

# Normal pdf

Also called the  
"Gaussian" pdf

$$p_X(x; \mu, \sigma) = N(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) P(X \in [x, x + dx]) = p_X(x)dx:$$

probability of getting a value in  
[x, x + dx]

$\mu$ : mean of the pdf

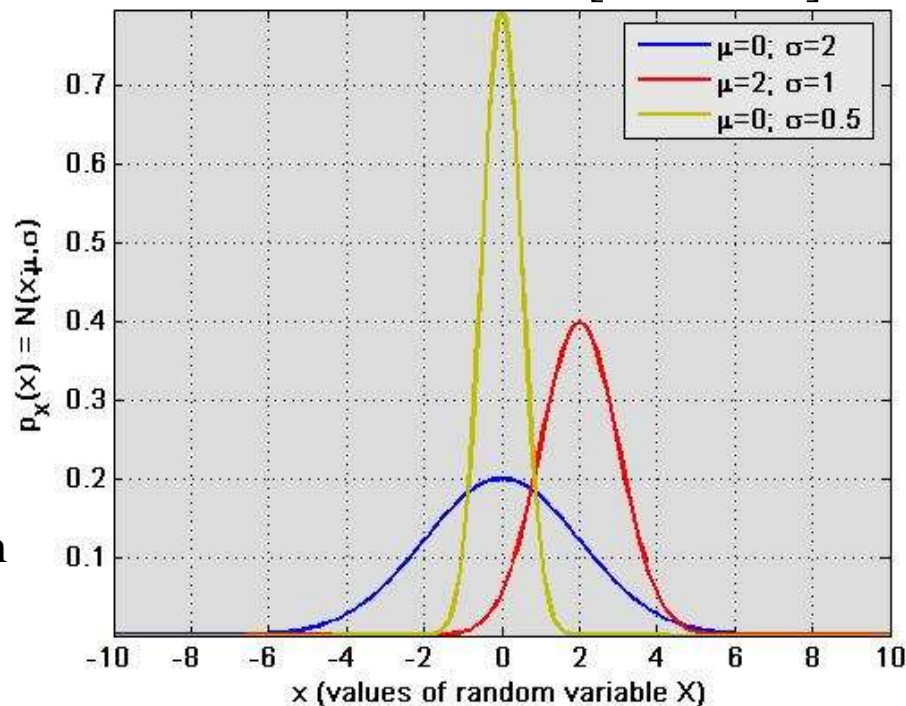
$$\mu = E[X]$$

$\sigma^2$ : variance of the pdf

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

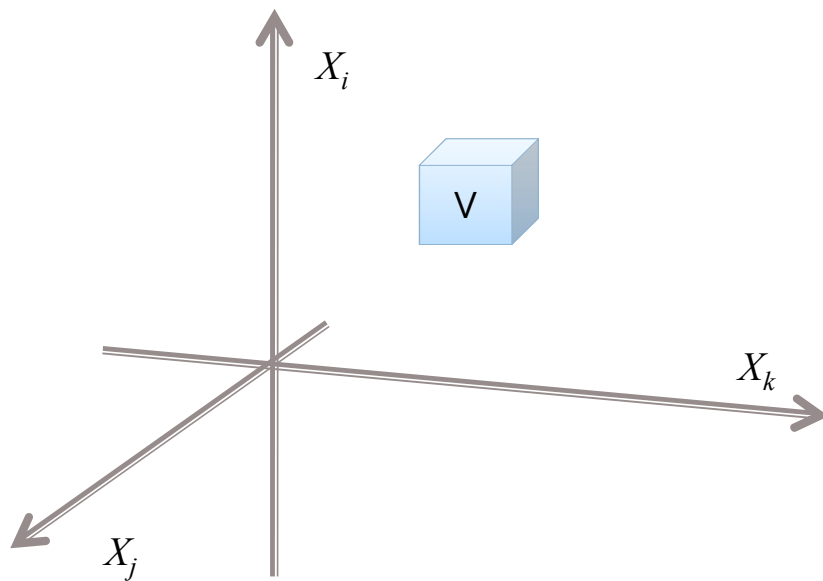
$\sigma$ : standard deviation

Usually we say  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are the  
mean and variance of the random  
variable X



# N random variables

- $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N\}$
- Outcome of a trial is a vector  $\bar{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$



Probability that a trial outcome will fall in a volume  $V$

$$P(X \in V) = \int_V p_X(\bar{x}) d^n x$$

$p_X(\bar{x})$ : Joint pdf

$p_{Y \subset X}(x)$ : marginal pdf of  $Y \subset X$   
obtained by integrating  $p_X(\bar{x})$  over  $X \setminus Y$

$X_i \sim p_{X_i}(x)$ :  $X_i$  has the pdf  $p_{X_i}(x)$

# Expectation

$$E[f(X_1, \dots, X_N)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, \dots, x_N) p_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N) dx_1, \dots, dx_N$$

$E[(X_1 - E[X_1])^{m_1} (X_2 - E[X_2])^{m_2} \dots (X_N - E[X_N])^{m_N}]$  is called the  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N$  order (central) moment of the joint pdf

- Of course, there are many possible moments of a given order
- Of special importance is the central moment of second order

$$C_{ij} = E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])]$$

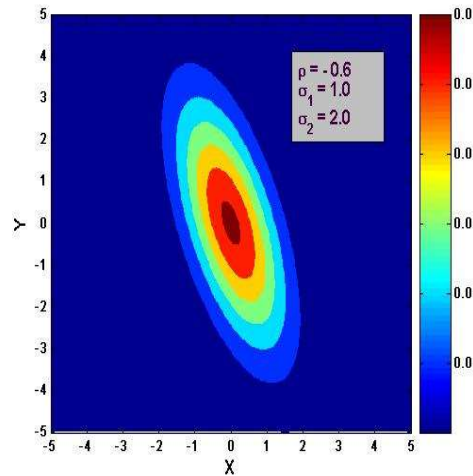
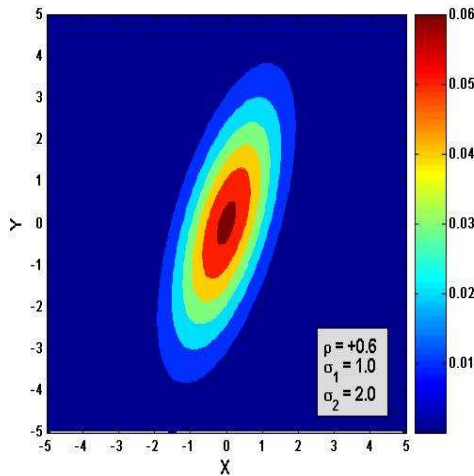
$C_{ij}$  is called the Covariance of  $X_i$  and  $X_j$

The matrix with elements  $C_{ij}$  is called the Covariance Matrix of the random variables  $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$

