



SYSTEM TOOLS APPLIED TO MICROCANTILEVER BASED DEVICES

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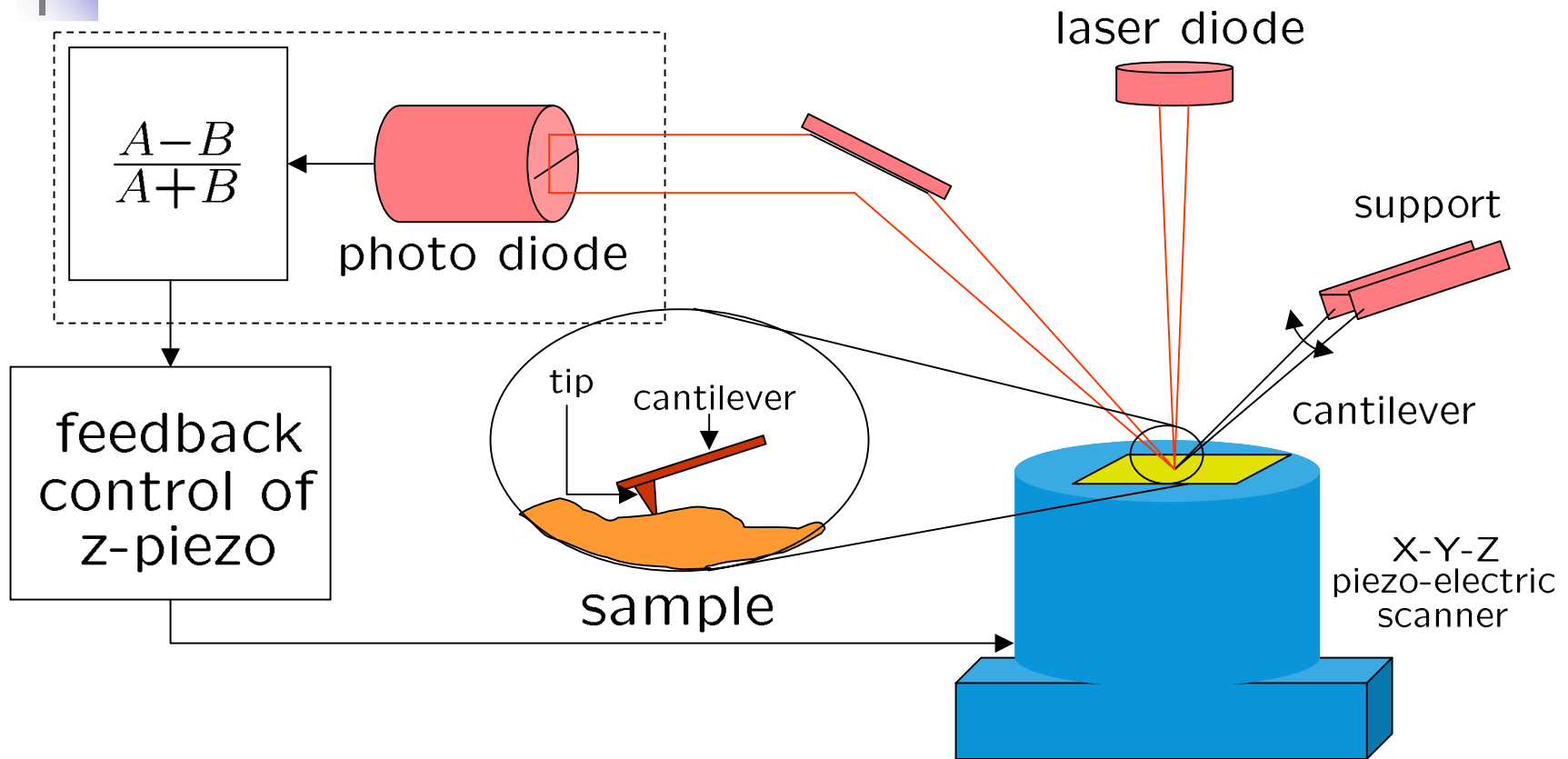
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- Introduction
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 - Thermal noise response
 - Complex dynamics
 - Systems Viewpoint
- Nanopositioning
 - Constraints and specifications
 - Multi-objective robust control design
- Conclusions and future directions

ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPES

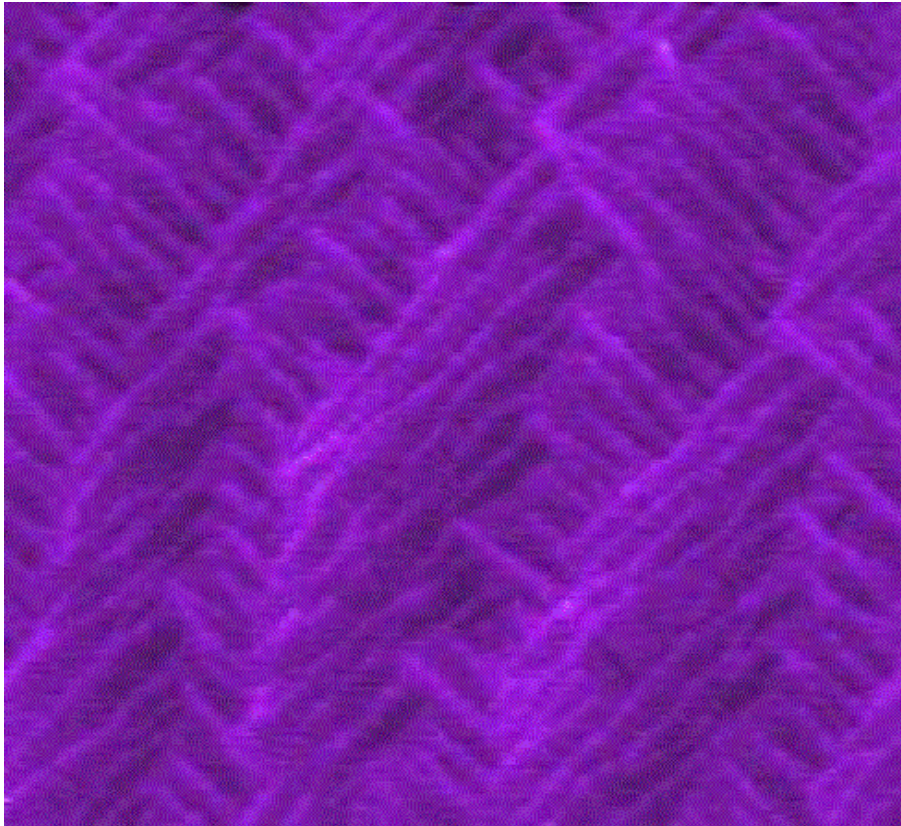


Minimum detectable cantilever deflection = $0.01nm$
Spring constant of cantilever = $0.01 - 100N/m$
Tip-sample force control = $1 - 100pN$
Force needed to break a hydrogen bond =
 $1 - 10pN$

typical cantilever parameters:

$L = 100 - 200\mu m$
 $b = 5 - 10\mu m$
 $tip = 5nm$

AFM's ATOMIC SCALE RESOLUTION



- Tapping mode image of single-atom terracing and fingering on an as-received 6" homo-epitaxial silicon wafer. The terraces, which step up from the upper left to the lower right of the image, are 0.14nm high

*Image taken with NanoScope SPM
(Digital Instruments, Santa Barbara,
CA)*



APPLICATIONS

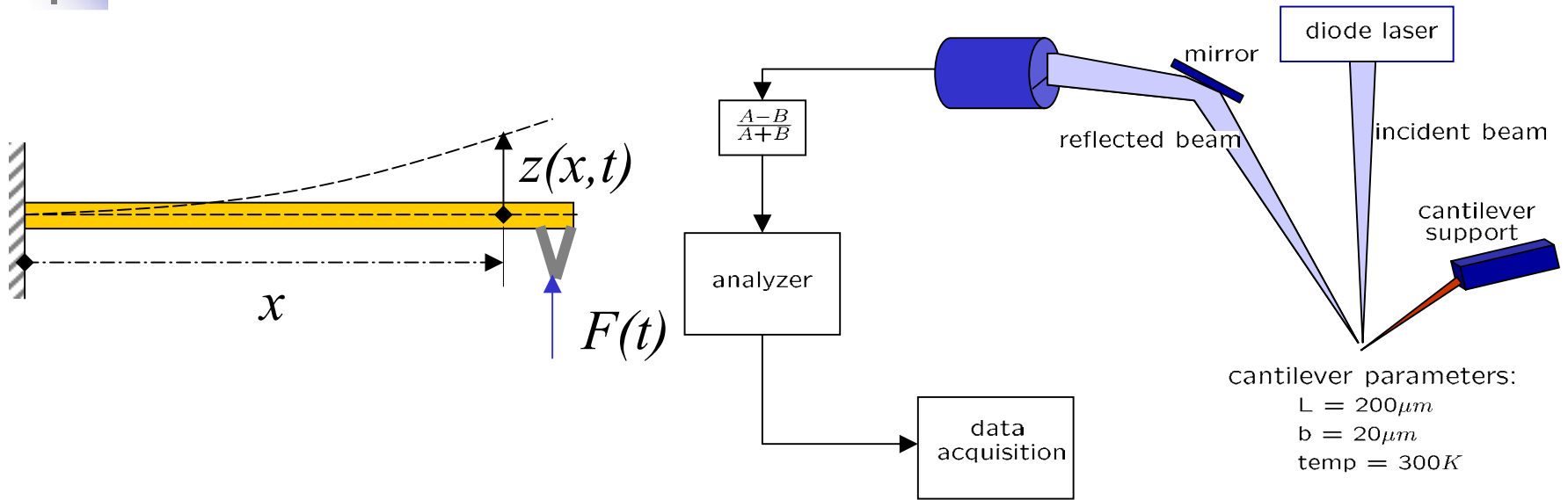
- Microcantilever employed to investigate electron spin dynamics
 - Applications to unraveling electronic structure of material
 - Quantum computers

