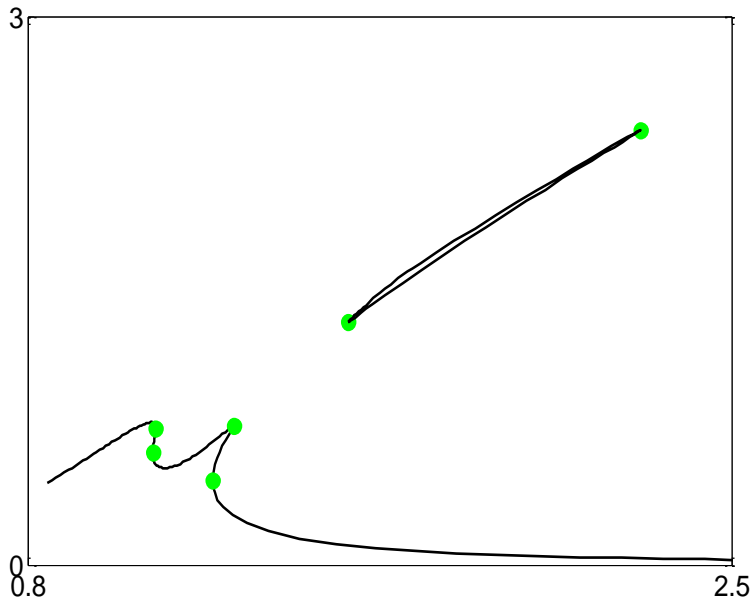


# Nonlinear Vibration Absorbers: Pros and Cons



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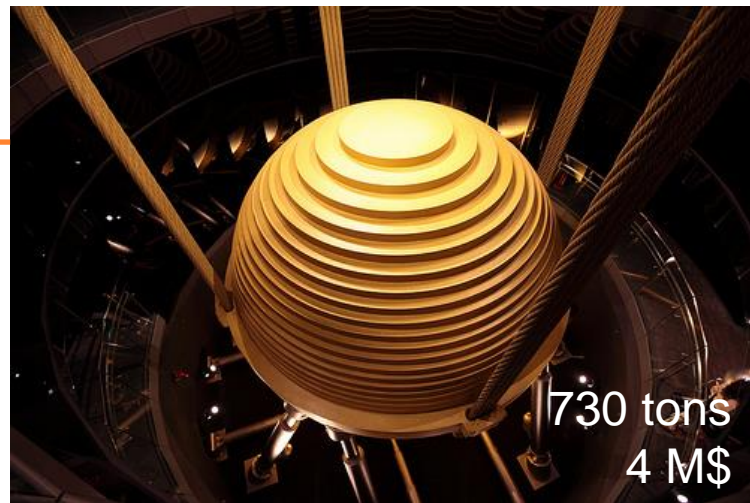
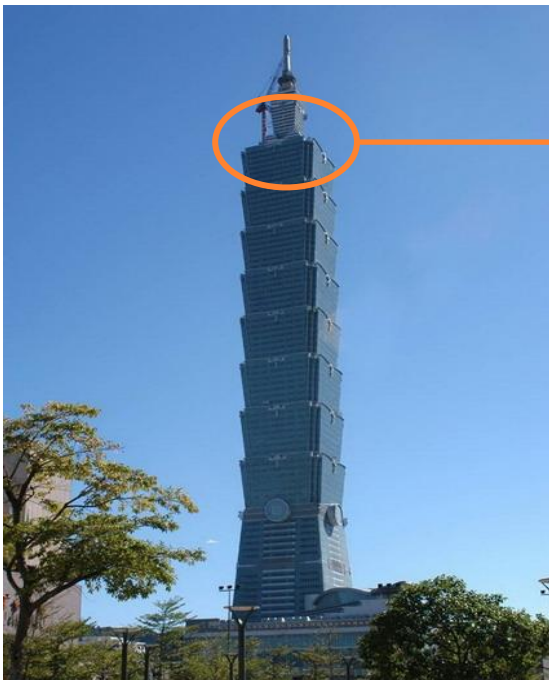
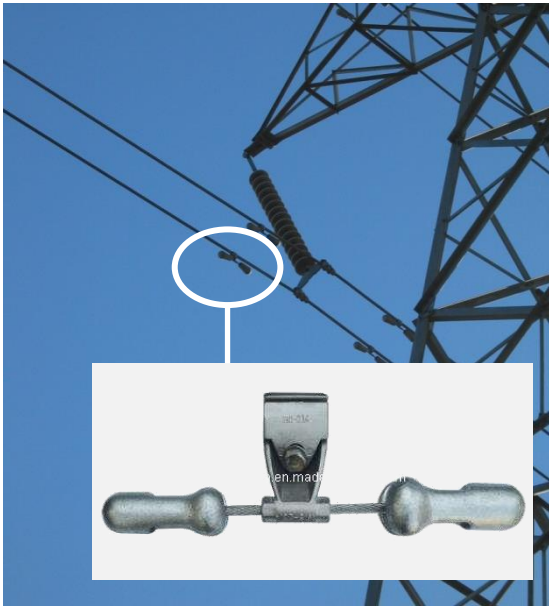
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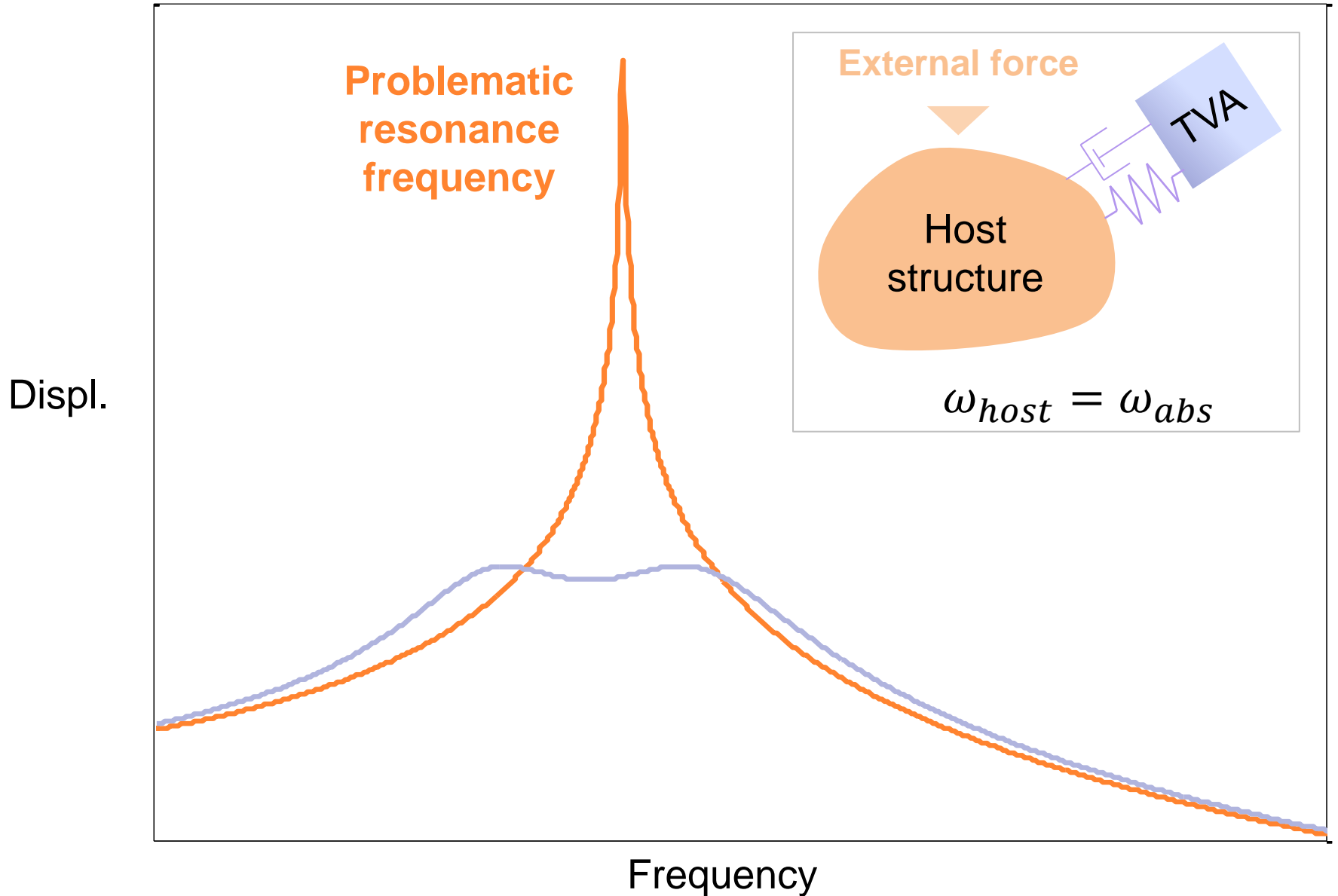
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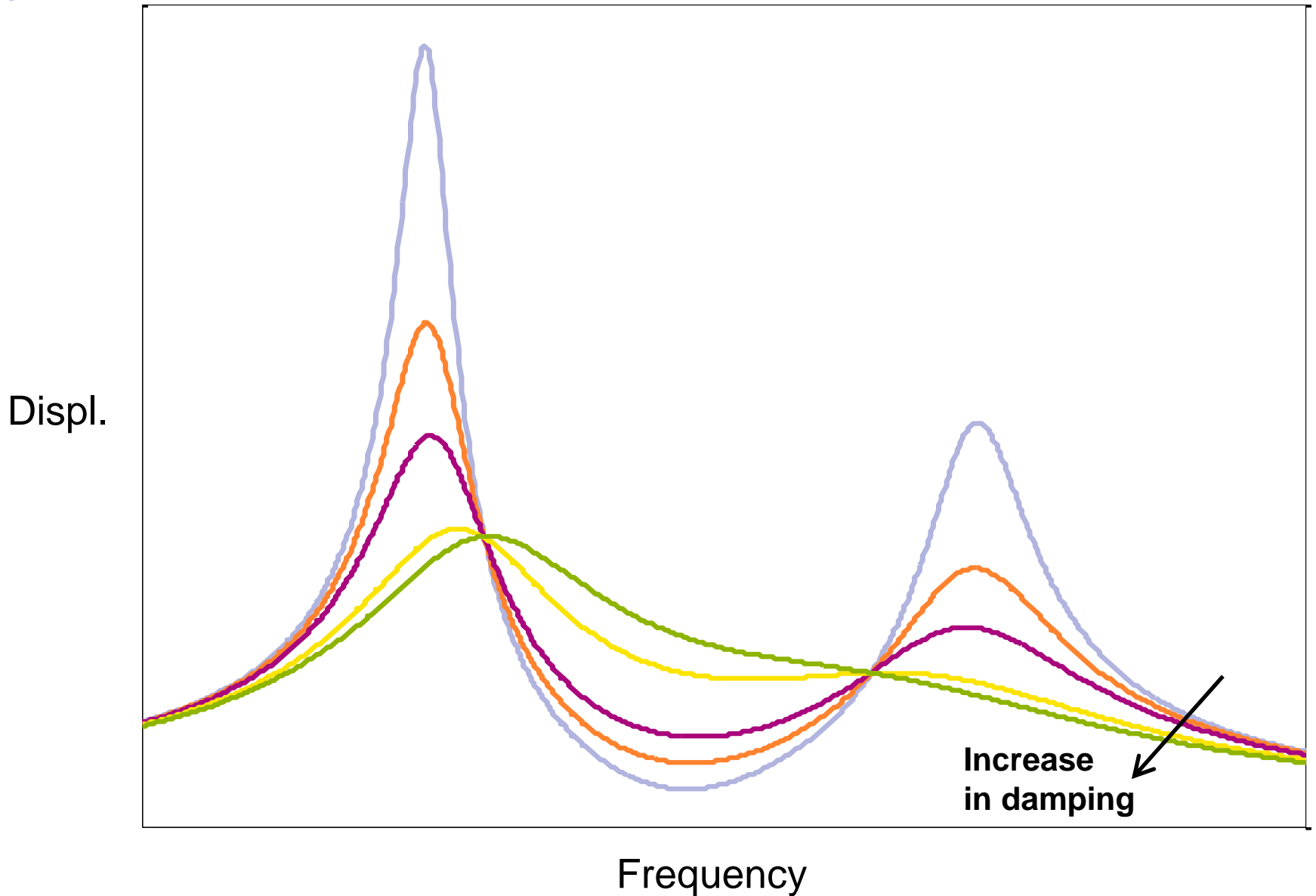
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# The “Classical” Linear Tuned Vibration Absorber



# Existence of Invariance Points for the LTVA



# (Approximate) Tuning Rule Proposed by Den Hartog

Optimum frequency ratio:

- ▶ The invariant points must have the same amplitude.

$$\omega_{abs} = \frac{\omega_{host}}{1 + \epsilon} \quad (\text{Den Hartog, 1928})$$

Optimum damping ratio:

- ▶ The receptance maxima must occur at the invariant points.

$$\xi_{abs} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8} \frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon}} \quad (\text{Brock, 1946})$$

