

# Autoresonance

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- Autoresonance is a method of exciting lightly damped nonlinear oscillators.
  - It has been used or proposed for use in many different systems, including:
    - Antihydrogen synthesis by the ALPHA collaboration (axial autoresonance.)
    - Antihydrogen synthesis by the AEGIS collaboration (radial autoresonance.)
    - Massive positron storage (UCSD.)

Thanks to Eric Gilson and Lazar Friedland

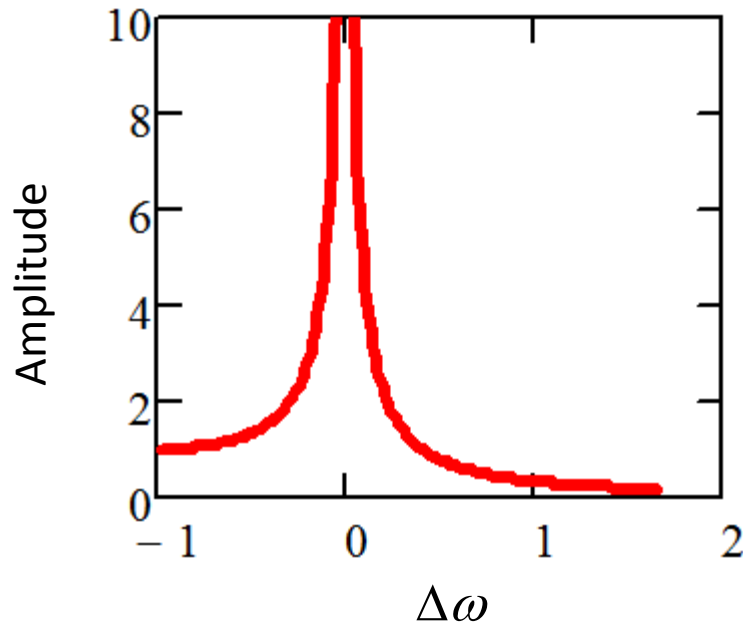
# Driven Harmonic Oscillator

Driven Harmonic Oscillator Equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$

Solution:

$$\theta = \frac{\varepsilon}{\omega_0^2 - \omega_D^2} \cos \omega_D t + A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$



Detuning

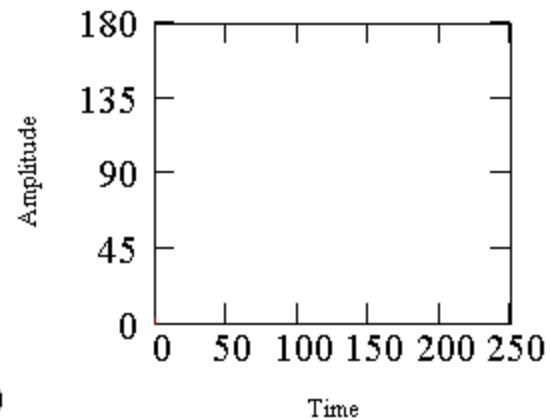
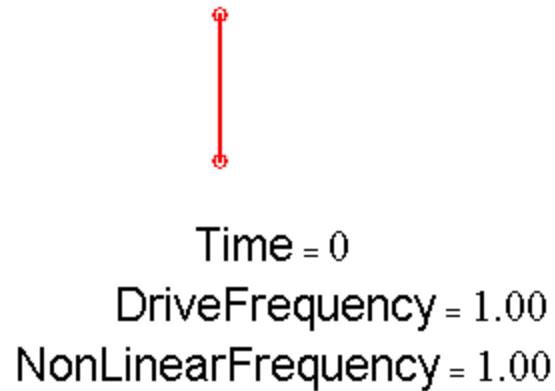
$$\omega_D = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$$

# Driven Pendulum

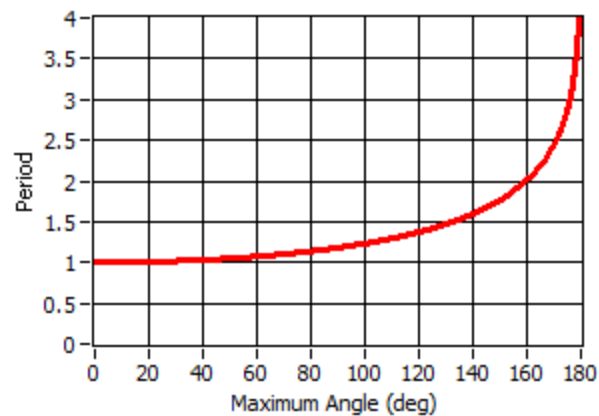
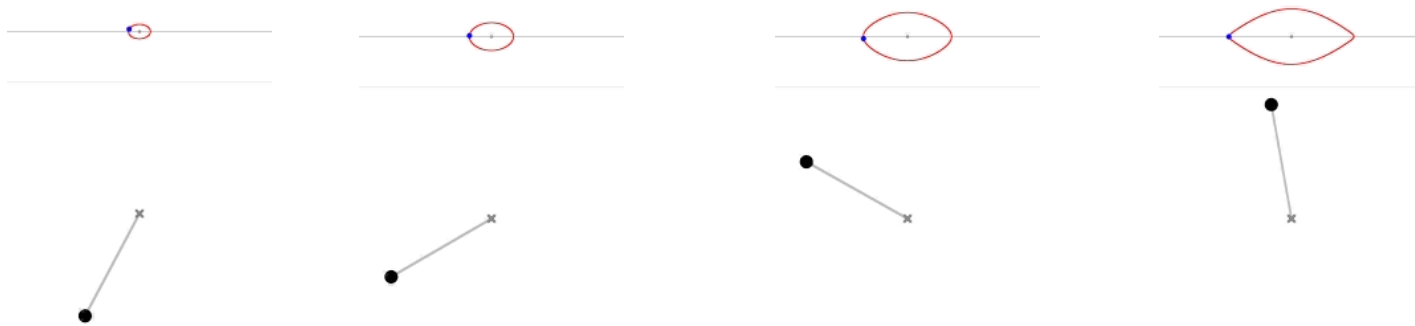
Driven Pendulum Equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \sin \theta = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$

## Resonantly Driven Pendulum



# Nonlinear Pendulum Period



$$T = T_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\theta_0^2}{16} + \frac{11\theta_0^4}{3072} + \dots \right)$$

$\theta_0$  is the maximum angle

Exact answer involves a complete elliptic integral of the first kind.

# Duffing Equation

Pendulum Equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \sin \theta = \varepsilon \cos \omega t$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{6} + \frac{\theta^5}{120} + \dots \right) = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$

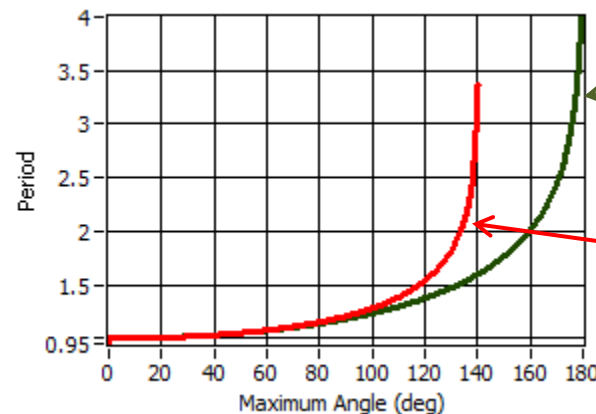
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Harmonic Oscillator

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$

Duffing Equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta (1 - \beta \theta^2) = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$



Pendulum  
Frequency

Duffing  
Frequency

$$\beta = 1/6$$

# Detuned Constant Frequency Drive: Analytic Amplitude

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta (1 - \beta \theta^2) = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (e^{i\omega_D t} + e^{-i\omega_D t})$$

What is the resulting amplitude?

Assume:

$$\theta(t) = \frac{\theta_m}{2} (e^{i\omega_D t} + e^{-i\omega_D t})$$

$\theta_m$  is the maximum amplitude.

$$-\omega_D^2 \theta_m + \omega_0^2 \theta_m \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta}{4} \theta_m^2 (e^{2i\omega_D t} + 2 + e^{-2i\omega_D t}) \right] = \varepsilon$$

Time average and use the detuning:

$$\omega_D = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$$

$$\frac{\beta}{2} \theta_m^3 + \left[ 2 \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} + \left( \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} \right)^2 \right] \theta_m + \frac{\varepsilon}{\omega_0^2} = 0$$

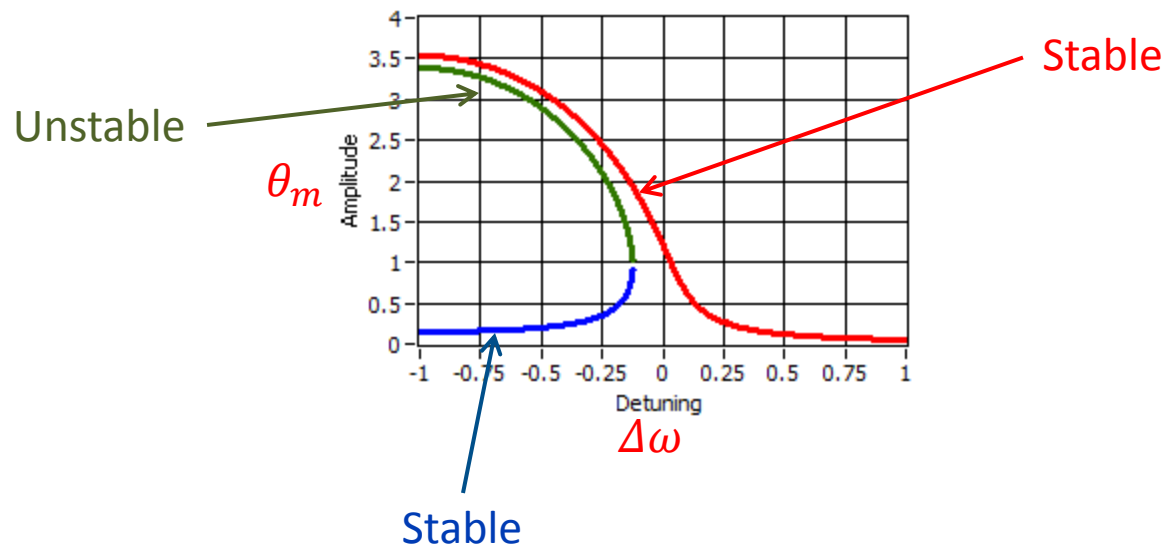
Cubic equation for the maximum amplitude  $\theta_m$ .

