

Modeling Nonlinear MEMS Beams and the Chaotic Duffing Oscillator in SPICE

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MOTIVATION

Model **nonlinear** behavior of **electromechanical systems** and their **supporting electronics** using **only using SPICE**

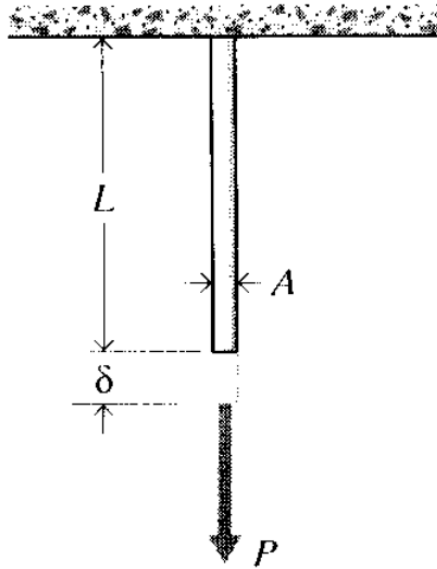
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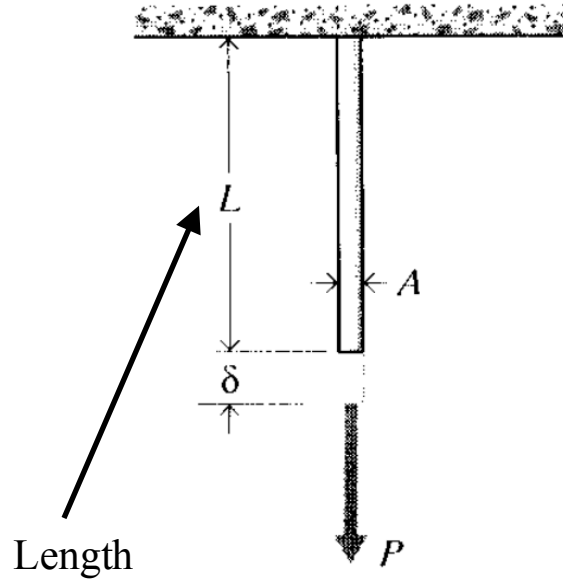
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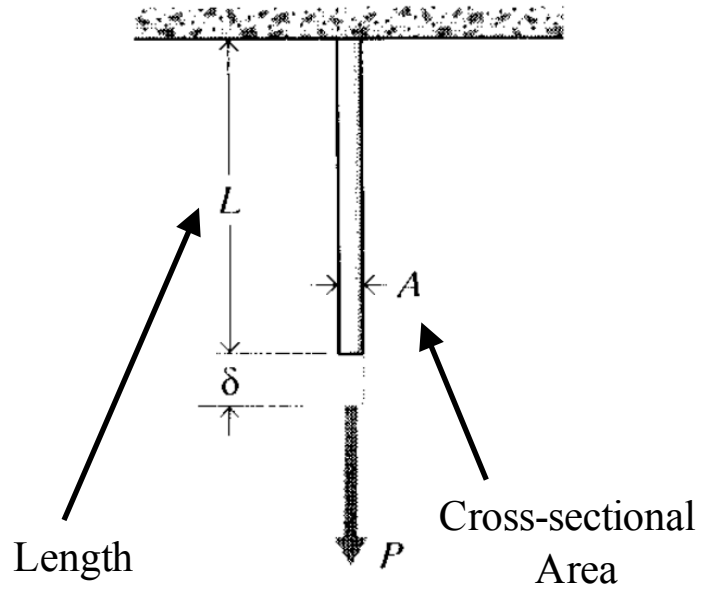
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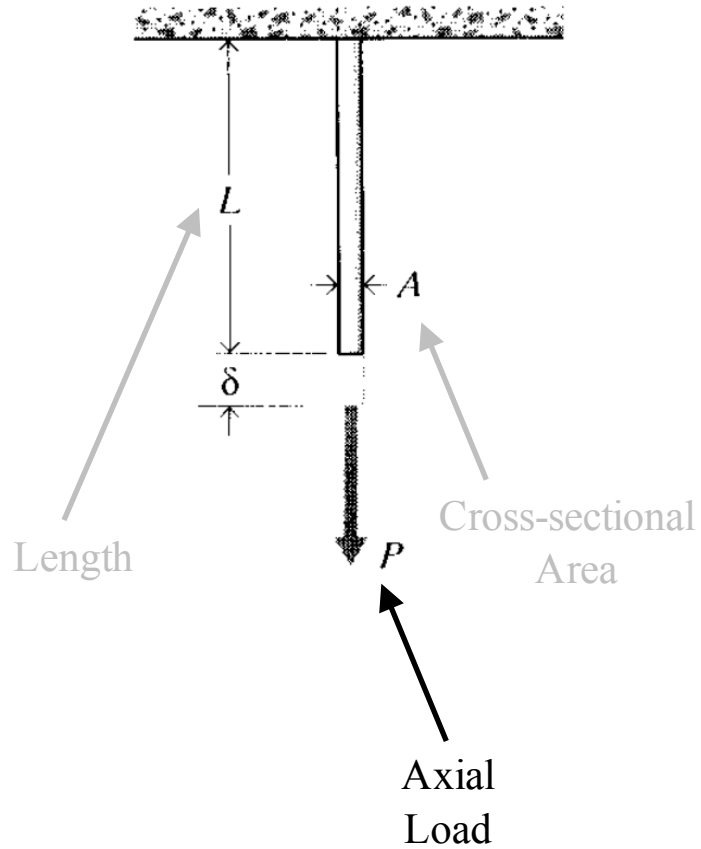
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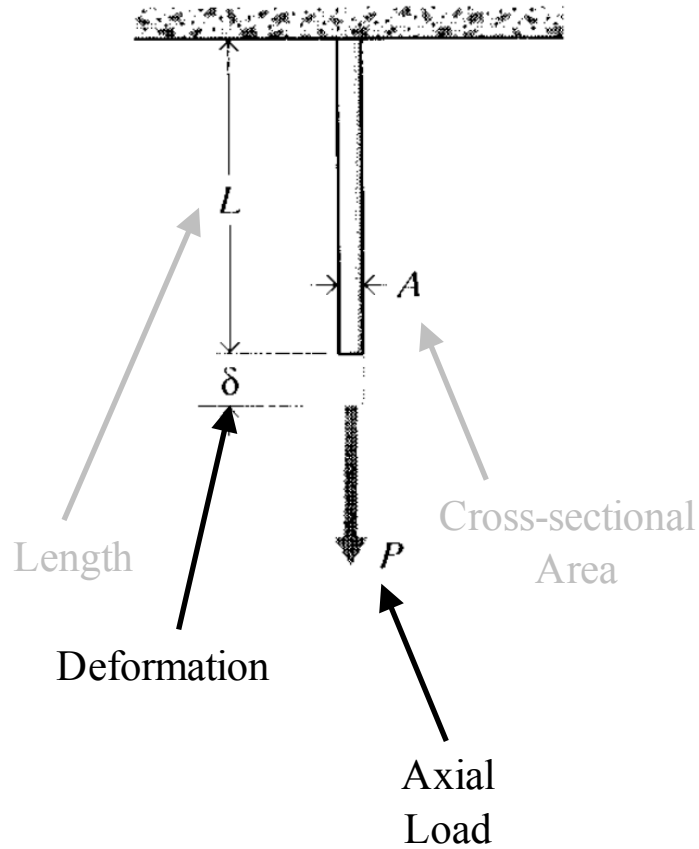
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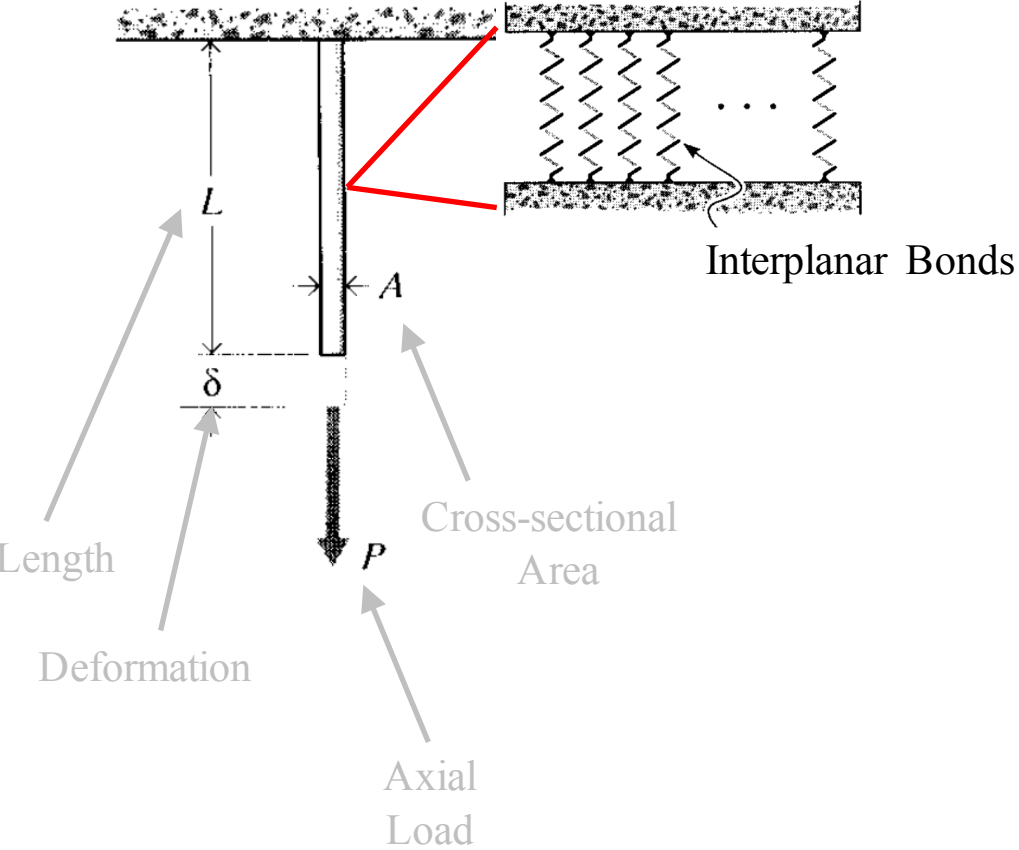
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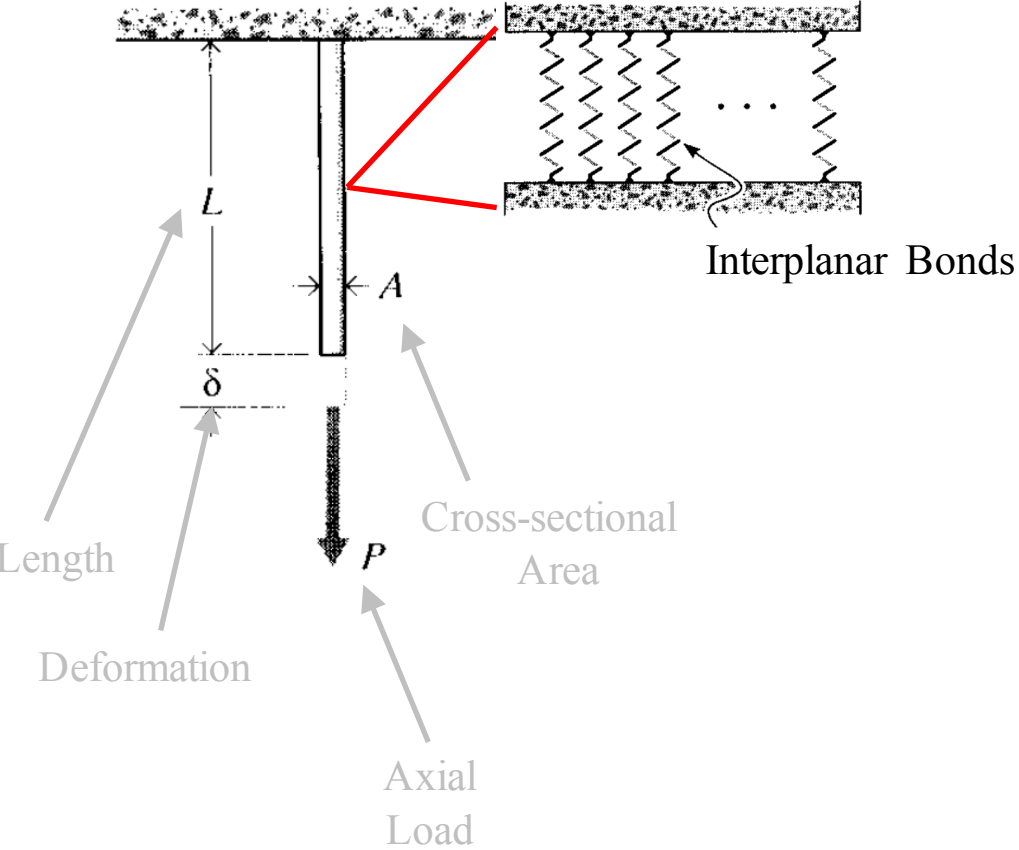
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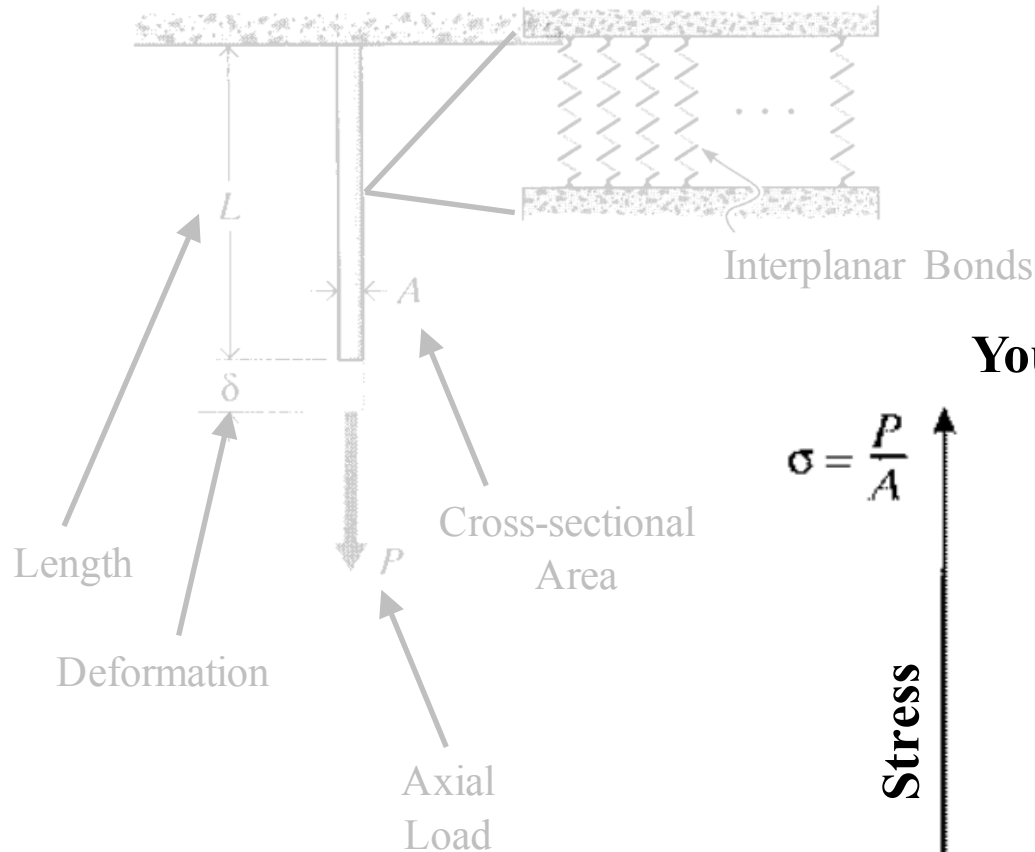
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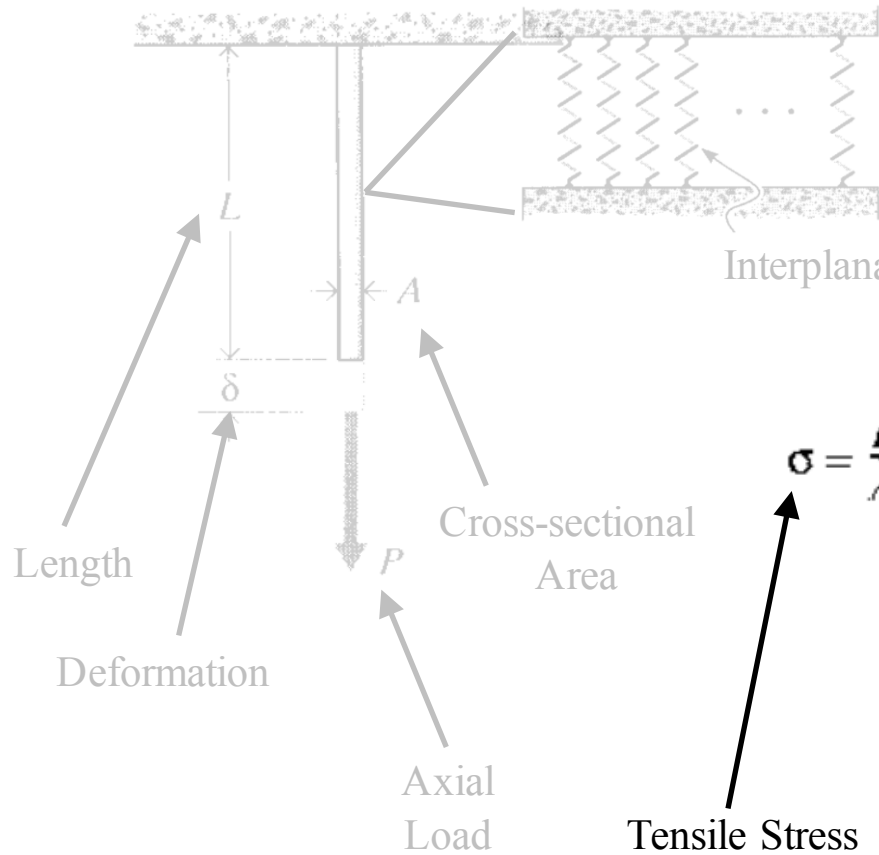


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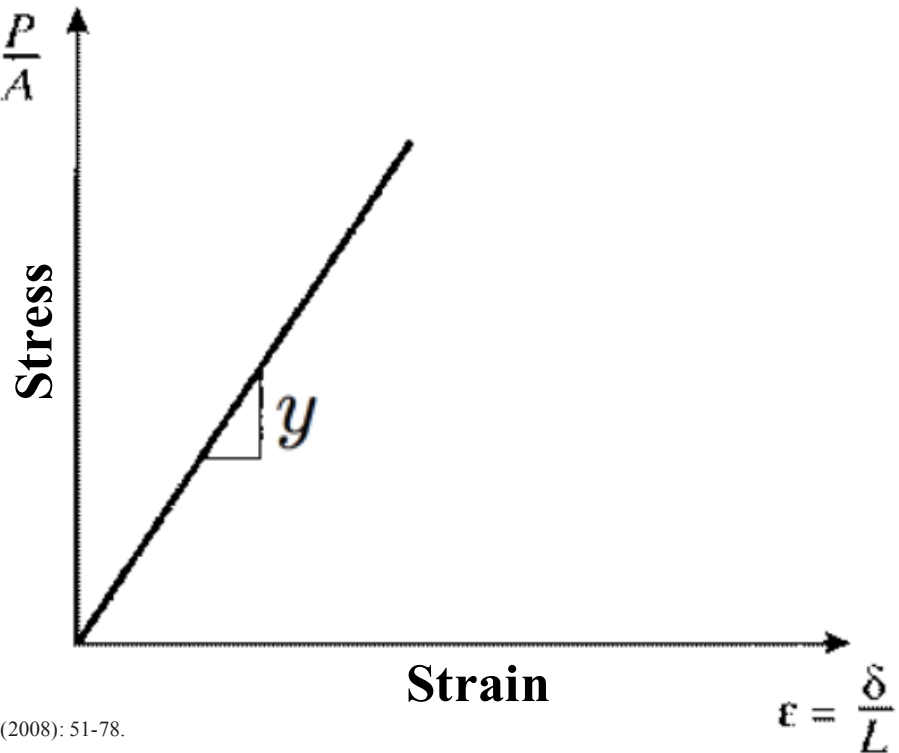
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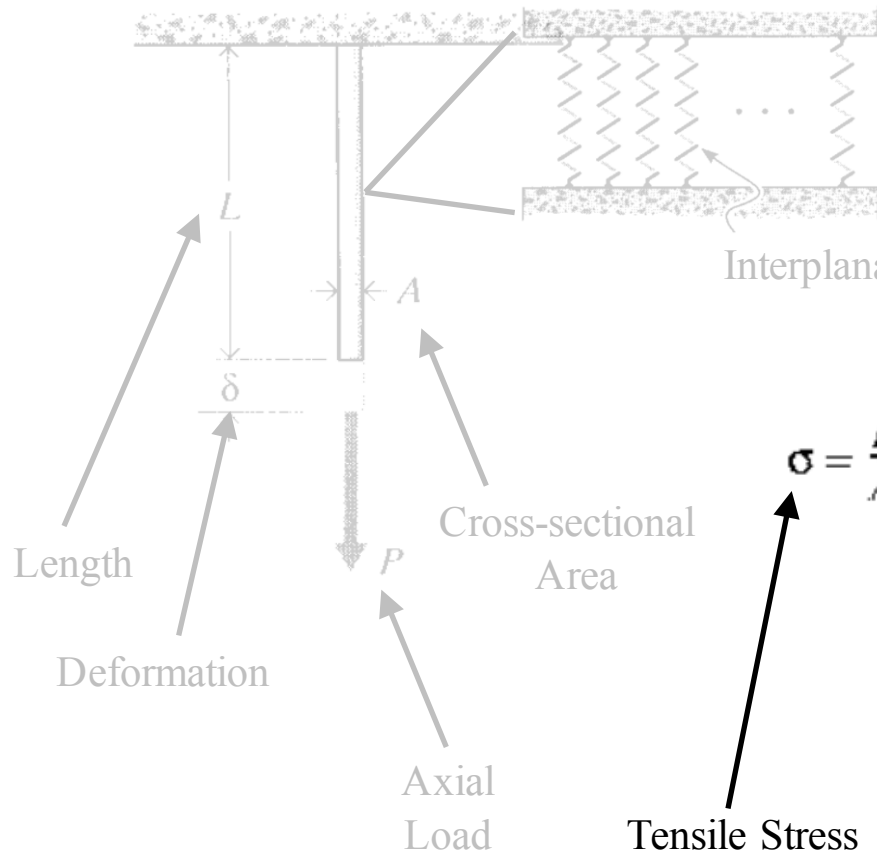


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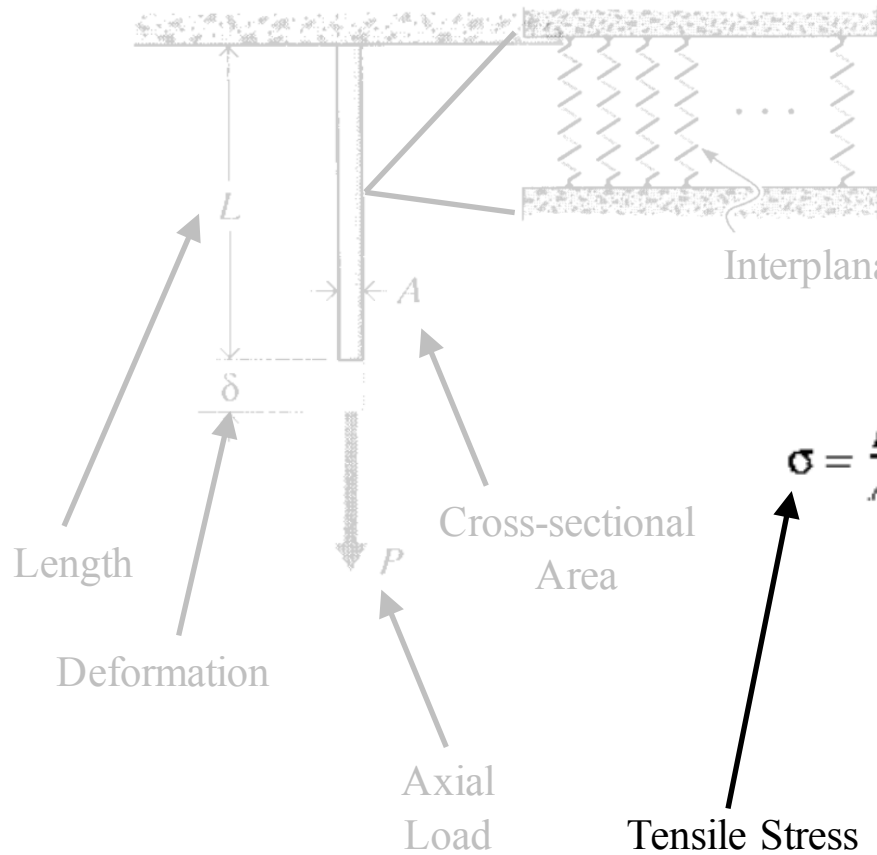
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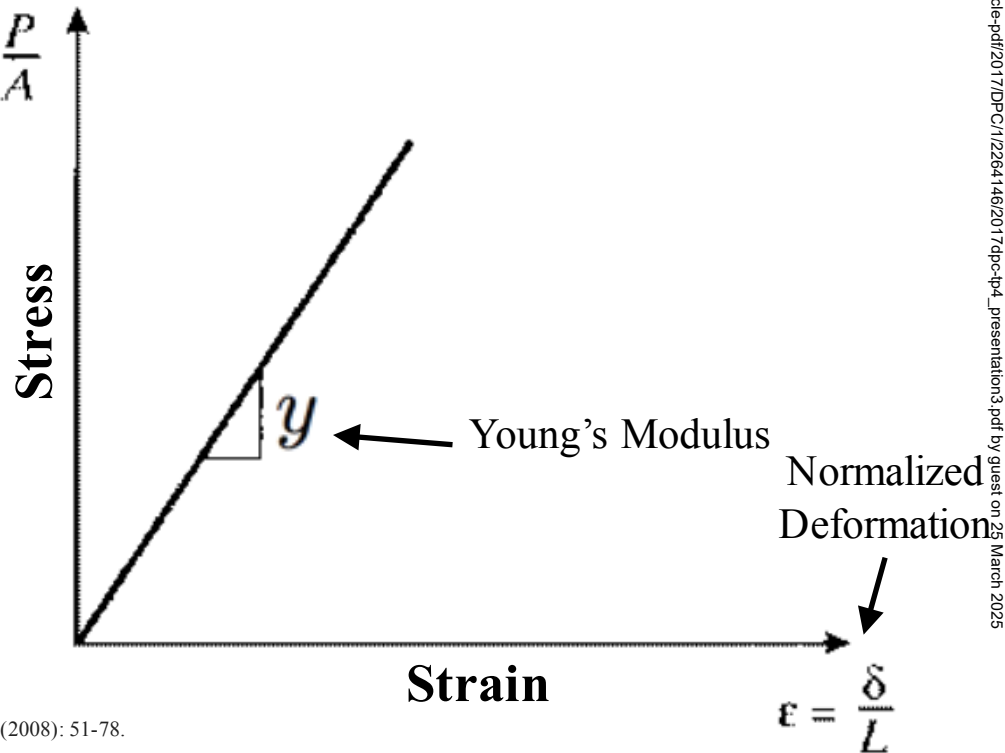
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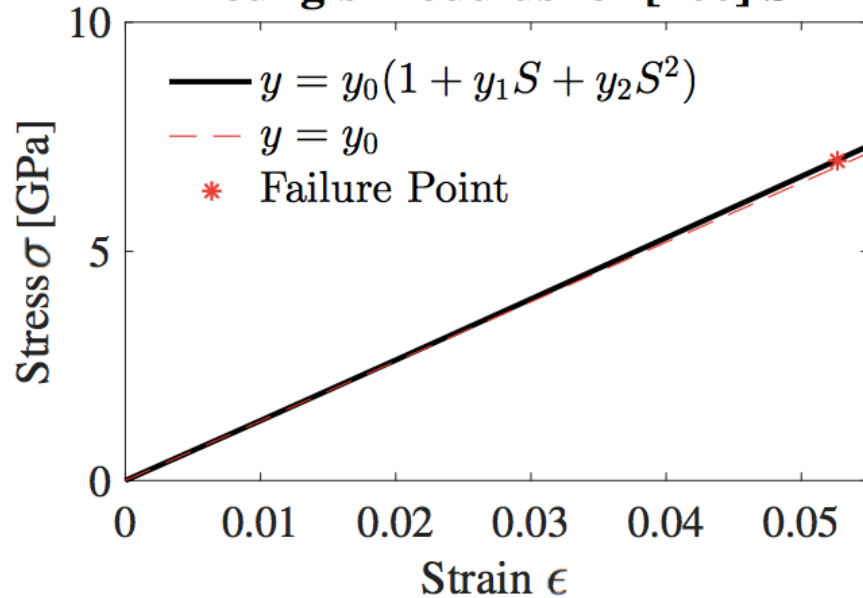


