

# Torsional Oscillator. Part1.

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# Transients in a Torsional Oscillator

- **Electrical RLC circuits**
- **Torsional Oscillator**
  - **Damping**
  - **Data Analysis**



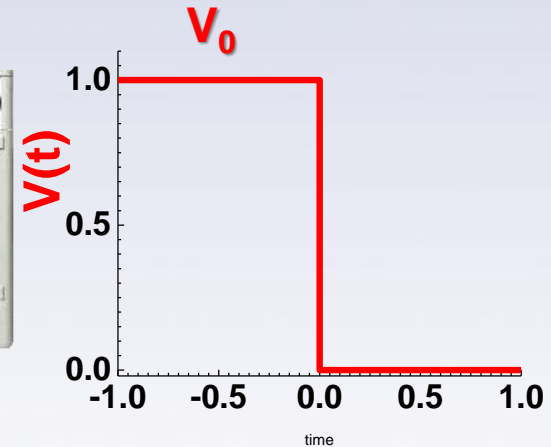
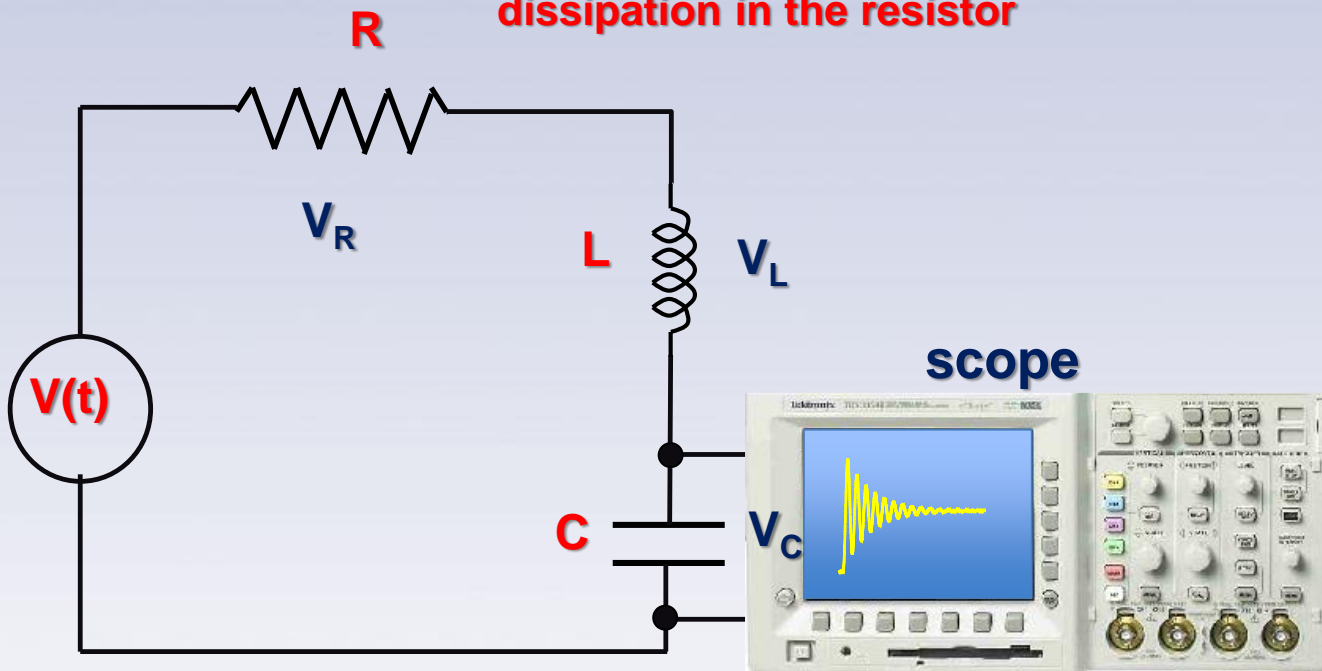
# Transients in RLC circuit.

$$V_R + V_L + V_C = V(t)$$

If  $V(t)=0$

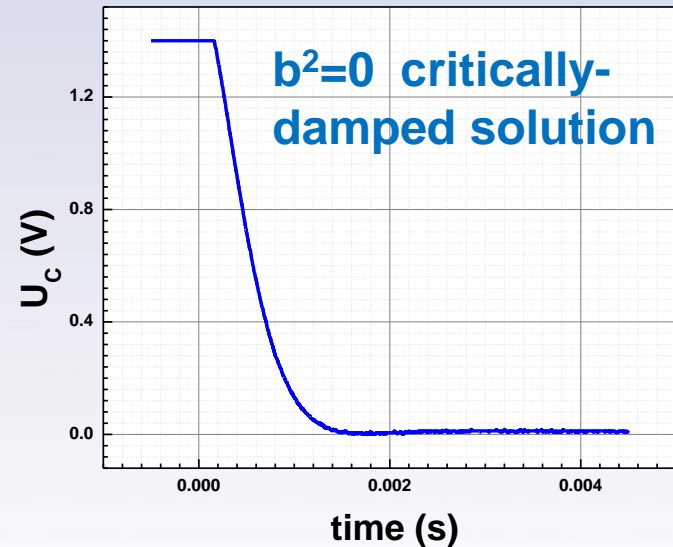
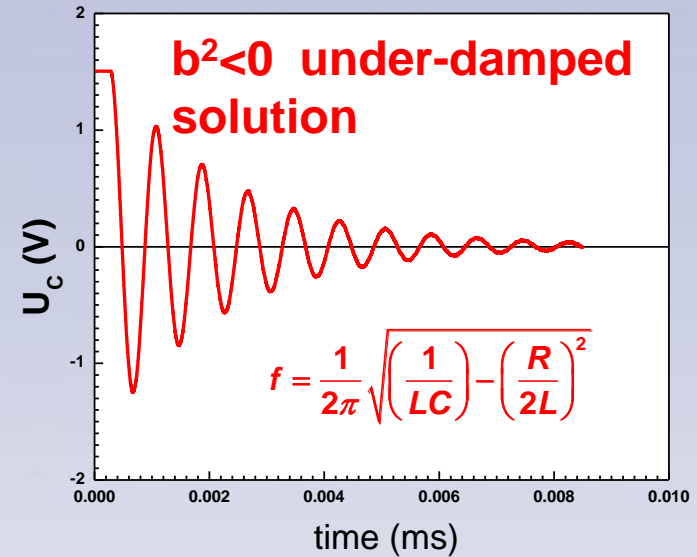
$$L \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q(t) + R \frac{d}{dt} q(t) + \frac{q(t)}{C} = 0, \quad \frac{q(t)}{C} = V_0$$

Damping term. Reflects energy dissipation in the resistor



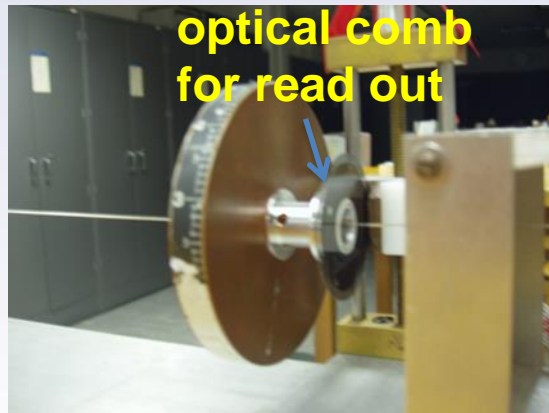
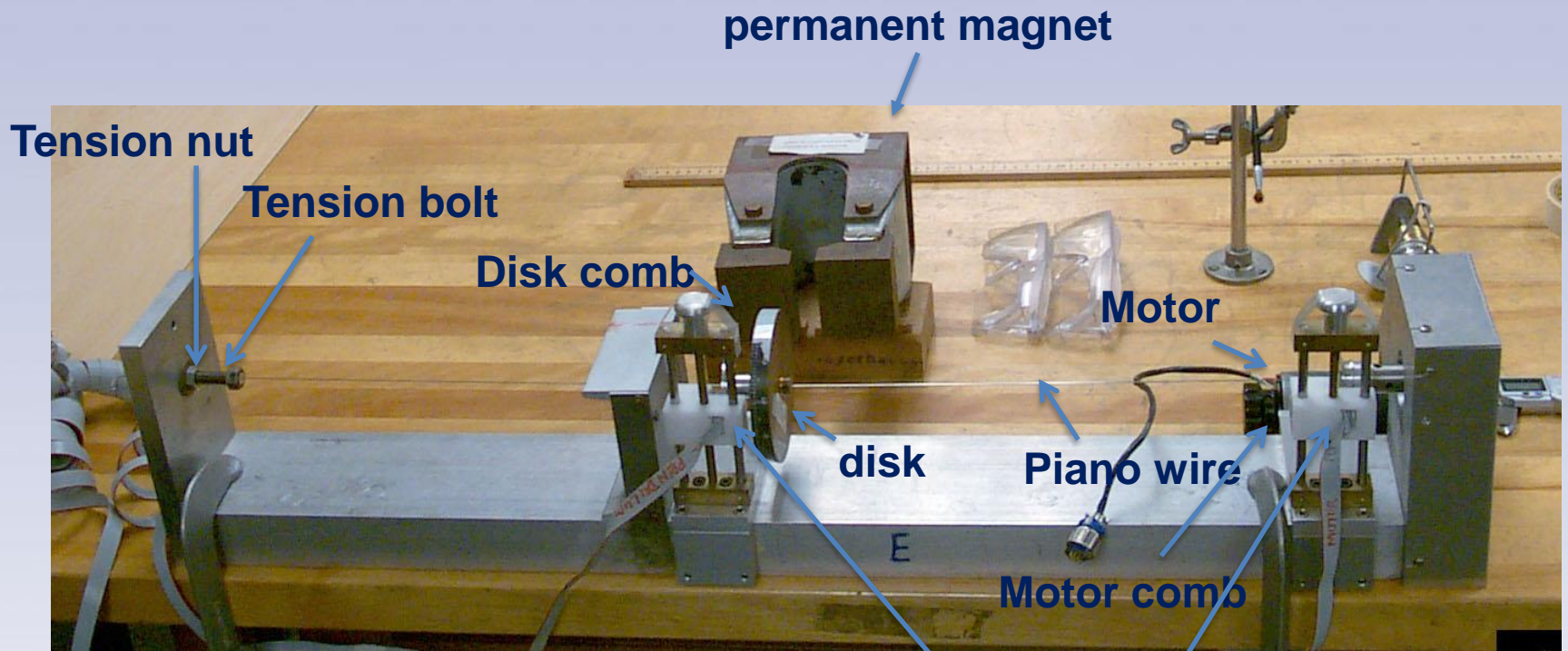
# RLC: three solutions.

$$a = \frac{R}{2L}, \quad b = \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{LC}\right)}$$





# The Torsional Oscillator.

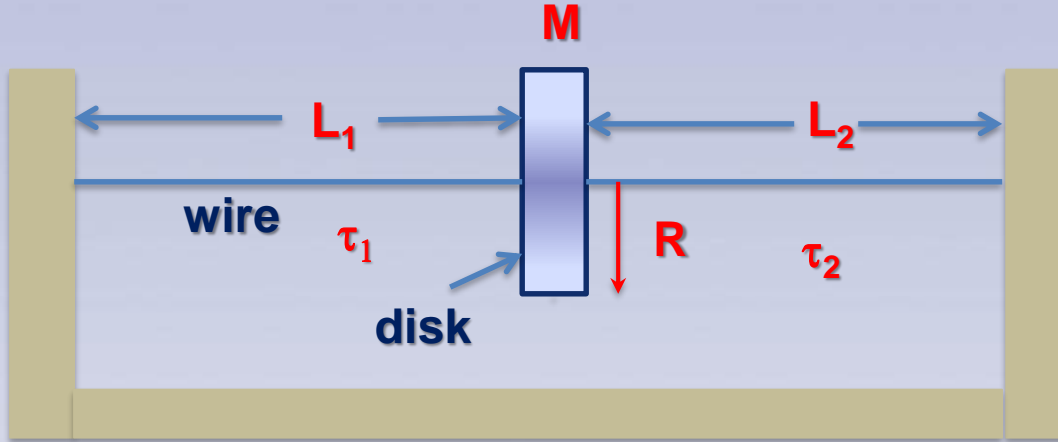


**Momentum of Inertia  $I$  for disk with radius  $R$  and mass  $M$ :**

$$I = \frac{MR^2}{2}$$



# The Torsional Oscillator.



Wires 1 and 2 exert the torques  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on the disk of mass  $M$

$$\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2 = -K_1\theta - K_2\theta = -K\theta$$

$$K_1 = \frac{\pi Gr^4}{2L_1}$$

$\theta$  : angular deflection of the disk

$r$  : radius of the wires

$L_i$  : length of the wire  $i$

$G$  : shear modulus of the wire

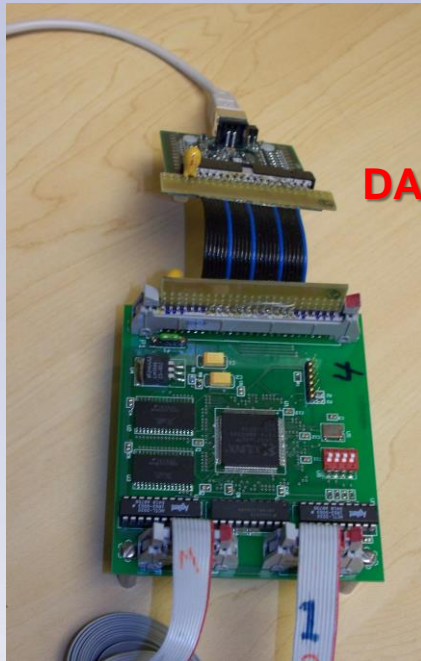
A typical shear modulus for steel is  $8.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$

$$K = K_1 + K_2 = G \frac{\pi}{2} r^4 \left( \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} \right)$$

