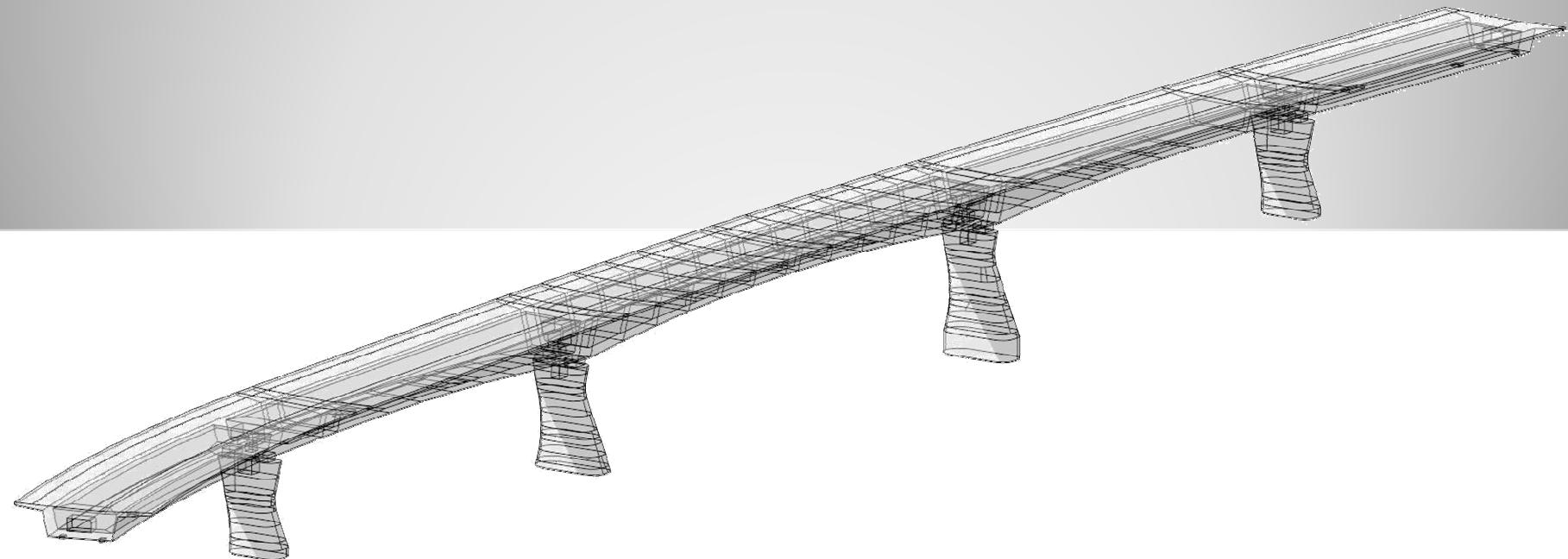
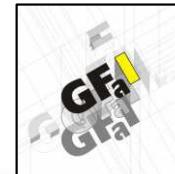


# *Energy Harvesting Aided Bridge Monitoring*



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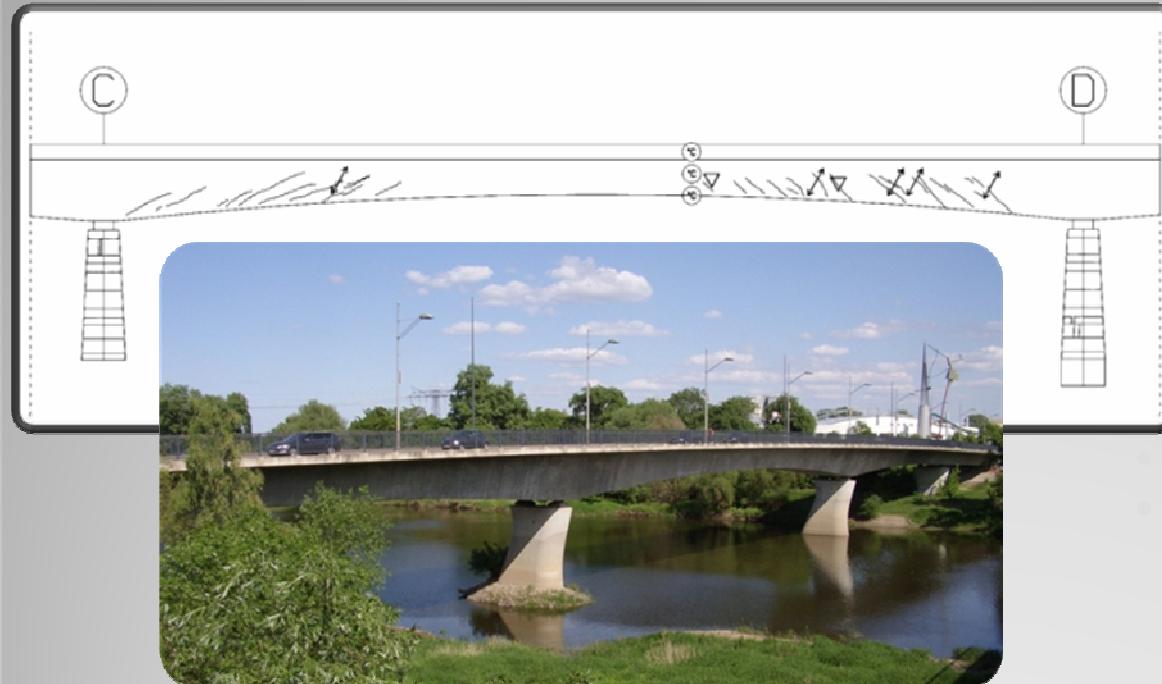


