

Dynamic Behavior of Cable Supported Bridges Affected by Corrosion Mechanisms under Moving Loads

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THE DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR OF CABLE SUPPORTED BRIDGE SUBJECTED TO MOVING LOADS AND AFFECTED BY CORROSION MECHANISMS IN THE CABLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM IS INVESTIGATED

COMPUTATIONAL METHODS:

- **Cable Formulation:** The theoretical formulation is consistent to large deformation theory based on Green-Lagrange's strain measure and the second Piola-Kirchhoff stress, whereas the material behavior was assumed to be linearly elastic. The weak form can be derived by using the principle of D'Alembert as follows:

$$\sum_c \int \sigma_n \delta \varepsilon_n dV_0 + \sum_c \int \mu_c \ddot{u} \delta u dV_0 = \sum_c \int g_c \delta u dV_0 + \sum_c \int F_c \delta u dV_0$$

- **Girder Formulation:** The interaction between moving loads and bridge motion was considered introducing non-standard contributions arising from Coriolis and centripetal inertial forces, which are, mainly, produced by the coupling behavior between moving system and bridge deformations.

$$\ddot{u}_z = \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_z}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_z}{\partial x \partial t} 2c + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_z}{\partial x^2} c^2, \text{ with } c = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$$

The mass and loading functions during the external load advance, can be written by the following expressions:

$$\rho = \lambda H(x_1 + L_p - ct) H(ct - x_1), \quad f = pH(ct - X) H(X + L_p - ct)$$

$$\rho_0 = \lambda_0 H(x_1 + L_p - ct) H(ct - x_1), \quad m = p \cdot e H(ct - x_1) H(x_1 + L_p - ct)$$

The dynamic equilibrium equations were derived in explicit form, consistently with a variational approach, in which both internal and external works were evaluated by means of the following relationship:

$$\sum_c \int (N \delta \varepsilon_n + M_x \delta \chi_x + M_y \delta \chi_y + M_t \delta \theta_x) dL + \sum_c \int \mu \ddot{u} \delta u dL + \sum_c \int \mu_0 \ddot{u} \delta u dL = \sum_c \int g_c \delta u dL + \sum_c \int F_c \delta u dL + \sum_c \int \rho (\ddot{u}_z + 2c \dot{u}_z + c^2 u_z) \delta u_z dL + \sum_c \int \dot{\rho} u_z \delta u_z dL$$

- **Corrosion Mechanism Formulation:** The cable corrosion mechanism was formulated, consistently with a Continuous Damage Mechanics approach in which cable deterioration results in the reduction in cable cross-sectional area. The effective modulus of elasticity E_{eff} and the corresponding stress for corroded cable can be defined as :

$$D = \frac{A_{eff}}{A_0} = \frac{A_0 - A^*}{A_0}; \quad \sigma_{eff} = \frac{\sigma}{1-D}; \quad E_{eff} = \frac{A_{eff}}{A_0} E$$

