Multi-mode vortex-induced vibration and its suppression of long-span suspension bridges

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Vortex-induced vibration is a kind of fluid-structure interaction. It may occur at relatively low wind velocity, and is therefore an important design concern for bridges. In 2020, three major suspension bridges in China experienced severe vortex-induced vibrations, which attracted public concern. Suspension bridges have closely-spaced vertical vibration modes, and each mode may develop VIV in turn with increase of wind velocity. The evolution of VIV amplitude of each mode needs to be quantified, as higher mode tends to give rise large acceleration. In this talk, we discuss the modelling and prediction of VIV amplitude of vertical modes of suspension bridges both from numerical and experimental aspects. A new multi-supported aeroelastic model is proposed to reproduce the closely-spaced mode of suspension bridges and to predict the VIV amplitude as well. Moreover, the suppression of multi-mode VIV will also be addressed.

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