

## Dynamic response analysis of single-span guideway caused by high speed maglev train

### Abstract

High speed maglev is one of the most important reformations in the ground transportation systems because of its no physical contact nature. This paper intends to study the dynamic response of the single-span guideway induced by moving maglev train. The dynamic model of the maglev train-guideway system is established. In this model, a maglev train consists of three vehicles and each vehicle is regarded as a multibody system with 34 degrees-of-freedom. The guideway is modeled as a simply supported beam. Considering the motion-dependent nature of electromagnetic forces in the maglev system, an iterative approach is presented to compute the dynamic response of a maglev train-guideway system. The histories of the train traversing the guideways are simulated and the dynamic responses of the guideway and the train vehicles are calculated. A field experiment is carried out to verify the results of the analysis. The resonant conditions of single-span guideway are analyzed. The results show that all the dynamic indexes of train-guideway system are far less than permissive values of railway and maglev system, the vertical resonant of guideways caused by periodical excitations of the train will not happen.

### Keywords

Maglev train, guideway, dynamic response, resonant, air gap

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Since the 1970s, studies have been carried out on the ground transportation system based on the non-contact maglev (magnetically levitated) system that has linear motor propulsion. The maglev system has the advantages of less environmental impact, better ride quality compared to the conventional rail system. Research and development in maglev technology is being actively pursued in Europe, Japan, and the USA. Shanghai maglev system, which adopts TR08 technology, is the first commercial high speed maglev system, as shown in Figure 1.

There are two types of maglev system: the first type has an electromagnetic suspension (EMS) that utilizes the attractive force between the electromagnet and guide rail, and the



Figure 1 Shanghai maglev route.

second has an electrodynamic suspension (EDS) that uses the repellent force induced by superconductors. To suspend a maglev train at a stable levitation gap (air gap) between the on-board levitation magnets and the guideway, a controllable electromagnetic field is generated in its maglev suspension system. Obviously, the response analysis of a maglev train moving on a flexible guideway is related to not only the dynamics of train-guideway interaction but also the electromagnetic control.

With the development of high speed railway, the railway induced vibration has long been an interesting topic in the field of civil engineering, such as railway bridge vibrations. This has a huge amount of researches on the dynamic behaviors of railway bridges under the passage of the high speed trains [2, 6, 9, 12, 13]. There is a comprehensive study in this topic can be found in references [2, 12]. The most important findings in these researches are the resonant vibrations of bridges due to moving trains at the resonant speeds [9, 13]. However, relatively little research attention so far seems to conduct the dynamic interaction response of maglev trains running on guideways. Kortüm [5] and Cai [1] made a general review of the studies on the dynamic response before 1990s, which revealed the basic laws of interaction between the maglev vehicle and the elevated-guideway and provided theoretical guidelines for design of maglev guideway. But in these studies the electromagnetic suspension is regarded as constant force or linear spring-damper. Zheng et al. [15] presented two kinds of vehicle/guideway coupling models with controllable magnetic suspension systems to investigate the vibration behavior of a maglev vehicle running on a flexible guideway. They observed the phenomena of divergence, flutter, and collision on the dynamic stability of a maglev-vehicle traveling on a flexible guideway. Wang et al. [8] offers a comprehensive study on the response of the structure of rail-sleeper-bridge induced by the low and medium speed maglev vehicle. But the effects of the vehicle structure and controlling system are neglected. Yau [14] developed a neuro-PI (proportional-integral) controller to control the dynamic response of the maglev vehicles around an allowable prescribed acceleration. The maglev vehicle is simplified as a two-degree-of-freedom (two-dof) moving oscillator controlled by an on-board PI controller and the guideway is modeled as a simply supported beam. Based on these investigations, many

useful results have been brought out. Unfortunately, no further details were proposed for the resonance characteristics, especially for the high speed maglev (TR08) guideway.

In this paper, a dynamic model for analyzing the vibration of a train-guideway system is developed. Each vehicle in a maglev train is modeled with 34 degrees-of-freedom; the guideway is modeled as a simply supported beam. Based on the maglev theory, the maglev train is lifted up above the guideway with a stable levitation gap via a motion-dependent electromagnetic force. The computation of dynamic response for the train-guideway system was carried out using an iterative approach with Newmark's method. The vibration behavior of the dynamic responses of train traversing the guideways is studied herein based on the numerical results and the experimental data. The resonant conditions of single-span guideway are analyzed. The results show that that all the dynamic indexes of train-guideway system are far less than permissive values railway and maglev system, the vertical resonant condition of guideways caused by periodical excitations of the train will not happen. The dynamic responses of the guideway and the train vehicles are analyzed in detail, which can be referenced in the determination of guideway design criterions in high speed maglev system.

## 2 DYNAMIC MODEL OF MAGLEV TRAIN-GUIDEWAY SYSTEM

When a high speed maglev train moves over guideway, the train and guideway form a complex dynamic interaction system. The dynamic analysis model of such a system consists of the train submodel, the guideway submodel and an assumed magnetic-guideway relationship.