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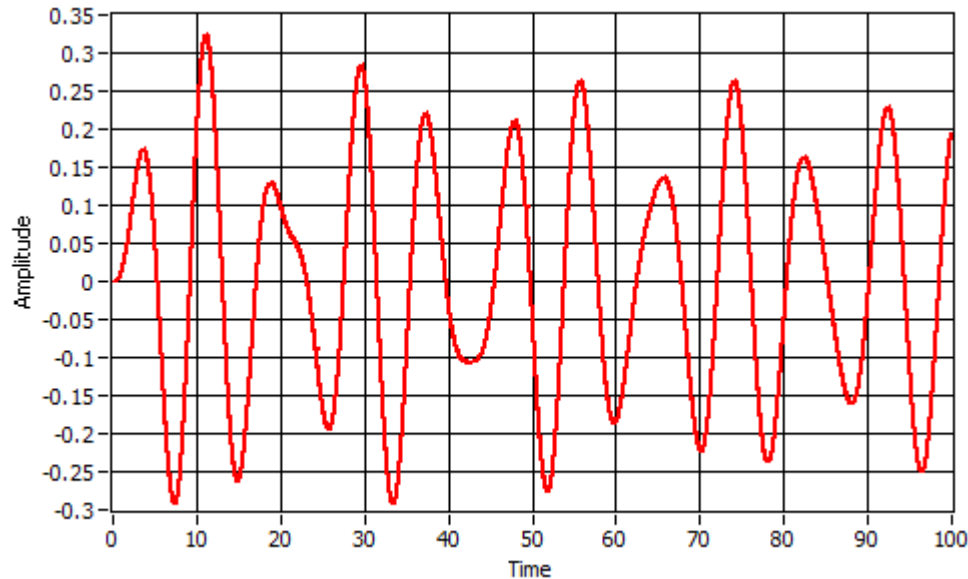
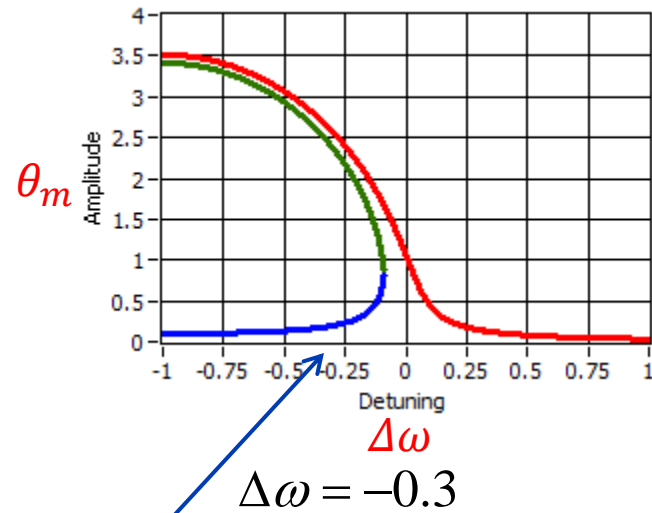
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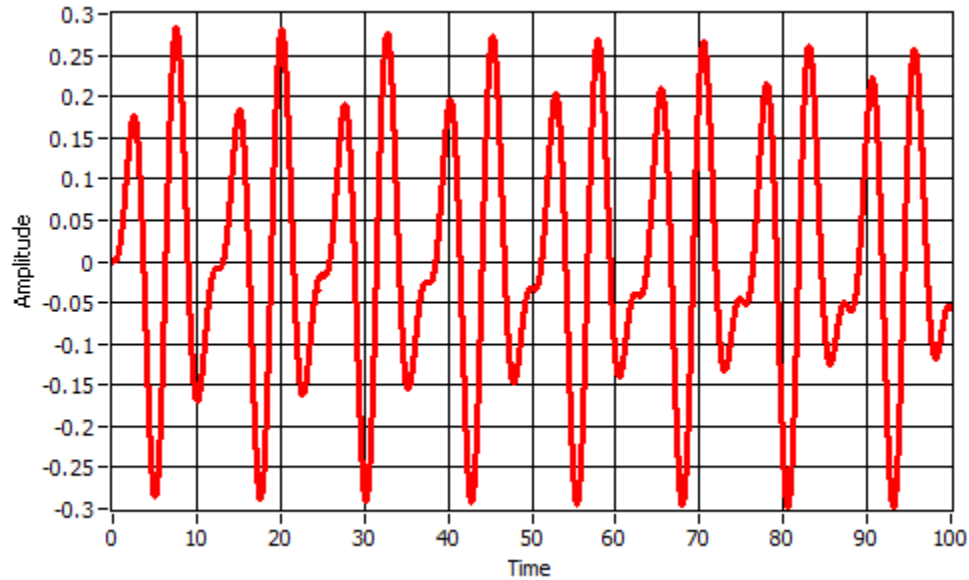
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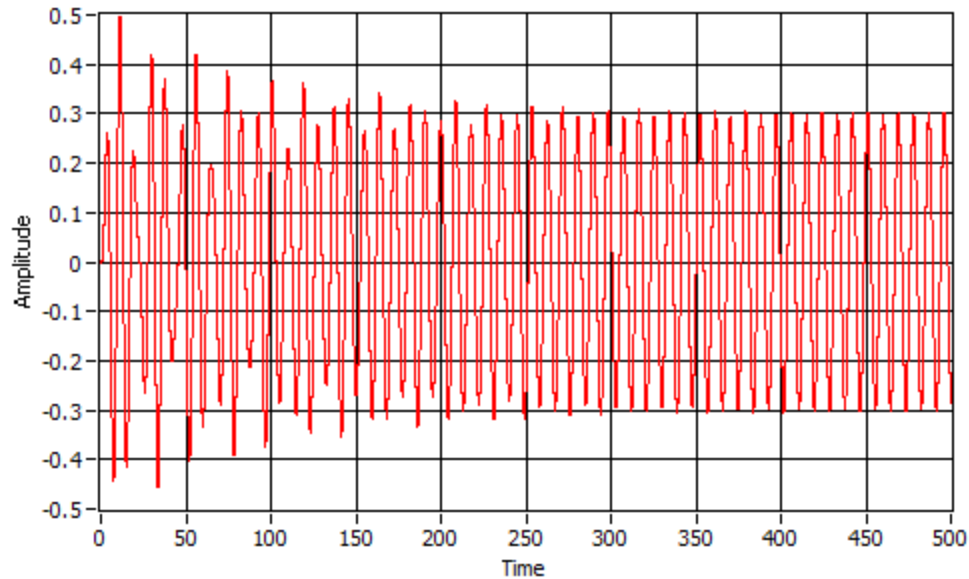
Beating between homogeneous and driven modes



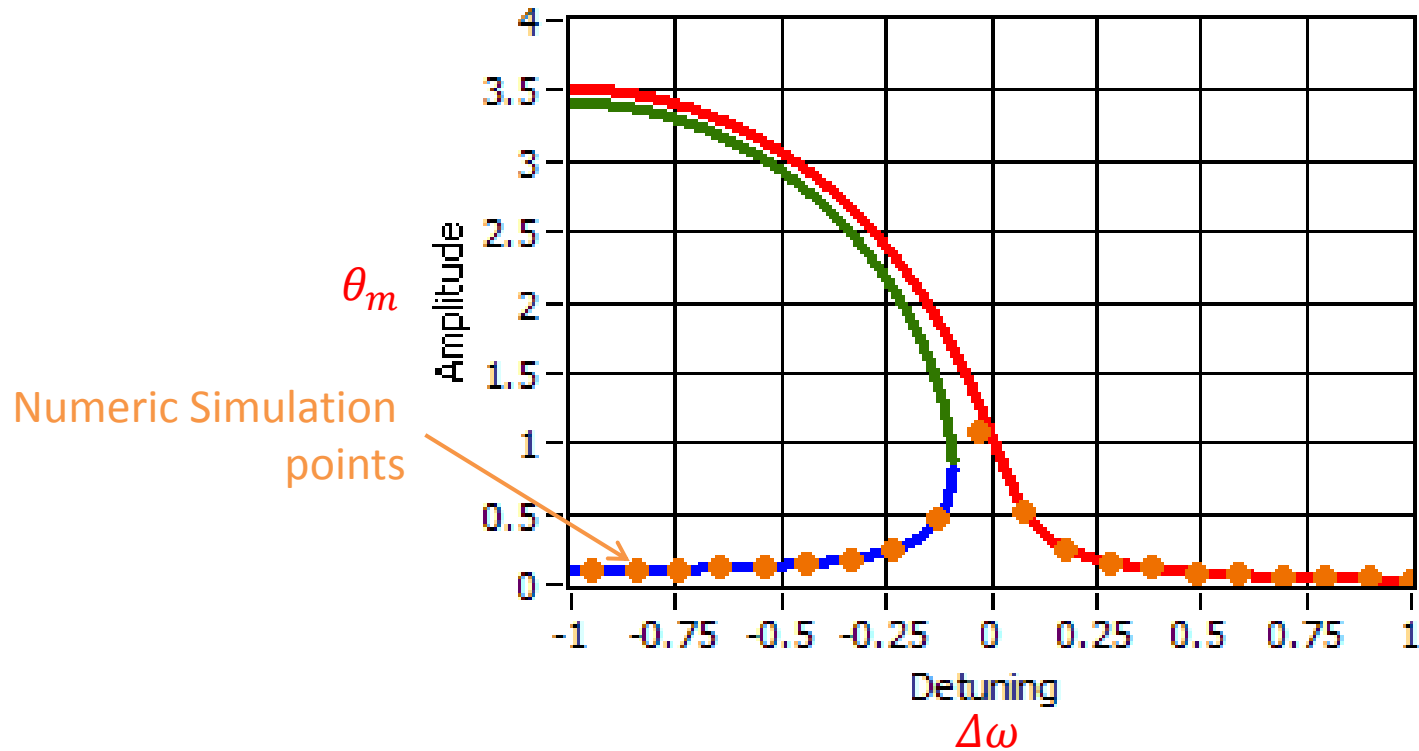
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Add a bit of damping

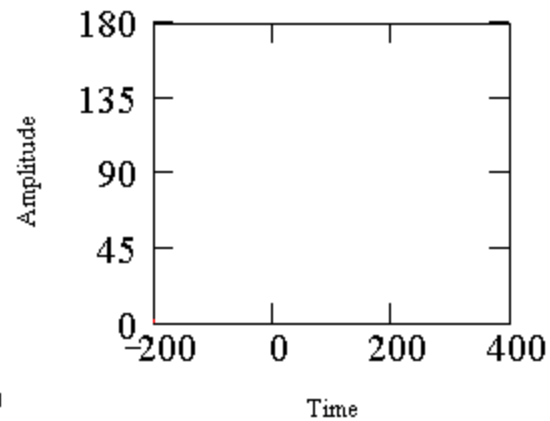
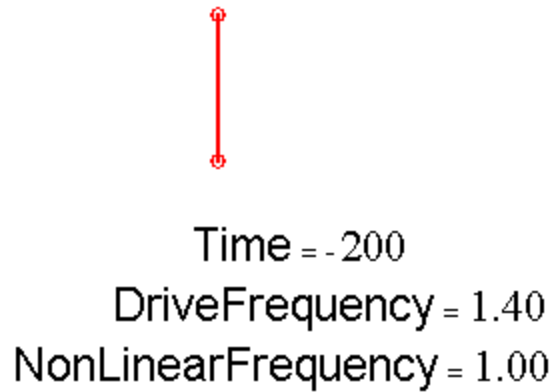


# Detuned Constant Frequency Drive: Comparison of the Analytic and Numeric Amplitudes



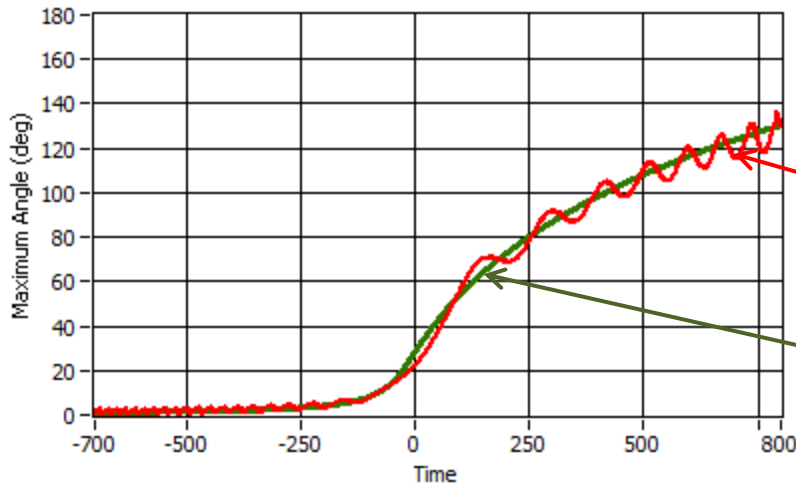
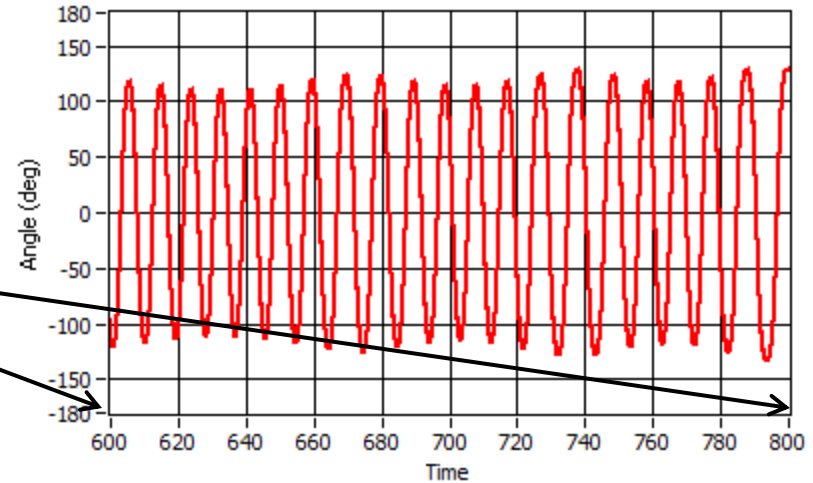
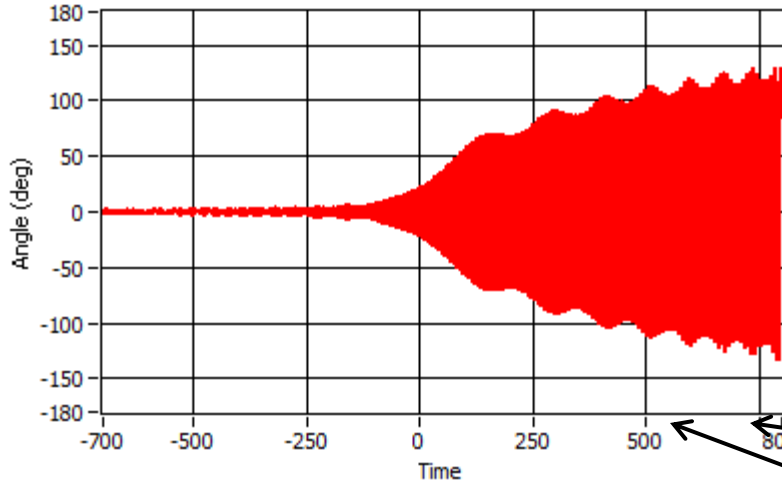
# Autoresonance

