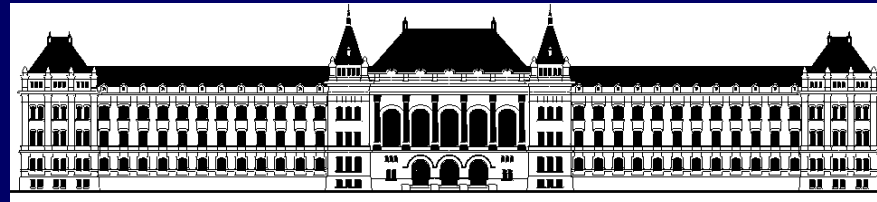




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# 6th International Conference on Bridges across the Danube



Budapest, 2007.

**1782- Institutium Geometricum**

**1856- Royal Joseph Polytechnic**

**1860- Hungarian replaces Latin**

**1862- Royal Joseph University**

**– Department of Bridge Construction**

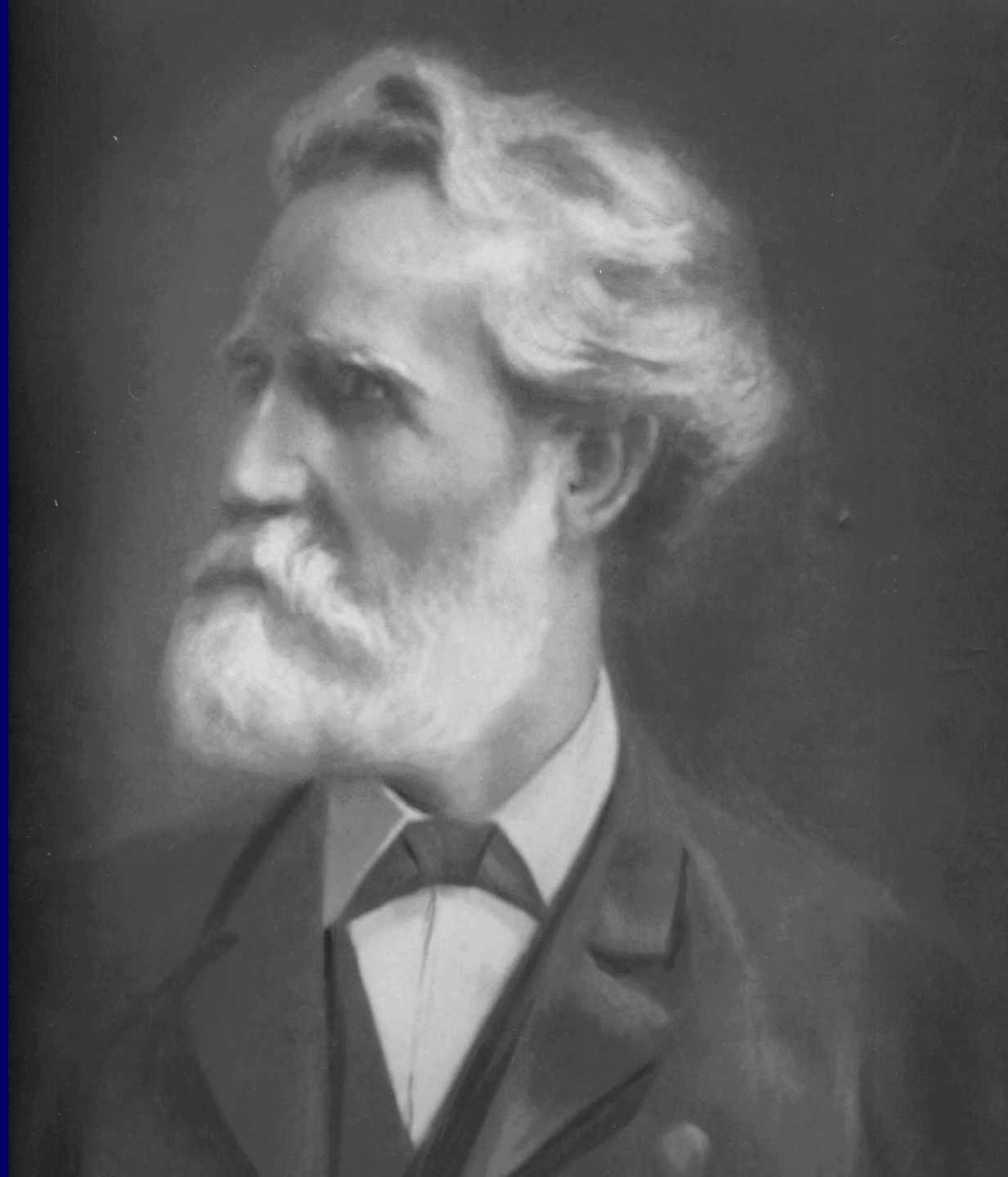
**1872- RJU gains full autonomy**

**1901- RJU is entitled to confer doctoral degree**

**1949- Technical University of Budapest**

**2000- Budapest University of Technology and Economics**

**Antal Kherndi**



**Before the II. WW**



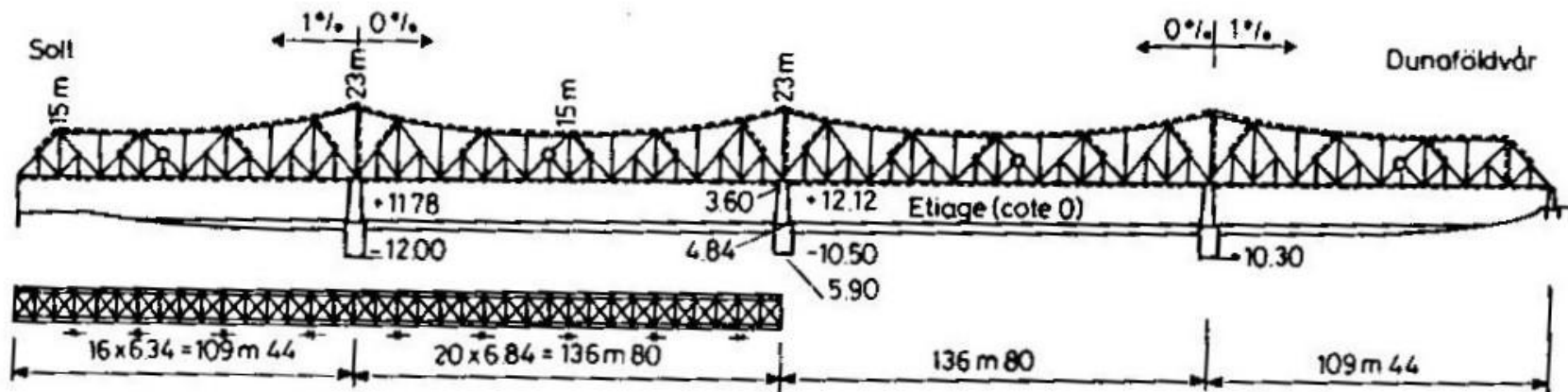
# Old St. Elisabeth bridge



# János Kossalka



# Danube bridge at Dunaföldvár





**Pál Álgyai**



# Old Petőfi bridge





# Győző Mihailich



# The Ligetway bridge





# Destroyed bridges in the II. WW



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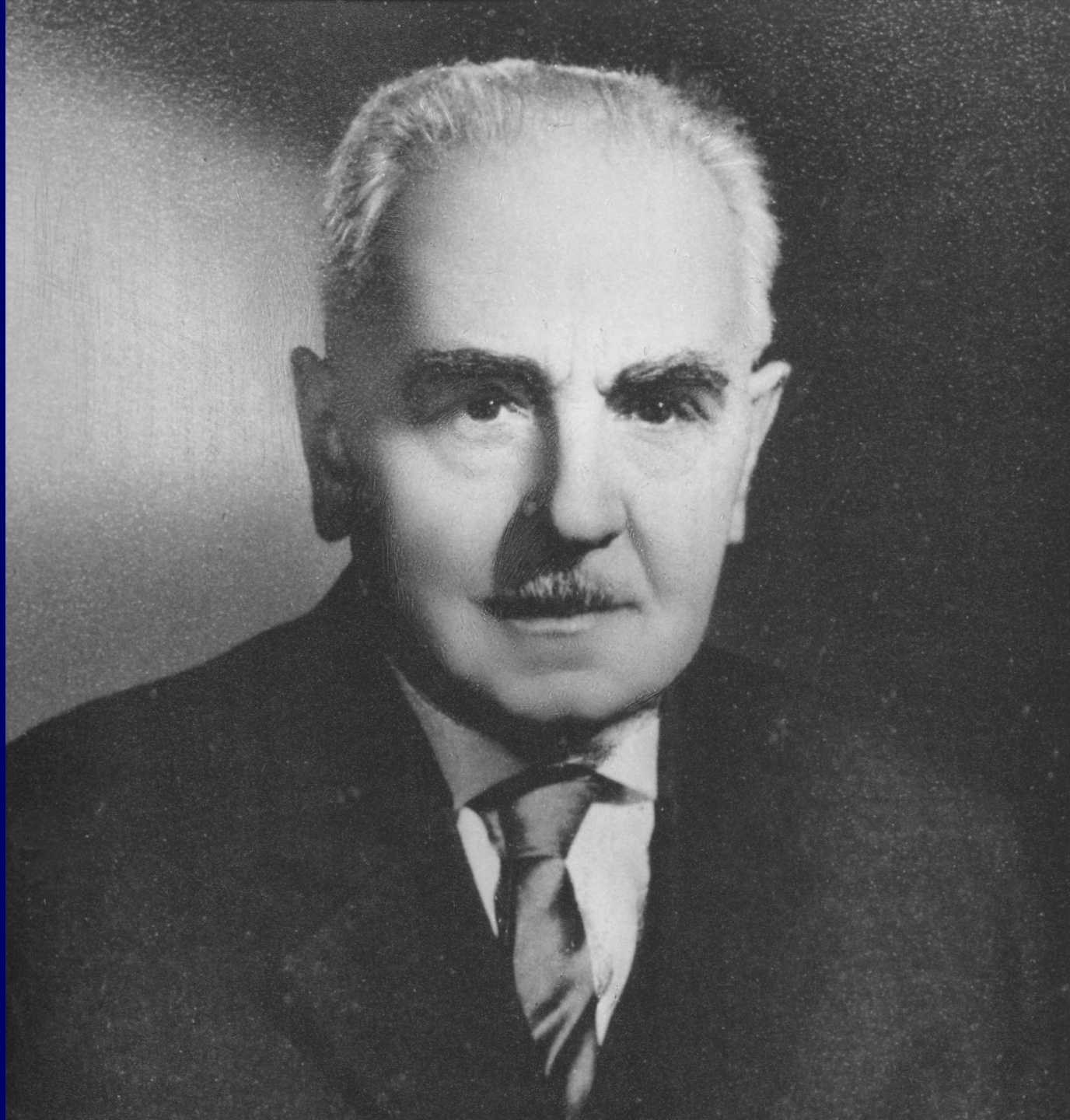


