Future Infrastructure Forum Scandinavian Points of View



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Luleå

English Civil Engineers of major importance in Sweden
Telford 1737 - 1834 - Canals
Stephenson 1781 - 1848 - Railways
Brunel 1806 - 1859 - Bridges

Division of Structural and Construction Engineering

- Concrete Low environmental impact (Mats Emborg, Jan-Erik Jonasson, Vladimir Ronin)
- Steel and Timber Structures (Milan Veljkovic, Peter Collin, Lars Stehn, Helena Johnsson)
- Building Production, Industrial Methods (Thomas Olofsson, Martin Nilsson, Ulf Ohlsson)
- Assessment, Health Monitoring, Repair (Björn Täljsten, Thomas Olofsson, Lars Bernspång)
- Ice technology (Lennart Fransson)









Malmbanan was built around 1900, has a length of about 500 km and has more than 100 bridges.

The iron ore producer, LKAB, wanted to minimize its cost for transportation of the ore to the harbours in the Atlantic (Narvik) and the Baltic (Luleå)?

Background







We tested a 20 year old bridge. The test showed that we had no shear fatigue problems.

The allowable axle loads could be increased from 25 to 30 tons



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Swedish Universities of the Built Environment

A collaboration between four major Swedish universities of technology:

- Luleå University of Technology, LTU
- Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, KTH
- Chalmers University of Technology in Göteborg, CTH
- Lund University in Lund, LTH



LUNDS UNIVERSITE?





Background and purposes

- Small research groups and decline in funding
- Low research volume in relation to sector size
- Strengthen by collaboration: attain critical mass and increase international funding
- 2009-2010 Start up project
- 2011-2013 Collaboration agreement, basic financial support for coordinator and expenses.











Organisation



Organisation

Board

Representatives from CTH, KTH, LTH and LTU

Coordinator

External advisory committee

Representatives from companies

Theme groups

- Structural Engineering
- Building Performance Design
- Construction and Facilities
 Management
- Geotechnology
- Water and Environmental Technology
- Highway Infrastructure and Transport Systems
- Education











LUNDS UNIVERSITET

Activities

Internal/operative

- Cooperate in PhD, graduate and undergraduate education
- Submit joint research proposals
- Joint publications

External/strategic

- Represent built environment research
- Function as a network
- Collaborate with external actors in industry, society and other countries.











LUNDS UNIVERSITET

http://www.sverigesbygguniversitet.se/pages/?pg=about_us

Sveriges Bygguniversitet

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Nu startar bygginnovationen

2011-09-16

Det övergripande syftet med Bygginnovationen är att utveckla en stark och uthållig innovationsmiljö för svensk byggsektor. Det ska bland annat ske genom att brygga över gapet till högskole- och universitetssektorn och därigenom främja kommersialisering av kunskap, lösningar och forskningsresultat samt förbättra samverkan mellan byggsektorn, instituten och samarbetsorganisationen Sveriges bygguniversitet.

Läs mer »



Sveriges Bygguniversitet

2011-08-21

Den grundläggande driften av Sveriges bygguniversitet finansieras av de fyra högskolorna. Övrig verksamhet genomförs i projektform med hjälp av egeninsatser och bidrag från samarbetspartners, forskningsfinansiärer och övriga intressenter.

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Läs mer »

Sveriges Bygguniversitet

Nyheter

Sveriges Bygguniversitet är en samarbetsorganisation som omfattar de forsknings- och utbildningsenheter på Chalmers, KTH, LTH och LTU som är knutna till utbildning av civilingenjörer V eller motsvarande.

Organisationens syfte är att verka för att den bygginriktade forskningen och utbildningen får bättre möjligheter att fylla det behov av ny och tvärdisciplinär kunskap och kompetens som utvecklingen mot ett mer hålbart samhälle skapar. Verksamheten är organiserad i sju temagrupper.