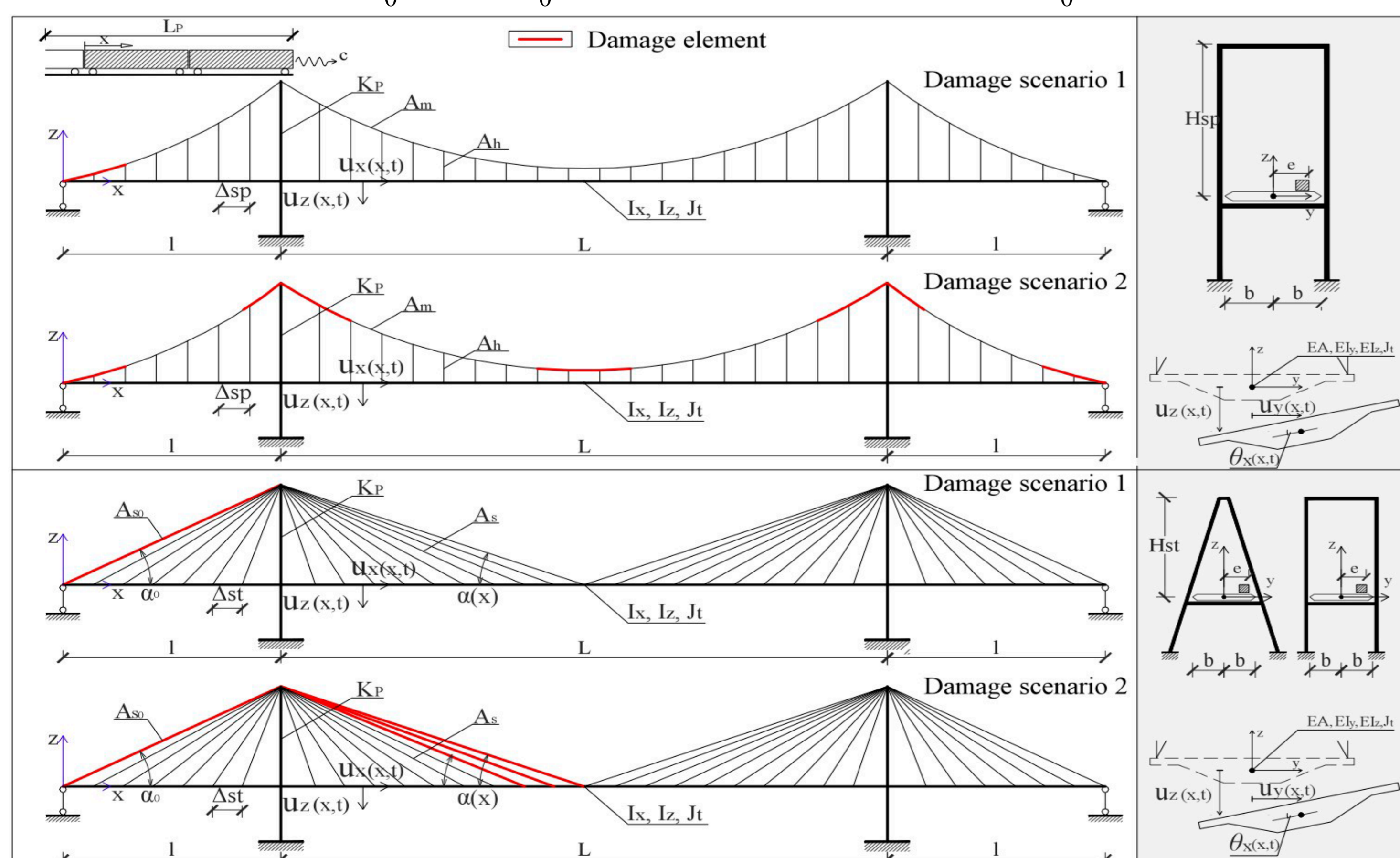


Figure 1. Structural model of the bridge, damage scenarios and bridge properties utilized in the results

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Results are presented for cable supported bridges based on both suspension and cable-stayed configurations, adopting similar properties for the main constituents of the bridge structures. The analyses are reported for bridge structures with different damage mechanisms in the cable system (fig.1). The results show that H-shaped tower bridge typologies are more affected by the damage mechanisms than the A-shaped tower bridge.

