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# **Realistic Modelling for Analysis of Train‑Structure and Ballasted‑Track Interaction for High‑Speed Trains**

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# **Abstract**

**Purpose** In this study, a new train-track-bridge interaction system (TTBIS) is modelled, and the interaction of the system is analysed to calculate the dynamic responses of the (TTBIS). Considering the lateral and vertical dynamic movements, the entire train is realistically modelled with 31 degrees of freedom.

**Methods** The track system is realistically modelled as fexible rail, and the infrastructure system supporting the rail with eight parameters. So, the track system consists of fexible rail, two parameter rail pad, sleeper, ballast parameters. The bridge was modelled using thin beam theory and integrated motion equation was obtained using the Lagrange method.

The analytical solution of motion equation was conducted by setting up an algorithm using the Runge–Kutta method with a specially written code.

**Results** As a result of the analyses made, the length of the bridge is 50 m or less, which does not affect the vertical movements of the train. In addition, Thanks to the track system, the dynamic responses afecting the train have been reduced. It is also understood that the vertical dynamic behavior of the train is a minimum in every four wagons.

**Conclusion** As the signifcance of this research, it was seen that bridge fexibility, natural vibration frequency, track parameters, travel speed, and the number of wagons have essential efects in terms of safe travel of high-speed-train.

**Keywords** Train-track-bridge interaction · High-speed train · Full train model · Runge–Kutta method

# **Introduction**

# **Background**

As a result of the increase in economic and safe transportation demands, high-speed train transportation has become a critical alternative today and the physical infrastructure of transportation and the physical structure of the train system have become an important research topic in engineering. As transportation speeds increase, it is a vital issue in terms of travel safety that engineering calculations are made with remarkably high precision in accordance with real physical

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conditions, and the design and development of a train suspension system and track infrastructure system suitable for the conditions. The rail system on which the train passes and in some cases the bridge systems over which it passes are fexible systems.

# **Formulation of the Problem of Interest for this Investigation and Literature Survey**

Trains are produced with suspension systems in terms of travel comfort and transportation safety. Due to these facts, the train dynamically interacts with the track and bridge while in motion or when crossing the bridge [[1](#page-29-0), [2](#page-29-1)]. In this context, Tiwari et al. examined the ride quality and comfort of a railway vehicle that used a secondary suspension system based on insulators and a laminated rubber base [\[3](#page-29-2)]. Sabaa et al. examined vibrational movements for transportation devices used in daily life and evaluated them in terms of resonance [[4](#page-29-3)]. In the literature, train-bridge interactions have been studied with simple models without considering the rail effect. When the results of the literature studies are



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examined, it is understood that the fexibility of the bridge and the parameters of the train suspension system are efec-tive in the train-bridge interaction [\[5](#page-29-4)]. In addition, it significantly afects driving safety in high-speed trains exposed to strong winds. Li et al. investigated the vibrational dynamics of wheel-rail collisions for high-speed trains operating in crosswinds [[6\]](#page-29-5). Liu et al. concentrated on the crosswind phenomenon to better understand the occurrence of a train derailment [\[7](#page-29-6)]. Liu et al. investigate how crosswind afects the train-rail-bridge system's dynamic responses [\[8\]](#page-29-7).

The moving load is generally examined in three categories as concentrated force, moving mass and sprung mass. Train track and bridge interaction subject is within the scope of moving load in the scientifc literature, and the frst studies on this subject are simplifed model studies involving the interaction of a concentrated force with a fexible structure while it passes over a fexible structure [[9–](#page-30-0)[14](#page-30-1)]. Jiang et al. investigated the dynamic responses of a multilayer beam structure system on a railway track under a moving load [\[15](#page-30-2)]. Moving mass studies take into account the inertial efects of the load's mass and the efects of the centrifugal force, and Coriolis force, which are the interaction forces of the mass with the deformed beam [[16–](#page-30-3)[26](#page-30-4)]. Studies examining the moving load problem as a sprung mass are studies that only consider the interaction force arising from the vibration acceleration of the mass on the beam as the contact force, without considering the Coriolis and centrifugal forces arising from the interaction of the mass with the beam [\[9](#page-30-0), [27](#page-30-5)[–29](#page-30-6)]. As a more advanced model, a two-axle vehicle-bridge model with 4-DOFs was presented by Fryba and Wen [\[9](#page-30-0), [28](#page-30-7)]. When train subsystems consisting of a carriage, two bogies, and wheelsets are modeled together with the bridge girder, this model is called as train-bridge interaction (TBI) models in the literature. There are diferent simplifed applications of TBI in the literature [\[24–](#page-30-8)[27\]](#page-30-5). High speed train has not been conducted much in the literature, only 10 DOF train models are presented with simple assumptions in the study [\[30](#page-30-9)]. Studies consisting of two distinct subsystems, train and bridge, have been investigated and some of which are summarized above. However, in practice, there is a track system consisting of sleepers, rail pads, and ballast on the railway line. In this study, simulation software has been designed to fnd the dynamic responses of the train and bridge along with the track system, which is called the train-track-bridge interaction system (TTBIS). In fact, train, track, and bridge is a basic dynamic system combined with train-track and track-bridge. In other words, the track system creates a link between the bridge and the train [[31](#page-30-10)]. In this study, the dynamic equations of the TTBIS model were solved by using Matlab software, which is mostly used in the literature [\[32\]](#page-30-11). The train, bogies, and wheels are built based on multibody dynamics, while the bridge and rail are modelled as a simplifed beam, which is adopted in the literature based on such models as Euler–Bernoulli or Timoshenko beams. For example, Cheung et al. performed vibration analysis of multi-span uniform bridges, modelled according to the Euler–Bernoulli beam theorem, exposed to a moving vehicle with 2-DOFs [\[33\]](#page-30-12). With regard to the longitudinal track-structure interaction, Stollwitzer et al. concentrate on the experimental determination of the dynamic properties [\[34](#page-30-13)]. Lou et al. investigated the dynamic effect of vehicle, rail, and bridge by using two diferent track models. It is demonstrated that the dynamic reactions are infuenced by the sleeper mass [\[35\]](#page-30-14). Kohl et al. investigated the dynamic vehicle-bridge interaction using a large dataset of approximately 100 bridge structures and 25 vehicles [\[36\]](#page-30-15). A semi-analytical method based on the lumped parameter model was presented by König et al. for the analysis of the dynamic interaction system between trains, rails, bridges, and subsoil [[37](#page-30-16)]. Zhang et al. suggested a new method based on the adaptive sampling proxy model to improve the efficiency of the train-bridge system's random vibration analysis [\[38](#page-30-17)]. Euler–Bernoulli beams are preferred in long-span beams since shear deformation values are not very important [[39](#page-30-18)]. Many studies also use Timoshenko beam theories to consider the shear deflection effect [[40,](#page-30-19) [41\]](#page-30-20). For example, the vibration analysis of Timoshenko cracked beams was carried out by Heydari et al. using a continuous model. They stated that the Timoshenko beam is preferable in the case of short beams compared to the Euler–Bernoulli beam model [\[42](#page-30-21)]. Koç modelled a bridge exposed to vibrations of a highspeed train, modelled with 10-DOFs, using Timoshenko and Euler–Bernoulli beam theories, and compared the results in terms of bridge and train dynamics [\[43\]](#page-30-22). Similarly, Dixit conducted an analysis of damaged beams, using both beam theories and claimed that the Timoshenko beam theory is more efective than the Euler–Bernoulli beam theory in detecting small changes in the dynamic response of beams [\[44\]](#page-30-23). Investigating seismic effects is crucial when analyzing the dynamic responses of high-speed trains. In this context, the high-speed rail-bridge system's seismic response was estimated by Yu et al. [\[39\]](#page-30-18). By treating earthquake and road irregularity as random processes, Jin et al. used probability density development method to determine the probability density function of the wheel unloading extremes [\[40\]](#page-30-19). In the case of the Addis Ababa Light Rail Transit Service, Bizimungu and Nkundineza investigated the effect of track irregularities on rail vehicle vibration [\[45](#page-30-24)]. Vesali et al. experimented with the dynamic response of two-track multispan railway bridges [[46](#page-30-25)].

There are several methods for obtaining diferential equations. By using mass, spring, and damping properties in Newton's second law [[47\]](#page-31-0) or D'Alembert's principle [\[48](#page-31-1)] with considering the specifed forces, the equations of motion of elementary systems can be obtained. Systems with a single degree of freedom and systems having multiple mass, spring, and damper elements can be modelled by using the principle of virtual works [\[49\]](#page-31-2). On the other hand, the most commonly used method to obtain the multi-degree of freedom systems' motion equations is Lagrange's principle [\[50](#page-31-3), [51](#page-31-4)] and Hamilton's principle [\[52](#page-31-5)], which can be classifed as energy methods [[53](#page-31-6)]. Rail and bridge element models are fourth-order partial differential equations, which can be transformed by Ritz's method into a second-order diferential equation. [\[54](#page-31-7)] or Galerkin's method  $[55]$  $[55]$  $[55]$ .

In train dynamics, either the normal mode superposition method [\[56](#page-31-9)[–58](#page-31-10)] or the direct numerical integration method is preferred to solve equations of motion. In the direct numerical integration method, the equation of motion is solved by applying a step-by-step numerical procedure. In this method, time derivatives are usually approximated by using diference formulas [[50](#page-31-3)] and can be solved with explicit methods such as fourth-order Runge–Kutta [\[59,](#page-31-11) [60](#page-31-12)] and Euler methods [\[61](#page-31-13)], and implicit methods such as Wilson *θ* [\[62](#page-31-14)] and Newmark *β* [\[63,](#page-31-15) [64](#page-31-16)].

