

Smart Lyapunov LMI criterion for TMD RC structure systems via deep reinforcement learning algorithms

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Abstract. This study presents a novel approach to enhancing the seismic performance of tuned mass damper (TMD) systems in reinforced concrete (RC) structures through the implementation of a Smart Lyapunov Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) criterion, optimized via deep reinforcement learning (DRL) algorithms. Traditional methods for TMD design often rely on heuristic or empirical approaches, which may not adequately address the complexities of dynamic interactions in RC structures under varying seismic loads. By leveraging the capabilities of DRL, this research develops a framework that dynamically adjusts TMD parameters in real-time, ensuring optimal performance across a range of seismic scenarios. The proposed Smart Lyapunov LMI criterion provides a robust mathematical foundation for stability and performance assessment, allowing for the systematic evaluation of TMD effectiveness in mitigating structural vibrations. Through extensive numerical simulations, the integration of DRL algorithms demonstrates significant improvements in the adaptability and efficiency of TMD systems, outperforming conventional design methods. The results indicate that the proposed approach not only enhances the resilience of RC structures under seismic events but also contributes to the development of intelligent structural control systems. This research underscores the potential of combining advanced control theories with artificial intelligence techniques to address contemporary challenges in structural engineering, paving the way for more resilient and adaptive building designs in earthquake-prone regions.

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1. Introduction

After an earthquake, structures will often be damaged. Therefore, damage analysis will be conducted on old structures after the disaster to determine the health status of the structures. In the past, visual inspection or destructive testing were mostly used, but these methods cannot accurately analyze structures and are also very uneconomical (Cai *et al.* 2022a, b, Zheng *et al.* 2022, 2023, Zhang 2023, Zhang *et al.* 2020, 2024a, b). With the advancement of the times, the development of non-destructive testing can effectively improve the original defect methods. Through instruments installed on structures, effective data can be observed, and appropriate structural parameters can be analyzed using physical meaning (Yao *et al.* 2022, Xu *et al.* 2022, Wu *et al.* 2023, Wang *et al.* 2024a, b, c, Jiang *et al.* 2024, Fan *et al.* 2024).

From this, we can infer the difference between the healthy state of the building and the state to be measured, and then obtain the structural safety state, which is called fundamental vibration analysis (e.g., Long *et al.* 2024a, b,

Lin *et al.* 2024, Meng *et al.* 2023, 2024, Liu *et al.* 2024) and then identification or detection have been suggested in the literature. (e.g., Cheng *et al.* 2020, Chen *et al.* 2020, 2023 etc.). Non-destructive testing is a testing technology, also known as non-destructive testing, which means that the test object will not be damaged during testing, or that although it is damaged, it will not have a substantial impact on the nature of the product. Therefore, its testing is an effective tool to ensure the quality of structural materials and evaluate the service life of the structure.

The integration of advanced control strategies into structural engineering has garnered significant attention in recent years, particularly regarding the seismic performance of reinforced concrete (RC) structures. Among various control methods, tuned mass dampers (TMDs) have emerged as effective devices for mitigating vibrations induced by dynamic loads, such as earthquakes. The design and optimization of TMD systems are critical for enhancing the resilience of RC structures, and researchers have explored various methodologies to improve their effectiveness.

Tuned mass dampers are passive control devices consisting of a mass-spring-damper system strategically placed within a structure to counteract vibrations. The effectiveness of TMDs is highly dependent on their tuning parameters, including mass ratio, frequency, and damping characteristics. Traditional design approaches often rely on

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empirical formulas or heuristic methods, which may not adequately account for the complex interactions between the TMD and the primary structure (Zhu *et al.* 2024a, b). Recent studies have emphasized the need for more systematic design methodologies that can adapt to varying seismic conditions (Niu *et al.* 2022, Ni *et al.* 2024, Zhu *et al.* 2017, Zhang *et al.* 2020).

Lyapunov stability theory provides a robust framework for analyzing the stability of dynamic systems. The application of Lyapunov's direct method in structural control has been extensively explored, particularly through the formulation of Linear Matrix Inequalities (LMIs). LMIs serve as powerful tools for establishing stability criteria and optimizing control parameters (Yu *et al.* 2024, Shen *et al.* 2023, Toma and Chen 2024, Tian *et al.* 2024, Tan *et al.* 2023). Prior research has demonstrated that Lyapunov-based approaches can effectively ensure the stability of TMD systems when subjected to external disturbances, thereby enhancing the overall performance of RC structures (Zhou *et al.* 2020, Lu *et al.* 2017, 2019).

The advent of artificial intelligence, particularly deep reinforcement learning (DRL), has revolutionized the field of control systems. DRL algorithms enable systems to learn optimal control strategies through trial and error, allowing for real-time adaptation to changing conditions (Zhang *et al.* 2024c). In the context of structural engineering, DRL has been employed to optimize various control strategies, including active and semi-active control systems (Shu *et al.* 2025, Poudel and Bhandari 2023). This approach provides the capability to dynamically adjust TMD parameters in response to real-time seismic data, significantly improving the adaptability and effectiveness of vibration mitigation strategies.

Recent studies have begun to explore the synergy between Lyapunov stability criteria and DRL algorithms in the context of TMD systems. These investigations highlight the potential for developing intelligent control systems that leverage the strengths of both methodologies. For instance, researchers have proposed frameworks that utilize Lyapunov-based LMIs to guide the training of DRL agents, ensuring that learned policies adhere to stability constraints while optimizing performance (Li *et al.* 2024, Huang *et al.* 2023, 2024). This innovative approach not only enhances the design of TMDs but also contributes to the development of smart structural systems capable of responding to dynamic environmental conditions.

The literature indicates a growing interest in the integration of Smart Lyapunov LMI criteria with deep reinforcement learning algorithms for optimizing TMD systems in RC structures. This combination presents a promising avenue for enhancing seismic resilience through intelligent control strategies. As research continues to evolve, the potential for these methodologies to revolutionize structural engineering practices becomes increasingly evident, paving the way for more adaptive and resilient building designs in earthquake-prone regions. Future studies will be essential in validating these approaches and exploring their practical applications in real-world scenarios (Hao *et al.* 2022, Guan *et al.* 2024, Erum and Ahmad 2023, Chen *et al.* 2024a, b).

This study is organized as follows. First, a description of the system is presented. Then, based on the Lyapunov method, a stability criterion is derived to ensure asymptotic stability. Finally, a numerical example is given to demonstrate the results, and then conclusions are drawn to validate other control methods to be used. In addition, comparisons with numerical results are made to demonstrate its control performance.

