

# Modulation-type Quadrature Interferometers

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# Abstract

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- I will introduce three kinds of modulation-type quadrature interferometers
- In the summary slide, we can fill in all the blanks in the table

Name of interferometers	University	Design & characteristics	Sensitivity	References
Deep phase modulation interferometer				
Deep frequency modulation interferometer				
Digitally enhanced heterodyne interferometer				

# Why did I choose this topic?

- I summarized sensors (most of them were quadrature interferometers) developed by Univ. of Birmingham last year
- Nagano-san said “Sensors developed by AEI might be interesting for the next seminar”

Summary				
Sensors & references	Motivation	Design & characteristics	Sensitivity at 1 Hz	Discussion & status
BOSEM <a href="#">L. Carbone+ (2012)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Shadow sensor, coil-magnet actuator	$2 \times 10^{-10}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Currently used
EUCLID <a href="#">S. M. Aston (2011)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Quadrature homodyne interferometer, polarizing optics, cat's eye retroreflector	$4 \times 10^{-12}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Improved to HoQI
ILIAD <a href="#">F. E. P. Arellano+ (2013)</a>	G measurement with torsion pendulum	Same as EUCLID, Non-planar for angular measurement	$5 \times 10^{-13}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Not used for G measurement
HoQI <a href="#">S. J. Cooper+ (2018)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Simpler than EUCLID	$2 \times 10^{-13}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Replace BOSEM in the future
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HDMI <a href="#">Slides</a>	AVIT for TOBA	No polarizing optics, dither	$5 \times 10^{-11}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Mass-produced, not installed to AVIT

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- I sent an email to Nagano-san to get references, then he modified his comment “modulation-type quadrature interferometers might be interesting”

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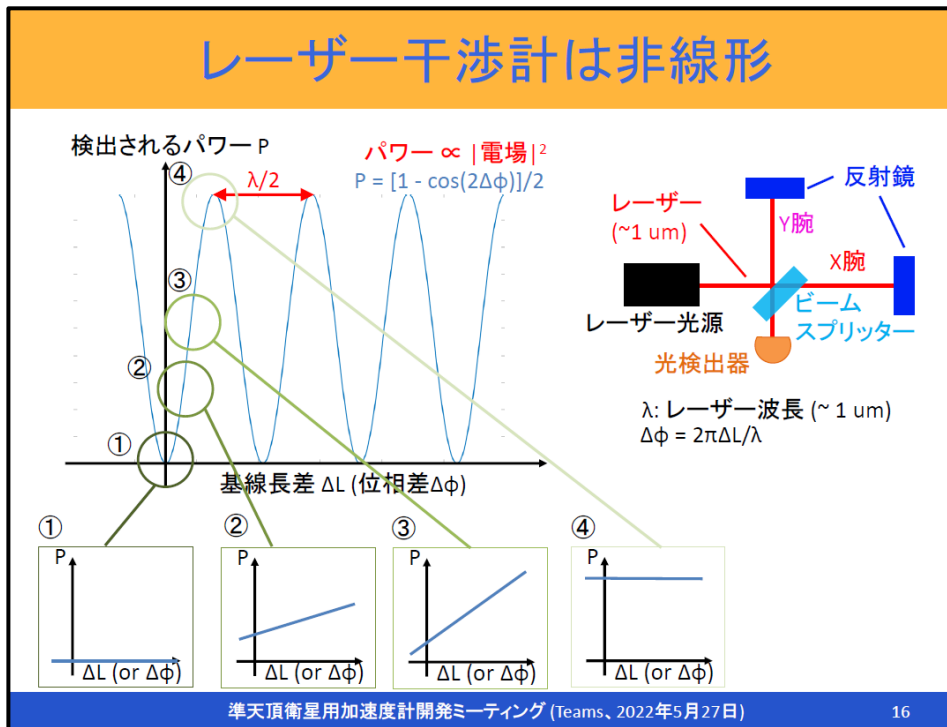
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# Michelson interferometer

- The response of MI has non-linearity → Small range
- We usually conduct feedback control to fix the operation point

