

Fluctuation data analysis in Fusion Relevant Plasmas

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- ▶ The **Nyquist Frequency** $f_N = \frac{1}{2\Delta t}$, defines the maximum frequency which can be properly resolved, or equivalently given the frequency of the system we would like to investigate, we had to sample at least at twice the values of this frequency.

- Various theorems may be applied to FT (Bracewell 1999) among which we cite:

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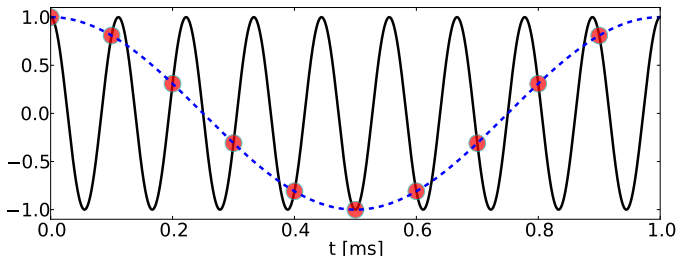
Convolution theorem: If $x(t)$ and $g(t)$ have FT respectively equal to $X(f)$ and $G(f)$ the convolution of the two function $h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t')g(t-t')dt'$ is equal to $X(f)G(f)$

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Rayleigh's Theorem The integral of squared modulus of a function is equal to the integral of the squared modulus of its spectrum, i.e:

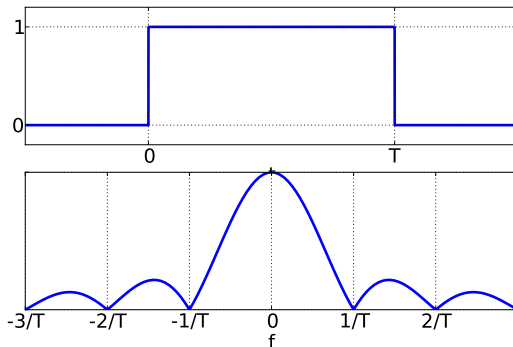
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |F(f)|^2 df$$

- ▶ The presence of frequency higher than the Nyquist frequency may lead to the presence of spurious frequency



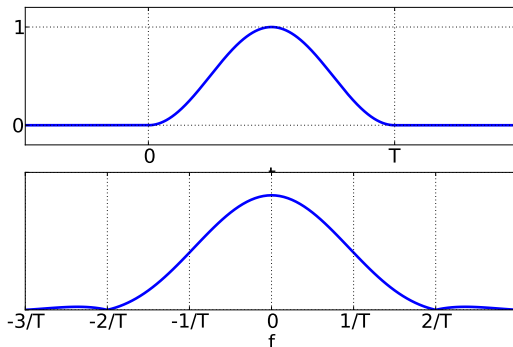
- ▶ A 9 kHz cosine if sampled at 10 kHz exhibits a spurious 1 kHz oscillation

- ▶ Actually signals are acquired for a given period $T \rightarrow$ equivalent to the convolution with a box function $G(t)$ with domain $0 \leq t \leq T$, i.e. $G(t) = 1$ if $0 \leq t \leq T$, 0 otherwise
- ▶ In the Fourier space this is equivalent to the multiplication with the Fourier representation of a box function $\rightarrow \text{sinc}(x) = \sin(x)/x \Rightarrow$ **leaking** some power from one frequency bin to the adjacents ones.



- Solution to the leakage: multiplication with an appropriate window function which reduces the lobes as the *Hanning window*:

$$u_h(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\pi t/T)) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$



- ▶ A random process $x(t)$ is completely described by its moments, i.e. averages over the probability distribution function

$$E[x(t)] \quad E[x(t_1)x(t_2)] \quad E[x(t_1)x(t_2)x(t_3)] \quad \dots$$

- ▶ We define **Auto-correlation function**, i.e. the second order momentum of the distribution, and the **autocovariance function**

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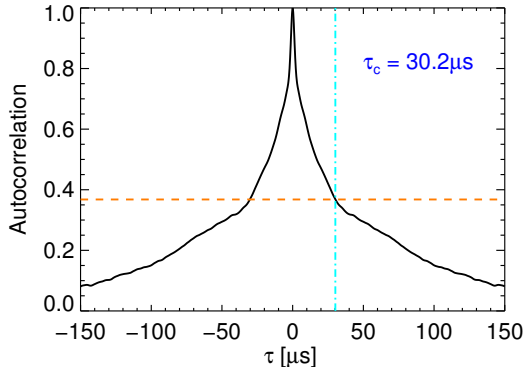
$$C(\tau) = E[(x(t) - m)(x(t-\tau) - m)]$$

being m the average of $x(t)$

- ▶ The **Auto-correlation coefficient factor** is defined as $\rho(\tau) = C(\tau)/C(0)$
- ▶ For digitized signals with N samples the estimator of $C(\tau)$ is defined as

$$C_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=j}^{N-1} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_{i-j} - \bar{x}) \quad \bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i$$

