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# Virgo 'timing' calibration

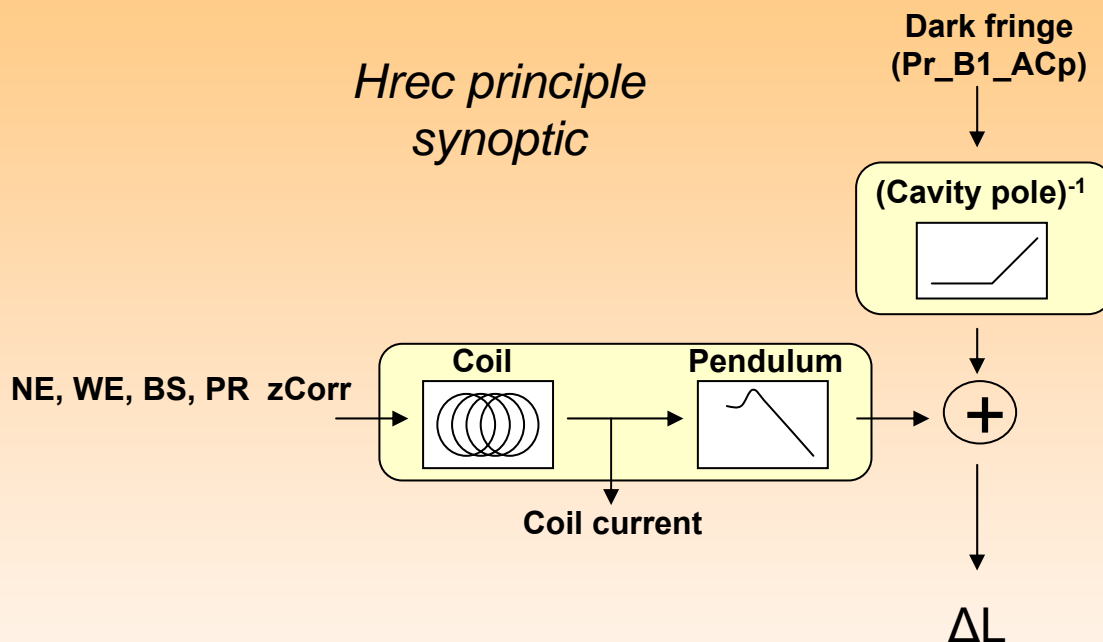
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Note: [Timing calibration during VSR1](#) in the Virgo codifier (VIR-028A-08, [link](#))

# Timing calibration components

*Hrec principle  
synoptic*



**Absolute timing  
of the dark fringe**  
(for multi-detector analysis)

**Delay from actuation  
to dark fringe**

(Also used for  
the global TF  
measurements)

Needs of timing calibration:

- High frequency (> 100's Hz): absolute DAQ timing and dark fringe sensing
- Low frequency (<100's Hz): actuation chain delay
- Mid-frequency: combination of all effects

# High frequency timing measurements

## DAQ timing

- Monitored during VSR1: 21  $\mu\text{s}$  delay from DAQ
- Systematic errors estimated in February 2008

