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Non-linear dynamics of wire rope isolators

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Helical wire rope isolator



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Motivation

Wire rope isolator applications

- Aerospace industry
- Civil structures
- Military

Primary advantages

- Isolation in 6 degrees of freedom [1]
- Wire ropes resist aging and corrosion, and can work at higher temperatures [2]

Prior work

a. The existing models are mostly empirical and do not adequately investigate the non-linear dynamics of such systems. b. Limitation of Prior literature - limited experimental work. (See Appendix D for a summary.)

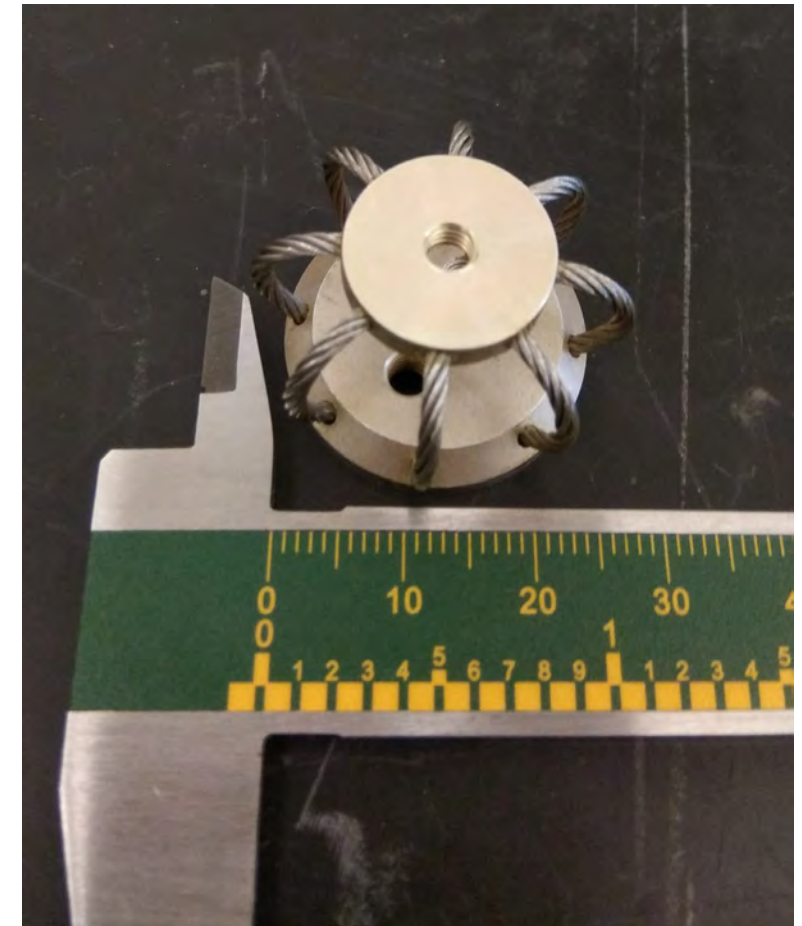


Fig. 1: Polycal isolator used in our experiments

Sources: [1] G. F. Demetriades et al., “Study of wire rope systems for seismic protection of equipment in buildings”, Engg. Stuct vol. 15 no. 5, 1993
[2] P.S. Balaji et al., “Experimental investigation on the hysteresis behavior of the wire rope isolators”, JMST vol. 29 no. 4 pp. 1527-1536, 2015



Objectives

- Characterize the static behavior of wire rope isolators behavior (load-deflection curves and hysteresis under quasi-static loads)
- Investigate the dynamic (modal) behavior of a system with 2 wire rope isolators.

Scope

- Helical wire rope isolators
- Quasi-static and impulse excitation experiments
- Non-linear models of static behavior
- Modal experiments (about an operating point)

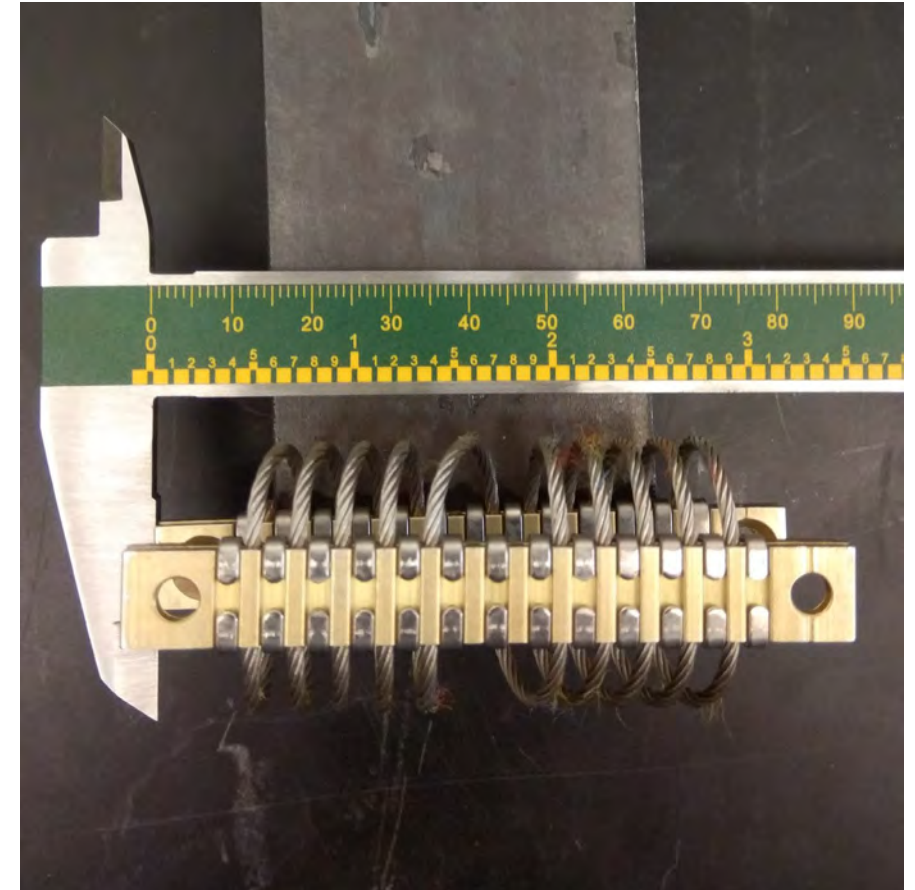
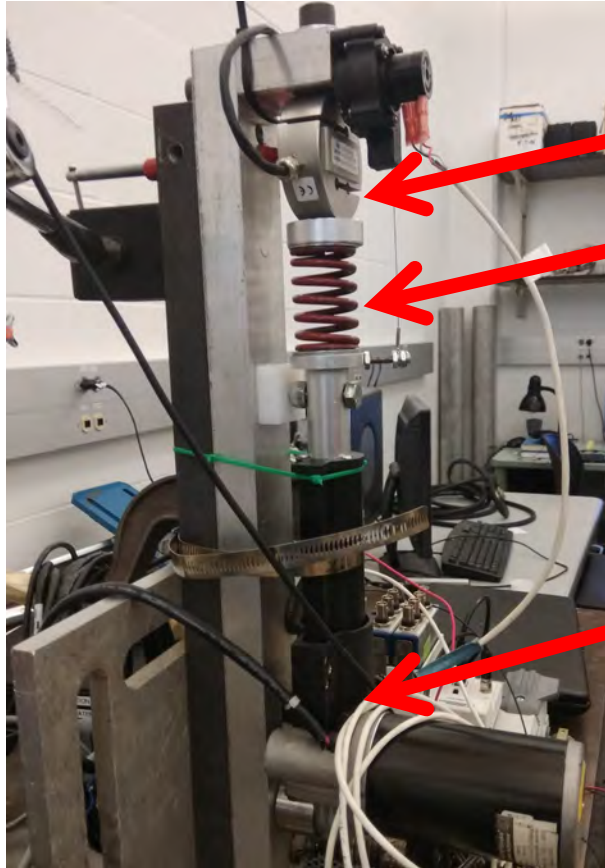


Fig. 2: Helical isolator used in our static and dynamic experiments



Quasi-static experiment

Fig. 3: Setup



Load
Cell

Spring

Power
screw

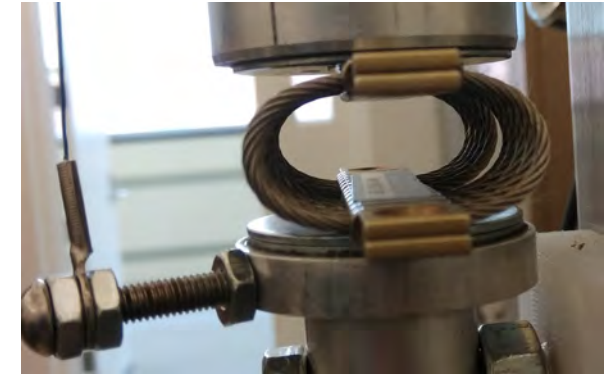
Methodology

Static force-displacement curves for 3 wire rope isolators (labeled A, B, and C) obtained:

- Load and unload using a power-screw
- Measure the force using a load cell
- Measure the displacement using a string potentiometer

[Video](#)

Fig. 4a-b: Configurations



Normally loaded



Twisted during loading



Measured load-deflection curves (I)