- Define the **Auto-correlation time** of a turbulent field such as the potential: $R(\tau_c) = \frac{\max(R(\tau))}{e}$



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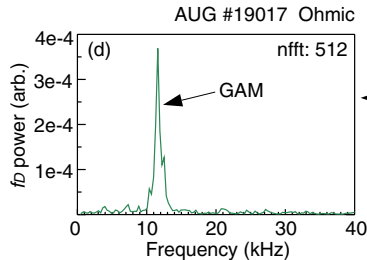
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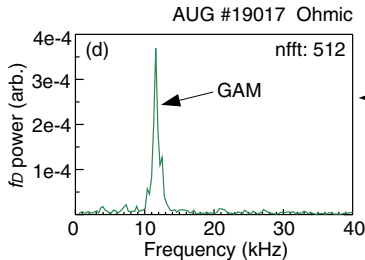
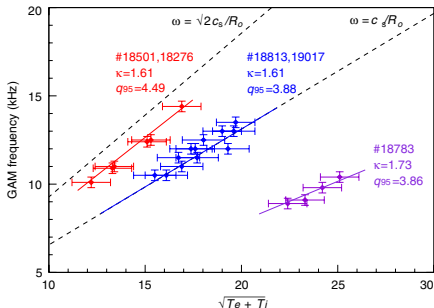
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$$\hat{S}_n = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M |X_n^{(k)}|^2; \quad \hat{S}_n \simeq S(f_n) \Delta f$$

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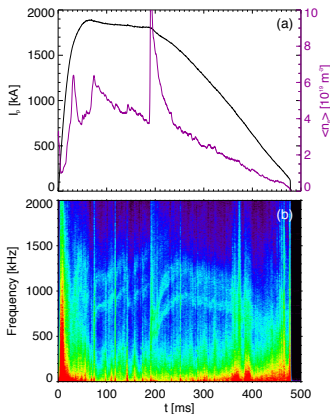


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- Information must be completed. In the example Geodesic Acoustic Modes identified considering their scaling with c_s

- ▶ The same information can be also analyzed in time applying the **spectrogram** technique in the time/frequency space (Spagnolo et al. 2011)



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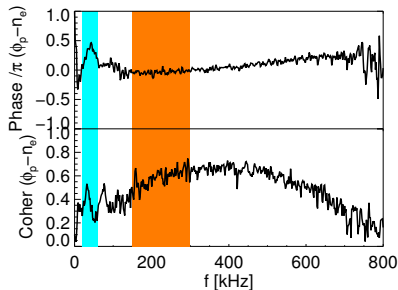
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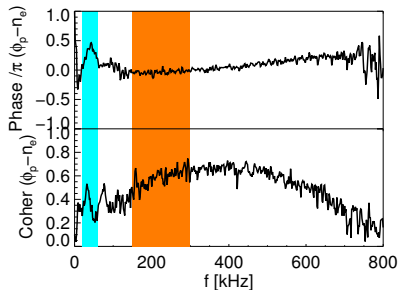
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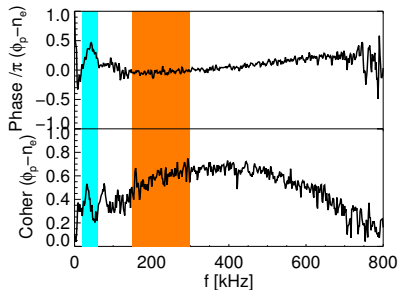


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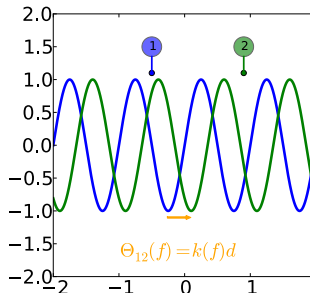


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- ▶ The probe distance d must be less than a wave length, less than a correlation length, but far enough to detect a measurable phase difference

- ▶ Fluctuations induced particle flux is defined as
$$\Gamma = E[\tilde{n}(t)\tilde{v}(t)] = E[\tilde{n}(t)\tilde{E}(t)]/B$$
- ▶ According to previous definitions and properties

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{B} R_{nE}(\tau = 0) = \frac{2}{B} \int_0^{+\infty} \Re[S_{nE}(f)] df$$

- ▶ In quasi-static approximation $\tilde{E} = -\nabla\tilde{\phi}$, and considering the finiteness of the measurements we end up with the formula

