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# Uncertainty propagation in structural dynamics

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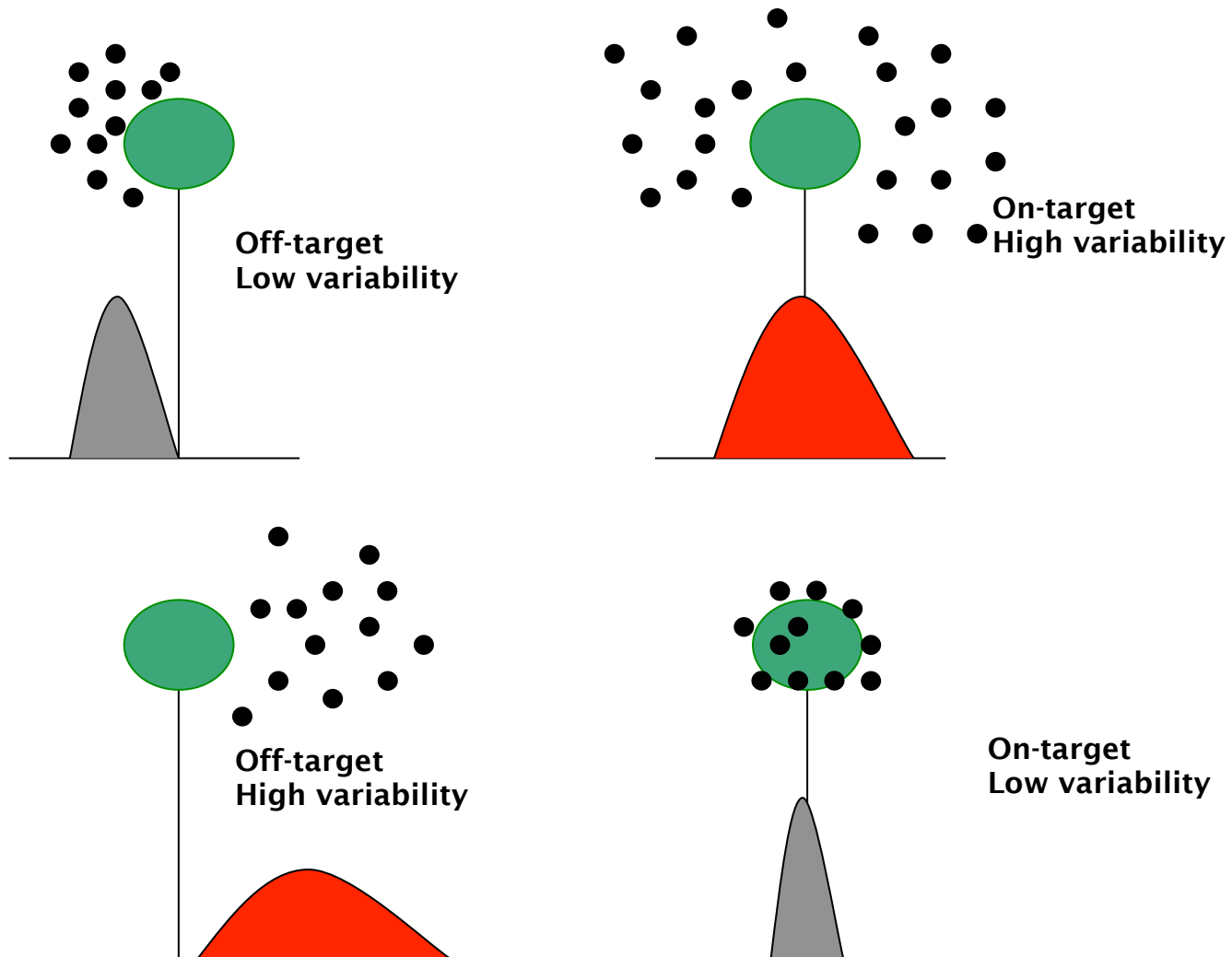
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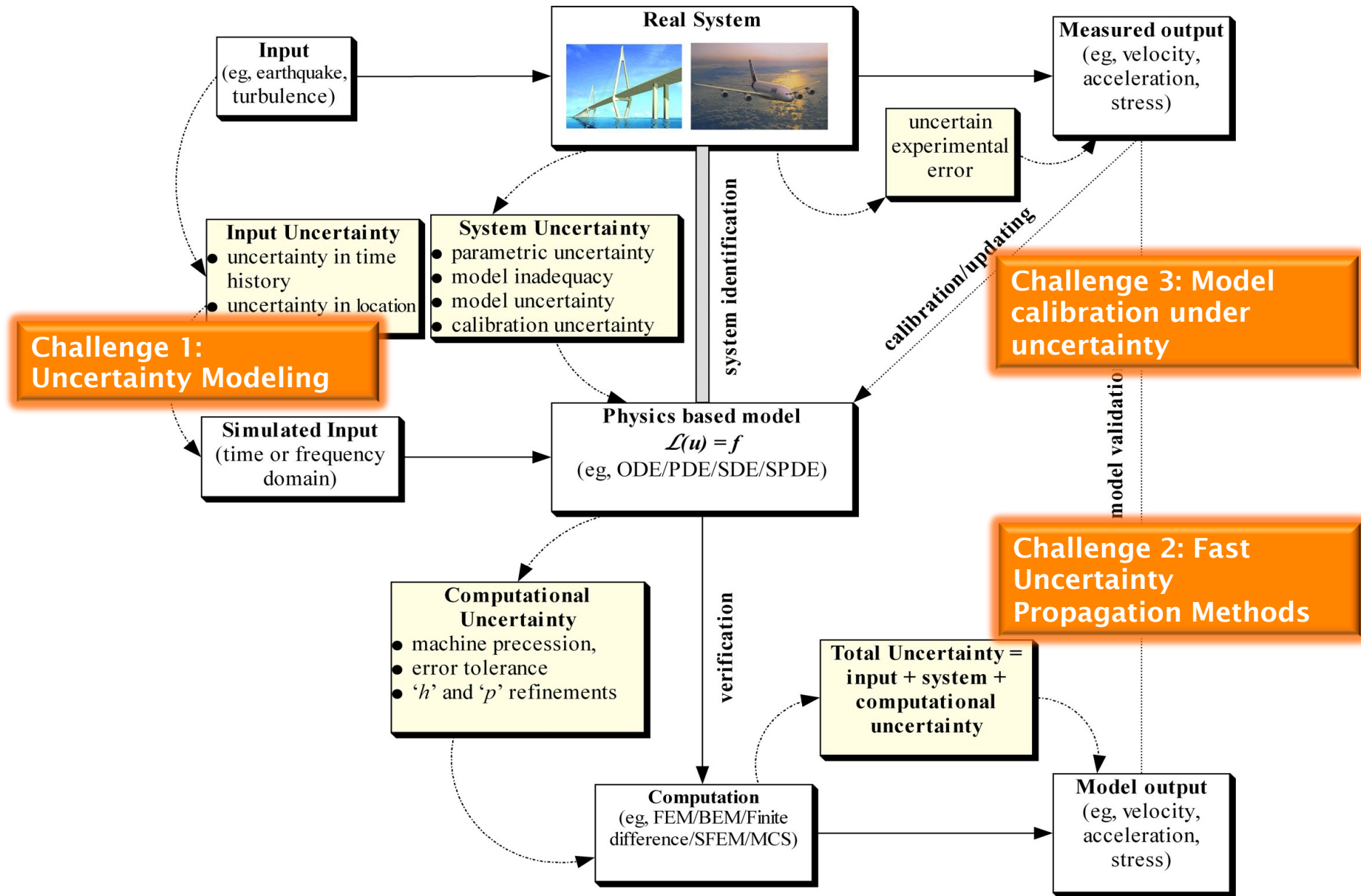
# Outline of the Talk

- Background & Motivation
- Uncertainty Quantification
- Uncertainty propagation in complex dynamical systems
  - Parametric uncertainty propagation
  - Nonparametric uncertainty propagation
  - Unified representation
- Computational method and validation
  - Representative experimental results
  - Software integration
- Conclusions

# Actual Performance of Engineering Designs



# Overview of Computational Modeling



# Why Uncertainty: The Sources



## Experimental error

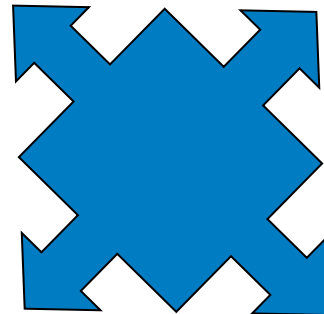
uncertain and unknown error percolate into the model when they are calibrated against experimental results

## Parametric Uncertainty

uncertainty in the geometric parameters, boundary conditions, forces, strength of the materials involved

## Computational uncertainty

machine precession, error tolerance and the so called 'h' and 'p' refinements in finite element analysis



## Model Uncertainty

arising from the lack of scientific knowledge about the model which is a-priori unknown (damping, nonlinearity, joints)

A low-fidelity answer with known uncertainty bounds is more valuable than a high-fidelity answer with unknown uncertainty bounds (NASA White Paper, 2002).

# Uncertainty Modeling

Parametric  
Uncertainty

- Random variables
- Random fields

Non-parametric  
Uncertainty

- Probabilistic Approach
  - Random matrix theory
- Possibilistic Approaches
  - Fuzzy variable
  - Interval algebra
  - Convex modeling

# Equation of Motion of Dynamical Systems



- The Equation of motion of all these systems (and many other) about an equilibrium point can be expressed by:

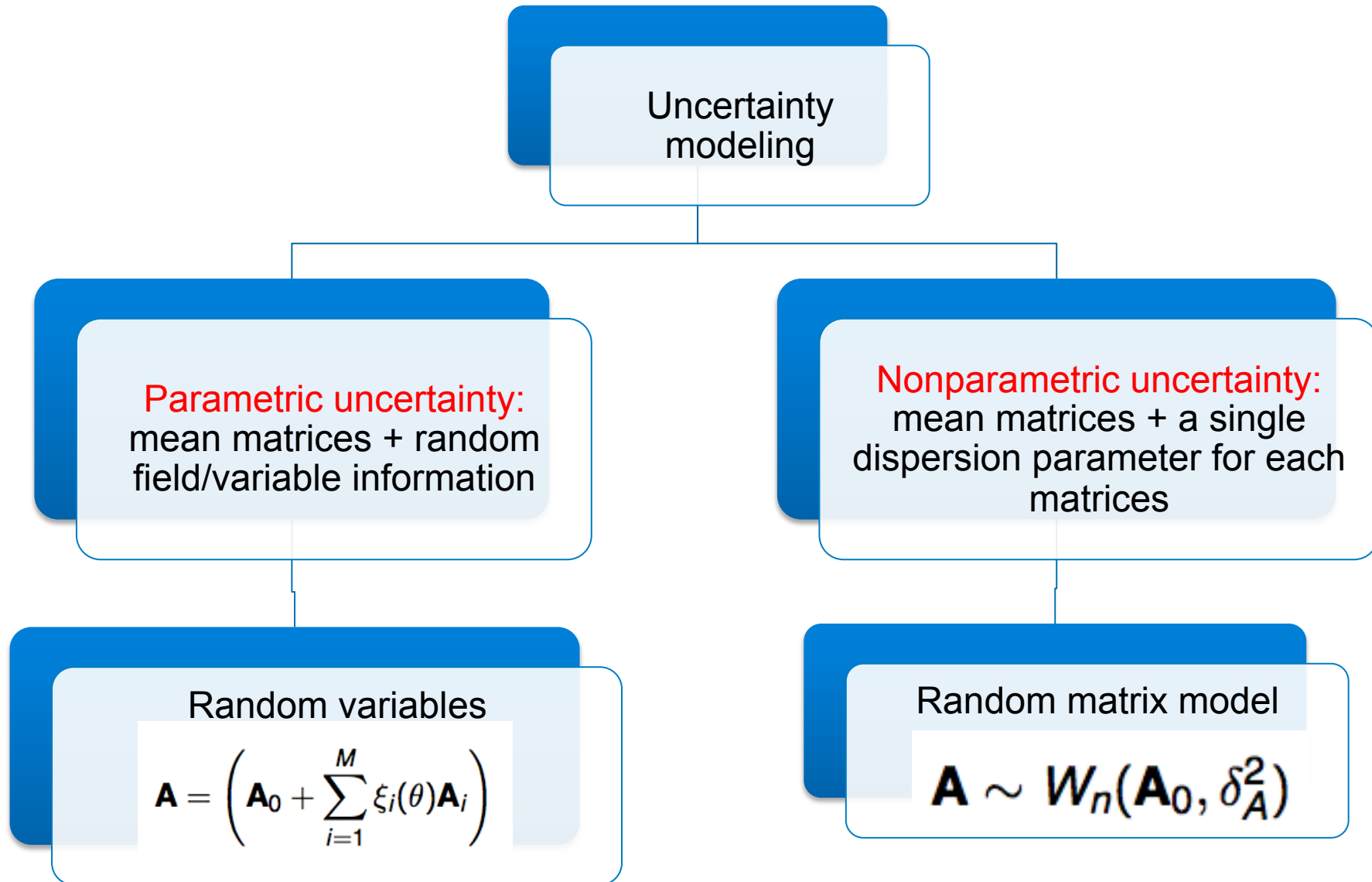
$$\mathbf{M}(\theta)\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\theta, t) + \mathbf{C}(\theta)\dot{\mathbf{u}}(\theta, t) + \mathbf{K}(\theta)\mathbf{u}(\theta, t) = \mathbf{f}(t)$$

- $\mathbf{M}(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the random mass matrix,  $\mathbf{K}(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the random stiffness matrix,  $\mathbf{C}(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the random damping matrix and  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  is the forcing vector. We use  $(\theta)$  to denote that the quantity is random.

## The uncertainty propagation problem:

Given the stochastic description of the three systems matrices and the input forcing function, obtain the stochastic description of the response

# Uncertainty modeling in structural dynamics







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# Parametric uncertainty propagation

# Frequency domain analysis

- Taking the Fourier transform of the equation of motion

$$\left[ -\omega^2 \mathbf{M}(\theta) + i\omega \mathbf{C}(\theta) + \mathbf{K}(\theta) \right] \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\omega)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta)$  is the complex frequency domain system response amplitude,  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\omega)$  is the amplitude of the harmonic force.