## Autoresonantly Driven Pendulum



$$\omega_D(t) = \omega_0 \pm \alpha t$$

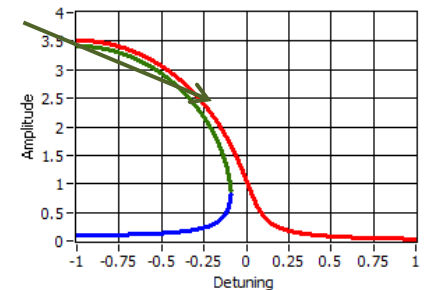
# Autoresonance



Actual Response

Calculated Response

Time = Frequency Detuning

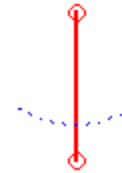


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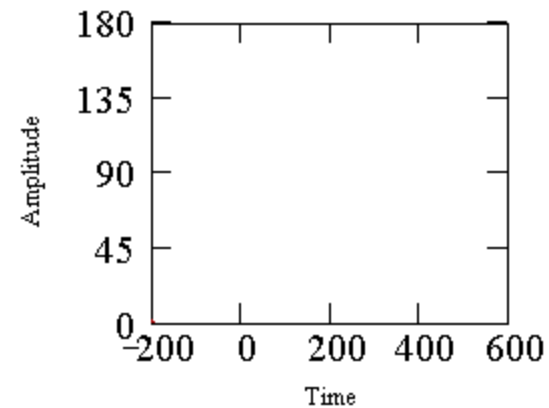
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# Autoresonance: Environment Change



Time = -200  
DriveFrequency = 1.00  
NonLinearFrequency = 0.87  
LinearFrequency = 0.87

Variable Length,  
Autoresonantly Driven  
Pendulum



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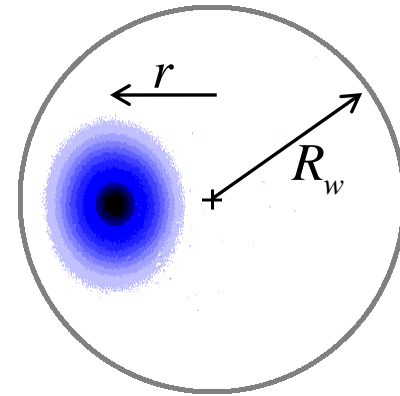
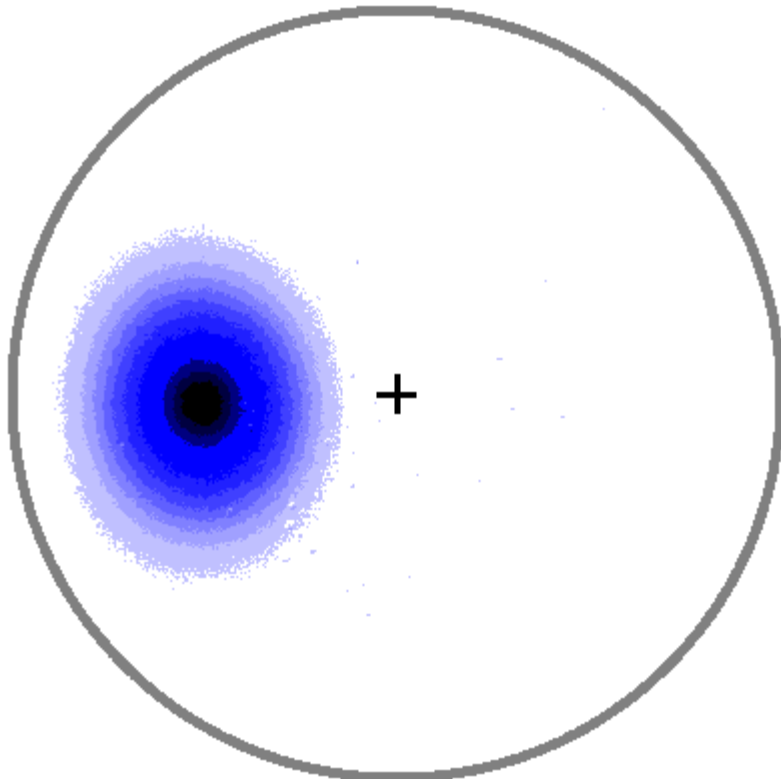
Autoresonance is an extension of the principle of phase stability in accelerators discovered by McMillan and Veksler.

Has been observed in a wide range of dynamical systems:

Plasmas, Pendulums, Plutinos, Nonlinear Waves, Fluid Dynamics, Josephson Junctions, Mass Spectrometers, Optics, Positron Storage, Antihydrogen.

# Diocotron Wave

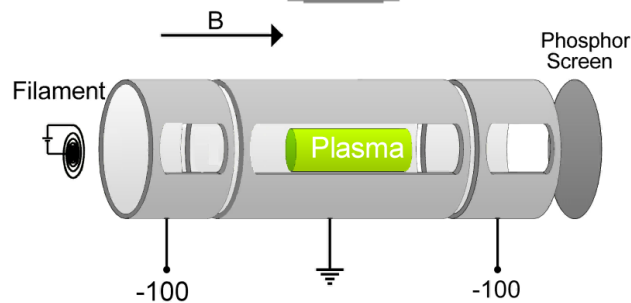
Time = 0  $\mu\text{S}$



Diocotron Frequency

$$\omega = \frac{\omega_0}{1 - \frac{r^2}{R_w}} \approx \omega_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{R_w} - \dots \right)$$

Tutorial Problem: Derive this formula.



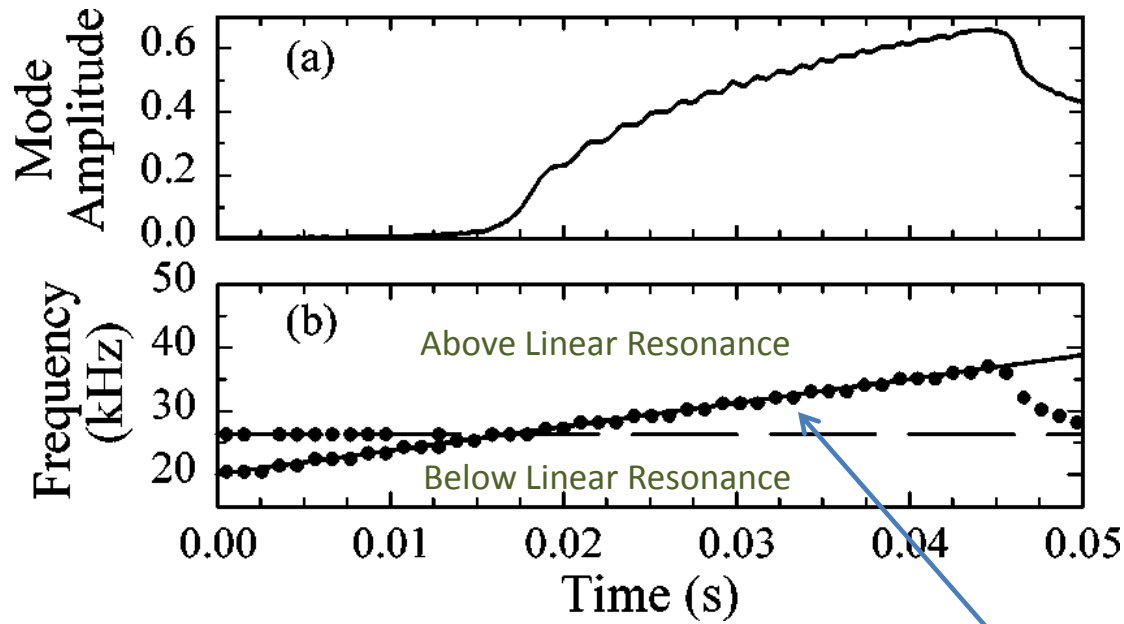
Duffing Equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta (1 - \beta \theta^2) = \varepsilon \cos \omega_D t$$