## Bivariate Normal pdf

$$p_{XY}(\bar{x}; \bar{\mu}, \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{2\pi |\mathbf{C}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})\right)$$

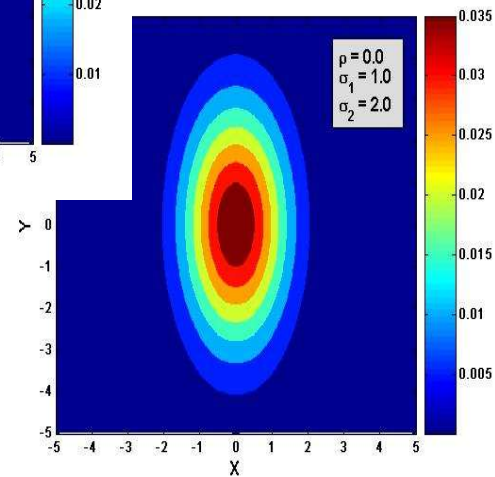
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y \\ \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}; \quad \bar{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$$

$$\sigma_x = 1.0, \sigma_y = 2.0$$

$$\rho \in [-0.6, 0, 0.6]$$



One can prove that  $\mathbf{C}$  is also the covariance matrix of the bivariate normal pdf

# Stochastic process

A sequence of random variables

$$\{\dots, X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots\}$$

- The sequence need not be a vector in a finite dimensional space
- The indices can be taken to indicate “time” instants → “Time Series”
  - True continuous time theory for stochastic processes is more complicated

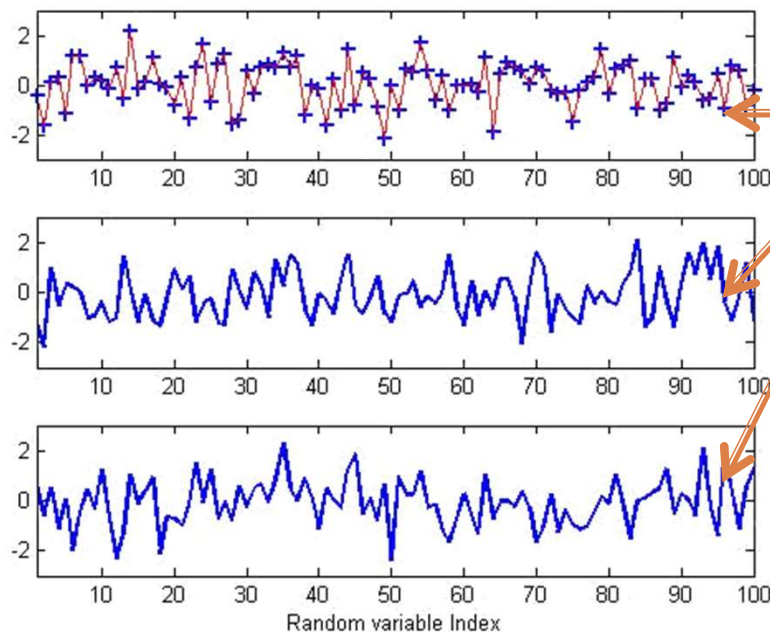
Each trial gives a set of values  
(a “realization”)

$$\{\dots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

- The stochastic processes we will mostly consider are time-series (i.e, only one index)
- The study of stochastic processes extends to spatial stochastic processes
- Notation:  $X_k \equiv X[k]$

Textbook: *Stochastic Processes* by Ross; *Statistical Optics* by Goodman

# Mathematical description of a stochastic process



- Different realizations of the same stochastic process
- Each time series is the outcome of **one** trial
- X-axis is the index number of the random variables
- The **ordering** of random variables distinguishes a stochastic process from a simple collection of variables: change the ordering and you change the stochastic process

# Ensemble average

## Ensemble average

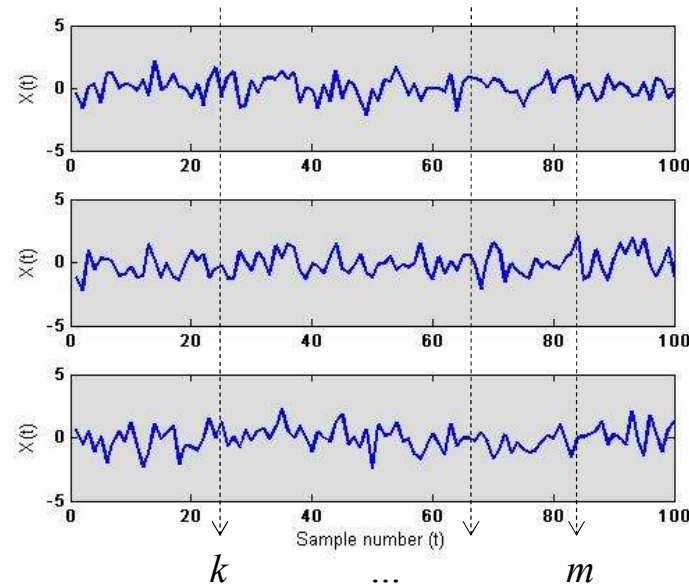
Same as the joint expectation defined earlier

$$E[f(X_k, \dots, X_m)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_k, \dots, x_m) p_{X_k, \dots, X_m}(x_k, \dots, x_m) dx_k, \dots, dx_m$$

Ensemble averages are constructed by averaging  $f(X_k, \dots, X_m)$  over an infinite number of realizations of the stochastic process

- Compute  $f_p = f(X_k, \dots, X_m)$  for the  $p^{\text{th}}$  realization ( $1 \leq p \leq N$ )

- Then compute  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N f_p$  with  $N \rightarrow \infty$



# Stationary stochastic process

- Wide-sense stationary process
  - $E[ X_k ]$  is constant, independent of  $k$
  - $E[ X_k X_{k+m} ]$  is independent of  $k$  and dependent only on  $m$ 
    - *First and second order moments are time-translation independent*
  - Makes sense to talk about the “mean and variance of the stochastic process”
- Strictly stationary stochastic process: **All** joint moments are time-translation independent



# Gaussian noise: multivariate Normal pdf

- Multivariate Normal pdf:
- $p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\mathbf{C}|^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}\|^2)$
- $\bar{x} \in R^N$  (row vector)
- $E[X_i] = \mu_i$
- $C_{ij} = E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)]:$  Covariance matrix
- $|\mathbf{C}|$  : Determinant of  $\mathbf{C}$
- $\|\bar{x}\|^2 = \langle \bar{x}, \bar{x} \rangle$  where  $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \bar{x} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \bar{y}^T$
- Gaussian noise: The joint pdf of any subset of the random variable sequence is a multivariate normal pdf

