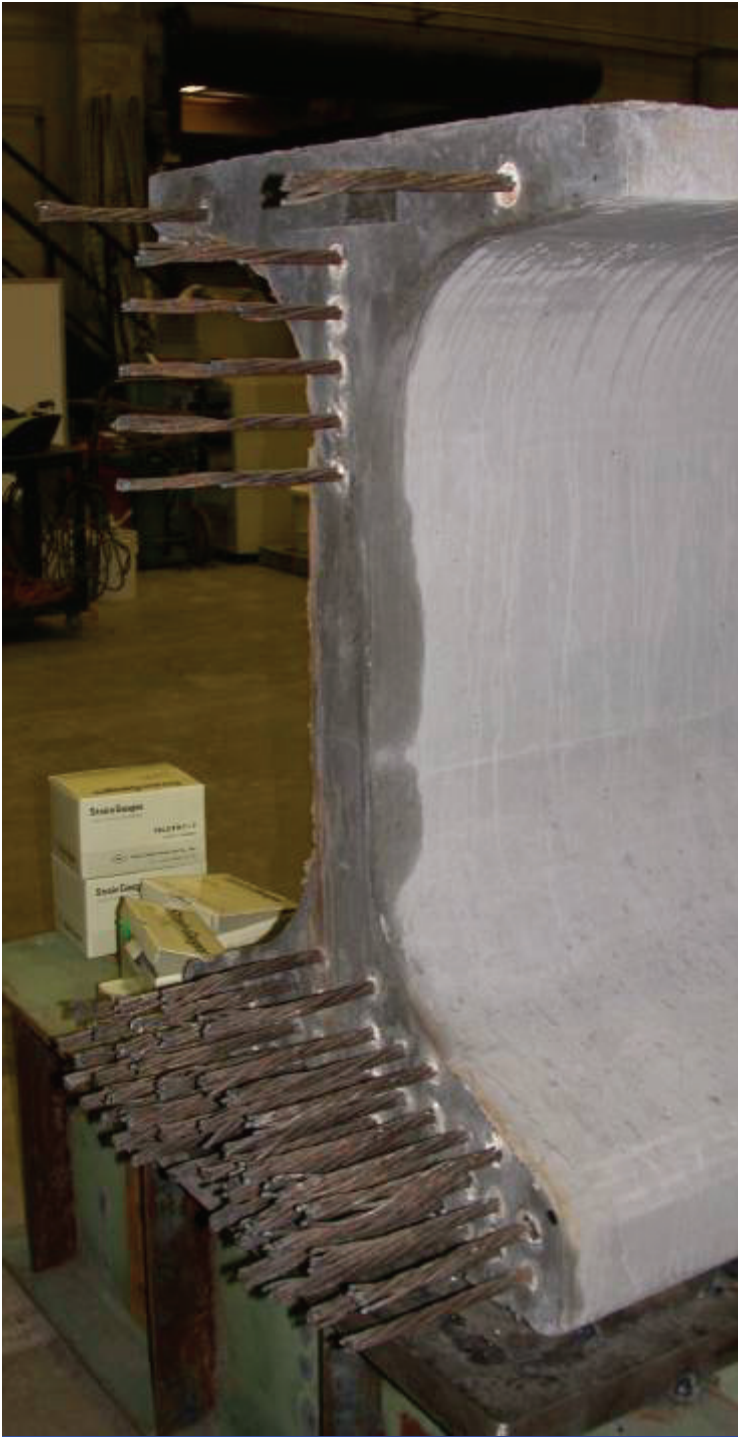


110' Beam Casting



110' Beam Casting





Construction



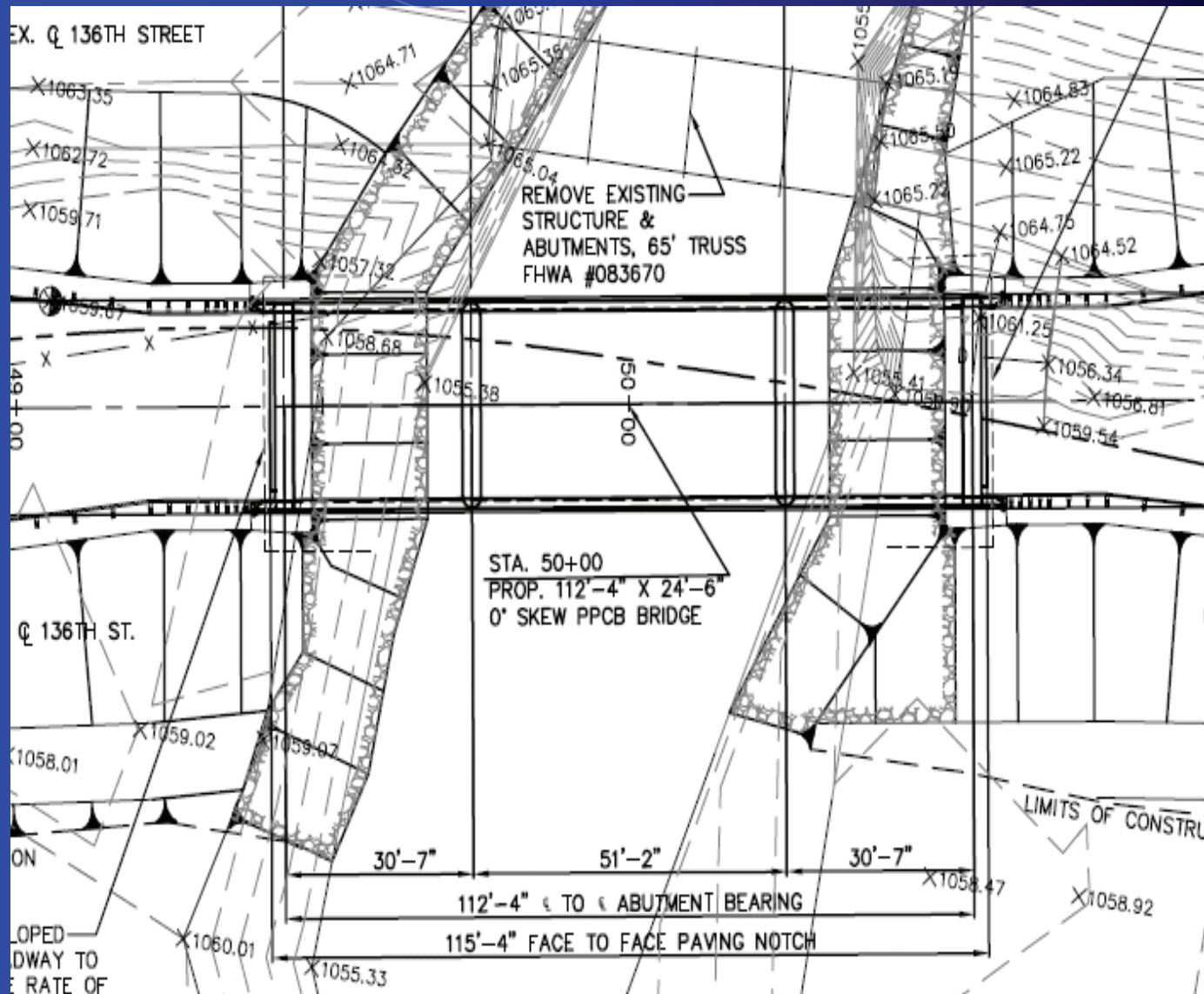
Completed Structure



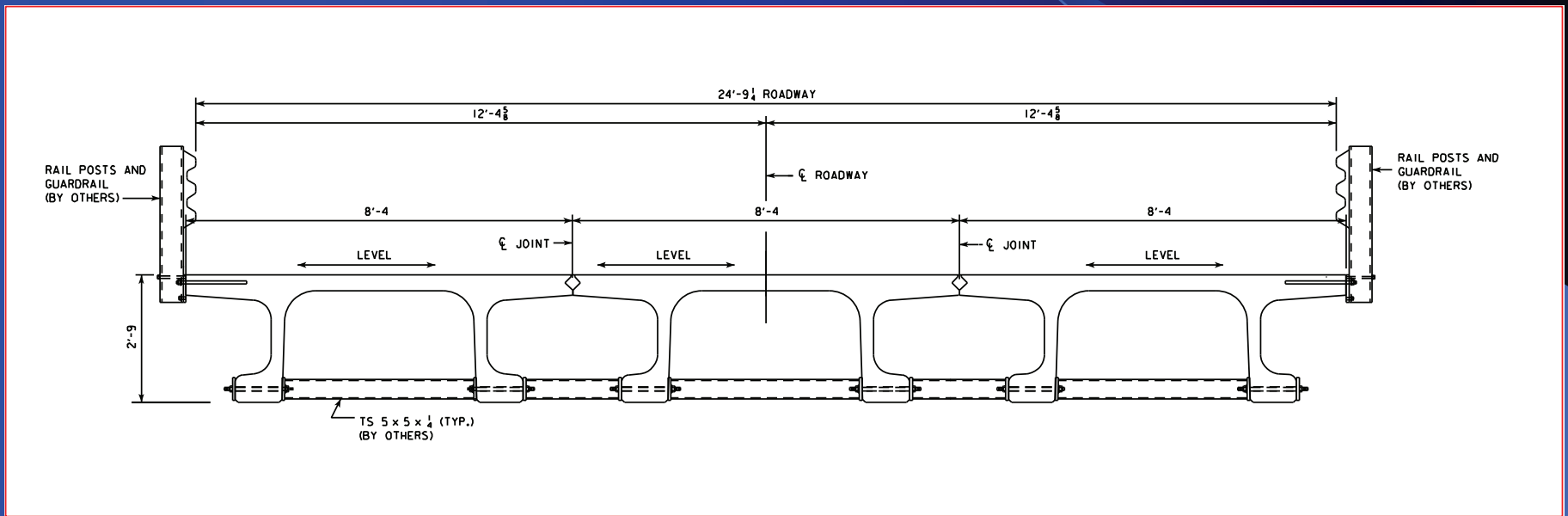
b) Buchanan County

- 51 ft single span unit
- 3 beam cross section
- π shape sections
- 0.6-inch diameter strands
- Prestressed longitudinally

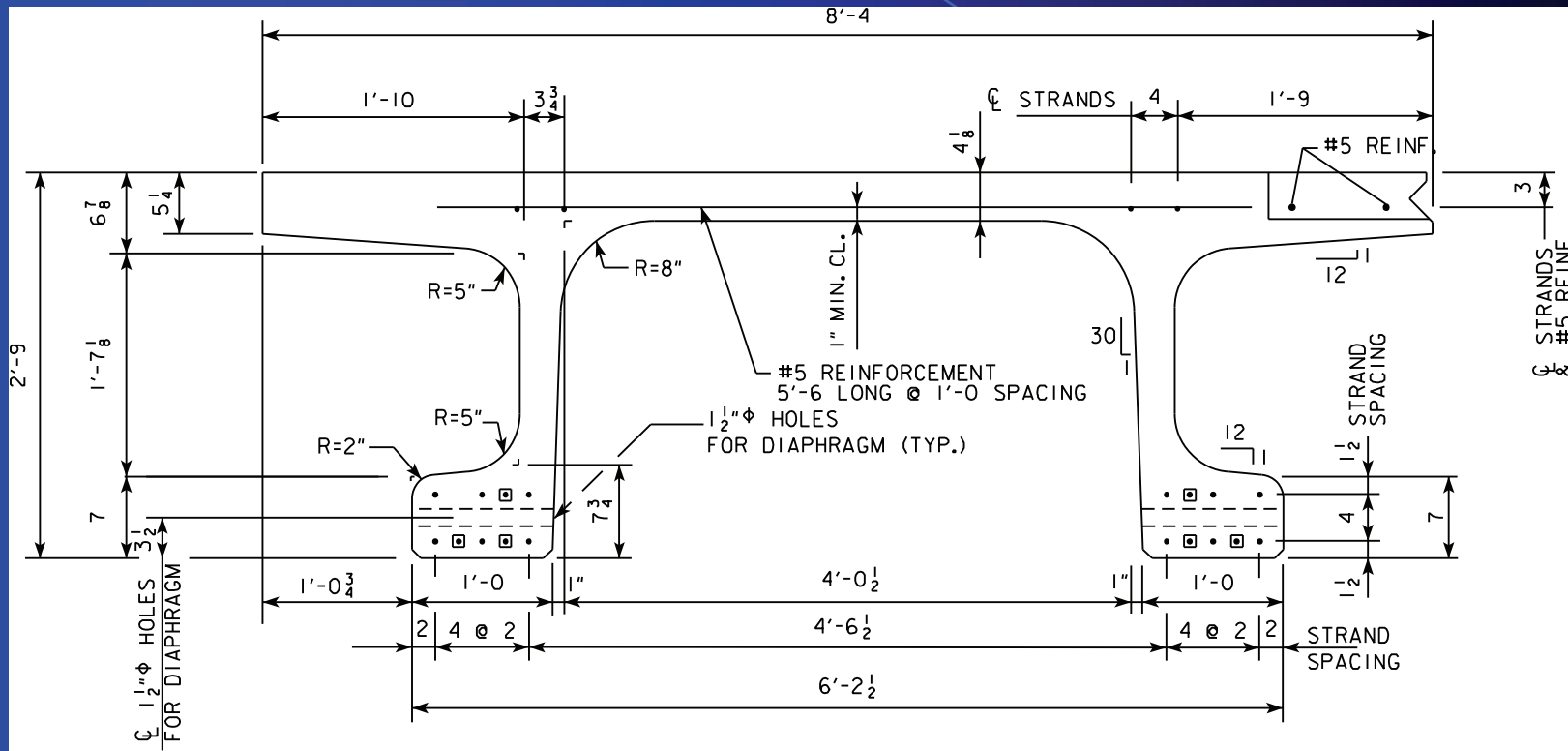
Plan View



Cross Section



Revised π Section



UHPC π -Girder



Advantages:

- Corrosion resistant
- Light weight
- High strength with a high fatigue life
- Can be installed with a minimal crew and common equipment

FRP Projects

- Post-Tensioned FRP Rods
- FRP Strengthening of Steel Beams
- FRP Strengthening of Prestressed Concrete Beams
- FRP Reinforced Glued-Laminated Timber Girders
- FRP Deck
- FRP Superstructure System

Chapter 3

Fiber Reinforced Polymer

a) Post-tensioned FRP Rods

- Concept: Use CFRP rods to post-tension a structurally deficient steel girder bridge.
- On Iowa 141 in Guthrie County.

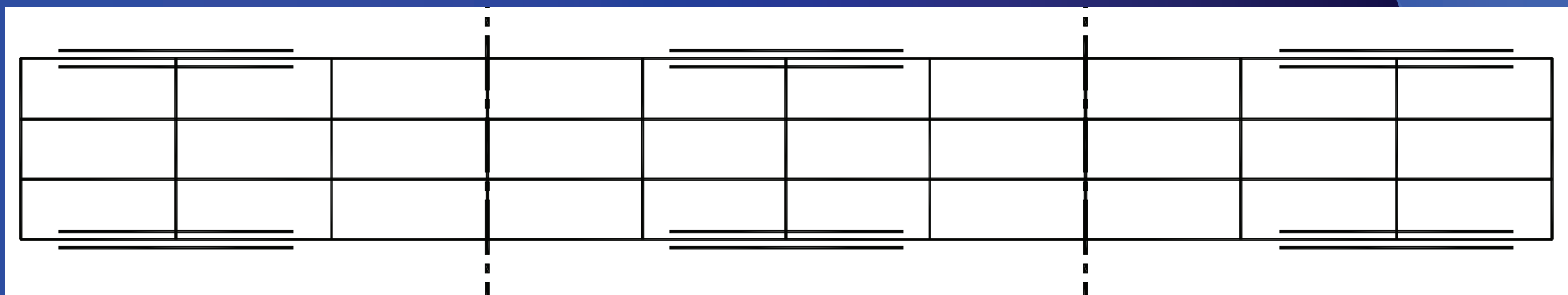


Strengthening System

- CFRP bars
 - 3/8 inch in diameter
 - Fiber Content : 65 % by volume
 - Tensile Strength : 300 ksi (33 kips per bar)
 - Tensile Modulus : 20,000 ksi

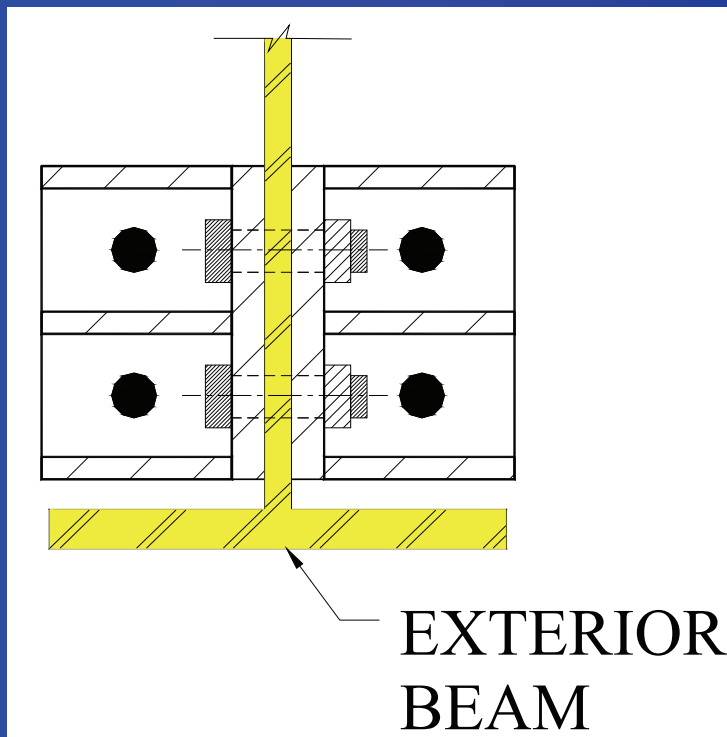
Strengthening System

- Positive moment region of Exterior girders in all three spans



Strengthening System

- Design force of 12 kips per rod, 48 kips per location



- Anchorage assemblies
– 5 in. x 5 in. x 3/4 in. stiffened angles

Application of P-T force



End Span



Center Span

Completed CFRP P-T System



End Span (Exterior)

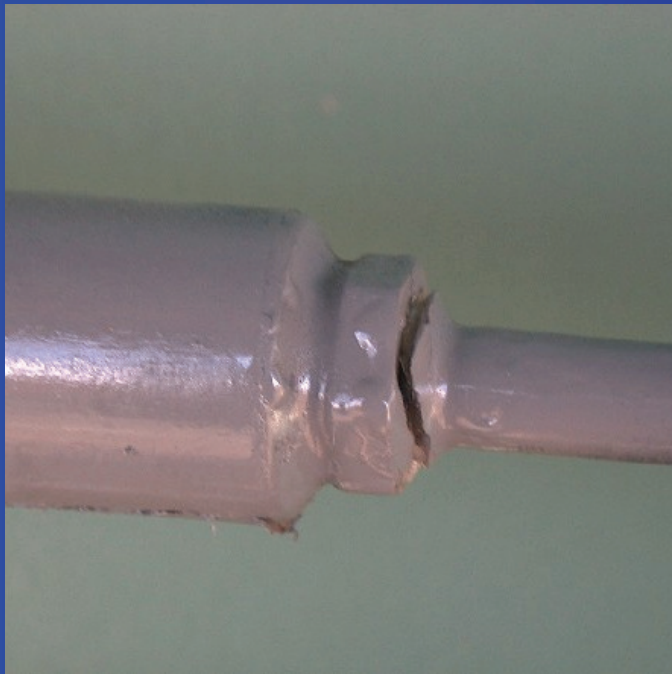


End Span (Interior)



Center Span

Slip of CFRP bar shortly after application of P-T force

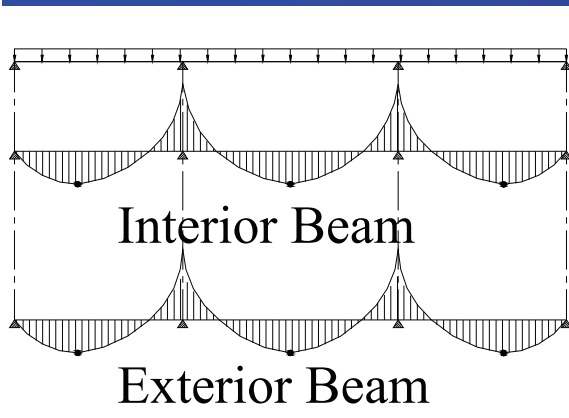


- Slip observed at the bar to steel tube anchor interface
- Laboratory testing
 - Slippage phenomenon
 - Material characteristics

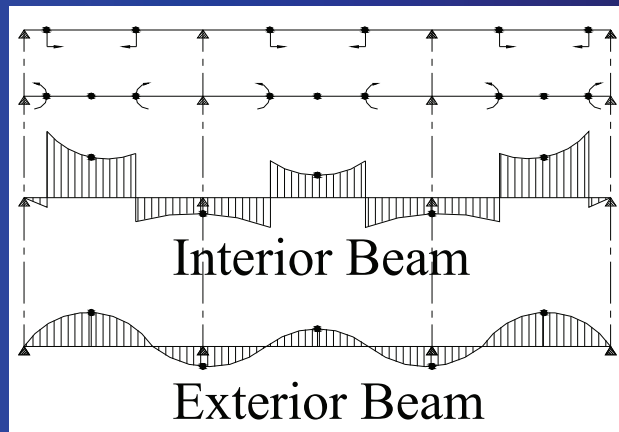
Beam Analysis

- DL, LL, and P-T induced moments
- All combined to illustrate maximum moment reduction

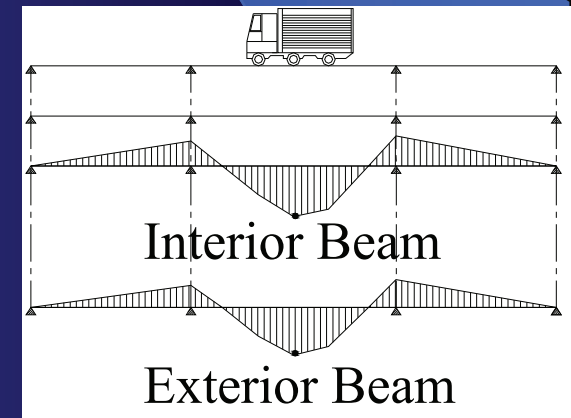
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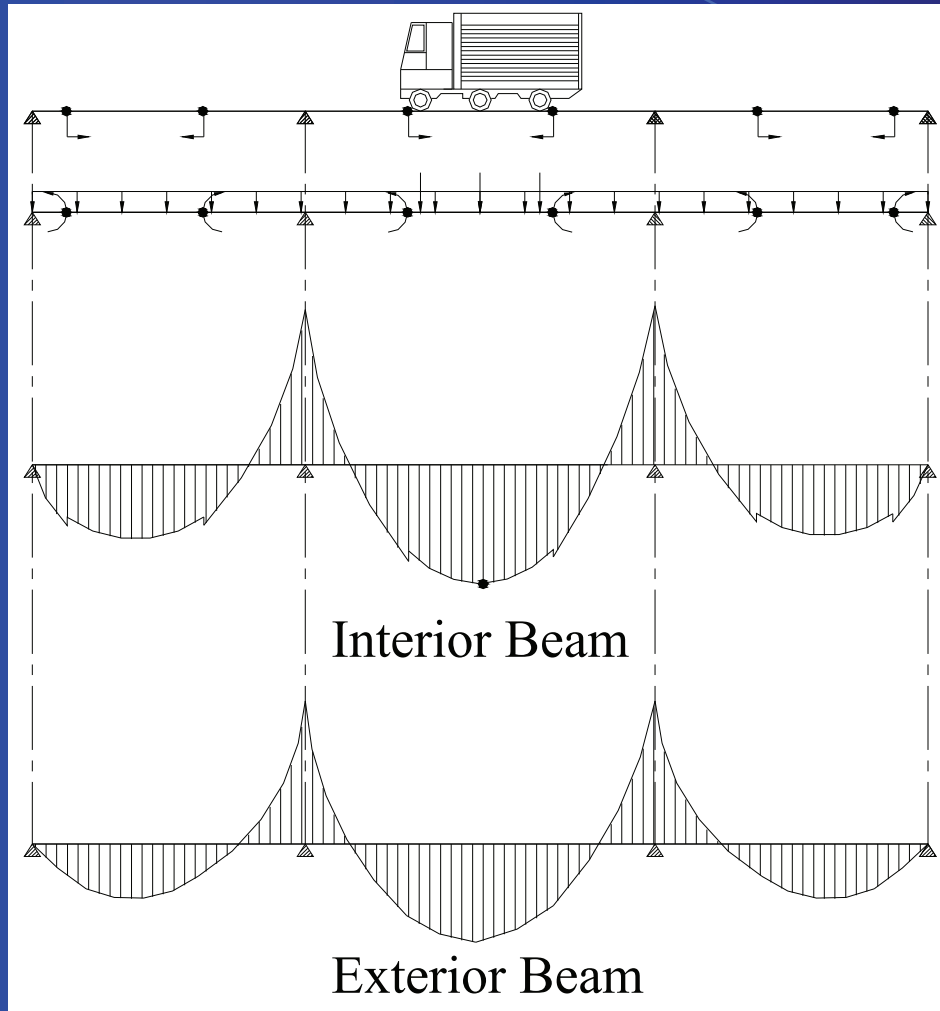
P-T



LL



Max Moments Reduction



- Center Span

– 3%

- End Span

– 5%

b) CFRP Plate Strengthening

- Concept: Strengthen a structurally deficient steel girder bridge by bonding CFRP plates to overstressed regions.
- Located on Iowa 92 in Pottawattamie County.

Overview

- **Laboratory Investigation:**

- Evaluated the feasibility of using CFRP plates in strengthening steel-concrete composite bridges
- Tested ten small-scale, steel-concrete beams
 - Two different arrangements of CFRP and two different levels of damage were investigated

- **Field Investigation:**

- Used CFRP plates to strengthen an existing, structurally deficient steel girder bridge
- Investigating short- and long-term effectiveness
- Identified changes in structural behavior due to the addition of the strengthening system

Description of Bridge:



- Three-span continuous steel girder bridge
- Roadway width = 30 ft [allowing two traffic lanes]
- Total length = 150 ft
 - Two 45.5 ft end spans and a 59 ft center span

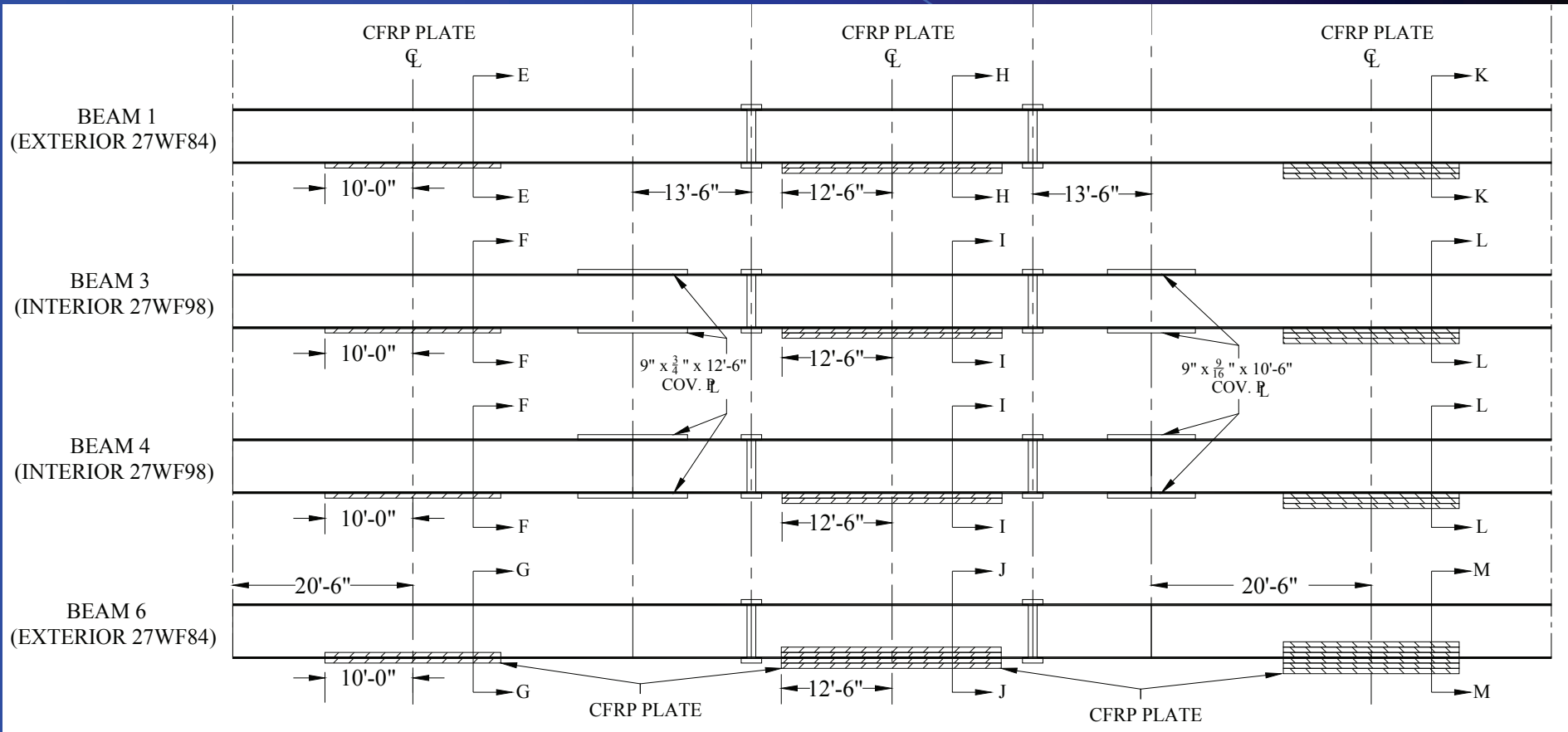


Strengthening System



- Positive moment region of exterior girders and two of interior girders.
- One layer (0.04" x 8") in West end span, two layers in Center span, and three layers in East end span).
- Half CFRP on the top of bottom flange on one exterior girder.

Strengthening System



Cutting FRP Strips to Desired Lengths



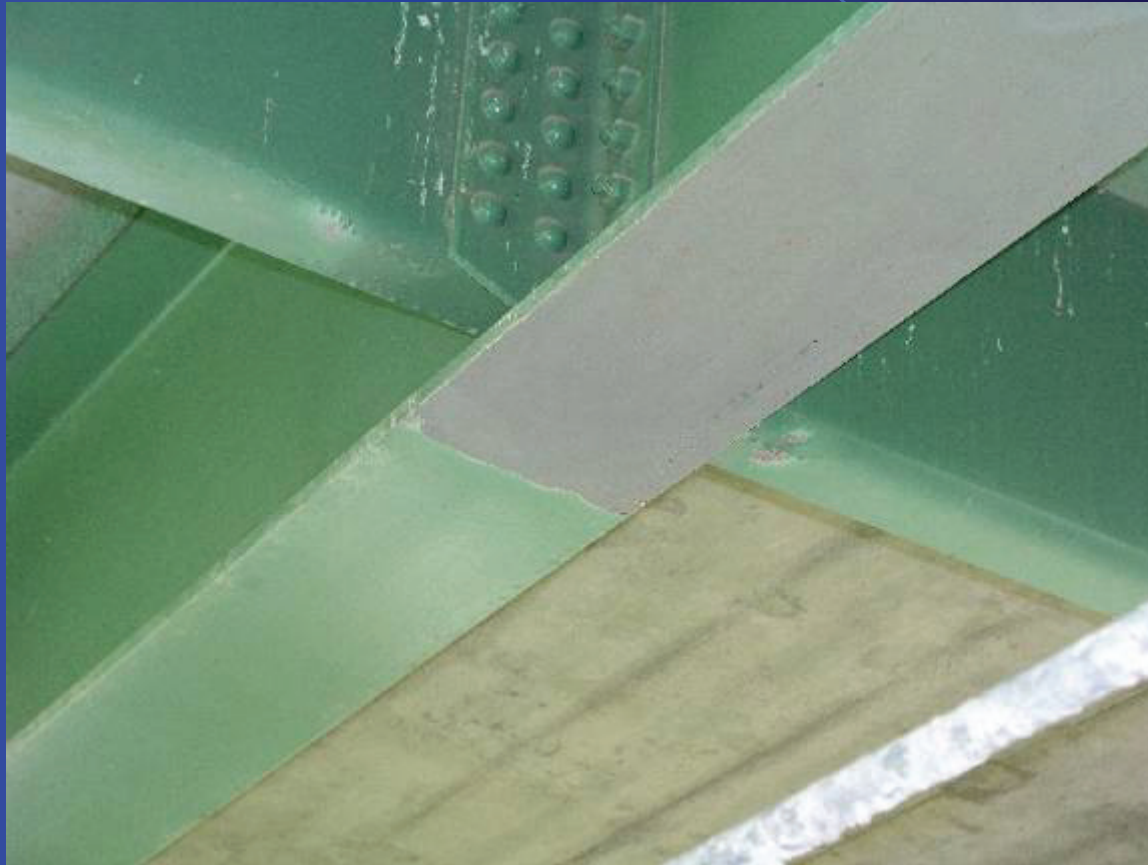
Removal of Paint from Beams – Stage 1



Removal of Paint from Beams – Stage 2



Cleaned Surface



Cleaning of FRP Strips



Field Cleaning of FRP Strips



Final Cleaning of Beam Flanges



Installation of FRS Primer



Application of ECS 104 Structural Epoxy – Long Strips



Application of ECS 104 Structural Epoxy – Short Strips



Obtaining Desired Thickness of Epoxy



Application of Epoxy to Beam Flanges



Installation of FRP Strips to End Span Beams



Installation of FRP Strips to End Span Beams (continued)



Installation of FRP Strips to Center Span Beams



Installation of FRP Strips to Center Span Beams (continued)



Rolling of installed FRP Plates



Completed Installation of FRP Plates

One layer (West end span)



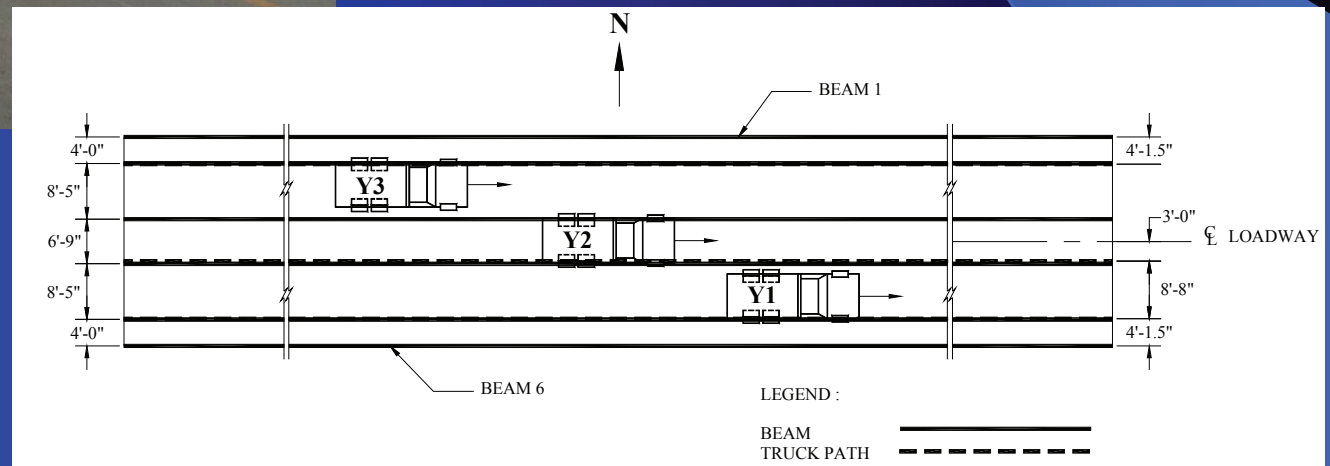
Three layers (East end span)



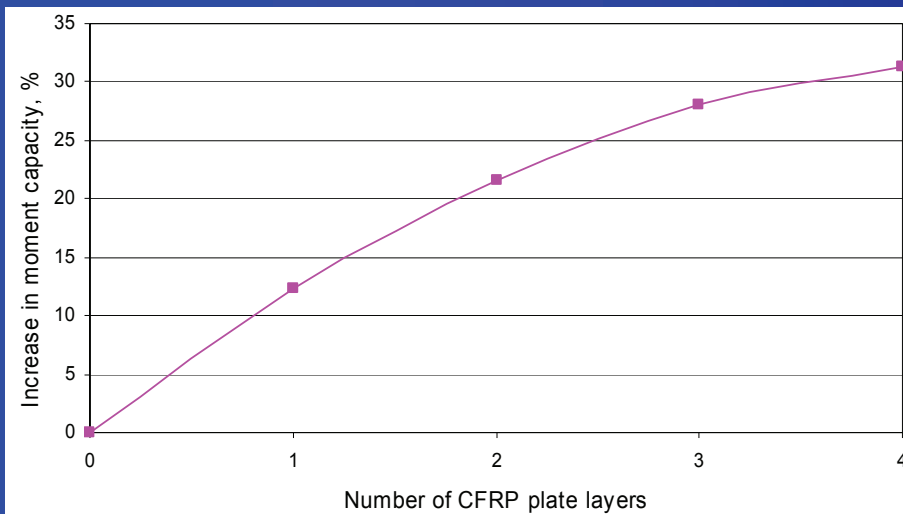
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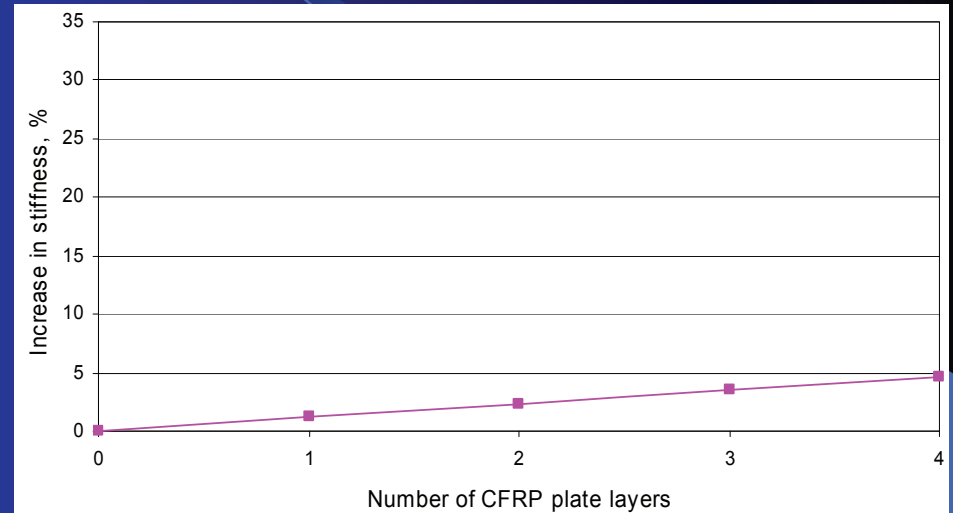
- Half of bridge was instrumented
- 3-axle truck used in three different load paths
- Data collected continuously as truck crossed the bridge
- Initial test and two follow-up tests completed to date



Strength and Stiffness



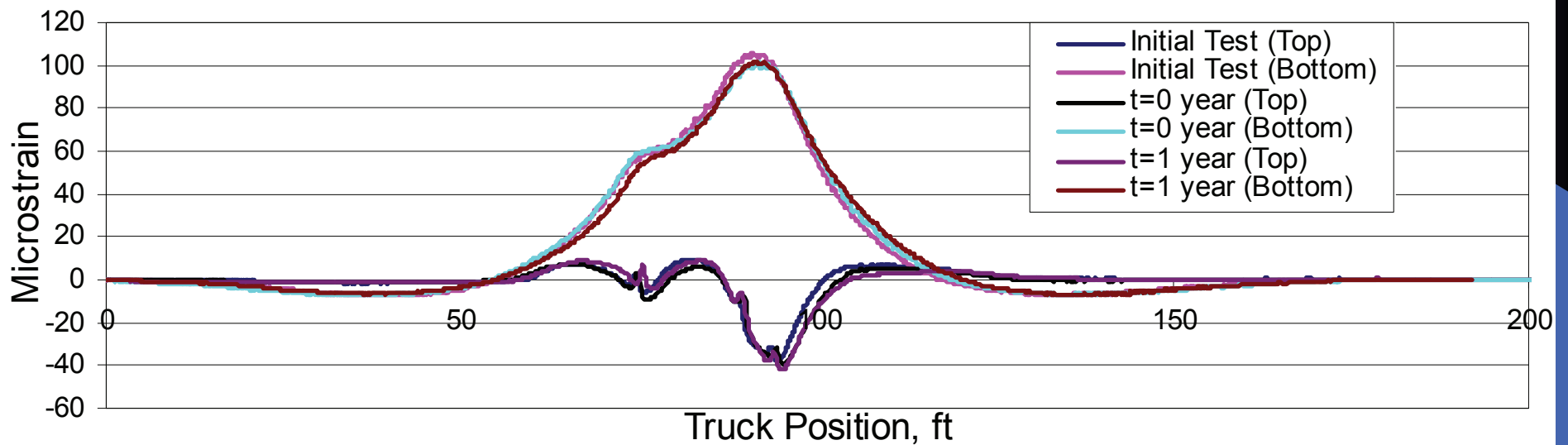
Change in moment capacity



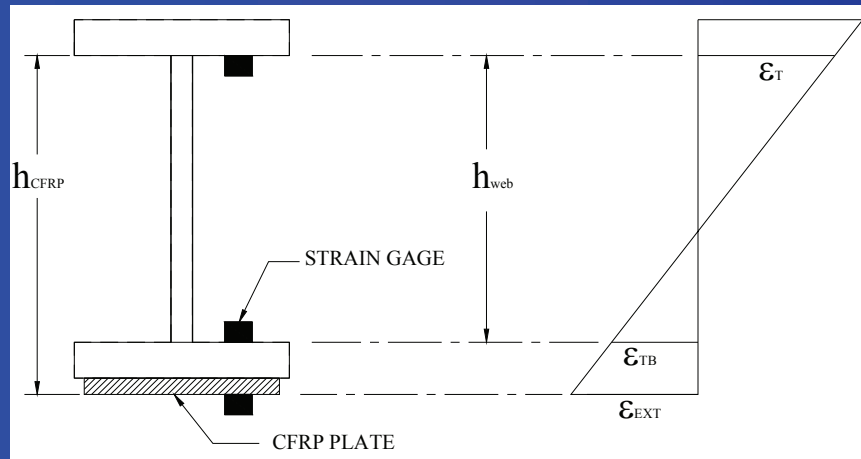
Change in stiffness

Live-load Flexural Response

- Elastic behavior
- Consistency in strains with time



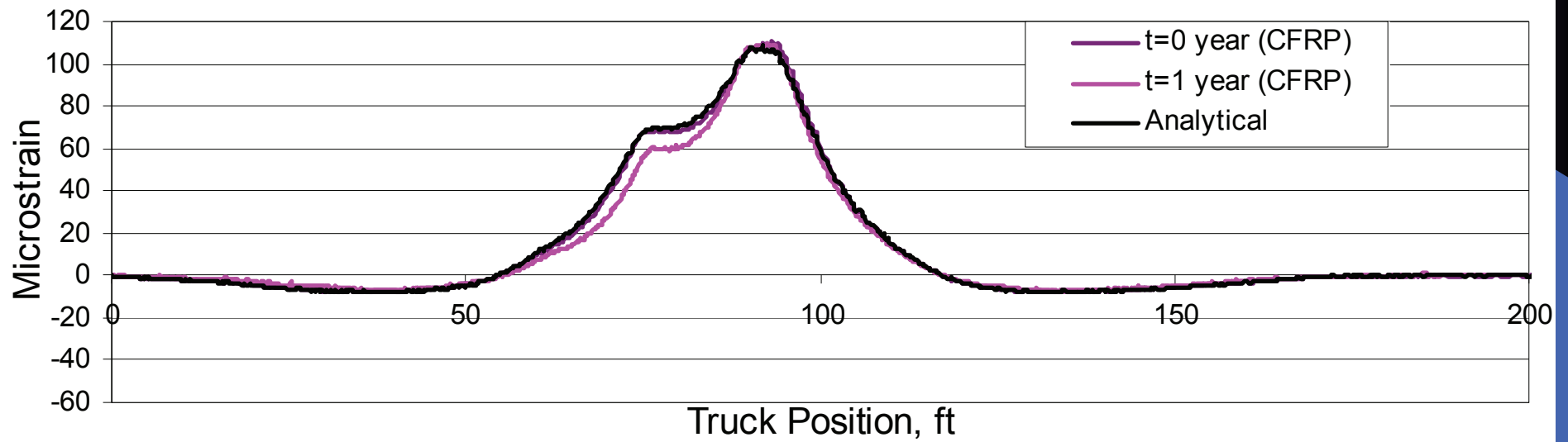
Bond Performance



$$\epsilon_{EXT} = \frac{(\epsilon_T + \epsilon_{TB}) * h_{CFRP}}{h_{web}} - \epsilon_T$$

- Critical to have adequate bond for force transfer
- Gages installed on CFRP plate to investigate the bond performance
- Analytical model developed based on strain compatibility relation
- Extreme fiber strains were predicted and compared with experimental data

Bond Performance



Conclusions

- Approximately 10%/layer theoretical increase in moment capacity was attainable.
- CFRP plates strengthening system did not significantly change the behavior of the bridge
- At least initially, there was good bond between the beam and CFRP plates.

Concluding Remarks....

- Strength of damaged steel girders can be fully restored with the use of CFRP plates
- Stiffness of repaired steel girders is greater than that of the damaged girder, however not fully restored to that of the undamaged girder

Concluding Remarks [continued]...

- CFRP plates have minimal impact on changing the member stiffness but can have a relatively large impact on changing member strength,if properly designed
- Bond performance after one-year of service was good

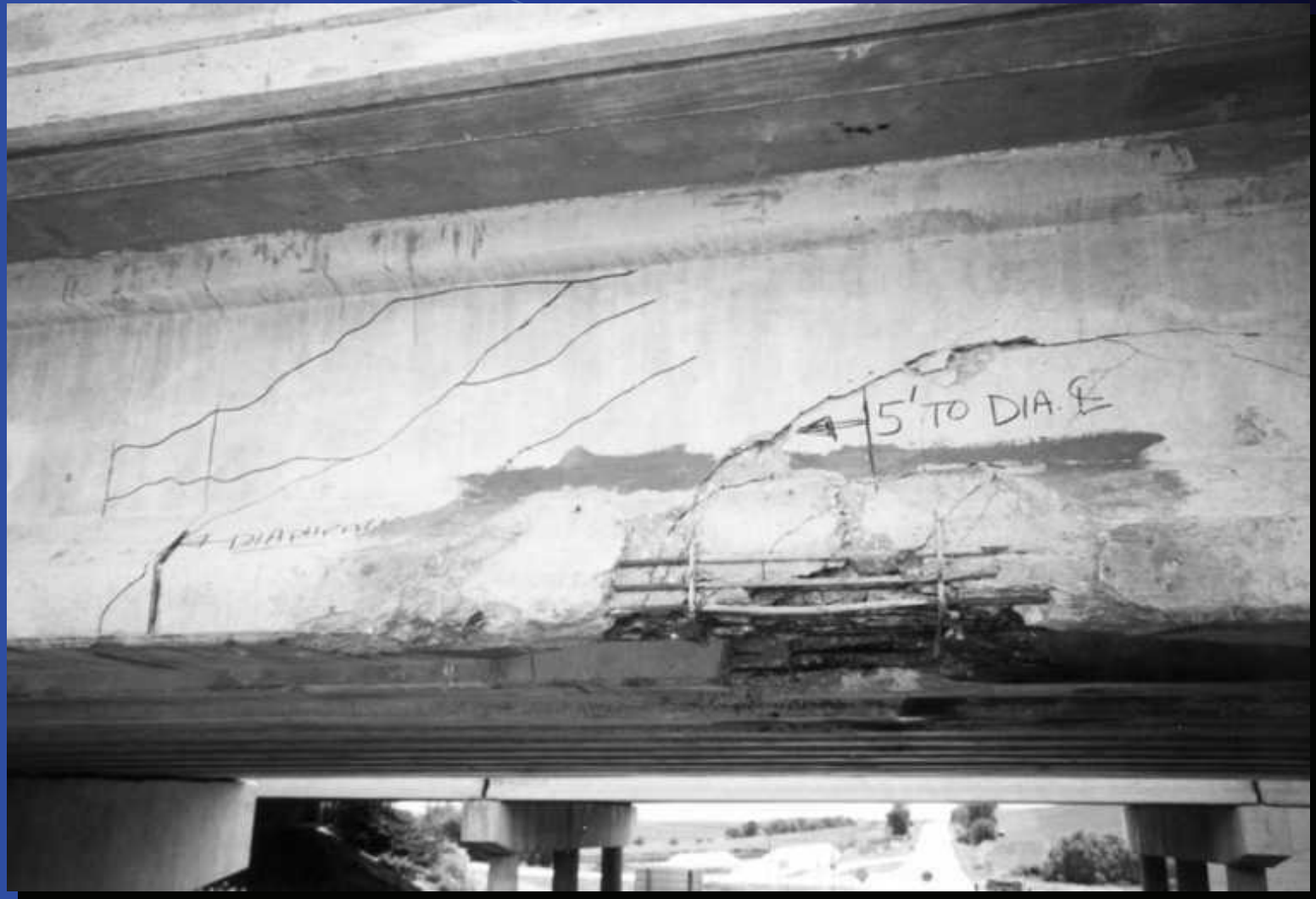
Concluding Remarks [continued].....

- The use of CFRP plates appears to be a viable strengthening alternative for steel girder bridges
- Handling and installation of CFRP plates was initially relatively labor intensive and required some training
A three-man crew was needed to install the system

c) FRP Strengthening of Prestressed Concrete Beams

- Concept: Utilize FRP plates and wrap to strengthen collision damaged prestressed concrete beams.
- US 65 in Polk County.









d) FRP Reinforced Glued-Laminated Timber Girders

- Concept: Utilize glued-laminated timber girders with an FRP bottom laminate.
- In Delaware County.

Bridge Description

- FRP reinforced glued-laminated girders
 - Eight girders, 64 ft c-c bearings
- Transverse glued-laminated deck
 - 28 ft – 3 in. roadway
 - Longitudinal deck stiffener beams between girders
- Asphalt wearing surface
- Note: short section of FRP delaminated during bridge construction

FRP Installation

- Epoxy application

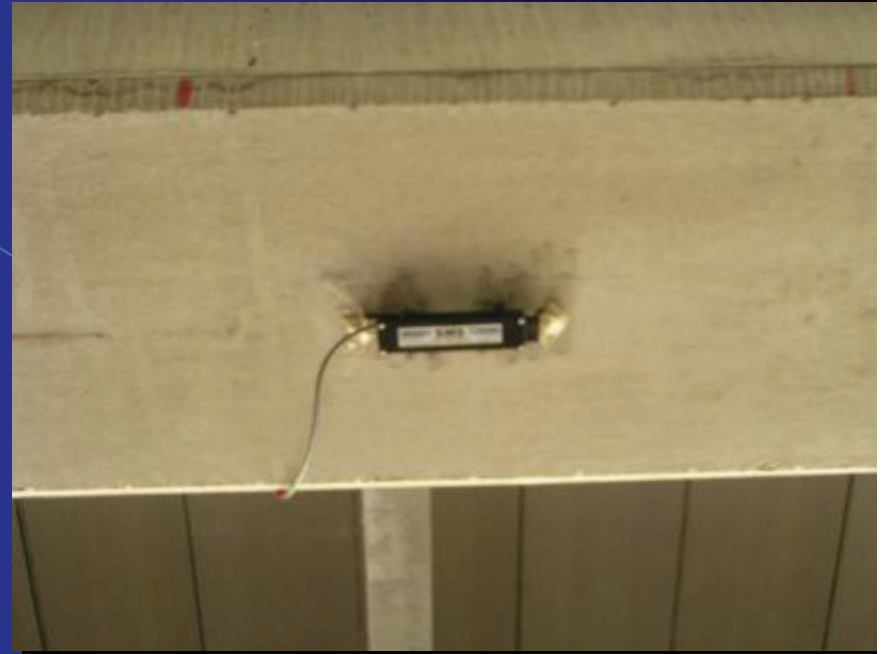


- Finished girders



FRP Deck Panels

- Concept: Utilize GFRP deck panels in a pre-stressed concrete girder bridge.
- In the City of Bettendorf .



e) Temporary FRP Detour Bridge

- Concept: Construct a FRP bridge superstructure as a replacement for current temporary steel detour bridge superstructure.

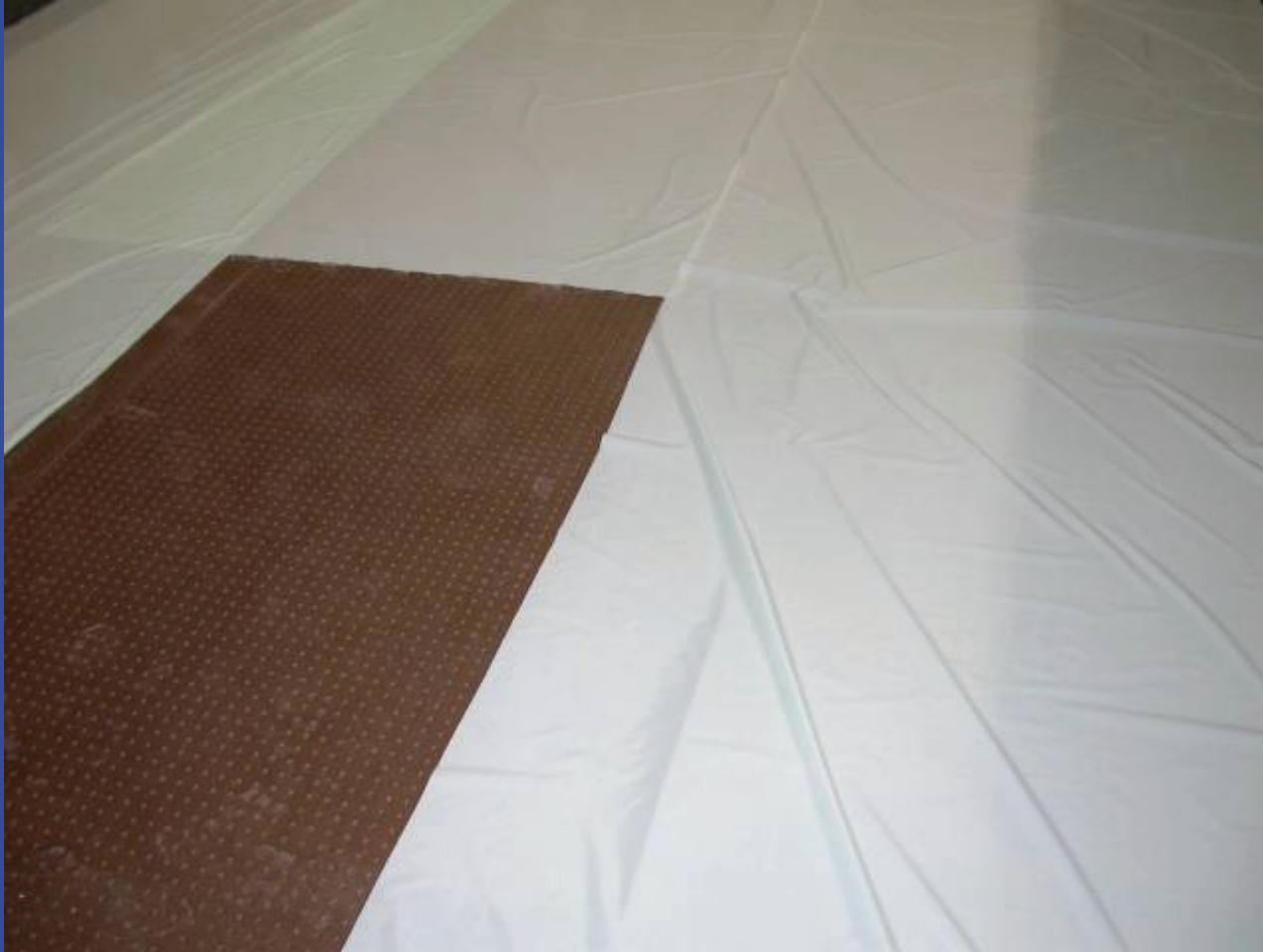
Temporary Detour Bridge



FRP Bridge



Peg Board and Peel Ply



Bottom Skins



First Bottom Skin



Rolling Out Skin



First Skin Layer Complete



Second Skin Layer



Placing Skins ...



Bottom Skins Layer Complete



Bottle Installation



Bottle Installation



Mixing Resin



Vacuum Assisted Resin Transfer Molding



Resin Infusion



Resin Infusion



Resin Infusion



Installing Lifting Lugs



Panel Storage









Chapter 4

Corrosive Resistant Reinforcing Steel (MMFX)

MMFX Reinforcing Steel

- Concept: Utilize MMFX reinforcing steel, a proprietary steel with high corrosion resistance, in a concrete bridge deck.

Objective and Scope

- Investigate and evaluate the field performance of new reinforcing steel and compare with conventional reinforcing steel
- Corrosion sensors embedded in deck slab to be monitored
- Data collected occasionally to assess performance in terms of corrosion resistance

MMFX vs. Epoxy coated steel

- Micro-composite Multi-structural Formable Steel (MMFX)
 - Relatively new form of corrosion resistant material
- Epoxy coated steel (ECS)
 - Conventional black steel coated with epoxy

Bridge Description



MMFX bridge

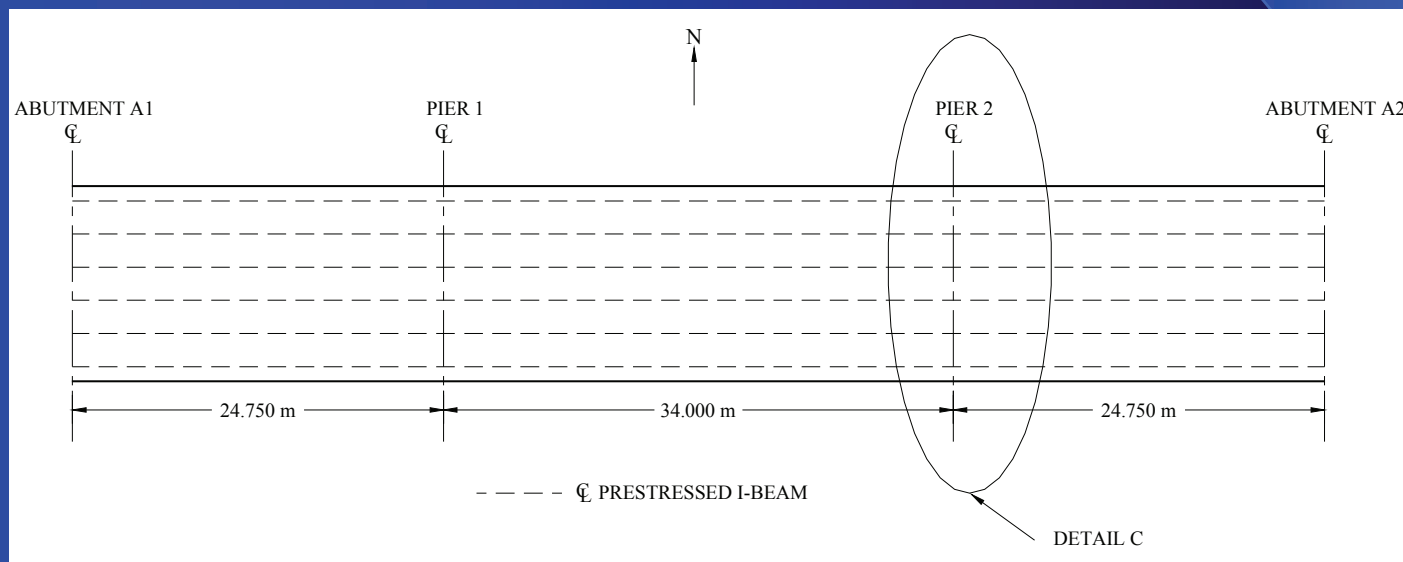


Epoxy bridge

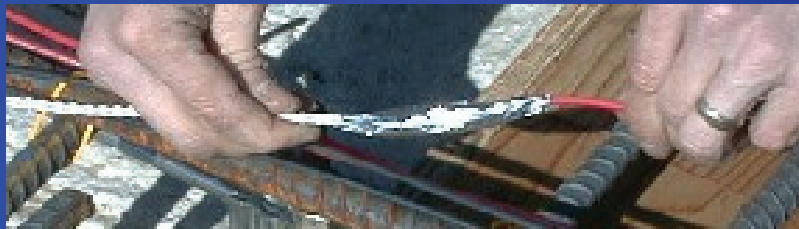
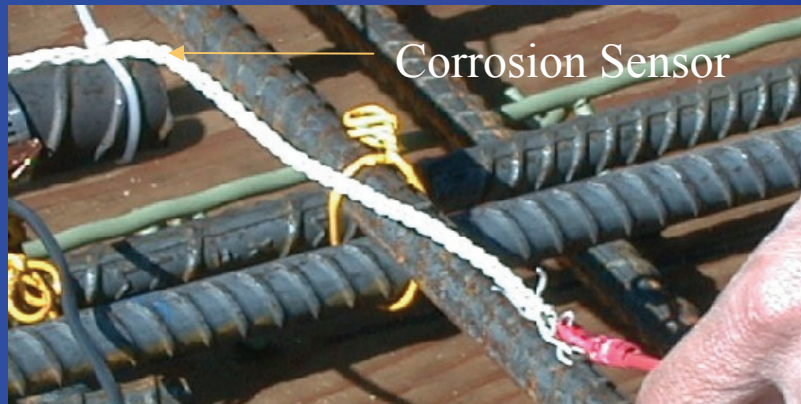
- Twin 83.5m x 12m three-span prestressed concrete girder bridges constructed in May 2002, and open to traffic in Aug 2003
- Located in Grundy County, IA carrying relocated Highway U.S. 20
- Each bridge deck constructed with different types of reinforcing steel
 - East bound : MMFX steel (MMFX bridge)
 - West bound: Epoxy coated steel (Epoxy Bridge)

Instrumentation

- Sensors on Ten bars in each bridge deck
- Negative bending moment region near the eastern drainage points



Instrumentation



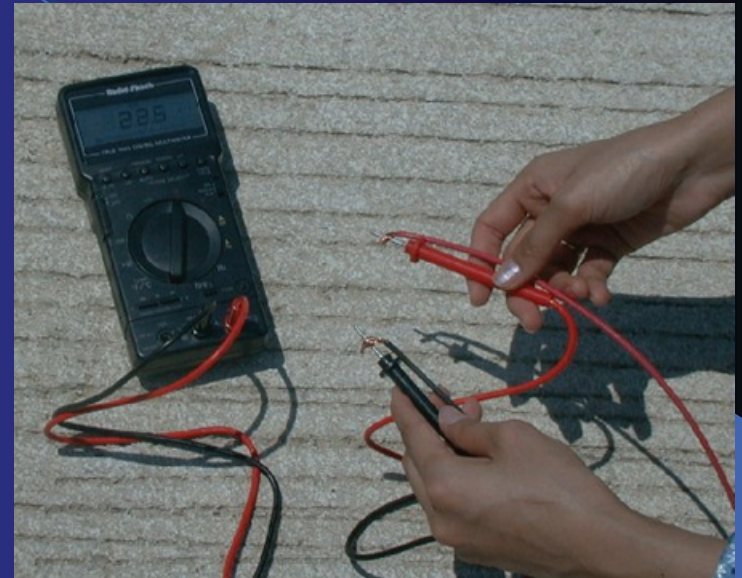
- Lead wires run out of deck to measure voltage and electric current

Completed installation



Monitoring Concept

- Increase in electric potential and internal voltage with presence of active corrosion
- DC voltage and DC current measured with a Voltmeter

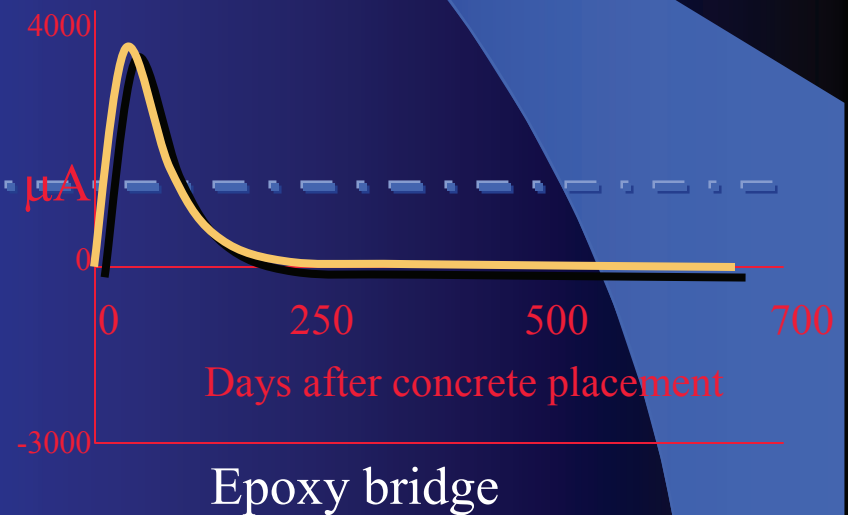
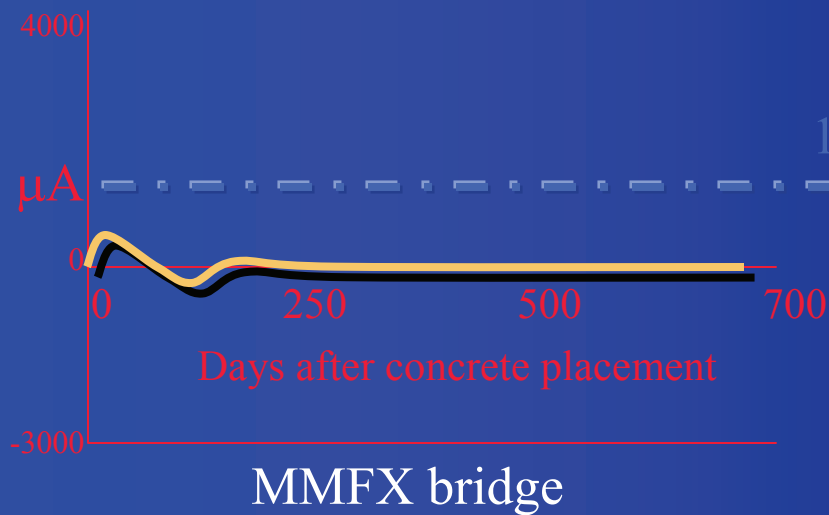
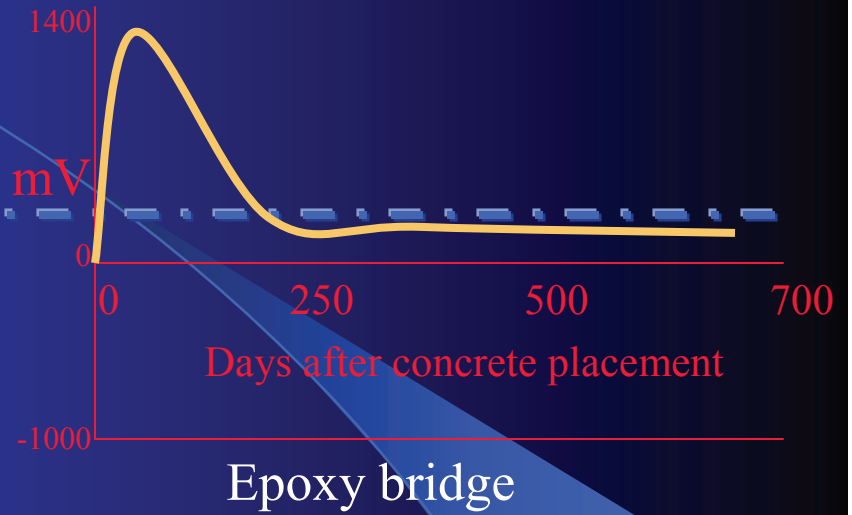
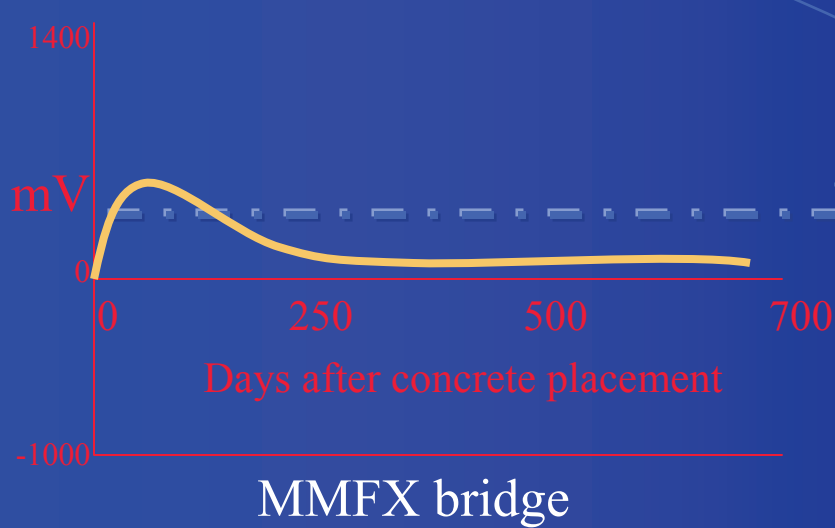


Voltmeter

Monitoring Concept

- Output dependent on conditions of concrete after placement
- Normal to expect high voltage levels with fresh and uncured concrete (could be over 1000 mV)
- Initial “spike” subsides back to within the “normal” range of less than 400 mV
- Corrosion indication
 - Electric Current above 0.100 mA (1000 μ A)

Field Monitoring



Overall to date

- In general, Readings on MMFX bridge lower than Epoxy bridge
- No significant active corrosion
 - Electric Current reading close to zero
- On-going investigation
 - More Data to be collected

Chapter 5

Steel Free Concrete Deck

Steel Free Concrete Deck

- Concept: Utilize fiber reinforced concrete with no deck reinforcing steel.
- Note: First bridge of this type in the US.