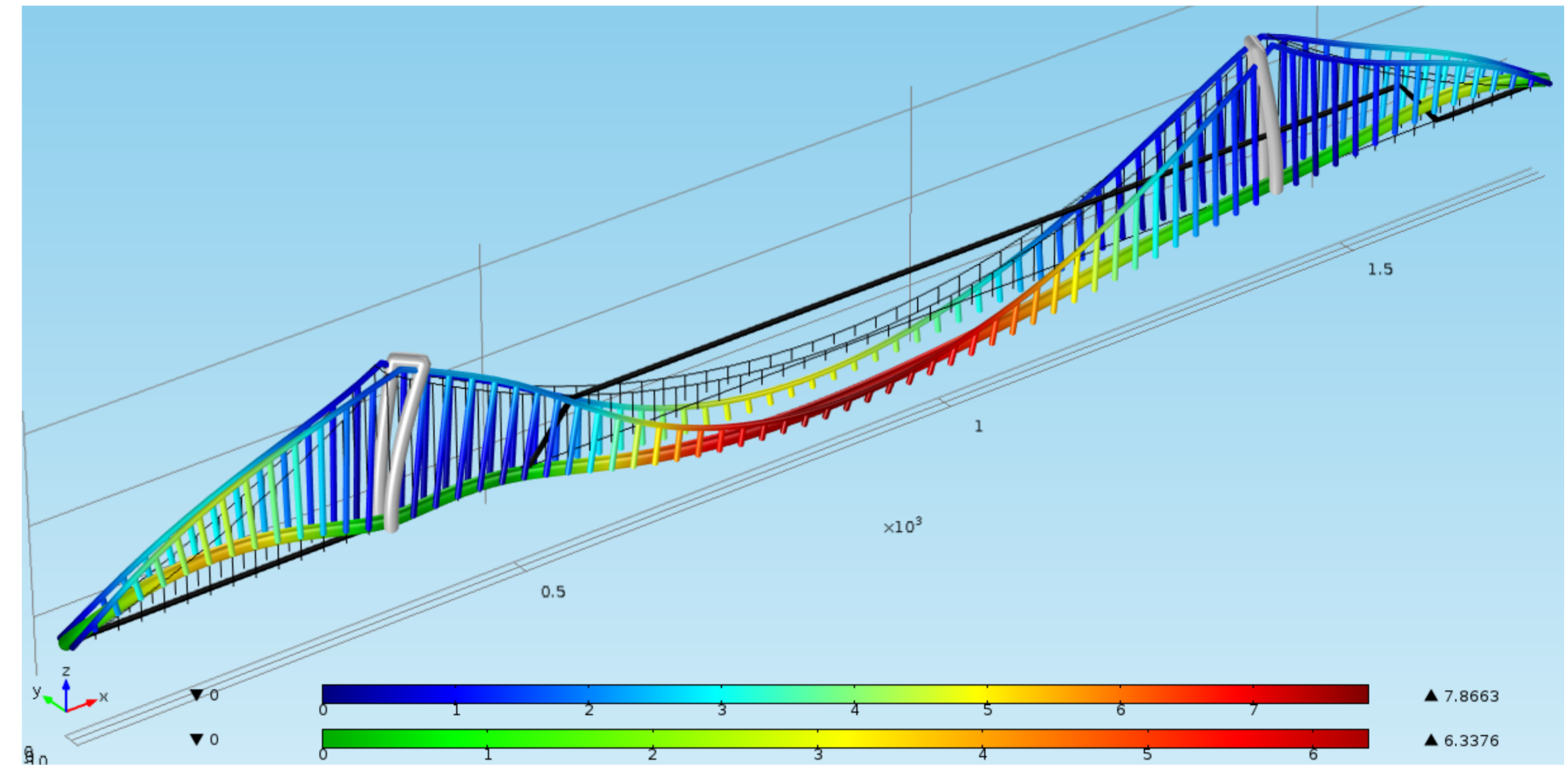


Figure 2. Suspended bridge: Comsol Multiphysics 4.2a model

