

Topics in Stochastic Stability, Optimal Control & Estimation Theory

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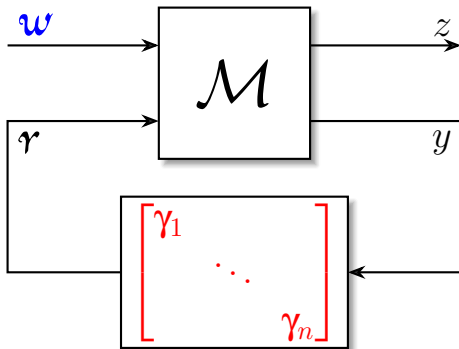
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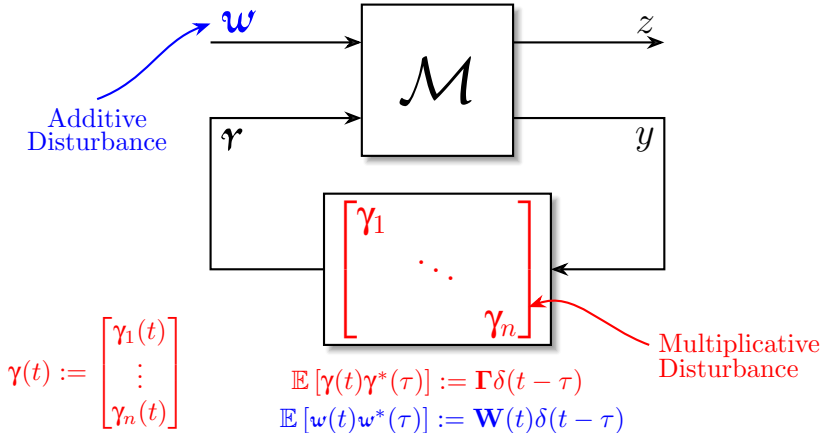


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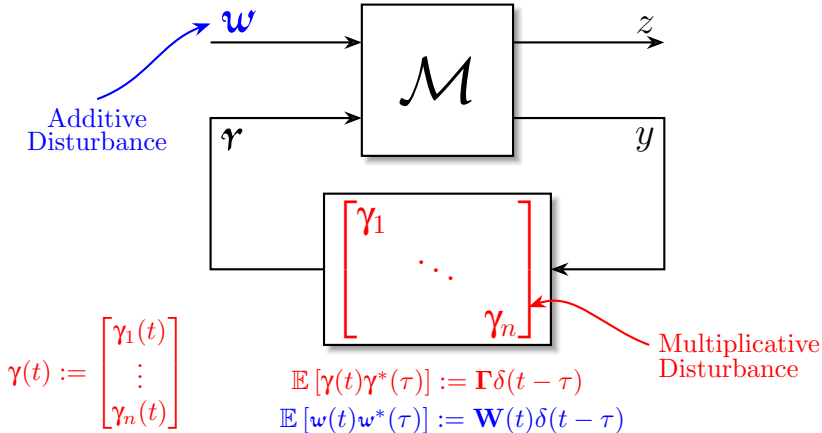
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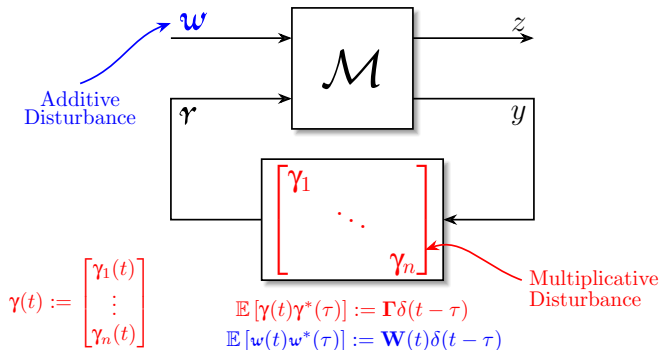


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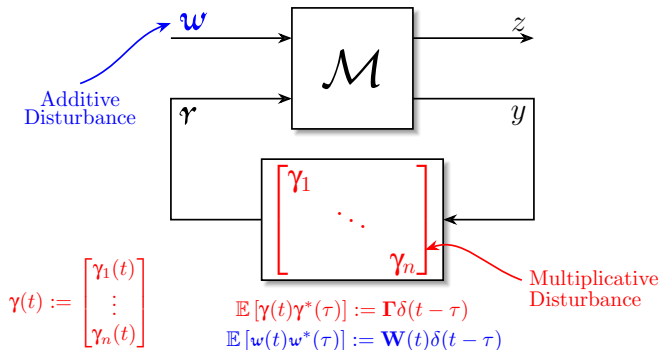


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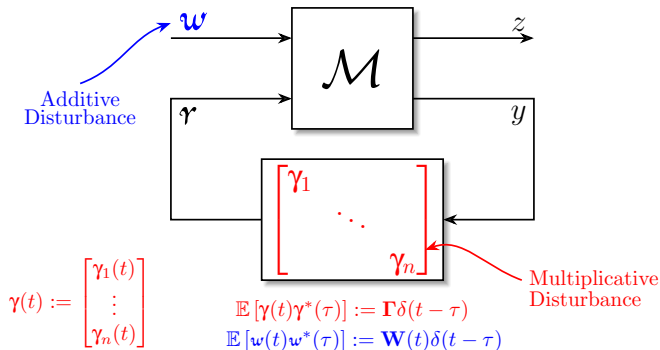


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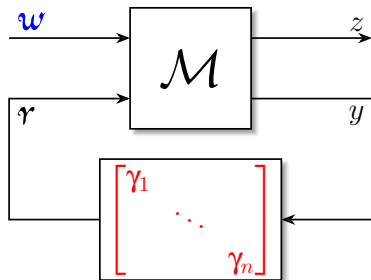
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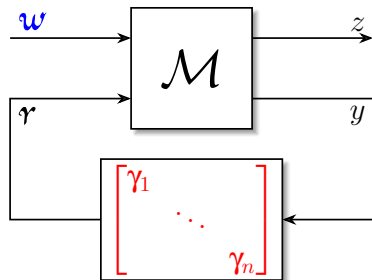
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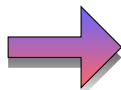
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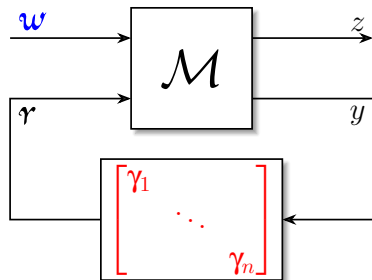


