



# An integrated geophysical approach for structural behavior characterization of the Gravina Bridge (Matera, Southern Italy)

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**Critical Infrastructures:** systems whose destruction or temporal unavailability strongly weaken the normal efficiency of a country

In Italy only the 3% of infrastructures are currently monitored in spite of the seismic context and of the high vulnerability of roads and highways

Morandi Bridge, Genova (Italy),  
14<sup>th</sup> August 2018



43 victims and more than 500 homeless

DEMAND OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE  
MONITORING SYSTEM FOR  
PREVENTING ACCIDENTS AND  
INTERRUPTION OF CONTINUITY

**Monitoring: knowledge of infrastructure properties, characterization of their initial state and time evolution.**

## Preliminary fact-finding surveys

*In presence of design documentation*



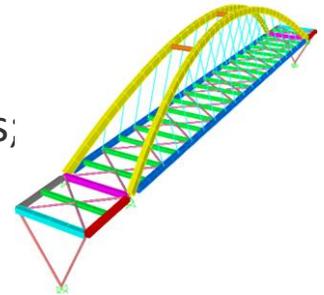
- To verify the adherence between the actual state of the structure and the project documents;
- To reduce the modelling uncertainties, thus obtaining more accurate and updated numerical models;
- To have a picture depicting the conditions of the infrastructure in a certain moment of its life.



## PROACTIVE MAINTENANCE

## Diffuse fact-finding surveys

*Without design documentation*



VISUAL INSPECTION



OBJECTIVE, MEASUREMENT-BASED APPROACH:  
NON-DESTRUCTIVE SENSING TECHNOLOGIES

## In-situ vs Remote Technologies

LOCAL MONITORING

GLOBAL MONITORING

*Looking for more localized defects:*

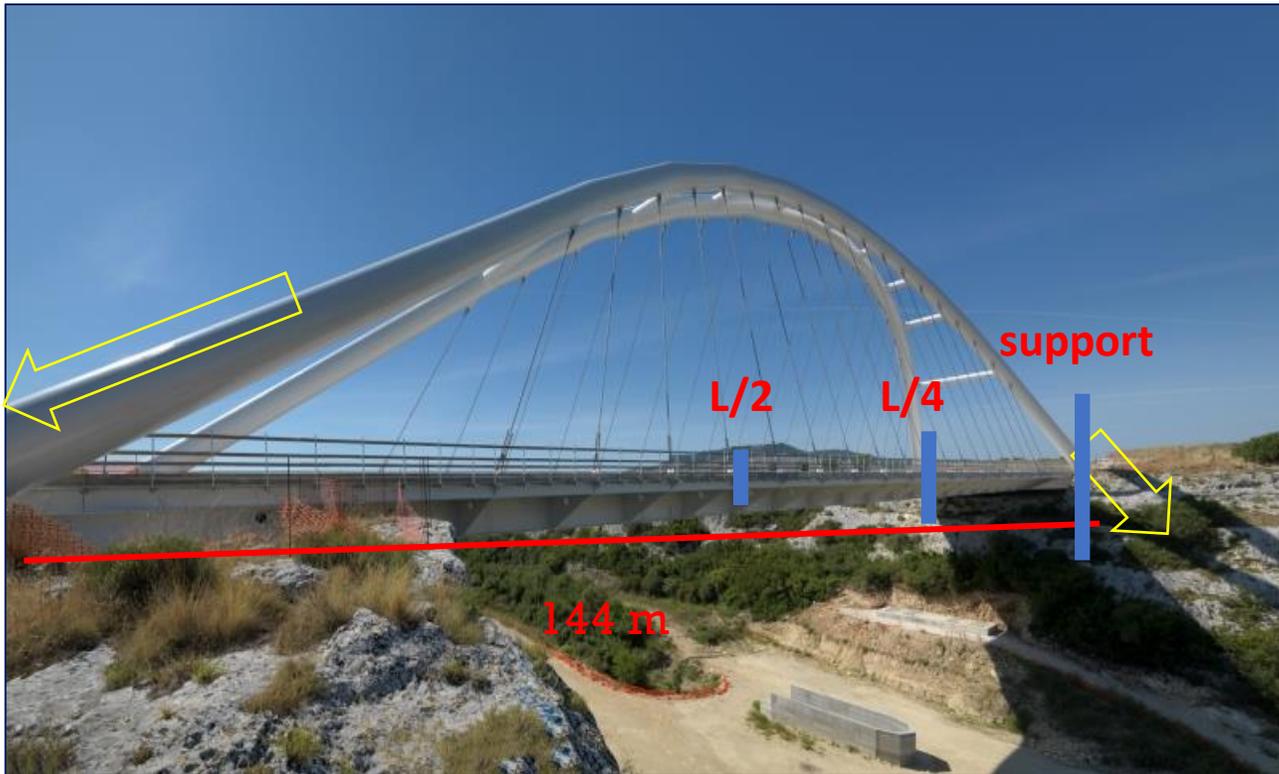
- **Cracks** (fiber optics, electrical methods)
- **Delaminations** (Ultrasonic emissions, Lamb waves, Infrared thermography and spectroscopy)
- **Hydration conditions** (Nuclear magnetic resonance)
- **Void spaces** (Ultrasonic emissions, Lamb waves, Radar)
- **Corrosion** (Fiber Optics, Magnetic methods, Electro-optical Imagery)
- **Deformations** (Laser Scanning, Radar, Speckle interferometry)
- **Bridge scour** (Electrical reflectometry, Ground Penetrating Radar)

*Structural characterization and time evolution of the infrastructure properties:*

- **Eigenfrequencies** (Accelerometers, Velocimeters, Fiber optics, Radar)
- **Equivalent viscous damping factors** (Accelerometers, Velocimeters, Fiber optics, Radar)
- **Mode shapes** (Accelerometers, Velocimeters, Fiber optics, Radar)

- To develop a tool for the multi-scale and multi-depth level structural health monitoring of critical infrastructures and for the characterization of foundation soil.  
Low-cost, expeditive, non-invasive and non-destructive remote and in-situ technologies on independent geophysical data (seismic and electromagnetic) will be adopted;
- To validate the approach on a real infrastructure (Gravina Bridge, Matera, Southern Italy);
- To set-up the zero-time reference point of structural properties of the bridge (eigenfrequencies, equivalent viscous damping factors and mode shapes) and to investigate its possible interaction with its base isolation system and foundation soils;
- Structural parameter variation as damage proxies.