# Summary for the LTVA

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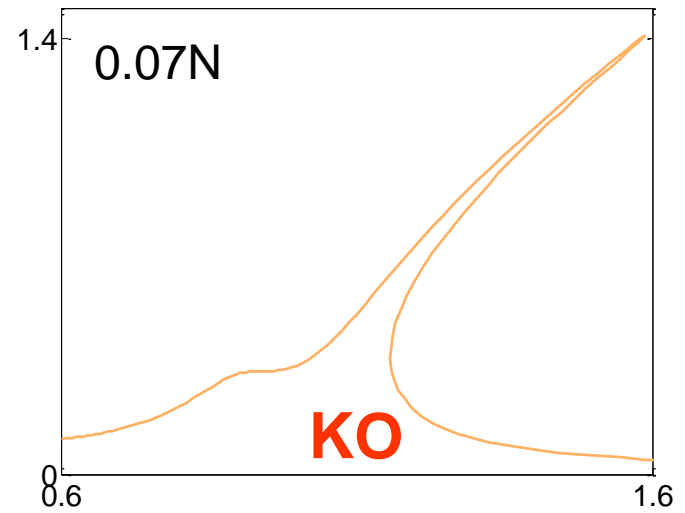
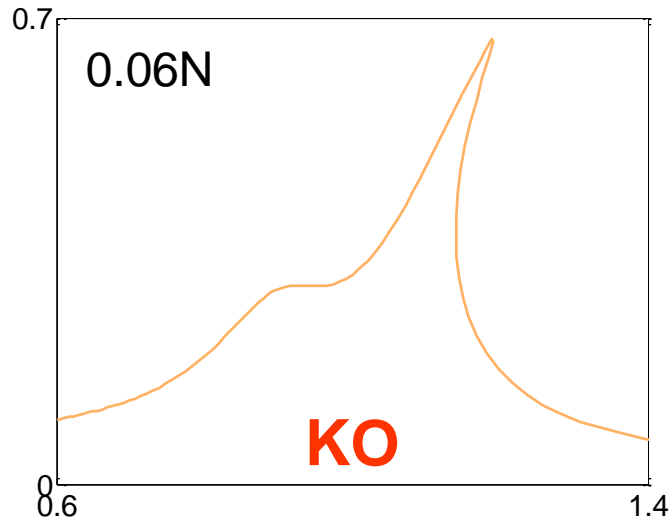
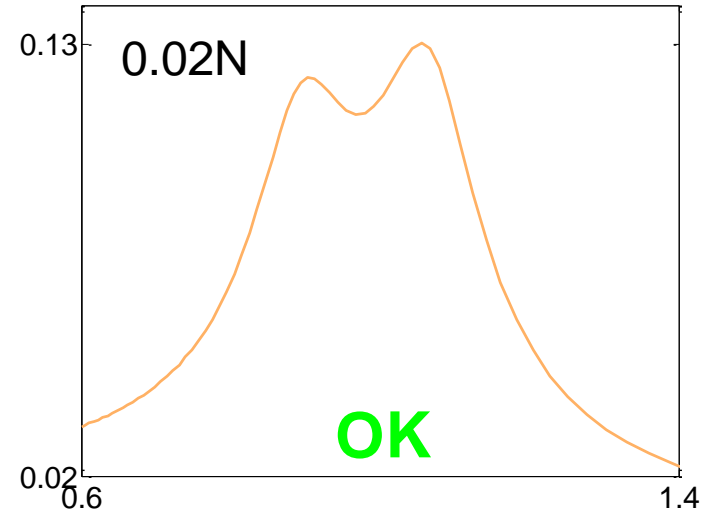
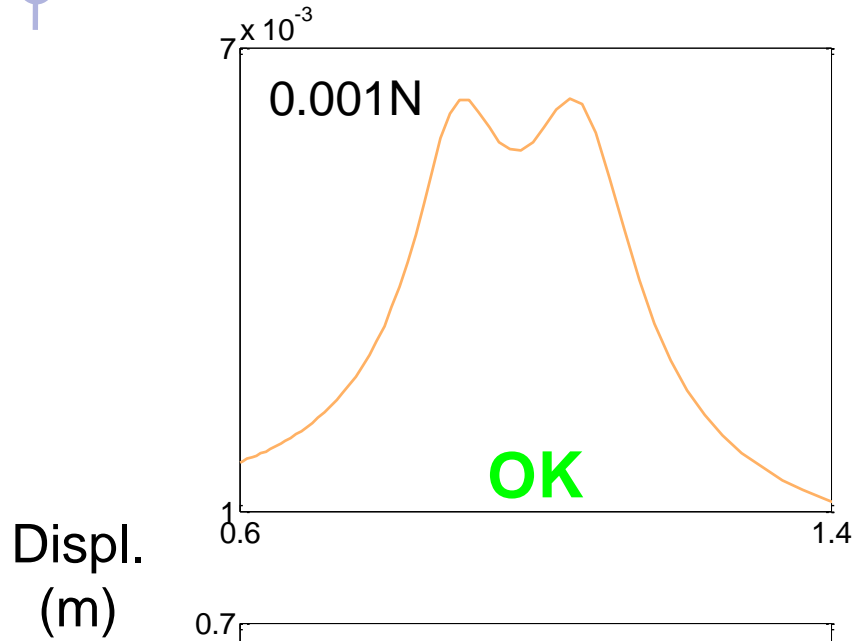
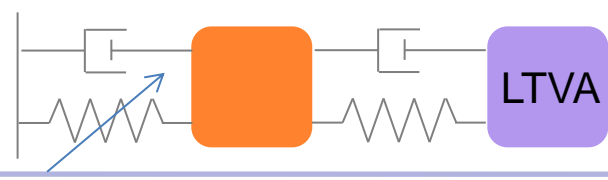
Easy practical realization.

Insensitive to the forcing amplitude.



Narrow-band device:  
broadband and nonlinear instabilities ?

# Nonlinear Host Structures ?



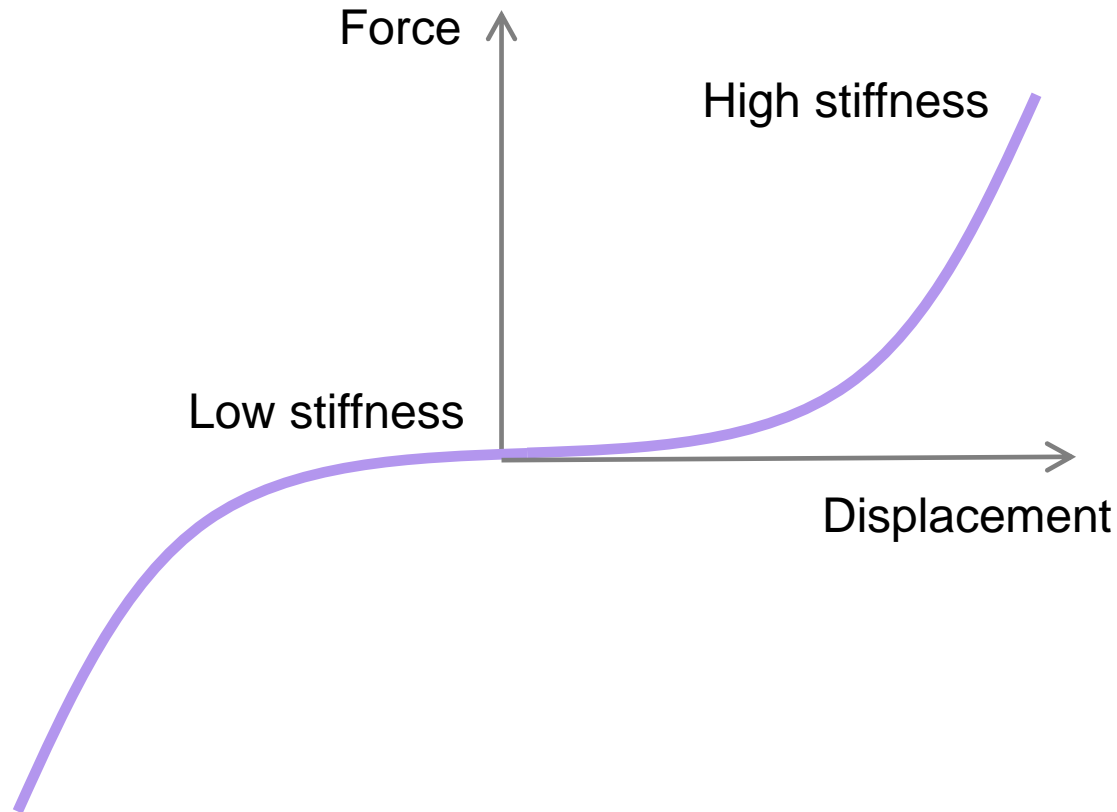


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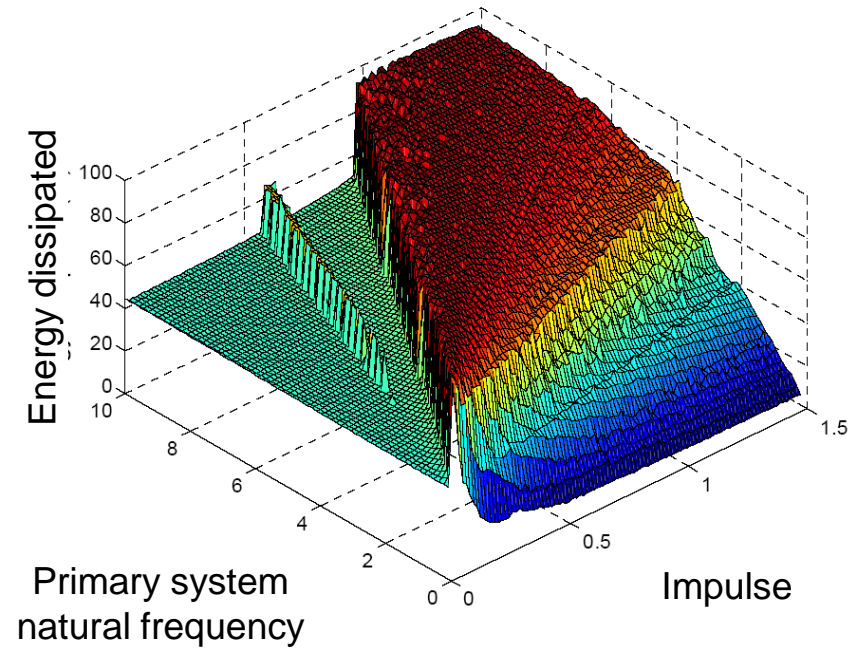
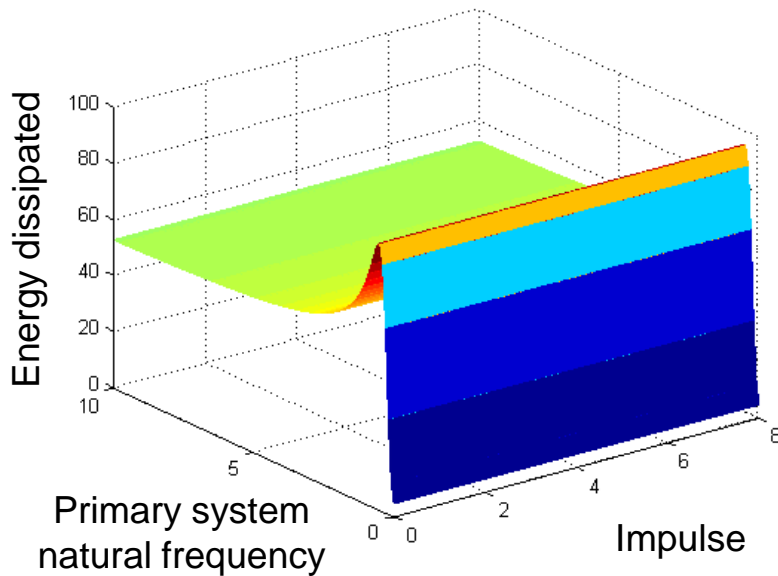
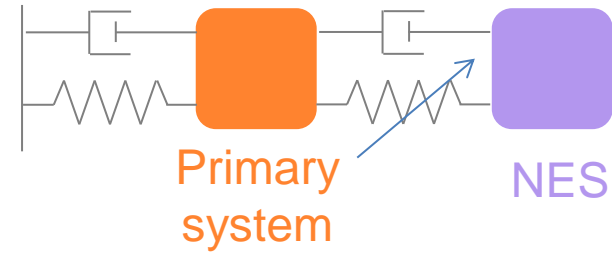
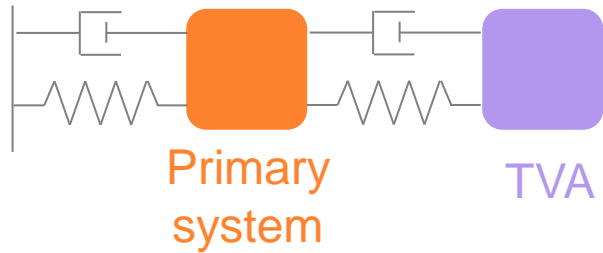
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# Basic Idea of the Nonlinear Energy Sink



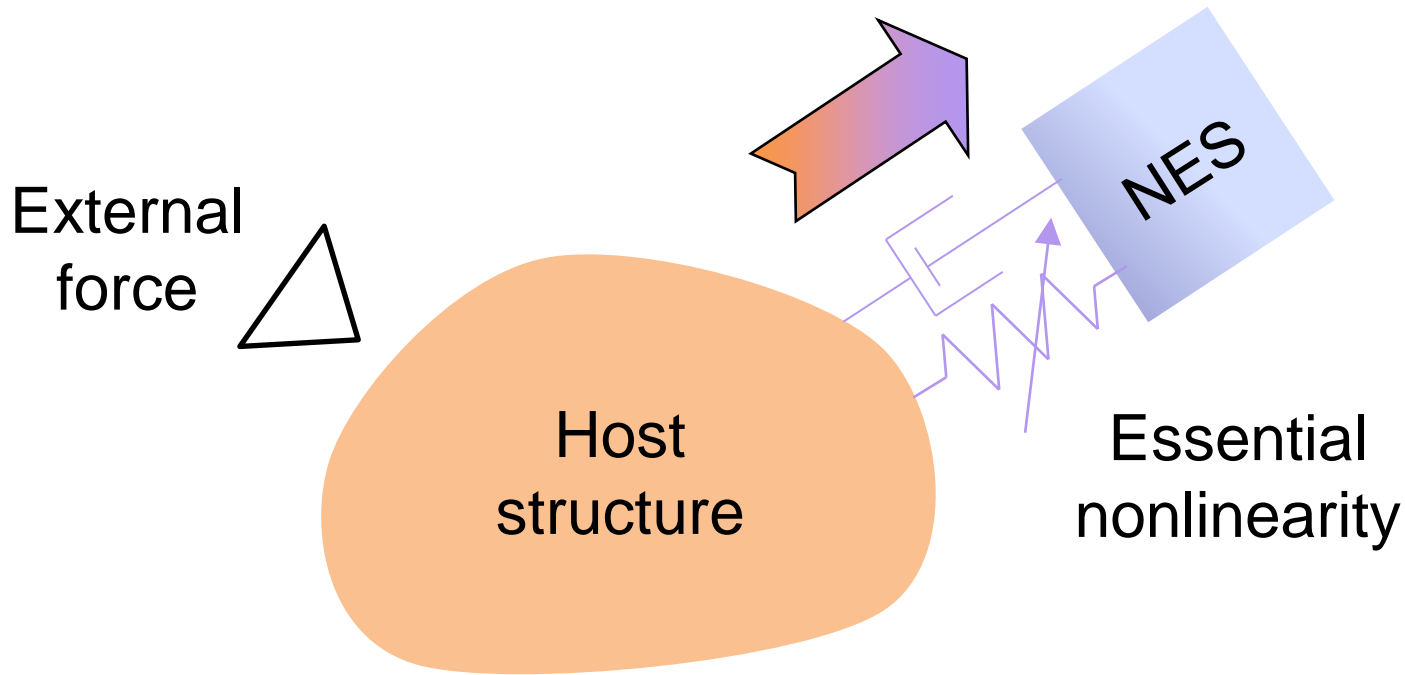
An essential nonlinearity gives rise to an absorber which has no preferential resonance frequency (broadband device).