- Applications to biology
 - Cell dynamics
 - Gene mapping



SAMPLE INTERROGATION

THERMAL NOISE BASED IDENTIFICATION

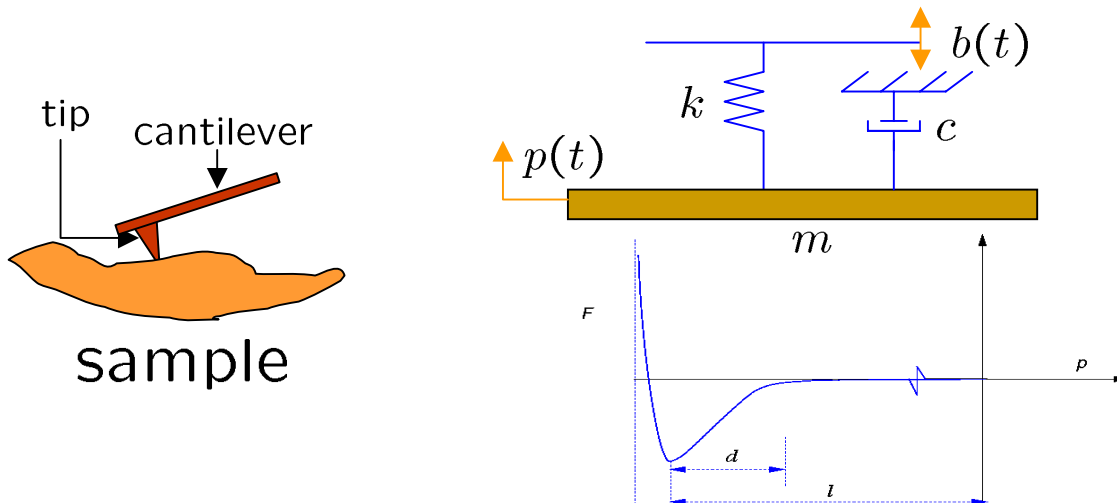


cantilever parameters:
 $L = 200\mu m$
 $b = 20\mu m$
temp = 300K

- $$S_{zz}(\omega, x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{2k_B T c_j}{(k_j - m_j \omega^2)^2 + c_j \omega^2} \phi_j^2(x)$$

- The power spectral density plot can be used to estimate cantilever parameters precisely.

COMPLEX DYNAMICS



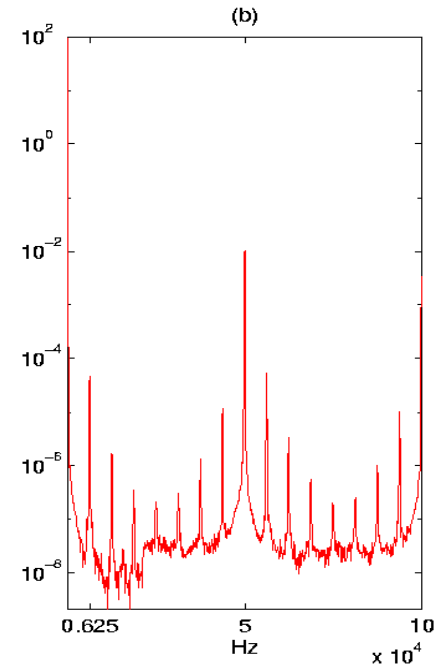
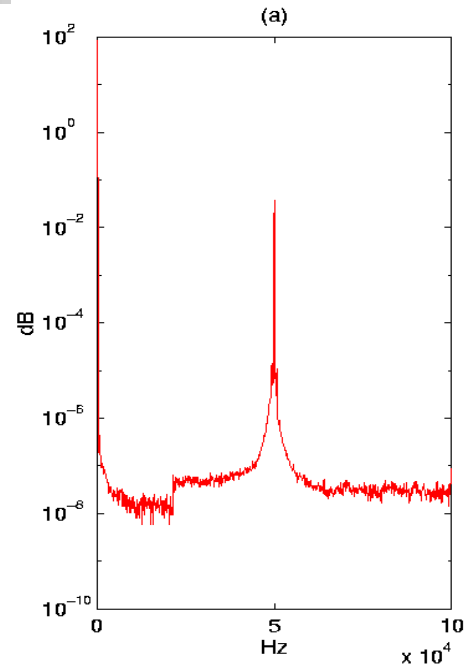
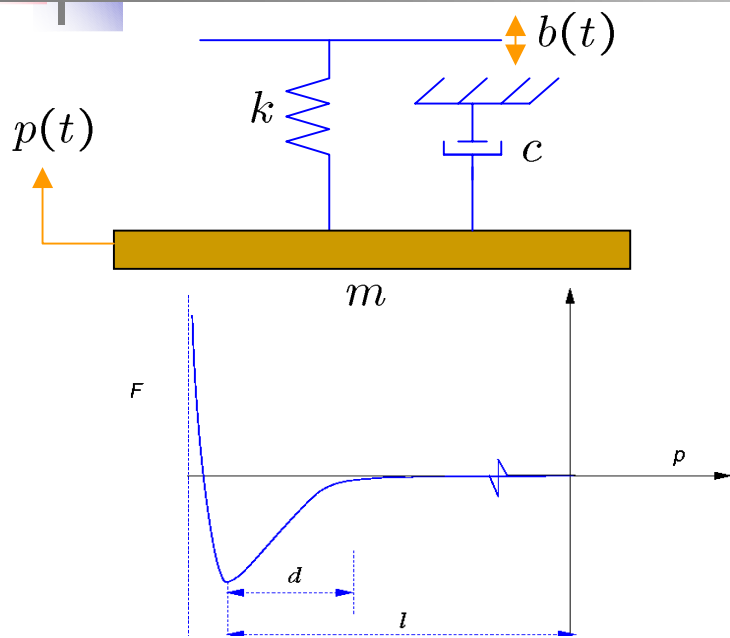
- Tip sample interaction force: long range attractive and short range strong repulsive force
- Lennard-Jones potential a representative of the tip-sample interaction
- The unforced dynamics has a homoclinic orbit which under the sinusoidal forcing separates into stable and unstable manifolds.

Joint work with Ashhab, Mezić and Dahleh

Ref (1). "Melnikov-based dynamical analysis of microcantilevers in scanning probe microscopy", *Nonlinear Dynamics*;

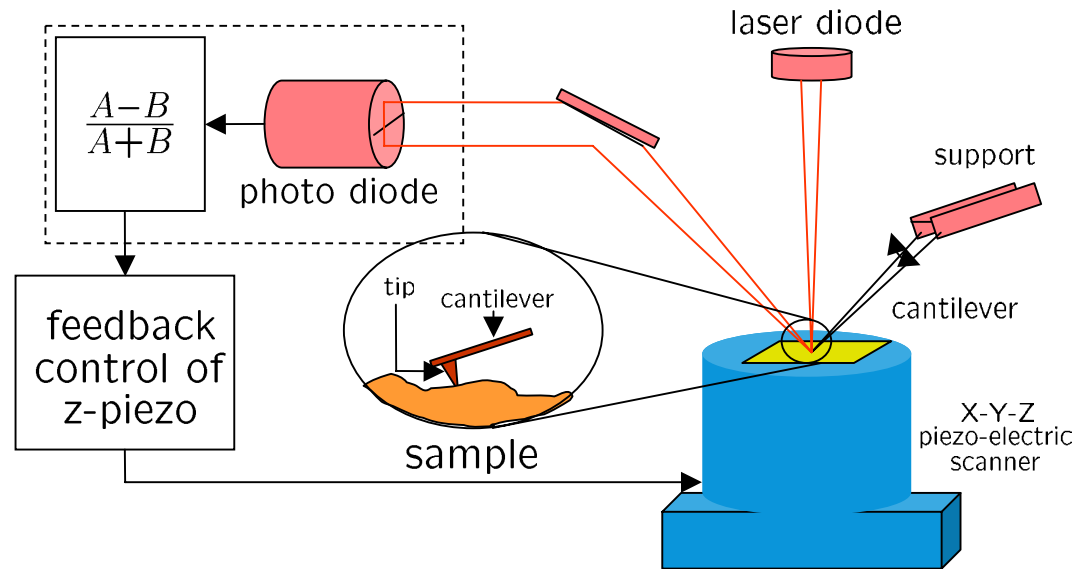
Ref (2). "Dynamical analysis and control of micro-cantilevers", *Automatica*,
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COMPLEX DYNAMICS



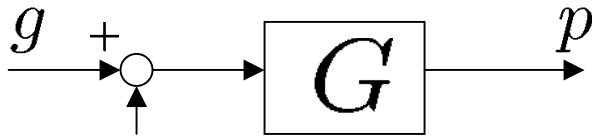
- It can be shown (using the Melnikov function) that for the appropriate parameter region these manifolds intersect
- Conley Moser conditions can be used to deduce complex dynamics
- Experiments conducted demonstrate such rich behaviour

TAPPING MODE

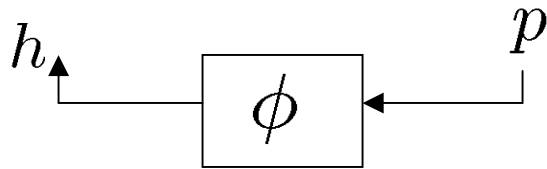


- In a wide range of operating conditions the sinusoidally forced cantilever evolves into a near sinusoidal orbit.

