

Revisiting aerodynamic admittance functions of bridge decks

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About admittance

❖ Quasi-steady and strip assumption

Buffeting wind loads
in the lift-direction

$$L_b(t) = \rho U B (C_L(\alpha) \chi_{Lu} u(t) + 1/2 (C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha)) \chi_{Lw} w(t))$$

$$S_L(\omega) = \rho^2 U^2 B^2 (C_L^2(\alpha) |\chi_{Lu}|^2 S_u(\omega) + 1/4 (C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha))^2 |\chi_{Lw}|^2 S_w(\omega))$$

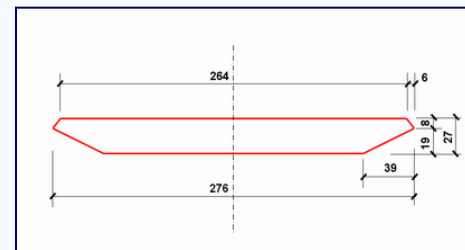
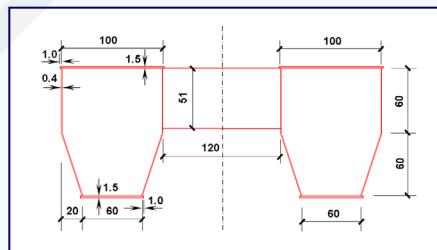
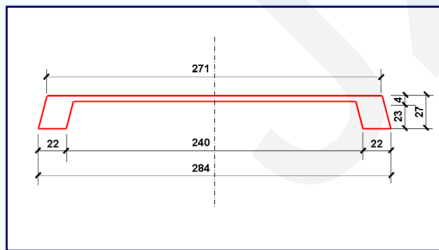
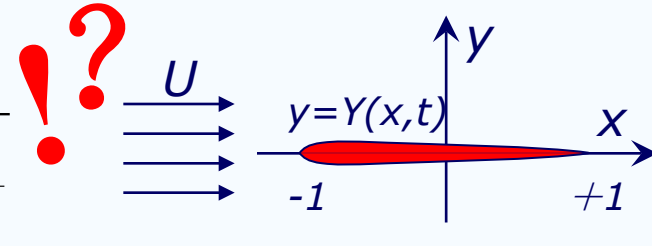
PSD of Lift
force

Admittance
function

PSD of wind

Liepmann's approximation
to Sears' function

$$|\phi_{sears}(K)|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \pi K} = \frac{1}{1 + \pi \frac{\omega B}{U}}$$



Some typical blunt bridge sections

❖ Aerodynamic admittance identification (i.e. Lift admittance)

$$S_{Lu}(\omega) = \rho UB(C_L(\alpha)\chi_{Lu}(\omega)S_u(\omega) + 1/2(C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha))\chi_{Lw}(\omega)S_{wu}(\omega))$$

$$S_{Lw}(\omega) = \rho UB(C_L(\alpha)\chi_{Lu}(\omega)S_{uw}(\omega) + 1/2(C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha))\chi_{Lw}(\omega)S_w(\omega))$$

$$\chi_{Lu}(\omega) = \frac{S_w(\omega)S_{Lu}(\omega) - S_{wu}(\omega)S_{Lw}(\omega)}{\rho UBC_L(\alpha)[S_u(\omega)S_w(\omega) - S_{uw}(\omega)S_{wu}(\omega)]}$$

$$\chi_{Lw}(\omega) = \frac{S_u(\omega)S_{Lw}(\omega) - S_{uw}(\omega)S_{Lu}(\omega)}{1/2 \rho UB[C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha)][S_u(\omega)S_w(\omega) - S_{uw}(\omega)S_{wu}(\omega)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\phi_{LL}(K)|^2 = \frac{4C_L^2(\alpha)|\chi_{Lu}|^2 S_u(K) + (C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha))^2 |\chi_{Lw}|^2 S_w(K)}{(4C_L^2(\alpha)S_u(K) + (C'_L(\alpha) + C_D(\alpha))^2 S_w(K))}$$

❖ Numerical validation of identification algorithm

- 100Hz sampling frequency and 60s sampling time interval
- Wind velocity: 5.0-10.0m/s, turbulent intensity: 10.0-30.0%
- Iterative point numbers of PSD: 512-1536, and total point: 4096
- Identification results of discrete points fitted with 3th double-logarithm polynomial

$$\log_{10}(F(\omega)) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \left(a_i \log_{10}^i(\omega B / U) \right)$$