Generally, the lateral vibrations of the guideway due to moving maglev train will also be smaller than the vertical motions [14]. To simplify the formulation of train-guideway interaction of the maglev system, only vertical train motion is considered in this study.

### 2.1 Electromagnetic relationship

The electromagnetic interaction and the simulation of electromagnetic force are key factors between train and guideways, which are closely related to active control mechanism. The structure of suspension magnet is shown in Figure 2. There are 12 poles per suspension magnet, 6 of which are connected into a group. The interval of poles per suspension magnet is 0.258m. Air gap measurement units are installed at the two ends of the suspension magnet. The suspension magnet control units receive the air gap signals, process the signals by the suspension control unit, and then arises the electromagnetic force which suspends maglev trains.

The control strategy of maglev vehicles is the multi-point and independent suspension control, which induces that the vehicles are mechanically decoupling and statically determinate. So the reliability of the system would be improved. Single-point suspension system is the basic unit of the electromagnetic interaction. Figure 3 shows the electromagnetic suspension system on a control point, in which the instantaneous force is [7]

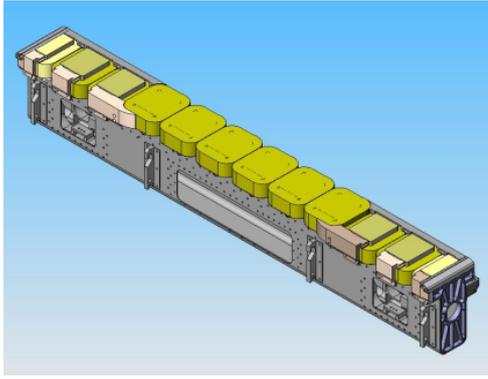


Figure 2 Structure of suspension magnet.

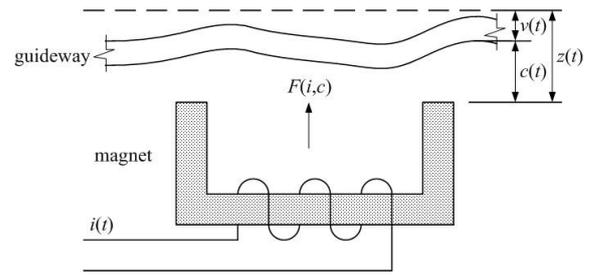


Figure 3 Electromagnetic suspension system.

$$F(i, c) = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{4} \left[ \frac{i(t)}{c(t)} \right]^2 \quad (1)$$

where  $z(t)$  is the absolute position of the suspended magnet,  $\ddot{z}(t)$  is its absolute vertical acceleration at any instance of time  $t$ ,  $c(t)$  is magnetic air gap,  $v(t)$  is the displacement of guideway,  $i(t)$  is electrical circuit,  $N$  is the number of turns in the magnet winding,  $A$  is the pole face area,  $\mu_0$  is air permeability.

The current control laws can be given as [3, 7]

$$\Delta i = k_p \Delta c + k_v \dot{\Delta z} + k_a \ddot{z} \quad (2)$$

where  $k_p$ ,  $k_v$  and  $k_a$  are the feedback gains corresponding to the air gap change, the velocity and the acceleration of the magnet.

## 2.2 Train model

The dynamic model of train with secondary spring multi-body and multi-DOF is considered when analysis of train-guideway coupling vibration is performed. The car body is rigid and has a uniform mass. The center of mass is consistent with that of the inertia. The train model consists of several vehicles, which is a complicate multi-degree system composed of a car body, four bogies, eight bolsters, eight suspension magnets, and the spring-dashpot suspensions between the four components, as shown in Figure 4. To simplify the analysis whilst retaining sufficient accuracy, the following assumptions are used in modeling the train in this study:

1. The car-body, bogies, bolsters and magnets in each vehicle are regarded as rigid components.
2. The connections between a bogie and magnets are characterized as linear springs and viscous dashpots of the primary suspension system. The spring stiffness and damping coefficients of the  $j$ th bogie of the  $i$ th vehicle are denoted as  $k_{1ij}^v$  and  $c_{1ij}^v$

3. The connections between the car-body and bogies are characterized as linear springs and viscous dashpots of the secondary suspension in vertical direction ( $k_{2ij}^v$  and  $c_{2ij}^v$ ).
4. The connections between the bolsters and bogies are characterized as linear springs and viscous dashpots of the suspension in vertical direction ( $k_{bij}^v$  and  $c_{bij}^v$ ).

With the above assumptions, the  $i$ th vehicle body has two degrees of freedom (dofs) to be considered. They are designated by vertical  $z_{ci}$  and pitching  $\varphi_{ci}$  movements. The  $j$ th bogie on the  $i$ th vehicle has two dofs: vertical  $z_{xfjij}$  and pitching  $\varphi_{xfjij}$  movements. For the  $l$ th bolster on the  $j$ th bogie and  $i$ th vehicle, only one dof are considered: vertical  $z_{yzi}$  movements. For the  $j$ th magnet on  $i$ th vehicle, two dofs are considered: vertical  $c_{ctij}$  and pitching  $\varphi_{ctij}$  movements. So the idealized model for a High speed maglev vehicle can be described as 34 dofs, as shown in Figure 4.

