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ABSTRACT

The topic of this paper is a parametric study of a cable-stayed bridge under seismic loads. The bridge modeled in this study is the Bill Emerson Bridge crossing the Mississippi River at Gape Girardeau in Missouri. A description of the development of the 3-D finite element model for both a linear and nonlinear dynamic analysis is given by using the original bridge design. Then a collection of parameters was studied as to their effect on the dynamic response. Different deck elements (e.g. girder box, slab, etc.), pylons (e.g. A-shape, H-shape, etc.), cable areas, and material properties are used. Linear and nonlinear multiple, single response spectrum analyses with an emphasis on the nonlinear cable behavior are performed in this parametric study.

The study showed that a composite concrete steel girder and a concrete box performed the best. Further it showed that A-shape towers stabilized the structure horizontally and increased the torsional stiffness. The doubling of the cable area decreased the vertical displacements up to 30 %. Therefore, a doubling of the cable area might be reasonable depending on the applications.

The multiple response-spectrum analysis lead to higher displacements than the single response-spectrum analysis. Consequently a multiple response spectrum analysis is preferable, if multiple excitation-input data are available.

The comparison between the non-linear and linear analysis demonstrated that for this bridge the non-linear effects of the cables were small and could be ignored. Nevertheless, for long span cable stayed bridges, the nonlinear effects of the cables should be considered.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

In recent years, medium and long span cable-stayed bridges have become increasingly popular. Their aesthetic appearance and economic design make them interesting for engineers and State Transportation Departments.

The Bill Emerson Bridge at Cape Girardeau, located 100 miles south of St. Louis, is a good example of this type of bridge, see Fig. 1. The original narrow truss bridge was not suitable for the steadily increasing traffic loads. This situation called for a new and wider bridge. A cable-stayed bridge was selected by MODOT, as the most economic and aesthetic alternative.

While the designers considered the financial aspects of the bridge, the structure's performance during seismic activity also had to be considered, because the bridge is located only 50 miles south of the New Madrid seismic zone, see Fig. 1.2. The geotechnical report indicated that there is a 90 percent chance that an earthquake with a magnitude up to 8.5 might occur in the next 250 years. Therefore, the engineers designed the bridge to resist an earthquake up to this magnitude.

The development of a 3-D finite element model is described and then results from the parametric study (with an emphasis of the deck, pylons, cables and material properties) are discussed, because the overall stiffness, stability and serviceability are mainly controlled by their performance. The results are compared and help to understand the basic behavior of cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads. At the end, design recommendations are given which should improve the design of future cable-stayed bridges in high seismic zones.

1.2 Description of the Bill Emerson Bridge at Cape Girardeau

The Bill Emerson Bridge, shown in Fig. 1.1, was designed in 1994. Construction started in 1997 and the structure is not yet completed. The main span of the bridge is 1150-ft (345 m); then there are two equal side spans of 485-ft (140 m) which make a total length of 2086-ft (625 m), shown in Fig. 1.3. The bridge consists of two H-shaped concrete towers, double-plane fan type cables, and a composite concrete—steel girder bridge deck. The towers are 320-ft (96 m) high above the water level, and the deck is 96-ft (29 m) wide. A total of 128 cables, 64 supporting the main span and 64 supporting each side span, are anchored to the towers and to the deck.

The road deck consists of two 11-in (275 mm) precast concrete slabs with a 3-in (75 mm) silica fume concrete wearing surface and three non-structural traffic barriers. A typical cross-section of the bridge deck is shown in Fig. 1.4. Each of the precast concrete slabs is 17.5-ft (5.25 m) wide and 48-ft (14.5 m) long. Two non-structural traffic barriers sit on the edges of the road lanes and one barrier is in the center to divide the traffic lanes.

The deck's floor beams are equally spaced longitudinally in intervals of 17.5-ft (5.25 m) and transport the deck loads to the edge girders. At the outer edge of the

deck, the two edge girders are 92-ft (27.6 m) apart from each other in the transverse direction. Both consist of structural steel ASTM A 572 Grade 50. The cables are connected every 35-ft (10.5 m) to the top flanges of the edge girders and to the towers.

The two towers are shown in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6. Each of them consists of two concrete legs, which are 12-ft (3.6 m) long in the transverse direction and 22-ft (6.6 m) long in the longitudinal direction, one lower strut supporting the deck and an upper strut connected to the upper legs. The dimensions of the two legs are variable throughout the height of the towers. From the foundation up to the lower strut the two legs have the above mentioned dimensions and are connected by a solid 8-ft (2.4 m) thick concrete wall, as can be seen in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6 in cross section E-E. The lower strut itself is 13-ft (3.9 m) wide and has an average height of 12-ft (3.6 m), see cross-section D-D in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6. From the lower strut upward to the upper struts, the two legs are 22-ft (6.6 m) long in the longitudinal direction. The transverse direction becomes narrower toward the upper strut. It starts with 12-ft (3.6 m) at the lower strut and ends with 9-ft (2.7 m) at the upper strut.

In addition, a rectangular access passageway that starts with 8.5-ft x 16-ft (2.55 m x 4.8 m) and ends with 5.5-ft x 16-ft (1.65 m x 4.8 m) is provided in both towers, as shown by cross-section B-B in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6. The upper strut is 17-ft (5.1 m) wide and has an average height of 15-ft (4.5 m), see cross-section C-C in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6. The third section change occurs above the upper strut to the top of the towers. The

legs are 22-ft (6.6 m) long in the longitudinal direction and 9-ft (2.7 m) wide in the transverse direction. A rectangular access hole is located in the two legs with dimensions of 5.5-ft x 13-ft (1.65 m x 3.9 m), which can be seen in cross-section A-A in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6.

At both towers, vertical steel bearings are provided that allow sliding in the horizontal plane, see Fig. 1.7 and 1.8. In the horizontal direction, an earthquake shock transmission device is installed to allow some movement in the transverse direction during such an occurrence, see Fig. 1.9. At the ends of the bridge are tie-down links to the piers, which are illustrated in Fig. 1.10 and 1.11.

Next, the cables are constructed of 0.6-in (15 mm) diameter ASTM A 416 strands and have varying cross section areas from 4.34 in² to 11.72 in² (2712.5 mm² to 7325 mm²), as shown in Fig. 1.12. and Table 2.2. They are wrapped hellically with a polyethylene covering and are grouted and sealed, see Fig. 1.16. The cables are anchored every 35-ft (10.5 m) to the edge girders and floor beams throughout approximately the entire length of the bridge. The first five cables at each end of the bridge are anchored every 12-ft (3.6 m) At the upper part of the towers the first 12 cables are anchored in 5-ft (1.5 m) intervals. The other four cables are anchored in 6-ft, 7-ft, 8-ft and 14-ft (1.8 m, 2.1 m, 2.4 m, and 4.2 m) intervals, as can be seen in Fig. 1.14 and 1.15.

1.3 Project Description and Objectives

The scope of this project is to examine a cable stayed bridge with varying performances under the effects of seismic loads. Cable non-linearities are considered and different types of analyses, e.g. single response spectrum and multiple response spectrum analyses are performed to determine the response of the bridge to seismic loads. This study will lead to an understanding of the basic behavior of cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads.

This project's work is performed in four major phases. The first phase is to use all the available geometric information about the bridge and to develop a 3-D finite element model. After that, a parametric study is performed with an emphasis on the main structural elements, deck, cables, and towers. The third phase is to evaluate and compare those results. In the last phase conclusions are made and design recommendations or design guidelines are given for future designs of cable-stayed bridges in high seismic zones.

CHAPTER 2: FINITE ELEMENT MODELING

2.1 General

The modeling process was divided into three phases. First one has to determine whether a 2-D or a 3-D model should be used. Previous investigations by Wilson [29,28] have shown that 2-D models were too conservative and not accurate enough. For example, in investigations by Nazmy [19] no coupled modes occurred in the 2-D modal analyses, indicating that there were only vertical and transverse modes. Coupled modes were not present, which is not accurate according to Nazmy [19]. The 3-D modal analyses showed that coupled modes do exist and that there are not only vertical and transverse modes present, but also torsional and torsional coupled with transverse modes. Therefore, it was determined to use a 3-D finite element model for this study.

The second phase involved geometric considerations for the bridge. After an examination of the drawings, the structure was divided into the three main parts, deck, cables and pylons and for each part, a suitable 3-D finite element model was developed.

During the third phase, constraints were determined and applied to the model. Both the second and third phases are described in more detail later in this chapter.

The finite element program ANSYS 5.3 was used to create the models and to perform the following analysis.

Five models emerged from the considerations from the scope of the parametric study. Those five models are presented in the following material. The first model was modeled after the original design. The other four models were developed for the parametric study and represent alternatives to the original design. During the modeling of the alternatives most of the elements of the original model were conserved with a few changes in these models.

2.2 Model 1

As mentioned earlier, this model represented the original design of the Bill Emerson Bridge. The modeling of the three main structural parts of the bridge is explained below.

2.2.1 Deck

The deck is a composite concrete-steel girder bridge deck, as shown in Fig. 1.4. It consists of steel floor beams, steel edge girders and a precast concrete slab. As described, earlier the floor beams are spaced in 17.5-ft (5.25 m) intervals and the cables are anchored every 35-ft (10.50 m) to the top flange of the edge girders. This made it convenient to model a 35-ft (10.50 m) long and 96-ft (28.8 m) wide section. Later this section was inserted over the whole length of the deck. It consisted of one slab; two edge girders at the outer edges of the slab and three floor beams spaced equally 17.5-ft (5.25 m) in the transverse direction, see Fig. 2.4. The thickness of

those elements were small, e.g. the webs were up to one inch (25 mm) thick and the flanges were up to 2.5-in (62.5 mm) thick, as can be seen in Fig. 1.4. Therefore, elastic shell elements with six degrees of freedom were used for all the elements, because shell elements proved to be accurate for analyses of thin structures. Concrete properties such as Modulus of Elasticity, Density, and Poisson's ratio were assigned to the slab, and steel properties were assigned to the beams and girders. Overall, 58 deck sections were used to model the whole deck. Nodes were placed at the connection points to the towers, at the connection points to the piers, the anchor points of the cables, and at locations where results were needed.

2.2.2 Towers

The towers consist of concrete legs, struts and walls, as described earlier and shown in Fig. 1.5 and 1.6. The legs and struts were assumed to behave like beams and were expected to act like beams. Therefore, elastic 3-D beam elements with six degrees of freedom were used. As mentioned in Chapter One, the cross-section of the legs and struts changed over the height and length of the towers. This was considered by dividing the towers in six sections and calculating the gross cross section properties for each section. All material properties and gross cross section properties for the legs and struts are shown in Table 2. The concrete wall between the two legs was modeled with the same elastic shell elements that were used for the deck elements. The reason for that was that 3-D elements and shell elements are

compatible and interact well, which leads to accurate results.

Overall 450 beam elements and 150 shell elements were used for the two towers.

Nodes were mainly placed at section changes, connection points to the deck, and the anchor locations at the upper parts of the towers.

2.2.3 Cables

The cables consist of 0.6-in (15 mm) diameter strands with varying cross sectional areas from 4.34 in² to 11.72 in² (2712.5 mm² to 7325 mm²), as shown in Fig. 1.12. These elements were modeled as linear elastic 3-D link elements with three degrees of freedom. Investigations by Wilson [29] showed that it is appropriate to use link elements with a special equivalent Modulus of Elasticity to consider the sag effect of cables. Under certain circumstances this approximation works well according to Wilson [29]. A definition and explanation of the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity will be given later in Chapter Three.

Just a single link element with Nodes at the ends, where the cables are connected to the deck and towers, was used to model each of the 128 cables. Each link was modeled by using all the geometric and material property information, e.g. length, cable area, etc. from the drawings or the accompanying papers. An overview of all those material and geometric properties for each cable is given in Table 2.2 and Fig. 1.13.

2.2.4 Deck-Tower Bearings

Figures 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9 show the deck tower bearings. Their elements were designed to allow sliding in the longitudinal direction and some movement in the transverse direction to decrease the seismic forces in the deck. The vertical direction was assumed to be fixed. This situation required a special solution. Publications by Khali [15] indicated that the easiest and most appropriate way to model the bearings would be by using elastic 3-D link elements in the vertical and horizontal direction. This allows an adjustment of the stiffness of the links, to simulate the free movement in the longitudinal direction, limiting movement in transverse direction, and fixation in vertical direction. Therefore, it was chosen for the modeling process. Four link elements two on each side of the towers were used, one in the vertical direction and one in the longitudinal direction, as can be seen in Fig. 2.2 The material and geometric properties were selected according to the determined stiffness of the links, which is explained in 4.7, and 5.5.6.

2.2.5 Piers and Abutments

The towers are founded on bedrock, which means the tower base can be treated as being fixed. The ends of the deck are connected to the piers by a tension-link mechanism, which can be seen in Fig. 1.10 and 1.11. This allows the deck to rotate freely about the vertical axis and the transverse axis. The transational degrees of freedom are fixed in transverse and vertical directions on both abutments. The

longitudinal translation is fixed on one abutment only, which allows the deck to move in longitudinal direction during an earthquake. As a result, the rotation about the longitudinal axis, and the movement in transverse and vertical directions, were constrained at both abutments. In addition the movement in the longitudinal direction was fixed at one abutment. This constraint case was determined as the best in this study and, therefore, it was used for all models.

2.3 Model 2

The second model was not significantly different from the first, with only the deck configuration differing from the first. The towers, cables, and constraints were the same.

For the deck a prestressed concrete slab was used, which is a lesser-known alternative to the composite design and is shown in Fig. 2.

2.3.1 Deck

For the slab a precast concrete slab with a average thickness of 18-in (450 mm) was used, which favored shell elements as the best choice. Therefore, 3-D elastic shell elements with six degrees of freedom were selected. The same modeling procedure used for the first model was employed here. One deck element 35-ft (10.5 m) x 96-ft (28.8 m) was created and inserted 58 times across the whole deck length. Nodes were

created at the connection points to the towers and at the anchor locations of the cables.

2.4 Model 3

This model used a popular alternative for the deck, a prestressed concrete box, which can be seen in Fig. 2.1. A 10-in (250 mm) thick slab on the top, two vertical 8-in (200 mm) thick walls under the slab, one 8-in (200 mm) thick slab on the bottom, and two 8-in (200 mm) thick slabs on the sides that connected the bottom to the top slab were used. Again the towers, cables and constraints were the same, as for Model 1.

