



Sobol global sensitivity analysis on a bistable energy harvester

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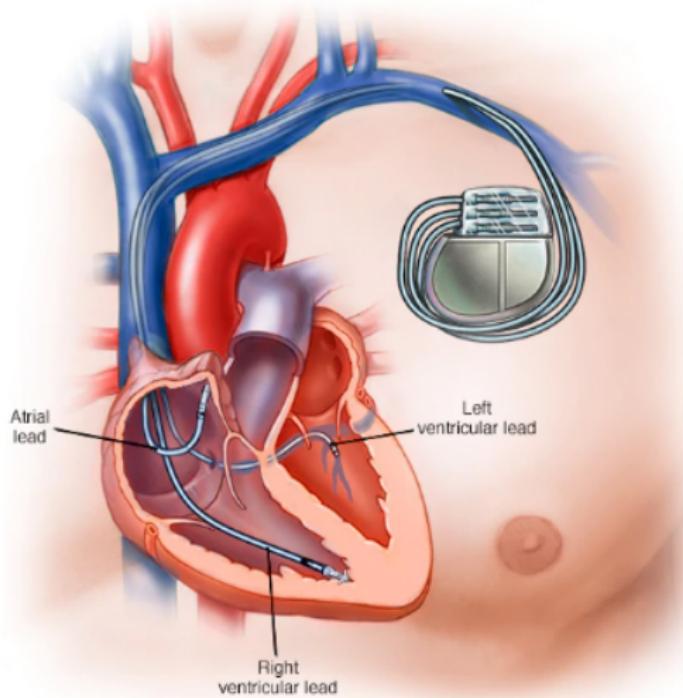
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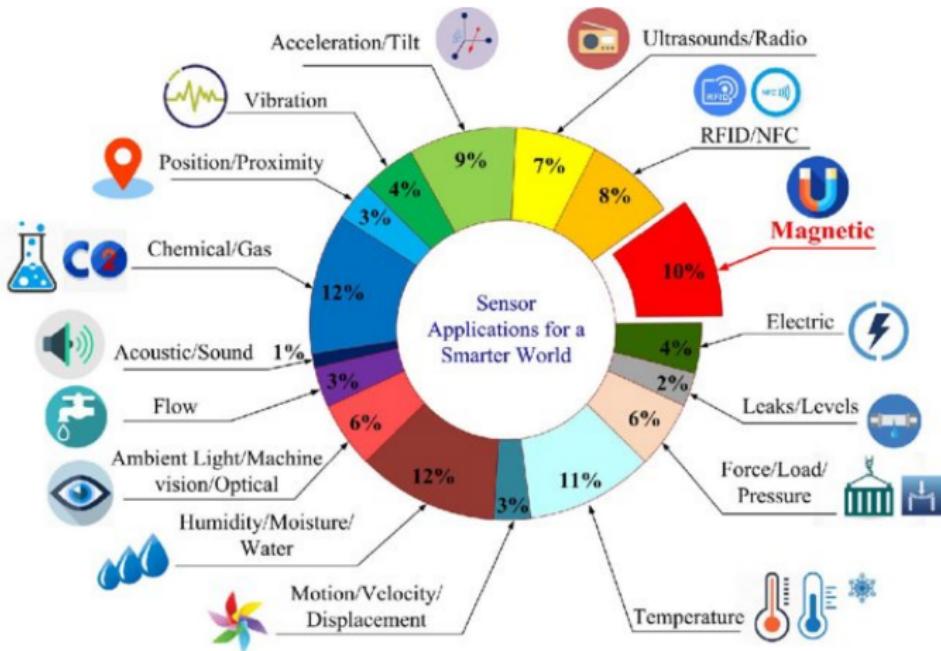
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On average a pacemaker must be changed every 7 years



*Picture from <http://muonray.blogspot.com/2017/11/thermal-energy-harvesting-projects.html>