2. Criteria and methods

A motion equation of any degree of freedom (DOF) nonlinear structure is shown as (Chen *et al.* 2023)

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{F}_c[\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] + \mathbf{F}_s[\mathbf{x}(t)] = \boldsymbol{\eta}^* \mathbf{f}^*(t) + \boldsymbol{\eta} \mathbf{f}(t) \quad (1)$$

in which $\mathbf{x}(t) = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m]^T = m$ - displacement vector; $\mathbf{M} = (m \times m)$ matrix of mass; $\mathbf{F}_c[\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] = m$ -damping vector of force; $\mathbf{F}_s[\mathbf{x}(t)] = m$ -stiffness vector of force; $\mathbf{f}^*(t) = [f_1^*(t), \dots, f_r^*(t)]^T = r$ - unmeasured (or unknown) vector of excitation; $\boldsymbol{\eta}^* = (m \times r)$ matrix of excitation influence subjected to $\mathbf{f}^*(t)$; $\mathbf{f}(t) = [f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_s(t)]^T = s$ -measured (or known) vector of excitation; and $\boldsymbol{\eta} = (m \times s)$ matrix of citation influence subjected to $\mathbf{f}(t)$. We hereby have

$$\mathbf{Z}(t) = \left\{ \mathbf{x}^T, \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T, \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \right\}^T \quad (2)$$

in which $\boldsymbol{\theta}^T = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n]^T$ means vector of parametric with θ_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) being the i th structure variable. Considering $\theta_i = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), i.e., the constants that one can get another transformation, i.e.

$$\dot{\mathbf{Z}}(t) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}^* t) + \mathbf{w}(t) \quad (3)$$

in which $\mathbf{w}(t)$ = model vector of noise (uncertainty) with $\mathbf{Q}(t)$. The observation is

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{Z}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{k+1}^*, k+1) + \mathbf{v}_{k+1} \quad (4)$$

in which \mathbf{y}_{k+1} is an - measured (observation) vector of output at $t = (k+1)\Delta t$ (sampling time step Δt), i.e., $\mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}(t = (k+1)\Delta t)$, $\mathbf{Z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{Z}(t = (k+1)\Delta t)$, $\mathbf{f}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}(t = (k+1)\Delta t)$, and $\mathbf{f}_{k+1}^* = \mathbf{f}^*(t = (k+1)\Delta t)$. In Eq. (4), \mathbf{v}_{k+1} is a measurement of noise to be a Gaussianwhite $E[\mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_j^T] = \mathbf{R}_k \delta_{kj}$.

Eqs. (3) and (4) are linearized with respect to the estimates $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k|k}$, $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k+1|k}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_{k|k}^*$ as follows

$$\mathbf{g}_k \approx \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{k|k} + \mathbf{G}_{k|k}(\mathbf{Z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k|k}) + \mathbf{B}_{k|k}^*(\mathbf{f}_k^* - \hat{\mathbf{f}}_{k|k}^*) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{k+1} \approx \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k+1|k} + \mathbf{H}_{k+1|k}(\mathbf{Z}_{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k+1|k}) + \mathbf{D}_{k+1|k}^*(\mathbf{f}_{k+1}^* - \hat{\mathbf{f}}_{k+1|k}^*) \quad (6)$$

Furthermore, we have $\mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{Z}_k, \mathbf{f}_k, \mathbf{f}_k^*, k\Delta t)$, $\mathbf{h}_{k+1} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{Z}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{k+1}^*, k+1)$, $\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{k|k} = \mathbf{g}(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k|k}, \mathbf{f}_k, \hat{\mathbf{f}}_{k|k}^*, k\Delta t)$, $\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{h}(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{k+1|k}, \mathbf{f}_{k+1}, \hat{\mathbf{f}}_{k+1|k}^*, k+1)$, and

analysis $st \in [\Delta P_{Loss}]$

- iv. Buy the Dt from the grid
- v. Calculate cost and update the states as $st \in [\Delta P_{Loss}, cost, Dt]$
- vi. **If** load demand is matched as given in eq. (6),
 1. Give a reward to the agent $rPDemand$ $t = 10$
- vii. **else**
2. penalize the agent as given in Eq. (14)
- viii. **End**
- ix. **If** the voltage limit is violated $V_{min} > V_j, t > V_{max}$,
 $\forall j = 1 \dots N_{bus}, \forall t = 1 \dots T$
 1. penalize the agent as given in Eq. (14)
- x. **else**
2. Give a reward to the agent rVL
- $t = 1$
- xi. **End**
- xii. **If** the power limit of DGs PDG
 $i, min \leq PDG$
 $it \leq PDG$
 i, max as well as grid power limit P_{grid}
 min
 $> P_{grid}$
 $t > P_{grid}$
 max is violated,
 1. penalize the agent as given in Eq. (14)
- xiii. **else**
2. Give a reward to the agent $rPDG$
- it, P_{grid}
- t
- $t = 10$
- xiv. **End**
- xv. **If** power loss is greater than the updated loss P_{cs}
 $loss > P_{updated}$
 $loss$
 1. Agent gets rewarded as given in Eq. (13)
- xvi. **else**
2. penalize the agent as given in Eq. (14)
- xvii. **End**
- xviii. Calculate the reward rt
- xix. Send feedback to the agent
- xx. Update the loss function of DDPG agent from Eq. (18)
- xxii. **End**
- d. End**
- 4. else**
- No energy management required
- 5. End**

The total reward for a single simulation, starting at time t with state $s(t)$, is computed as

$$R(s(t), t) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-t} \gamma^k r(t+k), \quad (11)$$

The attenuation coefficient $[0, 1]$ represents the degree of reduction in value. The reward for transitioning from

state $s(t+k-1)$ to $s(t+k)$ with action $a(t+k-1)$ is denoted as $r(t+k)$. Then the value function is defined as

$$V^\pi(s(t)) = \mathbb{E}[R(s(t), t) | s(t) = s] \quad (12)$$

The agent should discover the best regulation strategy π^* to optimize $V(s(0), 0)$. The agent responsible for managing power distribution is rewarded based on its ability to satisfy specific constraints and reduce power loss compared to the previous state.

$$rt = -|Dt| - 0.01 \times Costt - Penalties \quad (13)$$

$$Penalties = -Power\ Loss\ Penaltyt - Grid\ Penaltyt - Voltage\ Penaltyt \quad (14)$$

In order to encourage effective and consistent power management, the reward function is made to incentivise the RL agent to eliminate power deficits, reduce costs, and adhere to grid and voltage constraints. The penalty is defined on the basis of power loss, which is defined in Eq. (3). If the power loss increases from the previous state, the agent will get a penalty. The grid penalty is defined as the agent incurring the power from the grid within a limit. The voltage penalty is defined as the agent's decision to take actions in which the voltage of the system should be within its limit. If the voltage limit is violated, the agent will get a penalty.

Therefore, the subsequent connection is established

$$V^\pi(s(0), 0) = \mathbb{E}[OB + Penalties] \quad (15)$$

Then the action of current state st is evaluated using the action value function

$$V^\pi(s(t)) = \max_{a_t \in U(s_t)} Q^\pi(s, a) \quad (16)$$

$$Q^\pi(s, a) = \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[\sum_{k=0}^K \gamma^k * r_{t+k} | s_t = s; a_t = a \right] \quad (17)$$

In this context, the symbol K represents the amount of future time steps taken into account, whereas γ represents a discount factor that determines the balance between immediate and future rewards. Here, the value of γ is set to 1, indicating that DG and grid benefits are considered equally important.