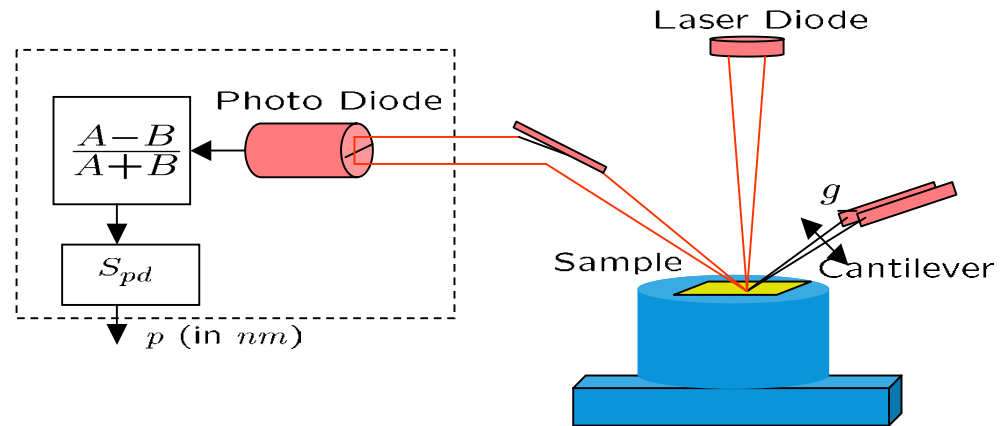
SYSTEMS VIEWPOINT



Cantilever system

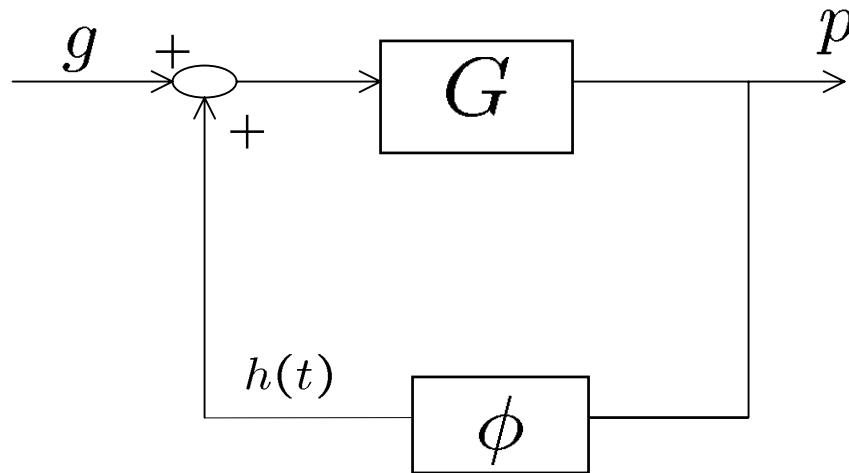


Sample system



- Treat the cantilever as one system
 - Input = forcing (g) + sample force
 - Output = tip deflection
- Treat the sample as another system
 - Input is tip deflection
 - Output is the sample force

CANTILEVER A LOW PASS FILTER



- G is assumed to be linear and can be identified precisely (thermal noise based). It has sharp bandpass characteristics about ω_0 .
- ϕ corresponds to the tip-sample interaction which is nonlinear (assumed time invariant)
- G filters the higher harmonics of the signal $h(t) = \phi(p(t))$. Thus a near sinusoidal orbit.

EXISTENCE/STABILITY OF PER. SOLNS.

- Define

$$\Pi(\eta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & j\omega\eta + k \\ j\omega\eta + k & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} (j\omega I - A)^{-1}B \\ I \end{pmatrix}^* \tilde{\Pi}(j\omega) \begin{pmatrix} (j\omega I - A)^{-1}B \\ I \end{pmatrix} \leq -\epsilon I \text{ for all } \omega \in R$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\Pi} = \begin{pmatrix} C^T \Pi_{11} C & C^T \Pi_{12} \\ \Pi_{21} C & \Pi_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- If the IQC defined by $\Pi(0)$ is satisfied by ϕ there exists a T periodic solution that is globally asymptotically stable. (Circle Condition)
- If $\exists, \eta \in R$ such that $\Pi(\eta)$, IQC is satisfied by ϕ then there exists a T periodic solution. (Popov Condition)

Ref. Work by Abu Sebastian; Follows from work by Yakubovic, Rantzer, Megretski

BOUNDS ON HIGHER HARMONICS

If,

- ϕ satisfies the IQC defined by Π

- $\begin{pmatrix} G(jk\omega_0) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^* \Pi(jk\omega_0) \begin{pmatrix} G(jk\omega_0) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq -\epsilon$ for all $|k| \neq 1$.

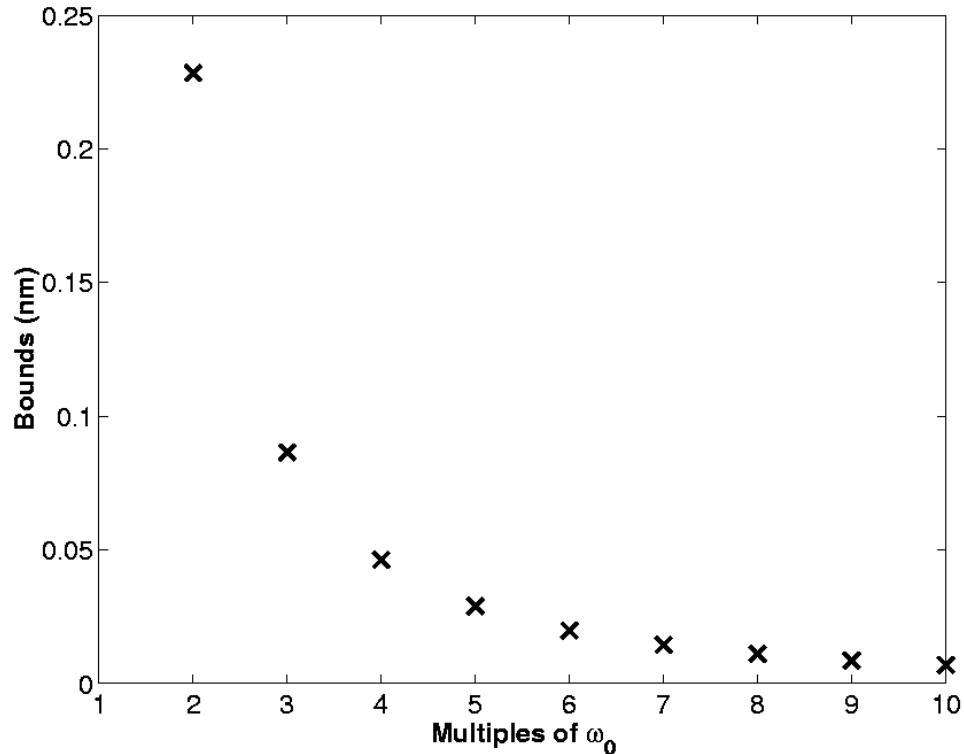
Then for $|k_0| \neq 1$, the bound $|p_{k_0}| < \beta|g_1|$ holds for all β that together with some $\tau > 0$ satisfies the inequality

$$0 > \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & L_1 & 0 \\ L_1^* & M_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{k_0} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where $\begin{pmatrix} K_k & L_k \\ L_k^* & M_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ G^{-1}(jk\omega_0) & -1 \end{pmatrix}^* \Pi(jk\omega_0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ G^{-1}(jk\omega_0) & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

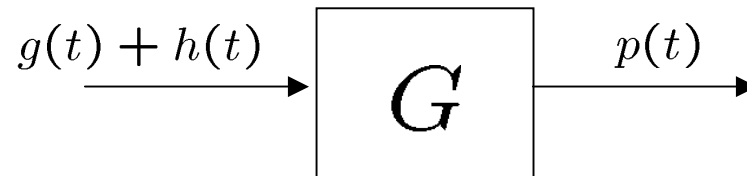
A Priori Bounds on Harmonics

Obtained using the Popov IQC



- Higher Harmonics very small compared to the free oscillation amplitude of $\approx 24nm$
- Useful for studying limitations.

HARMONIC BALANCE

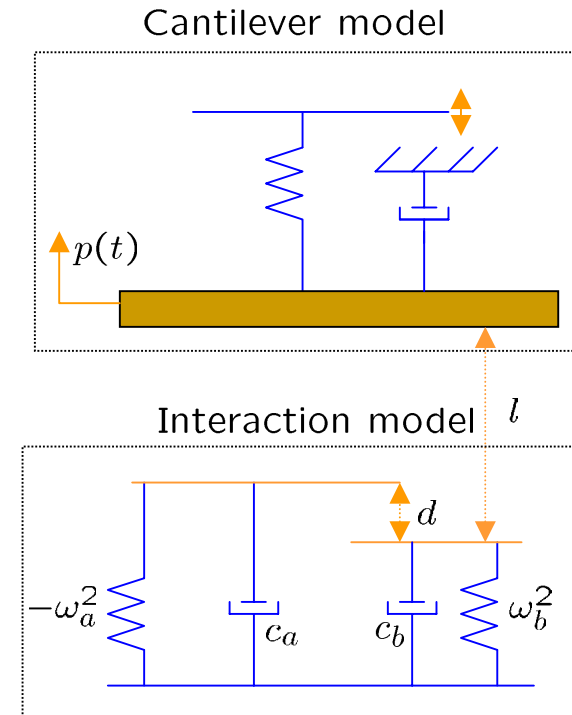


- $G(j\omega)(g_k + h_k) = p_k$
- Because of the near-sinusoidal nature of $p(t)$ the Harmonic balance equations reduce to:

$$\begin{aligned} G(0)(g_0 + h_0) &= p_0 \\ G(j\omega)(g_1 + h_1) &= p_1 \end{aligned}$$