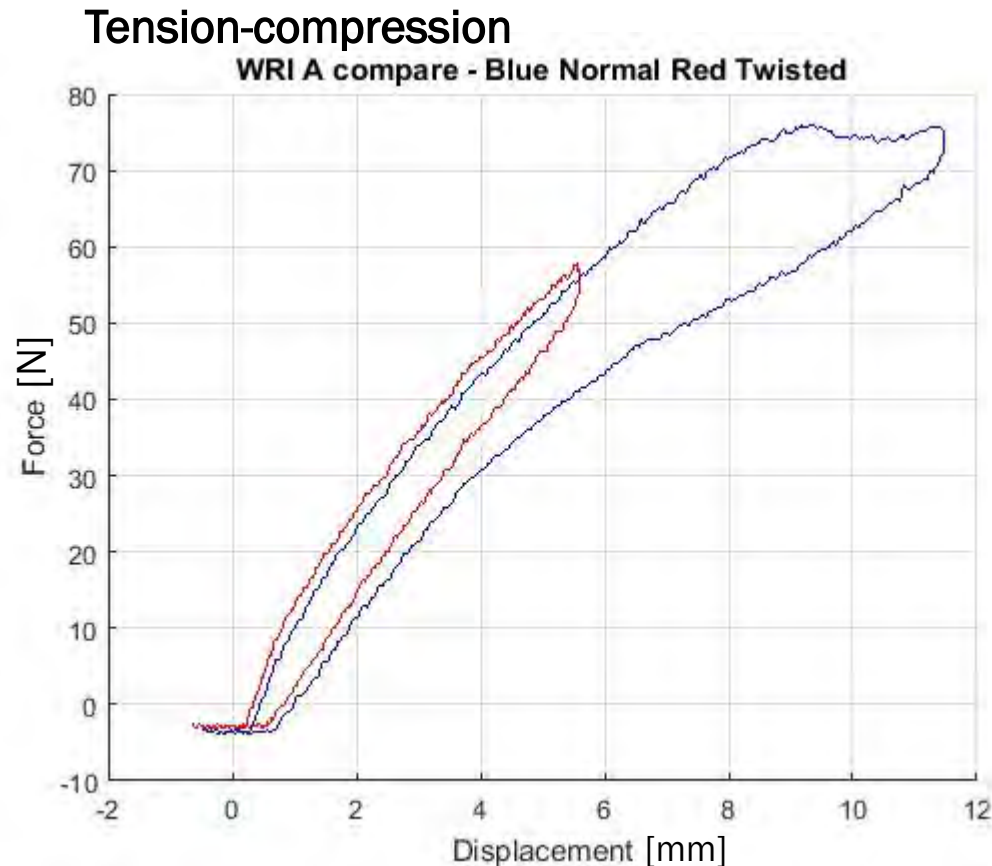


Fig. 5: Force-displacement curves of isolator A in normal and twisted configurations.

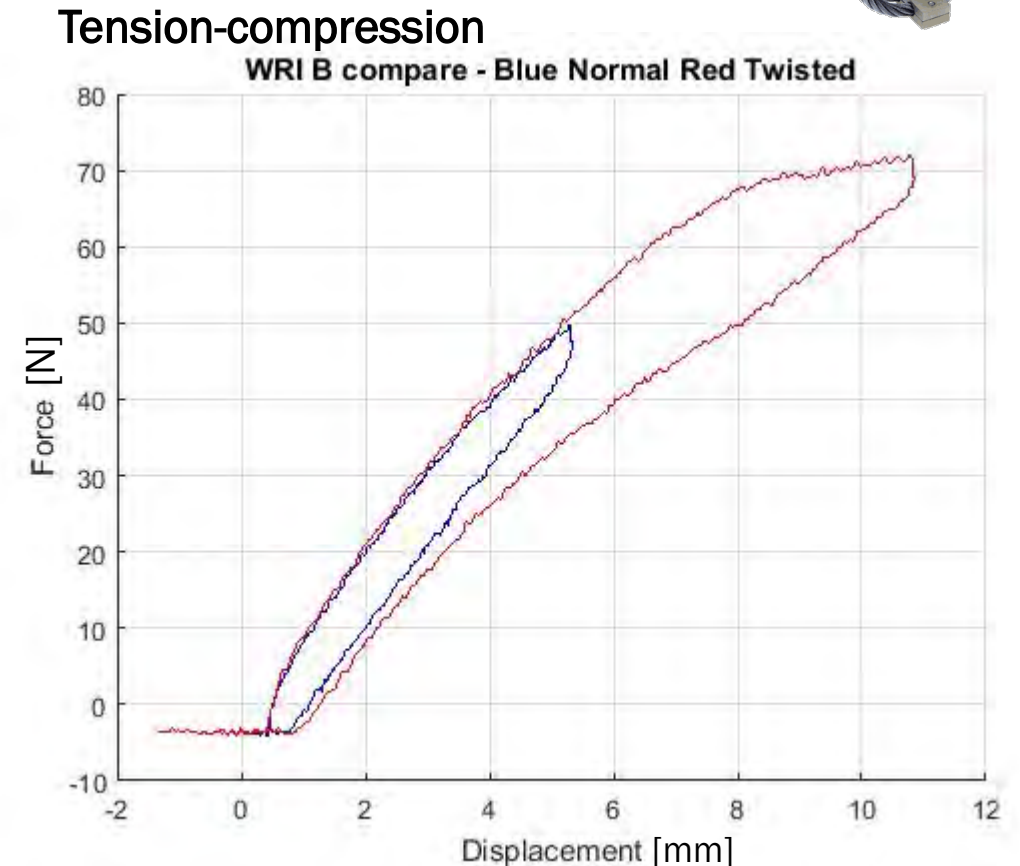


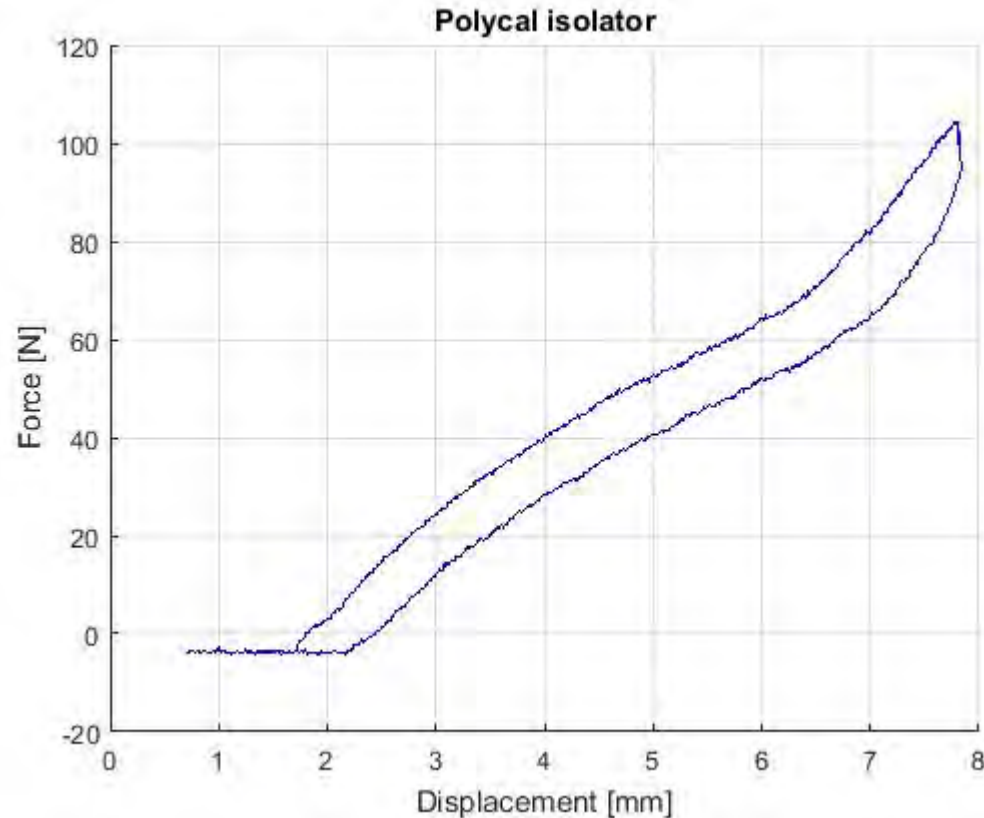
Fig. 6: Force-displacement curves of isolator B in normal and twisted configurations.



