

**Modeling and Simulation of a Hexapod Machine
Tool for the Dynamic Stability Analysis
of Milling Processes**

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- ❖ motivation: PKM machine tools and dynamic stability of cutting processes
- ❖ modeling of the machine structure
- ❖ modeling of the milling process
- ❖ analysis of dynamic stability
- ❖ techniques for efficient computation of stability diagrams
- ❖ pose-dependent stability diagrams for the hexapod machine tool Paralix



PKM Machine Tool PARALIX



spatial assembly of links

→ high static stiffness

no bending moments in links, only normal forces

→ light-weight design of struts

equal components in identical links

→ reduction of production costs

- 6-DOF hexapod machine tool
- struts with constant length
- sledges driven by linear direct drives
- 5-DOF high-speed milling of metal

nonlinear kinematics and dynamics

nonlinear position control necessary

pose-dependency of stiffness

force/velocity transmission and
dynamic properties

kinematic singularities

loss of control of DOF,
reduction of workspace



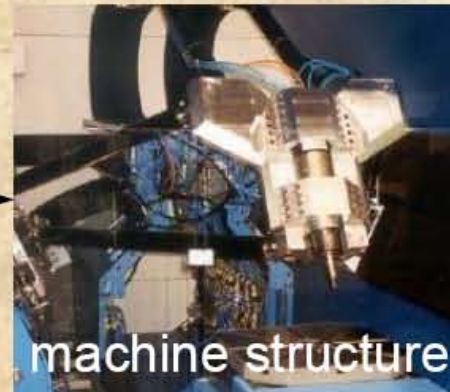
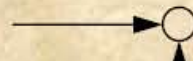
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Dynamic Stability of Cutting Processes for PKM

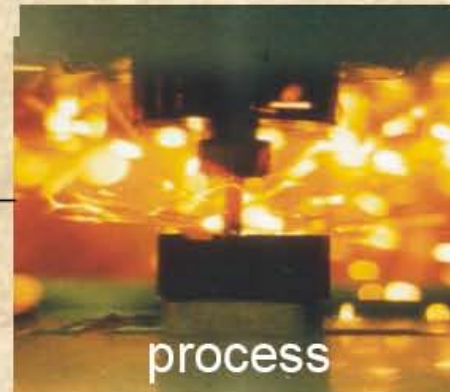
characteristics of PKM:
light-weight structures
pose-dependent dynamics

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external excitation
unbalance excitation
inertia forces



process forces



process reliability
dynamic stability
surface quality

displacements

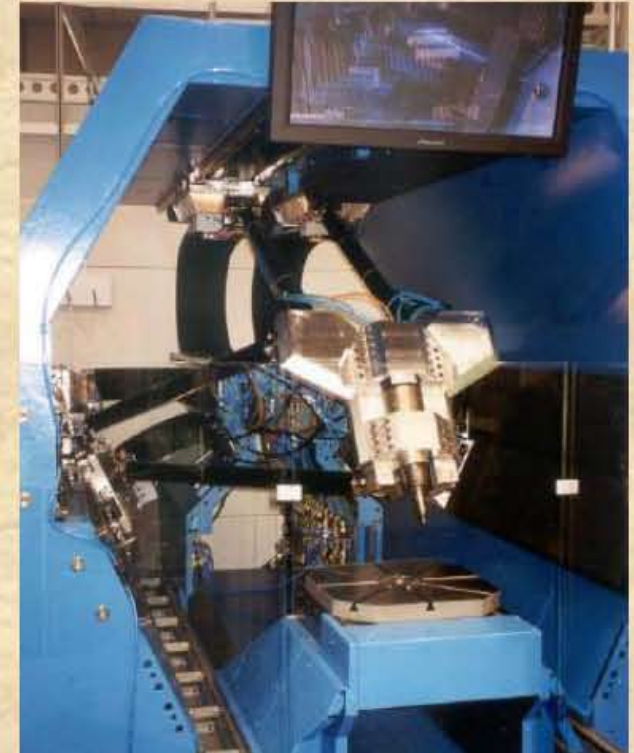
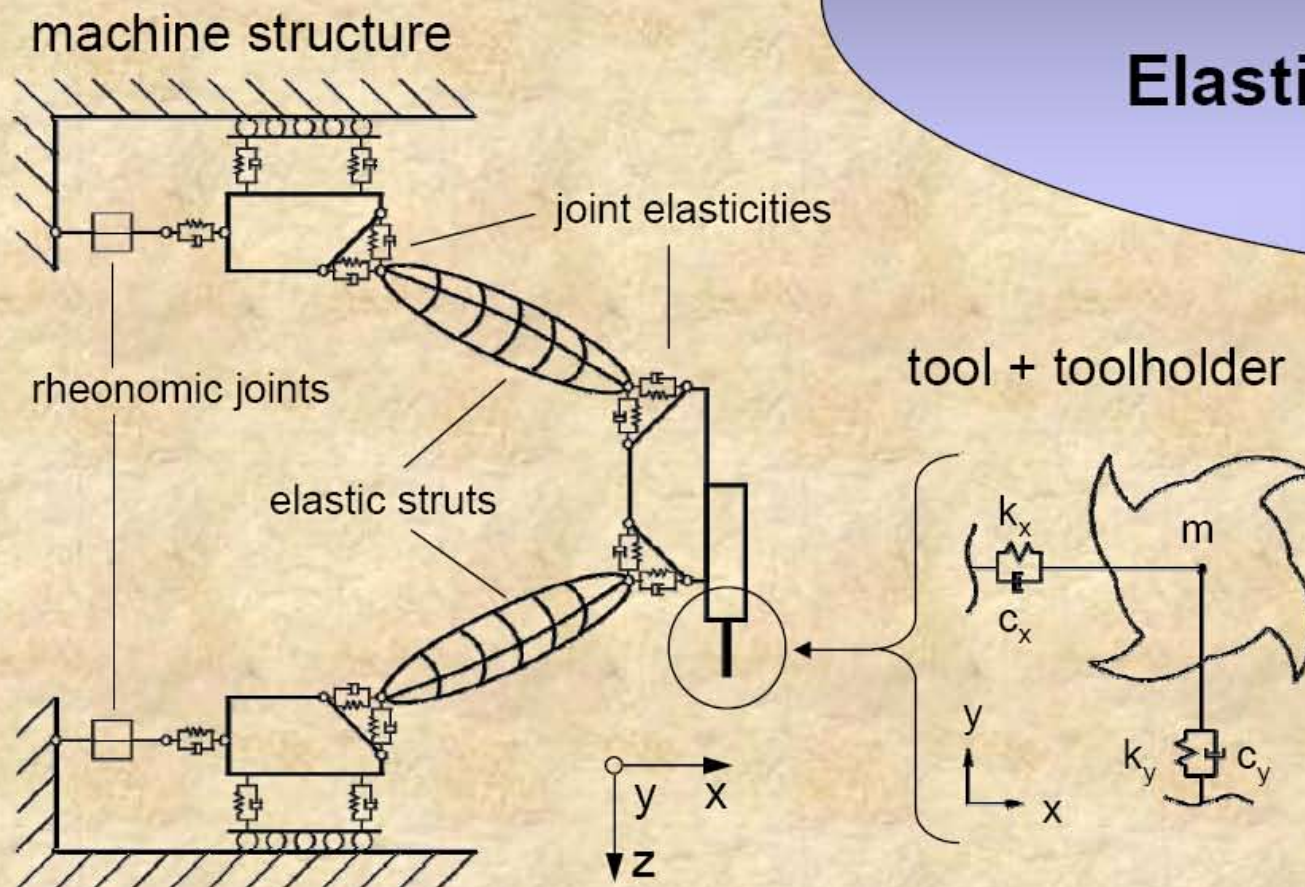
mechanisms of excitation
external and self-excited vibrations

process parameters
spindle speed,
feed,
depth of cut, ...