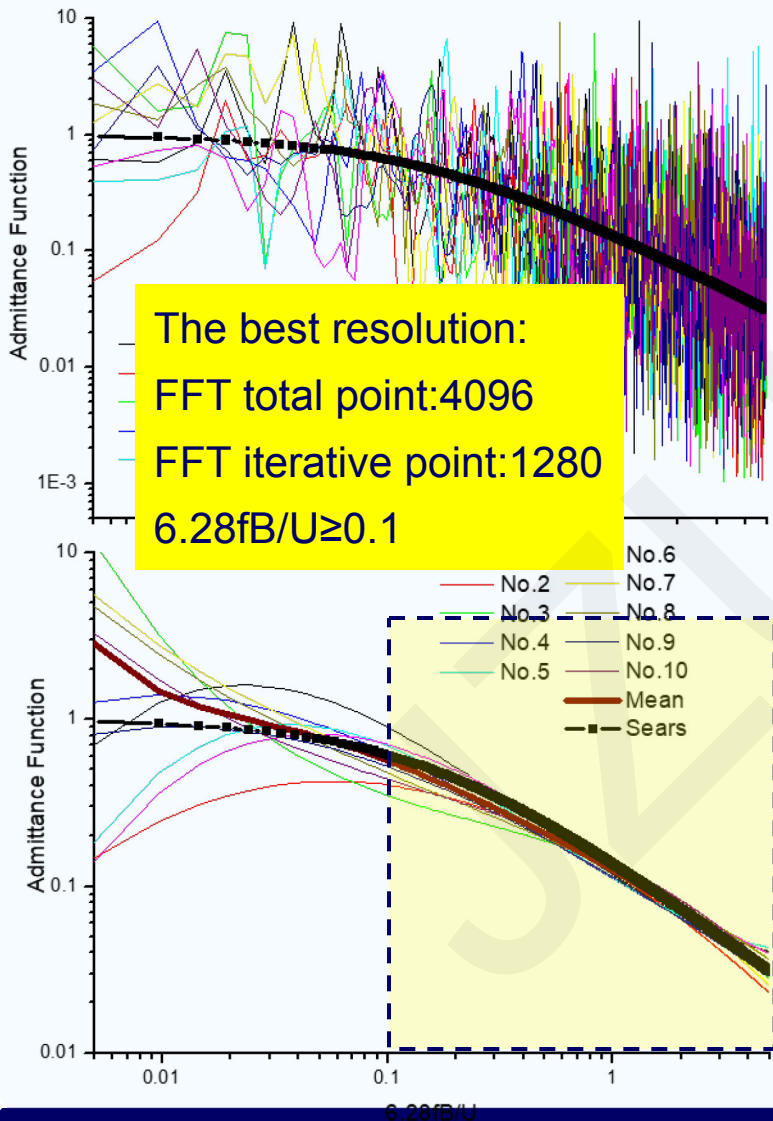
Precision assessment of admittance identification results

$$\delta_{\text{Discrete}} = \text{COV}_{i=1, K=0}^{i=\text{Times}, K=\text{Fre}} \left(\frac{F_{\text{Discrete}}(i, K)}{F_{\text{Fitting, mean}}(K)} \right) \quad \delta_{\text{Fitting}} = \text{COV}_{i=1, K=0}^{i=\text{Times}, K=\text{Fre}} \left(\frac{F_{\text{Fitting}}(i, K)}{F_{\text{Fitting, mean}}(K)} \right)$$

