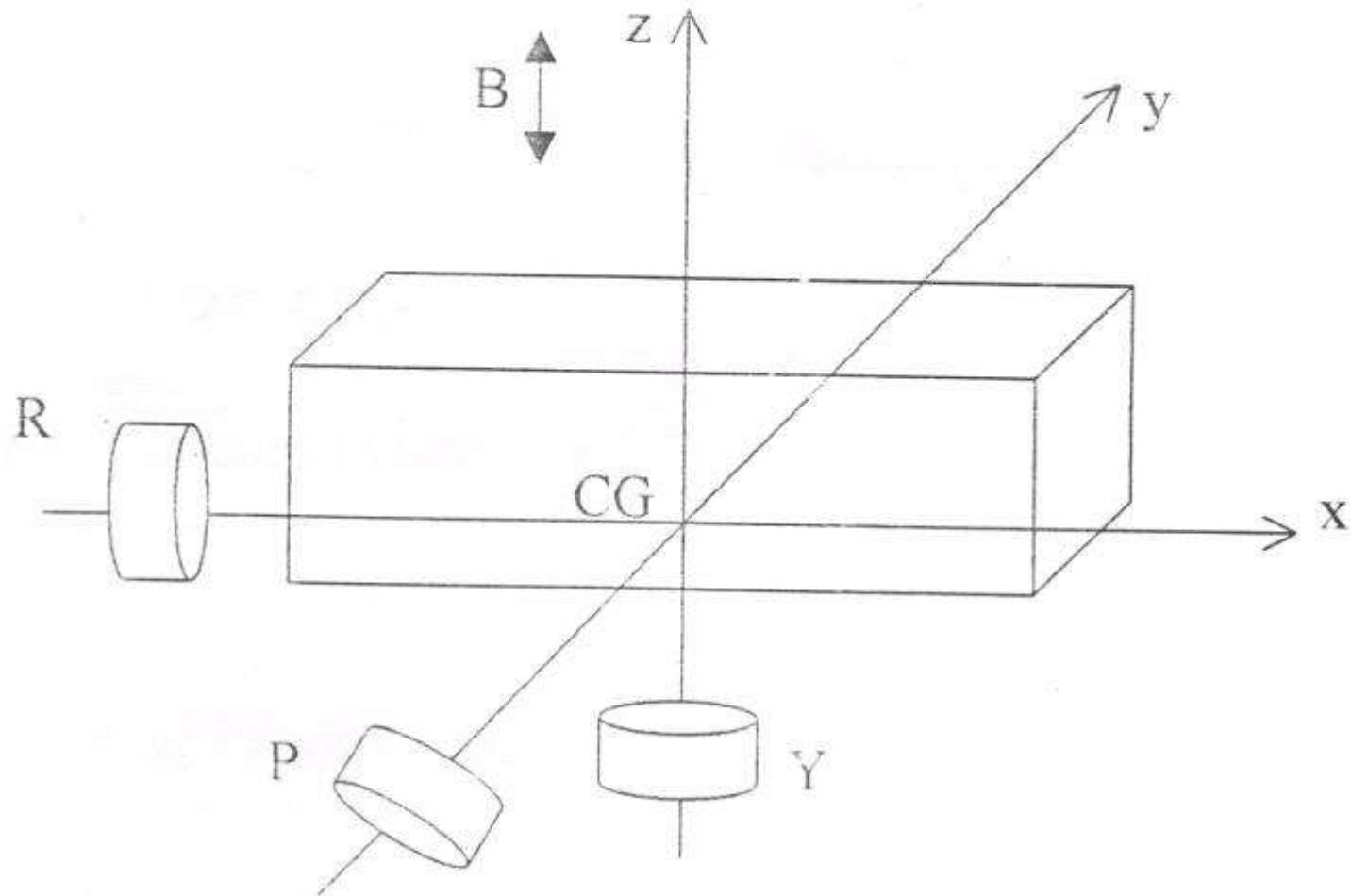


Testing of Coaching Stock

Need for Testing New Stock

- **Safe new design**
- Get natural frequency in various modes
- **Ensure level of comfort**
- Statutory requirements as per Policy Circular No 6 of Rly. Bd.

Modes of Oscillation



Policy Circular No 6

- No.92/CEDO/SR/4/0 dated 23/12/1999 issued by Member(Engg), Rly.Bd.
- Contains rules for certification of maximum permissible speeds for rolling stock
- Rly.Bd. is safety controlling authority for Indian Railways under Indian Railways Act
- **Responsibility delegated to RDSO**
 - **Determine & recommend max permissible speed for new design rolling stock**

Policy Circular No 6(contd.)

- Definition of new rolling stock
 - Different principal dimensions
 - Different bogie design
 - New braking system
 - Change in axle load, track loading density, unsprung mass
 - Minor changes in design, internal layout (with sanction of CRS) only if leading to significant change in
 - C.G., Weight distribution, ride behaviour

Policy Circular No 6(contd.)

- Types of trials -new stock
 - Detailed oscillation trials (track worthiness trials in AAR)
 - EBD(speed >110 for passenger & 75 for goods) & Coupler force trials of trains
 - Confirmatory oscillograph car run on tracks above 110Kmph
 - Route Proving run between 105-110 Kmph by zonal Rly using portable accelerometers
 - Accel <.3 g or <.25 peaks/km for .3g < accel < .35g

Steps in Track Worthiness Testing

- Develop prototype
- Instrumented runs on track
 - Acquire data
 - at one/many speeds
- Off line analysis of data
 - Compare aggregates/peak values against preset limits
 - Accept or reject stock at that speed

Strategies for Testing of Rolling Stock's Track-worthiness

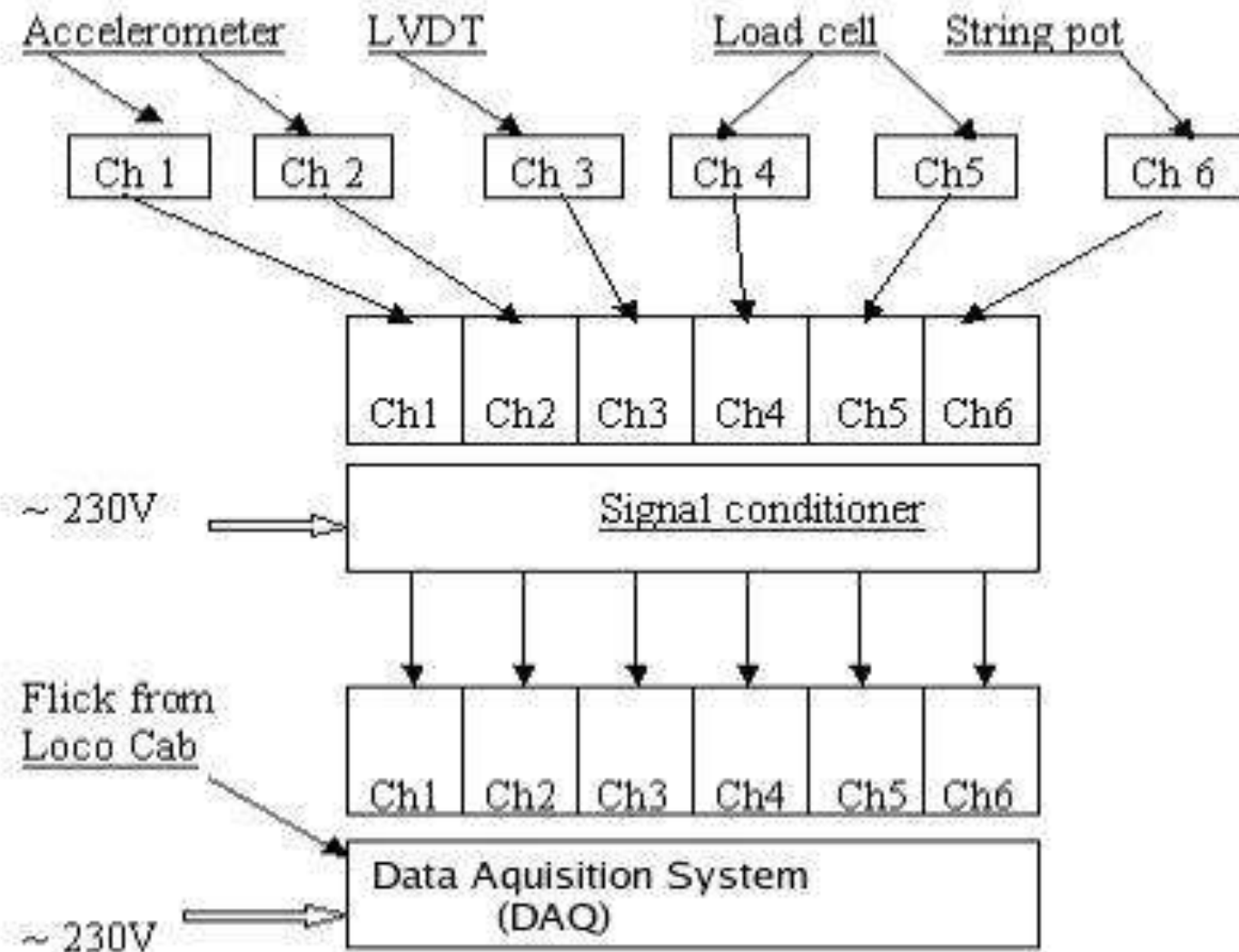
- AAR
 - On dedicated test track
 - Check oscillation behaviour on preset track disturbance
 - Values **unlikely** to occur in actual service conditions
- UIC (covered by leaflet UIC-518)
 - On service track at **10% more** than planned speed
 - Cover all types of sections with allowed track values
 - Values **likely** to occur in actual service conditions

Strategies for Testing of Rolling Stock's Track-worthiness (Contd.)

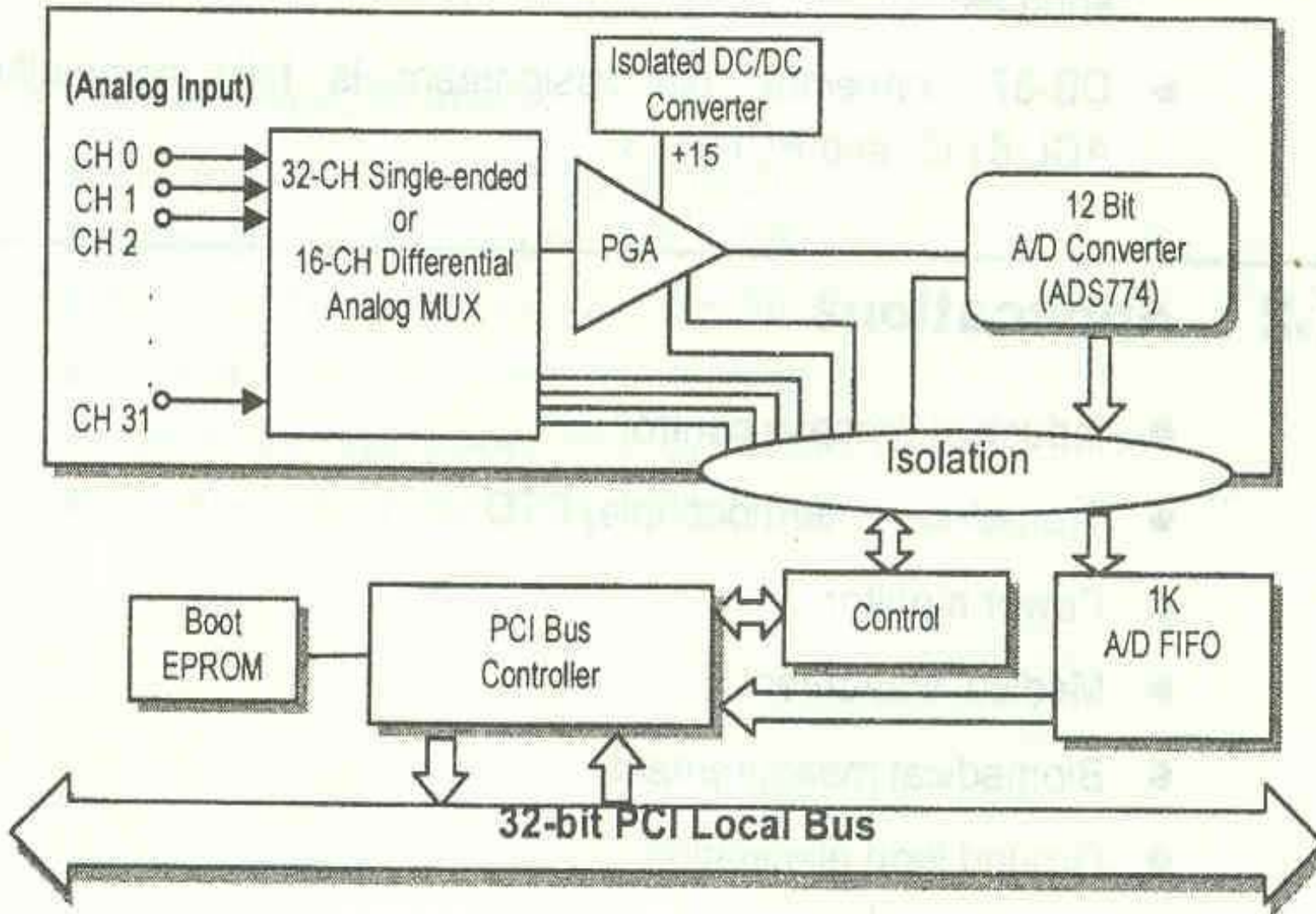
- UIC (contd)
 - Many sections covered including different radii curves
 - Usually 99.85 & 0.15 percentile values/section taken
 - Other values ignored
 - Statistically **estimate maximum value** from aggregates like mean & standard deviations of the above values
- Indian Railways
 - On actual run down service track at many speeds
 - 90% of track better than this