# Overview

- ***Presentation of project „Friedensbrücke Nord“, as subproject of research project „VibrEnergy“***
- ***Concept: Long-time monitoring***
- ***Project: „VibrEnergy“***
- ***Energy Harvesting – Concept and application***



# Project Presentation



## Friedensbrücke Nord

**Prestressed concrete construction**

**Construction year: 1994 – 1996**

**Costs: 8,6 Mio. DM**

**Length: 230 m**

**Width: 14 m**

**Height: 11 m**

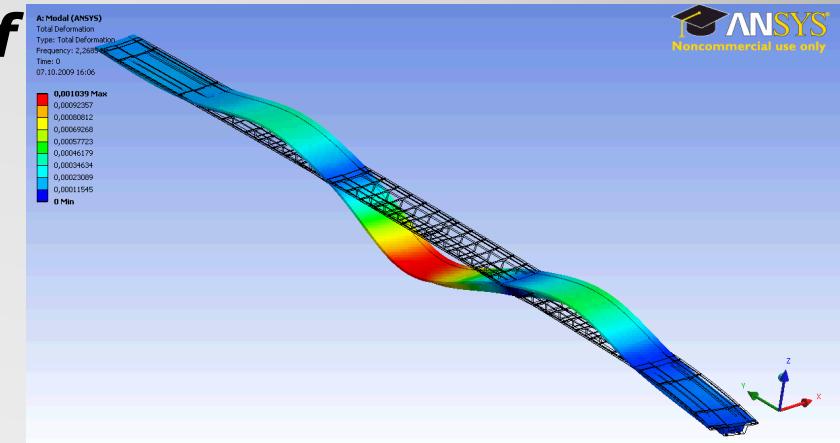
**Spans: 34m, 49m, 64m, 49m, 39m**

- **Main test 2008:** *note 3 = critical!*
- **Treatment needs !!!**

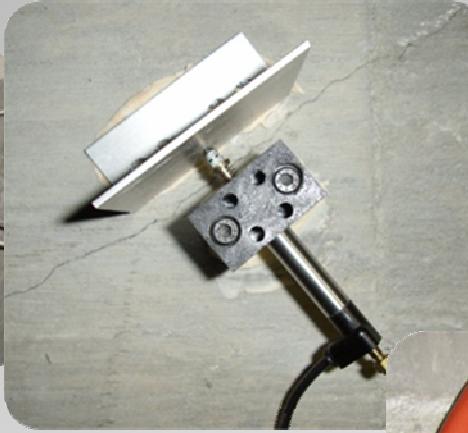
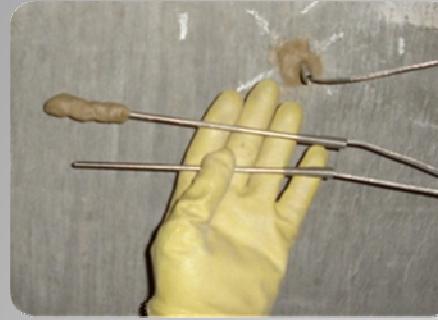


# Monitoring Concept

- ***Assessment of the current status and development of the bridge condition***
- ***Pre-modeling of the bridge***
- ***Determination of sensor types and sensor locations via initial measurements and FE - model***
- ***Data evaluation with help of Operational Modal Analysis (OMA)***



