

Learned from first lecture

- Idealized Interferometer: Conceptual design and crude analysis

1. Encoding GW signal in phase shift of light

$$\Delta\phi \sim \Delta L \sim h(t)$$

2. Increasing signal strength via bounces in arms

$$\Delta\phi \sim B$$

3. Limit on accuracy of phase measurement

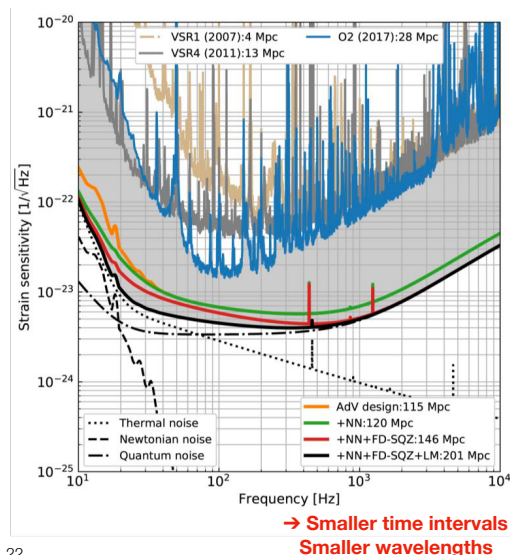
$$\Delta\phi \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_\gamma}}$$

4. Required laser power; energetic quantum limit

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Sensitivity curves

- What is shown?
 - Unit $1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Noise contributions
 - Fundamental limits
 - Ways to improve
 - Behavior of IFO



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Signal and noise

- Time series $y(t)$

- Deterministic

- Random

Sum of both

- Signal with noise

- Laser field

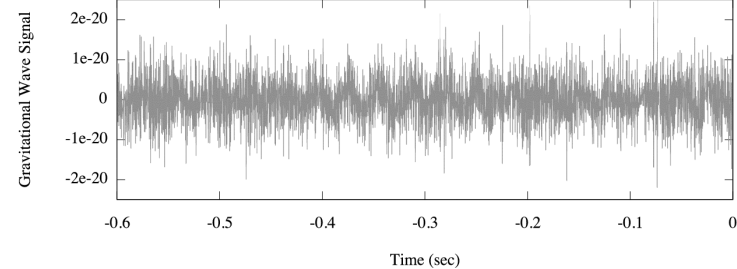
- Current from photodiode

- Strain

- Mathematical tools to deal with time series

- Fourier transform

- Cross-correlation, auto-correlation, convolution



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Fourier transform

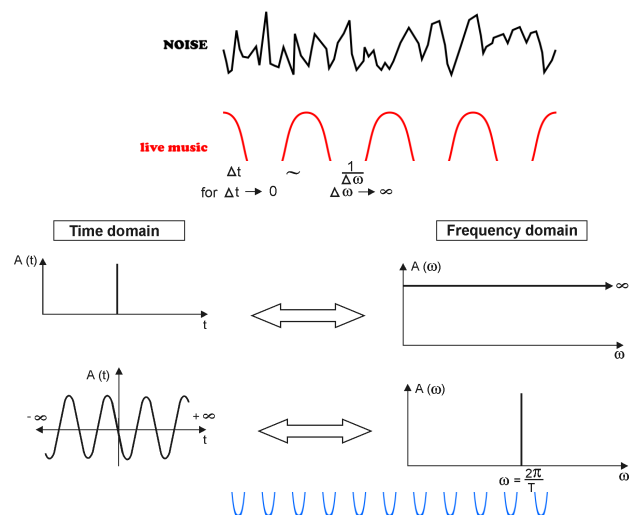
$$Y(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t)e^{-2\pi f t} dt$$

- Convert to frequency domain (and back)

- Show different frequency components

- Operations in frequency domain easier

- Use filtering



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Cross-correlation

- Cross-correlation

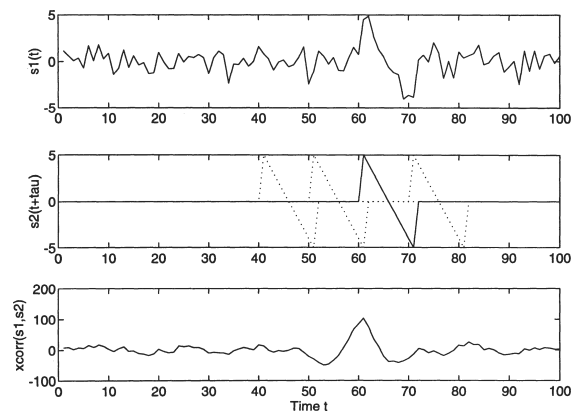
$$x_1 \otimes x_2(\tau) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(t) x_2(t + \tau) dt$$

