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Simulations and manuscripts

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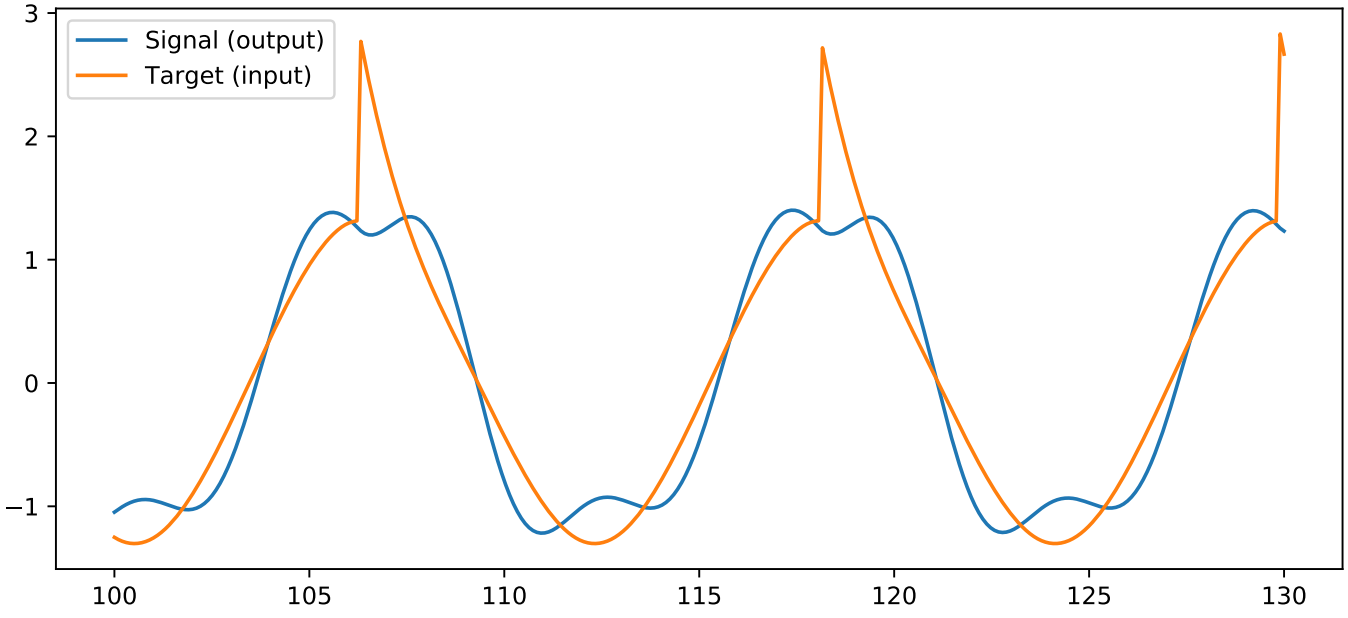
Week's activities

- Lead-TAing setup
- Digital teaching course
- NODYCON paper
- Splines experiments

Last time. . .



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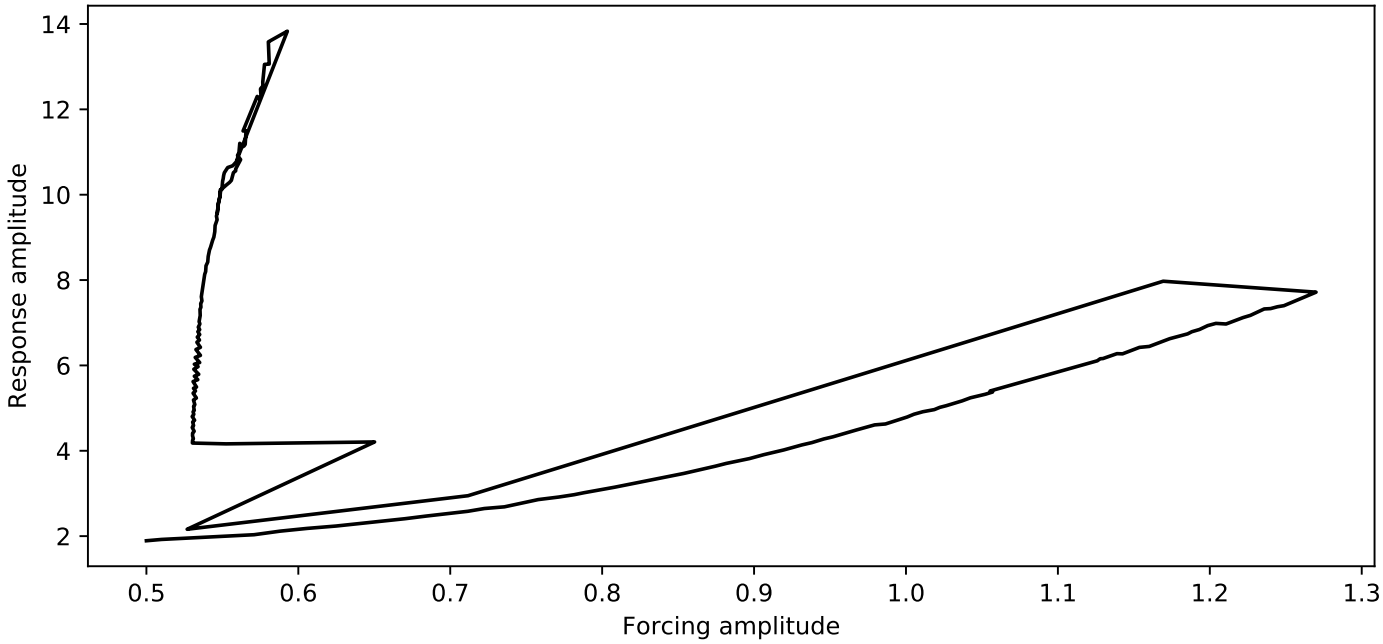