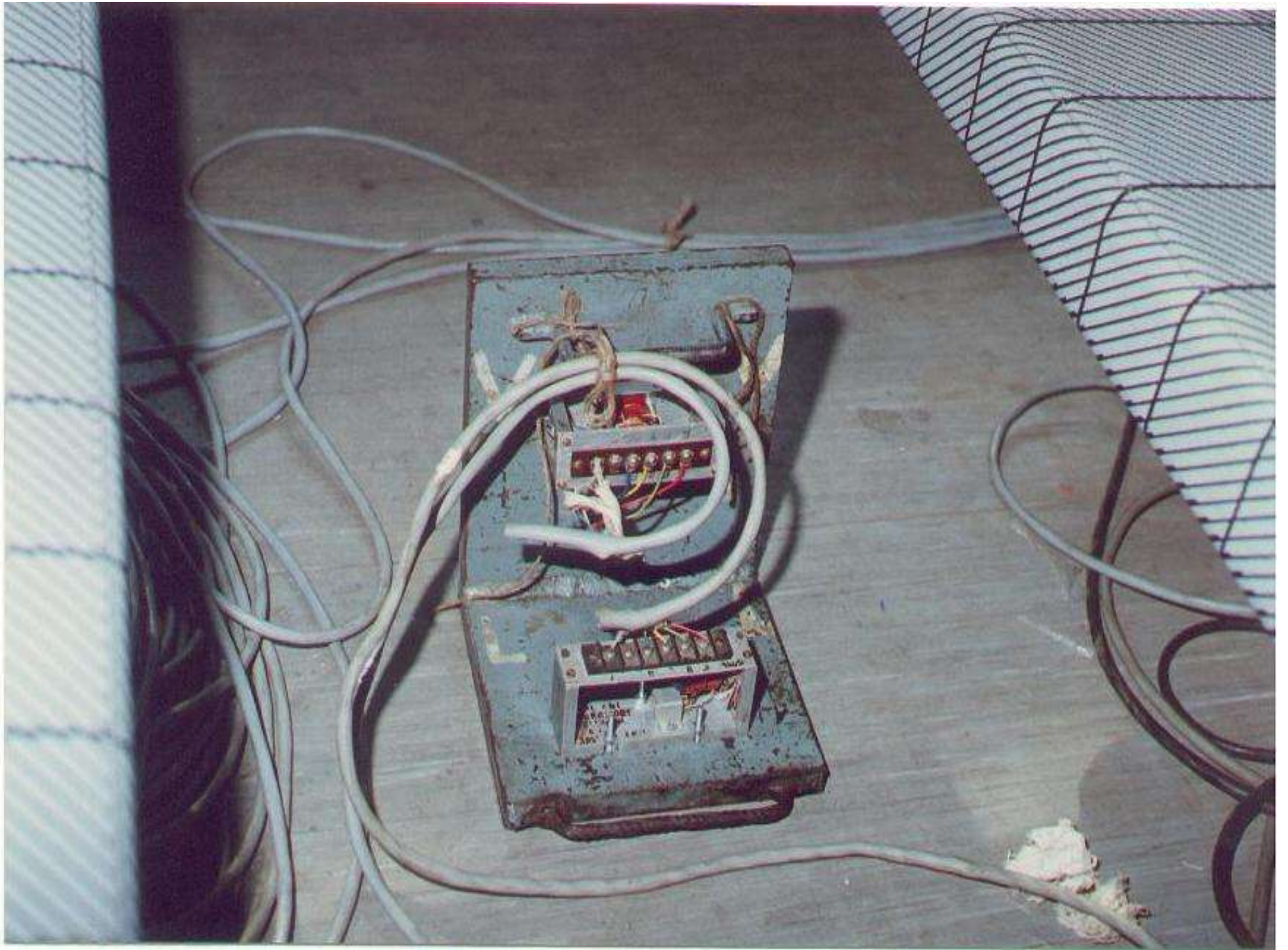
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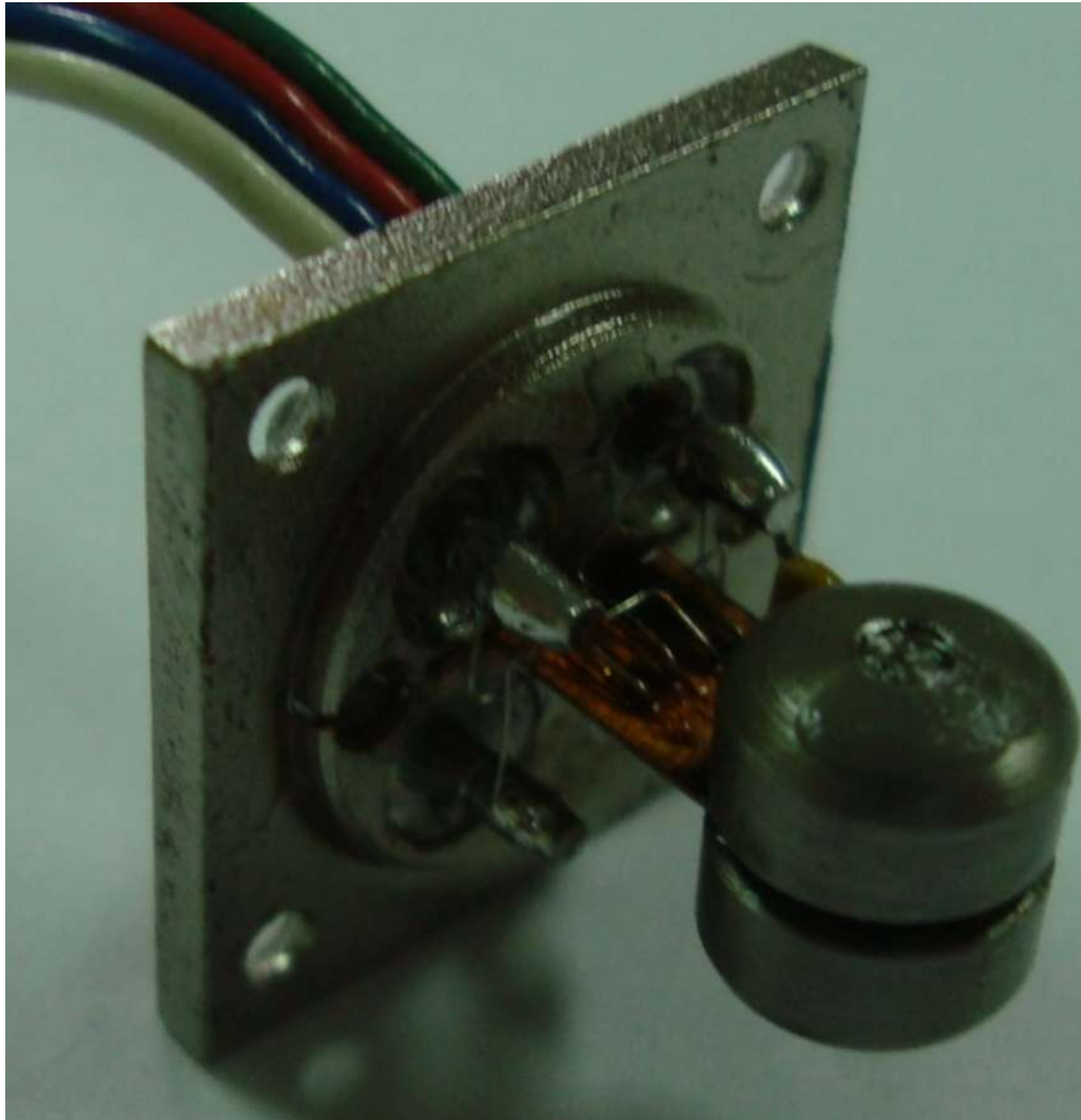
Data Acquisition System



