

Instantaneous Frequency and Damping from Transient Ring-Down Data

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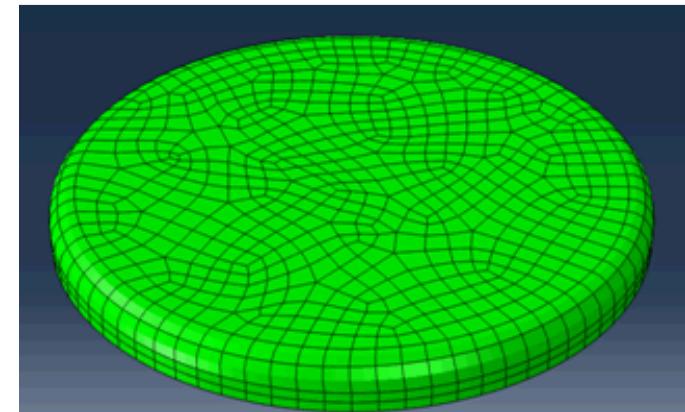
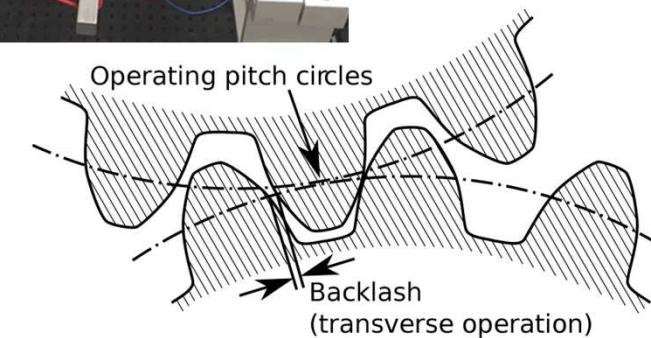
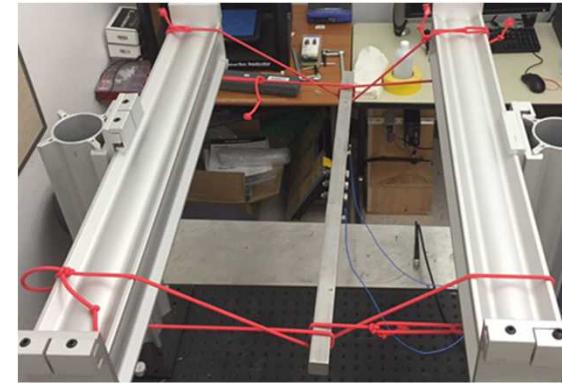
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What is our goal?

- Characterize *instantaneous* frequency and damping ratios of nonlinear mechanical structures.
- Use broadband excitation to obtain the measured response data.
- Seek nonlinear system metrics that are invariant under load type, amplitude, input location, etc...

Time-Frequency Analysis of Nonlinear Vibrations of Mechanical Structures

- Traditional frequency domain analysis based on discrete Fourier transforms only applicable to linear systems.
- Nonlinear vibration signals require new tools to characterize frequency content of the non-stationary signals (i.e. frequencies changing over time).
- Various signal processing tools exist to perform time-frequency analysis [1].



Review of Time-Frequency Analysis Tools

- **Hilbert Transform:**

- Compute the phase & decay envelope from analytic signal of “monocomponent”, transient ring-down data.
- Requires band-pass filter or empirical mode decomposition.

- **Zero-Crossing Detection:**

- Find time at zero-crossing of resonant decay response following appropriated mode at steady state.

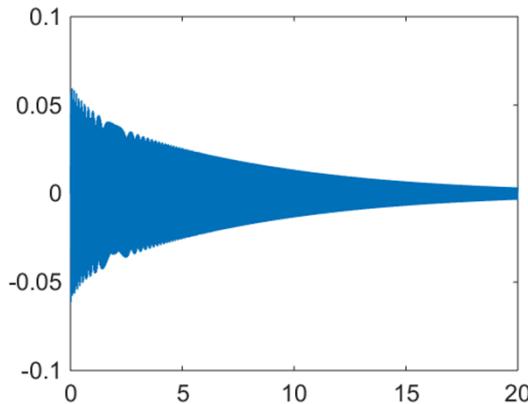
- **Wavelet Transform:**

- Applied to MDOF responses and extracts frequency/damping from ridges of transformed signals

