Seismic control of a SDOF structure through electromagnetic resonant shunt tuned mass-damper-inerter and the exact $H_2$ optimal solutions

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Abstract. This paper proposes a novel inerter-based component dynamic vibration absorber, namely, electromagnetic resonant shunt tuned mass-damper-inerter (ERS-TMDI). To analyze the performances of the ERS-TMDI, the combined ERS-TMDI and a single degree of freedom system are developed. The $H_2$ norm performances of the ERS-TMDI, whose aim is to minimize the root mean square (RMS) value of structure damage under random ground acceleration excitation, are introduced in comparison with the energy-harvesting series electromagnetic tuned mass dampers (ERS-TMDs), tuned mass-damper-inerter (TMDI) and the classical tuned mass damper (TMD). The closed-form solutions, including the optimal mechanical tuning ratio, the optimal electrical damping ratio, the optimal electrical tuning ratio and the optimal electromagnetic mechanical coupling coefficient, are obtained. It is shown that the ERS-TMDI is superior to both the classical TMD and the ERS-TMD systems for protection from structure damage. Specifically, from the frequency-domain analyses, a case study is performed to illustrate the effectiveness, robustness of the ERS-TMDI and the sensitivity to the parameter changes. From the time-domain analyses, four types of earthquakes are studied to demonstrate the performances of vibration suppression.

Keywords: vibration control, electromagnetic resonant shunt, tuned mass-damper-inerter, $H_2$ optimization.

1. Introduction

With the development of society, many civil engineering structures have been built, and some of these structures are subjected to dynamic loadings from ground earthquakes. To suppress the vibration, in addition to isolators, the classical Tuned Mass Dampers (TMDs) [1], also called dynamic vibration absorber, is one of the most effective and popular passive vibration mitigation devices in practice, to dissipate the vibration energy [2, 3].

Based on the concept of the classical TMD, various types of TMD have been proposed and optimized [4] by researchers with improved robustness or/and effectiveness of the vibration suppression, such as parallel multiple TMDs [5, 6], series multiple TMDs [7], multi-degree-of-freedom TMDs [8], three or four element TMDs [9], and pounding tuned mass damper [10].

Recently, the inerter, a concept of mechanical network introduced by Smith et al [11, 12], has been adopted from vehicle suspensions for the use in civil engineering for improving the performance of vibration control and displacement mitigation. The inerter produces a proportional force due to the relative acceleration. The inerter has been studied for improvement of car suspensions [13, 14] and railway vehicles [15, 16]. In the past two years, the inerter concept has also been used in proof mass dampers, aiming to improve their damping performance and frequency tunability [17-19], or proof-mass actuation [20] in automotive engineering. In [21], Ikago, et al presented the idea of using an inerter-like ball-screw mechanism in a seismic vibration system with viscous mass damper or tuned viscous mass damper system. A type of electromagnetic inertial mass damper using a ball screw mechanism and a motor was presented to control the vibration of structures subjected to earthquakes in [22]. Lazar, et al. [23, 24] proposed an inerter-based system with a configuration similar to that of a TMD, which is termed as tuned...
inerter damper (TID), and developed an analytical tuning rule of a TID based on the Den Hartog’s method. Marian and Giaralis [25] also presented the concept of tuned mass-damper-inerter (TMDI) to mitigate the oscillatory motion of support systems which are stochastically excited.

Moreover, the concept of shunting passive damping has been proposed, and initially applied to piezoelectric structures and recently to electromagnetic devices. Forward [26] carried out a preliminary experimental demonstration of the passive circuit shunting for narrow-band reduction of resonant mechanical response. Hagood and Von Flotow [27] theoretically confirmed the possibility that piezoelectric shunted with an RL circuit can serve as a TMD. Behrens et al. [28, 29] extended the idea of a shunt damping to electromagnetic transducer, and obtained the tuning parameters numerically. Inoue, et al [30] obtained closed-form solution with fixed-point method to optimize a one degree of freedom system with an electromagnetic shunt damper. Zuo, et al. studies the energy harvesting from large-scale vibration [31], and proposed the electromagnetic resonant shunt series TMDs (ERS-TMDs) [32], and applied it in the building seismic isolation [33].

