



# Article Tuned-Mass-Damper-Inerter Performance Evaluation and Optimal Design for Transmission Line under Harmonic Excitation

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**Abstract:** To investigate vibration control and optimal design of transmission lines with tuned-massdamper-inerter (TMDI), the motion equation of transmission lines with TMDI is established in the paper, and the closed-form solutions of the response spectrum of transmission line displacement are derived by the frequency domain analysis method. The design parameters of TMDI are optimized by fixed-point theory, and the vibration control performance of TMDI is discussed. The results show that the increase in apparent mass ratio has a positive effect on the vibration control performance of TMDI; the vibration control performance is greatly affected by frequency ratio and limited by damping ratio; the increase in both mass ratio and apparent mass ratio reduces the peak values of the displacement response spectra of transmission line with TMDI; however, blindly increasing the apparent mass and mass ratio ( $\beta > 0.2$  or  $\mu > 0.4$ ) has a limited effect on improving the vibration control performance of TMDI; compared with conventional TMD, the peak values of the controlled displacement response spectrum of the transmission line with TMDI can be reduced by about 12%, and TMDI has a better vibration suppression effect on the transmission lines.

**Keywords:** tuned-mass-damper-inerter (TMDI); transmission line; wind-induced vibration; vibration control performance; frequency-domain analysis; fixed-point theory optimization

# 1. Introduction

A transmission line is a lightweight flexible structure whose wind-induced vibration control, especially the vortex-induced vibration (VIV) control has been extensively investigated recently [1–4]. VIV is a common wind-induced vibration phenomenon that is caused by the formation of regular vortex shedding of fluid flow over the surface of the structure. For a slender cylinder, such as a transmission line, when the vortex shedding frequency is close to a certain natural frequency of the structure, the resonance occurs, which is similar to the vibration response under harmonic excitation, as shown in Figure 1. In addition, this vibration will not disappear due to the small variety of wind speeds, called the "lock-in phenomenon." There is much excellent literature detailing the progress of VIV research [5–11].

Early studies of VIV were generally carried out for elastic cylindrical structures; however, as the study progresses, the stiffness nonlinearity of the structure can broaden the lock-in range [12]. This result is not satisfactory from the point of view of vibration control, although the VIV response calculated by the linear stiffness model can predict the response of stiffness nonlinearity [13,14]. It is shown that the stiffness nonlinearity



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**Copyright:** © 2022 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). has a significant effect on the VIV response amplitude of the structure [15]. To analyze the nonlinear structural VIV response, the utilization of a reliable reduced-order model is necessary. However, the existing reduced-order models have only been shown to be valid for VIV response analysis of linear stiffness systems, and it is not clear whether they are valid for nonlinear stiffness systems. To this end, Zhang [16] proposed predicting the VIV vibration response of stiff nonlinear structures by forced vibration data. Due to the high frequency and long duration of VIV, it poses a great threat to the structural safety of transmission lines. Therefore, to ensure structural safety, vibration control research has received a lot of attention. Vibration control methods for structures can usually be divided into four types [17–20], of which the most widely employed is the passive vibration control technique. This method can be traced back to as early as 1909 [21]. The passive vibration control device consists of spring, damping, and mass. The common formation is dubbed "tuned mass damper" (TMD). Initially, TMD was used in a supertall building in America. The application of TMD effectively reduced wind vibration in the building [22–25]. Due to the large energy consumption space required by TMD systems in the vibration control process, pendulum-tuned mass damper (PTMD) and bidirectional tuned mass damper systems as alternative solutions have been proposed successively [26-28]. The TMD system is still effective in vibration control of nonlinear structural systems [29] proposed an optimization method for TMD parameters considering nonlinear aeroelastic effects.



Figure 1. Schematic of Karman Vortex Street.

Given the superior vibration suppression performance of the TMD system, this vibration control idea is widely used in other structures, such as transmission lines. A Stockbridge damper, an application similar to the TMD system, is the most conventional VIV control device on the transmission line nowadays [30]. The Stockbridge type damper was first proposed by G. H. Stockbridge in 1928 for aeolian vibration of suspension structures [31]. The Stockbridge type damper is composed of a hammerhead, steel strand, and wire clip, as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Schematic drawing of the Stockbridge damper.