Mean square deviation of discrete and fitted curves

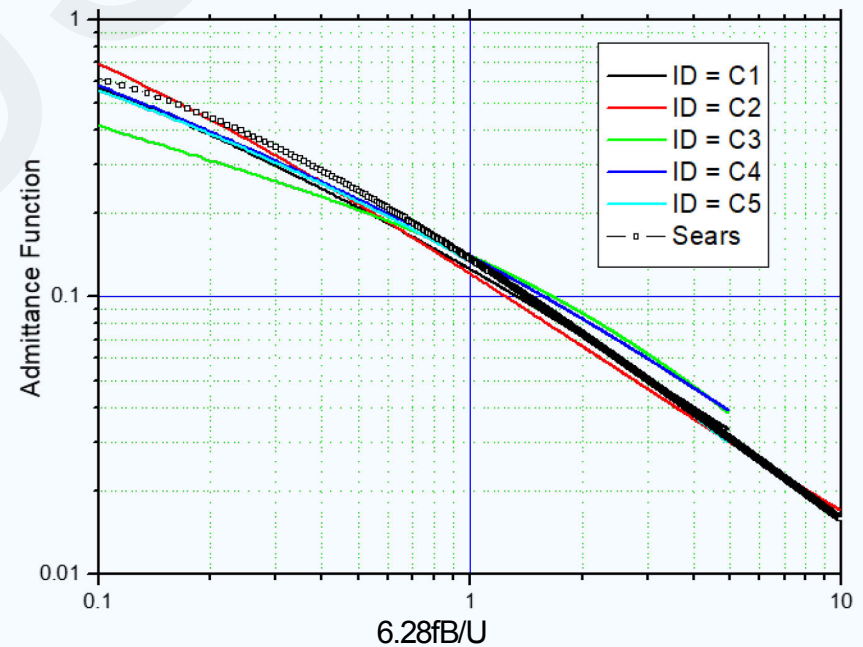
Numerical check

For the case: $U=10.0\text{m/s}$, $l_u=10.2\%$, Code spectrum

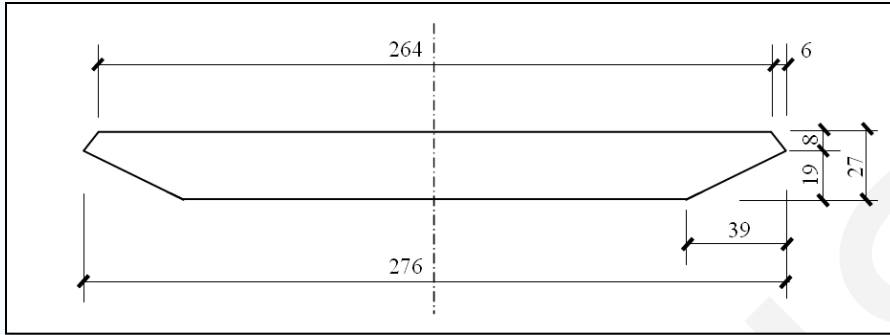


Numerical tests about identification method

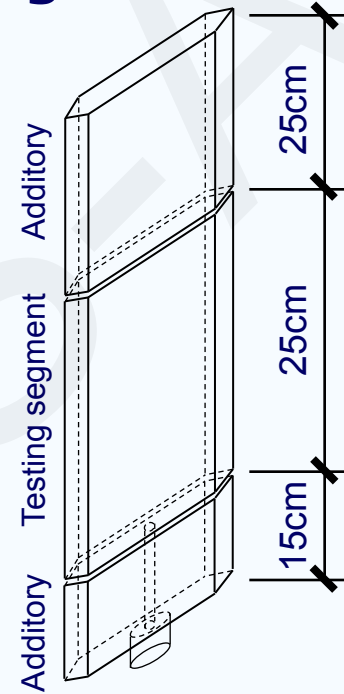
ID	Mean Speed (m/s)	Turbulent density	Wind spectrum	FFT (total/iterative point)	δ_D	δ_F
C1	10.0	10.2%	Codes	4096/1280	1.72	0.11
C2	5.0	9.4%	Codes	4096/1280	1.83	0.12
C3	10.0	33.6%	Codes	4096/768	1.03	0.08
C4	10.0	22.2%	Codes	4096/1024	1.36	0.10
C5	10.0	14.3%	Measured	4096/1280	1.54	0.09



Admittance identification using balance



Section model of streamlined box girder (unit: mm)