### **The Novelty of this Study**

In addition to the studies mentioned above, a comprehensive TTBIS simulation software has been developed in this paper. Thanks to TTBIS software, all factors afecting train dynamics can be considered. Studies in the literature do not compare the efect of the track while considered in a train-bridge coupled system. That is, there are no studies on how the track subsystem afects the train dynamics. Additionally, due to privacy and expertise concerns, the organizations likely to conduct this study don't provide their results. In the presented analysis results, the efects of with-track and without-track models on the results standing for the train and bridge dynamics are examined in detail. Moreover, the effect of the bridge length, track parameters and the velocity of train on the train dynamics was considered, which is found to be related with the concept of resonance. The track infrastructure is particularly important in terms of the dynamic interaction of the system, and quite simple models have been examined in the literature. In this study, a realistic track system is modelled, and the track system consists of a system with eight parameters following reality. So, the track system consists of independent parameters as fexible rail: flexural rigidity *EI*, unit mass  $\mu_r$ , damping  $c_r$ ; rail pad: stiffness  $k_p$ , damping  $c_p$ ; sleeper: mass  $m_s$ , stiffness  $k_b$ , damping  $c_b$ ; ballast: mass  $m_{ba}$ , stiffness  $k_f$ , damping  $c_f$ . Finally, three parameters for the rail, eight parameters for the sub-system supporting the rail, and a total of eleven parameter for the track system are considered. In addition, using the TTBIS software simulation developed in this study, a dynamic evaluation of the track-bridge subsystem can be made in case of multiple successive wagons. In other words, using the developed modelling, the bridge length, the efects of the train velocity, the train-track-bridge suspension parameter values, and even the multi-car and multi-bridge can be examined separately. The Lagrange equation has been used to generate the dynamic motion equation for the interaction of the bridge beam and the train. Using the state variables, the complete system's equation

of motion was transformed into state-space form. An algorithm for the time domain using fourth-order Runge–Kutta is used in the suggested technique in this paper, which models both train dynamics and bridges and provides an accurate and quick solution procedure.

#### **Organization of the Paper**

The organization of this paper is divided into the following sections: In Sect. ["Modeling of TTBIS"](#page-2-0), modeling of the traintrack-bridge system is modeled. The numerical solution and validation of TTBi are conducted in Sect. ["Numerical solution](#page-11-0)". In Sect. "[Numerical analysis of full 3D high-speed TTBIS](#page-11-1) [dynamics](#page-11-1)", extensive and comprehensive numerical results of the model discussed in this study are given. The main conclusion is presented in Sect. ["Conclusions"](#page-27-0).

## <span id="page-2-0"></span>**Modeling of TTBIS**

In high-speed railway engineering, many diferent models have been preferred today to determine the dynamic behaviour of the train [\[31\]](#page-30-10). The railway bridges are modelled as simply supported beams, while trains are modelled as moving loads. TBI has been realized using moving load [\[9](#page-30-0), [65](#page-31-17), [66\]](#page-31-18), moving mass [\[19](#page-30-26), [26,](#page-30-4) [67](#page-31-19)], sprung mass [\[27\]](#page-30-5), and suspended rigid beam models [\[12](#page-30-27), [68](#page-31-20)] from the past to the present, respectively. With the development of technology and the widespread use of computer simulation software, two-dimensional (2D) [[30,](#page-30-9) [69\]](#page-31-21) and three-dimensional (3D) [\[70,](#page-31-22) [71\]](#page-31-23) TBI models have also been improved.

In this paper, the TTBIS, illustrated in Fig. [1](#page-3-0), has been considered to analyse the vertical and lateral dynamic responses of the train. TTBIS consists of three diferent subsystems as train, track, and bridge. While the train passes over the bridge at a specifc speed, it vibrates the bridge and the track, which eventually afects the train dynamics and so reduces driving safety and passenger comfort.

### **Railway Car Model**

#### **Modelling of the High‑Speed Train**

The train model proposed in this study is shown schematically in Fig. [2](#page-3-1). The examined vehicle model consists of a wagon moving at a constant speed, a bogie at the front and rear, and wheelsets, like many other models [[70–](#page-31-22)[73](#page-31-24)] studied before. Spring and damping elements are used to link components to one another. While a bogie and wheelset are connected by a primary suspension element, the bogie and wagon are connected by a secondary suspension element [[69\]](#page-31-21). A 3D model was created to analyse the vertical and lateral vibrations of the train. Table [1](#page-4-0) has the train parameters listed in Fig. [2.](#page-3-1) Also,





<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Fig. 1** The illustration of the train-track-bridge system model



**(a)**



<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Fig. 2** Railway vehicle mathematical model **a** side view, **b** top view, **c** front view

generalized coordinates of the 3D high-speed train model are shown in Table [2](#page-4-1). The introduction of all parameters found in the mathematical model shown in Fig. [2](#page-3-1) is in the previous paper [[74](#page-31-25)] by the authors of this article.

## **Equation of Motion of the Train Model**

In this paper, the motion equations of the high-speed train model in Fig. [1](#page-3-0) were obtained by using the Lagrange method. The high-speed train model's potential energy, kinetic energy, and Rayleigh dissipation function expressions

### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Table 1** The full 3D high-speed train's parameters



<span id="page-4-1"></span>





having the parameters given in Table [1](#page-4-0) are expressed in Eqs.  $(1a-c)$  $(1a-c)$  $(1a-c)$ .

<span id="page-5-0"></span>model and flexible structure coupled system. The symbols  $c_{R,r}$ ,  $c_{L,r}$ ,  $c_{R,b}$ , and  $c_{L,b}$  given in Eq. ([1c](#page-5-1)) represent the

$$
E_{k} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \int_{0}^{L} \mu_{R,r} \left[ \dot{w}_{R,r}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} \mu_{R,b} \left[ \dot{w}_{R,b}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} \mu_{L,r} \left[ \dot{w}_{L,r}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} \mu_{L,b} \left[ \dot{w}_{L,b}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx \\ + m_{c} \dot{r}_{cy}^{2} + m_{c} \dot{r}_{cz}^{2} + I_{cz} \dot{\theta}_{cz}^{2} + I_{cx} \dot{\theta}_{cx}^{2} + I_{cy} \dot{\theta}_{cy}^{2} + m_{b1} \dot{r}_{b1y}^{2} + m_{b1} \dot{r}_{b1z}^{2} + I_{b1z} \dot{\theta}_{b1z}^{2} + I_{b1x} \dot{\theta}_{b1x}^{2} + I_{b1y} \dot{\theta}_{by}^{2} \\ + m_{b2} \dot{r}_{b2y}^{2} + m_{b2} \dot{r}_{b2z}^{2} + I_{b2z} \dot{\theta}_{b2z}^{2} + I_{b2x} \dot{\theta}_{b2x}^{2} + I_{b2y} \dot{\theta}_{by}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w1y}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w1z}^{2} + I_{w1x} \dot{\theta}_{w1x}^{2} + I_{w1y} \dot{\theta}_{w1y}^{2} \\ + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w2y}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w2z}^{2} + I_{w2x} \dot{\theta}_{w2x}^{2} + I_{w2y} \dot{\theta}_{w2y}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w3y}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w3z}^{2} + I_{w3x} \dot{\theta}_{w3x}^{2} + I_{w3y} \dot{\theta}_{w3y}^{2} + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w4y}^{2} \\ + m_{w} \dot{r}_{w4z}^{2} + I_{w4x} \dot{\theta}_{w4x}^{2} + I_{w4y} \dot{\theta}_{w4y}^{2} + m_{R,s} \dot{w}_{R,s}^{2} + m_{R,ba} \dot{w}_{R,ba}^{2} + m_{L,s} \dot{w}_{L,s
$$

$$
E_{p} = \frac{1}{2}\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\int_{0}^{L} E_{R,r} I_{R,r} \left[ w''_{R,r}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} E_{R,b} I_{R,b} \left[ w''_{R,b}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} E_{L,r} I_{L,r} \left[ w''_{L,r}^{2}(x,t) \right] dx + \int_{0}^{L} E_{L,b} I_{L,b} \left[ w''_{L,b}(x,t) \right] dx \\
+ k_{b1y} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b1y} + \theta_{cz} I_{b1} - \theta_{cx} a + \theta_{b1x} a \right]^{2} + k_{b1y} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b1y} + \theta_{cz} I_{b1} + \theta_{cx} a - \theta_{b1x} a \right]^{2} \\
+ k_{b2y} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b2y} - \theta_{cz} I_{b2} - \theta_{cx} a + \theta_{b2x} a \right]^{2} + k_{b2y} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b2y} - \theta_{cz} I_{b2} + \theta_{cx} a - \theta_{b2x} a \right]^{2} \\
+ k_{w1y} \left[ r_{b1y} - r_{w1y} + \theta_{b1z} I_{w1} - \theta_{b1x} d + \theta_{w1x} a \right]^{2} + k_{w1y} \left[ r_{b1y} - r_{w1y} + \theta_{b1z} I_{w1} + \theta_{b1x} d - \theta_{w1x} a \right]^{2} \\
+ k_{w2y} \left[ r_{b1y} - r_{w2y} - \theta_{b1z} I_{w2} - \theta_{b1x} d + \theta_{w2x} a \right]^{2} + k_{w2y} \left[ r_{b1y} - r_{w2y} - \theta_{b1z} I_{w2} + \theta_{b1x} d - \theta_{w2x} a \right]^{2} \\
+ k_{w3y} \left[ r_{b2y} - r_{w3y} + \theta_{b2z} I_{w3} - \theta_{b2x} d + \theta_{w3x} a \right]^{2} + k_{w3y} \left[ r_{b2y} - r_{w3y} + \theta_{b2z} I_{w3} + \theta_{b2x} d - \theta_{w3x} a \right]^{2} \\
+ 2k_{bz} \left[ r_{
$$

$$
D = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \int_{0}^{L} c_{R,r} \dot{w}_{R,r}^{2}(x, t) dx + \int_{0}^{L} c_{R,b} \dot{w}_{R,b}^{2}(x, t) dx + \int_{0}^{L} c_{L,r} \dot{w}_{L,r}^{2}(x, t) dx + \int_{0}^{L} c_{L,b} \dot{w}_{L,b}^{2}(x, t) dx \\ + c_{b1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b1y} + \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b1} - \dot{\theta}_{cx} a + \dot{\theta}_{b1x} a \right]^{2} + c_{b1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b1y} + \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b1} + \dot{\theta}_{cx} a - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} a \right]^{2} \\ + c_{b2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b2} - \dot{\theta}_{cx} a + \dot{\theta}_{b2x} a \right]^{2} + c_{b2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b2} + \dot{\theta}_{cx} a - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} a \right]^{2} \\ + c_{w1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \dot{r}_{w1y} + \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w1} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w1x} d \right]^{2} + c_{w1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \dot{r}_{w1y} + \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w1} + \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d - \dot{\theta}_{w1x} d \right]^{2} \\ + c_{w2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \dot{r}_{w2y} - \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w2} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w1x} d \right]^{2} + c_{w2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \dot{r}_{w1y} + \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w1} + \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d - \dot{\theta}_{w1x} d \right]^{2} \\ + c_{w3y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{r}_{w3y} + \dot{\theta}_{b2z} l_{w3} - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w3x} d \right
$$