- $\mathbf{M}(\theta) = \mathbf{M}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{p_1} \mu_i(\theta_i) \mathbf{M}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the random mass matrix,  
 $\mathbf{K}(\theta) = \mathbf{K}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{p_2} \nu_i(\theta_i) \mathbf{K}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the random stiffness matrix,  
 $\mathbf{C}(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  as the random damping matrix
- **Proportional damping** model is considered:  
 $\mathbf{C}(\theta) = \zeta_1 \mathbf{M}(\theta) + \zeta_2 \mathbf{K}(\theta)$ , where  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  are scalars.
- For convenience we group the random variables associated with the mass and stiffness matrices as

$$\xi_i(\theta) = \mu_i(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_{j+p_1}(\theta) = \nu_j(\theta) \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p_1$$

$$\text{and} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p_2$$

# Frequency domain analysis

- Using  $M = p_1 + p_2$  which we have

$$\left( \mathbf{A}_0(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \mathbf{A}_i(\omega) \right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\omega)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_0$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  represent the complex deterministic and stochastic parts respectively of the mass, the stiffness and the damping matrices ensemble.

- For the case of proportional damping the matrices  $\mathbf{A}_0$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_0(\omega) &= \left[ -\omega^2 + i\omega\zeta_1 \right] \mathbf{M}_0 + [i\omega\zeta_2 + 1] \mathbf{K}_0, \\ \mathbf{A}_i(\omega) &= \left[ -\omega^2 + i\omega\zeta_1 \right] \mathbf{M}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p_1 \\ \text{and } \mathbf{A}_{j+p_1}(\omega) &= [i\omega\zeta_2 + 1] \mathbf{K}_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, p_2. \end{aligned}$$

# General mathematical representation

- In general the main equation which need to be solved for parametric uncertainty propagation, can be expressed as

$$\left( \mathbf{A}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta_i) \mathbf{A}_i \right) \mathbf{u}(\theta) = \mathbf{f}(\theta)$$

- Here  $\mathbf{A}_0$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i$  represent the deterministic and stochastic parts of the system matrices respectively. These are symmetric matrices and can be real or complex.
- The mathematical form of this equation is valid for static or dynamic problems, and also for time-domain or frequency domain representation.

# What should be the form of the response?

- The frequency domain equation of the stochastic system  $[-\omega^2 \mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) + i\omega \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) + \mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta))] \mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta) = \mathbf{f}(\omega)$ .
- Some possibilities for the expression  $\mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta)$  of are

$$\mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{P_1} H_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \mathbf{u}_k(\omega)$$

$$\text{or} = \sum_{k=1}^{P_2} \Gamma_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \phi_k$$

$$\text{or} = \sum_{k=1}^{P_3} a_k(\omega) H_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \phi_k$$

$$\text{or} = \sum_{k=1}^{P_4} a_k(\omega) H_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \mathbf{U}_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \quad \dots \text{ etc.}$$

# Classical Modal Analysis?

For a **deterministic system**, the response vector  $\mathbf{u}(\omega)$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{u}(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^P \Gamma_k(\omega) \mathbf{u}_k$$

where  $\Gamma_k(\omega) = \frac{\phi_k^T \mathbf{f}}{-\omega^2 + 2i\zeta_k \omega_k \omega + \omega_k^2}$

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \phi_k \quad \text{and} \quad P \leq n \quad (\text{number of dominant modes})$$

where  $\omega_k$ : natural frequencies,  $\phi_k$ : mode shapes.

Can we extend this idea to **stochastic systems**?

# Projection in the Modal Basis

*There exist a finite set of complex frequency dependent functions  $\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta))$  and a complete basis  $\phi_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that the solution of the discretized stochastic finite element equation can be expressed by the series*

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \phi_k$$

Here  $\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta))$  are the spectral functions and  $\phi_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the eigenvectors arising from the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{K}_0 \phi_k = \lambda_{0k} \mathbf{M}_0 \phi_k; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

# Outline of the derivation

- Transform the equation of motion into the modal domain by using the matrix of the eigenvectors  $\Phi$ .
- Separate the diagonal and off-diagonal terms of the resulting matrix.
- Expand the inverse of the matrix in terms of the inverse of the diagonal term in a Neumann-like series for a given frequency value.



# Projection in the Modal Basis

The solution of the frequency-domain equation is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \left[ \mathbf{A}_0(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \mathbf{A}_i(\omega) \right]^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\omega)$$

Using the mass and stiffness orthogonality property of the modal matrix  $\Phi$  one has

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \left[ \Phi^{-T} \Lambda_0(\omega) \Phi^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \Phi^{-T} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i(\omega) \Phi^{-1} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \underbrace{\Phi \left[ \Lambda_0(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i(\omega) \right]^{-1} \Phi^{-T} \mathbf{f}(\omega)}_{\Psi(\omega, \xi(\theta))}$$

where  $\xi(\theta) = \{\xi_1(\theta), \xi_2(\theta), \dots, \xi_M(\theta)\}^T$ .

## Projection in the Modal Basis

Now we separate the diagonal and off-diagonal terms of the  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i$  matrices as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i + \mathbf{\Delta}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

Here the diagonal matrix

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \text{diag} [\tilde{\mathbf{A}}] = \text{diag} [\lambda_{i_1}, \lambda_{i_2}, \dots, \lambda_{i_n}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

and  $\mathbf{\Delta}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i - \mathbf{\Lambda}_i$  is an off-diagonal only matrix.

$$\Psi(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \left[ \underbrace{\mathbf{\Lambda}_0(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \mathbf{\Lambda}_i(\omega)}_{\mathbf{\Lambda}(\omega, \xi(\theta))} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \mathbf{\Delta}_i(\omega)}_{\mathbf{\Delta}(\omega, \xi(\theta))} \right]^{-1}$$

where  $\mathbf{\Lambda}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix and  $\mathbf{\Delta}(\omega, \xi(\theta))$  is an off-diagonal only matrix.

# Projection in the Modal Basis

We rewrite this equation as

$$\Psi(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \left[ \Lambda(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \left[ \mathbf{I}_n + \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \mathbf{\Delta}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \right] \right]^{-1}$$

The above expression can be represented using a Neumann type of matrix series as

$$\Psi(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-1)^s \left[ \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \mathbf{\Delta}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \right]^s \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta))$$

## Projection in the Modal Basis

Taking an arbitrary  $r$ -th element, the expression of  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta)$  can be rearranged to have

$$\hat{u}_r(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi_{rk} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \Psi_{kj}(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) (\boldsymbol{\phi}_j^T \mathbf{f}(\omega)) \right)$$

Defining

$$\Gamma_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) = \sum_{j=1}^n \Psi_{kj}(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) (\boldsymbol{\phi}_j^T \mathbf{f}(\omega))$$

and collecting all the elements for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$  we have the complete solution

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \boldsymbol{\phi}_k$$

# Spectral functions

## Definition

*The functions  $\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta))$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are the **frequency-adaptive spectral functions** as they are expressed in terms of the spectral properties of the coefficient matrices at each frequency of the governing discretized equation.*

- Each of the spectral functions  $\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta))$  contain infinite number of terms and they are highly nonlinear functions of the random variables  $\xi_i(\theta)$ .
- For computational purposes, it is necessary to truncate the series after certain number of terms.
- Different order of spectral functions can be obtained by using truncation in the expression of  $\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta))$

# Spectral functions

## Definition

*The different order of spectral functions  $\Gamma_k^{(1)}(\omega, \xi(\theta))$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are obtained by retaining different order of terms in the series expansion.*

Retaining one and two terms we have

$$\Psi^{(1)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta))$$

$$\Psi^{(2)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) - \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \Delta(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \Lambda^{-1}(\omega, \xi(\theta))$$

which are the first and second order spectral functions respectively.

- From these we find  $\Gamma_k^{(1)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \sum_{j=1}^n \Psi_{kj}^{(1)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) (\phi_j^T \mathbf{f}(\omega))$  are non-Gaussian random variables even if  $\xi_i(\theta)$  are Gaussian random variables.

# Model reduction by a reduced basis

- The eigenvalues are arranged in an increasing order such that

$$\lambda_{0_1} < \lambda_{0_2} < \dots < \lambda_{0_n}$$

- From the expression of the spectral functions observe that the eigenvalues ( $\lambda_{0_k} = \omega_{0_k}^2$ ) appear in the denominator:

$$\Gamma_k^{(1)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \frac{\phi_k^T \mathbf{f}(\omega)}{\Lambda_{0_k}(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \Lambda_{i_k}(\omega)}$$

where  $\Lambda_{0_k}(\omega) = -\omega^2 + i\omega(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2\omega_{0_k}^2) + \omega_{0_k}^2$

- The series can be truncated based on the magnitude of the eigenvalues relative to the frequency of excitation. The approximate solution can be represented with a reduced number ( $n_r$ ) of modal basis as

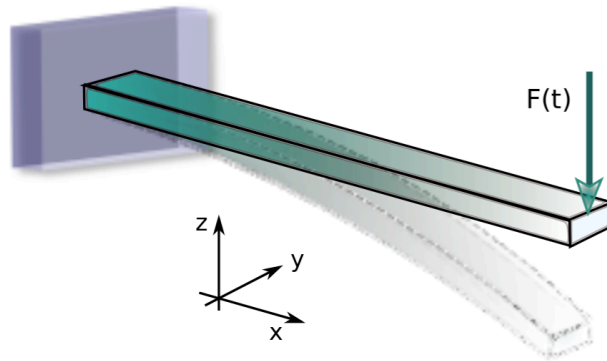
$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \hat{\Gamma}_k^{(m)}(\omega, \xi(\theta)) \phi_k$$

# Summary of the spectral functions

- **Not** polynomials in random variables, but ratio of polynomials
- **Independent** of the nature of the random variables (i.e. applicable to Gaussian, non-Gaussian or even mixed random variables)
- Not general, but **specific** to a problem as it utilizes the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the system matrices.
- The truncation error depends on the **off-diagonal** terms of the random part of the modal system matrix
- Show **'peaks'** when the frequency is close to the system natural frequencies

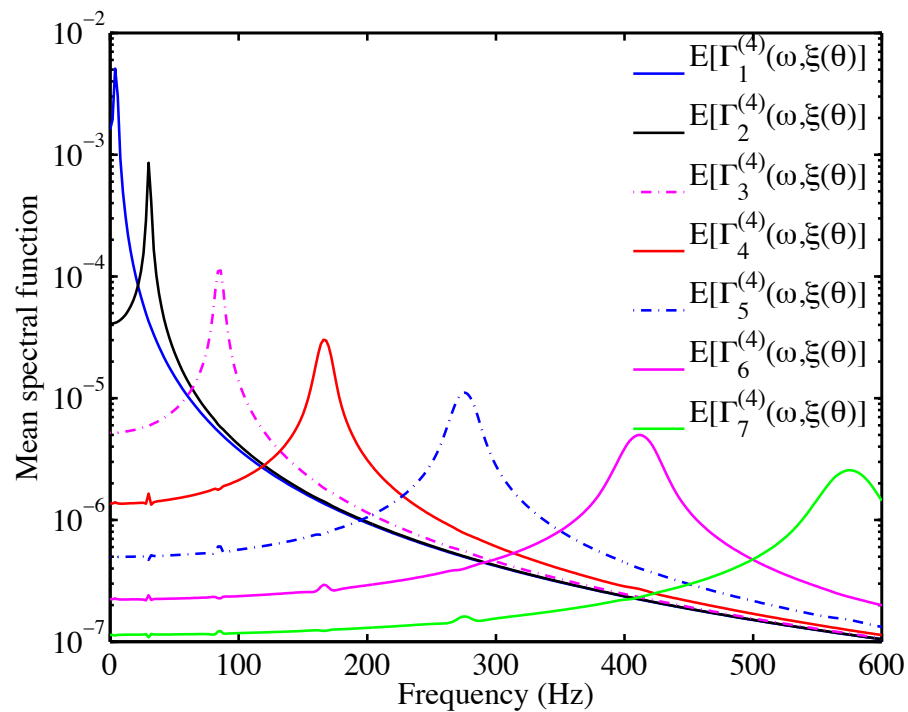


# Numerical illustration

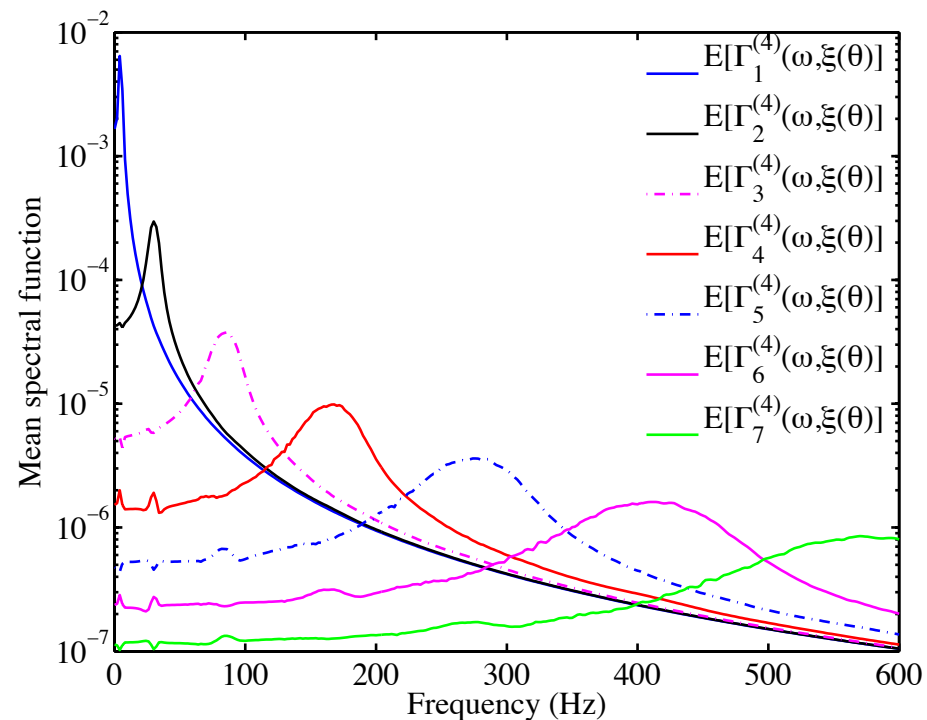


- An Euler-Bernoulli cantilever beam with stochastic bending modulus (nominal properties  $L=1\text{m}$ ,  $A=39 \times 5.93\text{mm}^2$ ,  $E=2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ )
- We use  $n=200$ ,  $M=2$
- We study the deflection of the beam under the action of a point load on the free end.
- The bending modulus of the cantilever beam is taken to be a homogeneous stationary Gaussian random field with exponential autocorrelation function (correlation length  $L/2$ )
- Constant modal damping is taken with 1% damping factor for all modes.
- The standard deviation of the random field  $\sigma_a$  is varied up to 0.2 times the mean.

