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# Characterization and optimization of a 2DOF velocity amplified EM-EH

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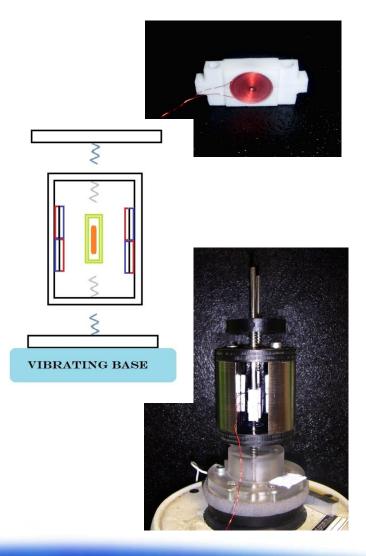
# Outline

- 1. The harvester
- 2. Characterization through transfer functions of the inner mass system
  - Sine sweep of increasing frequency data
  - Comparison with decreasing frequency: hysteresis
- 3. Same analysis for the whole system
- 4. Optimization Process
  - Configuration
  - Output voltage and power comparison at each acceleration





# **The Harvester**



- Two masses system: collisions between the inner small mass, and the outer bigger one, provide velocity amplification
- A coil is embedded in the inner mass. It is oscillating between two sets of magnets providing a strong magnetic field in the area.

$$e.m.f. = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}$$

• The presence of two masses enlarges the bandwidth of the system, along with the periodic disconnection of the two masses from the springs.





### **Characterization: the transfer function**

Let x(t) be the input and y(t) be the output of our system

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st}dt$$
$$Y(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t)e^{-st}dt$$

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

The Laplace transform is the Fourier transform when  $s=j\omega$ 

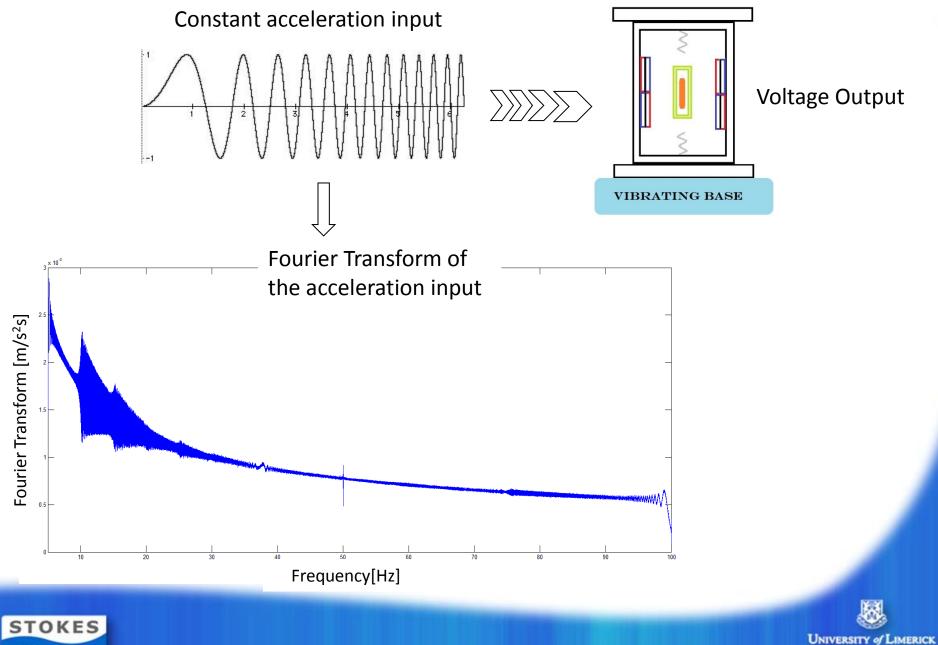
H(s) is the TF only for linear systems: in nonlinear systems is  $H(x(t),\omega)$ . So, calculating the TF at different amplitudes of input, can show if the system is linear