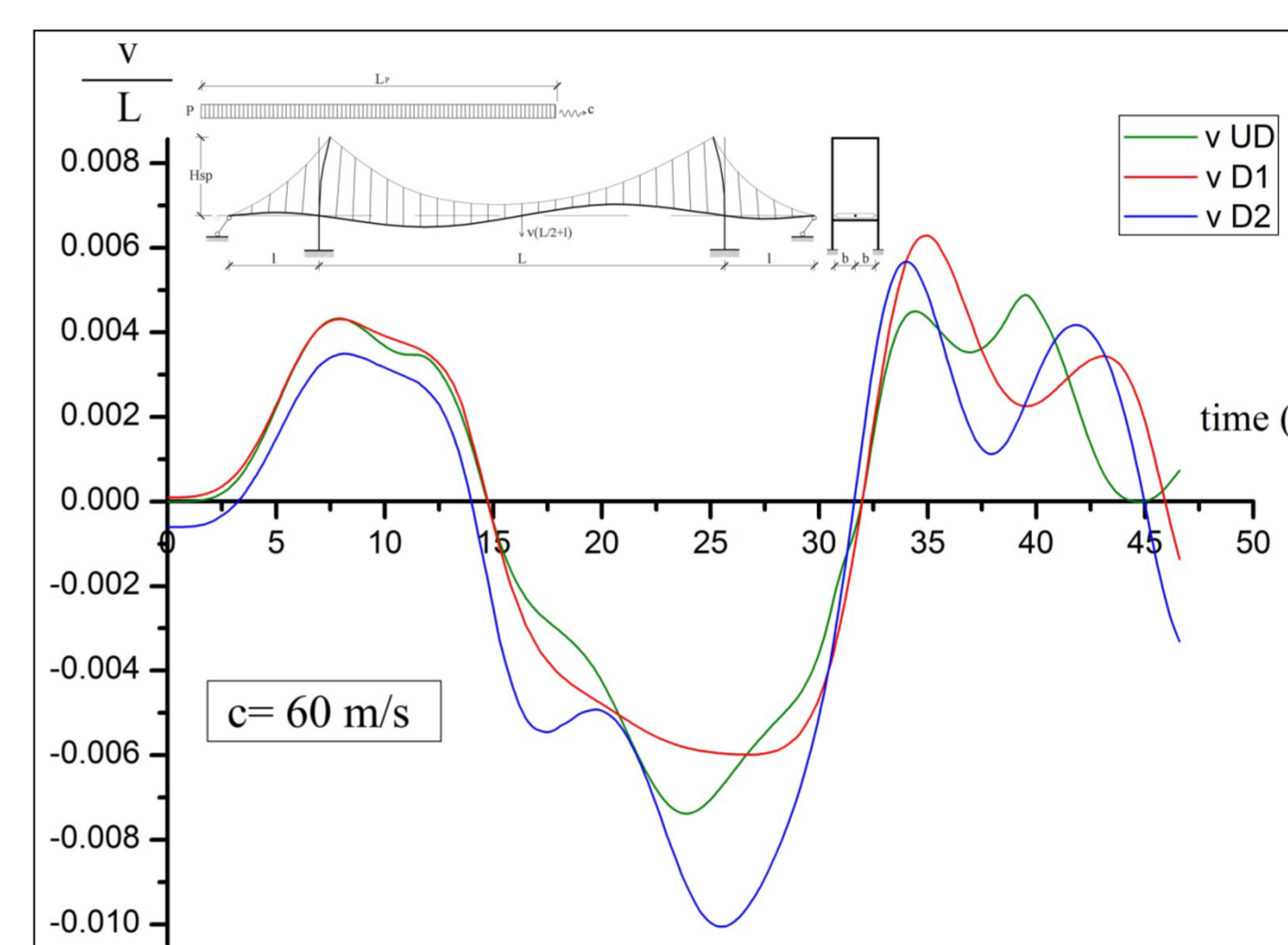


Figure 3. Suspended bridge: Time History of the midspan displacement