2.4.1 Deck

As mentioned above, the slab thicknesses were small and favored the same elastic 3-D shell elements with six degrees of freedom that were used for the slabs in Models 1 and 2. The deck was modeled the same way as in the previous two cases mentioned. One deck element was created and inserted as often as necessary over the whole length of the bridge. This one deck element consisted of one slab on the top, two walls sitting at the third points of the slab, one connected to the ends of the vertical walls, and two slabs on each side that connected top to bottom. Nodes were created at the connection points to the towers and at the anchor location of the cables.

2.5 Model 4

In this model, the tower configuration was changed. An A-shaped tower with two concrete legs, one lower strut supporting the deck, and two upper struts connected to the legs, see Fig. 2.3, was used instead of an H-shape tower. The dimensions of the concrete legs changed in three sections over the height of the towers. The first section extended from the foundation up to the first strut. The legs were 22-ft (6.6 m) long in the longitudinal direction and 12-ft (3.60 m) in the transverse direction. Above the strut the legs became narrower toward the first upper strut. With dimensions mentioned above, the struts ended up with 22-ft (6.6 m) in the longitudinal direction and 9-ft (2.7 m) in the transverse direction. In addition, a rectangular passageway 8.5ft (2.55 m) x 16-ft (4.8 m) and 5.5-ft (1.65 m) x 16-ft (4.8 m) was located in the center of the legs. The third section started above the first upper strut and went until the strut at the top of the tower. The legs maintained this dimension. Only the rectangular passageway became narrower in the longitudinal direction, and decreased to 13-ft (3.9) m). The two upper struts had the same dimensions 17-ft (5.1 m) wide and 15-ft (4.5 m) high with a rectangular access hole of 13-ft (3.9 m) x 11-ft (3.3 m). The lower strut was solid concrete 13-ft (3.9m) x 14-ft (4.2 m). The deck, cables and constraints were the same as in the other models.

2.5.1 Towers

The modeling process of the A-shape towers was similar to the one of the H-shape

towers. The struts and legs were modeled as elastic 3-D beam elements with six degrees of freedom. As described in 2.5, the tower had several section changes in the height. That meant that each section had different gross cross-section properties. To each section, different gross-cross section properties were applied. Those gross cross-section properties were calculated and are shown in Table 2.1. Overall the tower consisted of 596 beam elements. Nodes were placed at the points that were connected to the deck, and at the cable anchor point at the upper part of the tower.

2.6 Model 5

The fifth model was a combination of the second and the fourth models. The towers were A-shaped towers, as described in 2.5. The deck consisted of a prestressed concrete slab, which was used for Model 2. The cables and the constraints remained the same as in all the previous models.

2.61 Deck

The modeling process was the same, as used for Model 2 and is described in 2.3.1.

2.62 Tower

The towers were modeled as described in 2.5.1.

CHAPTER 3: ANALYSIS DESCRIPTION

3.1 General

The topic of this study was to investigate the dynamic behavior of cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads. Therefore, a linear and non-linear dynamic analysis was performed. Publications by Abdel-Ghaffar [1,2,3] indicated that the non-linear behavior of cables should be considered during a dynamic analysis, especially for medium to long span cable-stayed bridges. The procedure to be used will be explained later in more detail. The results of both linear and non linear analysis types will be compared and conclusions will be drawn.

Two methods of seismic analysis were used, the single response spectrum analysis and multiple response spectrum analysis. Investigations by Nazmy [19] showed that the results from the multiple response spectrum analysis were significantly different from the single response spectrum analysis results. Therefore, in this study single and multiple excitations were applied at the base of the towers and at the pier abutments. The results will show how much these two methods differ from each other.

Those methods of analyses were performed first on Model 1, which represented the original design. Then they were used for the parametric study and the results were compared. The following paragraphs explain the different analysis methods in more detail.

3.2 Linear Dynamic Analysis

In the linear dynamic analysis it was assumed that the behavior was linear. Small deflections and no material or geometrical non-linearities were assumed. The deformations of all elements remain in the elastic range.

3.2.1 Single Response Spectrum Analysis

A single response spectrum analysis was used to calculate the response to random loading conditions such as earthquake and wind. The results of the necessary preceding modal analysis were used with a specified spectrum to calculate the displacements and stresses in the model.

As mentioned above, at first a modal analysis was performed to determine the natural frequencies of the model. According to Wilson [29,30] 20 to 30 modes in the range between 0.2 hz and 2 hz should give an accurate response for structures of this size. Therefore twenty to thirty modes were used in the range mentioned above.

After the controlling natural frequencies of the models were determined response spectra were applied to determine the maximum response of the structure. Figures 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 show the two horizontal and the one vertical response spectra for pier one. Figures 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 show the response spectra for pier two, and Figs. 3.8 to 3.13 show the response spectra for pier three and four.

In a single response spectrum analysis, just one spectrum curve could be applied to all base excitations. Therefore, the largest spectrum curve was used for the single response spectrum analysis. Figure 3.14 shows which spectra curve was the largest. This curve was then applied to all base excitation, see Fig. 3 with a constant damping factor of five percent, which is a commonly used damping factor according to Khali [15]. In order to get the maximum response for the structure the square root of sum of squares (SRSS) mode combination was used.

3.2.2 Multiple Response Spectrum Analysis

The multiple response spectrum analysis is similar to the single response spectrum analysis with the difference being that various spectrum curves were applied at different points in the structure, as shown in Fig. 3.1. As mentioned earlier, the twelve spectrum curves for the piers can be seen in Figs. 3.2 to 3.13. Spectrum curves one to three were applied to the base of pier one. Spectrum curves four to six were applied to tower one. Spectrum curves seven to nine were applied to tower two and spectrum curves ten to twelve were applied to pier two, see Fig. 3.1. A damping factor of five percent was also used here. As mentioned in 3.2.1, in order to get the maximum response of the structure, a SRSS mode combination was used.

3.3 Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis

As described earlier the non-linear behavior of the cables was a main concern.

Therefore, the non-linear analysis was limited to the sag effect of the cables, which is highly non-linear. No geometric non-linearity or large deflections were considered in

this analysis. Several investigations concerning the non-linear behavior of cables found in cable-stayed bridges have already been done. Ernst [5] was the first person who introduced an equivalent Modulus of Elasticity for the cables. His work resulted in the following expression:

Eq = E/
$$(1+(\gamma l)^2)/12 \sigma^3$$
 (Eq. 3.1)

Where σ = stress in the cable, l = horizontal length of the cable, γ = density (weight per unit volume), E = Modulus of Elasticity of steel, and Eq = Equivalent Modulus of Elasticity. This formulation was valid for a single value of stress. Therefore Ernst developed a second expression:

Eq = E/
$$(1 + [(\gamma I)^2 * (1 + \mu)^4 * E] / 12 \text{ cm}^3 16\mu^2$$
 (Eq. 3.2)

Where $\mu = \sigma_{low}/\sigma_{up}$, and $\sigma_{m} = (\sigma_{low} + \sigma_{up})/2$. This equation was used in this study to determine the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity. It is valid for a cable that works between two stress levels, σ_{low} and σ_{up} .

Leonhardt [16] presented a derivative of Ernst's equations. Leonhardt considered a simple supported inclined cable with $E=\infty$, see Fig. 3.15. By increasing the value of the force N that acts on both ends of the cable towards infinity, the shape of the cable approaches a straight line. An increase of the force from N to N1 = N + Δ N

caused an extension $\Delta\Delta s$ of the cable. An apparent specific extension $\epsilon f = \Delta\Delta s/s$ can be defined and from there an apparent Modulus of Elasticity, E_f can be defined:

$$Ef = \sigma/\epsilon f \tag{Eq. 3.3}$$

The specific stress-strain relationship of a cable is characterized by its Modulus of Elasticity $E = \sigma/\epsilon$. An equivalent Modulus of Elasticity that considers the two abovementioned phenomena can be defined.

$$Eq = \sigma/(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_f) \Rightarrow E_f E/E_f + E \Rightarrow E/(1 + E/E_f)$$
 (Eq. 3.4)

If the ratio between the sag f and the length of the inclined cable is low, a parabola can be used as an approximation for the catenary. For this case Ernst established the following equation:

Ef =
$$12 \sigma^3/(\gamma l)^2$$
) (Eq. 3.5)

Using Eq. 3.5 with Eq. 3.4 gives Eq. 3.1. Eq. 3.2. can be derived by using Ernst's secant modulus in Eq. 3.6 with Eq. 3.4.

Ef =
$$12 \text{ cm}^3 * 16\mu^2 / (\gamma I)^2 * (1+\mu)^4$$
 (Eq. 3.6)

Figure 3.16 show the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity and its dependence on the cable length and the stress level. The shorter the cable and the higher the stress level, the smaller the difference between the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity and the normal value. If the force increases toward infinity, the cable behaves more like a straight steel bar.

Figure 1.13 and 1.14 show the necessary cable properties that were needed for the calculation of the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity. The results of the calculations are shown in Table 3. The short cables had an Eq that was close to 29000 ksi, which was used for the linear analysis; even the longest cable had an Eq with 28763 ksi that was close to the one used in the linear analysis, which is shown in Table 3.

The explanation might be that the lengths of the cables are short and the stress levels are high. Ernst's chart in Fig. 3.16 supports this assumption. It shows the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity as a function of stress and cable length. Clearly the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity drops with an increase of cable length and decrease of stress level. The longest cable that was used in this study was 400-ft (138 m), and the stress level was between 80 and 118 ksi. The Eq in Fig 3.16 for those data is close to 29000 ksi. Therefore, the nonlinear effects of the cable are negligible for this case. This behavior is discussed more in Chapter Five when the results of the linear and non-linear analyses are considered.

CHAPTER 4: PARAMETRIC STUDY

4.1 Description of Parametric Study

Former investigations by Walther [28] have shown that the static behavior of a cable-stayed bridge is influenced mainly by the interaction between the principal characteristics of the bridge, e.g. deck inertia, cable area, tower layout and connection between the pylons and the deck. There have been few studies on the dynamic behavior of cables-stayed bridges. Therefore, this parametric study investigated the dynamic behavior of cable-stayed bridges with the emphasis on the main structural elements: deck, towers, and cables.

Different deck elements, tower shapes, and cable areas were used and the results compared. Later, the parametric study was extended to include material properties, slab thicknesses, tower-deck bearings, and the piers and abutments constraints. For example, instead of concrete properties, steel properties were applied to the model or different constraints were used at the abutments. All results from those cases helped explain the basic dynamic behavior of cable-stayed bridges and to find the most favorable configuration. The main elements of the parametric study are explained separately and in detail in the following:

4.2 Deck

Three different types of deck configurations were considered in this study: a composite concrete-steel deck, a concrete box, and a prestressed precast concrete slab shown in Figs. 1.4, 2, and 2.1. A detailed description of each deck configuration was given in Chapter Two and can be reviewed there. These three cases represent different moments of inertia categories: the slab had the lowest moment of inertia with an I of 1500000 in⁴, followed by the box design with an I of 124757805 in⁴ and the composite design with an I of 128633270 in⁴. The results provide an idea of the level of influence of the value of the deck moment of inertia in a dynamic analysis of a cable-stayed bridge. Their values will also show which deck configuration performs the best in combination with the other structural elements, such as cables and towers.

4.3 Towers

Two different types of towers were used, an A-shape tower and an H-shape tower. The H-shape tower was part of the original design. Both tower configurations are shown in Figs. 1.5, 1.6, and 2.3. A detailed description of the configuration of both towers was given in Chapter Two.

Many researchers, as Walther [28] have indicated that the A-shape towers are a better choice because of their higher torsional stiffness, especially if used for long cable-stayed bridges. The advantage of the H-shape tower, which was used in the design of the Bill Emerson bridge was that the 8-ft (2.4 m) thick wall at the base of

the towers added a great deal of stiffness to the towers. Conversely, the legs were not connected at the top of the tower and could cause large displacements at the top of the tower. In addition, the construction costs may be higher because of the additional concrete wall between the lower legs of the towers. The results in Chapter Five will show which tower configuration performed better.

4.4 Cables

As mentioned earlier in Chapter Three, a cable behaves in a non-linear way. It can take just tension and loses stiffness the more it sags. Therefore, a comparison between a linear analysis and a non-linear analysis, which considers just the non-linear behavior of the cables, was performed. The results of that comparison are shown and discussed in detail in Chapter Five.

Another interesting aspect that was examined was the area of the cables. Four cases, including the original one were created. The first case used half of the cable area of the original design. The second one used the original design data. In the third case the cable area was doubled, and in the fourth case it was tripled. This range showed how changing of the cable area affected the behavior of the structure. Chapter Five will give results and answers to these cases.

4.5 Material Properties

One main question posed in the beginning stage of almost every design process is

whether steel, concrete or other material should be used. Thus, it is necessary to determine which material is most suitable under the present configurations and loads.

At first, a dynamic analysis with a concrete box was performed. This concrete box is shown in Fig. 2.1. Then the concrete was exchanged for a combination of steel and concrete, where the slab remains in concrete and the superstructure was in steel. Fig. 4 shows this box configuration. The results of those calculations are shown in Chapter Five and will show which material performs the best.

4.6 Slab Thickness

In 4.2 it was mentioned that a simple prestressed precast concrete slab was used for the deck. Previously, the goal was to determine the best deck configuration out from the three mentioned. A more comprehensive look is taken at the slab thickness here. Three slab thicknesses were used 14-in (350 mm), 18-in (450 mm), and 25-in (625 mm). The results showed which was the most appropriate slab thickness to use. The optimum slab thickness was used for the prestressed precast concrete slab case in 4.2.

4.7 Tower-Deck Bearings

The type of connection between the deck and the towers has a significant effect on the structure under seismic loads, as already mentioned in the description of the modeling of the deck-tower bearings in Chapter Two. Many investigators, as Wilson [29,30] have already studied this problem. In this study only the effects of deck-tower

bearings on the original design of the Bill Emerson Bridge were investigated. As described in Chapter Two, the connections were modeled by using vertical and horizontal link elements. The stiffness of those elements was increased and decreased to simulate a fixed, half-fixed, or movable connection. Since the area and the Modulus of Elasticity mainly control the stiffness of those link elements; an infinitive high Modulus of Elasticity was used for the fixed case to simulate the high stiffness. On the other hand a low Modulus of Elasticity was used to simulate the low stiffness for the movable case. The area of the link elements was chosen according to the size of the real tower bearings. The results of this investigation should determine which connection type is the most favorable for a cable-stayed bridge under seismic loads. This connection type was then used for all the other models and the rest of the study.