Data Acquisition Card



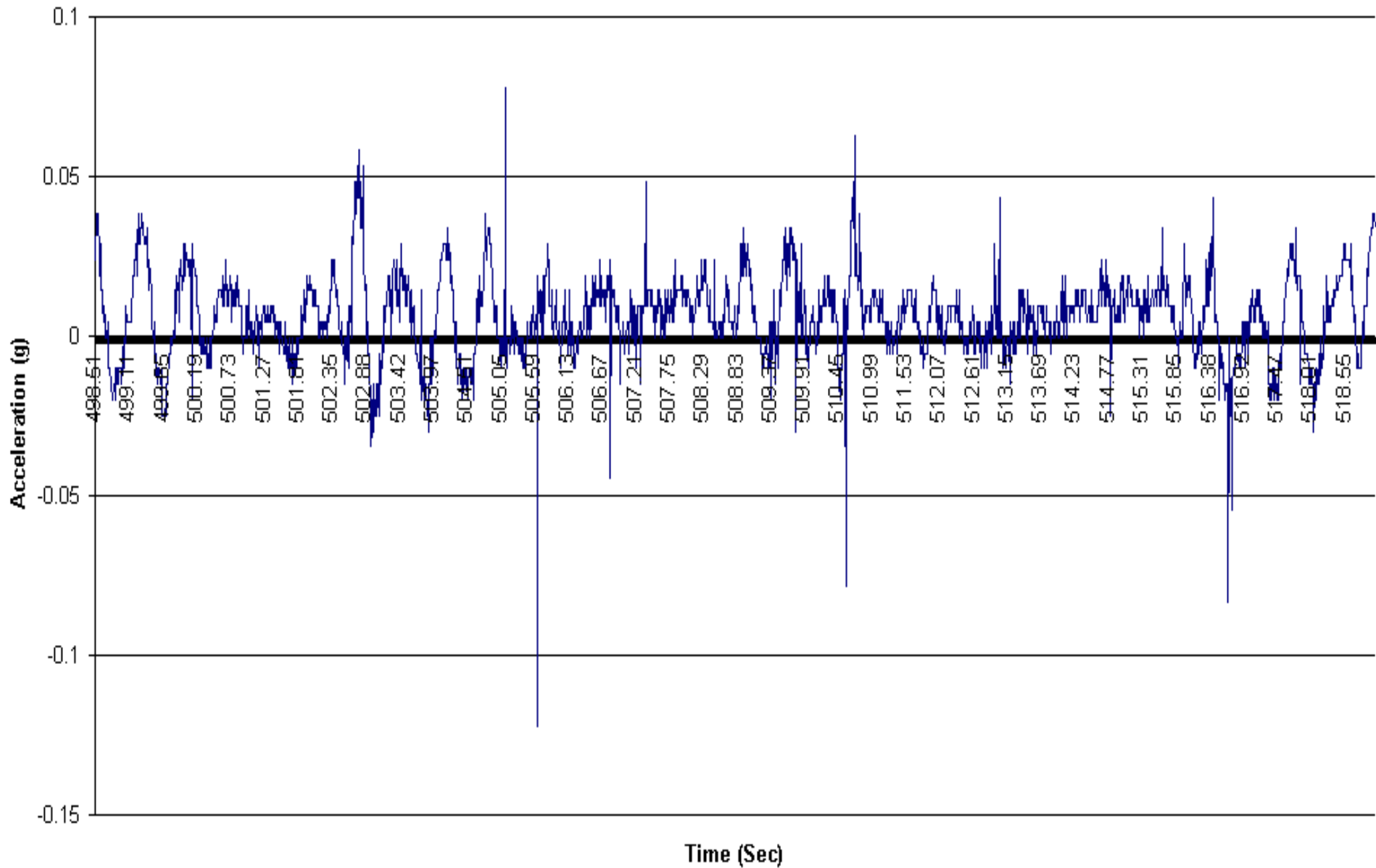




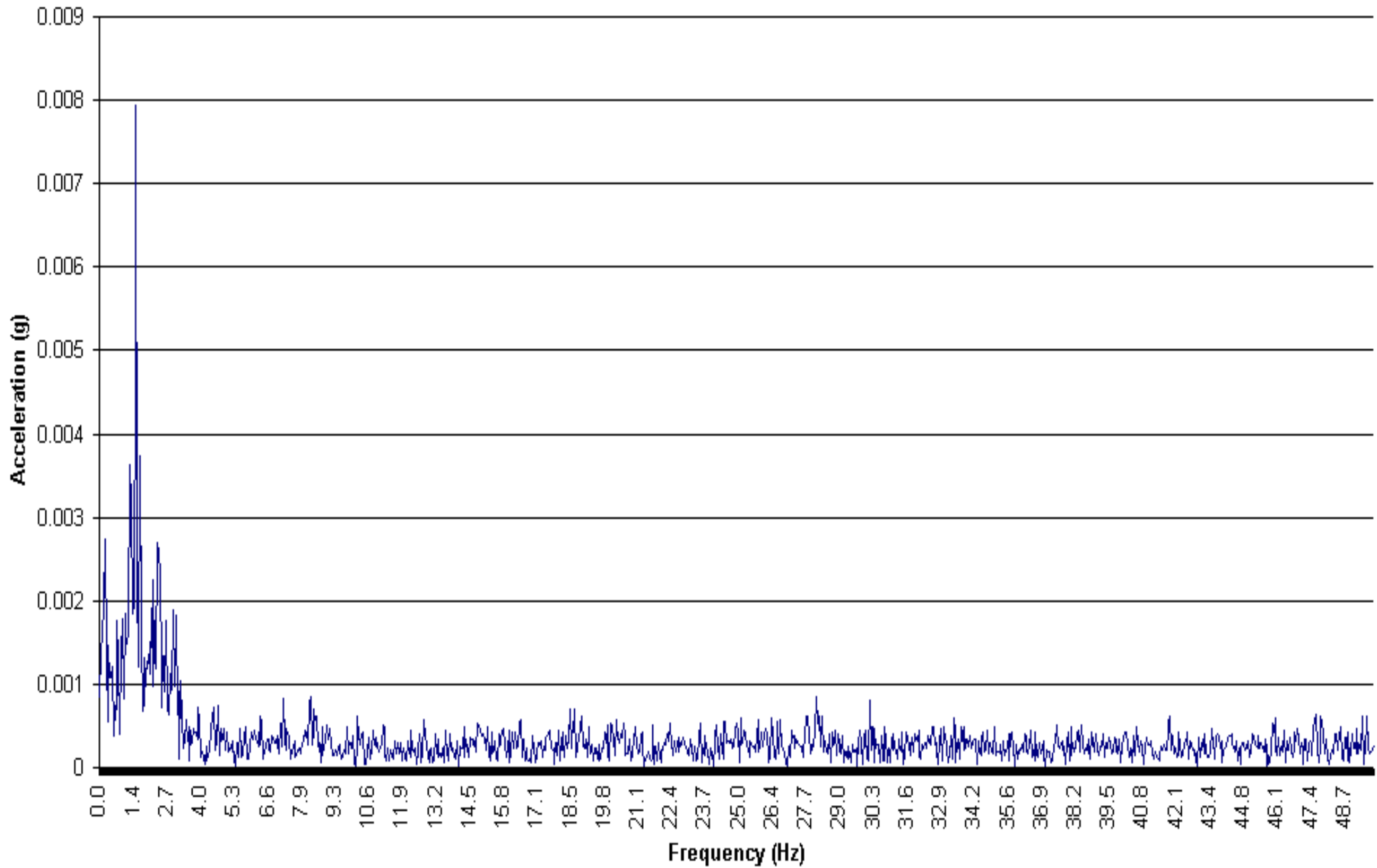
Fourier Transformation

- Orthogonal Transformation of any function
 - As sum of sin waves of various frequencies & phases
- Fast Fourier Transformation
 - Discrete data
 - Uses computationally efficient algorithm
 - Fundamental frequency = $1/\text{observation time}$
 - Usually sum of harmonics of fundamental frequency
 - Highest frequency = $\frac{1}{2}$ sampling rate (Nyquist limit)

Acceleration in Time domain (5 Hz cutoff)



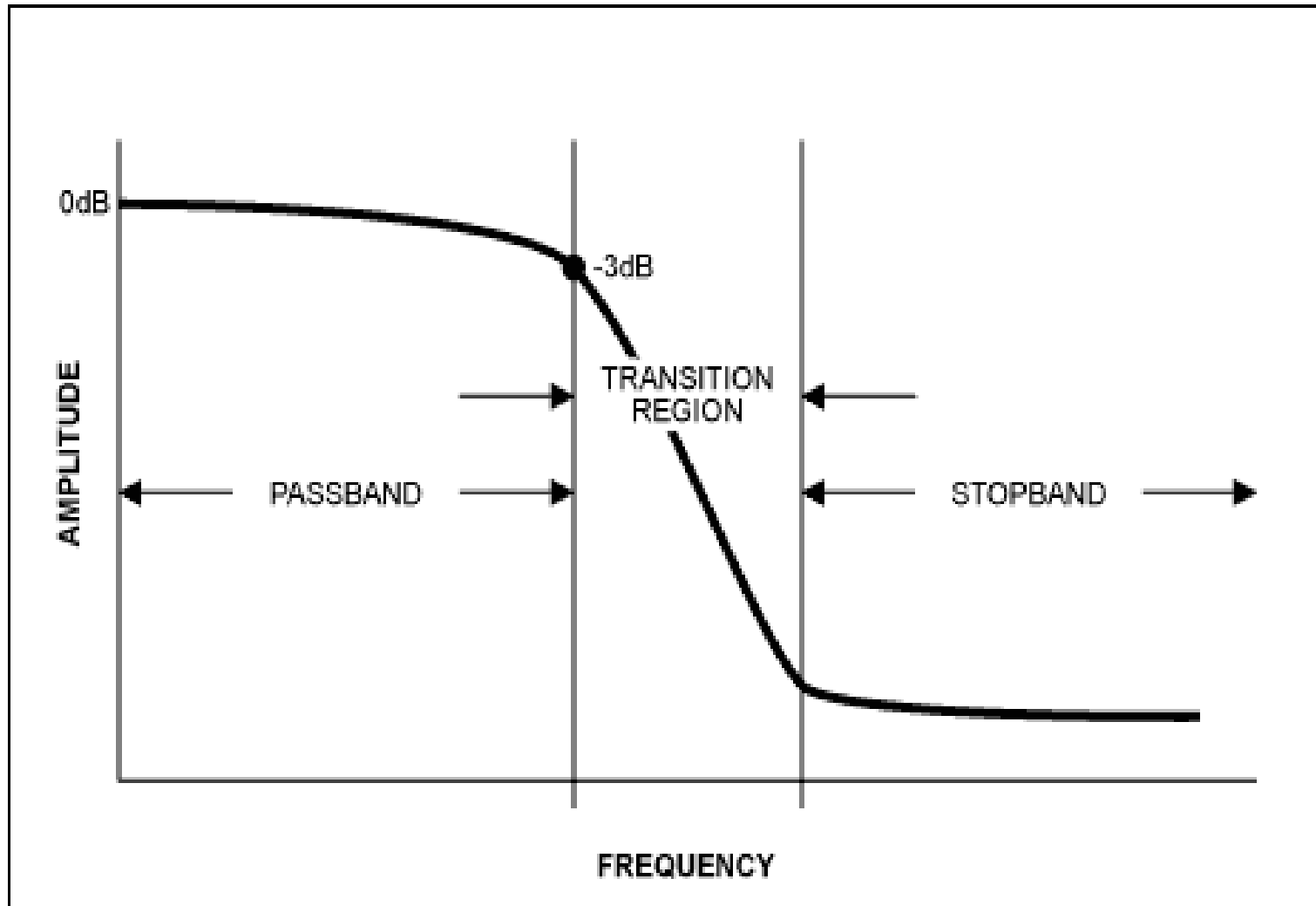
FFT of acceleration (5 Hz cut off)



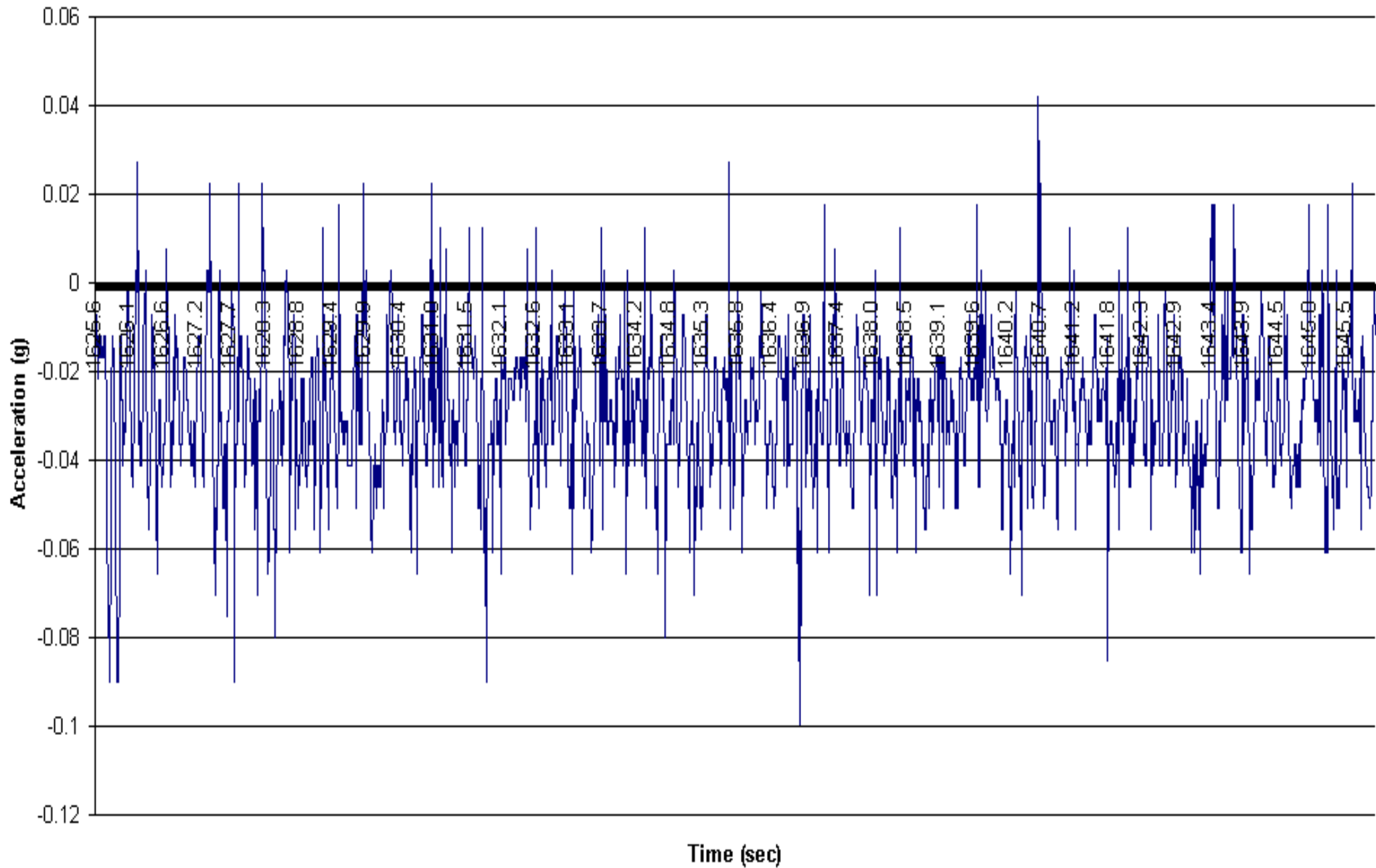
Filters

- Anti-aliasing to filter out frequencies above sampling rate
 - Before ADC conversion
 - Butterworth
 - Chebchev
 - Elliptical
- Higher order filters cause phase shift
- Important terms
 - $\text{dB} = 20\log_{10}(A_1/A_0)$
 - Octave is geometric interval between f_0 and $2f_0$

