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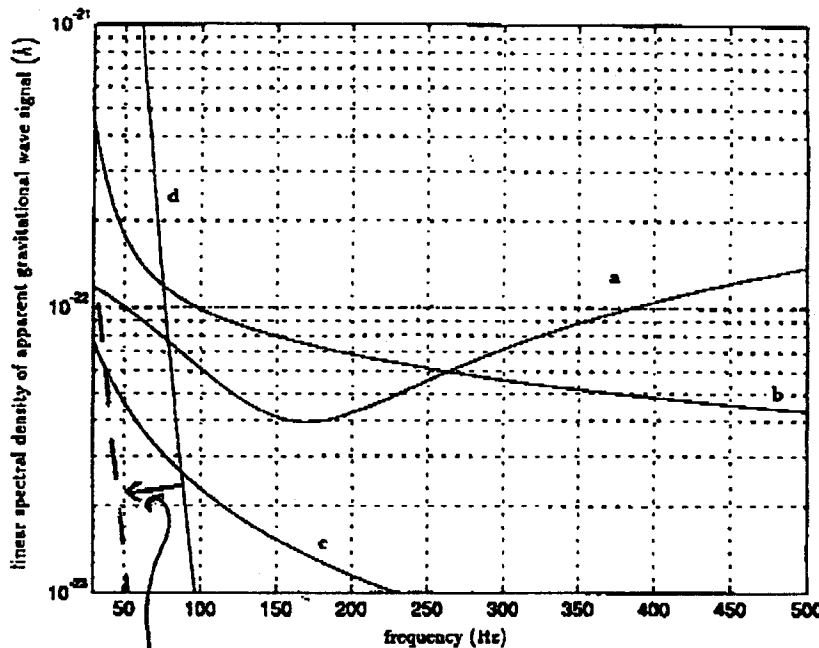
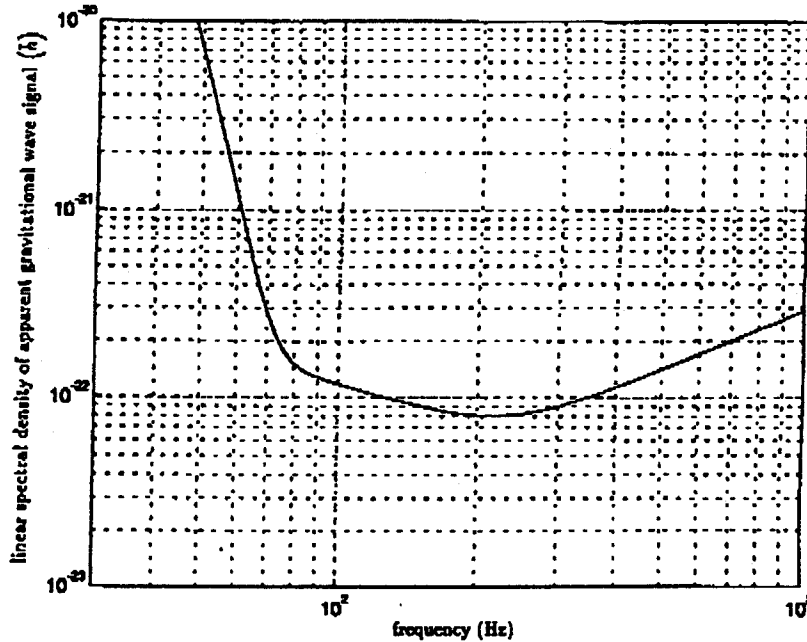
# Research towards Isolation and Suspension Systems for GEO 600

*Input from*

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# GEO 600 Design Specification 1995



Want reduction

- a - photoelectron shot noise
- c - HUP

- b - thermal noise
- d - seismic noise

## Revised Specification:

$h \sim 2 \times 10^{-22} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 50 Hz

$\Rightarrow \Delta x / \text{mass} < (7 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})_{50\text{Hz}}$

So want  $\Delta x_{\text{seismic}} < (7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ m} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})_{50\text{Hz}}$

Assuming  $\Delta x_{\text{ground}} \sim 10^{-7} / f^2 \text{ m} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Isolation  $\sim 6 \times 10^8$  at 50 Hz

Should be achievable for 0.1% vert. to  
horiz. cross - coupling with:

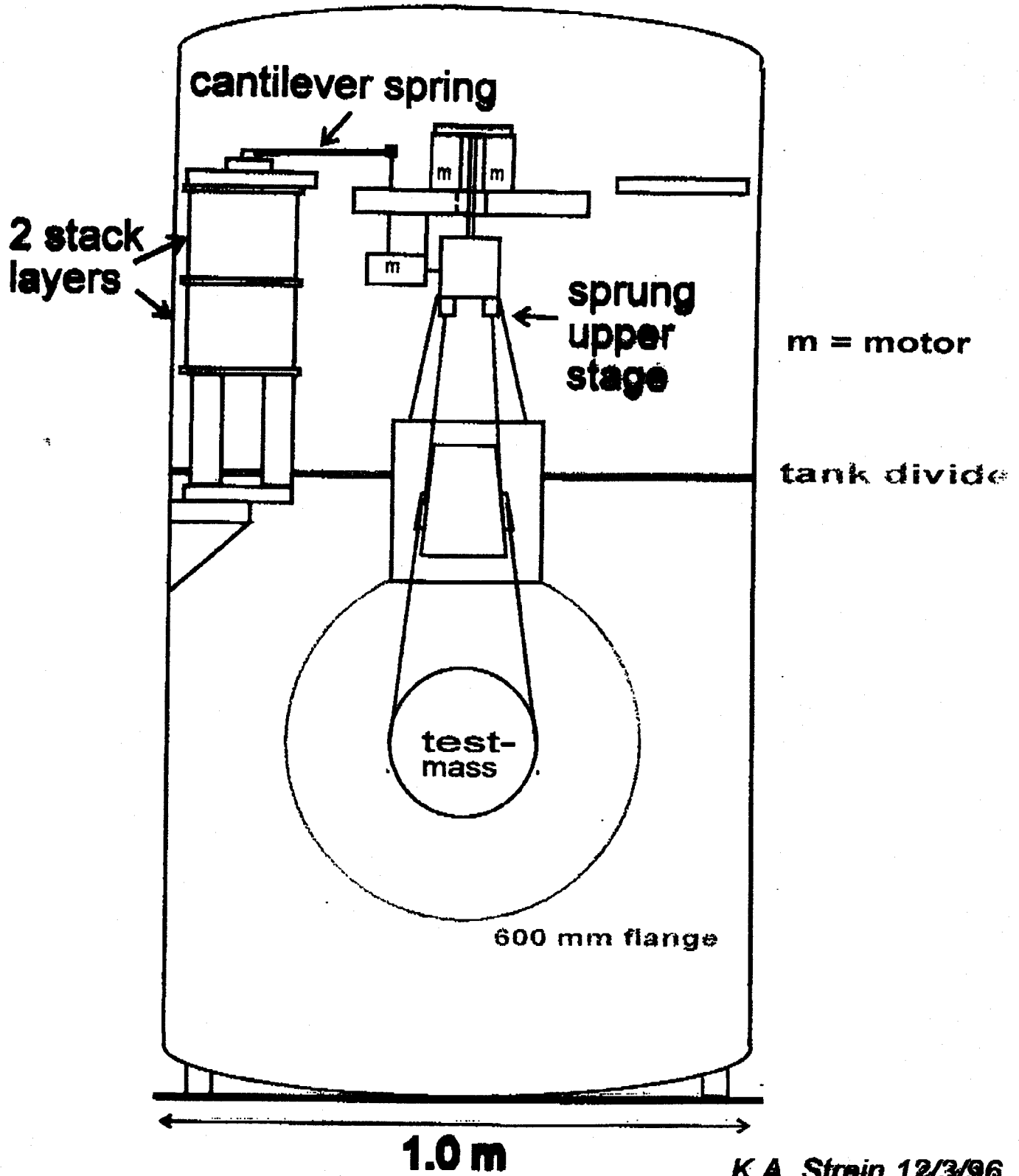
- 2 layer isolation stack +
- 2 vertical spring stages +
- double pendulum

Stack:

- graphite loaded RTV cylinders
- stainless steel masses
- encapsulated in bellows