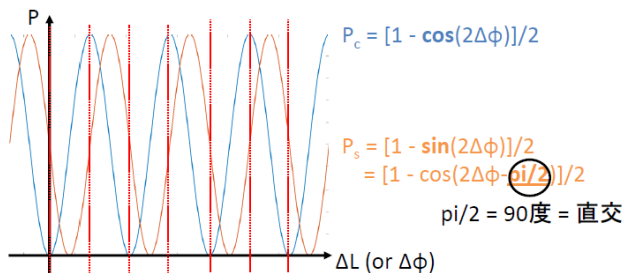


# Quadrature interferometer

- When we obtain the quadrature signals (sin and cos), the information of phase can be calculated
- Range: infinity (theoretically), >10 mm (experimentally)
- No need to FB control
- Sensitivity worse than FB control method due to ADC noise

## 直交する位相の信号を取得する利点

- 直交する位相の信号とは:  
 -sinとcosを入れ替えた信号 (ただし、三角関数の1次の幂で書いたとき)  
 -つまり、片方が明or暗のとき、もう一方は中くらい。



- $dP_c/d(\Delta L) = 0$  の時は、 $dP_s/d(\Delta L) \neq 0$  となる。(あるいはその逆)

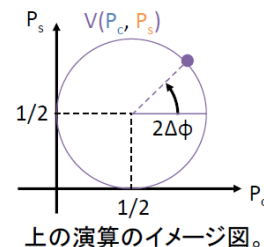
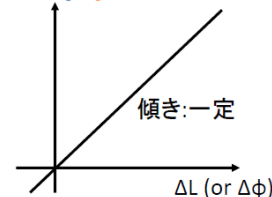
## 直交する位相の信号の使い方

- 直交する位相の信号 (直交位相信号) が取れば、例えば以下の演算をすれば、 $\Delta L$  (or  $\Delta\phi$ ) が計測できる。

$$V(P_c, P_s) := \frac{P_s - 1/2}{P_c - 1/2} = \frac{\sin(2\Delta\phi)}{\cos(2\Delta\phi)} = \tan(2\Delta\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{逆関数}} \tan^{-1}[\tan(2\Delta\phi)] = 2\Delta\phi$$

実際、 $\frac{d(\tan^{-1}[V(P_c, P_s)])}{d(\Delta\phi)} = 2$  となり較正係数は常に一定。(レンジが無限)

$$\tan^{-1}[V(P_c, P_s)]$$





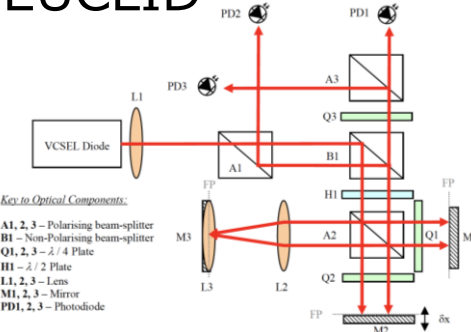
# Classification of quadrature interferometers

## Quadrature interferometers

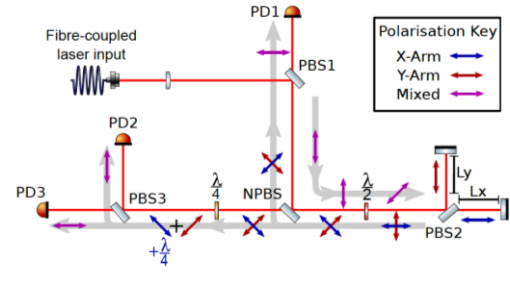
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### Modulation-type ?

