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Introduction – Motivation

Main Focus / Aim:

Tactile sensing of environmental information



Approach: Inspiration from Biology

Animal Vibrissae



Transfer Functionalities to Engineering:

BIONICS



Analytical Treatment / Simulation / Prototypes



Introduction – Bionic aspects

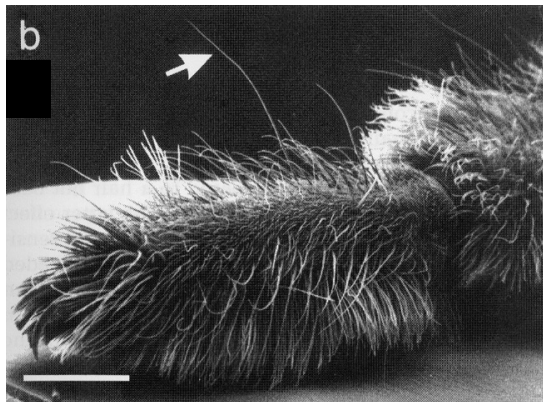
1. **analyzing** live biological systems, e.g. vibrissae,
2. **quantifying** the mechanical and environmental behavior: identifying and quantifying mechanosensitive responses (e.g., pressure, vibrations) and their mechanisms as adaptation,
3. **modeling** live paradigms with basic features developed before,
4. **exploiting** corresponding mathematical models in order to understand details of internal processes and,
5. **coming** to artificial prototypes (e.g., sensors in robotics), which exhibit features of the real paradigms.

Important:

- focus is **not** on “copying” the solution from biology / animality
- **not** to construct prototypes with one-to-one properties of, e.g., a vibrissa

Introduction – Living paradigms

Different names:
vibrissa, whisker, tactile hair,
sensory hair, sensillum, ...



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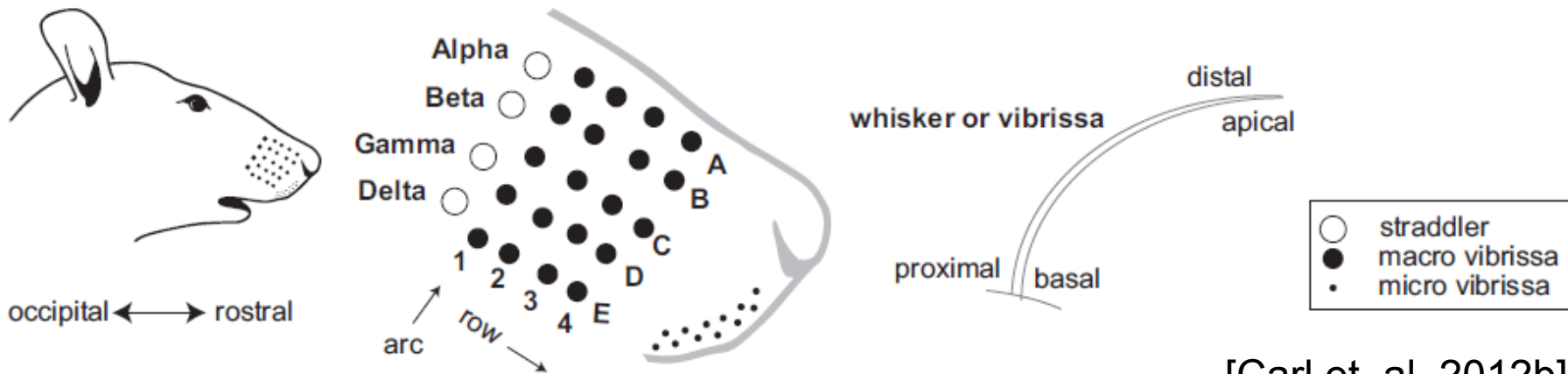
→ variability in length, diameter, shape (curvature) and conical structure

Tactile sensing of environmental informations

- complex tactile sensory organ: sense of vibrations
- „near field“-sense in contrast to „far field“-senses (e.g., vision)
- tactile hairs / vibrissae in the region around the snout *mystacial vibrissae*
- vibrissa is used as lever for force transmission
- found in nocturnal / non-visual animals (best developed in rodents e.g. rats)



Introduction – Anatomy of vibrissae



[Carl et. al. 2012b]

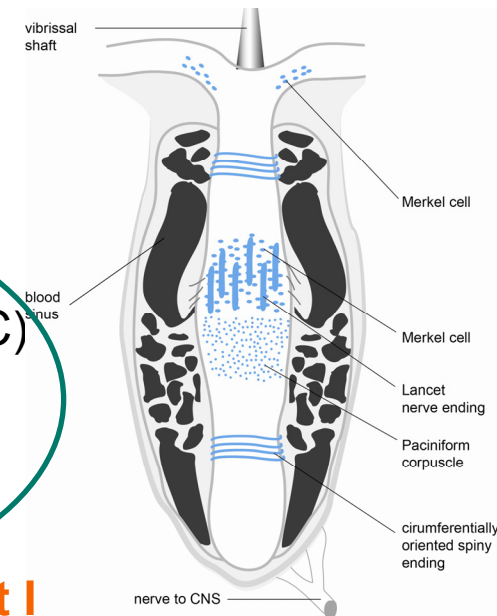
two components: sinus hair and own hair follicle

elastical, hollow and conically shaped

Part II

Follicle-Sinus-Complex (FSC)
blood vessels and nerves
(mechanoreceptors)
→ viscoelastic support

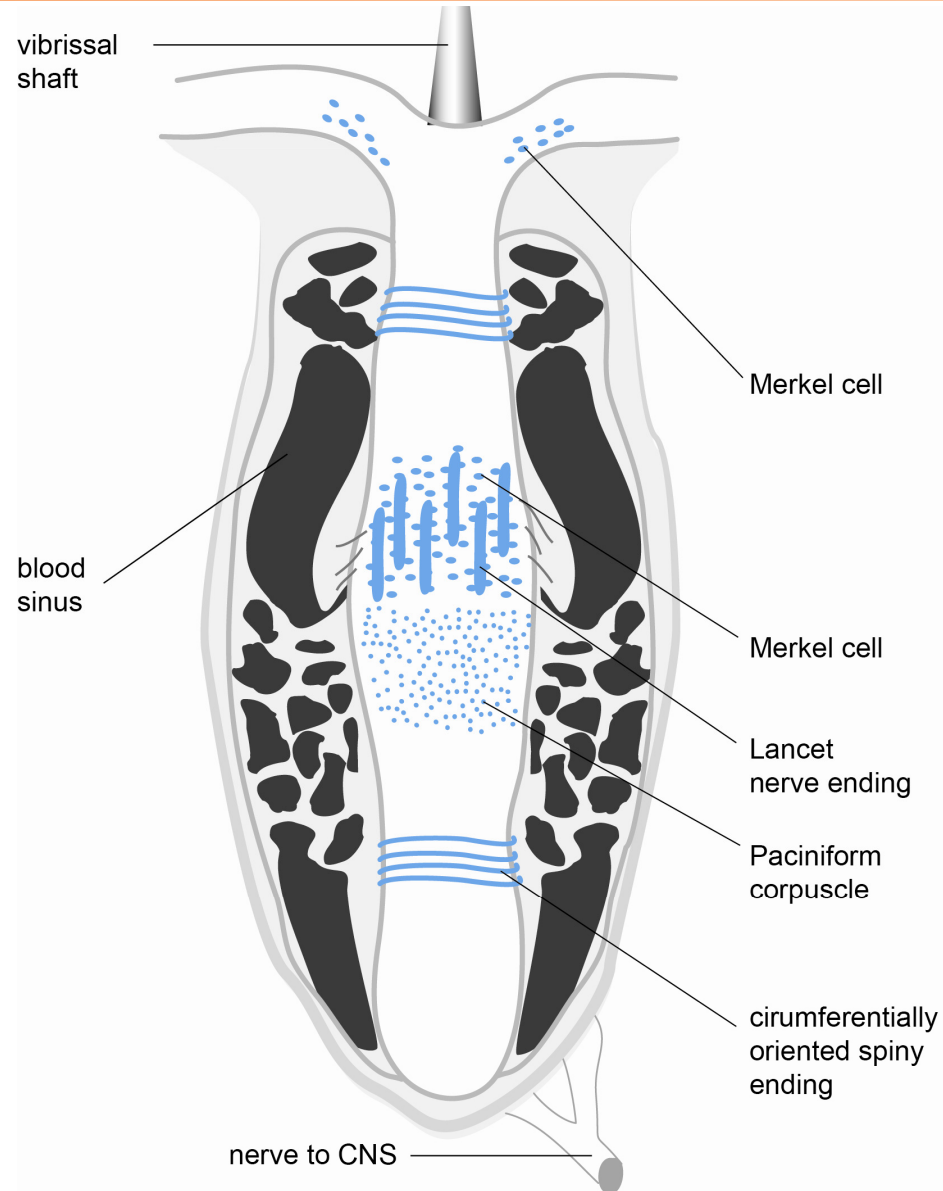
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Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 1. Inspiration from biology

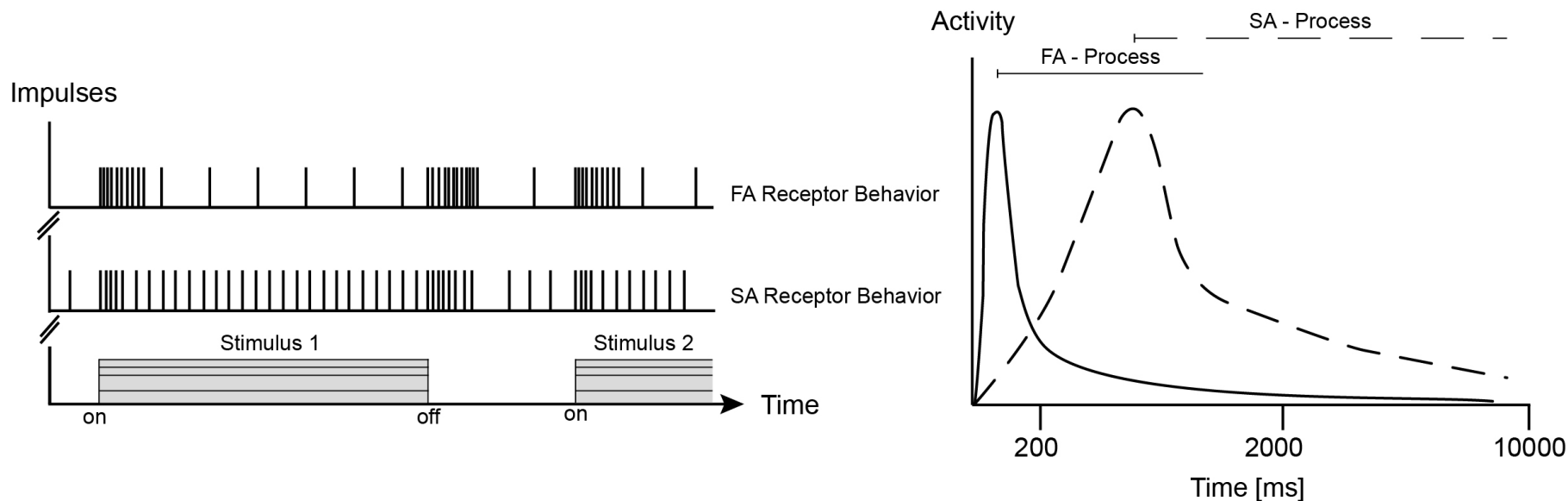
Mechanoreceptors of sensory hair systems:

- Follicle-Sinus-Complex (FSC) with blood vessels, nerves and **mechanoreceptors** (right side)
- **Detection** of vibrissa displacements by mechanoreceptors in the FSC
- Receptors have only one function: **transduce a (mechanical) stimulus to neural impulses**



Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 1. Inspiration from biology

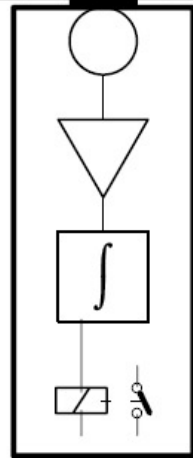
- a receptor never continues to respond to a non-changing stimulus in transducing impulses to the CNS
- the neuron's reaction is **controlled**:
→ is being suppressed, enhanced or left unaltered
- hence, depending on the stimulus, a receptor offers a **rapid** and **brief** response; then, this response **declines** if the stimulus is un-changing (stimulus is damped, is considered irrelevant once it has been perceived)



Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 1. Inspiration from biology

- sensibility of FA-receptor-cells is continuously adjusted in such a way that the whole systems tends to its rest position – despite a continued excitation
- “waiting” / sensitive for new stimulus
- due to permanently changing environment the receptor has to be in a **permanent state of adaptation**
- Example: think of a cat
 - exposed to wind
 - this stimulus is perceived and damped (irrelevant)
 - cat encounters obstacle, receptor should perceive this sudden deviation of the whiskers, while wind persists
 - enduring sensitivity

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 2. Modeling



Perception Unit / Sensor

Transduction Unit

Processing Unit

Alarm / Alert

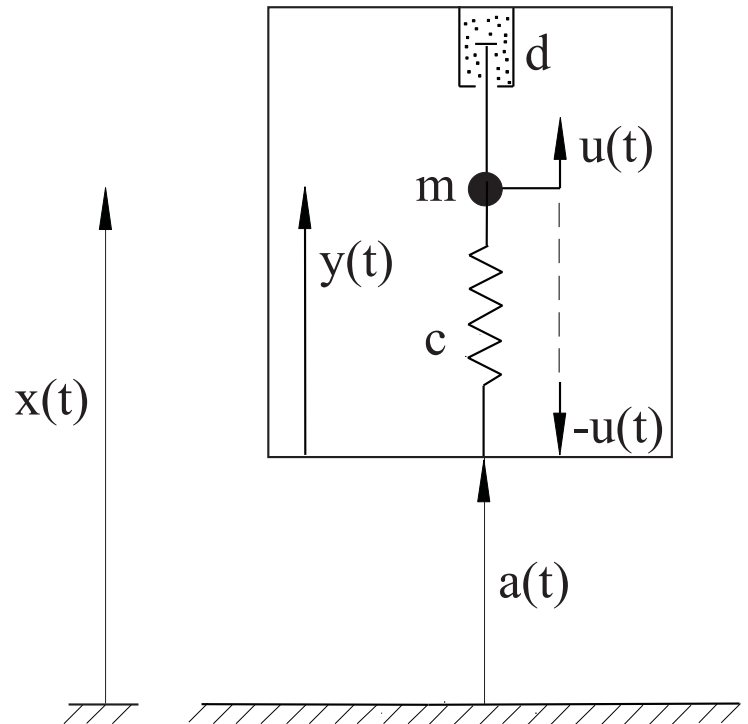
Development of new
measuring and **monitoring** systems

- Adjustment and adaptation of its sensitivity to the environment
- obvious: unknown surroundings
- treatment of uncertain systems:
How to design an effective processing unit?

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 2. Modeling

Receptor model:

- linear spring-mass-damper-system within a rigid frame
- forced by an unknown time-dependent displacement $a(\cdot)$
- adjustment: assuming control force $u(\cdot)$ acting on inner mass



in relative coordinate $y = x - a$ as the measured output

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{pmatrix} \bullet &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{m} & -\frac{d}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ddot{a}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ y(0) &= x_0 - a(0), \quad \dot{y}(0) = x_1 - \dot{a}(0). \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 3. Scope, problem & goal

Scope:

- achieve a predefined movement of the receptor mass as stabilization of the sensor system or tracking of a reference trajectory
- sole possibility: control force $u(\cdot)$
- find a suitable control strategy to reproduce the specialities of the biological system
- compensate unknown ground excitations

Problem:

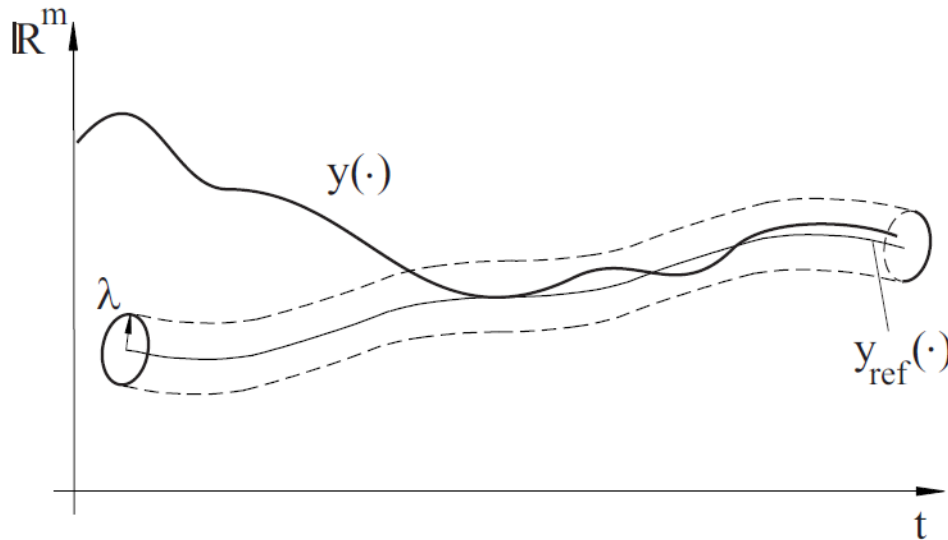
- many open-loop and closed-loop controls are based on exactly known parameters
- here: highly uncertain control system (due to biological complexity)
 - unknown external perturbation
 - unknown system parameters
 - only structural properties known

What to do if the system is not known precisely?

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 3. Scope, problem & goal

Goal:

Design an **adaptive controller**, which **learns** from the behavior of the system, so **automatically adjusts** its parameters and achieves ...



λ - tracking (not exact tracking)

- (i) every solution of the closed-loop system is defined and bounded,
- (ii) the output $y(\cdot)$ tracks the given reference signal with asymptotic accuracy λ .

Requirements:

- ability to apply controllers without knowledge about system parameters
- simple feedback / controller structure
- small level of gain parameters, level of error inside the tube
- ability to quickly adapt to parameter changes

General System Class:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{y}(t) &= A_2 \dot{y}(t) + f_1(s_1(t), y(t), z(t)) + G u(t), \\ \dot{z}(t) &= A_5 z(t) + A_0 \dot{y}(t) + f_2(s_2(t), y(t)), \\ y(t_0) &= y_0, \quad \dot{y}(t_0) = y_1, \quad z(t_0) = z_0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- $y(t), y_0, y_1, u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m, z(t), z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-2m};$
- real valued A_2, G, A_5, A_0 of appropriate dimensions;
- $n \geq 2m;$

Properties:

- quadratic, finite-dimensional, nonlinearly perturbed, m -input $u(\cdot)$, m -output $y(\cdot)$ control system (MIMO) with strict relative degree two;
- $\text{spec}(G) \subset \mathbb{C}_+$, i.e., the spectrum of the “high-frequency gain” lies in the open right-half complex plane;
- $\text{spec}(A_5) \subset \mathbb{C}_-$, i.e., the unperturbed system is minimum phase (stable zero dynamics);
- functions f_1 and f_2 are continuous and linearly affine bounded;
- s_1 and s_2 may be thought of as (bounded) disturbance terms;

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 4. Mathematical model

Special
System
Subclass:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{y}(t) &= A_2 \dot{y}(t) + f_1(s_1(t), y(t), z(t)) + G u(t), \\ \dot{z}(t) &= A_5 z(t) + f_2(s_2(t), y(t)), \\ y(t_0) &= y_0, \quad \dot{y}(t_0) = y_1, \quad z(t_0) = z_0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- $y(t), y_0, y_1, u(t) \in \mathbb{R}, z(t), z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-2};$
- real valued A_2, G, A_5 of appropriate dimensions;
- $n \geq 2;$

restriction

Properties:

- quadratic, finite-dimensional, nonlinearly perturbed, SISO-control system with strict relative degree two;
- $G > 0$, i.e., positive input gain;
- $\text{spec}(A_5) \subset \mathbb{C}_-$, i.e., the unperturbed system is minimum phase (stable zero dynamics);
- functions f_1 and f_2 are continuous and linearly affine bounded;
- s_1 and s_2 may be thought of as (bounded) disturbance terms;
- $A_2 < 0$, i.e., stable zero-center;

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 5. Control strategies

Modified from literature, high-gain controllers:

Controller 1: (using the derivative of the output)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e(t) &:= y(t) - y_{\text{ref}}(t), \\ u(t) &= -\left(k(t)e(t) + \frac{d}{dt}(k(t)e(t))\right), \\ \dot{k}(t) &= \gamma \left(\max\left\{0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda\right\}\right)^2, \quad k(0) = k_0 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Works for general} \\ \text{class, proven 2006} \end{array}$$

Controller 2: (includes a dynamic compensator, no derivative measurement)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e(t) &:= y(t) - y_{\text{ref}}(t), \\ u(t) &= -k(t)\theta(t) - \frac{d}{dt}(k(t)\theta(t)), \\ \dot{\theta}(t) &= -k(t)^2\theta(t) + k(t)^2e(t), \quad \theta(0) = \theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \dot{k}(t) &= \gamma \max\left\{0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda\right\}^2, \quad k(0) = k_0 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Works for general} \\ \text{class, proven 2011} \end{array}$$

Controller 3: (controller of order 1, P-structure)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e(t) &:= y(t) - y_{\text{ref}}(t), \\ u(t) &= -k(t)e(t), \\ \dot{k}(t) &= \gamma \max\left\{0, |e(t)| - \lambda\right\}^2, \quad k(0) = k_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Works only for} \\ \text{special subclass,} \\ \text{proven 2013, not} \\ \text{extendable to MIMO} \end{array}$$

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 5. Control strategies

Let $\lambda > 0$, $\mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{R}$, $s_1(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}^\infty(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; \mathbb{R}^{q_1})$ and $s_2(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}^\infty(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; \mathbb{R}^{q_2})$. Then the presented adaptive λ -trackers applied to every system of the general system class yields for any initial data $(\mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{z}_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, k_0) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{n-2m} \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) &= \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t), & \mathbf{y}(0) &= \mathbf{y}_0, \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\zeta}}(t) &= \mathbf{A}_2 \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t) + \mathbf{f}_1(s_1(t), \mathbf{y}(t), \mathbf{z}(t)) \\ &\quad - \mathbf{G} \left[k(t) \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) + k(t)^3 [\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(t)] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \max \left\{ 0, \|\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(t)\| - \lambda \right\}^2 \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) - k(t)^3 \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) \right], & \boldsymbol{\zeta}(0) &= \mathbf{y}_1, \\ \dot{\mathbf{z}}(t) &= \mathbf{A}_5 \mathbf{z}(t) + \mathbf{A}_0 \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t) + \mathbf{f}_2(s_2(t), \mathbf{y}(t)), & \mathbf{z}(0) &= \mathbf{z}_0, \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t) &= -k(t)^2 \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) + k(t)^2 [\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(t)], & \boldsymbol{\theta}(0) &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \\ \dot{k}(t) &= \max \left\{ 0, \|\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(t)\| - \lambda \right\}^2, & k(0) &= k_0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

which has a maximal solution $(\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, k) : [0, t') \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{n-2m} \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ with:

- (i) $t' = \infty$, i.e. there does not exist a finite escape time;
- (ii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} k(t)$ exists and is finite;
- (iii) the solution, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\zeta}}(\cdot)$, $\dot{\mathbf{z}}(\cdot)$, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\cdot)$ and $u(\cdot)$ are bounded;
- (iv) $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}(t)\| \leq \lambda$;
- (v) $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}(t)\| \leq \lambda$.

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Problems

- stabilization and tracking are guaranteed / proven
- slow convergence of controller gain: introducing new parameter γ

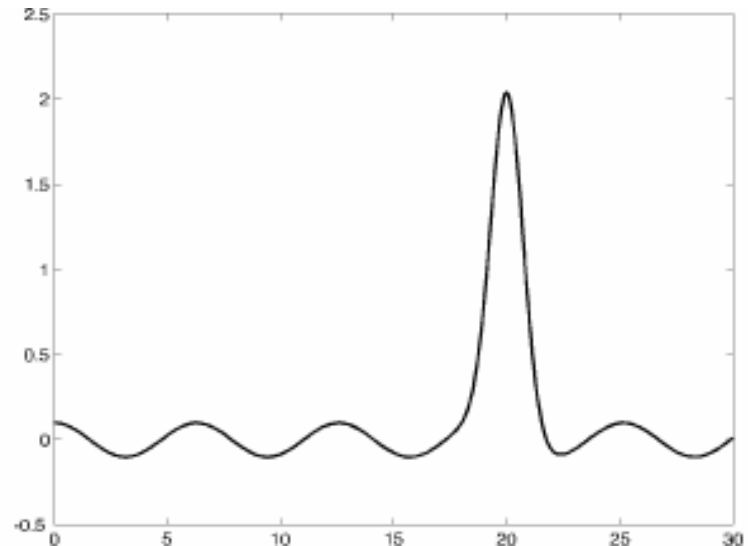
$$\dot{k}(t) = \gamma \left(\max \left\{ 0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda \right\} \right)^2, \quad k(0) = k_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- this parameter strongly determines the growth of the gain parameter (sufficiently large enough)

- Example:

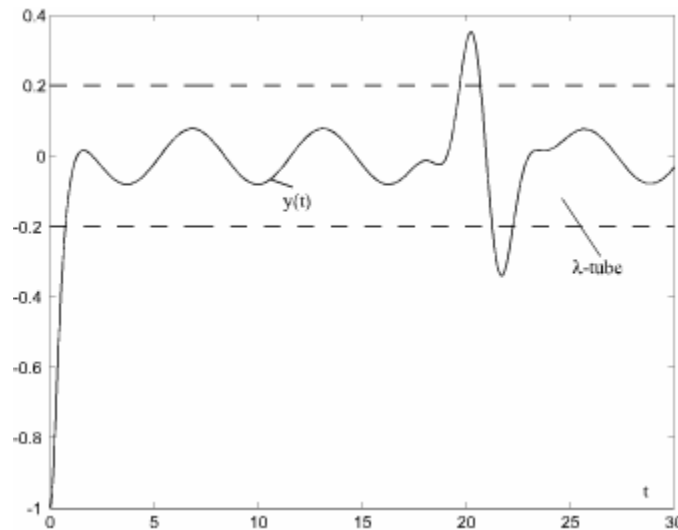
soliton excitation peak at $t=20.5$:

$$t \mapsto a(t) = \left(1 + 3e^{-0.5(t-20.5)^2} \right) \cos(t)$$



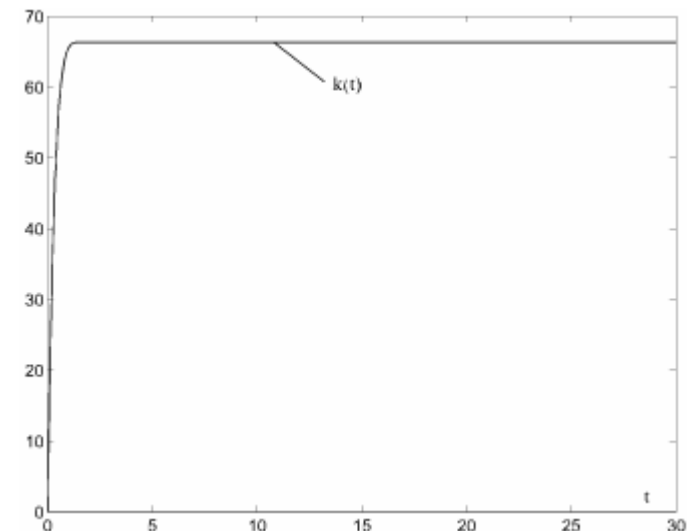
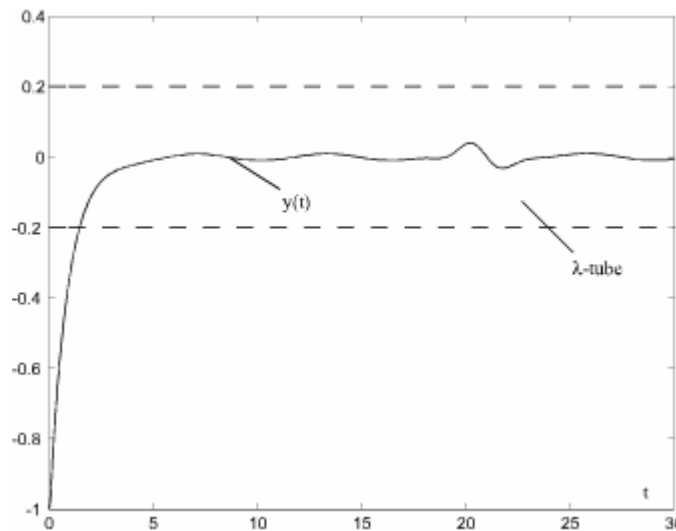
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$\gamma = 10 :$



- high gain values, still stays constant although control objective is achieved
- arrive also at high feedback values
- furthermore: system is now not really sensitive to notice other impulses (see $t=20.5$)

$\gamma = 300 :$

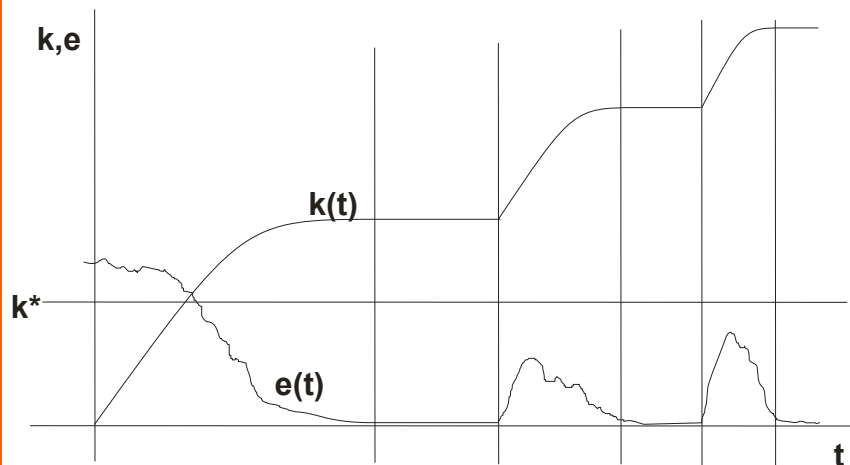


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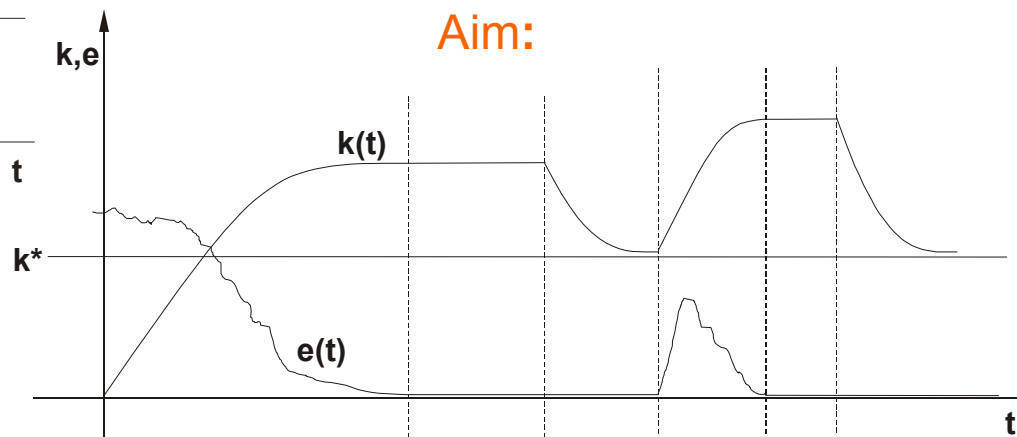
- closed-loop system is getting insensitive for changes of the stimulus
- caused by **only monotonic increase** of the gain parameter (classical adaptor)

$$\dot{k}(t) = \gamma \left(\max \left\{ 0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda \right\} \right)^2$$

- also do almost all controllers existing in the literature



Also: What about limited resources in applications?



Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 6. Adaptors

Attempt 1: so-called „sigma-modification“ (in the literature):

$$\dot{k}(t) = -\sigma k(t) + \gamma \left(\max \left\{ 0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda \right\} \right)^2, \quad \lambda > 0, \sigma > 0, \gamma \gg 1$$

- this adaptor achieves damping and increase of the gain k **simultaneously** when e is outside the tube
- this law (often) leads to chaotic behavior of the system

Attempt 2: first simple modification:

$$\dot{k}(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \lambda \right)^2, & \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda, \\ -\sigma k(t), & \|e(t)\| < \lambda, \end{cases} \quad \lambda > 0, \sigma > 0, \gamma \gg 1$$

- also showing **alternating** increase and exponential decrease of k
- Problem:
It could happen that e rapidly traverses the tube. Then it would be inadequate to immediately decrease k after e entered the tube.