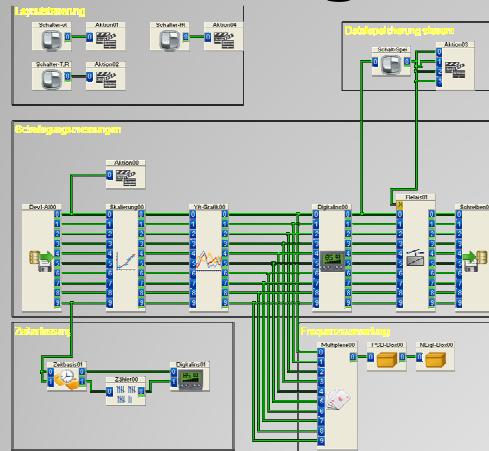
# *Sensors and Testing Methods*



- **Temperature**
- **Humidity**
- **Crack width**
- **Speed/Acceleration sensors**
- **Reinforcement scanner**
- **Settlement meter**
- **Laser vibrometer**

# Monitoring System

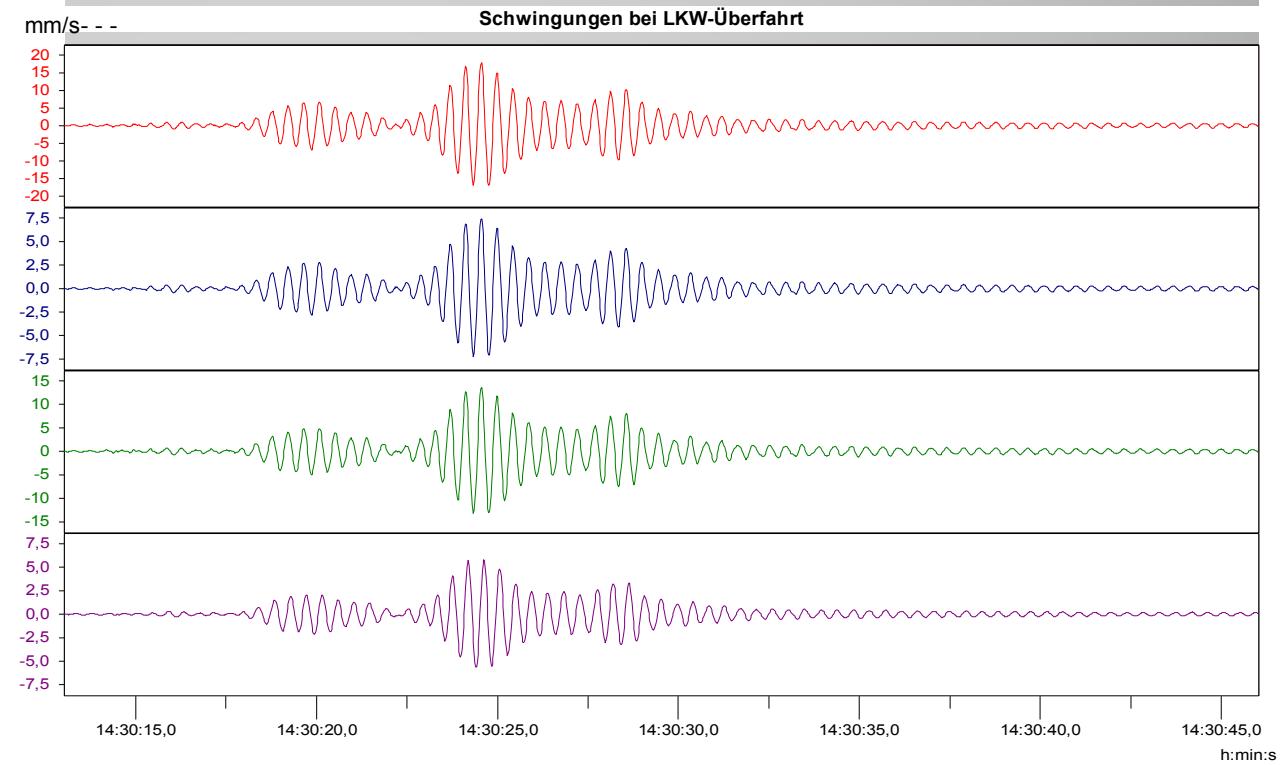
## DasyLab circuit diagram



Measurement  
setup



## Bridge vibrations



# ***Monitoring Goals***

***Ensuring stability, durability and safety***

- ***Supplement to visual examination***
- ***Bridge remaining service life estimation***
- ***Quality assurance***
- ***Better understanding of structures with the goal of improved building design and models***
- ***Cost reduction of maintenance and repair***