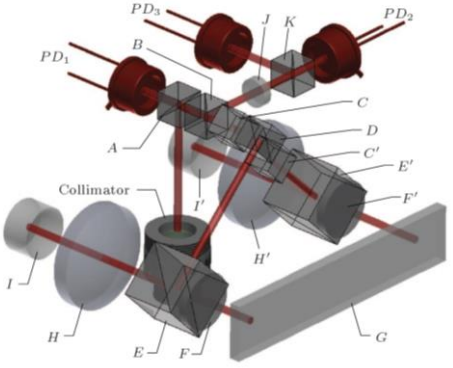
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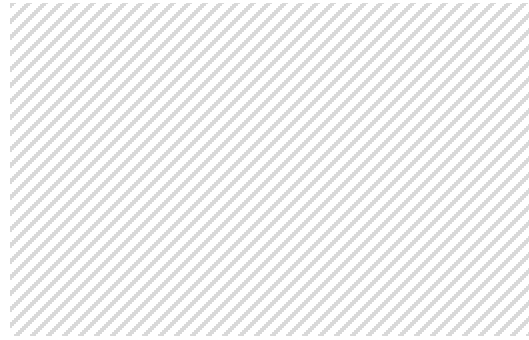
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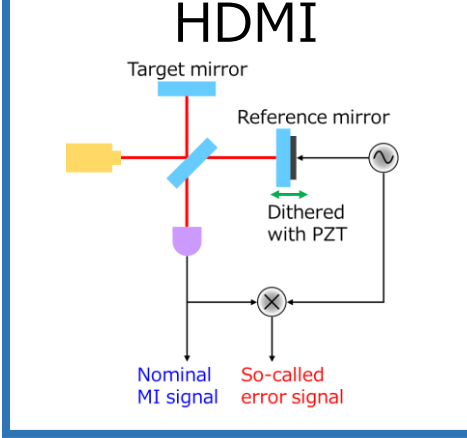


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### Mechanically

### Electrically



Today's seminar

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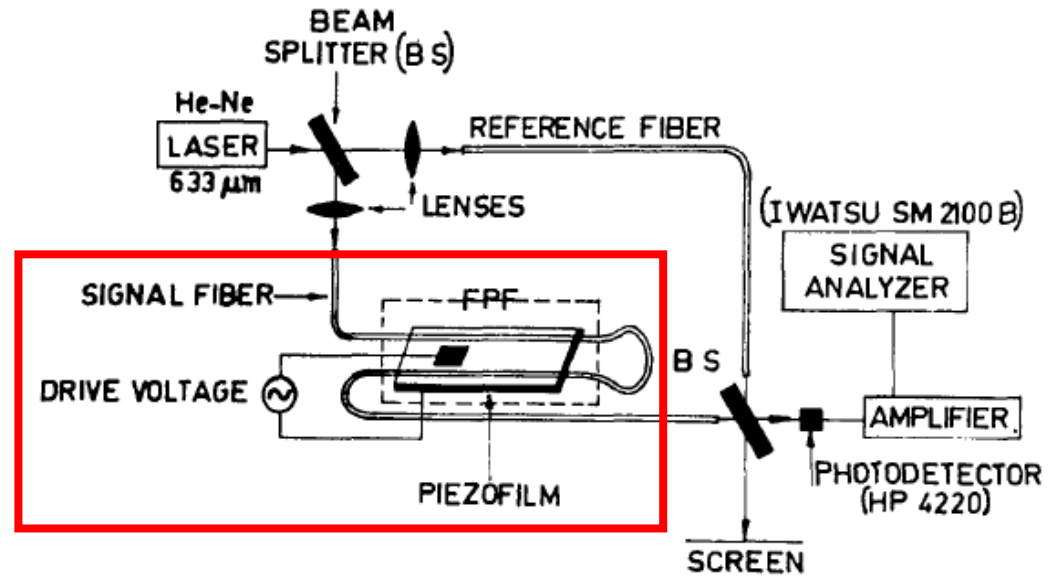
- Linear measurement over one fringe with spectral analysis and no feedback control
- Basic principle for deep phase/frequency modulation interferometer

Year	1980	1989	1993
Method	$J_1$ (max) $J_1$ (null) $J_1/J_2$ $J_1/J_3$	$J_1 \cdots J_4$	$J_1 \cdots J_6$ (neg) $J_1 \cdots J_6$ (pos)
Range	< 1.9 rad	~ 5 rad	~ 5 rad Accuracy and minimum detectable phase improved