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**Imre Kórányi**



**After the II. WW**

# Danube bridge at Baja





# The new Elisabeth bridge





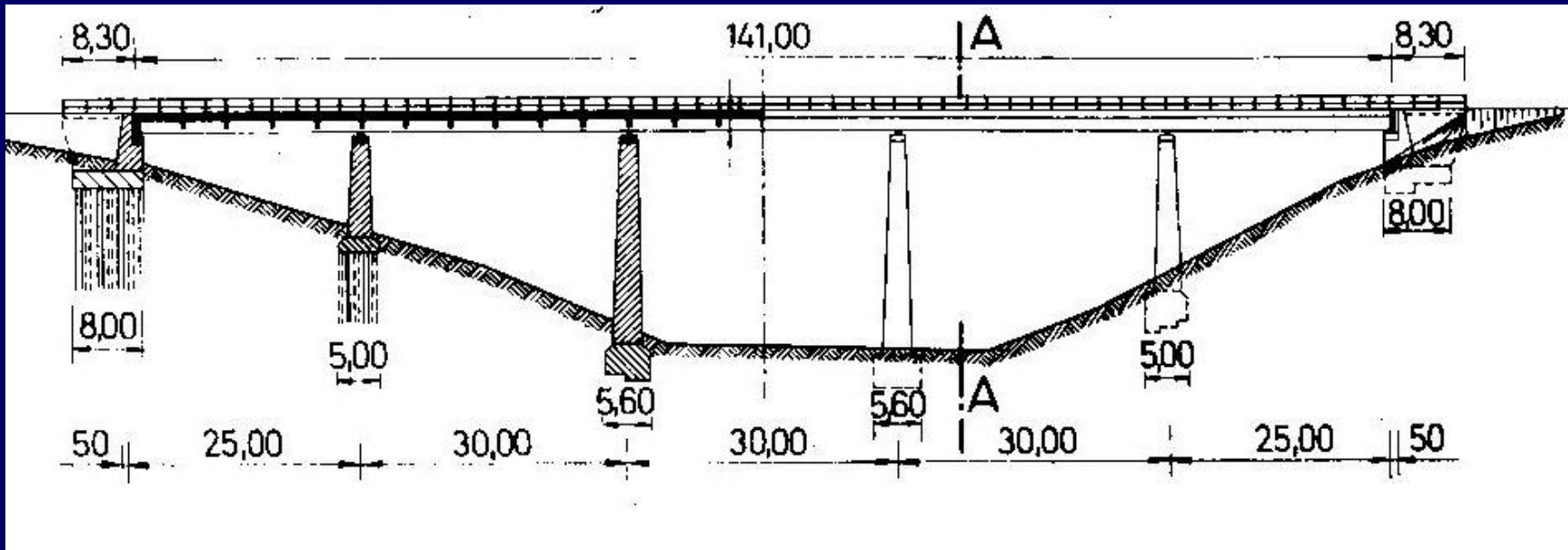
# Elemér Bölcskei



# Bridge at Mecseknádasd



# Bridge II at Mecsekknádasd

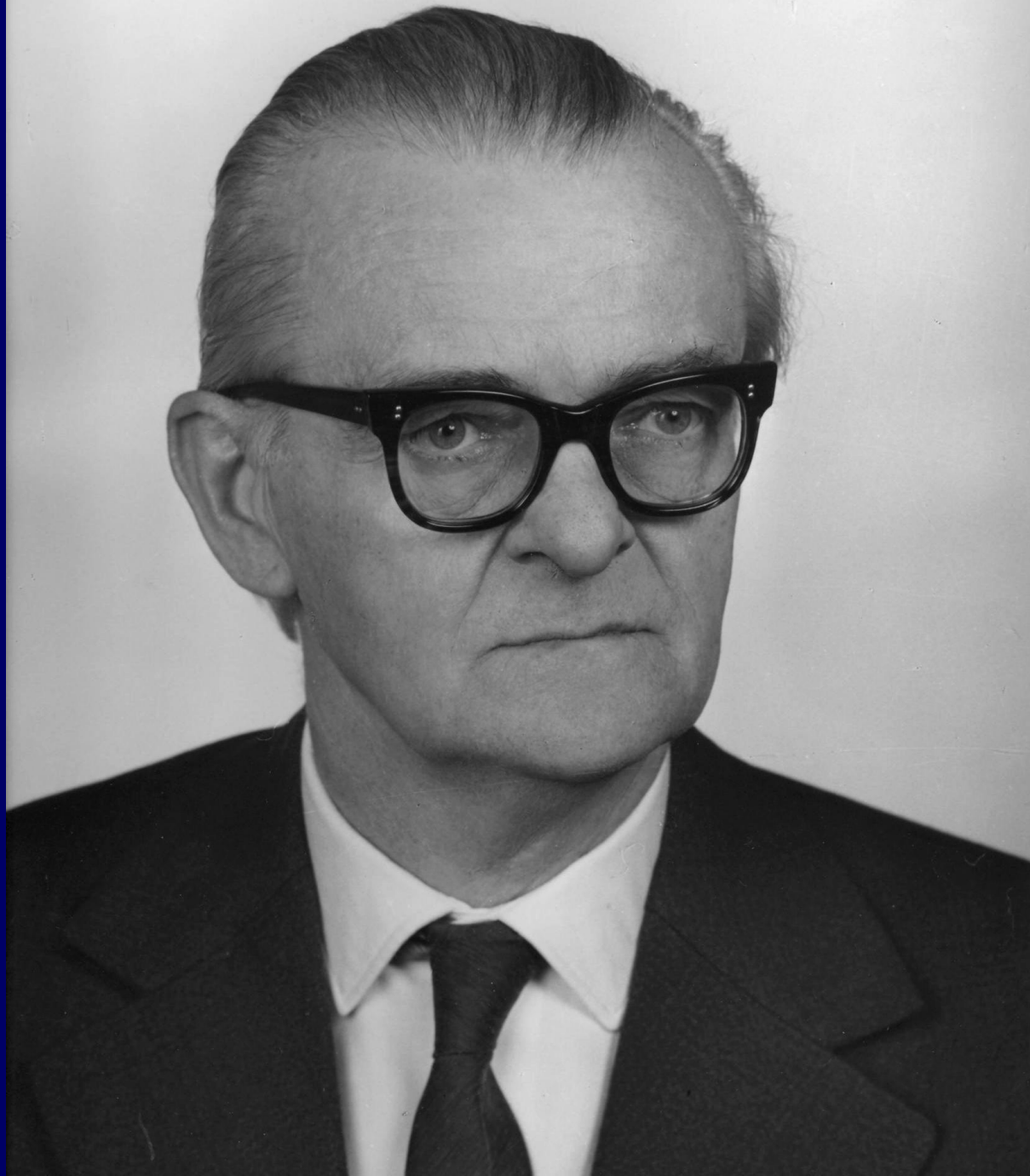




# The V support bridge



**Ferenc Szépe**





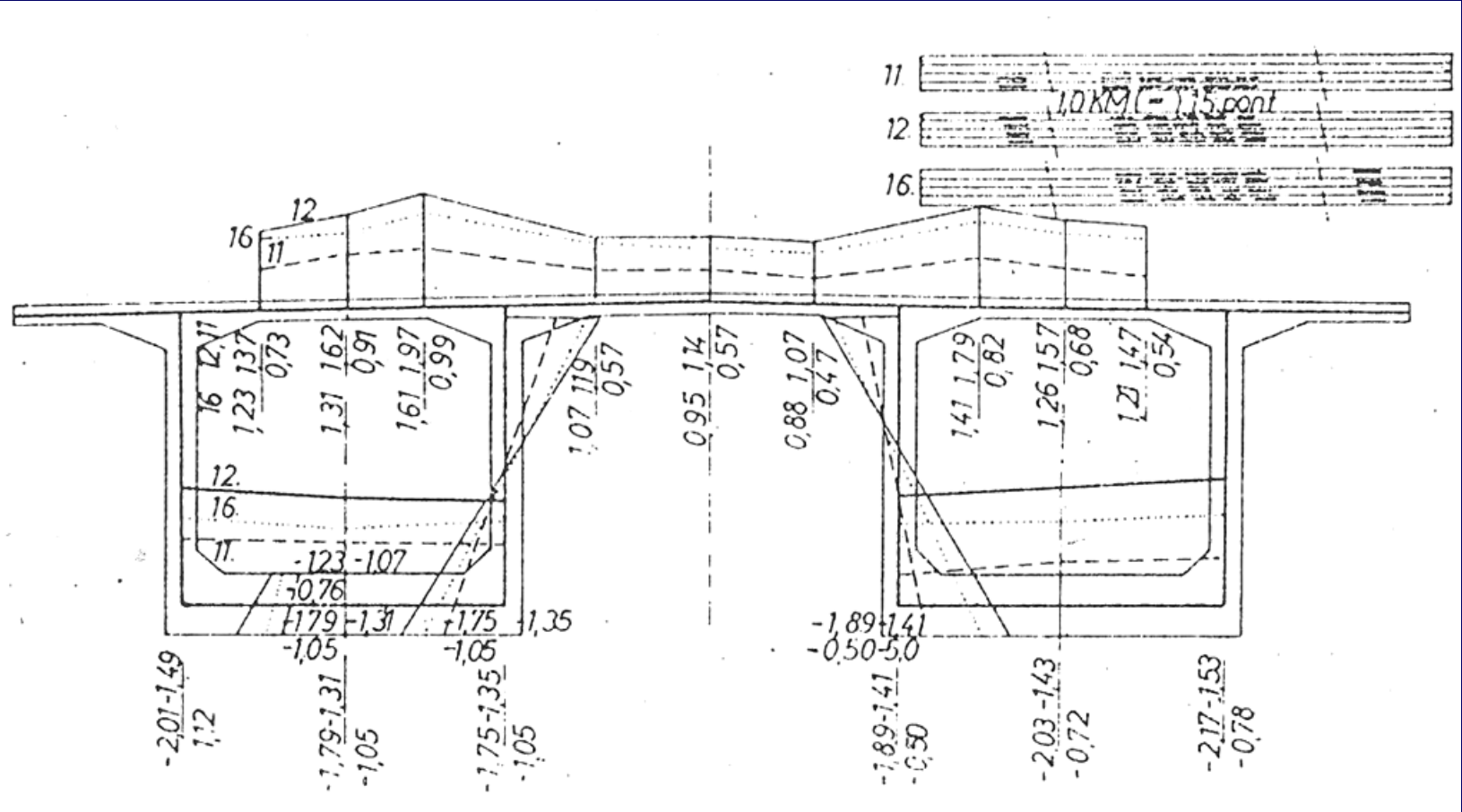
# Ottó Halász



# The Structural Laboratory



- Prestressed, posttensioned, 45-90-45 m
- Measurement of stresses
- Comparison of deflection





# Komárom railway bridge

- Four-span trough-type truss, like Southern Railway bridge in Budapest
- Regular inspection
- Load test 1988.

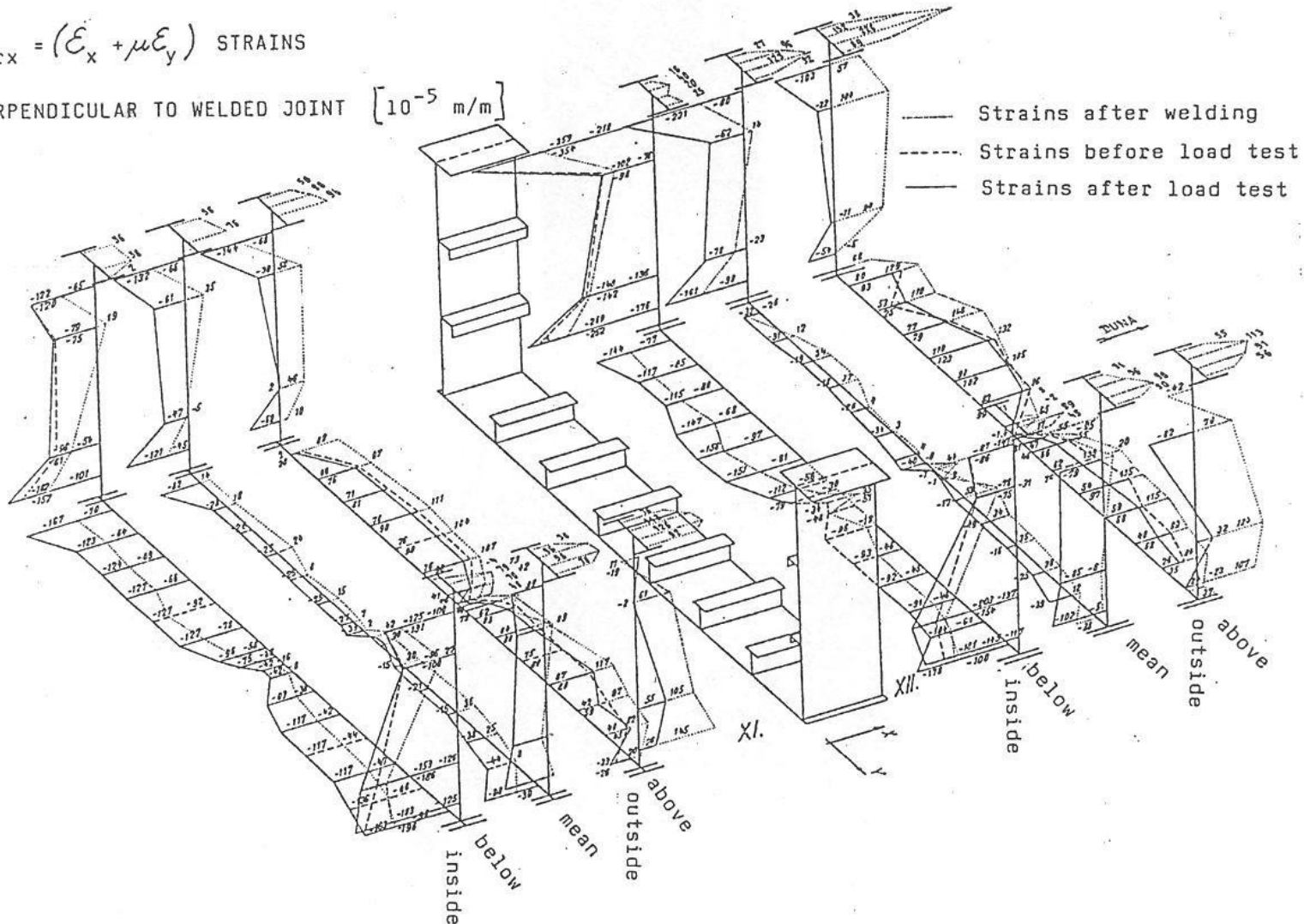


# Danube bridge at Tahitótfalu

- New composite bridge; 60,3 + 80,4 + 60,3 m
- Constructed using 12-15 m elements
- Measurements of residual stress – as result of welding