4.8 Pier and Abutments Constraints

Several investigations by Leonhardt [16], Wilson [29,30] and Abdel-Ghaffar [1,2,3] have shown that the choice of the constraints can have a considerable influence on the behavior of cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads.

The influence of different constraints on the original design was investigated in this study. Longitudinal constraint changes have had the largest effect on cablestayed-bridges according to previous investigations. In this study only the constraints in the longitudinal direction were changed. Three different constraint cases were created. In case one, both ends could move in the longitudinal direction. In case two, both ends were fixed in the longitudinal direction, and in case three, one end was free and the other end was fixed in the longitudinal direction. All the other constraints were the same, as described in 2.2.5.

The results of this study showed which constraint case was the most preferable.

This optimum case was then used for all the other models and for all other cases that were involved in this parametric study.

CHAPTER 5: EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF RESULTS

5.1 General

In the following, the results of several analyses are described, discussed, evaluated and compared. At first the Modal Analysis results are presented and evaluated. Then a comparison between linear/non-linear dynamic analysis results and single/multiple response spectrum analysis results is performed and the results are discussed. After, that the results of the parametric study are presented and examined. In the end follows a summary and evaluation of all results.

5.2 Comparison of Modal Analyses Results

Table 5 shows the natural frequencies for the five models from the modal analysis, which is necessary in order to perform the response spectrum analysis, as mentioned in Chapter Three.

As expected, the A-slab and the Slab design proved to be flexible and had the lowest natural frequencies starting with 0.24 hz and ending with 1.2 hz. Because of the large torsional stiffness, the box had the largest natural frequencies between 1.34 hz and 1.90 hz. The A-shape and the composite models were inbetween and showed almost the same frequencies in the lower range with 0.34 hz and 0.3 hz. In the higher range, the A-shape model topped the composite model with 1.81 hz compared to 1.66 hz. This result also was expected, because the A-shape tower-configuration was

supposed to give the structure a larger torsional and horizontal stiffness, which would lead to higher natural frequencies. Altogether, the results from the modal analysis were reasonable and therefore, could be used for the response spectrum analysis.

In Figs. 5 to 5.29 the first 30 modes of the composite design are illustrated. The figures clearly indicate that the first two modes are only transverse modes followed by a torsional mode. This result was anticipated because according to Wilson [28] the first modes are transverse modes. The first torsional-transverse coupled mode occurred in the fifth mode, see Fig. 5.5. As mentioned earlier in Chapter Two, these coupled modes occur only in 3-D modal analyses and are important for accurate investigations. After the fifth mode, mainly transverse modes occurred. Only in modes 6,16,18,21,22,25,29, and 30, did torsional and coupled modes occur. The rest of the modes were horizontal, longitudinal or vertical modes only, as can be seen in Figs. 5 to 5.29.

5.3 Comparison of Linear and Non-Linear Dynamic Analyses Results

In the following, the linear and non-linear results of the five models are presented separately in charts, as can be seen in Figs. 5.31 to 5.36. For each model the non-liner and linear results are summarized in a comparison chart to demonstrate clearly the differences between the two different analyses types, see Figs. 5.37 to 5.51.

5.3.1 Linear Analyses Results

The results are presented in 3-D Column charts, where the y-axis indicates the displacements in inches and the x-axis, the locations of the response displacements considered in this investigation, which are illustrated in Fig. 5.30. The locations were selected according to other studies, such as the study from Abdel-Ghaffar [3]. In addition, results were collected at locations that seemed to give important information on the behavior of the structure. The columns are color-coded and represent the five models that were used in this analysis.

The single linear response spectrum analysis produced vertical, horizontal, and longitudinal single response spectrum displacements, which are illustrated in Figs. 5.31 to 5.33.

The vertical displacements showed that the A-shape model had the least displacements of all models in the center of the main span with 11.67 inches, followed by the original design with 12.16 inches, the A-slab design (13.5inches), the box design (14.19 inches), and the slab design (16.36 inches), see Fig. 5.31. At joint 2, the order changed. The original design had the least displacement at this location, followed by the A-shape, box, A-slab, and slab design. The displacements here were in the range from 12.3 inches to 15.3 inches.

As expected, the vertical displacements of the towers were small.

Therefore, no comprehensive statement can be made about the displacements at those locations. The displacements at the center of the side span followed almost the same

pattern as the displacements at the center of the main span. This time the box design had the least displacements with 10.31 inches, followed by the composite design. The rest were ranked in the same order as before.

The horizontal displacements were lower than the vertical displacements and are shown in Fig. 5.32. The ranking of the results at the center of the main span differed a little bit from the ranking of the vertical displacements. The original design had the least displacements with 8.6 inches, followed by the A-shape model with 8.9 inches, the box with 9.11 inches, the A-slab with 9.6 inches and the slab model with 9.7 inches.

Again the longitudinal displacements were, lower than the horizontal displacements and are presented in Fig. 5.33. The ranking at the center of the main slab did not change either. The original design had again the lowest displacements with 1.89 inches and the slab model had the highest displacements with 2.31 inches.

5.3.2 Non Linear Analyses Results

The results of the nonlinear single response spectrum analysis were similar to the linear response spectrum analysis. They followed exactly the same pattern as the linear response spectrum analysis results, and are presented in Figs. 5.34 to 5.36.

5.3.3 Summary and Comparison of Results

The comparison between the linear and nonlinear analysis was done separately for each model, and is illustrated in the Figs. 5.37 to 5.51. As mentioned earlier, the results were similar and there was almost no observable difference between the linear and non-linear results. The numbers differed only at the second decimal place, and could be seen as almost identical. For example, see Fig. 5.37. The non-linear response displacements were 12.194 inches at the main span center. At the same location the linear response displacements differed with 12.164 inches only slightly from the nonlinear response displacements. This result leads to the conclusion that the non-linear behavior of the cables could be neglected in this investigation. This supposition is reasonable for several reasons. The cable length is only 400-ft, which is not long according to Ernst [5] concerning the equivalent Modulus of Elasticity, and the stress level is high with 80 ksi to 118 ksi. As mentioned in Chapter Three, the shorter the cable and the larger, the force acting on the cable, the more the cable behaves like a straight bar. This conclusion means that the behavior is linear and the Modulus of Elasticity does not change significantly. The results of this investigation and the results of the aforementioned investigations by Ernst [5] and Leonardt [16] indicated this clearly.

Although this and many previous investigations showed that non-linear effects can be neglected for this type of bridge, this study still continued to consider the non-linear behavior of the cables for the rest of the study to get more accurate results and

to investigate the influence on other parameter changes.

5.4 Comparison between Single and Multiple Response Spectrum Analyses

As mentioned in Chapter Three, many investigators as, Abdel-Ghaffar [1,2,3], indicated that multiple response spectrum analyses should be performed, if multiple excitation-input data are available. For this, bridge multiple excitation data were available, therefore a multiple response spectrum analysis was performed and the results were compared with a single response spectrum analysis to compare the differences.

In the following, the single response spectrum displacements and member forces for each model are discussed first, see Figs. 5.34 to 5.36 and 5.52 to 5.53. Then the multiple response spectrum displacements and member forces are explained in Figs. 5.54 to 5.59. Figures 5.60 to 5.84 then summarize the results from both analysis types to point out the differences.

5.4.1 Single Response Spectrum Results

The results are presented in the same manner, as already described in 5.3.1. Figures 5.34 to 5.36 show the vertical, horizontal and longitudinal response spectrum displacements. In addition, Figs. 5.52 to 5.53 show the member forces for the investigated models. The y-axis indicates the member force in kips. The location of the elements can be seen on the x-axis. The columns are color-coded and each column

represents one model. Since the results of the single response spectrum analysis were already described, only the element results are discussed in the following.

The element results did not yield in any significantly different results. The ranking of the results was approximately the same, as for the displacements. The original design showed in most cases the lowest forces with the box design followed by the Ashape design. Only the low cable forces of the slab designs disturbed the ranking a little bit. This is mostly attributable to to the low dead load in those designs. Overall, the forces in the cables were in the range between 84 ksi for the short cables and 342 ksi for the longer cables, see Fig. 5.52. The forces in the tower legs at the base of the towers were between 7177 kips and 8507 kips, see Fig. 5.53.

5.4.2 Multiple Response Spectrum Results

The multiple response displacements are shown in the Figs. 5.54 to 5.56. From these figures it is evident that the multiple response spectrum analysis yielded in higher results than the single response spectrum analysis. The vertical displacements were between 0.0865 inches at the upper strut joint for the composite model and 45.77 inches at the center of the main slab for the slab model, see Fig. 5.54. The horizontal displacements were in the range of 0.144 inches at the lower strut joint and 15.081 inches at the tower top, see Fig. 5.55. In the longitudinal direction the displacements were between 1.39 inches at mid span and 15.77 inches at the tower top, which can be seen in Fig. 5.56.

The member forces and bending moments are displayed in Figs. 5.57 to 5.59. The results followed the same pattern as for the single response force members. Again, only the values were obviously different. The cable forces were between 74.73 kips and 456 kips, see Fig. 5.57. The minimum bending moment at the base of the tower legs was 107058 ft-kips and the minimum force was 9611 kips, see Fig 5.58 and 5.59. The maximum bending moment was 187008 ft-kips and the maximum member force was 14572 kips.

5.4.3 Evaluation and Comparison of Results

The comparisons between the single response spectrum and multiple response-spectrum displacements and member forces were performed the same way as the comparison between the linear and non-linear analysis and are presented in the Figs. 5.60 to 5.84. The charts indicate that the results differed from each other. For example, Fig. 5.60 shows the single and multiple vertical displacements for the composite design. At the center of the main slab the single-response analysis resulted in a deflection of 12.19 inches. The multiple response spectrum analysis on the other hand resulted in a vertical deflection of 23.87 inches, which was twice as much. The comparison of the other models showed equal results or even more severe differences as in Fig. 5.72, where the multiple response spectrum displacements with 45.77 inches were even three times larger than the single response spectrum displacements with only 16.36 inches.

The comparison of the element forces is presented in Figs. 5.75 to 5.84 and showed the same picture, but the differences were not as severe as they were for the displacements. The multiple response spectrum results were less than twice as large as the single response spectrum results. For example, in Fig. 5.83 the multiple response cable force for the long cable is 382 kips and the single response cable force is just 205 kips.

Altogether this showed that if multiple-excitation input data are available, a multiple-response spectrum analysis is to be preferred, if not mandatory.

5.5 Results of Parametric Study

In the following, summaries of figures are presented that summarize the results of the parametric study, which were described in detail in Chapter Four.

As mentioned in the paragraphs above, the charts are set up the same way, colorcoded column-charts with displacements, member forces or bending moments along the y-axis and the location of the nodes and elements along the x-axis.

5.5.1 Deck

As mentioned earlier, one of the main goals of this study was to determine which deck configuration is the most favorable for cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads. The response spectrum results of the investigation of the deck are summarized in Figs. 5.112 to 5.117.

First the vertical displacements of the three deck configurations were compared, which are presented in Fig. 5.112. The box had the lowest displacements with 23.67 inches at the center of the main span, followed by the original composite design with 23.87 inches and the slab model with 45.77 inches. Noticeable was that the slab configuration came up with high displacements compared to the other two deck configurations. The differences were between 10 to 20 inches. That indicated that the slab design might not be a good choice for this kind of bridge under seismic loads.

The horizontal displacements, illustrated in Fig. 5.113, were in favor of the original design at almost all locations. The displacements were lower than those of the other deck configurations. The differences were between 1 and 2 inches.

In the longitudinal direction at the center of the main and side span all deck configurations had displacements around 1.5 and 1.8 inches, as can be seen in Fig. 5.114. At the top of the tower the differences got larger in favor of the box design. The box design displayed the lowest displacements with 7.7 inches compared to the highest displacements of the slab design with 15.76 inches. Overall this showed that the box design performed slightly better than the composite design, at least according to the response displacements.

The response member forces and bending moments are illustrated in Figs. 5.115 to 5.117. Overall, the results confirmed the above conclusions. The cable forces were the lowest for the box design with 74 kips, followed by the original design with 86 kips and the slab design with 91 kips, see Fig. 5.115. The forces at the base of the

tower and in the main slab also were the lowest for the box design, followed by the original design, see Fig. 5.116. The member force and bending moment at the tower legs were with 9611 kips and 107058 ft-kips in favor of the composite design. Overall the results showed that the box design had the least amount of forces, bending moments, and displacements at almost all locations.

5.5.2 Towers

The comparison of the vertical displacements of the two tower configurations showed that the H-shape tower configuration had 2 inches less displacement at the center of the main slab and the side slab, as can be seen in Fig. 5.85. It seemed that the H-shape tower performed better.

The horizontal displacements in Fig. 5.86 corrected the first impression. The A-shape tower, with it's larger stiffness in horizontal direction, had fewer displacements at the top of the tower compared to the H-shape tower. The displacements for the A-shape tower were 5 inches and for the H-shape tower they were 14 inches.

The longitudinal displacements then showed the same picture as the vertical displacements. The H-shape tower configuration showed slightly smaller displacements, now even smaller than the first time. For example, the H-shape configuration had a longitudinal deflection of 1.45 inches at the center of the main span. The A-shape configuration resulted in a deflection of 1.51 inches at the same place. The difference was an insignificant 0.06 inches, see Fig. 5.87. Overall, the A-

shape configuration is more favorable than the H-shape configuration, especially for larger span bridges, where the horizontal stiffness is more important.

Another interesting point became evident as well. The slab design with an H-shape tower performed badly. It showed large displacements in horizontal (14.19 inches) and longitudinal (15.76 inches) direction at the top of the tower, as can be seen in Figs. 5.86 and 5.87. As a result, it is not desirable to use the slab design with an H-shape tower configuration.

