

# Driven Torsional Oscillator

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# Agenda

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

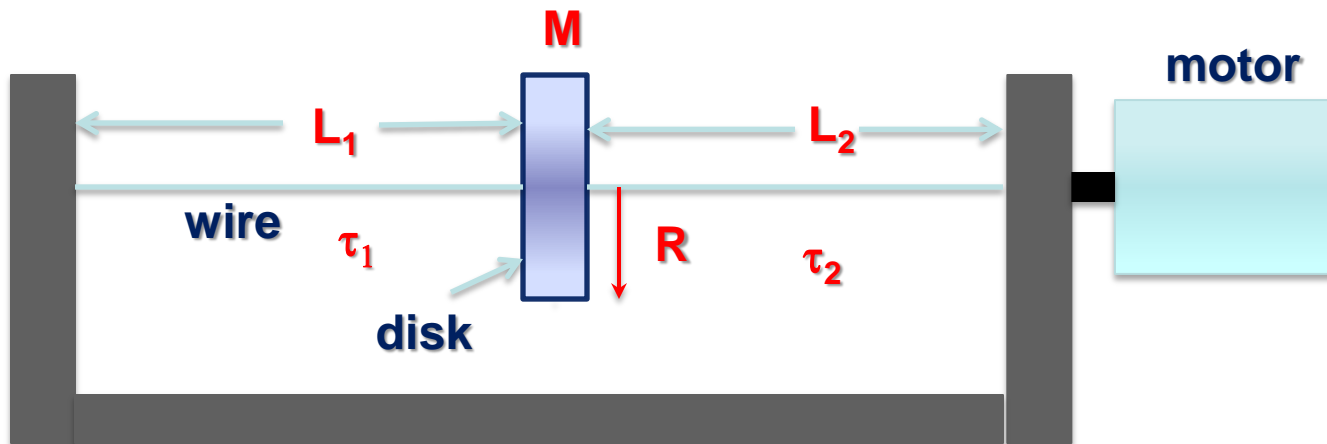
# Torsional oscillations. Resonance.



**Tacoma (WA) Narrows Bridge, 1940**

# 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:

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

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

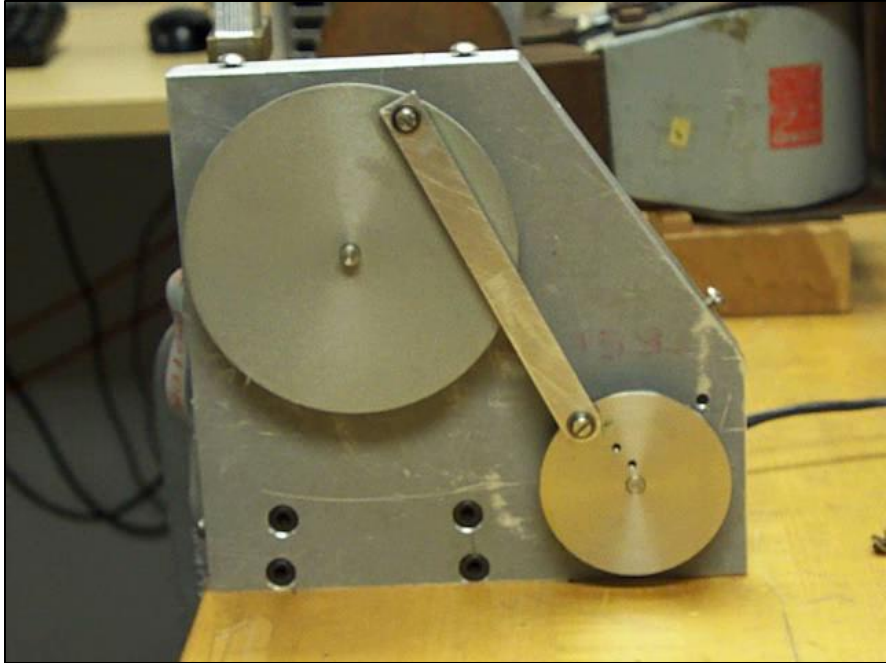
$$I\ddot{\theta} + K\theta + R\dot{\theta} = \tau_m = K\lambda\theta_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

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

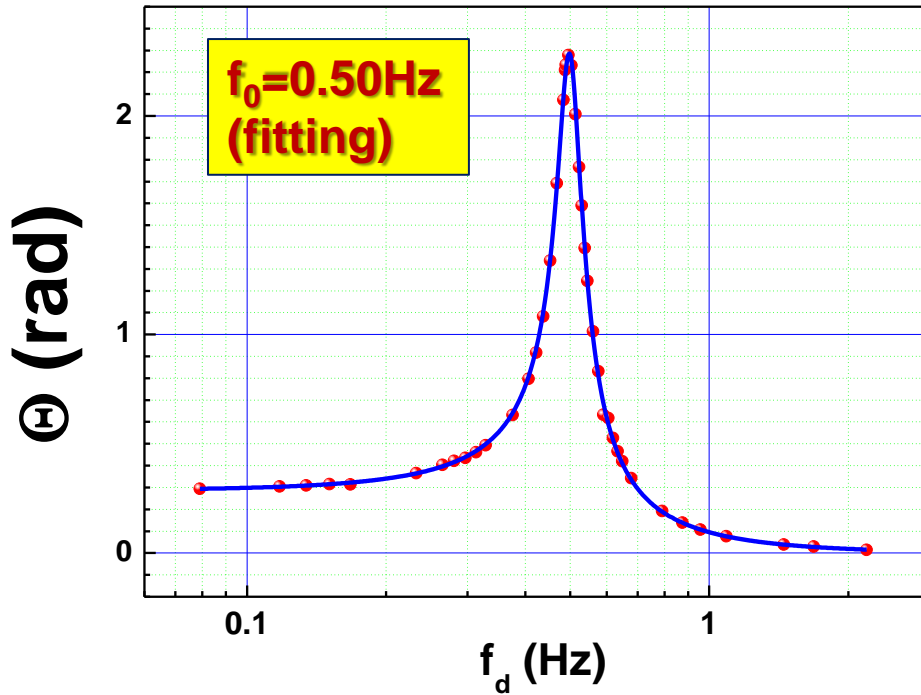
General solution for equation of motion consist of the sum of sum of two components:

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

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

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

# Resonance. Experiment. Amplitude



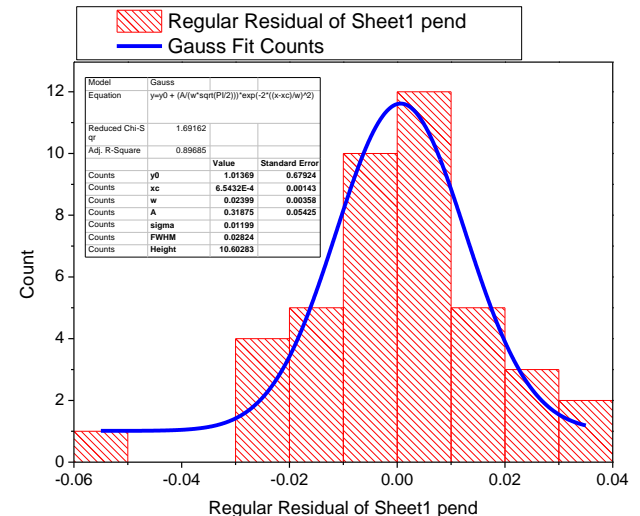
Fitting function:

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

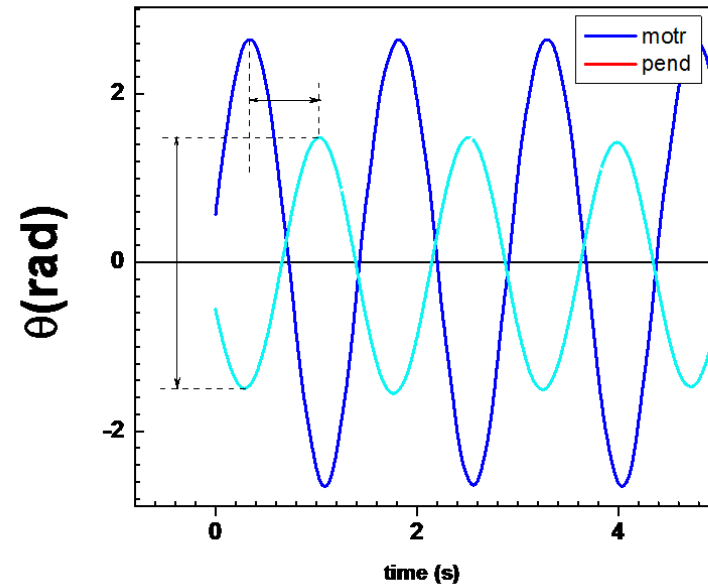
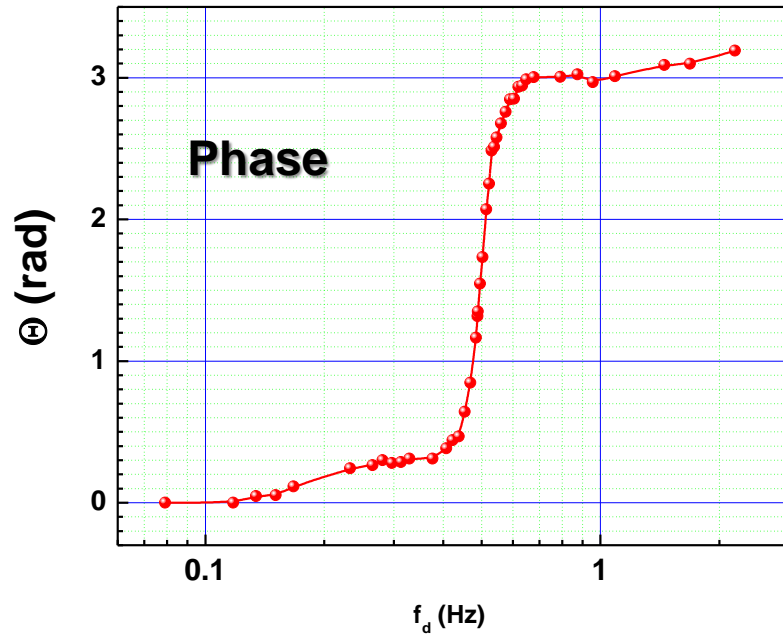
$\omega = 2\pi f; \quad \gamma = 2a$

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

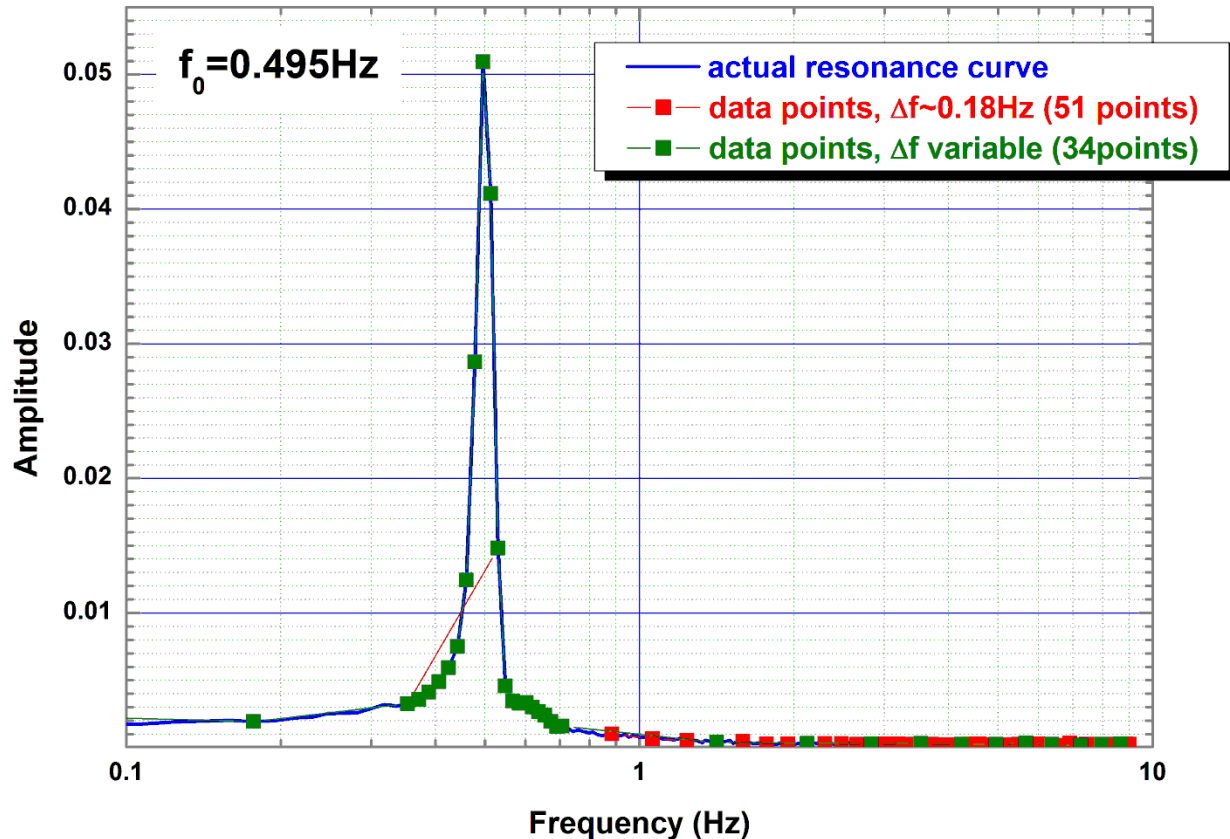


Scanning the driving frequency we can measure the amplitude of the pendulum oscillating and the phase shift

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

# Resonance. Experiment. Taking data.

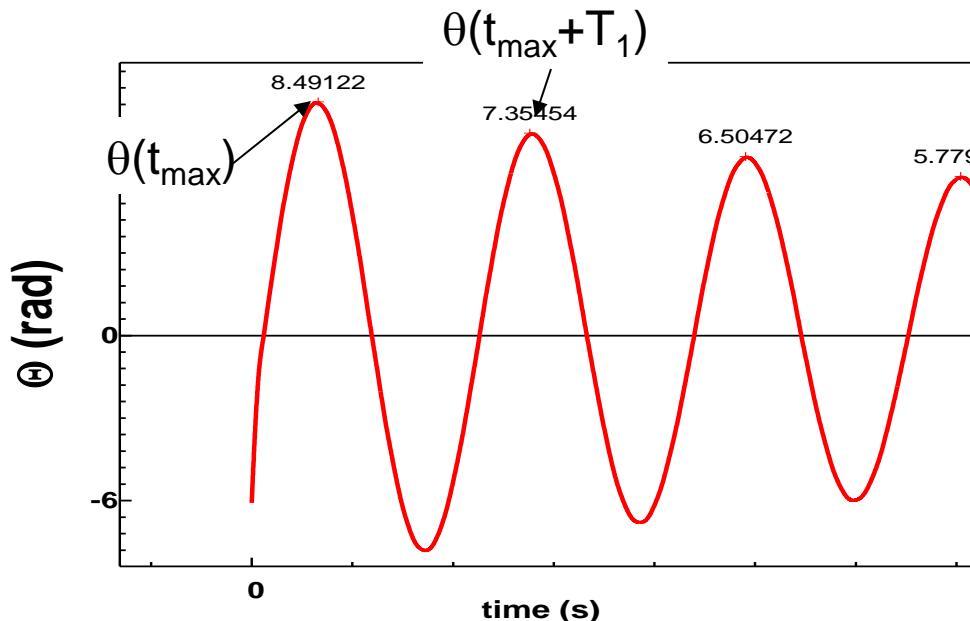
*For correct representation of the resonance curve take care about choosing of the step size in frequency.*