# Spectral functions



$$\sigma_a = 0.05$$



$$\sigma_a = 0.2$$

Mean of the spectral functions (4<sup>th</sup> order)

# Galerkin Approach

One can obtain constants  $c_k \in \mathbb{C}$  such that the error in the following representation

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} c_k(\omega) \hat{\Gamma}_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \phi_k$$

can be minimised in the least-square sense. It can be shown that the vector  $\mathbf{c} = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_r}\}^T$  satisfies the  $n_r \times n_r$  complex algebraic equations  $\mathbf{S}(\omega) \mathbf{c}(\omega) = \mathbf{b}(\omega)$  with

$$S_{jk} = \sum_{i=0}^M \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ijk} D_{ik}; \quad \forall j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n_r; \quad \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ijk} = \phi_j^T \mathbf{A}_i \phi_k,$$

$$D_{ik} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \xi_i(\theta) \hat{\Gamma}_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \right], \quad \mathbf{b}_j = \mathbb{E} \left[ \phi_j^T \mathbf{f}(\omega) \right].$$

# Galerkin approach

- The error vector can be obtained as

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\omega, \theta) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^M \mathbf{A}_i(\omega) \xi_i(\theta) \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} c_k \hat{\Gamma}_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{\xi}(\theta)) \phi_k \right) - \mathbf{f}(\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$$

The solution is viewed as a projection where  $\phi_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the basis functions and  $c_k$  are the unknown constants to be determined. This is done for each frequency step.

- The coefficients  $c_k$  are evaluated using the Galerkin approach so that the error is made orthogonal to the basis functions, that is, mathematically

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\omega, \theta) \perp \phi_j \Rightarrow \langle \phi_j, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\omega, \theta) \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n_r$$

# Galerkin approach

- Imposing the orthogonality condition and using the expression of the error one has

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \phi_j^T \left( \sum_{i=0}^M \mathbf{A}_i \xi_i(\theta) \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} c_k \hat{\Gamma}_k(\xi(\theta)) \phi_k \right) - \phi_j^T \mathbf{f} \right] = 0, \forall j$$

- Interchanging the  $\mathbb{E}[\bullet]$  and summation operations, this can be simplified to

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \left( \sum_{i=0}^M (\phi_j^T \mathbf{A}_i \phi_k) \mathbb{E} \left[ \xi_i(\theta) \hat{\Gamma}_k(\xi(\theta)) \right] \right) c_k = \mathbb{E} \left[ \phi_j^T \mathbf{f} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \left( \sum_{i=0}^M \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ijk} D_{ik} \right) c_k = b_j$$

# Summary of the Proposed Method

- 1 Solve the generalised eigenvalue problem associated with the mean mass and stiffness matrices to generate the orthonormal basis vectors:  $\mathbf{K}_0 \Phi = \mathbf{M}_0 \Phi \lambda_0$
- 2 Select a number of samples, say  $N_{\text{samp}}$ . Generate the samples of basic random variables  $\xi_i(\theta), i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ .

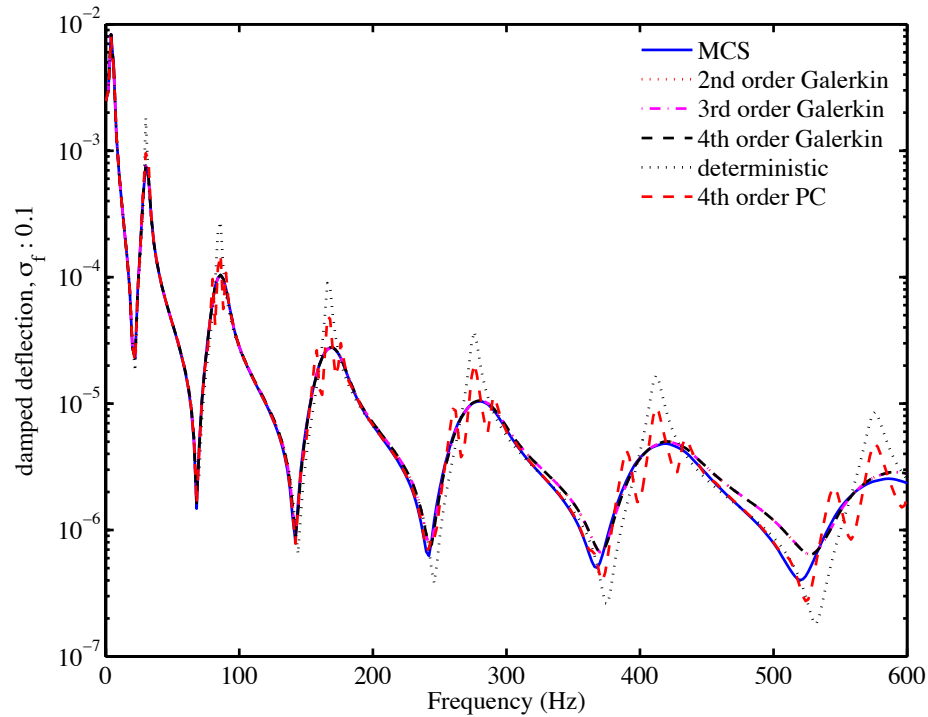
- 3 Calculate the spectral basis functions (for example, first-order):

$$\Gamma_k(\omega, \xi(\theta)) = \frac{\phi_k^T \mathbf{f}(\omega)}{\Lambda_{0_k}(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta) \Lambda_{i_k}(\omega)}, \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n_r, n_r < n$$

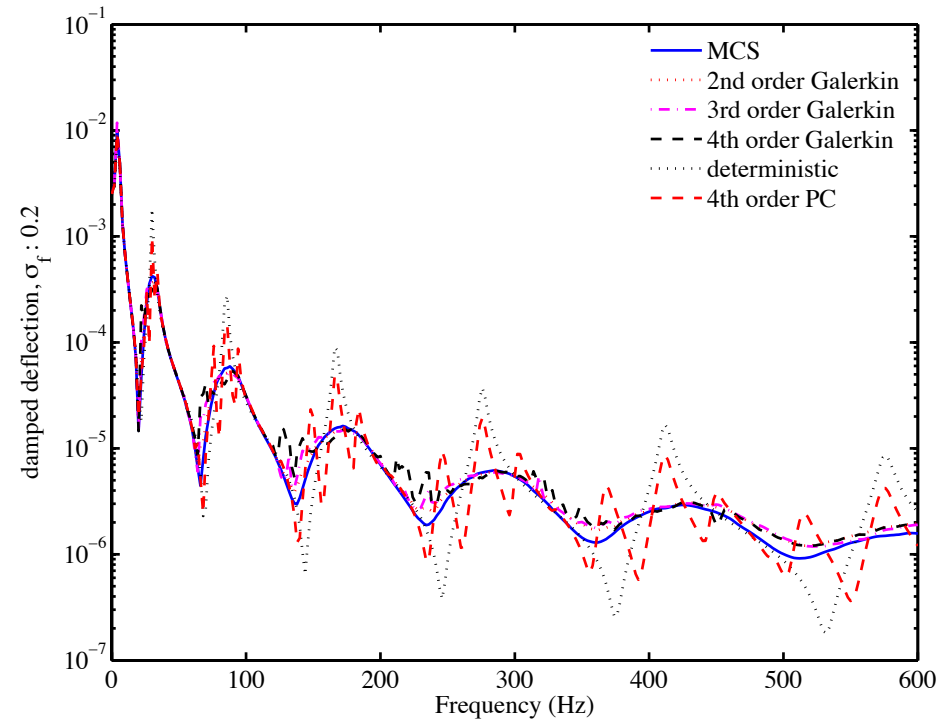
- 4 Obtain the coefficient vector:  $\mathbf{c}(\omega) = \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\omega) \mathbf{b}(\omega)$ , where  $\mathbf{b}(\omega) = \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}(\omega) \odot \overline{\Gamma(\omega)}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}(\omega) = \mathbf{\Lambda}_0(\omega) \odot \mathbf{D}_0(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M \widetilde{\mathbf{A}}_i(\omega) \odot \mathbf{D}_i(\omega)$  and  $\mathbf{D}_i(\omega) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \Gamma(\omega, \theta) \xi_i(\theta) \Gamma^T(\omega, \theta) \right], \forall i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$

- 5 Obtain the samples of the response from the spectral series:  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \mathbf{c}_k(\omega) \Gamma_k(\xi(\omega, \theta)) \phi_k$

# Frequency domain response of the beam



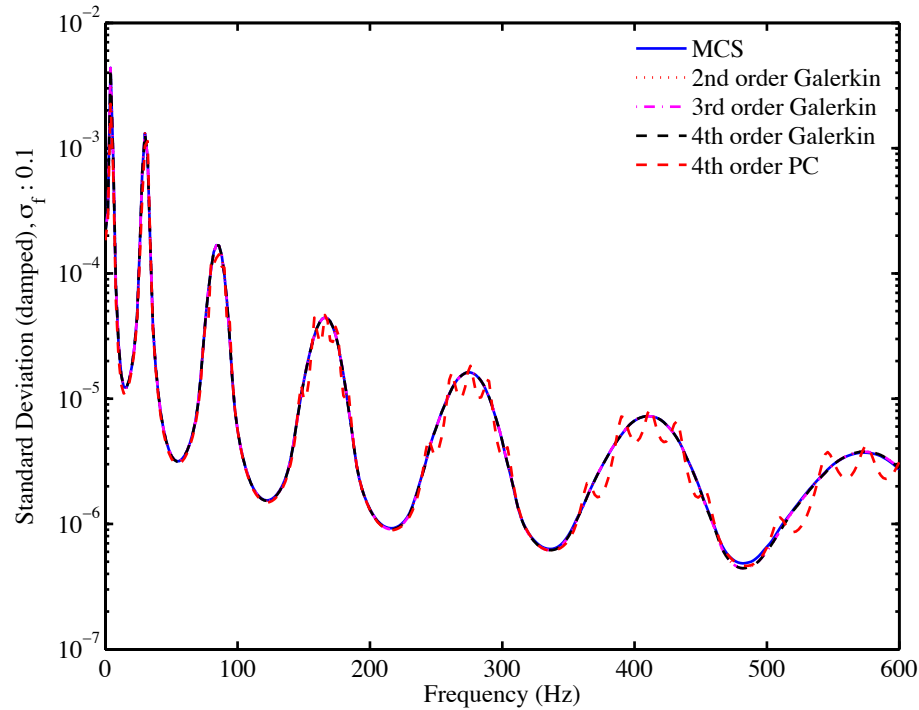
$$\sigma_a = 0.1$$



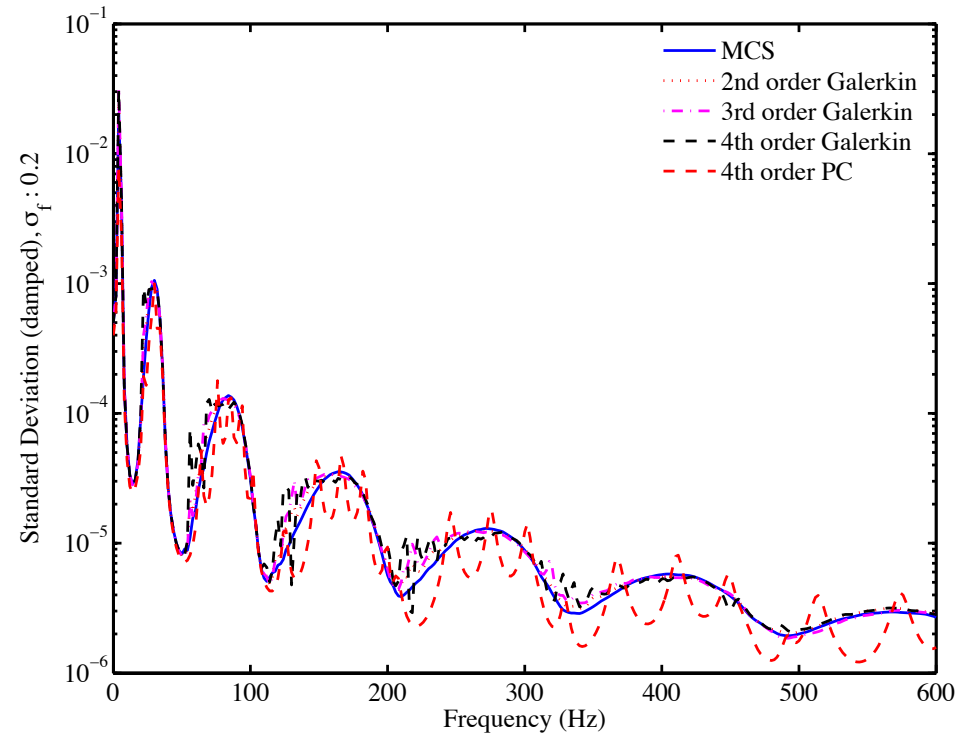
$$\sigma_a = 0.2$$

Mean of the dynamic response (m)