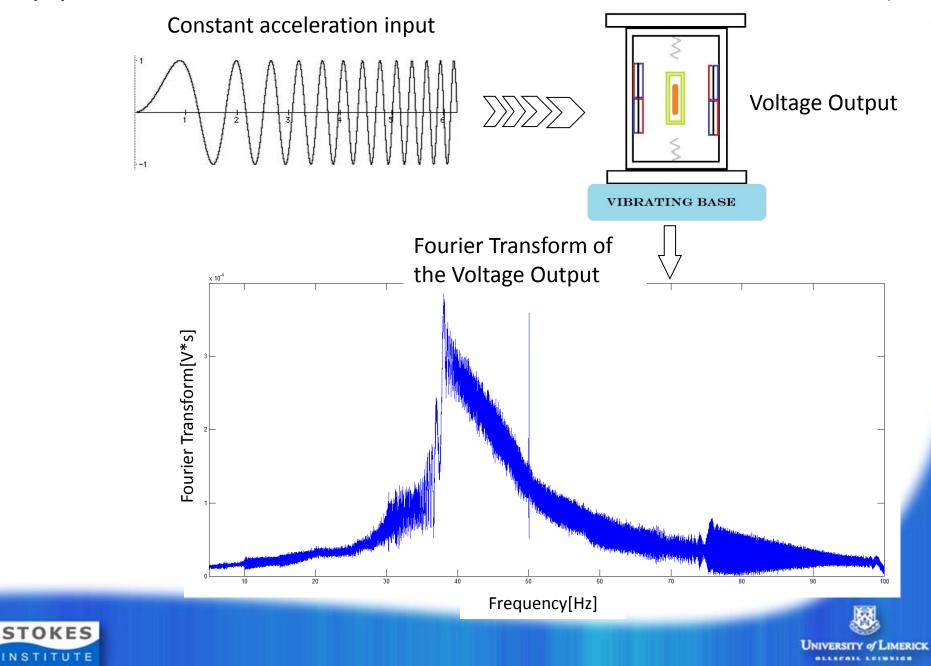
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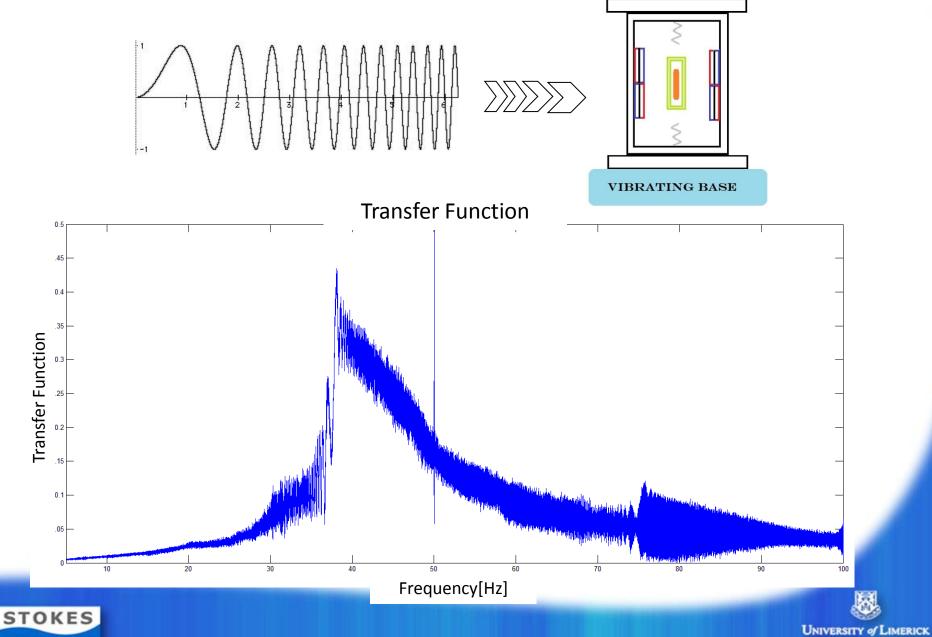


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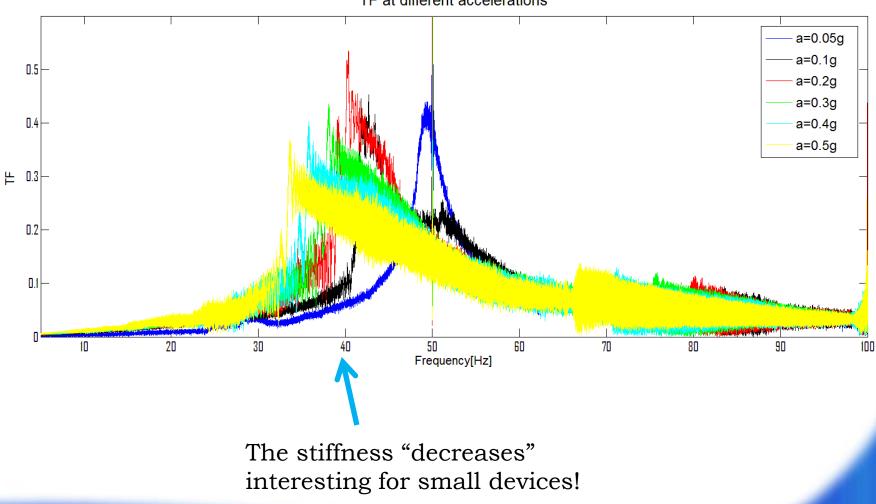
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# Nonlinearity through TF: shifting