# *Project „VibrEnergy“*

*„Development of a new methodology  
for bridge monitoring based on  
vibration analysis and vibration  
energy evaluation“*

*Partners:*



AUCOTEAM  
UNTERNEHMENSGRUPPE



# ***Energy Harvesting [Motivation]***

- ***Lack of power supply in buildings***
- ***Utilisation of existing energy potential from bridge vibration***
- ***Continuous development of measurement technology results in highly energy efficient solutions***



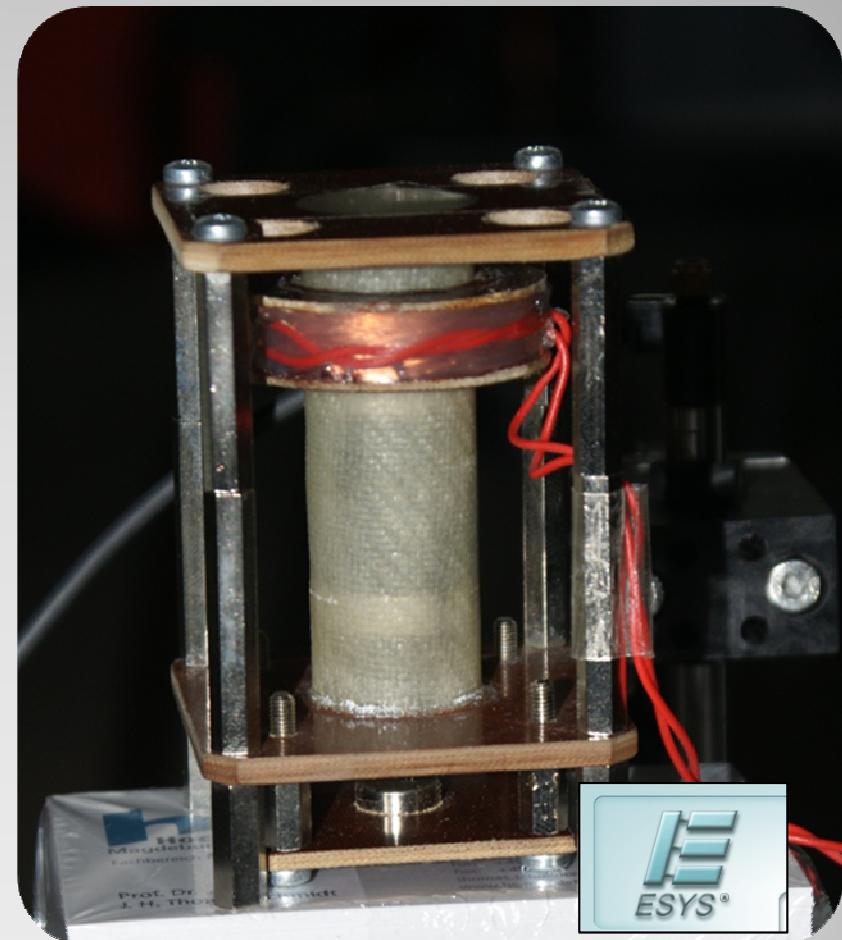
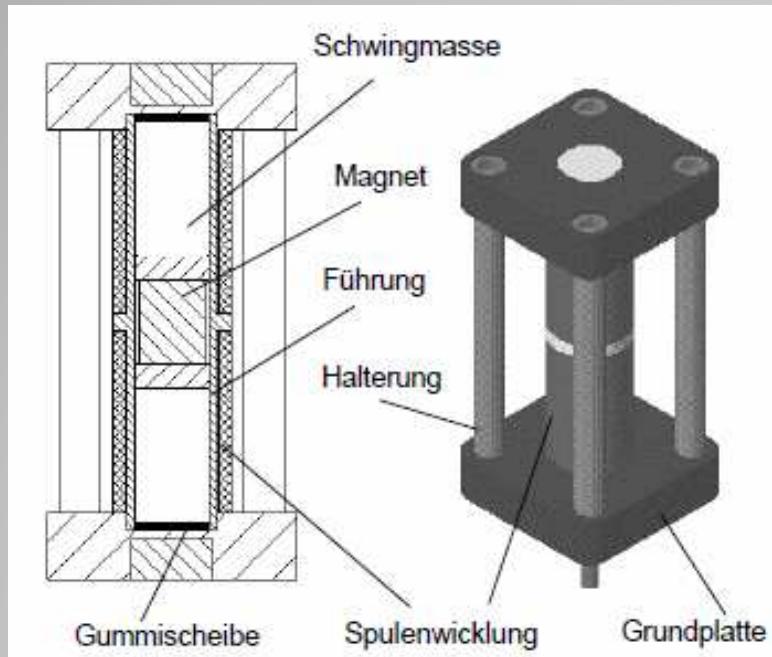
# *Energy Harvesting [Goals]*