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Elastic Multibody System of PKM Paralix



sledges, platform as **rigid bodies**

finite element modeling of struts (beam elements)

elastic Cardan joints and linear joints

modal reduction of strut model (9 dof)

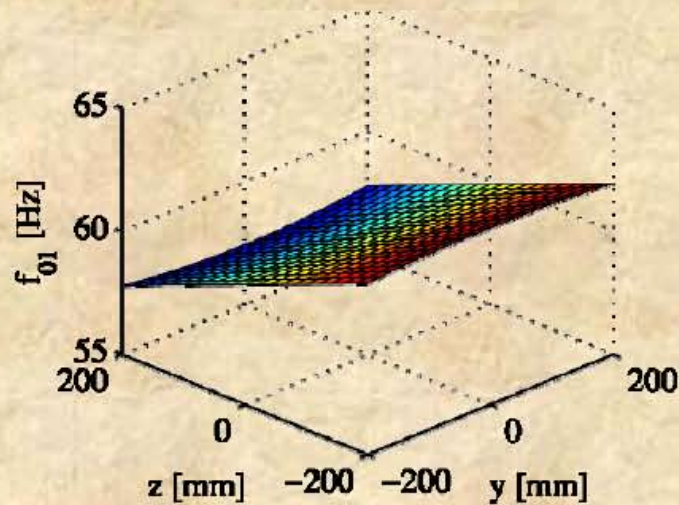
modal reduction of complete model for each pose in workspace



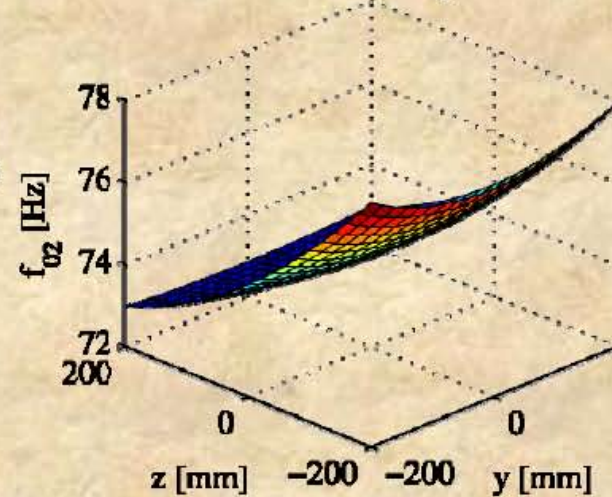
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Eigenfrequencies of Machine Structure in Workspace

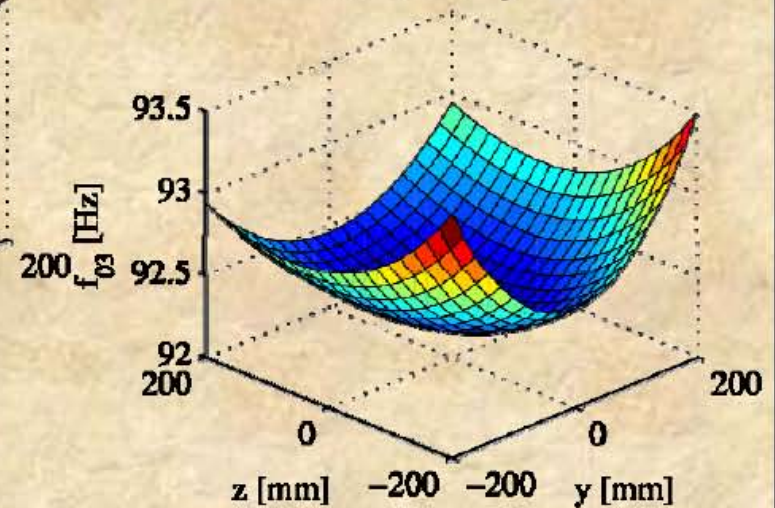
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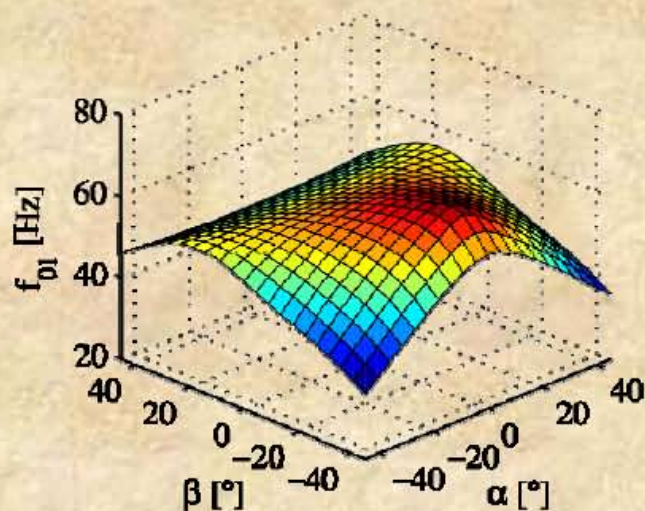
Mode 2 y-z



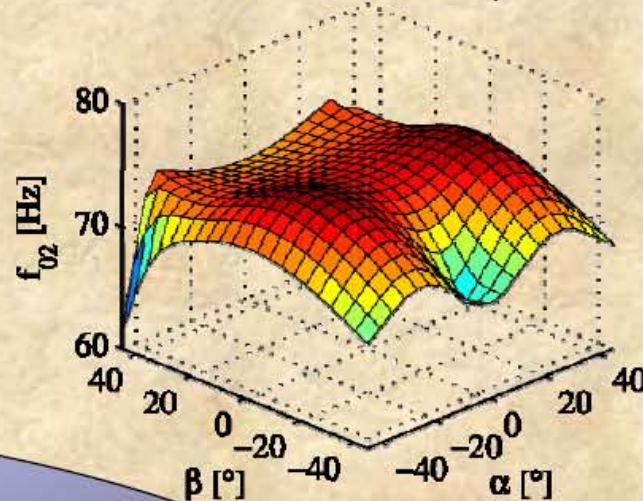
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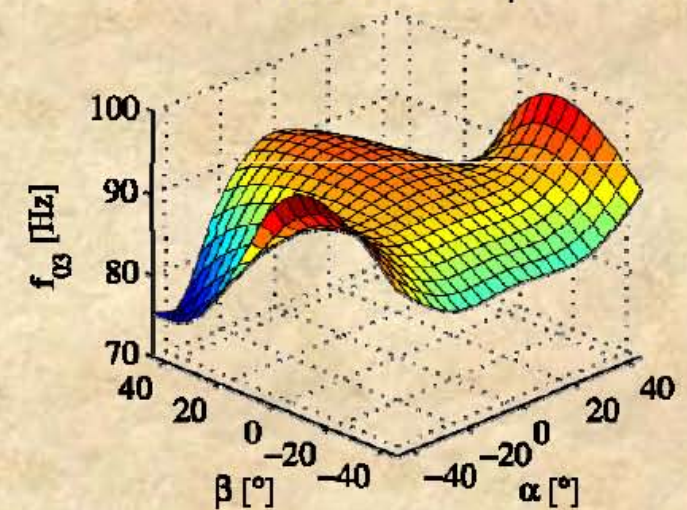
Mode 1 α - β