The investigation of the Stockbridge damper can be generally divided into two branches. One is the research on the dynamic characteristics of the Stockbridge damper alone [32–36], and the other is the research on the vibration response of the structural system considering the coupling effect of the transmission and the Stockbridge damper [37,38]. Although with the continuous progress of research, the VIV control performance of the Stockbridge damper for the transmission line has been continuously improved, there are still limitations, i.e., the control effectiveness is highly dependent on the mass ratio of the auxiliary structure to the host structure. With the development of society, the distance of power transmission is growing, the requirements for the VIV control performance of the Stockbridge damper for transmission lines are increasing. The instrument of blindly increasing the mass of the auxiliary structure to improve the vibration control performance

is not appropriate. Although there are indeed lots of achievements that have been made in the energy dissipation mechanism, self-damping characteristics, and vibration control measures of Stockbridge dampers, more effective vibration control solutions are still being investigated at present. The inerter, a kind of two-node electrical element, has the feature that the generated force is proportional to the relative acceleration across its two nodes, as shown in Figure 3. This was first proposed by Smith in 2002 [39].



Figure 3. Schematic drawing of inerter element.

The ideal mechanical behavior can thus be expressed by the following equation:

$$F = b(\ddot{u}_1 - \ddot{u}_2) \tag{1}$$

where  $\ddot{u}_1$ ,  $\ddot{u}_2$  are accelerations at two terminals. *b* is the inertance with a unit of the kilogram. Although the concept of inerter, proposed in 2002, was initially employed for research in the field of electrical engineering, the application of improving the vibration control performance of dynamic vibration absorbers (DVA) by inerter dates back to the 1990s [40,41], even before the concept of inerter was proposed by smith. Because in the field of civil engineering, it is also possible to achieve mechanical components with the same characteristics, such as ball screw assemblies, rack-and-pinion, hydraulic and viscous type inertial containers, etc. By the derivation of literature [42,43], common DVAs are employed to improve control performance by adjusting stiffness and damping term; however, inerter-based DVAs can improve damping performance not only in the traditional way but also by adjusting inertial terms. Thus, a new vibration-damping configuration that connects the mass of TMD to the ground through an inerter was initially proposed by Marian and Giaralis [44], which is called a "tuned-mass-damper-inerter" (TMDI). The schematic drawing of a single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) structure incorporating a TMDI is shown in Figure 4.



Ground

Figure 4. Schematic drawing of a TMDI.

Ref. [44] proves that TMDI can not only improve the vibration control performance of the host structure but also reduce the mass of the subsidiary structure. Recently, Tiwari [45] has proposed replacing the spring and damping in TMDI with SMA springs to constitute a new inerter-based damper, dubbed SMA-TMDI, to address the problem of excessive control force of conventional TMDI on the host structure [46–49]. In addition, TMDI has received a lot of attention in the field of wind vibration control research. The effect of different construction forms of TMDI on the wind vibration control performance of a supertall building was investigated in the literature [50]. The control performance of TMDI for VIV of the bridge is described in the literature [51–53]. The results show that TMDI can effectively improve the vibration control performance of bridges, and it is more suitable for utilization in VIV control of bridges than conventional TMD.

Accurate evaluation of vibration control performance and determination of optimal parameters have always been the core content of dynamic vibration absorber research. For the tuned-mass-damper-inerter parameter optimization, there are two methods. One is the mathematical method, which aims to obtain the closed-form solution of the target parameters by derivation based on the mechanical mechanism. Zhang [54] used the hollow installation of wind turbine blades to control the vibration of TMDI blades, deduced the optimal parameters of TMD and TMDI control models, and then verified the performance of TMDI control blades through numerical simulation. Zhou [55] used the extended fixedpoint theory to explore the theory of the inertial container for DTMDI vibration control. Barredo [56] obtained the closed solution of the dynamic damper (IDVAs) and verified the analytical solution by numerical simulation and theoretical derivation. Wang [57] investigated the effects of main structure elasticity and mass terms on the control performance of TMDI through a series of tapered cantilever beam structures, which are provided for TMDI optimization and main structure design. The other is the meta-heuristic algorithms, such as the colliding bodies optimization (CBO) method [58]. Kaveh [59] verified the vibration control performance as well as the robustness of TMDI in high-rise buildings through the CBO method.

