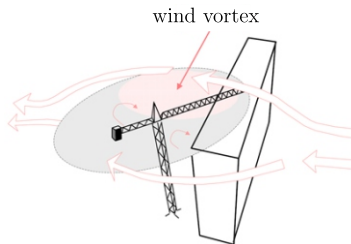


# The first-passage time as an analysis tool for the reliability of stochastic oscillators

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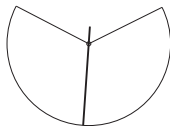
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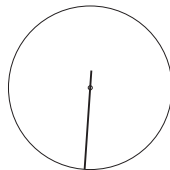
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Small oscillations



Large oscillations

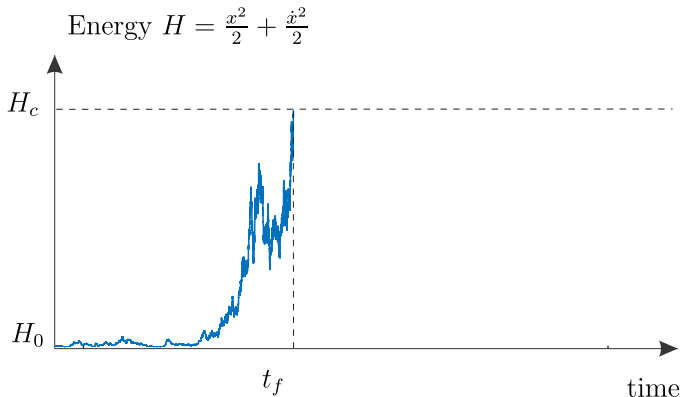


Autorotations

# Motivation

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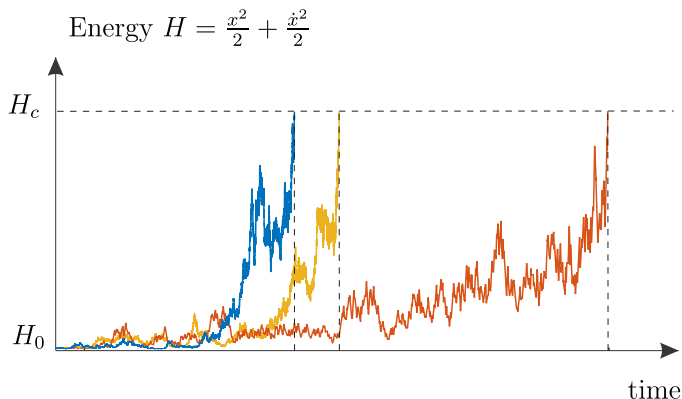
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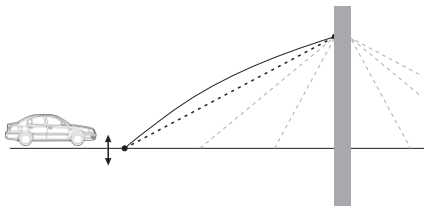
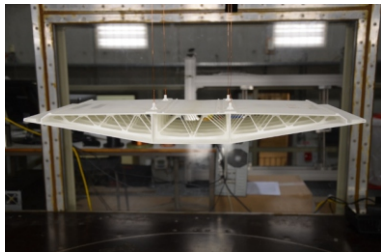
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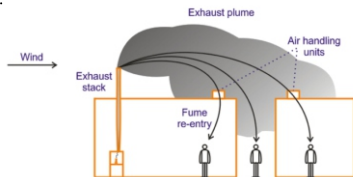
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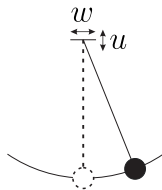
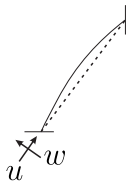
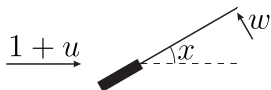
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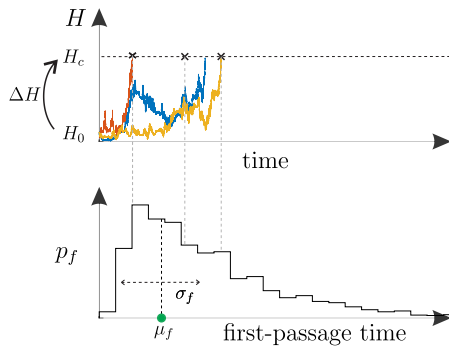
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Parametric