Meanwhile, the corresponding closed-form solutions of the optimal design parameters of different TMD systems have been derived. Den Hartog [1] developed the analytical solutions for the TMD for the undamped structures via the fixed-point method. In the [34], simple expressions for optimum absorber parameters of TMD are derived for undamped SDOF systems for harmonic and white noise random excitations. For the TMD with damped primary systems, various design methods and tuning criteria have been raised [35, 36]. Later, Marian and Giaralis [25] developed the optimal TMDI parameters for undamped structures under white noise excitation in closed-form as functions of the TMD mass and the inertance. In the [37], Zuo, et al. proposed the exact $H_2$ solutions of the ERS-TMDs.

Inspired by the concepts of TMDI [25] and ERS-TMDs [32], this paper proposes a new inerter-based component dynamic vibration absorber, named electromagnetic resonant shunt tuned mass-damper-inerter (ERS-TMDI), in which we replaced the dissipative mechanical element of the TMDI with the electromagnetic transducer shunted with a resonant R-L-C circuit. In addition, this paper derives the closed-form solution of optimal design parameters to the ERS-TMDI for building structures under ground motion. The $H_2$ norm optimal method is employed for the undamped single degree of freedom (SDOF) structure, with the objective to minimize the mean squared value of the displacement of the primary structure. The advantage of the ERS-TMDI will be illustrated through the comparison with the classical TMD, TMDI and ERS-TMDs.

The organization of this paper is as follows. Section 2 describes the governing equations of the SDOF system with ERS-TMDI. Section 3 derives optimal $H_2$ closed-form solutions to the ERS-TMDI systems under the ground motion. In Section 4, the numerical frequency-domain solution of undamped structures is presented in comparison with the classical TMD, TMDI and ERS-TMDs. In Section 5, the numerical time-domain analysis of damped structures is presented in comparison with classical TMD. Finally, Section 6 concludes this paper.

2. The single degree of freedom system model of the ERS-TMDI

To demonstrate the suppression performance, the main structure is now idealized as a SDOF system modeled using a linear spring of stiffness $k_s$, a mass $m_s$, and a damping coefficient $c_s$, which corresponds to the fundamental mode shape of the multi-story buildings. Fig. 1(b) shows the ERS-TMDs [32] where the foremost energy dissipative damping $c_T$ in classical TMD, depicted in Fig. 1(a), is substituted by an electromagnetic transducer shunted with a coil resistance $R$ capacitance $C$ and inductance $L$ [38, 39]. Inspired by the ERS-TMDs concept, this study considers the ERS-TMDI configuration shown in the Fig. 1(c), in which an inertance $b$ is added between the absorber and the fixed ground.

Using similar modeling in [37], the overall dynamic equations of ERS-TMDI, shown in Fig. 1(c), are given by:
\[
\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
  m_s \ddot{x}_s + c_s \dot{x}_s + k_s x_s - k_T (x_T - x_s) + k_f I &= -m_s \ddot{x}_g, \\
  (m_T + b) \ddot{x}_T + k_T (x_T - x_s) - k_f I &= -m_T \ddot{x}_g,
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

\[k_v (x_T - x_s) s + RI + LI s + \frac{I}{C} \int I dt = 0.\]  

(1)

When the primary damping \(c_s = 0\), the above can be simplified:

\[
\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
  m_s x_s s^2 + k_s x_s - k_T (x_T - x_s) + k_f I &= -m_s \ddot{x}_g, \\
  (m_T + b) x_T s^2 + k_T (x_T - x_s) - k_f I &= -m_T \ddot{x}_g,
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

\[k_v (x_T - x_s) s + RI + LI s + \frac{I}{C} = 0.\]  

(2)

Set \(s = j\omega\), and normalize the frequency, we can have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
  x_s (j\alpha)^2 + x_s - \mu f_T^2 (x_T - x_s) + \frac{k_f}{k_s} I &= -\frac{\ddot{x}_g}{\omega_s^2}, \\
  (1 + \delta) x_T (j\alpha)^2 + f_T^2 (x_T - x_s) - \frac{k_f}{\mu k_s} I &= -\frac{\ddot{x}_g}{\omega_s^2},
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

\[k_v (x_T - x_s) (j\alpha) + 2\zeta f_e L I + LI (j\alpha) + 1 L f_e^2 \frac{1}{(j\alpha)} = 0.\]  

(3)