- Auto-correlation

- Cross-correlation of time series $x(t)$ with itself

- Convolution

$$x_1 * x_2(\tau) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(t) x_2(\tau - t) dt$$



Cross-correlation

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Power spectrum

- Power spectral density

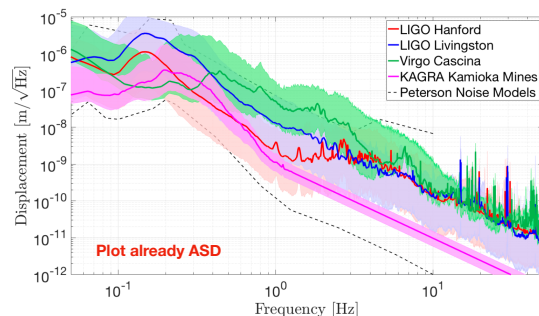
$$P_x(f) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \otimes x(\tau) e^{-2\pi f \tau} d\tau$$

- First the auto-correlation of a time series, and then take the Fourier transform

- Single-sided power spectrum

$$S_x(f) \equiv \begin{cases} 2P_x(f), & \text{if } f \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- PSD of random process $x(t)$ gives how much noise power there is in a certain frequency band



$S_x(f) = \frac{2}{T} X(f) ^2$	Handy
$(\Delta y)^2 = \int_0^{\infty} S_y(f) df$	$\Delta y _{\Delta f} = \sqrt{S_y(f) \cdot \Delta f}$

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Power spectrum II

- PSD in $[x^2/\text{Hz}]$ where x can be in $[V]$, $[m]$, $[-]$,

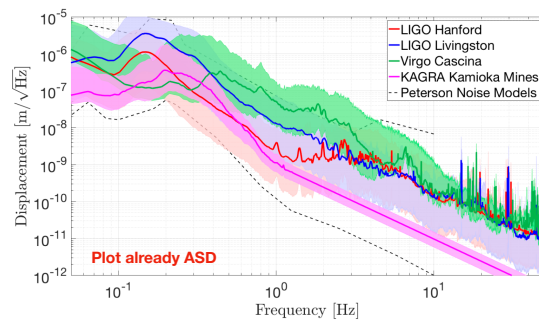
- Mean square value

$$(\Delta x)^2 = \overline{x^2} = \int_0^\infty S_x(f) df$$

- Amplitude spectral density (ASD)

$$A_x(f) \equiv \sqrt{S_x(f)}$$

- in $[x/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$



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Linear system

- Linear system

$$\Rightarrow x_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x_i(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- Example - Harmonic Oscillator

➡ Filter - x_i and x_o in $[m]$

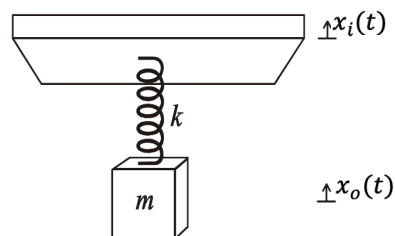
➡ Relevant in seismic noise

- Transducer

➡ Input and output have different units

- Impulse respons

➡ Input-output relationship



Equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x}_o + k(x_o - x_i) + b\dot{x}_o = 0$$

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Linear system II

- Linear system (convolution)

$$x_o(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x_i(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau$$

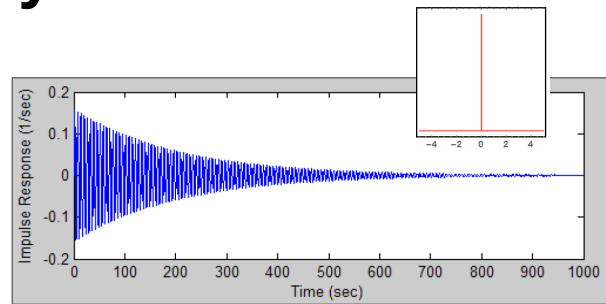
- Hard to calculate in time domain, use FT

$$G(f) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\tau)e^{-i2\pi f\tau}d\tau$$

