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# **Macromechanical parametric amplification**

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### 1. What is it?

• Adding parametric excitations to externally driven near-resonant harmonic oscillations to amplify vibration amplitudes, e.g., a playground swing:



# **4.** Current work? <sup>[1,2]</sup>









• The ratio between the stationary vibration amplitudes of the directly and parametrically excited system, and the directly excited system, is defined as the gain.

## 2. This study?

- Phenomenological study
- Effects of third-order nonlinearities
- Optimal gain and tilt angle
- Parametric amplification of higher order

vibration modes

• Superthreshold pumping

### **3. Realization in current study?**

Tilted base-excited cantilever beam:





### 5. Conclusions? ...and so what?

- Insight through derivation of analytical expressions
- Gain is realized (larger than unity)
- Optimal mix between excitation parameters
- Other nonlinear effects
- Energy-considerations
- High-frequency excitation effects

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