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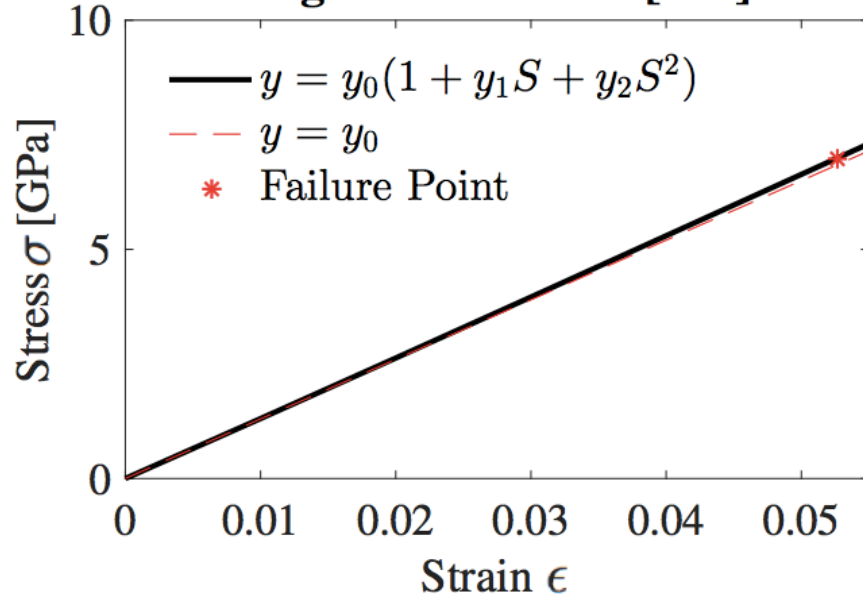
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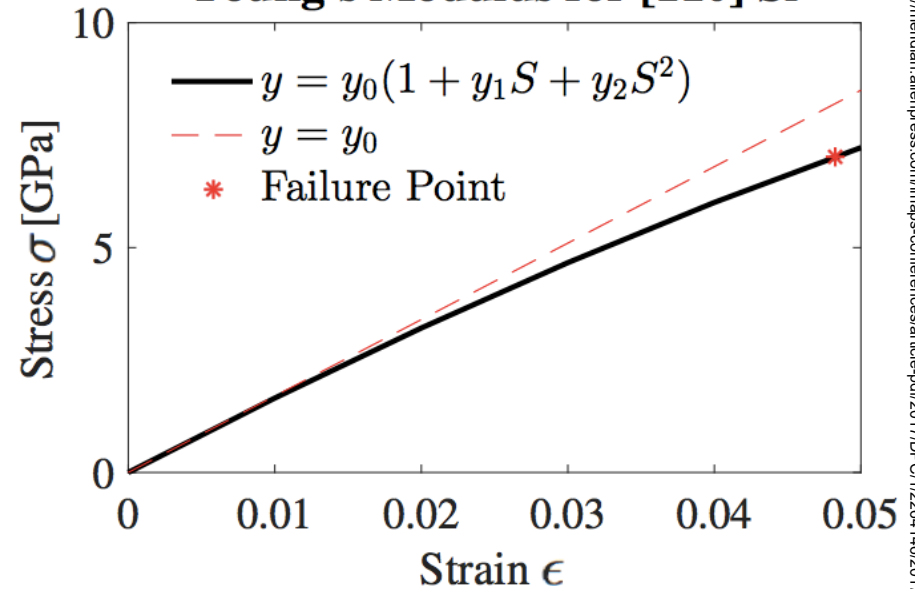
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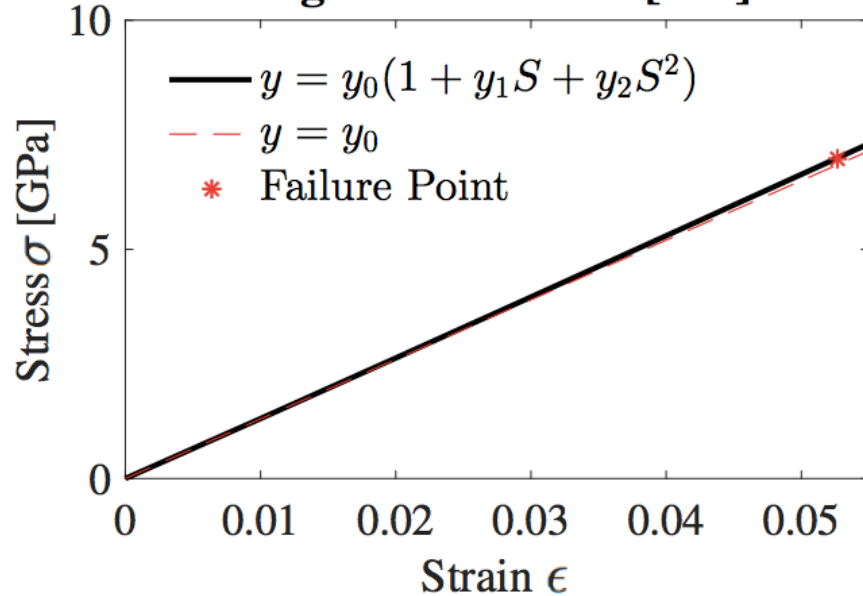
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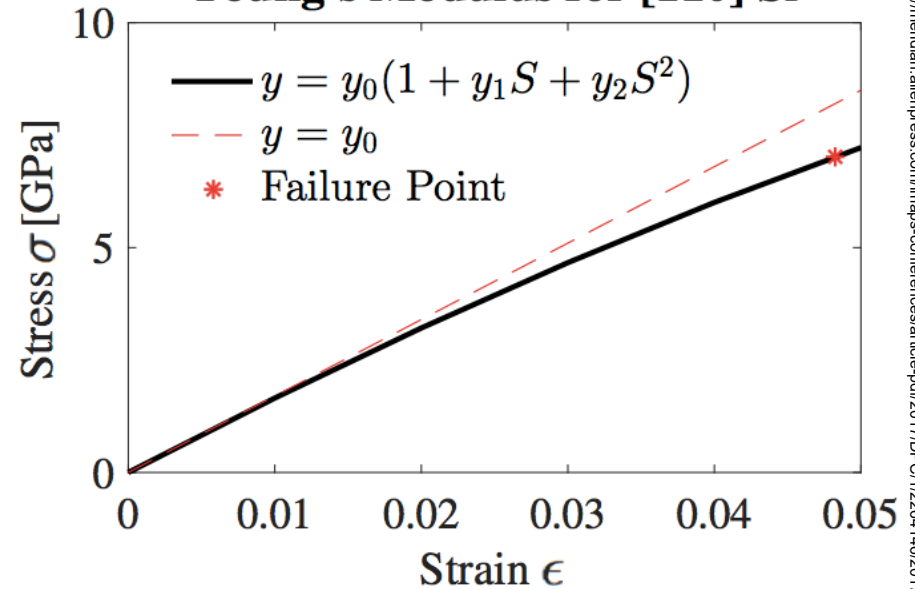
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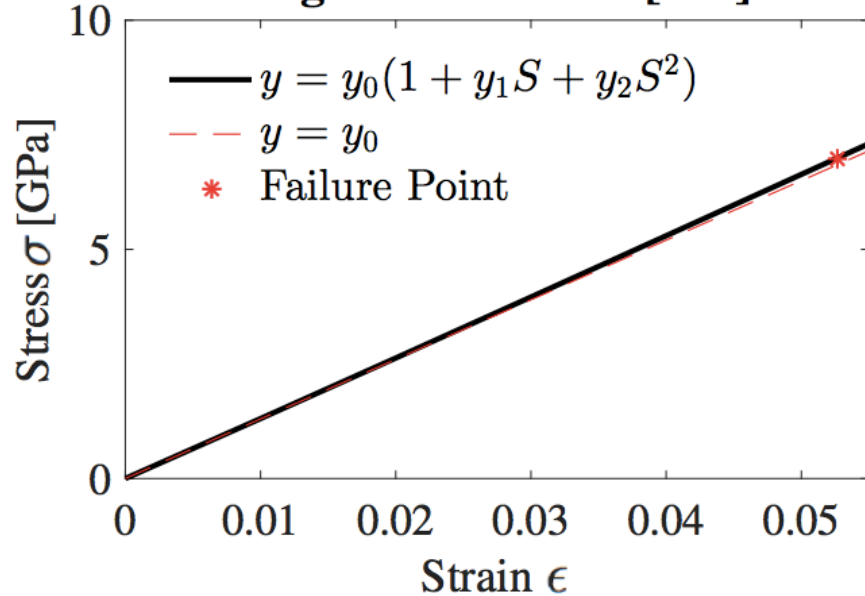


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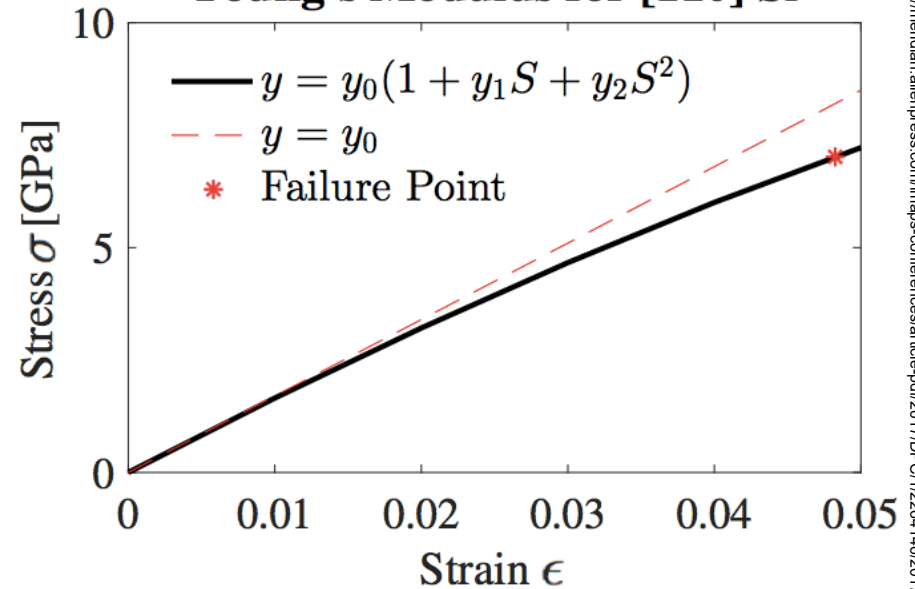
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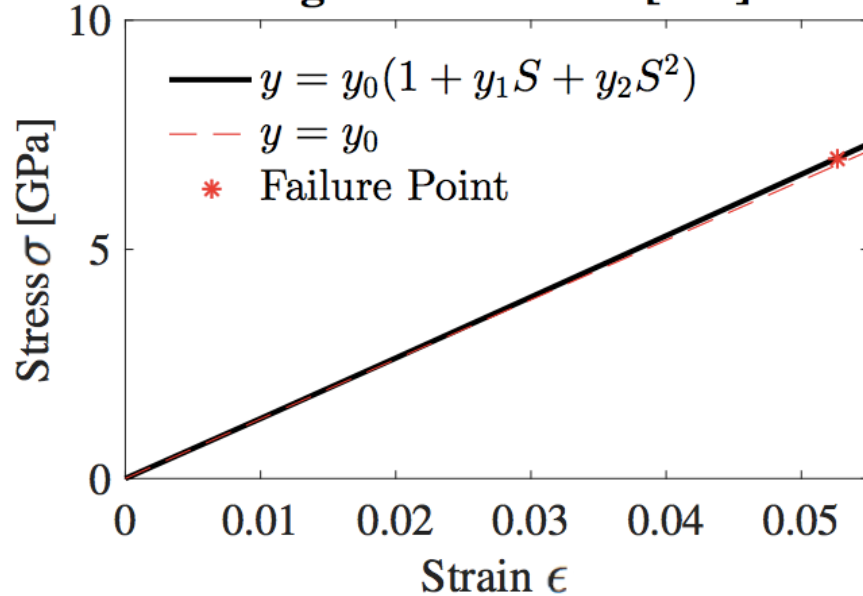


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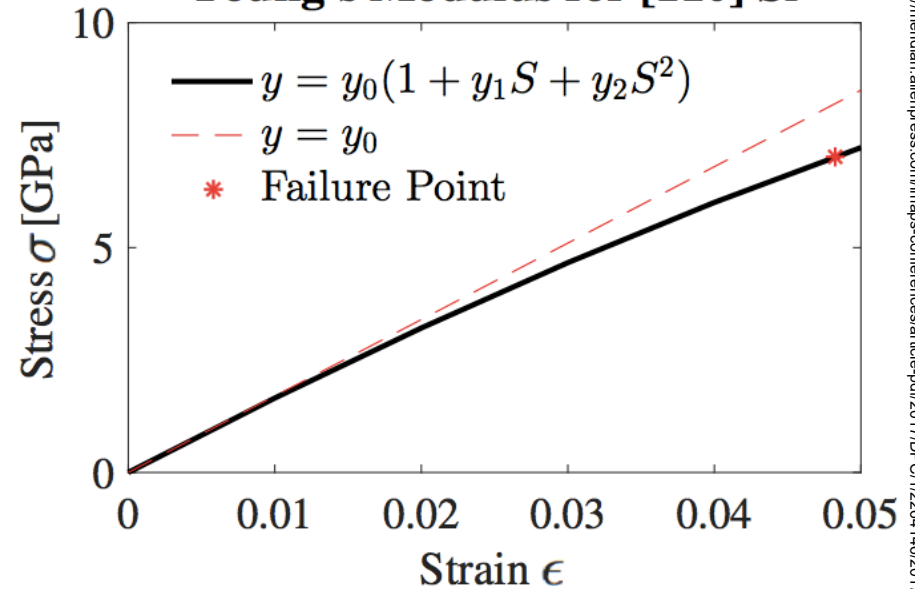
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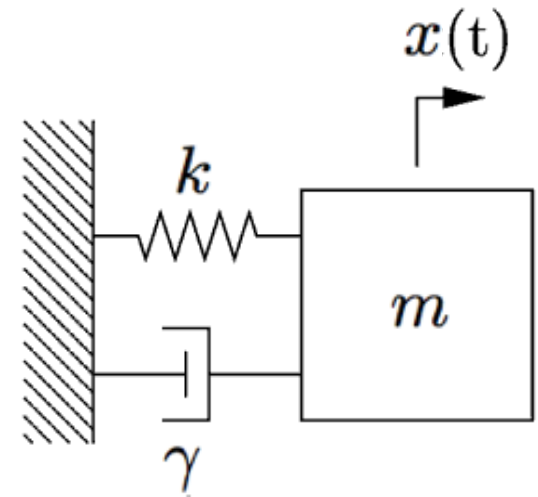
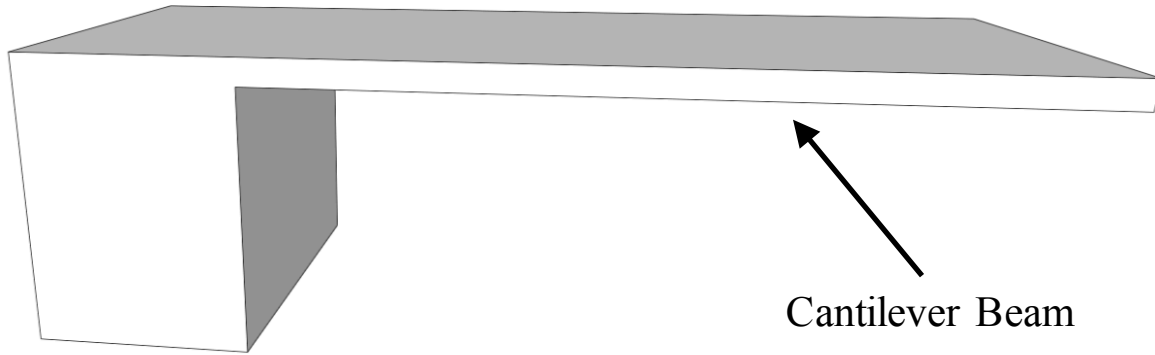
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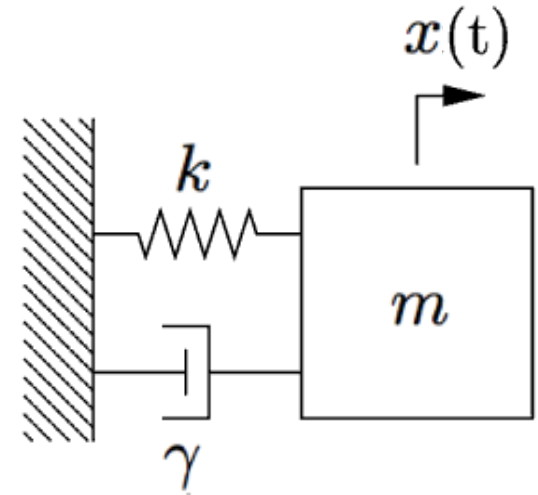
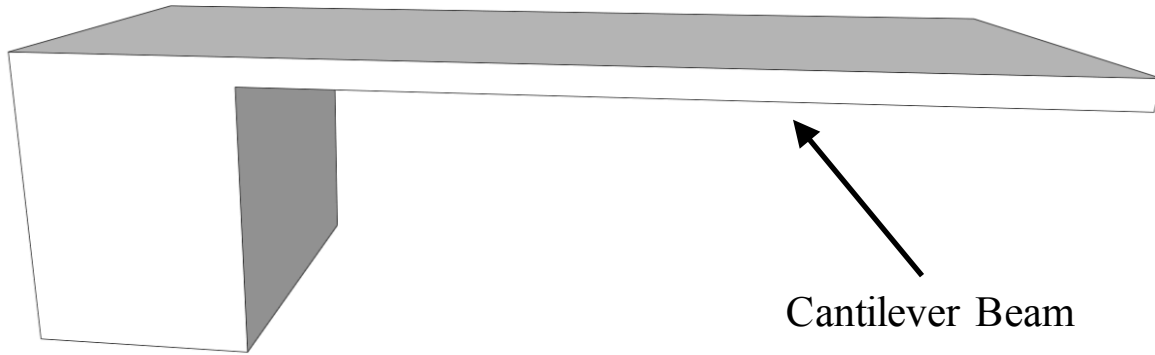


Cantilever Beam

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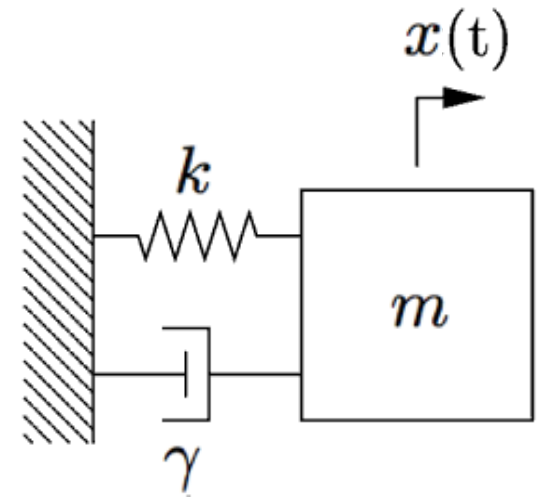
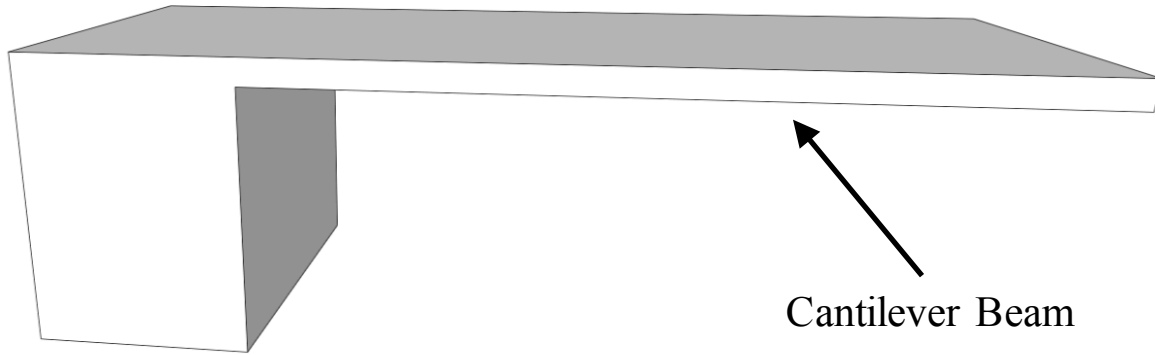


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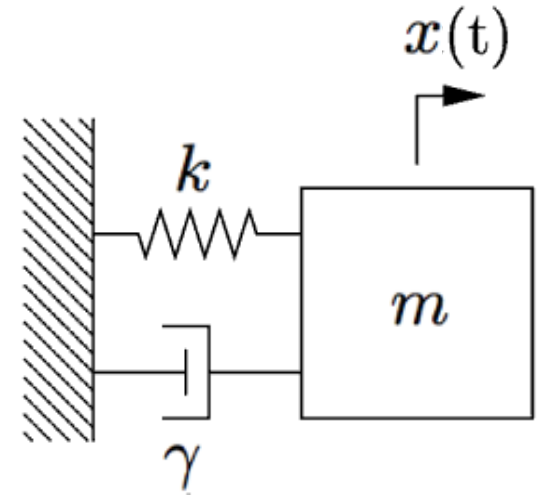
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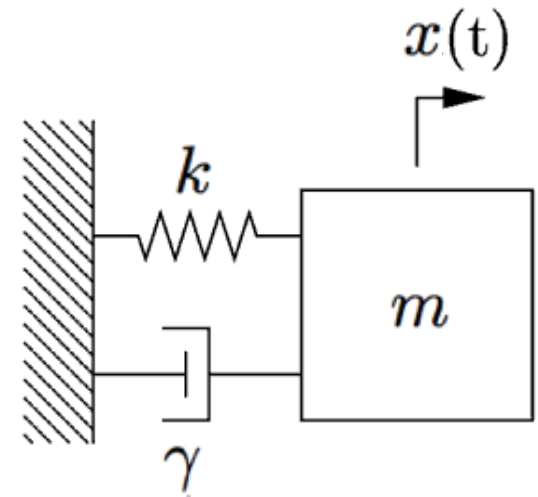
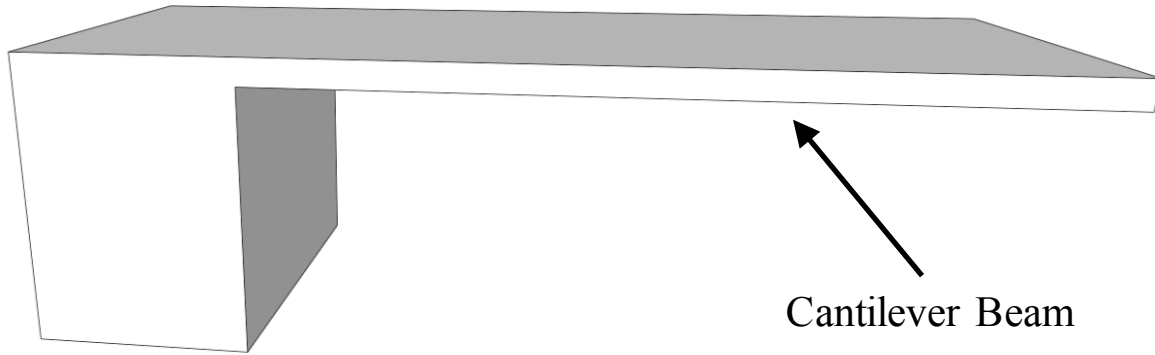


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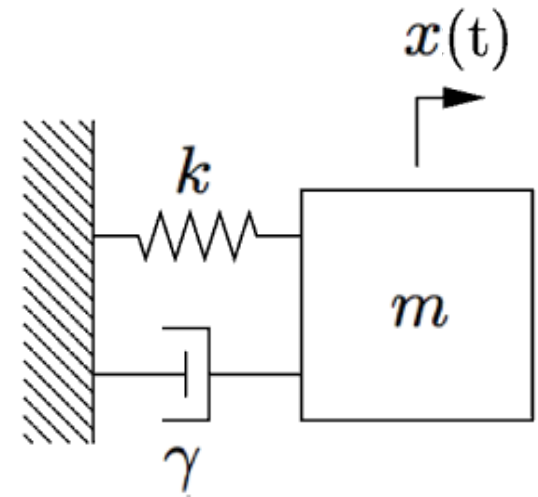
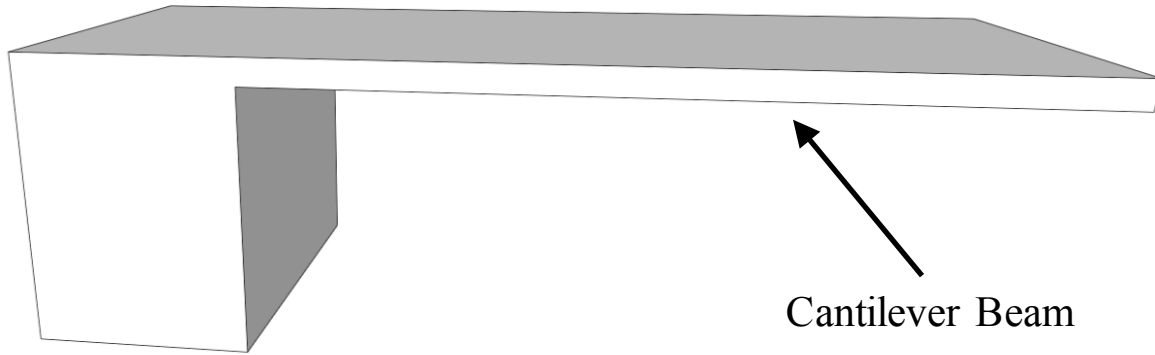
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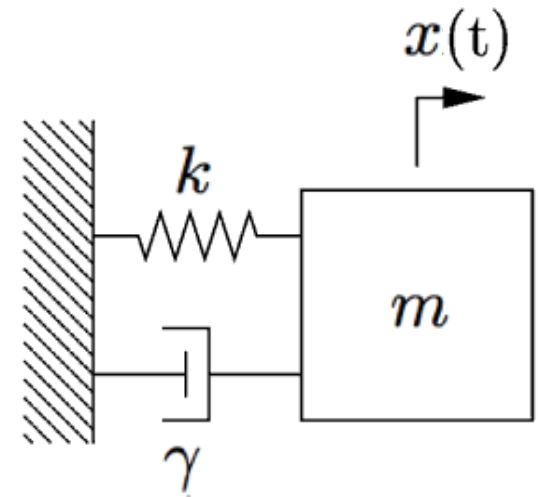