To address the problem of overweight Stockbridge dampers will pose a threat to the safety of transmission lines. TMDI is employed to suppress the VIV of the transmission line in this paper. This vibration control method is used for the first time in the VIV control study of transmission lines. In Section 2, based on the mechanical mechanism, the mathematical expression of the displacement response spectrum is obtained by the frequency domain analysis method. The closed-formed solution of the optimal damping ratio and the optimal frequency for TMDI are derived by the fixed-point theory [60]. Next, in Section 3, the vibration control performance of TMDI and TMD is compared by the numerical examples. Finally, the conclusions are summarized in terms of the investigation of this paper (Section 4). The result shows that compared with conventional TMD and Stockbridge dampers, TMDI has obvious advantages in transmission line vibration control.

#### 2. Dynamics Model

In this section, the closed-form solution of the displacement response spectrum for the transmission line-TMDI system is derived by the frequency domain analysis method (Sections 2.1 and 2.2). Then, by observing this solution, it is found that the displacement response spectrum is significantly influenced by the frequency ratio and damping ratio of the TMDI, so next, the parameter optimization study of the TMDI is carried out by the fixed point theory [55], and the closed-form solution of the optimal frequency ratio and damping ratio is obtained (Section 2.3).

## 2.1. Equation of Motion

The transmission line can be simplified as a beam structure with small stiffness under the action of tension. The stress analysis of its micro-segment is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5. Transmission line element diagram.

In terms of the balance of forces in the horizontal direction, the equation is as follows:

$$T_B \cos \alpha_B - T_A \cos \alpha_A = 0 \tag{2}$$

where  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  are the tensile forces of the two sections, respectively.  $\alpha_A$  and  $\alpha_B$  are the angle between the normal and horizontal axis of the two sections.

In terms of the balance of forces in the vertical direction, the equation is as follows:

$$T_B sin\alpha_B - T_A sin\alpha_A - m_1 \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} dx - c_1 \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial t} dx - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= [-F_n(x,t) - F_2(x,t)] dx$$
(3)

According to the bending moment balance condition, the equation is as follows:

$$\left( M + \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} dx \right) - M - \left( Q + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx \right) dx - m_1 \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} dx \frac{dx}{2} + T_B sin\alpha_B dx - T_B cos\alpha_B \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial x} dx = 0$$

$$(4)$$

From the geometric differential relation of the micro-segment, the following equation can be obtained:

$$tan\alpha_A = \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial x} \tag{5}$$

$$tan\alpha_B = \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial^2 x} dx$$
(6)

$$T_A = \frac{T}{\cos \alpha_A} \tag{7}$$

$$T_B = \frac{T}{\cos \alpha_B} \tag{8}$$

In combination with Euler–Bernoulli beam theory, the bending moment and shear force of cross-section can be expressed as follows:

$$M = EI \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \tag{9}$$

$$Q = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = EI \frac{\partial^3 y(x,t)}{\partial x^3} \tag{10}$$

Simultaneous Equations (2)–(4), by using the expressions of Equations (5)–(10) for simplification, the equation of motion for the transmission line-TMDI system subjected to concentrate load can be obtained as follows:

$$m_1 \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + c_1 \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial t} + EI \frac{\partial^4 y(x,t)}{\partial x^4} - T \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = F_n(x,t) + F_2(x,t)$$
(11)

where  $m_1$ ,  $c_1$  is the unit mass and damping of the transmission line along the span direction; *EI* is the bending stiffness of the transmission line; y(x, t) is the differential vibrational displacement of the line as a function of time and spatial coordinates;  $F_2(x, t)$  is the force of TMDI acting on the conductor at t time;  $F_n(x, t)$  is excitation forces; *T* is the average tension of the transmission conductor; *Q*, *M* is the shear and bending moments of the transmission line.