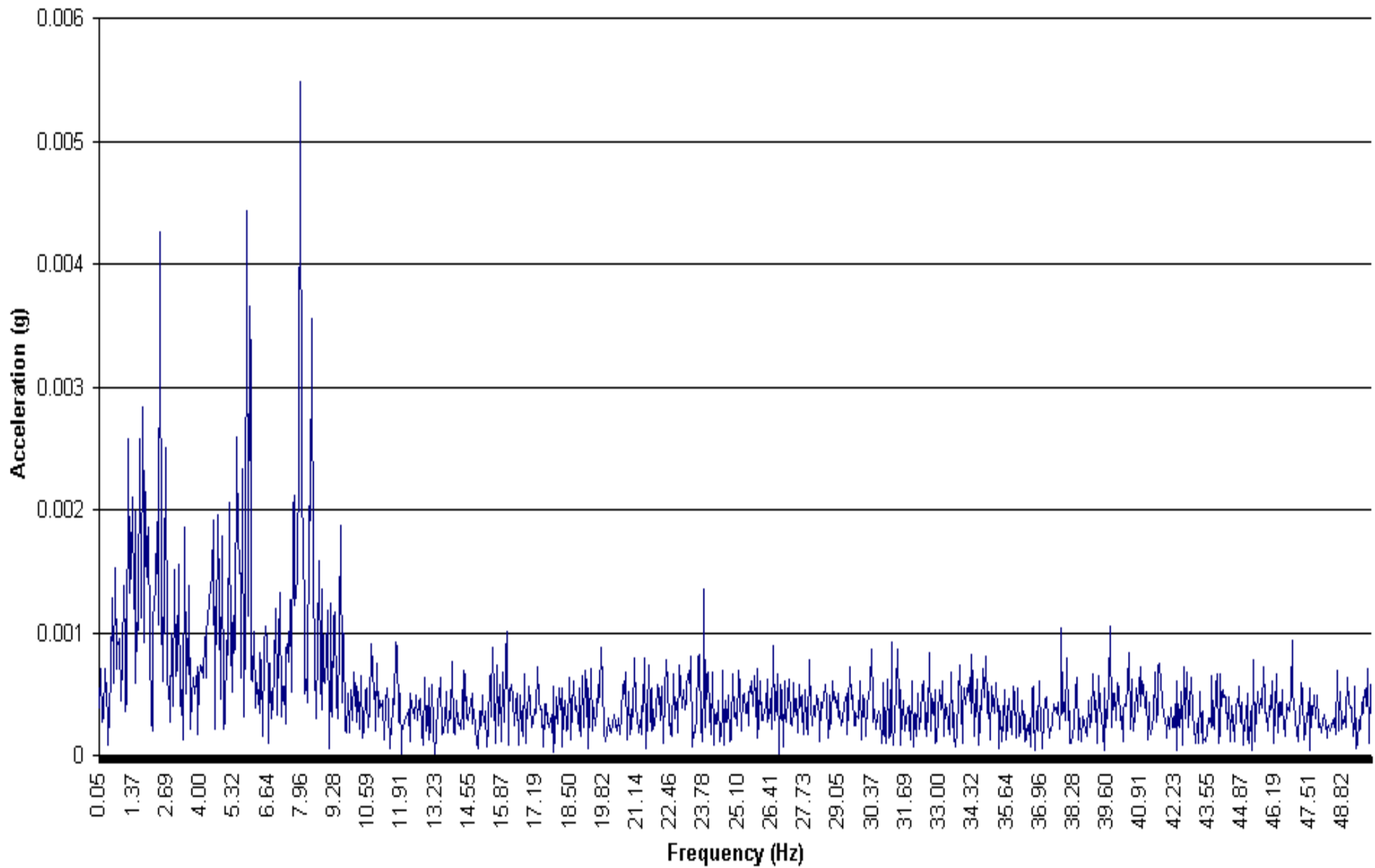
Desired Low Pass Filter



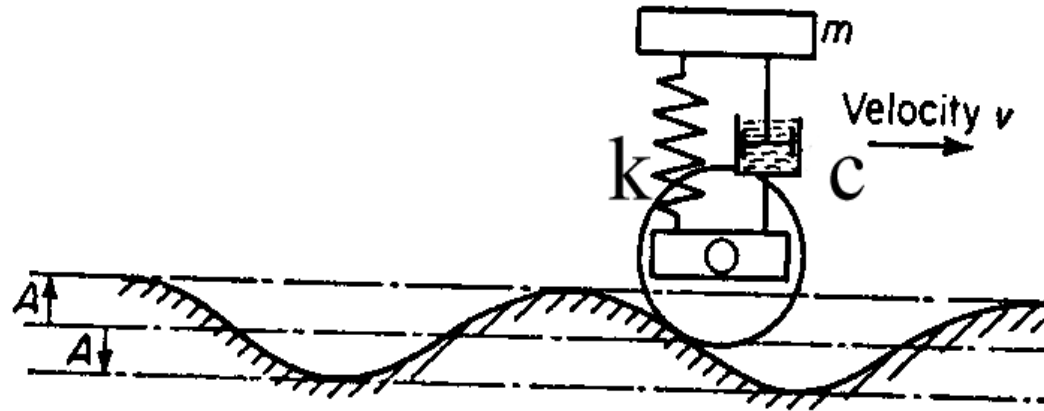
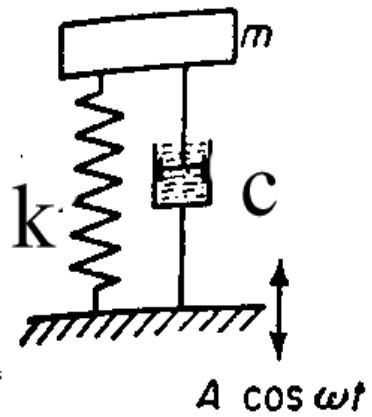
Acceleration in Time domain (10 Hz cutoff)



FFT of acceleration (10 Hz cut off)



Rail Vehicle as Vibratory System



Simplified Model of Railway Suspension on Sinusoidal Rail
(as Single degree of Freedom)

Forced Damped Vibrations

- Steady state equation

$$m(d^2x/dt^2) + c(dx/dt) + kx = F_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\text{or, } (d^2x/dt^2) + c/m(dx/dt) + k/mx = F_0/m \sin \omega t$$

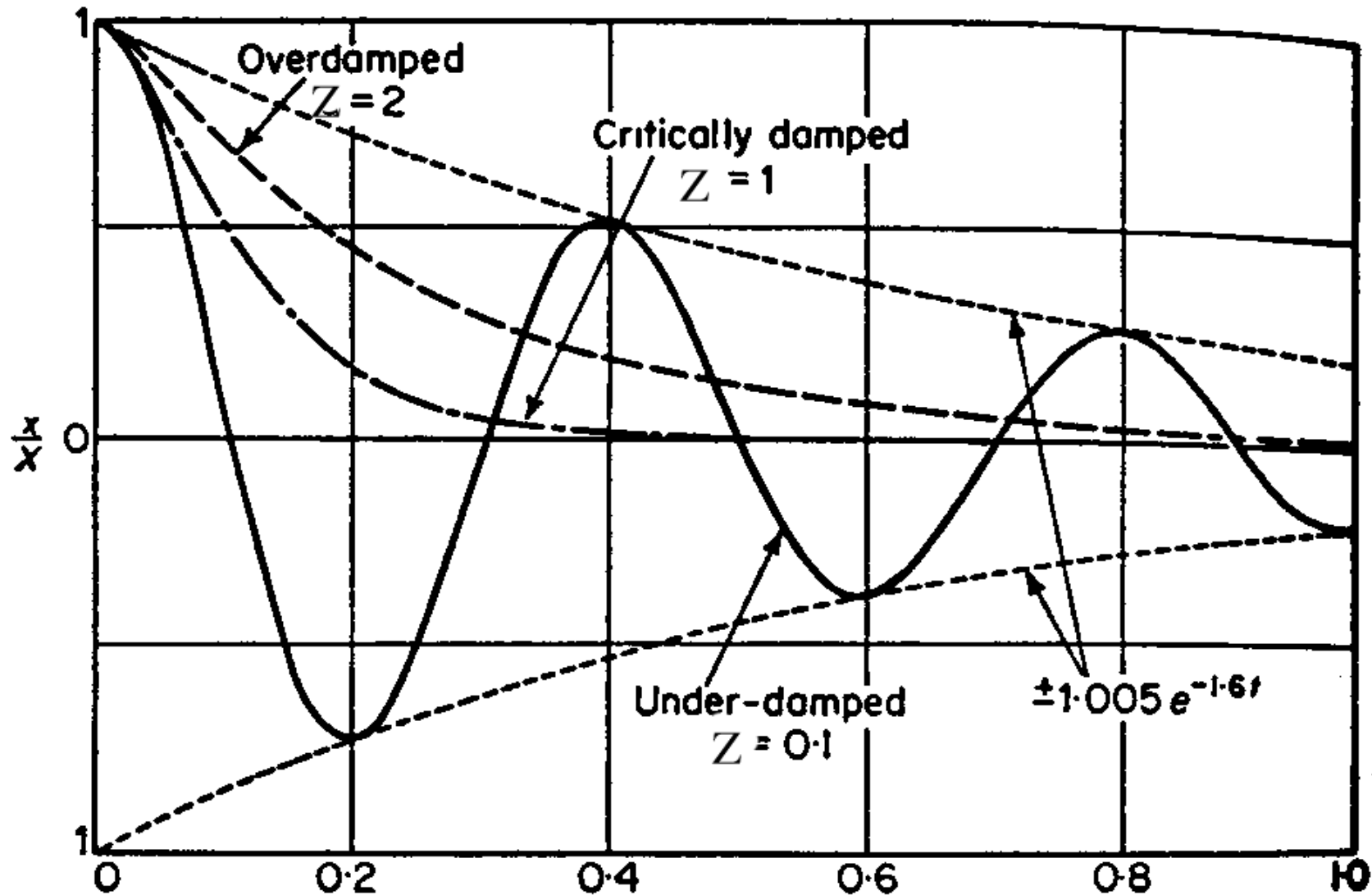
$$\text{or, } (d^2x/dt^2) + 2w_n z(dx/dt) + w_n^2 x = A \sin \omega t ,$$