Forced

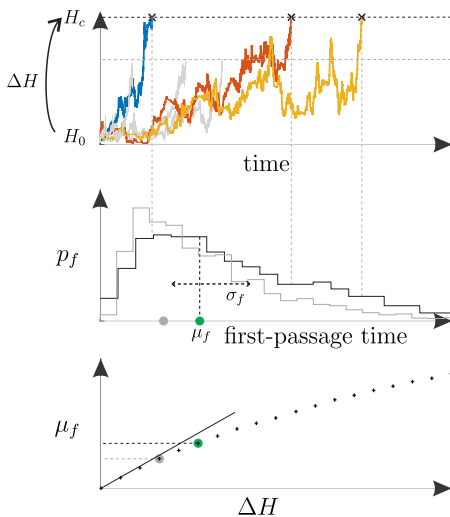


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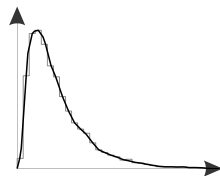
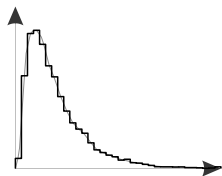
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# The Mathieu oscillator

	Monte Carlo simulations
+	versatile
-	time consuming
	hard to analyze
	needs to be repeated

Analytical approach	Numerical approach
good understanding	versatile
large validity	time efficient
complex	
not always possible	hard to analyze
	needs to be repeated



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# Governing equations

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\dot{x} + (1 + u(t)) x(t) = w(t)$$

**stationary white noise excitations**

of intensities  $S_u, S_w \ll 1$

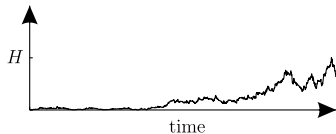
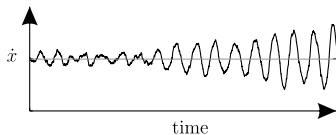
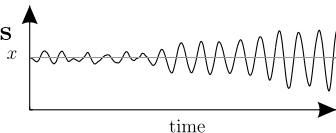
**slightly damped**

$\xi \ll 1$

**(very) long transient regime**

→ the energy  $H$  evolves slowly

$$H = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2}$$



# Governing equations

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\dot{x} + (1 + u(t)) x(t)$$

## Stochastic averaging

$$\dot{H} = m(H) + \sigma(H)\eta(t)$$

white noise of intensity 1

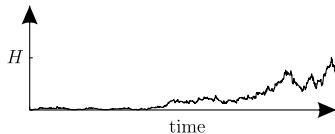
drift  
and  
diffusion

$$m(H) = \frac{H}{2}S_u + \frac{S_w}{2} - 2\xi H$$

$$\sigma^2(H) = \frac{H^2}{2}S_u + HS_w$$

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# Governing equations

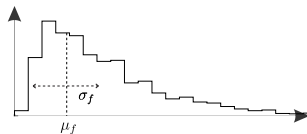
## Generalized Pontryagin equation

$$m(H_0) \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial H_0} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(H_0) \frac{\partial^2 M_k}{\partial H_0^2} = -M_{k-1} \quad \text{with} \quad M_0 = 1$$

$$M_k = \mathcal{E}\{t_f^k\}$$

$$M_1 = \mu_f \quad \text{mean first-passage time}$$

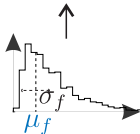
$$M_2 = \sigma_f^2 + \mu_f^2 \quad \text{mean square first-passage time}$$



# Average first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \cancel{2\zeta}\dot{x}(t) + (1 + u(t)) x(t) = w(t)$$

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**Pontryagin equation** with  $k = 1$ :  $M_1 = \mathcal{E} \{ t_f \} = \mu_f$

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**Asymptotic expansion**

$$\mu_f = \frac{4}{S_u} \ln \left( \frac{H_c S_u + 2S_w}{H_0 S_u + 2S_w} \right)$$

↓

$$\mu_f \frac{S_u}{4} = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta H^*}{H_0^* + 1} \right)$$

with  $H_0^* = \frac{H_0 S_u}{2S_w}$  and  $\Delta H^* = \frac{\Delta H S_u}{2S_w}$ .



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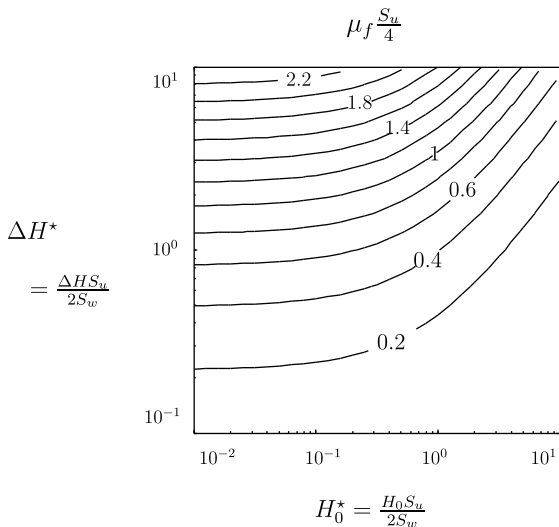
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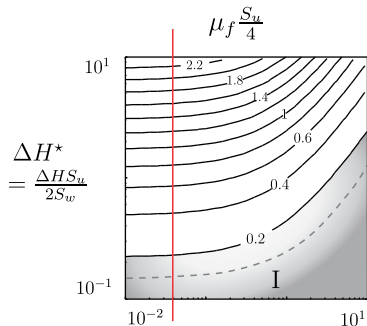
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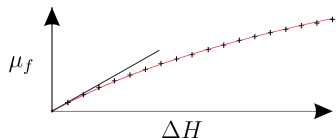
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$$\ddot{x}(t) + (1 + u(t)) x(t) = w(t)$$



