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Nonlinear bridge deflection monitoring and prediction system based on network communication

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Abstract: In order to study the bridge deflection monitoring and prediction system based on network communication, first, the development status of the bridge deflection monitoring system, overall demand of the system, hardware composition of the system, realization of the system software, and the timely processing and analysis of monitoring data are discussed. Then, the dynamic prediction of the change trend of the external load and the decay information of the structural resistance contained in the deflection monitoring data is carried out, and the prediction function of the external effect of the structure is established at the same time. Finally, a rapid monitoring system specially designed to deal with accidental bridge disasters was developed, and it was installed and applied in the engineering experiment of Chongqing Gaojia Garden Bridge. The deflection data analysis of Gaojia Huayuan Bridge was carried out, and suggestions for the operation and maintenance of the bridge were put forward, and the safety status assessment of the bridge was realized. The results show that the system has strong practicability, real-time monitoring and accuracy. It provides a convenient and accurate way for bridge managers to supervise bridges and formulate specific bridge maintenance plans in a timely manner. During the radio frequency modulation of communication data, harmonic oscillations occur due to the nonlinear characteristics of oscillating data, so it is difficult to improve the wireless ability to modulate and demodulate transmitted data in communications. The traditional method uses neural network fuzzy control distribution estimation harmonic balance algorithm and nonlinear rolling.

The performance of dynamic predictive control is poor in quality, harmonic balance, and stability control. An improved harmonic-based communication network is proposed to balance the stability control model of nonlinear communication system, construct nonlinear communication system model, and extract signal and channel characteristics of the communication system. The channel model is designed and the communication network control method is adopted to improve the control algorithm. The simulation results show that the proposed algorithm can be used to improve the stability of nonlinear communication system, reduce the bit error rate, overcome the interference of coherent component in sidelobe, and autocorrelated the impulse response of receiver. The stability of the cumulative output is good, which can overcome the communication error caused by the harmonic oscillation due to the nonlinear characteristics of the oscillating data, and improve the communication quality.

Keywords: network communication, nonlinearity, bridge deflection, monitoring data, dynamic prediction

1 Introduction

In the modern society with rapid economic development, bridges, as one of the most important carriers of transportation, maintain the economic lifeline of the country. Since the last century, bridge construction with the characteristics of large scale, soft form, and complex function has increased. The bridges in our country have gradually shifted from the construction period to the construction and maintenance period [1]. In view of the important role of bridge engineering in economic construction and daily life, technicians not only focus on bridge construction and construction design but pay more attention to the daily maintenance and safety of the bridge structure. In order to ensure the safety and durability of bridge structures, inspection, maintenance and reinforcement are all necessary steps to prolong the service life of bridges.

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control algorithm of nonlinear communication system has certain reference significance for high-performance wireless communication transmission data modulation and demodulation capability. The research on control algorithm has been paid more and more attention. Data mining algorithm and related signal processing algorithm were combined to ensure the influence of high order harmonics on the simulation results. In order to effectively apply the algorithm to the stability control of nonlinear communication systems, a distributed estimation algorithm of network control behavior is proposed, which enhances the ability of local distribution optimization in communication networks. The convergence speed is improved to some extent, but the algorithm has poor performance in the extraction and mining of nonlinear data features and nonlinear rolling predictive control quality. As the harmonic balance for nonlinear communication systems is limited to gradient information optimization, the result is bad.

In order to overcome the shortcomings of traditional monitoring methods, real-time, online, accurate, and objective structural monitoring methods are constantly being studied to provide reliable maintenance and management basis for bridges. In order to effectively deal with sudden disasters on bridges and ensure the safe operation of bridges, comprehensive structural monitoring of the bridge structure must be carried out in a timely manner after accidental damage, and harmful factors such as concrete cracks, steel fractures, and pier collapse that may cause bridge accidents must be checked. With the rapid development of transportation networks around the world, bridge experts use the monitoring data of bridge structures to evaluate the rationality of bridge design. According to the monitoring information, the ability of the bridge to bear static and dynamic loads, and the safety and reliability of each part of the bridge structure are evaluated. In a word, the research on the health monitoring of bridge structure is of great significance, the change in monitoring deflection can directly reflect the vertical displacement of the bridge caused by the weight of the bridge itself and the vertical pressure generated by the traveling vehicle, it is of great significance and value for bridge bearing capacity testing and bridge maintenance and repair [4].

