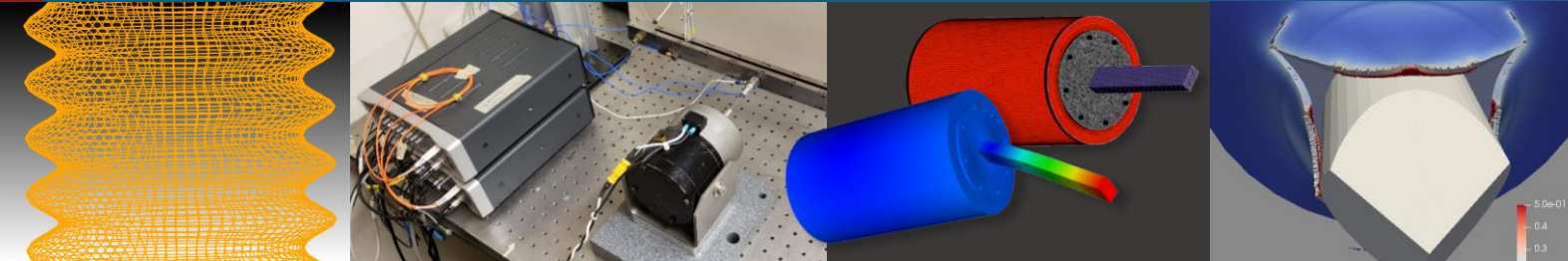


# Analytical Modeling of Piezoelectric Stack Actuators for Vibrafuge Applications



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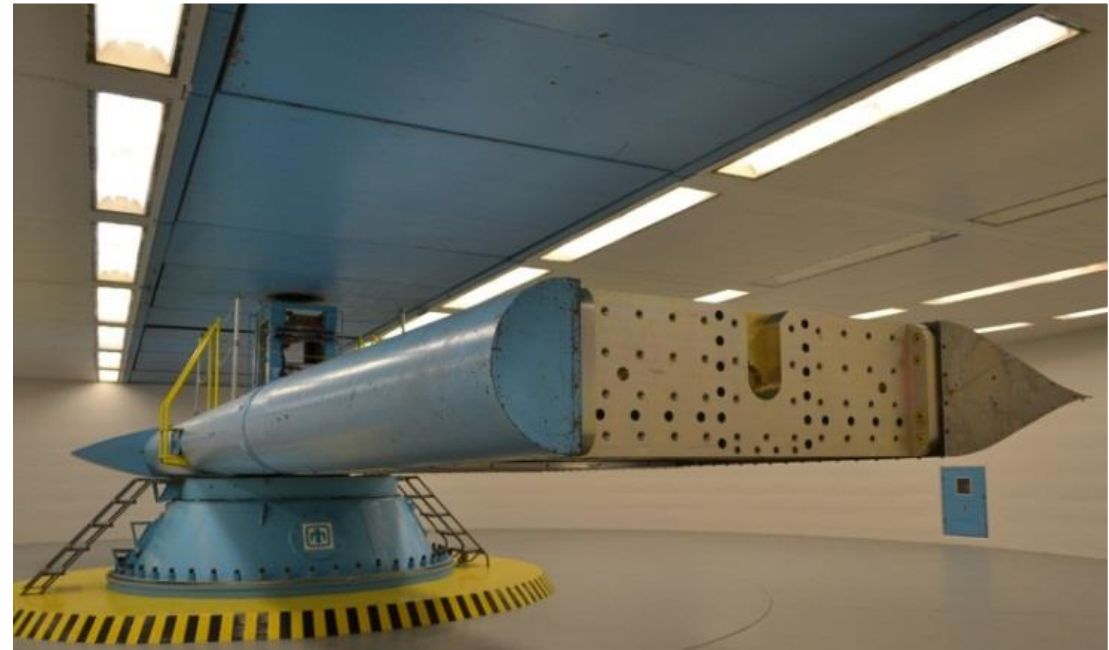
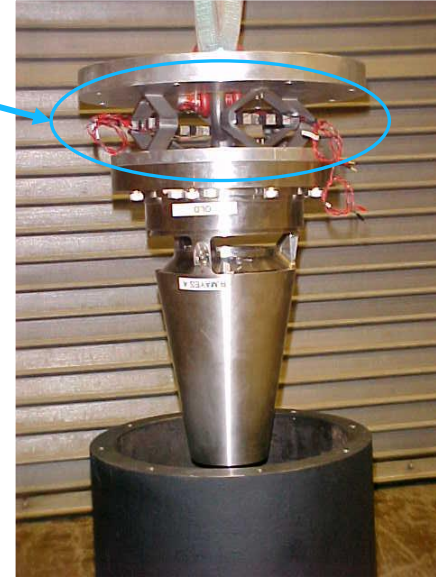
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# Overview

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- Motivation
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- Experimental setup
- Model selection
- Parameter estimation/System ID
- Results