# Frequency domain response of the beam



$$\sigma_a = 0.1$$

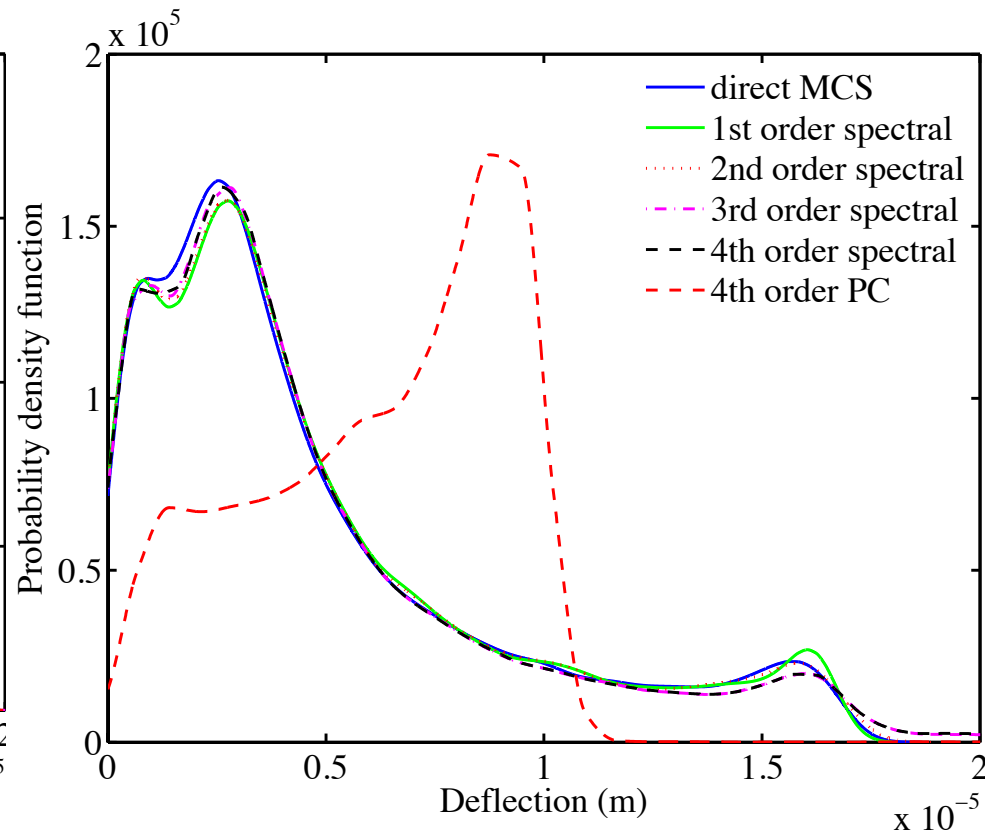
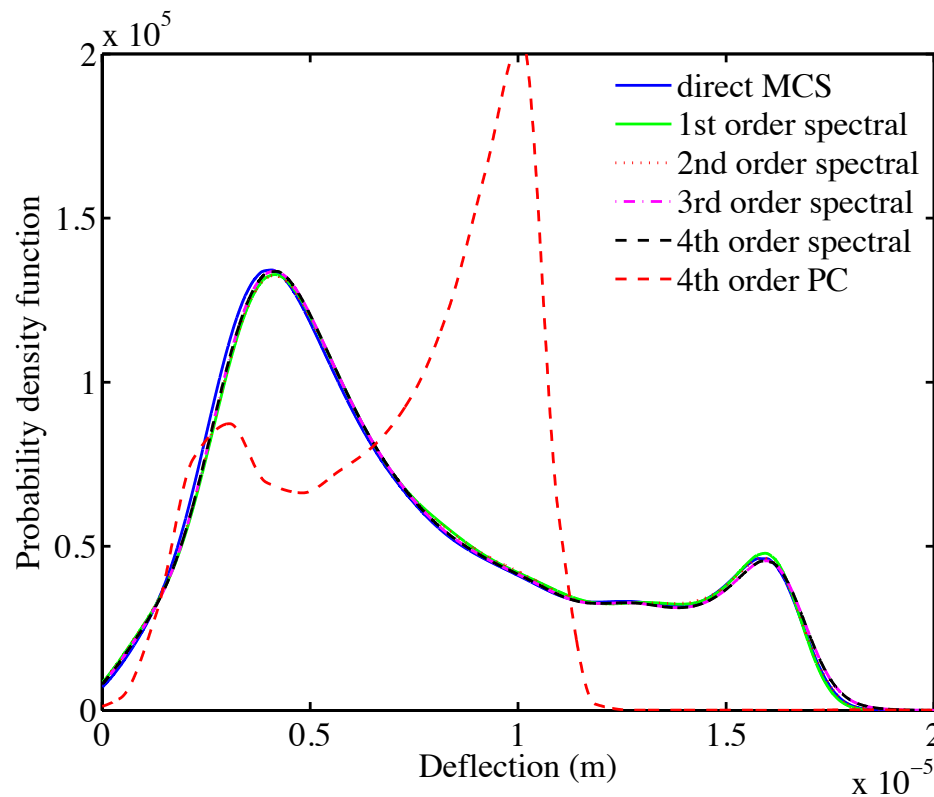


$$\sigma_a = 0.2$$

Standard deviation of the dynamic response (m)

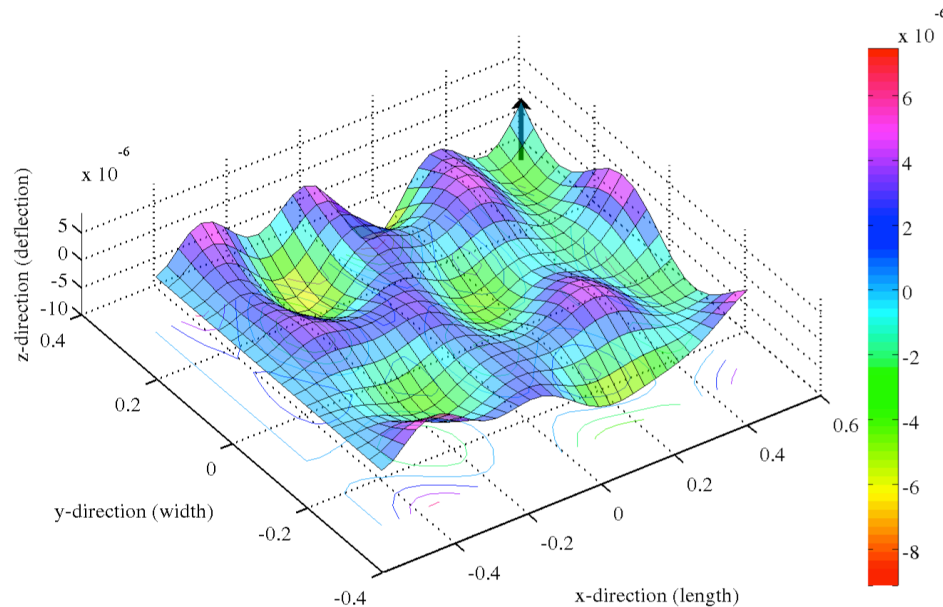


# PDF of the Response Amplitude



Standard deviation of the dynamic response (m)

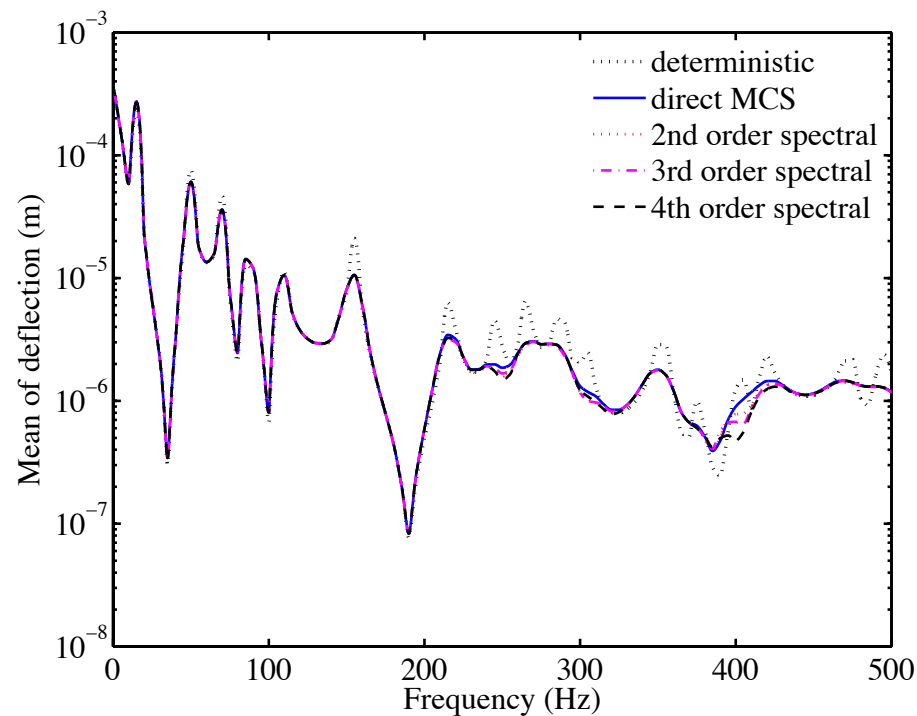
# Plate with Stochastic Properties



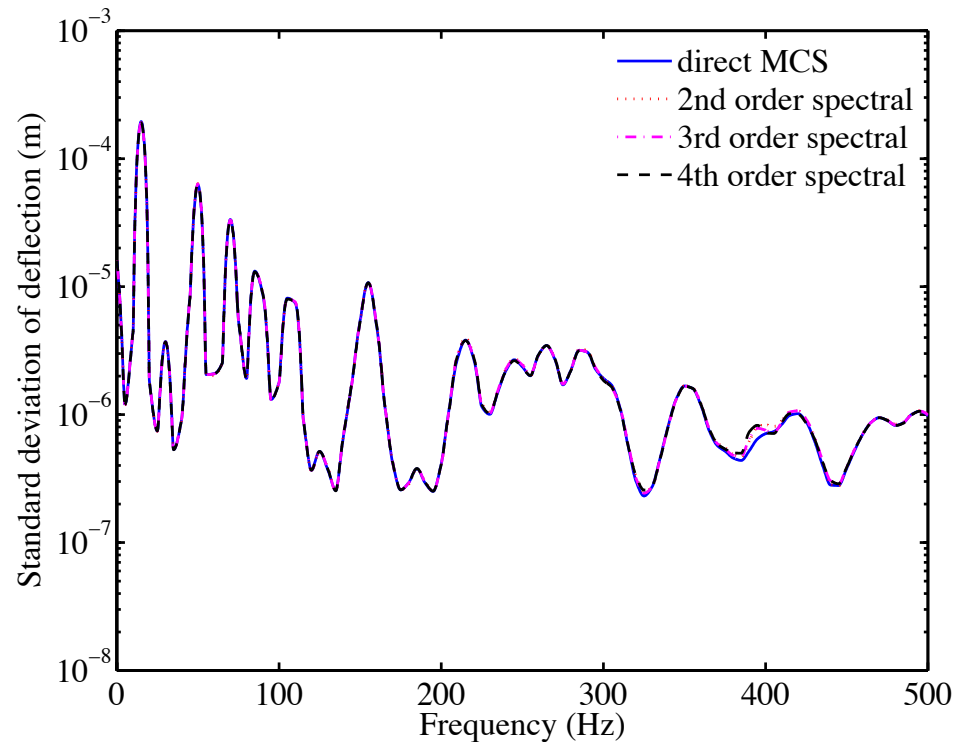
- An Euler-Bernoulli cantilever beam with stochastic bending modulus (nominal properties 1m x 0.6m,  $t=0.3\text{mm}$ ,  $E=2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ )
- We use  $n=1881$ ,  $M=16$

- We study the deflection of the beam under the action of a point load on the free end.
- The bending modulus is taken to be a homogeneous stationary Gaussian random field with exponential autocorrelation function (correlation lengths  $L/5$ )
- Constant modal damping is taken with 1% damping factor for all modes.

# Response Statistics



*Mean with  $\sigma_a = 0.1$*



*Standard deviation with  $\sigma_a = 0.1$*

Proposed approach: **150 x 150** equations

4<sup>th</sup> order Polynomial Chaos: **9113445 x 9113445** equations



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# Non-parametric uncertainty propagation

# Wishart random matrix model

Distribution of the systems matrices should be such that they are

- Symmetric, and
- Positive definite

Using these as constraints, it can be shown that the mass, stiffness and damping matrices can be represented by Wishart random matrices such that

$$\mathbf{A} \sim W_n(\mathbf{A}_0, \delta_A^2), \quad \delta_A^2 = \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A}] \|_F^2 \right]}{\|\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A}] \|_F^2}$$

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## How to obtain the dispersion parameters?

Suppose a random system matrix is expressed as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^M \epsilon \xi_j(\theta) \mathbf{A}_j$$

It can be shown that the dispersion parameter is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_A^2 &= \frac{\epsilon_A^2 \text{Trace} \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^M \mathbb{E} [\xi_j(\theta) \xi_k(\theta)] \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{A}_k \right) \right)}{\|\mathbf{A}_0\|_F^2} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_A^2 \text{Trace} \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{A}_j^2 \right) \right)}{\|\mathbf{A}_0\|_F^2} = \epsilon_A^2 \frac{\sum_j^M \|\mathbf{A}_j\|_F^2}{\|\mathbf{A}_0\|_F^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it can be calculated using sensitivity matrices within a finite element formulation

# Dynamic Response

- Taking the Fourier transform of the equation of motion

$$[-\omega^2 \mathbf{M}(\theta) + i\omega \mathbf{C}(\theta) + \mathbf{K}(\theta)] \bar{\mathbf{u}}(i\omega) = \bar{\mathbf{f}}(i\omega)$$

- Transforming into a reduced modal coordinate we have

$$[-\omega^2 \mathbf{I}_m + i\omega \mathbf{C}' + \mathbf{\Omega}^2] \bar{\mathbf{u}}' = \bar{\mathbf{f}}'$$