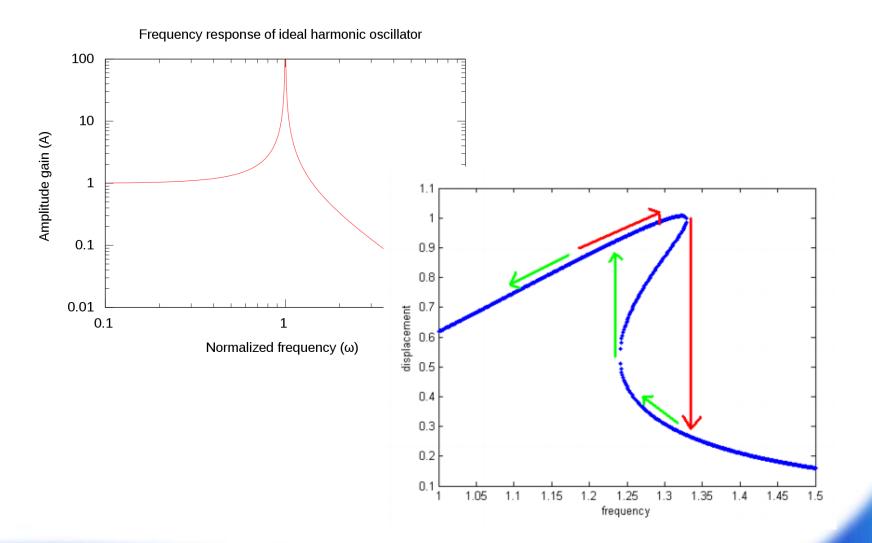
TF at different accelerations





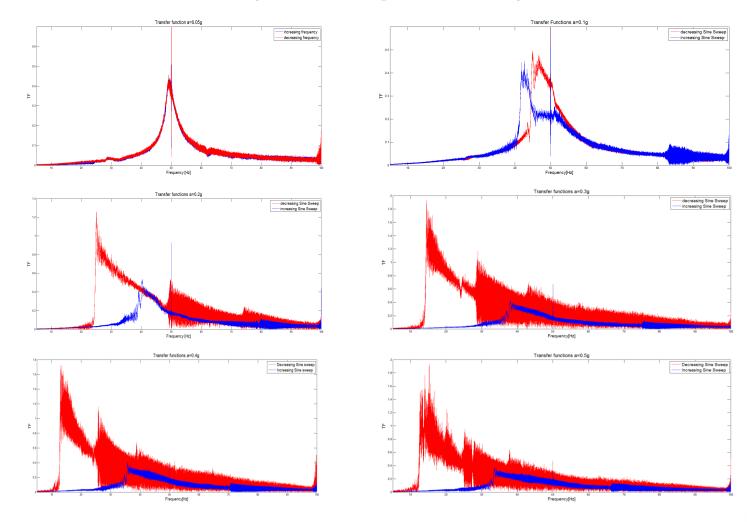


# The hysteresis phenomenon



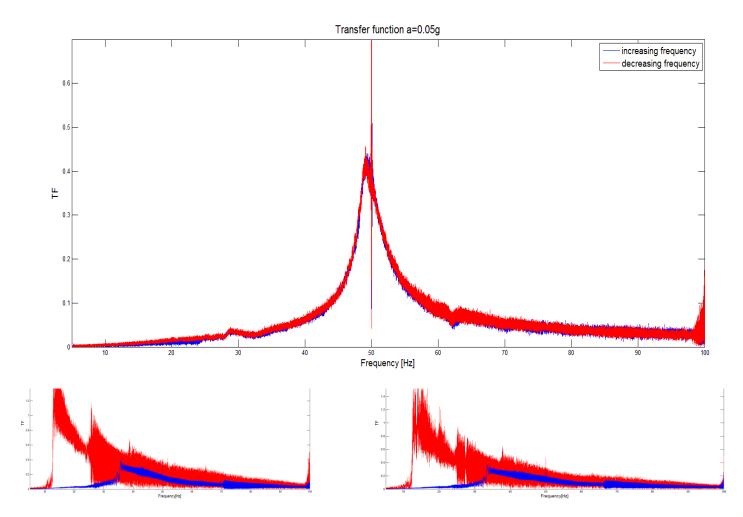






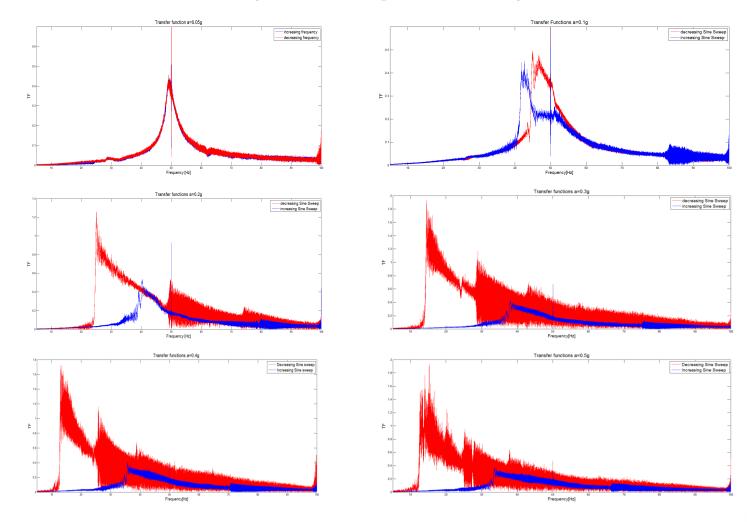






