# Frans Bridge, Jassans-Riottier (01)





## Safety availability of an old metallic bridge

#### Client

Ain Département Council / Road Division / Maintenance Road Service

#### Structure

Steel bridge with cantilever girders, and lower deck.

Overall length: 162 m. Main span: 70 m. Built in 1901.

18,000 vehicles per day. Prohibition for vehicles of more than 3.5 tons.

#### Context

Periodic Detailed Inspections show an advanced state of oxidation despite painting campaigns.

The recalculation of the structure also shows some out-of-bounds elements: A lower chord near the right bank abutment and 14 vertical uprights.

### **Client's needs**

The client wishes to check the possible evolution of the behavior of the structure, in order to schedule possible work.



### Instrumentation installed

 8 x 2-m long LIRIS Autonomous Optical Strands

The LIRIS Optical Strands are positioned horizontally in a lower chord below the deck (3 sensors downstream, 3 sensors upstream, in the middle of the 3 spans) and vertically on uprights (2 sensors).

#### Results

The deformations show for the moment that the behavior of the bridge is satisfactory. A group of dynamic loads is being created to check the monitoring criteria, such as the average strain amplitude and their reversibility.

#### **Client benefits**

The client can continue the operation of the bridge safely for the users, and decide works if the trends of deformations change.



LIRIS Optical Strands location on the bridge



Installation of a LIRIS Optical Strand on a vertical unit



LIRIS Optical Strand on a bottom element



LIRIS Optical Strand on a bottom element with protection cover