Filtering of environmental and operational effects for ultrasonics based monitoring of concrete infrastructure using embedded piezoelectric transducers

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Is monitoring of concrete infrastructure necessary?



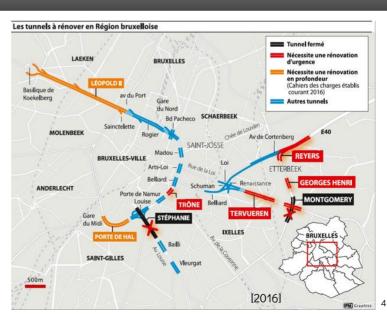
Genoa bridge collapse, August, 2018

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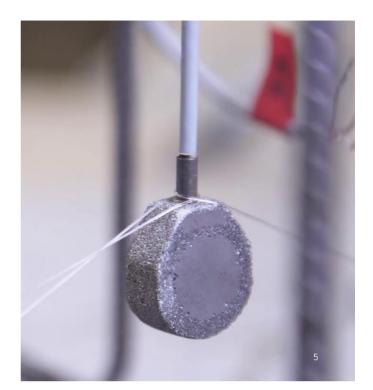
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The crisis of the tunnels in Brussels

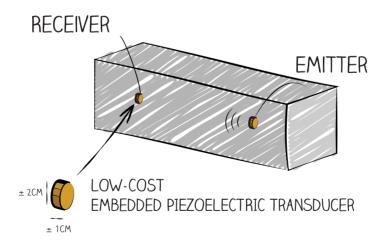




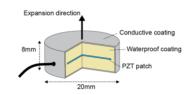




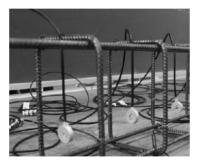
Embedded transducers



Embedded transducers





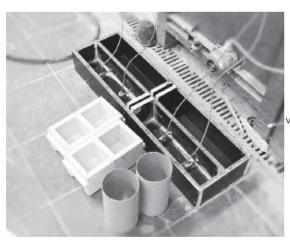


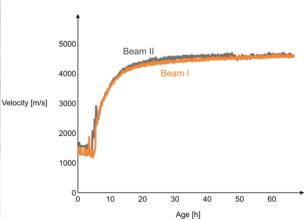
- Excellent coupling -> low-voltage
- Repeatability
- Low cost
- Internal measurements
- Protection from environment
- ---- Patent has been submitted

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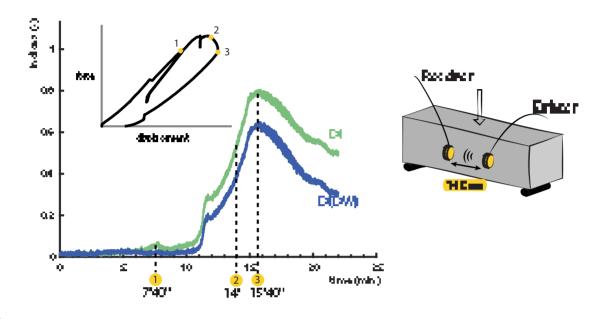
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Early age properties



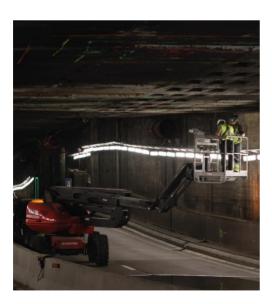


Crack monitoring



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Rogier tunnel

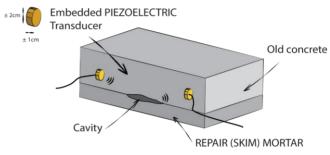






Repair monitoring







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Remote system with cloud

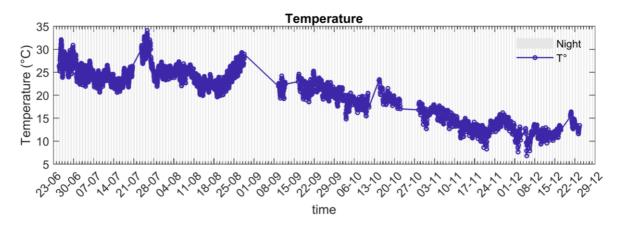


Installed in June 2019

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Temperature monitoring

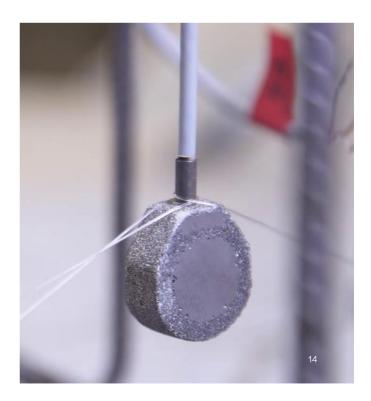
June 2019 - December 2019



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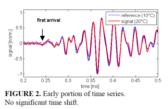


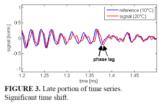
Sources of variability and damage

Small variability due to

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Stress level

Detect damage?





[Niederleithinger 2012]

Orders of magnitude?

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