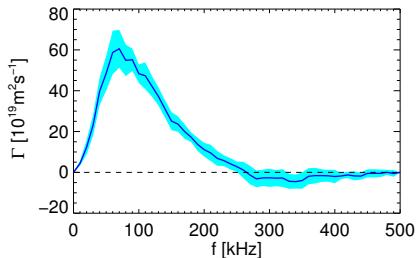
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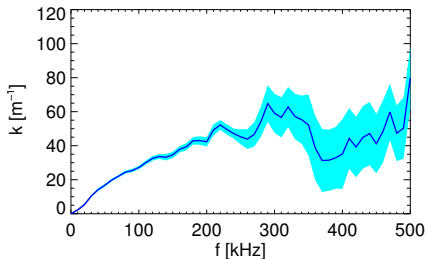
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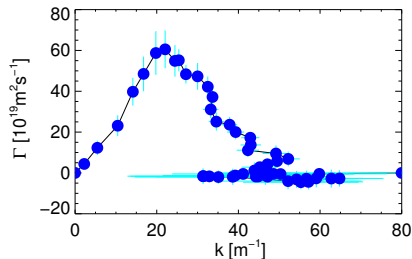
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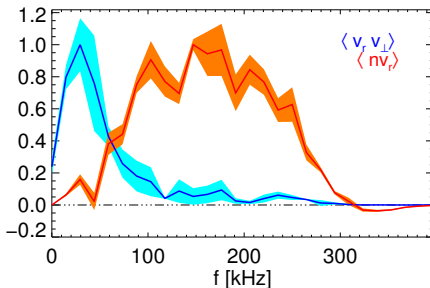
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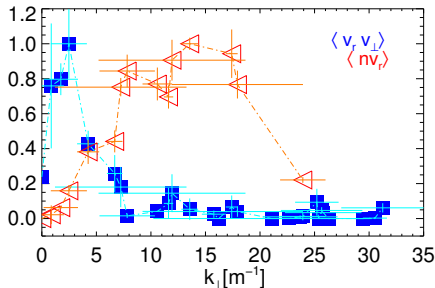


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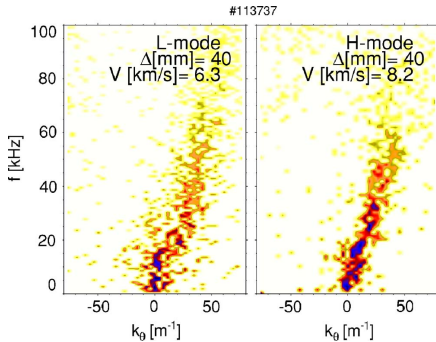
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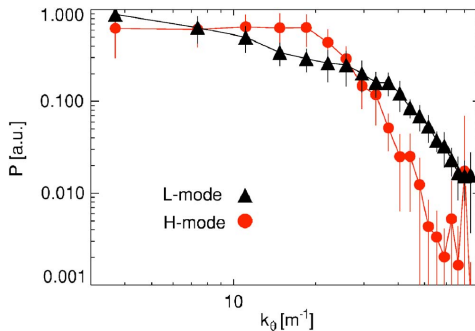
- ▶ In the two 2 points cases are available, the spectrum is reconstructed on a statistical basis considering the M different realizations:

$$\hat{S}_L(k, \omega) = \hat{S}_L(p\Delta k, 2\pi n\Delta f) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M S_n^{(j)} I_p[k_n^j]$$
$$I_p[k_n^j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } (p - 1/2)\Delta k < k_n^{(j)} < (p + 1/2)\Delta k \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- Spectral power density from GPI LoS on NSTX (Agostini et al. [2007](#))



- ▶ We can consequently compute $S(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S(k, \omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$

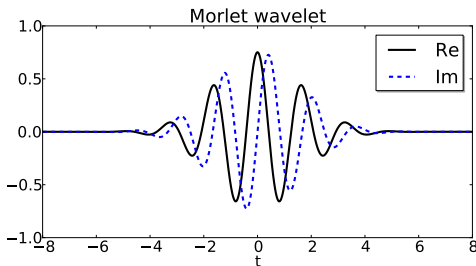




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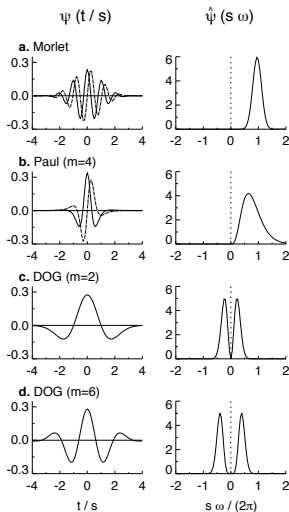
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- ▶ Thus Fourier decomposition is not suitable for processes highly localized in time/space. We can use **Wavelet Transform**(Farge 1992). Functions well defined in time and scale