Textbook: *Introduction to multivariate statistics*, T.W. Anderson

# Wide-sense stationary Gaussian noise

- $E[X_i] = \mu$  (Independent of  $i$ )
- $E[(X_i - \mu)(X_{i \pm m} - \mu)] = \phi(m)$  (dependent only on the separation): Autocovariance sequence of the noise
- Covariance matrix is a Toeplitz matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_{-1} & a_{-2} & \dots & \dots & a_{-(n-1)} \\ a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & a_{-1} & a_{-2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} \\ a_{n-1} & \dots & \dots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Power spectral density

- $\phi(0) = E[(X_i - \mu)^2] = \sigma^2$
- $\phi(k)$ : even function of  $k$  (Because  $\mathbf{C}$  is always symmetric)

We use  $\tilde{s}$  to denote the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of  $\bar{s}$ ,

$$\tilde{s}^T := \mathbf{F} \bar{s}^T, \quad (1)$$

$$F_{km} = e^{-2\pi i k m / N}, \quad (2)$$

with  $\tilde{s}_j$  being its  $j$ th element. The inverse DFT is given by,

$$\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{F}^\dagger. \quad (3)$$

The symbol “./” denotes element-by-element division.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{x}\|^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \tilde{x}^* (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{F}^{-1})^{-1} \tilde{x}^T \\ &\approx \frac{1}{N f_s} \tilde{x} (\tilde{x}^\dagger ./ \bar{S}^T), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\bar{S}$  is the two-sided power spectral density of the noise

$$\bar{S} = \frac{1}{f_s} \mathbf{F} \bar{\phi}$$

(Where  $\bar{\phi}$  is a circular sequence)

$$S_i = \frac{1}{N f_s} E[|\tilde{n}_i|^2] \quad \leftarrow \text{Convenient definition}$$

$$\delta_f \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} S_m = \sigma^2,$$

# Power Spectral Density

The definitions are more convenient if one switches to continuous time

$$S_n(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \phi(\tau) e^{-2\pi i f \tau}$$

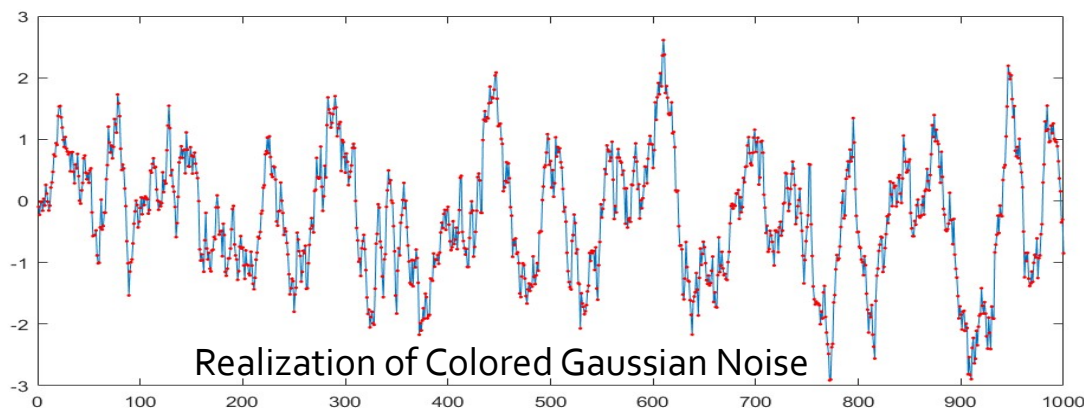
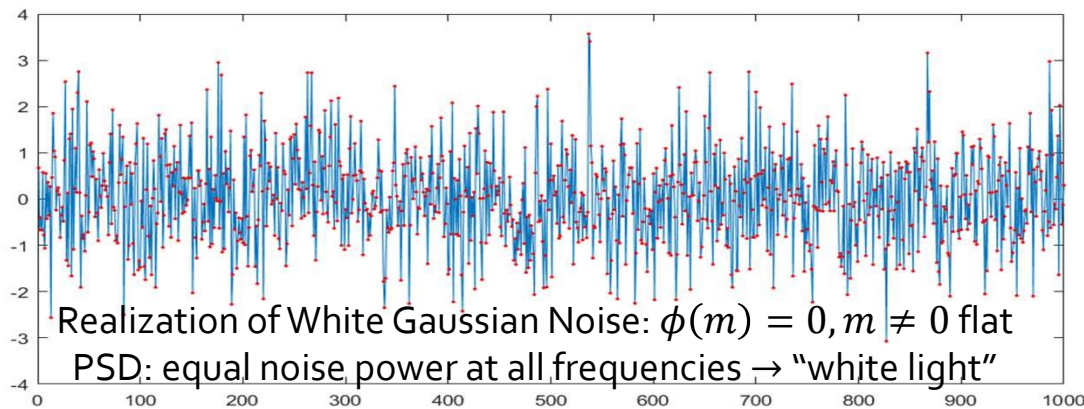
$S_n(f)$  is real and symmetric as  $\phi(\tau)$  is an even function  
(Sign of phase in the Fourier transform does not matter)

Physical interpretation

The variance of the noise process  $\sigma^2 = \phi(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} df S_n(f)$

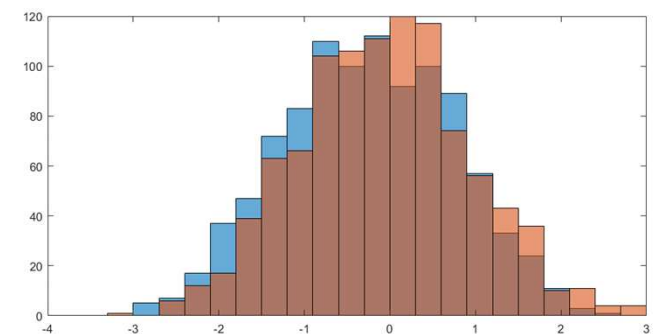
Hence,  $S_n(f)df$  can be interpreted as the noise variance contributed by the band  $[f, f + df]$