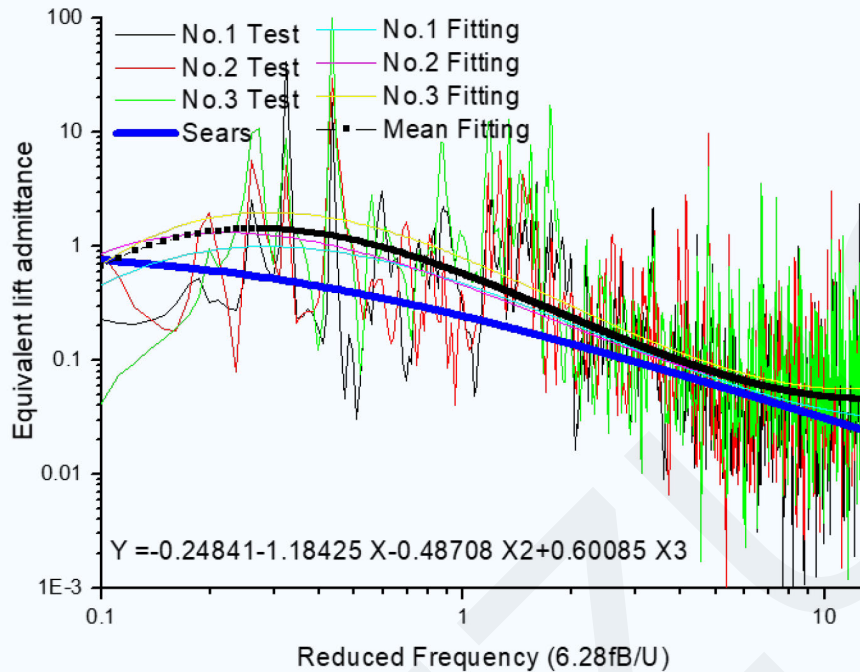
Parameters:

F_x, F_y 20N M_z 2N·m

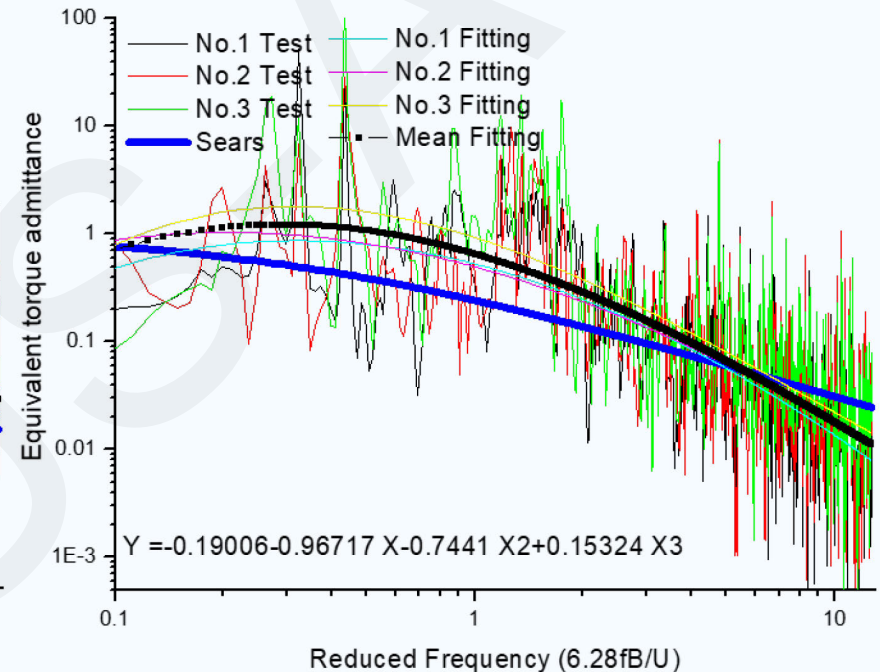
Precision: 2‰

Sensitivity: F_x, F_y 2g M_z 20g·cm

Comparison of identified results



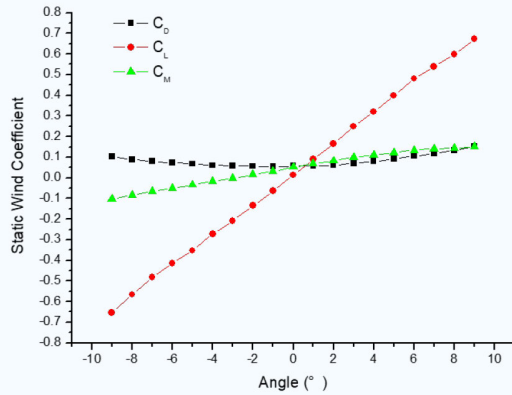
Equivalent lift admittance function



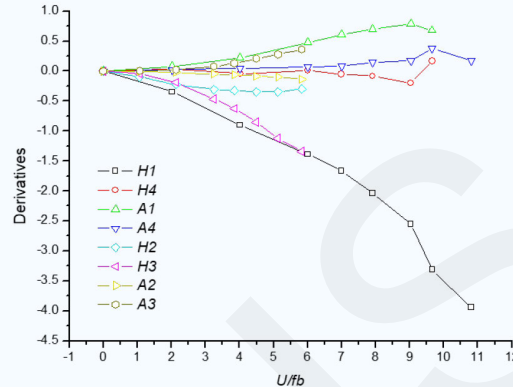
Equivalent torque admittance function

Reduced Fre./ Admittance Item	K=0.2		K=0.5		K=1.0		K=3.0	
	$ \Phi_{LL} ^2$	$ \Phi_{MM} ^2$	$ \Phi_{LL} ^2$	$ \Phi_{MM} ^2$	$ \Phi_{LL} ^2$	$ \Phi_{MM} ^2$	$ \Phi_{LL} ^2$	$ \Phi_{MM} ^2$
Experimental result	0.73	0.70	0.34	0.37	0.15	0.18	0.03	0.03
Analytic solution	0.61		0.38		0.24		0.09	

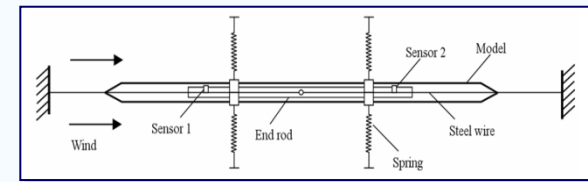
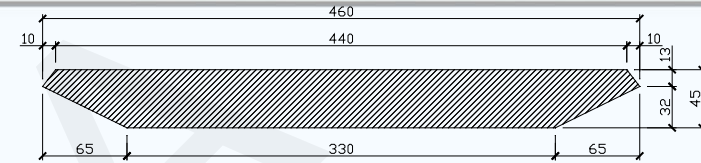
Buffeting tests of 2D model system



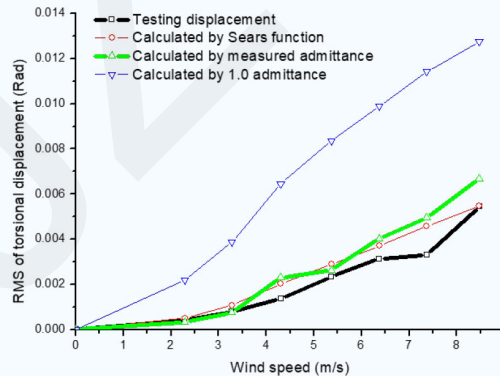
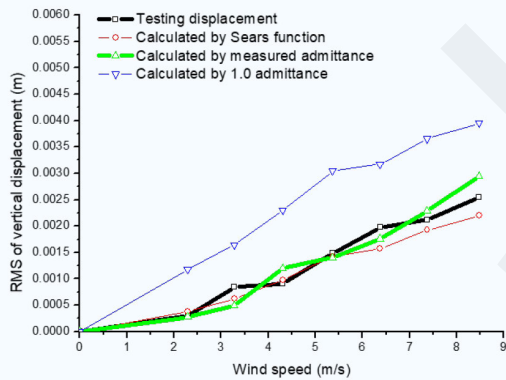
Static wind coefficient



Flutter derivatives



Comparison of testing and calculated buffeting results

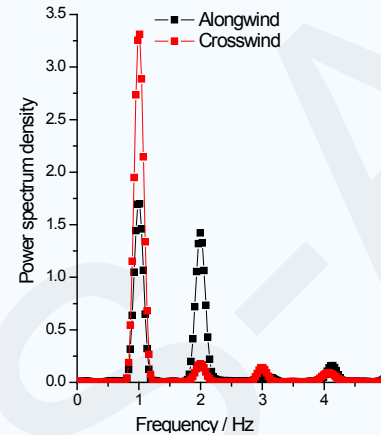
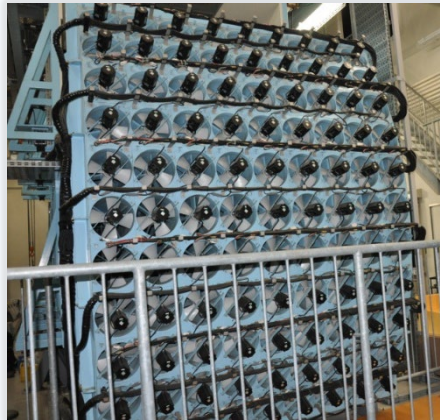
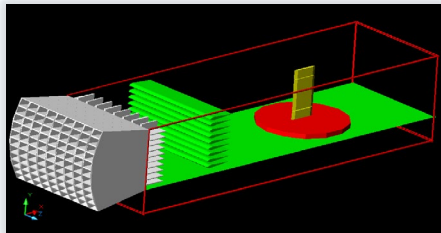


