

# Analytical and experimental investigation of overhead transmission line vibration

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## Abstract

The vibration of a single-conductor transmission line with a Stockbridge damper is examined by modeling the system as a double-beam concept. The equations of motion are derived using Hamilton's principle, and expressions are presented for the frequency equation, mode shapes, and orthogonality conditions. The analytical results are validated experimentally. The effect of the damper characteristics and location on the system natural frequencies is investigated via a parametric study. The role of the latter with respect to frequency is inconclusive. The present approach enables transmission lines designers to determine the exact natural frequencies and mode shapes that are required in the study of the vibrational response of a single conductor with a Stockbridge damper.

## Keywords

Stockbridge damper, Strouhal frequency, messenger

## 1. Introduction

The vibration of overhead transmission lines is one of the most crucial factors that contribute to power outages. This is a wind-induced high-frequency low-amplitude vibration. The frequency of vibration varies between 3 and 150 Hz and causes a peak-to-peak amplitude of up to one conductor diameter. Stockbridge dampers are often employed to eliminate or reduce this vibration. Their effectiveness is highly dependent on their overall characteristic, location, and the characteristic of the conductor.

Several authors have studied the vibration of transmission lines. The most common approach is a combination of a numerical and an experimental method (Claren and Diana, 1969; Dhotard et al., 1978; Nigol and Houston, 1985; Kraus and Hagedorn, 1991; Vecchiarelli et al., 2000; Verma and Hagerdorn, 2004; Chan and Lu, 2007). The single conductor is usually modeled as an axially loaded Euler–Bernoulli beam while the Stockbridge damper is represented by a single concentrated force on the conductor. The force is expressed in terms of the velocity of the conductor at the point of attachment of the damper and damper impedance, which are usually obtained experimentally.

An attempt to depart from the above-mentioned conventional methods of modeling a single-conductor transmission line was reported by Barry et al.

(2011, 2013). Both conductor and damper were modeled as one unified system in order to account for their two-way coupling. The finite element method was used to determine the system natural frequencies and time responses. While the efficacy of the finite element model was demonstrated, the procedure was very complicated and computationally intensive. Further, the finite element method is an approximate technique. The aim of the present study was to address these shortcomings by presenting an analytical approach that yielded exact solutions (in that the equations of motion and boundary conditions are satisfied exactly) with minimal complications.

The proposed model was based on double-beam concepts. The conductor was modeled as an axially loaded Euler–Bernoulli beam and the Stockbridge damper was modeled as an Euler–Bernoulli beam with rigid tip masses. The Stockbridge damper was

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arbitrarily located along the span of the conductor. Numerous studies on the vibration of double-beam/string systems abound in the literature (Yamaguchi, 1984; Oguamanam et al., 1998; Oniszczuk, 2000; Vu et al., 2000; Oniszczuk, 2003; Abu-Hilal, 2006; Foda, 2009; Palmeri and Adhikari, 2011; Foda, 2013). However, these investigations were either limited to cases where both beams were continuously connected by viscous elastic layers or where one of the beams was attached to the tip of the other.

In spite of this interest, there are no investigations where the primary beam is axially loaded and/or supporting in-span beam with tip mass. The use of this concept to analytically model a single-conductor transmission line with a Stockbridge damper was examined in this study for the first time. The equations of motion were derived using Hamilton’s principle. The expressions for the characteristic equation, mode shapes, and orthogonality relations are presented. The analytical results were experimentally validated. Parametric studies were then used to examine the effect of the damper characteristics and location on the system natural frequencies.

### 2. Description of the system

A schematic of a single conductor with a Stockbridge damper is depicted in Figure 1. The conductor is represented as a pinned–pinned beam to delineate suspension spans. The Stockbridge damper is attached at a distance  $L_{c1}$  and consists of a messenger (or damper cable), a mass (or counterweight) at each end of the messenger, and a clamp. This clamp is a rigid massless link with length  $h$  (this is the distance separating the conductor and the messenger). The messenger is modeled as two cantilevered beams with a tip mass at each end.

### 3. Equations of motion

Two reference frames were attached at the ends of the conductor as shown in Figure 1. A third reference

frame was attached at the point of contact between the clamp and the messenger. The damper was attached at a distance  $L_{c1}$  from the left-hand-side reference frame; it divided the conductor into two segments. The transverse displacement of each segment was measured relative to the appropriate reference frame, and it is denoted by  $w_{ci}(x, t)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . The messenger was also divided into two segments and the transverse displacement is denoted by  $w_{mi}(x_m, t)$ . The system kinetic  $\mathcal{T}$  and potential  $\mathcal{V}$  energy can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_c \int_0^{L_{ci}} \dot{w}_{ci}^2 dx + m_i \left\{ \dot{w}_{ci}^{*2} + 2\dot{w}_{ci}^* \left( (-1)^{(i+1)} \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'} L_{mi} + \dot{w}_{mi}^* \right) \right. \right. \\ & + \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'}{}^2 (h^2 + L_{mi}^2) + (-1)^{(i+1)} 2L_{mi} \dot{w}_{mi}^* \dot{w}_{ci}^* + \dot{w}_{mi}^{*2} \left. \right\} \\ & + I_i \left( \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'} + (-1)^{(i+1)} \dot{w}_{mi}^{*'} \right)^2 + m_{mi} \left( \dot{w}_{ci}^{*2} + \left( \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'} h \right)^2 \right) \\ & + m_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} \left\{ 2\dot{w}_{ci}^* \dot{w}_{mi} + (-1)^{(i+1)} 2x_m \dot{w}_{ci}^* \dot{w}_{mi} + \dot{w}_{mi}^2 \right\} dx_m \\ & + m_m \left( (-1)^{(i+1)} \dot{w}_{ci}^* \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'} L_{mi}^2 + \frac{1}{3} \dot{w}_{ci}^{*'}{}^2 L_{mi}^3 \right) \left. \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( E_c I_c \int_0^{L_{ci}} w_{ci}''^2 dx + T \int_0^{L_{ci}} w_{ci}^2 dx \right. \\ & \left. + E_m I_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} w_{mi}''^2 dx_m \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $m_1$  ( $m_2$ ) is the tip mass on the right-hand (left-hand) side;  $I_1$  ( $I_2$ ) is the tip rotational inertia on the right-hand (left-hand) side;  $L_{m1}$  ( $L_{m2}$ ) is the length of the messenger on the right-hand (left-hand) side;  $m_c$  ( $m_m$ ) is the mass per unit length of the conductor (messenger);  $m_{m1}$  ( $m_{m2}$ ) is the mass of the messenger on the right-hand (left-hand) side;  $T$  denotes the conductor tension;  $E_c I_c$  ( $E_m I_m$ ) is the flexural rigidity of the conductor (messenger);  $w_{ci}^*$  is the transverse displacement of the conductor evaluated at  $L_{c1}$ ;  $w_{m1}^*$  ( $w_{m2}^*$ ) is the transverse displacement of the right-end (left-end) counterweight; and  $T$  is the tension of the conductor. The overdots and

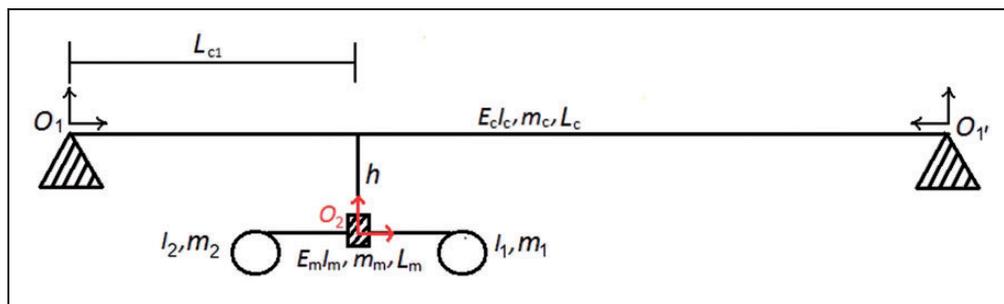


Figure 1. Schematic of a single conductor with a Stockbridge damper.

primes denote temporal and spatial derivation, respectively.