Tema Byggkonstruktion
Tema Byggprocess och förvaltning
Tema Byggnadens tekniska funktion
Tema Geoteknologi
Tema Vatten och miljö
Tema Väg- och trafikteknik
Grundutbildningsgruppen





För mer information om Sveriges Bygguniversitet: Koordinator: Anna Kadefors, Chalmers Styrelseordförande: Thomas Olofsson, LTU

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Sustainable Bridges

EC project within FP6

Started on December 1, 2003 Ended on November 30, 2007

Total budget (official) 10,2 million € of which 6,9 million € as EC contribution

Jan Olofsson, Skanska Coordinator

Lennart Elfgren, LTU Scientific Leader

New follow up Project MAINLINE 2011-2014



www.sustainablebridges.net www.mainline-project.eu/

Objectives



- Increase the transport capacity of existing bridges by allowing higher axle loads (up to 33 tons) or by allowing higher speeds (up to 350 km/hour)
- Increase the residual service lives of existing bridges with up to 25 %
- Enhance management, strengthening, and repair systems.
- 4 guidelines and 53 reports available at www.sustainablebridges.net

Testing of a strengthened R C Bridge 2006 in Örnsköldsvik

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Overview – Boundary Conditions



The bridge was strengthened in bending in order to get a shear failure



Sawing for Strengthening with Near Surface Mounted CFRP Rods

Strengthening procedure Björn Täljsten et al









Final test July 6, 2006





Stirrup rupture after yielding



Reserve Capacity

The failure load 1170 ton corresponds to 1170 ton / 25 ton ≈ 47 axles

The span of 12 m has only room for 4 axles 47 axles /4 = 11,7 carriages (on top of each other)

The strengthening gives approx. 25 % of the capacity, so without strengthening we have a capacity of approx. 34/4 = 8,5 carriages



A little more than the design case



See also Arto Puurula Ph D (2012) at http://pure.ltu.se/portal/files/36697444/Arto_Puurula.pdf



MAINTENANCE, RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT OF RAIL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



This project is co-funded by the European Commission with the FP7 Björn Paulsson, UIC/TRV, Project Manager

Lennart Elfgren, LTU, Scientific & Technical Coordinator

Presentation of the MAINLINE Project

Background

Builds on earlier projects as Sustainable Bridges (2003-07)

Scope

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- Make rail infrastructure more cost effective
- □ Model **degradation** due to increased traffic and time/age
- Create tools for whole life assessment to make it possible to balance economic end environmental costs

Presentation of the MAINLINE Project

3 years - (Oct 2011- Sept 2014) Total budget 4.5 M€ (3 M€ from EC)

19 Participants wherof
7 Infrastructure Mgrs (NR, DB, TRV, TDD, AV,SETRA, UIC)
2 Contractors (SKANSKA, COMSA)
5 Consultants (COWI, SKM, DAMILL, TWI, ARTTIC)
5 Universities (Surrey, Bologna, Minho, Graz, LTU-SBU)
11 countries (FR, UK, DE, SE, DK, AT, ES, PT, CZ, HU, TZ)

Project Manager: Björn Paulsson, UIC/TRV

Partners in the MAINLINE Project

N°	Org.	Short Name	Country
1	UIC	UIC	FR
2	Network Rail I	NR	UK
3	COWI	COWI	DK
4	Sinclair Knight Merz	SKM	UK
5	University of Surrey	Surrey	UK
6	TWI Ltd	TWI	UK
7	University of Minho	UMINHO	PT
8	Luleå tekniska universitet	LTU-SBU	SE
9	DB Netz AG	DB	DE
10	MÁV Magyar Államvasutak Zrt	MAV	HU

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11	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	UPC	ES
12	Graz University of Technology	TUGraz	AT
13	TCDD	TCDD	TR
14	DAMILL AB	DAMILL	SE
15	COMSA EMTE	COMSA	ES
16	TRAFIKVERKET	TRV	SE
17	SETRA	SETRA	FR
18	ARTTIC	ARTTIC	FR
19	Skanska a.s	SKANSKA	CZ





WP1 Extend Life

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 Explore and evaluate new technologies to extend life of old infrastructure

- Develop assessment methods to determine if the life can be extended
- Develop new technologies and a guideline for the application

 Transfer knowledge to Eastern Europe and developing economies

WP1 Extend Life

Tests are made on three bridges:

- Prestressing of a concrete trough bridge (Shear capacity)
- Test to failure of a steel truss bridge (Stability, Fatigue, Rivets)
- Test of strains in sister bridge
- Additional funding from Trafikverket and Hjalmar Lundbohm Research Centre



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Three bridges to be tested/upgraded



http://www.mainline-project.eu

WP2 Degradation & structural models

Asset types identified as focus areas:

- Cuttings
- Metallic bridges
- Tunnels with concrete/masonry linings
- Plain line and switches & crossings
- Retaining walls

Deliverables

- model of different degradation types
- effect of changes due to maintenance, repair and strengthening
- Validate models through case studies



WP 3 Replacement of obsolete infrastructure

- **Benchmark of new technologies. Methods used across Europe.**
- Development of new construction methods to replace old infrastructure



WP 3 Replacement of obsolete infrastructure

- Development of new construction
 methods to replace old infrastructure
- And how can we enhance existing methods ?