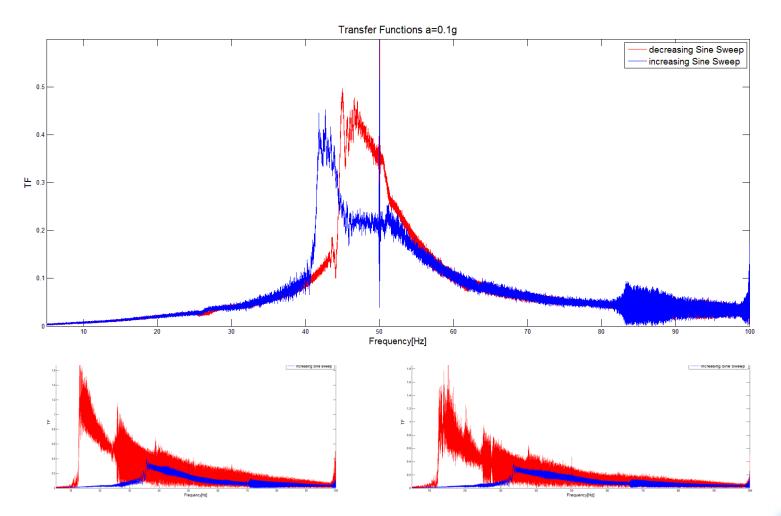






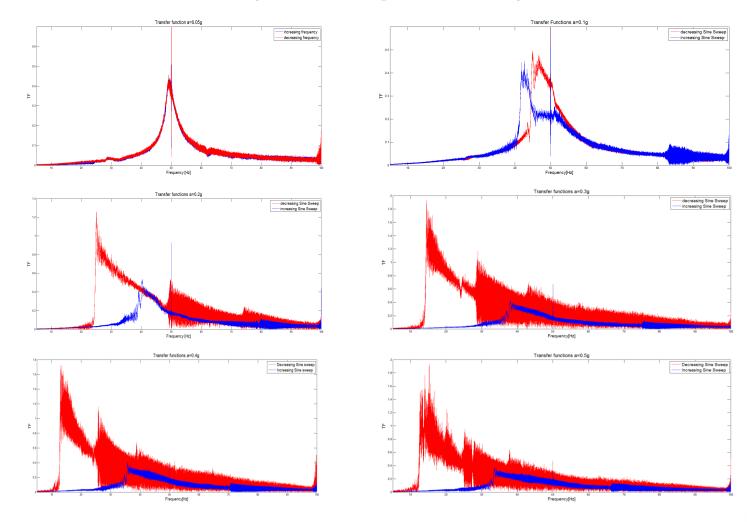






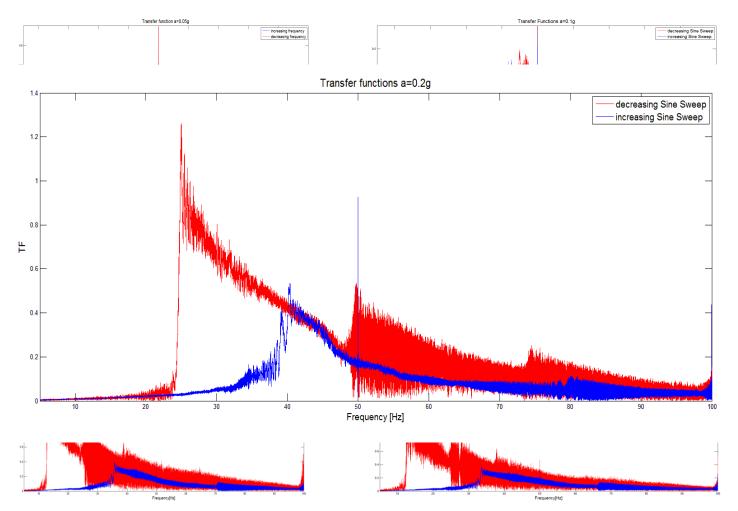






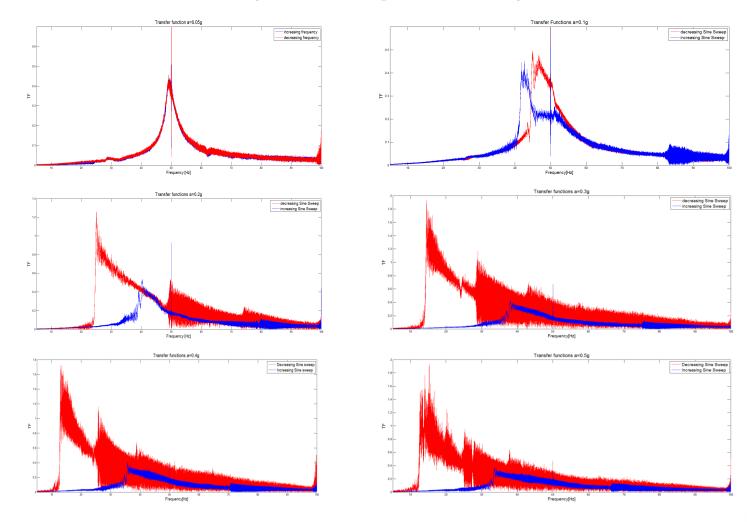






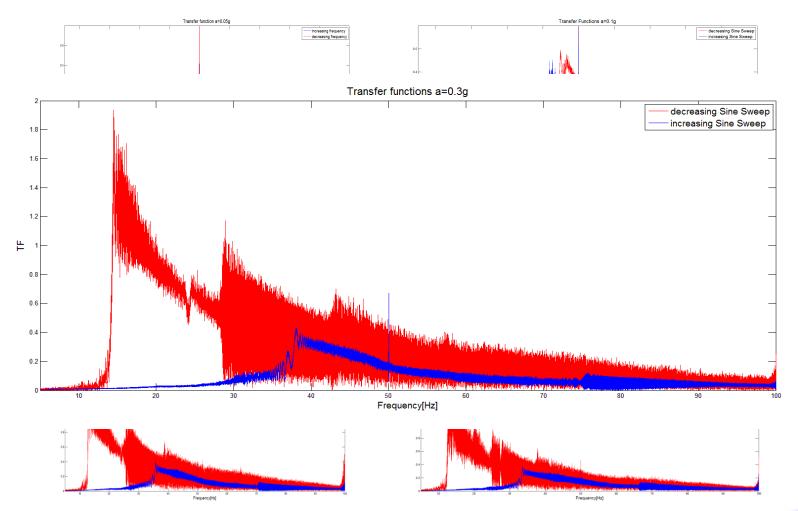