The equations of motion, equations (3) and (4), were obtained by substituting the energy expressions in Hamilton's principle and taking the variations of the field variables ( $\delta w_{c_1}$ ,  $\delta w_{c_2}$ ,  $\delta w_{m_1}$ , and  $\delta w_{m_2}$ ),

$$m_c \ddot{w}_{c_i} + E_c I_c w''''_{c_i} - T w''_{c_i} = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$m_m \left( \ddot{w}'_{c_1} + (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} L_{mi} + \ddot{w}_{mi} \right) + E_m I_m w''''_{mi} = 0 \tag{4}$$

Note that the subscript 'i'  $\in [1, 2]$  identifies the right-hand and left-hand segments of both the conductor and messenger. The continuity conditions of the displacement at the attachment point of the damper to the conductor,  $L_{c_1}$ , yielded the following equations:

$$w_{c_1}(L_{c_1}, t) = w_{c_2}(L_{c_2}, t) \tag{5}$$

$$w'_{c_1}(L_{c_1}, t) = -w'_{c_2}(L_{c_2}, t) \tag{6}$$

From the variation of the conductor displacement,  $\delta w_{c_1}$ , the obtained shear force boundary condition at the location of the damper may be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_i \left( \ddot{w}'_{c_1} + (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} L_{mi} + \ddot{w}_{mi} \right) + \ddot{w}'_{c_1} m_{mi} + m_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} \ddot{w}_{mi} dx_m + \frac{1}{2} m_m \ddot{w}'_{c_1} (-1)^{(i+1)} L_{mi}^2 \right\} - E_c I_c \left( w''''_{c_1} + w''''_{c_2} \right) + T \left( w'_{c_1} + w'_{c_2} \right) = 0 \tag{7}$$

The contributions from the tension vanished because of equation (6). The bending moment boundary condition at the attachment of the messenger may be expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_i \left[ (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} L_{mi} + w_c (h^2 + L_{mi}^2) + (-1)^{(i+1)} L_{mi} \ddot{w}'_{mi} \right] + I_i \left( \ddot{w}'_{c_1} + (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{mi} \right) + \ddot{w}'_{c_1} h^2 m_{mi} + m_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} (-1)^{(i+1)} x_m \ddot{w}_{mi} dx_m + \frac{1}{2} m_m \left( (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} L_{mi}^2 + \frac{2}{3} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} L_{mi}^3 \right) \right\} + E_c I_c \left( w''_{c_1} - w''_{c_2} \right) = 0 \tag{8}$$

The last set of boundary conditions for the conductor was obtained by enforcing no displacement and bending moment at both ends of each segment:

$$w_{c_i}(0, t) = 0 \tag{9}$$

$$w''_{c_i}(0, t) = 0 \tag{10}$$

With respect to the messenger, the shear force boundary conditions at each end,  $L_{m_1}$  and  $L_{m_2}$ , can be expressed as

$$m_i \left( \ddot{w}'_{mi} + \ddot{w}'_{c_1} + (-1)^{(i+1)} L_{mi} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} \right) - E_m I_m w''''_{mi} = 0 \tag{11}$$

and the bending moment boundary condition at each end is

$$I_i \left( \ddot{w}'_{mi} + (-1)^{(i+1)} \ddot{w}'_{c_1} \right) + E_m I_m w''_{mi} = 0 \tag{12}$$

The Stockbridge damper behaves as a cantilevered beam at the junction of the clamp and the messenger  $x_m = 0$ . Hence, the displacement and rotation of both the right- and left-side messengers are zero:

$$w_{mi}(0, t) = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$w'_{mi}(0, t) = 0 \tag{14}$$

### 4. Frequency equation and mode shapes

The transverse vibration displacement for each segment of the conductor and messenger can be expressed as

$$w_{c_i}(x, t) = Y_{c_i}(x) e^{i\omega t} \tag{15}$$

$$w_{mi}(x_m, t) = Y_{mi}(x) e^{i\omega t} \tag{16}$$

Substituting the above equations (equations (15) and (16)) into the equations of motion (equations (3) and (4)) yielded

$$Y''_{c_i} - S^2 Y'_{c_i} - \Omega_c^4 Y_{c_i} = 0 \tag{17}$$

$$Y'''_{mi} - \Omega_m^4 Y_{mi} = \Omega_m^4 \left( Y_{c_1} + (-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{c_1} x_m \right) \tag{18}$$

where

$$\Omega_c = \left( \frac{\omega^2 m_c}{E_c I_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\Omega_m = \left( \frac{\omega^2 m_m}{E_m I_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

and

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{T}{E_c I_c}}$$

The solutions of the above differential equations can be expressed as

$$Y_{ci}(x) = A_{1i} \sin \alpha x + A_{2i} \cos \alpha x + A_{3i} \sinh \beta x + A_{4i} \cosh \beta x \tag{19}$$

$$Y_{mi}(x_m) = B_{1i} \sin \Omega_m x_m + B_{2i} \cos \Omega_m x_m + B_{3i} \sinh \Omega_m x_m + B_{4i} \cosh \Omega_m x_m - (Y_{c1}^* + (-1)^{(i+1)} x_m Y_{c1}^{\prime*}) \tag{20}$$

where

$$\alpha = \sqrt{-\frac{S^2}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{S^4}{4} + \Omega_c^4}}$$

and

$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{S^4}{4} + \Omega_c^4}}$$

By applying boundary conditions at each end of the conductor, the coefficients  $A_{21}, A_{41}, A_{22},$  and  $A_{42}$  vanished and equation (19) reduced to

$$Y_{ci}(x) = A_{1i} \sin \alpha x + A_{3i} \sinh \beta x \tag{21}$$

Substituting equation (15) in equations (5) and (6) yields

$$Y_{c1}(L_{c1}) = Y_{c2}(L_{c2}) \tag{22}$$

$$Y'_{c1}(L_{c1}) = -Y'_{c2}(L_{c2}) \tag{23}$$

Equations (15) and (16) were substituted into the shear forces boundary condition (equation (7)) at  $x = L_{c1}$ , and after some algebraic manipulation yielded

$$\omega^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_i \left( Y_{c1}^* + (-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{c1}^{\prime*} L_{mi} + Y_{mi}^* \right) + m_{mi} Y_{c1}^* + m_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} Y_{mi} dx_m + (-1)^{(i+1)} \frac{1}{2} m_m Y_{c1}^{\prime*} L_{mi}^2 \right\} \tag{24}$$

$$+ E_c I_c \left( Y_{c1}^{\prime\prime\prime*} + Y_{c2}^{\prime\prime\prime*} \right) = 0 \tag{25}$$

Similarly, the bending moment boundary condition at  $x = L_{c1}$  (i.e. equation (8)) yielded

$$\omega^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_i \left[ (-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{c1}^* L_{mi} + Y_{c1}^{\prime*} (L_{mi}^2 + h^2) + (-1)^{(i+1)} L_{mi} Y_{mi}^* \right] + I_i \left( Y_{c1}^{\prime\prime*} + (-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{mi}^{\prime\prime*} \right) + m_{mi} h^2 Y_{c1}^{\prime\prime*} + m_m \int_0^{L_{mi}} (-1)^{(i+1)} x_m w_{mi} dx_m + \frac{1}{2} m_m \left( (-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{c1}^* L_{mi}^2 + \frac{2}{3} Y_{c1}^{\prime*} L_{mi}^3 \right) \right\} - E_c I_c \left( Y_{c1}^{\prime\prime\prime*} - Y_{c2}^{\prime\prime\prime*} \right) = 0 \tag{26}$$