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Attempt 3: Distinguishing three cases:

1. increasing k while e is outside the tube,
2. constant k after e entered the tube - no longer than a pre-specified duration t_d of stay,
3. decreasing k after this duration has been exceeded:

$$\dot{k}(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \lambda \right)^2, & \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda, \\ 0, & \left(\|e(t)\| < \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E < t_d), \\ -\sigma k(t), & \left(\|e(t)\| < \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E \geq t_d), \end{cases}$$

$\lambda > 0, \sigma > 0, \gamma \gg 1, t_d > 0, t_E$ internal

Attempt 4: In order to make the attraction of the tube stronger using different exponents for large/small distance from the tube:

$$\dot{k}(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \lambda \right)^2, & \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda + 1, \\ \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \lambda \right)^{0.5}, & \lambda + 1 > \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda, \\ 0, & \left(\|e(t)\| < \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E < t_d), \\ -\sigma k(t), & \left(\|e(t)\| < \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E \geq t_d), \end{cases}$$

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 6. Adaptors

Attempt 5: One way to guarantee that e will not leave the tube after entering the tube and k is going to be decreased, is tracking of a smaller value than the desired one, for example $\varepsilon = 0.7$:

$$\dot{k}(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \varepsilon \lambda \right)^2, & \|e(t)\| \geq \varepsilon \lambda + 1, \\ \gamma \left(\|e(t)\| - \varepsilon \lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, & \varepsilon \lambda + 1 > \|e(t)\| \geq \varepsilon \lambda, \\ 0, & \left(\|e(t)\| < \varepsilon \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E < t_d), \\ -\sigma k(t), & \left(\|e(t)\| < \varepsilon \lambda \right) \wedge (t - t_E \geq t_d), \end{cases}$$

- turns out as the to-be-favoured one

- „ ε - safe λ - tracking“

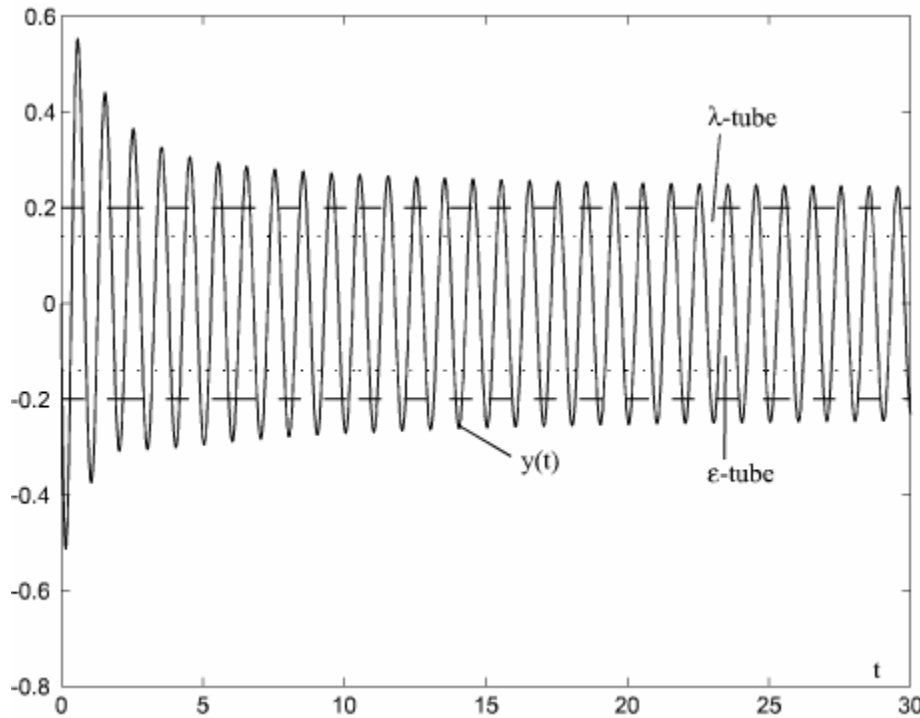
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- adaptive nature: arbitrary choice of the system parameters
- obvious (for numerical simulation) to choose system data fixed and known, but controllers adjust their gain parameter to each set of system data
- parameters: arbitrarily chosen, not measured, not identified from biological paradigm
 - sensor system: sensor mass $m = 1$, damping coefficient $d = 5$, spring stiffness $c = 10$;
 - initial values $(y(0), \dot{y}(0)) = (-a(0), -\dot{a}(0))$
 - reference signal $t \mapsto y_{\text{ref}}(t) = 0$ (rest position)
 - ground excitation $t \mapsto a(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$
 - ε -safe λ -tracker: initial gain value $k_0 = 1$, tracking tolerance $\lambda = 0.2$, decrease rate $\sigma = 1$, time of duration in tube $t_d = 3$, gain convergence parameter $\gamma = 50$, safe $\varepsilon = 0.7$

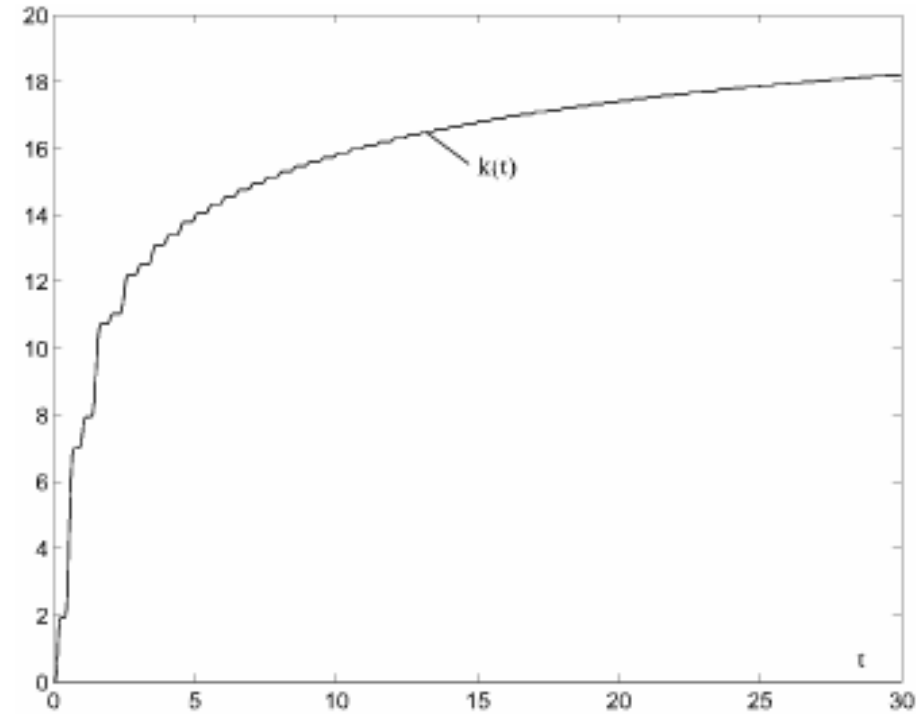
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λ -tracker / classical adaptor

Output, tubes vs. t



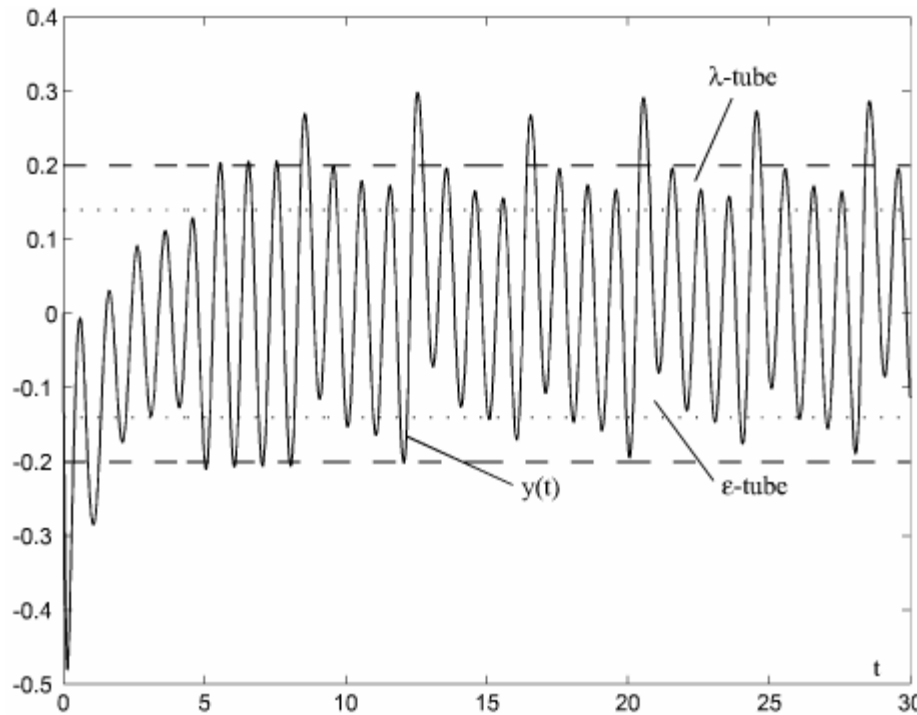
Gain parameter vs. t



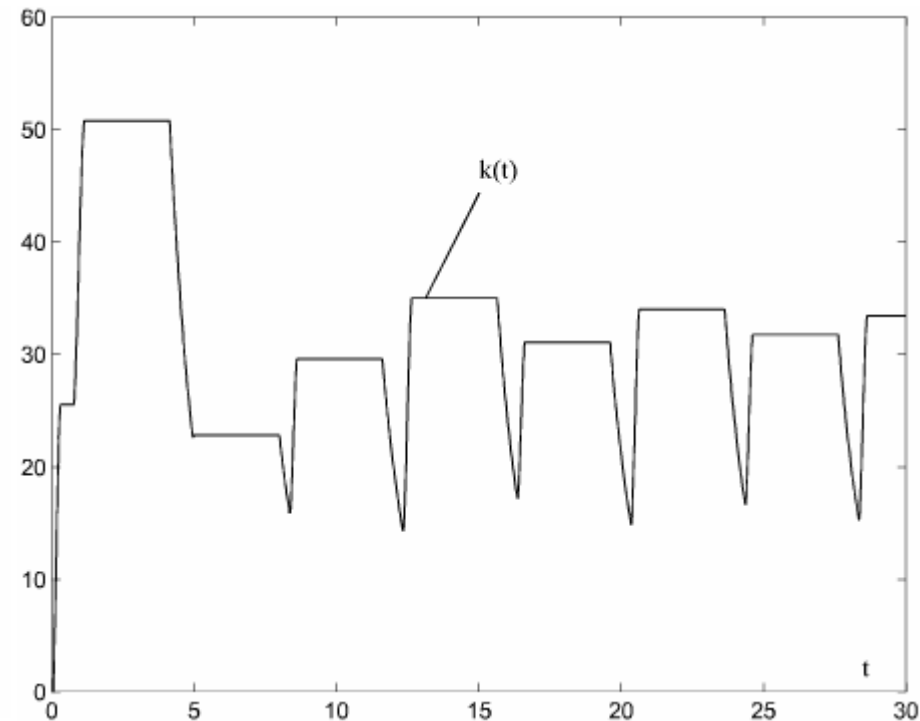
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λ -tracker / Adaptor with two exponents

Output, tubes vs. t



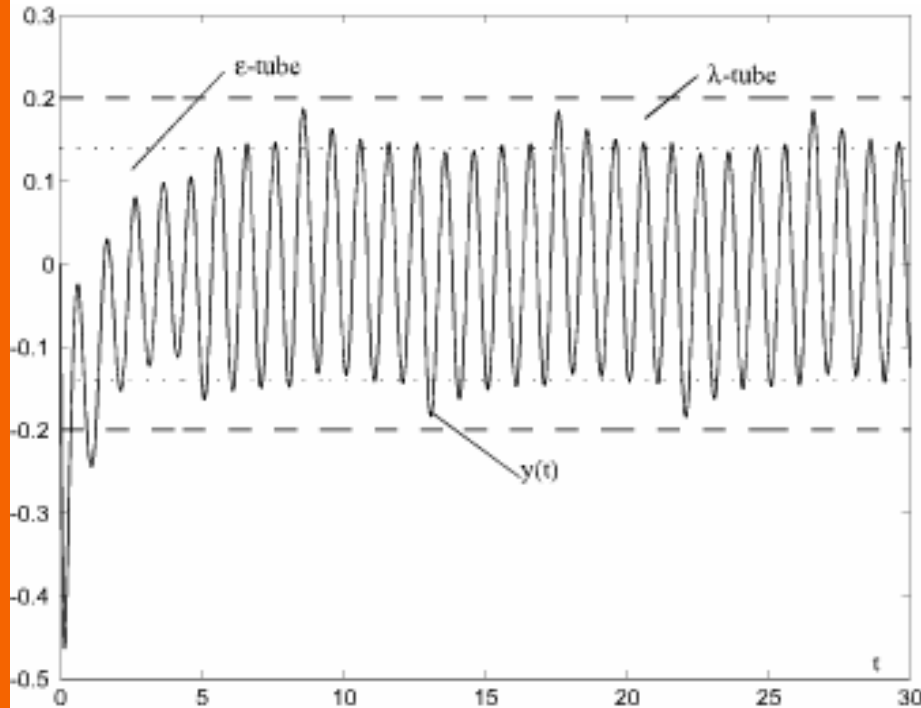
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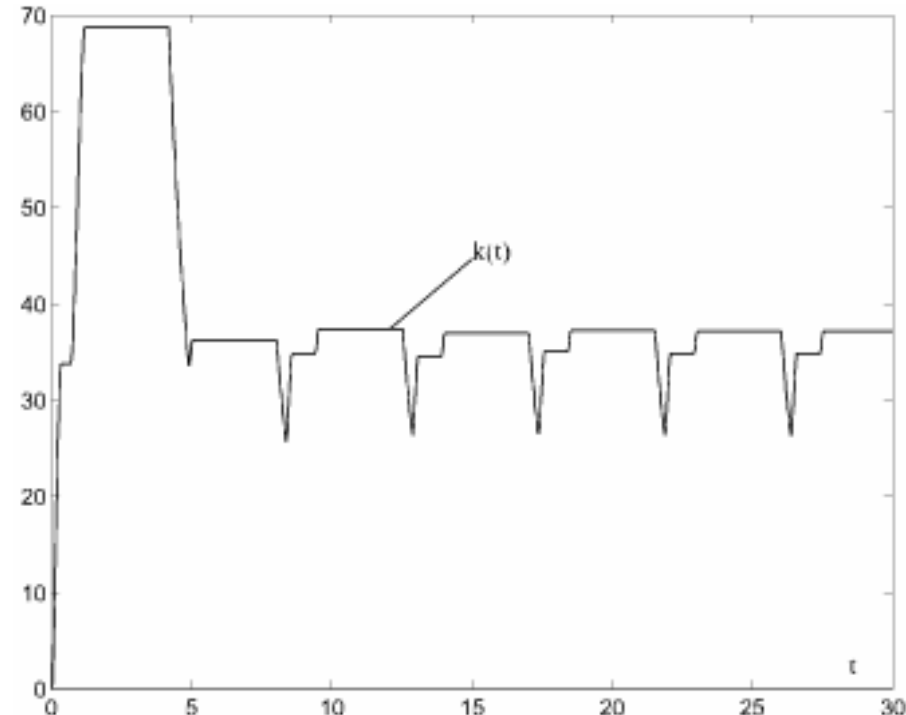
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ε -safe λ -tracker

Output, tubes vs. t



Gain parameter vs. t

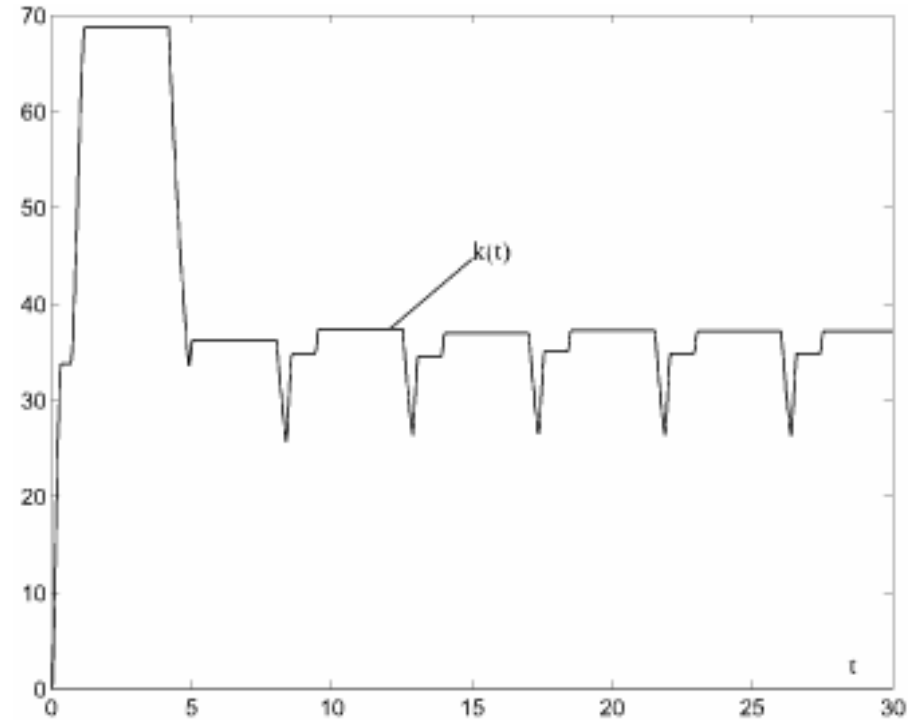
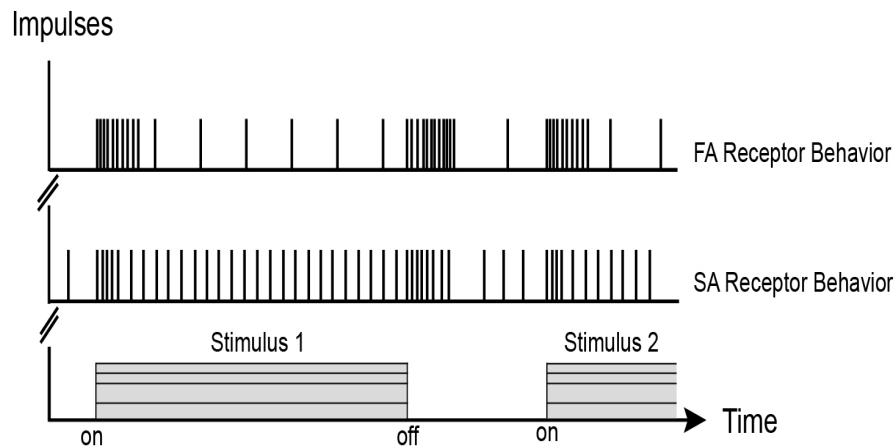


- no apparently leaving of the λ -tube as before
- step increase of $k(\cdot)$ is due to „switching on“ the controller

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ε -safe λ -tracker

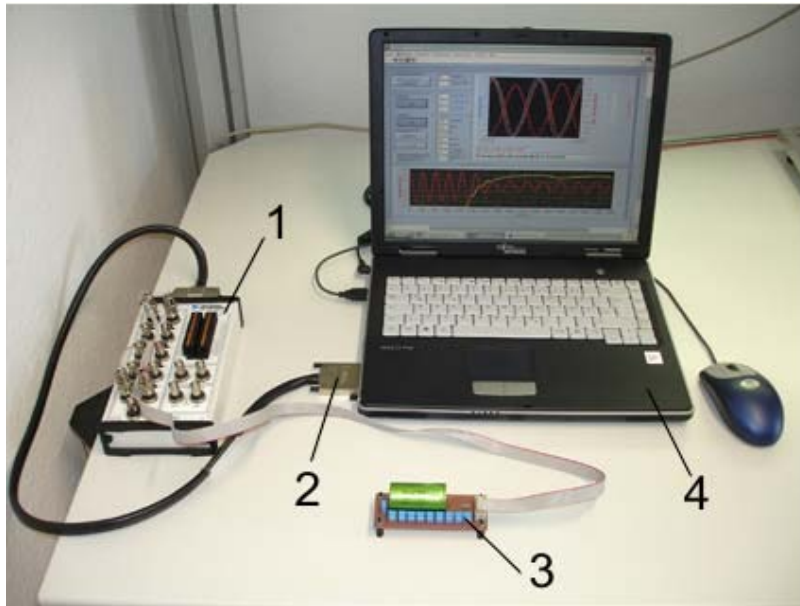
Gain parameter vs. t



Gain parameter reflects the behavior of the biological paradigm

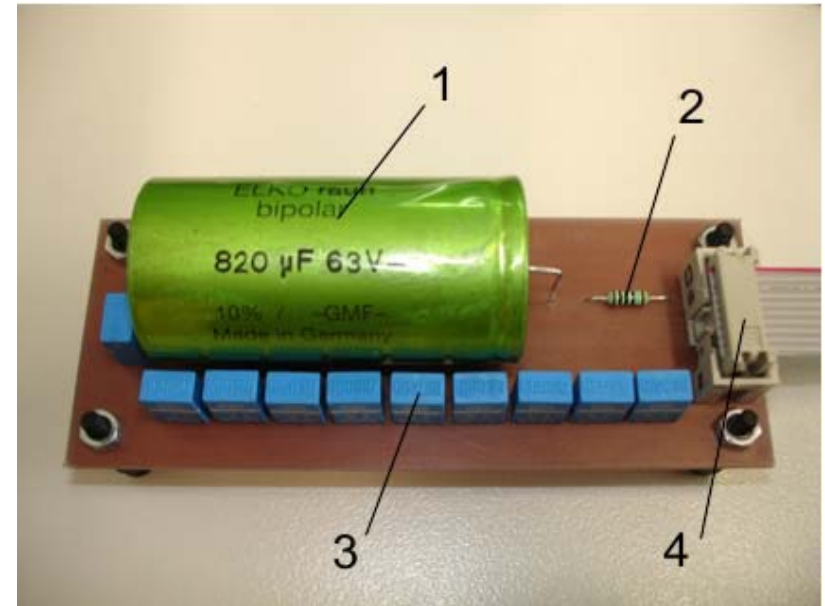
Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 8. Experiments

demonstrator in form of an electrical oscillating circuit



Test rig:

- 1 - I/O-system (BNC-2110),
- 2 - DAQ-6036-PCMCIA-card,
- 3 - demonstrator,
- 4 - PC with LabView



Circuit:

- 1 - capacitor ($C = 800 \mu F$),
- 2 - resistor ($R = 100 \Omega$),
- 3 - one inductor
(overall inductance $L_{ges} = 640 mH$),
- 4 - communication to PC

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 8. Experiments

Equations of motion:

$$L \ddot{q}(t) + R \dot{q}(t) + \frac{1}{C} q(t) = U(t) + u(t).$$

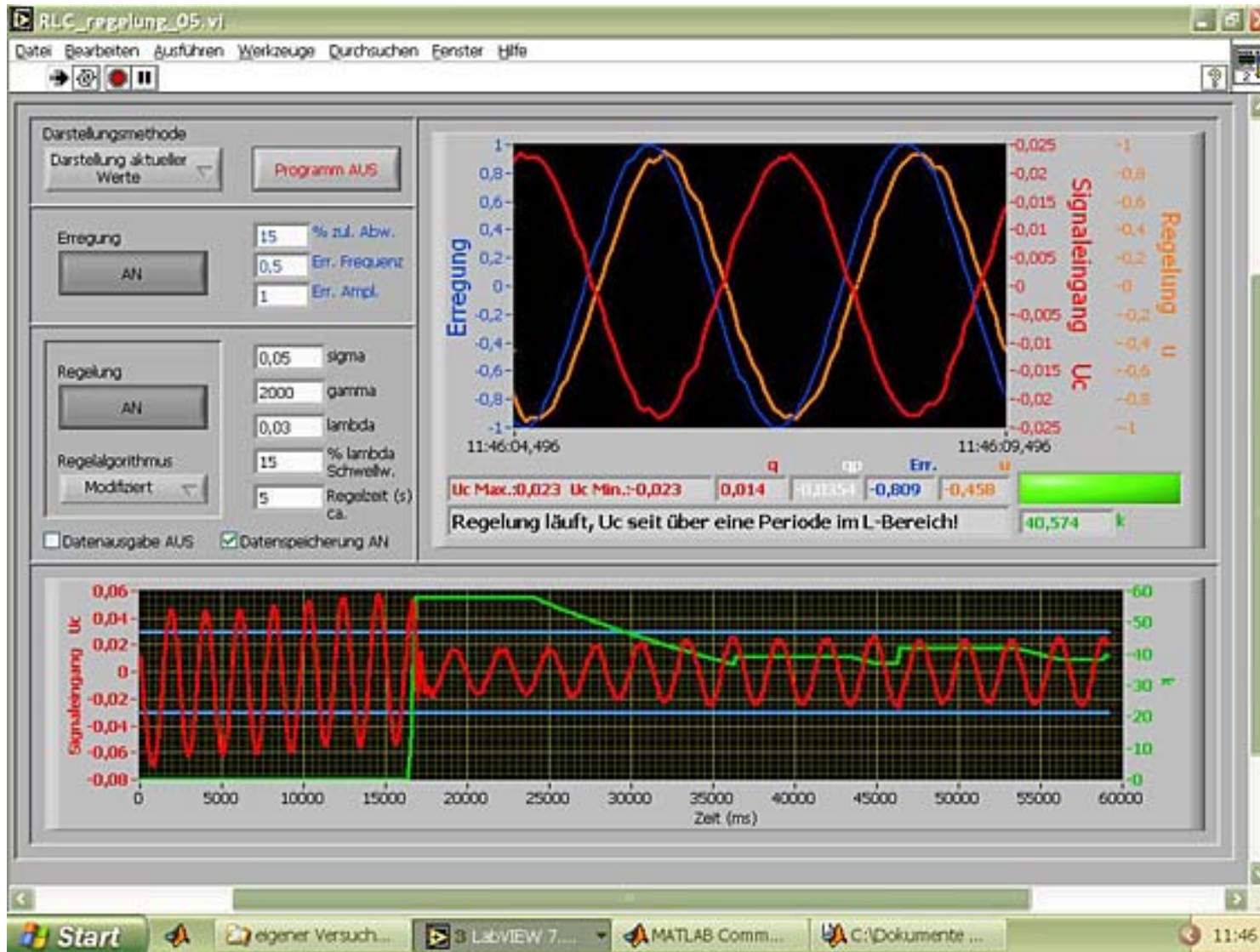
Goal: adaptively compensating changes of $U(\cdot)$ by means of control input $u(\cdot)$

Control input: $u := U_C$ (directly control the capacity voltage,
depends linearly on measured output charge $q(\cdot)$)

Parameters:

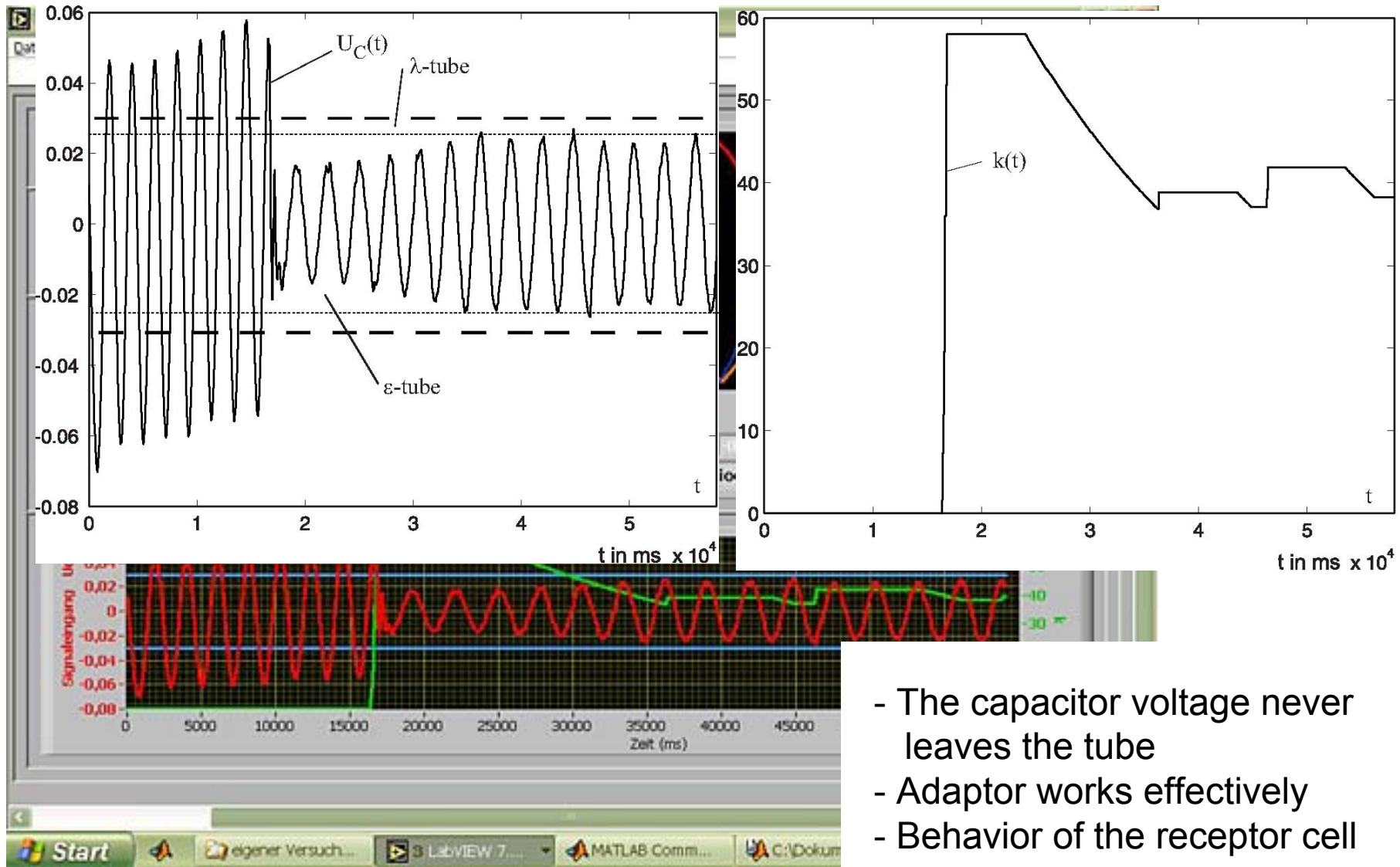
- reference signal $t \mapsto q_{\text{ref}}(t) = 0$
- excitation $t \mapsto U(t) = U_0 \sin(\omega t)$ with amplitude $U_0 = 5 V$ and frequency $f = 0.5 Hz$
- ε -safe λ -tracker: initial gain value $k_0 = 1$, tracking tolerance $\lambda = 0.03 V$, decrease rate $\sigma = 0.05$, time of duration in tube $t_d = 1s$, gain convergence parameter $\gamma = 100$, safe $\varepsilon = 0.7$ (much smaller tolerance)

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 8. Experiments



Control panel in LabView

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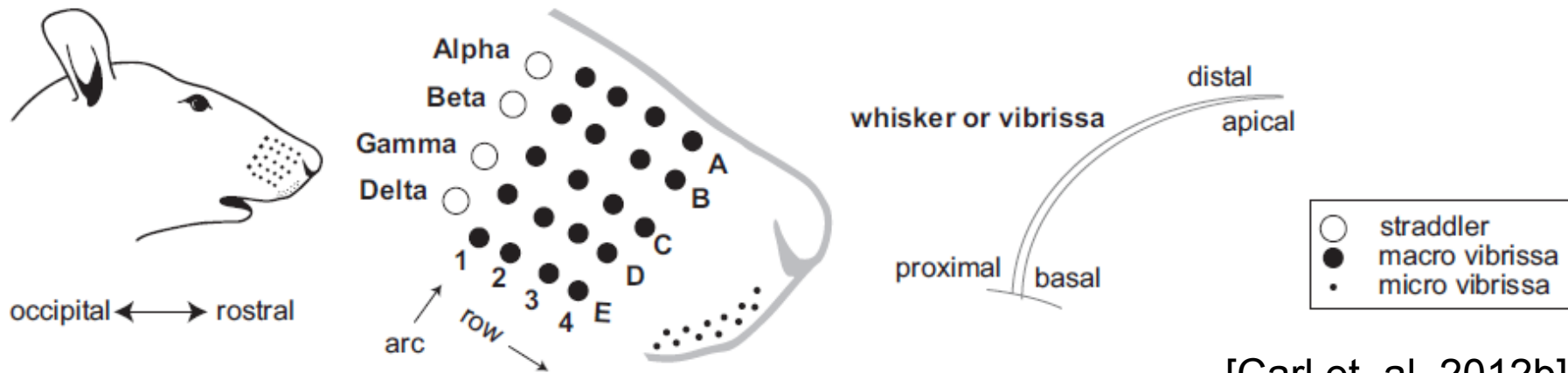
Control panel in LabView

- The capacitor voltage never leaves the tube
- Adaptor works effectively
- Behavior of the receptor cell

Part I: Mechanoreceptors – 9. Conclusions

- Development of new control strategies and sensor models
- Motivated by a sensory hair receptor: permanent state of adaptation
- Behavior mimicked by an artificial sensor system via adaptive control
- Supposed high degree of unknown system parameters
- Adaptive control design to dominate an uncertain system with improved gain parameter models with minimal knowledge of system parameters
- Simple control design: rely only on structural properties, do not invoke any estimation or identification mechanism, do not depend on output derivative
- Numerical simulations and experiments have shown that the proposed controller exhibit both sensibility and adaptivity.
- The receptor model rapidly suppresses the persisting stimuli and shows good reactions to sudden changes in the stimulus.