# Gaussian noise nomenclature



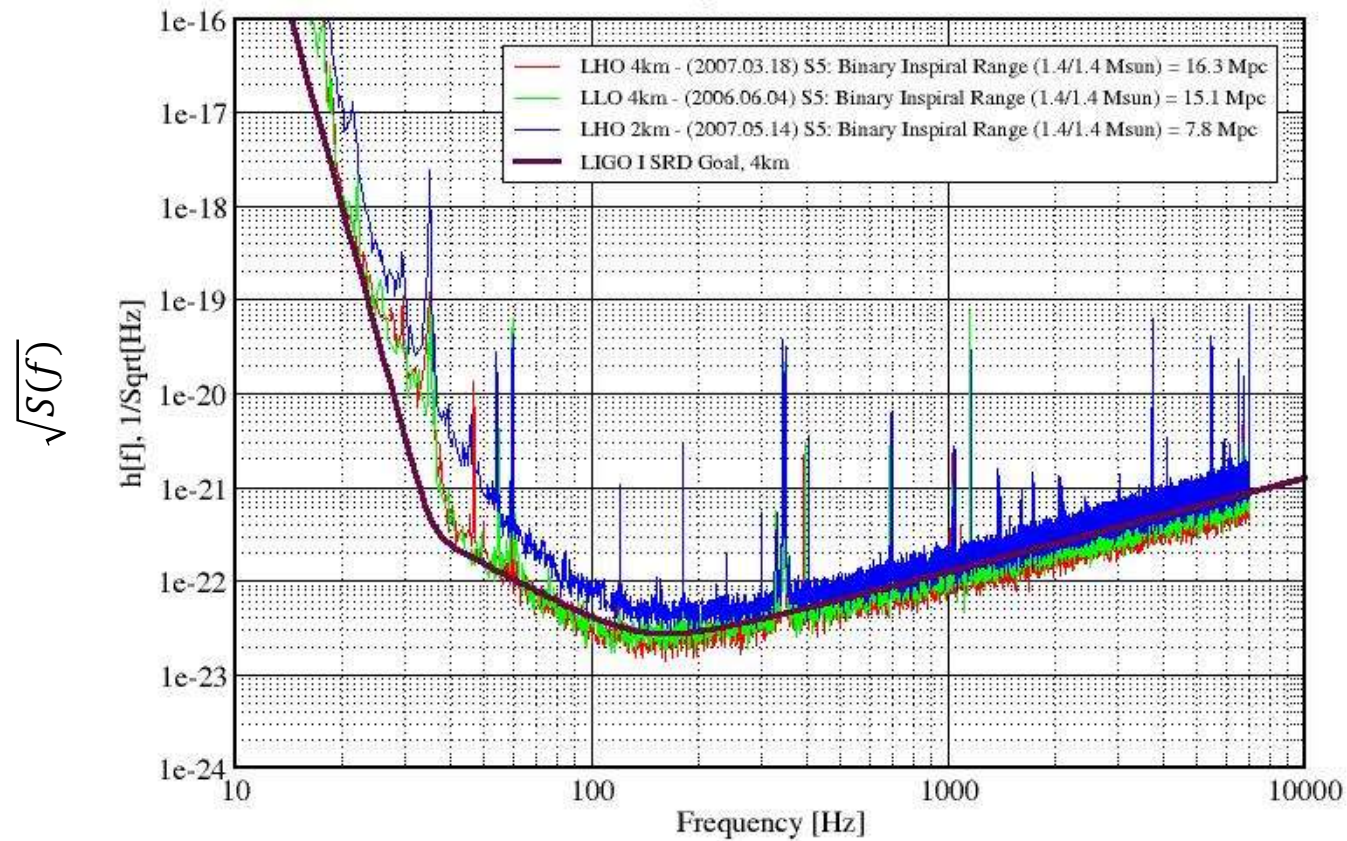
The terms 'white' and 'colored' refer to the shape of the PSD

Here, the two noise processes have the same marginal pdf  $X_i \sim N(0,1) \Rightarrow$  marginal pdf is not enough to describe noise



## Strain Sensitivity of the LIGO Interferometers

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# Estimation problem in GW

$\bar{x}$  : given data from GW detector

If a signal is present

$$\bar{x} = \bar{h}(\Theta) + \bar{n}$$

$\bar{h}$  : Signal time series

$\Theta$  : Parameters defining the signal

$\bar{n}$  : noise realization

Let  $p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x})$  be the pdf of noise.

Then,  $p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}; \Theta) = p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta))$

## Examples

$$\bar{h} = h_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{"dc signal"}$$

