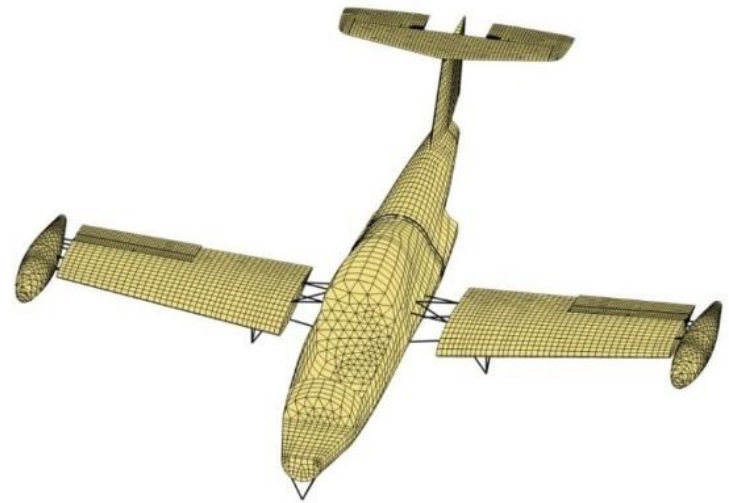


# Nonlinear Vibrations of Aerospace Structures

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## L05 Nonlinear Simulations

Modeling and Reduction  
Time Integration  
Periodic Solution  
Continuation



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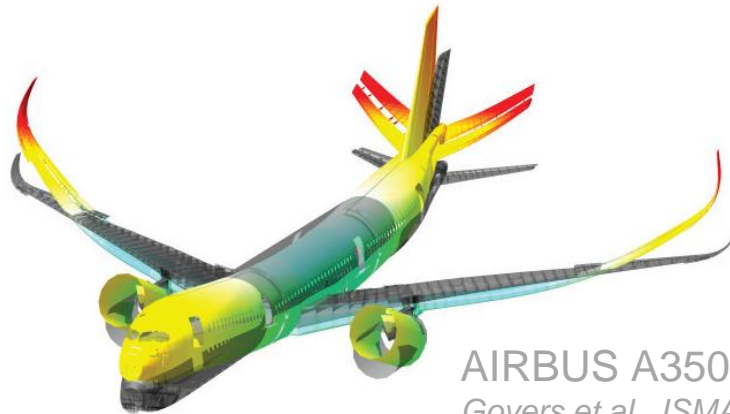
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Topics of interest:

- Nonlinear modal analysis
- Experimental continuation
- Vibration mitigation

# Why Do We Need High-Fidelity Models?

For better **decision-making** capability!



AIRBUS A350XWB  
*Govers et al., ISMA 2014.*

Using models, we can access non measurable information (e.g., stress).

Particular operational conditions (e.g., explosions, earthquakes) that are difficult/impossible/dangerous to reproduce experimentally can be simulated.

# Why Do We Need High-Fidelity Models?

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But also to:

- Reduce dependence on testing (cost and time issues)
- Test design (e.g., sensor and actuator placement)
- Perform **virtual prototyping**:

A model can predict the behavior of a structure before its construction.

The parameters of a model can easily be modified to improve the design (optimization).

# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

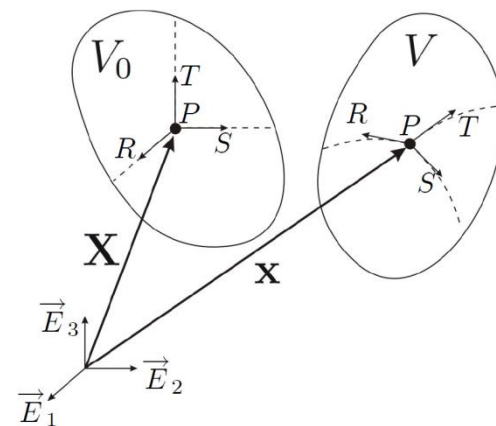
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Displacement:  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}$

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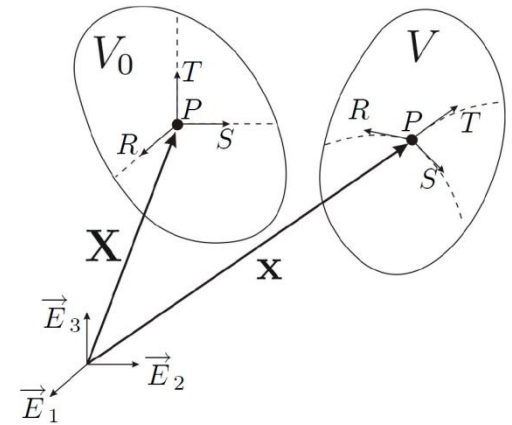


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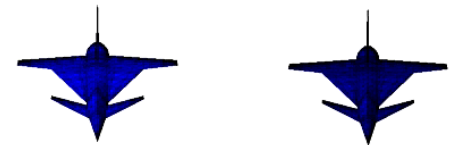
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Small displacements and rotations.



Not invariant under rigid-body motion. Cauchy strains cannot be used if rotation amplitudes are finite.



# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

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Displacement:  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}$

Green strain tensor:  $\epsilon_{ij}^G = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} + \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j} \right)$



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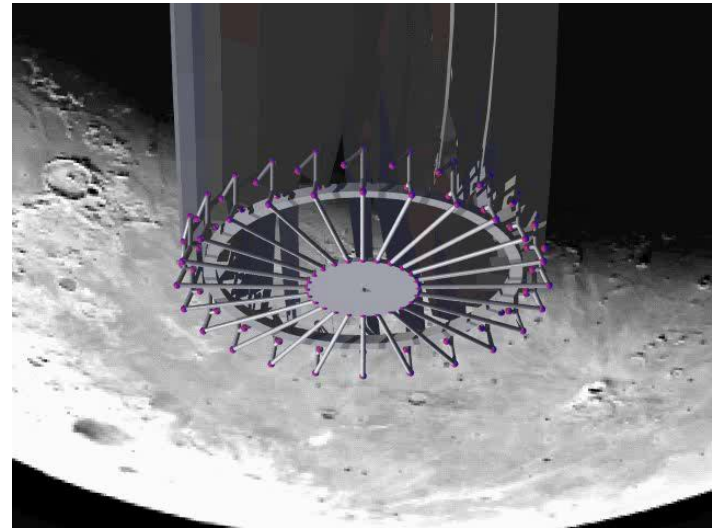
Nonlinear measure of deformation. Geometrical nonlinearities can be considered in the elastic force model.

# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

## 1. Large displacements and rotations



Landing gear mechanism  
*Prof. O. Brùls, ULiège*



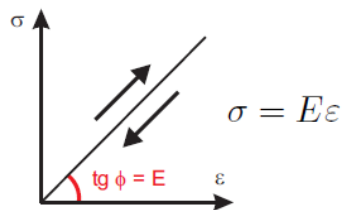
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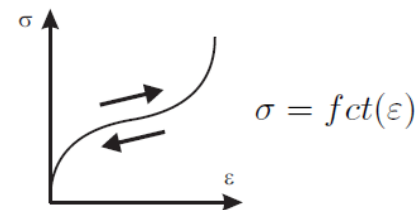
# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

## 2. Large deformations

Nonlinear constitutive laws

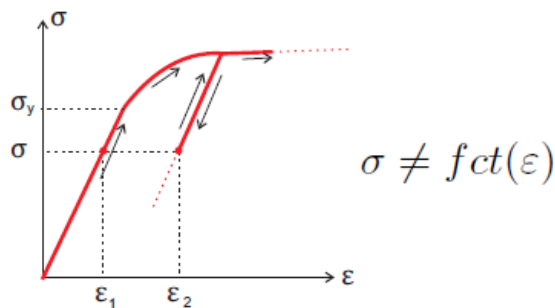


Hooke's law (linear)

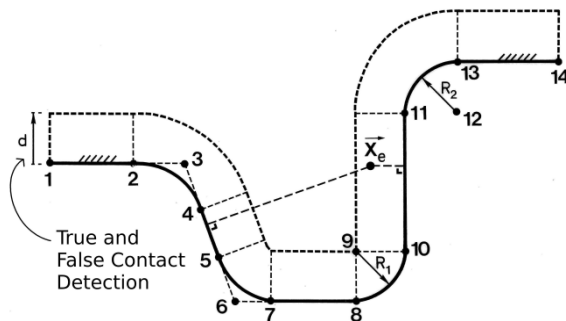


Non linear elastic law

Plasticity/Irreversibility

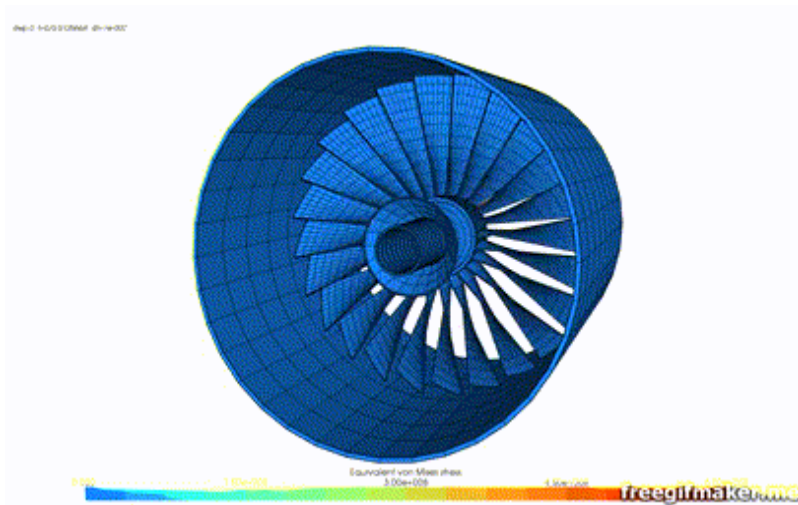


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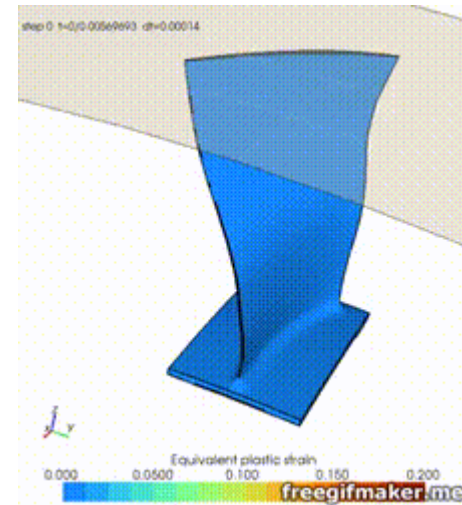


# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

## 2. Large deformations



Fan Blade containment test  
*Prof. J.-P. Ponthot, ULiège*



Buckling of blade in LP compressor  
*Prof. J.-P. Ponthot, ULiège*

# Different Approaches to Model Nonlinear Structures

## 3. Linear structure with localized nonlinearities



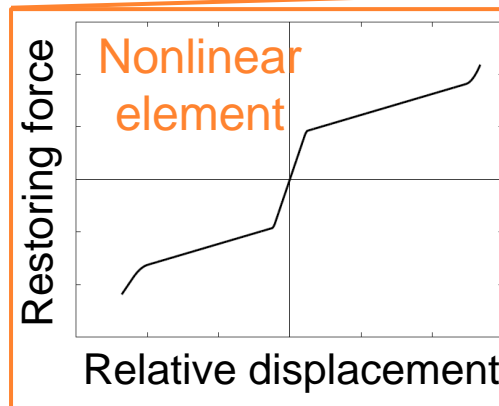
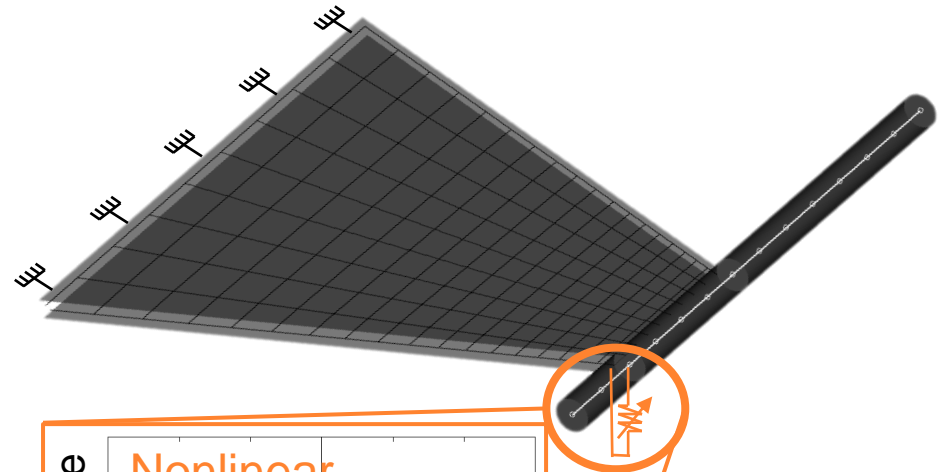
FOCUS OF THIS COURSE

# High-fidelity and fast-running modeling of structures with localized nonlinearities

# Integration of Data-Driven and Computer-Aided Models



Linear finite element model



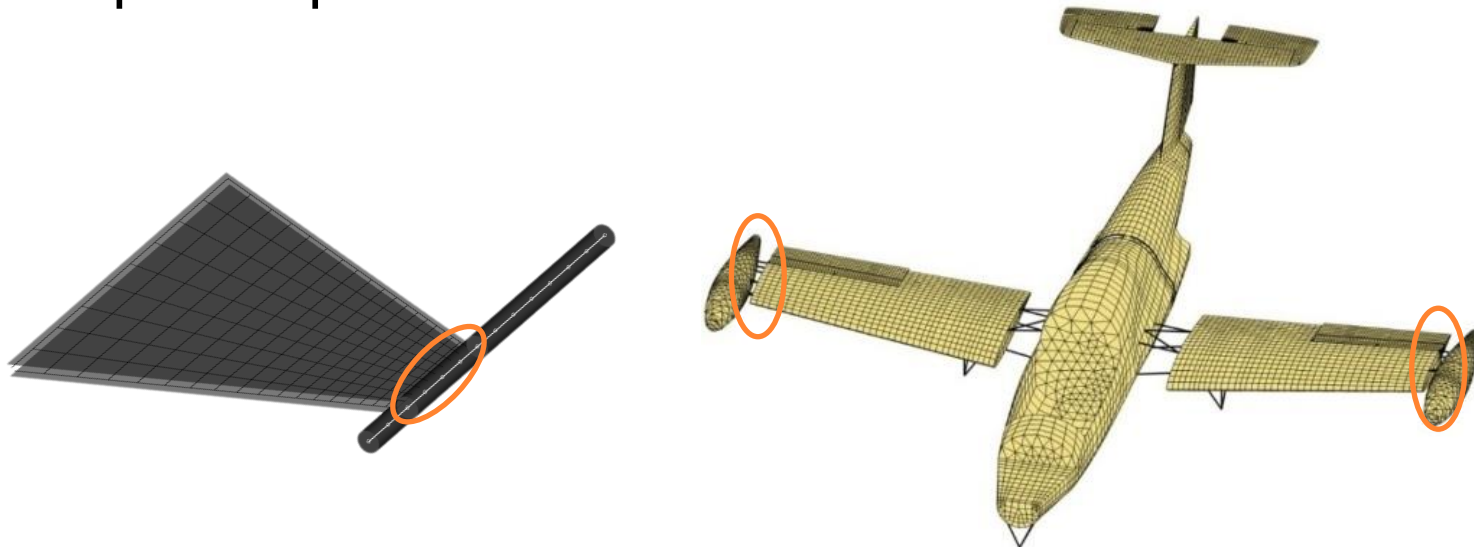
Accurate modeling of localized nonlinearities identified from experimental data (see next lectures).

# Development of Fast-Running Models

Finite element models may involve thousands (even millions) of degrees of freedom (DOFs).

For structures with localized nonlinearities, only a few DOFs are generally involved in nonlinear connections.

- ▶ **Model reduction** and **substructuring** can be applied to speed up simulations.



# Model Reduction and Substructuring

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Reminders from “*Mechanical vibrations: Theory and Applications to Structural Dynamics*” (Géradin and Rixen):

**Reduction:** In most cases, engineers are interested in a smaller system capturing only lower frequency dynamics. In this case, a genuine reduction is performed, the reduction method being seen as a DOF economizer.

**Substructuring:** In the context of large projects, the analysis is frequently subdivided into several parts. A separate model is constructed for each part of the system and reduced (*super-element*). The different parts and super-elements are finally combined to simulate the dynamics of the whole system.

# Model Reduction and Substructuring

The original finite element model is governed by

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}(t)$$

Most methods for reducing the size  $n$  of a system consist in partitioning the degrees of freedom into  $n_R$  dynamic **retained coordinates** ( $n_R \ll n$ ) and  $n_C$  **condensed coordinates**.

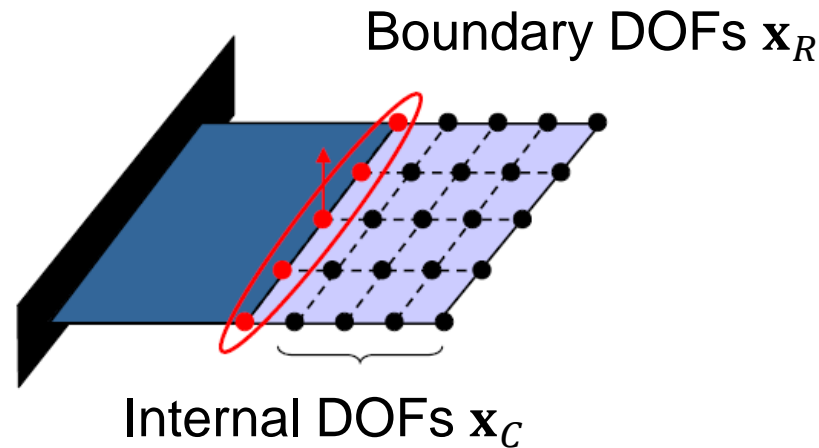
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_R \\ \mathbf{x}_C \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{RR} & \mathbf{K}_{RC} \\ \mathbf{K}_{CR} & \mathbf{K}_{CC} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{RR} & \mathbf{M}_{RC} \\ \mathbf{M}_{CR} & \mathbf{M}_{CC} \end{bmatrix}$$

The dynamical behavior of the structure is usually described by the retained coordinates only.



# Craig-Bampton Method

Let us consider a substructure which is connected to the rest of the system by a set of boundary degrees of freedom  $\mathbf{x}_R$ .

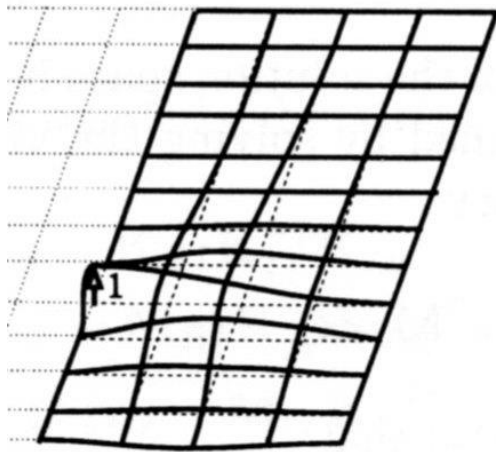


The originality of the method is to consider in the condensation, in addition to the boundary DOFs  $\mathbf{x}_R$ , the **contribution of the internal vibration modes** to the reduced model.

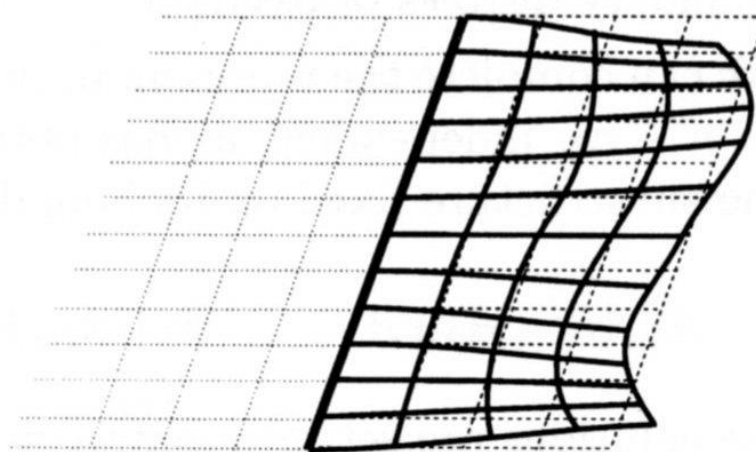
# Craig-Bampton Method

The dynamical behavior of a substructure is fully described by:

- the static boundary modes resulting from the static condensation,
- the subsystem eigenmodes in clamped boundary configuration.



Static mode



Vibration mode

# Craig-Bampton Method

Accordingly, it means that the following transformation may be applied to the initial degrees of freedom:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{K}_{CC}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{CR} & \mathbf{\Phi}_C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_R \\ \mathbf{y}_C \end{bmatrix}$$

$n_R$  boundary DOFs  
 $n_C$  intensity parameters of the internal modes

where the **Guyan's reduction matrix** has been complemented by the set of  $n_C$  internal vibration modes  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  obtained by solving:

$$(\mathbf{K}_{CC} - \tilde{\omega}^2 \mathbf{M}_{CC})\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_C = [\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{(1)} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{(n_C)}]$$

# Craig-Bampton Method

In practice, only a certain number  $m < n_C$  of internal vibration modes are kept:

$$\Phi_C \rightarrow \Phi_m = [\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{(1)} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{(m)}]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_C \rightarrow \mathbf{y}_m$$

This subset of internal vibration modes should be selected in order to cover a frequency range that is large enough to approximate the dynamics in play. **Convergence** of the reduced-order model should be carefully assessed!

# Craig-Bampton Method

Final reduction matrix of dimension  $n \times (n_R + m)$ :

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{K}_{CC}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{CR} & \Phi_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduced stiffness and mass matrices:

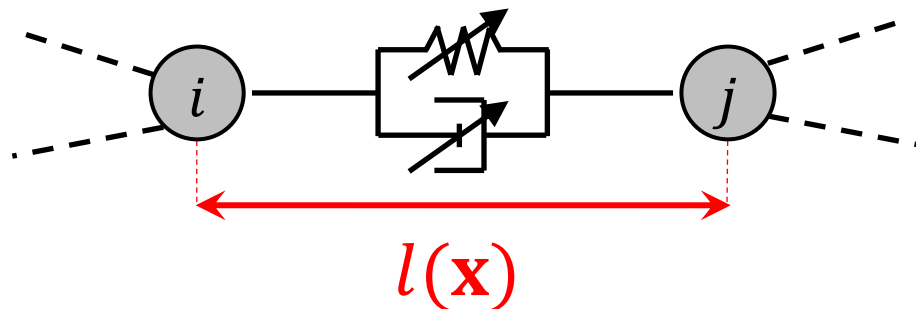
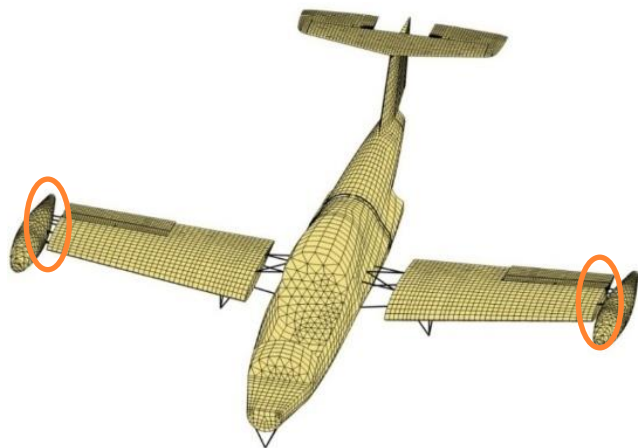
$$\bar{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{R}$$

Under the assumption of proportional damping, reduced damping matrix can be defined as

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}} = \alpha \bar{\mathbf{K}} + \beta \bar{\mathbf{M}}$$

# Including Localized Nonlinearities into the Model



A nonlinearity is activated if it is strained ( $\Delta l(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0$ )

$$\Delta l(\mathbf{x}) = l(\mathbf{x}) - l(\mathbf{0})$$

It is generally defined by a **functional form** and a **coefficient**

$$\varphi_{\text{nl}}(\Delta l) = k_{\text{nl}} f_{\text{nl}}(\Delta l)$$

Nonlinear force across  
the element (scalar)

e.g.  $(\Delta l)^3, \dots$

# How to Derive the Equations of Motion?

Recall that the Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\mathcal{T}}_{\text{Kinetic energy}} - \underbrace{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{Potential energy}},$$

and Lagrange equations read

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right) = \mathbf{0},$$

from which we can get the equations of motion.

For simplicity, we will derive them with a localized nonlinearity, in the absence of linear damping and external forcing.