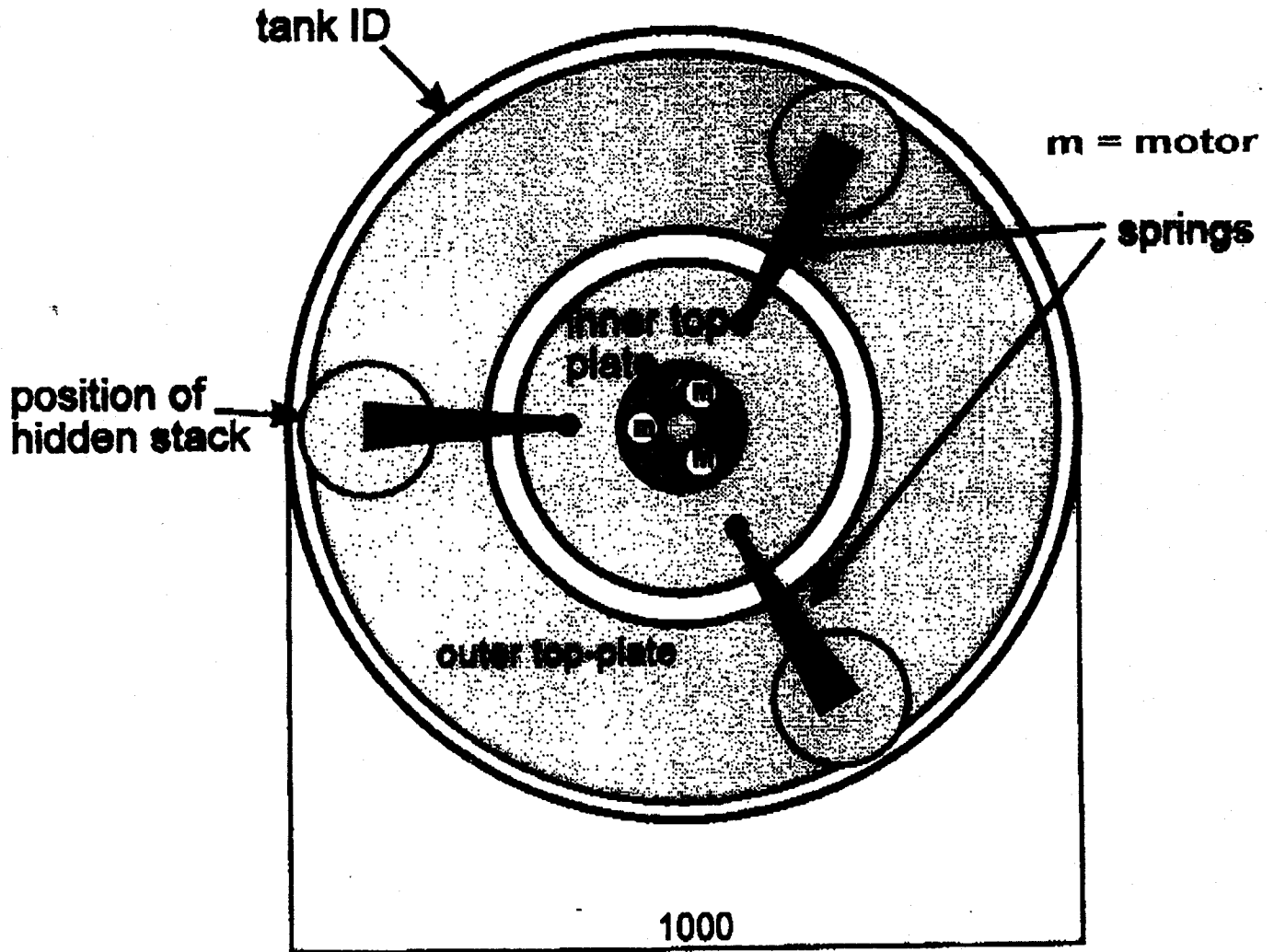
# GEO 600 End-mirror Suspension (draft)

2 stacks omitted for clarity

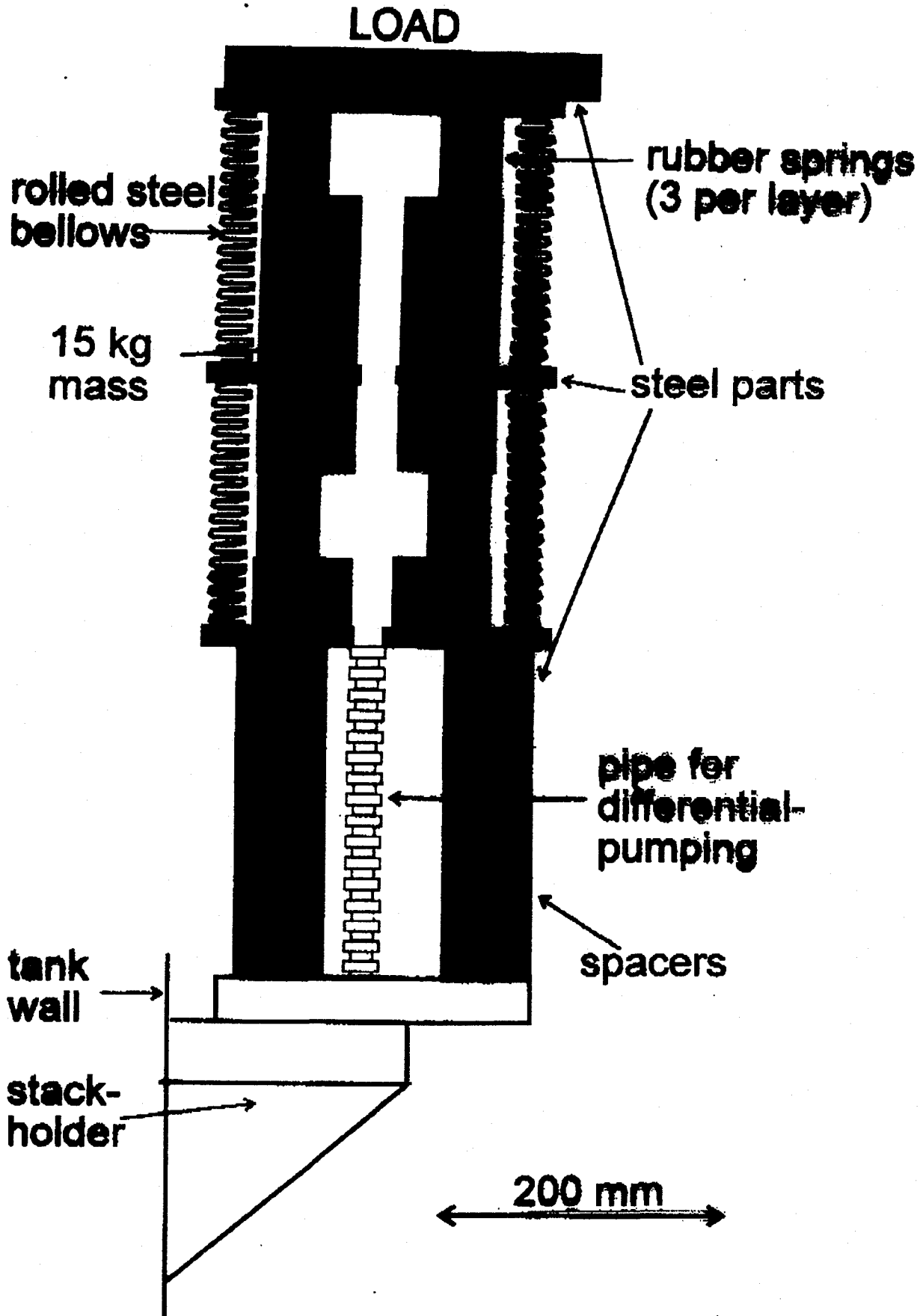


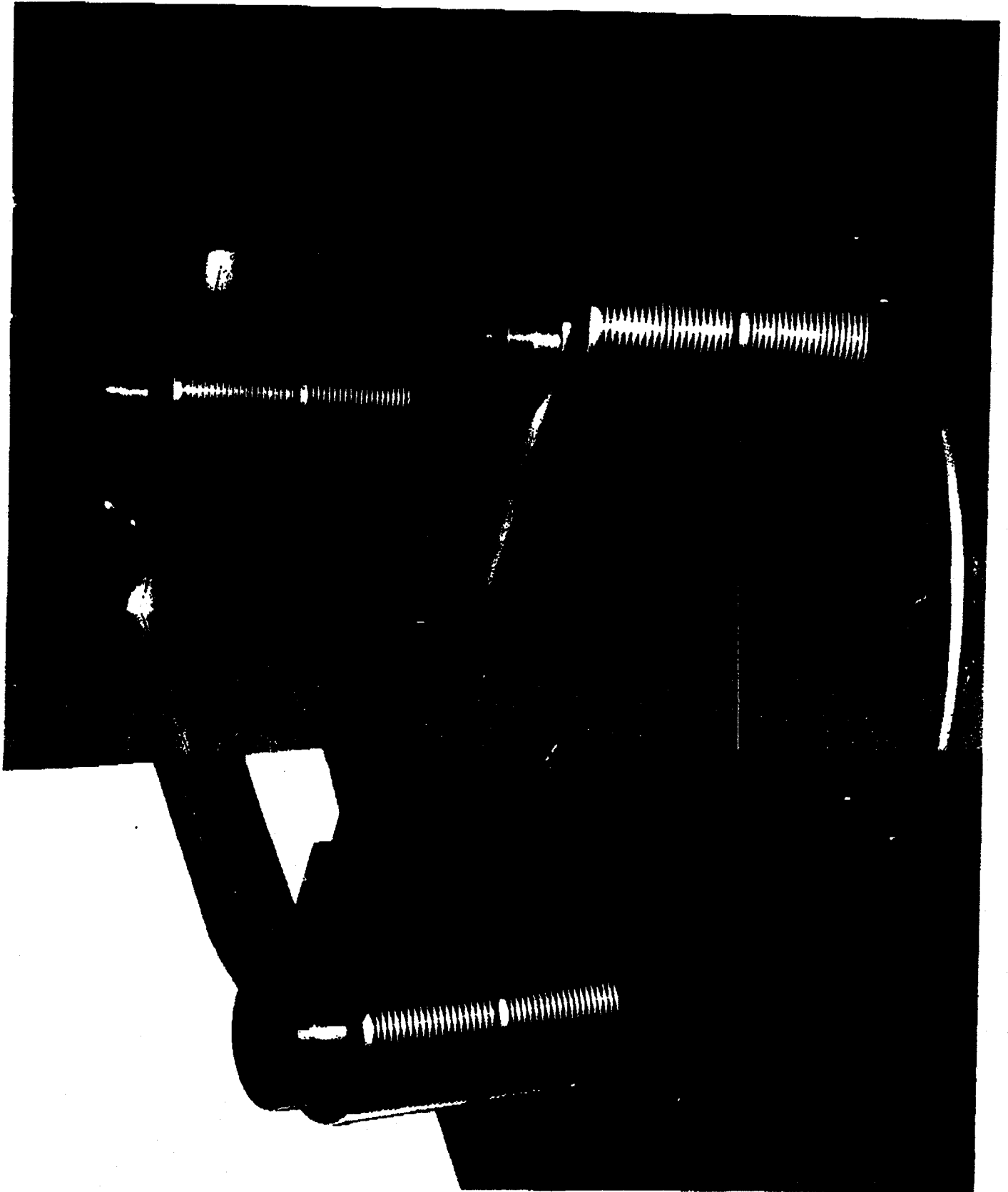
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# GEO 600 End-mirror suspension (plan view)