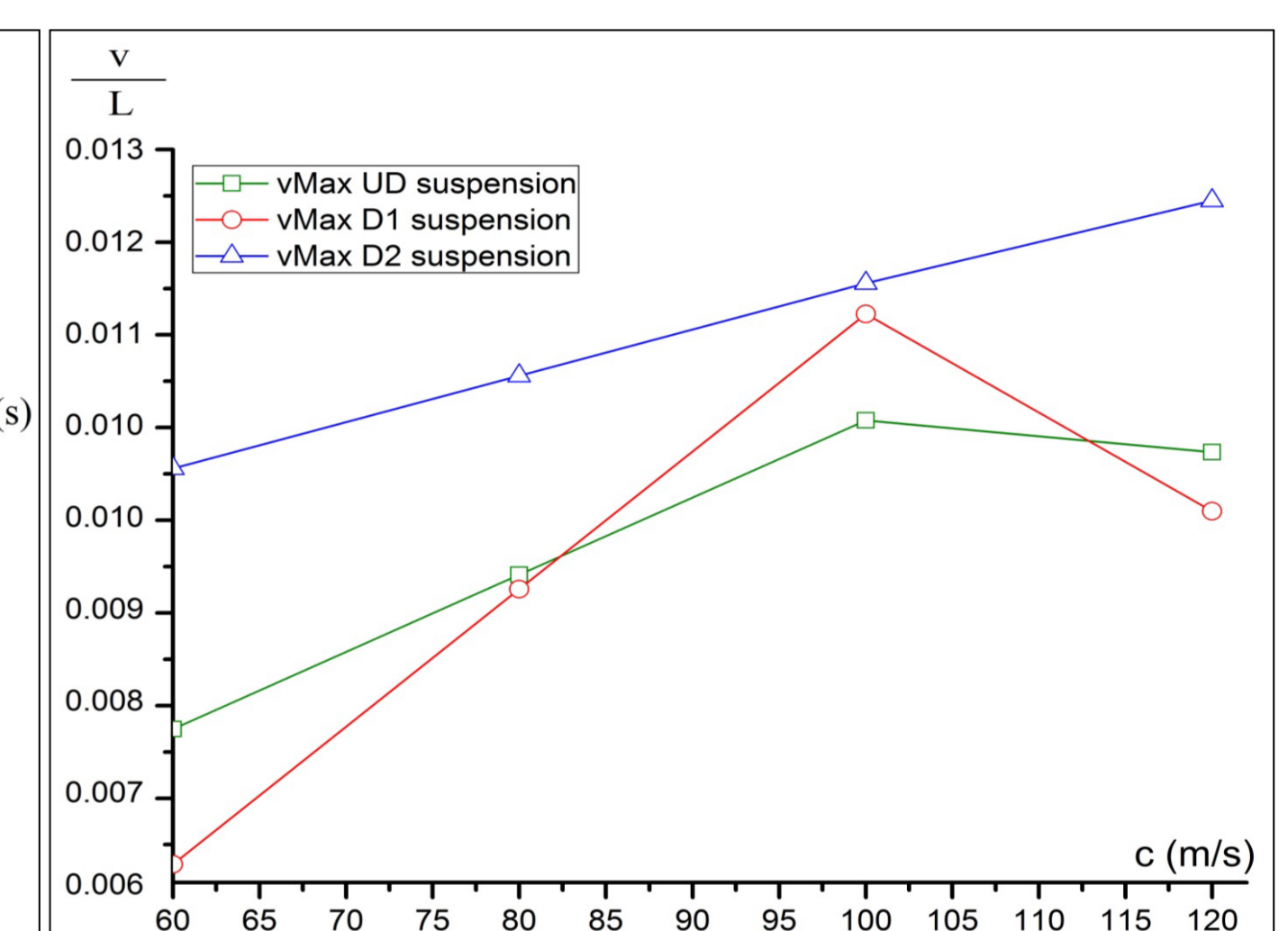


Figure 3. Suspended bridge: Maximum vertical midspan displacement - influence of the speed