Measured load-deflection curves (II)



Tension-compression



Polycal isolators exhibit softening-hardening behavior under loading

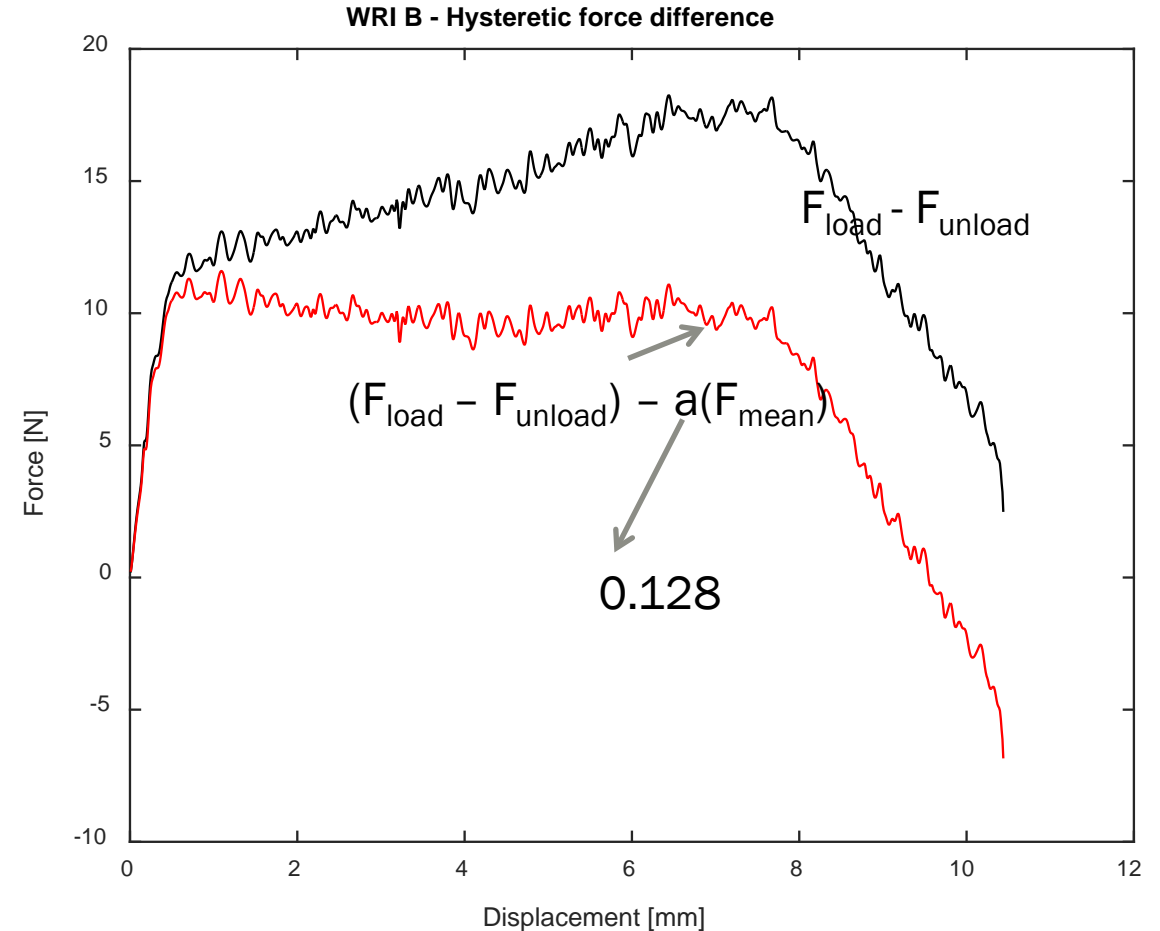
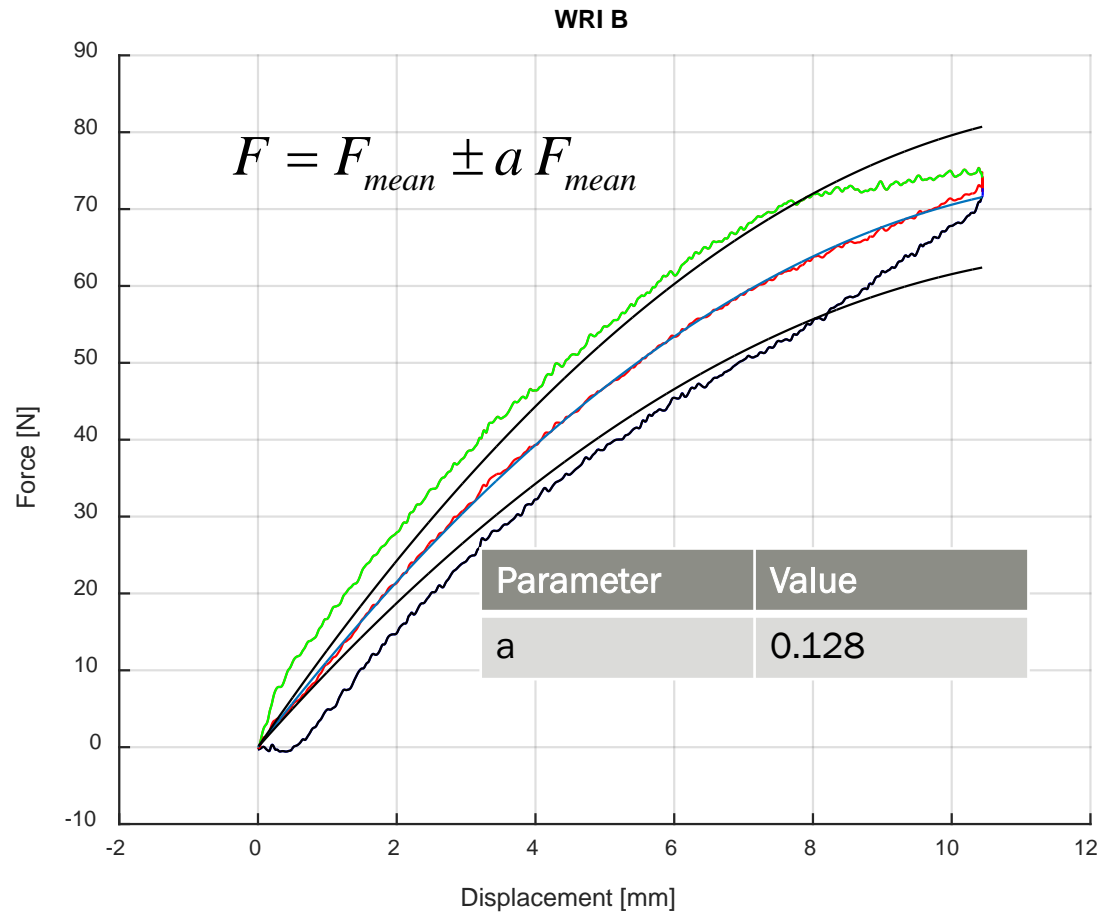
The force-deflection curve can be modeled using a modified Buoc-Wen model (Ni et al. 1999)

Fig. 7: Force-displacement curves of a polycal isolator C

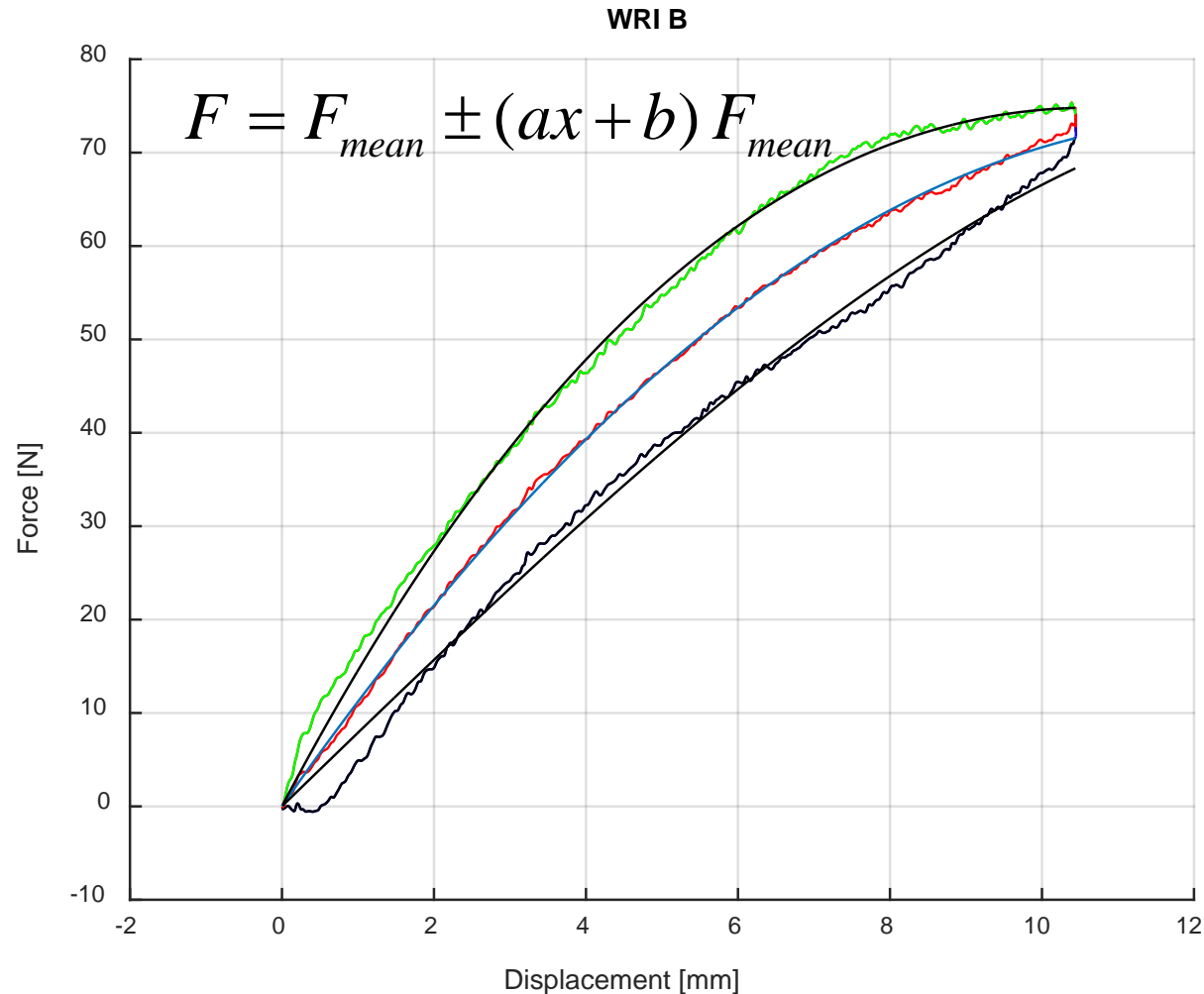


Load-deflection curve-fits I (Figs. 8 & 9)

a = friction coefficient (constant)



