# Wind-induced interaction of a non-uniform tuned liquid column damper and a structure in pitching motion 

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#### Abstract

Wind-induced interaction between a tuned liquid column damper (TLCD) and a structure (bridge deck) in pitching motion is investigated both theoretically and experimentally. Non-uniform cross-sections in TLCDs are considered in general. Theoretically, the interacted equations of motion under wind excitation were derived for a single-degree-of-freedom rotational structure equipped with a TLCD based on energy principles. An addition term, which had never been revealed in existing literature, was discovered. The second part in this study was to demonstrate the existence of this additional term through experimental verification. This task was carried out by conducting large scale tests on the system of a TLCD on a rotational structure (which is a spring-constrained steel beam pivoted at mid-span) and by making comparisons between the experimental and analytical responses of the interacted structure subjected to harmonic loading. To obtain all necessary parameters for computing the analytical responses in the interaction, the individual identification of the properties of the TLCD and structure using free vibration and forced vibration techniques was also performed. Comparison results show that analytical responses with the additional term included can represent the actual interaction more closely than those without the additional term. Therefore, the inclusion of the additional term in pitching interaction equations is essential.


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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, the aesthetical consideration accompanied with advancement in material and construction technology has facilitated a new generation of bridges with lighter weights and longer spans. The down side is the high susceptibility of their response to wind load. Thus, for structures such as these, it is becoming more necessary to use control devices for the sake of vibration suppression. Among many varieties of choices for control devices, the tuned liquid column damper (TLCD) is a good candidate, though most of the applications today are on buildings which are subjected to horizontal motion. The original idea of TLCD was developed specifically for suppression of horizontal vibration by Sakai et al. [1]. In terms of advantages over other types of energy-dissipating dampers, the properties of TLCD (such as the natural frequency and damping) can be reliably and precisely determined from the length of the liquid column and the orifice size in the liquid column. As can be seen from the literature, many researchers, namely Xu et al. [2], Hitchcock et al. [3] and

[^0]Balendra et al. [4], have verified its effectiveness for suppressing wind-induced responses, among whom Hitchcock et al. [3] even investigate a general type of TLCDs that have non-uniform crosssections in the horizontal and vertical columns, termed as liquid column vibration absorbers (LCVA). The optimal parameters for TLCD designs were also given in Gao et al. [5], Chang and Hsu [6] and Chang [7], and later convenient guidelines, such as the design tables and empirical formula of head loss coefficients, for practical design were summarized by Wu et al. [8].

For suppressing wind-induced pitching (torsional) motion of bridges, the interaction mechanism of TLCDs and structures in pitching motion will have to be addressed. As we know, using tuned mass dampers (TMD) for controlling the pitching motion of bridges is to simply configure vertical TMDs on the two sides of the bridge deck tuned to the torsional mode (e.g., Kwon and Park [9]). The mechanism involved is basically the same as that in the application to control torsional responses of buildings (Pansare and Jangid [10], Jangid and Datta [11]). Unfortunately, this analogy can not apply to TLCD because of the fluid inside. The TLCDs for controlling bridge decks will have to move rotationally together with the bridge deck. For simplicity, the interacted equations of motion of a single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) rotational structure equipped with a TLCD with uniform cross-sections has been first presented by Xue et al. [12] and later the optimal parameters for

## Nomenclature

$A_{h} \quad$ cross-section area in the horizontal column of a TLCD;
$A_{v} \quad$ cross-section area in the vertical column of a TLCD; $e \quad$ vertical distance between the rotational center of the structure and the horizontal liquid column in a TLCD;
$g \quad$ acceleration due to gravity;
$h \quad$ integrating variable indicated in Fig. 1;
$J_{\alpha}, C_{\alpha}, K_{\alpha}$ structural mass moment of inertia, damping and stiffness constants;
$k=\omega / \omega_{d}$ ratio of the excitation frequency versus TLCD natural frequency (excitation frequency ratio);
$L=2 L_{v}+L_{h}$ total length of the liquid column in a TLCD;
$L_{e}=2 L_{v}+\nu L_{h}$ effective length of the liquid column in a TLCD;
$L_{h} \quad$ horizontal column length in a TLCD;
$L_{v} \quad$ vertical column length in a TLCD;
$l \quad$ integrating variable indicated in Fig. 1;
$M(t) \quad$ external moment acting on the structure;
$\hat{M}(\hat{t})=M T_{d}^{2} / J_{\alpha}$ nondimensional $M(t)$;
$\hat{M}_{0} \quad$ amplitude of $\hat{M}(\hat{t})$ in harmonic motion;
$m=v p /(\nu+p(1-v))$ parameter related to $v$ and $p$;
$n=p /(1-p(1-\nu))$ parameter related to $\nu$ and $p$;
$p=L_{h} / L$ ratio of the horizontal length to total length of the liquid column;
$Q_{n c, \alpha}$ (or $Q_{n c, y}$ ) non-conservative force in the direction of generalized coordinates $\alpha$ (or $y$ );
$S_{1}$ (or $S_{2}$ ) distance between the structural rotational center and the center of the left (or right) vertical liquid column, as indicated in Fig. 1;
$T \quad$ kinetic energy;
$T_{d}=2 \pi \sqrt{L_{e} / 2 g}$ natural period of a TLCD;
$T_{\alpha \hat{M}}$ (or $T_{\hat{y} \hat{M}}$ ) frequency response function of $\alpha$ (or $\hat{y}$ ) induced by $\hat{M}$;
$t$ time;
$\hat{t}=t / T_{d}$ nondimensional time;
$V$ potential energy;
$y \quad$ liquid displacement in a TLCD;
$\hat{y}=y / L_{h}$ non-dimensional liquid displacement in a TLCD;
$\hat{y}_{0} \quad$ amplitude of $\hat{y}$ in harmonic motion;
$\alpha \quad$ rotational angle of a structure;
$\alpha_{0} \quad$ amplitude of $\alpha$ in harmonic motion;
$\beta_{1}=\omega_{\alpha} / \omega_{d}$ frequency tuning ratio of the structure versus TLCD;
$\rho \quad$ fluid density;
$\varphi_{y} \quad$ amplitude of $y$ in harmonic liquid motion;
$\varphi_{\hat{y}}=\varphi_{y} / L_{h}$ non-dimensional amplitude of $y$ in harmonic liquid motion;
$\psi \quad$ blocking ratio of the orifice in a TLCD;
$\mu=J_{d} / J_{\alpha}$ ratio of mass moment of inertia between the liquid and structure;
$v=A_{v} / A_{h}$ cross-section ratio of the vertical column versus horizontal column;
$\omega \quad$ excitation frequency;
$\omega_{d}=\sqrt{2 \mathrm{~g} / L_{e}}$ natural frequency of a TLCD;
$\omega_{\alpha}=\sqrt{K_{\alpha} / J_{\alpha}}$ natural frequency of a structure
$\xi=C_{\alpha} / 2 J_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}$ damping ratio of a structure;
$\eta \quad$ head loss coefficient
design under a harmonic type or white noise type of wind loading was successively investigated and presented in Xue et al. [13] and Taflanidis et al. [14], respectively.


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of a structure with a TLCD in pitching motion: (a) Horizontal column of a TLCD is located below the rotational center; (b) Horizontal column of a TLCD is located above the rotational center.

To further extend this concept to TLCDs with non-uniform cross-sections leading to more practical considerations in applying to the structural control of bridge pitching motion, this paper theoretically derived and re-examined the interaction of a single-degree-of-freedom structure equipped with a non-uniform TLCD. To account for the complexity of the liquid motion in the TLCD, the derivation is carried out by completely adopting the energy principle, the so-called Lagrange's equation approach, for the sake of avoiding the possibility of missing any terms. From the equations of motion derived, it was intriguingly found that there exists an additional term which was never revealed in existing relevant papers. A preliminary study through simulation further ascertained that the effect of the additional term is significant to the response, particularly when the TLCD horizontal length ratio becomes smaller and the ratio of the mass moment of inertia becomes larger.