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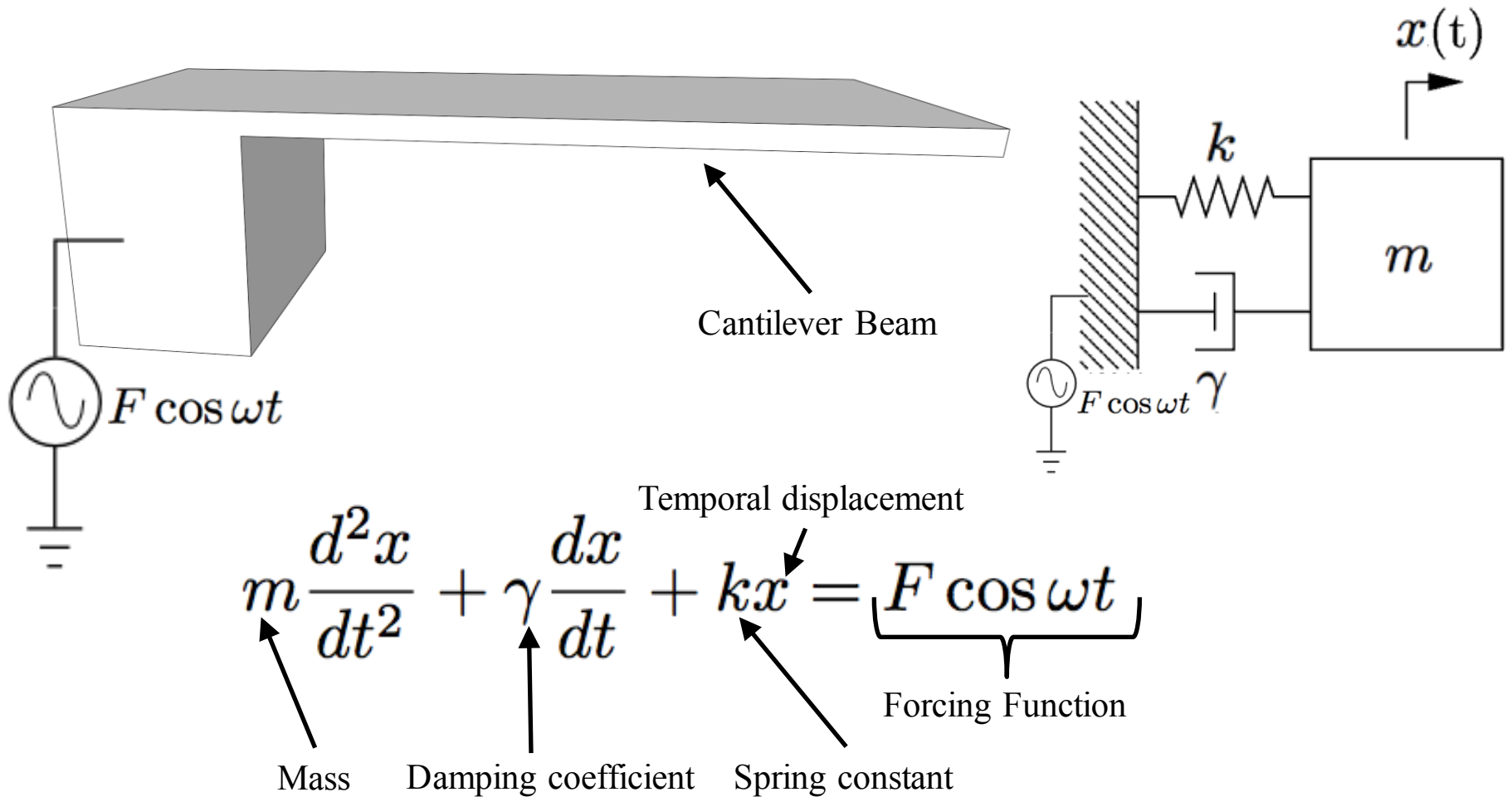
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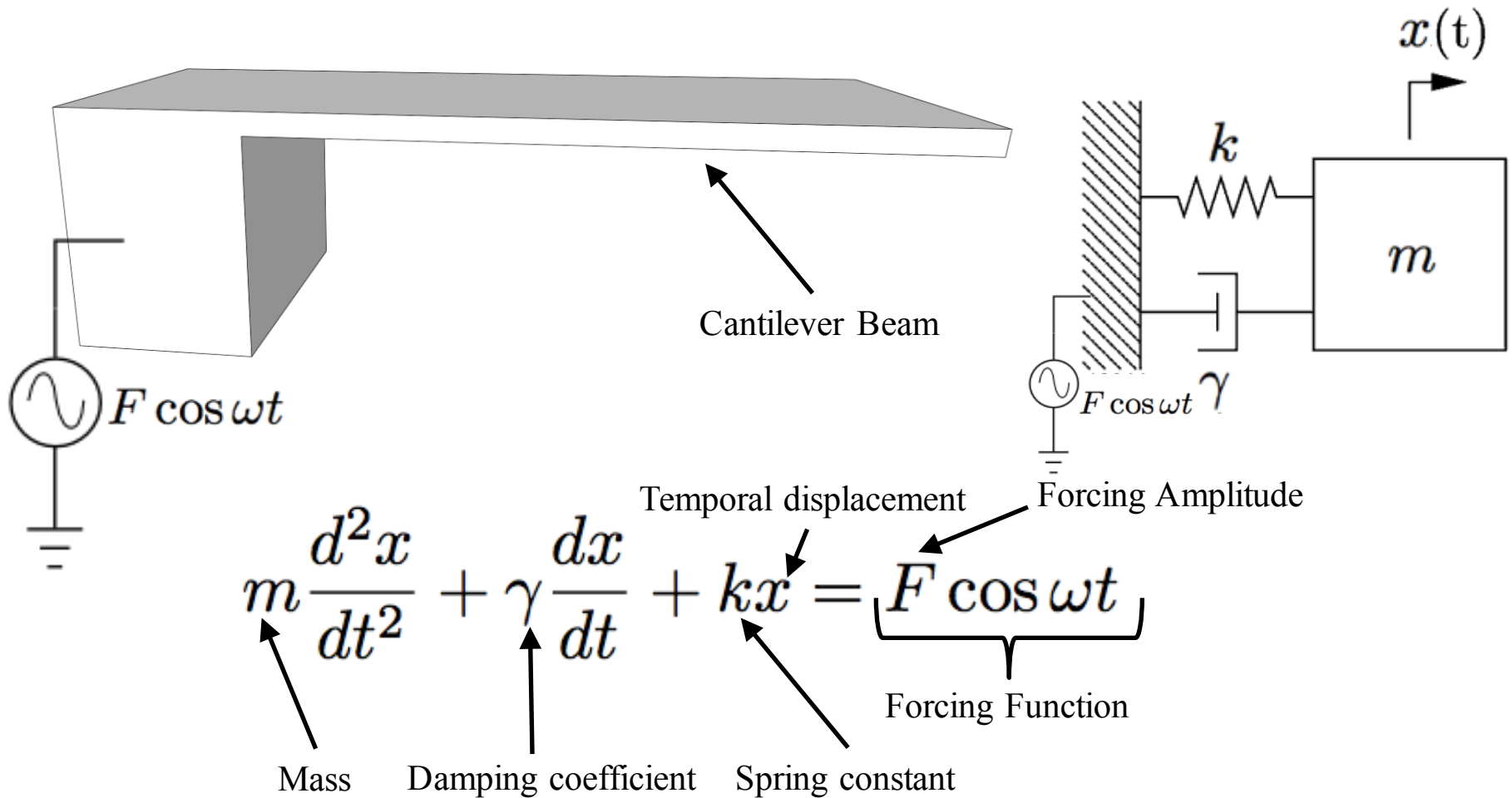
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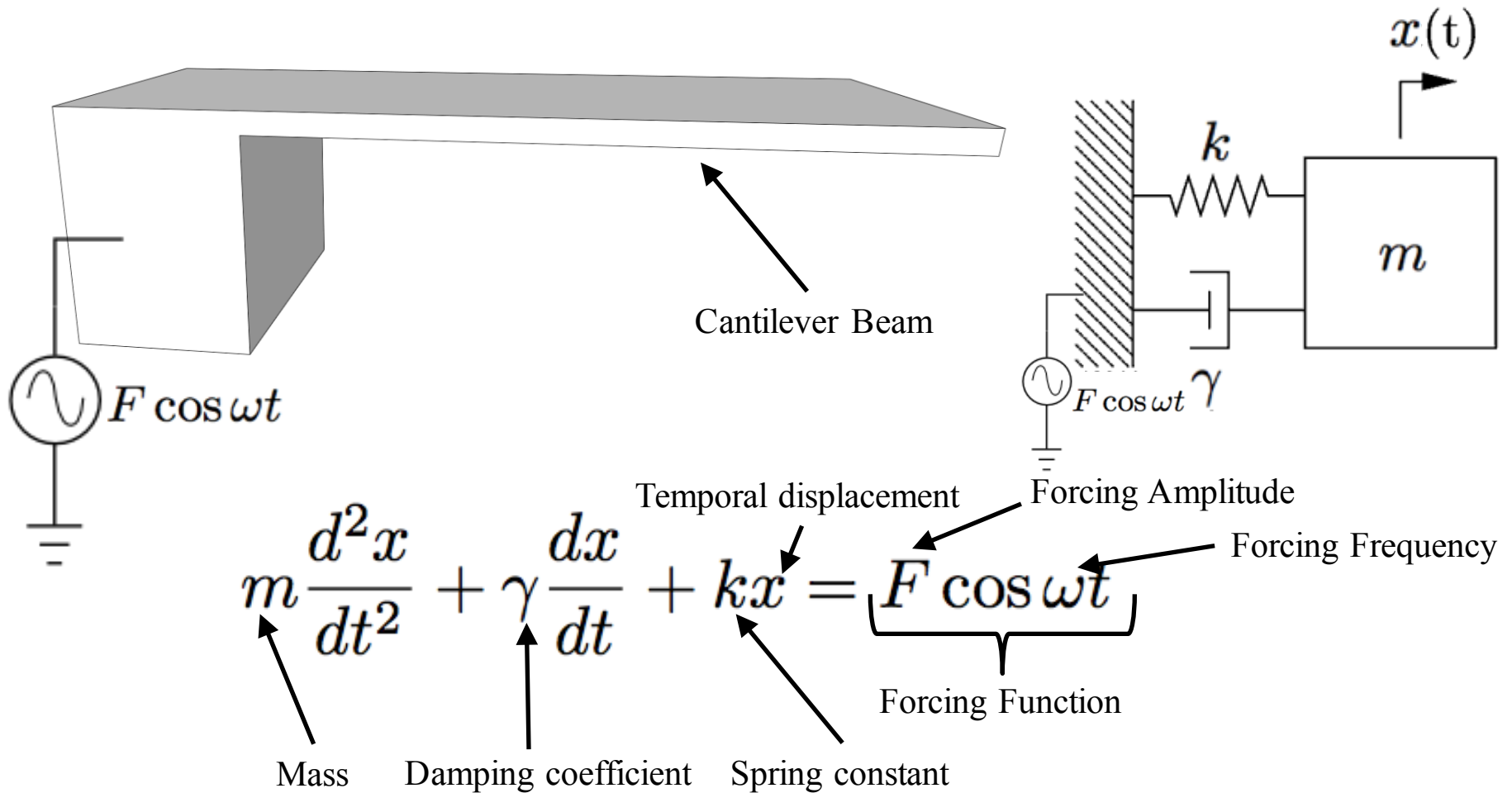
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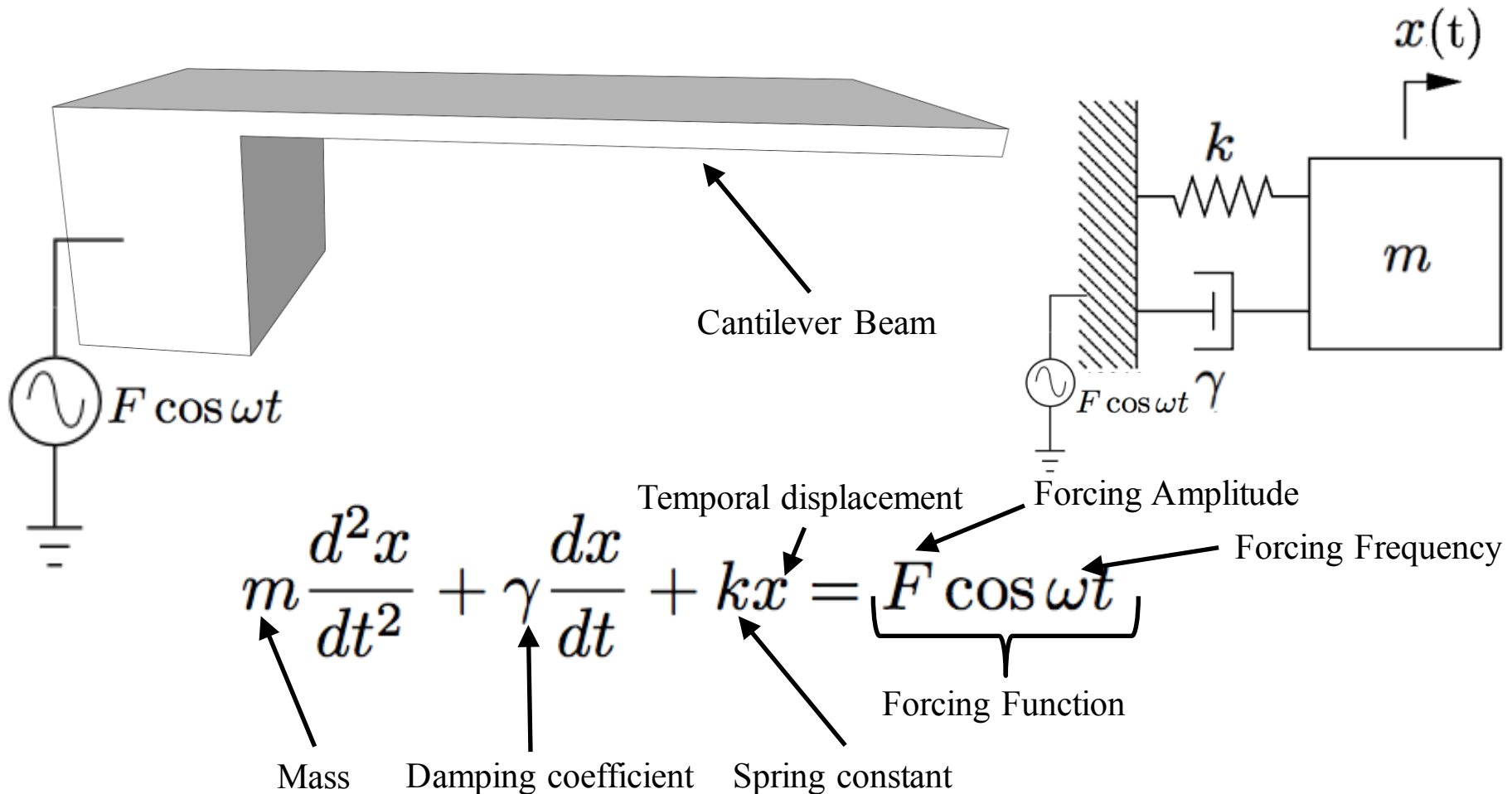
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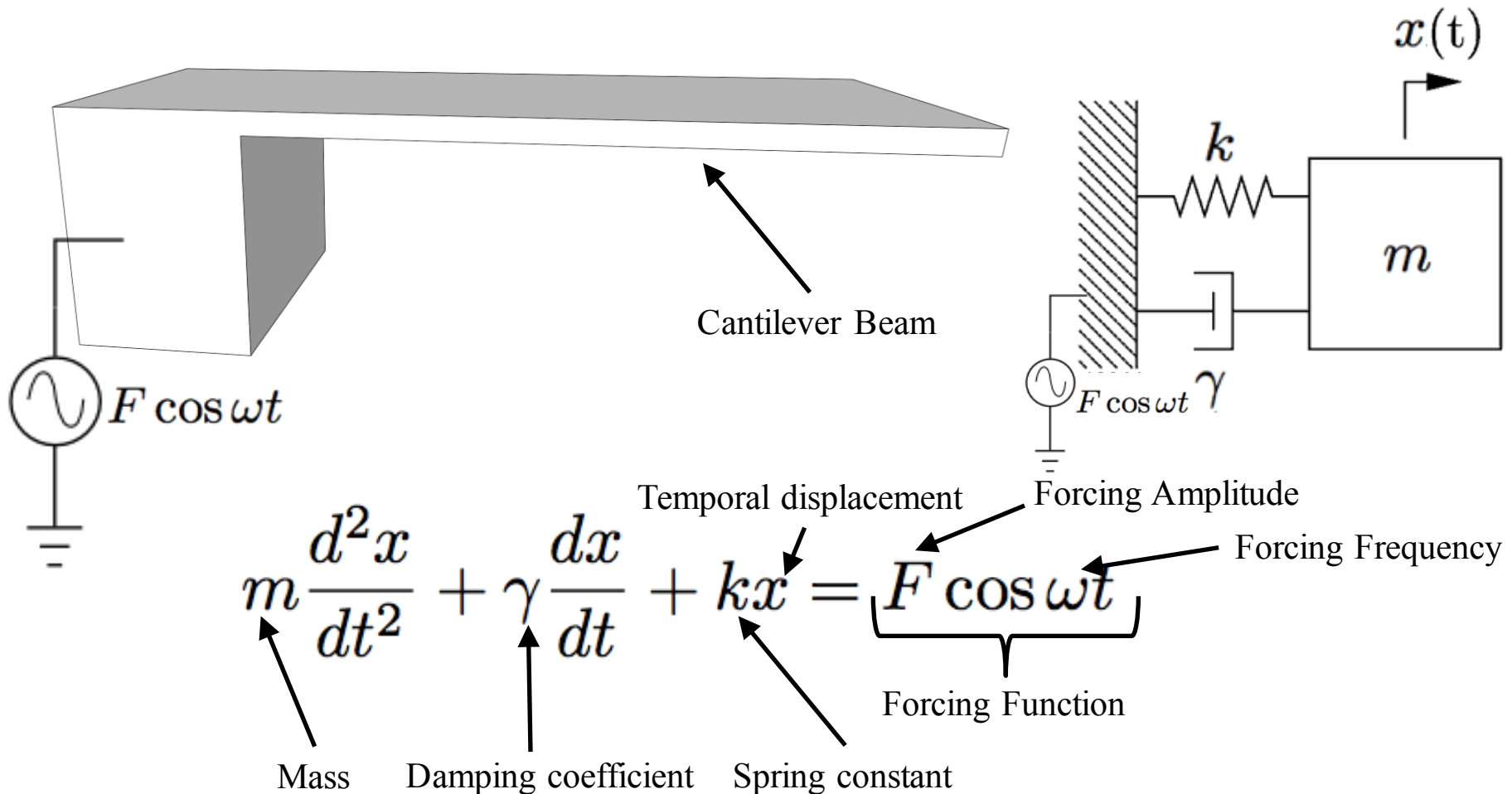
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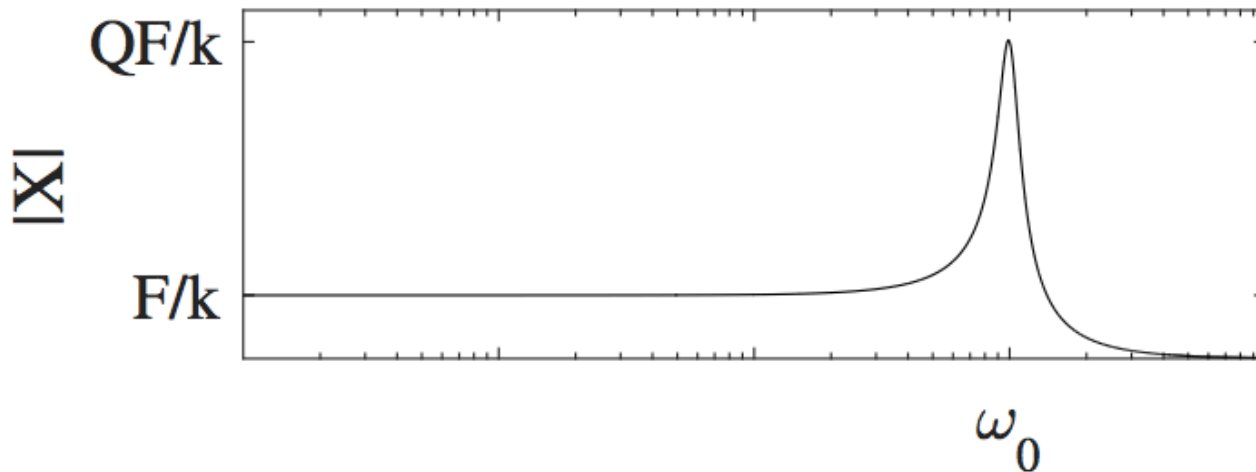
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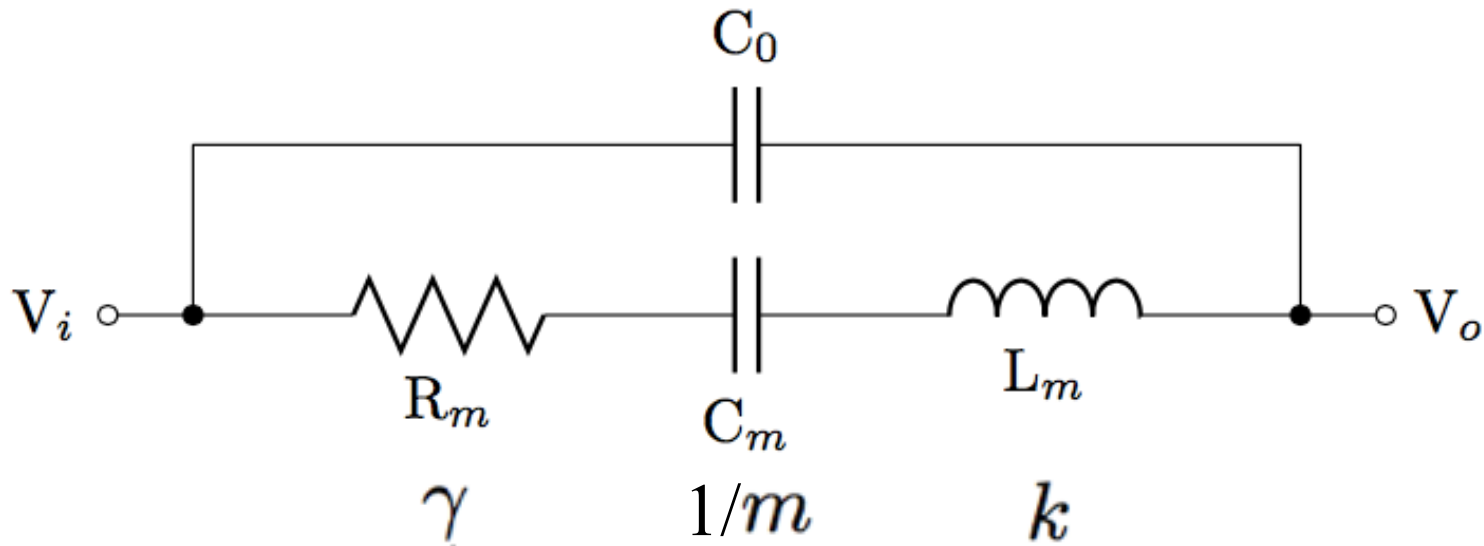
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Transmissibility Curve