Part II: Vibrissae – 1. Introduction (Anatomy)



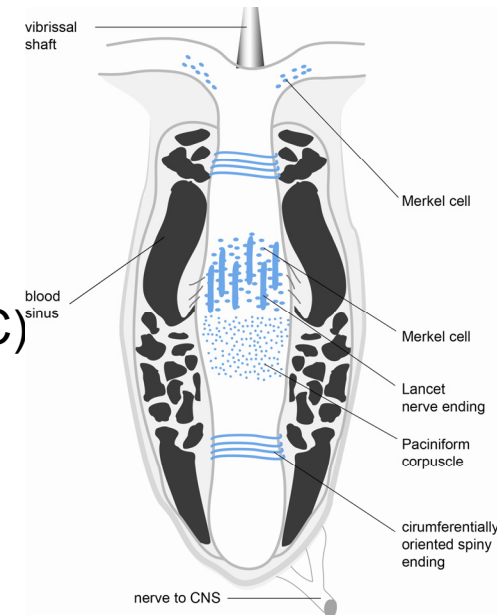
[Carl et. al. 2012b]

two components: sinus hair and own hair follicle

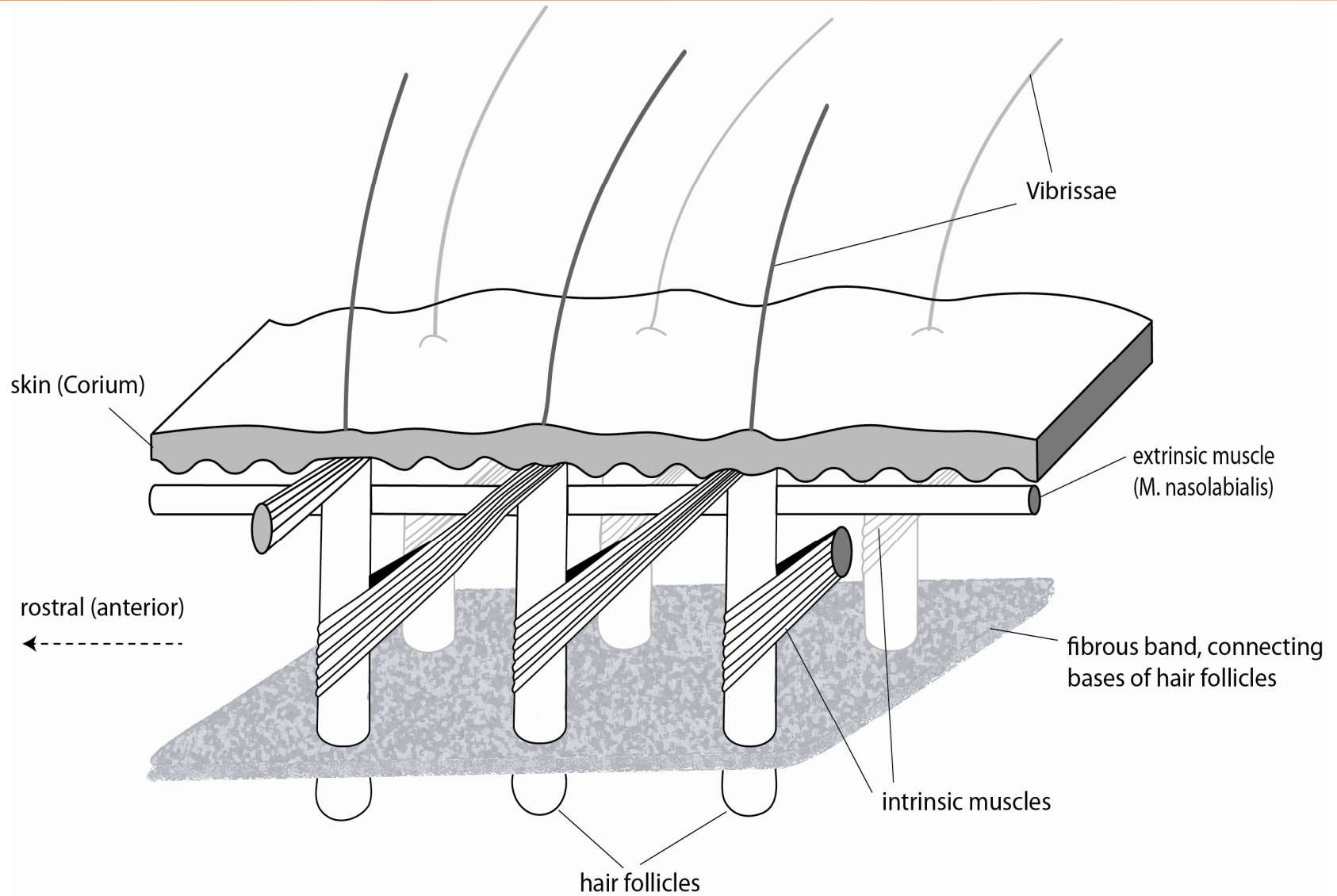
elastical, hollow and conically shaped

Part II

Follicle-Sinus-Complex (FSC)
blood vessels and nerves
(mechanoreceptors)
→ viscoelastic support

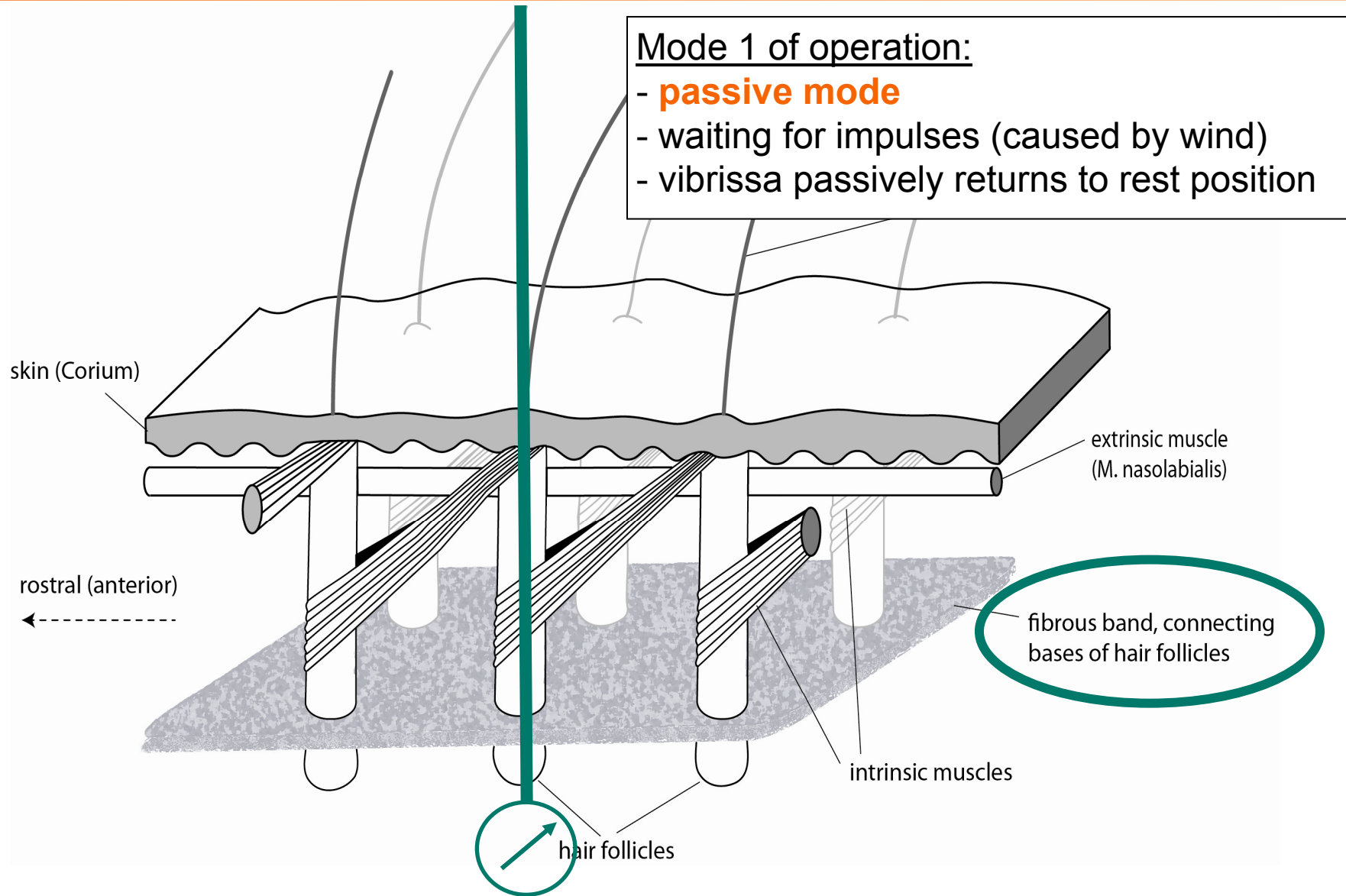


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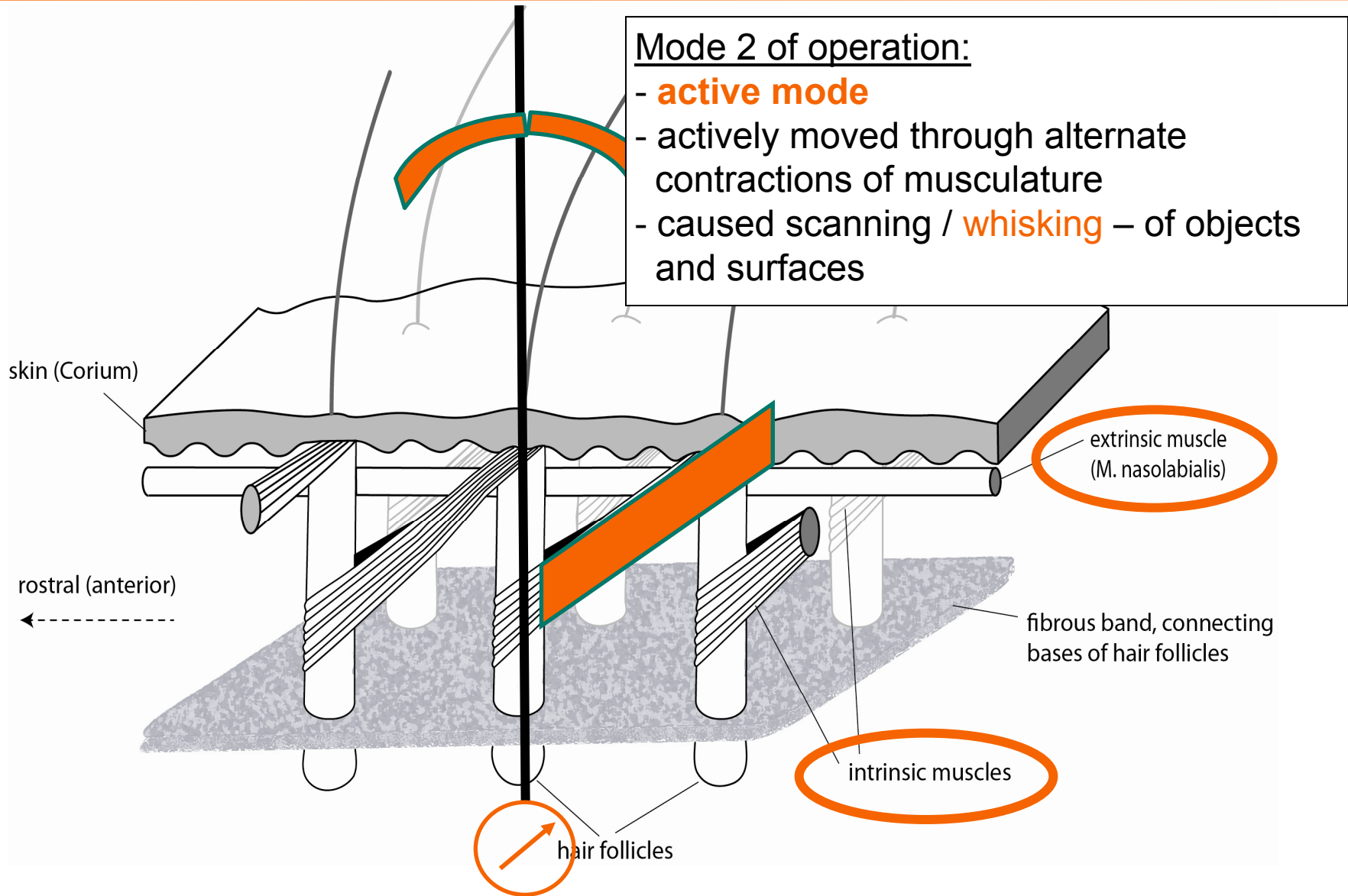


[D. Voges, TUI, 2012]

Part II: Vibrissae – 2. Functionality



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Part II: Vibrissae – 2. Functionality / control strategies

Offering the ability to adapt its sensitivity to its environment:

- **detection** of vibrissa displacements by mechanoreceptors in the FSC
- a feedback loop (closed-loop control system) enables the rodents to immediately **react** to an object contact: they slow down the vibrissae
- depending on the mode (passive or active) and the expectations, the neuron's reaction is **controlled**: is being suppressed, enhanced or left unaltered
- the rodents can *probably* **modify** the stiffness of the vibrissa support by varying the pressure in the blood-sinus
- active whisking pattern
 - a) **exploratory whisking**: large amplitudes, low frequency (5-15Hz)
 - b) **foveal whisking**: small amplitudes, high frequency (15-25Hz)

still unclear:

How the animals convert these multiple contacts with single objects into coherent information about their surroundings?

But:

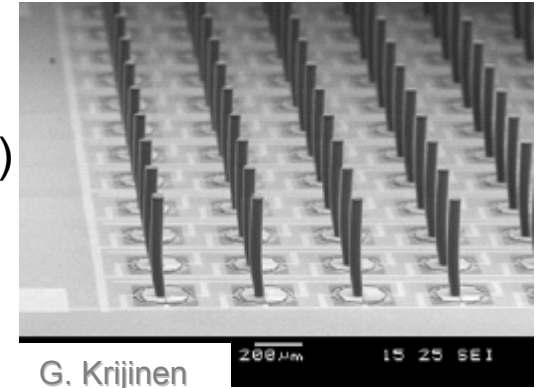
highly interesting sensory system (autonomous robotics, reliable information in dark, smoky or noisy environments)

Part II: Vibrissae – 3. Application

Paradigms of tactile sensors for perceptions in applications:

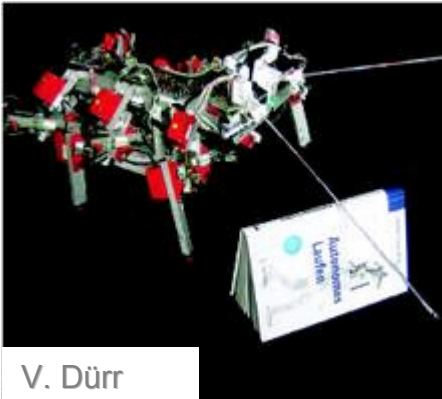
- quality assurance (e.g., coordinate measuring machines)
- measurements of flow rates
- detection of packaged goods on conveyor belts

Microsystem Technology

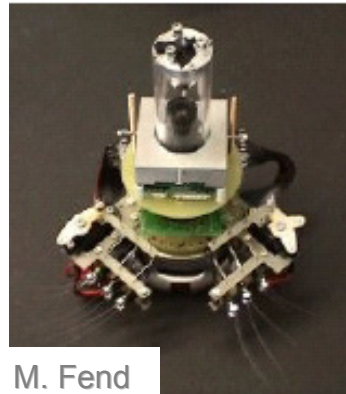


detection of flow rates

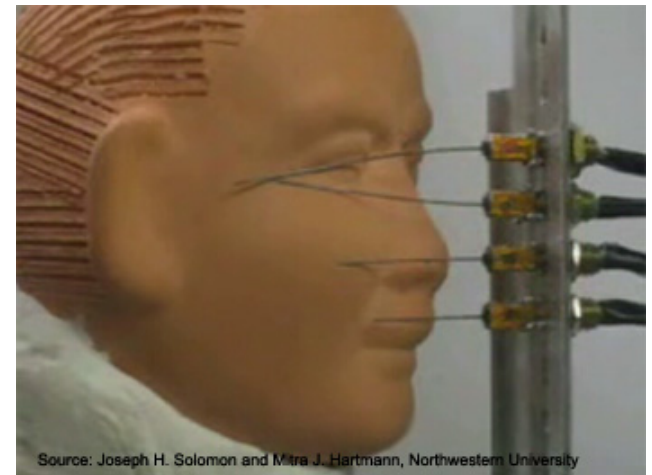
Robotics



object localization

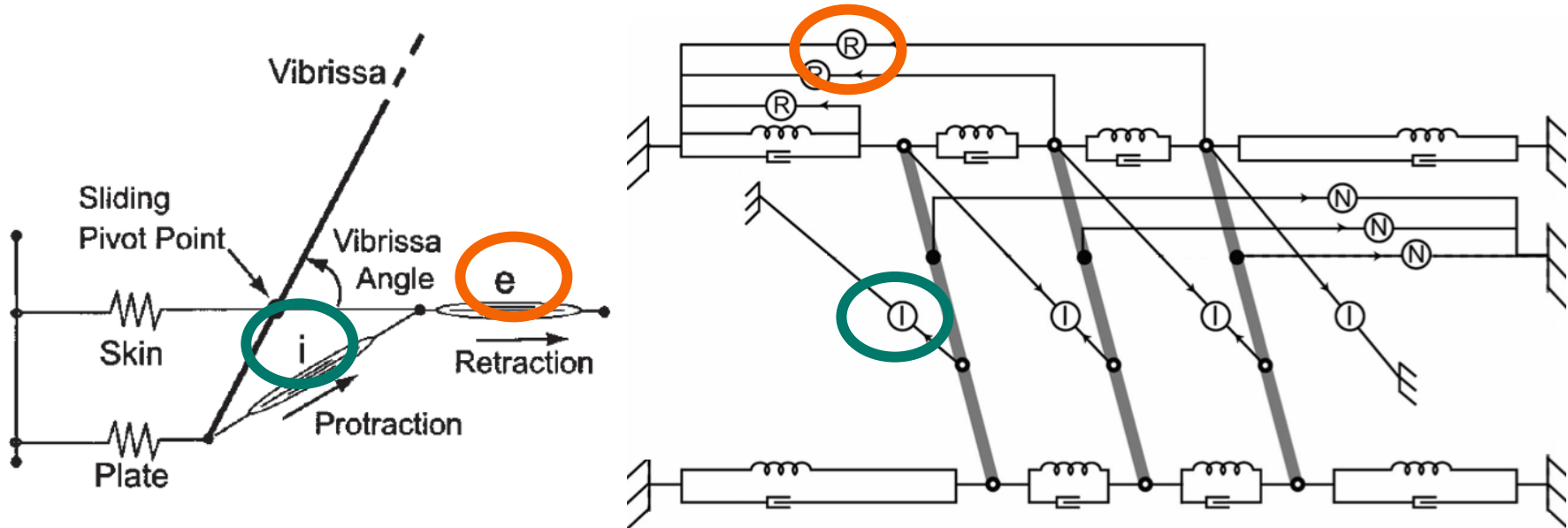


detection of texture



detection of surfaces

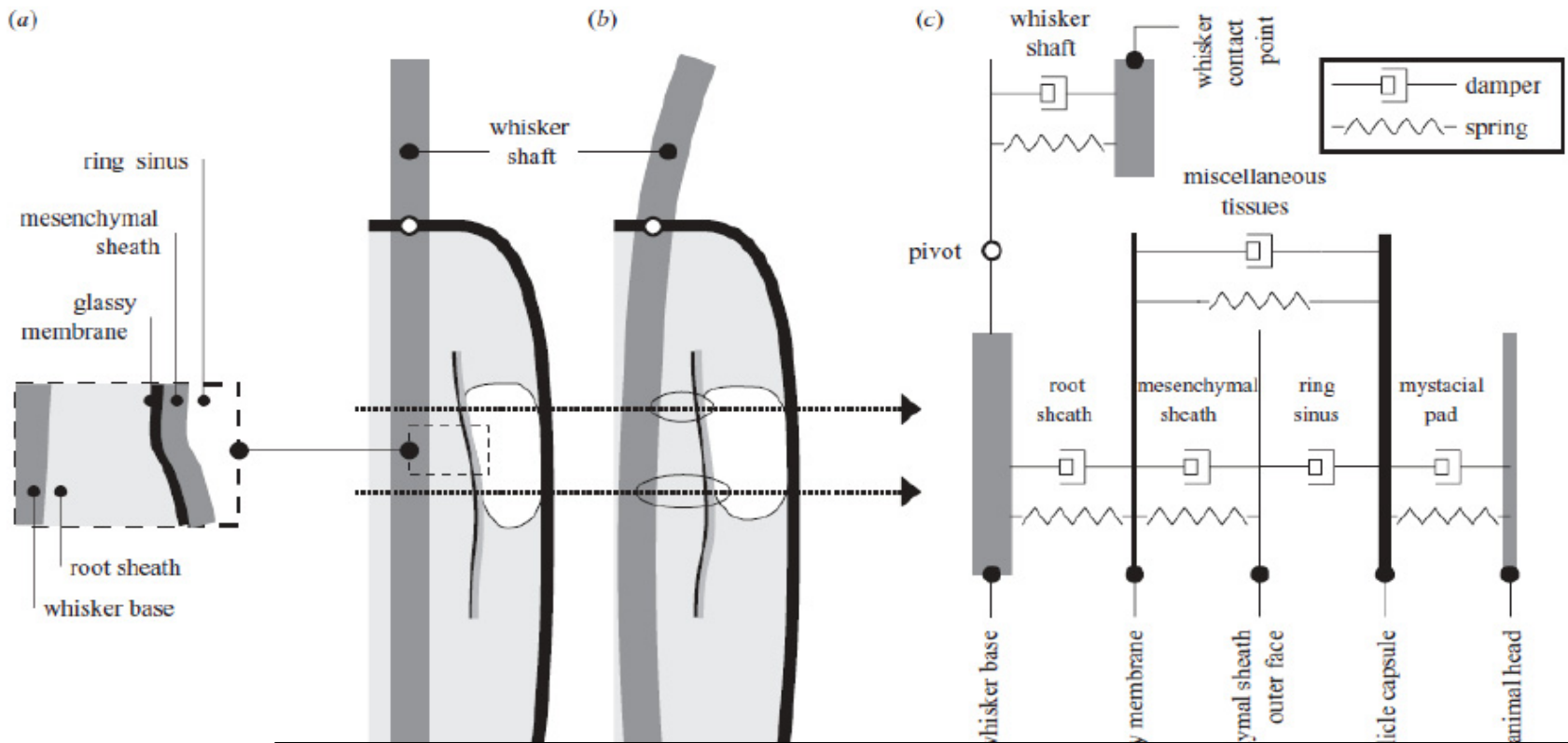
Rigid body model of a vibrissa / vibrissa row with musculature in [Berg, Kleinfeld 2003] and [Hill et. al. 2008]



- ⊕ Implementation of the intrinsic and extrinsic musculature
- ⊕ Simulating the viscoelastic properties of the skin
 - ↪ Determination of spring and damping coefficients for the skin
- ⊖ Neglecting the viscoelastic properties of the FSC
- ⊖ Connection between the follicles
 - ↪ leads to complex control strategy and high control effort

Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Rigid body models

Rigid body model of the vibrissa / Simulating the compliance of the FSC in [Mitchinson et. al. 2004], [Mitchinson et. al. 2007]

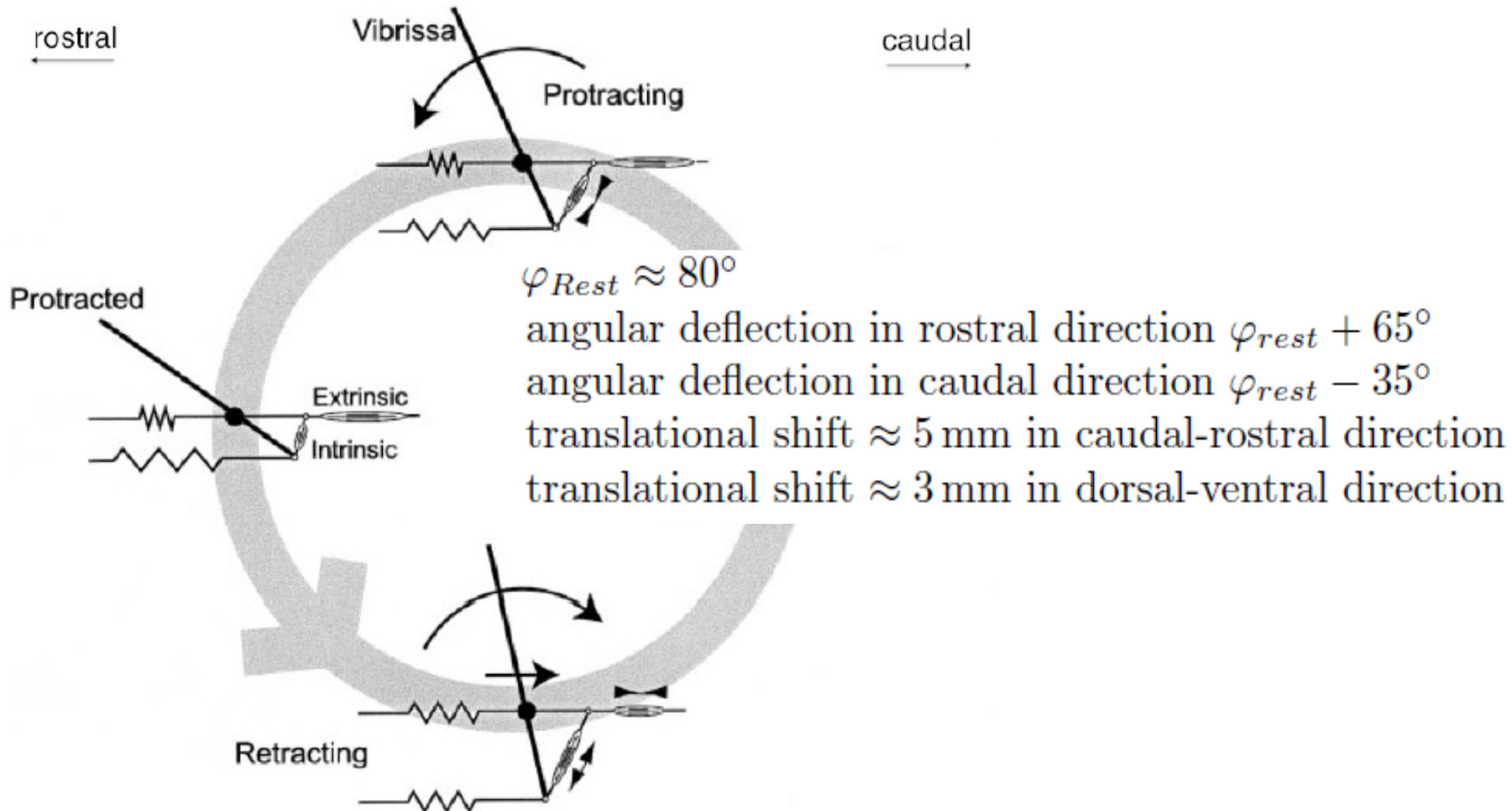


⊖ too complex for a technical implementation

⊕ Determination of spring and damping coefficients for the FSC

Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Rigid body models

Rigid body model of a vibrissa for determination of the range of movement of the vibrissa in [Berg, Kleinfeld 2003]

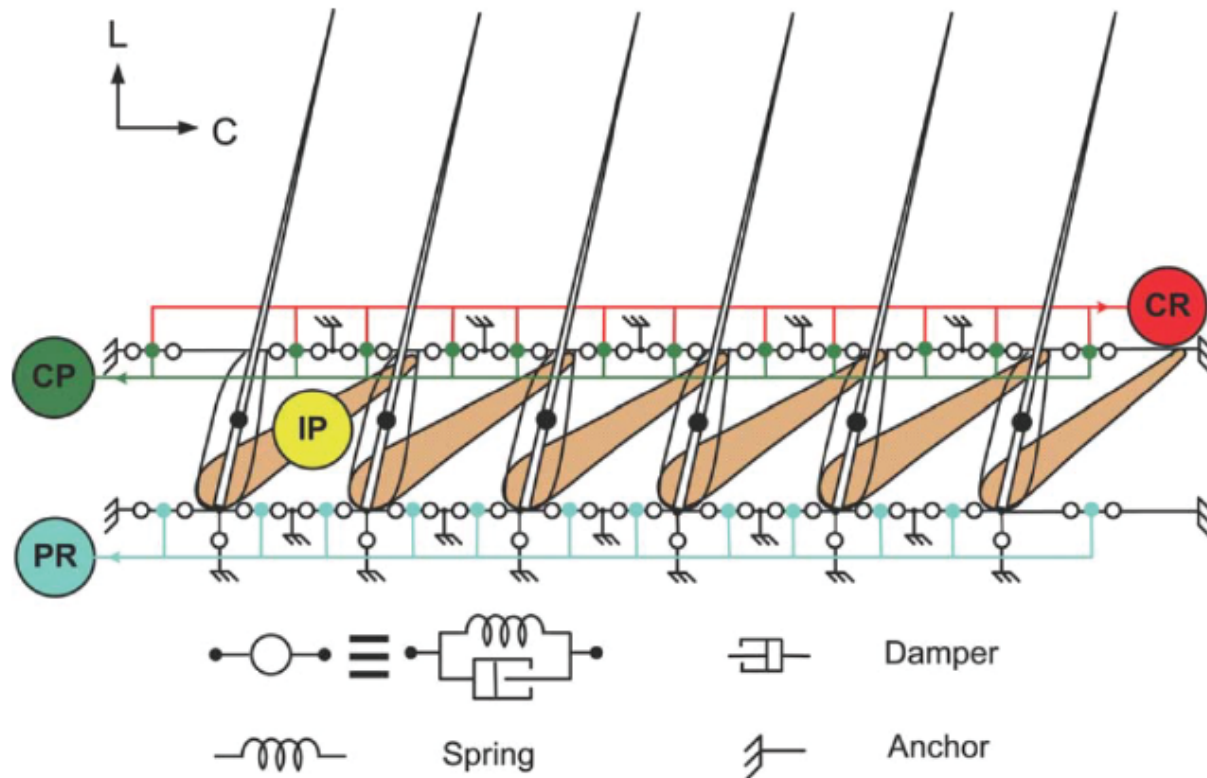


Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Rigid body models

Biomechanical model representing one vibrissal row

in [Haidarliu et al. 2010] and [Haidarliu et al. 2011]

Goal: modeling the muscle-tissue-system in the mystacial pad



just for illustration, model is too complex to investigate control algorithm, no focus

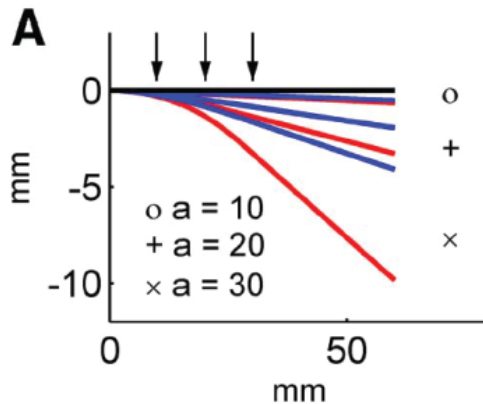
Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Continuum models

Analyzing the bending behavior of natural vibrissae using beams

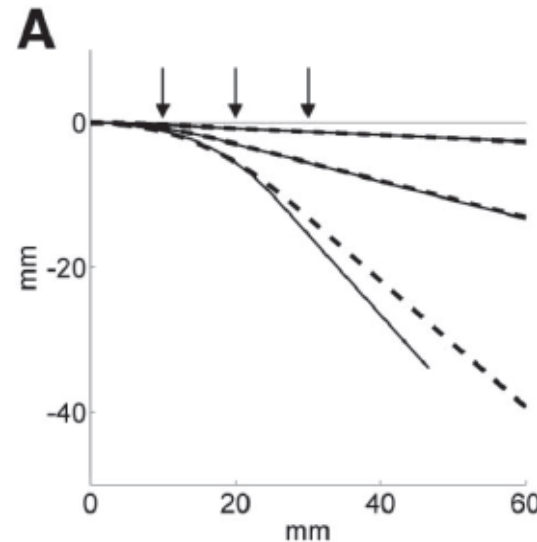
in [Birdwell et. al. 2007]

Non-linear $\kappa = \frac{v''(x)}{[1 + v'(x)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{M(x)}{E \cdot I_z}$

Linearized $\kappa = v''(x) = \frac{M(x)}{E \cdot I_z}$



cylindrical (blue)
vs.
conical (red)



non-linear (solid)
vs.
linearized (dashed)

- ⊕ suitable to analyze the bending behavior
- ⊖ Linearized model: only valid for small deflections
- ⊕ Consideration of the conical shape of the vibrissa
- ⊖ Neglecting the support's compliance
- ⊕ Finding: Shape of the beam influences the bending behavior
↪ not negligible