In Eqs. [1a–](#page-5-0)[1c,](#page-5-1)  $\mu_{R,r}$ ,  $\mu_{L,r}$ ,  $\mu_{R,b}$ , and  $\mu_{L,b}$  are the right and left rail beam and bridge beam's mass of the unit length, respectively.  $E_{Rr}I_{R,r}$ ,  $E_{Lr}I_{L,r}$ ,  $E_{Rb}I_{R,b}$ , and  $E_{L,b}I_{L,b}$  are the flexural rigidity of the right and left rail beam and bridge beams, respectively. On the other hand, Eq. [\(1c](#page-5-1)), considering the physical model shown in Fig. [2,](#page-3-1) can be used to figure out the dissipation function of the whole railway <span id="page-5-2"></span><span id="page-5-1"></span>right and left equivalent viscous damping coefficients for rail beams and bridge beams. The Lagrange expression equals the difference between the kinetic energy and the potential energy given in Eqs. ([1a,](#page-5-0) [b](#page-5-2)) which can be found as  $(L = E_k - E_p)$ , where  $\eta_k$  are the generalized coordinates of the train.



<span id="page-6-0"></span>
$$
\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\eta}_k(t)}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \eta_k(t)} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\eta}_k(t)} = 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, 31
$$
 (2)

The equation of motion of the 31-DOFs full train model seen in Fig. [1](#page-3-0) are derived using the Lagrange method in Eq. [2](#page-6-0) as follows:

<span id="page-6-3"></span>The car body's motion equations:

$$
\ddot{r}_{cy} = \frac{1}{m_c} \left[ \frac{-2c_{b1y}}{-2k_{b1y}} \Big[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b1y} + \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b1} \Big] - 2c_{b2y} \Big[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{cz} l_{b2} \Big] \right]
$$
\n(3a)  
\n
$$
\ddot{r}_{cz} = \frac{1}{m_c} \left[ -2c_{bz} \Big[ 2\dot{r}_{cz} - \dot{r}_{b1z} - \dot{r}_{b2z} - 2\dot{\theta}_{cx} h_c - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} h_b - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} h_b \Big] - 2k_{bz} \Big[ 2r_{cz} - r_{b1z} - r_{b2z} - 2\theta_{cx} h_c - \theta_{b1x} h_b - \theta_{b2x} h_b \Big] \right]
$$
\n(3b)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{cz} = \frac{1}{I_{cz}} \left[ \frac{-2c_{b1y}l_{b1} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b1y} + \dot{\theta}_{cz}l_{b1} \right] + 2c_{b2y}l_{b2} \left[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{cz}l_{b2} \right]}{-2k_{b1y}l_{b1} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b1y} + \theta_{cz}l_{b1} \right] + 2k_{b2y}l_{b2} \left[ r_{cy} - r_{b2y} - \theta_{cz}l_{b2} \right]} \right]
$$
(3c)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{cx} = \frac{1}{I_{cx}} \left[ -2c_{b1y}a^2 \left[ \dot{\theta}_{cx} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} \right] - 2c_{b2y}a^2 \left[ \dot{\theta}_{cx} - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} \right] - 2k_{b1y}a^2 \left[ \theta_{cx} - \theta_{b1x} \right] - 2k_{b2y}a^2 \left[ \theta_{cx} - \theta_{b2x} \right] \right]
$$
(3d)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{cy} = \frac{1}{I_{cy}} \left[ -2c_{bx}e \left[ 2\dot{\theta}_{cy}e - \dot{\theta}_{b1y}f - \dot{\theta}_{b2y}f \right] - 2k_{bx}e \left[ 2\theta_{cy}e - \theta_{b1y}f - \theta_{b2y}f \right] \right]
$$
(3e)

The motion equations of front bogie have been written as Eqs. ([3f,](#page-6-1) [j](#page-6-2)):

$$
\ddot{r}_{b1y} = \frac{1}{m_{b1}} \begin{bmatrix} 2c_{b1y}[ \dot{r}_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b1y} + \dot{\theta}_{cz}l_{b1}] - c_{w1y}[2\dot{r}_{b1y} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{1R}, t)\dot{q}_{i} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{1L}, t)\dot{q}_{i} + 2\dot{\theta}_{b1z}l_{w1}] \\ -c_{w2y}[2\dot{r}_{b1y} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{2R}, t)\dot{q}_{i} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{2L}, t)\dot{q}_{i} - 2\dot{\theta}_{b1z}l_{w2}] + 2k_{b1y}[r_{cy} - r_{b1y} + \theta_{cz}l_{b1}] \\ -k_{w1y}[2r_{b1y} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{1R}, t)q_{i} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{1L}, t)q_{i} + 2\theta_{b1z}l_{w1}] \\ -k_{w2y}[2r_{b1y} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{2R}, t)q_{i} - \varphi_{i}(\xi_{2L}, t)q_{i} - 2\theta_{b1z}l_{w2}] \end{bmatrix}
$$
(3f)

$$
\ddot{r}_{b1z} = \frac{1}{m_{b1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 2c_{bz} \left[ \dot{r}_{cz} - \dot{r}_{b1z} - \dot{\theta}_{cx} h_c + \dot{\theta}_{b1x} h_b \right] - 2c_{wz} \left[ 2\dot{r}_{b1z} - \dot{r}_{w1z} - \dot{r}_{w2z} - 2\dot{\theta}_{b1x} h_w \right] \\ + 2k_{bz} \left[ r_{cz} - r_{b1z} - \theta_{cx} h_c + \theta_{b1x} h_b \right] - 2k_{wz} \left[ 2r_{b1z} - r_{w1z} - r_{w2z} - 2\theta_{b1x} h_w \right] \end{array} \right]
$$
\n(3g)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b1z} = \frac{1}{I_{b1z}} \begin{bmatrix} c_{w2y}I_{w2} \left[ 2r_{b1y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{2L}, t) \dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b1z}I_{w2} \right] \\ -c_{w1y}I_{w1} \left[ 2r_{b1y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{1L}, t) \dot{q}_i + 2\dot{\theta}_{b1z}I_{w1} \right] \\ -k_{w1y}I_{w1} \left[ 2r_{b1y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t) q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{1L}, t) q_i + 2\theta_{b1z}I_{w1} \right] \\ +k_{w2y}I_{w2} \left[ 2r_{b1y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t) q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{2L}, t) q_i - 2\theta_{b1z}I_{w2} \right] \end{bmatrix} \tag{3h}
$$

<span id="page-6-2"></span><span id="page-6-1"></span>

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b1x} = \frac{1}{I_{b1x}} \begin{bmatrix} 2c_{b1y}a^2 [\dot{\theta}_{cx} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x}] + c_{w1y}d [2\dot{\theta}_{w1x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t)\dot{q}_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{1L}, t)\dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b1x}d] \\ + c_{w2y}d [2\dot{\theta}_{w2x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t)\dot{q}_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{2L}, t)\dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b1x}d] + 2k_{b1y}a^2 [\theta_{cx} - \theta_{b1x}] \\ + k_{w1y}d [2\theta_{w1x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t)q_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{1L}, t)q_i - 2\theta_{b1x}d] \\ + k_{w2y}d [2\theta_{w2x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t)q_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{2L}, t)q_i - 2\theta_{b1x}d] \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(3i)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b1y} = \frac{1}{I_{b1y}} \begin{bmatrix} 2c_{bx}f[\dot{\theta}_{cy}e - \dot{\theta}_{b1y}f] - 2c_{wx}s^2[2\dot{\theta}_{b1y} - \dot{\theta}_{w1y} - \dot{\theta}_{w2y}] \\ + 2k_{bx}f[\theta_{cy}e - \theta_{b1y}f] - 2k_{wx}s^2[2\theta_{b1y} - \theta_{w1y} - \theta_{w2y}] \end{bmatrix}
$$
(3j)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b2y} = \frac{1}{I_{b2y}} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2c_{bx}f \left[ \dot{\theta}_{cy}e - \dot{\theta}_{b2y}f \right] - 2c_{wx}s^2 \left[ 2\dot{\theta}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{w3y} - \dot{\theta}_{w4y} \right] \\ + 2k_{bx}f \left[ \theta_{cy}e - \theta_{b2y}f \right] - 2k_{wx}s^2 \left[ 2\theta_{b2y} - \theta_{w3y} - \theta_{w4y} \right] \end{array} \right]
$$
\n(30)

The following are the rear bogie's motion equations:

<span id="page-7-0"></span>The wheelsets' equations of motion are provided by Eq. (3p-s). (For 
$$
k = 1, 2
$$
 j = 1 and for  $k = 3, 4$  j = 2).

$$
\ddot{r}_{b2y} = \frac{1}{m_{b2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2c_{b2y}[r_{cy} - \dot{r}_{b2y} - \dot{\theta}_{cz}l_{b2}] - c_{w3y}[2\dot{r}_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t)\dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t)\dot{q}_i + 2\dot{\theta}_{b2z}l_{w3}] \\ -c_{w4y}[2\dot{r}_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t)\dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t)\dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b2z}l_{w4}] + 2k_{b2y}[r_{cy} - r_{b2y} - \theta_{cz}l_{b2}] \\ -k_{w3y}[2r_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t)q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t)q_i + 2\theta_{b2z}l_{w3}] \\ -k_{w4y}[2r_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t)q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t)q_i - 2\theta_{b2z}l_{w4}] \end{bmatrix}
$$
(3k)

$$
\ddot{r}_{b2z} = \frac{1}{m_{b2}} \left[ \frac{2c_{bz}}{+2k_{bz}} \left[ \dot{r}_{cz} - \dot{r}_{b2z} - \dot{\theta}_{cx} h_c - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} h_b \right] - 2c_{wz} \left[ 2\dot{r}_{b2z} - \dot{r}_{w3z} - \dot{r}_{w4z} - 2\dot{\theta}_{b2x} h_w \right] + 2k_{bz} \left[ r_{cz} - r_{b2z} - \theta_{cx} h_c - \theta_{b2x} h_b \right] - 2k_{wz} \left[ 2r_{b2z} - r_{w3z} - r_{w4z} - 2\theta_{b2x} h_w \right] \right]
$$
\n(31)