Deck Deterioration Due to Steel Corrosion

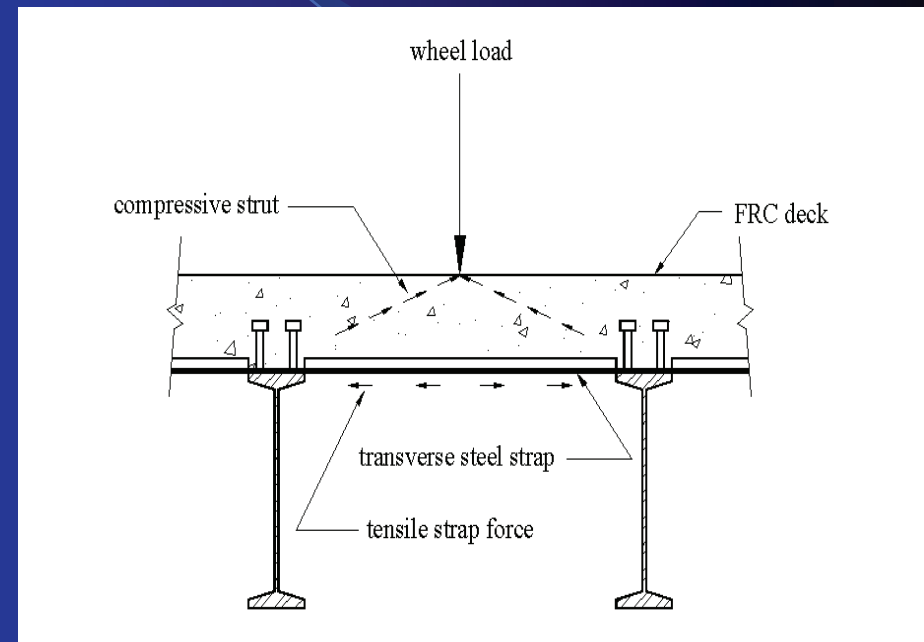


Background Information for a Steel Free Deck (SFD)

- Developed by Canadian researchers.
- Published in the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC).
- No internal steel reinforcement.
- Internal arching action of the deck concrete.
- Improved durability and increased life cycle

Internal Arching Action of Bridge Decks

- Punching shear behavior.
- Steel straps provide lateral girder restraint.
- Development of compressive strut.





Tama County Bridge (TCB) Information

- 1st known SFD in the United States
- 41 ft simple span.
- 24 ft roadway
 - Increased to 28 ft.
- 7 steel girders on 3 ft – 8 in. centers
 - Exterior girder spacing increased to 5 ft.



Design of the TCB deck using the CHBDC

Code Requirements

1. Composite bridge deck.
2. Maximum girder spacing of 9 ft – 8 in.
3. Required transverse edge stiffness.
4. Maximum diaphragm spacing of 26 ft – 2 in.

TCB Design Solutions

1. Add shear stud connectors.
2. Maximum spacing of 5 ft.
3. End concrete diaphragms used.
4. In place diaphragm spacing of 21 ft.

Design of the TCB deck using the CHBDC (cont'd)

Code Requirements

5. Minimum area of the transverse strap.
6. Strap to girder connection strength.
7. FRC requirement.
8. Other requirements.

Design Solutions

5. 2 in. x 0.5 in. steel strap on 4 ft centers used.
6. Requirement satisfied.
7. 9.2 lb/yd³.
8. All requirements satisfied.

Fibrillated Polypropylene Fibers

- Sufficient fiber volume fraction is required to prevent early plastic cracking.
- 5 denier fibrillated polypropylene fibers specified at a rate of 9.2 lb/yd³.
- Special Provision required.
- Specification of material requirements, concrete batching and testing techniques.

Deck Overhang Design

- Deck overhang negative moment region was designed using standard reinforced concrete practices.
- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard Specifications used.

Proposed Construction Documentation and Bridge Evaluation

- Written and photographic documentation of the construction process.
- Be available to provide technical assistance.
- A series of structural health monitoring tests over the next 2 years.
- Study structural performance and durability of the steel free deck.





Chapter 6

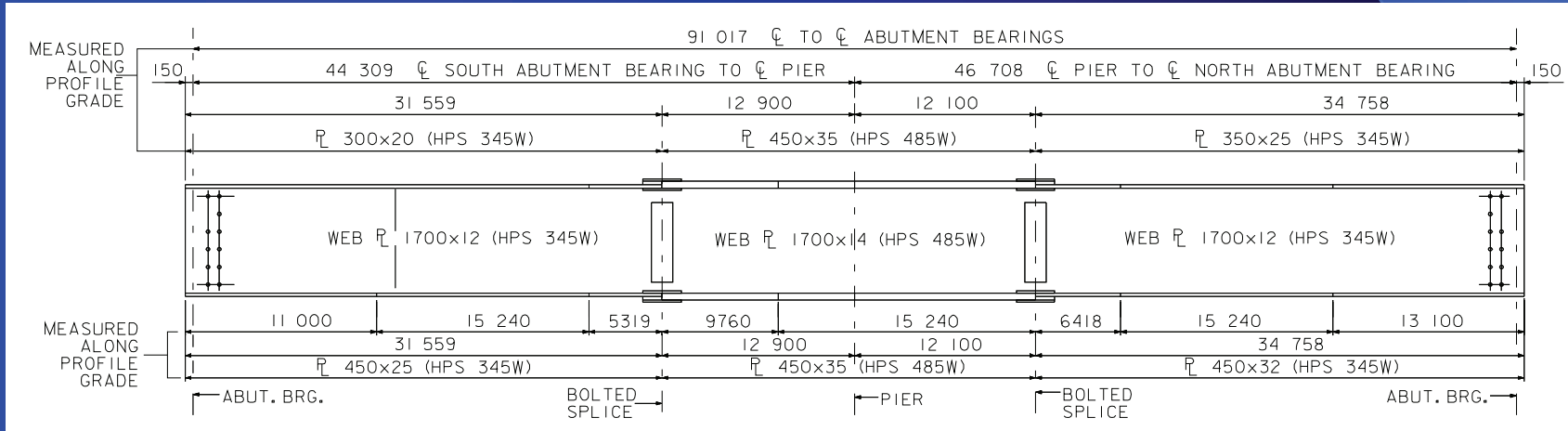
High Performance Steel

HPS Characteristics

- Viable and economical option for many bridge applications.
- Improved weldability.
- Increased toughness for use in fracture critical or non-redundant members.
- Better corrosion resistance to protect from exposure to de-icing chemicals.

First HPS Bridge in Iowa E 12th Street over I-235

- 91.0 m x 15.3 m CWPG.
- Two spans: 44.3 m and 46.7 m.
- HPS 50W (345) in the positive moment region.
- HPS 70W (485) in the negative moment region.
- Completed in 2004.
- Includes post construction continuous monitoring for two years and performance evaluation.



Health Monitoring of HPS at East 12th Street

- Purpose of monitoring”
 - Assess long-term performance
 - Changes with time.
 - Structural characteristics.
 - Measure and quantify fatigue loadings and examine fatigue behavior of various connection details.
 - Assess serviceability issues associated with “lighter” design such as live-load deflection.

Health Monitoring of HPS at East 12th Street

- Both point-in-time tests (under static and dynamic loading) and continuous data collection will be performed under ambient traffic using remote monitoring.
- Performed by the Bridge Engineering Center, Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State University.

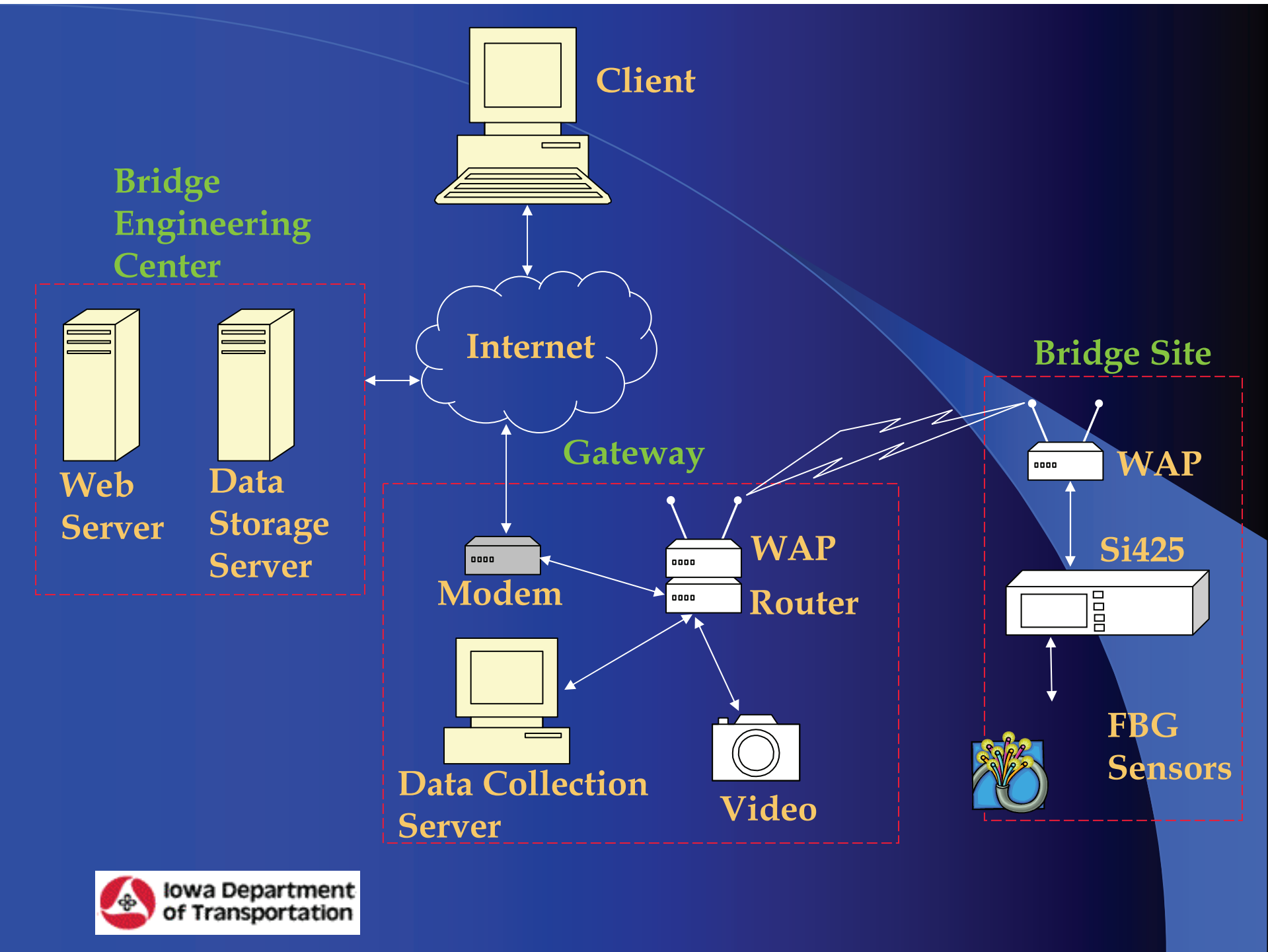
Health-Monitoring System at East 12th Street

- Components:
 - 30 FBG optical sensors.
 - Swept laser interrogator (Unix based).
 - Web server.
 - Data collection server(DSS).
 - Video camera.
 - Wireless networking components.



- Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensors



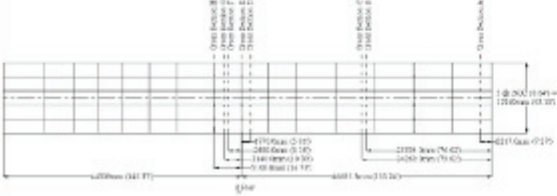


Structural Health Monitoring [I-235 and E. 12th Street Bridge, Des Moines, Iowa] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/mok/HPS.htm>

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Microstrain (µε/m)

Stop Connection established.
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IOWA HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD (IHRB) PROJECTS

- Load Rating through Diagnostic Load Testing
- Investigation of Fatigue Cracks due to Out-of-Plane Bending
- Investigation of Light Pole Failure
- Structural Health Monitoring of Steel Bridges

Chapter 7

Load Rating Through Diagnostic Testing

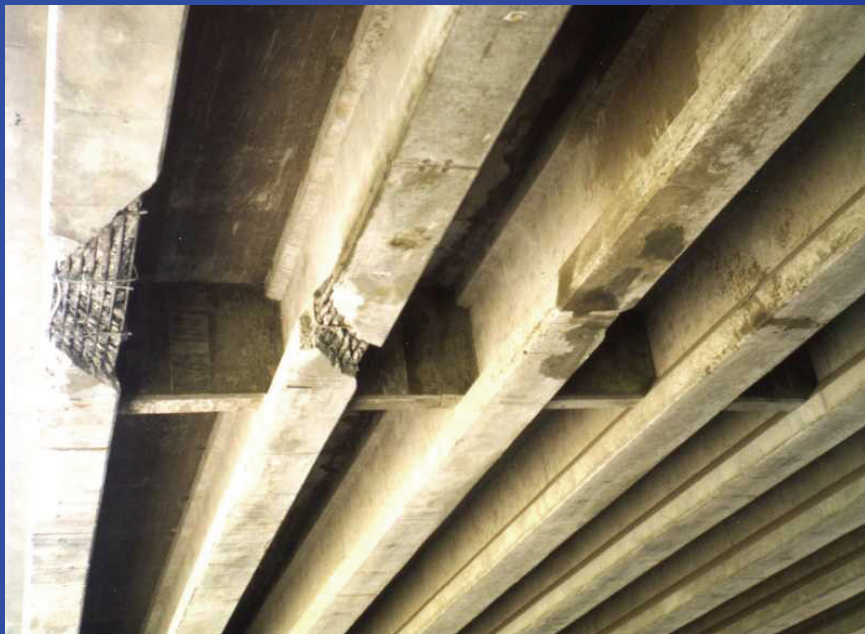
The Problem

- Posted bridges and bridges with unknown strength and behavior.
- Limited financial resources.
- Code equations that are usually very conservative at predicting bridge behavior.

The Problem

- Unknown bridge conditions
 - Load distribution.
 - End restraint.
 - Edge stiffening.
 - Composite action.
 - Effectiveness of specific bridge details.
 - Other details contributing to bridge capacity.

The capacity of damaged bridges to determine the need for imposing temporary load restrictions



The capacity of damaged bridges before and after strengthening



The Solution

- Use physical testing to understand the specific characteristics of each bridge.
- Use field collected data to calibrate a computer constructed model of the bridge.
- Use the accurate, calibrated computer model to determine bridge response to rating vehicles and other loads.

An Integrated Testing System

- Hardware and software suite.
- Integrated and seamless through all steps
 - Field testing.
 - Data presentation.
 - Model generation.
 - Model calibration.
 - Rating.

Data Collection Hardware

- Hardwired strain gages with variable gage lengths.



Data Collection Hardware

- Strain gage junction box
 - Balance and control strain gages.
 - Collect and temporarily store data.
 - Communicate with PC.



Data Collection Hardware

- Wireless truck position indicator.



Data Collection Hardware

- Power unit and PC
 - Power and control entire system.



Software Suite

- WinGRF
 - Relates truck position with strain data.
 - Prepare visual summaries of data
 - Strain.
 - Neutral axis location.
 - Curvature.
 - Allows engineer to study the data for behavioral interpretation.

Software Suite

- WinGEN
 - Construct bridge model
 - Overall geometry.
 - Material characteristics.
 - Section properties.
 - Support conditions.
 - Define loading conditions.
 - Establish optimization parameters.
 - Create analysis file.

Software Suite

- WinSAC
 - Performs analysis.
 - Performs optimization calculations
 - Linear least squares method of error reduction.

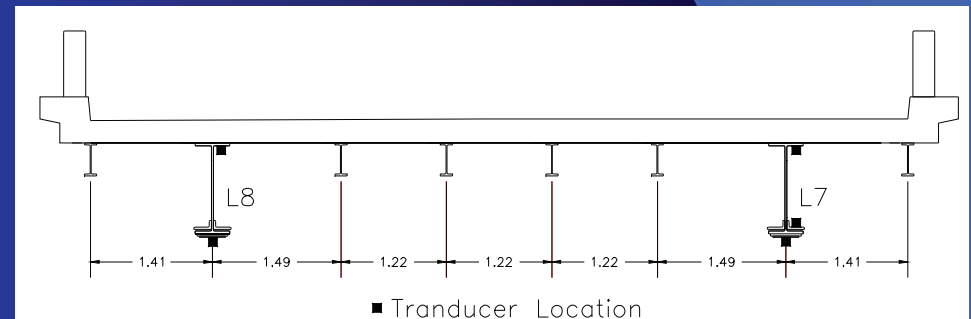
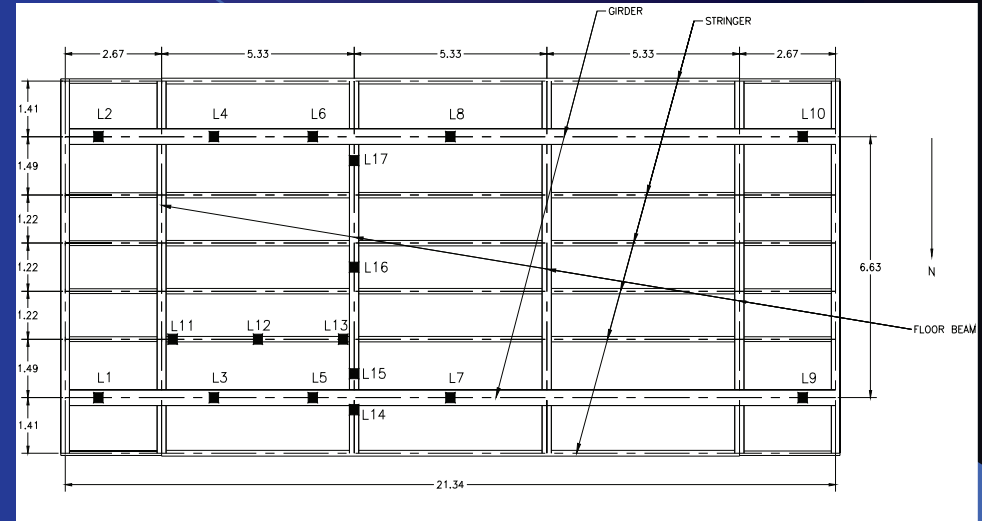
Diagnostic Testing of a bridge

- Carries US 6 over a small stream.
- 21.34 m single span.
- Two main girders w/ floor beams & stringers.
- Welded plates & strengthening angle on girders.



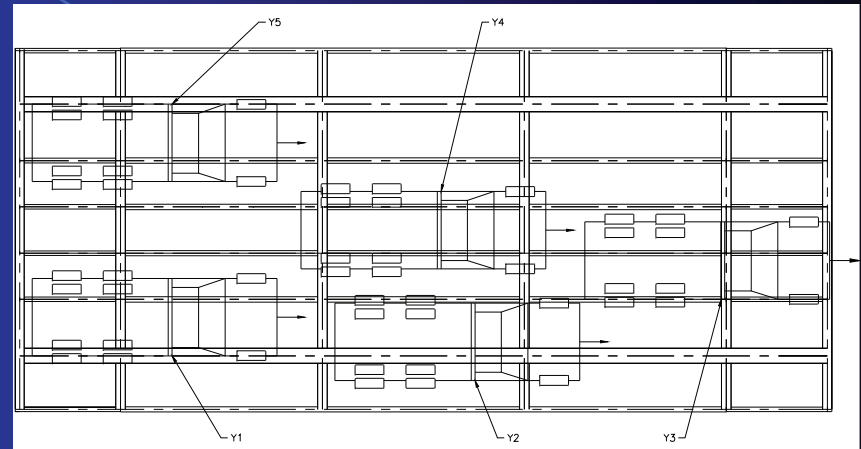
Instrumentation

- 36 Intelliducers at 17 locations used.
- Focused on:
 - Effectiveness of angles.
 - End restraint.
 - Load distribution.
- Instrumented:
 - Both girders
 - Typical floor beam and stringers.



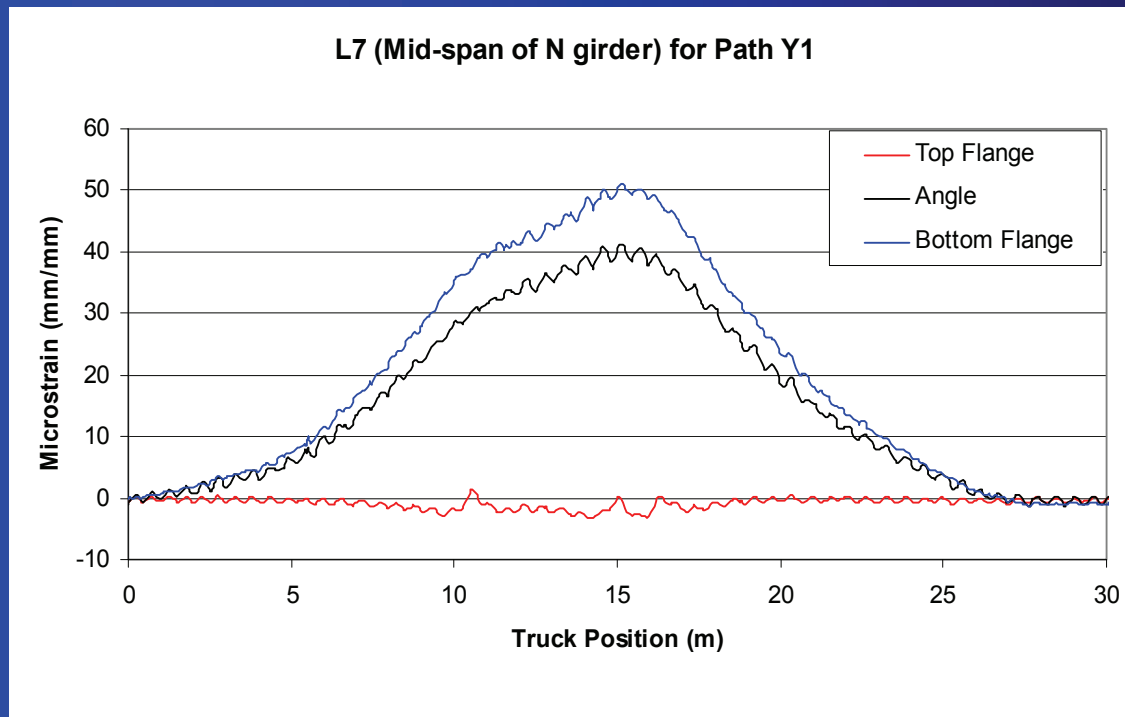
Load Position

- 5 different load paths defined.
- Each addressing a key concern of the bridge.
- Paths marked out with paint on deck and position recorded using the AutoClicker.



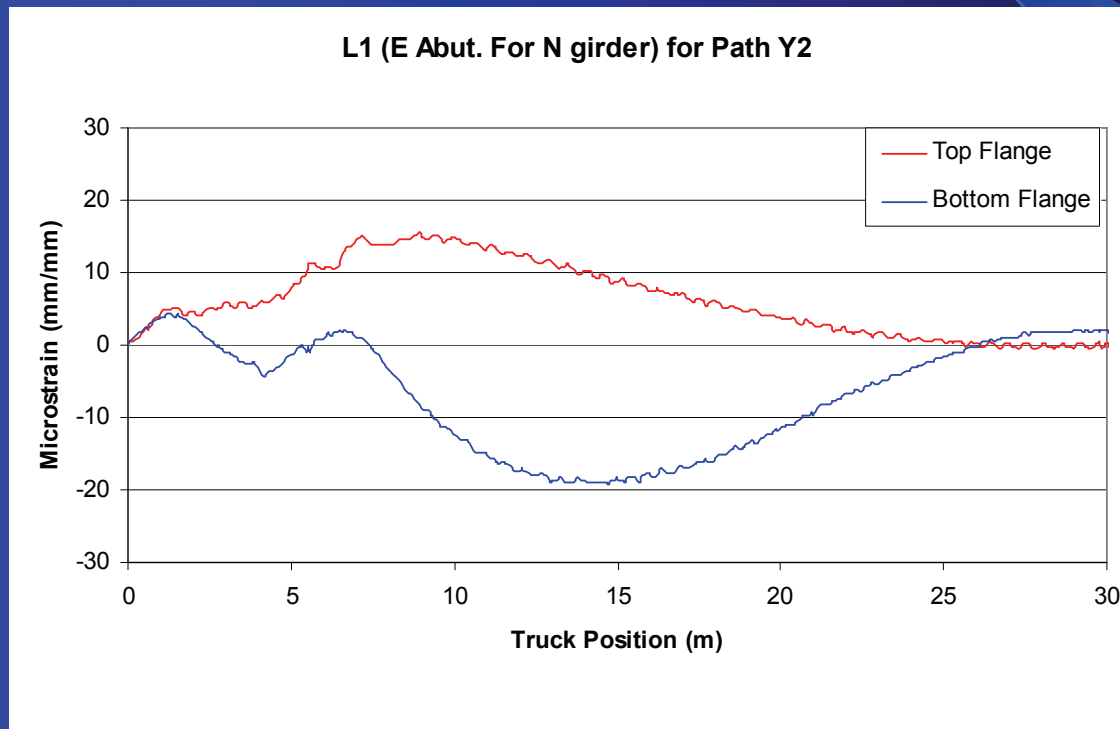
Test Results

- Strengthening angles shown effective.



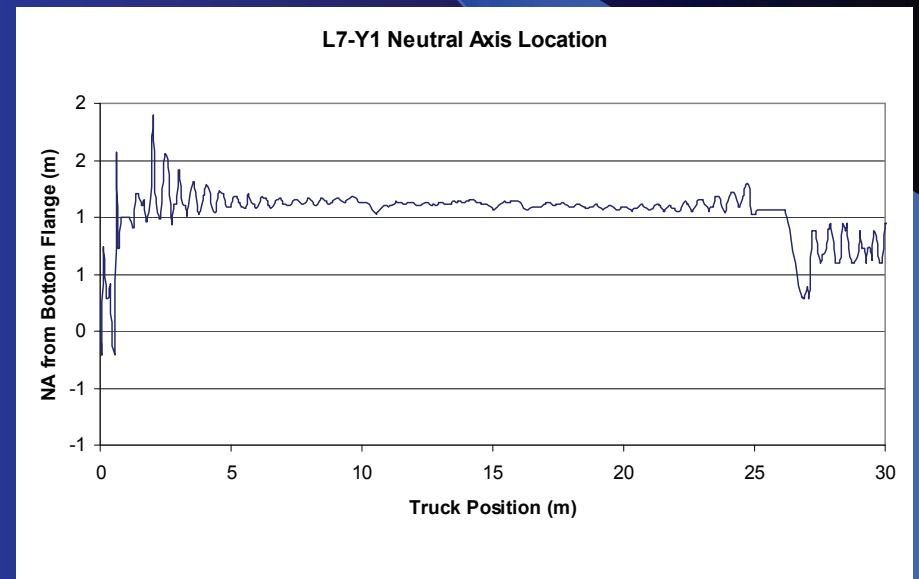
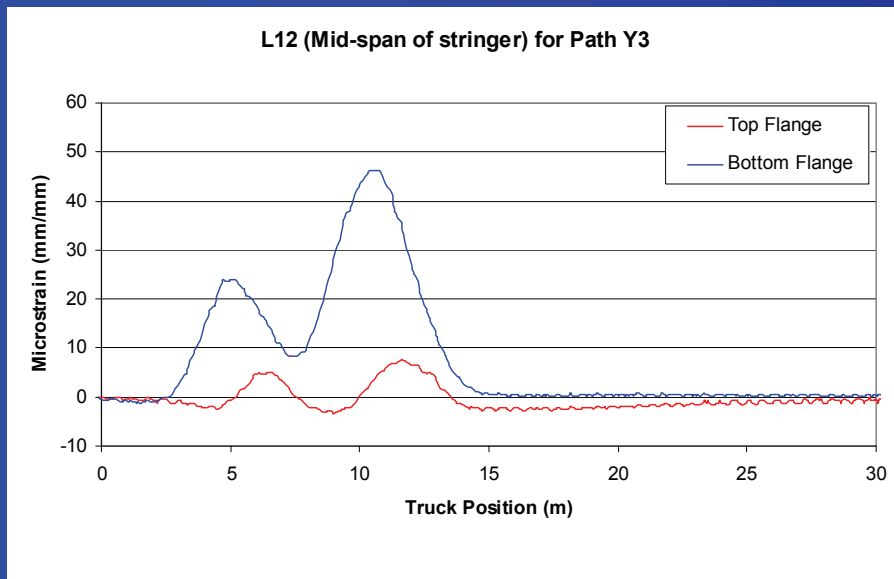
Test Results

- Significant end restraint identified.



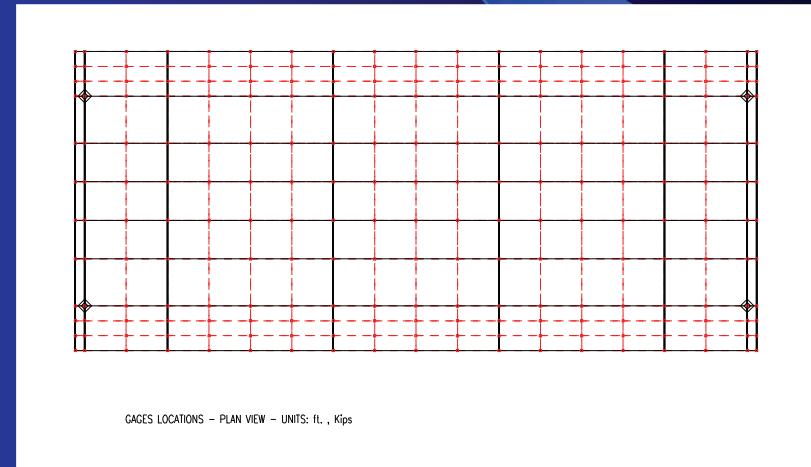
Test Results

- Composite action determined.



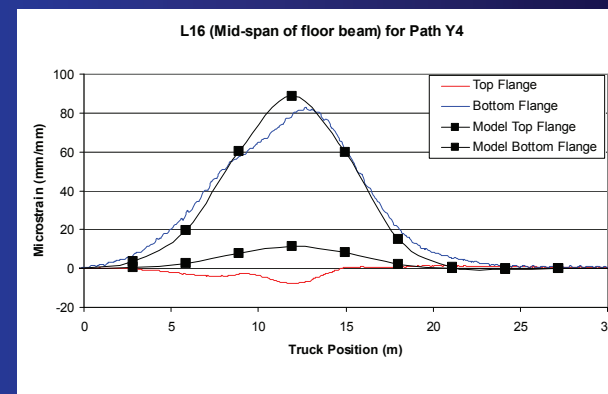
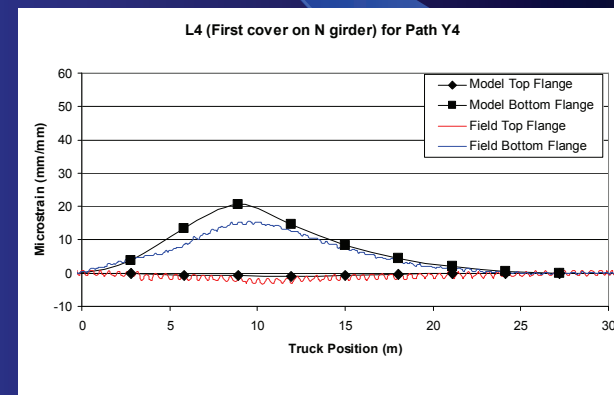
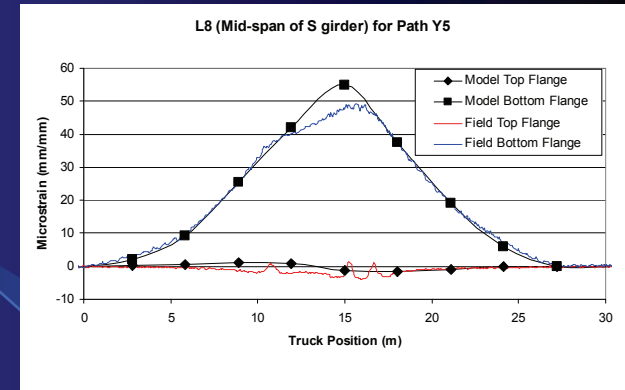
Modeling

- Created using WinGen.
- Based on plan geometry.
- 19 total element groups.
- 16.3% initial error with spring.



Modeling Results

- 11 Optimized element groups:
 - 4 girder sections
 - 3 floor beam sections
 - 2 stringer sections
 - 1 rotational spring
 - Deck stiffness
- Resulting in 9.1% error when optimized.



Rating

- Traditional AASHTO LFD Calculations
- HS-20 Load Vehicle
- Shear limit:
 - Small stringer
 - 1.46 Inventory
 - 2.44 Operating
- Flexural limit:
 - Girder at Mid-span
 - 1.43 Inventory
 - 2.39 Operating
- WinSAC LFD Calculations
- HS-20 Load Vehicle
- Shear limit:
 - Small stringer
 - 1.07 Inventory
 - 1.79 Operating
- Flexural limit:
 - Floor beam
 - 2.20 Inventory
 - 3.67 Operating

Results of testing

- General increase in flexural rating of all members.
- Shear rating decreased and controlled for this bridge.
- Effectiveness of unknown structural elements studied.

Conclusions

- System is well suited to rating “typical” highway bridges.
- Inclusion of AutoCad allows for modeling more complex structures.

Chapter 8

Investigation of Fatigue Cracking due to Out-of-Plane Bending



New Bridges

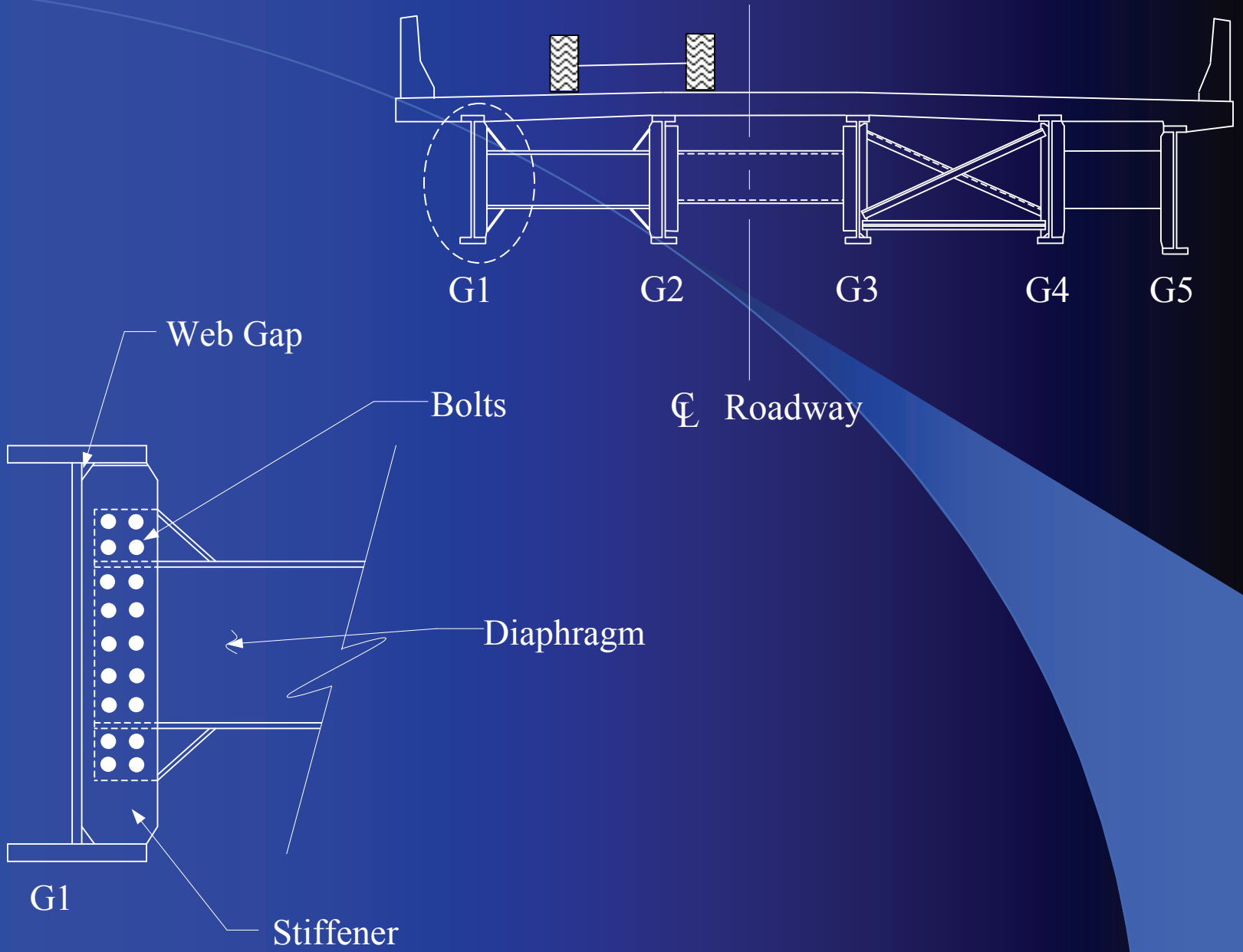
- Weld or bolt to top flange

Existing Bridges

- Loosen Bolts in connection

Overview

- In Iowa, fatigue cracking in web gaps of multiple steel girder bridges in negative bending region becoming more common.
- Retrofit to relieve strain in web gap originally developed in coordination with Iowa DOT, but not tested long-term and only tested on X-type bracing.

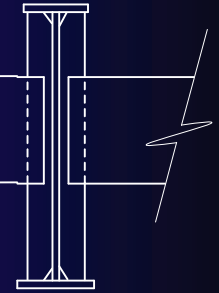




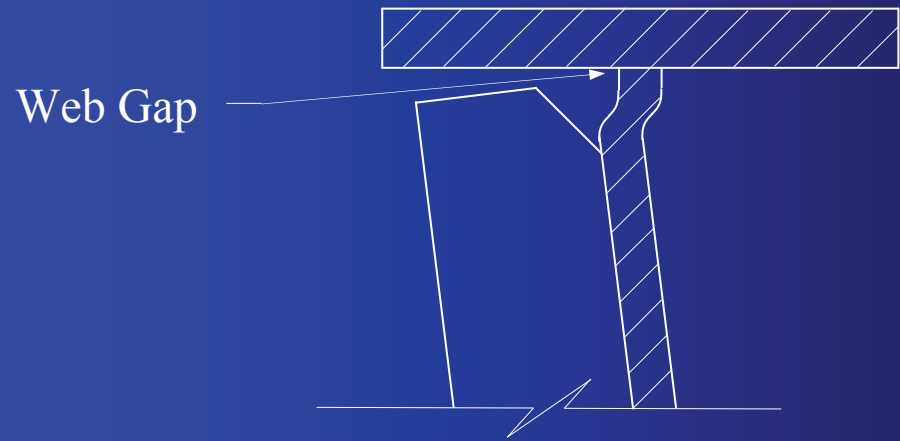
G1



G2



G3





The Retrofit

- Loosen bolts in diaphragm/girder connections.
- Leave diaphragms in place to support girders.

Scope

- 3 bridges instrumented
 - Channel diaphragm.
 - I-section diaphragm.
 - X-type bracing
- Tested before and after retrofit
 - Short-term.
 - Long-term.

Interstate-35 Bridge

- Three span, five girder bridge with channel diaphragms.
- Short-term testing.

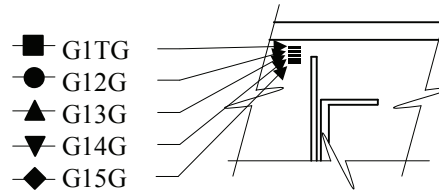
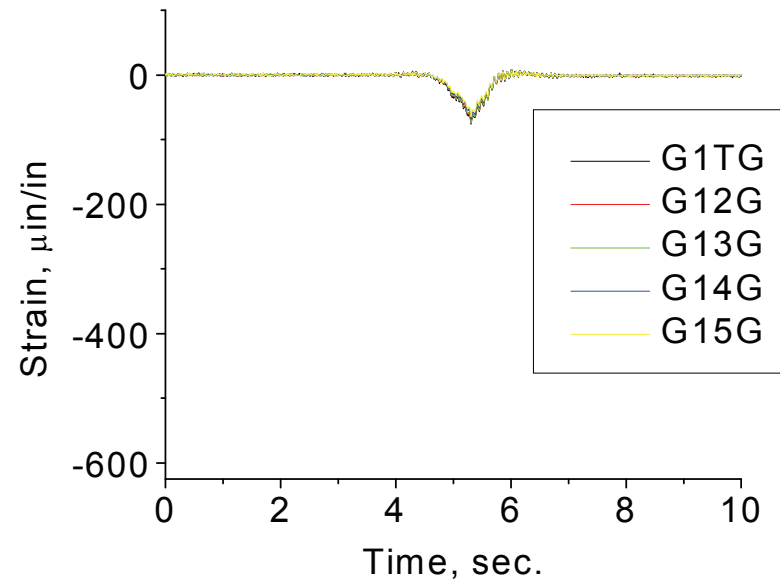
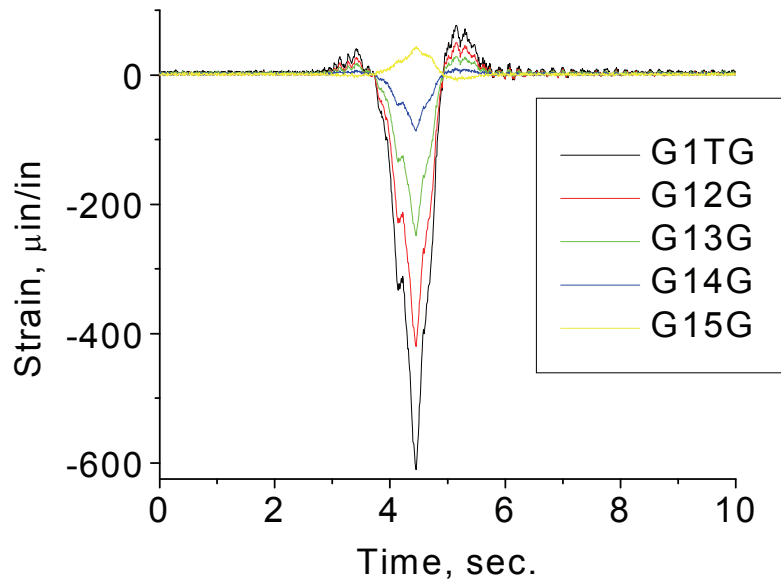
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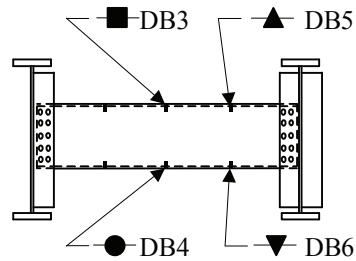
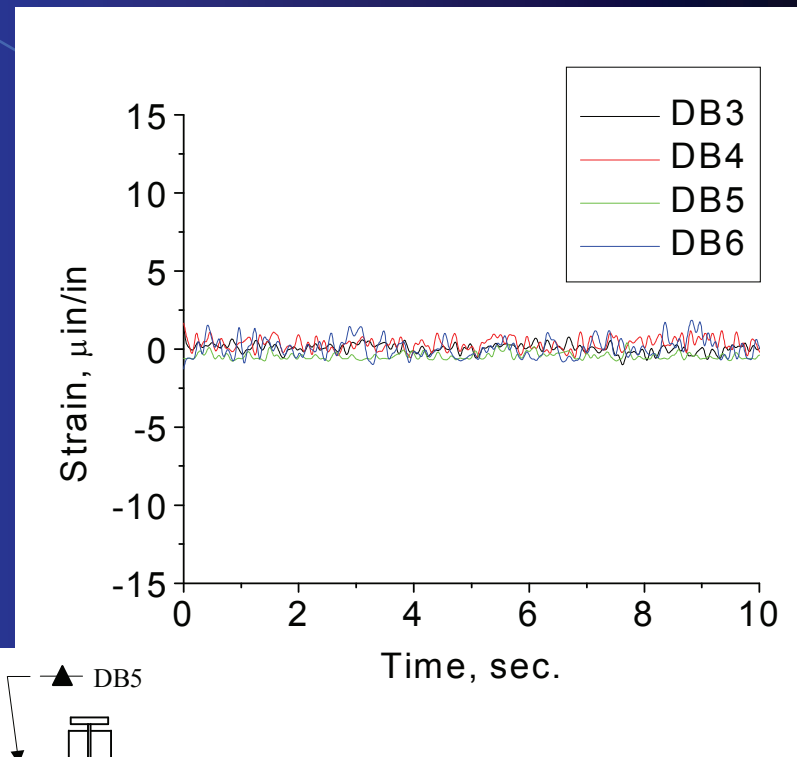
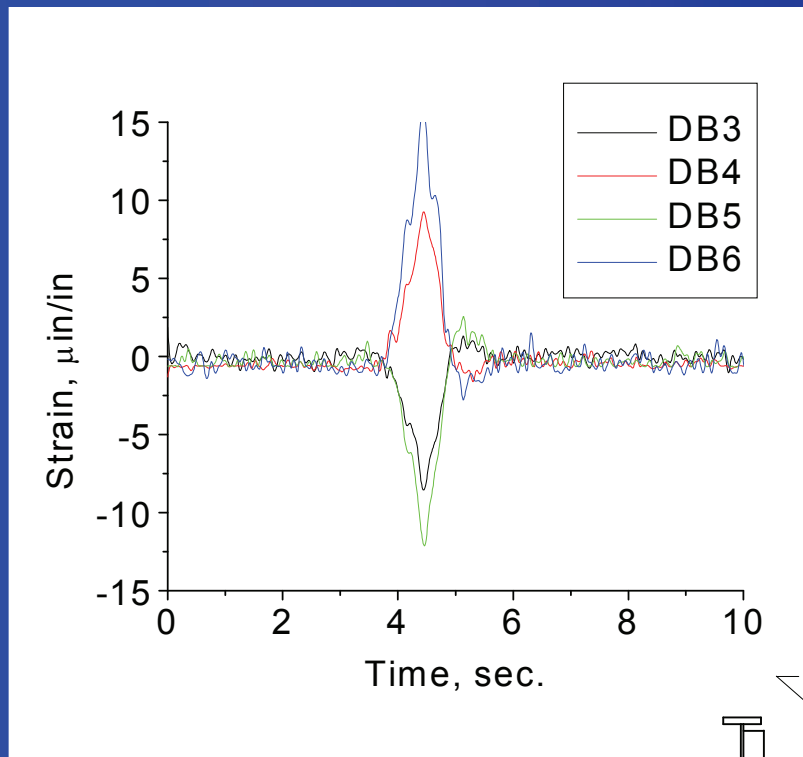
Instrumentation



Web Gap Strain



Diaphragm Strain



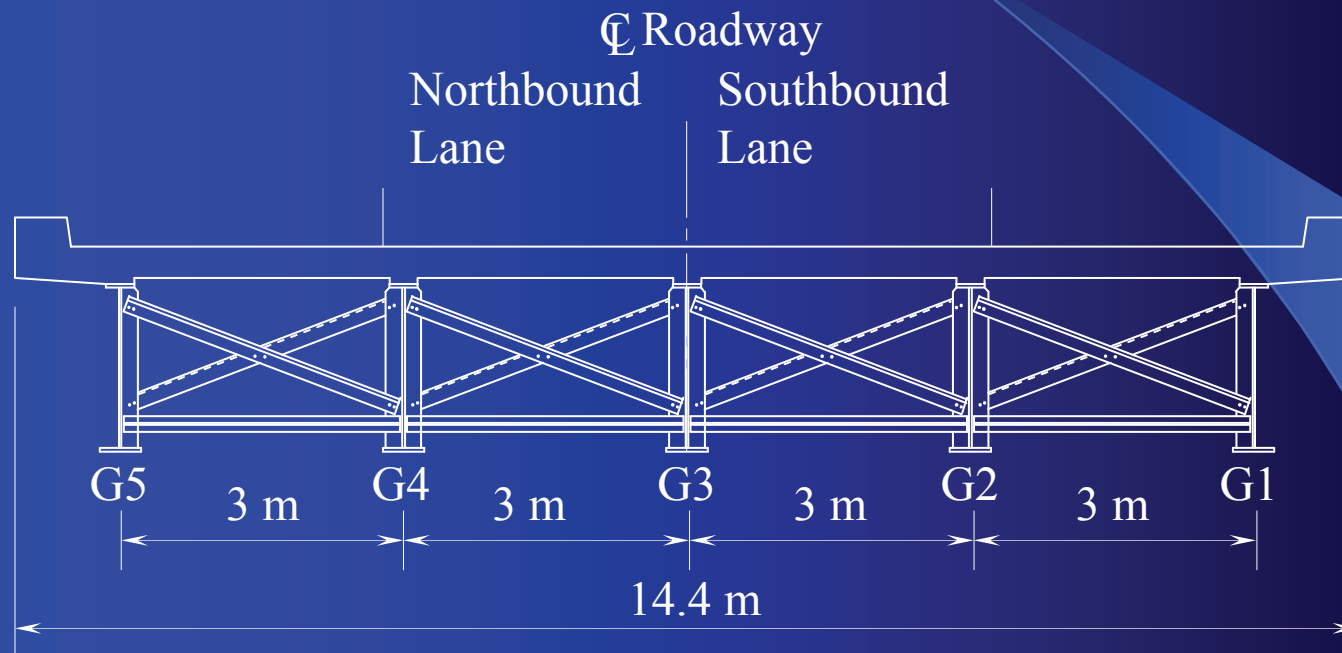
Iowa-17 Bridge

- Three span, five girder bridge with X-type cross-bracing.
- Long-term testing.

Iowa-17 Bridge



Bridge Cross-Section



Health Monitoring System

- A Campbell Scientific CR 9000 was selected for remote monitoring of ambient truck traffic on the bridge.
- Strain gages, displacement transducers, and thermocouples were installed and connected to the CR 9000.

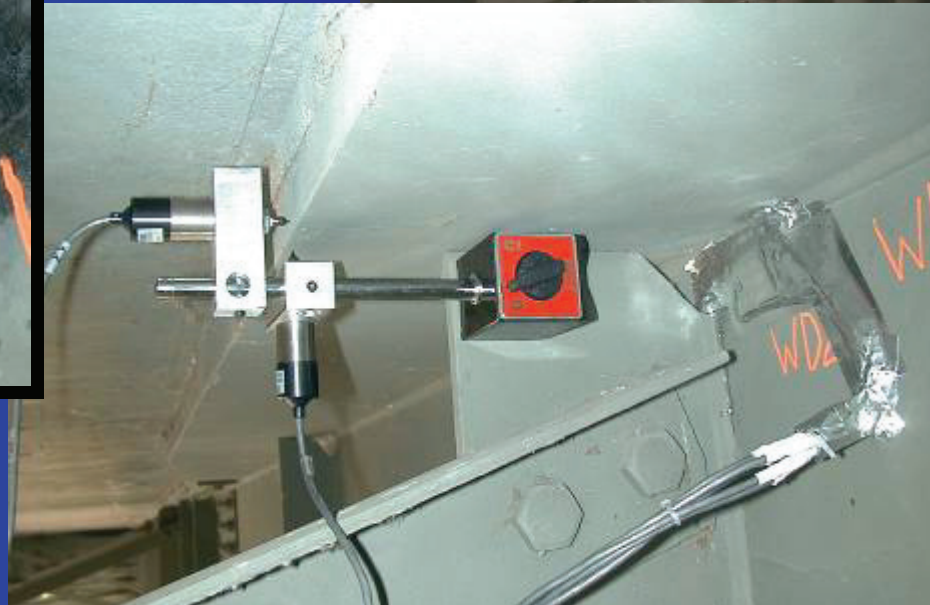
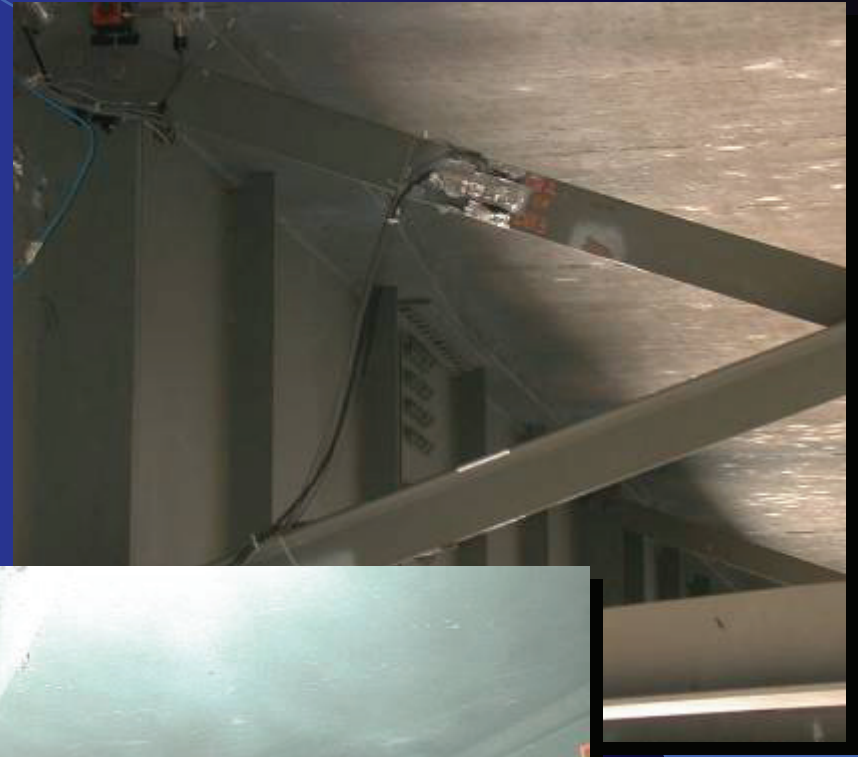
Health Monitoring System

- 24 input channels.
- Connected to local power grid for continuous operation.
- Phone line installed to allow data acquisition and program adjustments.
- Trigger programmed into system to collect only data larger than a designated threshold set to register truck loads.

