

Exploring the nonlinear stochastic dynamics of an orchard sprayer tower moving through an irregular terrain

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Section 1

Introduction



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- responsible for 27% of agribusiness workforce

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- careful pest control**



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Orchard spraying process

One has the dispersion of a pulverizing fluid in the orchard.



Orchard tower sprayer

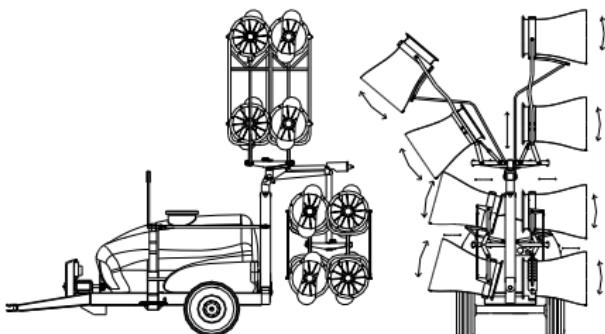


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Orchard tower sprayer



Lateral vibrations can disturb the spraying process

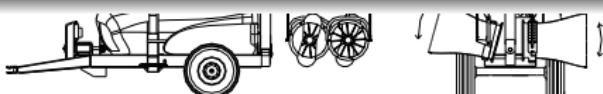


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Research objectives

The objectives of this research are:

- construct a stochastic model for orchard sprayer dynamics;
- compute the propagation of uncertainties through this model;
- investigate excitation uncertainties effect in model response.



Section 2

Deterministic Modeling

Idealized mechanical system

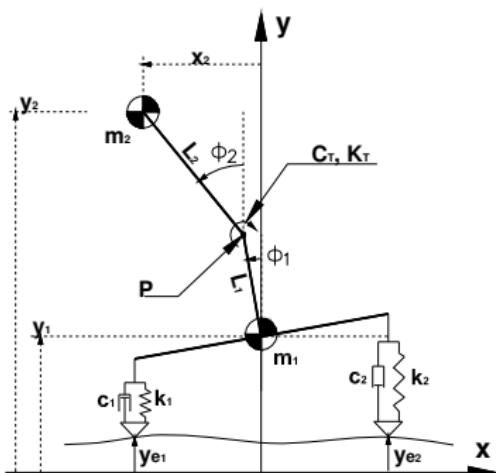


Figure: Inverted double pendulum over a moving base (3 DoF).

Degrees of Freedom:

- y_1 – suspension displacement
- ϕ_1 – suspension rotation
- ϕ_2 – tower rotation

External Excitation:

- y_{e1} – left tire displacement
- y_{e2} – right tire displacement



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Modeling of tires displacements

The **tires displacements** are assumed to be

$$y_{e1}(t) = A \sin(\omega t)$$

$$y_{e2}(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \rho)$$

- periodic functions in time
- same amplitude
- single frequencial component
- out of phase



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Derivation of the equation of motion

To obtain the equations of motion, **Lagrangian formalism** is used

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{D}}{\partial \dot{q}} = 0, \quad q = \{y_1, \phi_1, \phi_2\},$$

where $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T} - \mathcal{V}$.

The **functionals of energy and dissipation** are given by

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{y}_1) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{x}_2 + \dot{y}_2) + \frac{1}{2} I_1 \dot{\phi}_1 + \frac{1}{2} I_2 \dot{\phi}_2$$

$$\mathcal{V} = m_1 g y_1 + m_2 g y_2 + \frac{1}{2} k_1 (y_1 - B_1 \sin \phi_1 - y_{e1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (y_1 + B_2 \sin \phi_1 - y_{e2})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_T (\phi_2 - \phi_1)^2$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2} c_1 (\dot{y}_1 - B_1 \dot{\phi}_1 \cos \phi_1 - y_{e1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2 (\dot{y}_1 + B_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \cos \phi_1 - y_{e2})^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_T (\dot{\phi}_2 - \dot{\phi}_1)^2$$



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Nonlinear dynamical system

The **nonlinear dynamics** of interest evolves according to

$$[M] \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{y}_1(t) \\ \ddot{\phi}_1(t) \\ \ddot{\phi}_2(t) \end{pmatrix} + [N] \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1^2(t) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2(t) \\ \dot{\phi}_2^2(t) \end{pmatrix} + [C] \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1(t) \\ \dot{\phi}_1(t) \\ \dot{\phi}_2(t) \end{pmatrix} + [K] \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \phi_1(t) \\ \phi_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{h},$$

supplemented by appropriate **initial conditions**.

Note that $[M]$, $[N]$, $[C]$, $[K]$, \mathbf{g} , and \mathbf{h} are **configuration dependent**.

Integration is done with **RKF45** method of MATLAB routine `ode45`.



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Section 3

Stochastic Modeling

Uncertainties in the mechanical-mathematical model

The mathematical model is subjected to uncertainties:

- data uncertainty (model parameters variabilites)
- model uncertainty (lack of knowledge of physics)

model uncertainty \Rightarrow ignored in a first analysis

data uncertainty \Rightarrow tires excitation (most pronounced)



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Probabilistic model for tires displacement

A parametric probabilistic approach is adopted: $(\Theta, \Sigma, \mathbb{P})$

The tires displacement model has three parameters:

$$y_{e1}(t) = A \sin(\omega t),$$

$$y_{e2}(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \rho),$$

It is assumed that A and ω present aleatory behavior, being modeled as (independent) random variables:

$$A : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \omega : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$



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Construction of the stochastic model

The **Shannon entropy** of $p_{\mathbb{X}}$ is defined as

$$\mathbb{S}(p_{\mathbb{X}}) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \ln p_{\mathbb{X}}(x) p_{\mathbb{X}}(x) dx.$$

Maximum Entropy Principle

Among all the probability distributions, consistent with the current known information of a given random parameter, the one which best represents your knowledge about this random parameter is the one which maximizes its entropy.