When the transmission line resonates, the external load is expressed as follows:

$$F_n(x,t) = \delta(x-h)\hat{f}(x)\sin(\bar{\omega}_n t)$$
(12)

where  $\hat{f}(x)$  is the amplitude of the vibration;  $\bar{\omega}_n$  is the external force frequency.

 $\delta$  is the Dirac function, as detailed in the following equation:

$$\delta x - h = \& \infty x \neq h \& 0 x \neq h \tag{13}$$

According to structural dynamics,  $F_2(x, t)$  is the force of TMDI acting on the transmission conductor, which can be expressed as follows:

$$F_2(x,t) = \delta(x-a) \left[ c_2 (\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}) + k(y_2 - y) \right]$$
(14)

The TMDI motion equation can be expressed as follows:

$$(b+m_2)\ddot{y}_2 + c_2(\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}) + k_2(y_2 - y) = 0$$
<sup>(15)</sup>

where  $m_2$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $c_2$ , b denote the mass of the TMDI, the stiffness of the spring, the damping, and the mass parameter of the inerter, respectively; a is the distance between the TMDI and the leftmost end of the wire;  $\ddot{y}_2$ ,  $\dot{y}_2$ ,  $y_2$  is the vertical displacement, absolute velocity, and absolute acceleration of the mass block of the TMDI system.

Based on the modal decomposition method, the vertical displacement of the line y(x, t) can be expressed as a linear combination of the vibration modes as follows:

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(t)\phi_n(x)$$
(16)

In which  $\phi_n$  is the *n*th independent vibrational component of the transmission conductor, whose vibrational function ( $\phi_n(x) = sin(n\pi x/L)$ ) is obtained by satisfying the transmission conductor boundary conditions;  $u_n(t)$  is the transmission line of the *n*th order vibration corresponding to the generalized coordinates.

Simultaneous Equations (11)–(15) are in Equation (16). The generalized single-degreeof-freedom system motion equation of transmission lines with TMDI arbitrary nth modal is presented as follows:

$$M\ddot{Y} + C\dot{Y} + KY = F \tag{17}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & \cdots & 0 & \phi_1(a)(m_2 + b) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & M_n & \phi_n(a)(m_2 + b) \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & m_2 + b \end{bmatrix}$$
(18)

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & C_n & 0 \\ -\phi_1(a)c_2 & \cdots & -\phi_n(a)c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(19)

$$\boldsymbol{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & u_n & y_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(21)

$$\boldsymbol{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(h)F_1(x,t) & \phi_2(h)F_2(x,t) & \cdots & \phi_n(h)F_n(x,t) & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(22)

$$M_n = \int_0^L \sum_{i=0}^\infty \phi_i(x) m_1 \phi_n(x) dx = m_1 \int_0^L [\phi_n(x)]^2 dx$$
(23)

$$C_n = \int_0^L \sum_{i=0}^\infty \phi_i(x) c_1 \phi_n(x) dx = c_1 \int_0^L [\phi_n(x)]^2 dx$$
(24)

$$K_n = \left[ EI\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^4 + T\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \right] \int_0^L [\phi_n(x)]^2 dx$$
(25)

where  $M_n$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $K_n$  denote the generalized mass matrix, generalized damping matrix, and generalized stiffness matrix for the *n*th order of the transmission line.

### 2.2. Closed-Form Solution of Displacement Response Spectrum

To study the vibration control performance of TMDI, the displacement response of the transmission line-TMDI systems needs to be obtained. Since the response of the transmission line is the limit when aeolian vibration occurs, it is appropriate to consider the system as a linear elastic structure [30]. In this section, the closed-form solution of the displacement response spectrum of the transmission line-TMDI system is derived by the frequency domain analysis method [61,62].