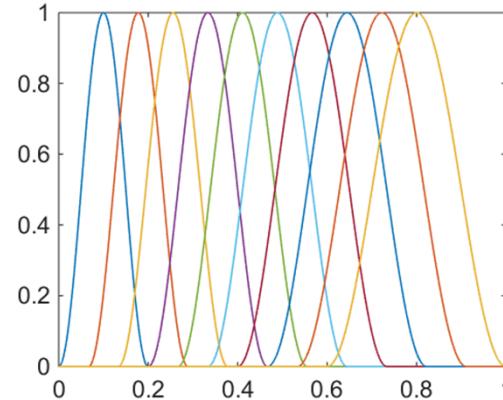
- **Others include:** Wigner-Ville, Evolutionary Spectrum, Auto-regressive Model, etc..

Extracting Instantaneous Frequency and Damping Using (modified) Short-Time Fourier Transform

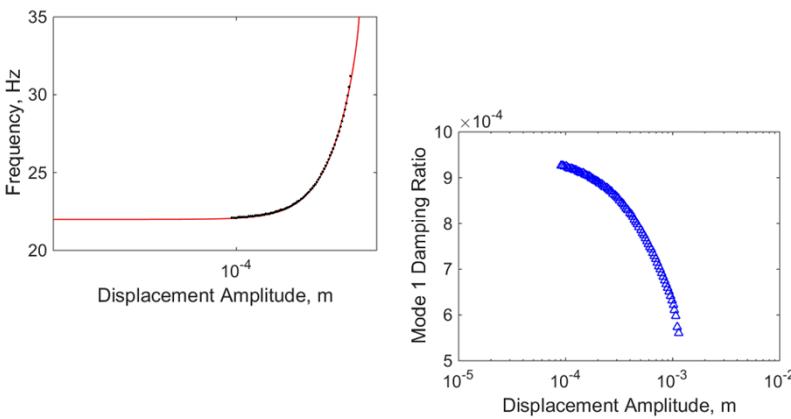
Transient Ring-Down



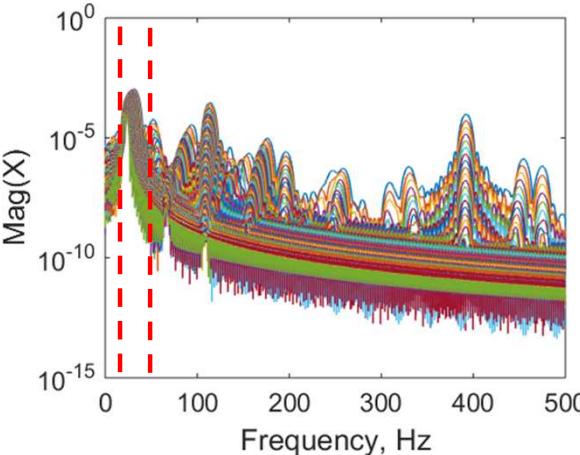
Expanding/Contracting Short-Time Windows



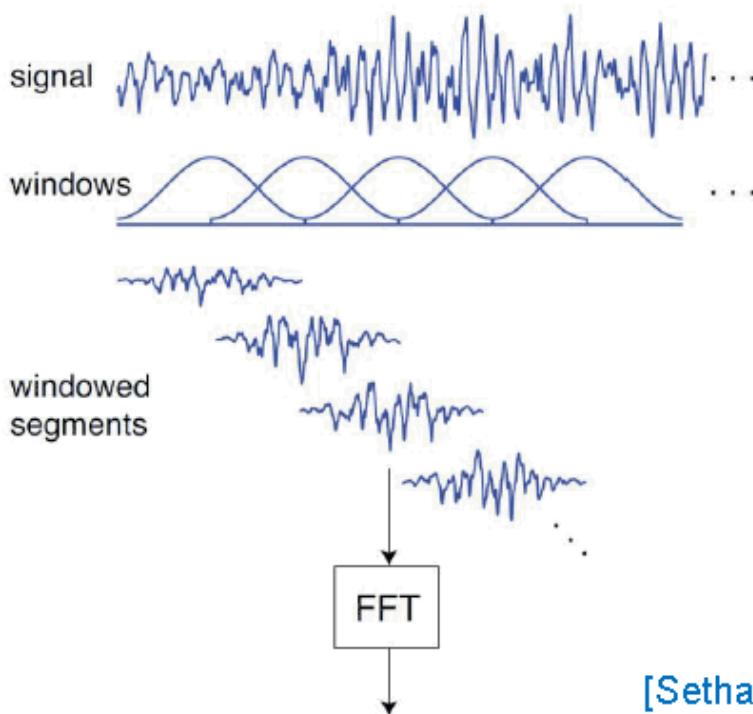
Amplitude Dependent Estimates of Frequency and Damping