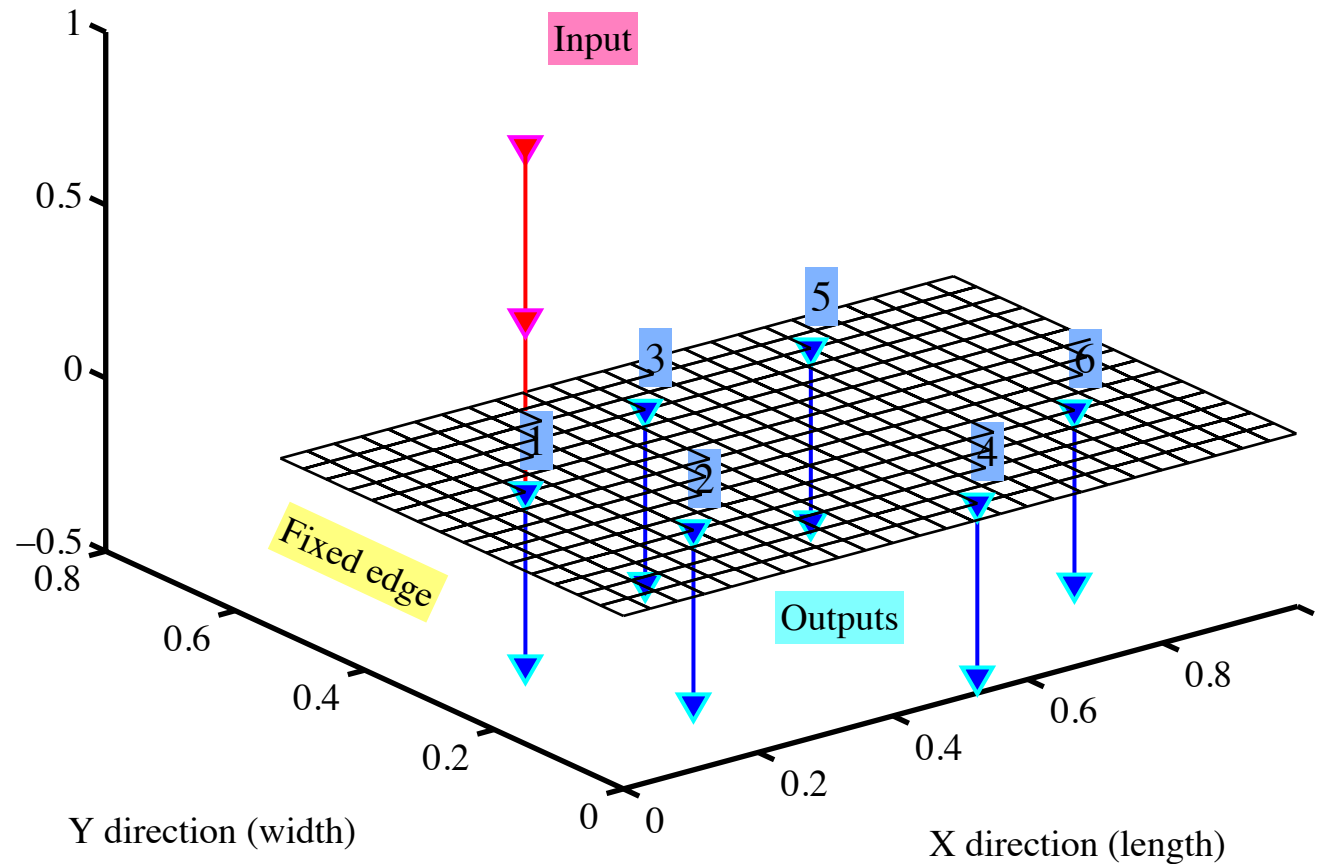
- Solving a random eigenvalue problem for the random matrix  $\mathbf{\Omega}^2$ , the uncertainty propagation can be expressed

$$\mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \frac{\mathbf{x}_{r_k}(\theta)^T \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\omega)}{-\omega^2 + 2i\omega \zeta_k \omega_{r_k}(\theta) + \omega_{r_k}^2(\theta)} \mathbf{x}_{r_k}(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_r(\theta) = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Psi}_r(\theta), \quad \mathbf{\Psi}_r^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{\Psi}_r = \mathbf{\Omega}_r^2$$

- The matrix  $\mathbf{\Omega}^2$  is a Wishart matrix (called as a reduced diagonal Wishart matrix) whose parameters can be obtained explicitly from the dispersions parameters of the mass and stiffness matrices.

# An example: A vibrating plate



A thin cantilever plate with random properties and 0.7% fixed modal damping.



# Physical properties

Plate Properties	Numerical values
Length ( $L_x$ )	998 mm
Width ( $L_y$ )	530 mm
Thickness ( $t_h$ )	3.0 mm
Mass density ( $\rho$ )	7860 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Young's modulus ( $E$ )	$2.0 \times 10^5$ MPa
Poisson's ratio ( $\mu$ )	0.3
Total weight	12.47 kg

The data presented here are available from:

<http://engweb.swan.ac.uk/~adhikaris/uq>

# Uncertainty type 1

The Young's modulus, Poissons ratio, mass density and thickness are random fields of the form

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{E} (1 + \epsilon_E f_1(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mu} (1 + \epsilon_\mu f_2(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\rho} (1 + \epsilon_\rho f_3(\mathbf{x}))$$

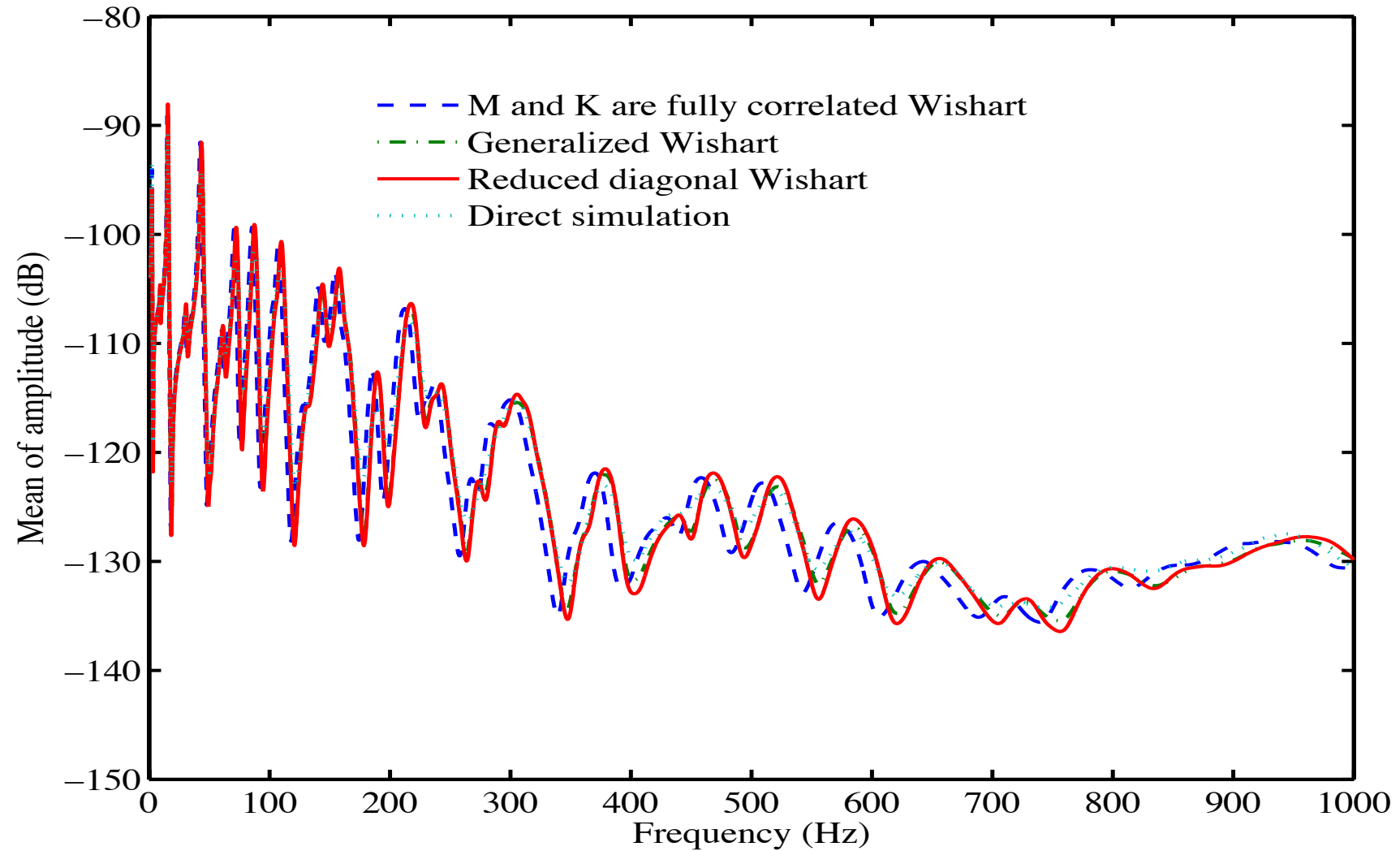
$$\text{and } t(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{t} (1 + \epsilon_t f_4(\mathbf{x}))$$

- The strength parameters:  $\epsilon_E = 0.15$ ,  $\epsilon_\mu = 0.15$ ,  $\epsilon_\rho = 0.10$  and  $\epsilon_t = 0.15$ .
- The random fields  $f_i(\mathbf{x}), i = 1, \dots, 4$  are delta-correlated homogenous Gaussian random fields.

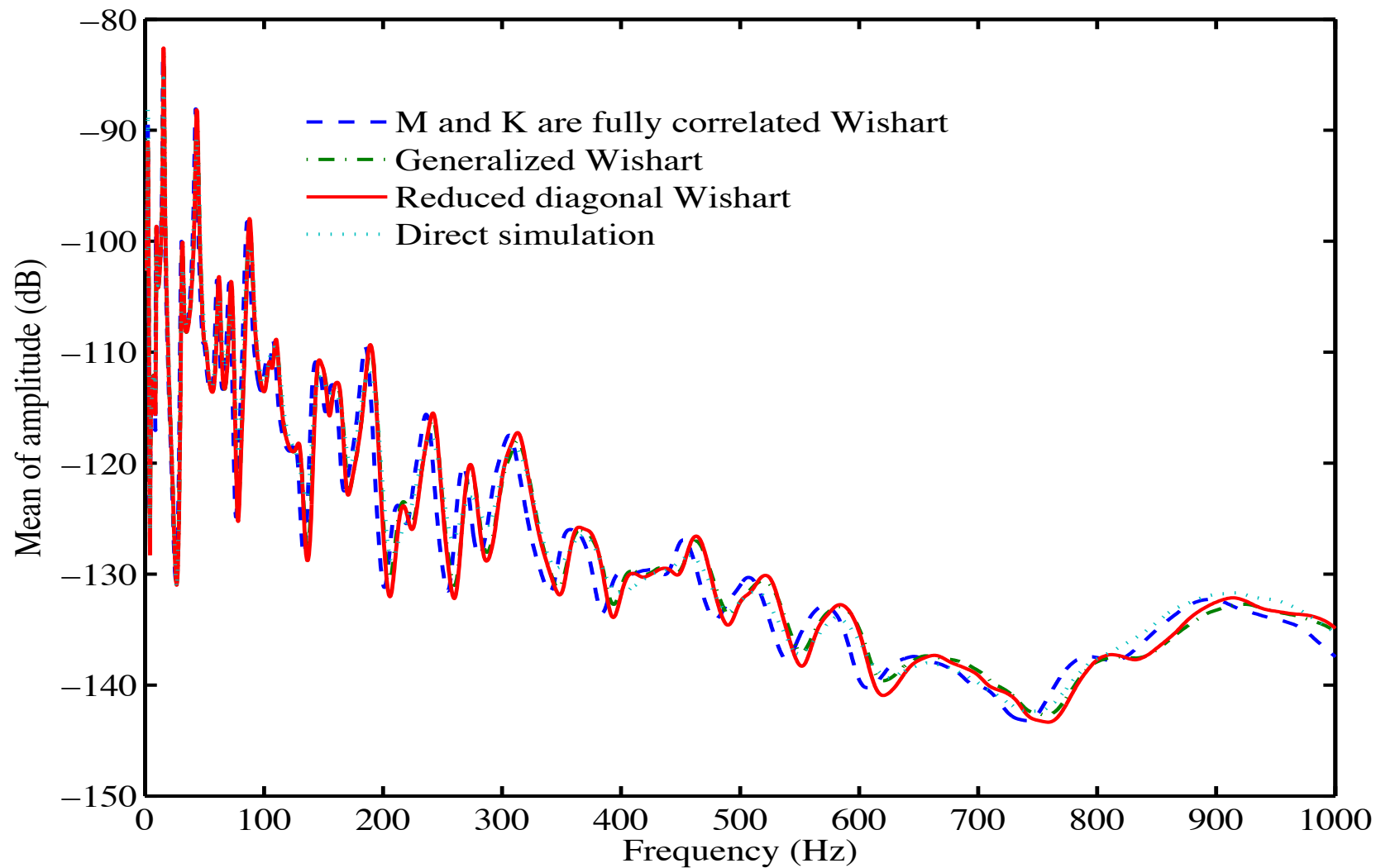
## Uncertainty type 2

- Here we consider that the baseline plate is `perturbed' by attaching 10 oscillators with random spring stiffnesses at random locations
- This is aimed at modeling non-parametric uncertainty only.
- This case will be investigated experimentally also.