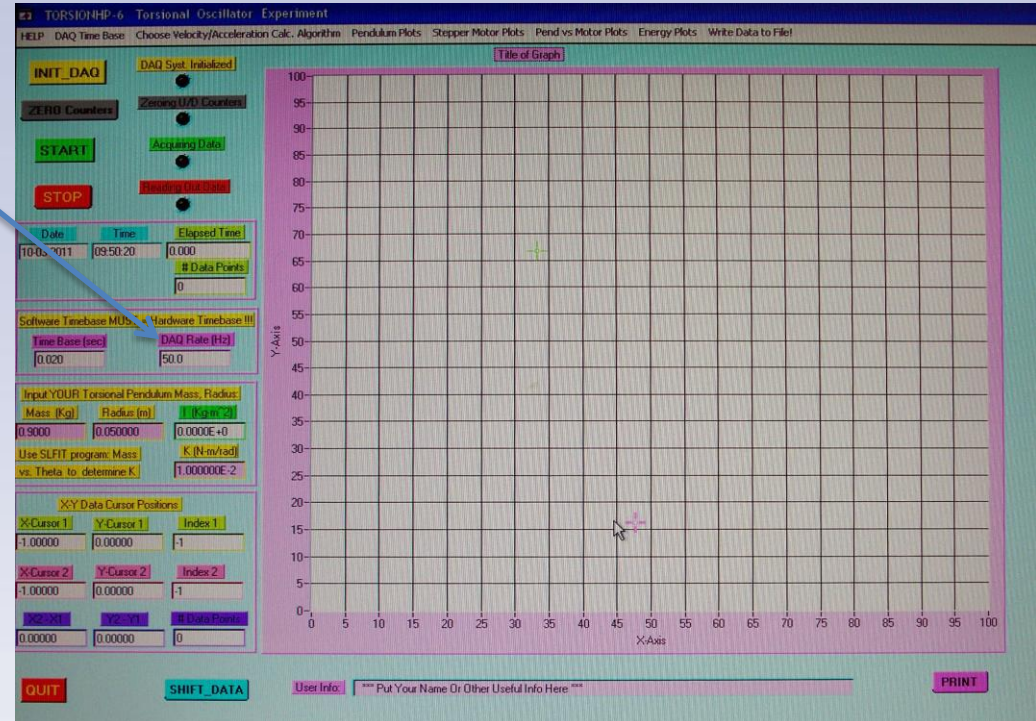
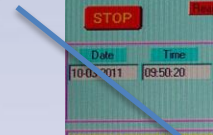
$K$  – torsional spring constant



# The Data Acquisition Setup and Program



DAQ rate (Hz)



Interface card

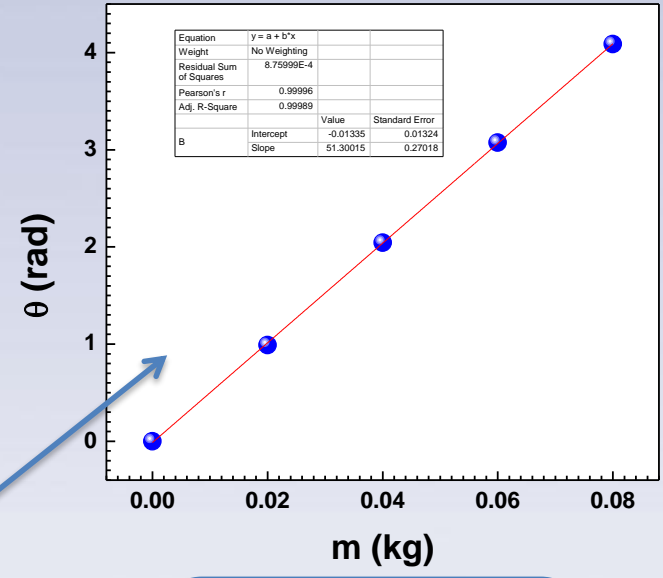
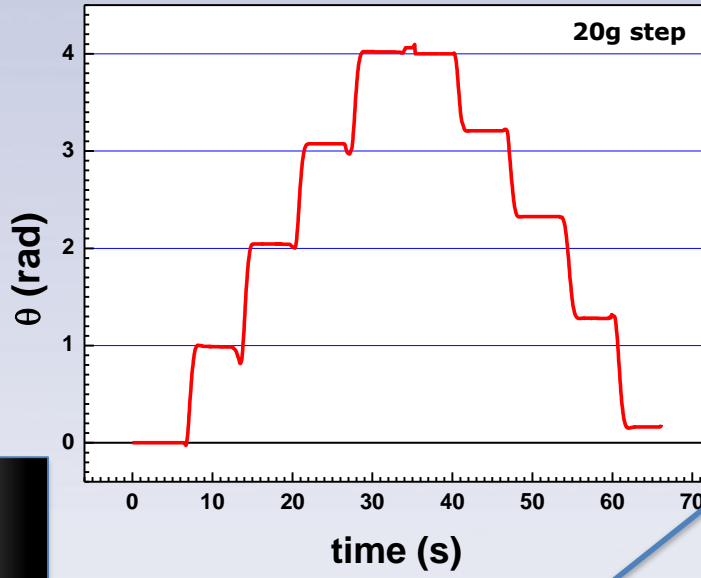
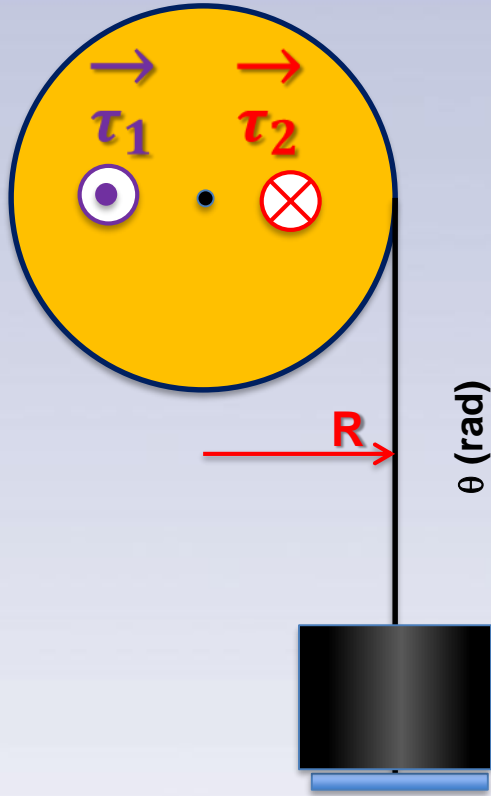
Program window

**Program can accept only 10000 points. If sampling rate is 50Hz – the maximum time of data collection is 200s!**



# Measuring of the Torsional Spring constant.

$$\vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 = 0 \longrightarrow K\theta = mgR$$



slope

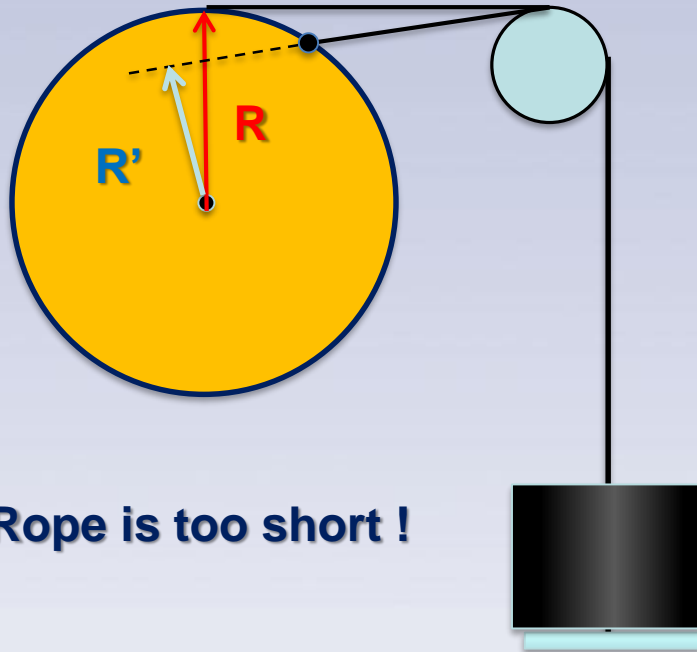
$$\theta = \frac{gR}{K} m \quad K = \frac{gR}{\text{slope}}$$

**$g=9.81\text{m/s}^2$**   
**Slope=51.3rad/kg**  
 **$K=0.00971\text{Nm/rad}$**

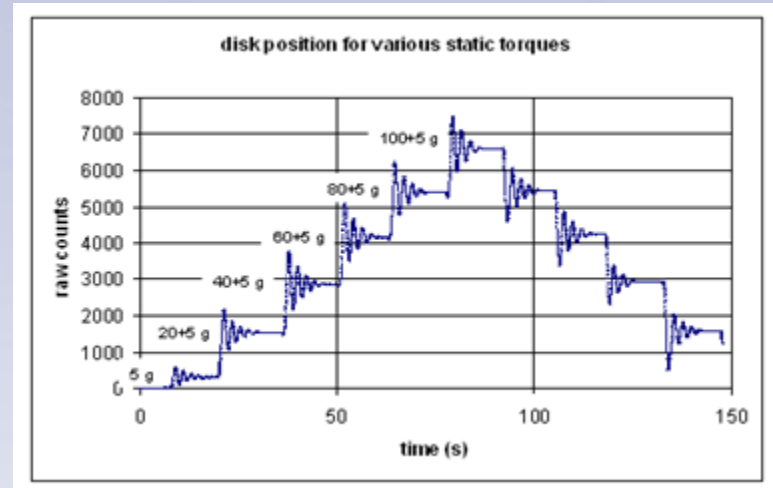




# Measuring of the Torsional Spring constant. Possible problems.



$$\tau = R \times F$$



Avoid the over damping of the pendulum motion and any extra sources of friction.



# Torsional Pendulum. Scientific application.

Measuring of the electrostatic forces.

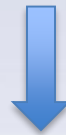


Charles-Augustin de Coulomb  
1736-1806

$$\vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 = 0$$

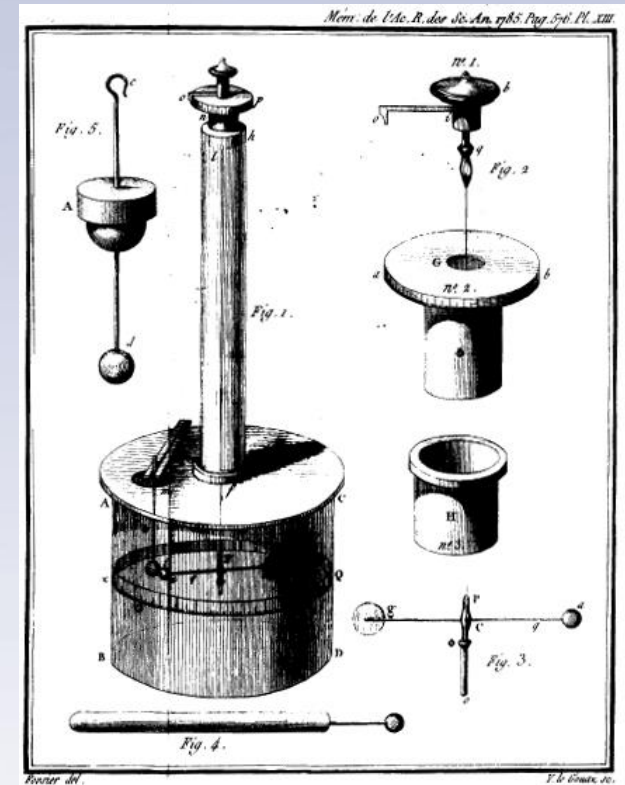
$$K\theta = FL;$$

Where F is electrostatic force and L is the length of the balance beam.



Coulomb's law

$$F = k_e \frac{q_1 * q_2}{r^2}; \quad k_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$



Coulomb's torsion balance.

Courtesy of Wikipedia



# Torsional Pendulum. Scientific application.



Henry Cavendish  
(1731–1810)

Gravitational  
Law

$$F = \frac{GmM}{r^2}$$

Cavendish's result



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$$G = 6.74 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2},$$

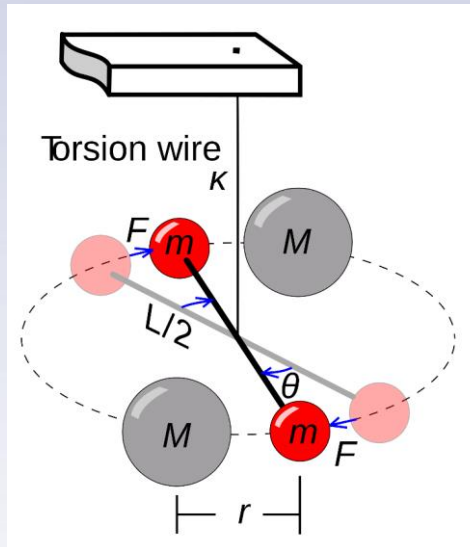
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Measuring of the gravitational forces.

$$\vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 = 0$$

$$K\theta = FL;$$

Where F is gravitational force and L  
is the length of the balance beam.



Cavendish torsion  
balance experiment.