2 Literature review

Wu and others believe that the early bridge detection methods are mainly visual inspection (visual inspection),

also known as appearance inspection. The biggest disadvantage of visual inspection is that the inspector cannot provide objective and quantitative bridge component information, the rating is relatively arbitrary, and it is basically impossible to determine the degree of degradation of the physical and chemical properties of the structural materials, it is even more impossible to accurately locate the internal defect state of the structure, so that appropriate maintenance and reinforcement measures cannot be taken [5]. Shrestha *et al.* considered research on SHM systems in order to make up for the shortcomings of traditional bridge detection. The new monitoring system uses efficient test sensing instruments and fast information transmission system, real-time monitoring of bridge structure state response and its influencing factors are realized [6]. Li *et al.* found that SHM refers to the use of non-destructive sensing technology to obtain continuous state information of the structure, combined with structural theoretical characterization analysis to identify changes in the structural response under operating conditions, revealing possible damage or degradation therein [7]. Experts such as Zhao *et al.* established the health monitoring system of Runyang Yangtze River Bridge, which carried out in-depth and meticulous research on engineering early warning, and introduced the composition and objectives of the monitoring system, sensor layout plan, main subsystems, bridge safety assessment methods, and structural state identification, and they also promoted the development of domestic bridge health monitoring [8]. Gao *et al.* have analyzed and studied the SHM systems of three large bridges, namely, Hong Kong Tsing Ma Suspension Bridge, Kashuimen Cable-stayed Bridge, and Tingjiu Cable-stayed Bridge [9]. Zhou *et al.* believed that the deflection reflects the bending deformation of the structure, the displacement of the centroid of the cross section along the line perpendicular to the axis, the bridge is in the working state. The deflection deformation directly reflects the overall deformation and load-bearing capacity of the bridge. Through long-term observation of real-time measurement of bridges under dynamic load, the overall operational safety of bridges can be assessed through static and dynamic vertical deflection changes. Bridge deflection monitoring is an important indicator of bridge routine inspection and health monitoring in recent years [10]. Zhang and Woo believed that for a continuous steel bridge, the maximum mid-span deflection corresponding to a main span of 100 m is only about 10 cm, and the deflection is very small compared to the bridge itself, so the accuracy of the deflection measuring instrument is very high [11]. Bhat *et al.* believed that due to the importance of bridge safety, the development of structural deflection monitoring tends to be

of high precision, fast, dynamic real-time, storable, wide signal range, networked, *etc.* [12].

3 Bridge deflection monitoring and prediction system

After the beam is deformed, its axis will bend, forming a deflection line, when the reinforced concrete beam is bent and deformed, each section of the pure bending section will rotate an angle ϕ around the central axis, but the section remains flat. At this time, according to the material mechanics [13], the curvature of the deflection curve can be obtained by Eq. (1) as follows:

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{d_y^2}{d_x^2} = \frac{M}{EI}, \quad (1)$$

where EI is called the bending stiffness of the beam. The bending deformation of the member section is measured by the curvature ϕ , $\phi = 1/\rho$, where ρ is the curvature radius of the deformation curve at the section, therefore, the curvature ϕ is equal to the relative angle of rotation between the two sections per unit length of the member. The deflection calculation formula is given by Eq. (2) as follows:

$$y = w = \alpha \frac{ML^2}{EI}. \quad (2)$$

The above formula shows that the bending stiffness EI of the main beam and the change in the internal force are reflected by the deflection of the beam. By observing the change in deflection, we can predict the change trend of external load and the decay of structural resistance [14].

In order to verify the performance of the algorithm, simulation experiments are carried out in the communication protocol set. The protocol consistency test of IEC61375-2 is carried out. The receiving and transmitting transducers of the wireless communication system are located in the receiving array terminal of multipath component in element, using frequency band of 2–10 kHz, duration was 4 ms, and the distance of data sender was 3.7 km. Based on the above simulation ring environment and parameter settings, stability control simulation of wireless communication system, and the autocorrelation accumulative output of channel impulse response of different receiving arrays are obtained.

This platform combines bridge managers and ordinary users to meet the needs of real-time management or supervision of bridges, through the combination of various modules, and provides a convenient and feasible way to regulate the bridge [14]. Mainly through the socket server module, the real-time deflection data from the single-chip microcomputer are received to judge and perform various database operations. Using Baidu map and the specific bridge deflection change information as the core of the Android terminal, in order to carry out information interaction with the web server module, real-time bridge information is provided to users at anytime and anywhere. The software system structure is shown in Figure 2.