Load-deflection curve-fits II (Fig. 10)



$(ax+b)$ = friction coefficient (linear function of x)

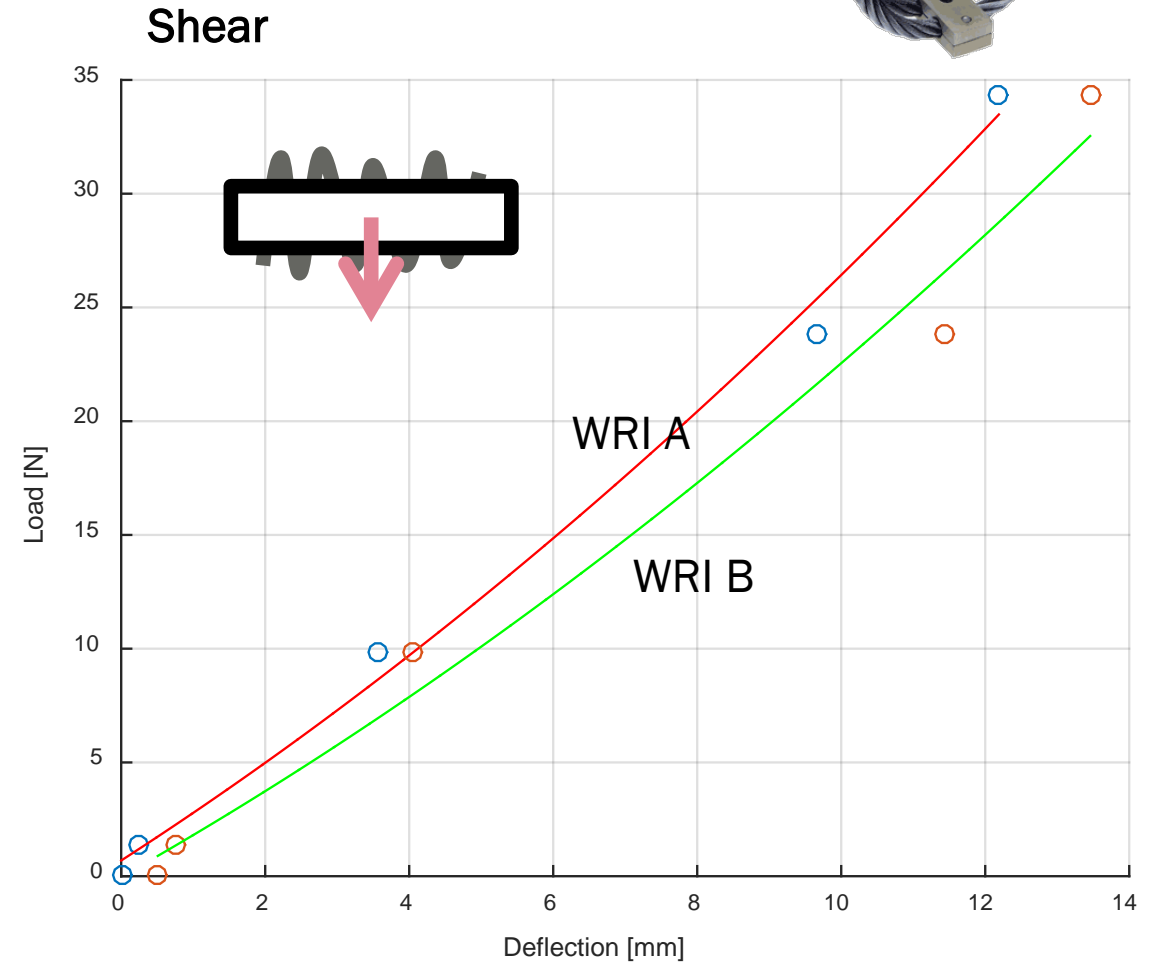
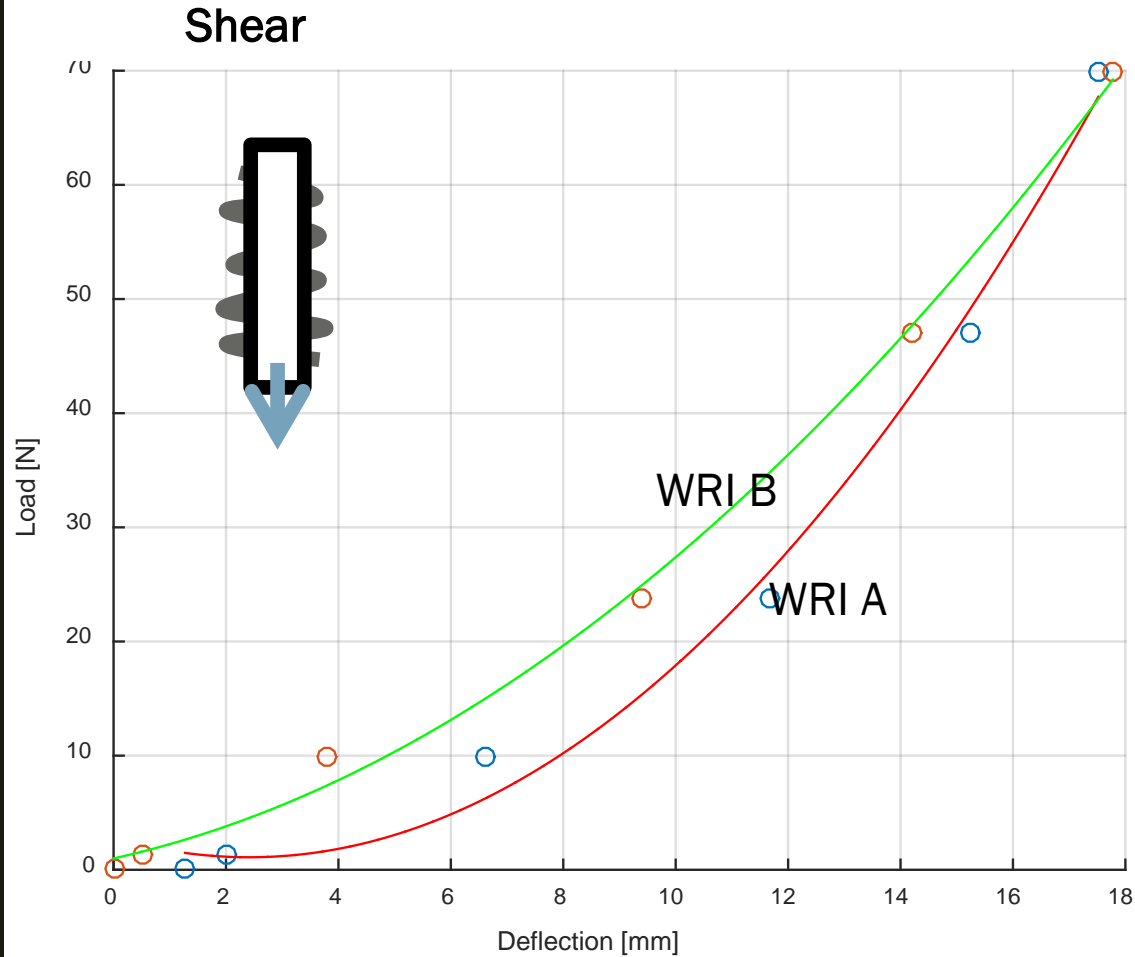
Using least-square error optimization,
Optimal values (a & b) are obtained.