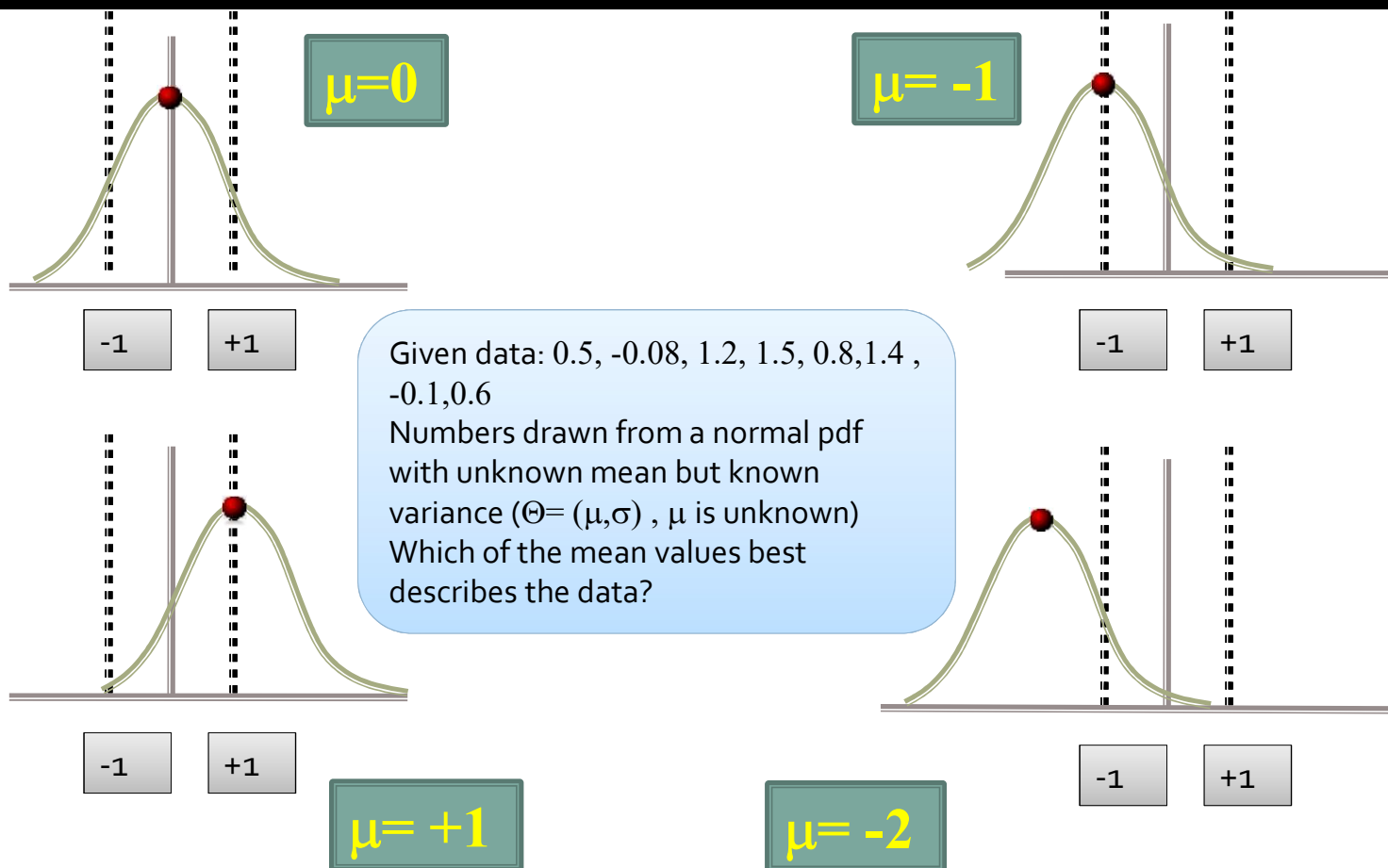
$\Theta \text{ is } h_0$

$$h_k = A_0 \sin(\omega_0 k \Delta)$$

$\Theta \text{ is } (A_0, \omega_0)$




# A simple estimation problem





# Likelihood

- In the first example, our judgment was based on which pdf appeared to be more “likely” as the correct one
- One way to make this idea mathematically precise is to use the **likelihood function**
- Joint pdf of the data:  $p_{\bar{X}}(\bar{x}; \Theta)$  
- Likelihood function: consider the joint pdf as a **function of  $\Theta$  for fixed  $x$  (data)**
  - Alternative notation:  $\Lambda(\Theta; \bar{x})$
- A high likelihood value means the corresponding pdf gives higher probability of occurrence for the data

In example 1: estimating the mean of the normal pdf,  
The joint pdf of the data is

$$p_{\bar{X}}(\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8\}; \mu) = \prod_{i=1}^8 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right)$$

$$\Lambda(\mu; \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8\}) =$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^8 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right)$$

Which  $\mu$  gives highest value of  $\Lambda$ ?

# Example of likelihood function: dc signal in WGN

Data (realization)

$$\bar{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

Parameter  $\mu$

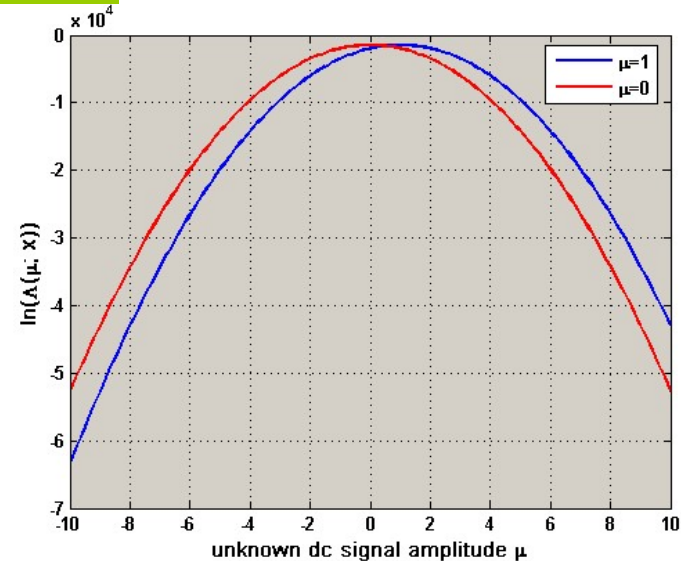
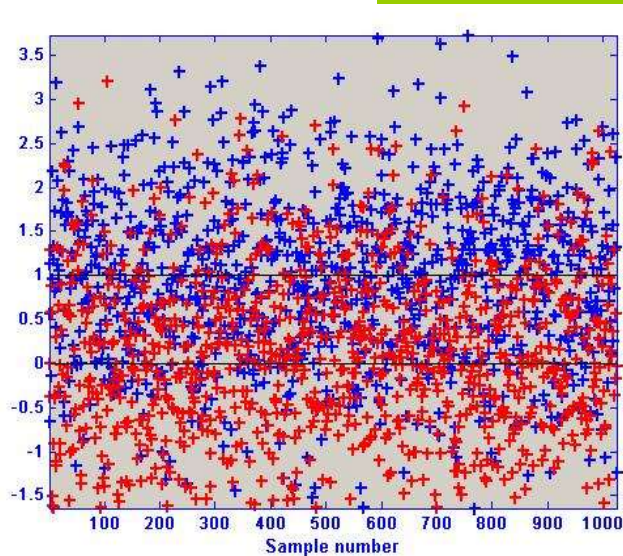
$$\bar{\mu} = \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

1×N vector

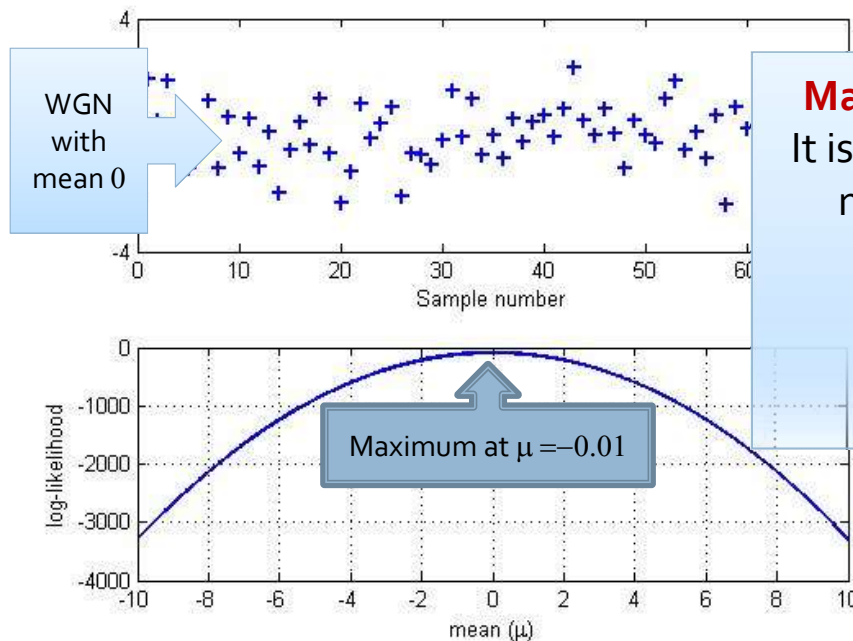
"dc signal"

Likelihood

$$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^N} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})\right)$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimator



## Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

It is the point at which the Likelihood has maximum value

$\hat{\Theta}$  is such that

$$\max_{\Theta} (\Lambda(\Theta; \bar{x})) = \Lambda(\hat{\Theta}; \bar{x})$$

Instead of maximizing the likelihood, we can use any monotonic function of the likelihood  $\rightarrow$  e.g.,  $\ln(\Lambda(x; \Theta))$  ("log-likelihood")

# MLE for GW signals in Gaussian noise

GW data :  $\bar{x} = \bar{h}(\Theta) + \bar{n}$

$\bar{n}$  : realization of Gaussian, stationary noise  $p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\mathbf{C}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \bar{x}^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \bar{x}\right)$

