

An Introduction to Feedback Control Theory

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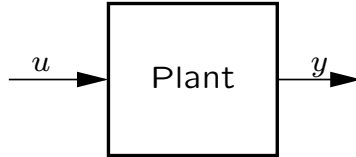
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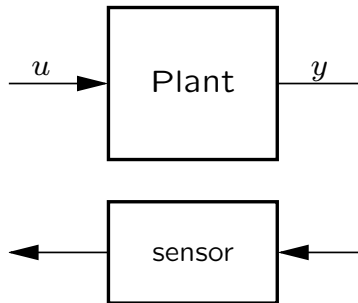
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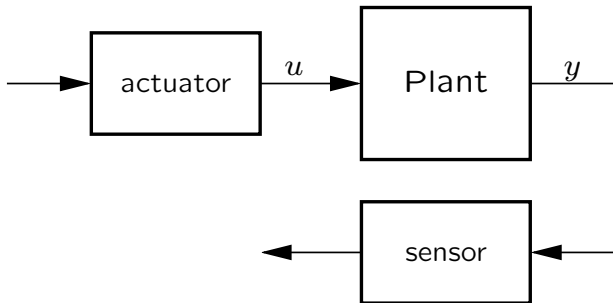
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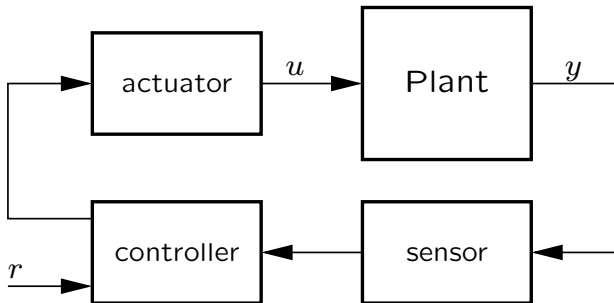
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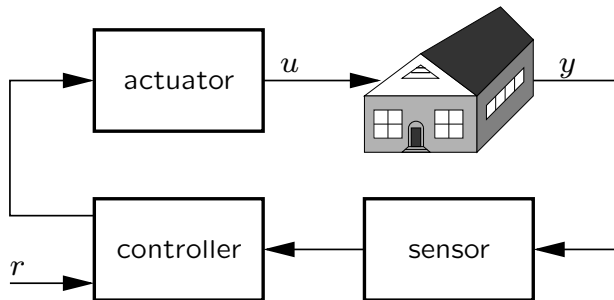
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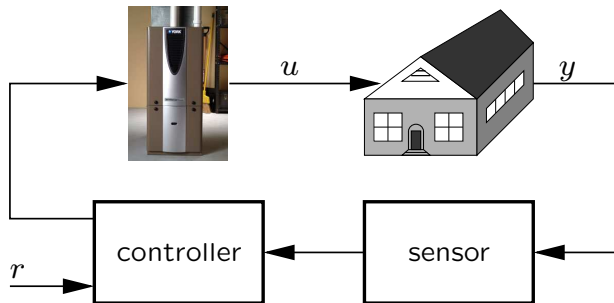
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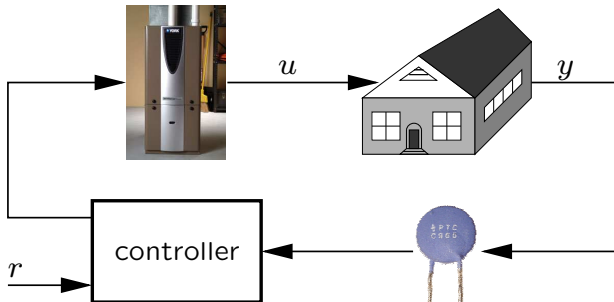
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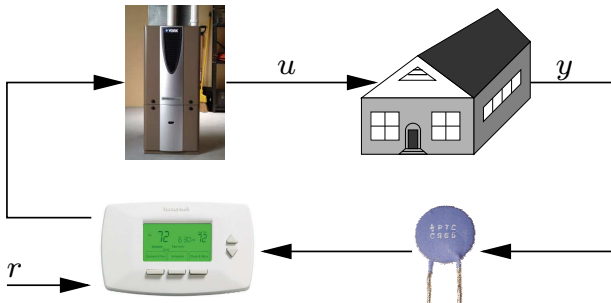
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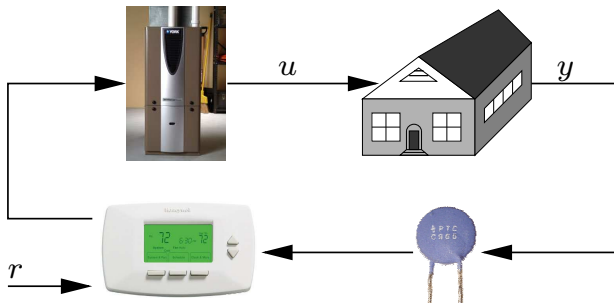
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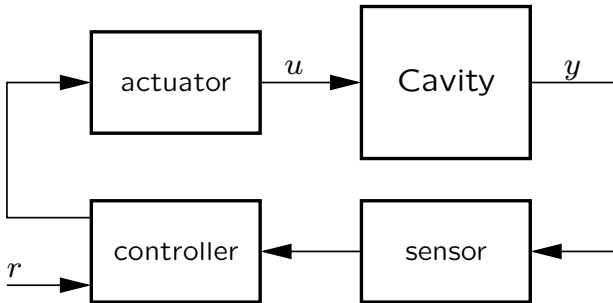
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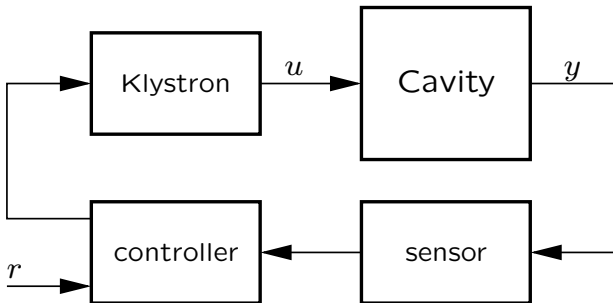
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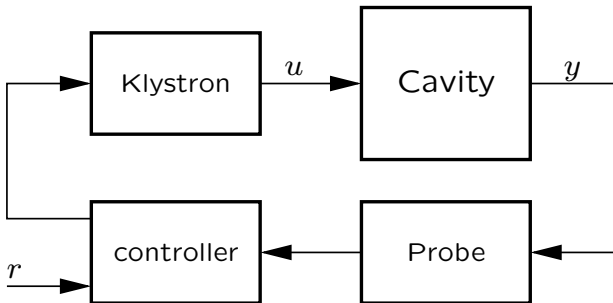
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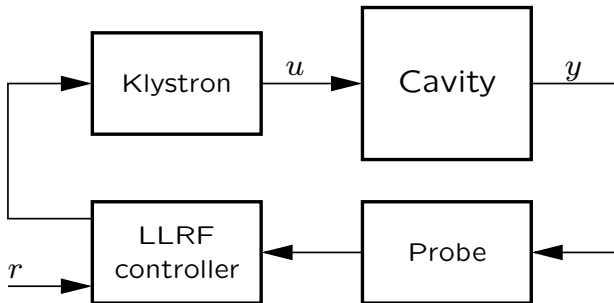
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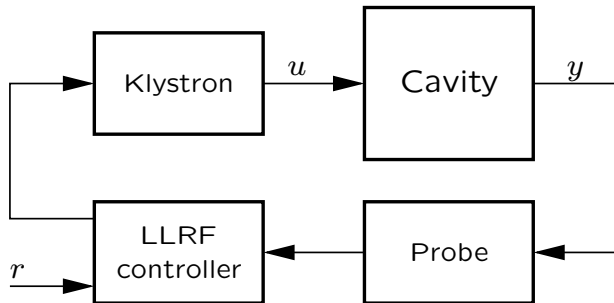
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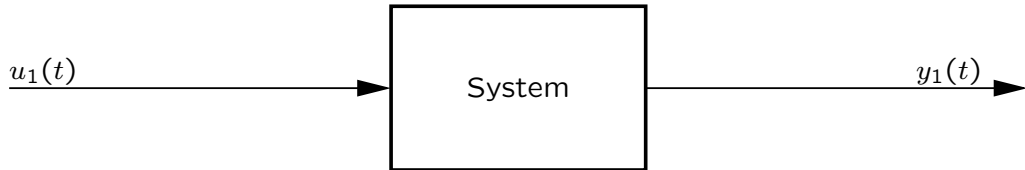
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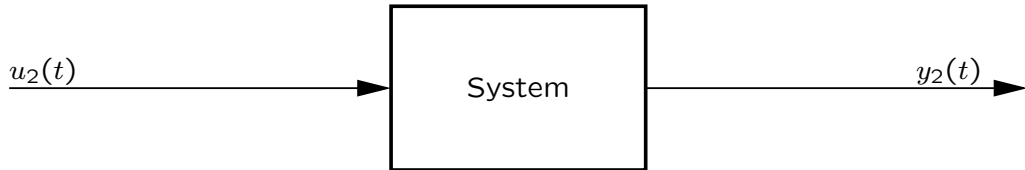
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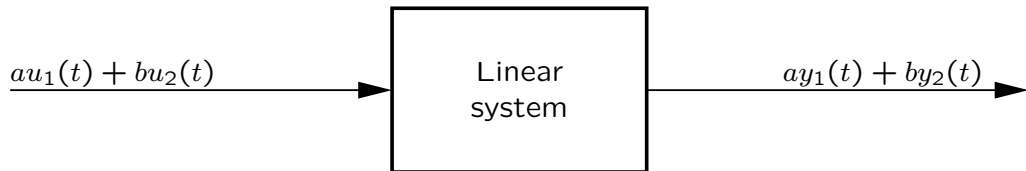
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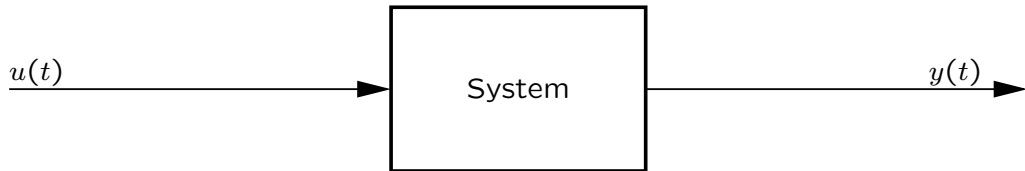
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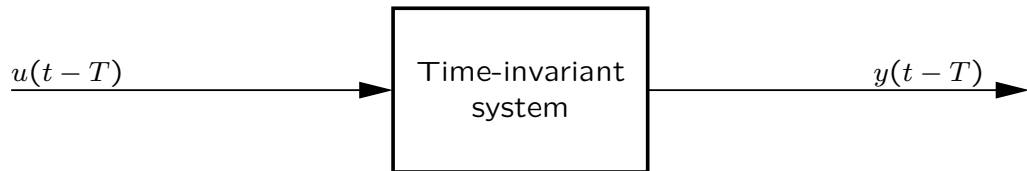
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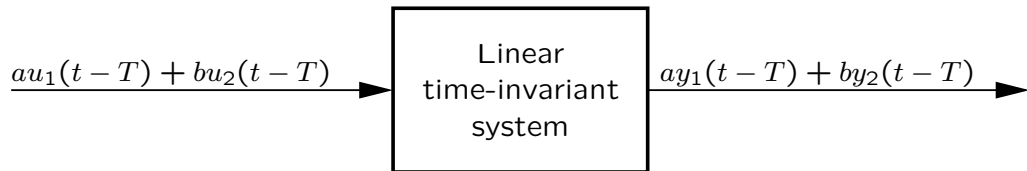
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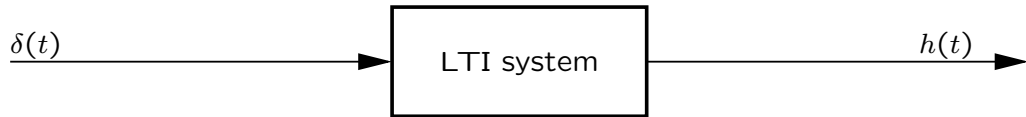
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► Putting it all together — a linear, time-invariant (LTI) system.