Rewrite the relative displacement \(x_r = x_T - x_s\):

\[
\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
  x_s ((j\alpha)^2 + 1) - \mu f_T^2 x_r + \frac{k_f}{k_s} I &= -\frac{\ddot{x}_g}{\omega_s^2}, \\
  x_r ((1 + \delta)(j\alpha)^2 + f_T^2) + x_s (1 + \delta)(j\alpha)^2 - \frac{k_f}{\mu k_s} I &= -\frac{\ddot{x}_g}{\omega_s^2},
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

\[k_v x_r (j\alpha) + LI \left(2\zeta f_e (j\alpha) + f_e^2 \frac{1}{(j\alpha)}\right) = 0,\]  

(4)

where:

- the natural frequency of the main structure \(\omega_s = \sqrt{k_s/m_s}\);
- the natural frequency of the absorber \(\omega_T = \sqrt{k_T/m_T}\);
- the resonant frequency of the circuit \(\omega_e = 1/\sqrt{LC}\);
- the mass ratio of the absorber to the main structure \(\mu = m_T/m_s\);
- the mass ratio of inertance to the main structure \(\delta = b/m_T\);
the mechanical tuning ratio \( f_T = \omega_T/\omega_S \);
the electrical tuning ratio \( f_e = \omega_e/\omega_S \); the normalized frequency \( \alpha = \omega/\omega_S \);
the electrical damping ratio of the circuit \( \zeta_e = R/(2L\omega_e) \), in which the resistance \( R = R_i + R_e \), \( R_i \) is the internal resistance, and \( R_e \) is the external resistance.
The electromagnetic mechanical coupling coefficient \( \mu_k = k_e k_f/(k_T L) \), where \( k_e \) and \( k_f \) is the voltage constant and the force constant of the electromagnetic transducer.

### 3. H₂ optimization for the coupled system

#### 3.1. Vibration control of the ERS-TMDI

Considering the seismic excitation is a random input, the \( H_2 \) criteria is more suitable for assessing the system performance for it is RMS value of the performance under unit Gaussian white noise input [37]. This is a good approximation when the earthquake frequency is broad when compared with the natural frequency of the building. To suppress the oscillation of the main structure subjected to the ground acceleration \( \ddot{x}_g \), the \( H_2 \) criteria are minimized from the ground acceleration \( \ddot{x}_g \) to the displacement of the main structure \( \ddot{x}_s \) is defined as:

\[
\begin{align*}
PL_v &= \frac{E[x_s^2]}{2\pi \omega_S S_0} = \frac{\langle x_s^2 \rangle}{2\pi \omega_S S_0} ,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( E[\cdot] \) and \( \langle \cdot \rangle \) refer to the ensemble and temporal averages, respectively. The performance index \( PL_v \) represents the ratio of the response of the main system to the seismic excitation with a uniform power spectrum density \( S_0 \). Units of the symbols \( S_0 \) are \( (m^2 s)/rad \). The RMS value of the displacement of the SDOF structure \( x_s \) can be expressed as:

\[
\begin{align*}
\langle x_s^2 \rangle &= \omega_S S_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_n|^2 d\alpha ,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( X_n \) is the criteria of the transfer function from the ground acceleration \( \ddot{x}_g \) to the displacement of the main structure \( \ddot{x}_s \), where \( j = \sqrt{-1} \) is the unit imaginary number. Substituting Eq. (6) into Eq. (5), the performance index in Eq. (5) can be presented as:

\[
\begin{align*}
PL_v &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_n|^2 d\alpha .
\end{align*}
\]

The normalized transfer function \( X_n \) can be expressed by using the above dimensionless parameters as:

\[
\begin{align*}
X_n &= \frac{x_s}{\ddot{x}_g/\omega_S^2} \\
&= \frac{f_e^2 f_T^2 \varphi + 2f_e f_T \xi_e \varphi(j\alpha) + (f_e^2 \psi + f_T^2 \varphi(1 + \mu_k))(j\alpha)^2 + 2\psi f_e \xi_e (j\alpha)^3 + \psi (j\alpha)^4}{A_0 + A_1 (j\alpha) + A_2 (j\alpha)^2 + A_3 (j\alpha)^3 + A_4 (j\alpha)^4 + A_5 (j\alpha)^5 + A_6 (j\alpha)^6} \tag{8}
\end{align*}
\]

where:

\[
\begin{align*}
\varphi &= 1 + \mu , \quad \psi = 1 + \delta ,
\end{align*}
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
A_0 &= f^2_e f^2_T, \\
A_1 &= 2 f^2_T f_e \zeta_e, \\
A_2 &= f^2_e \psi + f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) + f^2_e f^2_T (1 + \mu \psi), \\
A_3 &= 2 f_e \zeta_e (\psi + f^2_T (1 + \mu \psi)), \\
A_4 &= f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) (1 + \mu \psi) + (1 + f^2_e) \psi, \\
A_5 &= 2 f_e \zeta_e \psi, \\
A_6 &= \psi. 
\end{align*}
\]