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



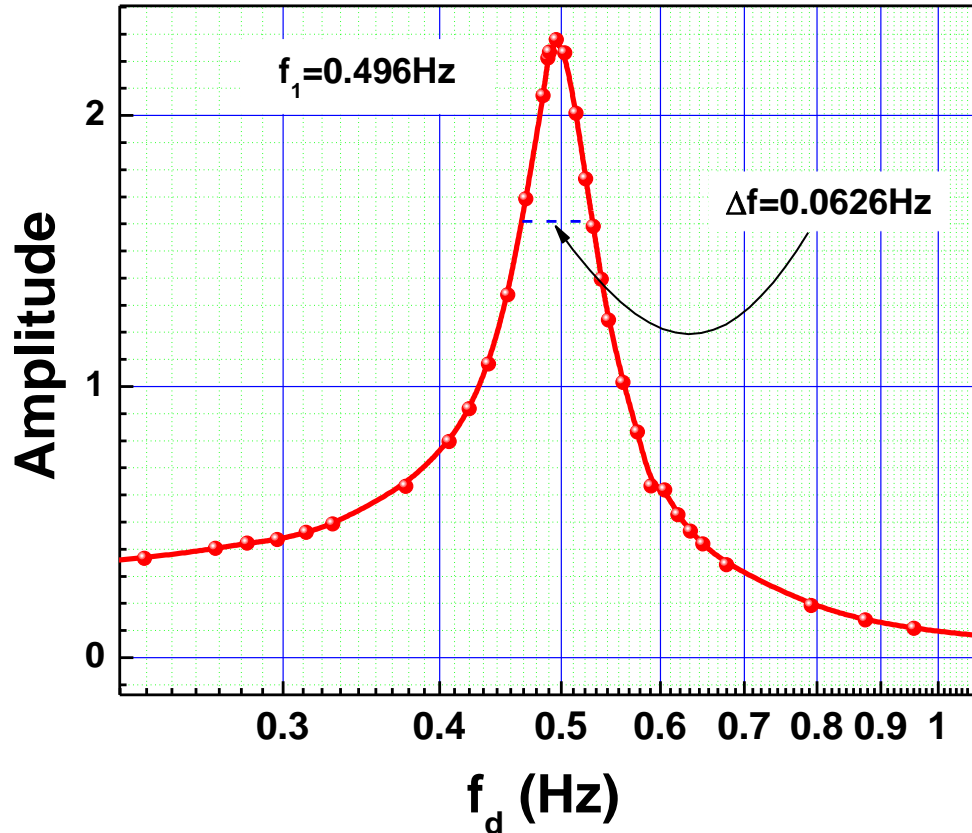
$$\delta = \ln \left( \frac{8.49}{7.35} \right) \approx 0.144$$

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

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

$$Q \sim 21.8$$

# 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  $\omega_2$

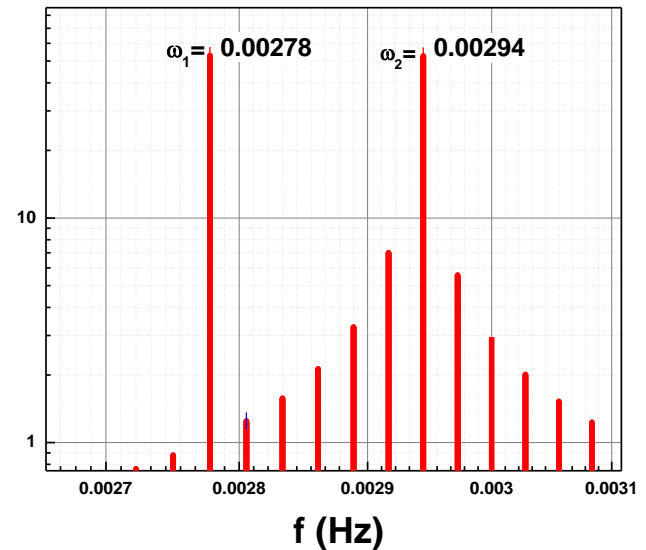
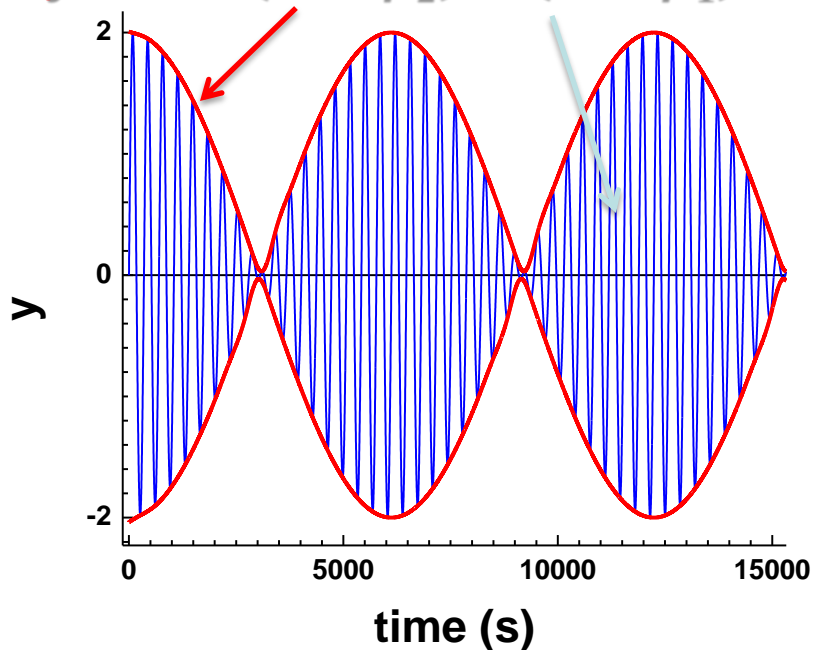
$$y_1 = A \sin(\omega_1 t + \varphi_1); \quad y_2 = B \sin(\omega_2 t + \varphi_2)$$

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  $\frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} = \Omega$

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



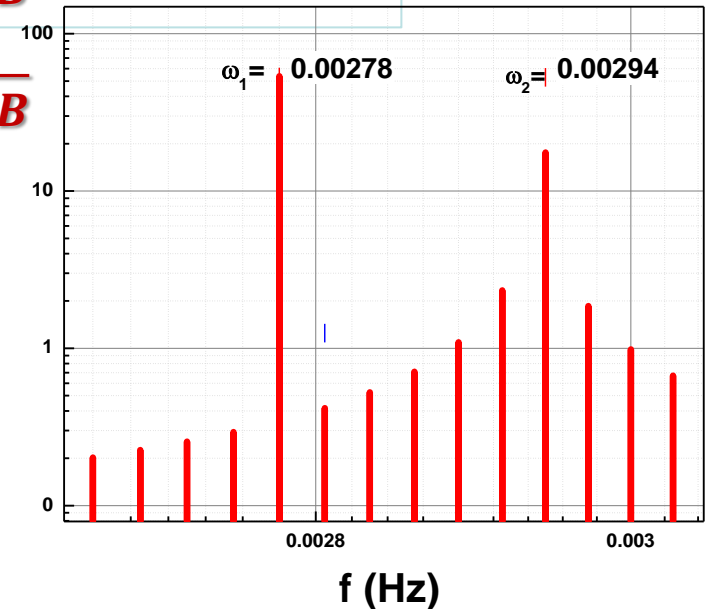
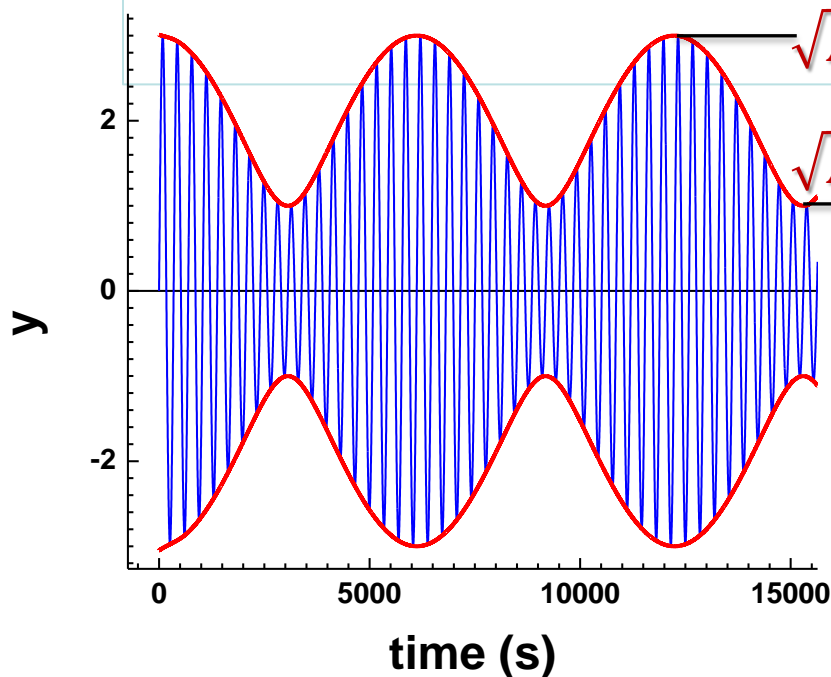
# Beats. Theory.