Courtesy of Wikipedia

Currently accepted value

$$6.67428 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}.$$

# The Torsional Oscillator. “No damping”.

$$\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2 = -K_1\theta - K_2\theta = -K\theta$$

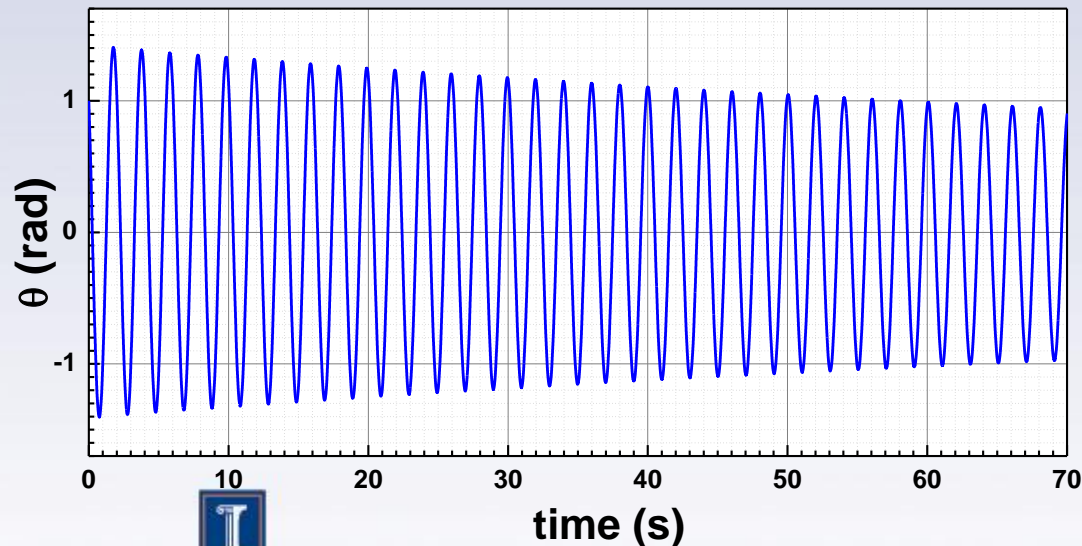
$$K_1 = \frac{\pi Gr^4}{2L_1}; \quad K = K_1 + K_2 = \frac{\pi Gr^4}{2} \left( \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} \right)$$

If there is no dissipation:

$$I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -K\theta$$

**Solution:**  $\theta = \theta_0 \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi)$  with  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{K}{I}}$

If we know **I** we can calculate **K**



From time trace  $\theta(t)$  we can find  $\omega_0$  it can be done by measuring period but better (and faster!) to perform the nonlinear fitting.

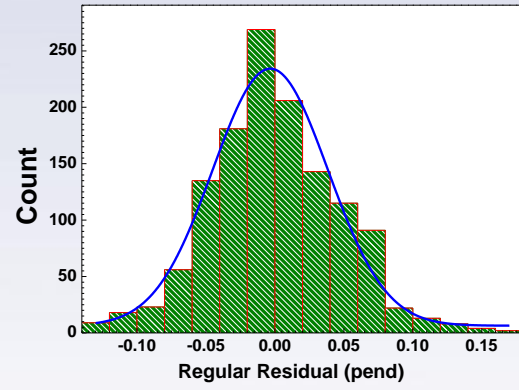
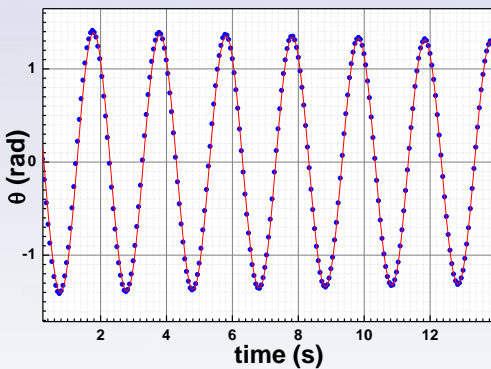
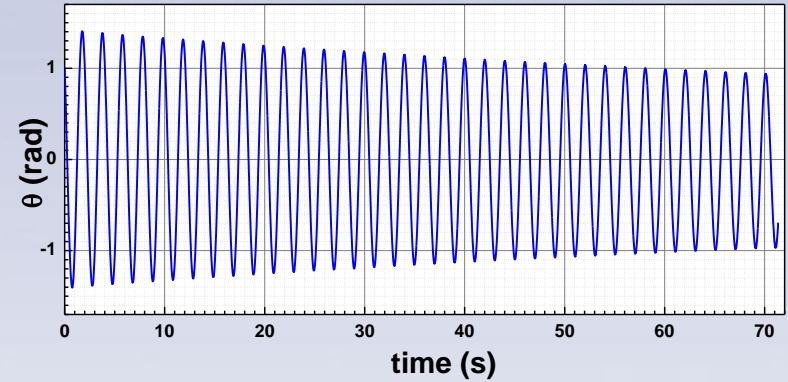
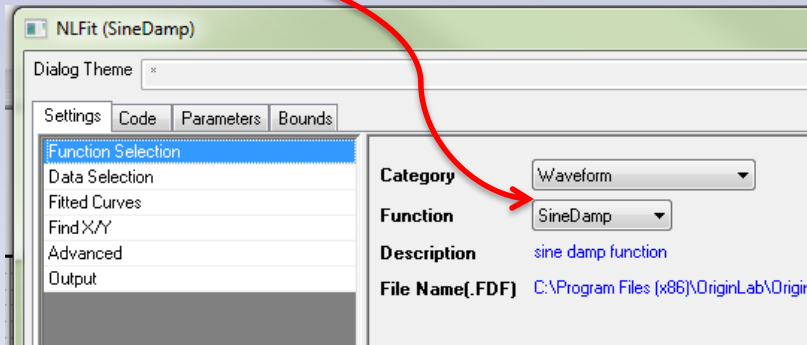




# The Torsional Oscillator. “No damping”. Fitting

“No damping” is not realistic situation fitting should be done to

SineDamp function  $y = y_0 + A \exp\left(\frac{-x}{t_0}\right) \sin\left(\pi \frac{(x-x_c)}{w}\right)$   $\omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{w}$



SineDamp:  $y = y_0 + A \exp\left(\frac{-x}{t_0}\right) \sin\left(\pi \frac{(x-x_c)}{w}\right)$

	Value	Standard Error
y0	-0.0024	0.0013
xc	-0.7236	9.3E-4
w	1.00517	2.5E-5
t0	178.02	2.44
A	1.409	0.004

$K = \omega_0^2 I \approx 1.12 \times 10^{-2} \frac{Nm}{rad}$

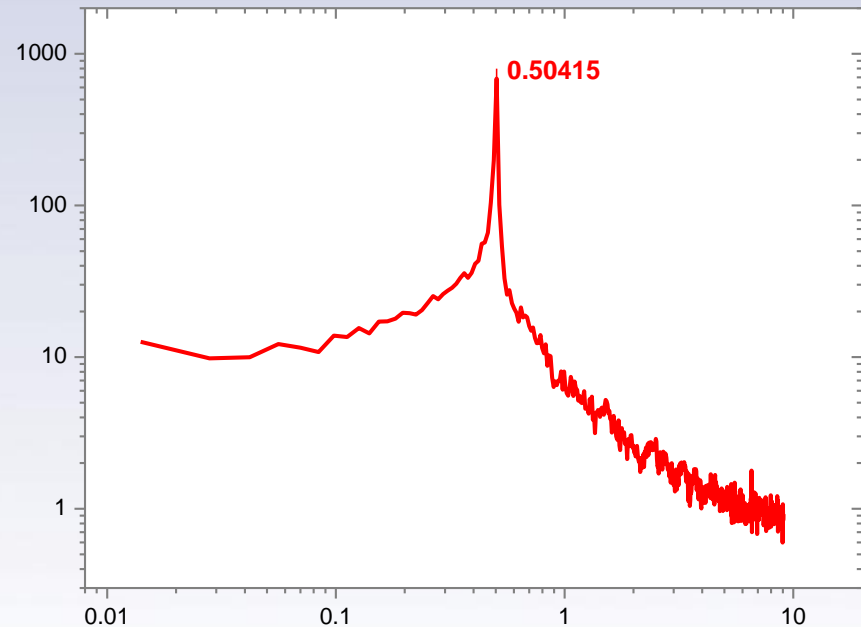
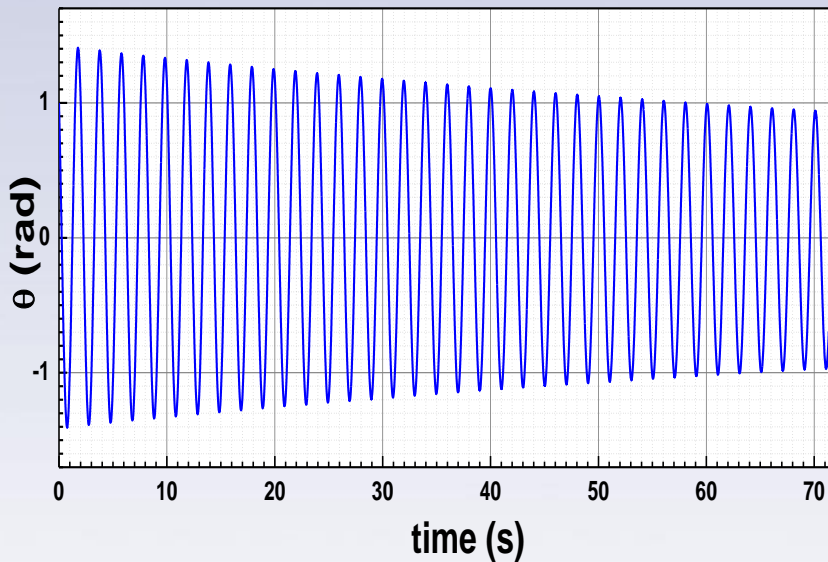


# The Torsional Oscillator. "No damping". Fitting.

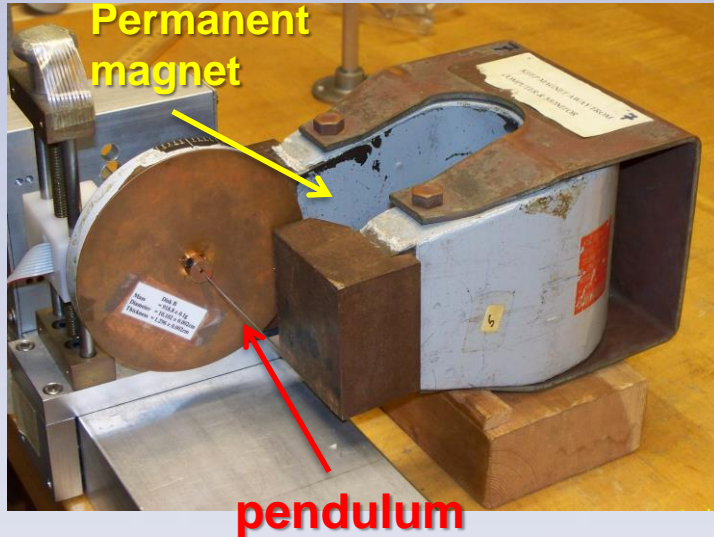
$$\omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{w} \quad f_0 = \frac{1}{2w}$$

From "SineDamp fitting  $f_0=0.497\text{Hz}$

Resonance frequency can be also found by applying FFT on the raw data



# Viscous (magnetic) damping.

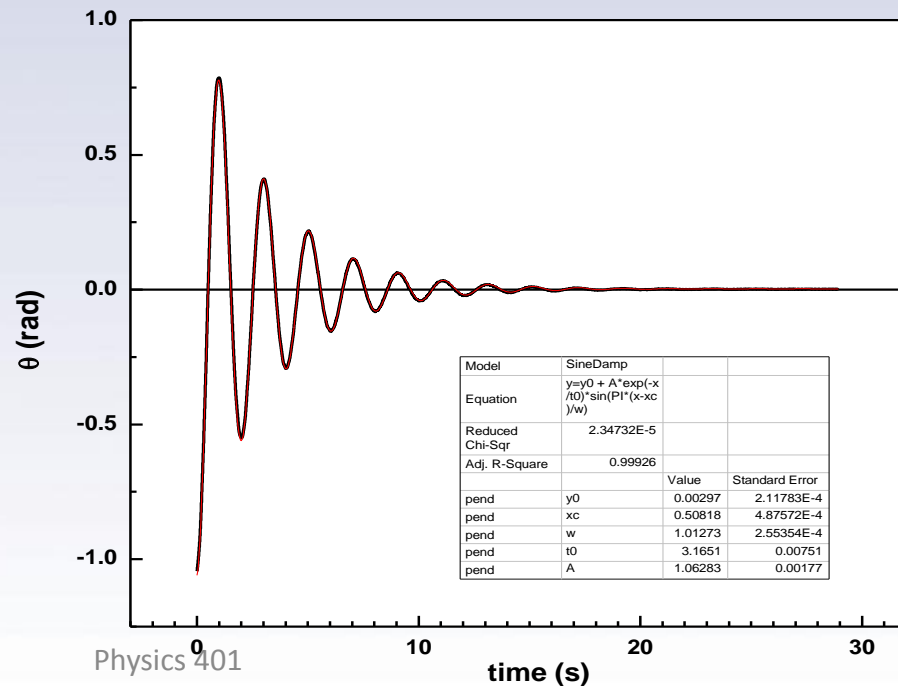


$$I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + K\theta + R \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0$$

Damping term

The solutions are exactly the same as in case of RLC circuit (three solutions)