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Distribution of the loading amplitude

Maximizes

$$\mathbb{S}(p_{\mathbb{A}}) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \ln p_{\mathbb{A}}(a) p_{\mathbb{A}}(a) da$$

such that:

$$\text{Supp } p_{\mathbb{A}} = (0, +\infty) \implies \int_{a=0}^{+\infty} p_{\mathbb{A}}(a) da = 1$$

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Exponential distribution

$$p_{\mathbb{A}}(a) = \mathbb{1}_{(0,+\infty)}(a) \frac{1}{\mu_{\mathbb{A}}} \exp\left(-\frac{a}{\mu_{\mathbb{A}}}\right)$$

Distribution of the loading frequency

Maximizes

$$\mathbb{S}(p_\omega) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \ln p_\omega(\omega) p_\omega(\omega) d\omega$$

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Uniform distribution

$$p_\omega(\omega) = \mathbb{1}_{[\omega_1, \omega_2]}(\omega) \frac{1}{\omega_2 - \omega_1}$$

Stochastic nonlinear dynamical system

The **external excitations** become **random processes**

$$y_{e1}(t, \theta) = A \sin(\omega t)$$

$$y_{e2}(t, \theta) = A \sin(\omega t + \rho)$$

Therefore, **stochastic nonlinear dynamics** evolves according to

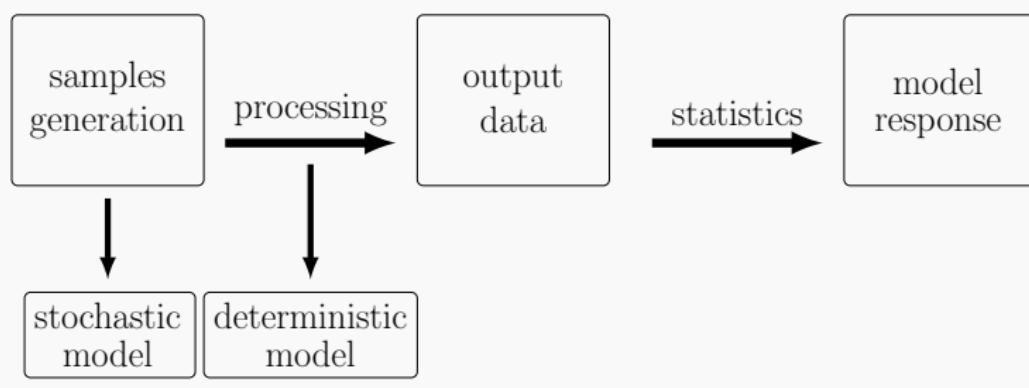
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Propagation of uncertainties through the model

Propagation of uncertainties is computed via Monte Carlo method.

Monte Carlo method



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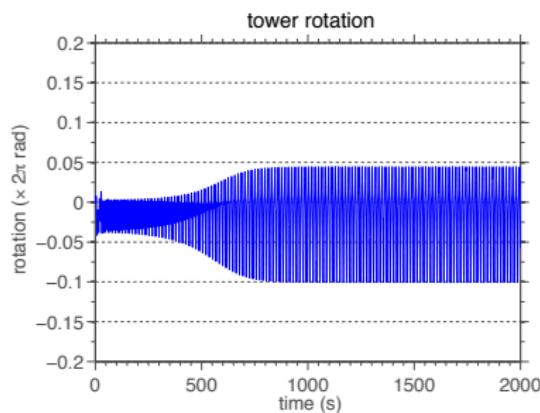


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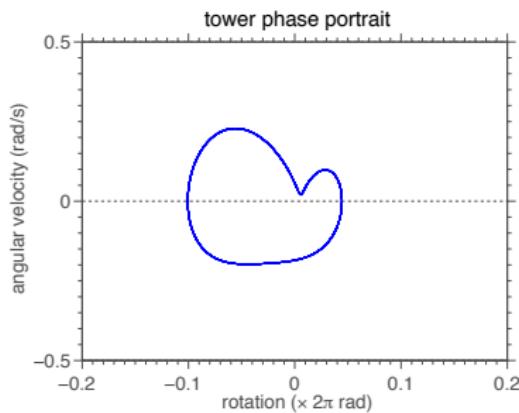
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Numerical Experiments

Periodicity and chaos in the deterministic dynamics



(a) tower rotation



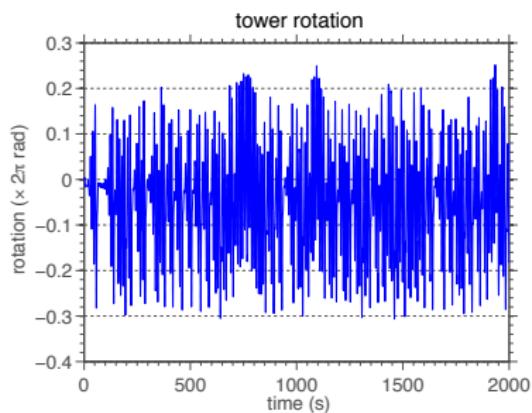
(b) phase portrait

Figure: Tower dynamics for an excitation frequency $\omega = 9 \text{ rad/s}$.

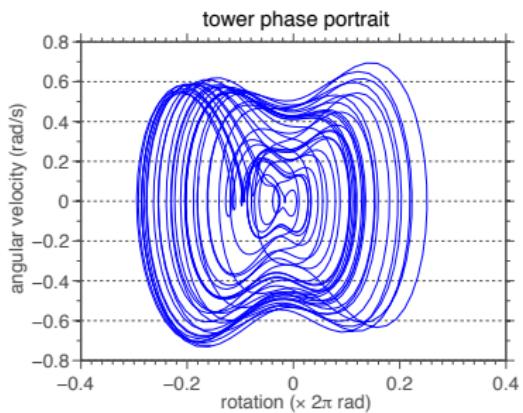


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Periodicity and chaos in the deterministic dynamics



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(b) phase portrait

Figure: Tower dynamics for an excitation frequency $\omega = 13 \text{ rad/s}$.