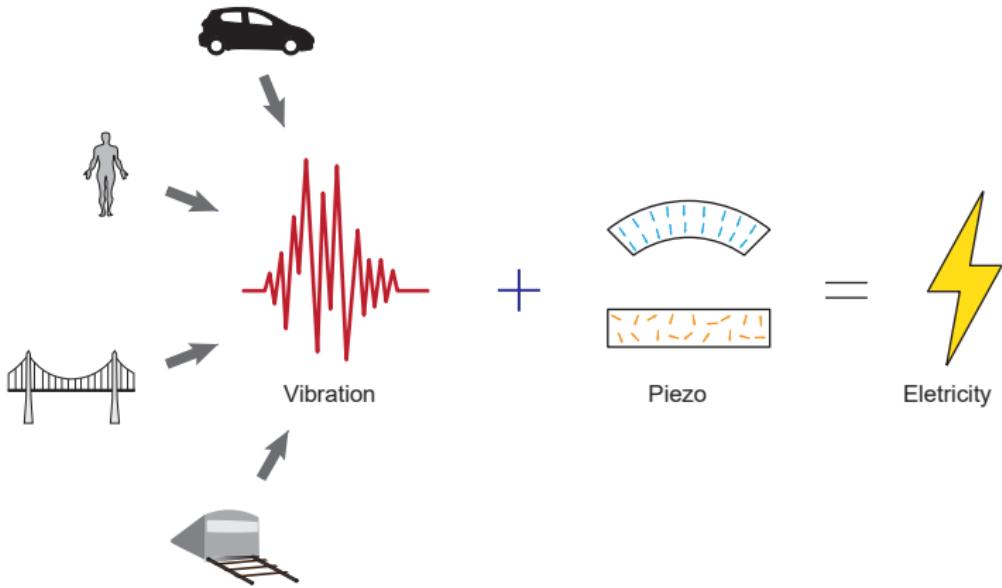


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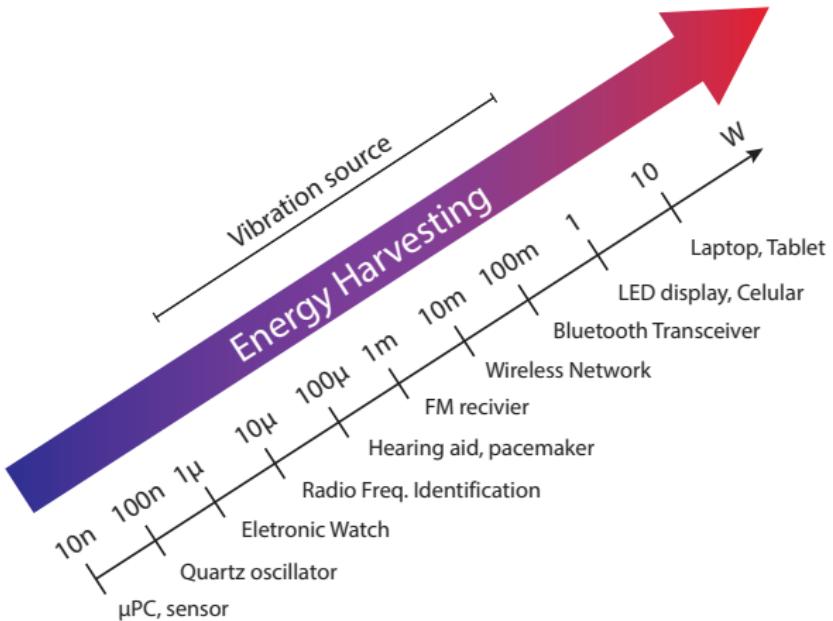


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Vibration Energy Harvesting Concept



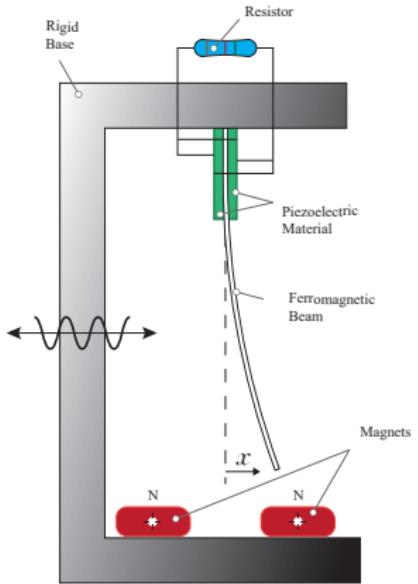
Vibration Energy Harvesting Scale



Adapted from: <https://passive-components.eu/energy-harvesting-is-not-fiction-anymore-2/>

- ▶ Study variability effects on bistable energy harvesters
- ▶ Apply global sensitivity analysis to:
 1. extract features of the dynamic behavior;
 2. identify the most sensitivity parameters.

Bistable harvester: symmetric + linear coupling

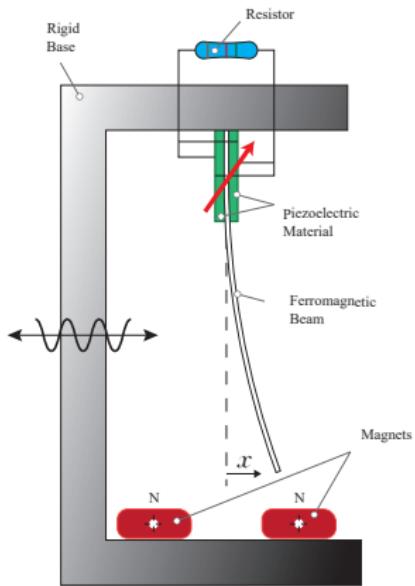


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$$\dot{v} + \lambda v + \kappa \dot{x} = 0$$