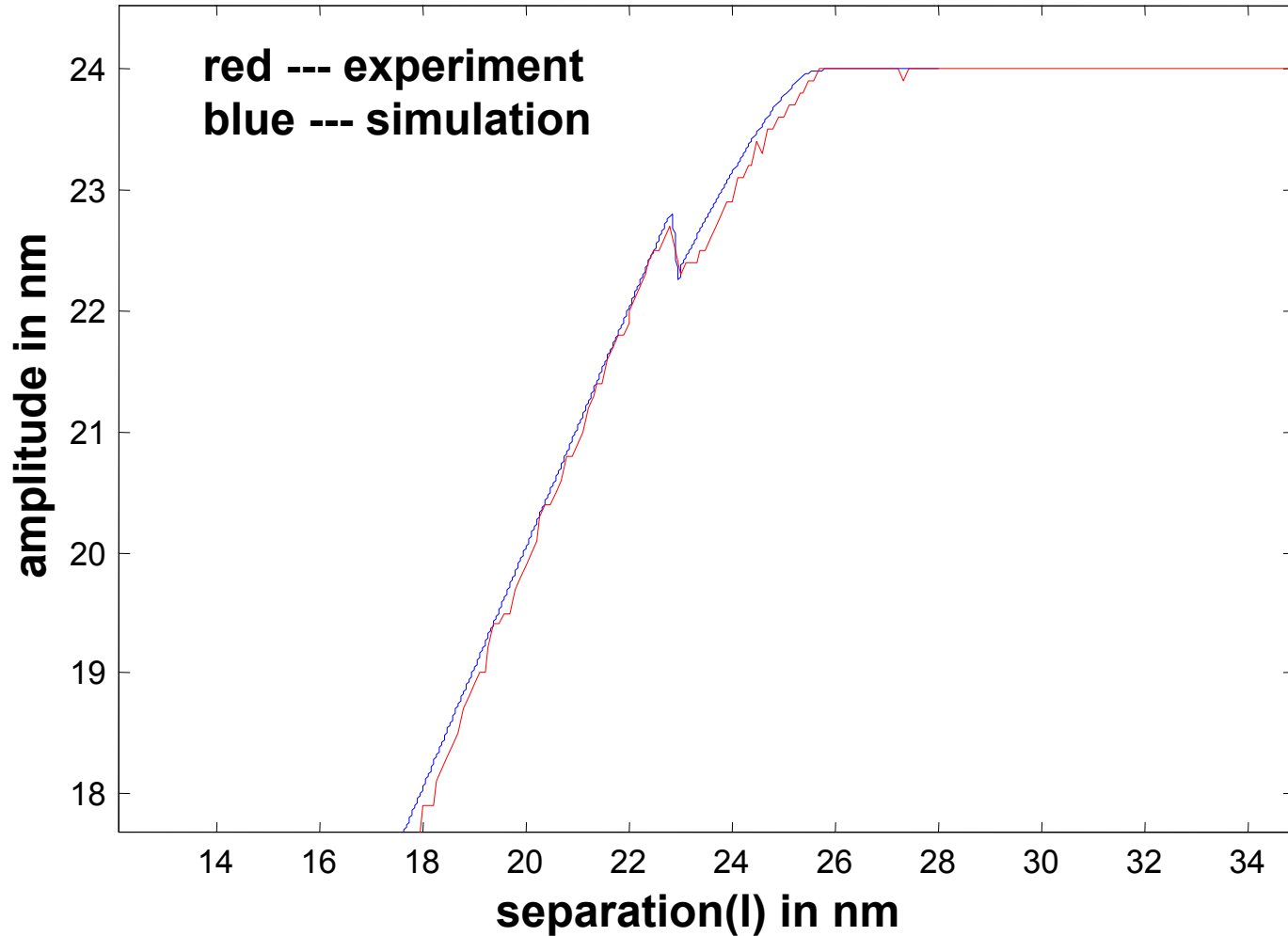
IDENTIFICATION: HARMONIC BALANCE

- From the interaction model $h_0(a, \phi)$ and $h_1(a, \phi)$ are obtained as closed form functions of model parameters (linear in the parameters)
- From the harmonic balance equations h_0 and h_1 can be evaluated from experimentally obtained $p(t)$ at different points of separation (l)

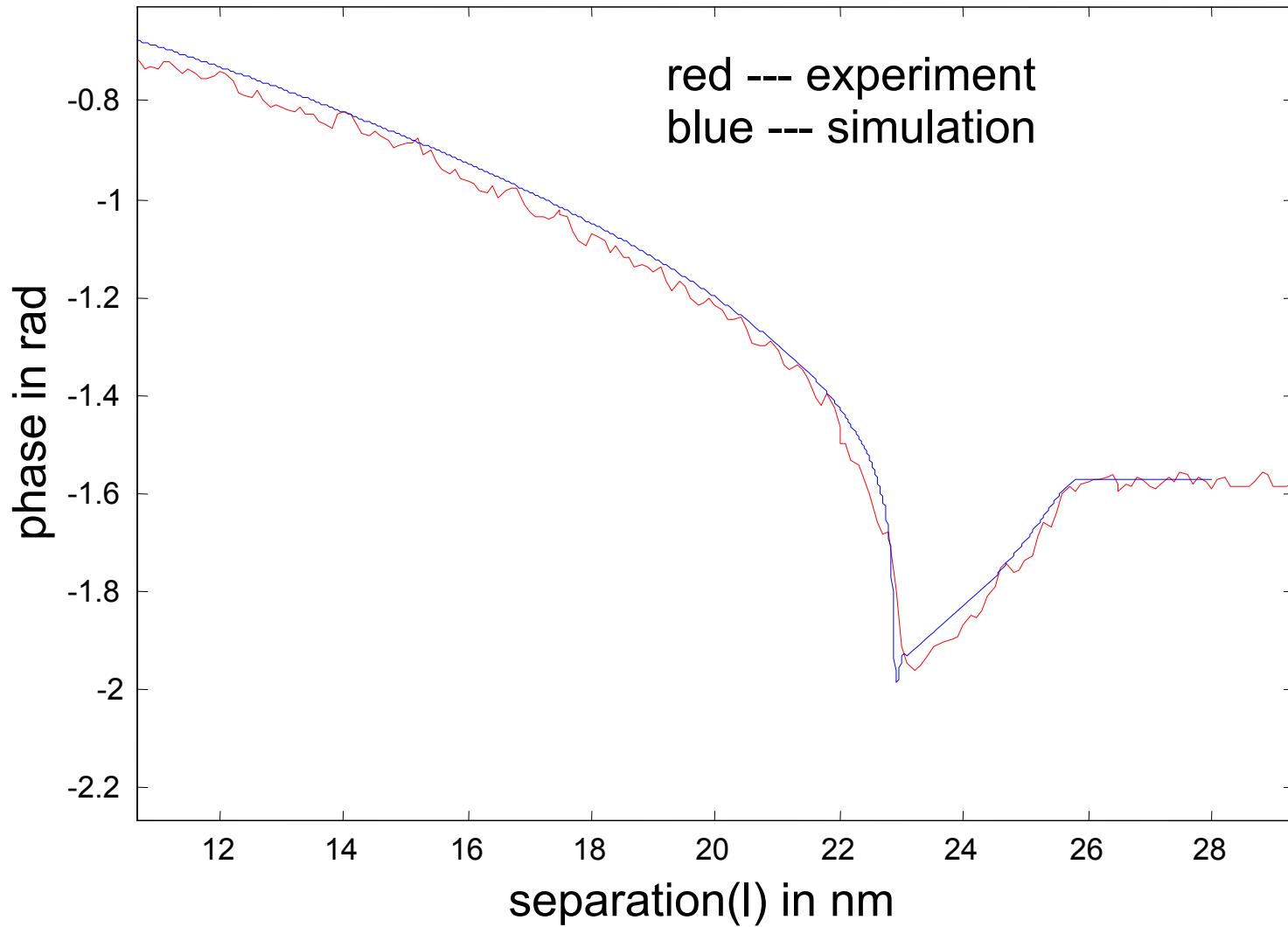


Ref. A. Sebastian, M. V. Salapaka, D. Chen, and J. P. Cleveland, "Harmonic and power balance tools for tapping-mode atomic force microscope", *Journal of Applied Physics*, June, 2001.

AMPL. Vs SEPARATION



PHASE Vs. SEPARATION





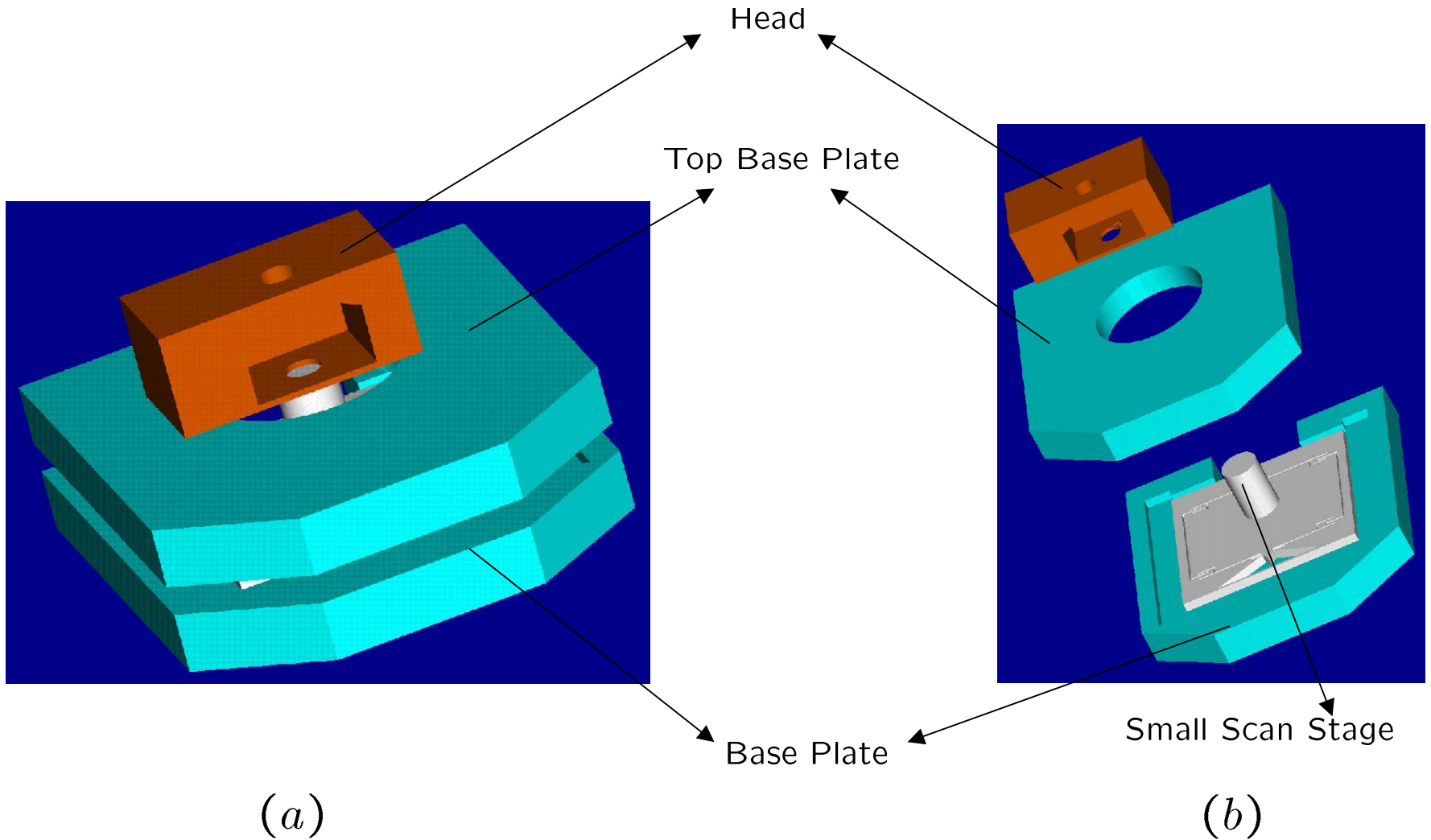
SUMMARY

- Using the above principles one can identify the equivalent attractive stiffness, repulsive stiffness of various materials at the nanoscale
- The harmonic bounds provide a means of evaluating limitations on how well sample characteristics can be identified
- The systems viewpoint provides new methods of imaging; Transient Force Imaging