# Kinetic and Potential Energies of a Structure

Assuming the nonlinearity does not store kinetic energy,

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{M} \dot{\mathbf{x}}$$

The potential energy is an extensive quantity

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{lin}} + \mathcal{V}_{\text{nl}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{V}_{\text{nl}}$$

and the nonlinear potential energy is given by the work of the nonlinear force

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{nl}} = \int_0^{\Delta l(\mathbf{x})} \varphi_{\text{nl}}(\xi) d\xi$$



# Equations of Motion

Hence,

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{M} \dot{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{x} - \int_0^{\Delta l(\mathbf{x})} \varphi_{\text{nl}}(\xi) d\xi$$

Using Leibniz integral rule,

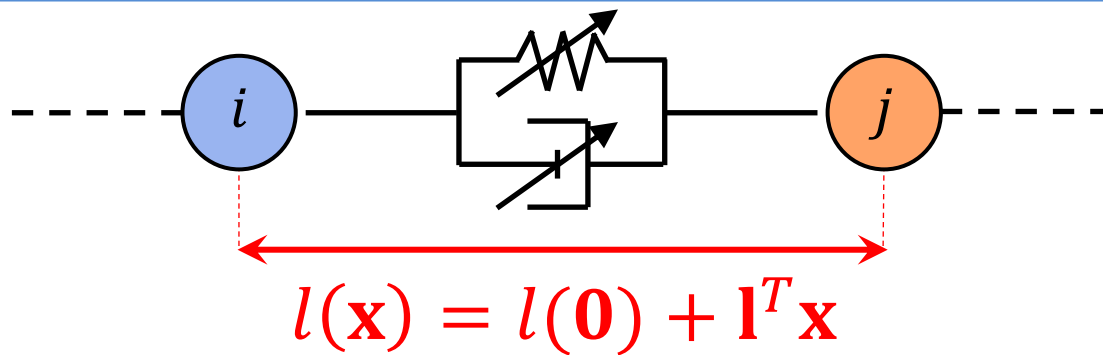
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right) = -\mathbf{K} \mathbf{x} - \frac{\partial \Delta l(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \varphi_{\text{nl}}(\Delta l(\mathbf{x})) - \mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

which eventually yields the equations of motion

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K} \mathbf{x} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \Delta l(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \varphi_{\text{nl}}(\Delta l(\mathbf{x}))}_{\mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{0}$$

Adding other localized nonlinearities, linear damping, external forcing, ect. ... is straightforward.

# Specialization to 1-Dimensional Structures



For a localized nonlinearity between DOFs  $i$  and  $j$ , the strain is simply

$$\Delta l(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \frac{\partial \Delta l}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{l}$$

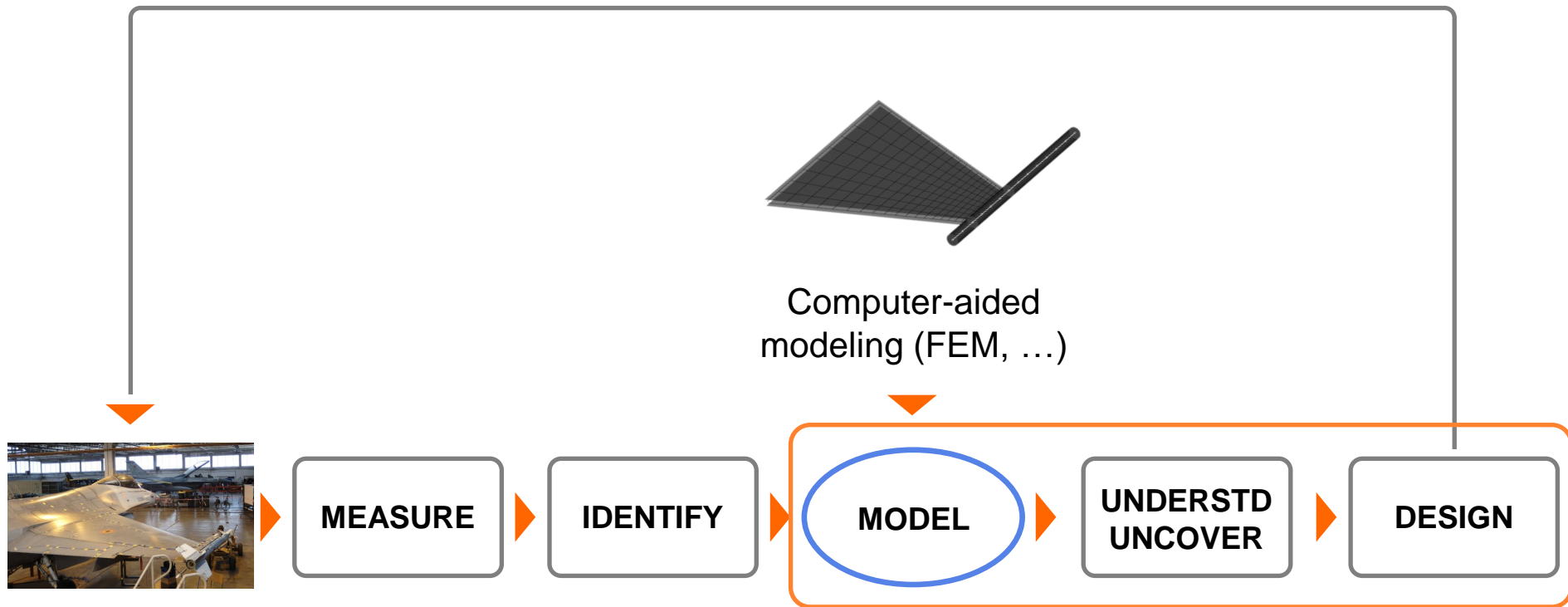
with the localization vector

$$\mathbf{l} = [0, \dots, 0, \underset{i}{-1}, 0, \dots, 0, \underset{j}{1}, 0, \dots, 0]$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} + \underbrace{\mathbf{l}\varphi_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{x})}_{\mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{0}$$

# Design Cycle of a Nonlinear Structure



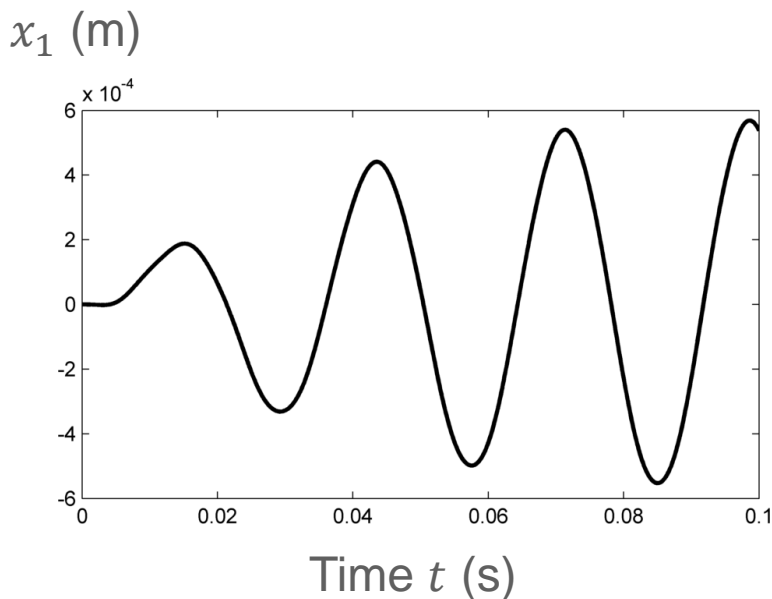
What types of simulation can be performed using a reduced-order model with localized nonlinearities?

# Standard Nonlinear Simulations: Nonlinear Time Integration

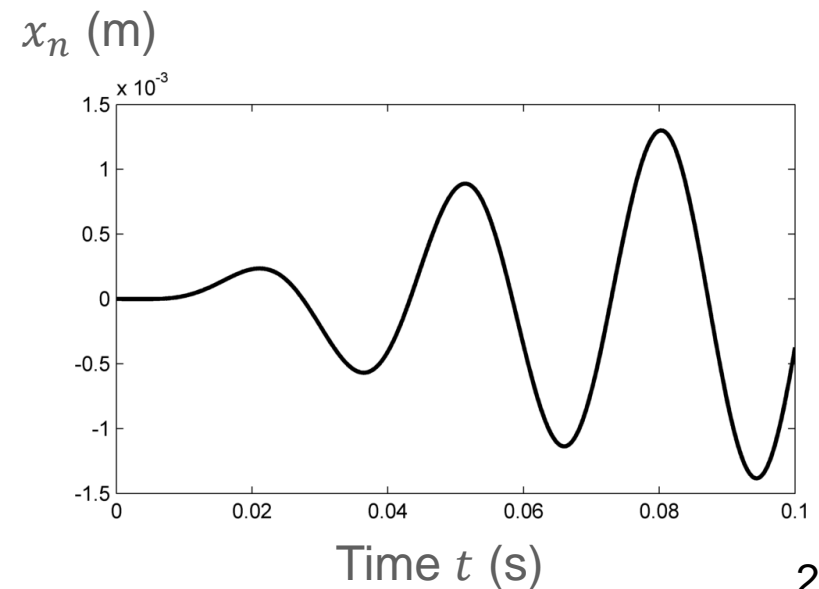
# Time Integration Is a Simulation Standard

Simulate the time response of a nonlinear system by solving its governing equations of motion using numerical algorithms

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{nl}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{f}_{ext}(t)$$



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# Time Integration Is a Simulation Standard

Given

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{EOMs: } \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \quad = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}(t) \\ \text{Initial cond.: } \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}(t_0), \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_0) \end{array} \right.$$

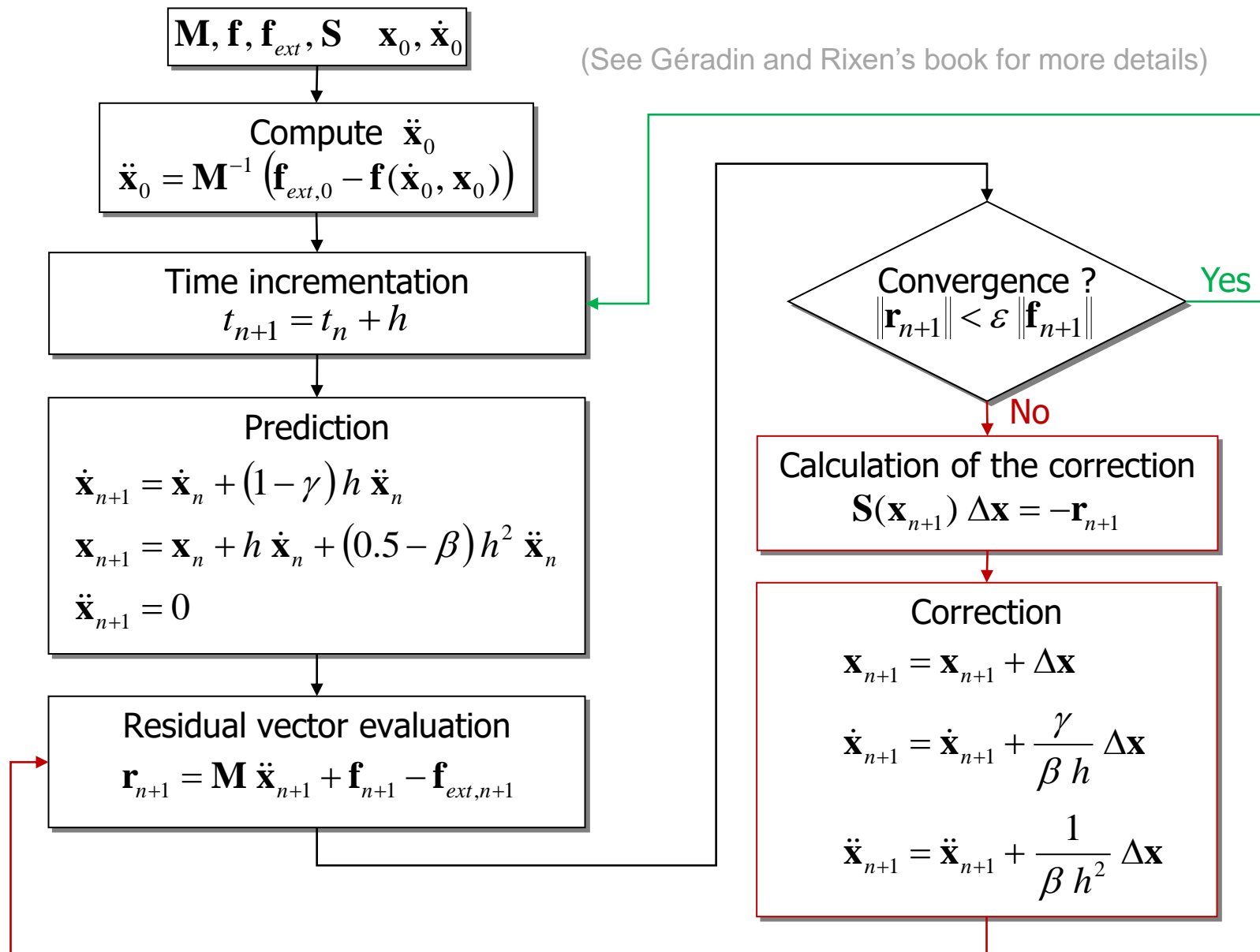
Compute  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}(t_{n+1})$

Such that

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} + \underbrace{\mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}_{n+1} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{nl},n+1}}_{\mathbf{f}_{n+1}} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext},n+1}$$

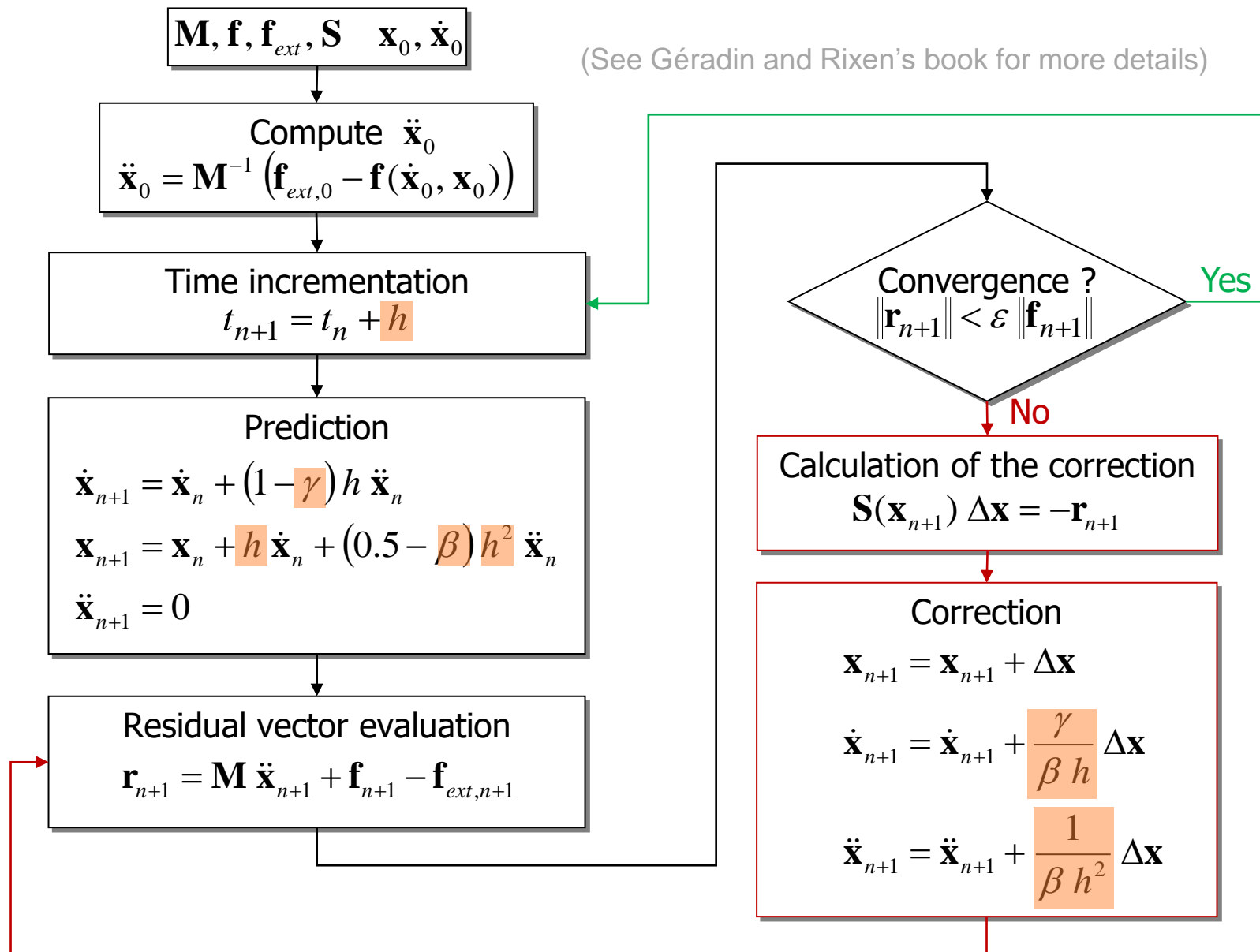
# Newmark's Iterative Scheme for Nonlinear Systems

(See Géradin and Rixen's book for more details)



# Time Step $h$ , $\beta$ and $\gamma$ Are Key Parameters

(See Géradin and Rixen's book for more details)





# Stability of Newmark's Scheme for Linear Systems

Algorithm	$\gamma$	$\beta$	$\omega h$	Accuracy	
				Stability limit	Periodicity error
				Amplitude error	
				$\rho - 1$	$\frac{\Delta T}{T}$
Purely explicit	0	0	0	$\frac{\omega^2 h^2}{4}$	—
Central difference	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	2	0	$-\frac{\omega^2 h^2}{24}$
Fox & Goodwin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	2.45	0	$O(h^3)$
Linear acceleration	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	3.46	0	$\frac{\omega^2 h^2}{24}$
Average constant acceleration	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\infty$	0	$\frac{\omega^2 h^2}{12}$
Average constant acceleration (modified)	$\frac{1}{2} + \alpha$	$\frac{(1 + \alpha)^2}{4}$	$\infty$	$-\alpha \frac{\omega^2 h^2}{2}$	$\frac{\omega^2 h^2}{12}$

Implemented in NI2D

# Why Newmark and Not Runge-Kutta (ode45)?

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## ▶ Fixed time step

Convenient for FE models with high eigenfrequencies.

## ▶ Control on stability and accuracy

Demonstrated for linear systems with  $\beta, \gamma$  and time step  $h$ .

## ▶ Possibility to add numerical damping

Use of the  $\alpha$  parameter, or HHT scheme (more accurate).

Newmark's scheme is **implemented in most commercial FE software.**

# Influence of the Time Step / Sampling Frequency

Rule of thumb: For a periodicity error of 1%, taking higher harmonics into account, consider at least

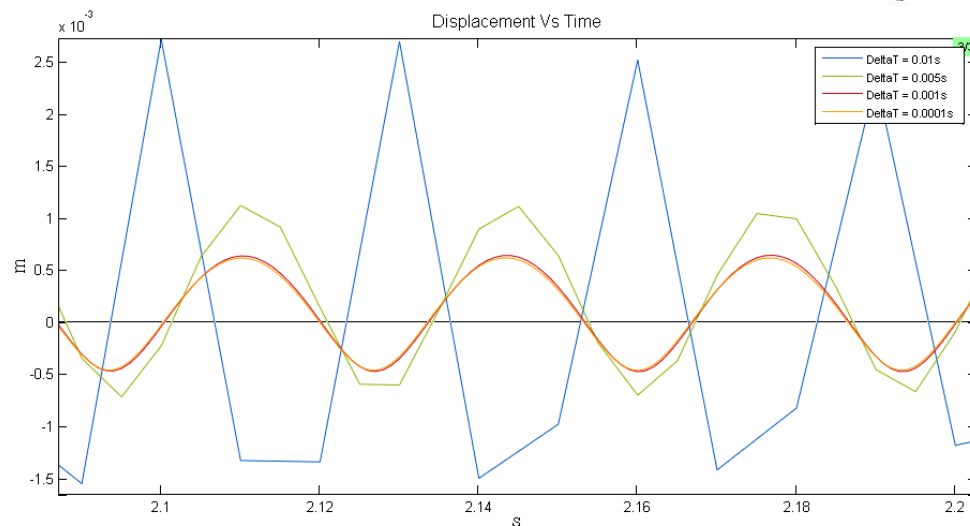
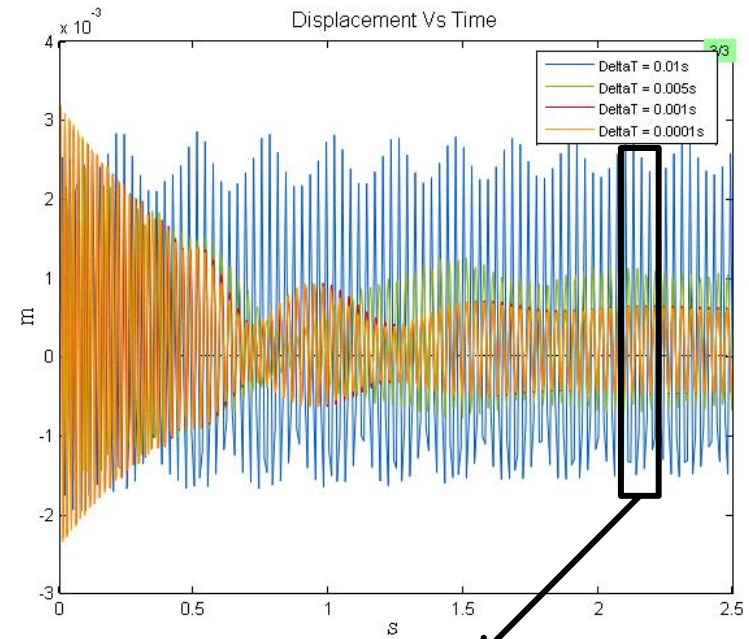
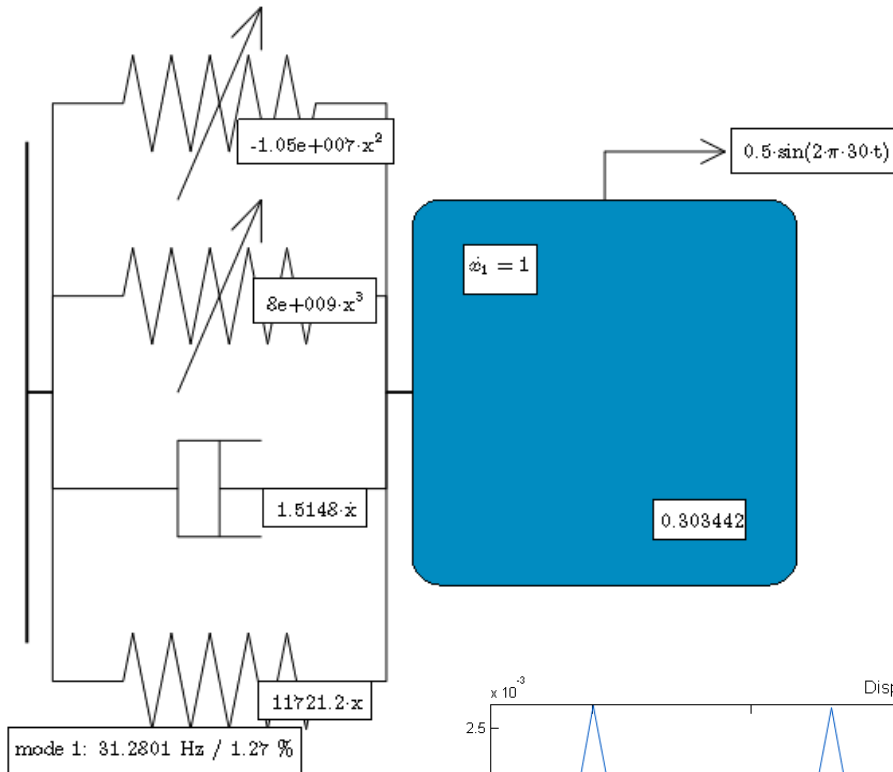
Samplng frequency = 1/time step

$$f_s > 200f$$

Frequency of interest in the signal

The diagram features a central orange-bordered box containing the mathematical inequality  $f_s > 200f$ . A blue arrow points from the top of the box to the text 'Samplng frequency = 1/time step'. Another blue arrow points from the bottom of the box to the text 'Frequency of interest in the signal'.