+ initial conditions

Bistable harvester: symmetric + nonlinear coupling



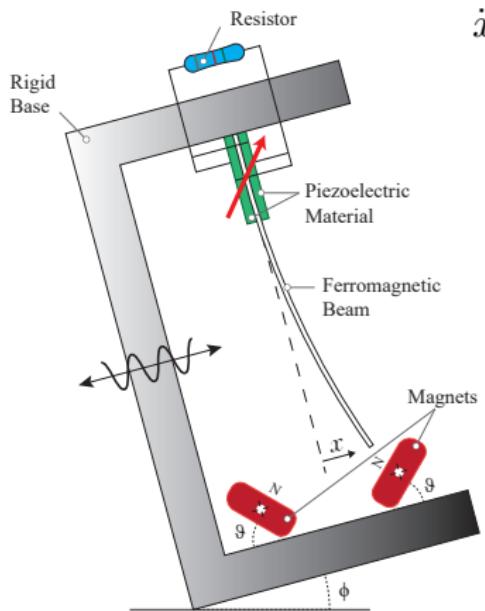
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$$\widehat{\Theta}(x) = (1 + \beta |x|)$$

Bistable harvester: asymmetric + nonlinear coupling



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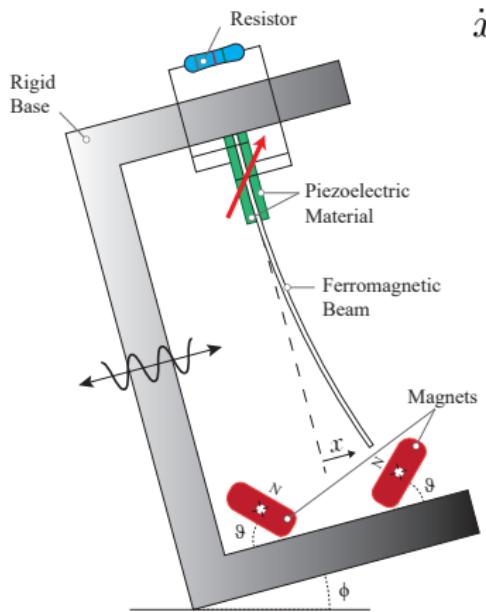
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$$P_{avg} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \lambda v(t)^2 dt$$

Dynamic animation (symmetric + linear coupling)



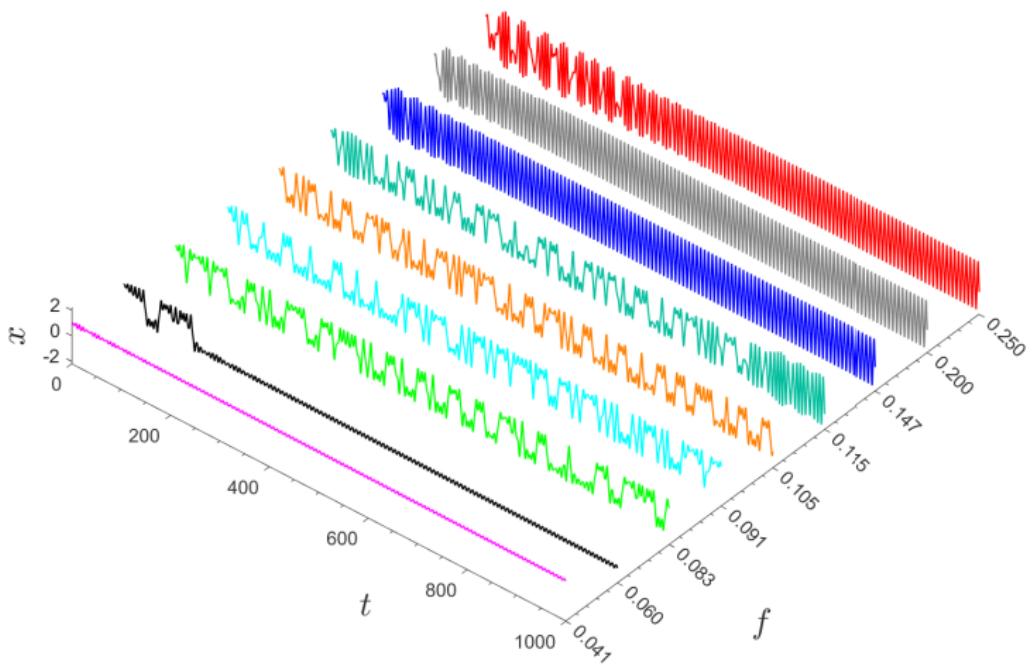
Dynamic animation (symmetric + nonlinear coupling)