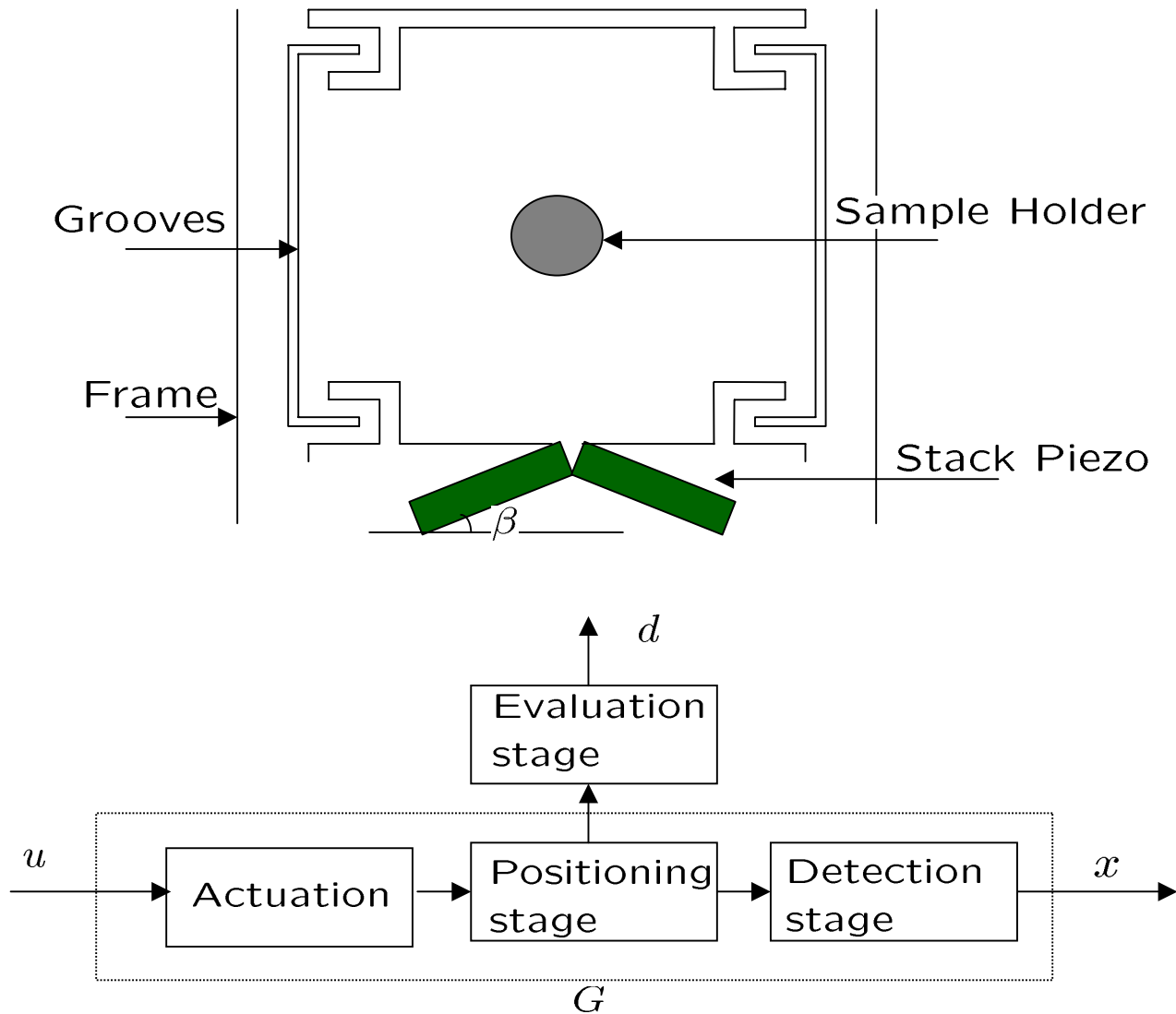


NANOPOSITIONING

NEW MICROSCOPE



FLEXURE SYSTEM





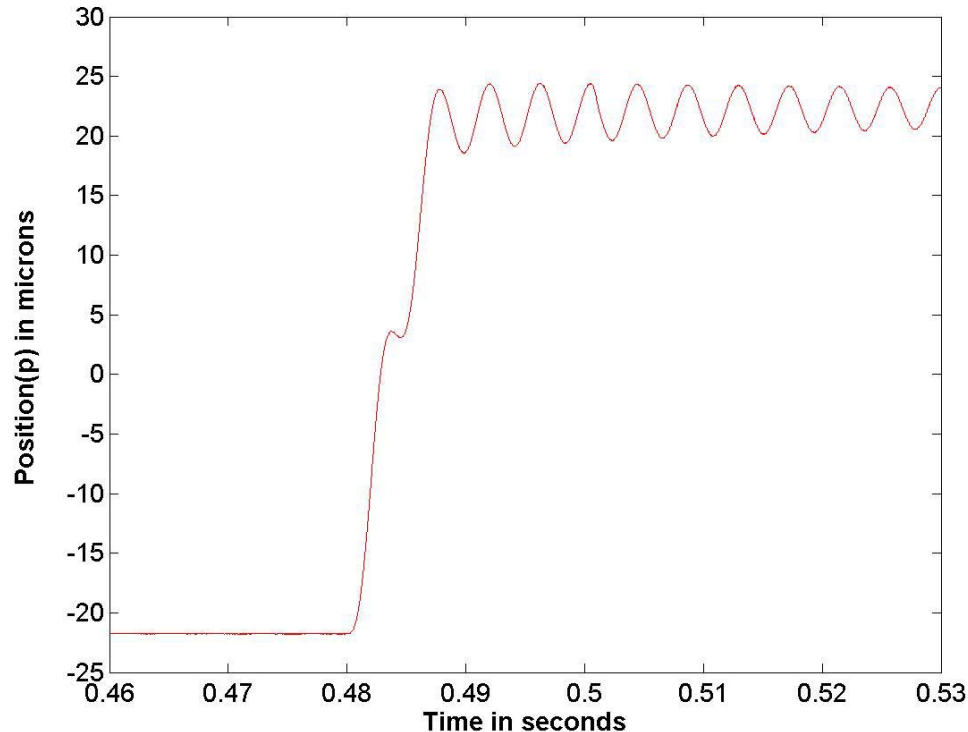
IDENTIFICATION

- There is considerable change in the frequency responses with varying operating conditions
- The response obtained about $x = 0$ is chosen as the nominal response
- A model G is obtained to fit the nominal response

$$G(s) = \frac{(s - [719.93 + j736.16])(s - [719.93 - j736.16])}{s^4 + 3753s^3 + 2.609 \times 10^7 s^2 + 9.178 \times 10^9 s + 5.478 \times 10^{13}}$$

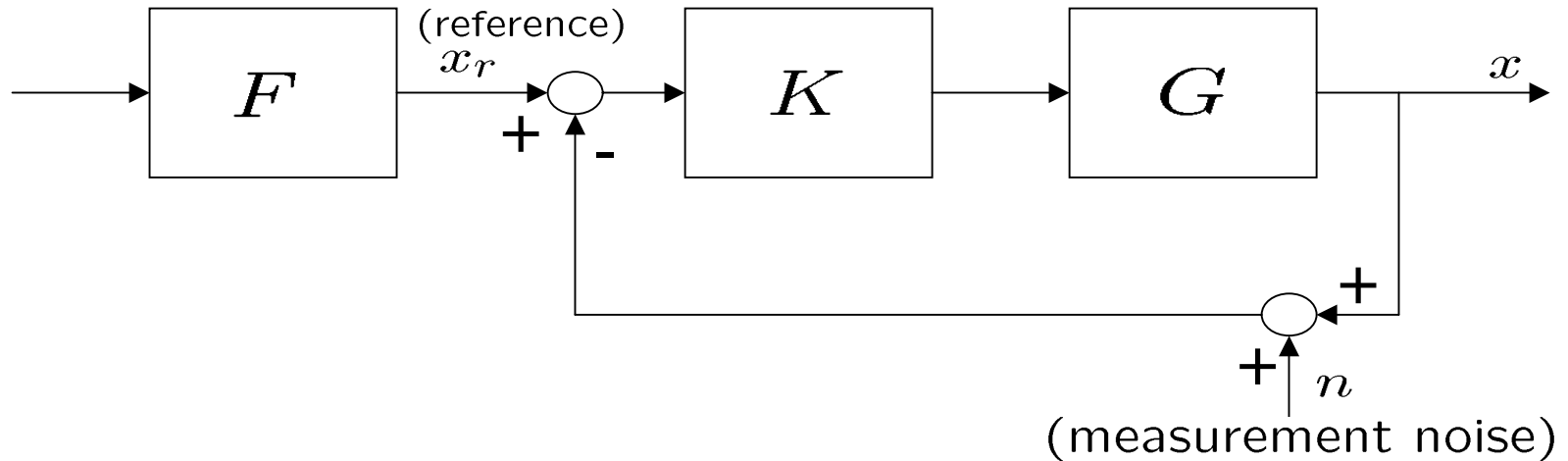
Step Response

Experimental step response



- Inverse response validates the presence of RHP zeros
- Performance often evaluated in terms of step response