5.5.3 Cables

The response spectrum displacements for the cable area comparison are shown in Figs. 5.88 to 5.90. From these figures it can be seen that with an increasing of the cable area, the displacements decreased; with a decreasing cable area the displacements increased. For example, the vertical deflection of the original design for the center of the main span was 23.8 inches. A doubling of the cable area lead to a decrease of the deflection to 17.97 inches. A tripling of the cable area produced a displacement of 15.09 inches. On the other hand, half of the cable area increased the deflection to 33.14 inches, see Fig. 5.88. The horizontal and longitudinal displacements, presented in Figs. 5.89 and 5.90, showed similar results. The results also favored the doubling case, but the differences were not as severe anymore. For example, for the horizontal displacements at center span the doubling case came up with 11.34 inches compared to 12.56 inches for the normal case, see Fig 5.89.

Overall, these results showed that a doubling of cable area was the most favorable option of the three discussed options, because it decreased the displacements about 30 percent and increased the stiffness of the structure. The halving on the other side lead to an increase of the displacements of almost 50 percent. The tripling of the cable area did not noticeably decrease the displacements when compared to doubling the area. Doubling of the cable area appears to be the better option.

The comparison of the element member forces, and bending moments, presented in Figs. 5.91 to 5.93, showed an increase of the forces in the cables from 255 kips to 503 kips with an increasing of the cable area, while the forces in the deck slab, decreased from 454 kips to 388 kips. These results seem reasonable, because high stiffness attracts high forces. Other parts of the bridge, as for example the deck, can be designed for less loads. Therefore, an increasing of the cable area is desirable. The doubling of the area also seemed more preferable than the tripling of the area, because the differences between both options were not severe, as can be seen in Figs. 5.91 to 5.93.

5.5.4 Material Properties

As mentioned in Chapter Four, a popular question in every project is whether steel or concrete should be used. In this study a comparison between a concrete box and a steel box with a concrete slab on the top was performed and the results are presented in Figs. 5.94 to 5.96.

As can be seen in Figs. 5.94 to 5.96 all the response displacement results indicated clearly that the concrete option yielded better results. The vertical displacements of the concrete option were 10 inches less than the displacements of the steel option, see Fig. 5.94. The difference decreased to 2 inches for the horizontal displacements, as shown in Fig. 5.95. The longitudinal displacements were in close proximity, e.g. the center of the main slab had displacements of 1.3 to 1.5 inches, as can be seen in Fig. 5.96. This leads to the conclusion that the particular steel box with the concrete slab is not a good choice for the cable-stayed bridge discussed in this study. The concrete box is more suitable and more effective and is, therefore, the better choice.

5.5.5 Slab Thickness

The results of the slab thickness comparison for the slab models are presented in Figs. 5.97 to 5.99. The results of the vertical displacements in Fig. 5.97 showed that the 18-inch slab performed surprisingly the best. It had the least vertical displacements in the center of the main span with 16.36 inches and 15.12 inches at the center of the side span. At the cable joint in the center of the main slab it had a slightly higher deflection of 15.32 inches compared to that of the 14-inch slab.

The horizontal displacements of the three slab thicknesses, presented in Fig. 5.98, did not differ very much from each other. The results were all in the same range. For example, at the center of the main slab all three slab thicknesses had a deflection of 8.6 inches, see Fig. 5.98.

The longitudinal displacements favored the 14-inch thick slab. At all locations it had lower deflections compared to the 18-inch thick slab, however, the differences were small. For example, at the top of the towers the 14-inch slab showed a 6.11-inch deflection compared to a 6.23-inch deflection of the 18-inch slab; Fig. 5.99. Consequently, an 18-inch thick slab was used for the rest of the parametric study, since it performed well and practical reasons, such as reinforcement, favor thicker slabs

5.5.6 Tower-Deck Bearings

As explained in 4.7, the purpose of this investigation was to examine the influence of the tower bearings of the performance of the structure under seismic loads. Three cases were investigated: a movable connection, a half-fixed connection, and a fixed connection.

The results of this investigation are presented in Figs. 5.100 to 5.105. The results confirmed the expected behavior of the bridge. The movable bearings logically allow movement, and therefore, the highest longitudinal displacements (1.95 inches) occurred in this case. The fixed case on the other hand showed the lowest displacement (1.87 inches), see Fig. 5.102. The half-fixed case settled right between the movable and fixed case with 1.89 inches, as is illustrated in Fig. 5.102. The results did not differ much from each other. For example, the horizontal displacements at the top of the tower differed just 0.10 inches from each other, as can be seen in Fig. 5.101.

The member forces and bending moments are shown in Figs. 5.103 to 5.105. The results also were in favor of the half-fixed tower connection. The fixed connection produced high forces (7114 kips) and high bending moments (152208 ft-kips) in the tower, which can be seen in Fig. 5.105. In this case the connection is so rigid that all the seismic forces are completely transferred. The movable connection came up with low forces of 5345 kips in the tower. The problem with this connection type was that under static loads it introduced high forces (107830 kips) in the deck and in the towers, as can be seen in Fig. 5.104. The half-fixed type connection produced decent forces (6583 kips) in the towers under seismic and static loads. It seemed that this kind of connection is the most desirable of all the three types that were investigated in this study. Therefore, it was selected and used for all the other models and for the rest of the parametric study.

5.5.7 Piers and Abutments Constraints

The vertical, horizontal, and longitudinal response spectrum displacements of the three constraints cases, described in 4.8, are presented in Figs. 5.106 to 5.111. The vertical displacements in Fig. 5.106 showed that case one with one end fixed and one end free had the least vertical displacement compared to the other cases. For example at the center of the main slab case one had a vertical deflection of 12.2 inches. Case two had 12.73 inches and case three 13.05 inches. The differences were not large, but still they indicated that case one performed the best. The horizontal displacements

were similar. Case one still had the least displacements at almost all locations, but the differences between the cases decreased to 0.1 inches, as can be seen in Fig. 5.107. The longitudinal displacements showed a different picture. At almost all locations the fixed case had the least displacements with 1.25 inches, followed closely by the fixed and free case, as is illustrated in Fig. 5.108. This was expected, because no movements are possible at a fixed constraint. On the other hand, this created large stresses in the deck and towers, which can be seen in the member forces and bending moment results in Figs. 5.109 to 5.111. The highest bending moments occurred in the fixed case and were 275 ft-kips at the center of the main slab and 181433 ft-kips at the base of the tower legs. On the other hand the lowest bending moments (85041 ft-kips) occurred in the free case. The one end free and other end fixed case came up with 107058 ft-Kips, which is right between the other cases and can be seen in Fig. 5.111.

The forces in the cables, which are presented in Fig. 5.109, were in favor of the fixed case. The highest force (370 kips) appeared in the no constraints case. The lowest force (259 kips) occurred in the fixed case, see Fig. 5.109. It was expected that the fixed case would have the lowest cable force, because the deck elements get more support from the fixed constraints and lower the force in the cables.

Based on the above mentioned results, the case with one end fixed and one end free seemed to be most favorable. The vertical displacements are kept to a minimum with this configuration and the forces and bending moments are still in a reasonable

range compared to the other two cases. For the rest of the parametric study the first constraint case was employed.

5.6 Summary and Evaluation of Results

The modal analysis, as described in the beginning of this chapter, already set a trend for the following investigations. It indicated that the box design might be the stiffest, and the slab designs the most flexible; it also showed that the A-shape tower configuration added stiffness and stability to the structure. All these indications were reasonable according to previous investigations by Wilson [30] and were helpful in determining the response displacements, member forces and bending moments.

The results of the comparison between the non-linear analysis and the linear analysis were not very surprising. They showed and confirmed what several previous investigators, as Fleming [7], already stated, that for small and medium bridges, the non-linear effects of the cables are negligible. A linear dynamic analysis is, therefore, more than sufficient and accurate.

The comparison between the multiple and single response spectrum analysis indicated that the multiple response spectrum analysis results in larger and more accurate results than the single response spectrum analysis. This result confirmed the statements made by Nazmy [19] in his investigations and enforced the recommendation that if multiple-excitation data are available, a multiple response-spectrum analysis should be performed.

The parametric study resulted in partially surprising and anticipated results, which gave some deep insights into the basic behavior of cable stayed bridges under seismic loads.

The deck study showed that the box deck configuration was the best alternative.

This result was not necessarily expected but it was suspected, because of the known large torsional stiffness of the box.

The tower comparison did not result in any surprising results either. The A-shape tower performed the best, because of his larger horizontal stiffness compared to the H-shape tower.

The cable area study produced some interesting results. The doubling of the cable area resulted in a decrease of the vertical displacements by 30 % in the center of the main span. Such large reduction was not expected. It showed that a doubling of the cable area should be considered, if displacements are to be decreased and stability increased.

The comparison of the slab thicknesses resulted in helpful results for the deck configuration study. Surprisingly it determined that the 18-inch thick slab performed the best and should be used for the slab models. This result was not anticipated. It seemed more reasonable that the 25-inch slab would have the least displacements. The reason for this might be that the dead load was too large and, therefore, produced large displacements. No similar investigations have been done before. In Leonhard's work [16] only slab thicknesses for static loads are investigated. Slab thicknesses of

15 to 20 inches are the recommended values according to those investigations. Therefore, the determined 18-inches seemed acceptable.

The material property comparison resulted in favor of the concrete design, but the comparison was not comprehensive and was just limited to a particular deck configuration. Therefore, no comprehensive statements can be made about the influence of material properties of cable stayed-bridges under seismic loads.

The constraints study showed surprising results. It did not favor the case with any longitudinal constraints at both ends, which is the recommended configuration according to Walther [28]. The results favored the case with one end constraint longitudinally and one end free. This case showed the lowest displacements, forces and moments for the bridge studied in this investigation. No publications could be found that confirmed those results. So, in order to apply those results to other bridges, more comprehensive research has to be done.

The tower-deck bearing comparison did not show any surprising or new results. As expected according to Yamada [30], the half-fixed case performed the best. It settled between the fixed and movable case, which were too extreme in their results.

Overall the results were reasonable, provided meaningful insights about the basic behavior of cable stayed bridges under seismic loads, and gave some ideas and recommendations for future research and designs. For example, the study showed that doubling of the cable area increases the stiffness and decreases the displacements. It also indicated that the A-shape tower and the box deck configuration results in less

response displacements and, therefore are very favorable. A summary of these results and all the other results with a comparison between the investigated results and current knowledge is given in Table 5.2.

Concerning the evaluation of the original design, the results showed that the original design performed well compared to all the other models. Still the results indicated that some improvements might improve the stability, stiffness and serviceability of the bridge. For example, an exchange of the tower configuration or a doubling of the cable area would add more stiffness and stability to the structure. All the suggested improvements are presented in Table 5.1.

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 General

The purpose of this study was to investigate the behavior cable-stayed bridges during sesmic activity, and to perform a parametric study of the dynamic performance analysis of cable-stayed bridges. In the following, the resulting conclusions and recommendations are summarized.

6.2 Linear Non-Linear Analysis Comparison

As described in detail in 5.3.3, the results of the linear and non-linear analysis were almost identical. In most cases the values differed only after the third decimal place. These results, together with work by Fleming [7], lead to the conclusion that for the bridge studied in this investigation, and for bridges with similar geometric properties, the non-linear effects of the cables are negligible. This observation means that linear dynamic analysis, without consideration of the non-linear effects of the cables, are accurate enough for bridges with medium span length, as the bridge in this study.

6.3 Single-Multiple Response Spectrum Analysis Comparison

The comparison between the results of the two analysis types in 5.4.3, clearly highlighted the significant differences between the results. The multiple response spectrum analysis resulted in larger displacements, member forces and bending moments than the single response spectrum analysis, as described in 5.4.3. The single response spectrum analysis is not accurate enough and yields in unrepresentative response, which can be unsafe and undesirable, thus multiple response spectrum analyses should be carried out. This result is also confirmed by Nazmy's investigations [19].

6.4 Deck

The results in 5.5.1 were slightly in favor of the box deck configuration, but followed closely by the original design with a composite concrete-steel girder bridge deck. Therefore, only a slight recommendation for using box deck elements rather than composite concrete-steel girder bridge deck elements can be given here.

6.5 Towers

The tower comparison results showed a noteworthy picture. For vertical and longitudinal displacements there was not much of a difference between the two tower types, but for the horizontal displacements the results differed in favor of the A-shape tower type. The conclusion is that A-shape towers should be used instead of H-shape towers. It strongly decreases the horizontal displacements of the towers and it adds stiffness and stability to the whole structure. According to Gimsing [11], for existing

cable-stayed bridges, especially long-span cable-stayed bridges, A-shape towers are effective. Therefore, the above conclusion also is relevant for bridges other than the one mentioned in this study. It can be extended towards long-span cable-stayed bridges, as well.

6.6 Cables

The cable area study showed that an increase of the cable area, had a significant influence of the responses of the structure to seismic loads; the displacements dropped significantly. A doubling of the area emerged out of the study as the most favorable. The conclusion is that an increase of the cable area is strongly recommended for decreasing the displacements and establishing more stability for the structure.

6.7 Slab Thickness

The slab thickness investigation showed that the 18-inch thick slab performed the best compared to the other slab thicknesses. It was more of a sub-investigation, because the results were needed in order to perform the other investigations. As a result, no specific conclusion could be drawn. The only conclusion made was that the vertical displacements do not decrease linearly with a linearly increase of the slab thickness.

6.8 Material Properties

As already indicated in 5.5.4 and 5.6, there is little that can be said about this comparison, other than that for the bridge studied in this study, a box constructed completely out of concrete is strongly preferred over a box with steel walls and a concrete slab on the top.

6.9 Tower-Deck Bearings

As mentioned in 5.5.6. and 5.6, the tower-deck bearing study did not reveal significant results. The results were similar to results in previous investigations from Khali [15]. The conclusion is made that half-fixed tower deck bearings should be used for bridges that are located in high seismic zones to decrease the forces and moments in the towers during an earthquake. Shock device dampers or rubber block bearings are good choices to accommodate this requirement.

6.10 Pier Abutment Constraints

The results of the constraint comparison brought up some interesting points. It showed that none longitudinal constraints are not the optimal configuration in every case. It turned out that one end constraint and the other end free was the better option. This result alone does not lead to a strong conclusion. More research has to be done on this topic before a conclusive statement can be made. But so far one can conclude

that the special mentioned constraint case should be at least considered as an alternative.