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b2z} = \frac{1}{I_{b2z}} \begin{bmatrix} c_{w4y}I_{w4} \left[ 2\dot{r}_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t) \dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b2z}I_{w4} \right] \\ -c_{w3y}I_{w3} \left[ 2\dot{r}_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t) \dot{q}_i + 2\dot{\theta}_{b2z}I_{w3} \right] \\ k_{w4y}I_{w4} \left[ 2r_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t) q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t) q_i - 2\theta_{b2z}I_{w4} \right] \\ -k_{w3y}I_{w3} \left[ 2r_{b2y} - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t) q_i - \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t) q_i + 2\theta_{b2z}I_{w3} \right] \end{bmatrix} \tag{3m}
$$

Vertical motion:

$$
\ddot{r}_{wky} = \frac{1}{m_w} \left[ 2c_{wky} \left[ \dot{r}_{bjy} - \dot{r}_{wky} + \dot{\theta}_{bjz} l_{wk} \right] + 2k_{wky} \left[ r_{bjy} - r_{wky} + \theta_{bjz} l_{wk} \right] \right]
$$
\n(3p)

Lateral motion:

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{b2x} = \frac{1}{I_{b2x}} \begin{bmatrix} 2c_{b2y}a^2 [\dot{\theta}_{cx} - \dot{\theta}_{b2x}] + c_{w3y}d [2\dot{\theta}_{w3x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t)\dot{q}_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t)\dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b2x}d] + c_{w4y}d [2\dot{\theta}_{w4x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t)\dot{q}_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t)\dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{b2x}d] + 2k_{b2y}a^2 [\theta_{cx} - \theta_{b2x}] + k_{w3y}d [2\theta_{w3x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t)q_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{3L}, t)q_i - 2\theta_{b2x}d] + k_{w4y}d [2\theta_{w4x}d - \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t)q_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{4L}, t)q_i - 2\theta_{b2x}d] \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(3n)



<span id="page-7-1"></span>



<span id="page-8-2"></span>

$$
\ddot{r}_{wkz} = \frac{1}{m_w} \left[ 2c_{wz} \left[ \dot{r}_{bjz} - \dot{r}_{wkz} - \dot{\theta}_{bjk} h_w \right] + 2k_{wz} \left[ r_{bjz} - r_{wkz} - \theta_{bjk} h_w \right] \right]
$$
\n(3q)

Roll motion:

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{wkx} = \frac{1}{I_{wkx}} \begin{bmatrix} c_{wky} d \left[ 2\dot{\theta}_{bjk} d - \varphi_i(\xi_{kL}, t) \dot{q}_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{kR}, t) \dot{q}_i - 2\dot{\theta}_{wkx} d \right] \\ + k_{wky} d \left[ 2\theta_{bjk} d - \varphi_i(\xi_{kL}, t) q_i + \varphi_i(\xi_{kR}, t) q_i - 2\theta_{wkx} d \right] \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(3r)

Yaw motion:

$$
\ddot{\theta}_{wky} = \frac{1}{I_{wky}} \left[ 2c_{wx}s^2 \left[ \dot{\theta}_{bjy} - \dot{\theta}_{wky} \right] + 2k_{wx}s^2 \left[ \theta_{bjy} - \theta_{wky} \right] \right] \tag{3s}
$$

#### <span id="page-8-5"></span>**Motion Equations of the Track‑Bridge Subsystem**

The track transmits loads from the railway to the bridge or the mainland while simultaneously guiding the train. As shown in Fig. [3,](#page-7-1) the system specifed as track consists of subsystems such as rail, sleeper, ballast, and their connection elements. Between the rail-sleeper, sleeper-ballast, and ballast-bridge, there is only a vertical connection with spring and damping elements with coefficients  $k_p$ ,  $k_b$ ,  $k_f$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $c_f$ ,  $c_f$ , respectively. While many railways have ballasted tracks, some can be built as ballastless tracks where the tracks are laid on the concrete ground [[31](#page-30-10)]. Different models can be used to perform TTBIS analysis. There is a single-layer model [[49,](#page-31-2) [53,](#page-31-6) [75](#page-31-26)[–77\]](#page-31-27) in which the rails without ballast and sleepers are placed only on the bridge beam or the mainland, two-layer model [[70,](#page-31-22) [78](#page-31-28)[–80](#page-31-29)] with only the sleeper with the rail, and multi-layer [[71](#page-31-23), [81\]](#page-31-30) track models with rail, sleeper, and ballast. The ballast and sub-layers beneath the sleepers are often regarded as distributed equivalent mass components associated with one another in multi-layer track models [\[31](#page-30-10), [73](#page-31-24)].

Since the track subsystem is more complex, rails are usually modelled using the infinite Euler–Bernoulli or Timoshenko beam theory resting on Winkler elastic

<span id="page-8-0"></span>foundations. In contrast, the sleeper and ballast are modelled as individual rigid bodies, and the equations of motion are determined [[73](#page-31-24), [82\]](#page-31-31). The rail and bridge beam diferential equations are given in Eqs. [4](#page-8-0) and [5,](#page-8-1) respectively, using the Euler–Bernoulli beam theorem. Here,  $E_r$  and  $I_r$  represent the elasticity modulus and the area moment of inertia of the rail beam.  $w_r$  represents the vertical displacement of the rail beam at a given time *t,*   $\mu_r$  represents the mass of the rail beam's unit length, *F* represents the total wheel force acting on the rail beam,  $\delta$  represents the Dirac-Delta function,  $\omega_r$  represents the circular damping frequency of the rail beam (Table [3\)](#page-8-2). In the other equation,  $w<sub>b</sub>$  is the vertical displacement of the bridge beam,  $\mu_b$  stands for the mass per unit length of the bridge beam,  $\omega_b$  is the circular damping frequency of the bridge beam,  $E_b$  and  $I_b$  represent the elasticity modulus and area moment of inertia of the bridge beam, respectively.  $x_r$  and  $x_b$  depict the direction and magnitude of the force, respectively, compared to the left reference of the beam, and its value is found as in Eq. [6](#page-8-3).

$$
E_r I_r \frac{\partial^4 w_r(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \mu_r \frac{\partial^2 w_r(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + 2\mu_r \omega_r \frac{\partial w_r(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\sum_{r=1}^n F_r \delta(x-x_r)
$$
\n(4)

$$
E_b I_b \frac{\partial^4 w_b(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \mu_b \frac{\partial^2 w_b(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + 2\mu_b \omega_b \frac{\partial w_b(x,t)}{\partial t}
$$
  
= 
$$
-\sum_{b=1}^n \left[ k_f \left( w_{ba} - w_b \right) + c_f \left( w_{ba} - w_b \right) \right] \delta \left( x - x_b \right)
$$
(5)

$$
x_1 = vt, x_2 = vt - 2l_w, x_3 = vt - l_{b1} - l_{b2}, x_4 = vt - l_{b1} - l_{b2} - 2l_w,
$$
\n(6)

For analytical solution the following serial functions  $w_{R,r}(x,t)$ ,  $w_{L,r}(x,t)$ ,  $w_{R,b}(x,t)$ , and  $w_{L,b}(x,t)$  are considered in the Galerkin's method for the right rail, left rail, right and left bridge beam defections respectively:

<span id="page-8-4"></span><span id="page-8-3"></span><span id="page-8-1"></span>

$$
w_{R,r}(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i(x) q_i(t), w_{L,r}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}(x) q_{i+n}(t) w_{R,b}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i(x) \varphi_i(t), w_{L,b}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}(x) \varphi_{i+n}(t)
$$
 (7a)

$$
\dot{w}_{R,r}(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i(x)\dot{q}_i(t), \, \dot{w}_{L,r}(x,t) \n= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}(x)\dot{q}_{i+n}(t) \, \dot{w}_{R,b}(x,t) \n= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i(x)\dot{\phi}_i(t), \, \dot{w}_{L,b}(x,t) \n= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}(x)\dot{\phi}_{i+n}(t)
$$
\n(7b)

$$
w'_{R,r}(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i''(x) q_i(t), \, w'_{L,r}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}''(x) q_{i+n}(t) w''_{R,b}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i''(x) \varphi_i(t), \, w''_{L,b}(x,t)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i+n}''(x) \varphi_{i+n}(t)
$$
 (7c)

Here the symbols  $\phi$  and  $q$  are the generalized coordinates for the bridge and rail beams displacements, respectively.

And  $\varphi_i$  is the mode shape of *i*th mode of the bridge and rail beams and *n* stands for the maximum mode number considered for the solution. For the simply supported boundary conditions the assumed mode shape functions are:

$$
\varphi_i(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{i\pi x}{L}\right), \ i = 1, 2, ..., n \tag{8}
$$

<span id="page-9-1"></span>The orthogonality conditions are described by:

<span id="page-9-2"></span>
$$
\int_{0}^{L} \mu \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j(x) dx = N_i \delta_{ij}, \int_{0}^{L} EI \varphi''_i(x) \varphi''_j(x) dx = \Pi_i \delta_{ij} \quad (9)
$$

 $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta. The Lagrange equation for the track system only is derived as:

$$
\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\lambda}_i(t)}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_i(t)} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\lambda}_i(t)} = Q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 32 \quad (10)
$$

<span id="page-9-0"></span>
$$
Q_i = \int_0^L \varphi_i(x) f_{ci}(x, t) dx, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, 32 \tag{11}
$$

The generalized coordinates  $\lambda_i$  of the track system are presented in Eq. ([12\)](#page-9-0) for the assumed four mode approximated solution.

$$
\lambda(t) = \begin{cases}\nq_1(t)q_2(t)q_3(t)q_4(t)q_5(t)q_6(t)q_7(t)q_8(t) \\
\gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)\gamma_3(t)\gamma_4(t)\gamma_5(t)\gamma_6(t)\gamma_7(t)\gamma_8(t) \\
\psi_1(t)\psi_2(t)\psi_3(t)\psi_4(t)\psi_5(t)\psi_6(t)\psi_7(t)\psi_8(t) \\
\phi_1(t)\phi_2(t)\phi_3(t)\phi_4(t)\phi_5(t)\phi_6(t)\phi_7(t)\phi_8(t)\n\end{cases},\n\begin{cases}\nq \to \text{Rail beam} \\
\gamma \to \text{Sleeper} \\
\psi \to \text{Ballast} \\
\phi \to \text{Bridge beam}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(12)

<span id="page-9-3"></span>The orthogonality conditions provided in Eq. [9](#page-9-1) and the Galerkin's approach described in Eqs. [7a–](#page-8-4)[7c](#page-9-2) were used to generate the equation of motion for the track subsystem shown in Fig. [3.](#page-7-1) In Eqs.  $(13a-13d)$  $(13a-13d)$ , the motion equations for the track parts and bridge beam are all given.

