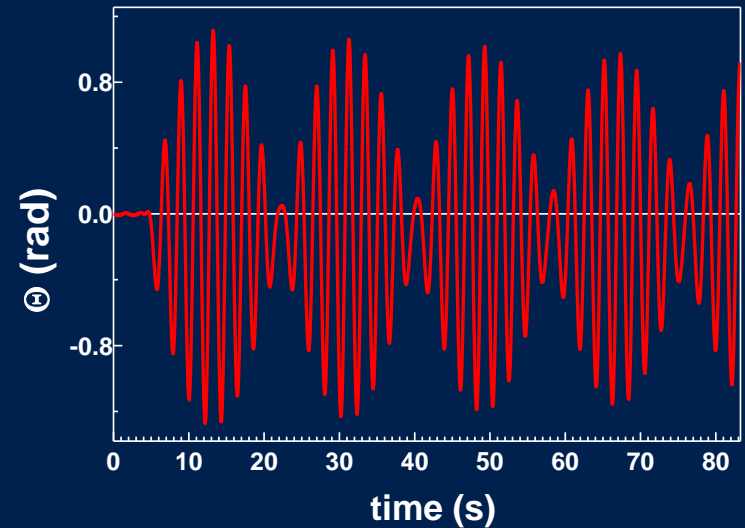


# Driven Torsional Oscillator

Physics 401, Fall 2019

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# Agenda

1. Driven torsional oscillator. Equations
2. Setup. Kinematics
3. Resonance
4. Beats
5. Nonlinear effects
6. Comments



**Before starting the torsional oscillator discussion let us take a look on some historical examples showing how dangerous the resonance in mechanical systems can be**

# Torsional oscillations. Resonance.

## Tacoma (WA) Narrows Bridge Disaster



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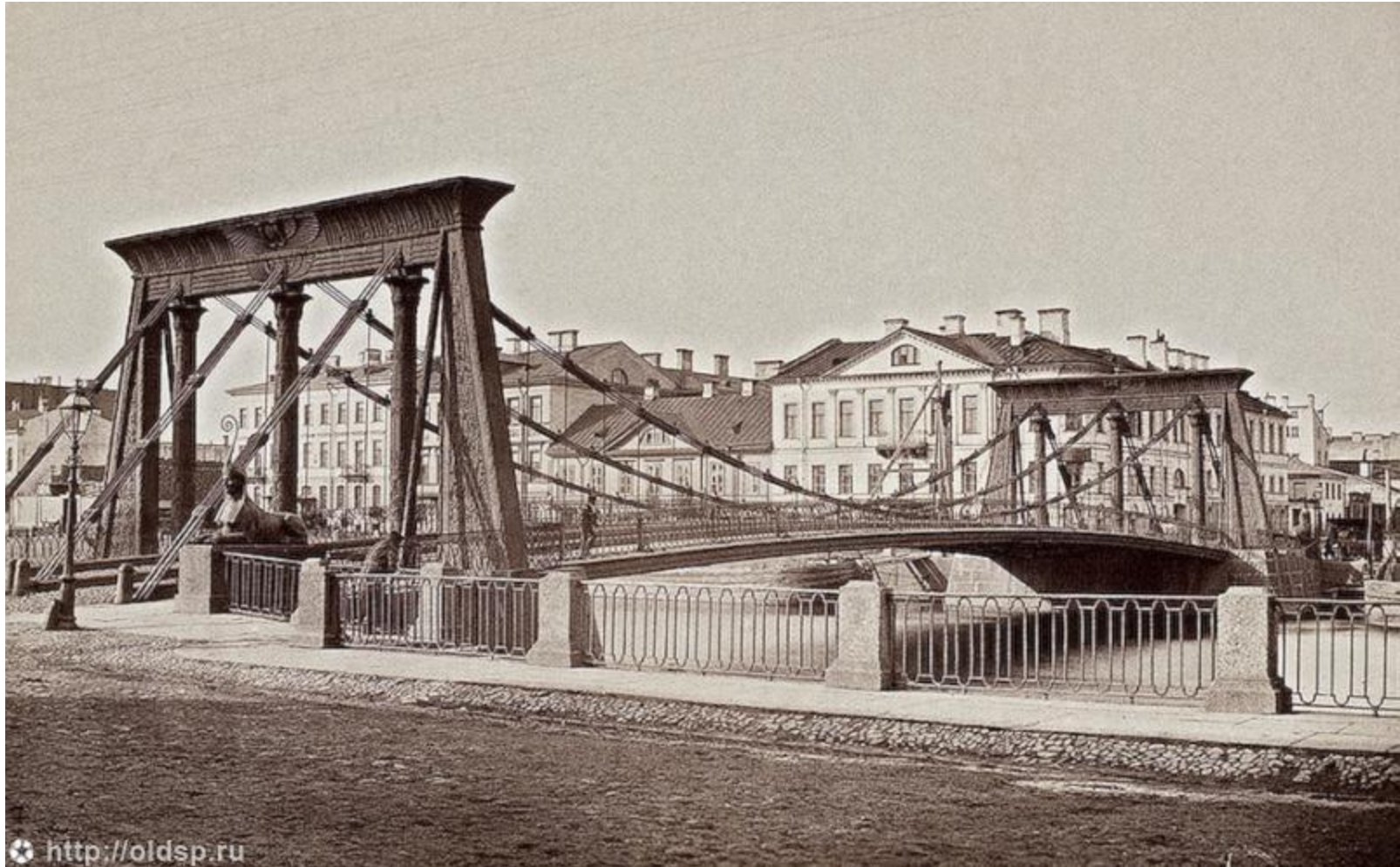
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# Torsional oscillations. Resonance.



**“Dancing Bridge” in Volgograd (Russia) (record from 2<sup>st</sup> May 2010. 4.4 miles long).**

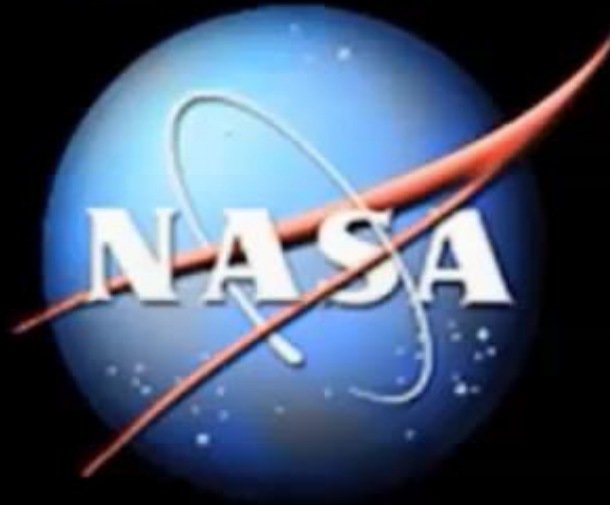
# Torsional oscillations. Resonance.



**In autumn 2011, 12 semi-active tuned mass dampers were installed in the bridge. Each one consists of a mass 5,200 kg (11,500 lb), a set of compression springs and a magnethoreological damper.**

# Torsional oscillations. Flutter. Aviation.

**Milestones in Flight History  
Dryden Flight Research Center**



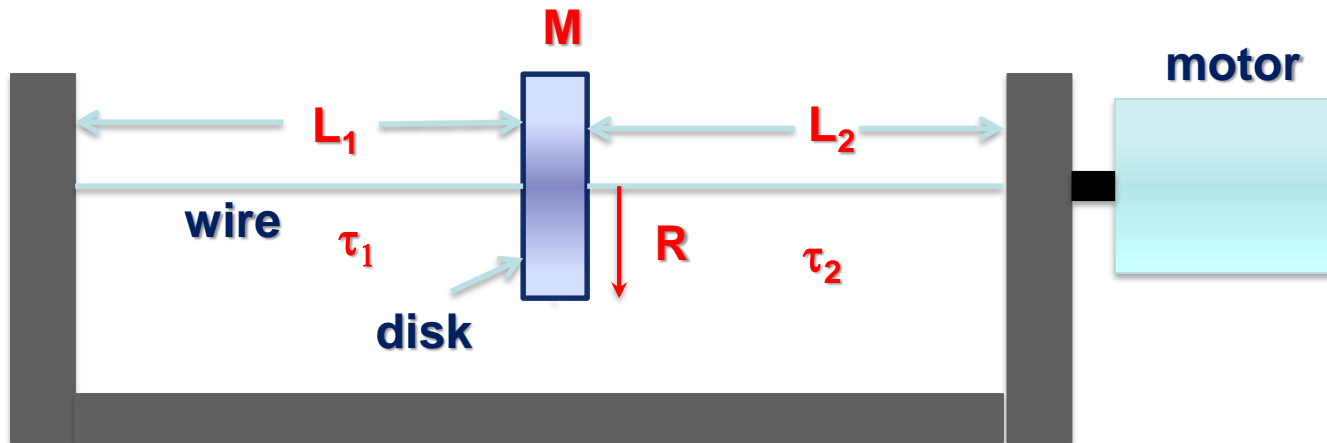
**PA-30 Twin Commanche  
Tail Flutter Test**

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April 5, 1966

# Driven torsional oscillator

The goals: (i) analyze the response of the damped driven harmonic oscillator to a sinusoidal drive. (ii) transient response and (iii) steady-state solution.



Angular displacement:

$$\theta_0 \cos(\omega t);$$

torque:

$$K\lambda\theta_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L_1}{L_1 + L_2}$$

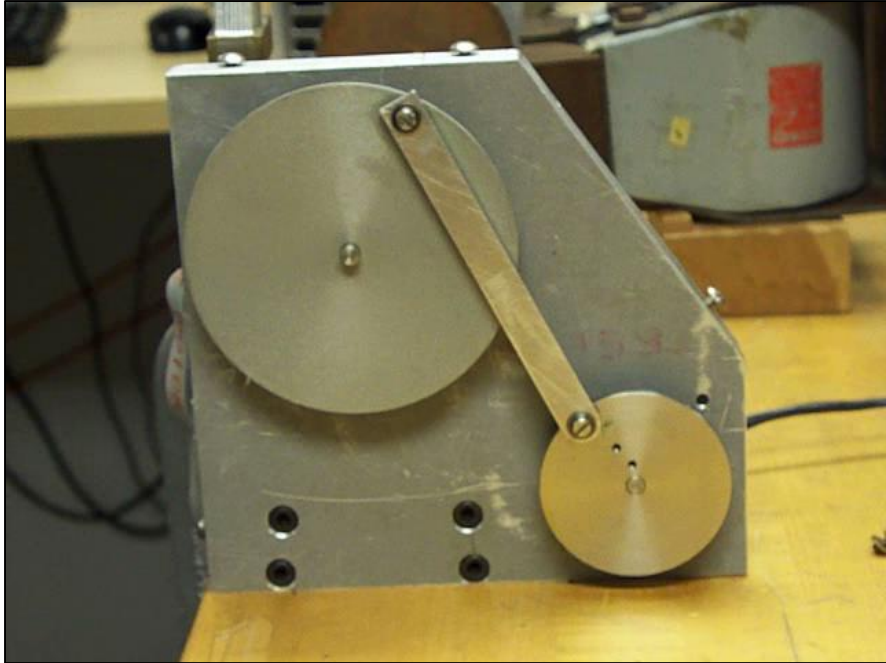
$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + R\dot{\theta} = \tau_m = K\lambda\theta_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