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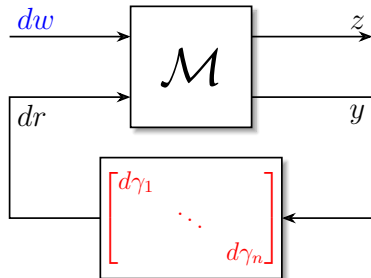
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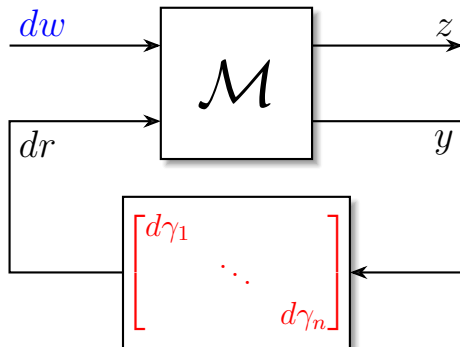
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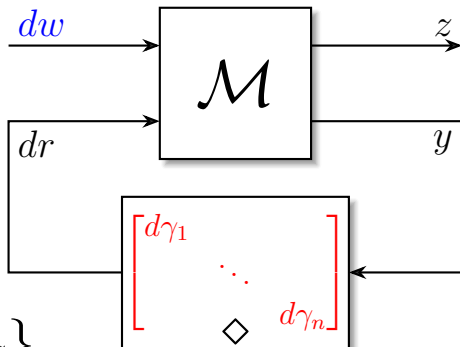


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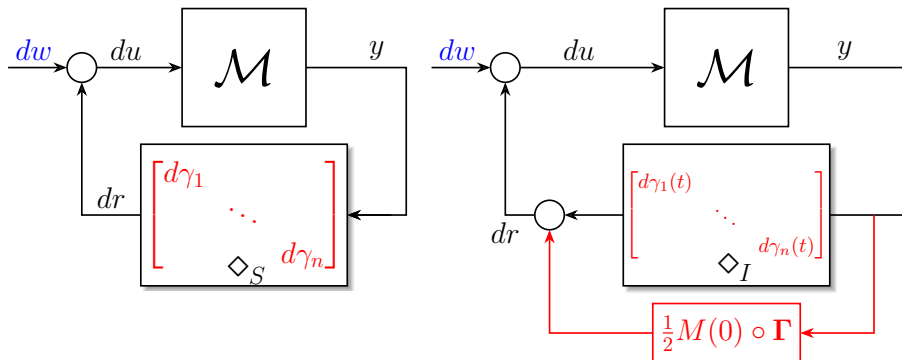
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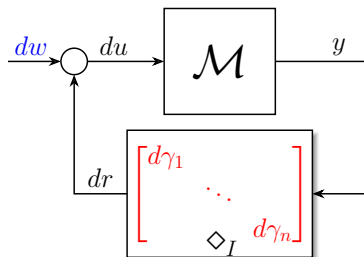
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“ \circ ” is the Hadamard (element-by-element) product

The two stochastic block diagrams are equivalent in the mean-square sense!

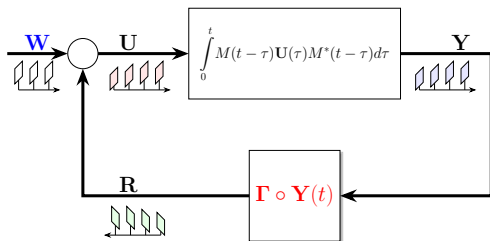
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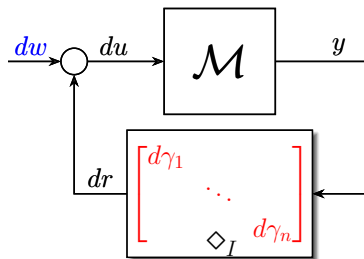


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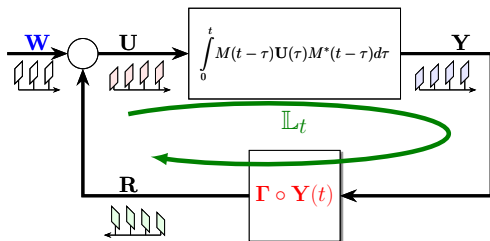
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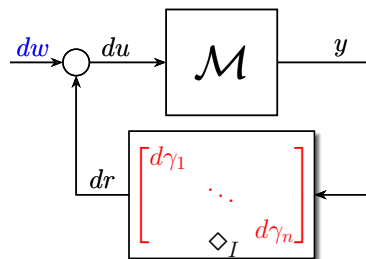
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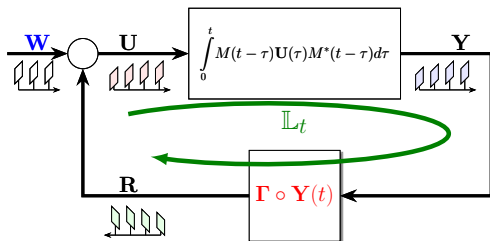
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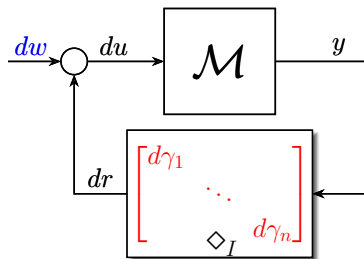
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Necessary & Sufficient Conditions of Mean-Square Stability:

- Forward Block is Stable (Finite H^2 -norm)
- Spectral Radius of \mathbb{L} is strictly less than 1, $\rho(\mathbb{L}) < 1$

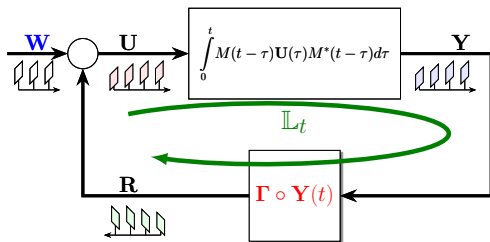
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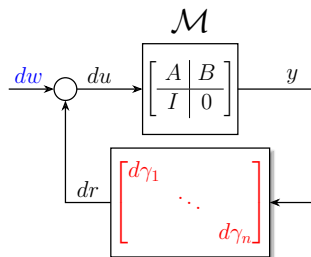
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Two important quantities related to \mathbb{L} :

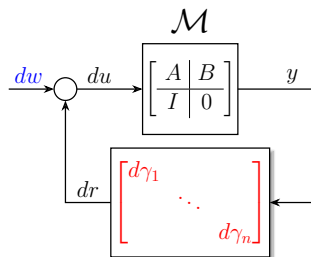
- Spectral Radius: $\rho(\mathbb{L})$
- Worst-Case Covariance: $\mathbb{L}(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) = \rho(\mathbb{L})\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ (Perron-Frobenius "Eigen-matrix")

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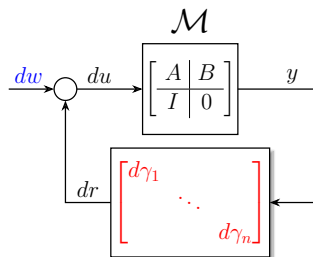


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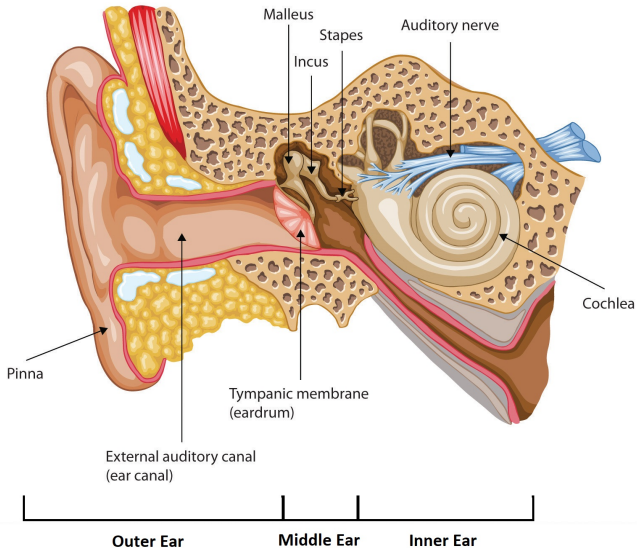
Future Direction: Extend the analysis for

- *Colored* disturbances
- Spatially distributed disturbances with symmetries.