# GEO 600 stack leg (2 -layer)







## RTV 615

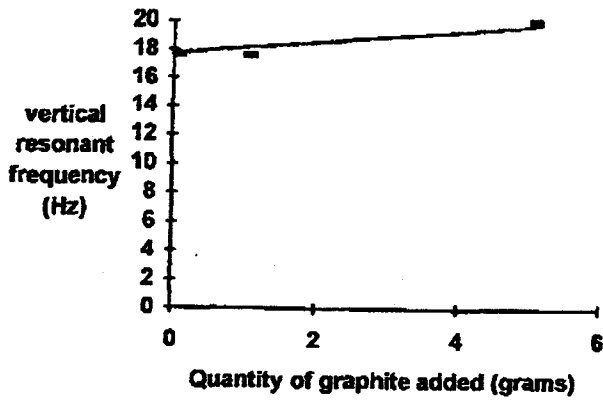
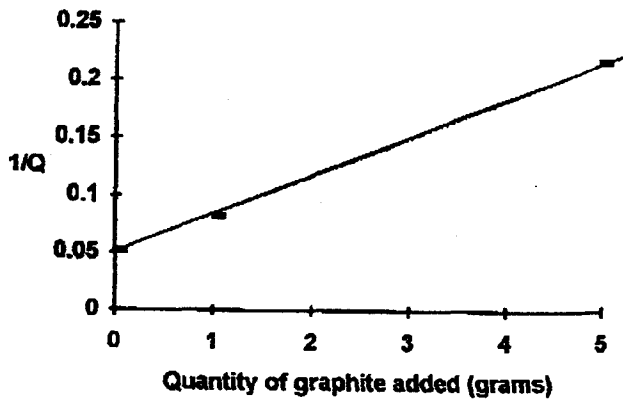
Set of 3 cylinders of undamped RTV 615, each of diameter 30 mm and height 40 mm, and loaded with 15 Kg.

Stiffness constants (of total set):

$$k_v = 5.6 \times 10^4 \text{ N / m}$$

$$k_h = 0.9 \times 10^4 \text{ N / m}$$

# Loading of RTV



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## Thermal noise requirements for GEO 600:

- Require h sensitivity of  $10^{-22} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 100Hz
- Sets limits on thermal noise from pendulum modes, violin modes and internal modes of suspension

$$\Rightarrow Q_{\text{pendulum}} > 5 \times 10^5$$

$$Q_{\text{violin}} > 2 \times 10^6$$

$$Q_{\text{internal}} > 5 \times 10^6$$

nb: each of these values

alone gives  $h = 10^{-22} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

(assumes structural damping)

Relationship between  $Q_{\text{pendulum}}$  and  $Q_{\text{material}}$  :

$$Q_{\text{pendulum}} = Q_{\text{material}} \frac{mgl}{4\sqrt{TEI}} \quad \text{for a 2-loop suspension}$$

where:

$m$  = mass

$E$  = Youngs modulus

$l$  = length

$I$  = moment of mass =  $\frac{\pi r^4}{4}$

$T$  = tension

$r$  = radius of wire

$n$  = number of wires

## SKODOCK BELLOWS

### Bellows dimensions:

wall thickness = 0.25 mm

inside diameter = 139.3 mm

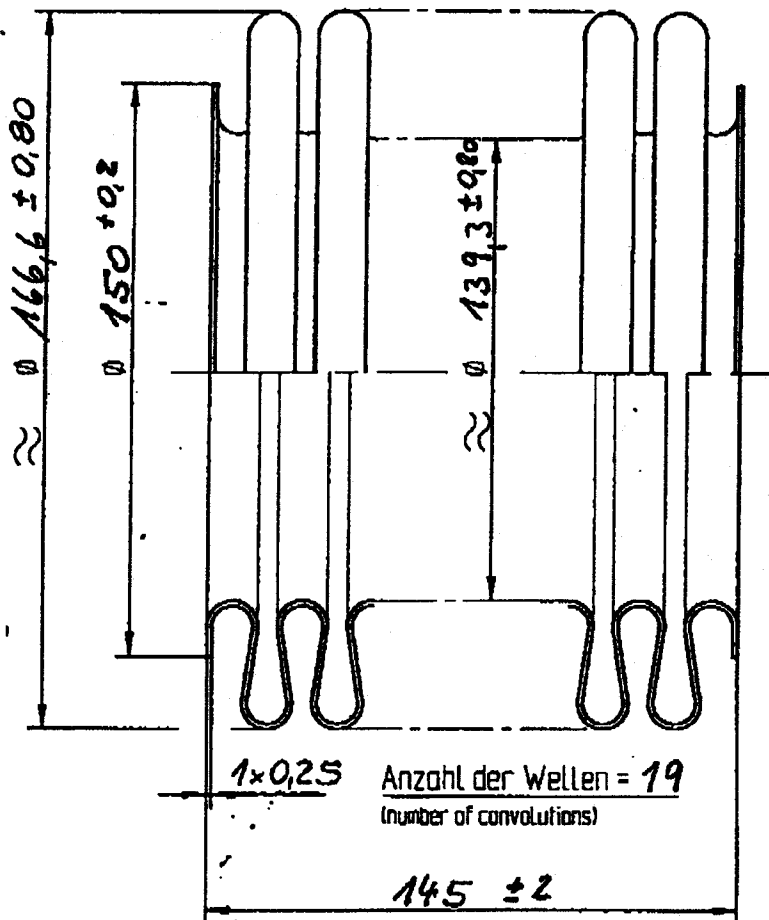
height = 145 mm

### Stiffness constants:

$$k_v = 0.9 \times 10^4 \text{ N / m}$$

$$k_h = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ N / m}$$

SKODDEK - Form - J-003-1



**AW**  
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Unterliegt dem  
Änderungsdienst  
**DOKUMENT**  
rot = Original  
schwarz = Kopie

1x0,25 Anzahl der Wellen = 19  
(number of convolutions)

145 ± 2

Weitergabe sowie Verwert (Nutzung dieser Unterlage nicht gestattet).  
"Schutzvermerk nach DIN 11" beachten".

Technische Daten / (technical data)

Betriebsdaten / (working data)

Federkonstante : Coxial  $\approx 6$  N/mm  $\pm 25\%$  (spring rate)      C lateral  $\approx 17$  N/mm  $\pm 25\%$   
 wirks. Fläche :  $A_w \approx 184$  cm<sup>2</sup> (active area)  
 Hub :  $\pm 45$  mm axial  
 \* Lastwechsel: 1500 bei Innen druck max. 1bar

Betriebsüberdruck : 3,8 bar\* (working pressure) - Anpseudruck  
 Betriebstemperatur : 20 °C (working temperature)  
 Medium :  
 Prüfdruck : X bar (test pressure)

	0,1
	0,05
	7,5
	12,5
	12,5
DIN 1314 Reihe 2	DIN 1322 ISO

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For a 16kg mass suspended on 4 wires made from:

• Carbon steel

$$E = 210 \times 10^9$$

$$T = 160\text{N (40N/wire)}$$

$$\text{Breaking stress} = 3 \times 10^9$$

• Fused silica

$$E = 73 \times 10^9$$

$$T = 160\text{N (40N/wire)}$$

$$\text{Breaking stress} = 8 \times 10^8$$

For GEO:

let stress = breaking stress/3

$$40/(\pi r^2) = 3 \times 10^9 / 3$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{steel}} = 113\mu\text{m}$$

$$40/(\pi r^2) = 8 \times 10^8 / 3$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{silica}} = 220\mu\text{m}$$

Relationship between  $Q_{\text{pend}}$  and  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  then becomes:

- Carbon Steel (piano wire)
- Fused Silica

$$Q_{\text{pend}} = Q_{\text{mat}} \times 300$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{need } Q_{\text{mat}} \geq 1.7 \times 10^3$$

$$Q_{\text{pend}} = Q_{\text{mat}} \times 140$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{need } Q_{\text{mat}} \geq 3.6 \times 10^3$$

Necessary  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  values suggest that steel is *just* good enough - fused silica is much safer choice.

(Typical  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  for (carbon) steel = few  $\times 10^3$ )

(Typical  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  for fused silica = few  $\times 10^6$ )



## Pendulum design must preserve material Q

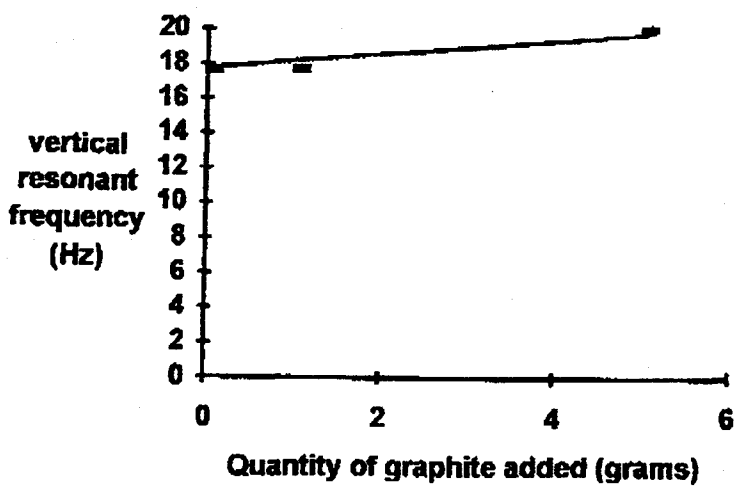
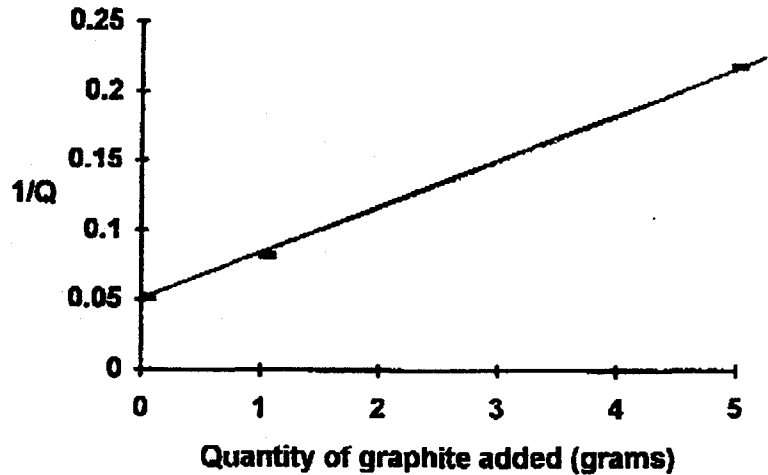
Possibility of “monolithic” fused silica suspensions:

- Welding of fibre to mass (excellent results for small masses - Braginsky, Traeger)
- Optical contacting of fibres with rod ends

## Measurement of $Q_{\text{pend}}$ for pendulum (200g) suspended by fused silica fibres

- Fused silica fibres drawn from rods of 3mm diameter - end of fibre still have rods attached
- Rods at top:
  - clamped/glued into brass cylinders using vacuum epoxy
  - brass cylinders held in aluminium clamp
- Rods at bottom:
  - glued to glass pendulum
  - or clamped/glued to macor pendulum

# Loading of RTV



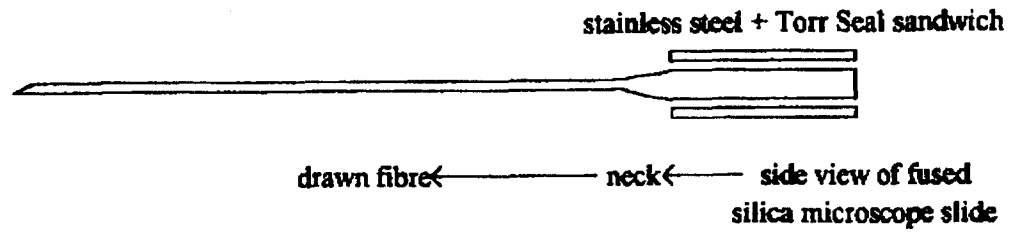
## Monolithic suspensions desirable

- Aim: use fused silica fibres to suspend mass - ends of fibre optically contacted to test mass
- Present experiments:
  - (a) measure  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  of ribbon fibres  $\Rightarrow$  gives  $Q_{\text{mat}}$  for  $Q_{\text{pend}}$  thermal noise calculations
  - (b) measure  $Q_{\text{pend}}$  of mass suspended by silica fibres

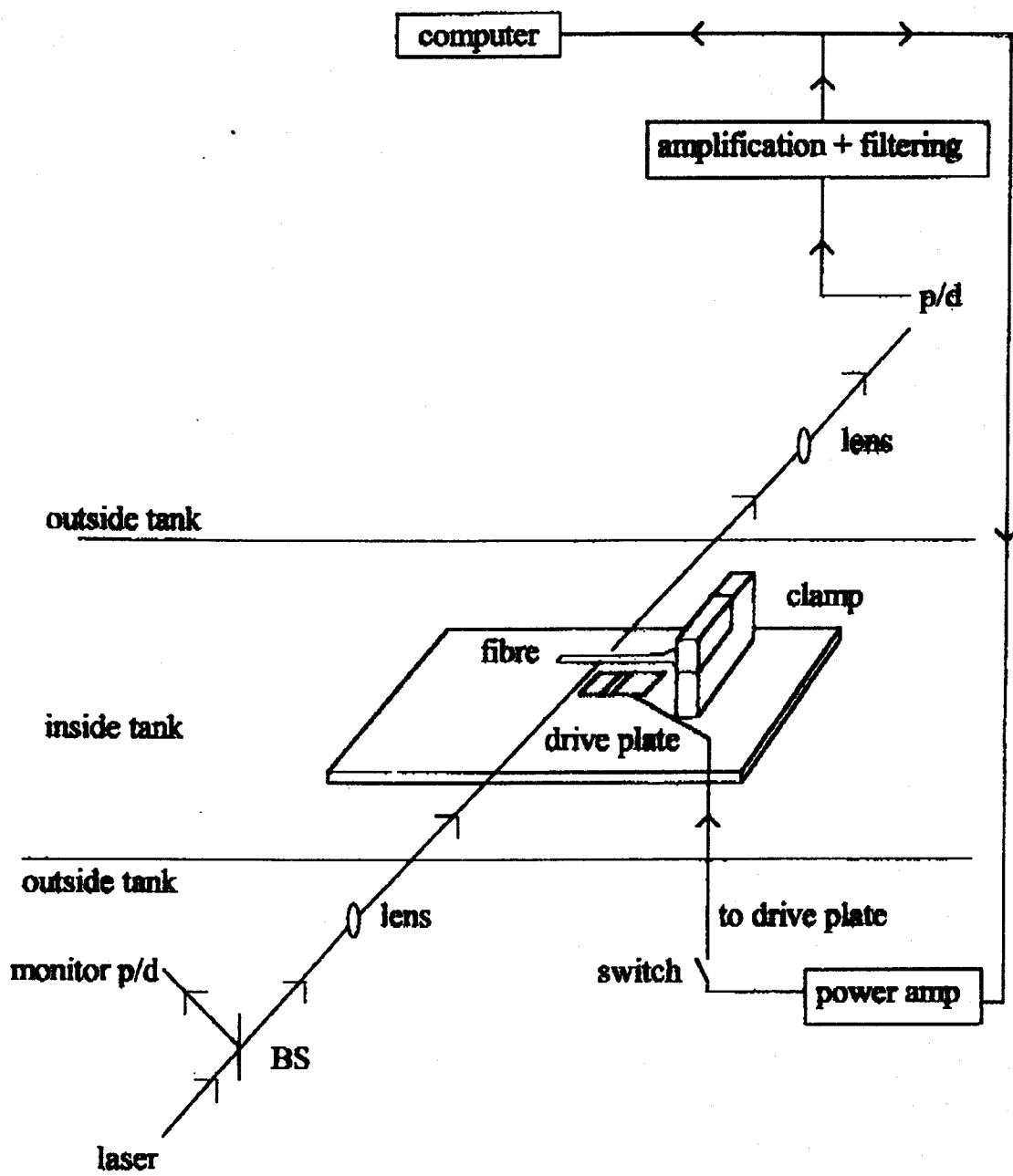
+ comparison of these results?

## Measuring $Q_{\text{mat}}$ fused silica ribbons

- Fused silica ribbon - drawn from silica slide using RF oven
  - Dimensions: length  $\sim 12.5\text{cm}$
  - width  $\sim 0.3\text{cm}$
  - thickness  $\sim 54\mu\text{m}$
- Use positive feedback and electrostatic drive to excite resonances of fused silica fibre
- Measure decay of amplitude of resonances to find  $Q_{\text{mat}}$



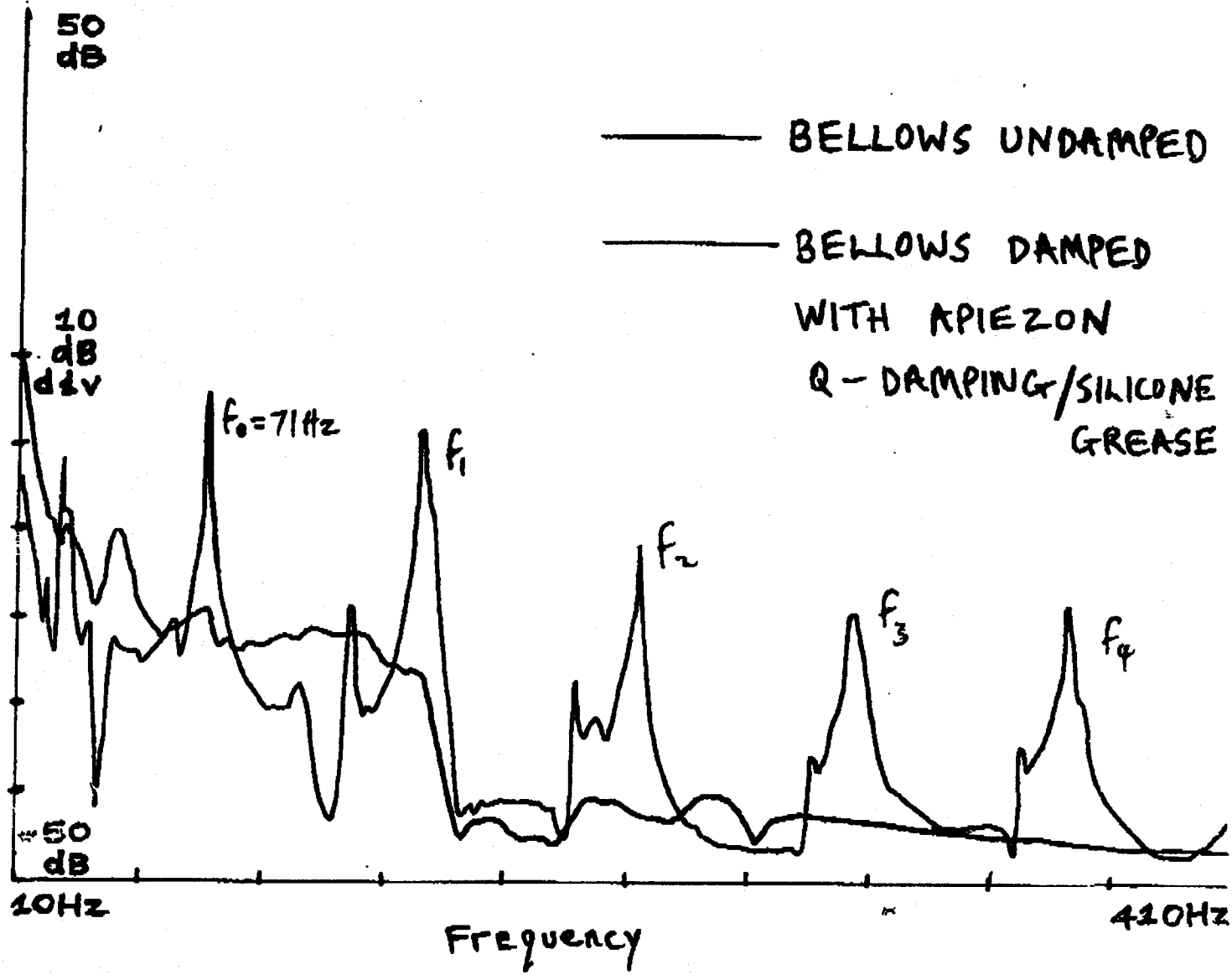
Fused Silica Ribbon Fibre



Q<sub>mat</sub> fused silica experiment

# BELLOWS TEST

dB Mag



VERTICAL TRANSFER FUNCTION



1/Q as a function of pressure for various frequencies (Oct-Dec '95)