- ***Using bridge energy for power supply***
- ***Waiver of batteries or accu's in data logging system***
- ***Full or partial power supply of the sensor and measuring technology by „energy harvesting“***
- ***Energy self-sufficient building monitoring***



# Translatory Harvester V 1.1

## Principle

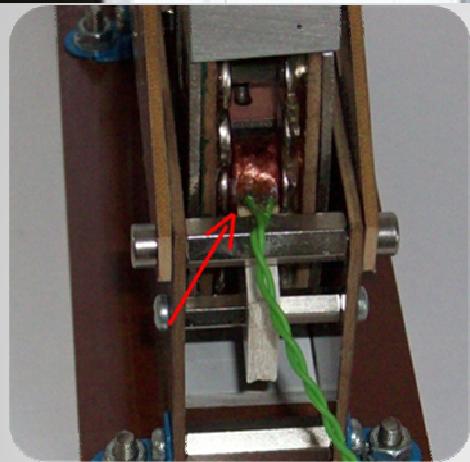
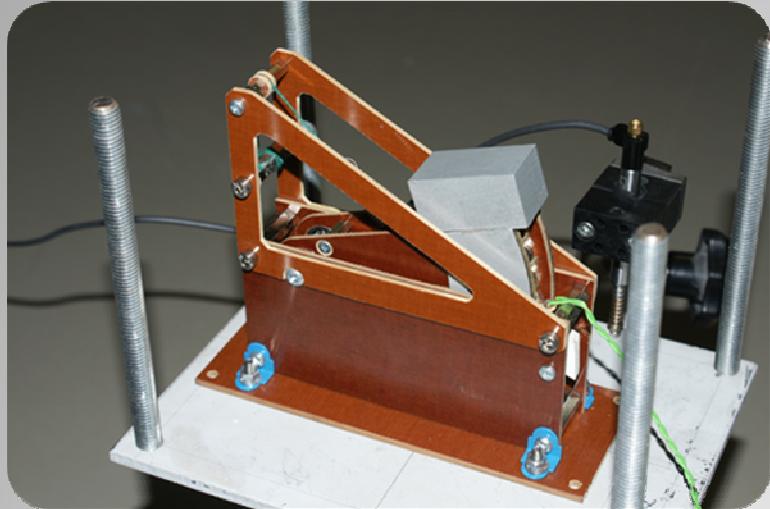