The distribution network environment is manipulated by a learning agent in the DDPG in discrete timesteps, much like in traditional reinforcement learning. Within this framework, the actor and critic components play crucial roles. The actor, parameterized as $\mu s | \theta_\mu$, determines actions based on states deterministically, while the critic $Q(s, a)$ evaluates these actions using the Bellman equation akin to Q-learning principles. The overall performance of critic is updated in accordance with a loss function that has been defined specifically. This integration enables the DDPG algorithm to incorporate EV load profiles and facilitating efficient power purchases from external sources. The update rule for the parameters of the critic is determined by the loss function, as stated in the study in Yu *et al.* (2024).

$$L(\theta^Q) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_i (y_i - Q(s_i, a_i | \theta^Q))^2 \quad (18)$$

Algorithm 2.

1. Initialize the main actor $\mu s | \theta\mu$ and critic $Q s, a | \theta Q$ network
2. Set the parameters of the target actor network μ' and critic network Q'
3. Set up the replay buffer D
4. **For** each episode = 1:Z do
5. Set up s_1
6. Set up an arbitrary procedure N for finding the best action
7. **For** $t = 1:T$ do
8. **If** each episode $< K$ then
9. Randomly choose the action at as given in Eq. (10) from the uniform distribution
10. Carry out the selected action at and observe the reward rt as given in Eq. (13) and transfer to the next state $st + 1$
11. Save the change $(at, st, rt, st + 1)$ in reply buffer D
12. **Else**
13. Select action at using the main actor policy $\mu s | \theta\mu$ with added exploration noise $\tau * \mathcal{N}t$
14. Implement the at and observe rt as given in Eq. (13) and transfer to the next state $st+1$
15. Save the change $(at, s_1, rt, st + 1)$ in reply buffer D
16. Make a batch of the changes called as minibatch $F = (aj, sj, rj, sj + 1) j = 1$
17. Calculate the target action value $yj = rj + \gamma Q' sj + 1, \mu' s, a | \theta\mu' \theta Q'$
18. Update the main critic by minimizing the loss function as given in Eq. (18)
19. Update the main actor network with policy gradient
20. Update the target networks
21. **End if**
22. **End for**

4. Fuzzy criterion for LMI

For an optimization design problem containing inequalities, the mathematical model can be expressed as: finding a set of design variables $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_D)$ to be

Minimize $f(\mathbf{X})$

$$\text{Subject to } g_j(\mathbf{X}) = \left| \frac{b_j}{(b_a)_j} \right| - 1 \leq 0, \quad j = 1 \sim n_n$$

$$x_i \in S_i, \quad i = 1 \sim D$$

$f(\mathbf{X})$ is the objective function, \mathbf{X} is a set of design variables, D is the number of design variables, $g_j(X)$ is the value of the j -th restraint function, n_n is the total number of restraint conditions, b_j is the j -th structural reaction, which can be component stress σ_j , degree of freedom, etc. δ_j , $(b_a)_j$ and is the j -th structural reaction allowable value.

Moreover, S_i it is the set of design variables that can be selected. For example, X_i the set of discrete design variables

S_i can be expressed as

$$S_i = \{x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots, x_i(N)\} \quad (19)$$

In the formula, N is S_i the total number of design variables that can be selected in the discrete set, and $x_i(k)$ represents S_i the value of the k th selectable design variable in the set. X_i

If X_i the design variables are continuous, the set S_i can be expressed as follows

$$S_i = \{x_i | (x_i)_L \leq (x_i) \leq (x_i)_U\} \quad (20)$$

In the formula $(x_i)_L$, and $(x_i)_U$ represent X_i the upper and lower limits of the design variables respectively. The algorithm was originally used to deal with unconstrained problems. Once a problem with inequality constraints is encountered, the processing method of the fitness function must be redefined to perform generation search. The quality of each solution in the group is determined by the fitness function. Generally, the fitness function is defined according to the characteristics of the problem and is also related to the way the constraint conditions are handled. For solving problems with inequality constraints, the simplest way is to give a weighted combination of the objective function and the constraint function, thus obtaining an unconstrained pseudo-objective function, which is then defined as an adaptation function. The most common way to deal with constraint conditions is the external penalty function method (Chen 2023a). This article chooses the external penalty function method. The individual fitness function is defined as follows (Chen 2023b)

$$\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = f(\mathbf{X}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n_m} \max(0, g_j(X)) \quad (21)$$

where λ is the penalty parameter.

The penalty parameter (λ) is an important parameter that affects the convergence of the hybrid search algorithm. If the penalty parameter is too large, it will lead to premature convergence and the program will fall into the local optimal solution. If it is too small, the penalty will be Multiplying the value of the parameter by the constraint function value will not work, causing the iterated solutions to violate the constraint conditions. For the comprehensive analysis of the static output feedback controller, we use Lyapunov's theorem to analyze its stability, where the Lyapunov function $V(x)$ is expressed as the following form

$$V(x) = x^T(t)P^{-1}(x)x(t) \quad (22)$$

Now $0 > \Delta V(x) - \gamma^2 \omega^T \omega + z^T z$, where $\Delta V(x) = V(x(t+1)) - V(x(t))$, while $V(x(t+1)) = x^T(t+1)P^{-1}(x^+)x(t+1)$, x^+ means $x(t+1)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 > V(x) - \gamma^2 \omega^T \omega + z^T z \\ &= x^T(t+1)P^{-1}(x^+)x(t+1) \\ &\quad - x^T(t)P^{-1}(x)x(t) - \gamma^2 \omega^T \omega + z^T z \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)P^{-1}(x^+) \star -P^{-1}(x) + \bar{C}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)\bar{C}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y) \\ B_{\infty\mu}^T(x)P^{-1}(x^+)\bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}(x, y) + D_{\infty\mu}^T(x)\bar{C}_{\mu\mu\mu}(x, y) \\ \bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)P^{-1}(x^+)B_{\infty\mu}(x) + \bar{C}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)D_{\infty\mu}(x) \\ B_{\infty\mu}^T(x)P^{-1}(x^+)B_{\infty\mu}(x) + D_{\infty\mu}^T(x)D_{\infty\mu}(x) - \gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

which $\bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)P^{-1}(x^+) \star$ means $\bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}^T(x, y)P^{-1}(x^+)\bar{A}_{\mu\mu\mu}(x, y)$.

When $x \in \mathbb{R}^r$ a polynomial function $f(x)$ is the sum of squares, it can be expressed as

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r g_i^2(x) \quad (23)$$

where $g_1(x) \cdots g_t(x)$, $g_2(x)$ is a polynomial function, and a convex polyhedral cone K^d constitutes a polynomial $P^d(x)$, and $P^d(x)$ conforms to Definition 1, and can be decomposed into a sum of squares, then for all d , $K^d \subseteq K^{d+1}$

$$P^{d+1}(x) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^t x_k^2 \right) P^d(x) = \sum_{k=1}^t \sum_{i=1}^r (g_i x_k)^2. \quad (24)$$

Define a monomial $X = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots x_r^{\alpha_r}$ to the power of α , where $x \in \mathbb{R}^r$ all α_i are non-negative integers, $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ and satisfy $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_r$.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial function of power $2d$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^r$ and it $Z(x) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is a vector of all monomial combinations of x whose power is not greater than d , then $f(x)$ conforms to definition 1, if and only if there are half positive. The constant matrix $Q \in \mathbb{S}^p$ satisfies the following equation

$$f(x) = Z^T(x)QZ(x) \quad (25)$$

The meaning of the above formula is: the square sum polynomial function of the $2d$ power can always be decomposed into a monomial structure of the d power.