(9)

The integral in Eq. (7) can be solved with the residue theorem [40]. Therefore, the performance index in Eq. (7) can be derived an expression of the four tuning parameters \(f_T, \mu_k, f_e, \zeta_e\) and the three given parameters \(\mu, \phi, \text{ and } \psi\):

\[
PI_v = \frac{1}{4 f_e f_T^2 \mu_k \zeta_e \mu \psi^2} (-2 f^2_T \varphi (1 + \mu_k) \psi + (1 + \delta)^2 + f^4_e (1 + \mu_k)^2 (\varphi^2 + \mu \varphi^2 \psi) + f^4_e (\psi^2 + \mu^3 \psi^3) + f^2_T (-2 \varphi \psi + (-2 \mu + 2 \mu^3) \psi^2 + 2 \mu^3 \varphi \psi^3) + f^2_e (\varphi^2 + 3 \mu \varphi^2 \psi + 3 \mu^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 + \mu^3 \varphi^2 \psi^3) + f^2_e (\psi^2 - 2 + 4 \zeta^2_e) + f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) (2 \varphi \psi + (-\mu - 3) \psi^2) + \psi (2 \varphi - 8 \zeta^2_e \psi) + \psi^2 (\mu - 3 - 4 \mu \zeta^2_e + 4 \mu^3 \zeta^2_e) + f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) (-2 \varphi^2 + -4 \mu \varphi^2 \psi - 2 \mu^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2) + 4 \zeta^2_e \varphi^2 + 8 \psi \mu \zeta^2_e \varphi^2 + 8 \psi^2 \zeta^2_e (4 \mu \varphi^2))\right) .
\]

(10)

For the purpose of minimizing the performance index \(PI_v\) concerning the seismic control performance, the derivatives of \(PI_v\) concerning all the tuning parameters should be equal to zero, which mean:

\[
\frac{\partial PI_v}{\partial f_T} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial PI_v}{\partial \zeta_e} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial PI_v}{\partial f_e} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial PI_v}{\partial \mu_k} = 0.
\]

(11)

Thereby, the subsequent synchronous gradients’ equations could also be solved from Eq. (10).

\[
\begin{align*}
-\psi^2 + f^2_T \varphi^2 (1 + \mu_k)^2 (1 + \mu \psi) + f^4_e (-\psi^2 - \mu^3 \psi^3 + f^4_T \varphi^2 (1 + \mu \psi) + 2 f^2_T f_e (2 - 4 \zeta^2_e) - 2 f^4_e \varphi^2 (1 + \mu \psi)^2 (1 + \mu_k - 2 \zeta^2_e)) &= 0, \\
\psi^2 + f^2_T (\psi^2 + \mu^3 \psi^3) - 2 f^2_e \psi^2 (1 + 2 \zeta^2_e) + f^4_e (\varphi^2 (1 + \mu_k)^2 (1 + \mu \psi) + f^4_e \varphi^2 (1 + \mu \psi)^3 + f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) \psi^2 + 2 f^2_e \psi^2 (1 + \mu_k + 4 \zeta^2_e) + f^2_e (\psi (2 + \mu_k + 4 \zeta^2_e)) &= 0, \\
-\psi^2 + 3 f^4_e (\psi^2 + \mu^3 \psi^3) - 2 f^2_e \psi^2 (1 + 2 \zeta^2_e) + f^2_T (\psi^2 (1 + \mu_k)^2 - \mu^2 (2 + \mu_k + 4 \zeta^2_e)) &= 0, \\
+ f^2_T (2 \psi (1 + \mu_k) \psi - 6 f^4_e \varphi (\psi + (\mu - \mu^2) \psi^2 - \mu^3 \psi^3)) &= 0, \\
+ f^2_e \varphi (2 \psi (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) + \psi^2 (\mu (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) - \mu^2 (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e))) &= 0, \\
+ f^2_e \varphi^2 (2 \psi (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) + \psi^2 (\mu (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) - \mu^2 (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e))) &= 0, \\
\psi^2 + f^4_e (\psi^2 + \mu^3 \psi^3) - 2 f^2_e \psi^2 (1 + 2 \zeta^2_e) + f^2_T (\psi^2 (1 + \mu_k)^2 (1 + \mu \psi) + 2 f^2_e \varphi^2 (1 + \mu \psi)^3 + f^2_T (1 + \mu_k) \psi^2 + \mu^3 \psi^3) &= 0, \\
+ f^2_T (-2 \varphi \psi + f^2_e \varphi (-2 \psi + (-2 \mu + 2 \mu^2) \psi^2 + 2 \mu^3 \psi^3) + f^2_e \varphi (2 \psi (2 + \mu_k + 4 \zeta^2_e)) &= 0, \\
+ f^2_e \varphi (2 \psi (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) + \psi^2 (\mu (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) - \mu^2 (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e))) &= 0, \\
-\psi^2 + f^2_e \varphi^2 (2 \psi (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) + \psi^2 (\mu (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e) - \mu^2 (2 + \mu_k - 4 \zeta^2_e))) &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

