







Novel Sensor Systems for Infrastructure Applications

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Track Record: Sensor Integration



West Mill Bridge, Swindon



Instrumented autoclave



1 Bankside, London



NPL testbed footbridge



Over-wrapped concrete column



Vasai Creek bridge in Mumbai Loading of a flex-arch model bridge









Track Record: Sensor Types



Bragg Gratings



Humidity Sensor

High pH sensor Acoustic Emission Sensor



Chirped Gratings



Intensity-based Sensor



Multi-measurand Sensor

Extrinsic Fabry-Perot Sensor









Track Record: Signal Processing



West Mill Bridge: 10-years on



Delamination monitoring: chirped grating



Dynamic traffic condition monitoring



Monitoring the diffusion of water







> Track Record: Data Management











- To design and develop a range of fitfor-purpose low-cost sensor systems for monitoring:
- Moisture ingress
- Strain
- > Temperature
- Impact damage events
- Corrosion products.









2.To design, model and fabricate practical sensor protection systems for embedding (new-build) and surface-mounting (retrofit) in/on concrete, composites, wood and metals.

3.To develop and define surface treatments for specified classes of sensors and substrates.









4. To study degradation processes in composites and composite repairs (residual stress, diffusion of moisture, delaminations and cracking), concrete (chloride and sulphate ingress) and metals (rebar corrosion) using specified sensor systems.







Aims of the Proposal To integrate sensors into woven fabrics to enable large-area damage detection.

6. To develop protocols for specified classes of materials and structures to define the criteria for life-extension, renovation or replacement.









7. To design and develop specified classes of multi-functional sensors for accessing multiple measurands.

8. To integrate sensor outputs into infrastructure management tools.

9. To demonstrate the benefits from an integrated approach through life-cycle assessment of selected assets.









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