Spectra of Windowed Fourier Transforms



Short-time Fourier Transform (STFT)



[Sethares, 2007]

- Take Fourier transform of windowed section of signal as

$$X(\omega, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)w(t-\tau)e^{-i\omega t}dt$$

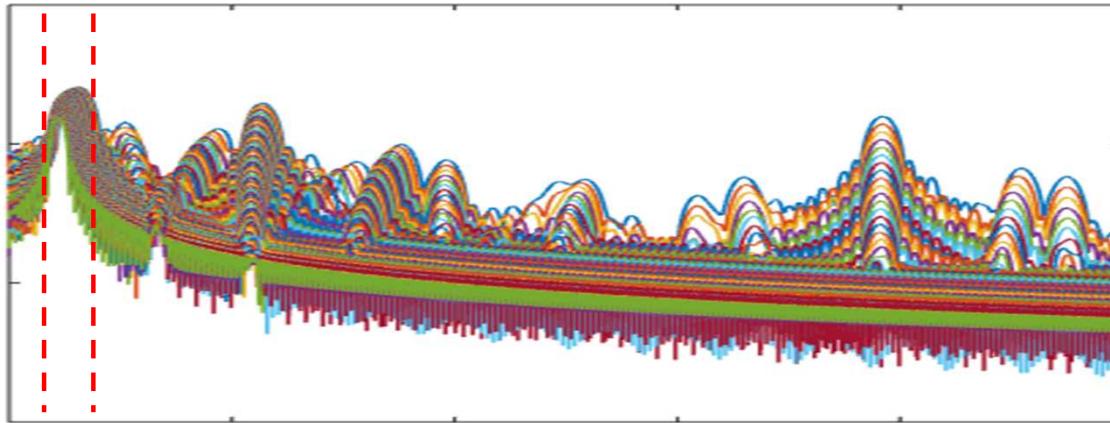
- STFT modified to allow window to expand or contract such that

$$w(t) = w\left(\frac{t-\tau}{\delta(t)}\right)$$

τ - shifting parameter

$\delta(t)$ - dilation parameter

Estimating Decaying Harmonic Functions



- Damped, free response represented as a summation of decaying harmonic functions:

$$x(t) = \sum_{r=1}^p \operatorname{Re} \left(A_{r,0} e^{-\zeta_r(t) \omega_r(t)t} e^{i \omega_{r,D}(t)t} \right)$$

Magnitude of Fourier
coefficient

$$\omega_{r,D}(t) = \omega_r(t) \sqrt{1 - \zeta_r(t)}$$

Frequency at peak
magnitude of Fourier
coefficient

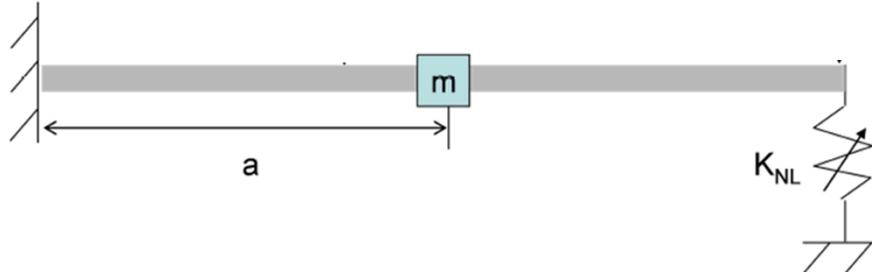
Comparison between Undamped Nonlinear Normal Modes and Instantaneous Frequencies

- Nonlinear Normal Modes (NNMs) are invariant properties of the undamped, unforced nonlinear mechanical system.
 - “Not-necessarily synchronous periodic response of the undamped equations of motion”.

$$x_{NNM}(t, E) = \sum_{k=1}^m \operatorname{Re} \left(X_{k, NNM}(E) e^{ik\omega_{NNM}(E)t} \right)$$