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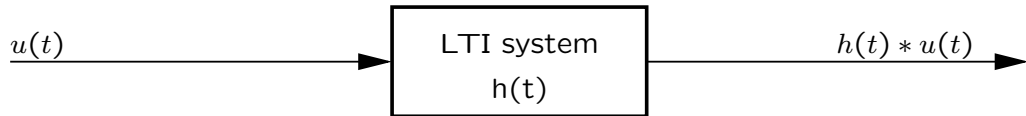
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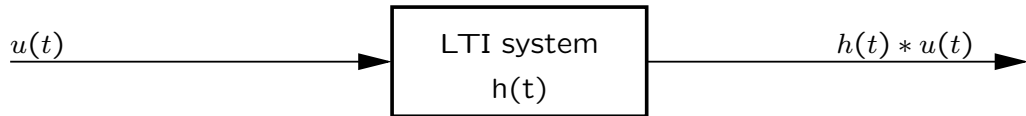
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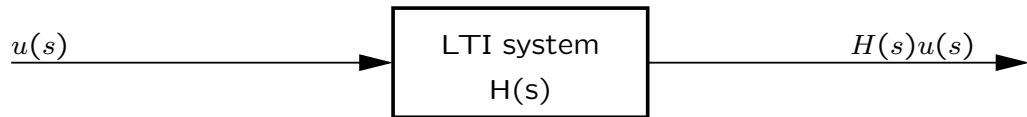
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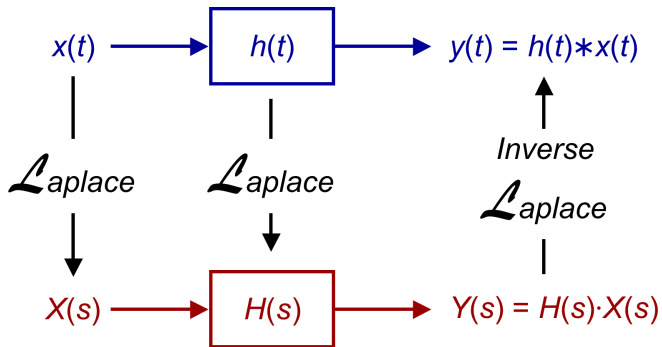


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Time domain



Frequency domain

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Some Properties of LTI Systems

Definition (Rational transfer function)

$$H(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)} = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^M b_m s^m}{\sum_{n=0}^N a_n s^n}, \text{ where } M < N \text{ for physical systems.}$$

- ▶ Complex roots of the denominator polynomial $A(s)$ determine the stability of $H(s)$ — unstable roots (poles) have a non-negative real part.
- ▶ An LTI system cannot produce at its output frequencies that are not contained in the input signal;
- ▶ Many LTI systems can be described by linear differential equations with constant coefficients:
 - ▶ Mass with a spring and a damper;
 - ▶ R, L, C circuits;
 - ▶ Pendulum (for small displacements);
 - ▶ Inverted pendulum (for small displacements, unstable).
- ▶ Delay of τ is represented by $H(s) = e^{-s\tau}$, not rational.