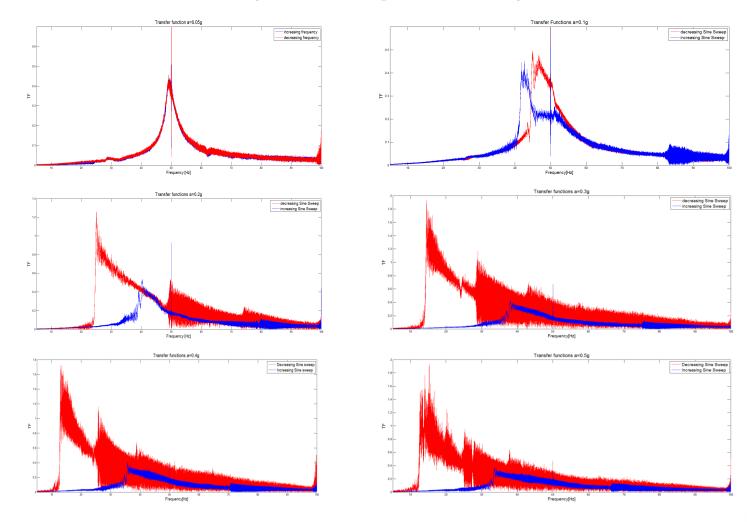






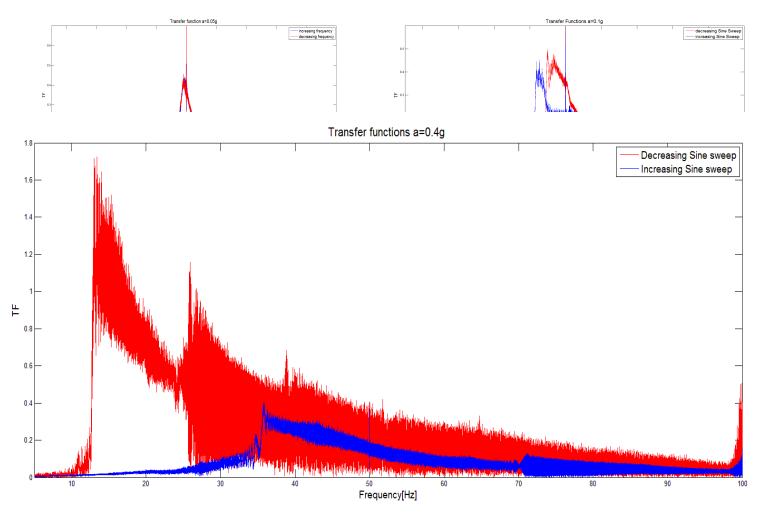






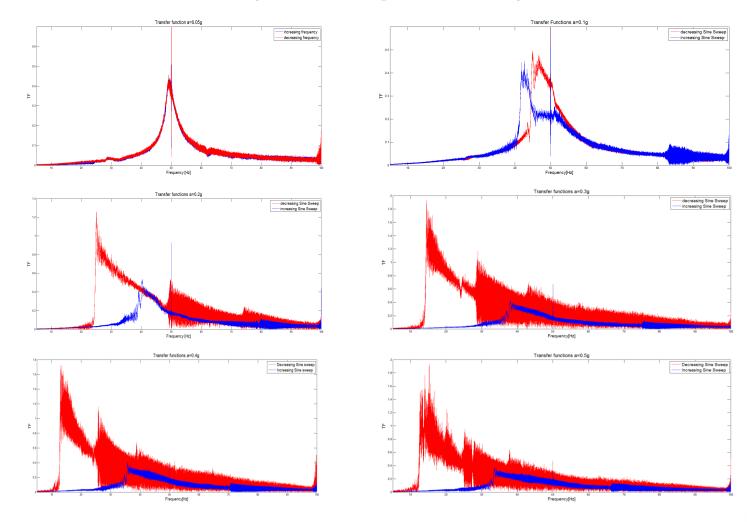






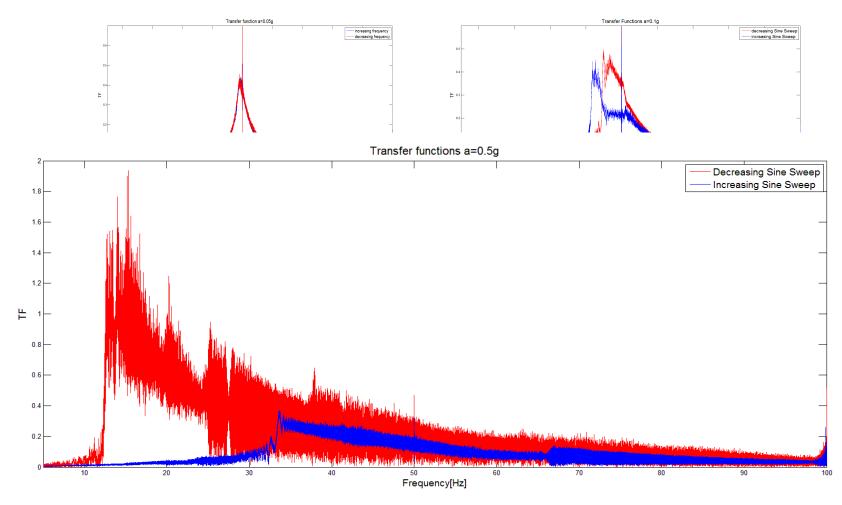










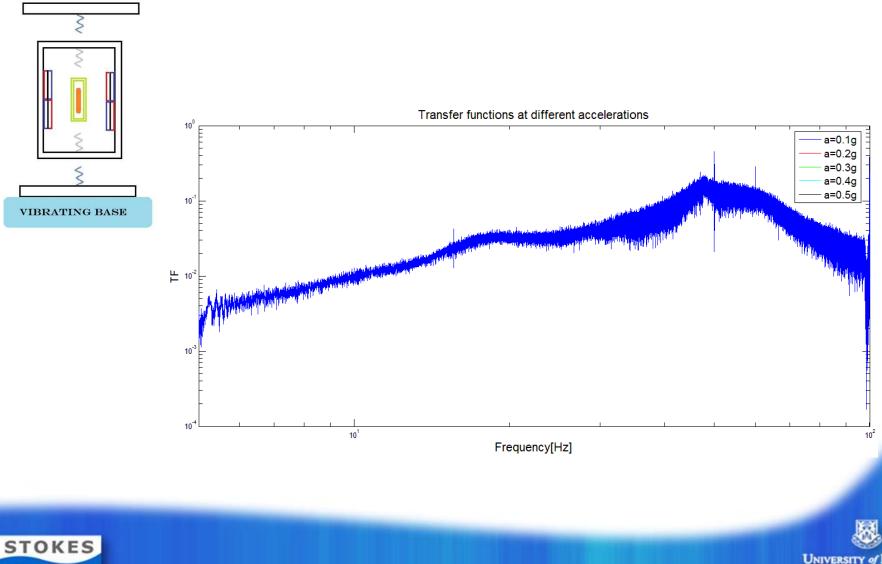




