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**Triple Pendulum Parameter Descriptions and Naming  
Convention**

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose and Scope

Describes the parameter names used in the Mathematica and Matlab triple pendulum dynamics models.

### 1.2 References

LIGO-T1400446: [aLIGO SUS Pendulum Dynamics Modeling](#)

LIGO-T020205: [Models of the Advanced LIGO Suspensions in Mathematica™](#)

LIGO-T080188: [Models of the Advanced LIGO Suspensions in MATLAB](#)

LIGO-T1000724: [MATLAB model of Beam Splitter/ Folding Mirror Triple Suspension \(BS/FM\)](#)

LIGO-T080310: [MATLAB model of HAM Large Triple Suspension \(HLTS\)](#)

LIGO-T080311: [MATLAB model of HAM Small Triple Suspension \(HSTS\)](#)

### 1.3 Version history

4/30/2004: -00

7/20/2004: -01

7/3/2014: -v1. All-new diagrams by Jeff K., all-new text by Mark B.

## 2 Parameters

The following parameters are the minimum set necessary to define a case of the Mathematica TripleLite2 model used for the aLIGO BSFM, HLTS and HSTS, or the equivalent Matlab model (ssmake3MBf.m). As near as practical, all of the parameters have the same names in both models. The parameters for blade and wire stiffness are defined per side in the Matlab but per blade in the Mathematica, and to prevent (total) confusion have been given different names. Except for the d's, n's and s's, parameters are numbered 1, 2, 3 by blade/wire/mass from the top down. The Mathematica model has a large number of additional parameters for the damping of the elastic elements which are beyond the scope of this document. The Matlab model also handles certain additional Mathematica models that were generated for R&D purposes such as TripleLite2IMDB, TripleLite2IMQB, etc, but the extra parameters which trigger this are beyond the scope of this document.

### 2.1 Parameters common to Mathematica and Matlab

Parameter	Unit	Description
g	m/s <sup>2</sup>	local gravity
m1	kg	mass of upper mass
I1x, I1y, I1z	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	diagonal components of upper mass MOI

I1xy, I1yz, I1zx	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	off-diagonal components of upper mass MOI
m2	kg	mass of intermediate mass
I2x, I2y, I2z	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	diagonal components of intermediate mass MOI
I2xy, I2yz, I2zx	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	off-diagonal components of intermediate mass MOI
m3	kg	mass of lower mass
I3x, I3y, I3z	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	diagonal components of lower mass MOI
I3xy, I3yz, I3zx	kg.m <sup>2</sup>	off-diagonal components of lower mass MOI
dtop, d0, d1, d2, d3, d4	m	vertical offsets of wire attachments from COM (positive outward, towards wire) - see diagrams
n0, n1, n2, n3, n4, n5	m	half lateral (y-direction) wire attachment point separations, - see diagrams
si, sl	m	half front-back (x-direction) wire attachment point separations of intermediate and lower wires, common to top and bottom - see diagrams
l1, l2, l3	m	stretched lengths of wires
Y1, Y2, Y3	Pa	Young's moduli of wires
r1, r2, r3	m	radii of wires

## 2.2 Parameters unique to Matlab

Parameter	Unit	Description
kc1, kc2	N/m	blade vertical stiffnesses <i>per side</i> , equivalent to k <sub>buz</sub> and 2*k <sub>blz</sub> in Mathematica
stage2	-	switch governing the interpretation of the d's: stage2=1 => d's are physical, apply flexure correction; stage2=0 => d's are effective, flexure correction already included, don't reapply.
bd	N/(m/s), N.m/(rad/s)	a small amount of damping which is added to all DOFs to avoid unrealistically peaky TFs; defaults to 0.001.

## 2.3 Parameters unique to Mathematica

Parameter	Unit	Description
k <sub>buz</sub> , k <sub>blz</sub>	N/m	blade vertical stiffnesses <i>per blade</i> , equivalent to kc1 and kc2/2 in Matlab
kw1, kw2, kw3	N/m	wire vertical stiffnesses, per wire; case definer needs to calculate these manually whereas they are calculated automatically in the Matlab

### **3 Diagrams**

In the final PDF of this document, OmniGraffle diagrams of the dimensional parameters will be appended.