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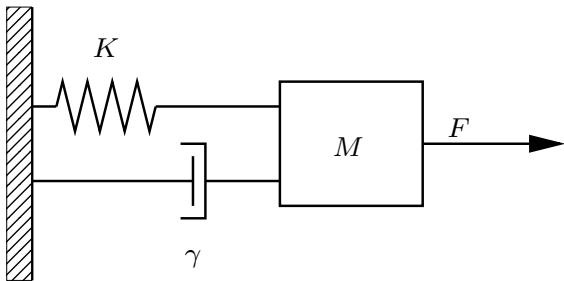
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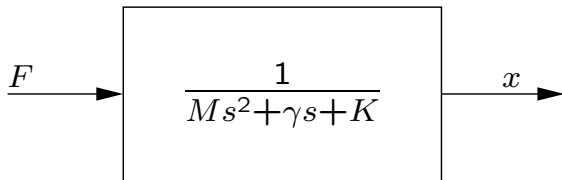
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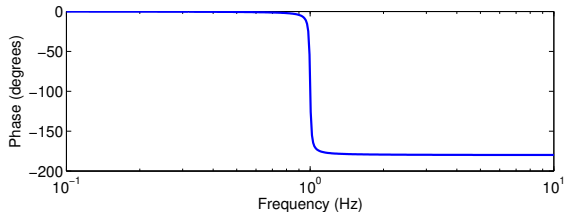
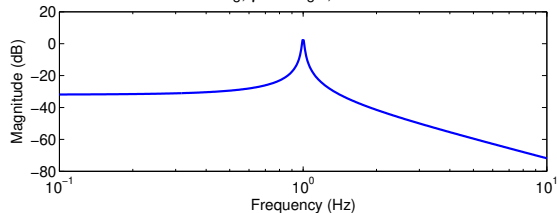


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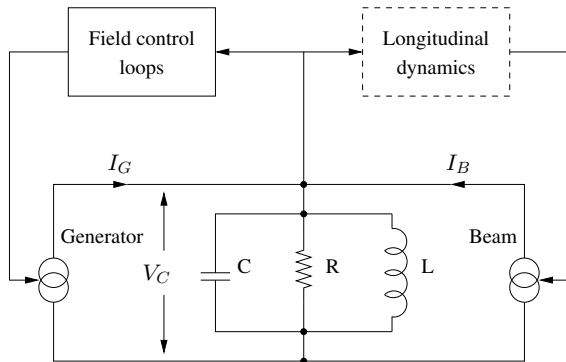
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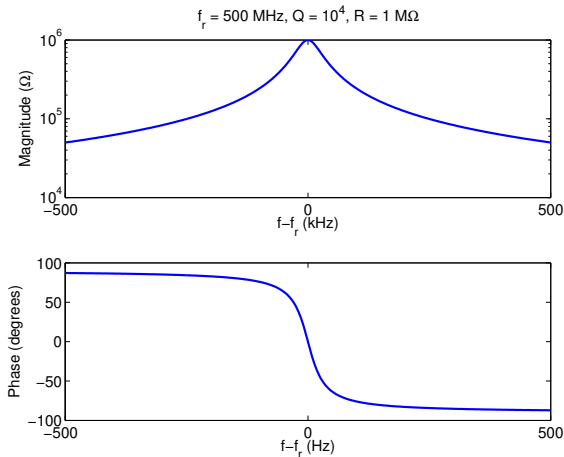
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A Cavity