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Cases of study for stochastic dynamics

Three study cases are considered:

- Case 1: random amplitude A
- Case 2: random frequency ω
- Case 3: random amplitude A and frequency ω



Study of convergence for MC simulation

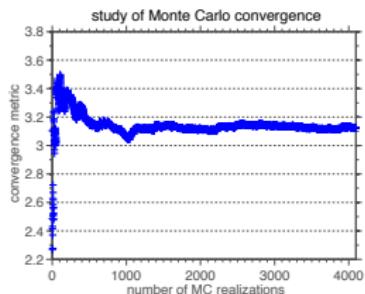
The **convergence** of Monte Carlo simulation is measured with the following **metric**:

$$\text{conv}(n_s) = \left(\frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{n=1}^{n_s} \int_{t=t_0}^{t_f} \left(y_1(t, \theta_n)^2 + \phi_1(t, \theta_n)^2 + \phi_2(t, \theta_n)^2 \right) dt \right)^{1/2}$$

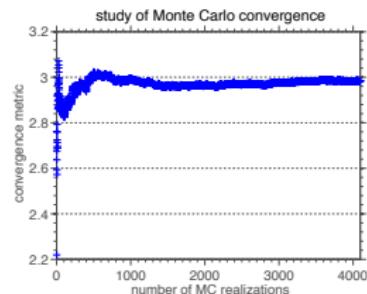


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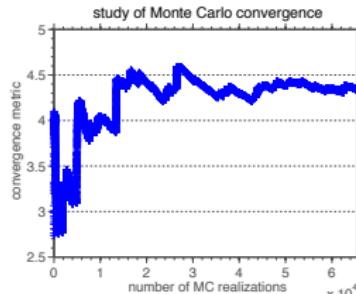
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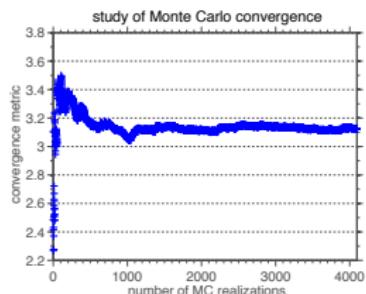
(b) case 2



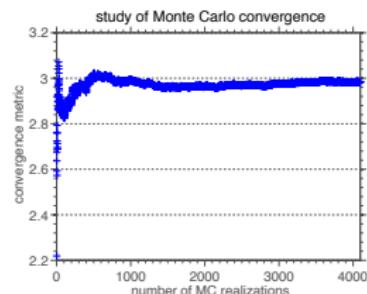
(c) case 3

Figure: MC convergence metric as function of the number of realizations.

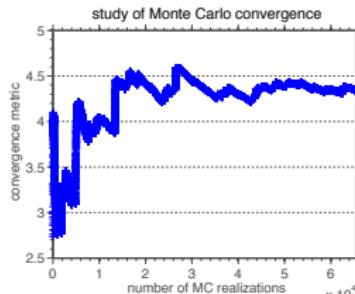
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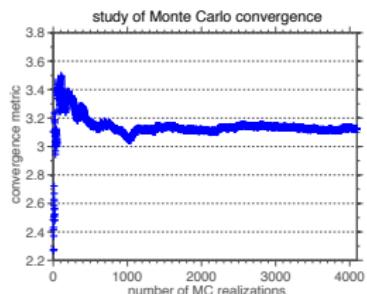


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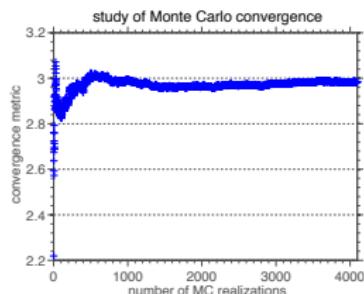
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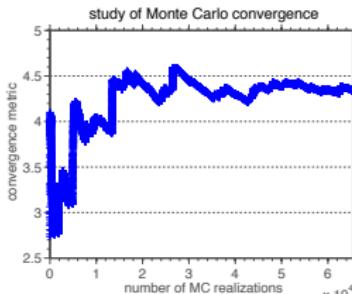
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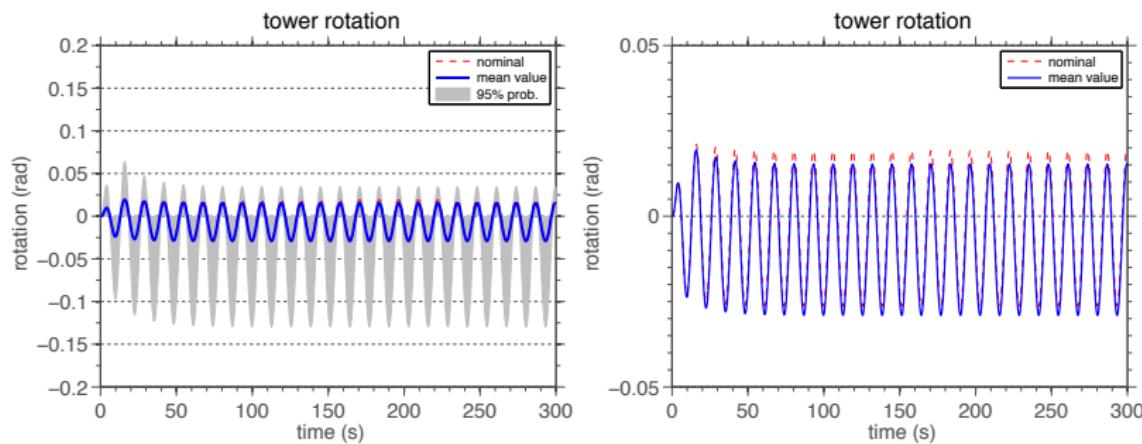
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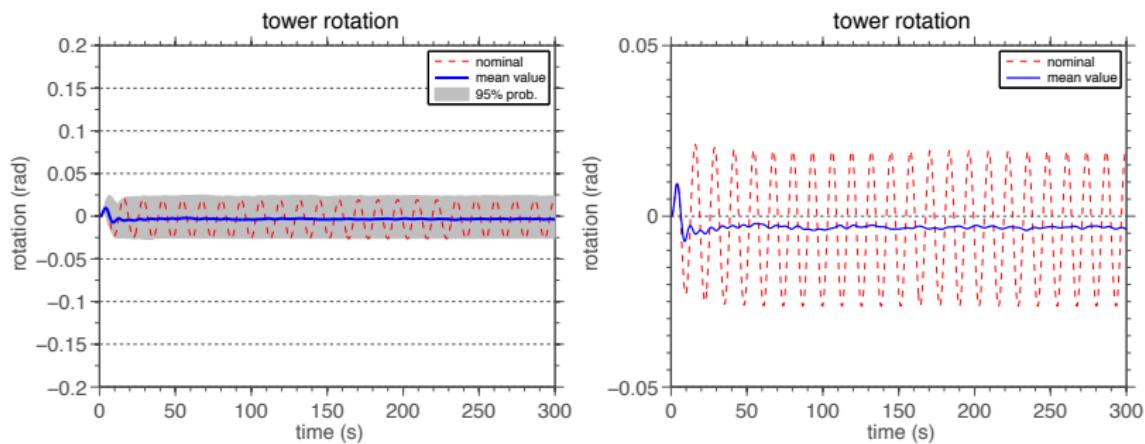
For case 3 sampling is done with 65536 realizations.

