Data Article

Vibrations induced by tunnel boring machines in urban areas: Dataset of synchronized in-situ measurements inside the shield and on the surface

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In order to evaluate the potential impact of the shallow tunnel excavation by a tunnel boring machine (TBM) in urban areas, the authors present original in-situ measurements of vibrations inside the TBM and simultaneously on the surface. Four experimental campaigns were carried out on French tunnelling or micro-tunnelling projects, whose geotechnical contexts vary from hard rock to clayey sands. Each campaign is divided into two steps: (i) before excavation, measurements on the surface under mechanical ambient noise, and (ii) during excavation, measurements on the surface and inside the TBM. The present dataset consists in collecting, for each campaign, the time histories of all the synchronised sensors. They could be used particularly to estimate the vibration levels at different locations, and to analyse the frequency domain of the different signals.

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Specifications Table

| Subject                                      | Civil and Structural Engineering |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Specific subject area                        | In-situ measurements of vibrations emitted by a tunnel boring machine during excavation of tunnels. |
| Type of data                                 | Table                           |
| Figure                                       |                                 |
| How the data were acquired                   | The experimental set-up is made of two kinds of geophones from Moho brand: 3D sensors (©Tromino) and 1D sensors (©Soilspy Rosina). |
| Data format                                  | Raw                             |
| Description of data collection               | The dataset was acquired during four different campaigns from 2019 to 2021. Each campaign is divided in two steps: (i) acquisition under ambient mechanic noise (before excavation), then (ii) acquisition during excavations on the surface (at different locations) and inside the TBM. Signal processings are performed thanks to Python. |
| Data source location                         | Data collected from four french tunnelling projects in Paris, Lyon, Sorgues were analysed in ENTPE/LTDS, Lyon France. |
| Data accessibility                           | Figures are presented in this article and raw data are hosted in the following link: https://mycore.core-cloud.net/index.php/s/ybajakmrNwcRSqw |

Value of the Data

- The dataset contains original measurements of vibrations generated by a TBM during excavation in several geotechnical contexts. The key point is synchronized acquisition between the TBM and the ground;
- Measurements on the surface provide the relevant level of vibrations which can be transmit to neighboured structures;
- Measurements inside the TBM allow to dynamically characterize the source of vibration;
- All the measurements during excavation can be used for matching parameters of numerical simulations;
- Ambient mechanic vibrations can be used to determine the stratigraphy of the ground and compute the mechanical properties of each layer;
- This dataset can be used by researchers, geotechnicists and engineers of underground works;
- Future data acquisition during tunnel excavation can be integrated in our dataset to better improve the understanding of physical phenomena.

1. Data Description

1.1. Structure of the data repository

The dataset https://mycore.core-cloud.net/index.php/s/ybajakmrNwcRSqw is organized by in-situ campaign performed in three french cities : Paris, Lyon and Sorgues. Following Fig. 1, two sets of measurements had been performed on each campaign (except in Sorgues): under mechanical ambient noise then during the excavation. For each set, the provided data come from 1D or 3D sensors. A data file is a UTF-8 text file (.dat), whose the structure is illustrated in Fig. 2: each column corresponds to a given sensor (orders of sensor names are given in Table 1) and each row to a time step \( dt \), whose the value is given in Table 1. Two columns are delimited by a whitespace.
Table 1
Orders of sensors in each data file.

| Campaign            | Lyon - Alluvium | Lyon - Granite | Sorgues                      | TULIP                      |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| **3D sensors**      |                 |                |                              |                            |
| Time step dt [s]    | 1/1024          |                | 1/512                        |                            |
| Data unit           | [mm/s]          | [mm/s]         |                              |                            |
| Ambient noise       | {C1, C2, T70, T71, T75, T76} | {C1, C2, T71, T76} | -                            | {C1, C2, C3, C4, T20, T21, T40, T70, T71} |
| Excavation          | {C1, C2, C3, C4, T70, T71, T75, T76} | {C1, C2, C3, C4, T70, T71, T75, T76} | {C1, C2, C3, C4} | {C1, C2, C3, C4, T20, T21, T40, T70, T71, T75, T76} |
|                      |                 |                |                              |                            |
| **1D sensors**      |                 |                |                              |                            |
| Time step dt [s]    | 1/1024          |                |                              | 1/512                      |
| Data unit           | [mm/s]          | [mm/s]         |                              | [mm/s]                     |
| Ambient noise       | -               |                |                              |                            |
| Excavation          | {R01, R02, R03, R04, R05, R06, R07, R08, R09, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18} | {R01, R02, R03, R04, R05, R06, R07, R08, R09, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18} | - | {R02, R03, R04, R05, R06, R07, R08, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16} |
|                      |                 |                |                              |                            |
| Figs. 3–4           |                 |                | Figs. 6–7                    | Figs. 8                    |
|                      |                 |                |                              | Fig. 10–11                 |
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Fig. 1. Organisation of the dataset.