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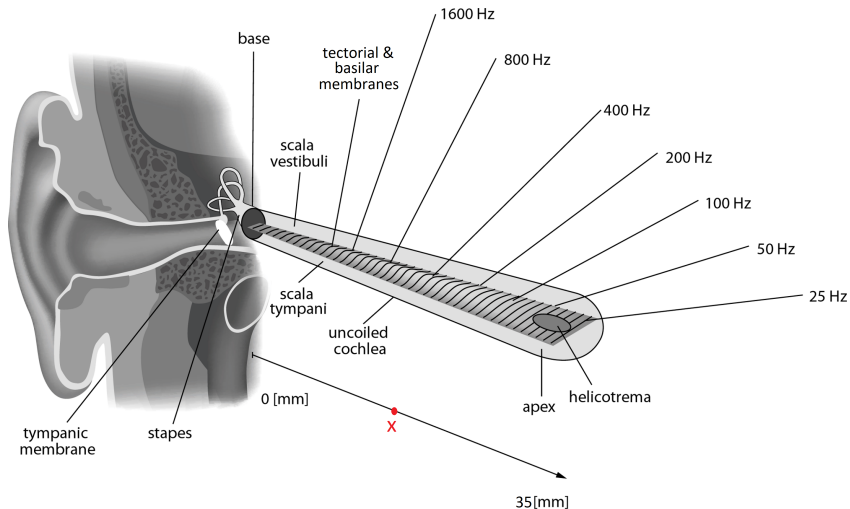
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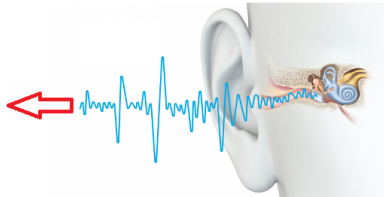


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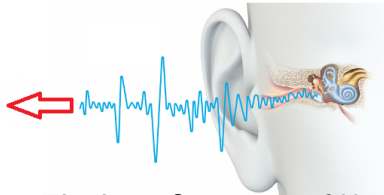
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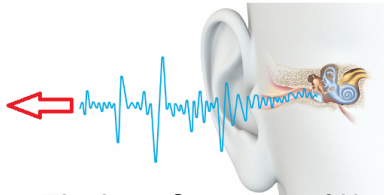
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→ Can be modeled as instabilities in stochastic cochlear dynamics...

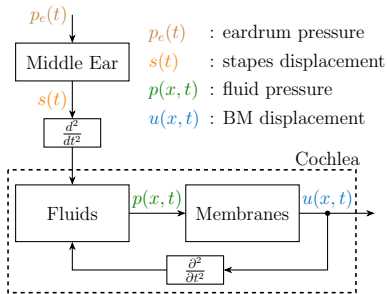
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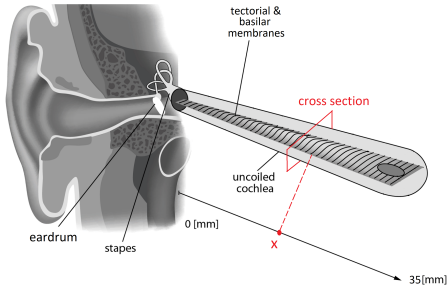
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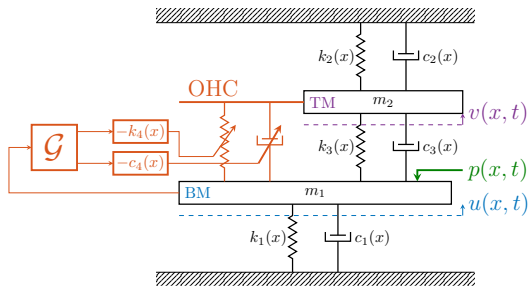
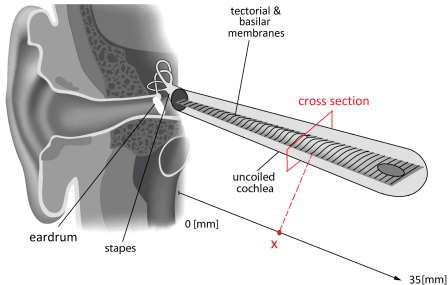
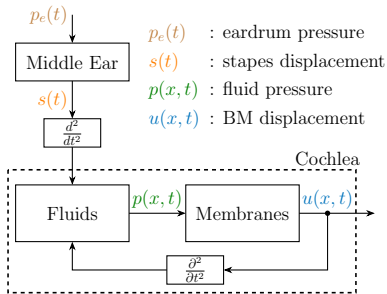
$$p(x,t) = -[\mathcal{M}_f \ddot{u}](x,t) - [\mathcal{M}_s \ddot{s}](x,t)$$

where:

\mathcal{M}_f and \mathcal{M}_s are linear spatial operators



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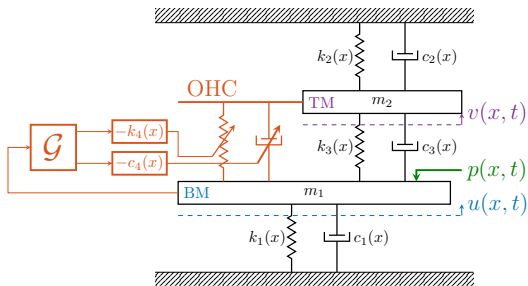
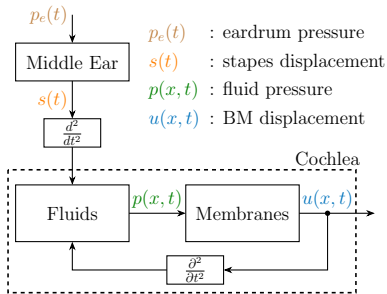
\mathcal{G} : active gain mechanism:

small $u \rightarrow$ higher negative damping

\rightarrow large gain

(gives wide dynamic range!)