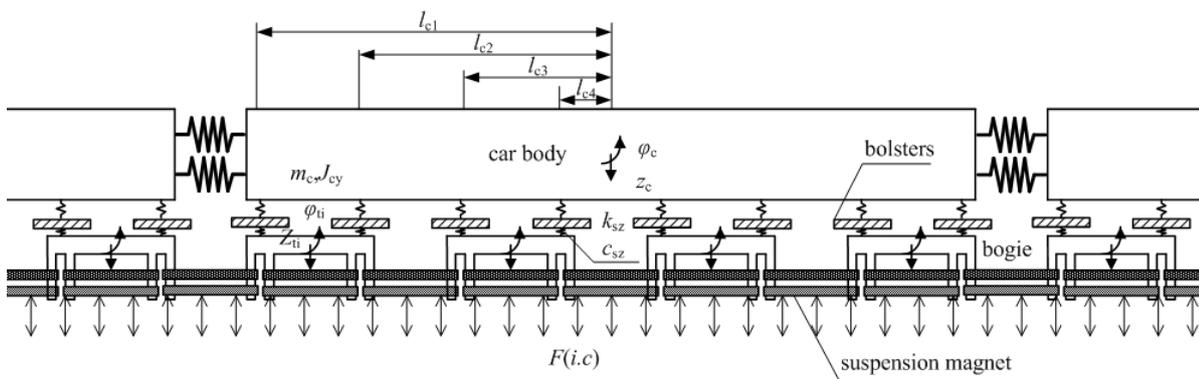


Figure 4 Train dynamic model.

The equation of motion for the  $i$ th vehicle can be thus expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{ci} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{yzi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{xfji} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{cti} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{v}_{ci} \\ \ddot{v}_{yzi} \\ \ddot{v}_{xfji} \\ \ddot{v}_{cti} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{ci} & C_{cyzi} & 0 & 0 \\ C_{yzci} & C_{yzi} & C_{yzxfji} & 0 \\ 0 & C_{xfjyzi} & C_{xfji} & C_{xfjcti} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{ctxfji} & C_{cti} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{ci} \\ \dot{v}_{yzi} \\ \dot{v}_{xfji} \\ \dot{v}_{cti} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{ci} & K_{cyzi} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{yzci} & K_{yzi} & K_{yzxfji} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{xfjyzi} & K_{xfji} & K_{xfjcti} \\ 0 & 0 & K_{ctxfji} & K_{cti} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{ci} \\ v_{yzi} \\ v_{xfji} \\ v_{cti} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F_{cti} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where the subscripts  $c, yz, xfj, ct$  represent the car body, bolsters, bogies, magnets respectively,  $M, K, C$  represent mass, stiffness and damping matrices,  $v_i, \dot{v}_i, \ddot{v}_i$  are the displacement, velocity and acceleration vectors of the  $i$ th vehicle respectively, are the vectors of external forces,  $F_{cti}$  the forces can be thus expressed as:

$$F_{xfi} = - \sum_{j=1}^{12} \Gamma \left( \frac{\Delta i + I_0}{c_0 + \Delta c_j} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$M_{xfi} = \sum_{j=1}^6 l_{pj} \Gamma \left( \frac{\Delta i + I_0}{c_0 + \Delta c_j} \right)^2 - \sum_{j=7}^{12} l_{pj} \Gamma \left( \frac{\Delta i + I_0}{c_0 + \Delta c_j} \right)^2 \quad (5)$$

where  $F_{xfi}$ ,  $M_{xfi}$  represent vertical and pitching load of suspension magnets,  $\Gamma$  is magnetic constant,  $\Delta i$  is current change of control point,  $I_0$  is normal current,  $c_0$  is normal air gap,  $\Delta c_j$  is air gap change of control point,  $l_{pj}$  is distance between center of magnet and control point.

### 2.3 Guideway model

A guideway consists mainly of guideway deck, beam and anchorages. The elastic effects of the track system are also neglected. The guideway is modeled as a three-dimensional system using the finite element method. The equation of motion for the guideway can be thus expressed as:

$$M_{bb}\ddot{X}_b + C_{bb}\dot{X}_b + K_{bb}X_b = F_b \quad (6)$$

where  $M_{bb}$ ,  $C_{bb}$ ,  $K_{bb}$  and are the mass, damping and stiffness matrices of the guideway;  $\ddot{X}_b$ ,  $\dot{X}_b$  and  $X_b$  are the acceleration, velocity and displacement vectors of the guideway, respectively, and  $F_b$  is the force vector, consisting of two parts:

$$F_b = F_e + F_{bv}$$

where  $F_e$  is the vector of external forces (such as wind forces) acting on the nodes of the guideway model, and  $F_{bv}$  is the vector of forces from the magnets of a train on the guideway.