6.11 Summary of Conclusions

Overall most of the conclusions that emerge from this study are reasonable and have been confirmed by previous investigations by Khali [15], Abdel-Ghaffar [1,2,3], Wilson [29,30], Fleming [6,7,8] or common engineering knowledge. The conclusions should help to understand the basic behavior of cable-stayed bridges under seismic loads and improve the design process for future projects. A short summary of all the made conclusions is given in Table 5.3.

6.12 Design Recommendations

According to the above conclusions the following design recommendations were formulated:

- The non-linear behavior of cables does not have to be considered for medium span-bridges.
- Multiple response spectrum analysis should be carried out if multiple excitation data are available.
- An A-shape tower should be selected, especially for long-span structures.
- A concrete box or a composite concrete-steel girder bridge deck is prefered for the deck.

- The doubling of the cable area should be considered to decrease displacements and to increase the stability of the structure.
- A longitudinally fixation of one end of the bridge should be considered for the constraints.

6.13 Concluded Suggestions for Improvement of Original Design

According to the design recommendations a improvement table for the original design was created, which can be seen in Table 5.1. The table shows that the composite deck could be replaced by the concrete box, the H-shape towers should be exchanged for A-shape towers, the cable area should be doubled, and one end of the bridge should be constrained longitudinally. Those suggestions emerged from the study and should improve the performance of the bridge during an earthquake.

6.14 Future Research

As mentioned in the paragraph above, this study showed several areas, where future research is needed to confirm results or to obtain greater insights. The pier constraints are a good example. Do the conclusions from this study apply to other cases? More research must be done to transfer conclusions from this study to other cases.

The material properties are another good example. How do material changes

affect the performance of the structure under an earthquake? Do steel towers perform better than concrete towers? The cables are also interesting. How much does the cable arrangement affect the performance? Is a fan or harp pattern more favorable during an earthquake? Another big question is, how far can all the conclusions for this medium size bridge be transferred to long-span bridges? All these questions might serve as an impetus for researchers to look for answers.

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Appendix

Table 2 Gross Cross Section Properties of H-shape Tower Configuration

Sections	Section I.D.	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft^2)	Moment of Inertia Iz (ft^4)	Moment of Inertia ly (ft^4)	Section Length (ft)	
1	Upper leg	9	22	126.6	1156	6979	119	
2	Upper Strut	17	15	255	4127	3339	83	
3	Middle Leg	10.5	22	119	1664	6927	121	
4	Lower Strut	13	16	208	2929	4437	101	
5	Lower Leg	12	22	264	3168	10648	106	
6	Footing	22	10	220	8873	1833	89	
7	Wall	8	90	-	**	-	*	

Table 2.1 Gross Cross Section Properties of A-shape Tower Configuration

Sections	Section I.D.	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft^2)	Moment of Inertia Iz (ft^4)	Moment of Inertia ly (ft^4)	Section Length (ft)	
1	Top Strut	10	8	80	426	666	32	
2	Upper leg	9	22	126.6	1156	6979	91.67	
3	Upper Strut	17	15	255	4127	3339	66	
4	Middle Leg	10.5	22	22 119	1664	6927	161.08	
5	Lower Strut	13	16	208	2929	4437	108	
6 Lower Leg		12	22	264	3168	10648	103.25	

Table 2.2 Cable Data

Cable Number	Number of 0.6" Strands	Area of one Strand (in^2)	The same of the sa	Pipe Diameter (in)
1	54	0.217	11.718	10.75
2	54	0.217	11.718	10.75
3	50	0.217	10.85	10.75
4	46	0.217	9.982	8.63
5	43	0.217	9.331	8.63
6	41	0.217	8.897	8.63
7	39	0.217	8.463	8.63
8	39	0.217	8.463	8.63
9	35	0.217	7.595	7.13
10	33	0.217	7.161	7.13
11	31	0.217	6.727	7.13
12	29	0.217	6.293	7.13
13	27	0.217	5.859	6.63
14	23	0.217	4.991	6.63
15	21	0.217	4.557	6.63
16	20	0.217	4.34	6.63
17	20	0.217	4.34	6.63
18	21	0.217	4.557	6.63
19	23	0.217	4.991	6.63
20	24	0.217	5.208	6.63
21	28	0.217	6.076	7.13
22	29	0.217	6.293	7.13
23	32	0.217	6.944	7.13
24	34	0.217	7.378	7.13
25	38	0.217	8.246	8.63
26	39	0.217	8.463	8.63
27	42	0.217	9.114	8.63
28	44	0.217	9.548	8.63
29	46	0.217	9.982	8.63
30	49	0.217	10.633	10.75
31	54	0.217	11.718	10.75
32	54	0.217	11.718	10.75

Table 3. Cable Material and Geometric Properties

Cable No.	Number of Strands	Area of one Strand (in^2)	Total Steel Area (in^2)	Pipe Diameter (in)	Weight γ (lb/in^3)	Density (slugs/in^3)	Horiz. length l (in)	Modulus of Elasticity Ee (psl)	Max Stress o up (psi)	Min Stress σ low (psl)	Stress ratio	σ m (psi)	Equivalent Modulus of Elasticity Eq (psl)
_1	54	0.217	11.718	10.75	0.2835648	0.000733863	5537	29000000	118000	70000	0.593220339	94000	28763905.38
2	54	0.217	11.718	10.75	0.0936509	0.000242368	5394	29000000	118000	78000	0.661016949	98000	28979326.02
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Table 5 Natural Frequencies from Modal Analysis

Mode	A-shape	A-slab	Box	Composite	Slab	
1	0.30016	0.24833	0.34803	0.29817	0.25388	
2	0.39647	0.29094	0.58284	0.38861	0.29952	
3	0.60637	0.47041	0.63508	0.55803	0.48691	
- 4	0.64203	0.5196	0.85835	0.61679	0.53059	
5	0.69742	0.55302	0.86296	0.65139	0.53363	
6	0.73886	0.58398	0.86492	0.70067	0.55478	
7	0.75208	0.63114	0.96143	0.70789	0.58797	
8	0.82677	0.63606	0.9892	0.75345	0.63723	
9	0.85786	0.68298	0.98922	0.8388	0.64085	
10	0.95336	0.70674	1.0539	0.8556	0.66822	
11	0.97905	0.70938	1.1012	0.86218	0.6914	
12	1.0666	0.7127	1.1317	0.93273	0.71597	
13	1.1023	0.75763	1.4533	0.97999	0.71766	
14	1.149	0.80636	1.5262	0.9881	0.76147	
15	1.1565	0.82308	1.569	0.98811	0.82868	
16	1.1787	0.85403	1.6055	1.0202	0.85569	
17	1.1823	0.85583	1.6259	1.0838	0.85739	
18	1.2227	0.90461	1.7147	1.1172	0.85868	
19	1.283	0.94465	1.8835	1.1348	0.86248	
20	1.3298	0.9913	1.9069	1.1641	0.90689	
21	1.3688	1.0157		1.1789	0.91353	
22	1.4629	1.029		1.1931	0.98787	
23	1.5464	1.0384		1.3295	0.98791	
24	1.5512	1.0667		1.3651	0.99373	
25	1.5843	1.0668		1.3863	0.99918	
26	1.6428	1.0997		1.5286	1.024	
27	1.7368	1.101		1.5544	1.0345	
28	1.7614	1.1974		1.5936	1.0693	
29	1.7758	1.2125		1.6503	1.0695	
30	1.8142	1.2178		1.6668	1.1025	

Table 5.1 Recommendations of Improvements for Original Design

Main Structural Parts	Original Design	Evaluation	Recommendation			
Deck	Composite Concrete Steel- Girder	Satisfying	Concrete Box			
Towers	H-shape Configuration	Improvable	A-shape Configuration			
Cables	-	Improvable	Doubling of Cable Area			
Tower-Deck Bearing	Block Rubber Bearings & Damper	Satisfying	Block Rubber Bearings & Damper			
Pier Abutment Constraints	No Longitudinal Constraints	Improvable	One End Constaint Longitudinally and One End Free			

Table 5.2 Summary of Studies and Comparison to Current Knowledge

Study	Current Knowledge	Investigated Results	Recommendations	Advantages of Recommendations
Non- Linear/Linear Behavior of Cables	Non-Linear Behavior of Cables Negligible for Medium Bridges with Short Cable Length and High Operating Stress levels	Non-Linear Behavior of Cables Negligible for Medium Bridges with Short Cable Length and High Operating Stress levels	Consideration of Non-Linear Cable Behavior only for Long- Span Bridges	Analysis Can be Performed Faster and Less Expensive
Multiple/Single Response- Spectrum Analysis	Multiple Response-Spectrum Analysis Yields in Larger and More Accurate Results	Multiple Response-Spectrum Analysis Yields in Larger and More Accurate Results	Performing of Multiple- Response-Spectrum Analysis, if Multiple-Excitation Data are Available	Analysis Results in Safer and More Accurate Results
Deck	Composite Deck and Concrete Box Deck Configurations are the Most Recommended	Concrete Box and Composite Deck Configurations are the Most Desirable	Preferation of Concrete Box or Composite Deck Configuration	Concrete Box Results in Slightly Less Displacements in Center of Main Span
Towers	A-shape Configuration is Recommended for Long-Span Bridges	A-shape Configuration is Recommended for Medium to Long- Span Bridges	A-shape Tower Configuration is to Prefer to H-Shape Configuration	A-shape Configuration Results in Larger Horizontal Stiffness and Stability of whole Structure
Cables	Y25	Doubling of Cable Area Results in Lower Displacements	Doubling of Cable Area Should be Considerd, if Decreasing of Displacements is Desirable	Doubling of Cable Area Results in Decreasing of Displacements and Increasing of Stability and Stiffness of Structure
Material Properties	-	Concrete Design Performed Better than Steel Design	Concrete is Preferred	Concrete Design Results in Lower Displacements and Member Forces
Tower-Deck Bearings	Using of Block Rubber Bearings and Damper	Half-Fixed Constraints Resulted in the Least Amount of Displacements and Member Forces	Using of Half-Fixed Constraints for Tower Bearings	Half-Fixed Tower Bearings Result in Lower Displacements, Member Forces and Bending Moments
Pier Abutment Constraints	No Constraints in Longitudinal Direction	One End constraint Longitudinally and one End Free performed the Best	Considering One End Free and One End Fixed Longitudinally For Pier Abutment Constraints	The Special Constraint Case Results in Lower Displacements, Member Forces and Bending Moments