# Linear TVA vs. NES: Completely Different Picture

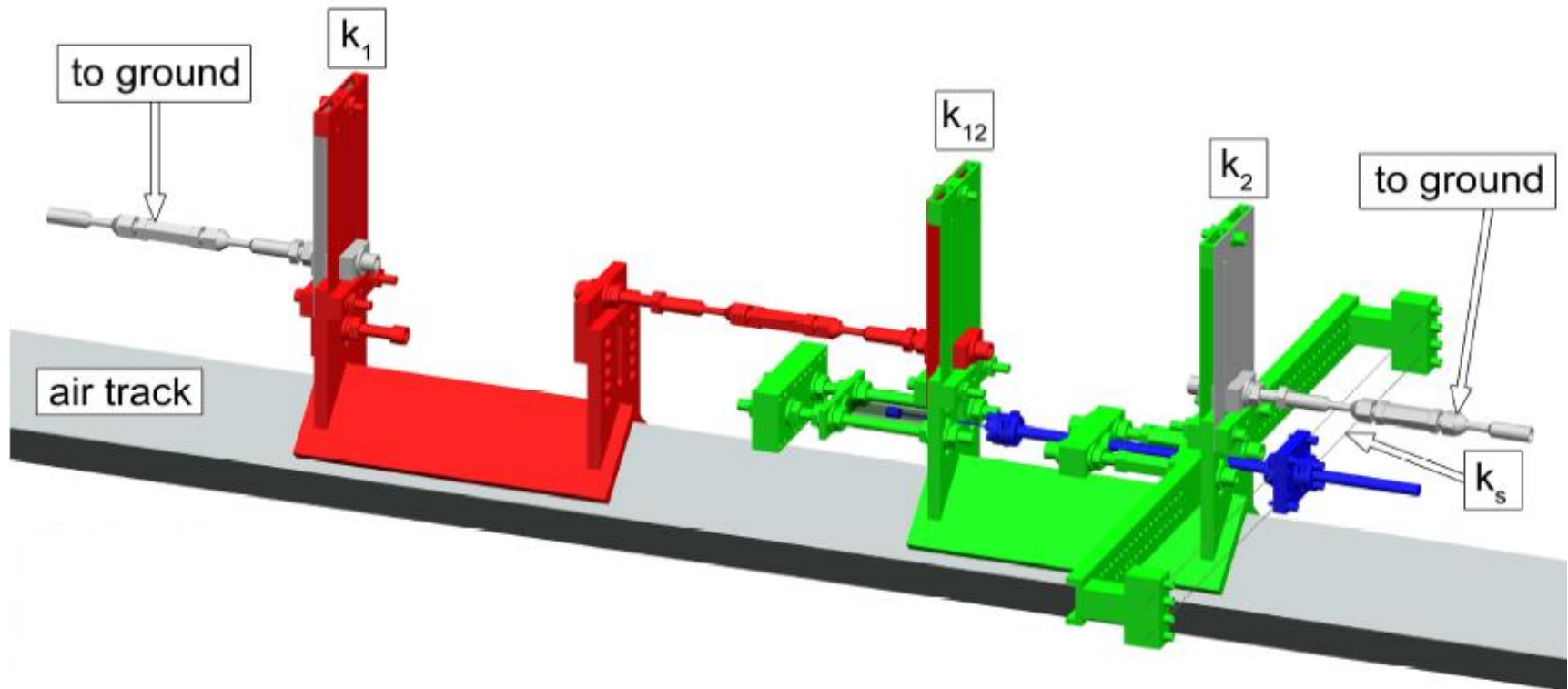


# NES Has Two Salient Features

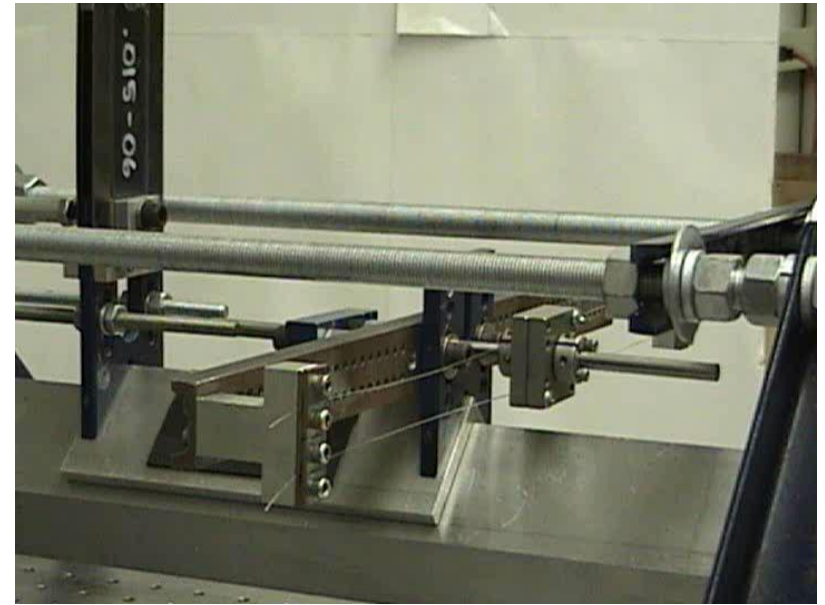
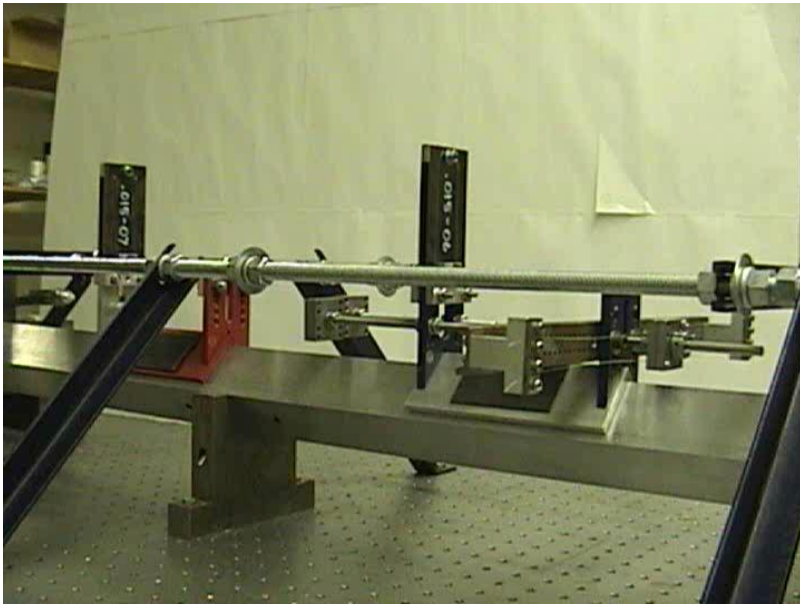
1. IRREVERSIBLE (not discussed)
2. MULTIMODAL



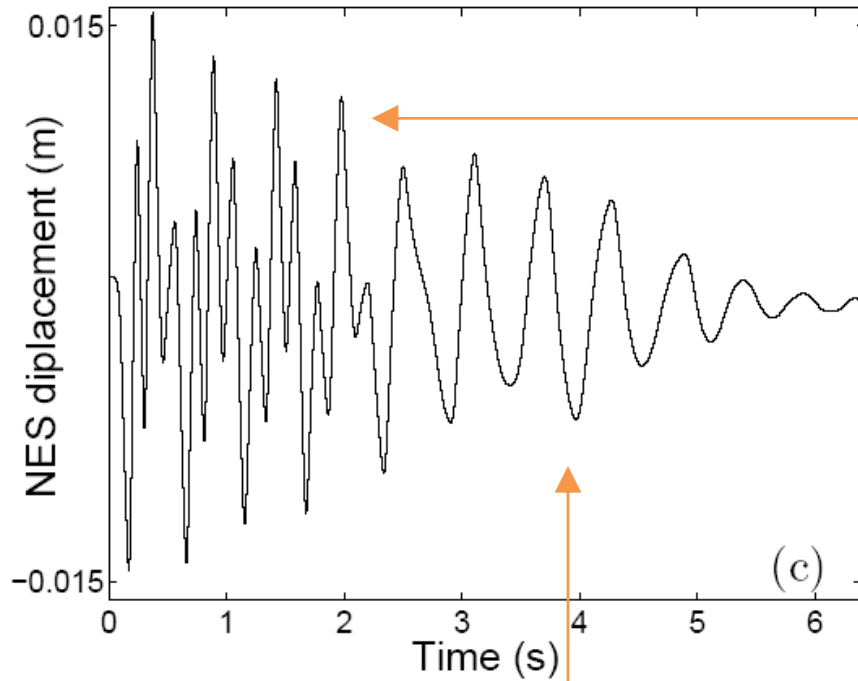
# Multimodal Energy Transfer Using an NES



# Multimodal Energy Transfer: Experimental Evidence

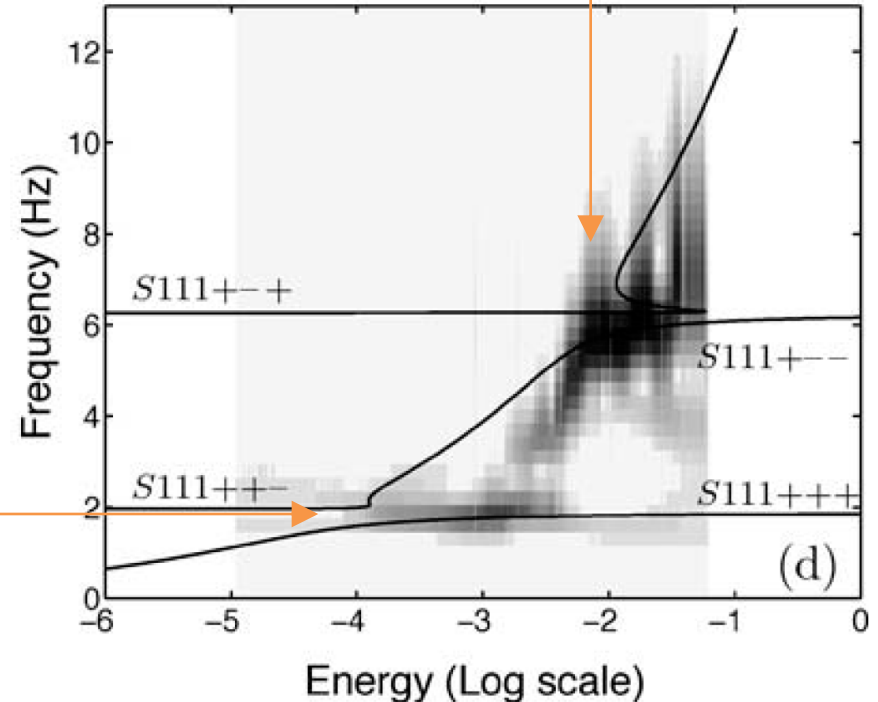


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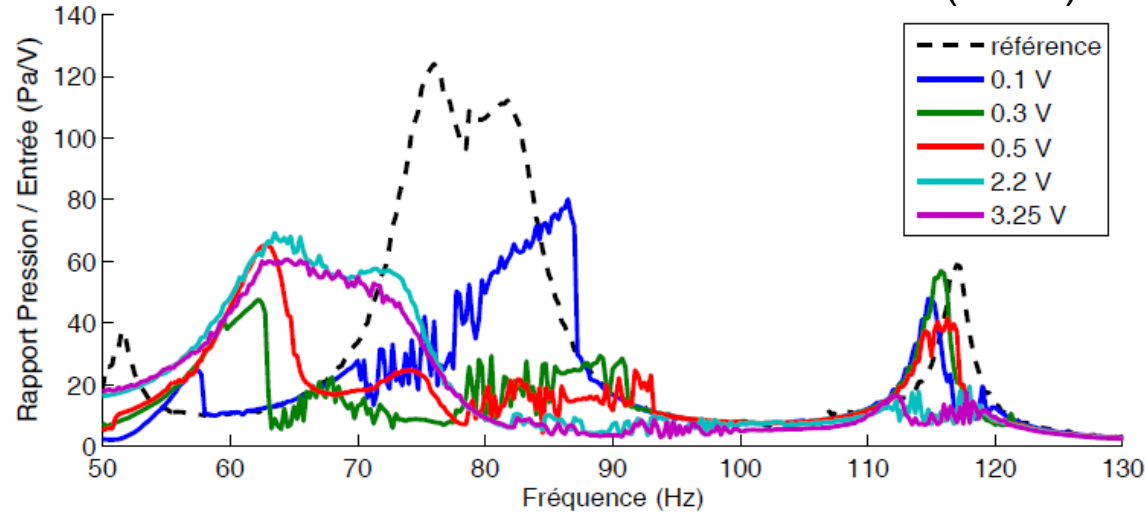
Resonance with the in-phase mode

Resonance with the out-of-phase mode

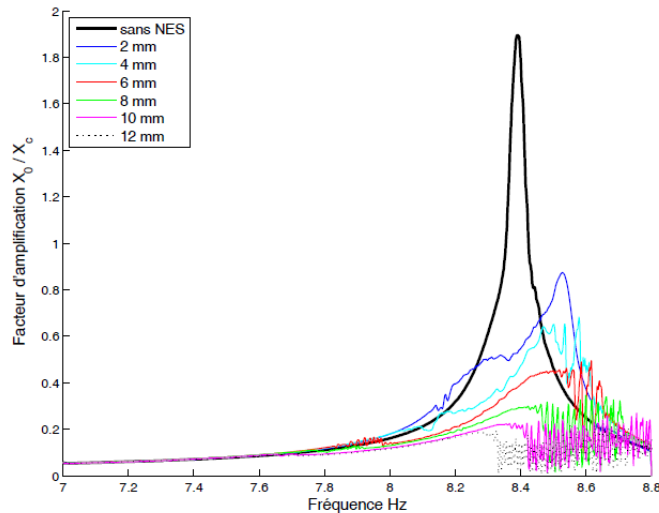


# The French Community is Very Active

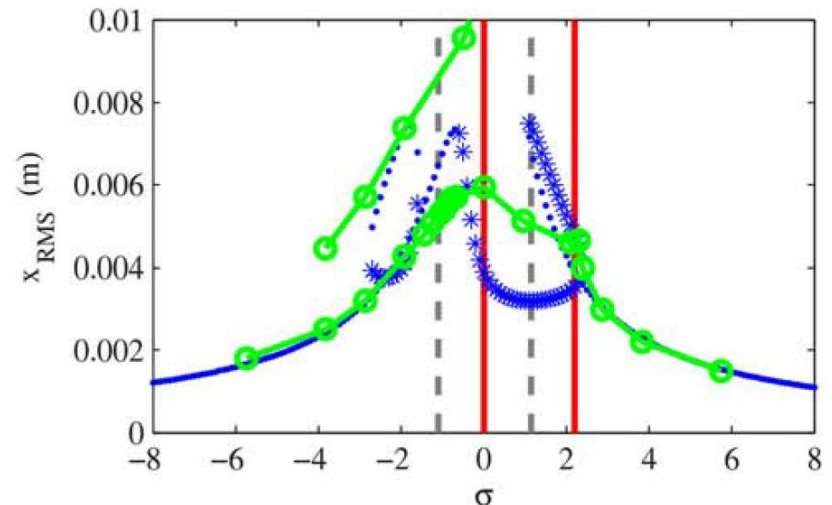
Multimodal in acoustics: Bellet et al. (ECM)



One resonance: Vaurigaud et al. (ENTPE)



Adverse dynamics: Gourc et al. (ISAE)





# Summary for the NES

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The NES can absorb broadband disturbances.

The NES can also “cut” a resonance peak.

Sensitive to the forcing amplitude (threshold).