Viscous damping

Torque by motor

$I$  is momentum of inertia, [kg·m<sup>2</sup>]  
 $R$  is a damping constant [N·m·s].  
 $K$  is the total spring constant [N·m]

# Driven torsional oscillator



**Motor**



**Pendulum**

# Transient solution

$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + R\dot{\theta} = \tau_m = K\lambda\theta_0\cos(\omega t)$$

**Solutions:** sum of (1) Transient solution + (2) steady solution due to torque  $\tau_m$

## (1) Transient solution (1<sup>st</sup> week experiment)

$$I\ddot{\theta} + R\dot{\theta} + K\theta = 0$$

$$\theta(t) = A e^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi)$$

$$a = R/2I$$

$$\omega_o = \sqrt{K/I}$$

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_o^2 - a^2}$$

The homogeneous equation of motion

Transient solution

Attenuation constant

Natural (angular) frequency

Damped (angular) frequency



# Steady-state solution

$$\theta_t(t) = |A| e^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi) \rightarrow \omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - a^2} \quad \text{Transient solution}$$

Once this response dies away in time the system response only on the frequency of drive  $\omega$

Initially the system responds on the characteristic frequency  $\omega_1$

So the steady-state solution must have the similar time dependence as the drive

$$\theta_{ss}(t) = \text{Re}(\theta(\omega)e^{i\omega t}) \rightarrow I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + R\dot{\theta} = \tau_m = K\lambda\theta_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

Substituting  $\theta_{ss}(t)$  in equation of motion we will find the equations for  $\theta(\omega)$

$$\theta(\omega) = \frac{\lambda\omega_0^2\theta_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 a^2}} e^{-i\beta(\omega)}$$

and

$$\beta(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\omega a}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

# Steady-state solution. Summary.

$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + R\dot{\theta} = \tau_m = K\lambda\theta_0\cos(\omega t)$$

(2) steady solution

$$\theta_s(t) = B(\omega)\cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega))$$

Steady state solution

$$B(\omega) = \frac{\lambda\theta_0\omega_0^2}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2}}$$

Amplitude function

$$\tan\beta(\omega) = \frac{\omega\gamma}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

Phase function

$$\gamma = \frac{R}{I} = 2\frac{R}{2I} = 2a$$

Damping constant

# General solution

time domain form for steady-state solution will be

$$\theta_{ss}(t) = \frac{\lambda \omega_0^2 \theta_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 a^2}} \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega))$$

Amplitude  $B(\omega)$

Phase

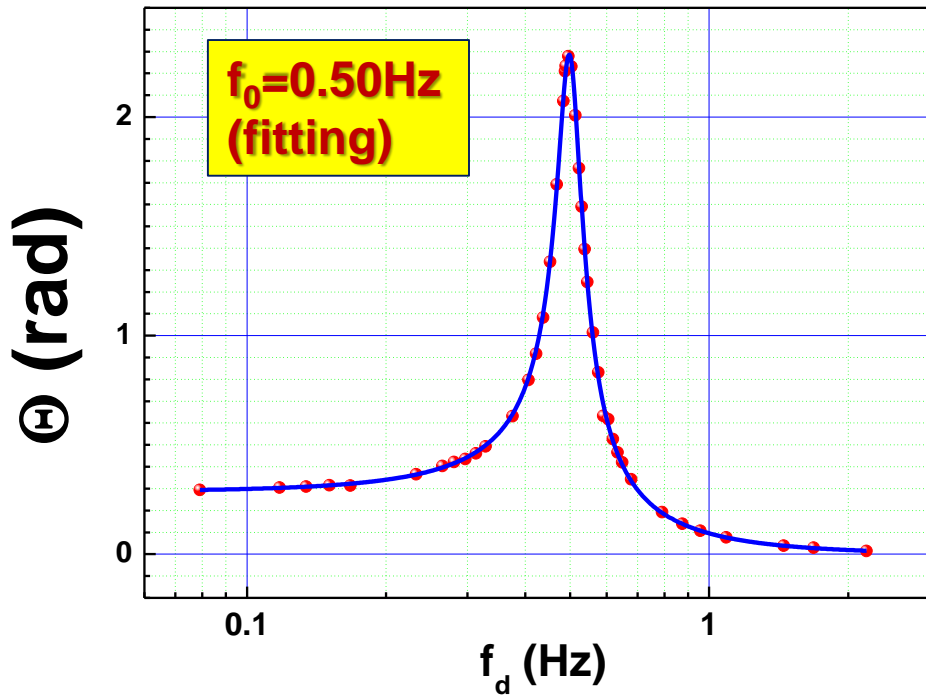
General solution for equation of motion consist of the sum of sum of two components:

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t)$$

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t) = A e^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) + B \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega))$$

Coefficients  $A$  and  $\phi$  could be determined from initial conditions

# Resonance. Experiment. Amplitude



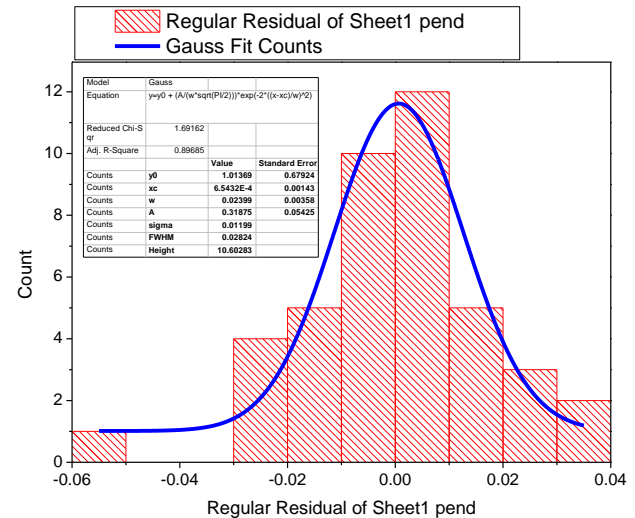
Fitting function:

$$\theta(f) = \frac{A \cdot f_0^2}{\sqrt{(f_0^2 - f^2)^2 + \gamma^2 f^2}}$$

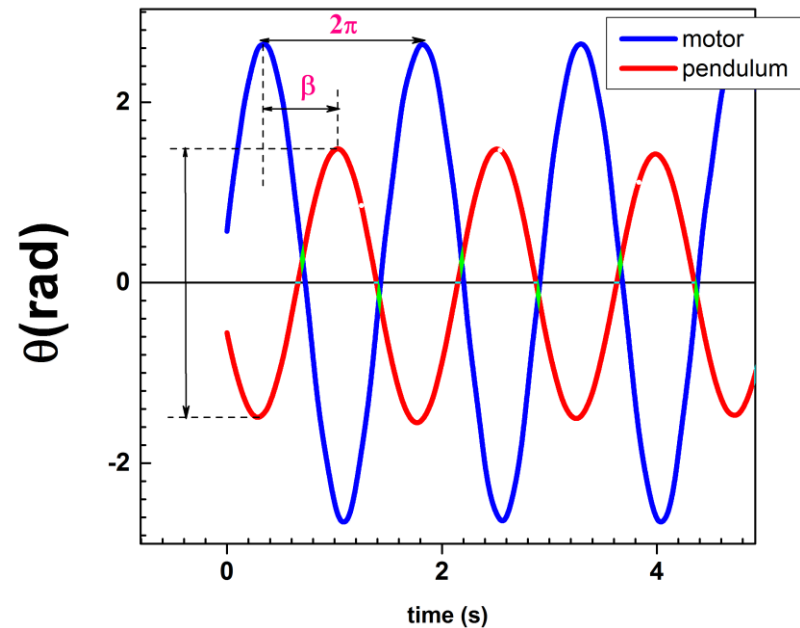
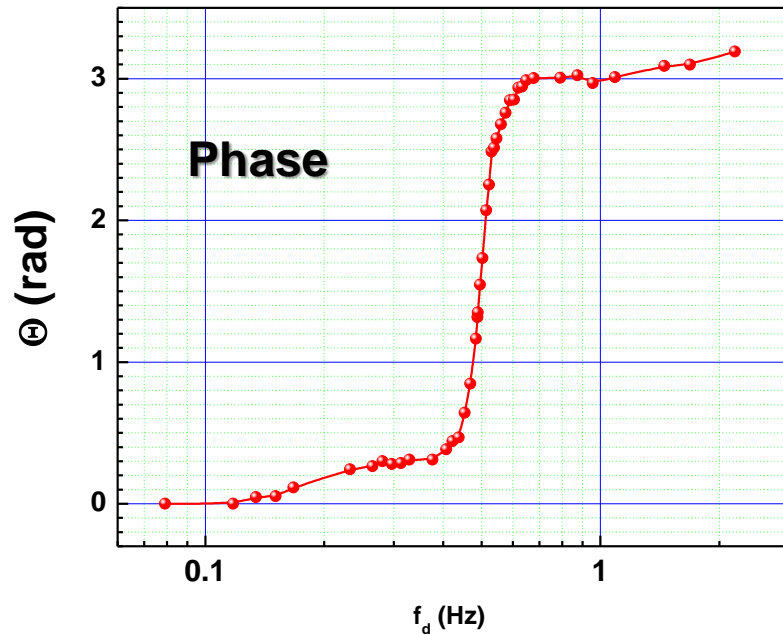
$\omega = 2\pi f; \gamma = 2a$

To create a new fitting function go “**Tools**” → “**Fitting Function Builder**” or press **F8**

Model		Resonance1 (User)	
Equation	$y = A \cdot f_0^2 / \sqrt{(f_0^2 - x^2)^2 + x^2 \cdot \gamma^2}$		
Reduced Chi-Sqr	3.00E-04		
Adj. R-Square	0.999411988		
		Value	Standard Error
pend	A	<b>0.286662</b>	0.001663551
pend	f0	<b>0.500271</b>	2.14E-04
pend	gamma	<b>0.062856</b>	4.98E-04



# Resonance. Experiment. Phase



Scanning the driving frequency we can measure the amplitude of the pendulum oscillating and the phase shift

Both parameters Amplitude and phase can be defined by DAQ program or using Origin

# Resonance.

## Amplitude of the Angular Displacement.

Amplitude  $\longrightarrow$  
$$|\theta_{ss}(t)| = \frac{\lambda \omega_0^2 \theta_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 a^2}}$$