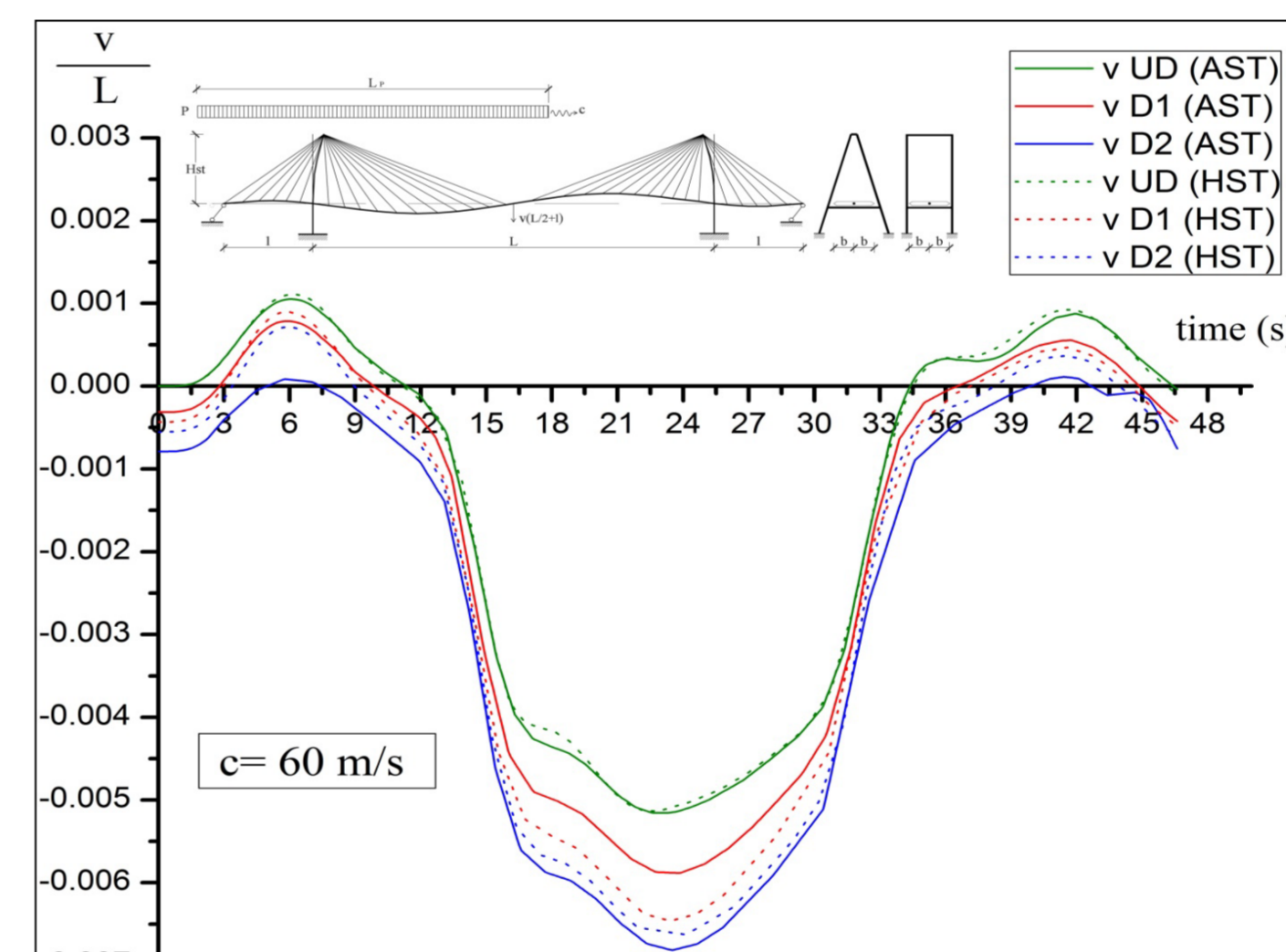


Figure 4. Cable-stayed bridges: Time History of the midspan displacement - c = 60 m/s