$$\beta = -2/R_w^2$$

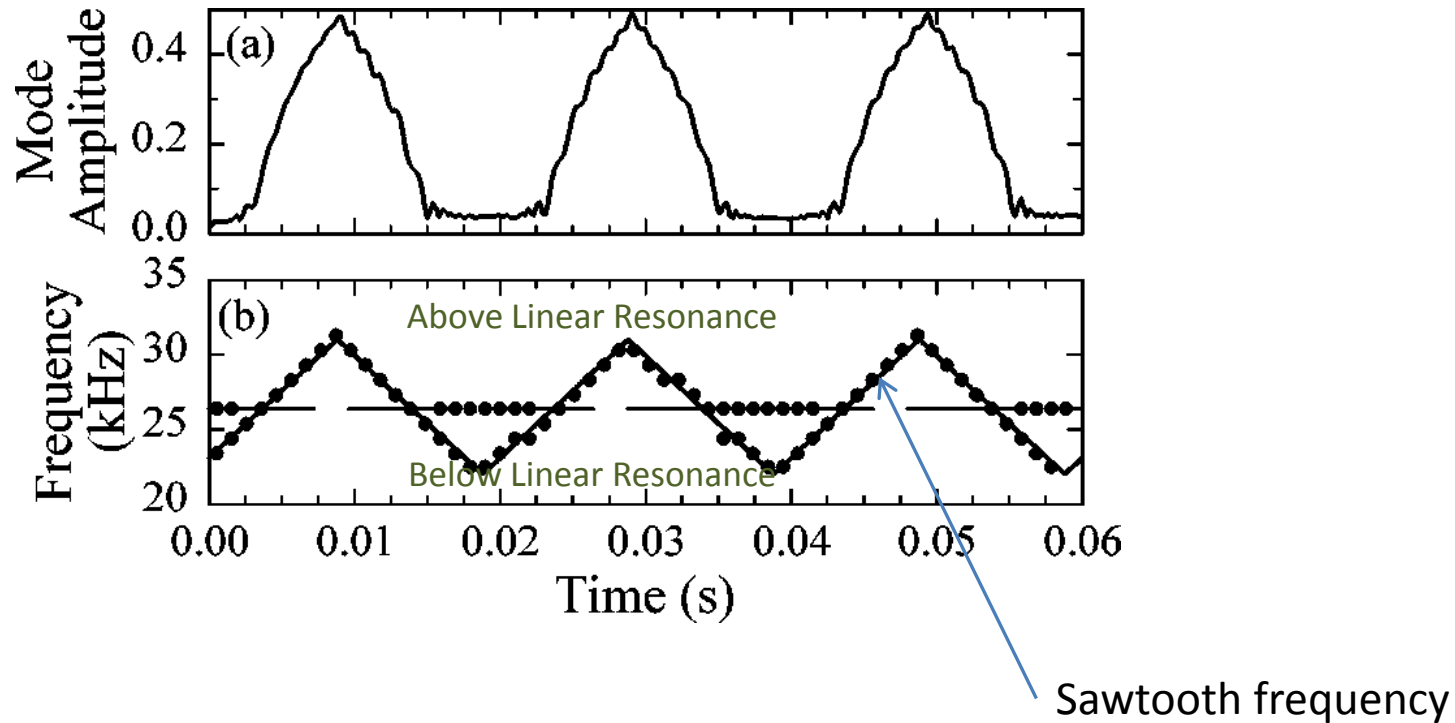


# Autoresonant Excitation of the Diocotron: Upward Frequency Sweep

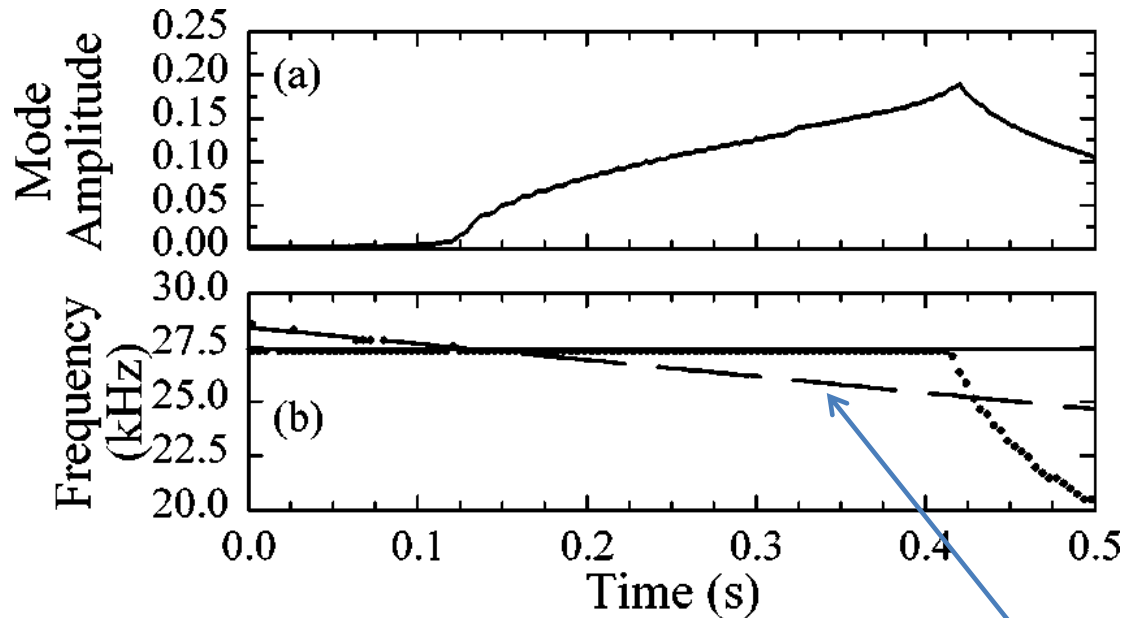


Upward sweeping frequency

# Autoresonant Excitation of the Diocotron: Sawtooth Frequency Sweep

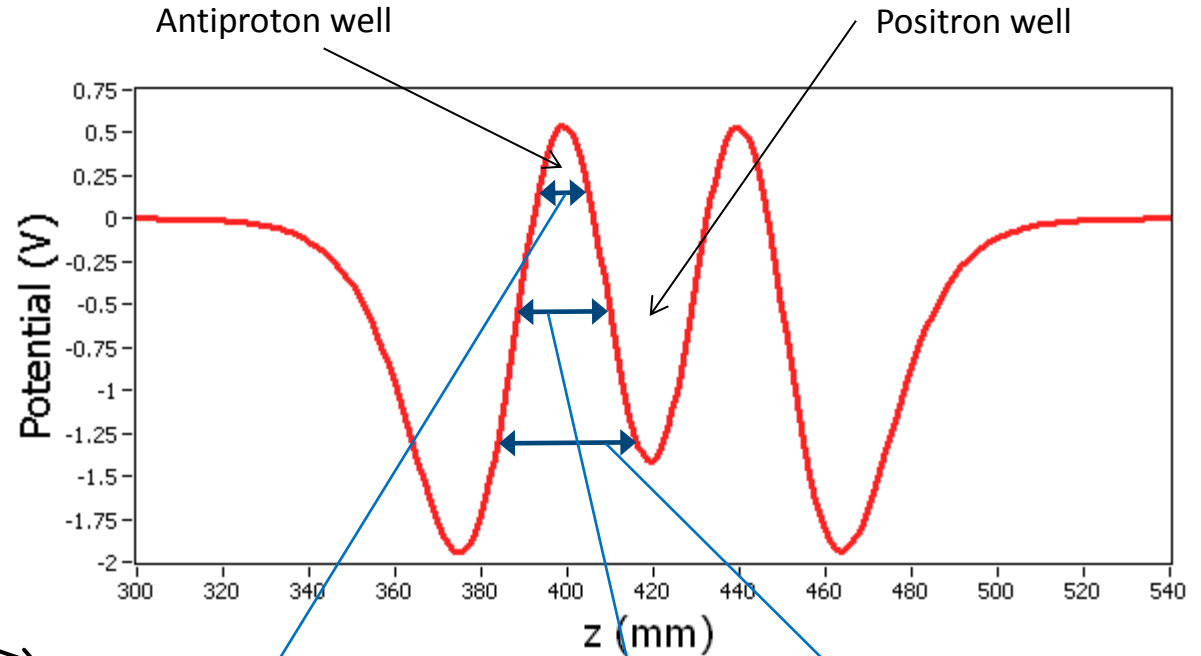
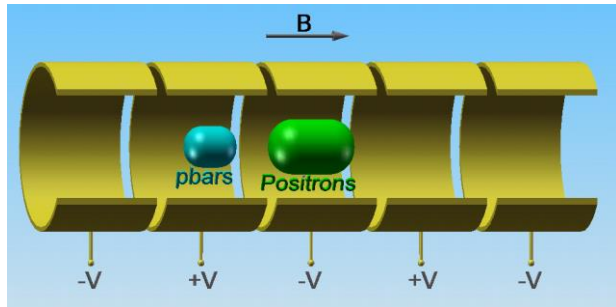


# Autoresonant Excitation of the Diocotron: Constant Frequency Drive with Evolution of the Linear Frequency

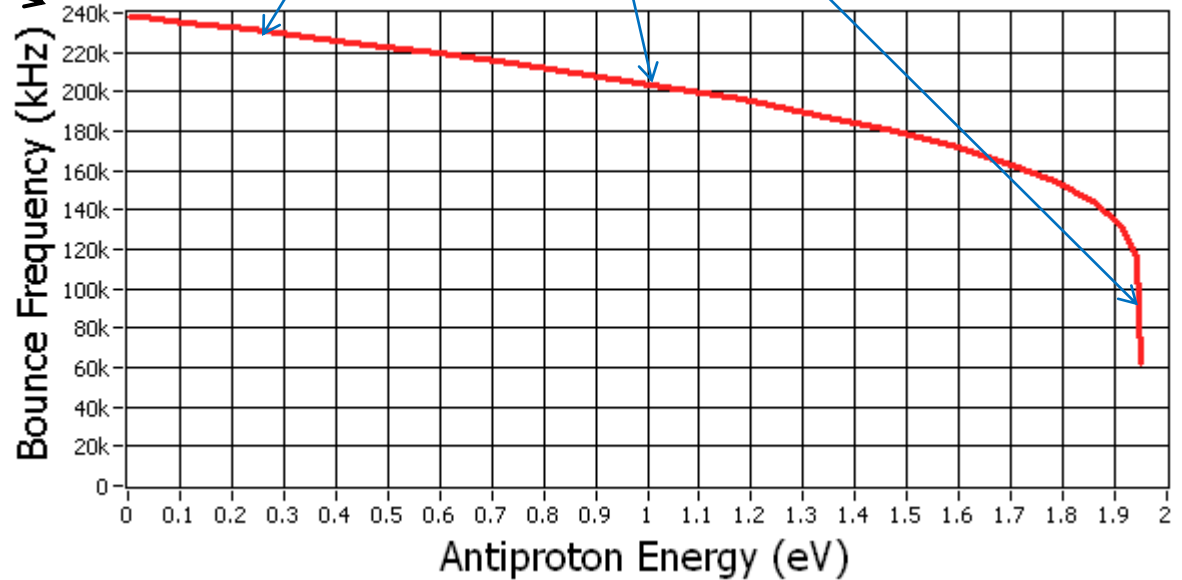


Downward sweeping  
linear frequency

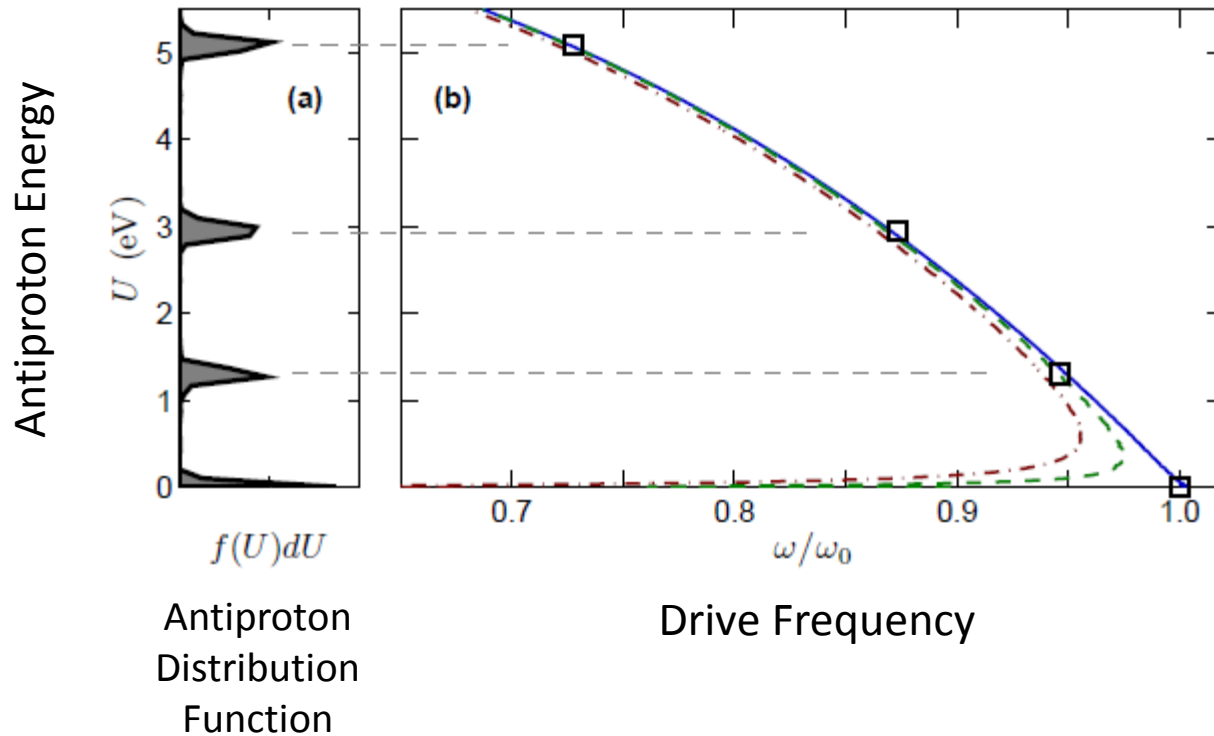
# Axial Antiproton Excitation in a Penning-Malmberg Trap



Linear  
Resonant  
Frequency



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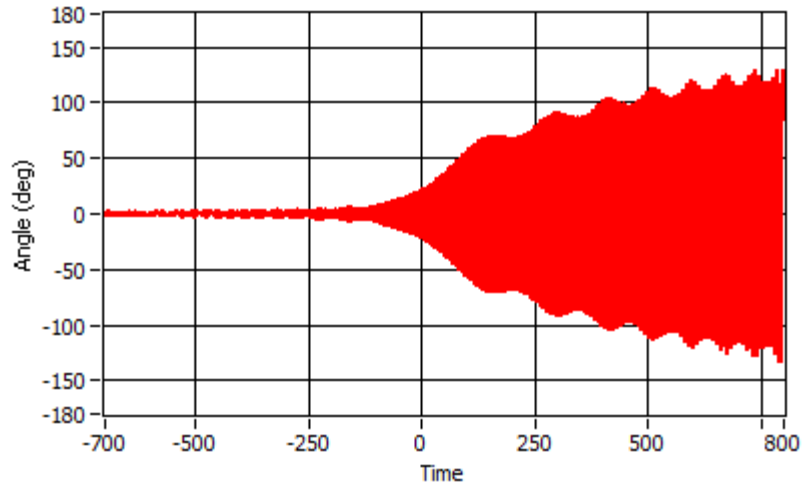


# Autoresonance

Will autoresonance always occur?