Under damped case



# Viscous damping. Logarithmic decrement.

$$I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + K\theta + R \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0$$

$$\delta = \ln\left(\frac{\theta_{n+1}}{\theta_n}\right);$$

For viscous damping  $\delta = \frac{T}{t_0}$ ;

where

**T** – period and **t<sub>0</sub>** – characteristic decay time\*

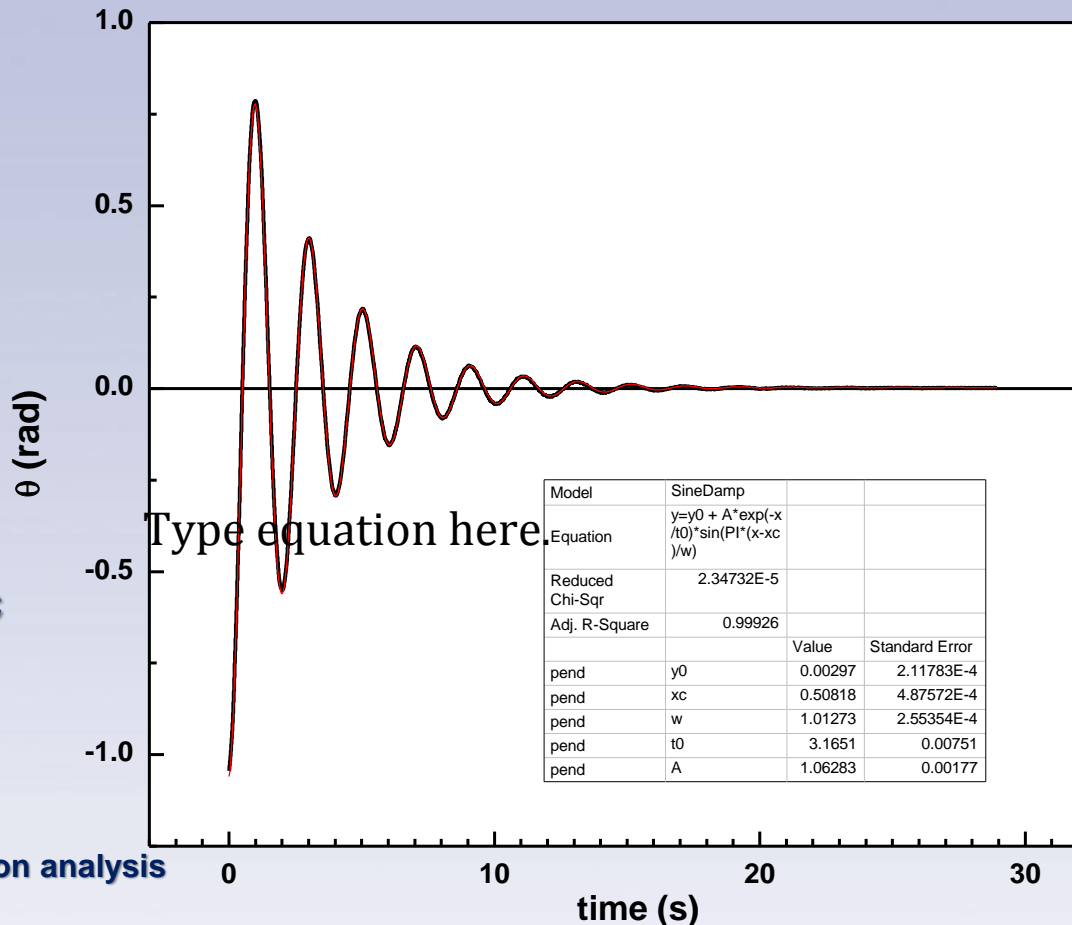
from SineDamp fitting function

$$T=2\pi\omega \text{ and } \delta = \frac{2\pi\omega}{t_0}$$

$\delta = 0.640 \pm 0.002$  ← from error propagation analysis

From *SineDamp* fitting exponential decay term is  $\exp\left(\frac{-t}{t_0}\right)$

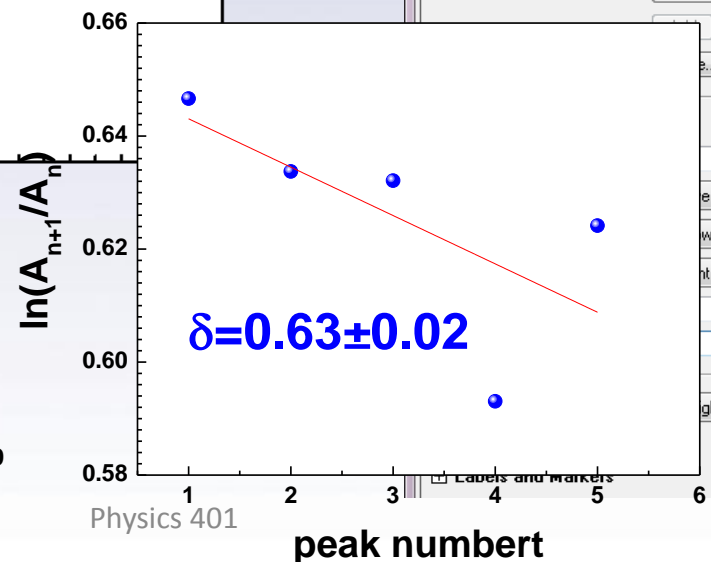
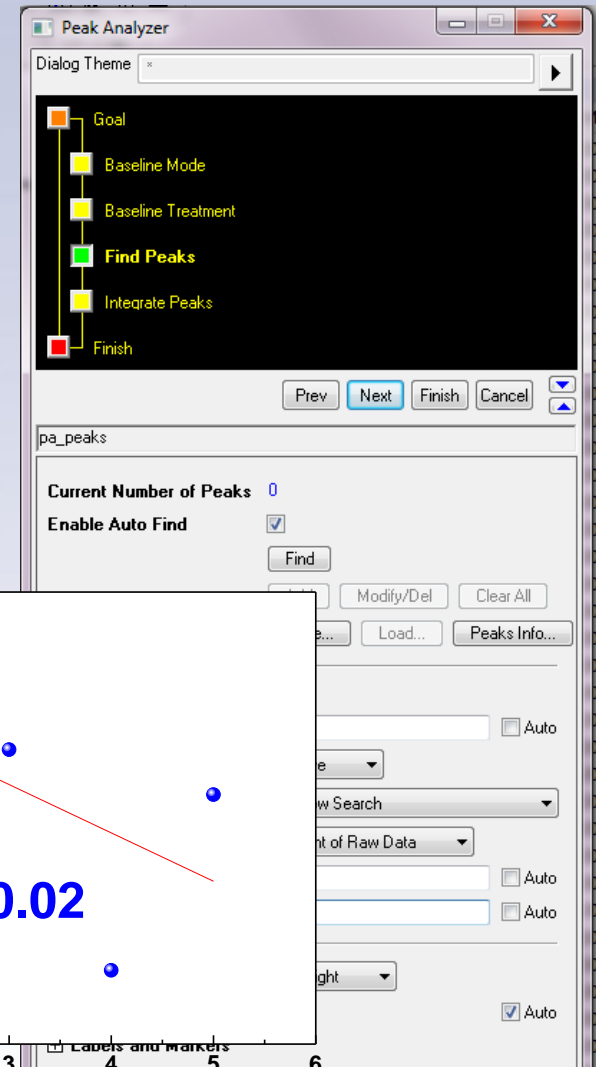
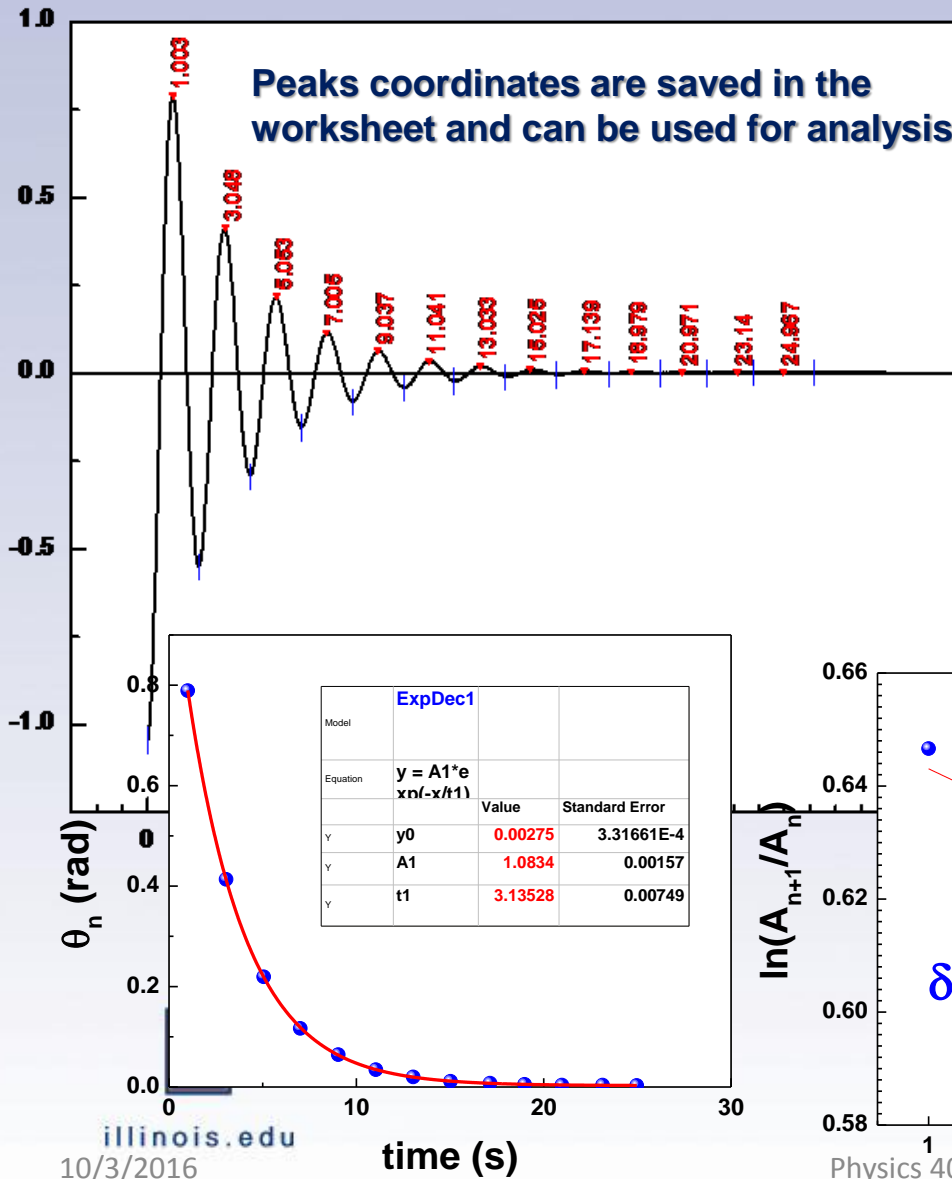
$$*a = \frac{1}{t_0} \text{ (write up)}$$





# Viscous damping. Logarithmic decrement.

We can find the amplitudes of the wave using Peak Analyzer



# Analysis. 1

1. Fitting to damp exponential decay function. Outcome: **resonance frequency** and **decrement coefficient** .
2. Applying FFT procedure. Result – **resonance frequency**.
3. Using Origin Peak Analyzer we can find **amplitudes and positions** of the damped sine wave maximum end then plot the envelope.
4. You can directly obtain the **envelope** of the damped sine wave by using Origin (optional).



# Coulomb damping. Theory

$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + \tau_{Coulomb} = 0$$

$$\tau_{Coulomb} = C \frac{|\dot{\theta}|}{\dot{\theta}}$$

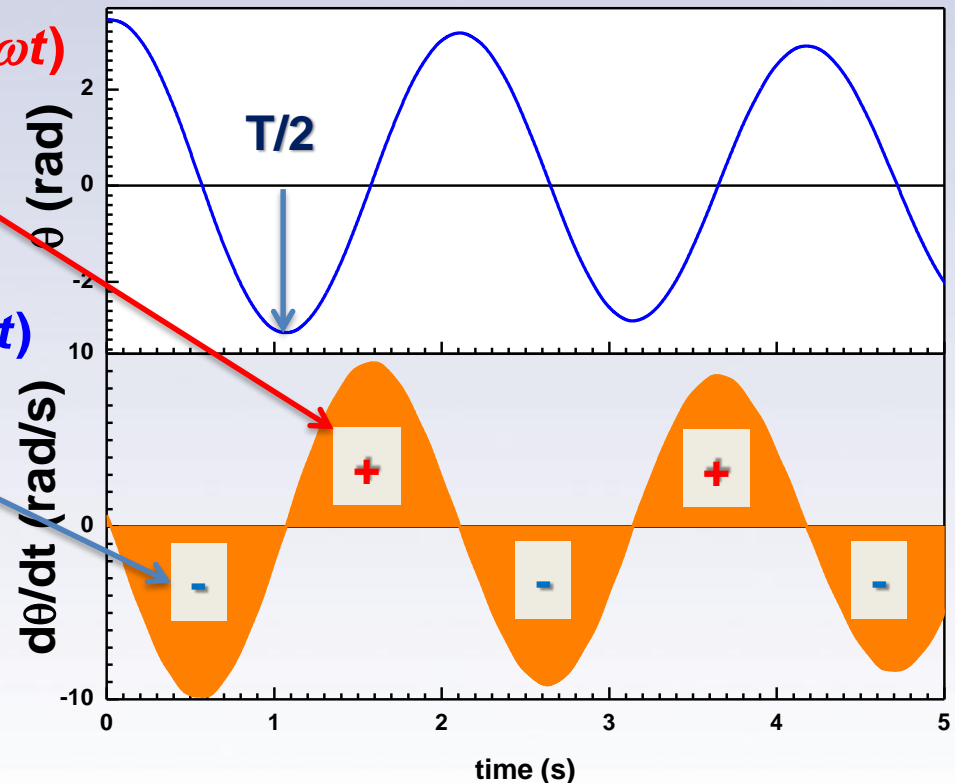
Amplitude decreases by  $4C/K$  per period linearly !

$$\theta(t) = +C/K + (\theta_0 - (4n-1)C/K) \cos(\omega t)$$

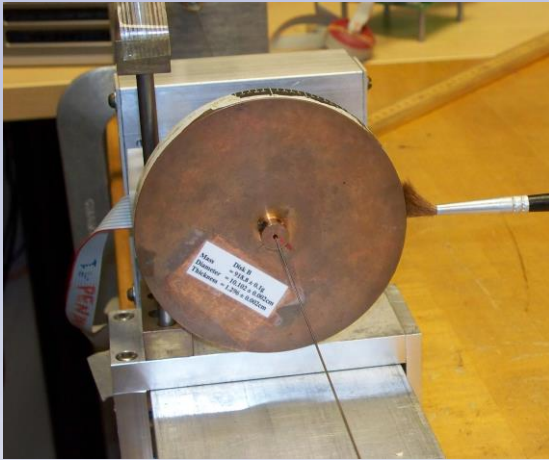
$$(n - \frac{1}{2})T \leq t \leq nT \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\theta(t) = +C/K + (\theta_0 - (4n-3)C/K) \cos(\omega t)$$