Evolution of tower rotational dynamics



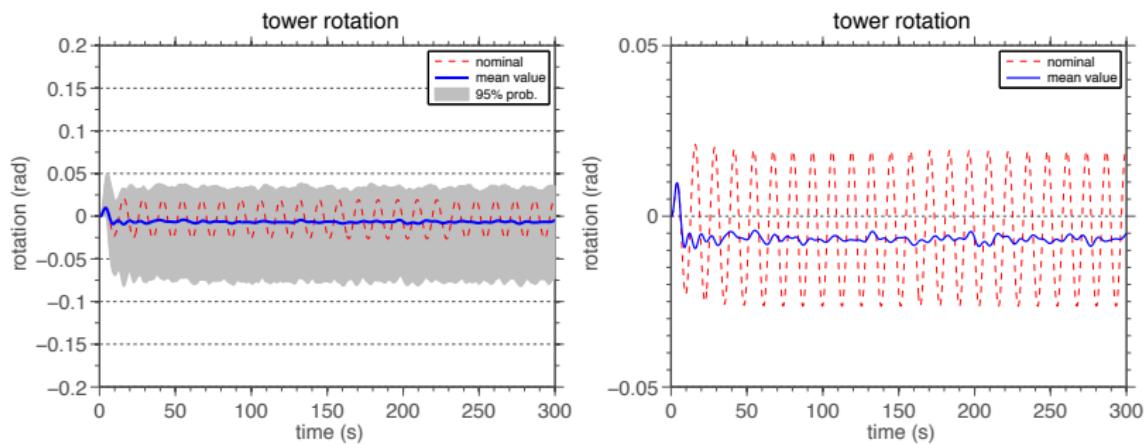
Case 1 (random \mathbb{A})

Evolution of tower rotational dynamics



Case 2 (random ω)

Evolution of tower rotational dynamics



Case 3 (random \mathbb{A} and ω)

Temporal average of degrees of freedom

The tower rotation is a **random field**

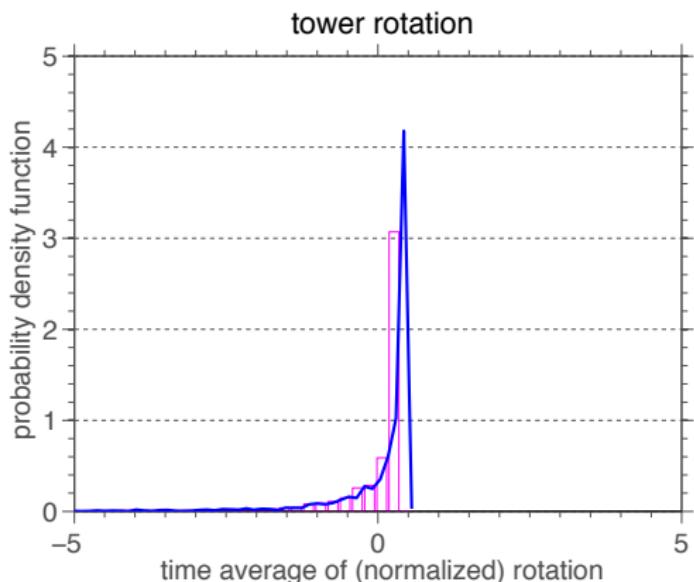
$$(t, \theta) \in [t_0, t_f] \times \Theta \longmapsto \phi_2(t, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Its **time average** is defined as

$$\langle \phi_2 \rangle := \frac{1}{\tau} \int_t^{t+\tau} \phi_2(t', \theta) dt'$$

which is a **random variable**.

Distribution of tower rotational dynamics



Case 1 (random \mathbb{A})

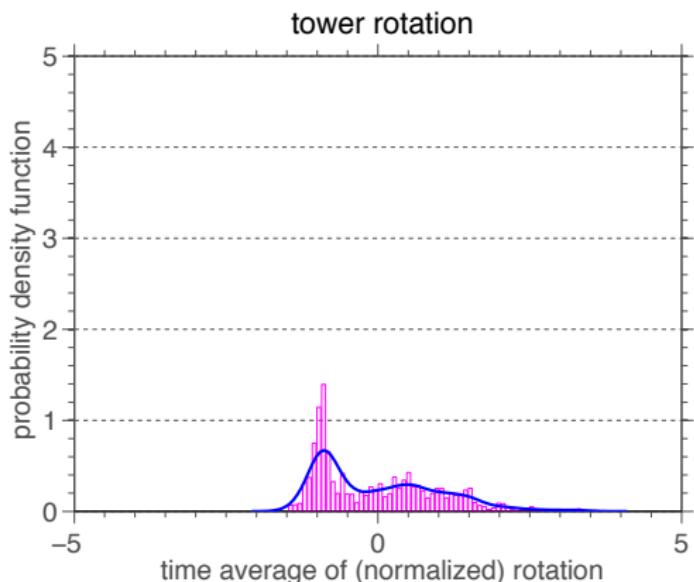
Statistics of $\langle \phi_2 \rangle$

mean	=	- 0.01
std. dev.	=	0.01
skewness	=	- 4.60
kurtosis	=	28.82

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_2 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.68$$



Distribution of tower rotational dynamics



Case 2 (random ω)