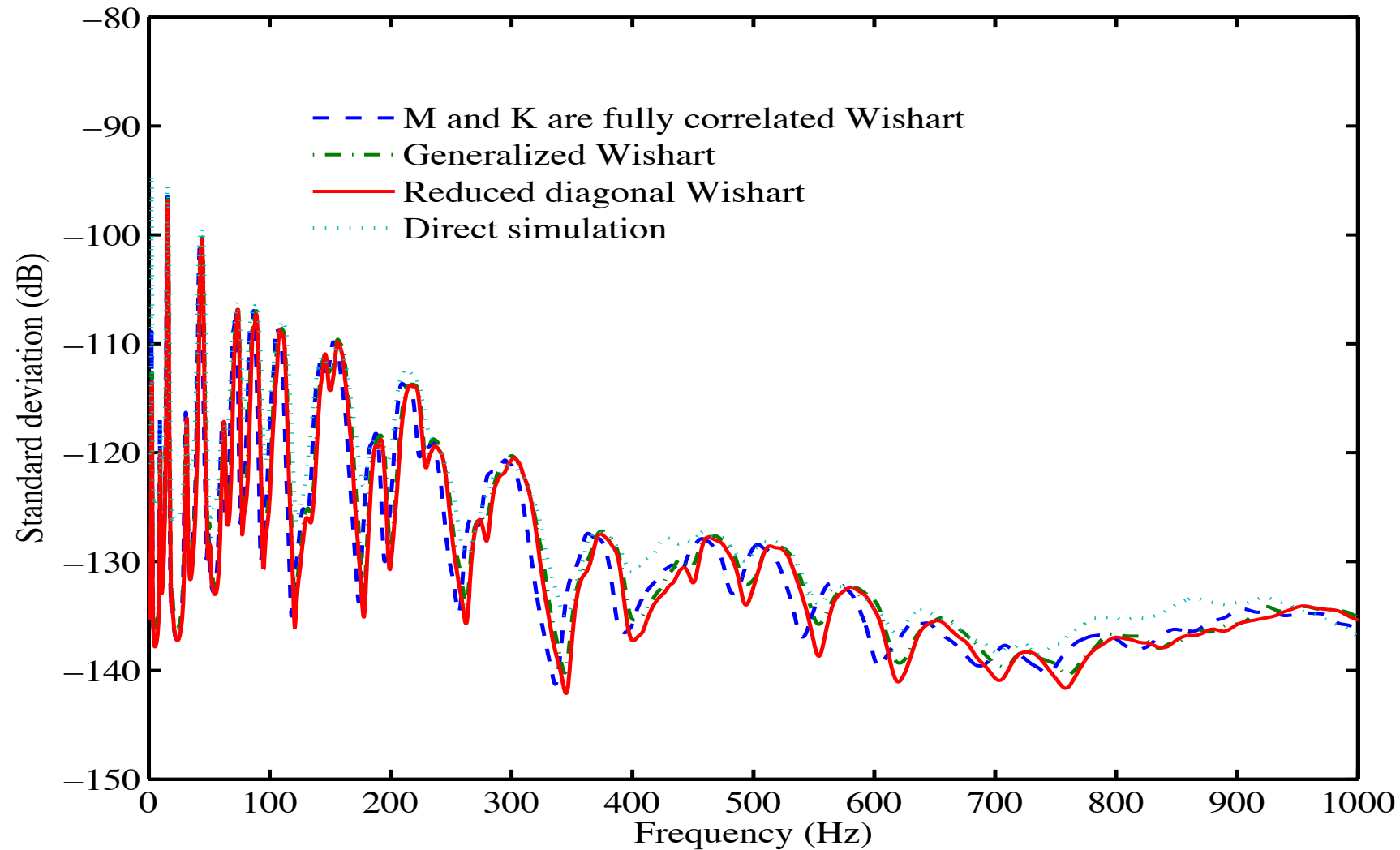
# Mean of a cross-FRF: Utype 1



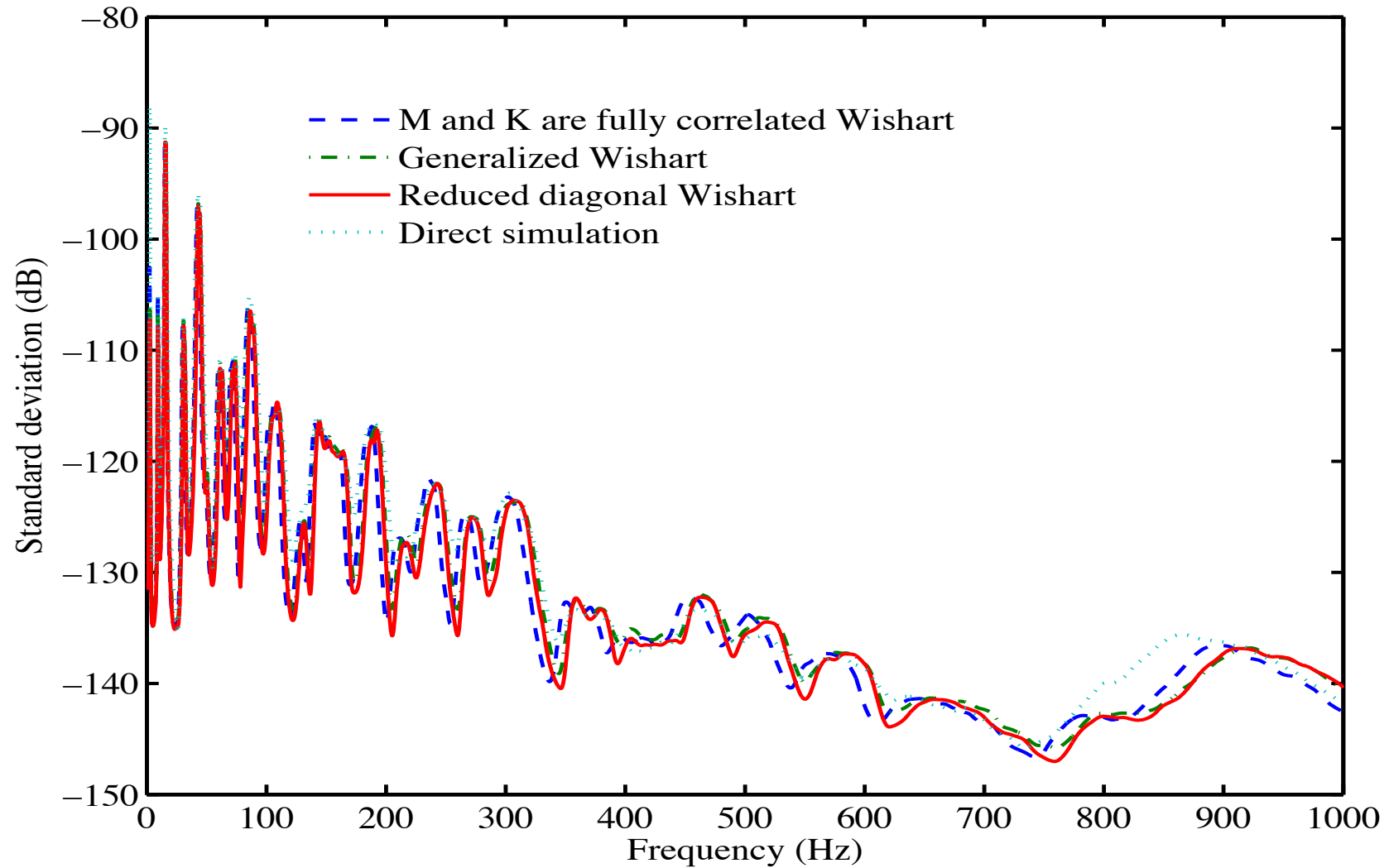
# Mean of the driving-point-FRF: Utype 1