Mode 2 α - β

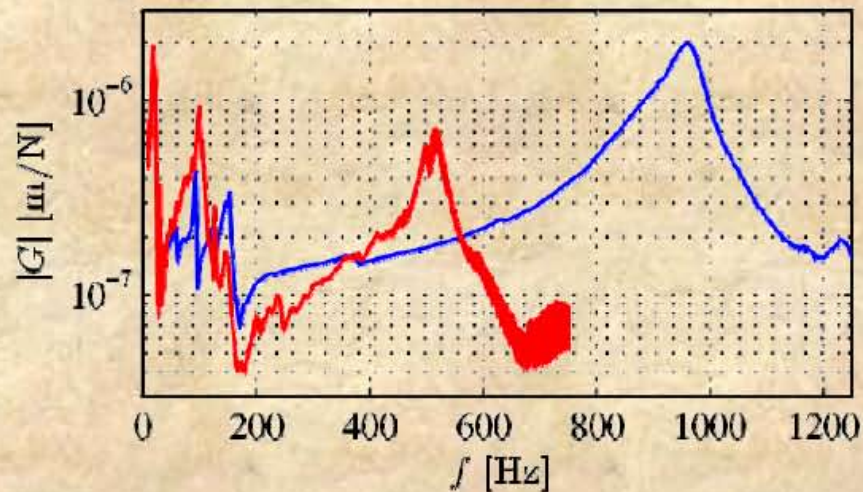


Mode 3 α - β

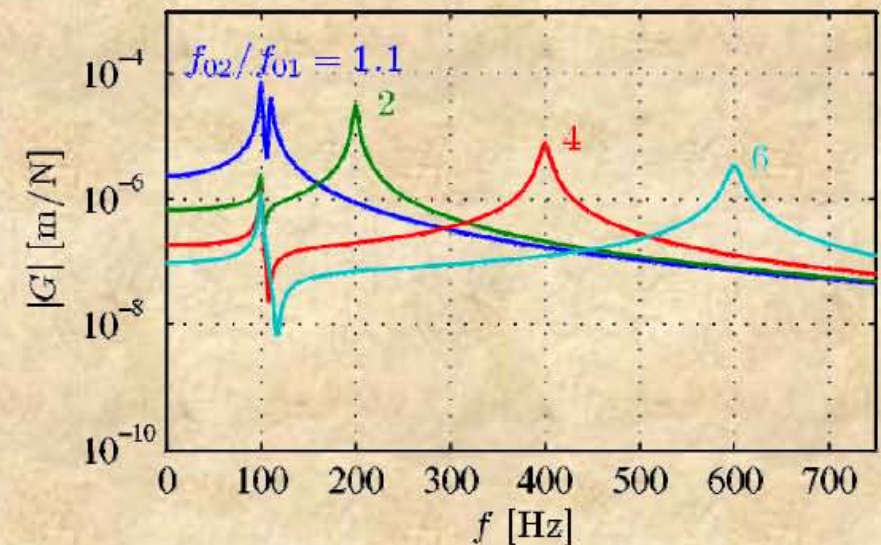
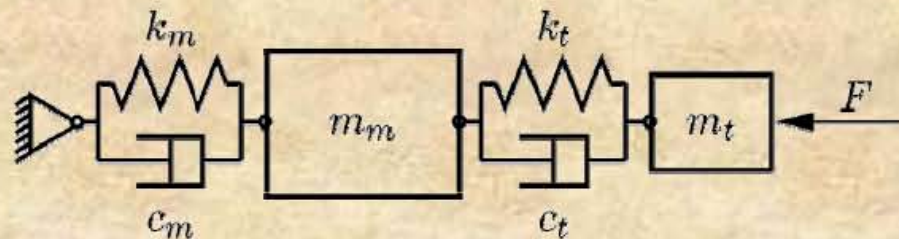
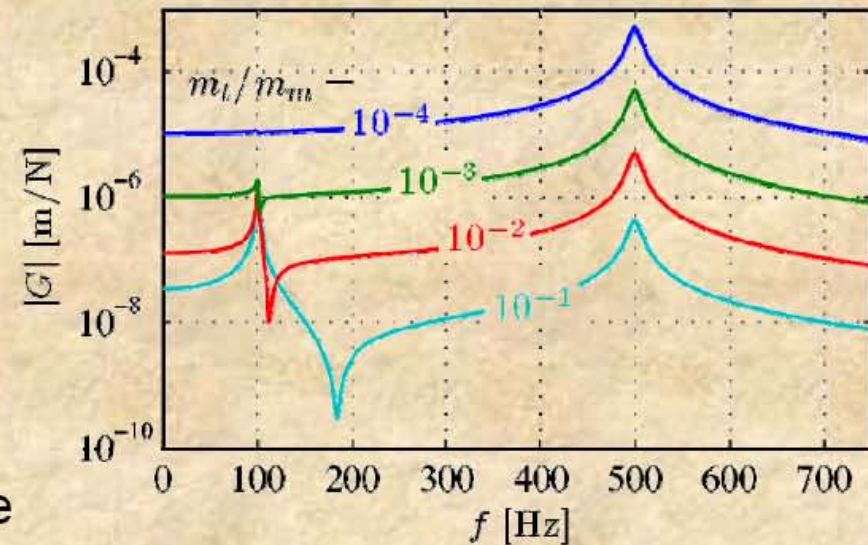


Role of Machine Structure in Tool-Tip Dynamics

measured tool-tip frequency response

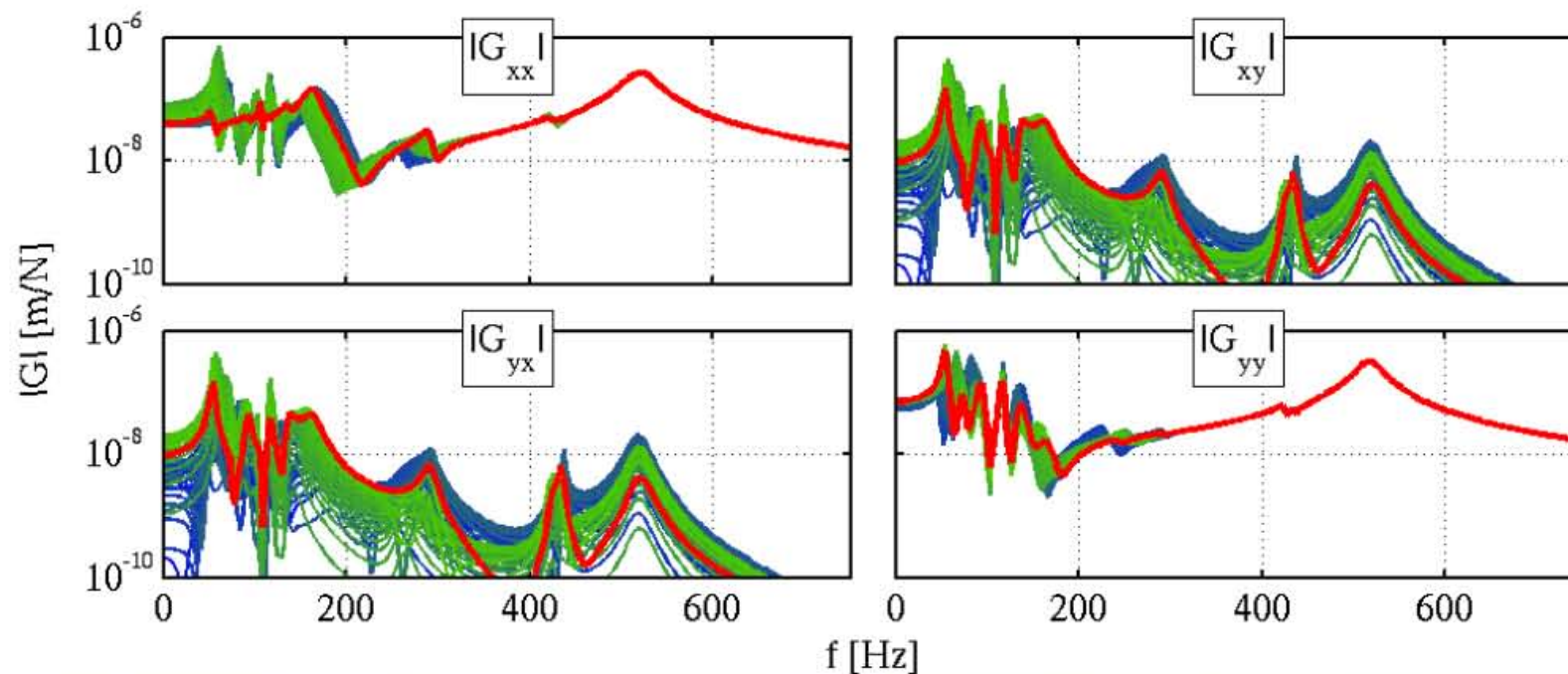
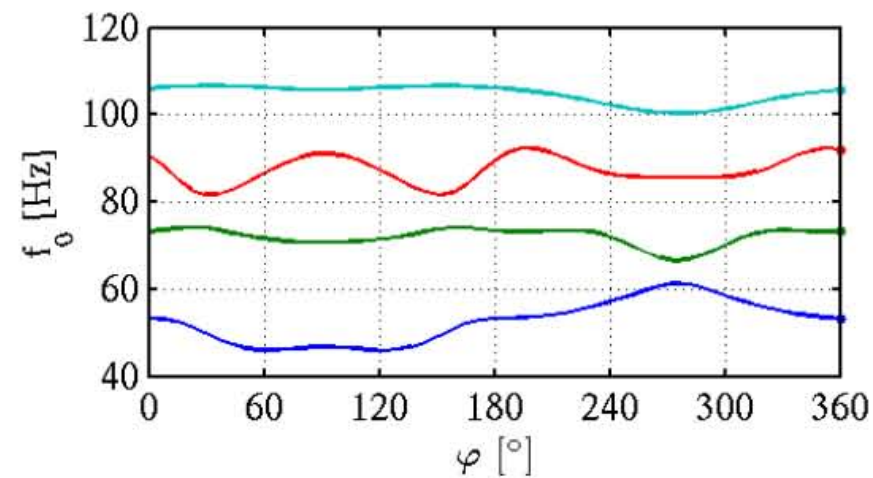
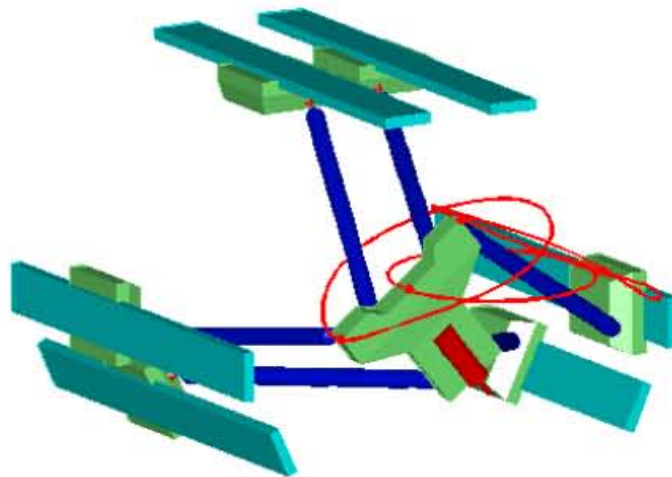