$$S_{YY}(\omega) = \mathbf{H}^*(\omega) \mathbf{S}_{XX}(\omega) \mathbf{H}^T(\omega) = (-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} - i\omega \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{XX}(\omega) [(-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} + i\omega \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{K})^{-1}]^T$$

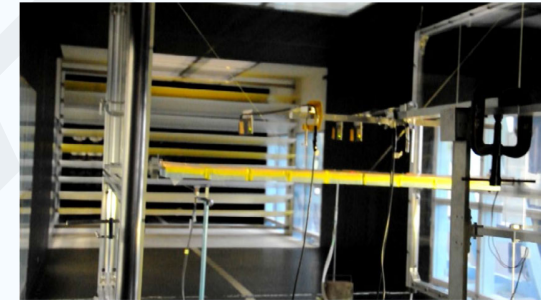
$$\mathbf{S}_{XX}(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{LL}(\omega) & S_{LM}(\omega) \\ S_{ML}(\omega) & S_{MM}(\omega) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}(\omega) = (-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} + i\omega \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{K})^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} m\omega_h^2 - H_4 & -H_3 \\ -A_4 & I\omega_\alpha^2 - A_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\xi_h m\omega_h - H_1 & -H_2 \\ -A_1 & 2\xi_\alpha I\omega_\alpha - A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

About active turbulence

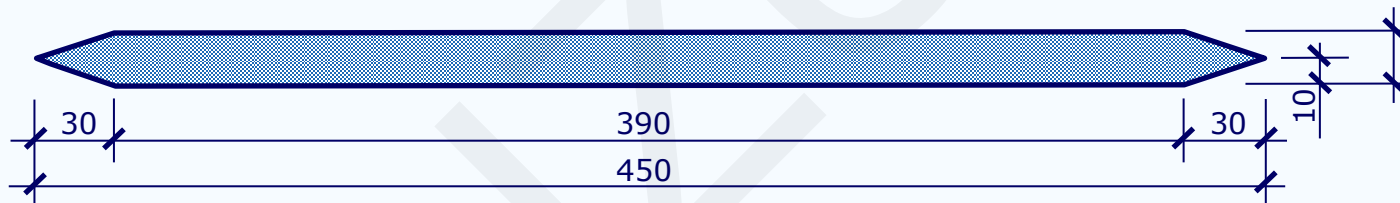


Case: u and w

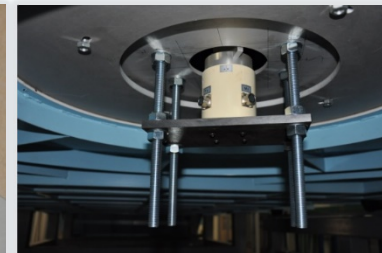
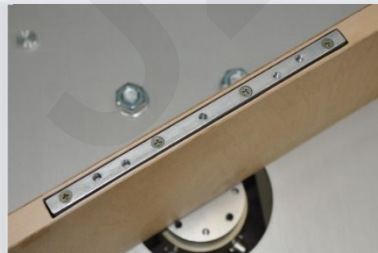