This study concerns the dynamic interaction between the suspension guideway and train, and no external excitations such as wind or earthquake are considered. This study applies the mode superposition method to the guideway only [10]. The number of mode shapes of the guideway deck taken into account in the computation should be large enough to include the effects of both the global deformation of the guideway and the local deformation of the structural elements supporting the track. This decision may be made through a convergent study of the effects of the number of mode shapes or through a comparison with the measurement data. The mode shape between the deck nodes obtained from the eigenvalue analysis is determined using the Lagrange interpolation.

Let  $\varphi_v^n(x)$  denote, the values of the vertical components of the  $n$ th guideway mode at the position of the  $j$ th magnet in the  $i$ th vehicle, and let  $q_n$  be the generalized co-ordinate of the  $n$ th mode. The displacement responses of the guideway deck at the same position can be expressed as

$$Z_{kdz} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_b} q_n \varphi_v^n(x_k) \quad (7)$$

where  $N_b$  is the number of mode shapes. If the mode shapes of the whole guideway are normalized based on  $\varphi_n^T m \varphi_n = 1$ , the equation of motion of the guideway deck related to the  $n$ th mode can be derived as

$$\ddot{q}_n + 2\xi_n \omega_n \dot{q}_n + \omega_n^2 q_n = F_n \tag{8}$$

where  $\xi_n$  and  $\omega_n$  are, respectively, the damping ratio and the circular frequency of the  $n$ th mode of the guideway, and  $F_n$  is the  $n$ th generalized force.

$F_{bv}$  is the vector of forces from the magnets of a train on the guideway, the forces can be thus expressed as

$$F_{bv} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^8 F_{nij} \tag{9}$$

where  $F_{nij}$  is the  $n$ th generalized force from the  $j$ th magnet of the  $i$ th vehicle,

$$F_{nij} = \varphi_v^n(x_k) F_{vij} \tag{10}$$

The expressions for the forces  $F_{vij}$  can be found in equation (4).

### 2.4 Applications of the iterative approach

Substituting equations (4) and (5) into equation (3) and also substituting equations (9) and (10) into equation (8), and then carrying out some manipulation, one can derive the coupled equations of motion for the train-guideway system as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{vv} & 0 \\ 0 & M_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{X}_v \\ \ddot{X}_b \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{vv} & 0 \\ 0 & C_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{X}_v \\ \dot{X}_b \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{vv} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_v \\ X_b \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_{vb} \\ F_{bv} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{11}$$

where the subscripts “ $v$ ” and “ $b$ ” represent the train and guideway, respectively. If the nonlinear magnetic force is adopted, motion equations (11) are nonlinear ODEs, which is difficult in numerical integration. In order to solve nonlinear ODEs, a new numerical integration method is developed based. The separated iterative procedure and its corresponding numerical algorithm are presented to solve the equations of train-guideway. In the numerical implementation, we divide the train-guideway system into two parts, called train system and guideway system, and solve them independently with an iterative scheme. Coupling the train system and guideway system can be realized through electromagnetic force. One advantage is that the non-linear problem resulting from calculating electromagnetic forces can be easily solved and another advantage is that the unsymmetrical dynamic equation for the whole coupling system can be avoided. The flow chart of the iterative dynamic analysis has been outlined in Figure 5.

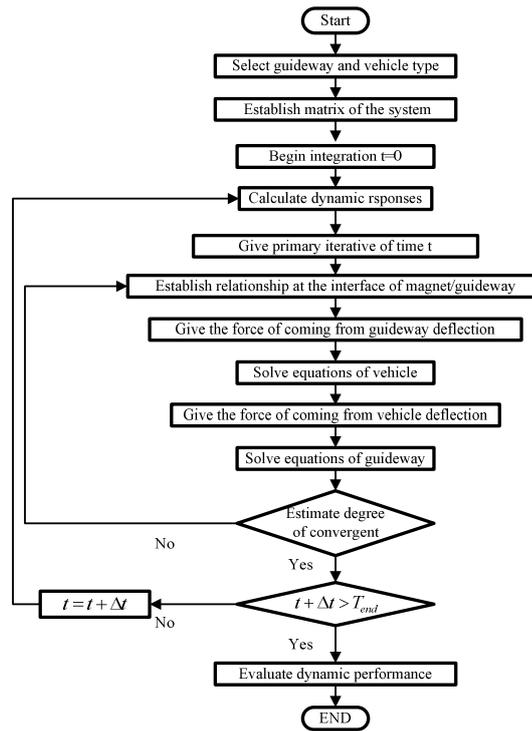


Figure 5 The flow chart for dynamic analysis.

The separated iterative steps are listed as follows:

*Stage 1:* The vector of displacement, velocity and acceleration at time step  $t$  for train system and guideway system are obtained.