5. Numerical simulation and results

This study used a total of four earthquake durations, including three near-field shock waves JM AKobe, Chi-Chi and JR Takatori, and one far-field shock wave El Centro. The PGA (Peak ground acceleration) value of the near-field shock wave was normalized during analysis. It is 1 g, and the distant shock wave maintains the original shock wave record. Among them, JM AKobe is the north-south surface acceleration record measured at the Kobe Meteorological Agency station of the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake in Japan, Chi-Chi is the east-west surface acceleration record measured at the Sun Moon Lake Station of the 1999 Taiwan 921 Earthquake, and JR Takatori is the east-west surface acceleration record measured at the Japan Railway Takatori Station station of the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995, and the El Centro shock wave is the north-south surface acceleration record measured at the El Centro Station of the 1940 El Centro Earthquake in California, USA. Each shock wave and its spectrum analysis are shown in Figs. 2 to 5. The main period of JM AKobe is about 0.69 seconds, Chi-Chi is about 0.89 seconds, JR Takatori is about 1.22

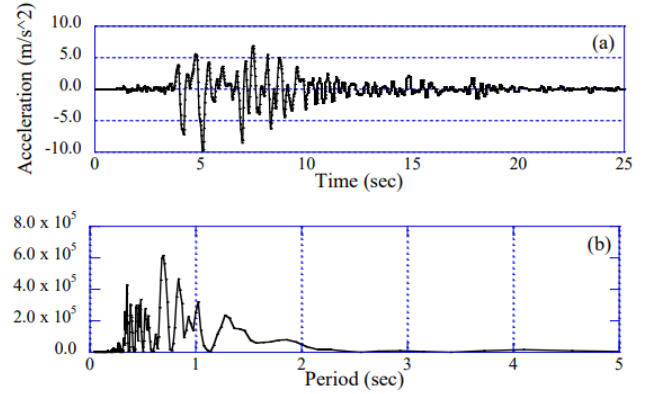


Fig. 2 (a) JMA Kobe surface acceleration record duration chart; (b) JMA Kobe seismic wave spectrum analysis chart

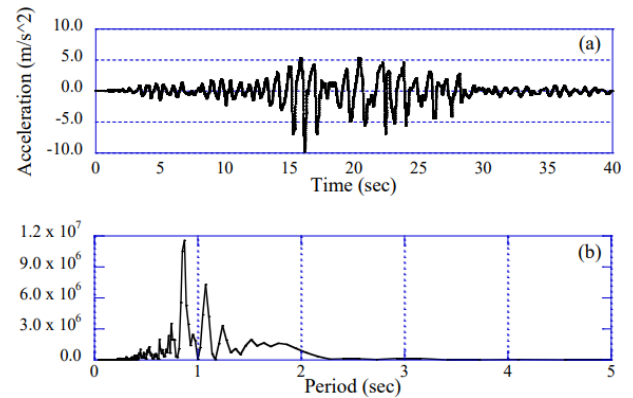


Fig. 3 (a) Chi-Chi surface acceleration record duration chart; (b) Chi-Chi shock wave spectrum analysis chart

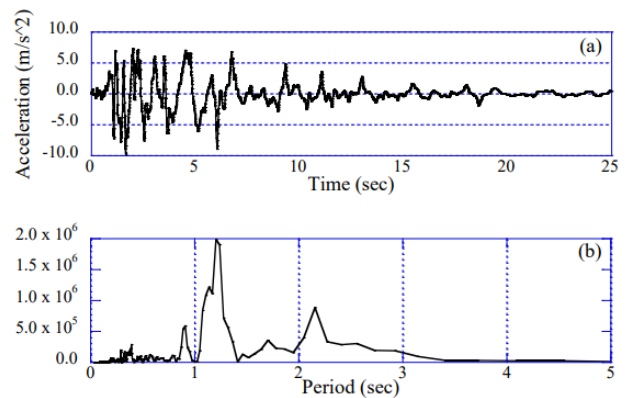


Fig. 4 (a) JR Takatori surface acceleration record duration chart; (b) JR Takatori seismic spectrum analysis chart

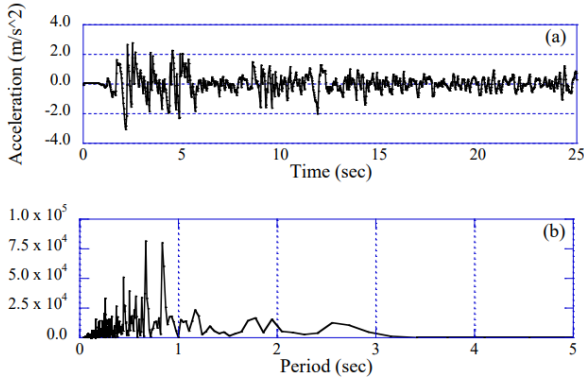


Fig. 5 (a) El Centro surface acceleration record duration chart; (b) El Centro seismic spectrum analysis chart

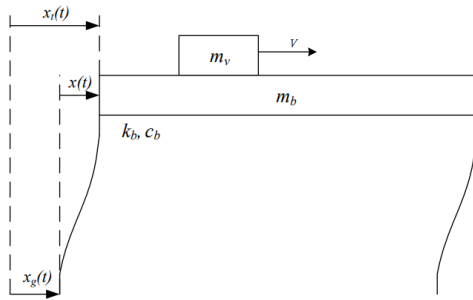


Fig. 6 Schematic diagram of the bridge affected by moving loads and earthquake effects

seconds, and El Centro is about 0.68 seconds.

Fig. 5(a) El Centro surface acceleration record duration chart; (b) El Centro seismic spectrum analysis chart

If an earthquake happens to occur when a vehicle passes through a bridge, assuming that the vehicle still travels at a constant speed and does not slide, the schematic diagram of the model is shown in Fig. 6.

m_v is the mass of the car body, m_b is the mass of the bridge superstructure, $x_t(t)$ is the absolute displacement of the bridge deck, $x(t)$ is the relative displacement of the bridge deck, $x_g(t)$ is the surface displacement, k_b and c_b are the stiffness coefficient and damping coefficient of the bridge axial direction respectively. The equation of motion can be expressed as follows

$$m_b \ddot{x}_t(t) + m_v \ddot{x}_t(t) + c_b \dot{x}(t) + k_b x(t) = 0 \quad (26)$$

The force transmitted from the vehicle to the bridge can be known $f = m_v [\ddot{x}_g(t) + \ddot{x}(t)]$ from the free body diagram. Therefore, after shifting the terms of Eq. (26), the bridge motion equation can be obtained

$$m_b \ddot{x}(t) + c_b \dot{x}(t) + k_b x(t) = -m_b \ddot{x}_g(t) - m_v [\ddot{x}_g(t) + \ddot{x}(t)] \quad (27)$$