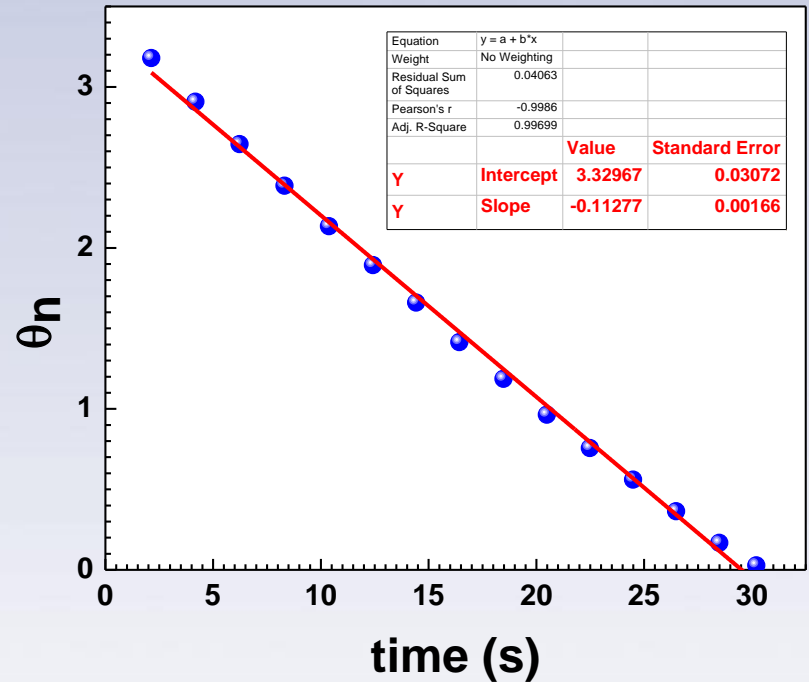
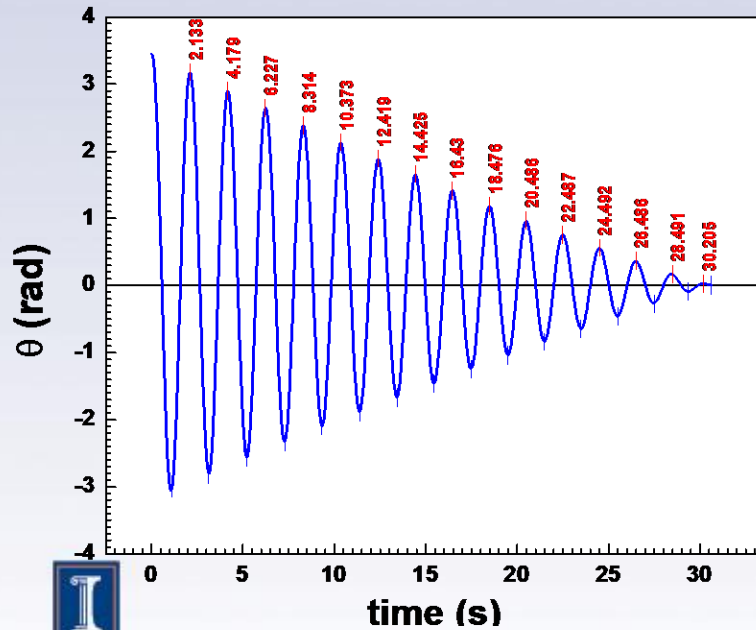
$$(n-1)T \leq t \leq (n - \frac{1}{2})T \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$



# Coulomb damping. Experiment

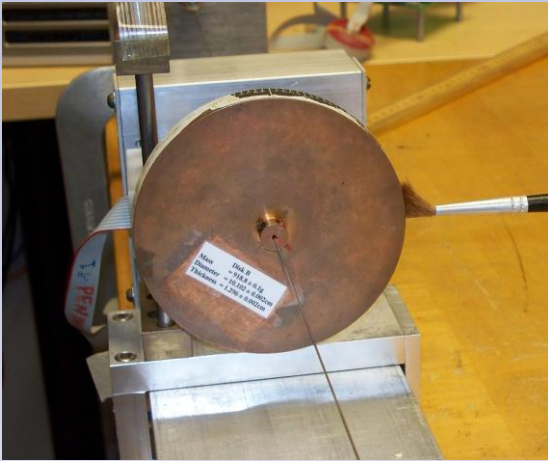


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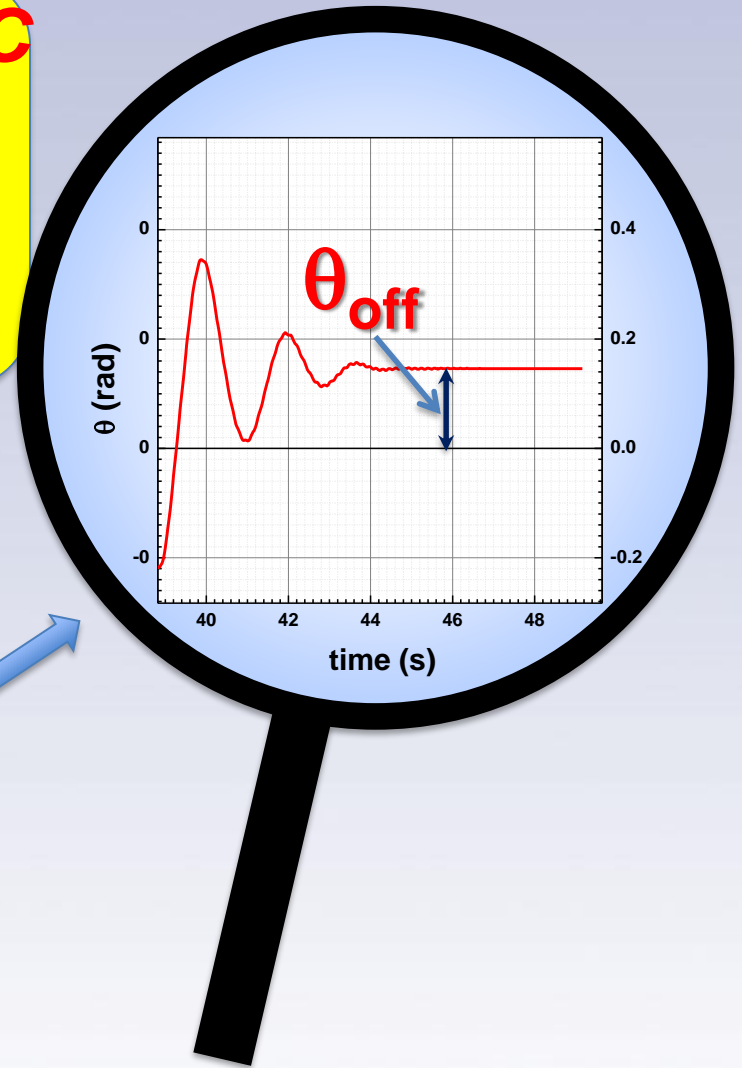
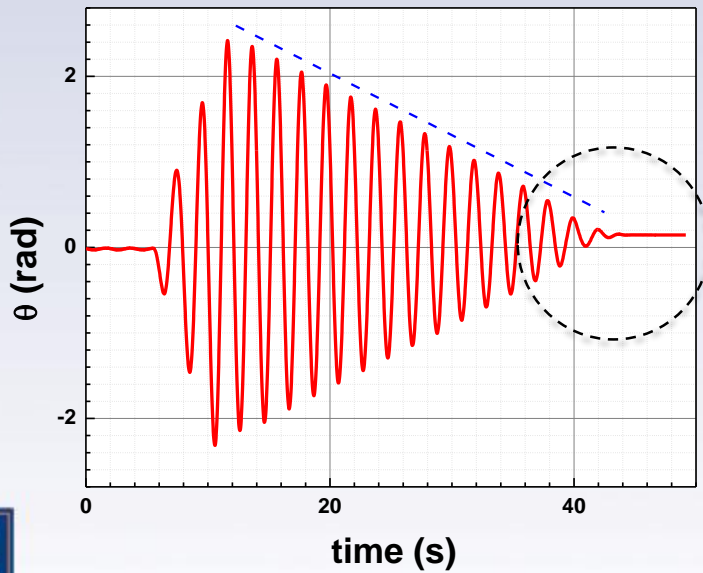


# Coulomb damping. Experiment



$$|\tau_{\text{Coulomb}}| = C$$
$$K\theta \sim \theta$$

if  $K\theta \leq C$   
pendulum stops



# Turbulent damping. Theory

$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + \tau_{Turb} = 0$$

$$\tau_{turb} = C_t \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) |\dot{\theta}|^n$$

In case of  $n=1 \rightarrow$  viscous damping

Logarithmic decrement in case of turbulent damping is no more constant and in case  $n=2$  can be calculated as  $\delta =$

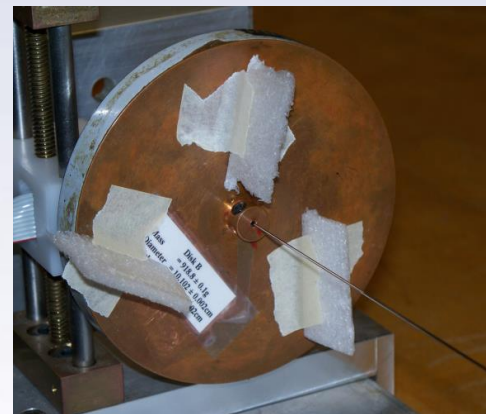
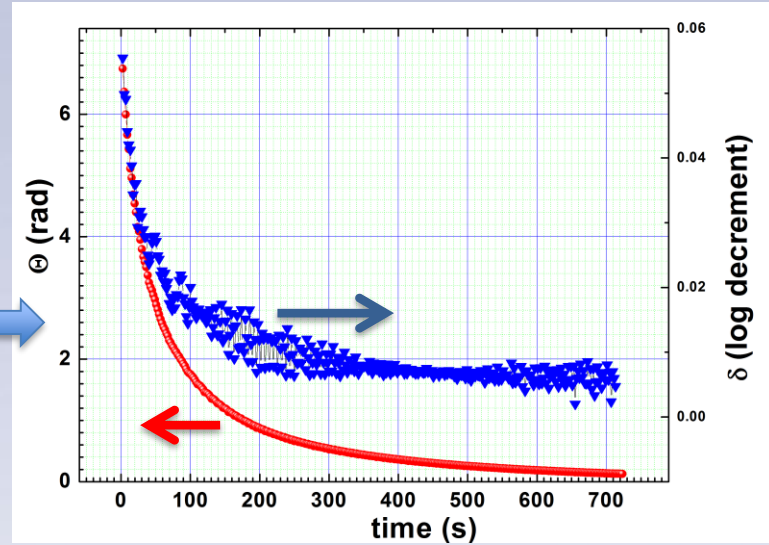
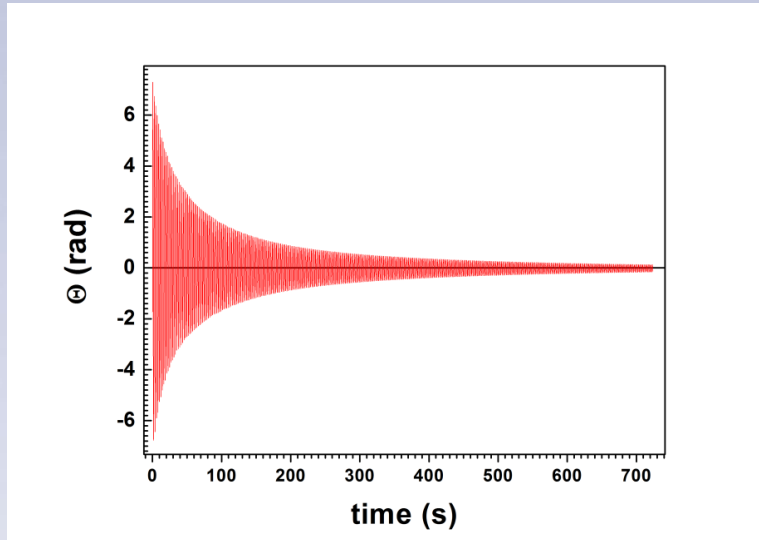
$$\frac{8C}{3I} \theta_0$$

Expected result – decrement decreases with decreasing of the amplitude

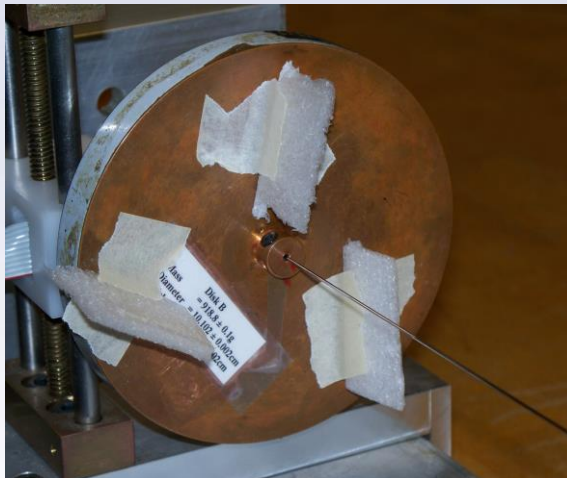
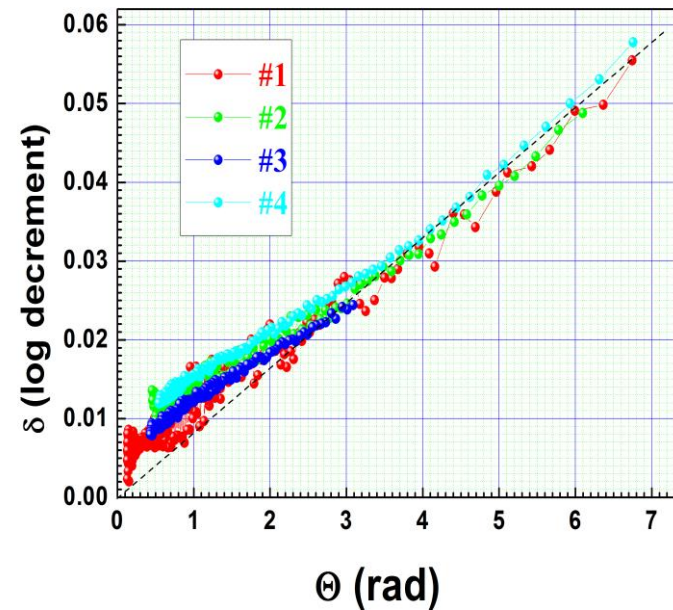
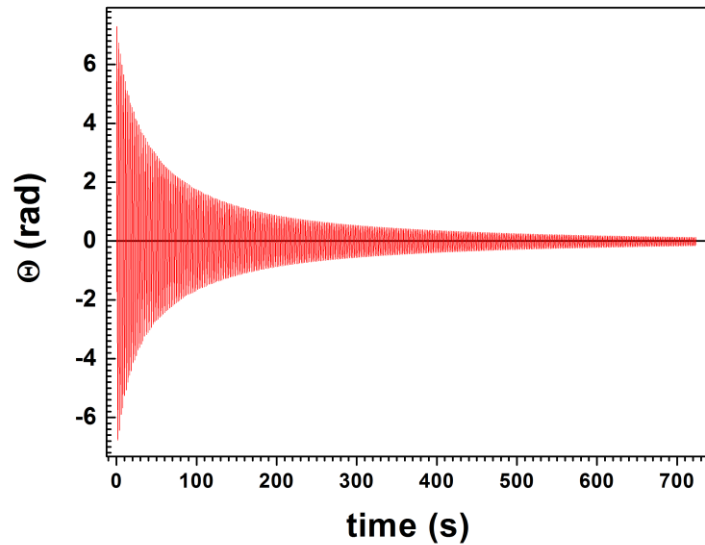