(12a, b, c, d)

To solve this set of equations, by linking Eq. (12d) with the other three equations in Eq. (12), we can remove \(\zeta_e\) to acquire a new equation set in other variables \(f_T, \mu_k, \text{ and } f_e\). Then with similar
handling, the parameters \( f_T \) and \( f_e \) can also be removed from the new equation set and we can obtain Eq. (12) in only variable \( \mu_k \). Thus, the optimal parameter \( \mu_k \) can be obtained by Eq. (12) as:

\[
\mu_k^{\text{opt}} = -2(\mu^5 \psi^2(11 + 22 \psi - \psi^2) + 2 \mu^4 \psi(10 + 15 \psi + 30 \psi^2 + 9 \psi^3) + 4 \mu \psi^2(1 + \psi^2)(4 \sqrt{\psi} + \sqrt{\psi r}) + \mu^3 \psi(36 + 55 \psi + 58 \psi^2 + 43 \psi^3 + 7 \sqrt{\psi^3} + 9 \sqrt{\psi^5} + u^2(16 \psi + 52 \psi^2 + 36 \psi^3 + 24 \psi^4 + 4 \sqrt{\psi^3} + 9 \sqrt{\psi^5} + 5 \sqrt{\psi^{10}}))}
\]

\( f_T^{\text{opt}} = \frac{-\psi(4 + \mu \psi(\psi + 7) + \mu^2 \psi(5 \psi - 1) - \sqrt{\psi^3} + \sqrt{\psi^5}}{4 \varphi^2(1 + \mu \psi)^2} \),

\( f_e^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (\sqrt{(32 \psi - 3 \mu^4 \psi^2(1 + \psi) - 2 \mu^4 \psi(-7 - 11 \delta + \delta^2 + 5 \delta^3)} + \mu(90 + 116 \delta + 58 \delta^2 - 3 \sqrt{\psi^3} + \sqrt{\psi^5} - \sqrt{\psi^7} + 16 \psi^2 \delta^4 + 3 \sqrt{\psi^9} - 2 \psi^4 \delta^5)}\right) \)

and

\( c_e^{\text{opt}} = (\sqrt{(-\mu \sqrt{(4 + (-4 + 3 \psi) \psi)(-56 \psi^5 \sqrt{\psi} + 22 \psi^2 \delta^4 \sqrt{\psi^9} - 4 + 7 \psi)} + \mu(57 + 101 \delta + 63 \delta^2 + 19 \delta^3)))} \)

\( \mu_k^{\text{opt}} = -(2(\mu^5 \psi^2(11 + 22 \psi - \psi^2) + 2 \mu^4 \psi(10 + 15 \psi + 30 \psi^2 + 9 \psi^3) + 4 \mu \psi^2(1 + \psi^2)(4 \sqrt{\psi} + \sqrt{\psi r}) + \mu^3 \psi(36 + 55 \psi + 58 \psi^2 + 43 \psi^3 + 7 \sqrt{\psi^3} + 9 \sqrt{\psi^5} + u^2(16 \psi + 52 \psi^2 + 36 \psi^3 + 24 \psi^4 + 4 \sqrt{\psi^3} + 9 \sqrt{\psi^5} + 5 \sqrt{\psi^{10}}))}
\]

where \( r = \sqrt{(16 \psi + \mu^3 \psi(1 + 14 \psi + \psi^2) + 16 \mu(1 + 2 \psi^2) + \mu^2 \psi(33 - 2 \psi + 17 \psi^2)} \).