where

$A = \text{Amplitude of forcing function} = F_0/m ,$

$w_n = \text{natural angular frequency} = [k/m]^{0.5} \ \&$

$Z = \text{damping factor} = c/c_{\text{critical}}$



Effect of damping factor on Transient Response to Impulse

Solution for Forced Damped Vibrations

- $X(t)$ = Steady state response + transient response

- Steady state response

– $X_S * \sin(\omega t - \phi)$, where

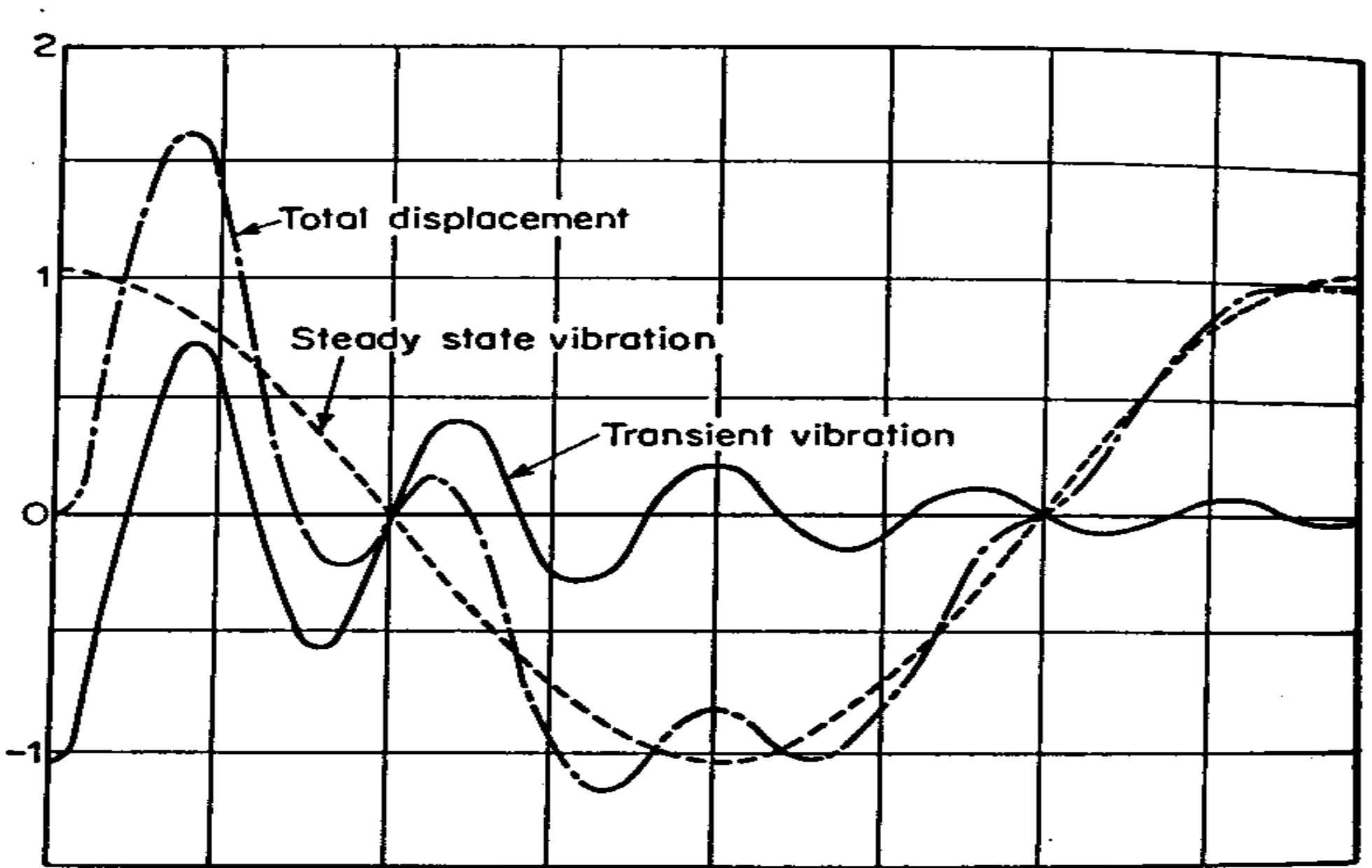
$$X_S = A * 1 / [\{1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2\}^2 + \{2Z\omega/\omega_n\}^2]^{0.5} \quad \&$$

$$\tan \phi = 2Z(\omega/\omega_n) / [1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2]$$

- Transient response

– $X_0 e^{-Z\omega t} \sin[(1-z^2)^{0.5} \omega_n t + \phi_0]$, where

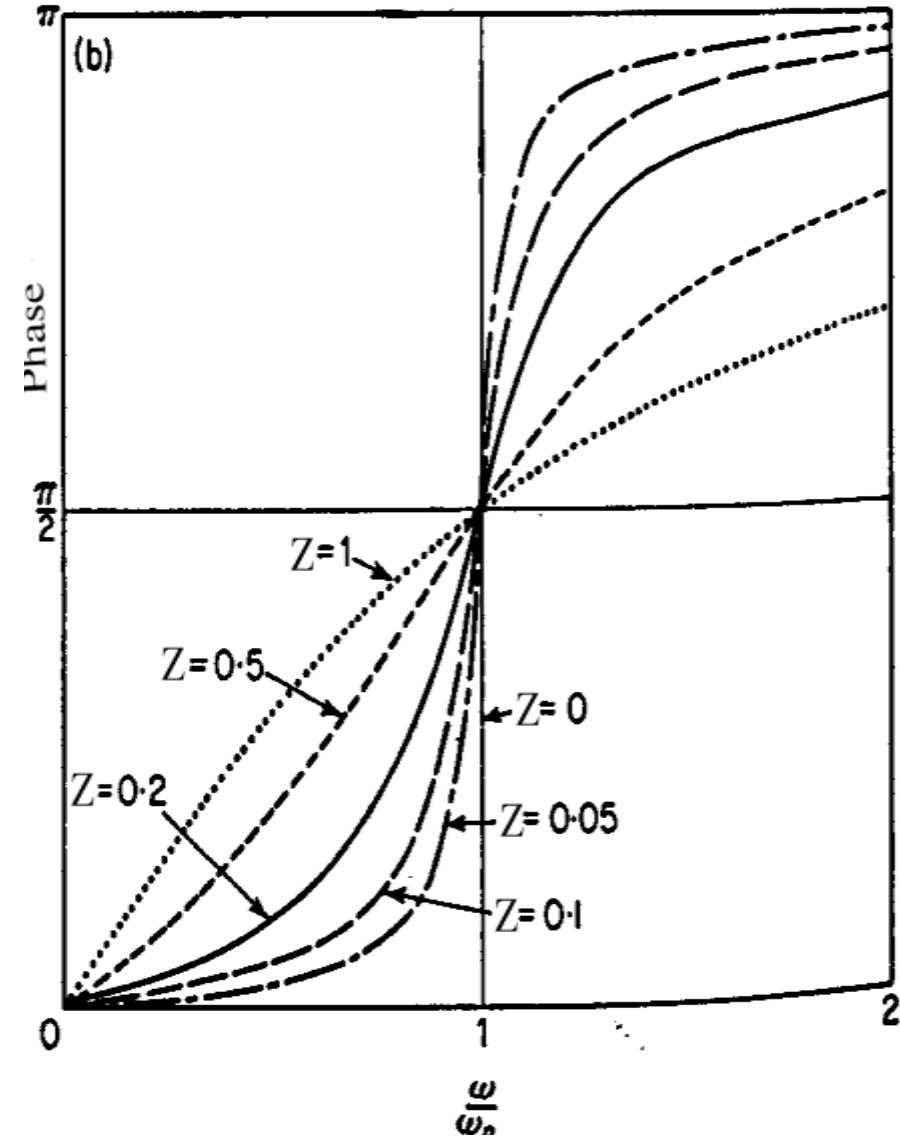
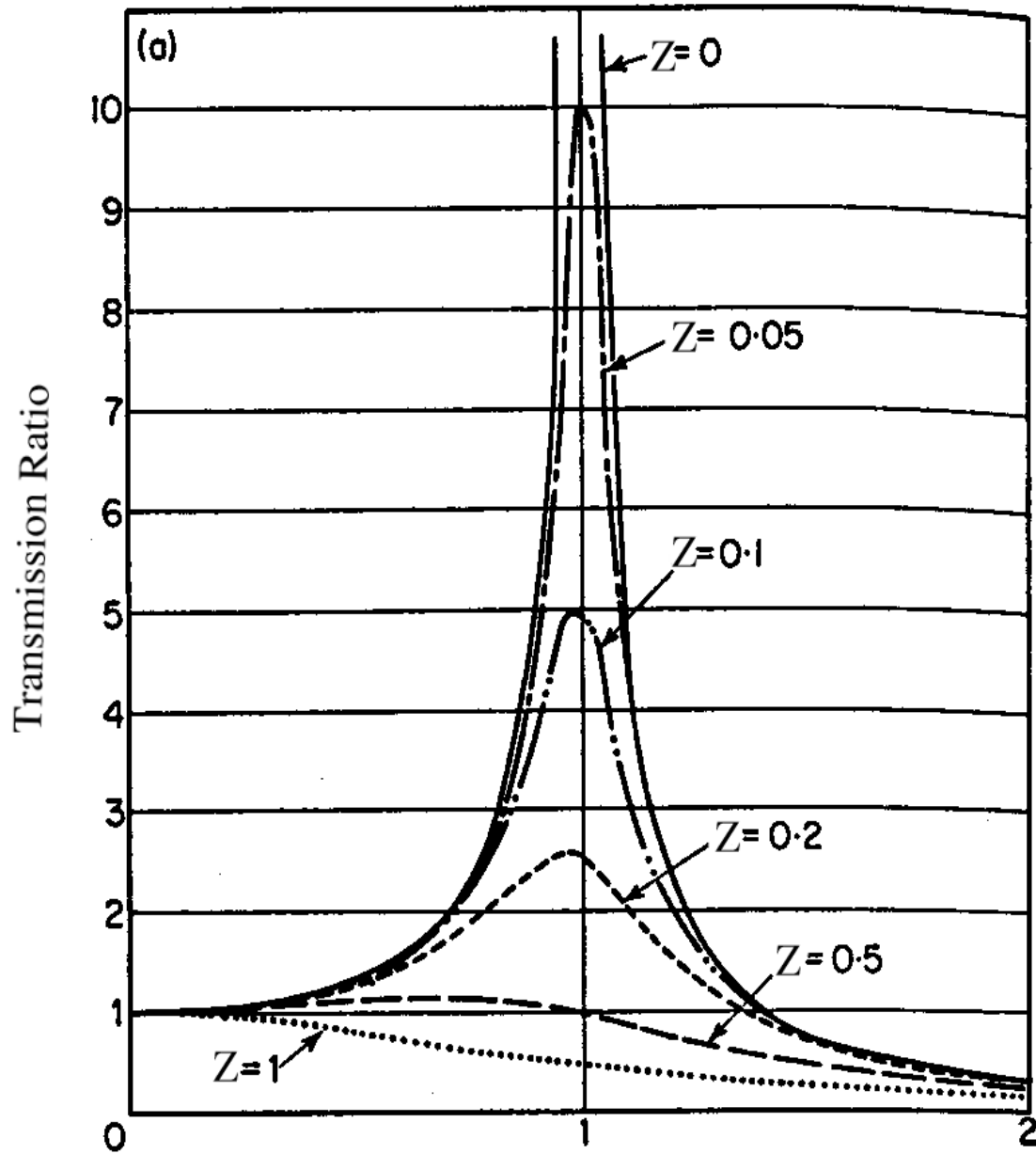
ϕ_0, X_0 depend on initial conditions