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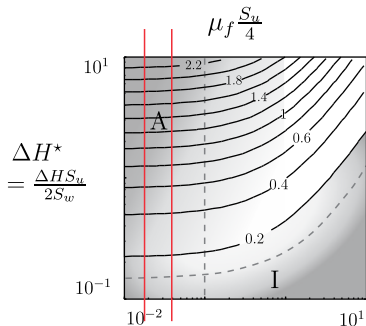
**Incubation regime**



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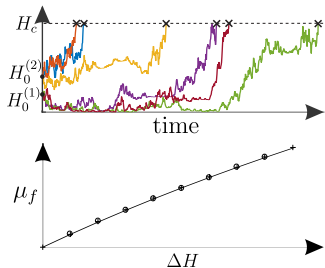
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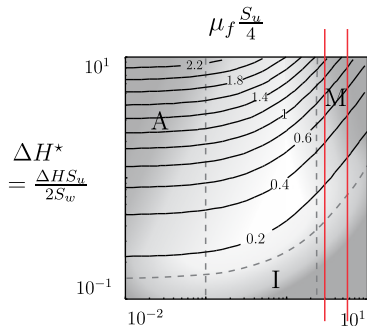
## Additive regime



$$\mu_f = \frac{4}{S_u} \ln(1 + \Delta H^*)$$

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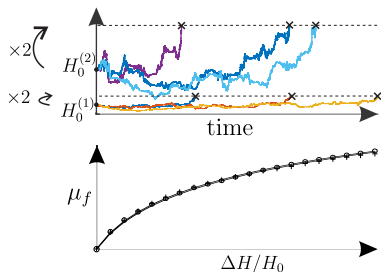
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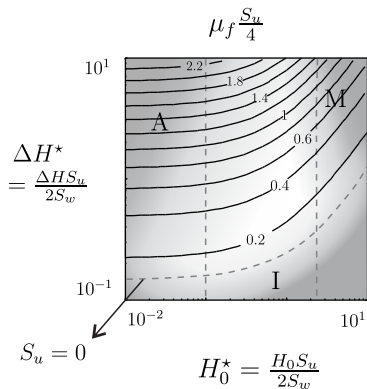
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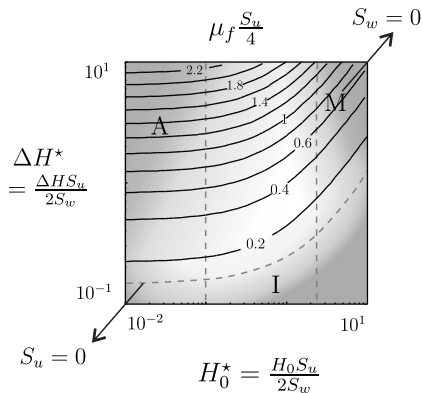


- $S_u = 0$  No parametric

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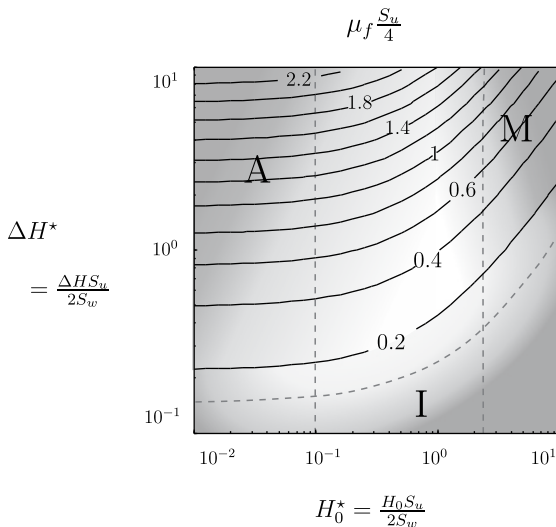
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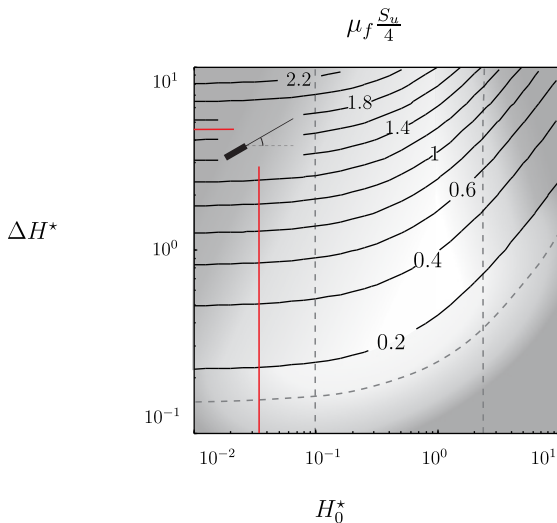
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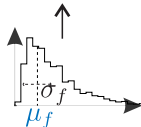
# Average first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator



# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\dot{x}(t) + (1 + u(t))x(t) = w(t)$$

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# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator

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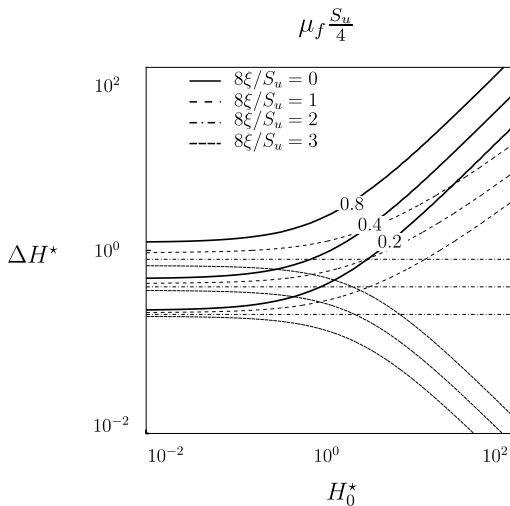
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**Asymptotic expansion**

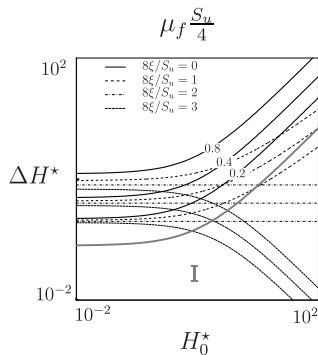
$$\mu_f \frac{S_u}{4} = \text{fct}(H_0^*, \Delta H^*, 8\xi/S_u)$$

Analytical expression is established.

# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator



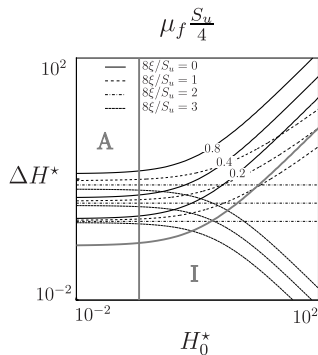
# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator - Regimes



## Incubation regime

$\mu_f$  scales linearly  
with  $\Delta H^*$   
for given  $H_0^*$

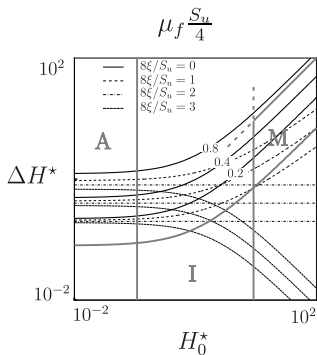
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**Additive regime**

$\mu_f$  is a function  
of  $\Delta H^*$  only

# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator - Regimes

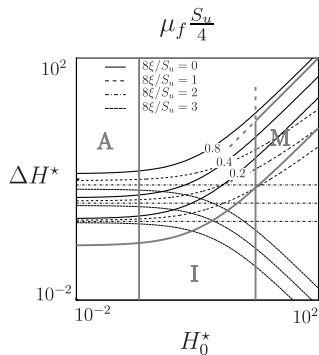


**Multiplicative regime**

Parallel straight lines

Slope decreases with  $\frac{8\xi}{S_u}$

# Average first-passage time of the damped Mathieu oscillator



## Effect of damping

$\mu_f$  increases

Slope changes in M

Little effect elsewhere

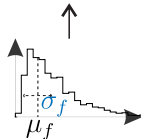
Different topology



# Variance of the first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \cancel{2\zeta}\dot{x}(t) + (1 + u(t)) x(t) = w(t)$$

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# Variance of the first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator

**Pontryagin equation** with  $k = 2$ :  $M_2 = \mathcal{E} \left\{ t_f^2 \right\}$

$$\left( \frac{H_0}{2} S_u + \frac{S_w}{2} \right) \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial H_0} + \left( \frac{H_0^2}{4} S_u + \frac{H_0}{2} S_w \right) \frac{\partial^2 M_2}{\partial H_0^2} = -M_1 = -\mu_f$$