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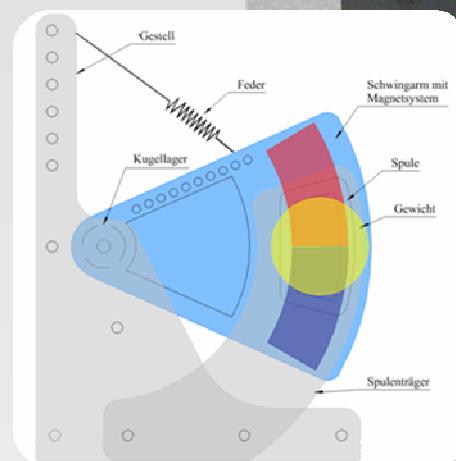
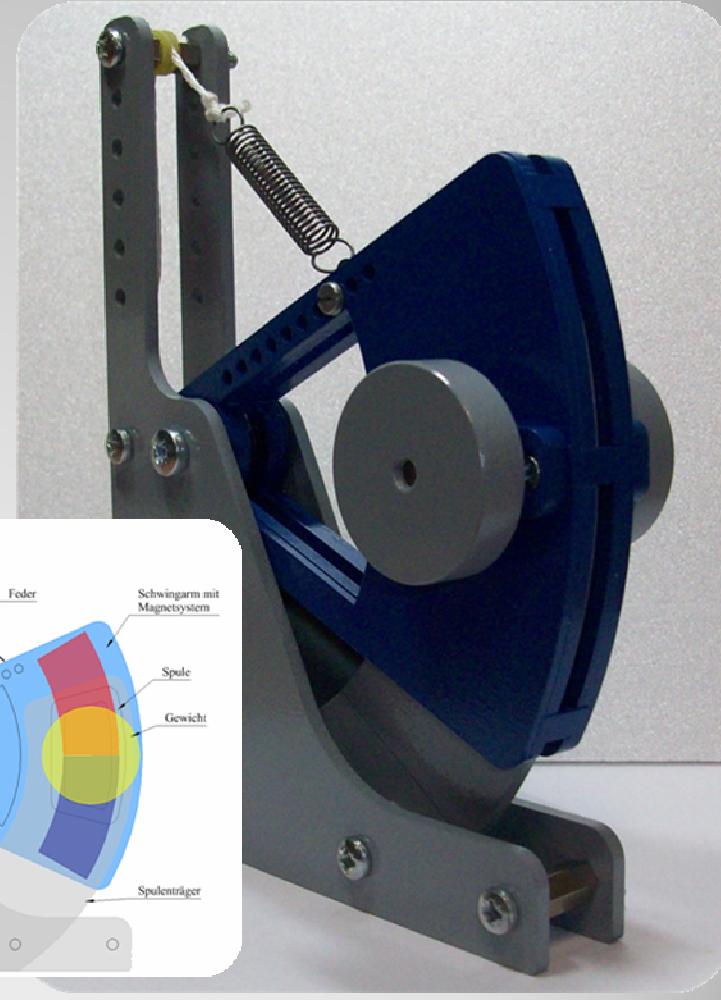


# Rotatoric Harvester

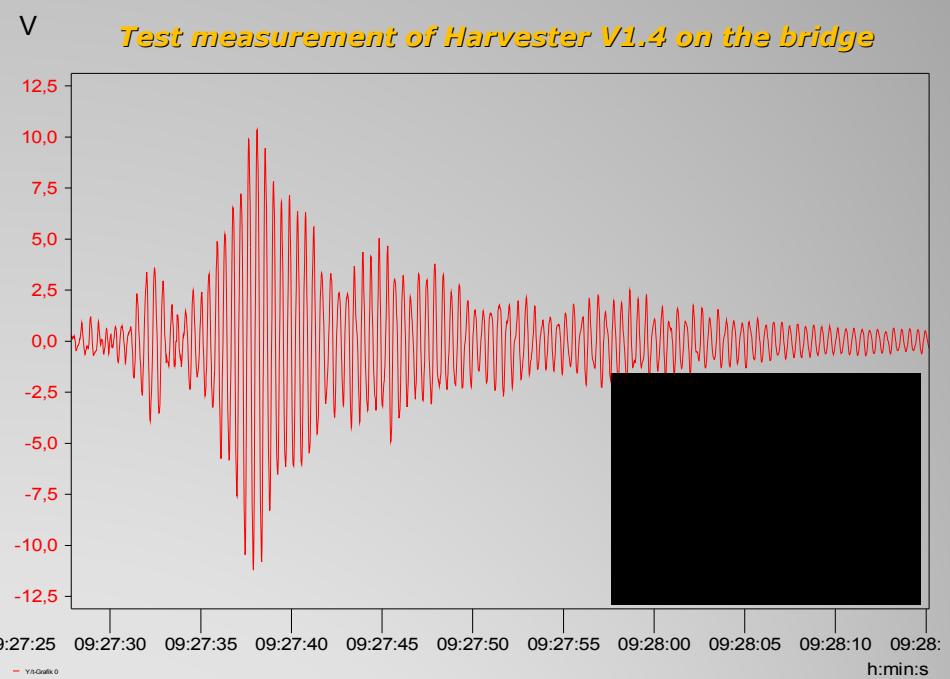
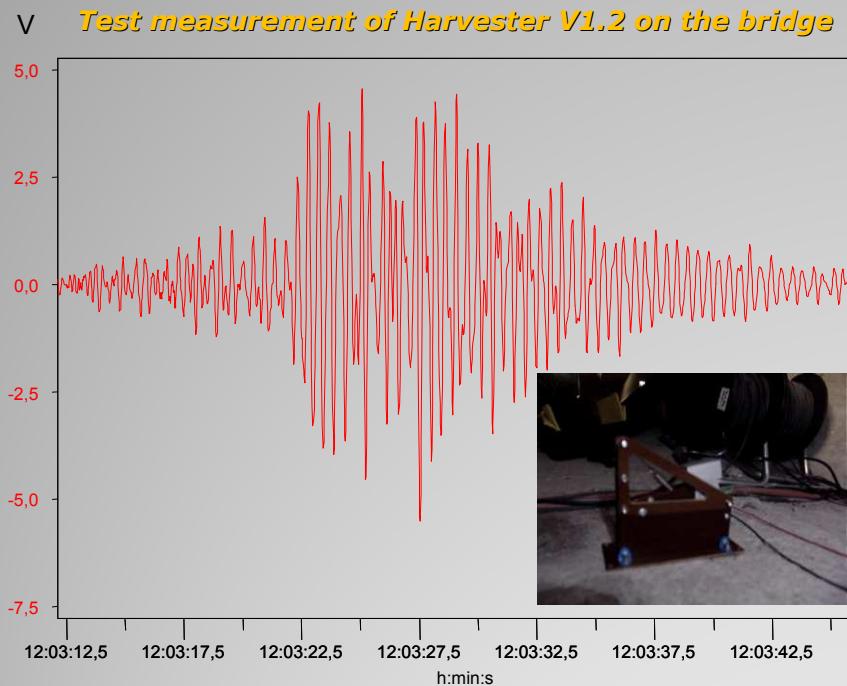
**Prototype V 1.2**



