

Vibration Suppression of Large Flexible Structures Subjected to Tonal Excitations via a Semi-Active Shunted Piezoelectric Tuned Mass Damper

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Background and Motivation

Problem in lightweight structures

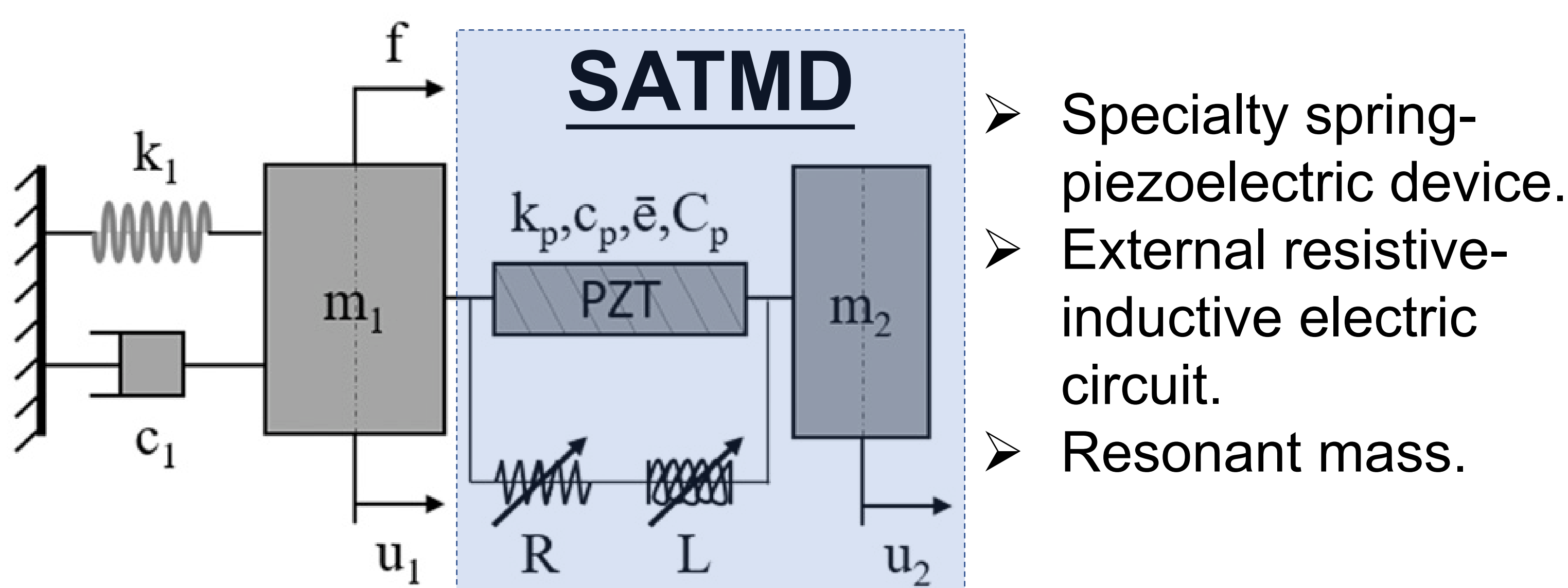
Engine speed/ rotor rations induce tonal vibrations

- Fundamental frequency and its harmonics
- In changing frequency bandwidths
- Comfort and safety of passengers and pilots

Challenges for Anti-vibration Device

- Follow and tune to changing frequency bandwidths
- Tune and suppress multiple tonal excitations
- Achieve high vibration attenuation levels
- Lightweight, minimal structural interference