When the *n*th modal resonance occurs in the conductor, the time-domain equation of motion is obtained from Equation (17) as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_n & \phi_n(a)(m_2+b) \\ 0 & m_2+b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{u}_n \\ \ddot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_n & 0 \\ -\phi_n(a)c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_n \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_n & 0 \\ -\phi_n(a)k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_n(h)F_n(x,t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

A Fourier transform is performed on both sides of Equation (26) to obtain the displacement response spectrum of the conductor system, as follows:

$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega) \times F^*(\omega)$$
<sup>(27)</sup>

where  $H(\omega)$  is the transfer function:

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$$H(\omega) = \left(-\omega^2 M + i\omega C + K\right)^{-1}$$
(28)

The corresponding concentrated load spectrum is the following:

$$\boldsymbol{F}^{*}(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{1}(h)F_{1}^{*}(\omega) & \phi_{2}(h)F_{2}^{*}(\omega) & \cdots & \phi_{n}(h)F_{n}^{*}(\omega) & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$
(29)

where the *n*th order concentrated load spectrum corresponding to a vibration duration of  $t_1$  is [61]:

$$F_n^*(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{f}(x) \sin(\bar{\omega}_n t) \cdot e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$\hat{f}(x) \frac{\bar{\omega}_n}{\omega^2 - \bar{\omega}_n^2} \left[ \frac{(\omega + \bar{\omega}_n)}{2\bar{\omega}_n} e^{-i(\omega - \bar{\omega}_n)t_1} - \frac{(\omega - \bar{\omega}_n)}{2\bar{\omega}_n} e^{-i(\omega + \bar{\omega}_n)t_1} - 1 \right]$$
(30)

The displacement response spectrum can be expressed as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(\omega) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} U_n(\omega) \\ Y_2(\omega) \end{array} \right\} = \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{F}^*(\omega)$$
(31)

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega^{2}M_{n} + i\omega C_{n} + K_{n} & -\omega^{2}\phi_{n}(a)(m_{2} + b) \\ -i\omega\phi_{n}(a)c_{2} - \phi_{n}(a)k_{2} & -\omega^{2}(m_{2} + b) + i\omega c_{2} + k_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H^{-1} = \frac{1}{(-\omega^{2}M_{n} + i\omega C_{n} + K_{n})(-\omega^{2}(m_{2} + b) + i\omega c_{2} + k_{2}) - \phi_{n}^{2}(a)(i\omega c_{2} + k_{2})(\omega^{2}(m_{2} + b)))} \times \begin{bmatrix} -\omega^{2}(m_{2} + b) + i\omega c_{2} + k_{2} & \omega^{2}\phi_{n}(a)(m_{2} + b) \\ i\omega\phi_{n}(a)c_{2} + \phi_{n}(a)k_{2} & -\omega^{2}M_{n} + i\omega C_{n} + K_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
(32)

According to Equations (30)–(32),  $U_n(\omega)$  can be expressed as follows:

where  $\omega$ ,  $\omega_n$  are external force-frequency, transmission line *n*th frequency;  $\zeta_1$ ,  $\zeta$  are transmission line structure damping ratio, TMDI damping ratio;  $\mu$  is the ratio of TMDI mass  $m_2$  to *n*th mode mass of transmission line;  $\beta$  is the ratio of apparent mass *b* to TMDI mass  $m_2$ ;  $\gamma$  is the ratio of TMDI to the *n*th frequency of transmission wire. The displacement response spectrum of transmission wire with TMDI can be expressed as follows:

$$y_n(\omega) = \phi_n(x) U_n(\omega) \tag{34}$$

To express the transmission line-TMDI system model more clearly, the schematic diagram of the structural system and the derivation parameters are listed shown in the Figure 6.



Figure 6. Transmission line—TMDI system model.

#### 2.3. Closed-Form Solution of Optimization for TMDI

In Equation (34), the displacement response of the transmission line is significantly affected by the TMDI damping ratio and frequency ratio. To control the maximum amplitude of the displacement response, the TMDI parameters are optimized by fixed-point theory [55].