Steady State & Transient Response of the System

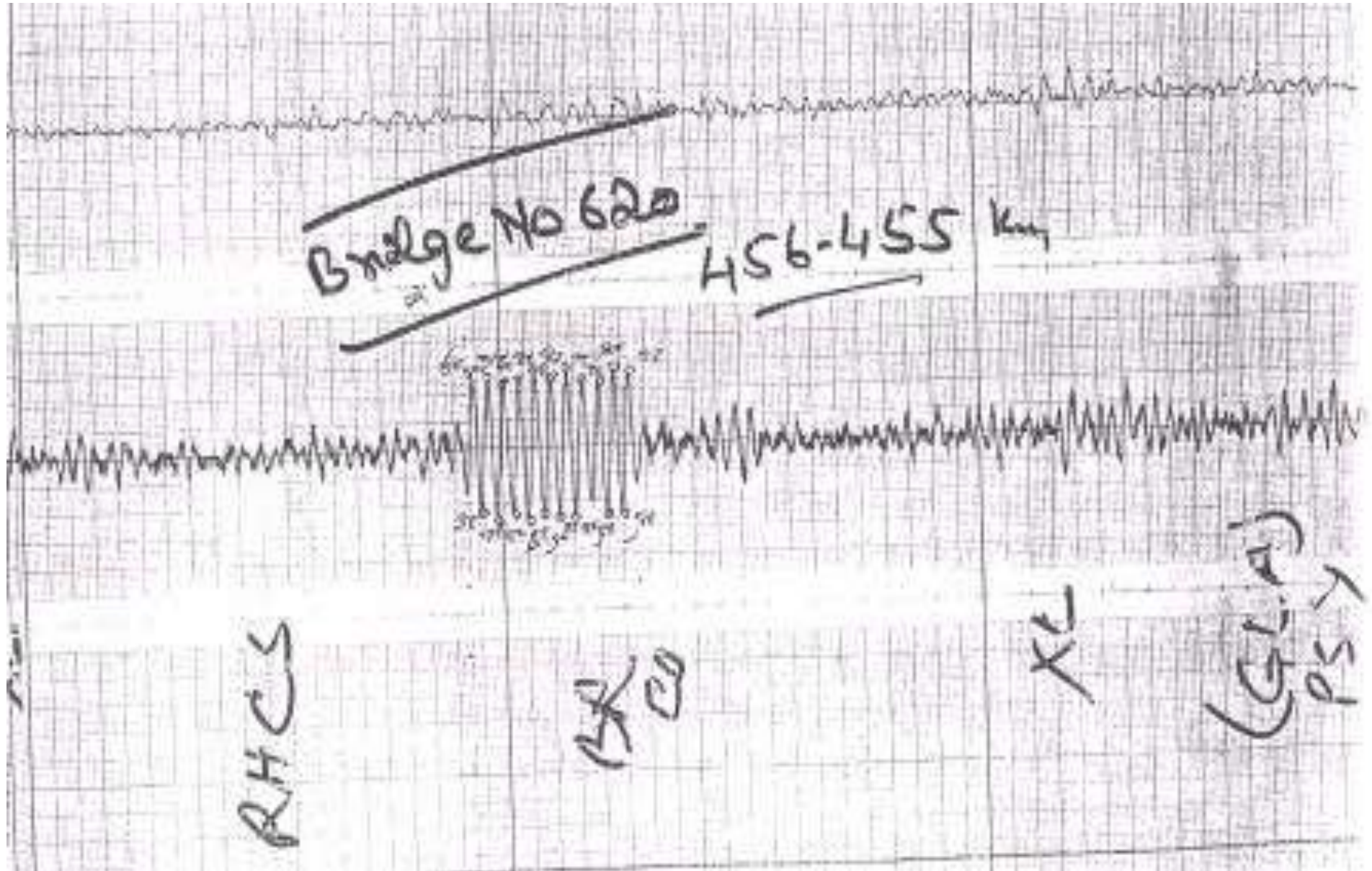
Some Terms Used

- Natural Angular Frequency = w_n
- Damped natural angular frequency
 $w_d = w_n * \sqrt{1 - Z^2}$
- Damping factor = Z
 - normally preferred value, 0.2 to 0.3
- Transmission ratio = X_s / A
- Resonance $w = w_n$



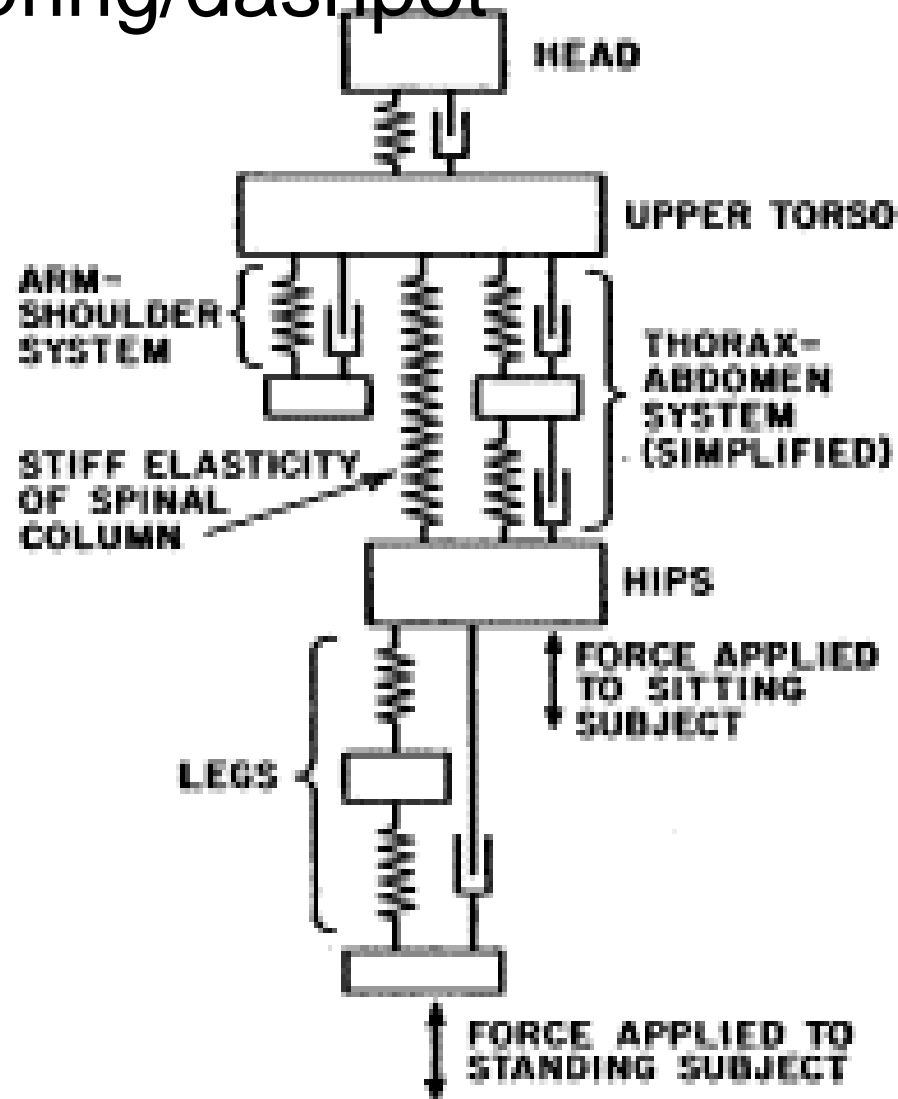
Effect of damping factor on steady State Response near resonance conditions

Resonance



Effect of Vibration on Human Body

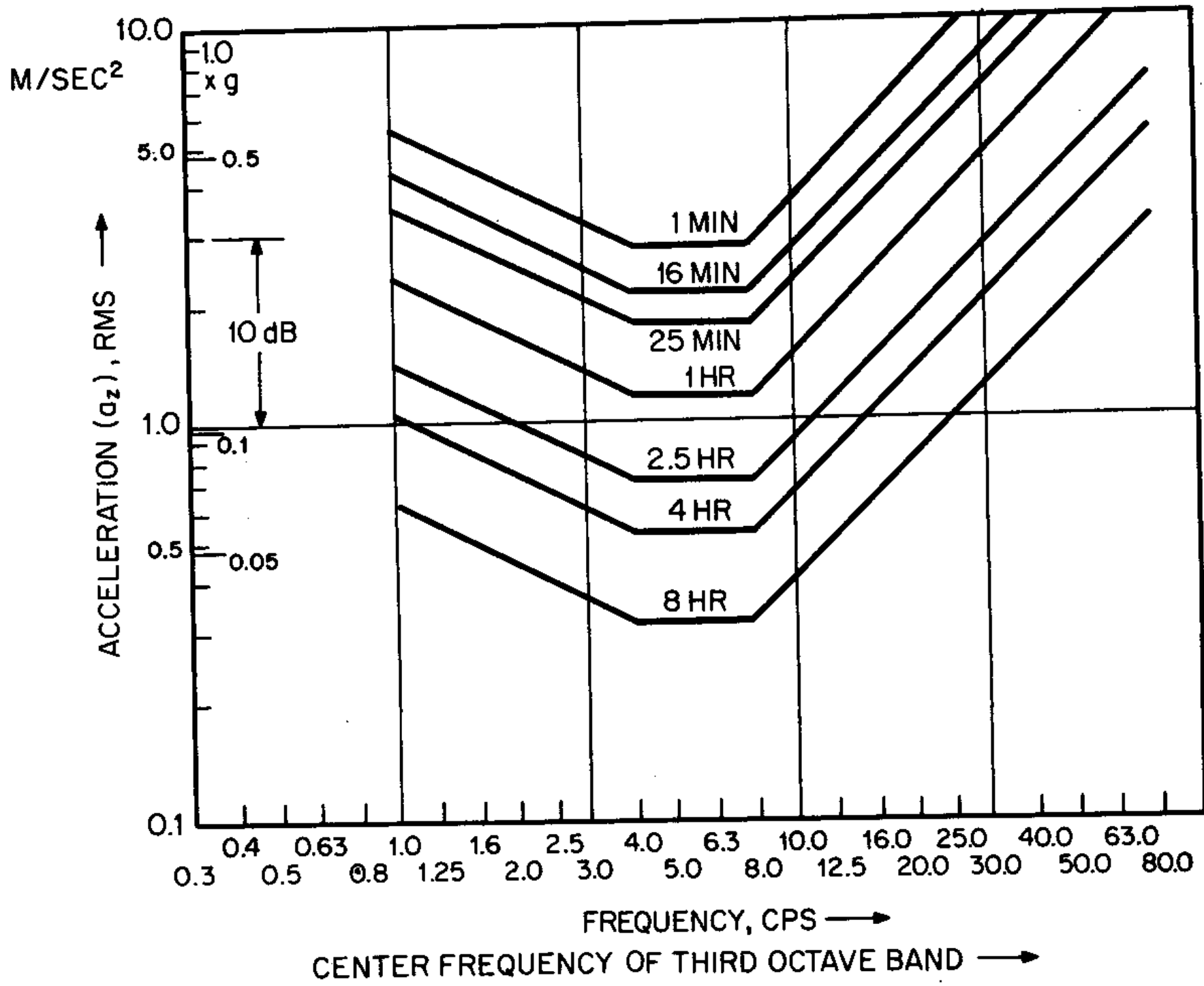
Model of Human body as lumped masses connected with spring/dashpot