The objective in the second part of this study was to experimentally verify the existence of this additional term. Large scale models of TLCDs and structures were constructed, and tests for identifying the individual parts as well as the interacted system subjected to harmonic loading were performed for verification. For comparison with the experimental results, a non-iterative analytical solution of such an interaction under harmonic loading was also derived to facilitate computation.

## 2. Interacted equations in pitching motion

The schematic diagram of a single-degree-of-freedom rotational structure (representing a bridge deck in the pitching motion) equipped with a TLCD under wind excitation is shown in Fig. 1(a) and (b). Each sketches the situation when the elevation of the horizontal column of a TLCD is below or above the rotational center of a deformed structure. In general, the cross-sections in horizontal and vertical columns of a TLCD can be non-uniform, depending
on the choice of the designer. Some presumptions for TLCDs were used herein to derive the equations of motion: (i) the fluid is incompressible (i.e., the flow rate is invariant), depicting that water is a good choice; (ii) the sloshing behavior on the liquid surface is negligible (this is reasonably satisfied if the structural frequency is as low as 0.5 Hz or even lower, which is quite common for bridges); (iii) the in-plane width of the TLCD vertical column cross-section should be much smaller than its horizontal length.

### 2.1. Derivation by energy principle

By means of energy principles, the equations of interacted motion can be derived as follows. During pitching motion, as shown in Fig. 1, the total kinetic energy $T$ is the sum of those from the structure and TLCD as well, i.e.,
$T=T_{\text {structure }}+T_{\text {TLCD }}$
in which the kinetic energy of the structure, $T_{\text {structure }}$, is
$T_{\text {structure }}=\frac{1}{2} J_{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}^{2} ;$
and the kinetic energy of the TLCD, $T_{\text {TLCD }}$, is composed of three parts, each part from different sections of the liquid column, i.e.,
$T_{\text {TLCD }}=T_{\text {Left vertical column }}+T_{\text {Right vertical column }}+T_{\text {Horizontal column }}$
with

$$
\begin{align*}
T_{\text {Left vertical column }}= & \frac{1}{2} \rho\left(L_{v}-y\right) A_{v}\left(\dot{y}+\frac{L_{h}}{2} \dot{\alpha}\right)^{2} \\
& \pm \frac{1}{2} \rho A_{v} \cdot \int_{e \mp L_{v} \pm y}^{e}(h \dot{\alpha})^{2} \mathrm{~d} h \\
T_{\text {Right vertical column }}= & \frac{1}{2} \rho\left(L_{v}+y\right) A_{v}\left(\dot{y}+\frac{L_{h}}{2} \dot{\alpha}\right)^{2} \\
& \pm \frac{1}{2} \rho A_{v} \cdot \int_{e \mp L_{v} \mp y}^{e}(h \dot{\alpha})^{2} \mathrm{~d} h  \tag{4}\\
T_{\text {Horizontal column }}= & \frac{1}{2} \rho A_{h} L_{h}\left(\frac{A_{v}}{A_{h}} \dot{y} \pm e \dot{\alpha}\right)^{2} \\
& +\frac{1}{2} \rho A_{h} \cdot \int_{-L_{h} / 2}^{L_{h} / 2}(l \dot{\alpha})^{2} \mathrm{~d} l .
\end{align*}
$$

In Eqs. (2) and (4), $\alpha$ and $y$ denote the rotational angle of the structure and liquid displacement in the TLCD, respectively; $J_{\alpha}$ is the mass moment of inertia of the structure with respect to the rotational center; $\rho$ is the fluid density; $A_{h}\left(A_{v}\right)$ and $L_{h}\left(L_{v}\right)$ are the cross-sectional area and column length of the horizontal (vertical) liquid columns; $e$ is the vertical distance between the rotational center of the structure and the horizontal liquid column; and $h$ and $l$ are the integrating variables representing the position coordinates as indicated in Fig. 1. During the motion, the value of $y$ should be kept within the difference of $L_{v}$ and one half of the inplane width of the horizontal column cross-section for maintaining consistent $U$-shape liquid movement. The upper and lower signs in symbols $\pm$ or $\mp$ are the operations corresponding to the situations in Fig. 1(a) and (b). Similarly, the potential energy in the system can be expressed as the sum of those from the structure and TLCD, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
V=V_{\text {structure }}+V_{\mathrm{TLCD}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which the strain energy conserved in the structure, $V_{\text {structure }}$, is
$V_{\text {structure }}=\frac{1}{2} K_{\alpha} \alpha^{2}$;
and the potential energy of the liquid in the TLCD, $V_{\text {TLCD }}$, is composed of three parts, each part from different sections of the
liquid column, i.e.,
$V_{\text {TLCD }}=V_{\text {Left vertical column }}+V_{\text {Right vertical column }}+V_{\text {Horizontal column }}$
with
$V_{\text {Left vertical column }}=\mp \rho g A_{v}\left(L_{v}-y\right)\left[S_{1} \cos \left(\theta_{1} \mp \alpha\right)\right]$
$V_{\text {Right vertical column }}=\mp \rho g A_{v}\left(L_{v}+y\right)\left[S_{2} \cos \left(\theta_{2} \pm \alpha\right)\right]$
$V_{\text {Horizontal column }}=\mp \rho g A_{h} L_{h} e \cos \alpha$.
In Eqs. (6) and (8), $K_{\alpha}$ is the rotational stiffness constant of the structure; $g$ is acceleration due to gravity; $S_{1}\left(S_{2}\right)$ is the distance between the structural rotational center and the center of the left (right) vertical liquid column during the motion, and the corresponding angle formed with the TLCD center line is $\theta_{1}\left(\theta_{2}\right)$, as depicted in Fig. 1. Note that the point of zero potential energy is taken at the rotational center of the structure. After some arrangements, the kinetic energy $T$ and potential energy $V$ in Eqs. (1)-(8) can be simplified as

$$
\begin{align*}
T= & \frac{1}{2} J_{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}^{2}+\rho A_{v} L_{v}\left(\dot{y}+\frac{L_{h}}{2} \dot{\alpha}\right)^{2} \\
& +\frac{1}{3} \rho A_{v} \dot{\alpha}^{2}\left[3 e^{2} L_{v} \mp 3 e L_{v}^{2}+L_{v}^{3}+3 y^{2}\left(\mp e+L_{v}\right)\right] \\
& +\frac{1}{2} \rho A_{h} L_{h}\left(\frac{A_{v}}{A_{h}} \dot{y} \pm e \dot{\alpha}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{3} \rho A_{h} \dot{\alpha}^{2}\left(\frac{L_{h}}{2}\right)^{3} \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
V= & \frac{1}{2} K_{\alpha} \alpha^{2} \mp \rho g A_{h} L_{h} e \cos \alpha \mp 2 \rho g A_{v} L_{v} e \cos \alpha \\
& +\rho g A_{v}\left(L_{v}^{2}+y^{2}\right) \cos \alpha+\rho g A_{v} L_{h} y \sin \alpha \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

in which the relations $S_{1} \cos \theta_{1}=e \mp\left(L_{v}-y\right) / 2, S_{2} \cos \theta_{2}=$ $e \mp\left(L_{v}+y\right) / 2$ and $S_{1} \sin \theta_{1}=S_{2} \sin \theta_{2}=L_{h} / 2$ have been used for rearranging $V$. As observed in Eqs. (9) and (10), the sign $\pm$ (or $\mp$ ) appears simultaneously with the distance $e$. Thus, for conciseness in the expressions, the convention of $e$ is defined to be positive or negative as the horizontal column of a TLCD is located below or above the rotational center of a structure, and this convention will be used throughout this paper in what follows.