ELECTRICAL EQUIVALENCE

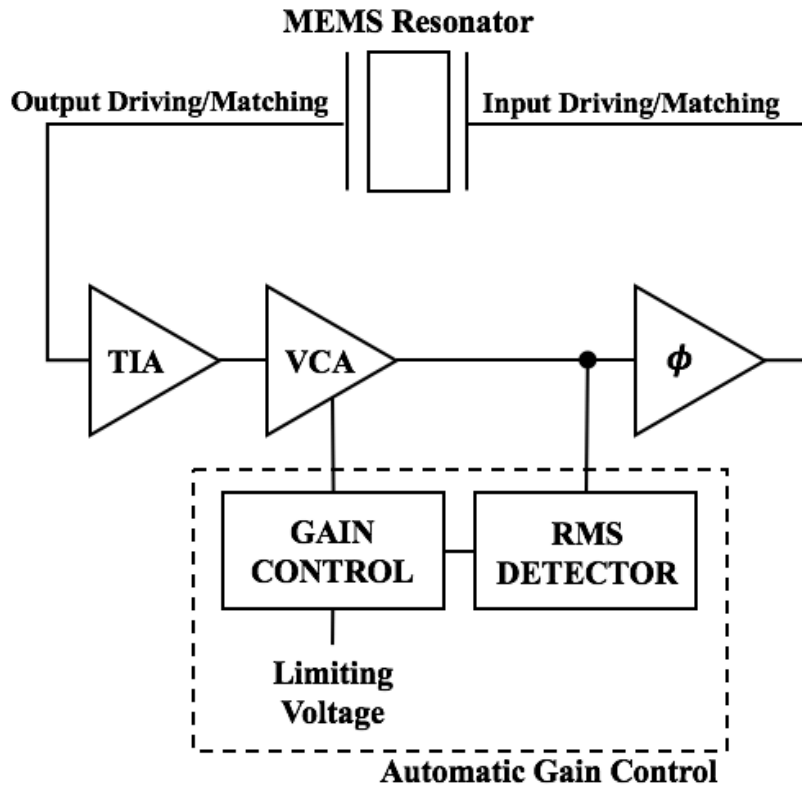
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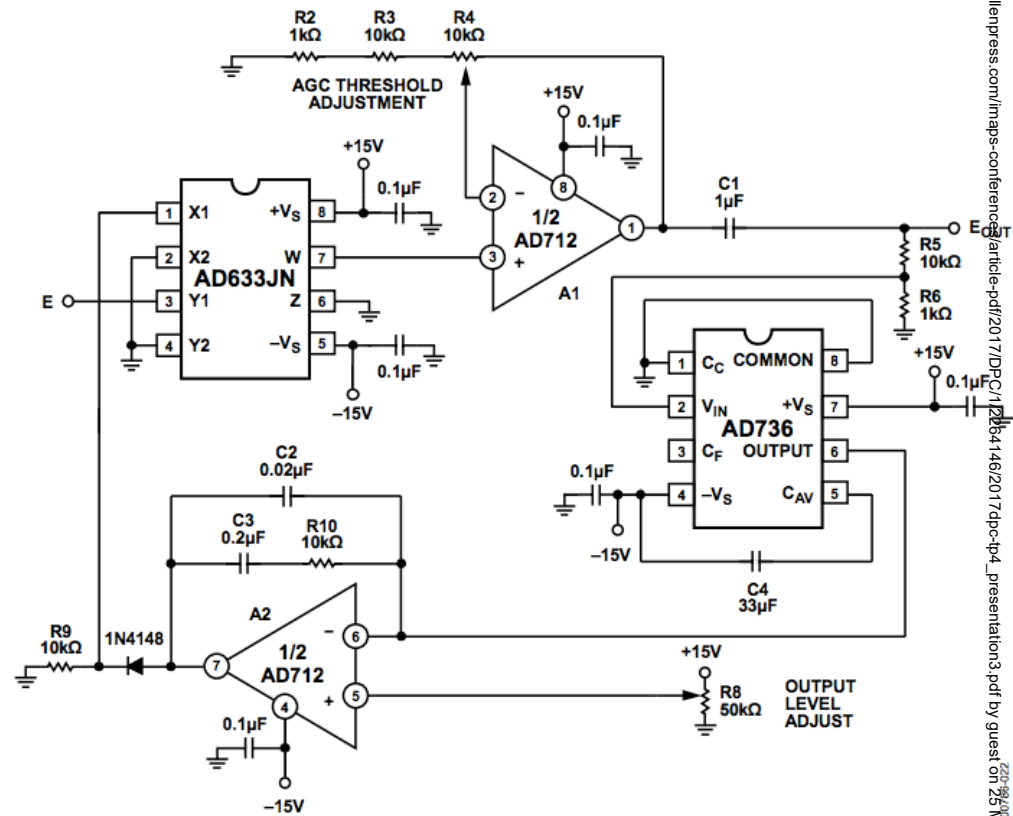
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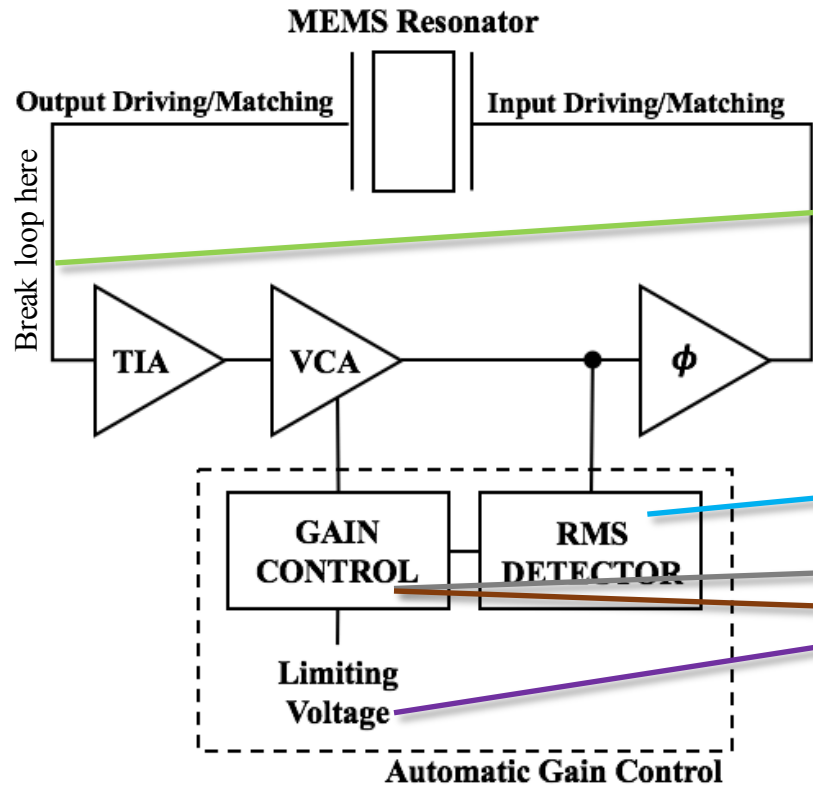
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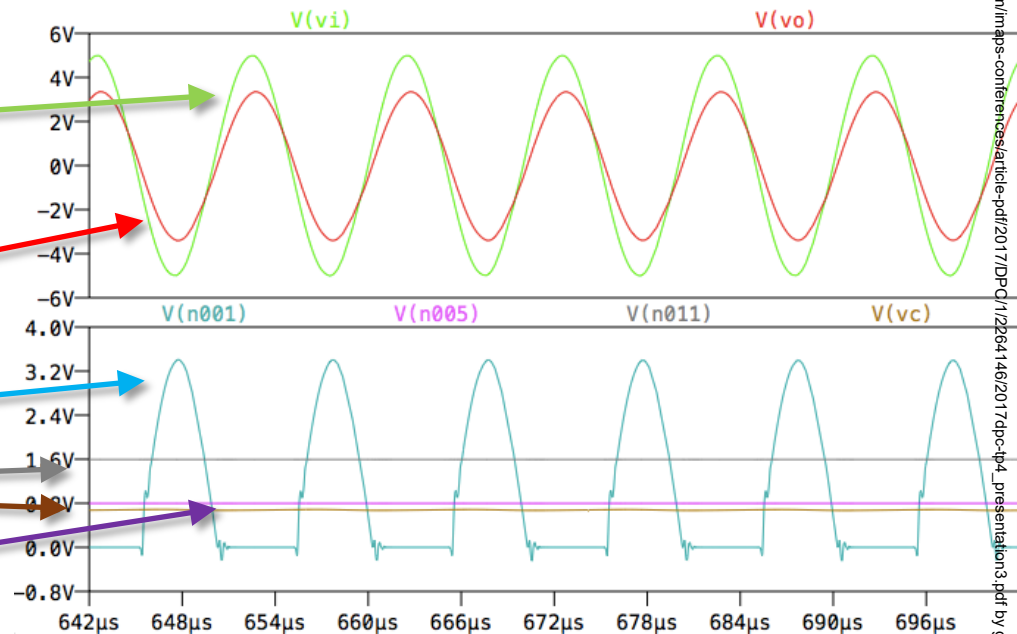
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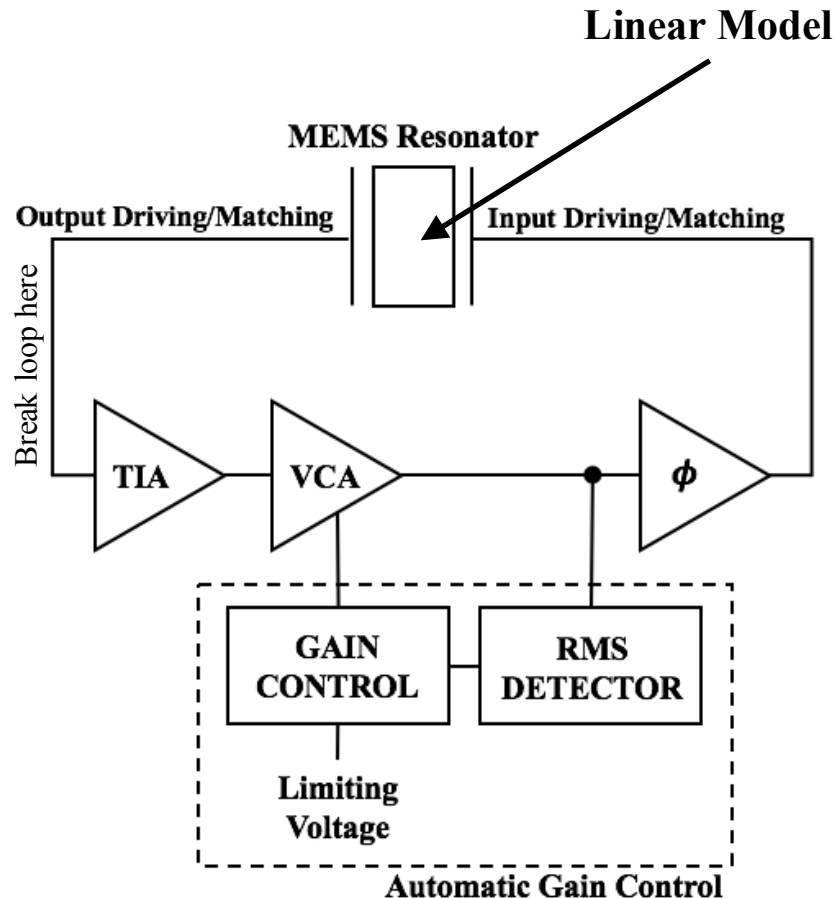
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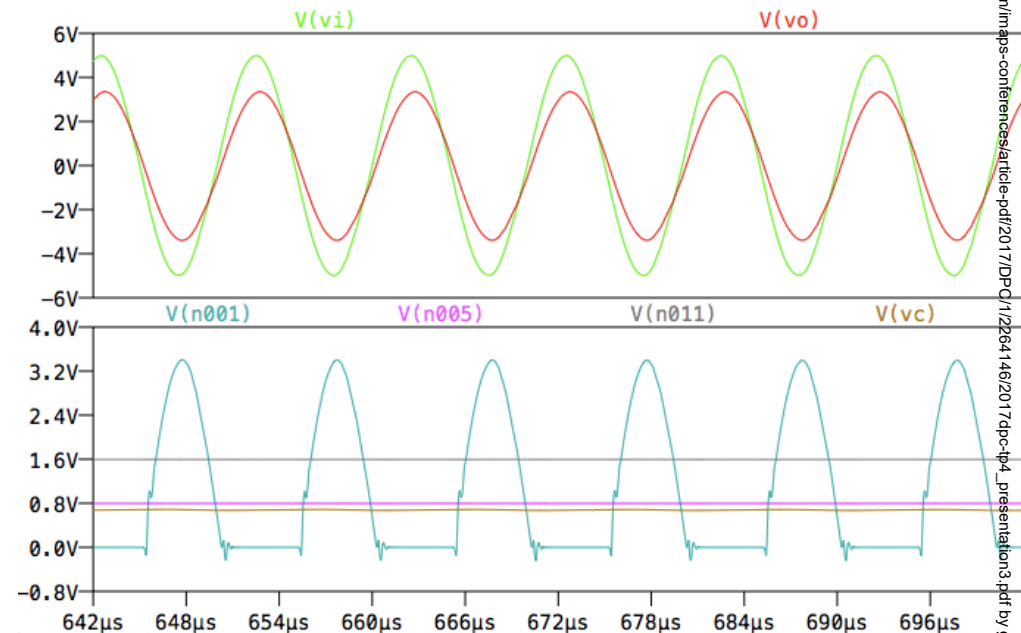
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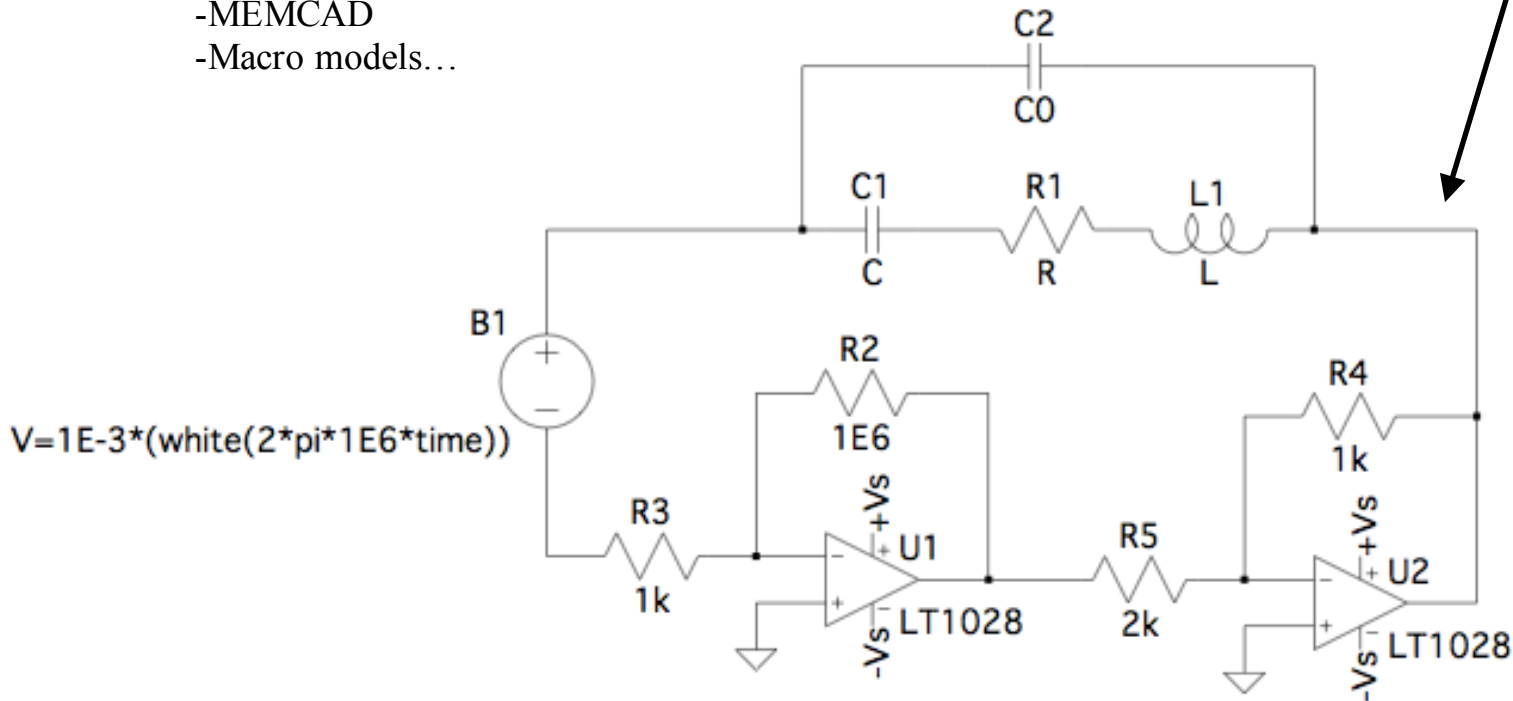
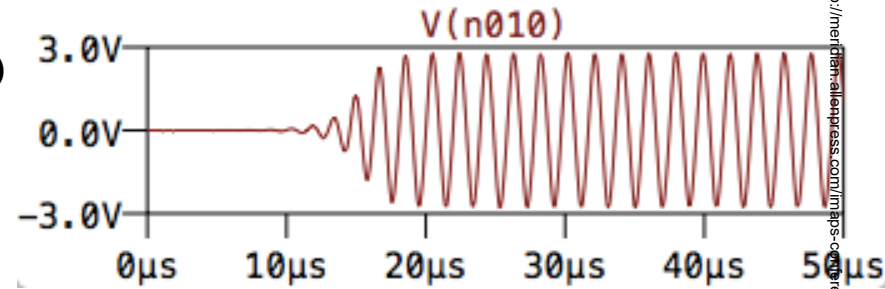


The Rub:

- Linear model is unrealistic for some conditions
- Linear behavior does not hold for transient events
- Supporting electronics can change things
- High quality factor devices amplify nonlinearities

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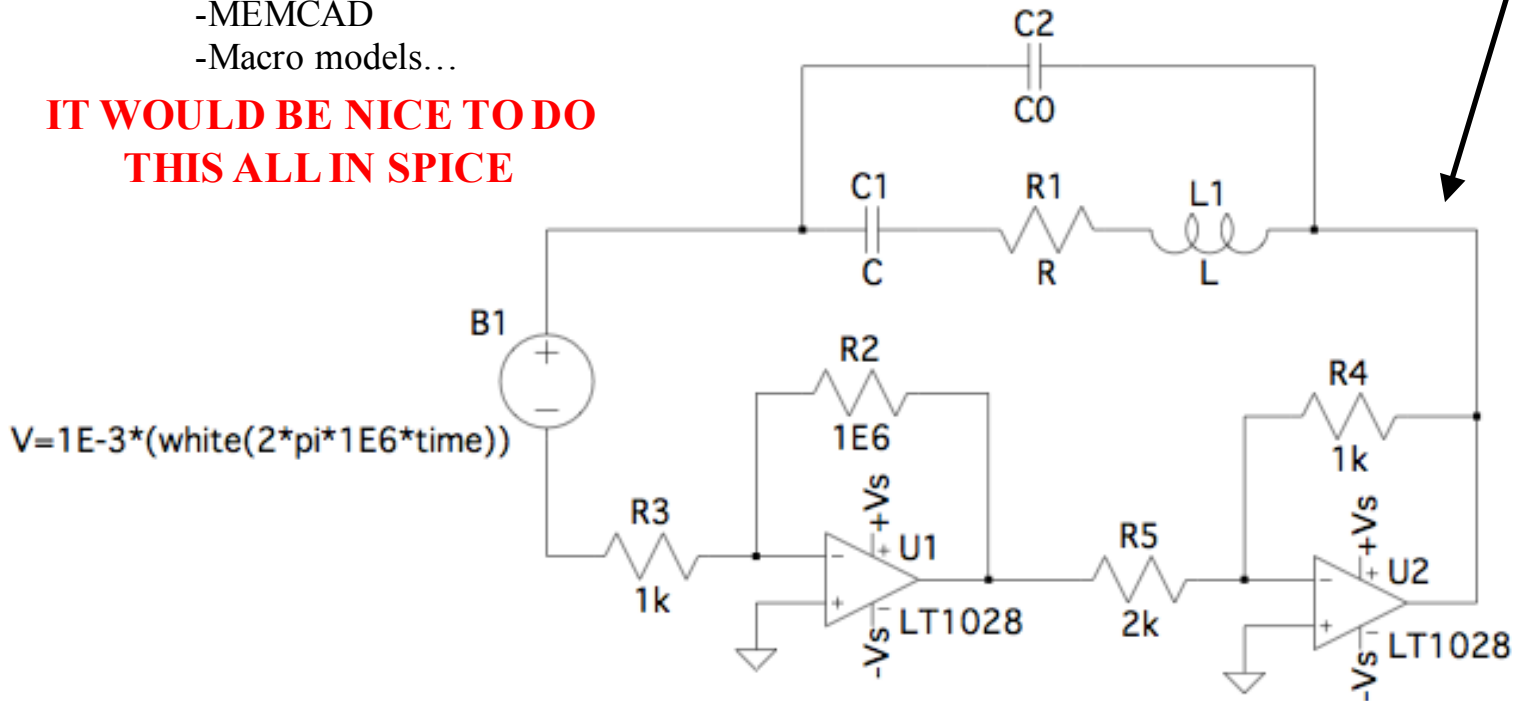
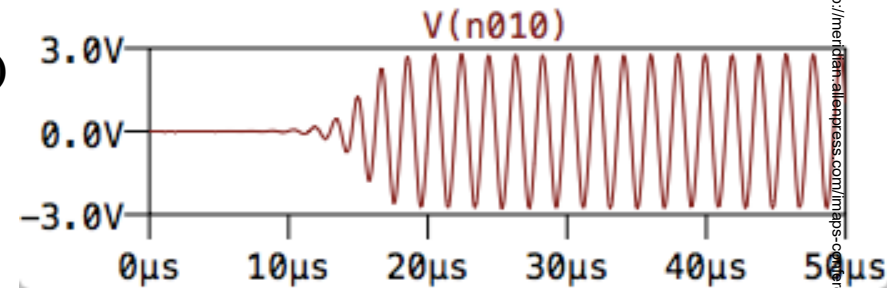
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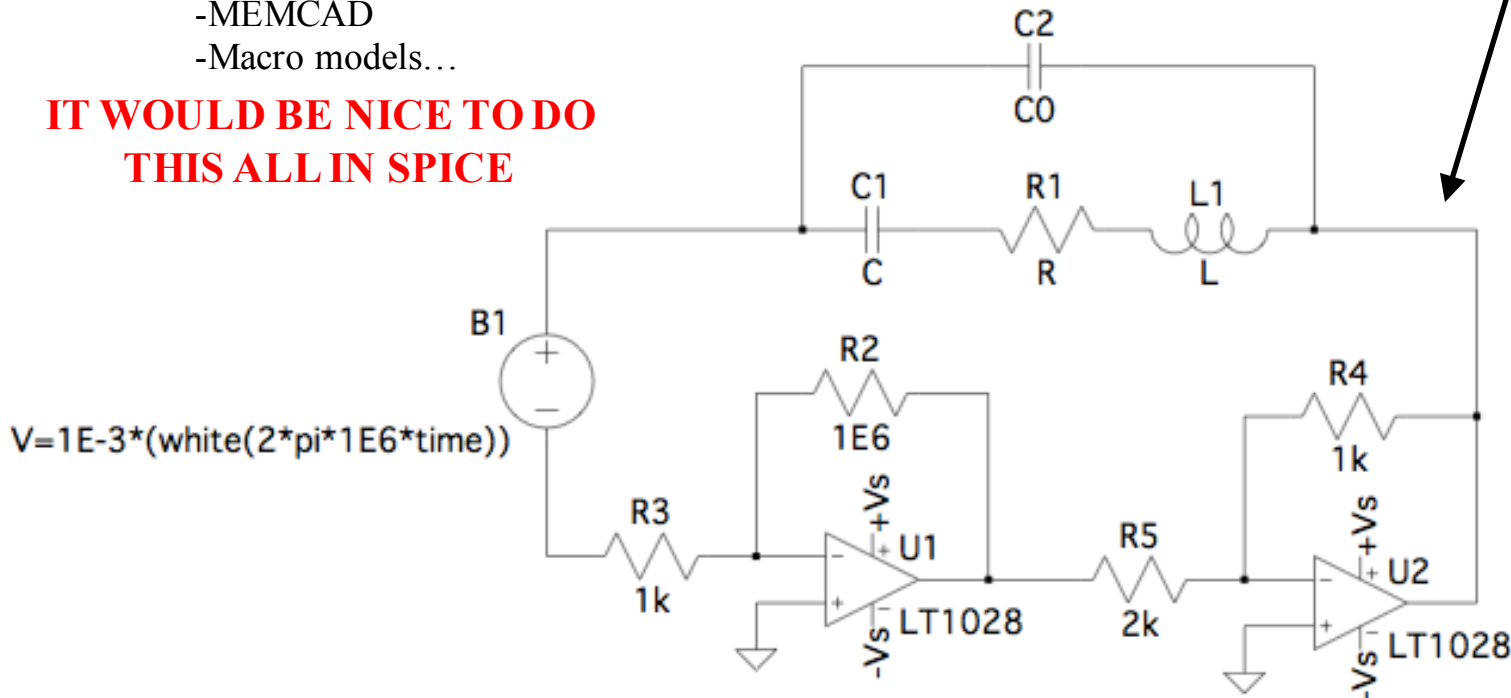
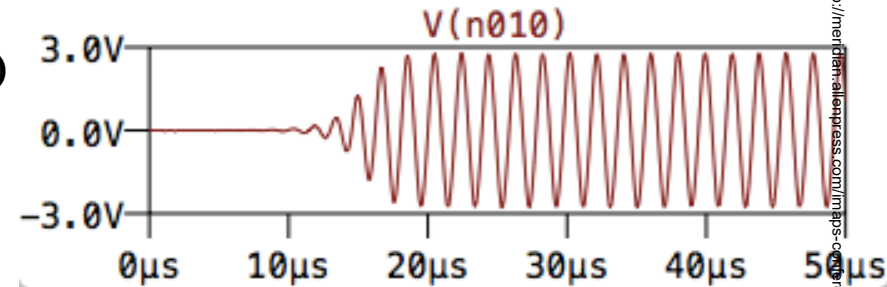
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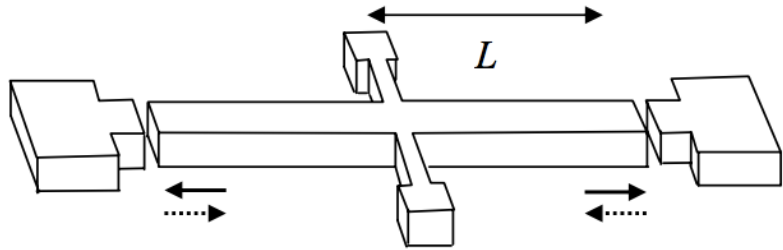


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Wave equation for longitudinal displacement