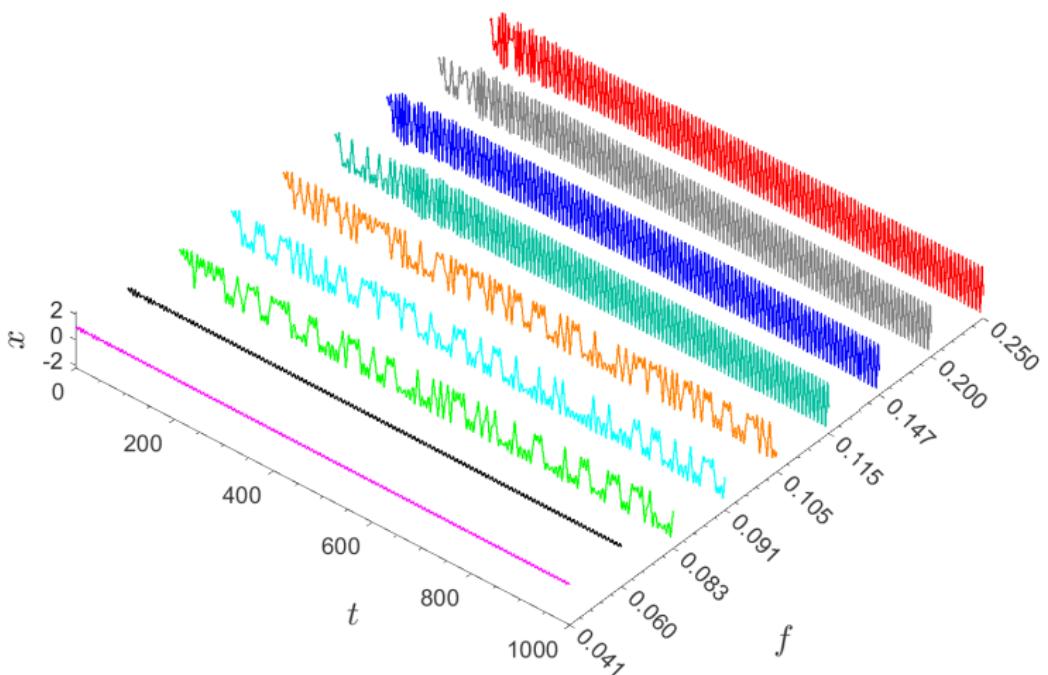
Dynamic animation (asymmetric + nonlinear coupling)



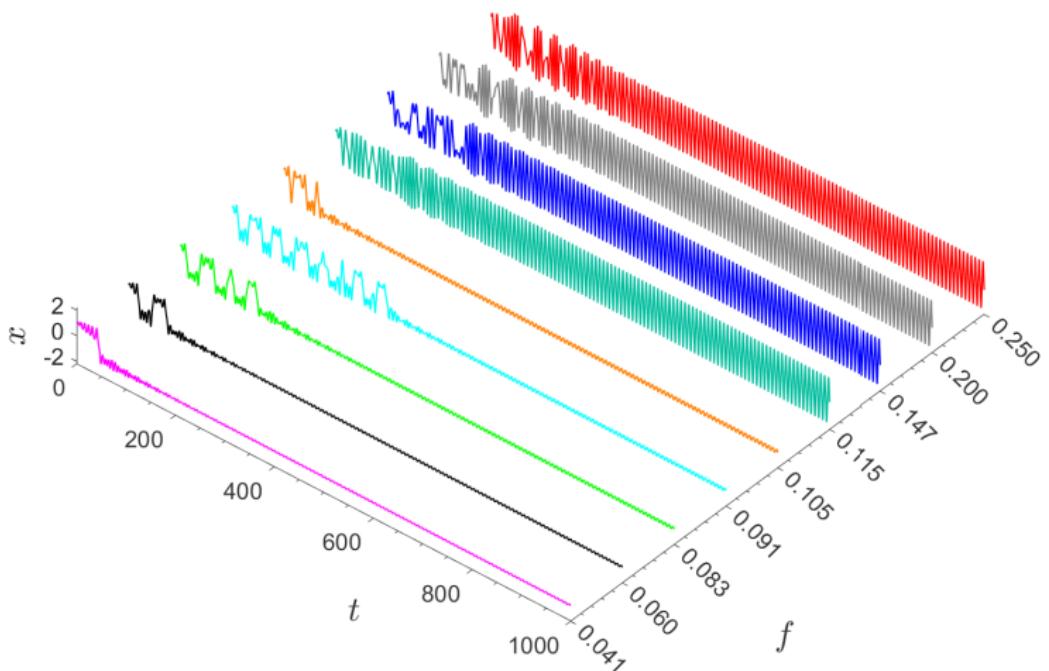
Time series (symmetric + linear coupling)



Time series (symmetric + nonlinear coupling)



Time series (asymmetric + nonlinear coupling)





Main contributions:

- ▶ Simpler probabilistic model constructions
- ▶ Nontrivial insight into the behavior
- ▶ Important step for robustness and optimization problems

Mathematical Model:

$$\text{Quantity of Interest} = \mathcal{M}(\text{system parameters})$$

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(x) , \quad x_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$$

Hoeffding-Sobol decomposition:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{M}_i(x_i) + \sum_{i < j}^k \mathcal{M}_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \dots + \mathcal{M}_{1\dots k}(x_1 \dots x_k)$$

An **orthogonal decomposition** in terms of conditional expectations:

- ▶ $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathbb{E}\{Y\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}_i(x_i) = \mathbb{E}\{Y|x_i\} - \mathcal{M}_0$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \mathbb{E}\{Y|x_i, x_j\} - \mathcal{M}_i - \mathcal{M}_j - \mathcal{M}_0$
- ▶ ...

Sobol' indices

First-order Sobol' indices:

$$S_i = \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}_i(x_i)] / \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})]$$

(quantify the additive effect of each input separately)

Second-order Sobol' indices:

$$S_{ij} = \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}_{ij}(x_i, x_j)] / \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})]$$

(quantify interaction effect of inputs X_i and X_j)



I.M. Sobol' *Global sensitivity indices for nonlinear mathematical models and their Monte Carlo estimates*. *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, 55(1-3):

271-280, 2001.