From Newtonian mechanics, the energy principle - the Lagrange's equations expressed by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} t}\left(\frac{\partial(T-V)}{\partial \dot{\alpha}}\right)-\frac{\partial(T-V)}{\partial \alpha}=Q_{n c, \alpha} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} t}\left(\frac{\partial(T-V)}{\partial \dot{y}}\right)-\frac{\partial(T-V)}{\partial y}=Q_{n c, y}$
shall represent the equations of the interacted motion, in which $Q_{n c, \alpha}$ and $Q_{n c, y}$ are the non-conservative forces in the directions of generalized coordinates $\alpha$ and $y$, respectively. In this study, $Q_{n c, \alpha}$ is the sum of the structural viscous damping moment expressed by $-C_{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}$, and the external moment $M(t)$ with respect to the rotational center. The term $Q_{n c, y}$, which is in fact the energydissipating force induced by the head loss of flow passing through the orifice in the horizontal column of the TLCD, is equal to $-\frac{1}{2} \rho \eta\left(\frac{A_{v}}{A_{h}}\right) \dot{y}\left|\left(\frac{A_{v}}{A_{h}}\right) \dot{y}\right| A_{h}$, in which $\eta$ is the so-called head loss coefficient. With the assumption of $\alpha \ll 1$ (which implies $\sin \alpha \approx$ $\alpha$ and $\cos \alpha \approx 1$ ), the resultant equations of motion for the structure and liquid surface displacement can be obtained as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left(J_{d}+J_{\alpha}\right) \ddot{\alpha}+C_{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}+K_{\alpha} \alpha+\rho \nu A_{h} L_{h}\left(L_{v}+e\right) \ddot{y} \\
& \quad+\rho g A_{h}\left(L_{h}+2 v L_{v}\right) e \alpha+\rho g v A_{h} L_{h} y-\rho g \nu A_{h} L_{v}^{2} \alpha=M(t) \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

and
$\rho \nu A_{h} L_{h}\left(L_{v}+e\right) \ddot{\alpha}+\rho \nu A_{h}\left(2 L_{v}+\nu L_{h}\right) \ddot{y}$
$+\frac{1}{2} \rho \eta \nu^{2} A_{h} \dot{y}|\dot{y}|+\rho g \nu A_{h} L_{h} \alpha+2 \rho g \nu A_{h} y=0$
in which $v=A_{v} / A_{h}$ is the cross-section ratio of the vertical column versus horizontal column, $J_{d}=\rho A_{h}\left[(1 / 2) v L_{v} L_{h}^{2}+2 v e^{2} L_{v}\right.$ $\left.-2 v e L_{v}^{2}+(2 / 3) v L_{v}^{3}+L_{h} e^{2}+(1 / 12) L_{h}^{3}\right]$ is the mass moment of inertia of the fluid contained in a TLCD with respect to the rotational center. It is noted that all the terms involving the nonlinear terms of $\alpha$ and $y$, including three terms in the left hand side of Eq. (12), i.e., $-\rho g \nu A_{h} y^{2} \alpha-4 \rho v A_{h}\left(e-L_{v}\right) y \dot{y} \dot{\alpha}-2 \rho v A_{h}\left(e-L_{v}\right) y^{2} \ddot{\alpha}$, and one term in the left hand side of Eq. (13), i.e., $2 \rho v A_{h}(e-$ $\left.L_{v}\right) y \dot{\alpha}^{2}$, have been neglected under the assumption $\alpha \ll 1$ and $y / L_{h} \ll 1$. Their trivial contribution can be more easily observed if nondimensionalization is performed on them according to the procedure described in Section 2.2.

As observed from Eq. (12), the additional term $-\rho g \nu A_{h} L_{v}^{2} \alpha$ which can be actually traced back to the potential energy $V_{\text {Left vertical column }}+V_{\text {Right vertical column }}$ is never considered in the existing literature (i.e., [12-14]). It will be denoted as the additional term in what follows in this paper. Since this additional term is a linear function of $\alpha$, it will contribute an extra stiffness to the structure and therefore alter the natural frequency of the structure.

In the case that the structural motion is specified, the liquid motion in the TLCD can be determined by Eq. (13) only. As such, the natural frequency of a TLCD can be easily shown as $\omega_{d}=\sqrt{2 g / L_{e}}$, in which $L_{e}=2 L_{v}+v L_{h}$ is defined as the effective length of liquid column. Consequently, the natural period of a TLCD, $T_{d}$, is equal to $2 \pi \sqrt{L_{e} / 2 g}$. Note that the effective length $L_{e}$ is equal to the total length $L$ of the liquid column if all cross-sections are uniform (i.e., $v=1$ ).

Since this paper conducted a basic research on the interaction between a structure and TLCD in pitching motion, a single-degree-of-freedom structure is used for simplicity. For a multiple-degree-of-freedom system with a dominant torsional mode in the higher mode, the torsional modal equation should be obtained by performing the modal decomposition technique with the torsional mode shape component at the location where the TLCD is installed set to one. Then the corresponding modal mass, stiffness and damping will be used as the structural properties in the formula described above.

### 2.2. Nondimensionalization for equations of motion

To facilitate further derivation, nondimensionalization for the equations of motion in Eqs. (12) and (13) was performed and the resultant equations are expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
& (1+\mu) \alpha^{\prime \prime}+4 \pi \xi \beta_{1} \alpha^{\prime}+4 \pi^{2} \beta_{1}^{2} \alpha+\frac{\nu \varepsilon r}{p} \hat{y}^{\prime \prime}+2 \pi^{2} \frac{\nu \varepsilon q}{m n} \alpha \\
& \quad+2 \pi^{2} \frac{\nu \varepsilon}{n} \hat{y}-\frac{\pi^{2} \nu \varepsilon}{2 n}\left(\frac{1}{p}-1\right)^{2} \alpha=\hat{M}(\hat{t})  \tag{14}\\
& \frac{n r}{p} \alpha^{\prime \prime}+\hat{y}^{\prime \prime}+\frac{1}{2} \nu n \eta\left|\hat{y}^{\prime}\right| \hat{y}^{\prime}+2 \pi^{2} \alpha+4 \pi^{2} \hat{y}=0 \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

in which (') represents the differentiation with respect to $\hat{t}=t / T_{d}$. Other nondimensional quantities are defined as follows: $\hat{y}=y / L_{h}$; $\hat{M}(\hat{t})=M T_{d}^{2} / J_{\alpha} ; \beta_{1}=\omega_{\alpha} / \omega_{d}$ is the natural frequency ratio of the structure versus $\operatorname{TLCD}\left(\omega_{\alpha}=\sqrt{K_{\alpha} / J_{\alpha}}\right.$ is the structural natural frequency) $\xi=C_{\alpha} / 2 J_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}$ is the structural damping ratio; $p=L_{h} / L$ is the ratio of the horizontal column length versus total length of a TLCD; $q=e / L_{h}$ is the ratio of the distance between the rotational center and horizontal column versus the TLCD horizontal column length; $m$ and $n$ are two parameters related to $p$ and $v$ (i.e., $m=v p /(v+p(1-v))$ is the ratio of $v L_{h}$ versus $\left(L_{h}+2 v L_{v}\right)$ and $n=p /(1-p(1-v))$ is the ratio of $L_{h}$ versus $L_{e}$ ); $r$ is a parameter depending on $p$ and $q$ (i.e., $r=p q+(1-p) / 2$ ); $\mu=J_{d} / J_{\alpha}$ is the ratio of mass moment of inertia of the TLCD versus
structure; and $\varepsilon=\rho A_{h} L_{h}^{3} / J_{\alpha}$. The parameters $\mu$ and $\varepsilon$ are related to each other by

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu= & \varepsilon\left[\frac{1}{2} v\left(\frac{1-p}{2 p}\right)+2 v q^{2}\left(\frac{1-p}{2 p}\right)-2 v q\left(\frac{1-p}{2 p}\right)^{2}\right. \\
& \left.+\frac{2}{3} v\left(\frac{1-p}{2 p}\right)^{3}+q^{2}+\frac{1}{12}\right],
\end{aligned}
$$

which can be obtained by expressing $J_{d}$ as a function of $\varepsilon, p, q$ and $\nu$. It is noticed that the term $-\frac{\pi^{2} v \varepsilon}{2 n}\left(\frac{1}{p}-1\right)^{2} \alpha$ in Eq. (14) is the additional term in the dimensionless form.