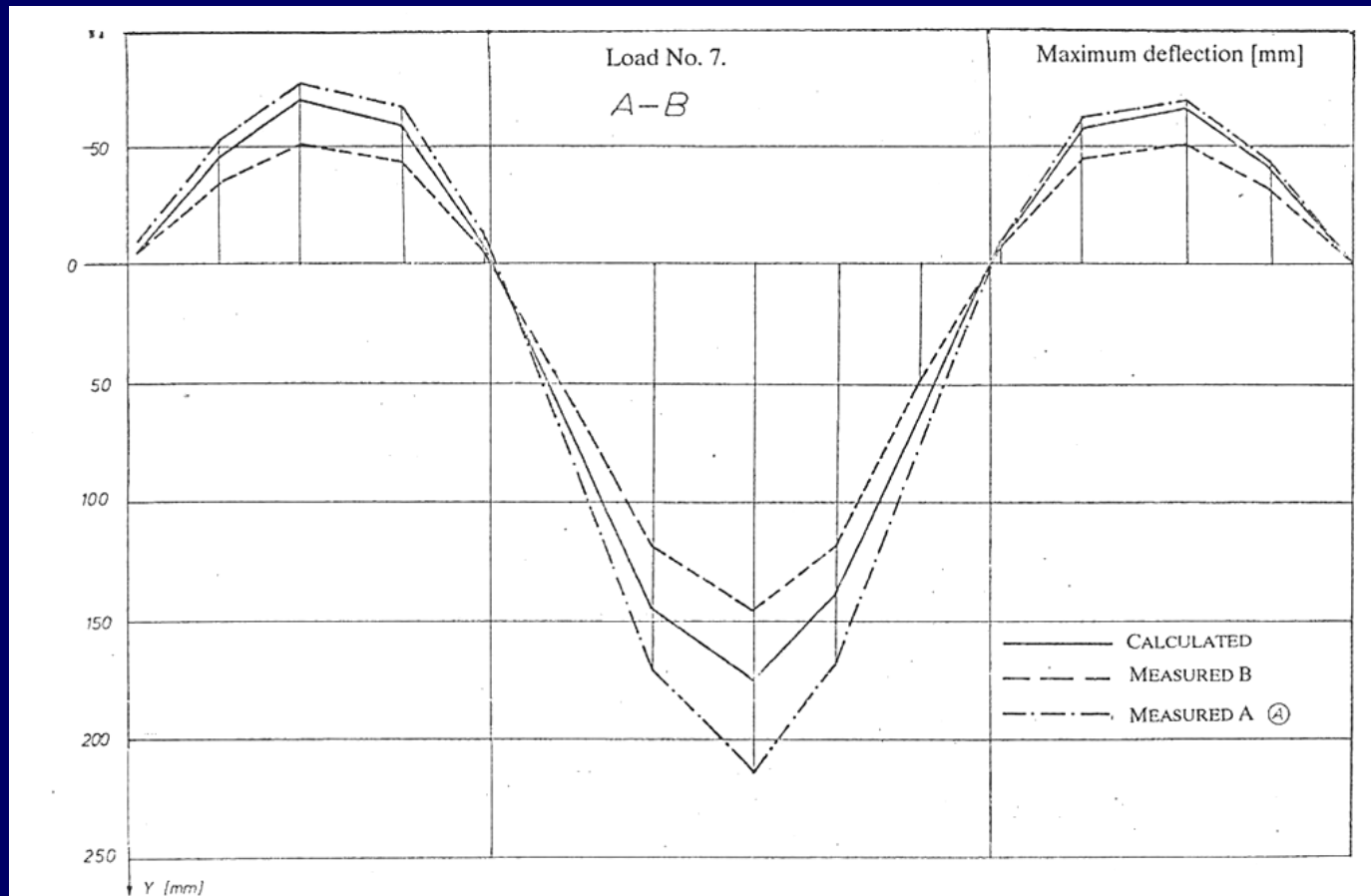
$$\varepsilon_{rx} = (\varepsilon_x + \mu\varepsilon_y) \text{ STRAINS}$$

PERPENDICULAR TO WELDED JOINT  $[10^{-5} \text{ m/m}]$



# Árpád bridge

- Modernized in 1980.
- Widening, replacement of tramway tracks
- Load tests of the three span (76 + 102 + 76 m)  
full slab girder.