Later on, the corresponding optimal absorber stiffness \( k_T^{\text{opt}} \), the inductance \( L^{\text{opt}} \), and the total resistance \( R^{\text{opt}} \) can also be presented, involving the above parameters:
While it is the need to declare that the optimal frequency ratio and damping ratio of the $H_2$ criterion for the classical TMD system [1] in Fig. 1(a) is:

\[
\begin{align*}
 f_{\text{opt}} &= \frac{1}{1 + \mu} \sqrt{\frac{2 - \mu}{2}}, \\
 \zeta_{\text{opt}} &= \frac{\mu(4 - \mu)}{8(1 + \mu)(2 - \mu)}. 
\end{align*}
\]  

(16)

And the optimal parameters in the TMDI system [25] are:

\[
\begin{align*}
 f_{1,\text{opt}} &= \frac{1}{1 + \mu + \beta} \sqrt{\frac{(\mu + \beta)[\beta(\mu - 1) + (2 - \mu)(1 + \mu)]}{2\mu(1 + \mu)}}, \\
 \zeta_{1,\text{opt}} &= \frac{(\mu + \beta)}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\beta(3 - \mu) + (4 - \mu)(1 + \mu)}{2\mu(1 + \mu + \beta)[\beta(1 - \mu) + (2 - \mu)(1 + \mu)]}}.
\end{align*}
\]  

(17)

where $\beta = b/m_s$.

Moreover, the optimal parameters for the ERS-TMDs system [37] in Fig. 1(b) are:

\[
\begin{align*}
 f_{\text{opt}}^* &= \frac{\sqrt{4 - 3\mu}}{2(1 + \mu)}, \\
 \mu_{k,\text{opt}}^* &= \frac{128\mu}{64 - 36\mu - 9\mu^2}, \\
 f_{e,\text{opt}}^* &= \frac{16 - 9\mu}{16 + 19\mu + 3\mu^2}, \\
 \zeta_{e,\text{opt}}^* &= \frac{192\mu}{256 - 96\mu - 27\mu^2}.
\end{align*}
\]  

(18)

In addition, the normalized transfer function $X_r$ from $\ddot{x}_g/\omega_s^2$ to the relative displacement of the main structure $x_r$ can also be expressed with the above dimensionless parameters of the ERS-TMD as:

\[
X_r = \frac{x_r}{\ddot{x}_g/\omega_s^2} = \frac{-f_{e,\text{opt}}^* f_{\text{opt}}^* (\alpha^2 + (1 + f_{e,\text{opt}}^* f_{\text{opt}}^* (\alpha^3 + (1 + f_{e,\text{opt}}^* f_{\text{opt}}^* (\alpha^4 + (1 + f_{e,\text{opt}}^* f_{\text{opt}}^* (\alpha^5 + (1 + f_{e,\text{opt}}^* f_{\text{opt}}^* (\alpha^6. 
\]  

(19)
4. Frequency domain analyses of the ERS-TMDI

4.1. Graphical descriptions of the $H_2$ tuning norms and performance index for seismic control

Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 graphically depicts the $H_2$ tuning norms and the optimal index $PI_v$ for the seismic control when the main structure is subjected to the seismic excitation. Assuming the mass ratio is certain, when the inertance mass ratio is increasing, the optimal parameters and index $PI_v$ are increasing. On the other hand, assuming the inertance ratio is certain, when the mass ratio is increasing, the optimal mechanical tuning ratio $f_T$, electrical tuning ratio $f_e$, and index $PI_v$ are decreasing, while the others are growing. Finally, when the mass ratio and inertance ratio are increasing simultaneously, the optimal electrical tuning ratio $f_e$ and index $PI_v$ are decreasing, while the others are in increasing.