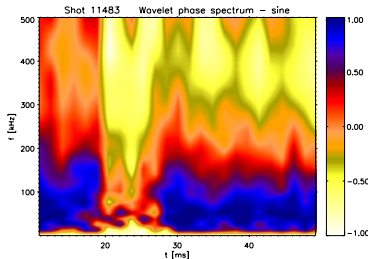
- ▶ The Fourier decomposition uses trigonometric functions as orthogonal basis
- ▶ These functions oscillates forever, i.e. the information content of a generic function is spread over all the spectral component
- ▶ The admissibility condition $C_\psi = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{|\hat{\psi}(\omega)|^2}{|\omega|} d\omega < \infty$, implies that the wavelet ψ is a zero mean function $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(t) dt = 0$
- ▶ Defining time-frequency atoms as $\psi_{s,\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} \psi\left(\frac{t-s}{\tau}\right)$ the **Continuous Wavelet Transform** is defined as

$$w(s, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \psi^* \left(\frac{t-s}{\tau} \right) dt$$

- ▶ Example of different types of wavelet (Mallat 1999)



- ▶ In analogy to Fourier we can define Wavelet Cross power spectrum and Corresponding phase spectrum (well localized in time/frequency)



- ▶ Phase spectrum between density and potential varies because of variation of the shear \rightarrow responsible for transport reduction (Antoni et al. [2000](#))

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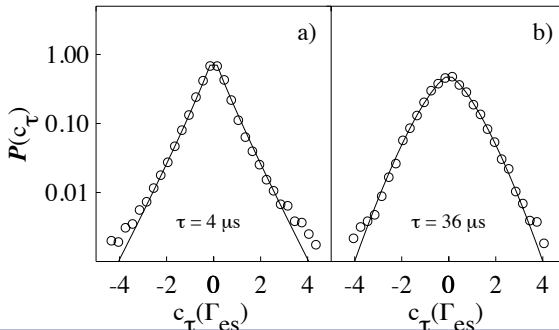
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- ▶ Easy way to compute the **Probability Distribution Function** of normalized fluctuations $C(t, \tau) = \frac{w(t, \tau) - \langle w(t, \tau) \rangle}{\sigma_{\tau}}$. For **self-similar** fluctuations, these should collapse to a single form

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- ▶ **Revealing non self-similarity i.e. Intermittency**

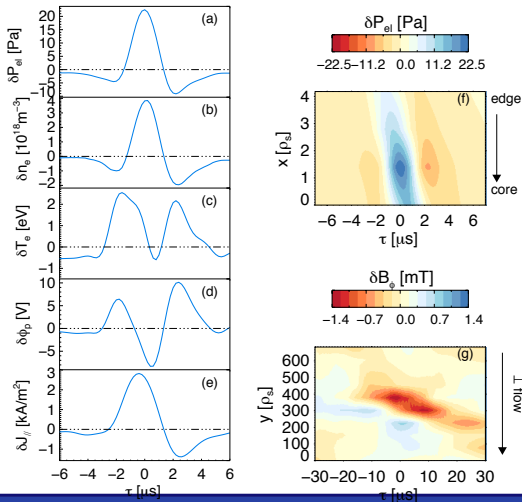


- ▶ Intermittency is due to the presence of strong, sporadic fluctuations
- ▶ The **Local Intermittency Measurements** is a method, based on wavelet, which identifies in time and scales these fluctuations (Antoni et al. 2001)
- ▶ The method distinguish two orthogonal sets :

$$\{w(t, \tau)\} = \{w_e(t, \tau)\} \oplus \{w_g(t, \tau)\} \quad \text{with } F(\tau) = \frac{\langle w_g(t, \tau)^4 \rangle}{[\langle w_g(t, \tau)^2 \rangle]^2} = 3$$

- ▶ The typical fluctuations may be derived using **Conditional Average Procedure**, i.e. averaging different time windows of the signal, each centered around the occurrence of an **Intermittent Events** or **blobs**

- Conditional average may be applied to different signals using the same trigger (Martines et al. 2009; Vianello et al. 2010)



- ▶ High temporal and spatial resolution are needed for better characterization of the plasma. But two points still gives a bunch of information
- ▶ Fourier transform allows estimate of quantities directly comparable with theories
- ▶ Often localized events (in space or time) require more sophisticated tools which maintain the locality of the information
- ▶ As much as possible correlation between different diagnostics are generally needed for an appropriate comprehension

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