✓ Effect corrected in  $h(t)$

→  $\pm 2 \mu\text{s}$  error on the DAQ delay

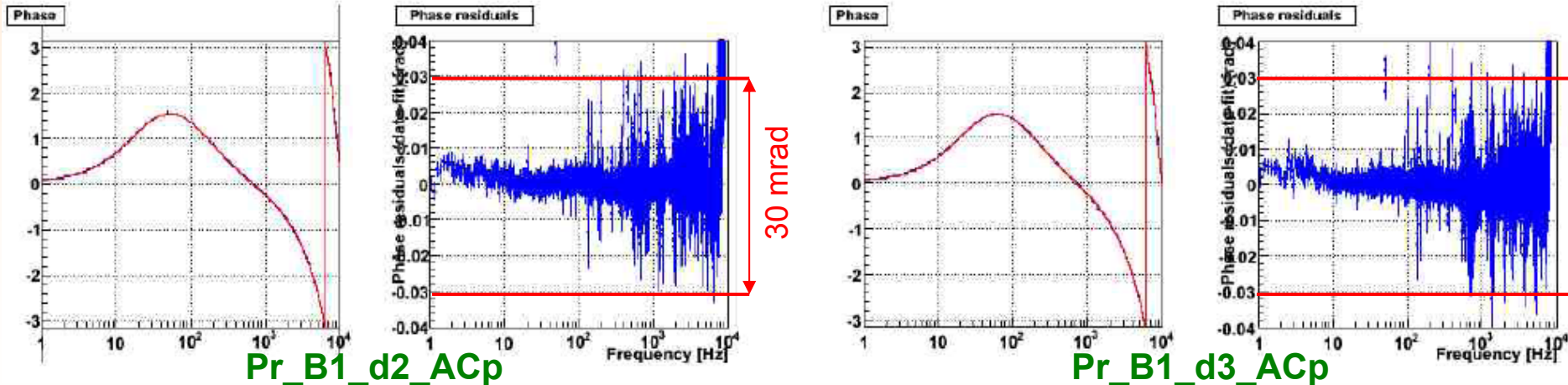
## Dark fringe sensing

- Photodiode readout electronics measured in October 2007
- Compensation of the compression and anti-alias filters

✓ Effect corrected in  $h(t)$

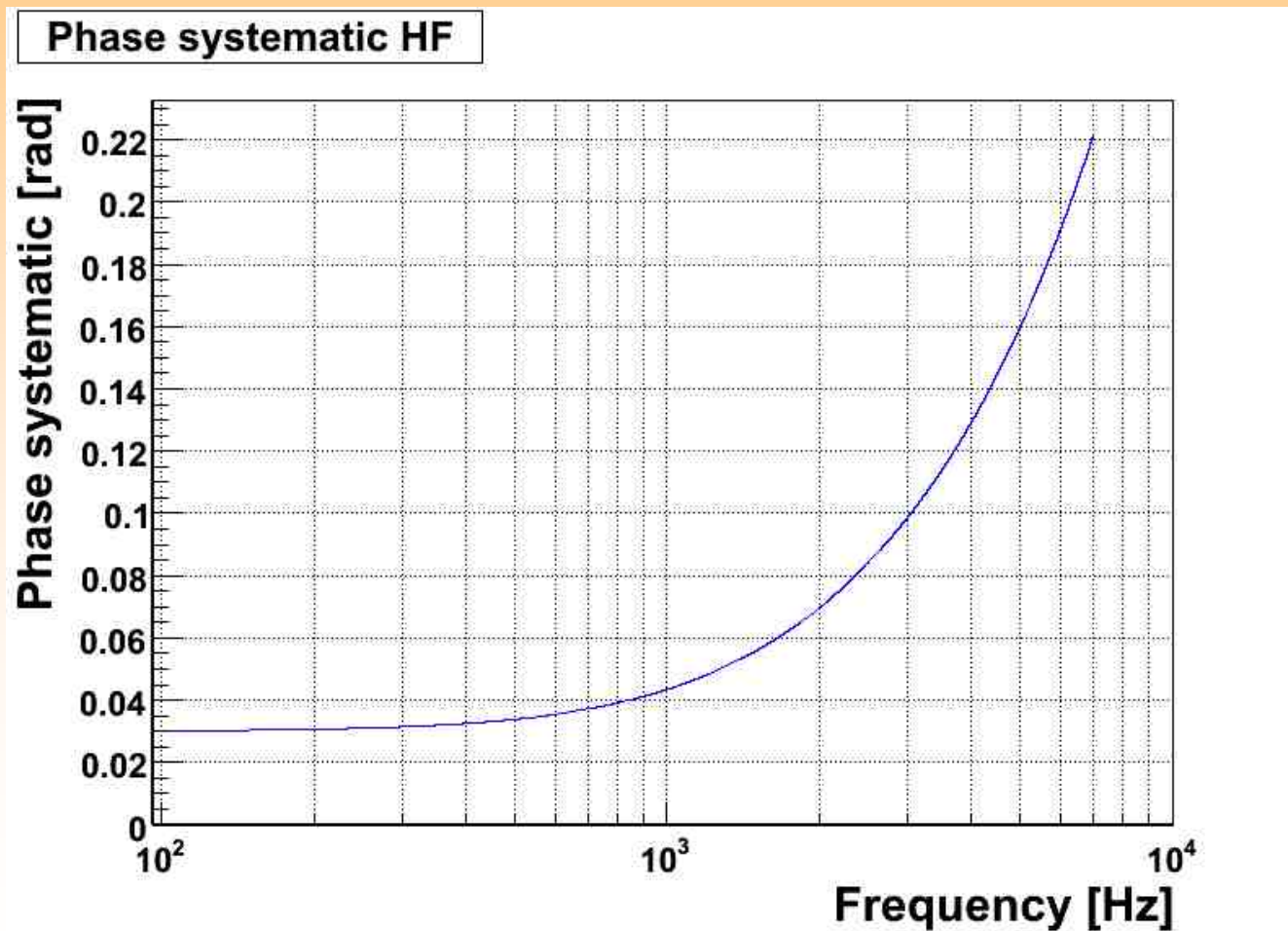
→  $\pm 30 \text{ mrad}$  systematic errors (fit residuals)