### 2.3. Equivalent viscous damping under harmonic loading

If a system is subjected to a harmonic type of loading, the nonlinear damping force term (1/2) $\rho \eta v^{2} A_{h} \dot{y}|\dot{y}|$ in Eq. (13) can be replaced by an equivalent viscous damping force expressed as $\frac{4}{3 \pi} \rho \eta v^{2} A_{h} \varphi_{y} \omega \dot{y}$, in which $\varphi_{y}$ is the amplitude of liquid displacement $y$ and $\omega$ is the circular excitation frequency (see Gao et al. [5]). This relationship can be easily derived by equating the energy dissipated in one cycle by the nonlinear damping force and that by the equivalent viscous damping force. Thus, the nondimensionalized equation in Eq. (15) can be rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{n r}{p} \alpha^{\prime \prime}+\hat{y}^{\prime \prime}+\frac{8}{3} \nu n \eta \varphi_{\hat{y}} k \hat{y}^{\prime}+2 \pi^{2} \alpha+4 \pi^{2} \hat{y}=0 \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which $k=\omega / \omega_{d}$ is the ratio of the excitation frequency versus TLCD natural frequency (excitation frequency ratio); and $\varphi_{\hat{y}}=\varphi_{y} / L_{h}$ is the nondimensionalized amplitude of the liquid displacement.

### 2.4. Analytical solution to harmonic loading

By replacing $\alpha, \hat{y}$ and $\hat{M}(\hat{t})$ by the complex harmonic functions $\alpha_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} 2 \pi k \hat{t}}, \hat{y}_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} 2 \pi k \hat{t}}$ and $\hat{M}_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} 2 \pi k \hat{t}}(\mathrm{i}=\sqrt{-1}$ ), respectively, the complex amplitude $\alpha_{0}$ and $\hat{y}_{0}$ can be obtained as functions of the force amplitude $\hat{M}_{0}$, i.e.,
$\alpha_{0}=T_{\alpha \hat{M}} \hat{M}_{0}$
$\hat{y}_{0}=T_{\hat{y} \hat{M}} \hat{M}_{0}$
in which $T_{\alpha \hat{M}}$ and $T_{\hat{y} \hat{M}}$ are the frequency response functions of $\alpha$ and $\hat{y}$ induced by $\hat{M}$, expressed as
$T_{\alpha \hat{M}}=\frac{2\left(1-k^{2}\right)+\mathrm{i}\left(\frac{8}{3 \pi} k^{2} v n \eta \varphi_{\hat{y}}\right)}{G} ;$
$T_{\hat{y} \hat{M}}=\frac{\left(2 k^{2} \frac{n r}{p}-1\right)}{G}$
with

$$
\begin{align*}
G= & \left(T_{B}+T_{C} \cdot \varphi_{\hat{y}}\right)+\mathrm{i}\left(T_{D}+T_{E} \cdot \varphi_{\hat{y}}\right)  \tag{20}\\
T_{B}= & 8 \pi^{2}\left(1-k^{2}\right)\left[\beta_{1}^{2}-k^{2}(1+\mu)+\frac{\nu \varepsilon q}{2 m n}\right. \\
& \left.-\frac{\nu \varepsilon}{8 n}\left(\frac{1}{p}-1\right)^{2}\right]-2 \pi^{2} \varepsilon\left(\frac{v}{n}-4 k^{2} \frac{\nu r}{p}+4 k^{4} \frac{\nu n r^{2}}{p^{2}}\right) \\
T_{C}= & -\frac{64}{3} \pi k^{3} \nu n \eta \xi \beta_{1} ; \quad T_{D}=16 \pi^{2} k \xi \beta_{1}\left(1-k^{2}\right)  \tag{21}\\
T_{E}= & \frac{32}{3} \pi k^{2} \nu n \eta\left[\left(\beta_{1}^{2}+\frac{\nu \varepsilon q}{2 m n}\right)-k^{2}(1+\mu)\right. \\
& \left.-\frac{\nu \varepsilon}{8 n}\left(\frac{1}{p}-1\right)^{2}\right] .
\end{align*}
$$

By using the relation $\varphi_{\hat{y}}=\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$, the substitution of Eqs. (19)-(21) into square of the absolute value on both sides of Eqs. (17) and (18) leads to
$\left|\alpha_{0}\right|^{2}=\frac{T_{F} \cdot \hat{M}_{0}^{2}}{\left(T_{B}+T_{C} \cdot\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|\right)^{2}+\left(T_{D}+T_{E} \cdot\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|\right)^{2}}$
$\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|^{2}=\frac{T_{A} \cdot \hat{M}_{0}^{2}}{\left(T_{B}+T_{C} \cdot\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|\right)^{2}+\left(T_{D}+T_{E} \cdot\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|\right)^{2}}$
in which
$T_{F}=4\left(1-k^{2}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{8}{3 \pi} k^{2} \nu n \eta\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|\right)^{2} ;$
$T_{A}=\left(2 k^{2} \frac{n r}{p}-1\right)^{2}$.


Fig. 2. Comparisons of the simulated analytical responses versus $k$ under harmonic loading; (a) Case 1: $\hat{M}_{0}=0.7, \xi=1 \%, \beta_{1}=1, \eta=5, q=0.1, p=0.5, v=$ $3, \mu=10 \%$; (b) Case 2: $\hat{M}_{0}=0.7, \xi=1 \%, \beta_{1}=1, \eta=5, q=0.4, p=0.5, v=$ $1, \mu=10 \%$.
(b) Case 2: $q=0.4, p=0.5, v=1, \mu=10 \%$ ). As shown in Fig. 2, the responses caused by the additional term are obviously different because the term provides an additional stiffness to the original structure, and the difference in $\left|\alpha_{0}\right|$ and $\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$ varies with the excitation frequency ratio $k$.

In the practical application to bridges, using a $2 \%$ value of $\mu$ is reasonable (normally $1 \%-3 \%$ ). A value of 0.5 or 0.6 for $p$ is possible if the bridge deck (most possibly box girder) inside has no enough horizontal space for the TLCD. For example, if a uniform TLCD is tuned to 0.15 Hz , the required total column length $L$ is 22.11 m . Thus, the horizontal length calculated by using $p=0.5-0.6$ is $11.05-13.27 \mathrm{~m}$, which is a space-demanding requirement. A larger $p$ will even result in a bigger demand in horizontal space, which is not possible to be achieved in actual implementation.

Therefore, in order to verify the existence of this additional term, large scale models for TLCDs and structure were constructed and extensive tests for identifying the individual parts as well as the interacted system subjected to harmonic loading were performed. The pertinent experimental results, including the setup and procedures, will be described in the next three Sections 3-5.

## 3. Tests for identifying structural properties

To model the pitching motion of bridge sections, a large scale spring-constrained steel beam pivoted at mid-span, which represents a typical single-degree-of-freedom rotational structure, was constructed in the structural laboratory of National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. The configuration and picture of the experimental setup were shown in Fig. 3(a) and (b), respectively. Since the TLCD frame (without fluid) contains mass, it should be included as one part of the structural mass. To magnify the interaction effect