- Convolution becomes

$$X_o(f) = X_i(f)G(f) \quad \text{or} \quad G(f) = \frac{X_o(f)}{X_i(f)}$$

➡ Transfer function, gain, filter



Response due to a single unit impulse at t=0

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Example

- Sinusoidal input

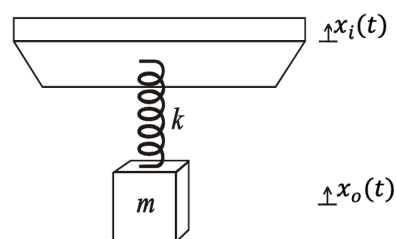
$$x_i(t) = X_i(f)e^{i2\pi ft}$$

- Linear system $\Rightarrow$ output also sinusoidal

- Plug into equation of motion

- Frequency response?

$$G(f) = \frac{k}{k + i2\pi fb - m(2\pi f)^2}$$



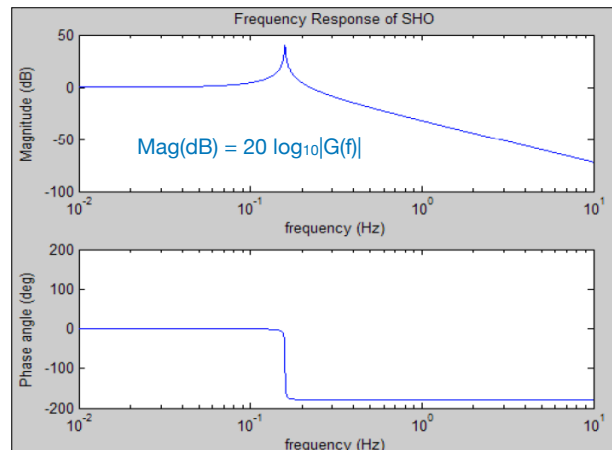
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Bode plot

- For $f \ll f_{\text{res}}$
 - ➡ 0 dB (or 1) - mass tracks the top
- At resonance
 - ➡ Underdamped - largest response
- For $f \gg f_{\text{res}}$
 - ➡ -40 dB/decade ($\sim 1/f^2$) - mass movement damped



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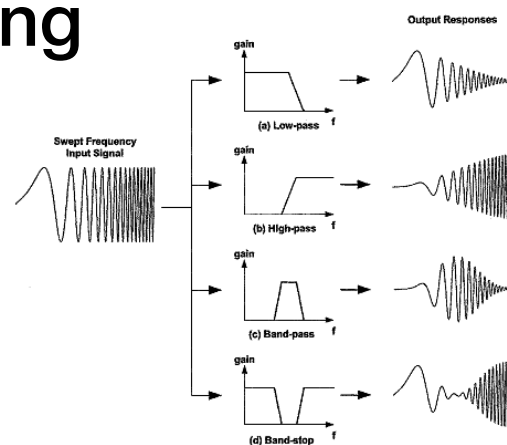
Filtering

- Linear process is a convolution between filter kernel (or transfer function) k and input signal

$$y_{out}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k(\tau - t) y_{in}(t) dt$$

- Effect of filtering on noise spectral density (use $*$)

$$S_{y,out}(f) = |K(f)|^2 S_{y,in}(f)$$



$$Y_{out,T}(f) = K(f) Y_{in,T}(f)$$

$$|Y_{out,T}(f)|^2 = |K(f)|^2 |Y_{in,T}(f)|^2$$

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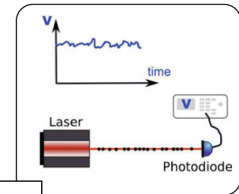
Photon shot noise

- Determine shot noise (PSD) of laser beam

- *Contributes to $h(t)$*
- *Via transfer function*

$$I(\tau) \sim k(\tau - t)h(t)$$

$$S_I(f) = |K(f)|^2 \cdot S_h(f)$$

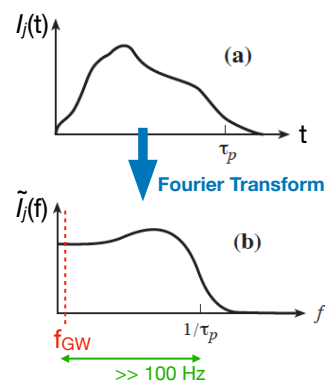


- Sum over pulses (τ)

- *PSD: take square of Fourier transform*
- *Pulses are uncorrelated and cancel each other*
- *Use the energy of a photon*
- *Now write the PSD for the shot noise (not freq. dependent!)*

$$I_T(t) = \sum_j I_j(t - t_j)$$

$$S_I(f) = 2I \cdot (\hbar\omega_e)$$



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What we measure?