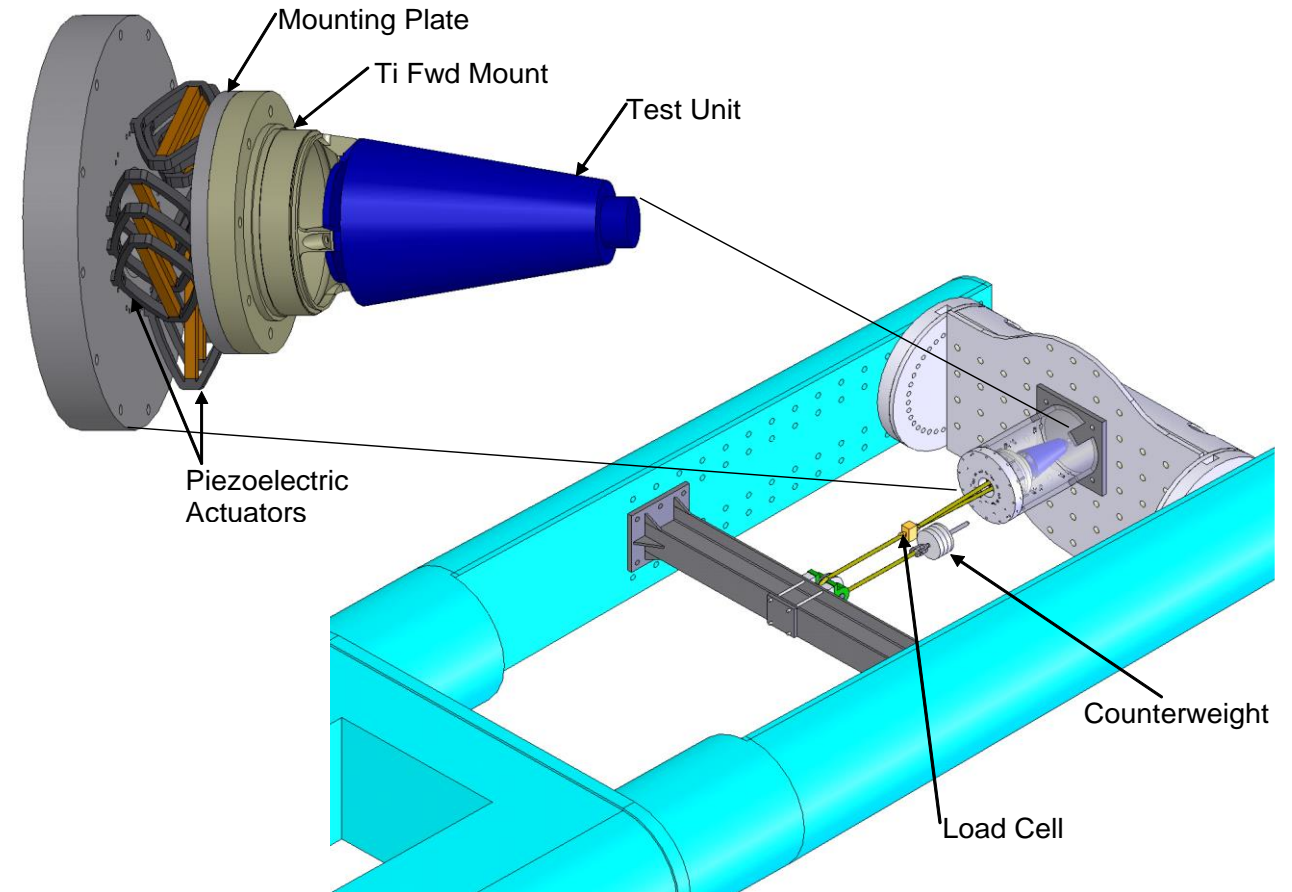
Piezoelectric Actuators



# Background



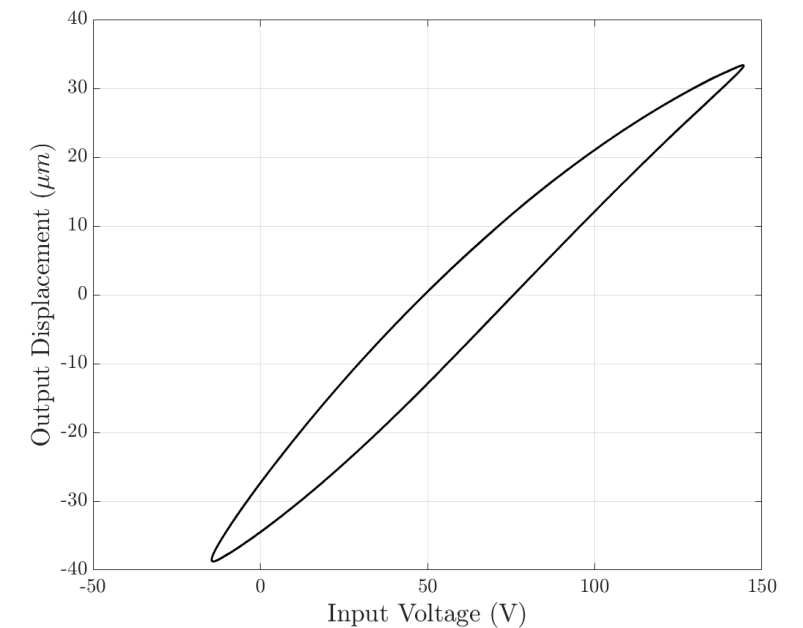
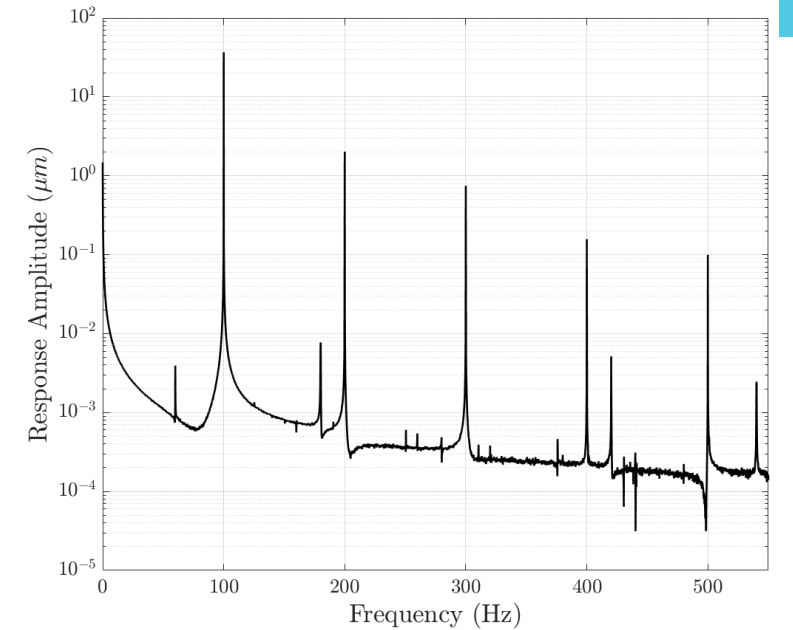
- Often times, device under test is exposed to inertial and dynamic loading simultaneously
- Combined loading environment required for qualification testing
  - This is achieved through Sandia's vibrafuge setup
- Vibrafuge exposes parts to inertial and dynamic loading
  - Electromechanical shakers unable to perform under inertial environment
- APA converts an electrical field into mechanical strain through the inverse piezoelectric effect



# Motivation

- Input signal to actuator needs to be delivered to test unit without distortion
- Nonlinear motion observed in actuator as a result of hysteresis
- Hysteresis described as multiple stable equilibria of a given state
  - Equilibrium point dependent on history of state
- Must model the nonlinear behavior to account for how motion in vibrafuge testing can be affected

Input Signal: 100 Hz

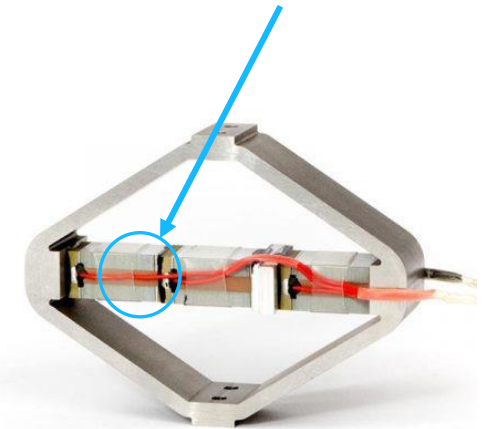


# Experimental Setup



- Actuator considered: APA95ML from Cedrat technologies
  - Piezo stack extends/contracts within frame resulting in dynamic motion of the actuator head
- Input signal generated with waveform generator
  - Signal passed through Cedrat RK42F4U-LC75C linear amplifier
- Response of piezo stack measured with strain gauge affixed to stack
  - Cedrat SG-75 signal conditioner
- 10 Hz, 100 Hz, 1000 Hz and band limited (1-4000Hz) stationary random signal used during testing

Strain Gauge Location



APA95ML Actuator

# Hysteresis Model Selection



## Classical Bouc-Wen model:

$$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta |\dot{u}| h - \gamma \dot{u} |h|$$

- $h$  denotes hysteresis,  $u$  denotes input voltage
- $d_{33}$  is the piezoelectric constant,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  are the model parameters

## Model drawbacks

- Model unable to produce asymmetric hysteresis curve for constant parameters
- Numerical instability, especially for large input values
- Parameters cannot be uniquely determined

# Hysteresis Model Selection



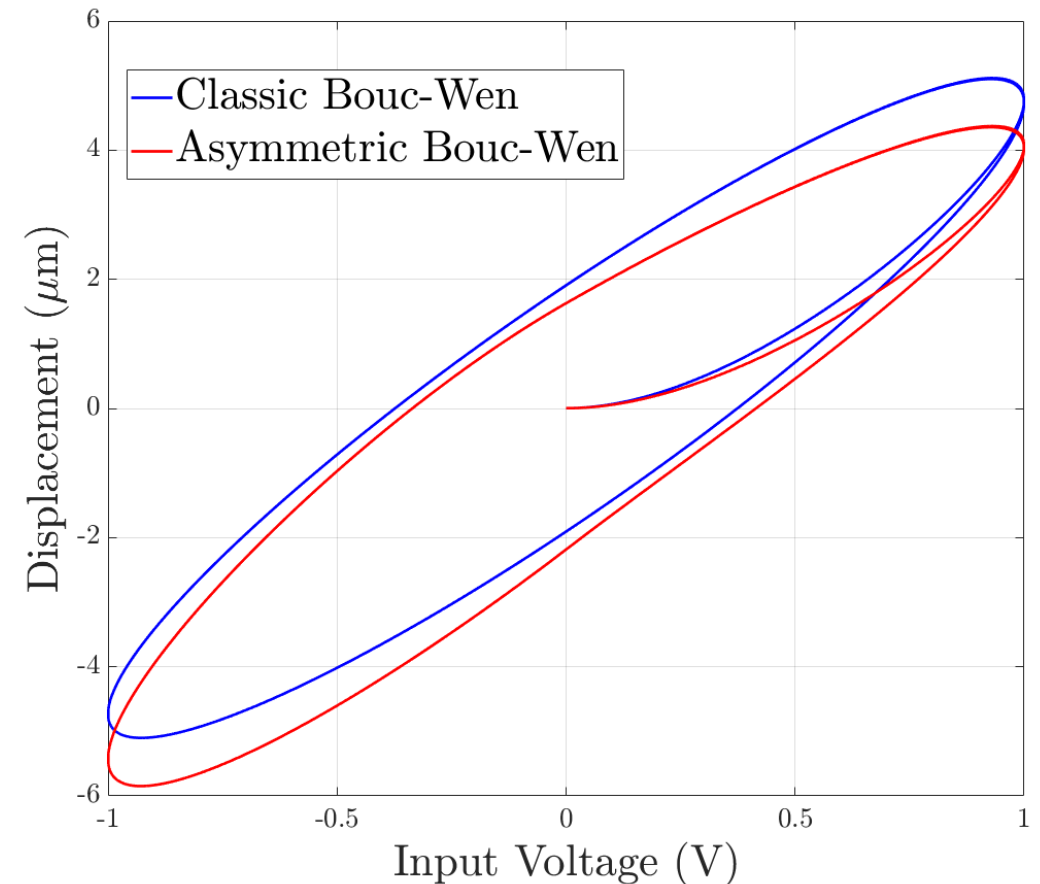
## Classical Bouc-Wen model with asymmetry

$$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta |\dot{u}| h - \gamma \dot{u} |h| - \delta \dot{u} \text{sgn}(u)$$