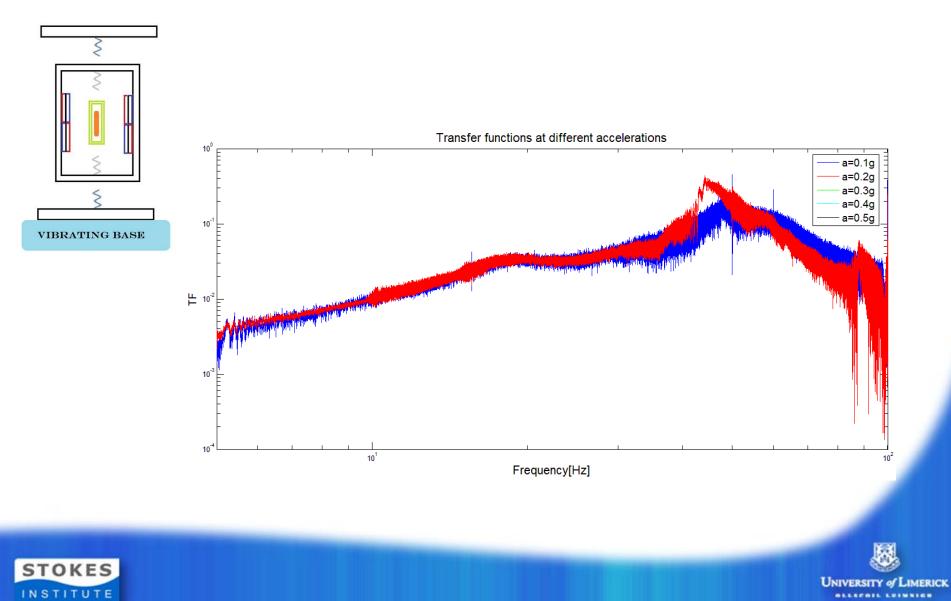


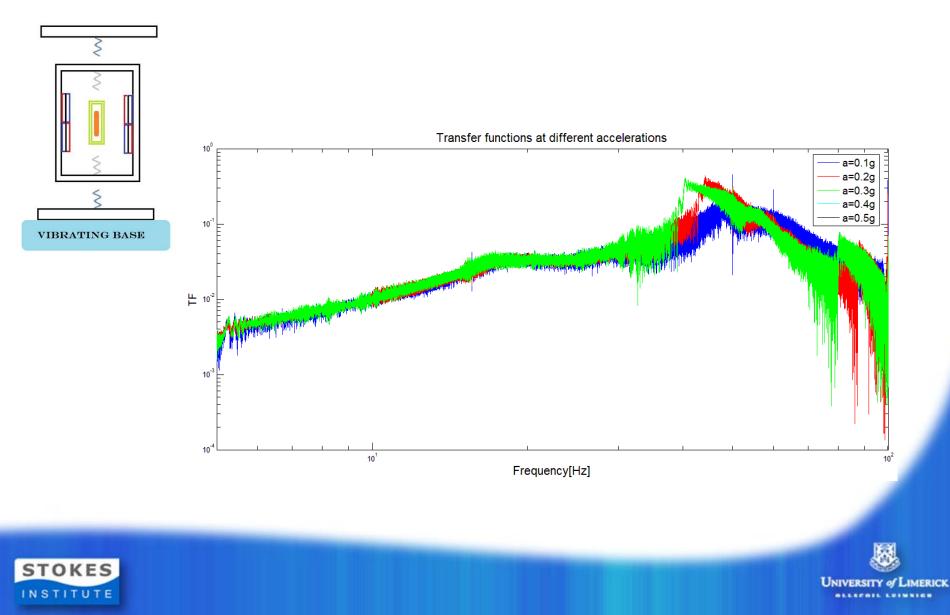
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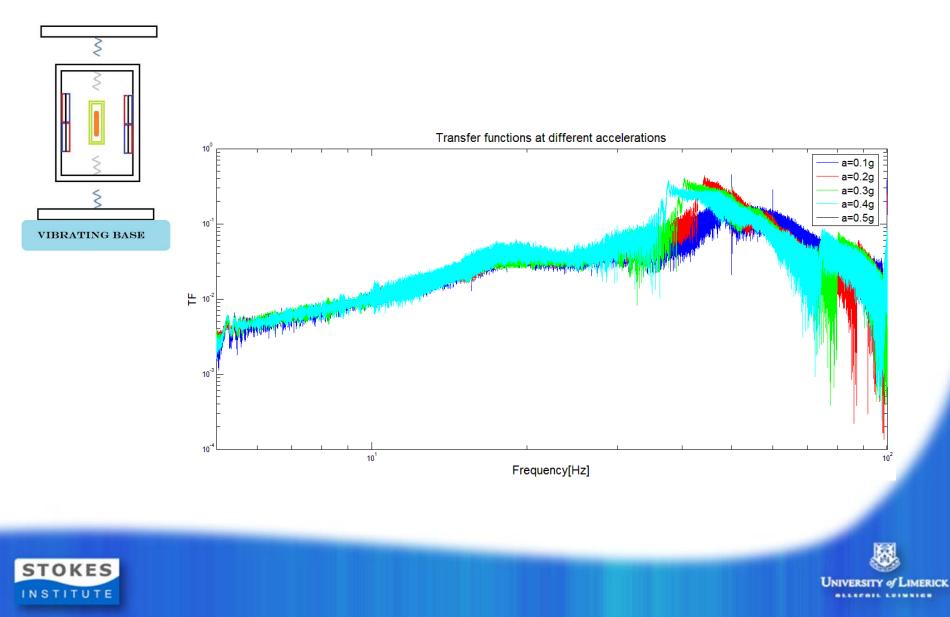
# **Characterization of the whole system: TFs**