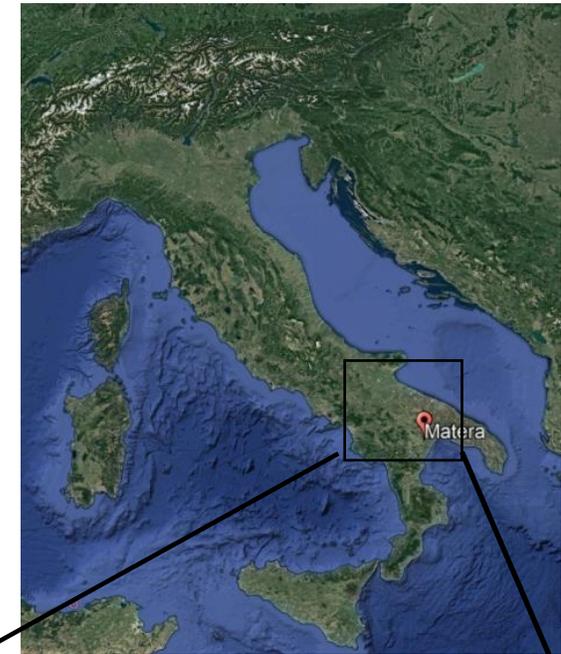
# GRAVINA BRIDGE



Bow – string bridge

Steel-concrete deck

8 elastomeric isolators



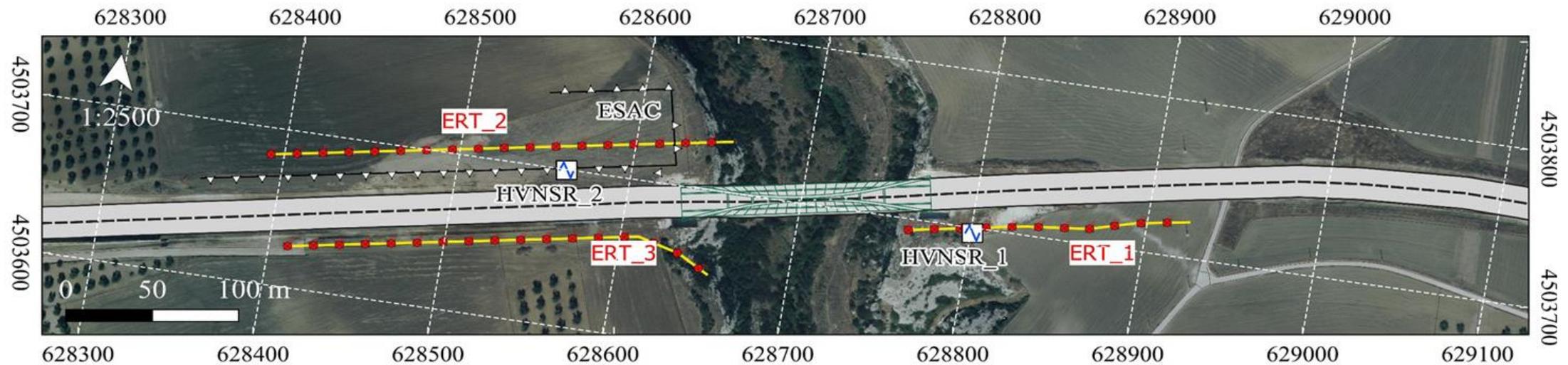
# FOUNDATION SOILS

## Adopted methodologies

- **One** 2D seismic array (**ESAC**)
- **Two** single station ambient seismic noise measurements (**HVSR**)
- **Three** electrical resistivity tomographies (**ERT**)

## Output

- Litostratigraphic characterization
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# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Monitoring type and adopted methodologies

### REAL TIME (27/06/2019 – 31/03/2020)

- **Four accelerometers** (seismic data – 19 earthquakes)

### ON-DEMAND

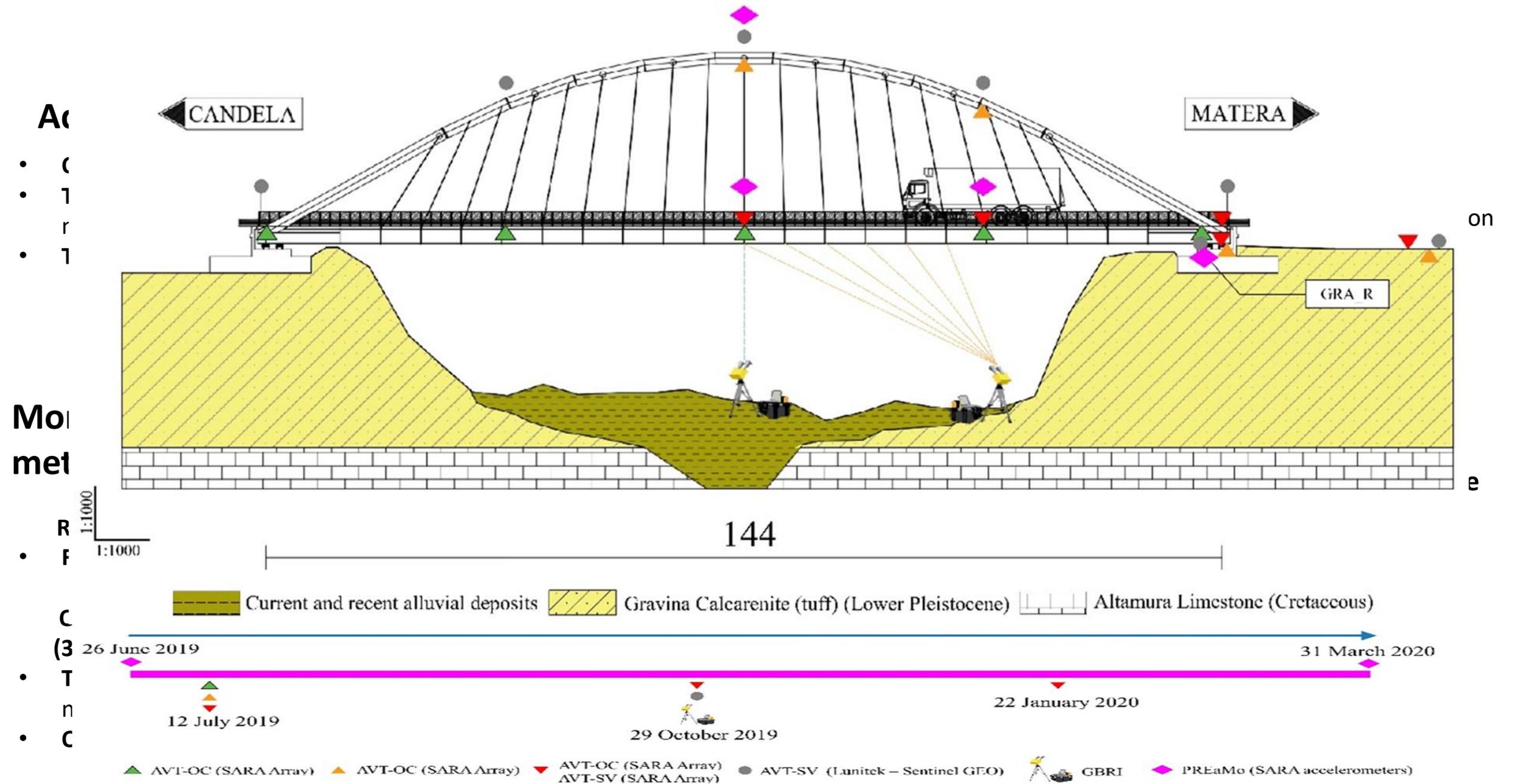
### (3 surveys; 12/07/2019; 29/10/2019; 22/01/2020)

- **Twelve 4.5 Hz velocimeters** (seismic data – ambient seismic noise in ordinary conditions and during dynamic tests)
- **One Radar Interferometer** (electromagnetic data)

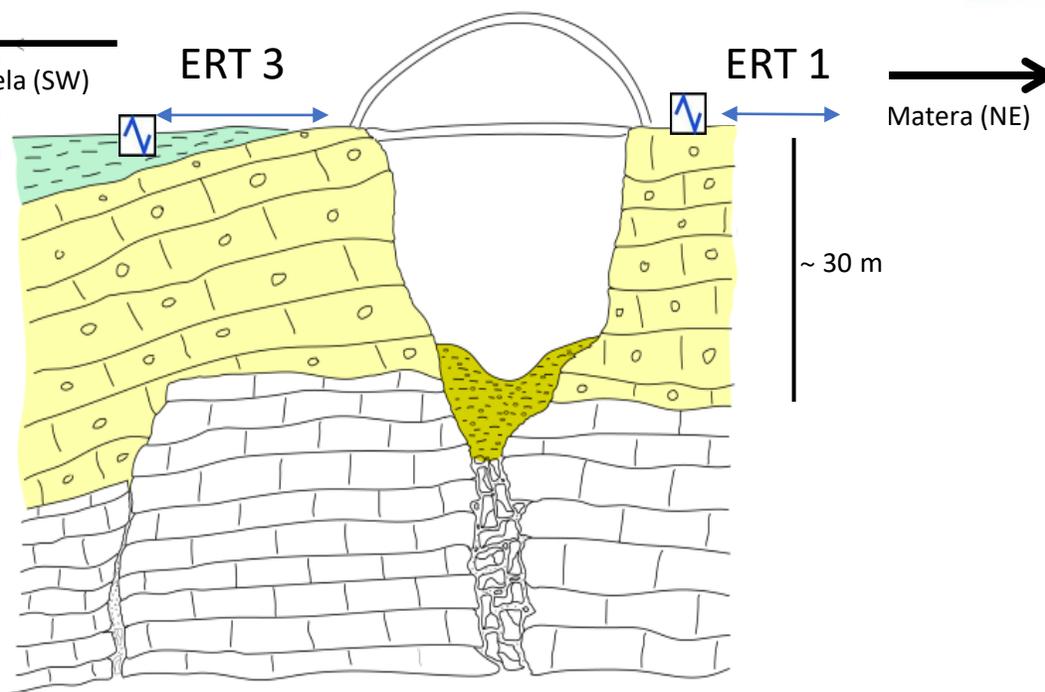
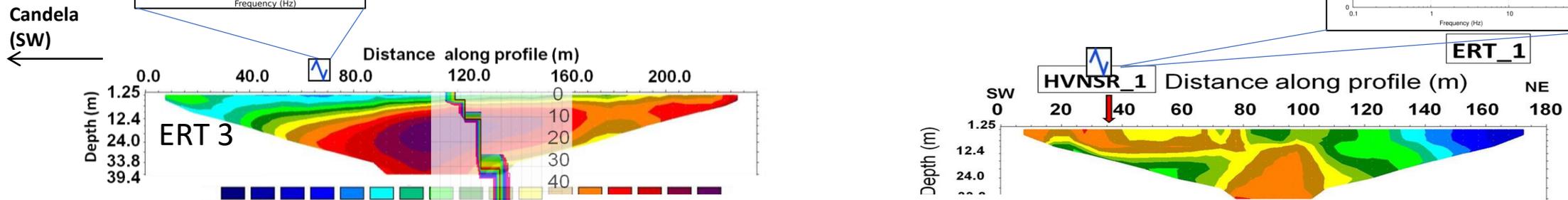
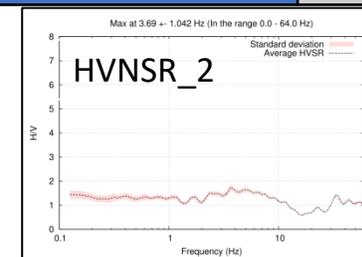
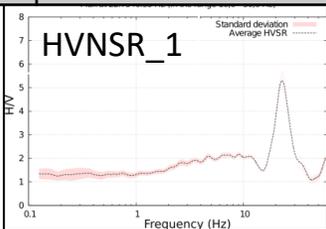
## Output