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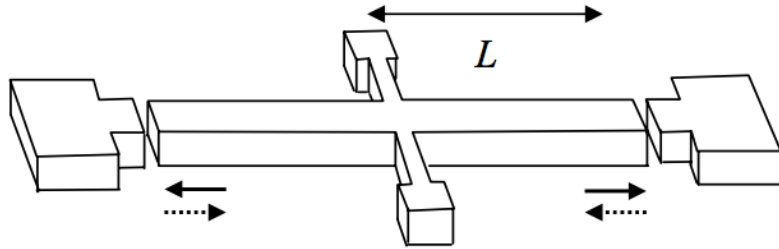
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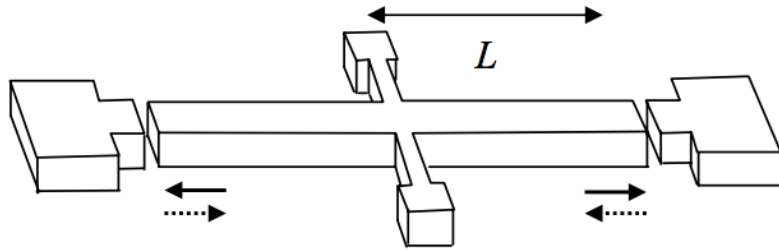
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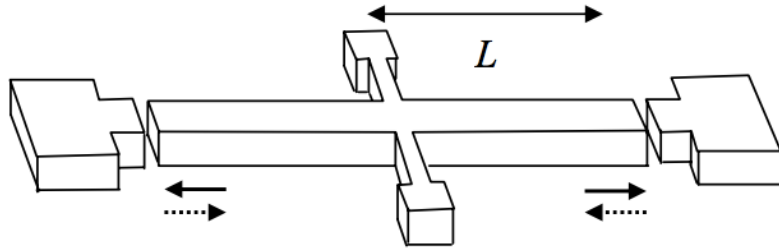
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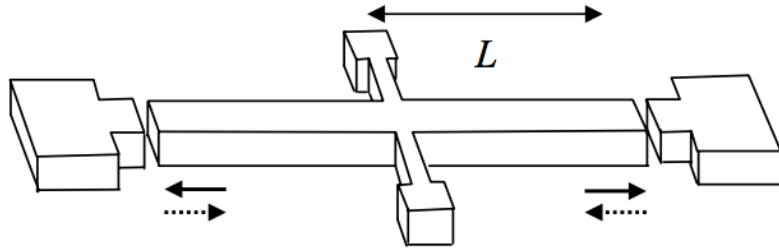
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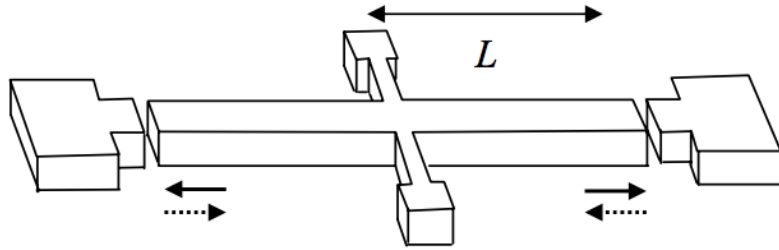
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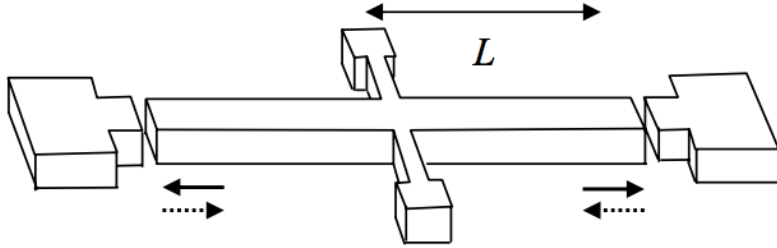
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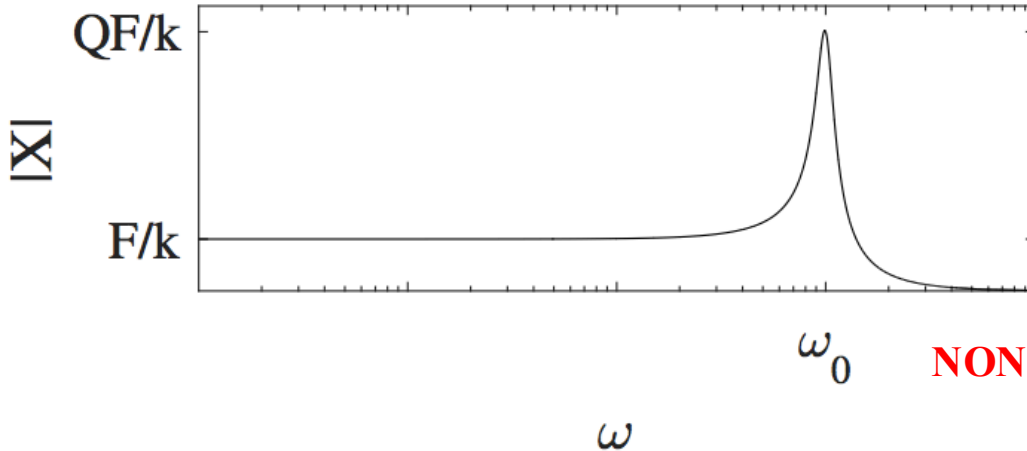
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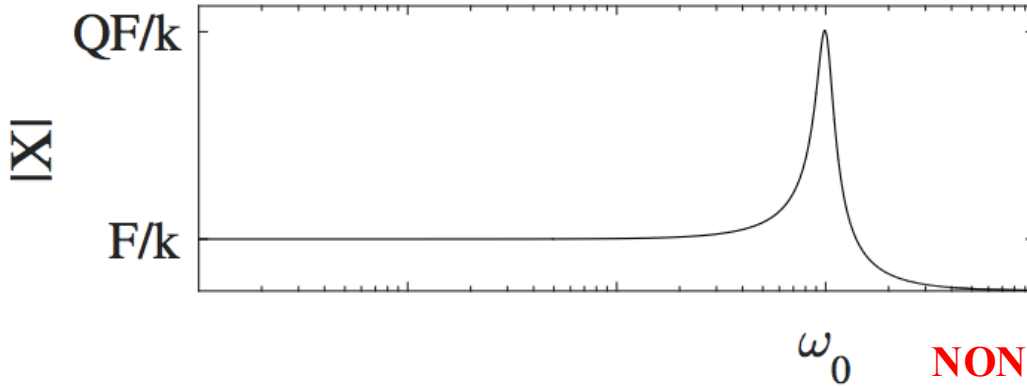
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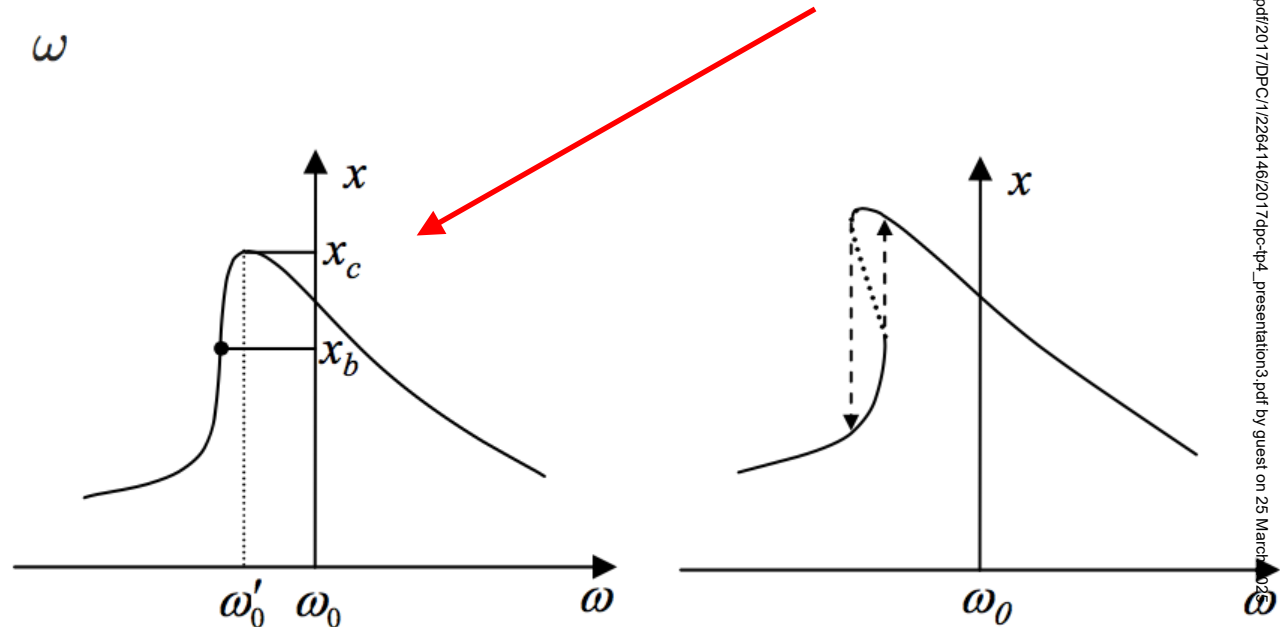
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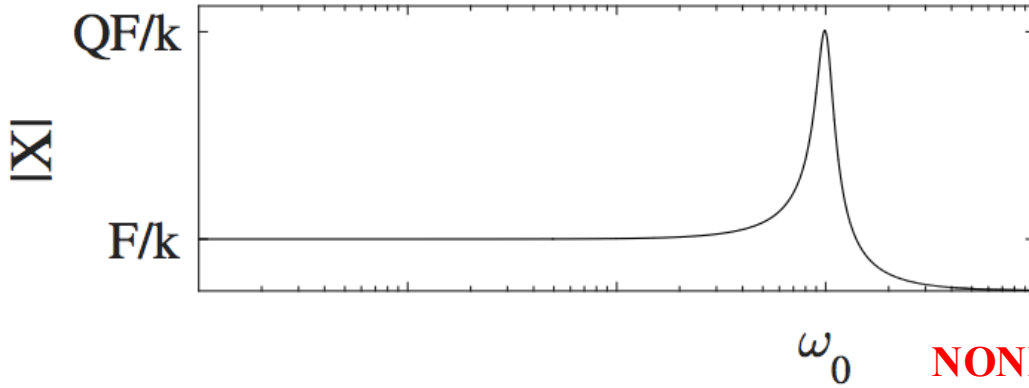
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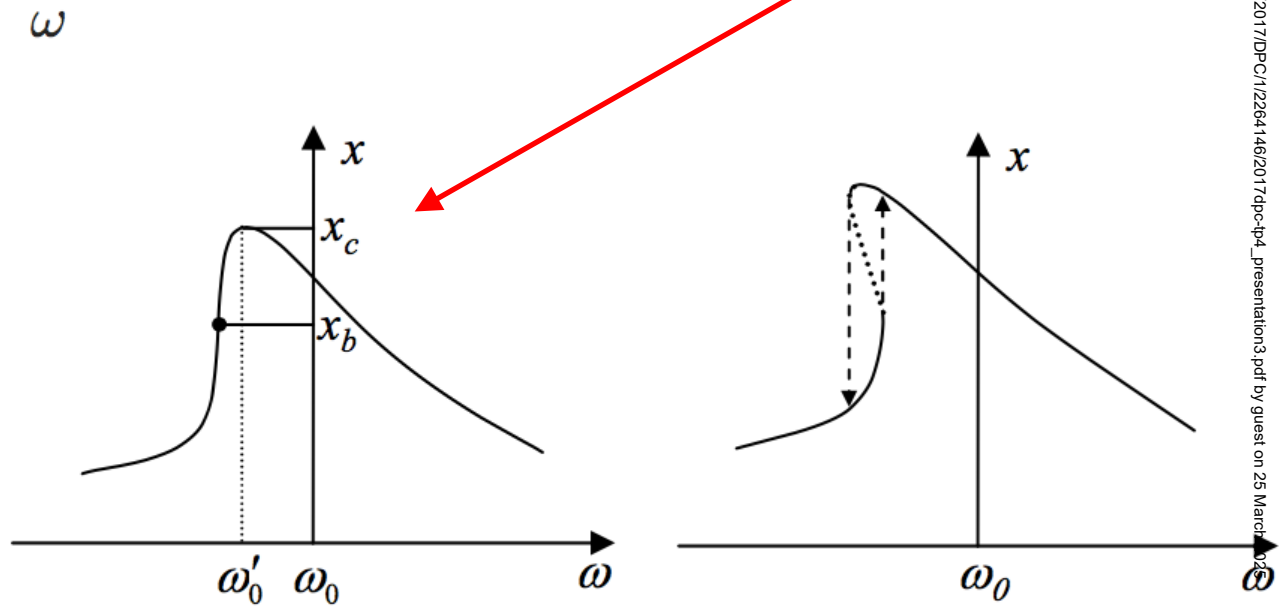
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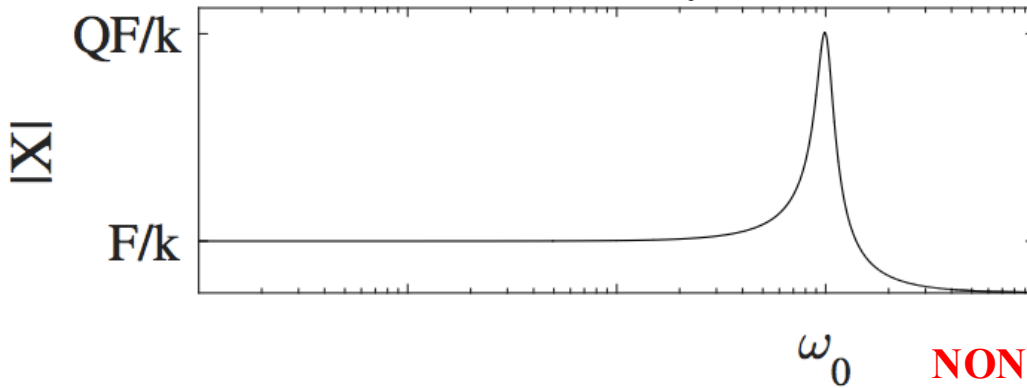
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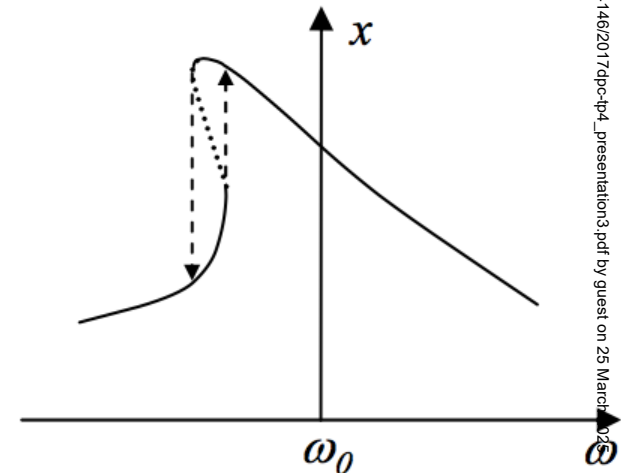
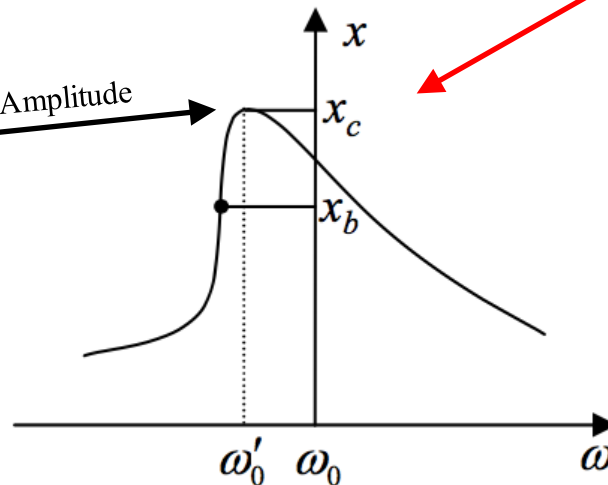
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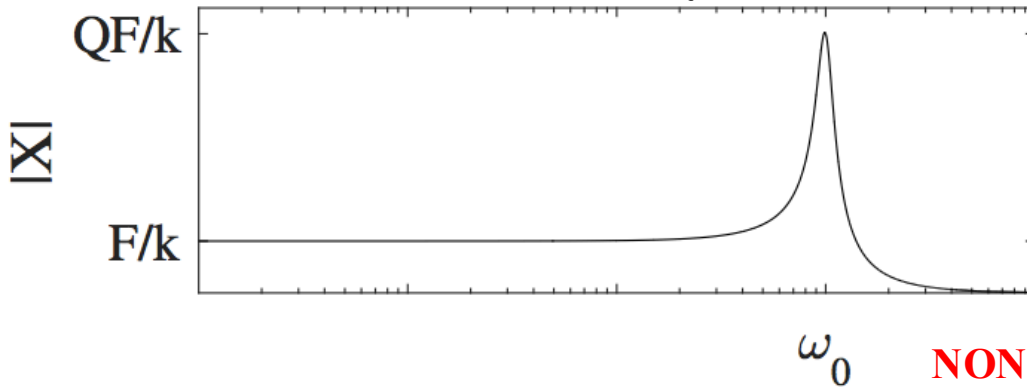
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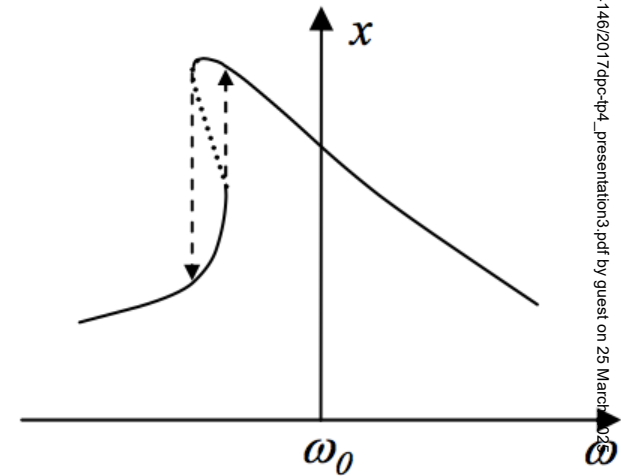
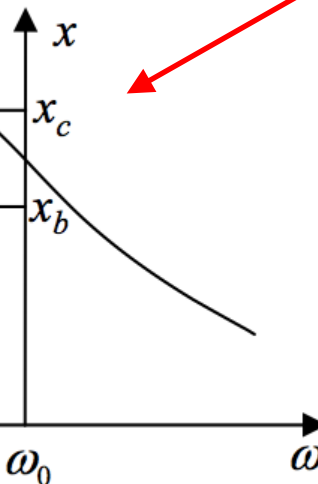
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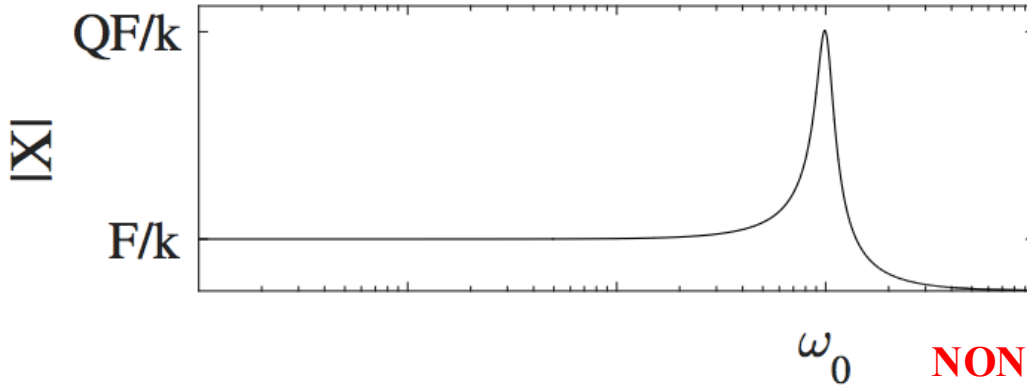
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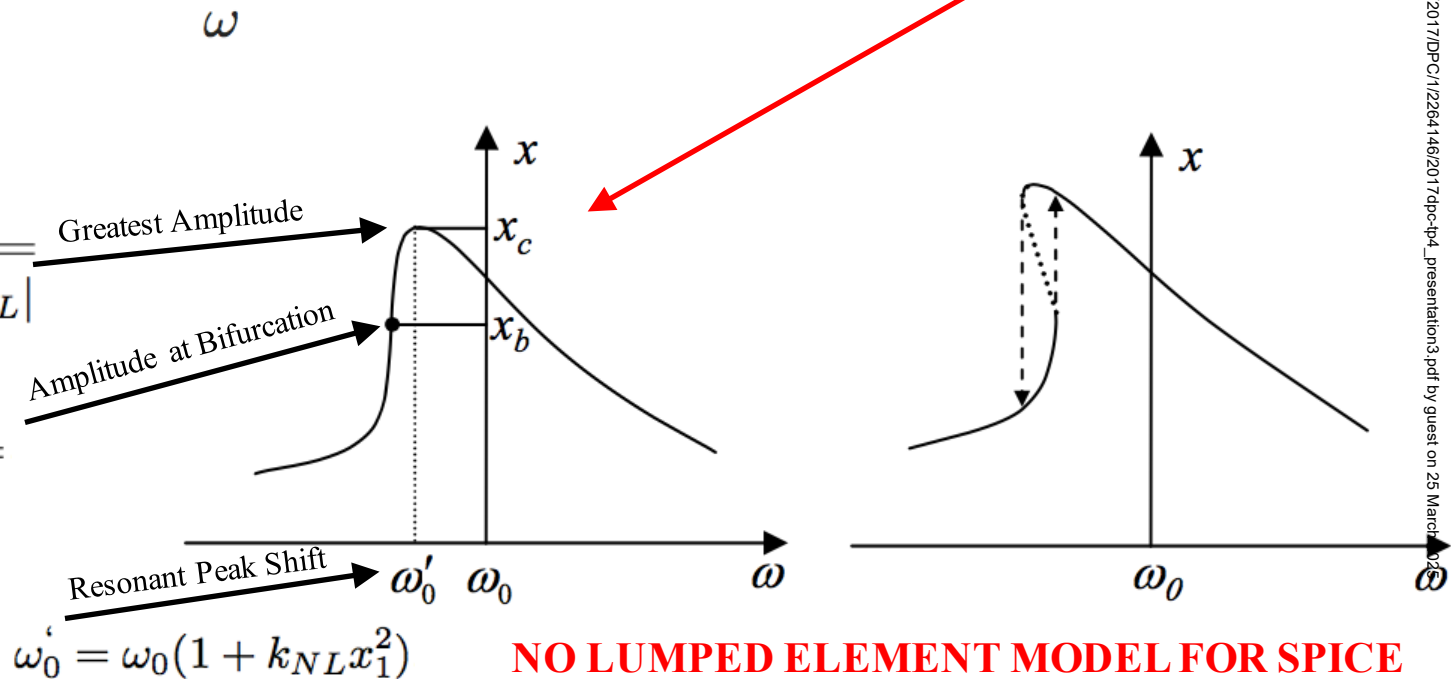
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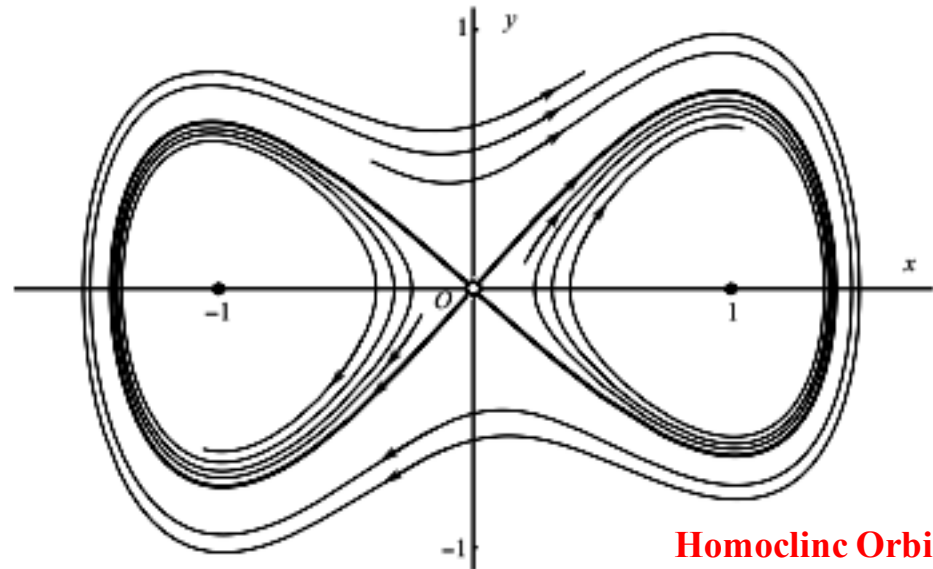
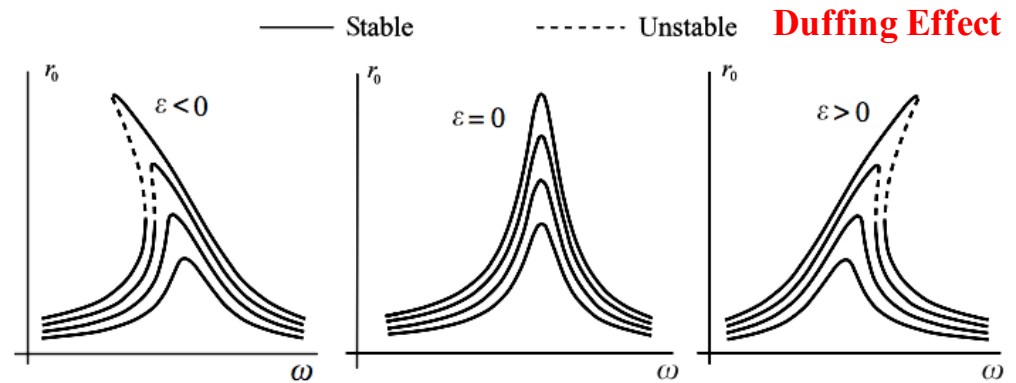
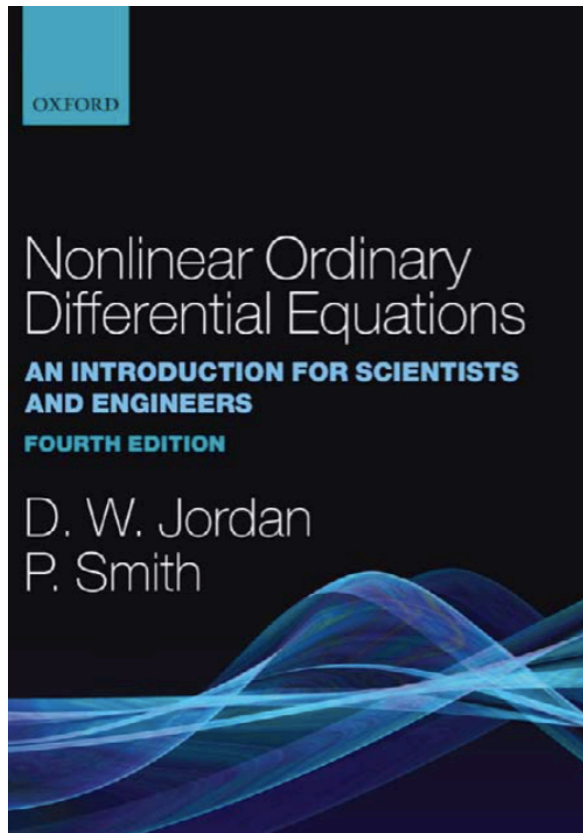
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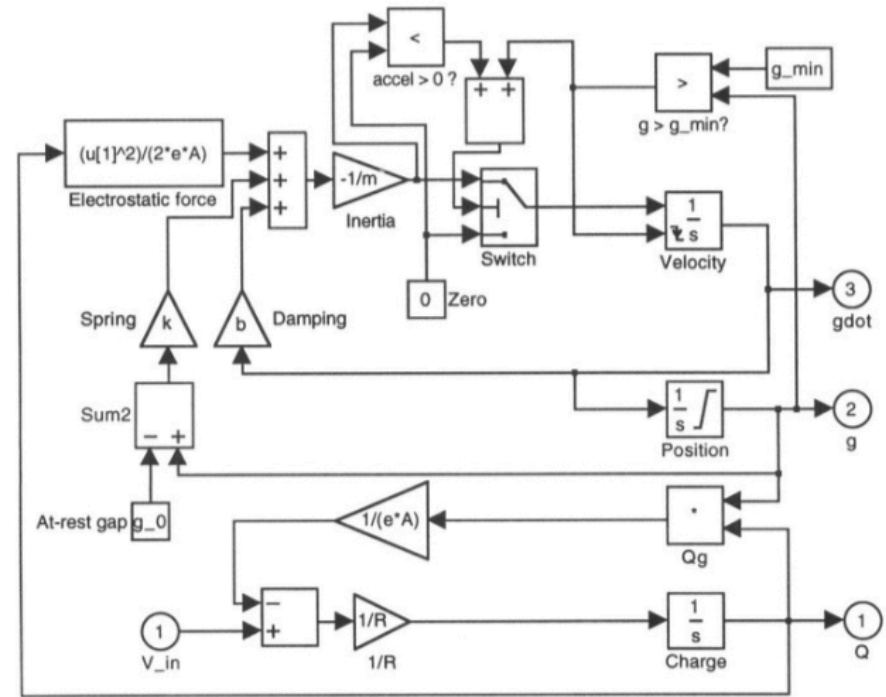
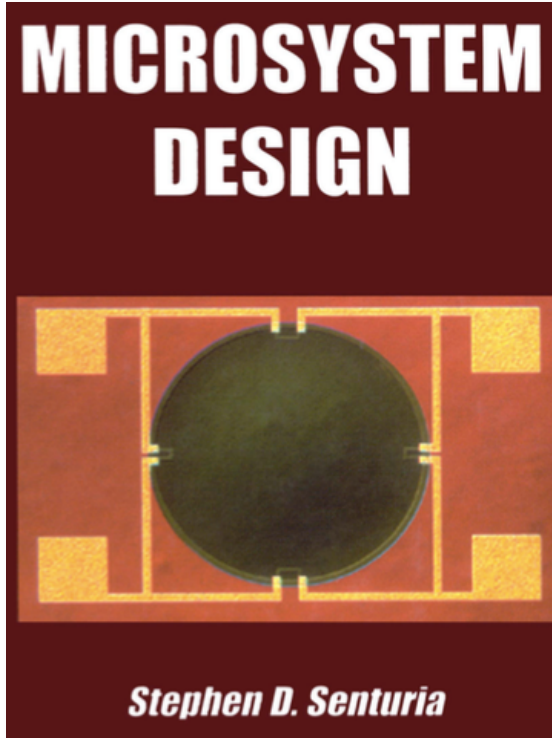