**Asymptotic expansion**

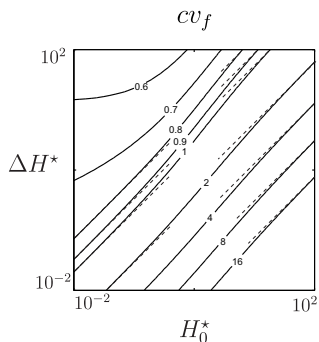
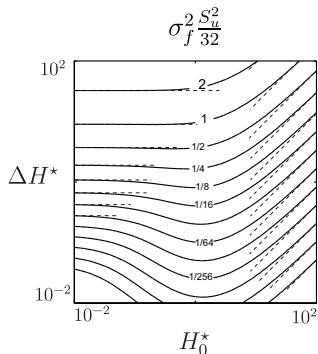
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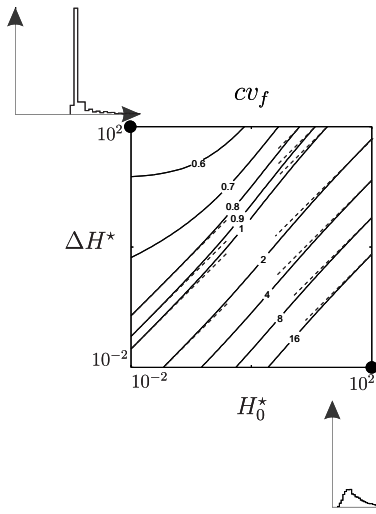
# Variance of the first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator

$$\sigma_f^2 = \mathcal{E} \{ t_f^2 \} - \mu_f^2$$

$$cv_f = \sigma_f / \mu_f$$

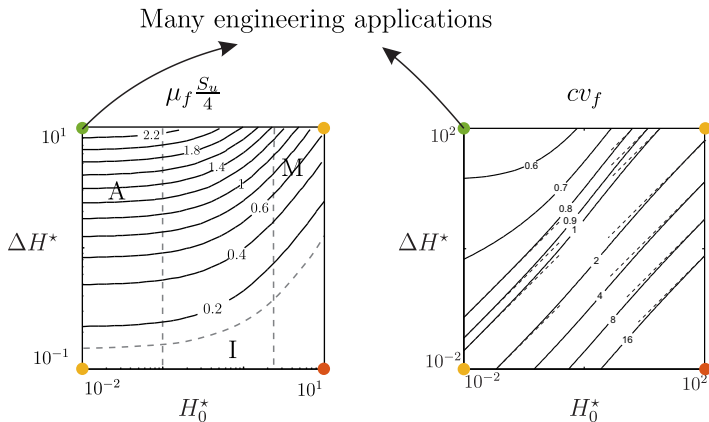


# Variance of the first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator



- Quasi straight lines
- Additive regime
- Large  $cv_f =$  spread pdf
- Small  $cv_f =$  sharp pdf

# Variance of the first-passage time of the undamped Mathieu oscillator



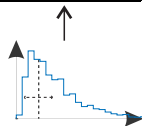
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# A numerical approach for the distribution of the first-passage time of more complex systems

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\dot{x}(t) + x(t) + \varepsilon z(x, \dot{x}) = w(t)$$

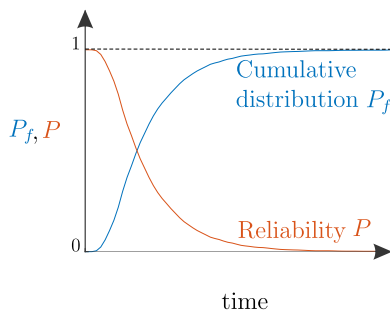
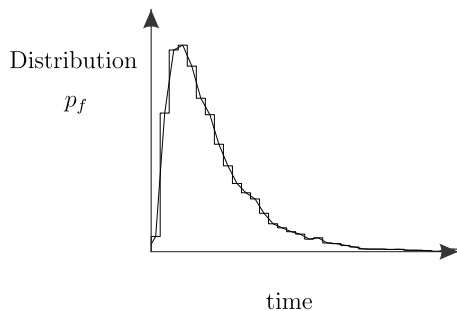
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## Equivalent linearization

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \beta_e(H)\dot{x}(t) + \omega_e^2(H)x(t) = w(t)$$

with  $H = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\omega_e^2(H)}$

# Governing equations

## Stochastic averaging

$$\dot{H} = m(H, t) + \sigma(H, t)\eta(t)$$

## Backward-Kolmogorov equation

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = m(H_0, t)\frac{\partial P}{\partial H_0} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(H_0, t)\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial H_0^2}$$