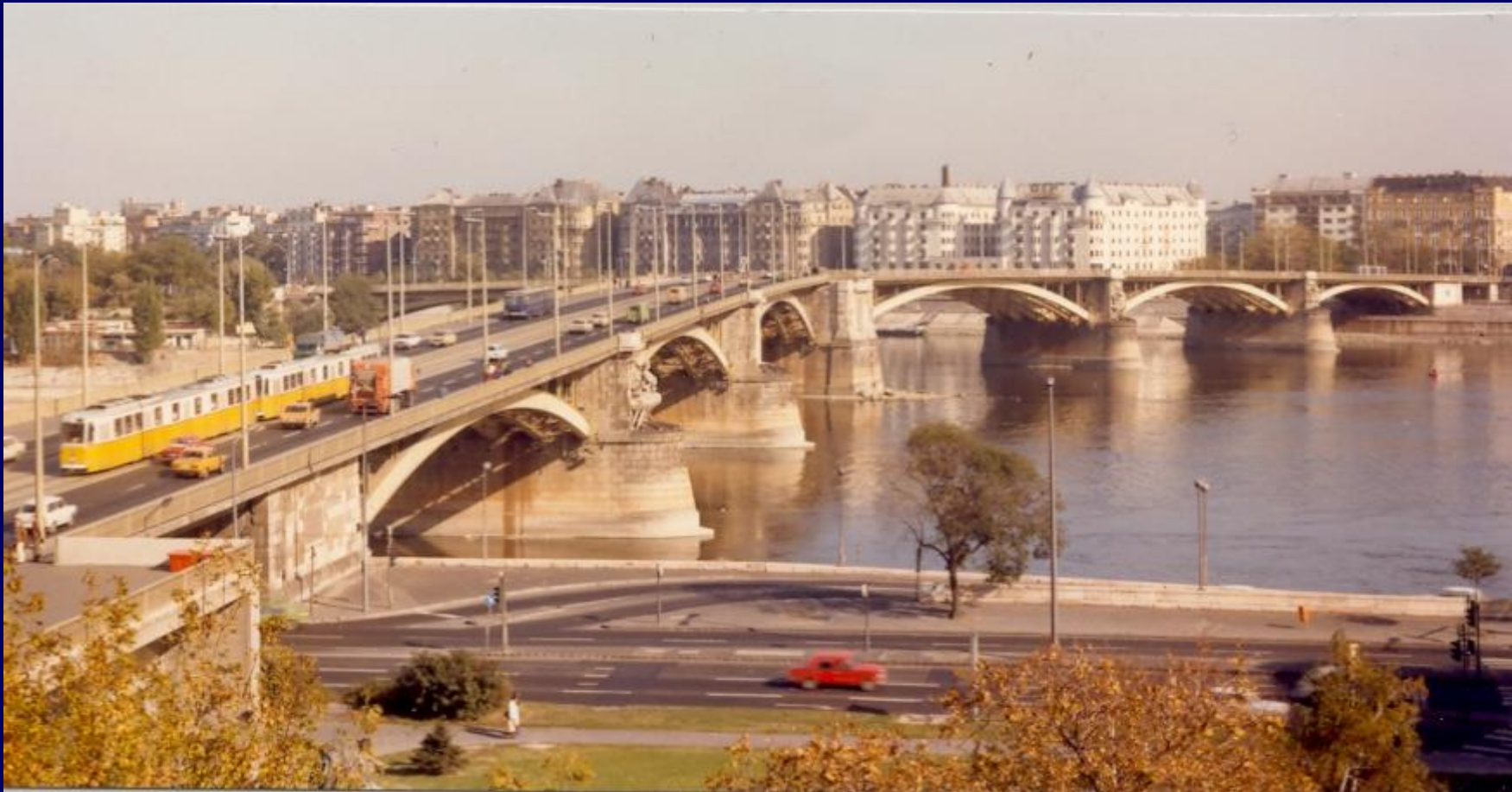


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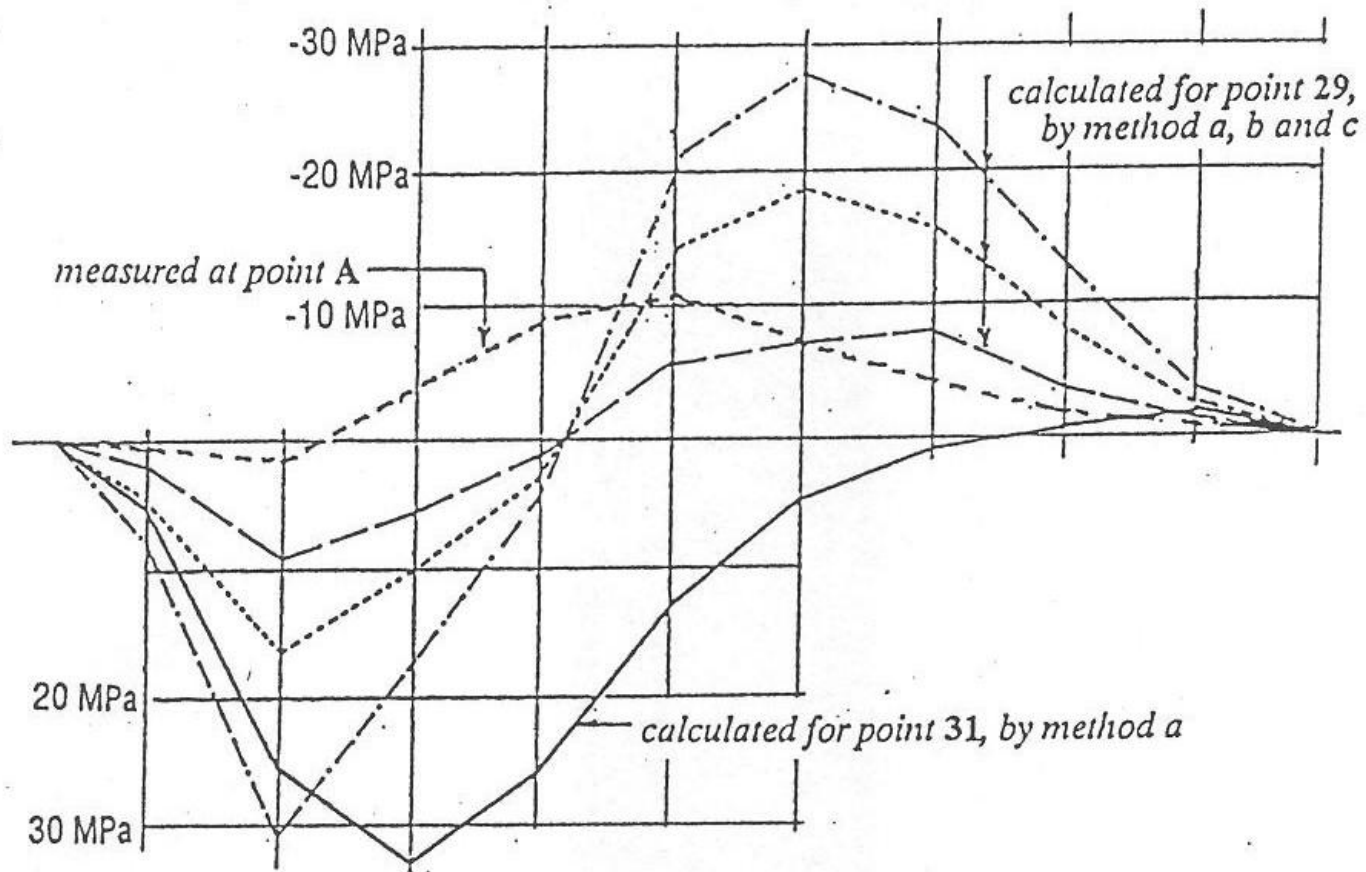
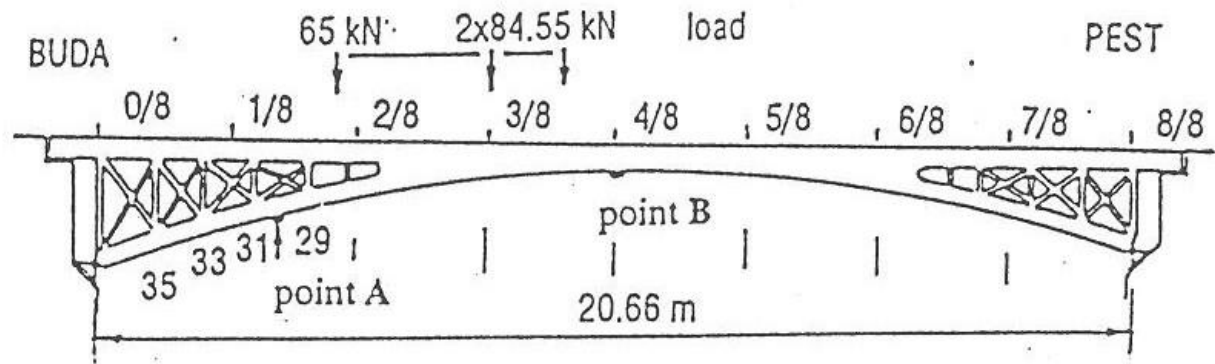


# Margaret bridge

- Arch construction (12 parallel arches) with concrete deck.
- Reconstruction in 1974.
- Load test – deflection, strain measurement
  - train influence line



# Margaret bridge

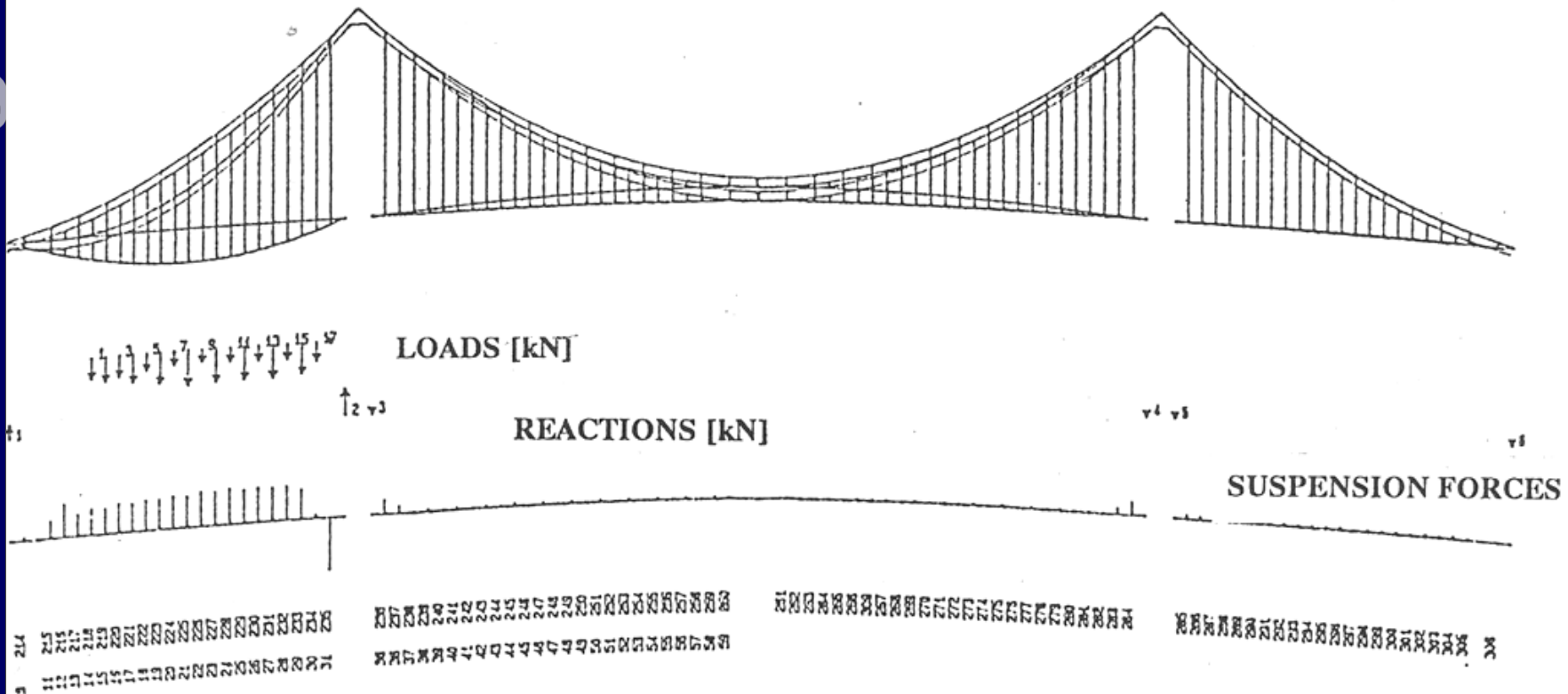




# Chain bridge

- The oldest bridge in Budapest, reopened in 1949.
- Inspection and maintenance in 1987. corrosion of chain elements in anchorage chamber.
- Measurement of the thickness of the elements.
- 40000 data – 91-95% of the nominal value
- Two load tests
- Approximate calculation using computer simulation by planar-framework second order theory.