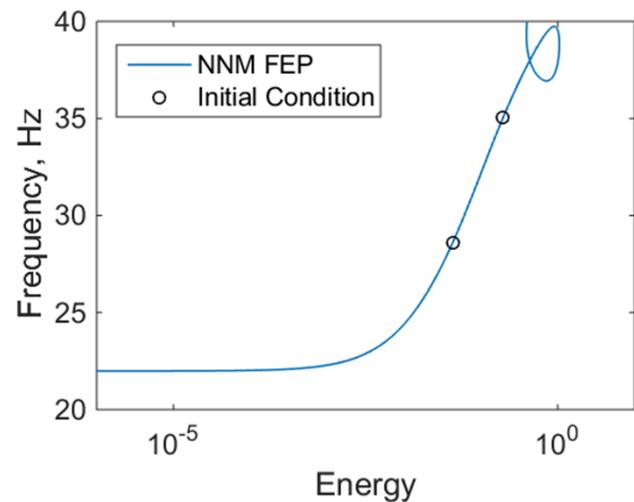
- In the presence of light damping, the undamped NNM closely approximates the damped invariant manifold.
- How well does the freely decaying response follow the undamped nonlinear normal modes?

Application to Nonlinear Beam Model

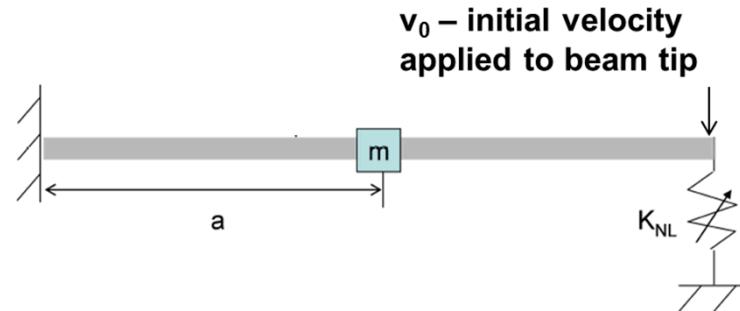


- Cubic spring attachment
- 20 Euler-Bernoulli beam elements
- 0.5 % modal damping

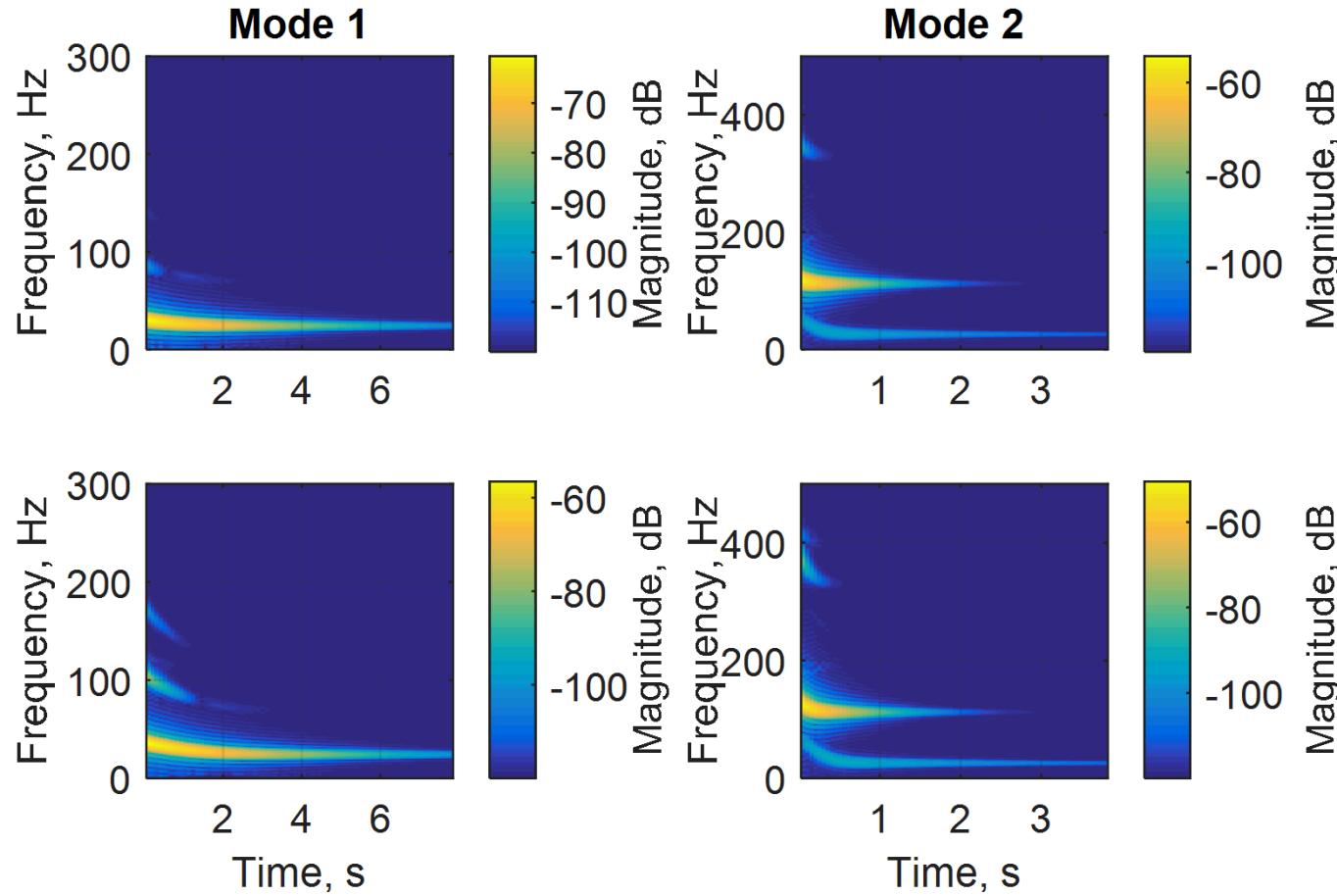
Case 1: Free Decay from Initial Conditions of NNMs 1 and 2