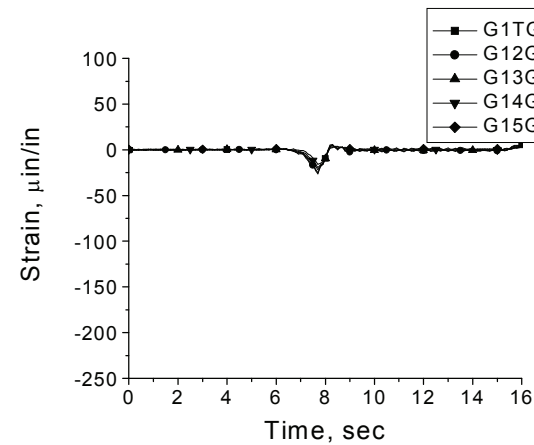
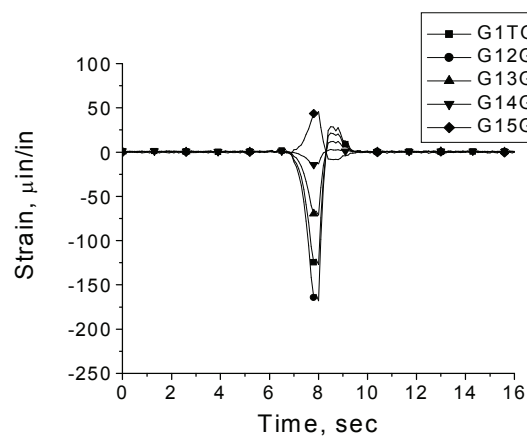
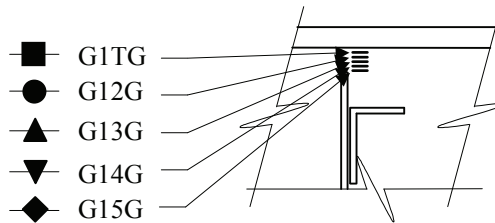
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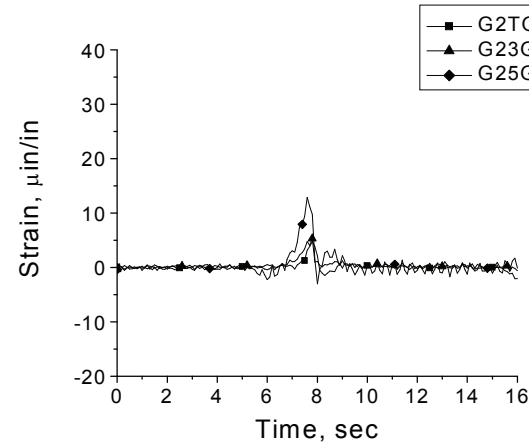
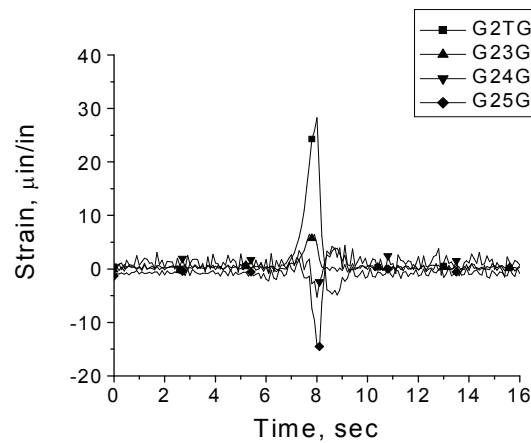
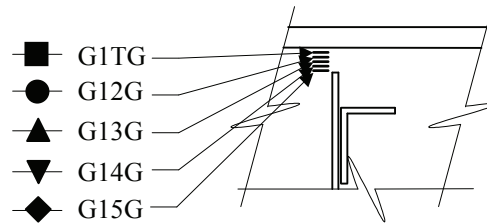
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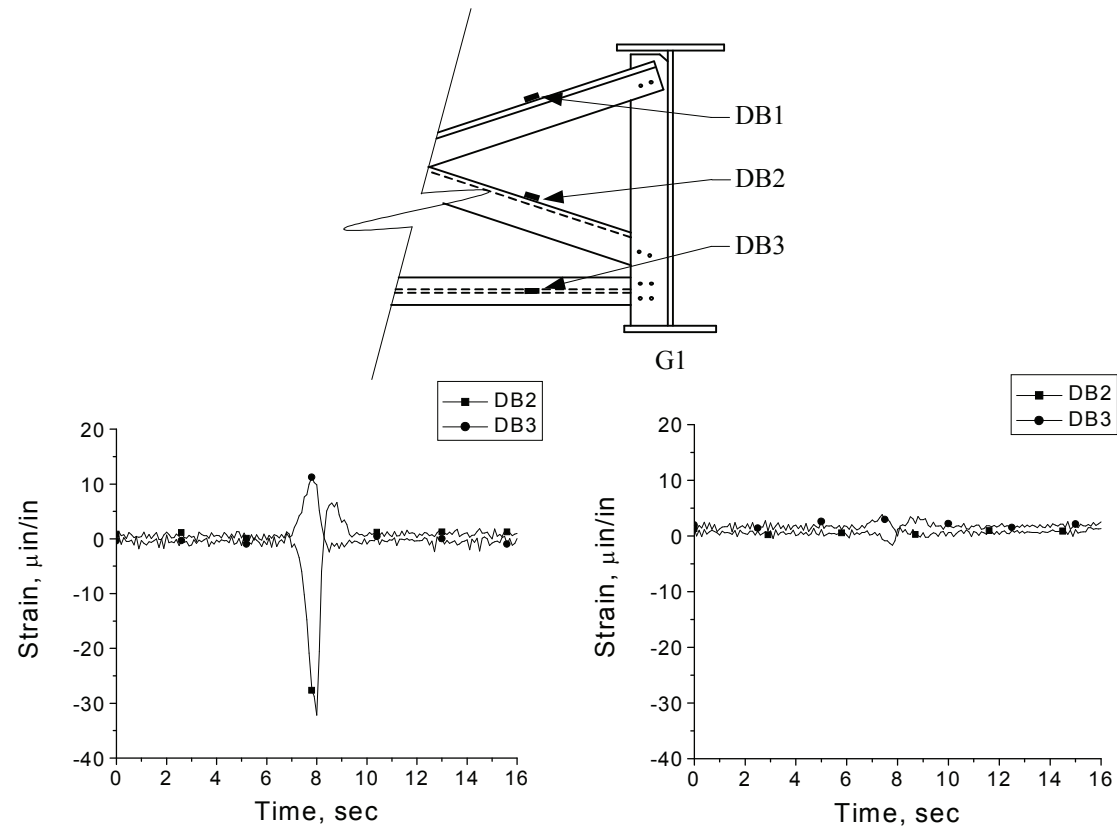
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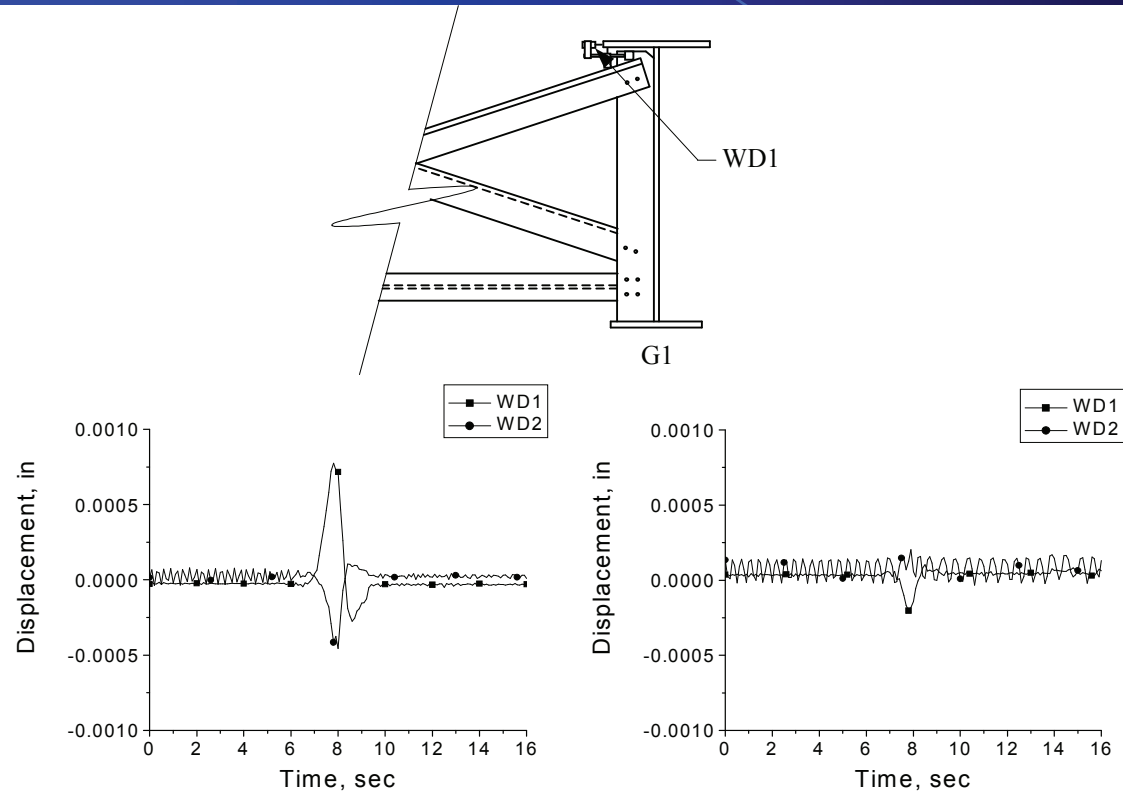
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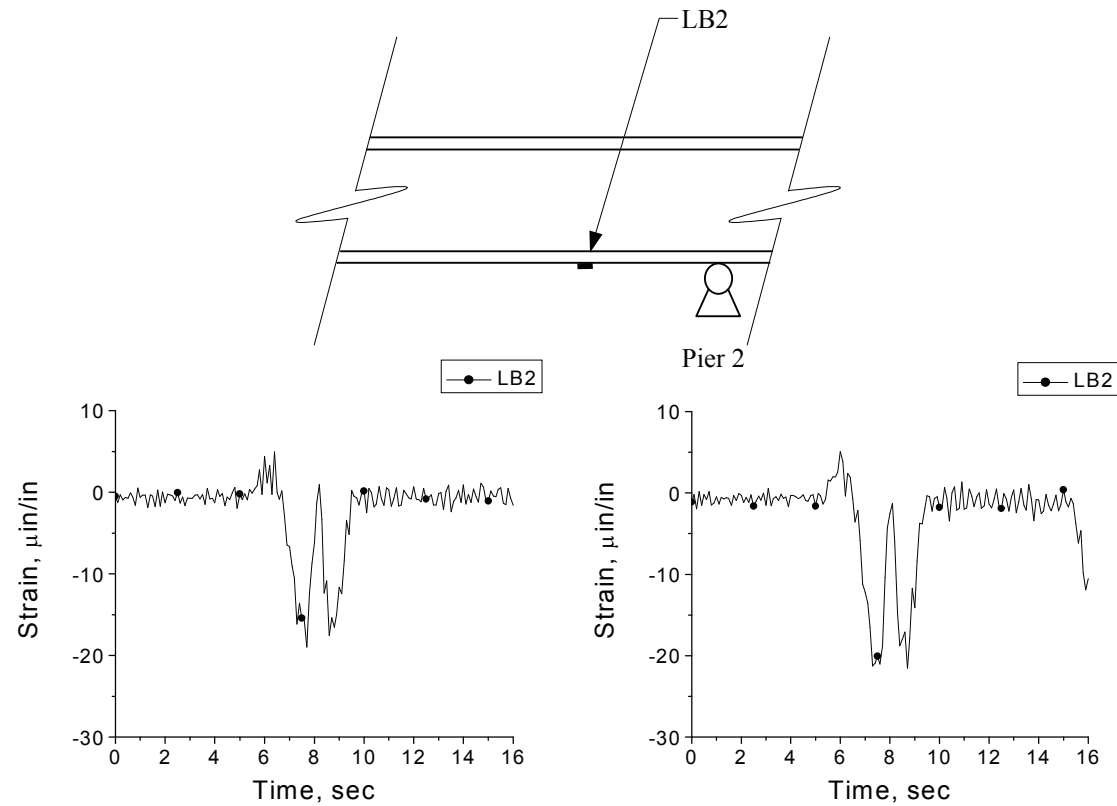
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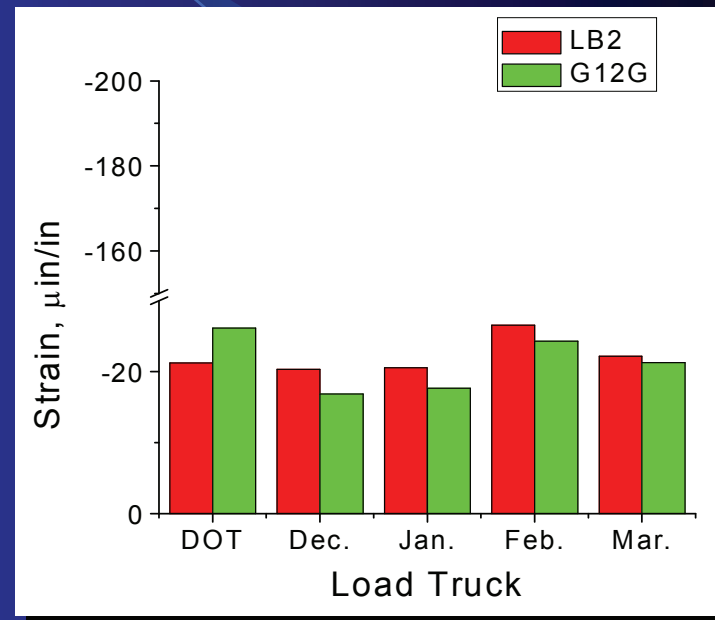
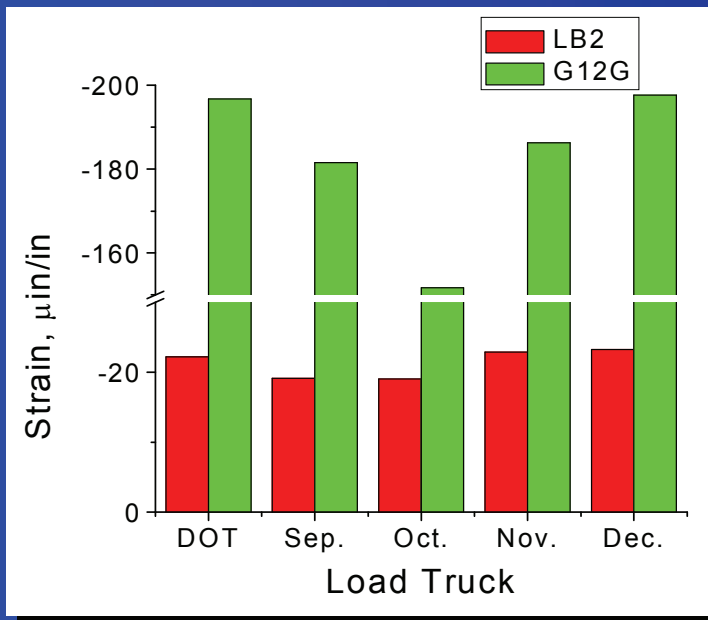
Out-of-Plane Displacement



Bottom Flange-Trigger Data



Loading Variability



Conclusions

- Collected data showed a reduction in strain in the web gap resulting from the retrofit of approximately 75%.
- Long-term data trends suggest the effectiveness of the retrofit is not affected over time by vibrations and temperature changes.

Chapter 9

Investigation of High Mast Light Pole Failure

Investigation of High Mast Light Pole Failure

- Monitor wind-induced strains and accelerations in high mast light pole
- Record strains, accelerations, and video during an “event”
- Perform fatigue evaluation
- Recommend retrofit to existing designs, recommendations for new design

Development of Fatigue Design Loads for Slender Structures/Highway Luminaries Subject to Wind-Induced Excitation

Introduction

- There have been several failures of support structures - likely due to fatigue
- There are deficiencies in the understanding of the impact of dynamic wind loadings on support structures
- Thus, a more representative and comprehensive design procedure for the AASHTO Specifications is needed

HML Support Base Failure - IA



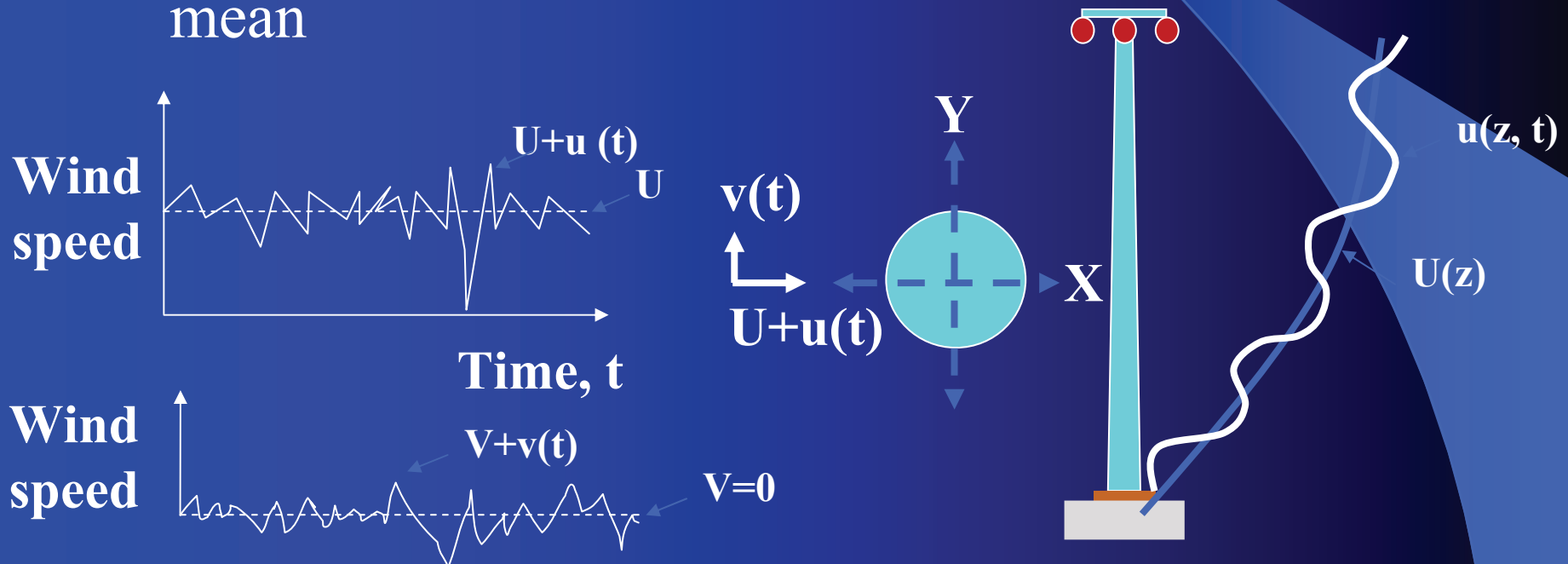
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Background

Buffeting

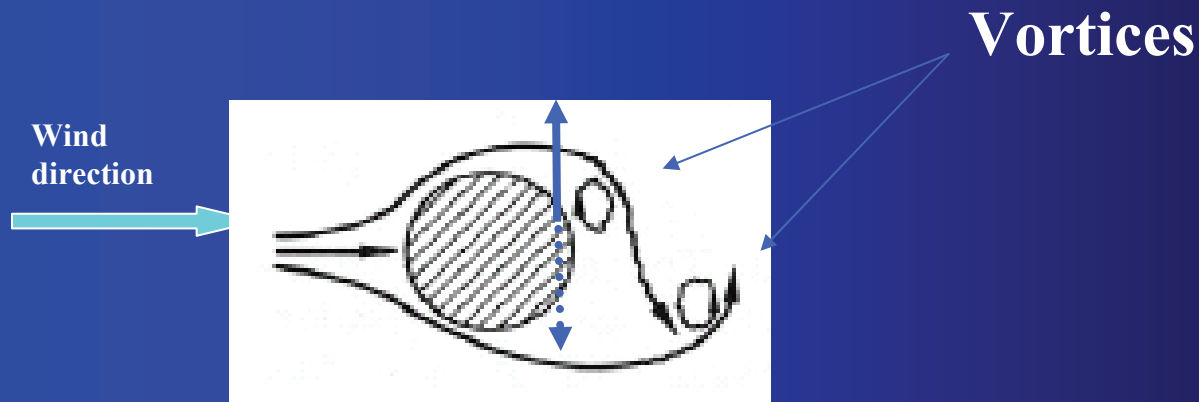
- Buffeting forces are aerodynamic forces acting on structures due to wind fluctuations about the mean



Background

Vortex shedding

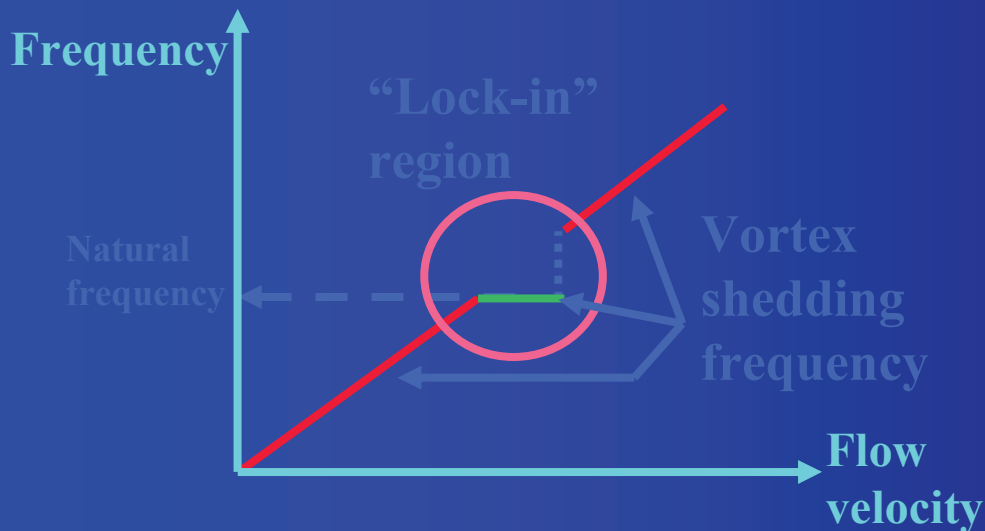
- Vortex shedding induces unsteady pressures on the structure, in the direction perpendicular to the wind direction (i.e., across-wind), causing transverse motion



Background

Vortex shedding

- “Lock-in” phenomenon: $f_n = f_s$
- Strouhal number,
$$S_t = \frac{f_s B}{U}$$



B: Body dimension

U: Flow velocity

f_s : Vortex shedding frequency

Circular: $St = 0.2$

Square: $St = 0.11 \sim 0.13$

Background

Current Loading Recommendations

2001 AASHTO

$$P_{vs} = \frac{0.00118 \cdot V_{cr}^2 \cdot C_d \cdot I_F}{2 \cdot \zeta}$$

ξ : 0.005

C_d : drag coefficient

V_{cr} : $f_n \cdot D / S_t$

f_n : 1st mode frequency

S_t : 0.11 ~ 0.18

I_F : importance factor

L_e : height of structure

Ontario Code

$$P_t = \frac{0.3 \cdot C_s \cdot V_{cr}^2}{\zeta} (Pa)$$

ξ : 0.0075 for steel

C_s : RMS lift coefficient

V_{cr} : $f_n \cdot D / S_t$

f_n : 2nd mode frequency

S_t : 0.11 ~ 0.18

C_s : 0.71 ~ 0.85

L_e : $\pm 10\%$ of critical diameter

NCHRP 469

$$P_{vs} = \frac{0.00118 \cdot V_{cr}^2 \cdot C_d \cdot I_F}{2 \cdot \zeta}$$

ξ : 0.005

C_d : drag coefficient

V_{cr} : $f_n \cdot D / S_t$

f_n : 2nd mode frequency

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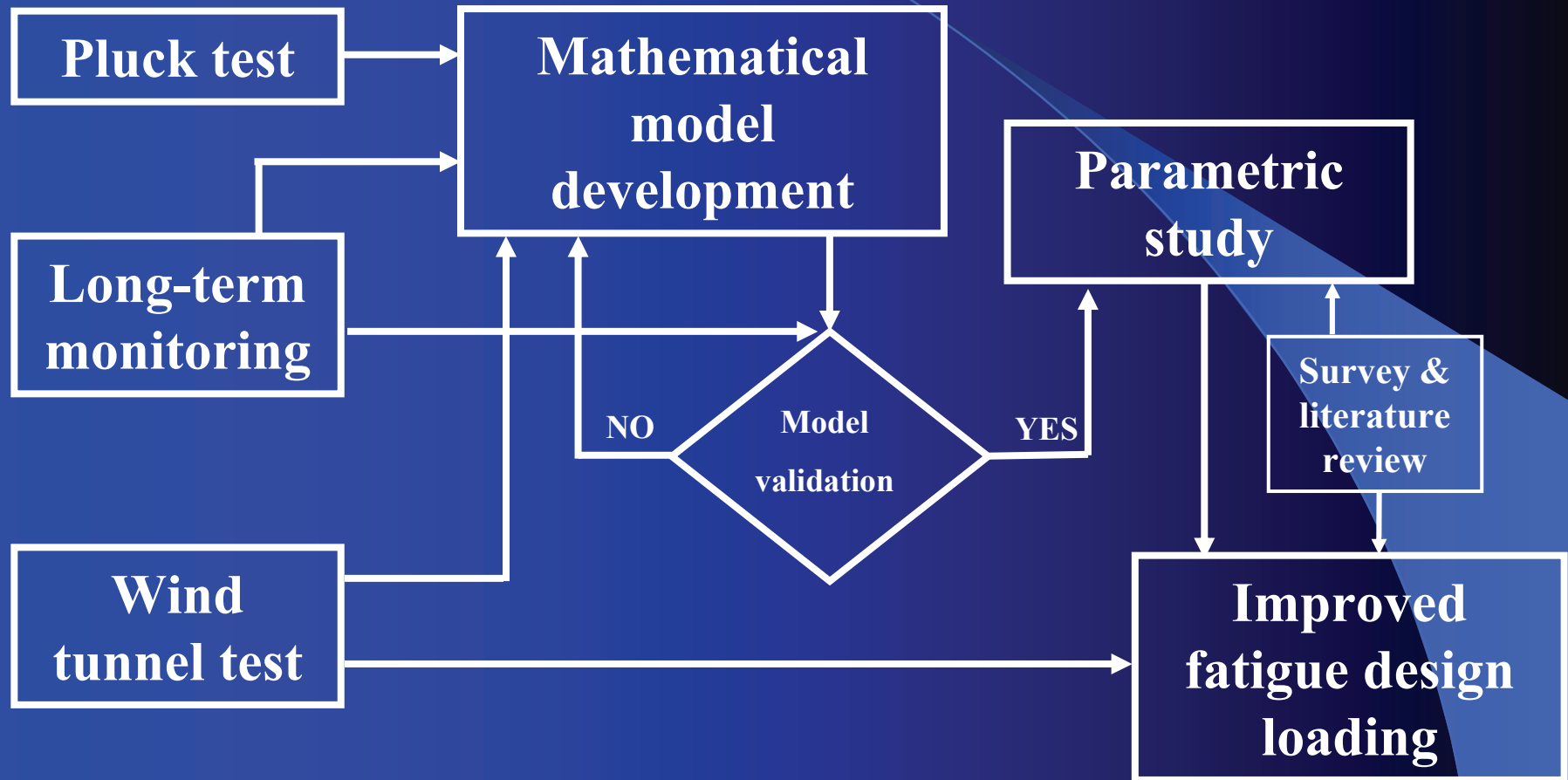
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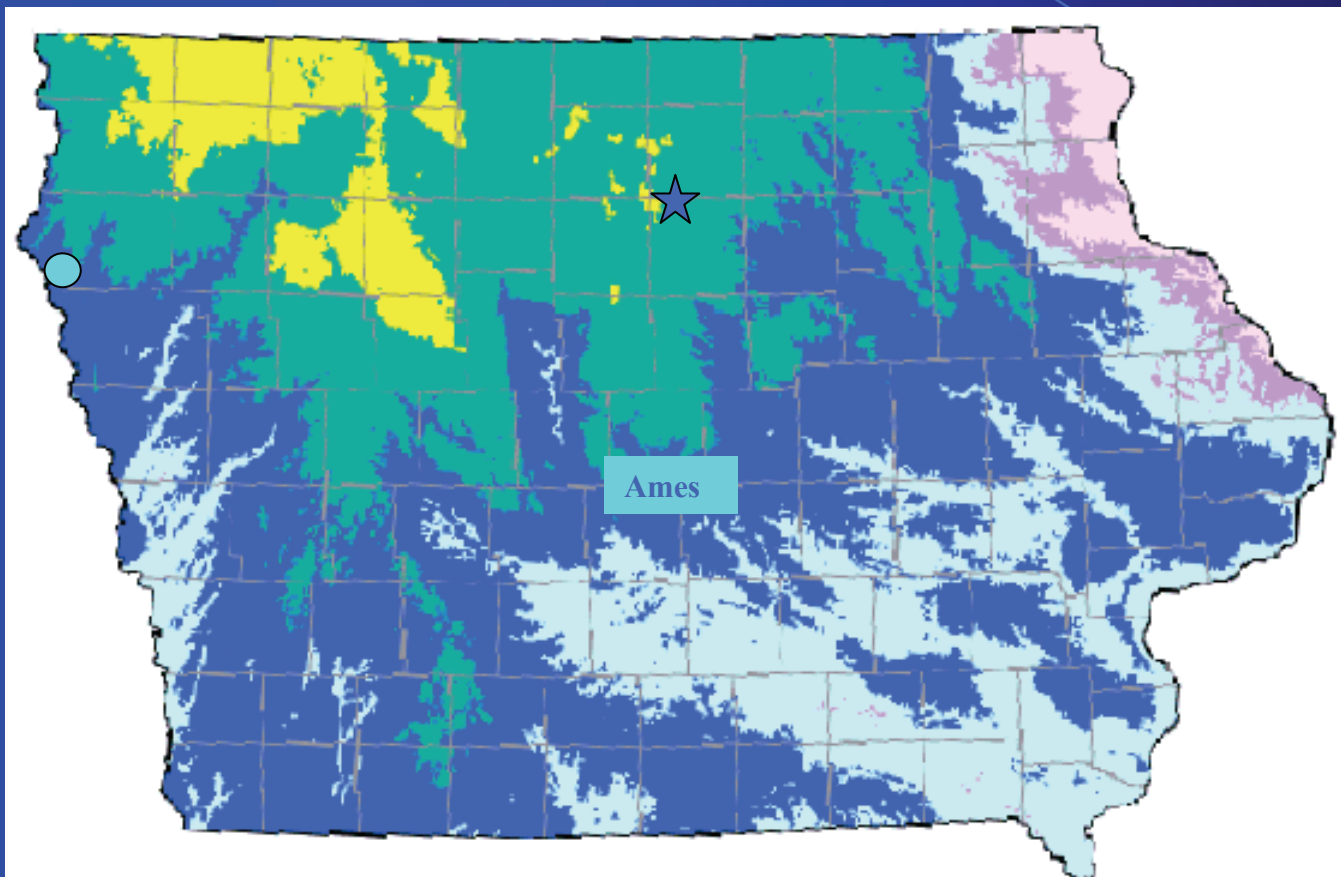
Objectives

- Develop a coupled mathematical model for:
 - Vortex shedding
 - Buffeting
- Refine mathematical model parameters based upon wind tunnel testing, long-term monitoring, and a parametric study results
- Formulate a procedure and a more realistic equation for determining fatigue design loads due to vortex shedding and buffeting for slender support structures

General approach



Long-term monitoring

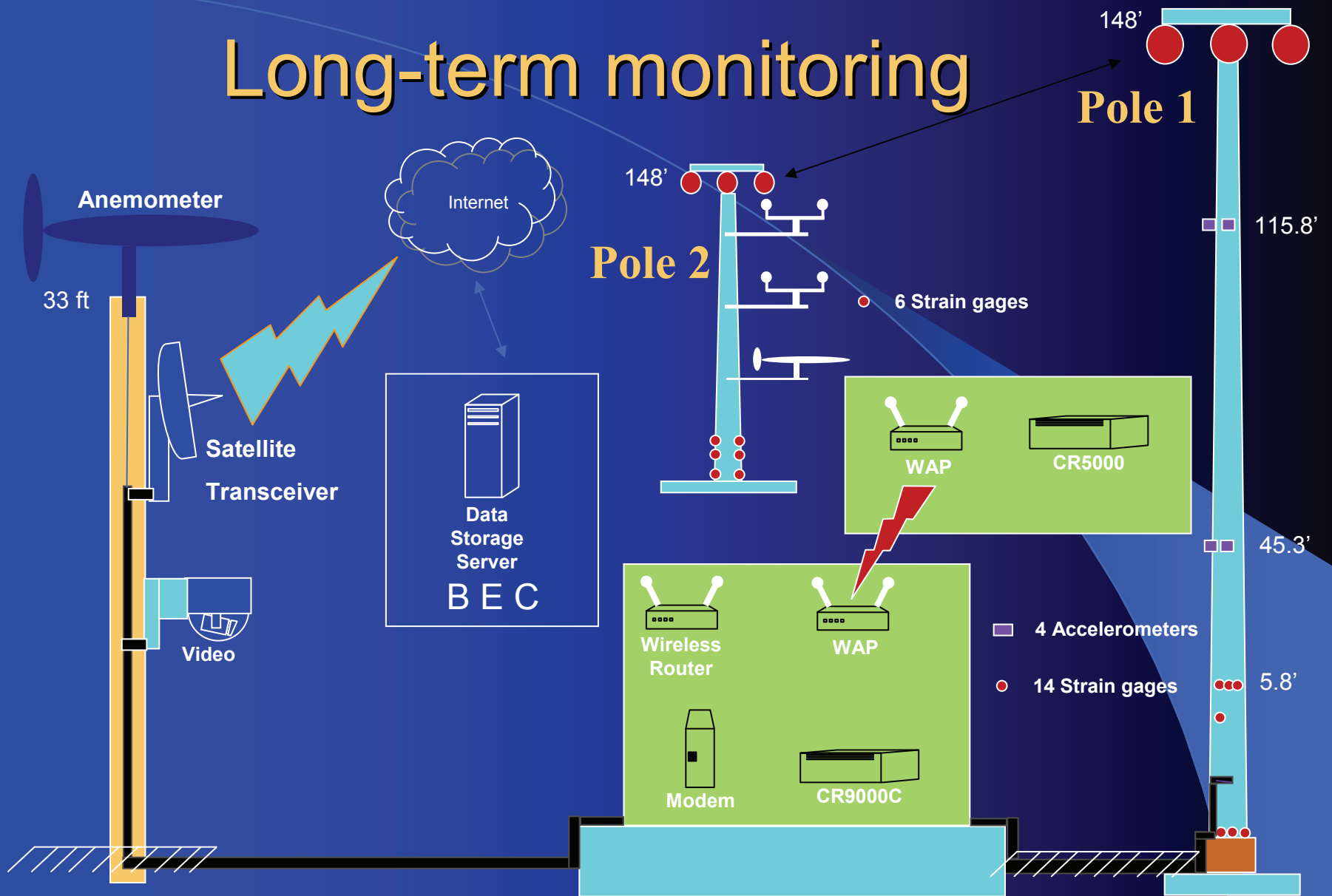


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15.7-16.8	7.0-7.5
14.5-15.7	6.5-7.0
13.4-14.5	6.0-6.5
12.3-13.4	5.5-6.0
<12.3	<5.5

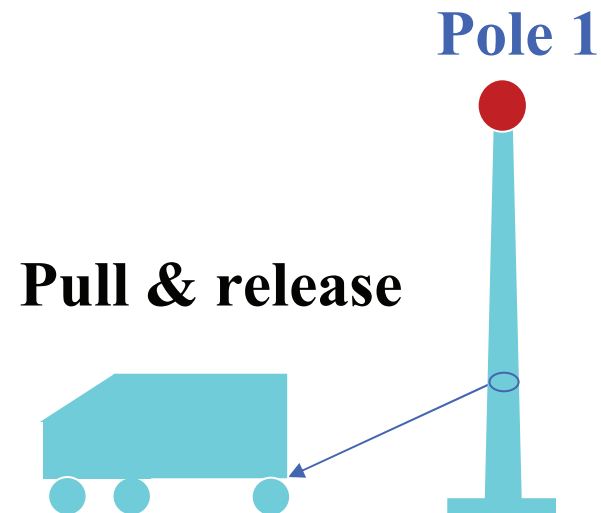
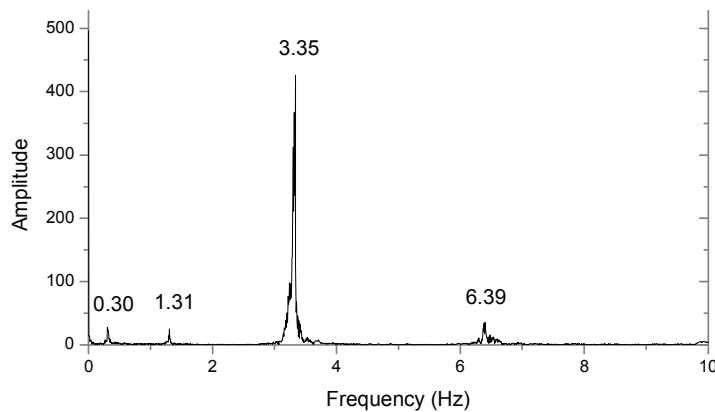
- **Near Sioux City:**
Location of collapsed high-mast light pole
- ★ **Near Mason City:**
Location of long-term field monitoring

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Long-term monitoring



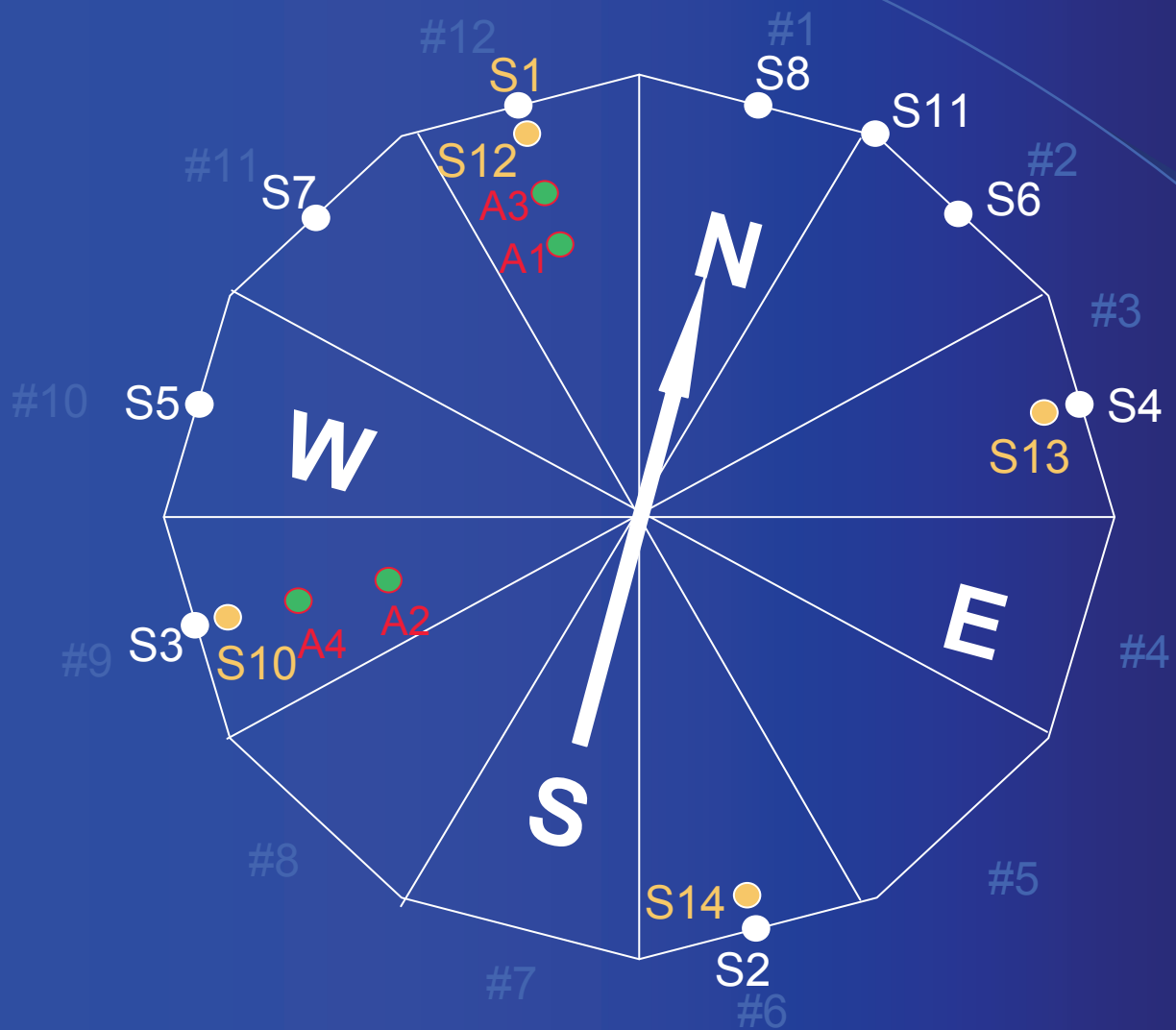
Long-term monitoring Pluck-test – Pole 1



Mode	Frequency (Hz) using FEA		Field test	% Difference	
	Linear geometry	Nonlinear geometry		Linear	Nonlinear
1	0.33	0.32	0.31	10.33%	5.67%
2	1.34	1.33	1.31	2.52%	1.37%
3	3.45	3.43	3.33	2.87%	2.39%
4	6.64	6.62	6.39	3.88%	3.62%

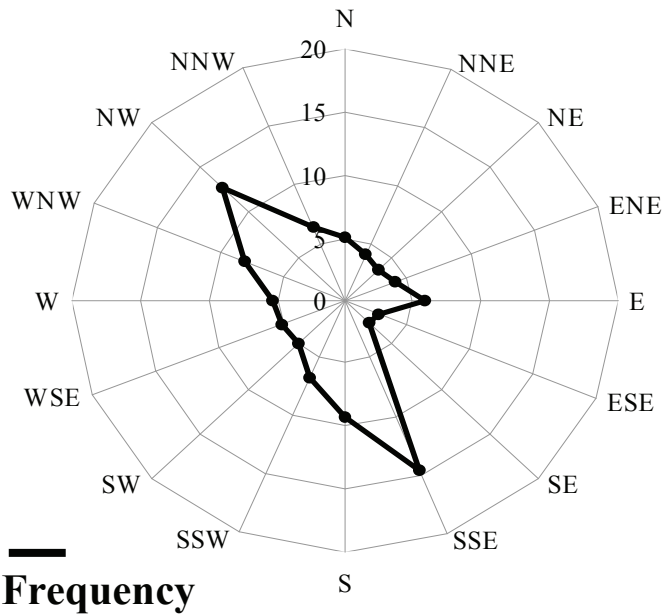
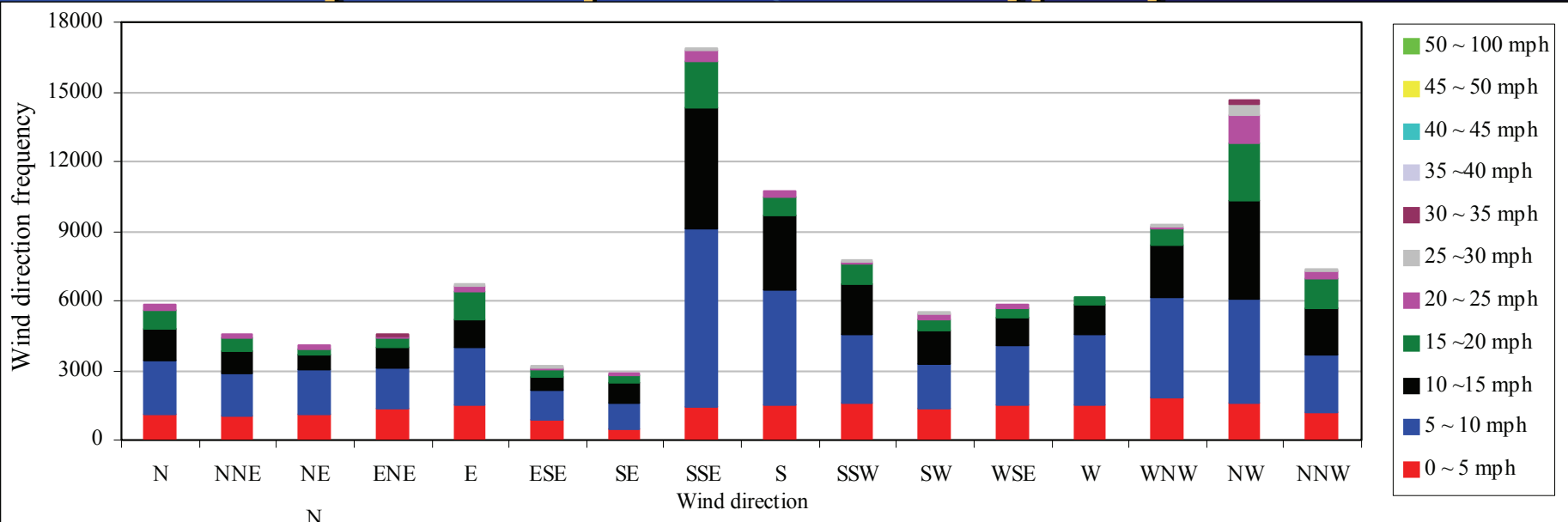
Damping ratio = 0.26% (logarithmic decrement method)

Long-term monitoring



Pole 1

- 12-sided section
- 4 Accelerometers
- 14 Strain gages
- 1 Anemometer



Wind speed and direction frequency

Long-term monitoring

Wind profile parameters – Pole 2

Roughness length, Z_0

Terrain factor, α

Log Law

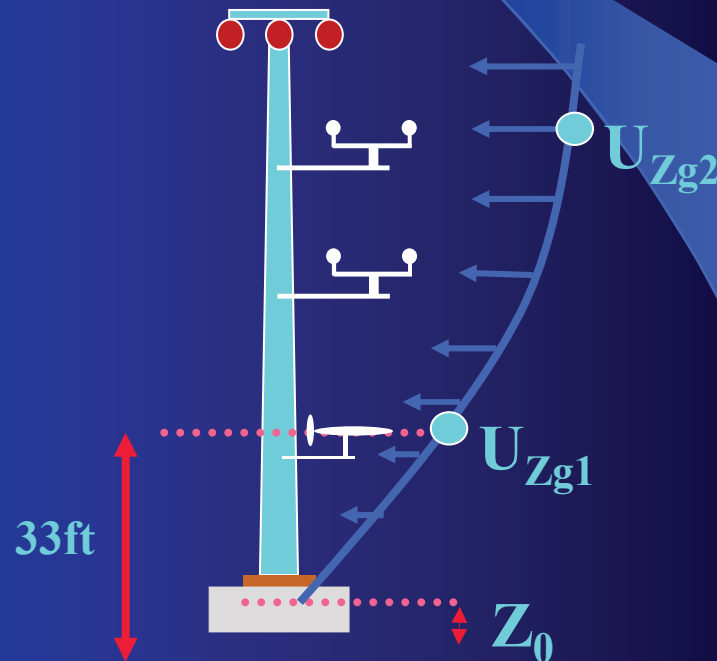
$$U(Z_g, Z_{g0}) = 2.5u^* \ln(Z_g / Z_0)$$

$$Z_0 = 3.3 \text{ cm (Ref: 2 ~ 7 cm)}$$

Power Law

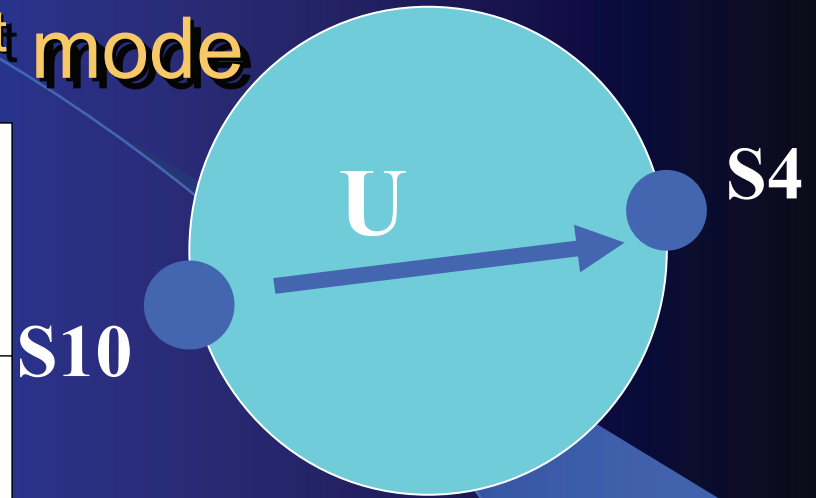
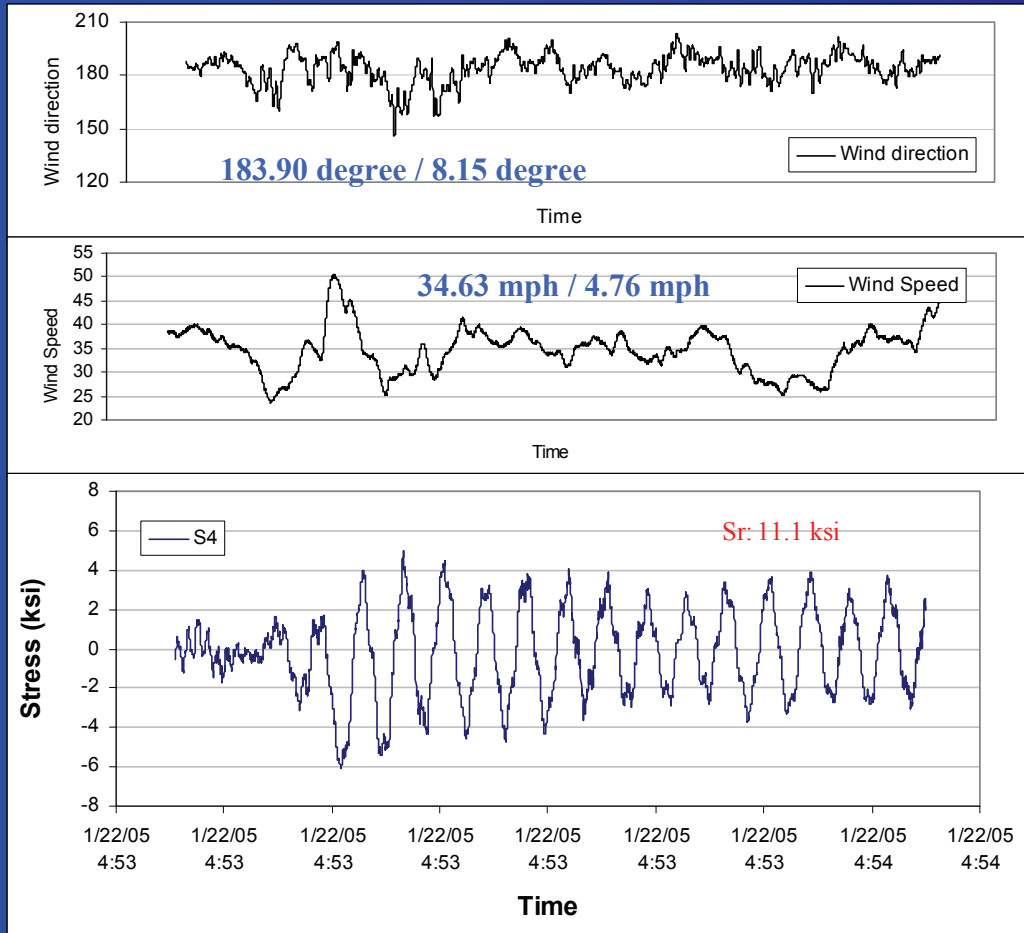
$$U_{Zg1} / U_{Zg2} = (Z_{g1} / Z_{g2})^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = 0.13 \text{ (Ref: 0.10 ~ 0.14)}$$



Long-term monitoring

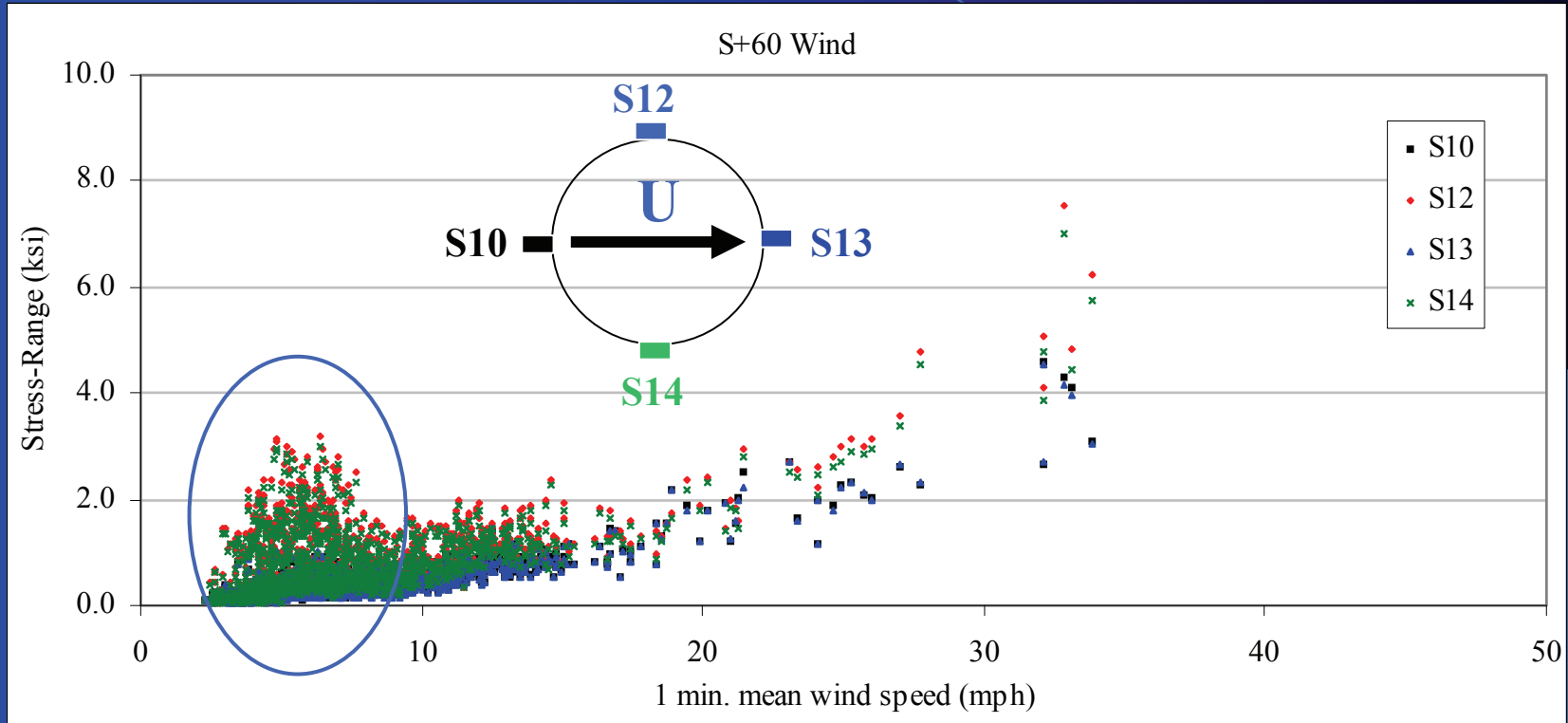
Buffeting – 1st mode



Frequency = 0.3 Hz
~Mode 1

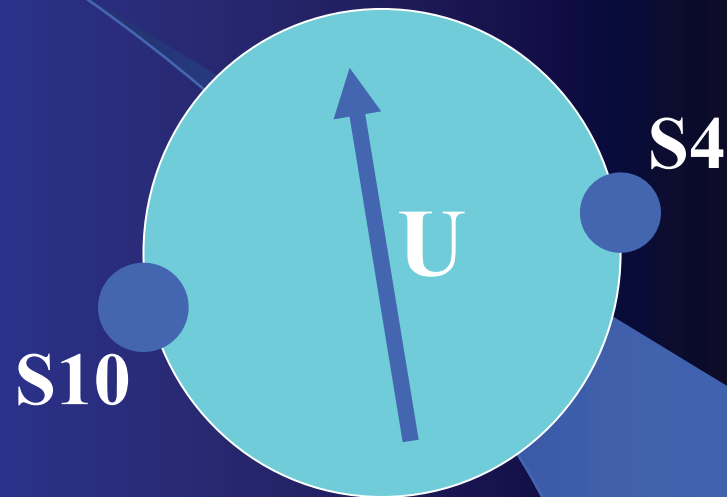
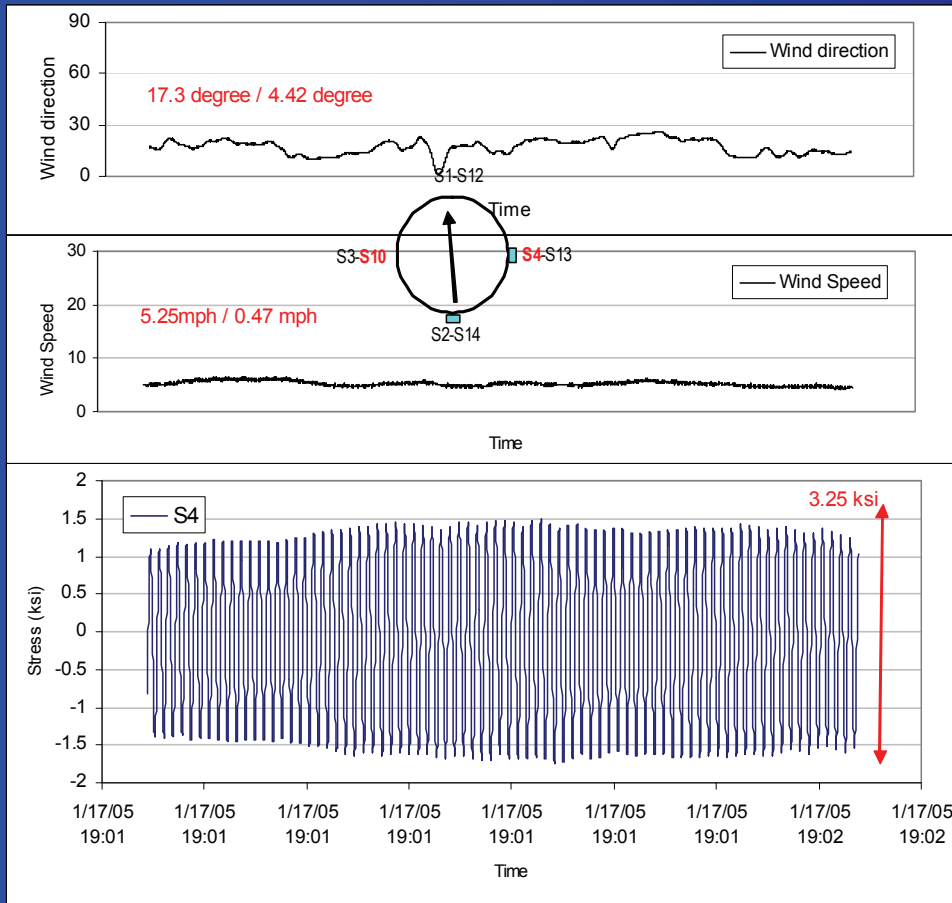
Long-term monitoring

Vortex shedding – Pole 1



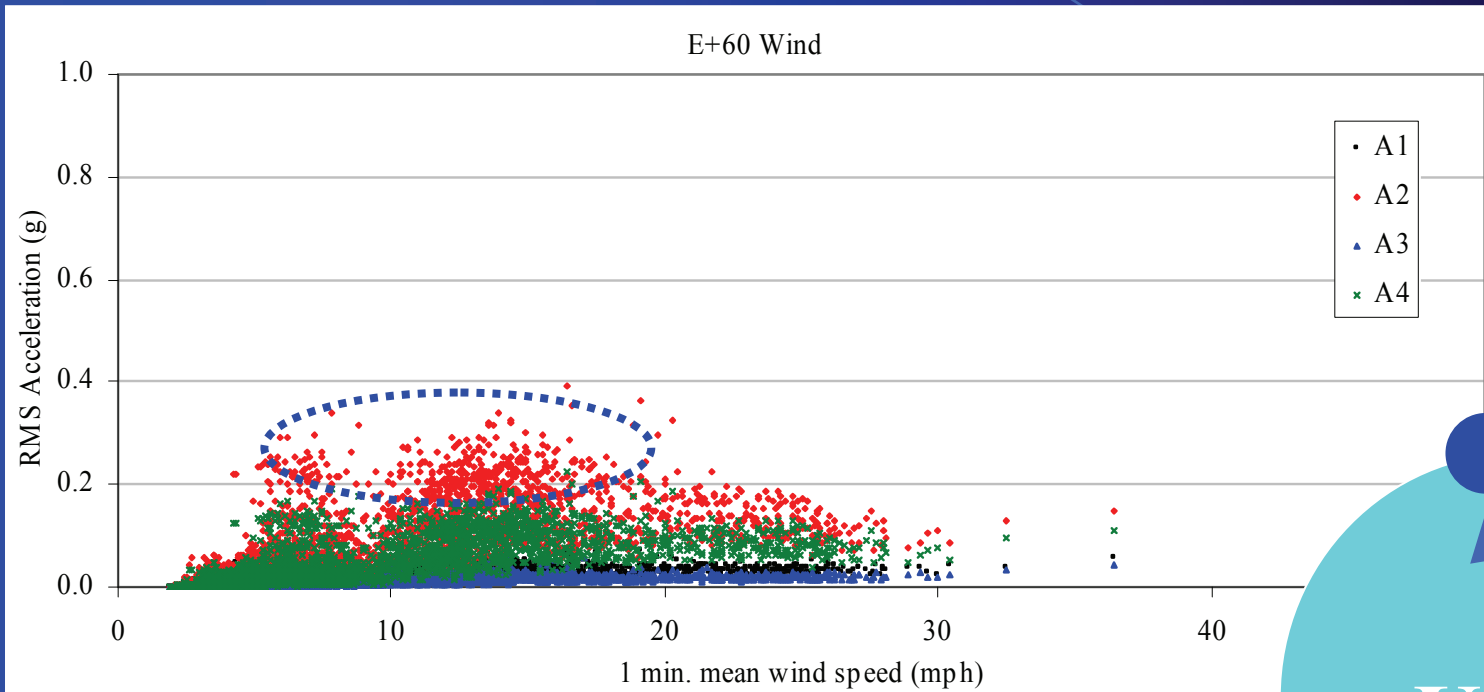
Long-term monitoring

Vortex shedding – 2nd mode



Frequency = 1.3 Hz
~Mode 2

Long-term monitoring Vortex shedding

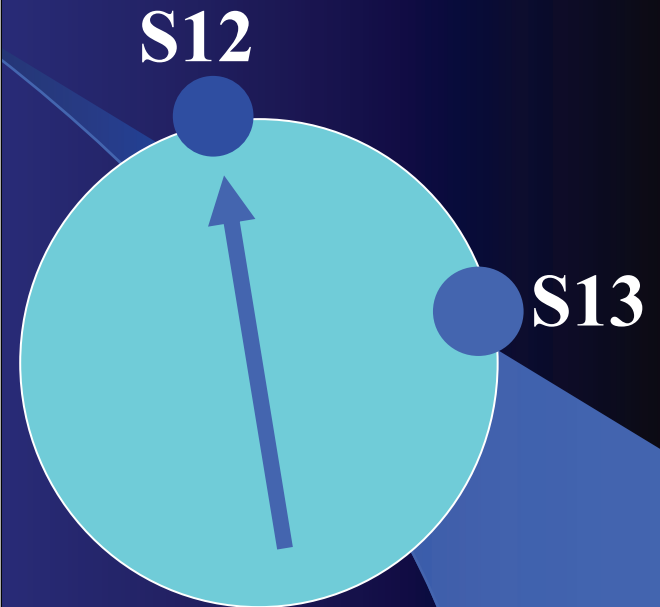
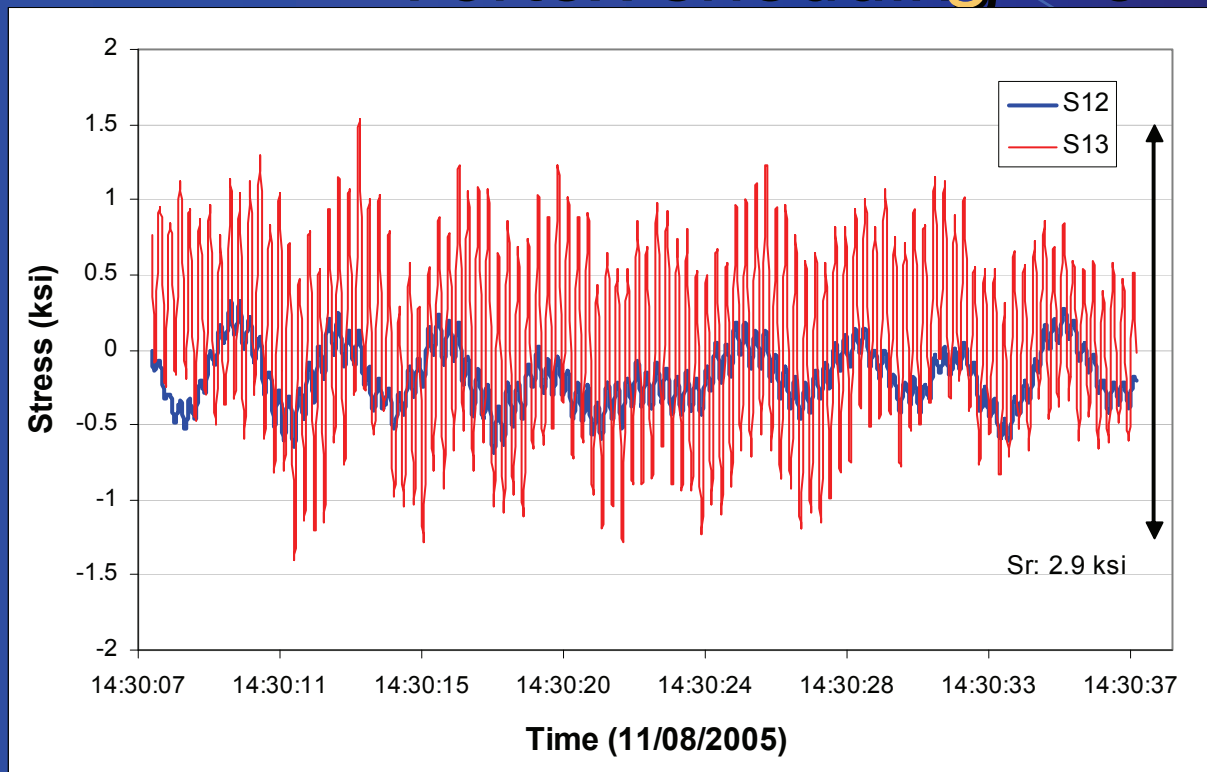


A1/A3

A2/A4

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Long-term monitoring Vortex shedding – 3rd Mode

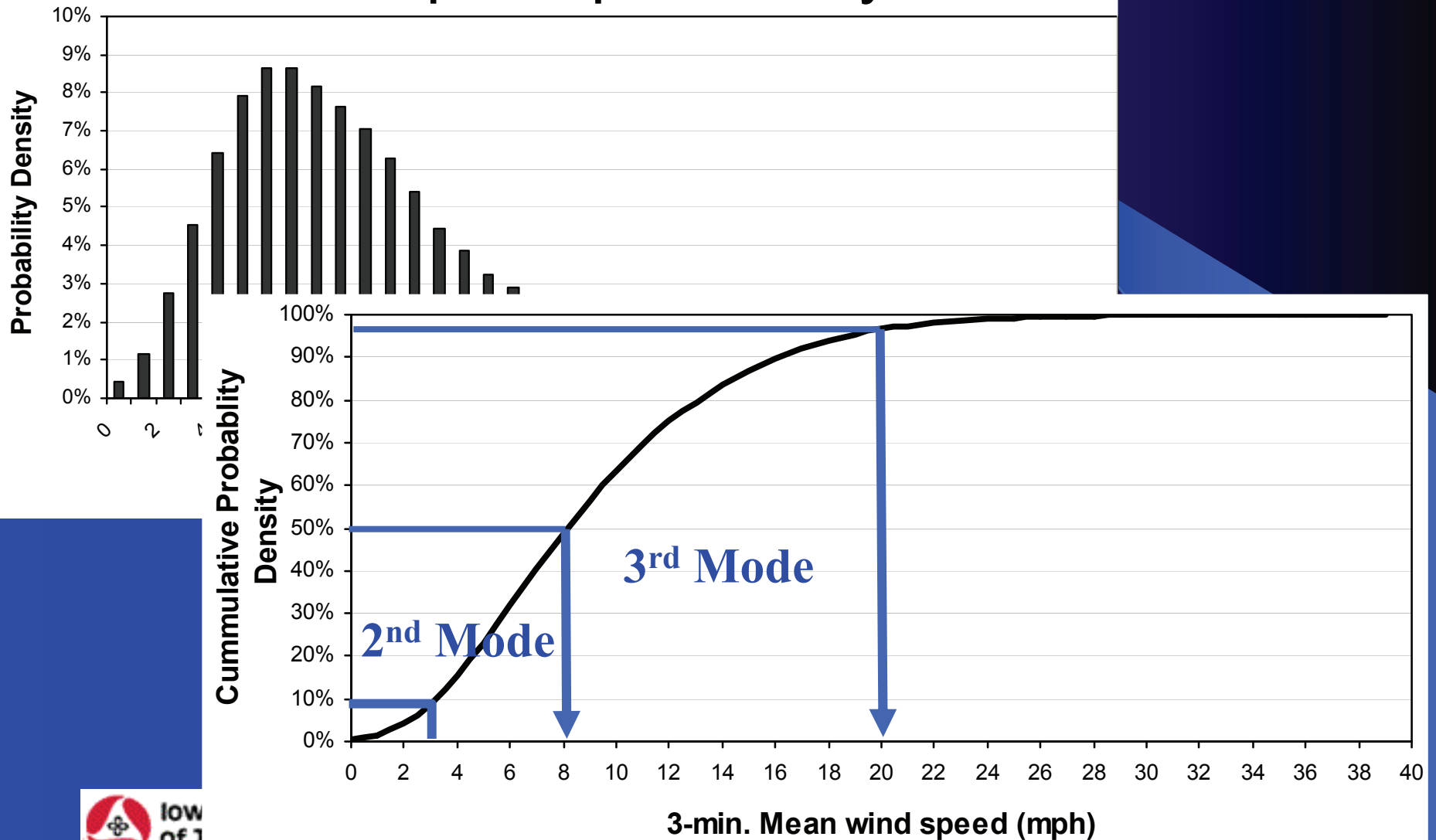


Mean wind Speed: 20.4 mph
Mean wind direction: 16.1 deg.