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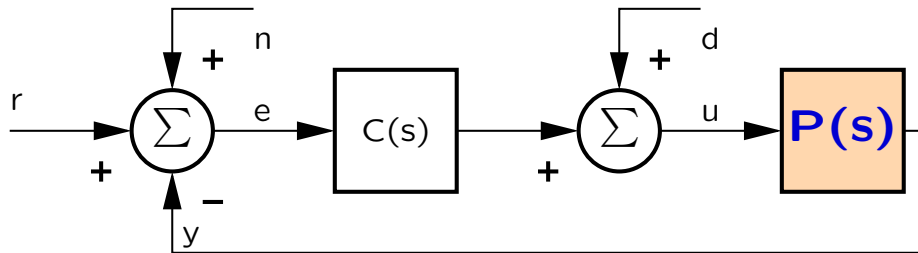
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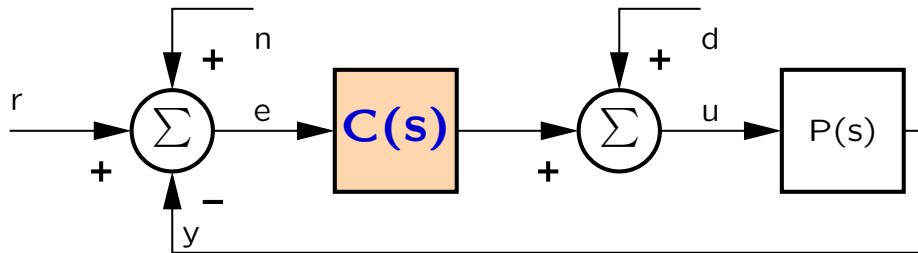
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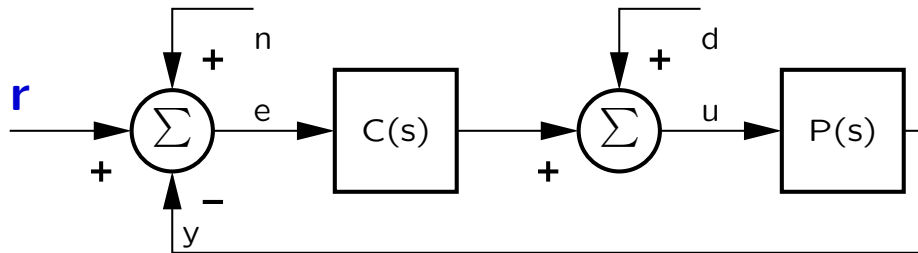
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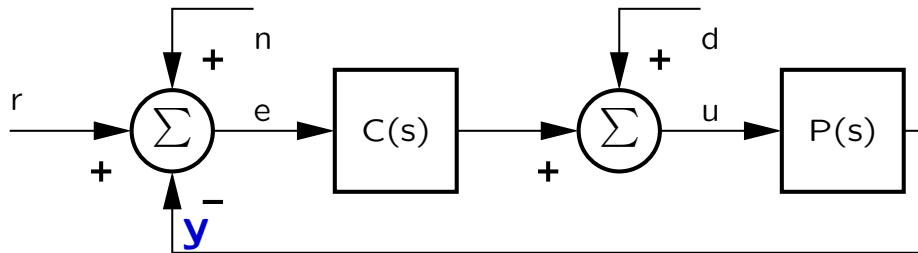
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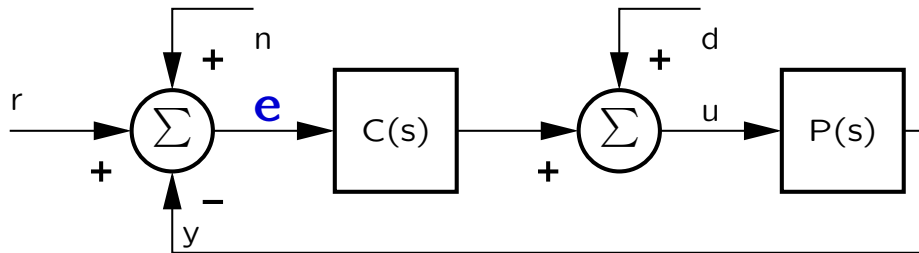
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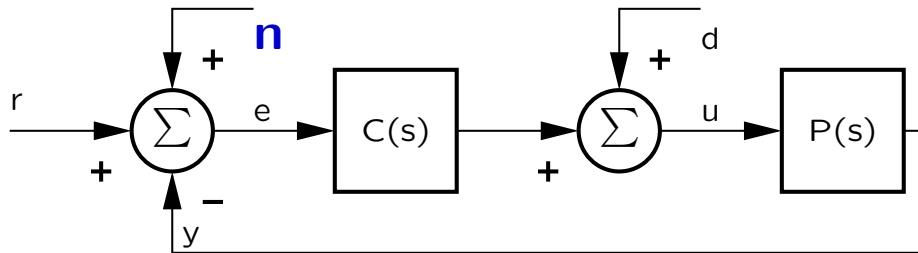
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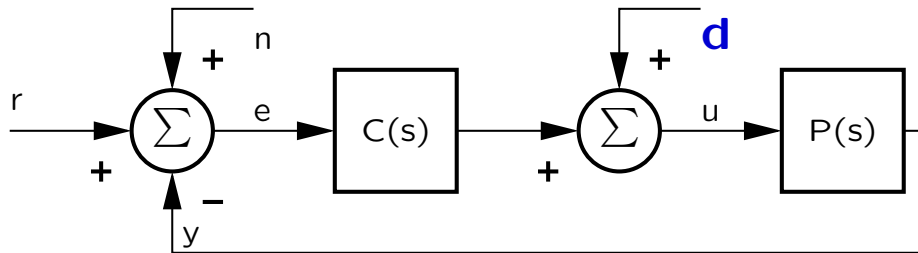
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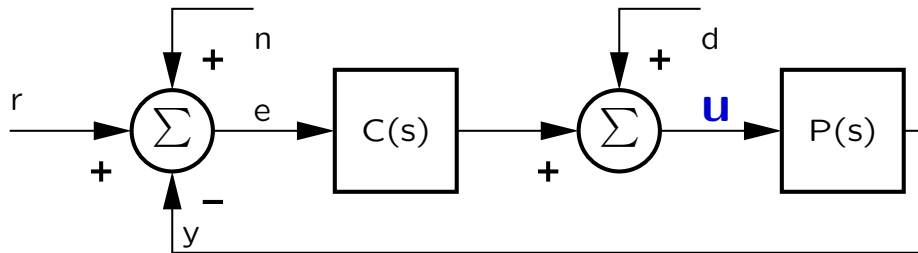
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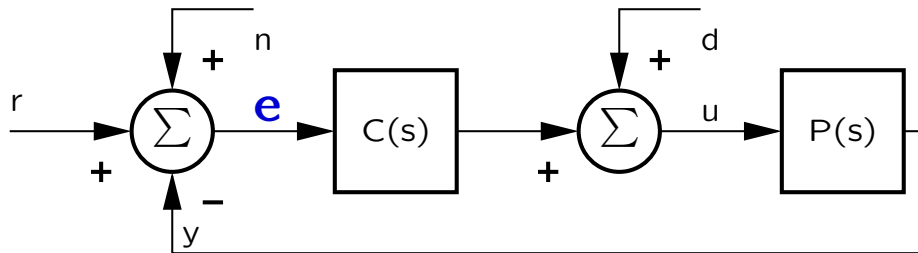
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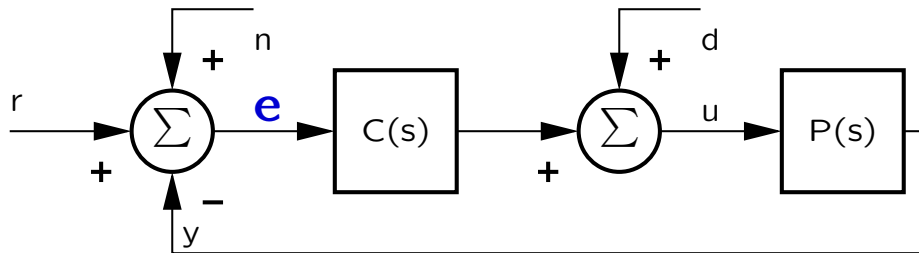
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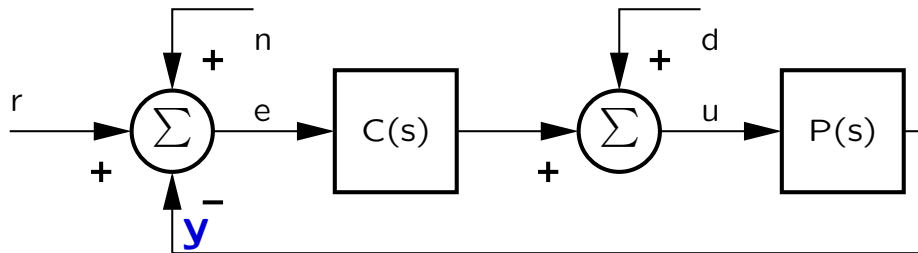
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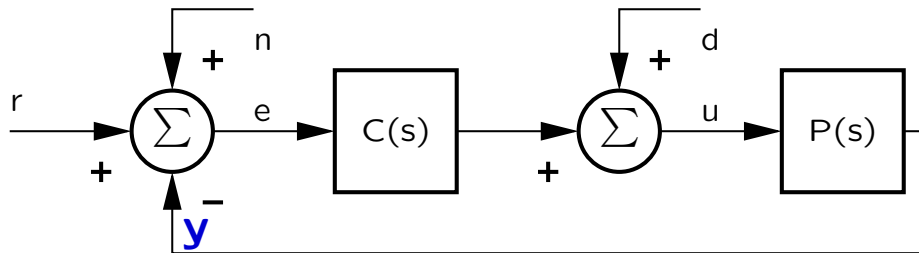
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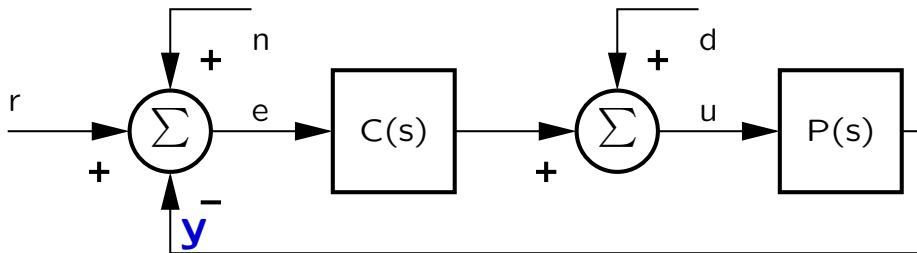
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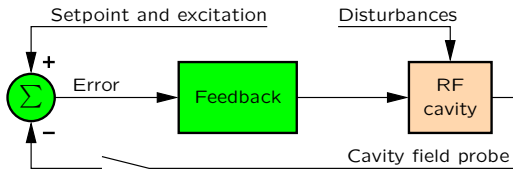
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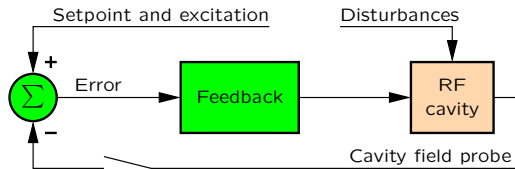
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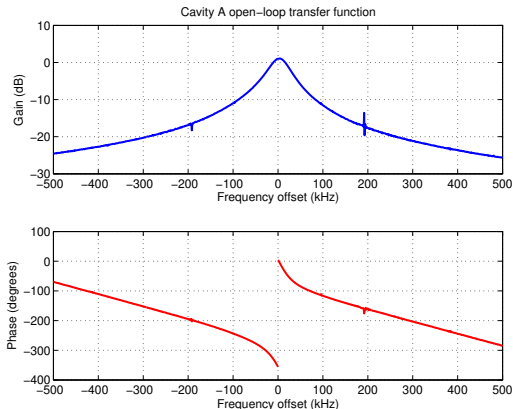
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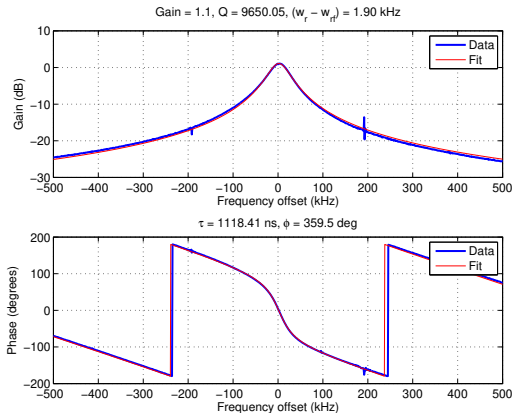
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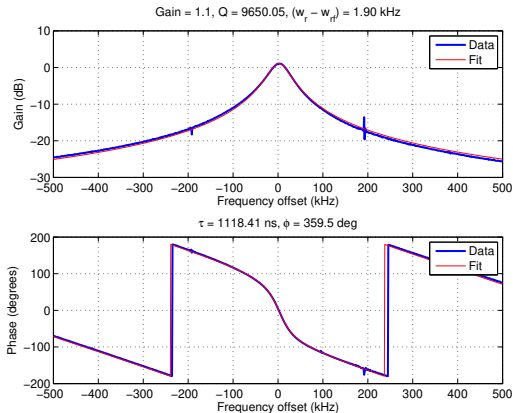
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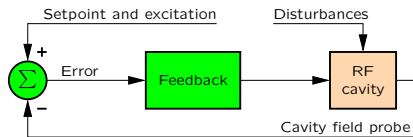
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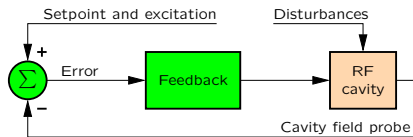
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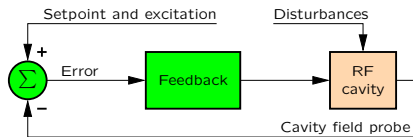
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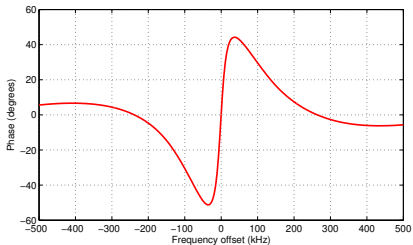
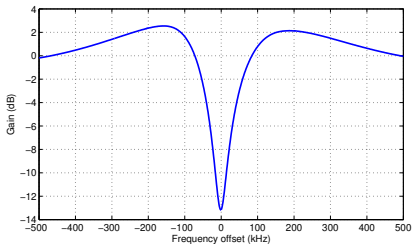
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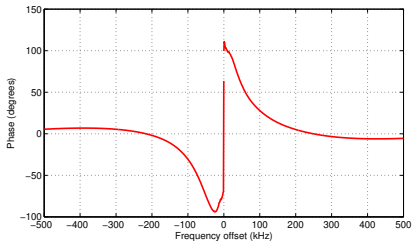
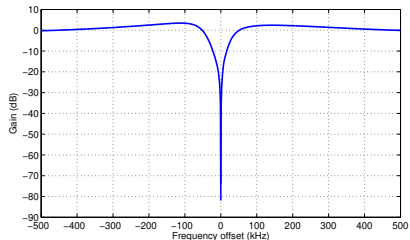
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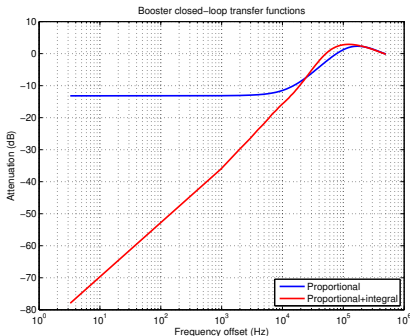
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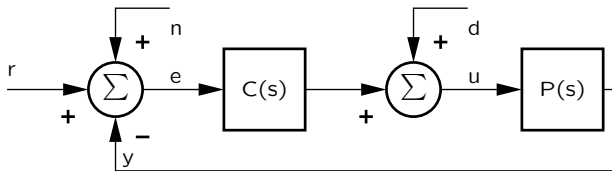
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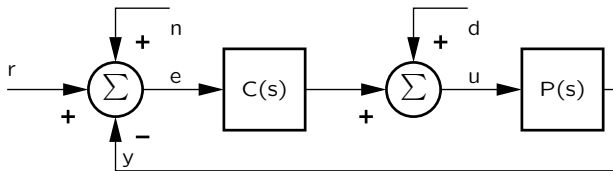
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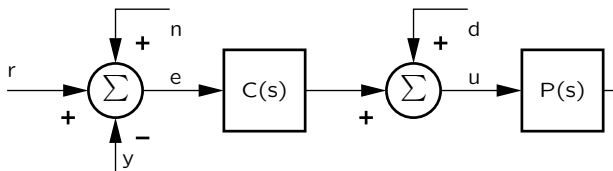
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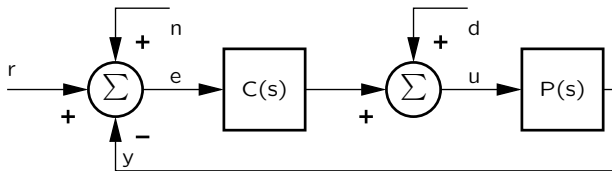
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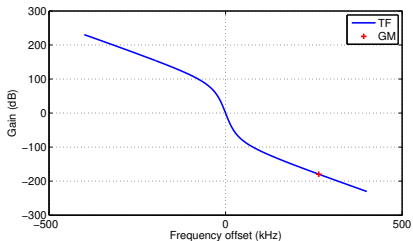
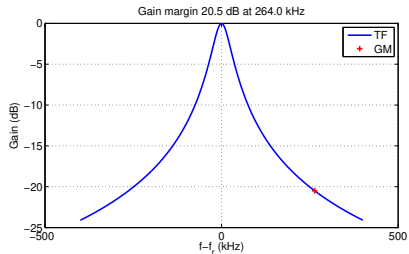
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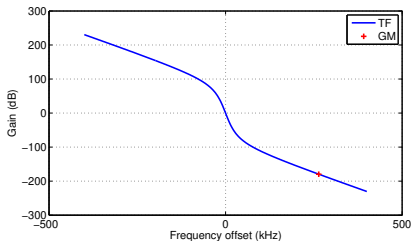
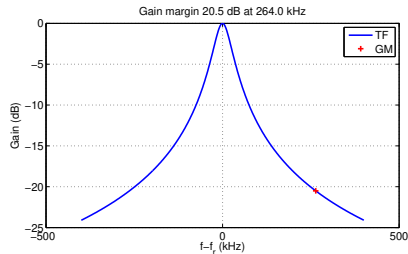
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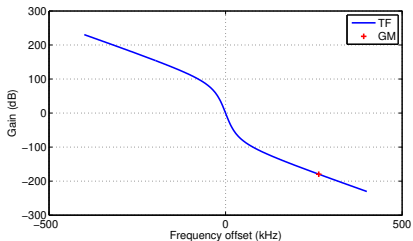
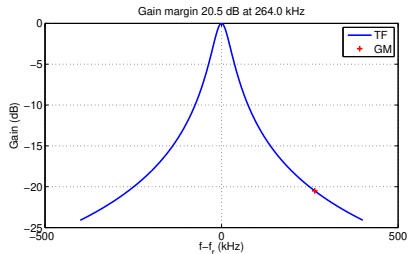
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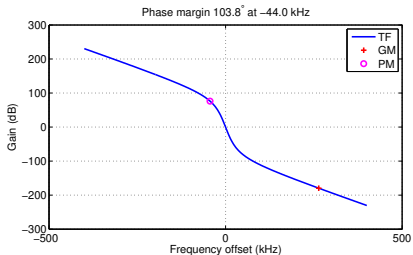
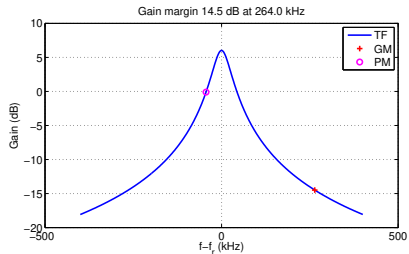
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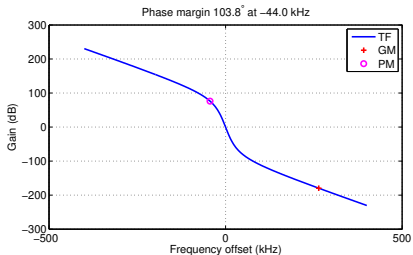
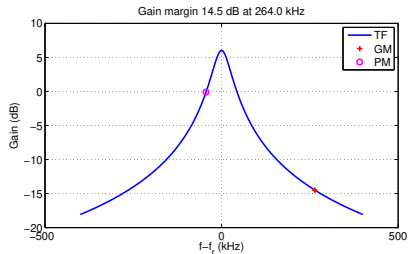
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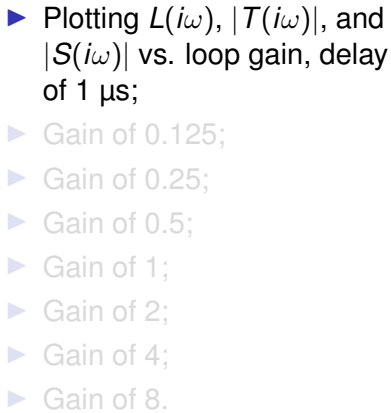