For the messenger cable, equations (15) and (16) were substituted into equations (11) and (12) to obtain the following:

$$Y_{c1}^* + (-1)^{(i+1)} L_{mi} Y_{c1}^{\prime*} + Y_{mi}^* + \lambda_{mi} Y_{mi}^{\prime\prime\prime*} = 0 \tag{27}$$

$$(-1)^{(i+1)} Y_{c1}^{\prime\prime*} + Y_{mi}^* - \kappa_{mi} Y_{mi}^{\prime\prime*} = 0 \tag{28}$$

where

$$\lambda_{mi} = \frac{E_m I_m}{m_i \omega^2}$$

$$\kappa_{mi} = \frac{E_m I_m}{I_i \omega^2}$$

Equations (13) and (14) naturally reduced to

$$Y_{mi}(0) = 0 \tag{29}$$

$$Y'_{mi}(0) = 0 \tag{30}$$

A set of 12 algebraic homogeneous equations (four are from the conductor and eight from the messenger) was obtained by substituting equations (20) and (21) into equations (22) to (30). These algebraic equations are linear in the unknown coefficients ( $A$ s and  $B$ s) and can be written in matrix format as

$$[\mathcal{F}]_{12 \times 12} \{q\}_{12 \times 12} = \{0\}_{12 \times 12} \tag{31}$$

where the elements of the matrix  $\mathcal{F}$  are listed in the appendix and

$q = [A_{11}, A_{31}, A_{12}, A_{32}, B_{11}, B_{21}, B_{31}, B_{41}, B_{12}, B_{22}, B_{32}, B_{42}]^T$ , with the superscript T denoting transposition. A nontrivial solution to the equation is possible when matrix  $\mathcal{F}$  is singular. Hence, the characteristic or frequency equation was obtained as

$$\det([\mathcal{F}]_{12 \times 12}) = 0 \tag{32}$$

The mode shapes of the conductor were deduced by using equation (22) while ignoring the hyperbolic function terms since the tension and the span length in transmission lines are usually very high. Assuming that  $A_{11} = 1$ , the conductor mode shapes for each segment can be expressed as

$$Y_{c_1}(x) = \sin \alpha x_1 \quad (33)$$

$$Y_{c_2}(x) = \frac{s_1}{s_2} \sin \alpha x_2 \quad (34)$$

The mode shapes of the messenger were derived by using the shear and moment conditions at each end of the messenger (equations (27) and (28)), and the displacement and slope at the clamp (equations (29) and (30)). With reference to equation (20), the coefficients of the mode shapes of the messenger are

$$B_{li} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \left\{ \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} - \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} - \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} + \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \right\} \quad (35)$$

$$B_{2i} = -\frac{1}{\lambda_i} \left\{ -\mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} - \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} + \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} \right\} \quad (36)$$

$$B_{3i} = -\frac{1}{\lambda_i} \left\{ \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} - \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} - \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} + \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \right\} \quad (37)$$

$$B_{4i} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \left\{ -\mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} - \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} + \mathcal{F}_{11,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} - \mathcal{F}_{1,1} \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \right\} \quad (38)$$

where the corresponding  $\mathcal{F}_{i,j}$  are listed in the appendix and

$$\lambda_i = \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} - \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} - \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),6} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),7} \\ + \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),8} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),5} - \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} + \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),7} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6} \\ + \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),8} - \mathcal{F}_{(i+6),5} \mathcal{F}_{(i+4),6}$$

## 5. Orthogonality condition

After some algebraic manipulation the first orthogonality relation can be expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left\{ m_c \int_0^{L_{c_1}} Y_{c_1}^{(r)} Y_{c_1}^{(s)} dx + m_m \int_0^{L_{m_1}} Y_{m_1}^{(r)} Y_{m_1}^{(s)} dx_m \right. \\ \left. + Y_{c_1}^{(r)*} Y_{c_1}^{(s)*} (m_i + m_m L_{m_1}) + Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} [m_i (L_{m_1}^2 + h^2) \right. \\ \left. + I_i + h^2 m_m L_{m_1} + \frac{1}{3} L_{m_1}^3] + Y_{m_1}^{(r)*} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} m_{mi} \right. \\ \left. + Y_{m_1}^{(r)'} Y_{m_1}^{(s)'} I_i + (-1)^{(i+1)} m_i L_{m_1} (Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{c_1}^{(s)*} + Y_{c_1}^{(r)*} Y_{c_1}^{(s)'}) \right. \\ \left. + m_{mi} (Y_{c_1}^{(r)*} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} + Y_{c_1}^{(s)*} Y_{m_1}^{(r)*}) + m_m \int_0^{L_{m_1}} (Y_{c_1}^{(r)*} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} \right. \\ \left. + Y_{c_1}^{(s)*} Y_{m_1}^{(r)*}) dx_m + (-1)^{(i+1)} \frac{1}{2} m_m L_{m_1}^2 (Y_{c_1}^{(r)*} Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} + Y_{c_1}^{(s)*} Y_{c_1}^{(r)'}) \right. \\ \left. + (-1)^{(i+1)} m_i L_{m_1} (Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} + Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} Y_{m_1}^{(r)*}) + (-1)^{(i+1)} I_i (Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} \right. \\ \left. + Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} Y_{m_1}^{(r)*}) + (-1)^{(i+1)} m_m \int_0^{L_{m_1}} x_m (Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{m_1}^{(s)*} + Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} Y_{m_1}^{(r)*}) dx_m \right\} \\ = \delta_{rs} \quad (39)$$

where  $\delta_{rs}$  is the Kronecker delta. The second orthogonality relation can be expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \int_0^{L_{c_1}} Y_{c_1}^{(r)''} Y_{c_1}^{(s)''} dx - S^2 \int_0^{L_{c_1}} Y_{c_1}^{(r)'} Y_{c_1}^{(s)'} dx \right. \\ \left. + \frac{E_m I_m}{E_c I_c} \int_0^{L_{m_1}} Y_{m_1}^{(r)''} Y_{m_1}^{(s)''} dx \right) = \delta_{rs} \quad (40)$$

## 6. Experimental procedure

Two sets of experiments were conducted to validate the model. The first was performed at a conductor tension of 27.84 kN and the second, at 34.8 kN. The conductor was 795 KCMIL (Drake). (This conductor is constructed with 26 aluminum strands and seven galvanized steel wires as the core.) The material properties and geometric parameters of the conductor and the Stockbridge damper are tabulated in Table 1. The schematic of the test set-up is depicted in Figure 2 and a photograph of the electromagnetic shaker (Bruel & Kjaer 4802) connected to the conductor is shown in Figure 3. The conductor was suspended from two steel-reinforced concrete blocks (towers) with a span length of 27.25 m. Insulator clamps were used to attach the conductor to the towers through strain links. This was done in such a way as to replicate pinned-pinned boundary conditions for the conductor. A Stockbridge damper was attached to the conductor at a distance  $L_{c_1}$ .

The conductor was loaded in tension using a hydraulic ram cylinder. A load cell (Daytronics 3170) was attached at one end of the conductor to monitor the tension. The electrodynamic shaker (Bruel & Kjaer 4802) was installed at mid-span to drive the system according to the signal generated by the vibration controller. This shaker was only applicable to frequencies greater than 10 Hz. The delivered force and the velocity from the shaker were measured by a strain-gauge load cell (Dytran 106V1) and an accelerometer (B & K 4382), respectively.