Frequency = 3.3 Hz
~Mode 3

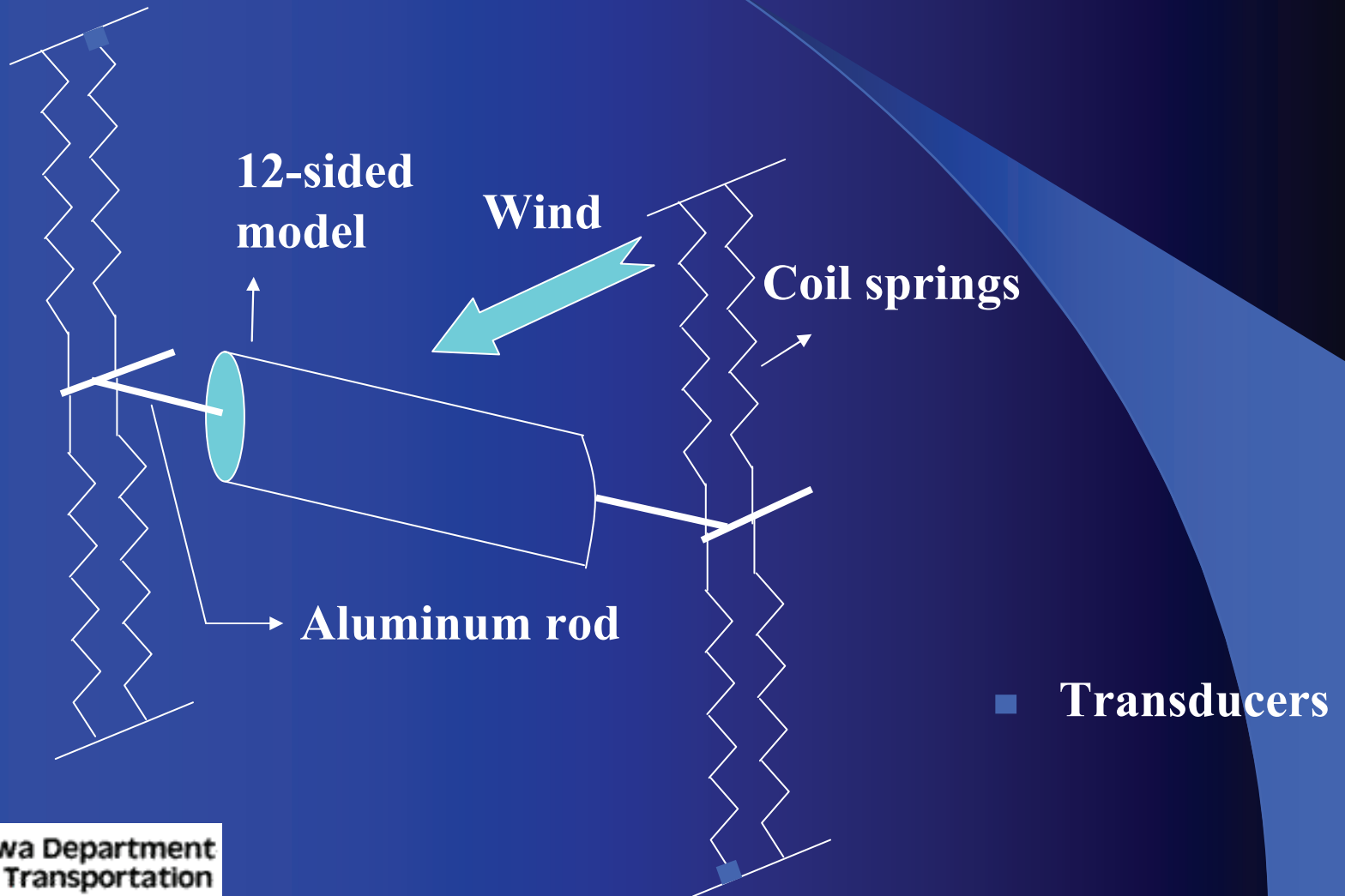
Long-term monitoring

Wind speed probability – Pole 1



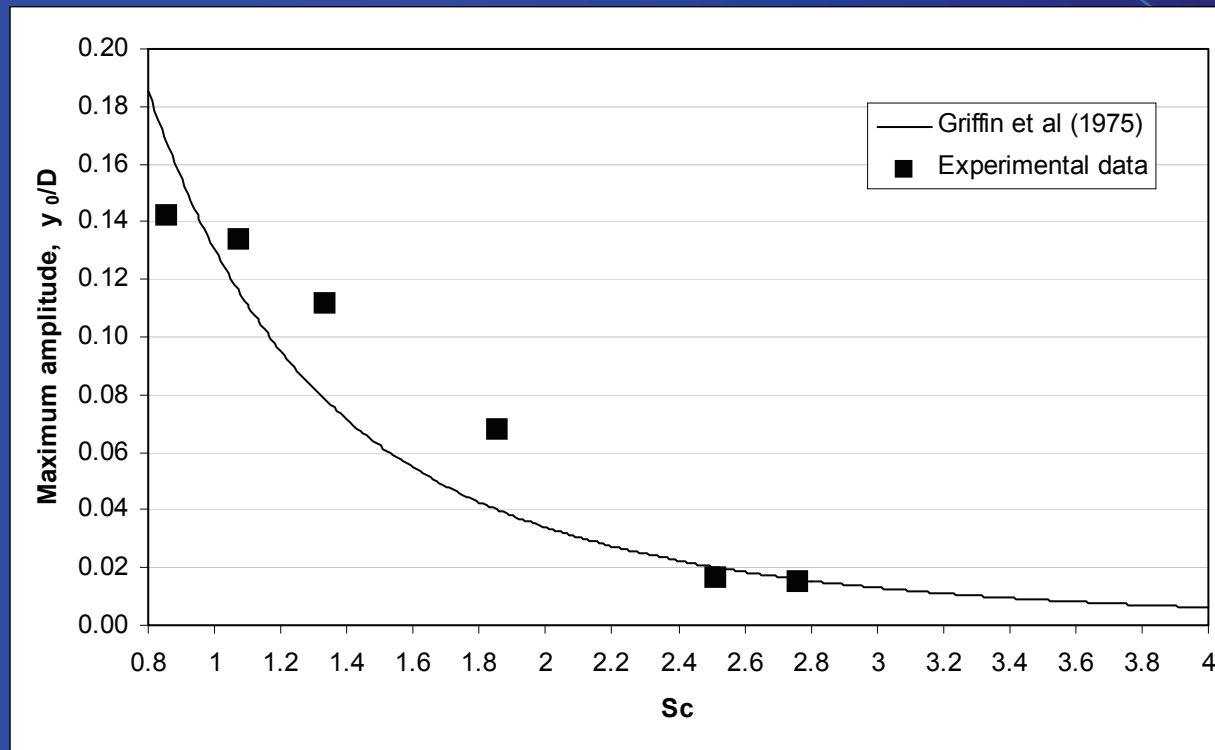
Wind tunnel test

Dynamic test



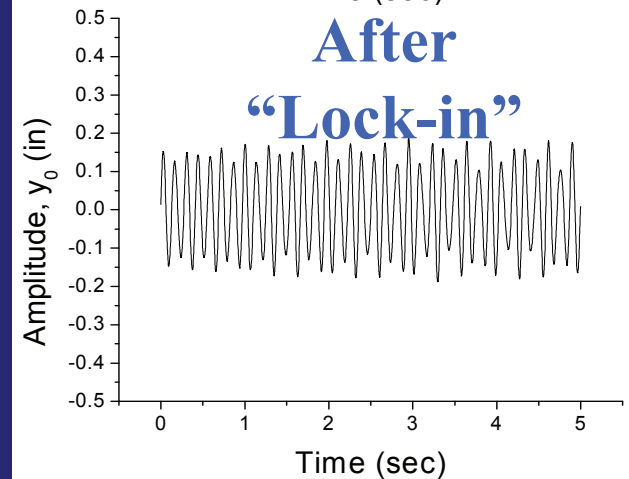
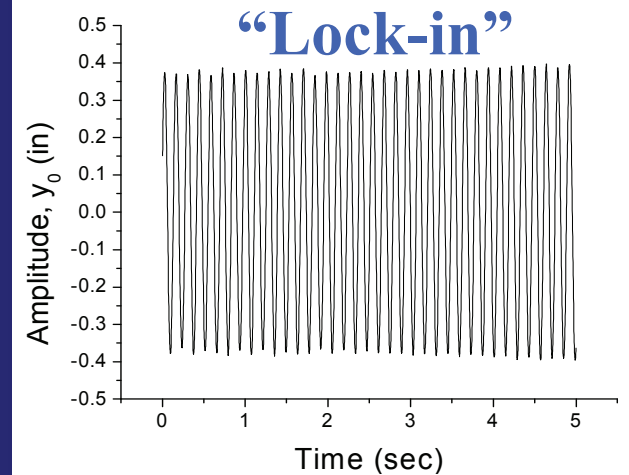
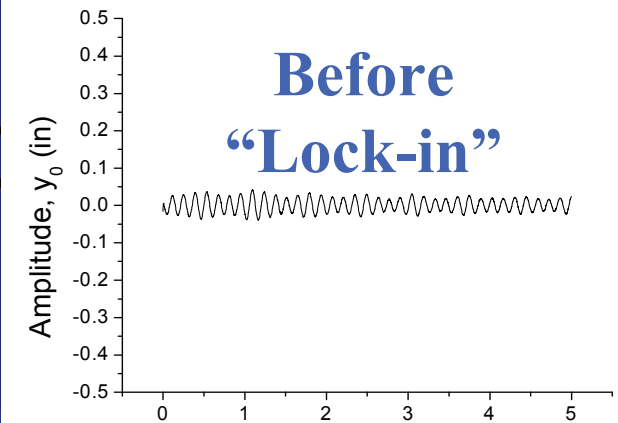
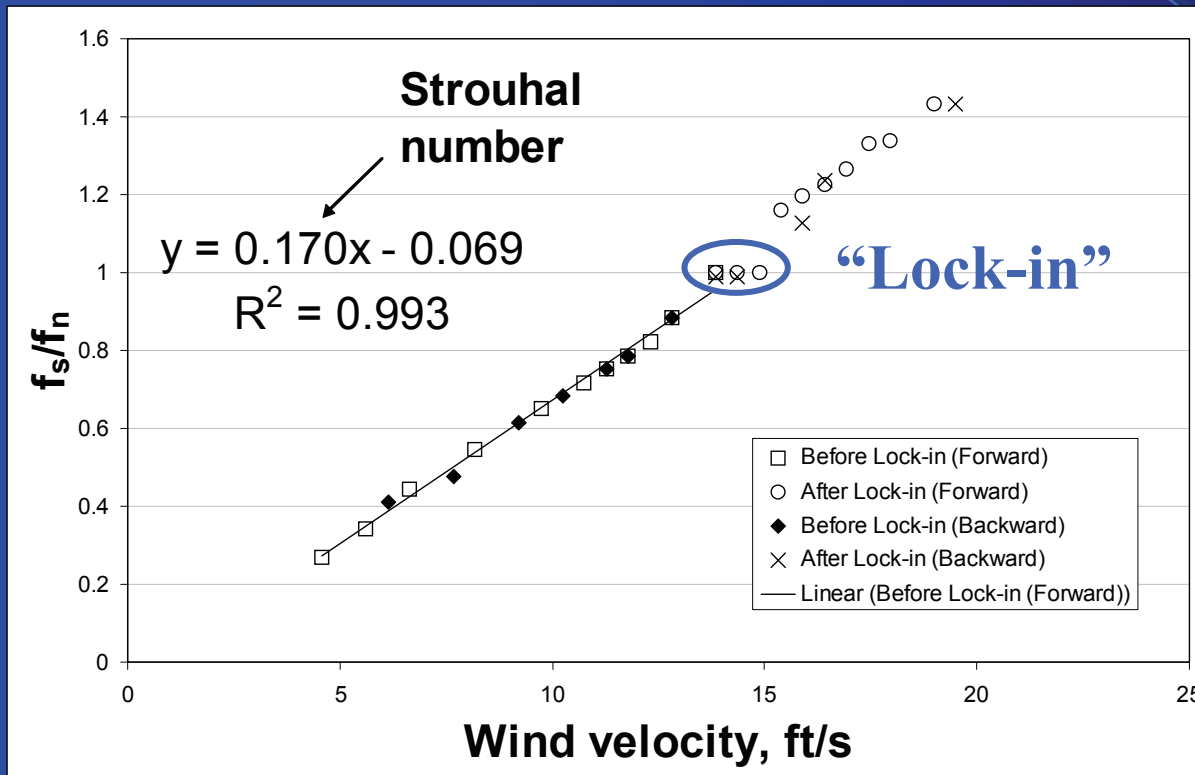
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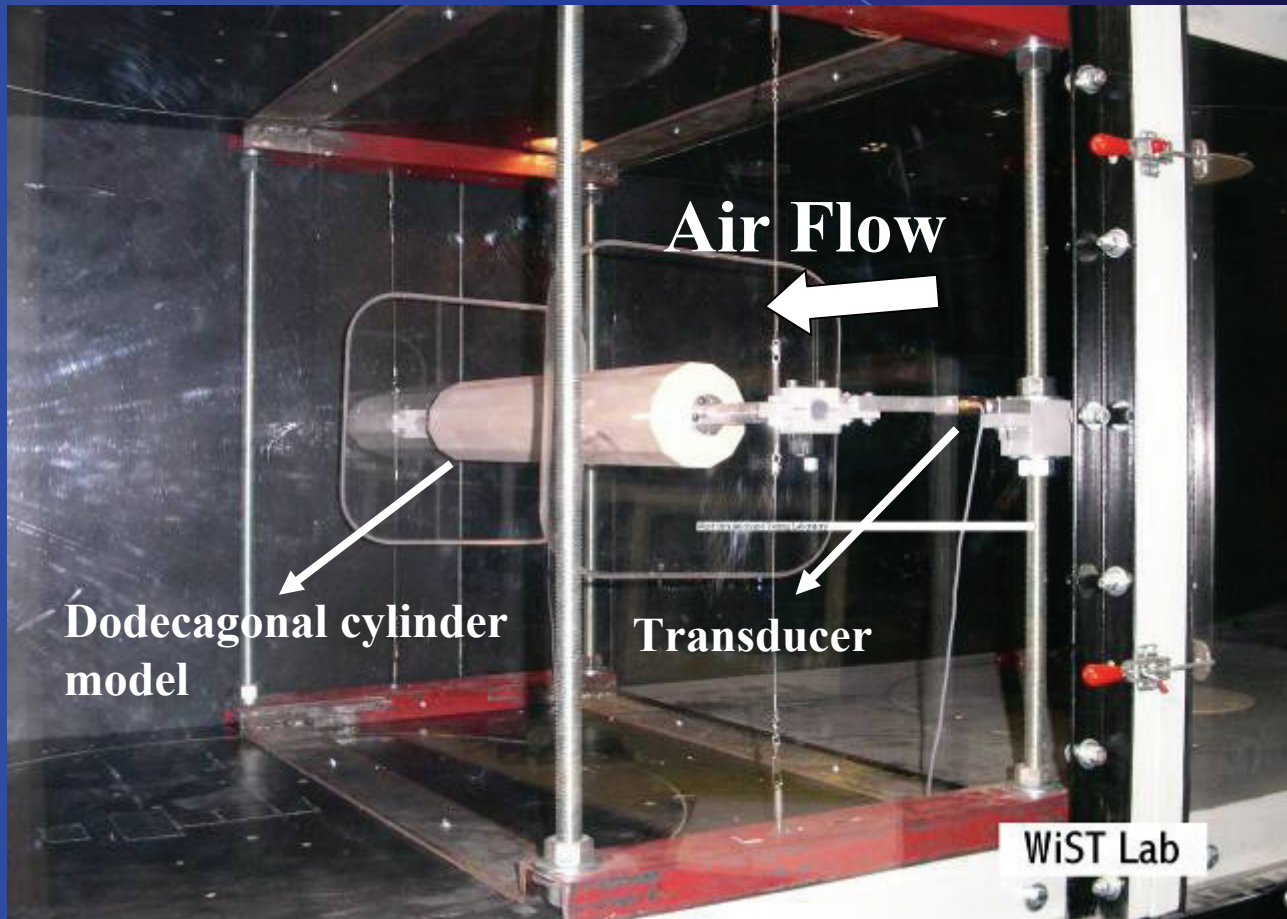
$$S_c = \frac{m_e \zeta}{\rho D^2}$$

Wind tunnel test Dynamic test

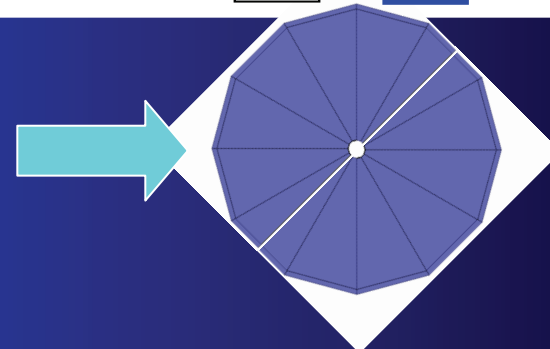
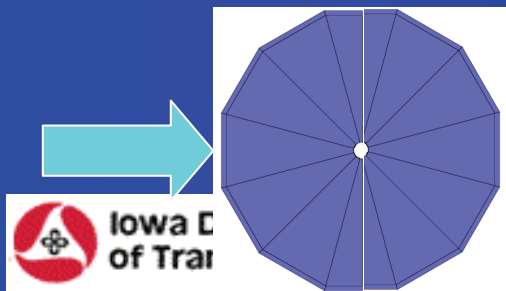
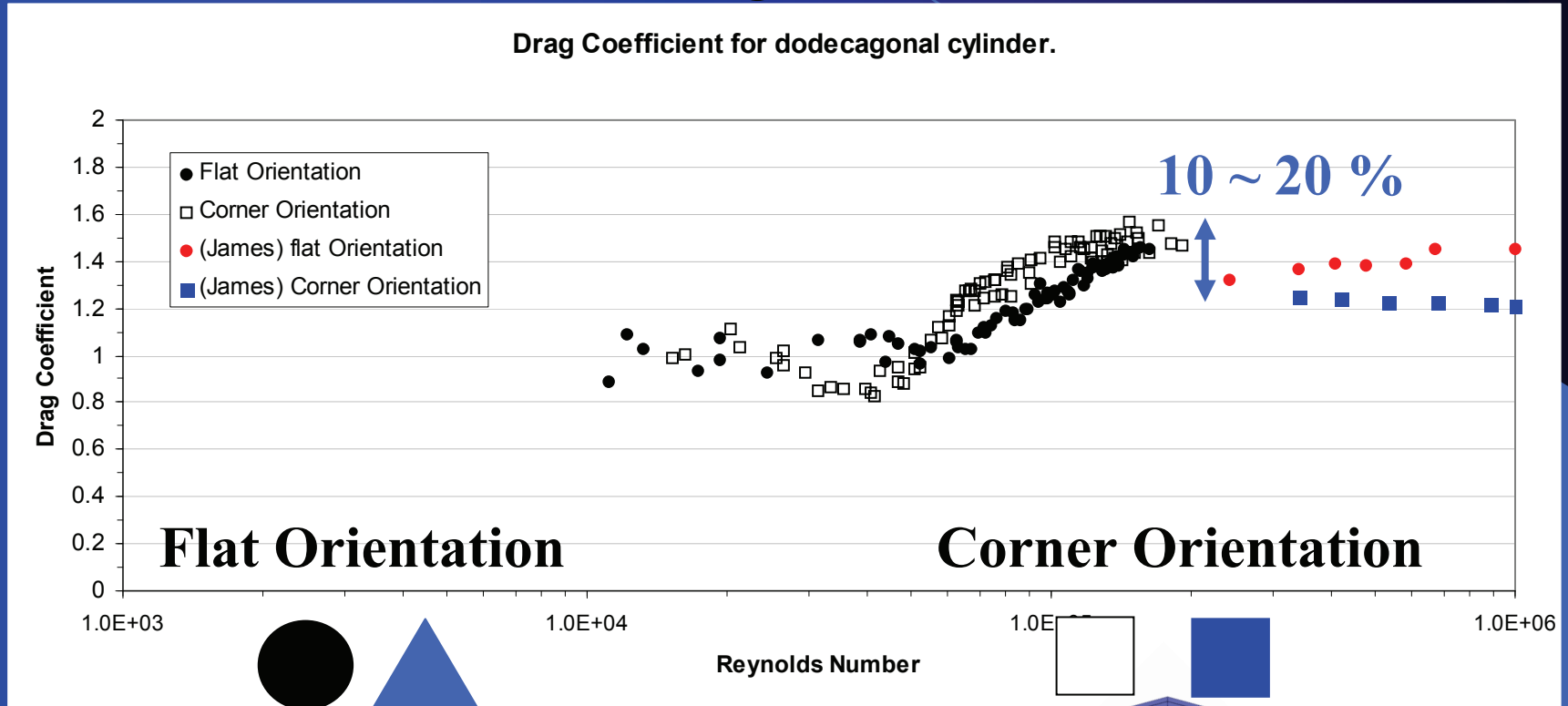


Wind tunnel test

Drag measurement



Wind tunnel test Drag measurement



Wind tunnel test

Test video

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Comments

- Significant step in the ability to effectively monitor and remotely manage infrastructures
- Each SHM system tailored to monitor specific behaviors
- Benefits must exceed the costs

Chapter 10

Structural Health Monitoring of Bridges

a) Monitoring the Structural Condition of Fracture-Critical Bridges

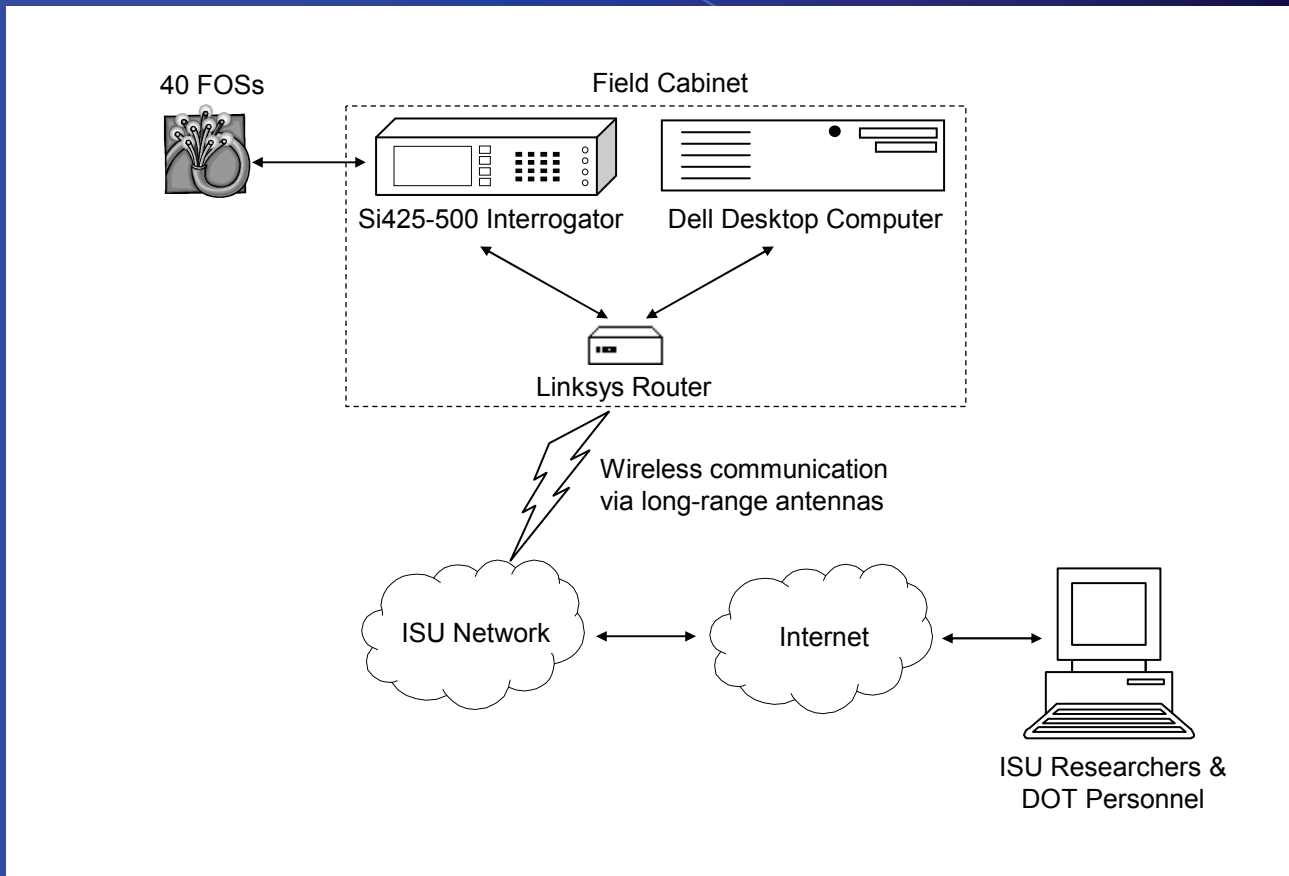
Background

- Iowa has more than 50 fracture-critical bridges (FCB) on the primary roadway system
- Iowa DOT requested development of structural health monitoring (SHM) system
- Demonstration bridge: East-bound US Highway 30 (US30) bridge over Skunk River near Ames, IA

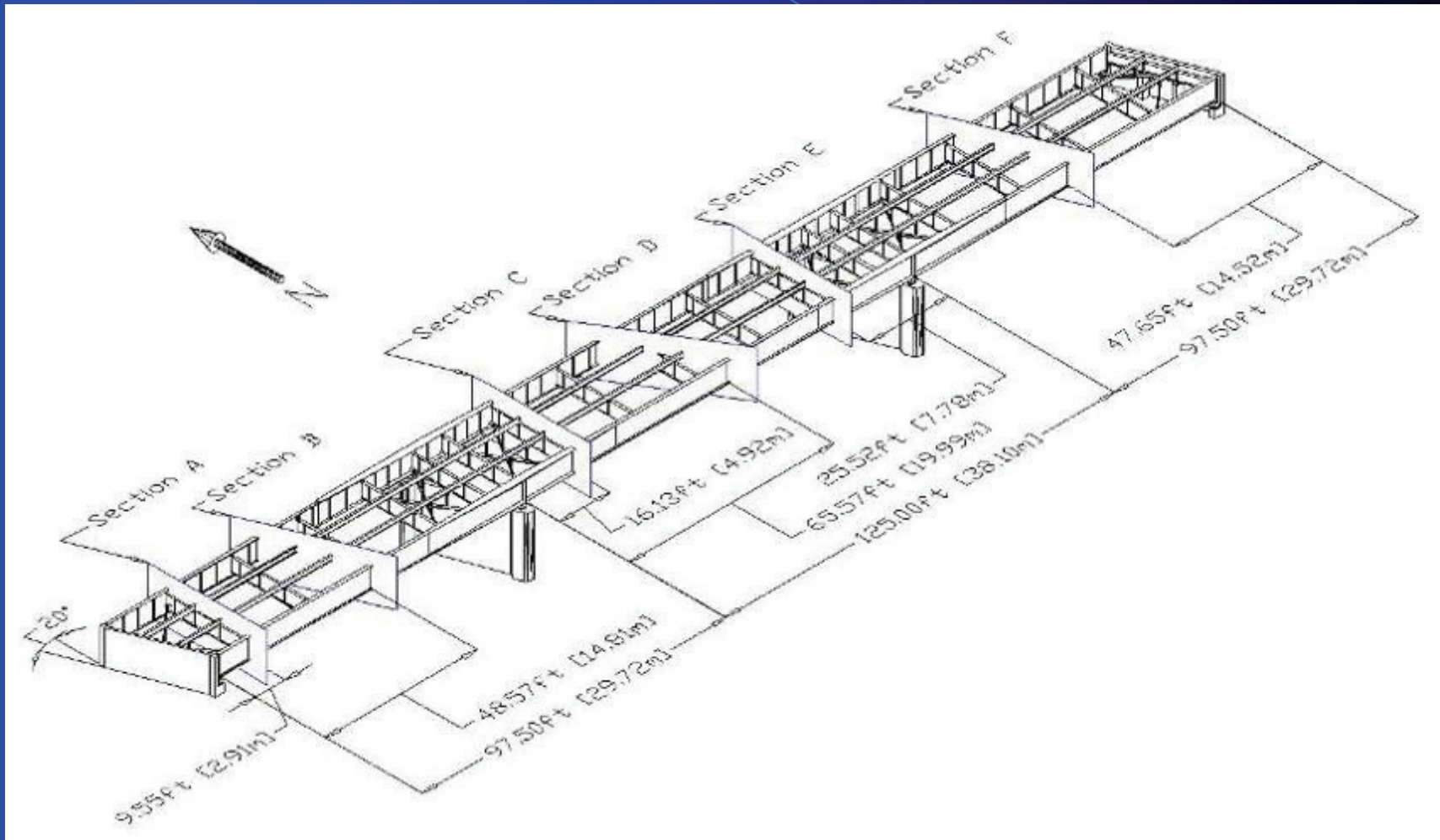
Scope of Research

- SHM system specifications
 - Aid in detection of damage
 - Autonomous data collection, reduction, evaluation, and storage
 - Understandable reports that summarize and support evaluations
 - Implementable by DOT work forces on any Iowa FCB

SHM Hardware Configuration

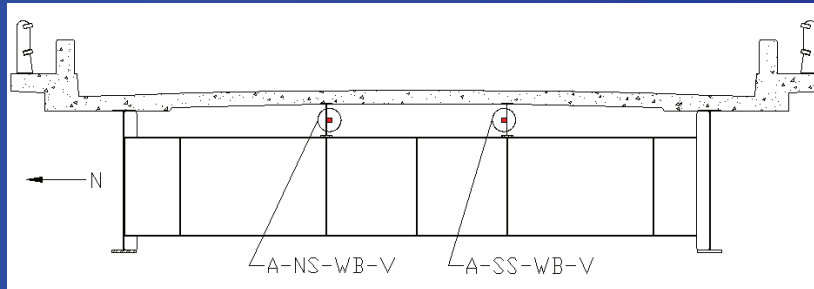


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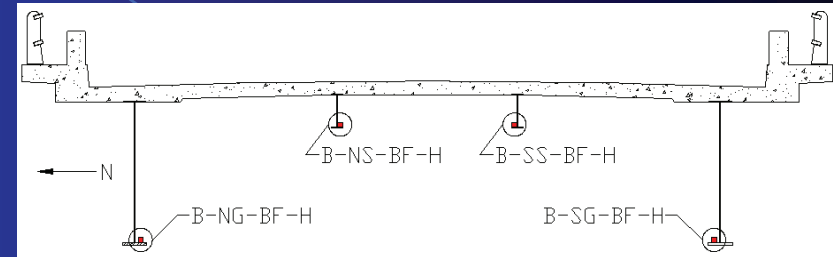


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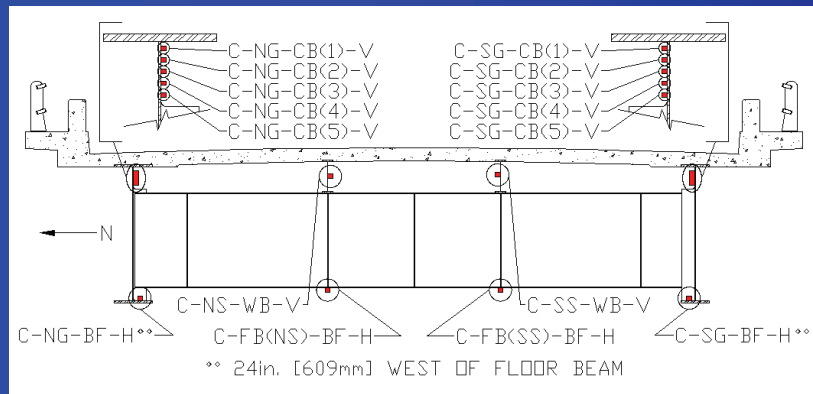
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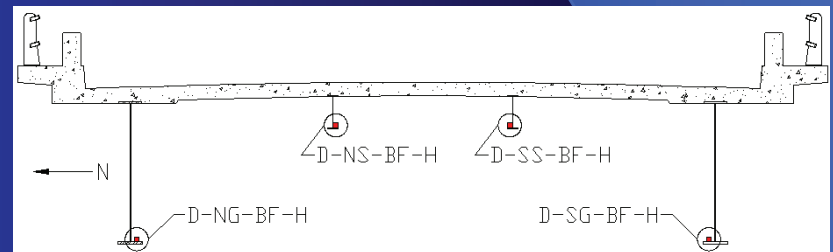
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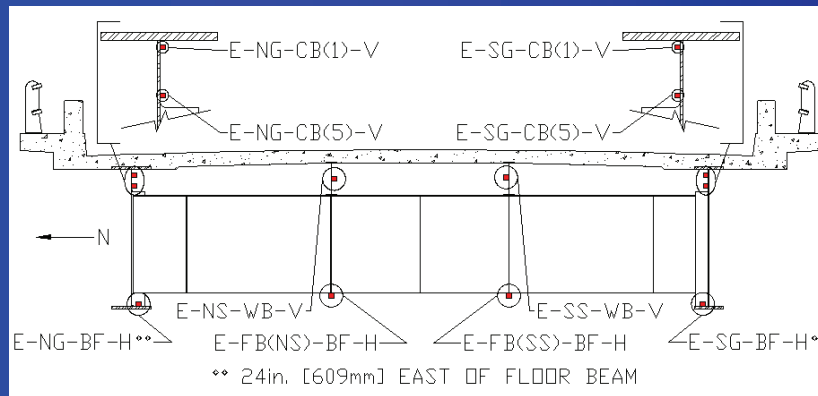


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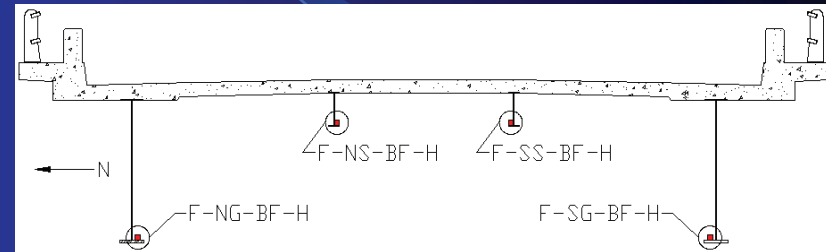


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Section E:



Section F:



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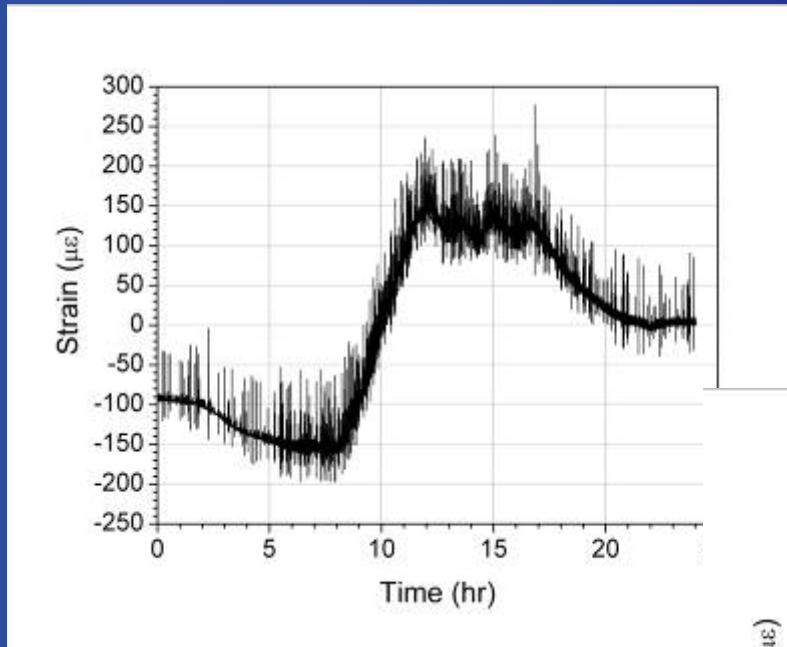


SHM System Software

- Unknowns in autonomous SHM:
 - Vehicle weight and geometry
 - Traffic density and position
 - Dynamic impacts and variability of suspension systems

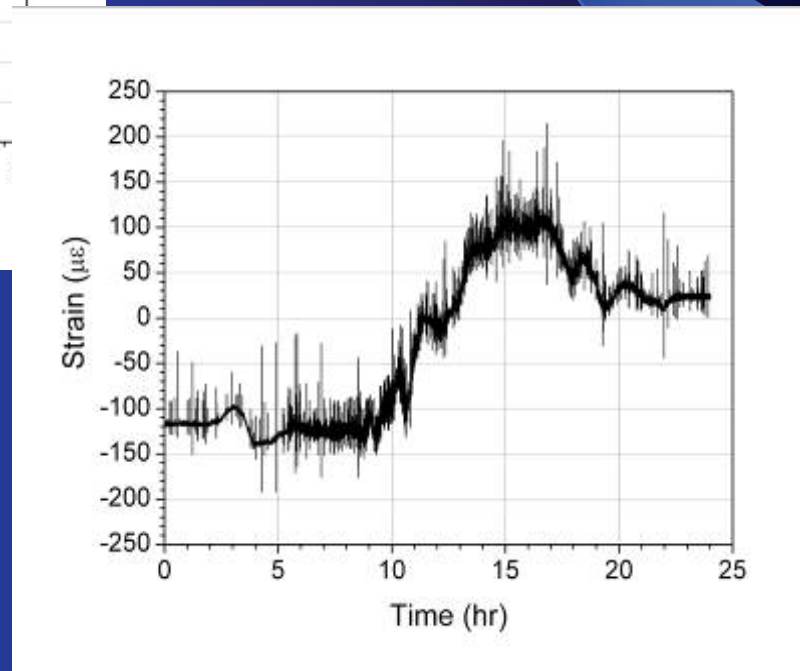
- ∴ Conventional structural analysis difficult to perform

SHM System Software



B-SG-BF-H

F-SG-BF-H



SHM System Software

- Solution: pattern recognition
 - Train the SHM system to recognize and develop relationships among the sensors that are indicative of typical bridge performance
 - Deviations from trained relationships are indicators of damage formation
 - Relationships are similar to bivariate control charts in statistical process control

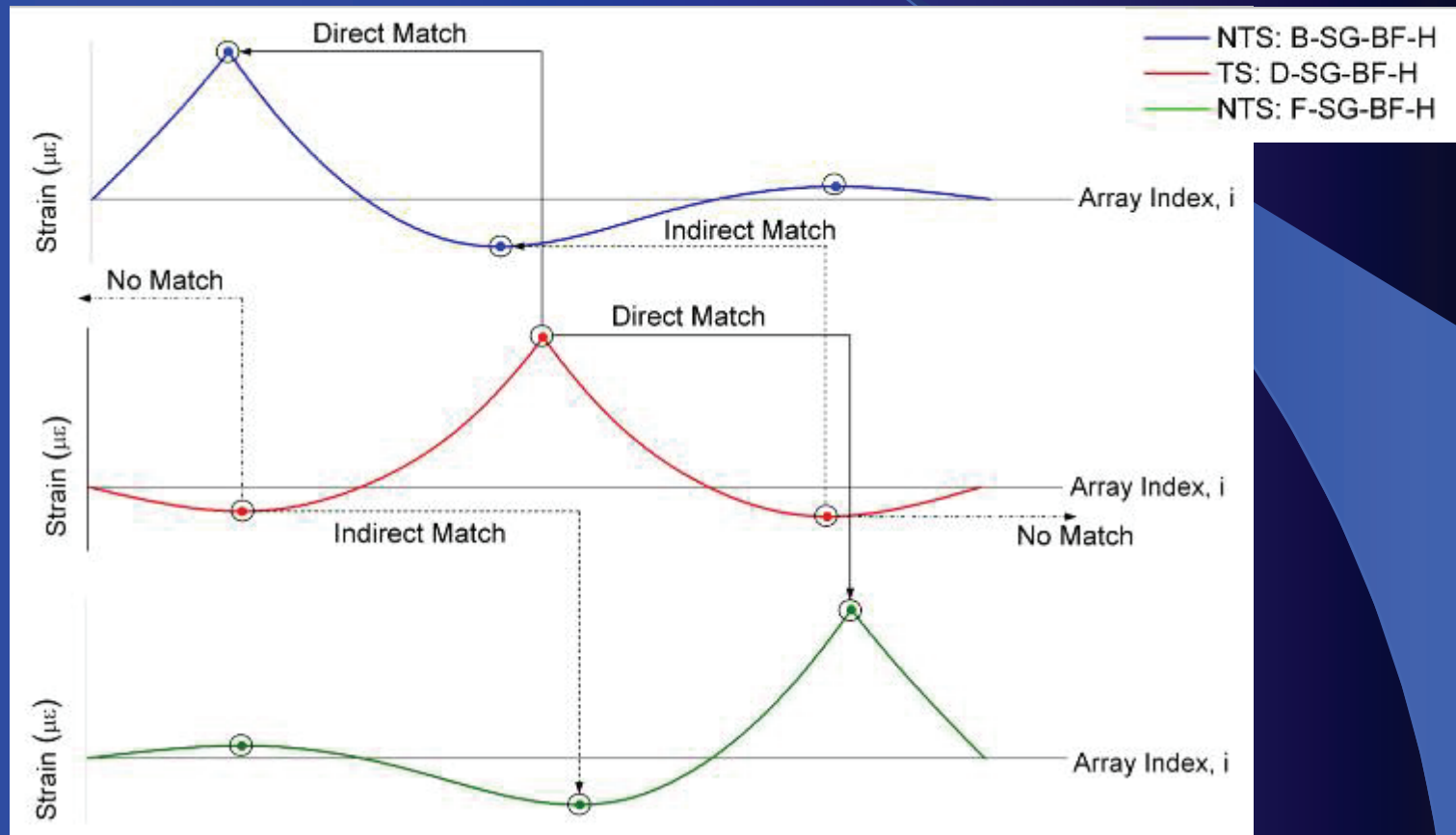
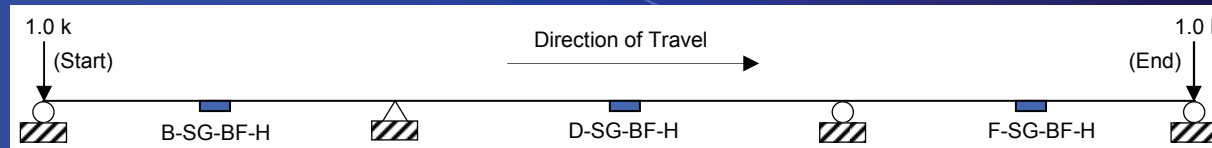
SHM System Software

- Extrema Matching
 - Each traffic event leaves a “footprint” with distinct shape and magnitude in the strain history record of each sensor
 - Significant: static vehicular weight, bridge geometry, sensor location and orientation
 - Noticeable: vehicle geometry, transverse location on bridge, dynamics, etc.
 - Static extrema for corresponding events between two sensors form distinct relationships

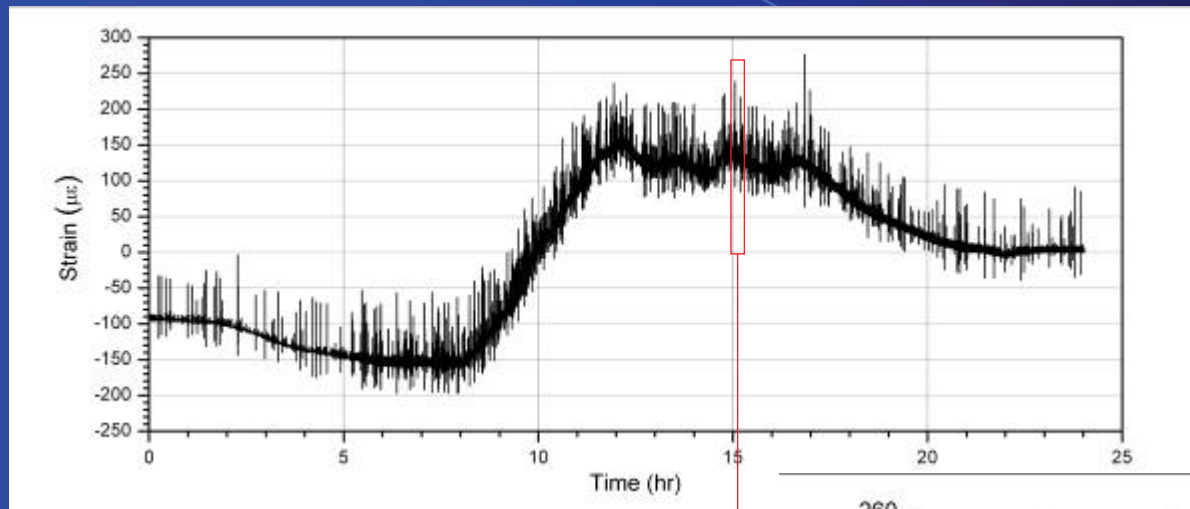
SHM System Software

- Extrema Matching
 - Sensors classified as target sensor (TS) or non-target sensor (NTS)
 - TS = Sensor in location prone to damage
 - NTS = Sensor not in location prone to damage
 - Relationships:
 - TS maxima with NTS maxima (MAMAR)
 - TS maxima with NTS minima (MAMIR)
 - TS minima with NTS maxima (MIMAR)
 - TS minima with NTS minima (MIMIR)

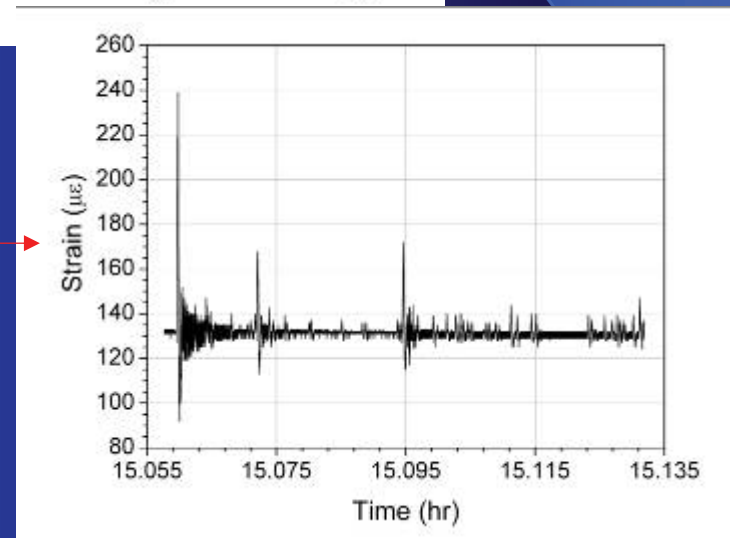
Extrema Matching Procedure



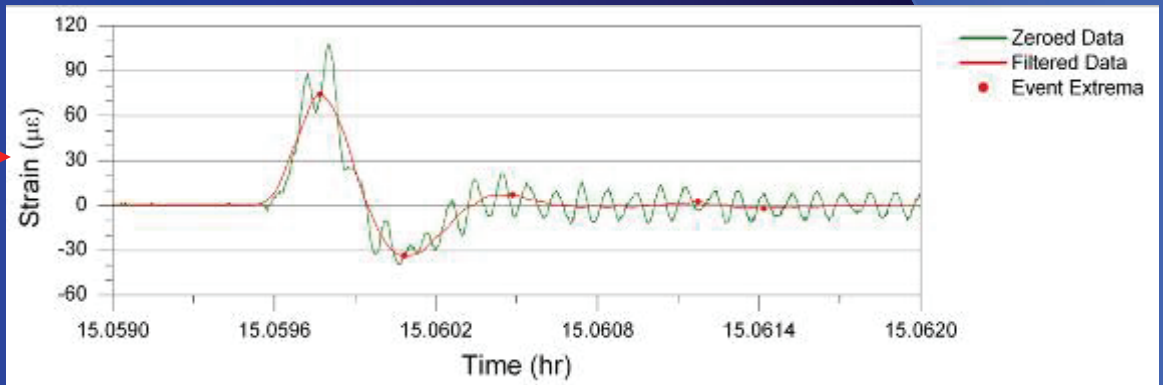
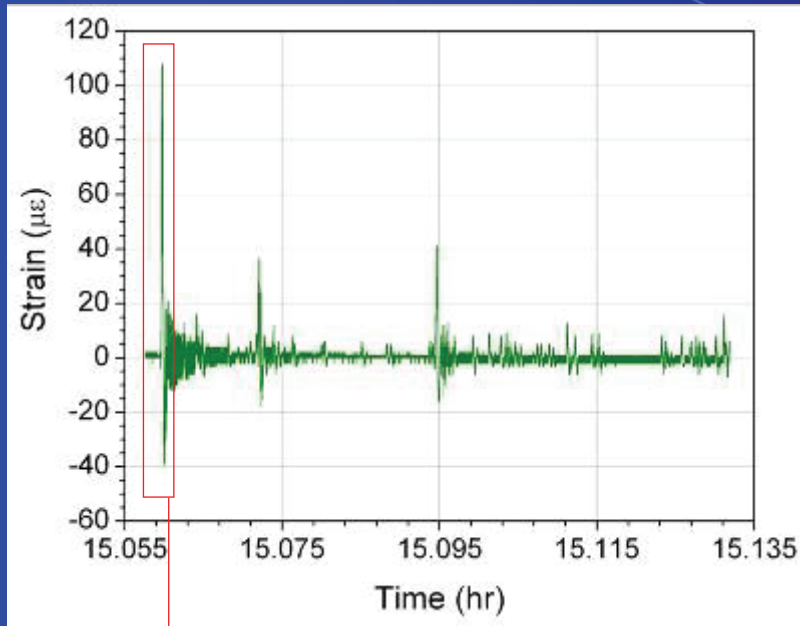
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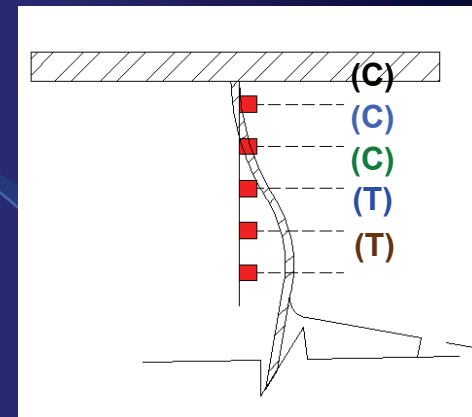
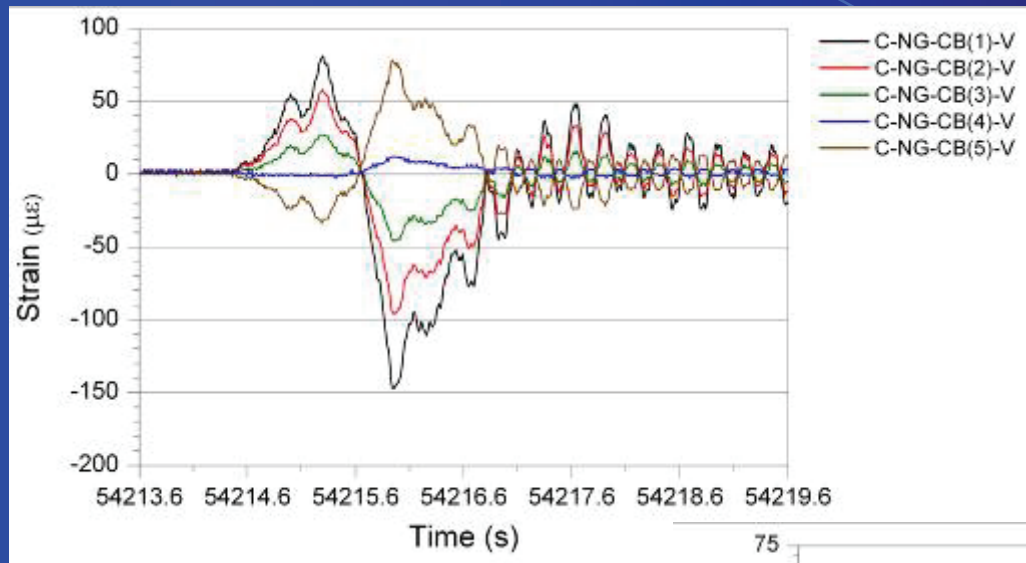
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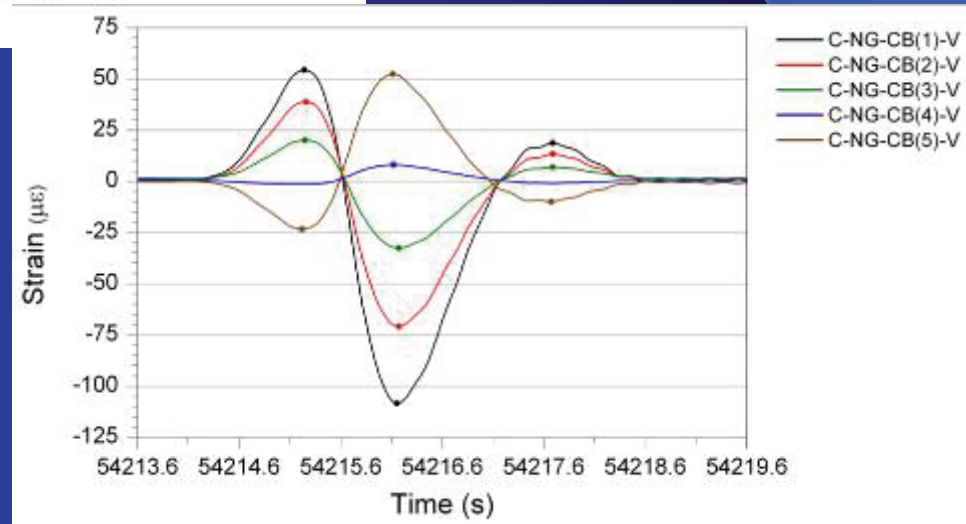
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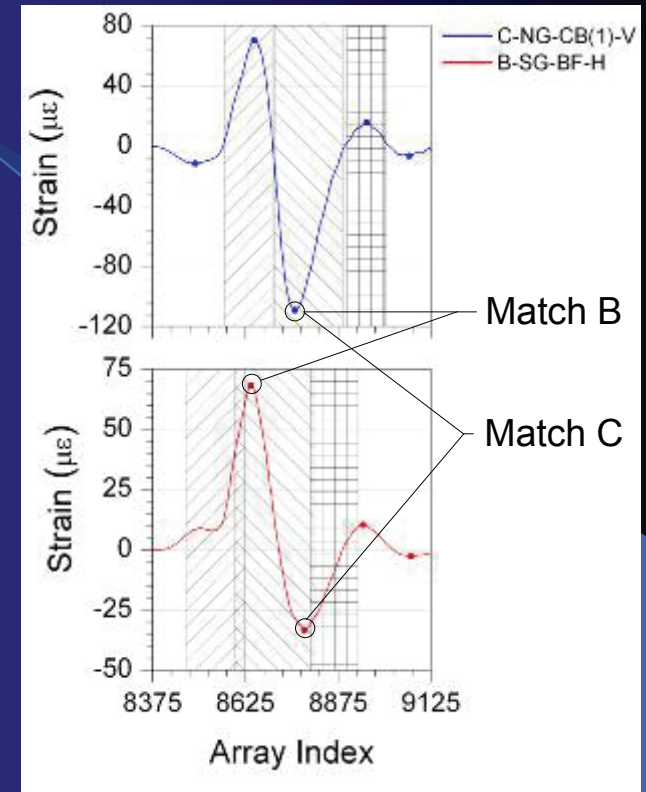
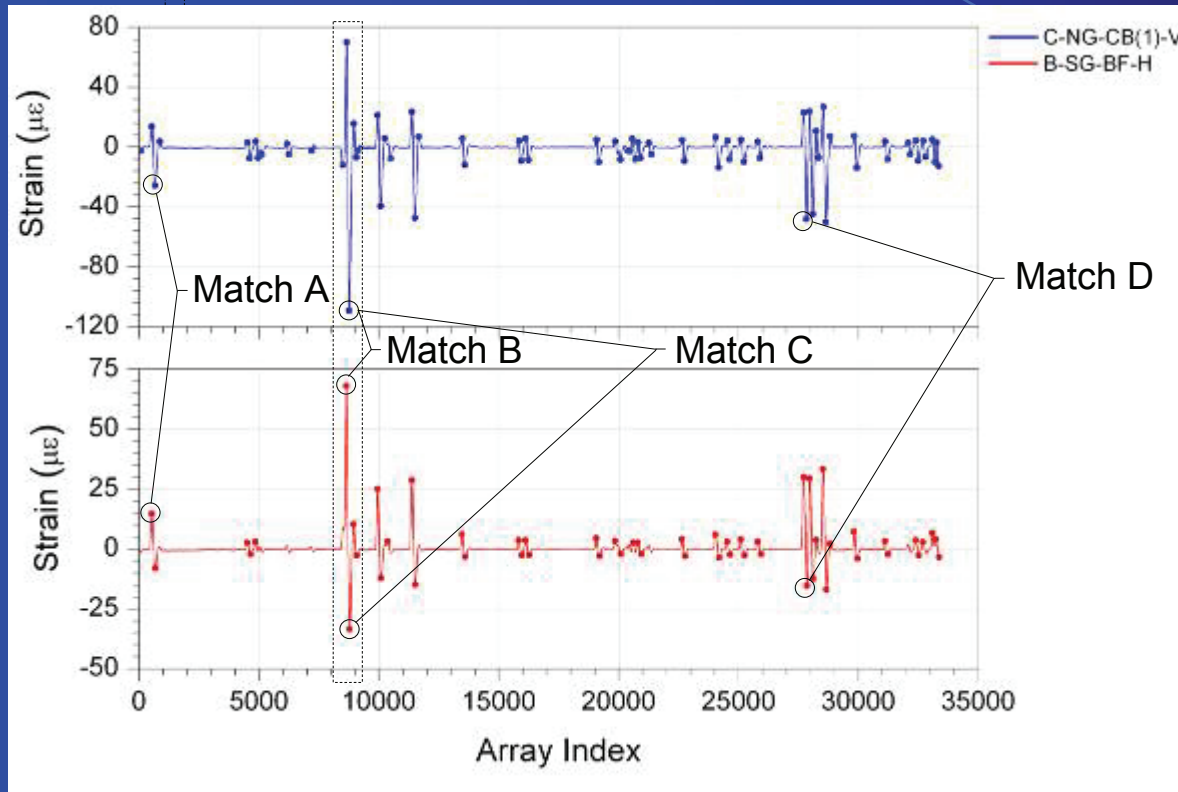
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N. Cut-Back Region