According to Equation (26), the equation of motion for the *n*th resonance of the transmission line can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases} M_n \ddot{u}_n + \phi_n(a)(m_2 + b)\ddot{y}_2 + C_n \dot{u}_n + K_n u_n = \phi_n(h)F_n(x,t) \\ (m_2 + b)\ddot{y}_2 - \phi_n(a)c_2 \dot{u}_n + c_2 \dot{y}_2 - \phi_n(a)k_2 u_n + k_2 y_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$
(35)

Applying harmonic excitation force is as follows:

$$F_n(x,t) = \hat{f}(x)e^{i\omega t}$$
(36)

In Equation (35), the displacement of transmission line -TMDI can be expressed as follows:

$$u_n(t) = \hat{u}_n e^{i\omega t} \tag{37}$$

$$y_2(t) = \hat{y}_2 e^{i\omega t} \tag{38}$$

where  $\hat{u}_n$ ,  $\hat{y}_2$  is the complex amplitude; therefore:

$$\dot{u}_n(t) = i\omega\hat{u}_n e^{i\omega t} \tag{39}$$

$$\dot{y}_2(t) = i\omega\hat{y}_2 e^{i\omega t} \tag{40}$$

$$\ddot{u}_n(t) = -\omega^2 \hat{u}_n e^{i\omega t} \tag{41}$$

$$\ddot{y}_2(t) = -\omega^2 \hat{y}_2 e^{i\omega t} \tag{42}$$

By substituting Equations (36)–(42) into Equation (35), the transmission line response amplitude can be obtained as follows:

$$\hat{u}_n = -\frac{\phi_n(h)\hat{f}(x)(k_2 - b\omega^2 - m_2\omega^2 + c_2\omega i)}{-\phi_n(a)(m_2 + b)\omega^2(-\phi_n(a)k_2 - \phi_n(a)c_2\omega i) - (K_n + C_n\omega i - M_n\omega^2)(k_2 + c_2\omega i - b\omega^2 - m_2\omega^2)}$$
(43)

The amplitude of the main structure vibration system is expressed as  $X_{st} = \phi_n(h)\hat{f}(x)/K_n$ , and the dynamic amplification factor (DAF) of the main structure is expressed as follows:

$$\left|\frac{X_1}{X_{st}}\right| = \frac{K_n \sqrt{(k_2 - b\omega^2 - m_2\omega^2)^2 + (c_2\omega)^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + d^2}}$$
(44)

$$a = K_n k_2 - C_n c_2 \omega^2 - b K_n \omega^2 - \phi_n^2(a) b k_2 \omega^2 -k_2 M_n \omega^2 - K_n m_2 \omega^2 - \phi_n^2(a) k_2 m_2 \omega^2 + b M_n \omega^4 + M_n m_2 \omega^4$$
(45)

$$d = c_2 K_n \omega + C_{1n} k_2 \omega - b C_n \omega^3 - \phi_n^2(a) b c_2 \omega^3 - c_2 M_n \omega^3 - C_n m_2 \omega^3 - \phi_n^2(a) c_2 m_2 \omega^3$$
(46)

According to the fixed-point theory, the frequency response curves of the system, ignoring the damping of the main structure, all pass through the two fixed points. When the fixed-point height is equal and reaches its maximum value, the vibration reduction efficiency is the highest, and the DAF is generally expressed as follows:

$$\left|\frac{X_{1}}{X_{st}}\right| = \frac{K_{n}\sqrt{(k_{2} - b\omega^{2} - m_{2}\omega^{2})^{2} + (c_{2}\omega)^{2}}}{\sqrt{[K_{n}k_{2} - (bK_{n} + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)bk_{2} + k_{2}M_{n} + K_{n}m_{2} + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)k_{2}m_{2})\omega^{2} + (bM_{n} + M_{n}m_{2})\omega^{4}]^{2} + [(c_{2}K_{n})\omega - (\phi_{n}^{2}(a)bc_{2} + c_{2}M_{n} + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)c_{2}m_{2})\omega^{3}]^{2}}}$$
(47)

To simplify Equation (47) into a general expression of dynamic amplification factor, the following parameters should be introduced:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K_n}{M_n}}, \, \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m_2 + b}} \\
\zeta_n = \frac{C_n}{2M_n\omega_n}, \, \zeta_2 = \frac{c_2}{2(m_2 + b)\omega_2} \\
\mu = m_2/M_n, \, \beta = b/m_2 \\
\lambda = \omega/\omega_n, \, \gamma = \omega_2/\omega_n
\end{cases}$$
(48)