bimodal system representing machine structure and tool-toolholder-spindle

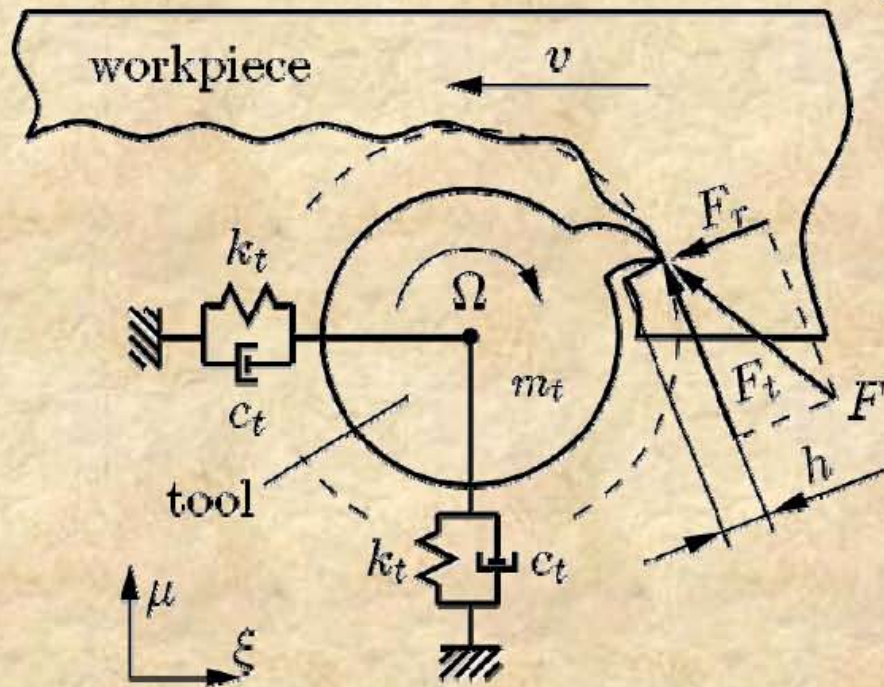


influence on eigenfrequencies
and tool-tip frequency response

Pose-dependency of Dynamic Behaviour



two-dimensional milling process



Modeling of Milling Process

linear **cutting force model**

$$F_t = F_{t0} + k_{ct}bh \quad F_r = F_{r0} + k_{cr}bh$$

dynamic depth of cut with **regenerative effect**

$$h = h_0(\varphi) + g(\varphi)[(\xi(t) - \xi(t - \tau))\sin(\varphi) + (\mu(t) - \mu(t - \tau))\cos(\varphi)]$$

dynamic process force equation

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_0(t) + b\mathbf{K}_c(t) \cdot (\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}(t - \tau))$$

overall system considering **machine structure** and **process dynamics**

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{y}}(t) + \mathbf{D} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) + (\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{K}_c) \cdot \mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{K}_c \cdot \mathbf{y}(t - \tau) = \mathbf{F}_0(t)$$

delay-differential equation (DDE) with periodic coefficients

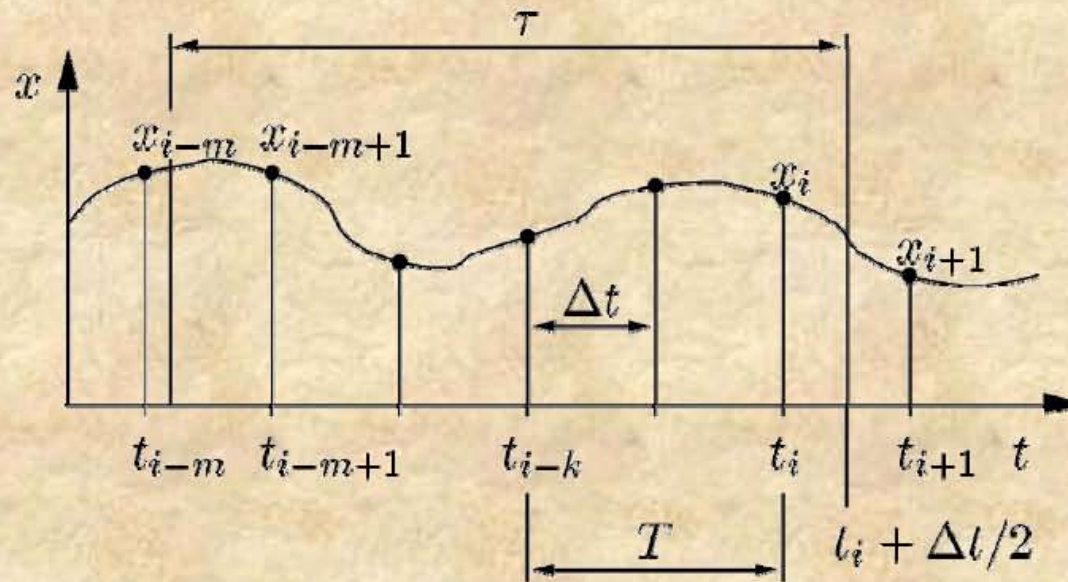
dynamic stability?



Insperger & Stépán, 2003:

discretization of system history

Analysis of Dynamic Stability by Semi-Discretization Method



homogeneous periodic time-variant DDE

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{Q}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$$

approximations on $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$

$$\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) \approx \mathbf{x}(t_i + \Delta t/2 - \tau)$$

$$\approx W_b \mathbf{x}_{i-m} + W_a \mathbf{x}_{i-m+1}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(t) \approx \mathbf{A}(t_i + \Delta t/2) =: \mathbf{A}_i$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(t) \approx \mathbf{Q}(t_i + \Delta t/2) =: \mathbf{Q}_i$$

approximating ODE on $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{Q} \cdot (W_b \mathbf{x}_{i-m} + W_a \mathbf{x}_{i-m+1})$$

$$\int \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{P}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + W_a \mathbf{R}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_{i-m+1} + W_b \mathbf{R}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_{i-m}$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{P}_i = \exp(\mathbf{A}_i \Delta t)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_i = (\exp(\mathbf{A}_i \Delta t) - \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{A}_i^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_i$$



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Stability Analysis

transition matrix for Δt

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{i+1} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-2} \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-m+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_i & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & W_a \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{C}^T & W_b \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{C}^T \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-2} \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-m+1} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i-m} \end{bmatrix}$$

vector of delay-active states $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$, $d < n$

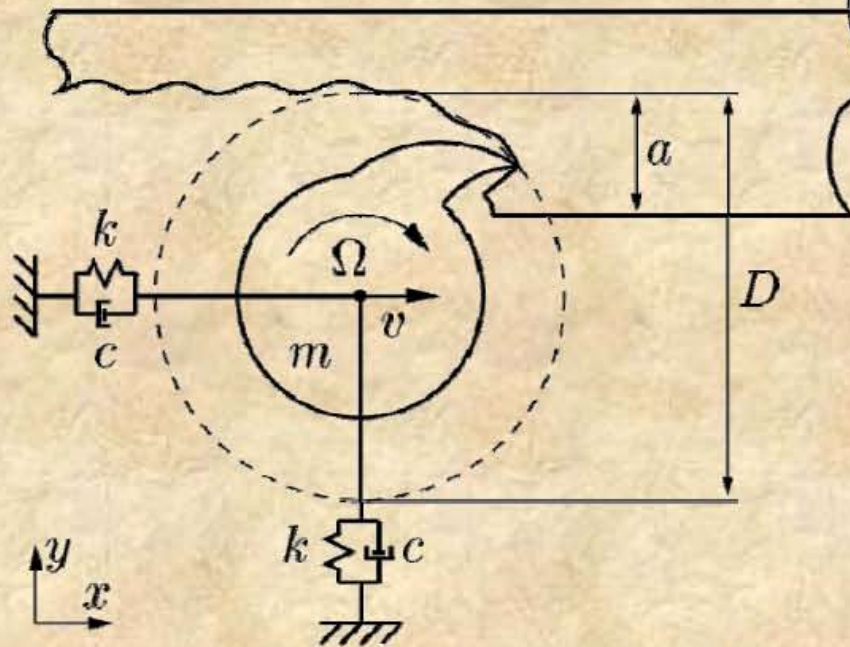
transition matrix for system period T $\Phi = \Phi_{k-1} \cdot \Phi_{k-2} \cdots \Phi_1 \cdot \Phi_0$