# Standard deviation of a cross-FRF: Utype 1



# Standard deviation of the driving-point-FRF: Utype 1



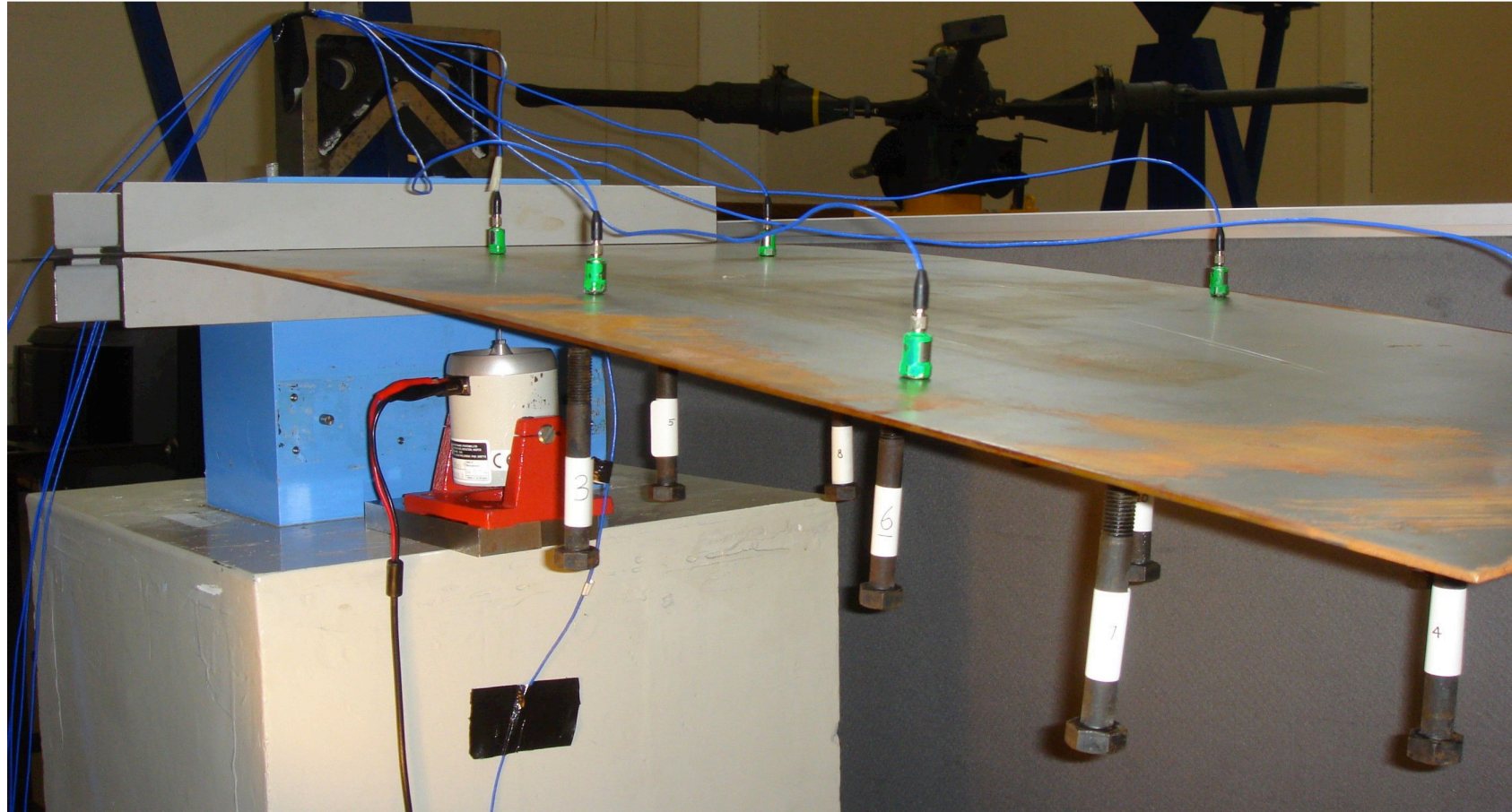


# Computational method and validation

- Representative experimental results
  - Plate with randomly placed oscillator
  
- Software integration
  - Integration with ANSYS

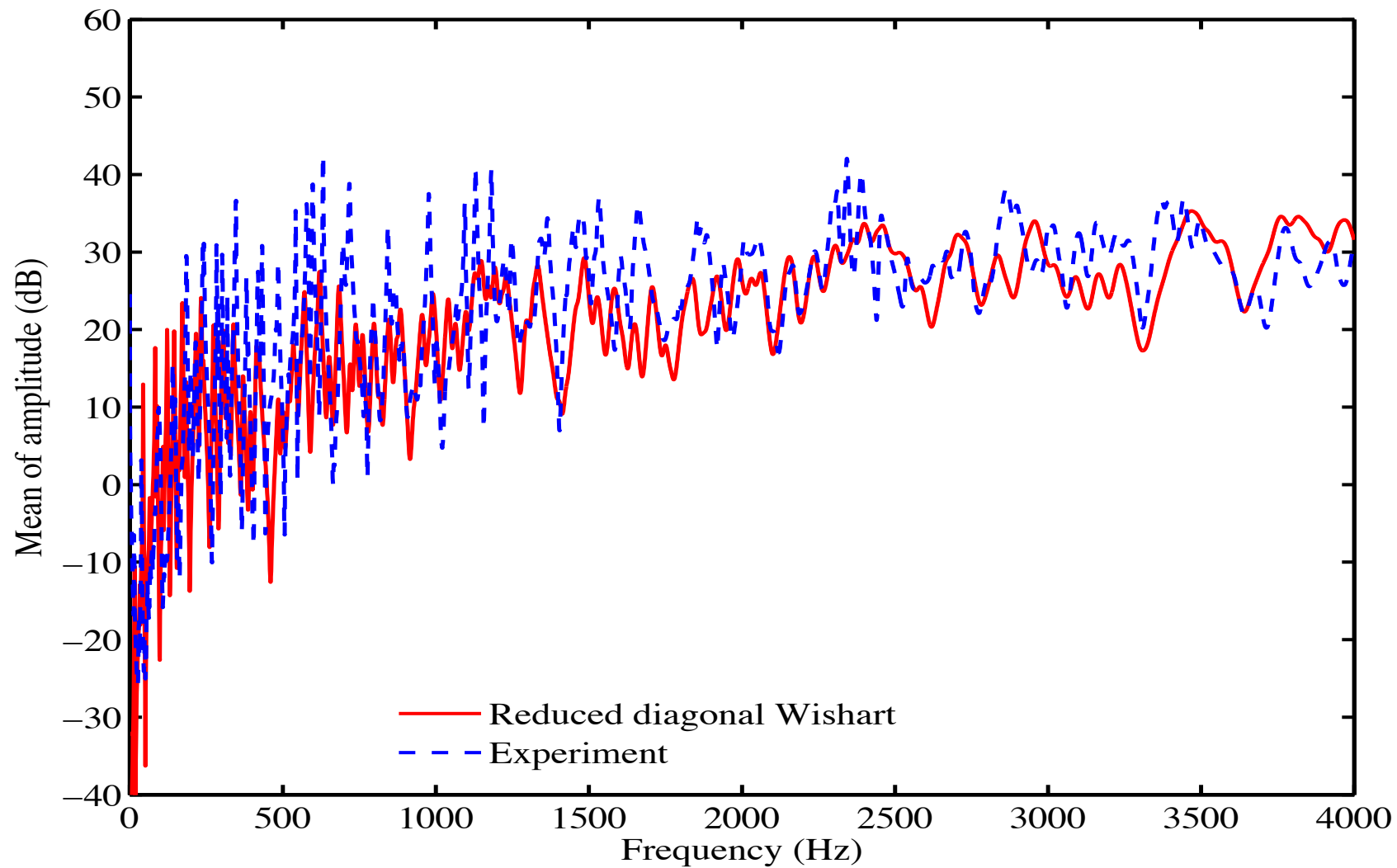


# Plate with randomly placed oscillators

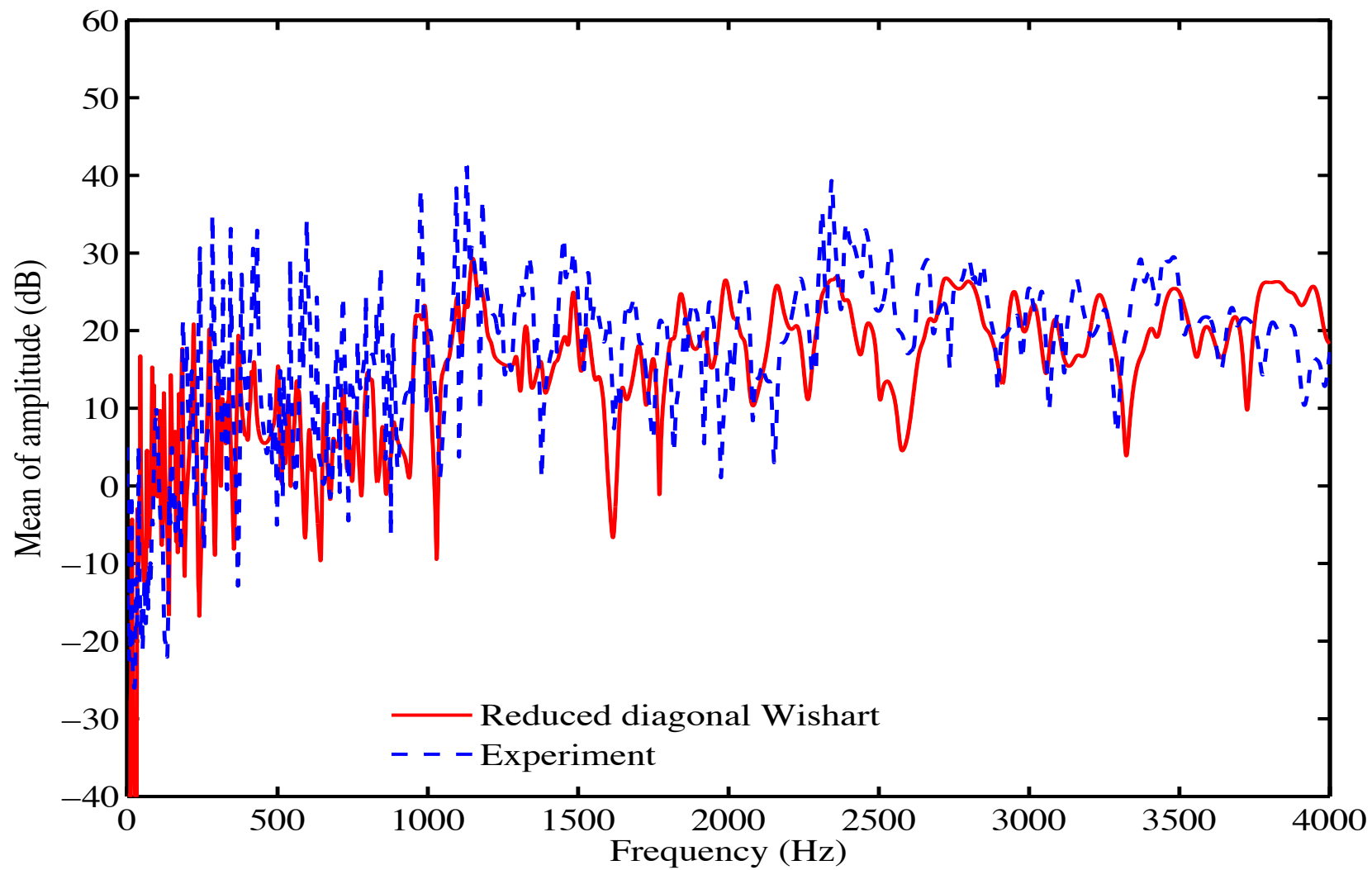


10 oscillators with random stiffness values are attached at random locations in the plate by magnet

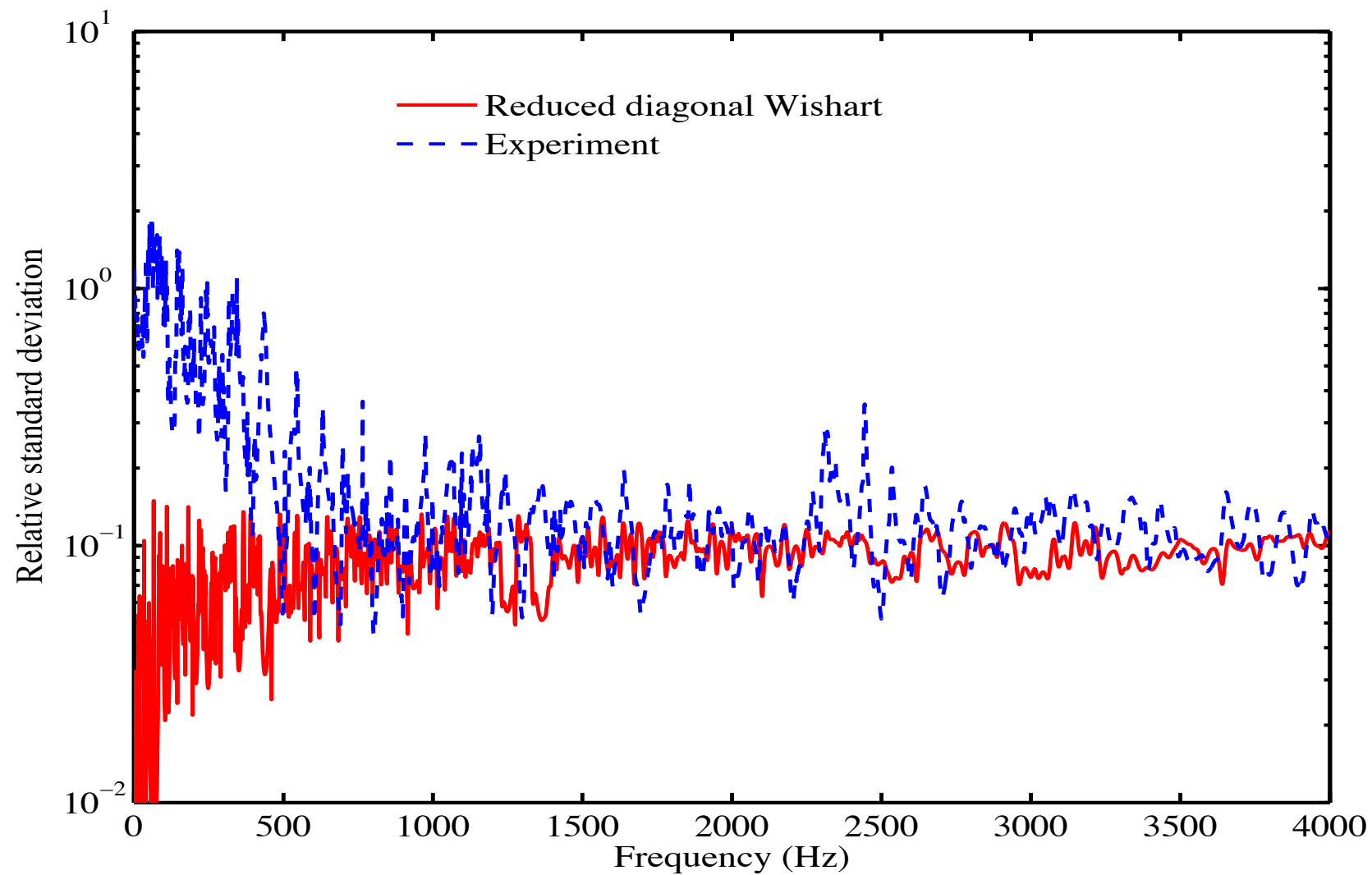
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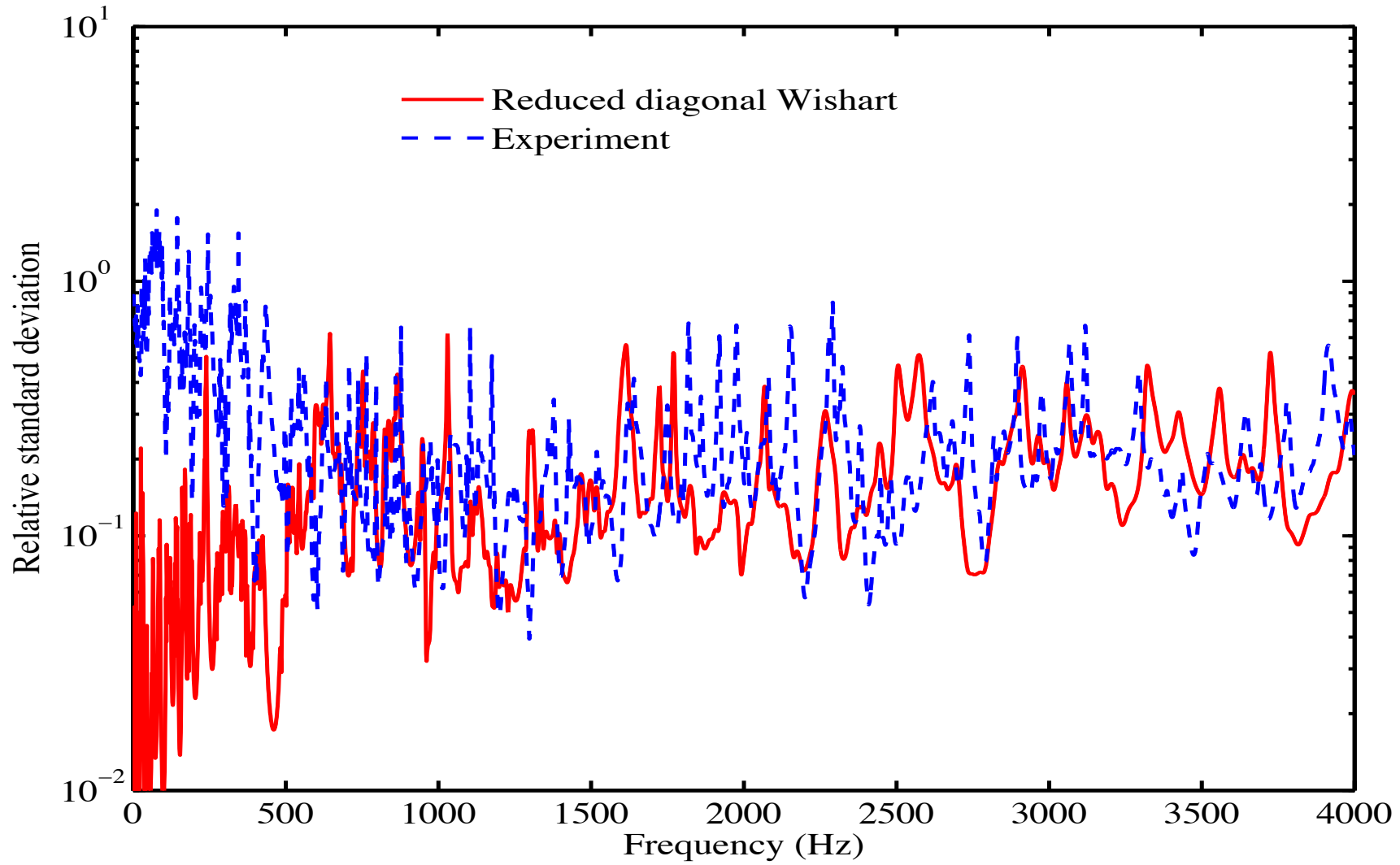
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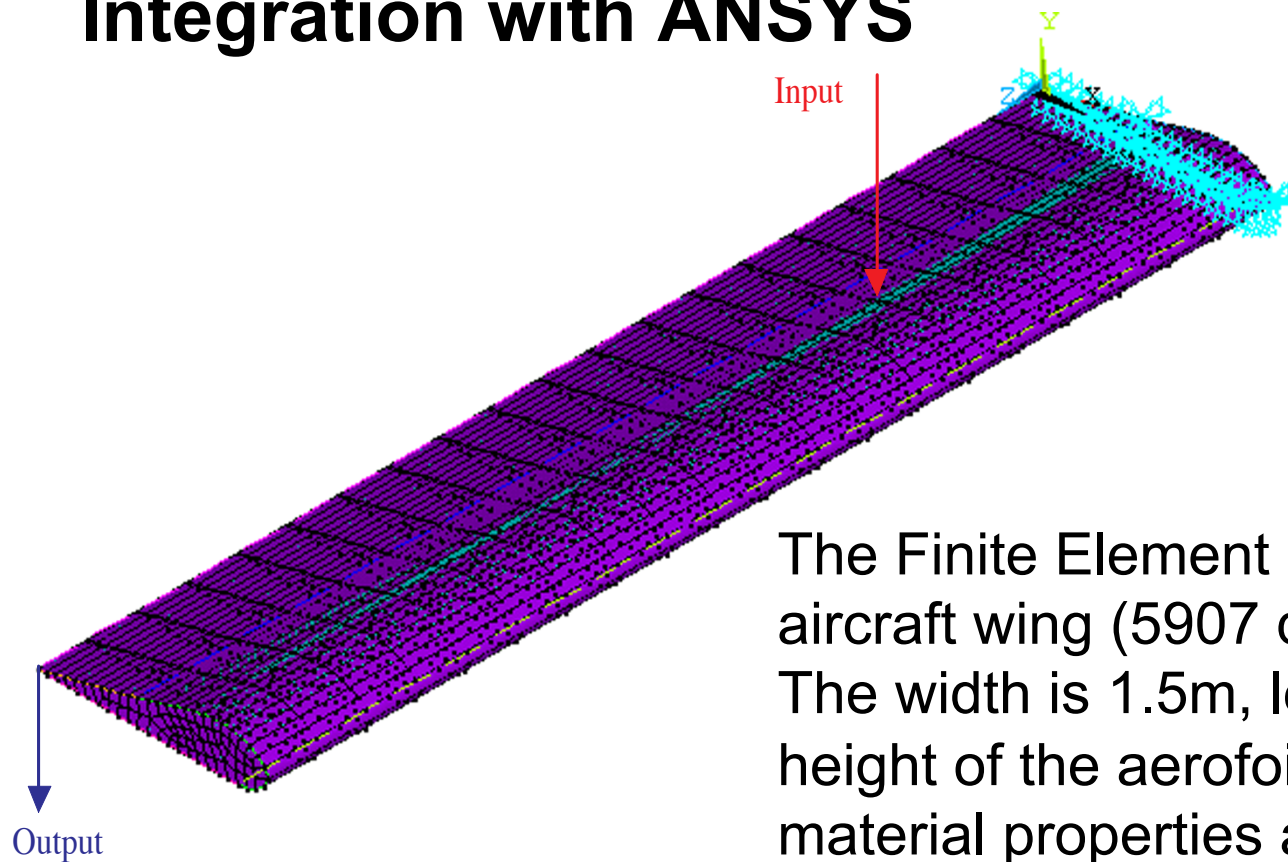
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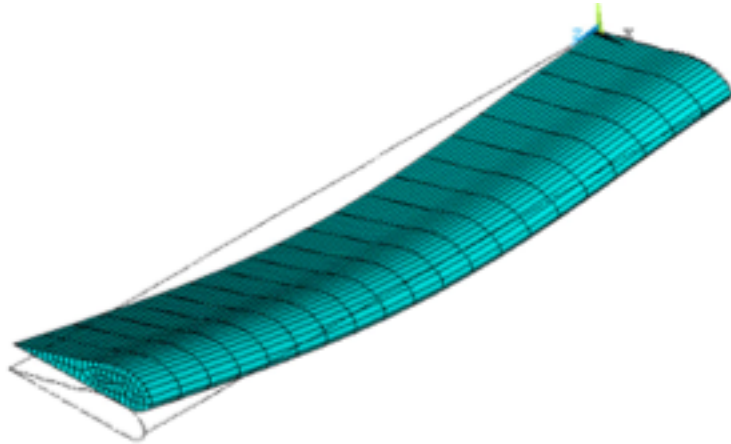