Let  $\langle \bar{z}, \bar{y} \rangle = \bar{z}^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \bar{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{C}$  is the covariance matrix of the noise,

and  $\|\bar{z}\|^2 = \langle \bar{z}, \bar{z} \rangle$ . Then, the likelihood is  $\Lambda(\Theta; \bar{x}) = p_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)) = N \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2\right)$

$$\ln \Lambda(\Theta; \bar{x}) = \ln N - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2$$

$$N = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\mathbf{C}|^{1/2}}$$

$$= \left( \ln N - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{x}\|^2 \right) + \langle \bar{x}, \bar{h}(\Theta) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2$$

MLE for  $\Theta$  : find  $\hat{\Theta}$  such that  $\max_{\Theta} (\ln \Lambda(\Theta; \bar{x})) = \ln \Lambda(\hat{\Theta}; \bar{x})$

Or, get  $\hat{\Theta}$  by maximizing  $\lambda(\Theta; \bar{x}) = \langle \bar{x}, \bar{h}(\Theta) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2$

# Least Squares

- Least squares estimation is simply MLE for the case of Gaussian noise
- Maximizing Log-likelihood

$$\ln \Lambda(\bar{x} | \Theta) = \ln N - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2$$

- Is the same as minimizing Least squares

$$\|\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2$$

- For White Gaussian Noise:  $\phi(m) = 0, m \neq 0$  (Random variables in the sequence are statistically independent)  $\Rightarrow C_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \Rightarrow$   
 $\|\bar{x} - \bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k - h_k(\Theta))^2$

# Matched filtering for Colored noise

- Maximizing log-likelihood (= minimizing least squares) is equivalent to maximizing

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{h}(\Theta) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{h}(\Theta)\|^2 = \langle \bar{x}, \bar{h}(\Theta) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \bar{h}(\Theta), \bar{h}(\Theta) \rangle$$

- (See Lecture 2)
- Everything stays the same except

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \frac{1}{Nf_s} \tilde{x}(\tilde{y}^\dagger ./ \bar{S}^T)$$

# Estimating Power Spectral Density

FFT

$$\tilde{x}[k] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j] e^{-2\pi i j k / N}$$

$$x[j] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[k] e^{2\pi i j k / N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[j+k] e^{-2\pi i \frac{(k+j)l}{N}} e^{2\pi i \frac{j l}{N}} \\ = e^{2\pi i \frac{j l}{N}} \tilde{x}[l] \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\phi}[k] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j] x[j+k] ; \text{ Circular time-shift}$$

Consider the estimator:

$$\hat{S}_n(l) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{\phi}[k] e^{-2\pi i k l / N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j] x[j+k] e^{-2\pi i k l / N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j] \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[j+k] e^{-2\pi i k l / N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \tilde{x}[l] \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j] e^{2\pi i j l / N} = \tilde{x}^*[l] \tilde{x}[l] = |\tilde{x}[l]|^2$$

Periodogram

- The variance of this estimator does not go down with increase in N
- So, simply taking DFT of the auto-covariance function does not work
- Need to **average** the Periodograms over several data segments

# Welch's method

- Welch's method of overlapping windows
  - Already a built-in function in Matlab: `psd` (old) `pwelch` (new)

Compute FFTs of  $K$  short segments

Calculate periodogram for each: mod square the FFT values

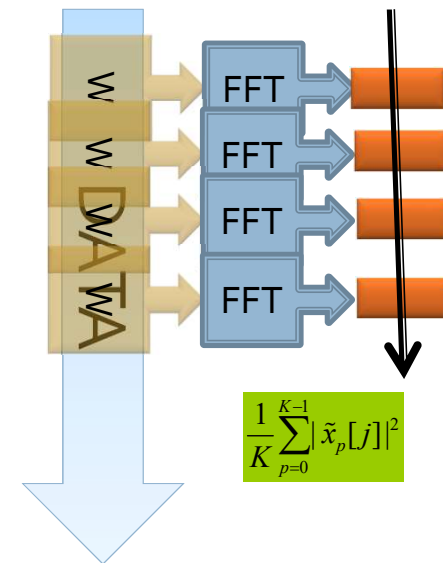
$$\text{PSD estimate: } S_n[j] = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{p=0}^{K-1} |\tilde{x}_p[j]|^2$$

Matlab: `psd(x,nfft,fs)`

`x` : data vector

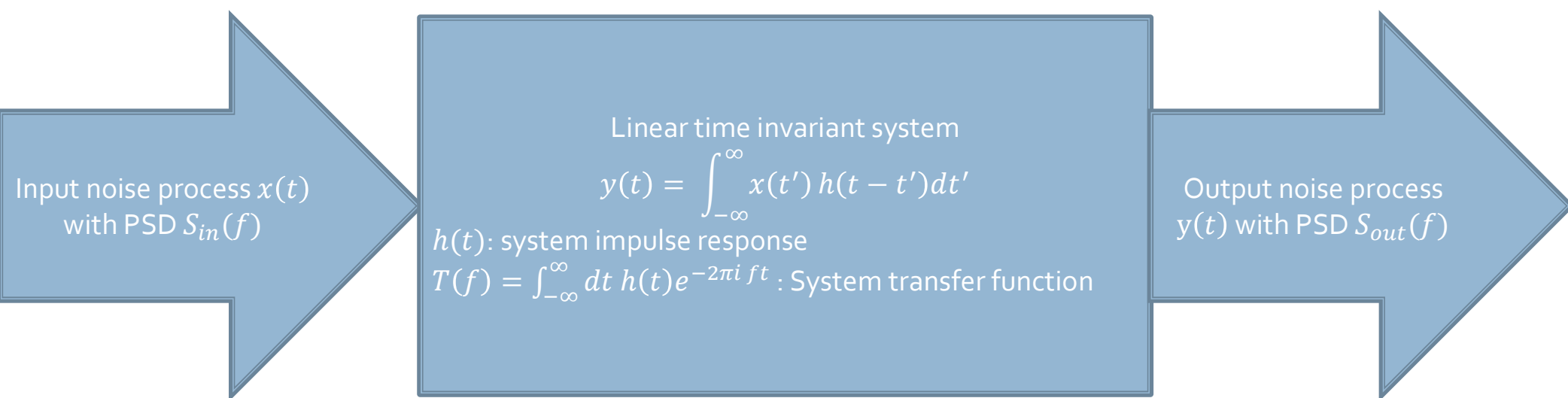
`nfft`: number of samples in each short segment