Floquet theory for stability of
periodic time-variant linear systems

$$\max(|\text{eig}(\Phi)|) \begin{cases} > 1 & \text{unstable} \\ = 1 & \text{stability boundary} \\ < 1 & \text{stable} \end{cases}$$



Stability Boundary Diagram

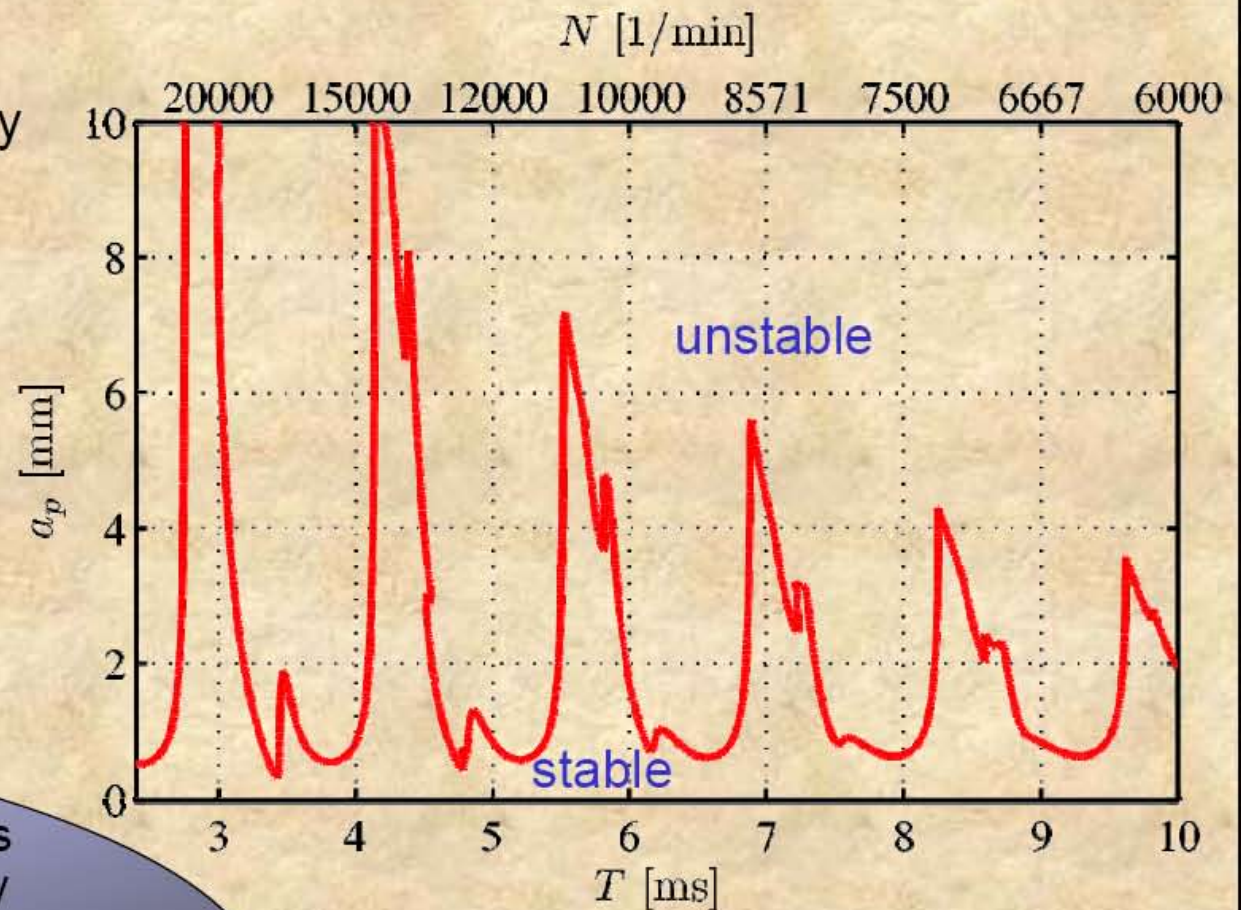


dynamic stability depending on process parameters spindle speed N and axial depth of cut a_p

up-milling process of aluminum alloy with single-bladed cutter, $a/D=0.05$

f_0 [Hz]	D [-]	m [kg]
722	0.0087	0.02

k_{ct} [MPa]	k_{cr} [MPa]
644	238



Efficient Computation of Stability Diagrams

implicitly defined stability boundary

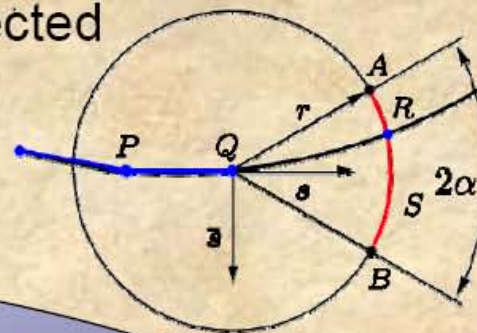
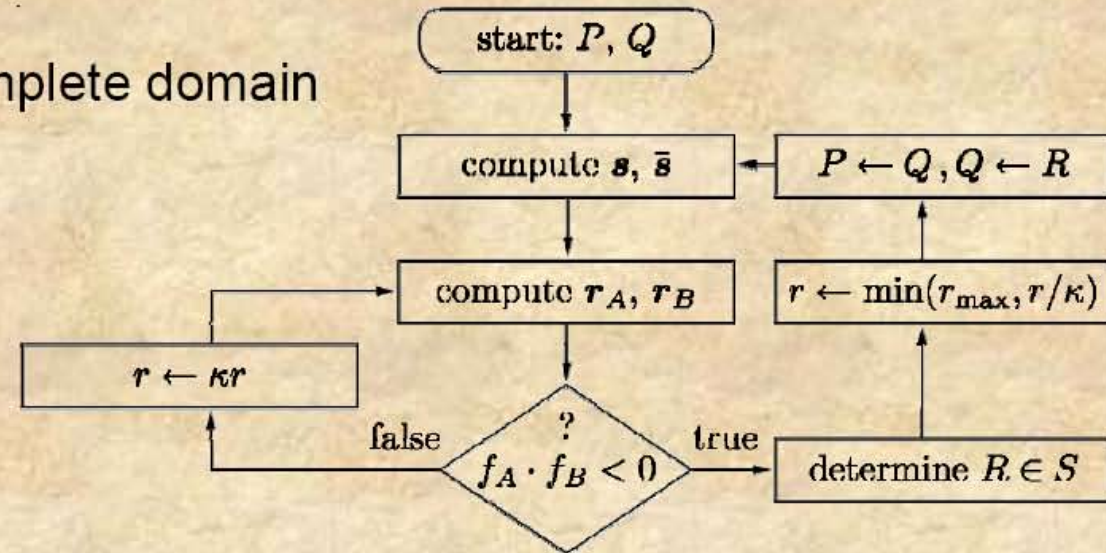
$$S = \{(N, a_p) \mid \max(|\text{eig}(\Phi(N, a_p))|) = 1\}$$

full discretization

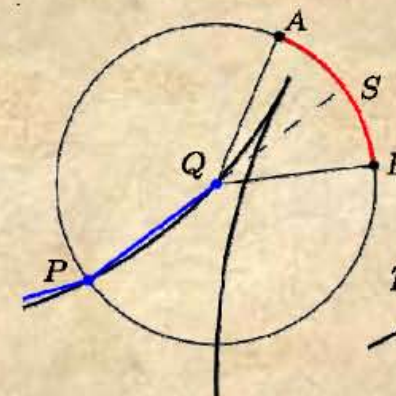
- equidistant discretization of complete domain
- computationally expensive

curve tracking

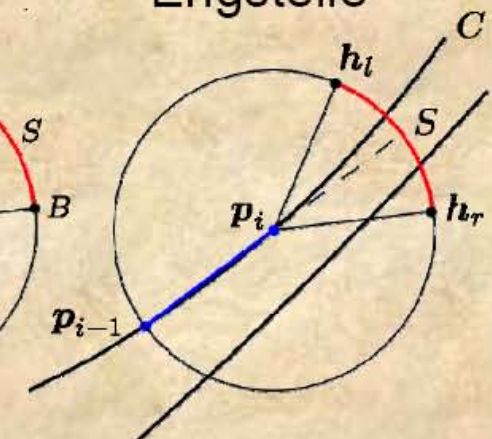
- local search method
- adaptive discretization
- high computational efficiency
- extra treatment of cusps and near-branch zones necessary
- discretization of disconnected regions not possible