Semi-Active Shunted Piezoelectric Tuned Mass Damper



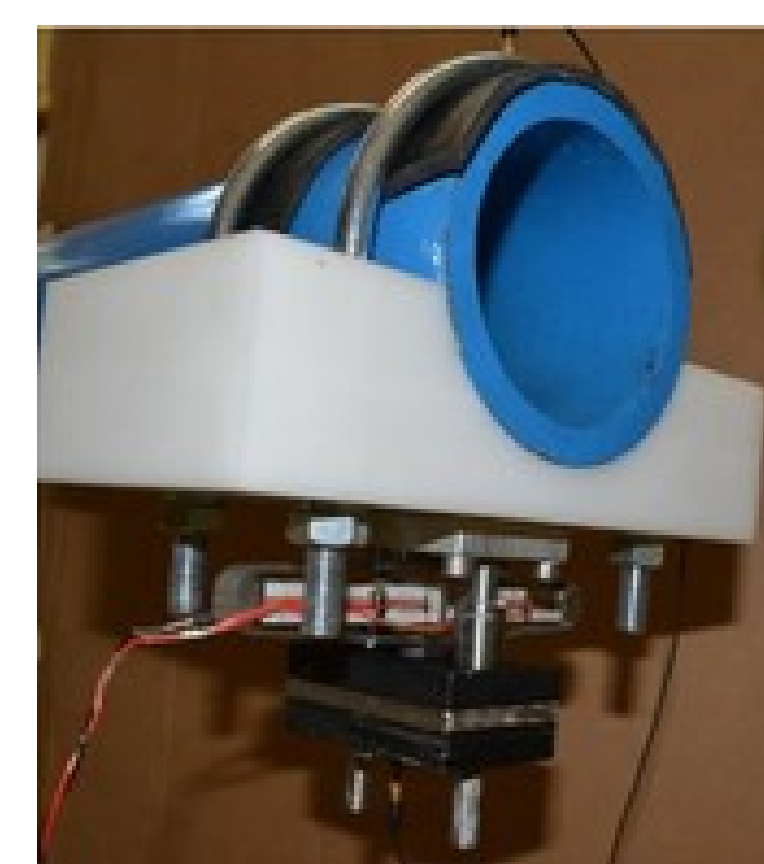
- Specialty spring-piezoelectric device.
- External resistive-inductive electric circuit.
- Resonant mass.

Demonstrate the enhanced SATMD capabilities to:

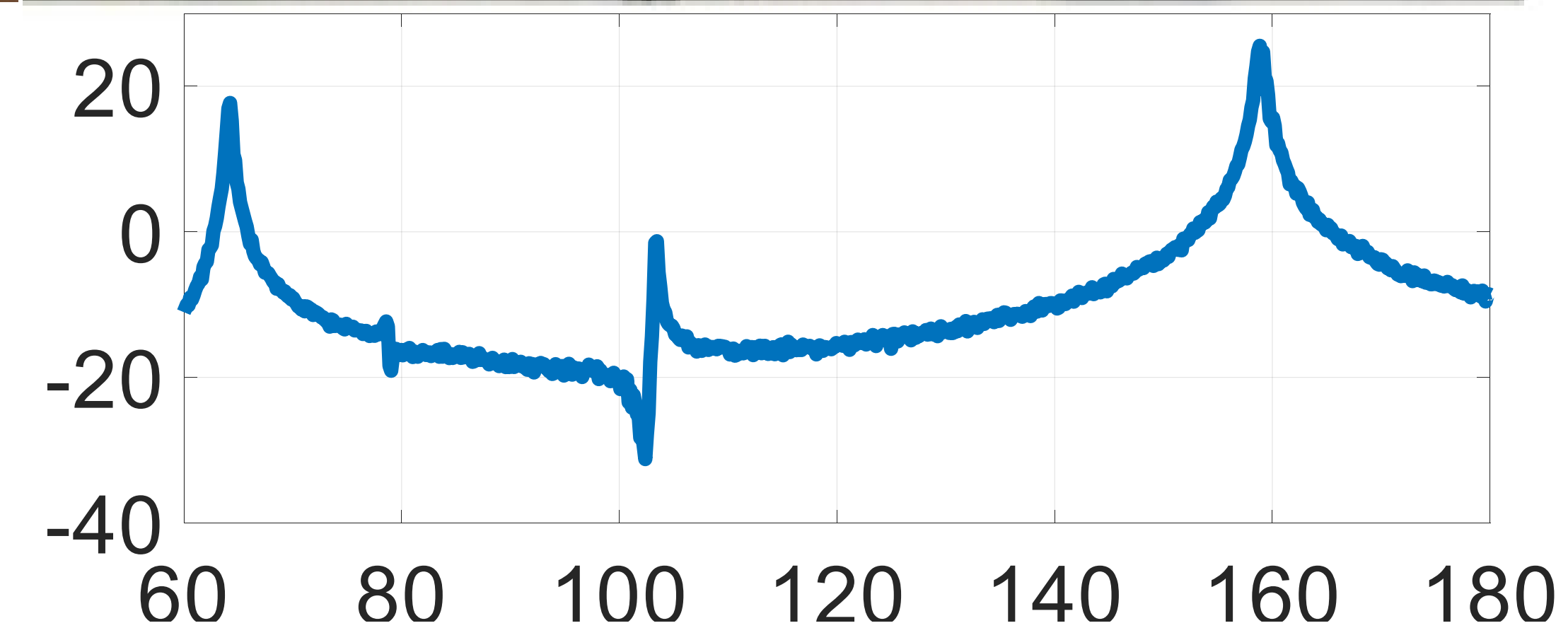
Objectives

- Retune** the detuned mass antiresonance and adapt to frequency fluctuations.
- Tune and reduce the **tonal excitation frequency AND its critical harmonic**.