- Additional parameter  $\delta$  accounts for asymmetry

## Model Drawbacks

- Model is unstable unless  $\delta$  is very small
- After nondimensionalizing, the small magnitude of  $\delta$  restricts the optimizer's search-space
- When coupled with equation of motion, most non-dimensional models are still numerically unstable



# Hysteresis Model Selection



## Generalized Bouc-Wen Model

$$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta_1 h |\dot{u}| - \beta_2 |h \dot{u}| \operatorname{sgn}(u) - \beta_3 h \dot{u} \operatorname{sgn}(u) - \beta_4 |h \dot{u}| - \beta_5 \dot{u} h - \beta_6 \dot{u} |h| \operatorname{sgn}(u)$$

- $h$  is hysteresis,  $u$  is applied actuation voltage
- $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_6$  are shape parameters for the hysteresis curve

- $\operatorname{sgn}(w) = \begin{cases} 1, & w > 0 \\ -1, & w < 0 \\ 0, & w = 0 \end{cases}$  is the *signum*, or sign function

## Model Drawbacks

- Larger dimensional search-space with more parameters



# Hysteresis Model Selection



## Normalized Bouc-Wen

$$\dot{w}(t) = \rho(\dot{u}(t) - \sigma|\dot{u}(t)|w(t) - (\sigma - 1)\dot{u}(t)|w(t)|)$$

- In this model,  $w$  denotes normalized hysteresis ( $h$ )
- $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  are model parameters of the hysteresis curve
- This normalization removes numerical instability issues

## Model Drawbacks

- Unable to produce asymmetric hysteresis curves with constant parameters

# Actuator Model



## Equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = k_u u(t) + k_h h(t)$$

Neglecting the dynamic effects of the actuator: ( $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} = 0$ )

$$x(t) = k_u u(t) + k_h h(t)$$

- With this assumption, the displacement of the actuator is expressed as a linear combination of the input voltage  $u(t)$  and hysteresis  $h(t)$

# Coupled Model Selection



Hysteresis model		Actuator model
Classical Bouc-Wen	$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta  \dot{u}  h - \gamma \dot{u}  h $	Complete equation of motion
Asymmetric Bouc-Wen	$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta  \dot{u}  h - \gamma \dot{u}  h  - \delta \dot{u} \text{sgn}(u)$	$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = k_u u(t) + k_h h(t)$
Generalized Bouc-Wen	$\dot{h} = \alpha d_{33} \dot{u} - \beta_1 h  \dot{u}  - \beta_2  h \dot{u}  \text{sgn}(u) - \beta_3 h \dot{u} \text{sgn}(u) - \beta_4  h \dot{u}  - \beta_5 \dot{u} h - \beta_6 \dot{u}  h  \text{sgn}(u)$	Quasi-static equation of motion
Normalized Bouc-Wen	$\dot{w}(t) = \rho(\dot{u}(t) - \sigma  \dot{u}(t)  w(t) - (\sigma - 1) \dot{u}(t)  w(t) )$	$x(t) = k_u u(t) + k_h h(t)$
Selected model: $\dot{w}(t) = \rho(t)(\dot{u}(t) - \sigma(t)  \dot{u}(t)  w(t) - (\sigma(t) - 1) \dot{u}(t)  w(t) )$		Selected model: $x(t) = k_u(t) u(t) + k_w(t) w(t)$

# Kalman Filter Parameter Estimation



- Consider the Bouc-Wen nonlinear dynamical system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), \dot{u}(t))$$

where,

$$x = [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5] = [w \quad k_u \quad k_w \quad \rho \quad \sigma].$$

- **Goal:** estimate  $x(t)$  based on data  $y(t) = \{ \Phi(u(s)) : 0 \leq s \leq t \}$
- **Nonlinear sensor model:**  $y(t) = h(x(t), u(t))$

where,

$$h(x(t), u(t)) = x_2(t)u(t) + x_3(t)x_1(t) = k_u(t)u(t) + k_w(t)w(t).$$

# Discrete Equations



Model Equation:  $x_k = F(x_{k-1}, u_{k-1}) + W_k, \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^5$

Sensor Equation:  $y_k = h(x_k, u_k) + V_k, \quad y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$W_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_k)$$

$$V_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$$

- **Assumption:** the data is normally distributed around the true value of the estimate.
- **Define:**

Prior:  $\hat{x}_{k|k-1} = \mathbb{E}[x_k | y_{0:k-1}]$

$$P_{k|k-1} = \text{Cov}(x_k | y_{0:k-1})$$

Posterior:  $\hat{x}_{k|k} = \mathbb{E}[x_k | y_{0:k}]$

$$P_{k|k} = \text{Cov}(x_k | y_{0:k})$$

# Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)



$$A_k = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \dot{u}_k}$$

$$H_k = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}_{k|k-1}, u_k}$$

$$\text{Prior: } \begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k|k-1} = F(\hat{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \dot{u}_k) \\ P_{k|k-1} = A_k P_{k-1|k-1} A_k^T + \Sigma_k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Posterior: } \begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k|k} = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k (y_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1}, u_k)) \\ P_{k|k} = (I - K_k H_k) P_{k|k-1} \\ K_k = P_{k|k-1} H_k^T (H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T + R_k)^{-1} \end{cases}$$