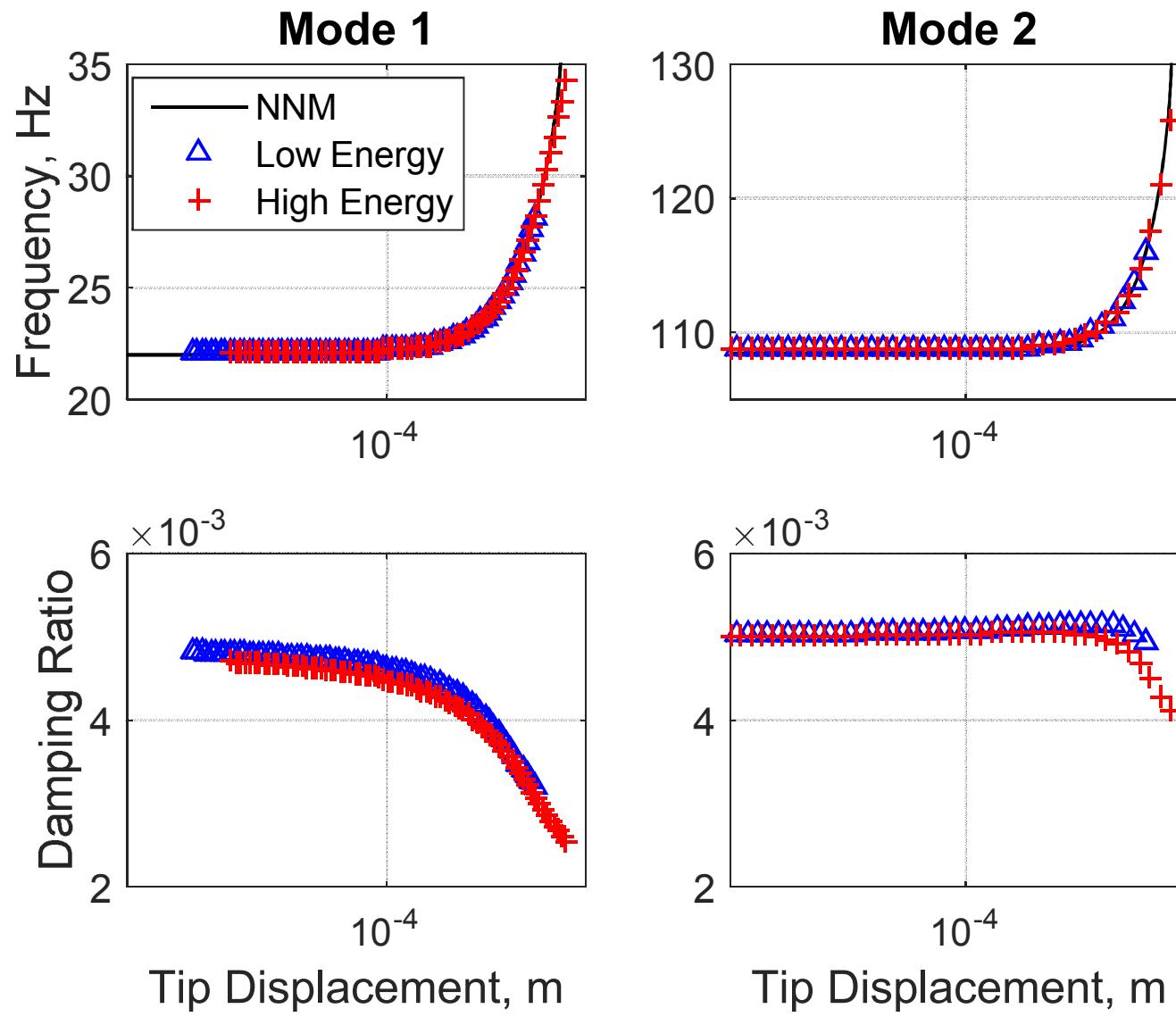
Case 2: Broadband Excitation via Initial Velocity at Beam Tip