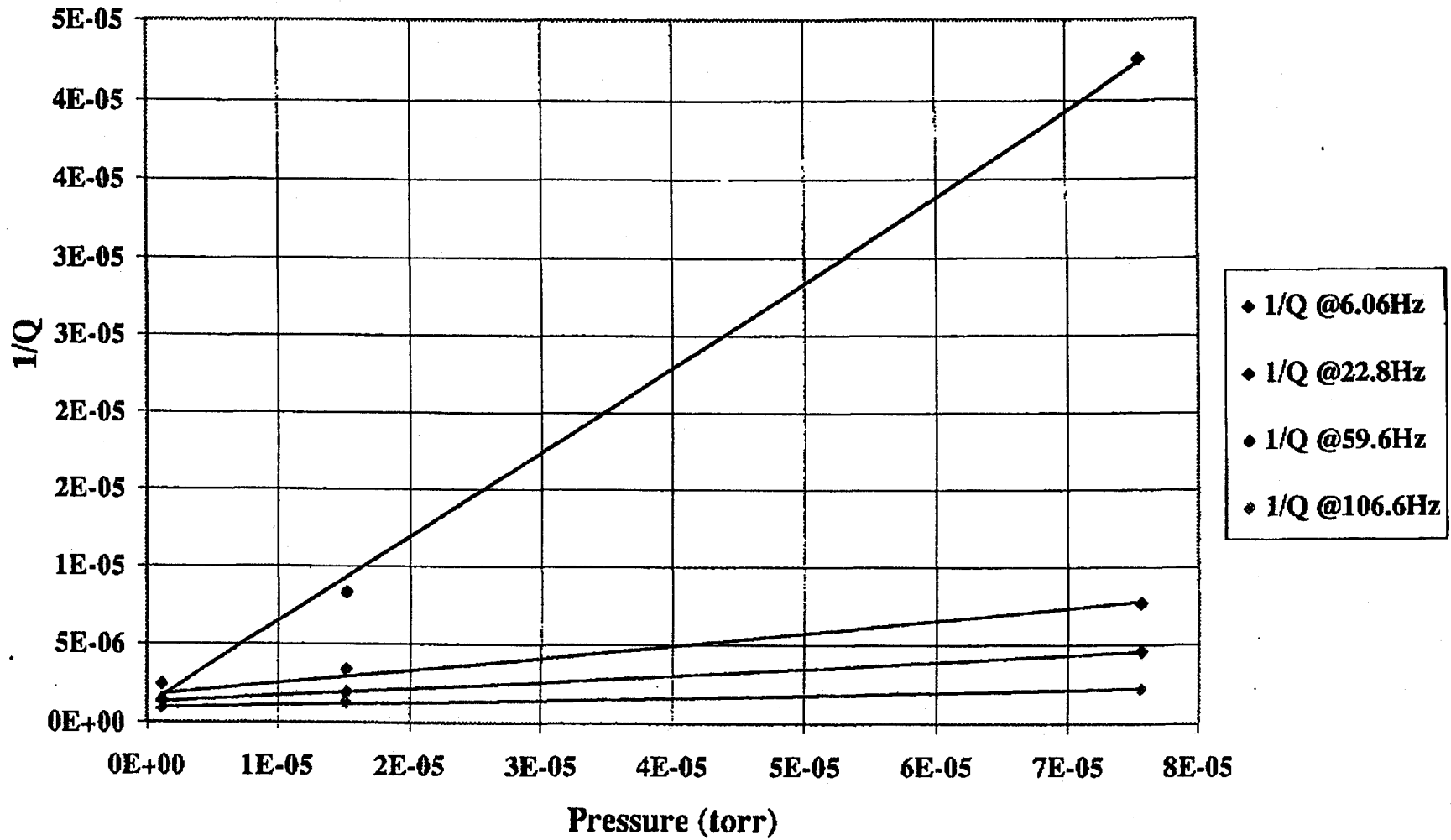
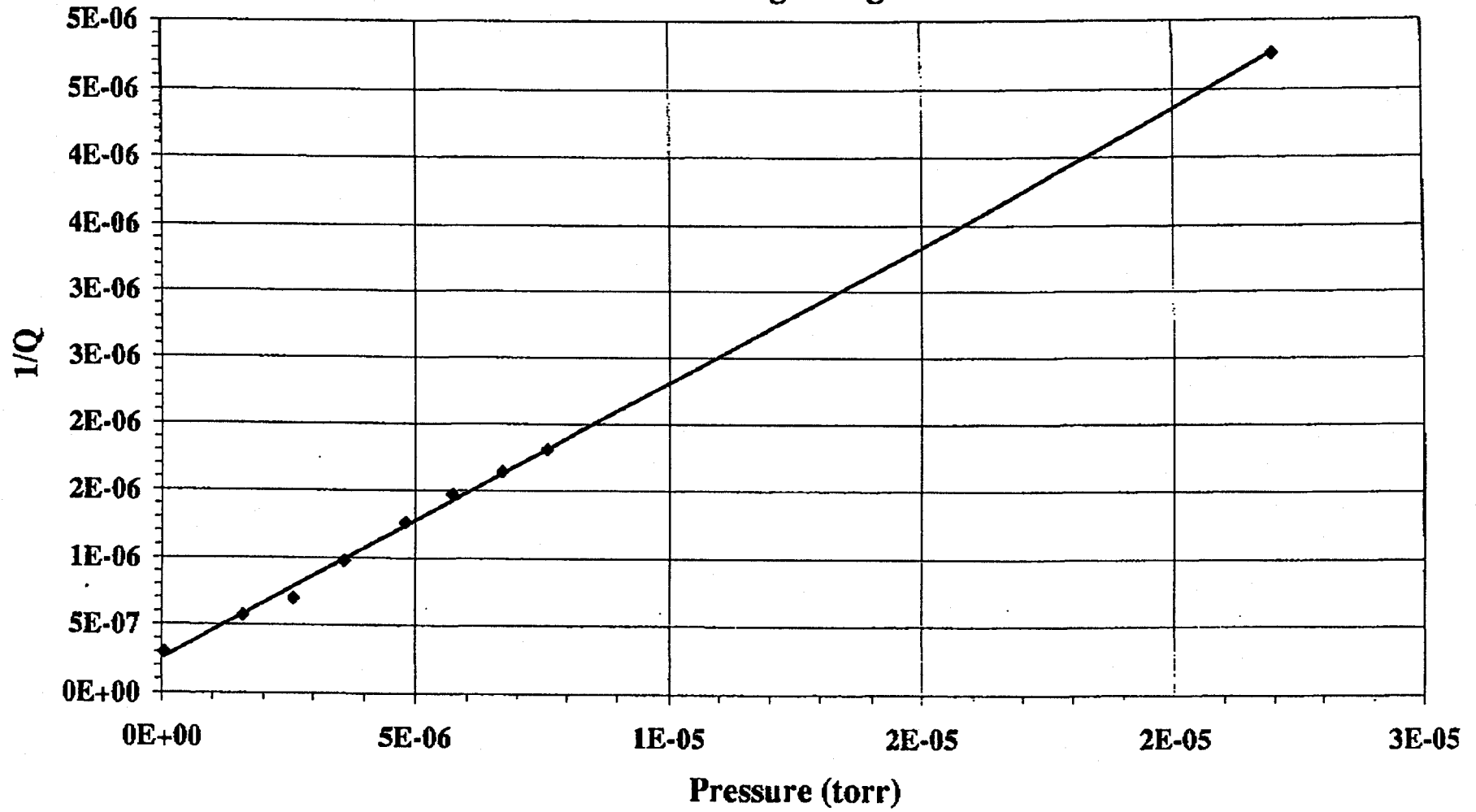
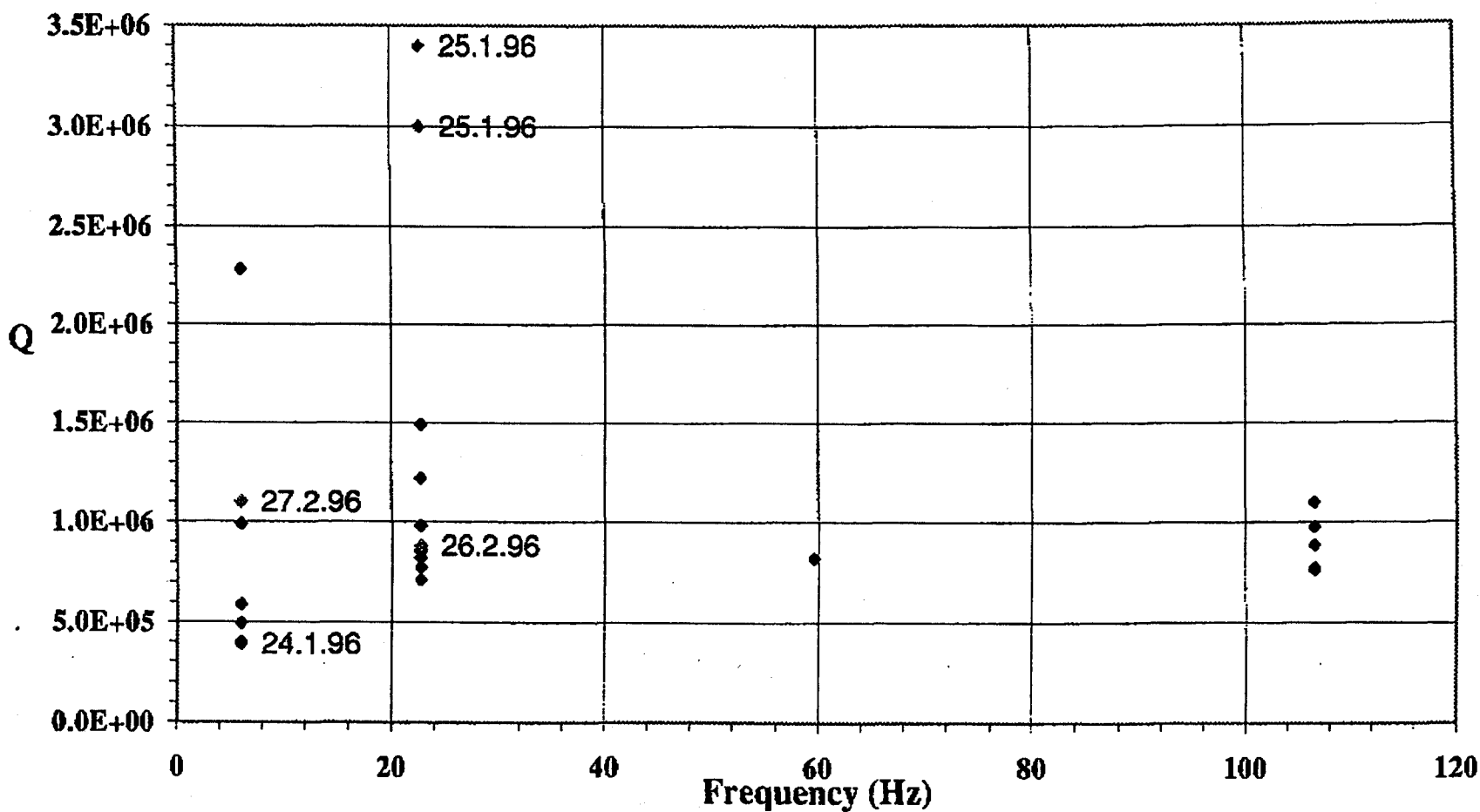