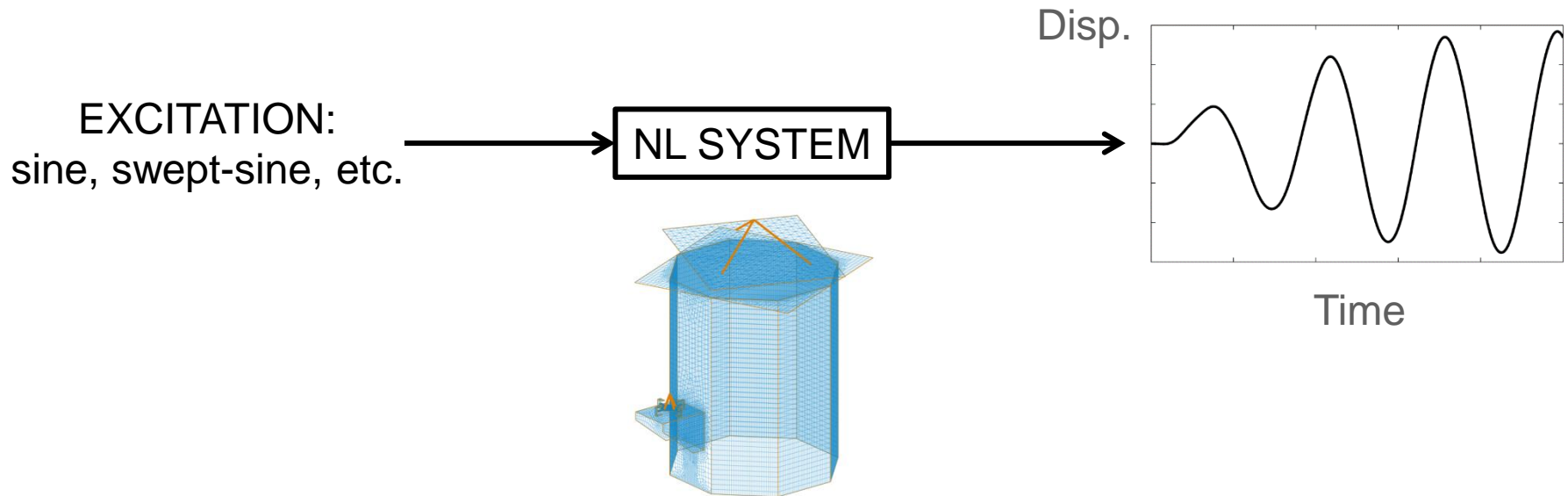
# Influence of the Time Step / Sampling Frequency



# Advanced Nonlinear Simulations: Nonlinear Frequency Responses and Modes

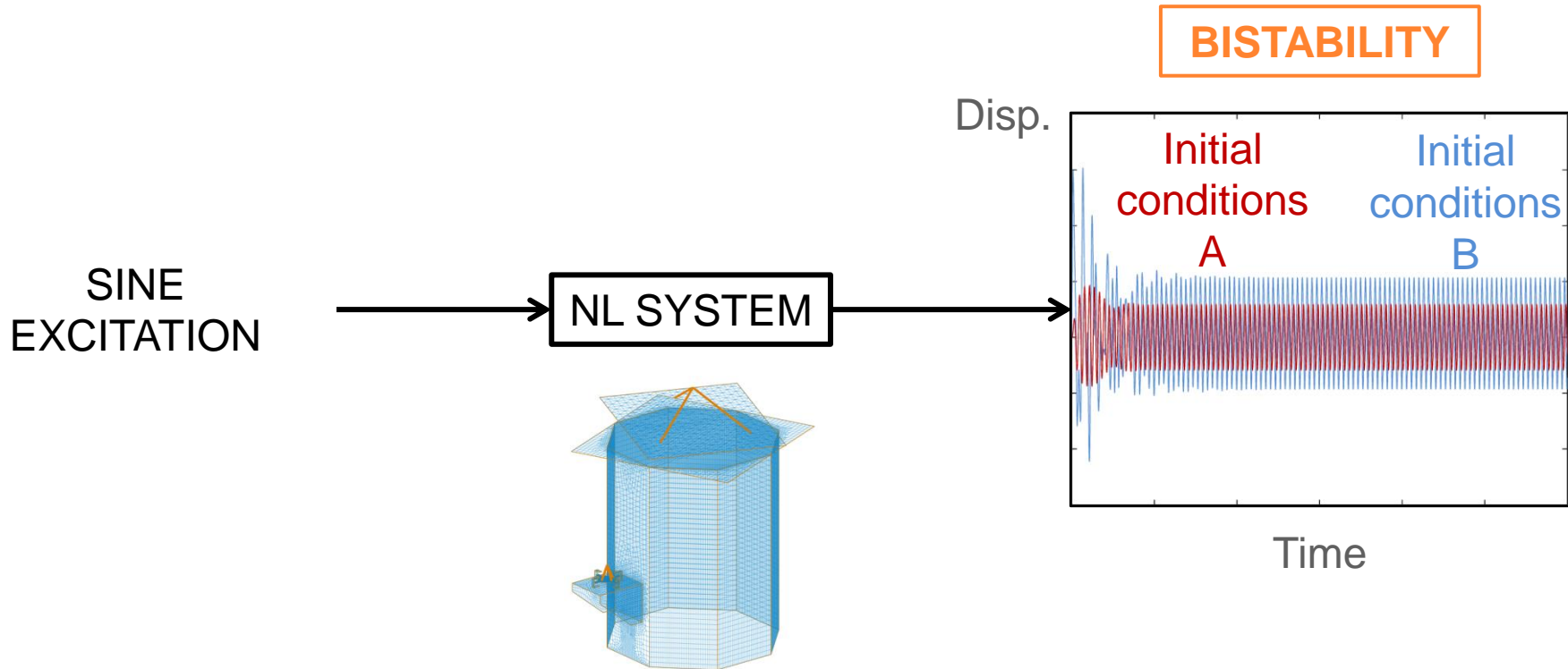
# Limitations of Time Integration

Time simulations provide useful information about structural dynamics but they can be time consuming.



# Limitations of Time Integration

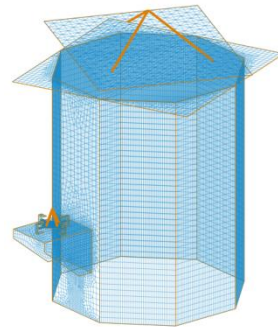
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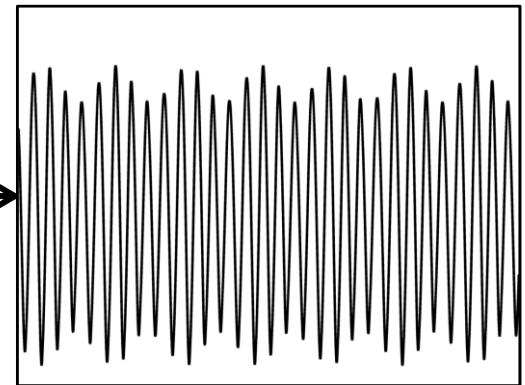
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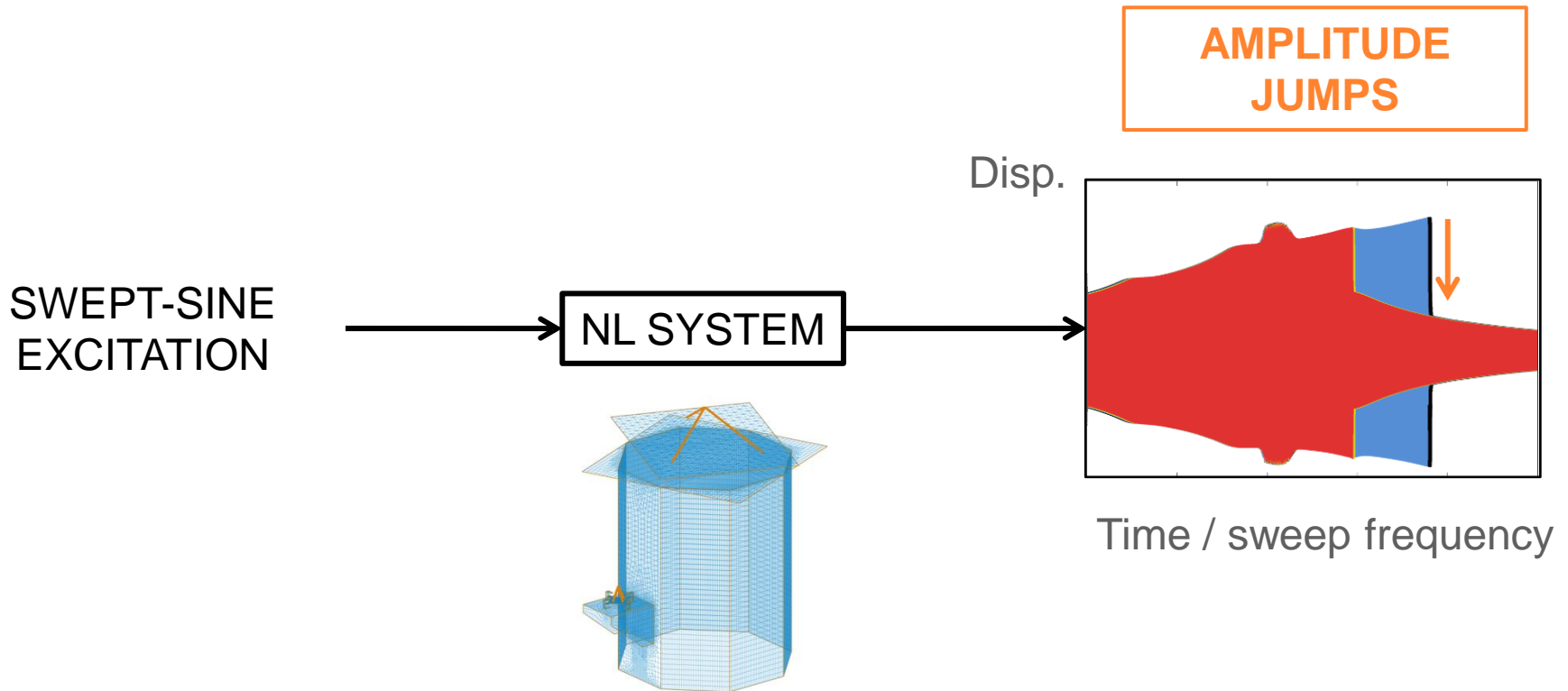
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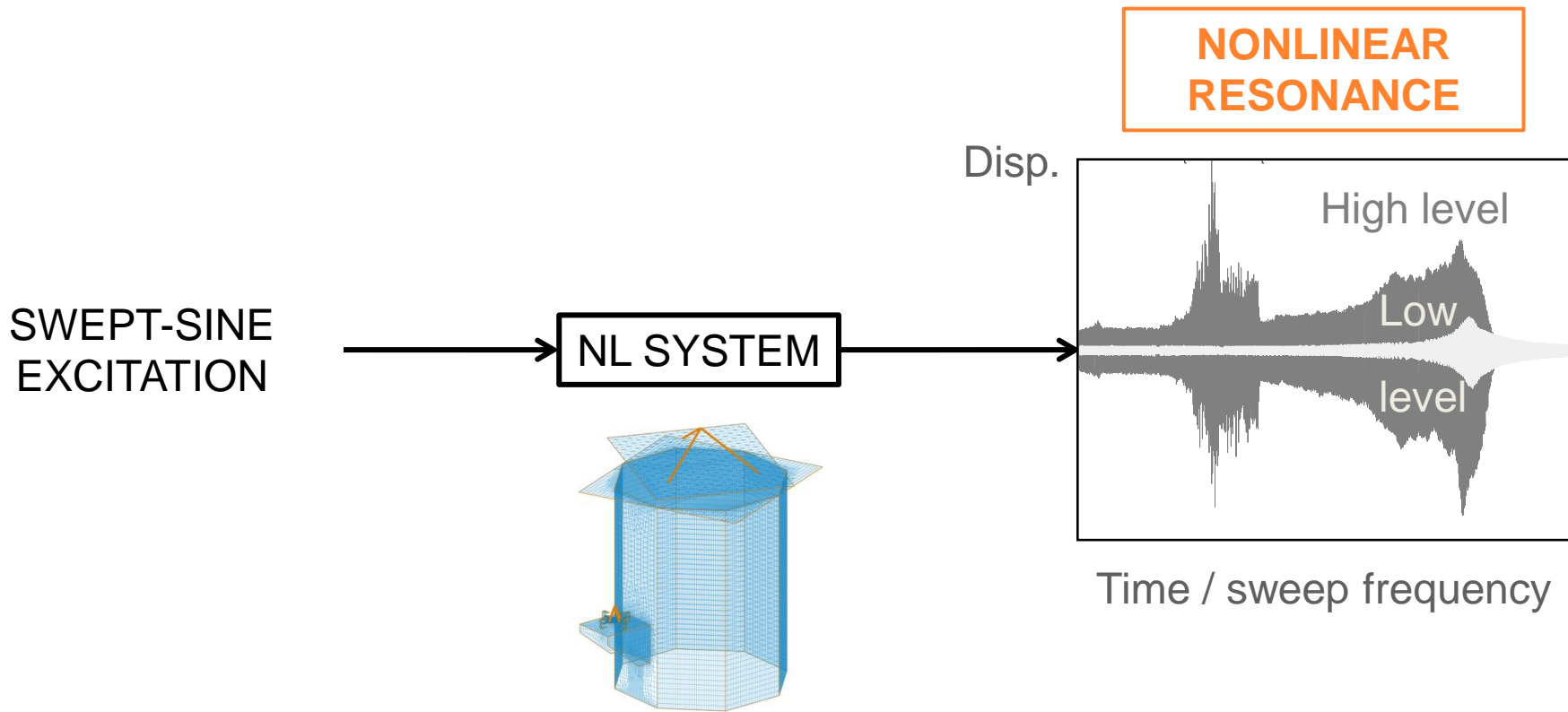
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# Nonlinear normal modes (NNMs) – See Lecture 3

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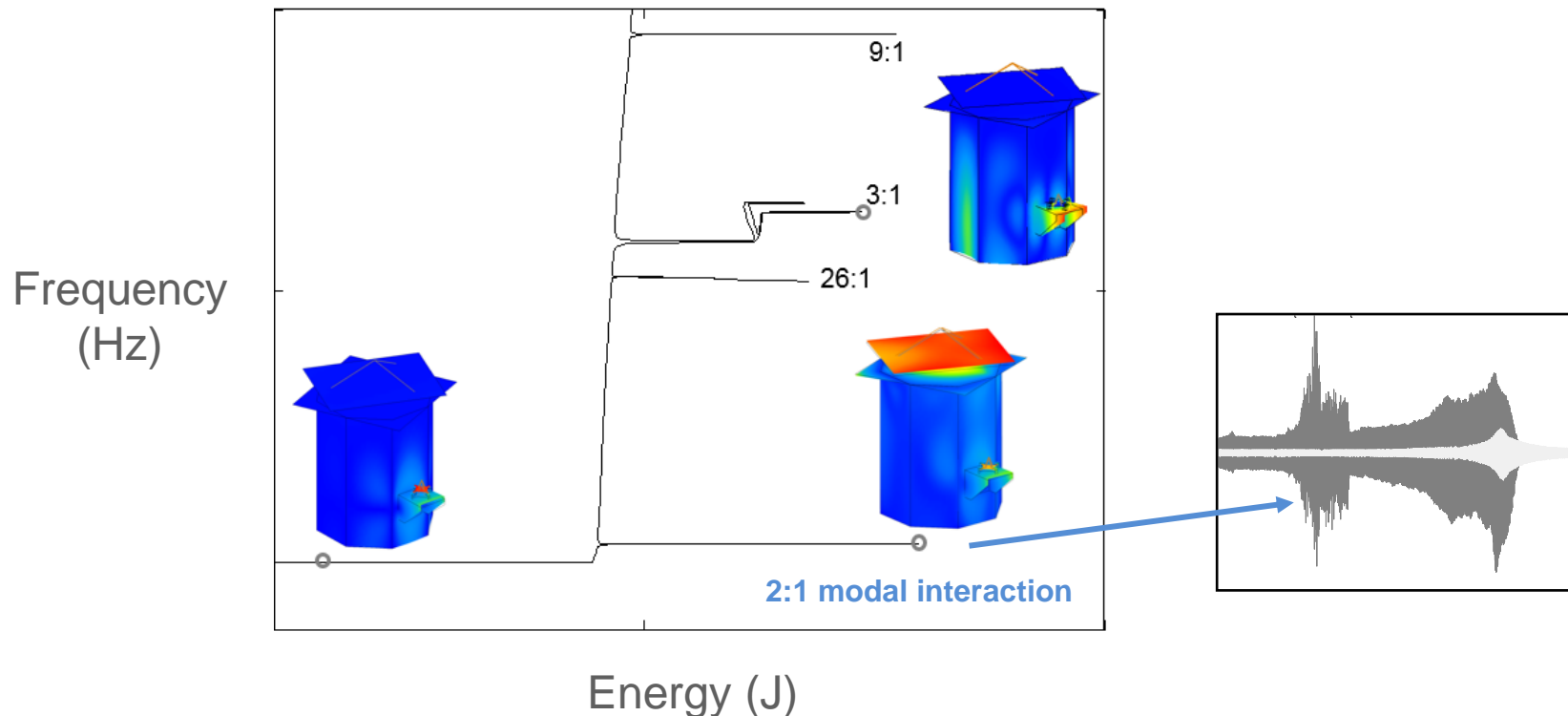
$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

NNMs are useful because:

- ▶ They describe the **deformations at resonance** of the structure.
- ▶ They describe how **modal parameters evolve** with motion amplitude.

# Nonlinear normal modes (NNMs) – See Lecture 4

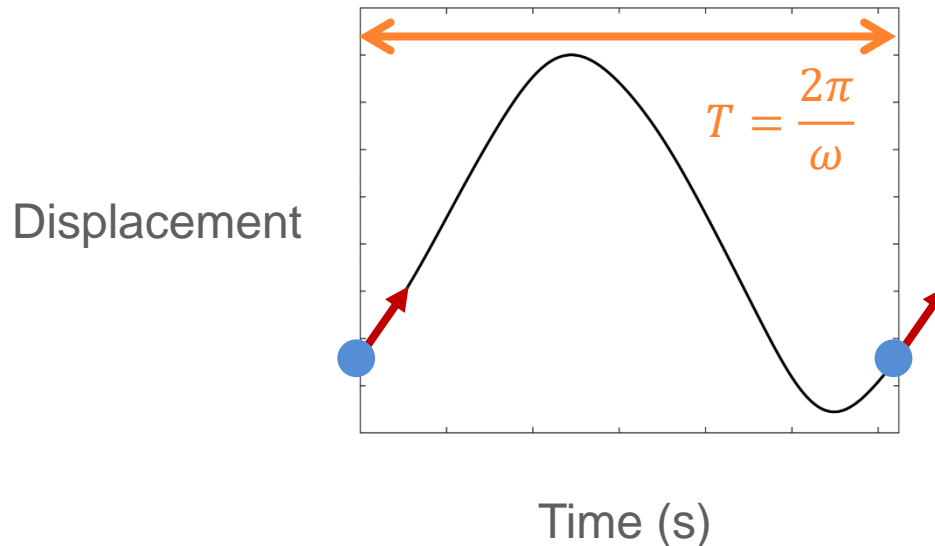
NNMs also help to uncover complex phenomena such as **modal interactions / internal resonances**.



# Nonlinear Frequency Response Curves (NFRCs)

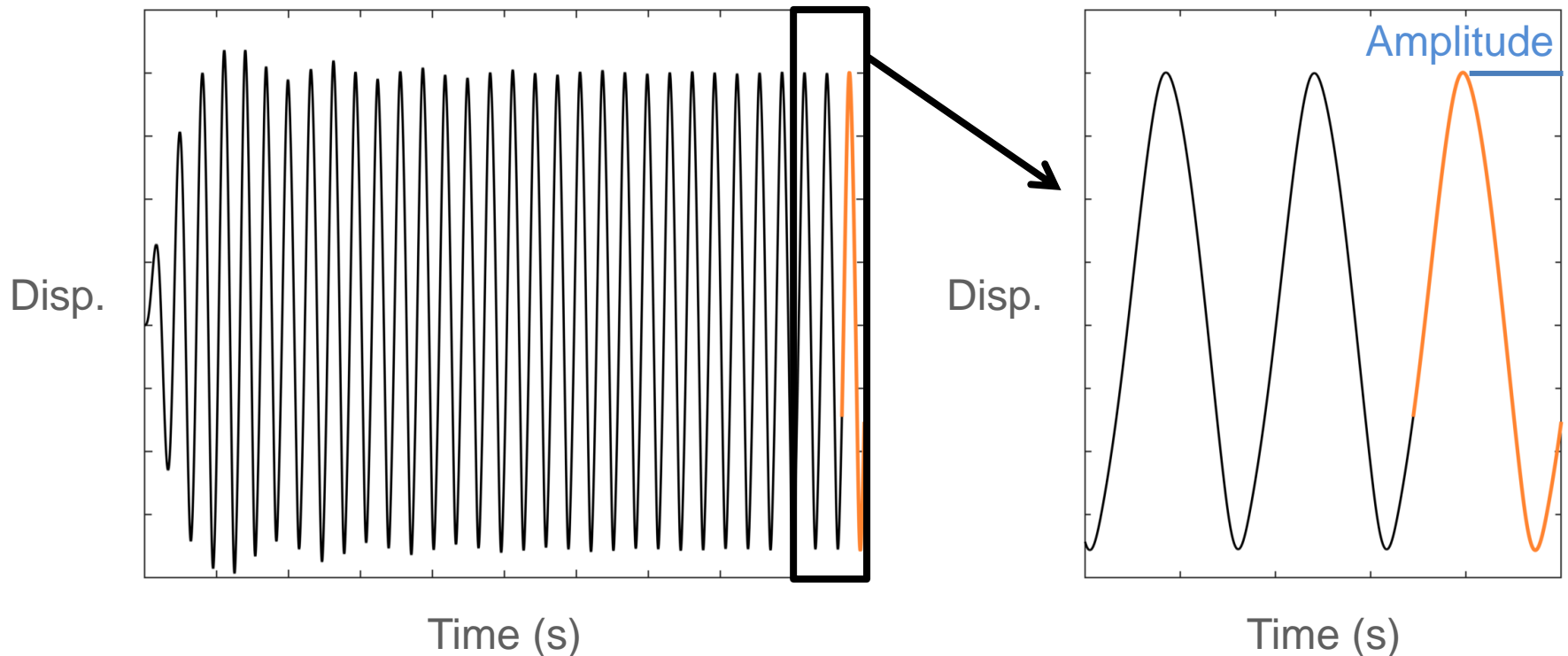
NFRCs are obtained by computing **branches of periodic solutions** of the **damped** model when submitted to a **harmonic excitation**:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{nl}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{f}_{ext}(\omega, t)$$



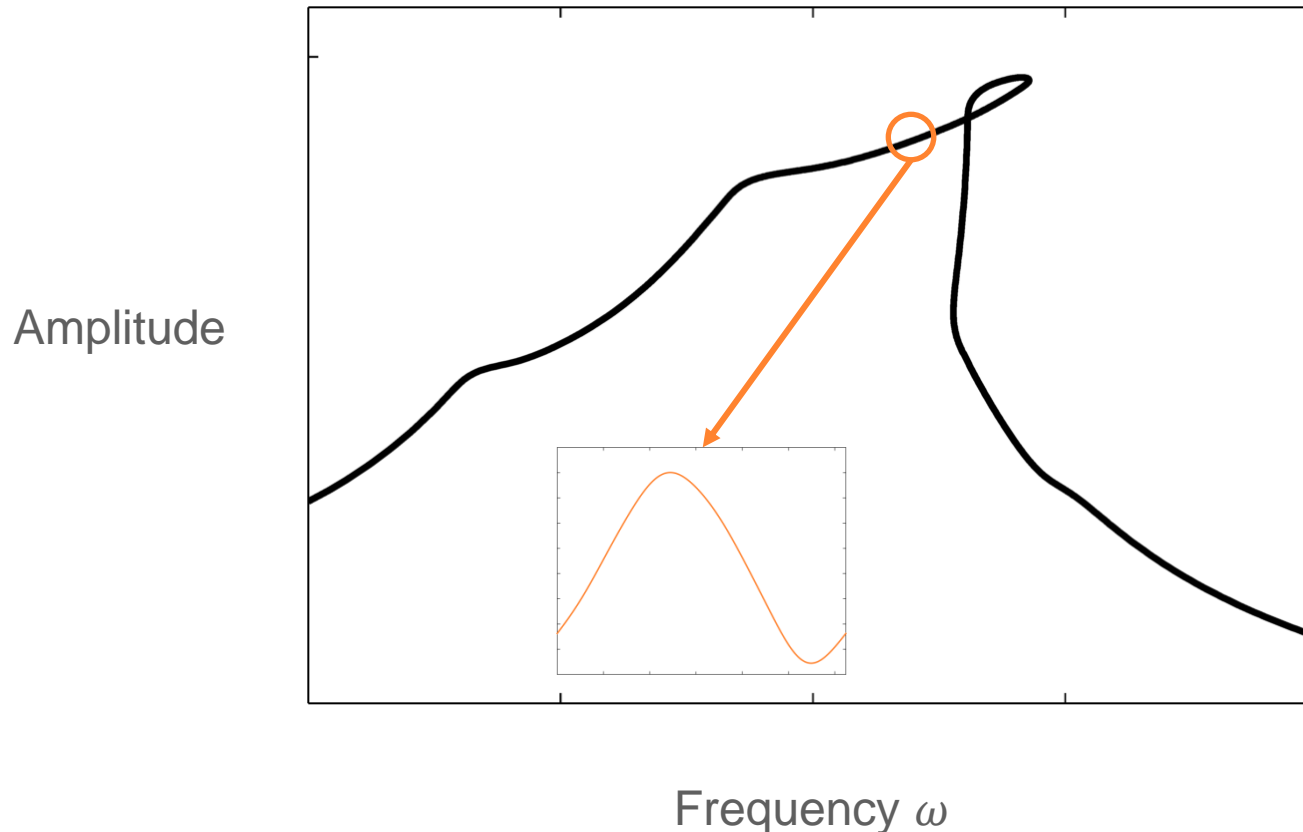
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NFRCs are useful because they describe the evolution of amplitude of the **steady-state responses** of the structure, *i.e.*, after the transients.