### Structural parameters and related time evolution

- Eigenfrequencies
- Equivalent viscous damping factors
- Mode Shapes



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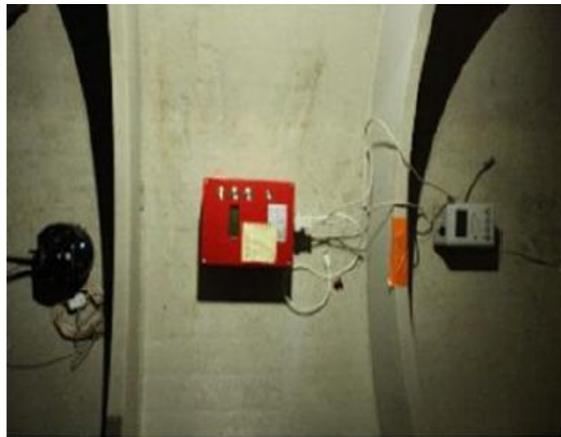


- Current and recent alluvial deposits
- Clay
- Calcarenites
- Limestones

Courtesy of Dr. Cristallo

# INFRASTRUCTURE – DATA ACQUISITION

## ACQUIRED DATA

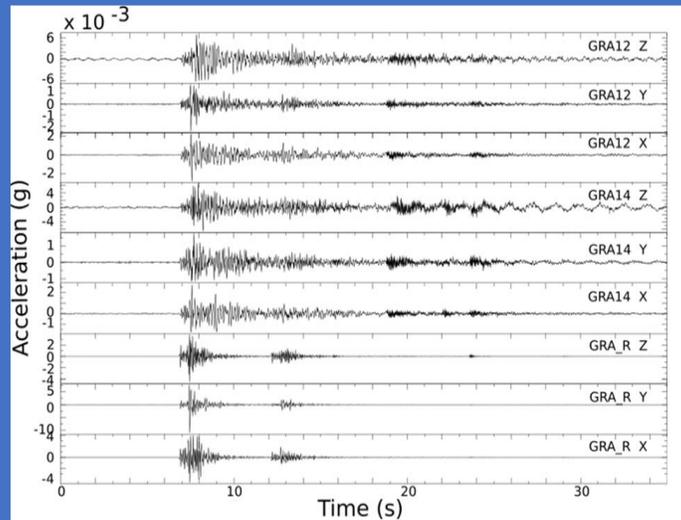


- Local and regional earthquakes (19 earthquakes)
- Ambient seismic noise in ordinary conditions
- Ambient seismic noise with tracks used as vibration sources (dynamic tests)
- Electromagnetic data

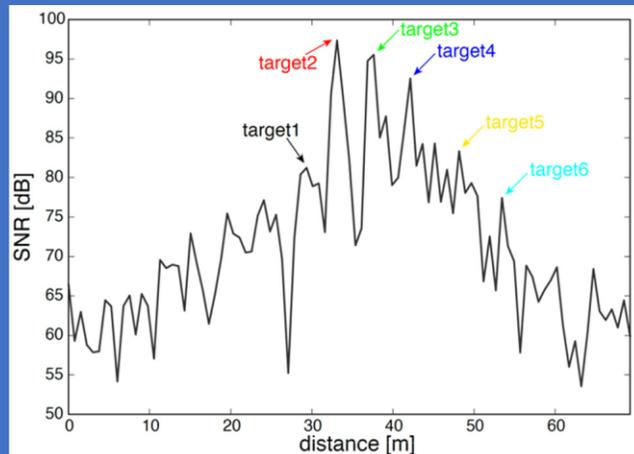
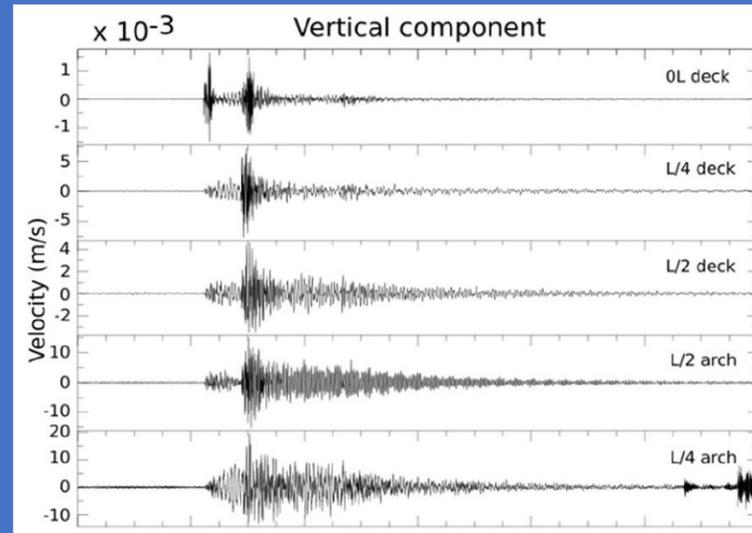
# INFRASTRUCTURE CHARACTERIZATION – ACQUIRED DATA

## SEISMIC DATA

### Earthquake recording



### Ambient seismic noise recording during a dynamic test



## ELECTROMAGNETIC SIGNAL

Echoes, from six different points of the bridge, of the electromagnetic signal sent by the Radar.