Biomechanical Model (with stochastic uncertainty)

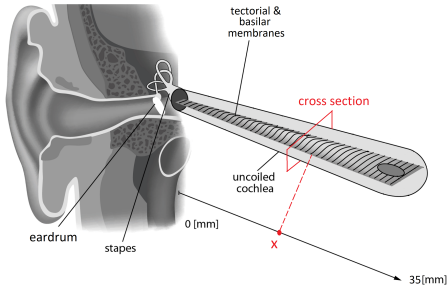


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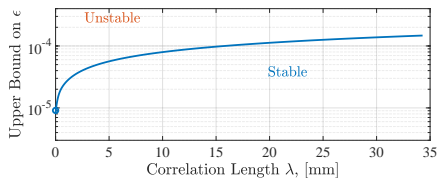
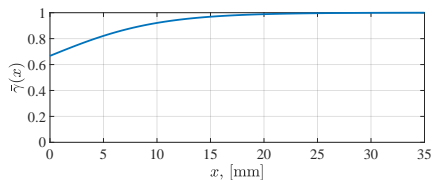
$\tilde{\gamma}(x,t)$: Random Field



MSS Analysis of the Cochlea

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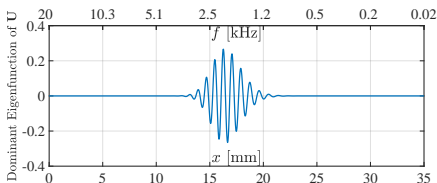
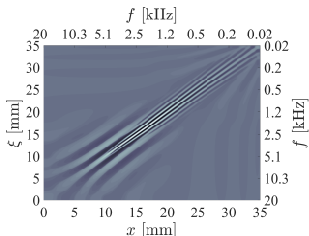
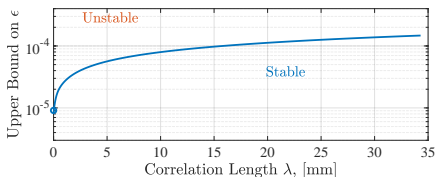
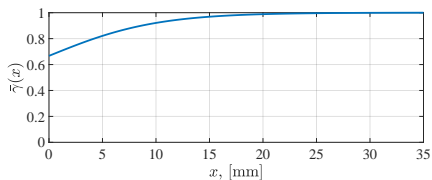
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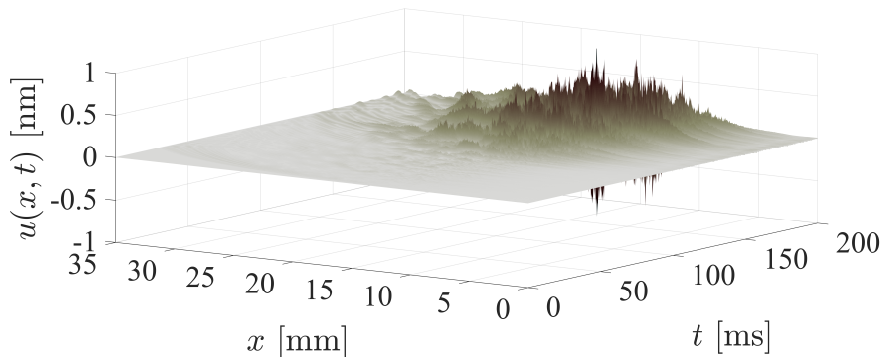
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$\mathbf{U}(x, \xi)$: worst case covariance
of membrane displacement

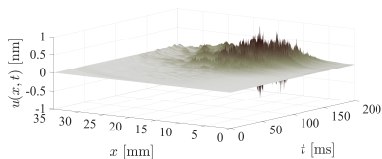
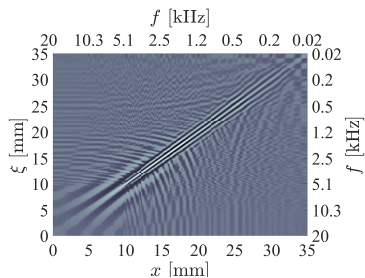
1st eigenfunction of $\mathbf{U}(x, \xi)$
(1st term in K-L expansion)

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$u(x, t)$: Basilar membrane displacement at location x and at time t .

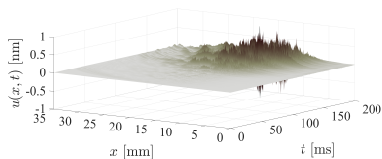
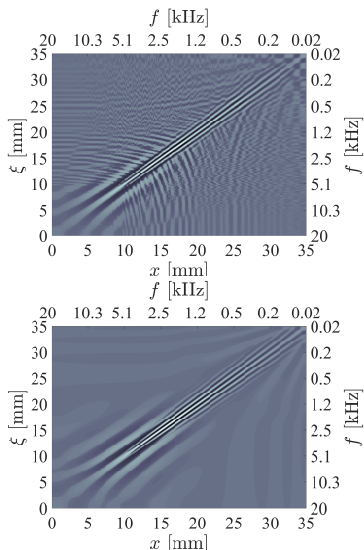
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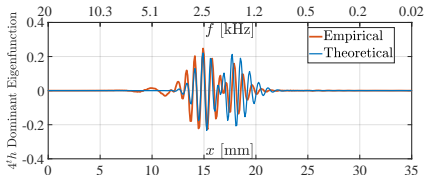
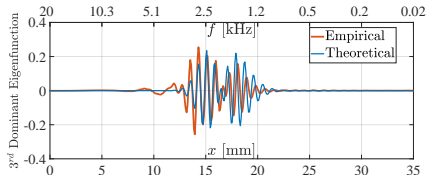
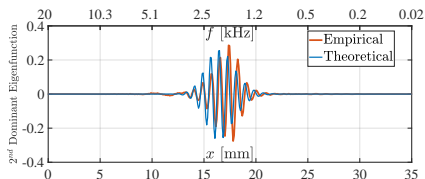
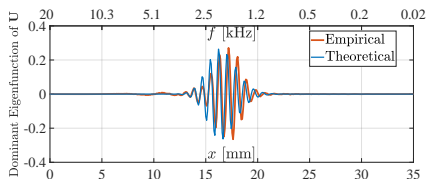
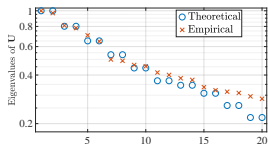


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No significant difference: Nonlinearity only **saturates** the unstable response!

Implications for Control

- Cochlear Models are extremely sensitive to stochastic uncertainties
- Linearized MSS analysis appears predictive of the instabilities
- Can it be used for “control design”?
 - e.g. design input signal with minimal volume to suppress instabilities?

Plan

- 1 Stochastic Stability: Structured Stochastic Uncertainty
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- 4 Optimal Path Planning for Mobile Sensors

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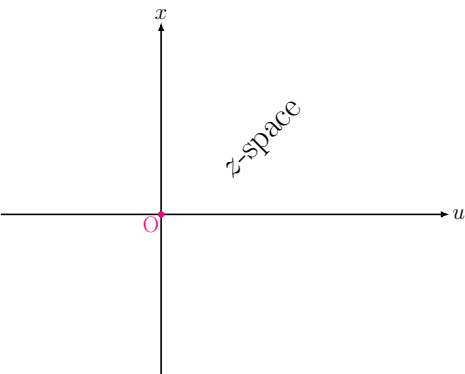
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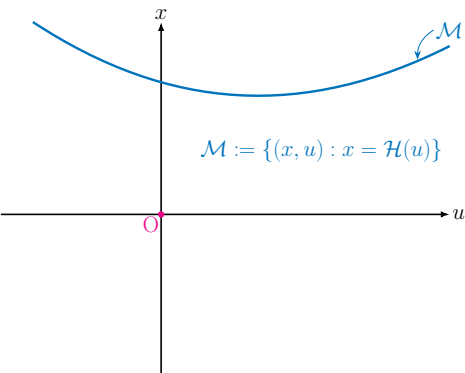
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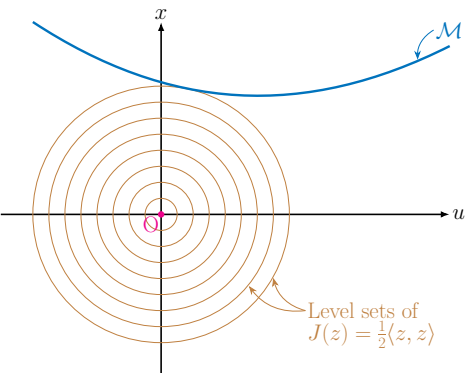