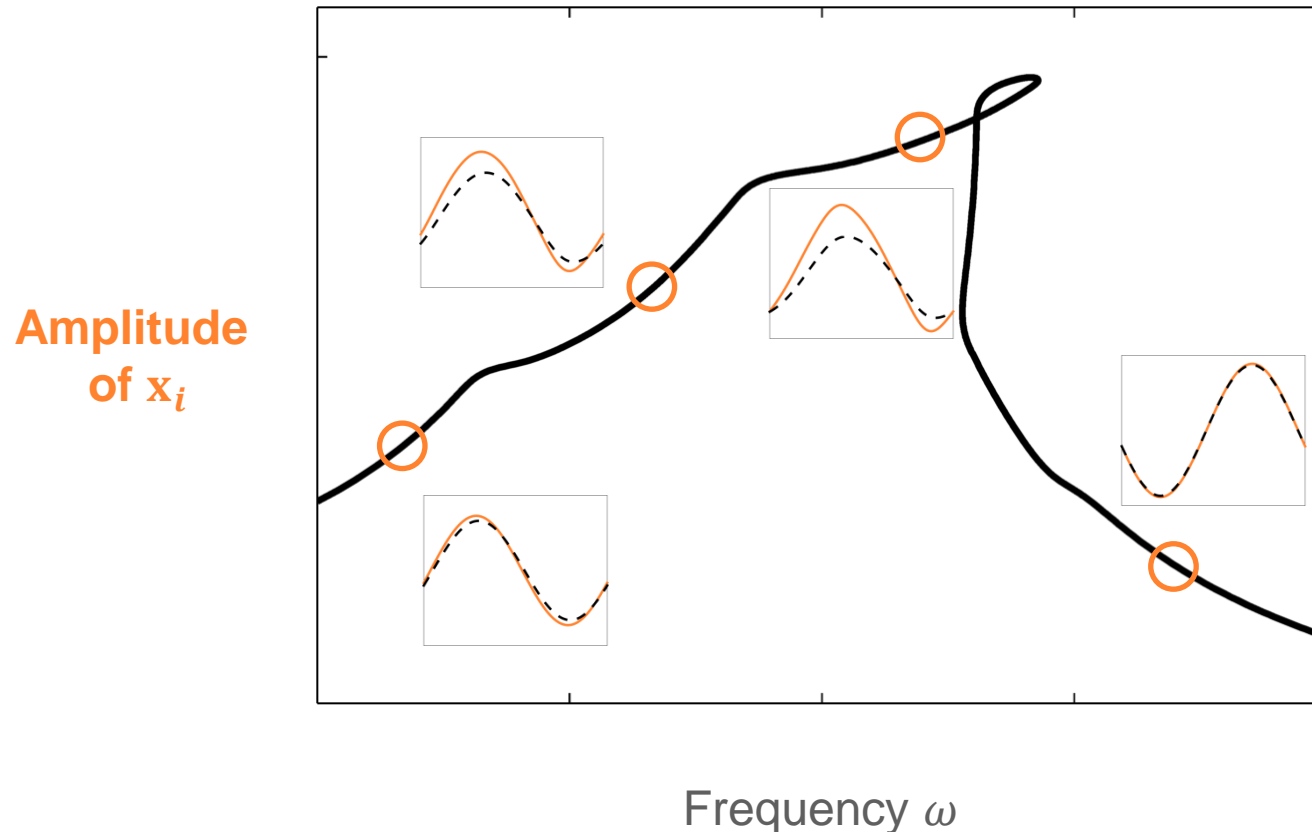
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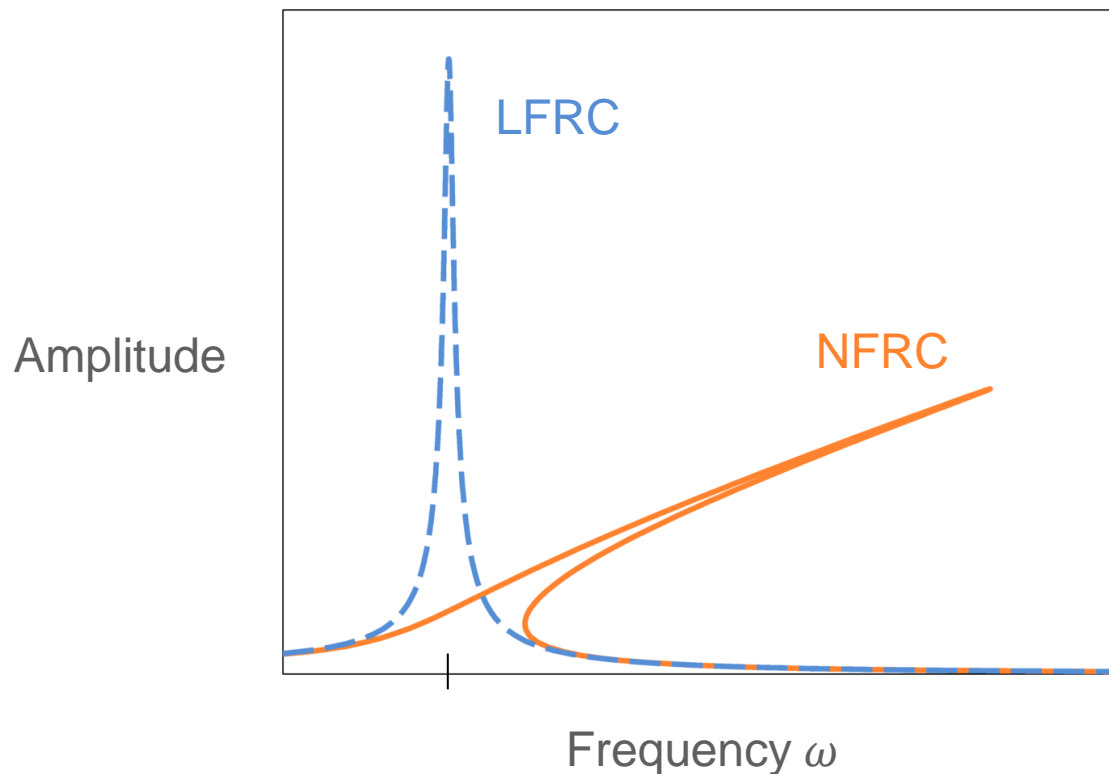
The representative variable is usually chosen as the **vibration amplitude of one of the DOFs**, and is represented with respect to the frequency  $\omega$ .





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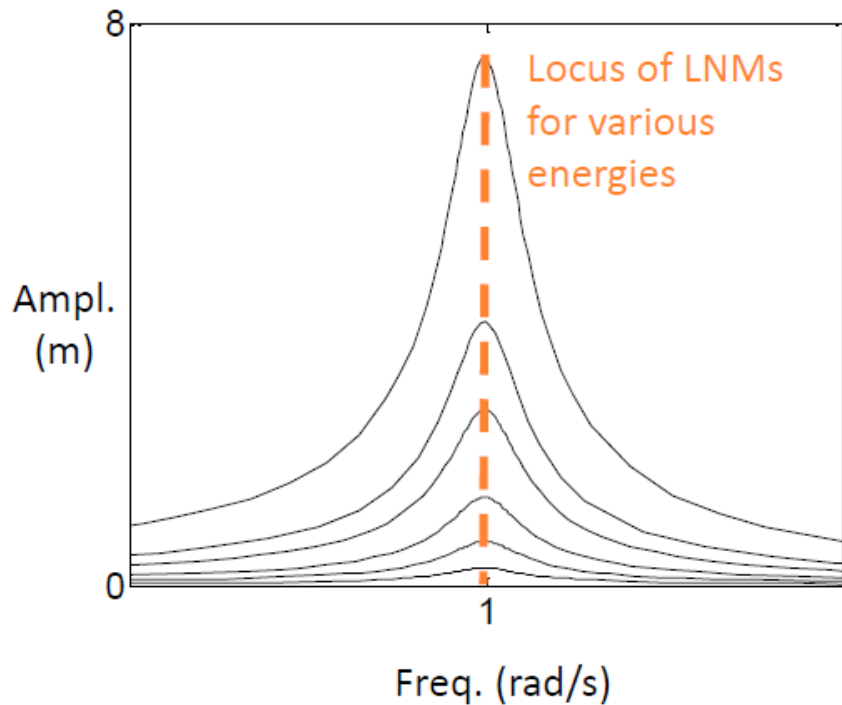
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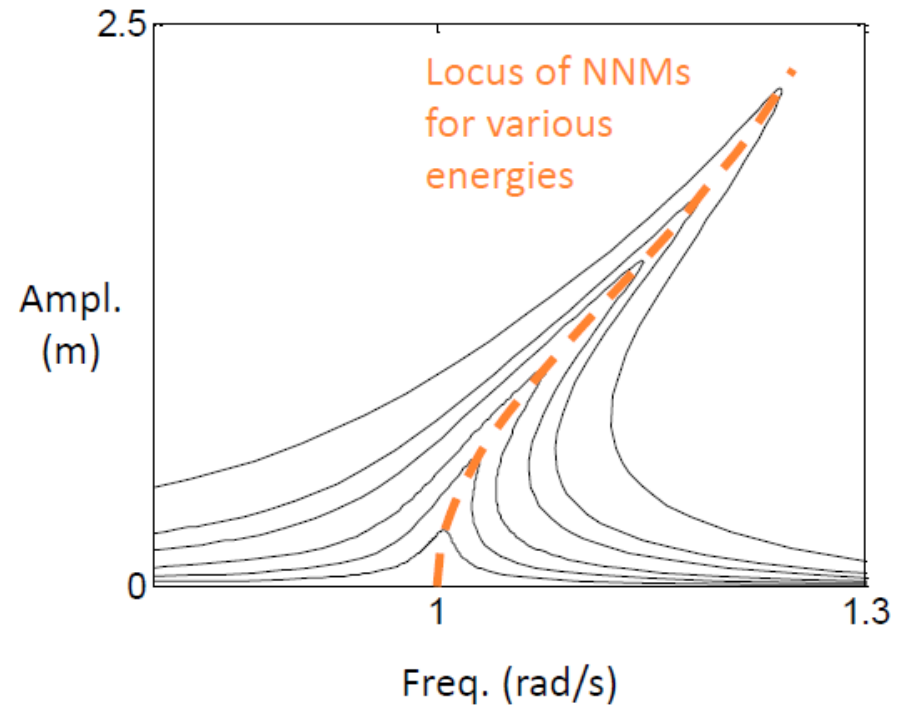
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	LFRCs	NFRCs
<b>Superposition</b>		
<b>Uniqueness</b>		
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# Nonlinear Frequency Response Curves (NFRCs)



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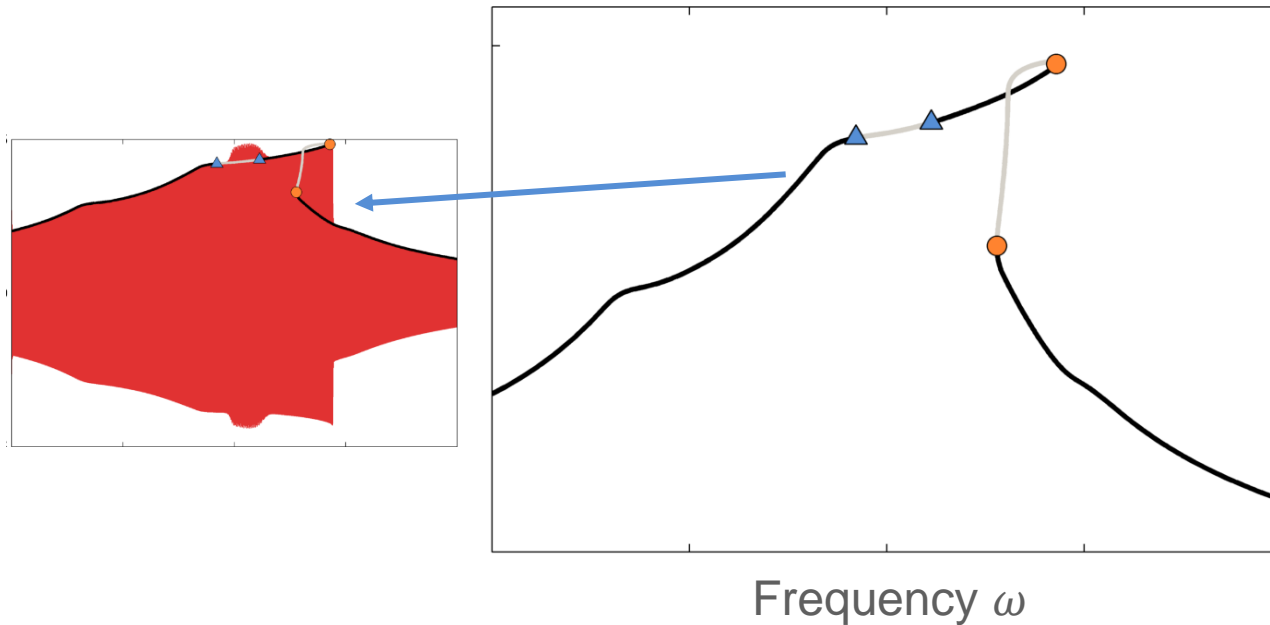


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# Nonlinear Frequency Response Curves (NFRCs)

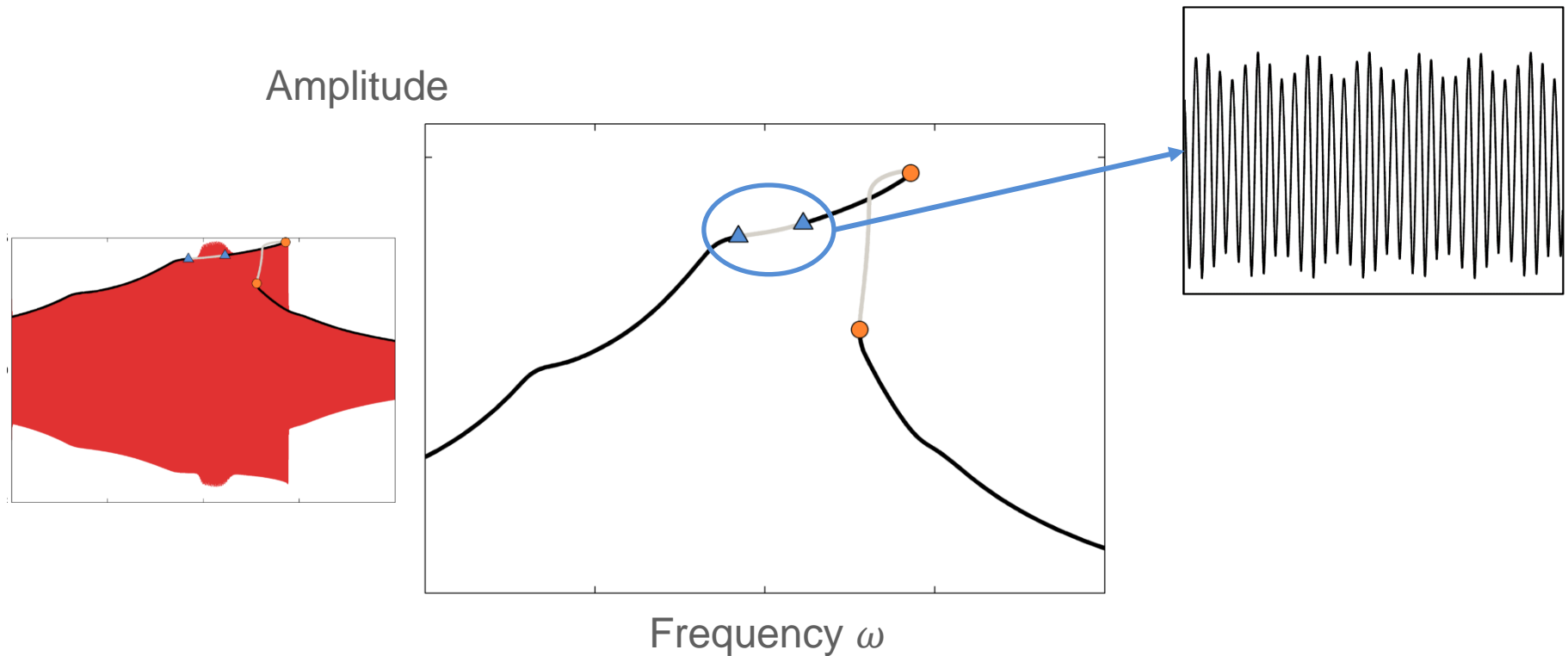
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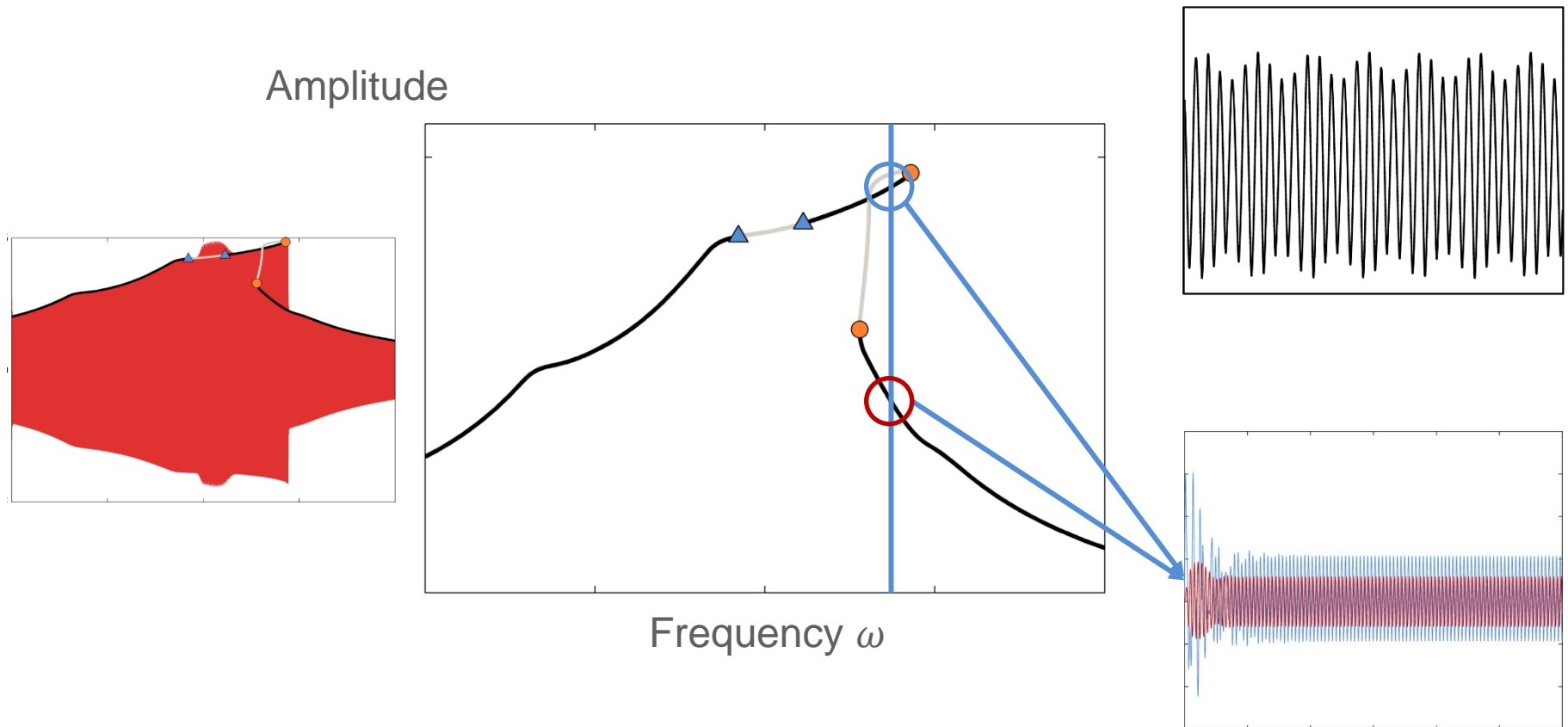
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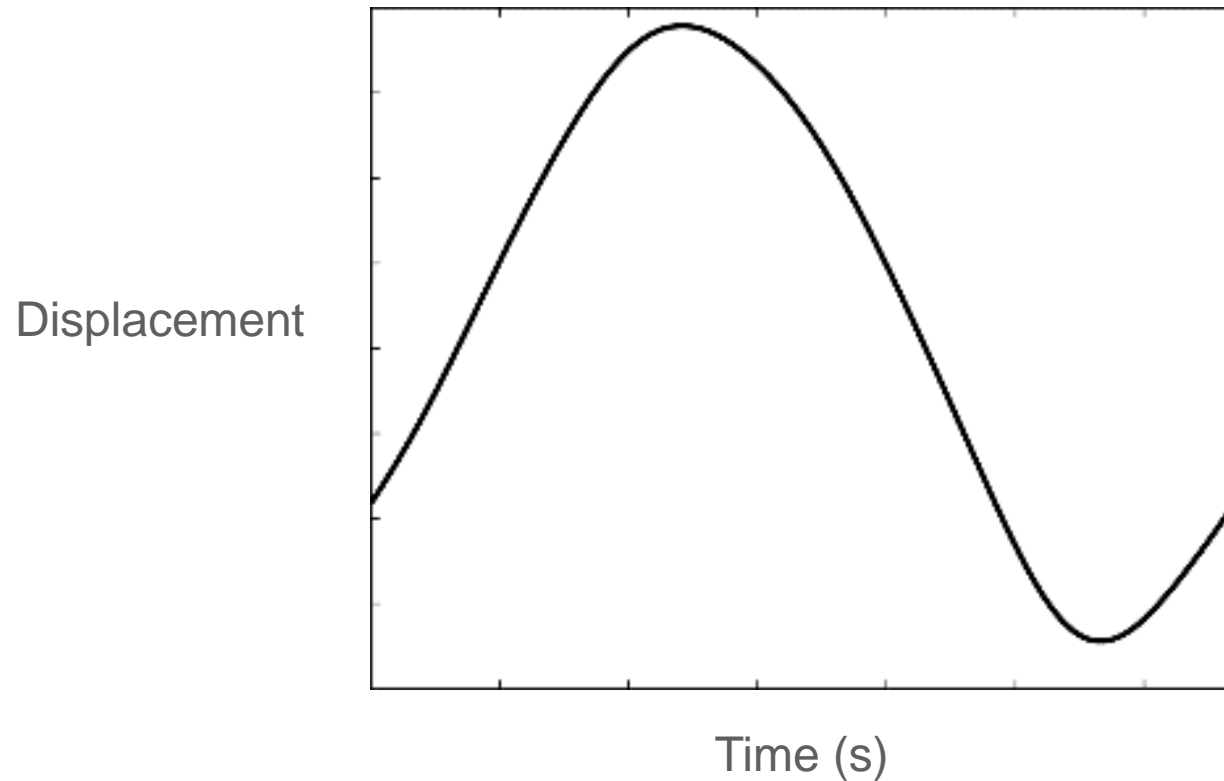
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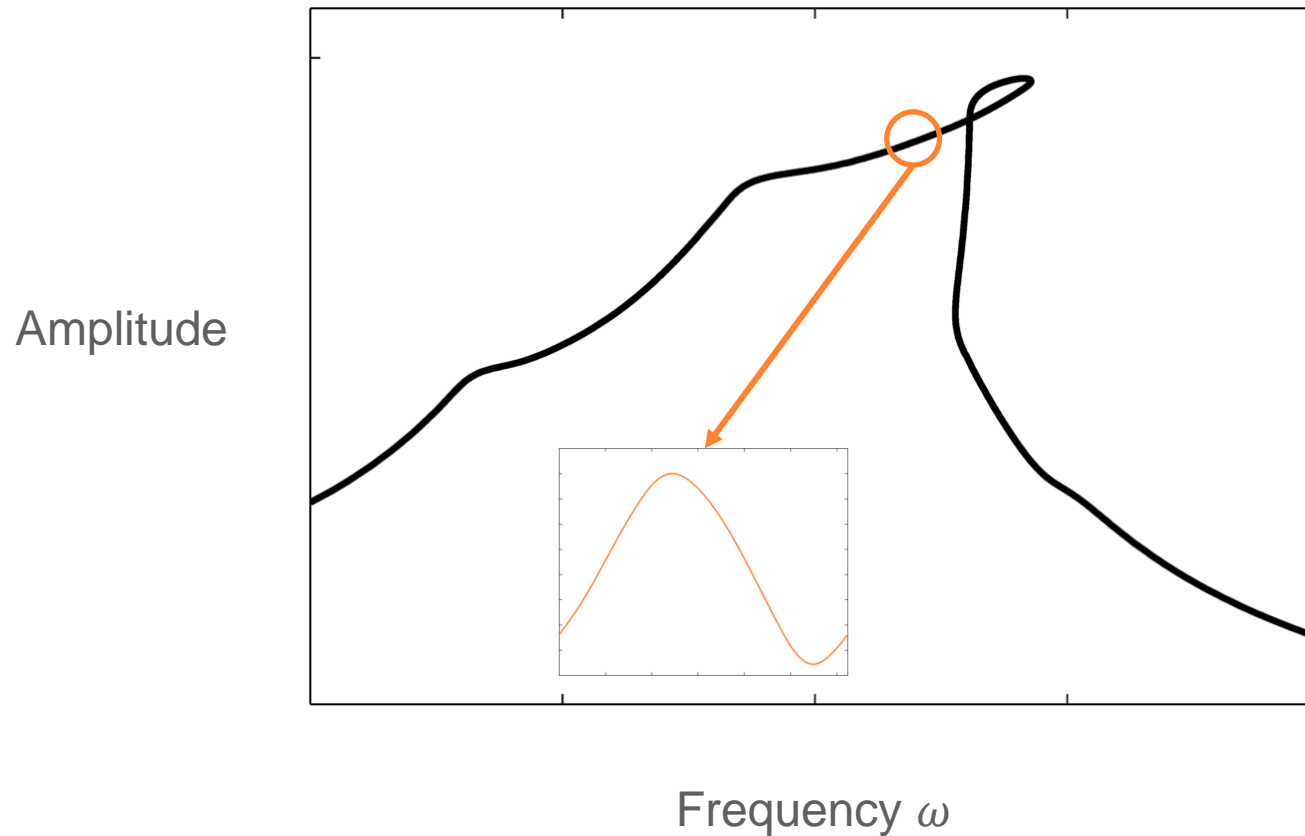
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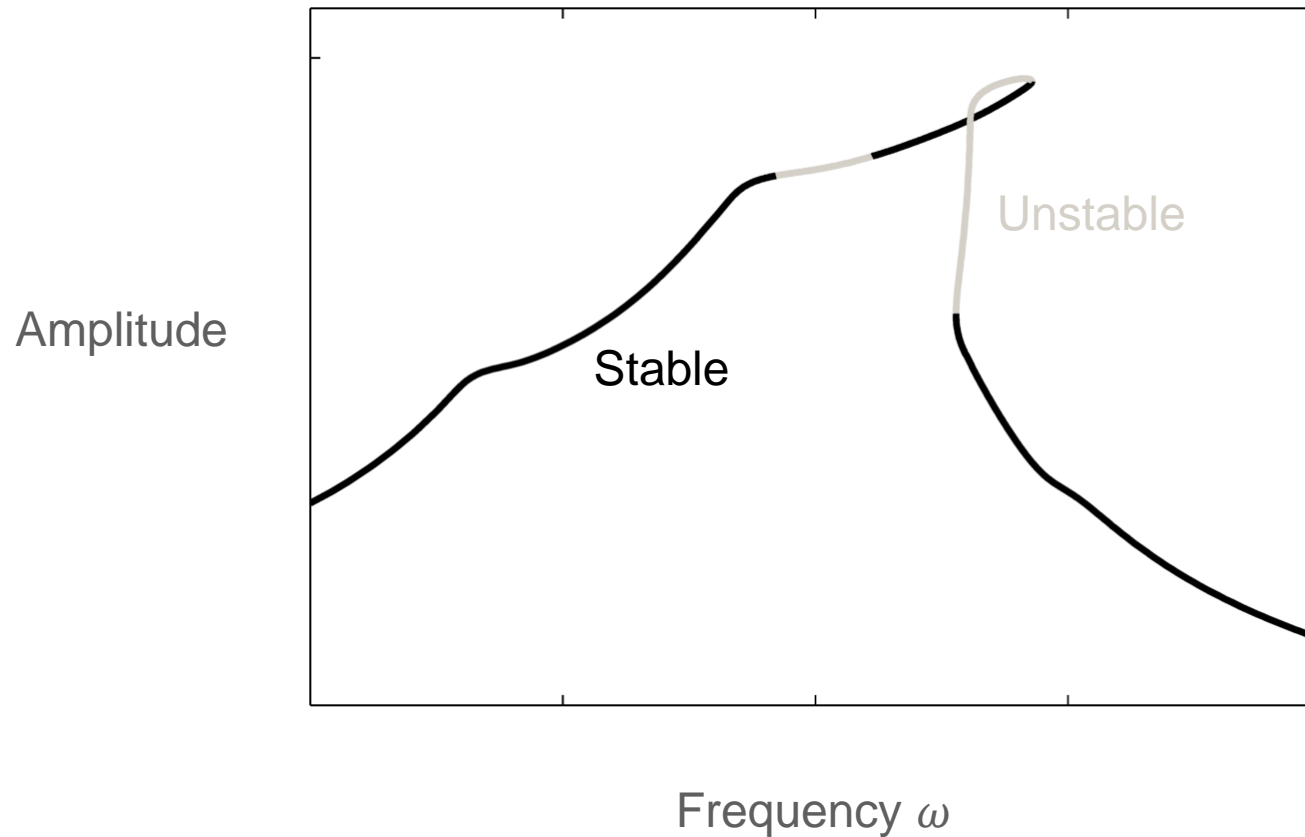
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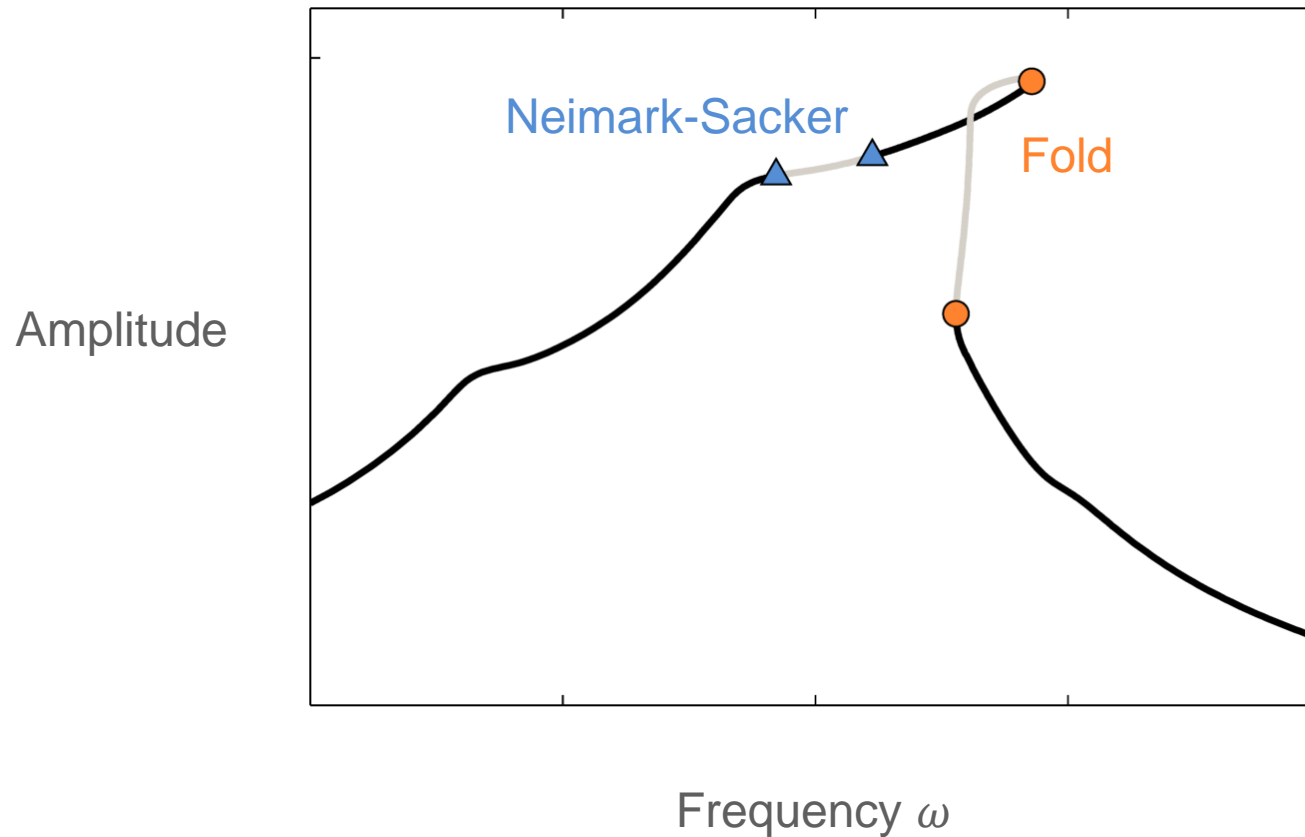
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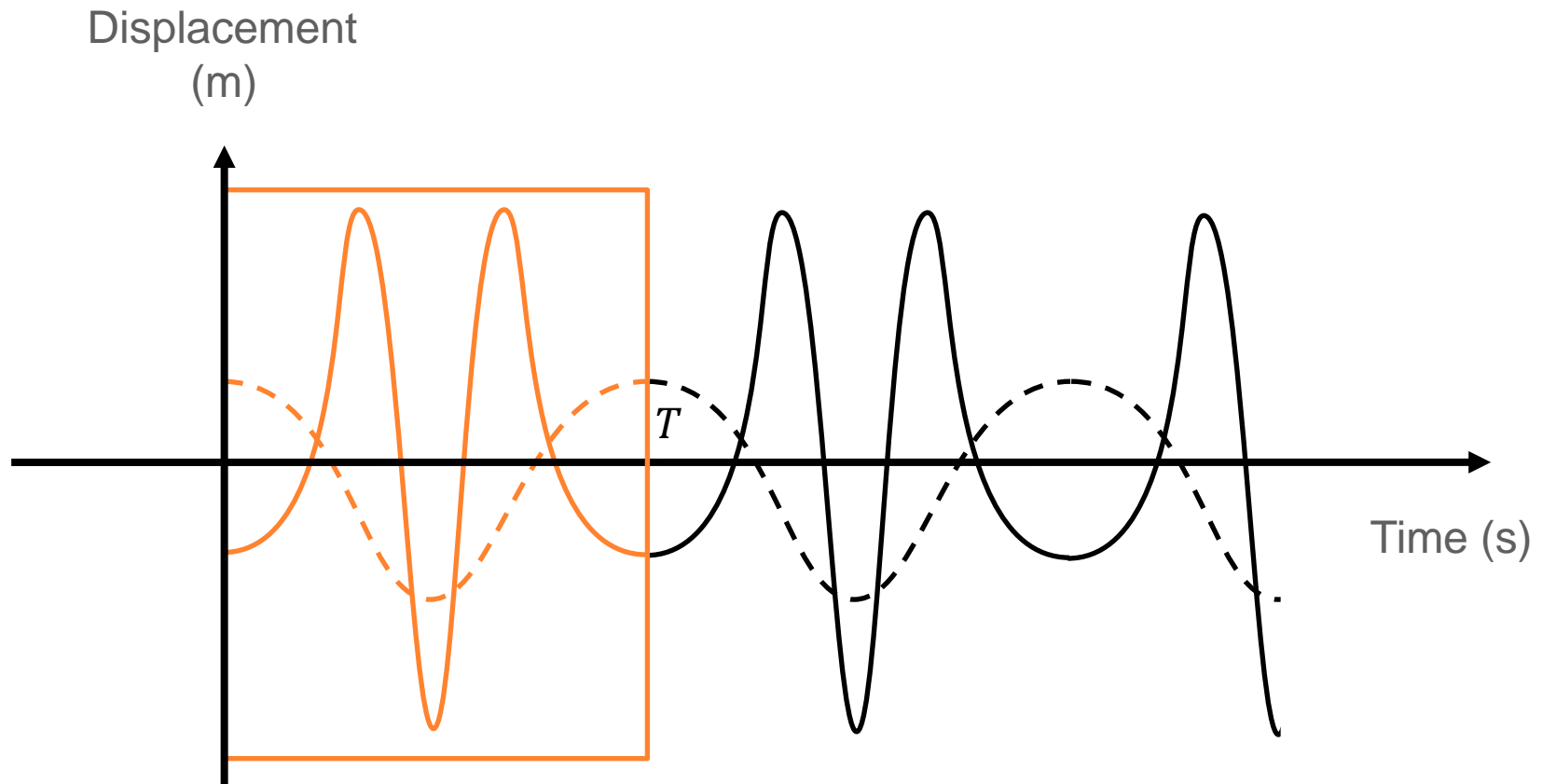