Fig. 2. Structure of a data file, example of first lines of Lyon-Alluvium 3D_z.dat: each column corresponds to a sensor, each line to a time step dt.

Data in mm/s

1.2. Time histories

The time histories of 1D and 3D sensors during the excavation phases of all the sites are presented in Figs. 3–12 (correspondances are given in Table 1). These figures represent the plots of the data provided in the dataset without any preprocessing.
Fig. 3. Lyon-Alluvium: time histories of 3D sensors (1/2).
Fig. 4. Lyon-Alluvium: time histories of 3D sensors (2/2).
Fig. 5. Lyon-Alluvium: time histories of 1D sensors.
Fig. 6. Lyon-Granite: time histories of 3D sensors (1/2).
Fig. 7. Lyon-Granite: time histories of 3D sensors (2/2).
Fig. 8. Sorgues: time histories of 3D sensors.
Fig. 9. Sorgues: time histories of 1D sensors.
Fig. 10. TULIP: time histories of 3D sensors (1/2).
Fig. 11. TULIP: time histories of 3D sensors(2/2).
Fig. 12. TULIP: time histories of 1D sensors.
2. Experimental Design, Materials and Methods

2.1. Experimental set-up

All the sensors are geophones designed by Moho: 3D sensors refer to ©TROMINO devices (denoted C1, C2, C3, C4, T20, T21, T40, T70, T71, T75 and T76), and 1D sensors to ©Soilspy ROSINA devices (noted R01 to R18).

The 3D sensors are made of three orthogonal acquisition sensors for which the high-resolution (on the magnitude of $10^{-7} mm/s$) is designed to measure ambient noise: the three directions of the direct reference frame $(X, Y, Z)$ refer respectively to tunnel axis, its the transverse direction and the vertical direction. Before each acquisition, all the ©TROMINO are synchronized by GPS then moved to their location. This is particularly true for the sensors inside the TBM, where no GPS signal can be received. Finally, due to the low vibration levels and the heavy weight of the sensors preventing them from coming off, these sensors are not sealed but only placed on the support (cement slab, ground or pile).

The ©Soilspy ROSINA device consists in several 1D vertical geophones (resolution about $4 \times 10^{-8} mm/s$.) physically linked to a computer used as an acquisition centre.

All the data acquired are exported in their rawest form (without additional filtering for example) to ascii files thanks to the software ©GRILLA, provided by Moho. Then the synchronization between 3D sensors and the restriction of the time histories had been performed in python.

2.2. Locations of the sensors

The four measurement sites are full presented in [1]. The locations of 1D and 3D sensors are given in [1] on the Figures 1,2,4,5. The distances $d$ between each sensor and the centre of the cutting wheels are listed in Tables 2,3,4,5. These are derived ($d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$) from $x, y, z$ representing respectively the longitudinal, transverse and elevation distance from to the tunnel axis from the cutting wheel axis. Note that all sensors are oriented in the direction and sense of the tunnel (sensor parallel to the tunnel axis).

2.3. Methodology of acquisition

Following Fig. 1, each measurement campaign (except for Sorgues) is split in two set of acquisitions (i) a measurement phase carried out before excavation, under ambient mechanical noise: in particular road and pedestrian traffic, and rotating machines (in particular the generator of the TULIP project presented in [1] §2.4), (ii) a measurement phase during the excavation phase, with synchronous acquisitions between the sensors on the surface and in the TBM. The latter are positioned as close as possible to the cutting wheel, mainly in the TBM’s manlocks.
Table 2
Locations of sensors to the cutter head of the Sorgues measurements.

| 3D sensor | C1   | C2   | C3   | C4   |
|------------|------|------|------|------|
| x[m]       | 0.0  | 20.0 | 0.0  |      |
| y[m]       | 0.0  |      |      |      |
| z[m]       | 11.1 | 0.0  | 0.0  |      |
| d[m]       | 11.1 | 20.0 | 0.0  |      |