# INFRASTRUCTURE CHARACTERIZATION – ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES

## SEISMIC TECHNIQUES

- **Operational Modal Analysis (OMA)**  
(Shipfors and Fabbrocino, 2014)
- **Standard Spectral Ratio (SSR)**  
(Borcherdt, 1970; Parolai et al., 2005; Gallipoli et al., 2009)
- **Damping analysis – Impulse Response function**  
(Clough and Penzien, 1993)
- **S-transform**  
(Stockwell et al., 1996)

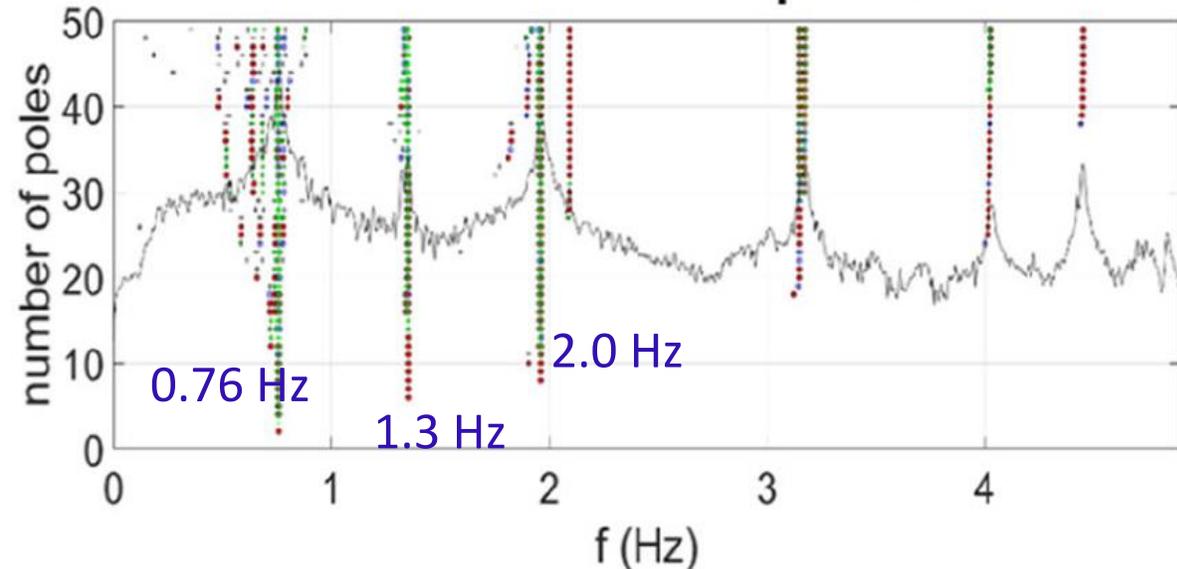
## ELECTROMAGNETIC TECHNIQUES

- **Microwave Radar Interferometry**

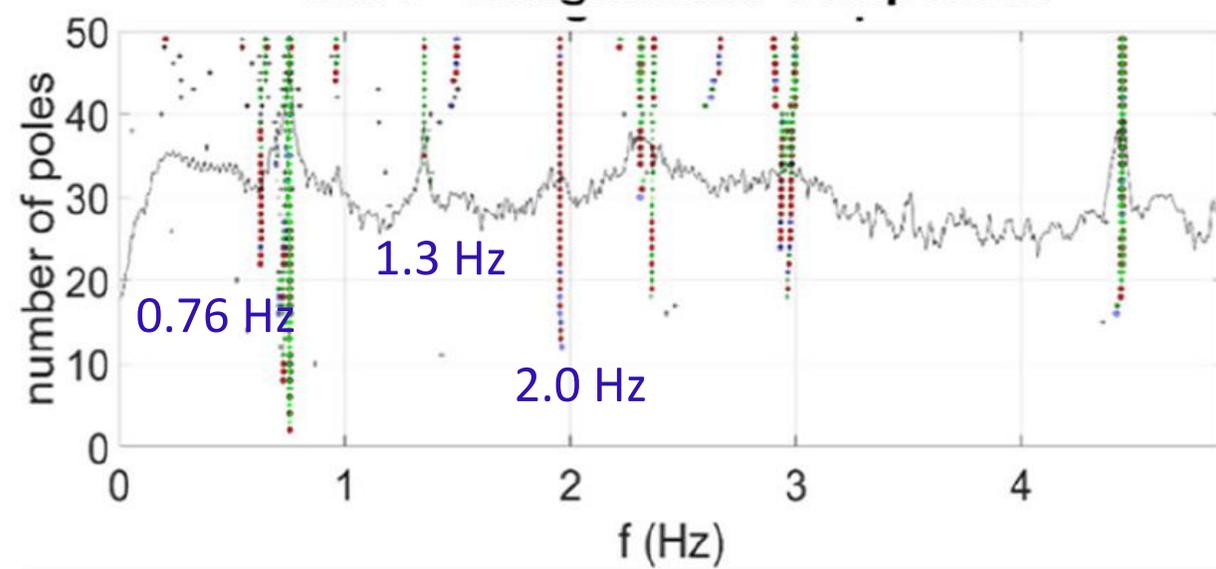
**MULTI-SCALE EVALUATION OF THE DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR OF THE BRIDGE, PROVIDING BOTH A GENERAL OVERVIEW AND A MORE DETAILED STUDY OF PROPERTIES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE**

# OPERATIONAL MODAL ANALYSIS

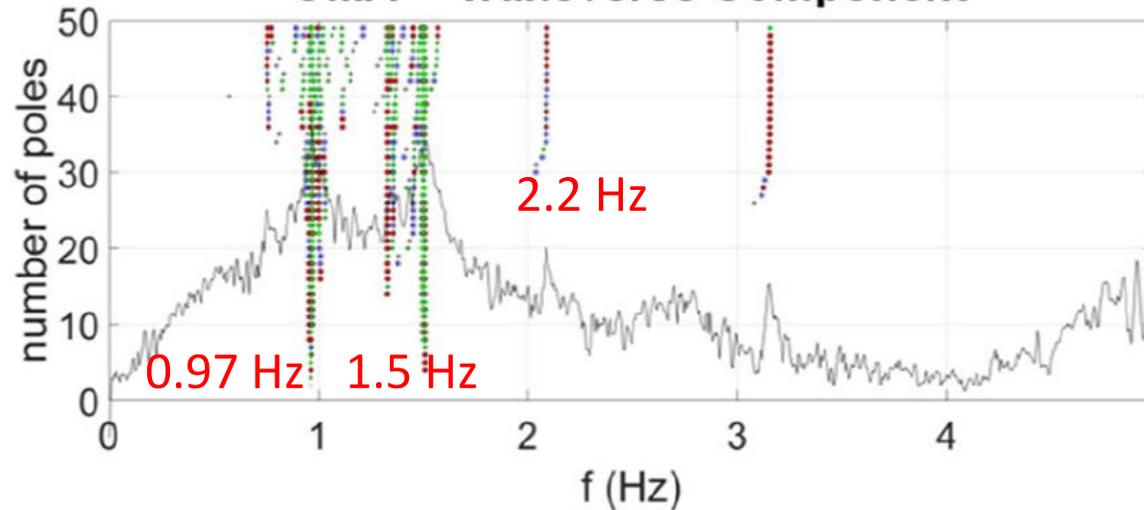
### OMA - Vertical Component



### OMA - Longitudinal Component



### OMA - Transverse Component

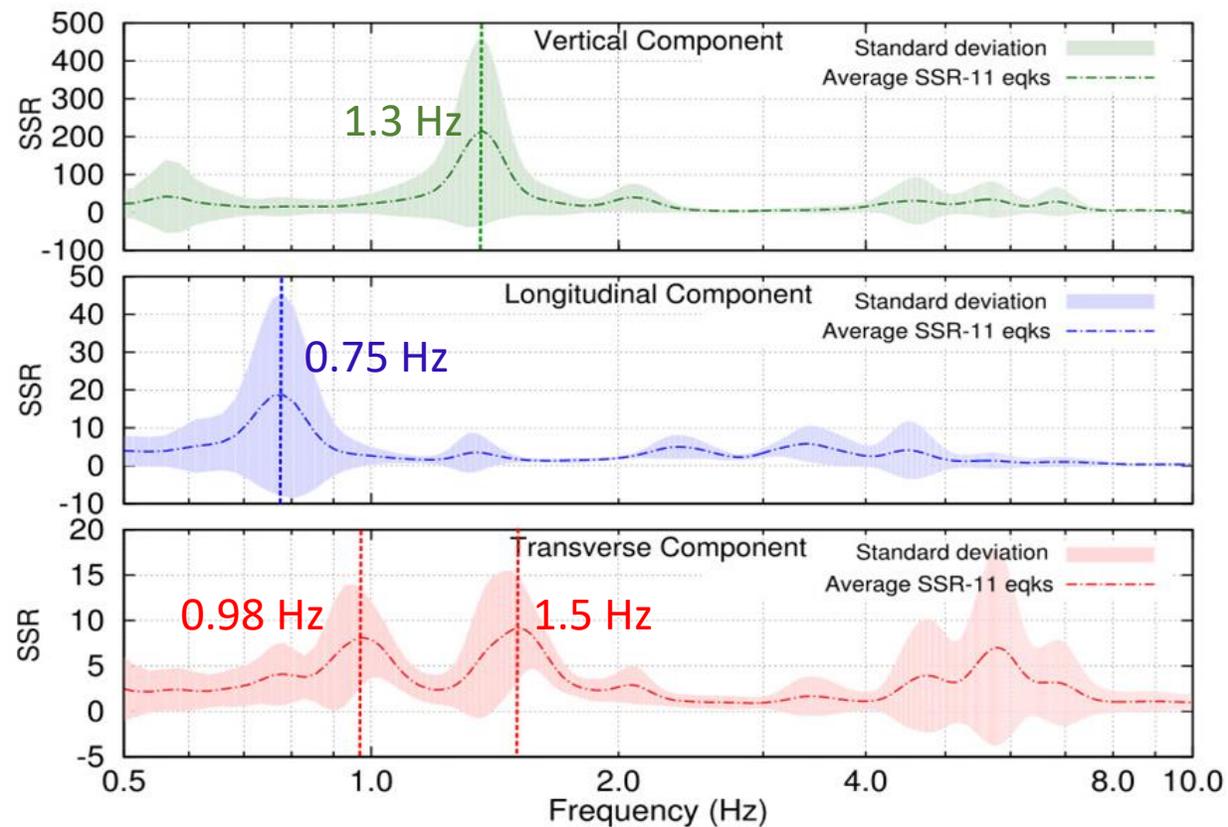


0.75 HZ	VERTICAL
0.95 HZ	TRANSVERSE
1.30 HZ	VERTICAL
1.50 HZ	TRANSVERSE
2.00 HZ	VERTICAL
2.20 HZ	TRANSVERSE

# STANDARD SPECTRAL RATIO

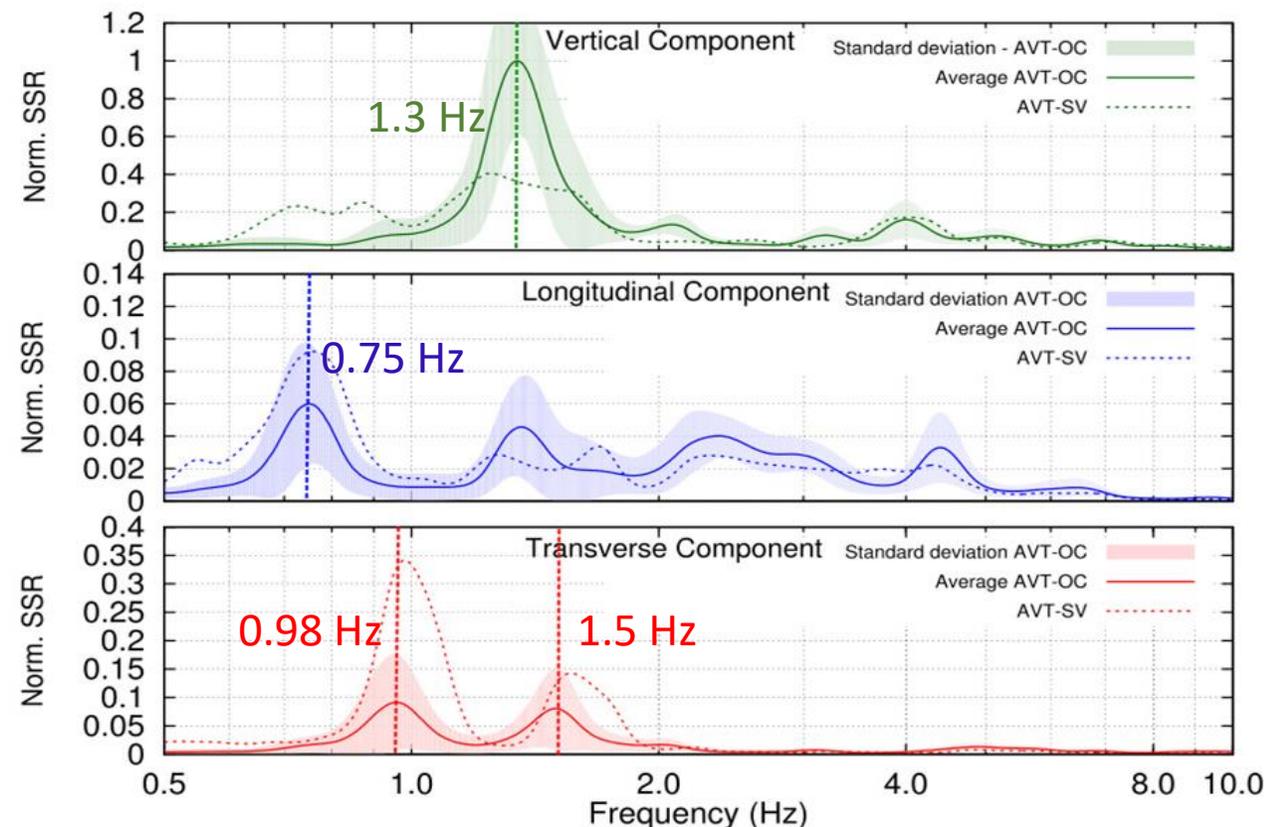
## Earthquake data

L/2 Deck



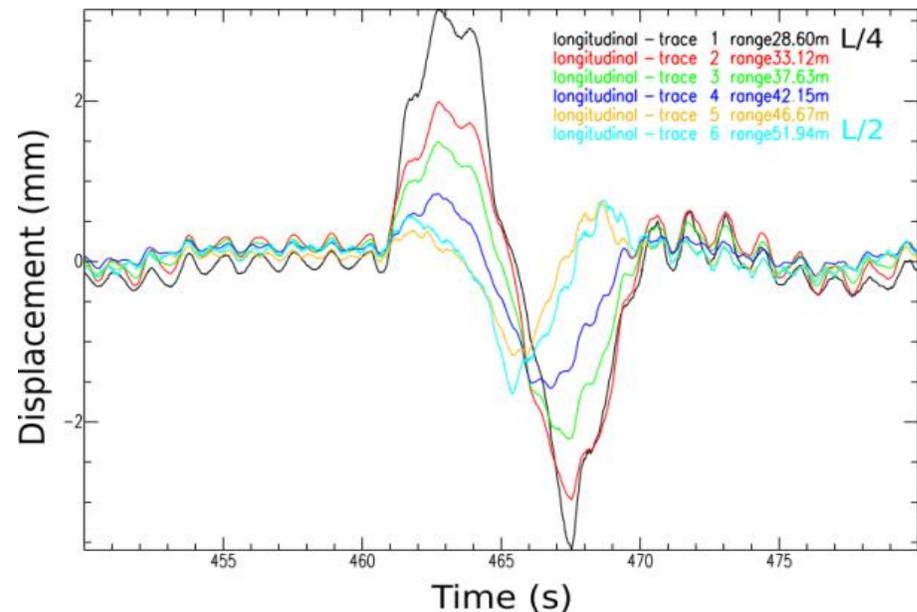
## Seismic noise data

L/2 Deck

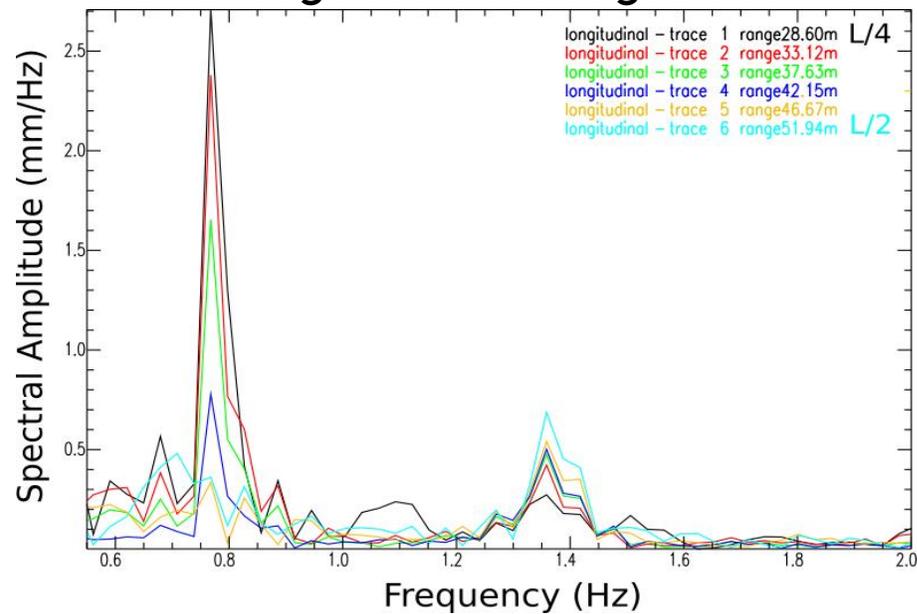


STRONG AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ESTIMATIONS RETRIEVED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF SEVERAL KINDS OF DATA RECORDED BY SENSORS PLACED AT THE MIDDLE OF THE DECK