The JMA Kobe seismic acceleration duration record was used in the analysis. The vehicle weighed 72 tons and the driving speed was 100 km/hr. The distance between the front and rear of the vehicle was 20 m, 30 m, 40 m or 50 m

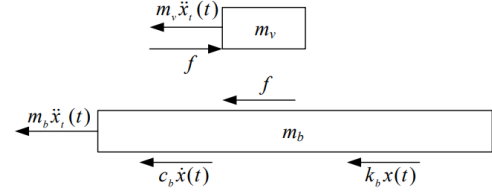


Fig. 7 Free body diagram of bridge and vehicle

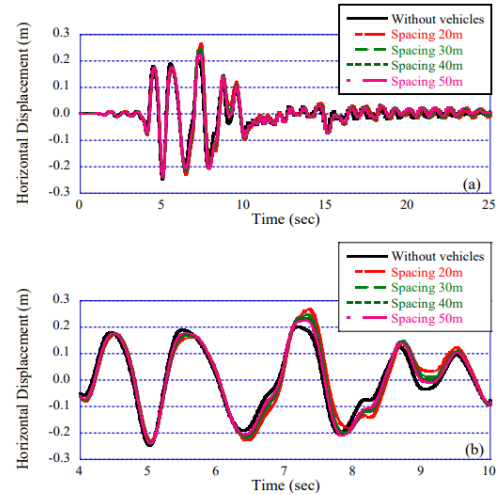


Fig. 8 (a) Horizontal displacement diagram of the bridge deck with different vehicle spacing and no vehicle passing through; (b) Magnified view of bridge deck horizontal displacement for 4-10 seconds

respectively, and the traffic flow was uninterrupted. The smaller the distance between the vehicles, the smaller the distance between the vehicles. There are more vehicles at the same time. Fig. 7 is a comparison of the horizontal displacement of the bridge deck with different vehicle spacing and no vehicle passing. From the figure, it can be found that the trends of each curve are roughly the same, and the displacement peak value and difference percentage are listed in Table 1. From Eq. (27), it can be seen that the force of vehicles acting on the bridge is in the opposite direction to the relative acceleration of the bridge deck. Therefore, compared with the example where no vehicle passes, when the distance between vehicles becomes smaller, whether it is a positive displacement peak or a negative displacement peak. The differences are getting bigger. When the distance between vehicles is 40 m or 50 m, the peak value of positive displacement is smaller than the peak value of positive displacement without vehicles. At this time, the peak value of negative displacement is still smaller than the peak value of positive displacement without vehicles. Therefore, the maximum displacement response is smaller than the peak value of positive displacement without vehicles. It was still a small phenomenon.

When no vehicle passes, the bridge pier is still within the linear range, but with traffic passing through, the plastic hinge at the bottom of the bridge pier enters the nonlinear stage, and at the smaller the distance between vehicles, the more obvious it is.

Table 1 Comparison of bridge deck displacement differences between different vehicle spacing and no vehicle passing

	Spacing 20 m	Spacing 30 m	Spacing 40 m	Spacing 50 m	No vehicles
Forward displacement peak value (m)	0.231	0.237	0.240	0.241	0.247
Negative displacement peak value (m)	0.268	0.247	0.235	0.225	0.203
Displacement peak (m)	0.268	0.247	0.240	0.241	0.247
Difference (%)	8.4	0	-3.0	-2.8	-

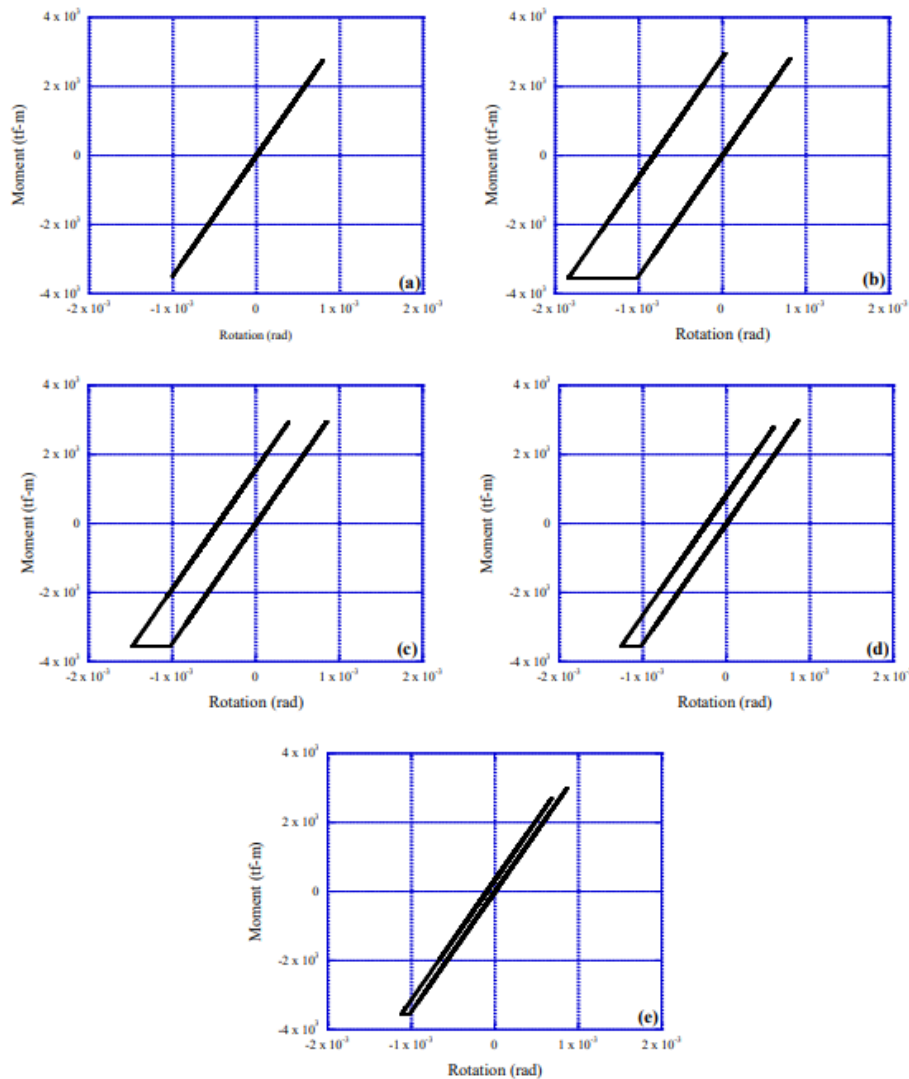


Fig. 9 Bending moment hysteresis loop diagram at the bottom of the bridge pier (a) no vehicle; (b) vehicle spacing 20 m; (c) vehicle spacing 30 m; (d) vehicle spacing 40 m; (e) vehicle spacing 50 m

From the above discussion, it can be known that when an earthquake occurs, if there is a high density of traffic passing through the bridge, after the inertial force of the vehicles is applied to the bridge deck, there will be a chance to amplify the displacement of the bridge deck and cause plasticity at the bottom of the bridge pier. The degree of hinge entry into nonlinearity is even more significant.