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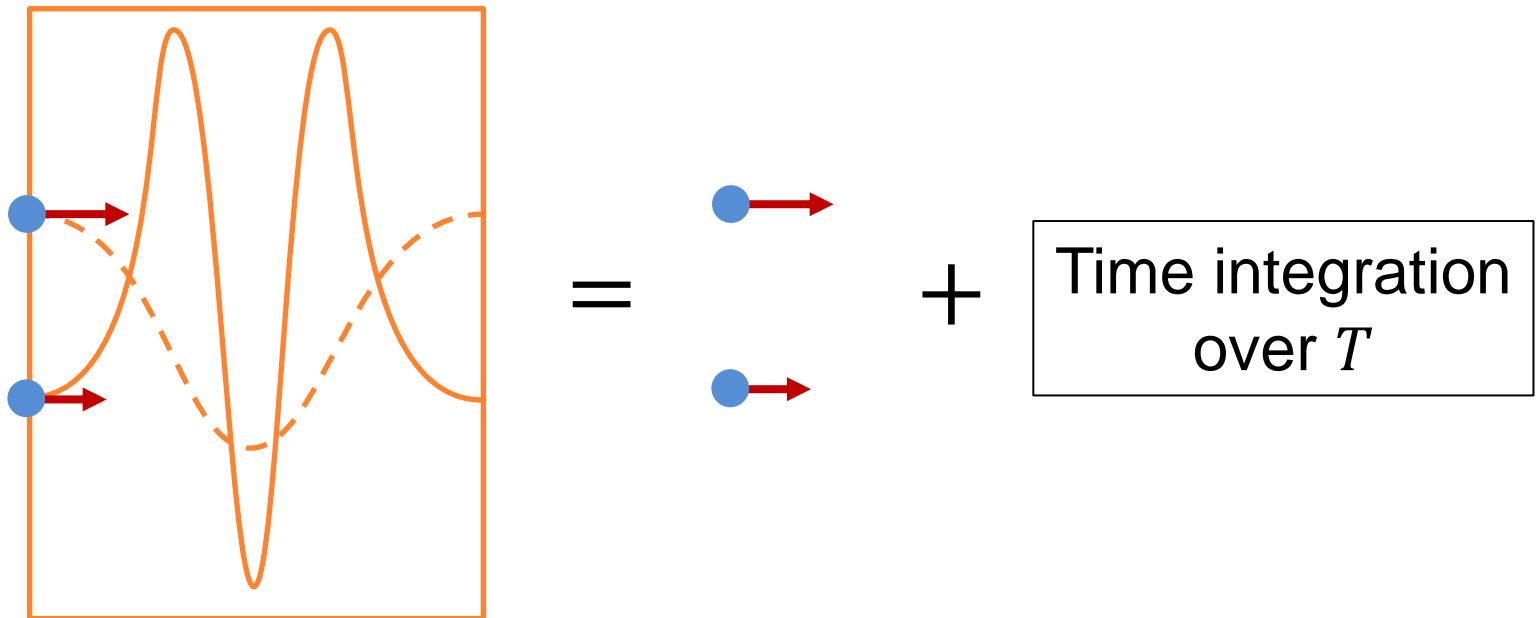
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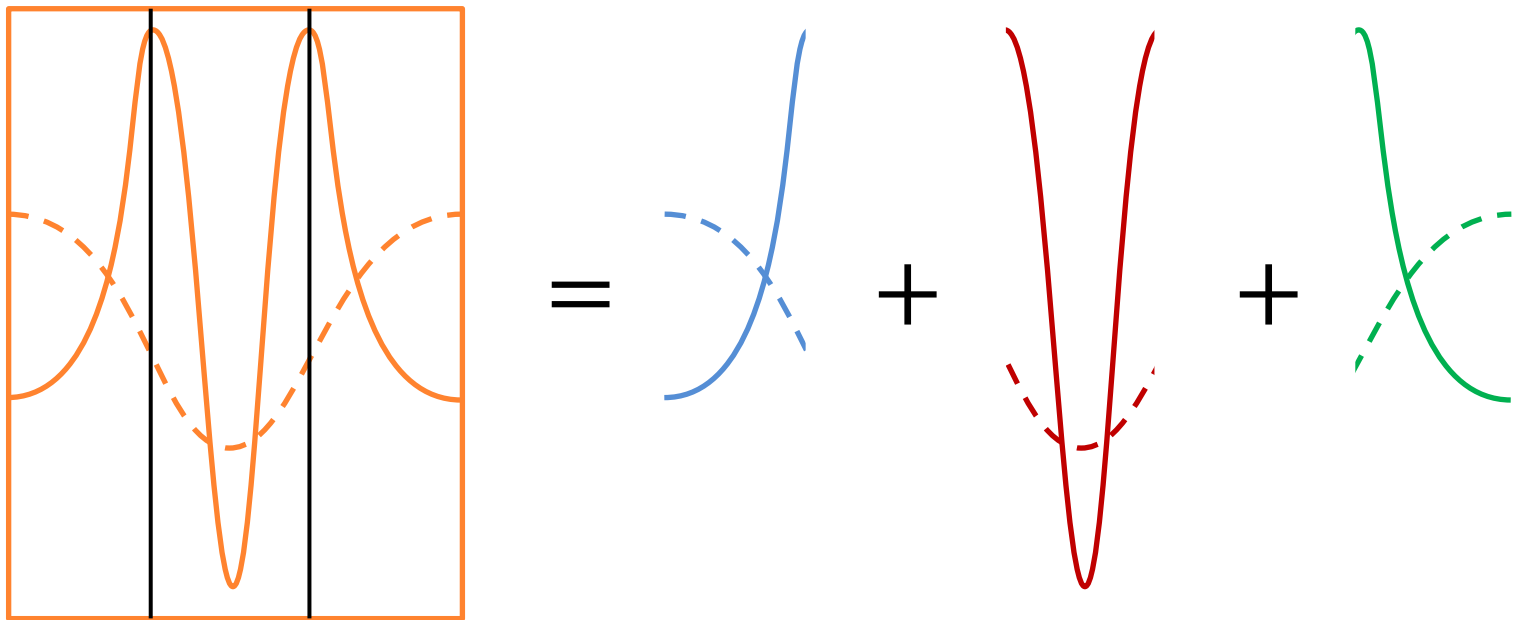
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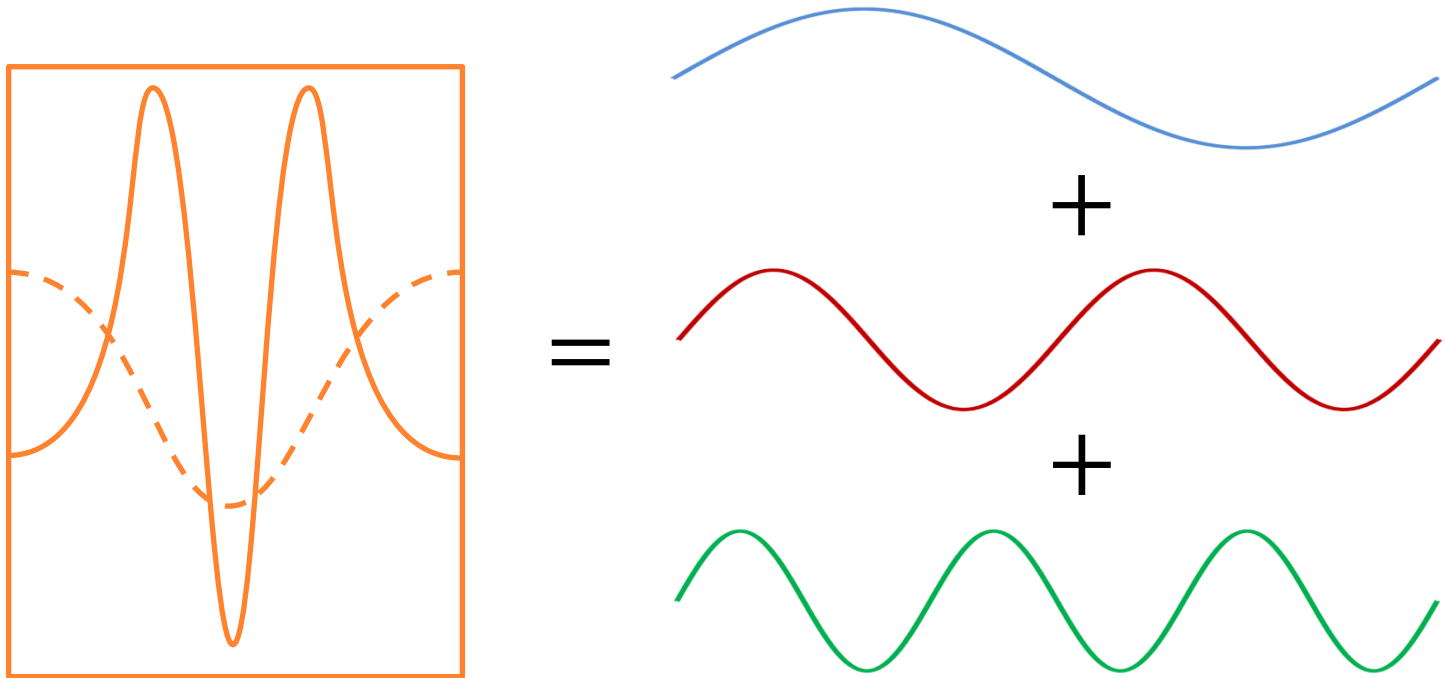
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# Mathematical Representation of a Periodic Solution

There are at least 3 approaches to describe a periodic solution.

► Fourier series and the period  $T$ .



# Computation of a Periodic Solution

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Computing the periodic solution of a nonlinear system means searching for a solution  $\mathbf{x}$  that satisfies

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, t)$$

with a periodicity condition

$$\mathbf{x}(t + T) = \mathbf{x}(t)$$

This represents a **boundary-value problem (BVP)**.



# Computation of a Periodic Solution

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There are three approaches to solve this BVP.

▶ Based on initial conditions  $[\mathbf{x}_0 \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0]^T$ .

Shooting technique

▶ Based on piecewise polynomial functions.

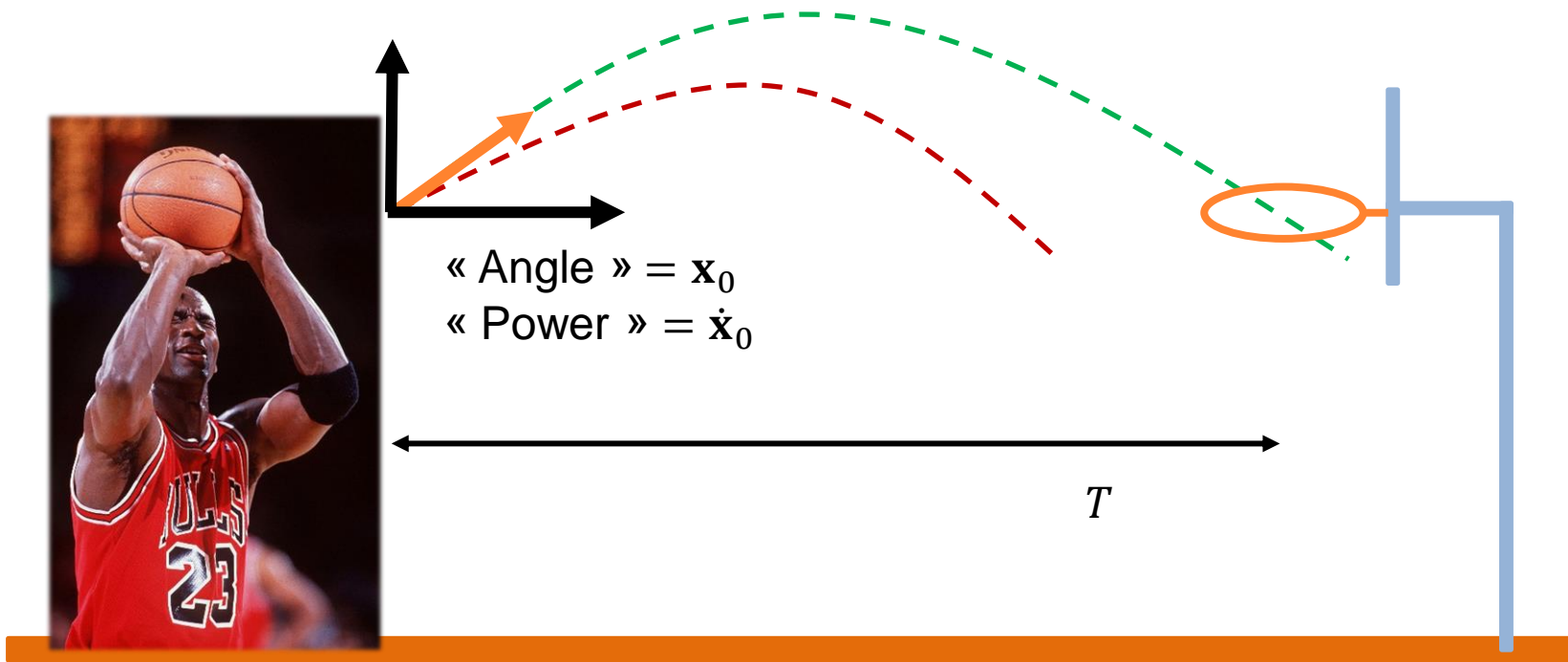
Orthogonal collocation (not discussed here)

▶ Based on Fourier series.

Harmonic balance method

# Shooting Technique

Optimization of the initial state of a system  $[\mathbf{x}_0 \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0]^T$  to obtain a periodic solution after time integration over a period  $T$ .



# Shooting Technique

The equations of motion are first recast in **state-space** form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{g}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{g}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, t)$$

with

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_n \\ -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} & -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{nl}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{g}_{\text{ext}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, t) \end{bmatrix}$$

The state of this system at time  $t$  and given initial condition  $\mathbf{y}_0$  is denoted as  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(t; \mathbf{y}_0)$ .