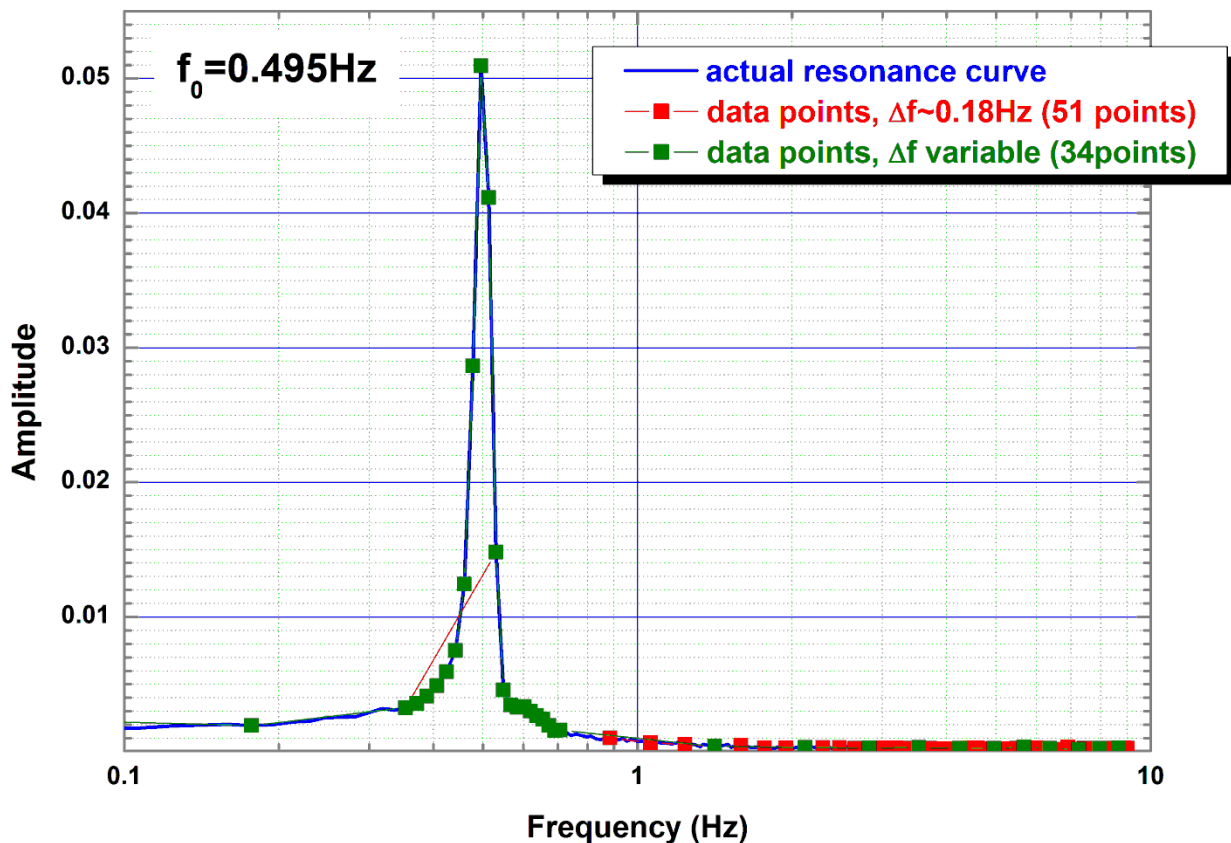
At resonance  $\omega = \omega_0$  
$$|\theta_{ss}(t)| = \frac{\lambda \omega_0 \theta_0}{2a} = \lambda \theta_0 \cdot Q$$

Combination of high initial amplitude  $\theta_0$ , and high quality  $Q$  or low damping factor  $a$  could be result of the destruction of the mechanical system  $\longrightarrow$



# Resonance. Experiment. Taking data.

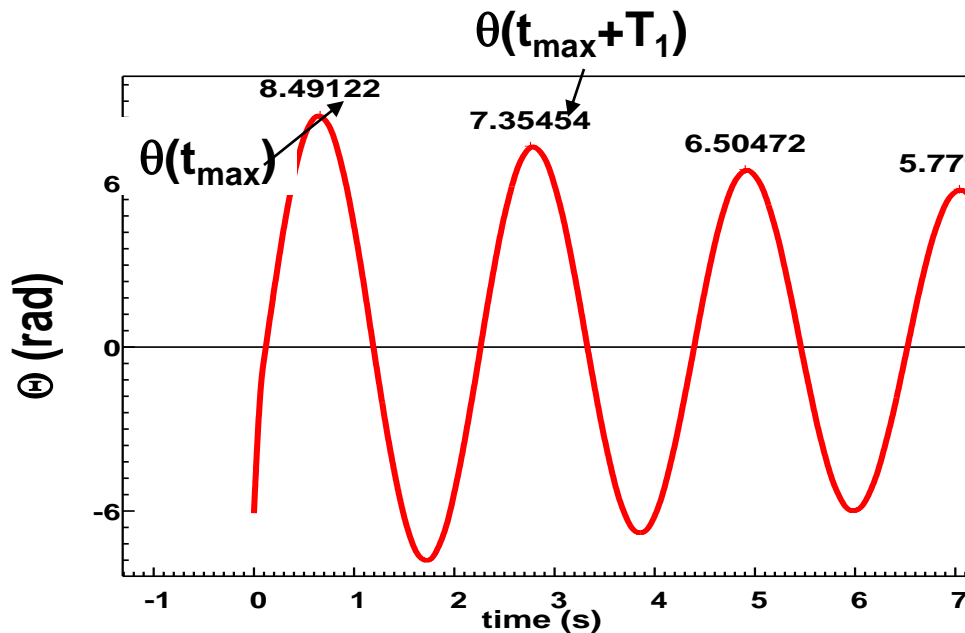
*For correct representation of the resonance curve take care about choosing of the step size in frequency.*



# Quality factor and log decrement

There are two parameters used to measure the rate at which the oscillations of a system are damped out. One parameter is the logarithmic decrement  $\delta$ , and the other is the quality factor,  $Q$ .

$\delta$ , is defined by 
$$\delta = \ln \left( \frac{\theta(t_{\max})}{\theta(t_{\max} + T_1)} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{e^{-at_{\max}}}{e^{-a(t_{\max} + T_1)}} \right) = aT_1.$$



$$\delta = \ln \left( \frac{8.49}{7.35} \right) \approx 0.144$$

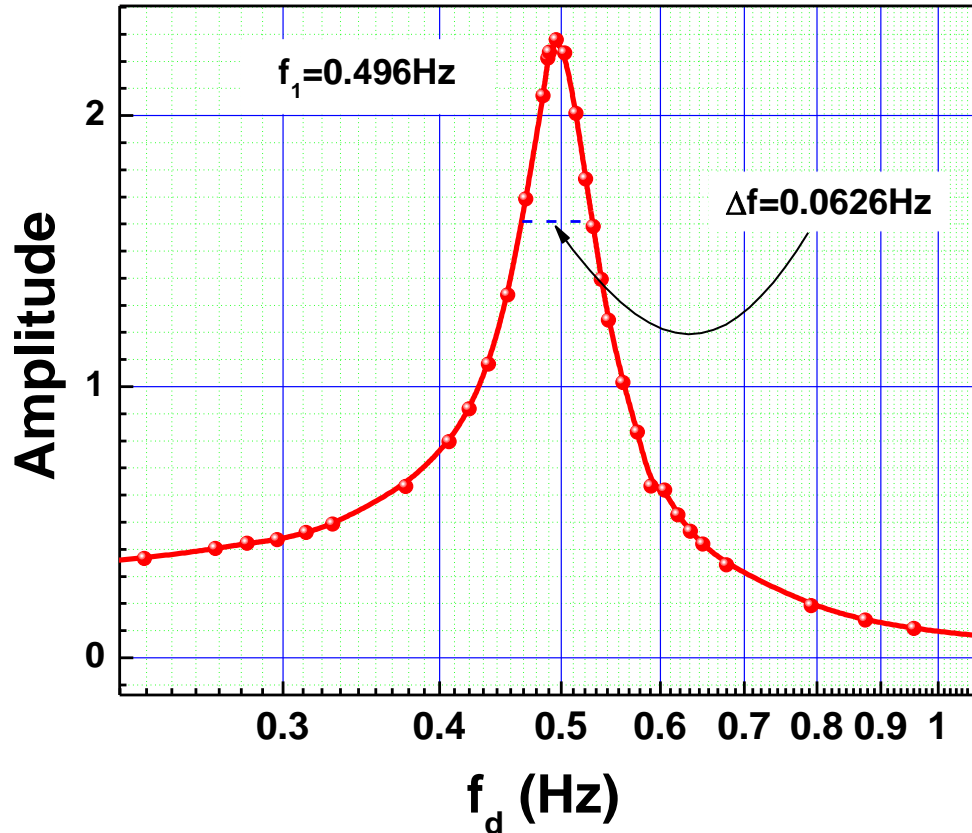
$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\text{total stored energy}}{\text{decrease in energy per period}}$$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_1}{R/I} = \frac{\omega_1}{2a} = \frac{\pi \omega_1}{a 2\pi} = \frac{\pi}{a T_1} = \frac{\pi}{\delta}$$

$$Q \sim 21.8$$



# Quality factor and log decrement



It can be shown that  $Q$  can be calculated as  $\omega_1/\Delta\omega$  or  $f_1/\Delta f$ .  $\Delta\omega$  is bandwidth of the resonance curve on the half power level or  $\frac{\theta_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}}$  for amplitude graph

Here  $Q \sim 7.9$

# Beats. Theory.

Consider sum of two harmonic signals of frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$

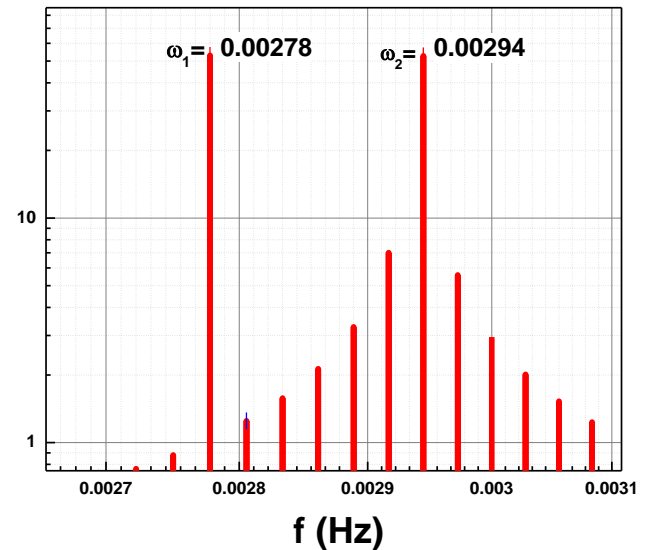
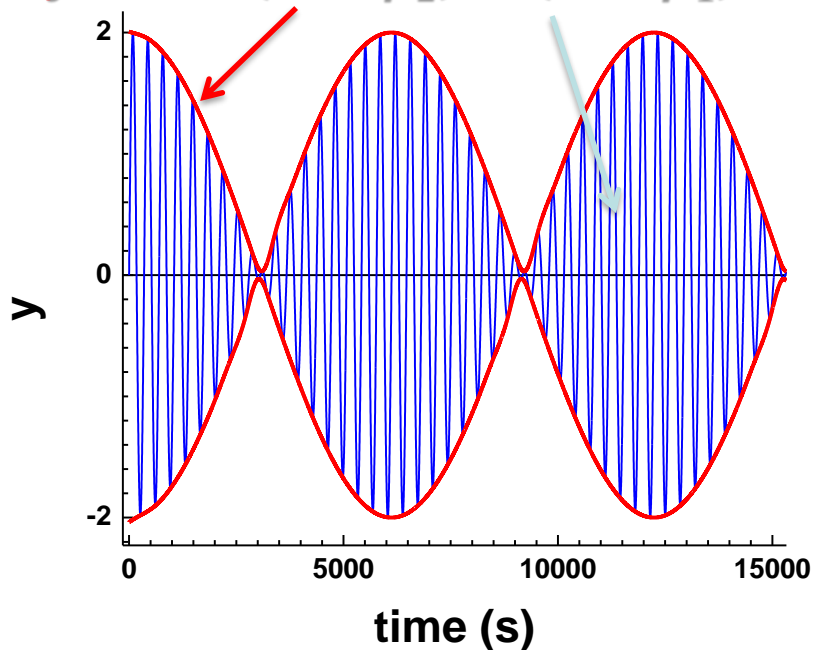
$$y_1 = A \sin(\omega_1 t + \varphi_1); \quad y_2 = B \sin(\omega_2 t + \varphi_2)$$