Polynomial Chaos Expansion:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x})$$

Analytical calculation of Sobol' indices:

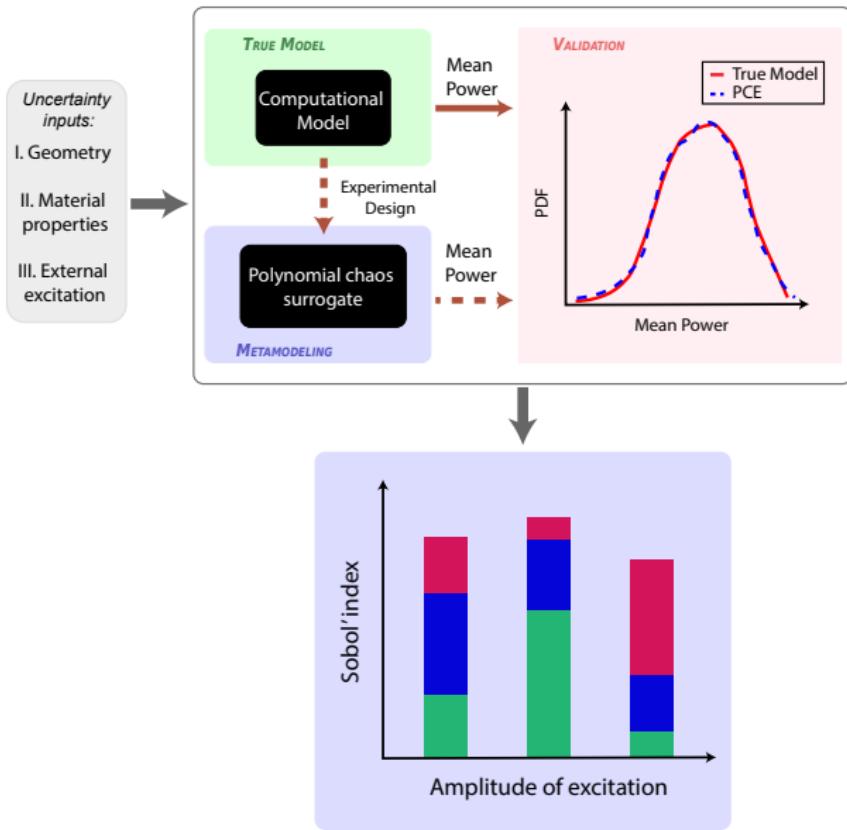
$$S_u = \frac{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_u} y_\alpha^2}{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus 0} y_\alpha^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_u = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : i \in u \iff \alpha_i \neq 0\}$$



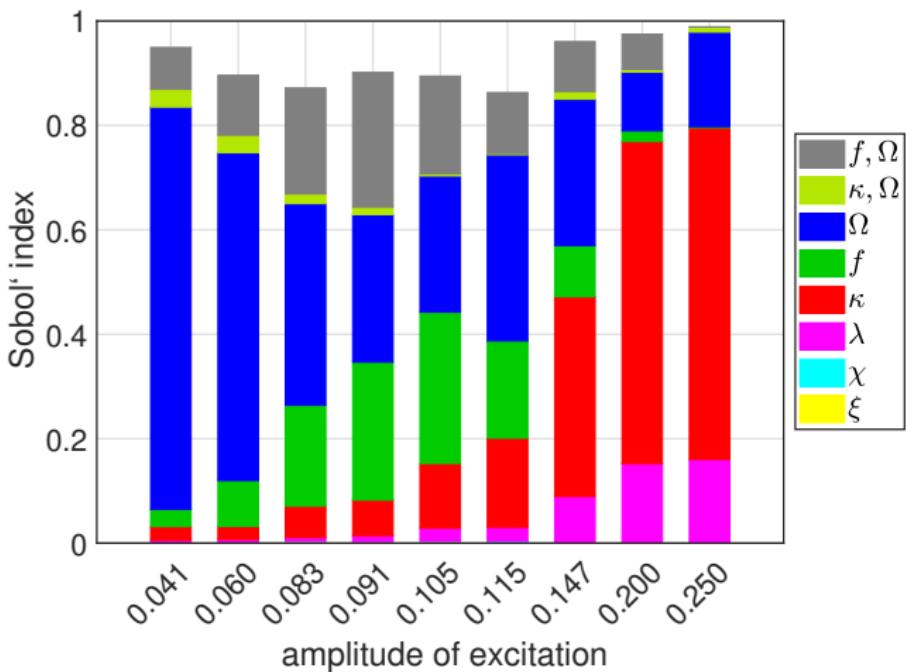
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Global sensitivity analysis framework