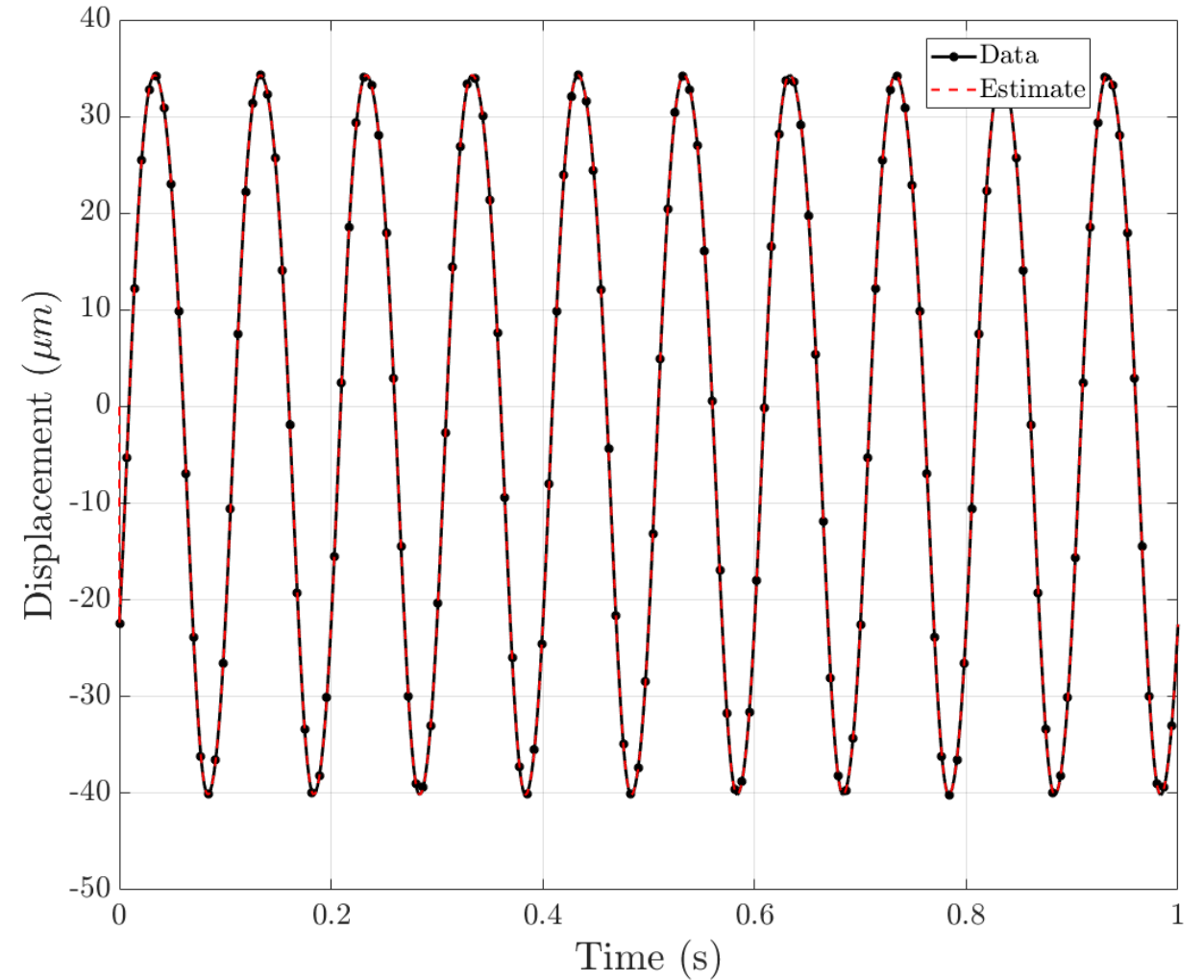
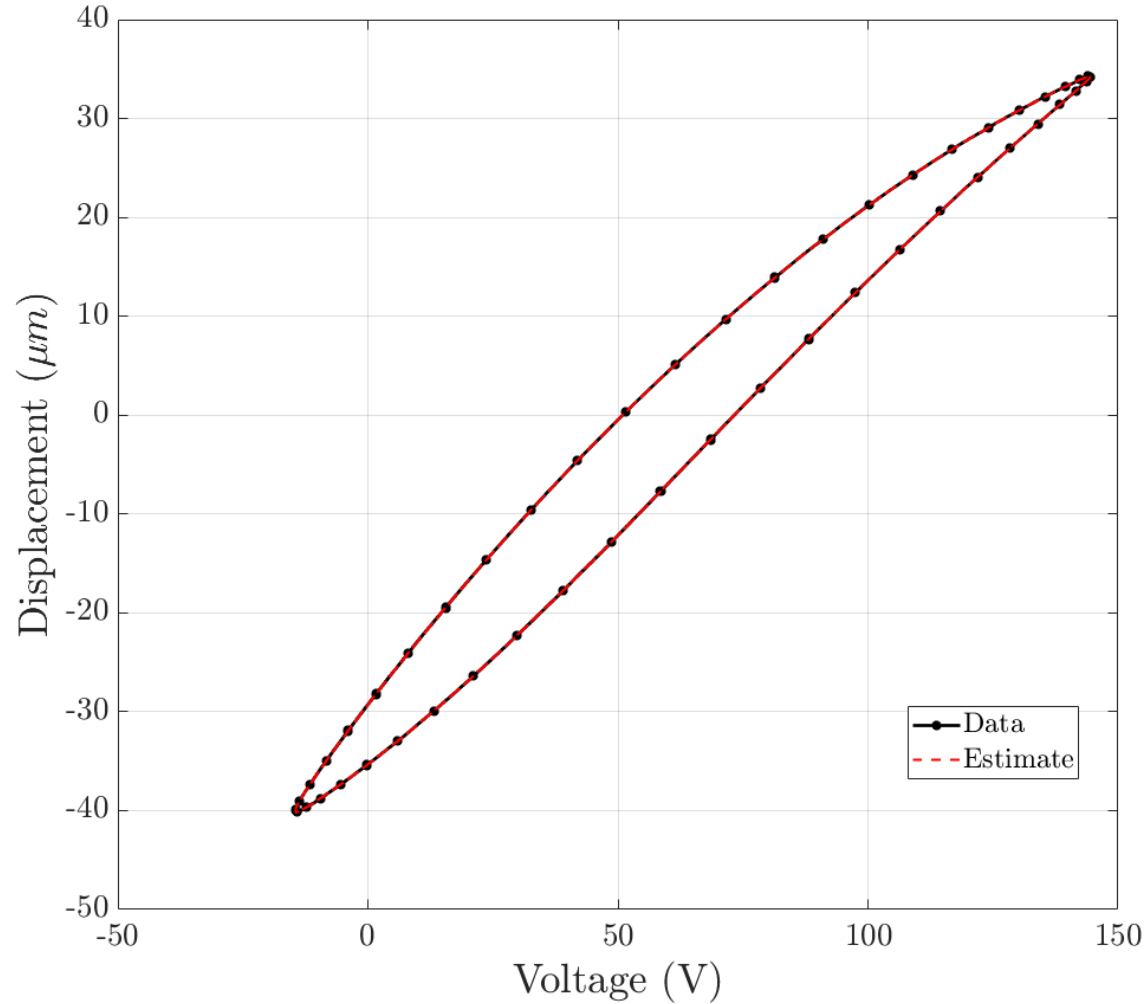
# Constrained Extended Kalman Filter (CEKF)



- Kalman filter goal: **minimize** the error variance
- Formulate the Kalman gain equation as a constrained optimization problem
- Posterior error covariance:  $P_{k|k} = (I - K_k H_k) P_{k|k-1} (I - K_k H_k)^T + K_k R_k K_k^T$