In case  $A=B$   $y = y_1 + y_2 = 2A \sin\left(\frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} t + \beta_1\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} t + \beta_2\right)$ ;

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\varphi_1 + \varphi_2}{2}; \quad \beta_2 = \frac{\varphi_1 - \varphi_2}{2}$$

If  $\omega_1 \approx \omega_2 \approx \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} = \omega$  and  $\frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} = \Omega$

$$y = 2A \cos(\Omega t + \beta_2) \sin(\omega t + \beta_1)$$



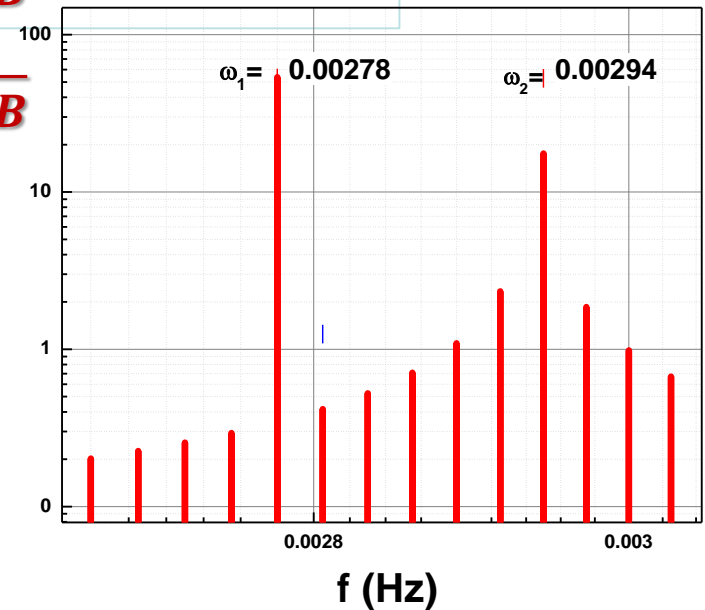
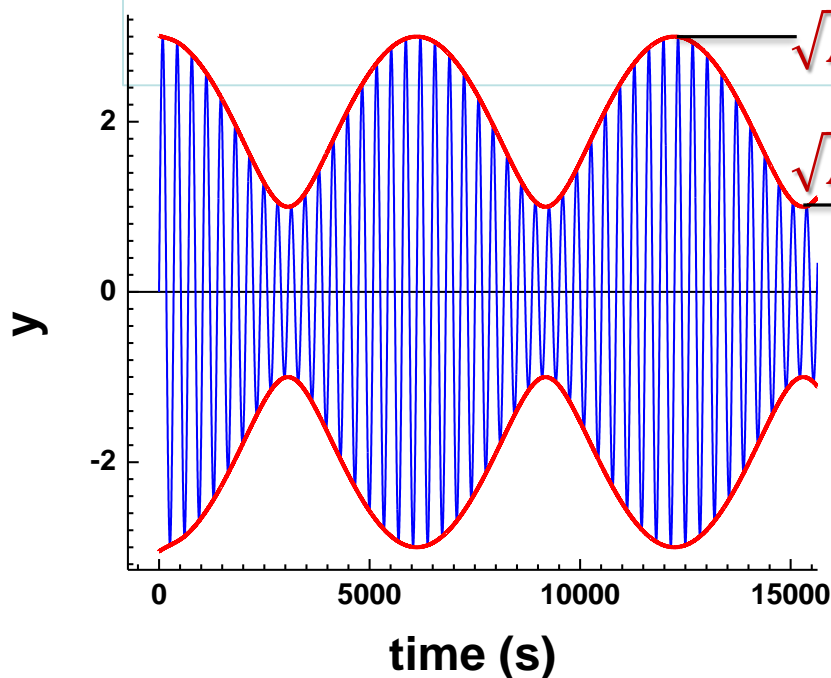
# Beats. Theory.

More general case  $A \neq B$   $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$

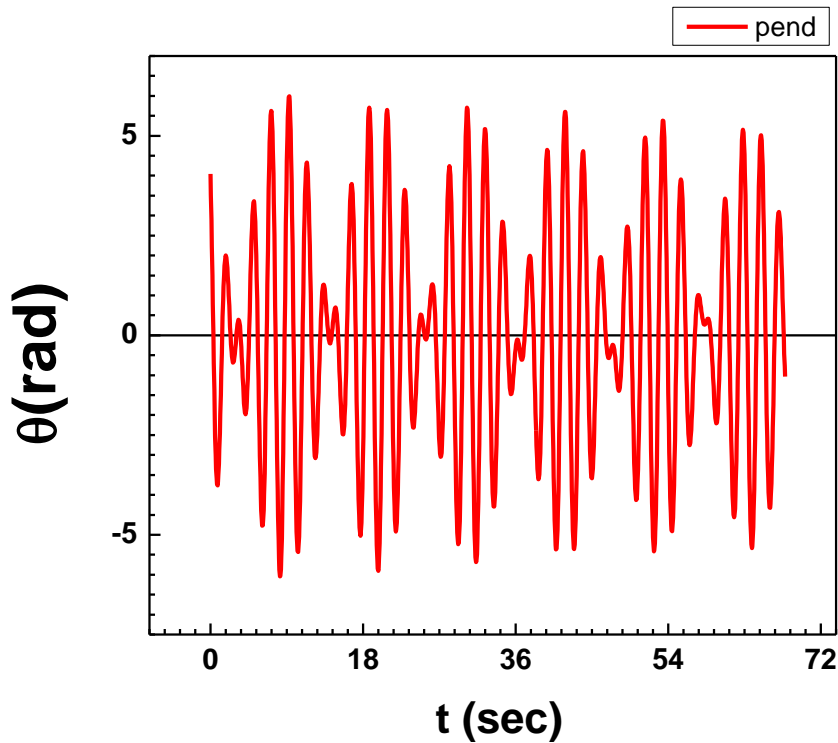
$$y_1 = A \sin(\omega_1 t); \quad y_2 = B \sin((\omega_1 + \alpha)t)$$

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = C \sin((\omega + \beta)t) \quad \text{where } C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos(\alpha t)}$$

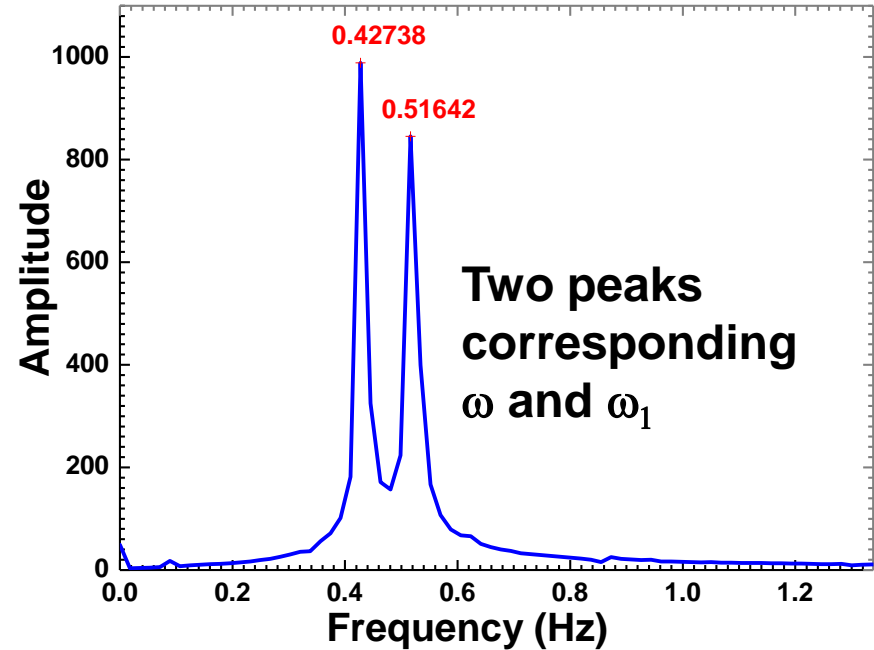
$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B \sin(\alpha t)}{A + B \cos(\alpha t)} \right) + \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A + B \cos(\alpha t) \geq 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } A + B \cos(\alpha t) < 0 \end{cases}$$



# Beats. Experiment



Time domain trace



Beating spectrum

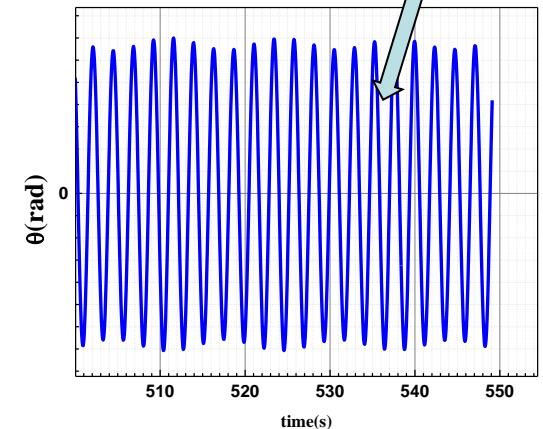
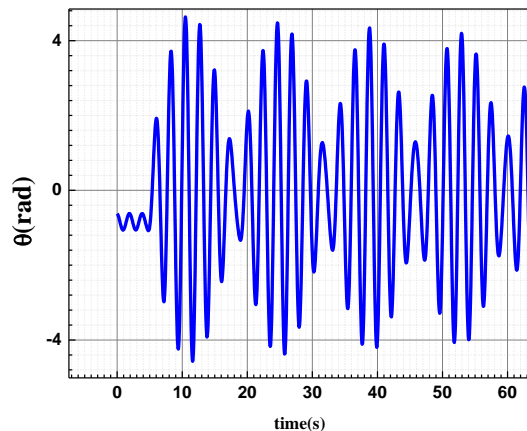
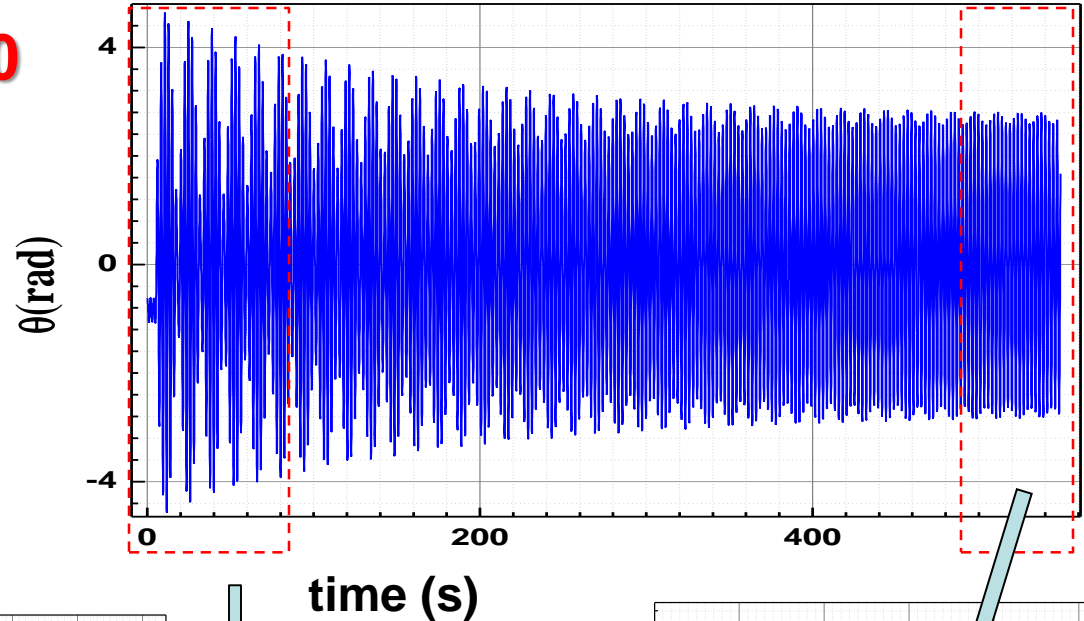
*Use Origin to analyze the frequency spectrum !*

# Beats. Experiment.

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t) = Ae^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) + B \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega))$$

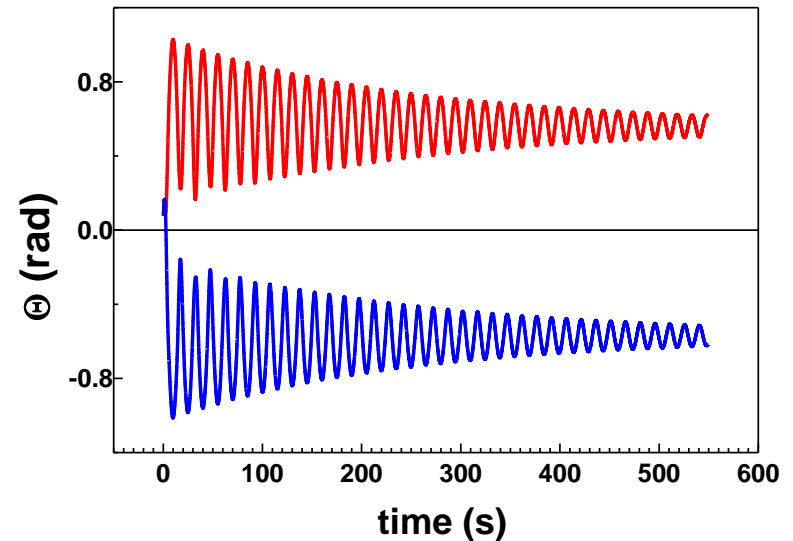
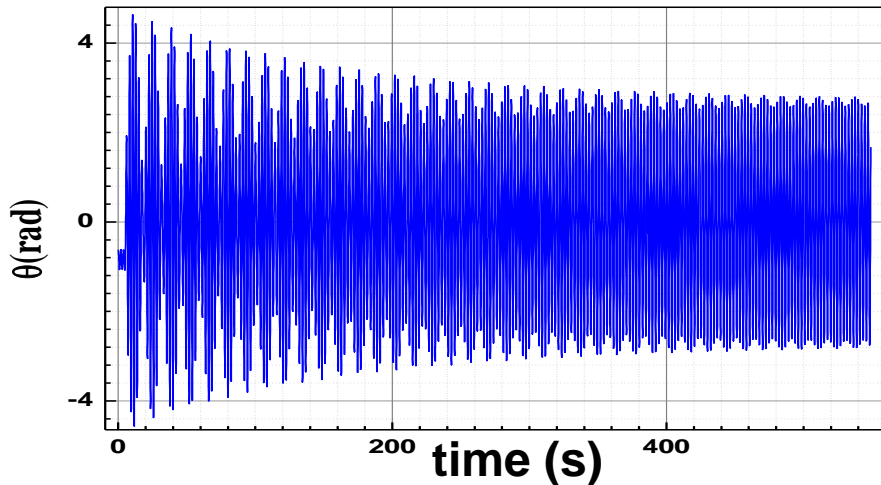
$$\theta_t(t) \rightarrow 0$$

Beats dying in time.  
How fast – it depends  
on damping. When you  
will work on resonance  
data – wait until you  
will see the steady state  
oscillations.



# Beats. Experiment.

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t) = Ae^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) + B \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega))$$



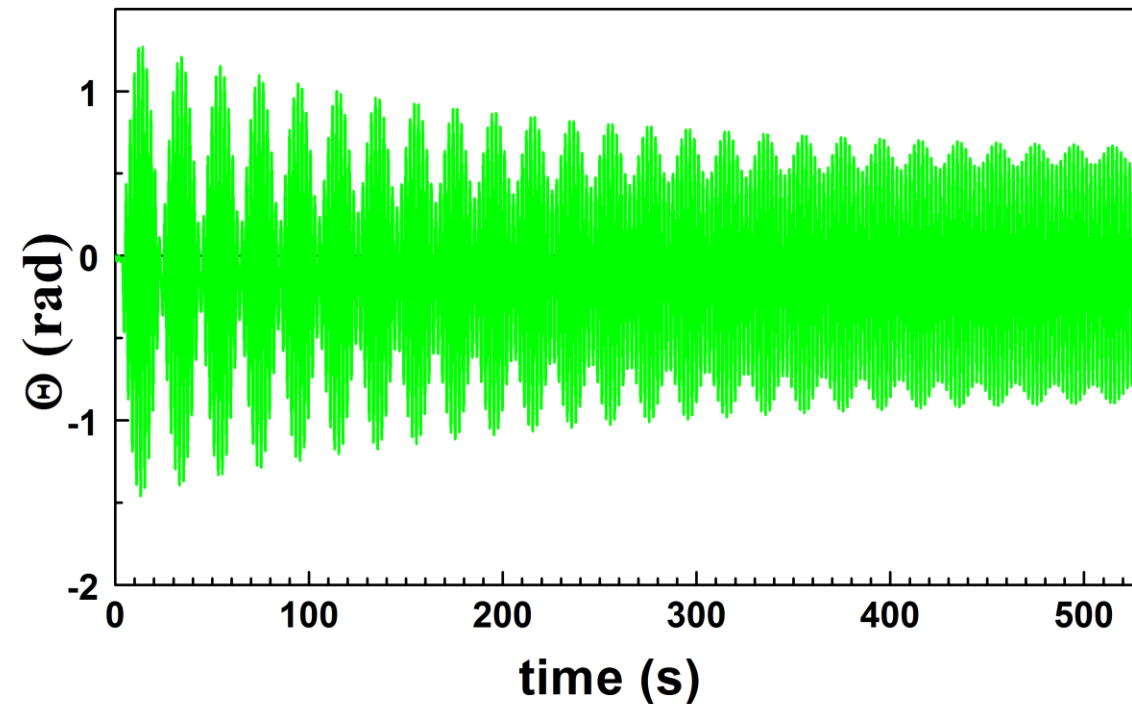
$$\theta_t(t) \rightarrow 0$$

This can be seen well from “envelope” plot

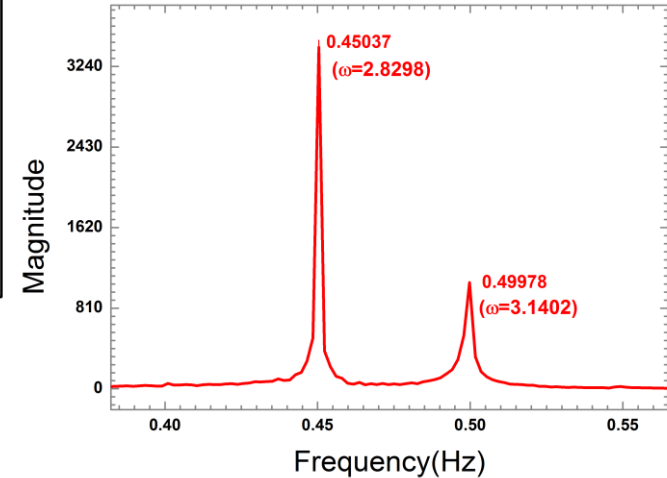
Origin 8.6: Analysis → Signal Processing → Envelope

# Beats. Experiment. Fitting.

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t) = Ae^{-at} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) + B \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega)) + C$$



First let we apply FFT  
to find  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega$



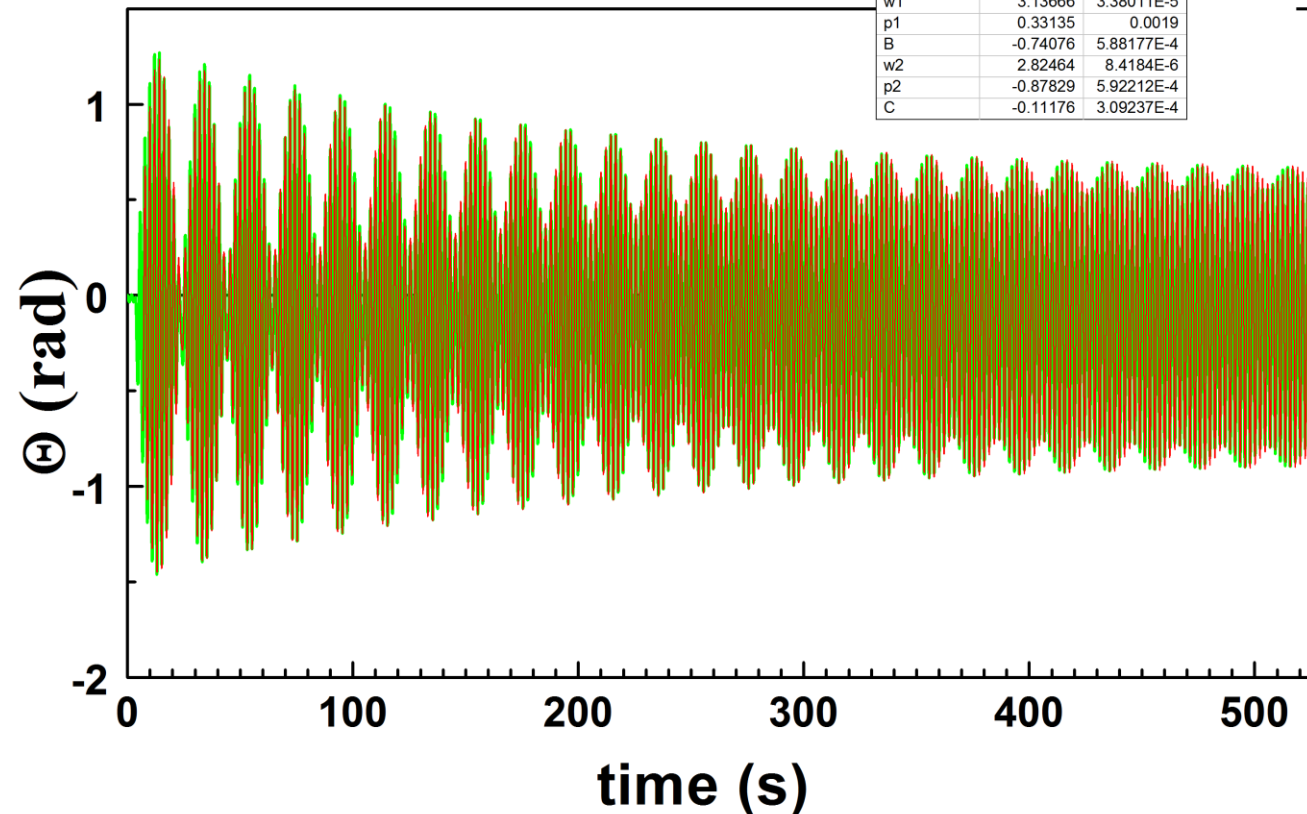
Result:  $\omega_1=3.1402\text{rad}^{-1}$  and  $\omega=2.8298 \text{ rad}^{-1}$

# Beats. Experiment. Fitting.

$$\theta(t) = \theta_t(t) + \theta_{ss}(t) = A e^{-\frac{t}{t_0}} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) + B \cos(\omega t - \beta(\omega)) + C$$

8 fitting parameters

	Value	Standard Err
A	0.65012	0.00161
t0	199.64912	0.78484
w1	3.13666	3.38011E-5
p1	0.33135	0.0019
B	-0.74076	5.88177E-4
w2	2.82464	8.4184E-6
p2	-0.87829	5.92212E-4
C	-0.11176	3.09237E-4



From fitting

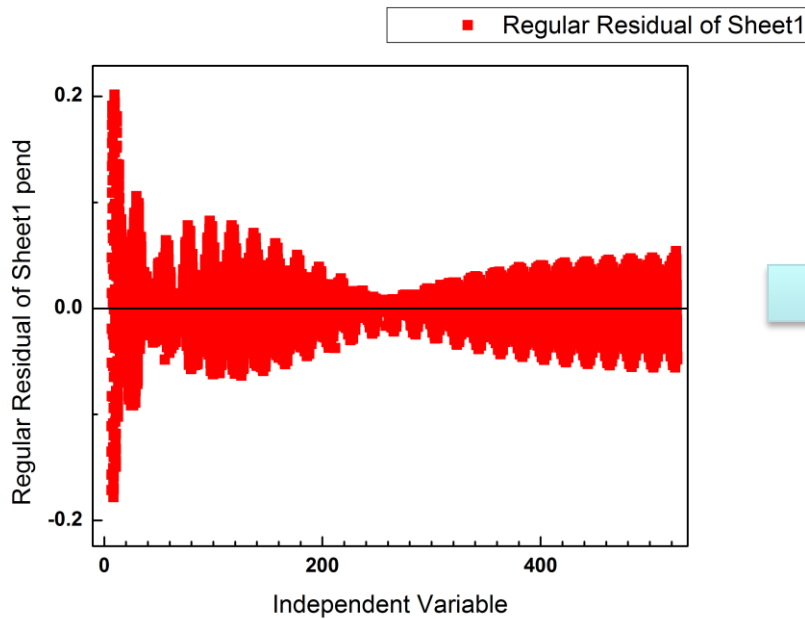


A 0.65012  
t<sub>0</sub> 199.64912  
ω<sub>1</sub> **3.13666**  
φ 0.33135  
B -0.74076  
ω **2.82464**  
β -0.87829  
C -0.11176

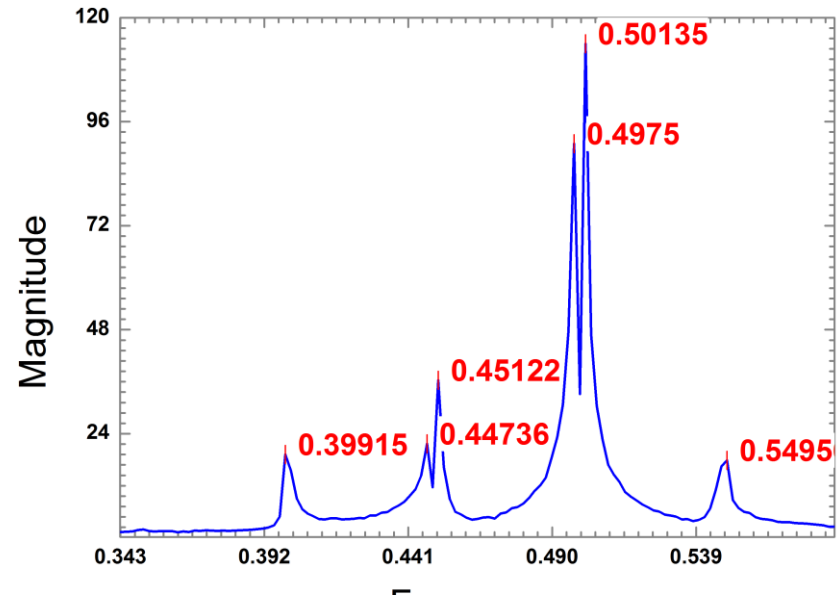
Result from FFT: ω<sub>1</sub>=3.1402rad<sup>-1</sup> and ω=2.8298 rad<sup>-1</sup>



# Beats. Experiment. Fitting. Residuals.



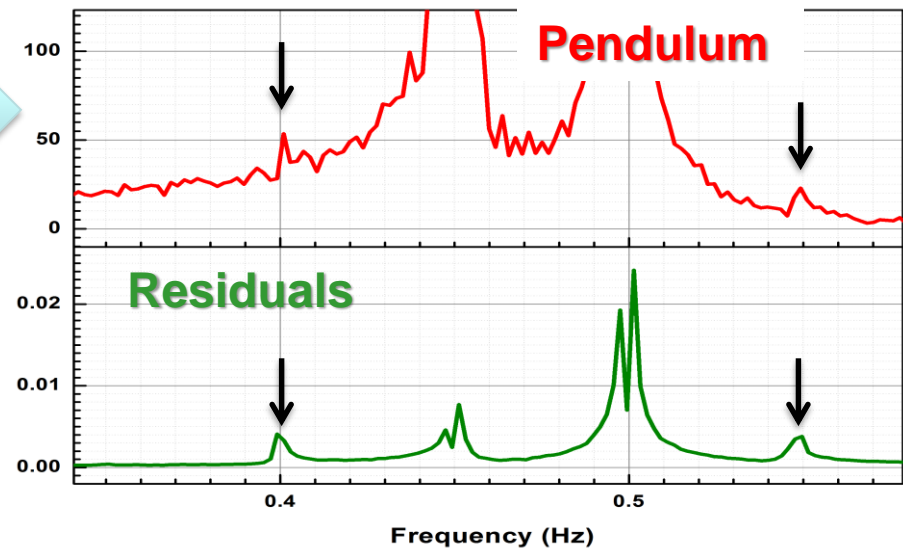
FFT



Compare with original pendulum spectrum

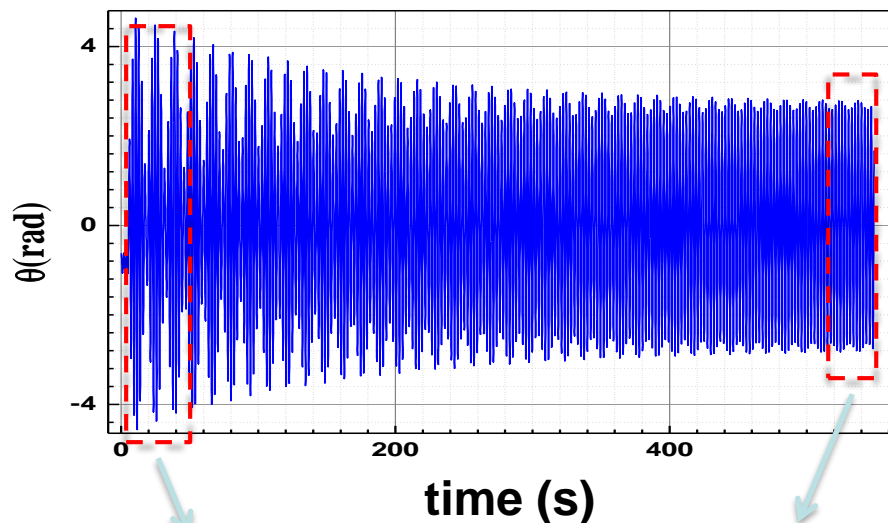
- Possible origin of “extra” peaks:
- (i) Nonlinear behavior of pendulum
  - (ii) Not a single frequency driving force provided by motor
  - (iii) Not ideal fitting function

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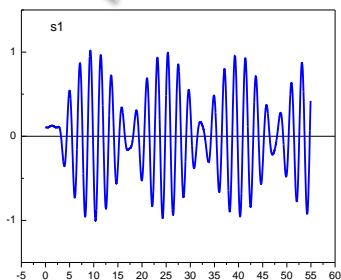
# Beats. Experiment.

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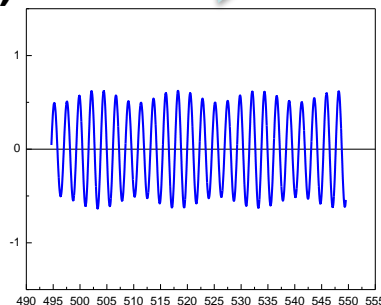


$$\theta_t(t) \rightarrow 0$$

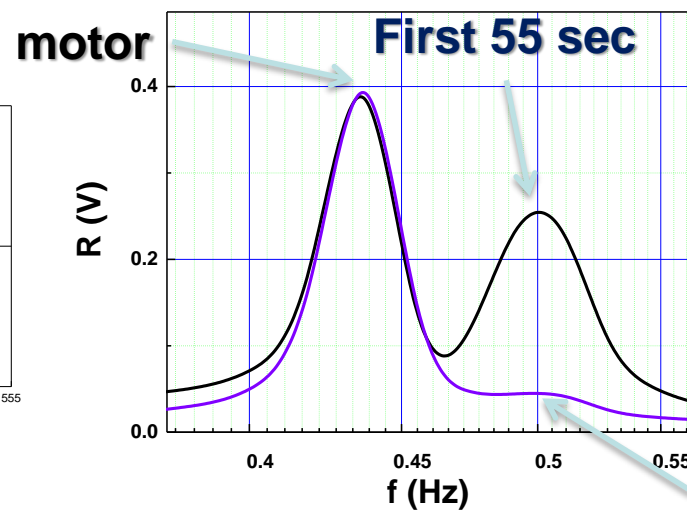
We also can analyze the decrease of the amplitude of the  $\omega_1$  component by analyzing the spectrum as a function of time



First 55 sec



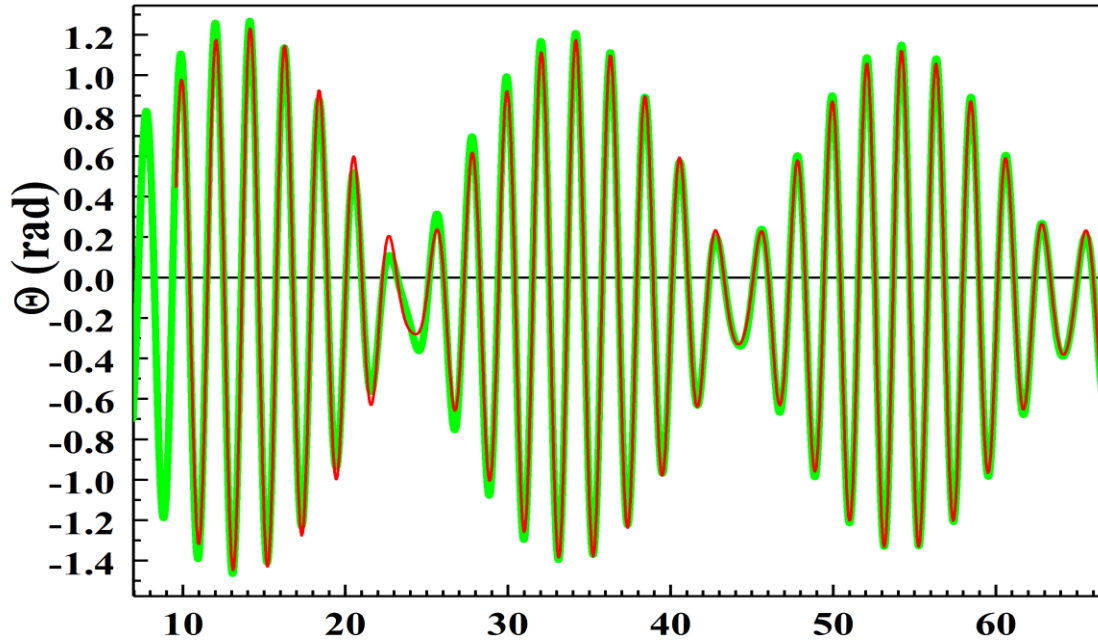
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Last 55 sec