## Galerkin scheme

$$P(t; H_0) = P_{lin}(t; H_0) + P_{nlin}(t; H_0)$$

**Projection** of the linear solution in the eigen basis of the confluent hypergeometric functions  $\mathcal{M}(-\lambda_i, 1, H)$

$$P_{lin}(t; H_0) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} T_i(t) \Phi_i(H_0)$$

**Time coefficients**  $T_i(t)$  given by a set of differential equations

**In practice** limited to a finite number of terms  $N$

# Governing equations

**By extension**

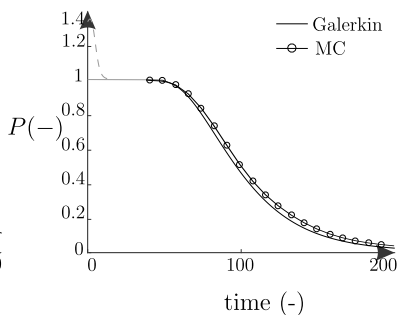
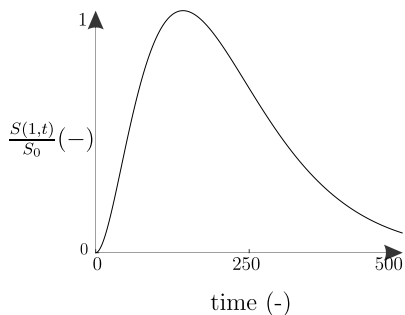
$$P_{nlin}(t; H_0) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(t) \Phi_i(H_0)$$

**Time coefficients**  $c_i(t)$  given by a set of  $N$  coupled differential equations.

$$\dot{\mathbf{c}}(t) = \mathbf{D}(t) \mathbf{c}(t) + \mathbf{e}(t)$$

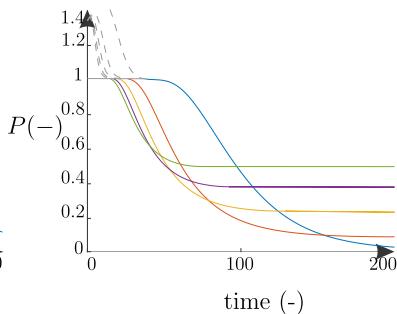
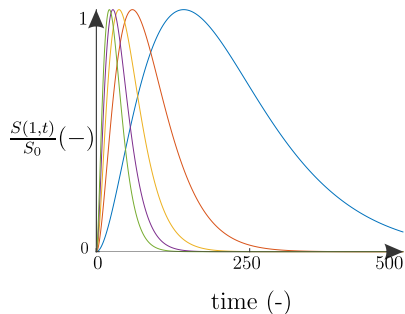
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# Particular case of the undamped oscillator

## New basis of eigenfunctions

$$\text{BesselJ}(0, \sqrt{4\lambda_i H}) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{M}(-\lambda_i, 1, H)$$

- ▶ Computationally more simple
- ▶ Implemented in standard softwares
- ▶ Hypergeometric basis is anyway an approximation in the nonlinear case

# Alternative formulation of the energy

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\dot{x}(t) + x(t) + \varepsilon z(x, \dot{x}) = w(t)$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \beta_e(H)\dot{x}(t) + \omega_e^2(H)x(t) = w(t)$$

$$H = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\omega_e^2(H)}$$

amplitude-based formulation

$$u(x) = \int_0^x (y + \varepsilon z(y)) dy$$

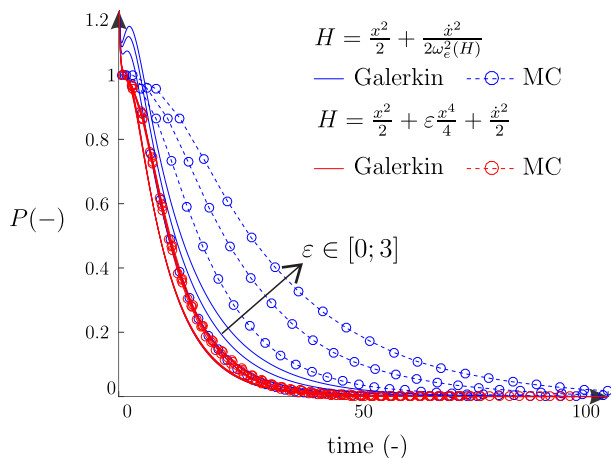
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Potential energy envelope formulation

- No statistical linearization
- Restricted to time modulated excitations and nonlinearities in term of stiffness (Duffing)