First, JMA Kobe seismic wave records were used to compare the effect of TMD on reducing the peak horizontal

horizontal displacement of the bridge deck when it was between 5% and 100%. The TMD was designed using Hartog’s Method introduced in Chapter 3, and the results were analyzed. As shown in Fig. 10. It can be observed from the figure that the effect of reducing the peak displacement of the bridge deck is significantly improved when the TMD is equal to 5% and 10% μ . When the TMD is 10%, the bridge deck displacement is reduced by 17.8%. After that, with μ the increase in the displacement peak

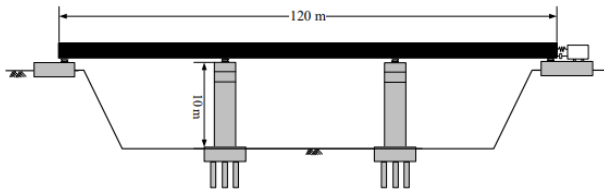


Fig. 10 Schematic diagram of three-span continuous girder bridge and TMD

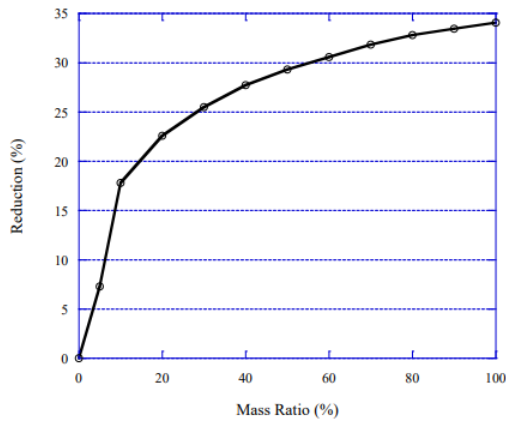


Fig. 11 Displacement reduction percentage curves corresponding to different TMDs μ

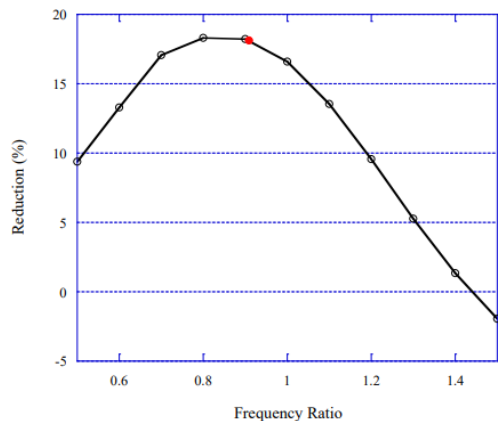


Fig. 12 Displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to different frequency ratios in linear structure (JMA Kobe)

reduction percentage tends to be moderate, and μ the displacement peak value is only reduced by 34.1% at 100%. That is, the TMD mass increases by 10 times, but the displacement reduction percentage only increases by 2 times. It can be seen that when the TMD mass design is too large, it is not economical.

The TMD μ was set to 10%, and the ratio of TMD to the basic natural vibration frequency of the bridge was adjusted to 0.5~1.5. Under different frequency ratios, the corresponding reduction percentage of the peak horizontal displacement of the bridge deck is shown in Figs. 11 to 13. In addition, the frequency ratio (0.909) designed by Hartog's Method is marked with a solid circle in the figure.

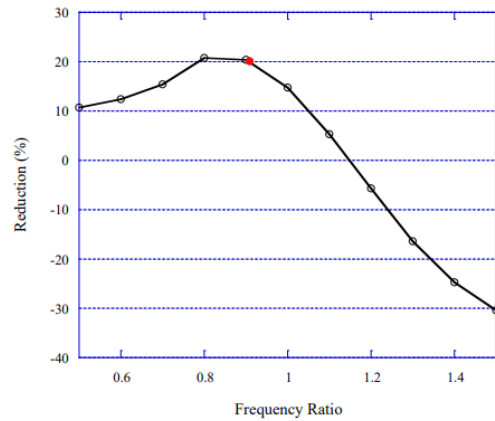


Fig. 13 Displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to different frequency ratios in linear structure (Chi-Chi)

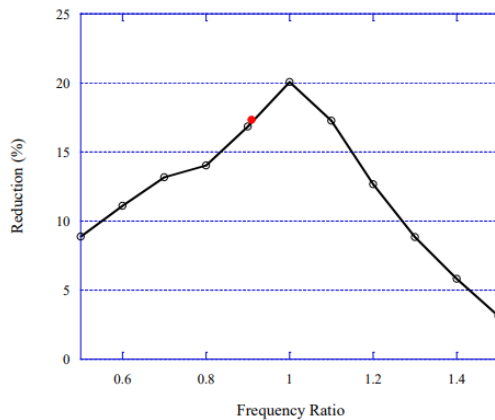


Fig. 14 Displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to different frequency ratios in linear structure (JR Takatori)

The corresponding displacement peak reduction percentages of this design frequency ratio in JMA Kobe, Chi-Chi and JR Takatori are 18.1%, 20.1% and 17.3% respectively. Although it is not the optimal value, it still has a very good vibration reduction effect. When the frequency ratio deviates too much, the vibration reduction effect is significantly reduced. Especially in Chi-Chi shock waves, when the frequency ratio is greater than 1.2, a severe counter-effect occurs. Even when the frequency ratio is 1.5, the displacement peak value is lower than that without TMD installed. The number of bridges increased by 30.43%.

From the percentage reduction curve of the peak displacement of each shock wave and Table 2, it can be seen that the vibration reduction effect of the traditional TMD design method (Hartog's Method) becomes obviously unstable after the structure enters nonlinear behavior, even in Chi-Chi. and El Centro shock waves, whose dynamic analysis results are completely different from the behavior in linear structures. The reason is that after the structure becomes nonlinear, the natural vibration frequency changes. If the TMD still maintains the original design frequency, it will cause the TMD frequency detuning effect and affect its

Table 2 Reduction percentage of peak displacement in different shock waves for TMD (5% and 10%) designed using μ Hartog's Method under bridge support nonlinearity

	JMA Kobe	Chi-Chi	JR Takatori	El Centro TMD
TMD 5%	7.5	06	3.1	0.4
TMD 10%	12.8	-0.8	5.9	-2.2

displacement control effect. Therefore, the frequency spectrum analysis chart of the output bridge deck displacement under the action of each shock wave is compared with the displacement peak reduction percentage curve chart corresponding to different frequency ratios.

(a) JMA Kobe Shockwave

It can be seen from Fig. 15 that the bridge deck displacement response period reaches an extreme value at 1.42 seconds. In addition, in Fig. 14, under TMD5% and 10%, the displacement peak reduction percentage reaches the extreme value at the frequency ratio of 0.8 ($T = 1.06$ seconds) and 0.9 ($T = 1.2$ seconds) respectively, while the frequency ratio is between 0.7 and 1.0 ($T = 1.4$ seconds to 0.96 seconds) can have good vibration reduction effect.