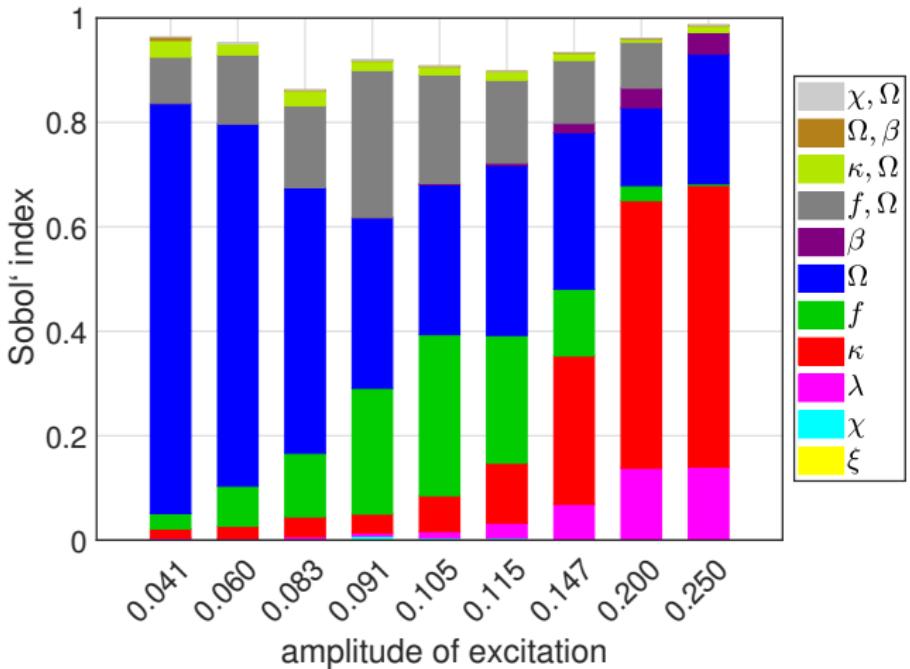
Mean power sensitivity (symmetric + linear piezo)