![Graphical descriptions of the $H_2$ tuning norms](image)

**Fig. 2.** Graphical descriptions of the $H_2$ tuning norms

![Schematic of optimal performance index $PI_v$ for the seismic control](image)

**Fig. 3.** Schematic of optimal performance index $PI_v$ for the seismic control

4.2. Comparing performances of different systems

Fig. 4 show the $H_2$ performances of vibration mitigation of the normalized displacement of the
main structure and the relative deformation of five types of SDOF systems, consisting of ERS-TMD, TMDI, ERS-TMDs, classical TMD, and a system without TMD, which are compared under the same mass ratio of 0.02 in optimal condition with $H_2$ norm. From Fig. 4, the $H_2$ norm of the ERS-TMDI is better than other systems at the same mass ratio. Moreover, it is obvious that the ERS-TMDI has the advantage of suppressing the oscillation of the main structure and relative motion almost across the whole frequency spectrum, in comparison with the others. Particularly, at their own resonant frequencies, the spiked value of the normalized displacement of the main structure in the ERS-TMDI system is decreased by around 36% in comparison with the classical TMD, 23% with the TMDI and 18% with the ERS-TMDs. In addition, when the frequency $\alpha$ is ranging from 0.7 to 1.3, the area of the $X_n$ of the ERS-TMDI is decreased by about 9% compared to the classical TMD, 4% to that of the TMDI and 6% to that of the ERS-TMDs.

4.3. Comparing performances of the ERS-TMDI under different inerter ratios

The $H_2$ performances of vibration mitigation of the displacement of the main structure and the relative displacement of the ERS-TMDI are compared under different inerter ratios. From Fig. 5, the $H_2$ norm of the ERS-TMDI is better at the highest inerter ratio.

4.4. Sensitivity of tuning parameters

In practice, it is a challenge to tune the parameters faultlessly, since some parameters may vary after some time. Fig. 6 shows how the seismic control performance will change with the variations of the tuning parameters for the ERS-TMDI system at the different inerter ratios under a ground excitation, as compared with classical TMD. It is clear that the mechanical tuning ratio $f_\tau$, is the most susceptible design parameter to the seismic control, while the electrical damping ratio $\zeta_e$, is
the least susceptible to the seismic control. Besides, when the inertance ratio is increasing, the ERS-TMDI is more robust to the parameter changes. In addition, we can also draw the conclusion that the tuning parameters of classic TMD is more sensitive than that of the ERS-TMDI.

Fig. 6. The sensitivity of vibration suppression to the changes of the design parameters of the ERS-TMDI and classical TMD: mechanical tuning ratio $f_T$ of a) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.1$ and b) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.5$; the electrical damping ratio $\zeta_e$ of c) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.1$ and d) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.5$; the coupling coefficient $\mu_k$ and electrical tuning ratio $f_e$ of e) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.1$ and f) the inertance ratio $\delta = 0.5$

5. Time-domain analyses of the ERS-TMDI

5.1. Mathematical model

In Section 5, the time-history responses of the model demonstrated above are computed for four simulated earthquakes based on observed earthquake records in order to prove the effect of the ERS-TMDI. The equations of motion for the system of ERS-TMDI are simply described as a three-degree-of-freedom system, as shown in Eq. (1). Therefore, matrix representations of the equations of motion are useful for estimating the time-history responses. The equations of motion for the ERS-TMDI can be formulated as follows:
Eq. (1) can be expressed in second order form:

\[
\begin{aligned}
& m_s \ddot{x}_s + c_s \dot{x}_s + k_s x_s - k_T (x_T - x_s) + k_f \dot{q} = -m_s \ddot{x}_g, \\
& (m_T + b) \ddot{x}_T + k_T (x_T - x_s) - k_f \dot{q} = -m_T \ddot{x}_g, \\
& k_v (\dot{x}_T - \dot{x}_s) + R \ddot{q} + L \ddot{q} + \frac{q}{C} = 0.
\end{aligned}
\] (20)

Set \( \dot{x}_r = x_T - x_s \), Eq. (20) can also be written in a matrix form:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\ddot{x}_s \\
\ddot{x}_T \\
\dot{q}
\end{bmatrix} + C_1 \begin{bmatrix}
\dot{x}_s \\
\dot{x}_T \\
q
\end{bmatrix} + K_1 \begin{bmatrix}
x_s \\
x_T \\
q
\end{bmatrix} = -M_2 \cdot \ddot{x}_g,
\] (21)

where:

\[
M_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
m_s & 0 & 0 \\
m_T + b & m_T + b & 0 \\
0 & 0 & L
\end{bmatrix},
C_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
c_s & 0 & -k_f \\
0 & 0 & -k_f \\
0 & k_v & R
\end{bmatrix},
K_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
k_s & -k_T & 0 \\
0 & k_T & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1/C
\end{bmatrix},
M_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
m_s \\
m_T
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