$U=5.58\text{m/s}$; $lu=11.8\%$; $Fre. = 1.0\text{Hz}$; $lw = 0.5\%$ or 6.8%

❖ Thin Plate Sectional Model Testing

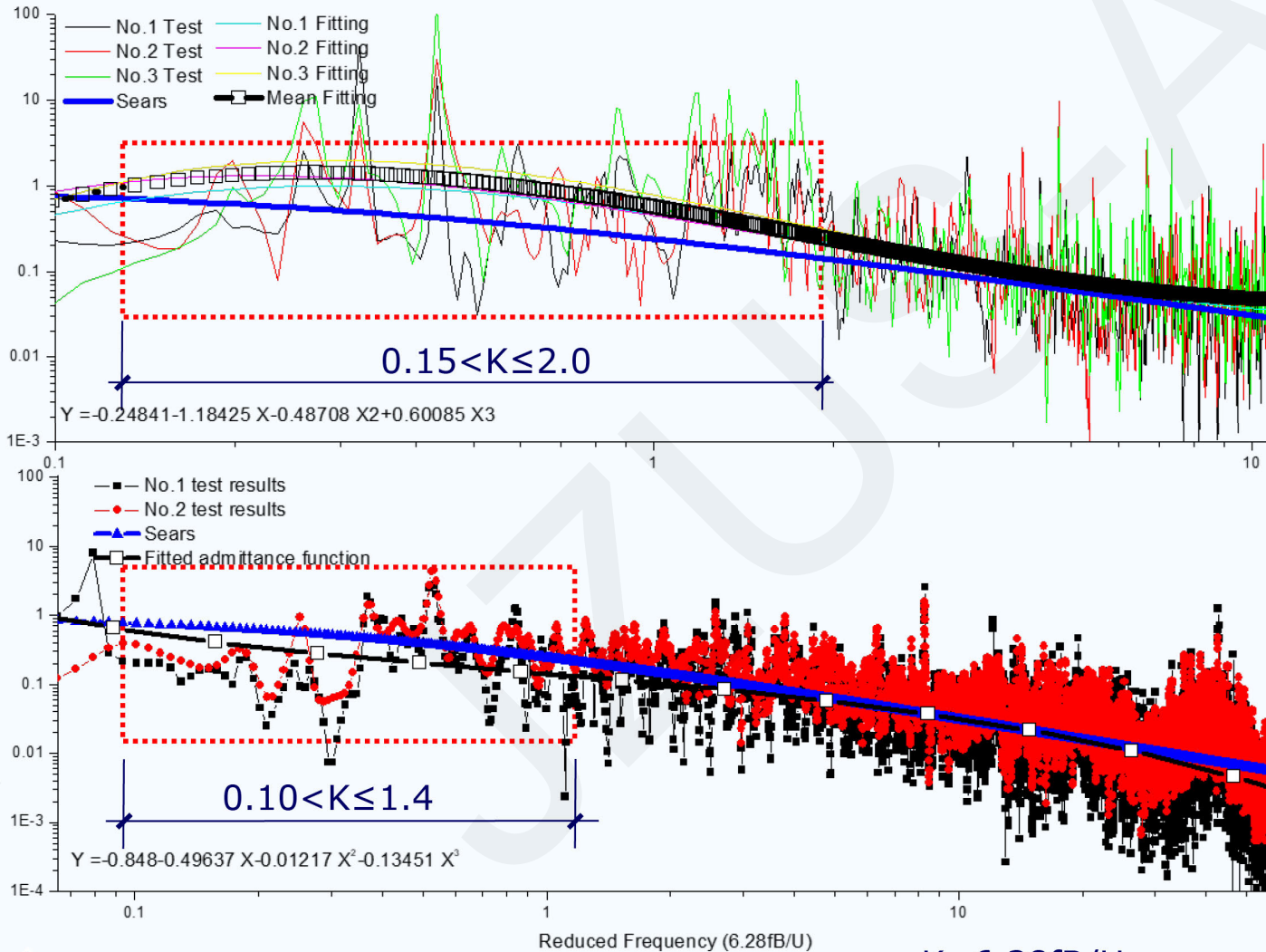


- Model weight : **360g**
- Weak-axis fre. : **24Hz**
- Strong-axis fre. : **44Hz**



About active turbulence

❖ Comparison of Aerodynamic Admittances of Thin Plate



TJU wind tunnel

U	5.6m/s
I_u	11.5%
I_w	5.5%
L_{ux}	0.25m
L_{wx}	0.12m



Active wind tunnel

U	7.2m/s
I_u	9.2%
I_w	5.0%
L_{ux}	0.63m
L_{wx}	0.06m



Reduced Frequency ($6.28fB/U$)

$K = 6.28fB/U$