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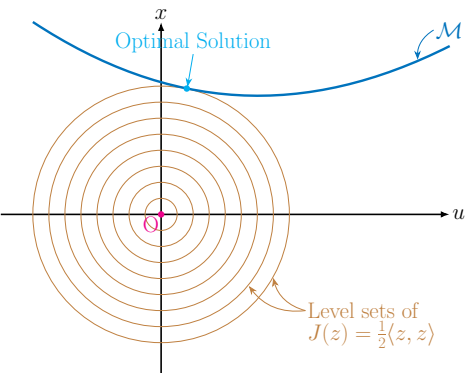


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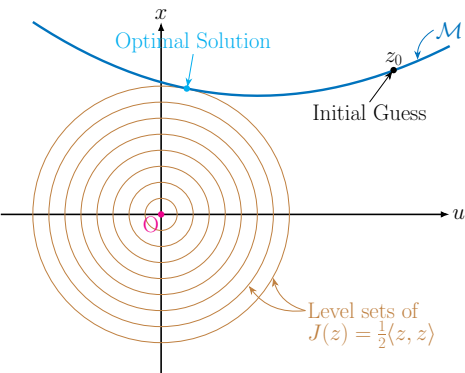


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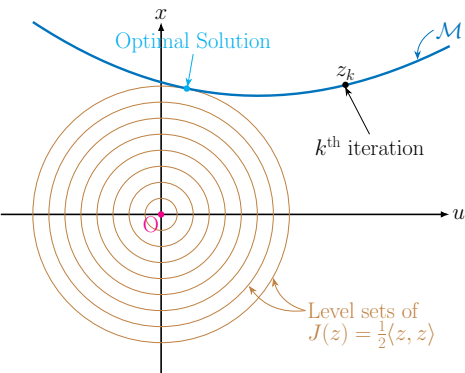


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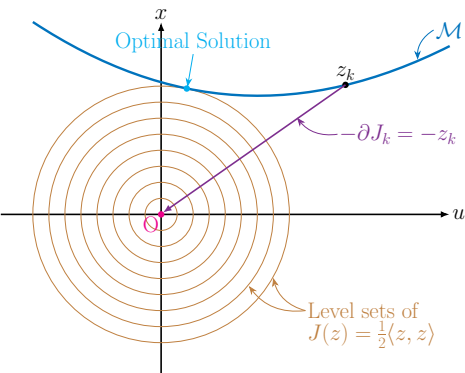


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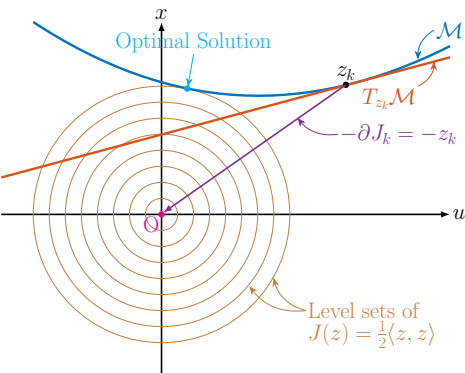
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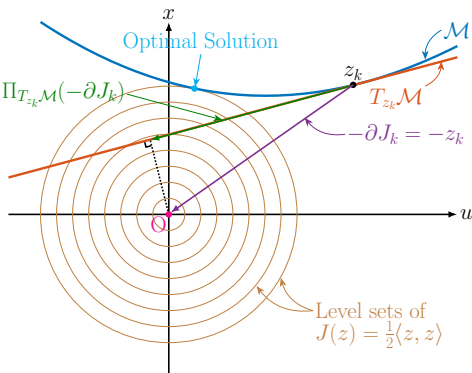
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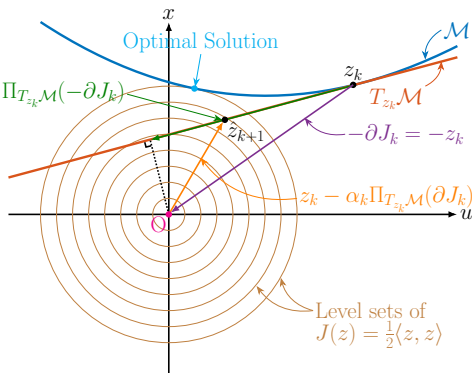
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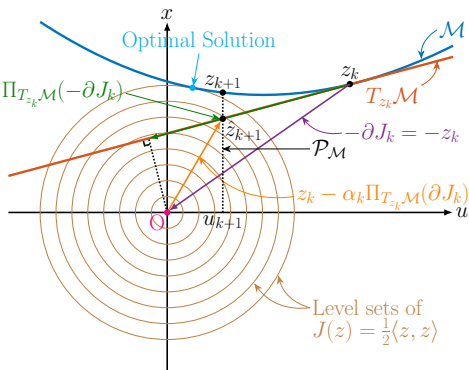
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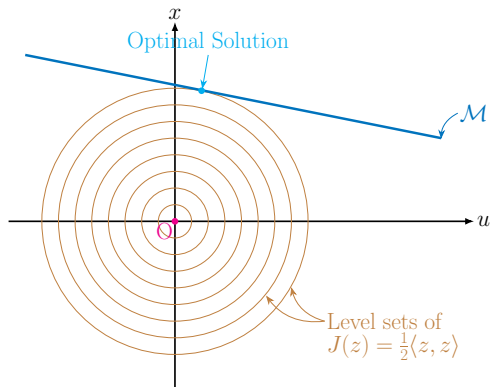
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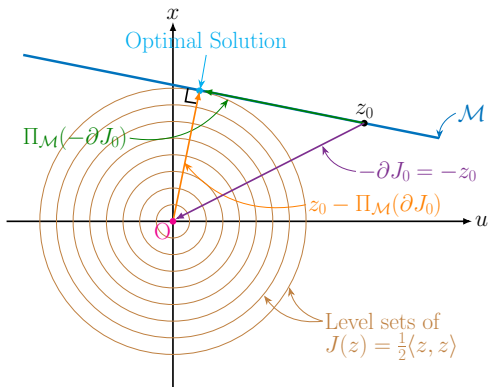
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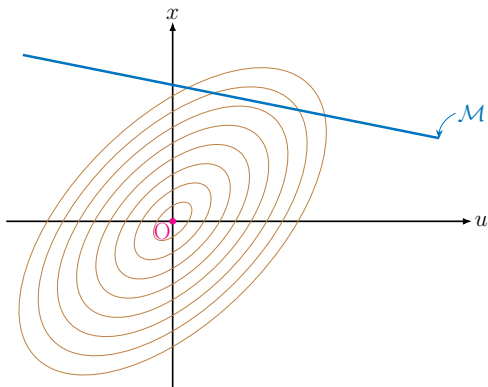
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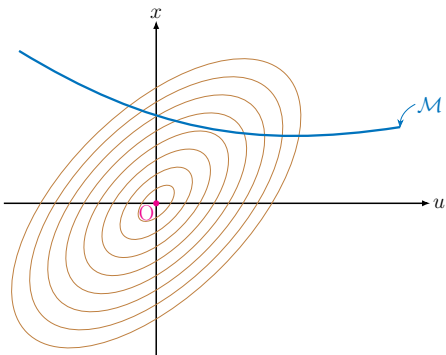
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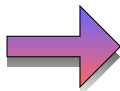
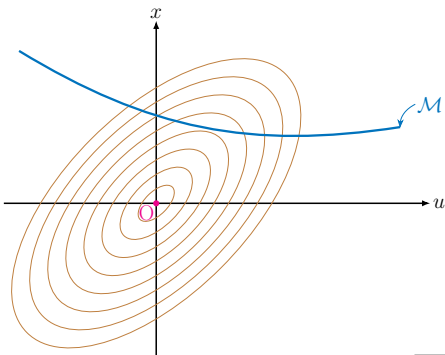
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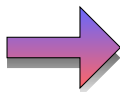