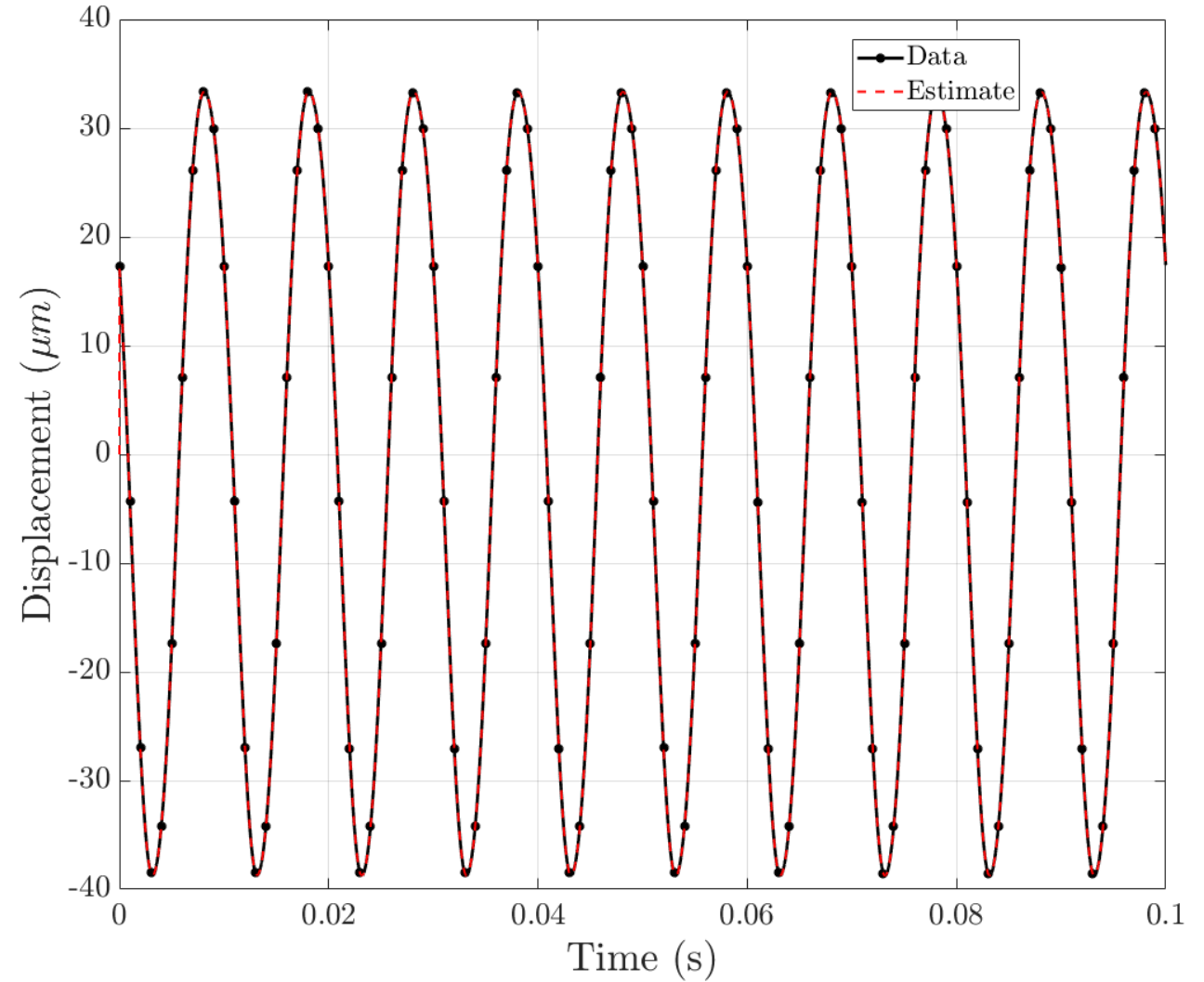
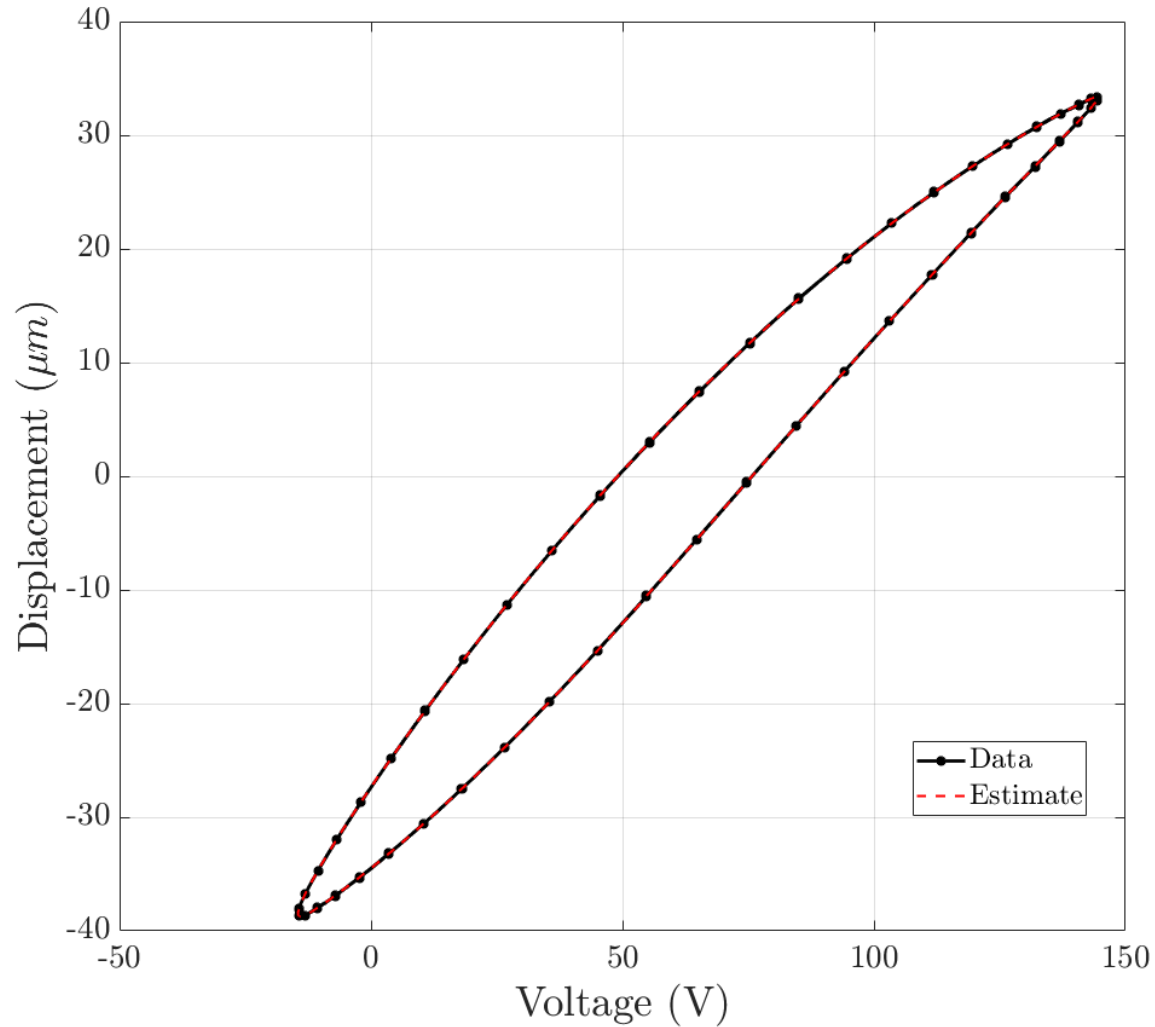
$$\begin{array}{l} \min_K \text{trace}(P_{k|k}) \\ \text{subject to} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -1 \leq \hat{x}_{1k|k} \leq 1 \\ 0 < \hat{x}_{2k|k} \\ 0 < \hat{x}_{3k|k} \\ 0 < \hat{x}_{4k|k} \\ \frac{1}{2} \leq \hat{x}_{5k|k} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