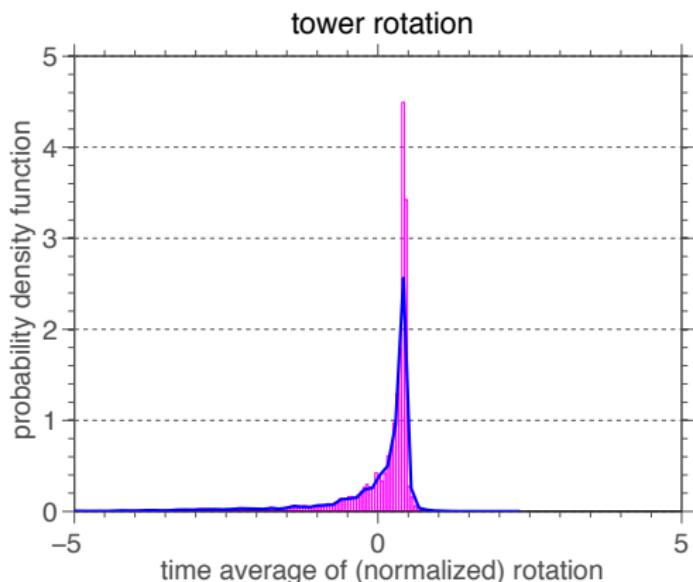
Statistics of $\langle \phi_2 \rangle$

mean	=	0.00
std. dev.	=	0.00
skewness	=	0.78
kurtosis	=	-0.13

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_2 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.43$$



Distribution of tower rotational dynamics



Case 3 (random A and ω)

Statistics of $\langle \phi_2 \rangle$

mean	=	-0.01
std. dev.	=	0.01
skewness	=	-4.16
kurtosis	=	23.57

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_2 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.73$$

Section 5

Final Remarks



Concluding remarks

Contributions and conclusions:

- Construction of a parametric probabilistic model for orchard sprayer dynamics uncertainties;
- Numerical simulation show large discrepancies in the stochastic system response compared nominal (deterministic) model;
- Stochastic numerical experimentation have shown it is probable the system presents great lateral vibrations.

Next steps in this work:

- Investigate the sensitivity of stochastic dynamic system response to the random parameters distribution;
- Modeling and quantification of the model uncertainties, that are due to physics lack of knowledge.

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Simulation Parameters



Nominal (deterministic) parameters

parameter	value	unit
m_1	6500	kg
m_2	800	kg
L_1	200×10^{-3}	m
L_2	2400×10^{-3}	m
I_1	6850	kg m ²
I_2	6250	kg m ²
k_1	465×10^3	N/m
k_2	465×10^3	N/m
c_1	5.6×10^3	N/m/s
c_2	5.6×10^3	N/m/s
B_1	850×10^{-3}	m
B_2	850×10^{-3}	m
k_T	45×10^3	N/rad
c_T	50×10^3	Nm/rad/s
ρ	$\pi/9$	rad

Nonlinear Dynamics Operators



Mass Matrix (configuration dependent)

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & -m_2 L_1 \sin \phi_1 & -m_2 L_2 \sin \phi_1 \\ -m_2 L_1 \sin \phi_1 & I_1 + m_2 L_1^2 & m_2 L_1 L_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \\ -m_2 L_2 \sin \phi_1 & m_2 L_1 L_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) & I_2 + m_2 L_2^2 \end{bmatrix},$$



Dampind Matrix 1 (configuration dependent)

$$[N] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -m_2 L_1 \cos \phi_1 & -m_2 L_2 \cos \phi_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -m_2 L_1 L_2 \sin(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \\ 0 & -m_2 L_1 L_2 \sin(\phi_2 - \phi_1) & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$



Damping Matrix 2 (configuration dependent)

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & (c_2 B_2 - c_1 B_1) \cos \phi_1 & 0 \\ (c_2 B_2 - c_1 B_1) \cos \phi_1 & c_T + (c_1 B_1^2 + c_2 B_2^2) \cos^2 \phi_1 & -c_T \\ 0 & -c_T & c_T \end{bmatrix},$$

Stiffness Matrix (configuration dependent)

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & 0 & 0 \\ (k_2 B_2 - k_1 B_1) \cos \phi_1 & k_T & -k_T \\ 0 & -k_T & k_T \end{bmatrix},$$

Weight Loading Vector (configuration dependent)

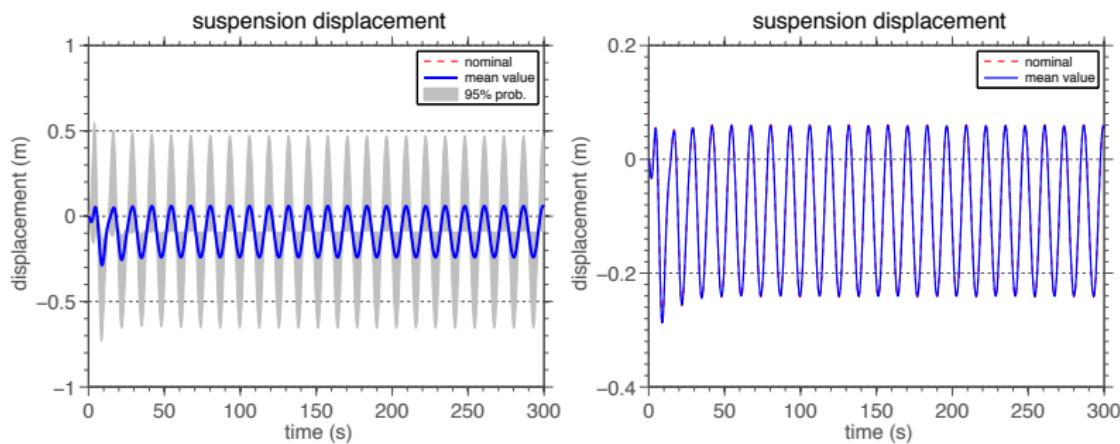
$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} (k_2 B_2 - k_1 B_1) \sin \phi_1 + (m_1 + m_2) g \\ (k_1 B_1^2 + k_2 B_2^2) \sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_1 - m_2 g L_1 \sin \phi_1 \\ -m_2 g L_2 \sin \phi_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

External Loading Vector (configuration dependent)