`fs` : sampling frequency of the data





# Wiener-Khinchin theorem

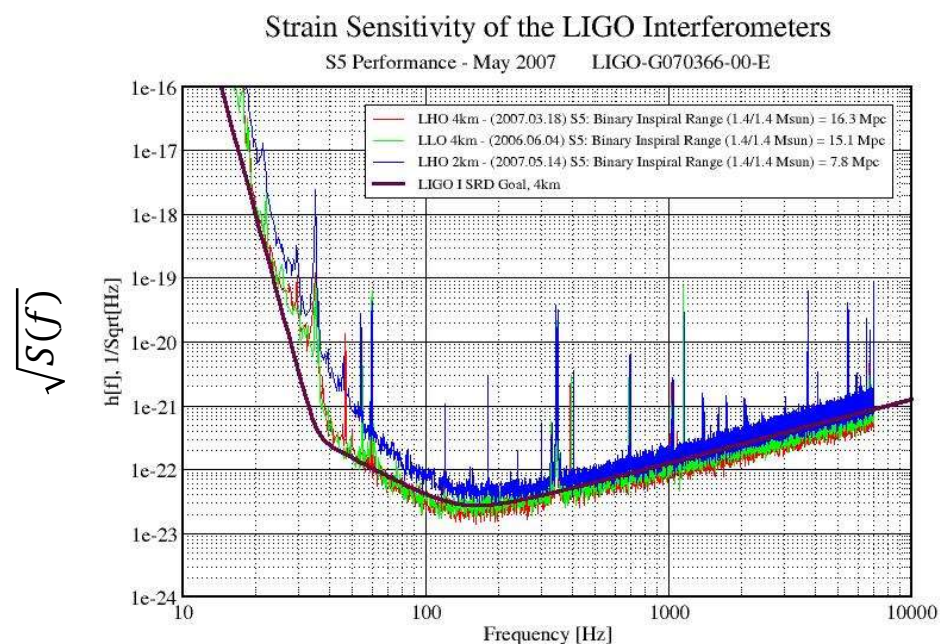


$$S_{out}(f) = S_{in}(f) |T(f)|^2$$

# Whitening

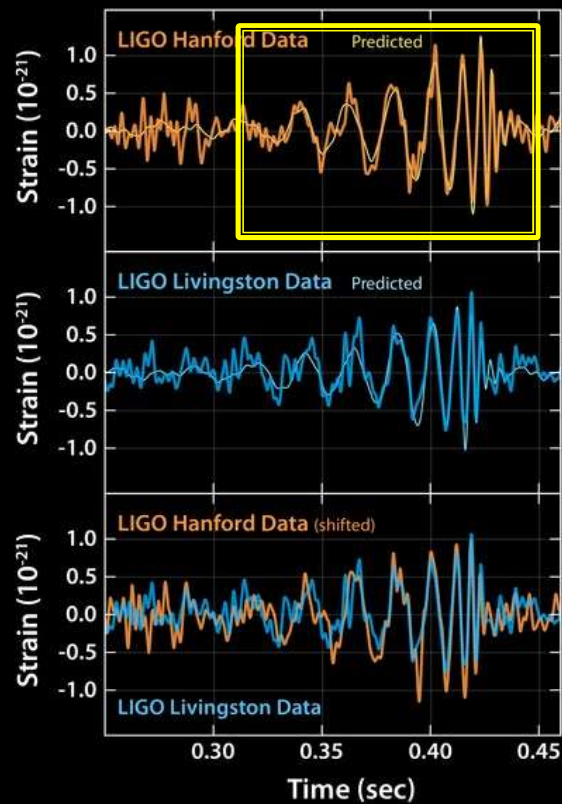
- From the Wiener-Khinchin theorem
  - Input noise PSD:  $S_{in}(f)$
  - Transfer function:  $T(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_{in}(f)}}$
  - Output PSD:  $S_{out}(f) = S_{in}(f)|T(f)|^2 = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{White noise}$
- Matched filter in colored noise
  - $\langle q_a(\Theta), \bar{y} \rangle = \frac{1}{Nf_s} \tilde{y}(\tilde{q}_a^\dagger ./ \bar{S}^T) = \frac{1}{Nf_s} (\tilde{y} ./ \bar{S}^{1/2})(\tilde{q}_a^\dagger ./ \bar{S}^{1/2})$  (where the square root is taken over each element of  $\bar{S}$ ).
  - Since  $\tilde{y} = \tilde{s}(\Theta_{true}) + \tilde{n}$  where the PSD of the noise is  $\bar{S}$ , we see that the matched filter can also be seen as the estimation of a “whitened” signal  $(\tilde{s}(\Theta) ./ \bar{S}^{1/2})$  in white noise.

# Seismic wall in ground-based IFOs



- Whitened signal:  $\tilde{s}(\Theta) \cdot \bar{S}^{-1/2}$
- The signal power is reduced where the noise PSD is higher
  - Note the log-scale on the plot
  - Essentially no power left in the whitened signal below some low frequency ("Seismic Wall")
- Current low frequency cutoff in LIGO is at about  $\approx 40$  Hz
- At final design sensitivity, it will be reduced to  $\approx 10$  Hz

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- Whiten data shown in the plots
- Whiten signal cuts off below the seismic wall frequency
- Actual signal stretches back into the past from the moment the Black Hole Binary was formed!
- (The noise is whiten but also band-passed)

# Generation of colored noise

- Use Wiener-Khinchin theorem
- Pass white noise through an LTI system
- Discrete time: Pass white noise sequence through a digital filter
- Example:  $y_i = b_0x_i + b_1x_{i-1} + \dots + b_mx_{i-m}$  for some coefficients  $b$  and white noise sequence  $\bar{x}$
- Fourier domain: Multiply discrete fourier transform of white noise sequence with  $\sqrt{S(f)}$  where  $S(f)$  is the desired output PSD (Caution: this will generate a circular auto-covariance noise sequence!)

# Digital filtering

- Filtering operation:  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t') h(t - t') dt'$
- $h(t)$  : Impulse response
  - Output produced when the input is an impulse:  $x(t') = \delta(t')$
- Discrete time:  $y_i = b_0 x_i + b_1 x_{i-1} + \cdots + b_m x_{i-m}$
- Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter:  $m$  is finite
- Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) filter:
  - $y_i = a_1 y_{i-1} + a_2 y_{i-2} + \cdots + a_p y_{i-p} + b_0 x_i + \cdots + b_m x_{i-m}$
  - In statistics (time series analysis): FIR filtered output=Moving Average (MA) process; pure IIR ( $b_i = 0$ ) output = Auto-regressive (AR) process; General IIR process=ARMA process

# Digital filter design

- One of the main topics in Digital Signal Processing (DSP) is the design of digital filters
  - Given a desired transfer function  $T(f)$ , what should be the value of the filter coefficients  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{b}$
- Various issues to consider:
  - FIR filters produced a linear phase shift between the input and output signals while IIR produced non-linear phase shift; However the magnitude of the transfer function can be better matched by a lower order IIR filter
  - FIR filters can be implemented using FFT (very fast); IIR filters are slower
  - Ref. Manolakis, Proakis, *Digital Signal Processing*

# Filter design example

%Sampling frequency

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fs = 2048;%Hz;
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%Filter order