# Turbulent damping. Experiment

Analyzing the envelope of the damped oscillating time record we can calculate the log decrement factor

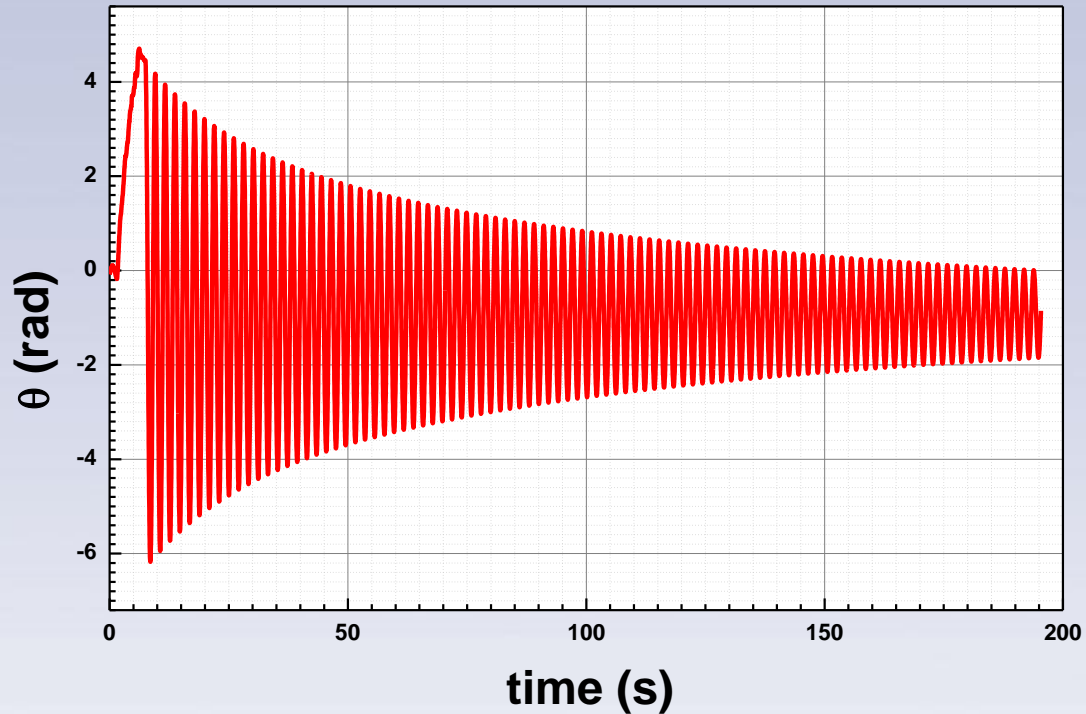


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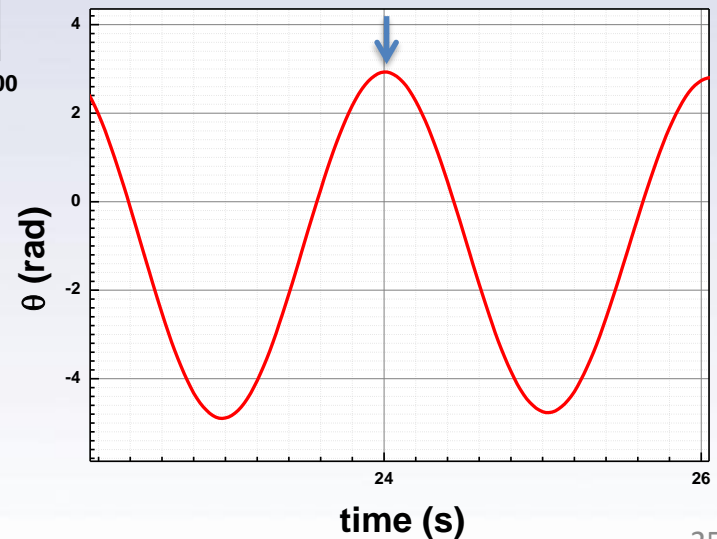
# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



**Raw data.**

**Our goal:** find the positions and amplitudes of the peaks

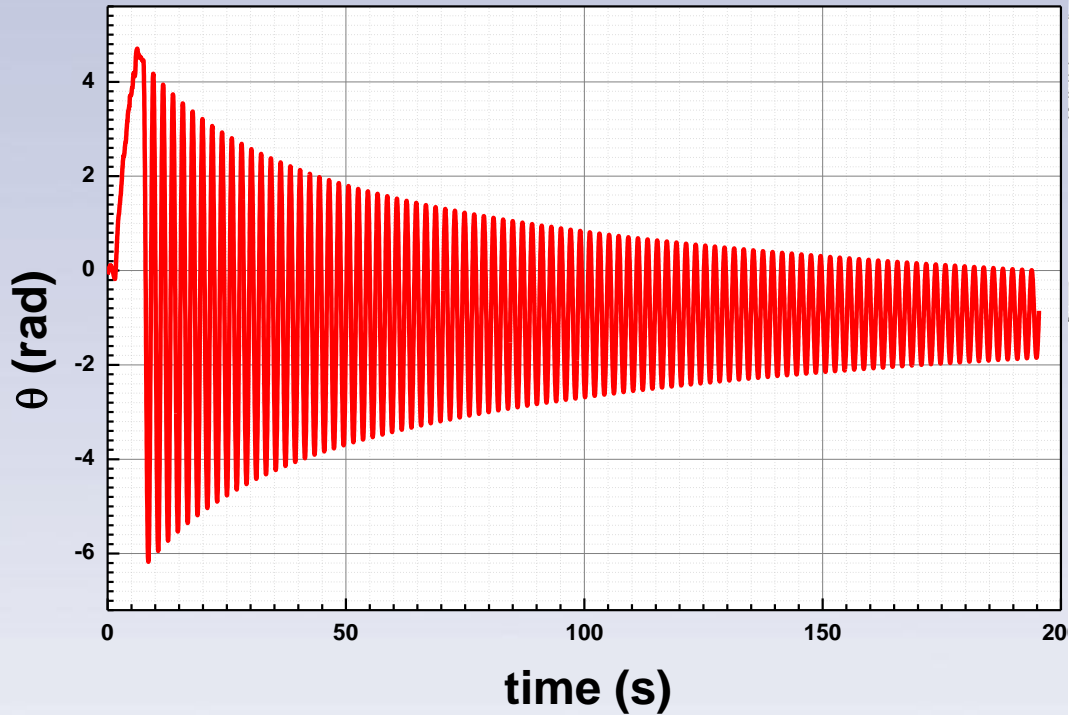
$X_i, Y_i$



**1<sup>st</sup> Technique:** using “*FindPeaks*” option



# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



Peak Analyzer

Dialog Theme

- Goal
- Baseline Mode
- Baseline Treatment
- Find Peaks**
- Integrate Peaks
- Finish

Prev Next Finish Cancel

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Current Number of Peaks 0

Enable Auto Find

Find

Add Modify/Del Clear All

Save... Load... Peaks Info...

Peak Finding Settings

Show 2nd Derivative

Smoothing Window Size 0  Auto

Direction Positive

Method **Local Maximum**

Local Points

- Local Maximum
- Window Search
- 1st Derivative
- 2nd Derivative (search Hidden peaks) (Pro)
- Residual after 1st Derivative (search Hidden peaks) (Pro)

Peak Filtering

Method

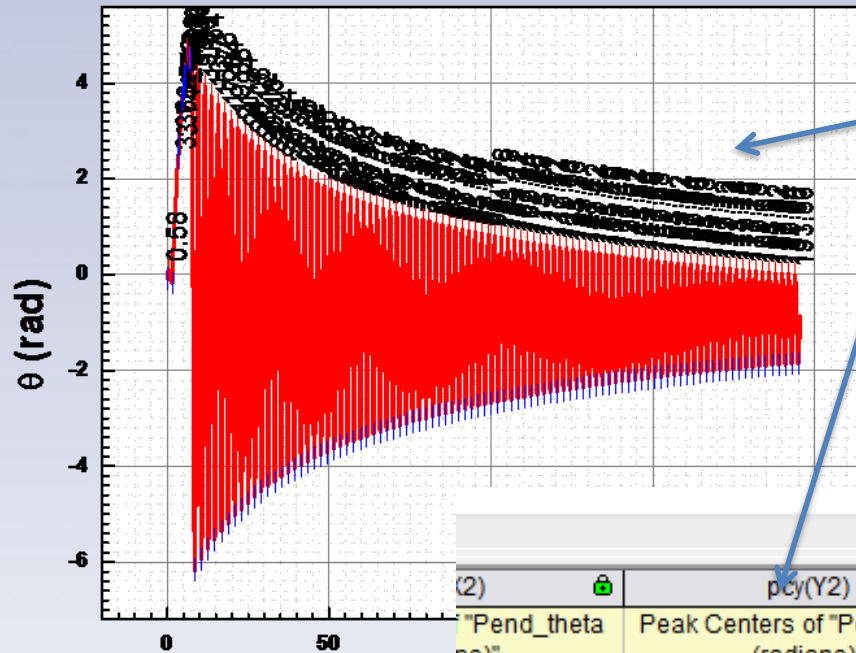
Threshold Height(%) 20  Auto

Labels and Markers

**Local Maximum** works well for not noisy oscillating dependencies



# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



New plot + labels as a result of finding the peaks

“Peaks” data can be found in a **Worksheet** and using this data you can plot the dependence of amplitude on time

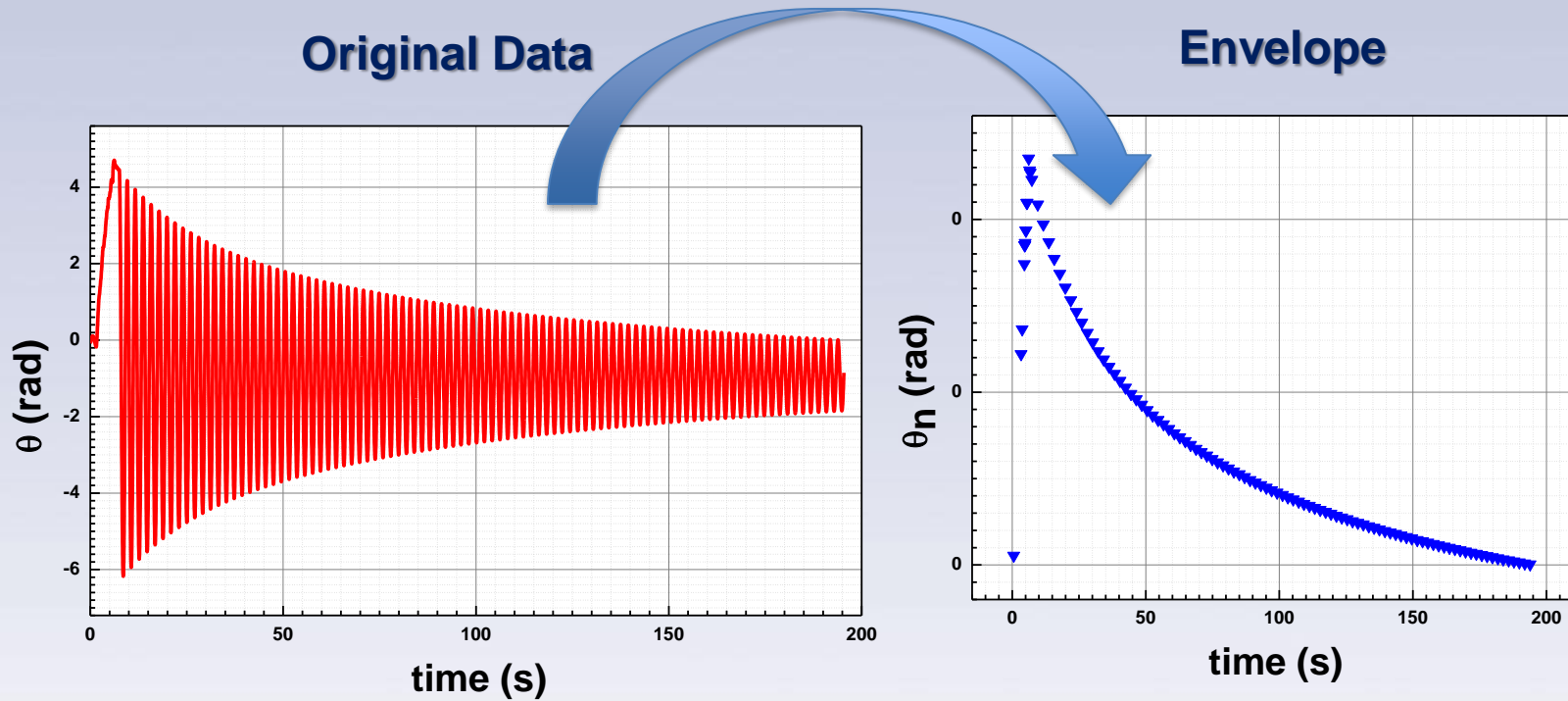
(2)	pcy(Y2)	pmx(X3)	pmy(Y3)
"Pend_theta (radians)"	Peak Centers of "Pend_theta (radians)"	Base Markers of "Pend_theta (radians)"	Base Markers of "Pend_theta (radians)"
t	Y	X	Y
0.58	0.10738	0	-0.0813
3.36	2.44056	1.54	-0.17948
3.76	2.72742	1.54	-0.17948
4.54	3.4829	3.44	2.42676
		3.44	2.42676
			2.128
4.88	3.72834		2.128
5.1	3.87177	4.54	3.4829
5.16	3.87253	4.54	3.4829