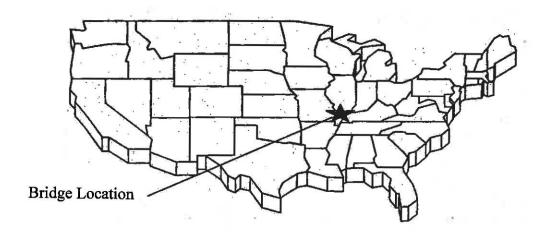


Fig. 1 Location of Bridge

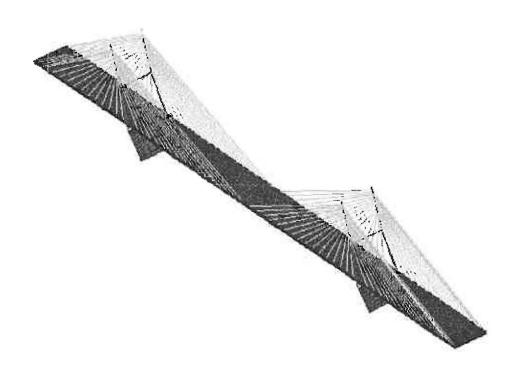


Fig. 1.1 3-D Finite Element Model of Bill Emerson Bridge

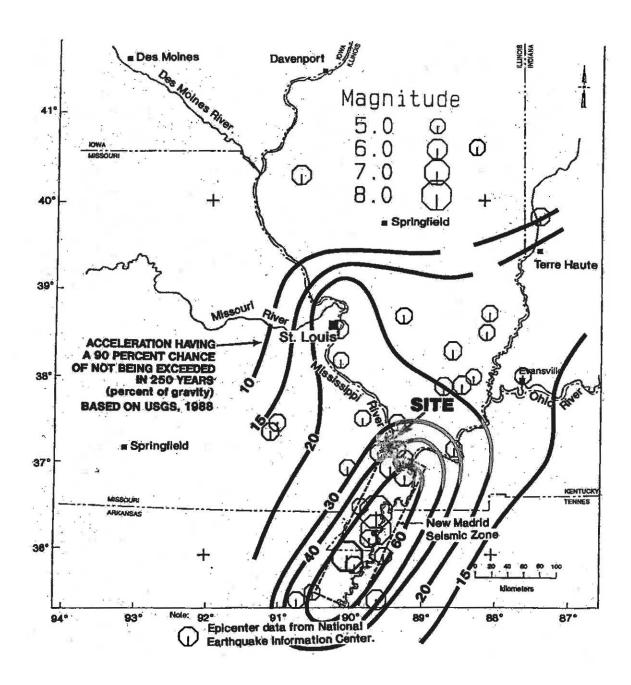


Fig. 1.2 Location of Bridge towards New Madrid Seismic Zone

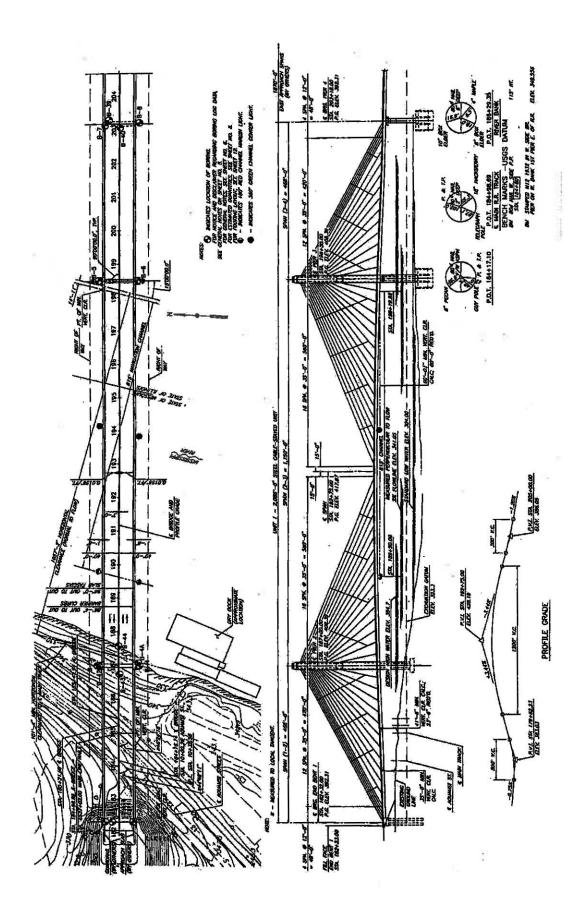


Fig. 1.3 Elevation of the Bill Emerson Bridge

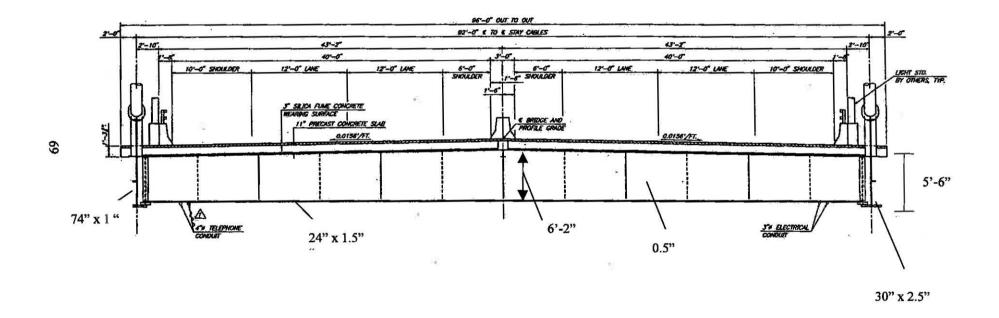


Fig. 1.4 Typical Cross-section of the Bill Emerson Bridge

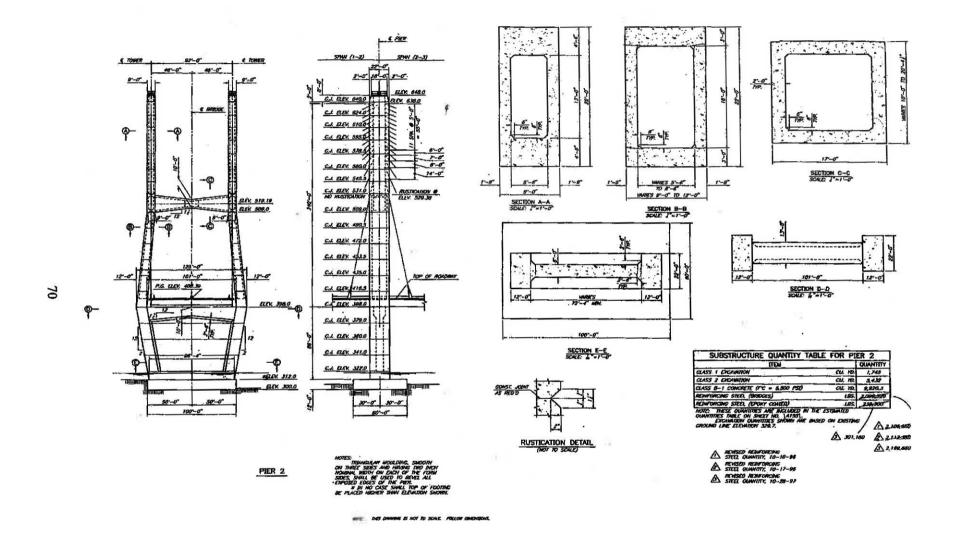


Fig. 1.5 Elevation of Tower 1 at Pier 2

Fig. 1.6 Elevation of Tower 2 at Pier 3

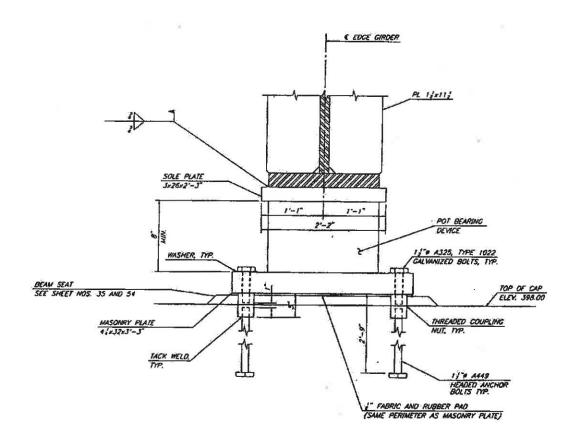


Fig. 1.7 Elevation of Tower-Deck Bearing

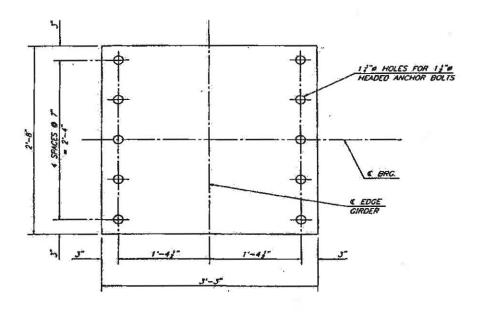


Fig. 1.8 Plan View of Tower-Deck Bearing

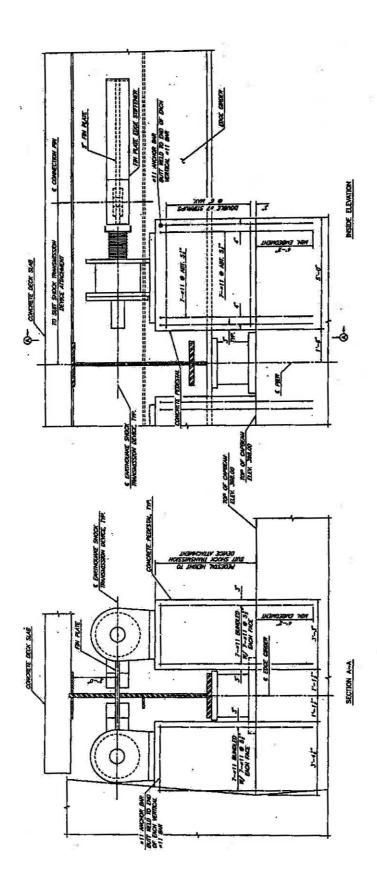


Fig. 1.9 Earthquake Shock Transmission Device

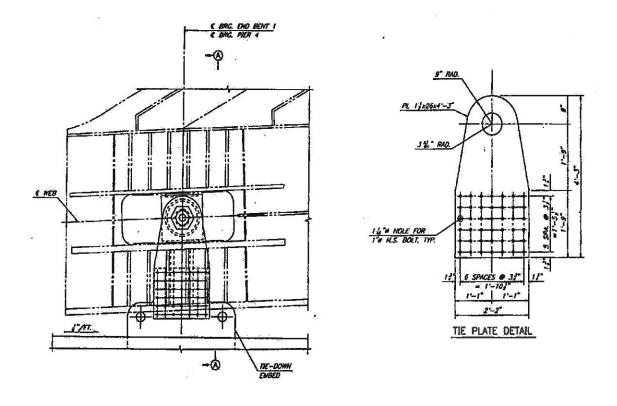


Fig. 1.10 Elevation of Abutment Bearing at Pier 1 and 4

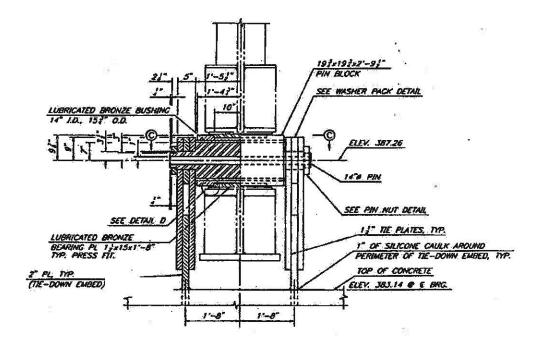
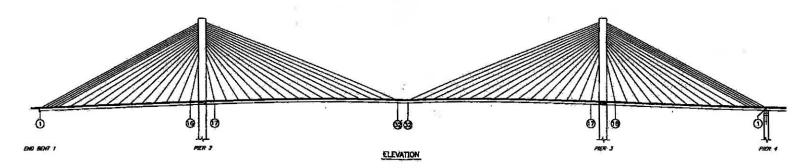


Fig. 1.11 Section View A-A of Abutment Bearing at Pier 1 and 4



CABLE	CABLE DATA				1	CABLE FORCES												
UMBER	NUMBER	STEEL	PE PIPE	TPE UNIT	INITIAL	LONG TERM	FINAL				LIVE LOAD PLUS IMPACT				DESIGN LOAD			
	OF 0.6"#	AREA	DIAMETER	WEIGHT	DEAD LOAD	LOSSES	DEAD LOAD	MAXIMUM	MINEMUM WINEMUM		LOAD		LOAD	FORCE	CABLE	CABLE	CABLE	STRESS
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1	34	11.72	10.25	102	1045	-26	1019	4J	-32	341 .	-194	84	-67	1386	118	825	70	13
2	54	11.72	10.73	102	1089	-20	1069	37	26	299	-150	74	-50	1388	118	919	72	11
3	50	10.85	10.75	100	1037	-13	1019	26	-20	231	-97	57	-33	1263	116	920	85	
•	46	9.96	13.8	70	997	-13	979	19	-14	181	-87	43	-22	1173	117	922	92	7
5	45	S.U	13.8	69	942	-7	935	12	-9	150	-05	11	-15	1092	117	900	96	5
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15	21	4.58	6.63	39	435	-27	409	15	-9	91	-24	59	-74	527	116	385	85	18
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17	20	4.34	6.63	39	390	-40	350	25	-19	50	-26	35	-/5	440	101	322	74	11
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19	25	4.99	6.63	40	470	-11	459	,	-5	118	-34	72	-9	588	118	435	87	18
20	24	521	665	40	485	-1	464	7	-1	131	-20	73	-7	596	124	441	85	15
21	28	6.08	2.13	47	556		559	,	-3	144	-17	77	-6	703	116	539	89	14
22	29	6.29	7.13	47	592	3	-595	-	-5	148	-16	77	-5	243	118	576	92	13
23	12	6.94	7.13	48	638	2	540	5	-6	163	-18	81.	-5	803	175	620	89	12
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Fig. 1.12 Cable Data and Forces

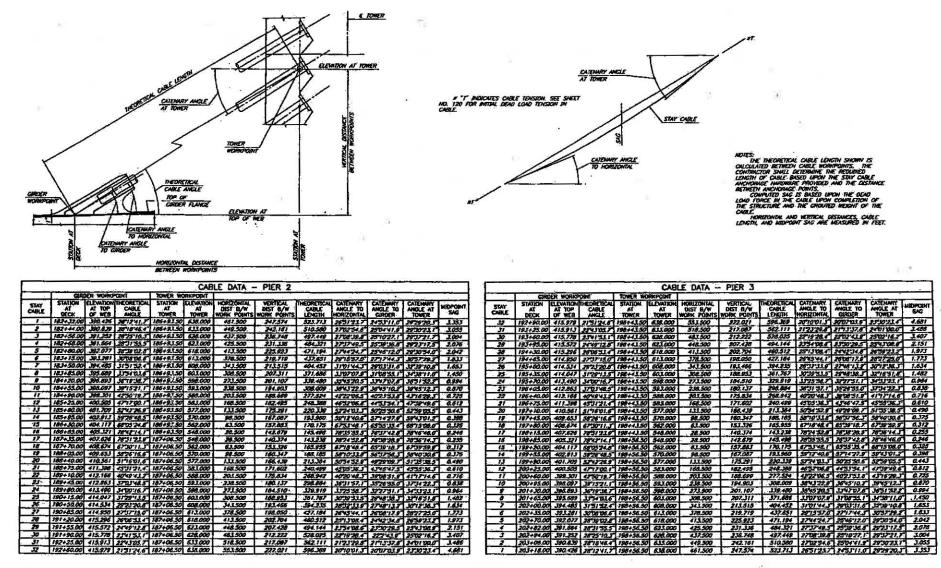


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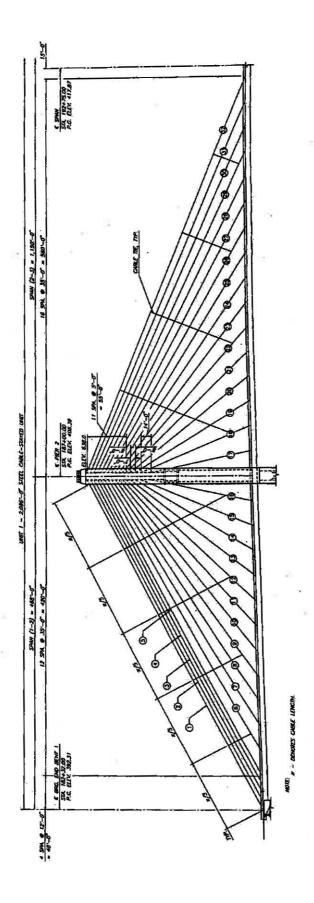


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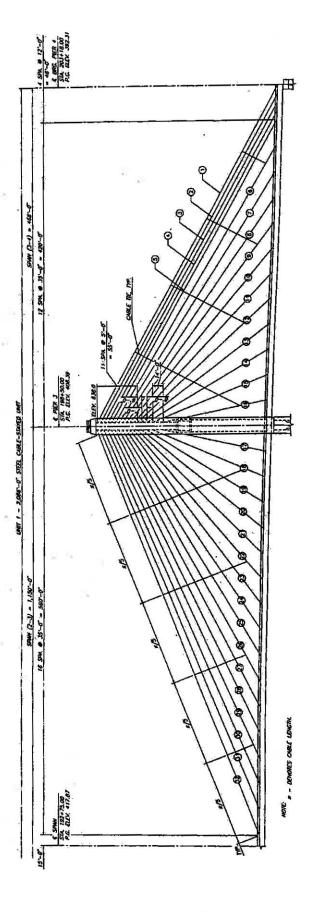


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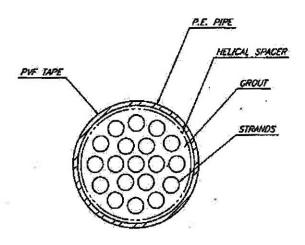


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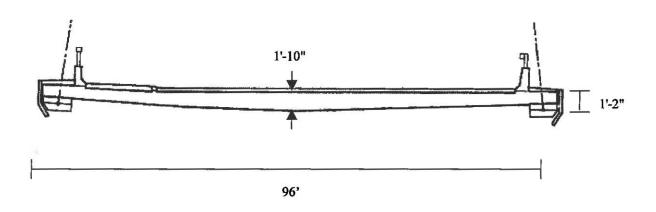