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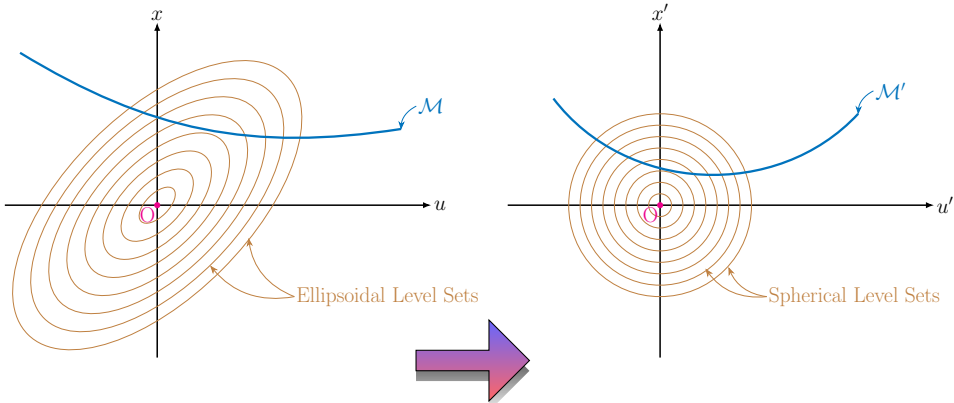


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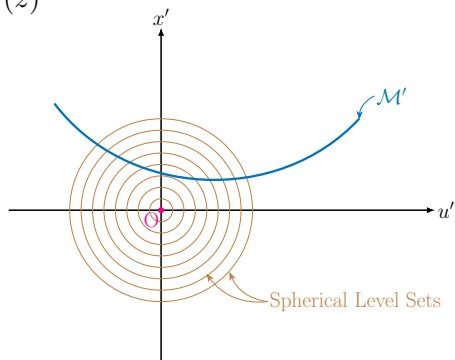
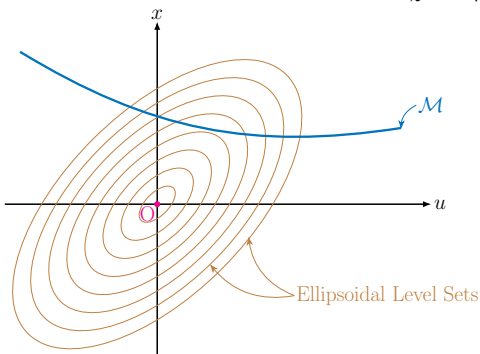
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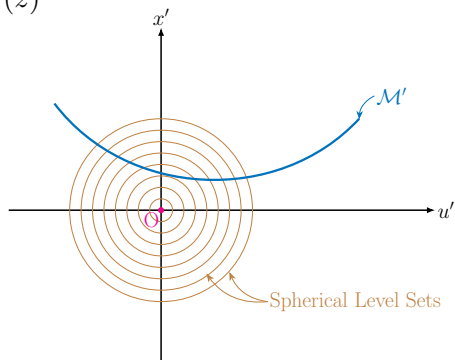
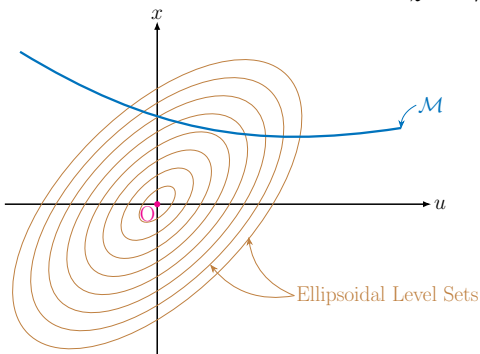
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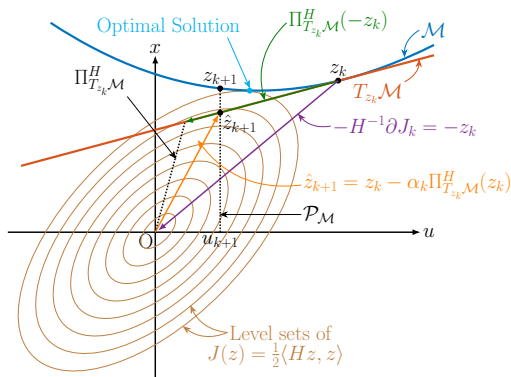


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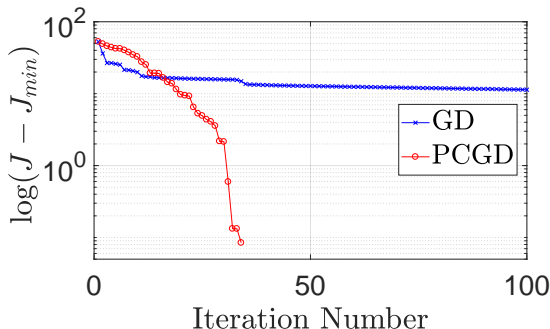
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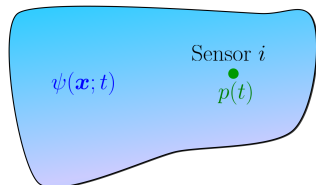
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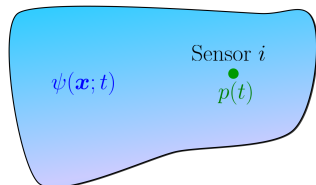
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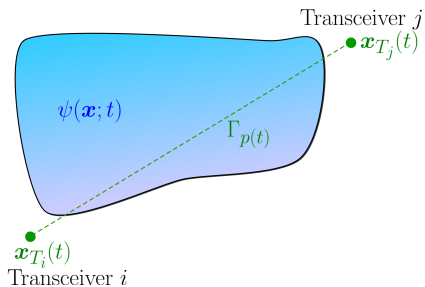
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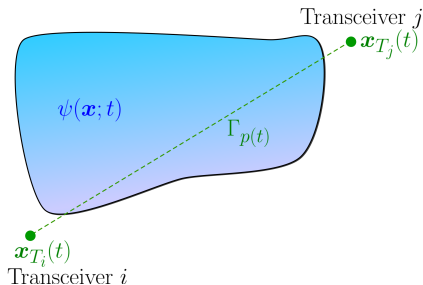
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Tomographic Measurement Scheme: Line Integrals