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

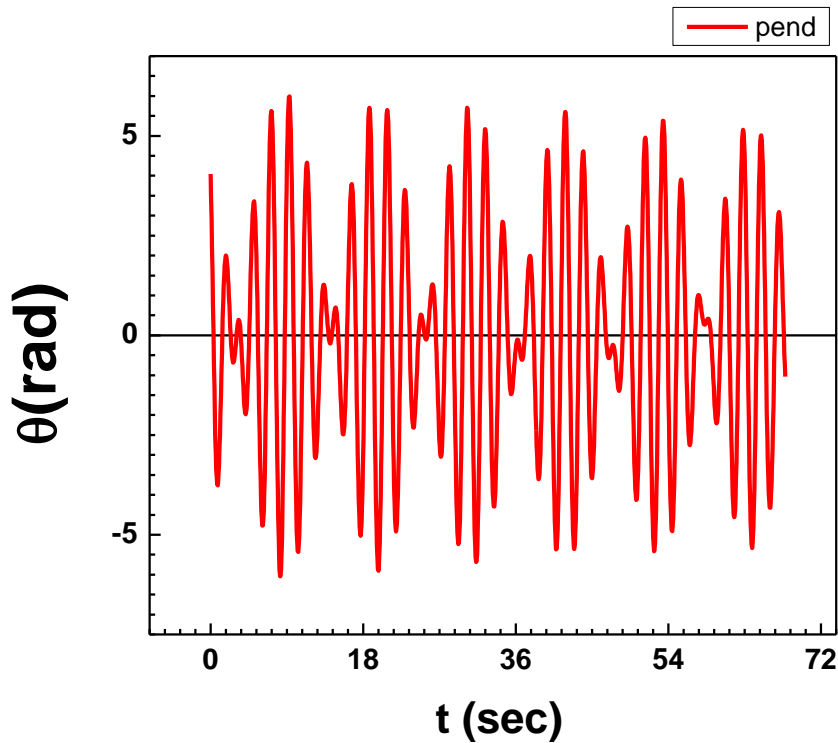
$$y_1 = A \sin(\omega_1 t); \quad y_2 = B \sin((\omega_1 + \alpha)t)$$

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

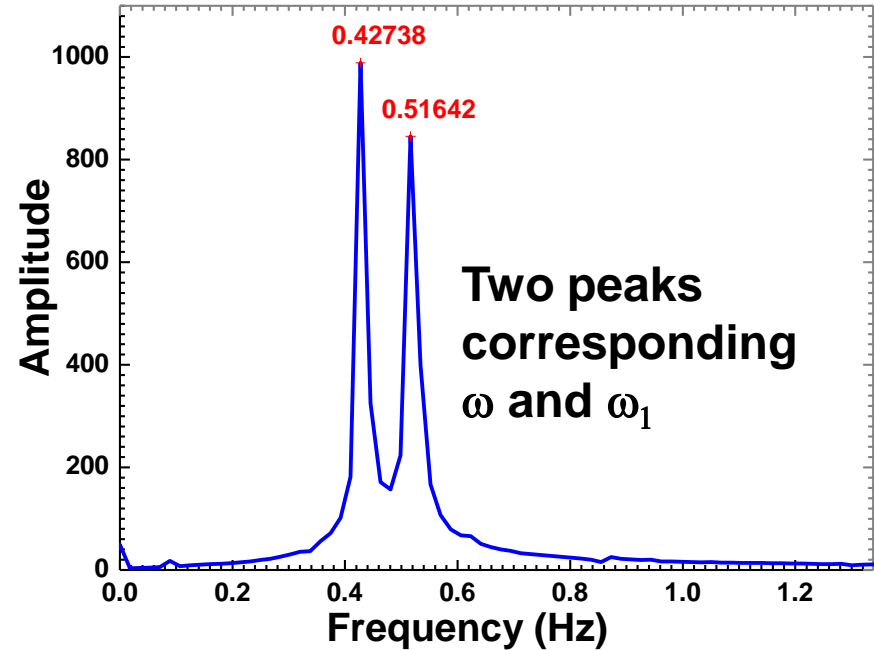
$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B \sin(\alpha t)}{A + B \cos(\alpha t)} \right) + \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A + B \cos(\alpha t) \geq 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } A + B \cos(\alpha t) < 0 \end{cases}$$



# Beats. Experiment



**Time domain trace**



**Beating spectrum**

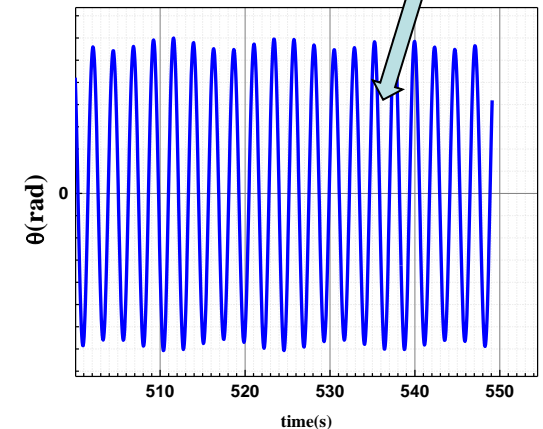
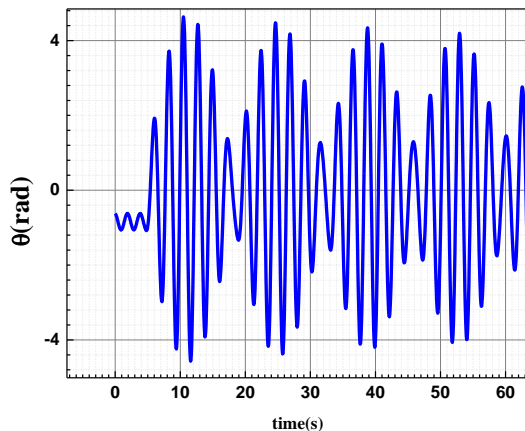
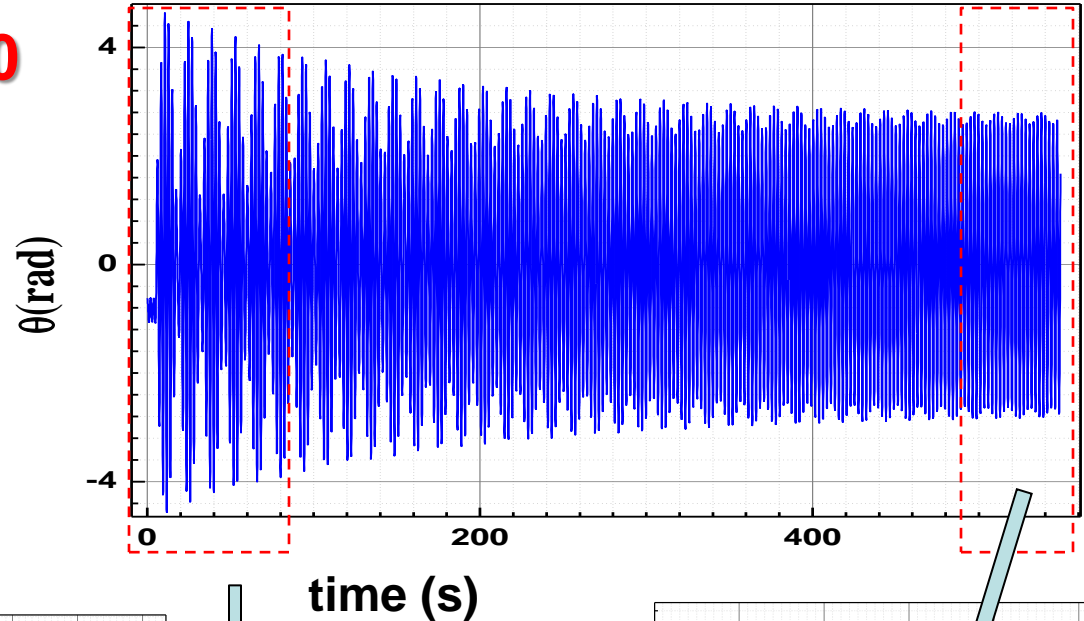
*Use Origin to analyze the frequency spectrum !*