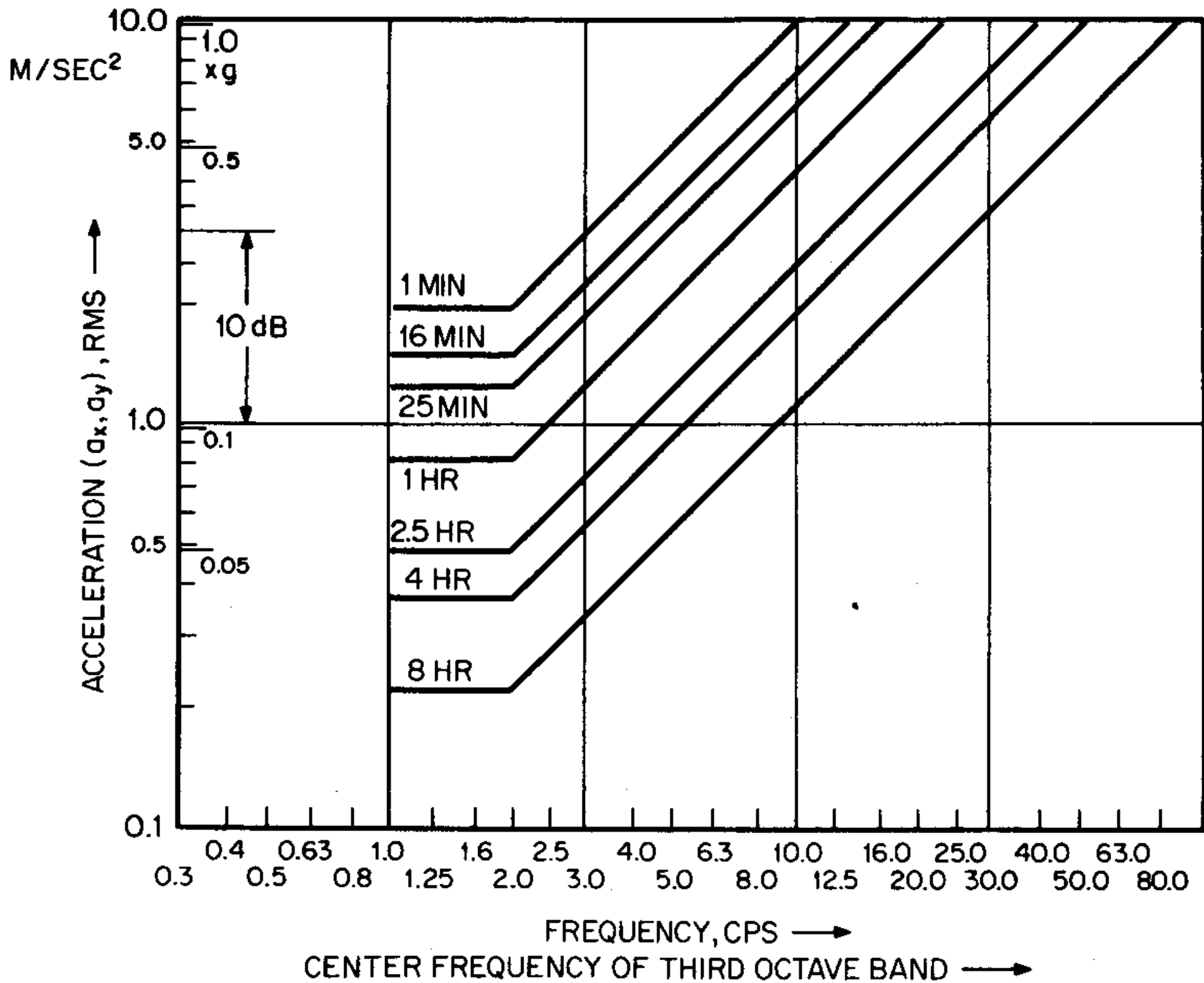


Effect of Vibration on Human Body

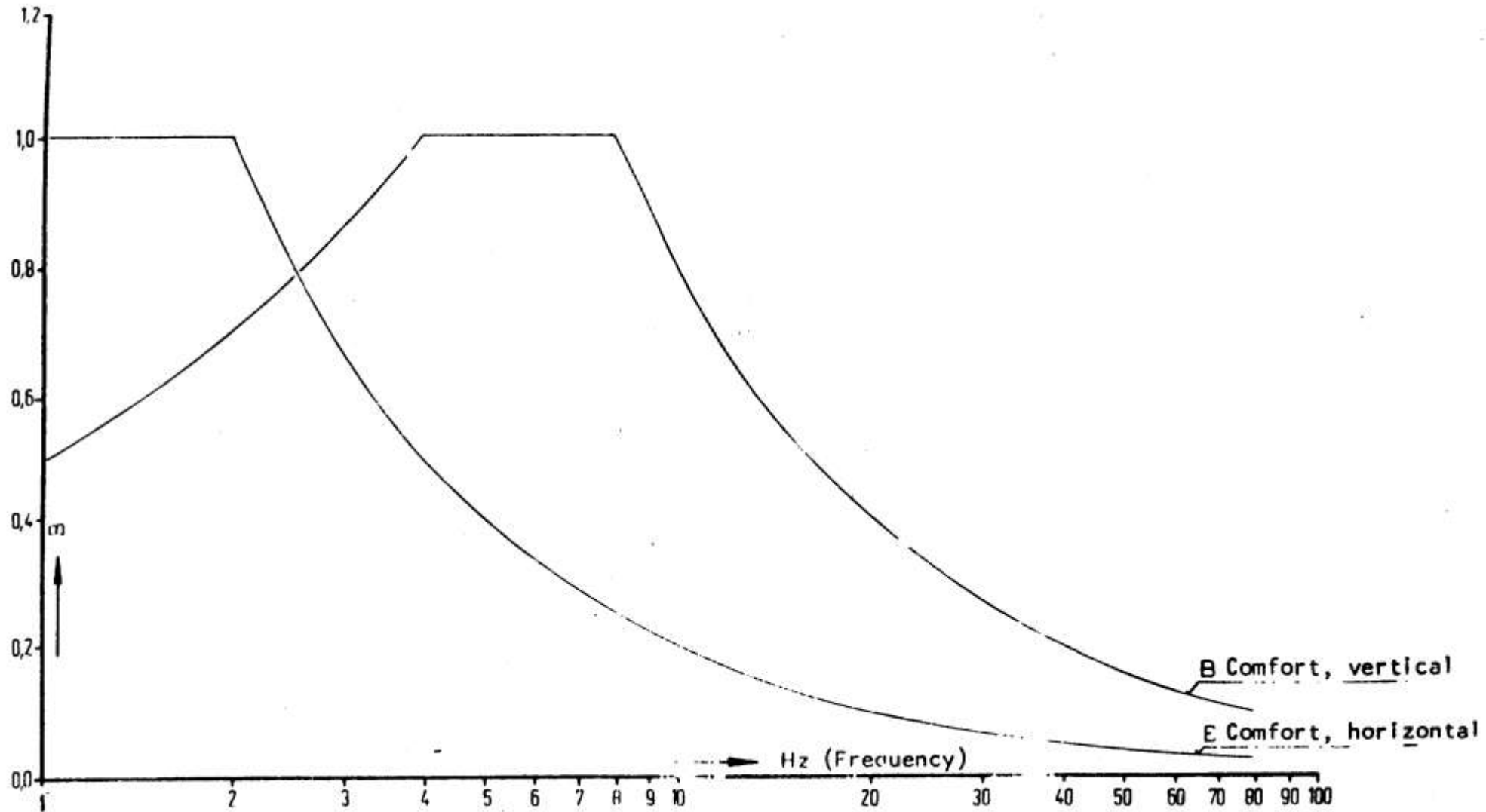
- Impulse/Shock in collisions
- Short term exposure
 - Unpleasant Sensation
 - Can withstand higher amplitudes
- Long duration exposure
 - Leads to fatigue after some time
- Function of Frequency, amplitude and posture

Effect of Prolonged Exposure to Vibrations on Humans





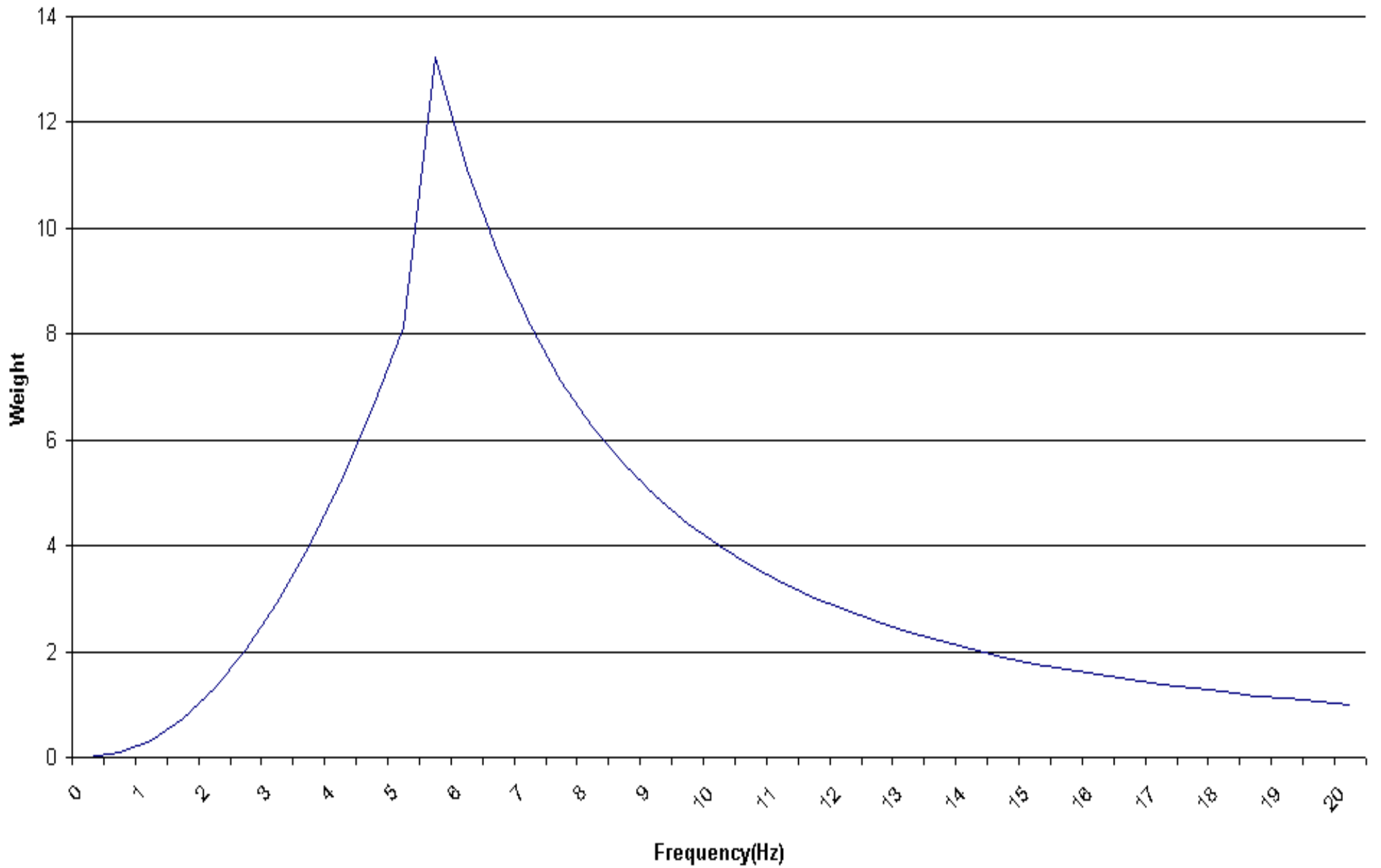
Frequency Dependant Weights as per ISO 2631(1974)