# Parameter Estimation Results: 10 Hz

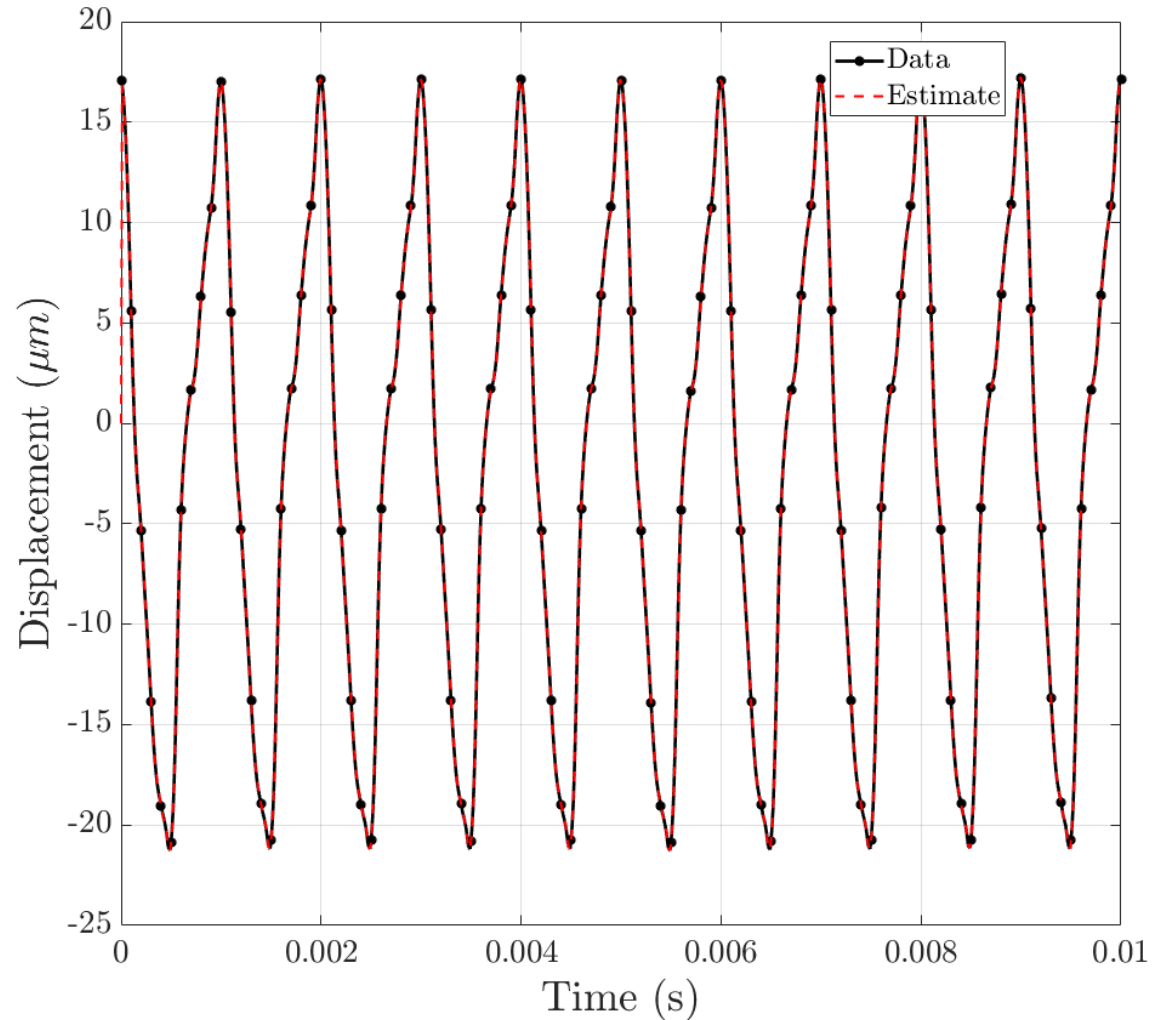
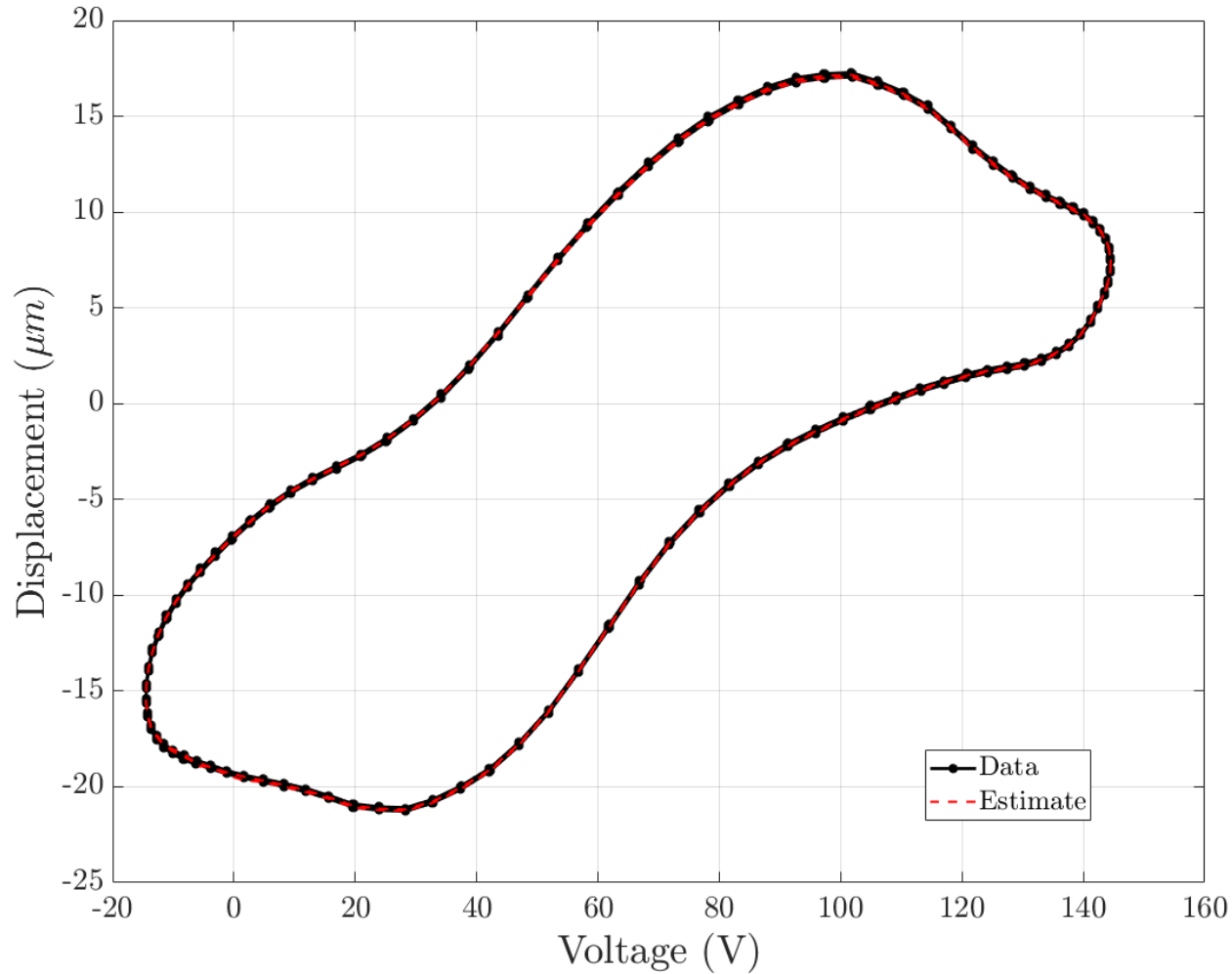