**“Positive” peaks**

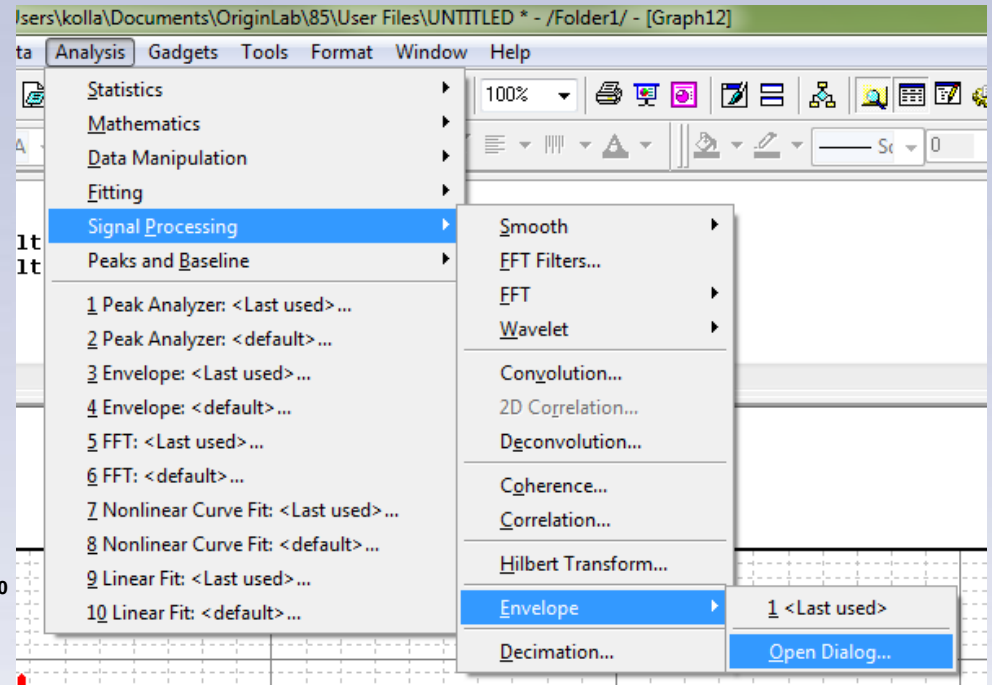
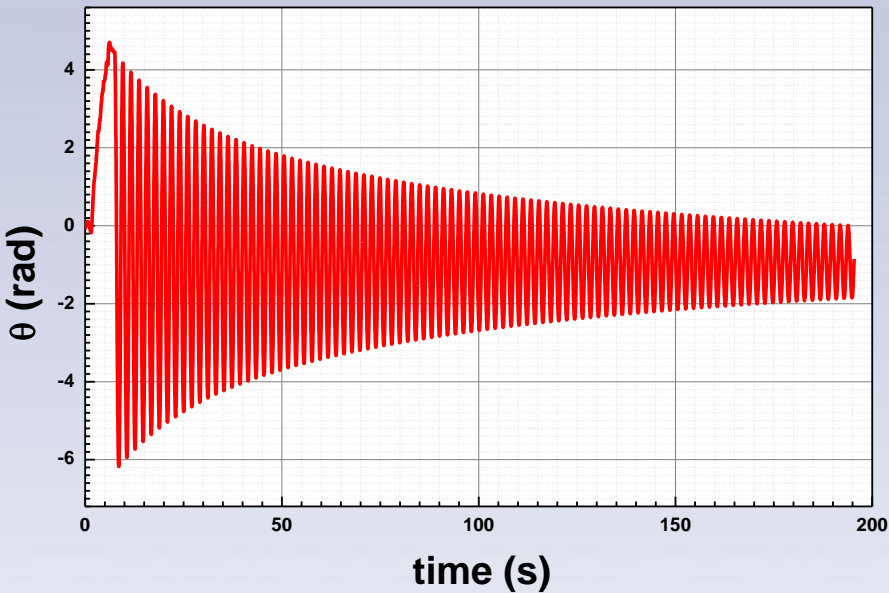
**“Negative” peaks**



# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



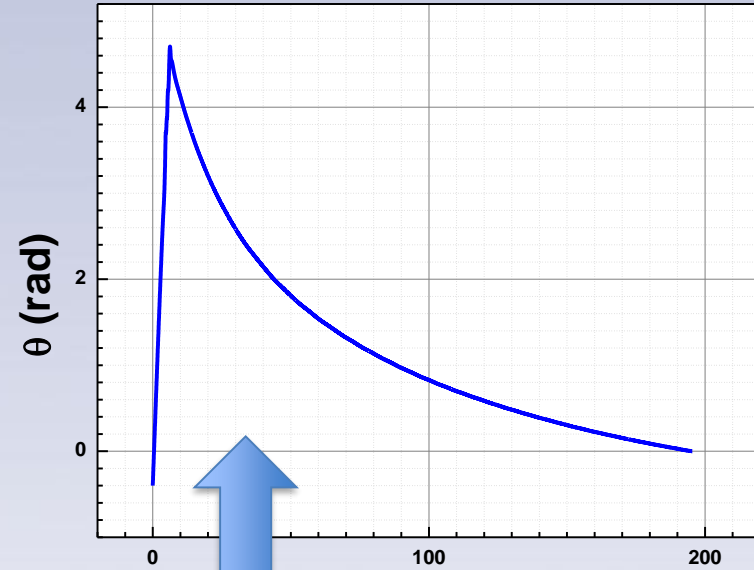
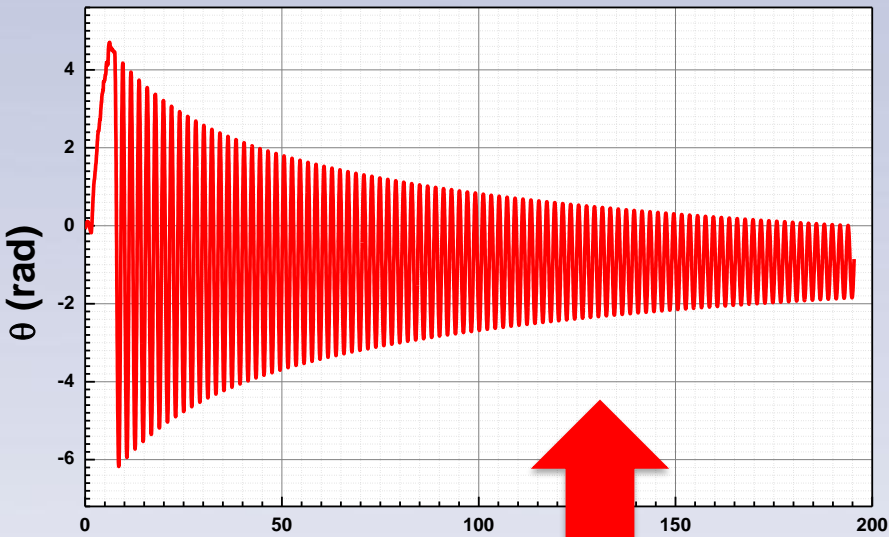
2<sup>nd</sup> Technique: using “*Envelope*” option

Origin will create the worksheet with interpolated (defined for the same x’s as the raw data) “envelope” data





# Data analysis. Finding the peaks.



	A(X1)	B(Y1)	C(Y1)	X1(X2)	time (s)
ts				Upper Envelope of "Pend_theta (ra	Upper Envelope of "Pend_theta (radians)"
ie	Time	Pend_theta (radians)	Motr_theta (radians)	Envelope X 1	Envelope Y 1
1	0	-0.0813	0	0	-0.39883
2	0.02	-0.07286	0	0.02	-0.38144
3	0.04	-0.06443	0	0.04	-0.36403
4	0.06	-0.05522	0	0.06	-0.34662
5	0.08	-0.04679	0	0.08	-0.32921

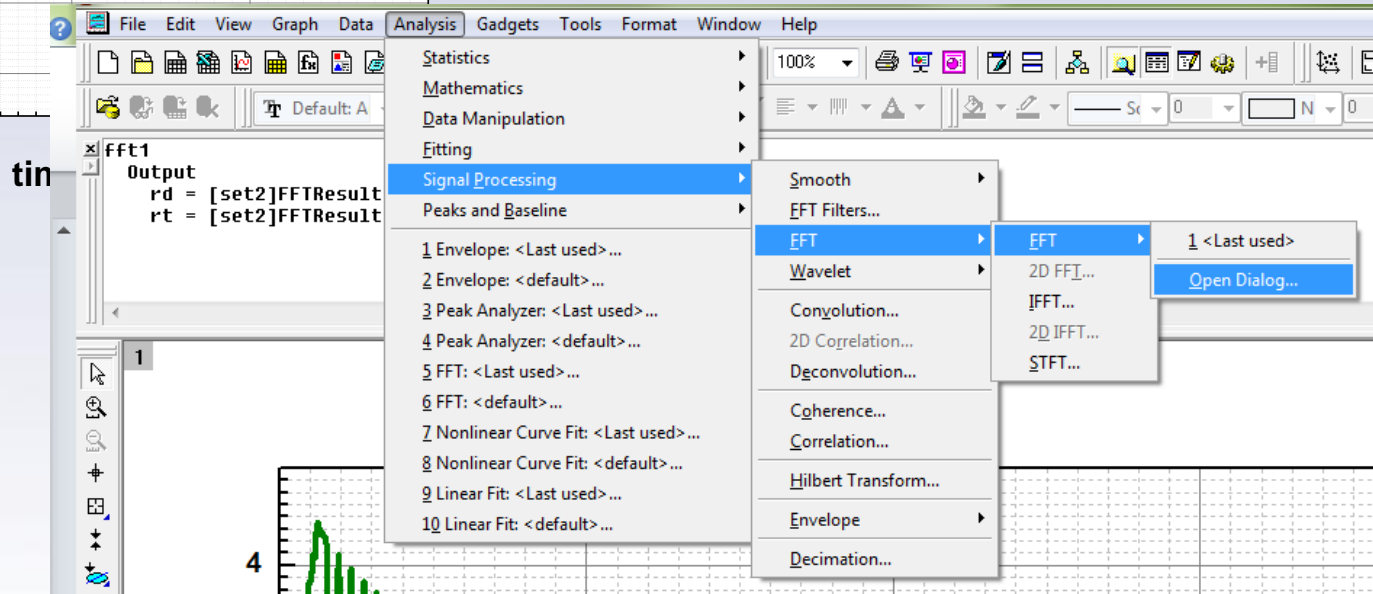
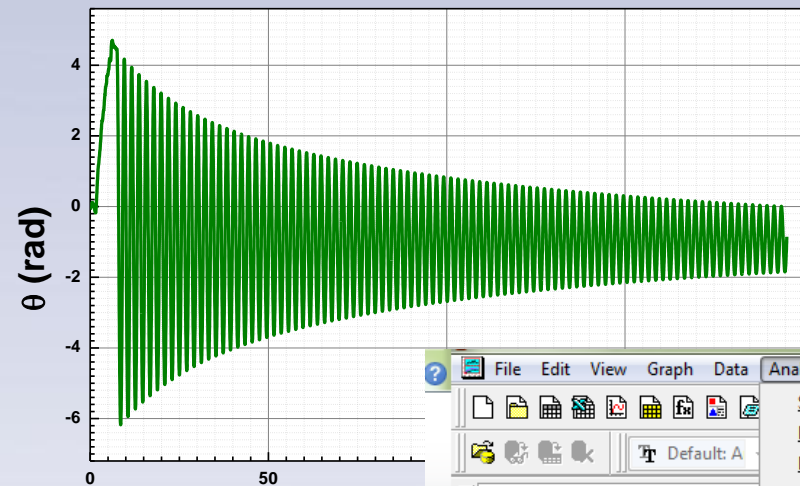


# Data analysis. FFT.

All these quasi periodic data can be analyzed using Fast Fourier Transform

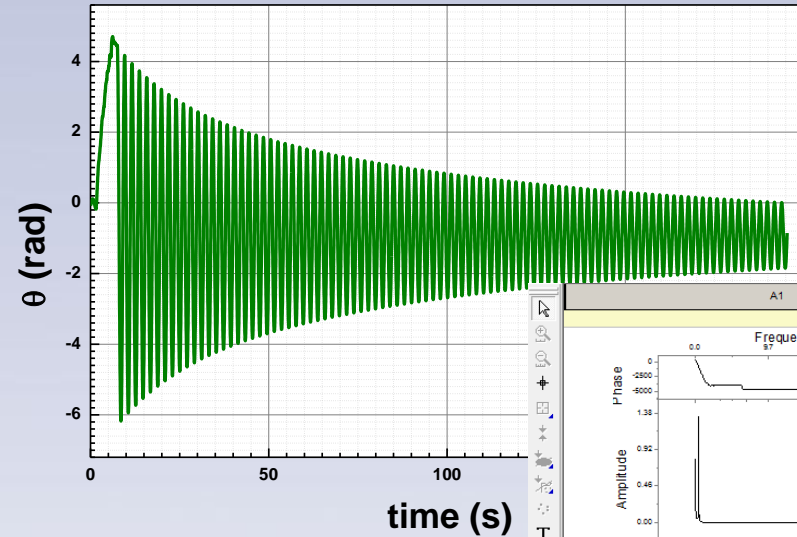
**Our goal:** find the resonance frequency of the pendulum

