Investigation of active bogie stabilisation using SIMPACK Control and SIMAT

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Design Calculation and Verification using SIMPACK Wheel/Rail at Bombardier Transportation, Winterthur

Present and further activities

4 System Locomotive:  
New bogies based on BR 145/146:

- Unsuspended Drive
- Suspended Drive
- Each variation with or without coupling system for radial steering

Co-simulation:

- Getting more experience using SIMAT
- Building up additional know-how

- Applying co-simulation in further fields of bogie engineering
Investigation of active bogie stabilisation using SIMPACK/Controls and SIMAT

- Overview of stability investigations
- Control principle and SIMPACK model
- Implementation of “simple” controller in SIMPACK/Controls
- Co-simulation with advanced controller using SIMAT
- Measurement results from tests on roller rig
- Further activities
Stability investigation (1)
Eigenvalue calculations

- Determination of critical speed for hunting eigenmode
- Determination of remaining damping
- Variation of conicity and velocity
- Generation of stability charts using Critical Parameter Variation

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Stability investigation (2)
Reaction to single lateral track input

stable

unstable
Stability investigation (3)
Behaviour on track with irregularities

- Evaluation of:
  - Sum of lateral wheel/rail forces
  - Lateral acceleration at bogie frame
Stability behaviour of passive bogie

- Yaw dampers between bogie frame and carbody are essential for stability
- (VT612 has additional coupling dampers)
- “Basis stability” is provided by longitudinal and lateral stiffness of primary suspension

Stability chart

- VT612
- VT612 without yaw dampers
- VT612 without yaw and coupling dampers

Critical speed vs. conicity $\lambda (\sigma = 0.2\lambda, \varepsilon = 85\lambda)$
Principle of stability controller

- Applied yaw torque on wheelset proportional to lateral velocity
  (R. Goodall, Loughborough University)

Realisation of torque application

- Actuators (one for each wheelset) apply torque via steering linkages and torsion bars.
Mechanical SIMPACK Model

- Passenger coach on two bogies:
  - simple dummy bogie
  - detailed modelled active bogie
Implementing of controller in SIMPACK

- "Simple" controller with:
  - 2 inputs per wheelset
  - 1 output per wheelset
Controller implemented in SIMPACK

- Calculations with “simple” controller
  - Eigenvalue calculation
  - Critical parameter variation for generating stability chart
  - Time integration using parameter variation for investigation of reaction to single track input

![Stability chart](chart.png)

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Investigation of advanced controller model with SIMAT

- MATLAB model of controller with estimator for lateral wheelset velocity
- Sophisticated model needs several input values
- Co-simulations performed with SIMPACK/MATLAB interface SIMAT
Investigation of advanced controller model with SIMAT

- Examination of estimator performance: difference between actual and estimated lateral velocity
  - Investigation of reaction to single track input

- Behaviour on track with irregularities
Project Team

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Bogie Design and Manufacturing

DB Roller Rig
München (D)
Tests at Roller Rig in Munich

- Assembling of carbody, prototype bogie and controller
- Stability tests with passive system
  - Variation of conicity by changing of roller gauge
- Commissioning of controller with open loop tests
- Stability tests with active system
  - Variation of speed up to 300 km/h
- Running on track irregularities
Measurement results from roller rig

- Stability tests with single lateral track input

passive system (without controller)

active system (with stability control)
Measurement results from roller rig

- Stability tests with single lateral track input

passive system (without controller)  active system (with stability control)
Comparison of calculation and measurement

- Generation of stability chart

- Comparison for different bogie parameters (linear calculation compared with non-linear measurement)
Further activities

- Disadvantage of passive bogies:
  Compromise necessary between stable behaviour on straight track and good curving behaviour

- Active system:
  Actuators and steering linkages can provide torque on wheelsets for
  - active stabilisation
  - active radial steering
Further activities

- Development of controller for active radial steering
- Simulation with steering controller
- Combination of stability and steering controller
- Simulation of combined controller
- Testing of both controllers on track

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