*Stage 2:* Compute

$$S_b = M_{bb} (a_0 X_b^t + a_2 \dot{X}_b^t + a_3 \ddot{X}_b^t) + C_{bb} (a_1 X_b^t + a_4 \dot{X}_b^t + a_5 \ddot{C}_b^t) \quad (12)$$

$$S_v = M_{vv} (a_0 X_v^t + a_2 \dot{X}_v^t + a_3 \ddot{X}_v^t) + C_{vv} (a_1 X_v^t + a_4 \dot{X}_v^t + a_5 \ddot{X}_v^t) \quad (13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \frac{1}{\alpha \Delta t^2}, & a_1 &= \frac{\beta}{\alpha \Delta t}, & a_2 &= \frac{1}{\alpha \Delta t} \\
 a_3 &= \frac{1}{2\alpha} - 1, & a_4 &= \frac{\beta}{\alpha} - 1, & a_5 &= \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left( \frac{\beta}{\alpha} - 2 \right) \\
 a_6 &= (1 - \beta) \Delta t, & a_7 &= \beta \Delta t, \\
 \alpha &\geq 0.25(0.5 + \beta)^2 & (\beta &\geq 0.50)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are Newmark parameters. When  $\alpha = 0.25$ ,  $\beta = 0.25$ , solution of Newmark integration method is unconditionally stable.

*Stage 3:* Start the 1st iteration, predict  $X_b^{t+\Delta t} = X_b^t$  and  $X_v^{t+\Delta t} = X_v^t$

*Stage 4:* Calculate  $\dot{X}_b^{t+\Delta t}$ ,  $\ddot{X}_b^{t+\Delta t}$ ,  $\dot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t}$  and  $\ddot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t}$  by means of equation (14-17)

$$\dot{X}_b^{t+\Delta t} = \dot{X}_b^t + a_6 \ddot{X}_b^t + a_7 \ddot{X}_b^{t+\Delta t} \tag{14}$$

$$\ddot{X}_b^{t+\Delta t} = a_0(X_b^{t+\Delta t} - X_b^t) - a_2 \dot{X}_b^t - a_3 \ddot{X}_b^t \tag{15}$$

$$\dot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t} = \dot{X}_v^t + a_6 \ddot{X}_v^t + a_7 \ddot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t} \tag{16}$$

$$\ddot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t} = a_0(X_v^{t+\Delta t} - X_v^t) - a_2 \dot{X}_v^t - a_3 \ddot{X}_v^t \tag{17}$$

*Stage 5:* Calculate  $F_{vb}$  by means of equation (4) and (5).

*Stage 6:* Compute  $X_v^{t+\Delta t}$

$$(K_{vv} + \alpha_0 M_{vv} + a_1 C_{vv})X_v^{t+\Delta t} = F_{vb} \tag{18}$$

*Stage 7:* Calculate  $\dot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t}$  and  $\ddot{X}_v^{t+\Delta t}$  by means of equation (16) and (17)

*Stage 8:* Calculate  $F_{bv}$  by means of equation (9). Compute  $X_b^{t+\Delta t}$  according to equation (19)

$$(K_{bb} + a_0 M_{bb} + a_1 C_{bb})x_b^{t+\Delta t} = F_{bv} \tag{19}$$

*Stage 9:* Check convergence of the solution. Compute

$$\frac{\|x_b^{t+\Delta t}(k+1) - x_b^t(k)\|}{\|x_b^{t+\Delta t}(k+1)\|} \leq \varepsilon \tag{20}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is specified tolerance.

If convergence criterion (20) is not satisfied, go to stage 10. If it is satisfied, turn to stage 1 and enter the next time step.

*Stage 10:* Go back to stage 4, continue the next iteration.

### 3 CASE STUDY

#### 3.1 Guideways and test train

The single-span concrete guideway is considered in the case study. The guideways are located on the Shanghai Maglev in China. The main span of the guideway is 24.768 m, top width is 1.78 m, base width is 2.8 m, beam depth is 2.2m. The cross sectional shape of the beams is illustrated in Figure 6, constraint condition of bearing is shown in Figure 7.

ANSYS software was employed in establishing the finite element model of the 24.768m guideway. The natural vibration properties of the guideway were analyzed and there are 40 frequencies and mode shapes altogether obtained for each span guideway, and were included in the calculation. The calculated natural frequencies of the first 8 modes from the FEM models are listed in Table 1.

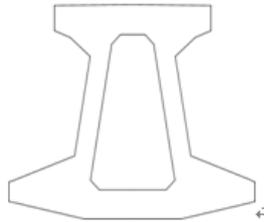


Figure 6 The cross sectional shape of the beams.

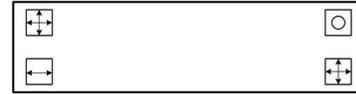


Figure 7 Constraint condition of bearing.

Table 1 The natural frequencies of the 1st-8th mode of the single beam.

mode	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Frequency/Hz	5.80	7.96	12.95	18.50	25.45	30.15	35.42	52.75
Description*	H	V	L	H	H	V	H	L

\*H = horizontal, V = vertical, L = longitudinal

The train model used in this case study is a test train composed of three passenger coach (TR08), as illustrated in Figure 8. The main parameters of the train are listed in Table 2.