# Beats. Experiment.

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

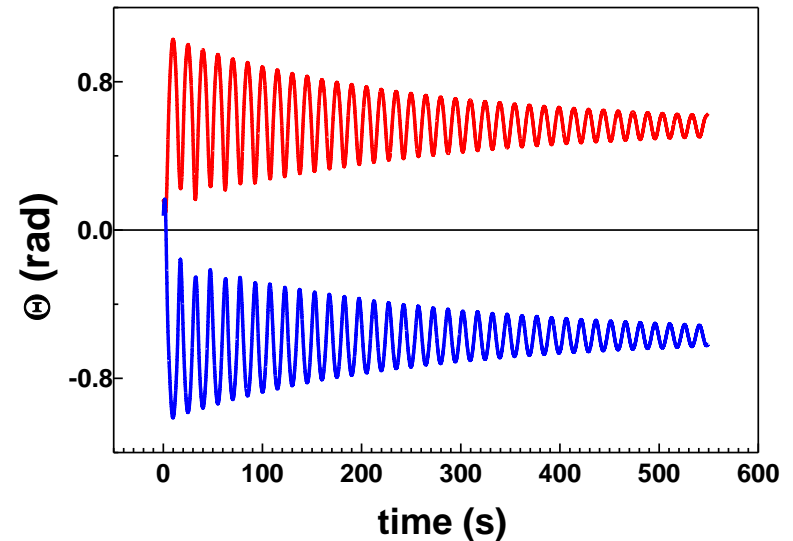
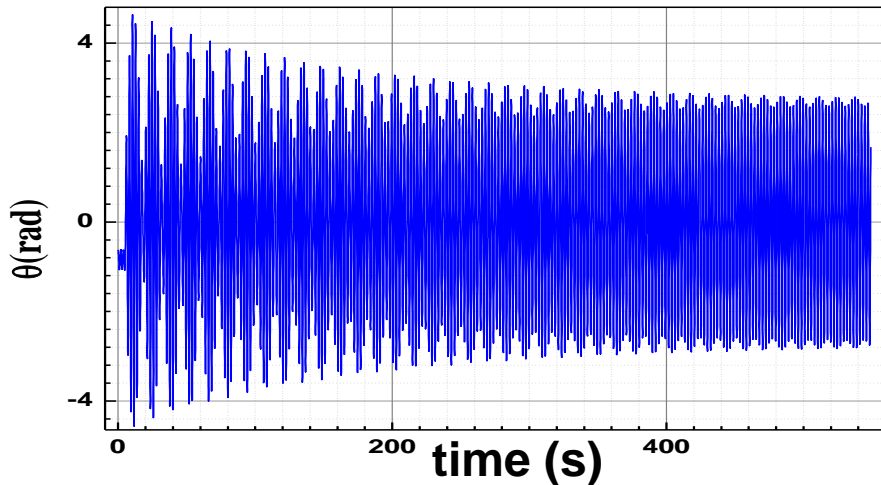
$$\theta_t(t) \rightarrow 0$$

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.



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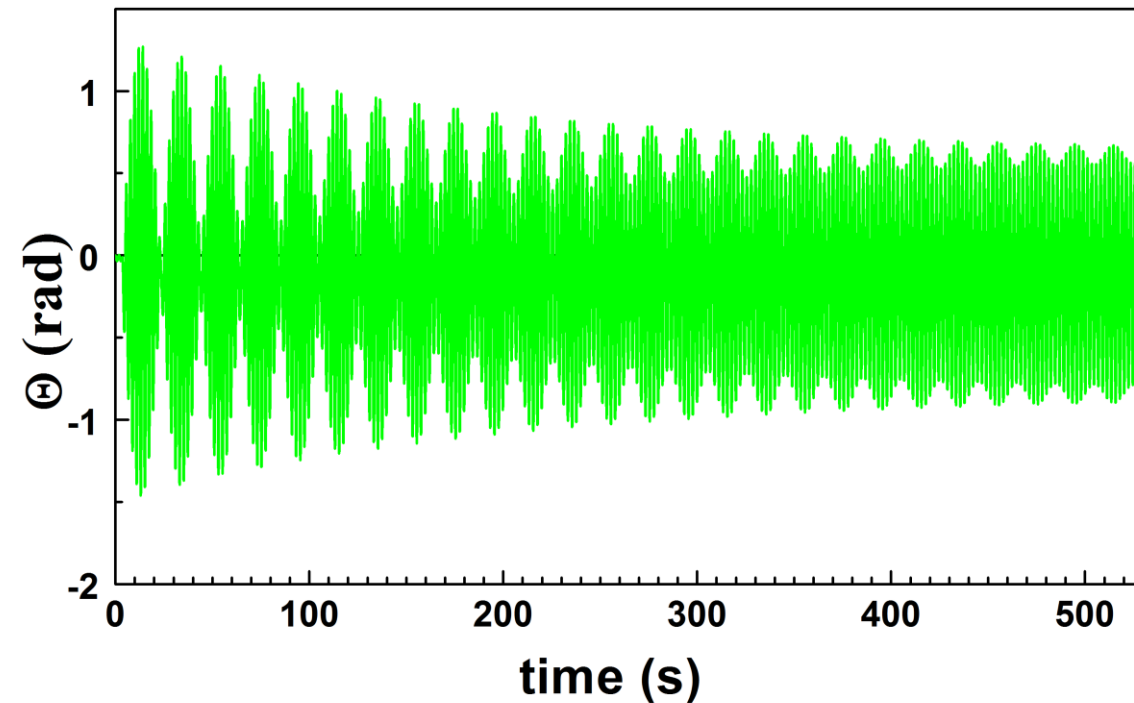
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This can be seen well from “envelope” plot

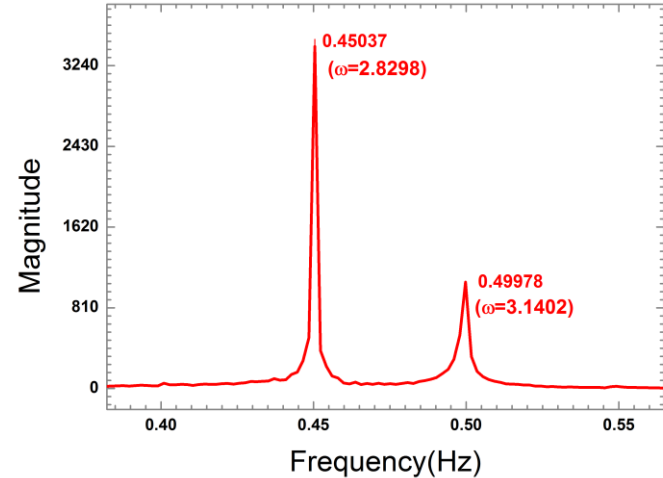
Origin 8.6: Analysis → Signal Processing → Envelope