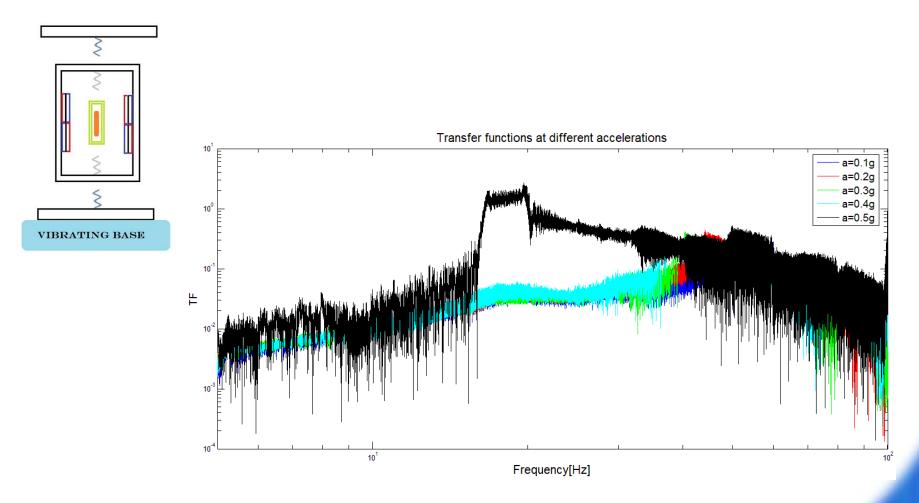


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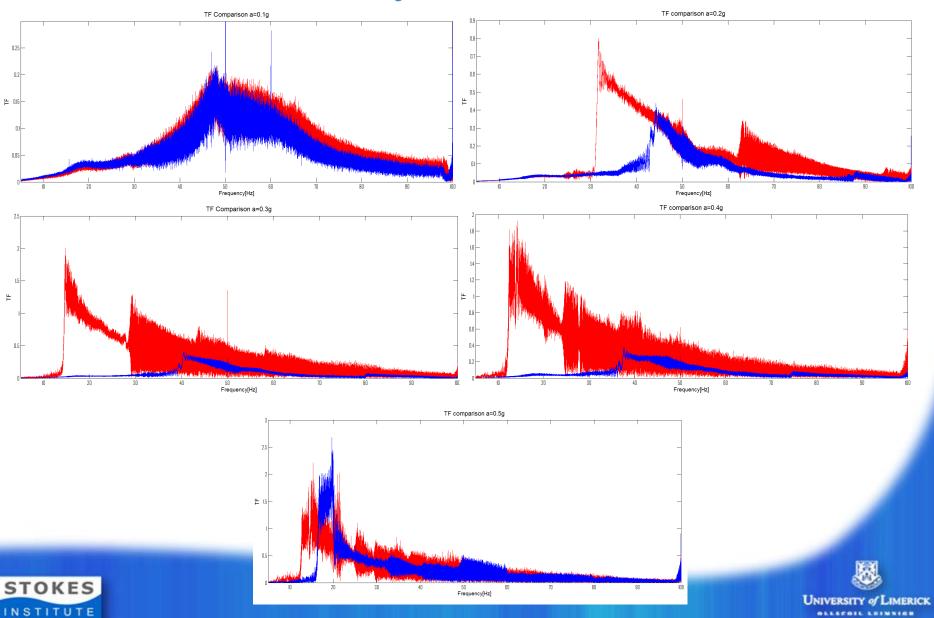






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### **Hysteresis**



### **Optimization process**

- Magnets 1/2 x 1/2 x 1/8 inches
- Coils of fixed volume r=9mm h=8mm
  - Wire diameter d=280um
  - Wire diameter d=170um
  - Wire diameter d=100um
- Outer mass steady
- For each coil the optimal resistance load has been found
- Comparison between output voltage and power for different coils at the same amplitude acceleration input