Adverse dynamics (bifurcations, detached resonances)

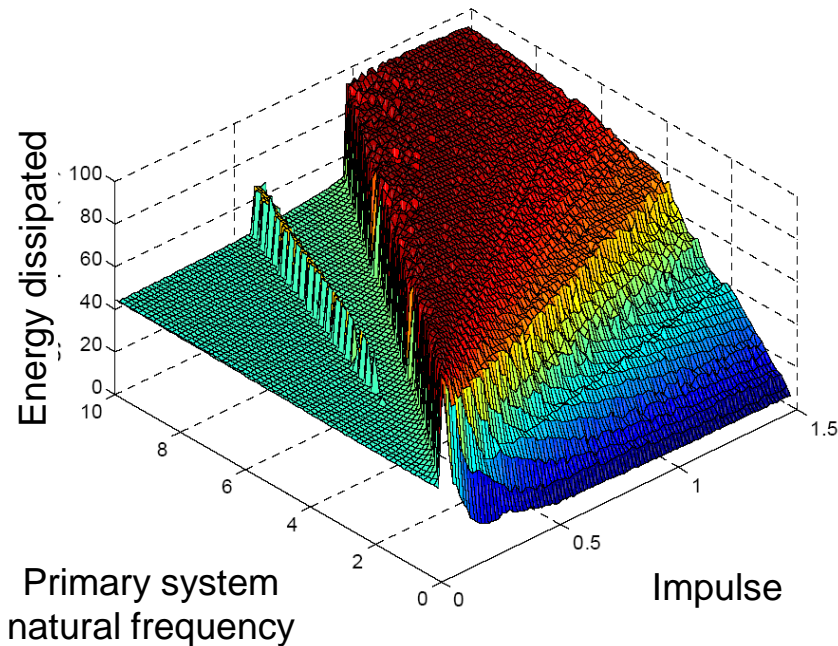
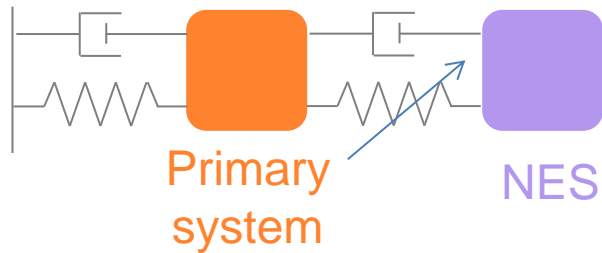
The essential nonlinearity complicates the practical realization (no stiffness at rest)

# Outline of the First Part

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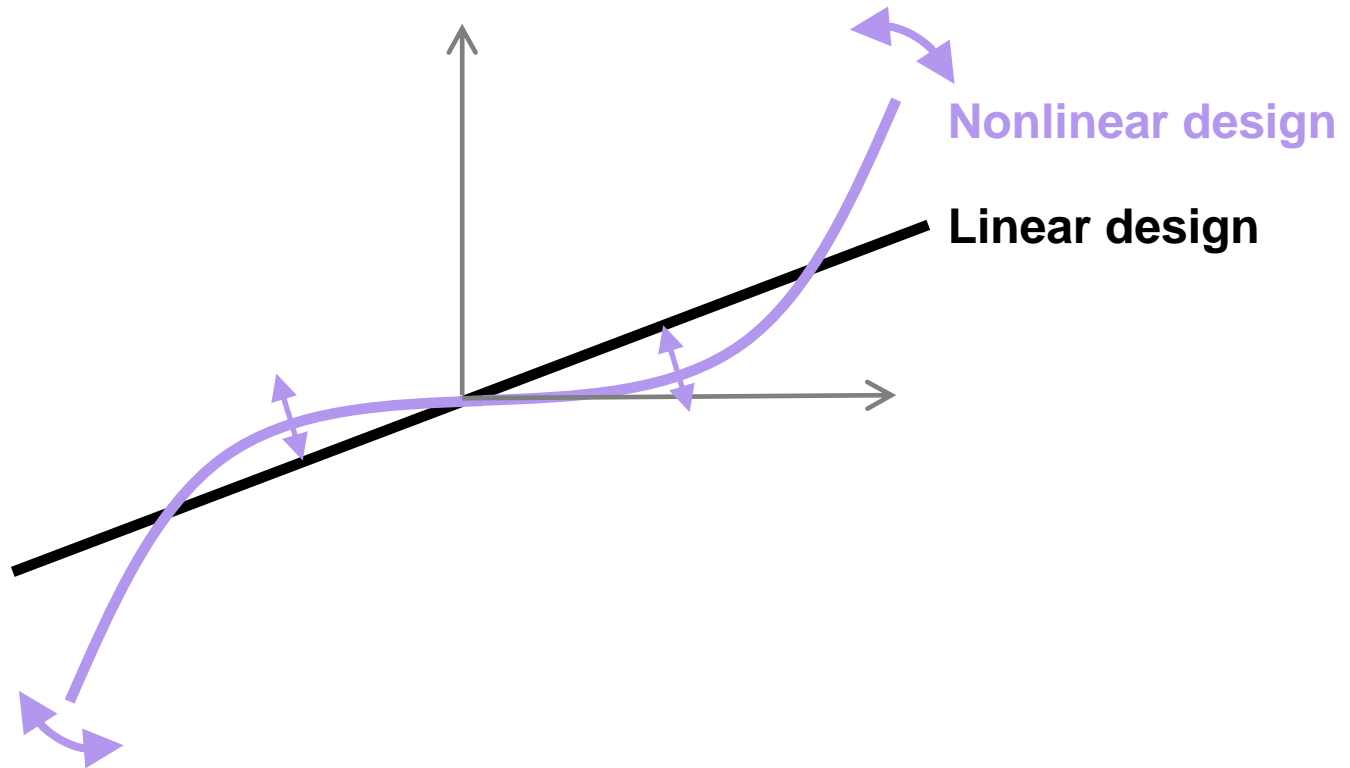
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# Basic Idea of the Nonlinear Tuned Vibration Absorber



*Can we design a nonlinear absorber that is effective for a larger range of forcing amplitudes ?*

# Nonlinear Designs Are More Flexible



**Exploit this additional flexibility !**

- ▶ Do not assume a priori a mathematical function for the nonlinearity of the absorber.

# We Synthesize the Nonlinear Restoring Force



$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + c_1 \dot{x}_1 + k_1 x_1 + k_{nl1} x_1^3 + c_2 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) + g(x_1 - x_2) = F \cos \omega t$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + c_2 (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) - g(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\tau = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}} t, \epsilon = \frac{m_2}{m_1}, \lambda = \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}}, \tilde{\alpha}_3 = \frac{3k_{nl1}}{4k_1}, f = \frac{F}{k_1}, \gamma = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}$$

$$q_1(t) = \frac{x_1(t)}{f}, q_2(t) = \frac{x_1(t) - x_2(t)}{f}$$

# Transformed Equations of Motion (Exact)

$$q_1'' + 2\mu_1 q_1' + q_1 + \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\alpha}_3 f^2 q_1^3 + 2\mu_2 \epsilon \lambda q_2' + \lambda^2 \epsilon q_2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{m_2 \omega_{n1}^2} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{f^{k-1}}{k!} \left. \frac{d^k g}{dr^k} \right|_{r=0} q_2^k = \cos \gamma t$$

Taylor series expansion of the absorber's restoring force

$$q_2'' + 2\mu_1 q_1' + q_1 + \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\alpha}_3 f^2 q_1^3 + 2\mu_2 (\epsilon + 1) \lambda q_2' + \lambda^2 (\epsilon + 1) q_2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{\epsilon + 1}{m_2 \omega_{n1}^2} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{f^{k-1}}{k!} \left. \frac{d^k g}{dr^k} \right|_{r=0} q_2^k = \cos \gamma t$$

Taylor series expansion of the absorber's restoring force

# Focus on the Linear Terms: No Dependence on $f$

$$q_1'' + 2\mu_1 q_1' + q_1 + \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\alpha}_3 f^2 q_1^3 + 2\mu_2 \epsilon \lambda q_2' + \lambda^2 \epsilon q_2 + \dots$$

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**Rule #1:** the NLTVA should possess a linear spring to perform effectively at low forcing amplitudes (LTVA-like behavior).

# Focus on the Nonlinear Terms: Dependence on $f$

$$q_1'' + 2\mu_1 q_1' + q_1 + \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\alpha}_3 f^2 q_1^3 + 2\mu_2 \epsilon \lambda q_2' + \lambda^2 \epsilon q_2 + \dots$$

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Coefficients of terms of order  $k$  depends on  $f^{k-1}$



# Proposed Tuning Rule: “Mirror” Rule

$$q_1'' + 2\mu_1 q_1' + q_1 + \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\alpha}_3 f^2 q_1^3 + 2\mu_2 \epsilon \lambda q_2' + \lambda^2 \epsilon q_2 + \dots$$

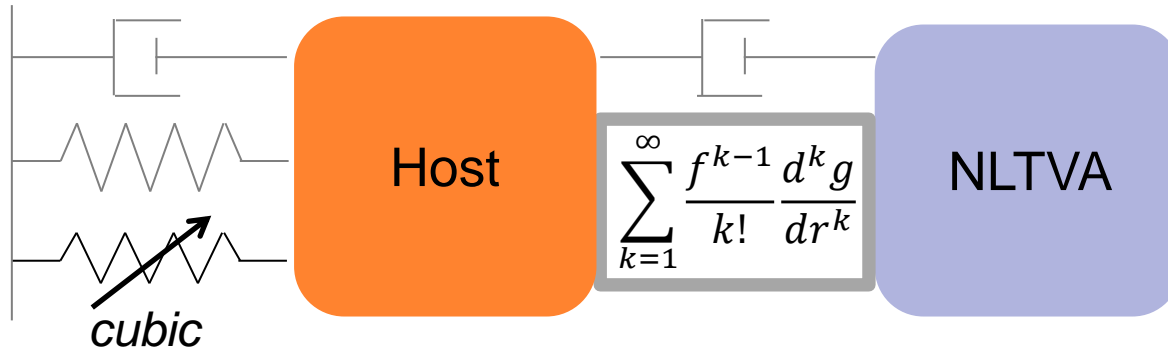
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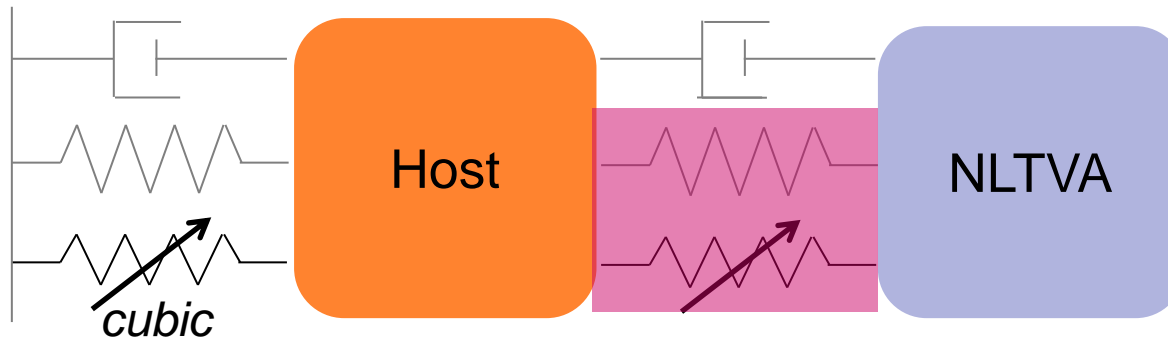
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*Rule #2: the NLTVA has a variation with forcing amplitude similar to that of the host system if its restoring force has the same mathematical form as that of the primary system ( $k=3$ ).*

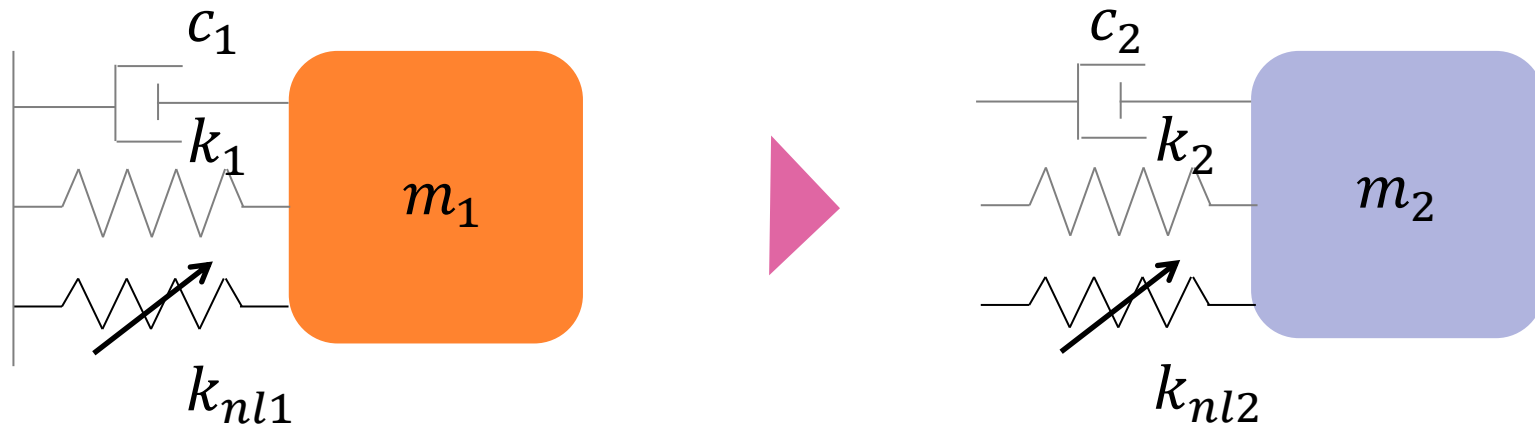
# A Cubic NLTVA Should Be Coupled to a Cubic Host



**Rules #1,2 → k=1 & 3**



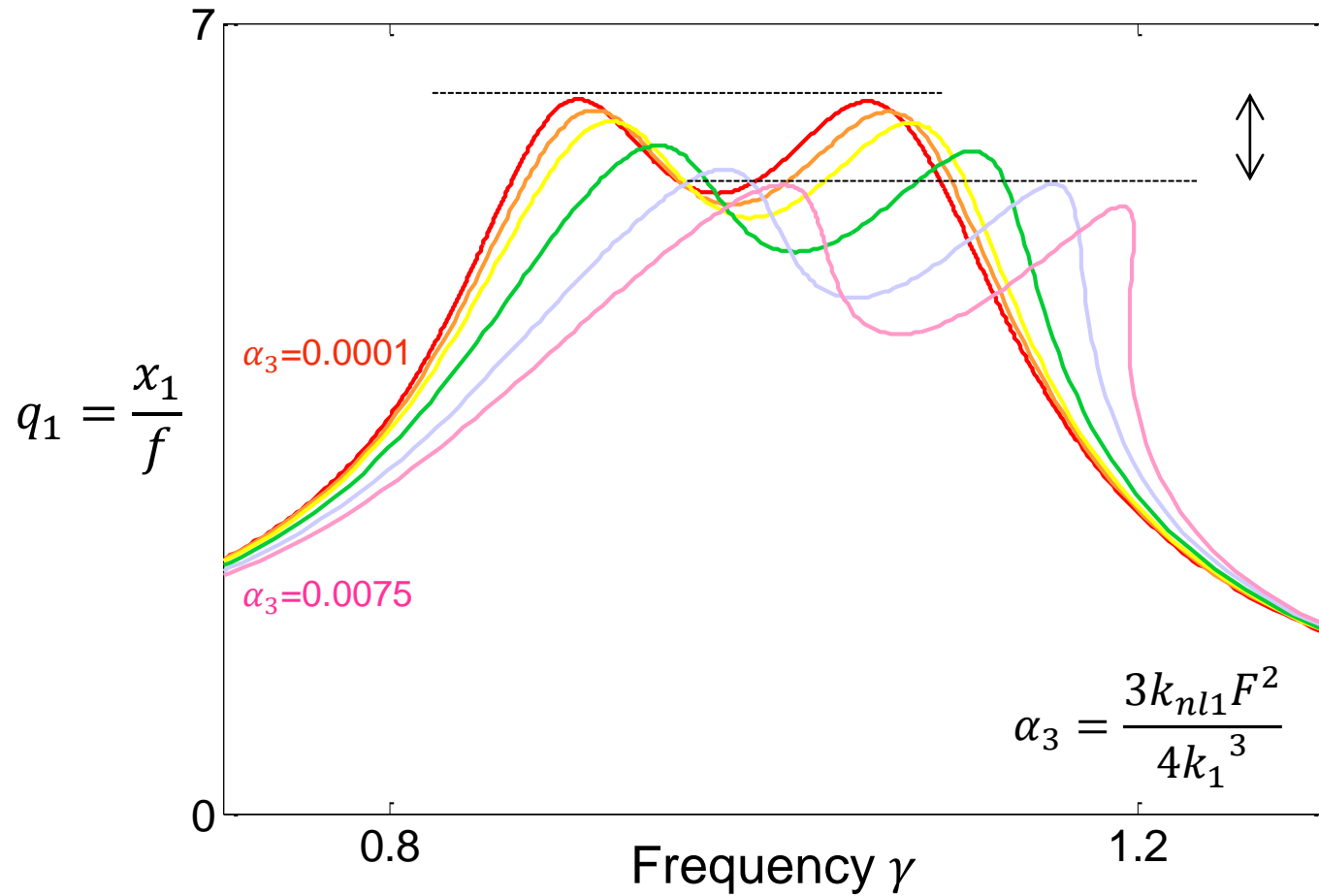
# Analytic Design Formulas for Nonlinear Equal Peaks