Origin 9.0: Analysis  $\rightarrow$  Signal Processing  $\rightarrow$  FFT

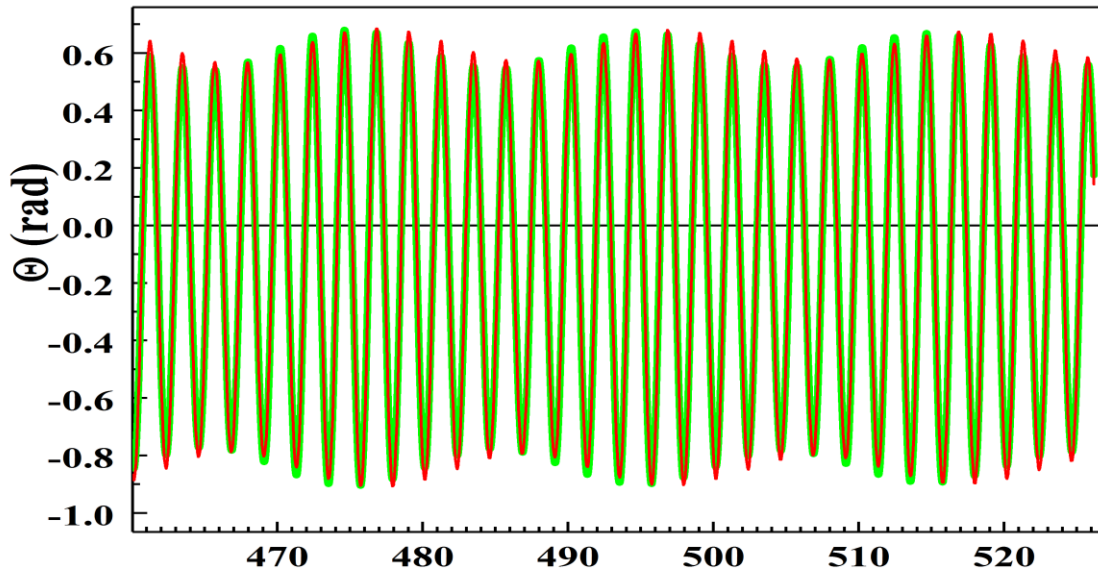
# Beats. Experiment. Fitting.



From fitting

$\omega_1$       **3.13666**  
**f1**         **0.4992 Hz**

$\omega$          **2.82464**  
**f2**         **0.4496 Hz**

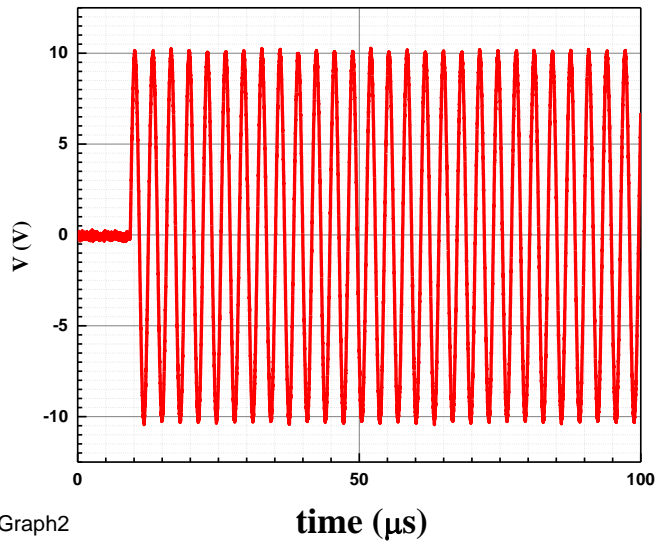
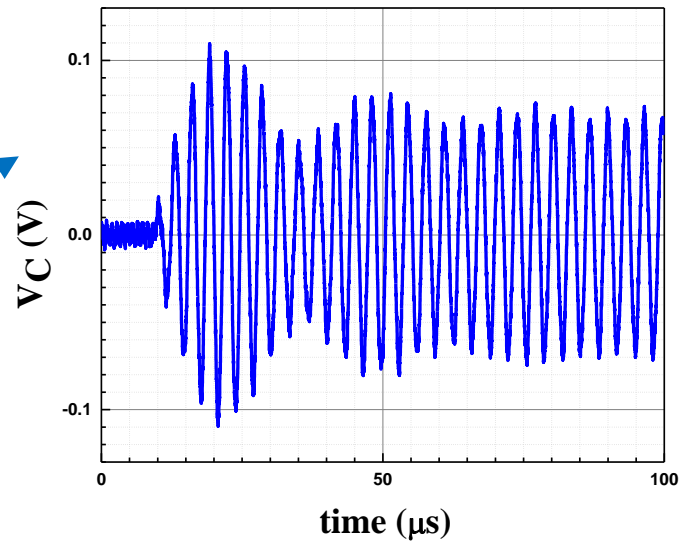
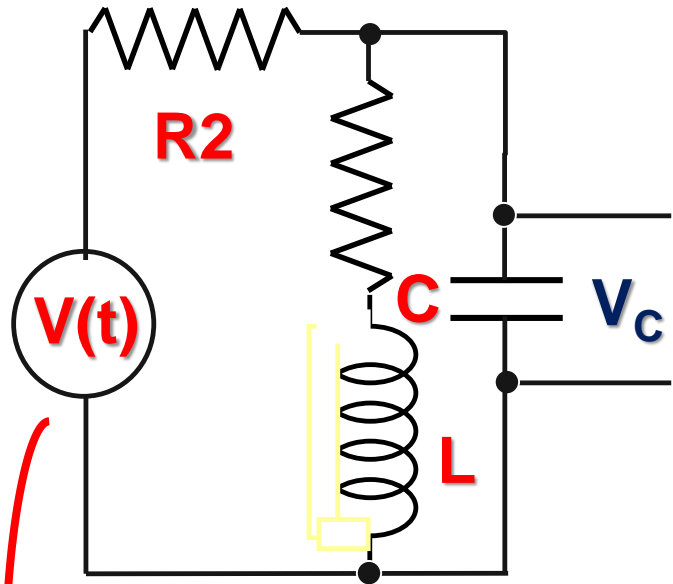


From FFT

**f1**         **0.499 Hz**

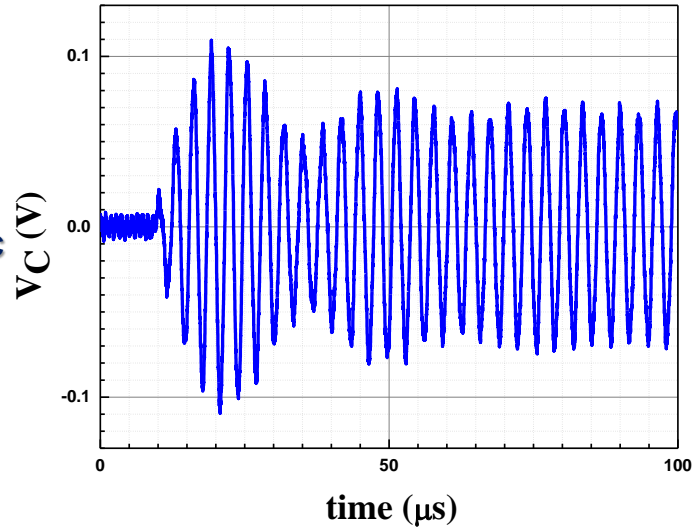
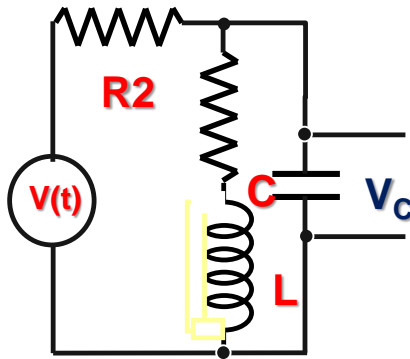
**f2**         **0.451 Hz**

# Beats. RLC Experiment.

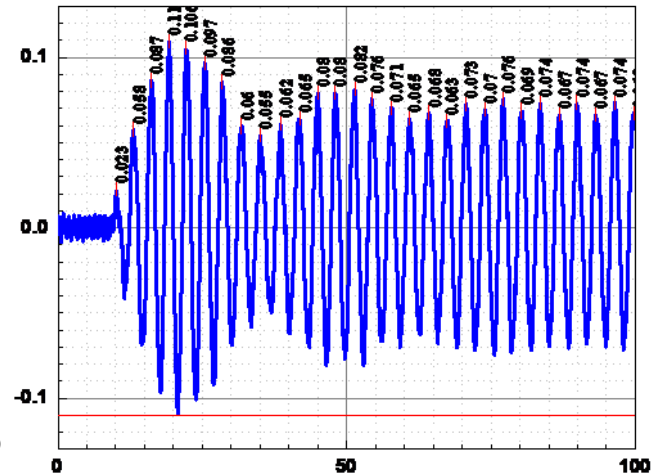


: Graph2

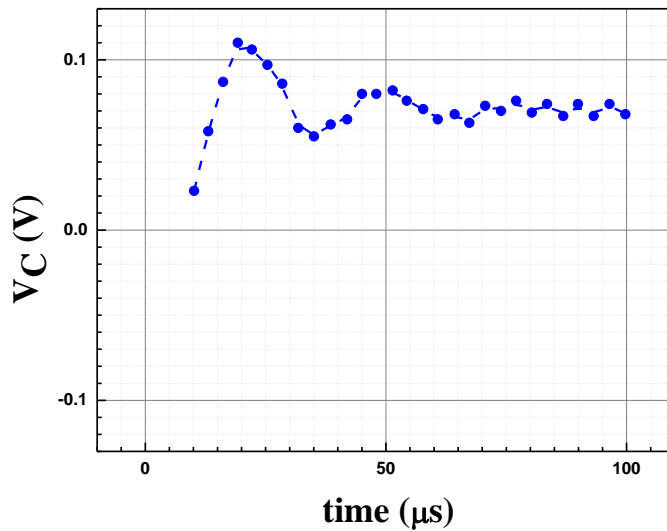
# Beats. RLC Experiment.