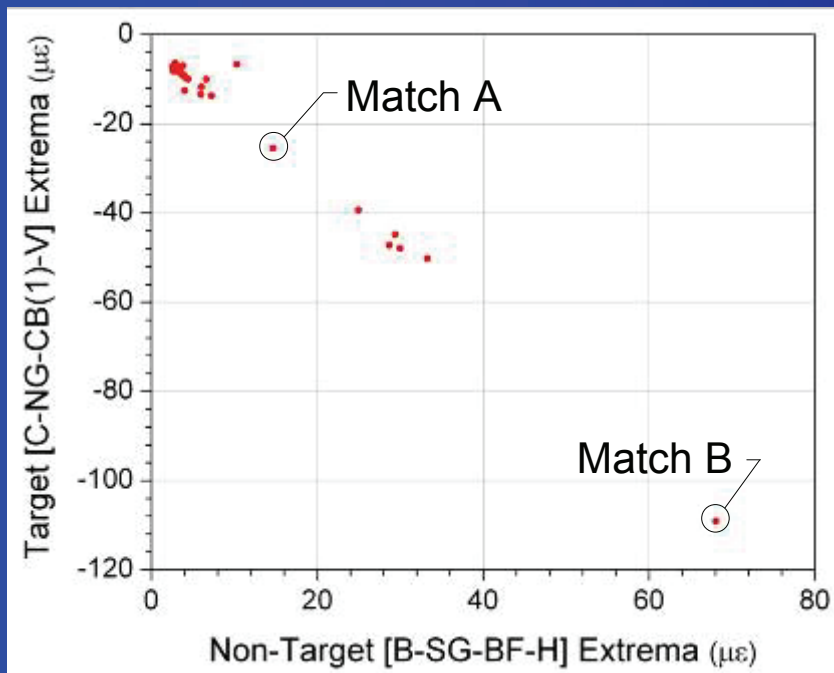


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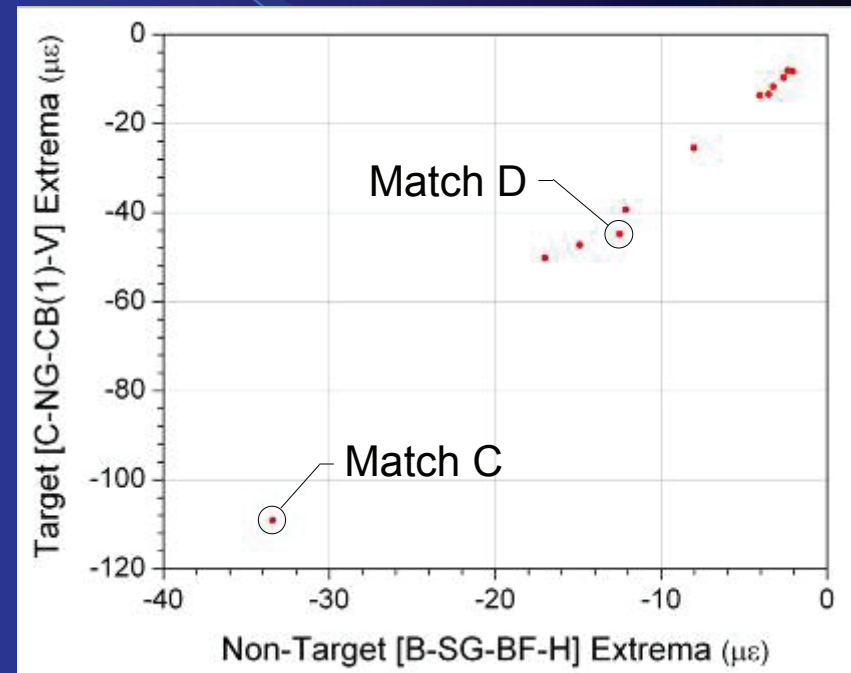


Relationship Development

MIMAR: Direct Match

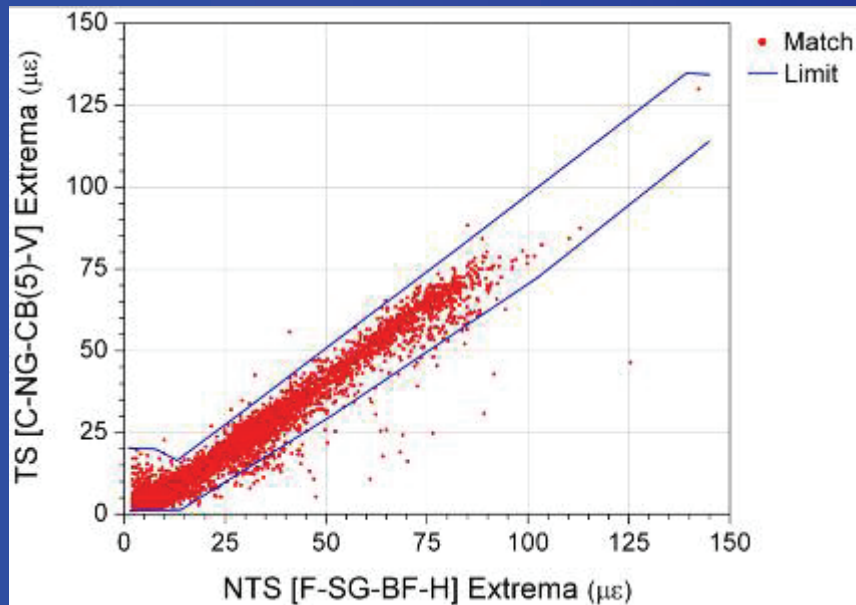


MIMIR: Indirect Match

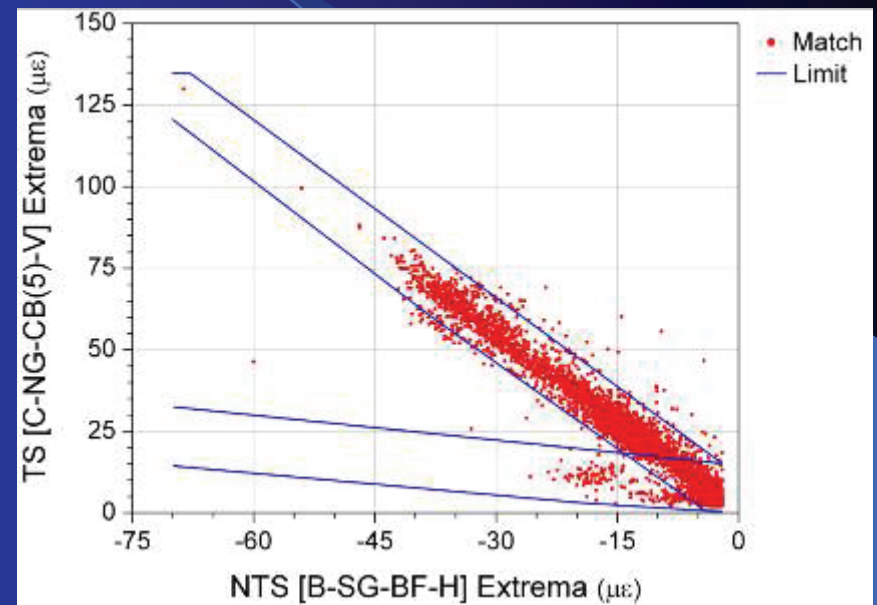


Training Relationships

MAMAR:

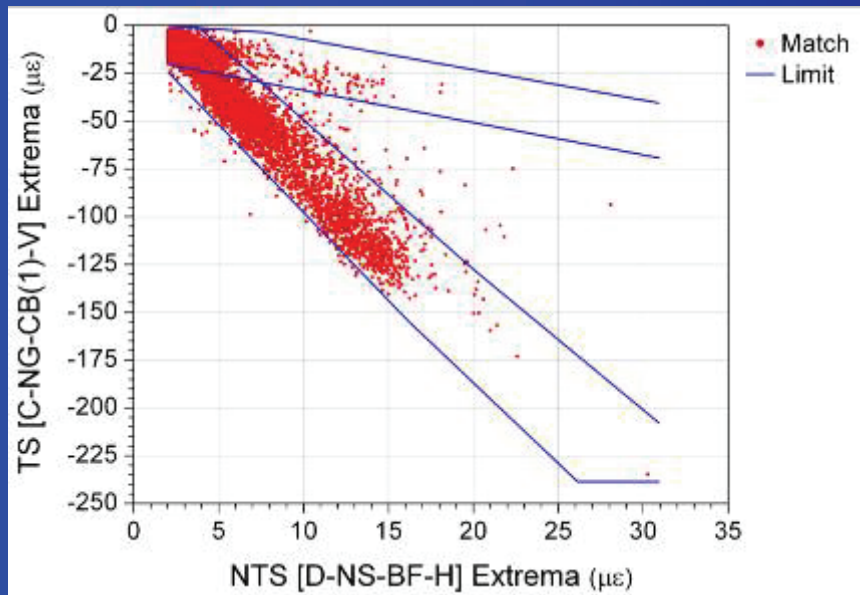


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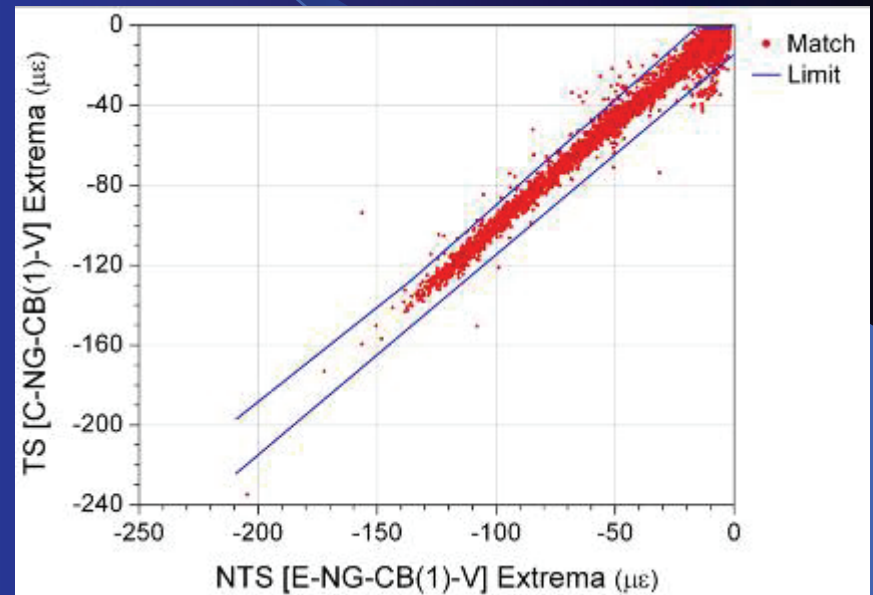


Training Relationships

MIMAR:



MIMIR:



Training Relationships

Non-Target Sensor	Target Sensor									
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B-NG-BF-H	■	■		■	■	■	■	■		■
B-NS-BF-H	■	■		■	■	■	■	■		■
B-SS-BF-H	■	■		■	■	■	■	■		■
B-SG-BF-H	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
C-SG-BF-H	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
C-FB(SS)-BF-H	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
C-SS-WB-V				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
A-NS-WB-V				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
A-SS-WB-V				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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Note:	■ MAMAR ■ MAMIR ■ MIMAR ■ MIMIR									

Training Software

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Chebyshev Data
Chebyshev Extrema
Zeroed Data
Raw Data

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Select / Remove
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Power Spectral Density | Strain Record

Preparation Complete

Power

Frequency (Hz)

Cutoff Frequency
B-SG-BF-H PSD

Frequency Cursor
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Y-Scale Maximum
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Select All / Remove All
Stop

Power Spectral Density | **Strain Record**

Preparation Complete | File Continuous

The graph displays Strain (µε) on the y-axis (ranging from -40 to 110) against Time (s) on the x-axis (ranging from 0 to 27). A prominent peak in strain occurs at approximately 8.5 seconds, reaching a maximum of about 105 µε. The signal is noisy, with smaller fluctuations between 10 and 25 seconds. Multiple colored traces (green, blue, red, black) represent different sensor data series.

Filter File Save Path
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Filter Parameters:
Filter Type: Chebyshev
Low Cut-off Frequency (Hz): 0.3500
Filter Order: 2
Passband Allowable Error (Chebyshev only) %: 1
Maxima Threshold (+): 2
Minima Threshold (-): -2

Set Sensor Parameters | Save Sensor Parameters

Training Software

Sensor Classification File Save Path
 C:\FCB Health Monitoring\Reduction Information\FCB Sensor Classifications.txt

Sensor Labels: 0 A-NS-WB-V
 Sensor Indexes (with Timestamp and Buffer Removed from File): 0 12

Select Target Sensors

- A-NS-WB-V
- A-SS-WB-V
- B-NG-BF-H
- B-NS-BF-H
- B-SS-BF-H
- B-SG-BF-H
- ✓ C-NG-CB(1)-V
- ✓ C-NG-CB(2)-V
- ✓ C-NG-CB(3)-V
- ✓ C-NG-CB(4)-V
- ✓ C-NG-CB(5)-V
- C-NG-BF-H
- C-NS-WB-V
- C-FB(NS)-BF-H
- C-SS-WB-V
- C-FB(SS)-BF-H
- ✓ C-SG-CB(1)-V
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- ✓ C-SG-CB(5)-V
- C-SG-BF-H
- D-NG-BF-H
- D-NS-BF-H
- D-SS-BF-H
- D-SG-BF-H
- E-NG-CB(1)-V
- E-NG-CB(5)-V
- E-NG-BF-H
- E-NS-WB-V
- E-FB(NS)-BF-H
- E-SS-WB-V
- E-FB(SS)-BF-H
- E-SG-CB(1)-V
- E-SG-CB(5)-V
- E-SG-BF-H
- F-NG-BF-H
- F-NS-BF-H
- F-SS-BF-H
- F-SG-BF-H

Select / Remove
 Select All / Remove All

Save Selection Cancel

Sensor Locations File Save Path
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Sensor Labels: 0 A-NS-WB-V
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Sensor Number	Location (ft)
A-NS-WB-V	19.000
A-SS-WB-V	19.000
B-NG-BF-H	47.650
B-NS-BF-H	51.256
B-SS-BF-H	54.461
B-SG-BF-H	58.067
C-NG-CB(1)-V	123.078
C-NG-CB(2)-V	123.078
C-NG-CB(3)-V	123.078
C-NG-CB(4)-V	123.078
C-NG-CB(5)-V	123.078
C-NG-BF-H	121.078
C-NS-WB-V	123.078
C-FB(NS)-BF-H	123.078
C-SS-WB-V	123.078
C-FB(SS)-BF-H	123.078
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C-SG-CB(2)-V	123.078
C-SG-CB(3)-V	123.078
C-SG-CB(4)-V	123.078
C-SG-CB(5)-V	123.078
C-SG-BF-H	121.078
D-NG-BF-H	156.932
D-NS-BF-H	162.341
D-SS-BF-H	167.149
D-SG-BF-H	172.558
E-NG-CB(1)-V	206.412
E-NG-CB(5)-V	206.412
E-NG-BF-H	208.412
E-NS-WB-V	206.412
E-FB(NS)-BF-H	206.412
E-SS-WB-V	206.412
E-FB(SS)-BF-H	206.412
E-SG-CB(1)-V	206.412
E-SG-CB(5)-V	206.412
E-SG-BF-H	208.412
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F-NS-BF-H	275.029
F-SS-BF-H	278.234
F-SG-BF-H	281.840

Save Locations
 Cancel



Training Software

Assembled Training Files Source Directory Path
%C:\FCB Health Monitoring\Assembled Training Data\Week 1

Limit Files Save Directory Path
%C:\FCB Health Monitoring\Reduction Information\FCB Final Limit Sets

Non-Target Sensor Labels: 0 B-NG-EF-H
Target Sensor Labels: 0 C-SG-CB(S)-V

Create New Directory?

Clear Undefined Relationships on Stop?

Target Sensor: C-NG-CB(1)-V

Non-Target Sensor: E-NG-CB(1)-V

Training File Name	File Size (bytes)
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C-NG-CB(1)-V_E-NG-CB(1)-V_max_min.dat	491165
C-NG-CB(1)-V_E-NG-CB(1)-V_min_max.dat	645909
C-NG-CB(1)-V_E-NG-CB(1)-V_min_min.dat	1314013

Limit Control

The scatter plot shows Target Extrema (µs) on the y-axis (ranging from -240 to 0) and Non-Target Extrema (µs) on the x-axis (ranging from -210 to 0). A dense cluster of red data points shows a strong positive linear correlation. A black regression line is drawn through the data. Two blue lines represent the upper and lower limits of the data distribution.

SHM System Procedures

- Six phases in monitoring process:
 - Data collection
 - Preliminary reduction
 - Primary reduction
 - Extrema matching
 - Extrema evaluation
 - Report generation

SHM System Procedures

- Preliminary reduction
 - Data file is checked for sensor count and continuity; baselines are established
- Primary reduction
 - Data are zeroed and filtered; extrema information is extracted
 - Filter = digital lowpass Chebyshev infinite impulse response (IIR)
- Extrema matching

SHM System Procedures

- Evaluation

- Each TS extrema is evaluated using matched NTS extrema

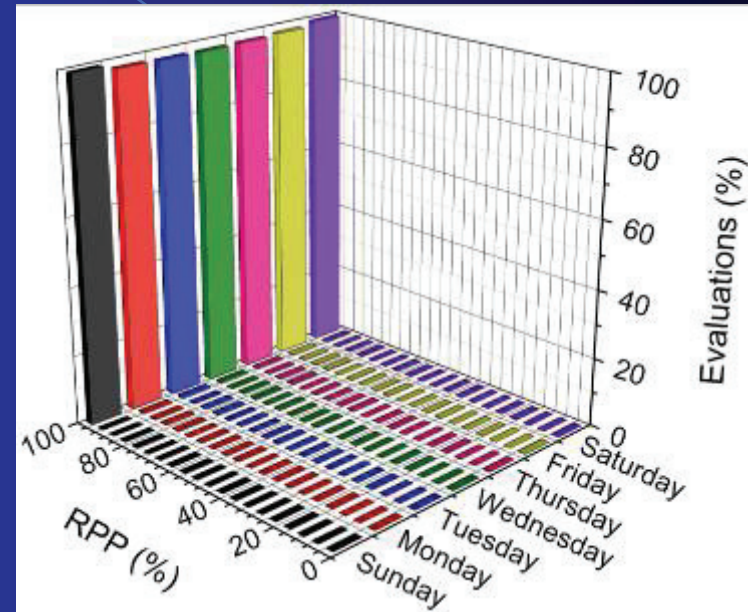
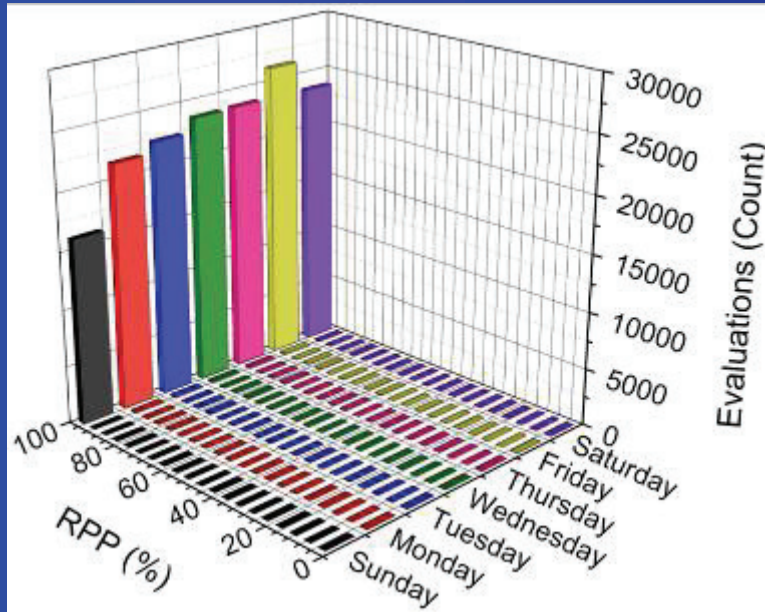
- All applicable relationships are assessed
 - Result from each relationship assessment is “Pass” or “Fail”
 - Relationship Pass Percentages (RPPs) are computed for each applicable relationship:

$$\text{RPP (\%)} = \frac{\text{Number of "pass" assessments}}{\text{Total number of assessments}} (100)$$

SHM System Procedures

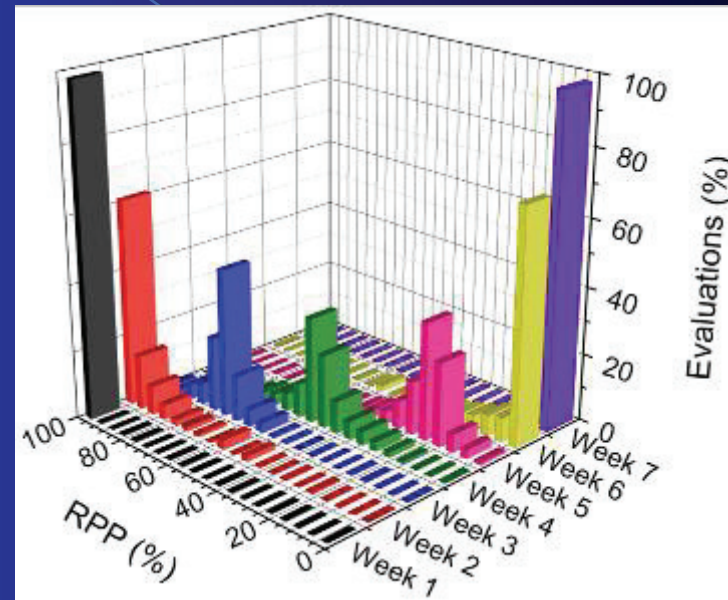
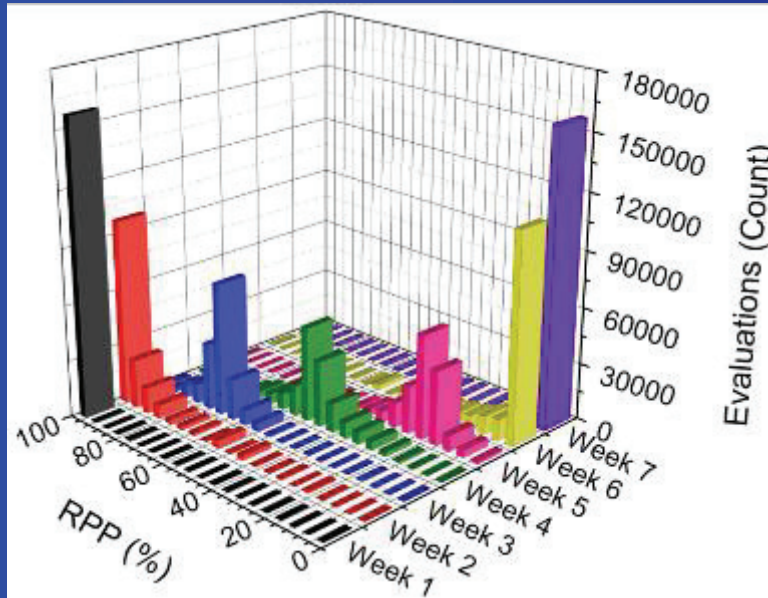
- Report generation
 - For a specified time period, the pass percentage rates are displayed in a histogram (5% bin widths)
 - Two graphs are generated for TS
 - Evaluations (Count) vs. Relationship Pass Percentage (%)
 - Evaluations (%) vs. Relationship Pass Percentage (%)

Evaluation Reports



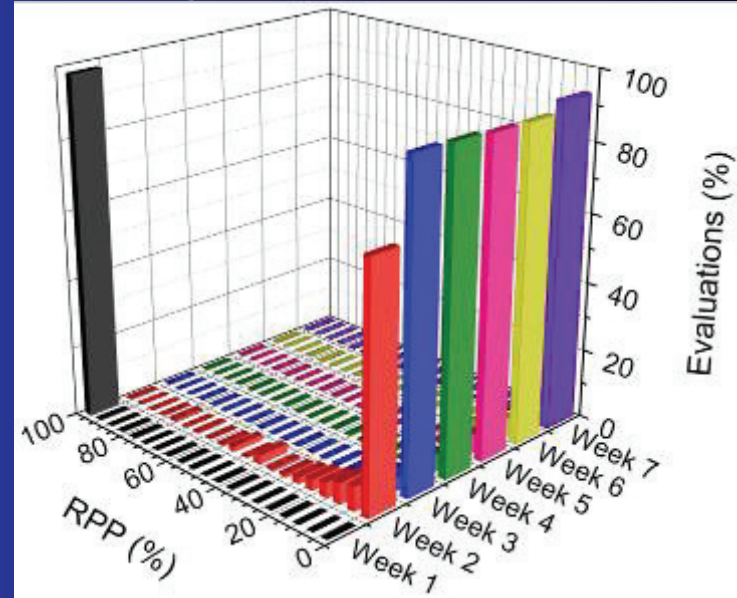
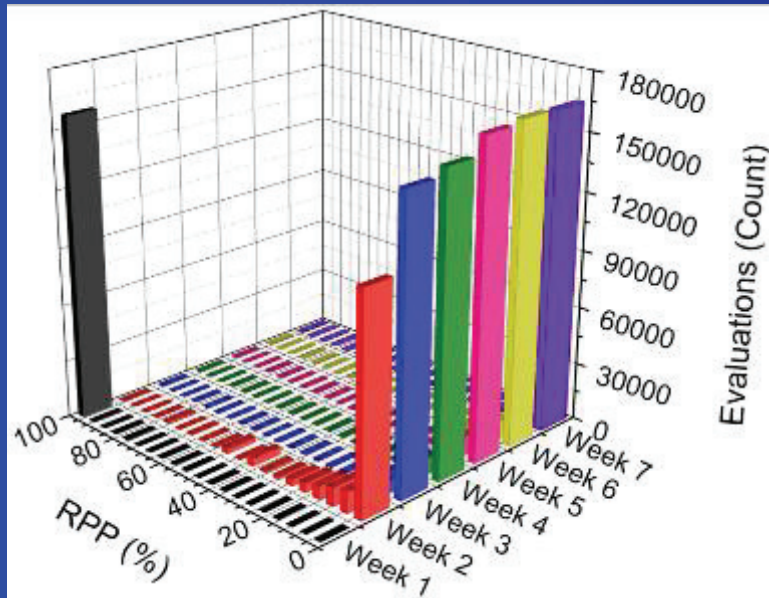
Daily Evaluation Reports for C-SG-CB(1)-V

Evaluation Reports



Gradual damage: distribution changes

Evaluation Reports



Sudden damage: distribution changes

SHM System Performance

- Data saved in 1 MB files (27 s/sensor)
- Phases 2 – 5 average 1.7 seconds (total)
 - Evaluated extrema average 0.13% of raw data that is collected
- Phase 6 averages 8.7 seconds (daily)
- 3.4 GB continuous data per day
 - Save only matched extrema, save 95% storage space

Summary and Conclusions

- SHM system allows bridge owners to monitor bridge behavior for signs of damage
 - Success depends on ability to identify and install sensors in damage-prone areas
- System is trained with measured performance data, and thus, monitors preexisting condition of a structure
 - Unsupervised learning

Summary and Conclusions

- System ability to identify and evaluate repeatable bridge behavior has been proven
 - Damage detection ability not proven
- Evaluations are based on extracted information from each data file
 - Rapid evaluations
 - Saved storage space

Summary and Conclusions

- Evaluation reports summarize continuous monitoring results into a familiar, graphical format for bridge owner/manager interpretation
- Project addressed criticisms of SHM

b) Low-Cost, Continuous Structural Health Monitoring System for Secondary Road Bridges

Objective

- Develop a low-cost structural health monitoring (SHM) system
 - Continuously monitor typical girder bridge
 - Detect overload vehicles/vehicle collision
 - Identify changes in structural behavior
- System specifications
 - Autonomous data collection/processing
 - Alarm/warning capability
 - Reports summarizing evaluation

SHM System

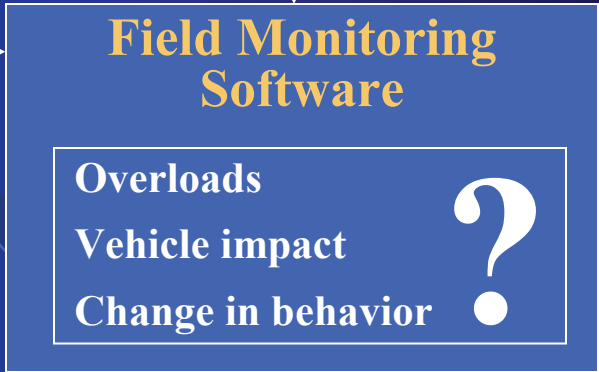
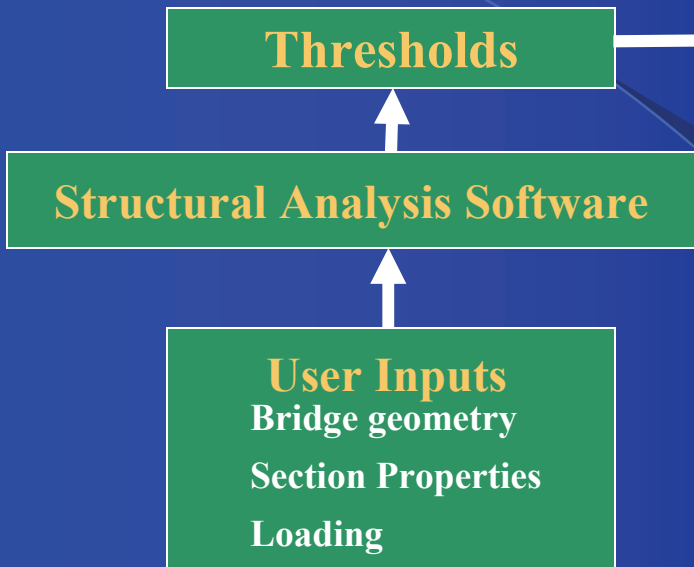
- Hardware components
 - Sensors
 - Data acquisition/processing
 - Communication system
- Live load structural analysis software
 - Bridge specific system configuration
- Field monitoring software
 - Data collection/processing/reporting

Overall Schematic



Office

Field



End User



Alarm message

Remote access

Reduced data



Structural Analysis Software

- Windows-based, live load structural analysis program
- User friendly
- Easy to operate
- Maximum live load moment & strain
- Envelopes
- Moment & Strain vs. Truck position
- Numerical results
- Graphic display

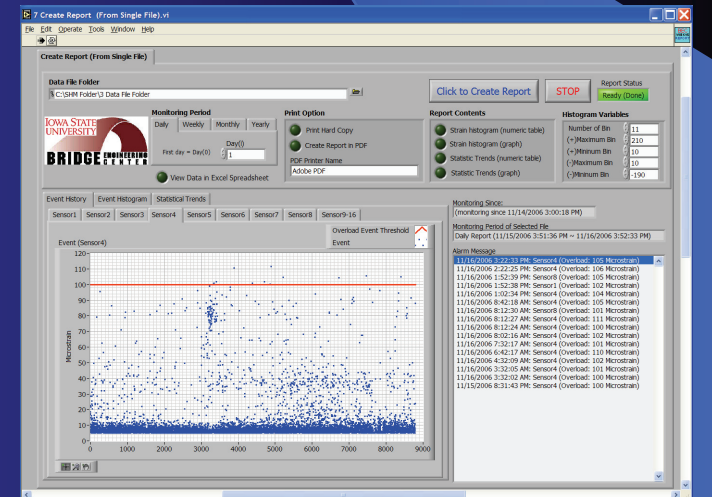
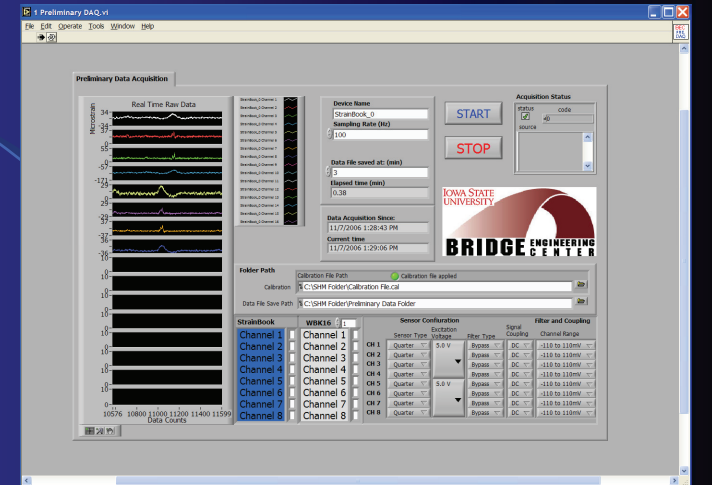
The software interface consists of several windows:

- Bridge Information:** Displays the title "BEC ANALYSIS" and a description: "A Live Load Structural Analysis Program for Bridge Structures and Components". It includes copyright information for Iowa State University Bridge Engineering Center and a disclaimer. A "Click to START" button is present.
- Loads:** A configuration window for "Live Load P (Point / Distance between Axles (P/B))". It includes options for "Low Legal Loads / HS-20", "Truck Size", "Number of Axles", "Distribution Factor (DF)", and "Impact Allowance (IM)". It also features a diagram of a truck with axles labeled L1 through L6.
- Maxima and Locations:** A table window showing numerical results for various parameters. The table is organized into sections for different truck positions (e.g., Span 1, Span 2, Span 3, Span 4, Span 5) and lists values for Moment (M) and Strain (S) at different locations (e.g., M-C1, S-C1).
- Plot:** A graph window titled "Moment and Strain vs. Truck Position". The y-axis is labeled "Moment (kips-ft) or Strain (Microstrain)" and ranges from -50 to 200. The x-axis is labeled "First Axle Position (ft) from Left Exterior Support" and ranges from 0 to 700. The plot shows a sharp peak in moment and strain around 100 ft, followed by a smaller peak around 200 ft.



Field Monitoring Software

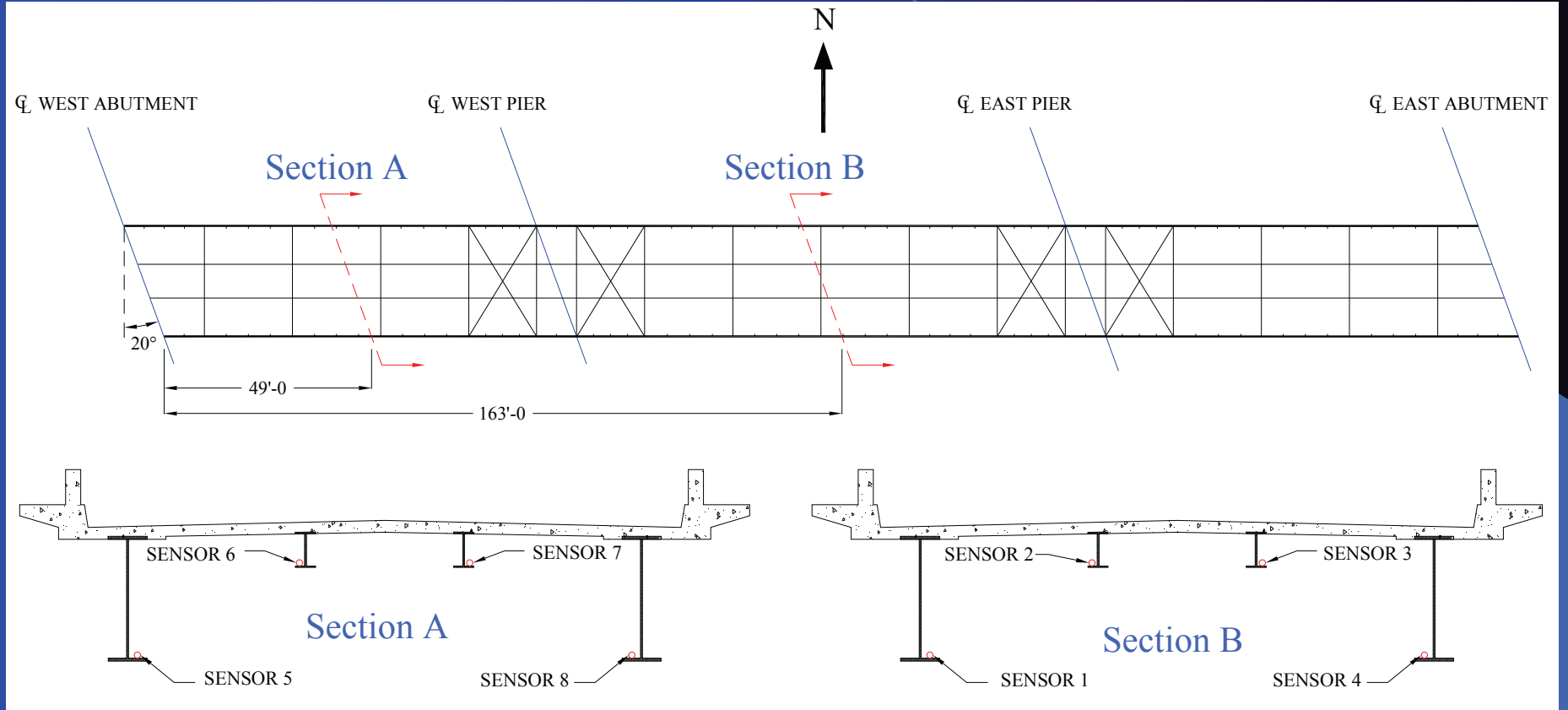
- Autonomously collect, process and evaluate measured bridge response
- Temperature compensation
- Noise minimization
- Data Reduction
 - Less than 1% saved
- Alarm/warning capability
 - Overload
 - Vehicle impact/collision
- Report contents
 - Event history
 - Event histogram
 - Statistical trend



Demonstration Bridge Information



Sensor Location

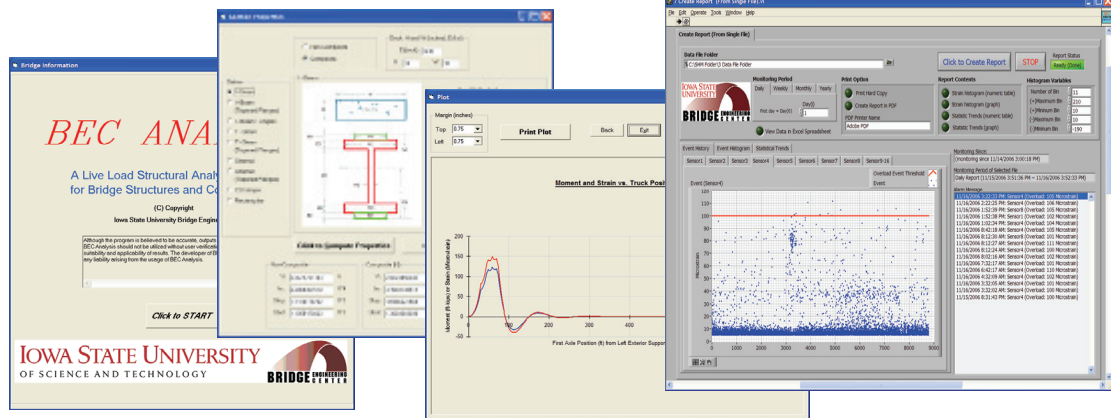


SHM Configuration



End Users

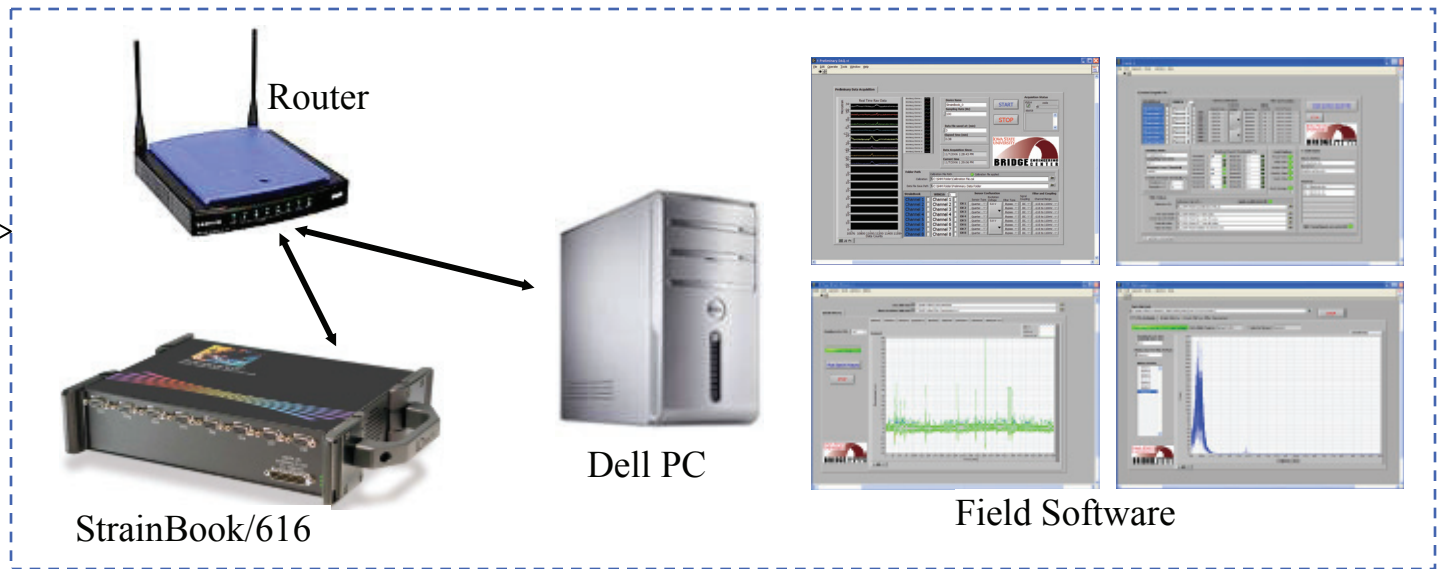
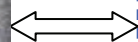
Wireless
Communication



Office Software



Strain Gages



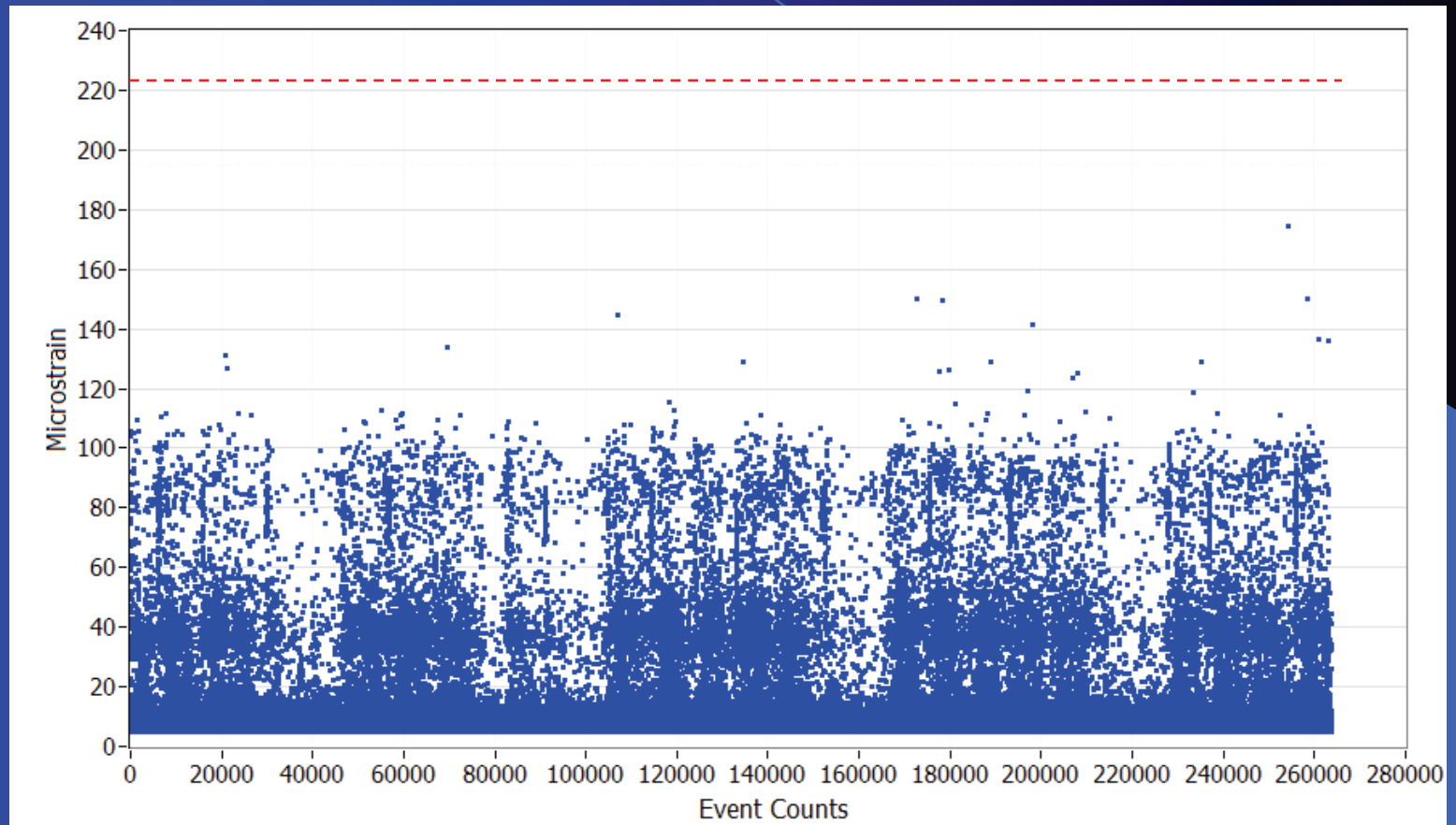
Field Cabinet at US30 Bridge

Evaluation Reports

- Event History (30 days)

Threshold

Identified
Events



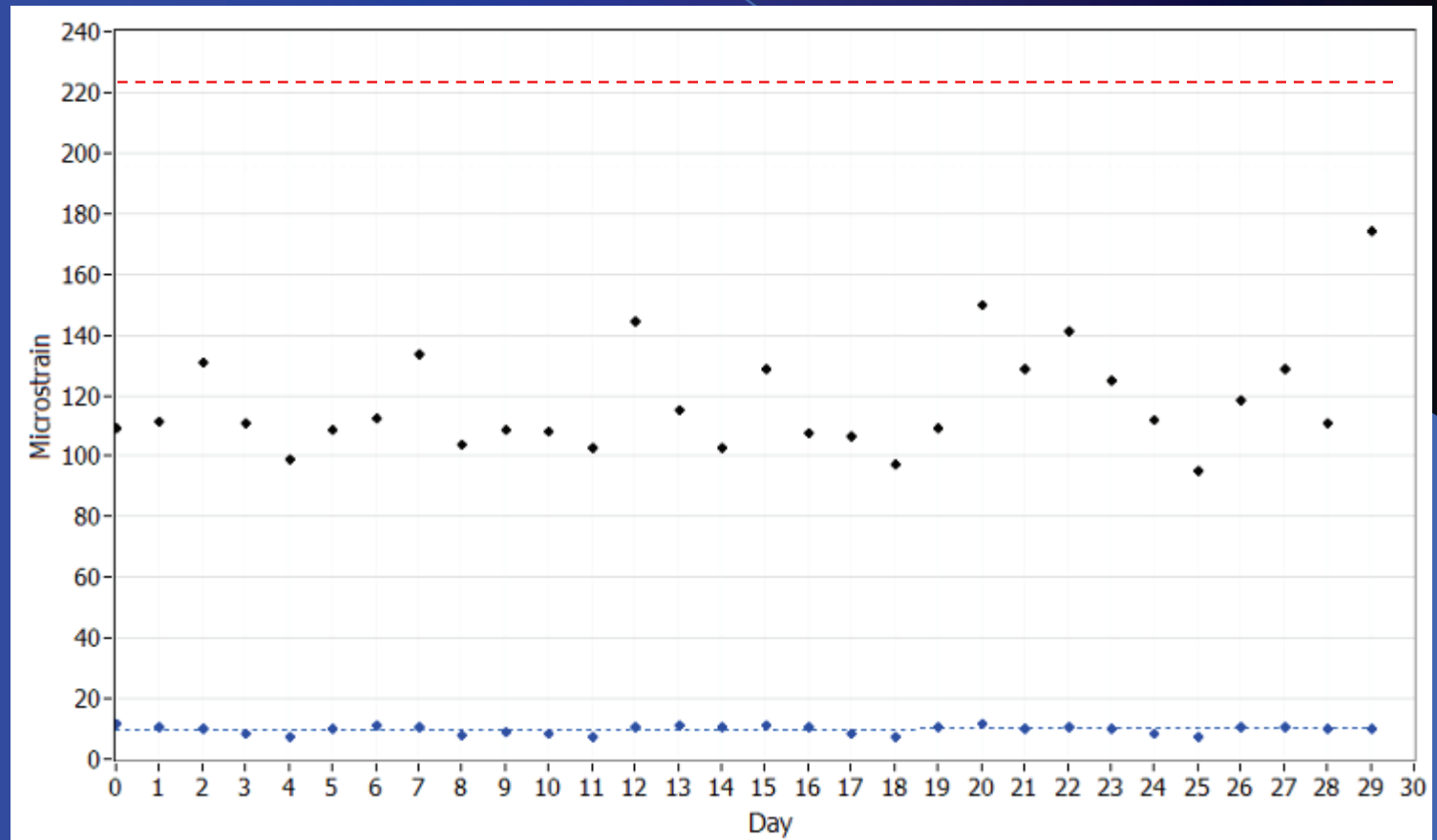
Evaluation Reports

- Statistical Trend (30 days)

Threshold

Daily Max

Daily Average/
Trend Line



Concluding Remarks

- SHM system allows bridge owners to remotely monitor bridges for
 - Overload/vehicle impact/change in behavior
- Evaluations are based on extracted information: timely generated, reduced data files
- Evaluation reports summarize continuous monitoring results into a format that is clear and easy to interpret
- Suitable for typical girder bridges
- Low-cost
 - Can be implemented for approximately \$8,000-\$15,000
- The use of the SHM system can help to better manage bridge assets.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Monitoring of the Iowa River Bridge Launching
- Monitoring of I-235 Pedestrian Bridges
- Deck Overhang Sufficiency for Barrier Rails

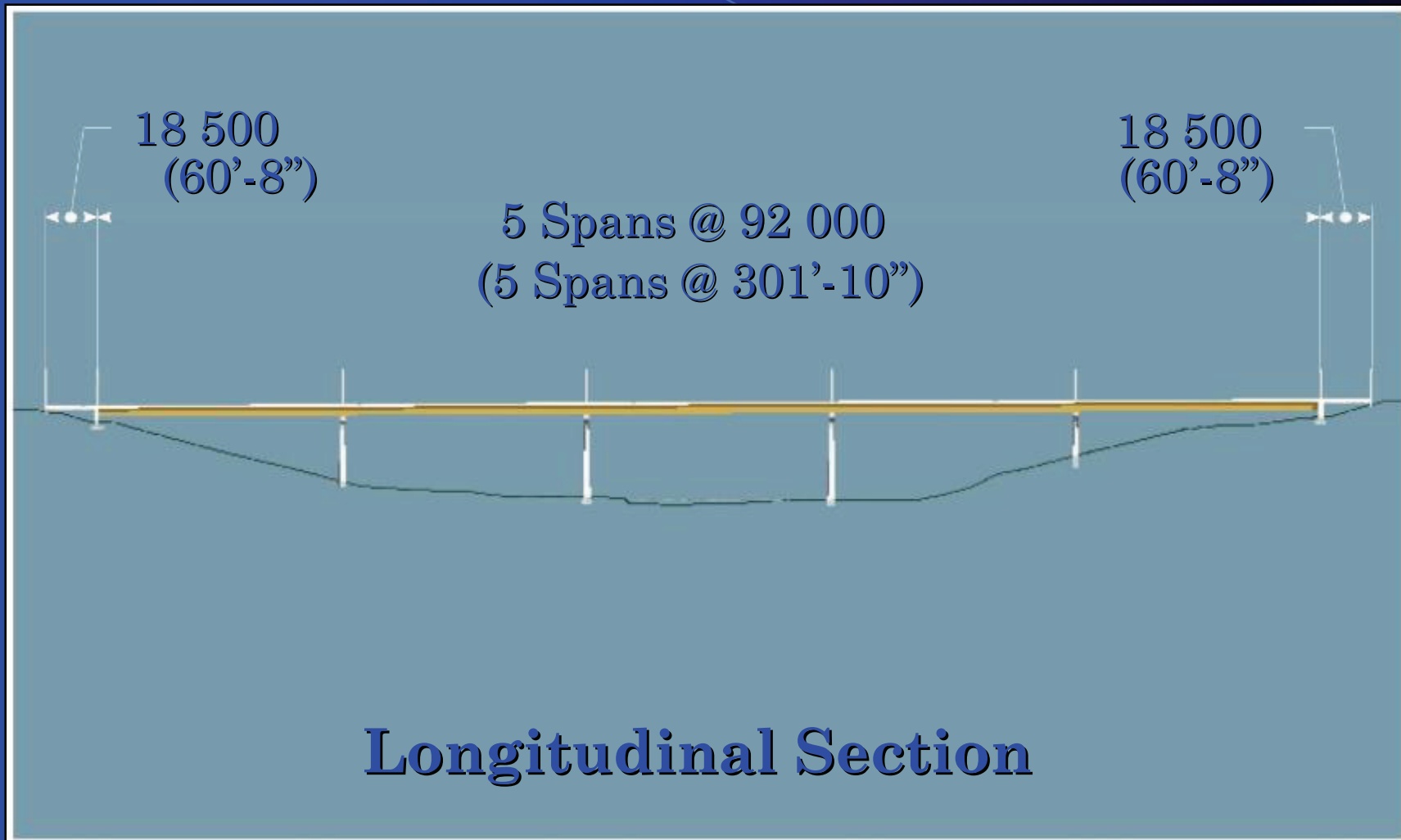
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Monitoring of the Iowa River Bridge Launch

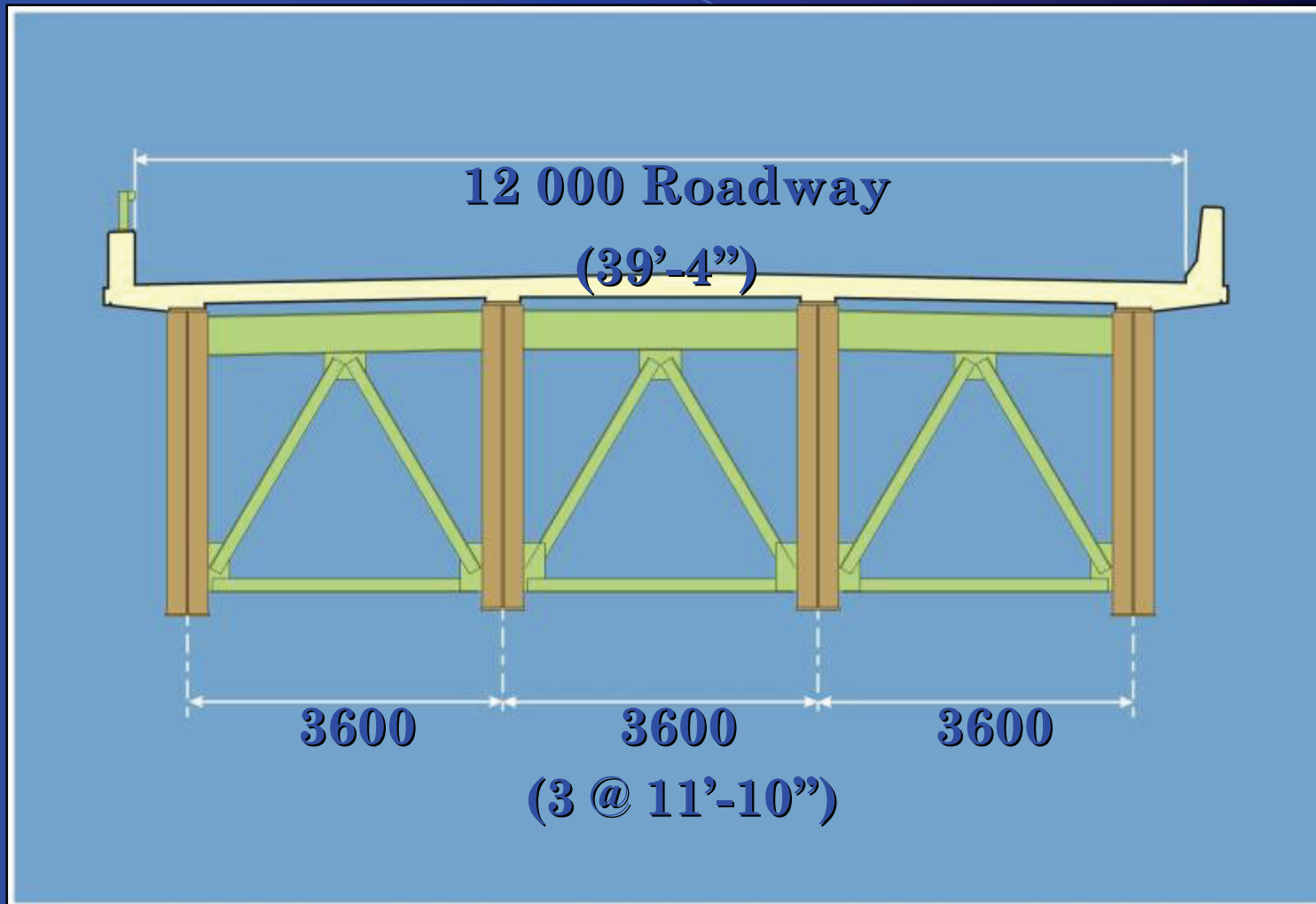
Monitoring of the Iowa River Bridge Launch



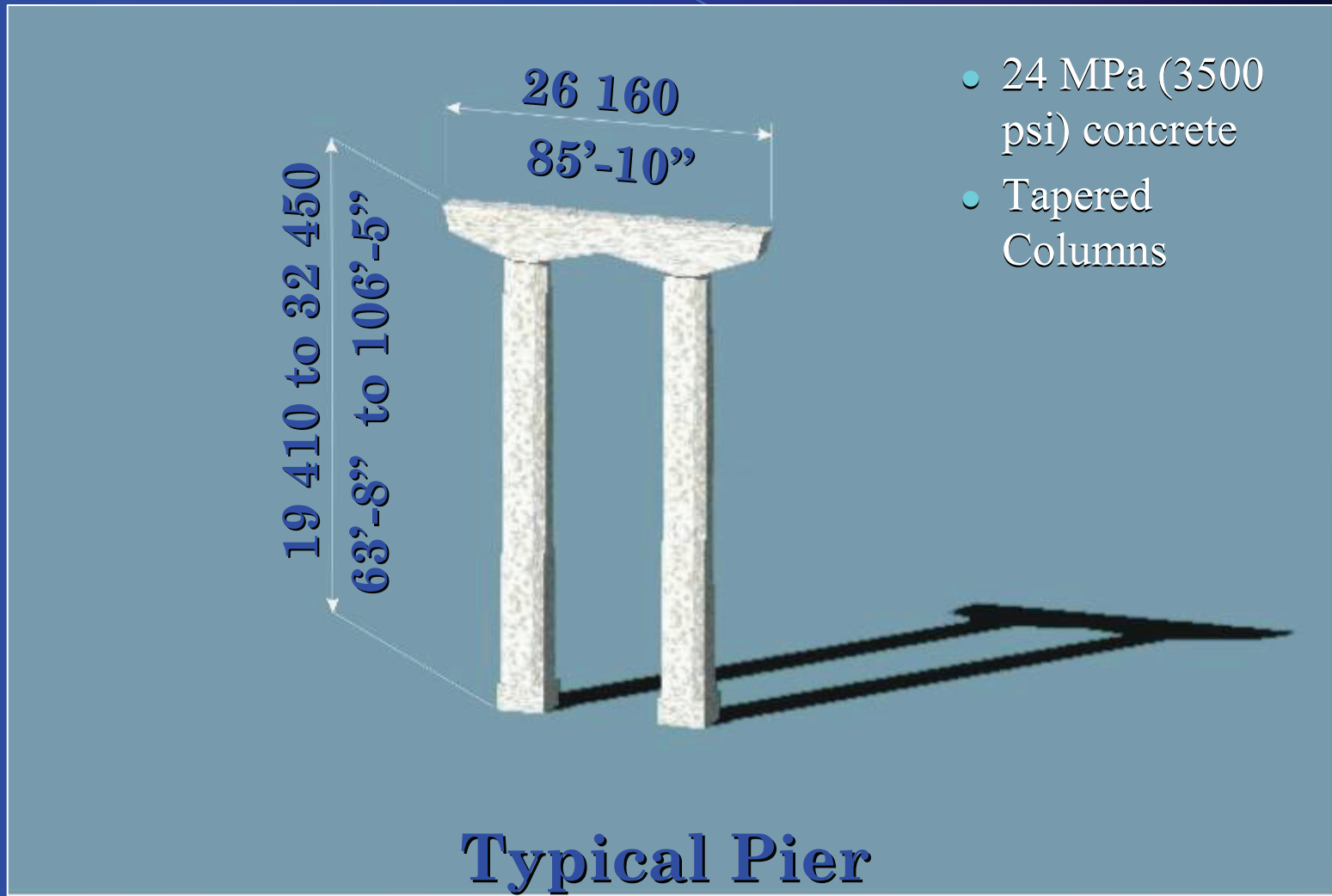
Bridge Details



Bridge Details (One Superstructure)



Bridge Details (Piers)



Launching Pit Excavated at East Abutment



Girders Assembled in Launching Pit



Ramp Plates Aid Transition at Field Splices



Misalignment of Girders During Launch EB1



Rotation of Bottom Flange – Launch EB1



Jacking System Used for Launching



Jacking System Used for Launching



Launching Nose Accommodates Deflection



Deflection of WB Span 1 During Launch



Monitoring Program



Goals of Monitoring Program

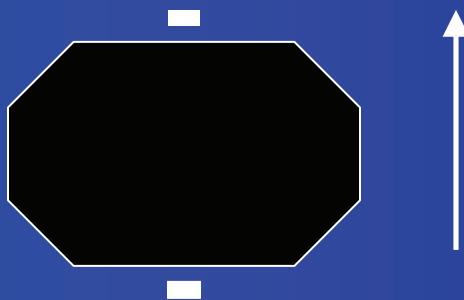
- Gain a more complete understanding of the behavior of launched plate girder bridges
- Quantify structural performance and verify assumptions made during design
- Identify locations of overstress or other damage
 - Immediate repair
 - Long-term maintenance concerns



Substructure Monitoring

- General pier behavior
- (drilled shaft and driven pile)
 - Column base strain
 - Column base translation & tilt
 - Cap beam tilt