**Table 1.** Damper parameter.

| Parameter |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| $h$       | 0.05 m                  |
| $m_1$     | 3.4 kg                  |
| $m_2$     | 1.46 kg                 |
| $I_1$     | 0.0175 kgm <sup>2</sup> |
| $I_2$     | 0.015 kgm <sup>2</sup>  |
| $E_m I_m$ | 31.8 Nm <sup>2</sup>    |
| $L_{m1}$  | 0.3 m                   |
| $L_{m2}$  | 0.22 m                  |
| $m_m$     | 0.25 kg/m               |

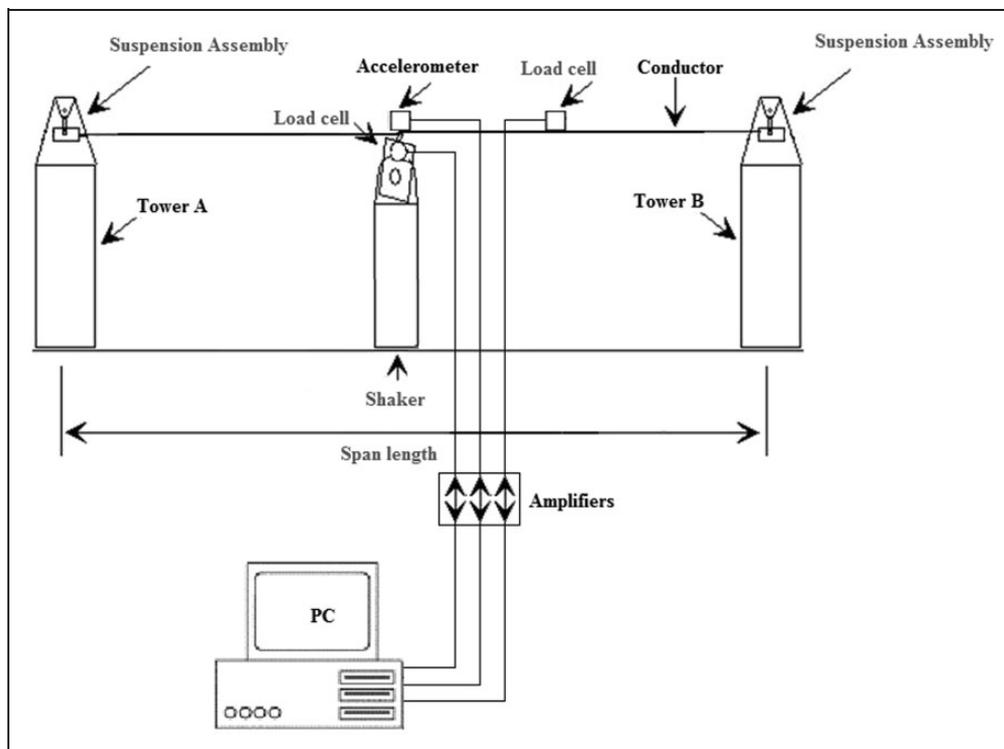
The conductor was excited at frequencies between 10 and 45 Hz in order to determine the resonant frequencies of the conductor-damper system. A dynamic signal analyzer (PCI-6034E) was used for signal processing and data acquisition functions. The system natural frequencies were identified from frequency response curves that were obtained from the signal analyzer. These natural frequencies are tabulated in Table 2.

## 7. Numerical simulation

The numerical simulations were based on the material properties and parameters listed in Table 1. The length of the conductor is  $L_c = 27.25$  m, with flexural rigidity  $E_c I_c = 1602$  Nm<sup>2</sup>, and linear mass density  $m_c = 1.628$  kg/m.

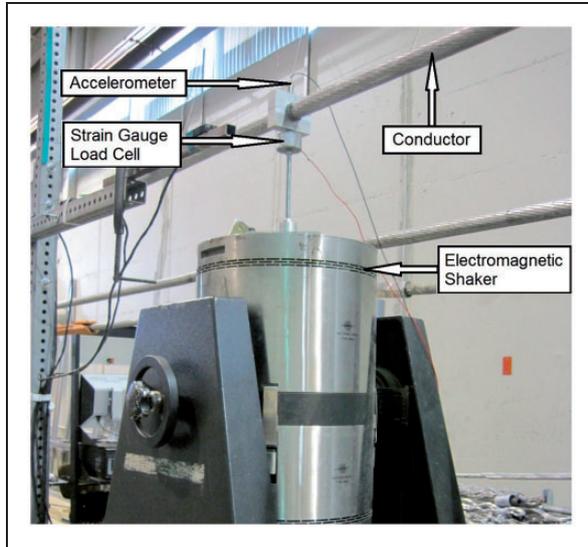
The analytical natural frequencies were determined by numerically solving for the roots of the frequency equation (equation (32)) using the bisection method in MATLAB. The first 20 natural frequencies are displayed in Table 2 for the two tensions (27.84 kN and 34.8 kN) employed in the experiments. The Stockbridge damper was attached at a distance  $L_{c1} = 0.94$  m and  $L_{c1} = 0.88$  m for  $T = 27.84$  kN and  $T = 34.8$  kN, respectively.

The first six experimental modes are not shown because the shaker used to excite the conductor was



**Figure 2.** Schematic of experimental set-up.

only applicable for frequencies higher than 10 Hz. A comparison of the analytical and experimental data shows very good agreement. Table 2 also shows the results of the finite element method from



**Figure 3.** Photograph of the conductor, shaker, load cell, and accelerometer.

Barry et al. (2011). These are also in good agreement with experimentally obtained resonant frequencies, but with a 2% margin of error which is slightly higher than those of the analytical method.

The discrepancies between the experimental and analytical results could be partly attributed to the difficulty in replicating the boundary conditions during the experiments. However, it suffices to mention that not only were the analytical results more accurate than those of the finite element; the analytical procedure was less computationally intensive and had faster execution time.

Figures 4 and 5 are depictions of the first five mode shapes of the conductor for  $T=27.84$  kN and  $T=34.8$  kN, respectively. Similarly, Figures 6 and 7 depict the first five mode shapes of the damper for  $T=27.84$  kN and  $T=34.8$  kN, respectively. Figures 4 and 5 show that the mode shapes of this system are very similar to those of a pinned–pinned beam, but the  $n$ th mode of the former corresponds to the  $(n - 1)$ th mode of the latter.

With respect to Figures 6 and 7, the first mode of the Stockbridge damper remained relatively unchanged. This implies that the system’s first mode had very little participation from the damper. The remaining four modes behaved more like a cantilevered beam.

**Table 2.** Validation of natural frequencies (Hz).

| Mode | $T=27.84$ kN |         |                           | $T=34.8$ kN |         |                           |
|------|--------------|---------|---------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|
|      | Exp.         | Anal.   | Ref. (Barry et al., 2011) | Exp.        | Anal.   | Ref. (Barry et al., 2011) |
| 1    | –            | 2.3953  | 2.3978                    | –           | 2.6780  | 2.6810                    |
| 2    | –            | 4.4008  | 4.4157                    | –           | 4.5402  | 4.5482                    |
| 3    | –            | 4.9556  | 4.9794                    | –           | 5.4390  | 5.4587                    |
| 4    | –            | 7.2560  | 7.2961                    | –           | 8.0807  | 8.1245                    |
| 5    | –            | 9.3722  | 9.4257                    | –           | 9.6785  | 9.7360                    |
| 6    | –            | 9.9441  | 10.0120                   | –           | 10.8620 | 10.9407                   |
| 7    | 12.0956      | 12.1634 | 12.2593                   | 13.0749     | 13.5217 | 13.6277                   |
| 8    | 14.3910      | 14.5642 | 14.6818                   | 15.5104     | 16.1901 | 16.3273                   |
| 9    | 16.5942      | 16.9498 | 17.1010                   | 17.5942     | 18.8053 | 18.9801                   |
| 10   | 19.1878      | 19.2874 | 19.4680                   | 20.8396     | 21.2930 | 21.4932                   |
| 11   | 21.1717      | 21.5661 | 21.7955                   | 22.7073     | 23.6093 | 23.8500                   |
| 12   | 23.6302      | 23.8280 | 24.0862                   | 24.5587     | 25.9045 | 26.1695                   |
| 13   | 25.3417      | 26.1201 | 26.4206                   | 27.0885     | 28.2907 | 28.6355                   |
| 14   | 27.7020      | 28.3588 | 28.7044                   | 27.7641     | 30.5914 | 30.9642                   |
| 15   | 29.3096      | 30.3524 | 30.7484                   | 31.4490     | 32.7797 | 33.1814                   |
| 16   | 31.4913      | 32.4137 | 32.8581                   | 34.0577     | 35.2503 | 35.8622                   |
| 17   | 33.8856      | 34.8828 | 35.3717                   | 36.5584     | 38.0422 | 38.8023                   |
| 18   | 36.6252      | 37.5991 | 38.1732                   | 40.0444     | 41.0131 | 41.8586                   |
| 19   | 39.3756      | 40.4481 | 41.0821                   | 42.6807     | 44.0936 | 45.0250                   |
| 20   | 42.6673      | 43.3869 | 44.1125                   | 45.7943     | 47.2564 | 48.2937                   |