Table 1
Comparisons of the simulated analytical responses under harmonic loading:

|  |  |  | $\underline{\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|}$ |  |  |  | $\left\|y_{0}\right\|$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $v$ (2) | $\mu(\%)$ (3) | $k$ (4) | Without additional term <br> (5) | With additional term (6) | Relative error <br> (\%) <br> (7) | $k$ (8) | Without additional term (9) | With additional term <br> (10) | Relative error <br> (\%) <br> (11) |
| (a) $\hat{M}_{0}=0.7, \xi=1 \%, \beta_{1}=1, \eta=5, q=0.1$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 0.977 | 0.3572 | 0.4343 | 21.58 | 0.977 | 0.2727 | 0.3010 | 10.39 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.969 | 0.2803 | 0.3487 | 24.38 | 1.006 | 0.2566 | 0.2259 | -12.00 |
|  |  | 5 | 1.006 | 0.2439 | 0.1833 | -24.86 | 0.865 | 0.1054 | 0.1232 | 16.96 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.826 | 0.1033 | 0.1478 | 43.07 | 0.821 | 0.0884 | 0.1241 | 40.37 |
|  | 2 | 2 | 1.018 | 0.2264 | 0.1890 | -16.50 | 0.849 | 0.1002 | 0.1092 | 9.02 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.847 | 0.0946 | 0.1099 | 16.10 | 0.830 | 0.0932 | 0.1066 | 14.34 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.803 | 0.0882 | 0.1135 | 28.62 | 0.797 | 0.0842 | 0.1069 | 26.89 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.722 | 0.0836 | 0.1453 | 73.79 | 0.720 | 0.0673 | 0.1158 | 72.00 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 0.836 | 0.0877 | 0.0998 | 13.78 | 0.819 | 0.0907 | 0.1018 | 12.31 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.801 | 0.0830 | 0.1008 | 21.52 | 0.793 | 0.0834 | 0.1002 | 20.06 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.751 | 0.0816 | 0.1150 | 41.00 | 0.748 | 0.0744 | 0.1038 | 39.48 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.640 | 0.0756 | 0.1668 | 120.63 | 0.639 | 0.0555 | 0.1216 | 119.05 |
| 0.6 | 1 | 2 | 1.010 | 0.3539 | 0.3222 | -8.96 | 1.010 | 0.2527 | 0.2411 | -4.59 |
|  |  | 3 | 1.012 | 0.2667 | 0.2399 | -10.04 | 1.012 | 0.2182 | 0.2070 | -5.17 |
|  |  | 5 | 1.023 | 0.1653 | 0.1487 | -10.04 | 0.842 | 0.0970 | 0.1046 | 7.79 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.797 | 0.0998 | 0.1183 | 18.60 | 0.793 | 0.0859 | 0.1012 | 17.78 |
|  | 2 | 2 | 1.043 | 0.1425 | 0.1332 | -6.54 | 0.824 | 0.0921 | 0.0967 | 5.08 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.810 | 0.0866 | 0.0941 | 8.66 | 0.801 | 0.0870 | 0.0940 | 8.06 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.764 | 0.0877 | 0.1013 | 15.58 | 0.760 | 0.0804 | 0.0925 | 14.99 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.669 | 0.0927 | 0.1296 | 39.83 | 0.668 | 0.0706 | 0.0984 | 39.28 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 0.797 | 0.0821 | 0.0888 | 8.10 | 0.789 | 0.0852 | 0.0917 | 7.57 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.761 | 0.0834 | 0.0941 | 12.89 | 0.757 | 0.0805 | 0.0904 | 12.36 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.700 | 0.0872 | 0.1089 | 24.85 | 0.699 | 0.0743 | 0.0923 | 24.33 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.564 | 0.0939 | 0.1644 | 75.02 | 0.564 | 0.0636 | 0.1110 | 74.54 |
| 0.7 | 1 | 2 | 1.014 | 0.2841 | 0.2739 | -3.58 | 1.014 | 0.2253 | 0.2212 | -1.81 |
|  |  | 3 | 1.020 | 0.2010 | 0.1935 | -3.74 | 0.846 | 0.0976 | 0.0994 | 1.91 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.831 | 0.0956 | 0.0991 | 3.64 | 0.820 | 0.0911 | 0.0941 | 3.35 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.768 | 0.0971 | 0.1047 | 7.80 | 0.765 | 0.0835 | 0.0898 | 7.54 |
|  | 2 | 2 | 0.811 | 0.0840 | 0.0864 | 2.86 | 0.800 | 0.0872 | 0.0895 | 2.64 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.777 | 0.0845 | 0.0883 | 4.42 | 0.772 | 0.0834 | 0.0869 | 4.20 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.724 | 0.0903 | 0.0976 | 8.07 | 0.721 | 0.0786 | 0.0847 | 7.87 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.609 | 0.1053 | 0.1274 | 20.98 | 0.609 | 0.0754 | 0.0911 | 20.81 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 0.761 | 0.0823 | 0.0860 | 4.51 | 0.756 | 0.0812 | 0.0848 | 4.31 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.718 | 0.0871 | 0.0935 | 7.31 | 0.715 | 0.0780 | 0.0836 | 7.12 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.642 | 0.0974 | 0.1115 | 14.44 | 0.641 | 0.0754 | 0.0862 | 14.27 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.464 | 0.1246 | 0.1837 | 47.43 | 0.464 | 0.0762 | 0.1123 | 47.30 |
| (b) $\hat{M}_{0}=0.7, \xi=1 \%, \beta_{1}=1, \eta=5, q=0.4$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 0.992 | 0.5292 | 0.6604 | 24.80 | 0.992 | 0.1699 | 0.1899 | 11.76 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.993 | 0.4885 | 0.6737 | 37.92 | 0.993 | 0.1618 | 0.1901 | 17.49 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.995 | 0.4227 | 0.6967 | 64.81 | 0.995 | 0.1479 | 0.1900 | 28.43 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.997 | 0.2859 | 0.6602 | 130.91 | 0.997 | 0.1195 | 0.1816 | 52.01 |
|  | 2 | 2 | 0.992 | 0.3196 | 0.4141 | 29.59 | 0.992 | 0.2167 | 0.2467 | 13.86 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.992 | 0.2413 | 0.3243 | 34.40 | 0.992 | 0.1882 | 0.2183 | 15.96 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.994 | 0.1575 | 0.2109 | 33.89 | 1.097 | 0.0754 | 0.0610 | -19.07 |
|  |  | 10 | 1.096 | 0.2046 | 0.1165 | -43.04 | 0.830 | 0.0605 | 0.0837 | 38.31 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 0.987 | 0.1804 | 0.2201 | 22.00 | 1.042 | 0.1862 | 0.1657 | -11.02 |
|  |  | 3 | 1.065 | 0.1859 | 0.1467 | -21.07 | 0.836 | 0.0763 | 0.0877 | 14.92 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.821 | 0.0698 | 0.0892 | 27.84 | 0.813 | 0.0672 | 0.0847 | 26.11 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.769 | 0.0604 | 0.0750 | 61.44 | 0.766 | 0.0523 | 0.0836 | 59.66 |
| 0.6 | 1 | 2 | 0.991 | 0.5688 | 0.6269 | 10.21 | 0.991 | 0.1754 | 0.1842 | 5.00 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.991 | 0.5292 | 0.6095 | 15.18 | 0.991 | 0.1692 | 0.1816 | 7.35 |
|  |  | 5 | 0.992 | 0.4834 | 0.6035 | 24.84 | 0.992 | 0.1605 | 0.1794 | 11.77 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.994 | 0.3898 | 0.5716 | 46.66 | 0.994 | 0.1420 | 0.1721 | 21.14 |
|  | 2 | 2 | 0.990 | 0.3039 | 0.3402 | 11.97 | 1.024 | 0.2111 | 0.1987 | -5.86 |
|  |  | 3 | 0.989 | 0.2233 | 0.2518 | 12.81 | 1.033 | 0.1821 | 0.1698 | -6.76 |
|  |  | 5 | 1.056 | 0.1991 | 0.1712 | -14.02 | 1.110 | 0.0638 | 0.0582 | -8.89 |
|  |  | 10 | 1.112 | 0.1392 | 0.1103 | -20.82 | 1.126 | 0.0586 | 0.0481 | -17.82 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 1.049 | 0.1863 | 0.1700 | -8.75 | 0.835 | 0.0816 | 0.0855 | 4.88 |
|  |  | 3 | 1.089 | 0.1368 | 0.1240 | -9.34 | 0.818 | 0.0760 | 0.0817 | 7.46 |
|  |  | 5 | 1.143 | 0.1045 | 0.0902 | -13.66 | 0.789 | 0.0685 | 0.0774 | 12.99 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.734 | 0.0701 | 0.0910 | 29.83 | 0.732 | 0.0581 | 0.0750 | 29.24 |