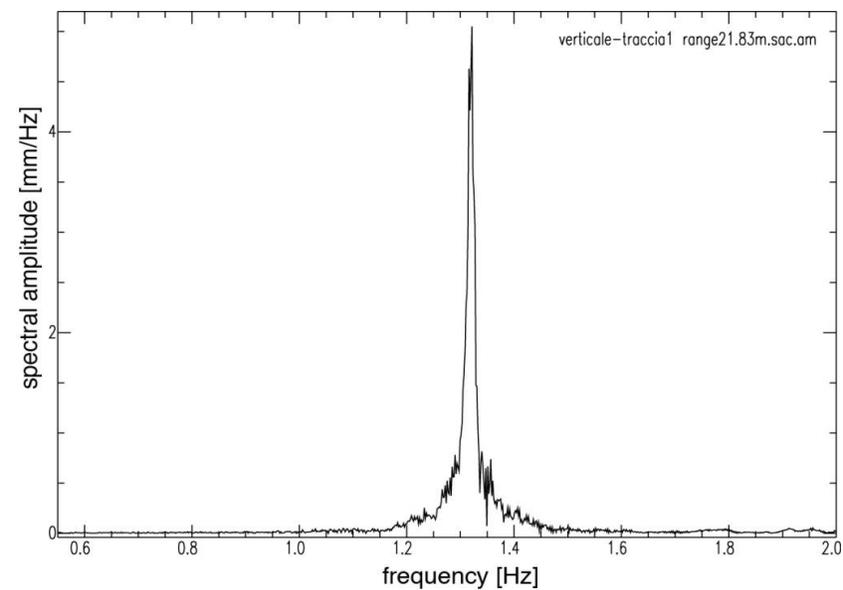
# MICROWAVE RADAR INTERFEROMETRY



Longitudinal configuration

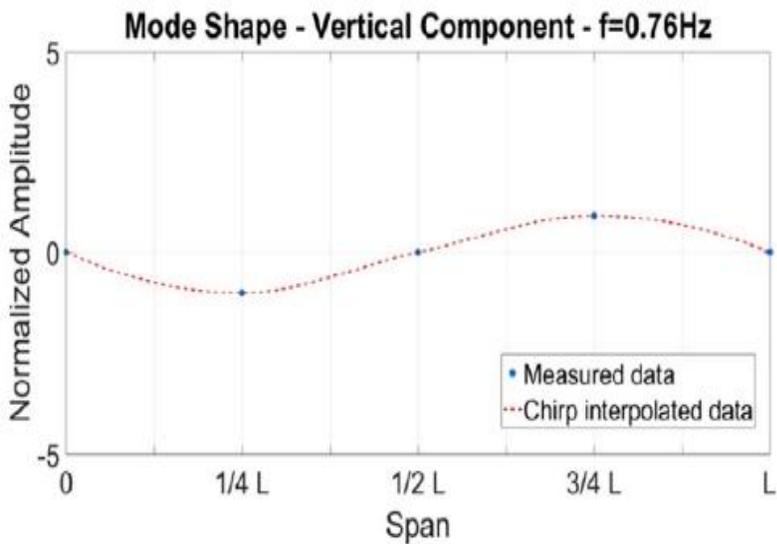


Vertical configuration

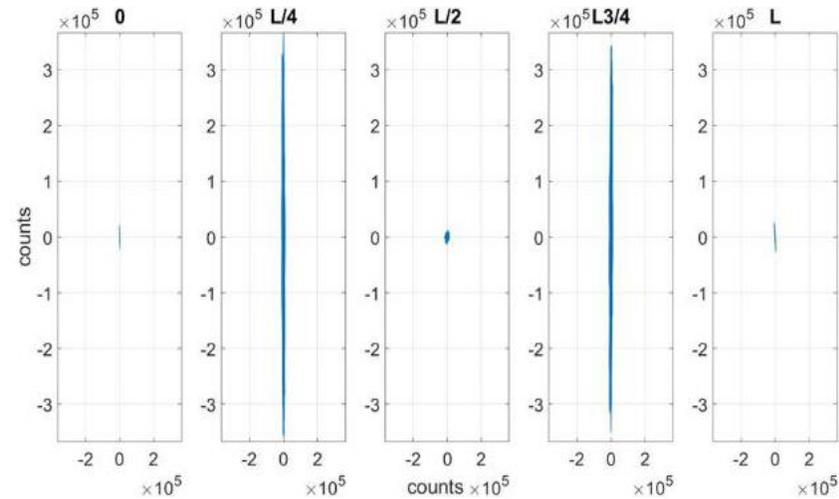


# MODE SHAPES

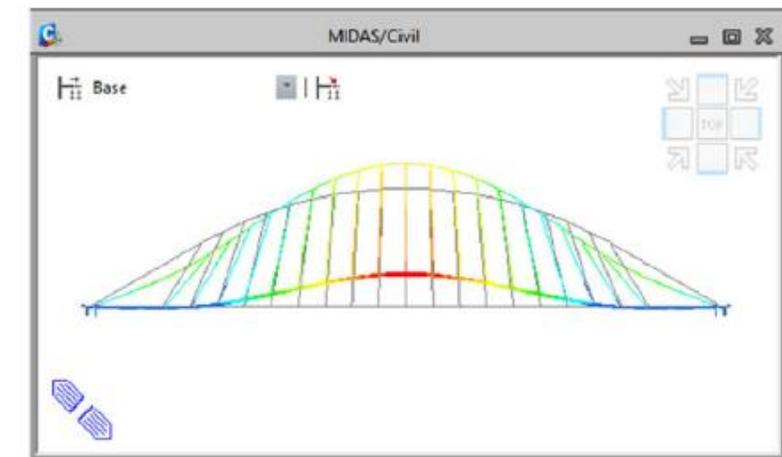