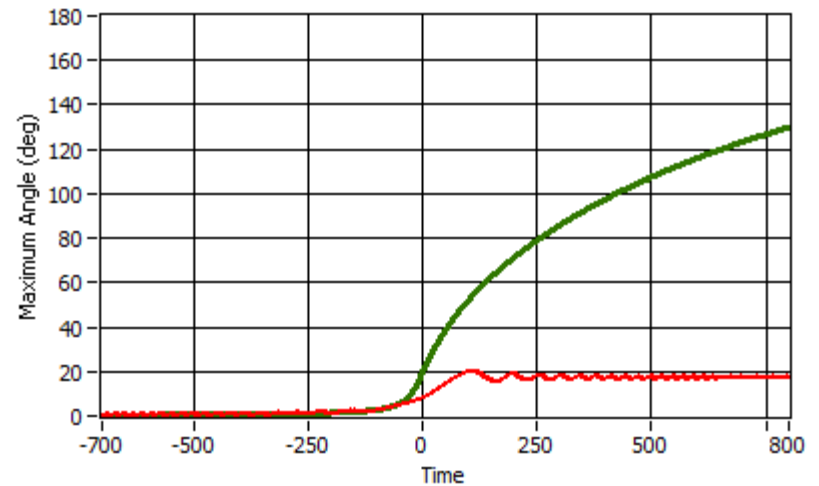
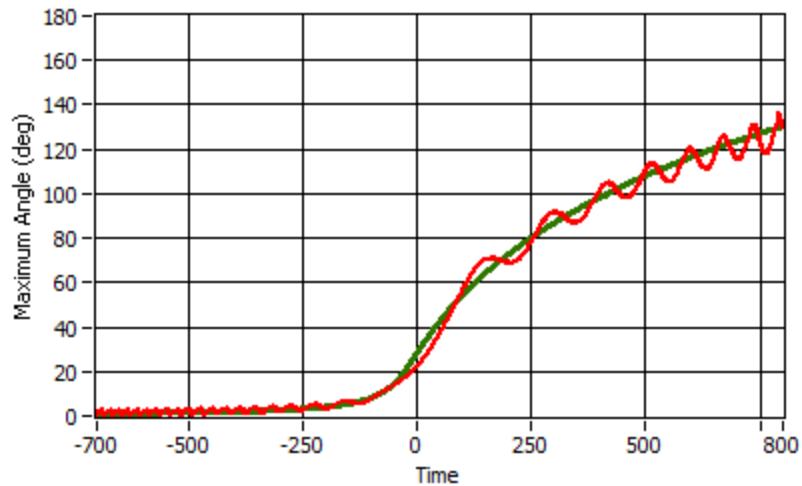
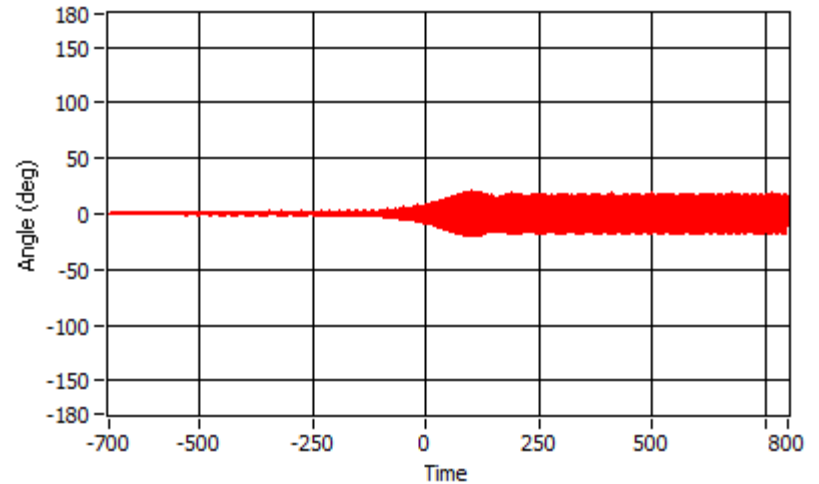
Strong drive

$\varepsilon = 0.015$

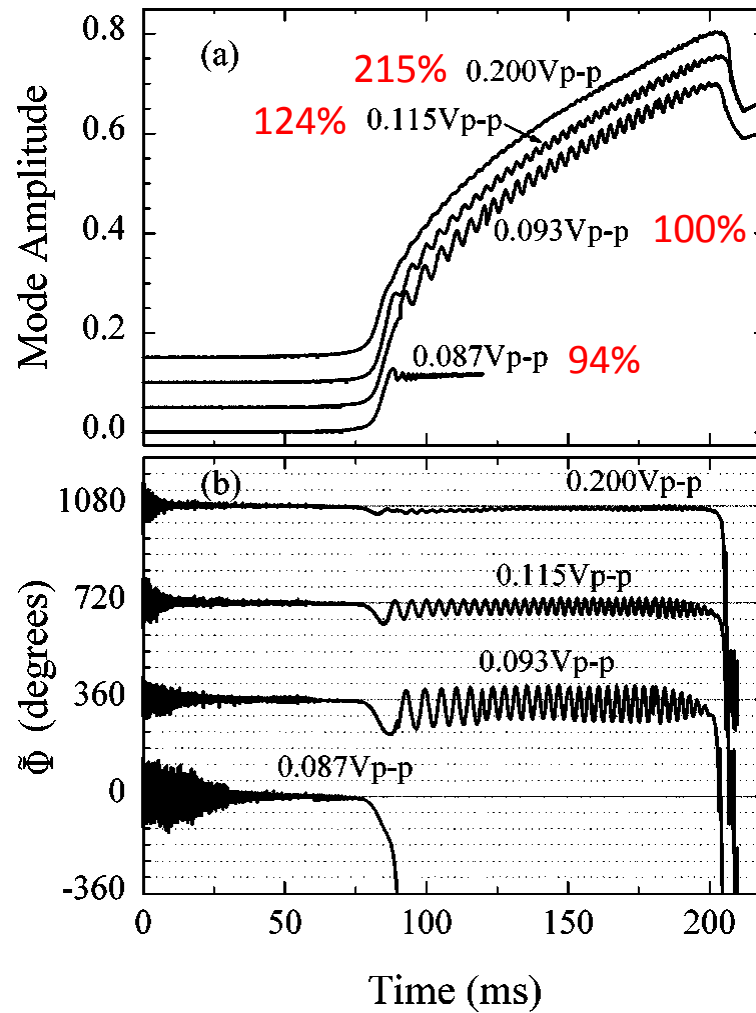


Weak drive

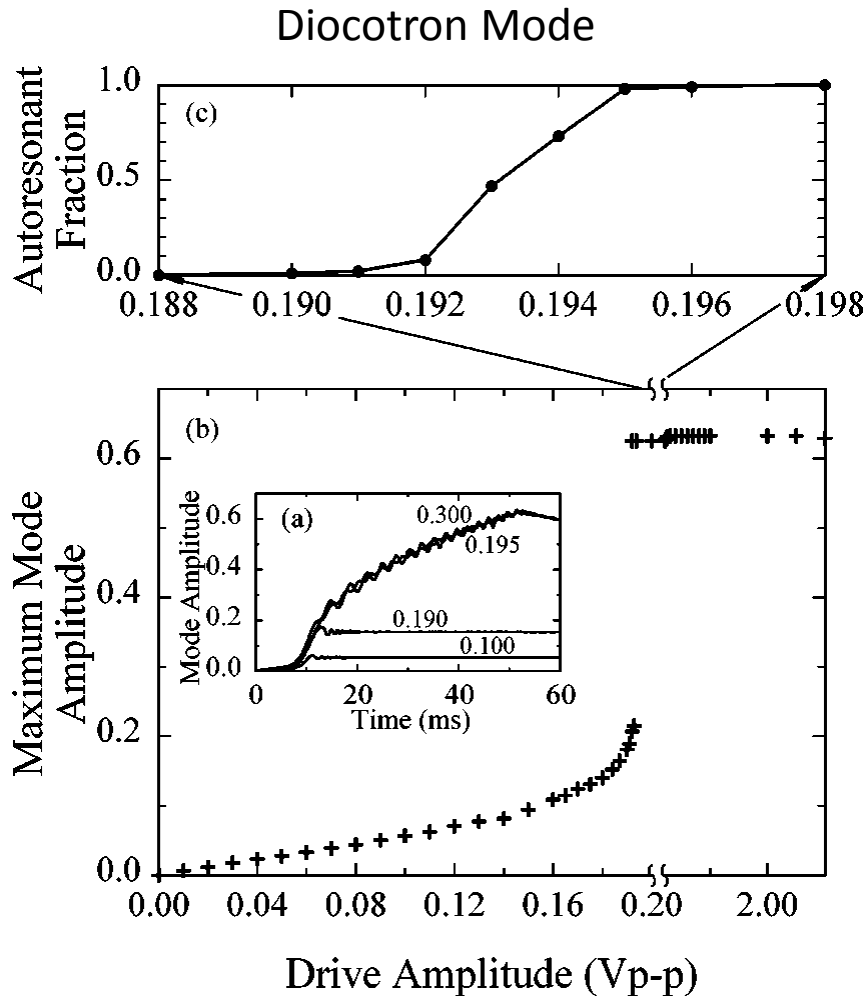
$\varepsilon = 0.005$



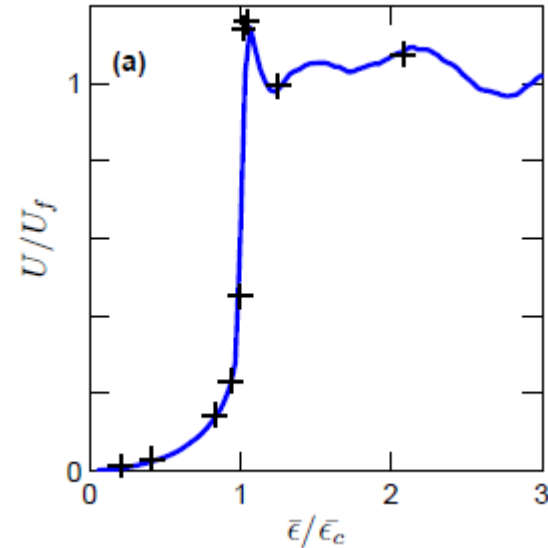
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Axial Antiproton Excitation



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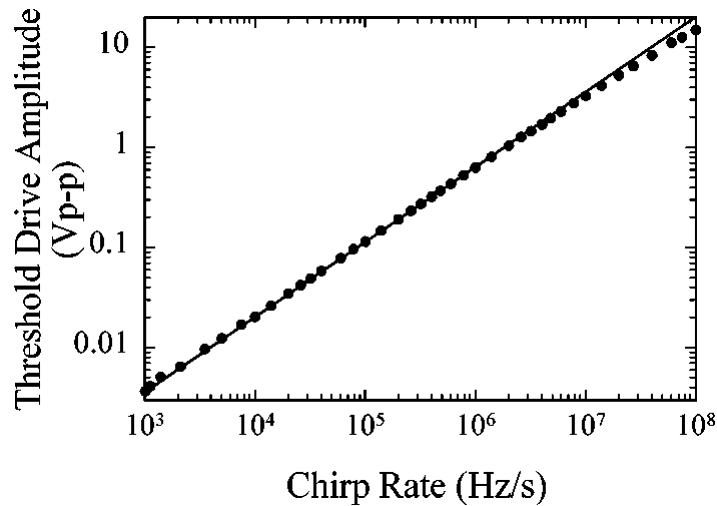
# Sweep (Chirp) Rate

For simplicity, assume that the drive frequency is changing linearly.

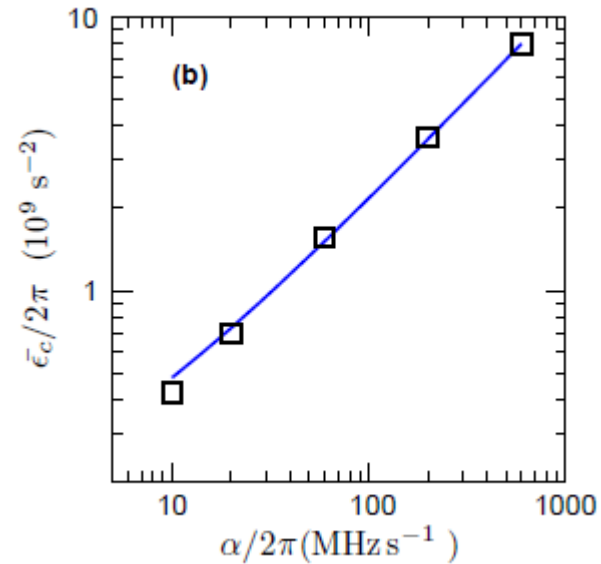
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# Autoresonance Threshold

Diocotron Mode



Axial Antiproton Excitation



For autoresonance to occur:

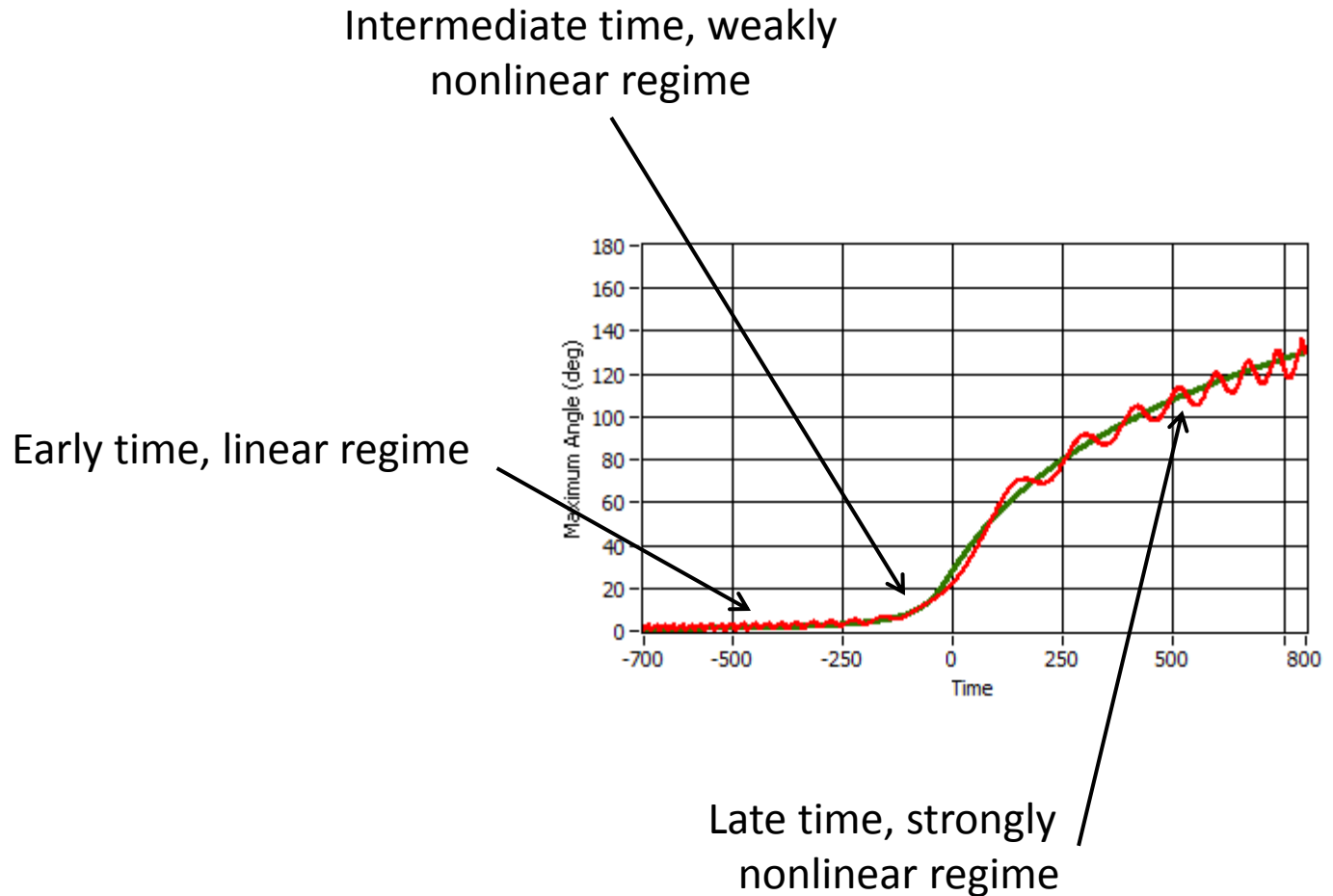
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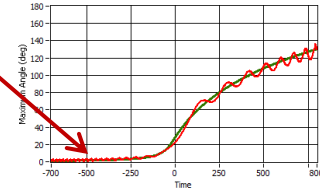
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# Autoresonance Regimes



# Linear Regime



Duffing Equation with a swept drive:

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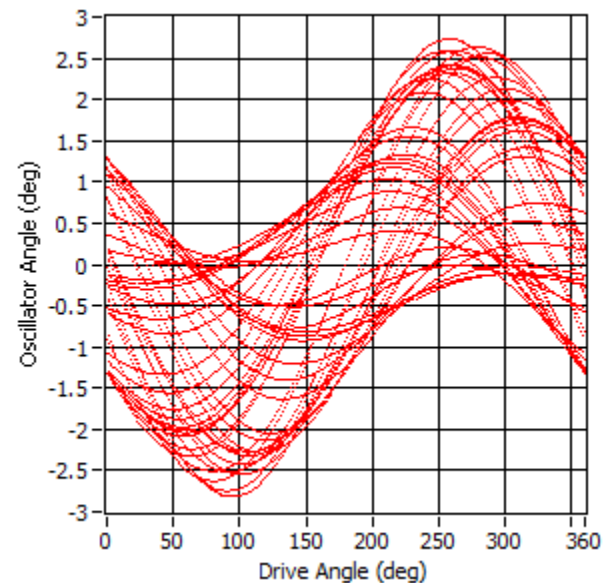
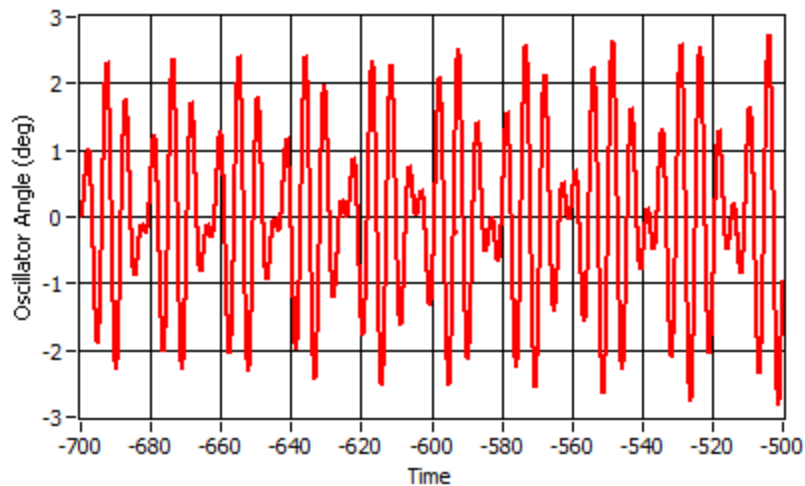
Simple harmonic oscillator with a swept drive:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta = \varepsilon \cos(\omega_0 t - \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2)$$

Exact solution was derived by Lewis in terms of Fresnel sine and cosine functions.

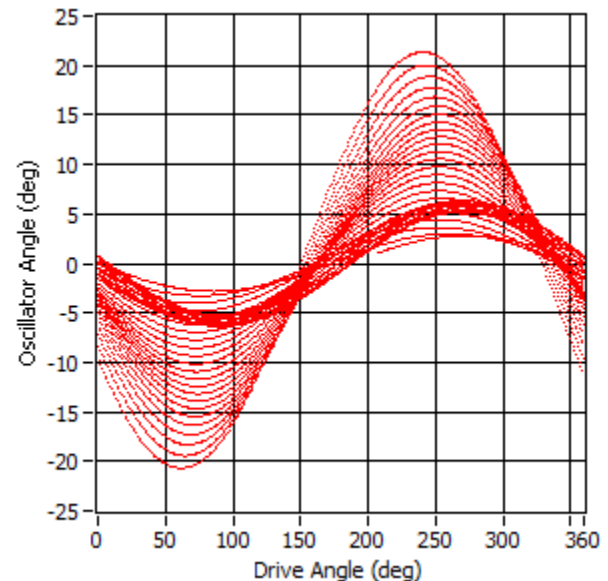
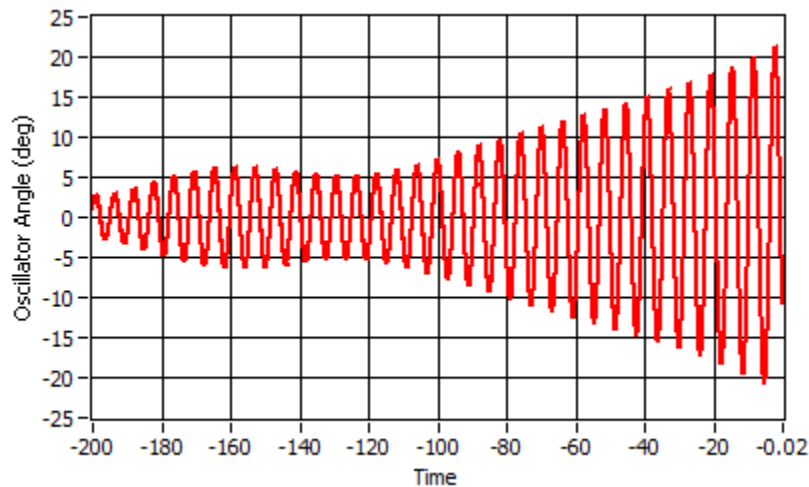
# Linear Regime: Phase Locking

- For autoresonance to occur, the oscillator phase must be locked to the drive phase.
  - If the oscillator and drive are not locked, beating will occur.
- When the drive is first turned on at  $t = -t_0$ , are the drive and phase locked?
  - The driven, inhomogeneous response at  $\omega = \omega_0 - \alpha t_0$  is in phase with the drive.
  - To match initial conditions, there is a homogenous response at  $\omega = \omega_0$ .
- The amplitudes of this response are approximately equal, and proportional to  $\frac{1}{\Delta\omega} = \frac{1}{\alpha t_0}$ .
- Consequently, the net response beats and is not locked to the drive.



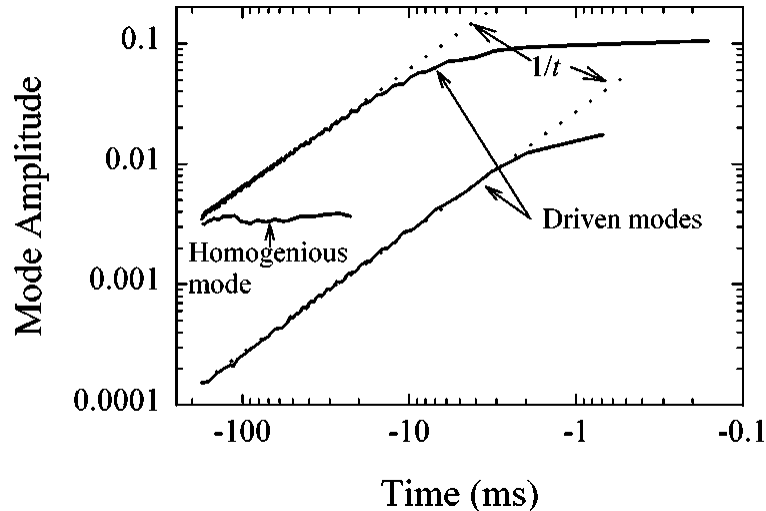
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- As the drive sweeps towards the resonant frequency, the driven mode amplitude continuous to scale as  $\frac{1}{\Delta\omega} = \frac{1}{\alpha t}$ , and as  $\Delta\omega$  is getting smaller and smaller, the amplitude gets larger and larger.
- The homogenous mode amplitude remains fixed.
- Consequently, the driven mode eventually dominates the homogenous mode, and the system phase locks.

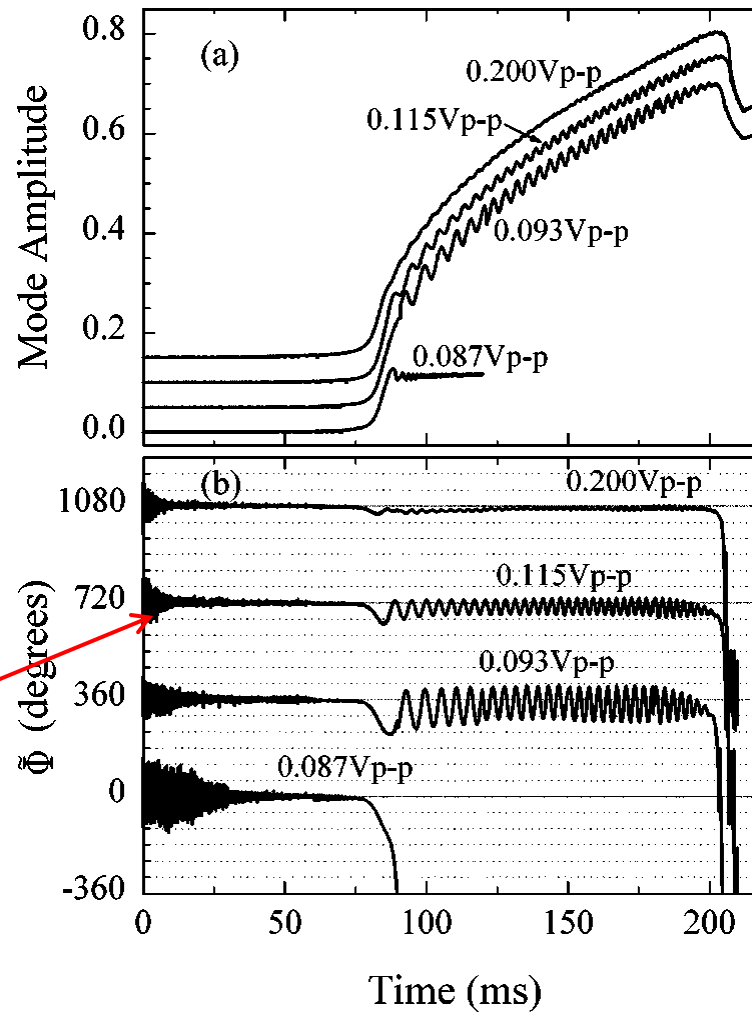


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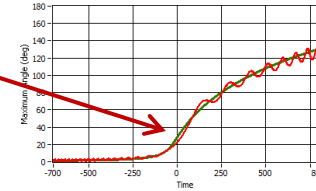
Experimental  
Phase Locking



# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Action-Angle Variables

- Define the action:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi\omega_0} \oint \dot{\theta} d\theta$$



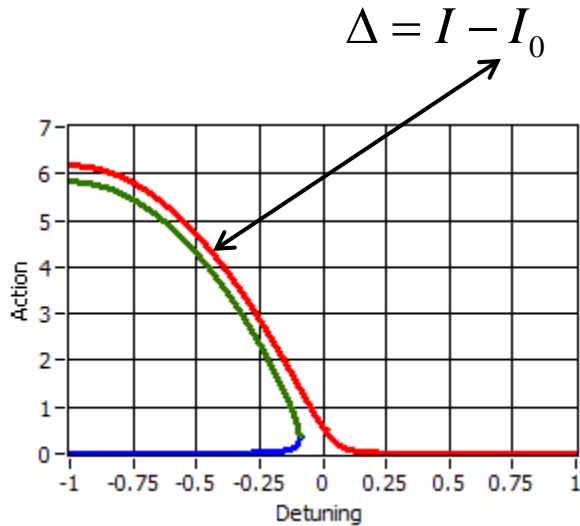
- The action is a measure of the maximum amplitude:

$$I \approx \frac{\theta_{\max}^2}{2}$$

- Also define the angle  $\Phi$  to be the phase mismatch between the drive and the oscillator angle  $(\theta, \dot{\theta})$  in phase space coordinates.
- These are natural coordinates to describe this problem.
  - The unperturbed pendulum has constant action and linearly increasing phase.

# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Action-Angle Variables

At every time, expand the action around the equilibrium action.



This forms a Hamiltonian system in which the oscillator, a pseudoparticle, oscillates in a pseudopotential well. For a pendulum:

Kinetic Energy Term  $\rightarrow$   $H(\Phi, \Delta) = S \frac{\Delta^2}{2} + V_{\text{pseudo}}(\Phi)$   $\leftarrow$  Potential Energy Term

Effective Mass  $\rightarrow$

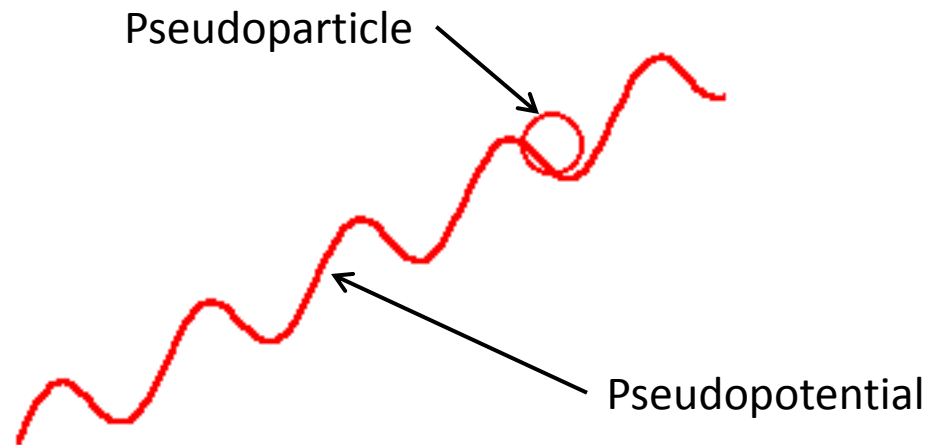
$$V_{\text{pseudo}}(\Phi) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{8}\omega_0} \varepsilon I_0^{1/2} \cos(\Phi) - \frac{\alpha}{S} \Phi \quad S = \frac{\omega_0}{8} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2\sqrt{8}I_0^{3/2}}$$

# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Action-Angle Variables

Concentrating on the pseudopotential,

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This is a tilted washboard ( a tilted cosine) as a function of  $\Phi$ . The amplitude of the ripples in the washboard and the tilt of the washboard are functions of  $I_0$ .



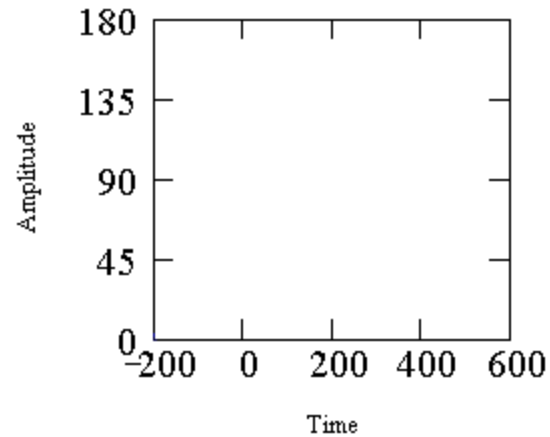
# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Action-Angle Variables

## Autoresonantly Driven Pendulum



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DriveFrequency = 1.20



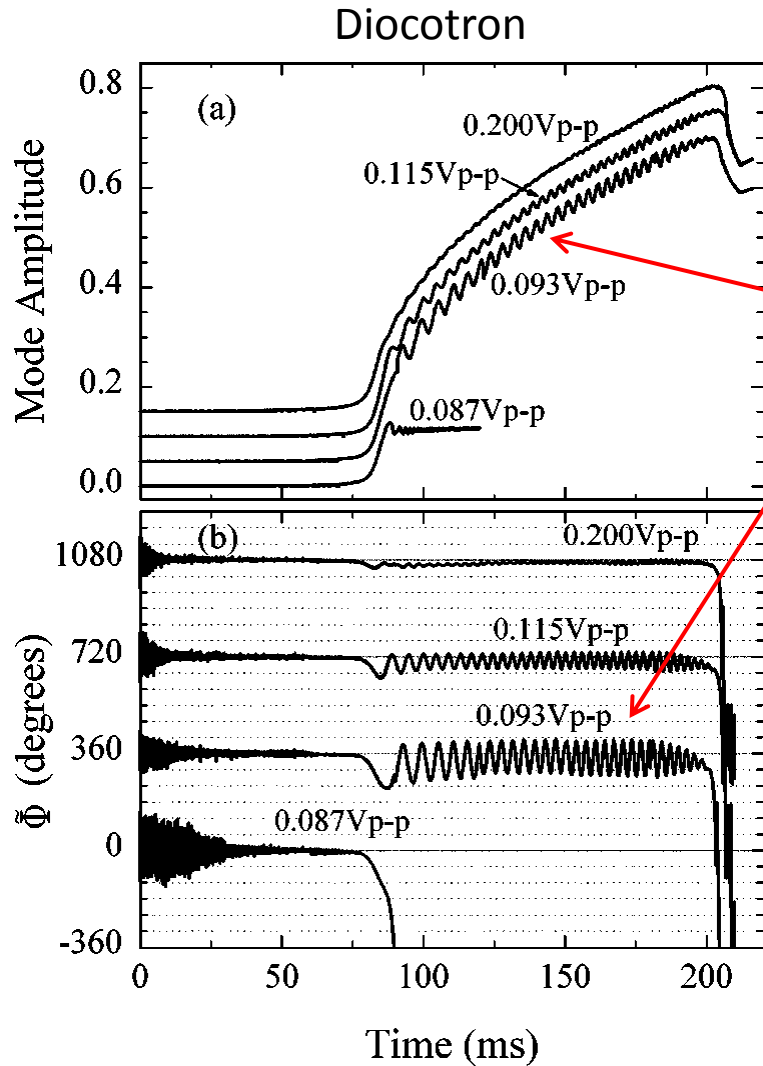
$\varepsilon = .03$

$\varepsilon_{\text{crit}} = 0.02$

$\varepsilon = 0.01$

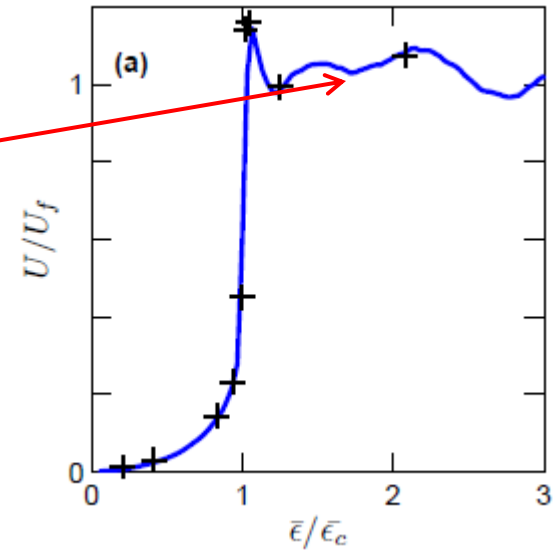


# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Phase Oscillations



Experimental  
Pseudoparticle  
Phase Oscillations

Axial Antiproton Excitation

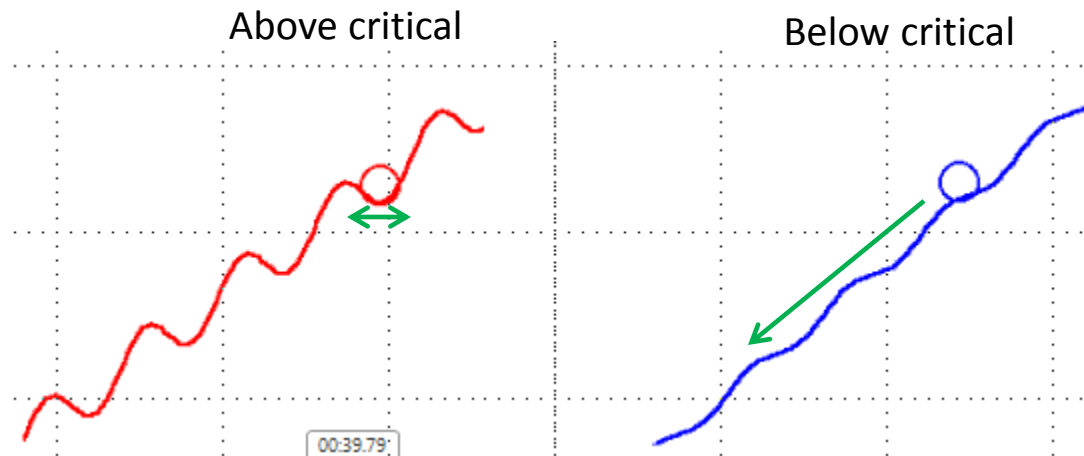


# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: Action-Angle Variables

From the condition that the pseudoparticle remains trapped in the pseudopotential, we can derive the condition that

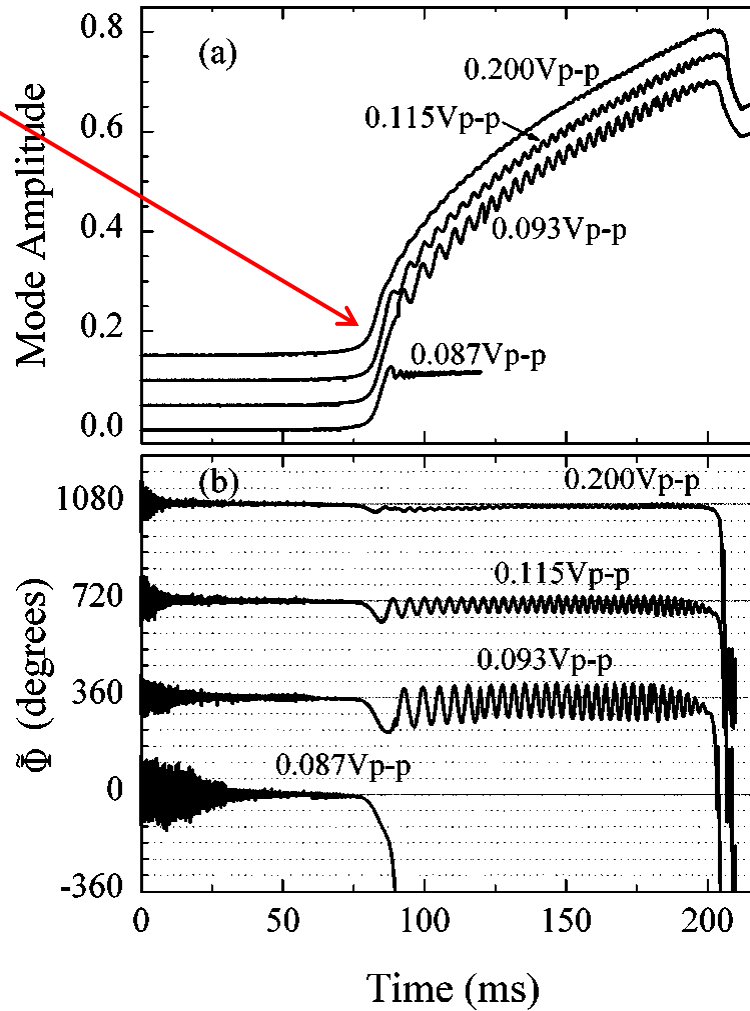
$$\varepsilon \propto \alpha^{3/4}$$

The drive strength must increase as the sweep rate is increased for autoresonance to occur.