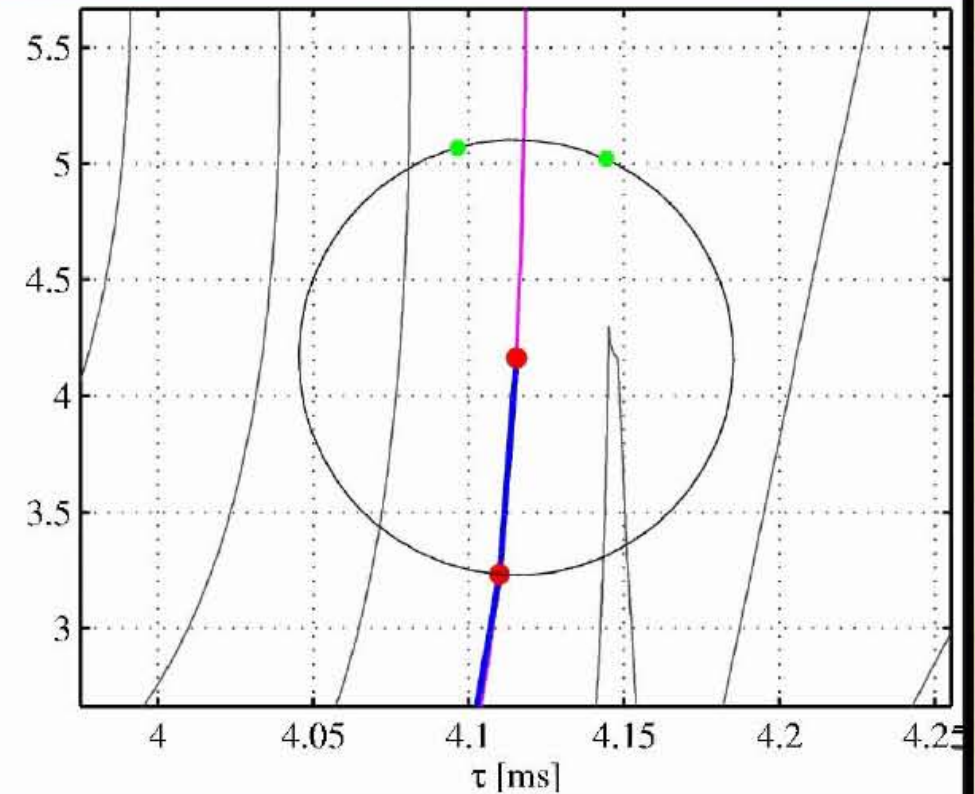
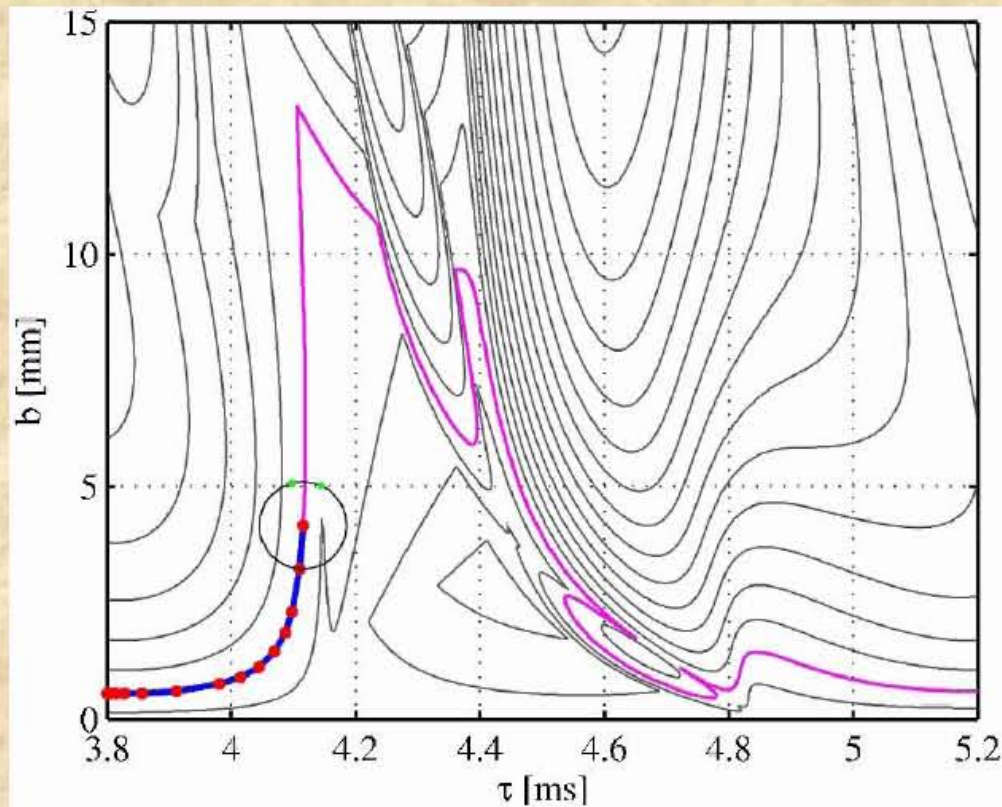
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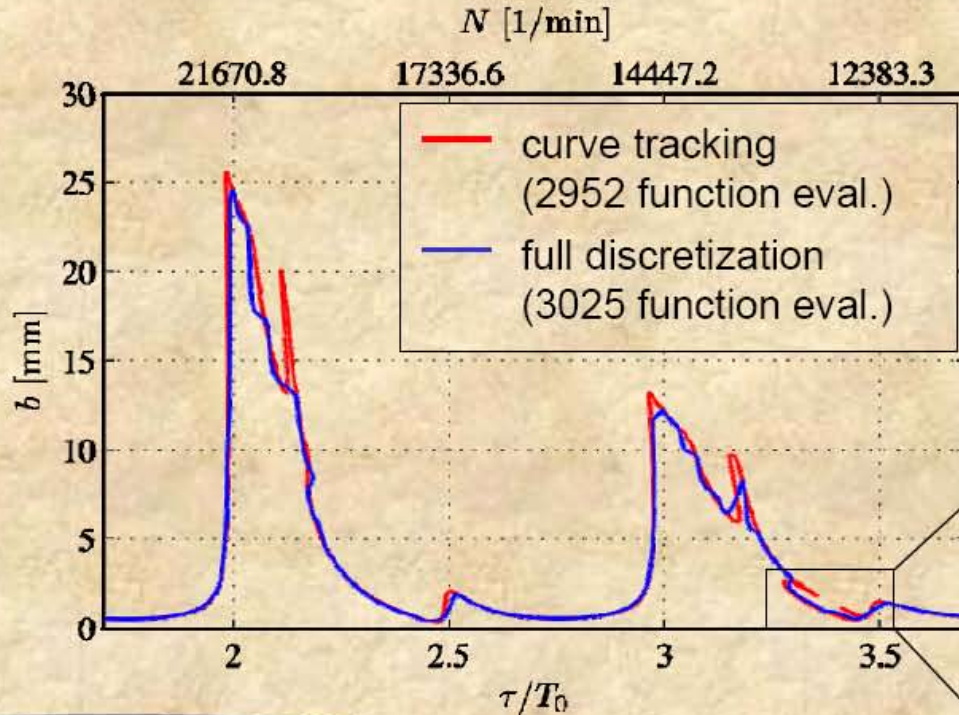
Curve Tracking