# 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  $\omega$



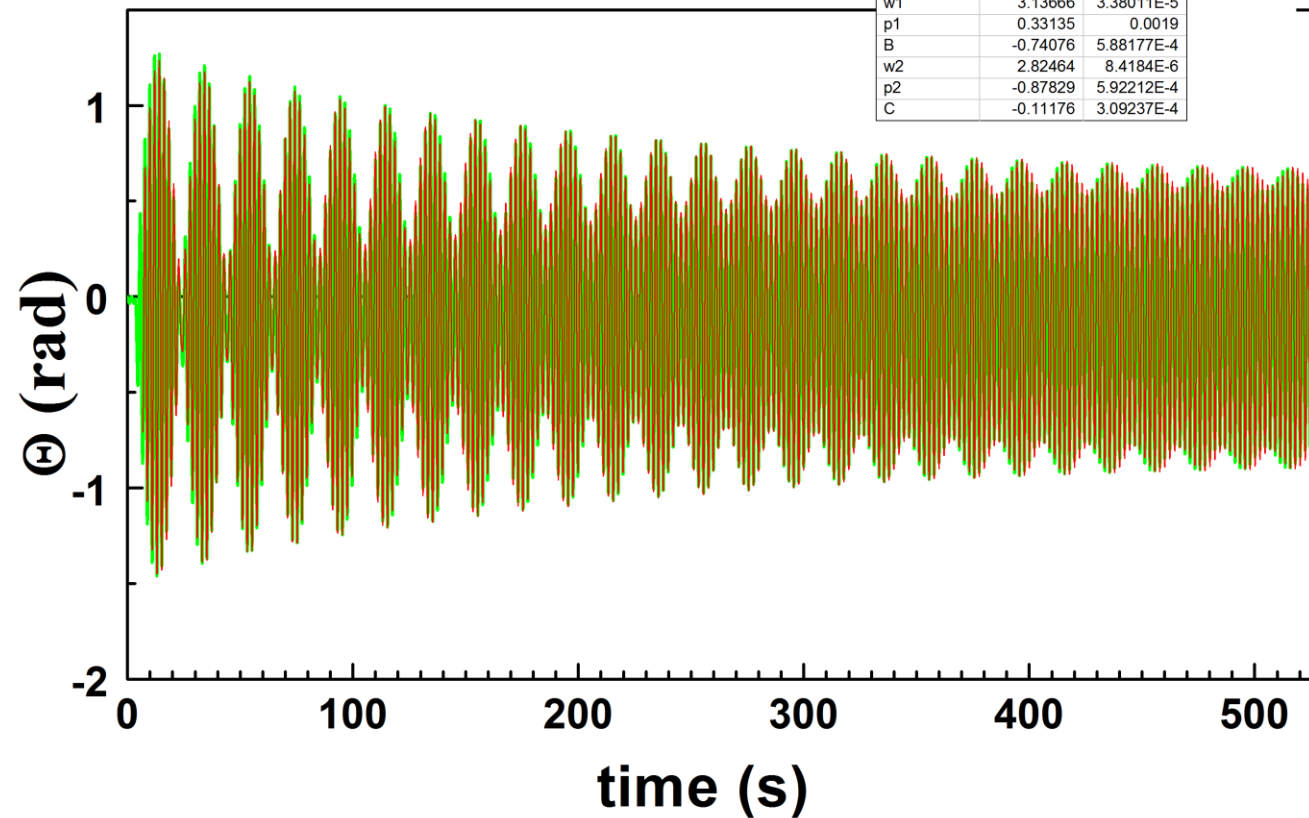
Result:  $\omega_1 = 3.1402 \text{ rad}^{-1}$  and  $\omega = 2.8298 \text{ rad}^{-1}$

# Beats. Experiment. Fitting.

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

|    | 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   |

8 fitting parameters



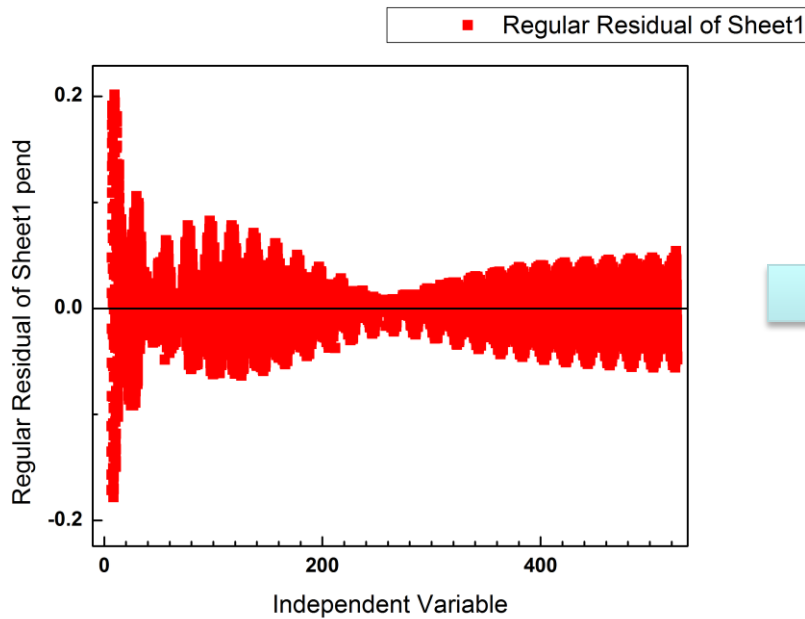
From fitting



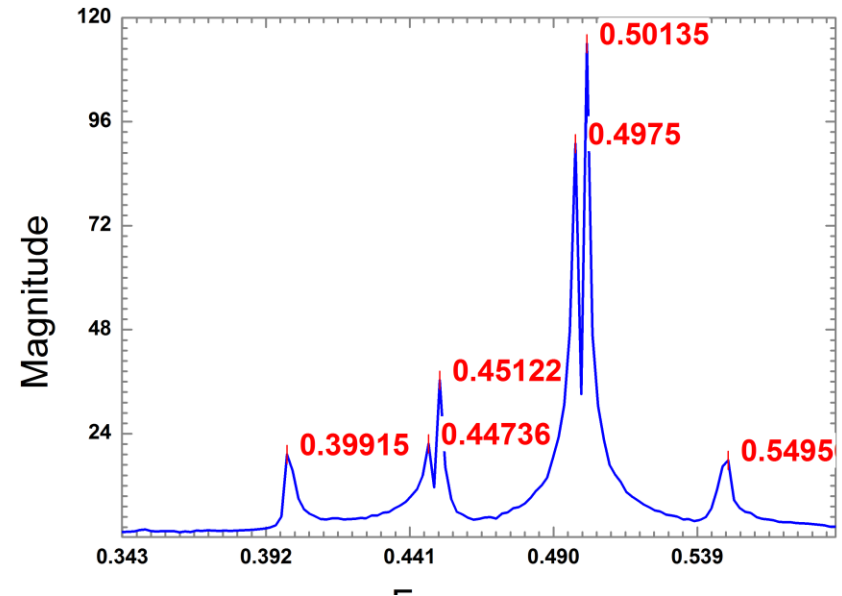
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# Beats. Experiment. Fitting. Residuals.



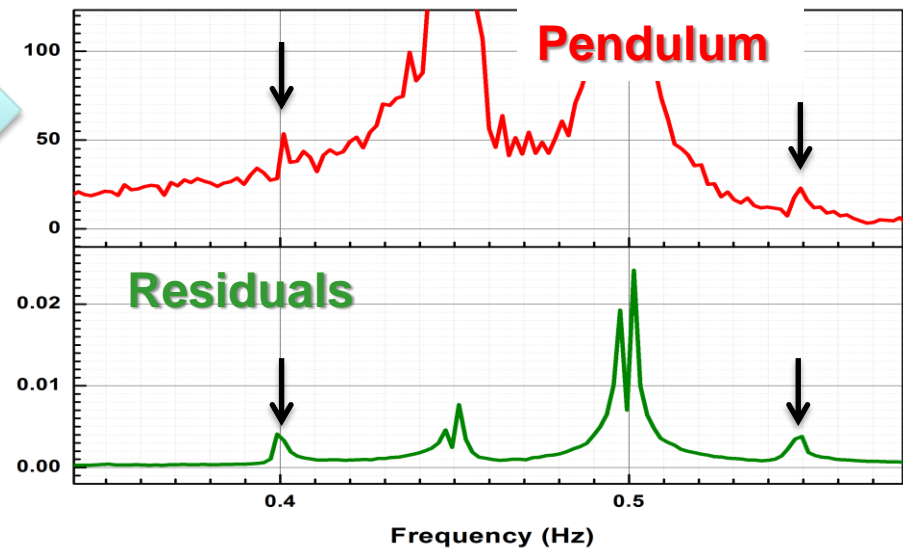
FFT



Compare with original pendulum spectrum

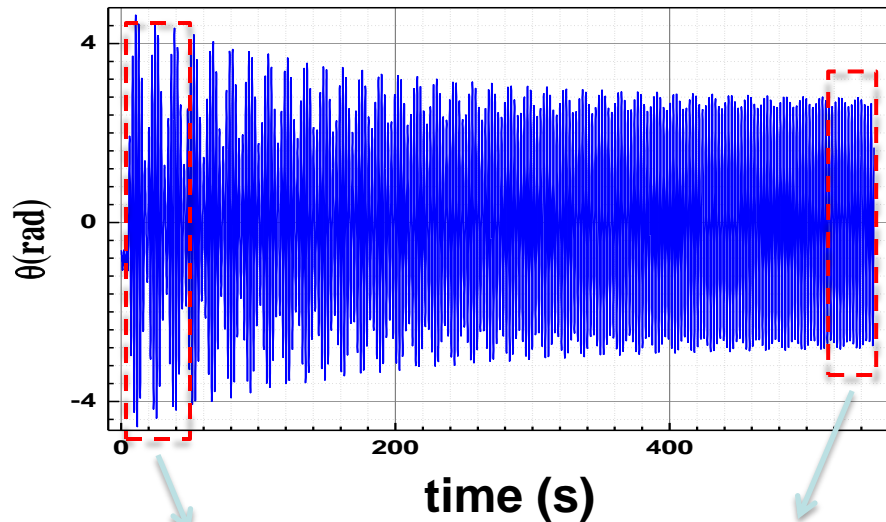
- Possible origin of “extra” peaks:
- (i) Nonlinear behavior of pendulum
  - (ii) Not a single frequency driving force provided by motor
  - (iii) Not ideal fitting function