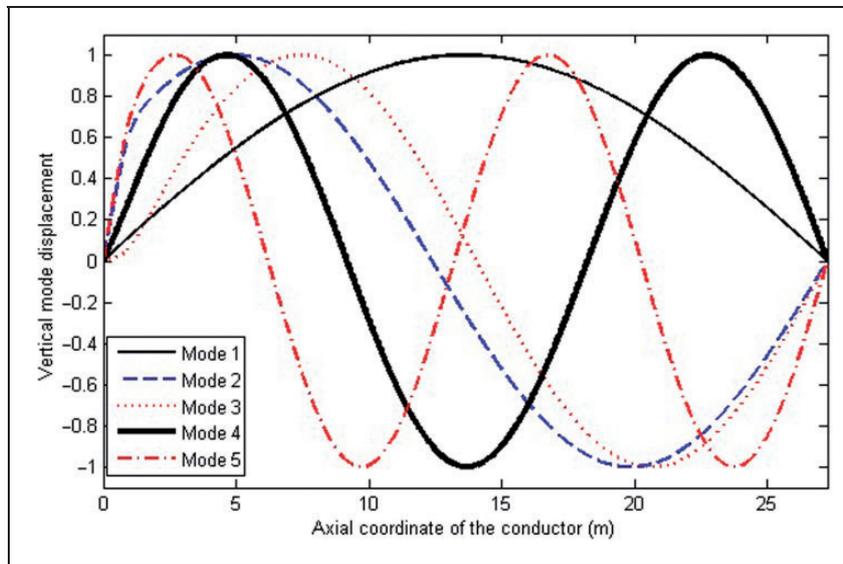


Figure 4. Conductor mode shapes for  $T = 27.84$  kN.

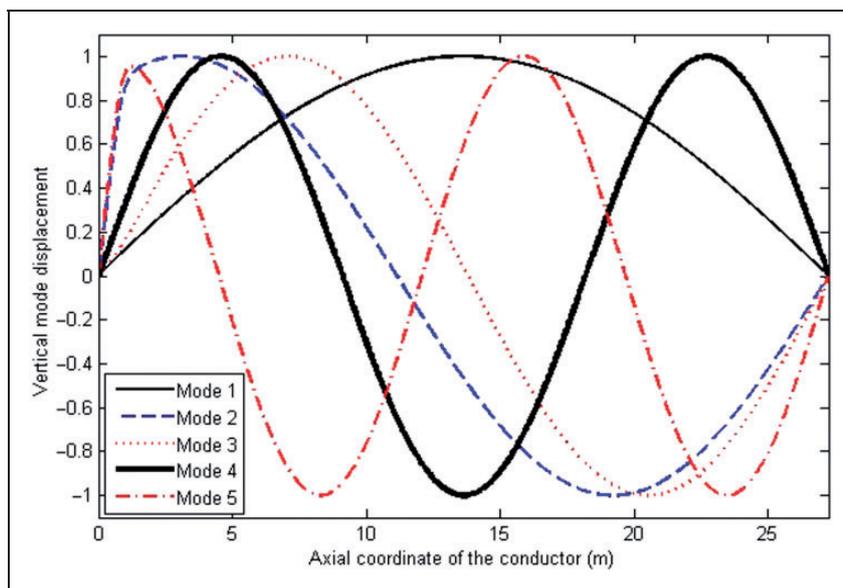


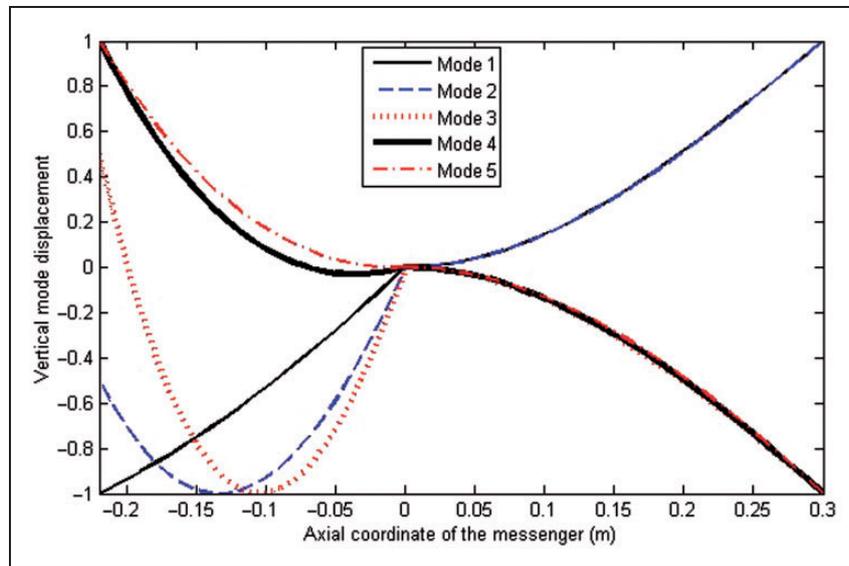
Figure 5. Conductor mode shapes for  $T = 34.8$  kN.

In both Figures 6 and 7, the second mode was similar to the third except that the former deflected upward and the latter downward. Note that only the right segment of the messenger ( $L_{m1}$ ) was excited by the second and third modes. This implies that the second and third modes of the system must be closer to that of the right-side segment of the messenger.

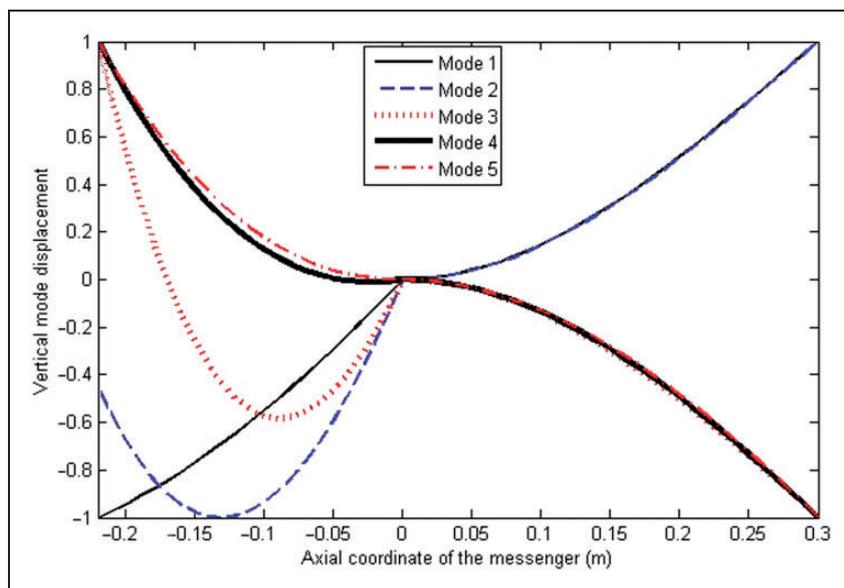
In light of the good agreement between the analytical and experimental results, the model was used to parametrically investigate the influence of the damper characteristics and location on the system natural

frequencies. Unless otherwise specified, the set of material properties are as tabulated in Table 1 and the damper was attached at a distance  $L_{c1} = 0.94$  m. The conductor tension  $T = 27.84$  kN was employed in the remainder of the numerical analyses.