SPECIFICATIONS

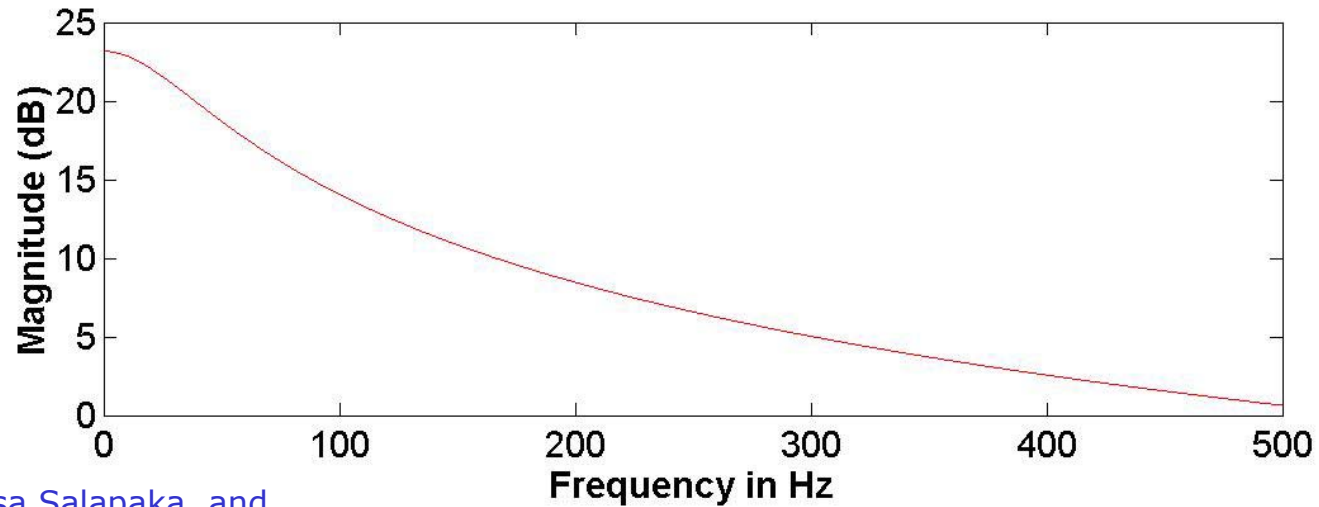
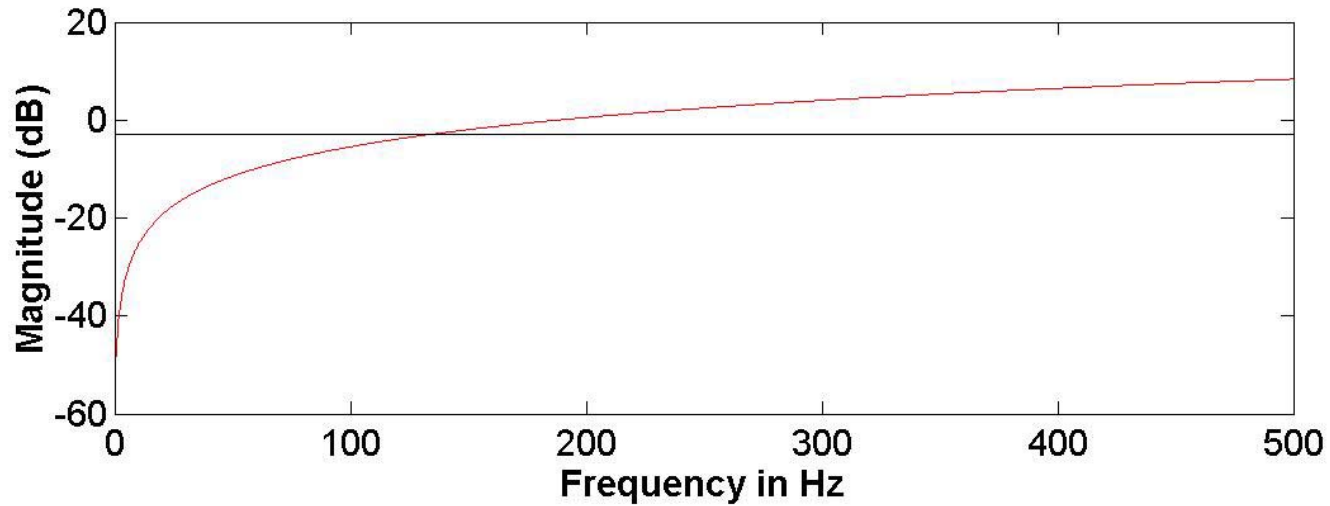


$$e := x_r - x = Sx_r - Tn$$

$$\text{where } S := (1 + GK)^{-1}, T := (1 + GK)^{-1}GK$$

T = Complimentary Sensitivity (transfer func. between e and n)

SPECS. ON SENSITIVITY FUNCS.



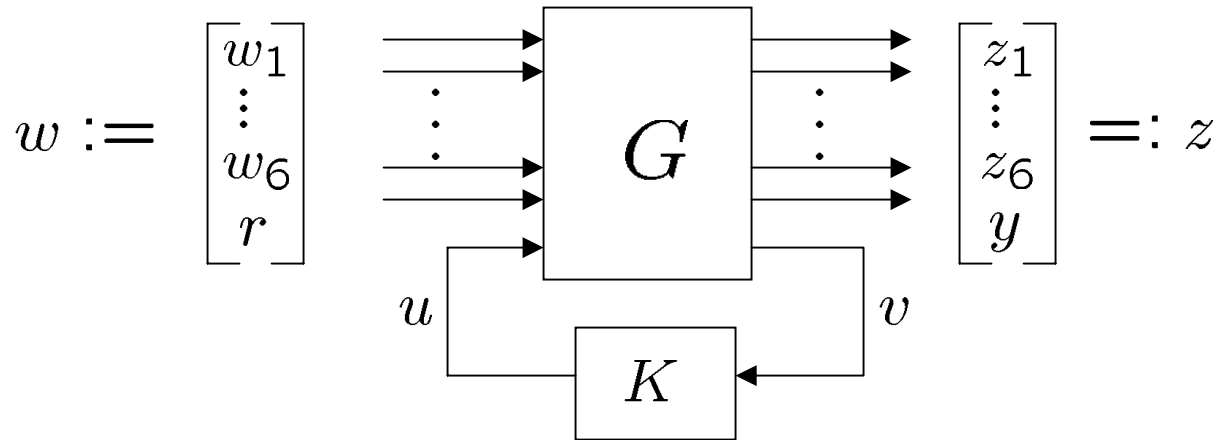
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Abu Sebastian.



SATURATION

- Time Domain constraints
 - Control effort should not saturate
 - Step response should be within given specifications
- The variance of the output should be small due to the noise.

MULTIOBJECTIVE CONTROL THEORY



$$\inf c_1 \|R^1(K)\|_1 + c_2 \|\hat{R}^2(K)\|_{\mathcal{H}_2}^2 + c_3 \|\hat{R}^3(K)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty}$$

K stabilizing

subject to

$$\|R^4(K)\|_1 \leq c_4$$

$$\|\hat{R}^5(K)\|_{\mathcal{H}_2}^2 \leq c_5$$

$$\|\hat{R}^6(K)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty} \leq c_6$$

$$a_{temp}(k) \leq y(k) \leq b_{temp}(k), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



MULTIOBJECTIVE CONTROL

- Recent developments have lead to a computationally effective theory to address the problem.

Joint work with Xin Qi, Mohammed Dahleh, Mustafa

Khammash, Petros Voulgaris,



PRESENT STATUS

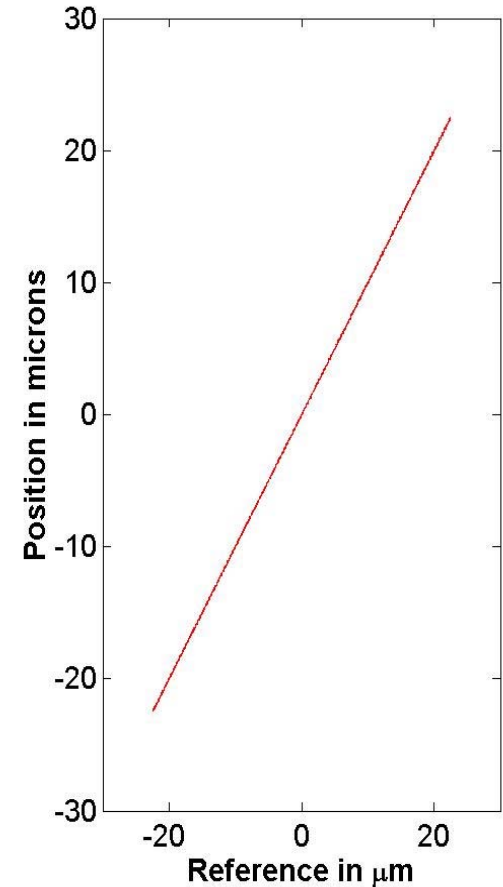
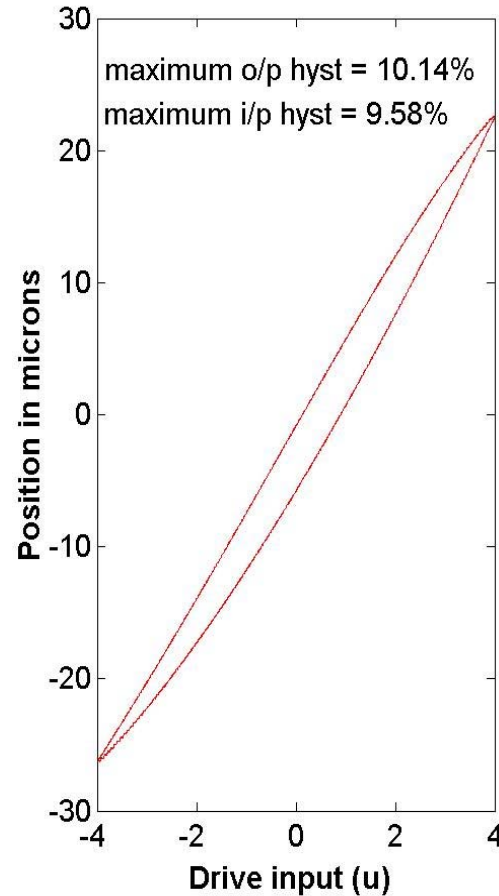
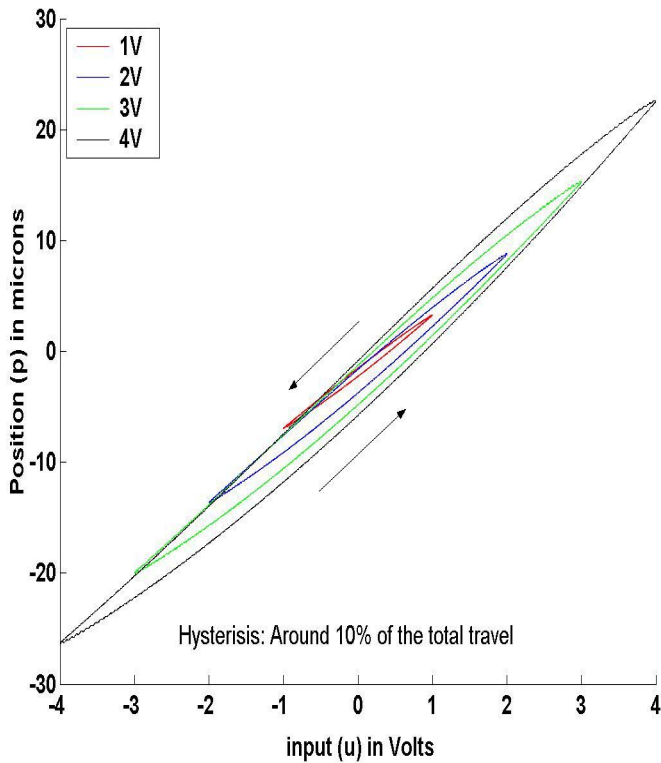
- The only controllers employed at present are PI controllers.