→  $\pm 3 \mu\text{s}$  error on the sensing delay (different delays of both photodiodes)



# High frequency phase systematics

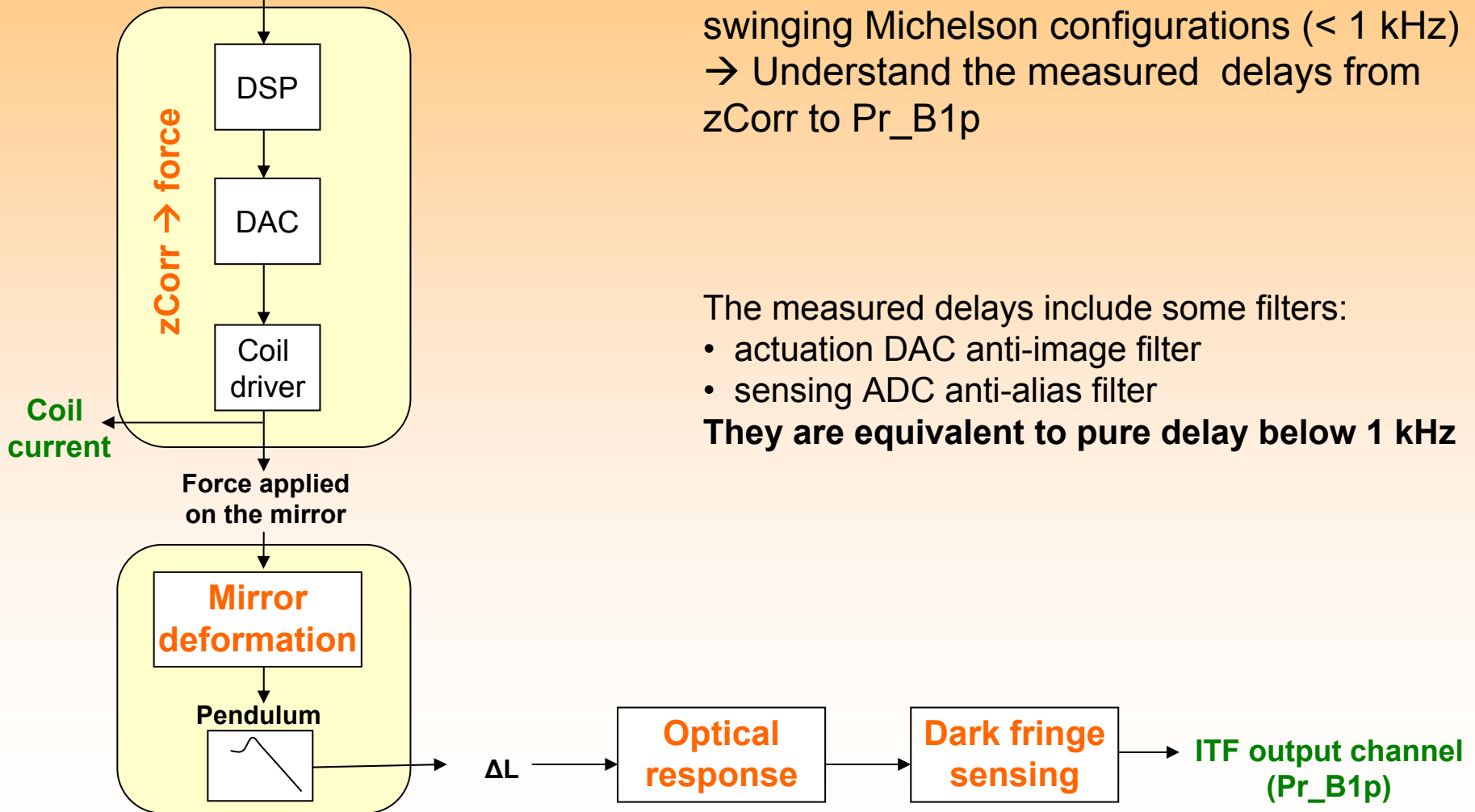
Residuals from DAQ and dark fringe sensing:  $\pm 30\text{mrad}$  and  $\pm 5\ \mu\text{s}$  delay