At the first stage of the parametric studies, the effect of the damper counterweights on the natural frequency was examined. The mass of each counterweight was varied from 0.5 kg to 4.5 kg. The results are tabulated in Table 3. As expected, the natural frequencies generally increased with decreasing total mass. However, the



**Figure 6.** Messenger mode shapes for  $T = 27.84$  kN.



**Figure 7.** Messenger mode shapes for  $T = 34.8$  kN.

fundamental frequency was unchanged, which indicates that the mass of the counterweights had minimal or no effect on the first mode.

The length of the messenger on either side was varied from 0.1 to 2 m in order to examine the role of the messenger on the system natural frequencies. The obtained frequencies are tabulated in Table 4. It was observed that the natural frequencies generally decreased with increasing total length of the messenger as expected. This decrease in the natural frequency was significant even for the fundamental mode.

The system natural frequencies for varying messenger flexural rigidity are tabulated in Table 5. The results showed that the system natural frequencies generally increased with increasing flexural rigidity of the messenger. The role of the distance separating the conductor and the messenger (i.e. length of the rigid link,  $h$ ) was inferred from the results tabulated in Table 6. It was observed that the natural frequencies decreased with increasing rigid link length. This decrease in the natural frequencies was less significant for the fundamental mode. Hence, the first mode was again

**Table 3.** Effect of counterweight masses on natural frequencies (Hz).

| $m_2$ (kg) | Mode | $m_1$ (kg) |         |         |         |        |
|------------|------|------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|            |      | 0.5        | 1.5     | 2.5     | 3.5     | 4.5    |
| 0.5        | 1    | 2.40020    | 2.39890 | 2.39730 | 2.39550 | 2.3932 |
|            | 2    | 4.79960    | 4.77770 | 4.69650 | 4.36200 | 3.9500 |
|            | 3    | 7.1849     | 6.3439  | 5.2991  | 4.9421  | 4.8820 |
|            | 4    | 9.0107     | 7.3384  | 7.2819  | 7.2706  | 7.2658 |
|            | 5    | 9.7874     | 9.6910  | 9.6842  | 9.6817  | 9.6804 |
| 1.5        | 1    | 2.3998     | 2.3985  | 2.3969  | 2.3950  | 2.3927 |
|            | 2    | 4.7955     | 4.7730  | 4.6905  | 4.3573  | 3.9473 |
|            | 3    | 7.1608     | 6.3327  | 5.2977  | 4.9415  | 4.8803 |
|            | 4    | 8.9226     | 7.3285  | 7.2665  | 7.2540  | 7.2487 |
|            | 5    | 9.4923     | 9.3299  | 9.3221  | 9.3194  | 9.3180 |
| 2.5        | 1    | 2.3994     | 2.3981  | 2.3965  | 2.3946  | 2.3923 |
|            | 2    | 4.7900     | 4.7667  | 4.6823  | 4.3512  | 3.9440 |
|            | 3    | 7.0752     | 6.3089  | 5.2958  | 4.9406  | 4.8778 |
|            | 4    | 7.9269     | 7.2867  | 7.2046  | 7.1883  | 7.1814 |
|            | 5    | 9.0748     | 7.9465  | 7.9421  | 7.9410  | 7.9405 |
| 3.5        | 1    | 2.3989     | 2.3976  | 2.3960  | 2.3941  | 2.3917 |
|            | 2    | 4.7818     | 4.7574  | 4.6708  | 4.3432  | 3.9399 |
|            | 3    | 6.6605     | 6.2365  | 5.2925  | 4.9394  | 4.8742 |
|            | 4    | 7.3770     | 7.4215  | 6.7693  | 6.7496  | 6.7420 |
|            | 5    | 9.0535     | 9.7449  | 7.4037  | 7.4005  | 7.3991 |
| 4.5        | 1    | 2.3984     | 2.3971  | 2.3955  | 2.3936  | 2.3912 |
|            | 2    | 4.7688     | 4.7428  | 4.6534  | 4.3323  | 3.9347 |
|            | 3    | 6.0751     | 5.9722  | 5.2862  | 4.9374  | 4.8684 |
|            | 4    | 7.2875     | 6.5338  | 6.1599  | 6.1329  | 6.1247 |
|            | 5    | 9.0472     | 7.3791  | 7.3444  | 7.3377  | 7.3348 |

**Table 4.** Effect of the messenger length on natural frequencies (Hz).

| $L_{m2}$ (m) | Mode | $L_{m1}$ (m) |        |        |        |        |
|--------------|------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|              |      | 0.1          | 0.5    | 1.0    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| 0.1          | 1    | 2.3974       | 2.2127 | 0.8142 | 0.4441 | 0.2879 |
|              | 2    | 4.7748       | 2.4302 | 2.4014 | 2.4006 | 2.4003 |
|              | 3    | 7.0904       | 4.8114 | 4.8021 | 4.8000 | 4.7963 |
|              | 4    | 9.2496       | 7.2121 | 7.2000 | 7.1905 | 5.9484 |
|              | 5    | 11.2051      | 9.6054 | 9.5864 | 8.7283 | 7.2106 |
| 0.5          | 1    | 2.3978       | 2.2131 | 0.8142 | 0.4441 | 0.2879 |
|              | 2    | 3.3700       | 2.4303 | 2.4017 | 2.4010 | 2.4006 |
|              | 3    | 4.7838       | 3.3705 | 3.3705 | 3.3705 | 3.3705 |
|              | 4    | 7.1251       | 4.8181 | 4.8093 | 4.8073 | 4.8037 |
|              | 5    | 9.3573       | 7.2330 | 7.2220 | 7.2132 | 5.9493 |

(continued)

**Table 4.** Continued

| $L_{m2}$ (m) | Mode | $L_{m1}$ (m) |        |        |        |        |
|--------------|------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|              |      | 0.1          | 0.5    | 1.0    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| 1            | 1    | 1.2277       | 1.2277 | 0.8142 | 0.4441 | 0.2879 |
|              | 2    | 2.3982       | 2.2132 | 1.2278 | 1.2277 | 1.2277 |
|              | 3    | 4.7821       | 2.4305 | 2.4021 | 2.4014 | 2.4010 |
|              | 4    | 7.1236       | 4.8170 | 4.8080 | 4.8060 | 4.8025 |
|              | 5    | 9.3550       | 7.2323 | 7.2212 | 7.2124 | 5.9494 |
| 1.5          | 1    | 0.6669       | 0.6669 | 0.6669 | 0.4441 | 0.2879 |
|              | 2    | 2.3982       | 2.2133 | 0.8142 | 0.6669 | 0.6669 |
|              | 3    | 4.7821       | 2.4305 | 2.4022 | 2.4014 | 2.4010 |
|              | 4    | 7.1225       | 4.8169 | 4.8080 | 4.8060 | 4.8025 |
|              | 5    | 9.1100       | 7.2316 | 7.2206 | 7.2118 | 5.9494 |
| 2            | 1    | 0.4303       | 0.4303 | 0.4303 | 0.4302 | 0.2879 |
|              | 2    | 2.3982       | 2.2133 | 0.8142 | 0.4441 | 0.4303 |
|              | 3    | 4.7819       | 2.4305 | 2.4022 | 2.4014 | 2.4010 |
|              | 4    | 6.1271       | 4.8168 | 4.8079 | 4.8059 | 4.8023 |
|              | 5    | 7.1264       | 6.1282 | 6.1282 | 6.1282 | 5.9493 |