# Setup

- A Mach-Zehnder interferometer with two fibers
- One arm fiber was stripped of its jacket and bonded onto a piezoelectric polyvinylidene fluoride film
- Piezofilm was driven by an electric signal to produce predictable phase shifts

Phase modulation  
(induced signal in this  
exp.) by piezofilm



# Principle

- Photodetector output can be expressed in three ways
  - Nominal

$$I(t) = A + B \cos[\varphi_0(t) + x \sin(\omega_s t + \varphi_s)],$$

- Bessel functions

$$I(t) = A + B \left( \left[ J_0(x) \cos \varphi_0(t) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_{2n}(x) \cos \varphi_0(t) (\cos 2n\omega_s t \cos 2n\varphi_s - \sin 2n\omega_s t \sin 2n\varphi_s) \right] - \left\{ 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_{2n-1}(x) \sin \varphi_0(t) [\sin(2n-1)\omega_s t \times \cos(2n-1)\varphi_s + \cos(2n-1)\omega_s t \sin(2n-1)\varphi_s] \right\} \right).$$

$\varphi_0$ : interferometer phase  
 $x$ : modulation depth (signal)  
 $\omega_s$ : modulation frequency  
 $\varphi_s$ : modulation phase

- Fourier series

$$I(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(n\omega_s t) - b_n \sin(n\omega_s t)],$$

# Principle

- By comparing expressions with Bessel functions and Fourier series, we can derive

$$\text{odd terms} \begin{cases} a_{2n-1} = -2BJ_{2n-1}(x)\sin \varphi_0(t)\sin(2n - 1)\varphi_S, \\ b_{2n-1} = 2BJ_{2n-1}(x)\sin \varphi_0(t)\cos(2n - 1)\varphi_S, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{even terms} \begin{cases} a_{2n} = 2BJ_{2n}(x)\cos \varphi_0(t)\cos 2n\varphi_S, \\ b_{2n} = 2BJ_{2n}(x)\cos \varphi_0(t)\sin 2n\varphi_S, \end{cases} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

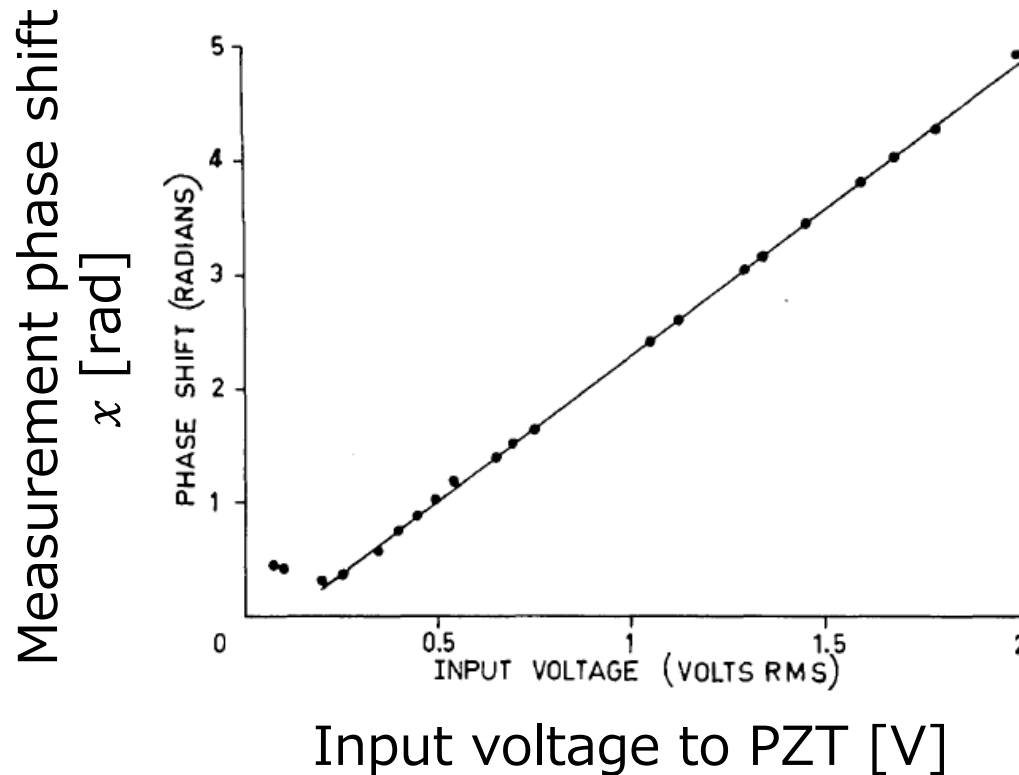
→ Bessel functions are extracted from Fourier transform