Fig. 2 Cross Section of Precast Concrete Slab Deck Configuration

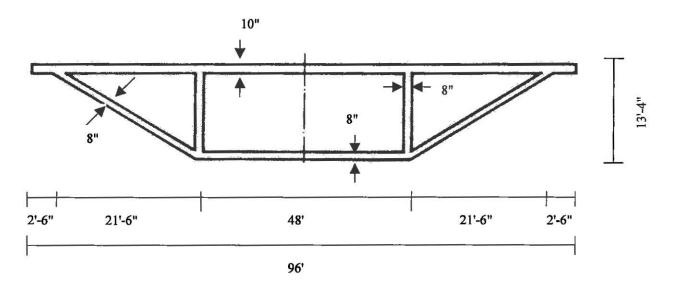


Fig. 2.1 Cross Section of Concrete Box

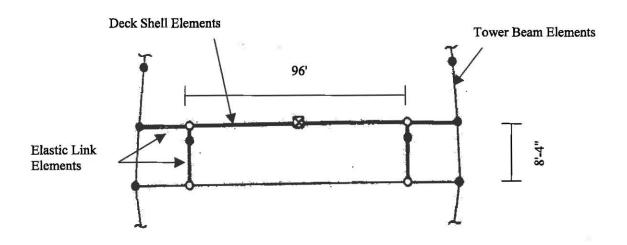


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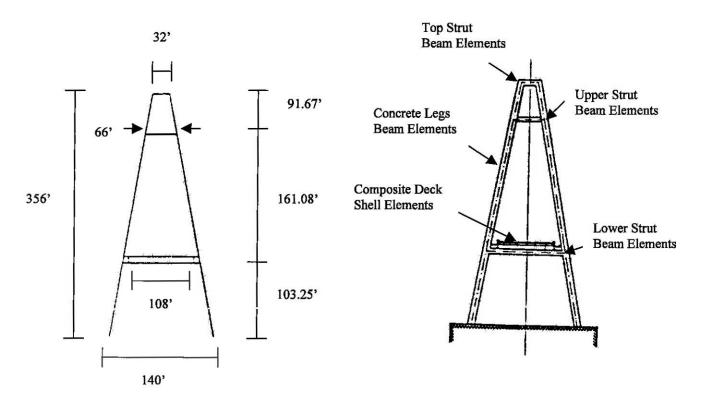


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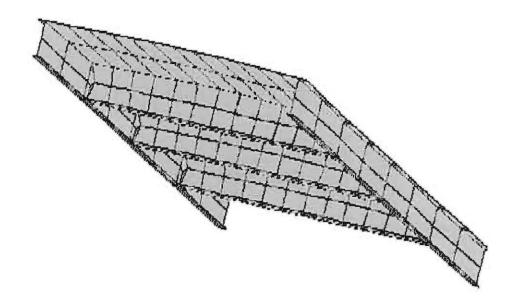


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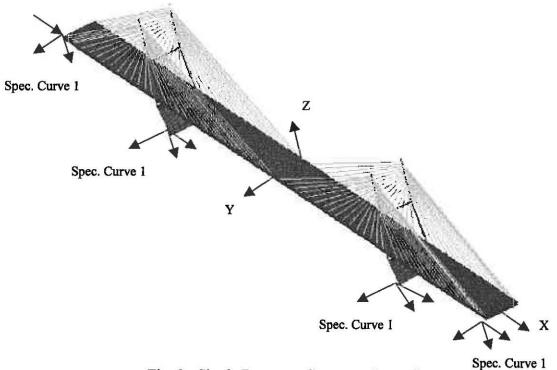
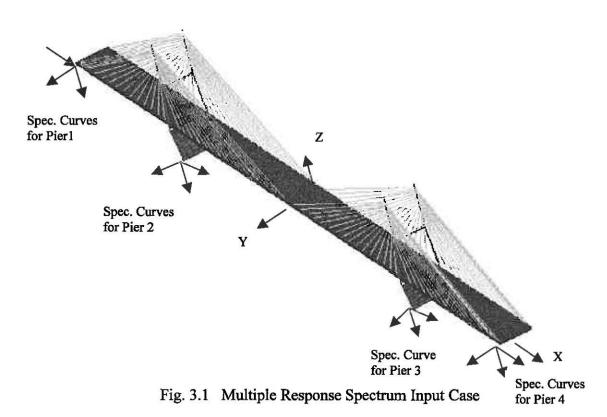
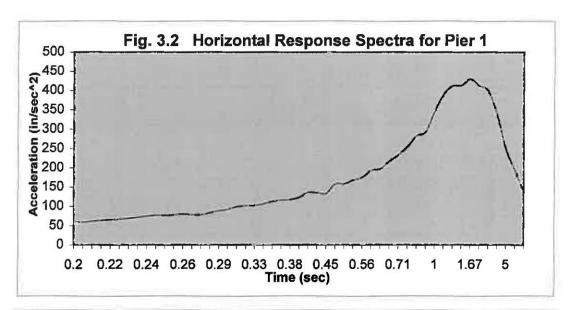
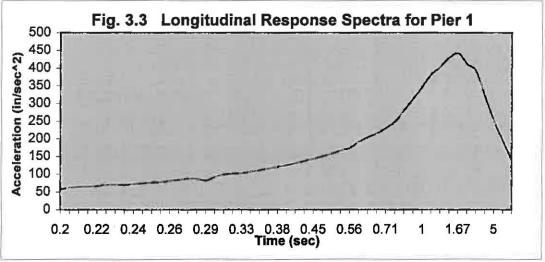
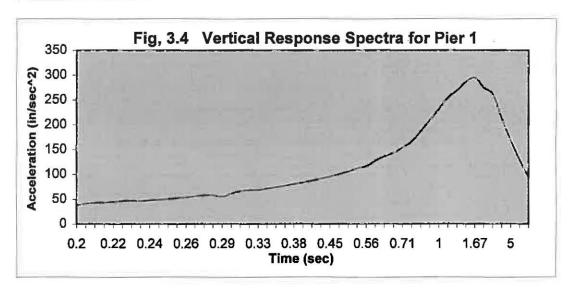


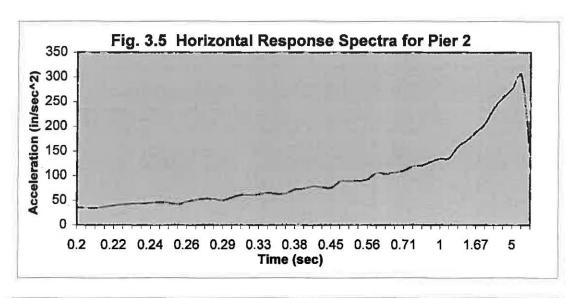
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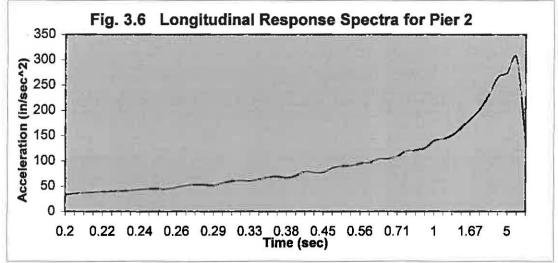


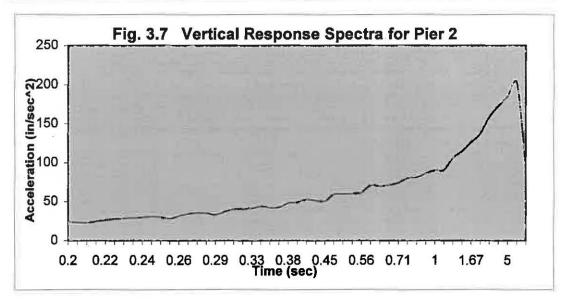


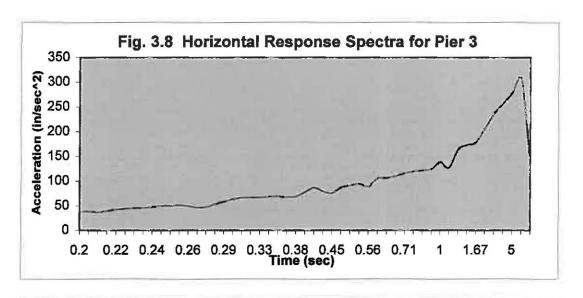


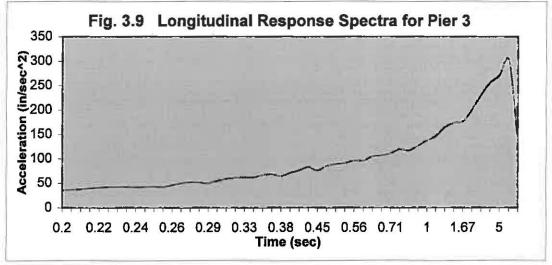


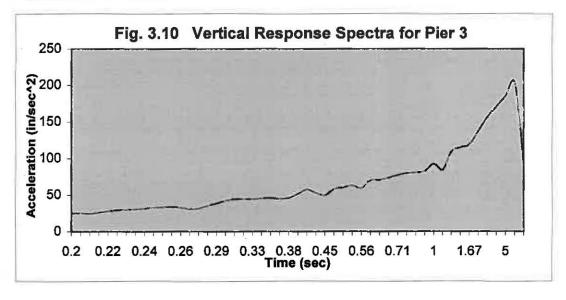


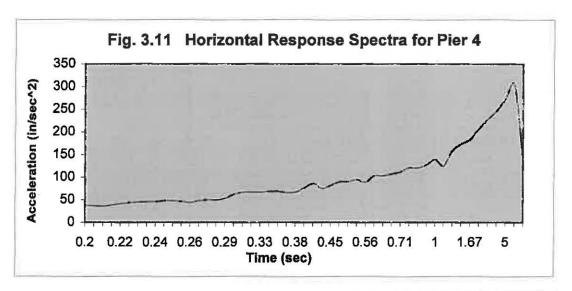


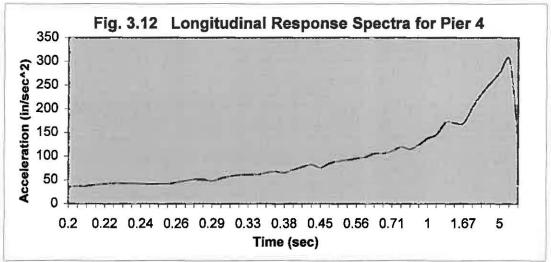


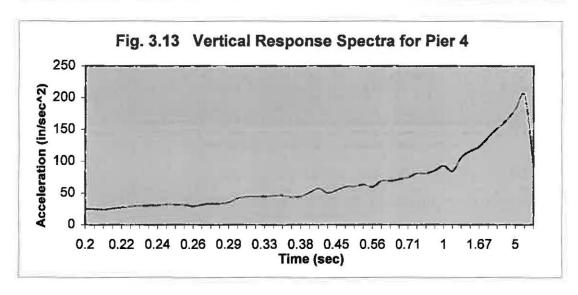












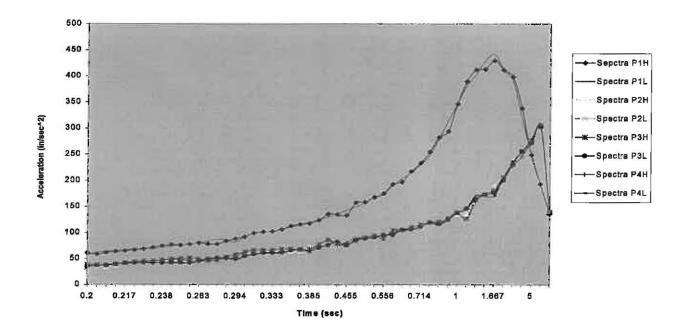


Fig. 3.14 Comparison of Longitudinal and Horizontal Response Spectra

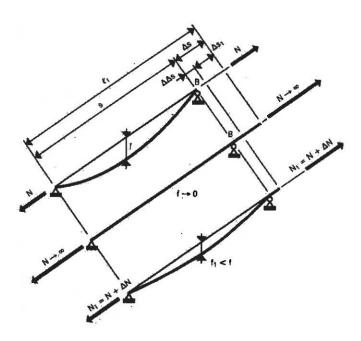


Fig. 3.15 Geometric Behaviour of Cable with Modulus of Elasticity $E = \infty$

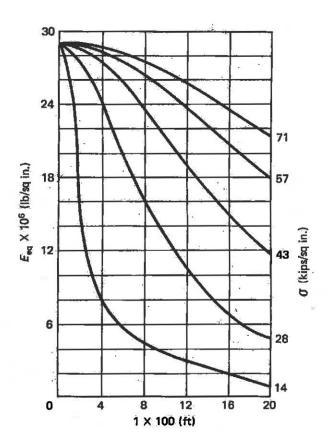


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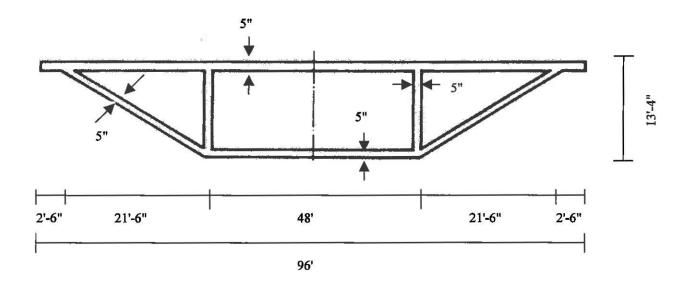


Fig. 4 Cross Section of Steel Box with Concrete Slab on the Top

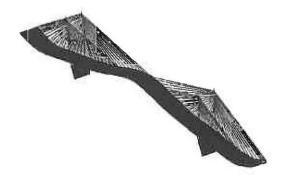


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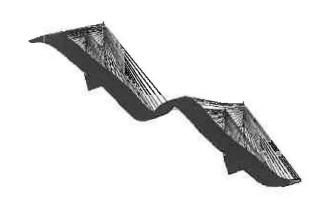