Parameter	Value
a	-0.026
b	0.32

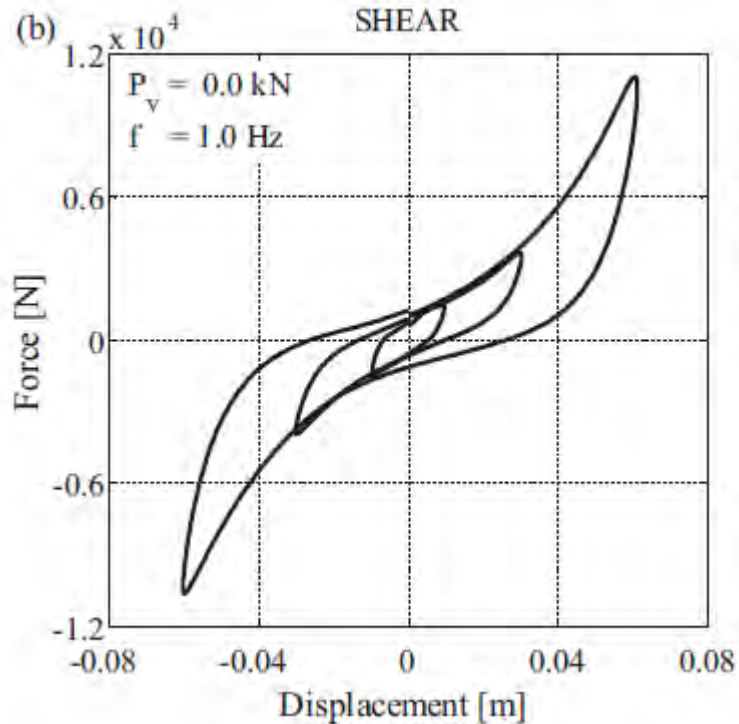
Observation: The friction
formulation ($ax+b$) seems to fit
well.



Measured load-deflection curves in shear (Figs. 11 and 12)



Comparison with prior literature (Figs. 13-15)



Source: Viana et al. (2017)

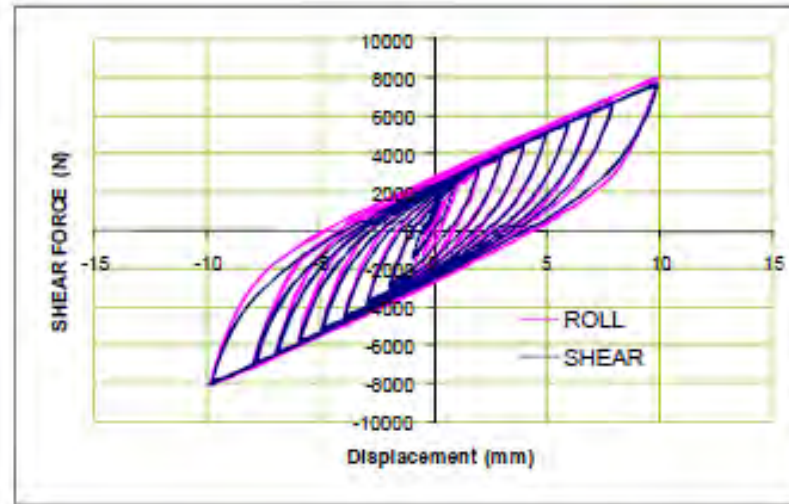
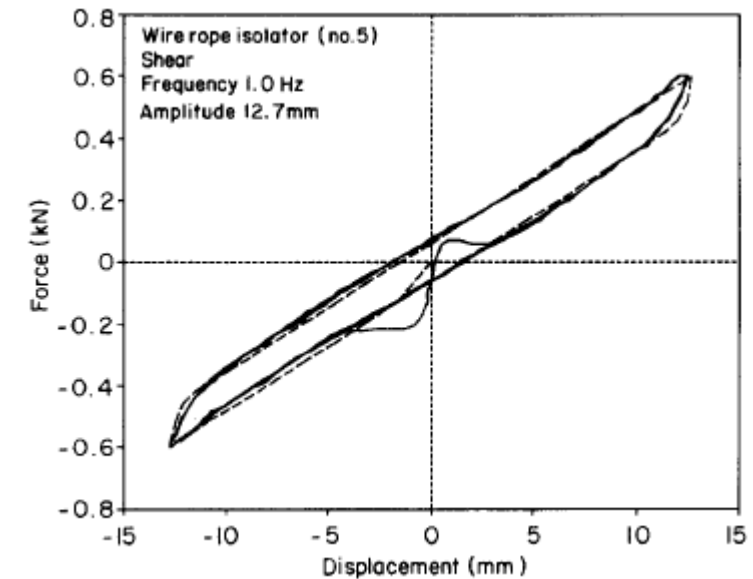


Figure 4 Shear cycles of a WR28-400-08

Source: Paolacci and Giannini. (2008)

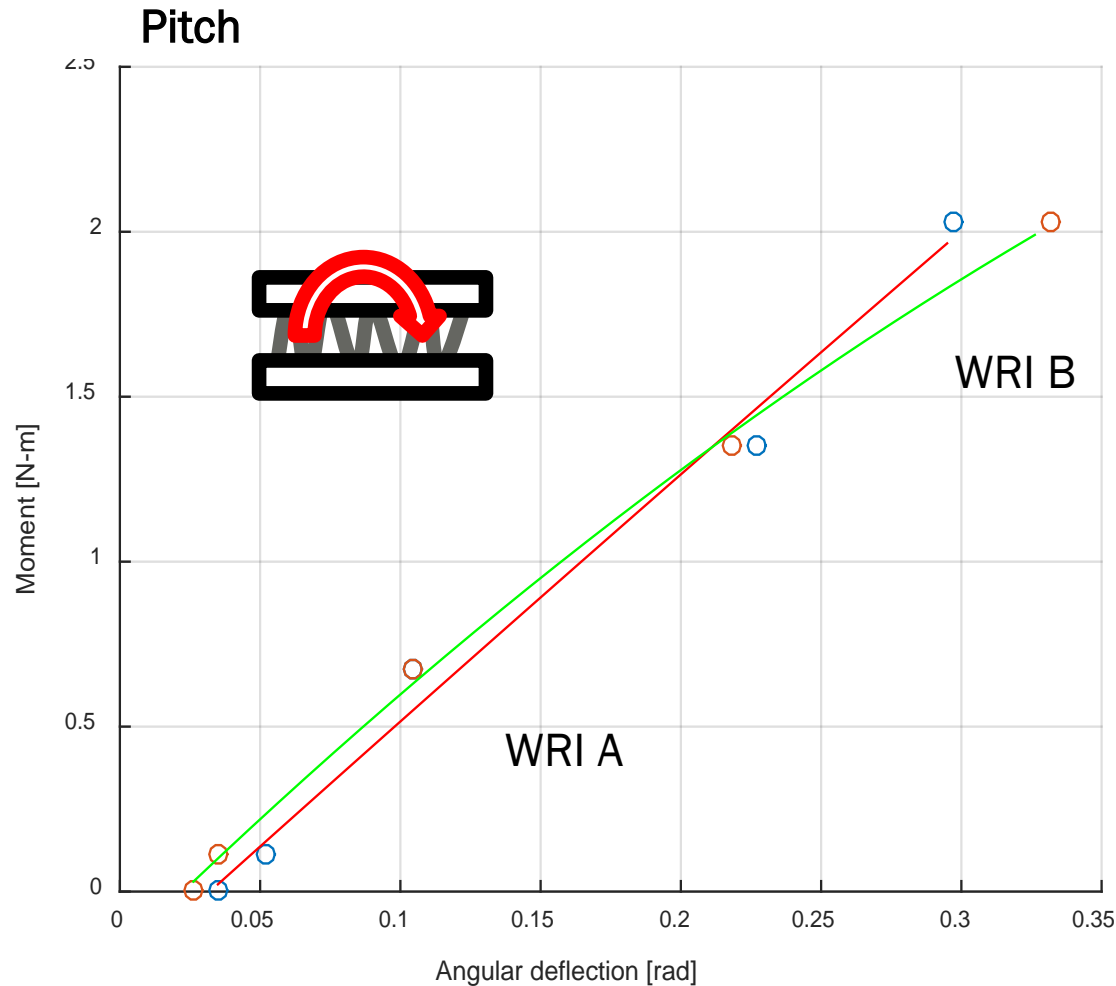


Source: Demetriades et al. (1992)

Observation: Shear force-deflection curves show either hardening or linear behavior during loading



Measured load-deflection curves in Pitch Mode (Fig. 16)

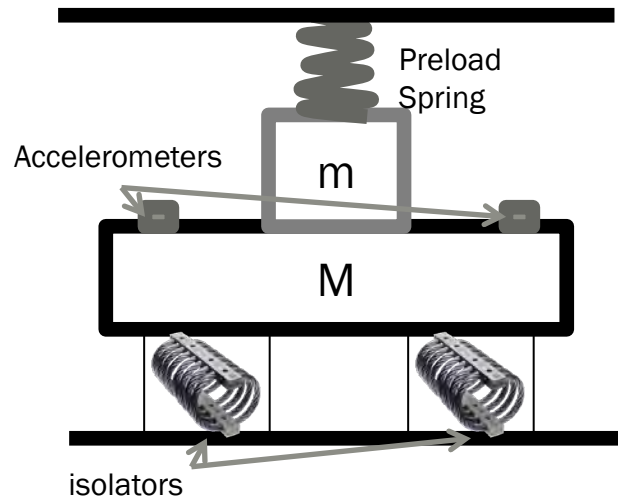


Observation: The angular stiffness in the pitch mode has not been reported in the previous literature



Dynamic experiment (designed in the 2DOF system configuration)

Setup (Fig. 17)



Assumption

- Linear system around the operating point

Methodology

- System is excited using an instrumented impulse hammer
- Responses are measured using 2 tri-axial accelerometers (on mass M)
- Signals are acquired and processed using LMS system

Configurations (Figs. 18-19a,b)