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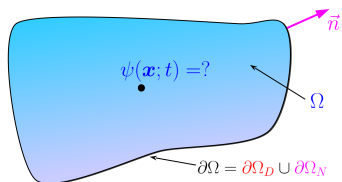
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Modeling Uncertain Dynamics: Linear PDE + Process Noise



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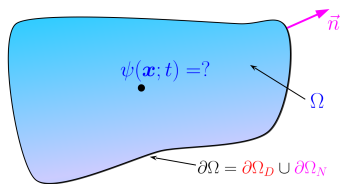
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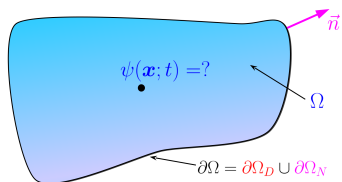
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Neumann

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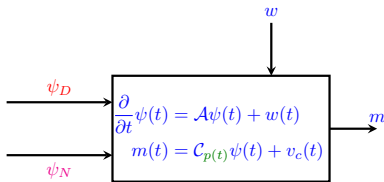
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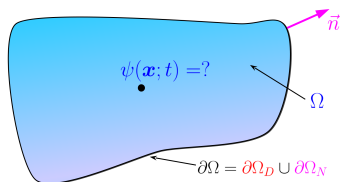
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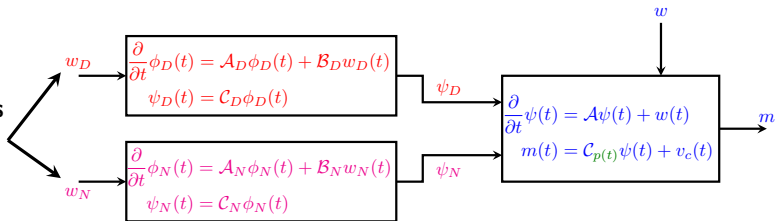
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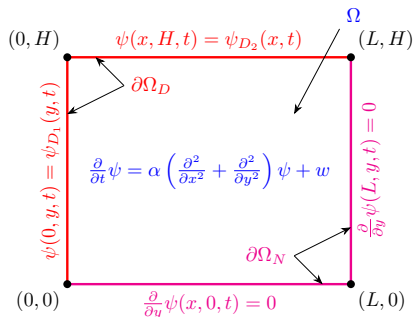
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BC Process Noise



Case Study: Dynamic Acoustic Tomography



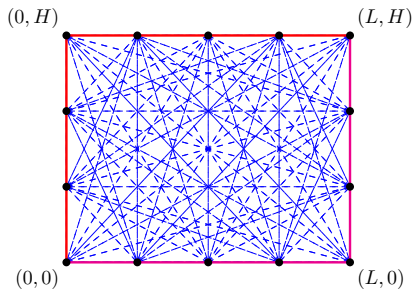
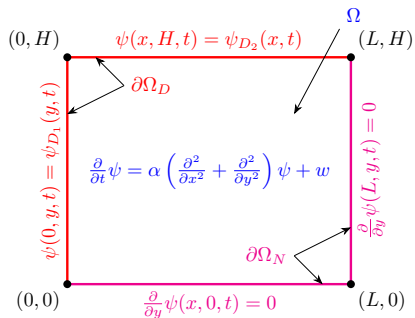
Unknown, Time-Varying Dirichlet BC
(Heated Walls)

Homogeneous Neumann BC
(Insulated Walls)

$$\psi(0, y, t) = 20 + 10 \sin \left(\frac{2\pi}{24 \times 60} t \right)$$

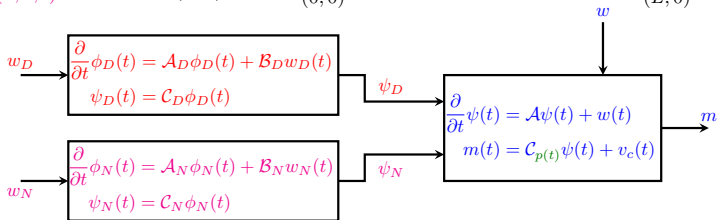
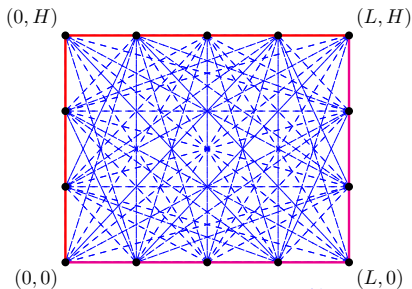
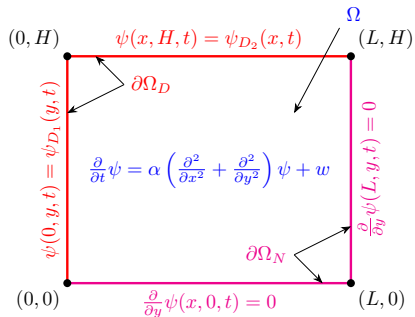
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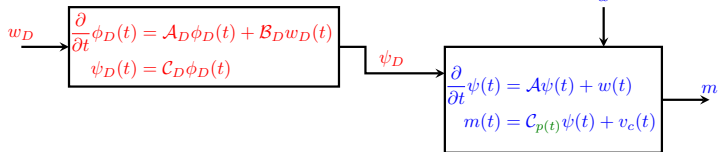
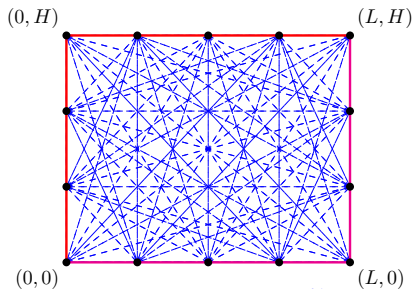
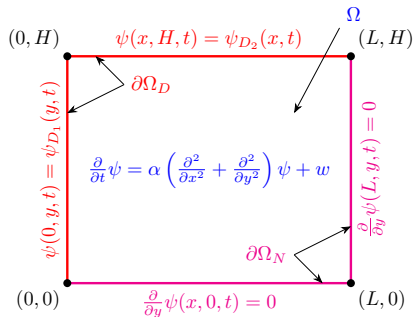


- Ultrasonic transceivers measure the Time of Flight of sound waves.
- Time of Flight depends on the line integral of the temperature field.