Figure 8 TR08 high speed maglev train.

To validate the calculated results and the practicability of the analysis procedure, the field experiment was carried out for the guideways and the test train. In the course of the experiment, the displacements and accelerations of the guideway and the accelerations of the test car-body were recorded simultaneously while the train moved on the guideway. The train speeds in the experiment ranged from 0 to 430 km/h.

### 3.2 Calculation results and their comparisons to experimental data

The numerical results have been compared with the field measured data to verify the detailed train-guideway model. Figure 9 and Figure 10 show the simulated results as well as the actual

Table 2 Train parameters.

$M_c$	the total weight of car body	39000	kg
$M_{xfj}$	the total weight of bogies	660	kg
$M_{ct}$	the total weight of magnet	603	kg
$k_{1ij}^v$	The spring stiffness of the primary suspension system	$2.7 \times 10^7$	N/m/s
$c_{1ij}^v$	The damping of the primary suspension system	5000	N/m/s
$k_{2ij}^v$	The spring stiffness of the secondary suspension system	$1.9 \times 10^5$	N/m
$c_{2ij}^v$	The damping of the secondary suspension system	5000	N/m/s
$2l_{c1}$	Full vehicle length	22	m
$2l_{c4}$	magnet length	3.096	m
$A$	the pole face area	356	cm <sup>2</sup>
$N$	the number of turns in the magnet winding	300	
$\mu_0$	air permeability	$4\pi e-7$	H/m
$c(t)$	magnetic air gap	0.01	m
$k_p$	feedback gains corresponding to the air gap change	6000	
$k_v$	feedback gains corresponding to the velocity	60	
$k_a$	feedback gains corresponding to and the acceleration of the magnet	1	

measured data of impact factor and vehicle accelerations when maglev car runs on 24m-length single span guideway. Impact factor is defined as the ratio of the maximum dynamic to the maximum static deflection of the beam under the same load. The above comparisons reflect that the calculated results are in agreement with measured results.

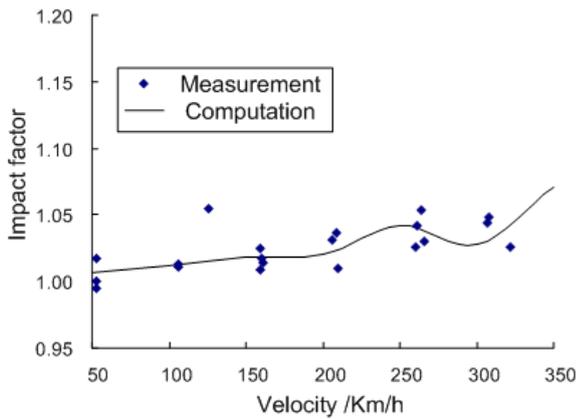


Figure 9 Comparison of impact factor.

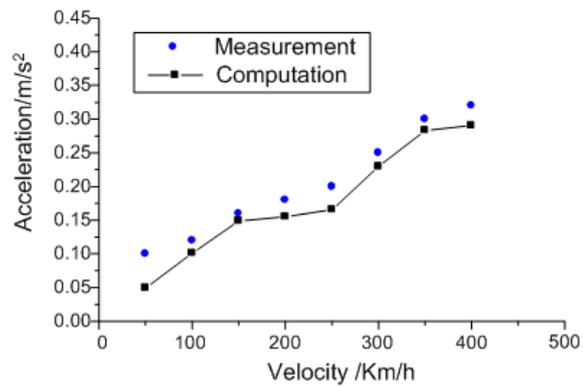


Figure 10 Comparison of vehicle accelerations.

### 3.3 Response of guideway

Figure 11(a) and 11(b) are the time histories of the displacement and acceleration responses of the guideway at the mid-span, respectively, when the train runs on the guideway at a constant velocity of 430 km/h. It is found that the value of displacement ranges from -0.3mm to 1.7mm. The maximum value of displacement is thus well below the allowable value of 6.1mm specified

in the Germany maglev code. It is also found that the amplitude of acceleration changes from  $-1.1\text{m/s}^2$  to  $0.6\text{m/s}^2$  and its maximum value is also smaller than the allowable value of  $0.35g$  specified in the Chinese railway code [6].

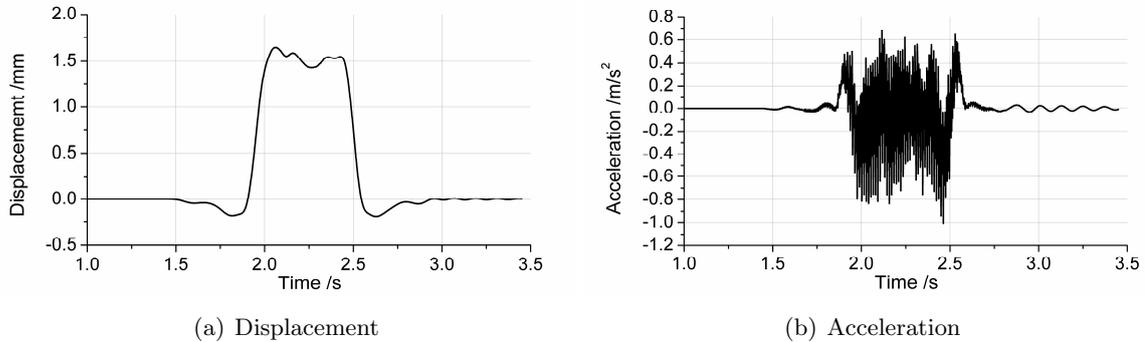


Figure 11 Dynamic response of mid-span guideway( $v = 430\text{ km/h}$ ).

Figure 12 is the distribution of the maximum mid-span displacements versus train speed. The results show that there is no resonant train speed associated with a peak mid-span displacement of the guideway. The mid-span displacements increase when the train speeds become higher. This is because the uniform distributed forces of the train vehicles represent the main loading for the guideway response.

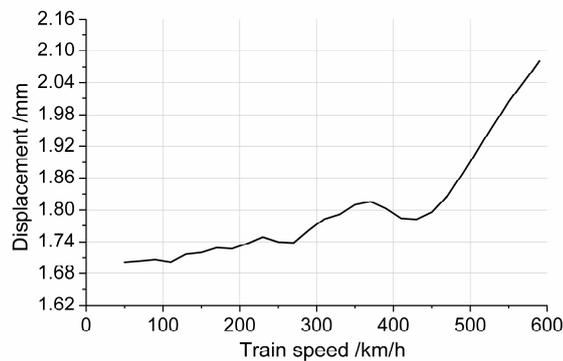


Figure 12 Mid-span displacements versus train speed.

### 3.4 Response of train

Figure 13(a) and 13(b) are the calculated time histories of the vertical car-body accelerations and air gap at the speed of  $430\text{ km/h}$ . The maximum acceleration responses in vertical directions are well below the upper limit of  $0.13g$  ( $1.28\text{m/s}^2$ ) related to human comfort [6]. The maximum amplitude of air gap is also smaller than the allowable value of  $2\text{mm}$  specified in the maglev code.

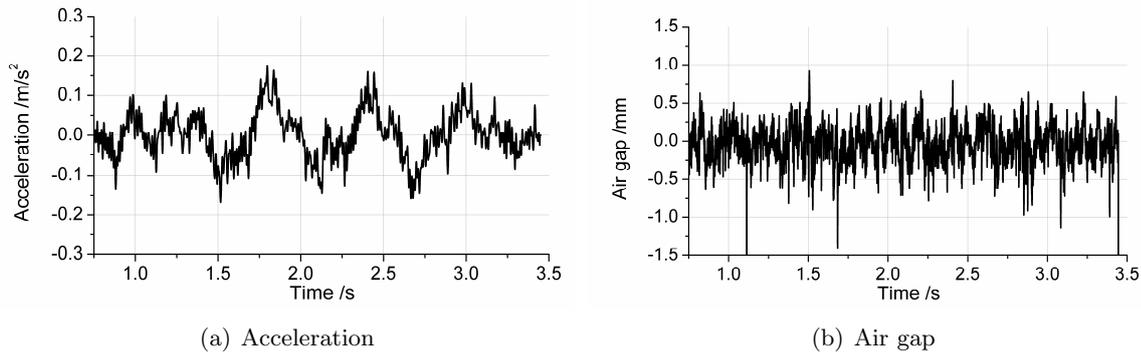


Figure 13 Dynamic response of train ( $v = 430 \text{ km/h}$ ).

Figure 14 shows the distributions of the car-body accelerations versus train speed when the train traverses the guideways. The calculated results show the main trend that the car-body accelerations become greater with the increase of train speed. It is seen that the train responses increase significantly with the train velocity  $v > 300 \text{ km/h}$ .

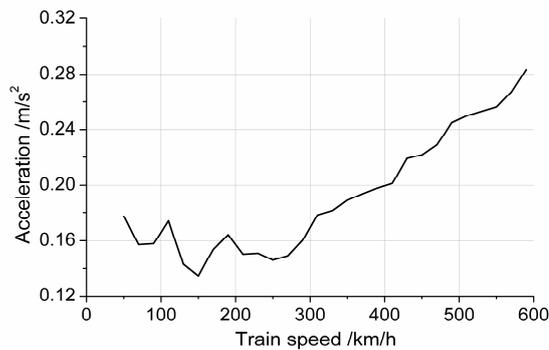


Figure 14 The car-body accelerations versus train speed.