Case 1: Free Decay along NNM Backbone

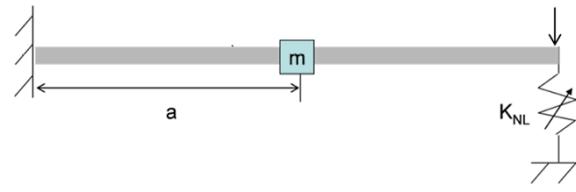


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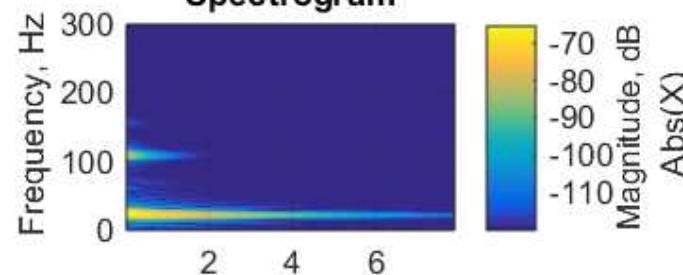


Case 2: Broadband Excitation

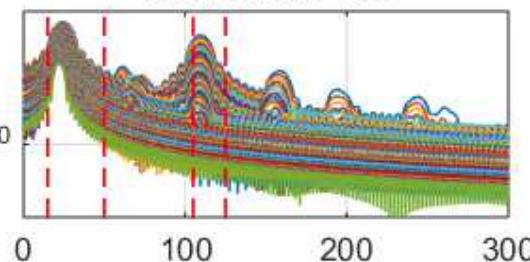
v_0 – initial velocity
applied to beam tip



