



# Dynamics of Bridges Under Moving Loads

(Past, Present and Future)

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# **1. Introduction**

First railway bridges in England

First experimental and theoretical papers by Stokes (1849) and Willis (1849)

Important progress by Timoshenko, Inglis and Koloušek

steam locomotives  $F(t) = F_0 \sin \Omega t$ 

#### Steel bridge, l = 56.56 m



# 2. Past

- International investigations by ORE, ERRI and OSŽD
- Dynamic characteristics of bridges



First natural frequencies of bridges

#### Logarithmic decrements of damping



steel

concrete

## Cross girder effect





# Sleeper effect



#### **Theoretical model**



$$-I \frac{d^2 \overline{\varphi}(t)}{dt^2} + \sum_{i=1}^2 (-1)^i D_i \left[ Z_i(t) + Z_{bi}(t) \right] = 0,$$
  

$$-m_3 \frac{d^2 v_3(t)}{dt^2} - \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ Z_i(t) + Z_{bi}(t) \right] = 0$$
  

$$P_i + P_{3i} - m_i \frac{d^2 v_i(t)}{dt^2} + Z_i(t) + Z_{bi}(t) = 0,$$
  

$$+Z_{bi}(t) - \overline{R}_i(t) = 0; \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$EJ\frac{\partial^4 v(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 v(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + 2\mu \omega_b \frac{\partial v(x,t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \overline{\varepsilon_i} \overline{\delta} (x-x_i) \overline{R_i}(t).$$

### Effect of the speed



### ORE experiments (DB, SNCF)



DB steel bridge, l = 19.6 m, 200 km/h



### Stochastic concept

 $F(t) = F + \varepsilon \dot{F}(t),$ 



#### $f(x,t) = \left[p + \varepsilon \dot{p}(s)\right] \left[1 + \dot{r}(t)\right]$



## 3. Present

### **Resonant vibration**



SNCF bridge, *l* = 38 m, TGV, 192 km/h

### **Theoretical idealization**



$$EI\frac{\partial^4 v(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 v(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + 2\mu \omega_d \frac{\partial v(x,t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^N \varepsilon_n(t) \delta(x-x_n) F_n$$



Vibration of a steel bridge at low and resonant speed



Effect of the speed on deflection and bending moments

steel bridge, l = 5 m

Effect of the speed on vertical acceleration

concrete bridge, l = 10 m

### Stress spectra

#### stress range

 $\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{\rm max} - \sigma_{\rm min}$ 









Stress spectra for steel and concrete bridges







### Stress ranges

#### Effect of the speed

concrete bridge, l = 5 m



# **Critical speeds**

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$$c_{cr} = \frac{d f_j}{k}, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, ..., \quad k = 1, 2, 3, ..., 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, ...$$

$$c_{cr} = \frac{2lf_j}{j}, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, ...$$

## 4. Future



#### Beam coupled with a string



$$EI\frac{\partial^{4}v_{1}(x,t)}{\partial x^{4}} - N_{1}\frac{\partial^{2}v_{1}(x,t)}{\partial x^{2}} + \mu_{1}\frac{\partial^{2}v_{1}(x,t)}{\partial t^{2}} + k\left[v_{1}\left(x,t\right) - v_{2}\left(x,t\right)\right] =$$

$$= \varepsilon\left(t\right)\delta\left(x-ct\right)F$$

$$-N_{2}\frac{\partial^{2}v_{2}\left(x,t\right)}{\partial x^{2}} + \mu_{2}\frac{\partial^{2}v_{2}\left(x,t\right)}{\partial t^{2}} + k\left[v_{2}\left(x,t\right) - v_{1}\left(x,t\right)\right] = 0$$







At  $\alpha = 0$ :  $v_1(x) < 1$  for  $B_1^2 < A_1^2 A_2^2$  $v_2(x) < 1$  for  $B_2^2 < A_1^2 A_2^2$ 

# **5.** Conclusions

- Dynamic effects on bridges rise with increasing speeds of trains
- The dynamic response of concrete bridges is a little lower than steel ones due to their different mass and damping ratios
- Stress spectra present important data for the assessment of bridges at fatigue
- Vertical accelerations of bridges may be a limit state for the design of new high speed lines
- The diminishing of bridge dynamic response could be achieved with dampers or by interconnection of prestressed beams with pretensiled strings