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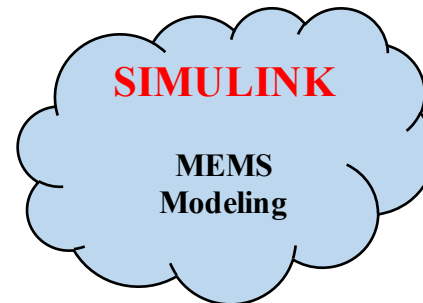
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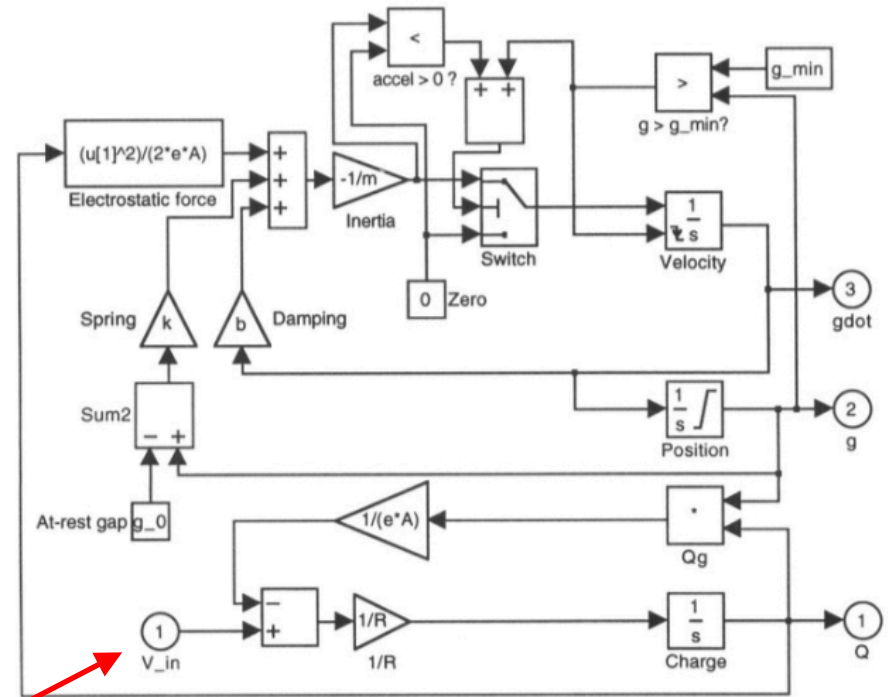
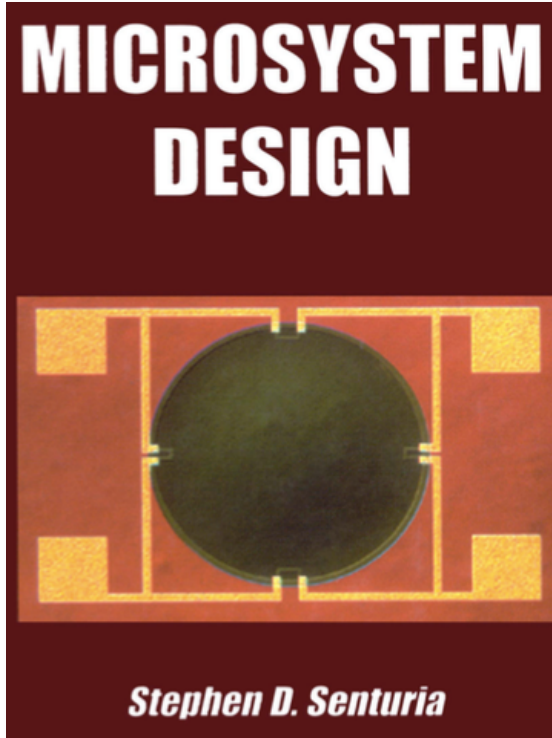
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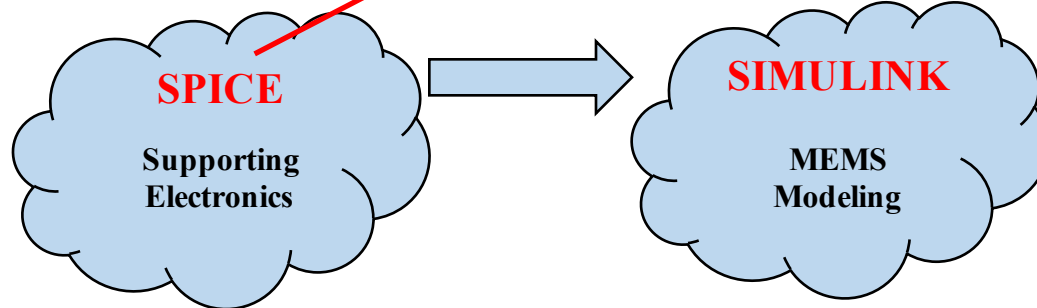
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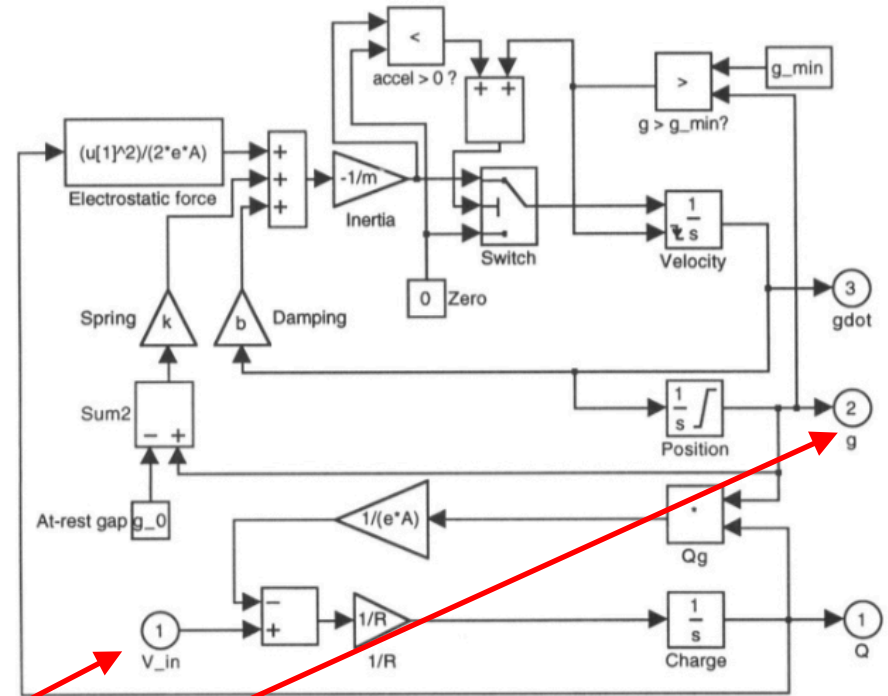
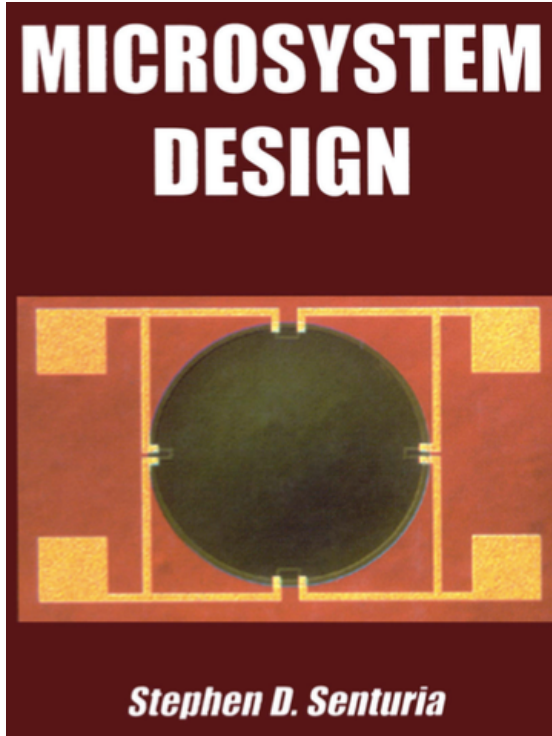
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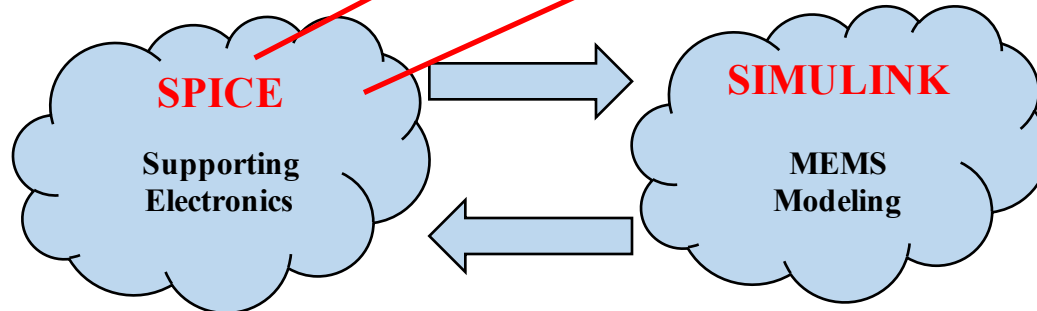
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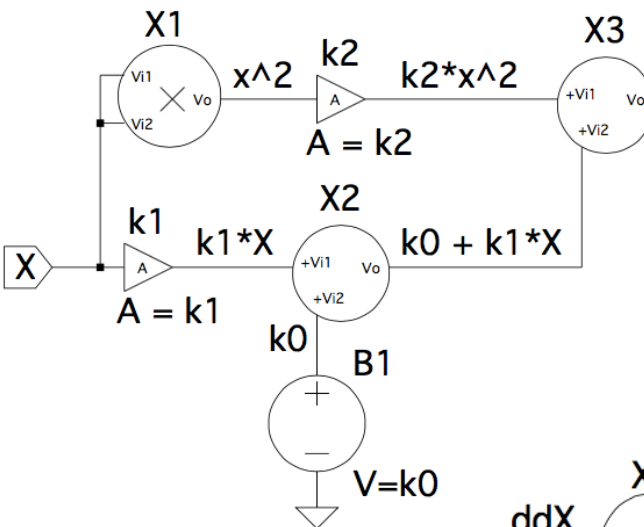
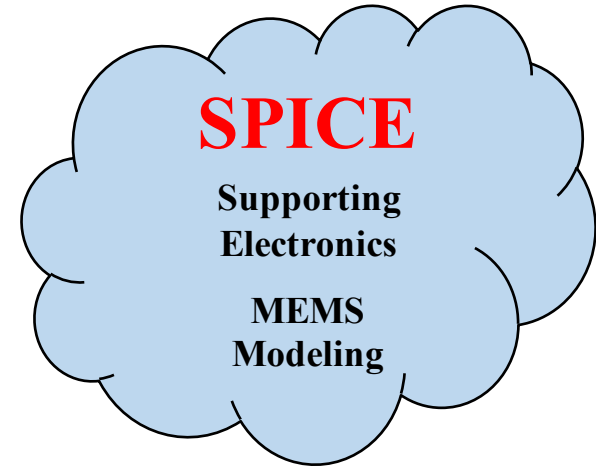


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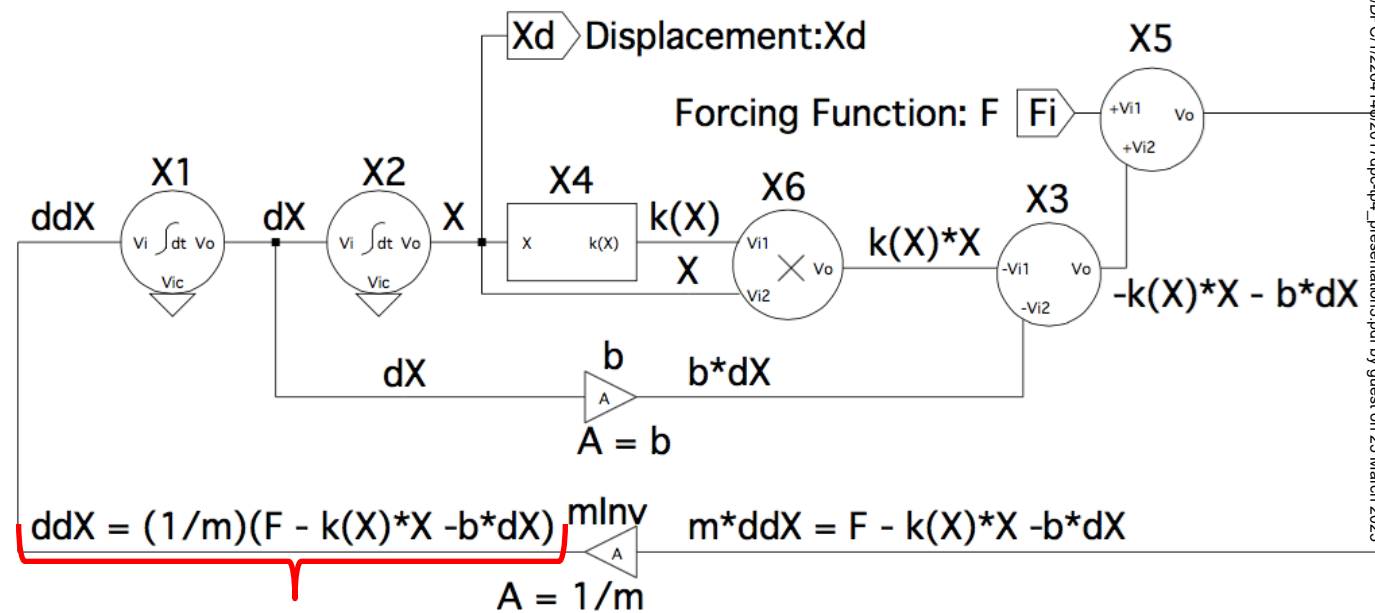


NONLINEAR BEAM MODELING IN SPICE

Nonlinear Spring Model



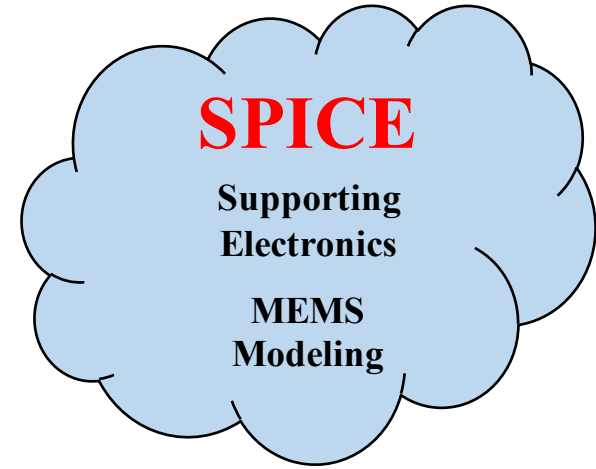
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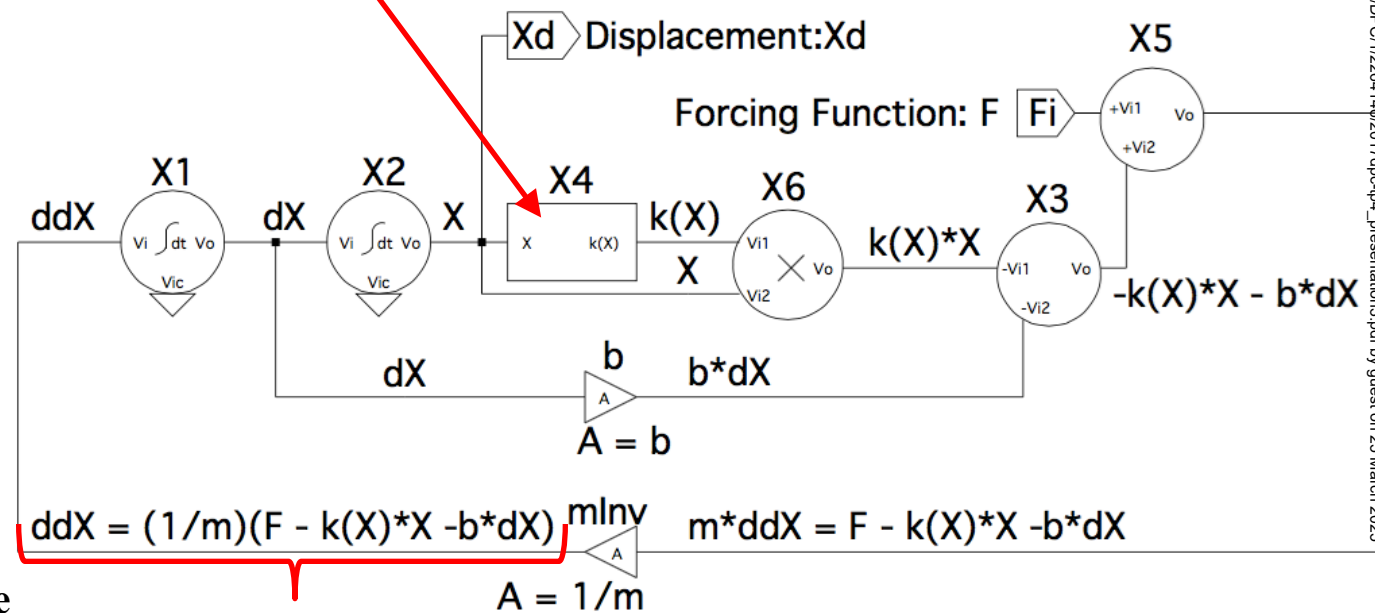
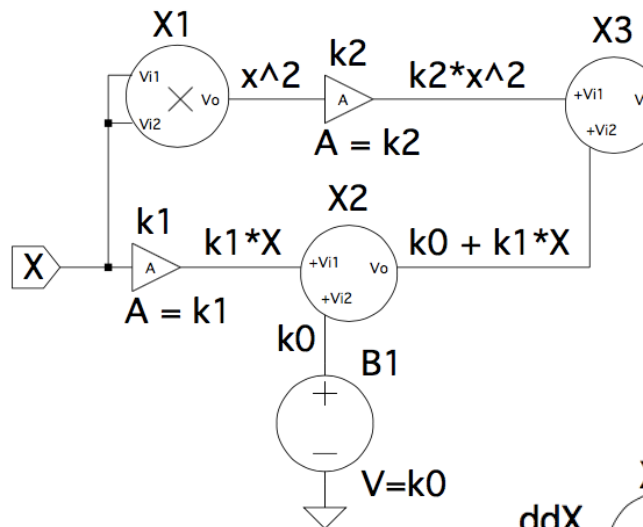
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NONLINEAR BEAM MODELING IN SPICE



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Resonator Model

- Uses hierarchy
- Uses SPICE primitives
 - Integrators
 - Multipliers
 - Gain
 - Etc...
- Single software package

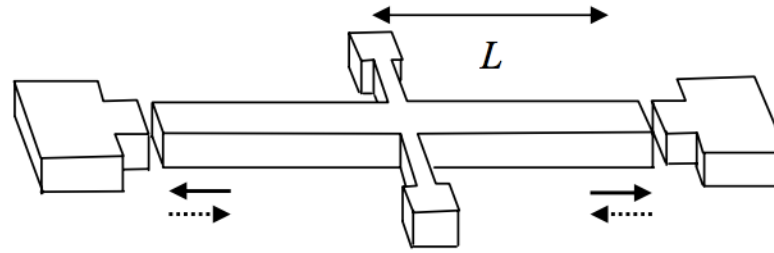
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OUTLINE

- **Stress and Strain in Materials**
- **Silicon as a Linear Material**
- **Linear Resonant Microstructures**
- **SPICE Limitations**
 - Supporting Electronics for MEMS
 - Linear MEMS Model
 - Need for Other Software
- **Nonlinear MEMS Beams (BAW Example)**
- **Nonlinear Modeling**
 - Conventional
 - Extension in SPICE
- **SPICE Simulation** (Nonlinear MEMS with Supporting Electronics)
 - **Large Amplitude Behavior**
 - **Chaotic Transients**
 - **Bifurcation**
- **Conclusion**
- **Future Work**

SIMULATION RESULTS



BAW resonator with a length of $200\mu m$

TABLE I: MEMS Parameters

Parameter	Symbol		Units
Linear spring constant	k_0	50m	Nm
	k_1	25	10^3
	k_2	12	10^8
Nonlinearity Measure	k_{NL}	256	
Linear Resonance	ω_0	1.54	kHz
Mass	m	21n	g
Quality factor	Q	1	10^5
Damping	γ	3.33	10^{-5}
Critical vibration amplitude	x_c	44	μm
Energy at x_c	E_c	5	nJ
Power at x_c	P_c	516	pW

