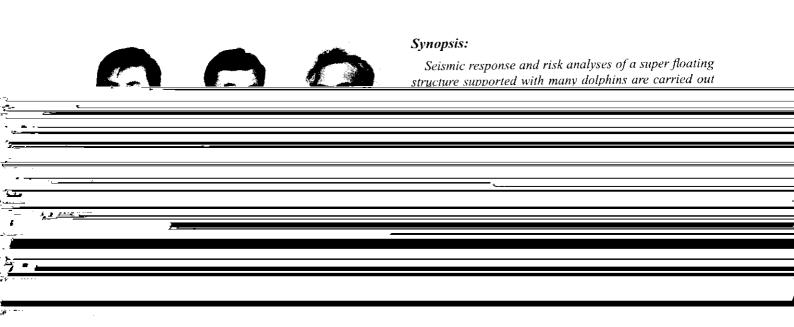
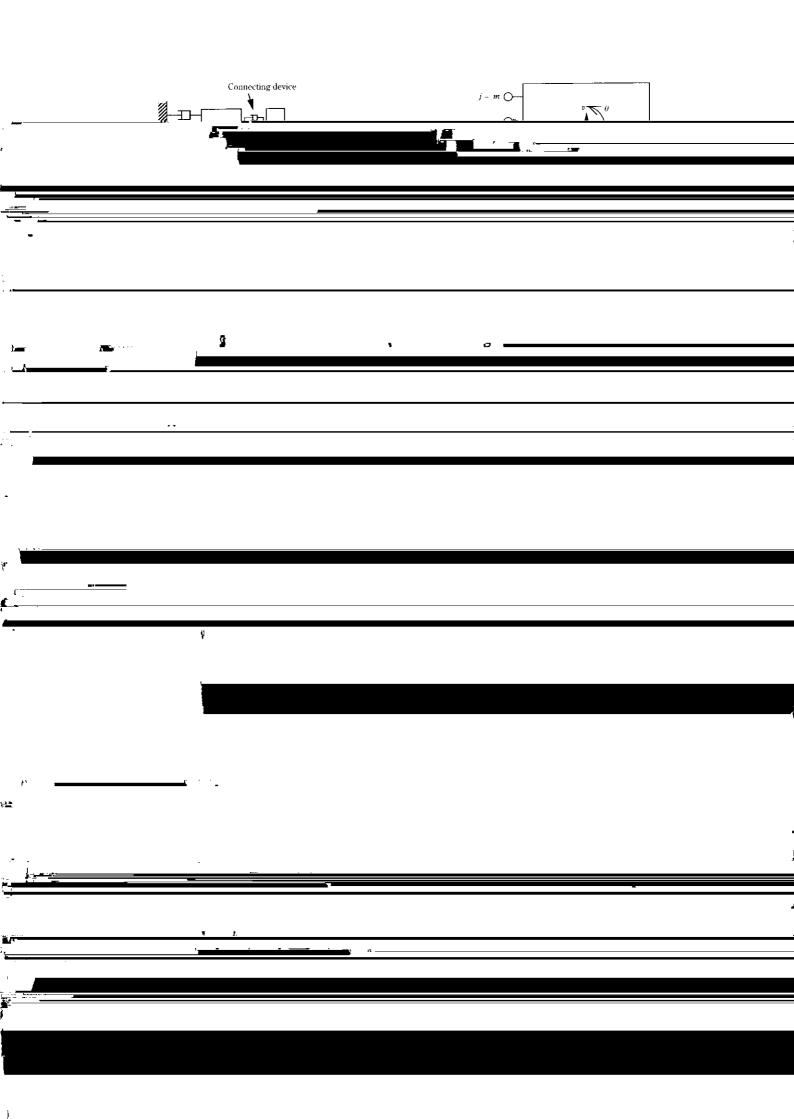
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in which M, I, C and C_{θ} are the mass, inertia moment, and damping coefficients (for translation mode and rotation mode) of the VLFS. Using the response vector $Q = \{u, v, \vartheta\}$ and its generalized motion vector q and characteristic matrix $[\phi]$, we may obtain the following equation in the upperalized coordinates:

tiates the rotational motion, the residual dolphins might be damaged in succession, so that the progressive failure of the dolphins occurs.

Let us define the event of the system failure that the rotational response of the VLFS exceeds the critical value θ , given in the following form:

