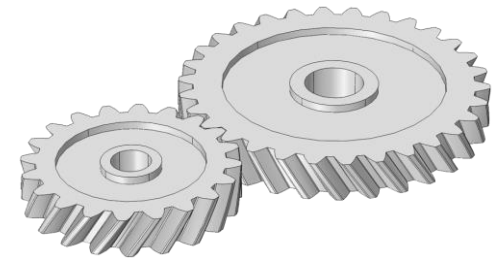


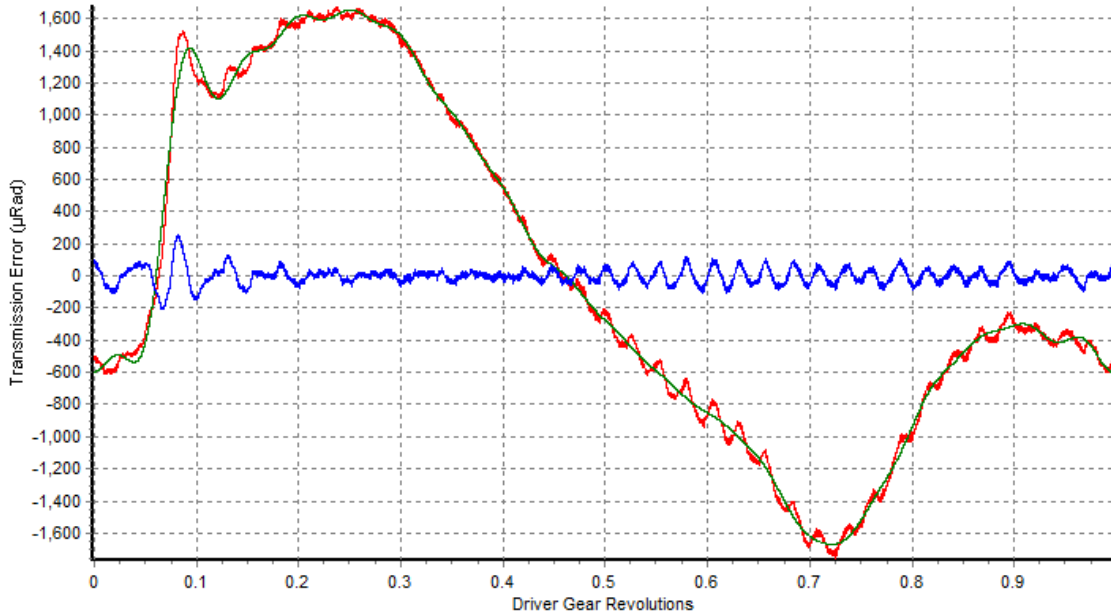
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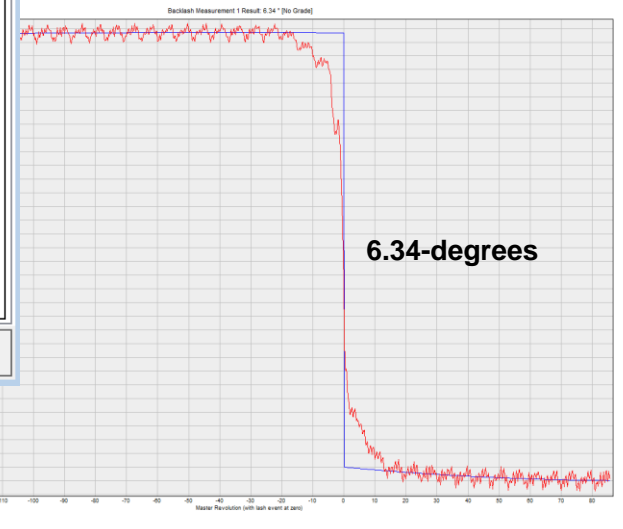
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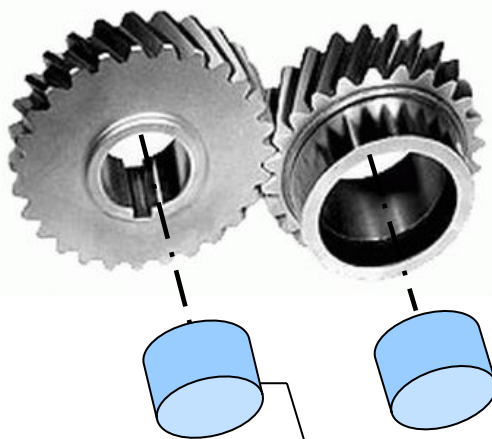
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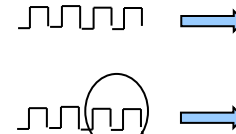
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Gear Transmission Error (TE) & Whine Analysis – via high-precision pulse-timing



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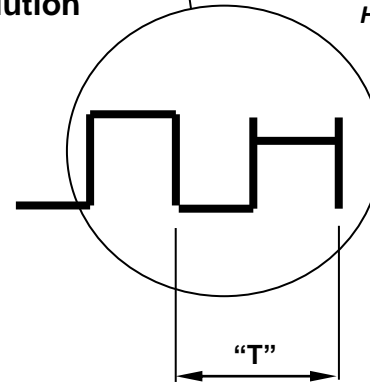
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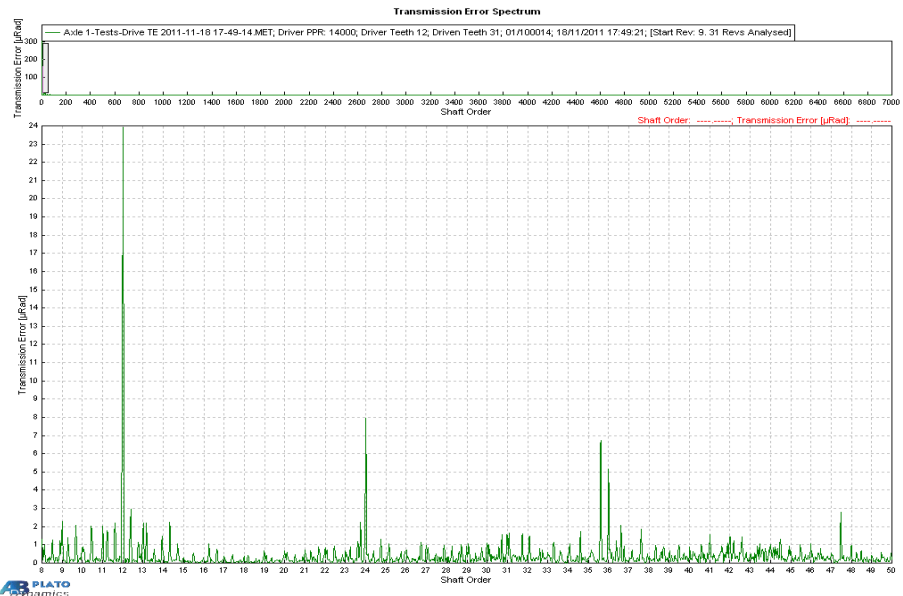
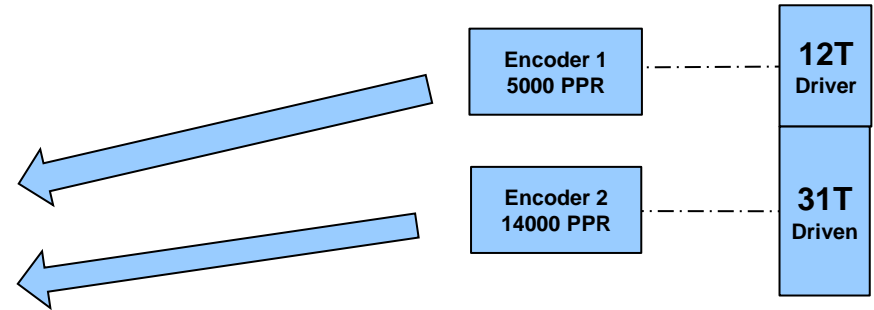
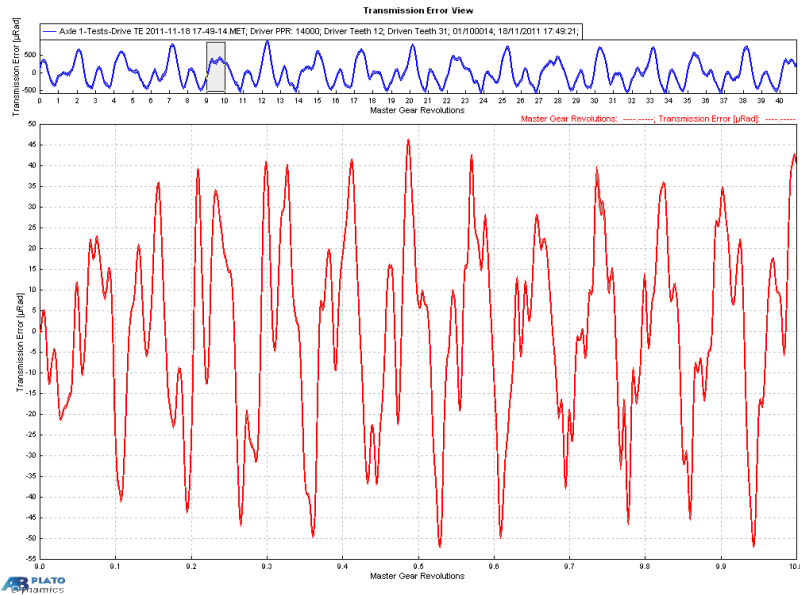


NI cDAQ-91xx Chassis & 9402
High-Speed I/O Modules

- Worldwide standard **National Instruments (NI)** hardware
- **Event domain** processing (timing rather than sampling)
- Contiguous recording of pulse time intervals (“T”) **±12.5 nano-second resolution**
- Fast DMA data transfers to host PC running **Plato - Metkit**
- Up to **8 independent channels** (with PCIe card)
- **Rattle detection** (if 3rd channel fed with quadrature signal)



Typical TE Results



Typical Transmission Error Data vs. Master Gear Revolutions (ideally from one complete “over-rolling” of gears)

Typical Transmission Error Order Spectrum

Hanning-Corrected TE-results:
Order 12: 26.924 µRad
Order 24: 8.439 µRad

Typical TE Results

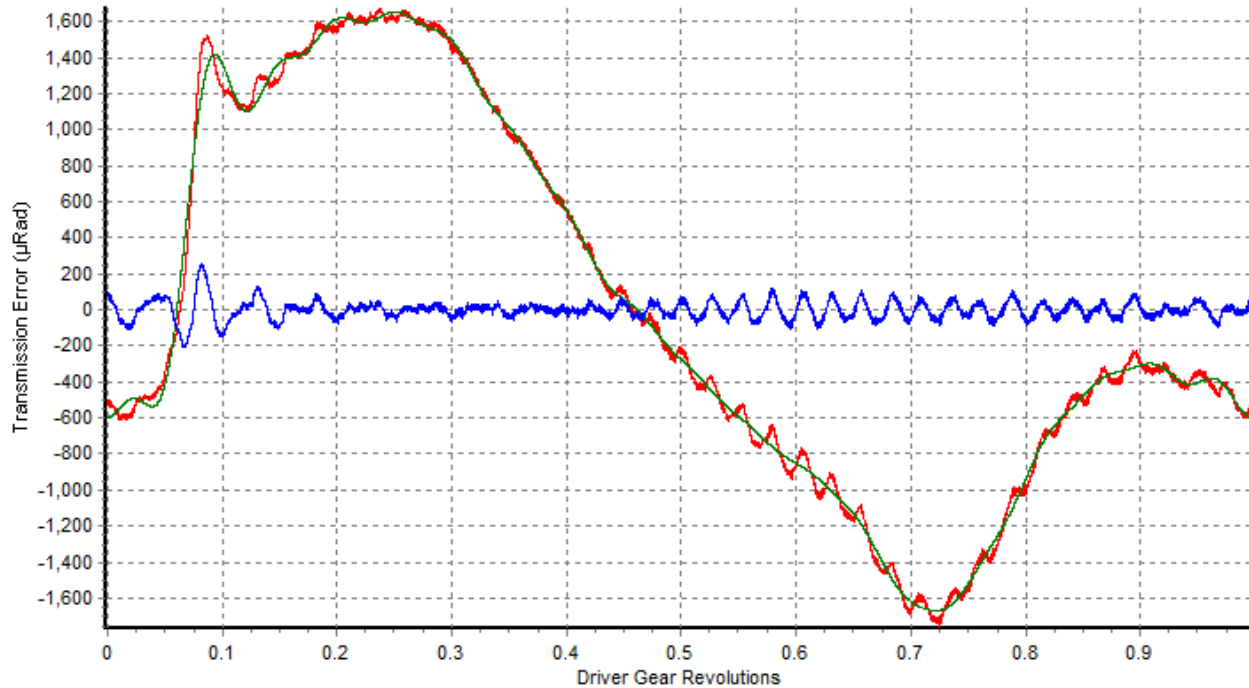
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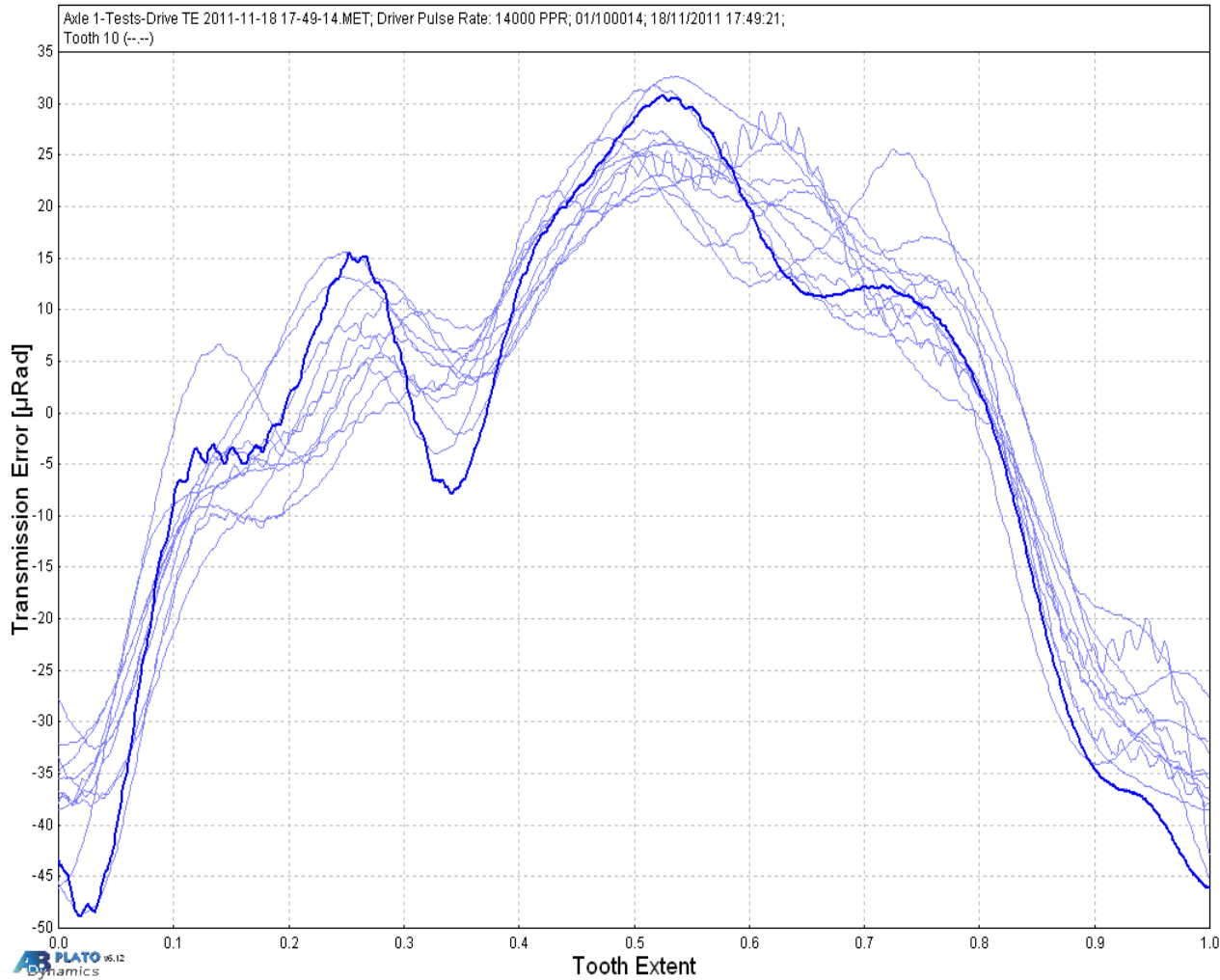
Raw result

“Long Wave” result
(non gear-mesh)
result

“Short Wave” (gear-
mesh result)

Typical TE Results

Average Tooth Transmission Error View for 12 Tooth Input

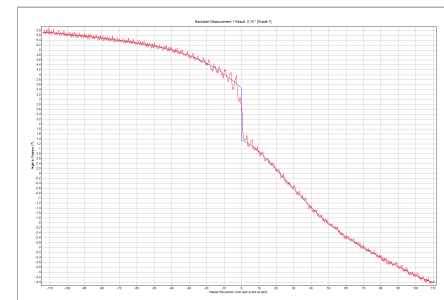
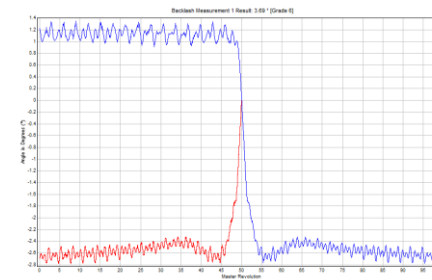
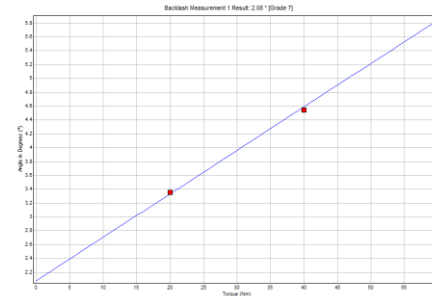
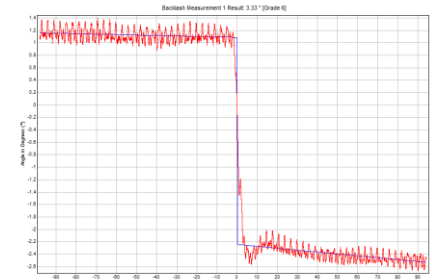


Typical Transmission Error
"Average Tooth" Display

Dynamic Backlash

Dynamic backlash can be measured with the tested product subjected to one of the following:

1. **Single Load Swap** to permit measurement of a single discontinuity of transmission at a single load. The measurement will be dependent upon the specific gear teeth meshed at the time.
2. **Zero-load lash computed from multiple load swaps at different loads** uses a number of rapid and increasing (or decreasing) load reversals to compute the backlash present under zero load.
3. **Single reversal of rotation direction with full over-rolling analysis** will compute the backlash characteristics for every possible tooth interaction and report the minimum, maximum or mean backlash value.
4. **Single reversal of rotation direction with single driver gear revolution analysis** works as above but the analysis is restricted to a single full revolution of the driver gear.
5. **Single reversal of rotation direction with single driven gear revolution analysis** works as above but the analysis is restricted to a single full revolution of the driven gear.
6. **Zero-load lash from slow torque sweep through zero.**



Dynamic Backlash

Single Load (Torque) “Flip”

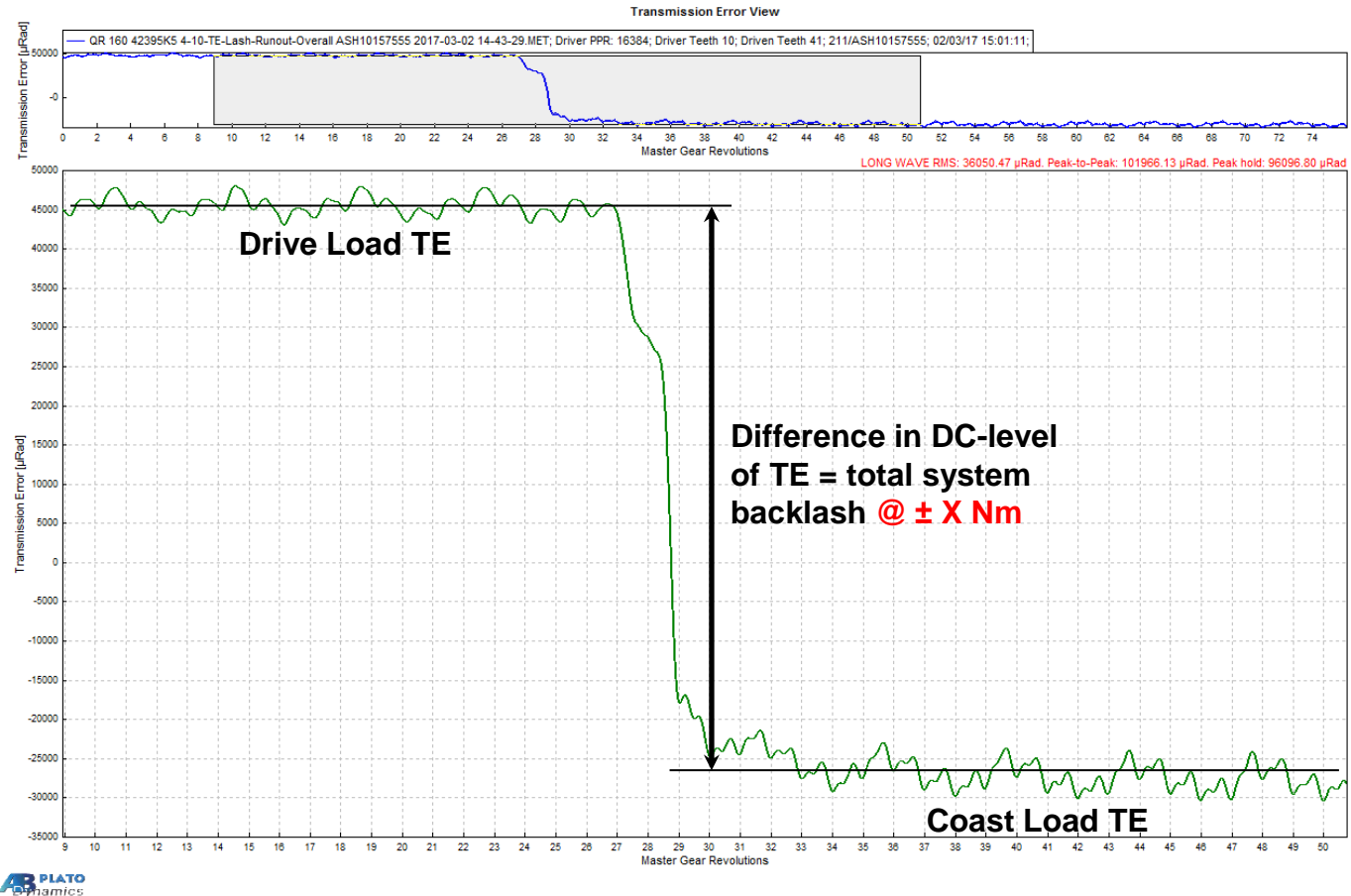
If TE is measured whilst the test conditions swap (flip) the polarity of the load, the difference in DC-levels of TE each side of the flip equals total system backlash.

Total System Backlash =

- backlash in ALL tested gear meshes e.g. hypoid and differential gears

plus

- backlash in tooling* (machine to tested product interfaces)

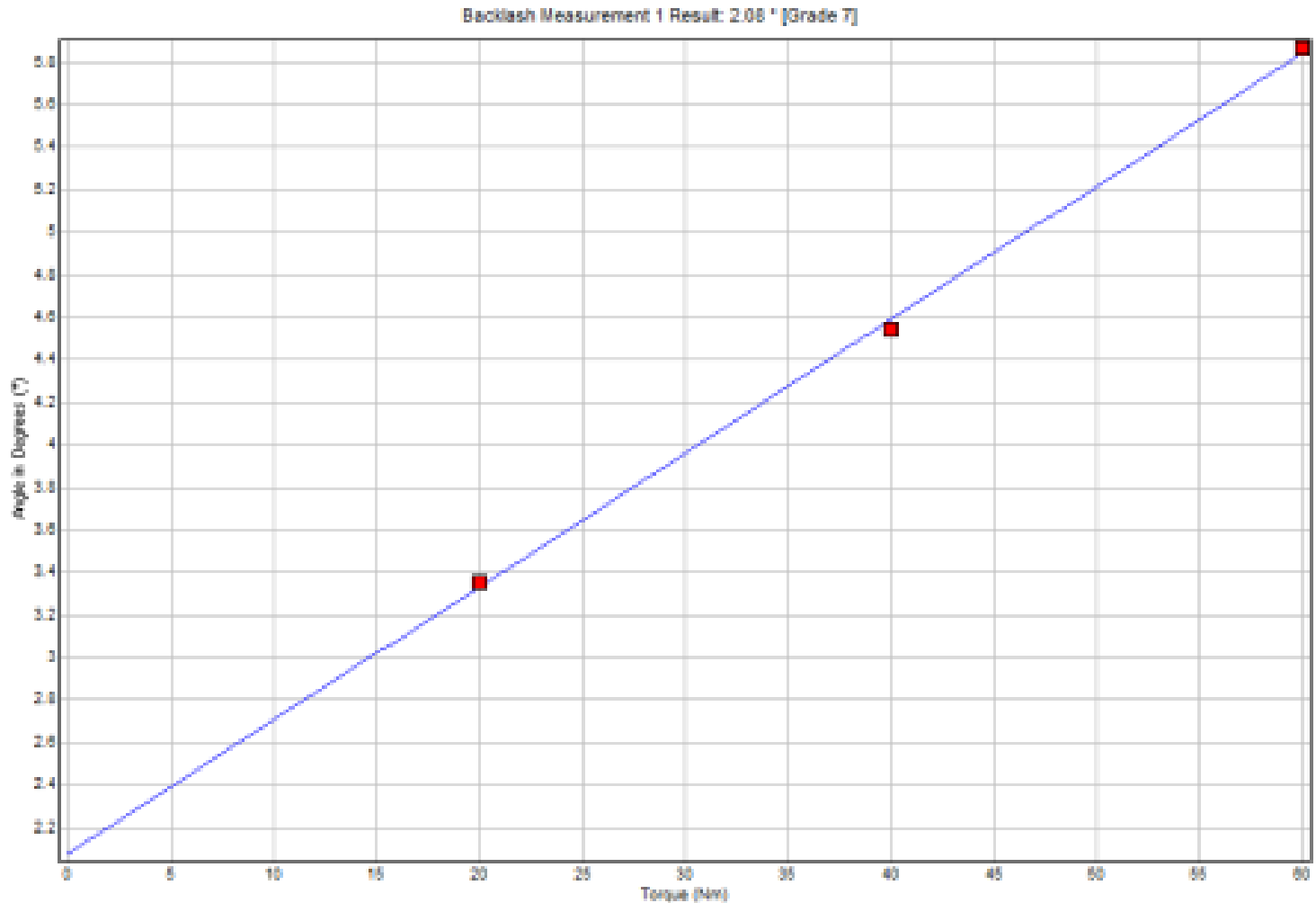


**Tooling backlash can be eliminated with careful design but, if test machine is designed to perform NVH test as well as TE/backlash test, zero-lash tooling can adversely affect NVH result repeatability.*

Dynamic Backlash

Multiple Load (Torque) “Flips”

Backlash results from 2 or more load swaps at different torques (loads) can be used to interpolate and report **zero load backlash**

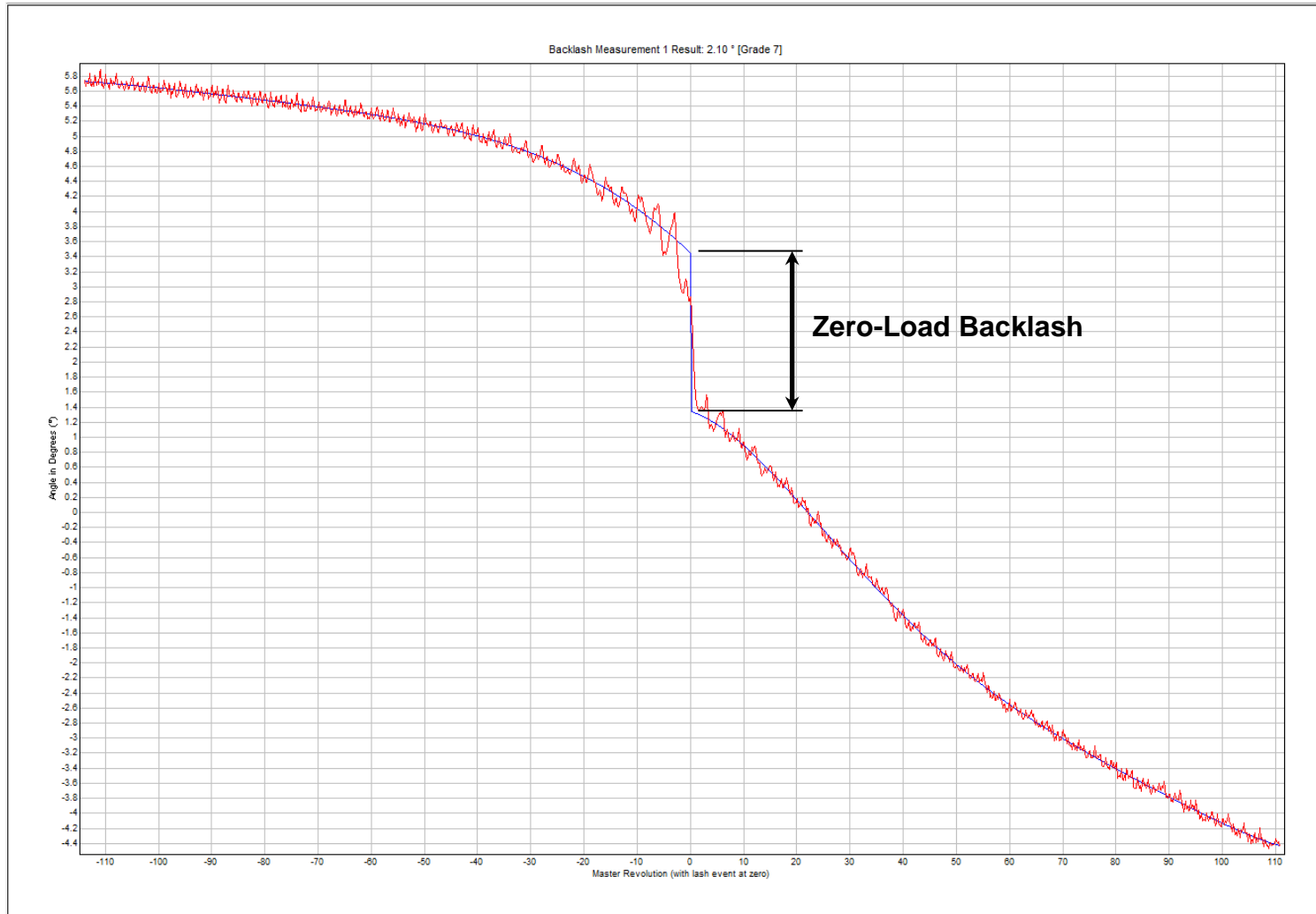


Backlash results with torque flips of $\pm 20\text{Nm}$, $\pm 40\text{Nm}$ and $\pm 60\text{Nm}$ being used to interpolate “zero-load-lash” of 2.08-degrees

Dynamic Backlash

Slow Torque Sweep

Exposes **zero-load backlash** (2.10-degrees) during load transition.



Curve-fitting on drive and coast loaded sections of the torque sweep accommodate any driveline compliance (“wind-up”)

Typical TE-measurement Performance Envelope

Continuous Mode – steady speeds			Pulses Per Revolution			
			32768	16384	8192	4096
	KHz / channel					
3-channel	136	250 rpm	500 rpm	1,000 rpm	2,000 rpm	
2-channel	205	375 rpm	750 rpm	1,500 rpm	3,000 rpm	

Burst Mode – steady speeds			Pulses Per Revolution			
			32768	16384	8192	4096
	Max. Time	KHz / channel				
3-channel	28s	614	1,125 rpm	2,250 rpm	4,500 rpm	9,000 rpm
2-channel	50s	683	1,250 rpm	2,500 rpm	5,000 rpm	10,000 rpm

Burst Mode – typical speed sweeps			Pulses Per Revolution			
			32768	16384	8192	4096
	Max. Time	KHz / channel				
3-channel	50s	614	125 - 1,125 rpm	250 - 2,250 rpm	500 - 4,500 rpm	1,000 - 9,000 rpm
2-channel	90s	683	125 - 1,250 rpm	250 - 2,500 rpm	500 - 5,000 rpm	1,000 - 10,000 rpm

measured on a PC with a 2.4GHz Core 2 Duo CPU and 2GB memory – May 2011

Plato – Metkit Application Areas

- Transmission Error (TE) measurement:
 - master & tested gear
 - tested gear pairs
 - assembled gear trains e.g., axles, carriers, transmissions, transfer cases etc.
 - 3-channel (“compound output”) solutions to accommodate left & right outputs for axles, carriers etc.)
- Dynamic backlash measurement (loaded or zero-load)
- Torsional vibration of engine crankshafts
- Crankshaft damper analysis
- Analysis of engine valve gear drives
- Analysis of engine balancer shaft drives
- Engine misfires
- Clutch centre-plate spring performance
- Torsional vibrations in transmissions & drivelines

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