The prediction and evaluation of bridge health status is of great significance for the long-term use of bridges. At present, most of the evaluation algorithms for bridge health status at home and abroad are based on obtaining bridge information, and then using a variety of software for evaluation. There is usually a certain time difference between the acquisition of bridge information and the evaluation results, it can only judge the bridge state corresponding to the obtained data, the real-time performance is poor, and the evaluation algorithm is highly targeted, which is not suitable for most bridges [15]. The system selects the comprehensive scoring method and the optimized Markov chain algorithm to evaluate the bridge health status every 2 min, and finally selects the optimal algorithm.

The comprehensive scoring method is based on the quantitative and qualitative analysis of the data, an evaluation algorithm for scoring data to be evaluated. This system evaluates and scores the deflection data of all bridges, and determines the damage level of the bridge according to the score [16]. When the network communication module is on the map display page, it periodically extracts the latest 300 sets of deflection data of all bridges every 2 min, the traversal of all the

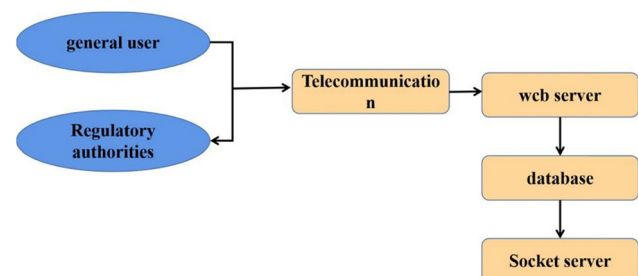


Figure 2: Software system structure diagram.

deflection data of the specific bridge is performed on all the retrieved data, and the number of corresponding damage levels is counted. The deflection damage level is divided into five levels from one to five, and the corresponding deflection range is from the initial deflection $f_0 \leq l \leq 4,800$ to the maximum deflection $f_m \geq l/600$, where l is the single span length of the bridge. Different damage levels correspond to different scores and weights, the score of the bridge is calculated by multiplying the product factor, time, scores, and weights, corresponding to the bridge state reference table, the expected bridge state is obtained by Eq. (3) as follows:

$$S = f \times \sum_{i=1}^5 n_i \cdot w_i \cdot s_{xi}, \quad (3)$$

where S is the score, $n_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5)$ is the number of 300 sets of deflection data under 5 damage levels, w_i and $s_{xi} (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5)$ are the weights and scores corresponding to five different damage levels, respectively, and $f = 1.684$ is the multiplication factor. Among them, the comparison table of injury level, level score and weight, and the comparison table of score and injury degree are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively [17].

The bridge icon is changed to be safe, dangerous, or alert according to different states, in which the bridge icon is set to be safe under the first and second damage levels, in the third degree of damage, the bridge icon is set as dangerous, and in the fourth and fifth degrees of damage, the corresponding bridge icon is in the alert state [18]. Doing this on all bridge data updates the short-term expected state of all bridges.

Table 1: Comparison of damage grade, grade score, and weight

Damage level	Level score	Weights
Level 1	0.143	0.17
Level 2	0.165	0.18
Level 3	0.208	0.19
Level 4	0.215	0.20
Level 5	0.248	0.23

Table 2: Comparison of score and injury degree

Score	Degree of damage
50.76–61.28	Intact
61.29–71.45	Better
71.46–81.51	There is obvious deformation, and the driving causes a little shock
81.52–91.14	There is obvious deformation, and the component has obvious deformation
≥ 91.15	Significant deformation occurs, seriously affecting driving safety

A Markov chain is a random process with Markov properties. Given the current data, the system can change from one state to another, or maintain the current state, the associated probabilities of these state changes are called transition probabilities [19]. The probability transition matrix obtained after one state transition is the one-step transition probability matrix $p(1)$, at this time, the calculation of the n -step transition probability matrix is given by Eq. (4) as follows:

$$P(n) = P^{An}. \quad (4)$$

However, in practical applications, the data changes are sensitive, and the one-step transition probability matrix obtained at one time is used to calculate the subsequent n -step transition probability matrix, and analyzing the actual state of the bridge will produce a lot of errors, so the algorithm needs to be improved.