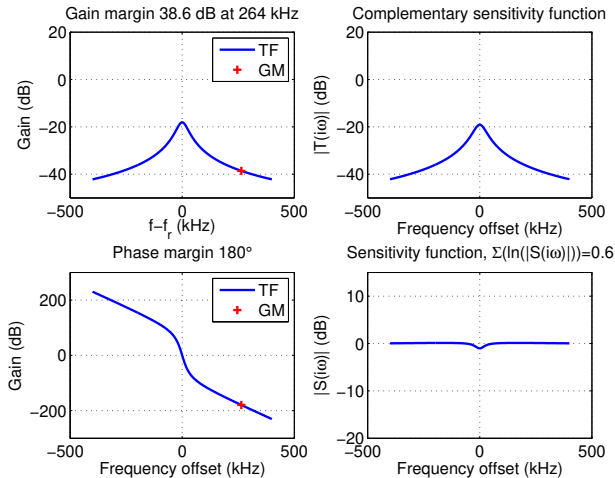
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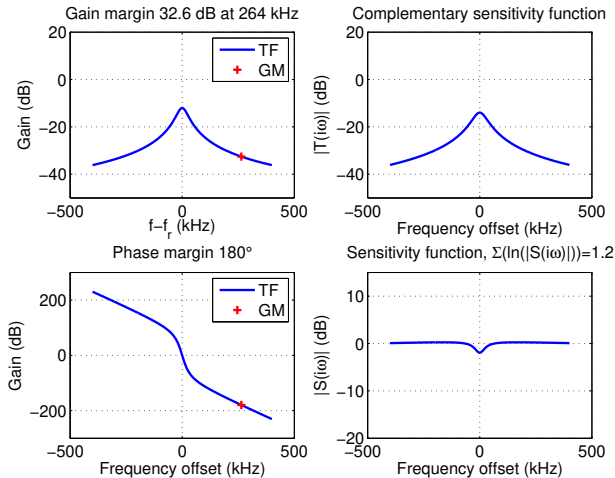
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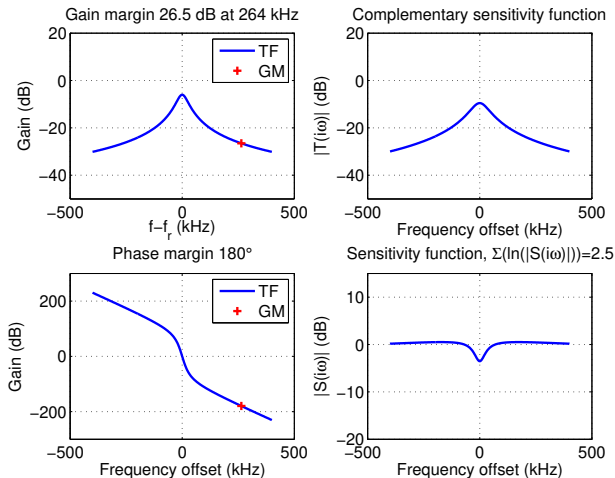
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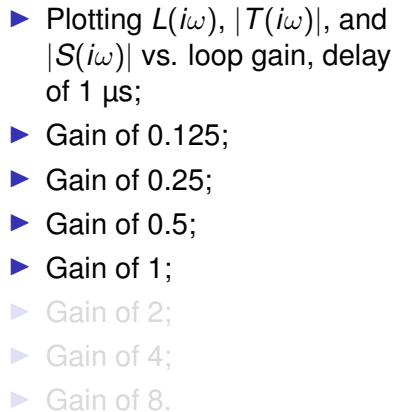