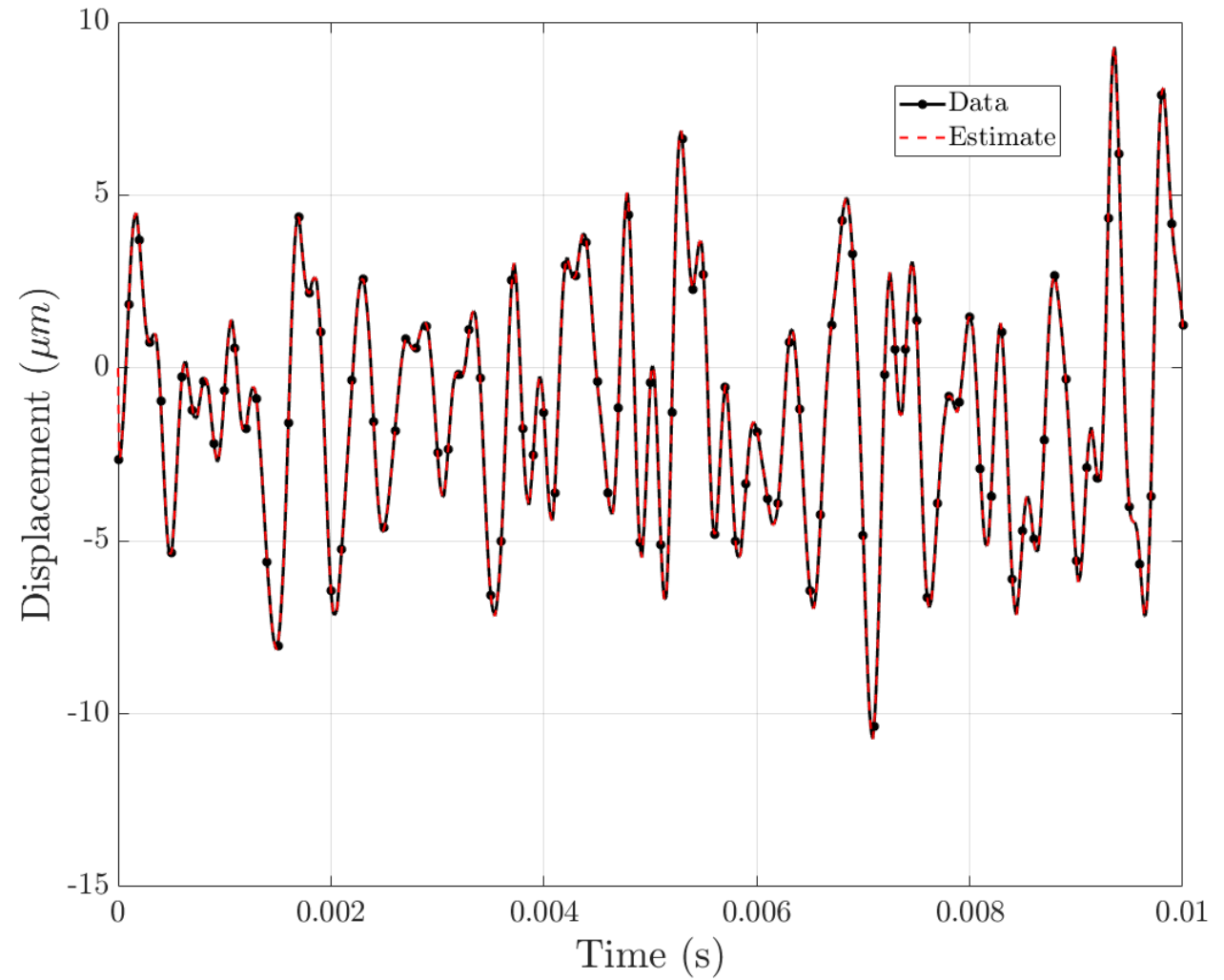
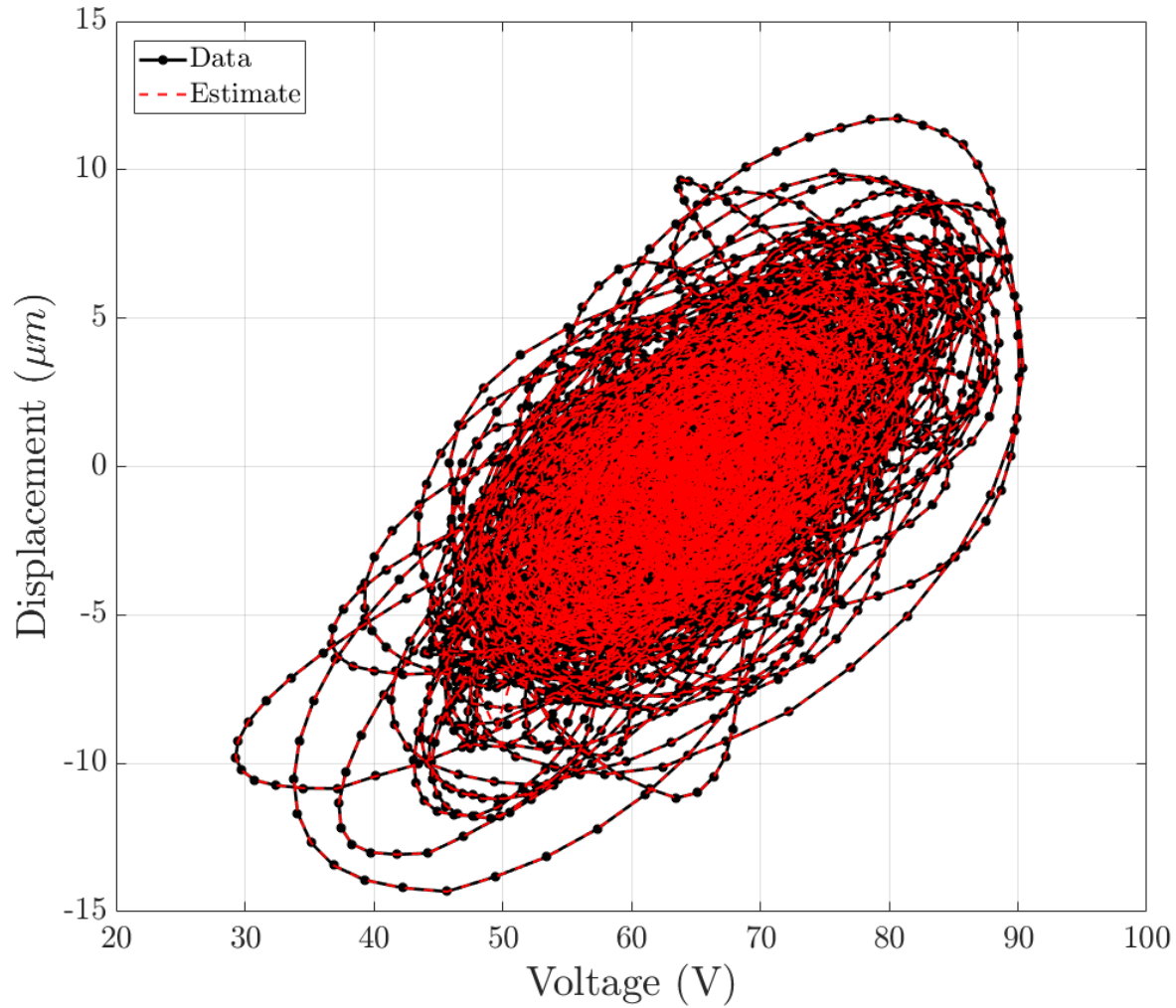
# Parameter Estimation Results: 100 Hz