# Shooting Technique

An initial state  $\mathbf{y}_{0,p}$  leads to a periodic solution if

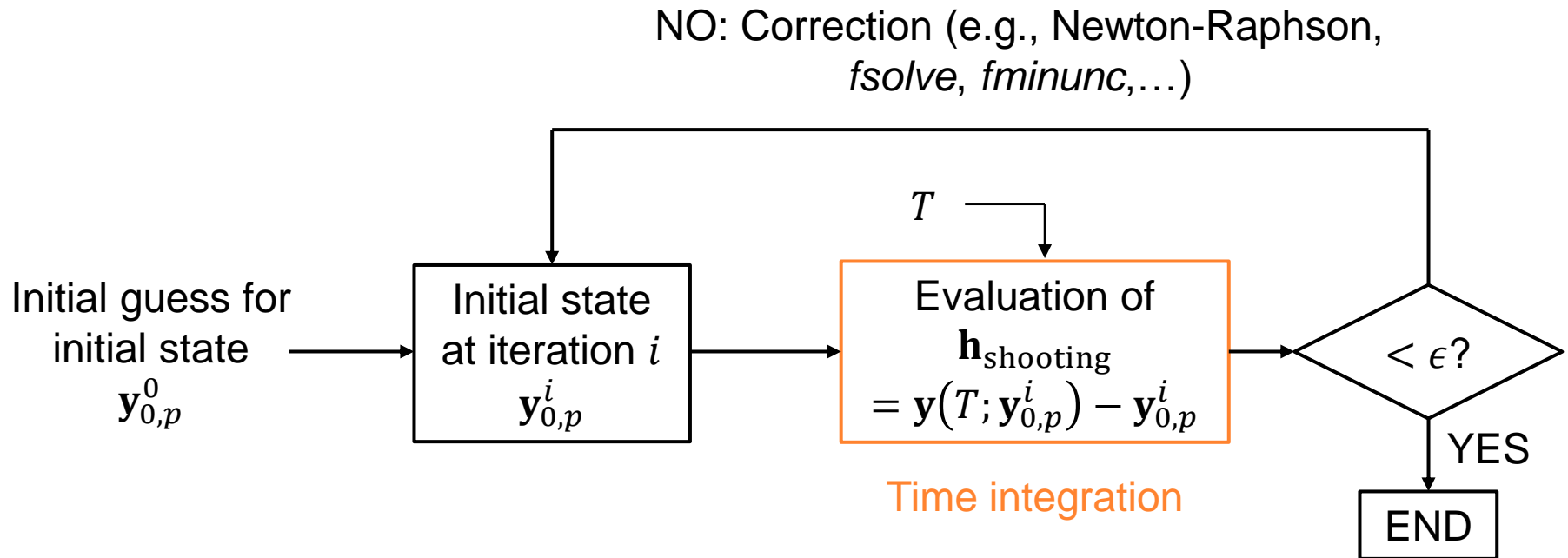
$$\mathbf{h}_{\text{shooting}} \equiv \mathbf{y}(T; \mathbf{y}_{0,p}) - \mathbf{y}_{0,p} = \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\mathbf{y}(T; \mathbf{y}_{0,p})$  is computed from time integration of the EOMs.

The shooting technique consists in computing  $\mathbf{y}_{0,p}$  that satisfies  $\mathbf{h}_{\text{shooting}} = \mathbf{0}$  for  $T$  known a priori (NFRC) or not (NNM).

In the case of a harmonic excitation with frequency  $\omega$ ,  $T = 2\pi/\omega$ .

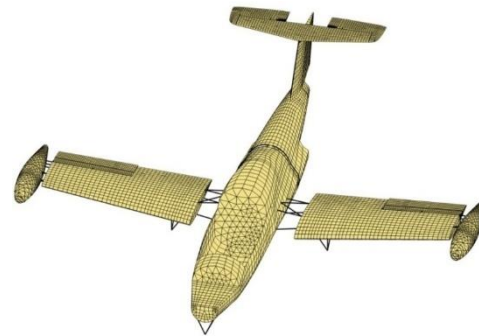
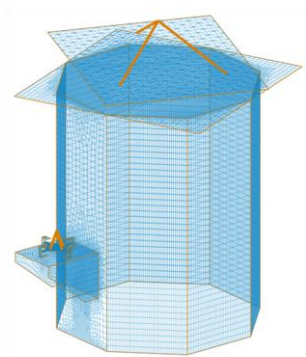
# Shooting Technique Scheme (for NFRCs)



# Periodic Solutions of Large Structures

The shooting technique is efficient and accurate for small nonlinear systems (1-30 DOFs).

For **larger systems** however, demand in CPU time (multiple time integrations) and memory space can be problematic.



For such cases, one usually relies on the **harmonic balance method**.

# Fourier Series Approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \omega, t) \\ &= \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, t) - \mathbf{f}_{\text{nl}}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \omega, t)$  gathers both nonlinear and external forces.

The harmonic balance (HB) method consists in approximating the displacements  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  with **Fourier series** truncated to the order  $N_H$ .

# Fourier Series Approximation

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \omega, t)$$

► 
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{c}_0^{\mathbf{x}}}{\sqrt{2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_H} (\mathbf{s}_k^{\mathbf{x}} \sin(k\omega t) + \mathbf{c}_k^{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k\omega t))$$

The new unknowns are the Fourier coefficients  $\mathbf{z}$ , with

$$\mathbf{z} = \left[ \mathbf{c}_0^{\mathbf{x}T} \quad \mathbf{s}_1^{\mathbf{x}T} \quad \mathbf{c}_1^{\mathbf{x}T} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_{N_H}^{\mathbf{x}T} \quad \mathbf{c}_{N_H}^{\mathbf{x}T} \right]^T$$

$$n_Z = n(2N_H + 1) \text{ unknowns}$$



# Fourier Series Approximation

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The Fourier coefficients of  $\mathbf{f}$  are denoted by  $\mathbf{b}$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= \left[ \mathbf{c}_0^{\mathbf{f}T} \quad \mathbf{s}_1^{\mathbf{f}T} \quad \mathbf{c}_1^{\mathbf{f}T} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_{N_H}^{\mathbf{f}T} \quad \mathbf{c}_{N_H}^{\mathbf{f}T} \right]^T \\ &= \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) \text{ since } \mathbf{f} \text{ depends on } \mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

# Fourier Series Approximation

Displacements and forces can be recast into a more compact form

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (\mathbf{Q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{z}$$

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = (\mathbf{Q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{b}$$

where  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker tensor product,  $\mathbf{I}_n$  represents the identity matrix and where  $\mathbf{Q}(t)$  is the orthogonal trigonometric basis:

$$\mathbf{Q}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sin(\omega t) & \cos(\omega t) & \dots & \sin(N_H \omega t) & \cos(N_H \omega t) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Fourier Series Approximation

With this formulation, velocities can also be defined using Fourier series:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (\dot{\mathbf{Q}}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{z} = ((\mathbf{Q}(t) \nabla) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{z}$$

where

$$\nabla = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \nabla_k & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \nabla_{N_H} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k\omega \\ k\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Fourier Series Approximation

With this formulation, accelerations can also be defined using Fourier series:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{z} = ((\mathbf{Q}(t) \nabla^2) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{z}$$

where

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \nabla = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \nabla_k^2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \nabla_{N_H}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla_k^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -(k\omega)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -(k\omega)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Equations of Motion in the Frequency Domain

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \omega, t)$$

Fourier series  
approximation



$$\mathbf{M}((\mathbf{Q}(t)\nabla^2) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n)\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{C}((\mathbf{Q}(t)\nabla) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n)\mathbf{z} \\ + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{Q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n)\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{Q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{I}_n)\mathbf{b}$$

This expression can be further simplified using:

- Galerkin procedure (to remove time dependency).
- Kronecker product properties.

# Equations of Motion in the Frequency Domain

In a more compact form:

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega) \equiv \mathbf{A}(\omega)\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  describes the linear dynamics

$$\mathbf{A} = \nabla^2 \otimes \mathbf{M} + \nabla \otimes \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{I}_{2N_H+1} \otimes \mathbf{K}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{M} & -\omega \mathbf{C} & & & \\ & \omega \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{M} & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \mathbf{K} - (N_H \omega)^2 \mathbf{M} & -N_H \omega \mathbf{C} \\ & & & & N_H \omega \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{K} - (N_H \omega)^2 \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

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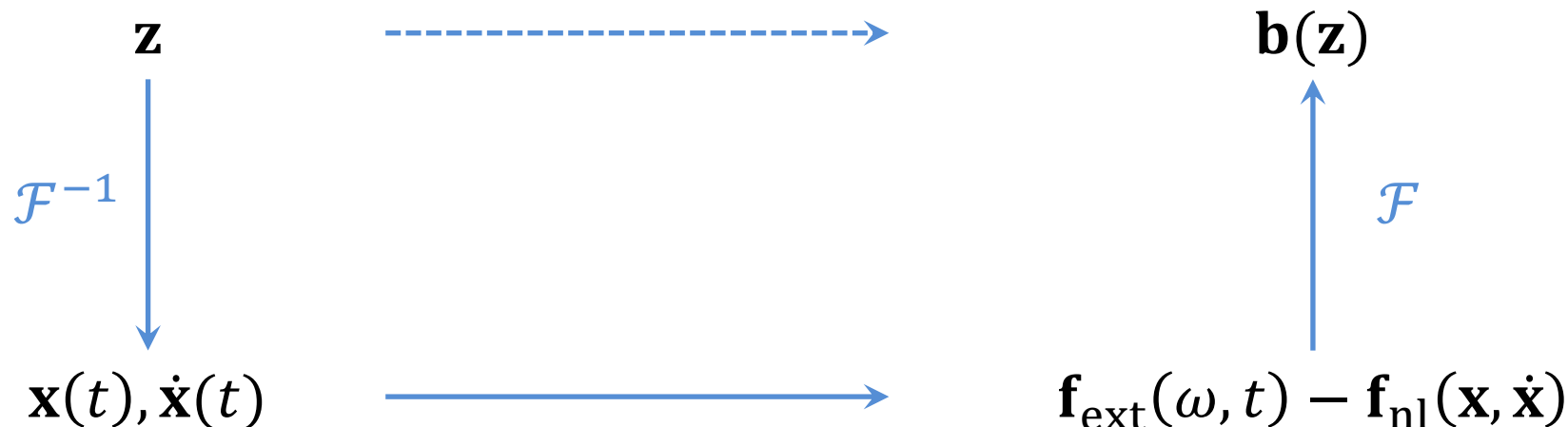
where  $\mathbf{b}$  is the Fourier coefficients vector of nonlinear and external forces

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# Equations of Motion in the Frequency Domain

$\mathbf{b}$  can be computed, e.g., with an alternating frequency-time scheme, since the evaluation of the nonlinear forces in the time domain is straightforward.





# Equations of Motion in the Frequency Domain

In a more compact form:

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If for a given forcing frequency  $\omega$ , one finds a vector  $\mathbf{z}^*$  such that

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}^*, \omega) = \mathbf{0}$$

Then the time series  $\mathbf{x}^*(t)$  reconstructed from  $\mathbf{z}^*$

- ▶ verify the EOMs of the system.
- ▶ are periodic.

# Equations of Motion in the Frequency Domain

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega) \equiv \mathbf{A}(\omega)\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega) = 0$  is a **nonlinear algebraic equation** (easier to solve than time integrations as in **shooting technique**).
- ▶  $\mathbf{z}$  are the Fourier coefficients of the displacements and the new unknowns of the problem (usually less than for **orthogonal collocation**).
- ▶ For NFRCs,  $\omega$  is the forcing frequency and is a system parameter.

# Harmonic Balance Parameters

Harmonic Balance parameters

Number of harmonics: 5

Number of points: 512

Compute stability     Reordering

Linear mode:

Amplitude of 1st guess: 0.001 m

Maximum number of iterations: 15

Relative precision: 1e-06

Scaling factor for displacements: 5e-06

Scaling factor for time: 3000

Apply    Cancel

Number of harmonics  $N_H$  retained in the Fourier series.

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Number of time samples  $N$  in the Fourier transform.

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Stability parameters (see next lectures)

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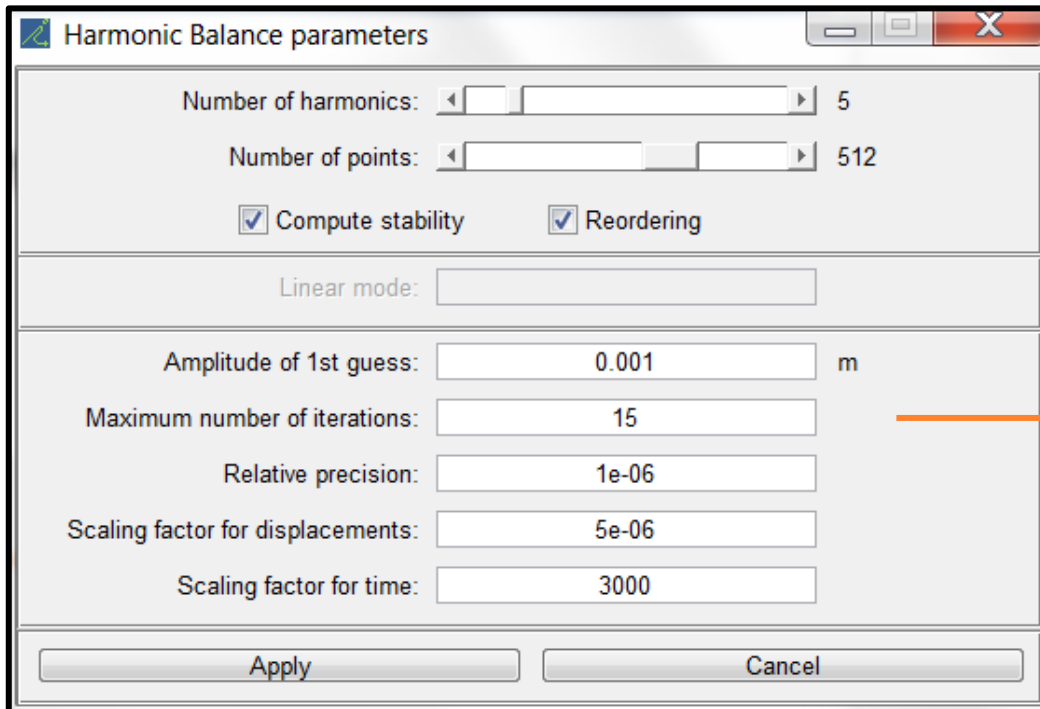
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Amplitude of the sine series used as initial guess for all DOFs.

# Harmonic Balance Parameters

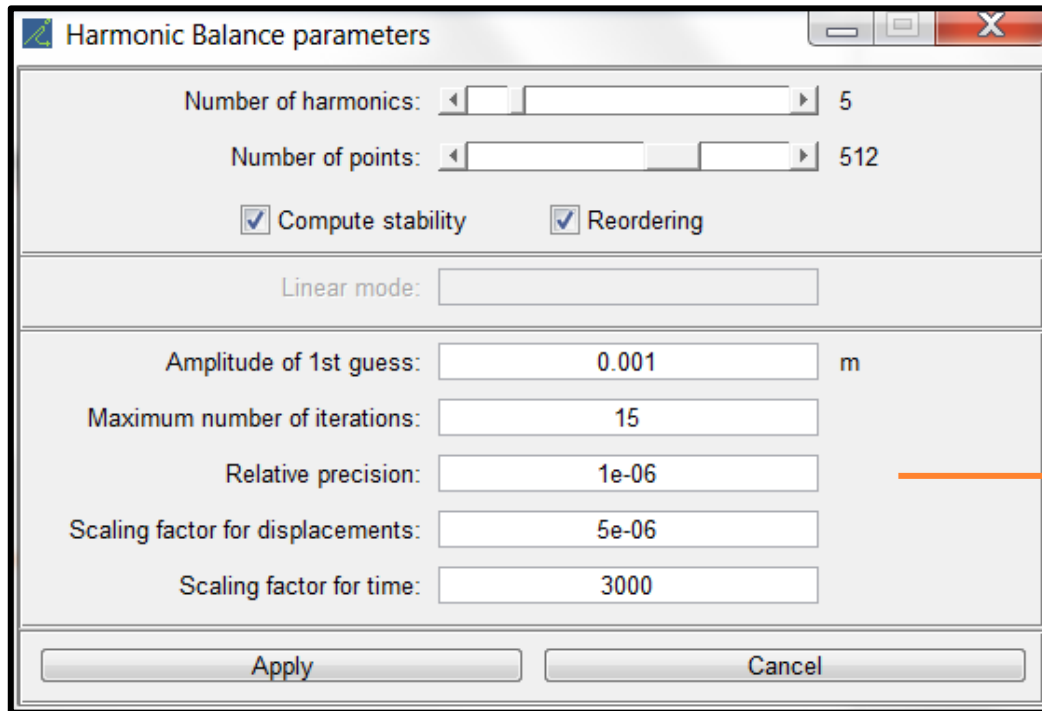


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Parameter	Value
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The Newton-Raphson procedure fails if this number of iterations is exceeded.

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The Newton-Raphson procedure stops if the relative error is smaller than this precision.



# Harmonic Balance Parameters

Harmonic Balance parameters

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Compute stability  Reordering

Linear mode:

Amplitude of 1st guess: 0.001 m

Maximum number of iterations: 15

Relative precision: 1e-06

Scaling factor for displacements: 5e-06

Scaling factor for time: 3000

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Because the frequency (e.g., 30Hz = 188rad/s) and the amplitude (e.g., 0.001m) have different orders of magnitude, time and displacements have to be rescaled to avoid ill conditioning.

# Harmonic Balance Method: In Summary

## PROS

Efficient

Harmonic coefficients  
available

Filtering

## CONS

Less accurate

Many harmonics are  
sometimes required

Adaptations of the method improve its performance (chain rule, ...) – not discussed here.

# Computation of Periodic Solutions: In Summary

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Periodic solutions of nonlinear structures can be computed with **time-domain** (shooting, orthogonal collocation) or **frequency-domain** method (harmonic balance).

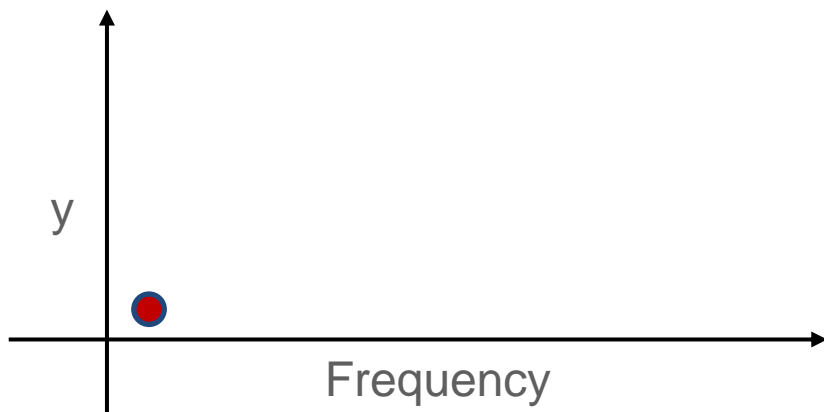
The differences between these methods lie in their **accuracy** and **execution time**.

Without adaptation, however, the harmonic balance:

- Fails at computing periodic responses in severe nonlinear regimes (**need for continuation procedure**).
- Does not indicate if the solutions can be observed experimentally or not (**need for a stability analysis**).

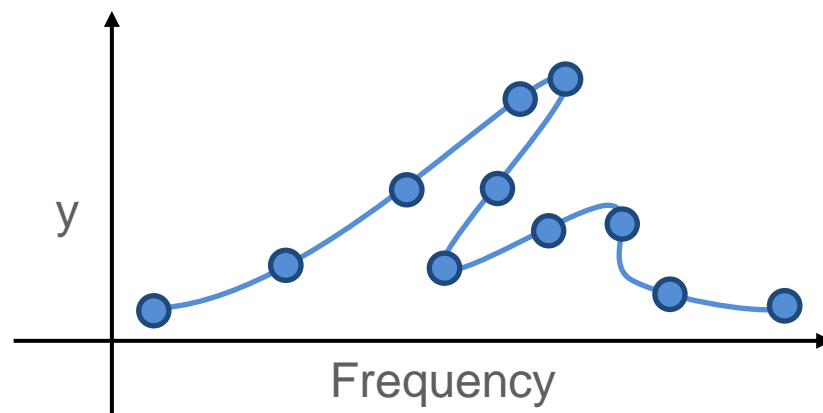
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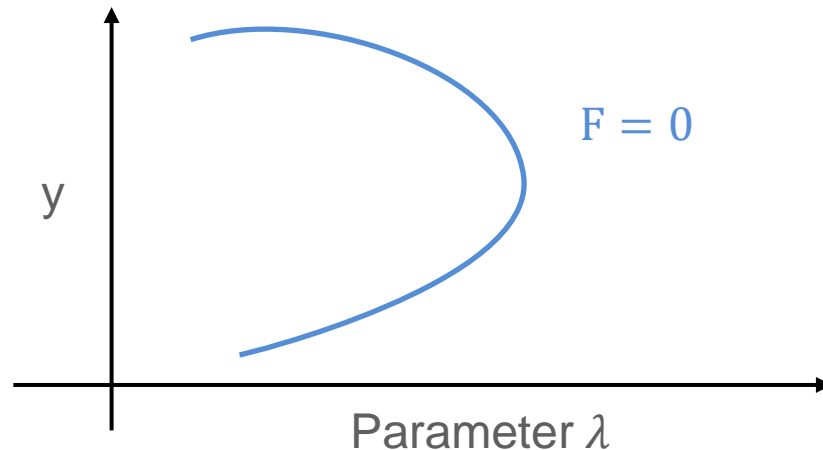
Numerical methods to go from  
**single periodic solutions...**

... to a  
branch of periodic solutions



# Mathematical Definition of a Branch of Periodic Solutions

Let us consider a function  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . A **branch** is a set of solutions  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  are the state variables and  $\lambda$  is a system parameter.



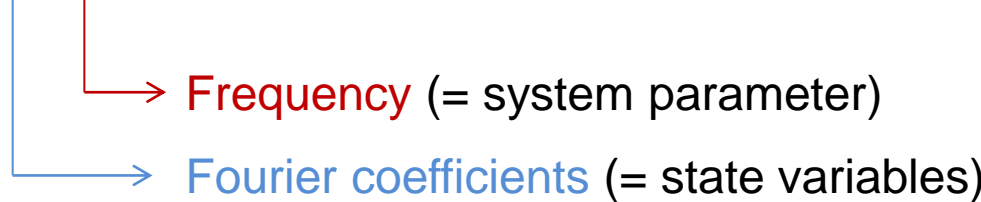
The branch can be represented in a 2D plane through the evolution of a representative variable  $y = y(\mathbf{x})$  w.r.t.  $\lambda$ .

(For a more formal definition, see the implicit function theorem.)