The system uses an optimized Markov chain to predict the expected deflection state of the bridge. First, obtain 300 sets of bridge deflection data through the Internet, divide the retrieved data into 2 groups, and divide the first group of data comparison status into 5 groups, create an array c_1 to record the number of occurrences of each of the 5 states in all data $c_1[i] = (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$, use the arraylist collection to sequentially record the state numbers corresponding to all data. The number of occurrences of all data numbers in the polling set is from the initial state $0 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4$ to n_{ij} , among them, i is the initial state and j is the transition state. Divide it by $c_1[0]$ to get the transition probability from the initial state 0 to 5 states [20]. Poll all the remaining initial states to obtain the transition probabilities, thereby obtaining the one-step transition probability matrix p_1 under the first 150 sets of data, and the calculation is given by Eq. (5) as follows:

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_{00}}{c_1[0]} & \frac{n_{01}}{c_1[0]} & \frac{n_{02}}{c_1[0]} & \frac{n_{03}}{c_1[0]} & \frac{n_{04}}{c_1[0]} \\ \frac{n_{10}}{c_1[1]} & \frac{n_{11}}{c_1[1]} & \frac{n_{12}}{c_1[1]} & \frac{n_{13}}{c_1[1]} & \frac{n_{14}}{c_1[1]} \\ \frac{n_{20}}{c_1[2]} & \frac{n_{21}}{c_1[2]} & \frac{n_{22}}{c_1[2]} & \frac{n_{23}}{c_1[2]} & \frac{n_{24}}{c_1[2]} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

According to this method, the one-step transition probability matrix P'_1 of the last 150 sets of data is calculated. At this time, the calculation of the two-step transition probability matrix given by Eq. (6) is as follows:

$$p(2) = P_1 \times P'_1. \quad (6)$$

After the two-step transition probability matrices in the x and y directions are obtained, respectively, the future state of the last deflection data can be predicted.

After stability control by the method presented in this work, with less and less coherent components, the impulse response at the receiving end accumulates with autocorrelation, and the stability is better. In order to further test the proposed control model High communication system stability in terms of performance, using this algorithm and traditional The algorithm is used to control the stability of nonlinear communication system, and the output number is obtained Bit error rate (BER) comparison results of data.

4 Experimental analysis

The purpose of the system test is to verify the feasibility, reliability, and stability of the rapid deflection monitoring system. The testing process is carried out in the laboratory, so it is necessary to carry out a simulation of the monitoring within the deflection box girder of the bridge. With the help of the simulated bridge concrete structure of the experimental center, the following experiments were carried out.

In the static box girder of the simulated concrete bridge in the laboratory, an experimental platform is built, and a rapid deflection monitoring system is installed to monitor the real-time deflection change in the box girder online. According to the method described in the hardware design, two key measuring points are selected and a set of laser deflection instruments are installed, respectively. Then, the system controller, power manager, DTU wireless communicator, and UPS power regulator are installed.

In the whole set of experimental equipment, the server of the remote monitoring center is located in the laboratory. However, one difference that needs to be noted is that in order to simplify the construction of the experimental environment, the industrial computer is not installed in the simulated bridge box girder, instead, the industrial computer is replaced by the on-site master control manager, and the video capture card is replaced

by the data collector. This experimental replacement is only low in data processing speed and throughput, and does not affect the quality of deflection acquisition. The working process of measuring deflection: (i) The server of the remote monitoring center sends an instruction to the deflection system on site through wireless transmission, and orders the deflection monitoring to start; (ii) The power manager energizes the data collector to start the collection work; (iii) The data collector remote control power manager turns on the laser transmitter to switch on the transmitter power and enable it to work; (iv) The collected deflection data are transmitted to the remote monitoring center through DTU; (v) When the collection work is over, the power manager turns off the power of the collector. After testing, the system works normally [21].

4.1 Analysis of deflection monitoring data

The monitoring process and the method of the static deflection monitoring system of the Gaojia Huayuan Bridge are as follows: The laser emission module is installed on the upstream side of the box girder of the main pier and the target is installed on the upstream side of the inner roof of the box girder in the middle of the main span. The spatial displacement of the bridge structure is obtained through detection, and the obtained original data is stored in the front-end database server. The measurement method also includes the adjustment of the sampling frequency. In order to obtain precise measurement results, the laser projection deflection sensor is set to automatically collect data every 2 min. Due to the huge amount of data collection, some data are at the risk of being inundated. Therefore, after many debugs of the data collection method, the sampling method is finally set to sample every 20 minutes, every second and every 5 points per second. The measurement of static deflection is the deflection of the bridge without dynamic load. In the actual measurement, the data of the collected deflection monitoring data in the open state are removed, and only the data in the non-open state are set as the static deflection data [22].