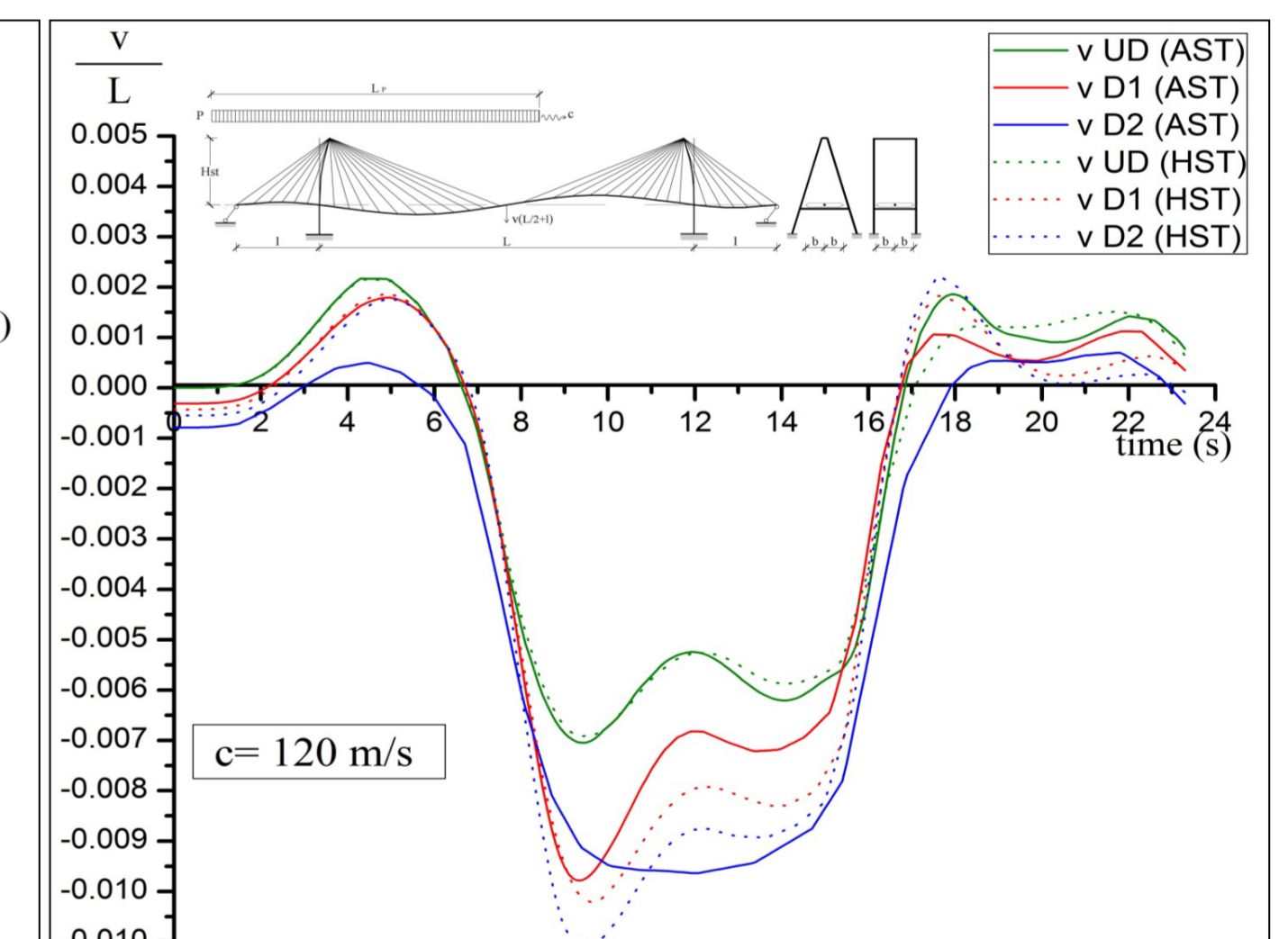


Figure 5. Cable-stayed bridges: Time History of the midspan displacement - c = 120 m/s

The comparison show how cable-stayed bridges are much more affected by the presence of the damage, since larger values of the bridge displacements with respect to the undamaged configuration are observe.