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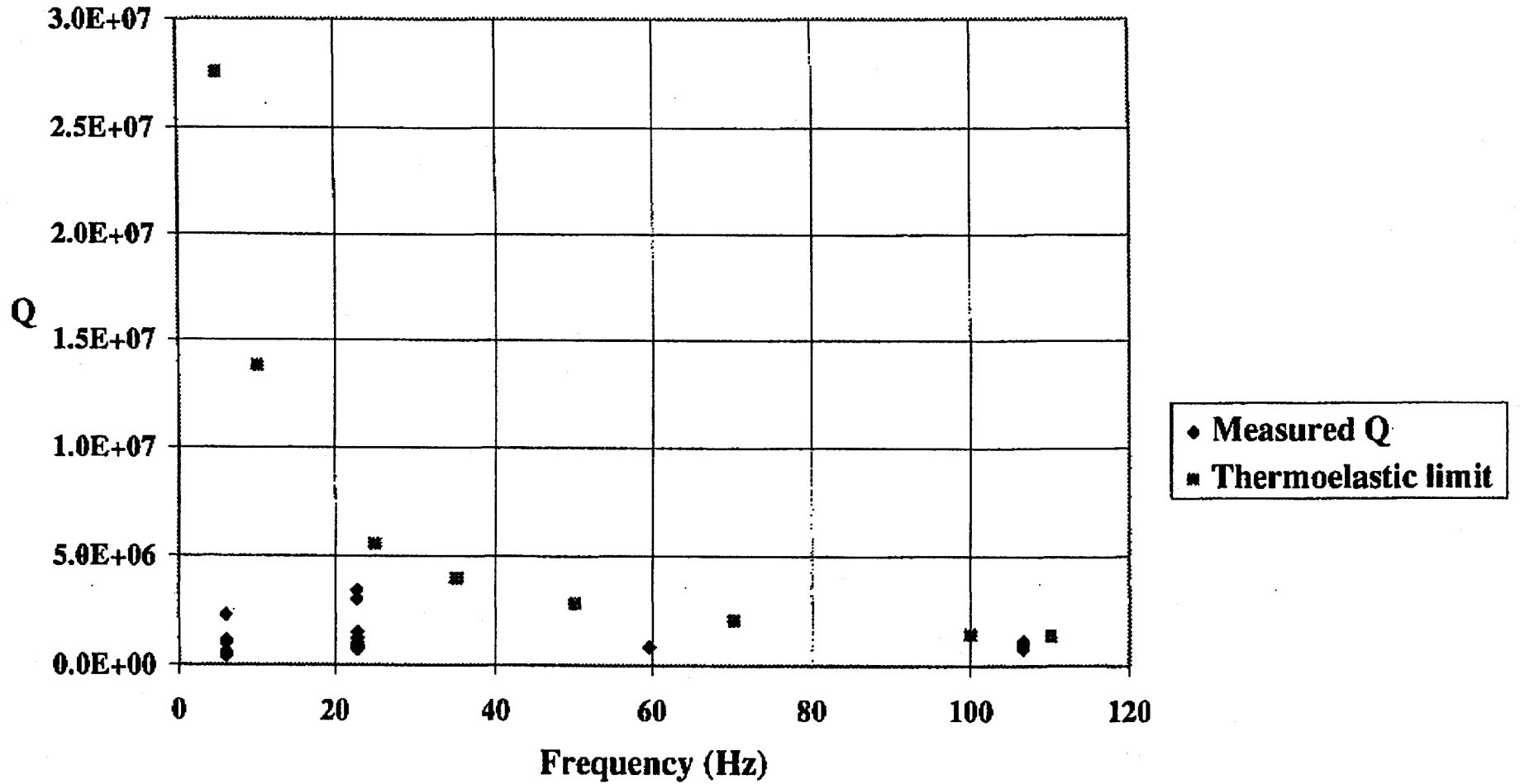
### Graph of 1/Q as a function of pressure for 22.8 Hz mode - system outgassing



### Spread of measured Q as a function of frequency for pressures $\sim 10^{-7}$ torr or less showing evidence of mode coupling



### Spread of measured Q as a function of frequency for pressures $\sim 10^{-7}$ torr and less together with thermoelastic limit



# Conclusions

- $Q_{\text{mat}}$  of the order of few  $\times 10^6$   
 $\Rightarrow$

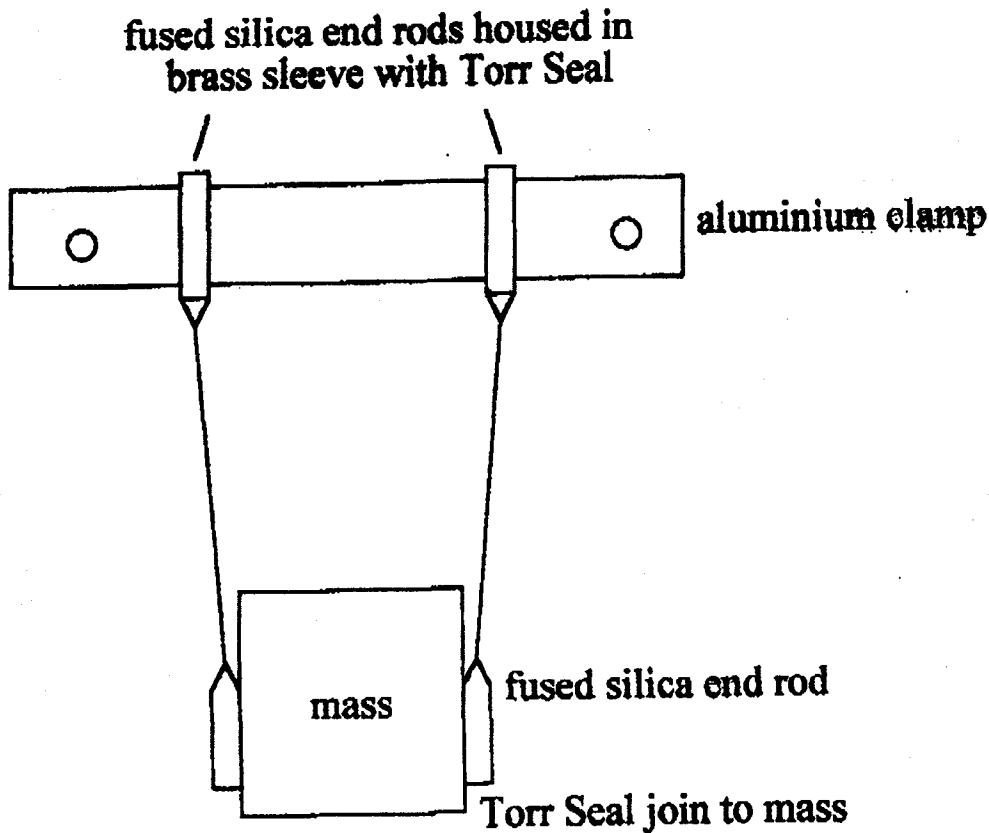
Limiting  $Q_{\text{pend}} = \text{few} \times 10^9$  - more than  
good enough

## Measurement of $Q_{\text{pend}}$ for pendulum suspended by fused silica fibres

- Experimental set-up similar to that for wire pendulum
- Fused silica fibres drawn from rods of 3mm diameter - end of fibre still have rods attached
- Rods at top glued into brass cylinders using vacuum epoxy
- Rods at bottom glued to glass pendulum
- brass cylinder clamped into aluminium holder

**Fused Silica Fibres - pulled in flame or RF oven to leave full rod diameter at ends. Rods clamped firmly at top, glued rigidly to mass at bottom.**