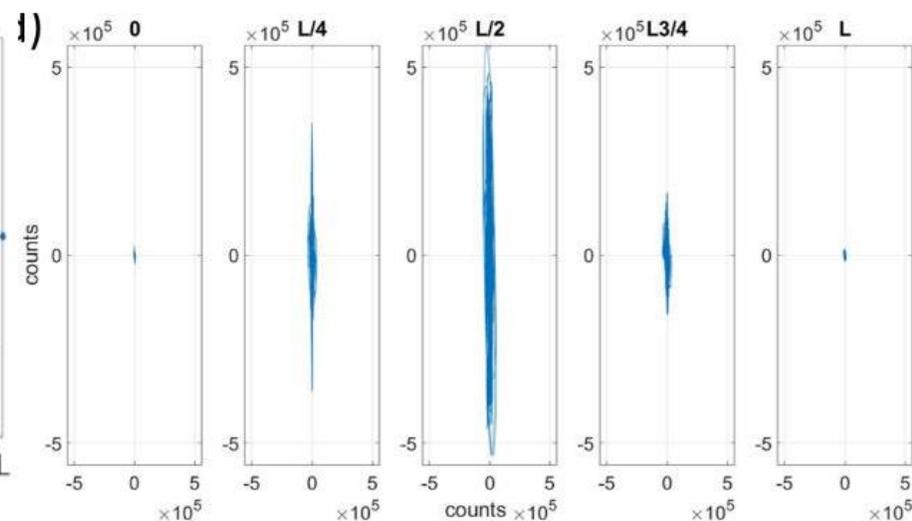
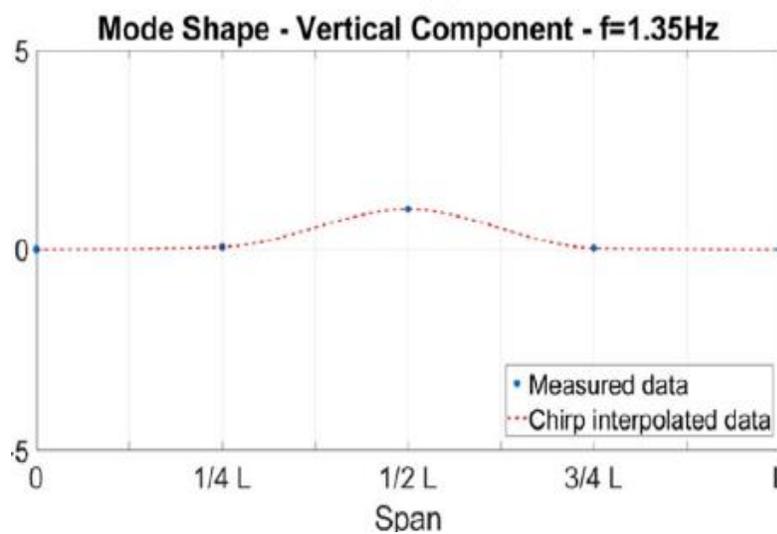
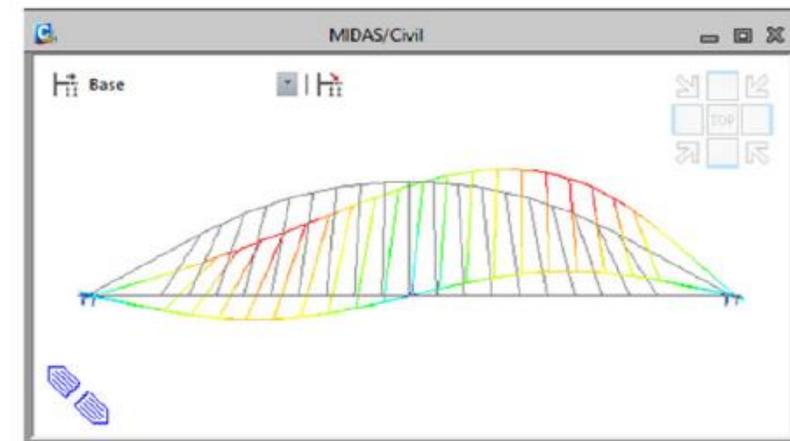
## Experimental mode shapes Fourier Analysis



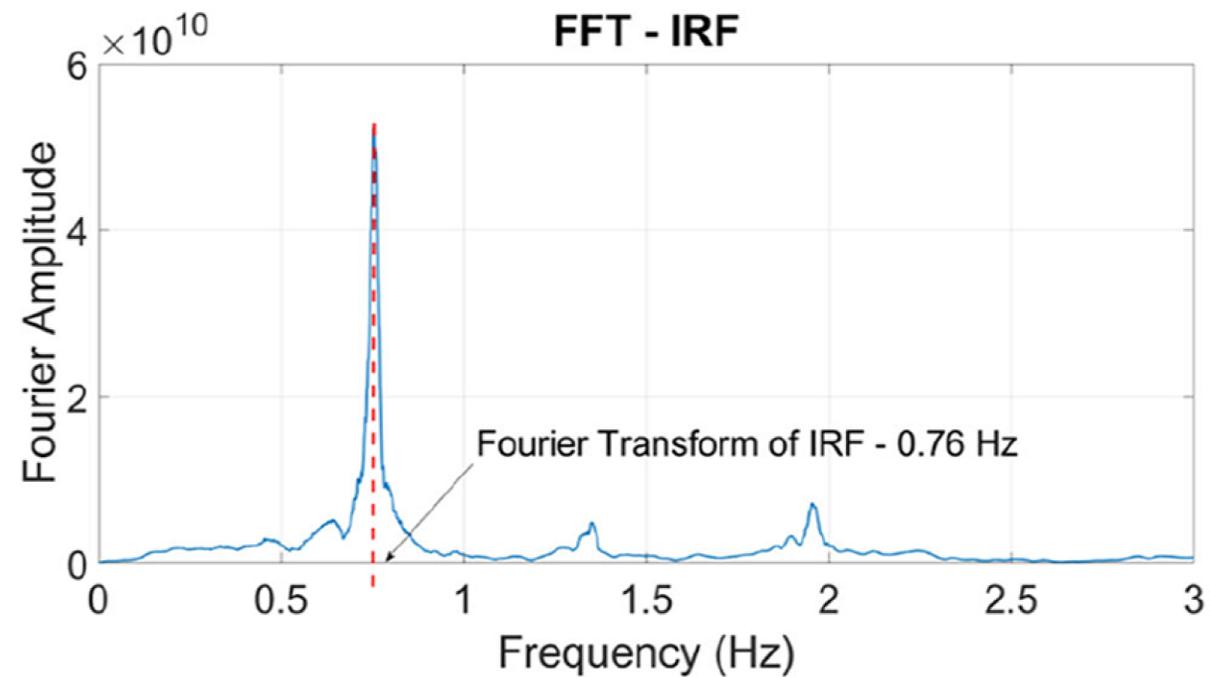
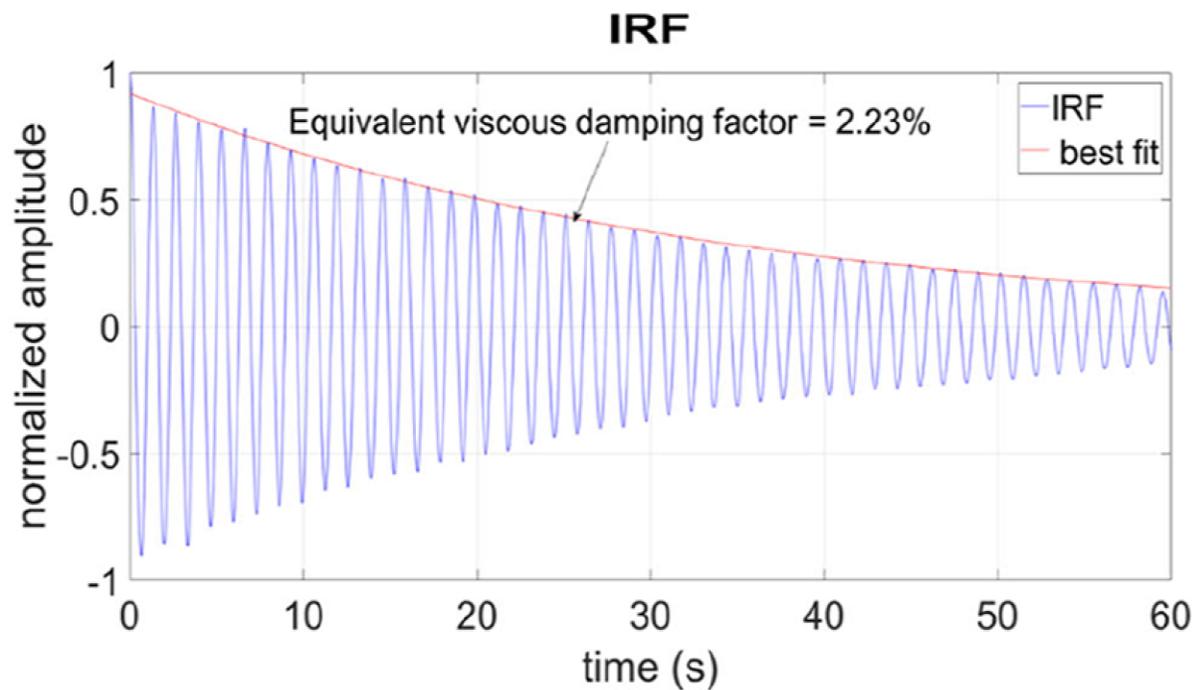
## Experimental mode shapes- Particle Motion Analysis