For the rail beam:



<span id="page-9-4"></span>**Fig. 4** Validation models **a** one-axle vehicle: moving sprung mass model; **b** two-axle vehicle: suspended rigid beam model

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<span id="page-10-1"></span>**Fig. 5** Comparing both models with proposed method **a** case 1: one-axle vehicle, **b** two-axle vehicle

$$
\ddot{q}_{i(t)} = -S_1 q_{i(t)}/N_1 - c_1 \dot{q}_{i(t)}/N_1 + \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t)/N_1
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix} c_{w1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t) \dot{q}_i + \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w1} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w1x} d \right] \right. \\ \left. + k_{w1y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{1R}, t) q_i + \theta_{b1z} l_{w1} - \theta_{b1x} d + \theta_{w1x} d \right] - f g_1 \right] \right. \\ \left. + \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t)/N_1 \left[ c_{w2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \dot{\theta}_{b1z} l_{w2} - \dot{\theta}_{b1x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w2x} d \right] \right. \\ \left. + k_{w2y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b1y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{2R}, t) q_i - \theta_{b1z} l_{w2} - \theta_{b1x} d + \theta_{w2x} d \right] - f g_2 \right] \right. \\ \left. + \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t)/N_1 \left[ c_{w3y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b2y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t) \dot{q}_i + \dot{\theta}_{b2z} l_{w3} - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} d + \dot{\theta}_{w3x} d \right] \right. \\ \left. + k_{w3y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b2y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{3R}, t) q_i + \theta_{b2z} l_{w3} - \theta_{b2x} d + \theta_{w3x} d \right] - f g_3 \right] \right. \\ \left. + \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t)/N_1 \left[ c_{w4y} \left[ \dot{r}_{b2y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_{4R}, t) \dot{q}_i - \dot{\theta}_{b2z} l_{w4} - \dot{\theta}_{b2x} d + \dot{\theta}_{
$$

For the sleeper:

$$
\ddot{w}_{s,r} = \frac{1}{m_s} \left[ k_p \left[ w_{r,r} - w_{s,r} \right] - k_b \left[ w_{s,r} - w_{ba,r} \right] \right. \left. + c_p \left[ \dot{w}_{r,r} - \dot{w}_{s,r} \right] - c_b \left[ \dot{w}_{s,r} - \dot{w}_{ba,r} \right] \right]
$$
\n(13b)

<span id="page-10-0"></span>For the ballast:

$$
\ddot{w}_{ba,r} = \frac{1}{m_{ba}} \left[ k_b \left[ w_{s,r} - w_{ba,r} \right] \right.\n-k_f \left[ w_{ba,r} - w_{b,r} \right] + c_b \left[ \dot{w}_{s,r} - \dot{w}_{ba,r} \right] \n-c_f \left[ \dot{w}_{ba,r} - \dot{w}_{b,r} \right]
$$
\n(13c)

For the bridge beam:



<span id="page-10-2"></span>**Fig. 6** Random irregularity acting on the right and left track





$$
\ddot{\phi}_{i(t)} = -Sb_1 \phi_{i(t)} / N_{b1} - cb_1 \dot{\phi}_{i(t)} / N_{b1} \n- c_f \varphi_i(\xi_R, t) / N_{b1} \left[ \dot{w}_{ba,R} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_R, t) \dot{\phi}_i \right] \n- k_f \varphi_i(\xi_R, t) / N_{b1} \left[ w_{ba,R} - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\xi_R, t) \phi_i \right]
$$
\n(13d)

# <span id="page-11-0"></span>**Numerical Solution**

Considering the motions of train car body system, track system and the bridge beam totally sixty-three second order differential equation are derived then they transformed the state-space form. A fourth order Runge–Kutta method given in Appendix  $\overline{A}$  is adopted for the solution of resulting equations.

### **Validation**

The 3D train, track and bridge model examined in this study is a complex system since it has many degrees of freedom. In order to verify this complex system solution, a simpler system has been preferred in the literature. In this section, the one-axle moving vehicle model given in Fig. [4a](#page-9-4) is considered to validate the present method with the literature [\[9](#page-30-0), [27](#page-30-5), [53](#page-31-6), [68](#page-31-20), [83](#page-31-32)]. The beam's elasticity module is *E*=2.87 GPa, its inertia moment is  $I = 2.9$  m<sup>4</sup>, its mass per unit length is  $\mu$ =2303 kg/m, its length is  $L$ =25 m, the sprung mass is  $M_v$ =5750 kg, the mass of wheel is  $M_w$ =0, the spring stiffness is  $k_v = 1595 \times 10^3$  N/m, and its damping is zero ( $c_v = 0$ ).

The beam elasticity module was assumed to be  $E = 2.943$ GPa in the other validation case, which was connected to the wheel's body through spring and damping elements. The inertia moment of the cross-sectional area was assumed to be  $I = 8.65$  m<sup>4</sup>, the mass of the beam per unit length was assumed to be  $\mu$  = 36 tons/m, the beam length was assumed to be  $L = 30$  m, and the sprung mass was assumed to be  $M_v$ =540 tons. It was estimated that the train would travel at a speed of 27.78 m/s and that there would be *d*=17.5 m between each pair of wheels.

Figure [5](#page-10-1) displays the comparison between the strategy employed in this paper and the examples in Fig. [4.](#page-9-4) The frst verifcation example examined was previously conducted by Biggs [\[27\]](#page-30-5), while the second was performed by Yang and Wu [[68\]](#page-31-20). Both the validation instances and the research technique produced outcomes that were quite comparable.

#### **Random Track Irregularity**

Train vibrations are the main cause of bridge vibrations, and track irregularities are considered secondary sources. The following is how the inverse Fourier transform can be



used to create and study track irregularities in the random category [[69](#page-31-21)].

$$
r(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \sqrt{4A_r(\omega_k/\omega_o)^{-2} \Delta \omega} \cos(\omega_k x - \varphi_k)
$$
 (14)

Here, the irregularity profile is denoted by  $r(x)$ , and  $A<sub>r</sub>$  is a size parameter. The discontinuity frequency and waves number are represented, respectively, by the expressions  $\omega_k = k \Delta \omega$ and  $\omega_{o}=1/2\pi$ .  $\Delta\omega$ , frequency increment, *x* denotes the train's distance from the bridge, and  $\varphi_k$  denotes a randomly generated number between 0 and 2π. *N* represents the total number of terms used to assess the surface roughness of the rail. Given in Fig. [6](#page-10-2) are the independent left and right track irregularities derived from these data. As shown in the equation below, the obtained track profile is combined with the  $w<sub>b</sub>(x,t)$  formula, which describes the vertical rail motion in the TTBIS system's energy equations. Here, the equations for the beam's velocity, displacement, and acceleration are provided.

$$
y = w_b(x, t) + r(x) \tag{15}
$$

$$
\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial t} + \frac{dr}{dx}\frac{dx}{dt}
$$
\n(16)

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$$
\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + 2\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial t^2} + \frac{dr}{dx} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}
$$
\n(17)

# <span id="page-11-1"></span>**Numerical Analysis of Full 3D High‑Speed TTBIS Dynamics**

In this study, simulations of the dynamic behaviour of highspeed TTBIS were conducted to ensure the train's driving safety and passenger comfort in diferent states of the train, track, and bridge. The commercial analytical tool MATLAB was used to analyze the dynamic responses during the highspeed train passage across the track-bridge subsystem, which may be described as the Euler–Bernoulli beam. Table [1](#page-4-0) lists the characteristics of the train, track, and bridge beam for study. A comparison was made between the analysis' fndings and those of the research reported in the literature in order to confrm its accuracy. Each parameter was chosen at the same for both solutions compared. The Newmark *β* method was used to analyze the equation of motion for the train models in the literature [[64,](#page-31-16) [77,](#page-31-27) [84,](#page-32-0) [85](#page-32-1)]. The Runge–Kutta method was used to analyze the second-order diferential equations in this study after being decreased to a frst-order equation in the state space form.



<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Fig. 7** Flow chart of the proposed TTBIS simulation program



### **The Flow‑Chart Algorithm for the TTBIS**

For the proposed train-track-bridge interaction model, a software called TTBIS has been developed, which offers extensive usage possibilities. This software includes only 31-DOFs full train models, a track model consisting of rail, sleeper, and ballast, and a simply supported beam model that can be modelled according to the Euler–Bernoulli beam theorem. In other words, the entire system consists of fve separate subsystems: train, track, bridge, train-track couple, and track-bridge couple.

TTBIS software simulation offers a wide range of options to its user. In order to achieve this, frst of all, the equations of motion of each the train-track-bridge systems must be obtained and solved. Since frst order diferential equations will be used in the solving method used in this software simulation system, the equations of motion obtained are used in the software by reducing them. Then, a time step is decided in order to realize a precise and fast solution. If this time step is too small, the analysis resolution time increases considerably, while if it is too coarse, the dynamic responses obtained are not realistic.

In the software program, using the state-space form, the motion equations are reduced to frst-order diferential equations. The displacement and velocity responses for each degree of freedom are calculated using the timeintegration method in a tiny time step. The acceleration values of each degree of freedom can be determined by the variable velocity responses at minimal time intervals.