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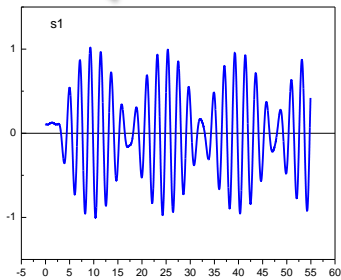
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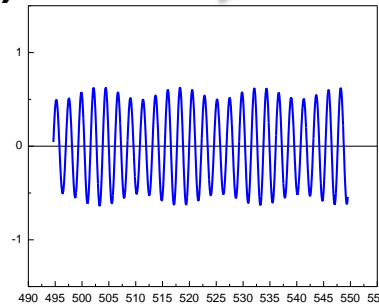


$$\theta_t(t) \rightarrow 0$$

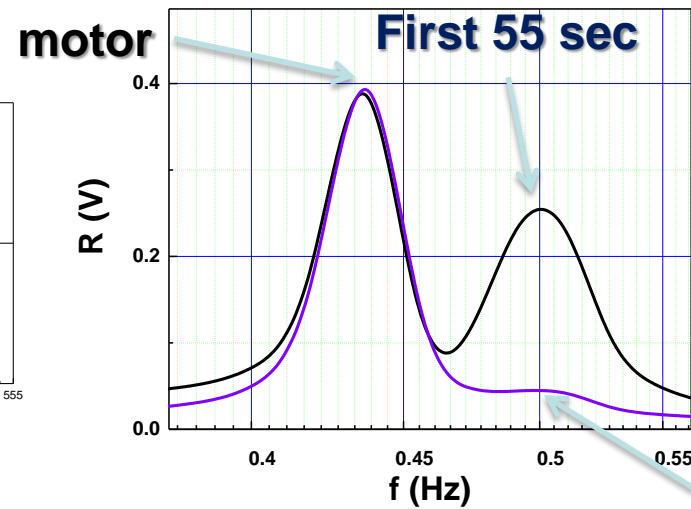
We also can analyze the decrease of the amplitude of the  $\omega_1$  component by analyzing the spectrum as a function of time



First 55 sec



Last 55 sec

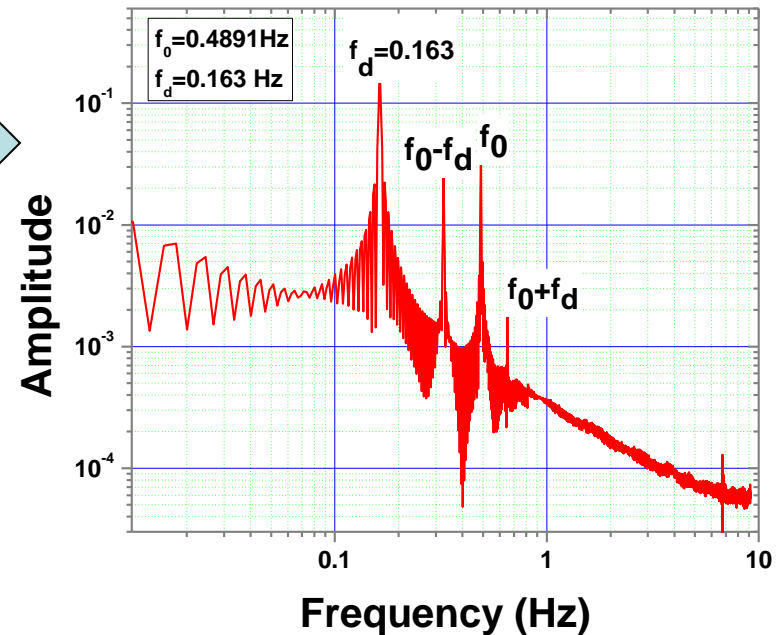
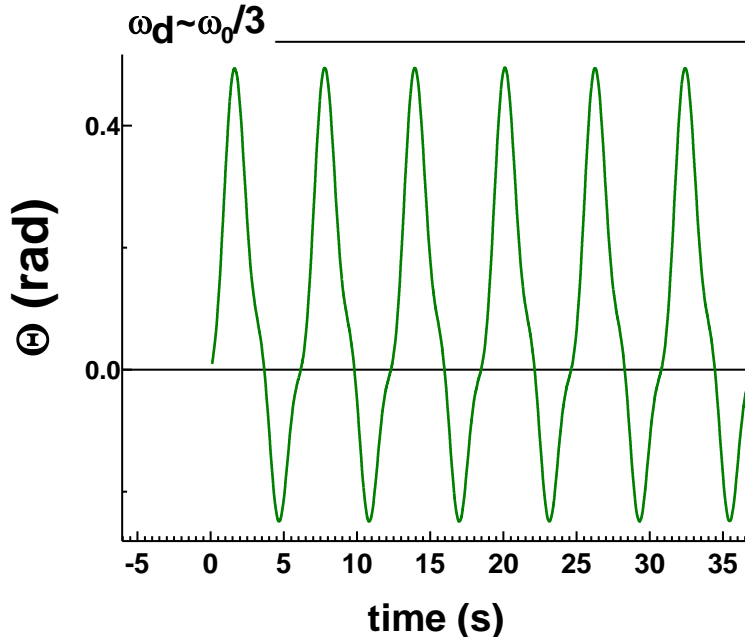