Comparison: Curve Tracking vs. Full Discretization

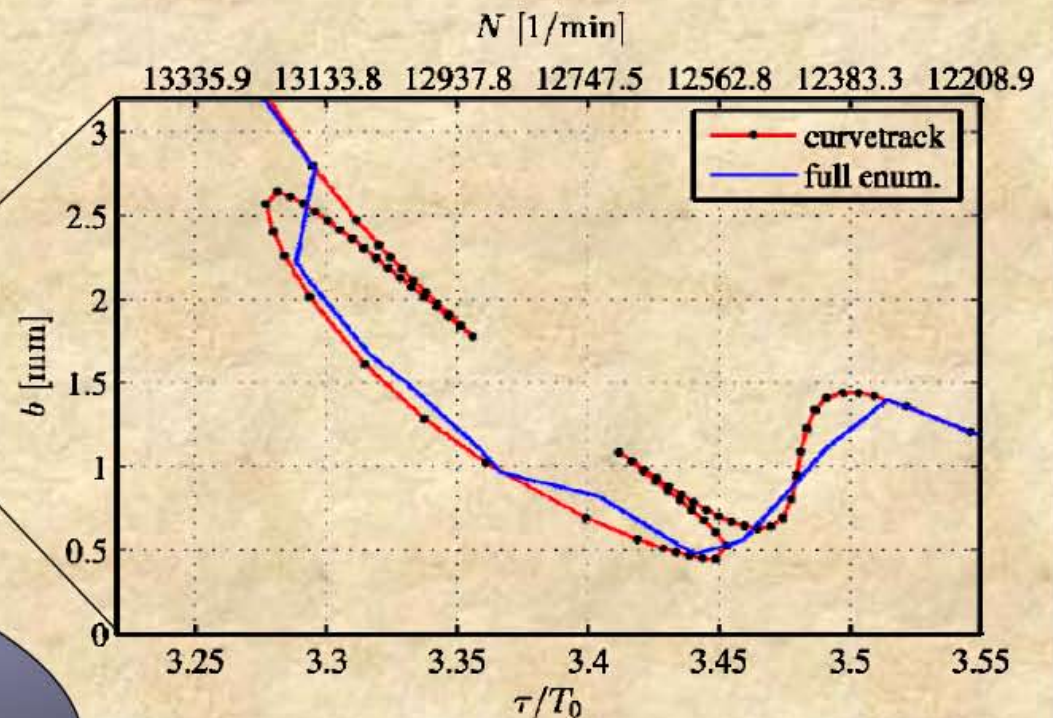
full discretization

- equidistant grid 55x55 points
- 3025 function evaluations



curve tracking

- 270 curve points
- 2952 function evaluations
- equivalent to full discretization with $250 \times 250 = 62500$ points



idea:

- initial discretization with **coarse mesh**
- **successive refinement** of subspaces being crossed by curve

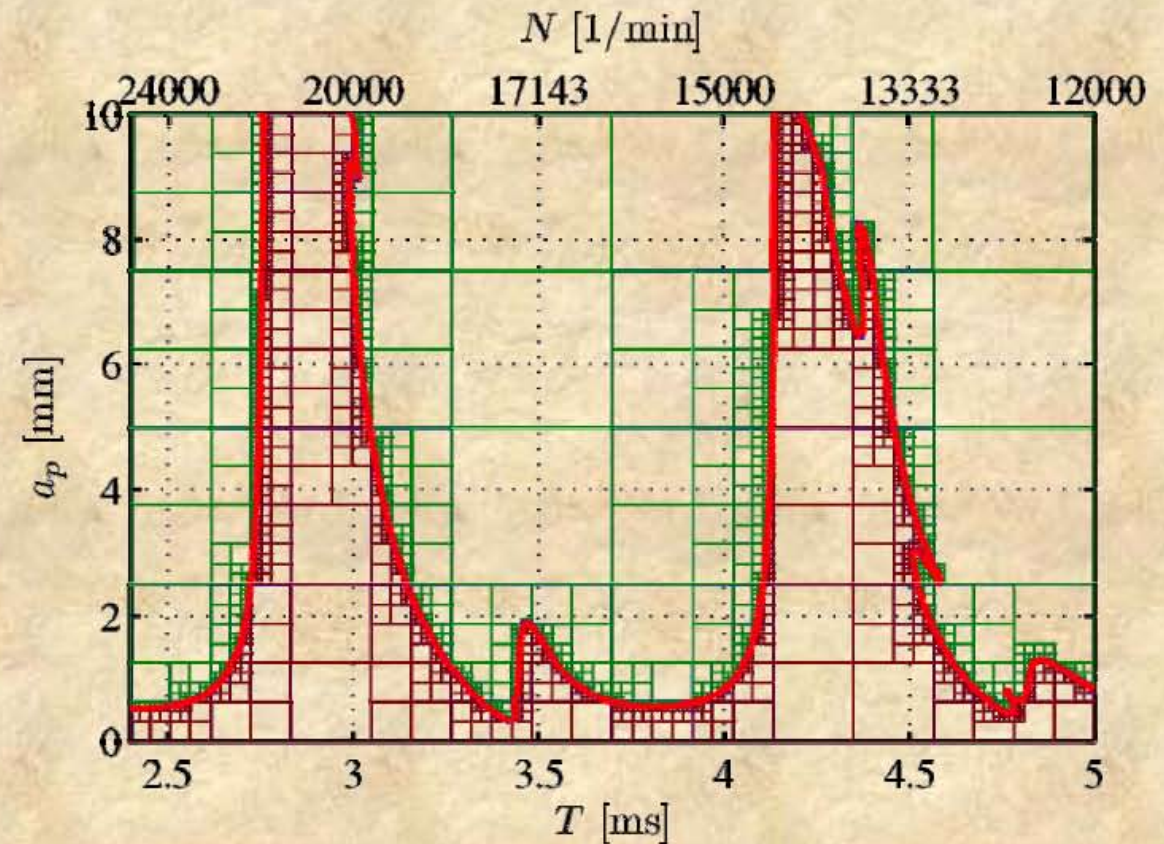
advantages:

- **robust** algorithm
- discretization of **disconnected curves** possible

example:

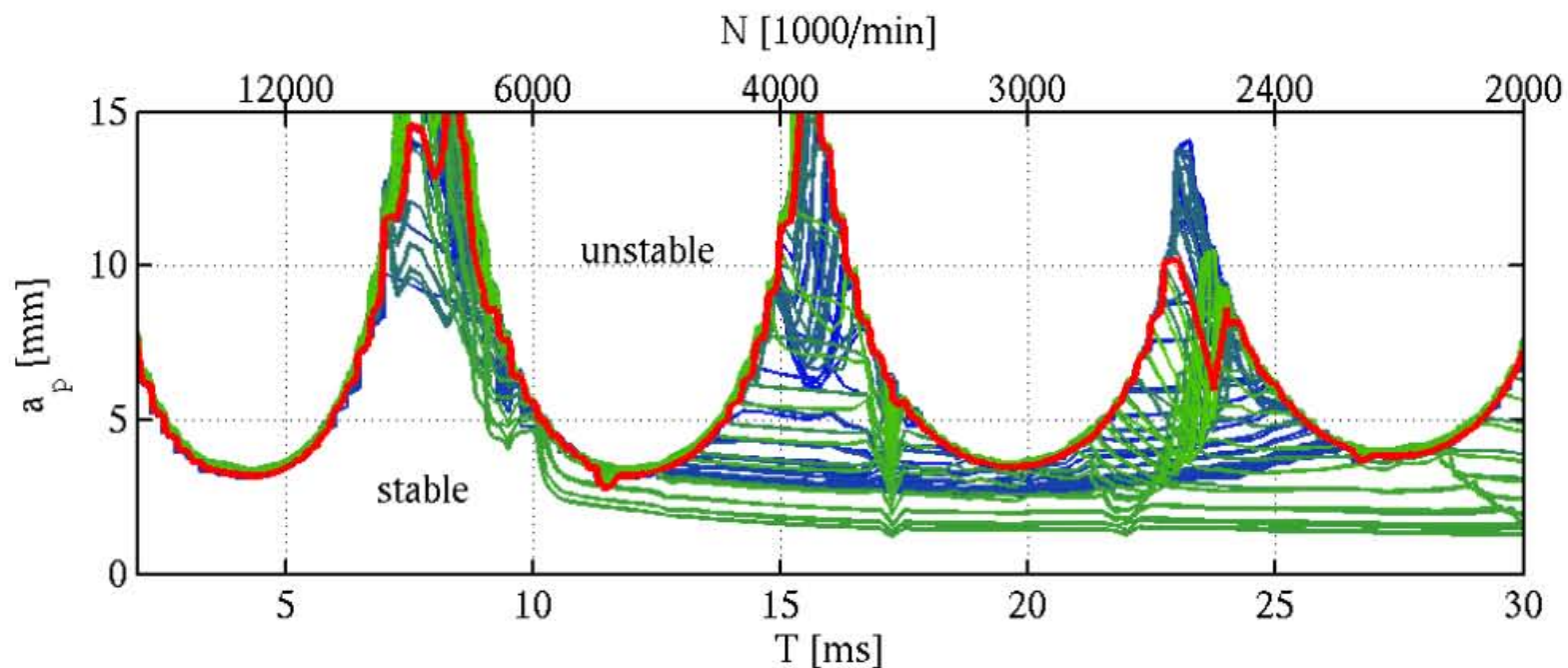
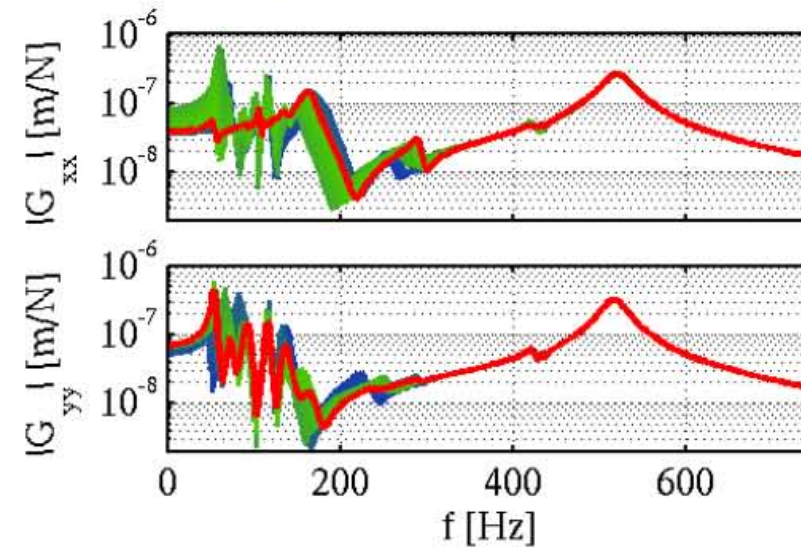
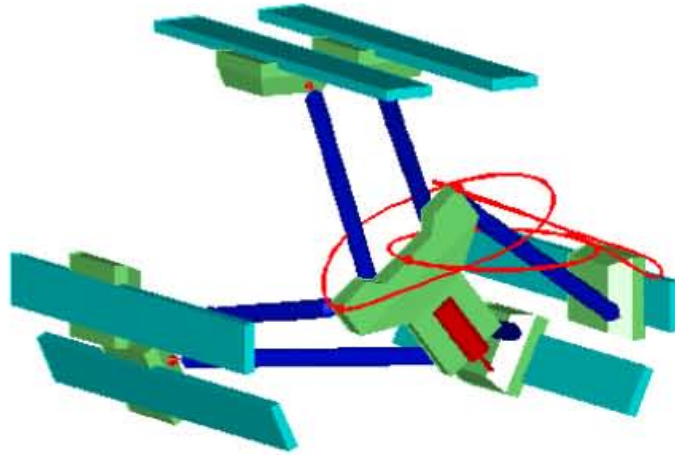
- base discretization: 5x7 points
- 7 refinement levels
- 6066 function evaluations
- equivalent grid: 257x385 points (98945 points)