Near and far column faces



Substructure Monitoring

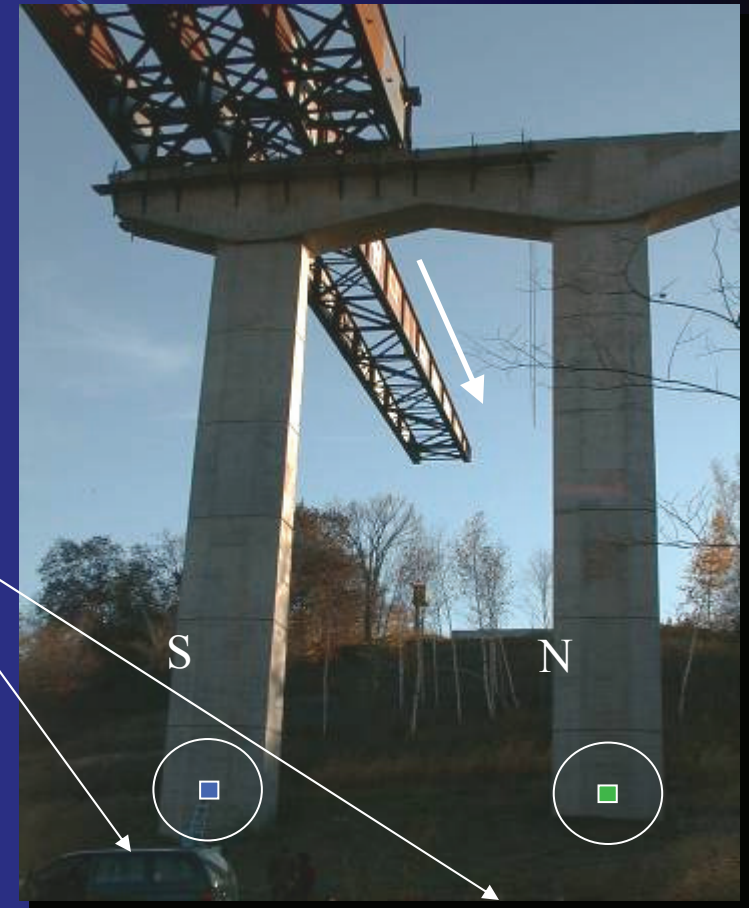
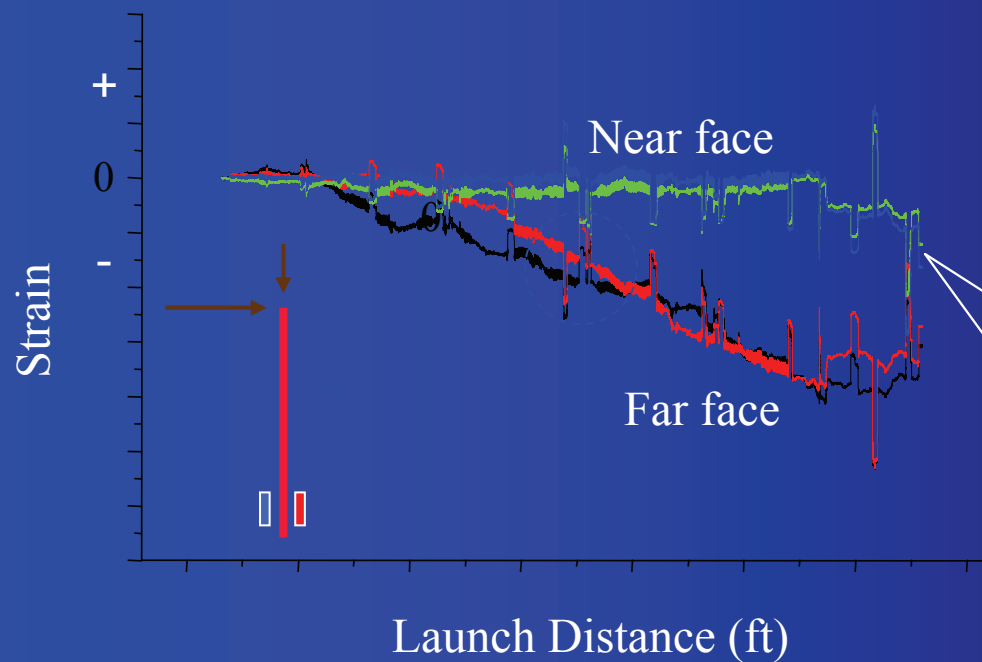
Magnitude of launching forces:

- At hydraulic jacks
- At pier cap rollers



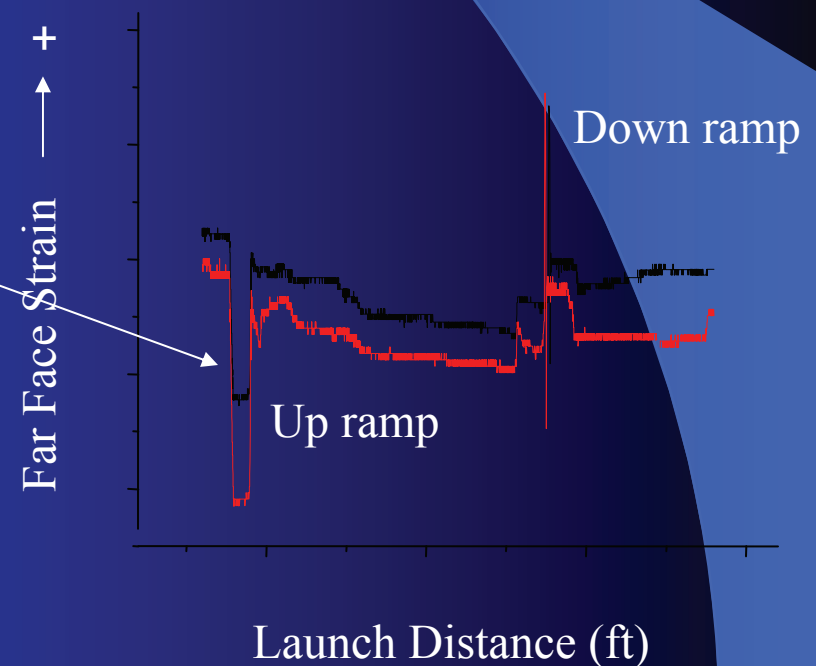
Substructure Monitoring - Results

- Largest one-day cumulative column stress measured was 600 psi
- Residual stress at end of launch day



Substructure Monitoring - Results

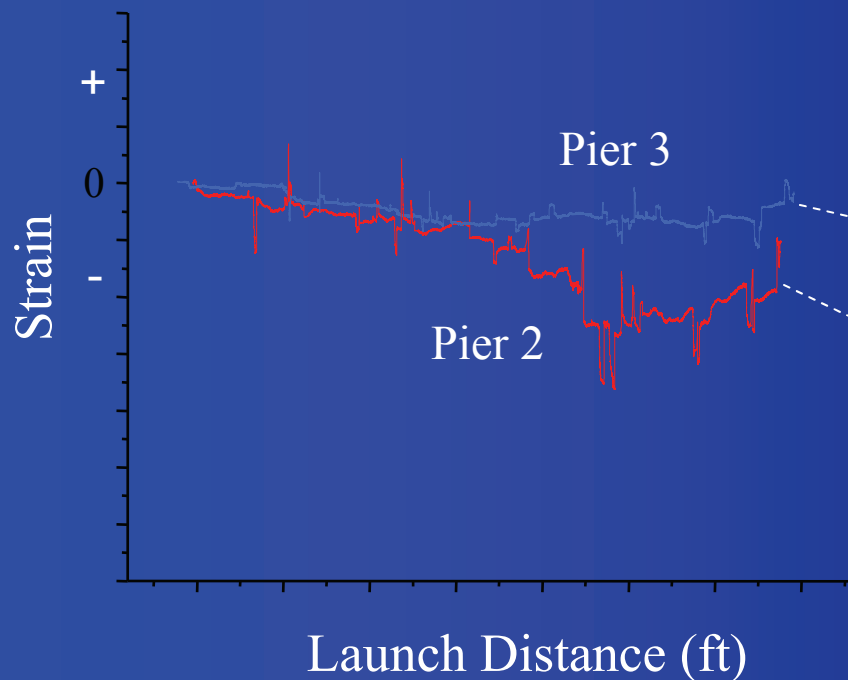
- Max. measured column stresses of approx. 260 psi due to applied launch force “spikes”; similar to calculated values
- Pier design controlled by AASHTO loads
- (design checks considered ramp crossing loads)



Substructure Monitoring – Results

- Drilled shaft foundation more “flexible” than pile group foundation in resisting launch forces

WB Roadway – North Column:

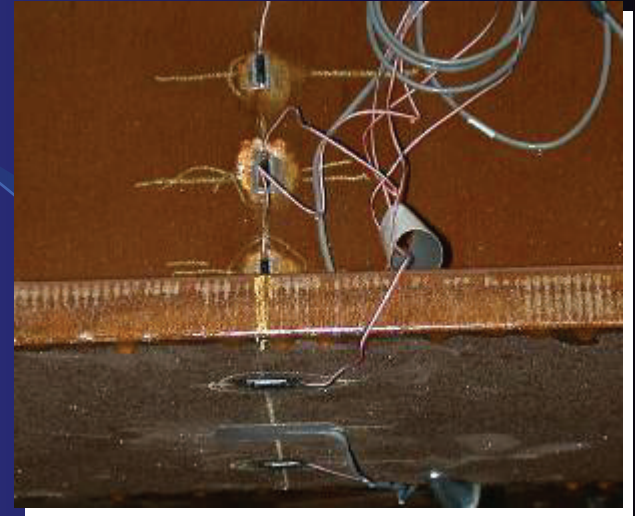


Pile Group Foundation

Drilled Shaft Foundation

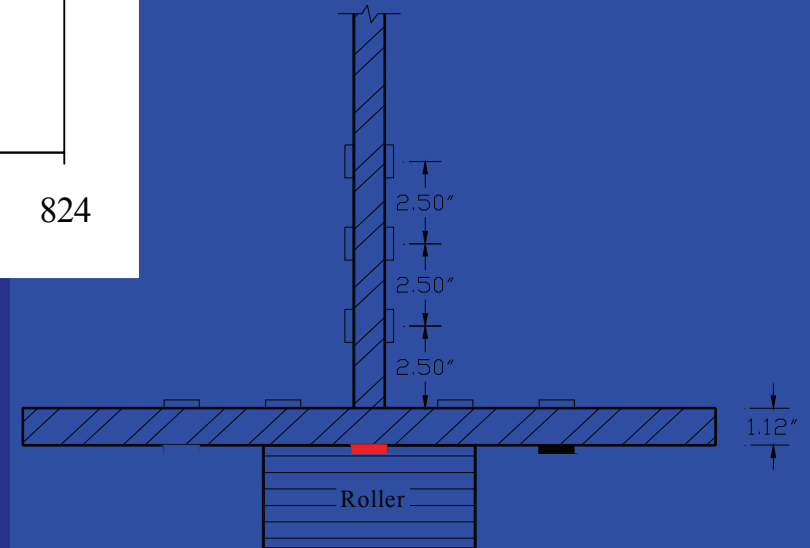
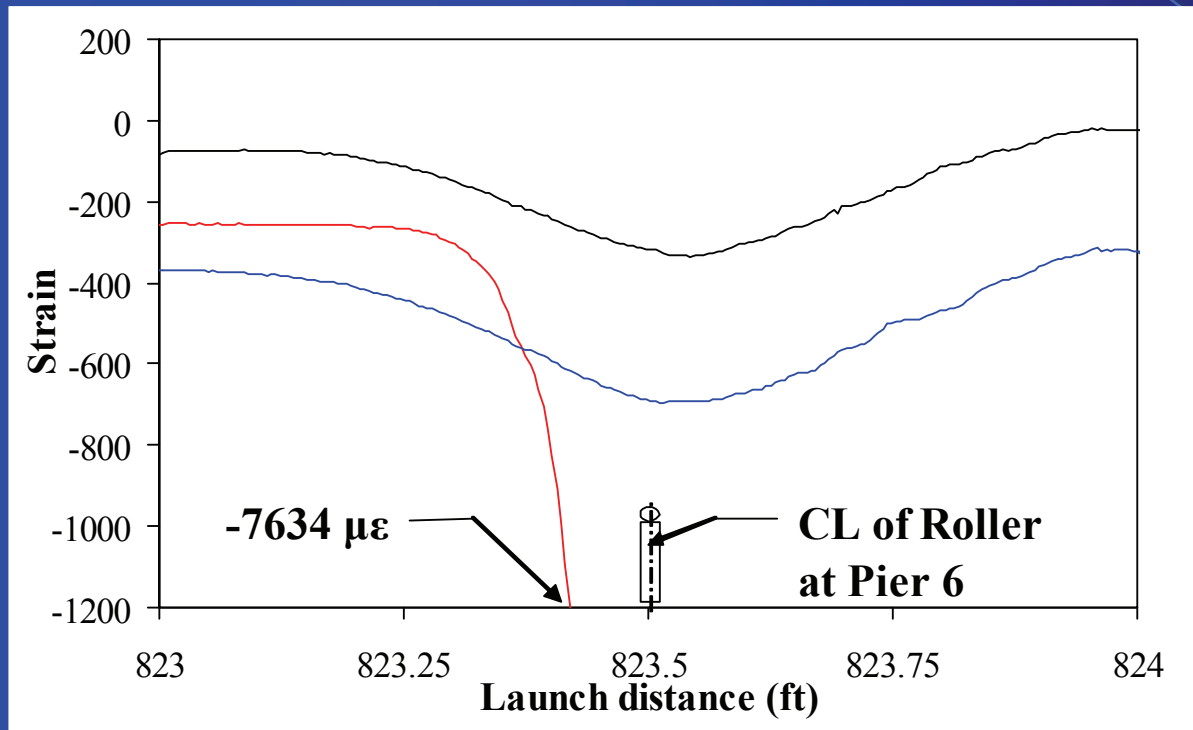
Superstructure Monitoring

- Girder load distribution (flexure)
- Cross-frame behavior
- Roller contact stresses:
 - Bottom flange
 - Web
 - Flange to web welds



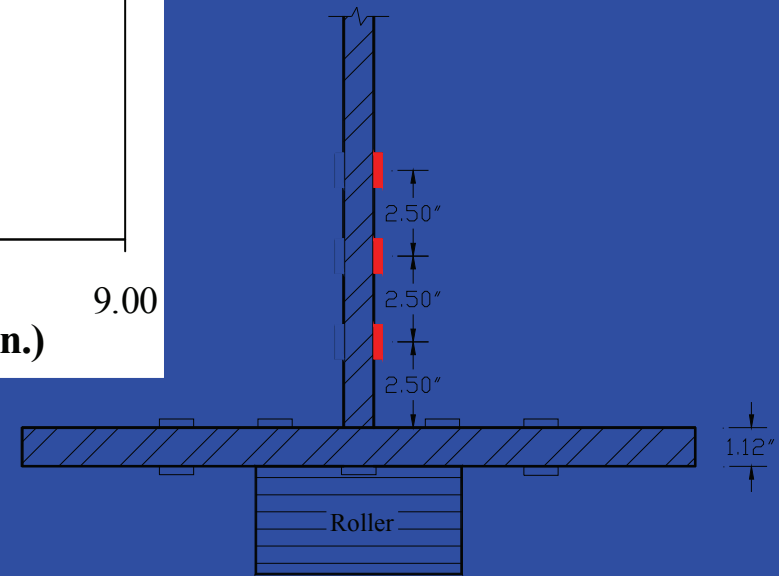
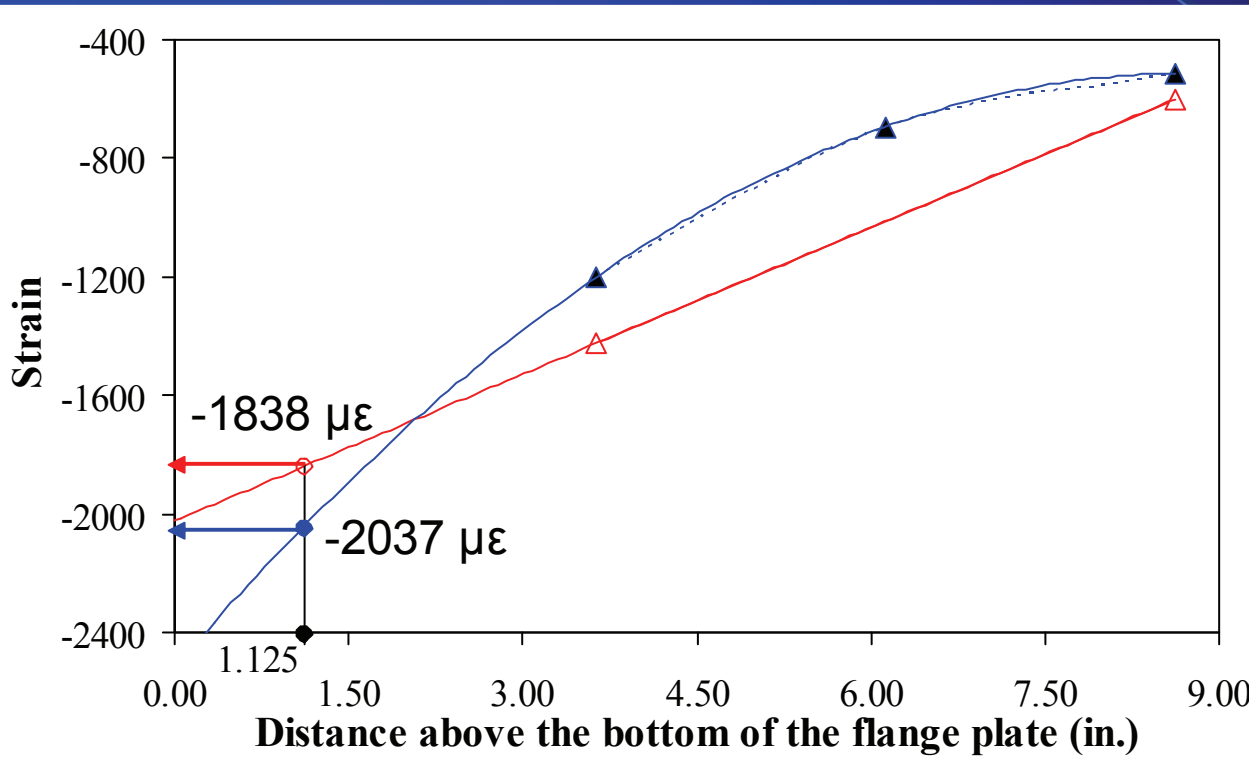
Superstructure Monitoring - Results

- Longitudinal flange strain measured $> F_y$



Superstructure Monitoring - Results

- Significant vertical strain measured



Superstructure Monitoring - Results

- Cross-frame behavior is complex and sensitive
- (includes axial forces, biaxial bending and torsion)
- Measured values exceeded AASHTO design values

Diaphragm Member Type	Design Force (kips)	Calculated Force (WB1) (kips)	Calculated Force (WB5) (kips)
Upper Chord	20.2 (C)	42.6 (T)	86.2 (T)
Diagonals	38.3 (T or C)	56.2 (T)	172.1 (T)
Bottom Chord	20.2 (T or C)	31.1 (T)	39.7 (C)

Action Related to Contact Stress Issue

- Post-construction inspection
 - Visual and magnetic particle
 - No signs of cracking or other damage

High stresses can result in “cold work” region

- Fracture characteristics not impacted

Launch Project Recommendations

- Use large contact surface area for launch rollers
- Design crossframe members/connections to support the weight of one girder supported only by crossframe
- Provide comprehensive monitoring program
 - Identify potential problematic issues
 - Alert contractor during launch

Launch Project Recommendations

- Develop a launching system that is reversible
- Use a set of mirrors or other system to monitor the “plumbness” of piers
- Use constant width bottom flanges for I-girders

Monitoring and Video Documentary Project

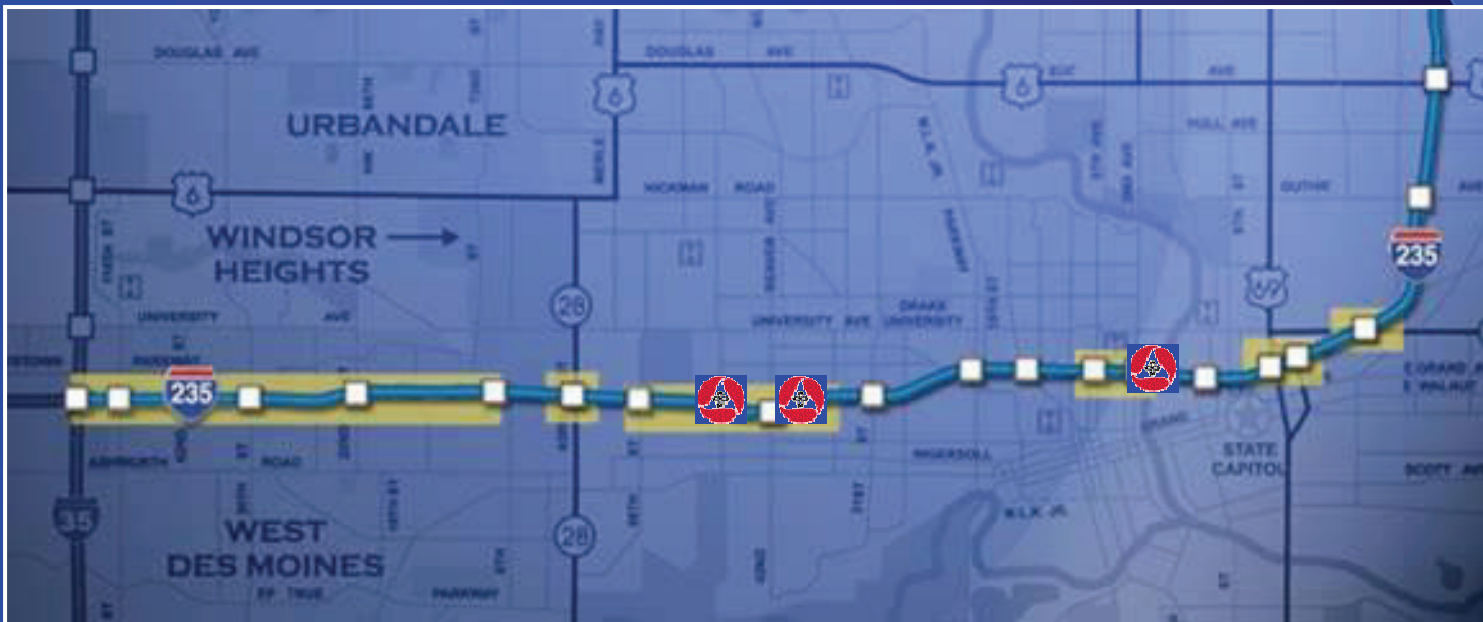
- FHWA
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Iowa State University CTRE
- Jensen Construction
- HNTB
- Final Report & DVD sent to all DOTs and FHWA Division office
- Project Website: www.iowariverbridge.org

Chapter 12

Monitoring of I-235 Pedestrian Bridges

Bridge Location & I-235 Corridor

- **I-235 Reconstruction**
 - 70 Bridges reconstructed or replaced
 - \$426 million total construction cost
- **Pedestrian Bridges**
 - 1st bridge completed January 2004
 - Two similar bridges constructed 2005



Quick Facts

- Gateway to the City
- Arch spans ranging from 70 m to 80 m
 - 80 m @ Botanical (88.5 m total bridge)
 - 80 m @ 40th Street (83.2 m total bridge)
 - 70 m @ 44th Street (78.5 m total bridge)

Quick Facts

- Drilled shafts and pile foundations
 - 4 - 1680 mm drilled shafts @ Botanical
 - 67 - HP 310x79 piles @ 40th Street
 - 78 - HP 310x79 piles @ 44th Street

Quick Facts

- Steel box arch ribs
 - 500 mm x 700 mm at crown
 - 750 mm x 1250 mm at base



Quick Facts

- Precast/post-tensioned deck segments



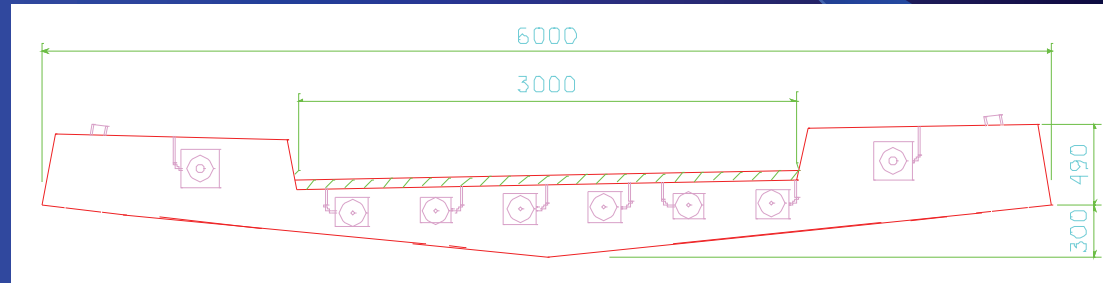
Quick Facts

– Dywidag hangers



Quick Facts - precast deck panels

- 6.0 m width x 4.2 m length
- 3.0 m wide walking surface



Steel Erection



Steel Erection



Self-Consolidating Concrete

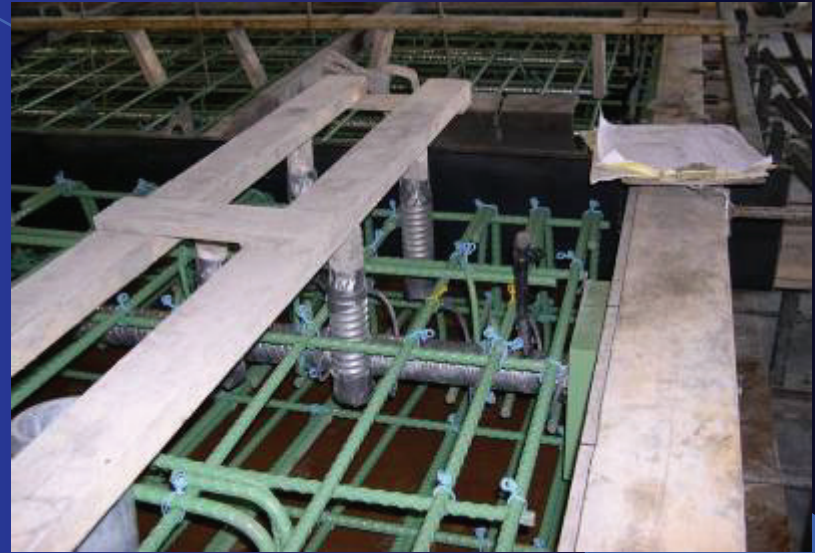
- Admixtures provide temporary flowability
- Measure “spread” rather than “slump”



SCC – Formwork is Critical



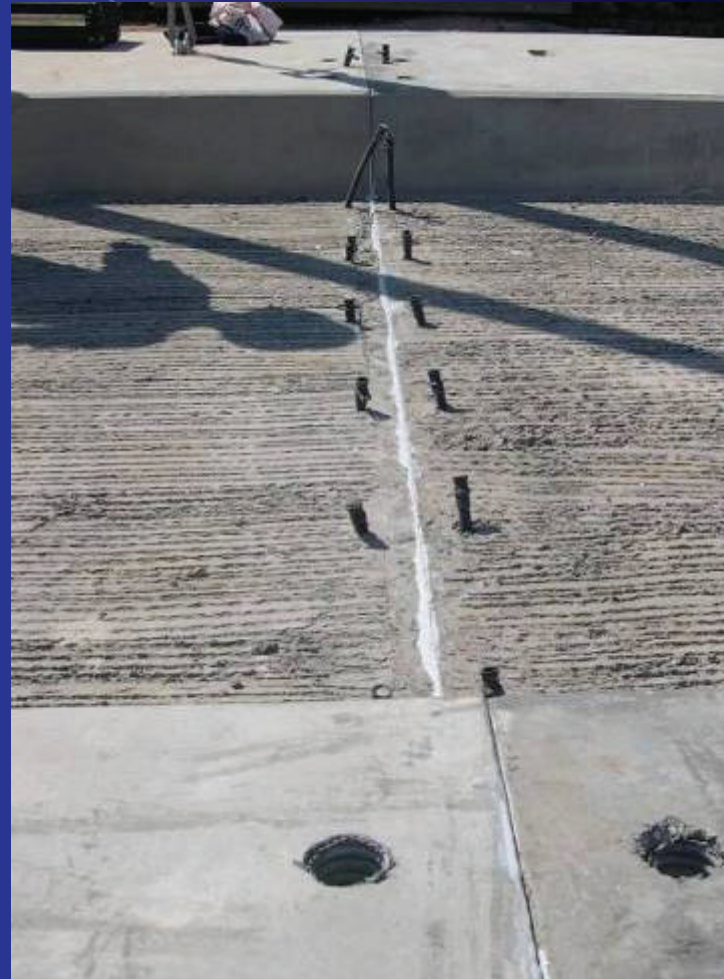
Precast Deck Panels



Precast Deck Panels – Match casting



Center Panels Stressed on the Ground



Hanger and Precast Panel Installation



Post-tensioning of Deck Panels



Measure Elongation During PT stressing



Aesthetic Lighting

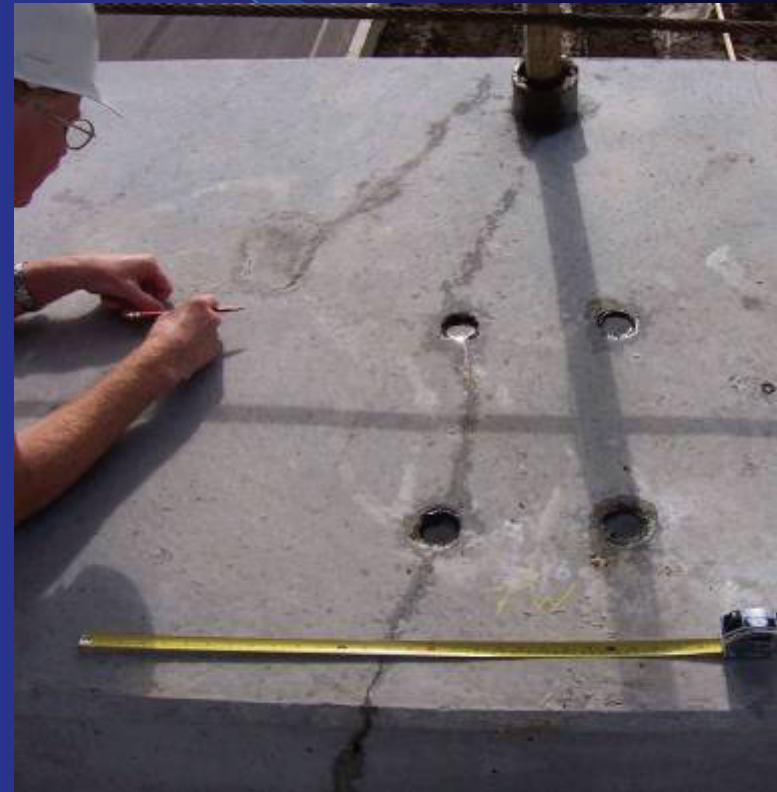


Gateway to the City of Des Moines



Concrete Panel Cracking

- Minor cracking of panels occurred during 2003 construction



Construction Monitoring – 2005

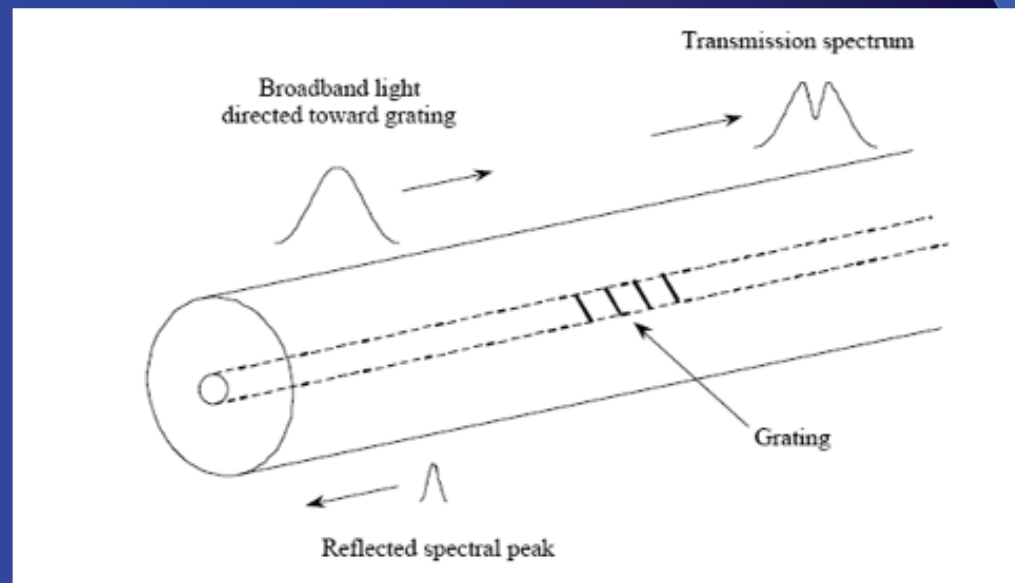
- Unequal loading of hanger rods considered most likely cause of panel cracking
- ISU Bridge Engineering Center hired to perform monitoring during construction of 2005 bridges
- Goals of monitoring:
 - Short term – eliminate panel overstresses during construction
 - Long term – monitor redistribution of loads in hangers (concrete creep)

Instrumentation and Monitoring

- Fiber optic sensors (FOS) can be used to monitor:
 - Temperature
 - Moisture/humidity
 - Pressure
 - Strain
- ISU Bridge Engineering Center has used FOS for a number of projects over past few years

Fiber Optic Strain Sensors

- Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG)
 - Introduced 1995
 - FBG reflects very narrow band of wavelengths – all others pass through
 - Any change in strain/temperature causes proportional shift in reflected spectrum



Fiber Optic Sensors

- Advantages:

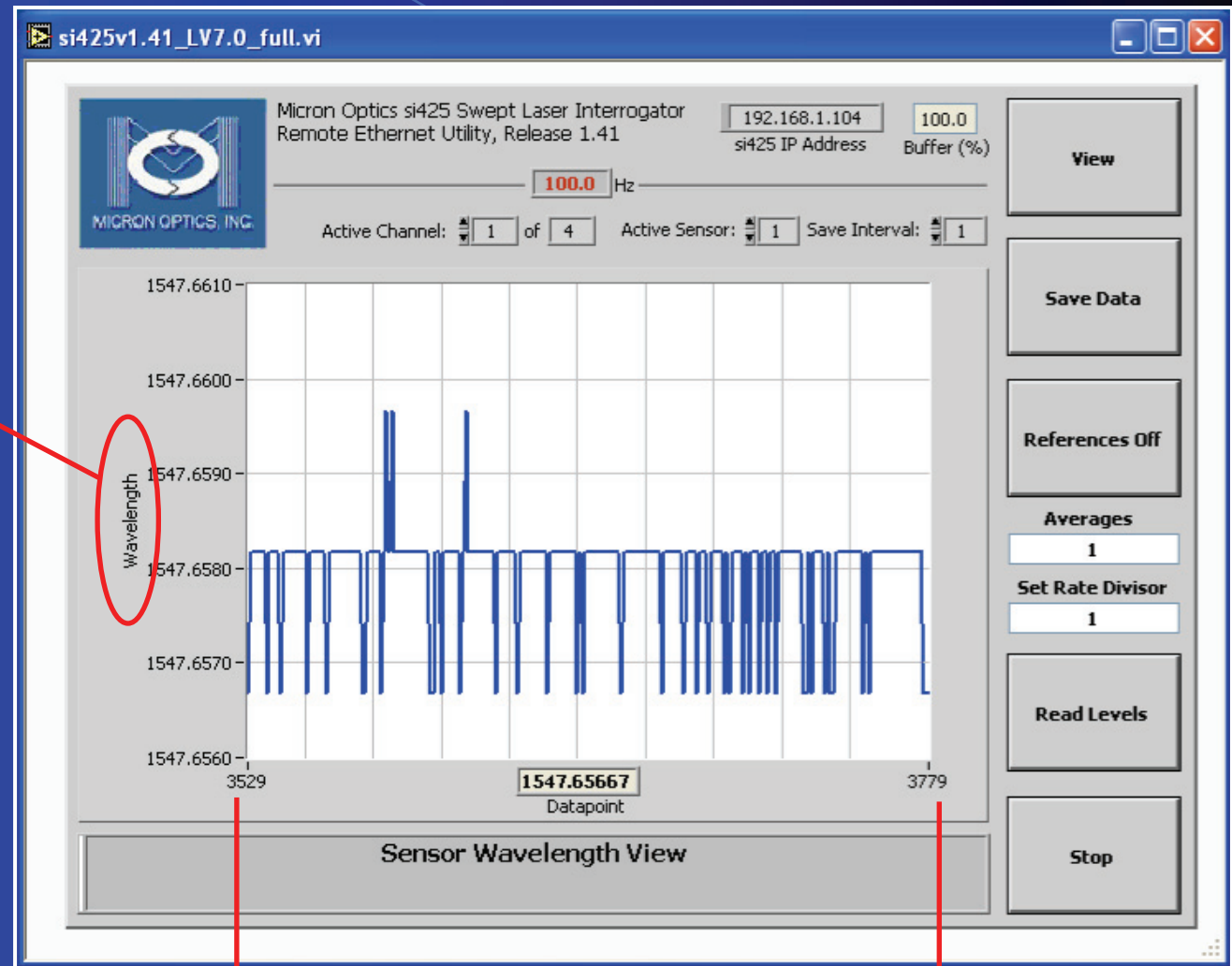
- No drift during long term monitoring
- Very durable when embedded or installed on completed structure
- Low signal loss with long lead lengths.
- Can be serially multiplexed

Disadvantages:

- Expensive compared to convention strain sensors
- Delicate and easily damaged during construction

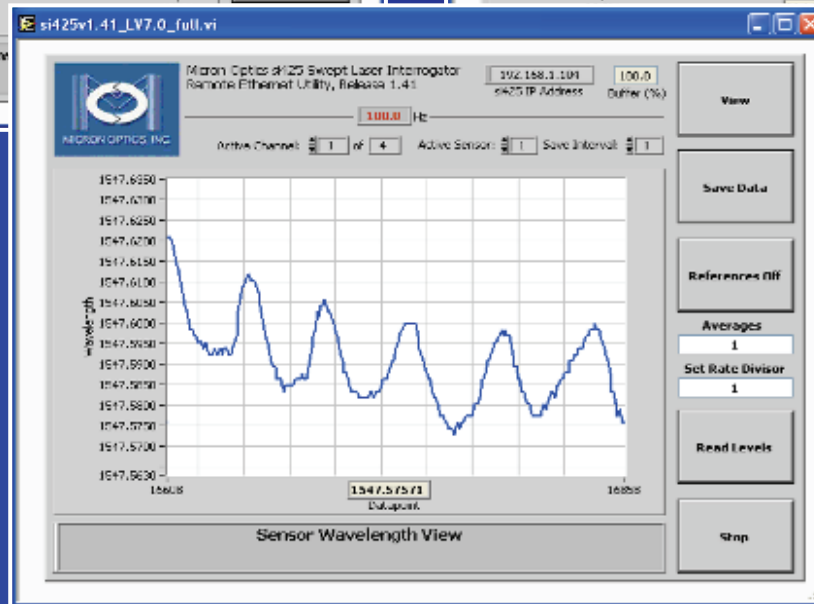
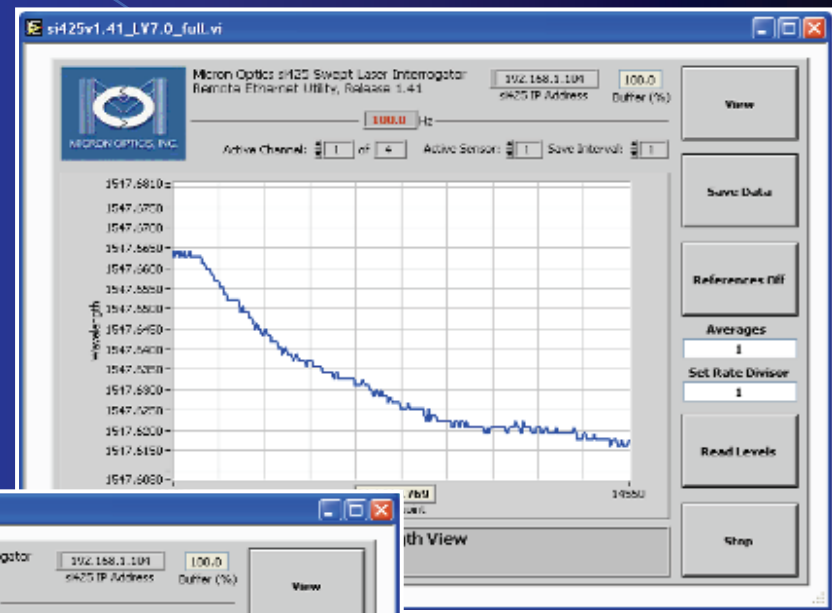
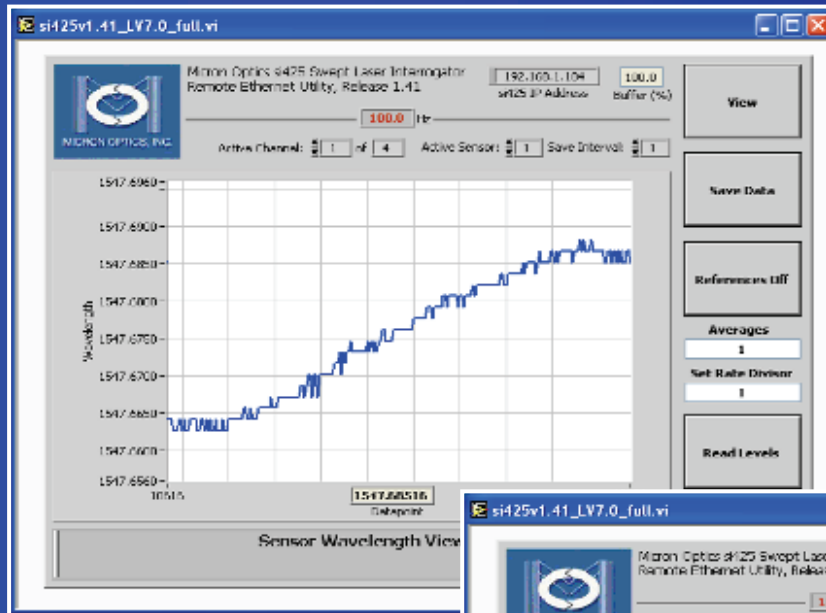
Fiber Optic Strain Sensor – data collected

Reflected Wavelength



250 points = 2.5 seconds

Fiber Optic Sensors – sample data collected



Fiber Optic Sensors - Installation



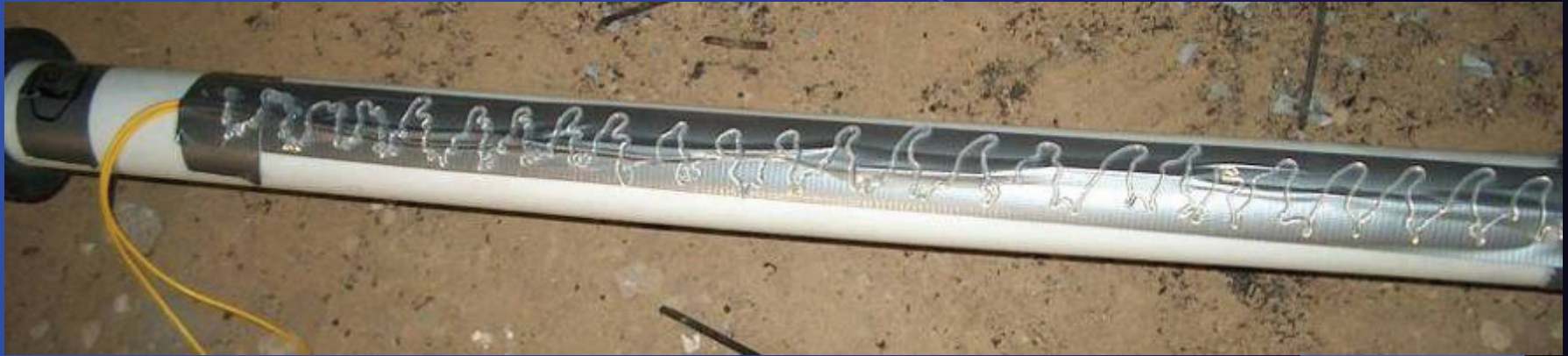
Fiber Optic Sensors – Handling in Field



Problems with FOS survivability

- Original intent of monitoring:
 - Connect sensors in series to simultaneously read multiple l
 - Each quadrant of bridge separated
 - Monitor load in each hanger as each subsequent panel installed
- Damage during construction prevented series connections and required individual readings at each stage

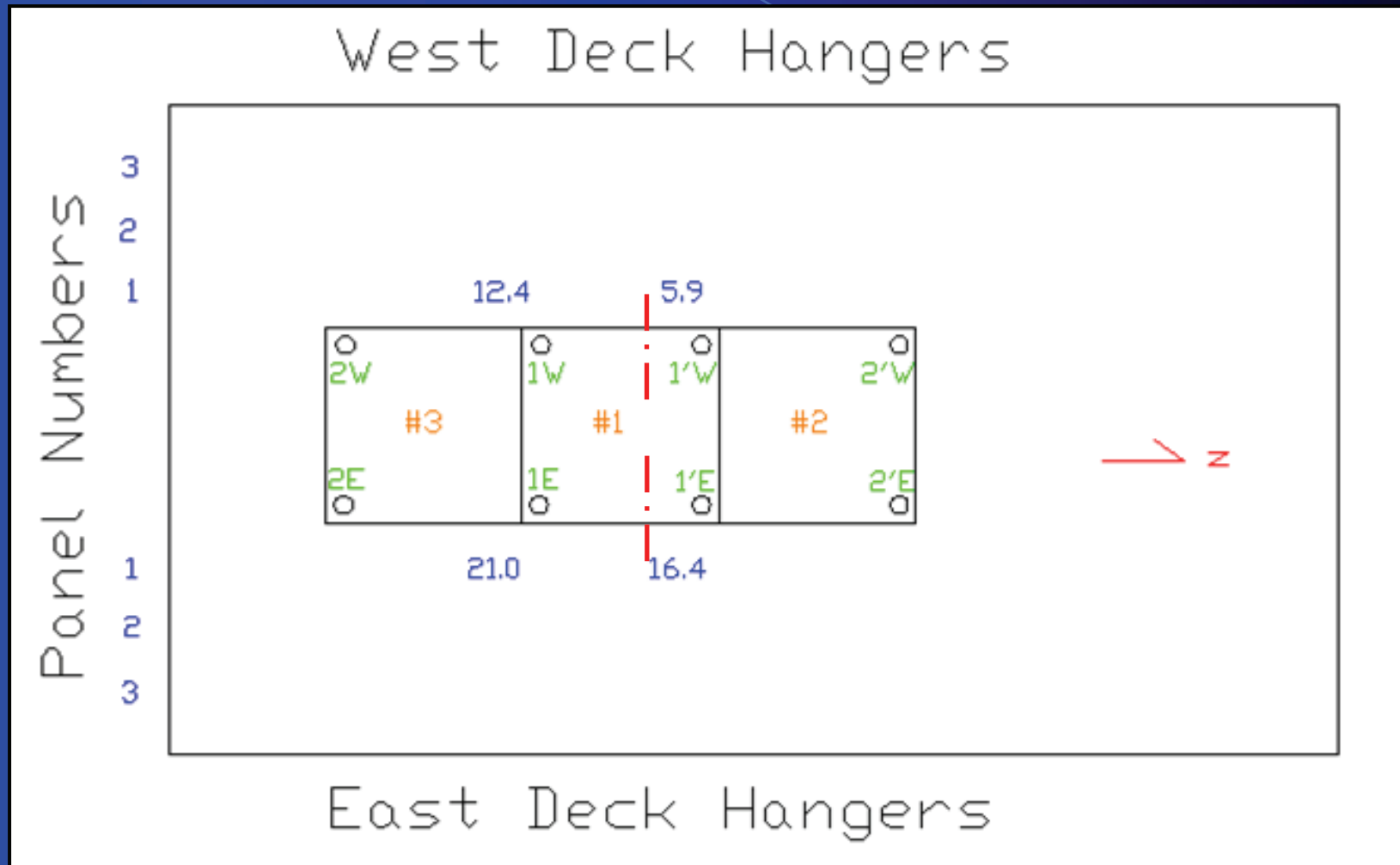
Fiber Optic Sensors - Protection



Survivability of Fiber Optic Sensors

- First bridge – 44th Street:
 - Total of 28 hangers installed
 - Only 13 were usable after construction
- Second bridge – 44th Street:
 - Total of 36 hangers installed
 - Total of 31 hangers working after construction

Fiber Optic Strain Sensor Results



Long term monitoring of hanger loads



Natural frequency monitoring - hanger loads

Hanger assumed to be uniform beam subjected to axial load with:

- Distributed mass and elasticity properties
- Length, L
- Area, A
- Flexural rigidity, EI
- Mass density, ρ

$$T = \rho A \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \left[\omega_n - (\beta_n L)^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A L^4}} \right] \right)^2$$

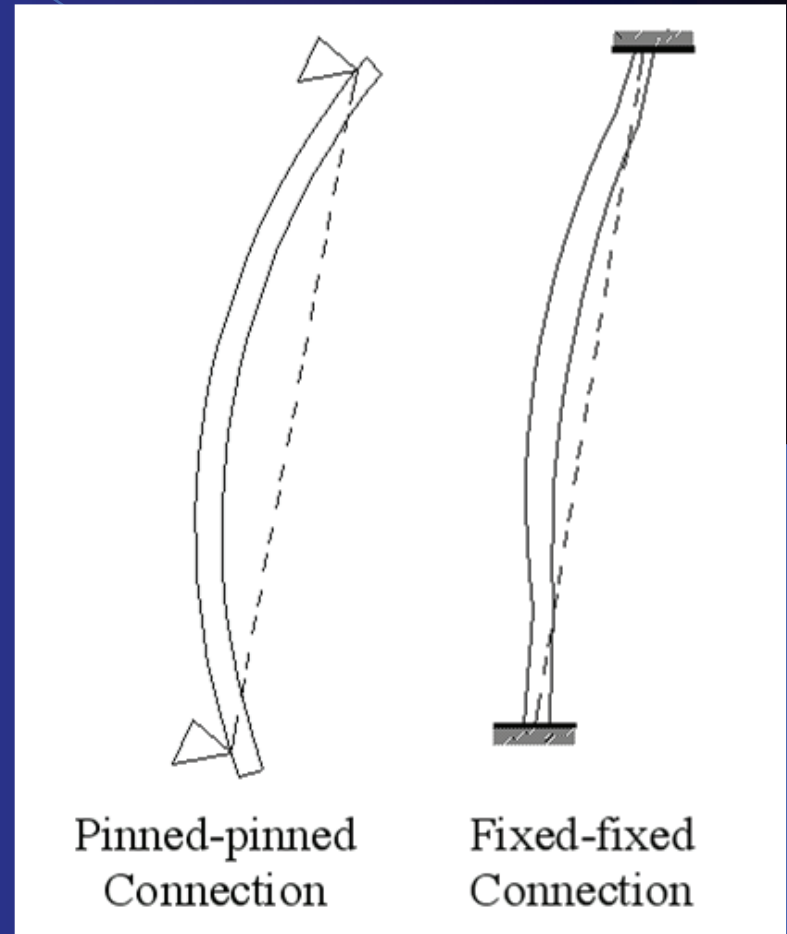
Other Modeling Considerations

Which section properties are “correct” :

- Steel rod alone?
- Steel rod with grout?
- Grout composite w/ rod?

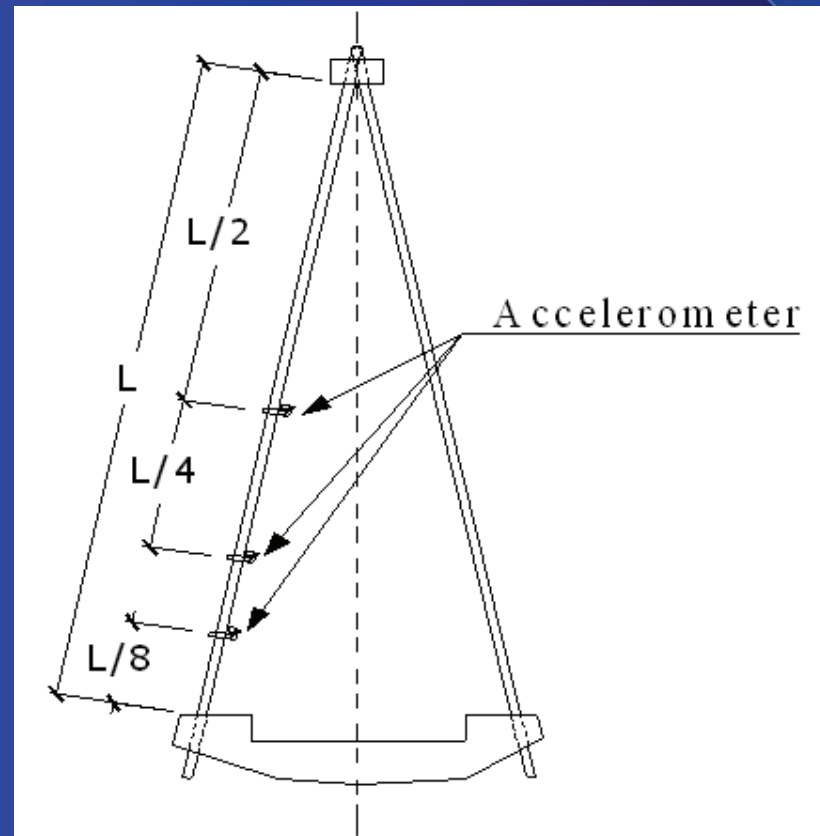
Natural frequencies for simple span beams, b_1L :

- Pinned-pinned = 3.141
- Fixed-fixed = 4.730

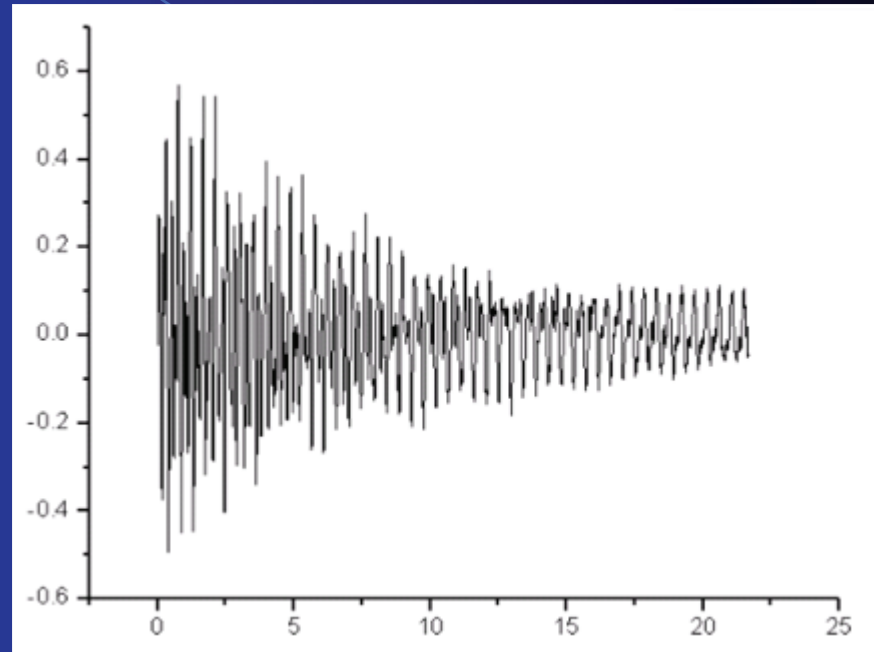
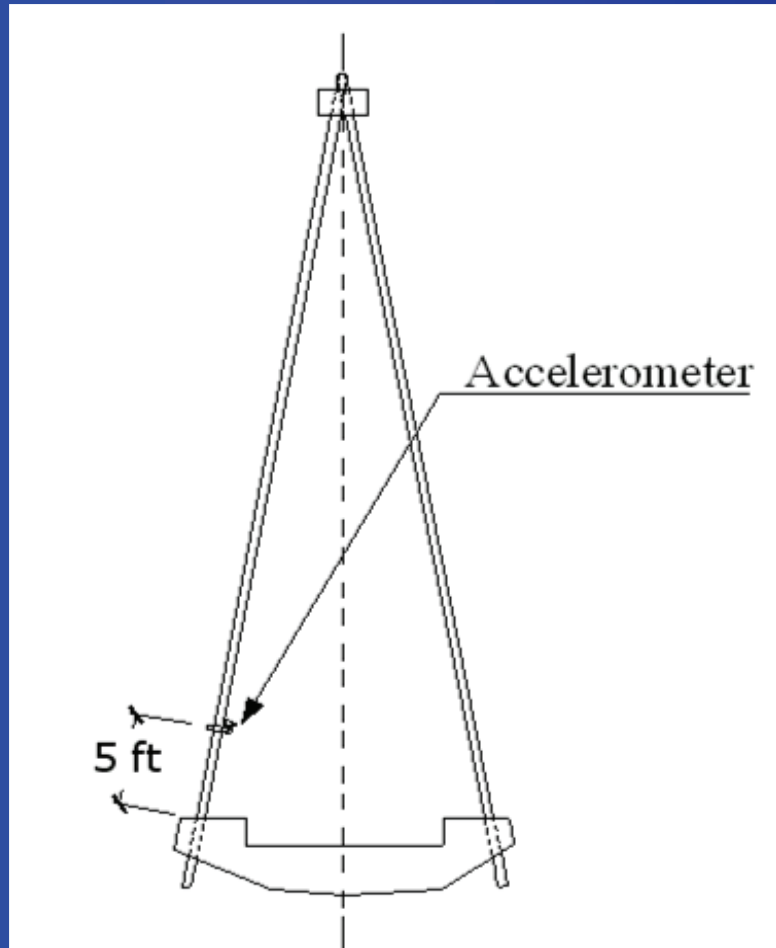


Vibration Testing of Hanger Rods

Initial testing included varying the position of the accelerometer to ensure identical ω_n measured

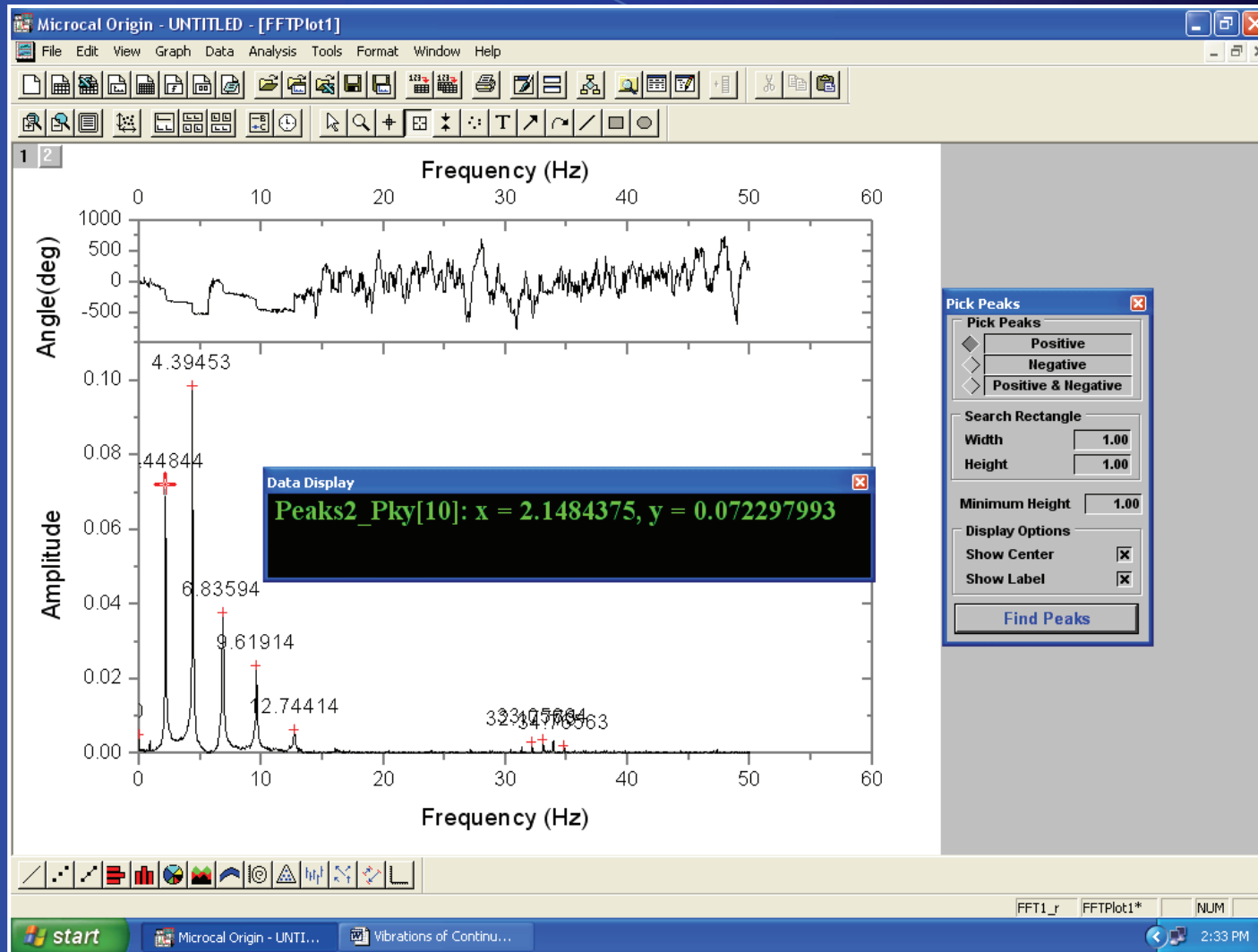


Free vibration of hanger rods



Each hanger excited and allowed to vibrate for 10-15 seconds

Calculation of Natural Frequencies

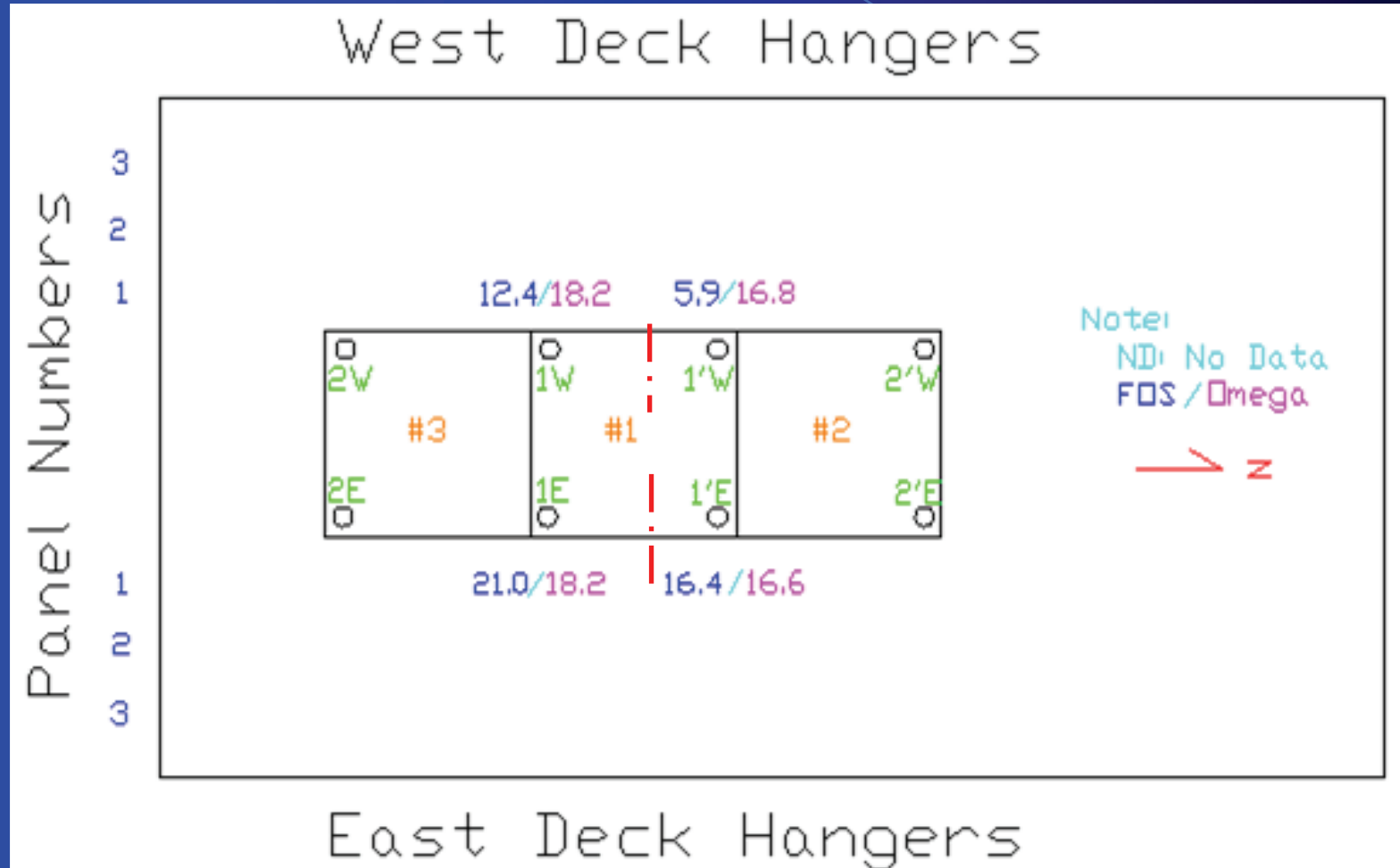


Estimated hanger loads – end conditions

Hanger	West Arch	
	Pinned – Pinned (kips)	Fixed – Fixed (kips)
9	-----	-----
8	30.8	17.7
7	31.3	21.9
6	35.6	27.5
5	32.5	25.8
4	33.4	27.4
3	27.7	22.5
2	25.6	20.9
1	36.2	30.7