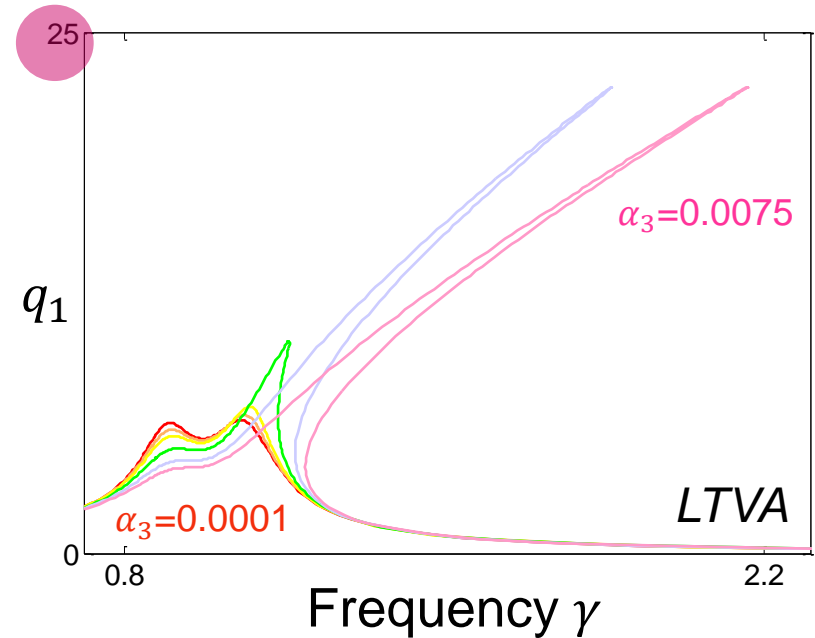
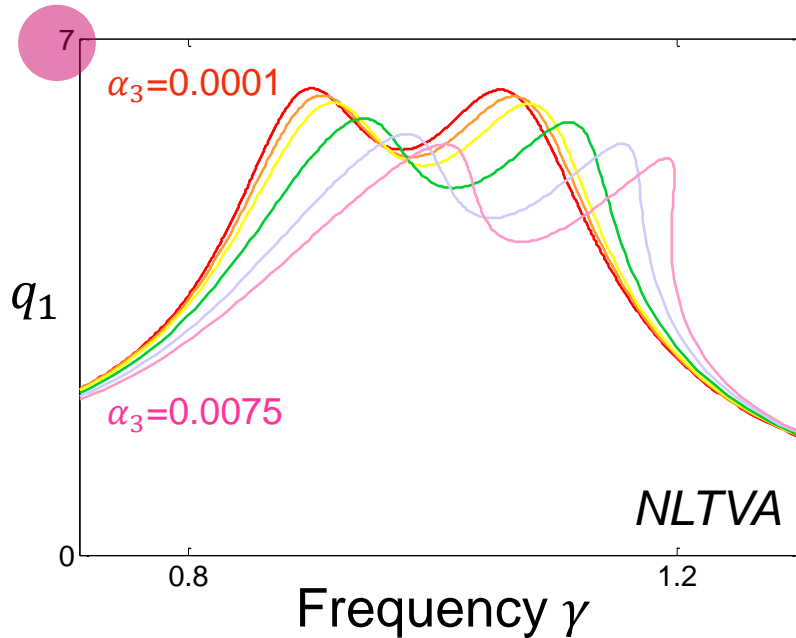
$$m_2 = \epsilon m_1, \quad c_2 = 2 \sqrt{\frac{3 \epsilon^3 k_1 m_1}{8 (1 + \epsilon)^3}}$$
$$k_2 = \frac{\epsilon k_1}{(1 + \epsilon)^2}, \quad k_{nl2} = \frac{2 \epsilon^2 k_{nl1}}{1 + 4 \epsilon}$$

Nonlinear generalization of  
Den Hartog's equal-peak method

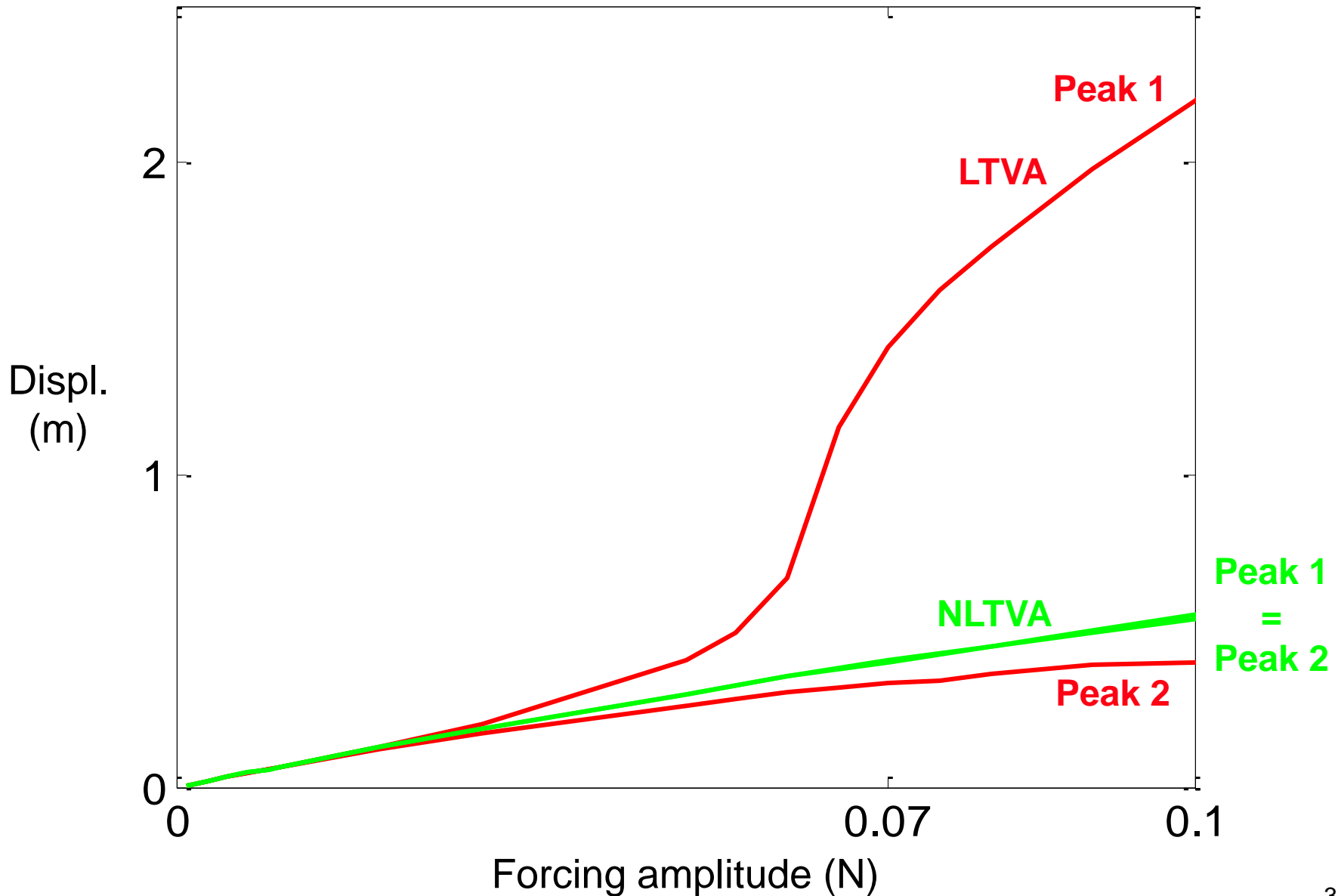
# The NLTVA Performs According to Plan



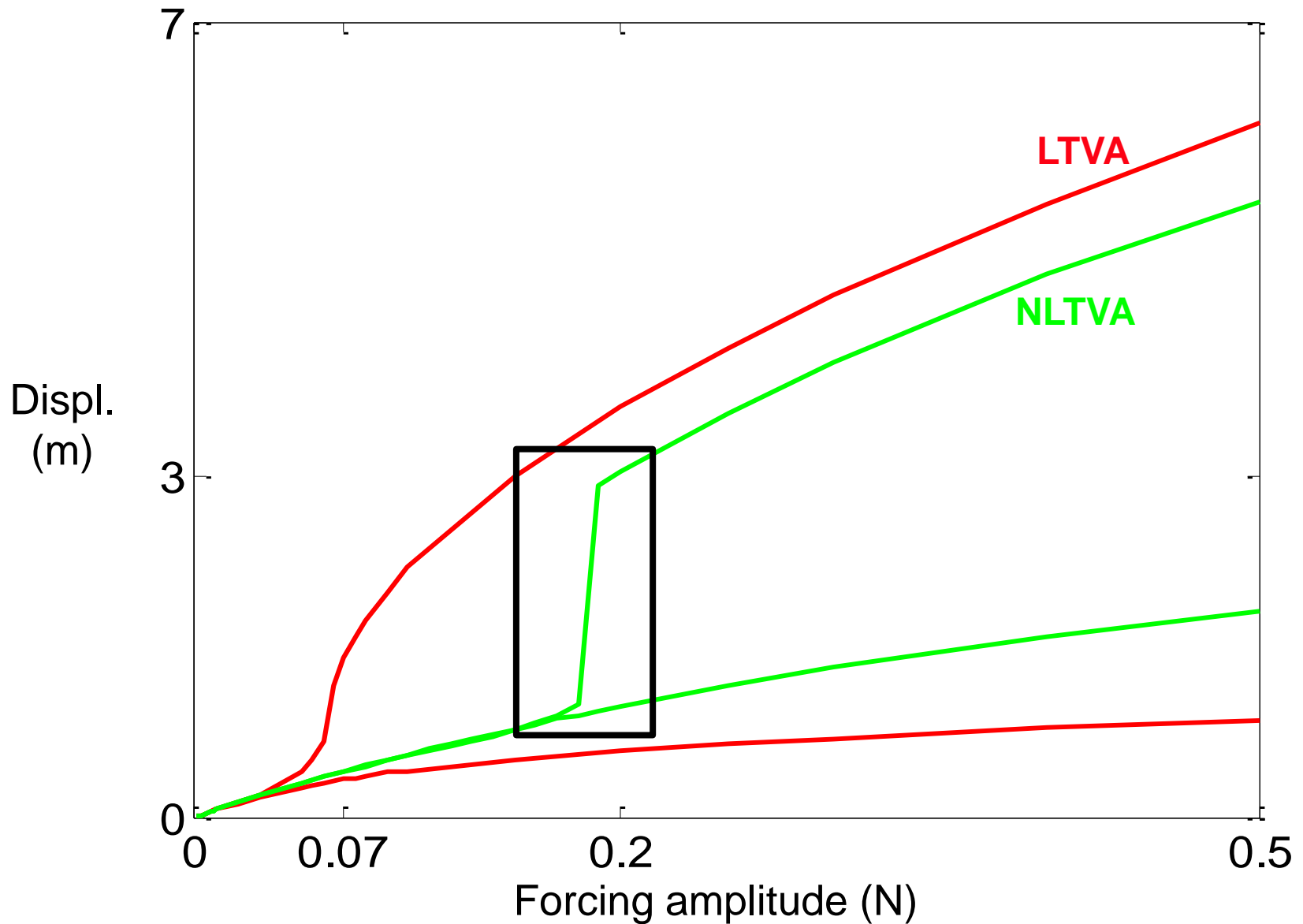
# LTVA Completely Detuned for the Same Regimes



# The NLTVA Always Outperforms the LTVA

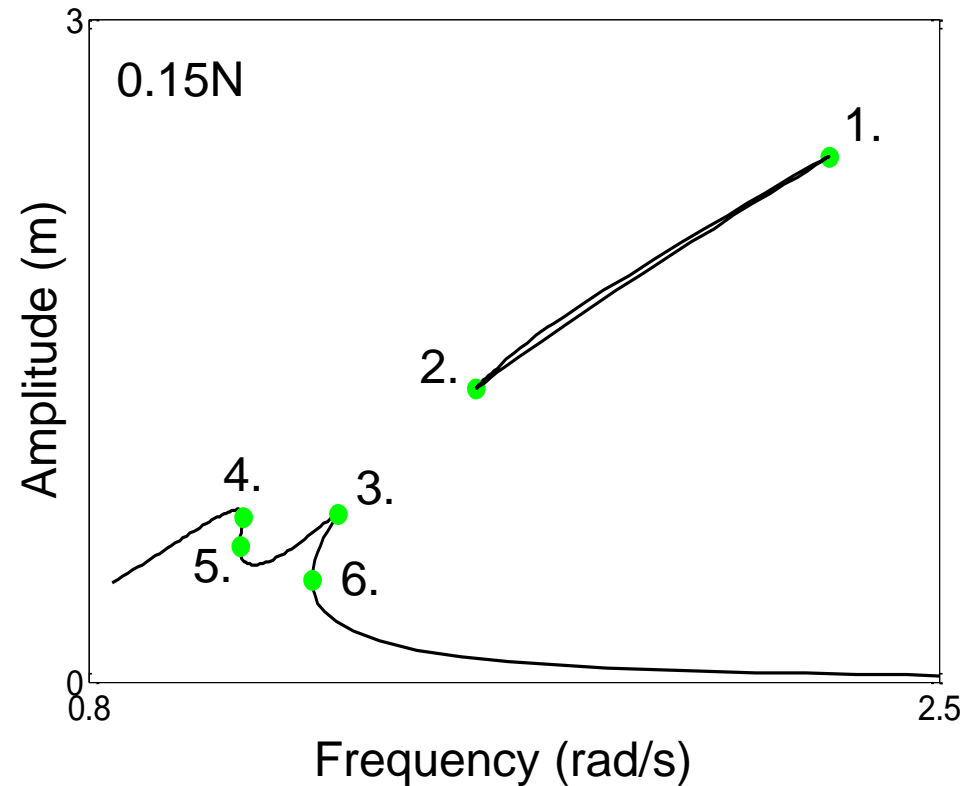


# NLTVA Detuning for Larger Amplitudes

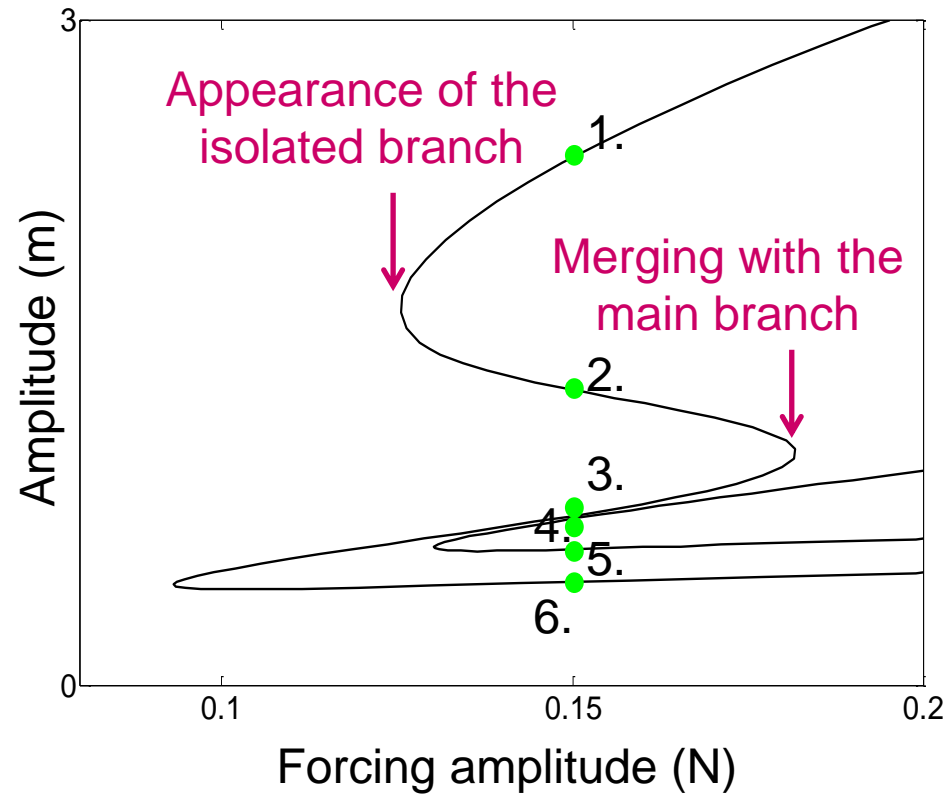


# Detuning Due to an Isolated Branch of Solutions

Frequency response of the host structure



Bifurcation tracking: limit points locus





# Summary for the NLTVA

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The NLTVA is much more robust with respect to forcing amplitudes.