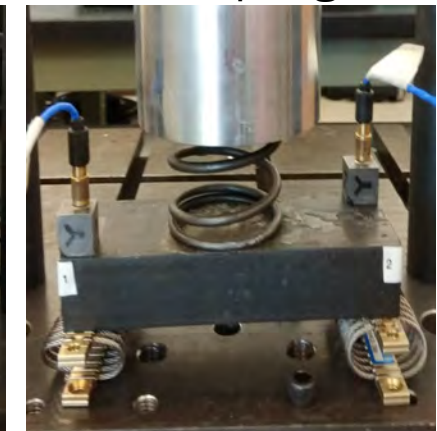
Mass M only



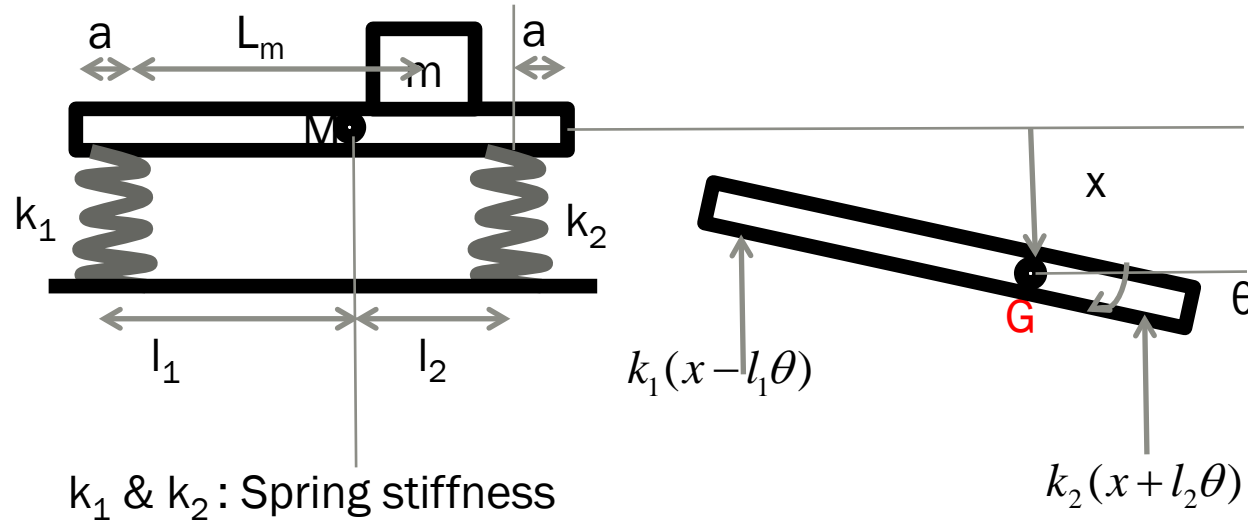
Mass M and m ,
Preload spring



Mass M ,
Preload spring



2DOF model of undamped, unforced isolation system (Fig. 20)



Assumptions:

- Linear system
- Isolators represented by 2 springs in parallel.
- Motions given by translation (x) and pitch (θ) about the CG (G)
- Asymmetry in mass is modeled by a concentrated mass m at distance L_m from k_1

Force equilibrium in the vertical direction:

$$(M + m)\ddot{x} + k_1(x - l_1\theta) + k_2(x + l_2\theta) = 0$$

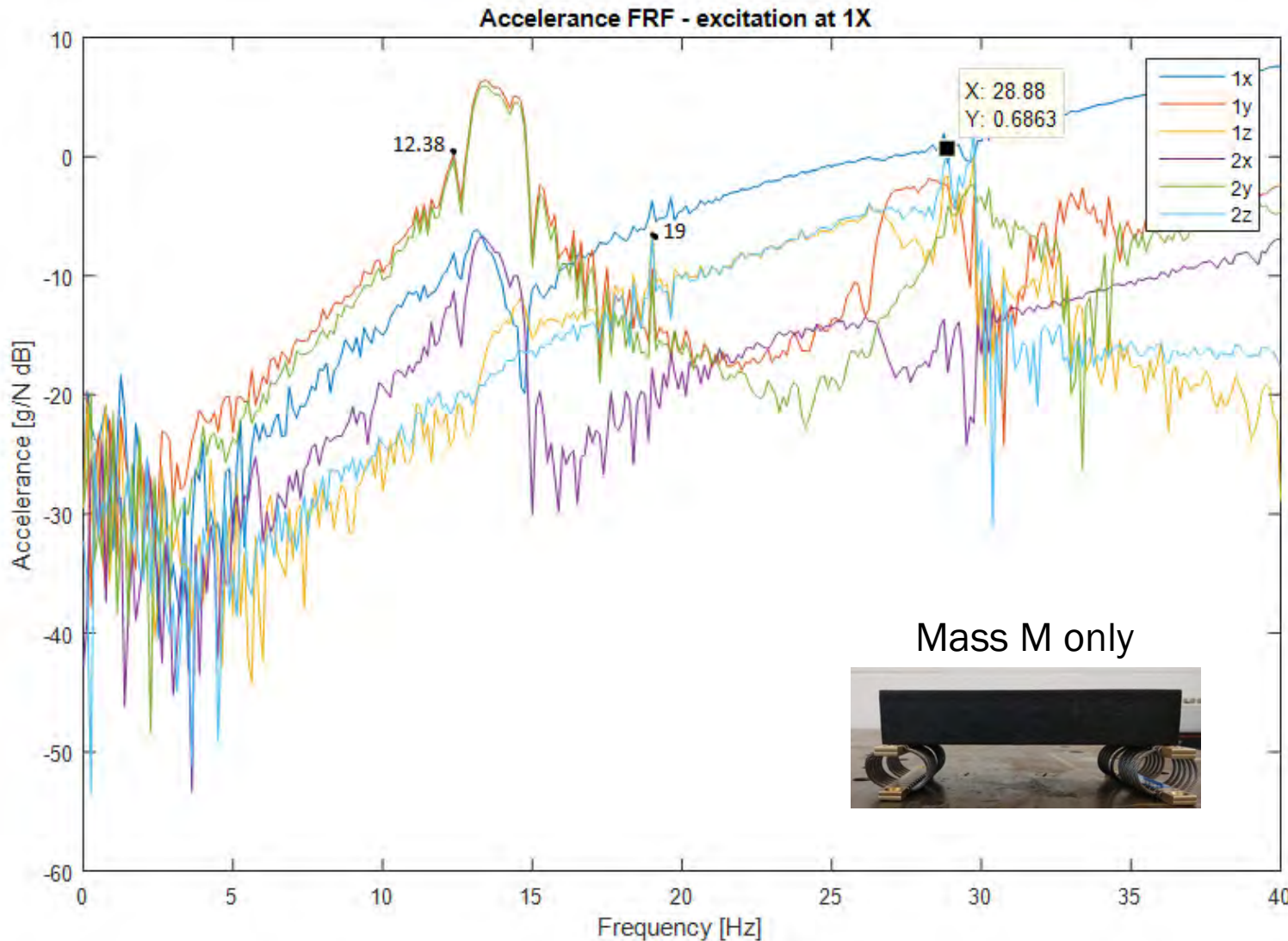
Moment equilibrium about G:

$$J\ddot{\theta} - k_1(x - l_1\theta)l_1 + k_2(x + l_2\theta)l_2 = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} M + m & 0 \\ 0 & J \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \left[\begin{array}{cc} k_1 + k_2 & -k_1l_1 + k_2l_2 \\ -k_1l_1 + k_2l_2 & k_1l_1^2 + k_2l_2^2 \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



Measured accelerances: Fig. 21



2DOF system eigenvalue problem yields:

- 13.8 Hz
- 22 Hz

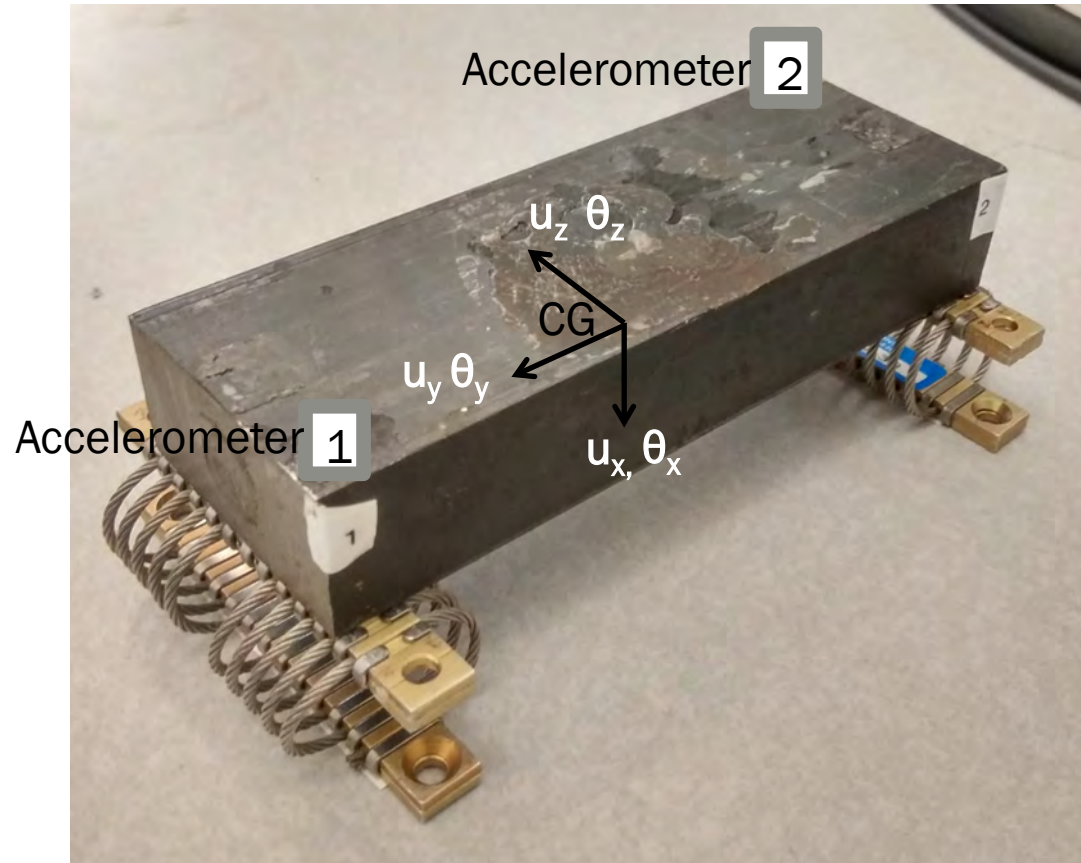
Observations:

1. Although resonant peaks in measurements are close to calculated frequencies, additional modes are also seen
2. Extend the analytical model to 6DOF system

6DOF model of undamped, unforced isolation system (Fig. 22)

See Appendix B and C for more details

Schematic of the system



The displacement of point 1,

$$u_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} u_x - l_y \theta_z - l_z \theta_y \\ u_y - l_x \theta_z + l_z \theta_x \\ u_z + l_x \theta_y + l_y \theta_x \end{Bmatrix}$$

And, displacement point 2,

$$u_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} u_x + l_y \theta_z + l_z \theta_y \\ u_y - l_x \theta_z - l_z \theta_x \\ u_z + l_x \theta_y - l_y \theta_x \end{Bmatrix}$$

u_i = displacement in the i-direction (x, y, z)

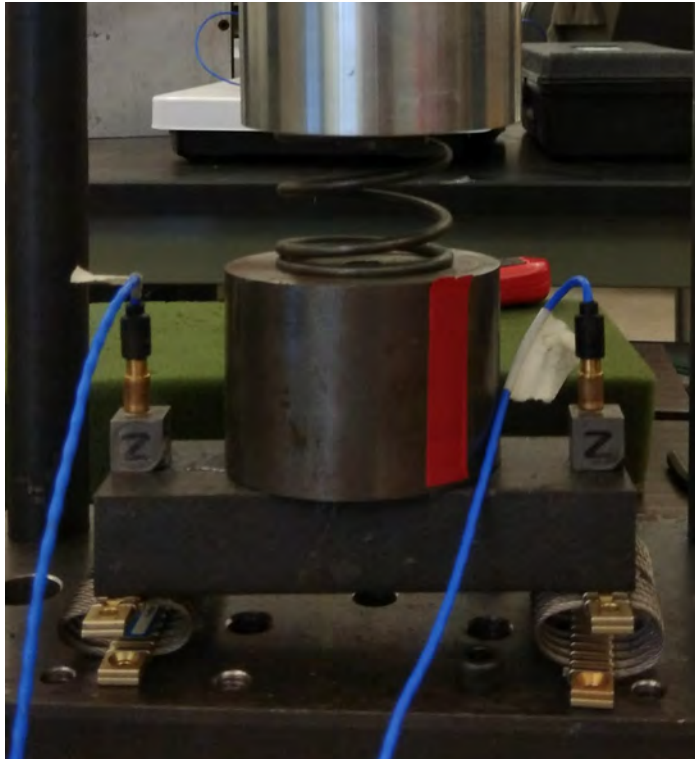
θ_i = angular displacement about the i-axis (x, y, z)



Analytical eigensolutions – 6DOF model (Fig. 23) see Appendix C

Configuration

Mass M and m,
Preload spring



Eigensolutions yield:

Natural frequencies (in Hz)

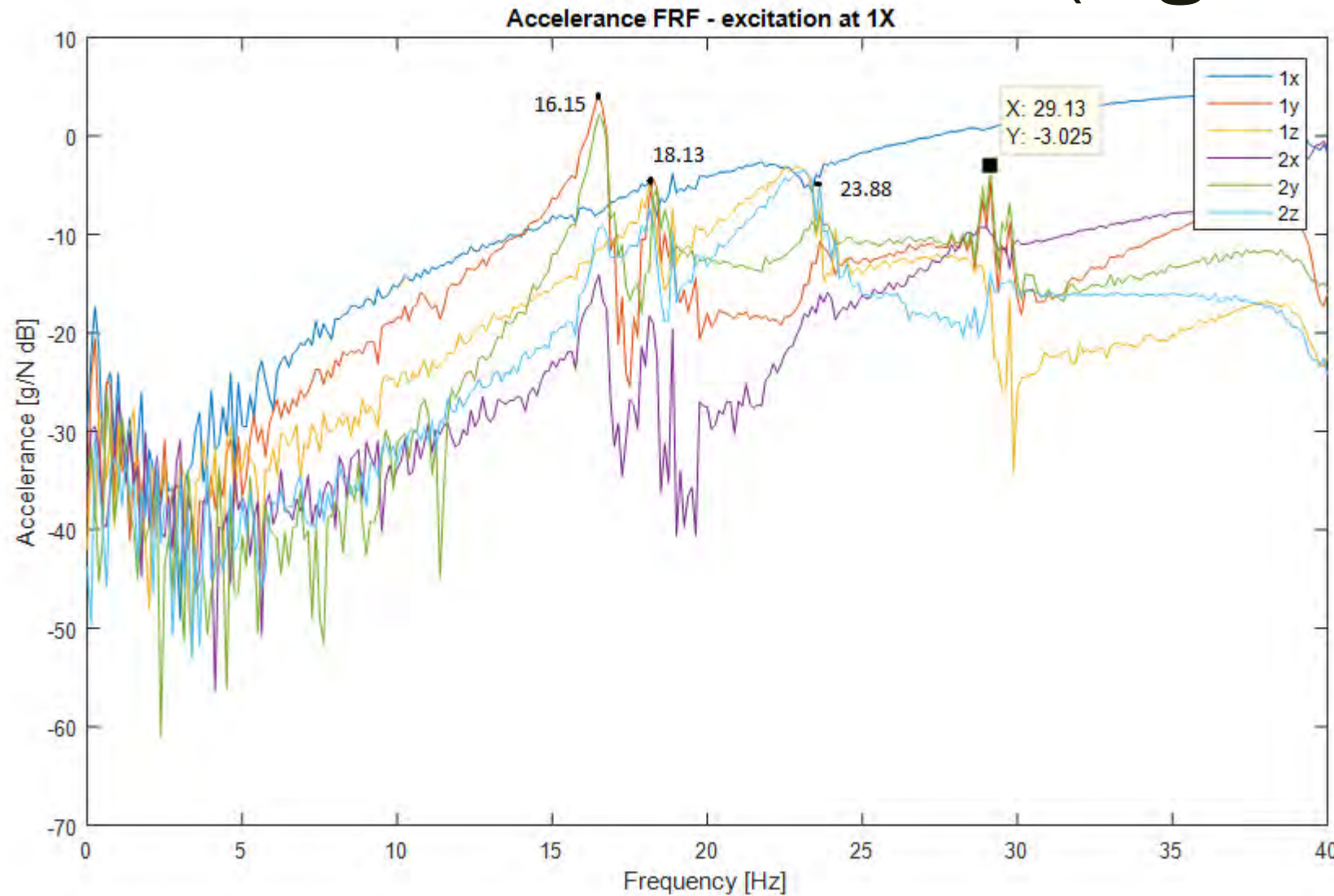
$$\omega_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 28.8 \\ 18.8 \\ 6.4 \\ 4.3 \\ 5.3 \\ 23.4 \end{array} \right\}$$

Modal matrix

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.00 \\ 0 & -0.02 & -0.06 & 0.07 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.10 & 0.05 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.02 & -0.02 & -1.00 & 0 \\ -0.99 & -0.22 & -0.84 & -0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.11 & 0.98 & -0.53 & 0.81 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Measured accelerances (Fig. 24)



