



## Noises in Gravitational Wave Detectors

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#### GW detection

Data stream of differential arm strain

#### Once recorded:

Signals and noises are indistinguishable What we can do is to catch "likely" features

#### Reduce any kind of noises!

#### Time domain vs frequency domain



Power Spectral Density (PSD)
 Double sided PSD (-Infinity < f < Infinity)</li>

$$S_{\rm DS}(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-2\pi i f t} dt \right|^2$$

- Single sided PSD (o <= f < Infinity)  $S_x(f) = 2S_{DS}(f) [x_{unit}^2 / Hz]$
- Linearized PSD or Amplitude Spectral Density (ASD):  $G_x(f) = \sqrt{S_x(f)}$  [X<sub>unit</sub>/sqrtHz]

Parseval's Theorem for signal RMS and PSD

$$\overline{x^2(t)} = \int_0^\infty S_x(f) df$$
$$\equiv x_{\rm RMS}^2$$

Root Mean of x(t): average signal power density (per sec) (cf. variance, std deviation)

PSD *Sx*(*f*): power density per frequency (per sec)

#### Example

#### PSD [fm/sqrtHz] in log-log scale, RMS [fm] ~ 50fm = 0.05pm



#### PSD [fm/sqrtHz] in log-lin scale RMS [fm]

#### Time series [pm]

#### **Components of the interferometer**

- 3 fundamental elements of GW detectors
- Mechanics
- Optics
- Electronics

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Optics

Modulation Crystal Photodetector High power stable laser Modulation/Demod. Quantum Optics

Low optical loss mirror Low optical loss coating Mirror presicise polishing Long baseline optics optical recycling

> Low mech. loss substrate Low mech. loss coating High rigidity optics supports

multiple pendulum suspension

Interferometer control

RF modulation Analog high speed ctrl Analog front end Real time digital cont User interface Data acquisition Data archive Computing

Actuatorsmonolithic suspensions<br/>vibration isolationLow noise position sensorshigh vacuum environmentLow noise accelerometersActive vibration isolation

#### **Electronics**

#### **Mechanics**

#### **Noise categories**

3 fundamental elements of GW detectors **Mechanics** -> Displacement noises -> Optical noises Optics Electronics -> Electrical noises <u>//////</u> Displacement Optical Optical Displacement Electrical

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**Electrical** 

## **Noise coupling**

# Noise source / Noise coupling Reduce



## Sensitivity and noise

Sensitivity (=noise level) of Advanced LIGOCurrent sensitivity



## Sensitivity and noise

Sensitivity (=noise level) of Advanced LIGO
Noise budget



 Mechanical displacement sensed by a laser interferometer

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dL

h = dL/L

- The longer the arm length, the smaller the strain noise
  - Seismic noise
  - Thermal noise
  - Newtonian Gravity noise

Seismic noise

#### Even when there is no noticeable earth quake...



- Vibration isolation ~ utilize a harmonic oscillator
  - A harmonic oscillator provides vibration isolation above its resonant frequency



How to get more isolation?



In practice: employ combination of these measures

iLIGO vibration isolation
 Hydraulic active isolation / Isolation stack / Single Pendulum







 aLIGO vibration isolation
 Hydraulic active isolation / Invacuum Active Isolation Platforms / Multiple Pendulum





Seismic Isolation Platform

Top Mass 6 BOSEMs main chain 6 BOSEMs reaction chain

Upper Intermediate Mass *4 BOSEMs reaction chain* 

Penultimate Mass 4 AOSEMs reaction chain

Test Mass Electrostatic Drive





http://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/RevModPhys.86.121 (http://arxiv.org/abs/1305.5188)

- Thermal noise:
- Thermally excitation of the motion of a system
  - Each d.o.f. has <E> = ½ kb T (Equipartition theorem)

能量均分定理



- Thermal noise:
- Fluctuation dissipation theorem (FDT) 涨落耗散定理



cf Johnson noise:

#### Resistor R: Thermal voltage noise

$$G_{\rm V}(f) = \sqrt{4k_{\rm B}TR} \ [V/\sqrt{\rm Hz}]$$
$$= 0.129\sqrt{R} \ [nV/\sqrt{\rm Hz}]$$



Measurement of R:
 R = V / I



Wikipedia: Johnson noise

Suspension thermal noise
 Measurement of loss:
 -> Q factor

$$\sqrt{\langle \tilde{x}_{\text{thermal(sd)}}^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{4k_{\text{B}}T\omega_0^2}{m\omega Q}} \frac{1}{|\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + i\omega_0^2/Q|^2}$$

Suspension thermal noise



http://www.giangrandi.ch/electronics/ringdownq/ringdownq.shtm



#### Monolithic suspension for high pendulum Q



Mirror thermal noise

Y. Levin PRD **57**, 659-663 (1998)

- Sensing of the mirror surface deformation with a laser beam (with intensity profile of *f*(r))
- Apply periodic pressure with profile of  $f(\mathbf{r})$  $P(\mathbf{r}) = F_0 e^{i\omega t} f(\mathbf{r})$