The freedom offered by nonlinearity is fully exploited.

The NLTVA exhibits a linear-like behavior (up to a certain point).

Adverse dynamics (bifurcations, detached resonances)



How to realize the tailored nonlinearity in practice (topology optimization and piezo shunting) ?

# Outline for the Second Part

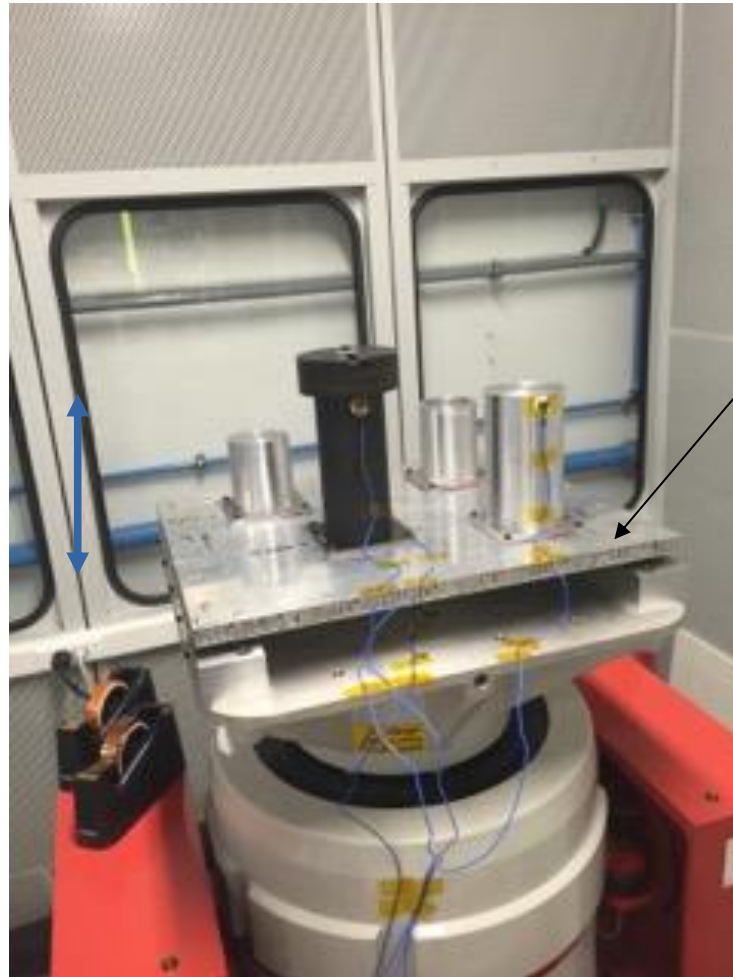
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2. Mitigation of limit cycle oscillations

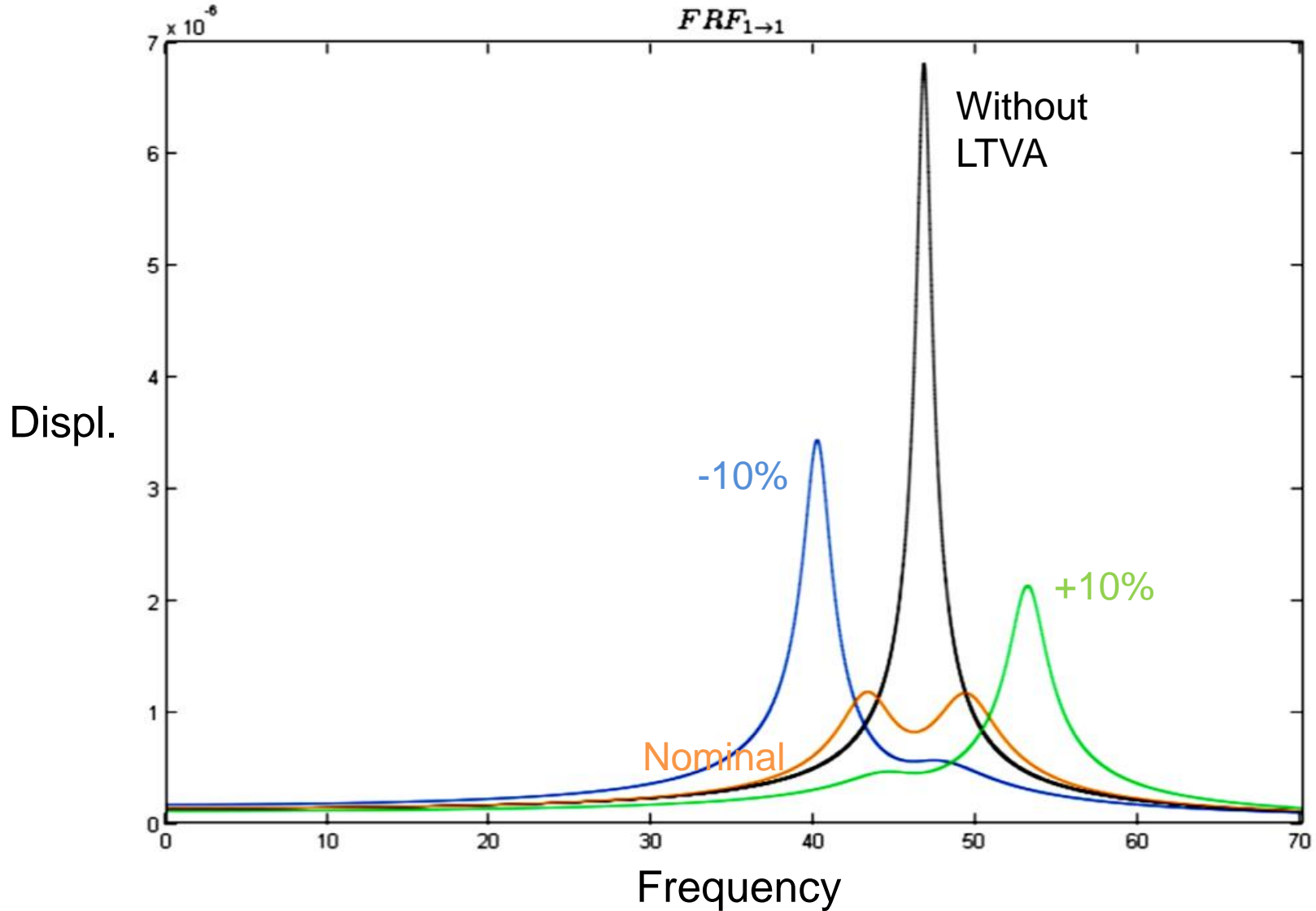
# Satellite Panel with Uncertain Characteristics

Objective: passive control of the first bending mode



Aluminium sandwich panel:  $50 \text{ Hz} \pm 5 \text{ Hz}$

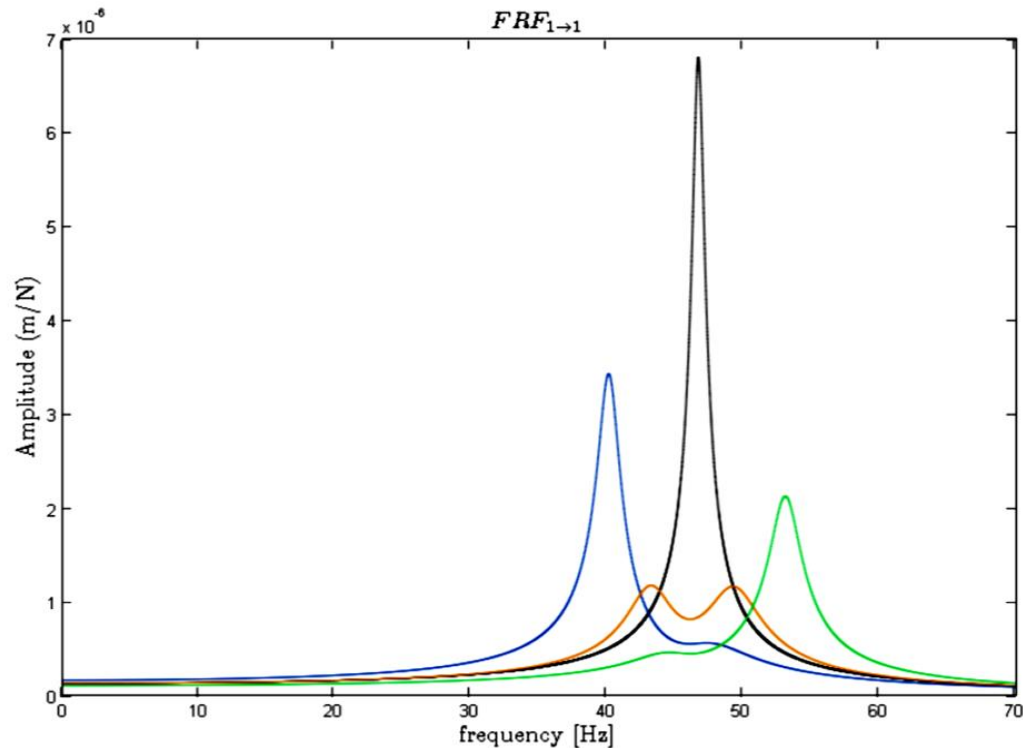
# The LTVA Is Detuned For an Uncertain Resonance



# Let's First Approach the Problem Numerically

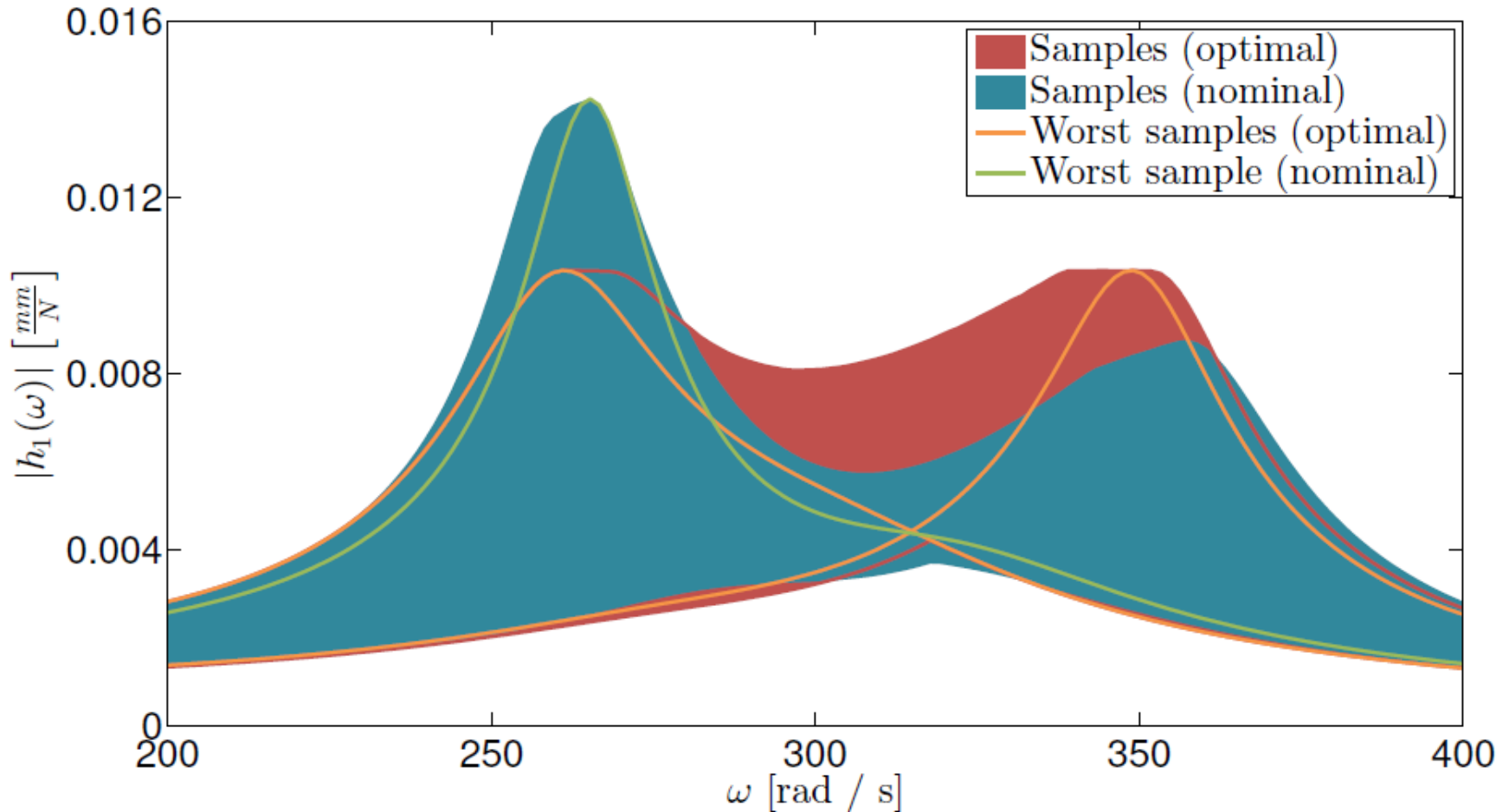
Worst-case formulation of the problem:

$$[c_2^*, k_2^*] = \arg \left[ \min_{c_2, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+} \left( \max_{[c_1, k_1] \in \Delta} |h_1(\omega | m_1, c_1, k_1, m_2, c_2, k_2)|_\infty \right) \right]$$