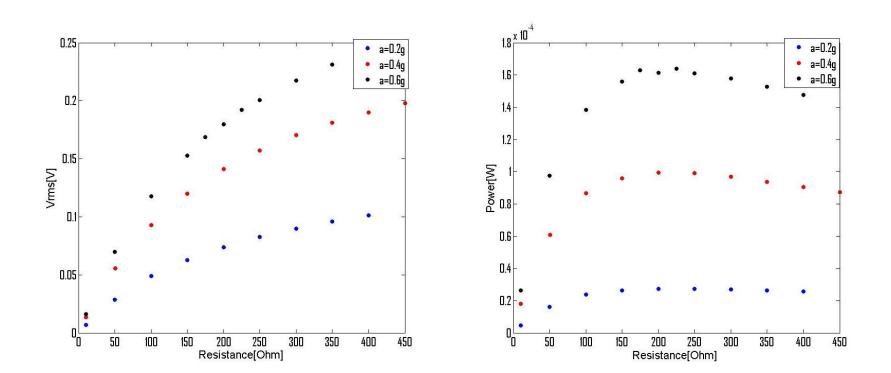






### Load Resistance

Wire d=100um

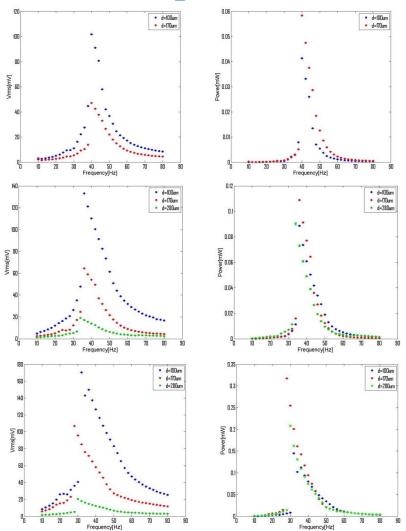


Same analysis for each coil





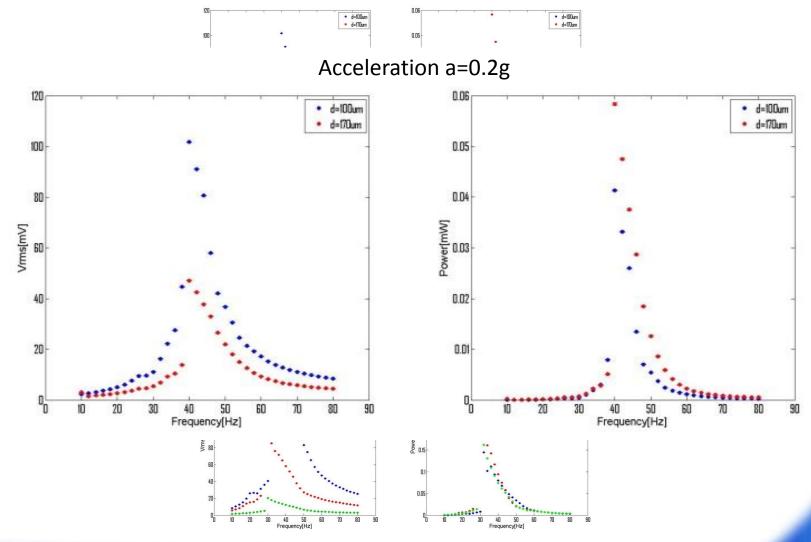
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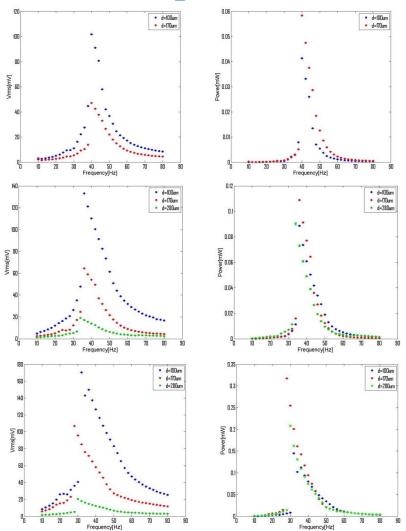
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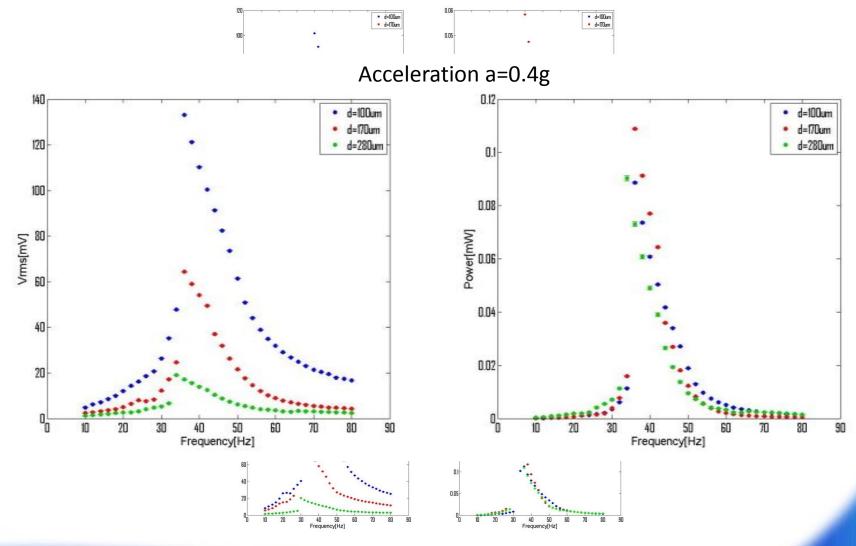
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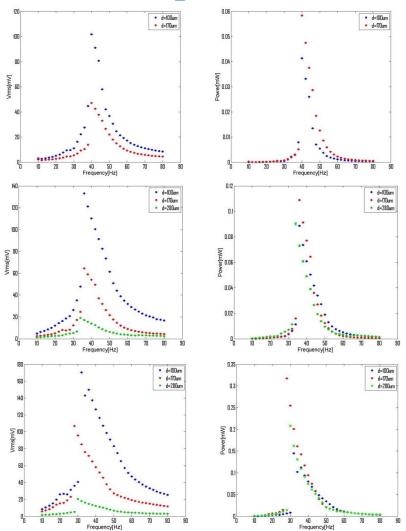
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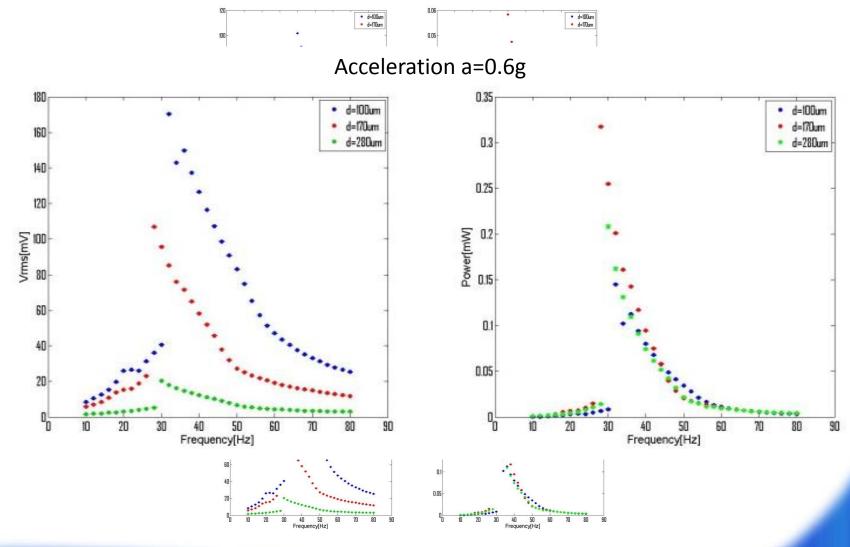






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### **Power Optimization**





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# **Conclusions and Wish List**

- ✓ Study and interpretation of the TFs:
  - ✓ At very little acceleration the system in basically linear, but early it becomes (also for the little mass alone) nonlinear
  - ✓ We can think about miniaturize this system even if the linear resonance frequency increases, using the nonlinear shifting
- ✓ The coil with the 170um diameter wire seems to be the best for maximizing the power output with this set of magnets
- Find the best configuration for the magnets
  Miniaturization





# Thank you for your attention.... Questions?