Determination of various vibrissa parameters using the bending behavior in [Birdwell et. al. 2007]

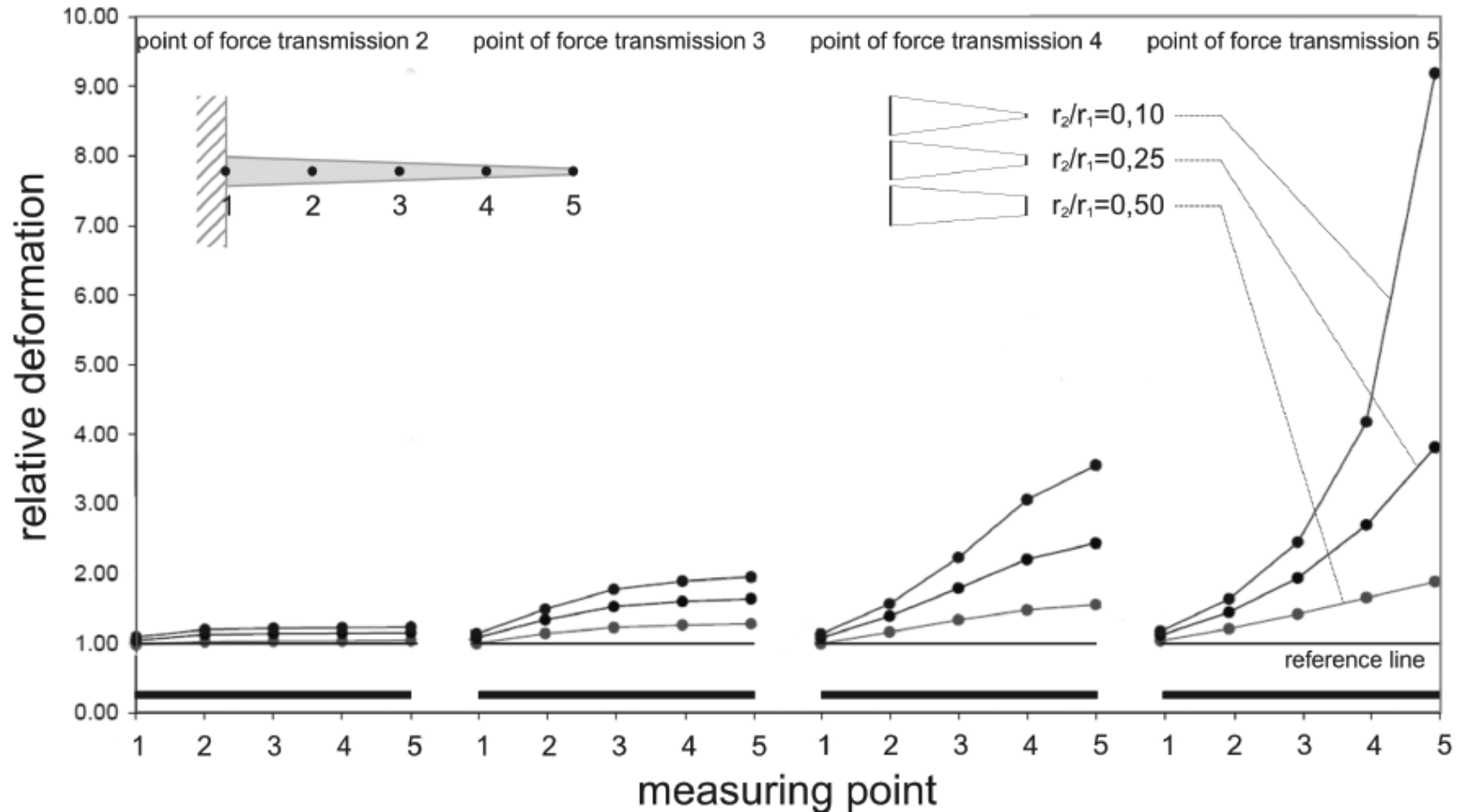
heuristically determined parameters of various vibrissae:

- simulated bending behavior of beams
- photos of deformed vibrissa
- varying Young's modulus if graphs do not match

Vibrissa	Arc length in mm	Base diameter in μm	E modulus in GPa
β	66.2	225	1.40
γ	60.3	199	3.75
A1	51.7	160	2.75
E2	48.1	232	1.90
B2	41.1	169	2.30
E3	33.3	189	3.90
C3	21.5	119	6.25

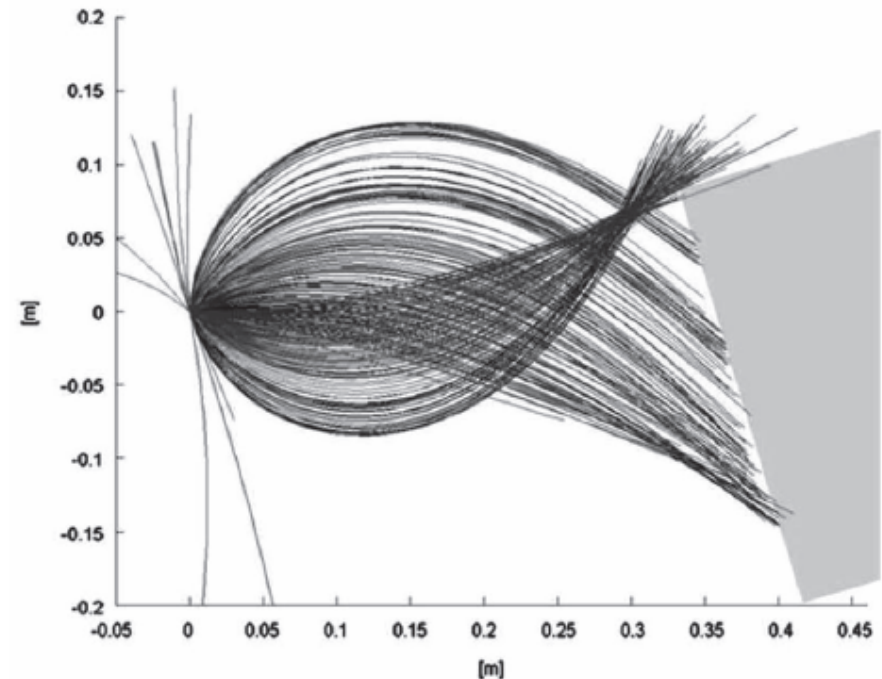
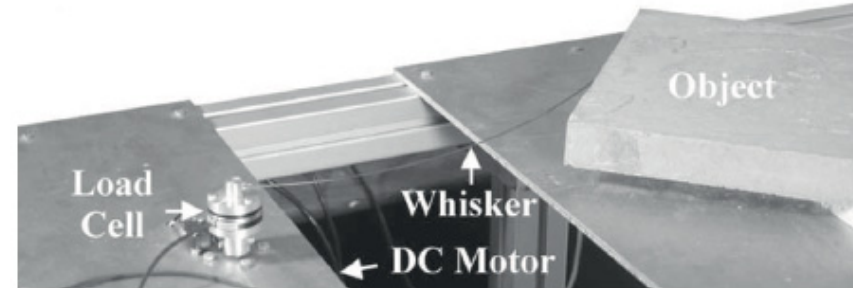
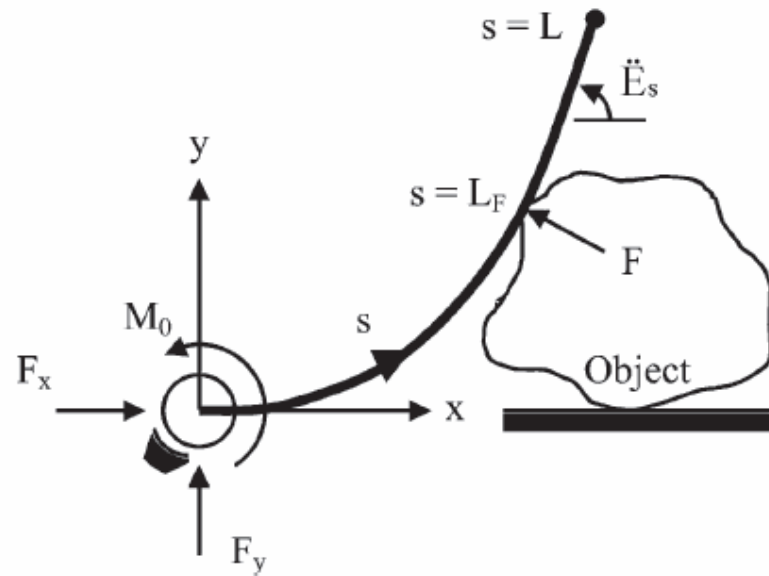
Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Continuum models

Investigating the influence of the vibrissa's shape to the bending behavior
in [Carl 2009] and [Carl et. al. 2012a]



Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Continuum models

Model for active sensing in [Scholz, Rahn 2004]



$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos(\theta) \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = \sin(\theta)$$

$$E I_z \frac{d\theta}{ds} = M_s$$

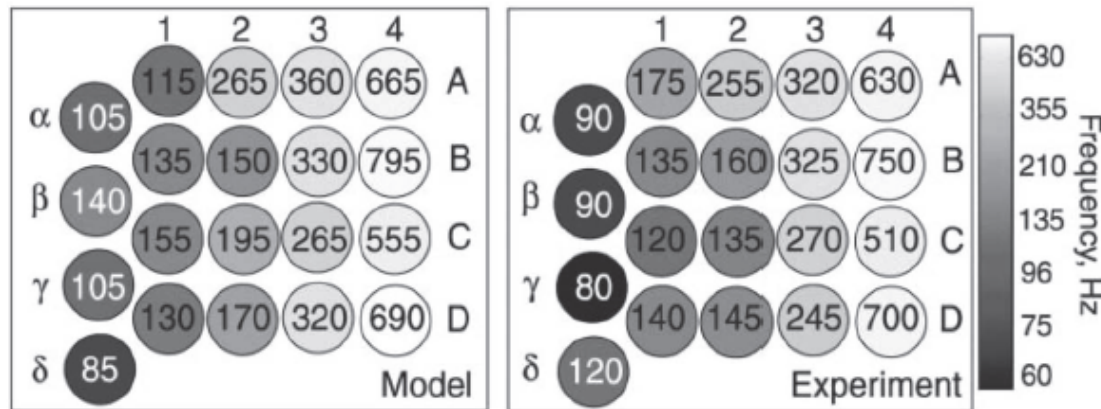
$$M_s = \begin{cases} M_0 - F_y x + F_x y, & s \leq L_F, \\ 0, & s > L_F, \end{cases}$$

Neglecting support's compliance

Part II: Vibrissae – 4. State of Art – Continuum models

Model to determine the influence of the support on the eigenfrequencies in [Neimark et. al. 2003] and [Andermann et. al. 2004]

- infra-red measurements of the first eigenfrequency (EF) of various natural vibrissae
 - connection between first EF and length of vibrissa (length increase, EF decrease)
 - hence systematical arrangement
 - topologically distributed sensitivity in the vibrissa array
- mechanical model of a thin, conical beam and present dynamical investigations (massive influence of the support on the EF → obvious)

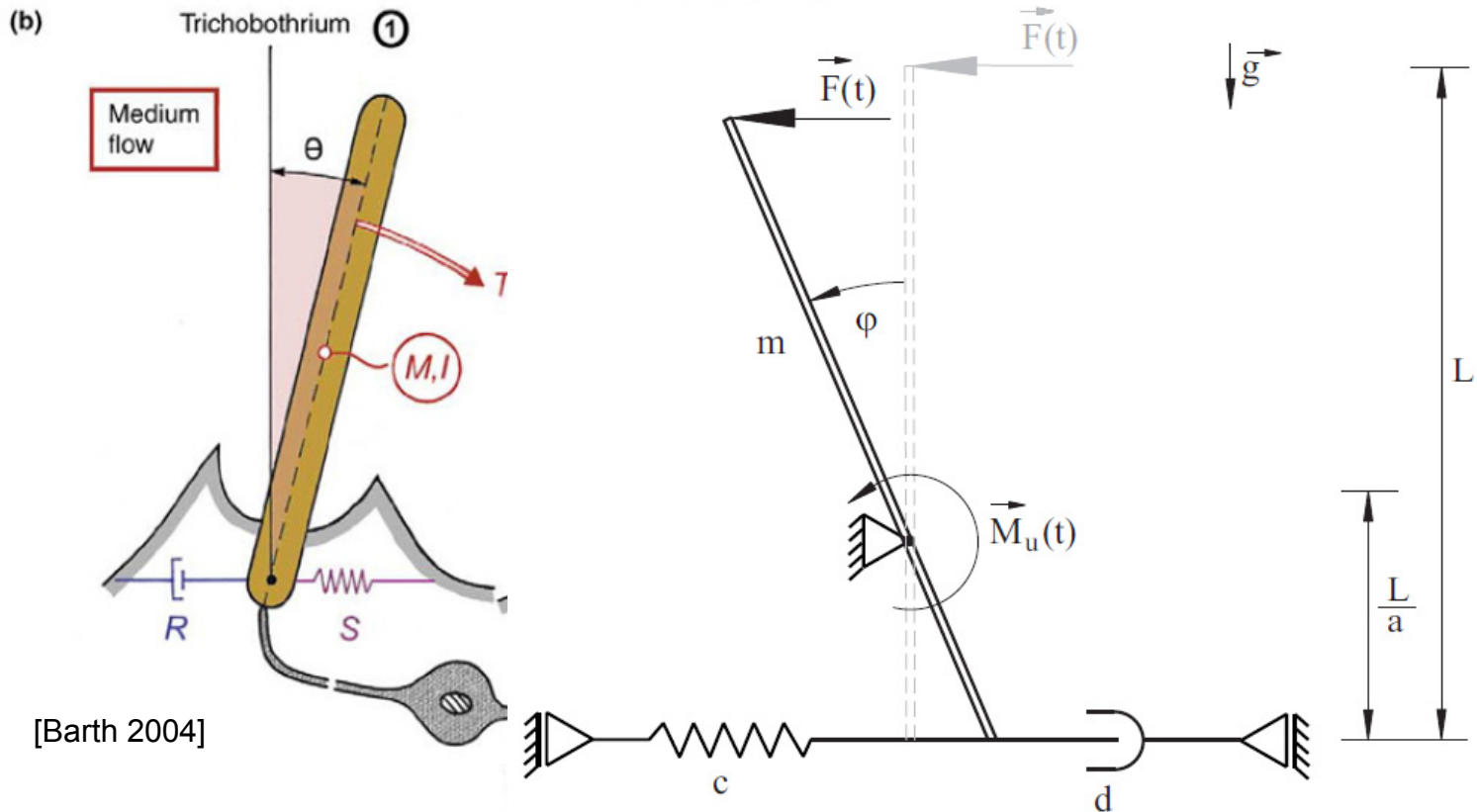


focus on supports
which do not match
the real objects
sufficiently

- but: determination only of the first EF of the vibrissae

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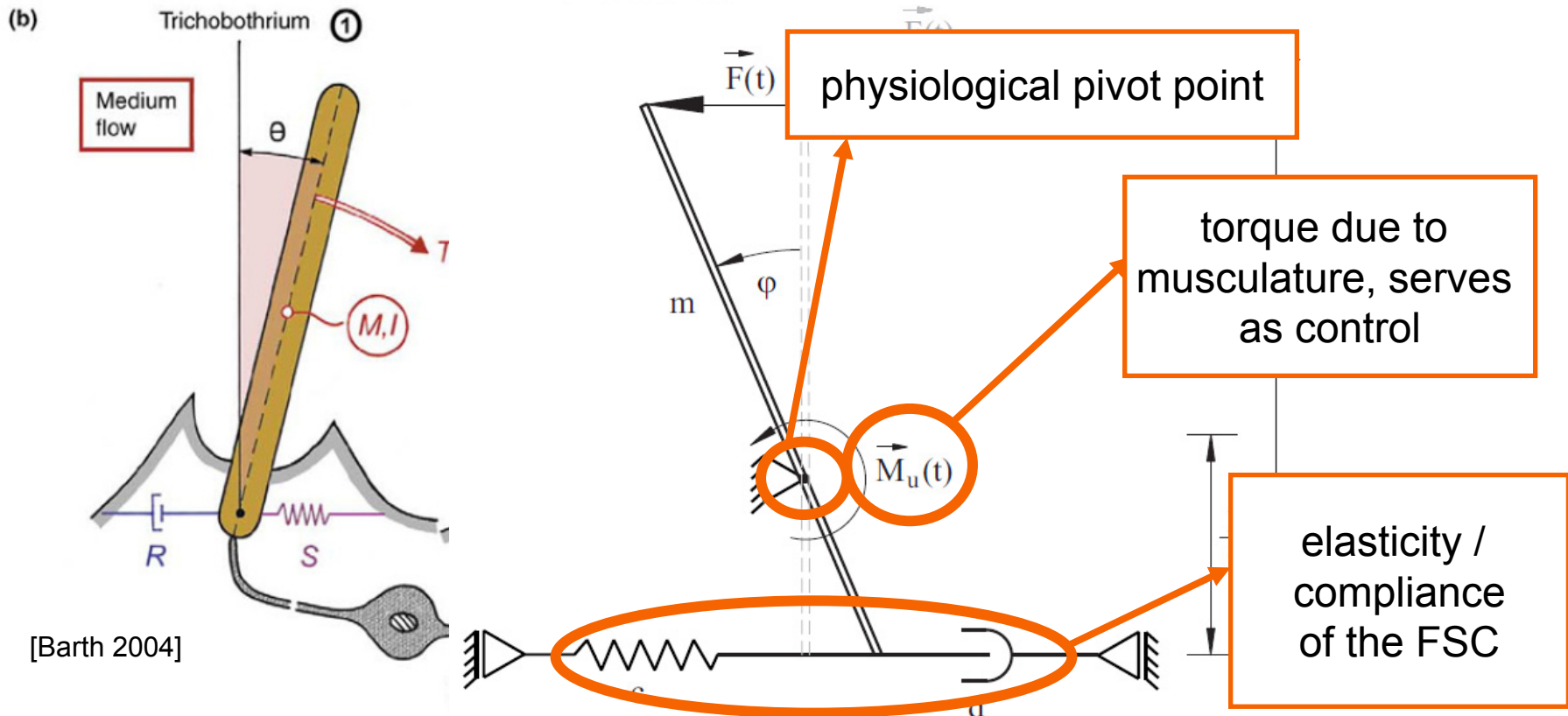
Single vibrissa system with DoF=1



$$\ddot{\varphi}(t) = \frac{1}{J_{0z}} \left[\left(L - \frac{L}{a} \right) F(t) \cos(\varphi(t)) - c \frac{L^2}{a^2} \cos(\varphi(t)) \sin(\varphi(t)) - d \frac{L^2}{a^2} \cos^2(\varphi(t)) \dot{\varphi}(t) + \left(\frac{L}{2} - \frac{L}{a} \right) mg \sin(\varphi(t)) + M_u(t) \right]$$

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Single vibrissa system with DoF=1



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Goal:

Control the vibrissa system in a chosen mode of operation: passive or active

Problem:

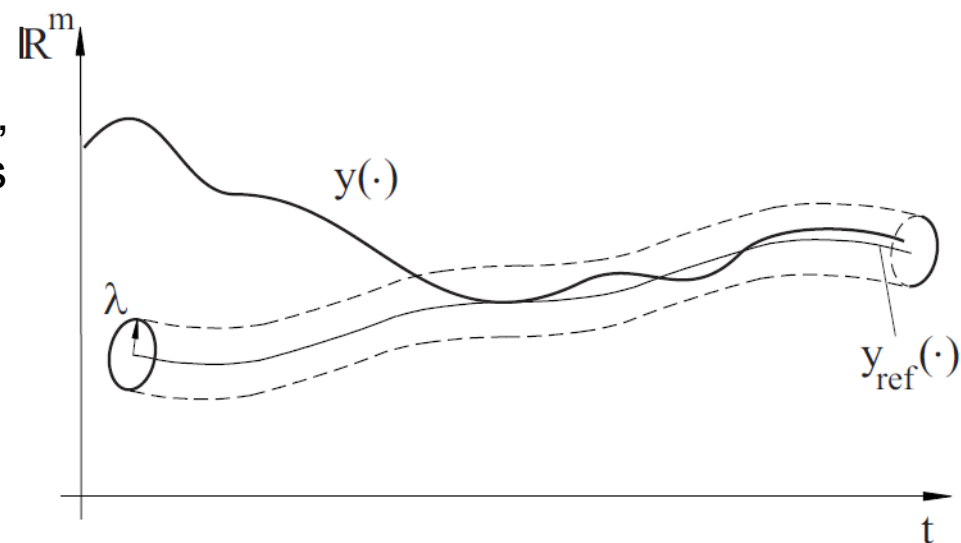
- many open-loop and closed-loop controls are based on exactly known parameters
- here: suppose uncertain system (due to biological complexity)
 - unknown system parameters
 - only structural properties known

What to do if the system is not known precisely?

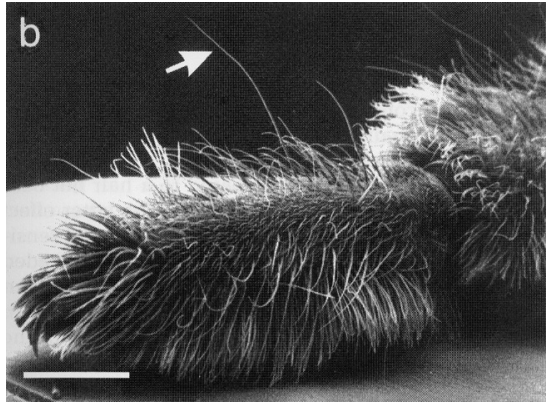
Solution:

Design an **adaptive controller**, which **learns** from the behavior of the system, so **automatically adjusts** its parameters and achieves

λ -tracking



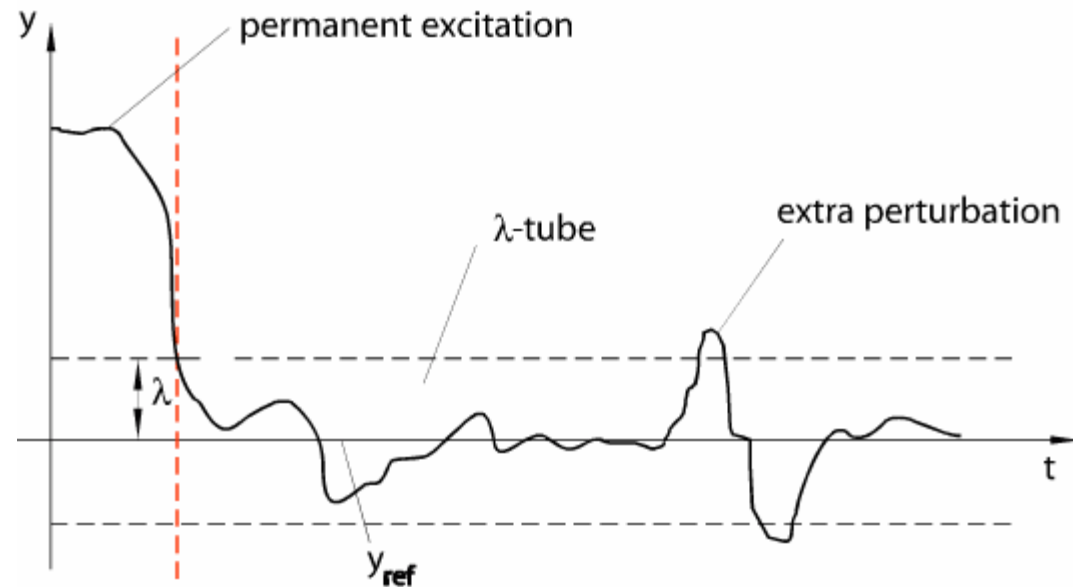
Passive Mode



- stabilize the system under permanent excitation
- while enabling to detect external extra-perturbations (e.g. sensory contact, detect wake of swimming fish)



λ -stabilization



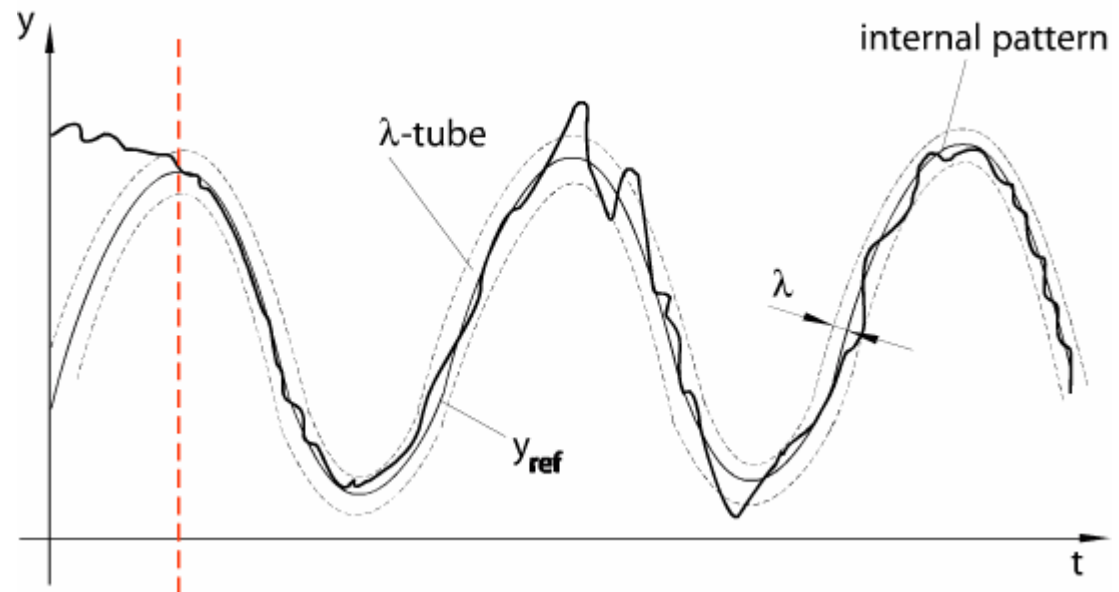
Active Mode



- track an internally generated oscillatory motion pattern
- enable the system to recognize external disturbances of this pattern (caused, e.g., by wind or surface contact scanning of surface texture)



λ -tracking



Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 1

Simulations

vibrissa: $m = 0.000\,003\text{ kg}$, $c = 5.7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$, $d = 0.2 \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$, $L = 0.04\text{ m}$, $a = \frac{L}{10} = 0.004\text{ m}$

environment: $t \mapsto F(t) = 0.1 \cos(t) + 2 e^{-(t-20)^2} \text{ N}$
(small permanent oscillation with a gust of wind)

modes of operation:
passive mode

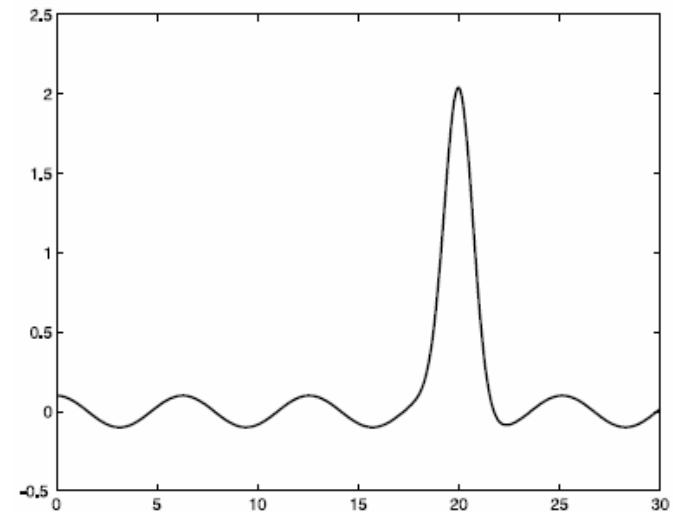
$$t \mapsto \varphi_{\text{ref}0}(t) = 0 \text{ rad}$$

active mode 1 – exploratory whisking

$$t \mapsto \varphi_{\text{ref}1}(t) = 0.8 \sin(2\pi 5 t) \text{ rad}$$

active mode 2 – foveal whisking

$$t \mapsto \varphi_{\text{ref}2}(t) = 0.2 \sin(2\pi 25 t) \text{ rad}$$

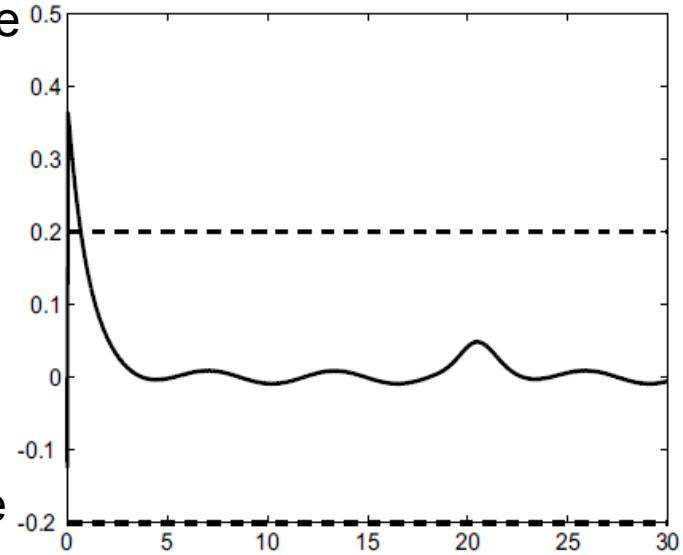


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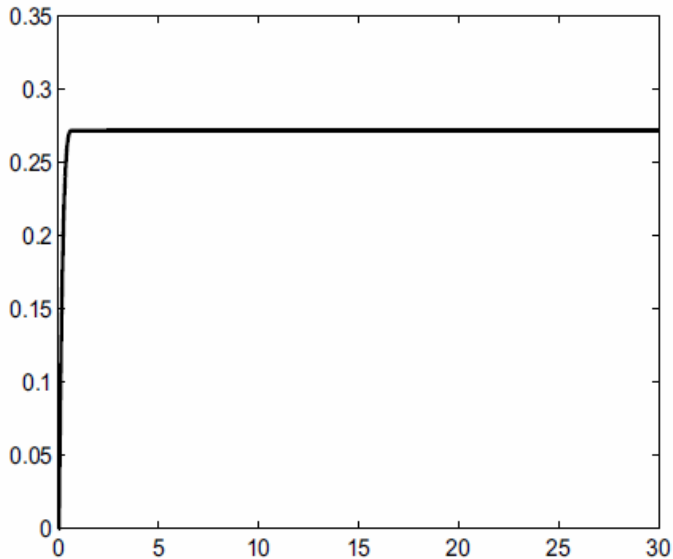
Active Mode 1

$$e(t) := \varphi(t) - \varphi_{\text{ref}}(t)$$
$$M_u(t) = - [k(t) e(t) + \kappa k(t) \dot{e}(t)]$$
$$\dot{k}(t) = \gamma \left(\max \{0, \|e(t)\| - \lambda\} \right)^2$$

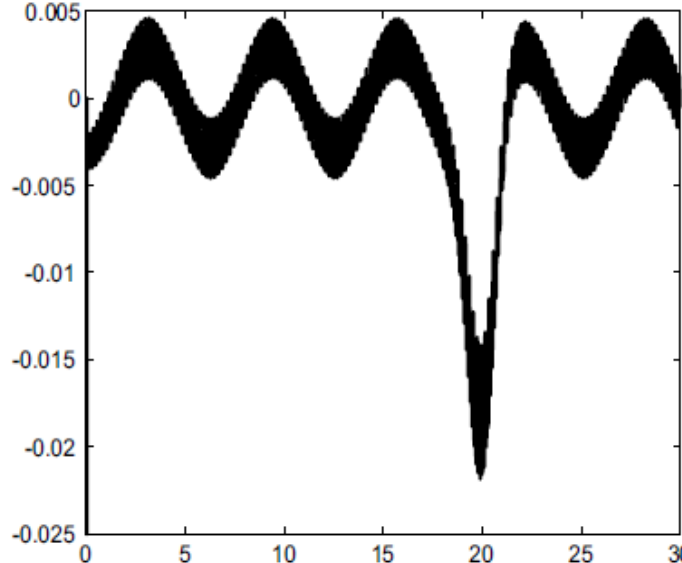
Error vs. time



Gain vs. time



Control torque vs. time



- good tracking
- convergence of the gain
- hard to detect the gust in system variables e and k
- control torque reflects peak