(b) Chi-Chi Shockwave

Fig. 16 shows the bridge deck displacement peak percentage curve reduced by TMD5% and 10% at different frequency ratios, reaching the maximum value when the frequency ratio is 0.6 ($T = 1.59$ seconds) and 0.5 ($T = 1.91$ seconds) respectively. Observing Fig. 17, we can find that the displacement response period has an extreme value at 1.64 seconds, and the period has a considerable response from 1.56 seconds to 1.82 seconds. When the design period of the TMD is within this range, it can most effectively reduce the bridge Panel displacement peak.

(c) JR Takatori Shockwave

In the bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis figure 19, the maximum value appears at the period $T = 2.18$ seconds, and a peak value also appears at the period $T = 1.21$ seconds. Therefore, it can be found from Figure 18 that the displacement peak reduction percentage curve also has two peaks. TMD5% and 10% reach the maximum value of the bridge deck displacement peak reduction percentage at the design frequency ratio of 0.4 ($T = 2.39$ seconds) and 0.5 ($T = 1.91$ seconds) respectively, while another peak appears at the frequency ratio of 0.8 ($T = 1.2$ seconds). From the analysis results, it can be observed that the peak period in the bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis is very close to the design period where the TMD effect is better.

(d) El Centro earthquake

In the bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis diagram in Fig. 21, the extreme value appears at the period $T = 0.86$ seconds, which is very close to the maximum value of the displacement reduction percentage curve in Fig. 20: frequency ratio 1.1 ($T = 0.87$ seconds). In this example, the design frequency change of TMD is more sensitive to the vibration damping effect. When the frequency ratio increases or decreases slightly, the reduction

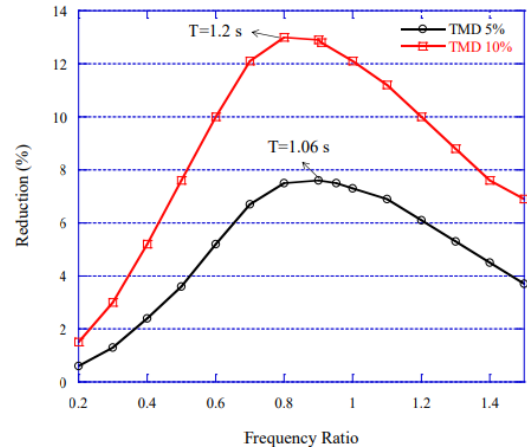


Fig. 15 Displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to bridges with nonlinear supports using TMDs with different frequency ratios (JMA Kobe)

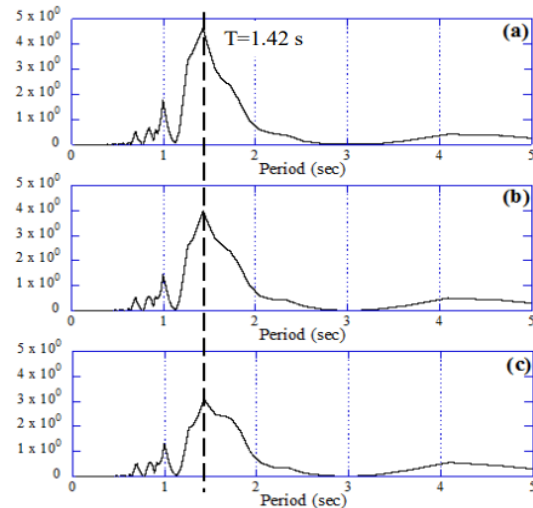


Fig. 16 Bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis chart with nonlinear support (Chi-Chi) (a) No TMD; (b) TMD 5%; (c) TMD 10%

percentage of the displacement peak value decreases significantly.

Based on the above results, it can be seen that after the structure becomes nonlinear, the original TMD design cycle is no longer applicable due to the change of natural vibration frequency. However, according to the dynamic duration analysis results of the bridge, it is known that the TMD design cycle can achieve better vibration reduction effect. It is highly correlated with the period at the peak in the bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis chart. Therefore, in nonlinear structures, the TMD design cycle should be adjusted with reference to the spectrum analysis of structural response in order to achieve better vibration reduction effects.

In addition, observing that the bridge is affected by different earthquake waves, the displacement peak reduction percentage curves corresponding to different frequency ratios of TMD5% and 10% all have the same

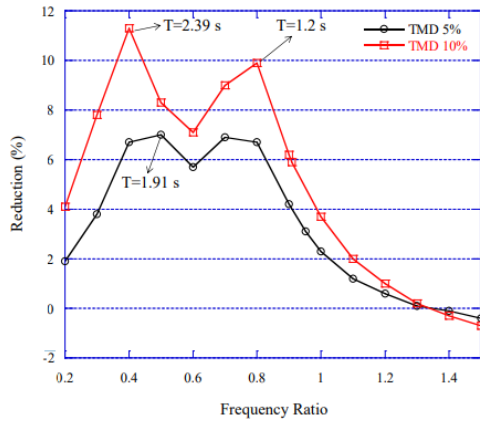


Fig. 17 The displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to the nonlinear support of the bridge using TMD with different frequency ratios (JR Takatori)

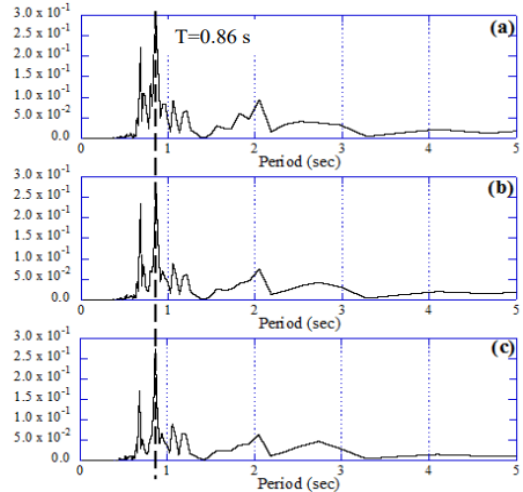


Fig. 20 Bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis chart with nonlinear support (El Centro) (a) No TMD; (b) TMD 5%; (c) TMD 10%

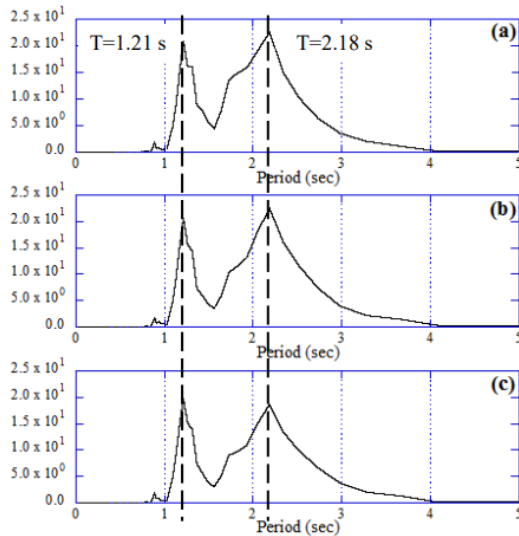


Fig. 18 Bridge deck displacement spectrum analysis chart with nonlinear support (JR Takatori) (a) No TMD; (b) TMD 5%; (c) TMD 10%