### 3.5 Resonance response of a flexible guideway

#### 3.5.1 Resonance mechanism induced by moving loads

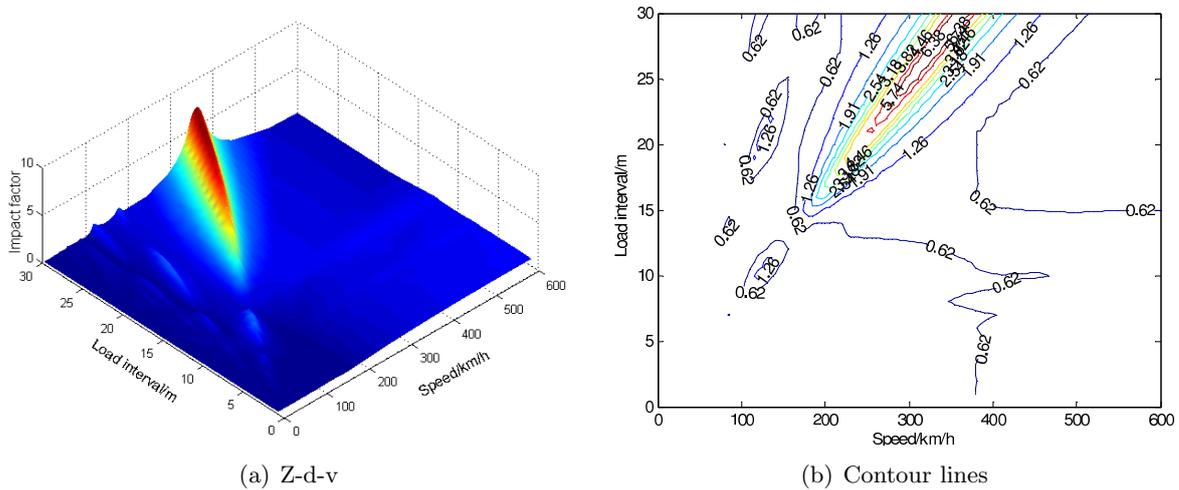
The first resonant condition of guideway under moving loads can be described as [4, 11]:

$$V_{br} = \frac{3.6 f_{bn} d_v}{i} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots; i = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad (21)$$

where  $V_{br}$  is the resonant train speed (km/h);  $f_{bn}$  is the  $n$ th vertical natural frequency of the guideway (Hz);  $d_v$  is the intervals of the moving loads (m), and the multiplier  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  is determined by the extreme condition.

Equation (13) indicates that when a train moves on the guideway at speed  $V_{br}$ , the regularly intervals of the moving loads may produce periodical dynamic actions on the guideway with the loading period  $d_v/V_{br}$ . The guideway resonance occurs when the loading period is close to the  $n$ th natural vibration period of the guideway. The first resonant condition of guideway is determined by the time of the load traveling through the distance  $d_v$ .

The maglev train loads act on the guideways in the form of rows of load points at the control points. The author studies the single guideway resonance response in case of  $N$  moving concentrated forces whose spacing intervals are  $d_v$ . The moving concentrated force is 215.6 kN, the span of the single guideway is 24m, and the density is 34088kg/m,  $EI = 2.5e10Nm^2$ , the damping ratio is 0.025. The simulation results of impact factor are shown in Figure 15. The coefficient of the vertical resonance band decrease rapidly along with the decreasing of load interval (smaller than 16m). When the load interval is small enough, the resonance will not happen. The load interval of maglev train, which is 0.258m, is so small that obvious peaks won't appear when the speed is under 600km/h. It can be concluded that the first vertical resonant condition of guideways caused by periodical excitations of the moving concentrated load series will not happen.



minimum natural frequencies for the simply supported beams with 24 m spans are 7.98Hz, and the corresponding resonant train speeds estimated by equation (22) are 1295 km/h, which are far higher than the current train speeds in operation. The second resonant condition, however, is of certain significance in the resonance analysis for flexible guideways such as those with high piers.

### 3.5.2 Resonance analysis

Generally, the vertical resonance of the guideway is carried out for individual beams. In the dynamic analysis of the guideways on the Shanghai High speed maglev system, the dynamic interaction model of train-guideway system was used to study the resonant responses induced by the TR08 train. Figure 12 shows the simulated distribution curves of Mid-span displacements versus train speed for the single-span concrete guideway with 24m span. Obvious peaks of the simulated distribution curves don't appear when the speed is under 600km/h. The simulated results in Figure 12 are in good accordance with the analysis in 3.5.1. It can be concluded that there is no resonant train speed associated with a peak mid-span displacement of the guideway.

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

The response of the single-span concrete guideway induced by moving maglev train is investigated in this paper. The following conclusions have been drawn from the numerical calculations and the field tests:

1. The dynamic model of the maglev train-guideway system and the computer simulator solution of the dynamic responses of the train and guideway can elucidate the main vibration behavior of the high speed maglev train and the single-span guideway. The calculated results agree well with those obtained in the field tests.
2. All the dynamic indexes of the single-span guideway caused by high speed maglev train are far less than permissive values, and the gap change is less than 2mm-safety value.
3. The midspan vertical displacement of guideway increases gradually with the increase of maglev train speed, and the vertical displacement mainly controlled by gravity loading; there is no resonant train speed associated with a peak mid-span displacement of the guideway; The train responses increase significantly with the train velocity  $v > 300$  km/h.

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