# Delay from correction signals to ITF output

NE, WE, BS z-corrections

(zCorr)



Main stream calibration based on data in free swinging Michelson configurations (< 1 kHz)  
 → Understand the measured delays from zCorr to Pr\_B1p

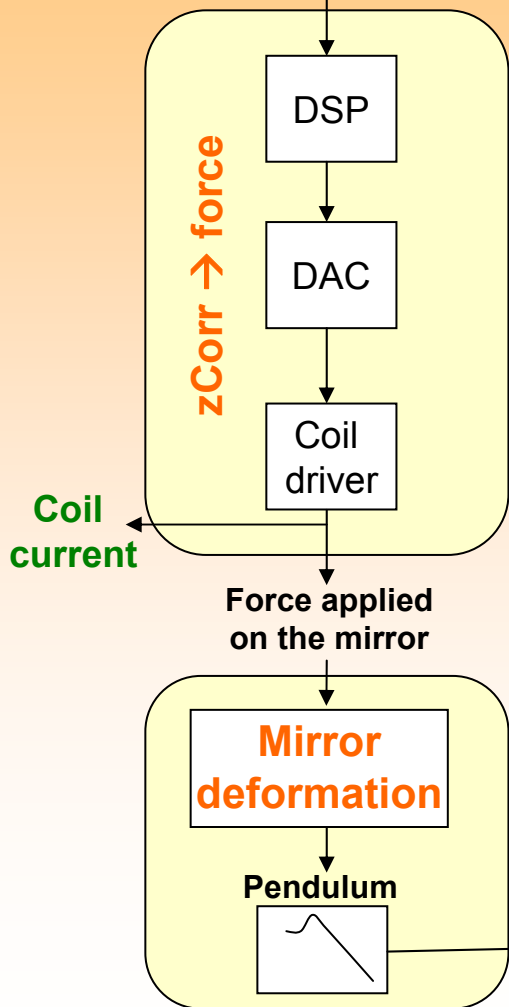
The measured delays include some filters:

- actuation DAC anti-image filter
- sensing ADC anti-alias filter

**They are equivalent to pure delay below 1 kHz**

# Actuation timing systematics: measurements

NE, WE, BS z-corrections  
(zCorr)



(delays in $\mu\text{s}$ )	NE, WE		BS	
	Expected	Measured	Expected	Measured
zCorr → force	331	$311 \pm 5$	333	$310 \pm 5$
Mirror deformation	$28 \pm 3$	-	$19 \pm 3$	-
Optical response	10	-	0	-
Dark fringe sensing	75	$76 \pm 4$	75	$76 \pm 4$
zCorr → dark fringe	444	$450.7 \pm 1$	427	$393 \pm 1$