Last 55 sec

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

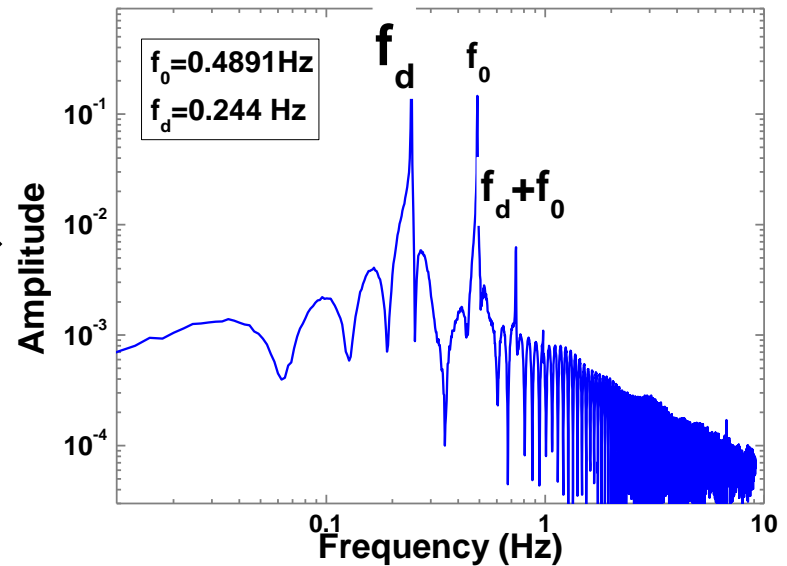
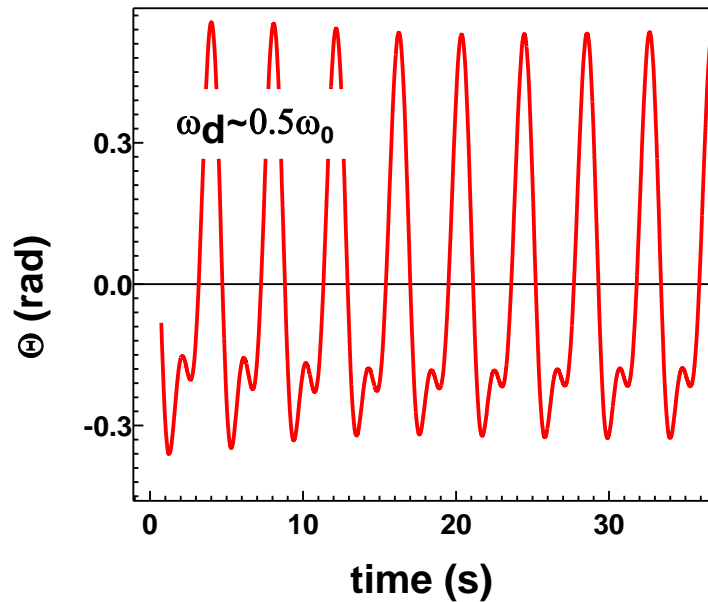
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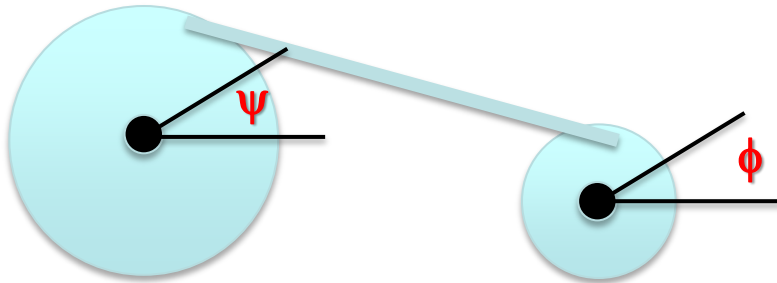
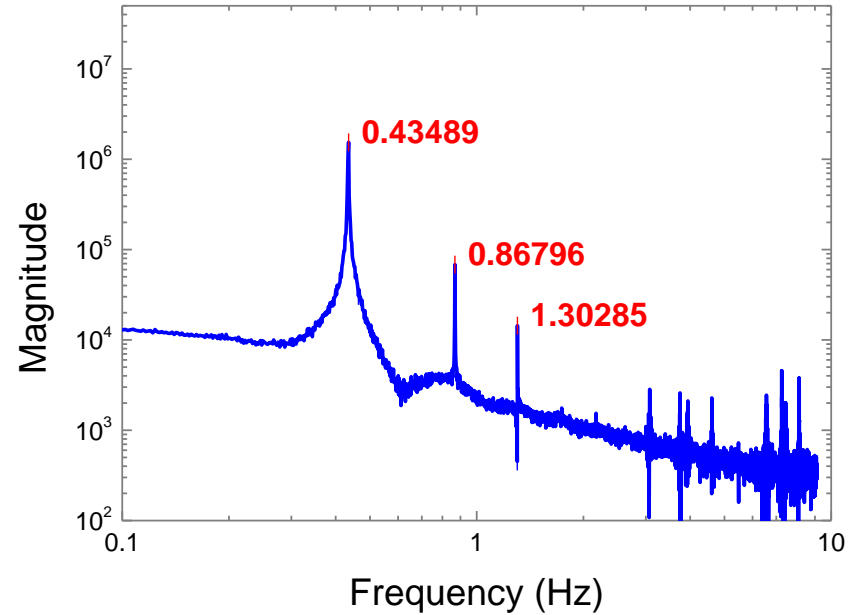
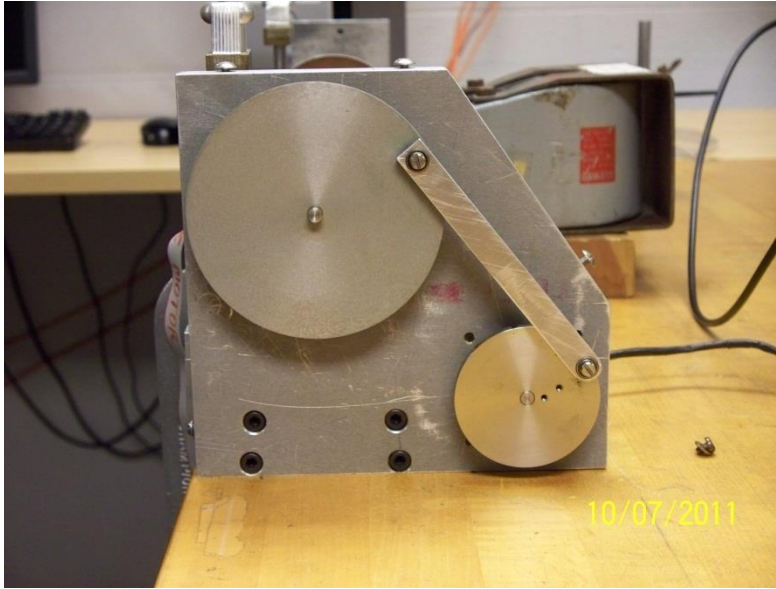


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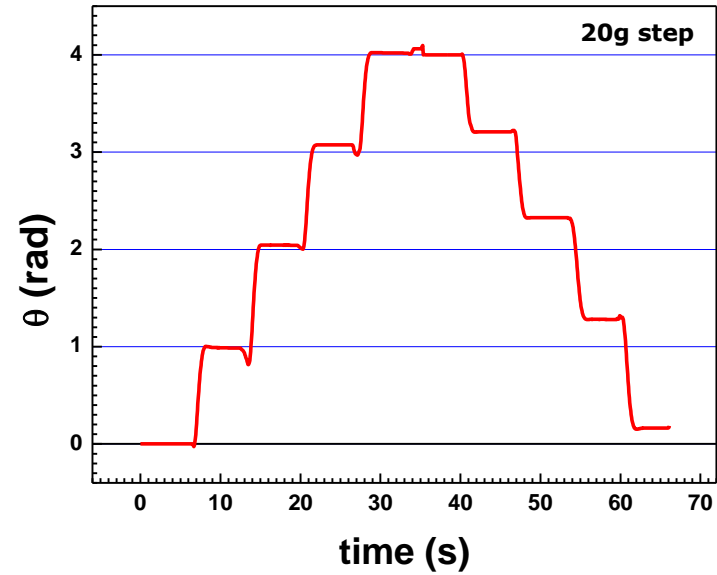
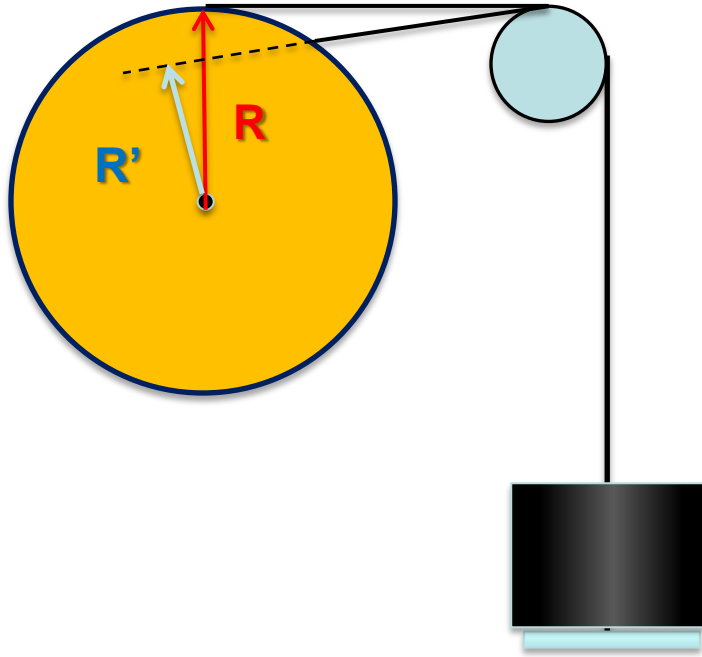
# Beats. Experiment. Driving spectrum.



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

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# Comment on the previous Lab. Suggestions



$$\tau = R \times F$$

$$\theta = \frac{gR}{K} m$$