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fN = 10;
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%Frequency values at which to specify  
%the target transfer function

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f = 0:2:1024;
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%Target transfer function

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targetTf = f.*(1024-f);
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%Design the digital filter

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b = fir2(fN,f/(fs/2),targetTf);
```

%Get the impulse response

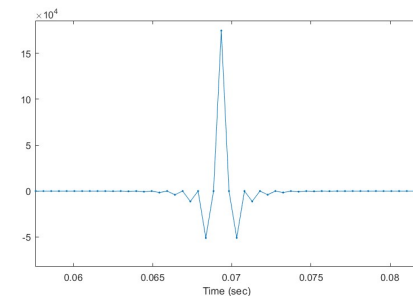
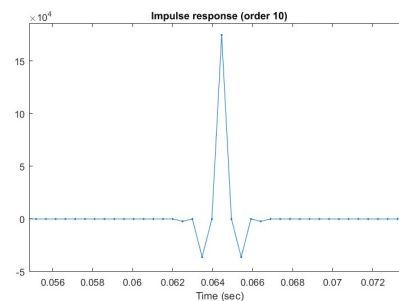
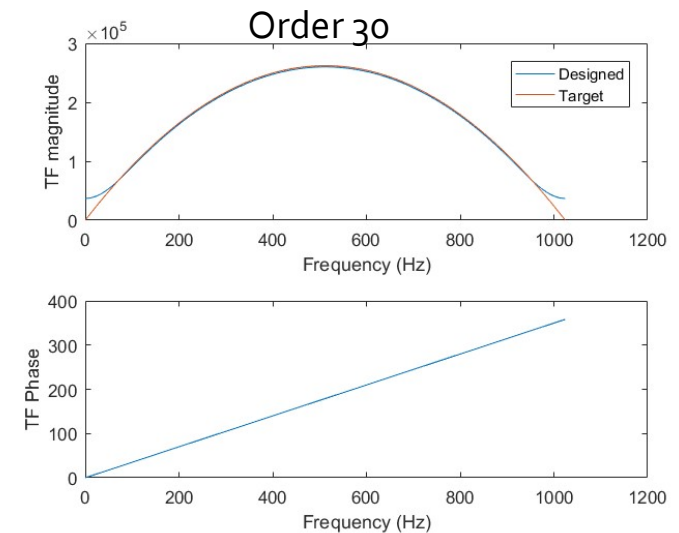
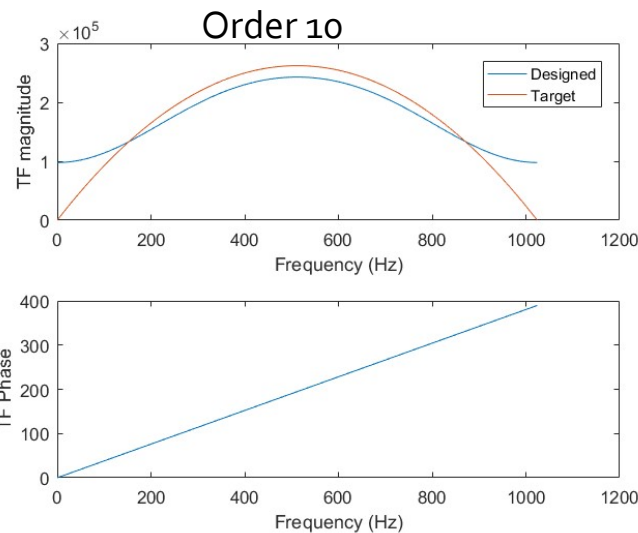
```
impVec = zeros(1,256);
```

```
impVec(128)=1;
```

```
impResp = fftfilt(b,impVec);
```

%Get the transfer function

```
designTf = fft(impResp);
```



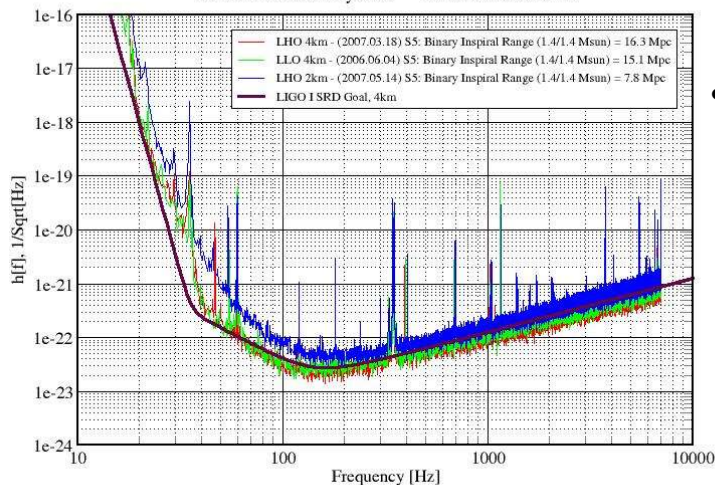
Start of data acts like impulse  $\Rightarrow$  startup  
transient in filtered output



# GW detector noise simulation

Strain Sensitivity of the LIGO Interferometers

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- Task: generate colored noise with the LIGO design PSD (smooth curve)  $S(f)$
- Approach:
  - Fourier domain: circular autocovariance (but straightforward to implement numerically)  $\Rightarrow$  only fixed length segments and they cannot be joined
  - Time domain: Pass white noise sequence through a digital filter (FIR or IIR)  $\rightarrow$  requires filter design tool  $\Rightarrow$  data can be generated in arbitrary lengths and joined together after removing startup-transient
    - Target transfer function is  $\sqrt{S(f)}$
- Caution: Neither approach can handle the steeply rising seismic part (also rising high frequency part  $\rightarrow$  aliasing issues)
  - But the matched filter will cut these parts off anyway  $\Rightarrow$  need to generate noise with PSD matching only the middle part and set  $S(f) = 0$  outside this range

# Steps to follow for LIGO noise simulation

- Download design sensitivity ( $\sqrt{S(f)}$ ) data:
  - <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T0900288/public> (advanced LIGO)
  - <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-E950018/public> (initial LIGO)
- Convert to  $\sqrt{S(f)}$
- Select high and low frequency cutoffs (e.g., 40Hz and 1000 Hz for initial LIGO)
- Use Matlab filter design tool `fir1` to generate FIR digital filter with  $\sqrt{S(f)}$  as the target transfer function
- Use Matlab function `fftfilt` or `filtfilt` to pass white noise sequence through the filter
- See code `ligonoisesim` in LDACSchool repository

# LISA

- Everything remains more or less the same for LISA as far as data analysis goes
- LISA data is obtained using time-delay interferometry
  - Response of the detector to a high frequency GW source requires more work to obtain
  - Low-frequency response obtained in essentially the same way as LIGO
- LISA noise can be assumed to be Gaussian and stationary when studying the performance of data analysis algorithms