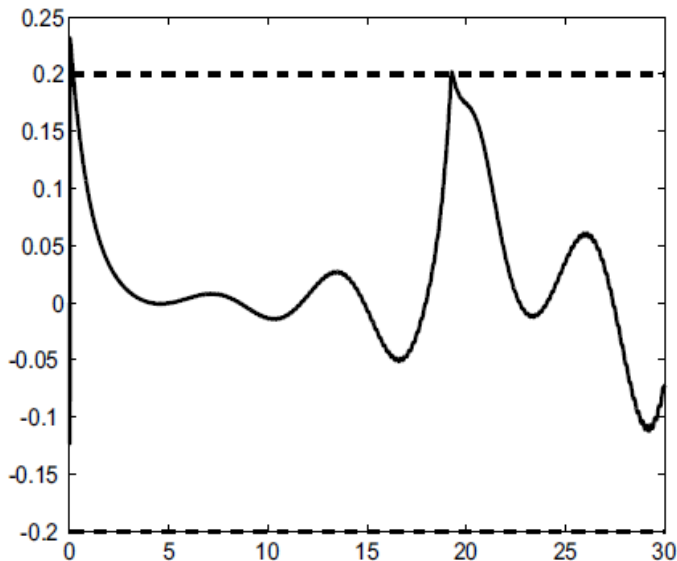
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Active Mode 1 $e(t) := \varphi(t) - \varphi_{\text{ref}}(t)$

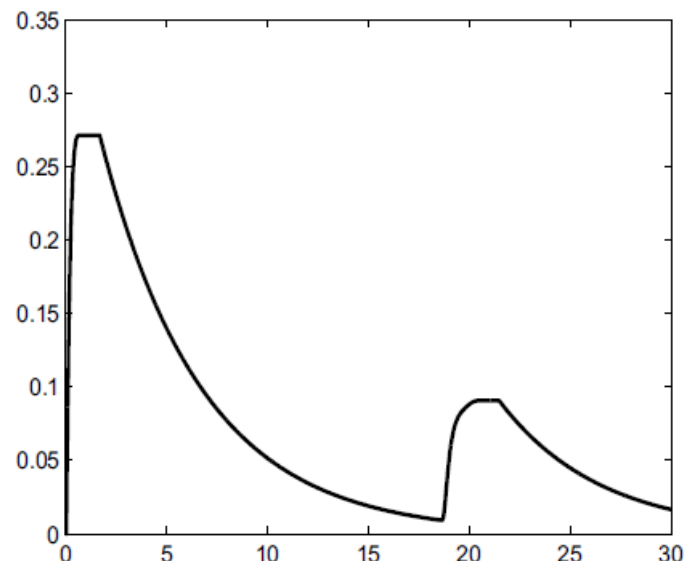
$$M_u(t) = - [k(t) e(t) + \kappa k(t) \dot{e}(t)]$$

$$\dot{k}(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma (\|e(t)\| - \lambda)^2, & \text{if } \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda + 1 \\ \gamma (\|e(t)\| - \lambda)^{0.5}, & \text{if } (\lambda + 1) > \|e(t)\| \geq \lambda \\ 0, & \text{if } (\|e(t)\| < \lambda) \wedge (t - t_E < t_d) \\ -\sigma k(t), & \text{if } (\|e(t)\| < \lambda) \wedge (t - t_E \geq t_d) \end{cases}$$

Error vs. time



Gain vs. time



- good tracking
- control as before
- detect superimposed impulse in observing k

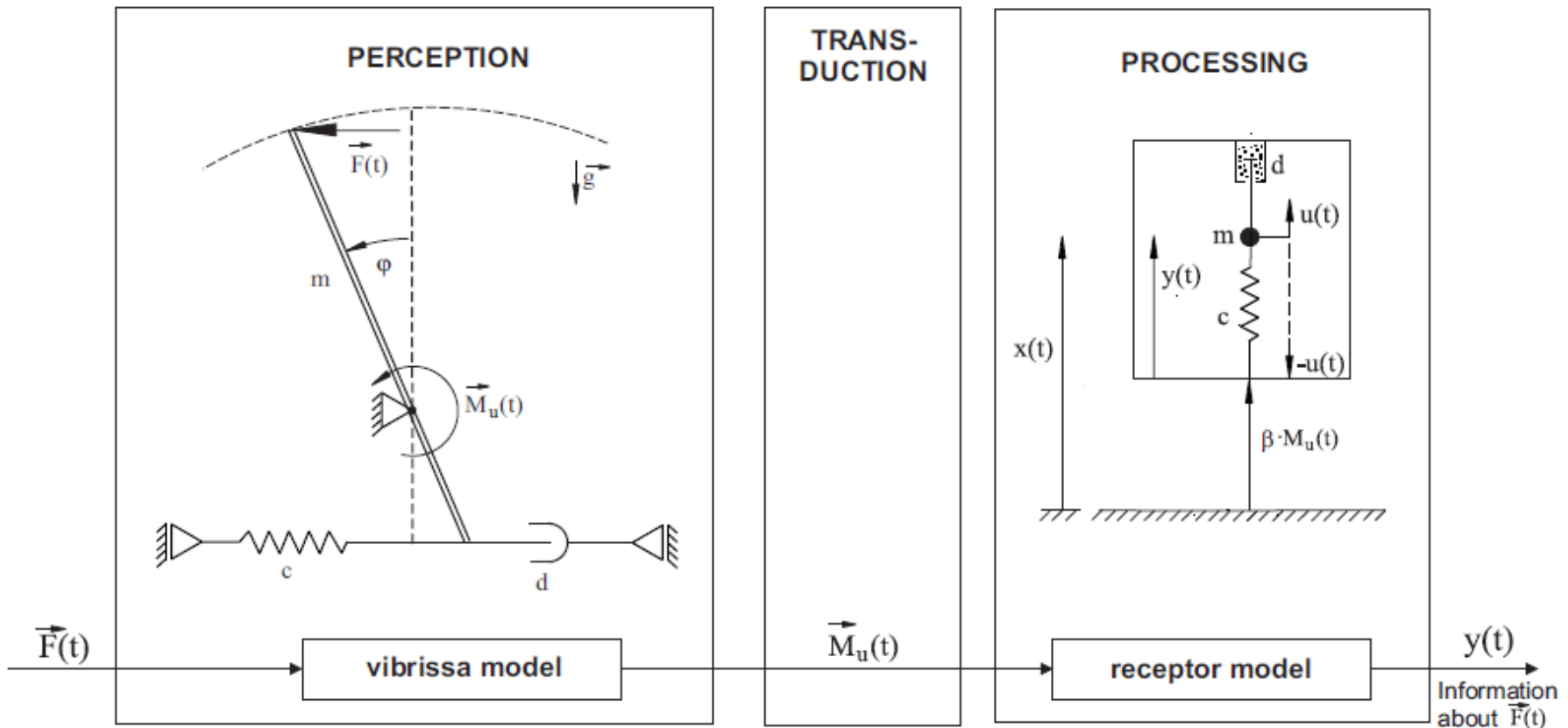
Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 1

Short summary:

- adaptive control is promising in application to vibrissa systems
- it allows for both modes of operation (passive or active)
- not easy to detect solitary excitations
- sometimes observe e , k or control input
- some identification techniques to uniformly observe one observable
→ which one?
- Stage 2: separate extra receptor from vibrissa system, as in paradigm

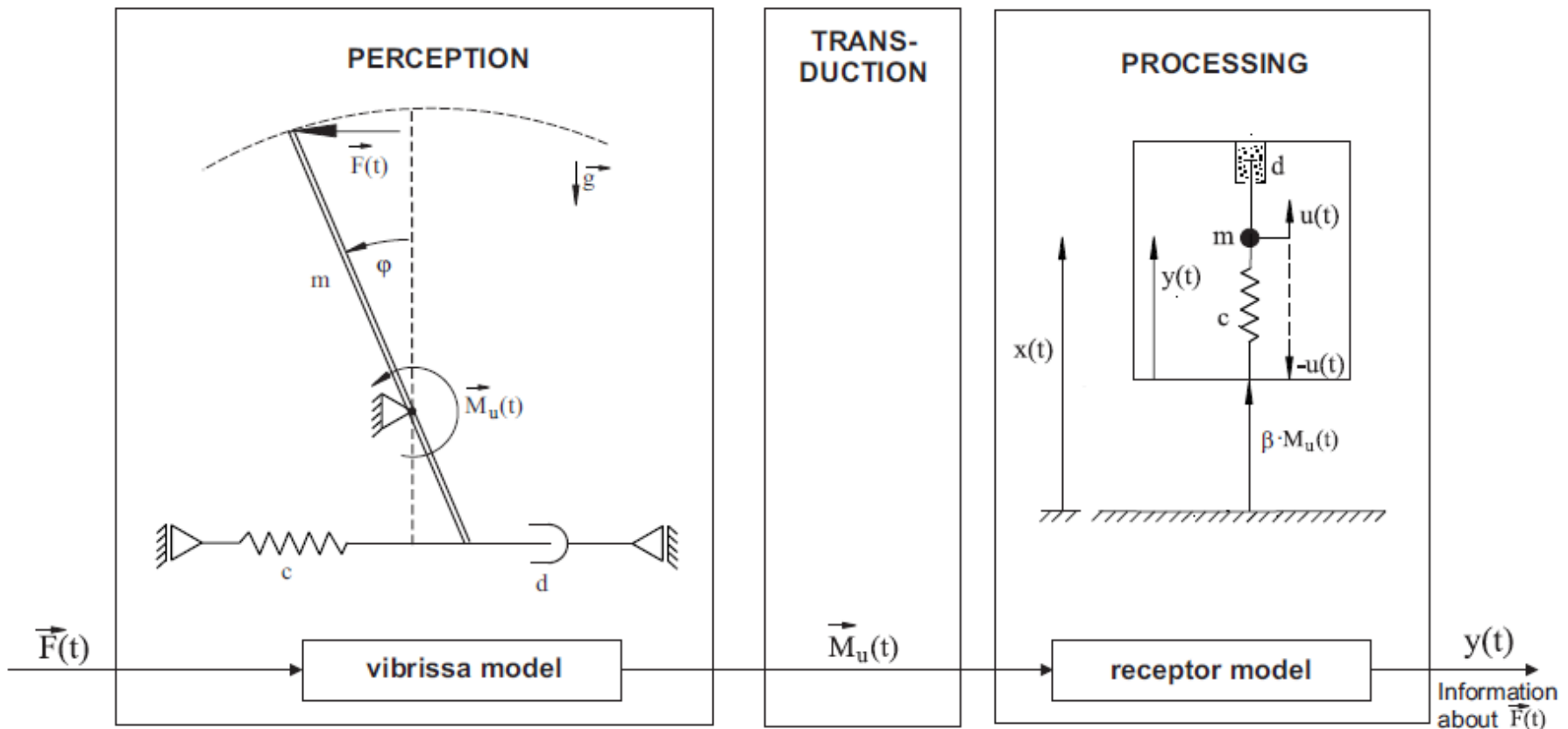
Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 2

First – **perception**: external excitations deflect the vibrissa, it serves as a perception of vibrations



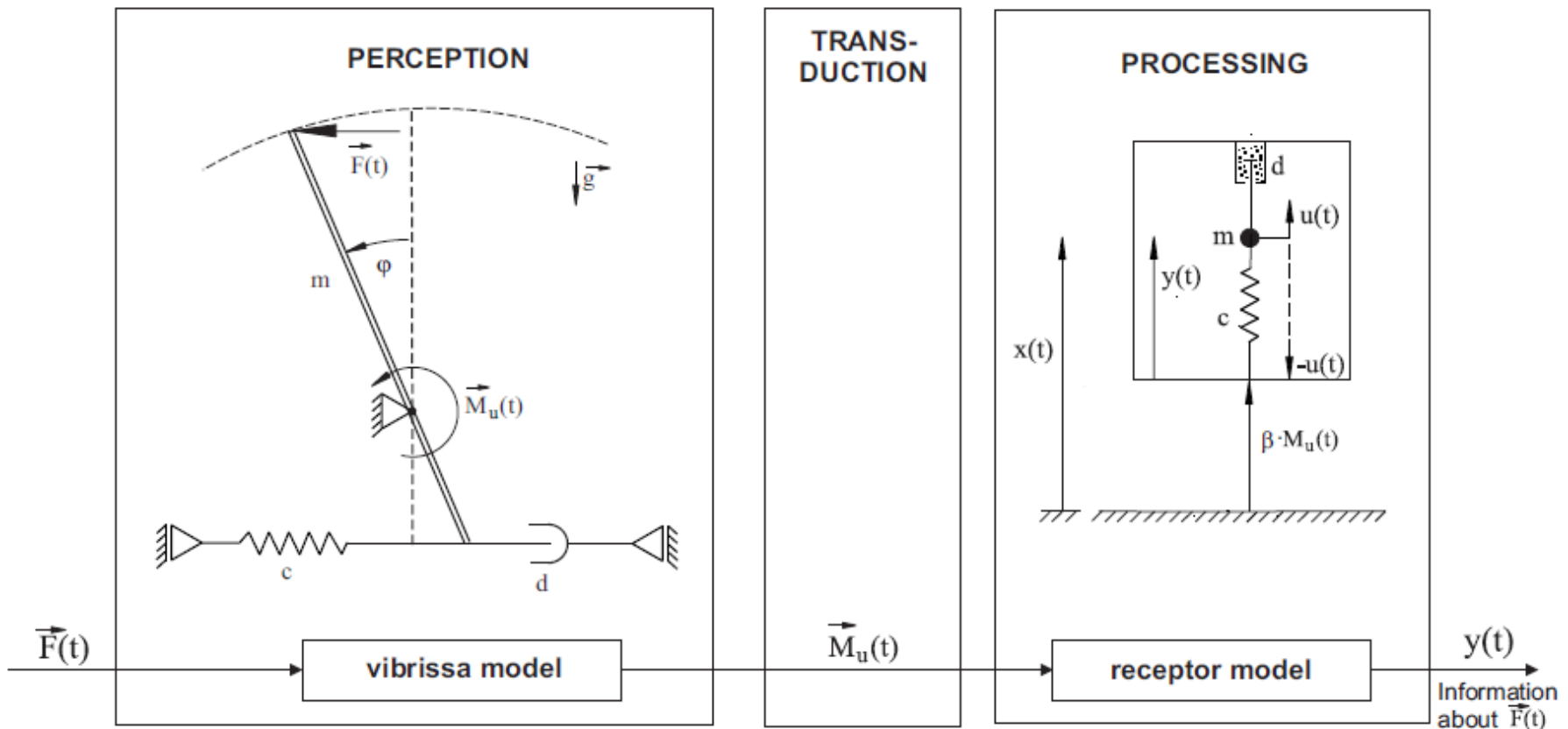
Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 2

Second - **transduction**: control the blood supply to achieve passive/active mode, information about the needed supply transmitted to receptor cells



Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 2

Third – **processing**: information analyzed in a receptor cell in such a way to identify some important information about the excitation



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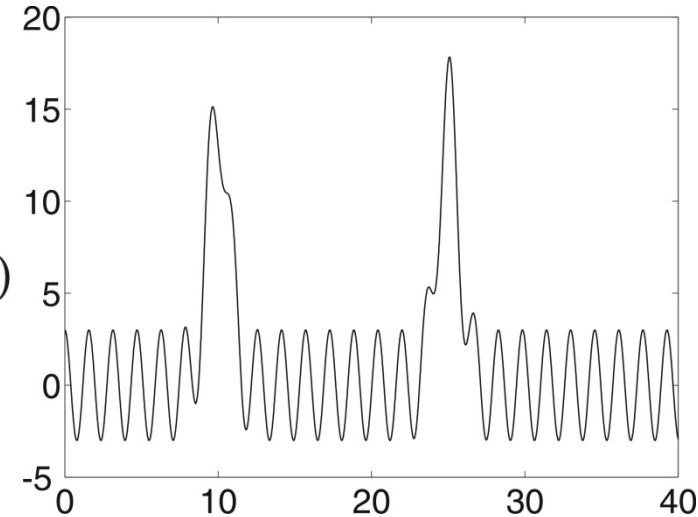
environment: $g = 9.81, t \mapsto F(t) = 0.3 \cos(4t) + 15 e^{-(t-10)^2} + 15 e^{-(t-25)^2}$

controller: $\lambda = 0.2 \approx 0.064 \pi, \gamma = 50, k_0 = 0$

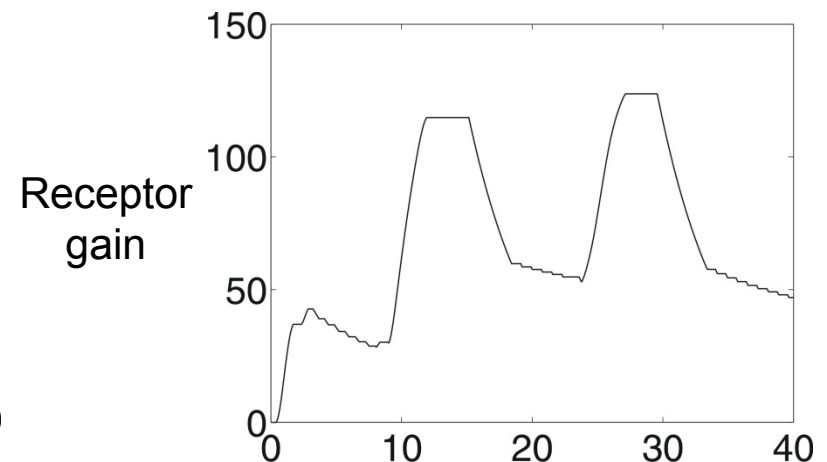
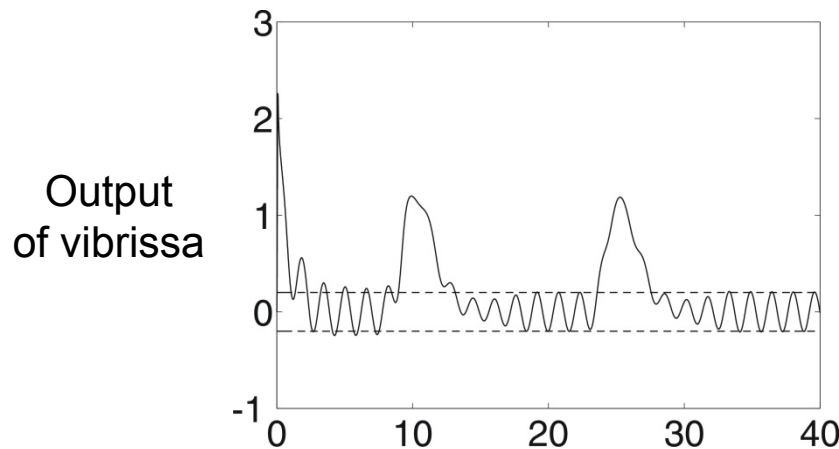
reference signals for modes:

λ -stabilization (passive mode): $t \mapsto \varphi_{\text{ref}}(t) = 0$

λ -tracking (active mode): $t \mapsto \varphi_{\text{ref}}(t) = \frac{\pi}{8} \sin(5t)$

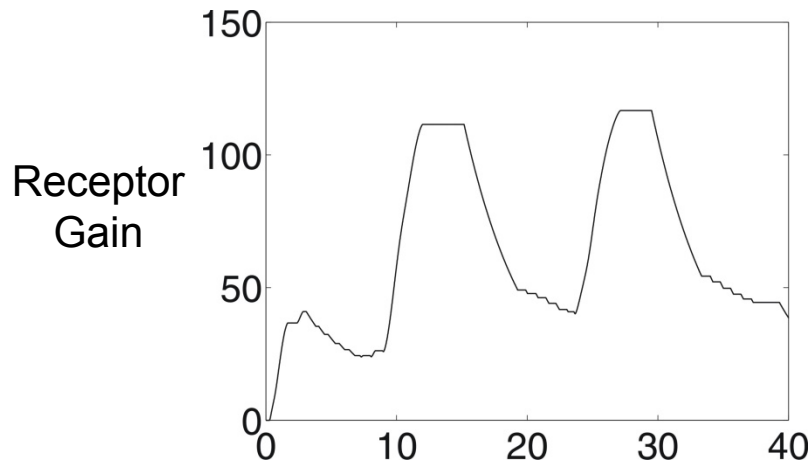
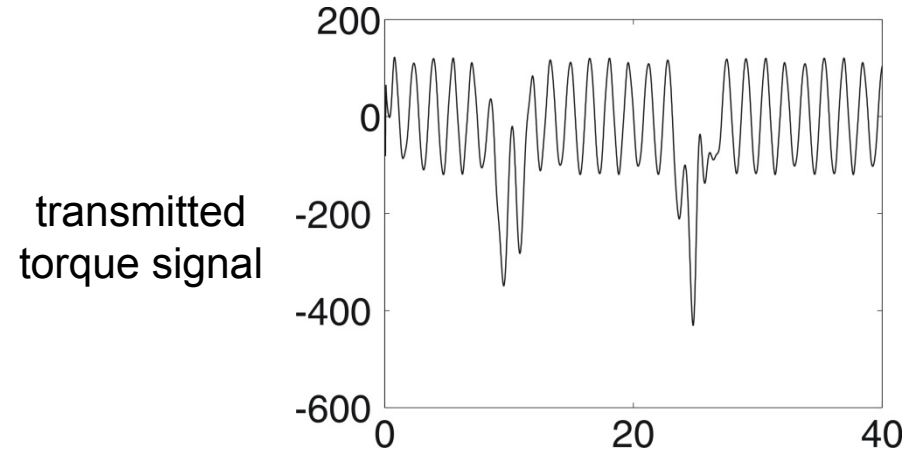
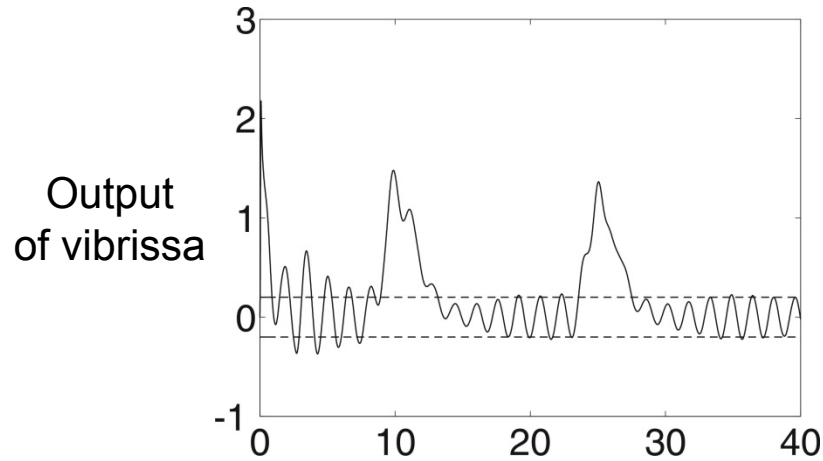


Passive Mode



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Active Mode



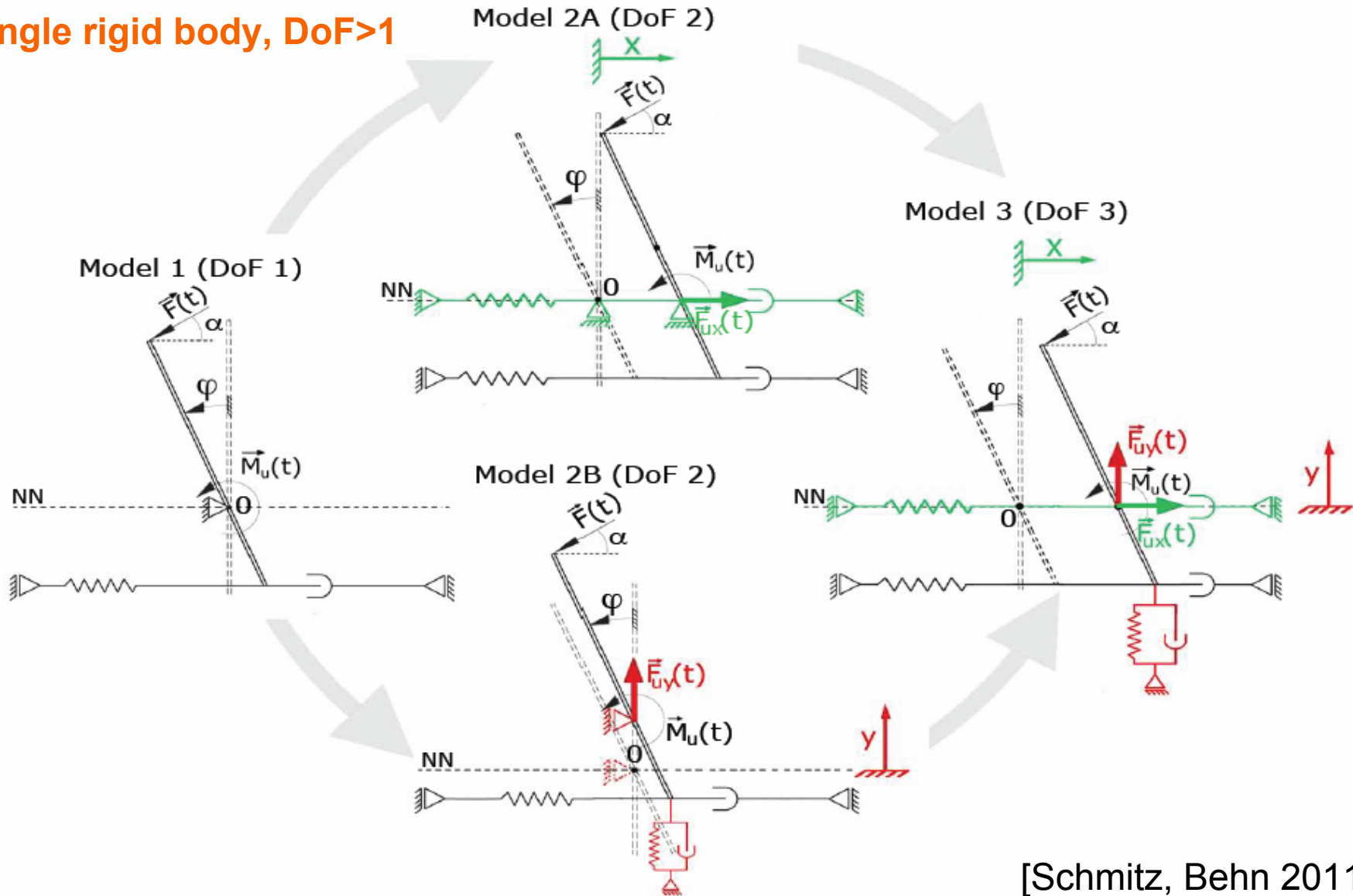
- both adaptive controllers work (for vibrissa and receptor)
- transmitted torque is analyzed in the receptor
- interesting: detect superimposed impulse in observing receptor gain $k(\cdot)$

Short summary:

- numerical simulations have shown that this system exhibit also sensibility and adaptivity
- the vibrissa system reacts well to numerous forces
- disturbing forces can clearly be recognized in observing the course of the control torque → suitable observable as input to receptor model
- the receptor model rapidly suppresses the persisting stimuli and shows good reactions to sudden deflections
- main outcome: the „output“ of the receptor y , k or u is simultaneously immanent in the control torque!
→ further investigations will focus on the perception model
- Drawback: perception of horizontal forces only
- New goal: models for identification of disturbing forces with a larger range of angles of attack

Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 3

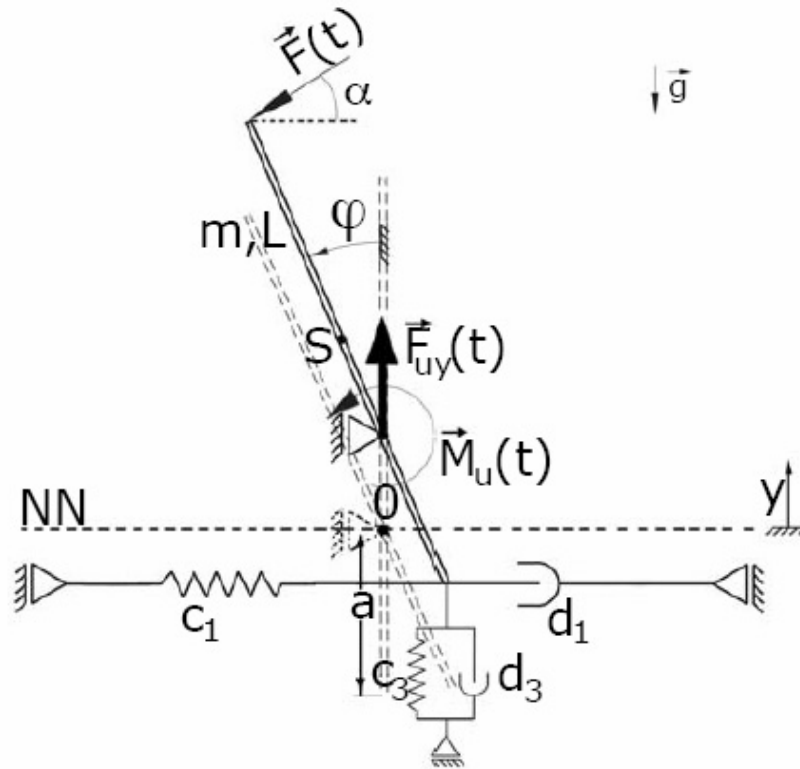
Single rigid body, DoF > 1



[Schmitz, Behn 2011]

Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 3

Equations of motion for Model 2B



$$y(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0$$

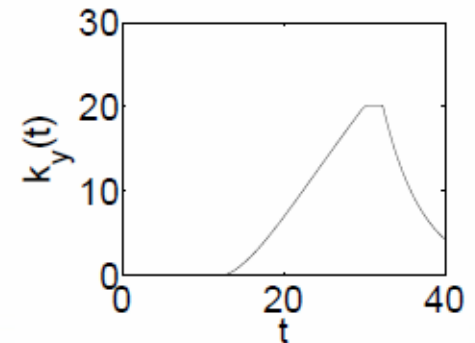
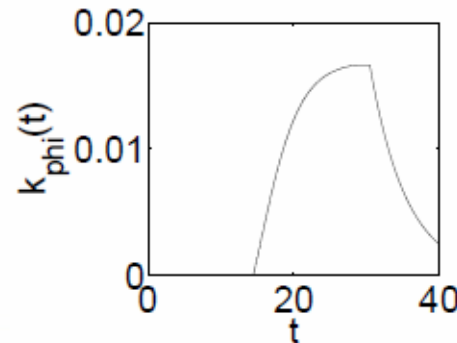
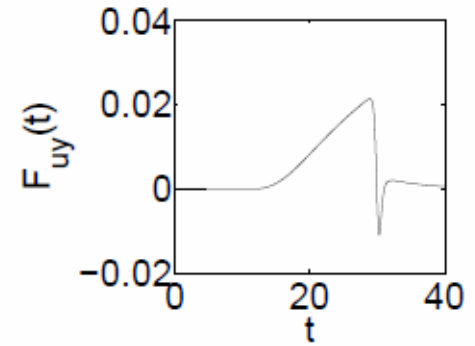
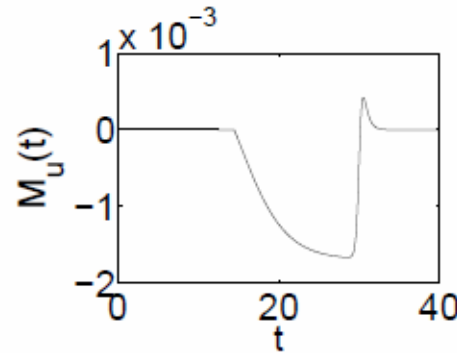
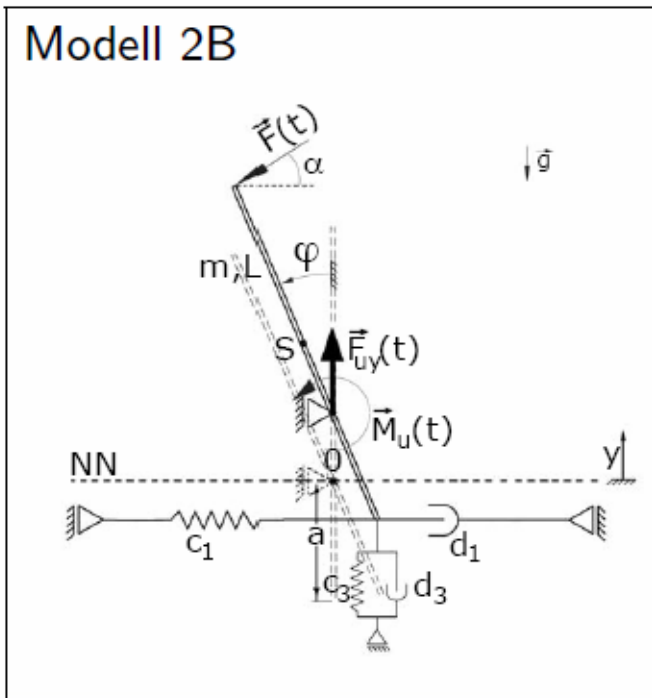
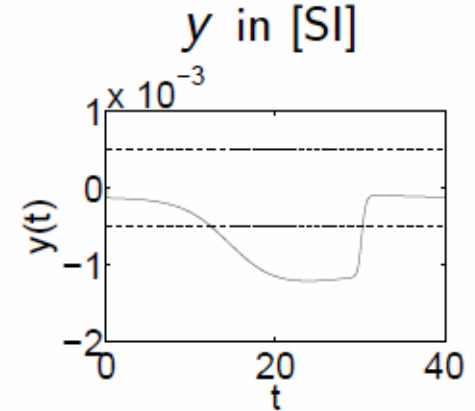
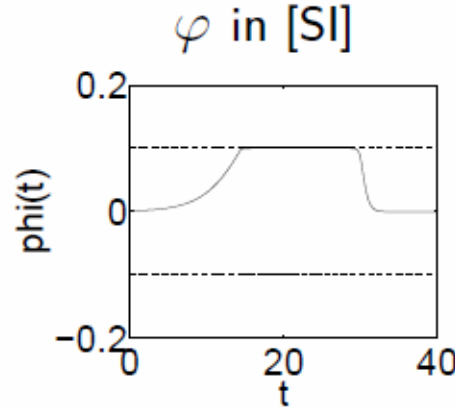
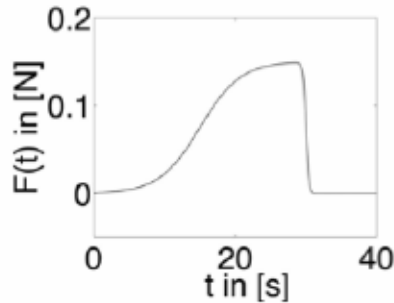
$$\dot{\varphi}(0) = 0$$

$$\ddot{y}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \left[m \left(\frac{L}{2} - a \right) [\ddot{\varphi}(t) \sin(\varphi(t)) + \dot{\varphi}(t)^2 \cos(\varphi(t))] - d_3 \dot{y}(t) - c_3 y(t) - mg - F(t) \sin(\alpha) + F_{uy}(t) \right]$$

$$\ddot{\varphi}(t) = \frac{1}{J_{0z}} \left[m \left(\frac{L}{2} - a \right) [\ddot{y}(t) \sin(\varphi(t)) + g \sin(\varphi(t))] - d_1 a^2 \cos^2(\varphi(t)) \dot{\varphi}(t) - c_1 a^2 \sin(\varphi(t)) \cos(\varphi(t)) + (L - a) F(t) \cos(\varphi(t) - \alpha) + M_u(t) \right]$$