- Calculate the rate of dissipation Wdiss analytically, using FEA, or etc
- Put this into the formula

$$S_x(\omega) = \frac{8k_{\rm B}TW_{\rm diss}}{F_0^2\omega^2}$$



#### Mirror substrate thermal noise

Brownian motion

Mechanical loss associated with the internal friction ⇔Thermally excited body modes Optical coating (high mechanical loss) will be limiting noise source in aLIGO



- Thermo elastic noise
   Elastic strain & thermal expansion coefficient
   => cause heat distribution & flow in the substrate
   **Temperature fluctuation causes mirror displacement**
- Thermo-refractive noise
   Temp. fluctuation causes fluctuation of refractive index

- Newtonian Gravity noise
  - Mass density fluctuations around the test masses
     => test mass motion via gravitational coupling
  - Dominant source of Newtonian noise
    - = Seismic surface wave
  - Mitigation
    - 1) Going to quiet place (underground)
    - 2) Feedforward subtraction
    - 3) Passive reduction by shaping local topography

J Driggers, et al, PRD 86, 102001 (2012) J Harms, et al, Class. Quantum Grav. 31 185011 (2014)



- Noises that contaminate the readout signal
  - Quantum noises (shot noise, radiation pressure noise)
  - Laser technical noises (frequency/intensity noise)
  - Modulation noises



- Quantum noises: Shot noise  $\propto 1/\sqrt{P_{
  m in}}$ 
  - Photon shot noise associated with photodetection

$$i_{\rm shot} = \sqrt{2ei_{\rm DC}} \, \left[ {\rm A}/\sqrt{{\rm Hz}} \right]$$

• Michelson interferometer  $i_{\rm DC} = \frac{e\eta P_{\rm in}}{h\nu} \frac{1 - \cos \delta \phi}{2}$ 

i<sub>DC</sub> : DC Photocurrent ] η : PD Quantum Efficiency ν : Optical Frequency at the limit of dφ->o

Shot-noise limit of the Michelson phase sensitivity

 $i_{\rm shot} / \frac{di_{\rm DC}}{d\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{2h\nu}{nP_{\rm in}}} \, \left[ {\rm rad} / \sqrt{{\rm Hz}} \right]$ 

Michelson response (@DC)

Michelson Strain Sensitivity

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- Quantum noises ~ Radiation pressure noise  $\propto \sqrt{P_{
  m in}}$ 
  - Photon number fluctuation in the arm cavity
     => Fluctuation of the back action force
  - Vacuum fluctuation injected from the dark port
     Differential power fluctuation
     Cause the noise in the GW signal



#### Quantum noises

#### Standard Quantum Limit (SQL)



- Trade-off Between Shot Noise and Radiation-Pressure Noise
- Uncertainty of the test mass position due to observation

#### => Quantum Optical techniques to overcome SQL

- Laser frequency noise
  - Laser wavelength (λ = c / ν)
     = reference for the displacement measurement
  - Optical phase φ = 2 pi v L / c
     dφ = 2 pi / c (L dv + v dL) <= indistinguishable</li>
  - Laser frequency stabilization





- Laser intensity noise
  - Relative Intensity Noise (RIN): dP/P
  - Sensor output V = P x
    - => dV = P dx + x dP



#### Laser intensity stabilization

P. Kwee et al, Optics Express **20** 10617-10634 (2012)

#### <= indistinguishable

In-vacuum 8-branch Photodiode array



## **Electrical noises**

#### **Noise in photodetectors**



- Figure 1.3 The circuit model of a photodiode consists of a sig-Photodiode equivalent circuit under a junction capacitance, and parasitic series and shunt resistances.
  - Shunt Capacitance R<sub>D</sub>
  - Junction Capacitance C<sub>D</sub>
  - Series Resistance R<sub>s</sub>

#### input referred noise current

 $i_{Rs} \sim \omega C_d \sqrt{4k_{\rm B}TR_s}$ 

## **Digitization (Quantization) noise**

Analog signals (~+/-10V) -> Digital signal

Digitized to a discrete N bit integer number



http://www.analog.com/static/imported-files/tutorials/MT-229.pdf

Quantization causes a white noise V<sub>n</sub> = Δ/√Hz
 e.g. +/-10V 16bit => Δ = 0.3mV => Vn ~ 100 μV/sqrtHz
 cf. Input noise of a typical analog circuit 10nV/sqrtHz

## **Digitization (Quantization) noise**

- Whitening
  - Amplify a signal in the freq band where the signal is weak



- Dewhitening
  - Amplify a signal in the freq band where the signal is weak



#### **Actuator noise**

 Actuator noise appears in the GW signal as an external disturbance

#### Mitigation

- 1) Make the noise itself smaller
- 2) Make the actuator response smaller
- We need to keep sufficient actuator strength for lock acquisition
   => Transition to a low-noise mode after achieving lock

## Summary

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  - There are such large number of noises
  - They are quite omni-disciplinary
  - Even only one noise can ruin our GW detection
  - GW detection will be achieved by
    - Careful design / knowledge / experience
    - Logical, but inspirational trouble shooting
  - Noise "hunting"