**Prototype V 1.4**



# Current State



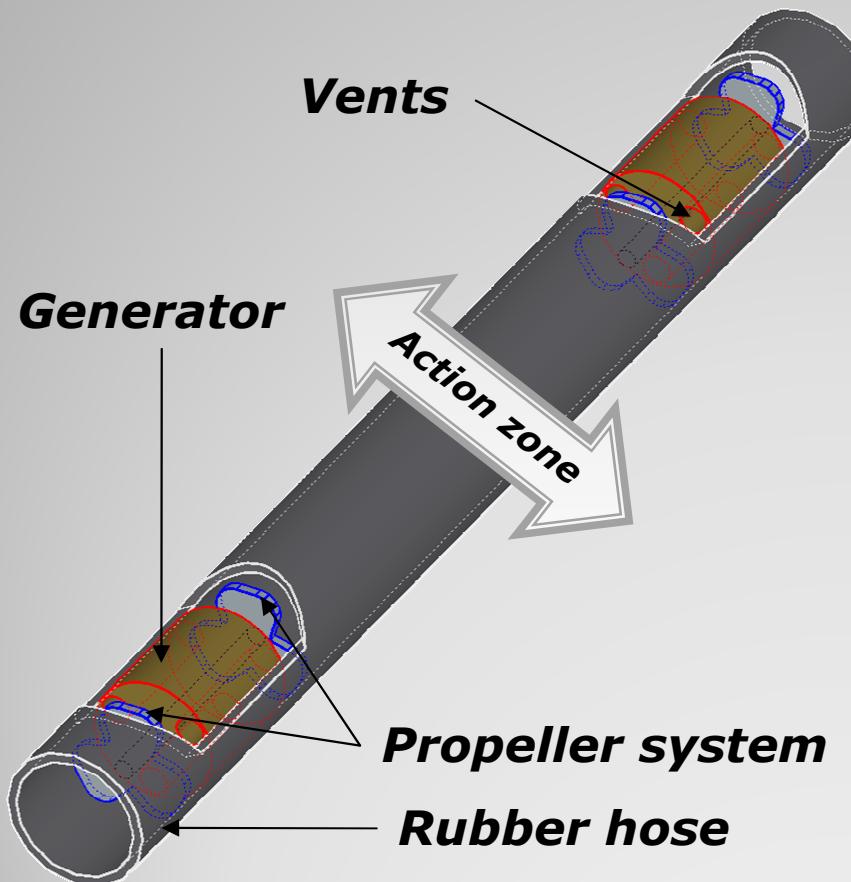
## *Performance improvement through:*

- **Reduction of damping ratio**
- **Better resonance tuning**
- **Increased displacement amplitudes**
- **Improved coils [2700 Windings]**

- **Further improvement of harvester prototypes mean energy with discontinuous excitation energy  $\rightarrow 10\text{-}20 \mu\text{W}$**
- **Energy from laboratory tests  $\rightarrow 1,4 \text{ mW}$**
- **Data logger systems for temperature and humidity can be supplied with energy by current harvester prototypes**