**Table 5.** Effect of the messenger flexural rigidity on natural frequencies (Hz).

| Mode | $E_m I_m$ (N/m <sup>2</sup> ) |         |         |         |         |
|------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|      | 0.1                           | 1.0     | 10.0    | 100.0   | 1000.0  |
| 1    | 0.2879                        | 0.8401  | 2.3789  | 2.3960  | 2.3964  |
| 2    | 0.5584                        | 1.7632  | 2.6331  | 4.7469  | 4.7648  |
| 3    | 1.4704                        | 2.4011  | 4.8047  | 6.6457  | 7.0474  |
| 4    | 2.1441                        | 4.5985  | 5.5119  | 7.7690  | 9.1409  |
| 5    | 2.4025                        | 4.8340  | 7.2300  | 9.8956  | 11.1076 |
| 6    | 4.8084                        | 6.6791  | 9.6239  | 12.2451 | 13.2615 |
| 7    | 7.2255                        | 7.2749  | 11.9507 | 14.4064 | 15.6416 |
| 8    | 9.6584                        | 9.6814  | 13.7546 | 15.7283 | 18.1520 |
| 9    | 12.1122                       | 12.1347 | 15.0584 | 17.5826 | 20.7434 |
| 10   | 14.5919                       | 14.6161 | 17.1461 | 19.9560 | 23.3944 |
| 11   | 17.1023                       | 17.1291 | 19.1027 | 22.4036 | 26.0685 |
| 12   | 19.6471                       | 19.6788 | 20.7019 | 24.8682 | 27.9504 |
| 13   | 22.2253                       | 22.2699 | 22.8631 | 27.3596 | 29.1293 |
| 14   | 24.6928                       | 24.9075 | 25.3697 | 29.9151 | 31.8609 |
| 15   | 25.2733                       | 27.5963 | 28.0008 | 32.5680 | 34.7620 |
| 16   | 27.6107                       | 30.3412 | 30.7104 | 35.3305 | 37.7451 |
| 17   | 30.3395                       | 33.1465 | 33.4880 | 38.1991 | 40.8034 |
| 18   | 33.1390                       | 36.0166 | 36.3326 | 41.1655 | 43.9358 |
| 19   | 36.0042                       | 38.9553 | 39.2457 | 44.2177 | 47.1413 |
| 20   | 38.9355                       | 41.9662 | 42.2303 | 47.3172 | 50.4171 |

**Table 6.** Effect of clamp height on natural frequencies (Hz).

| Mode | $h$ (m) |         |         |         |         |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|      | 0.01    | 0.5     | 1.0     | 1.5     | 2.0     |
| 1    | 2.3950  | 2.3940  | 2.3907  | 2.3840  | 2.3713  |
| 2    | 4.3574  | 4.3452  | 4.2975  | 4.1569  | 3.7714  |
| 3    | 4.9415  | 4.9409  | 4.9385  | 4.9307  | 4.8745  |
| 4    | 7.2541  | 7.2371  | 7.0962  | 5.9075  | 5.0666  |
| 5    | 9.3194  | 9.3167  | 8.5572  | 7.4561  | 7.3783  |
| 6    | 9.9127  | 9.8458  | 9.3371  | 9.3269  | 9.3257  |
| 7    | 12.1632 | 12.0116 | 10.3493 | 10.1209 | 10.0857 |
| 8    | 14.5646 | 14.2654 | 12.5256 | 12.4019 | 12.3754 |
| 9    | 16.9490 | 16.4393 | 14.8943 | 14.8146 | 14.7947 |
| 10   | 19.2828 | 18.5509 | 17.2439 | 17.1882 | 17.1731 |
| 11   | 21.5550 | 20.3939 | 19.4821 | 19.4509 | 19.4421 |
| 12   | 23.8115 | 21.7886 | 21.6128 | 21.6056 | 21.6034 |
| 13   | 26.1005 | 23.8115 | 23.8115 | 23.8115 | 23.8115 |
| 14   | 28.3314 | 26.1456 | 26.1265 | 26.1246 | 26.1240 |
| 15   | 30.3150 | 28.3625 | 28.3521 | 28.3509 | 28.3505 |
| 16   | 32.3899 | 30.3337 | 30.3287 | 30.3281 | 30.3278 |
| 17   | 34.8730 | 32.5772 | 32.5357 | 32.5300 | 32.5281 |
| 18   | 37.5963 | 35.1854 | 35.1246 | 35.1158 | 35.1128 |
| 19   | 40.4486 | 37.9646 | 37.8995 | 37.8898 | 37.8866 |
| 20   | 43.3881 | 40.8243 | 40.7631 | 40.7538 | 40.7507 |

**Table 7.** Effect of damper location on natural frequencies (Hz).

| Mode | $L_c$     |          |         |         |         |
|------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
|      | $L_c/100$ | $L_c/10$ | $L_c/6$ | $L_c/4$ | $L_c/2$ |
| 1    | 2.3999    | 2.3614   | 2.3049  | 2.2288  | 2.1201  |
| 2    | 4.5444    | 4.0203   | 3.9004  | 3.9544  | 4.7092  |
| 3    | 4.8621    | 5.1583   | 5.3589  | 5.4976  | 4.8423  |
| 4    | 7.2383    | 7.1893   | 7.0885  | 7.0926  | 7.0949  |
| 5    | 9.6696    | 8.8023   | 9.0209  | 9.6194  | 9.6104  |
| 6    | 12.1225   | 10.3922  | 10.7470 | 12.2225 | 9.8972  |
| 7    | 14.5983   | 14.5833  | 12.2794 | 14.5632 | 12.4048 |
| 8    | 17.0988   | 16.9846  | 14.6115 | 17.0170 | 14.6111 |
| 9    | 19.6190   | 19.5491  | 17.0247 | 19.6732 | 16.8610 |
| 10   | 22.1239   | 22.2159  | 19.2416 | 21.7401 | 19.6731 |
| 11   | 24.3187   | 24.8734  | 21.6055 | 23.9078 | 21.5417 |
| 12   | 25.6735   | 25.8659  | 24.3172 | 26.7988 | 24.8785 |
| 13   | 27.8490   | 27.8460  | 27.0319 | 27.9871 | 25.7063 |
| 14   | 30.4769   | 30.5062  | 27.7439 | 30.3646 | 28.3762 |
| 15   | 33.1860   | 32.6745  | 30.3640 | 32.9017 | 30.3669 |
| 16   | 35.7006   | 34.7148  | 33.1236 | 34.7440 | 32.4379 |
| 17   | 37.1094   | 37.4496  | 34.7936 | 38.0303 | 36.0100 |
| 18   | 39.3438   | 40.4795  | 37.3504 | 41.5599 | 37.0541 |

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**Table 7.** Continued

| Mode | $L_c$     |          |         |         |         |
|------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
|      | $L_c/100$ | $L_c/10$ | $L_c/6$ | $L_c/4$ | $L_c/2$ |
| 19   | 42.2444   | 43.6002  | 40.5902 | 42.1458 | 41.4734 |
| 20   | 45.2944   | 46.6673  | 42.2288 | 45.5969 | 42.0975 |

dominated by the conductor characteristics. Table 7 shows the influence of the location of the Stockbridge damper on the system natural frequencies. The location of the damper affected all five modes, but with no obvious trend.

## 8. Conclusions

A double-beam-concept-based analytical model was presented for the free vibration analysis of a single conductor transmission line with a Stockbridge damper for the first time. The first or main beam was subjected to an axial load and had pinned–pinned boundary conditions in order to simulate single conductor transmission lines on suspension-spans. The Stockbridge damper was modeled by an in-span beam with tip mass at each end. The model was validated experimentally. Expressions were presented for the frequency equation, mode shapes, and orthogonality relations. Experiments were conducted to validate the proposed model and the results showed very good agreement.

Parametric investigations indicated that the mass of the counterweights, length of the rigid link, length of the messenger, and flexural rigidity had more effect on the higher modes. The first mode was dominated by the conductor characteristics. The role of the location of the Stockbridge damper with respect to the system natural frequencies was inconclusive.

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## Appendix

For the sake of simplicity, the following notation is used:

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_i &= \sin \alpha L_{c_i}, & sh_i &= \sinh \beta L_{c_i} \\
 c_i &= \cos \alpha L_{c_i}, & ch_i &= \cosh \beta L_{c_i} \\
 s_{\Omega_i} &= \sin \Omega_m L_{m_i}, & sh_{\Omega_i} &= \sinh \Omega_m L_{m_i} \\
 c_{\Omega_i} &= \cos \Omega_m L_{m_i}, & ch_{\Omega_i} &= \cosh \Omega_m L_{m_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Matrix  $[\mathcal{F}_{i,j}]$  comprises 144 elements in which 80 are zero entries and the remaining 64 elements are given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_{1,1} &= s_1, & \mathcal{F}_{1,2} &= sh_1, & \mathcal{F}_{1,3} &= -s_2, & \mathcal{F}_{1,4} &= -sh_2 \\
 \mathcal{F}_{2,1} &= \alpha c_1, & \mathcal{F}_{2,2} &= \beta ch_1, & \mathcal{F}_{2,3} &= \alpha c_2, & \mathcal{F}_{2,4} &= \beta ch_2 \\
 \mathcal{F}_{3,1} &= \alpha c_1 h^2 (m_1 + m_2 + m_{m_1} + m_{m_2}) + \frac{\alpha^2}{\omega^2} E_c I_c s_1 \\
 \mathcal{F}_{3,2} &= \beta ch_1 h^2 (m_1 + m_2 + m_{m_1} + m_{m_2}) - \frac{\beta^2}{\omega^2} E_c I_c sh_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}_{3,3} &= -\frac{\alpha^2}{\omega^2} s_2 E_c I_c, & \mathcal{F}_{3,4} &= \frac{\beta^2}{\omega^2} sh_2 E_c I_c \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,5} &= m_1 L_{m_1} s_{\Omega 1} + \Omega_m c_{\Omega 1} I_1 + m_m \left( -\frac{L_{m_1} c_{\Omega 1}}{\Omega_m} + \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} s_{\Omega 1} \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,6} &= m_1 L_{m_1} c_{\Omega 1} - \Omega_m s_{\Omega 1} I_1 + m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_1} s_{\Omega 1}}{\Omega_m} + \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} (c_{\Omega 1} - 1) \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,7} &= m_1 L_{m_1} sh_{\Omega 1} + \Omega_m ch_{\Omega 1} I_1 + m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_1} ch_{\Omega 1}}{\Omega_m} - \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} sh_{\Omega 1} \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,8} &= m_1 L_{m_1} ch_{\Omega 1} + \Omega_m sh_{\Omega 1} I_1 + m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_1} sh_{\Omega 1}}{\Omega_m} - \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} (ch_{\Omega 1} - 1) \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,9} &= -m_2 L_{m_2} s_{\Omega 2} - \Omega_m c_{\Omega 2} I_2 - m_m \left( -\frac{L_{m_2} c_{\Omega 2}}{\Omega_m} + \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} s_{\Omega 2} \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,10} &= -m_2 L_{m_2} c_{\Omega 2} + \Omega_m s_{\Omega 2} I_2 - m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_2} s_{\Omega 2}}{\Omega_m} + \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} (c_{\Omega 2} - 1) \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,11} &= -m_2 L_{m_2} sh_{\Omega 2} - \Omega_m ch_{\Omega 2} I_2 - m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_2} ch_{\Omega 2}}{\Omega_m} - \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} sh_{\Omega 2} \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{3,12} &= -m_2 L_{m_2} ch_{\Omega 2} - \Omega_m sh_{\Omega 2} I_2 - m_m \left( \frac{L_{m_2} sh_{\Omega 2}}{\Omega_m} - \frac{1}{\Omega_m^2} (ch_{\Omega 2} - 1) \right) \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,1} &= \frac{-\alpha^3}{\omega^2} c_1 E_c I_c, & \mathcal{F}_{4,2} &= \frac{\beta^3}{\omega^2} ch_1 E_c I_c \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,3} &= \frac{-\alpha^3}{\omega^2} c_2 E_c I_c, & \mathcal{F}_{4,4} &= \frac{\beta^3}{\omega^2} ch_2 E_c I_c \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,5} &= m_1 s_{\Omega 1} - \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} (c_{\Omega 1} - 1), & \mathcal{F}_{4,6} &= m_1 c_{\Omega 1} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} s_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,7} &= m_1 sh_{\Omega 1} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} (ch_{\Omega 1} - 1), & \mathcal{F}_{4,8} &= m_1 ch_{\Omega 1} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} sh_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,9} &= m_2 s_{\Omega 2} - \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} (c_{\Omega 2} - 1), & \mathcal{F}_{4,10} &= m_2 c_{\Omega 2} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} s_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{4,11} &= m_2 sh_{\Omega 2} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} (ch_{\Omega 2} - 1), & \mathcal{F}_{4,12} &= m_2 ch_{\Omega 2} + \frac{m_m}{\Omega_m} sh_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{5,5} &= s_{\Omega 1} - \lambda_{m_1} \Omega_m^3 c_{\Omega 1}, & \mathcal{F}_{5,6} &= c_{\Omega 1} + \lambda_{m_1} \Omega_m^3 s_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{5,7} &= sh_{\Omega 1} + \lambda_{m_1} \Omega_m^3 ch_{\Omega 1}, & \mathcal{F}_{5,8} &= ch_{\Omega 1} + \lambda_{m_1} \Omega_m^3 sh_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{6,9} &= s_{\Omega 2} - \lambda_{m_2} \Omega_m^3 c_{\Omega 2}, & \mathcal{F}_{6,10} &= c_{\Omega 2} + \lambda_{m_2} \Omega_m^3 s_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{6,11} &= sh_{\Omega 2} + \lambda_{m_2} \Omega_m^3 ch_{\Omega 2}, & \mathcal{F}_{6,12} &= ch_{\Omega 2} + \lambda_{m_2} \Omega_m^3 sh_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{7,5} &= c_{\Omega 1} + \kappa_{m_1} \Omega_m s_{\Omega 1}, & \mathcal{F}_{7,6} &= -s_{\Omega 1} + \kappa_{m_1} \Omega_m c_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{7,7} &= ch_{\Omega 1} - \kappa_{m_1} \Omega_m sh_{\Omega 1}, & \mathcal{F}_{7,8} &= sh_{\Omega 1} - \kappa_{m_1} \Omega_m ch_{\Omega 1} \\
\mathcal{F}_{8,9} &= c_{\Omega 2} + \kappa_{m_2} \Omega_m s_{\Omega 2}, & \mathcal{F}_{8,10} &= -s_{\Omega 2} + \kappa_{m_2} \Omega_m c_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{8,11} &= ch_{\Omega 2} - \kappa_{m_2} \Omega_m sh_{\Omega 2}, & \mathcal{F}_{8,12} &= sh_{\Omega 2} - \kappa_{m_2} \Omega_m ch_{\Omega 2} \\
\mathcal{F}_{9,1} &= \mathcal{F}_{10,1} = -s_1, & \mathcal{F}_{9,2} &= \mathcal{F}_{10,2} = -sh_1 \\
\mathcal{F}_{9,6} &= \mathcal{F}_{9,8} = \mathcal{F}_{10,10} = \mathcal{F}_{10,12} = 1 \\
\mathcal{F}_{11,1} &= \frac{-\alpha c_1}{\Omega_m}, & \mathcal{F}_{11,2} &= \frac{-\beta ch_1}{\Omega_m} \\
\mathcal{F}_{12,1} &= -\mathcal{F}_{11,1}, & \mathcal{F}_{12,2} &= -\mathcal{F}_{11,2}
\end{aligned}$$