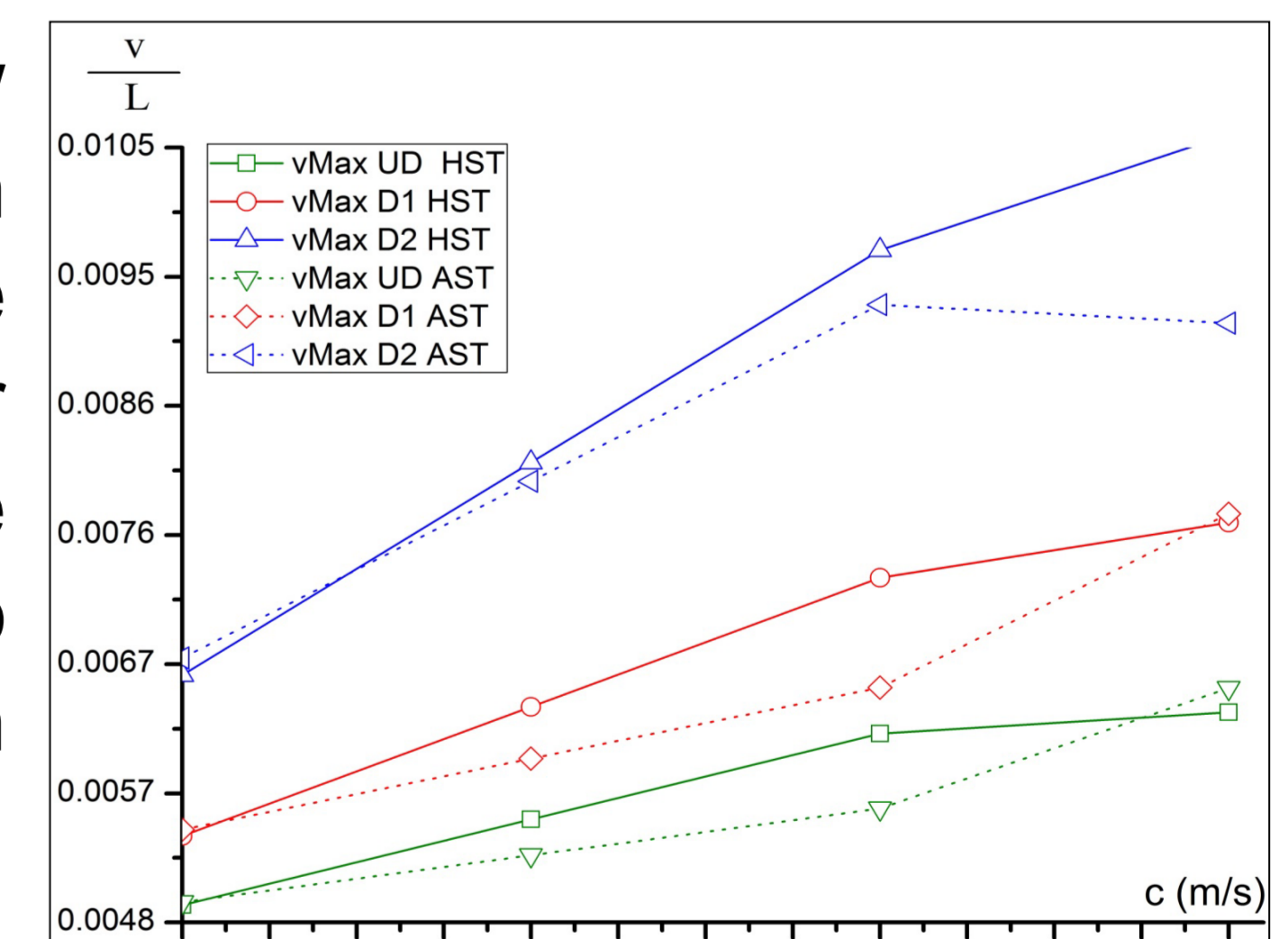


Figure 7. Cable-stayed bridge: Maximum vertical midspan displacement - influence of the speed

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