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 y_{e1} + k_2 y_{e2} + c_1 \dot{y}_{e1} + c_2 \dot{y}_{e2} \\ -k_1 B_1 \cos \phi_1 y_{e1} + k_2 B_2 \cos \phi_1 y_{e2} - c_1 B_1 \cos \phi_1 \dot{y}_{e1} + c_2 B_2 \cos \phi_1 \dot{y}_{e2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

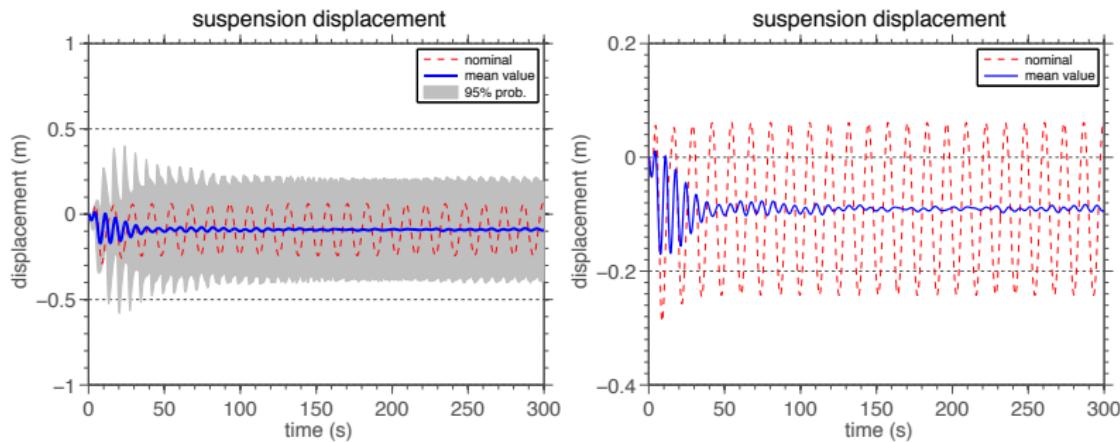
Other Numerical Results

Evolution of suspension translational dynamics



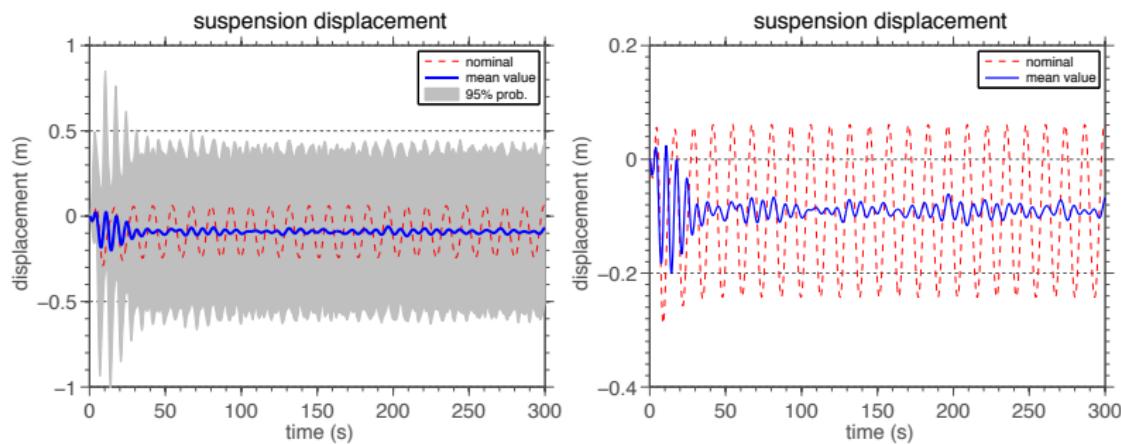
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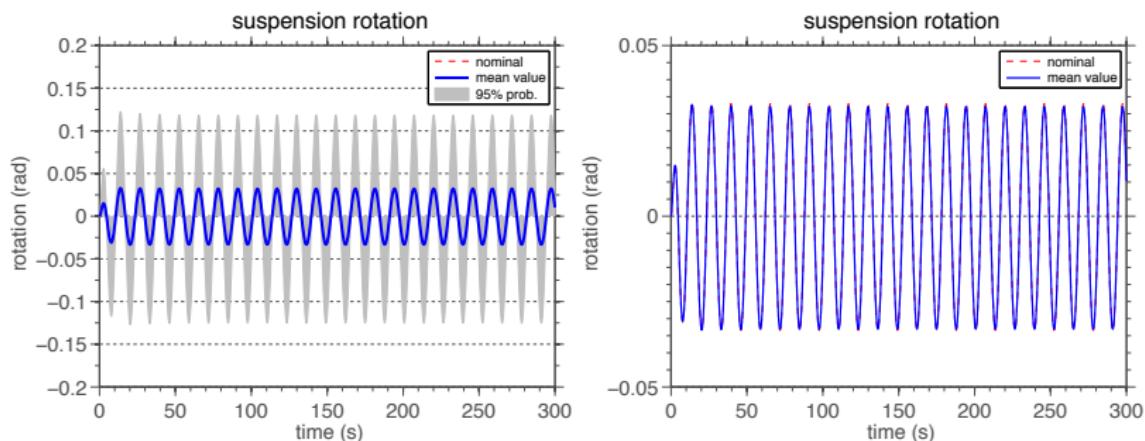
Case 2 (random ω)

Evolution of suspension translational dynamics



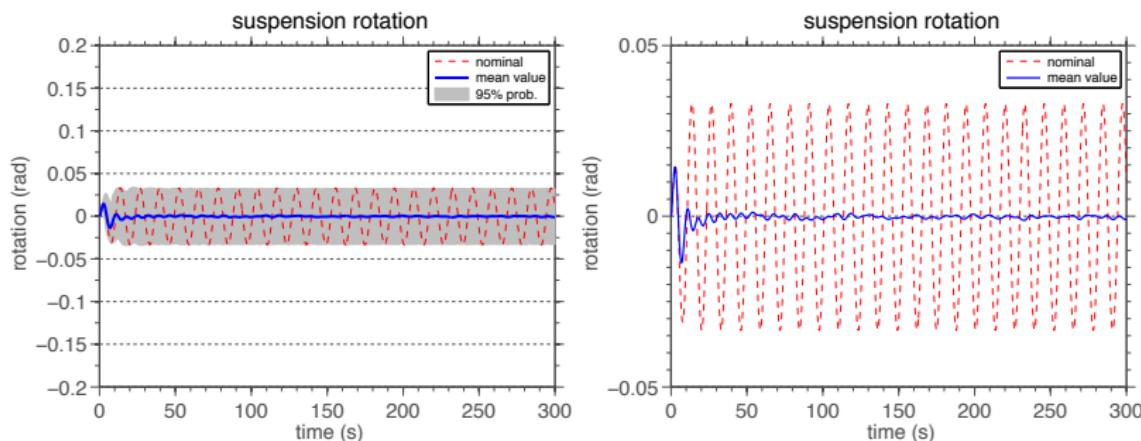
Case 3 (random \mathbb{A} and ω)