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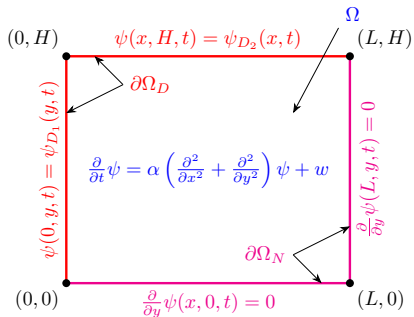


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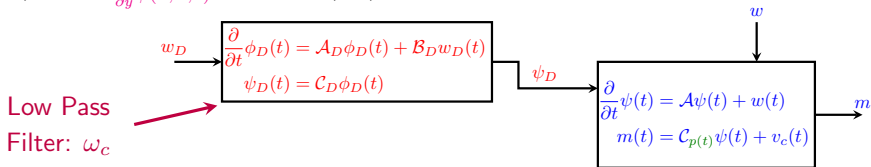
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Design Parameters of the Uncertain BC:

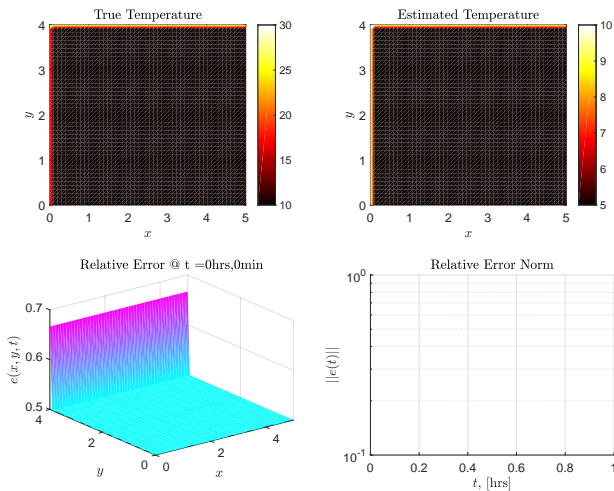
- ω_c : Time scale
- a_i : Magnitude
- σ_i : Correlation length



$$\mathcal{P}_D = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_{D_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P}_{D_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Estimation Performance with and without Perfect Knowledge of the Diffusion Constant



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Mobile Sensors: Design Objective

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 $w(x, t)$: augmented process noise
 $v(t)$: measurement noise

Augmented Dynamics:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x, t) = \mathcal{A} \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) + w(t); & \psi(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) \\ m(t) = \mathcal{C}_{p(t)} \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) + v(t) \end{cases}$$

→ **Goal:** Design the path $p(t)$ to minimize the estimation error in some sense.

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Dynamics of} \\ \text{Error Covariance} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{X} + \mathcal{X}\mathcal{A}^* + \mathcal{Q} - \mathcal{X}\mathcal{C}_p^* R^{-1} \mathcal{C}_p \mathcal{X}; \quad \mathcal{X}(0) = \mathcal{X}_0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} z = Fz + Gu; \quad z(0) = z_0 \\ p = Hz \end{array} \right.$$

Deterministic Optimal Control Problem

- **Covariance State & Costate:** $\mathcal{X} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{X} &= \mathcal{A}\mathcal{X} + \mathcal{X}\mathcal{A}^* + \mathcal{Q} - \mathcal{X}\mathcal{C}_p^*R^{-1}\mathcal{C}_p\mathcal{X}; & \mathcal{X}(0) &= 0 \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{Y} &= (\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{L}_p\mathcal{C}_p)^* \mathcal{Y} + \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{L}_p\mathcal{C}_p) + \mathcal{I}; & \mathcal{Y}(t_f) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

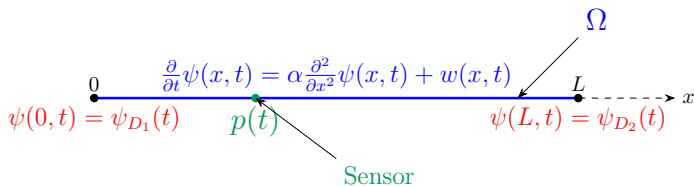
where $\mathcal{L}_p := \mathcal{X}\mathcal{C}_pR^{-1}$ is the Kalman Gain.

- **Sensor State & Costate Equation:** $z \longleftrightarrow \lambda$

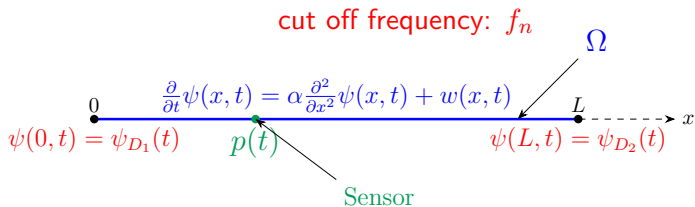
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} z &= Fz + Gu; & (u = -R_s^{-1}G^T\lambda); & & z(0) &= 0 \\ -\frac{d}{dt} \lambda &= F^T\lambda + Q_s z - H^T \text{tr}(\mathcal{X}\mathcal{W}_p\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}); & & & \lambda(t_f) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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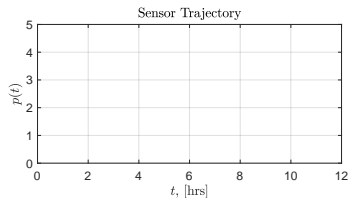
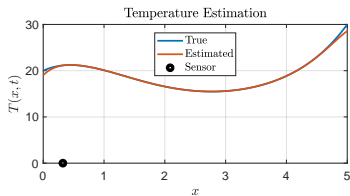
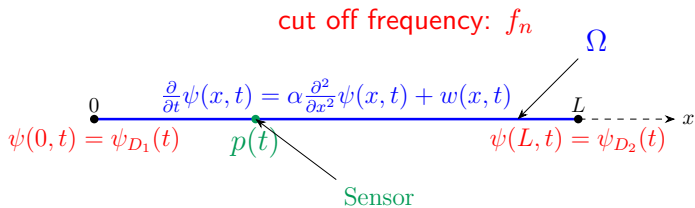
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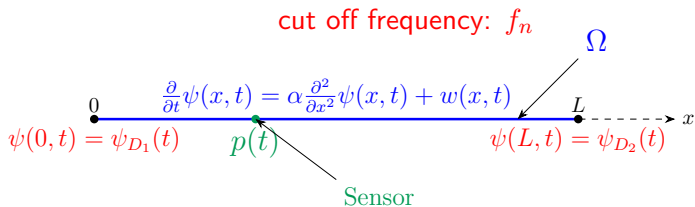
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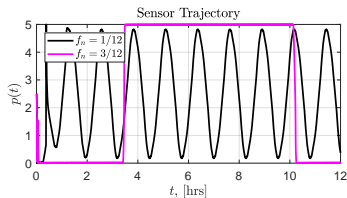
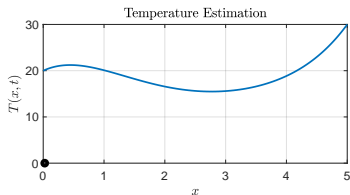
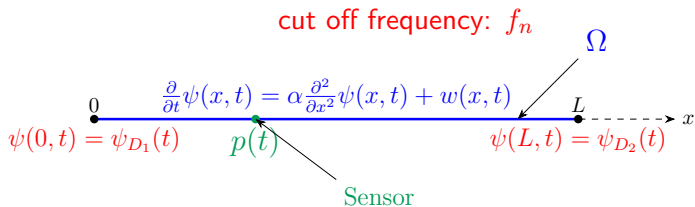
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Future Work

- Understand the structure of the state/costate differential equations
- Devise efficient numerical methods
- Generalize to nonlinear distributed dynamical systems
- Apply to Navier-Stokes equations



Thank you

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