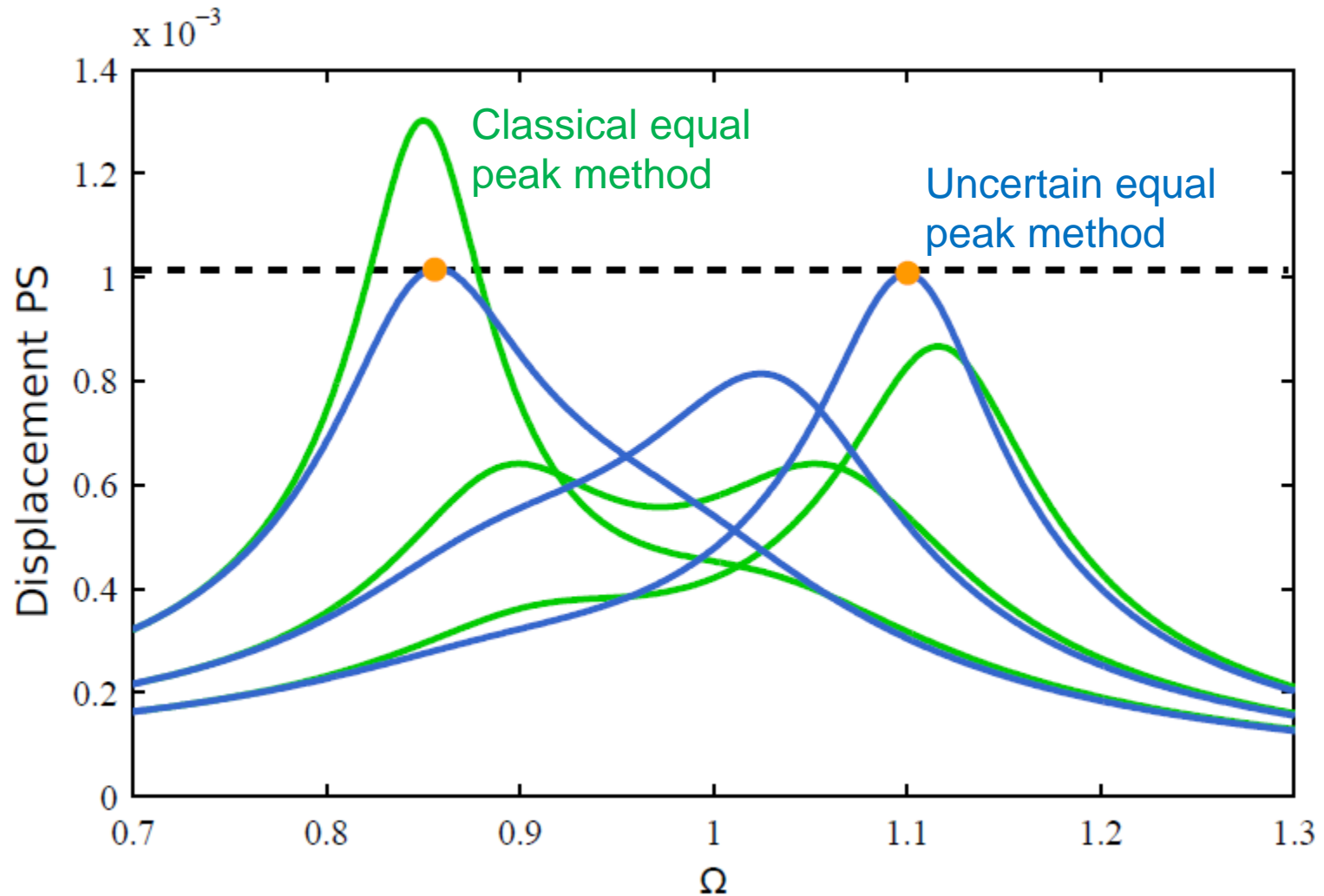


# Worst Case Sample (Nominal and Optimal Cases)

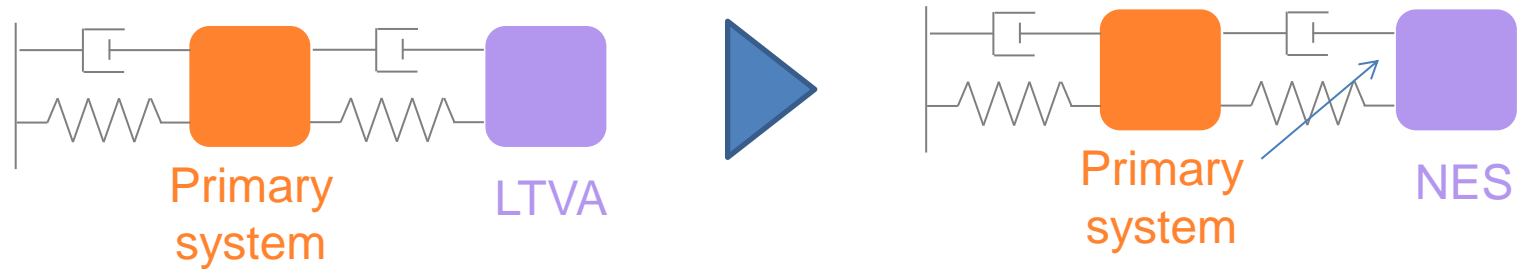
We also have equal peaks in the uncertain case !



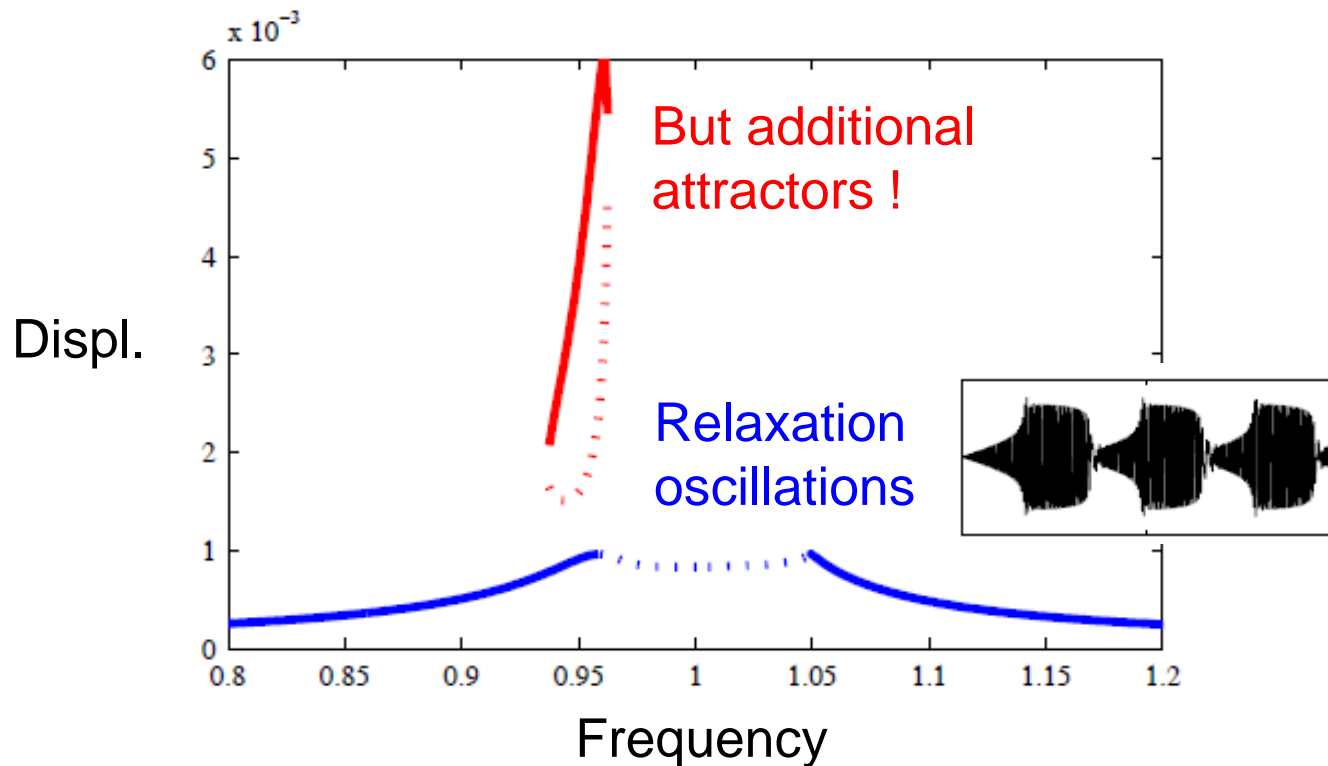
# 30% Improvement Brought by the Uncertain EPM



# Let's Move to the Nonlinear Absorber

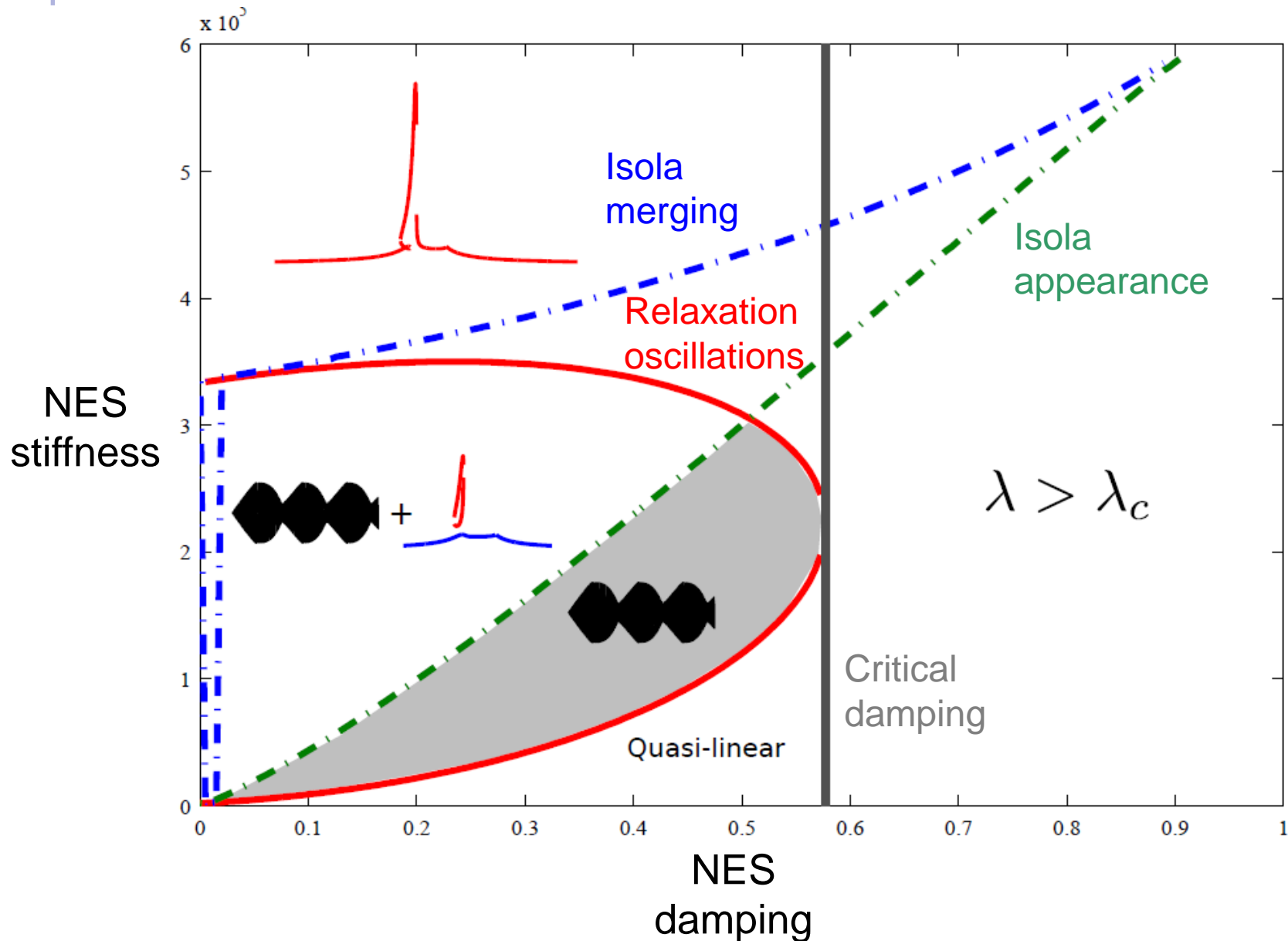


Completely different mechanism for resonance mitigation:

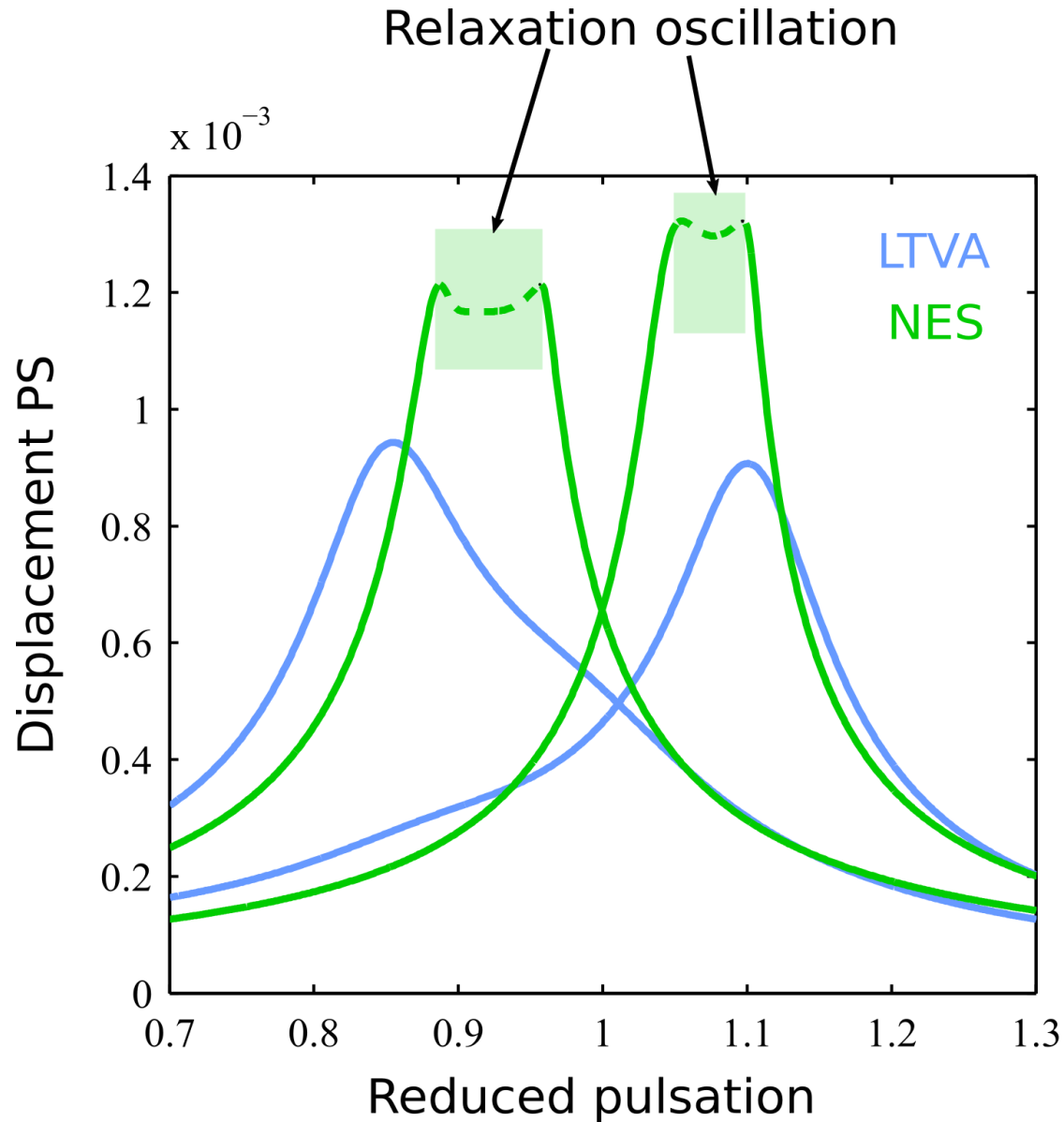




# The Tuning Graph (Multiple Scales and HB)



# LTVA Has Better Performance than NES (and NLTVA)



# Outline for the Second Part

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2. Mitigation of limit cycle oscillations