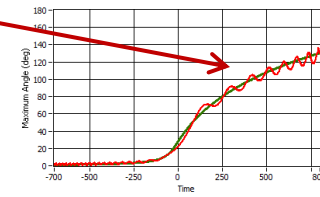


# Commitment to Autoresonance

Commitment



# Strongly Nonlinear Regime: Phase Oscillations



Nothing much happens...the drive strength can even be decreased.

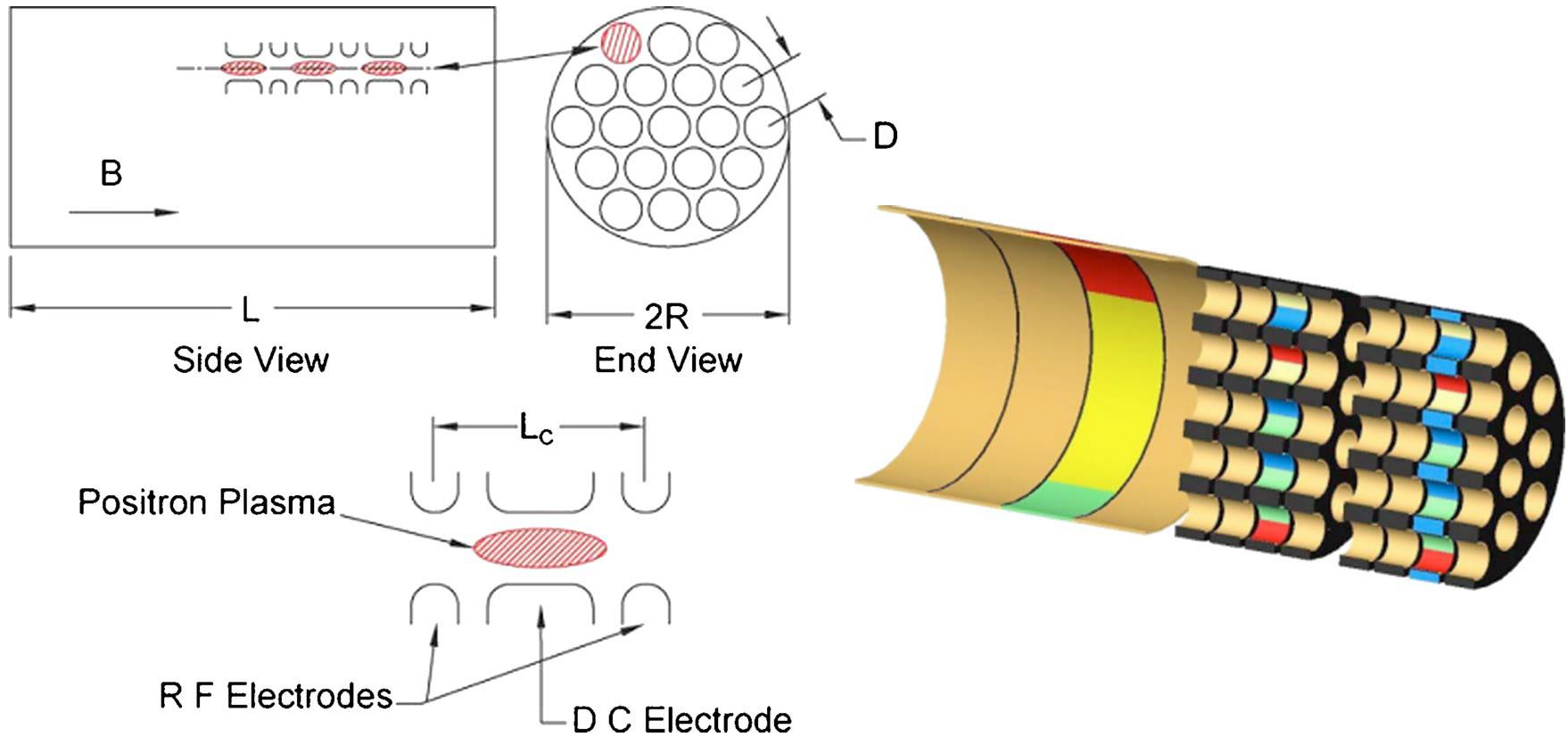


# Autoresonant Reach

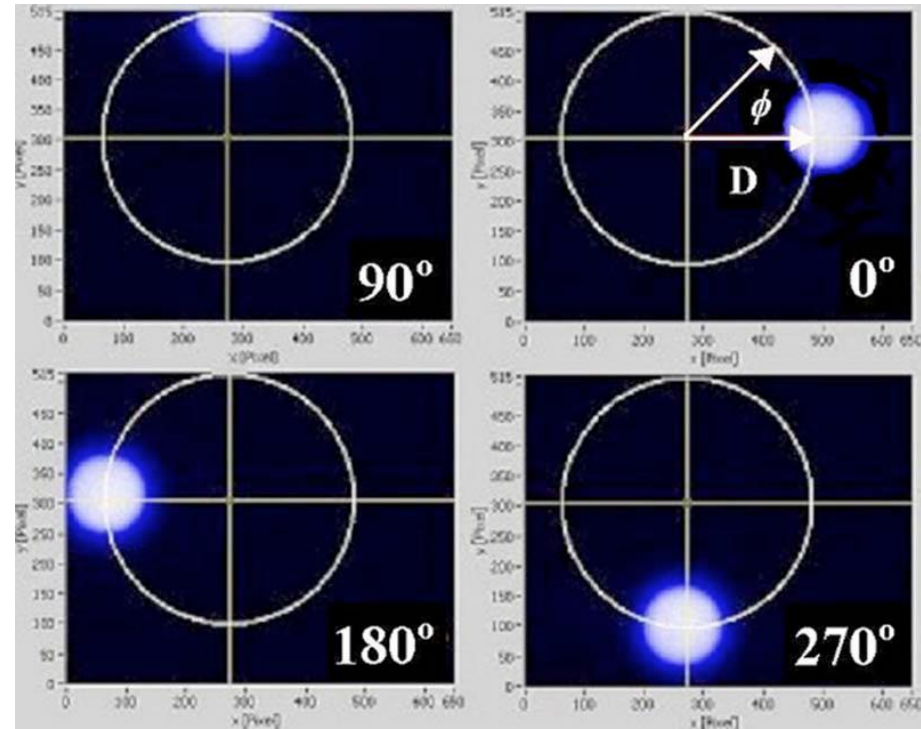
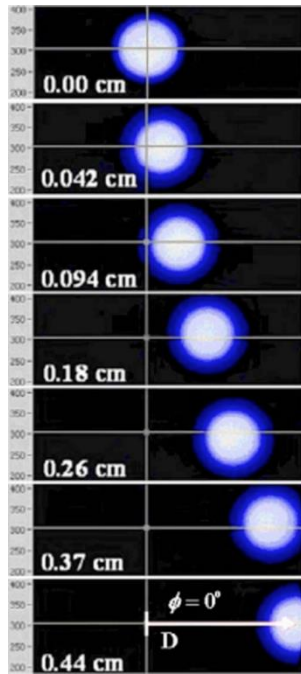
Autoresonance still occurs in:

- Lightly damped systems.
- Systems driven at sub and super harmonics.
- Systems which do not reduce to the Duffing equation.
- Since 2000, there have been over 1000 papers with “autoresonance” in their titles.

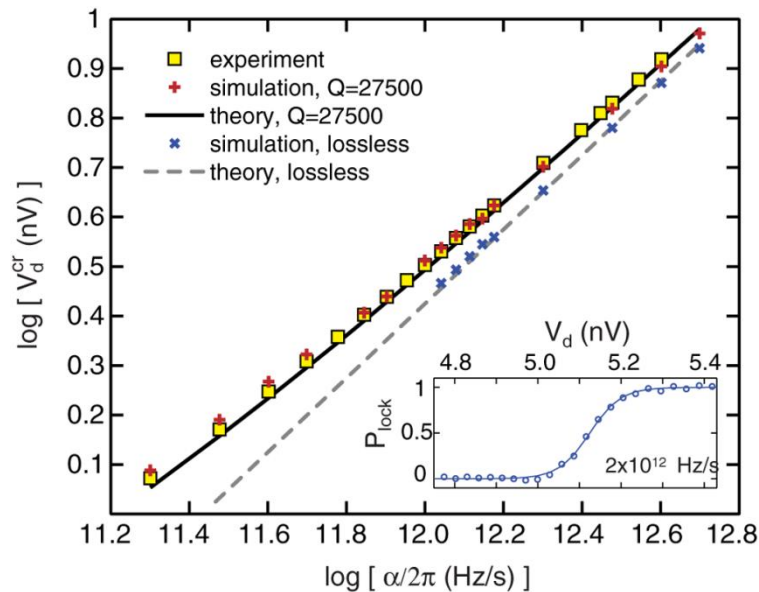
# High Positron Number Trap



# High N Positron Trap: Autoresonant Diocotron Parking



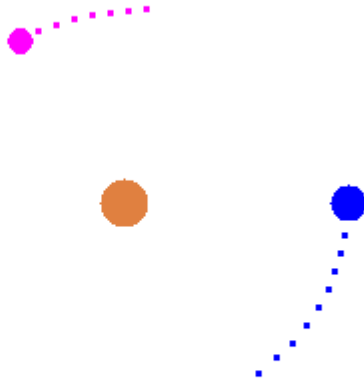
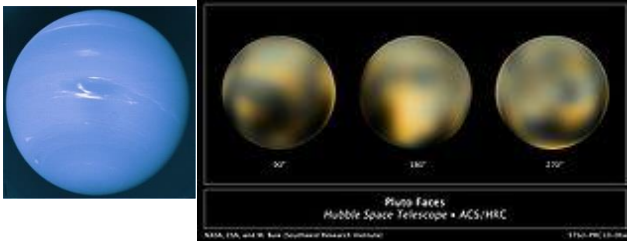
# Autoresonant Threshold in a Josephson Junction



$$\varepsilon \propto \alpha^{3/4}$$

Abstract: We observe a sharp threshold for dynamic phase locking in a high-Q transmission line resonator embedded with a Josephson tunnel junction, and driven with a purely ac, chirped microwave signal. When the drive amplitude is below a critical value, which depends on the chirp rate and is sensitive to the junction critical current  $I_0$ , the resonator is only excited near its linear resonance frequency. For a larger amplitude, the resonator phase locks to the chirped drive and its amplitude grows until a deterministic maximum is reached. Near threshold, the oscillator evolves smoothly in one of two diverging trajectories, providing a way to discriminate small changes in  $I_0$  with a nonswitching detector, with potential applications in quantum state measurement.

# Plutinos



- Neptune and Pluto are locked together in a 3:2 resonance.
  - About 1/3 of the presently measured Kuiper Belt objects (KBO) are similarly locked.
  - Such locked KBOs are called Plutinos.
- Very few KBOs are locked to Neptune with a 2:1 resonance.

Why?

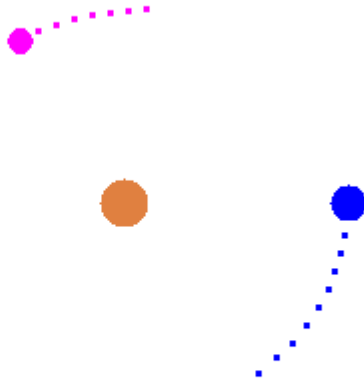
- The locking is thought to occur during an early period in the solar system evolution during which time Neptune was migrating outward.
  - This migration is the equivalent of a “sweep” in an autoresonant process.
  - Remember that a nonlinear system will respond to *any* change in its environment.

# Plutinos

- As with any autoresonant process, there is a critical drive strength associated with the sweep rate:

$$\epsilon = C\alpha^{3/4}$$

- The proportionality constant is different for 3:2 locking and 2:1 locking... $C$  is smaller for the 3:2 locking.
- This makes 3:2 locking “easier” than 2:1 locking.
- The observation that Plutinos are only locked at 3:2, not at 2:1 suggests that the “sweep” rate, i.e. Neptune’s evolution time, was adequate for 3:2 locking, but too fast for 2:1 locking.
- This implies that the evolution took between two million and twenty million years.
  - *This is the only known limit on this evolution time.*



# Saturday After Dinner Talk

At 20:40 Saturday, right here.

Movies

Cartoons

No Math

## Two Dimensional Fluid Motion in Non-Neutral Plasmas