\mathcal{H}_∞ DESIGN

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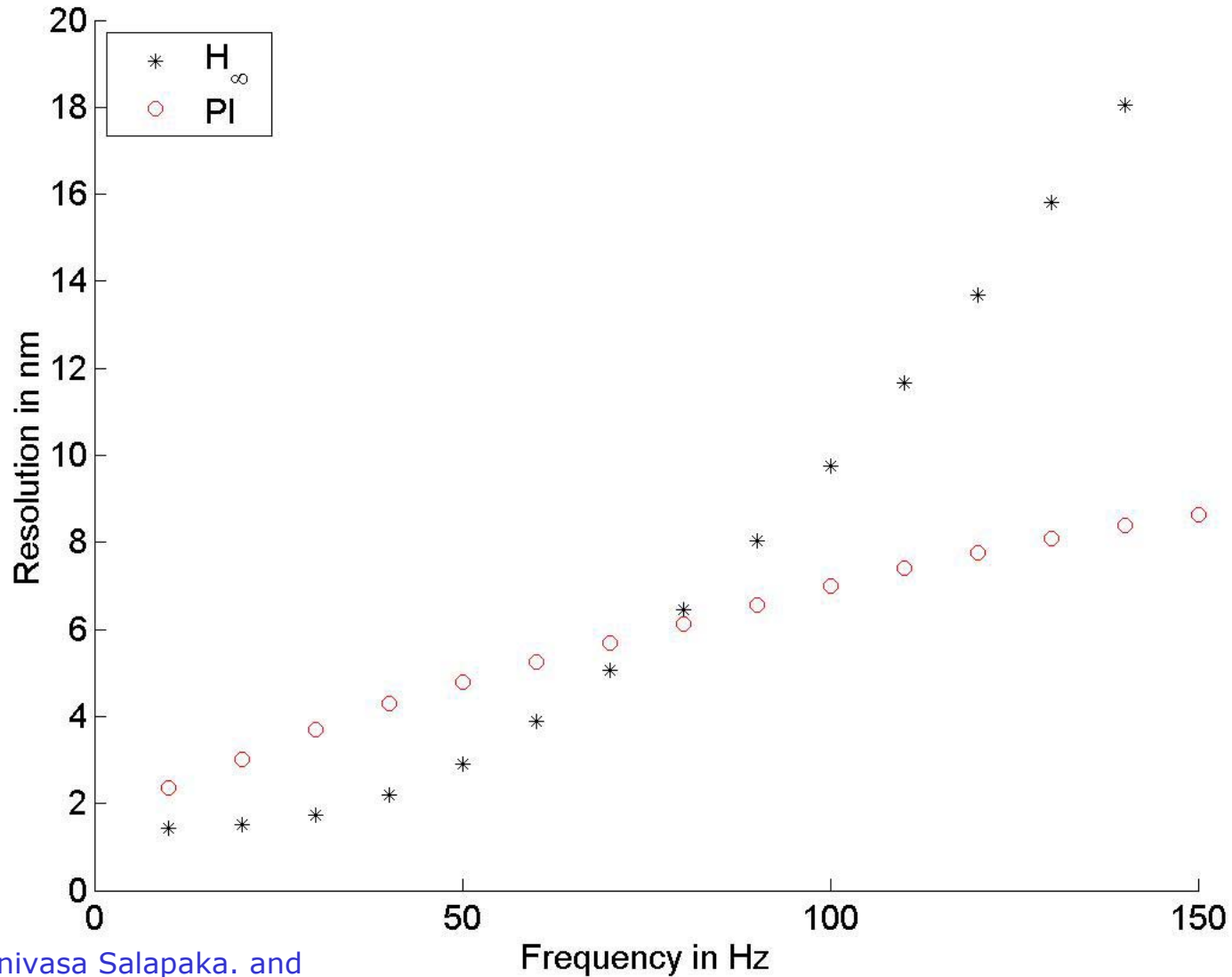
HYSTERESIS EFFECTS MINIMIZED



- Hysteresis effects in piezo material.
- Present work with Ralph Smith

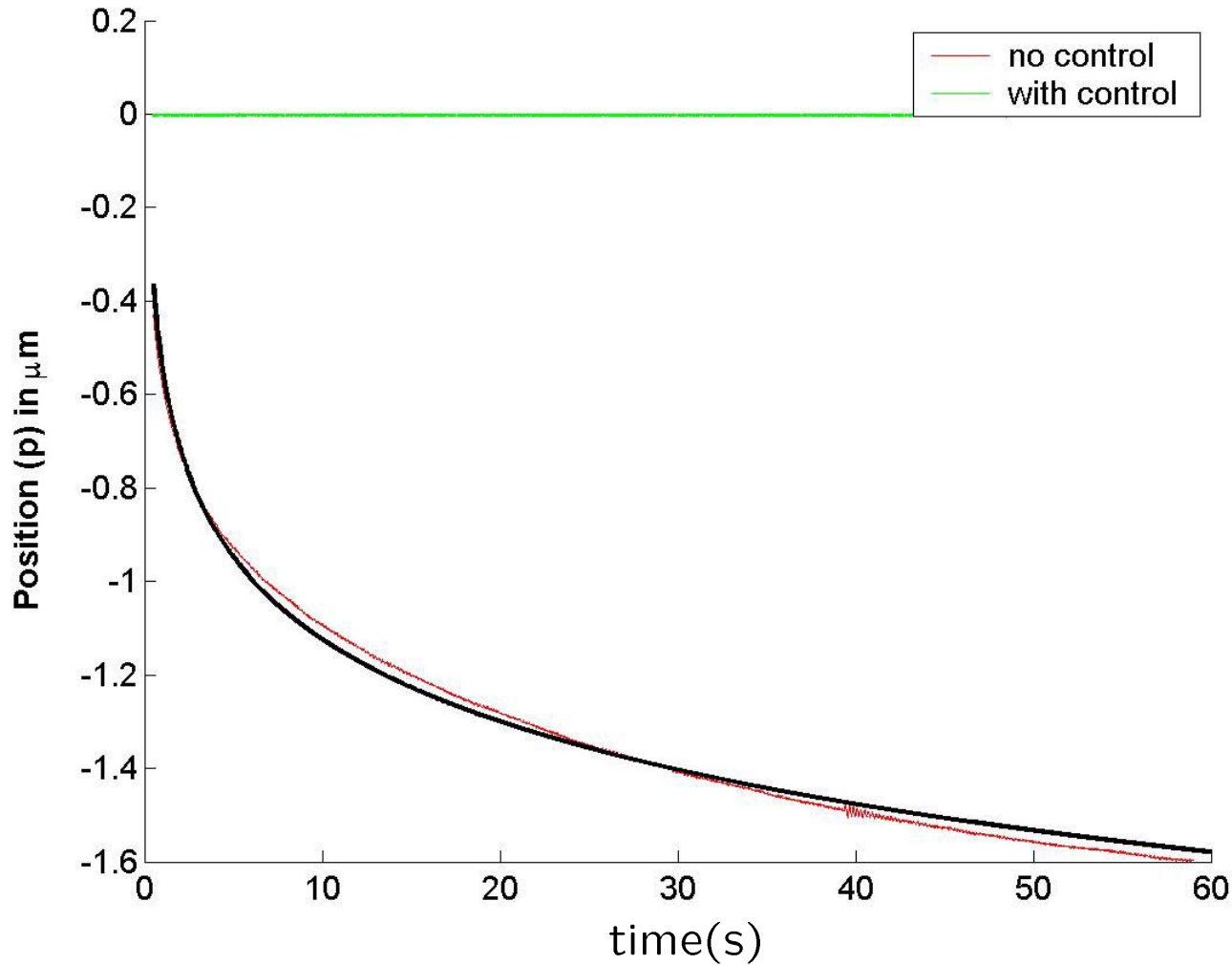
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POSITIONING RESOLUTION