## Numerical mode shapes

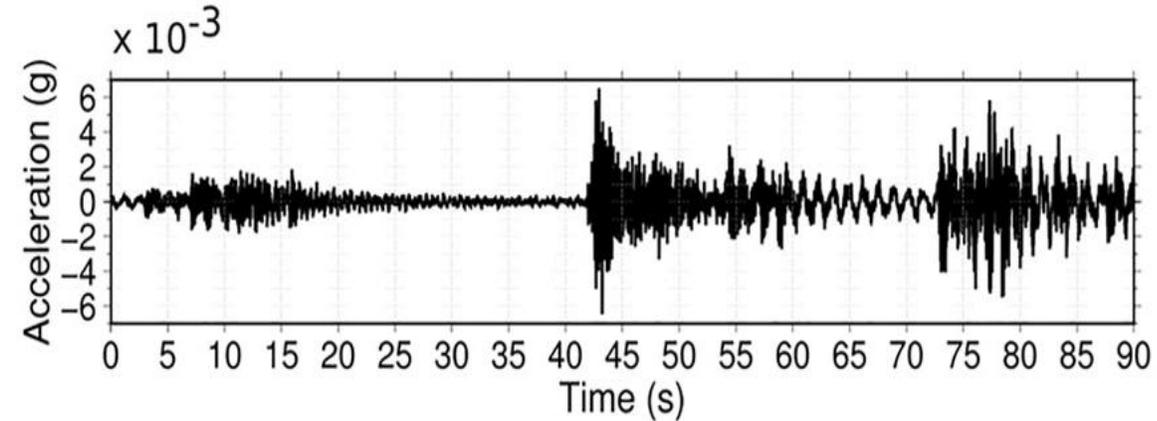
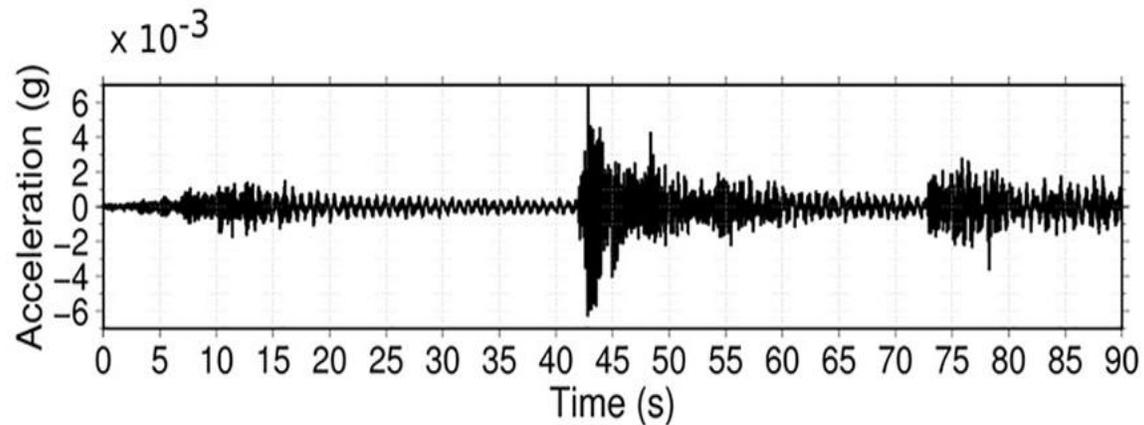


# DAMPING ANALYSIS – LOGARITHMIC DECREMENT METHOD

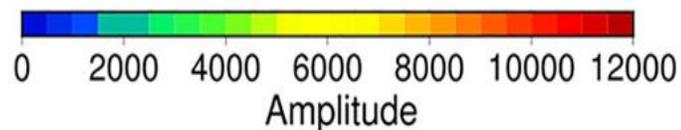
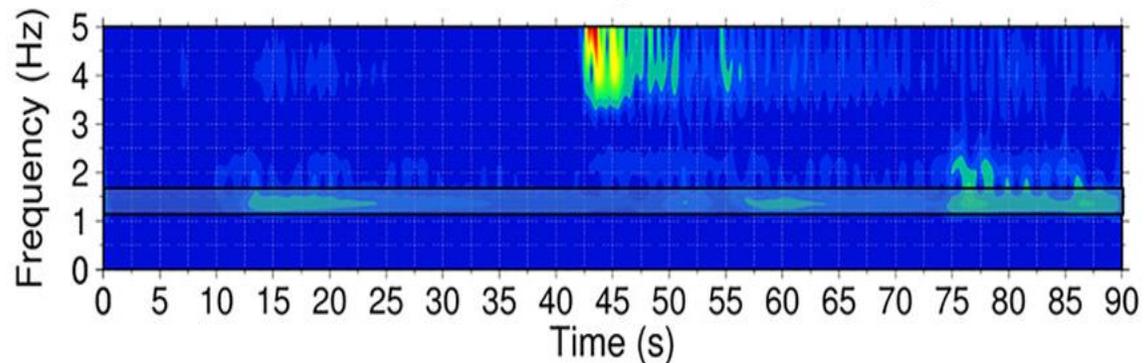


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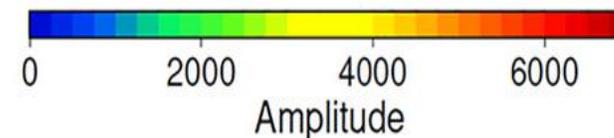
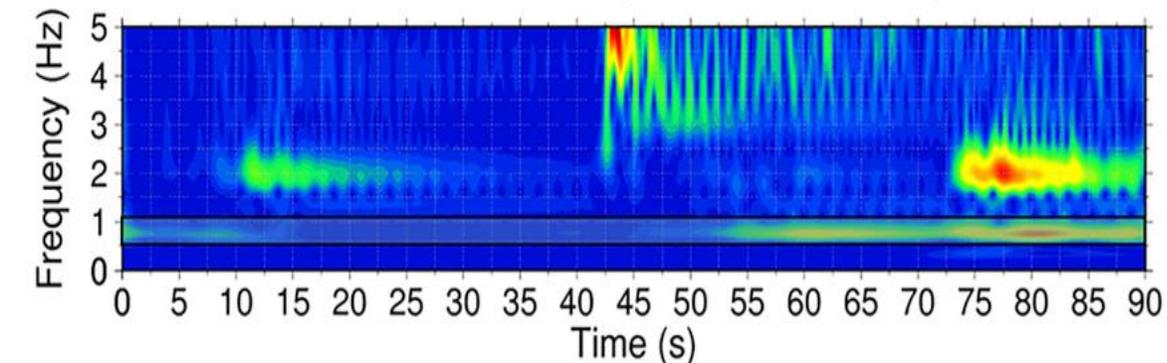
## EARTHQUAKE DATA



27062019 – MI 2.4 – L/2 Vertical comp. Acc



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	Eigenfrequency OMA (Hz)	Eigenfrequency SSR (Hz)	Eigenfrequency MRI (Hz)	Damping LDM-IRF (%)	Direction of motion
First mode	0.76	0.76	0.75	2–3	Vertical
Second mode	0.97	0.97		2–3	Transverse
Third mode	1.3	1.35	1.35	2–3	Vertical
Fourth mode	1.5	1.5		2–3	Transverse
Fifth mode	2.0			2–3	Vertical
Sixth mode	2.2	2.1		2–3	Transverse

**STRONG AGREEMENT BETWEEN EIGENFREQUENCIES ESTIMATIONS FROM DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES APPLIED ON INDEPENDENT GEOPHYSICAL DATA**

**WE VALIDATED THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE PROPOSED APPROACH AS A USEFUL TOOL FOR MULTI-SCALE AND MULTI-DEPTH LEVEL CHARACTERIZATION OF INFRASTRUCTURES**

**KNOWLEDGE OF INITIAL PROPERTIES OF THE GRAVINA BRIDGE:**

- ZERO-TIME REFERENCE POINT OF THE STATIC AND DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INVESTIGATED BRIDGE;
- STARTING POINT FOR IMPLEMENTING NUMERICAL MODELS, NECESSARY FOR DETERMINING THE MOST PROPER MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES.

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