<span id="page-13-0"></span>**Fig. 8** Time step size *Δt* efect on the dynamic responses when the train is moving at a speed of 50 km/h: **a** vertical displacement of the train body, **b** vertical acceleration of the train body, **c** displacement of the bridge's midpoint

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<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Fig. 9** Time step size efect (*Δt*) on the dynamic responses when the train is moving at a speed of 300 km/h: **a** vertical displacement of the train body, **b** vertical acceleration of the train body, **c** displacement of the bridge's midpoint





<span id="page-14-1"></span>**Table 4** Time step size *Δt*



Thanks to this software simulation developed, vertical, lateral, and rotational movements of all parts of the train and all vertical movements of the track and bridge can be determined. In this software, the train's velocity, the characteristics and the length of the bridge that the train passes through, the rail and bridge modelled as a beam, and the vibration mode number of the track can be determined at desired values. In addition, in this TTBIS software, more than one wagon, each of which is a full train model of 31-DOFs, and more than one number of bridges, can be modelled as a Euler–Bernoulli beam can be examined.

# **The Impact of Time Step on the Dynamic Responses**

The Runge–Kutta method is used in this paper to solve the motion equations precisely and accurately for the TTBIS

provided in Eqs.  $(3a-s)$  $(3a-s)$  and Eqs.  $(13a-d)$  $(13a-d)$  $(13a-d)$ . The choice of the time step is a key idea in this context. In several studies, it has been recommended to solve the TTBIS's motion equations using various time increments (Figs. [8](#page-13-0), [9\)](#page-14-0). For instance, due to low-frequency vibration in the bridge subsystem, Zhu et al. chose a coarse time-step, whereas highfrequency wheel-rail contact in the train and track subsystems required a fne time step [[71\]](#page-31-23).

Froio et al. used an automated computation approach to assess the time step for each simulation in their work on determining maximum beam displacements [\[86\]](#page-32-2). In order to get the numerical solution of the initial-value issue, they also employed the HHT-implementation approach [\[87\]](#page-32-3).

This paper calculated the solution step time as *Δ*t before the analysis began. It is sufficient to include  $\Delta t = 10^{-2}$  s in the analysis. The fndings obtained are unchanged when the solution step time is reduced, but the analysis time is longer. The required time is  $(l_{b1} + l_{b2} + l_{w1} + l_{w4})/v = 0.24$  s



<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Fig. 10** Time histories of the train body's displacement and acceleration **a** vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** Lateral acceleration of train body

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<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Fig. 11** Time histories of the train body's rotation and angular acceleration **a** pitch motion of train body, **b** roll motion of train body, **c** pitch acceleration of train body, **d** roll acceleration of train body



<span id="page-16-1"></span>**Fig. 12** Time histories of the bridge midpoint displacement **a** midpoint displacement of right bridge, **b** midpoint displacement of left bridge





<span id="page-17-0"></span>**Fig. 13** The track foundation efect upon vehicle dynamic **a** train body's vertical displacement, **b** train body's vertical acceleration

for all wheelsets to make contact with the bridge (Table [4](#page-14-1)). The train must completely cross the bridge in  $(L + l_{b1} + l_{b2})$  $+ l_{w1} + l_{w4}$ / $v = 0.84$  s. The whole train's departure from the bridge was given a total analysis time of 10 s, and the bridge's dynamic reaction was then examined.

# **Responses of Train Dynamic for Constant Train Velocity** *v***=300 km/h**

In this study, a 3D high-speed train moving on a fexible beam with a discretely supported continuous rail track for numerical simulation, as seen in Fig. [1](#page-3-0), was investigated. The bridge and train parameters used by [\[30](#page-30-9), [88](#page-32-4)] in the literature for simulation in this paper are given in Table [1](#page-4-0). In this section, only one vehicle with constant velocity, *v*, passes over the fexible foundation. Also, bridge length and other track and train parameters are given in Table [1.](#page-4-0) Before starting the TTBIS simulation analysis, the mode function of the rail and bridge modelled as beams was decided. This paper considers the frst four modes of track and bridge beam. Additionally, the TBI model without track in the analysis and the TTBIS models with track were compared.

In Figs. [10,](#page-15-0) [11,](#page-16-0) the dynamic responses of the train body, depending on whether the railway line is with track (TTBIS) or without track (TBI), are compared if the train speed is 300 km/h bridge length is 50 m. Figure [10a](#page-15-0) shows that the maximum vertical train body displacement is 0.025 m for TBI and 0.024 m for TTBIS. Similarly, according to the

<span id="page-17-1"></span>**Table 5** First four vibration mode frequency of the beams and critical velocities of TTBIS.

Mod number		2	3	4
Right bridge				
f(Hz)	0.91	3.62	8.14	14.46
$v_{cr}$ (m/s)	18.08	72.32	162.72	289.28
Left bridge				
f(Hz)	0.94	3.75	8.43	14.99
$v_{\rm cr}$ (m/s)	18.73	74.93	168.59	299.72

vertical train body acceleration in Fig. [10](#page-15-0)c, it is seen that it is 0.84 m/s<sup>2</sup> for TBI, while it is 0.79 m/s<sup>2</sup> for TTBIS. It is understood that the track structure improves the vertical train dynamic responses by 4% to 6%. Whereas the maximum lateral train body displacement in Fig. [10](#page-15-0)b is  $4.31 \times 10^{-5}$  m in the TBI model, this is almost halved in the TTBIS model. However, it is shown that the maximum lateral acceleration values of the train body are remarkably like each other, according to Fig. [10](#page-15-0)d.

In Fig. [11](#page-16-0), the train body's pitch and roll motions due to the displacement of the bridge and track while passing over the bridge are given. When Fig. [11](#page-16-0) is examined, the train's pitch motion is quite like the vertical motion of the train mentioned in Fig. [10.](#page-15-0) In Fig. [11a](#page-16-0), c, the train's maximum pitch motion is determined to be slightly less in the TTBIS model compared to the TBI model, while in Fig. [11b](#page-16-0), d, the largest roll motion for the TTBIS model is quite different from the TBI model. In Fig. [12](#page-16-1), the displacement of both bridge beams is given comparatively according to both models. Figure [12a](#page-16-1), b show that the bridge displacements are slightly decreased in the TTBIS model. However, in Fig. [12b](#page-16-1), it was determined that this decrease was higher than the other. It is understood that the efect of dynamic responses of bridge beams with distinctive characteristics can be eliminated thanks to the track structure.

In Fig. [13](#page-17-0), the train body acceleration and displacement are given according to the train velocity being constant at 300 km/h. As mentioned before, the time needed for the train to completely cross the bridge was calculated to be 0.84 s. In this case, the TTBIS is examined at this period, while the train-track interaction system is examined in the part after this period. When the simulation without track is examined in Fig. [13,](#page-17-0) it is seen that while the vertical dynamic responses of the train are damped after the train leaves the bridge, minimal oscillations continue in the simulation analysis with the track. It is understood that the track subsystem consists of a fexible structure like the bridge subsystem and afects the train's dynamic responses even in the absence of a bridge.

### **Efect of Bridge Length and Train Velocity**

For bridge engineering, bridge parameters are crucial. As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-3-0) the bridge length that the high-speed train crosses cannot be regarded as constant, and varied bridge lengths alter the dynamic interaction between the train, track, and bridge. The bridge is made to vibrate when the train enters it at a specifed speed. The bridge oscillations are quite strong if this velocity is equal to the resonance frequency of the bridge. Moving the train at travel speeds corresponding to the resonance frequency can derail the train or collapse the bridge. Therefore, the train should not be traveling at critical speeds of the bridge. Generally, the train speed should be at least 25% higher than the critical



<span id="page-18-0"></span>**Fig. 14** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses versus train velocity **a** vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body





<span id="page-19-0"></span>**Fig. 15** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses versus train velocity **a** pitch motion of train body, **b** roll motion of train body, **c** pitch acceleration of train body, **d** roll acceleration of train body



<span id="page-19-1"></span>**Fig. 16** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the bridge midpoint displacement versus train velocity **a** right bridge displacement, **b** left bridge displacement

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speed or at least 25% lower than the critical speed. Equation [18](#page-11-2) [[9\]](#page-30-0) provides the formula for calculating the beam's natural frequency, where *ω* stands for the circular natural frequency of the beam.

$$
\omega_j^2 = \frac{j^4 \pi^4 EI}{\mu L^4} \text{(rad/s)}
$$
\n(18)

In Eq. [18,](#page-11-2) the beam's circular natural frequency is given. Equation [19](#page-20-0) determines the frequency of the beam vibration.

$$
f_j = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi} = \frac{j^2 \pi}{2L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\mu}} (Hz)
$$
\n(19)

The left and right bridge beams' frst four vibration modes can be calculated using Table [5](#page-17-1) and Eq. [19,](#page-20-0) respectively. As soon as natural frequency  $f_b$  and force frequency  $f_v$  are equal,

resonance occurs. The periodic movement amplitudes rise because of the train passing over the resonance bridge. The length of the train is the most critical characteristic length for the resonance created when it crosses the beam of the bridge [\[89](#page-32-5)]. The critical velocity of the system is given by Eq. [20](#page-20-1) [\[90](#page-32-6)].