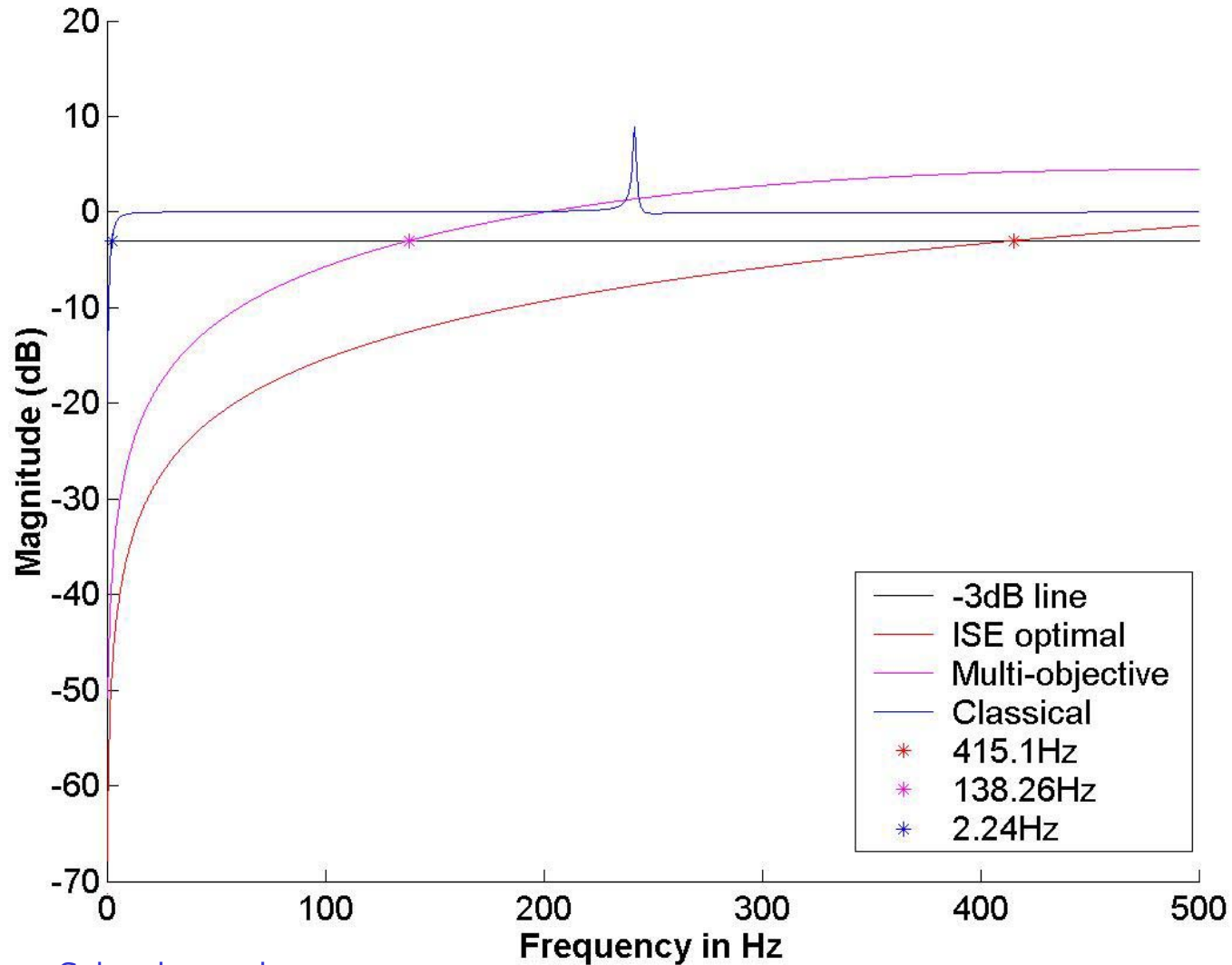
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CREEP EFFECTS MINIMIZED

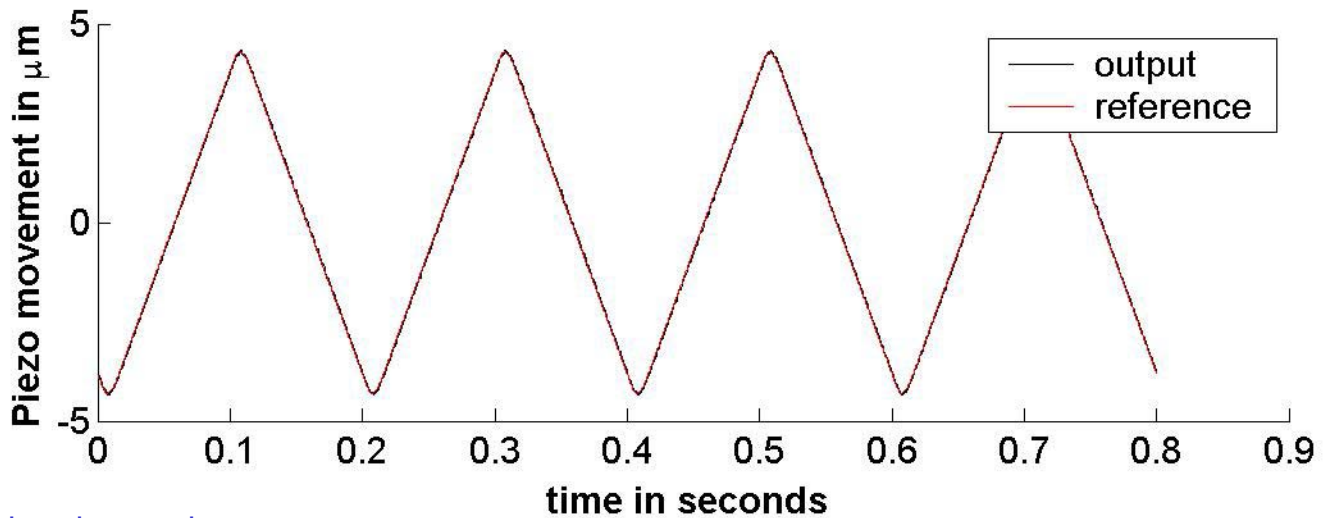
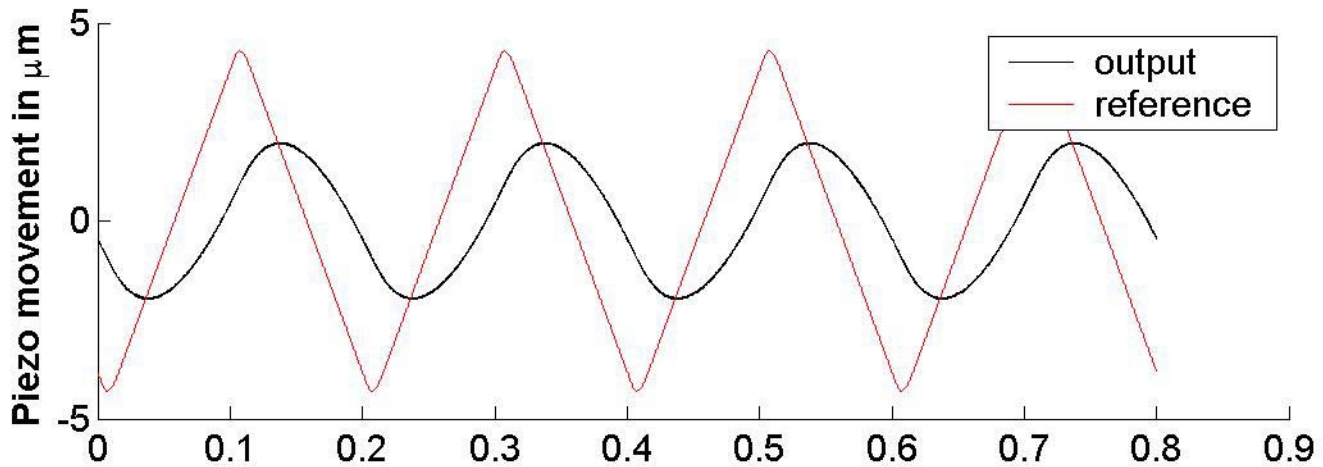


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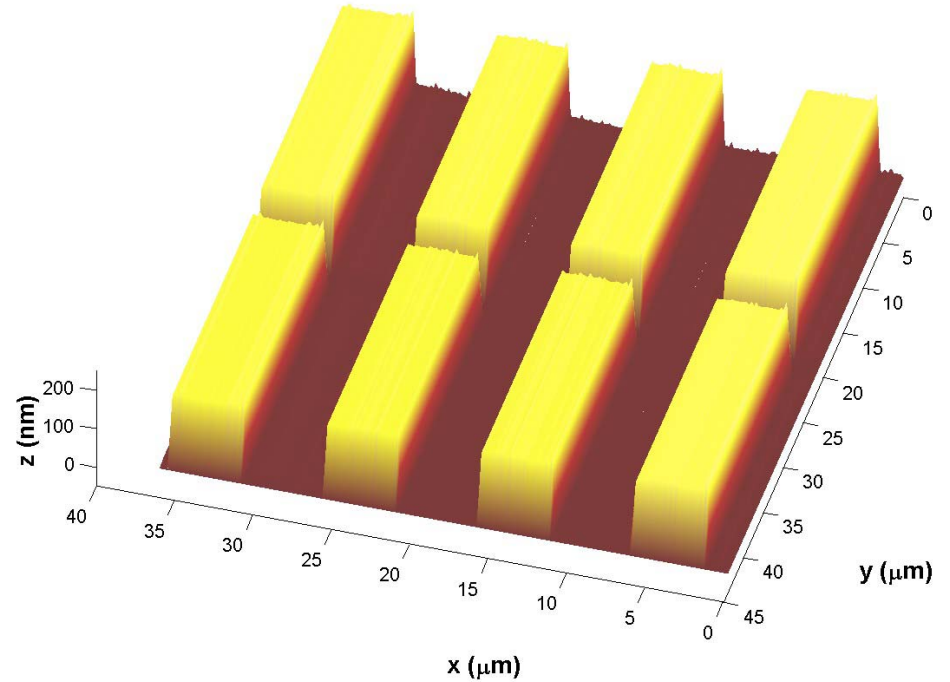
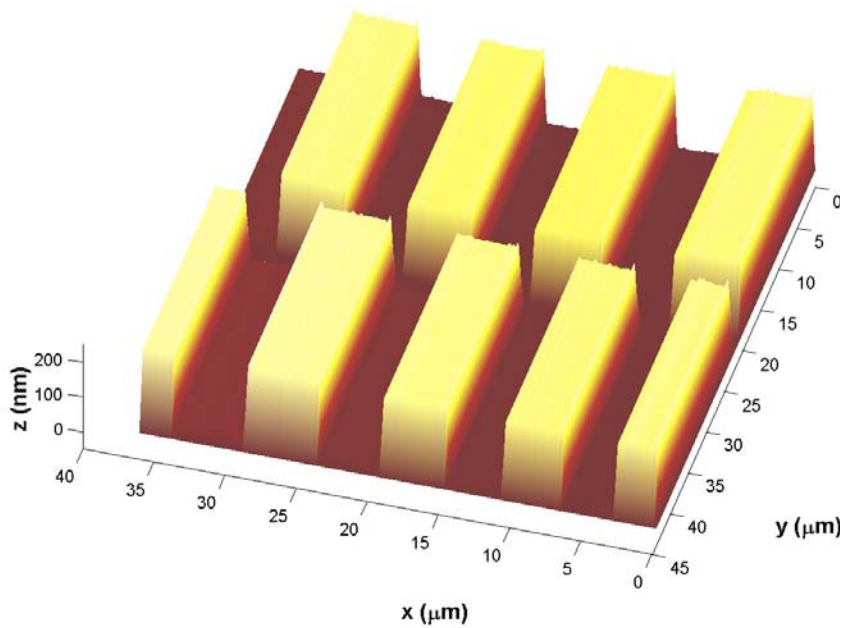
PI Vs \mathcal{H}_∞ CONTROL



TRACKING TRIANGLE SIGNALS



EXPERIMENTAL IMAGE



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SUMMARY

- Modern control and systems techniques have provided for considerably faster imaging and unique insights to the scanning probe literature.