- Modulation depth is calculated from Bessel functions

$$x^2 = \frac{24J_2(x)J_3(x)}{[J_2(x) + J_4(x)][J_1(x) + J_3(x)]}.$$

- Other parameters ( $\varphi_0, \dots$ ) are also calculated (later)

# Result



- $J_1 \cdots J_4$  method can measured phase up to 5 rad (= over one fringe) linearly

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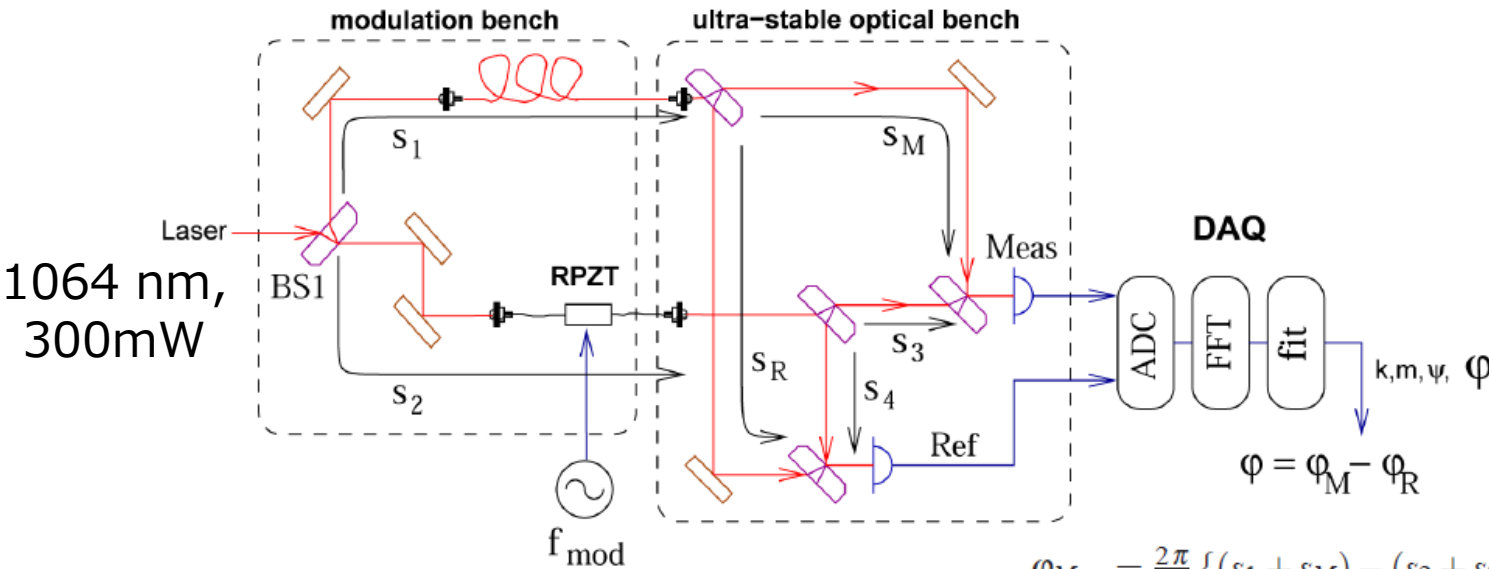
- Proposed and developed by AEI (+ Spain)
- Extension of  $J_1 \cdots J_4$  method
- Phase modulation with depth of  $>5$  rad  $\rightarrow$  “deep”
- Motivation: not clearly, but for LISA?
  - Experiment with LISA Pathfinder optical bench
  - Proceedings for LISA symposium
- Advantage: good sensitivity, large linear range, simple optics
- Disadvantage: complicated data analysis
  - Analysis for quadrature interferometers itself is already a bit complicated, but this is more complicated, I think
  - They use some algorithms (Levenberg-Marquardt, Nelder-Mead Simplex, etc.), but I will not explain today