In the passive mode

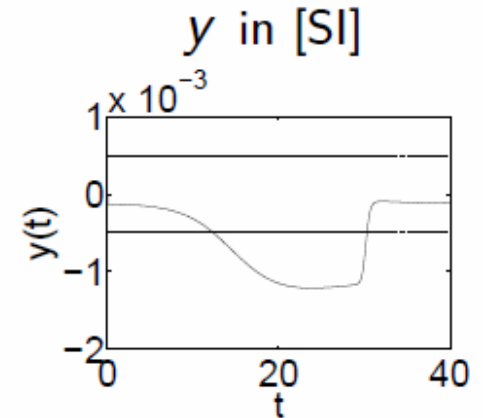
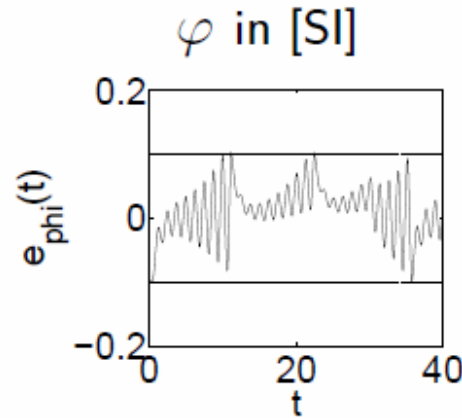
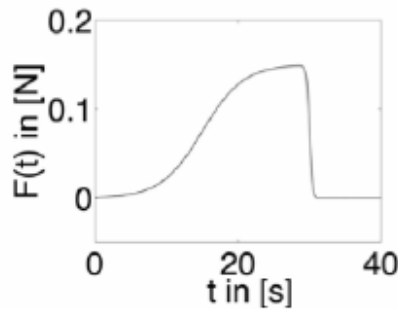
Disturbing force attacking with $\alpha = 45^\circ$



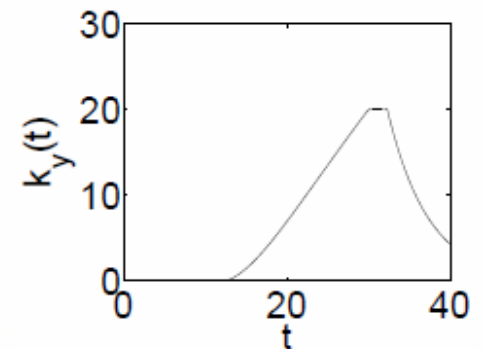
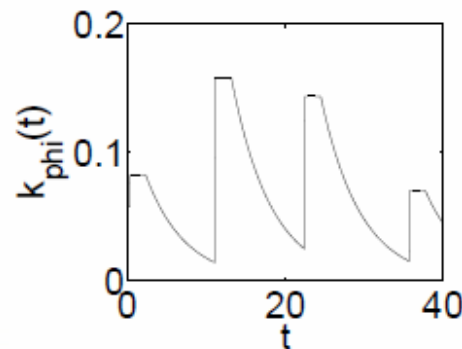
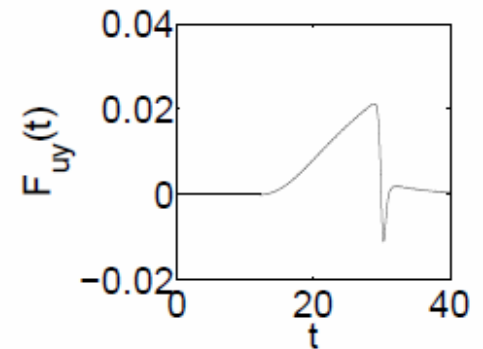
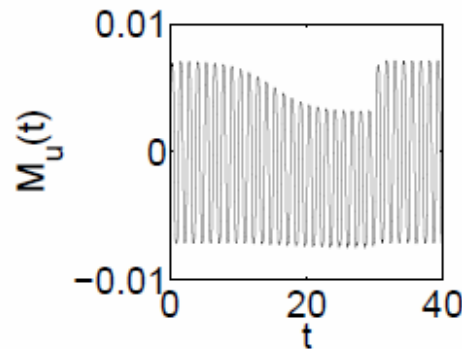
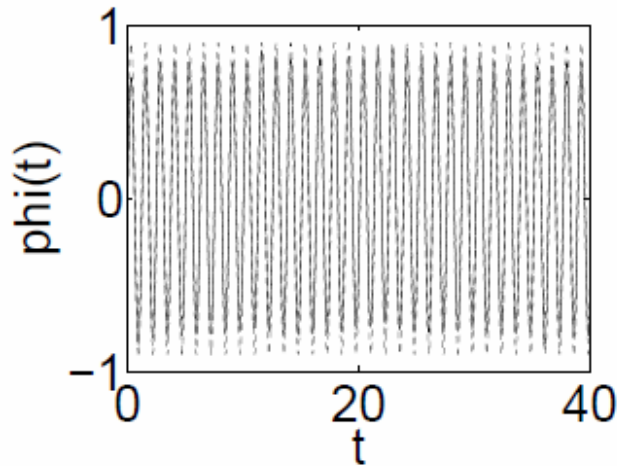
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In the active mode

Disturbing force attacking with $\alpha = 45^\circ$



$$\varphi_{ref} = 0.8 \sin(5t)$$



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Goal: identification of disturbing forces attacking with any angle

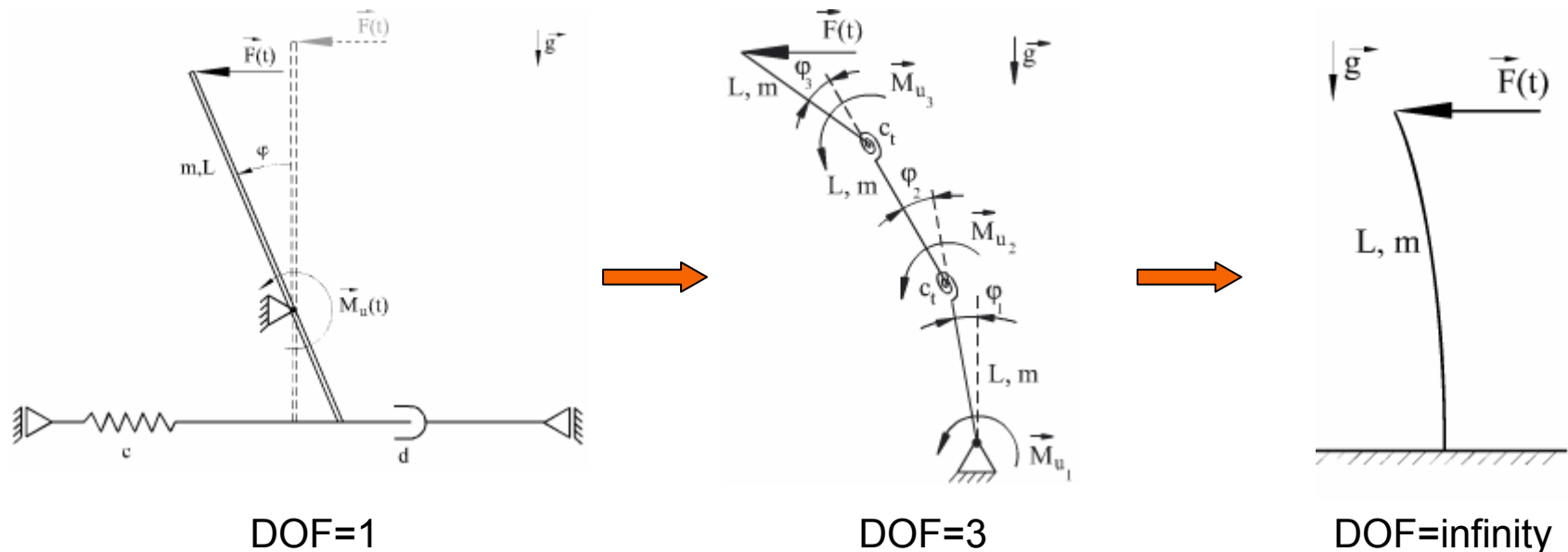
Results: with model 2B disturbance forces can be identified in the passive and active mode for angles of attack reaching from $\alpha = 0^\circ$ to 90°

→ increase elasticity, possible in 2 ways:

a) rigid multi-body system models – Stage 4

b) elastic beam models:

investigation of mechanical models with infinite DoF – Stage 5



Remind: Vibrissa is elastical, hollow and conically shaped

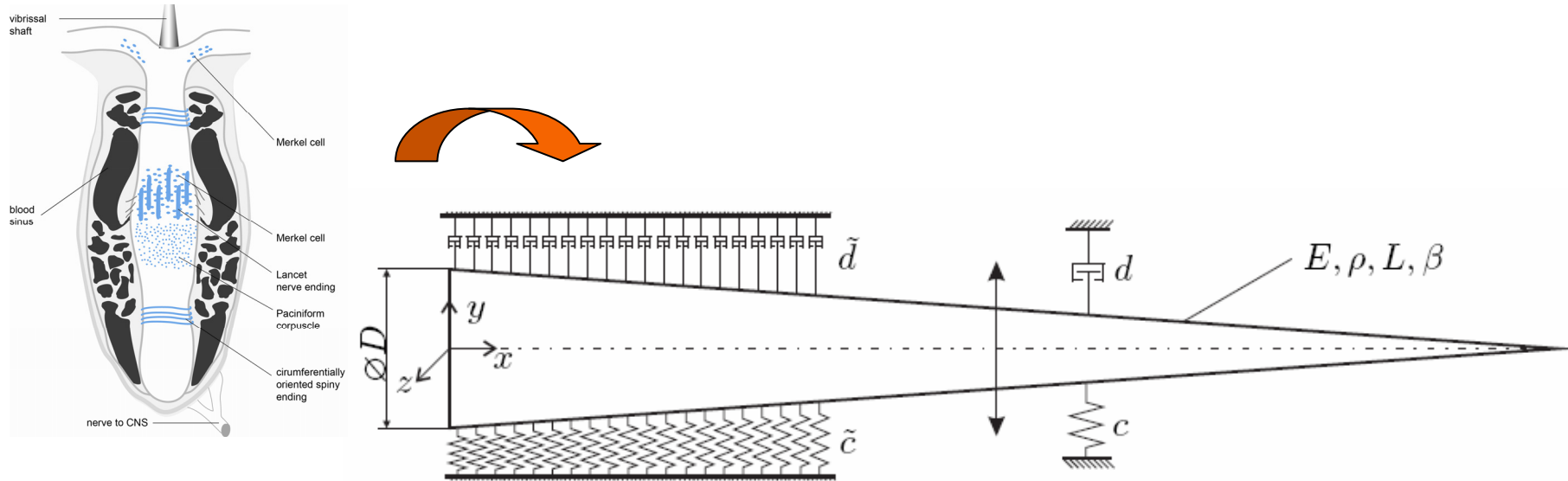
Function hypotheses in literature:

- The elasticity and the conical shape of the hair are relevant for the functionality of the vibrissa.
- The viscoelastic properties of the support (FSC) are controlled by the blood pressure in the blood sinus.
- The vibrissae are excited with or close to their resonance frequencies during the active mode.

Global goal:

- computation of EFs for dimensioning and / or parameter identification (e.g., external forces)
- maybe observing shift of the **spectrum of EFs** (due to controllable FSC)

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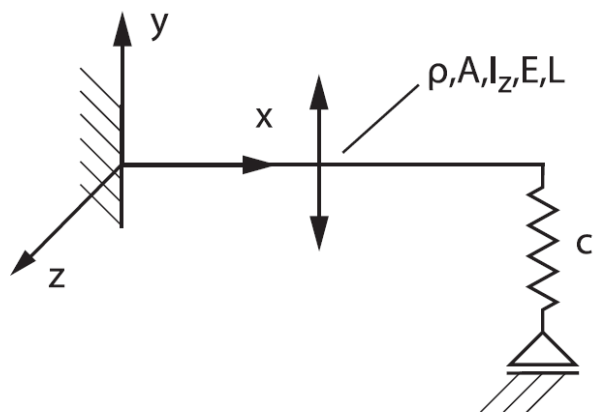


Intermediate goals:

- investigating innovative models of a flexible vibrissa with a viscoelastic support (discrete or continuously distributed)
- analytical computation of EFs of beams depending on material and geometry
- numerical verification using FEM / MBS
- drawing conclusion to complex systems

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Example:



PDE: $\ddot{v}(x, t) + k^4 v''''(x, t) = 0$, with $k^4 := \frac{E I_z}{\rho A}$

BC: ① : $v(0, t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$
 ② : $v'(0, t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$
 ③ : $v''(L, t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$
 ④ : $v'''(L, t) E I_z - c v(L, t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$

EVE: $\lambda^3 L^3 (1 + \cosh(\lambda L) \cos(\lambda L)) + \gamma_c (\cosh(\lambda L) \sin(\lambda L) - \cos(\lambda L) \sinh(\lambda L)) = 0$
 with $\gamma_c := \frac{c}{c_S} = \frac{c}{\frac{E I_z}{L^3}} = \frac{c L^3}{E I_z}$

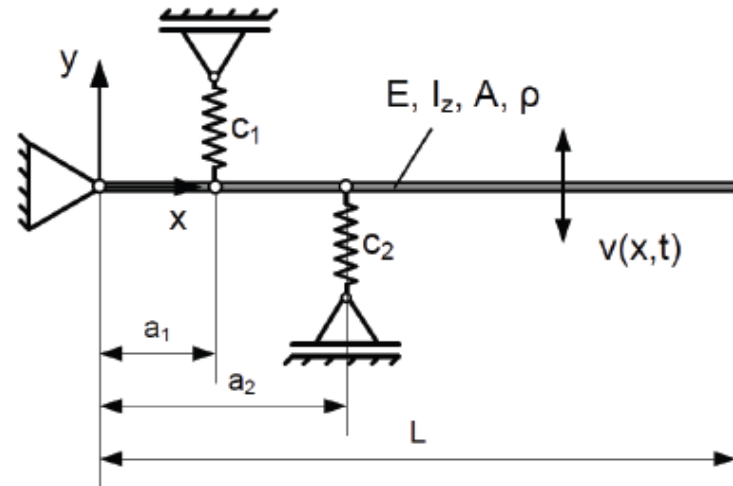
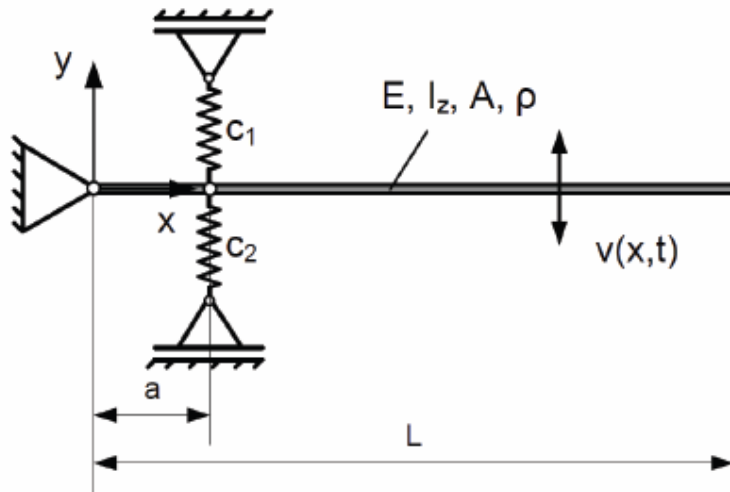
Results:

$\gamma_c = 1$

		steel beam		B2 vibrissa	
j	λ_j	ω_j	f_j	ω_j	f_j
1	2.010 $\frac{1}{L}$	653.008	103.929	843.189	62.369
2	4.704 $\frac{1}{L}$	3576.197	569.169	4617.724	341.566
3	7.857 $\frac{1}{L}$	9977.433	1587.958	12883.248	952.955
4	10.996 $\frac{1}{L}$	19544.181	3110.553	25236.203	1866.685
5	14.138 $\frac{1}{L}$	32305.127	5141.521	41713.630	3085.496

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First steps: conservative systems



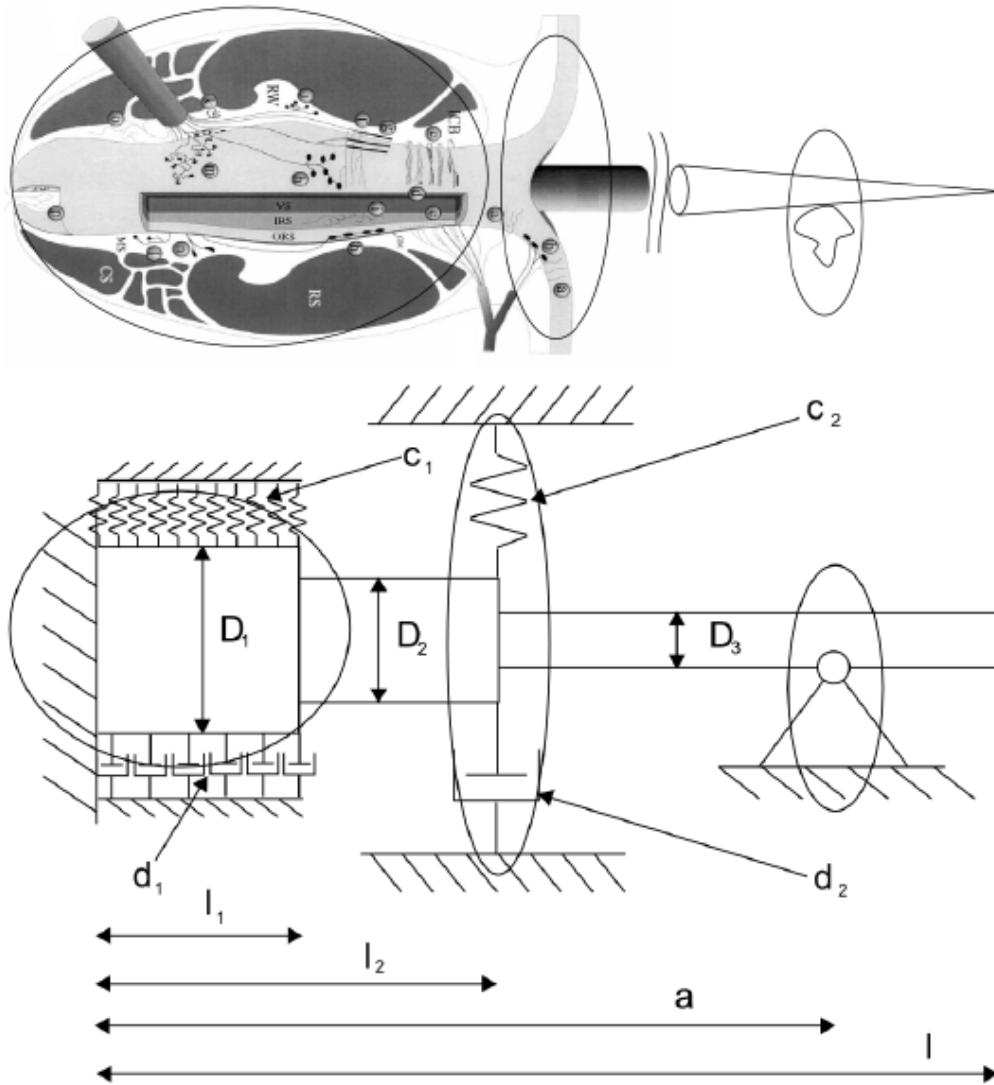
Modeling: - one and two levels of support compliance: FSC and skin

Drawback: - pivot does not match reality
- no damping is considered

Findings (obvious as in literature):

- massive influence of the support on the eigenfrequencies
- massive influence of the conical and hollow shape

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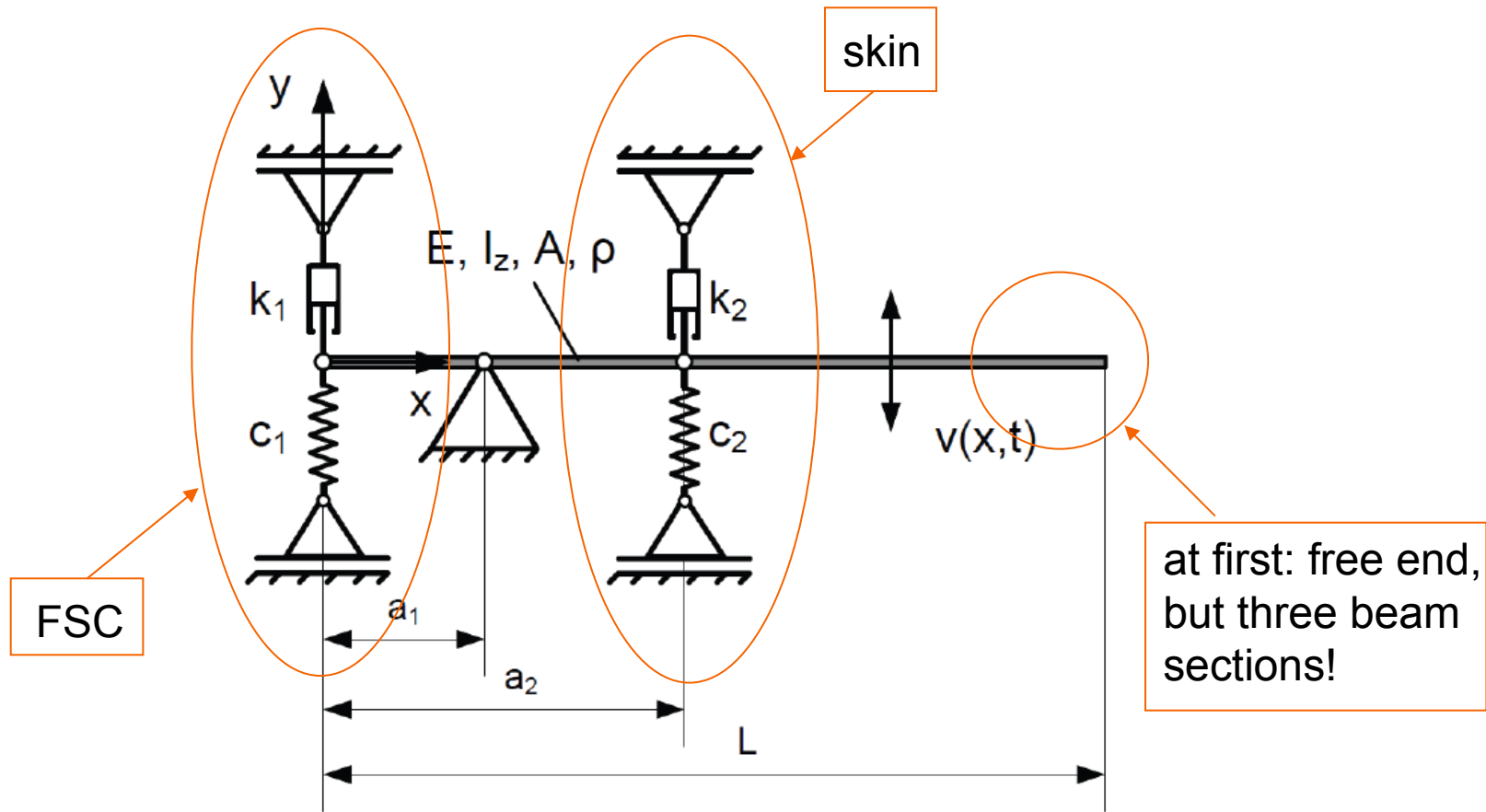


Investigating the influence of fundamental properties of the vibrissa from biology to the natural frequencies:

- **conical shape** / various cross-sections
- **viscoelastic foundation** due to FSC
- **discrete viscoelastic support** due to skin
- **bearing** due to (sudden) object contact

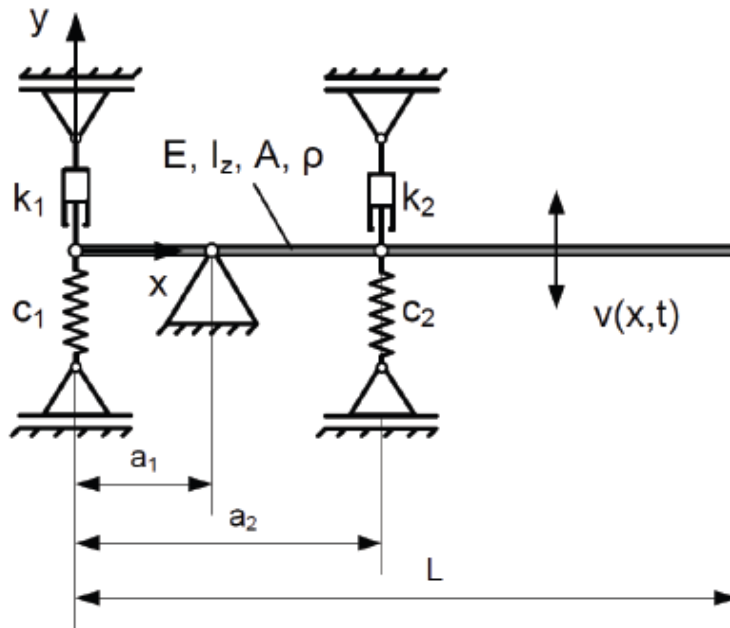
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Next steps: non-conservative systems



12 boundary condition \Rightarrow MVR \Rightarrow EVE (analytically) \Rightarrow EV & NF (numerically)

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Parameters of B2-vibrissa
in [Neimark et. al. 2003]

$$a_1 = 3 \text{ mm}, a_2 = 4 \text{ mm}$$

$$r = 0.1 \text{ mm}, \text{ and } L = 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$c_1 = c_{\text{FSC}} = 80 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}, k_1 = d_{\text{FSC}} = 0.5 \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$$

$$c_2 = c_{\text{skin}} = 5.7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}, \text{ and } k_2 = d_{\text{skin}} = 0.2 \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\bar{E} = 2.3 \text{ GPa} \text{ and } \rho = 238.732 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

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TABLE CALCULATION FOR THE STEEL BEAM.

j	undamped		damped		
	λ_j	ω_j	λ_j	ω_j	δ_j
1	3.946	2517.314	$2.017 - 0.271 I$	645.851	176.755
2	7.448	8965.159	$4.941 - 0.085 I$	3944.771	135.721
3	10.800	18852.940	$8.297 - 0.005 I$	11126.480	129.665
4	14.004	31698.644	$11.650 + 0.068 I$	21936.355	257.106
5	16.934	46348.499	$15.023 + 0.150 I$	36477.396	727.763

as expected

TABLE CALCULATION FOR THE B2 VIBRISSA.

j	undamped		damped		
	λ_j	ω_j	λ_j	ω_j	δ_j
1	1.990	384.836	$1.993 + 0.033 I$	385.694	12.594
2	4.988	2416.865	$5.151 + 0.067 I$	2577.281	66.675
3	8.354	6779.153	$8.651 + 0.047 I$	7270.715	78.835
4	11.703	13306.010	$12.119 + 0.037 I$	14267.203	87.093
5	15.058	22027.360	$15.586 + 0.031 I$	23599.899	95.129

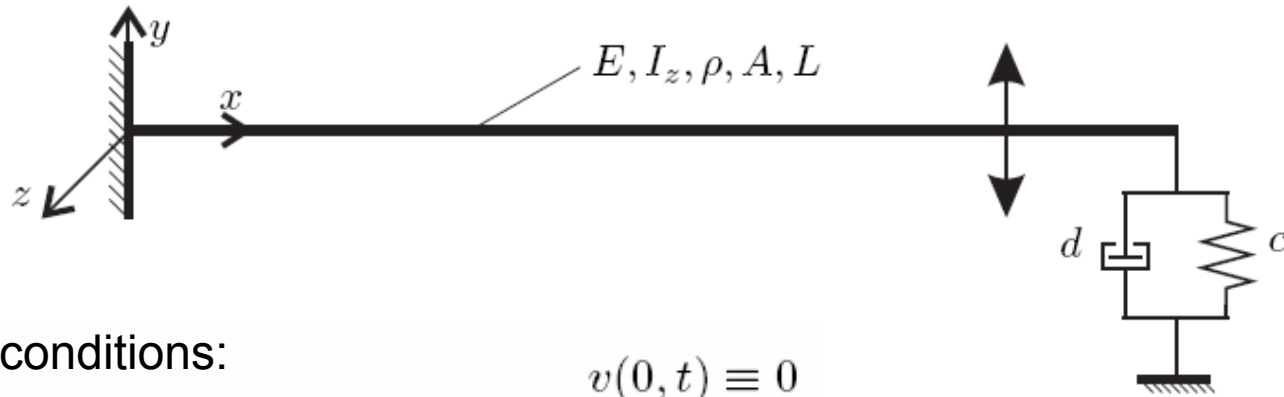
unlike behavior:
increasing natural frequencies if damped

Short summary:

- ⊖ Neglecting the conical shape of the vibrissa
- ⊕ Consideration of the support's compliance
 - at skin level
 - at the level of the FSC
- ⊕ Finding: massive influence of the support on the natural frequencies
- ⊕ Finding: influence of damping elements in the support
 - ↪ massive for the 1st natural frequency
 - ↪ but: unlike behavior of the natural frequencies

➡ Analyze simple systems to understand effects of boundary damping ...