# Chain bridge



# Chain bridge





# Elizabeth bridge

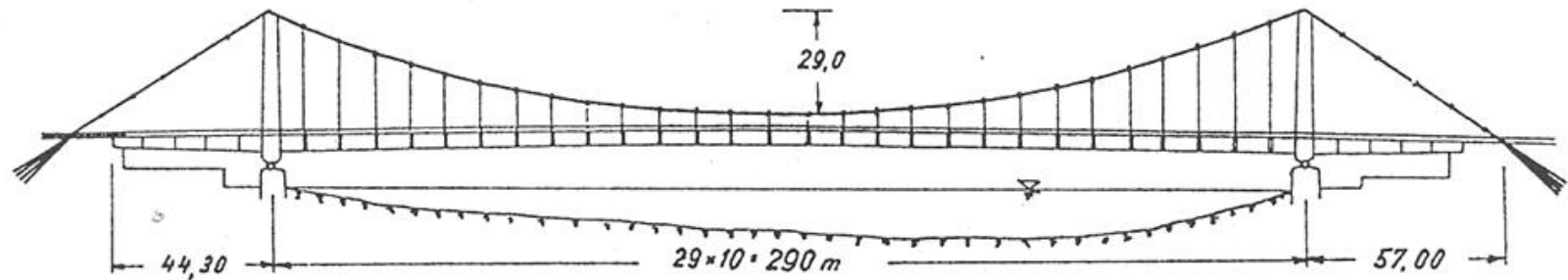
-Rebuilt in 1964 – cable suspension bridge

45 + 290 + 45 m

- Study of the structural system by experimental modelling, scale 1:50
- Load test of the completed bridge
  - measurement of stresses at the pylons

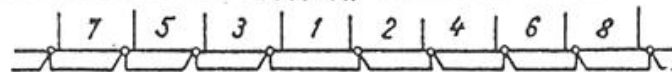
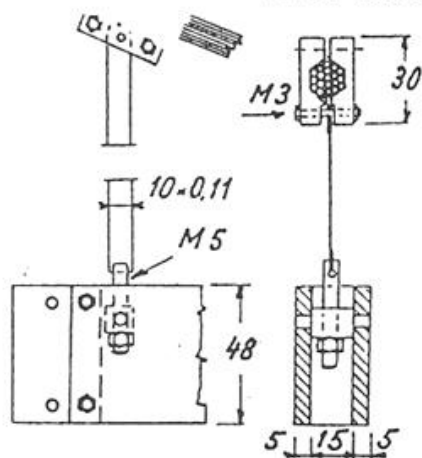


# Elizabeth bridge

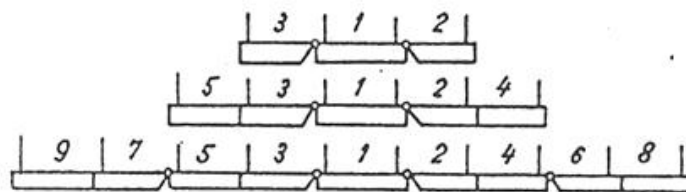


Modell

d 9. Details



Gelenkträger-System

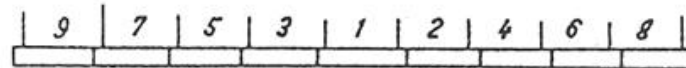


Vermischtes System

1-2, 1-3, 4-6, 5-7 usw gelenkige

2-4, 3-5, 6-8, 7-9 usw steife

Verbindungen



Durchlaufträger-System

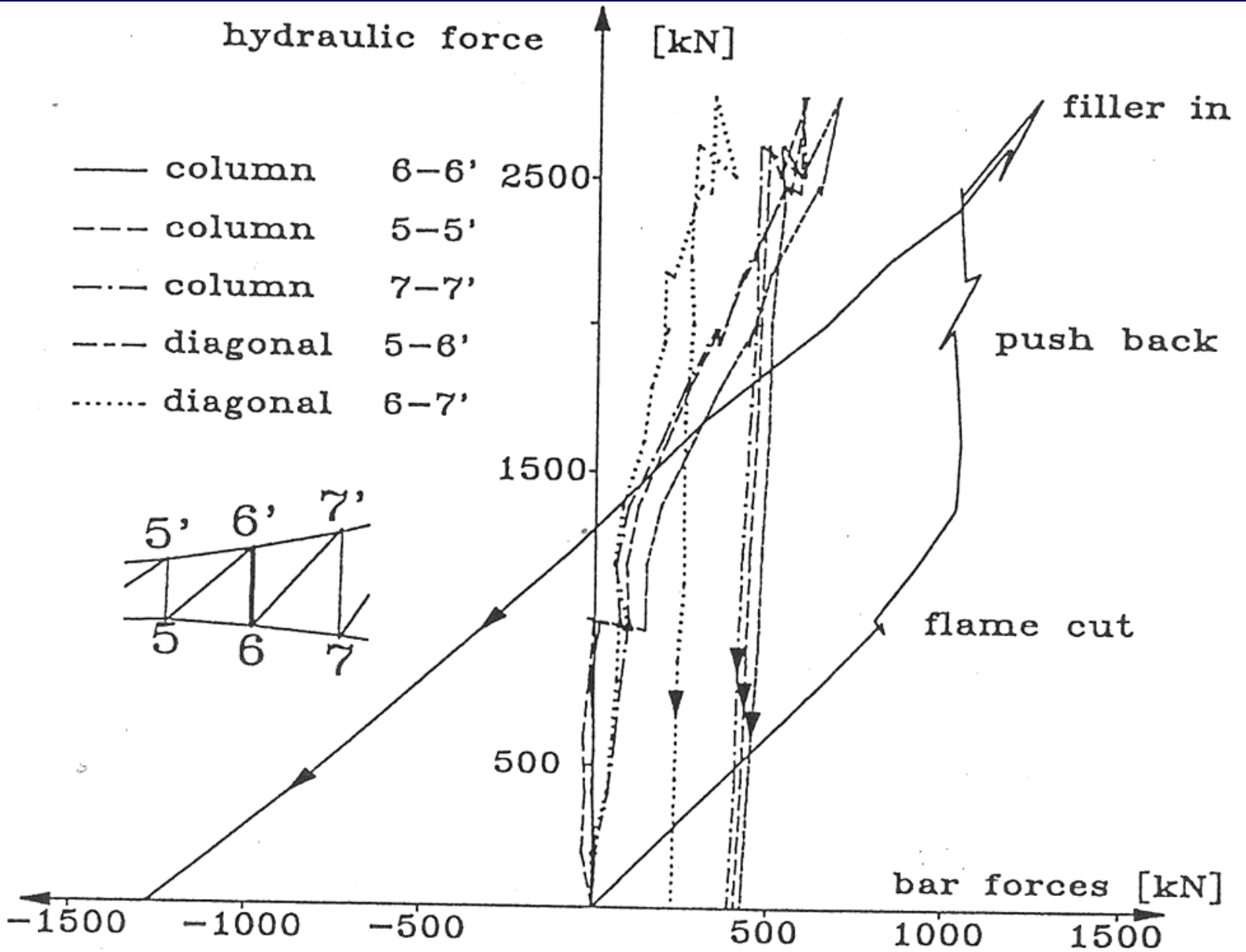
Bild 10. Montage-Systeme

# Liberty bridge

- Reconstruction of the deck and the suspension system of counterweight 1979. Rehabilitation in 1985.
- Corrosion of diagonals around the slab region.
- Compressed column 6-6 broken.
- Repair of main elements.
- Renovation of the broken bar.
- Measurement of transmission of the force to the repaired column.
- Load test after rehabilitation.



# Liberty bridge



# Liberty bridge



# Petőfi bridge

- Continuous trussed girders 112 + 154 + 112 m.
- Rebuilt in 1951, reconstruction in 1980.
- Replacement of the bearings.