Not
computed

Comparison of FOS and dynamics results



Adjustment of Hanger Loads

- Recall that deck must be constructed to match the profile grade as precast
- On the shortest hanger rods, a change in length of 1/8" changes force by approx. 40 kips



Adjusted Hanger Loads

Hanger	West Arch	
	Before Adjustment (Pinned-Pinned)	After Adjustment (Pinned-Pinned)
	(kips)	(kips)
8	6.0	30.8
7	27.8	31.3
6	49.6	35.6
5	52.3	32.5
4	33.1	33.4
3	5.6	27.7
2	23.2	25.6
1	83.9	36.2

Conclusions

- Hanger loads are much more uniform than in 2003 bridge construction
- Visual inspection indicates fewer cracks in precast concrete panels
- BEC will return to 2005 bridges in six months to a year to monitor changes in hanger loads due to creep, etc.
- Use of fiber optic strain sensors during construction is difficult due to survivability concerns
- It is possible to use vibration records to monitor loads of axial members which also provide flexural stiffness

Chapter 13

Deck Overhang Sufficiency for Barrier Rails

Outline

- Objectives
- Protocol
- Modeling
- FEM Result Validation of KSDOT Study
- Model Results
- Observations

Introduction

- Problem Statement
 - AASHTO LRFD requires deck overhang strength equal or greater to barrier rail
- Approach
 - Finite Element Analysis performed to evaluate required deck overhang slab reinforcement

Introduction

- Bridge damage near Alton, Iowa resulting from a suspected vehicle impact: minor scratches and gouges < 1 /4" deep

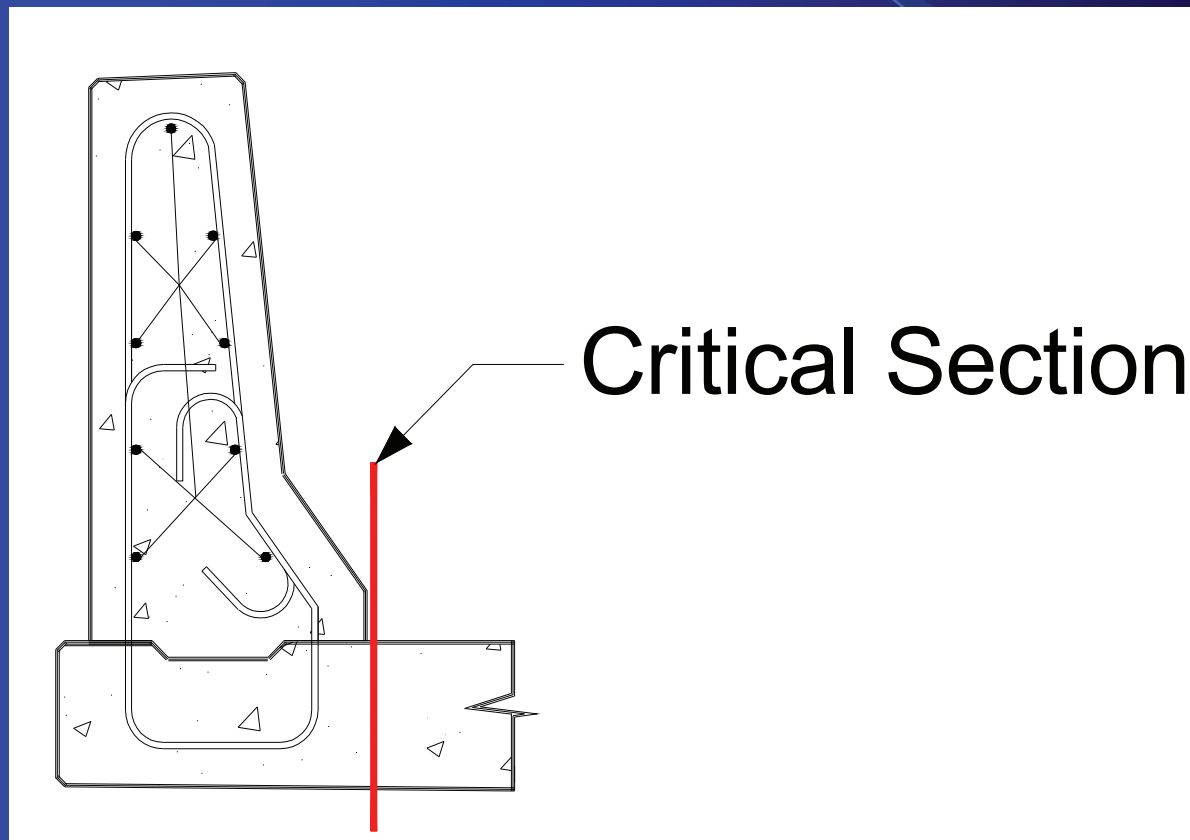


Outline

- Evaluation of Deck Overhang Sufficiency
 - Use commercial Finite Element Modeling (FEM) program
 - Compare the FEM results with AASHTO LFRD Bridge Design Specifications

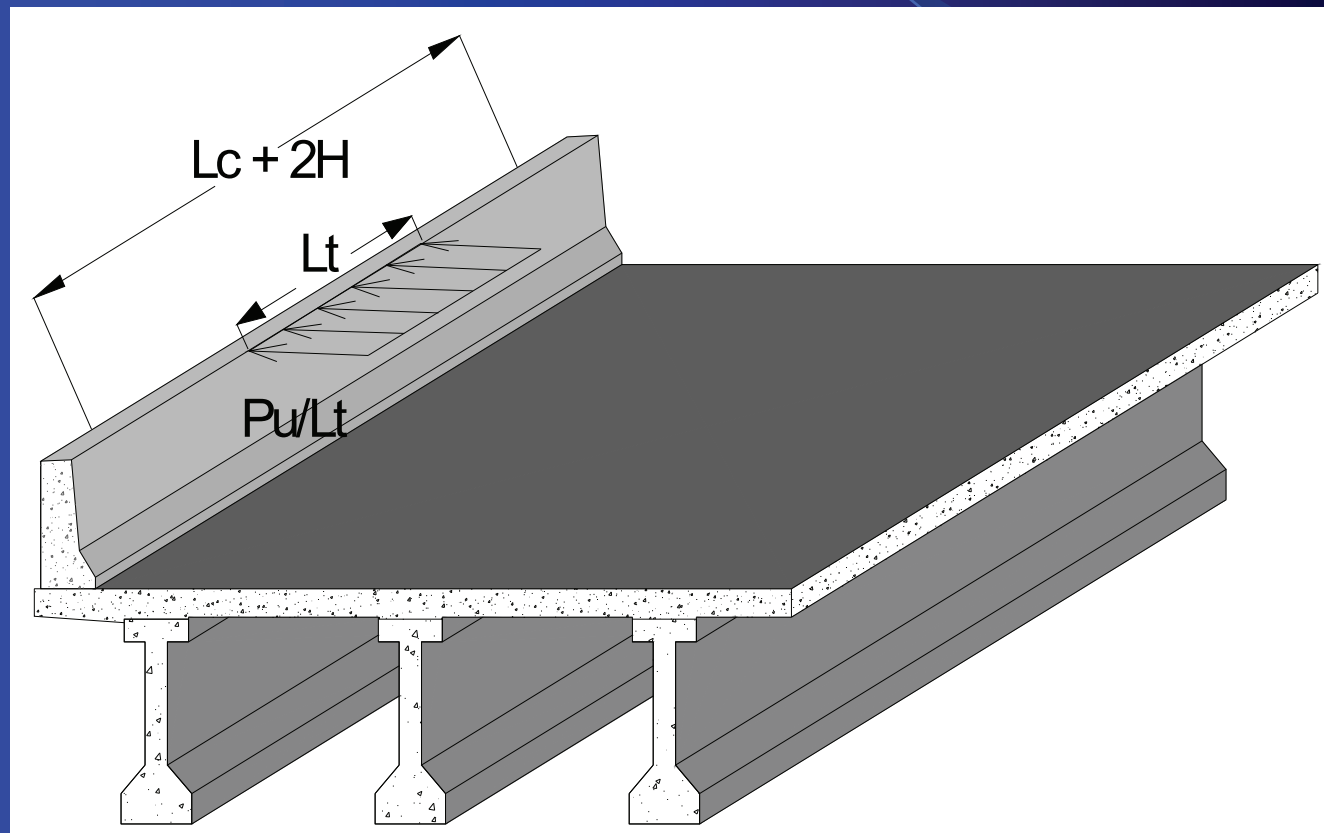
Protocol

Iowa F-Section Barrier



Protocol

Loading the bridge model under extreme event P_U
: Total Codified Transverse Force (R_w)



Protocol

Total Applied Moment (per unit length):

$$M_U = M_{U-FEM} + M_{U-DL}$$

- M_U Ultimate moment
- M_{U-FEM} Ultimate moment from the FEM results
- M_{U-DL} Ultimate moment due to the dead load of the barrier and deck overhang under the barrier

Protocol

Corrected Deck Nominal Moment Capacity (per unit length):

$$M_{N-IC} = \phi M_N \left(1 - \frac{P_U}{\phi P_N} \right)$$

- M_{N-IC} Nominal moment capacity using the interaction curve
- ϕ Reduction factor (1, for service conditions)
- M_N Nominal Moment Capacity
- P_U Ultimate load equal to RW
- P_N Nominal Axial Load

Protocol

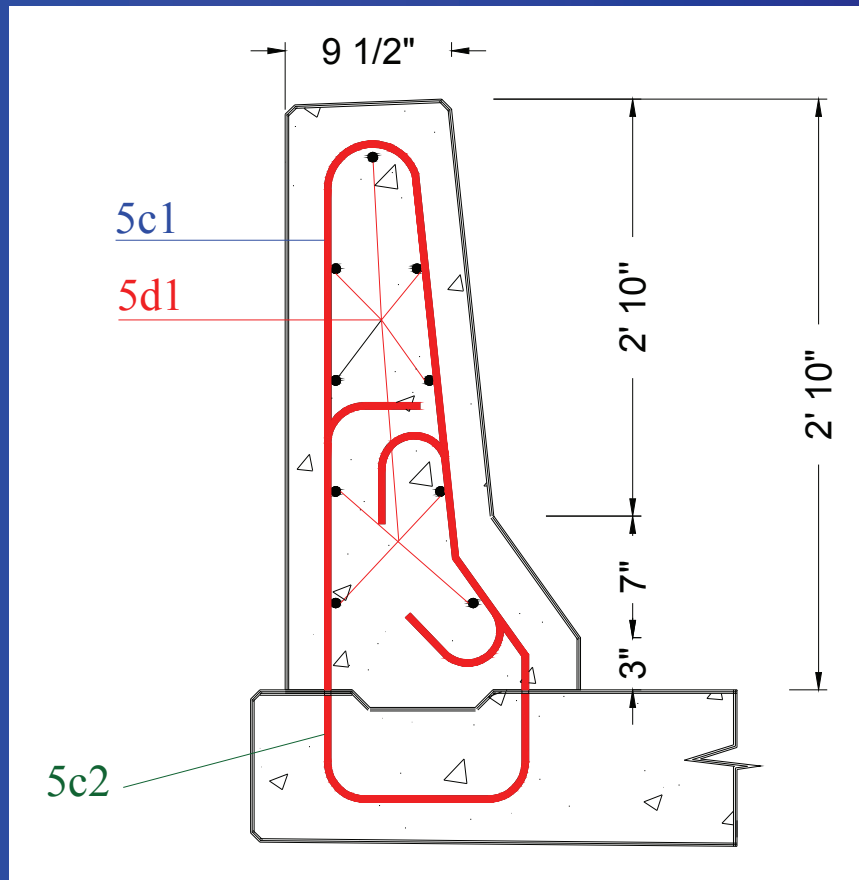
Comparison of:

$$M_{N-IC} \geq \phi M_U$$

If any reserve capacity, a possible reduction in the transverse reinforcement could be considered.

Modeling

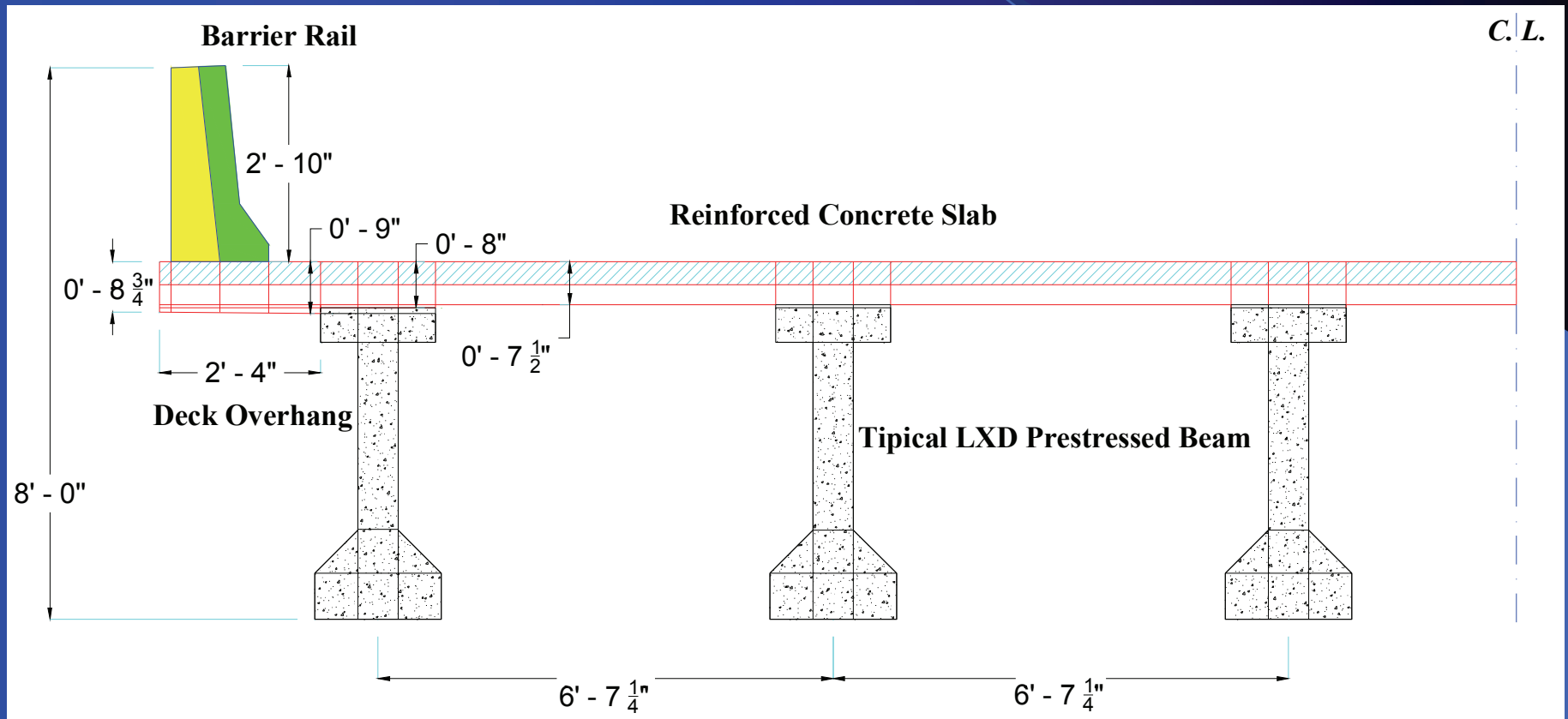
Three models were analytically evaluated.



Iowa F-Section Barrier
provided by the IADOT
Office of Bridge
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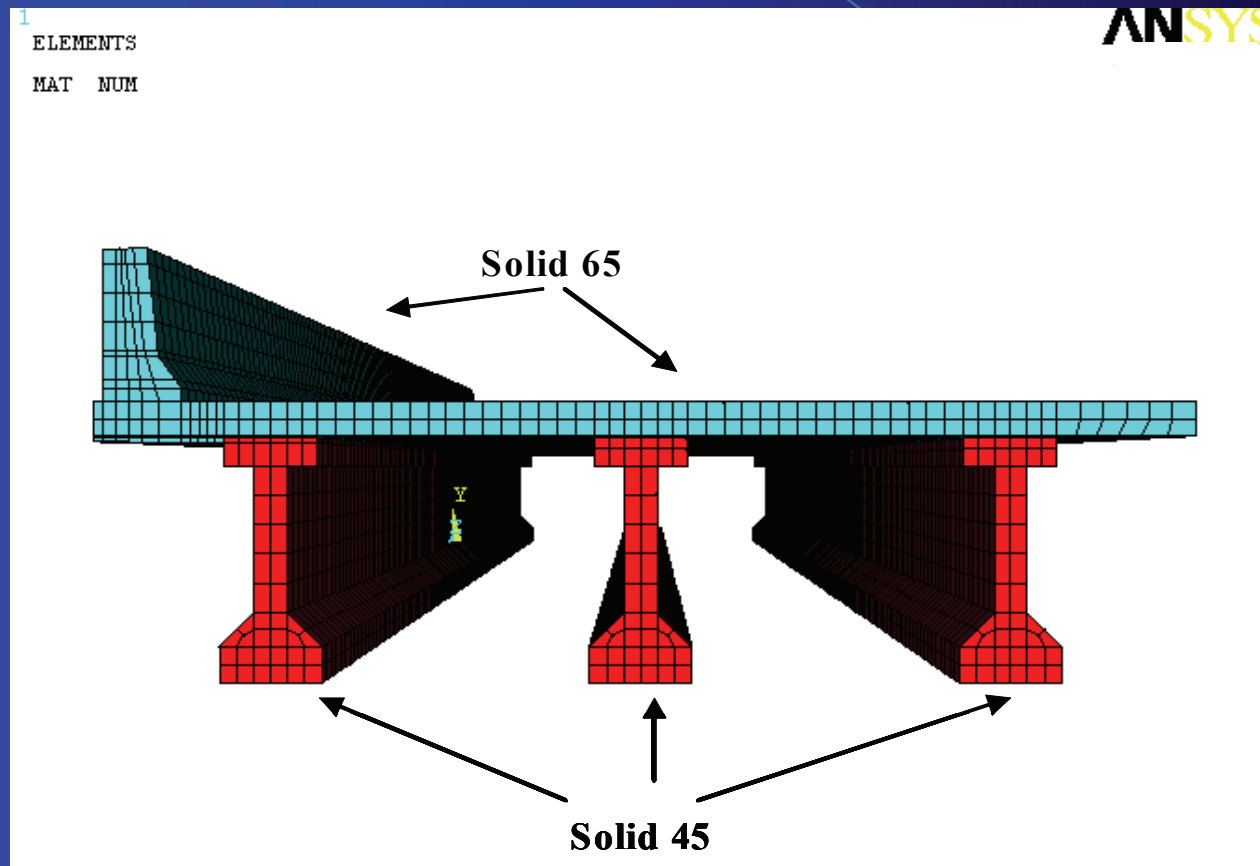
Modeling

Model 1



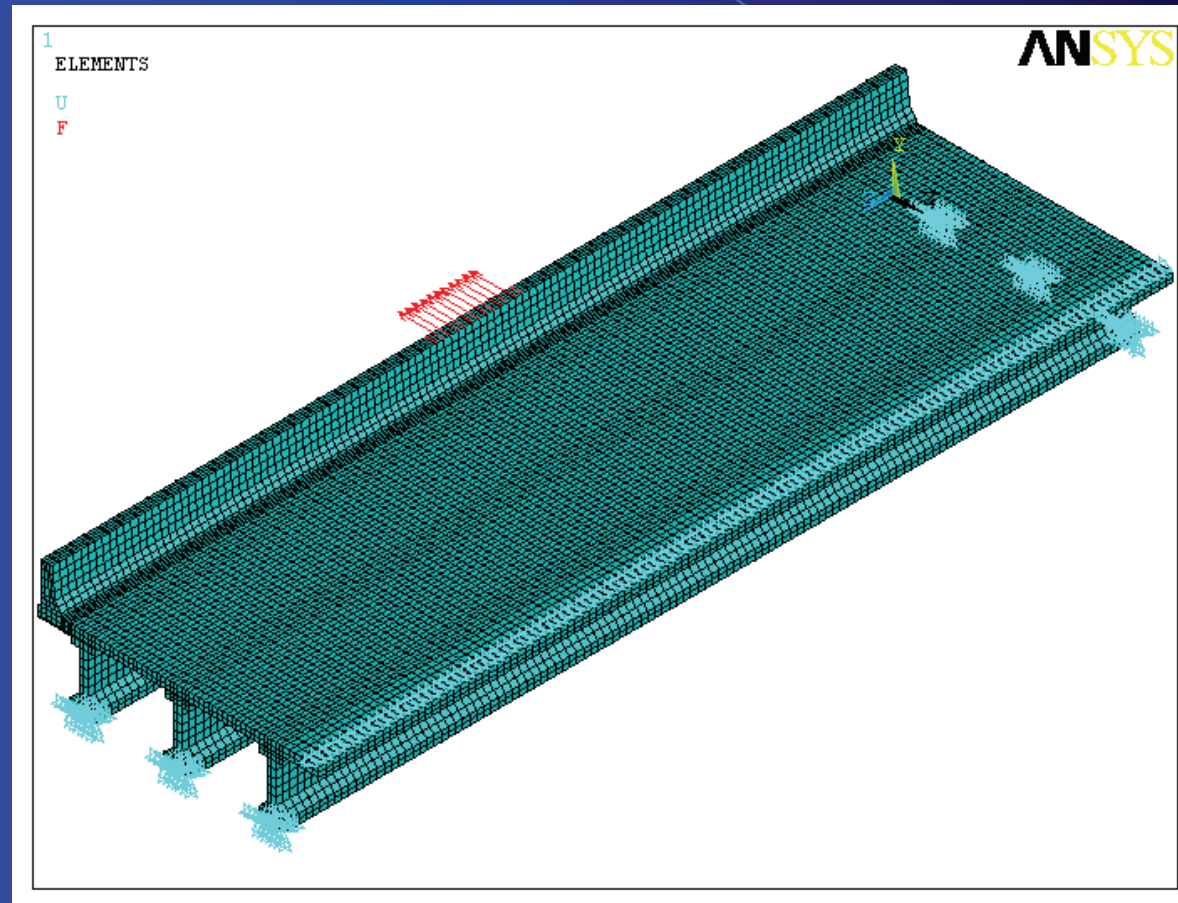
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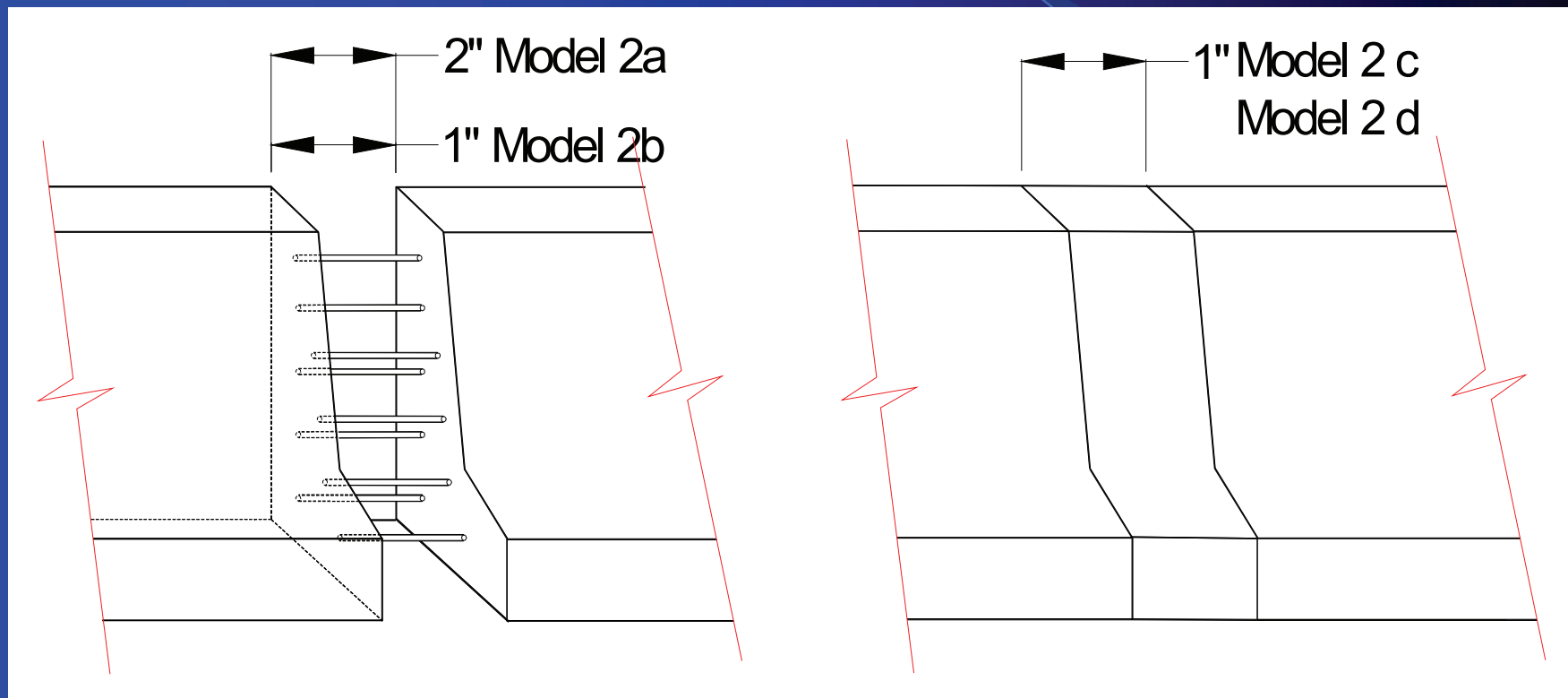
Modeling

Iowa Railing System: Material Properties

<i>Structural Member</i>	<i>$f'c$ [psi]</i>	<i>E [ksi]</i>	<i>μ [Poisson Ratio]</i>
Deck Overhang, Slab and Barrier	3,500	3,400	0.18
Steel Reinforcement	60,000	29,000	0.30
Prestressed Girders	5,000	3,500	0.18

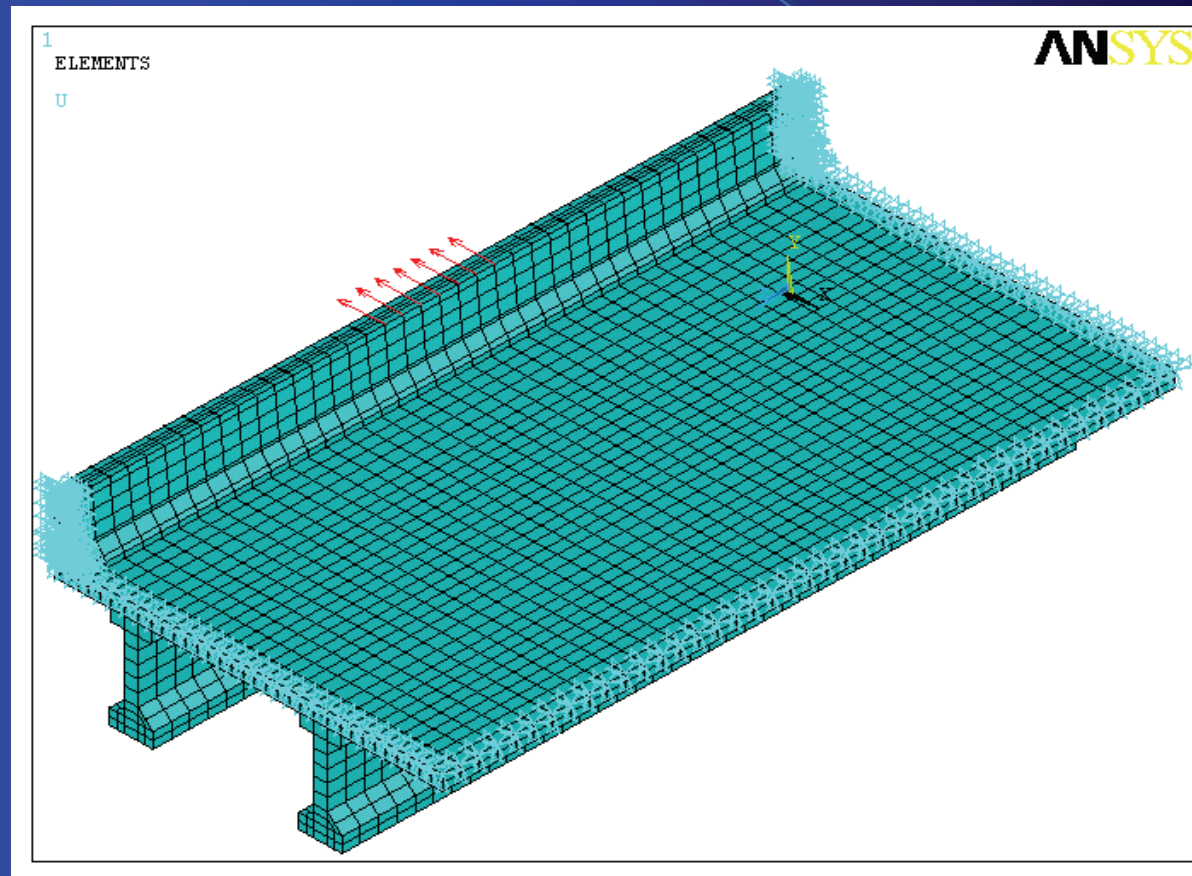
Modeling

Model 2



FEM Result Validation of KSDOT Study

Model 3



FEM Result Validation of KSDOT Study

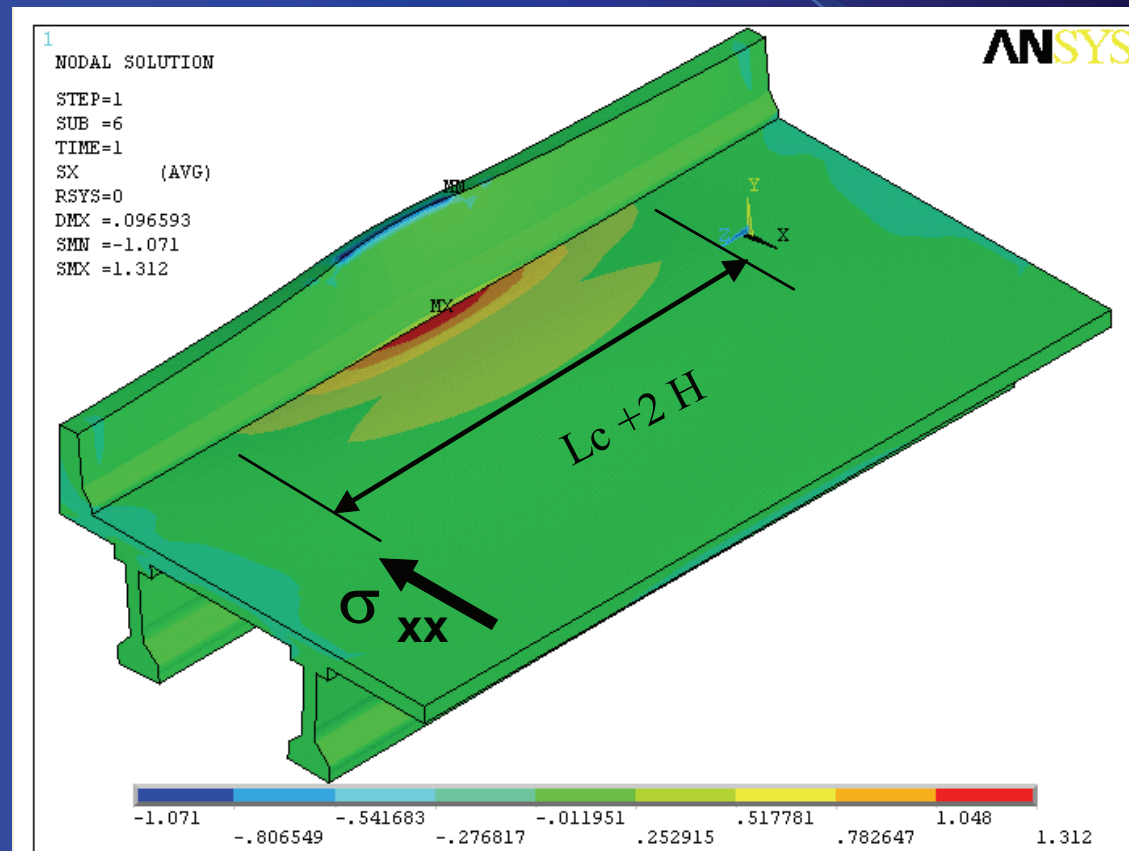
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Kansas DOT - Concrete Barrier
Deck Material Properties

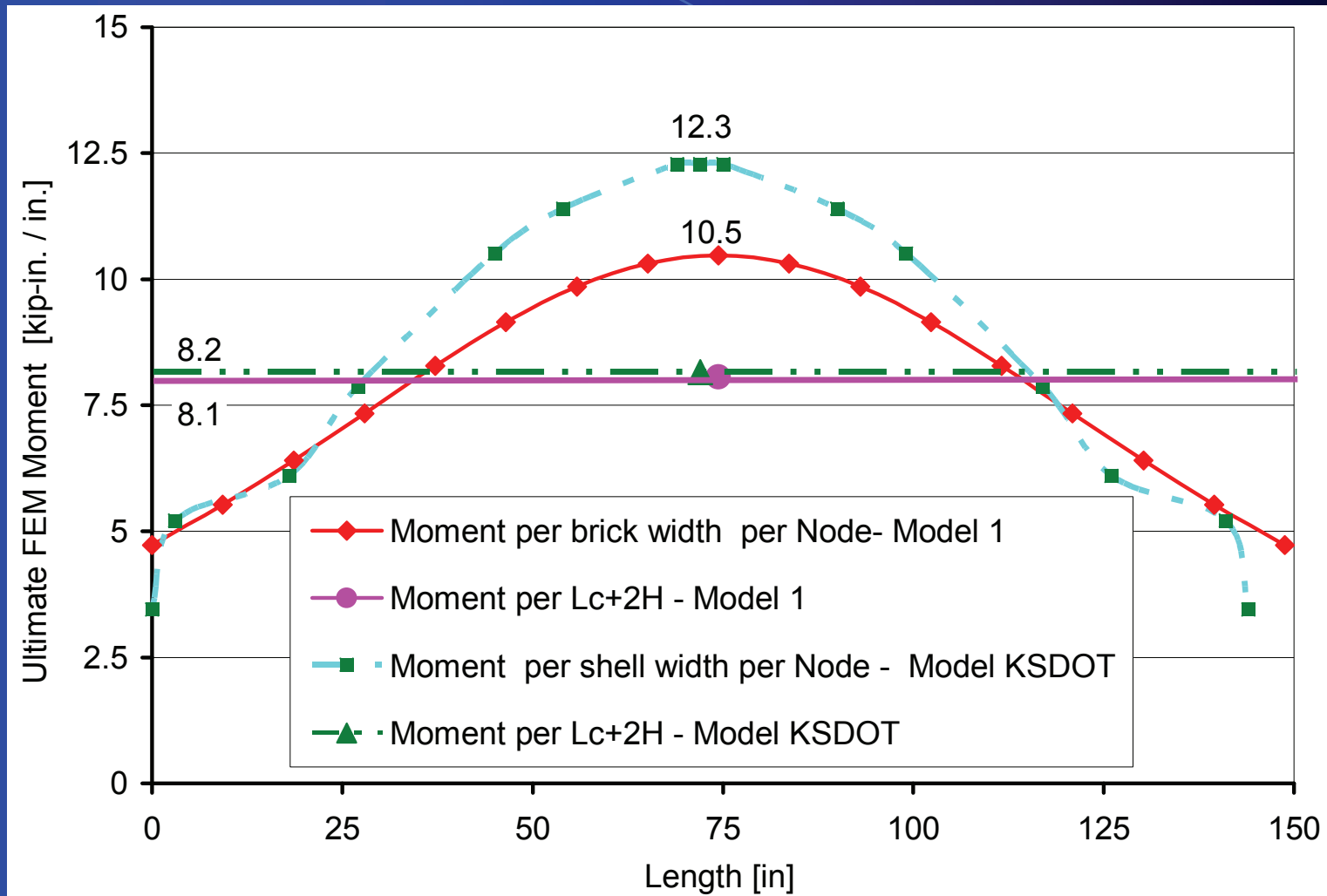
<i>Structural Member</i>	<i>$f'c$ [psi]</i>	<i>E [ksi]</i>	<i>μ [Poisson Ratio]</i>
Concrete	4,351	3,796	0.18
Steel Reinforcement	60,000	29,000	0.30

FEM Result Validation of KSDOT Study

Model 3



FEM Result KSDOT Study



Model Results

FEM: Applied Ultimate Response

<i>Model</i>	M_{U-FEM} [kip-in. / in.]	M_{U-DL} [kip-in. / in.]	M_U <i>Ultimate Moment</i> [kip-in. / in.]
1	13.6	0.6	14.2
2a – 2-in. B-St	14.9	0.6	15.4
2b – 1-in. B-St	14.8	0.6	15.3
2c – 1-in. Sl-G	13.8	0.6	14.4
2d – 1-in. Sl-St	13.8	0.6	14.4

B: Bar connector Sl: Solid connector St: Steel G: Grout

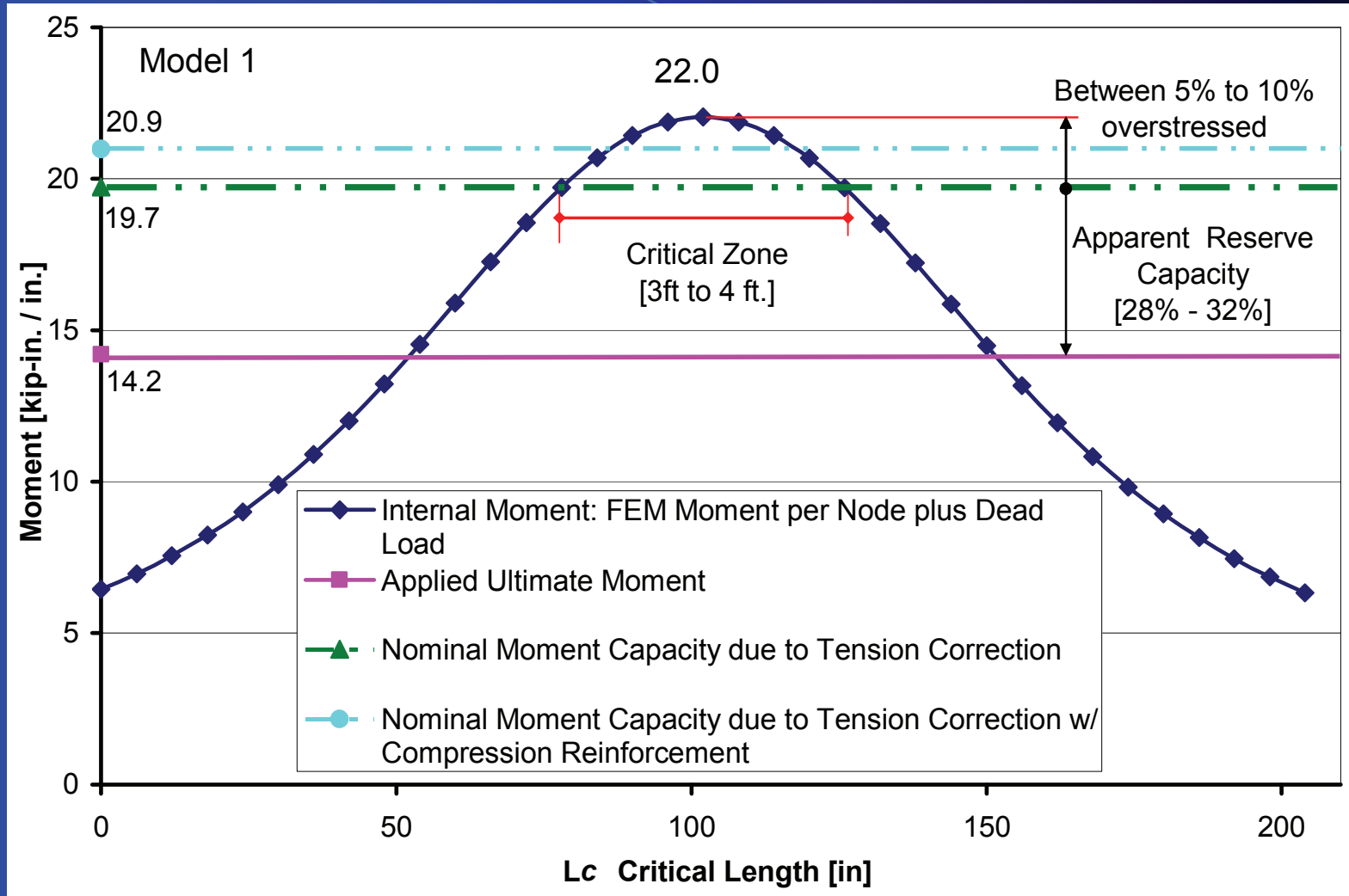
Model Results

Structural Sufficiency Analysis

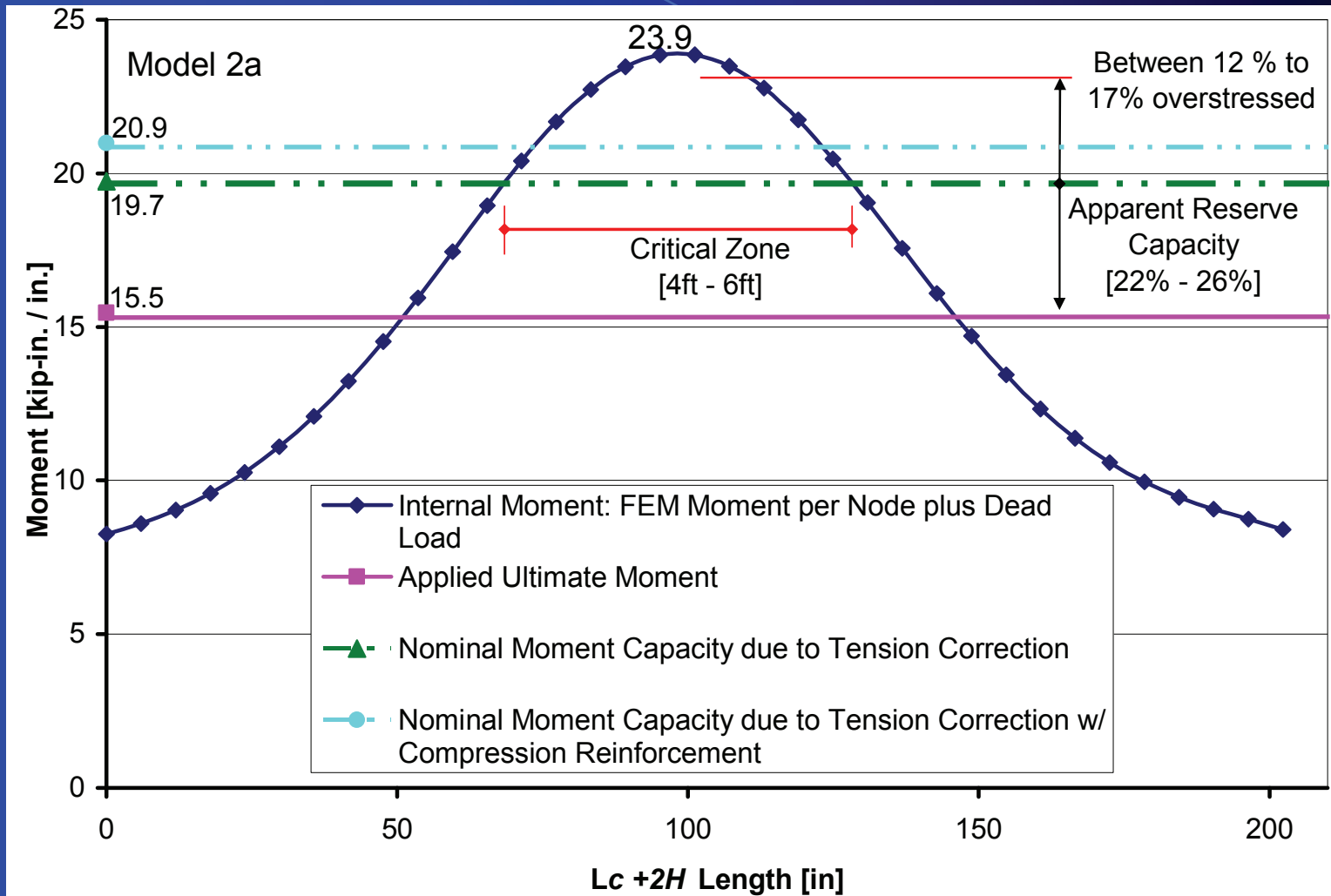
<i>Model</i>	<i>$\phi M_{N-IC} - M_U$ [tension reinforcement] $\phi M_{N-IC} = 19.7$ [kip-in. / in.]</i>	<i>%Reserve %Capacity</i>	<i>$\phi M_{N-IC} - M_U$ [tension and compression reinforcement] $\phi M_{N-IC} = 21.0$ [kip-in. / in.]</i>	<i>% Reserve Capacity</i>
1	5.5	28%	6.8	32%
2a – 2-in. B-St	4.3	22%	5.5	26%
2b – 1-in. B-St	4.4	22%	5.6	27%
2c – 1-in. Sl-G	5.3	27%	6.5	31%
2d – 1-in. Sl-St	5.3	27%	6.6	31%

B: Bar connector Sl: Solid connector St: Steel G: Grout

Model Results



Model Results



Observations

- 3-D Modeling Techniques used in this work adequately describe the deck overhang behavior
- Observed reserve capacity (LFRD specs.) seems to indicate a possible reduction in the steel reinforcement
- Internal Moments along the critical section (node-by-node) exceeded the corrected nominal moment capacity: zone of overstress.

LOAD TESTING PROGRAM

- Implementation of Physical Testing for Typical Bridge Load and Superload Rating
- Field Test of the Red Rock Reservoir Bridge

Chapter 14

Implementation of Physical Testing for Typical Bridge Load and Superload Rating

Bridge Rating

- Evaluation based on:
 - Visual inspection
 - Code based
- Iowa has 25,000 bridges
 - 4,000 on primary highway system
- Invest in innovative solutions to supplement existing rating procedure

Iowa Load Testing Needs

- More accurate ratings for:
 - Older bridges with unknown or insufficient design data
 - Assessing need for temporary load restriction on damaged bridges
 - Possibly reducing the number of bridges that restrict a reasonable flow of overweight trucks

Iowa Load Testing Needs

- More accurate ratings for:
 - Verifying the need for and the effectiveness of new strengthening techniques
 - Removing load restrictions imposed on additional bridges due to the implementation of new weight laws
 - To determine the behavior of structures under heavy load (superload) that have calculated load ratings below anticipated capacity needs

The Problem

- Unknown bridge conditions
 - Live load distribution
 - End restraint
 - Edge stiffening
 - Composite action
 - Effectiveness of specific bridge details
 - Other details contributing to bridge capacity

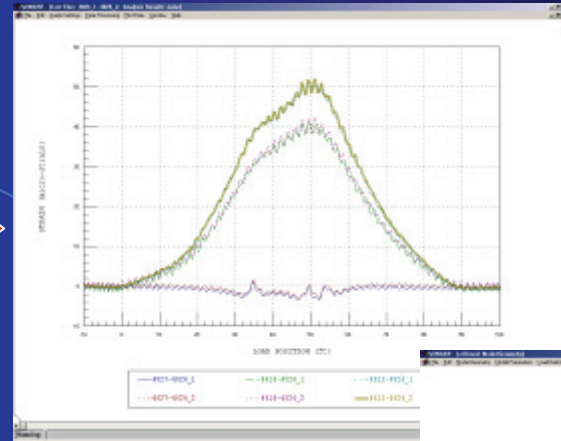
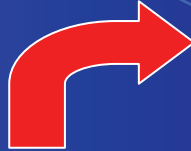
Other Methods

- Proof load testing
- Destructive testing (laboratory)
 - Use to complement diagnostic testing for better understanding

The Diagnostic Testing Solution

- Physical testing to understand the specific characteristics of each bridge
- Field collected data to calibrate a bridge computer model
- Accurate, calibrated computer model to determine bridge response to rating vehicles and other loads

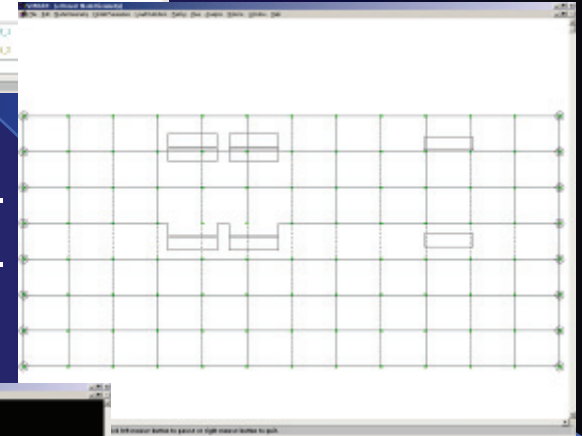
Hardwired strain gages



Engineering based data interpretation



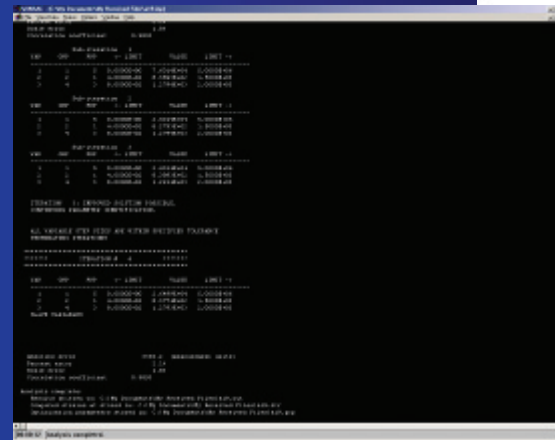
Structural modeling



Wireless truck position indicator



Accurate Assessment



Model analysis and optimization with field collected data

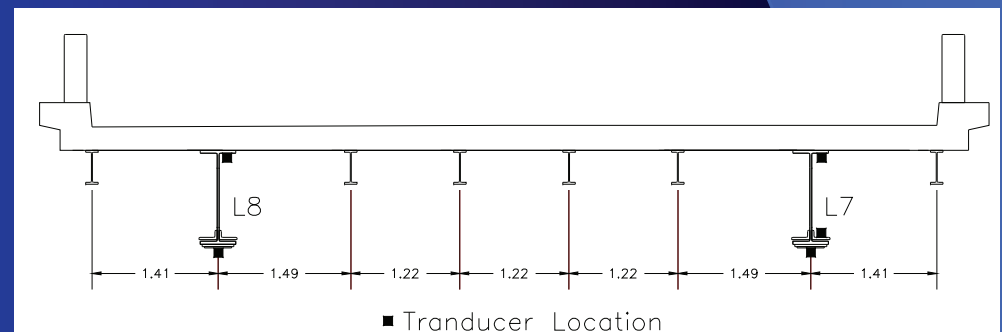
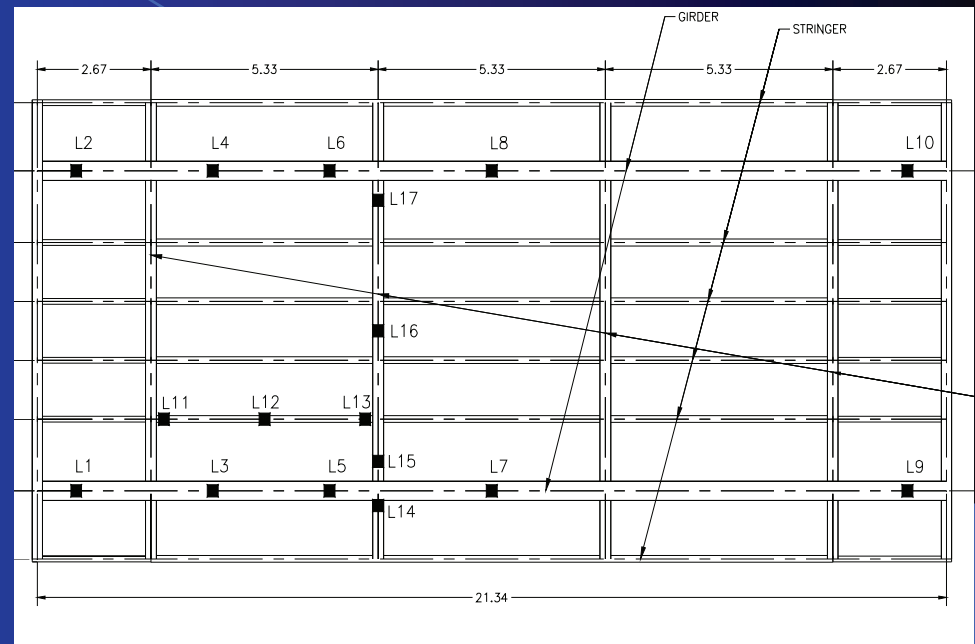
Diagnostic Testing of a Bridge- Brief Case Study

- Carries US 6 over a small stream
- 21.34 m single span
- Two main girders w/ floor beams & stringers
- Welded plates & strengthening angle on girders



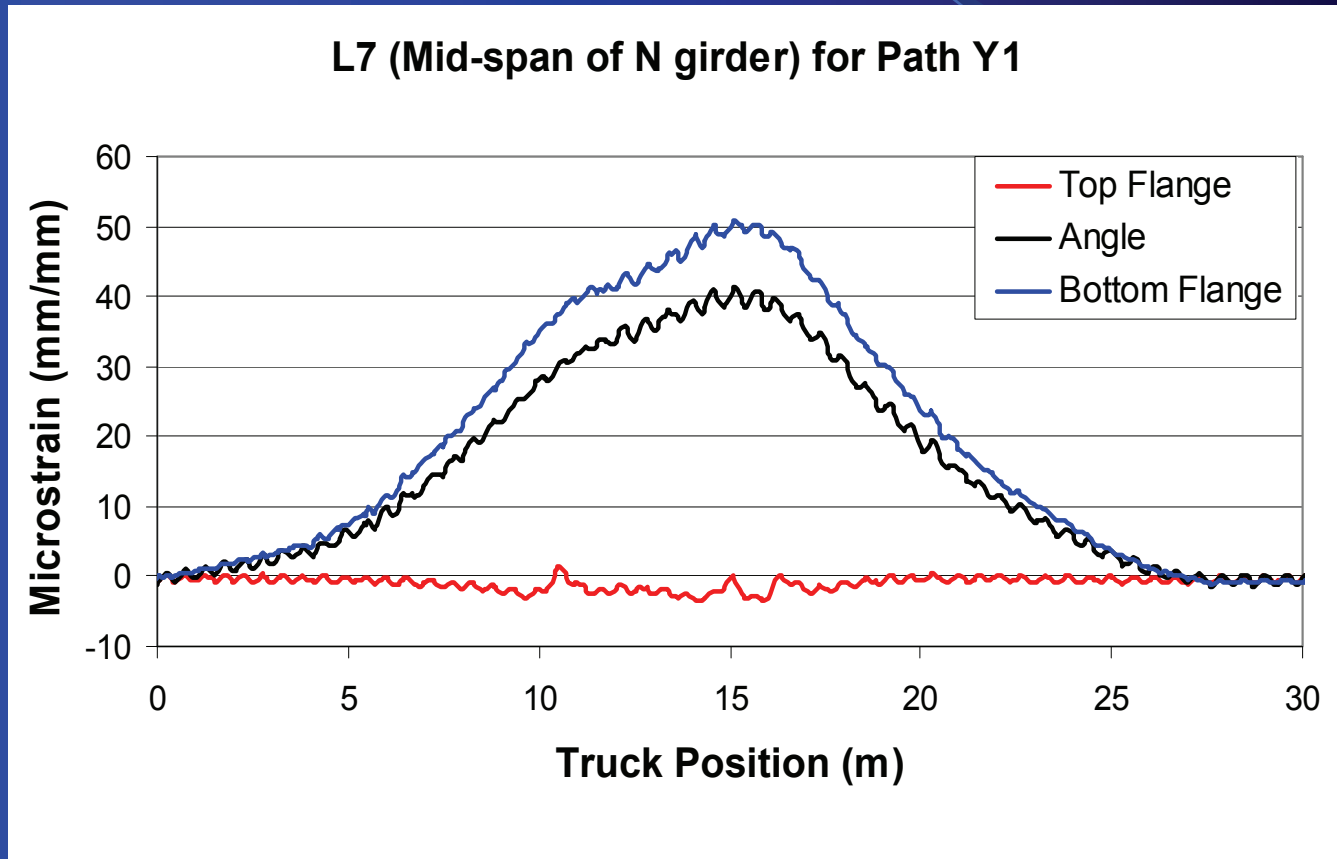
Instrumentation

- 36 Intelliducers at 17 locations used
- Focused on:
 - Effectiveness of angles
 - End restraint
 - Load distribution
- Instrumented:
 - Both girders
 - Typical floor beam and stringers



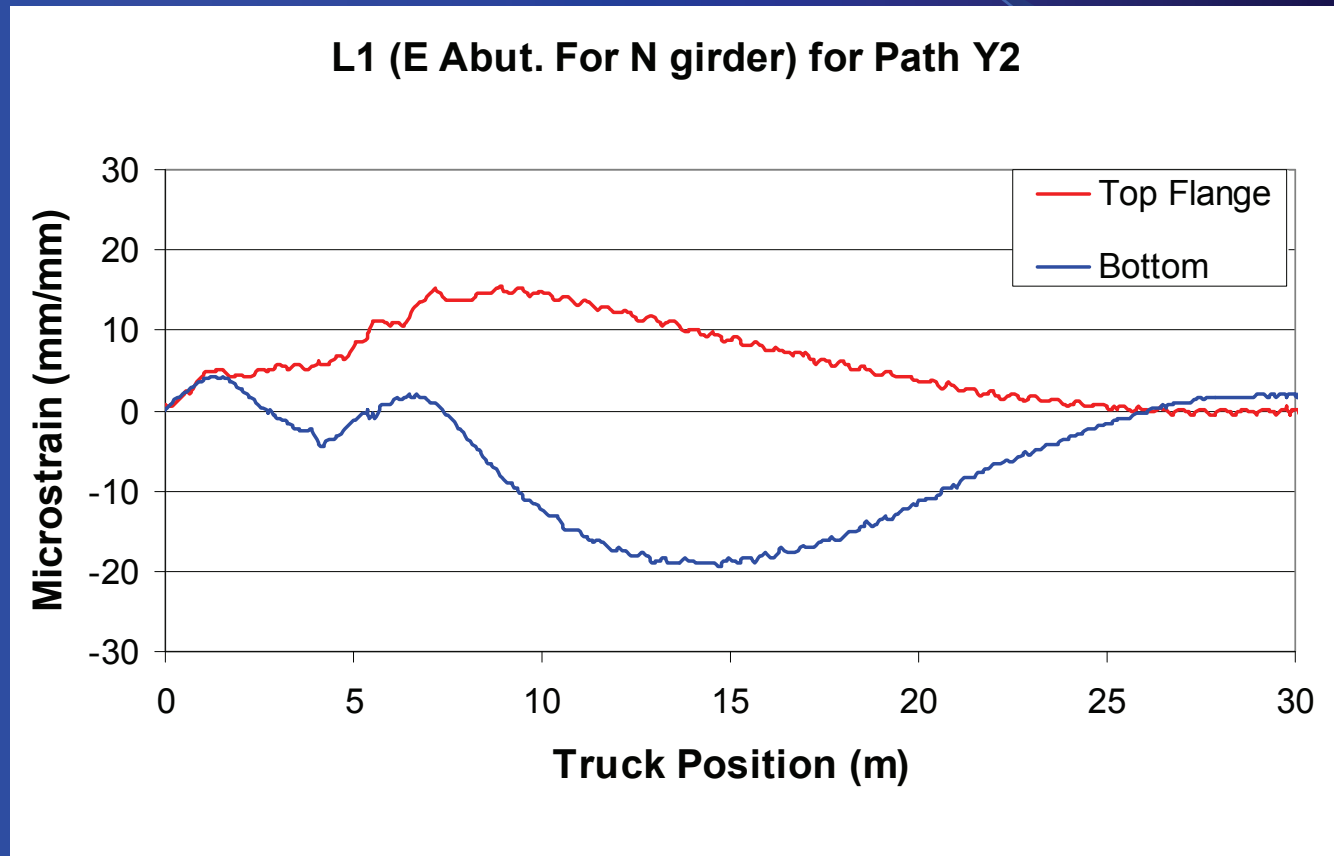
Test Results

- Strengthening angles are effective



Test Results

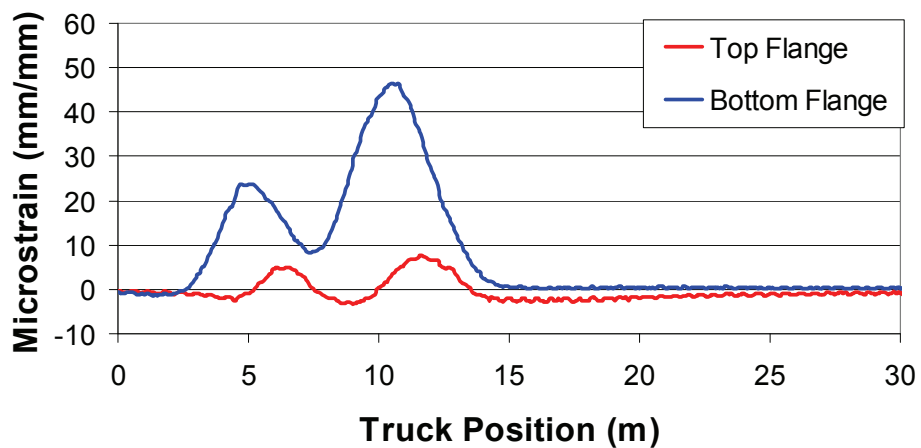
- Significant end restraint identified



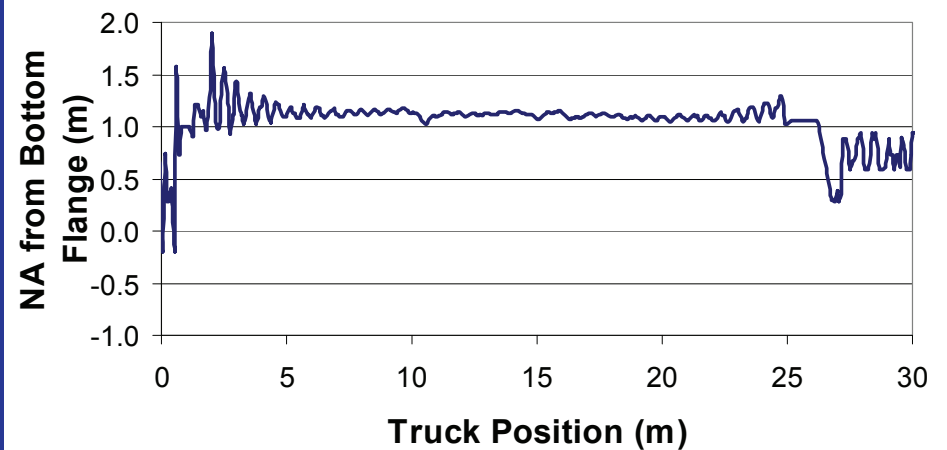
Test Results

- Composite action determined

L12 (Mid-span of stringer) for Path Y3



L7-Y1 Neutral Axis Location



LFD Rating for HS-20 Vehicle

Conventional AASHTO LFD

- Shear (stringer)
 - 2.44
- Flexure (girder)
 - 2.39

WinSAC LFD

- Shear (stringer)
 - 1.79
- Flexure (floor bm)
 - 3.67

Results of Diagnostic Testing

- General increase in flexural rating of all members
- Shear rating decreased and controlled for this bridge
- Effectiveness of unknown structural elements identified