# Development of New Ideas

## *Energy Harvester integrated in bridge expansion joints*



**Detailed tests are in preparation**

- Integration in expansion joints**

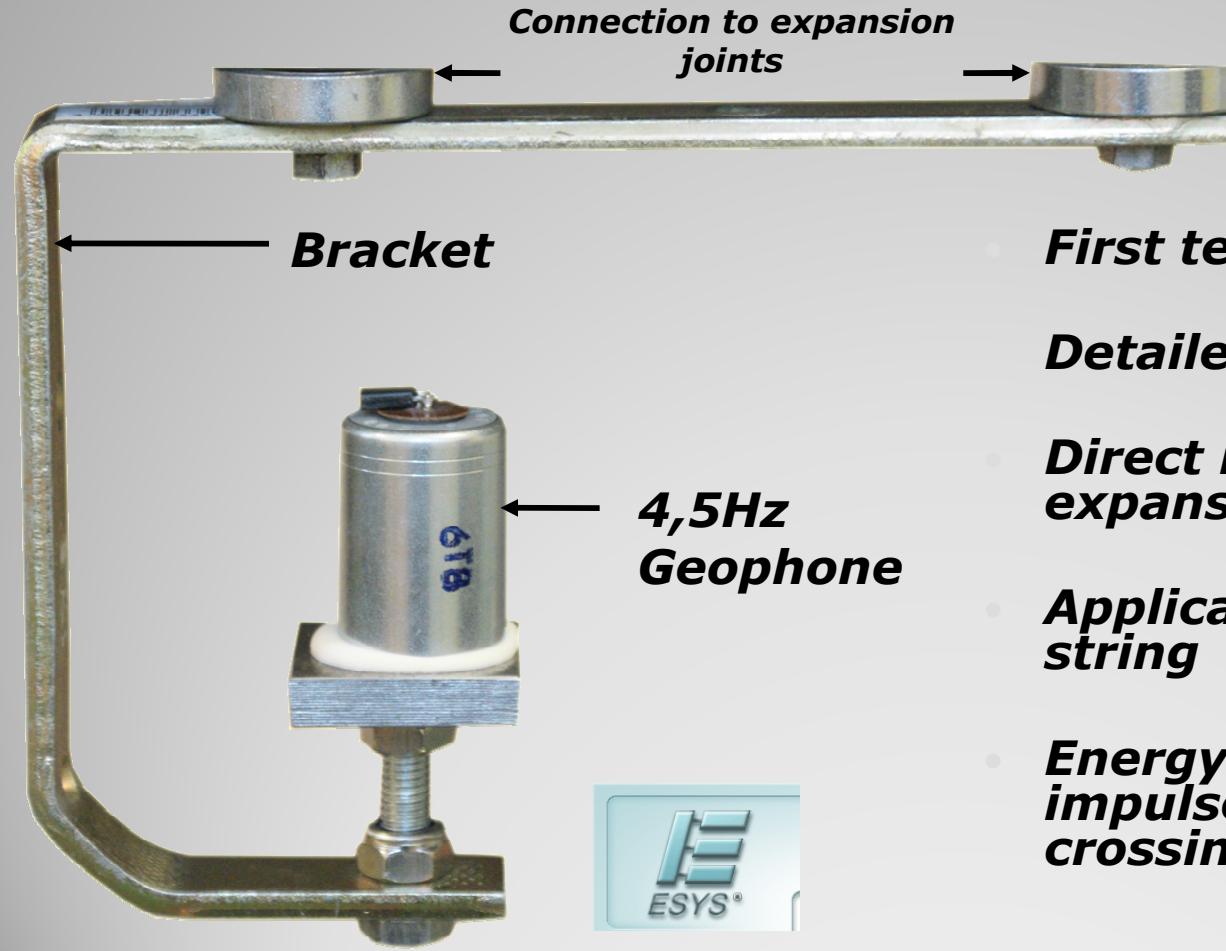
- Application of mini-generators**

- Energy harvesting from vehicles crossings**



# Development of New Ideas

## **Geophone as „Energy Harvester“**



- ***First tests are promising***
- ***Detailed tests are in progress***
- ***Direct integration in expansion joints***
- ***Application of a geophone string***
- ***Energy harvesting from impulse excitation by vehicle crossings***



# *Thank you!*

***Question, Comments, Hints  
are appreciated!***



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