Table 1 (continued)

|  |  |  | $\underline{\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|}$ |  |  |  | $\underline{\left\|y_{0}\right\|}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $p$ (1) | $v$ (2) | $\mu(\%)$ (3) | $k$ (4) | Without additional term (5) | With additional term (6) | Relative error <br> (\%) <br> (7) | $k$ (8) | Without additional term <br> (9) | With additional term <br> (10) | Relative error <br> (\%) <br> (11) |
|  |  | 2 | 0.990 | 0.5873 | 0.6111 | 4.06 | 0.990 | 0.1777 | 0.1813 | 2.02 |
|  | 1 | 3 | 0.990 | 0.5668 | 0.6005 | 5.94 | 0.990 | 0.1746 | 0.1797 | 2.94 |
|  | 1 | 5 | 0.990 | 0.5289 | 0.5786 | 9.39 | 0.989 | 0.1659 | 0.1736 | 4.60 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.989 | 0.4313 | 0.5014 | 16.26 | 1.012 | 0.1436 | 0.1320 | -8.05 |
|  |  | 2 | 1.025 | 0.3024 | 0.2881 | -4.72 | 1.026 | 0.1929 | 0.1883 | -2.41 |
| 0.7 | 2 | 3 | 1.036 | 0.2263 | 0.2147 | -5.10 | 1.038 | 0.1607 | 0.1564 | -2.66 |
| 0.7 | 2 | 5 | 1.069 | 0.1549 | 0.1464 | -5.49 | 1.122 | 0.0571 | 0.0549 | -3.87 |
|  |  | 10 | 1.129 | 0.1084 | 0.0986 | -9.03 | 1.139 | 0.0509 | 0.0469 | -7.88 |
|  |  | 2 | 1.066 | 0.1432 | 0.1383 | -3.40 | 0.819 | 0.0796 | 0.0815 | 2.36 |
|  |  | 3 | 1.127 | 0.1003 | 0.0962 | -4.06 | 0.798 | 0.0748 | 0.0775 | 3.63 |
|  | 3 | 5 | 0.766 | 0.0760 | 0.0810 | 6.60 | 0.762 | 0.0687 | 0.0731 | 6.37 |
|  |  | 10 | 0.691 | 0.0793 | 0.0910 | 14.71 | 0.690 | 0.0620 | 0.0710 | 14.51 |

Table 2
Identified results of the structure

| Structure model <br> $(1)$ | Natural frequency $\omega_{\alpha}(\mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{s})$ <br> $(2)$ | Damping ratio $\xi(\%)$ <br> $(3)$ | Mass moment of inertia $J_{\alpha}\left(\right.$ Nms $\left.^{2}\right)$ <br> $(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Beam + TLCD $(\nu=2)$ frame | $0.3623 \times 2 \pi$ | 0.424 | 757.28 |
| Beam + TLCD $(\nu=3)$ frame | $0.3010 \times 2 \pi$ | 0.446 | 1015.94 |



Fig. 3. Experimental setup of the spring-constrained steel beam and TLCD: (a) Configuration of the setup; (b) Picture of the setup.
between the TLCD and structure as needed for the interaction tests, their natural frequencies were principally designed to be kept close to each other. In the following tests, two sets of TLCD models were designed, denoted as $v=2$ and $v=3$ (see Section 4 for their
detailed configurations), and the combined structural mass moments of inertia were accordingly adjusted by adding steel bricks on the steel beam so that the natural frequencies can comply with what were designed. Free vibration tests were performed by giving an initial rotation angle to the steel beam, and the responses were recorded. A direct measurement of peak-to-peak duration easily leads to the natural frequency $\omega_{\alpha}$, while the damping ratio $\xi$ was obtained by using logarithmic decrement method. Additionally, the structural rotational stiffness $K_{\alpha}$ can be identified from the moment-rotation relation that was performed using the driving actuator shown in Fig. 3. Based on the relation $K_{\alpha}=J_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^{2}$, the mass moment of inertia $J_{\alpha}$ can be thus computed. The identified results of the structure were tabulated in Table 2.

## 4. Tests for identifying TLCD properties

Two sets of TLCD models with horizontal length ratio $v$ equal to 2 and 3 were designed for the tests. Their detailed configurations were listed in Table 3, in which the values of theoretical natural frequencies provided in Eq. (13) are also shown for comparison with test results. In the mid-span of the TLCD horizontal column, five sets of orifice plates with blocking ratio $\psi$ ranging from $0 \%$ (fully open), $20 \%, 40 \%, 60 \%$ to $80 \%$ were designed to provide different choices of energy-dissipating capabilities that corresponds to different head loss coefficients to be identified. To identify the TLCD properties such as the natural frequency and head loss, the TLCDs were placed on the top of the steel beam which can be driven by an actuator as a platform for generating rotational motion (see Fig. 3).

### 4.1. TLCD natural frequency

The natural frequencies of TLCDs were identified by free vibration tests. With the actuator commanded in displacement mode, a harmonic rotation is firstly specified to the steel beam for a certain duration of time until an appreciable liquid motion is formed. A sudden stop of the actuator at the equilibrium (horizontal) position can lead to a simple free vibration of the liquid surface. In this way, the TLCD natural frequency $\omega_{d}$ can be directly measured from the peak-to-peak duration of the wave sensor readings. The case with a blocking ratio equal to $0 \%$ was used to minimize the damping effect. The identified frequencies of the two sets of TLCDs were shown in Table 4. Comparison with theoretical values shows that the relative errors are both less than $5 \%$, which is fairly acceptable.

Table 3
Configurations of TLCD models

| Configuration | TLCD $(v=2)$ <br> $(1)$ | TLCD $(v=3)$ <br> $(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $A_{v}\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ | $30 \times 15$ |  |
| $A_{h}\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ | $15 \times 15$ |  |
| $L_{h}(\mathrm{~cm})$ | 145 |  |
| $L_{v}(\mathrm{~cm})$ | 48.33 |  |
| $e(\mathrm{~cm})$ | -62.5 |  |
| $\nu=A_{v} / A_{h}$ | 2 |  |
| $L=L_{h}+2 L_{v}(\mathrm{~cm})$ | 241.66 |  |
| $L_{e}=v L_{h}+2 L_{v}(\mathrm{~cm})$ | 386.66 |  |
| $J_{d}\left(\mathrm{Ns}^{2} \mathrm{~m}\right)$ | 74.671 |  |
| $\mu=J_{d} / J_{\alpha}(\%)$ | 9.86 |  |
| $p=L_{h} / L$ | 0.6 |  |
| $q=e / L_{h}$ | -0.43 |  |
| Theoretical natural frequency $\omega_{d}=\left(2 g / L_{e}\right)^{1 / 2}(\mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{s})$ | $0.36 \times 2 \pi$ |  |
| Blocking ratio $\psi(\%)$ | $0,20,40,60,80$ |  |

Table 4
Identified natural frequencies of TLCD models

| TLCD model | Identified natural frequency (rad/s) <br> $(2)$ | Relative error $(\%)$ <br> $(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\operatorname{TLCD}(\nu=2)$ | $0.3722 \times 2 \pi$ | 3.27 |
| $\operatorname{TLCD}(\nu=3)$ | $0.3251 \times 2 \pi$ | 4.64 |

Table 5
Identified head loss coefficients of TLCD models

| Blocking ratio $\psi(\%)$ | Head loss coefficient $\eta$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TLCD $(v=2)$ | TLCD $(v=3)$ |
| $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ |
| 0 | 7.0 | 9.7 |
| 20 | 9.1 | 12.4 |
| 40 | 14.1 | 20.9 |
| 60 | 33.5 | 49.0 |
| 80 | 149.0 | 230.0 |