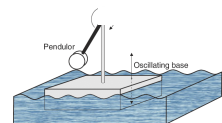
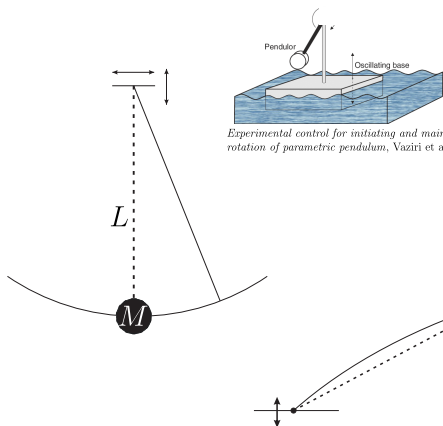


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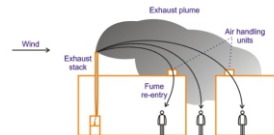


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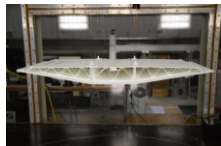
# Some applications



*Experimental control for initiating and maintaining rotation of parametric pendulum, Vaziri et al., 2014.*



*CFD simulation of micro-scale pollutant dispersion in the built environment, Blocken et al.(2013)*



*Mitigation of the torsional flutter phenomenon of bridge deck section during a lifting phase, Andrianne T. and de Ville de Goyet V., 2016.*

# The tower crane problem

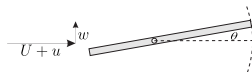
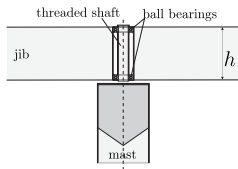
$$I\ddot{\theta} + C\dot{\theta} = M_w = \frac{1}{2}\rho_{air} C_M h B^2 \|\mathbf{v}_{rel}\|^2$$

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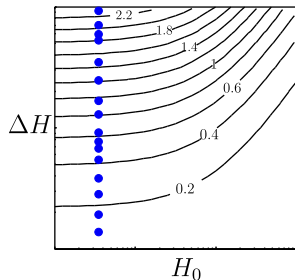
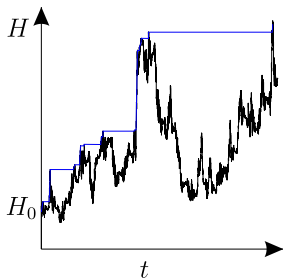
$$I\ddot{\theta} + \left(C + M^* \frac{r}{U} \left(1 + 2\frac{u}{U}\right)\right) \dot{\theta} + M^* \left(1 + 2\frac{u}{U}\right) \theta = M^* \frac{w}{U}$$

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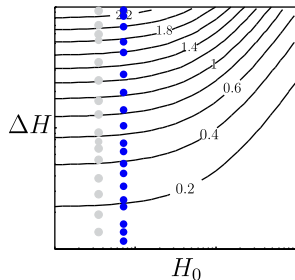
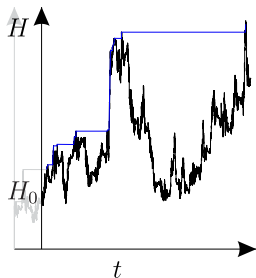
$$\theta'' + 2\xi_s \theta' + (1 + \tilde{u})\theta = -\tilde{w}$$



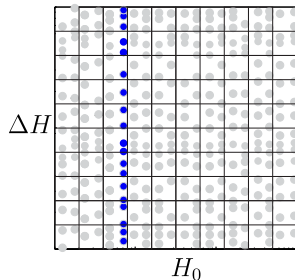
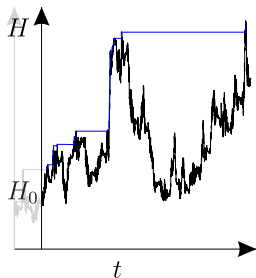
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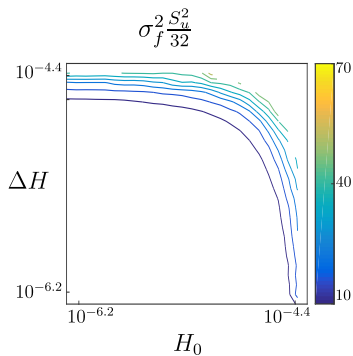
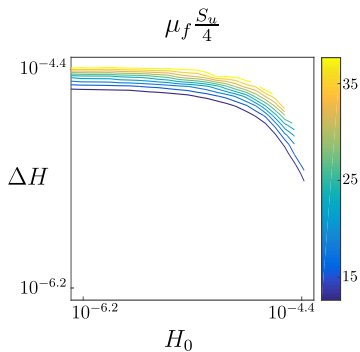
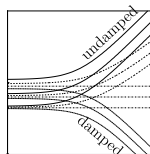
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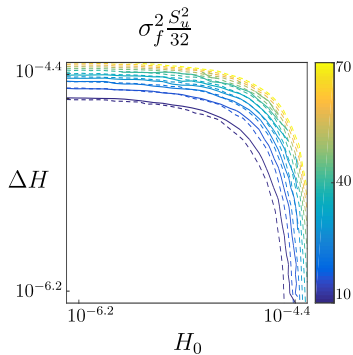
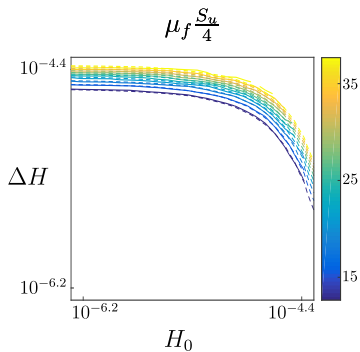
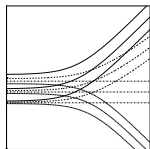