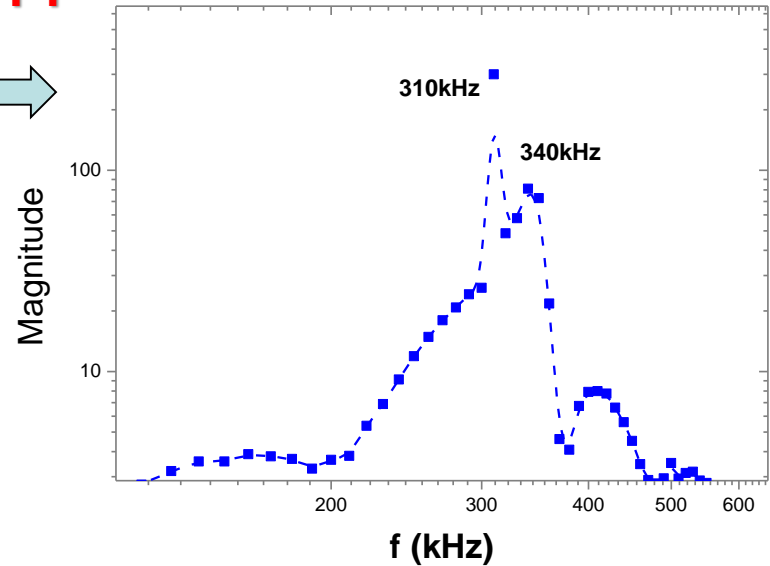
Find peaks



Envelope

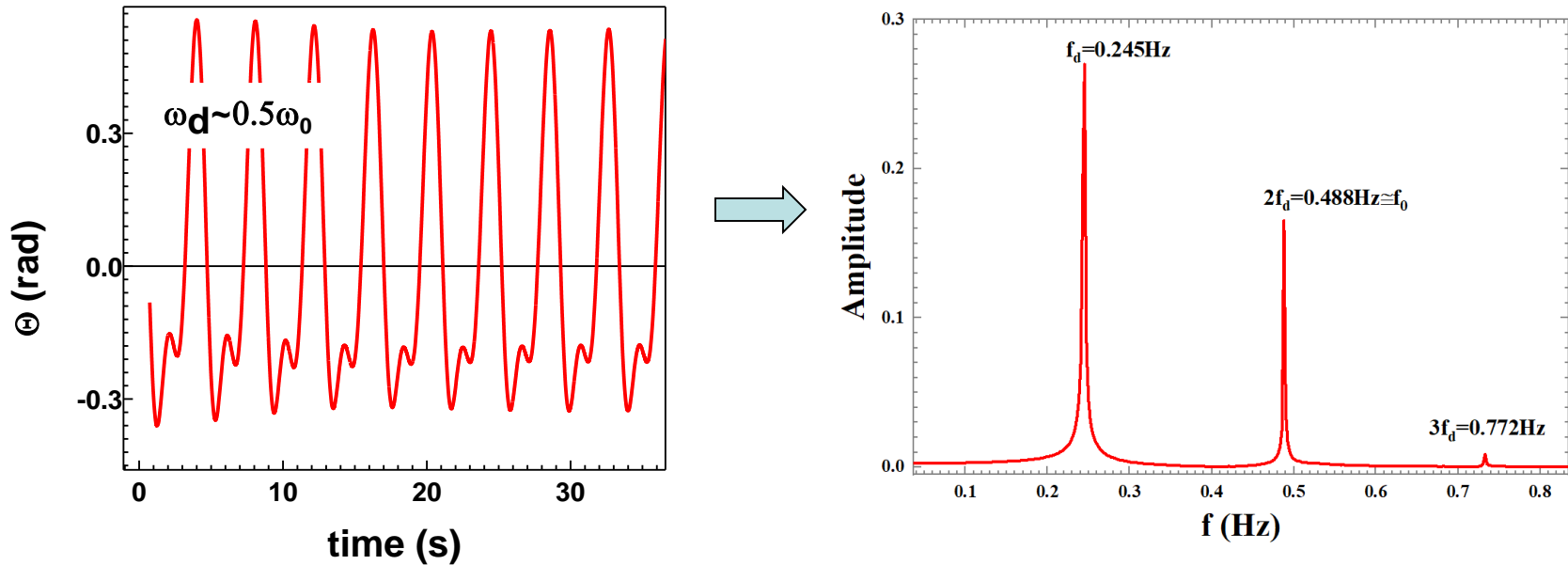


FFT



# Harmonics. Experiment.

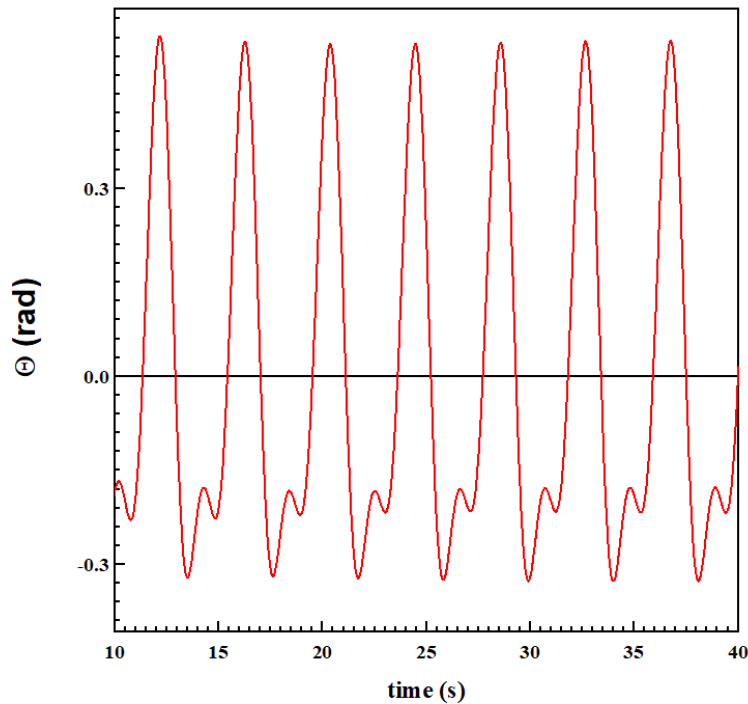
In the case of driving frequency  $f_d=f_0/2$  or  $f_d=f_0/3$  we can observe more complicated motion of the pendulum



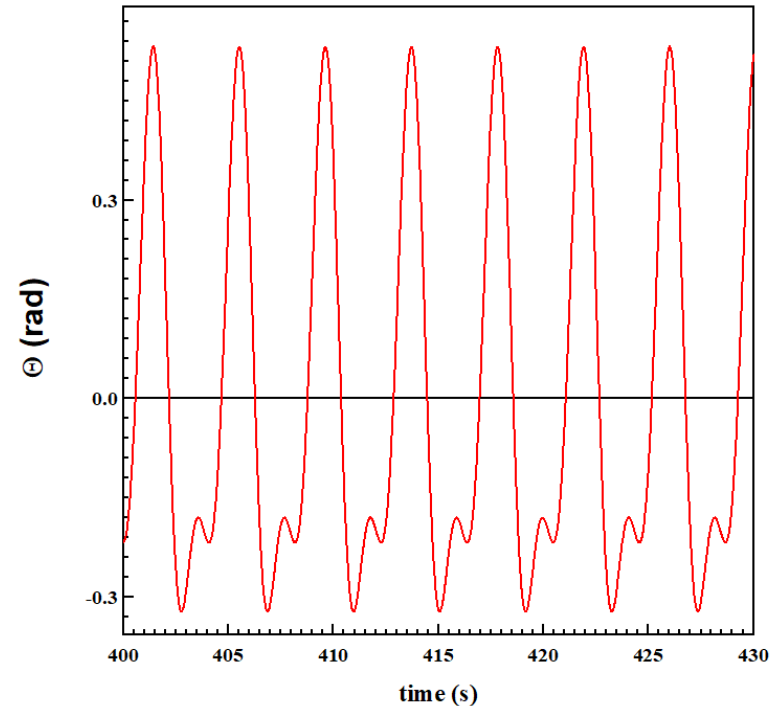
# Harmonics. Experiment.

This is a combine steady-state response on several excitation frequencies and not like beatings will not “disappear” in time.

$$\omega_d \sim 0.5\omega_0$$

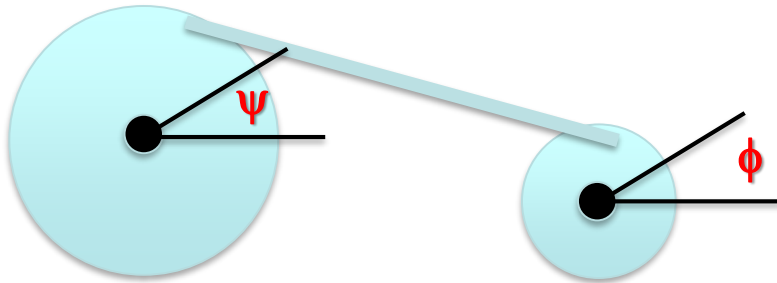
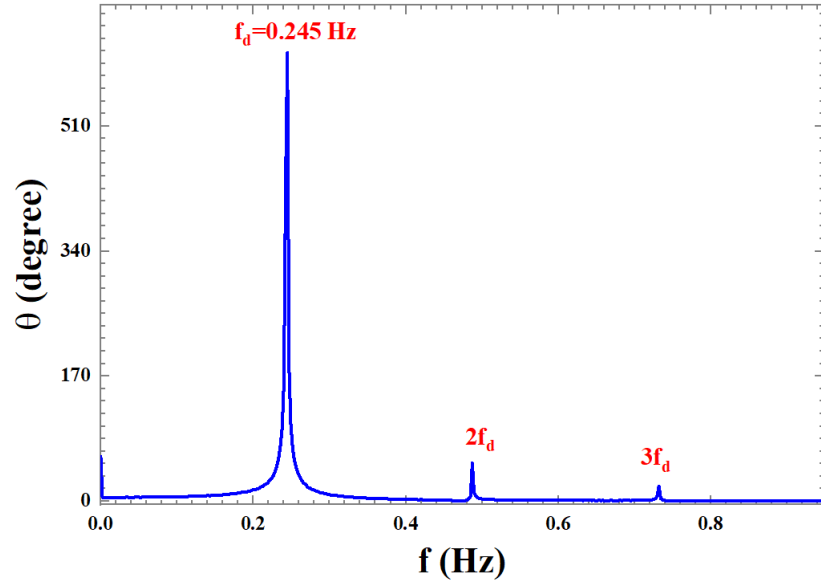
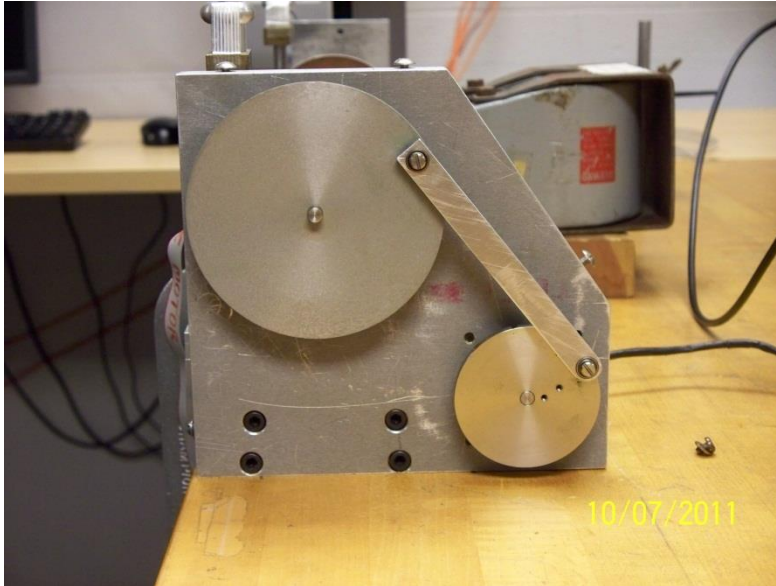


The beginning of the time record



The end of the time record

# Harmonics. Experiment.



Detailed analyzes\* shows that even if  $\phi = \phi_0 \sin(\omega t)$  the driving torque contains several harmonics of  $\omega$

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