Spectrogram



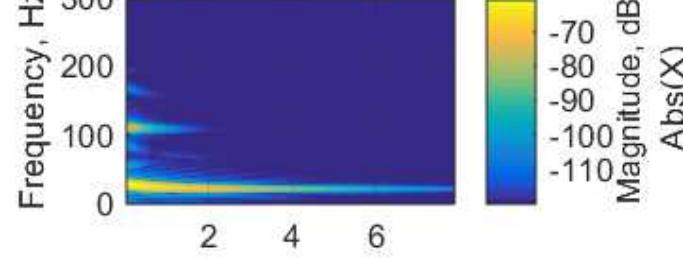
Windowed FFTs



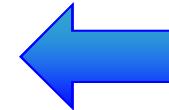
1 m/s



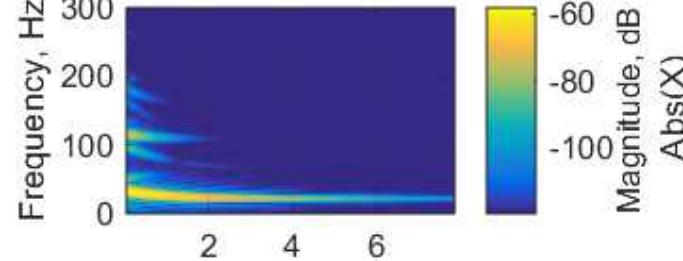
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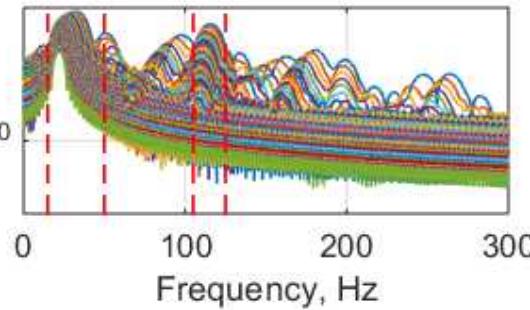
2 m/s



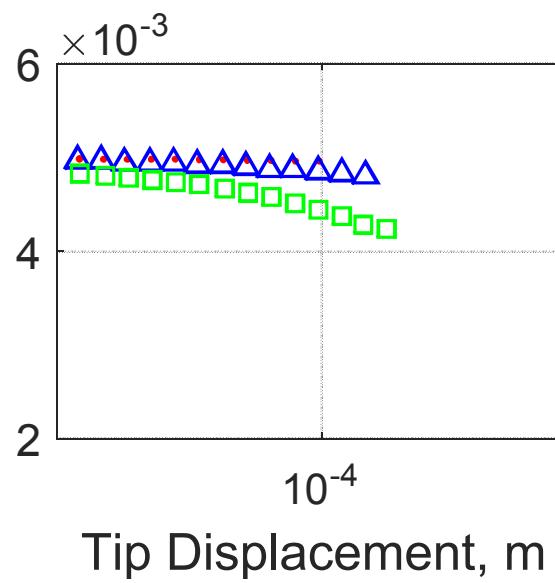
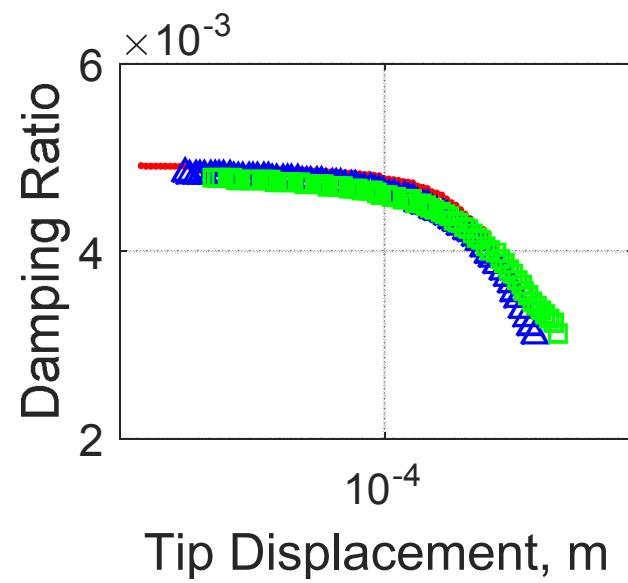
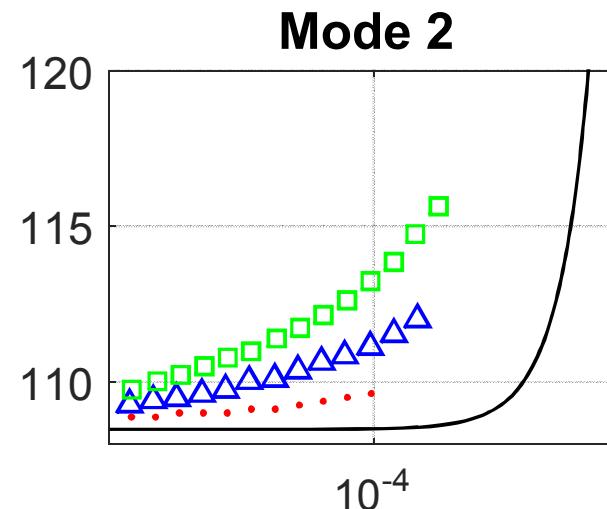
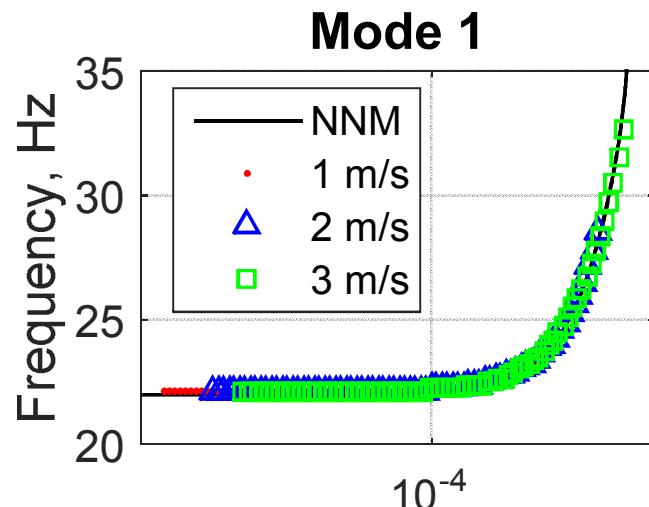
Spectrogram