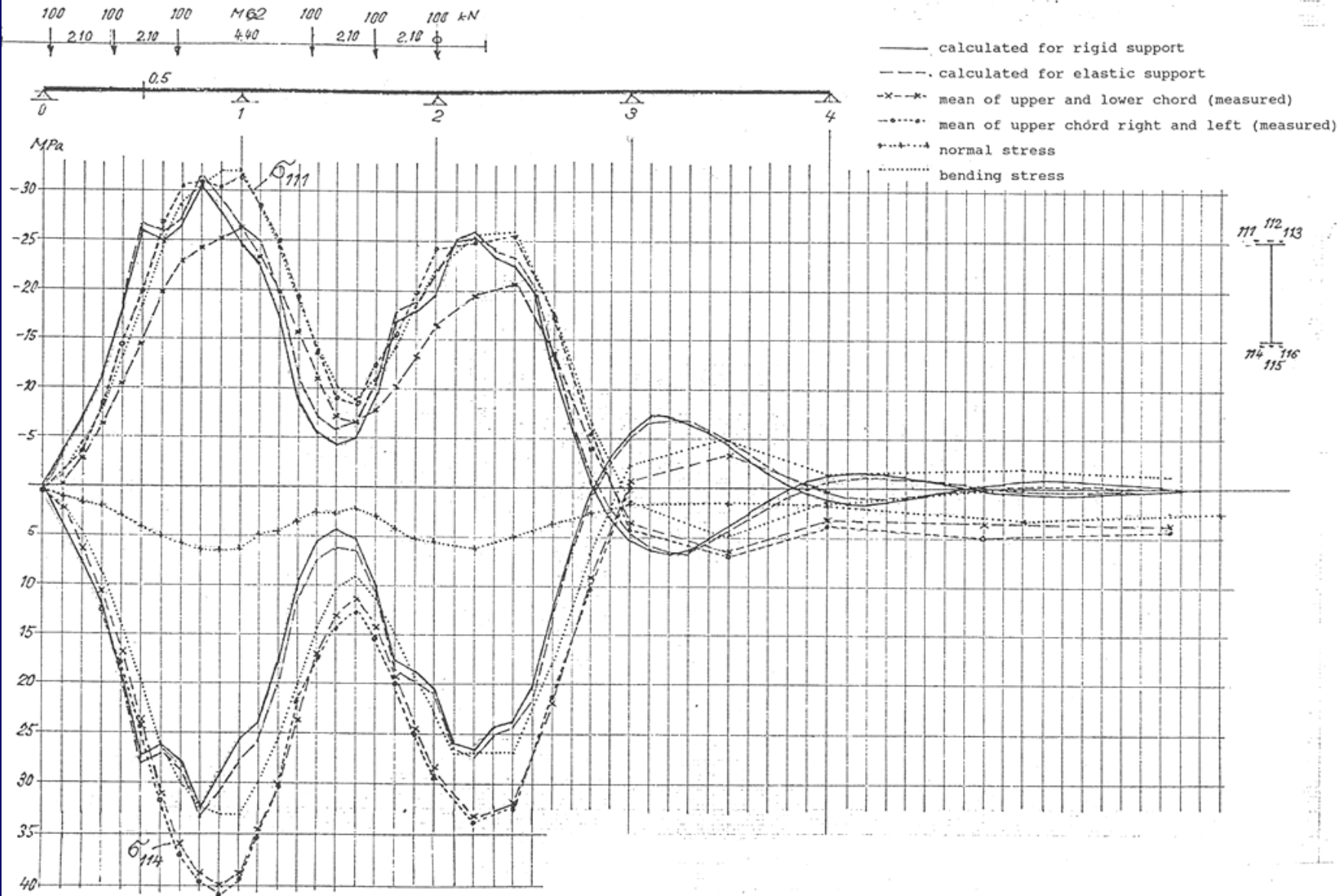


# Southern Railway bridge

## Comparison of measured and calculated stresses



# Southern Railway bridge



# M10 Motorway bridge at Háros

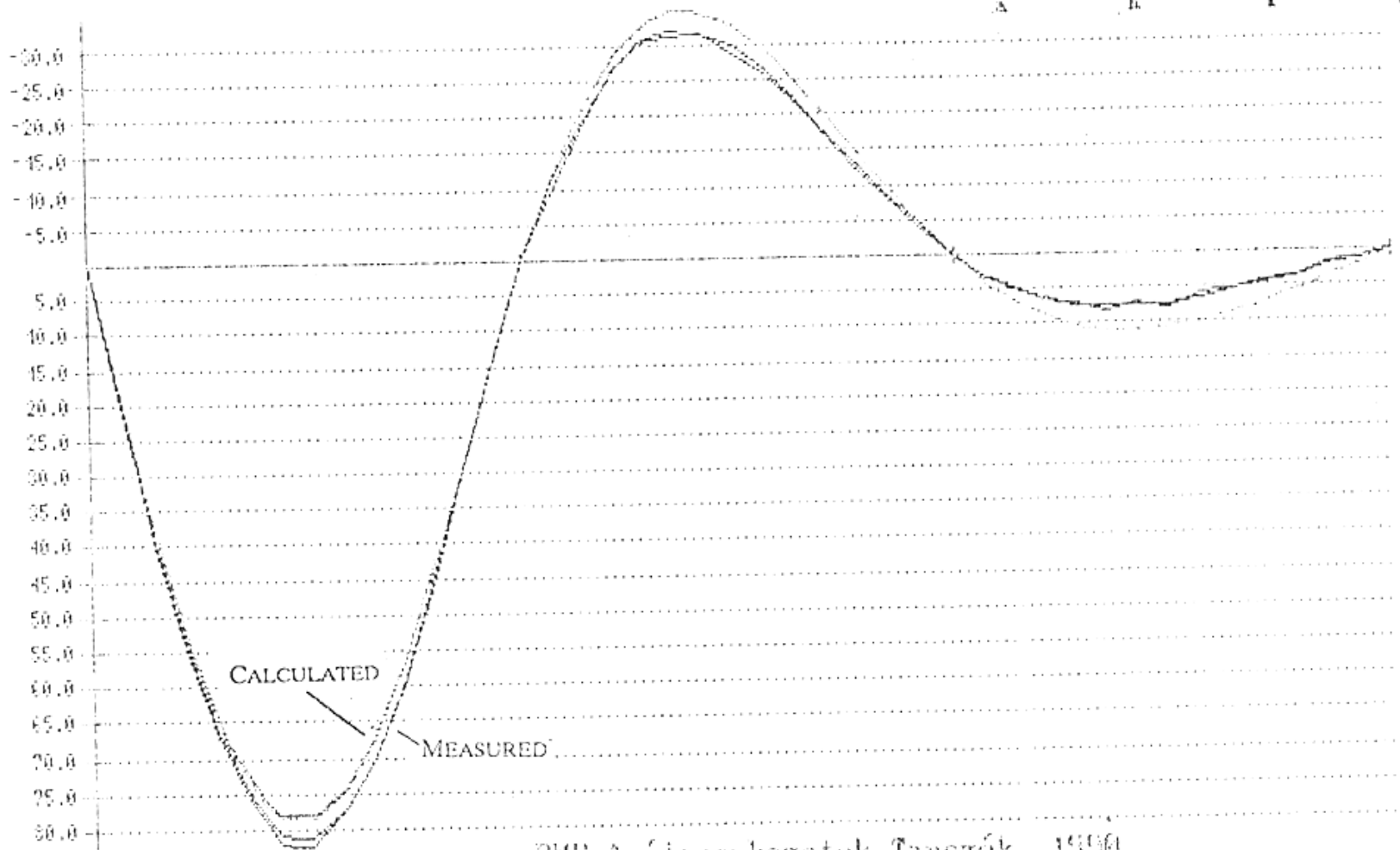
- Composite steel box girder and RC slab.
- Load test in 1990.





# MO Motorway bridge at Háros

emin = -34.9 emax = 82.5



2HE Acélszerkezetek Tanszék, 1990.

# M0 Motorway bridge at Soroksár

- Free cantilevered prestressed concrete bridge.
- Load test in 1990.



# Dynamic investigation on highway bridge

Measurement of dynamic characteristics

- frequency
  - damping
- Excitation by normal traffic
- statistical analysis
- Conclusion to the condition of the bridge

# Other activities



# Dynamic investigation on highway bridge



- Advantages:

- high resistance
- low permeability
- protection against corrosion

- Laboratory tests for

- composition
- durability
- applicability

# Application of HPC to bridges

First application in Hungary on M0 motorway.





# Strengthening of bridges

Development of increasing the load bearing capacity by external prestressing.





Strengthening by additional prestressing.

# Strengthening of bridges





Strengthening by self compacting concrete.

**Strengthening of bridges**





# Strengthening of retaining walls

Reinforced earth walls collapsed in 90's.



# Strengthening by additional soil anchorages



# Participation in development of bridge design codes

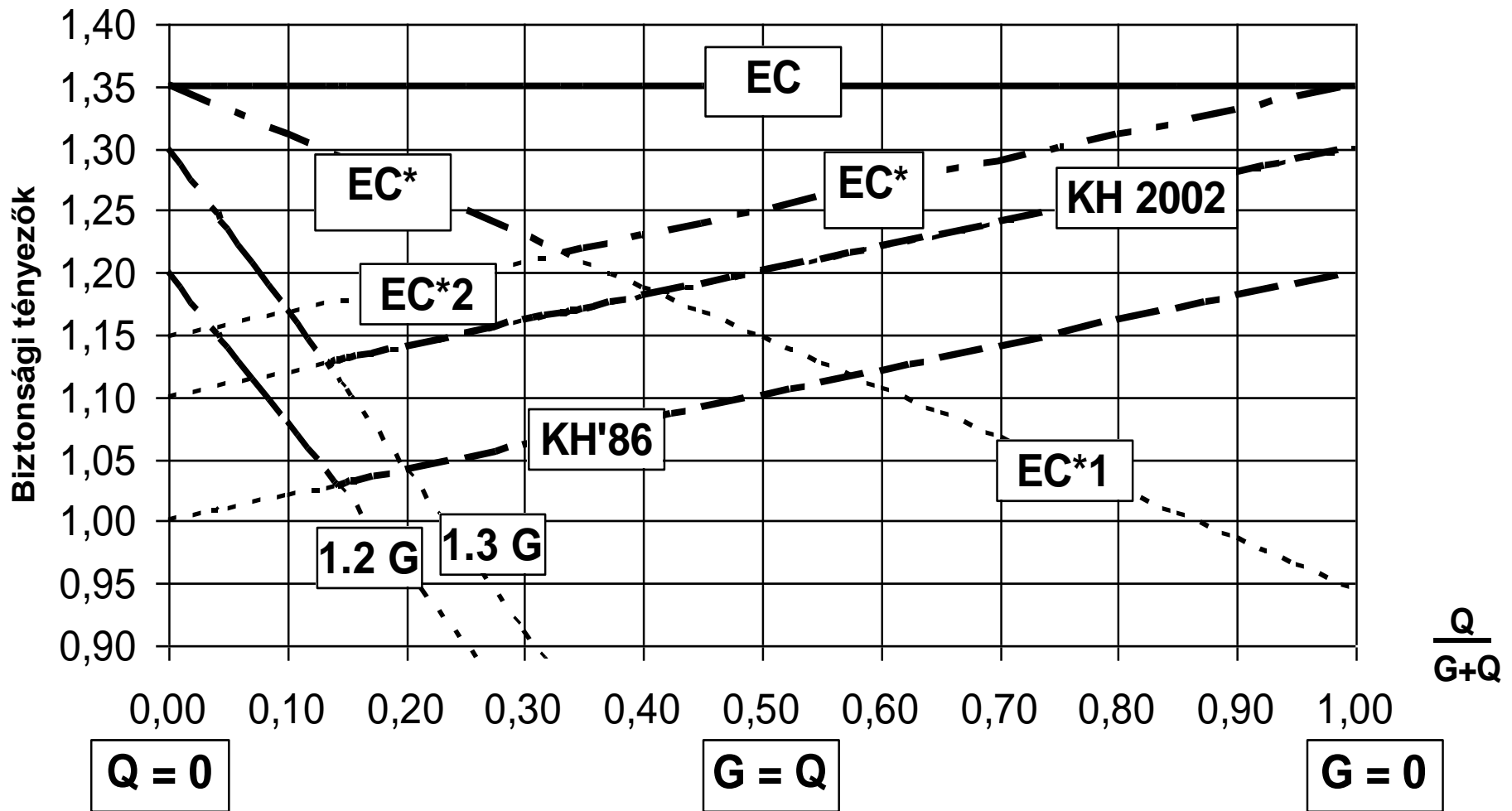
Tradition from beginning of 19th century