From calibration main stream

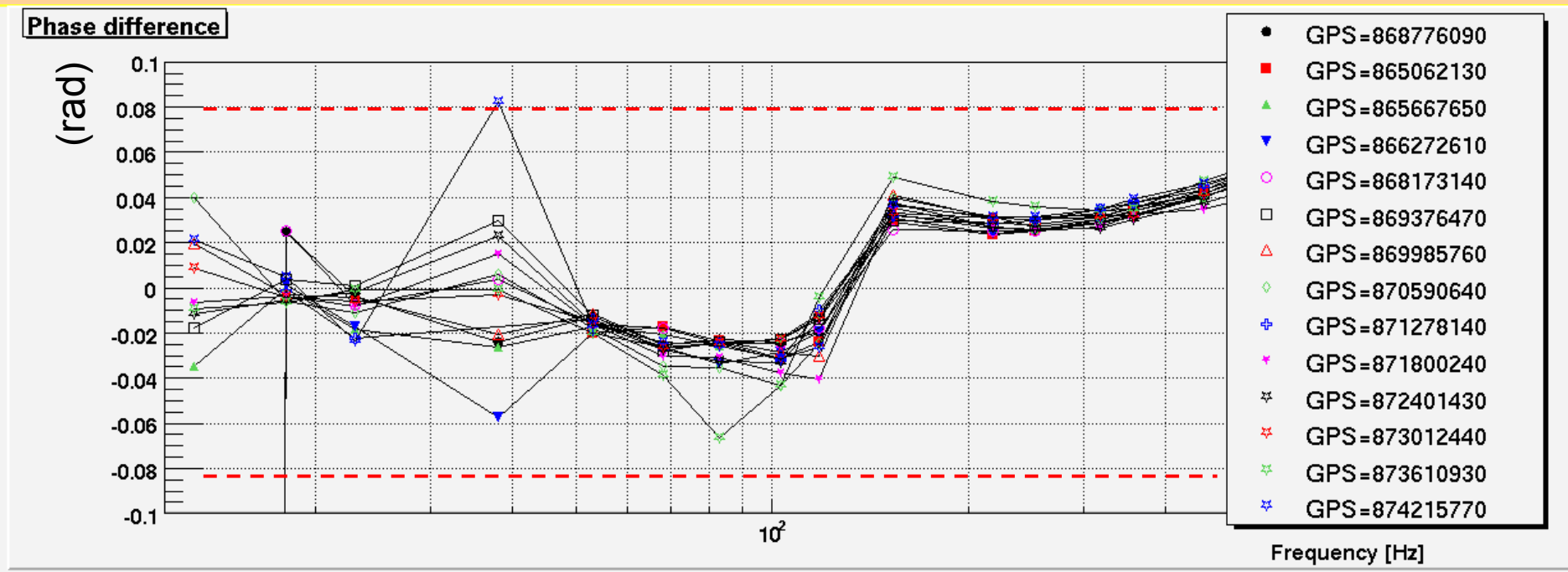
Difference between overall expectations and measurements:

- 7  $\mu\text{s}$  for NE, WE
- 34  $\mu\text{s}$  for BS (20 mrad at 100 Hz)



# Combination of actuation errors: phase systematics

Injection of lines on the NI mirror (non-controlled mirror):  
 comparison of the phase of  $h(t)$ /injection to the actuation model phase



→ ± 100 mrad systematic errors

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# Phase systematic uncertainties vs frequency

## ABSOLUTE TIMING SYSTEMATICS

- DAQ timing: 2  $\mu$ s delay
- Dark fringe sensing model: 30 mrad + 3  $\mu$ s delay

## COMBINATION OF SIGNALS

- NE, WE and BS actuation: <35  $\mu$ s delay
- NI model vs reconstructed phase: <100 mrad
- Constant phase systematic: less than 100 mrad (conservative estimate)

- Constant phase error (<100 mrad) up to a few kHz
- 5  $\mu$ s delay at high frequency

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# Pcal checks: timing and sign of hrec V2

## Photon calibration injection advantages:

- known side of the mirror
- laser power always positive (known sign of injections)

→ Absolute sign of injections

**Use of photon calibration: TF**  $\frac{h(t)}{\Delta L(t)}$   
 corrected for:

$\frac{\text{Phododiode\_readout}(t)}{h(t)}$

- absolute delay of the photodiode readout channel (not precisely calibrated)
- pendulum mechanical response

## Fit of the phase:

- $\varphi_0 = 0 \pm 0.01$  rad
- the sign of  $h(t)$  is correct
- delay =  $36 \pm 4$   $\mu$ s
- the timing of  $h(t)$  above 200 Hz is not completely off

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