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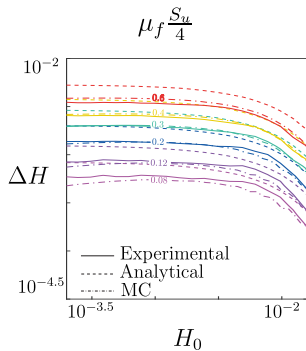
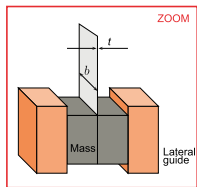
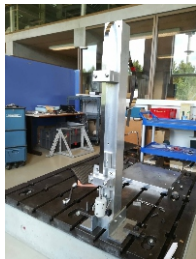
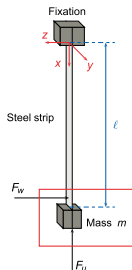




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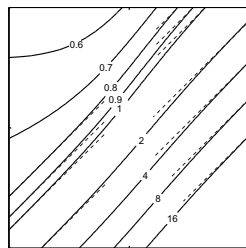
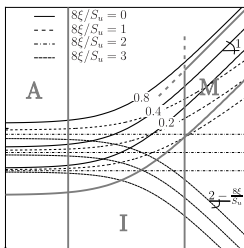
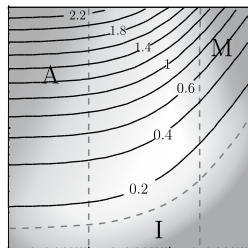
# The pre-stressed steel strip



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# Conclusion

How much time ?



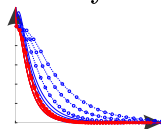
# Conclusion

## Theoretical frame

analytical solution  
maps, reduced energy  
regimes

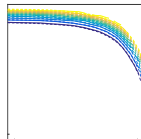
## Numerical approach for damped, nonlinear systems under evolutionary excitation

New basis for the undamped case  
Two different energy definitions



## Experimental investigation of the tower crane

Algorithmic establishment of the first-passage map  
Equivalent Mathieu oscillator



Engineering point of view on a mathematical problem

# Limitation and perspectives

**Theoretical developments limited by increasing complexity**  
**More complex problems can be**

reduced to equivalent simple systems  
analyzed within developed frame

**Perspectives: prediction of equivalent Mathieu oscillator**

MDOF systems, colored excitations

**analytical expressions for  $P$**

**Future applications**

Monitoring of structures, identification of structural properties,  
bridge flutter,...

Thank you!

# Backup slide

$$\dot{H} = m(H) + \sigma(H)\zeta(t)$$

## Generalized Pontryagin equation

$$m(H_0) \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial H_0} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(H_0) \frac{\partial^2 M_k}{\partial H_0^2} = -M_{k-1} \quad \text{with} \quad M_0 = 1$$

## Boundary conditions

$$M_k(H_0) = 0, \text{ if } H_0 = H_c \quad \text{and} \quad |M_k(H_0 = 0)| < \infty$$

Second condition is qualitative, can be transformed into quantitative condition through

$$\begin{cases} \sigma^2(H) & \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(|H - H_l|^{\alpha_l}), \quad \alpha_l \geq 0, & H \rightarrow H_l \\ m(H) & \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(|H - H_l|^{\beta_l}), \quad \beta_l \geq 0, & H \rightarrow H_l \\ \frac{2m(H)(H - H_l)^{\alpha_l - \beta_l}}{\sigma^2(H)} & \rightarrow c_l, & H \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

For entrance and repulsively natural boundary classes, the second condition can be replaced by the quantitative condition

$$\mathcal{O}(|m(H_0)M'_k(H_0)|) \sim \mathcal{O}(|M'_{k-1}(H_0)|), \quad H_0 \rightarrow H_l.$$