- Photo diode

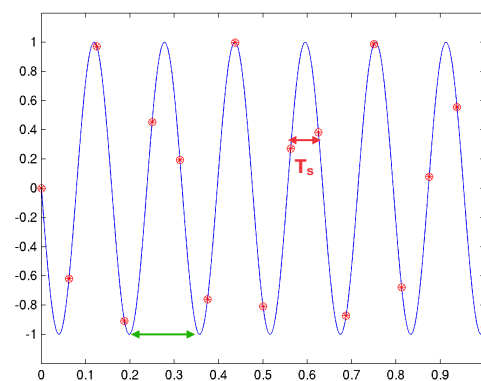
- $\Delta I_{PD} \rightarrow \Delta \phi \rightarrow \Delta L$

- Time series

- Virgo sample at 20 kHz
- Nyquist $f_s/2 \rightarrow 10$ kHz

- Example 'aliasing'

- Signal frequency 9.7 Hz
- Sample with only 16 Hz $\rightarrow \sim 6$ Hz



Signal frequency 9.7 Hz $\Rightarrow f_s = 16$ Hz

$T_s = 1/f_s = 0.063$ s

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Calibration of IFO

- Linear system

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau$$

- In frequency domain

$$\Rightarrow Y(f) = G(f) \cdot X(f)$$

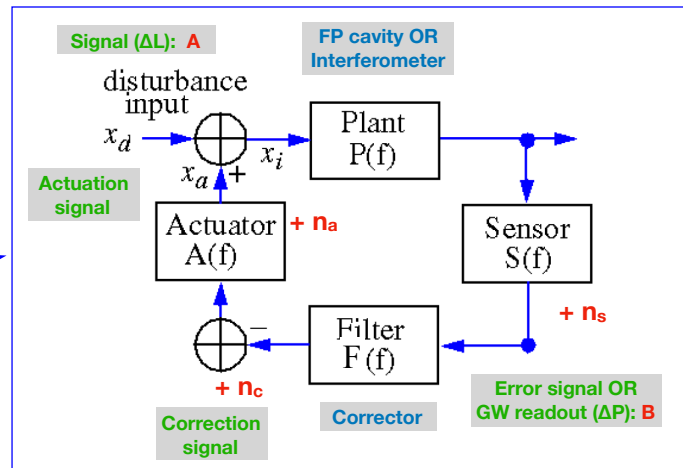
- Feedback control system

$$\Rightarrow H_{cl}(f) = \frac{H(f)}{1 + G(f)}$$

- Between 'A' and 'B'

$$\Rightarrow H_{cl}(f) = \frac{P(f)S(f)}{1 + G(f)} = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta L}$$

$$G(f) = P(f)S(f)F(f)A(f)$$



$$h = (\text{GW READOUT}) \times \frac{1 + G(f)}{P(f)S(f)}$$

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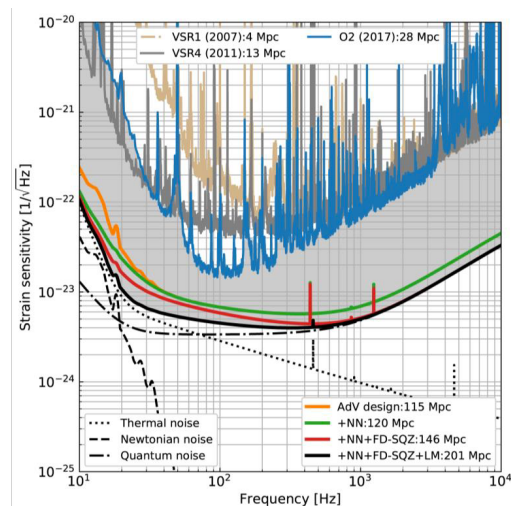
Sensitivity curves

- What is shown?

- Unit 1/√Hz

- Noise contributions

- Fundamental limits
- Ways to improve
- Quantum noise frequency dependent?



→ Smaller time intervals
Smaller wavelengths

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