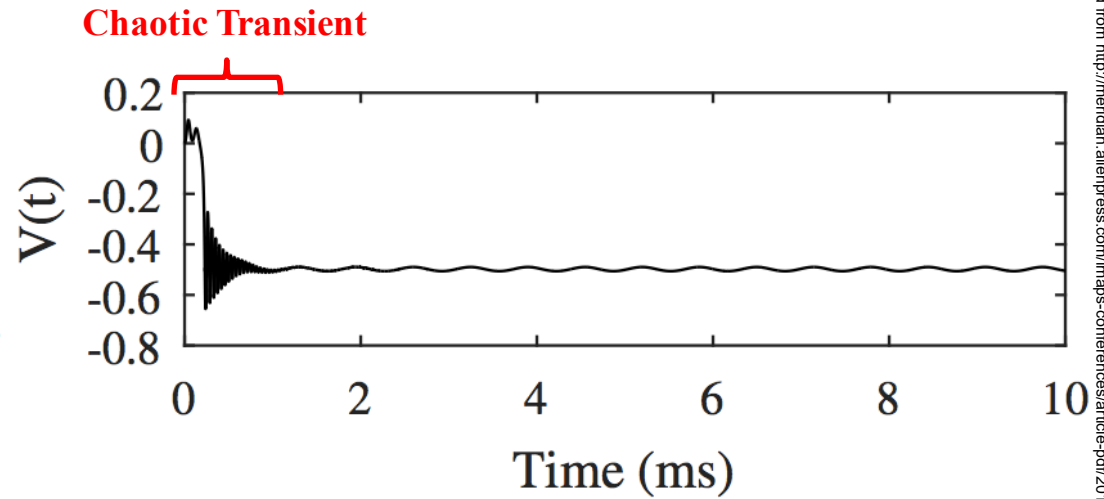
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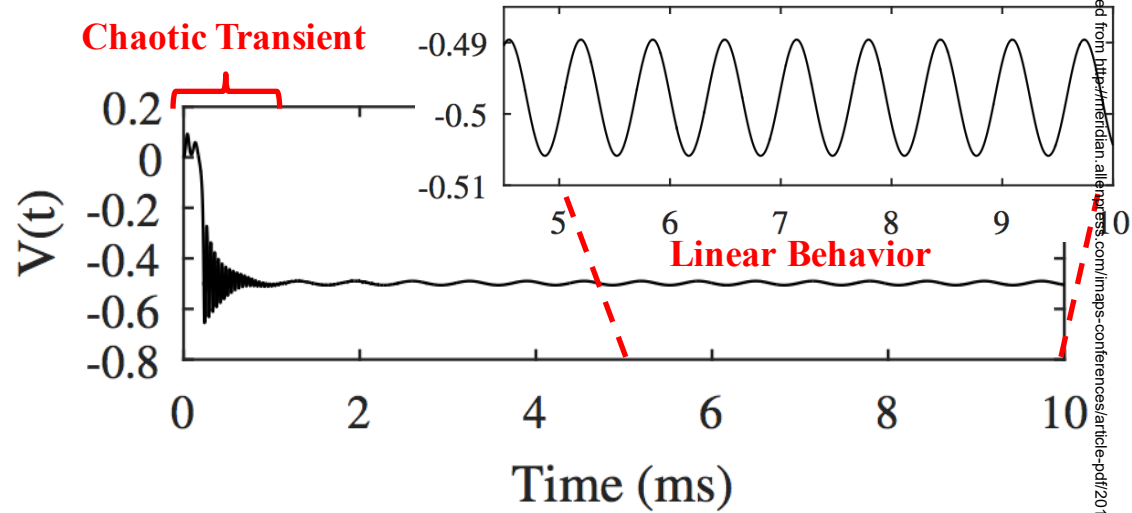
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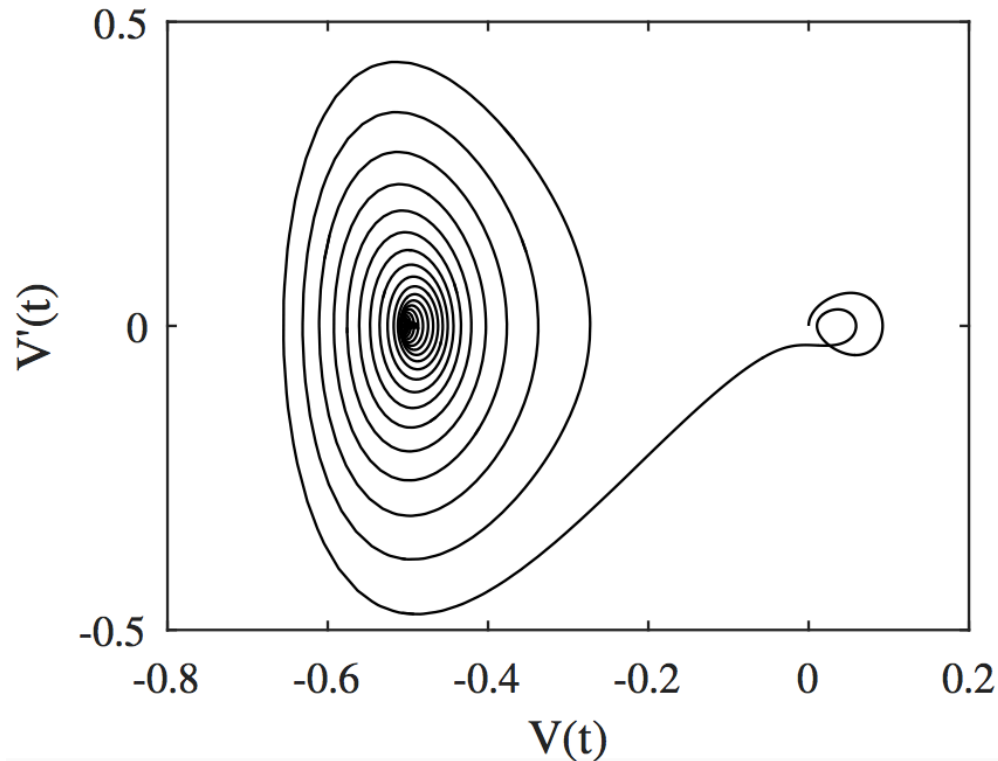
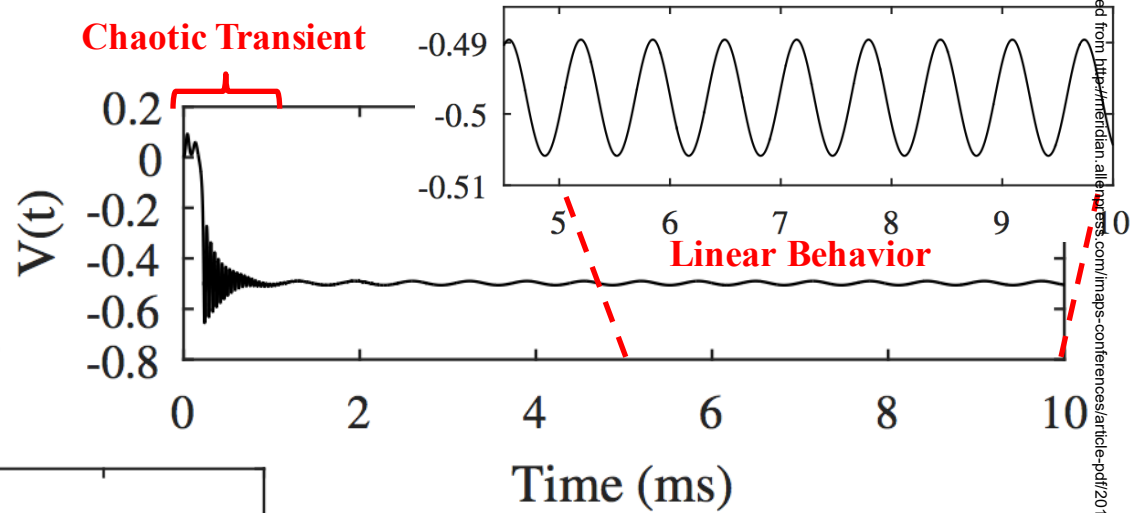
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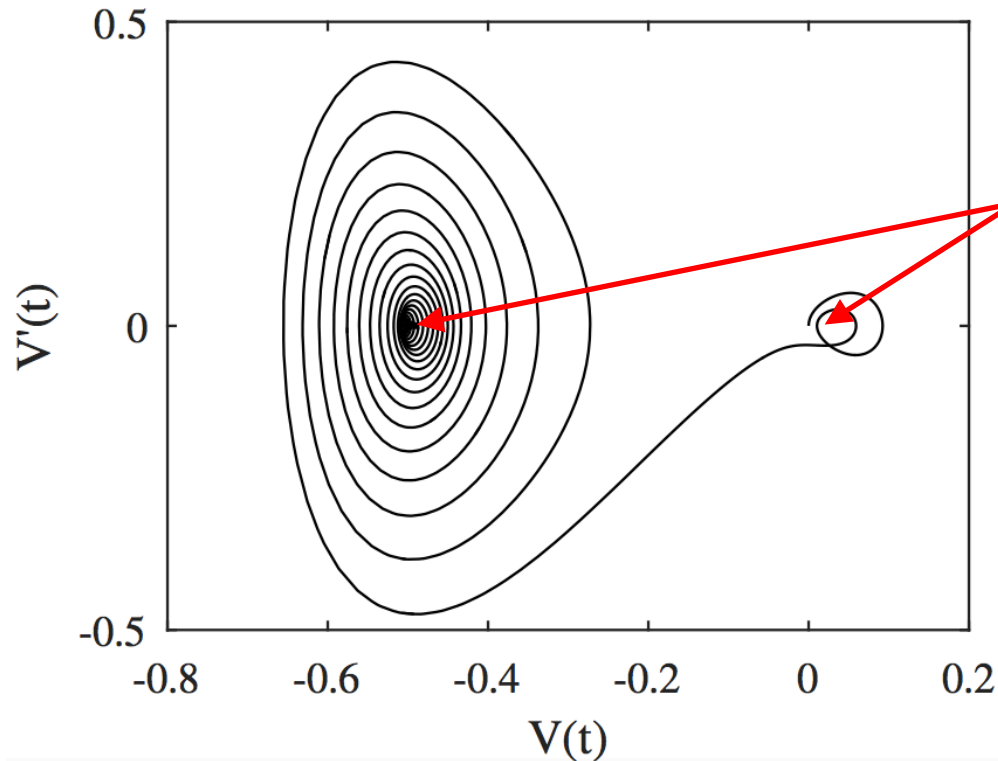
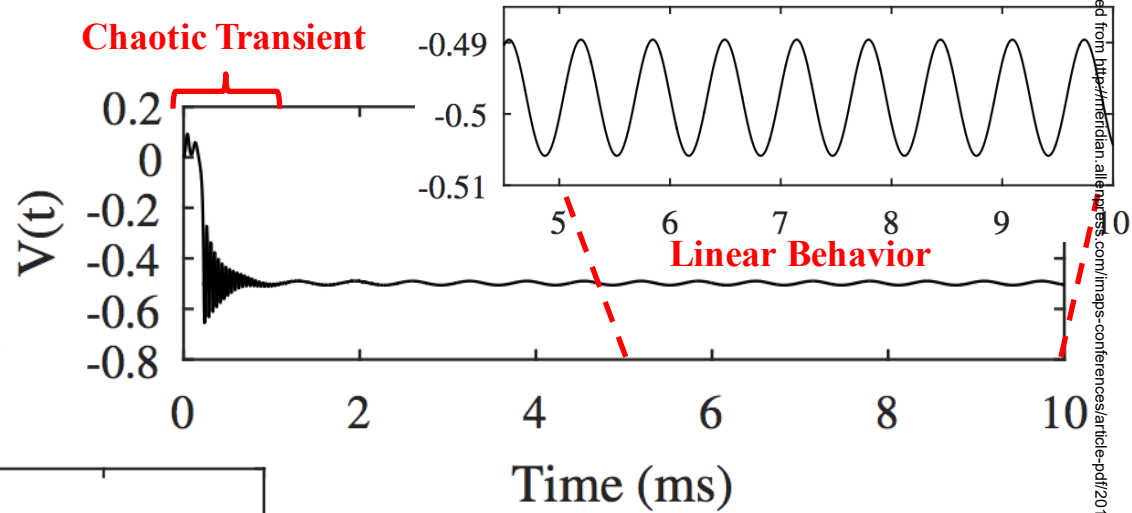
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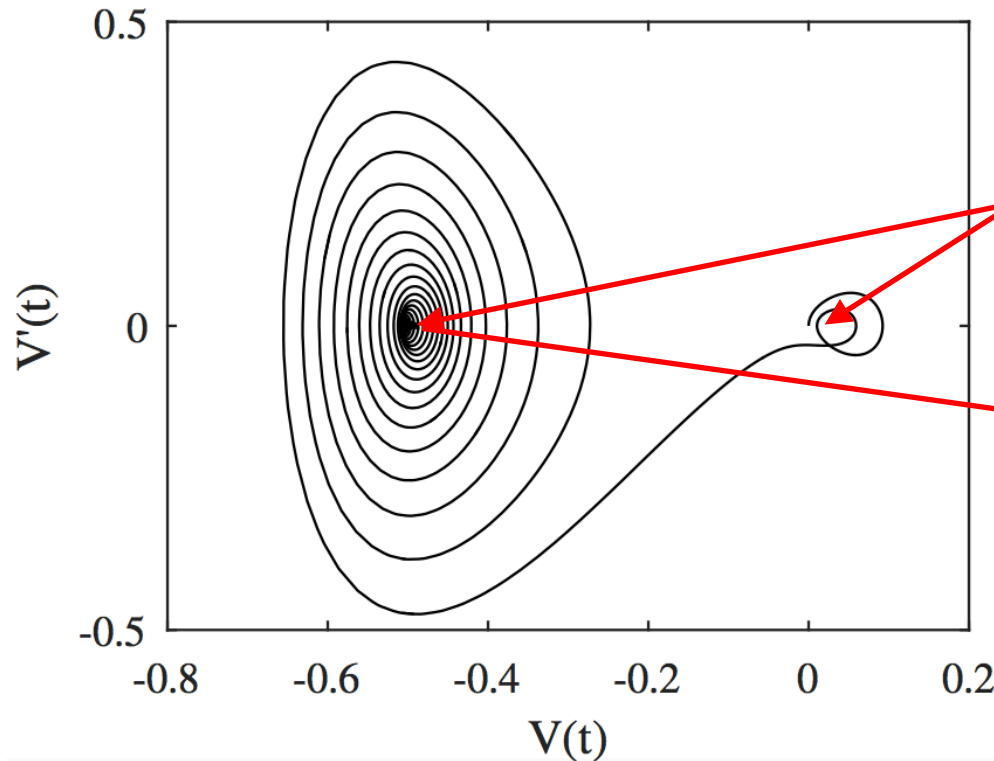
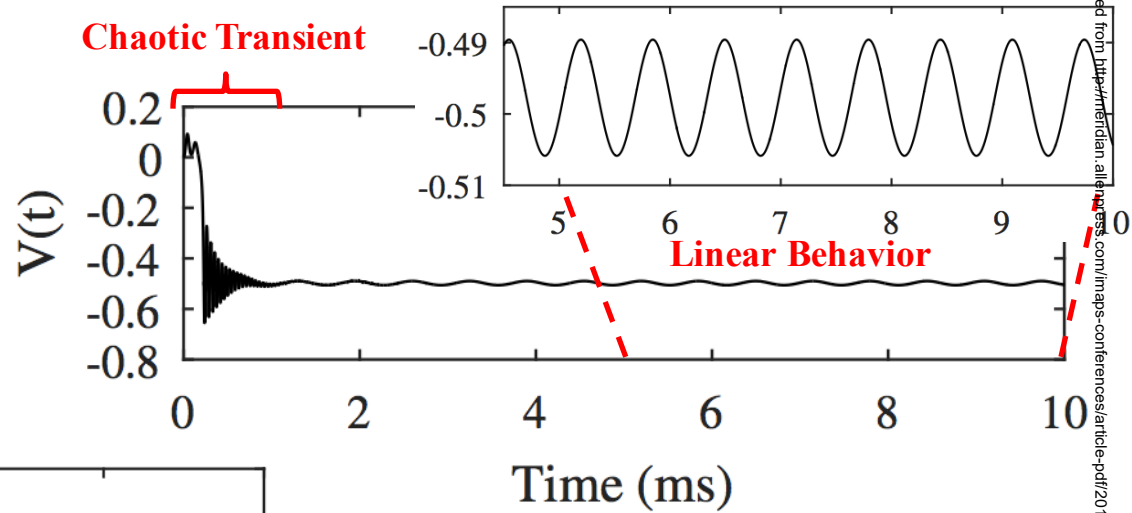
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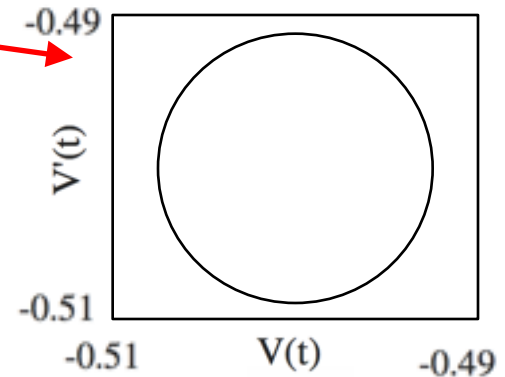
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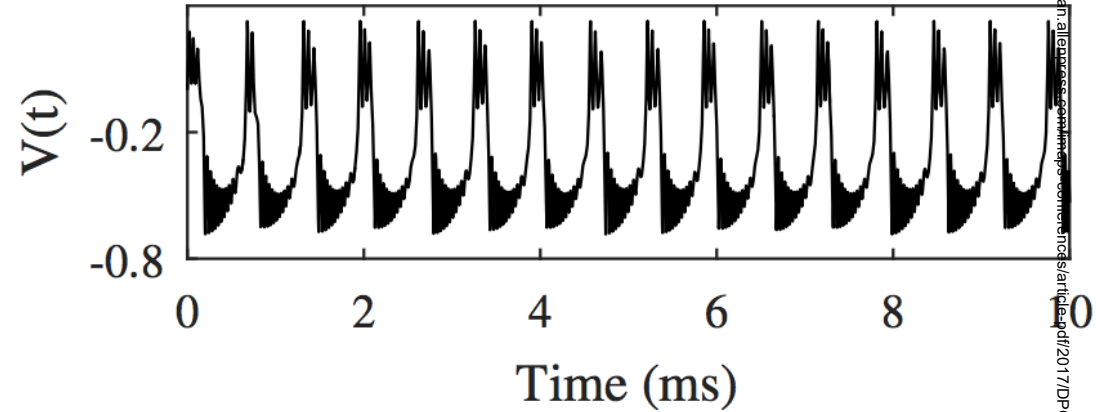
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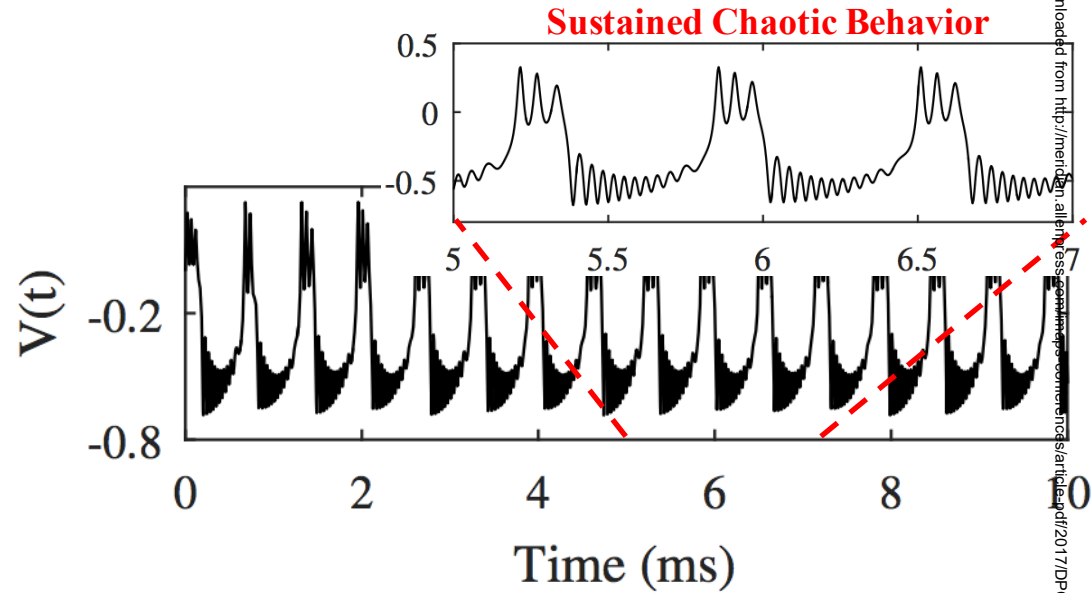
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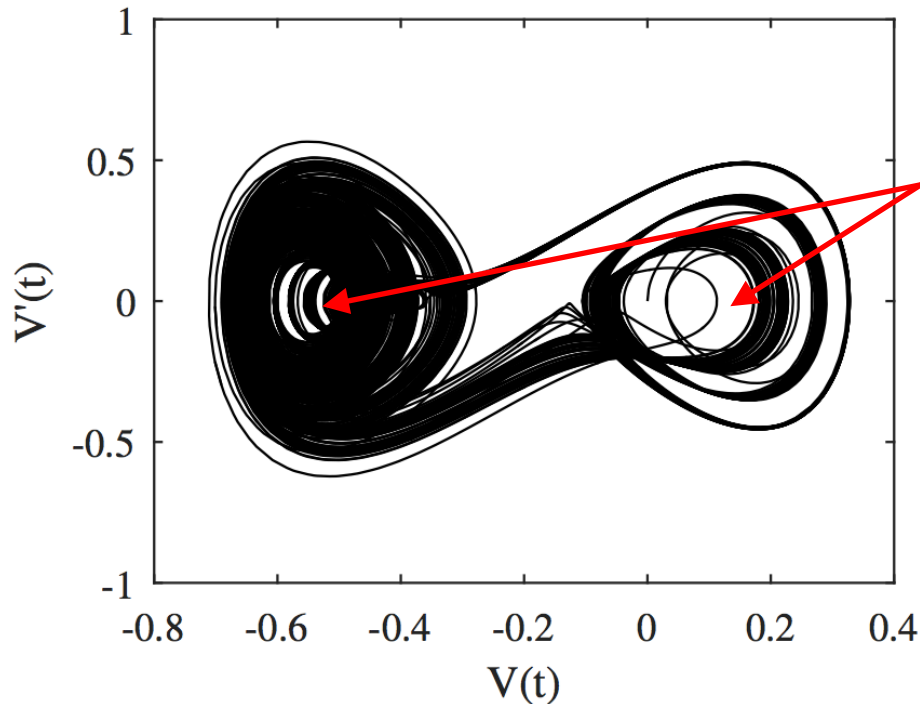
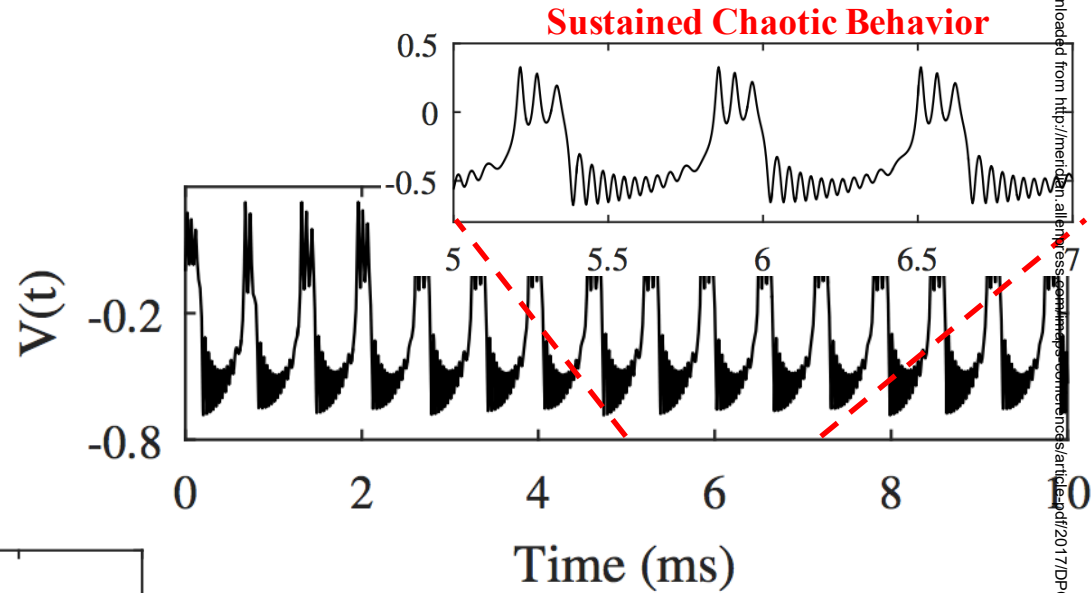
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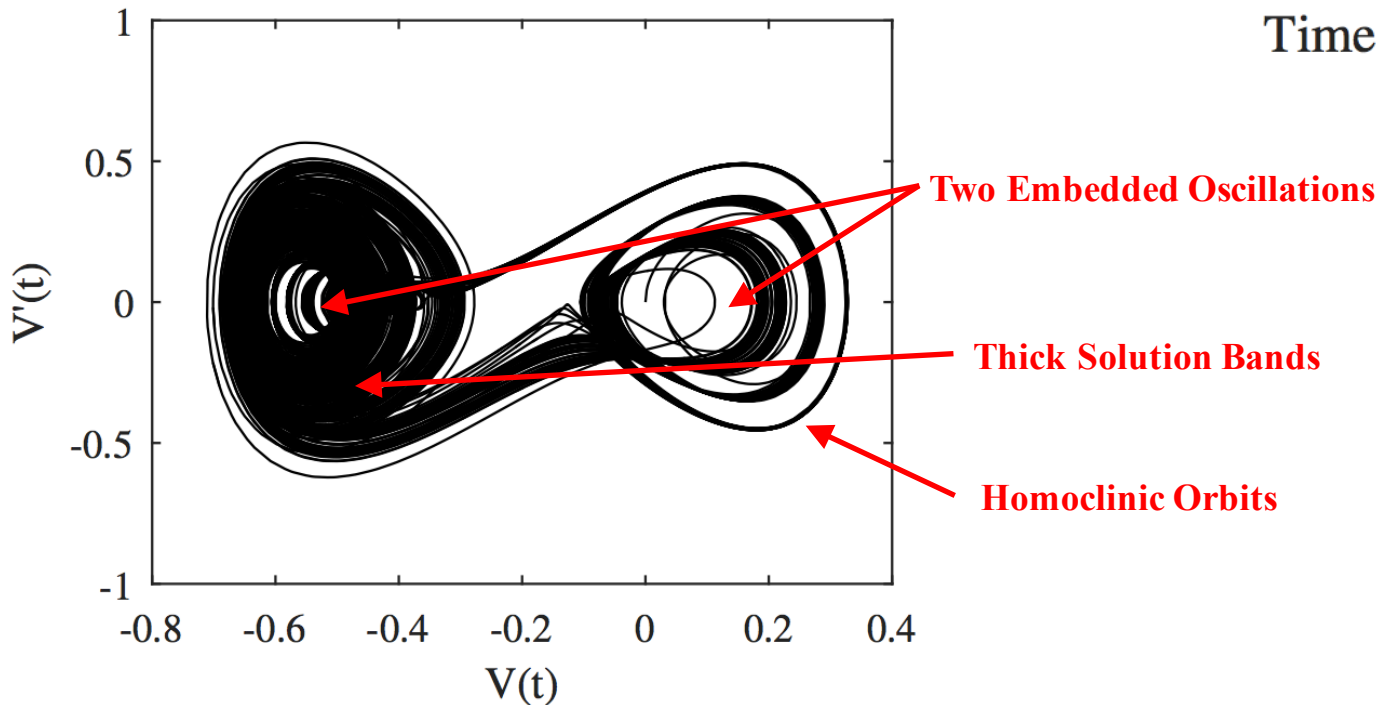
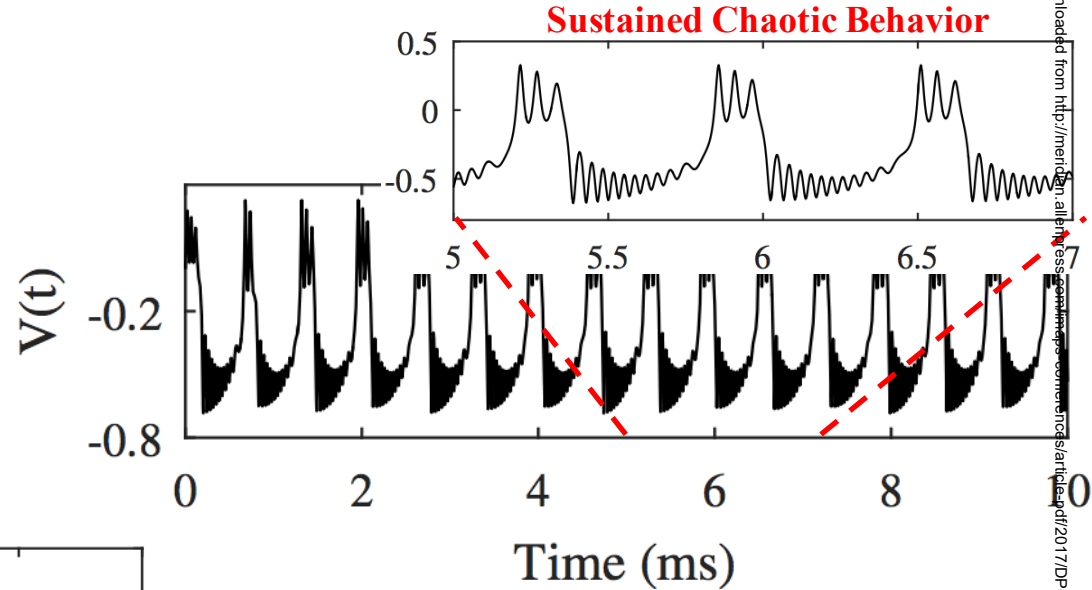
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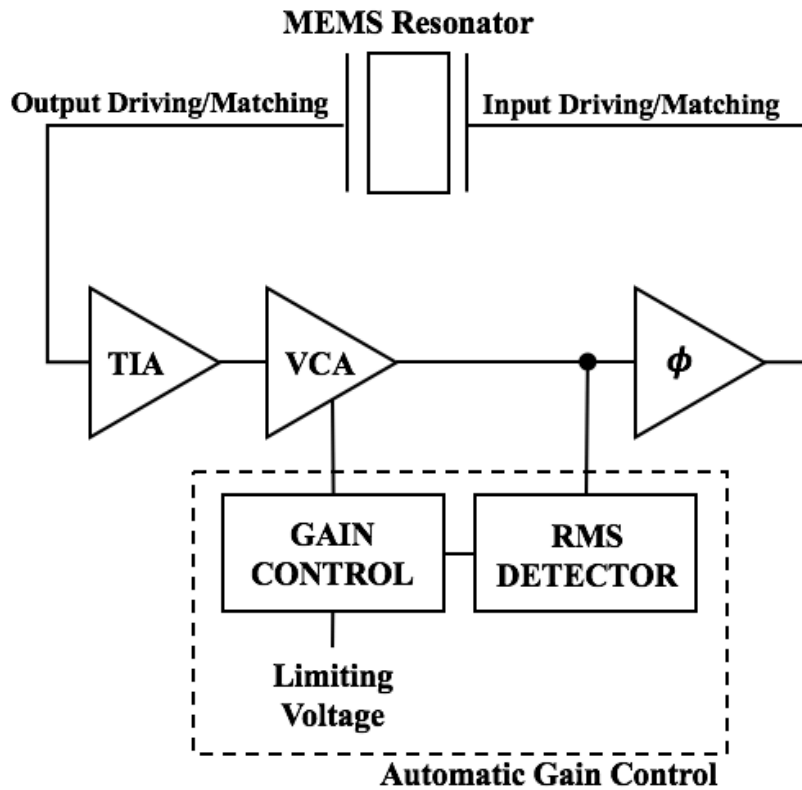
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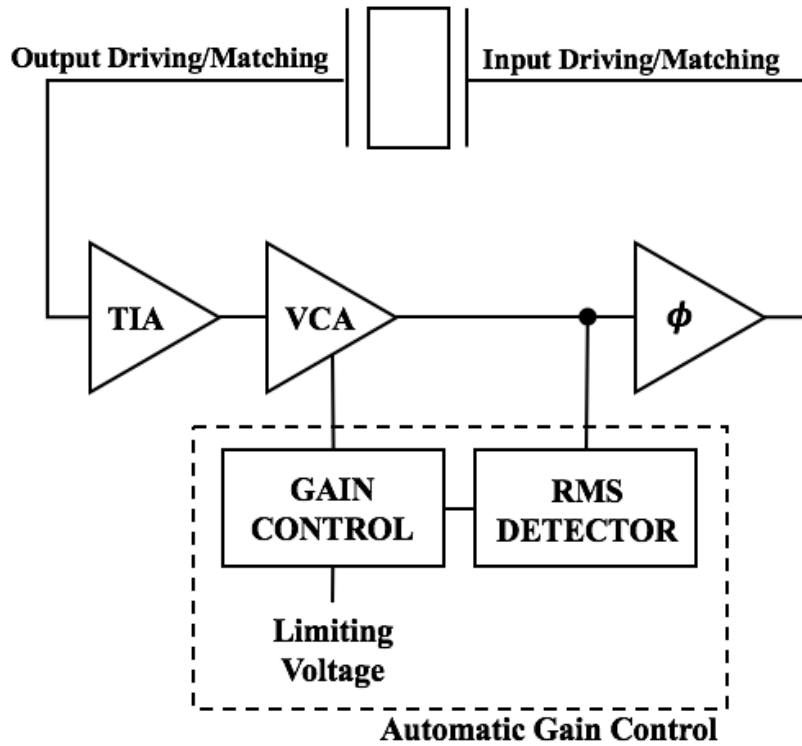