$$\beta = 0 \quad \phi = 0^\circ \quad f = 0.147 \quad \Omega = 0.8$$



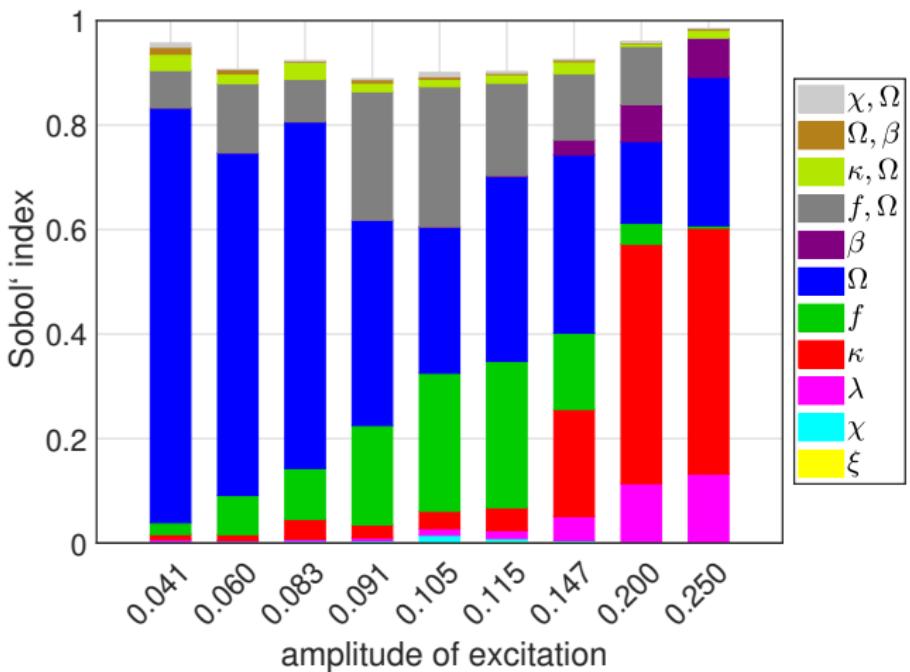
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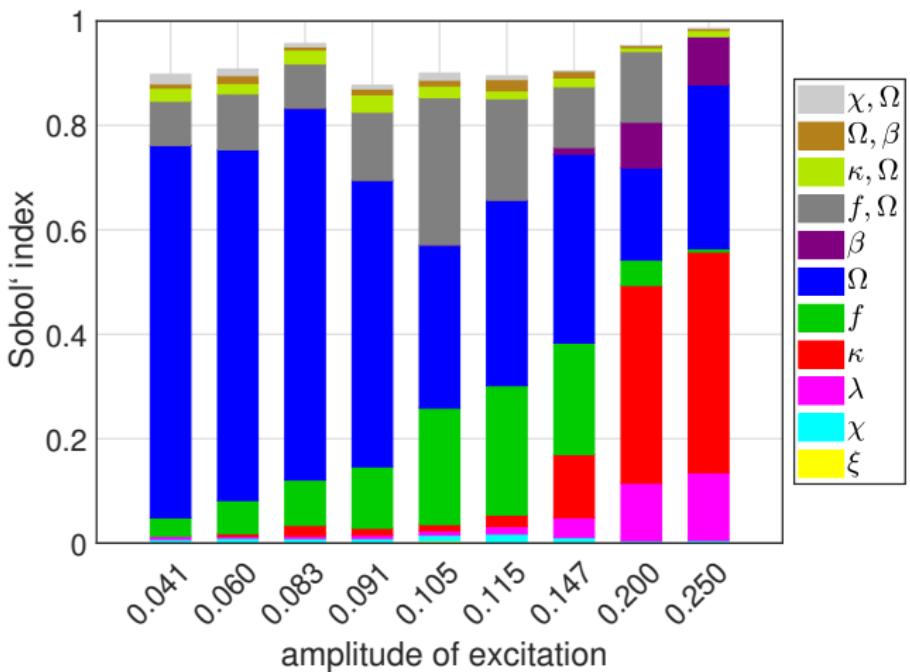
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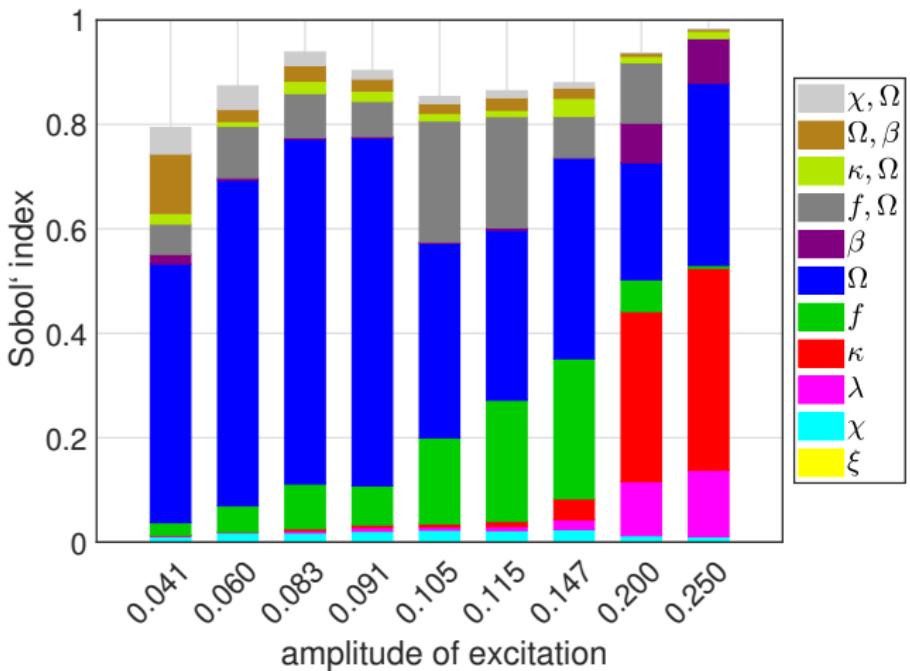
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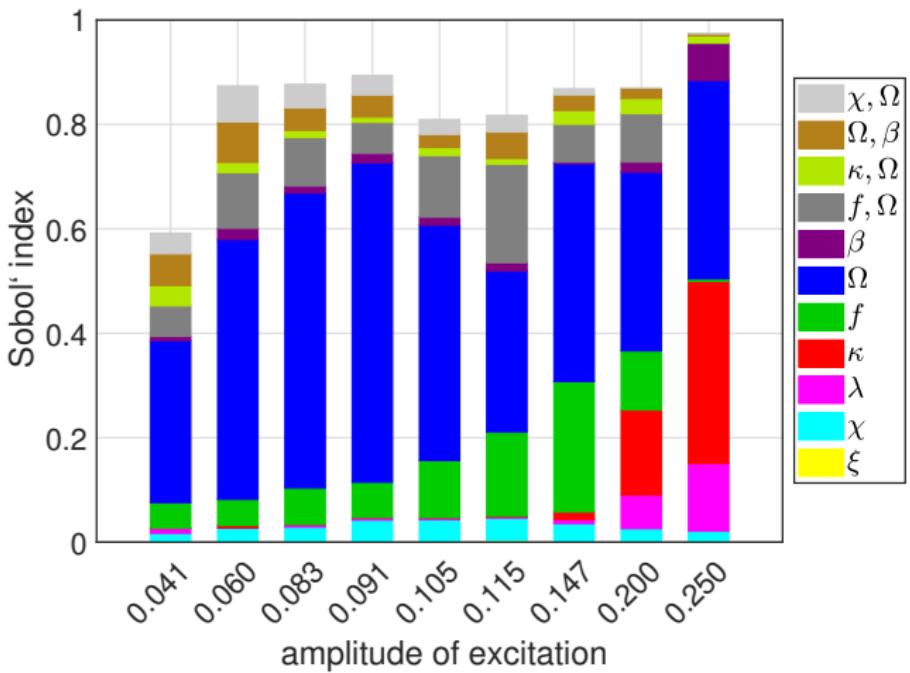
Mean power sensitivity (symmetric + nonlinear piezo)