WP4 Monitoring and examination techniques

- Case study in Hungary on a steel truss bridge:
- repair of a fatigue crack with FRP
- monitoring and examination
- evaluation of data
- Draft questionnaire on monitoring and examination techniques was prepared
- Revision of documents of interacting WP-s





WP5 – Whole life environmental and economic asset management

- Benchmark existing asset management tools for Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) and Life Cycle Costs (LCC)
- Develop a Life Cycle Assessment Tool (LCAT) for
 - Bridges (metallic underline)
 - Tunnels
 - Earthwork cuttings and retaining walls
 - Track (plain line, switches and crossings)

Several reports are available at http://mainline-project.eu/

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Proactive Bridge Strengthening

Background

- 300 000 railway bridges in Europe most of them older than 50 to 100 yrs
- The cost of a new bridge is circa 0,5 to 2 M€ (or in mean 1 M€)
- The cost to strengthen a bridge may be only 25 % of that
- If half the number of bridges could be strengtened, we would save 0,5 · 300 000 · 0,75 = 112 500 M€



Carbon Fibre Reinforced Polymers - CFRP

- Strengthen the shear capacity of concrete structures
- Anchor polymer bars to concrete and steel
- Predict the Life Length of a Strengthened Bridge



Prestressing

- Anchoring of the prestressing bars, especially if CFRP is used
- Relaxation of the prestressing force with time
- Influence of different boundary conditions



Administrative strengthening

- More examples of how enhanced methods may be used on existing bridges
- Evaluation of the influence of assumptions of boundary conditions. FE calculations are strongly dependent on boundary conditions
- Calibration of assessment methods by full scale testing to failure of old bridges before their destruction



Automated Monitoring

- Robust monitoring to register the actual load history needed for fatigue capacity evaluations
- Filtering data to save only essential sequences (in a similar way as our brains filters away most of the signals all the sensors in our bodies send to it).
- Guards that can be used to activate maintenance personal if anything out of order occurs on a bridge.





L BIM -Building Information Modelling

3. Automate

- Configurate
- Produce
- Automatic machines

2. Integrate

- Design & Analysis
- Design & Cost estimation
- Design & Planning

1. Visualise

- VR models
- 3D
- Collision controls



1. Visualise Kiruna City development



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Kiruna Stadsomvandlingen

Modeller

- Viktiga hus
 Medelstora hus
 Små hus
- Vägar
- a vayar

Kartor

- Sprickbildning
- Järnvägsutredning
- Fördjupad översiktsplan
- Höjdkurvor
- Fastigheter

Tidplaner

Exploateringsplaner

Vyer



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2. Integrate - Analysis

ANNUAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

		MWh	EUR	kWh/m²	kWh/m ^s
	Lighting electricity	346	15708	33.7	12
	Equipment electricity	210	9535	20.5	7.3
	HVAC, cooling electr.	55	2519	5.4	1.9
	HVAC, other electr.	87	3959	8.5	3
Г	Electricity total	699	31721	68	24.2
	Heating	841	23788	81.9	29.2

Heating



■ Domestic hot water ■ Heating, spaces ■ Heating, AC system 12% 8%

Electricity



30%



Jutta Schade (2009)

Tamas Racz (2011)

Facility and user electricity



Facility electricity
 User electricity

3. Automate - configurate



A structure is broken down into elements





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Tomorrow



Energy is running the world



Energy consumption



The energy will be more expensive

Climate Change





The Future

- It is human to carry on as usual
 - as if nothing special is going to happen
 - but it is not wise.
- We must form our own opinion:
 - Figure out what is going to happen
 - What do we think is right?
- No one can do everything but everyone can do something. There will be a need of Civil Engineers

Need of Research

- Sustainable, robust and resilient structures made of refined materials. Life cycle costs, maintenance, strengthening, risk analysis
- Calibrate calculation models to tests of real structures (when they are to be demolished)
- More cooperation National, European and International projects

Thank you for your kind attention

The "Harry Potter Bridge" at Glenfinnan in Scotland built in concrete with no reinforcement by sir Robert McAlpine ("Concrete Bob") in 1897-1901.