Case Study: Airframe



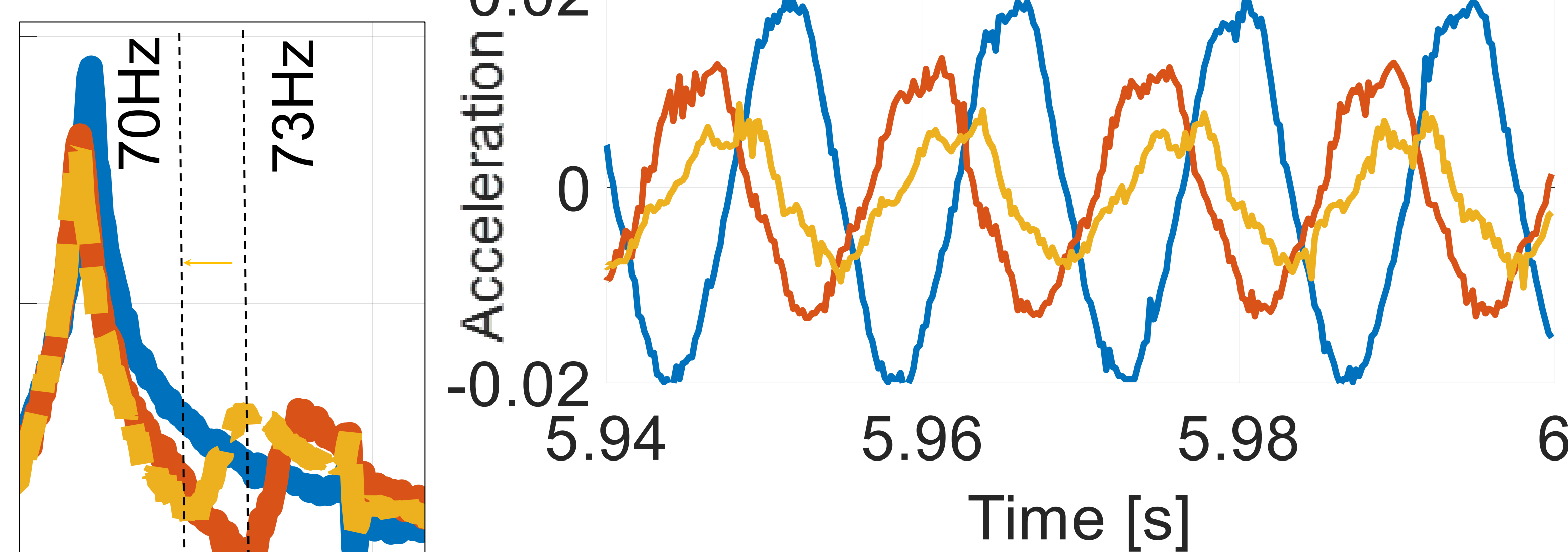
Airframe Tip FRF



Experimental Results

A. Retune the detuned mass antiresonance

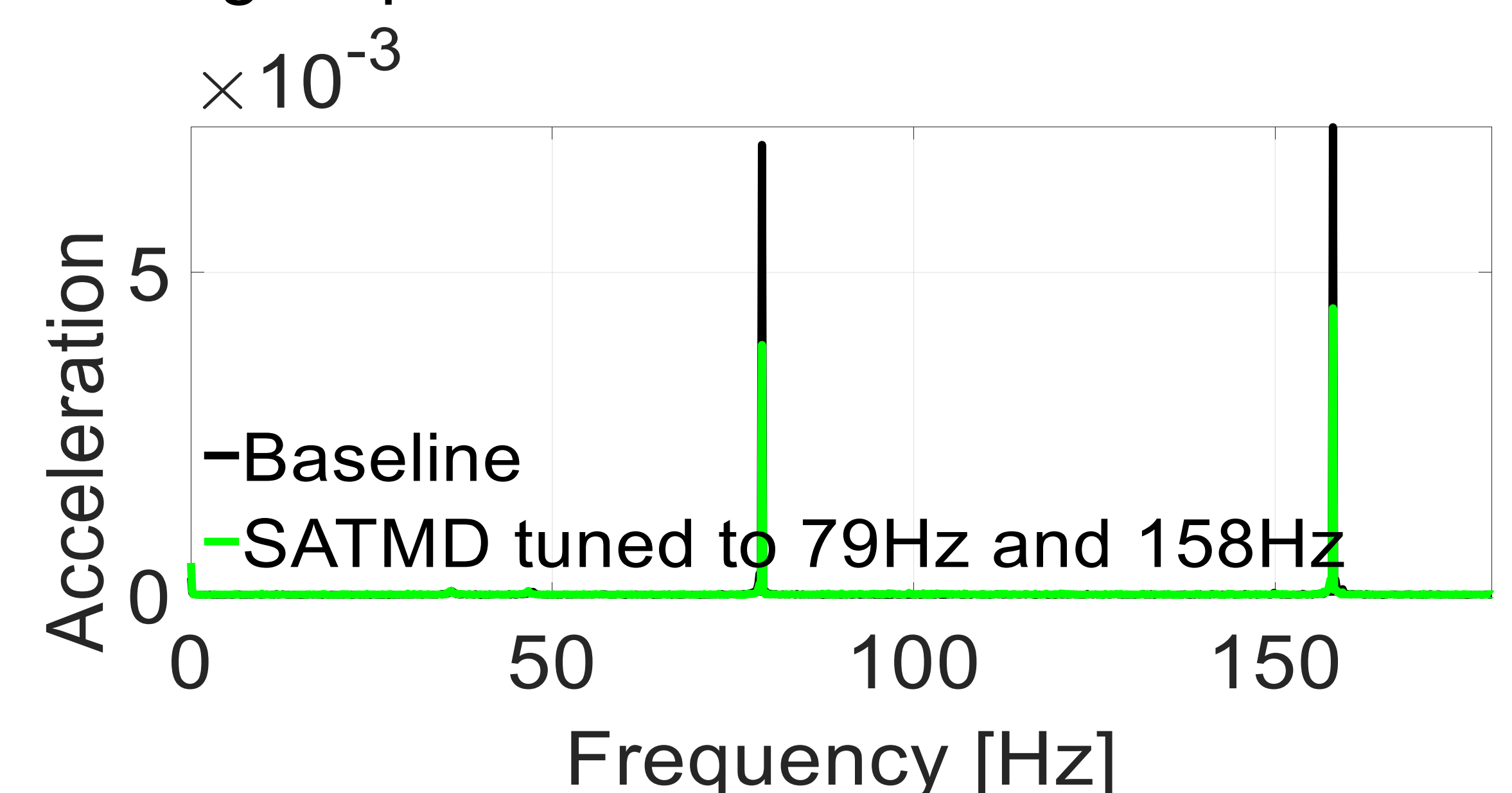
Fuselage Tip: Tonal Excitation at 70Hz



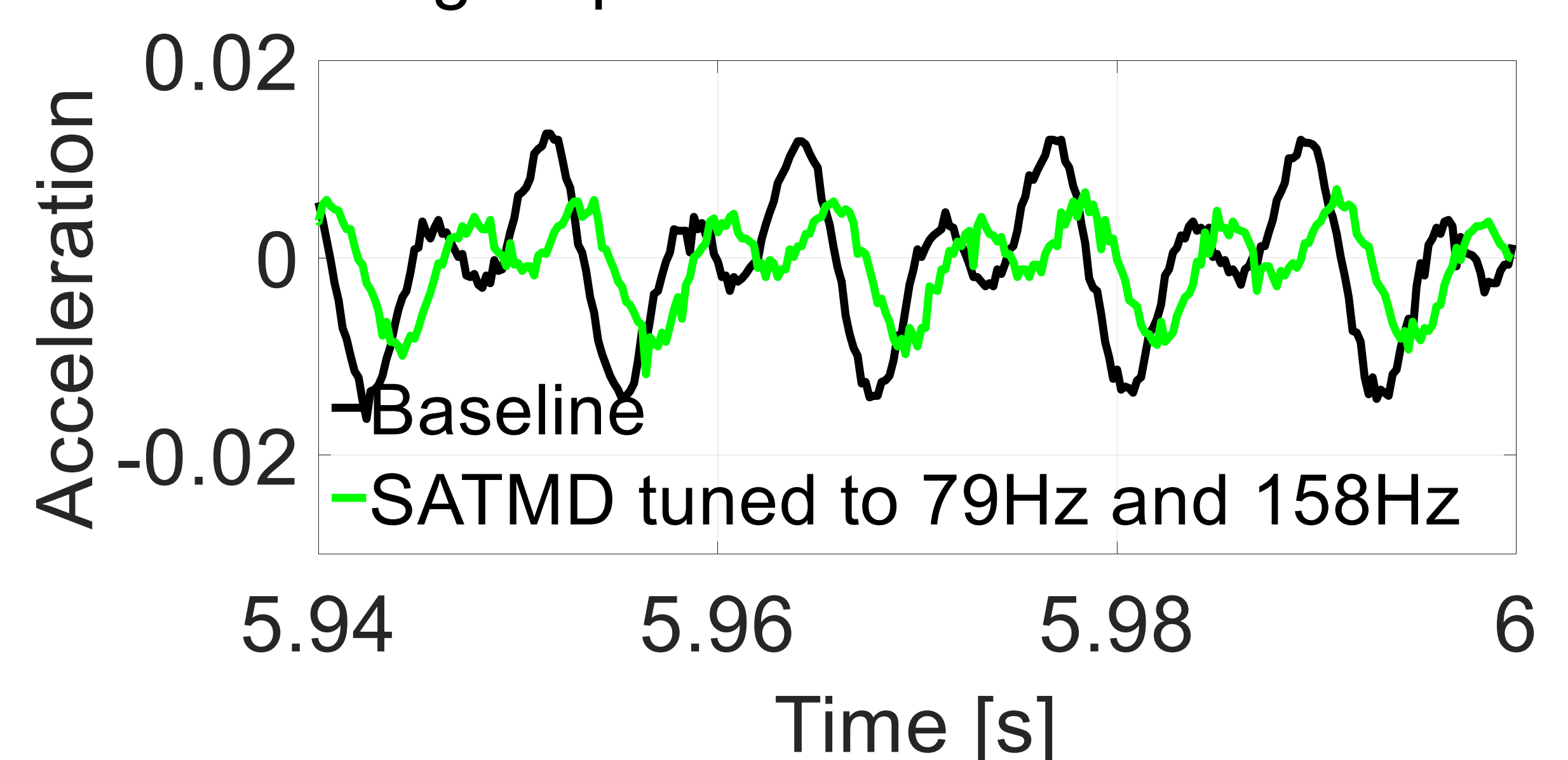
Mass tuned to 73Hz	Reduction at 70Hz
Detuned TMD	38%
Retuned SATMD	67%

B. Tune to tonal frequency and its critical harmonic

Fuselage Tip: FFT with Tonal Excitation at 79Hz



Fuselage Tip: Tonal Excitation at 79Hz



Frequencies	Reduction
79Hz	45%
158Hz	39%

Conclusions and Future Research

- ✓ Retuning of auxiliary mass antiresonance, thus **capability of SATMD to follow frequency fluctuations**.
- ✓ Tuning to a tonal excitation AND its critical harmonic, thus **capability of SATMD to reduce 2 tonal vibrations**.
- ❖ Optimization expected to yield enhanced results.