Evolution of suspension rotational dynamics



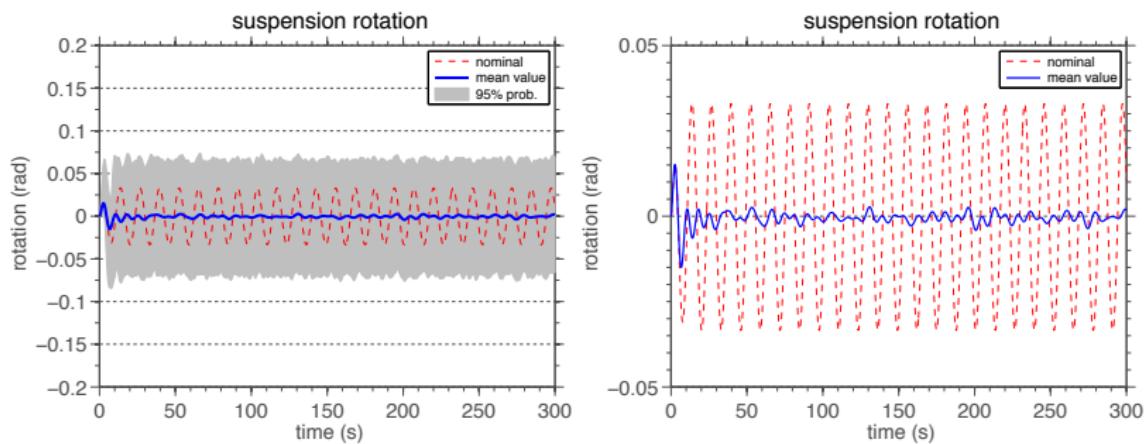
Case 1 (random \mathbb{A})

Evolution of suspension rotational dynamics



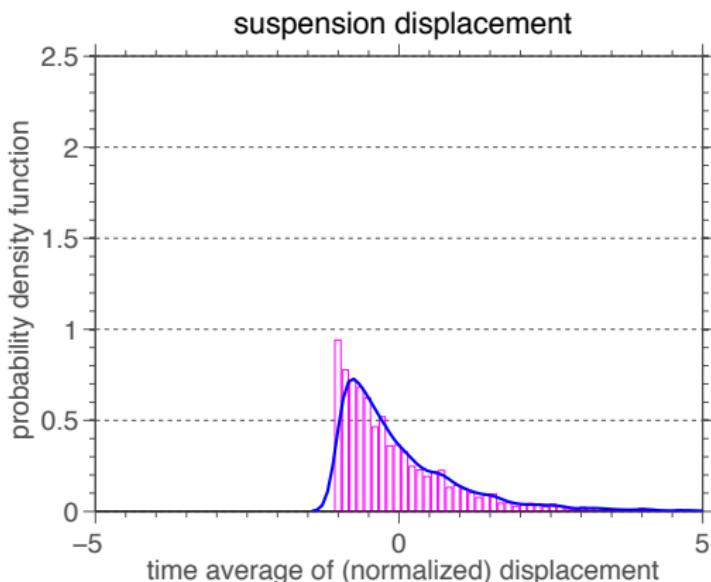
Case 2 (random ω)

Evolution of suspension rotational dynamics



Case 3 (random \mathbb{A} and ω)

Distribution of suspension translational dynamics



Case 1 (random \mathbb{A})

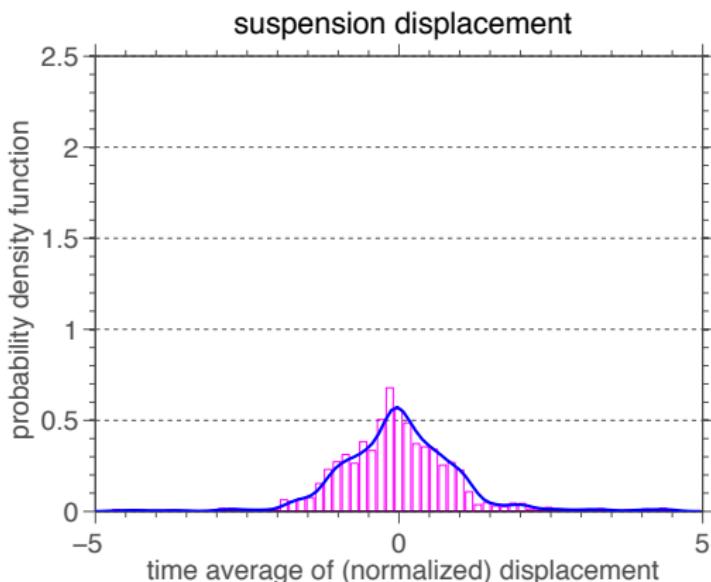
Statistics of $\langle y_1 \rangle$

mean = -0.09
std. dev. = 0.00
skewness = 1.89
kurtosis = 4.71

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle y_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.37$$



Distribution of suspension translational dynamics



Case 2 (random ω)