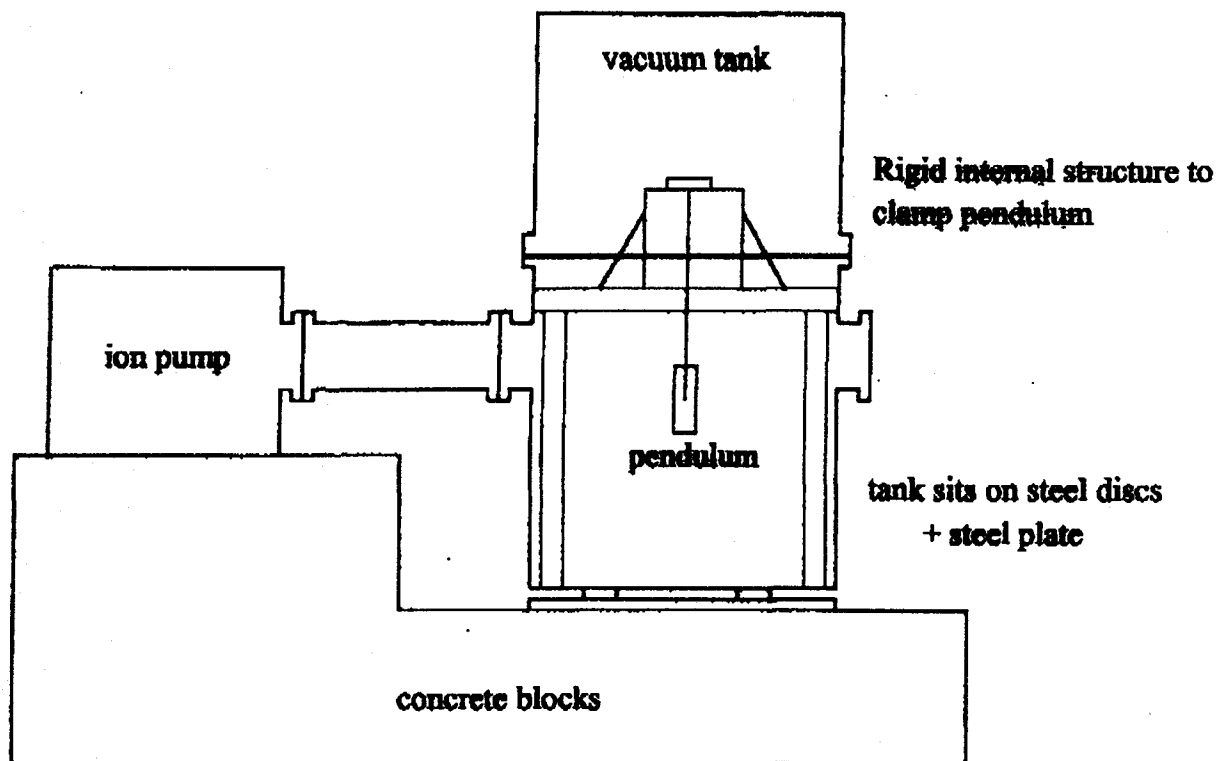
**Diagram of Test Pendulum**



**Fibre diameter  $\cong 100\mu\text{m}$**

**Fibre length  $\cong 0.25\text{m}$**

**mass = 0.2kg**



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Limit to measurable Q as set by recoil damping:

$$Q_{\text{limit}} = \frac{1}{m \omega_0^2 \phi} k$$

$m$  = pendulum mass = 0.21 kg

$\omega_0$  = resonant frequency = 1 Hz

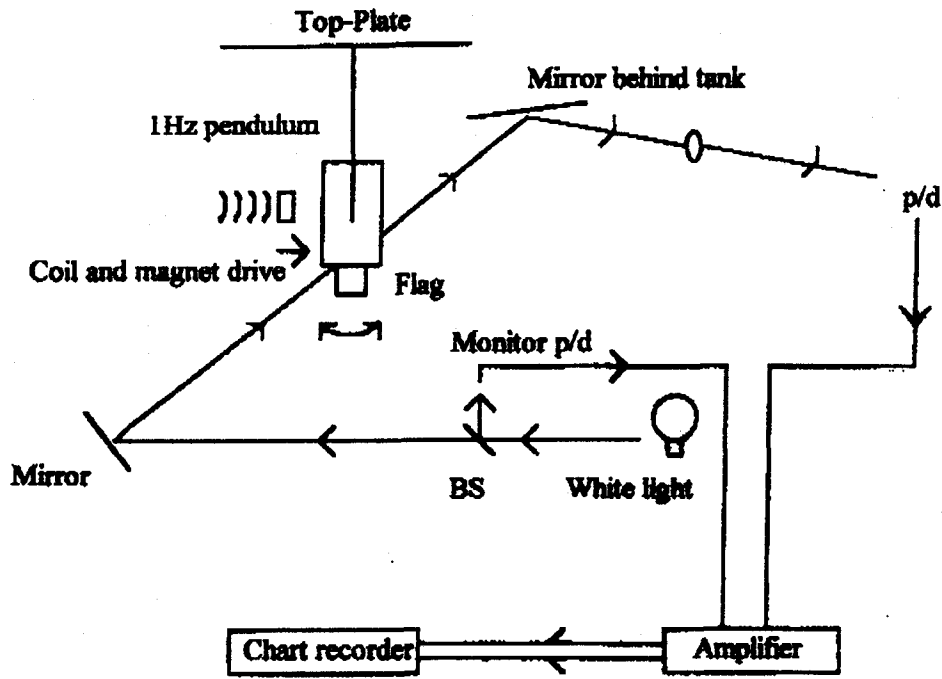
$k$  = stiffness of structure =  $5.5 \times 10^6 \pm 6.75 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$

$\phi$  = phase angle between the recoil displacement and the drive force =  $-1.61^\circ \pm 0.05^\circ$

$$Q_{\text{limit}} = 2.36 \times 10^7 \pm 2.98 \times 10^6$$

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$Q_{pend}$  fused silica experiment

### Logarithmic fit to amplitude decay with time

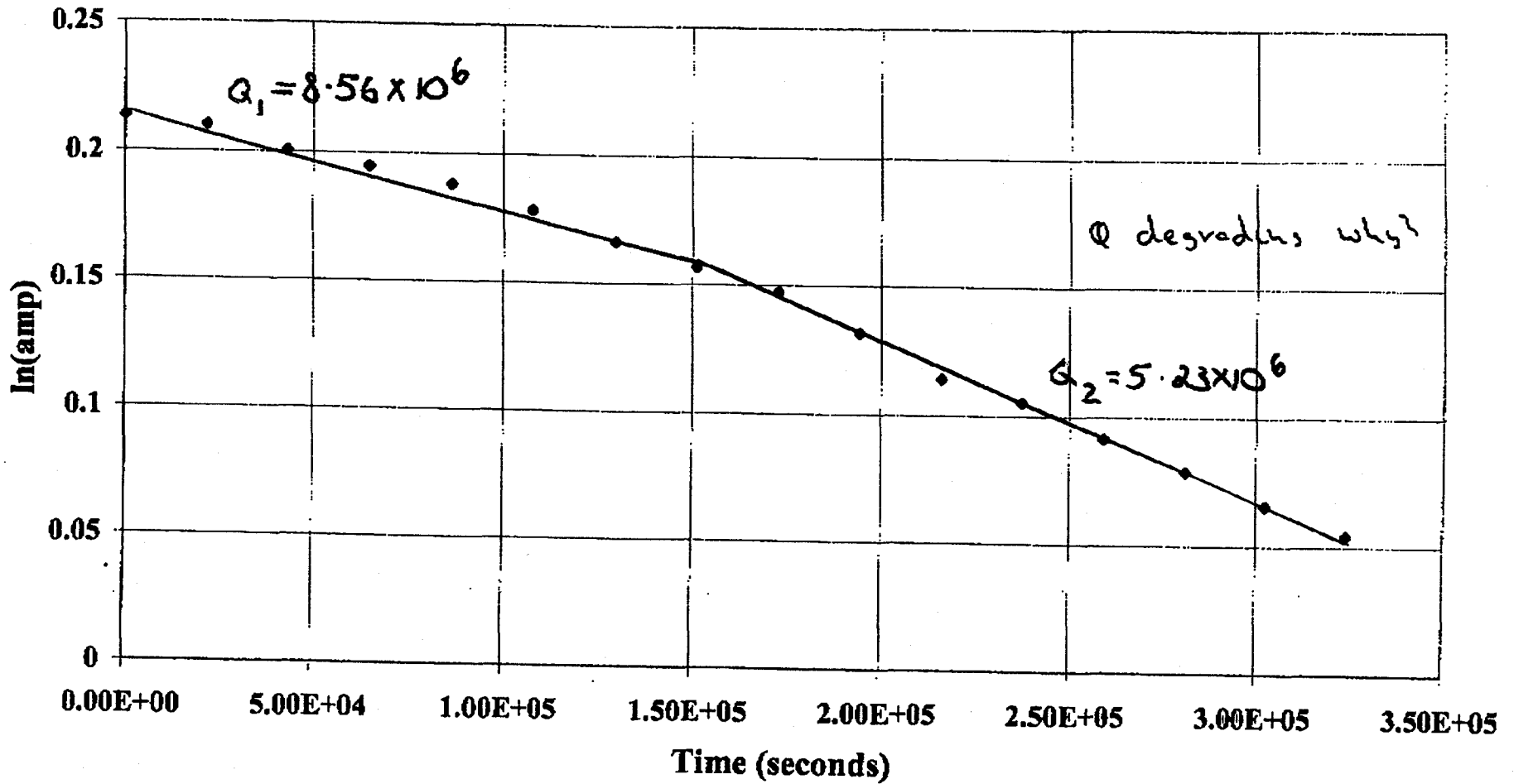
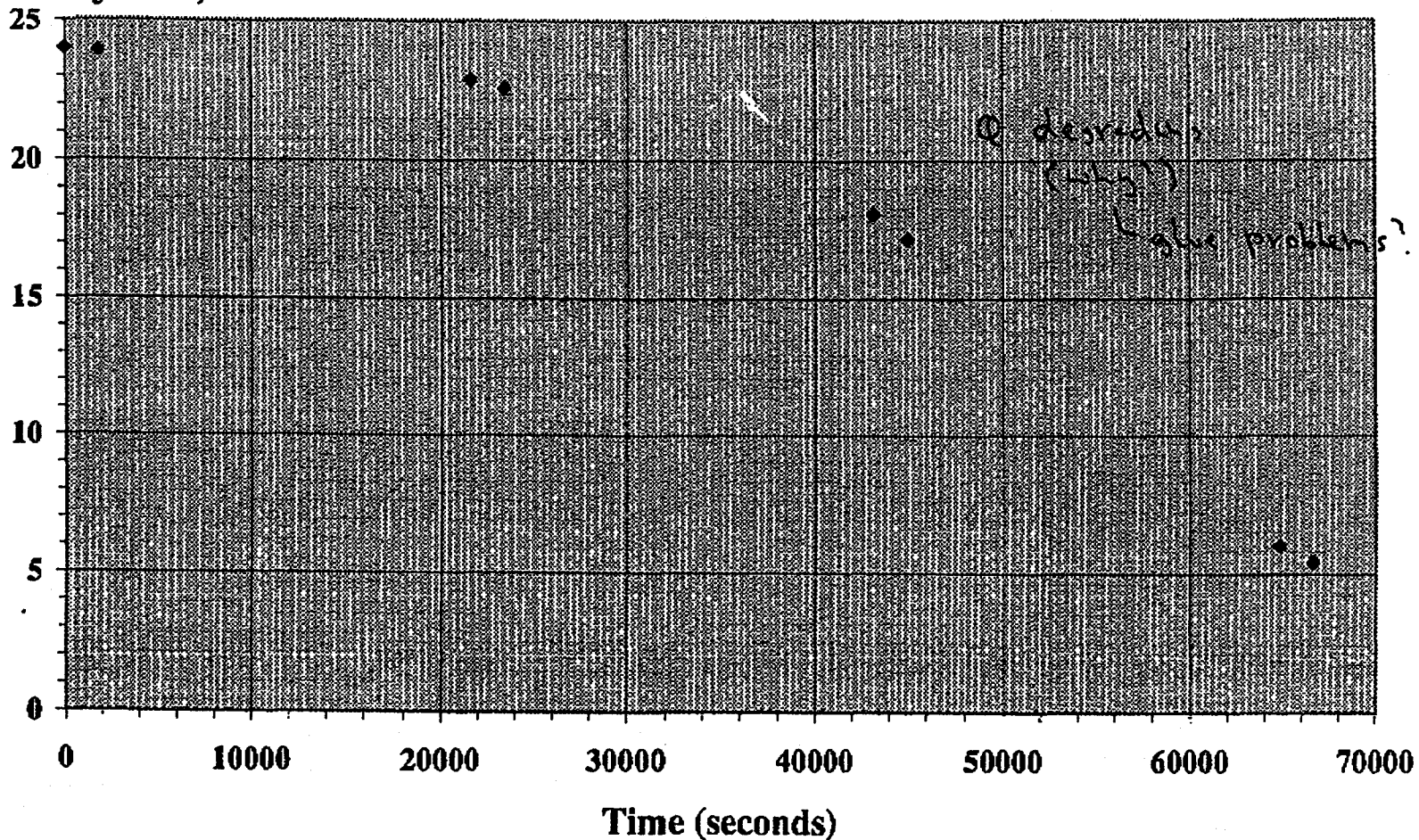