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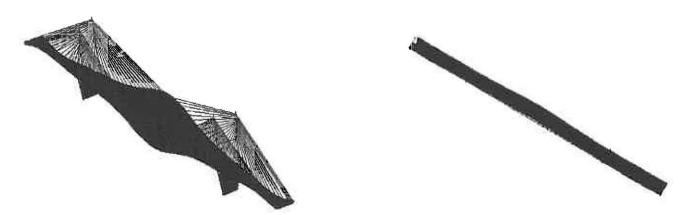


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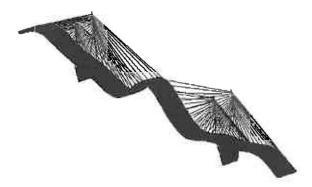


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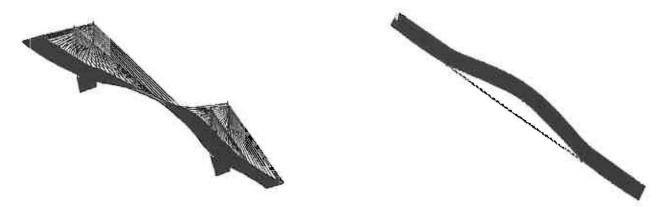


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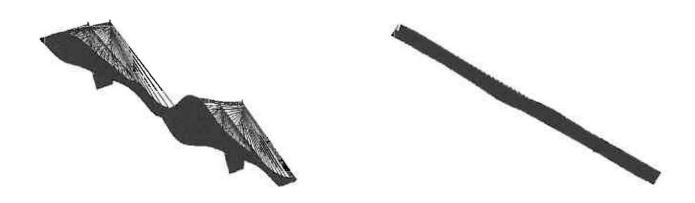


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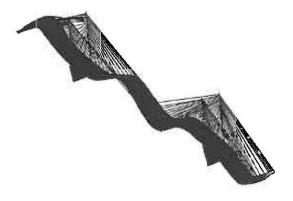


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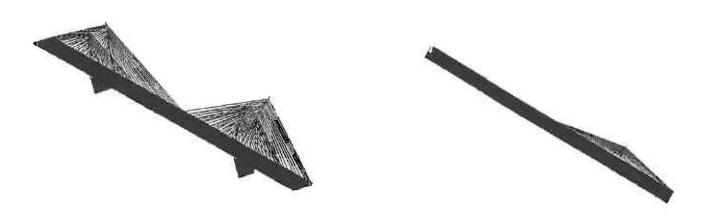


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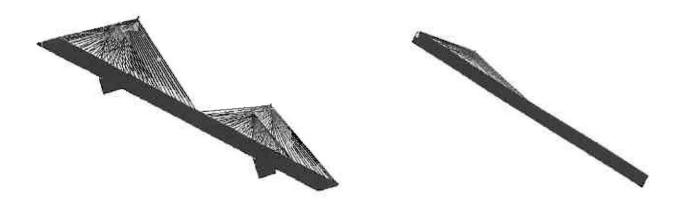


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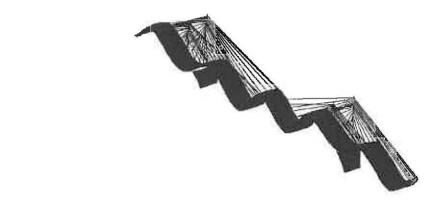


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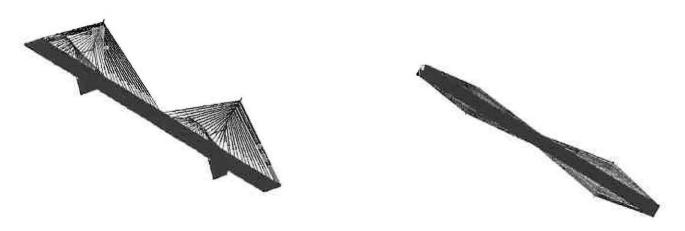


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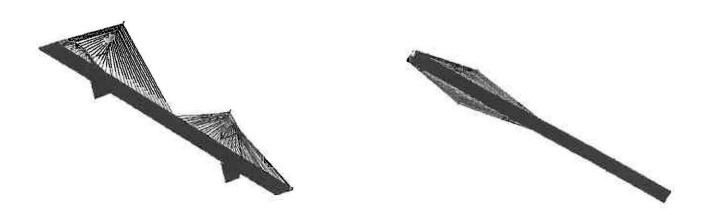


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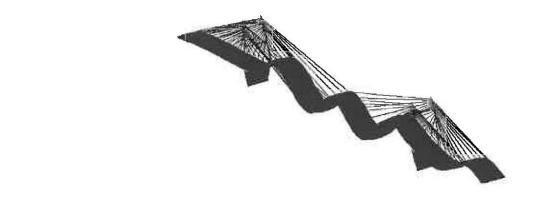


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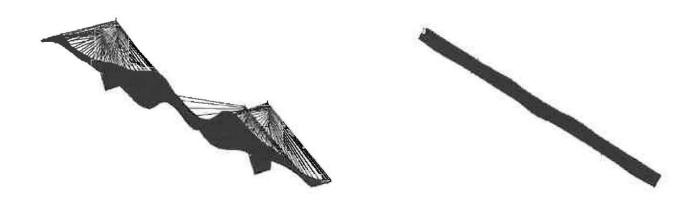


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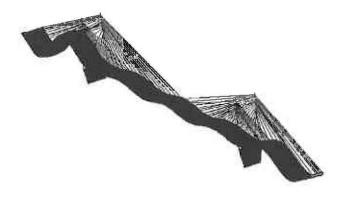


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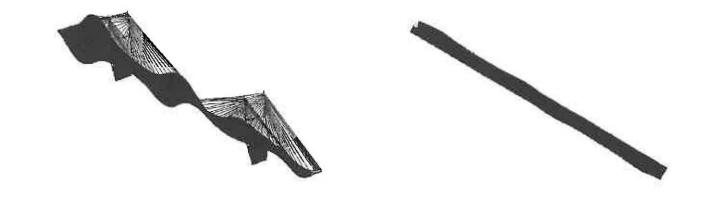


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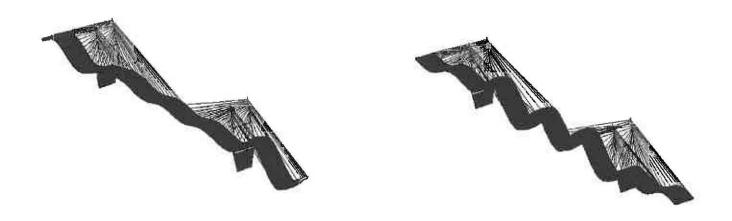


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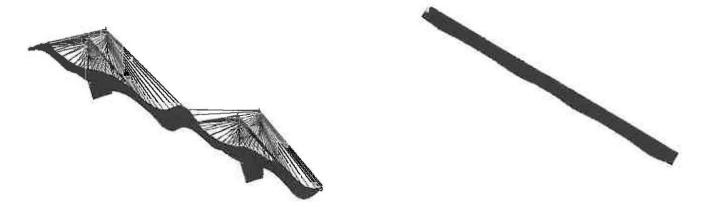


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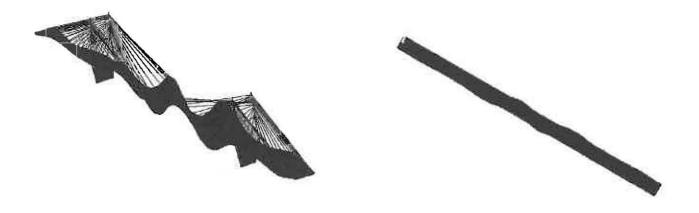


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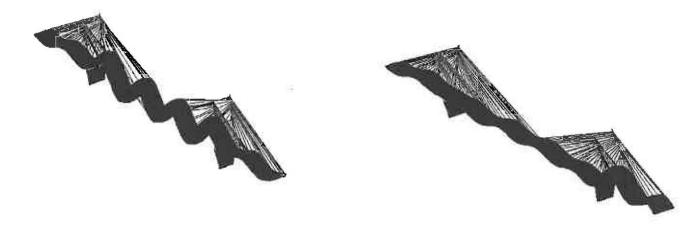


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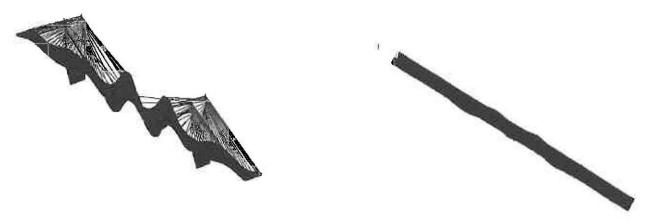


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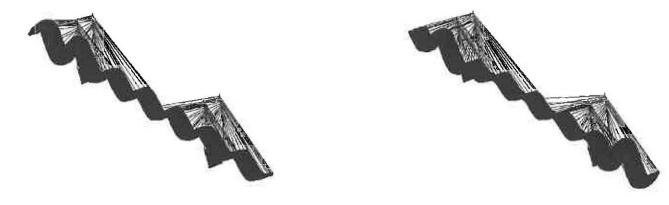


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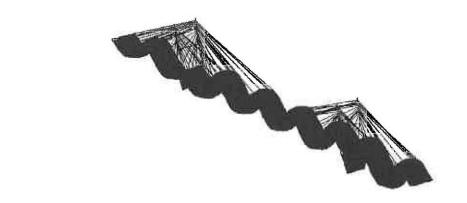


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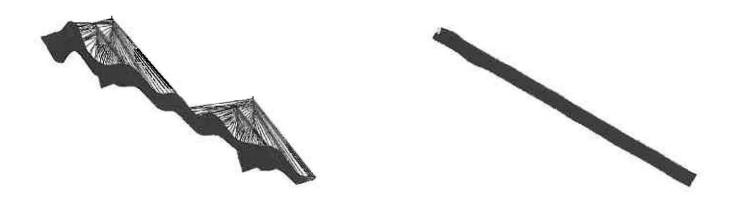


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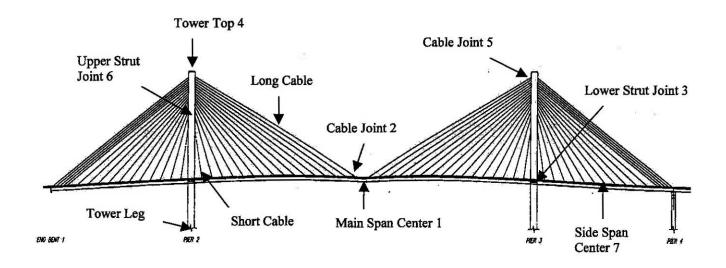
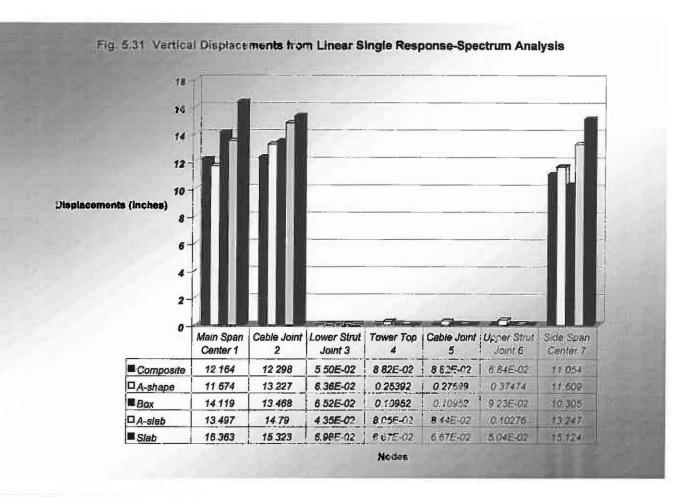
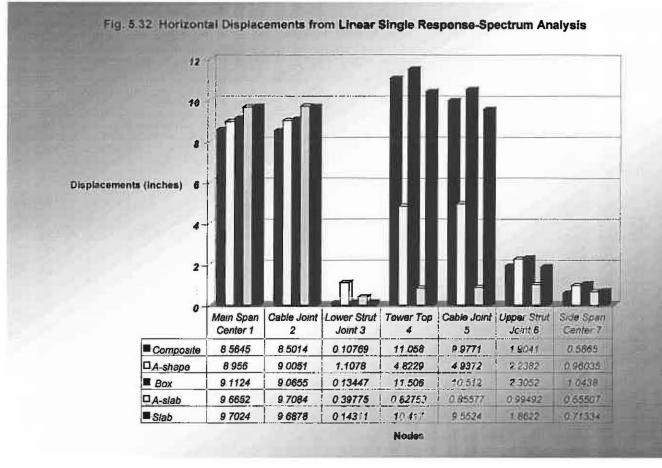
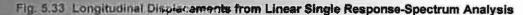


Fig. 5.30 Locations of Calculated Response Quantities







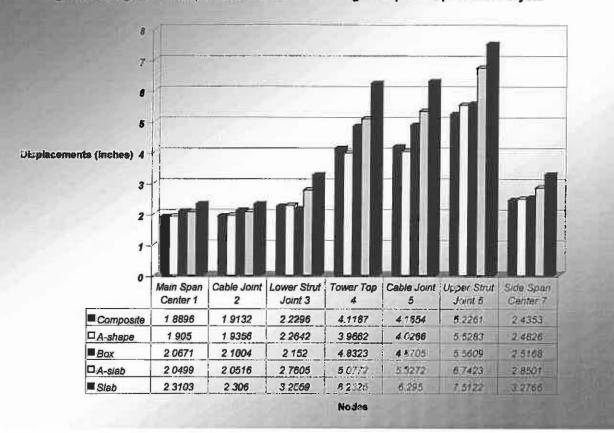


Fig. 5.34 Vertical Displacements from Non-Linear Single Response-Spectrum Analysis 18 15 14 12-10 Displacements (inches) Main Span Cable Joint Lower Strut Tower Top Cable Joint Upper Strut Side Span Center 1 2 Joint 3 5 Joint 6 Center 7 ■ Composite 12 191 12 318 5 50E-02 8 79E-02 8 79E-02 8 79E-02 11.028 □ A-shape 11 703 13.34 6.36E-02 0 25401 0.27709 0.37491 11.616 ■ Box 14 138 13 488 0.10944 0.10944 9.23E-02 10.211 6 51E-02 □ A-slab 13 499 14.81 4 35E-02 8 05E-02 | 8 44E-02 0.10276 13.25 ■ Slab 16 367 15 326 6 98E-02 8 87E-02 6 67E+02 5.04E-02 15.128 Nodes