The monitoring process and the method of the dynamic deflection monitoring system require to arrange the dynamic deflection sensor in the midspan of the bridge. By collecting the deflection data in real time, the bridge space displacement is detected, and then the obtained original data are stored in the front-end database server.

The laser emission module of the main span dynamic deflection sensing system is installed on the downstream side of the inner roof of the box girder in the main span, and the target is installed on the downstream side of the main pier box girder, it is used to monitor the actual change in the value of deflection at the mid-span, so as to grasp the stiffness and elastic recovery ability of the bridge in time.

The acquisition frequency of dynamic deflection is also determined through multiple debugging. Initially, the laser deflection sensor is set to automatically collect data every 2 min. In order to obtain precise measurement results, considering the sufficient operating capacity of the server, the data storage space can be buffered by reducing the frequency of static and dynamic deflection acquisition, then the sampling method was changed to 25 points every 20 min [22].

Since the laser is installed in the middle of the span and the target is installed on the top of the pier, it is easily affected by the reinforcement construction in the bridge, and there may be large errors in the dynamic monitoring data. The actual collection of the dynamic deflection monitoring data of right side of the Gaojia Huayuan Bridge is normalized, divided by week, and then the daily data changes are analyzed.

4.2 Dynamic deflection monitoring conclusion

The dynamic deflection change on the right side of Gaojia Garden Bridge is shown in Figure 3.

From the start of remote monitoring, the mid-span dynamic deflection of the main bridge has changed, as can be seen from the right-hand dynamic deflection data map of the Gaojia Garden Bridge. The specific daily changes are shown in Table 3.

The dynamic deflection monitoring system collects deflection data in real time through deflection sensors arranged in the mid-span of the bridge, and obtains the spatial displacement of the bridge through detection. Since the laser is installed in the middle of the span, the target is installed on the top of the pier, which is easily affected by the reinforcement construction in the bridge, and there may be large errors in the dynamic monitoring data. The actually collected dynamic deflection monitoring data are normalized in order to more clearly analyze the normal change range and maximum

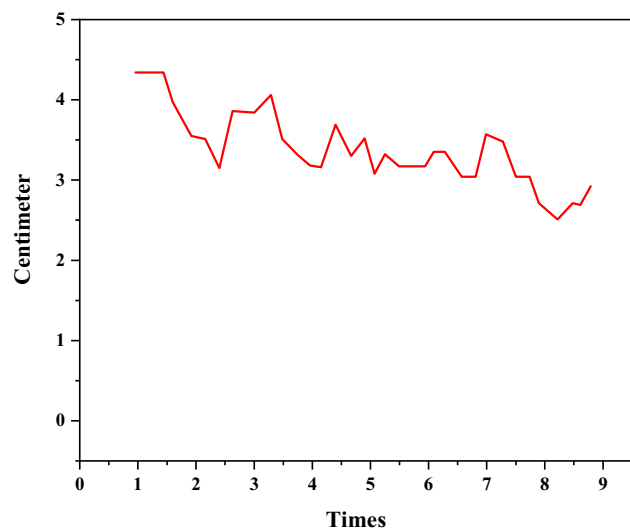


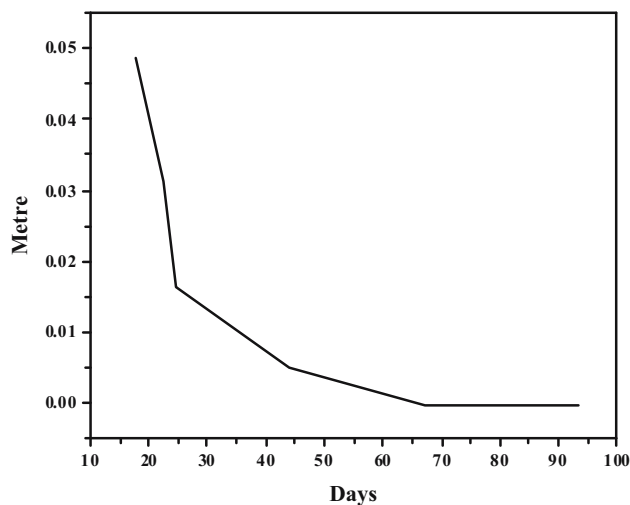
Figure 3: Data diagram of the dynamic deflection change in the right side of the Gaojia Garden Bridge.