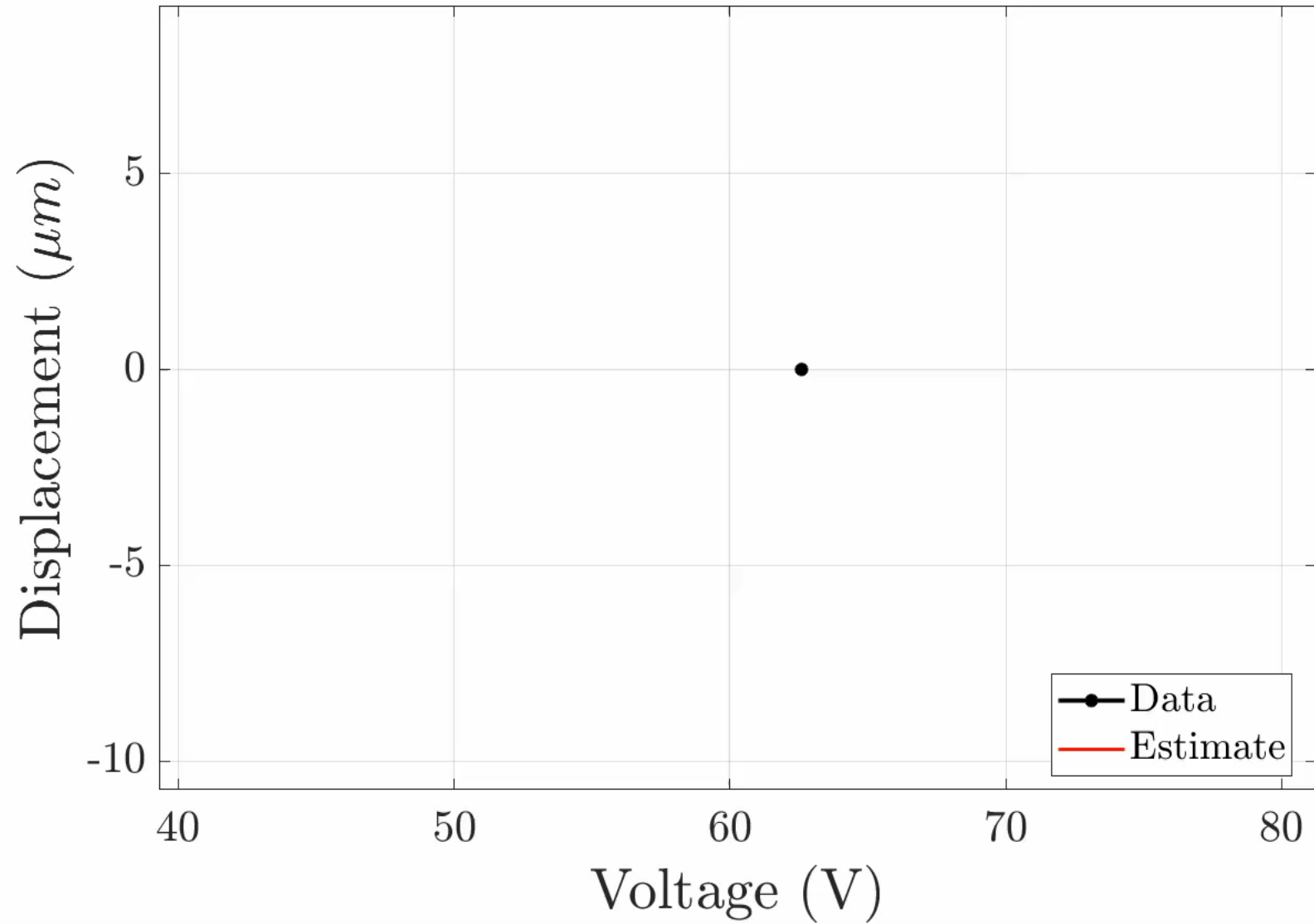


# Parameter Estimation Results: 1000 Hz

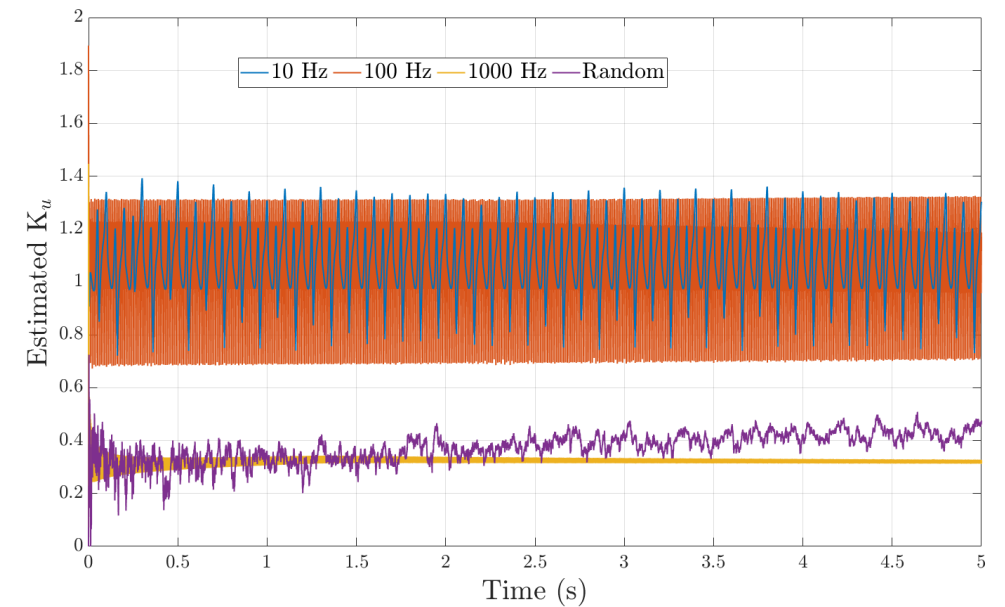
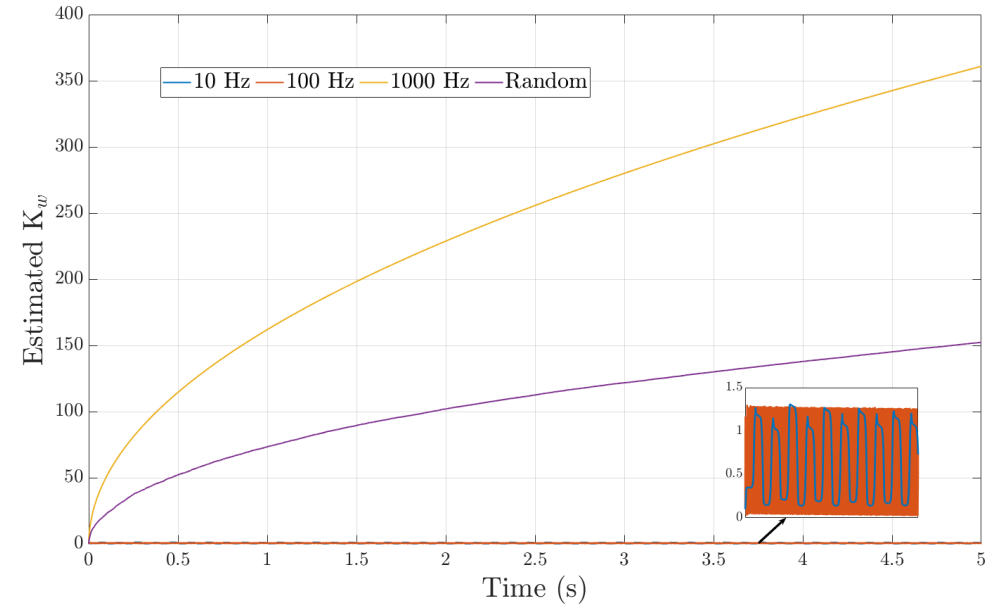
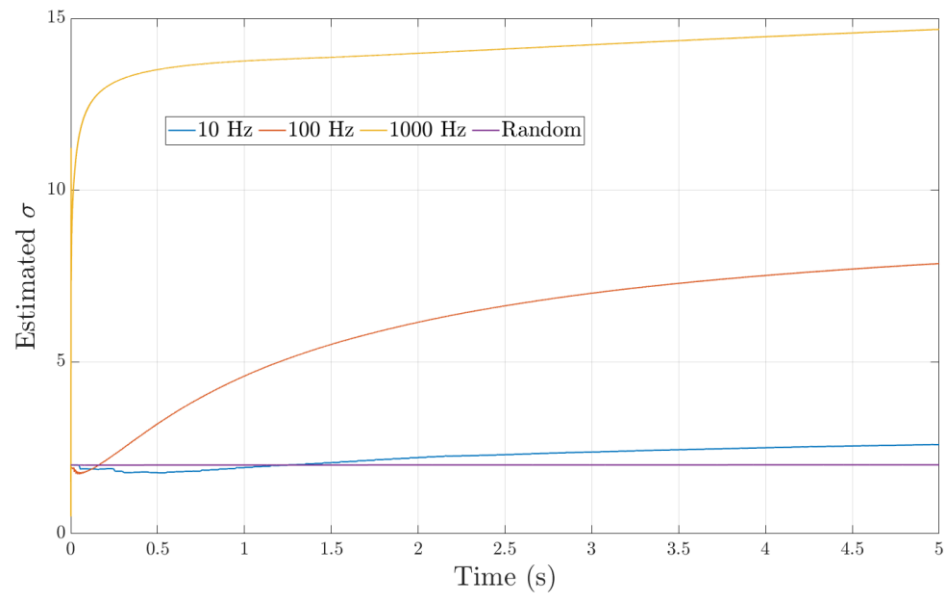
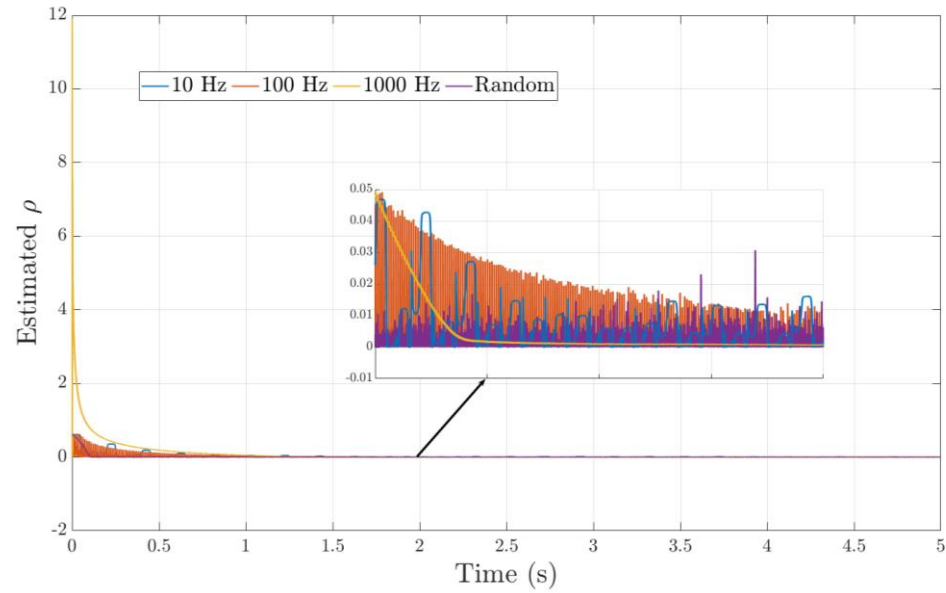


# Parameter Estimation Results: Random





# Estimated Parameters



# Conclusions/Future Work



- Static parameter estimation:
  - Implement a heuristic optimization algorithm to minimize objective functions of static parameter estimation, fitting the data to the generalized Bouc-Wen model.
- Hysteresis compensation:
  - Use the output of the filter to design a feedback controller that stabilizes the hysteresis.
- Further Experimental Work:
  - Expand this work to consider different actuators. Additional data is to be collected at various frequencies.



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# Questions?