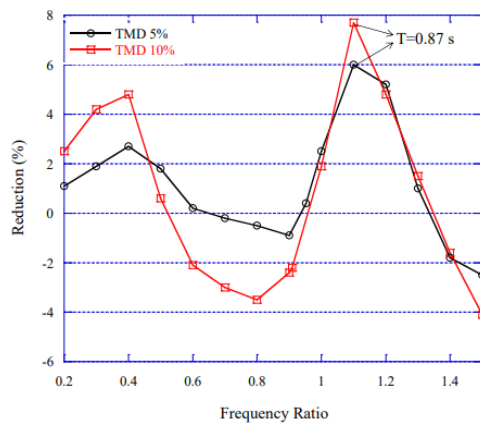


Fig. 19 The displacement peak reduction percentage curve corresponding to the nonlinear support of the bridge using TMD with different frequency ratios (El Centro)

trend. Whether it is a positive effect or a negative effect, $\mu 10\%$ is compared μ with 5%. are more significant, so although choosing a TMD with a larger mass can achieve better vibration reduction effects, if the TMD design frequency is adjusted incorrectly, it will also lead to greater counter-effects. The displacement spectrum connotations of bridges with or without TMD are also quite similar. Figs. 22-23 show the analysis results under the action of JMA Kobe shock waves. From the pier bending moment hysteresis loop, it can be found that the bridge piers still do not yield within the linear range. Therefore, the analysis results are quite similar to Figs. 14 and 15. The optimal vibration reduction is The TMD cycle of the effect remains unchanged.

6. Conclusions

This study has successfully demonstrated the potential of integrating a Smart Lyapunov Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) criterion with deep reinforcement learning (DRL) algorithms to optimize the performance of tuned mass dampers (TMDs) in reinforced concrete (RC) structures. The findings highlight several key insights and implications for future research and practical applications in structural engineering. Enhanced Seismic Resilience: The proposed framework effectively improves the seismic resilience of RC structures by dynamically adjusting TMD parameters in real-time. The integration of the Smart Lyapunov LMI criterion ensures that the stability of the system is maintained throughout varying seismic conditions, thus providing a robust solution for vibration mitigation. The application of DRL algorithms allows for continuous learning and adaptation of the TMD system based on real-time seismic data. This adaptability is crucial in earthquake-prone regions, where the nature and intensity of seismic events can vary significantly. The use of Lyapunov-based LMIs establishes a solid mathematical foundation for stability analysis. This approach not only facilitates the

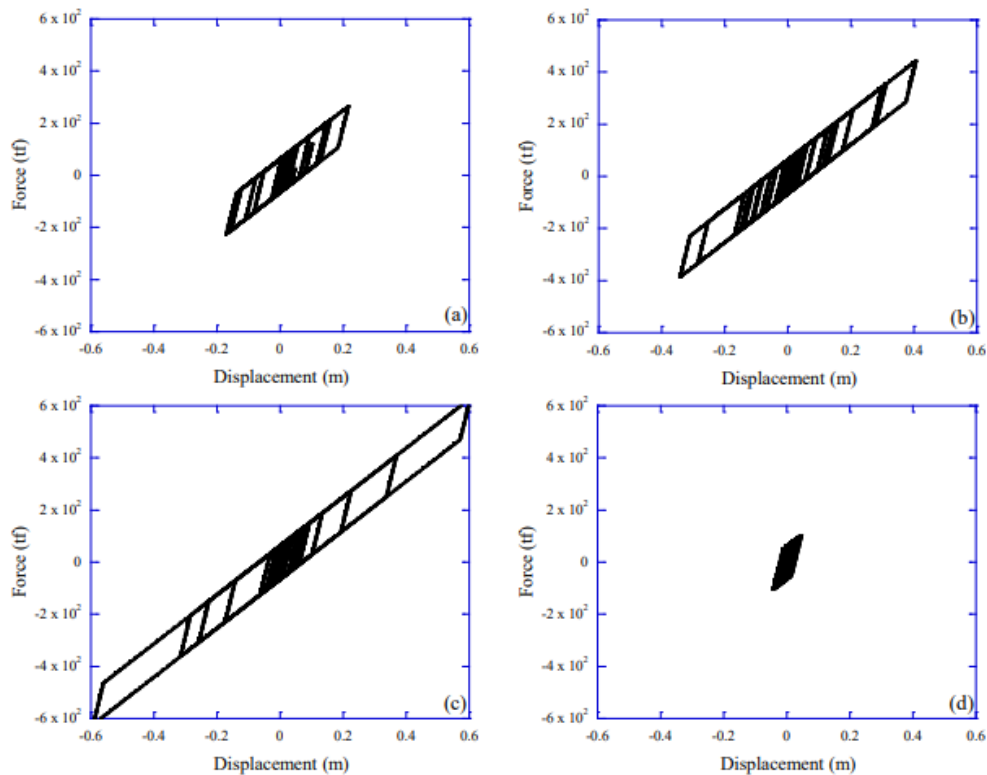


Fig. 21 Hysteresis loop diagram of bridge pier isolation support (a) JMA Kobe; (b) Chi-Chi; (c) JR Takatori; (d) El Centro

design of TMDs but also provides a systematic method for evaluating their effectiveness in different scenarios, ensuring compliance with stability requirements. The combination of Lyapunov stability theory and DRL represents a synergistic approach that leverages the strengths of both methodologies. This innovative framework paves the way for the development of smart structural control systems capable of responding to complex dynamic environments. The findings of this research have significant implications for the design and implementation of TMD systems in RC structures. Engineers and practitioners can utilize the Smart Lyapunov LMI criterion to optimize TMD designs, ensuring that they meet specific performance criteria while maintaining structural integrity. Additionally, the incorporation of DRL algorithms can enhance the operational efficiency of TMDs, allowing for real-time adjustments that improve overall system performance during seismic events. While this study provides a solid foundation for the integration of Smart Lyapunov LMI criteria and DRL in TMD systems, several avenues for future research remain: Future studies should focus on experimental validation of the proposed framework in real-world scenarios. This would provide critical insights into the practical applicability and effectiveness of the system under actual seismic conditions. Exploring the application of the proposed methodology to other types of structural control systems, such as active and semi-active systems, could further enhance its utility in diverse engineering contexts. Investigating the integration of this framework with other emerging technologies, such as IoT sensors and machine learning algorithms, could lead to even more advanced and responsive structural control

systems. Research into the long-term performance and durability of TMD systems optimized through this approach will be essential to ensure their reliability and effectiveness over time. In conclusion, the integration of Smart Lyapunov LMI criteria with deep reinforcement learning algorithms represents a significant advancement in the field of structural control. This innovative approach not only enhances the seismic performance of TMD systems in RC structures but also contributes to the development of intelligent, adaptive control strategies that can effectively address the challenges posed by dynamic environmental conditions. As the field continues to evolve, the insights gained from this study will be instrumental in guiding future research and practical applications aimed at improving the resilience of structures in earthquake-prone regions.

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