# Types of Branch

In this course, the branch is composed by solutions of the harmonic balance equation for a nonlinear system:

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega): \mathbb{R}^{n_z+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$$



Frequency (= system parameter)

Fourier coefficients (= state variables)

## ▶ Nonlinear Frequency Response Curves

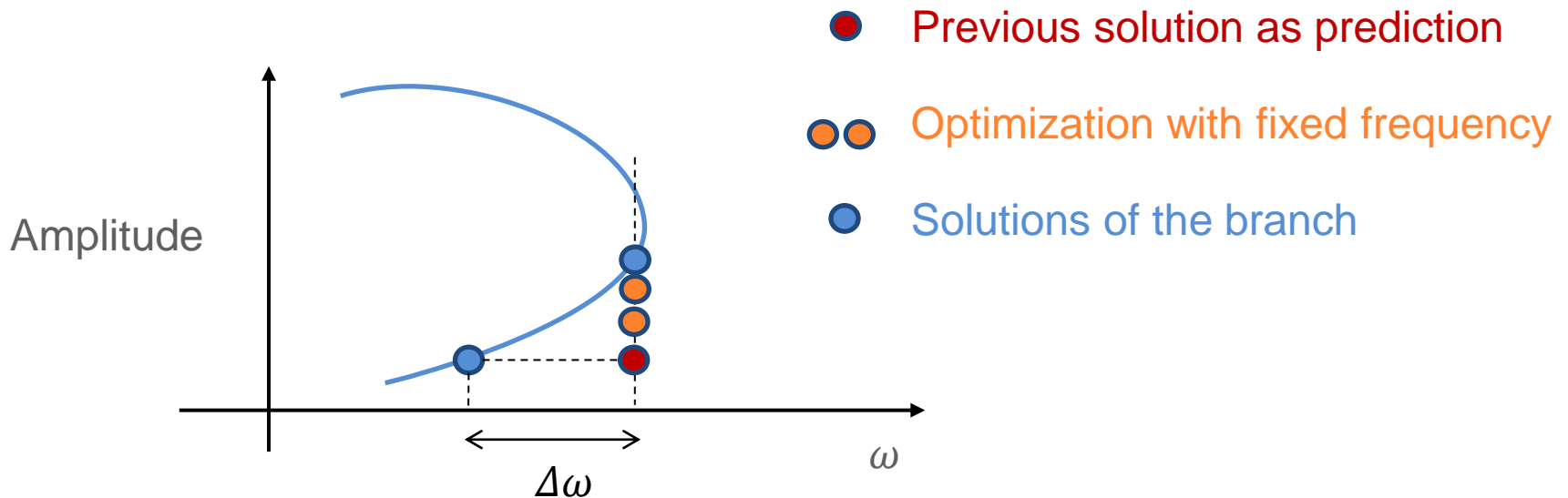
Forced and damped system

## ▶ Nonlinear Normal Modes

Unforced and undamped system

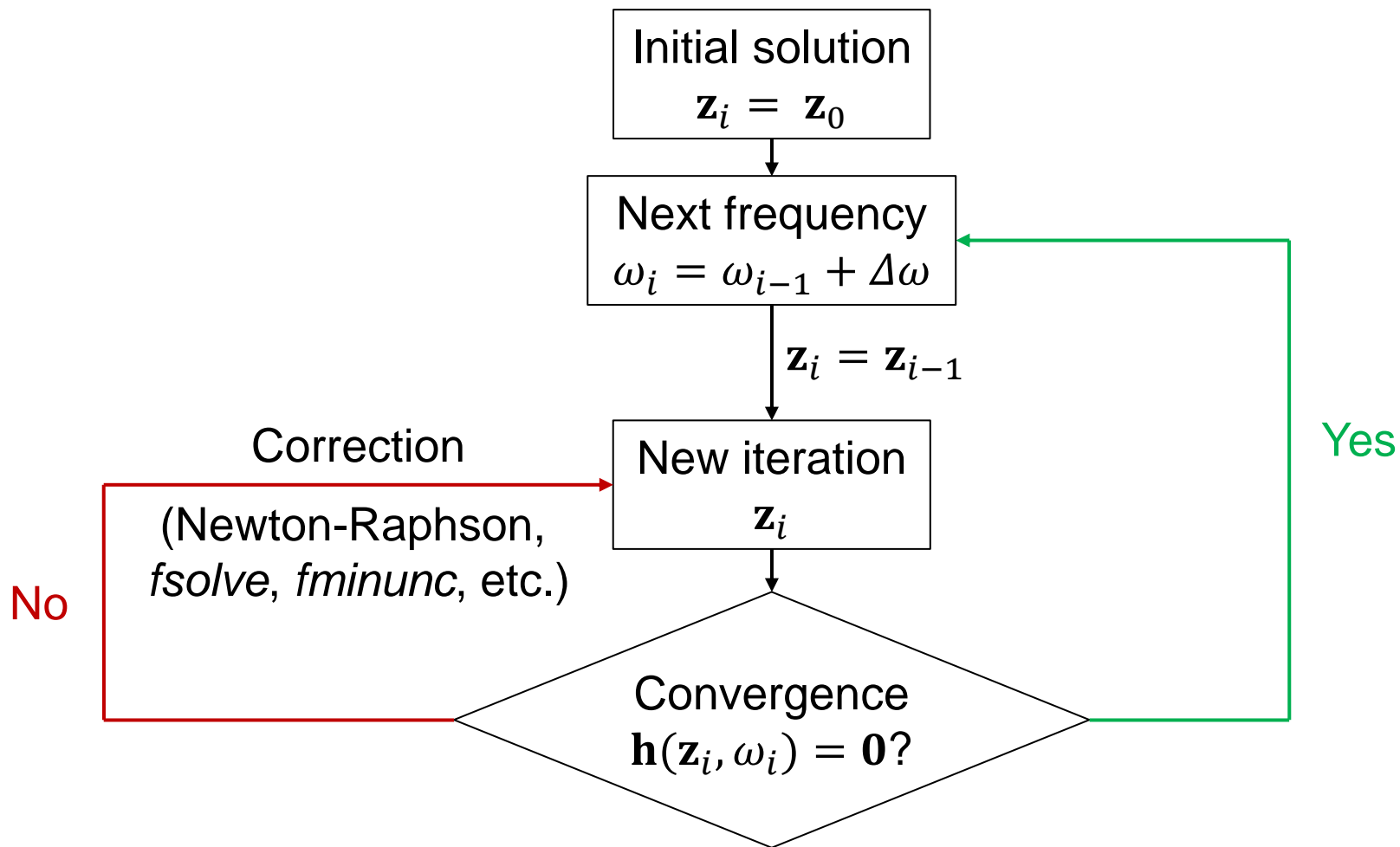
# Sequential Continuation – A Straightforward Approach

Increase the period and use the previously computed periodic solution as an initial guess for the next computation.



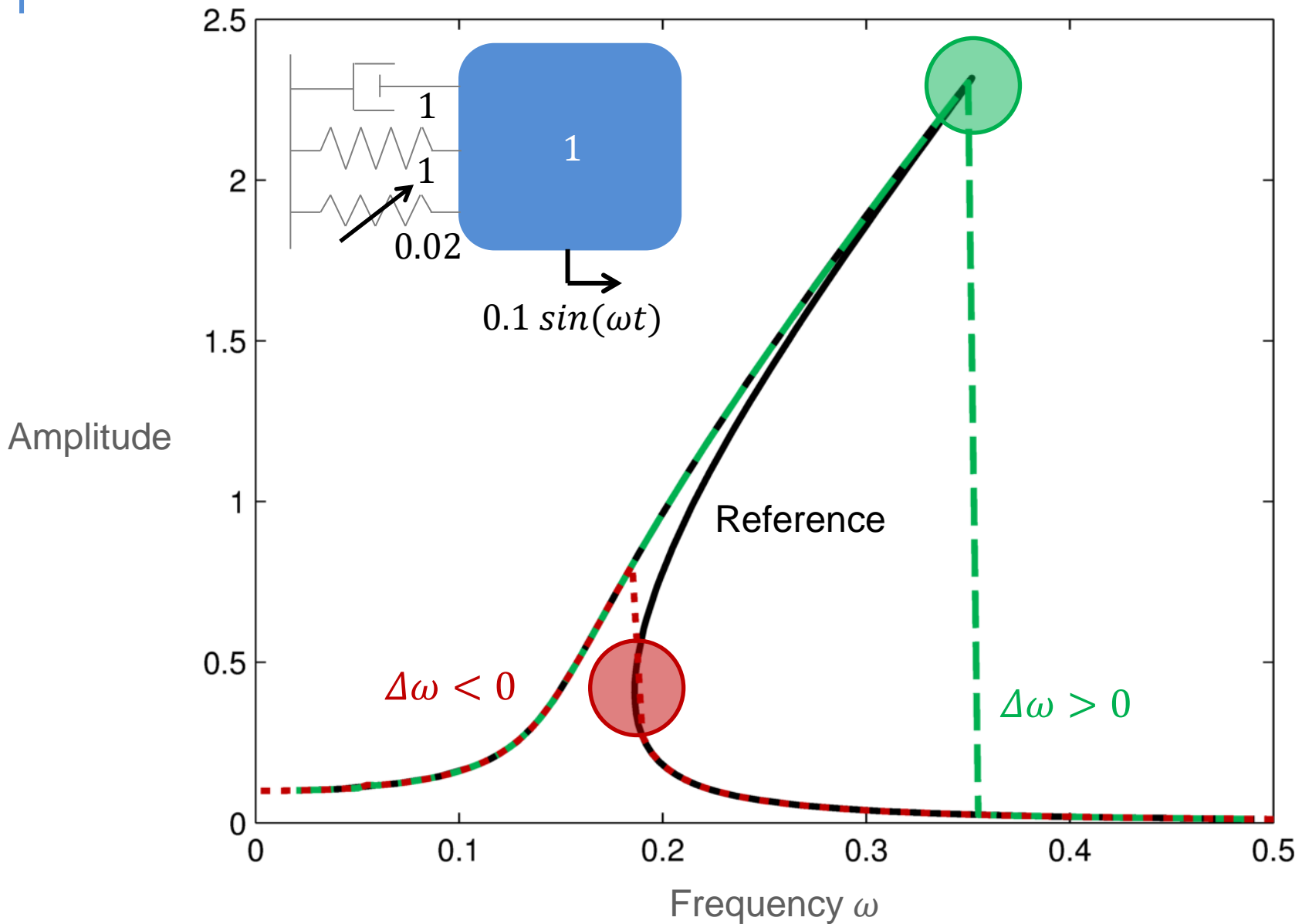


# Sequential Continuation – Scheme



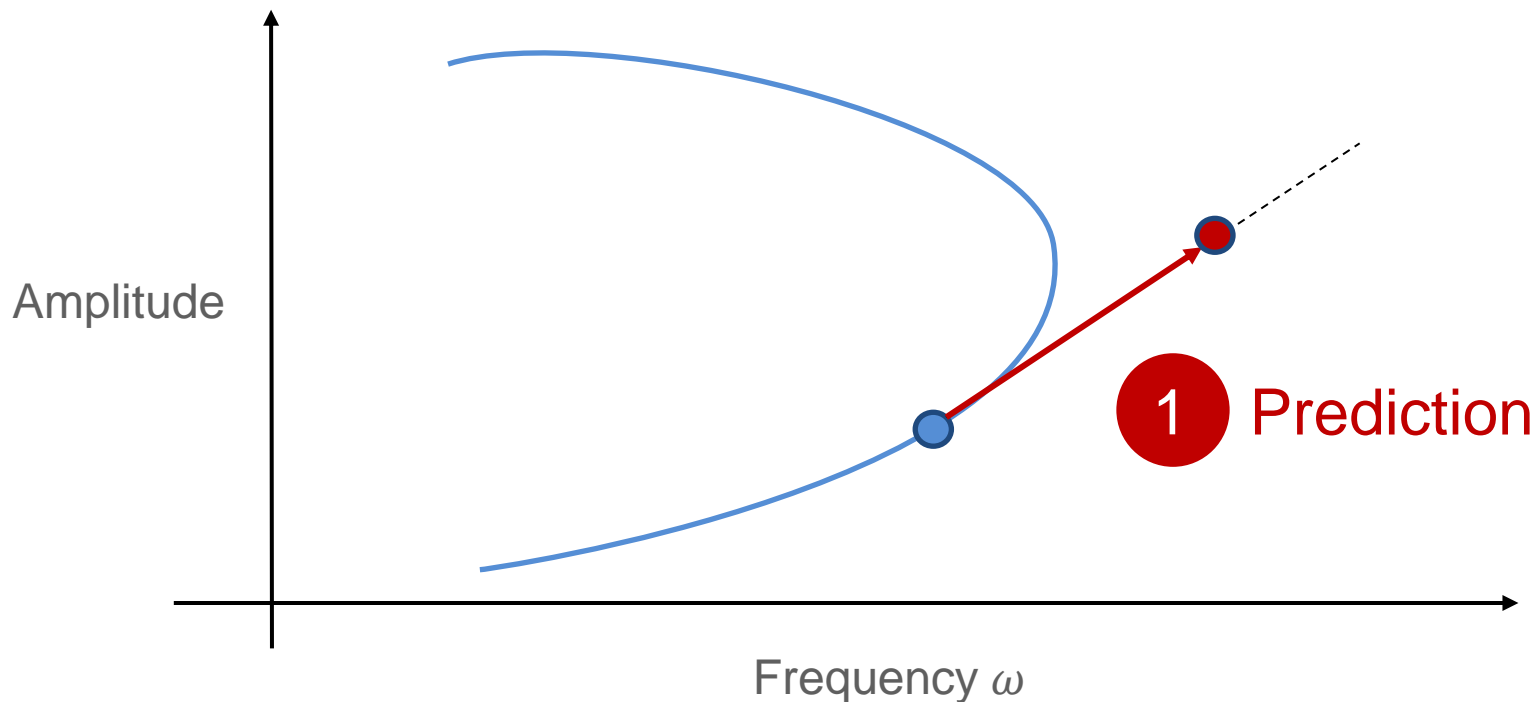
If HB method is already implemented, sequential continuation is programmed in a few lines.

# Sequential Continuation Fails at Turning Points



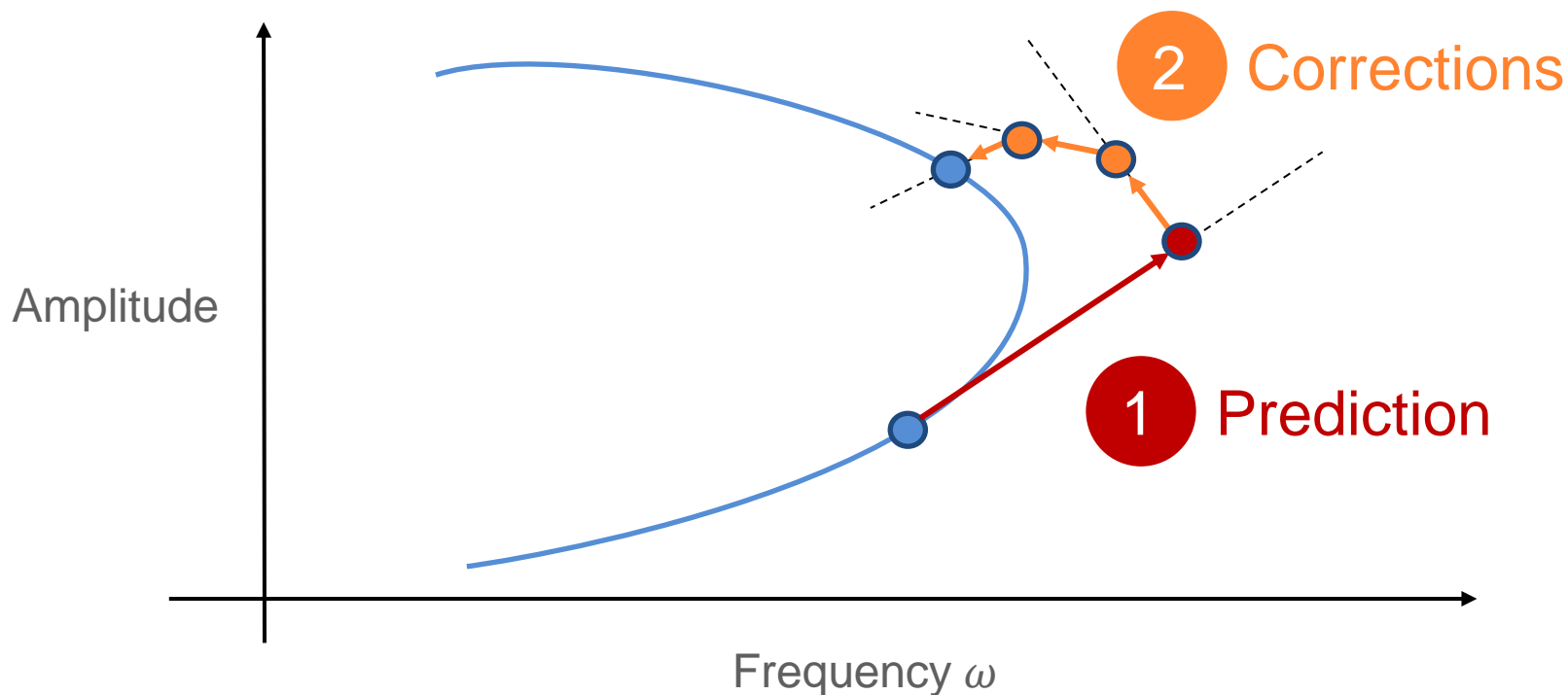
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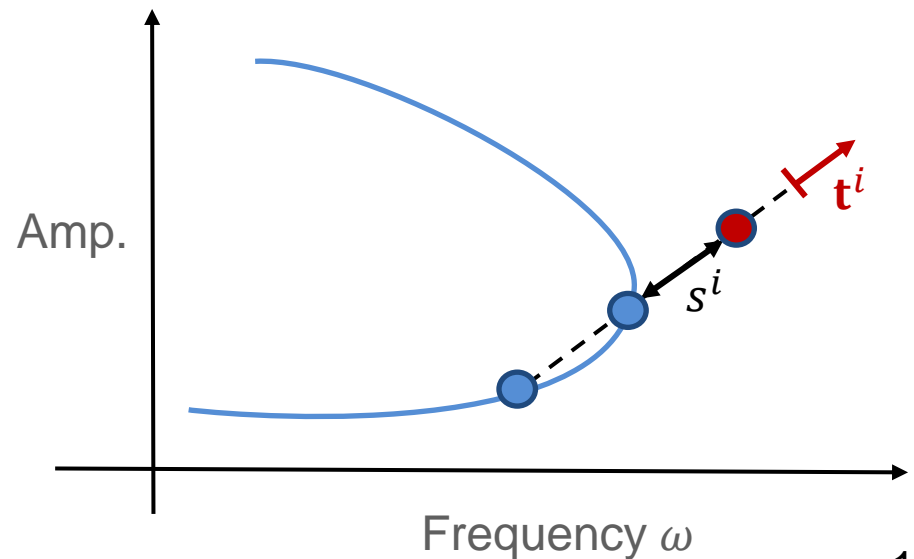
$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{pred}}^i = \mathbf{X}^{i-1} + s^i \mathbf{t}^i$$

→ Unit vector  
→ Stepsize

where  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{z} \quad \omega]^T$  denotes the unknown vector.

► Secant predictor

$$\mathbf{t}^i = \frac{\mathbf{X}^{i-1} - \mathbf{X}^{i-2}}{\|\mathbf{X}^{i-1} - \mathbf{X}^{i-2}\|}$$



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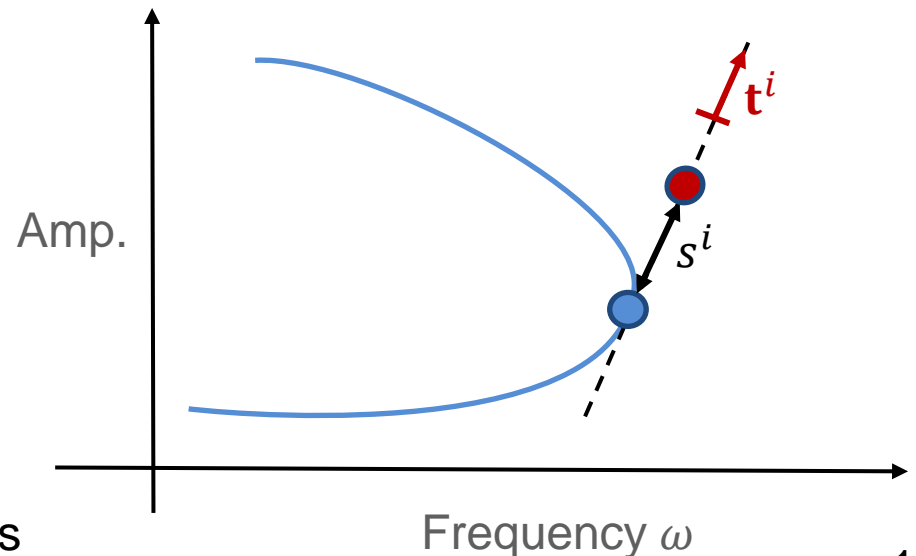
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## ► Tangent predictor

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_z & \mathbf{h}_\omega \\ \mathbf{t}^{i-1 T} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}^i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Imposed orientation

More accurate but requires the computation of the Jacobian matrices



# Corrector Step

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We are looking for a solution of  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega) = \mathbf{0}$ , with

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}, \omega): \mathbb{R}^{n_z+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$$

Two possibilities:

▶ Fix the parameter  $\omega$  and only optimize  $\mathbf{z}$ .

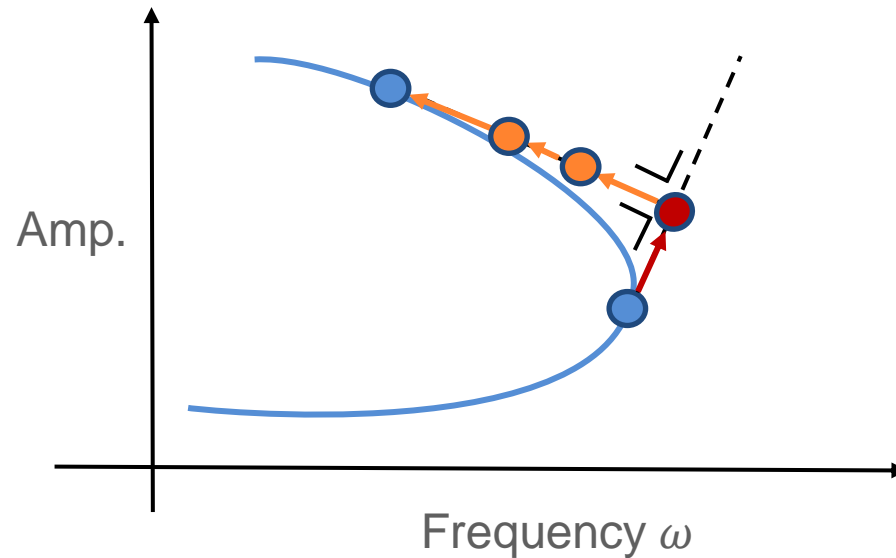
Cf. sequential continuation

▶ Add another equation to the system.

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$i$  = continuation iteration  
 $(j)$  = corrector iteration

with

→ Taylor series expansion

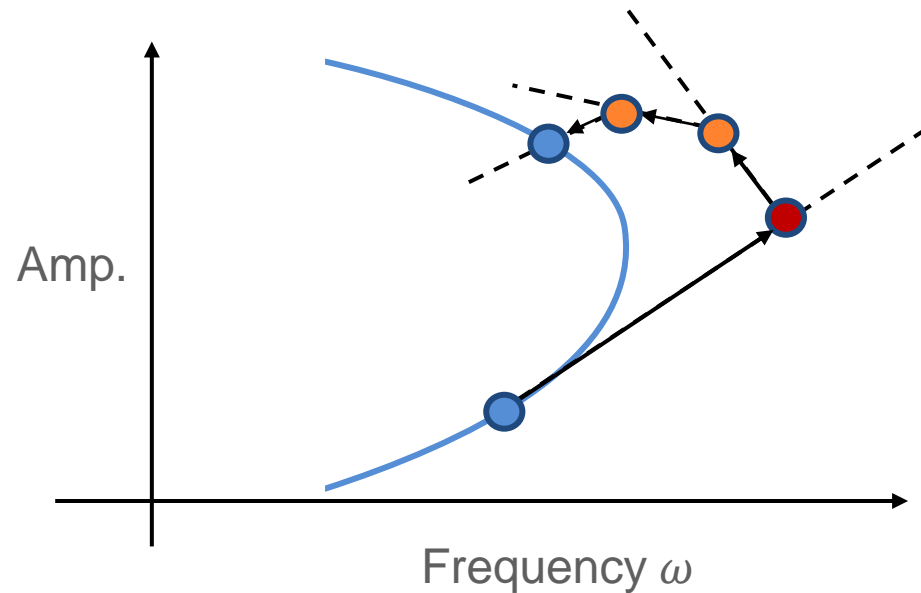
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z}_{(j)}^i, \omega_{(j)}) & \mathbf{h}_{\omega}(\mathbf{z}_{(j)}^i, \omega_{(j)}) \\ \mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{z}}^{iT} & \mathbf{t}_{\omega}^i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{z}_{(j)} \\ \Delta\omega_{(j)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}_{(j)}^i, \omega_{(j)}) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Orthogonality condition

# Other Correctors

Other corrector definitions can also be used.

With the **Moore-Penrose** scheme for instance, the correction direction is updated at each corrector step.

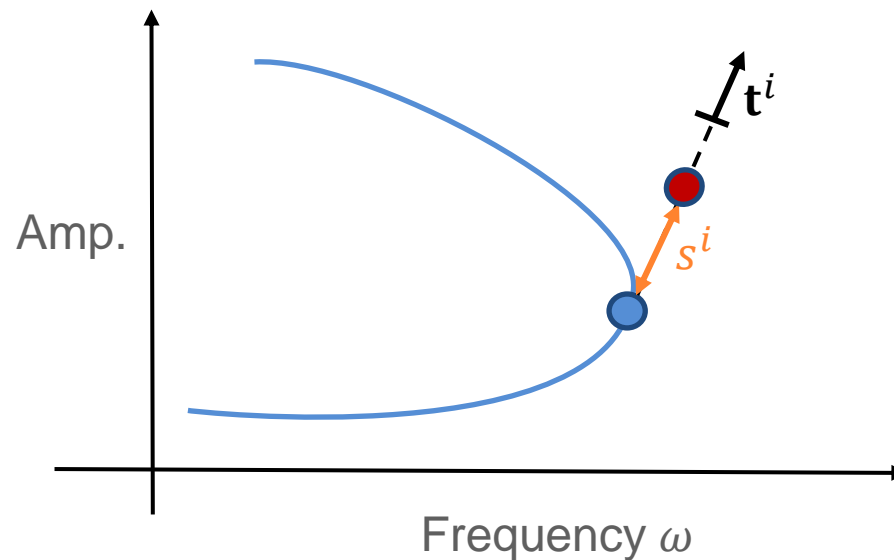


# Influence of the Stepsize

Stepsize is a key parameter for the continuation procedure.