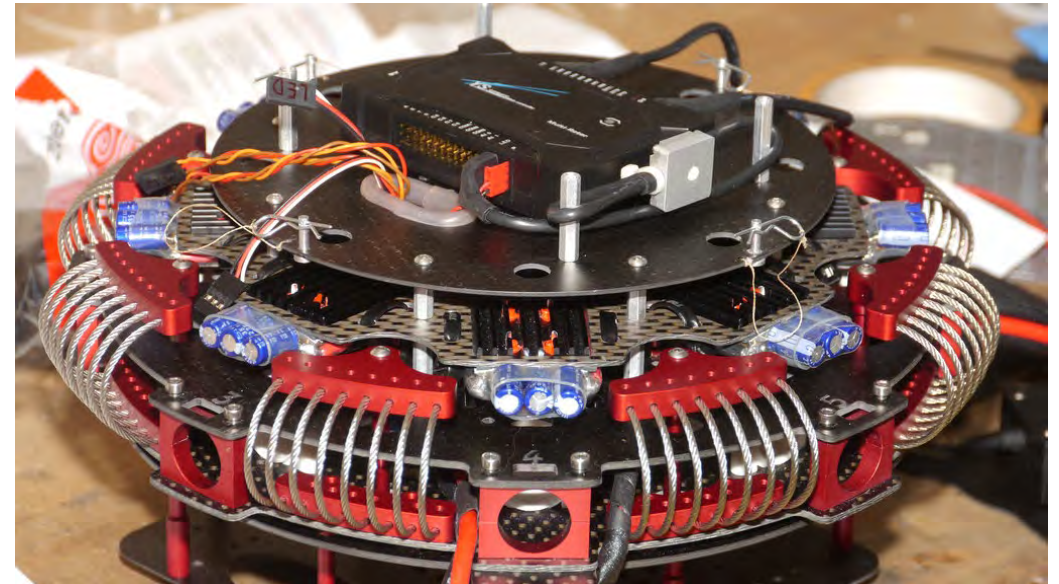
Observations:

1. Peaks in measurements are close to the calculations (natural frequencies from 15 Hz to 40 Hz)
2. Coherence is poor below 10 Hz (possibly due to high damping)
3. As a result, peaks are not observed up to 10 Hz
4. Damping ratio for resonance around 16 Hz: 1.5%

Conclusion

1. Investigated the non-linear dynamics of the wire rope isolators in the context of existing literature.
2. Correlated measurements and calculations. Identified several interesting new observations.
3. Identified some consequences of incorporating non-linearities in the design of isolation systems
4. Outlined new work on wire rope isolators.

Fig. 25 Application of wire-rope isolators in quad-rotors



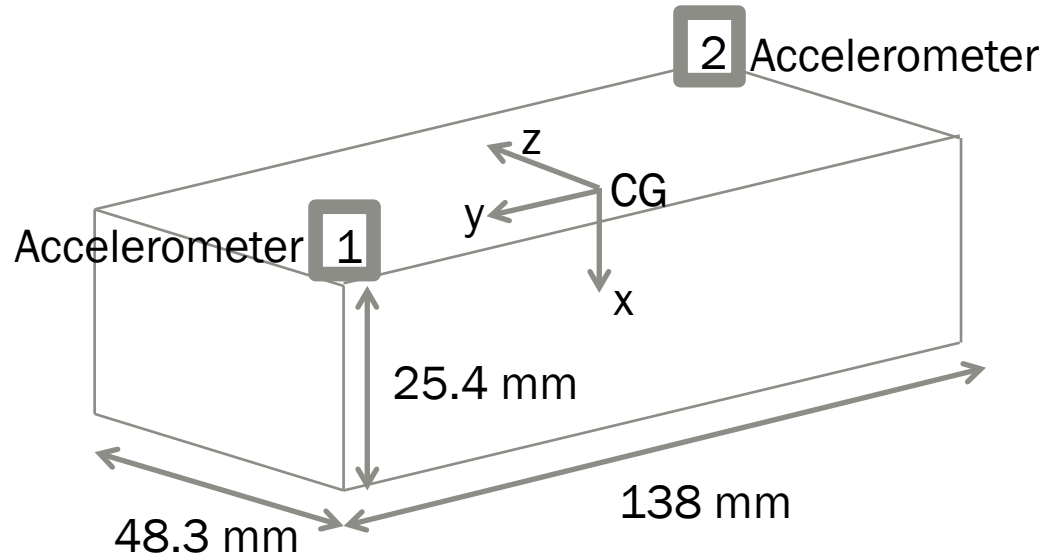
Appendix A: Topics and lessons learned

- Non-linear dynamics
- Vibration isolation
- Real-life devices
- Modal analysis & testing
- *Design of experiments*
- *Experimental work (under the supervision of mentor)*
- *Static & dynamic experiments*
- *Data processing*
- *Interpretation of results*
- *Best practices in presenting technical work*



Appendix B: 6 DOF model equations (Fig. 26)

Schematic of the system



Force equilibrium in x, y and z directions:-

$$M\ddot{u}_x - k_{1x}(l_y\theta_z - u_x + l_z\theta_y) + k_{2x}(u_x + l_y\theta_z + l_z\theta_y) = 0$$

$$M\ddot{u}_y + k_{1y}(u_y - l_x\theta_z + l_z\theta_x) - k_{2y}(l_x\theta_z - u_y + l_z\theta_x) = 0$$

$$M\ddot{u}_z + k_{1z}(u_z + l_x\theta_y + l_y\theta_x) + k_{2z}(u_z + l_x\theta_y - l_y\theta_x) = 0$$

Moment equilibrium about x, y and z directions:-

$$J_x\ddot{\theta}_x + k_{1z}l_y(u_z + l_x\theta_y + l_y\theta_x) - k_{2z}l_y(u_z + l_x\theta_y - l_y\theta_x) + k_{1y}l_z(u_y - l_x\theta_z + l_z\theta_x) + k_{2y}l_z(l_x\theta_z - u_y + l_z\theta_x) = 0$$

$$J_y\ddot{\theta}_y + k_{1z}l_x(u_z + l_x\theta_y + l_y\theta_x) + k_{2z}l_x(u_z + l_x\theta_y - l_y\theta_x) + k_{2x}l_z(u_x + l_y\theta_z + l_z\theta_y) + k_{1x}l_z(l_y\theta_z - u_x + l_z\theta_y) = 0$$

$$J_z\ddot{\theta}_z - k_{1y}l_x(u_y - l_x\theta_z + l_z\theta_x) + k_{2x}l_y(u_x + l_y\theta_z + l_z\theta_y) + k_{2y}l_x(l_x\theta_z - u_y + l_z\theta_x) + k_{1x}l_y(l_y\theta_z - u_x + l_z\theta_y) = 0$$



Appendix C: Eigenvalue problem formulation

Mass matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & J_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & J_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & J_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{1x} + k_{2x} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_{1x}l_z + k_{2x}l_z & -k_{1x}l_y + k_{2x}l_y \\ 0 & k_{1y} + k_{2y} & 0 & k_{1y}l_z - k_{2y}l_z & 0 & -k_{1y}l_x - k_{2y}l_x \\ 0 & 0 & k_{1z} + k_{2z} & k_{1z}l_y - k_{2z}l_y & k_{1z}l_x + k_{2z}l_x & 0 \\ 0 & k_{1y}l_z - k_{2y}l_z & k_{1z}l_y - k_{2z}l_y & k_{1z}l_y^2 + k_{2z}l_y^2 + k_{1y}l_z^2 + k_{2y}l_z^2 & k_{1z}l_y l_x - k_{2z}l_y l_x & -k_{1y}l_z l_x + k_{2y}l_z l_x \\ k_{2x}l_z - k_{1x}l_z & 0 & k_{1z}l_x + k_{2z}l_x & k_{1z}l_x l_y - k_{2z}l_x l_y & k_{1z}l_x^2 + k_{2z}l_x^2 + k_{2x}l_z^2 + k_{1x}l_z^2 + k_{\theta y1} + k_{\theta y2} & k_{2x}l_z l_y + k_{1x}l_z l_y \\ k_{2x}l_y - k_{1x}l_y & -k_{1y}l_x - k_{2y}l_x & 0 & -k_{1y}l_x l_z + k_{2y}l_x l_z & k_{2x}l_y l_z + k_{1x}l_y l_z & k_{1y}l_x^2 + k_{2x}l_y^2 + k_{2y}l_x^2 + k_{1x}l_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Dimension = 6

M = mass of the system

$i = x, y, z$

J_i = moment of inertia about i -axis

u_i = translation in the i^{th} direction

θ_i = angular displacement about the i -axis

k_{1i} = stiffness of B in the i^{th} direction

k_{2i} = stiffness of A in the i^{th} direction

$k_{\theta y1}$ and $k_{\theta y2}$ = angular stiffness about y -axis for isolator B & A

l_i = distance between CG and points 1 and 2 along i -axis

Generalized displacement vector

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \\ \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{Bmatrix}$$



Appendix D: List of References (see next slide for a summary)

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Summary of Literature Survey

Author (Journal, Year)	Topic	Comments
Ni et al. (JSV, 1999)	Modelling & identification of wire cable isolator	Modified Buoc-Wen model; Shear, roll and compression/tension
Gerges (JAE, 2008)	Model for force-displacement relation of wire rope isolator	Stiffness as summation of strand stiffness; compression/tension
Pagano & Strano (WSEAS, 2001)	Wire rope springs for passive vibration control	SDOF dynamic model; compression/tension
Demetriades et al. (Engg. Struct., 1993)	Wire rope systems for equipment seismic protection	Buoc-wen static model; 3DOF dynamic model
Wang et al. (Hindwani, 2014)	Dynamic behavior of O-type wire cable isolator	Assumes SDOF in each direction; compression/tension, shear and roll
Paolacci et al. (Conf. Earthquake Engg., 2008)	Effectiveness of steel cable dampers for seismic protection	4DOF dynamic model; compression/tension; shear and roll

Static

Dynamic Unidirectional

Dynamic Multi-directional