### 4.2. TLCD head loss coefficients

The head loss coefficients corresponding to various blocking ratios can be identified through a series of forced vibration tests, in which harmonic rotations with a fixed amplitude and a set of certain frequencies were specified to the steel beam by commanding the actuator in displacement mode. Theoretically, the analytical solution for the liquid displacement $\hat{y}$ under a harmonic rotation $\alpha$ of the structure can be derived in the following manner. By replacing $\alpha$ and $\hat{y}$ in Eq. (16) by $\alpha_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} 2 \pi k \hat{t}}$ and $\hat{y}_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} 2 \pi k \hat{t}}$, and according to $\varphi_{\hat{y}}=\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$, the steady-state amplitude of liquid displacement $\varphi_{\hat{y}}$ can be solved in terms of the rotation amplitude $\alpha_{0}$, see Box I. In the tests, for each blocking ratio $\psi$, the harmonic motions with a fixed displacement amplitude of 30 mm (i.e., $\alpha_{0}=$ 0.03 rad ) and a series of different excitation frequencies were sequentially specified to the steel beam by commanding the actuator, and the steady-state response of the liquid displacement was correspondingly measured by the wave sensor. The relation of these liquid displacement amplitudes $\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$ versus the excitation frequencies ratio $k\left(k=\omega / \omega_{d}\right)$ can be plotted and compared with analytical curve shown in Box I. By curve-fitting both curves, the value of the head loss coefficient $\eta$ in Box I can be determined. Shown in Fig. 4(a) and (b) were the plots of $\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$ versus $k$ for the two sets of TLCDs, respectively, where the experimental and curve-fitted responses are denoted by the marks and solid curves, respectively. The results of the identified head loss coefficients corresponding to different blocking ratios for the two sets of TLCD models were shown in Table 5. As observed from Table 5, the head loss coefficients increase monotonically with the blocking ratio $\psi$, and also with the cross-section ratio $\nu$.


Fig. 4. Plots of $\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|$ versus $k$ (to identify head loss coefficients of TLCDs) : (a) TLCD ( $v=2$ ); (b) TLCD $(v=3)$.

## 5. Tests for interaction between TLCD and structure

Based on the analytical simulated results in Table 1 and Fig. 2, this section is to perform interaction tests on a structural model equipped with a TLCD to verify the existence of the additional term. Since this verification is focused on one term only, the best and most efficient way is to choose appropriate values of parameters (such as a larger $\mu$ and smaller $p$ ) such that the difference in the response caused by the additional term is as clear as possible. By the TLCD configurations shown in Table 3, the computed mass moments of inertia for the two sets of TLCDs are 74.670 and $102.807 \mathrm{Nms}^{2}$, which are corresponding to the ratios of mass moment of inertia ( $\mu=J_{d} / J_{\alpha}$ ) equal to $9.86 \%$ and $10.12 \%$, respectively. The horizontal length ratio $p$ for both TLCDs ( $v=2$ and $v=3$ ) is 0.6 .

In this part of tests, the TLCD was placed on the top of the steel beam (see Fig. 3) so that a two-degree-of-freedom system is

$$
\varphi_{\hat{y}}=\left|\hat{y}_{0}\right|=\frac{\sqrt{-2 \pi^{2}\left(1-k^{2}\right)^{2}+\left[4 \pi^{4}\left(1-k^{2}\right)^{4}+\left(\frac{8}{3} \nu n \eta k^{2}\right)^{2} \pi^{2}\left(2 k^{2} \frac{n r}{p}-1\right)^{2} \alpha_{0}^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}}}{\frac{8}{3} \nu n \eta k^{2}}
$$

Box I.


Fig. 5. Error comparison of the interacted responses w/wo the additional term considered for the test structure equipped with TLCD ( $\nu=2$ ).
formed to verify the interaction between the TLCD and structure. For each blocking ratio $\psi$, a series of forced vibration tests were performed by commanding the actuator in the displacement mode to provide a harmonic motion with a fixed amplitude of 30 mm (i.e., $\alpha_{0}=0.03 \mathrm{rad}$ ) and a series of different frequencies to the steel beam. The use of displacement mode in 30 mm maximum is due to the limited capacity of the actuator to be operated within a sustainable stability. The steady-state external force applied to the steel beam (and moment $M$ accordingly) was therefore measured by the load cell sensor installed between the actuator and the steel beam, whereas the steady-state responses including the liquid displacement of the TLCD and the rotation of the steel beam were measured by the wave and displacement sensors.

As mentioned in the Section 3, the natural frequency of the TLCD was designed to tune to that of the structure for magnifying the interaction effect. As a consequence of such a resonance effect, the structural response is reduced, while the liquid motion in the TLCD is amplified. Due to the fact that the interacted
responses are sensitive to the external force which is not quite so easy to be accurately measured by the load cell under the interference of noise, to maximize experimental accuracy, the excitation frequencies in our interest for verifying the interaction effect are best represented by the ones near resonance, i.e., by choosing $k$ near 1 .

The interacted responses from tests for the two sets of TLCDs were tabulated in columns (4), (5) of Tables 6 and 7, respectively, in different conditions of blocking ratio. The simulated analytical responses without the additional term considered and with the additional term considered were also shown in columns (6), (7) and (8), (9), respectively, for comparison. In columns (6)-(9), the values inside the parentheses are the relative errors with respect to the experimental results shown in columns (4) and (5). The relative errors of the simulated responses in different conditions of blocking ratios for the two sets of TLCDs were also plotted in Figs. 5 and 6 for a better illustration. As observed from Tables 6 and 7 and Figs. 5 and 6, it is apparent that relative errors in


Fig. 6. Error comparison of the interacted responses $w /$ wo the additional term considered for the test structure equipped with TLCD $(v=3)$.

Table 6
Comparison of experimental and analytical results in the pitching interaction of the structure and TLCD ( $\nu=2$ )

| Structure + TLCD ( $\nu=2$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \psi(\%) \\ & (1) \end{aligned}$ | k <br> (2) | $\begin{aligned} & \hat{M}_{0} \\ & (3) \end{aligned}$ | Experimental |  | Analytical |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Without additional term |  | With additional term |  |
|  |  |  | $\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|$ (4) | $\left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\|$ <br> (5) | $\overline{\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|}$ (6) | $\left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\|$ <br> (7) | $\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|$ <br> (8) | $\left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\|$ <br> (9) |
| 0 | 0.8458 | 0.529 | 0.03 | 0.04682 | 0.03261 (8.70\%) | 0.05737 (22.53\%) | 0.03057 (1.90\%) | 0.05407 (15.48\%) |
|  | 0.8967 | 0.810 | 0.03 | 0.06297 | 0.03286 (9.52\%) | 0.07361 (16.90\%) | 0.03136 (4.52\%) | 0.07103 (12.79\%) |
|  | 0.9500 | 1.062 | 0.03 | 0.08101 | 0.03543 (18.10\%) | 0.09102 (12.35\%) | 0.03413 (13.75\%) | 0.08912 (10.00\%) |
|  | 1.0035 | 1.006 | 0.03 | 0.08440 | 0.03470 (15.66\%) | 0.09106 (7.90\%) | 0.03393 (13.09\%) | 0.09004 (6.69\%) |
| 20 | 0.8458 | 0.521 | 0.03 | 0.04722 | 0.03301 (10.04\%) | 0.05643 (19.51\%) | 0.03088 (2.92\%) | 0.05321 (12.69\%) |
|  | 0.8969 | 0.775 | 0.03 | 0.06104 | 0.03386 (12.87\%) | 0.07026 (15.11\%) | 0.03219 (7.29\%) | 0.06777 (11.02\%) |
|  | 0.9500 | 0.968 | 0.03 | 0.07392 | 0.03650 (21.67\%) | 0.08231 (11.34\%) | 0.03502 (16.74\%) | 0.08047 (8.85\%) |
|  | 1.0027 | 0.894 | 0.03 | 0.07434 | 0.03402 (13.38\%) | 0.07915 (6.47\%) | 0.03310 (10.33\%) | 0.07434 (5.03\%) |
| 40 | 0.8459 | 0.513 | 0.03 | 0.04578 | 0.03526 (17.53\%) | 0.05530 (20.77\%) | 0.03279 (9.29\%) | 0.05222 (14.05\%) |
|  | 0.8973 | 0.718 | 0.03 | 0.05597 | 0.03716 (23.86\%) | 0.06464 (15.49\%) | 0.03502 (16.73\%) | 0.06226 (11.24\%) |
|  | 0.9507 | 0.785 | 0.03 | 0.05932 | 0.03496 (16.54\%) | 0.06572 (10.79\%) | 0.03335 (11.16\%) | 0.06409 (8.04\%) |
|  | 1.0036 | 0.723 | 0.03 | 0.05786 | 0.03193 (6.42\%) | 0.06155 (6.38\%) | 0.03083 (2.78\%) | 0.06048 (4.54\%) |
| 60 | 0.8456 | 0.429 | 0.03 | 0.03773 | 0.03890 (29.66\%) | 0.04554 (20.71\%) | 0.03584 (19.48\%) | 0.04325 (14.64\%) |
|  | 0.8975 | 0.527 | 0.03 | 0.04027 | 0.03935 (31.15\%) | 0.04670 (15.97\%) | 0.03642 (21.39\%) | 0.04474 (11.10\%) |
|  | 0.9510 | 0.566 | 0.03 | 0.04058 | 0.03667 (22.23\%) | 0.04447 (9.58\%) | 0.03431 (14.35\%) | 0.04297 (5.90\%) |
|  | 1.0036 | 0.552 | 0.03 | 0.03850 | 0.03263 (8.76\%) | 0.04037 (4.84\%) | 0.03089 (2.98\%) | 0.03928 (2.02\%) |
| 80 | 0.8460 | 0.244 | 0.03 | 0.02044 | 0.04099 (36.62\%) | 0.02451 (19.94\%) | 0.03913 (30.44\%) | 0.02392 (17.04\%) |
|  | 0.8976 | 0.280 | 0.03 | 0.01938 | 0.03983 (32.78\%) | 0.02321 (19.79\%) | 0.03493 (16.43\%) | 0.02170 (11.99\%) |
|  | 0.9505 | 0.339 | 0.03 | 0.01857 | 0.03558 (18.58\%) | 0.02097 (12.94\%) | 0.03197 (6.57\%) | 0.01987 (7.03\%) |
|  | 1.0038 | 0.409 | 0.03 | 0.01749 | 0.03217 (7.22\%) | 0.01900 (8.63\%) | 0.02974 (0.86\%) | 0.01827 (4.45\%) |

