The measured bridge girder





R&D of Vibration Imaging Radar

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R&D Objectives and Subjects

Objectives

By development of vibration visualization radar (VirA), we aim for improvement of safety and efficiency of inspection/monitoring of infrastructure, such as bridges and elevated roads.

Monitoring Capability Safety and Efficiency

- Extract vibrations in infrastructures from observed radar phase images
- Measure vibrations without blocking traffic.
- · Easy to transport and install.
- Non-contact vibration measurement system.

Subjects

- Lovelop vibration imaging radar system (VirA) using Digital Forming Technology. VirA observes infrastructures, such as bridges, as radar phase images up to 1000 times per second, and extracts vibrations at specific points. VirA measures (displacement) and variation as images with a vibration amplitude ≤0.1 mm, max. vibration frequency 500 Hz and an operational range of 100 m to 10 km.
- Develop a vibration analyzing algorithm and visualization program.
- Investigation of required measurement accuracy for infrastructure monitoring.
- Comparative verification with conventional infrastructure monitoring equipment.
- Application to infrastructure monitoring.

Current Accomplishments (1/2)

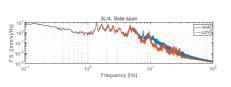
Contrast table of VirA Target specification and verification confirmation results

No		Target Spec	Result	
1	Observation Angle	EL: 30 degrees AZ: 45 degrees	EL: 30 degrees AZ: 45 degrees	
2	Observation Range	100 m∼10 km	Confirmed range 30 m~4,500 m	There is no place to confirm for more than 4,500 m.
3	Azimuth Resolution	0.5 degrees	0.5 degrees	
4	Imaging Reputation Speed	500 times/Sec	500 times/Sec	
5	Vibration Frequency	250 Hz MAX	250 Hz MAX	
6	Vibration Amplitude	≦0.1 mm	≦0.1 mm	
7	Consumed Power	4 RX Module ≤300 W 6 RX Module ≤400 W	4 RX Module 250 Wtyp 6 RX Module 350 Wtyp	
8	Size	2,000 (W) x 1,500 (D) x 1,600 (H) mm ≦70 Kg (without mounting base) (6 Rx Module)		





(TX Module)



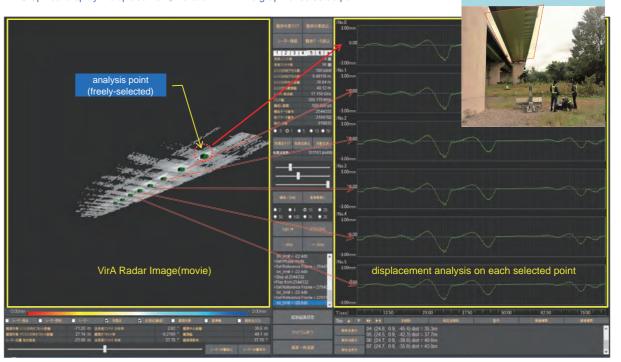
(Displacement comparison with LDV)

(Frequency histogram comparison with LDV)

Current Accomplishments (2/2)

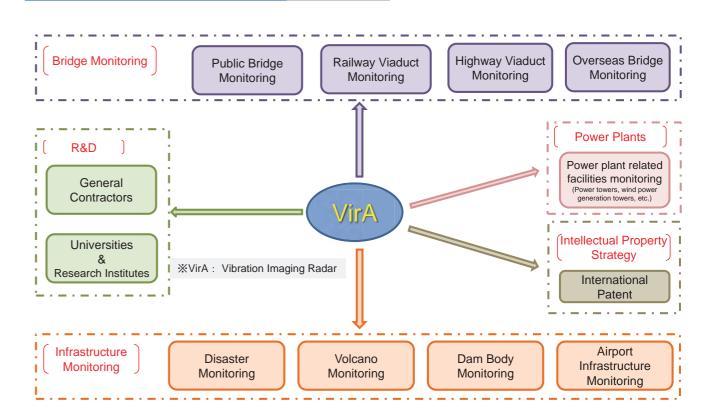
(Analyzed example of a bridge girder)

• Display acquired radar data as 1ms frame rate movie • Graphical display – displacement, vibration with time graph of selected point



Vibration visualization and analysis software

Goals



(Comparison measurement with LDV)