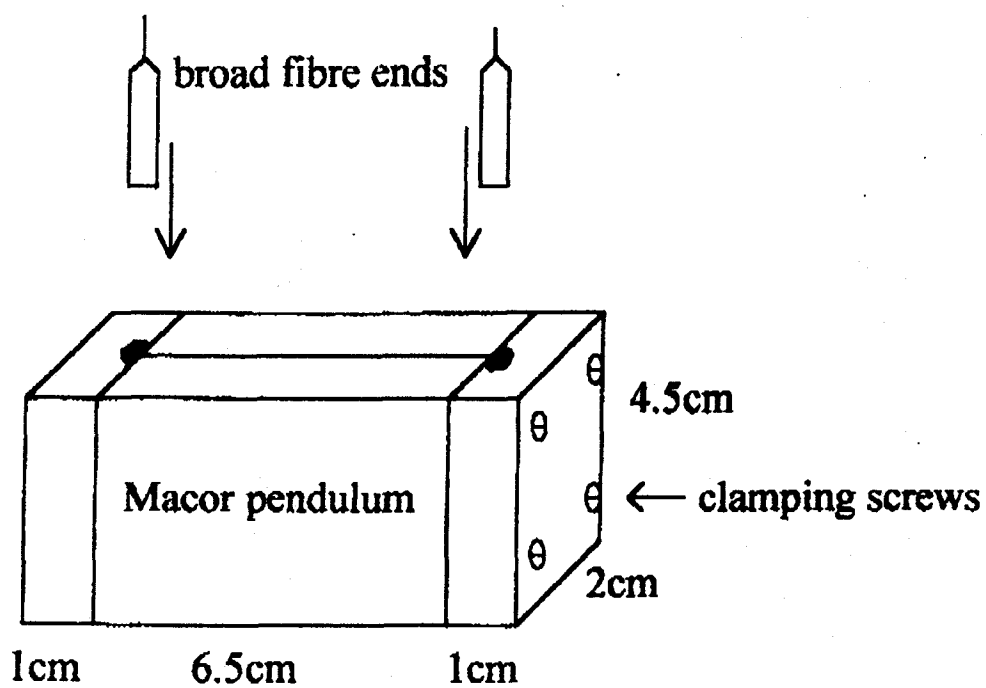
Chart1

### Amplitude decay as a function of time for glass pendulum suspended by silica fibres (FEB '96 ROWAN/TWYFORD)

Amplitude  
(arbitrary units)



Better clamps

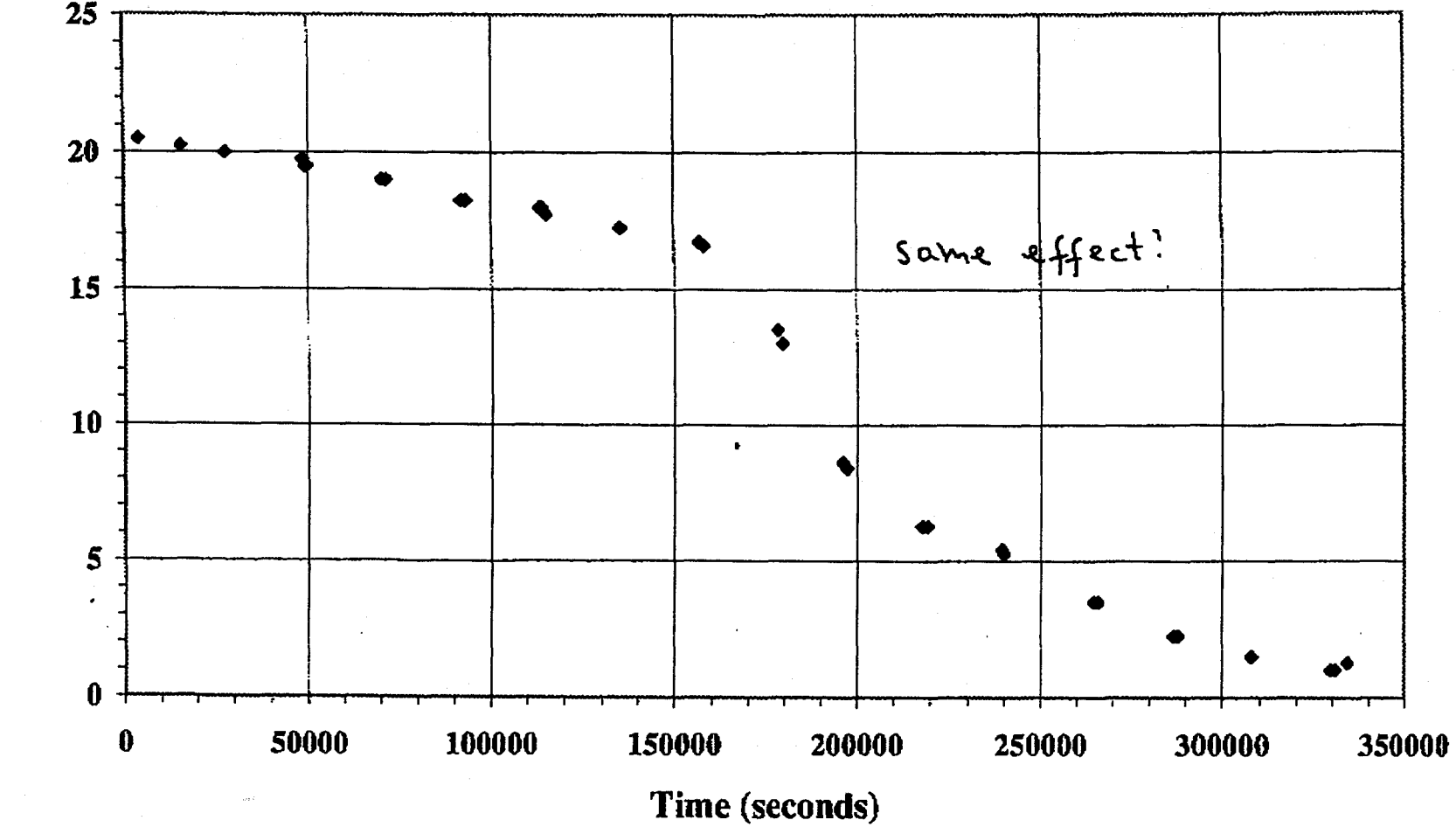


"Macor" machinable ceramic pendulum

$$\rho_{\text{Macor}} = 2.52 \text{g/cm}^3$$
$$m_{\text{pend}} \cong 200 \text{g}$$

Chart 1

### Amplitude decay of macor pendulum suspended by silica fibres - mixture of clamping and glueing



# Investigations:

## Found:

- Opening tank and re-tightening clamps further -  $Q_{pend}$  initially recovered then degraded again
- Opening tank so pressure = atmospheric *but* without re-tightening clamps then re-pumped tank -  $Q_{pend}$  initially recovered then degraded again

## Postulate:

- Forces on tank under vacuum causing tank/internal structure to distort/lose stiffness - requires further investigation

## Future measurements

- Make fibres from rods with flats  
(in progress)
- Optical contacting of these flats on to small masses -  
test in system in Glasgow  
(soon)
- Optical contacting of similar fibres to full scale GEO  
600 test mass  
(test of this system in Pisa/Perugia?)
- Test of durability of silica suspensions
- Measurement of internal Q of large test mass when  
optically contacted