Subspace Division



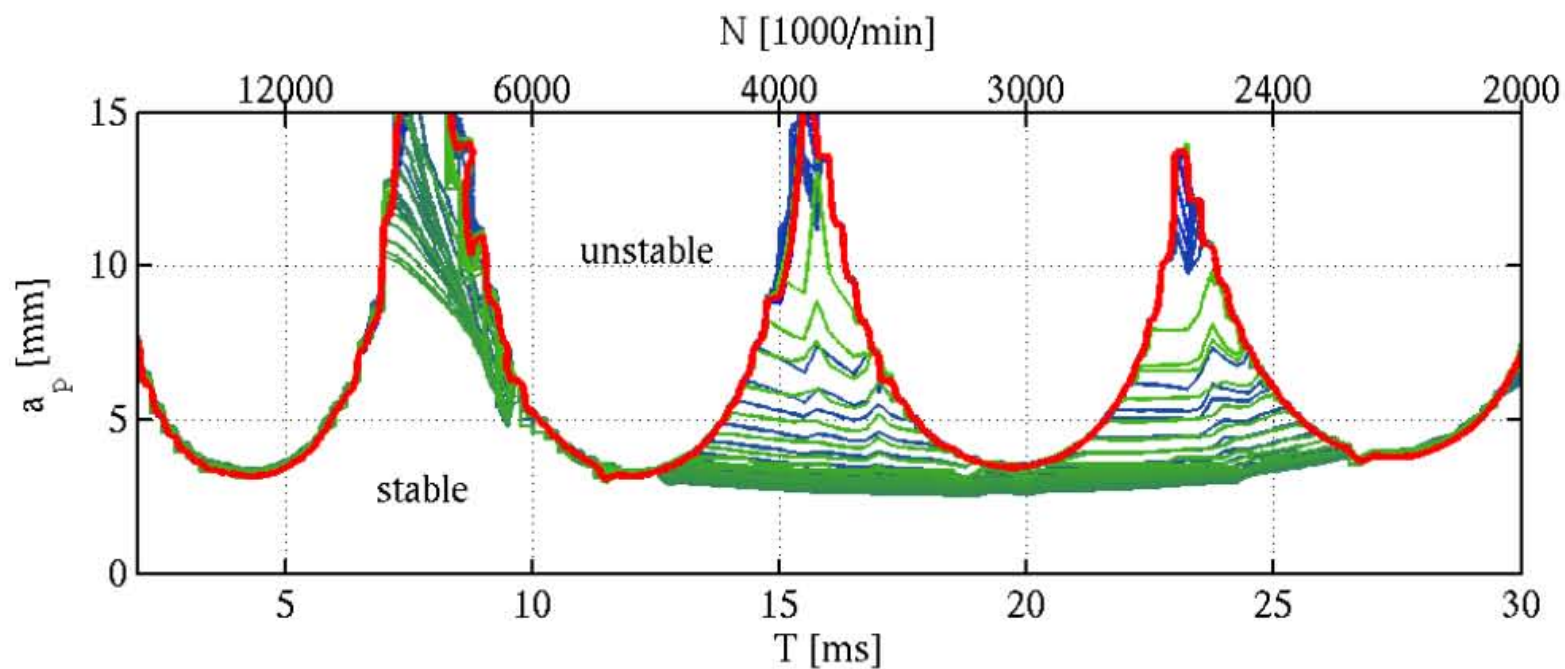
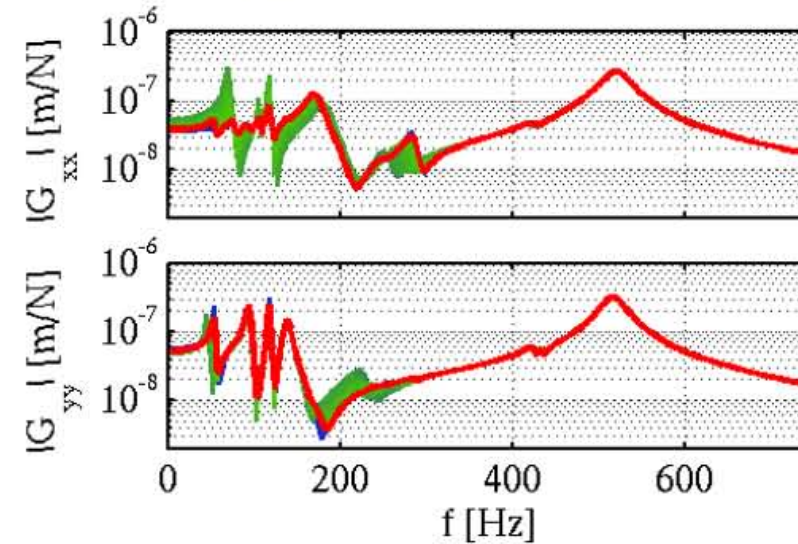
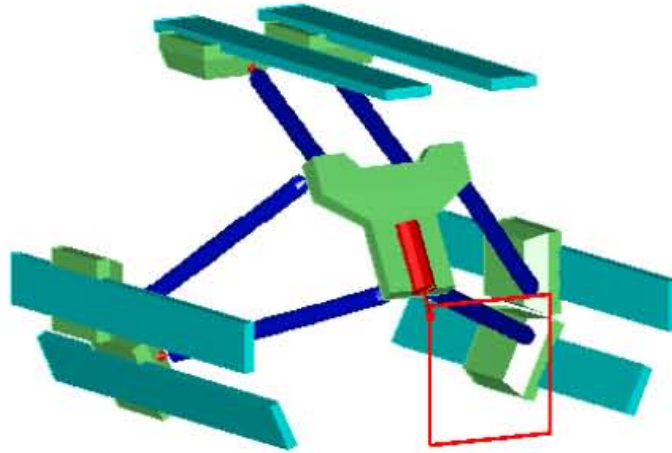
influence of **rotation**
on dynamic stability

Pose-dependent Stability Charts



influence of translation
on dynamic stability

Pose-dependent Stability Charts



Conclusions

- ❖ strong **pose-dependency** of dynamic behavior at tool-tip for **parallel kinematic** machine tool Paralix
 - ❖ **multibody system** of machine structure can be used for analysis of **dynamic stability** of cutting processes
 - ❖ **mass distribution** between machine structure and tool-toolholder-spindle is responsible for ratio of resonance amplitudes
 - ❖ methods for **efficient computation** of stability charts have been developed
 - ❖ **dynamic stability** of process is influenced by **pose of tool platform** in workspace