# Integration with ANSYS

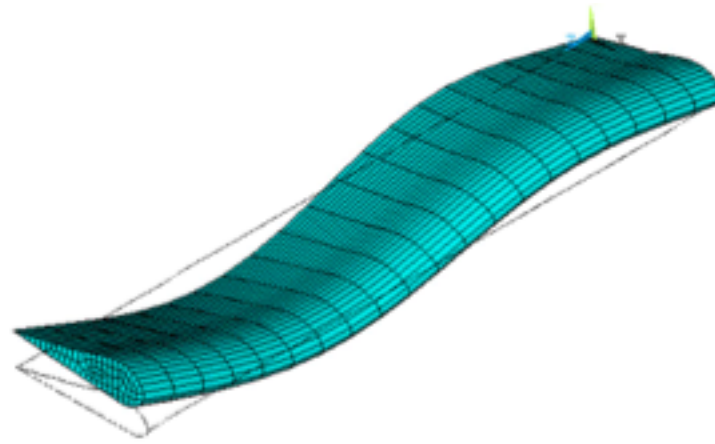


The Finite Element (FE) model of an aircraft wing (5907 degrees-of-freedom). The width is 1.5m, length is 20.0m and the height of the aerofoil section is 0.3m. The material properties are: Young's modulus 262Mpa, Poisson's ratio 0.3 and mass density 888.10kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Input node number: 407 and the output node number 96. A 2% modal damping factor is assumed for all modes.

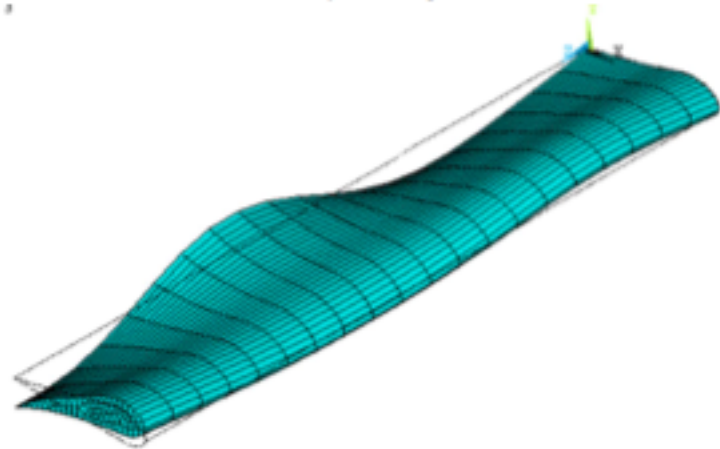
# Vibration modes



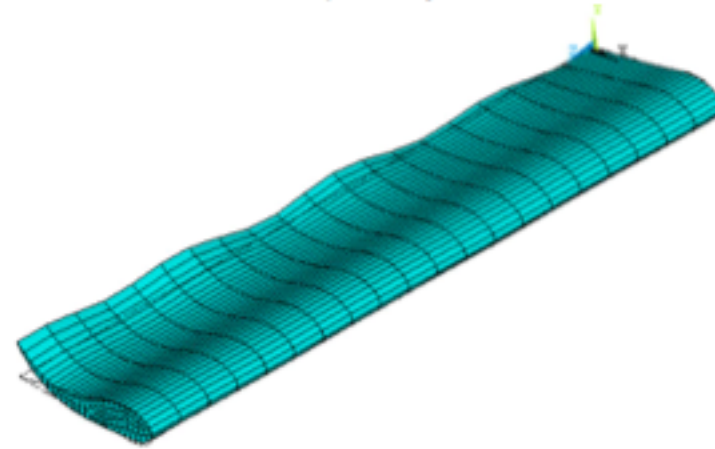
Mode 3, frequency 19.047Hz,



Mode 5, frequency 53.628Hz

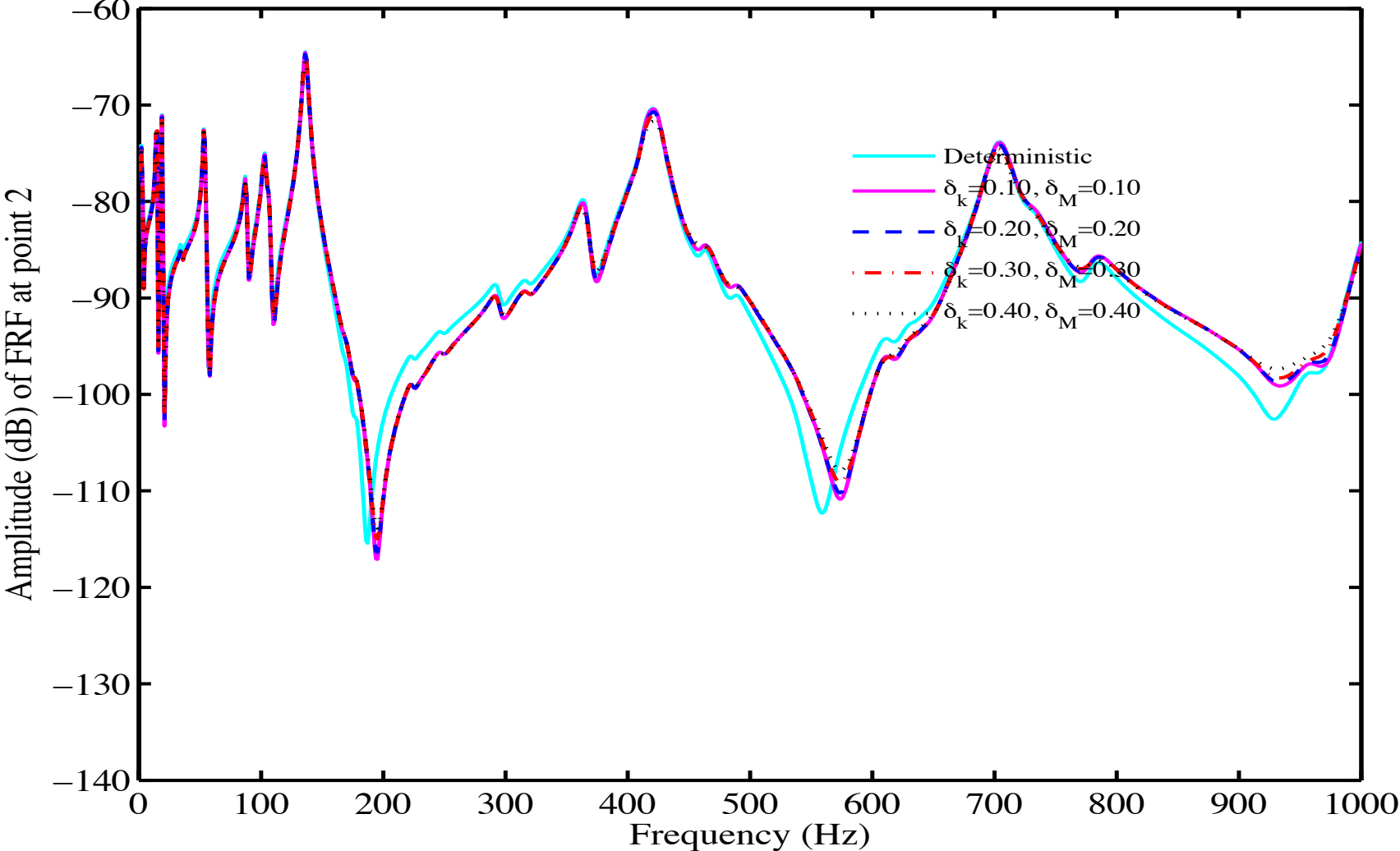


Mode 10, frequency 168.249Hz,



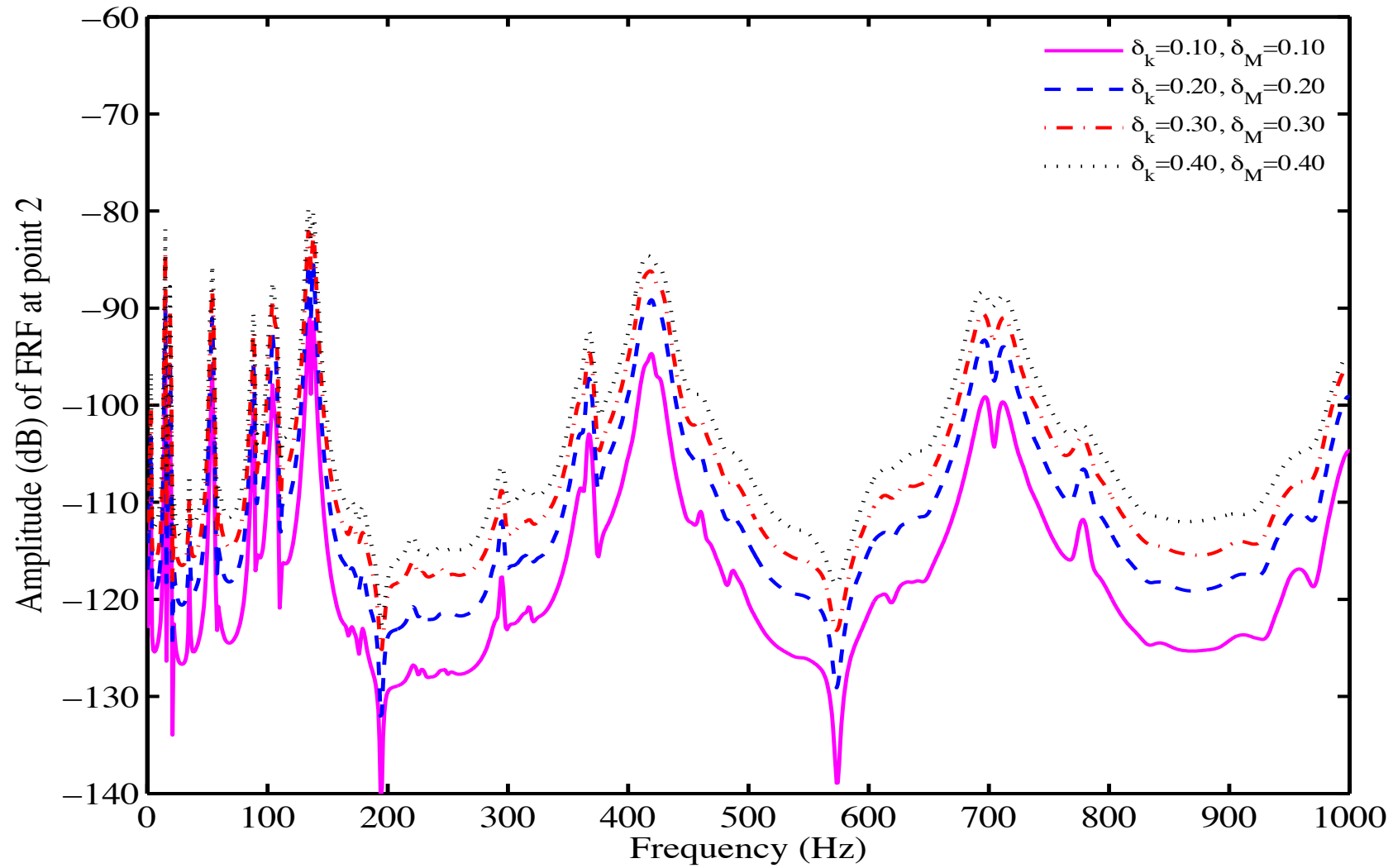
Mode 20, frequency 403.711Hz

# Mean of a cross-FRF





# Standard deviation of a cross-FRF





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# Summary and Conclusions

# Dynamic Response

- For **parametric** uncertainty propagation:

$$\mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \frac{\phi_k^T \mathbf{f}(\omega)}{-\omega^2 + 2i\omega\zeta_k\omega_0^2 + \omega_{0_k}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i(\theta)\Lambda_{i_k}(\omega)} \phi_k$$

- For **nonparametric** uncertainty propagation

$$\mathbf{u}(\omega, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \frac{\mathbf{x}_{r_k}(\theta)^T \mathbf{f}(s)}{-\omega^2 + 2i\omega\zeta_k\omega_{r_k}(\theta) + \omega_{r_k}^2(\theta)} \mathbf{x}_{r_k}(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_r(\theta) = \Phi \Psi_r, \quad \Psi_r^T \mathbf{W} \Psi_r = \Omega_r^2$$

- **Unified** mathematical representation
- Can be useful for **hybrid experimental-simulation** approach for uncertainty quantification

## Summary

- Response of stochastic dynamical systems is projected in to the basis of **undamped modes**
- The coefficient functions, called as the **spectral functions**, are expressed in terms of the spectral properties of the system matrices in the frequency domain.
- The proposed method takes advantage of the fact that for a given maximum frequency **only a small number of modes are necessary** to represent the dynamic response. This modal reduction leads to a **significantly smaller** basis.
- **Wishart random matrix** model can used to represent **non-parametric uncertainty** directly at the system matrix level.
- **Reduced computational approach** can be implemented within the conventional finite element environment

## Summary

- Dispersion parameters necessary for the Wishart model can be obtained, for example, using sensitivity matrices
- Both parametric and nonparametric uncertainty can be propagated via an unified mathematical framework.
- Future work will exploit this novel representation for model validation and updating in conjunction with measured data.