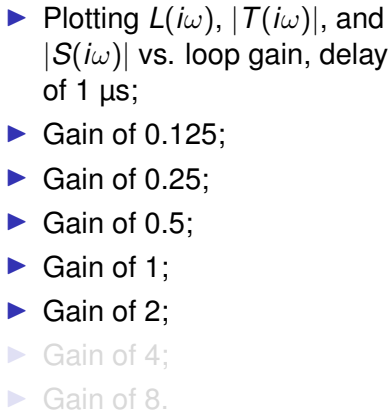
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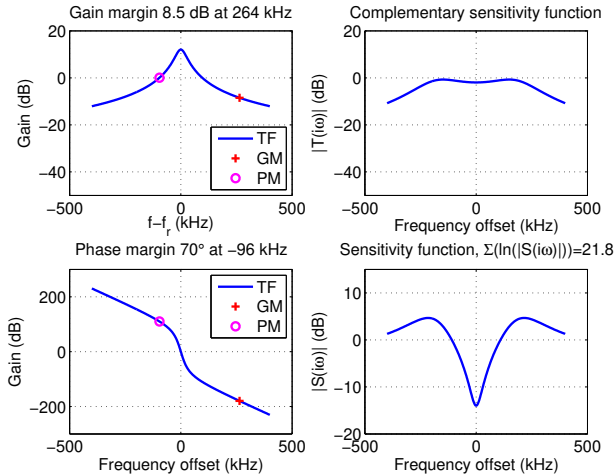