3 m/s



Case 2: Broadband Excitation



Discussion of Results/Conclusions

- As expected, **free response from initial conditions on NNM closely follow the underlying NNM** due to their invariance property.
- Instantaneous frequency versus amplitude for **broadband excitation** did not agree well for NNM 2.
 - At each windowed section, the decaying harmonic functions are assumed to satisfy **linear superposition**.
 - Recent work by Ardeh [1] showed that NNMs (\mathbf{x}_i) can be used to reconstruct (undamped) free response to any initial condition using a **nonlinear connecting function**.

$$\Phi = \mathbf{d} + \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{B}_i \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{C}_{ijk} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i \right] \mathbf{e}_k$$

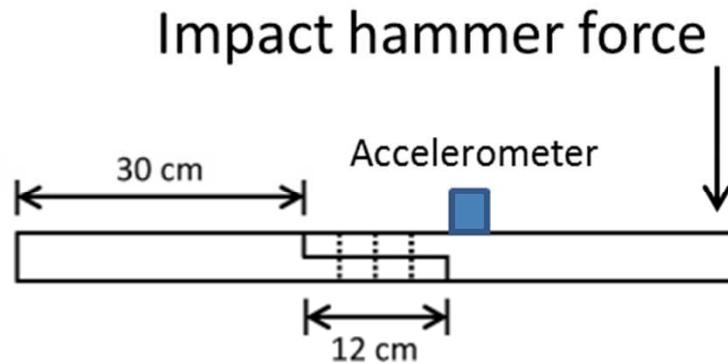
Any Questions?

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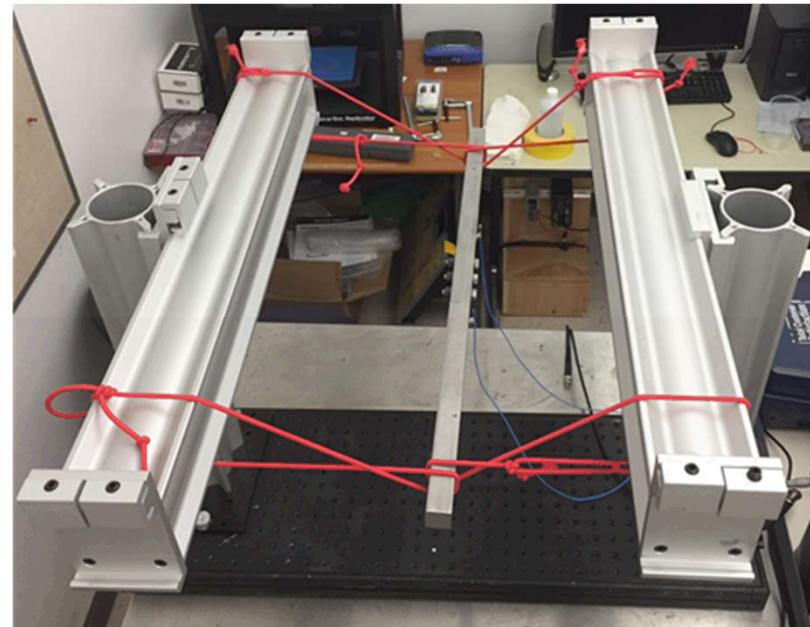
Extra Slides



Application to Experimental Data



- 100 N
- 1000 N
- · · 2000 N



Two beams assembled with three bolts, creating a lap joint interface between the two.

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