# Setup

- LISA Pathfinder optical bench
- Fiber-coupled Mach-Zehnder interferometer

Standard metal optical breadboard

20 cm×20 cm Zerodur baseplate with optical components fixed by hydroxide-catalysis bonding, 5 pm/√Hz above 1 mHz



1064 nm,  
300mW

Fiber coiled around ring piezo-electric transducers,  
4.5 V<sub>p-p</sub>,  $f_{mod} = 280$  Hz,  $m = 9.7$

A few μm,  
common mode  
rejection ↓

$$\varphi_M = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \{ (s_1 + s_M) - (s_2 + s_3) \} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \{ (s_M - s_3) + \Delta \},$$

$$\varphi_R = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \{ (s_1 + s_R) - (s_2 + s_4) \} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \{ (s_R - s_4) + \Delta \},$$

$$\varphi = \varphi_M - \varphi_R = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \{ s_M - (s_R + s_3 - s_4) \}$$

# Data analysis

- Output of PD was processed by FFT

$$V_{\text{PD}}(t) = V_{\text{DC}}(\varphi) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(m, \varphi) \cos(n(\omega_m t + \psi))$$

$$a_n(m, \varphi) = k J_n(m) \cos\left(\varphi + n \frac{\pi}{2}\right),$$

- $m, \varphi, \psi, k$  was obtained by minimizing  $\chi^2$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N (\alpha_n(m, \varphi) - \tilde{\alpha}_n(m, \varphi))^2,$$

$$n \psi = \arctan\left(\frac{\Im\{\alpha_n(m, \varphi)\}}{\Re\{\alpha_n(m, \varphi)\}}\right),$$

$$a_n(m, \varphi) = \alpha_n(m, \varphi) e^{-in\psi},$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3 \dots N,$$

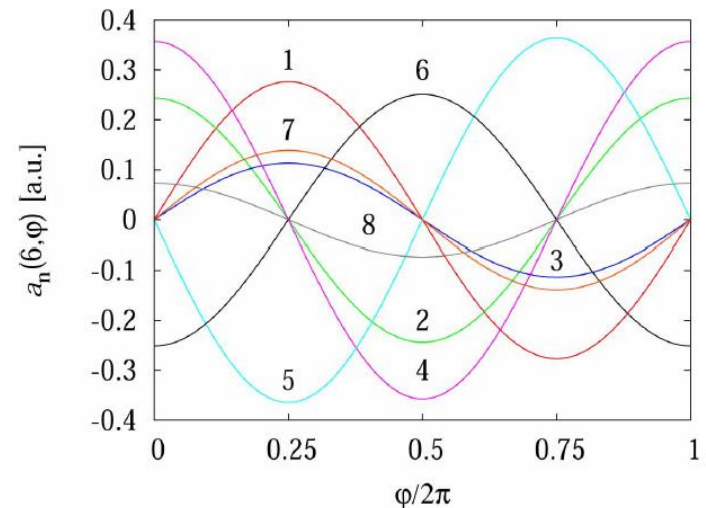


Fig. 2. Dependence of the harmonics amplitudes  $a_n(m, \varphi)$  with respect to the interferometer phase  $\varphi$  with a modulation depth  $m = 6$  rad.