Superload Evaluation

- Summer 2003 – Passage of 6 superloads ranging from 600,000 lb. to 900,000 lb.
- Most bridges along route acceptable by traditional calculations
- Hand calculations for one bridge – rating factor of approximately 0.5
- Physical test needed

Bridge Characteristics

- Six pre-stressed concrete girder lines
- Critical span
~ 122 ft (37 m)
- 40 ft (12 m)
roadway
carrying two
lanes of traffic



Initial Testing

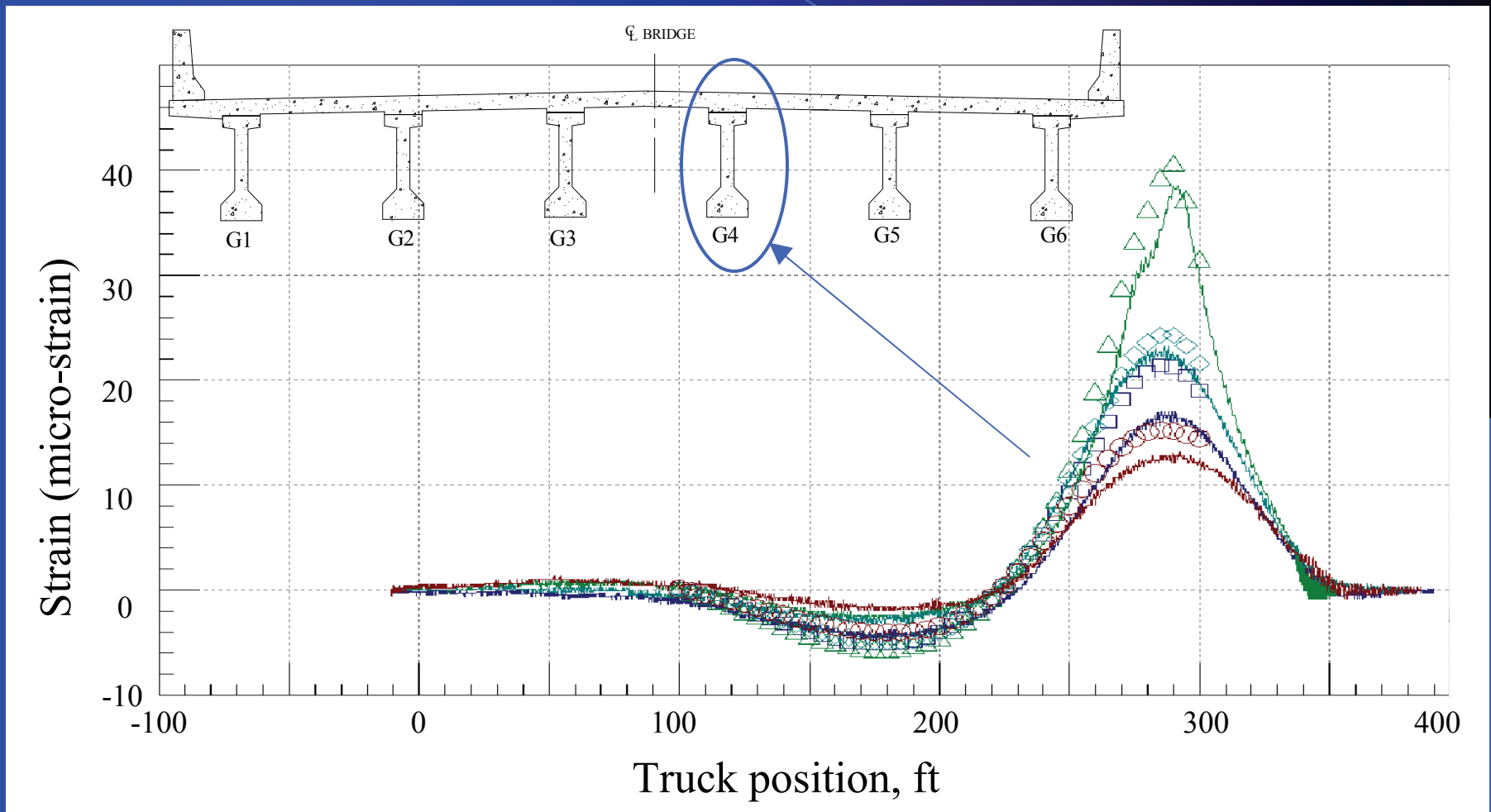
- Tested with combinations of one and two loaded tandem axle dump trucks
- Much learned about behavior
 - Composite action
 - End restraint
 - Live load distribution
 - Improved load distribution characteristics used in hand calculations changed RF to 0.9



Analytical Modeling

- Bridge modeled using WinGEN
 - 7 elements groups created and optimized
- Less than 10% error

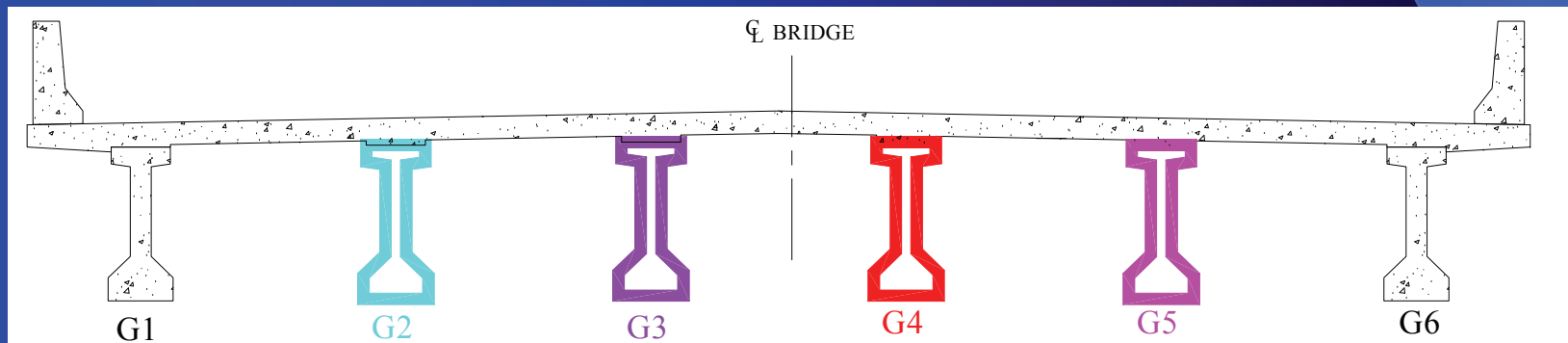
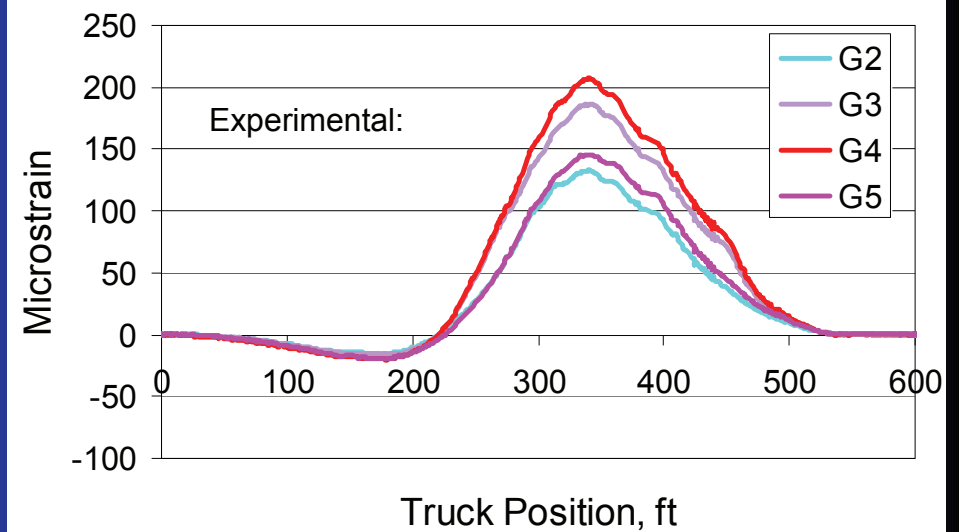
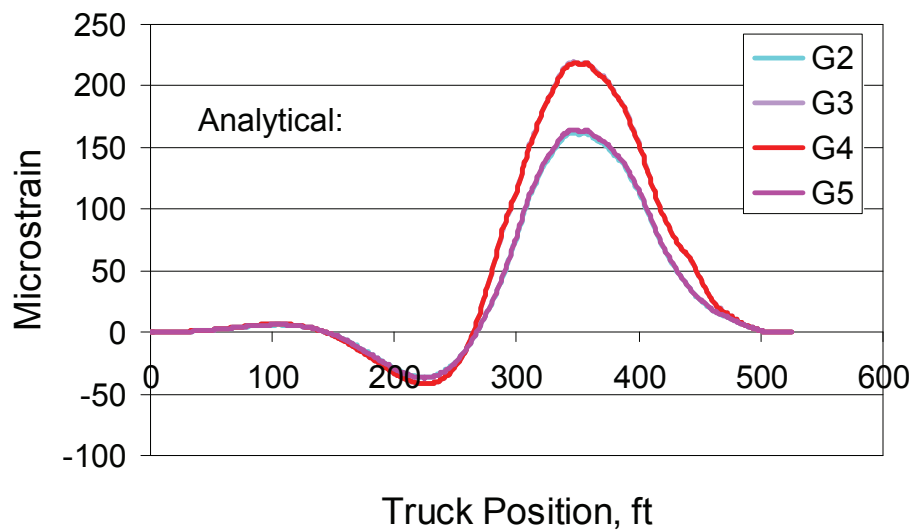
Preliminary testing (one load truck)



Monitoring During Passage



Accuracy of Prediction



Conclusions

- System is well suited to rating “typical” highway bridges
 - Materials
 - Steel
 - Concrete
 - Timber
 - Type
 - Simple span
 - Continuous span
 - Truss

Conclusions

- Expect more opportunities to obtain superload data
- Other “bridge fleet” research underway

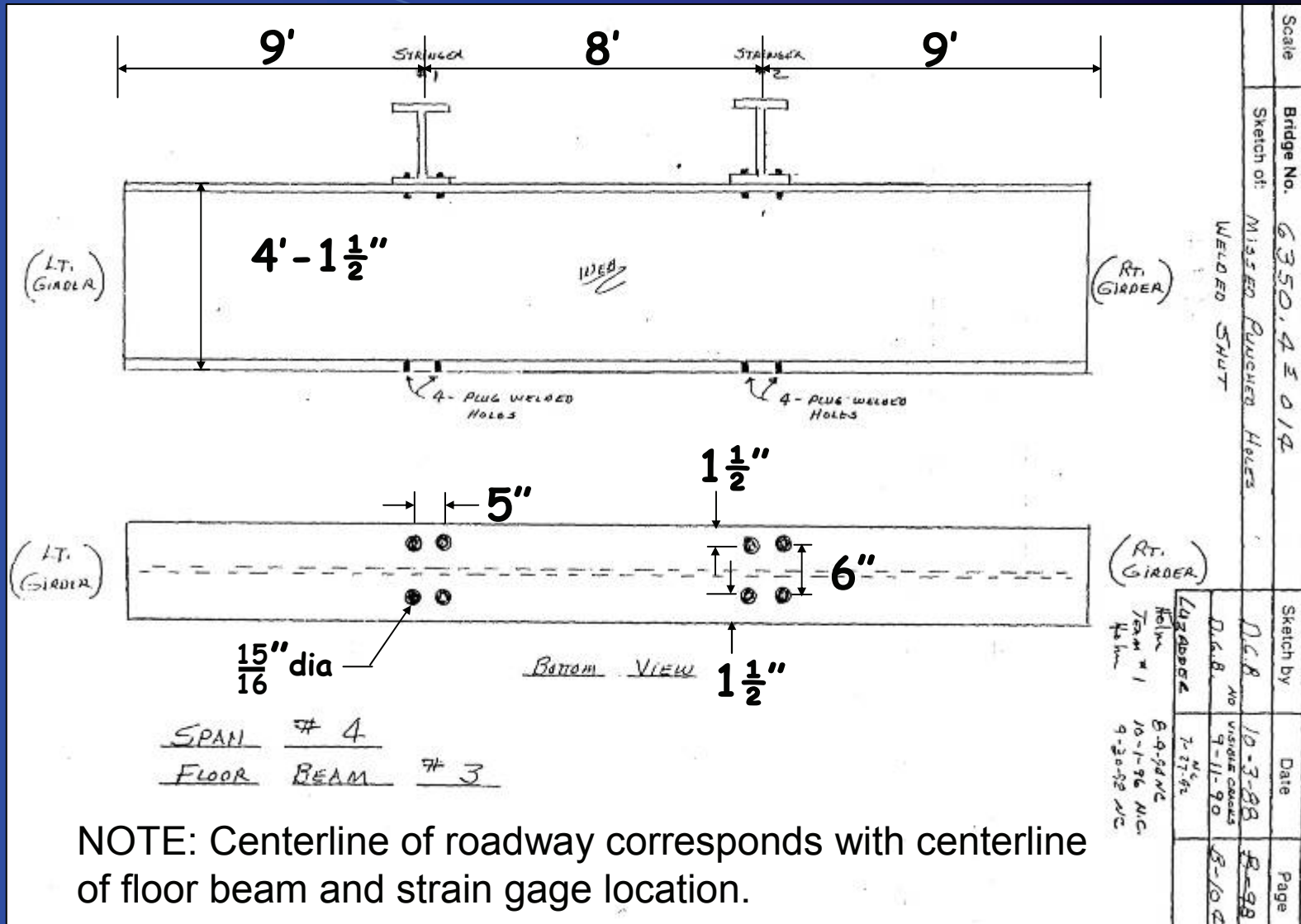
Chapter 15

Field Test of the Red Rock Reservoir Bridge



Background

- Many floor beams were retrofitted with plug welds placed in improperly drilled holes on the tension flange
- No observed fatigue cracking during the life of the structure



Problem Statement

- Are the plug welded locations prone to fatigue cracking

Objective

- Field load test with loaded trucks of known weight
 - measure local bending strain around a plug welded hole on typical floor beam to determine potential for large localized stresses
 - measure global bending strain at mid-span of typical floor beam both with and without plug welded holes to compare with magnitude of localized hole stresses

Test Instrumentation

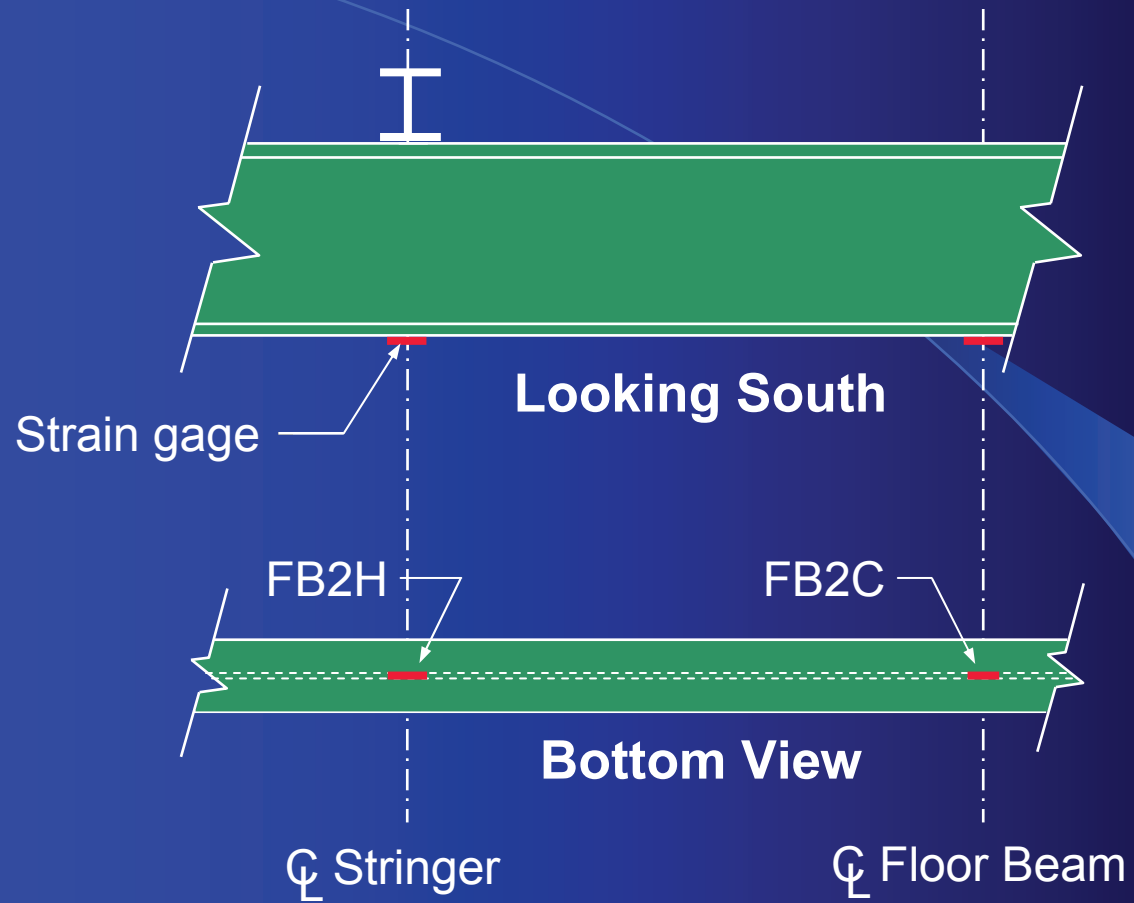
- Span 4 Floor Beams instrumented on bottom flanges
 - Floor Beam 2 (no plug welds)
 - strain gage under east stringer (global)
 - strain gage under mid-span (global)
 - Floor Beam 3 (plug welds)
 - Strain gage under east stringer (global)
 - Strain gage under mid-span (global)
 - Six gradient strain gages around typical plug welded hole (local)



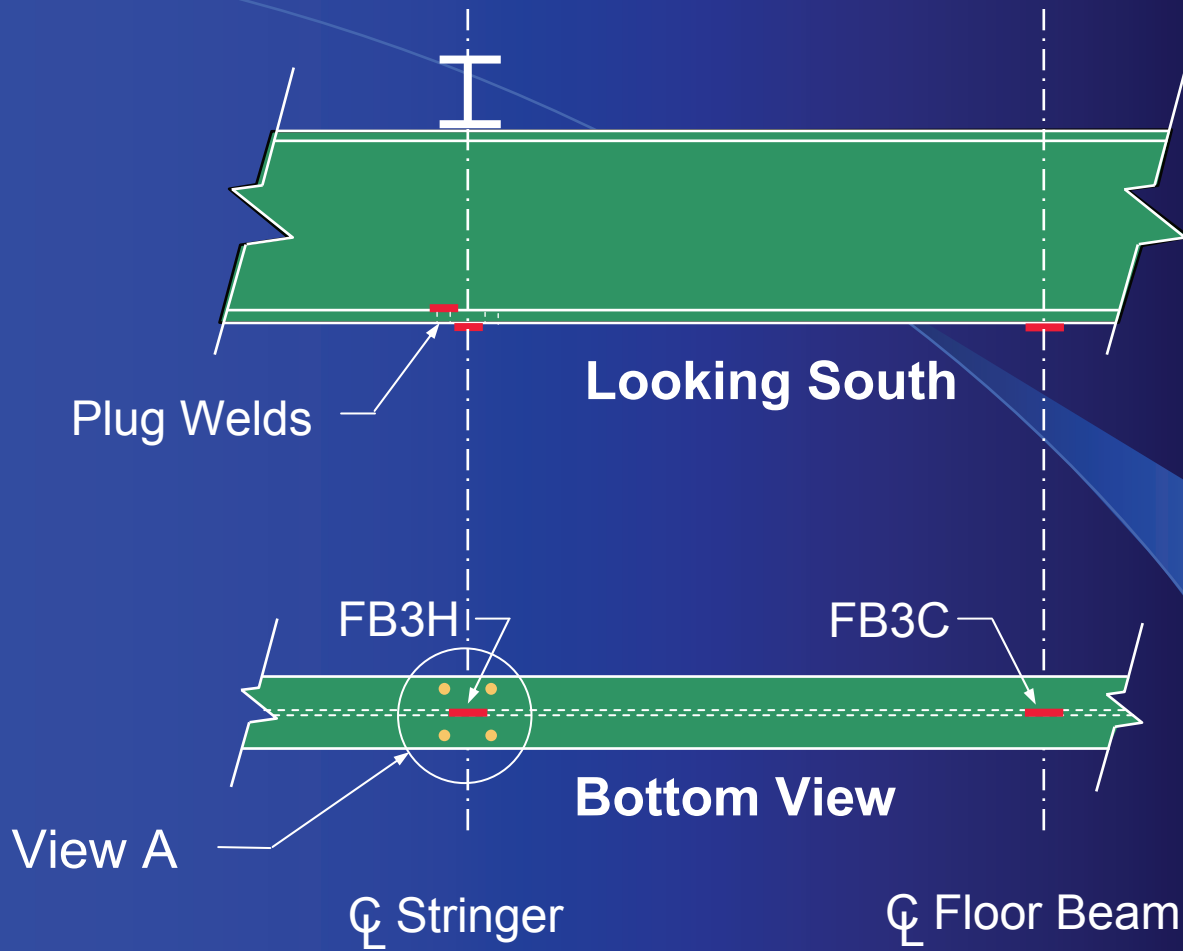
Span 4



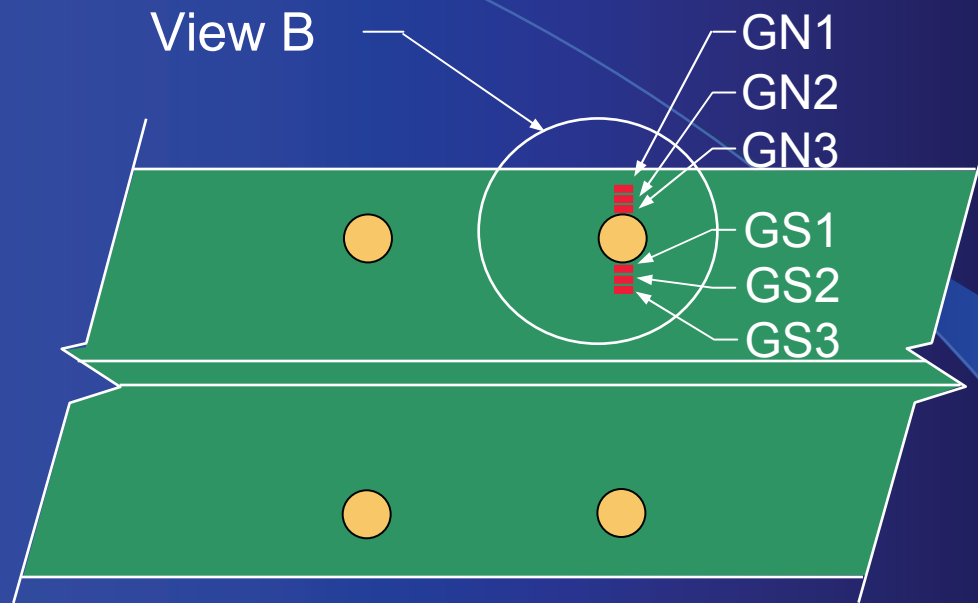
Floor Beam 3



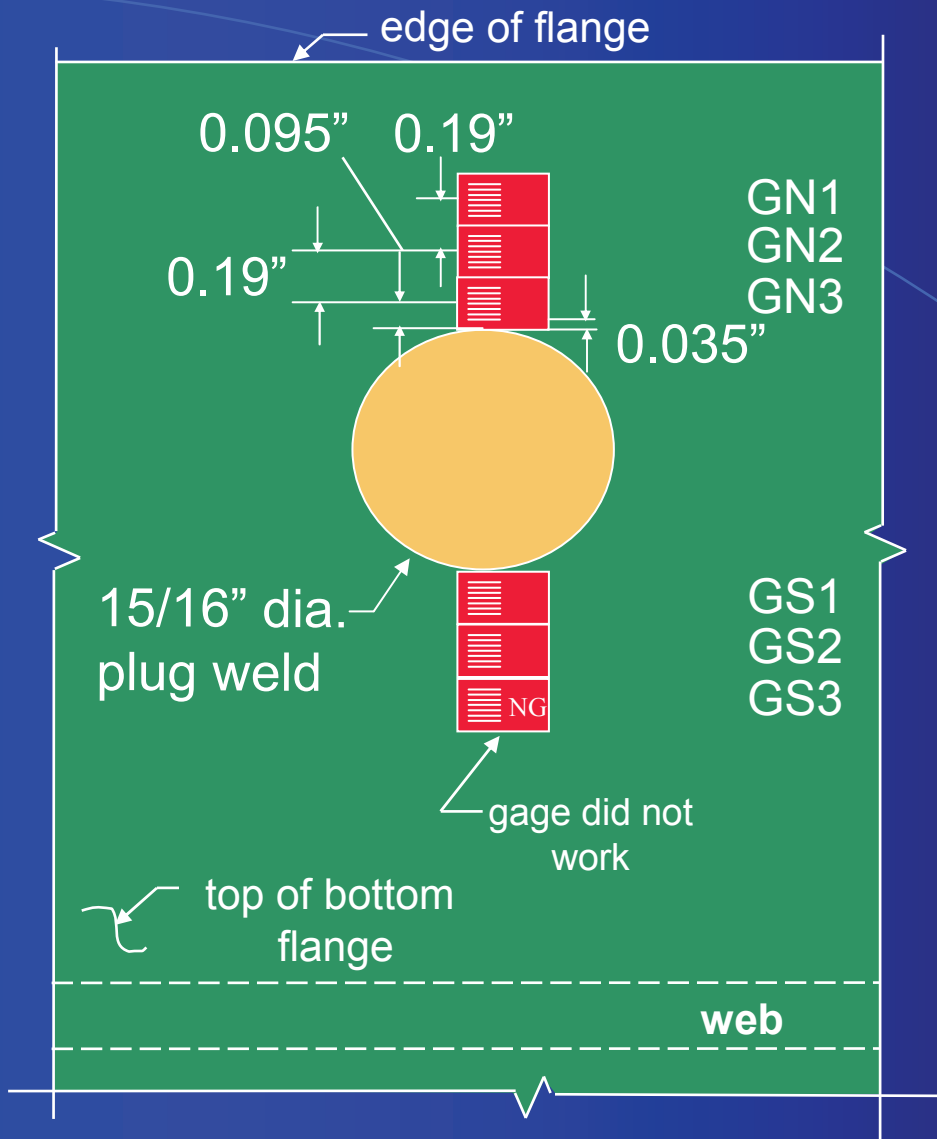
Floor Beam 2



Floor Beam 3



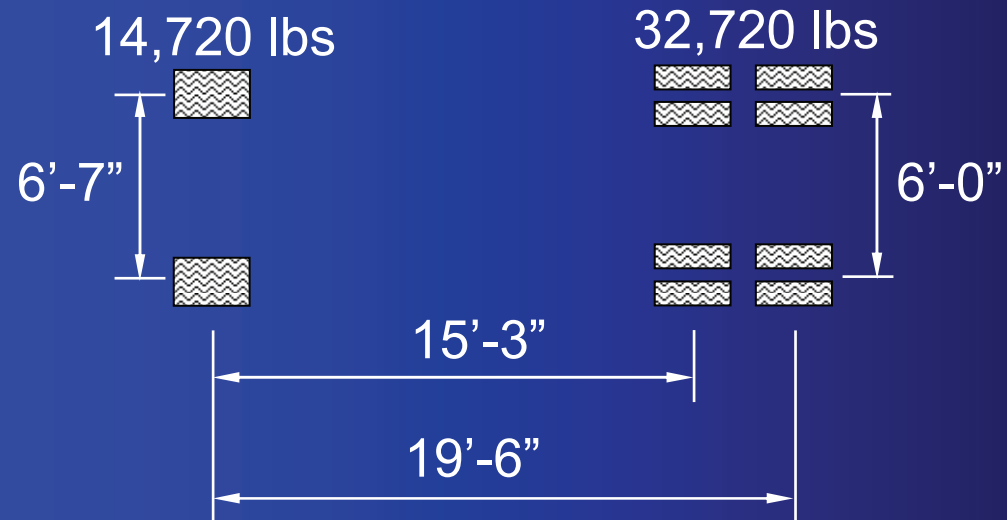
View A Top of Bottom Flange



View B Top of bottom flange

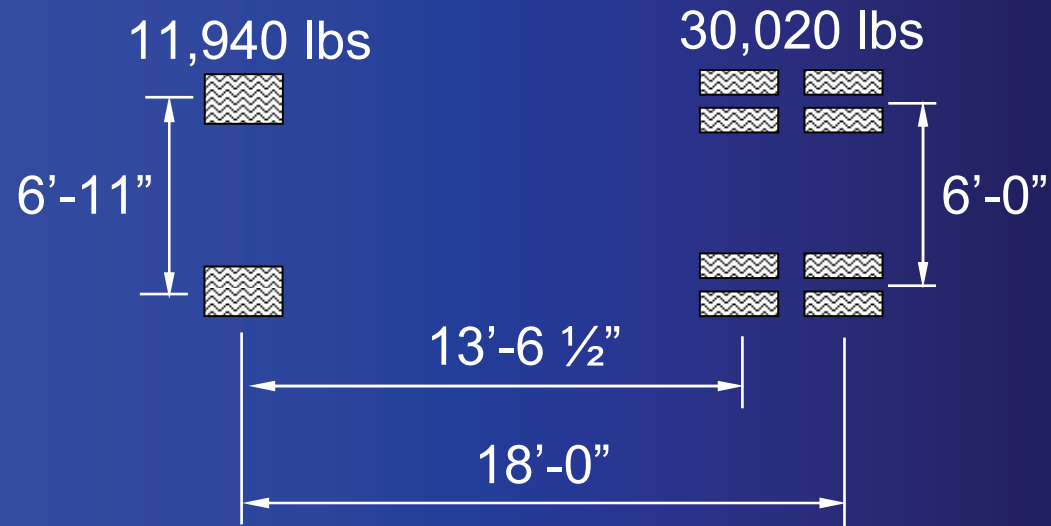


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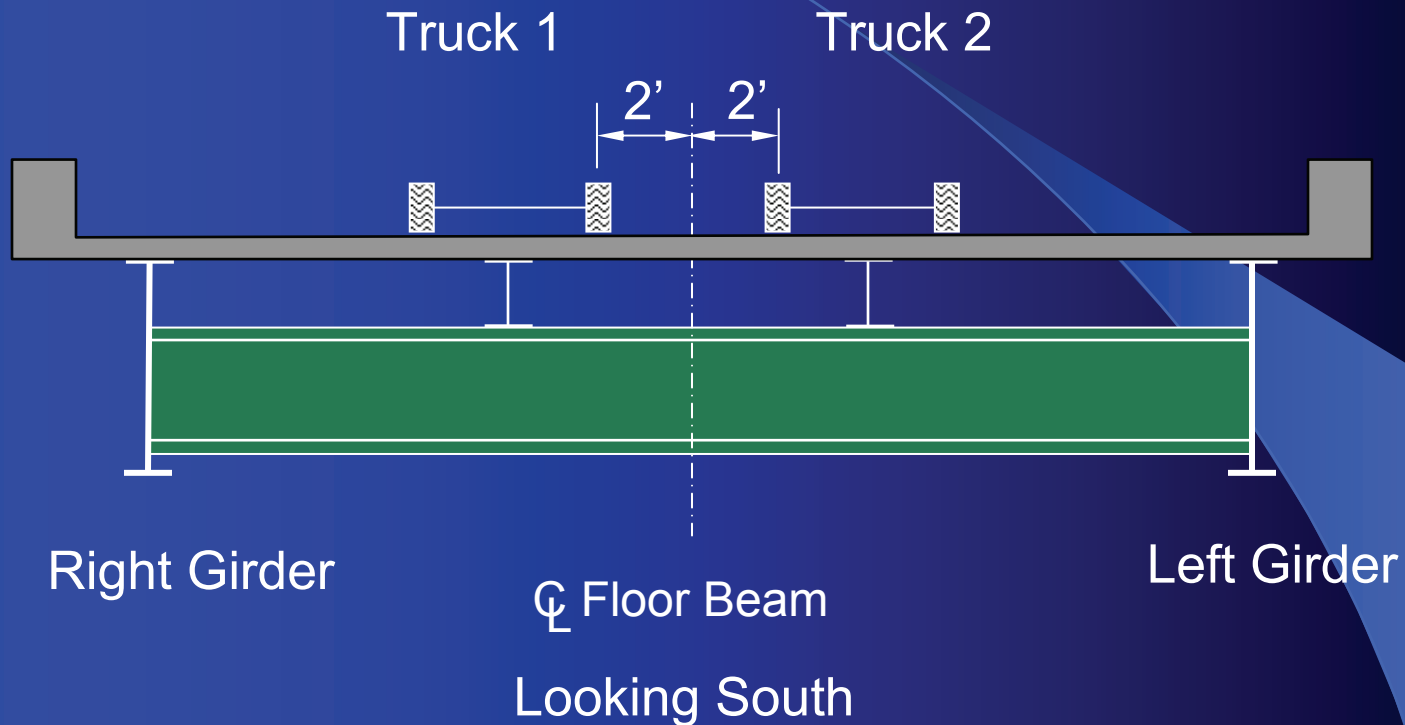




Truck 2



Test Truck Positions

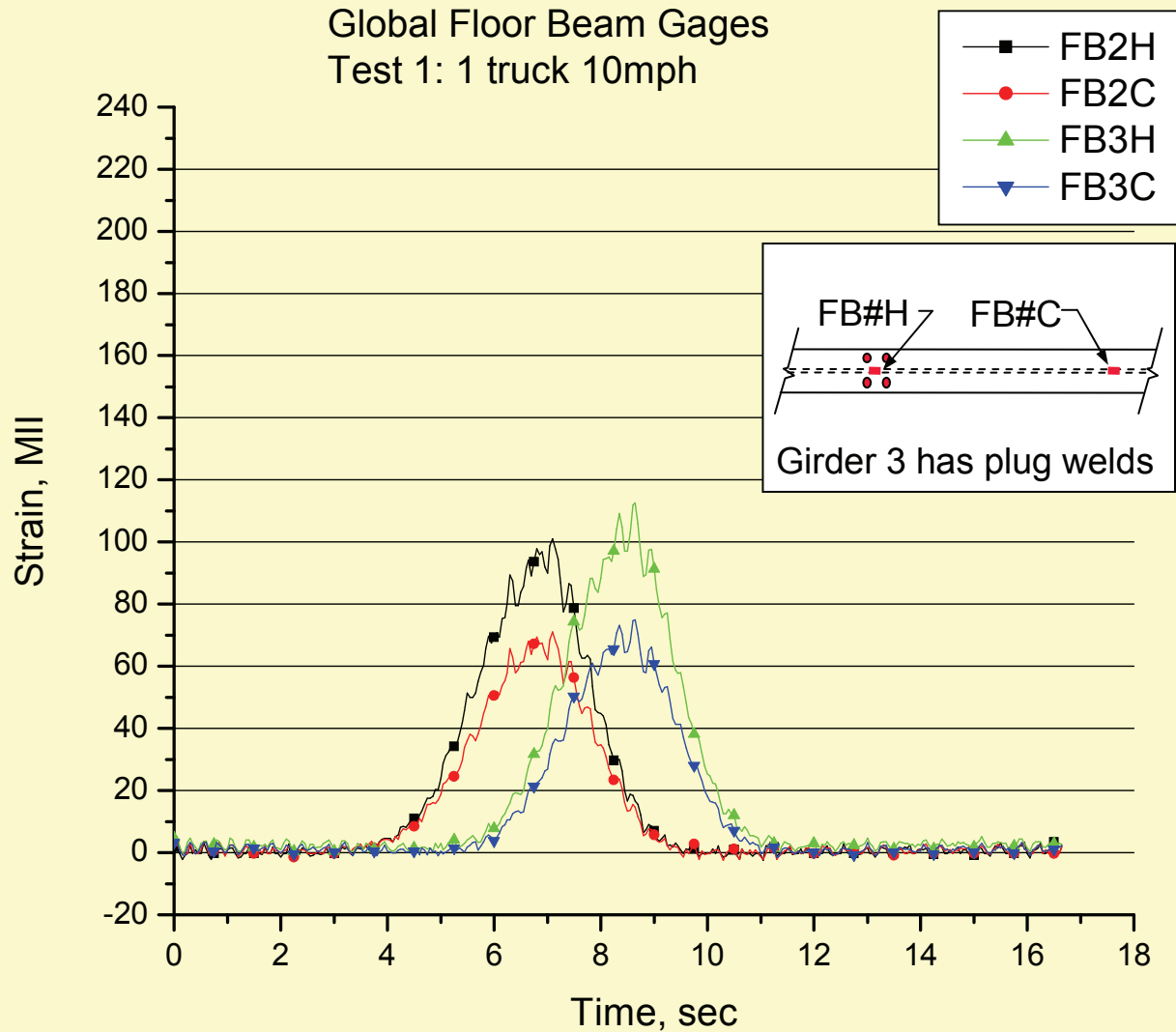


Cross Section

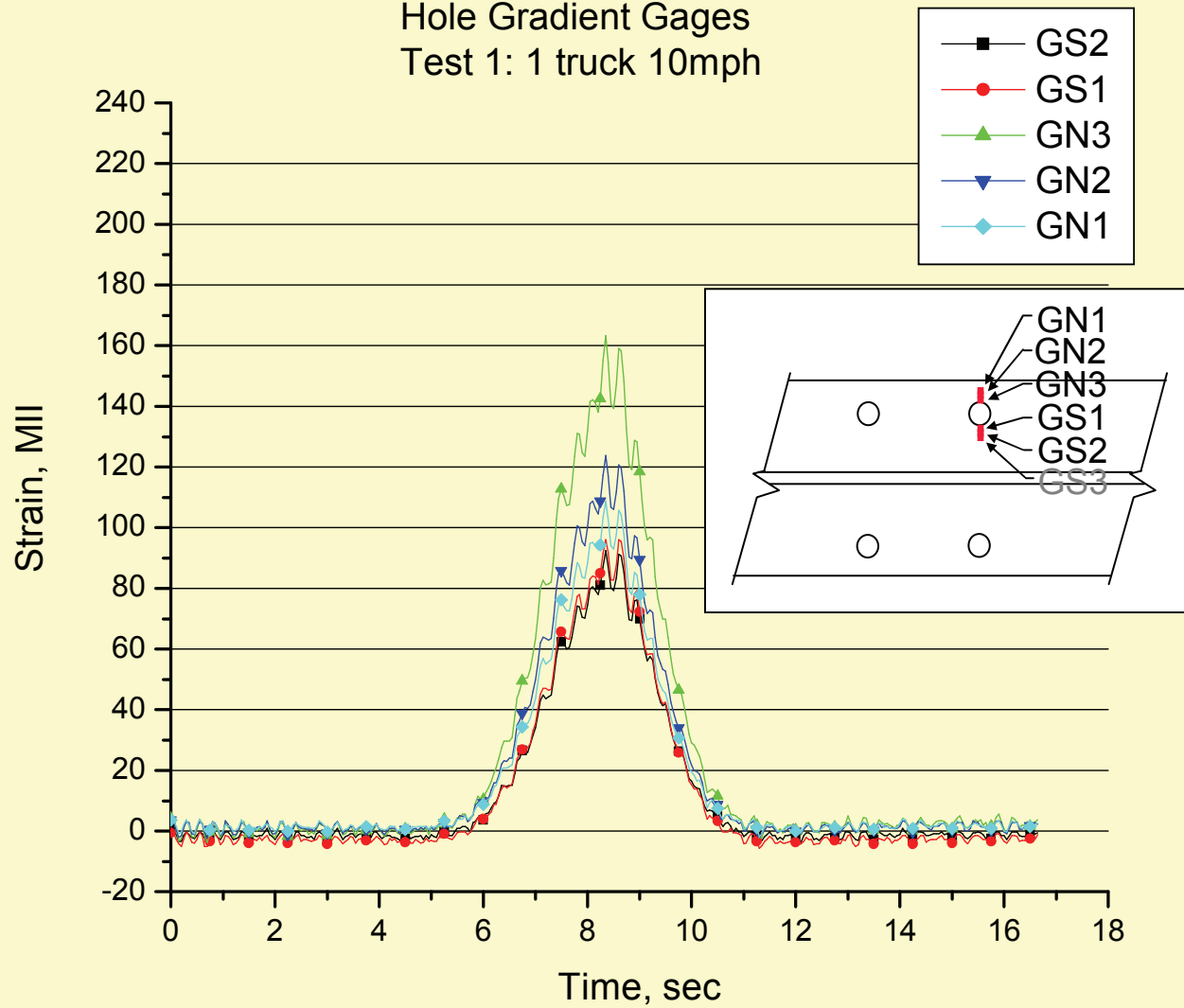


Field Test Results

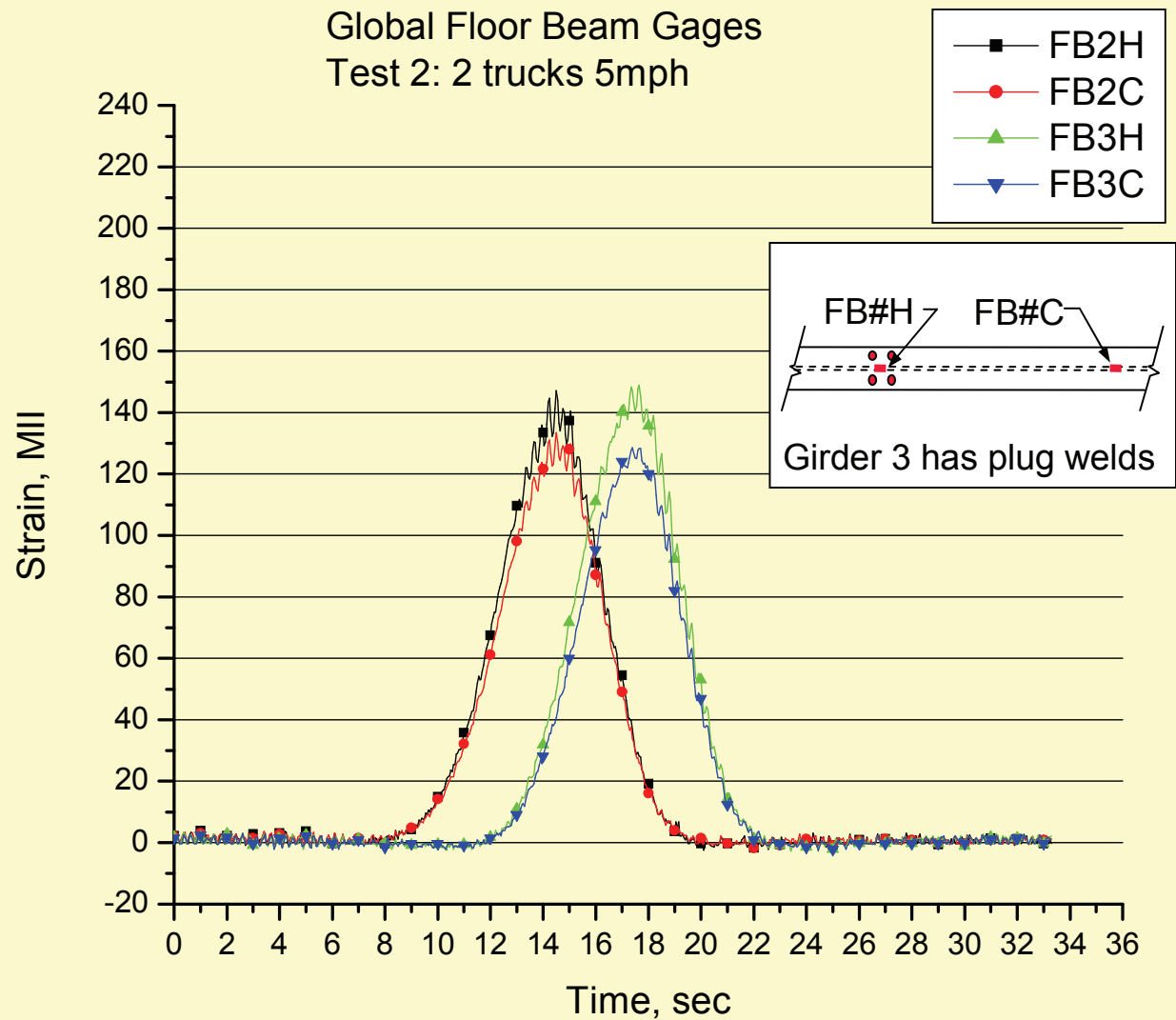
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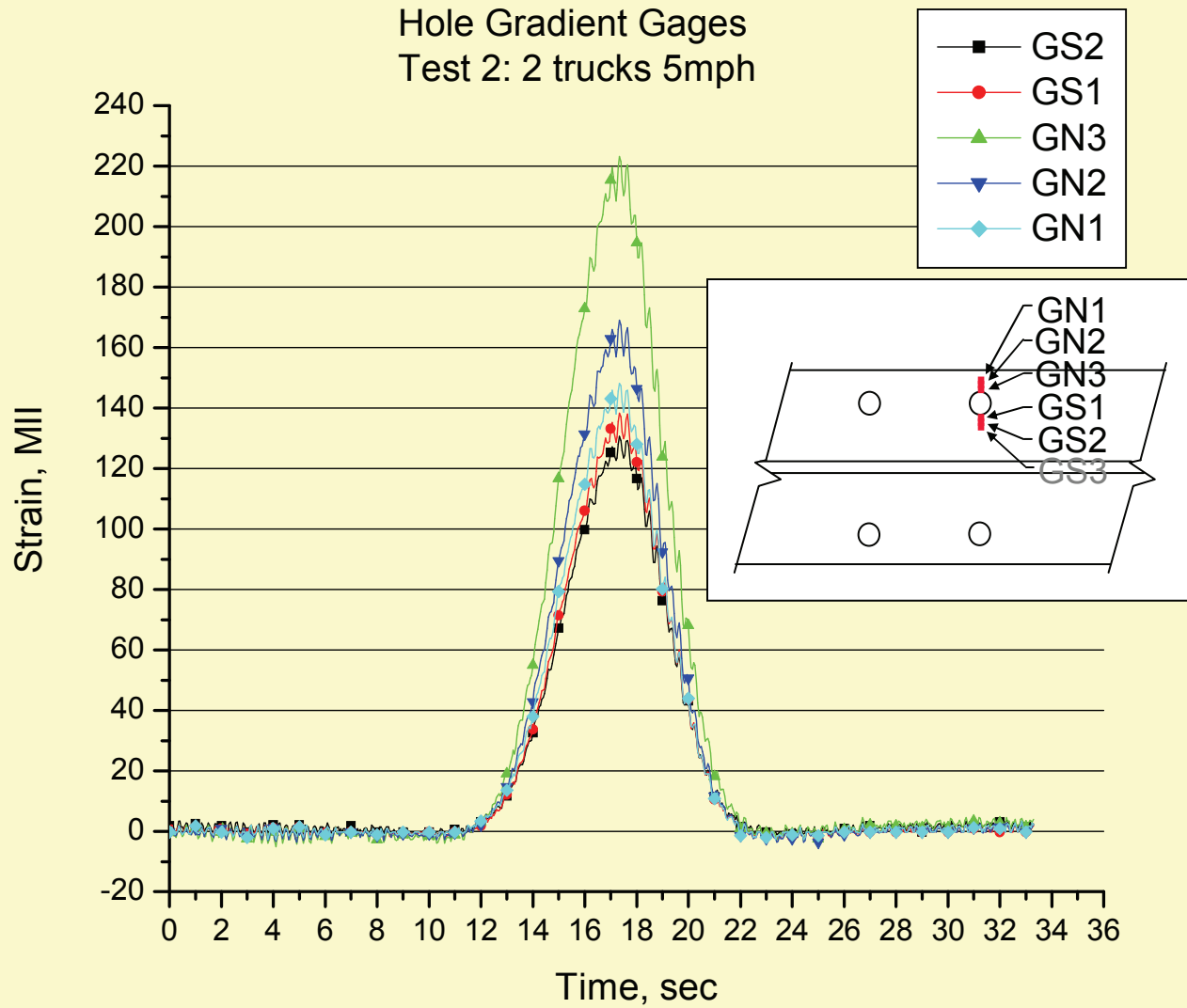
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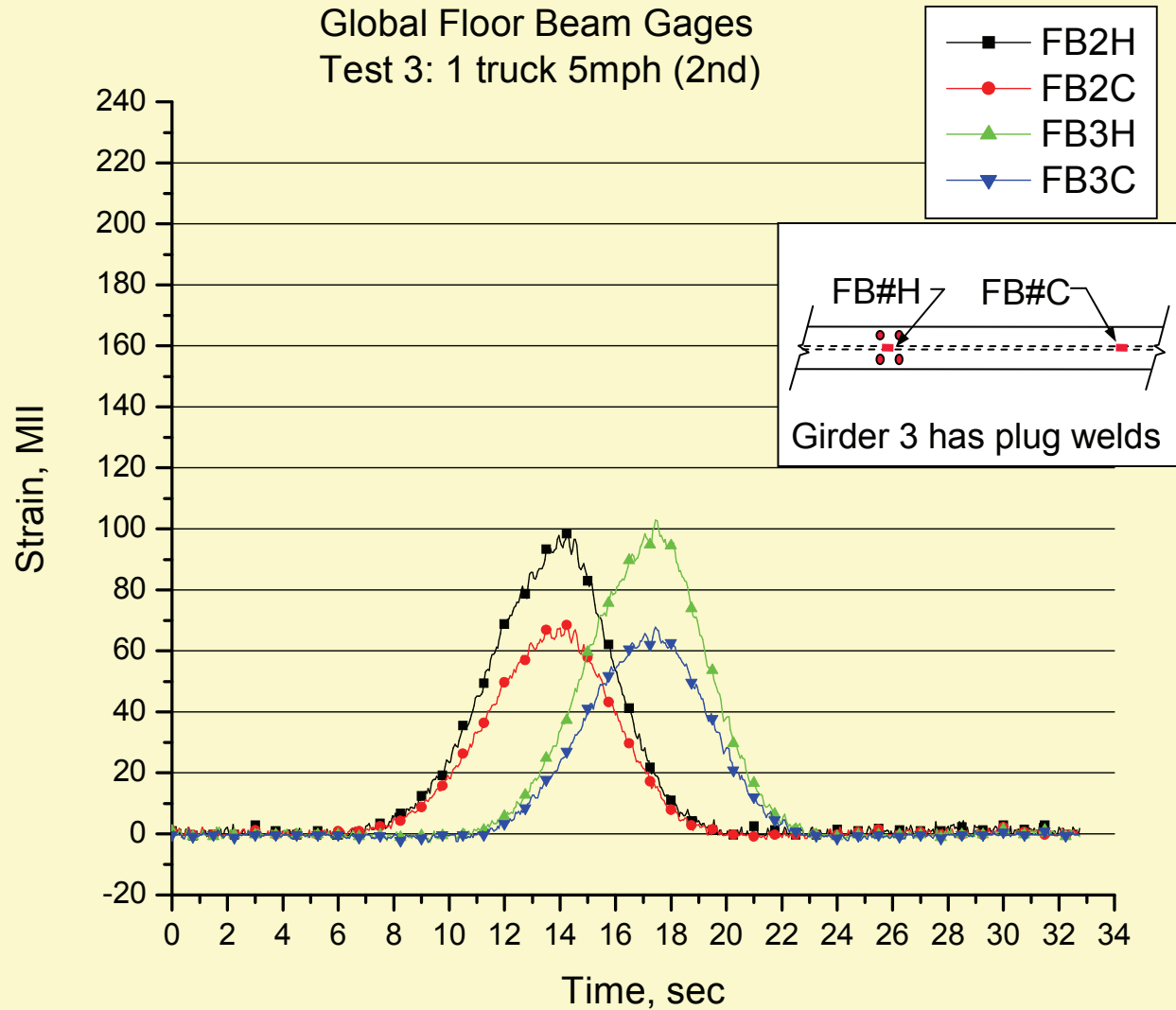
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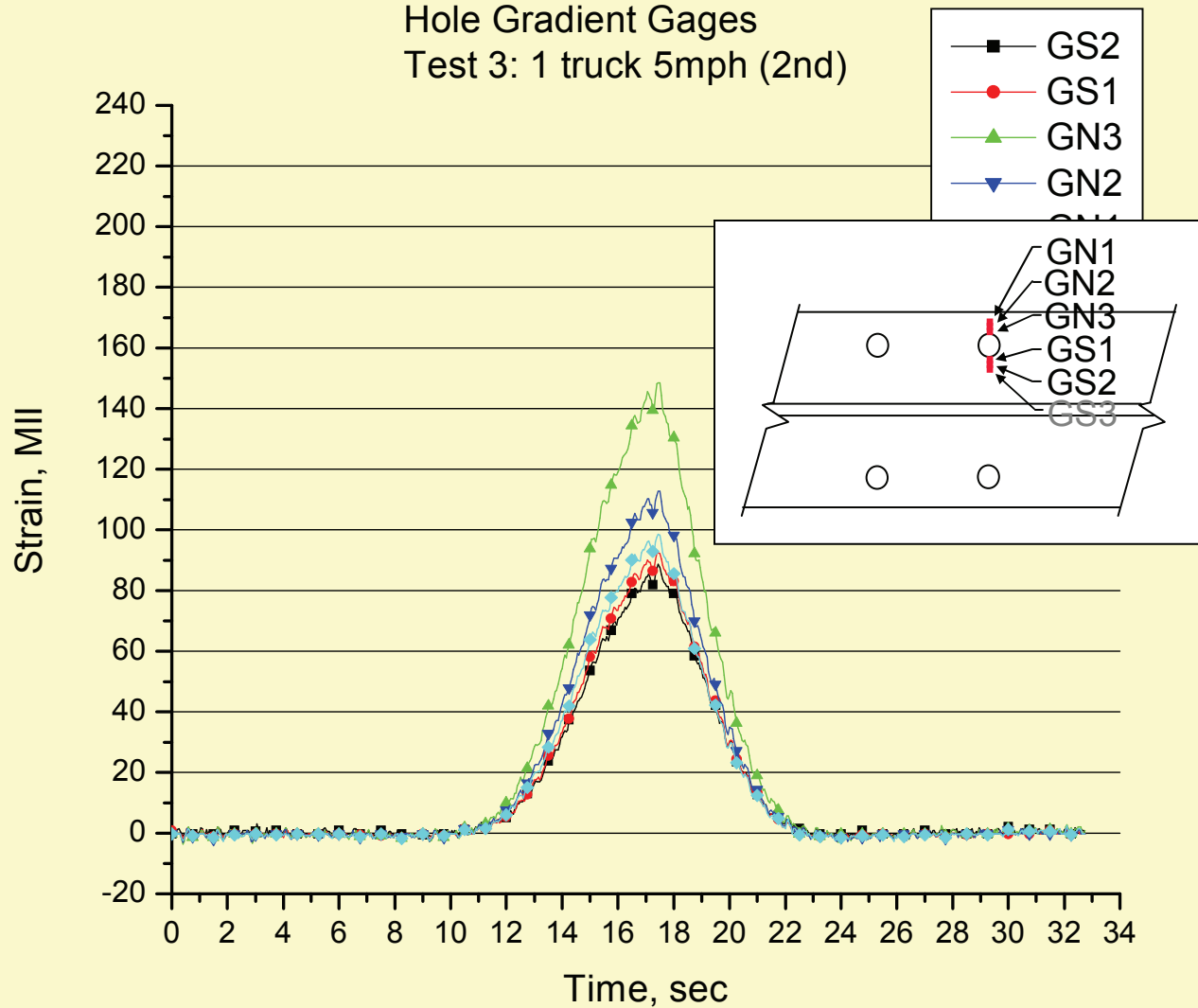
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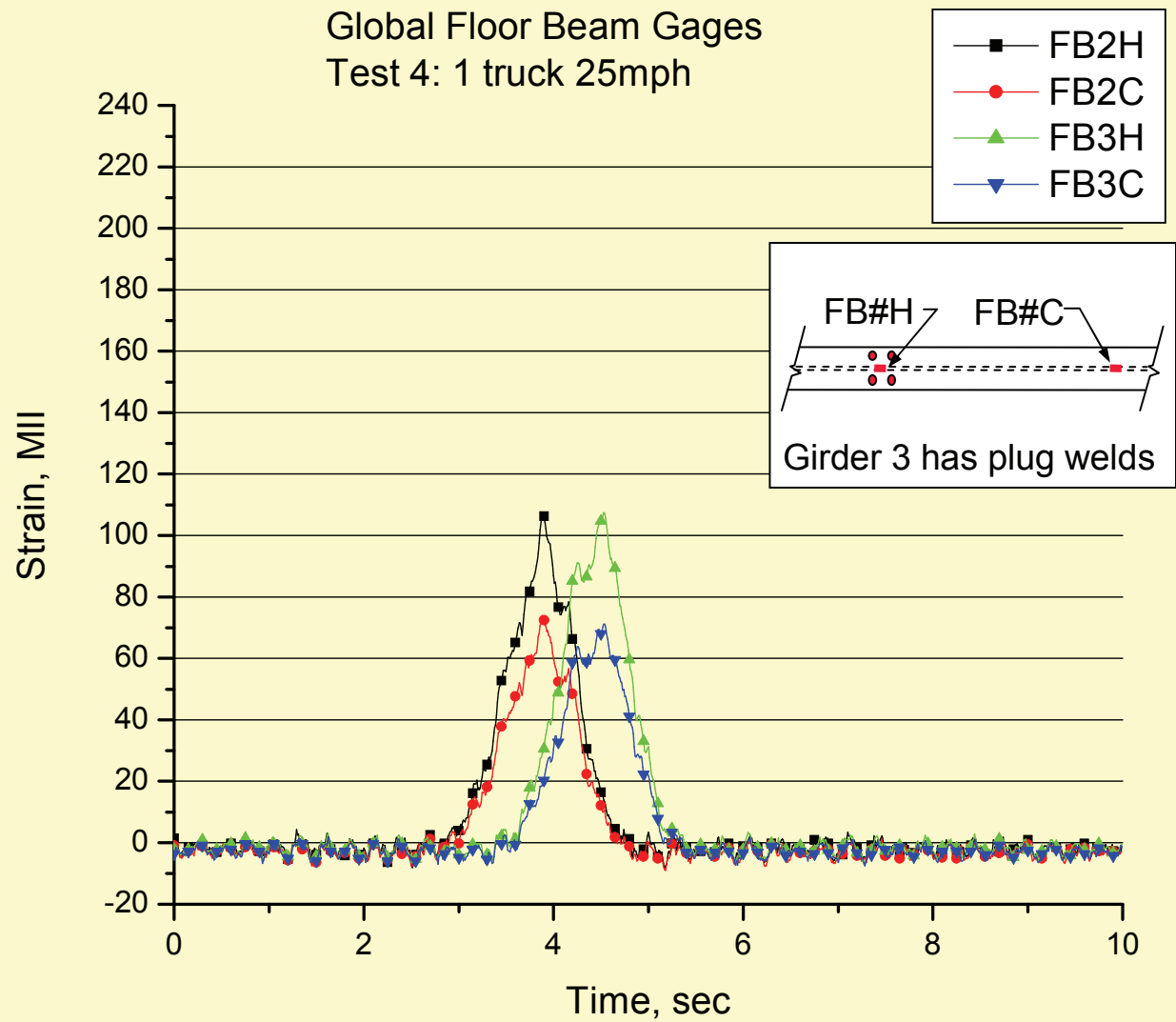
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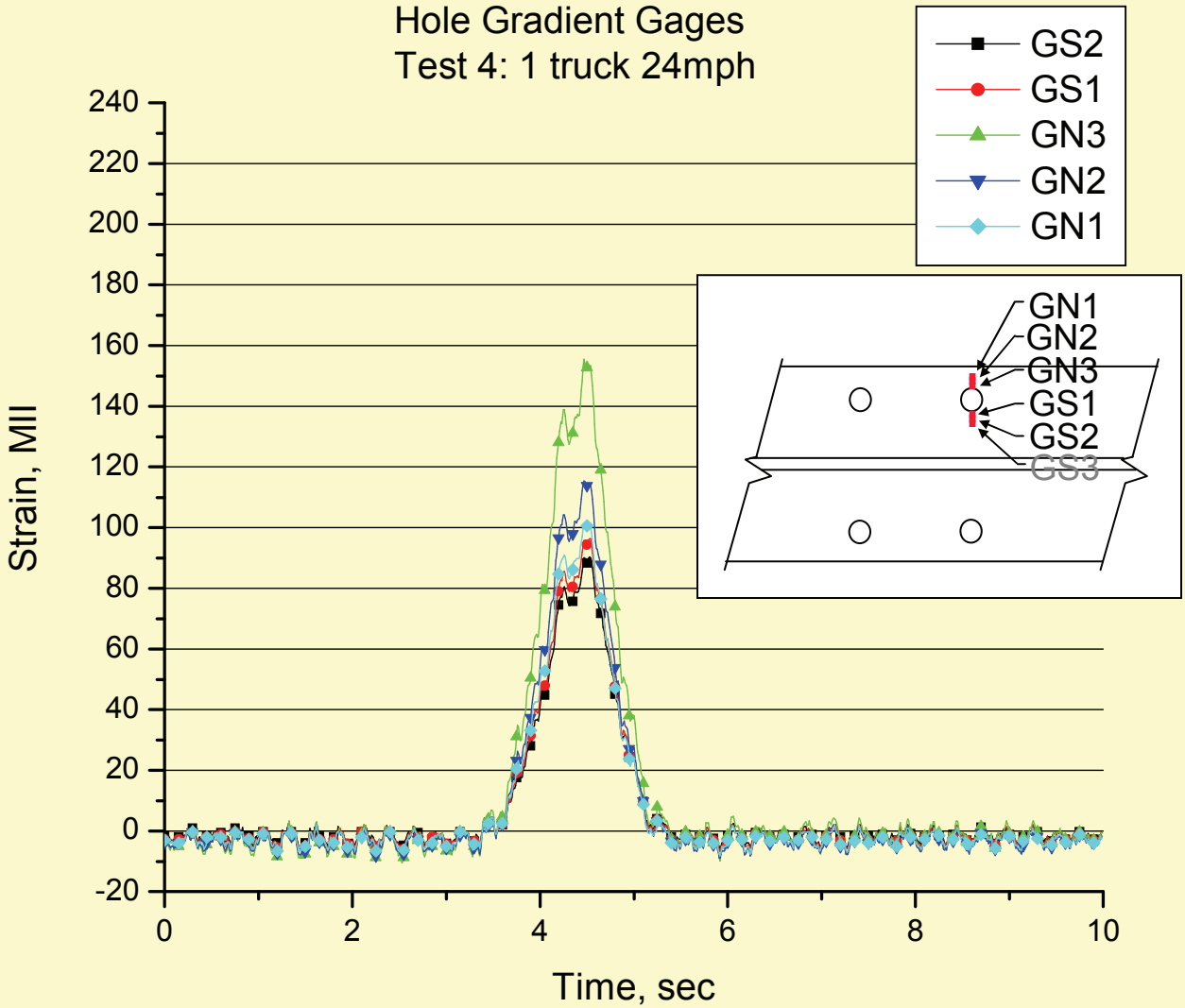
Hole Gradient Gages Test 3: 1 truck 5mph (2nd)



Global Floor Beam Gages Test 4: 1 truck 25mph



Hole Gradient Gages
Test 4: 1 truck 24mph



Conclusions

- Two trucks side by side:
 - Maximum localized stress approximately 57% greater than maximum global stress
- Single truck:
 - Maximum localized stress approximately 56% greater than maximum global stress