Close to the excavated material processing plant

| 1D sensor | R01  | R02  | R03  | R04  | R05  | R06  | R07  | R08  | R09  | R10  | R11  | R12  | R13  | R14  | R15  | R16  | R17  | R18  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| x[m]      | 17.5 | 12.5 | 7.5  | 4.5  | 0.0  | -5.0 | -10.0| -15.0| -10.0| -5.0 | 0.0  | 5.0  | 10.0 | 15.0 | 20.0 | 25.0 | 30.0 | 35.0 |
| y[m]      | 9.8  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| z[m]      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| d[m]      | 20.1 | 15.9 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 12.2 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 14.9 | 18.7 | 14.9 | 18.7 | 22.9 | 27.4 | 32.0 | 36.7 |
Table 3
Locations of sensors to the cutter head of the Lyon-alluvium measurements.

| 3D sensor | C1   | C2   | C3   | C4   | T70 | T71 | T75 | T76 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| x[m]      | −57.0| −42.0| −2.0 | −2.0 | −22.0| 7.0 | 22.0| 46.0|
| y[m]      | −7.0 | −6.0 | 1.5  | −1.5 | −5.0 | −4.0| −2.0| 3.0 |
| z[m]      | 26.0 |      | 15.0 |  | 20.0 | 26.0|     |     |
| d[m]      | 63.0 | 49.8 | 2.9  | 2.9  | 34.4 | 27.2| 34.1| 52.9|

| 1D sensor | R01 | R02 | R03 | R04 | R05 | R06 | R07 | R08 | R09 | R10 | R11 | R12 | R13 | R14 | R15 | R16 | R17 | R18 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| x[m]      | −20.0| −21.0| −22.0| −17.0| −12.0| −7.0| −2.0| 3.0 | 8.0 | 13.0| 18.0| 23.0| 28.0| 33.0| 38.0| 43.0| 46.0| 50.0|
| y[m]      | −22.0| −17.0| −12.0| −11.0| −10.0| −8.0| −7.0| −6.0| −5.0| −3.0| −2.0| −1.0| 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| z[m]      | 39.5 | 37.5| 36.1 | 32.9 | 30.2 | 28.1| 27.0| 26.8| 26.0| 27.6| 29.3| 31.8| 34.9| 38.4| 42.2| 46.4| 50.4| 52.9|
| d[m]      | 39.5 | 37.5| 36.1 | 32.9 | 30.2 | 28.1| 27.0| 26.8| 26.0| 27.6| 29.3| 31.8| 34.9| 38.4| 42.2| 46.4| 50.4| 52.9| 56.0|
Table 4
Locations of sensors to the cutter head of the Lyon-granite measurements.

| 3D sensor | C1   | C2   | C3   | C4   | T70  | T71  | T75  | T76  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| x[m]      | -40.0| -20.0| -2.0 | -2.0 | 0.0  | 30.0 | 55.0 | 85.0 |
| y[m]      | 20.0 | 24.0 | 1.5  | 1.5  | 25.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 |
| z[m]      | 45.0 | 31.0 | 2.0  | 2.0  | 25.0 | 44.0 | 63.0 | 90.0 |

Table 5
Locations of sensors to the cutter head of the TULIP measurements.

| 3D sensor | C1   | C2   | C3   | C4   | T20  | T21  | T40  | T70  | T71  | T75  | T76  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| x[m]      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 9.9  | 9.9  | -9.9 | -9.9 | 5.0  | 10.8 | -17.0| -3.0 |      |
| y[m]      | -7.0 | -8.6 | 9.9  | 8.2  | -1.5 | 0.0  | 33.5 | 8.2  | 0.0  | 0.0  | -4.0 |
| z[m]      |      |      | 22.5 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| d[m]      | 23.6 | 24.1 | 26.5 | 25.9 | 24.6 | 34.5 | 41.6 | 24.5 | 25.0 | 17.6 | 5.4  |

| 1D sensor | R02  | R03  | R04  | R05  | R06  | R07  | R08  | R10  | R11  | R12  | R13  | R14  | R15  | R16  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| x[m]      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| y[m]      | 33.5 | 30.5 | 25.2 | 19.6 | 15.0 | 9.4  | 4.7  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| z[m]      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| d[m]      | 41.6 | 39.2 | 35.2 | 31.4 | 28.8 | 26.3 | 25.0 | 23.2 | 22.5 | 23.3 | 25.0 | 27.7 | 31.0 | 34.5 |

Ethics Statement

The present work did not involve the use of human subjects, animal experiments, or data collected from social media platforms.

Declaration of Competing Interest

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