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Nonlinear SPICE Model



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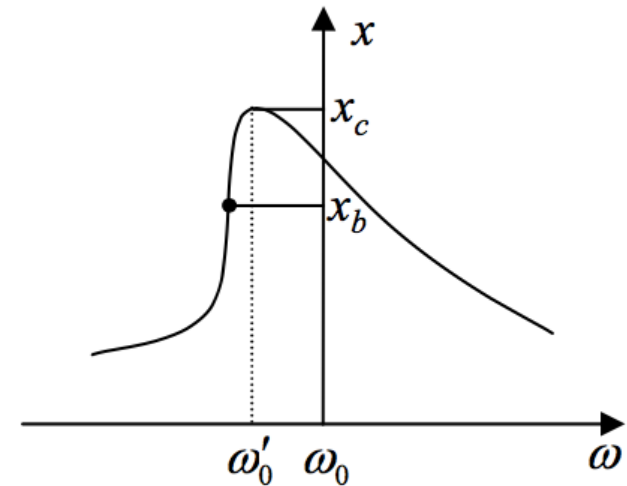
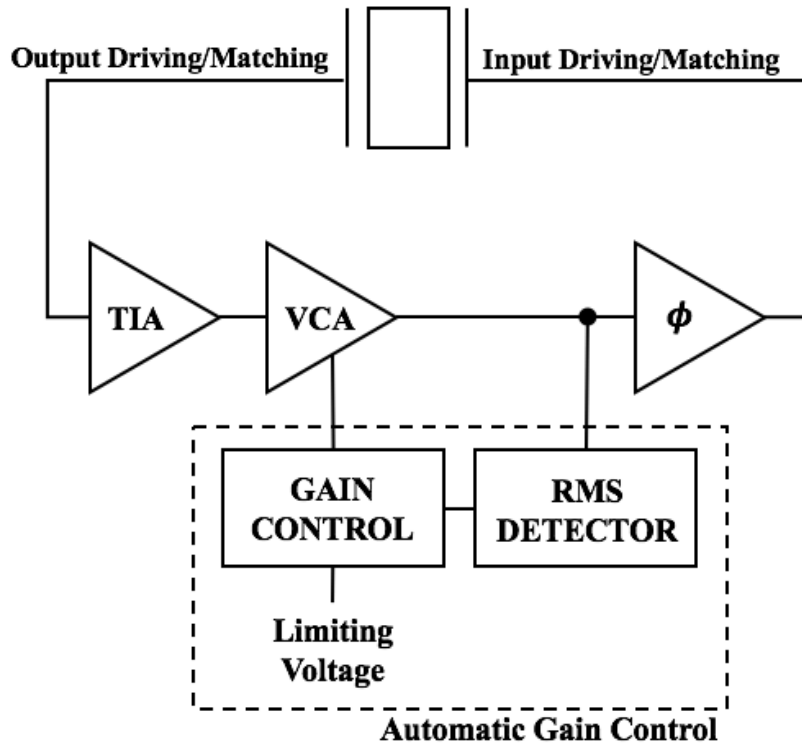


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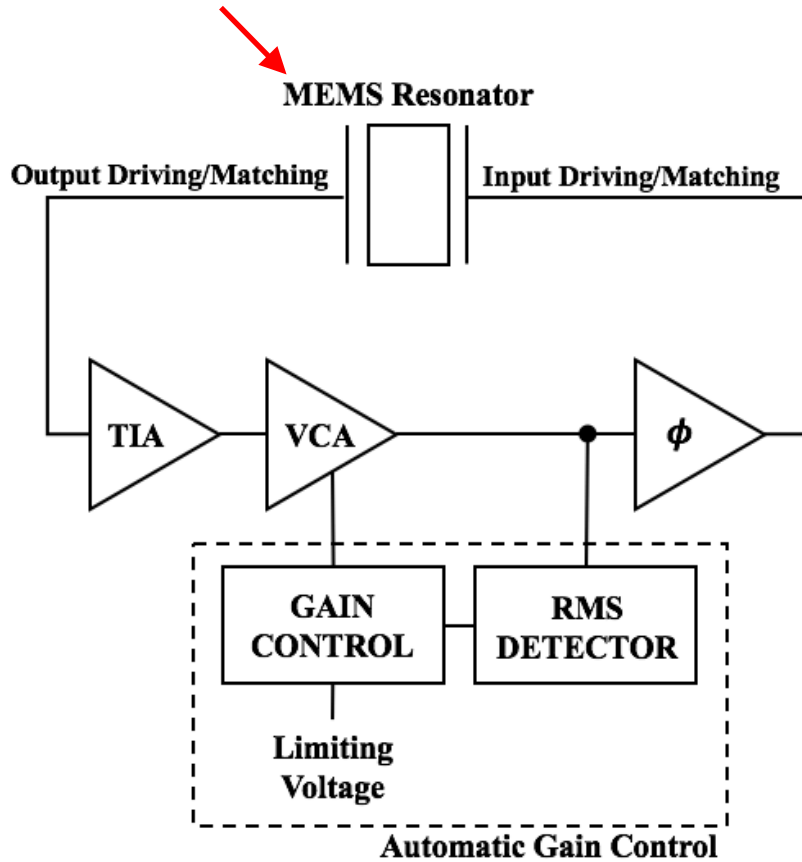


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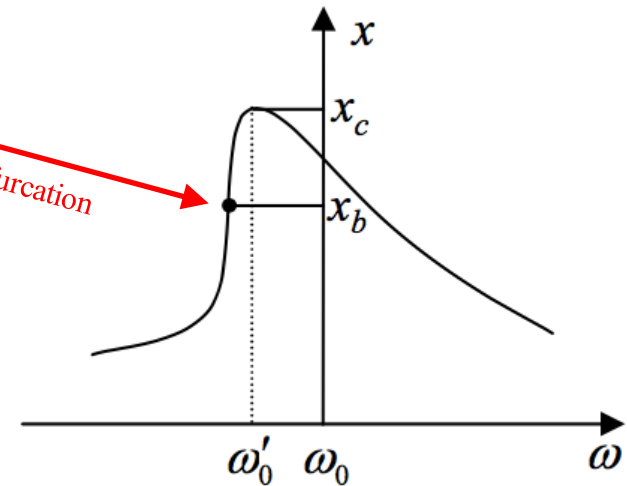
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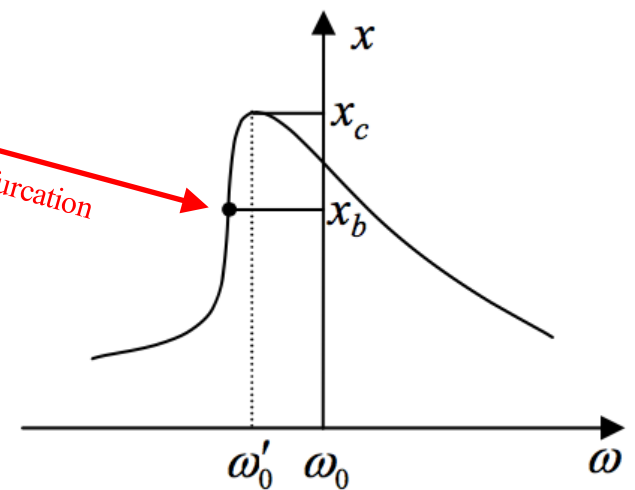
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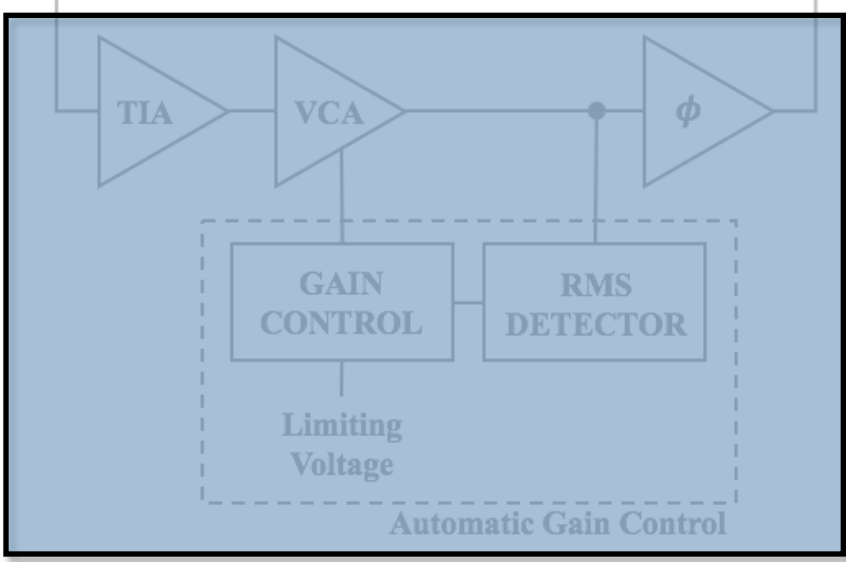
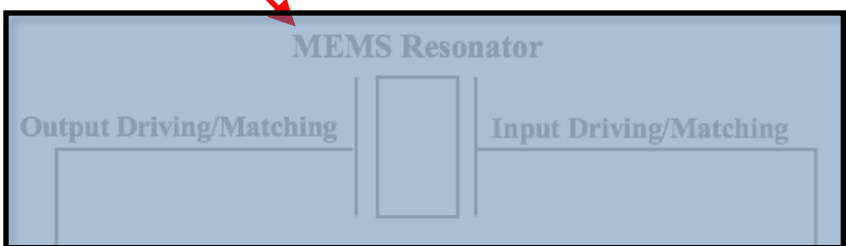
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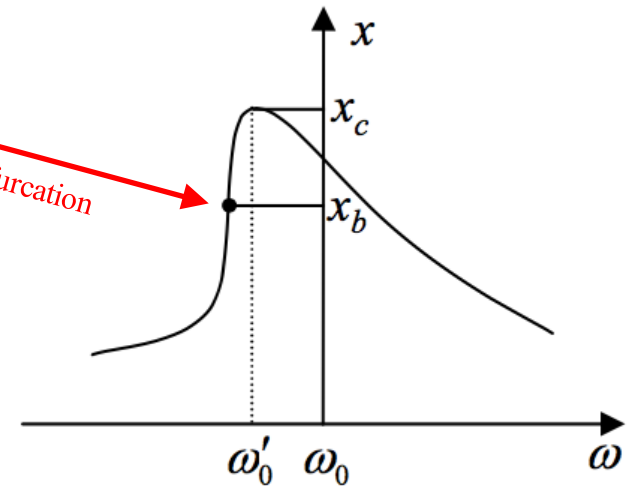
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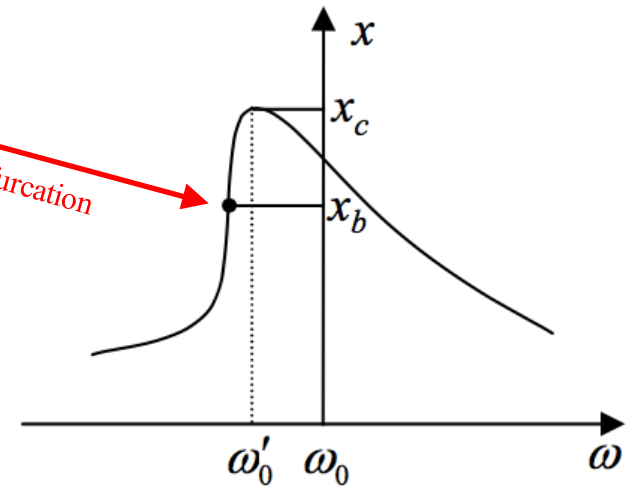
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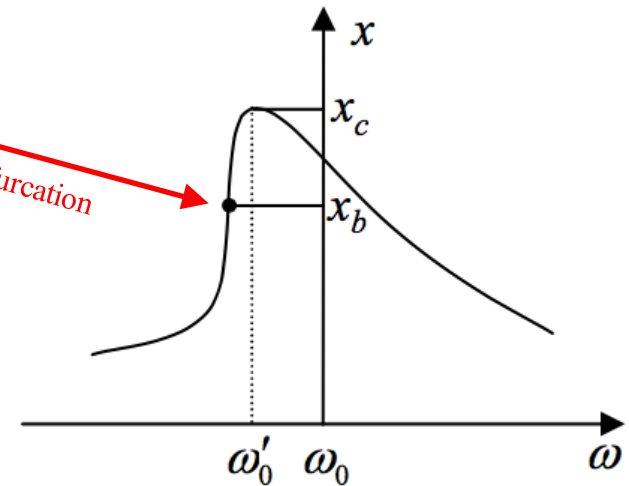
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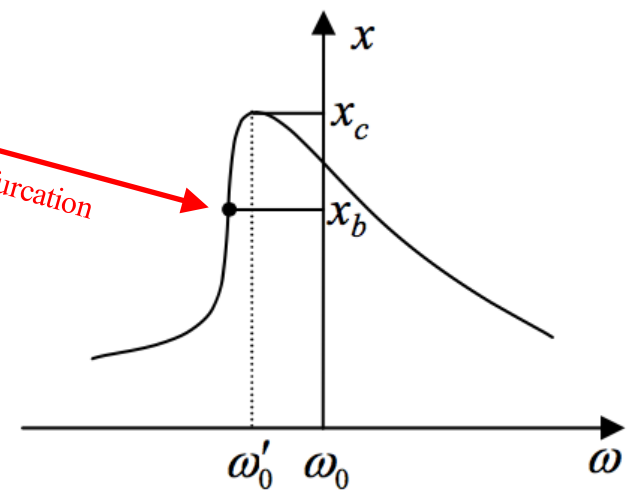
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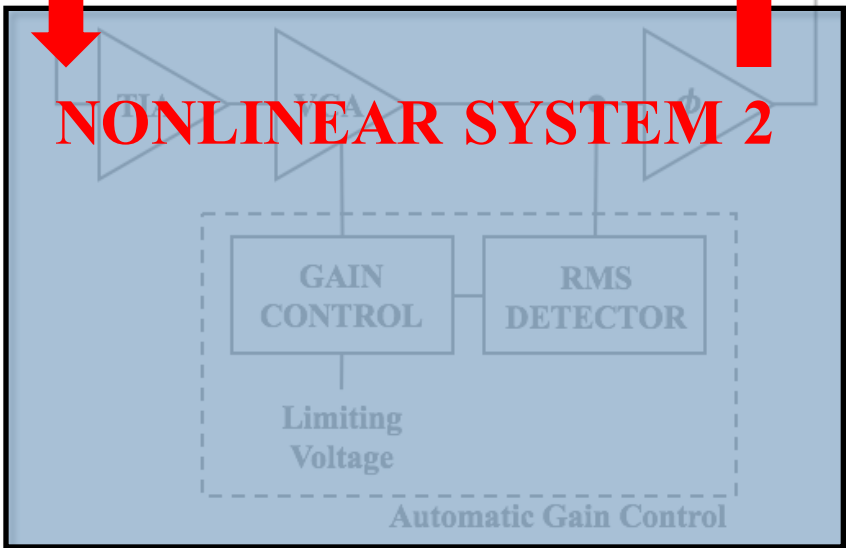
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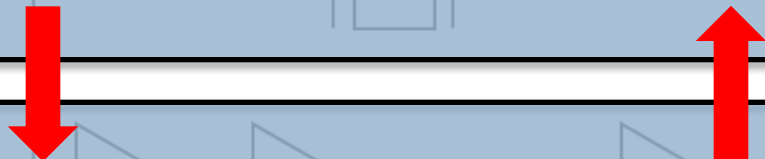
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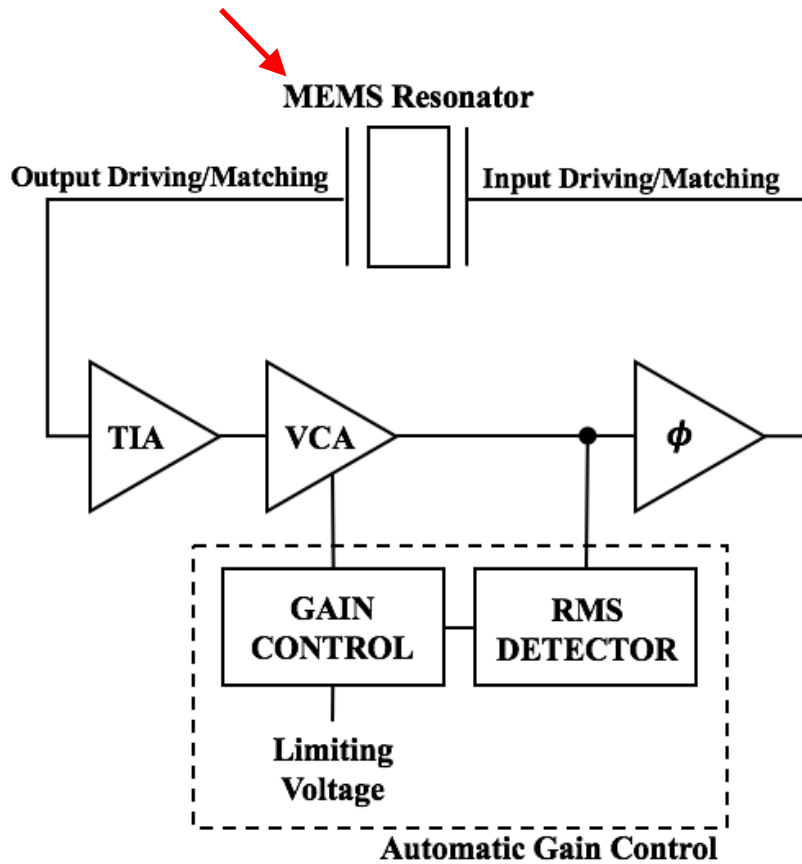


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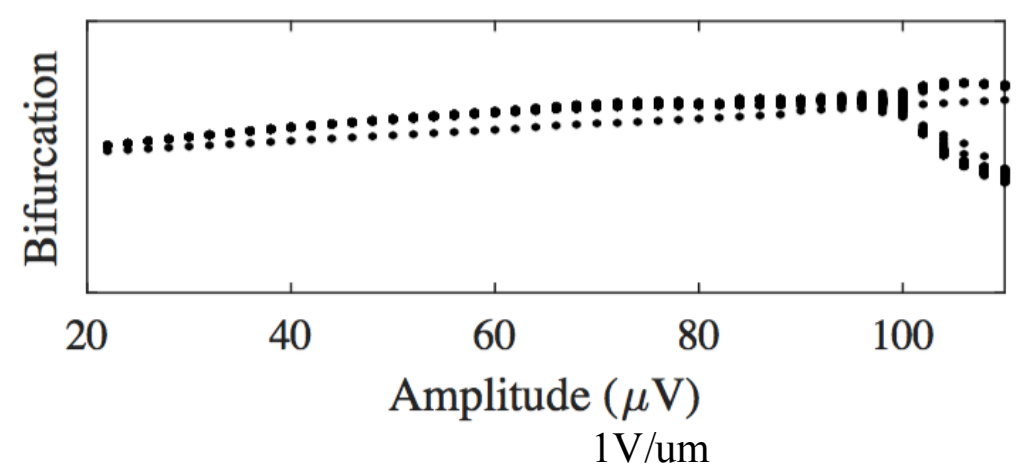
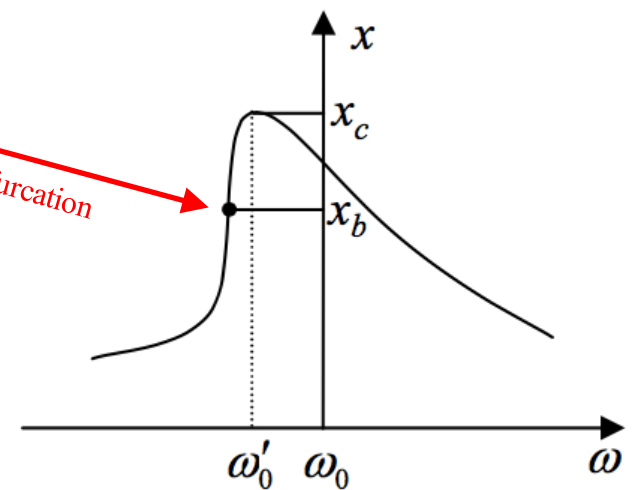
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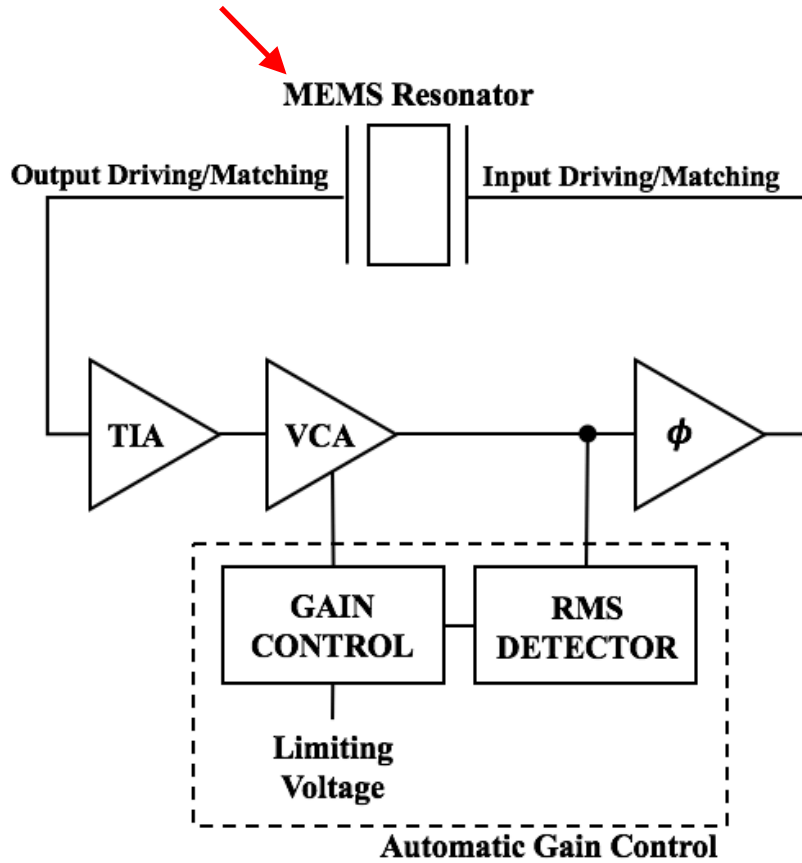
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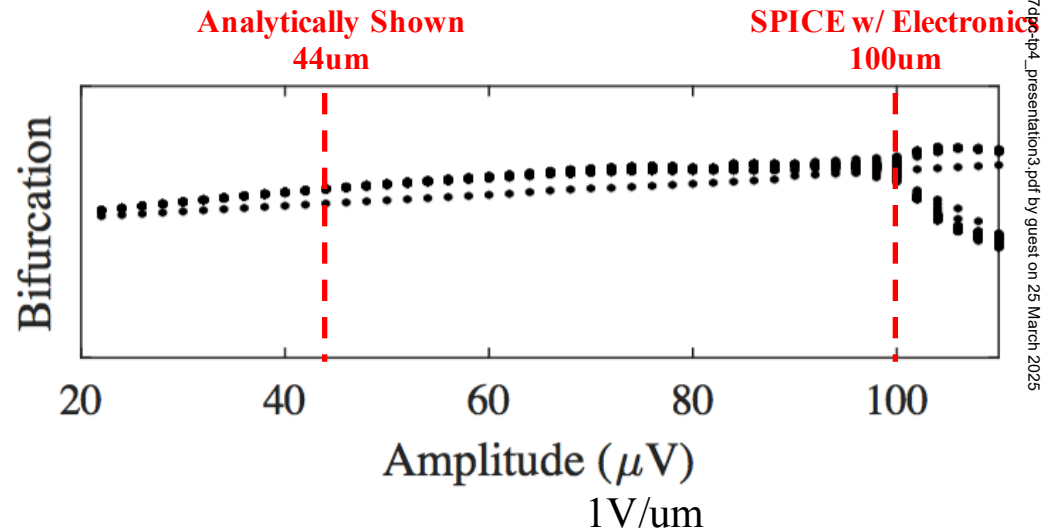
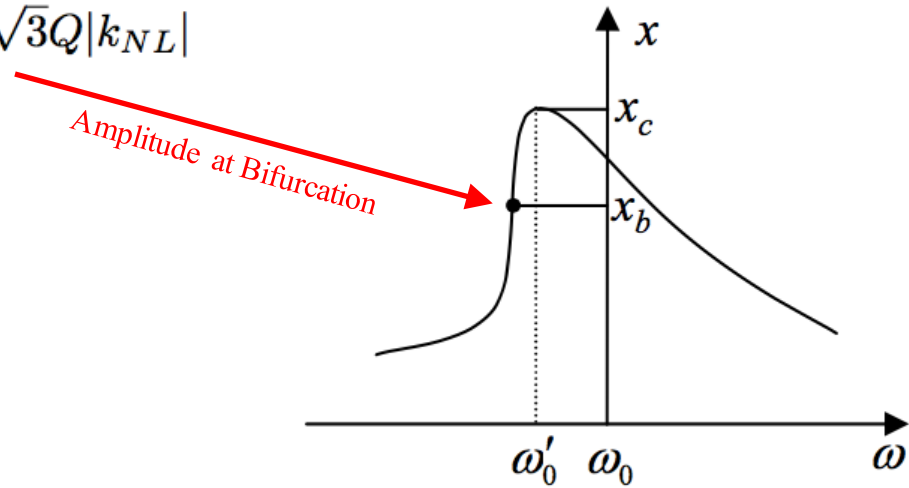


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CONCLUSION

- **Nonlinear effects of MEMS beam were modeled**
 - Nonlinear spring constant
 - Due to geometry
 - Due to material properties
- **Exclusively in SPICE**
 - Chaos due to large amplitude
 - Chaotic transients
 - Changes in bifurcation due to supporting electronics

FUTURE WORK

- **Simulate other sources of nonlinearity**
- **Temperature simulations**
- **Expand to other electromechanical systems**
 - Macro
 - Micro
- **Physical Device Modeling**
 - Large amplitude characteristics
 - Model turn-on and chaotic transients
 - Identify bifurcation points
 - Analytically
 - Changes due to supporting electronics

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?

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