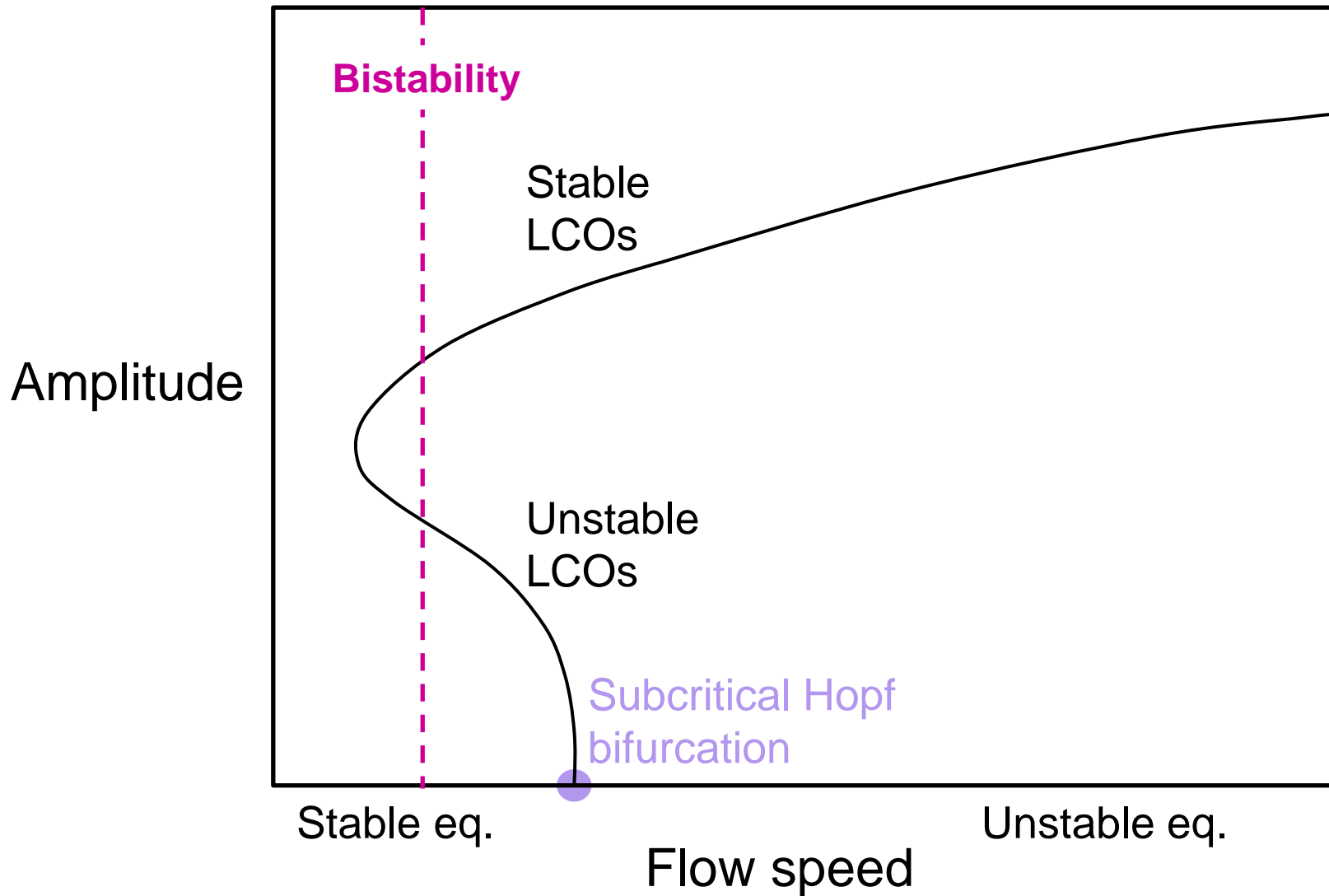
# Suppression of Limit Cycle Oscillations

Automotive disc brakes, machine tools, drill-string systems.



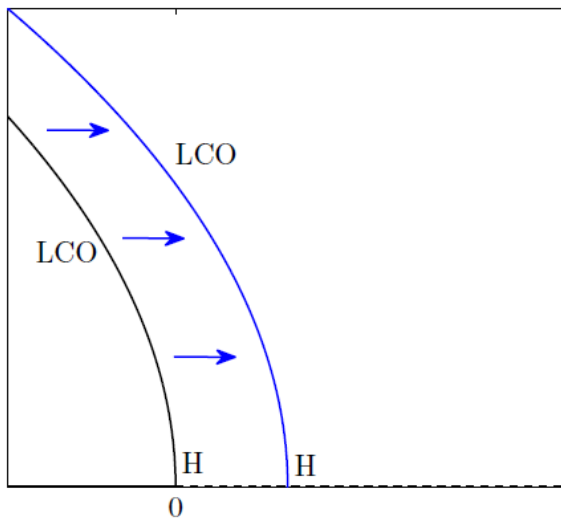
F-16 aircraft

# A Particularly Dangerous Situation



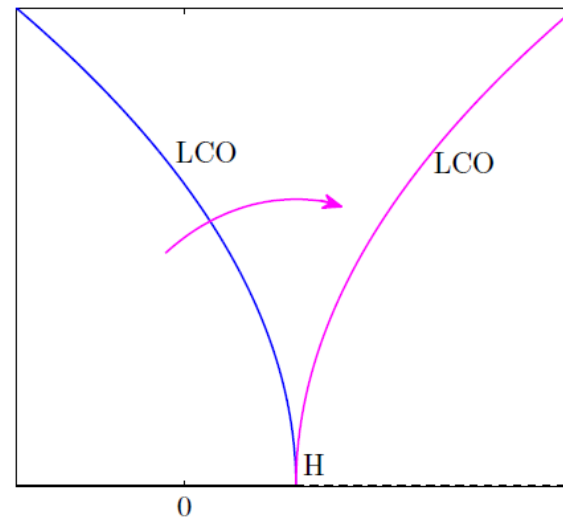
# How Can We Design a Nonlinear Passive Absorber ?

Amplitude



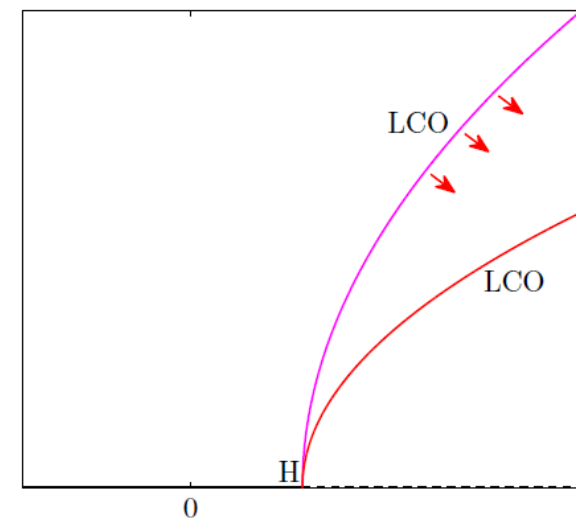
1. Enlarge stable region

▶ Design the linear spring/damper



2. Avoid bistability

▶ Design the nonlinear spring



3. Reduce LCO amplitude

▶ No freedom left

# Van der Pol-Duffing Oscillator

A paradigmatic model for self-excited oscillations:

Fluid-structure  
interaction

Structural  
nonlinearity

$$m_1 q_1'' + c_1 (q_1^2 - 1) q_1' + k_1 q_1 + k_{nl1} q_1^3 = 0$$

We attach a NLTVA where *the nonlinearity is not specified a priori*:

Coupling terms

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 q_1'' + c_1 (q_1^2 - 1) q_1' + k_1 q_1 + k_{nl1} q_1^3 + c_2 (q_1' - q_2') + k_2 (q_1 - q_2) + g (q_1 - q_2) &= 0 \\ m_2 q_2'' + c_2 (q_2' - q_1') + k_2 (q_2 - q_1) - g (q_1 - q_2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Additional equation

# Proposed Tuning Rule for the NLTV

Optimal  
stiffness

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon}}$$

STABILITY ANALYSIS

Optimal  
damping

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon}}$$

STABILITY ANALYSIS

Optimal  
exponent

Same as  
host system

PRINCIPLE OF SIMILARITY

Optimal  
NL coeff.

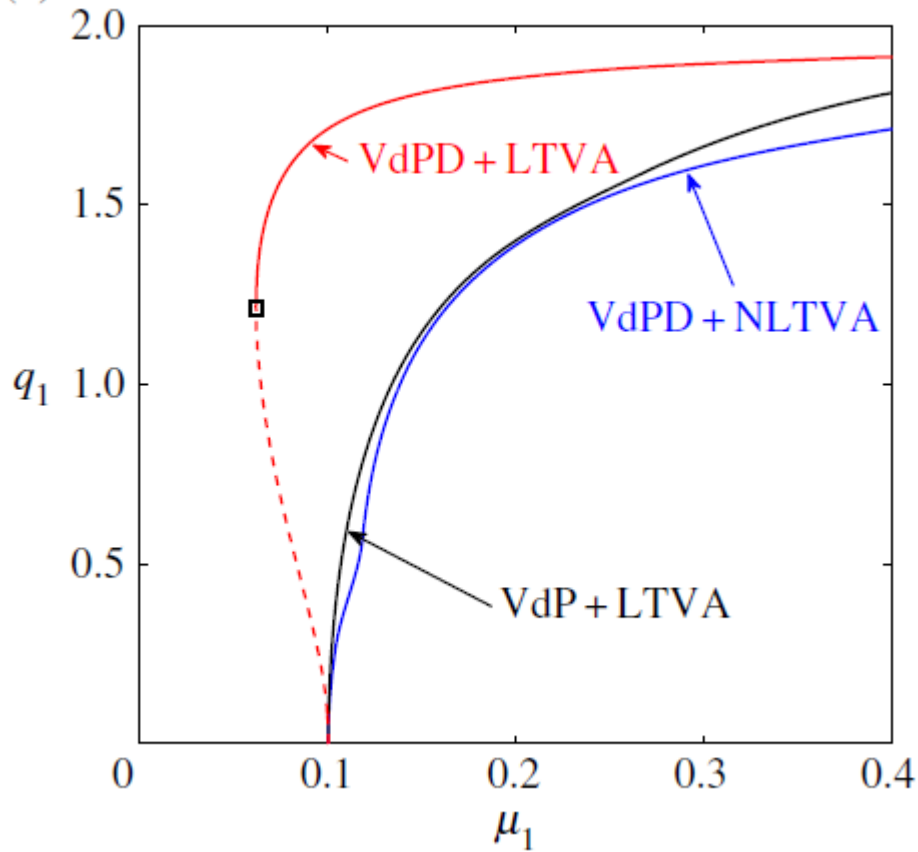
$$\frac{\varepsilon}{(1 + \varepsilon)^2} k_{nl1}$$

BIFURCATION ANALYSIS

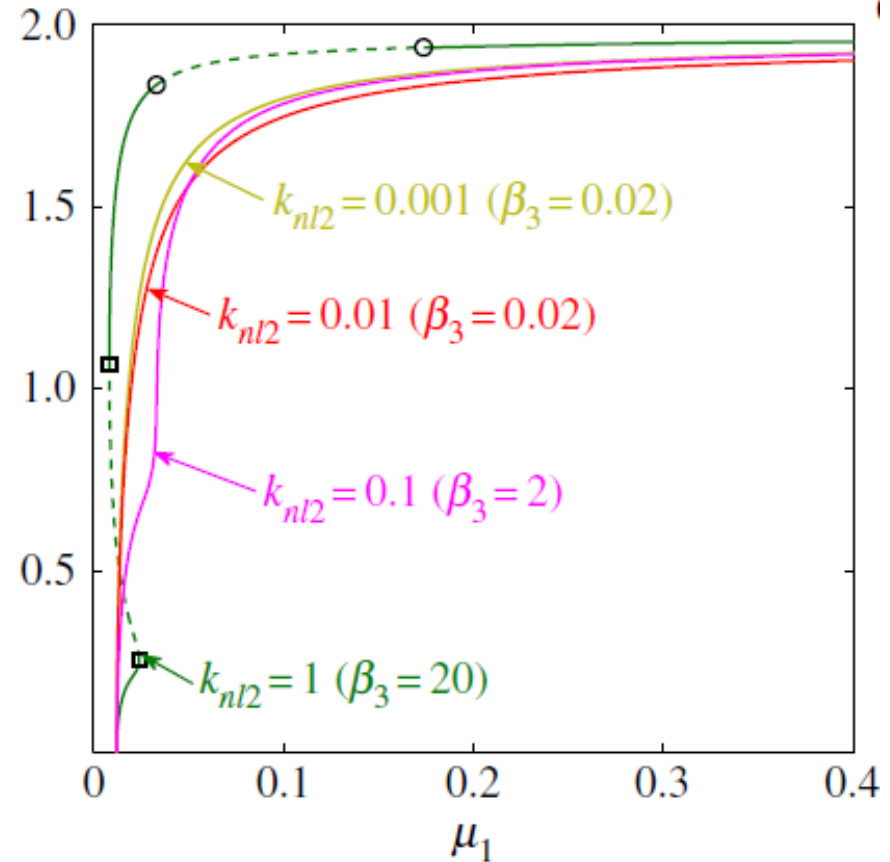


# The NLTVA Outperforms the LTVA (and the NES)

## LTVA/NLTVA



## NES



# In Summary

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There is no optimal absorber, application-dependent.

Hard to beat the LTVA for a narrow-band excitation applied to a linear system.

Nonlinear absorbers should be considered for multimodal damping or for a nonlinear primary system. But:

- ▶ Adverse dynamics (quasiperiodic regimes and detached resonances) should be managed properly.
- ▶ The practical realization of the desired nonlinearity can be a challenge.

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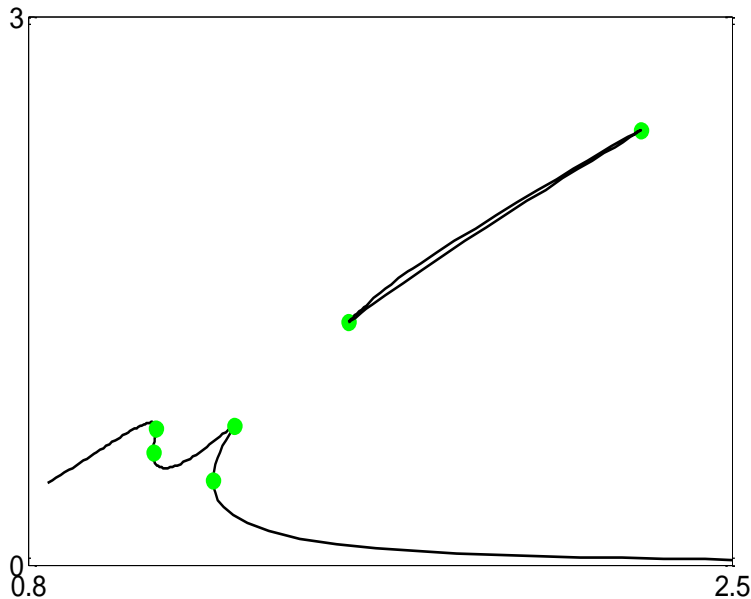
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