change amount of the bridge when it is open to traffic and not open to traffic. During the observation period, the maximum dynamic deflection in the open state fluctuated steadily from September 10 to 19, and fluctuated greatly from September 20 to 28, the volatility was relatively stable from September 29 to October 24. During the observation period, it was observed that the maximum measured dynamic deflection on September 27 was about 9 cm, which was larger than the theoretical dynamic deflection under specified load. This may be related to the increase in the dynamic deflection test value due to the reinforcement construction in the bridge. During the observation period, the static deflection was observed at 2:00 a.m. on October 5th, which was 2.369 cm higher than that at 2:00 a.m. on September 9th. During the 26 days of observation, no obvious downward deflection of the beam was found under the condition of no load. At this time, the maximum measured dynamic deflection was about 6 cm, and there was no obvious abnormality [23].

Generally speaking, during the observation period, it was observed that the static deflection gradually increased in the state of no traffic, there were certain fluctuations during the period, by 2 am on October 24, the static deflection increased by 2.860 cm compared with 2 am on September 9. During the 45 days of observation, no obvious downward deflection of the bridge was found under the condition of no load, and there was no obvious abnormality, as shown in Figure 4.

Table 3: Dynamic deflection data of the right side of the Gaojia Garden Bridge

Deflection	Data collection time	No traffic		Open to traffic	
		Routine changes	Biggest change	Routine changes	Biggest change
Dynamic	10.00				
Dynamic	11.00	1	1.4	2–3	6.5
Dynamic	12.00	2.5	2.3	3–5	6.7
Dynamic	13.00	—	—	4–6	7.12
Dynamic	14.00	—	—	4.5–7	8.7
Dynamic	15.00	1.5	2.4	3.1–5.5	6
Dynamic	16.00	1.8	2.7	2.5–4.6	7.23
Dynamic	17.00	1.56	3.1	—	—
Dynamic	18.00	1.68	2.9	3.1–5.4	8.23

**Figure 4:** Communication system.

5 Conclusion

The bridge deflection monitoring and prediction system based on network communication can meet the design requirements of real-time performance, accuracy and practicability at the beginning of the design. Among them, in the running time of the whole software system, the receiving time of the socket server module is 3–4 sets of data per second. The main interface of AndroiApp loads Baidu map and obtains it, and the time for marking all registration information is 2–3 s. The bridge deflection display module updates the line graph at a fixed time and re-acquires the latest deflection data every 3 s, among which the time for obtaining the latest deflection and deflection information is 2–3 s. Regardless of the influence of personnel operation and network speed, the complete operation time of the system is 4–6 s (including data reception, sign marking, and bridge deflection display

with time difference, does not include other features that have almost no time difference or run at a fixed time). And within the operating time range, through multiple simulation applications of the simulated bridges, the deflection prediction results are in line with the changes in the actual simulated bridges, and in the multiple detection results, the accuracy rate can reach 98%. The real-time performance of the system and the accuracy of operation ensure the practicability of the system.

This work presents an improved non-harmonic balance-based communication network. The stability control model of linear communication system is first constructed. The model extracts the signal, channel characteristics, channel model and communication network control method of the communication system, and obtains the harmonic balance nonlinear communication system based on the communication stability control algorithm. The results show that the proposed algorithm can effectively improve the non-linearity. The stability of the communication system reduces the BER, overcomes the coherence in the side lobe component interference and shows superior performance of the proposed algorithm.

In the era of mobile internet, the internet technology is applied to the real-time monitoring of bridge safety, and the bridge state is predicted by using a variety of algorithms, it injects new vitality into the monitoring technology of real-time change in bridge deflection, and also provides a new way to monitor bridges for management departments and ordinary users. The bridge deflection change monitoring platform has high real-time performance, low operating cost, and convenient operation. Real-time monitoring of bridge operation can be established to predict its short-term changes, which is of great help for users to monitor bridges and formulate reasonable and effective maintenance measures according to the changes, and save maintenance costs, and the purpose

of extending the service life of the bridge and ensuring the safety of the bridge are achieved.

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