- Korányi
- Menyhárt
- Bölcskei

Adoptation of EUROCODES

- translation
- development of NA-s
- comparison of HC and EC-s





Safety factors according to the EC and the Hungarian Code



-5 spans simply supported lattice beam 83,5 + 102,0 + 119,0 + 102,0 + 83,5 m

- Reconstruction in 2001.

- Each simply supported steel truss beam built ready hoist as a hole into the final place ~600t.

- Erection technology developed

- erection from two floating platform

-elevation controlled by computer

- Innovation prize 2002.



# Mária Valéria bridge





Same erection method, and load test.

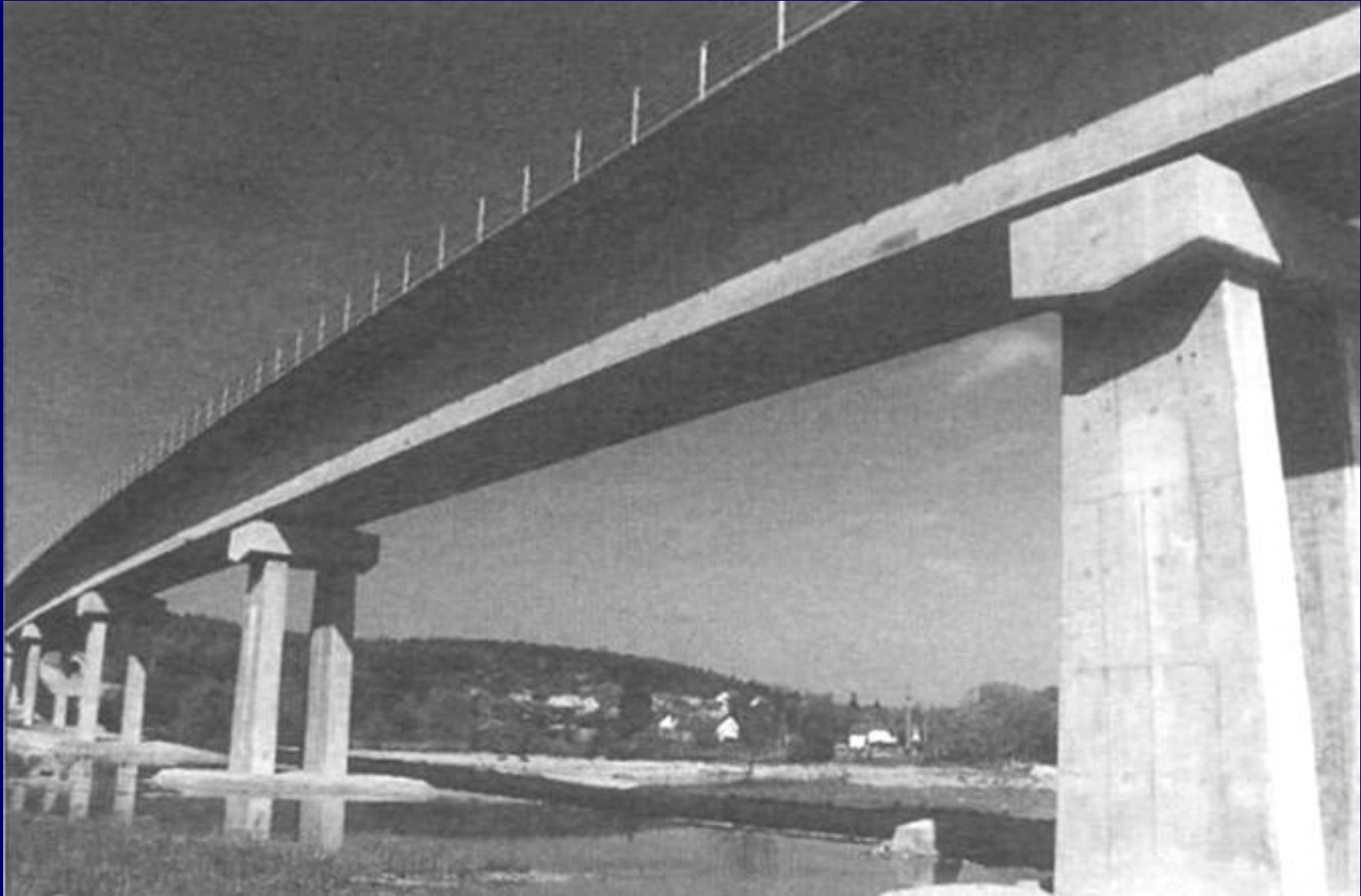
# Szekszárd bridge





# Railway viaduct at Zalalövö

- Post-tensioned box girder bridge, total length 1399 m.
- Erected by incremental launching method.
- Load test in 2000.





# Bridge at Dunaföldvár

- Continuous for span steel truss.
- Static and dynamic load test in 2001.



# Elizabeth bridge at Dunaföldvár

- Reconstruction completed in 2006.
- Static and dynamic load test.





# Liberty bridge in Budapest

- Static and dynamic load test  
before recent reconstruction in 2007.





# Pentele bridge at Dunaujváros

- Completed in 2007.
- Total length ~1680 m.
- Two flood bays – continuous steel box girders.
- River-bed bridge 307,9 m span.  
(the longest of this type)
- Simply supported basket ear shape steel arch  
With cable supported stiffening girder.

# Pentele bridge at Dunaujváros



- Contribution of the department
  - determination of the optimal shape of the arch and suspension system
  - independent control of results of static and dynamic calculation
  - verification of the stability using a 1:33 scale model
  - static and dynamic load test



# Pentele bridge at Dunaujváros



# Pentele bridge at Dunaujváros



# Northern M0 bridge

- In construction
- Will be completed in 2008.
- Five individual bridges, total length 1862 m.
- Three post-tensioned, erected by incremental launching
- Szentendre Danube Branch: three bay composite structure
- Main Danube Branch : cable stayed bridge
- Contribution of the department
  - independent control
  - permanent consultation of the design work



# Northern M0 bridge



# M7 motorway viaduct at Köröshegy

- Opened to traffic in August 2007.
- Double cell post tensioned box girder  
 $60 + 95 + 13 * 120 + 95 + 60$  m
- The largest viaduct in Central Europe
- Free cantilever method with cast in situ and precast elements
- Static and dynamic load tests

# M7 motorway viaduct at Köröshegy





# M7 motorway viaduct at Köröshegy



## Previous state

- Until 1960: Four years education system
- After 1960: Five years education system
- Main basic subjects:
  - Mechanics, Theory of structures,
  - Steel Structures, R. C. and Timber Structures
  - Soil Mechanics, Foundations,
  - Bridge Engineering
- Specialization in Bridges and Constructions (25kr.)
  - Steel and Composite Bridges (8 kr.)
  - R. C. Bridges and Other Structures (8 kr.)

- Drawing works:
  - R. C. monolithic highway girder bridge
  - Steel railroad bridge (sketch level)
- General plans with a few details
  - Steel and composite bridge
  - R. C. box girder highway
  - EUROCODES
- Diploma work



## Changes due to the Bologna

- Four years (240kr.) BSc program from 2005.
- Specialization in Bridges and other structures
  - Steel Bridges (2+2, 4 kr.)
  - Reinforced Concrete Bridges (2+2, 4 kr.)
  - Composite R.C. Steel Bridges (2+2, 4 kr.)
  - Wooden Bridges (1+1, 2kr.)
- Diploma work

## Expectation

- Needs according to the development of the infrastructure in Hungary:
  - Increasing of the knowledge in bridge engineering
  - designing
  - constructing
  - knowledge of new technologies
- Involvement to the international job market

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**Thank you for your attention!**