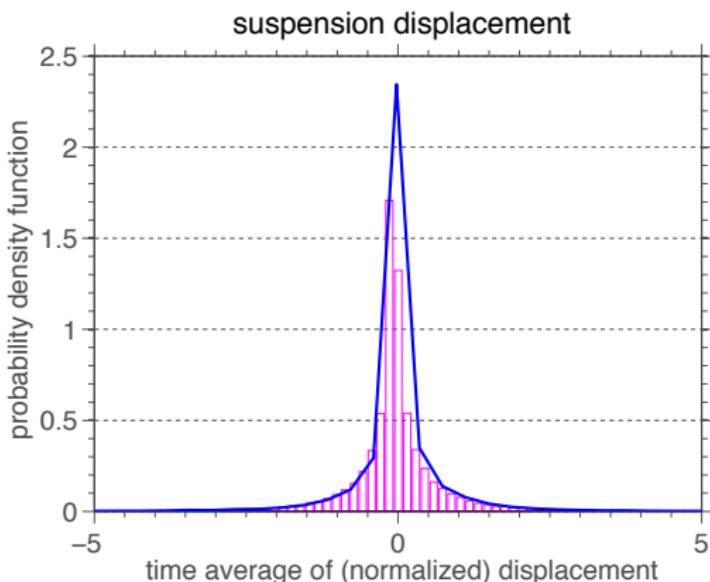
Statistics of $\langle y_1 \rangle$

mean	=	-0.09
std. dev.	=	0.01
skewness	=	0.30
kurtosis	=	4.07

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle y_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.37$$



Distribution of suspension translational dynamics



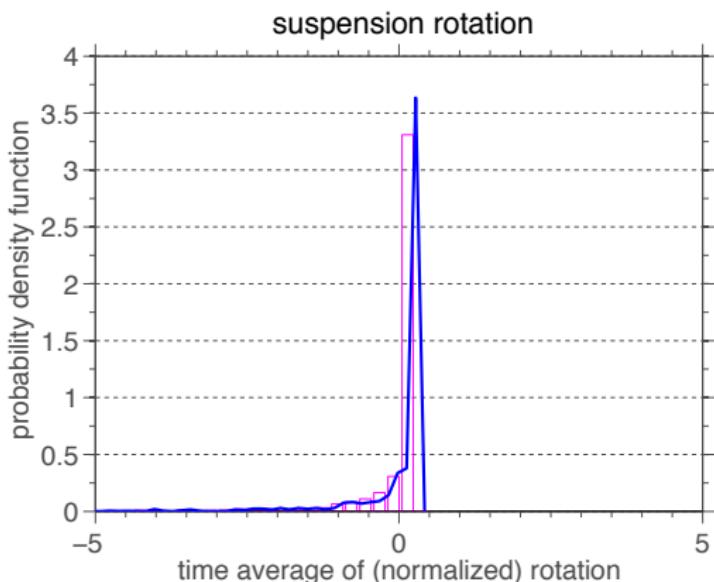
Case 3 (random A and ω)

Statistics of $\langle y_1 \rangle$

mean	=	-0.09
std. dev.	=	0.01
skewness	=	-0.75
kurtosis	=	42.29

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle y_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.38$$

Distribution of suspension rotational dynamics



Case 1 (random \mathbb{A})

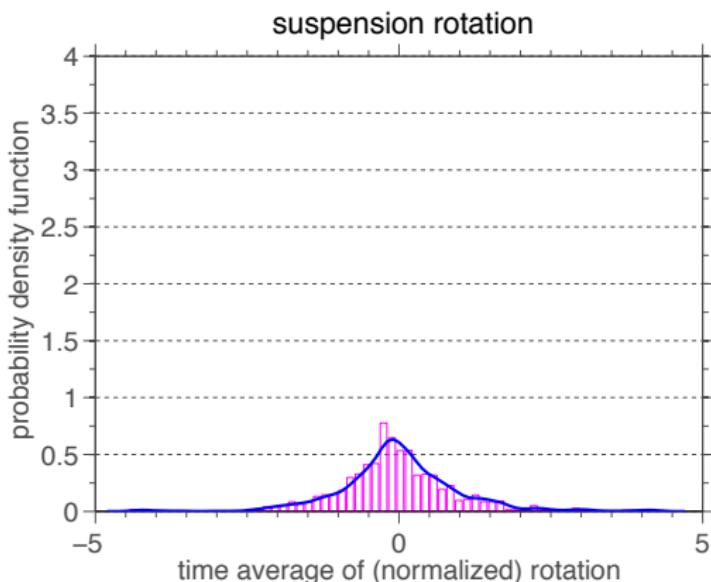
Statistics of $\langle \phi_1 \rangle$

mean	=	0.00
std. dev.	=	0.00
skewness	=	-5.74
kurtosis	=	44.12

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.38$$



Distribution of suspension rotational dynamics



Case 2 (random ω)

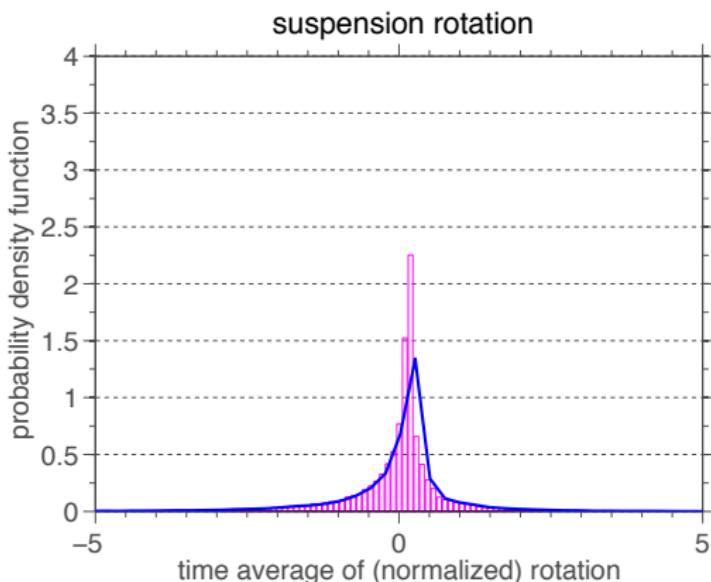
Statistics of $\langle \phi_1 \rangle$

mean	=	0.00
std. dev.	=	0.00
skewness	=	0.17
kurtosis	=	3.38

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.42$$



Distribution of suspension rotational dynamics



Case 3 (random \mathbb{A} and ω)

Statistics of $\langle \phi_1 \rangle$

mean	=	0.00
std. dev.	=	0.00
skewness	=	-1.05
kurtosis	=	14.90

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle \phi_1 \rangle > \text{mean}) = 0.63$$