Define \( \mathbf{x} = [x_s \ x_T \ q \ \dot{x}_s \ \dot{x}_T \ \dot{q}]^T \), then the state space equation is:

\[
\dot{x} = Ax + B\ddot{x}_g,
\] (22)

where:

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
0_{3 \times 3} & I_{3 \times 3} \\
-M_1^{-1}K_1 & -M_1^{-1}C_1
\end{bmatrix},
B = \begin{bmatrix}
0_{3 \times 1} \\
-M_1^{-1}M_2
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

### 5.2. Simulation parameters

To facilitate the simulation analysis of ERS-TMDI, the performances of ERS-TMDI are compared with that of the Classical TMD in the optimal condition. The fundamental modal shape corresponding to ten-story frame buildings and Table 1 shows the parameters of the combined system in the numerical simulations.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Main structure mass</td>
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<td>The fundamental period of the main structure</td>
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<td>Inertance mass</td>
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<td>Stiffness coefficient of the mechanical TMD</td>
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<td>( 1.35 \times 10^3 ) [kN/m]</td>
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<td>Mechanical TMD mass</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Internal resistance of motor</td>
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<td>The constant of the electromagnetic actuator</td>
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### 5.3. The performance of seismic control

Time-history analyses are performed by numerical integration using the Newmark’s method,
with a time interval of 0.01 s and the adjusted maximum earthquake acceleration of 200 cm/s² to compare the performance with the different records. The observed earthquake records used for applying the ground acceleration to the models are as follows: (1) ChiChi, (2) El Centro, (3) Kobe, and (4) Northridge. The time histories of the earthquake records are shown in Fig. 7. The elastic acceleration response spectra of the earthquakes are also shown in Fig. 8, in which we can know the predominant periods of the selected earthquakes from the response spectra. In the time-history analyses, the characteristics of the model are identical to those used in the frequency-domain analyses described Section 4.

![Time histories showing observed earthquake records used for time-history analyses](image)

**Fig. 7.** Time histories showing observed earthquake records used for time-history analyses

![Response spectra for observed earthquake records](image)

**Fig. 8.** Response spectra for observed earthquake records

From Fig. 9 to Fig. 11, on the whole, it is clear that the ERS-TMDI effectively reduces the peak and root mean square (RMS) value of the displacement of the main structure, especially for...
the case of Northridge, which contains strong long-period components. It is also noted that the performance of the vibration mitigation of the ERS-TMDI is clearly superior to that of the classical TMD.

Fig. 9. Time-history diagram of displacements (left) and accelerations (right) of the main structure: comparison between classical TMD and ERS-TMDI excited.
Fig. 10. Reduction ratio related to a) response peak displacement and b) response peak acceleration of classical TMD system and ERS-TMDI system

Fig. 11. Reduction ratio related to a) response RMS value of displacement and b) response RMS value of acceleration of classical TMD system and ERS-TMDI system

6. Conclusions

This paper investigates electromagnetic resonant shunt tuned mass-damper-inerter (ERS-TMDI) system, which consists of an auxiliary mechanical mass, an inertance mass, a spring, and an electromagnetic shunted RLC. We derive $H_2$ tuning laws on a SDOF system, with the physical meaning to reduce the RMS value of the displacement of the main structure subjected to random acceleration excitation from the base. Later on, both frequency-domain and time-domain analyses are studied to demonstrate the performance of vibration mitigation.

The frequency-domain analyses show that the ERS-TMDI can enhance efficiency of seismic control due to tuning both the resonances of the mechanical mass, the inertance, and the electrical resonator, in comparison with classical TMD, where only the mechanical resonance is tuned. Particularly, the ERS-TMDI of mass ratio 0.02 and inertance ratio 0.5 improves the vibration suppression by reducing the resonant peak value of displacement of main structure by around 36 % compared to that of the classical TMD, 23 % to the TMDI and 18 % to the ERS-TMDs, and the area of $X_R$ by around 9 %, 4 %, 6 %. In addition, the $H_2$ performances of vibration mitigation of the oscillation of the main structure and the deformation of the ERS-TMDI are better at the higher inertance ratio. And compared with classical TMD, the system is more robust to the off tuning or parameter changes.

The time-domain analyses show that the ERS-TMDI effectively reduces the peak and RMS value of the displacement of the main system, especially for the case of Northridge. It is also noted that, in the performance of the vibration mitigation, the ERS-TMDI is superior to the classical TMD.
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