Simplification: model to analyze discrete damping effects
boundary viscoelastic end-support



Boundary conditions:

$$v(0, t) \equiv 0$$

$$v'(0, t) \equiv 0$$

$$v''(L, t) \equiv 0$$

$$EI_z v'''(L, t) - d\dot{v}(L, t) - cv(L, t) \equiv 0,$$

4-th boundary condition in form of a differential equation!
→ manipulation of this equation

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$$-E^2 I_z^2 (X'''(L))^2 + 2EI_z c X(L) X'''(L) - c^2 X^2(L) - d^2 \lambda^4 k^4 (X(L))^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} E^2 I_z^2 (X'''(L))^2 - 2EI_z c X(L) X'''(L) + c^2 X^2(L) &= [EI_z X'''(L) - c X(L)]^2 \\ \Rightarrow [EI_z X'''(L) - c X(L)]^2 &= -d^2 \lambda^4 k^4 (X(L))^2 \end{aligned}$$

final form of 4th equation: $EI_z X'''(L) - c X(L) = \pm i d \lambda^2 k^2 X(L)$

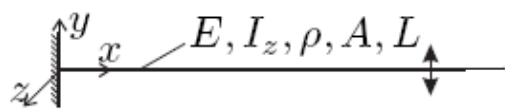
matrix of the matrix-vector-representation:

$$\mathbf{A}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & \lambda \\ \overline{EI_z} \sin(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & -\overline{EI_z} \cos(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & \overline{EI_z} \sinh(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & \overline{EI_z} \cosh(\lambda L) \lambda^2 \\ \pm i d \lambda^2 k^2 \cos(\lambda L) & \pm i d \lambda^2 k^2 \sin(\lambda L) & \pm i d \lambda^2 k^2 \cosh(\lambda L) & \pm i d \lambda^2 k^2 \sinh(\lambda L) \\ -c \cos(\lambda L) & -c \sin(\lambda L) & -c \cosh(\lambda L) & -c \sinh(\lambda L) \\ -\cos(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & -\sin(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & \cosh(\lambda L) \lambda^2 & \sinh(\lambda L) \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

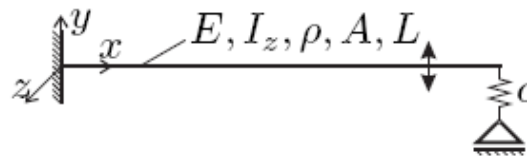
Equation to determine the eigenvalues:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}(\underline{\lambda})) = -EI_z \underline{\lambda}^3 - EI_z \cos(\underline{\lambda}L) \cosh(\underline{\lambda}L) \underline{\lambda}^3 \\ \pm i dk^2 \sin(\underline{\lambda}L) \cosh(\underline{\lambda}L) \underline{\lambda}^2 - c \sin(\underline{\lambda}L) \cosh(\underline{\lambda}L) \\ \mp i dk^2 \cos(\underline{\lambda}L) \sinh(\underline{\lambda}L) \underline{\lambda}^2 + c \cos(\underline{\lambda}L) \sinh(\underline{\lambda}L) = 0$$

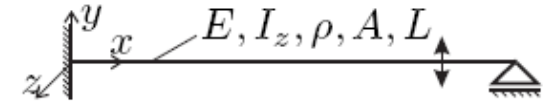
First test: equation exhibits known eigenvalue-equations of the following systems



$$c = 0 \text{ and } d = 0$$



$$d = 0$$



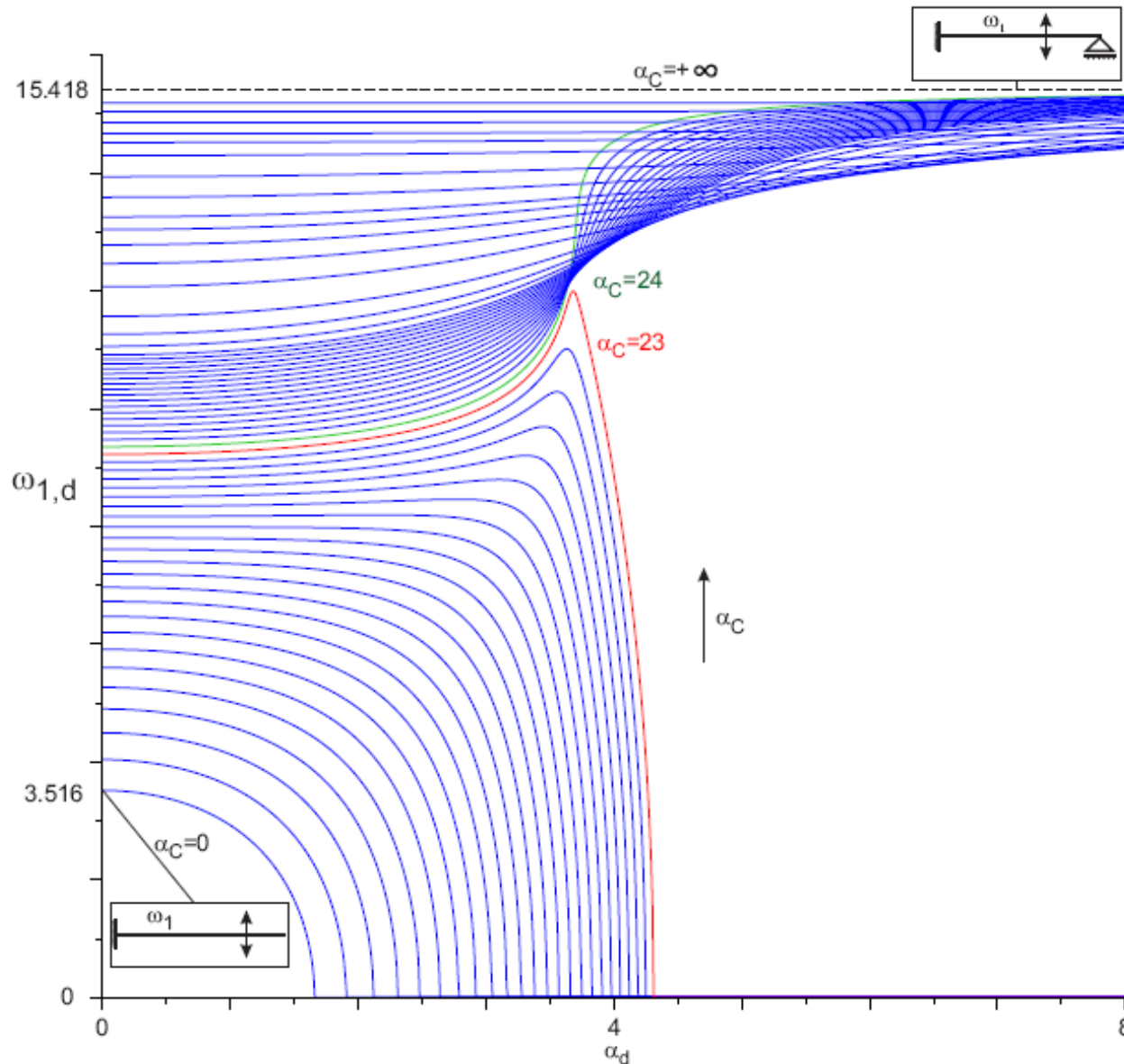
$$c \rightarrow +\infty \text{ or } d \rightarrow +\infty$$

Introduction of dimensionless parameters:

$$\alpha_c := \frac{c}{\frac{EI_z}{L^3}}$$

$$\alpha_d := \frac{Ld}{\sqrt{\rho A EI_z}}$$

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Determination using
MAPLE:

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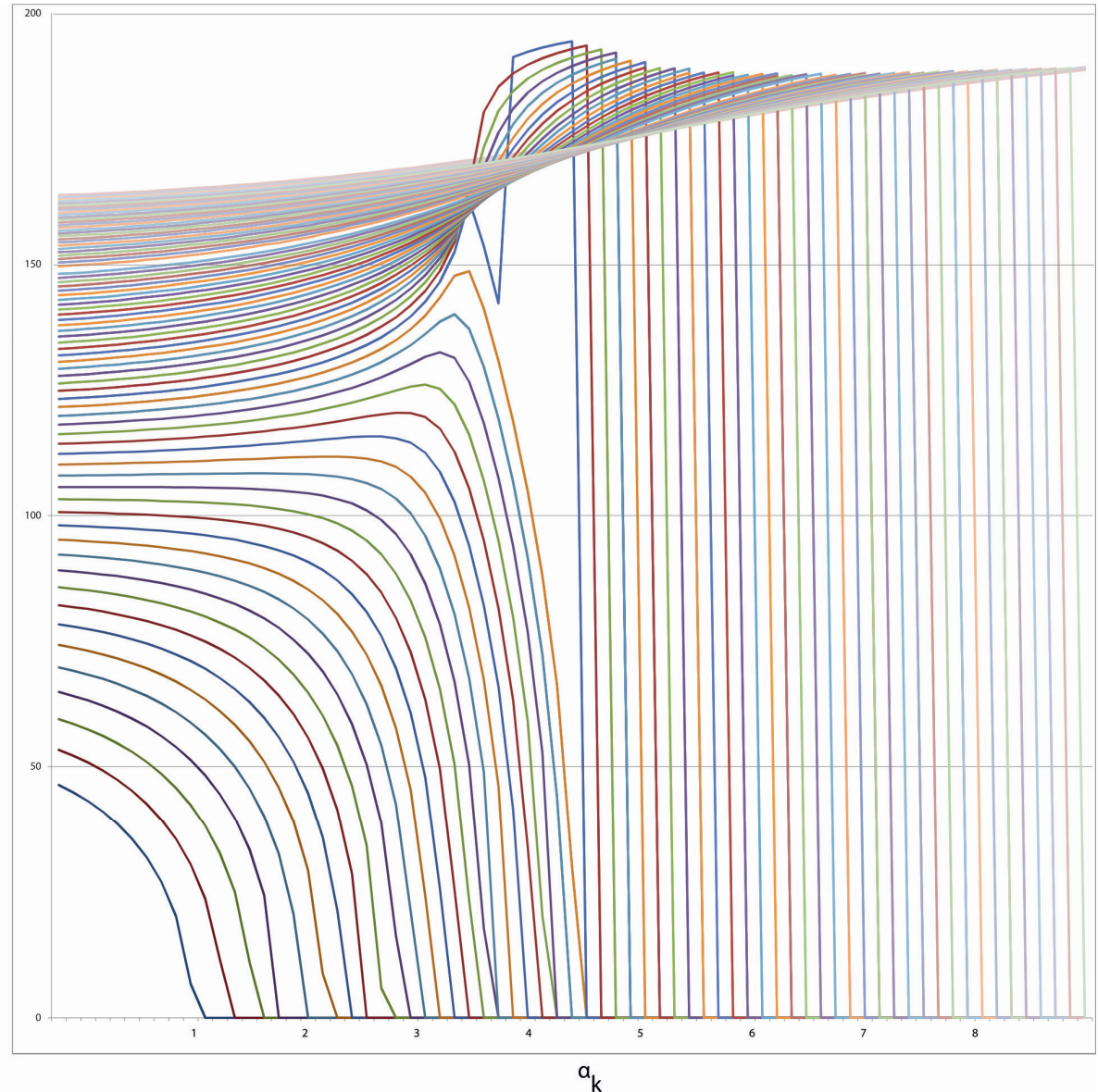
Verification ANSYS:

first natural frequency

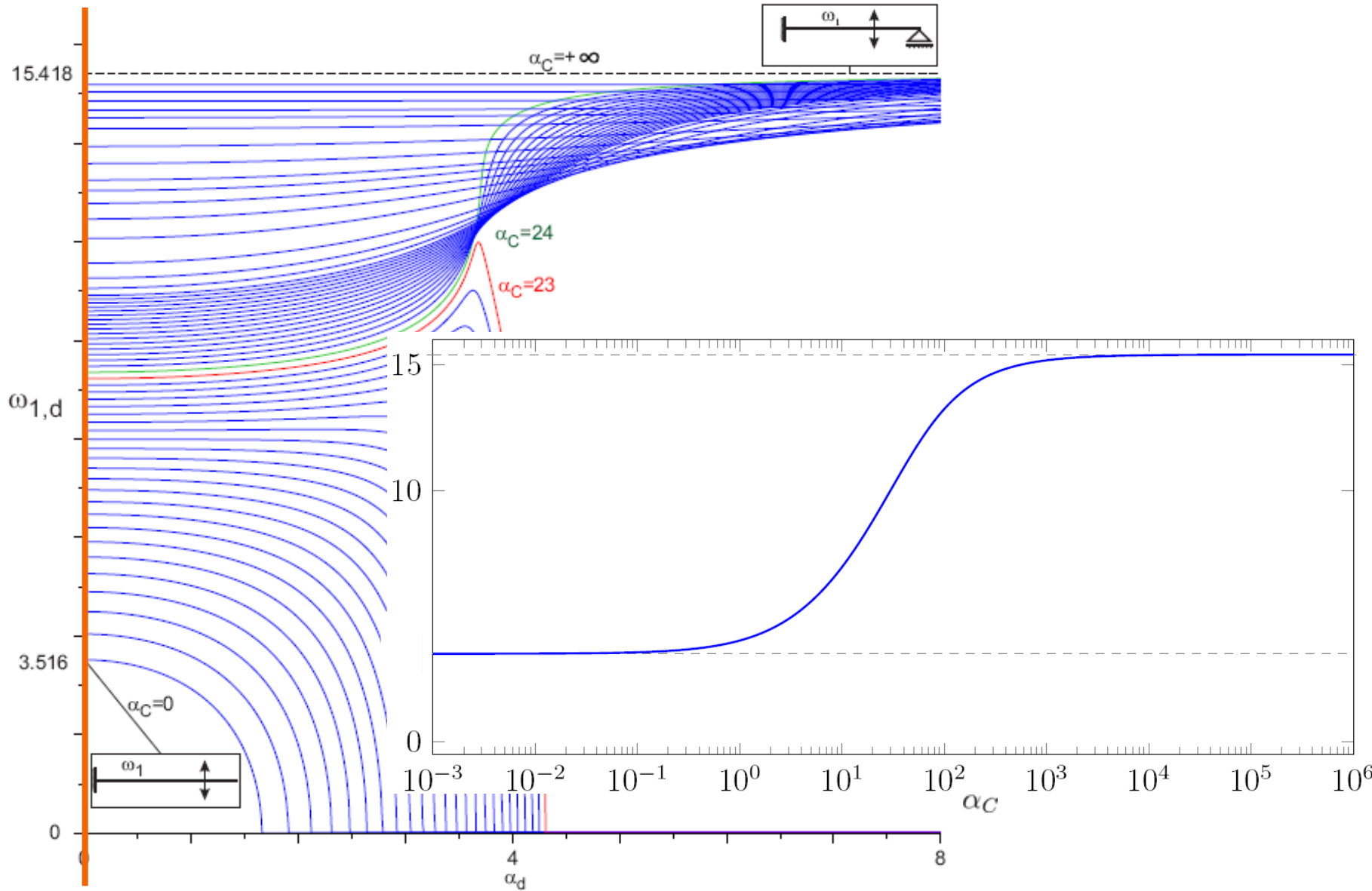
dependent on α_d

with parameter α_c $\omega_1(\alpha_k)$

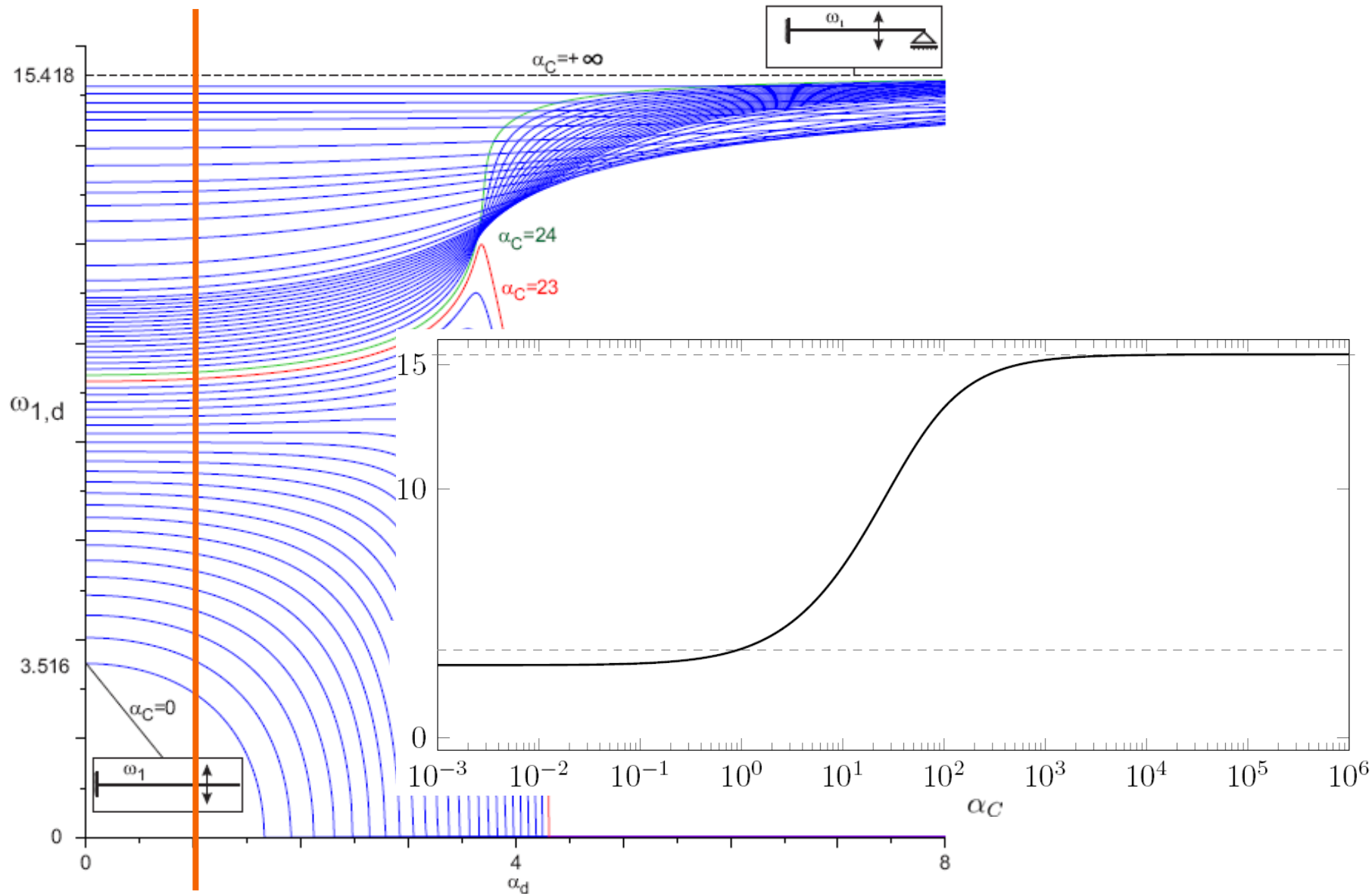
(using beam3 and
combine14)



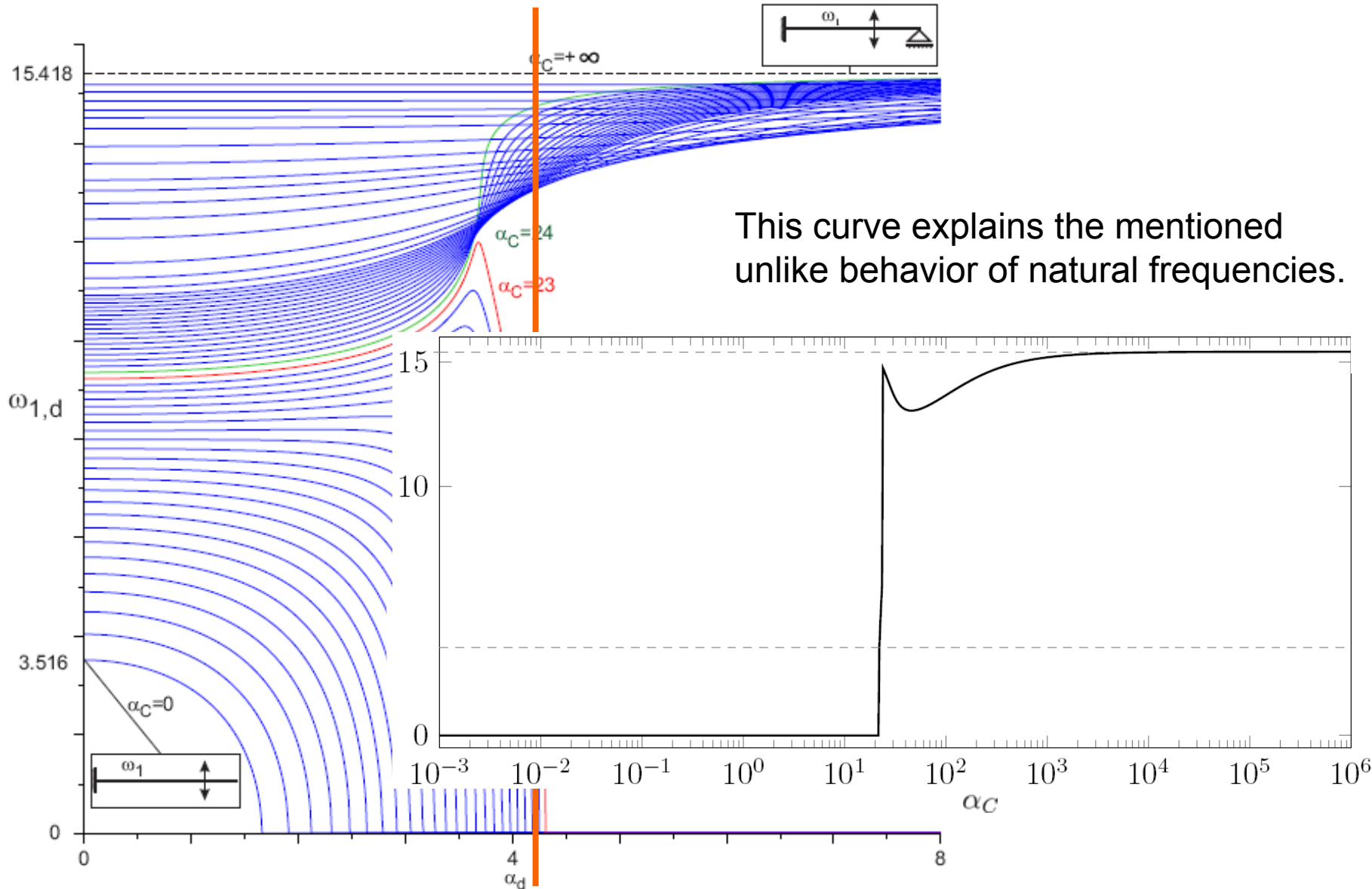
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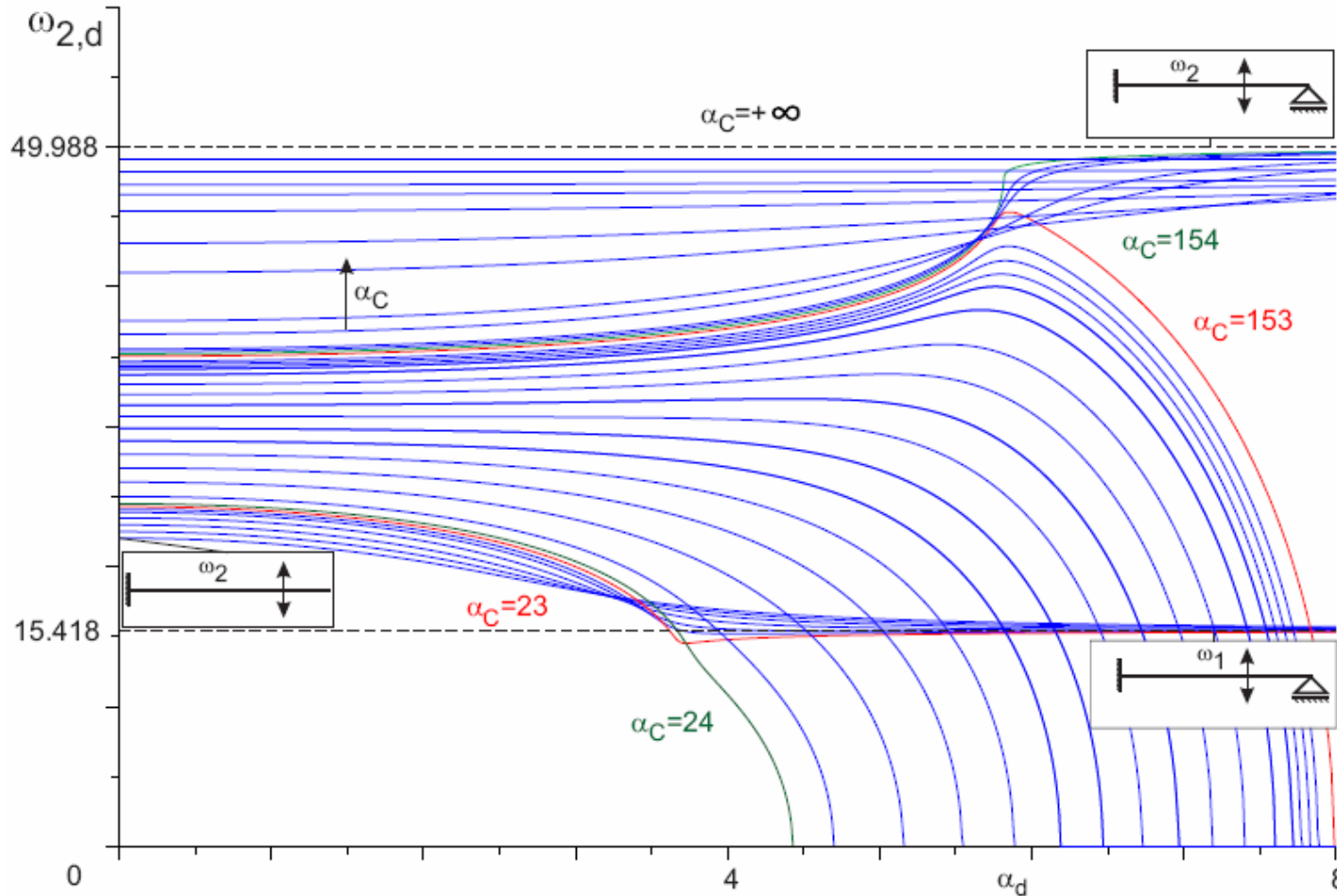
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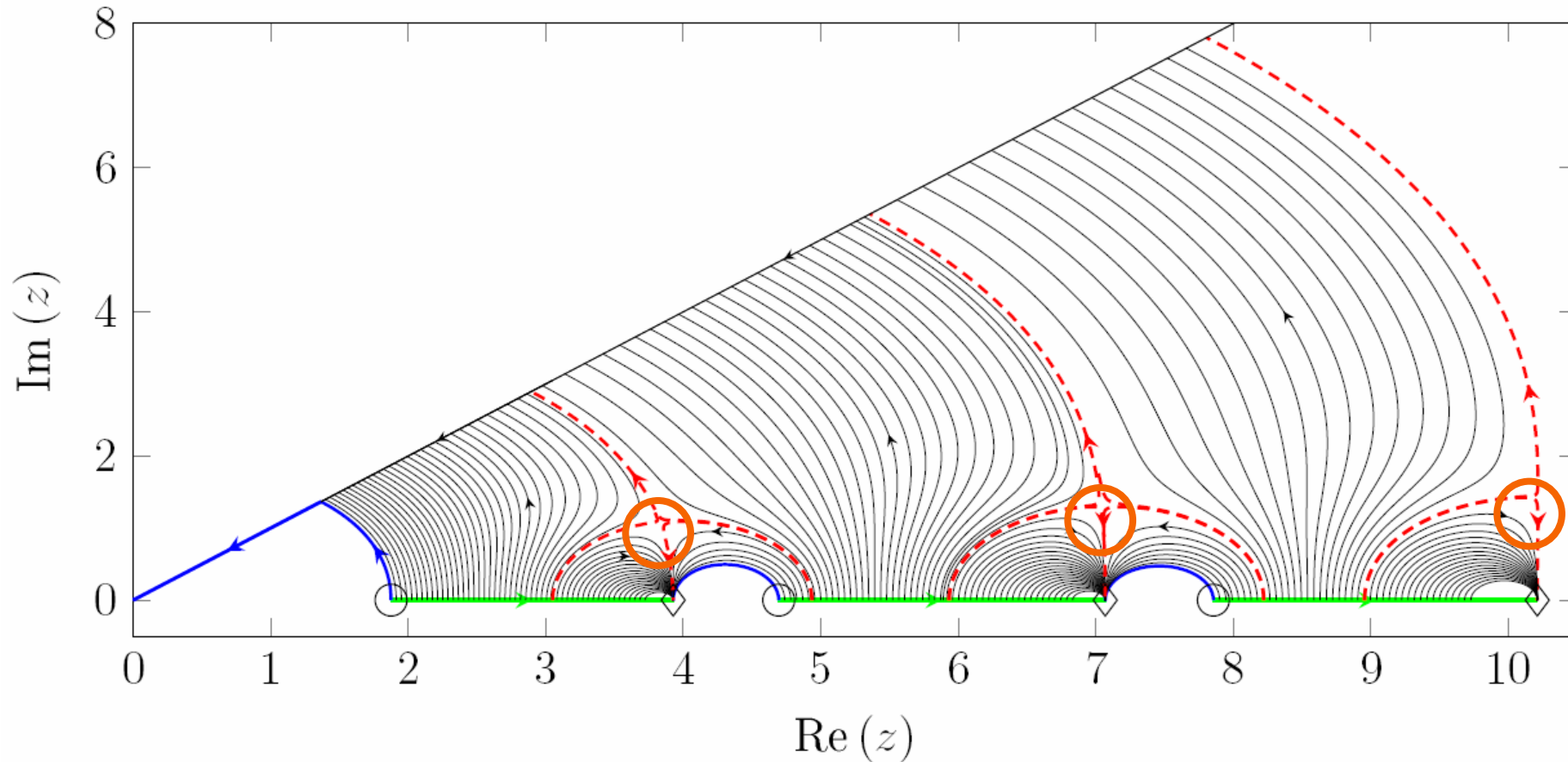
This curve explains the mentioned unlike behavior of natural frequencies.

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More complex and unlike behavior in observing the second (or other higher) natural frequencies:



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Existence of saddle points: 1^{st} for $\alpha_{C1}^* \approx 23.6562$, $\alpha_{d1}^* \approx 3.6955$
 2^{nd} for $\alpha_{C2}^* \approx 153.9398$, $\alpha_{d1}^* \approx 5.8149$

⋮

Conclusion from this stage:

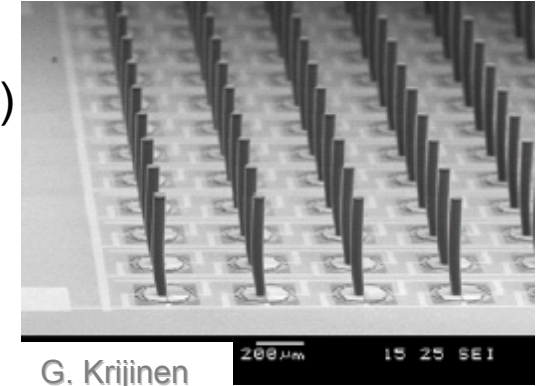
- analytical treatment of beam vibrations to determine the spectrum of natural frequencies
- complex models due to complex structure of biological sensor
- unlike behavior in first models
- analysis of a special example:
 - boundary discrete damping and spring elements
 - classical assertions not valid: increase c then natural frequency will increase
 - this may explain the unlike behavior
 - 0-eigenfrequency – rigid-body motion, like strong damping, no oscillation
- still known, but not for beams
- idea: observe shift in spectrum of frequencies due to sudden obstacle contacts
detect distance, not only contact / no contact

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paradigms of tactile sensors for perception in applications:

- quality assurance (e.g., coordinate measuring machines)
- measurements of flow rates
- detection of packaged goods on conveyor belts

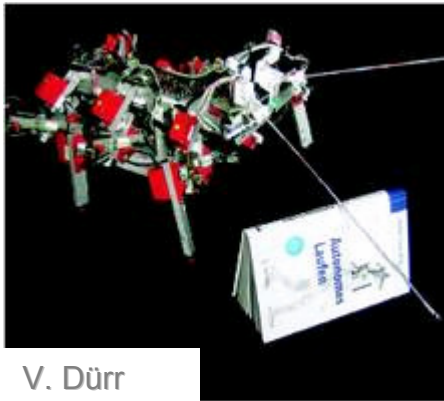
Microsystem Technology



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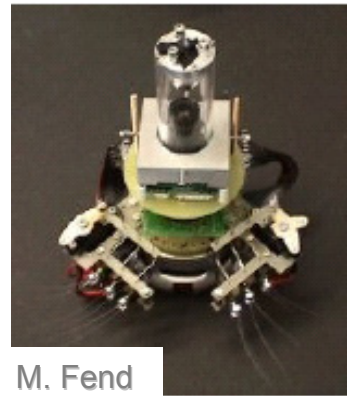
detection of flow rates

Robotics



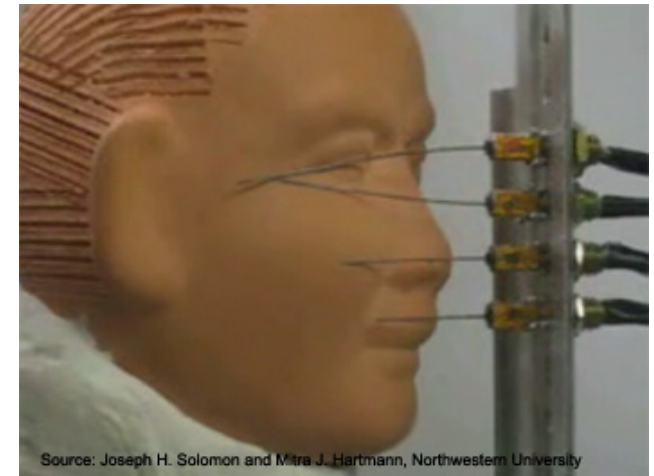
V. Dürr

object localization



M. Fend

detection of texture



Source: Joseph H. Solomon and Mitra J. Hartmann, Northwestern University

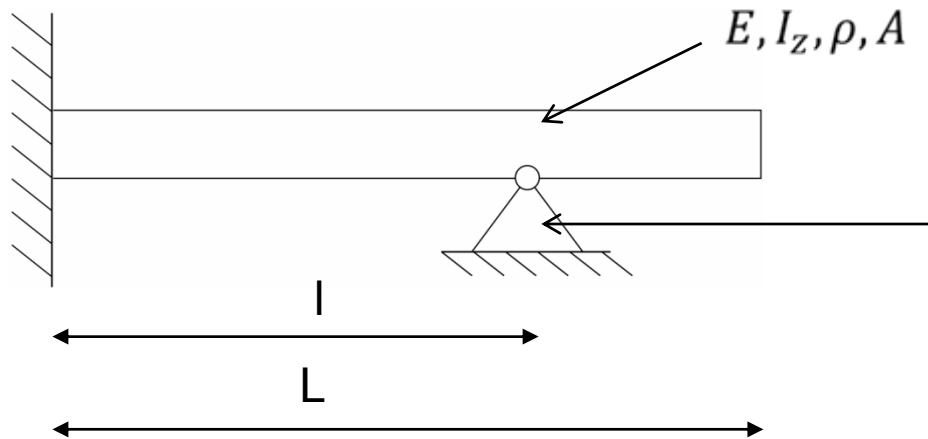
detection of contour

➔ **dynamic analysis of beam vibrations in Bionics**

Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 5b - Distance

[Ueno et al. 1998]

model of the vibrissa



object contact is modeled as a bearing

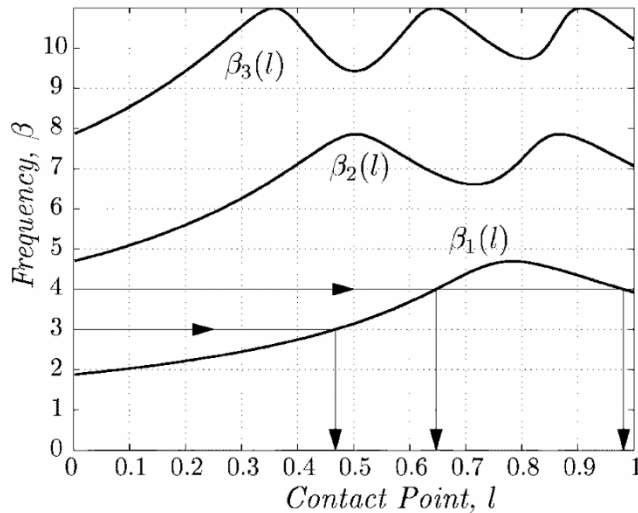
equation of motion: $\ddot{v}(x, t) + k^4 v''''(x, t) = 0$, with $k^4 := \frac{E I_z}{\rho A}$

boundary and transition conditions:

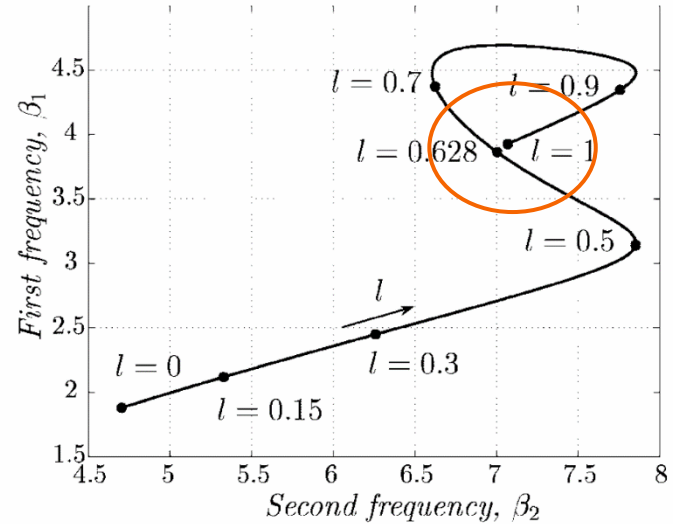
- $v_1(0, t) = 0$
- $v_1''(0, t) = 0$
- $v_1(l, t) = 0$
- $v_1(l, t) = 0$
- $v_1'(l, t) = v_2'(l, t)$
- $v_1''(l, t) = v_2''(l, t)$
- $v_2''(L, t) = 0$
- $v_2'''(L, t) = 0$

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[Ueno et al. 1998]



first three natural frequencies

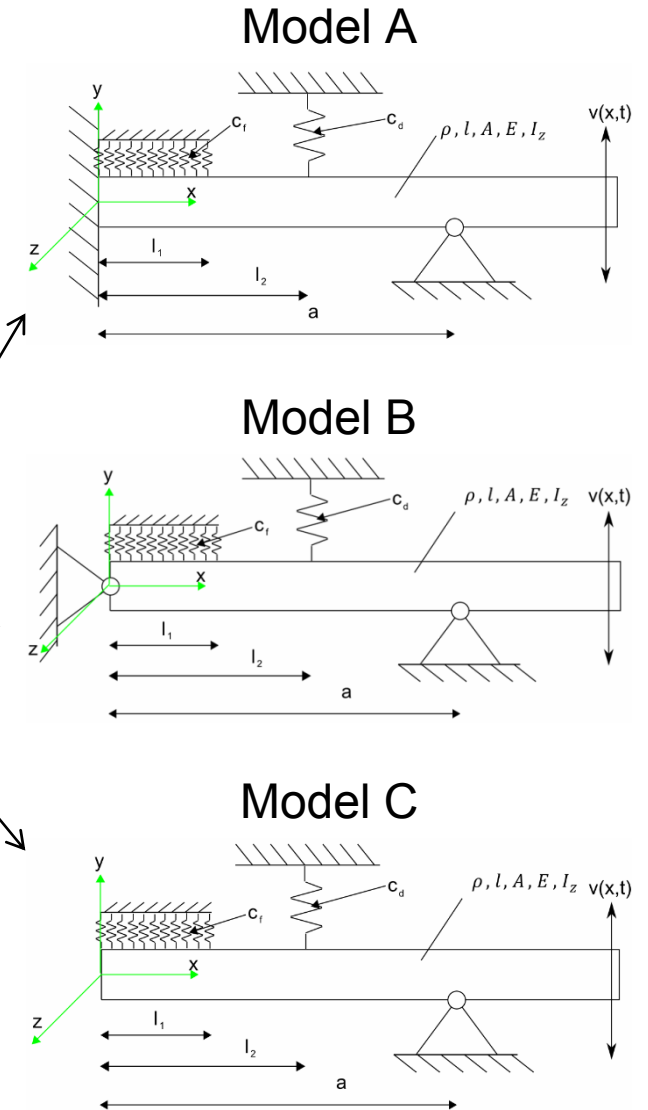
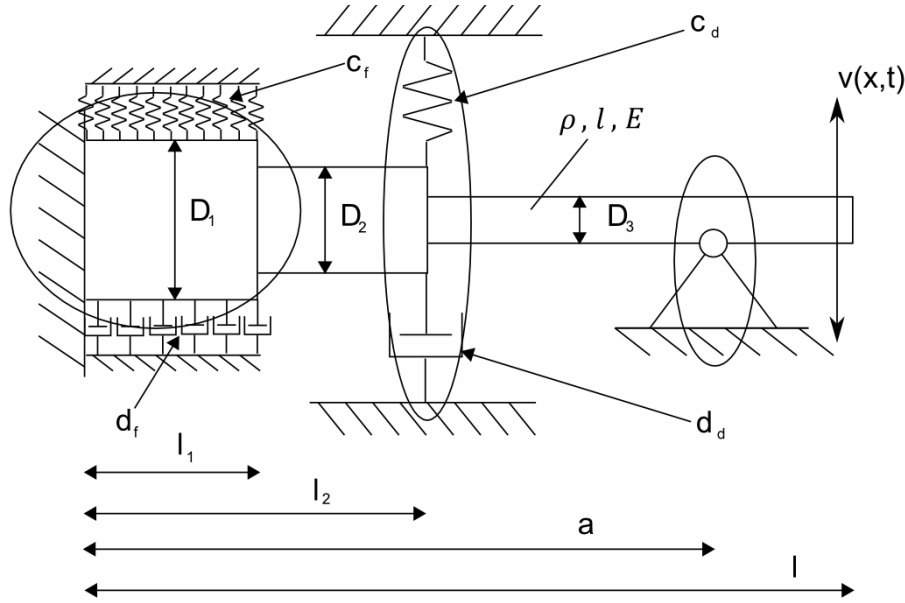
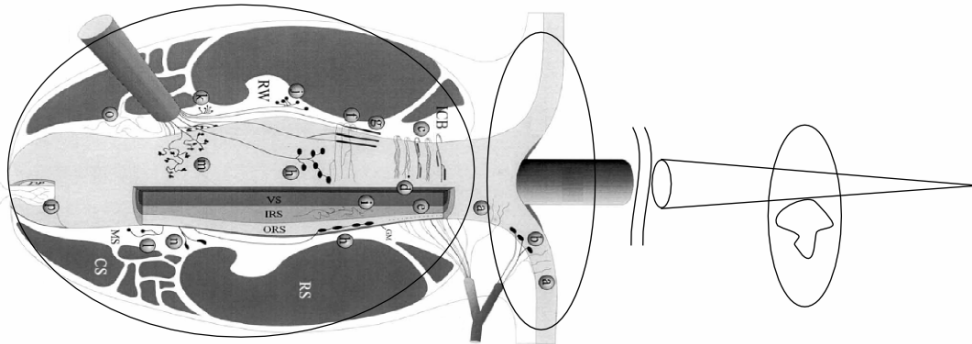


first vs. second natural frequency

- determination of the contact point with the first natural frequency is **not** possible
- determination of the contact point with the first two natural frequencies is **quite hard**

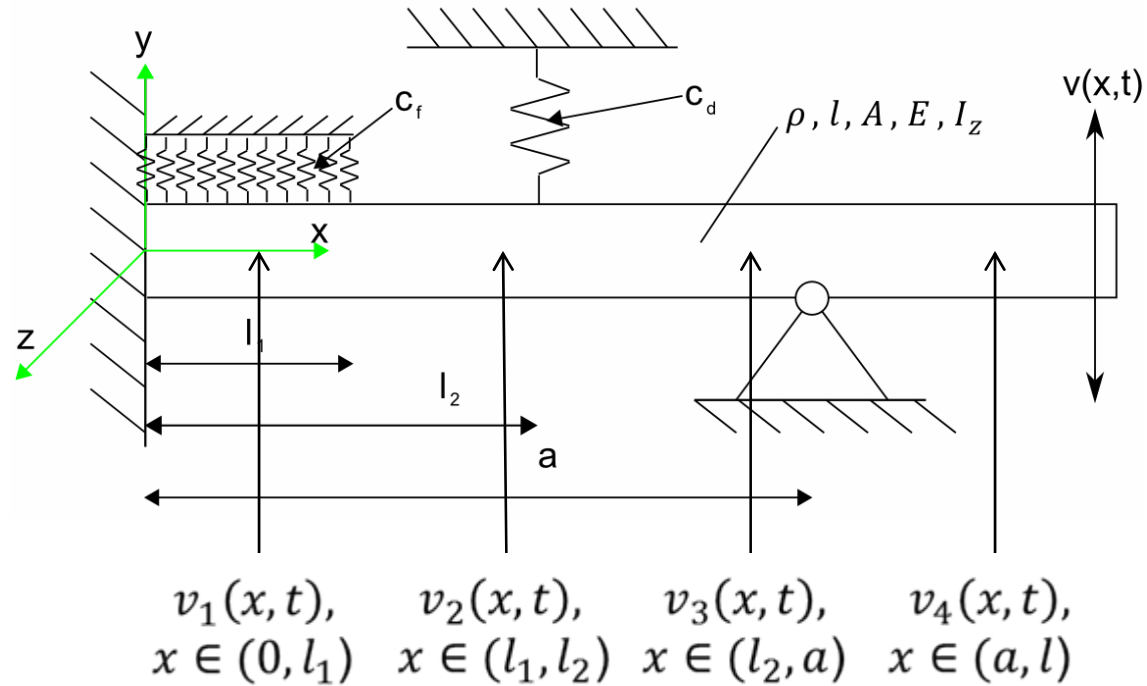
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Modeling



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Investigations



$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_3 = \omega_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \sqrt[4]{\lambda_1^4 + \frac{c_f}{EI_z}}$$

Only conservative systems due to problems presented before!

Conclusion from this stage:

- focus on dynamical analysis of vibrissa-like beams for obstacle distance detection
- development of several vibrissa-like beams which supports match better the real biological conditions
- idea: investigations of each eigenvalue spectrum
- development:
 - possibility to expand the eigenvalues curve with the discrete spring
 - determination of the contact point by means of two algorithms
- very first experiments show the effectiveness of the algorithms

To be done:

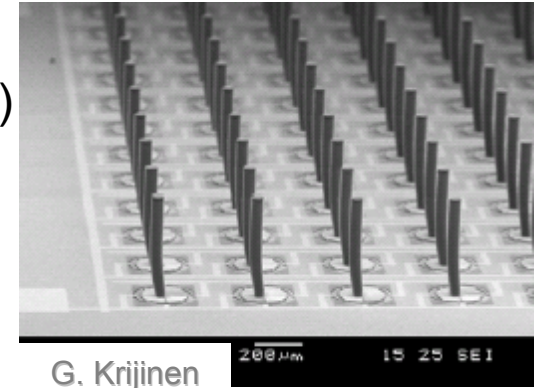
- investigation of models with different cross-sections, pre-curvature, non-conservative
- improve experiments

Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 5c - Contour

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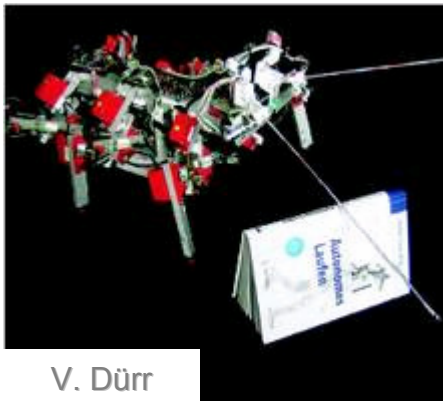
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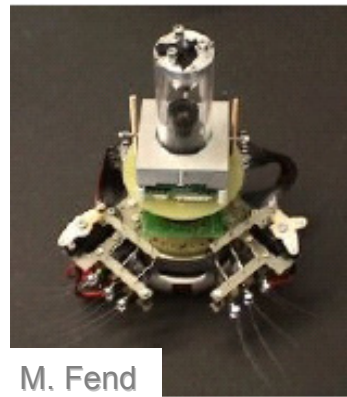
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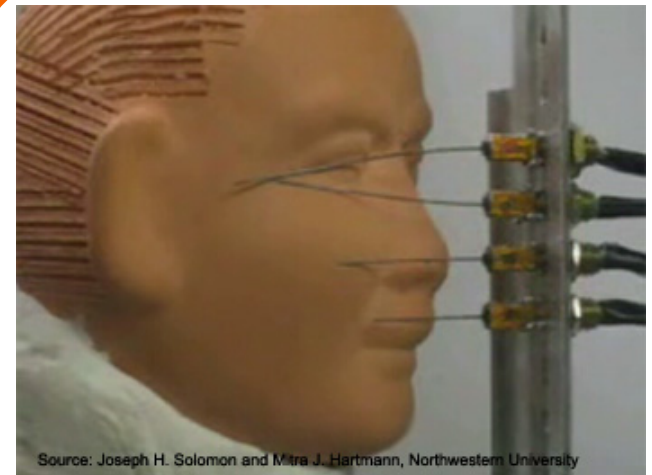
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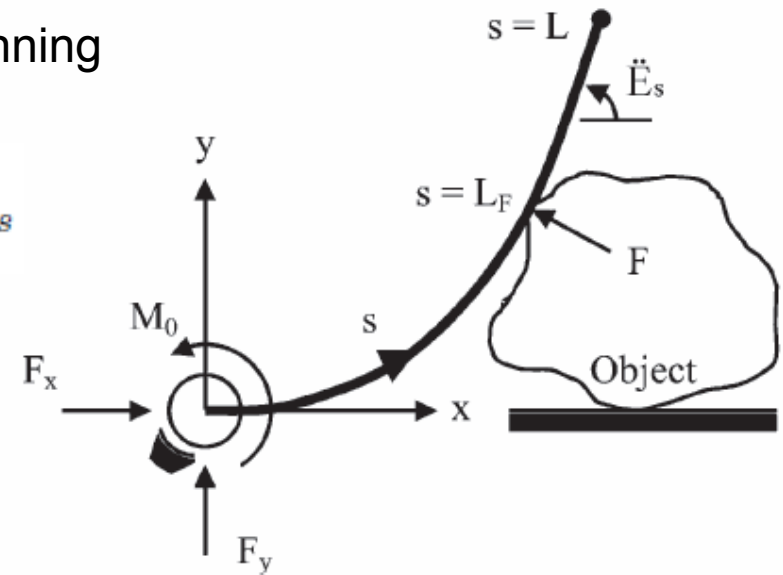
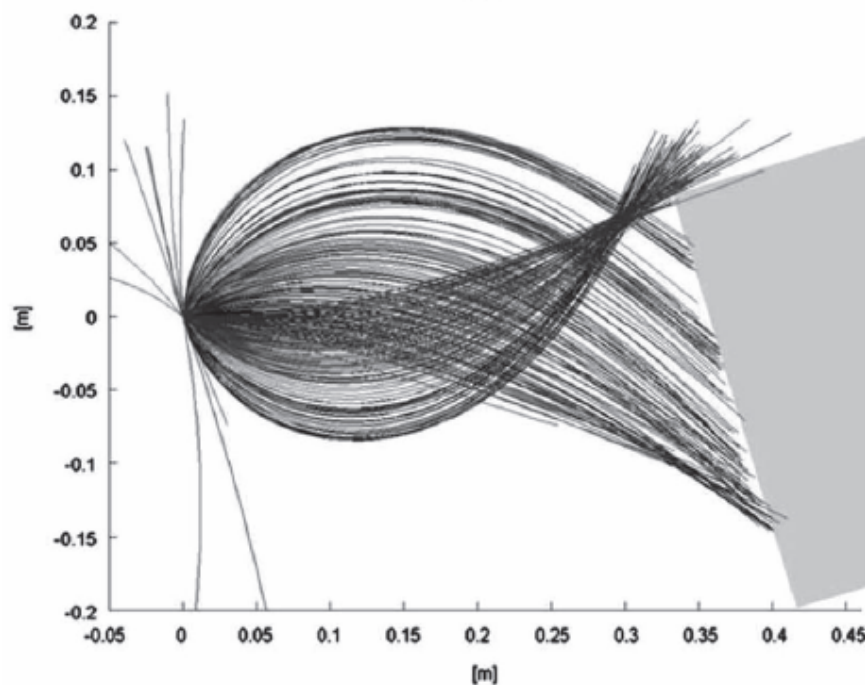
large deflection of beams in Bionics

Part II: Vibrissae – 5. Modeling – Stage 5c - Contour

State of art

- most works focus on numerics from the beginning [Scholz, Rahn 2004]

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos(\theta) \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = \sin(\theta) \quad E I_z \frac{d\theta}{ds} = M_s$$



$$M_s = \begin{cases} M_0 - F_y x + F_x y, & s \leq L_F, \\ 0, & s > L_F, \end{cases}$$

object fits in the field of computed vibrissae

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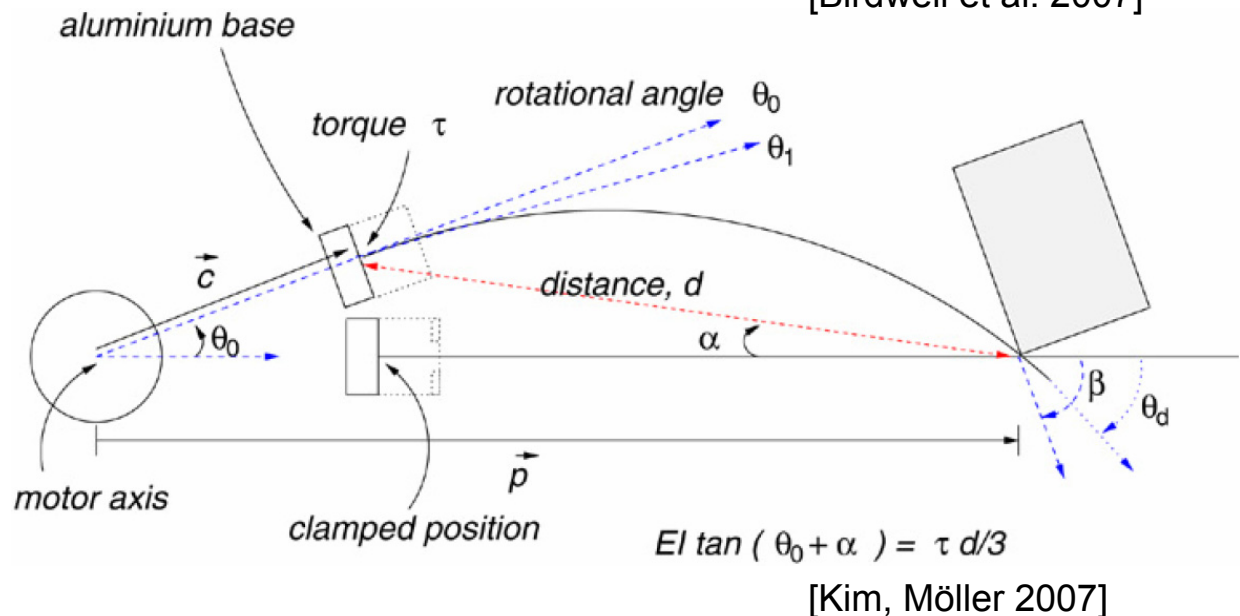
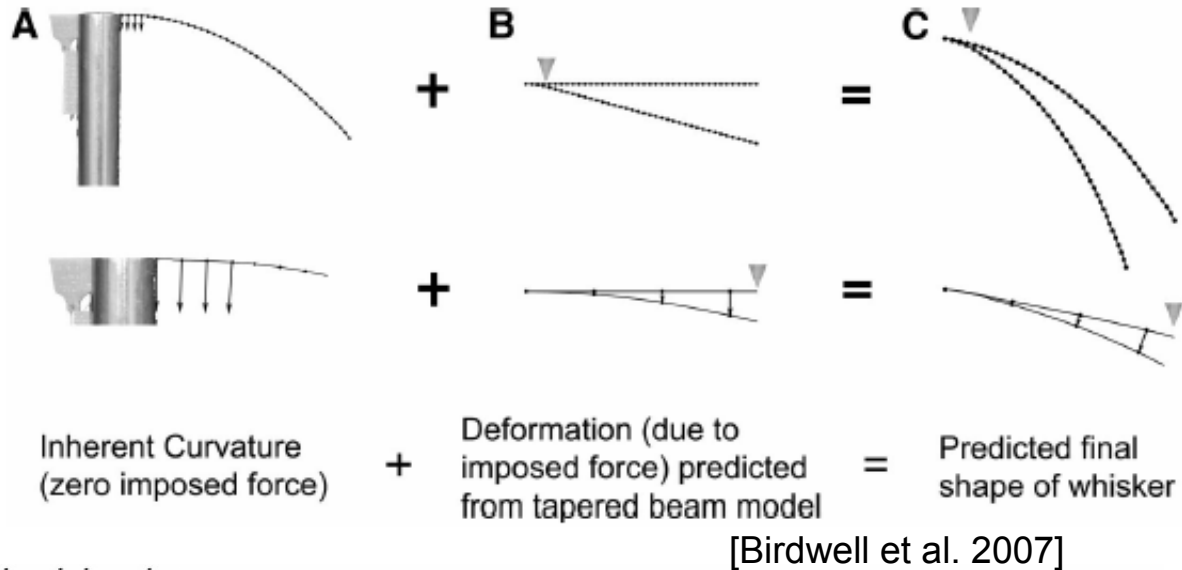
- BVP-solvers are used
[Hires et al. 2013]

- linear theory is used
[Birdwell et al. 2007]

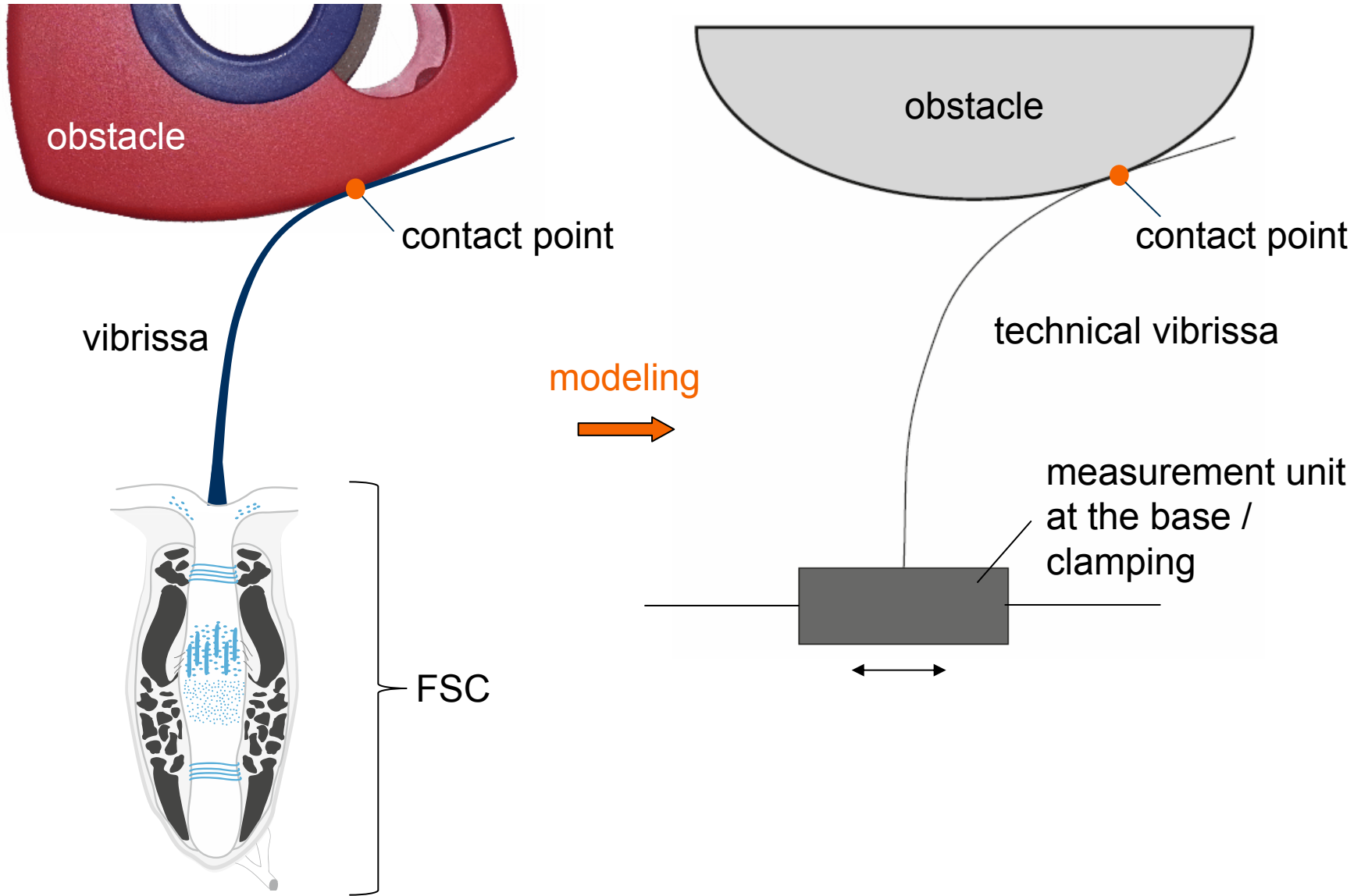
- rigid body systems
are used as an
approximation
[Quist, Hartmann 2012]

- also finite differences
[Pammer et al. 2013]
and others are used
[Kim, Möller 2007]

- no analytical treatment,
skipping beam theories
at early stages



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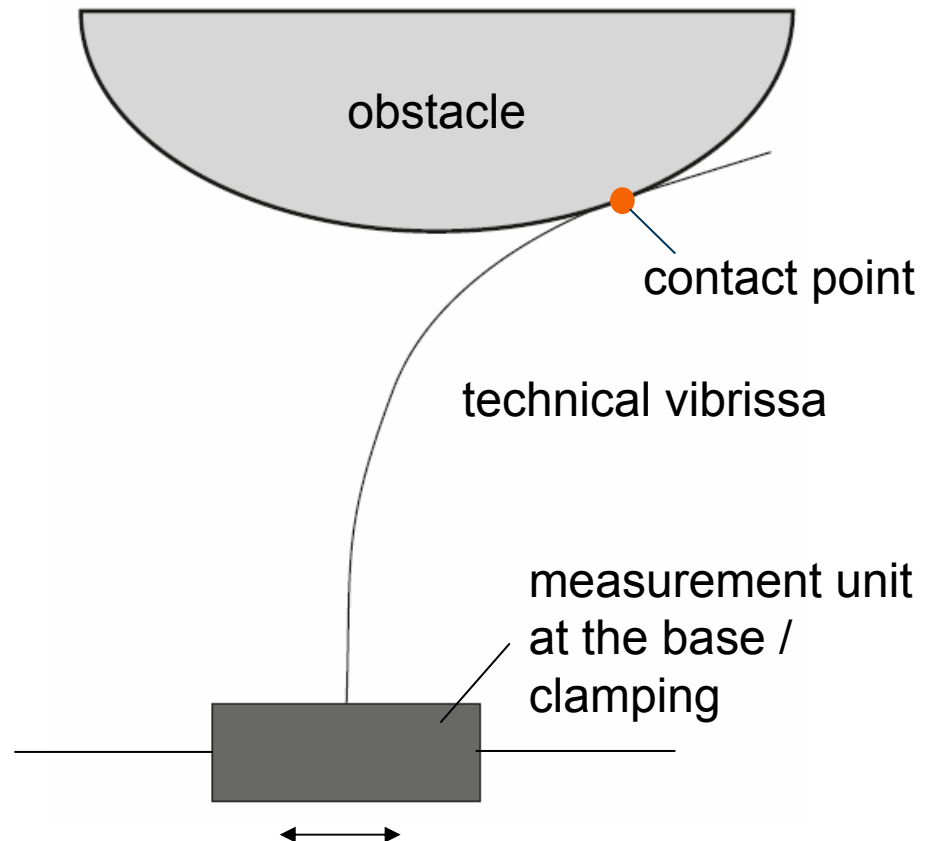
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Assumptions on Contour:

- smooth, strictly convex
- ideal contact, i.e., contact force perpendicular to profile contour
- no friction taken into account

Assumptions on Vibrissa:

- straight beam (no pre-curvature)
- constant 2nd moment of area
- constant Young's modulus E
- Hooke's law of linear elasticity
- ignoring shear stress
- Euler-Bernoulli theory for large deflections
- support at base: clamping



Conclusions from this stage:

- analytical treatment of large deflections of beams
- generation of observables possible for strictly convex surfaces
- sweep has to be divided into two phases
- new insights:
 - decision criterion for actual phase, decreases computations
 - contact point computation
 - no approximation of the problem
 - profile contour reconstruction possible with one sweep
- reconstruction with previously computed observables: error within 10^{-6}

To be done:

- verification by an experiment
- include pre-curvature, conicity of the beam

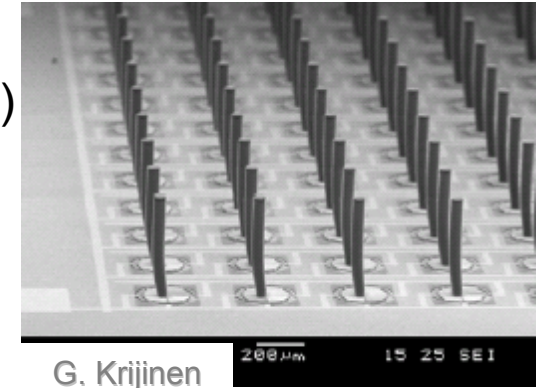
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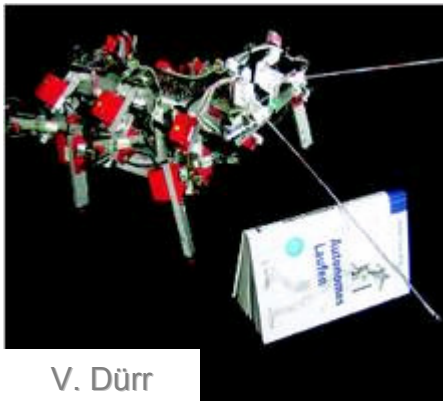
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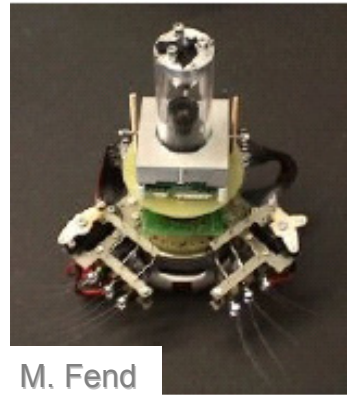
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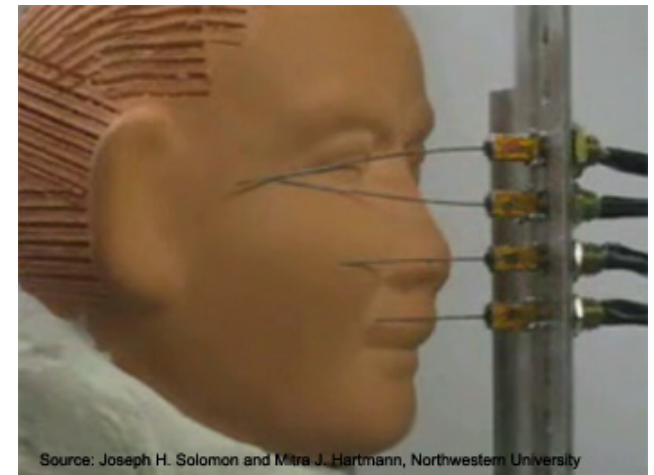
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Overall conclusions