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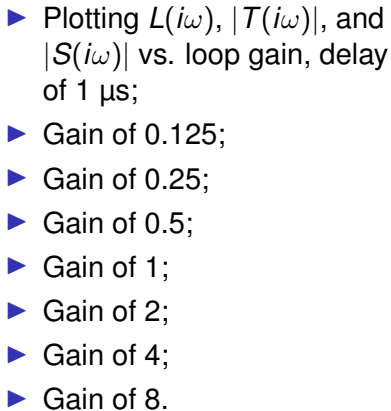
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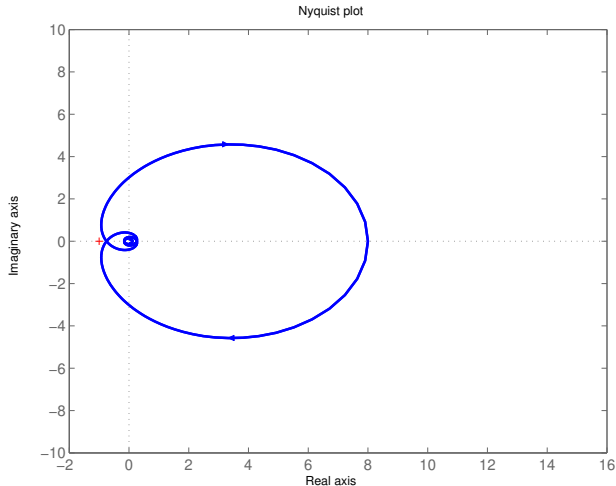
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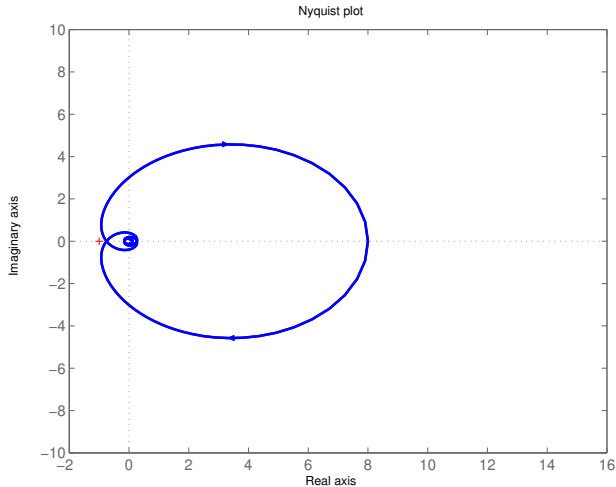


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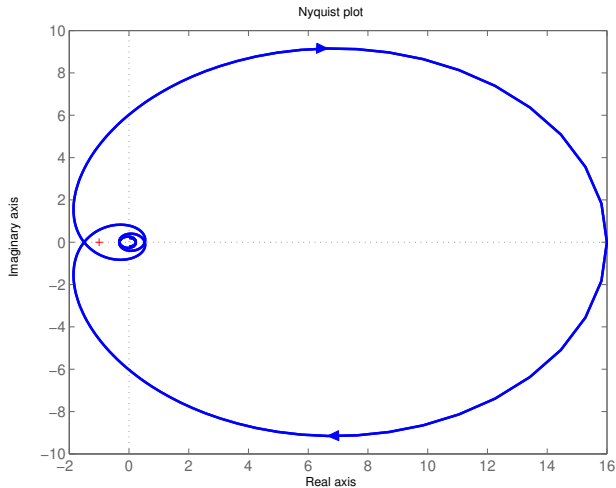
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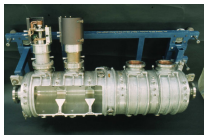
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500 MHz, 5-Cell Cavity

DESY-MHFe, Vers. 2.1

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s-mode frequency @ 35°C	MHz		499.67		Plungers flat
Tuning range	MHz			501	Plungers s = +40 mm
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Unloaded quality factor	-	29,000		36,000	
R/(Q ²)	Ω/m		370		± 5%
Shunt impedance	MΩ		15		
Coupling factor				3.0	
Bandwidth	kHz			74	Coupling factor 3.0
Beam tube cut-off frequency	GHz		1.46		H ₁₀
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Detuning due to plunger pos.	kHz/mm	10	20	40	Both plungers moved
Accelerating voltage	MV		1.34	1.94	
Accelerating gradient	MV/m		0.89	1.29	
Dissipated cavity power	kW		50	125	
Water flow rate of single cooling circuits	l/h	1600		2900	@ pressure drop 3 bar
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Pressure drop	bar			4	Cooling circuits parallel and flow rates adjusted by orifice plates
Test pressure	bar			8	15 minutes
Total length	mm		1800		(Flange to flange)
Cell length	mm		5'300		
Outside diameter	mm		445		Without water installation
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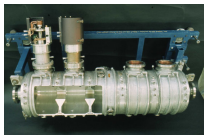
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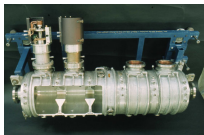
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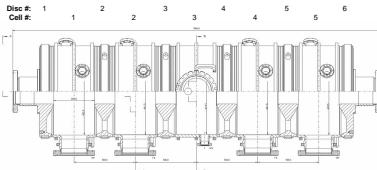
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Cooling water flow for maximum field flatness