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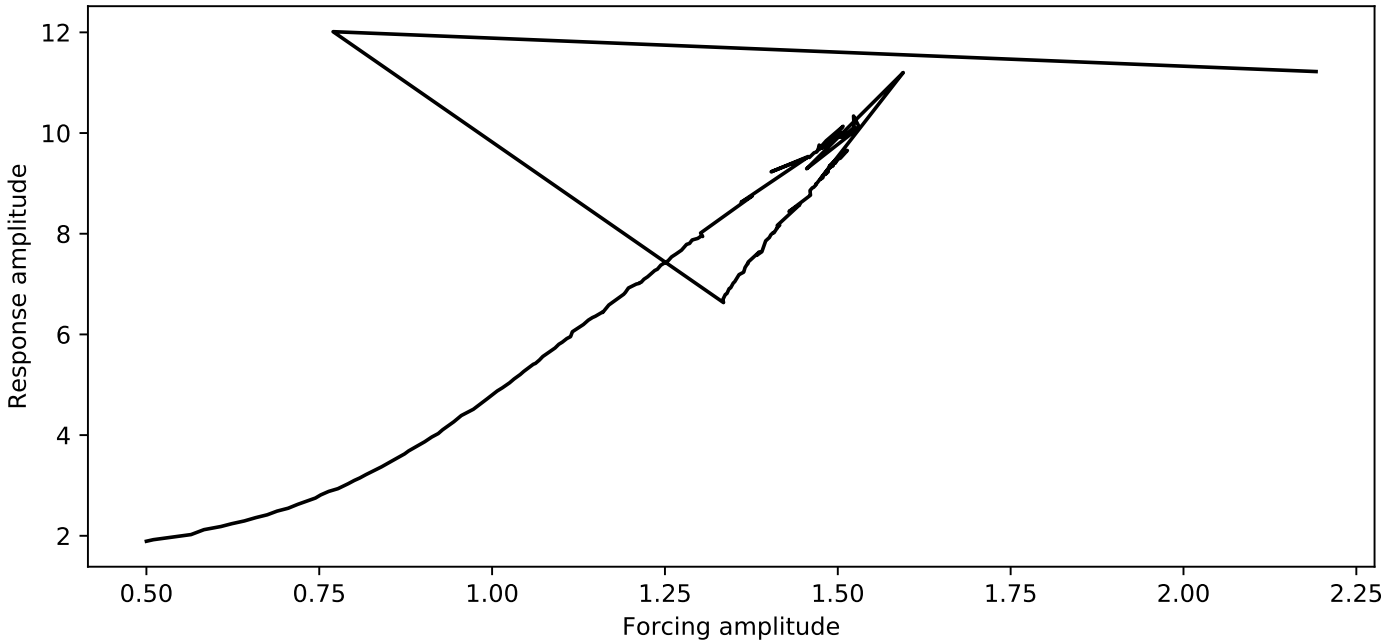

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  - Also easier to understand, more explainable: no mysterious choice of exterior knots; more intuition about how discretisation changes the model

Next steps

- Try interpolating splines discretisation
  - Start with simplest-possible (ie. non-Bayesian) approach, see what happens
- Edit continuation paper
- Write up extended conference paper
- Choose paper and make slides for lab group meeting