<span id="page-20-3"></span><span id="page-20-0"></span>
$$
V_{cr,j} = \frac{df_{b,j}}{i} \tag{20}
$$

<span id="page-20-1"></span>In Eq. [20](#page-20-1),  $v_{cr}$  denotes the train's critical speed, and  $f_{b}$ ,*j* is the bridge beam's natural frequency. *d* is the distance between the front wheel and the rear wheel. The symbol *i* [[84,](#page-32-0) [91](#page-32-7)] denotes the number of half oscillation cycles. The symbol *d* is calculated as  $l_{b1} + l_{b2} + l_{w1} + l_{w4} = 20$  m using Table [1](#page-4-0). As a result, the critical train speeds for the bridge's frst four modes are established and are displayed in Table [5.](#page-17-1)



<span id="page-20-2"></span>**Fig. 17** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses considering bridge length **a** vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body





<span id="page-21-0"></span>**Fig. 18** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses considering bridge length **a** pitch motion of train body, **b** roll motion of train body, **c** pitch acceleration of train body, **d** Roll acceleration of train body

In Figs. [14](#page-18-0), [15](#page-19-0), [16,](#page-19-1) the displacement, rotation, and acceleration of the train body and the bridge midpoint displacement are given when the train velocity changes from 2 to 150 m/s in 1 m/s interval. Examining Fig. [14](#page-18-0), the maximum vertical displacement of the train body was nearly at 45 m/s for both models and  $6.3 \times 10^{-3}$  m for TBI and  $5.12 \times 10^{-3}$  m for TTBIS. In Fig. [13](#page-17-0)b, it is shown that the train body lateral displacement at low speeds in the TTBIS model is more than the TBI model. According to the train body's vertical acceleration in Fig. [14](#page-18-0)c, it is maximum in two places according to the results of both models. The frst is 18 m/s for TBI and 20 m/s for TTBIS. Other maximum values are 69 m/s for TBI and 66 m/s for TTBIS. It is understood from Table [5](#page-17-1) that these two maximum velocities are remarkably close to the critical velocities of the train-track-bridge systems.

According to Fig. [14](#page-18-0)d, the train body lateral acceleration increases noticeably as the train velocity exceeds 90 m/s.

In Fig. [15,](#page-19-0) the train body's roll and pitch motions are given. If Fig. [15](#page-19-0) is examined, it is shown that the pitch motion of the TTBIS model is higher when the train velocity is less than about 50 m/s, while the pitch motion of the TBI model is more when the train velocity is more than 50 m/s. The train body roll motion in Fig. [15](#page-19-0)b gave a result like the lateral displacement of the train as in Fig. [14b](#page-18-0). If Fig. [15c](#page-19-0), d is examined, the TTBIS model results are slightly less than the TBI model in the pitch and roll acceleration of the train body.

In Fig. [16,](#page-19-1) the displacement values of the midpoint of the bridge beams are given. In Fig. [16a](#page-19-1), it is shown that the maximum displacement of the bridge for both models is



<span id="page-22-0"></span>**Fig. 19** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the bridge midpoint displacement considering bridge length, **a** right bridge midpoint displacement, **b** left bridge midpoint displacement



<span id="page-22-1"></span>**Fig. 20** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses versus bridge length **a** vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body





<span id="page-23-0"></span>**Fig. 21** Comparison of the with track and without track model results of the train body dynamic responses versus bridge length **a** pitch motion of train body, **b** roll motion of train body, **c** pitch acceleration of train body, **d** roll acceleration of train body

at the train velocities of approximately 20 m/s and 75 m/s. These two numbers are extremely close to the train-trackbridge coupled system's critical velocities. In addition, if the graph is scrutinized, the maximum defection of the bridge beam is 0.025 m in the TTBIS model, while it is 0.053 m for the TBI model. In Figs. [17](#page-20-2), [18](#page-21-0), [19,](#page-22-0) the efects of four different bridge lengths as  $L = 20$  m,  $L = 40$  m,  $L = 60$  m, and  $L = 80$  m on the displacement, rotation, and acceleration of the train body have been investigated. In Fig. [17](#page-20-2)a, the maximum train body vertical displacement is given by comparing both models in the case of diferent bridge lengths. For four diferent bridges, the maximum train body vertical displacement is 0.001 m, 0.013 m, 0.037 m, and 0.06 m at times of 0.5 s, 0.63 s, 0.82 s, and 1.03 s, respectively. Similarly, the lateral displacement of the train body according to diferent bridge lengths is given in Fig. [17b](#page-20-2). While the peaking times of the vertical and lateral displacements of the train body are almost the same in both graphs, the peaking times of these displacement values are distinct in models with diferent bridge lengths. The reason for this is related to the natural frequencies and bridge parameters that the train passes over.

The train body's vertical and lateral acceleration are given in Fig. [17c](#page-20-2), d, respectively. In Fig. [18](#page-21-0), the train body rotation and angular acceleration are compared using both models examined in this study. Also, in Fig. [19](#page-22-0), the displacement of the bridge's midpoint modelled according to the Euler–Bernoulli beam theorem is given for TBI and TTBIS models. It is understood from these graphs that the dynamic responses afecting the train in long-span bridges in the TTBIS model are diferent compared to the TBI model. In other words, the efects on trains passing over short-span bridges are almost the same in both TBI and TTBIS models. According to these results, the use of track structure can be neglected where there are short-span bridges.

In Figs. [20](#page-22-1), [21,](#page-23-0) dynamic responses of the train body are examined according to the length of the bridge, which varies from 5 to 150 m at 1 m intervals. While in Fig. [20](#page-22-1)a–c, the maximum vertical displacement of the train body rises with the bridge length being approximately 26 m, in Fig. [20b](#page-22-1),



<span id="page-24-0"></span>Fig. 22 Time histories of the train body's dynamic responses considering the different stiffness coefficient of railpad a vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body

the lateral displacement values increase continuously until the bridge length is 75 m and remain almost the same after this value. In Fig. [20](#page-22-1)d, the lateral acceleration values of the train body are higher in short-span bridges, and the lateral acceleration values gradually decrease as the bridge length increases. In Fig. [21](#page-23-0), the pitch and roll motion of the train body are almost like the graphs in Fig. [20](#page-22-1), but only the train body roll acceleration increases when the bridge length is 75 m and longer.

# **Efects of Track Parameters on High‑Speed Train Dynamic Response**

Comparative graphics of TTBIS and TBI models are given in the previous sections of this study. The results obtained from the graphics show that the track structure generally reduces the displacements on the train body. In this section, the efect of track parameters, which is the sub-model of the

TTBIS model, on the dynamic responses of the train body will be examined. In Sect. ["Motion equations of the track](#page-8-5)[bridge subsystem"](#page-8-5), the introduction of the parameters in the track system and Table [3](#page-8-2) provides these parameters' values.

In Fig. [22](#page-24-0), the vertical and rotation motion of the train body for the different stiffness coefficients of the rubber pad between the rail and the sleeper was examined in time history. Here, the stiffness coefficient of the rubber pad is taken as 0.1, 0.5, 1, 2, and 10 times the  $k_p = 1.2 \times 10^8$  N/m value given in Table [3](#page-8-2), respectively, and a total of 5 different  $k_p$ values are defned and analysed. When Fig. [22](#page-24-0)a is examined, the maximum vertical displacement value of the train body is 0.035 m in the case of the rubber pad of  $0.1k_p$ , while it is almost 0.024 m for the rubber pads with other stifness coefficients. In Fig. [22](#page-24-0)b, vertical acceleration values of the train body for fve diferent rubber pad stifness are given. If the stiffness coefficient of the rubber pad is  $0.1 \times k_p$ , the maximum train body vertical acceleration is  $1.1 \text{ m/s}^2$ , while





<span id="page-25-0"></span>Fig. 23 Time histories of the train body's dynamic responses considering the different stiffness coefficient of ballast a vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body

in the case of other stiffness coefficients, it is about  $0.8$  m/ s<sup>2</sup>. In addition, when the train passes over the track structure, the soft track structure causes more defection values. In Fig. [22](#page-24-0), it is seen that vertical displacements cannot be fully damped in the case of a soft rubber pad, as the train only runs on the track after 2 s of the analysis time.

In Fig. [22](#page-24-0)c, d, the train body's pitch and roll motion for a track with five different rubber pad stiffness coefficients is provided. When the graphs are examined, it is shown that the maximum value of the pitch and roll motion is high in the case of the soft rubber pad compared to the others. In addition, in the case of the soft stiffness coefficient, it is shown that the roll motion is 5–6 times higher than the other  $k_p$  values.

In Fig. [23,](#page-25-0) the train body's dynamic response is examined when the stiffness coefficient of the ballast, which is a part of the track structure, is taken at diferent values. In Table [3,](#page-8-2) the stiffness coefficient of the ballast is  $0.1, 0.5, 1, 2$ , and 10 times the  $k_b = 2.4 \times 10^8$  N/m value, respectively, and a total of 5 different  $k_b$  values are defined and analysed. When Fig. [23](#page-25-0)a, b is examined, it is shown that the maximum vertical acceleration and displacement value of the train is almost the same value at any value of the ballast. When Fig. [23c](#page-25-0), d is analysed carefully, it is shown that the roll motion is less in soft ballast value, unlike Fig. [23b](#page-25-0).

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<span id="page-26-0"></span>**Fig. 24** Time histories of the train body's dynamic responses considering the multiple vehicles **a** vertical displacement of train body, **b** lateral displacement of train body, **c** vertical acceleration of train body, **d** lateral acceleration of train body



<span id="page-26-1"></span>**Fig. 25** Time histories of the train body's dynamic responses considering the multiple vehicles **a** pitch motion of train body, **b** roll motion of train body

# **Efect of Multiple Wagons Upon Dynamic Responses**

In the case of more than one wagon in the TTBIS model discussed in this paper, the bridge beam's dynamic responses and the efect of these dynamic responses on each wagon were examined. Crossings multiple wagons are exemplifed in Fig. [1](#page-3-0). In Figs. [23,](#page-25-0) [24,](#page-26-0) [25](#page-26-1), the efect of multiple wagons, each of which is the same, is given in diferent graphics





<span id="page-27-1"></span>**Fig. 26** Time histories of the bridge midpoint displacement considering the multiple vehicles

within the scope of TTBIS analysis. The degree of freedom of the entire system varies according to the number of wagons passing over the track-bridge subsystem, and each wagon adds an extra 31-DOFs to the system. The parameters of each wagon are taken as in Table [1](#page-4-0), and the distance between the wheels of the successive wagons is 5.16 m.