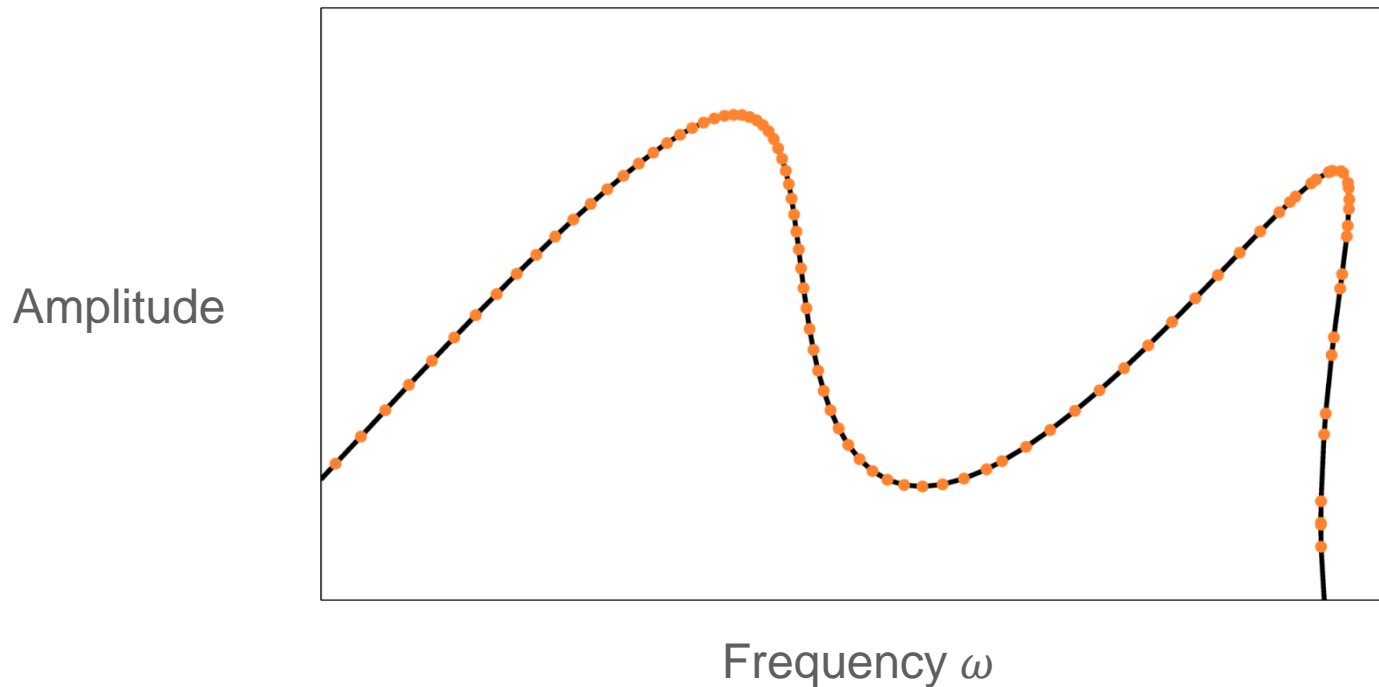
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# Small Stepsize

- ✓ Small number of corrections
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- ✗ Slow continuation procedure



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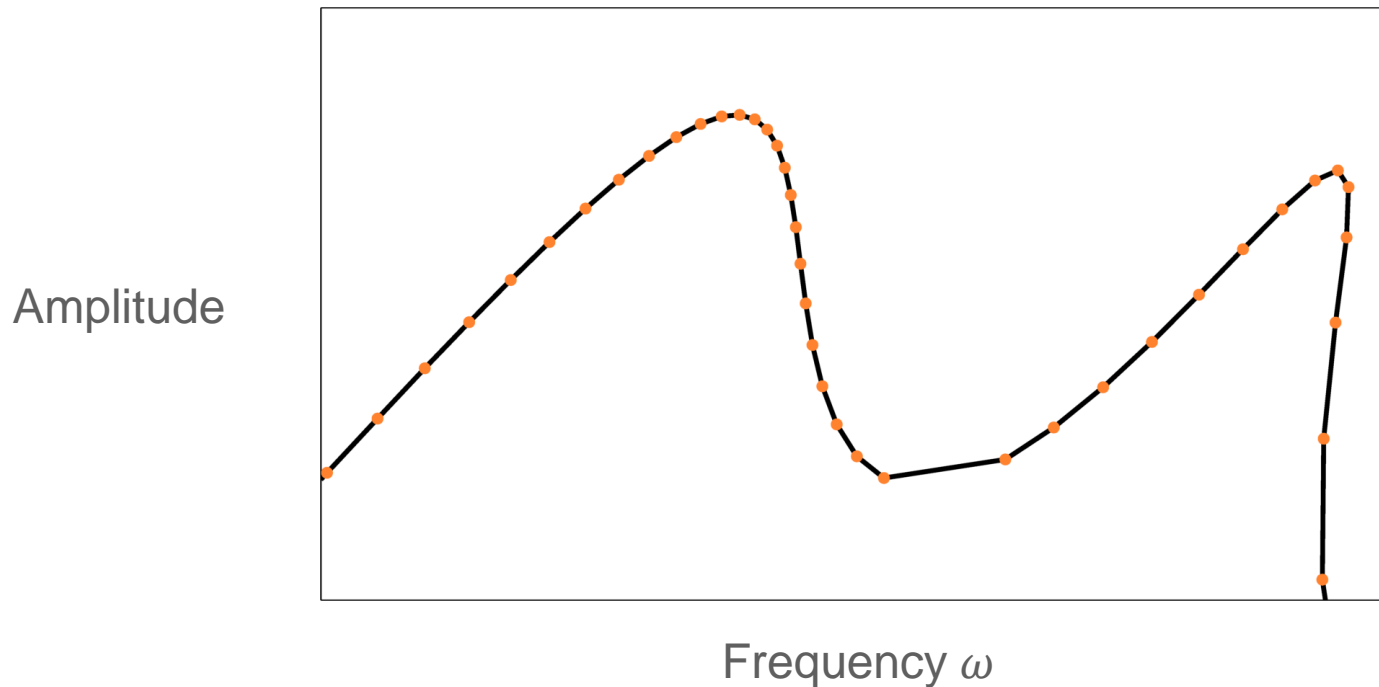
Fast continuation procedure



Large number of corrections



Poor resolution for the branch



# Stepsize Strategy

▶ Fixed stepsize

$$s^i = \text{constant}$$

▶ Adaptative stepsize

$$s^i = \frac{M^*}{M} s^{i-1}$$

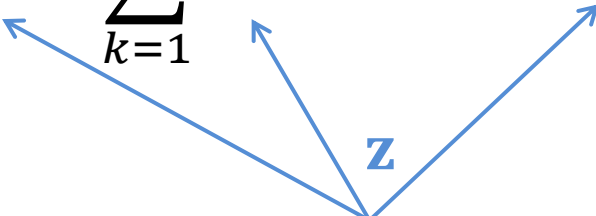
where  $M$  is the iteration number for the current correction, and  $M^*$  is the optimal iteration number.

# Influence of Harmonic Balance Parameters

With the harmonic balance method, the displacements are approximated with Fourier series.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{c}_0^{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_H} (\mathbf{s}_k^{\mathbf{x}} \sin(k\omega t) + \mathbf{c}_k^{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k\omega t))$$

Number of harmonics



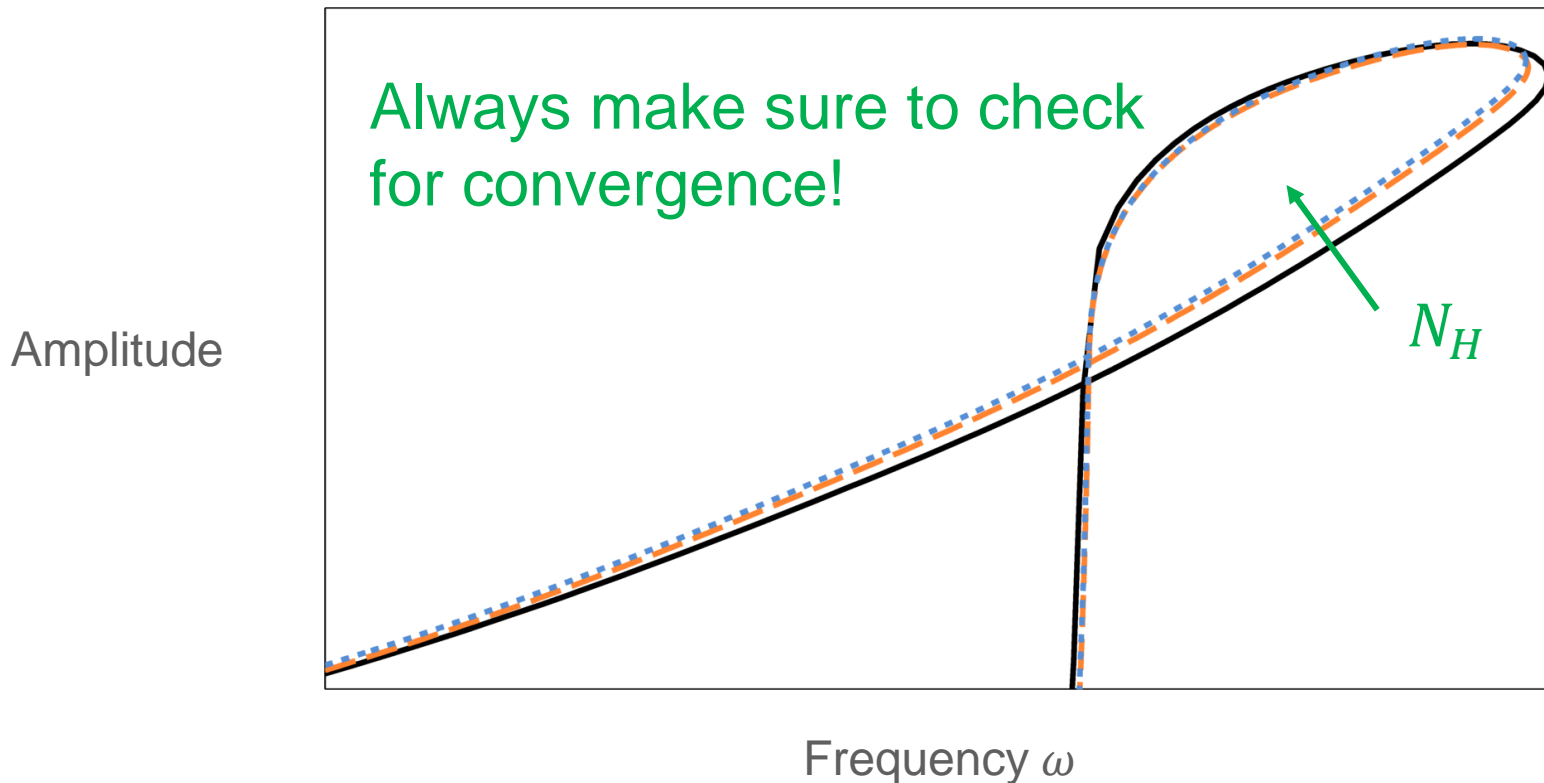
Fourier coefficients  $\mathbf{z}$  are computed with the discrete Fourier transform:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^+ (\mathbf{N}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

Number of time samples (power of 2)

# Influence of the Number of Harmonics $N_H$

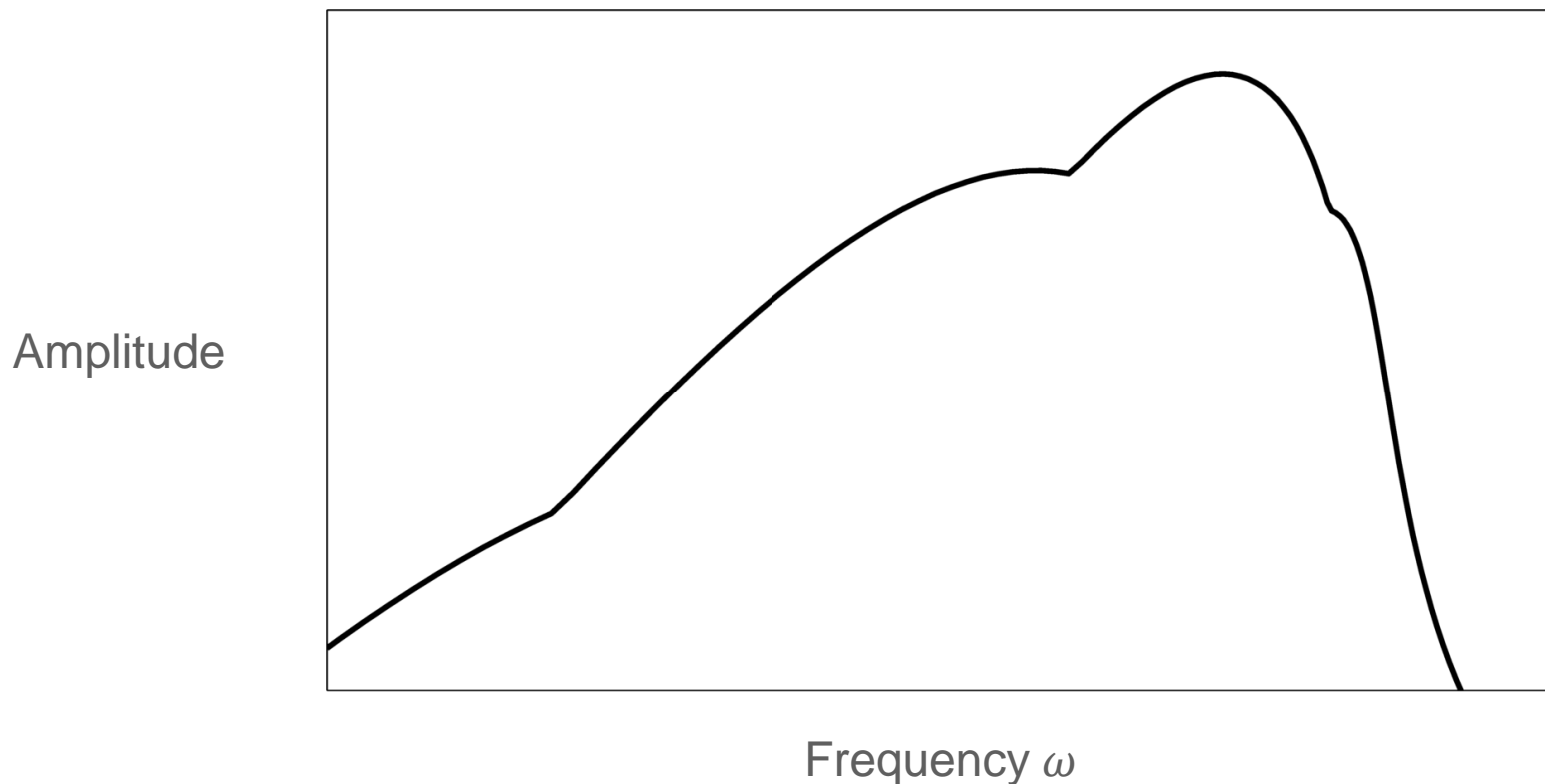
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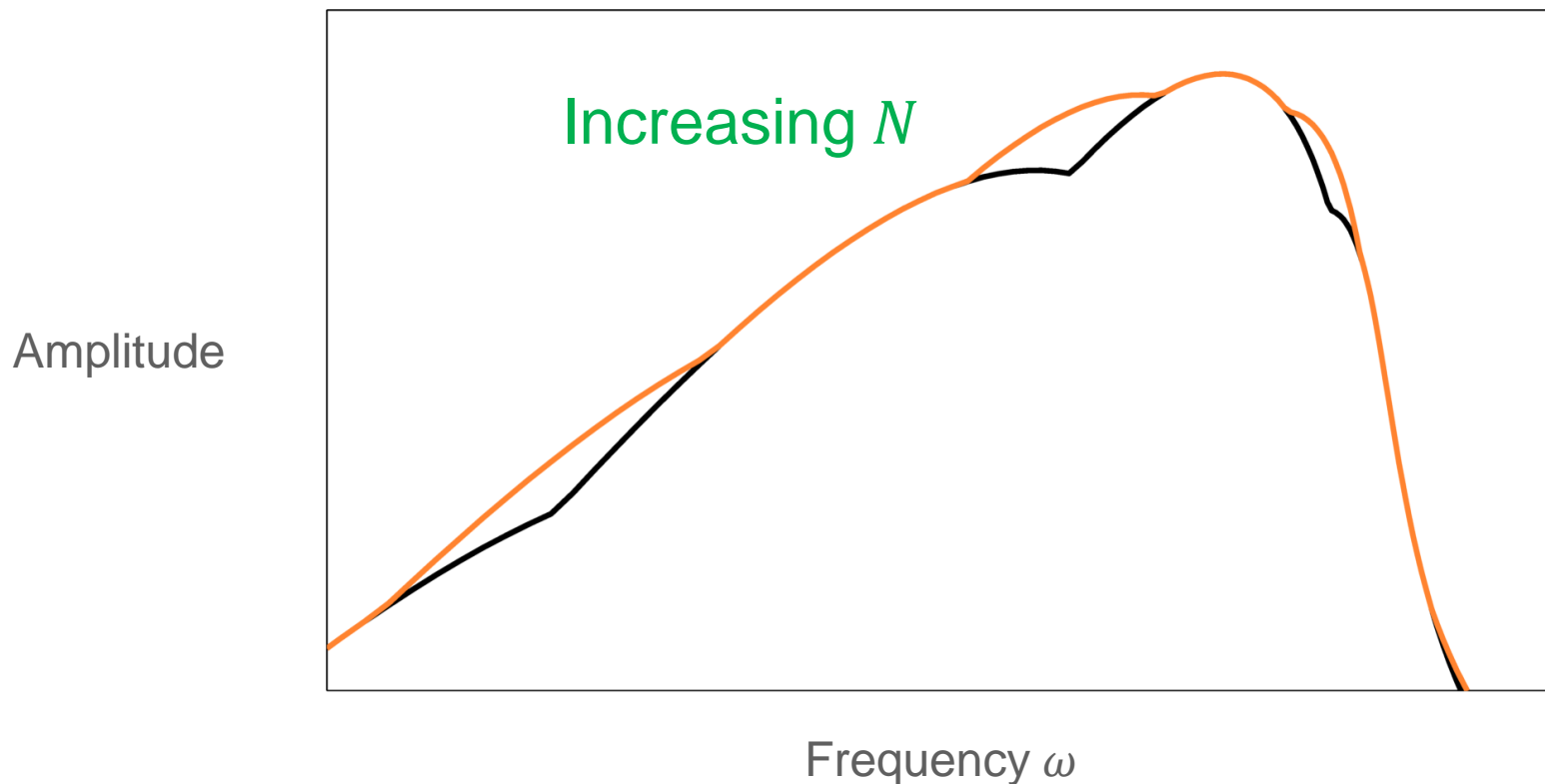
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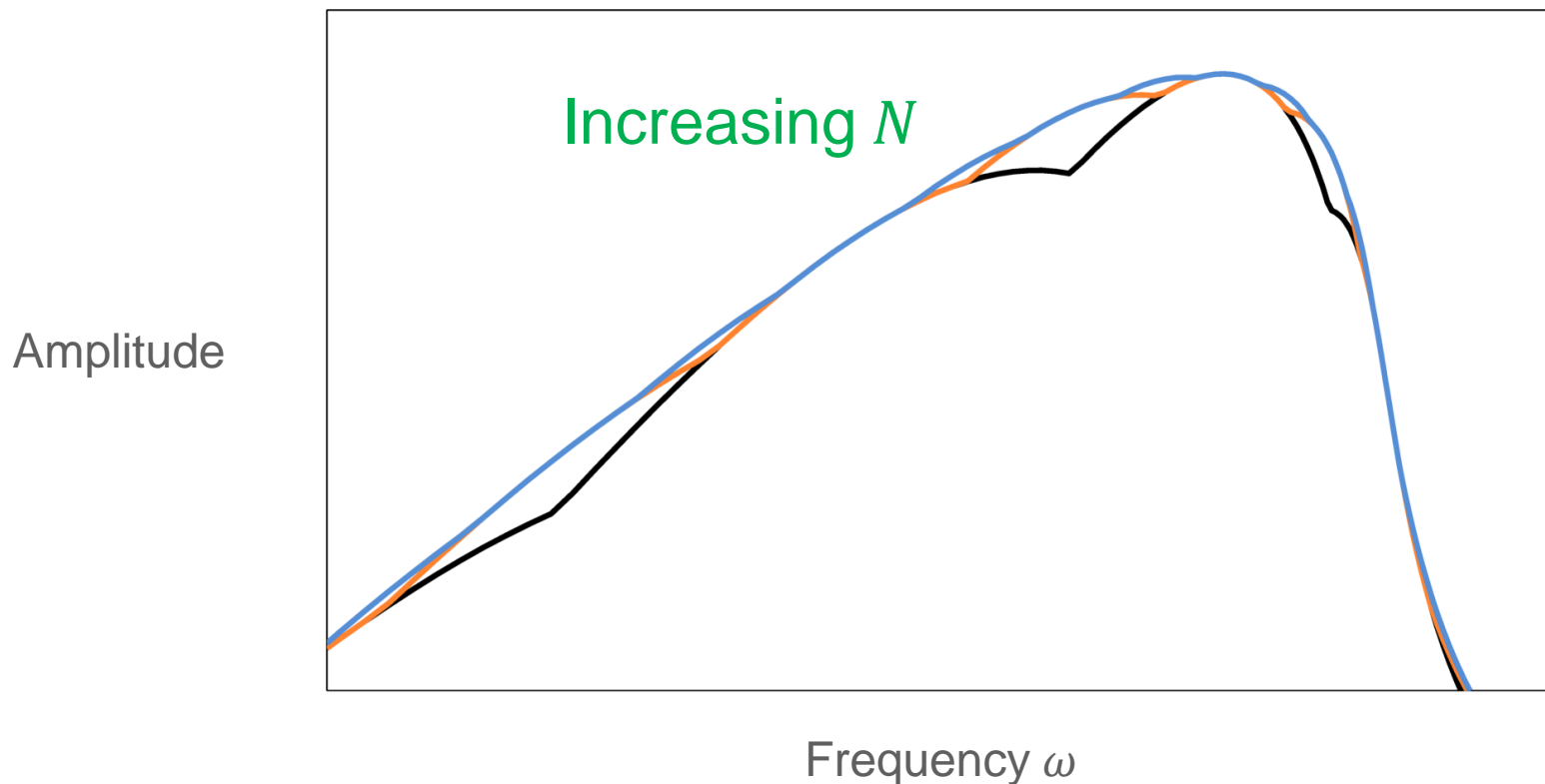
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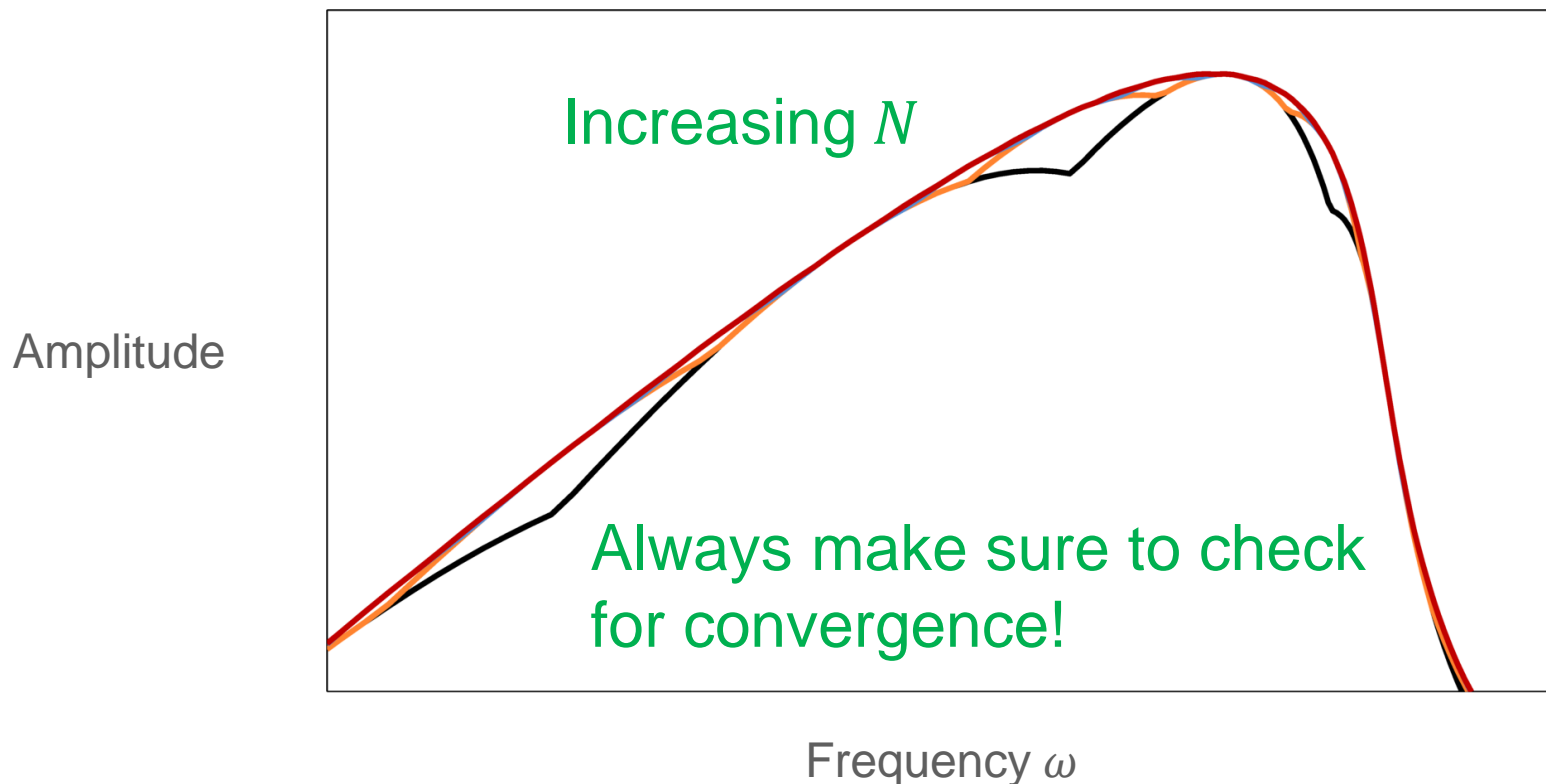
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# Continuation: In Summary

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**Sequential continuation** can be easily implemented to represent the evolution of the periodic solutions w.r.t. to the frequency  $\omega$  but it fails at turning points.

**Continuation schemes based on predictor/corrector steps** give the evolution of the periodic solutions in both stable and unstable regions.

HB and continuation **parameters have to be carefully selected** to ensure accuracy and good resolution of the branches.

# Further Readings

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