# The DAF of the transmission line-ground TMDI can be obtained as follows:

$$\left|\frac{X_{1}}{X_{st}}\right| = \sqrt{\frac{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda^{2}}{\gamma^{2}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{2}{\gamma}\right)^{2} (\zeta_{2}\lambda)^{2}}{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^{2}}\lambda^{4} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}} + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)\mu\beta + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)\mu\right)\lambda^{2} + 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{2 - 2\left(1 + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)\mu\beta + \phi_{n}^{2}(a)\mu\right)\lambda^{2}}{\gamma}\right)^{2} (\zeta_{2}\lambda)^{2}}}$$
(49)

According to the fixed-point theory, the expression for optimal frequency ratio is as follows:

$$\gamma_{opt} = \frac{1}{1 + \phi_n^2(a)\mu(1+\beta)}$$
(50)

the expression for the optimal damping ratio is as follows:

$$\zeta_{2opt} = \sqrt{\frac{3\phi_n^2(a)\mu(1+\beta)}{8(1+\phi_n^2(a)\mu(1+\beta))}}$$
(51)

and the maximum dynamic amplification factor can be simplified as follows:

$$\left|\frac{X_1}{X_{st}}\right| = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \phi_n^2(a)\mu(1+\beta)}{\phi_n^2(a)\mu(1+\beta)}}$$
(52)

#### 3. Numerical Examples

In this section, a numerical example is carried out to illustrate the feasibility and effectiveness of the TMDI in the VIV control performance of the transmission line.

The transmission line is made of LGJ300/25 stranded steel wires, and the detailed parameters are shown in Table 1. The initial tension of the wire is 20% RST, approximately equal to 16.68 kN.

Table 1. Transmission wire parameter table.

| Parameters                                     |          | Numerical<br>Value | Parameters                                    | Numerical<br>Value |
|--|----------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Structure<br>Number of shares/diameter<br>(mm) | Aluminum | 48/2.85            | Outer diameter (mm)                           | 23.76              |
|  | Steel    | 7/2.22             | Calculation of pull-off force (N)             | 83,410             |
| Calculated area                                | Aluminum | 306.21             | Modulus of elasticity<br>(N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) | 65,000             |
|  | Steel    | 27.1               | Mass per unit length<br>(kg/km)               | 1058               |
|  | Total    | 333.31             | Length of test section (m)                    | 30.84              |

The harmonic force with amplitude A = 230 kN and frequency f = 38.421 Hz was applied 2.6 m away from the end of the line, and the transmission line produced the third resonance. TMDI is equipped with L/2 of the transmission line. Under concentrated load, the displacement response spectrum at L/2 of the transmission line will be analyzed in this section.

#### 3.1. Parameter Optimization Analysis

As shown in Figure 7, the optimal frequency ratio  $\gamma_{opt}$  linearly decreases and the optimal damping ratio  $\zeta_{2opt}$  linearly increases as the apparent mass ratio  $\beta$  increases, which is similar to the effect of  $\mu$  on these two parameters.

As shown in Figure 8, with the increase in apparent mass ratio, the dynamic amplification factor of the transmission line gradually decreases, which means the vibration control performance of the TMDI keeps improving. When  $\beta = 0.6$ , the dynamic amplification factor of wire decreases by about 30% compared with conventional TMD. In addition, the increase in  $\beta$  also has a positive effect on the frequency bandwidth of the vibration control of the transmission line, as shown in Figure 8. Therefore, TMDI is superior to TMD in vibration control of transmission lines.



Figure 7. Optimal design parameters for ground TMDI.



Figure 8. Frequency response curve comparison.

#### 3.2. Parameters Sensitivity Analysis

To analyze the sensitivity of the parameters, the influence of the TMDI frequency ratio and damping ratio on the displacement response spectrum is discussed in this section.

As shown in Figure 9a, when  $\mu = 0.02$  and  $\beta = 0$  (TMD), the peak displacement response spectrum of the transmission conductor-TMDI system is significantly affected by the tuning of the frequency ratio and the damping ratio. That is, for the conventional TMD with a mass ratio of 0.02, the tuning of damping ratio and frequency ratio have a large impact on its control performance, and the robustness of control performance is not ideal. As  $\beta$  increases, the effect of tuning the damping ratio and frequency ratio of DVA on the peak of the displacement response spectrum gradually decreases. It can be seen that the existence of the inerter plays a positive role in the robustness of the vibration control performance of DVA.

Next, the effect of mass ratio on the robustness of TMDI is discussed. As the mass ratio increases from 0.02 to 0.04, the peak displacement response spectrum of the transmission line-TMDI system is further reduced by the frequency ratio and damping ratio tuning of TMDI. That is, the mass ratio also has a positive effect on the robustness of TMDI vibration control.

In addition, it can be seen from Figures 9 and 10 that the value of TMDI design frequency has a significant impact on the peak value of line response. But the damping ratio has limited influence on the vibration suppression effect.



**Figure 9.** Variation of the maximum displacement in the span,  $\mu = 0.02$ .



**Figure 10.** Variation of the maximum displacement in the span,  $\mu = 0.04$ .

## 3.3. Vibration Control Performance of TMDI

To evaluate the vibration control performance of TMDI, the influence of the peak value of the transmission line displacement response spectrum on mass ratios and apparent mass ratios is discussed in this section.

As shown in Figure 11, with the decrease in mass ratio and apparent mass ratio, the peak value of the transmission line displacement response spectrum increases nonlinearly. Especially when the apparent mass ratio is between 0–0.2 and the mass ratio is between 0–0.4, the peak variation trend of this displacement spectrum is obvious. When  $\beta > 0.2$  or  $\mu > 0.4$ , the peak value of the displacement response spectrum tends to be stable gradually.



Figure 11. The influence of mass ratios and apparent mass ratios on the peak value of displacement response spectrums.

This means that in the process of TMDI optimization design, blindly increasing the mass ratio or apparent mass ratio has a limited effect on improving the vibration control performance of the TMDI.

To intuitively compare the vibration control performance of TMD and TMDI, the displacement response spectrums of transmission lines controlled by TMD or TMDI, respectively, are shown in Figure 12.



**Figure 12.** The displacement response spectrums of transmission line with TMD and TMDI ( $\mu = 0.02$ ).

It can be seen from Figure 12 that the peaks of the transmission displacement response spectrum with TMDI and TMD are 1.34 and 1.58, respectively. Compared with conventional TMD, the peak value of the displacement spectrum of the transmission line with TMDI decreases by about 15%, and the vibration control performance is more significant.

## 4. Conclusions

In this paper, the differential motion equation of a transmission line with TMDI under harmonic excitation is established. Based on the Fourier transform, the displacement response of transmission lines with and without control is analyzed in the frequency domain. Based on fixed-point theory, the parameter optimization analysis of TMDI is carried out. According to the optimization results, by comparing with the conventional TMD, the vibration control performance of TMDI is evaluated. The conclusions are as follows:

- (1) With the increase in apparent mass ratio,  $\beta$ , the vibration control performance of TMDI increases. When  $\beta = 0.6$ , the dynamic amplification factor of the transmission line can be reduced by 30% compared with conventional TMD. In addition, the increase in  $\beta$  has a positive impact on the frequency band width of TMDIs vibration suppression;
- (2) The vibration control performance of TMDI is greatly affected by the frequency ratio, but the effect of the damping ratio is limited;
- (3) Both mass ratio and apparent mass ratio, especially  $\beta < 0.2$  or  $\mu < 0.4$ , have positive effects on the vibration control performance of TMDI. However, with the increase in mass ratio and apparent mass ratio, of which, the influence on the vibration control performance of TMDI gradually decreases;
- (4) When the mass ratio  $\mu = 0.02$ , the peak value of the transmission displacement response spectrum is about 1.34. Compared with TMD, the peak value of the response spectrum decreases by about 12%, and TMDI has better vibration reduction performance than TMD.

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