In Fig. [24](#page-26-0), vertical and lateral displacement and acceleration values of four wagons together with the motor car are given. When Fig. [24](#page-26-0)a is examined, the maximum vertical displacement of the motor car was found as 0.75 s at 0.029 m. Besides, the frst four wagon's maximum displacements were 0.047 m, 0.035 m, 0.016 m, and 0.028 m at 0.97 s, 1.21 s, 1.55 s, and 1.9 s, respectively. The lateral distance between the midpoints of the successive wagons is  $(l_{b1} + l_{b2} + 2l_w + 5.16)$  25.16 m, and the difference in the maximum vertical displacement times of the wagons is due to this distance. Another remarkable situation in Fig. [24a](#page-26-0) is that the vertical displacement of the third wagon is lower than the others. An analogous situation is seen in the vertical acceleration of the wagon in Fig. [24c](#page-26-0). In Fig. [24b](#page-26-0)–d, the train body's lateral displacement and acceleration increase as the number of wagons increases.

In Fig. [25,](#page-26-1) the train body's pitch and roll motion are given in case there are four identical wagons together with the motor car. In Fig. [26](#page-27-1), the displacement of the bridge midpoint with respect to time is given according to the number of wagons ( $N_w$ =0–7). When Fig. [26](#page-27-1) is examined carefully, the minimum displacement value of the bridge midpoint occurs when the number of wagons is three and seven. In other words, if we consider the motor car as a wagon, the oscillations of the bridge in every four wagons are minimal. In addition, the effect of this situation on the train body is seen in Fig. [24.](#page-26-0) As it will be remembered, in Fig. [24,](#page-26-0) if the number of wagons was four together with the motor car, the maximum displacement of the train body was extremely low. It is understood from this that there is a relationship between bridge oscillations and the number of wagons and bridge resonance excited by the loading rate of the moving load series of wagons.

# <span id="page-27-0"></span>**Conclusions**

In this paper, the vibrations of the 31-DOFs full train model and the bridge beam with the track, which can be modelled according to the simply supported Euler–Bernoulli beam model theorem, are investigated in a comprehensive framework, taking into account the train speed, bridge beam length, track parameters and a number of wagons. It is seen from the analysis results that the train dynamic response in the vertical direction and especially in the lateral direction decreases in the presence of a track. In addition, the bridge midpoint displacement in the with track model is less than in the without track model. When diferent bridge lengths are considered in the comparison of with track and without track models, it is seen that as the bridge length increases, the diference in the results of the with track and without track models also increases. In other words, it is understood that if the length of the bridge is short in high-speed trains, the use of the track can be neglected. This situation is clearly seen in the presented graphs, and the results are almost similar if the bridge length of both models is approximately 50 m or less. In addition, in this study, the efect of track parameters on the dynamic response of the train has been examined. Suppose the stiffness coefficient of the rubber pad between the rail and the sleeper is taken as 10% of the best value. In that case, the vertical and lateral displacements of the train body and the pitch and roll motions increase considerably. On the other hand, when the best value is taken ten times, these values almost do not change. In addition, if there is a soft spring coefficient in the track parameters, the train oscillations are damped much later after the train passes through the bridge. Passenger-carrying high-speed trains usually do not consist of just a wagon. In other words, it consists of several wagons with the motor car. In this case, it would be unrealistic to examine only the dynamic responses of a wagon. In this study, any number of wagons can be examined in TTBIS software simulation, and the desired dynamic response of any wagon can be decided. According to the train-trackbridge system parameters used in this model, the dynamic responses of the frst wagon were higher than the others. The wagon with the minor dynamic responses is the third wagon after the motor car. In addition, if there are four or eight wagons with the motor car, the displacement of the midpoint of the bridge decreases a lot. These results show a resonance mechanism connection between the bridge dynamics and the number of wagons of the high-speed train passing through the track-bridge couple subsystem. It is understood that the resonance vibrations of the train-track-bridge system depend on the periodic loading of the wheel spaces of the moving vehicles and are variable according to the parameters of the track-bridge couple subsystem.

According to the results obtained in the study, the dynamic behavior of high-speed trains varies according to the mechanical properties of the railway line. In addition, the critical speed of the train-structure is determined according to these characteristics of the railway line, and it is seen that the maximum dynamic responses of the train occur at these critical speeds. Moreover, not only the mechanical properties of the railway line change the critical speed but also the number of wagons passing over the structure. As a matter of fact, if more than one wagon crosses the bridge, the dynamic displacements of the bridge change considerably.

As a result of the study, the efect of the track of the structure where high-speed trains pass, and the dynamic interaction between the train-structure passing over this structure have been examined and it has been understood that the train and the structure afect each other. It has been understood that the resonance mechanism is particularly important in this regard, and it is crucial to develop such software programs and make such analyzes easily and cheaply in advance.

# <span id="page-28-0"></span>**Appendix A**

Using the variables in Appendix [A](#page-28-0), second-order equations have been changed into frst-order equations.

$$
x_1 = r_{cy} \gg x_1 = i_{cy} = x_2 \quad x_{19} = \theta_{b1y} \gg x_{19} = \theta_{b1y} = x_{20} \quad x_{37} = \theta_{w1y} \gg x_{37} = \theta_{w1y} = x_{38} \quad x_{55} = r_{w4y} \gg x_{55} = i_{w4y} = x_{56}
$$
\n
$$
x_2 = i_{cy} \gg x_2 = i_{cy} \quad x_{20} = \theta_{b1y} \gg x_{20} = \theta_{b1y} \quad x_{38} = \theta_{w1y} \gg x_{38} = \theta_{w1y} \gg x_{39} = i_{w4y} \gg x_{55} = i_{w4y} \gg x_{55} = i_{w4y} \gg x_{55} = i_{w4y} \gg x_{56} = i_{w4y} \Rightarrow x_{56} = x_{w4y} = x_{56}
$$
\n
$$
x_3 = r_{cz} \gg x_3 = i_{cz} = x_4 \quad x_{21} = r_{b2y} \gg x_{21} = i_{b2y} = x_{22} \quad x_{39} = r_{w2z} \gg x_{39} = i_{w2z} = x_{40} \quad x_{57} = r_{w4z} \gg x_{57} = i_{w4z} = x_{58}
$$
\n
$$
x_4 = i_{cz} \gg x_4 = i_{cz} \quad x_{22} = i_{b2y} \gg x_{22} = i_{b2y} \quad x_{40} = i_{w2z} \gg x_{41} = i_{w2z} \approx x_{48} = i_{w4z} \gg x_{58} = i_{w4z} \Rightarrow x_{59} = \theta_{w4x} = x_{60}
$$
\n
$$
x_6 = \theta_{cz} \gg x_6 = \theta_{cz} \quad x_{24} = r_{b2z} \gg x_{24} = i_{b2z} = x_{24} \quad x_{41} = r_{w2z} \gg x_{41} = i_{w2z} = x_{42} \quad x_{50} = \theta_{w4x} \gg x_{60} = \theta_{w4x} \gg
$$



Equations that are written in state-space form with state variables from Eq.  $(21)$  and equation motions from other coordinates result in the following:

$$
\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = A(t)\mathbf{X}(t) + f(t),\tag{22}
$$

$$
\mathbf{X}(t) = \left\{ x_1 x_2 \dots x_{62 + (16n - 1)} x_{62 + 16n} \right\}^T, \tag{23}
$$

For the diferential equation system, which consists of a total of sixty-two frst-order diferential equations, the four repetitive coefficients of the Runge–Kutta method are written as follows:

$$
k_{1(1)}^i = f(t_i, x_{1(i)}, x_{2(i)}, x_{3(i)}, ..., x_{62+16n(i)}),
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
k_{1(62+16n)}^i = f(t_i, x_{1(i)}, x_{2(i)}, x_{3(i)}, ..., x_{62+16n(i)}),
$$
\n(24)

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$$
k_{2(1)}^{i} = f\left(t_{i} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_{1(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(1)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{2(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(2)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{3(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(3)}^{i}\Delta t, ..., x_{62+16n(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(62+16n)}^{i}\Delta t\right),
$$
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
\n
$$
k_{1}^{i} = f\left(t_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_{1} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(1)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{2} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(2)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{3}(1) + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(3)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{2} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(4)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{3}(2) + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(5)}^{i}\Delta t, x_{4}(3) + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(62+16n)}^{i}\Delta t\right),
$$
\n
$$
(25)
$$

$$
k_{2(62+16n)}^i = f\Big(t_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_{1(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(1)}^i\Delta t, x_{2(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(2)}^i\Delta t, x_{3(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(3)}^i\Delta t, ..., x_{62+16n(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{1(62+16n)}^i\Delta t\Big),
$$

$$
k_{3(1)}^i = f\left(t_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_{1(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(1)}^i\Delta t, x_{2(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(2)}^i\Delta t, x_{3(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(3)}^i\Delta t, ..., x_{62+16n(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(62+16n(i))}^i\Delta t\right),
$$
  
\n
$$
k_{3(62+16n)}^i = f\left(t_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_{1(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(1)}^i\Delta t, x_{2(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(2)}^i\Delta t, x_{3(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(3)}^i\Delta t, ..., x_{62+16n(i)} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2(62+16n)}^i\Delta t\right),
$$
\n(26)

$$
k_{4(1)}^i = f(t_i + \Delta t, x_{1(i)} + k_{3(1)}^i \Delta t, x_{2(i)} + k_{3(2)}^i \Delta t, x_{3(i)} + k_{3(3)}^i \Delta t, ..., x_{62+16n(i)} + k_{3(62+16n)}^i \Delta t),
$$
  
...

$$
k^{i}_{4(62+16n)}=f\Big(t_{i}+\Delta t,x_{1(i)}+k^{i}_{3(1)}\Delta t,x_{2(i)}+k^{i}_{3(2)}\Delta t,x_{3(i)}+k^{i}_{3(3)}\Delta t,...,x_{62+16n(i)}+k^{i}_{3(62+16n)}\Delta t\Big),
$$

$$
x_{1(i+1)} = x_{1(i)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left( k_{1(1)}^i + 2k_{2(1)}^i + 2k_{3(1)}^i + k_{4(1)}^i \right)
$$
  
\n
$$
x_{2(i+1)} = x_{2(i)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left( k_{1(2)}^i + 2k_{2(2)}^i + 2k_{3(2)}^i + k_{4(2)}^i \right)
$$
\n(28)

$$
x_{(62+16n)(i+1)} = x_{(62+16n)(i)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left( k_{1(62+16n)}^i + 2k_{2(62+16n)}^i + 2k_{3(62+16n)}^i + k_{4(62+16n)}^i \right)
$$

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# **Declarations**

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