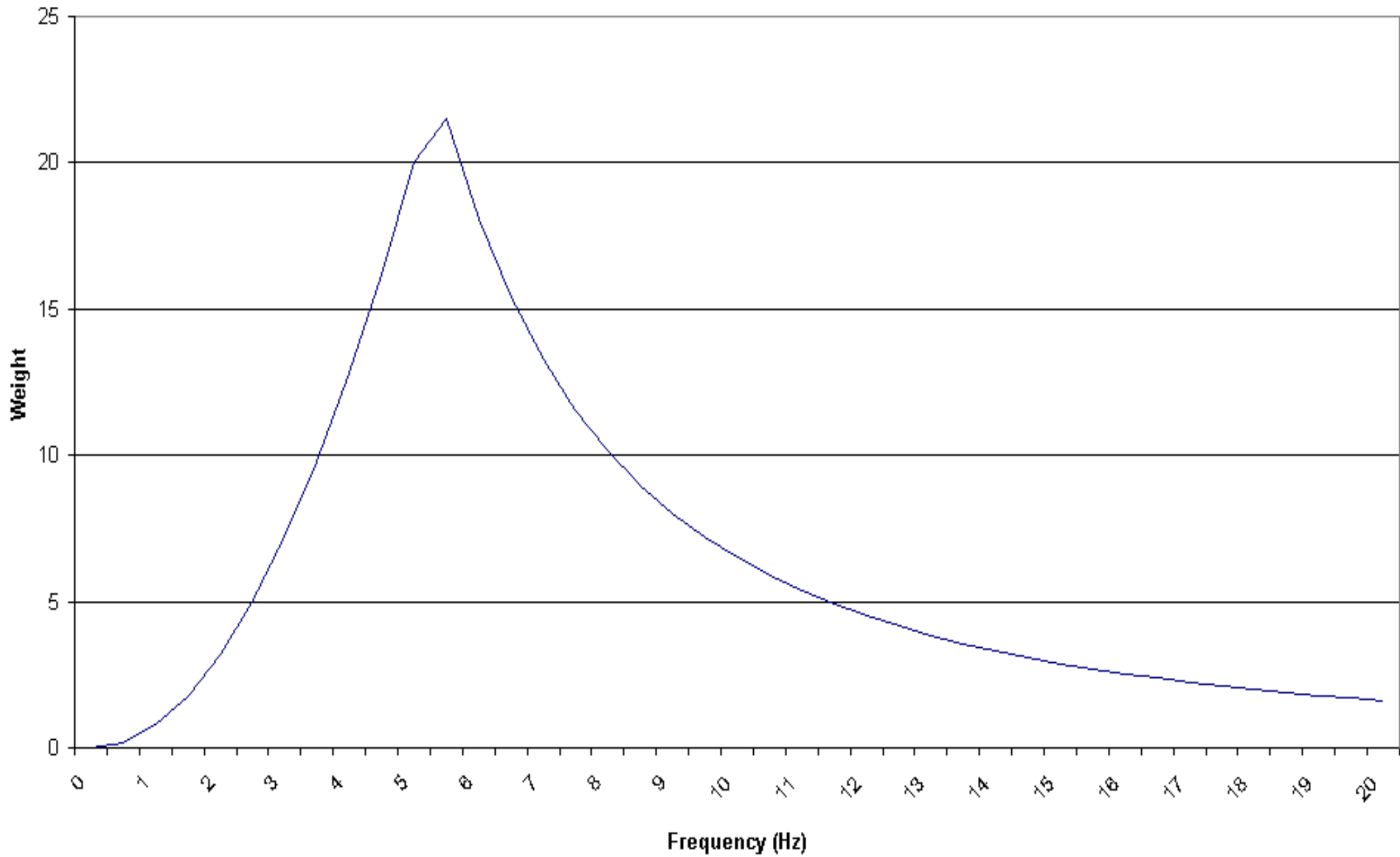
Sperling's Ride Index

- Human sensation of comfort proportional to
 - Displacement (sinusoidal)
 - Acceleration
 - Rate of change of acceleration
- $RI = .896(g(f) * b^3 / f)^{0.1}$, $b =$ acceleration amp
- Ride comfort correction factor $g(f) = kf^2$
 - $k = .325$ for vertical RI (0.5-5.4Hz)
 - $k = .8$ for lateral RI (0.5-5.4 Hz)
 - $k = 1$ for goods stock

Vertical Weight Vs Frequency



lateral Weight vs Frequency



Track and Related Issues

Indian Railway Track

- Classified into two categories
- Main Line (speed <110 km/h)
- High Speed
 - For speed upto 150 Kmph
 - Based on Vol-I of Civil and Mechanical Engg Report No-I (C&M-I) dated May 1969 for “Increase of Speed on DLI-HWH Route Feasibility Study”

Track Recording Cars

- Recording speed 50 -100kmph
- Recording every .4m
- Self adjusting offset after some time
- Recording periodicity
 - Depends on track category

Derailment

- Wheel climbing rail
 - Tight gauge
 - Due to excessive angle of attack
 - Sharp flange/Sharp curve -too much versine
 - **Excessive lateral force- Nadal's formula**
 - $H_y/Q = (\tan A - \mu) / (1 + \mu \tan A) = .997$,
where, A = flange angle wrt to horizontal ; $\mu = .27$
 - Friction assists **only** if angle of attack causes rail wheel rubbing to be advanced

Derailment

- Wheel offloaded due to
 - Excessive spring deflection
 - Due to inadequate ballast
 - Unevenness of track
 - Poor quality ballast -caked up
 - **Resonance**
 - Poor damping
 - On multi-span bridges (more likely on steel girder type)

Derailment

- Rail fractures due to
 - Inadequate stress relieving
 - Improper UFD
 - Inadequate ballast
 - Wheel flats?
- Shifting of sleepers
 - Prud Homme's Limit (wooden sleeper)
 - $H_{y_{2m}} < .85(1+P/3)$,
 - Wrong shape of ballast packing

Oscillation trials of Rolling Stock



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3rd Report of Standing Criteria Committee dated January 2000

- To evolve criteria for assessment of stability of rolling stock on IR
- Composition
 - ED s RDSO
- Formulate
 - Oscillation trial procedure
 - Evaluation criteria

Test Track

- Straight 1 Km X 2
 - Station yard
 - 700-800 m Curve of about 2 degree
- Rundown track worse than 90% of IR track
- On main line track
 - Include high speed (C&M I vol I) for speed >110kmph
- Long confirmatory run for 10-50kms with resonance check on hard spots like L-Xing, Culverts, Bridges

Procedure

- Test Speed (Loaded & Empty)
 - Start with low speed (60kmph/80kmph)
 - Increase speed in increments of 5/10Kmph
 - Stop if any limit is exceeded
 - Max speed 10% higher than the proposed speed
- Test vehicle to be last vehicle (except loco)
- Free end bogie (leading bogie for loco) usually instrumented
- Data acquisition system usually in oscillograph car



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RIDE INDEX CALCULATION

Calculation for samples from 18553 to 21549

Channel

3

DC Offset

0.0000

Conversion Factor

1.0000

Scan

100

Type of Vehicle

Loco/Carriage

Mode

Lateral

Mean Acceleration

0.022

Standard Deviation

0.017

RMS Acceleration

0.028

Percentile Max. 99.85/0.15

0.093

Max. Acceleration

0.102

Average Ride Index

2.729

UIC Percentile Values

99.85%

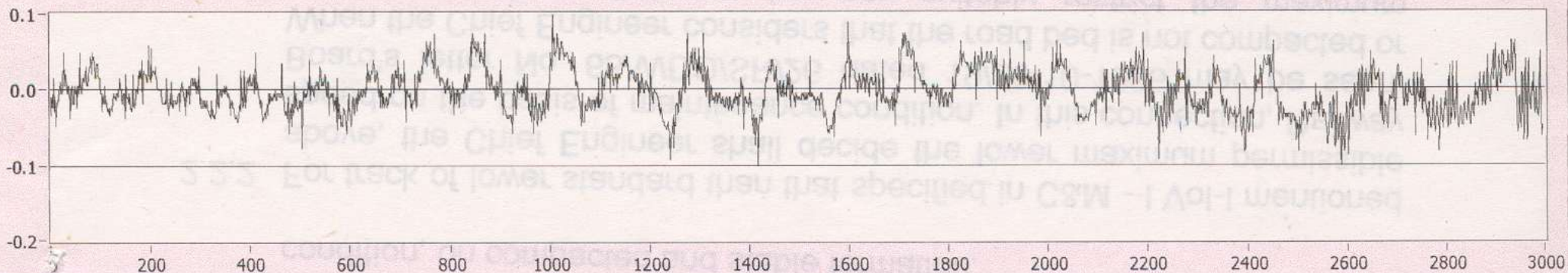
50.00%

0.15%

0.073

-0.005

-0.093



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Criteria for Carriage

- Ride index < 3.5 ,
 - preferred 3.25
 - upto 4 for EMU/DMU
- $< .3g$ accelerations in vertical & lateral directions
- Isolated peak upto .35g if no resonance

Criteria for wagons

- $Hy_{2m} < .85(1+P/3)$, P = axle load (Prud Homme's limit)
- Hy/Q (for $>1/20$ sec) <1
- In case Hy cannot be measured,
 - Ride index < 4.5 , preferred 4.25
- General stable running characteristics based on
 - Accelerations
 - Spring deflections

Other Tests Related to Coaches

- Squeeze test
 - Check buffing /pay loads
 - Measure deflections, stresses and permanent sets
- Crash worthy tests
 - Withstand impact at 60 km/h
 - In passenger area
 - Actual crashes carried out

Example of Squeeze Test

- BG BEML shell (model 816)
- Requirements
 - Max stress 90% of lower YP
 - No permanent set at 102 mT load
 - Max shell deflection (lateral & vertical)
 - 10 mm at centre
 - 6 mm at ends
 - No weld failure

Test Fixtures



SQUEEZE TEST
OF 816 MODEL
RDSO
TESTING D/T E

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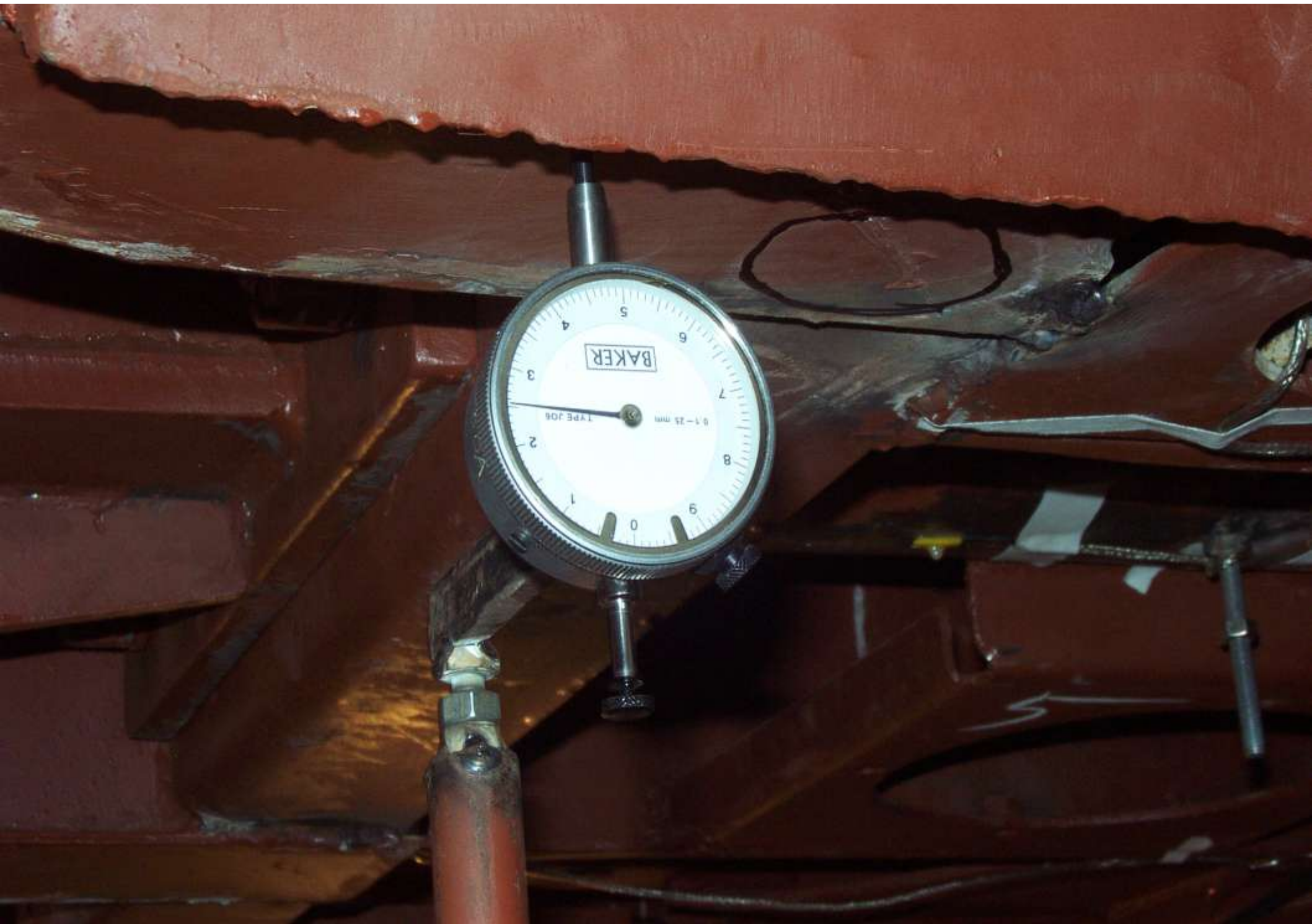
Loading Devices





Deflection Measurement





Stress Measurement







Crash Test







Thank You!!!