Table 7
Comparison of experimental and analytical results in the pitching interaction of the structure and TLCD ( $v=3$ )

| Structure + TLCD ( $v=3$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \psi(\%) \\ & (1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | k <br> (2) | $\begin{aligned} & \hat{M}_{0} \\ & (3) \end{aligned}$ | Experimental |  | Analytical |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Without additional term |  | With additional term |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \left\|\alpha_{0}\right\| \\ & \text { (4) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\| \\ & (5) \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|$ <br> (6) | $\left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\|$ <br> (7) | $\left\|\alpha_{0}\right\|$ <br> (8) | $\left\|\hat{y}_{0}\right\|$ (9) |
| 0 | 0.8476 | 0.900 | 0.03 | 0.04617 | 0.03090 (3.00\%) | 0.05200 (12.61\%) | 0.02914 (2.86\%) | 0.04944 (7.06\%) |
|  | 0.8771 | 1.053 | 0.03 | 0.05238 | 0.03097 (3.23\%) | 0.05840 (11.50\%) | 0.02938 (2.08\%) | 0.05606 (7.03\%) |
|  | 0.9386 | 1.325 | 0.03 | 0.06566 | 0.03357 (11.88\%) | 0.07189 (9.49\%) | 0.03206 (6.87\%) | 0.07004 (6.67\%) |
|  | 0.9697 | 1.342 | 0.03 | 0.06891 | 0.03442 (14.75\%) | 0.07436 (7.91\%) | 0.03308 (10.26\%) | 0.07285 (5.72\%) |
| 20 | 0.8472 | 0.892 | 0.03 | 0.04539 | 0.03218 (7.28\%) | 0.05153 (13.53\%) | 0.03022 (0.74\%) | 0.04839 (7.87\%) |
|  | 0.8771 | 1.025 | 0.03 | 0.05116 | 0.03242 (8.05\%) | 0.05670 (10.82\%) | 0.03059 (1.97\%) | 0.05438 (6.29\%) |
|  | 0.9380 | 1.204 | 0.03 | 0.05991 | 0.03373 (12.44\%) | 0.06467 (7.95\%) | 0.03209 (6.96\%) | 0.06290 (5.00\%) |
|  | 0.9689 | 1.187 | 0.03 | 0.06123 | 0.03323 (10.76\%) | 0.06481 (5.85\%) | 0.03181 (6.04\%) | 0.06338 (3.51\%) |
| 40 | 0.8479 | 0.823 | 0.03 | 0.04218 | 0.03402 (13.41\%) | 0.04723 (11.99\%) | 0.03157 (5.25\%) | 0.04482 (6.26\%) |
|  | 0.8770 | 0.903 | 0.03 | 0.04487 | 0.03418 (13.93\%) | 0.04943 (10.16\%) | 0.03187 (6.23\%) | 0.04729 (5.39\%) |
|  | 0.9381 | 0.968 | 0.03 | 0.04765 | 0.03332 (11.06\%) | 0.05058 (6.16\%) | 0.03140 (4.65\%) | 0.04901 (2.84\%) |
|  | 0.9699 | 0.937 | 0.03 | 0.04708 | 0.03185 (6.16\%) | 0.04910 (4.29\%) | 0.03021 (0.69\%) | 0.04780 (1.53\%) |
| 60 | 0.8475 | 0.635 | 0.03 | 0.03172 | 0.03601 (20.04\%) | 0.03587 (13.08\%) | 0.03260 (8.66\%) | 0.03382 (6.63\%) |
|  | 0.8773 | 0.665 | 0.03 | 0.03192 | 0.03500 (16.68\%) | 0.03528 (10.52\%) | 0.03190 (6.33\%) | 0.03350 (4.93\%) |
|  | 0.9381 | 0.694 | 0.03 | 0.03137 | 0.03288 (9.61\%) | 0.03343 (6.55\%) | 0.03038 (1.28\%) | 0.03209 (2.30\%) |
|  | 0.9691 | 0.691 | 0.03 | 0.03045 | 0.03153 (5.08\%) | 0.03206 (5.29\%) | 0.02933 (2.23\%) | 0.03092 (1.53\%) |
| 80 | 0.8468 | 0.352 | 0.03 | 0.01555 | 0.03862 (28.82\%) | 0.01839 (18.26\%) | 0.03259 (8.65\%) | 0.01683 (8.26\%) |
|  | 0.8761 | 0.377 | 0.03 | 0.01505 | 0.03593 (19.76\%) | 0.01726 (14.63\%) | 0.03083 (2.76\%) | 0.01595 (5.97\%) |
|  | 0.9374 | 0.456 | 0.03 | 0.01434 | 0.03336 (11.18\%) | 0.01572 (9.61\%) | 0.02970 (1.02\%) | 0.01483 (3.39\%) |
|  | 0.9684 | 0.493 | 0.03 | 0.01387 | 0.03168 (5.58\%) | 0.01489 (7.35\%) | 0.02864 (4.53\%) | 0.01415 (2.08\%) |

the analytical responses with the additional term considered are smaller than the other. In other words, the analytical responses with the additional term considered are closer to the experimental responses. Therefore, the interacted dynamics of the TLCD and structure in the pitching direction can be better represented by including the additional term shown in Eq. (12) (or Eq. (14)).

## 6. Conclusions

The equation of motion for wind-induced interaction between a non-uniform TLCD and structure in pitching motion has been derived by means of energy principles, i.e., the approach of Lagrange's equations, and it was found that a term $-\rho g \nu A_{h} L_{v}^{2} \alpha$ (see Eq. (12)), denoted as the additional term, has never been considered previously in the literature. The analytical solution of the interacted system subjected to harmonic load was also derived. Extensive simulation shows that in general the effect of the additional term becomes more significant when the horizontal length ratio $p$ becomes smaller and the ratio of mass moment of inertia $\mu$ becomes larger. An experimental verification has been performed by conducting large scale tests of a TLCD on a rotational structure to demonstrate the existence of this additional term. Experimental results verify that the analytical responses with the additional term considered represent the interaction more closely than those without the additional term. Therefore, the inclusion of the additional term in the pitching interaction motion of a TLCD and structure is essential.

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