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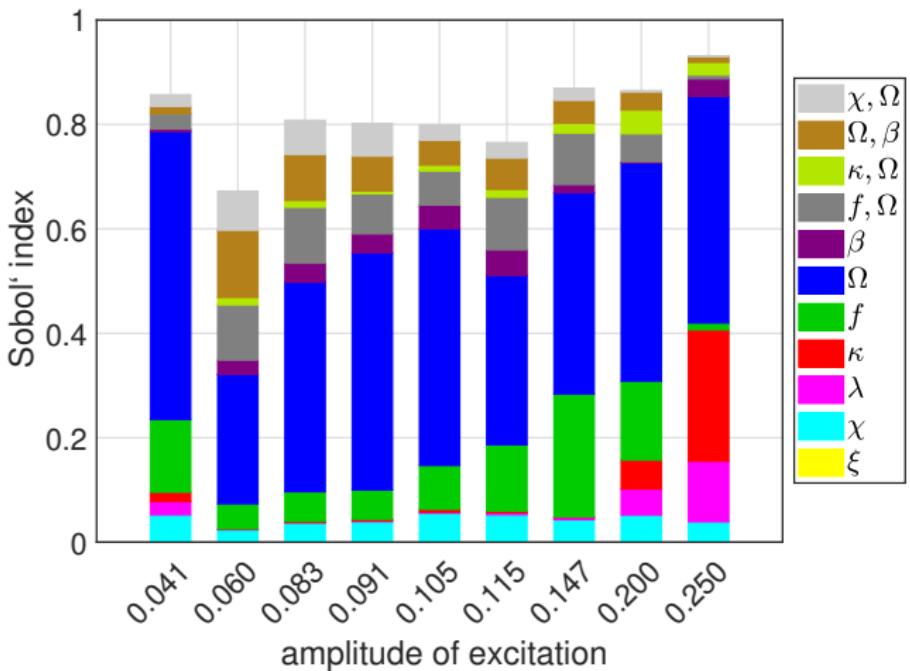
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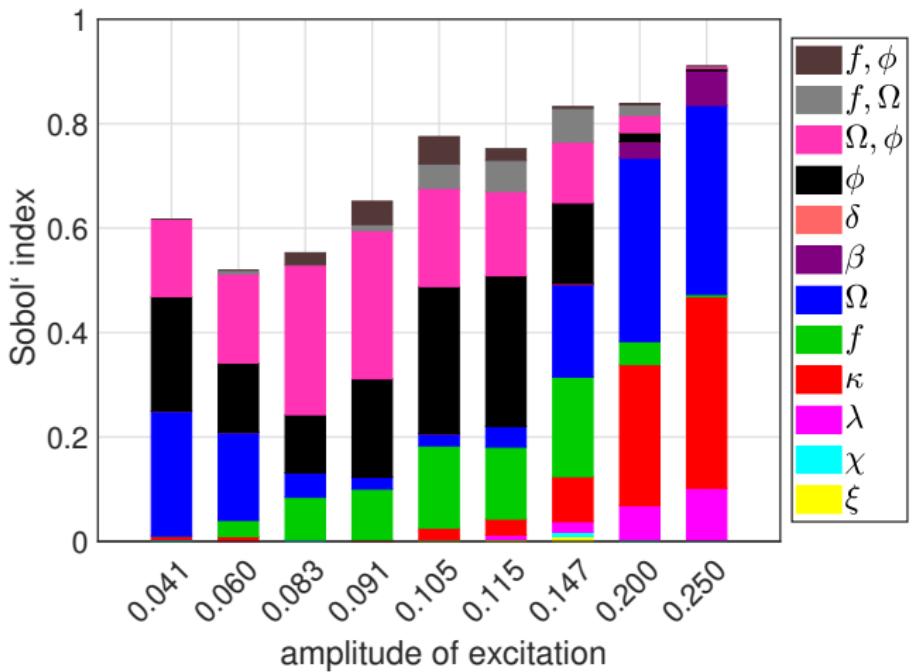
Mean power sensitivity (symmetric + nonlinear piezo)

$$\beta = 3.0 \quad \phi = 0^\circ \quad f = 0.147 \quad \Omega = 0.8$$



Mean power sensitivity (asymmetric + nonlinear piezo)

$$\beta = 1.0 \quad \phi \in [-15^\circ, 15^\circ] \quad f = 0.147 \quad \Omega = 0.8$$



Sensitivities in a nutshell

parameter	sensitivity	optimal condition
ξ	no	-
χ	no	-
λ	low	high energy
κ	high	high energy
f	high	low and middle energy
Ω	high	all spectrum
β	low	high values
δ	no	-
ϕ	high	low and middle energy

Conclusions and perspectives

Findings:

- ▶ The order of importance of the parameters changes a lot with vibration regime
- ▶ Frequency and amplitude of excitation, asymmetric bias angle, and piezoelectric coupling at the electrical domain are the most influential parameters that affect the mean power harvested
- ▶ Bias angle is a better parameter to optimize the harvested power for middle and low forcing amplitudes
- ▶ Piezoelectric electrical properties are better parameters to optimize the harvested power for high forcing amplitude

Ongoing research:

- ▶ Uncertainty quantification for parameters disturbances

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