Cooling circuit	Q [l/h]
end discs 1 & 6	250
cells 1 - 5	740
discs 2 - 5	980
Sum	1970

Mode frequencies

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$3/4 \pi$	500,3
$\pi/2$	501,9
$\pi/4$	503,4
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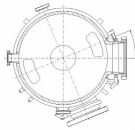
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Sectional drawing A-A
Disk 1 to Cell 2 (Plunger cell)



Beam tube flanges:
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Sectional drawing B-B
Cell 3 (input coupler cell)



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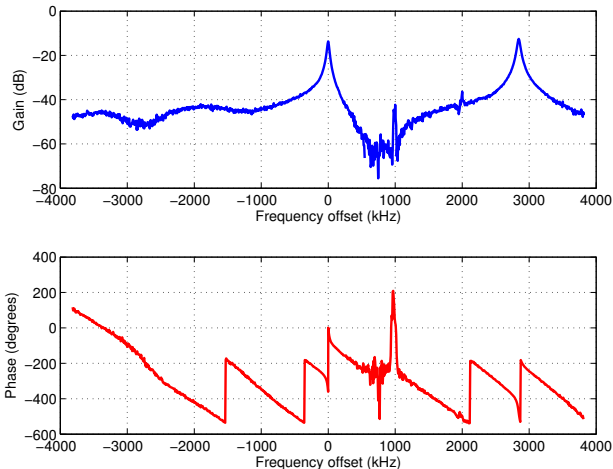
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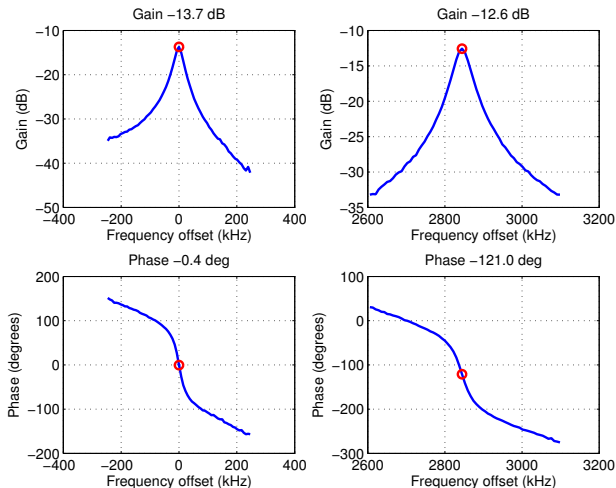
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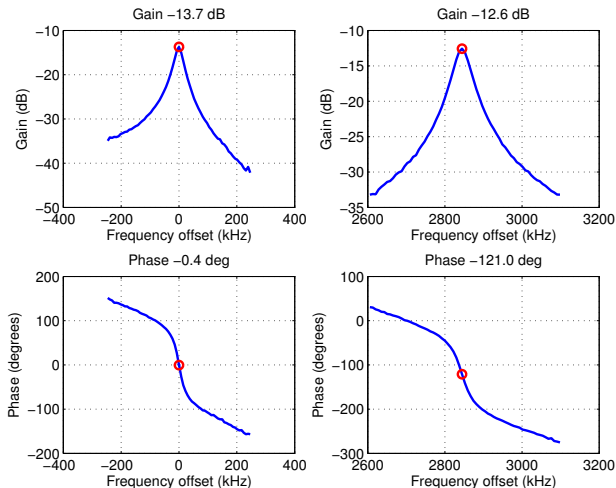
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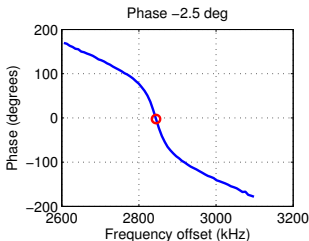
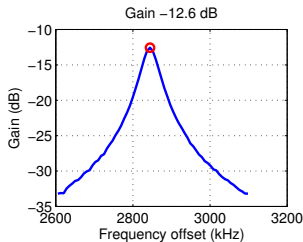


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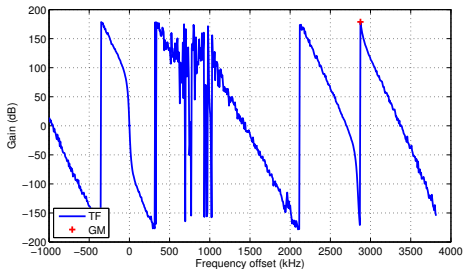
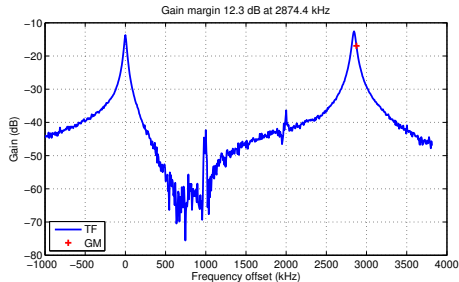


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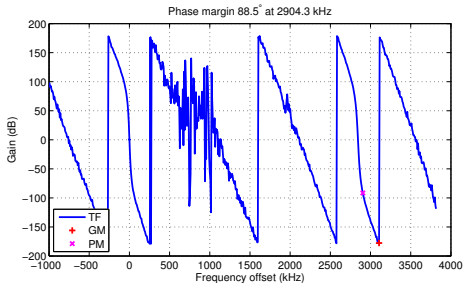
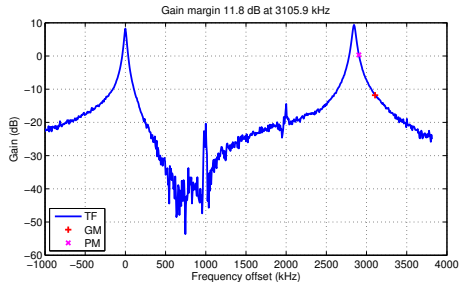
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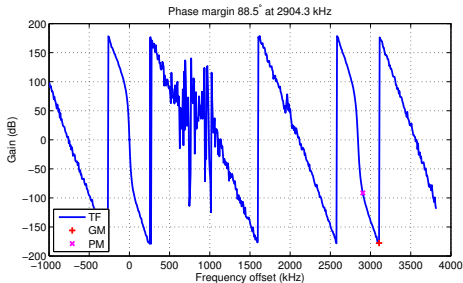
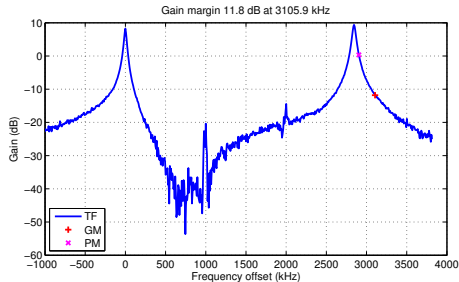
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