*Origin* window

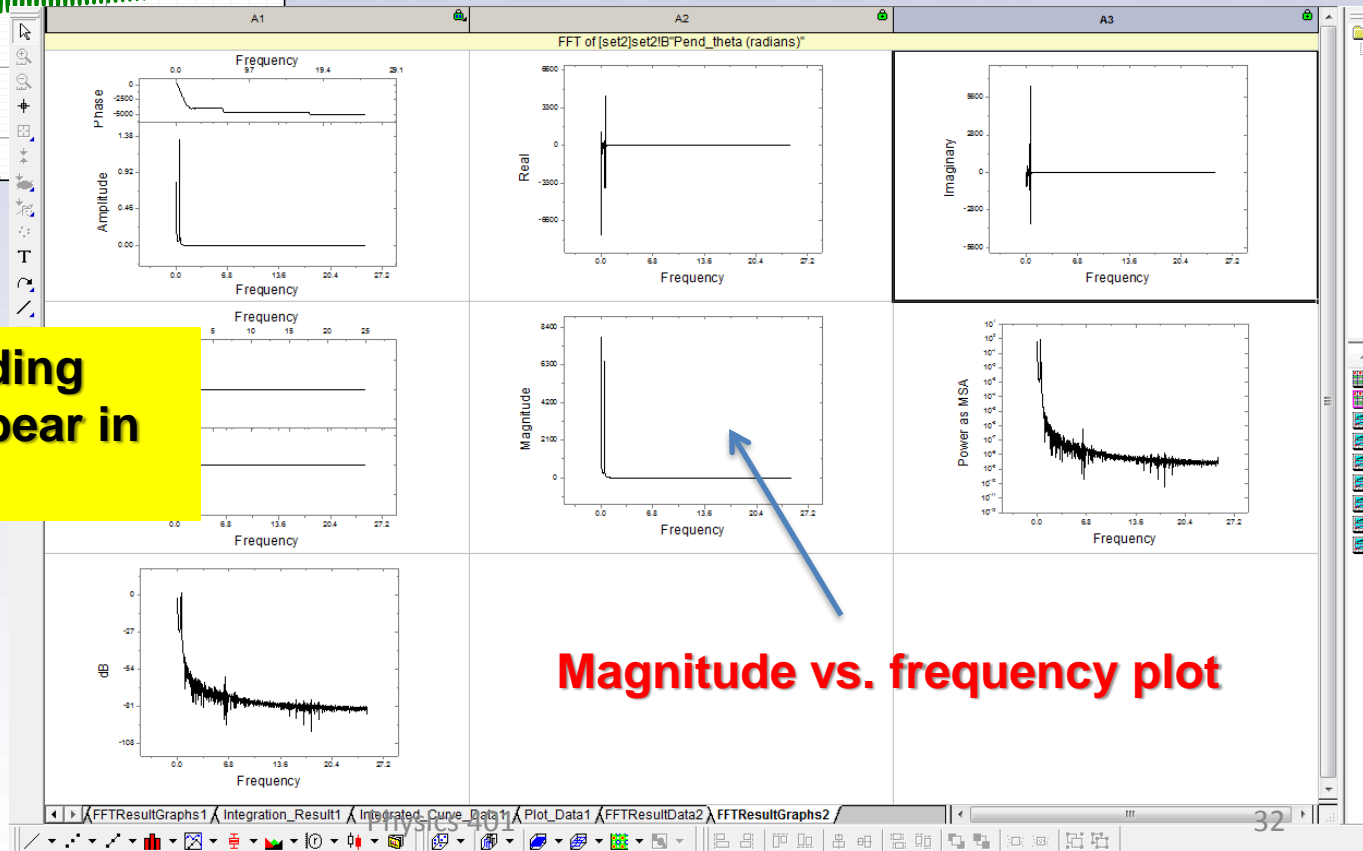


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The results of FFT you can find in the same Workbook which contains the raw data



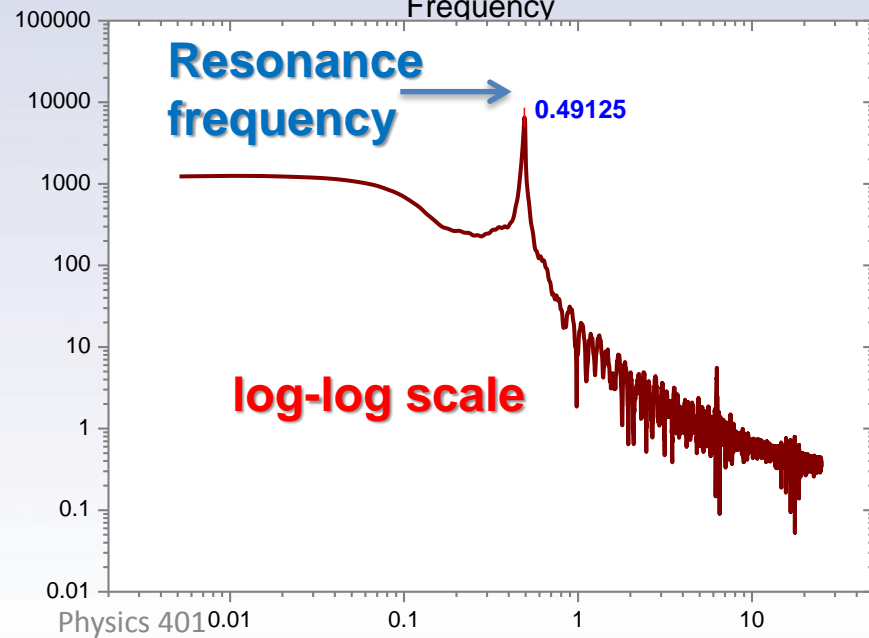
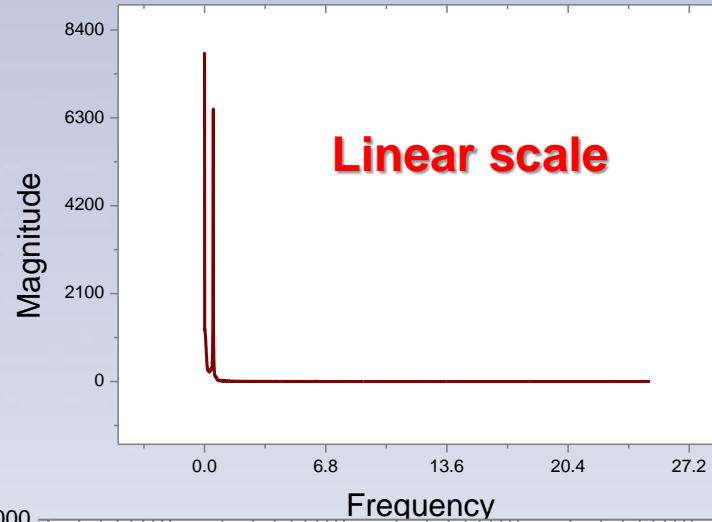
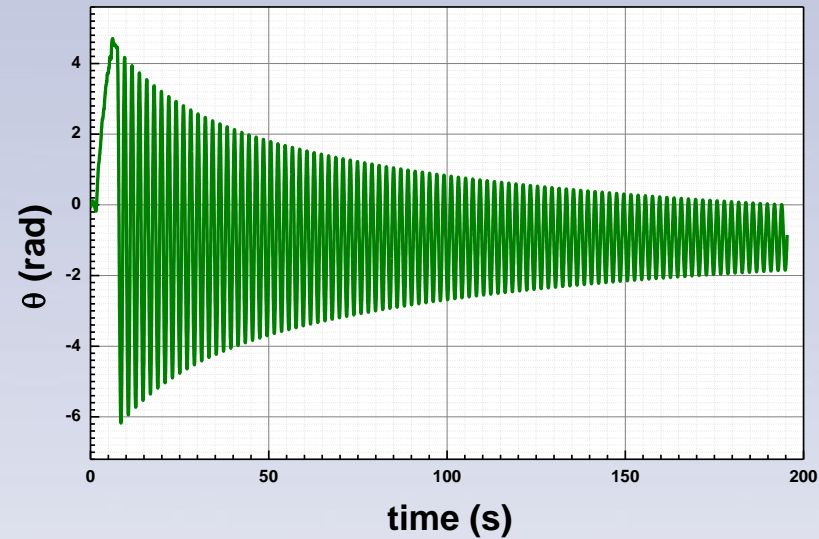
Click on corresponding graph and it will appear in separate window



Magnitude vs. frequency plot



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**Spectrum better to present  
in log-log scale**



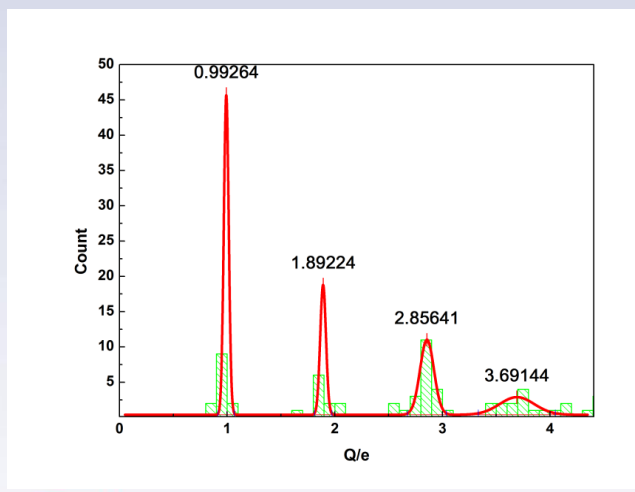
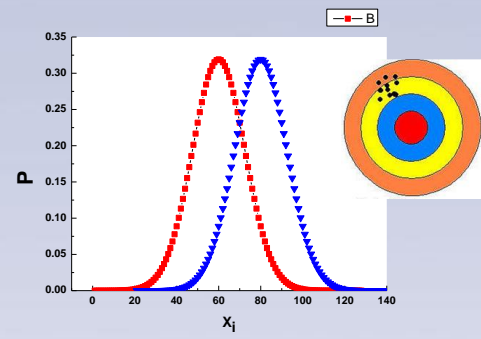
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$$Q = F \cdot S \cdot T = \left( \frac{1}{f_c^{3/2}} \right) \frac{9\pi d}{V} \sqrt{\frac{2\eta^3 x^3}{g\rho}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t_g}} \left( \frac{1}{t_g} + \frac{1}{t_{\text{rise}}} \right)$$

$$F = \frac{1}{f_c^{3/2}} \approx 1 - \left( \frac{t_g}{\tau_g} \right)^{1/2}$$

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$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t_g}} \left( \frac{1}{t_g} + \frac{1}{t_{\text{rise}}} \right)$$

$$\Delta Q = \sqrt{\left( \frac{dQ}{dF} \right)^2 (\Delta F)^2 + \left( \frac{dQ}{dS} \right)^2 (\Delta S)^2 + \left( \frac{dQ}{dT} \right)^2 (\Delta T)^2} \approx \sqrt{\left( \frac{dQ}{dS} \right)^2 (\Delta S)^2 + \left( \frac{dQ}{dT} \right)^2 (\Delta T)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(FT)^2 (\Delta S)^2 + (FS)^2 (\Delta T)^2} = Q \sqrt{\left( \frac{\Delta S}{S} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right)^2}$$



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$$\Delta T = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3/2}{t_g^{5/2}} + \frac{1/2}{t_g^{3/2}} \frac{1}{t_{\text{rise}}}\right)^2 \Delta t_g^2 + \left(\frac{1}{t_g^{1/2}} \frac{1}{t_{\text{rise}}^2}\right)^2 \Delta t_{\text{rise}}^2}$$



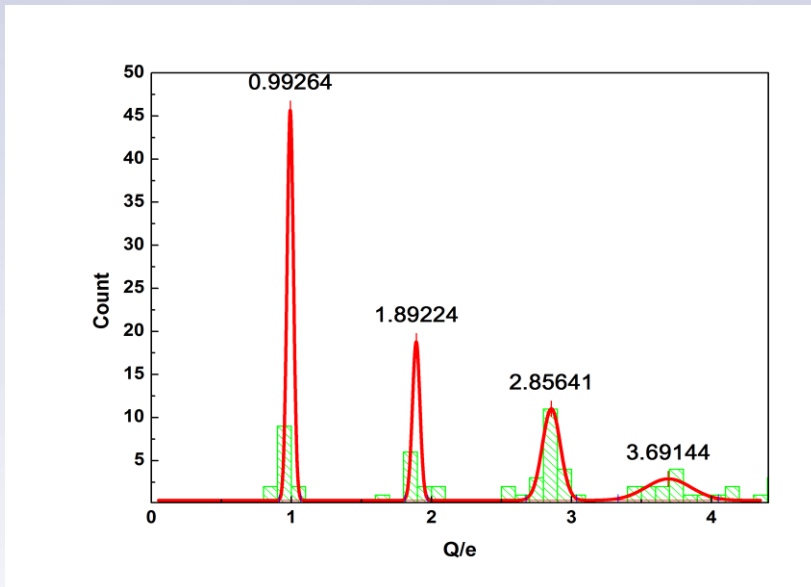
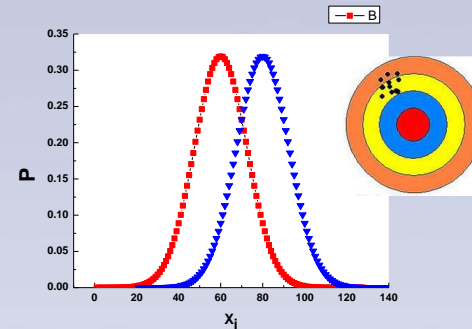
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Mean of  $\{x_i\}$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i$$

Standard deviation of  $\{x_i\}$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Standard deviation of mean

$$\sigma_X = \frac{\sigma}{N^{1/2}}$$