# Modulation index, number of bins

- To measure the phase accurately, we should choose a suitable modulation index and number of bins for FFT
- For a deeper modulation, the signal power is distributed into more and higher harmonic bins  
→ Deep phase modulation is required to extract the harmonic amplitudes for processing by numerical fit
- In this experiment,  $m = 9.7$  and  $N = 10$  were chosen

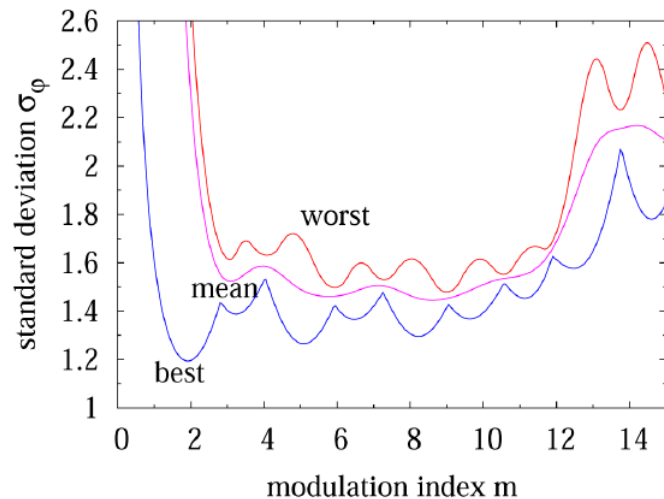


Fig. 3. Ideal resolution in  $\varphi$  as function of the modulation index  $m$  for  $N = 10$ , for the best and worst  $\varphi$  as well as the average for all  $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

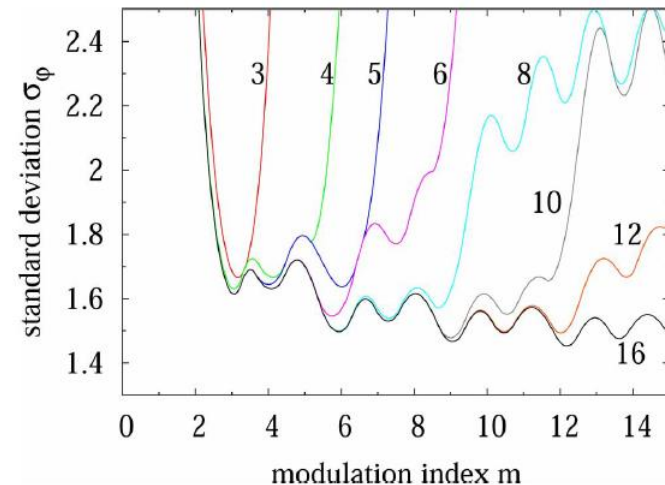


Fig. 4. Ideal resolution in  $\varphi$  as function of the modulation index  $m$  for different orders  $N$ , for the worst value of  $\varphi$  at each point of each curve.

# Sensitivity

- All PDs on LPF optical bench are QPDs  
→ Both length and tilt can be measured

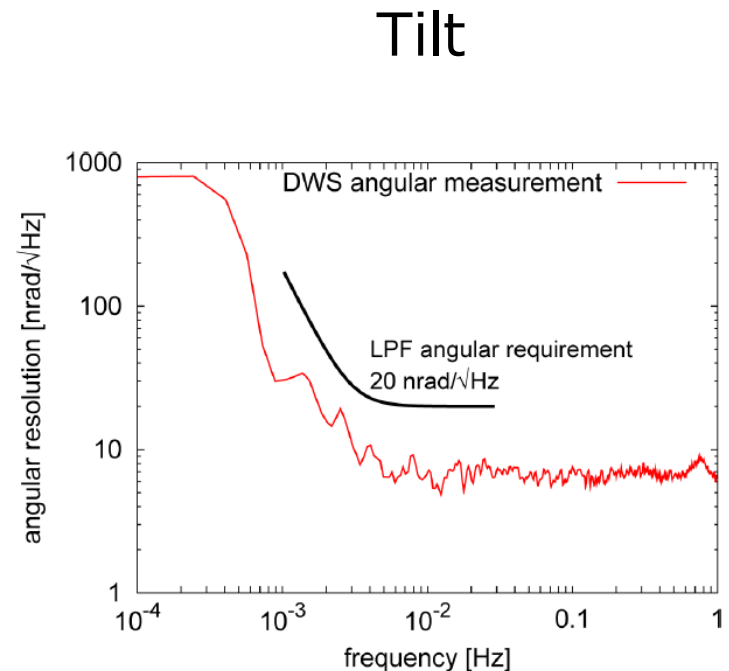
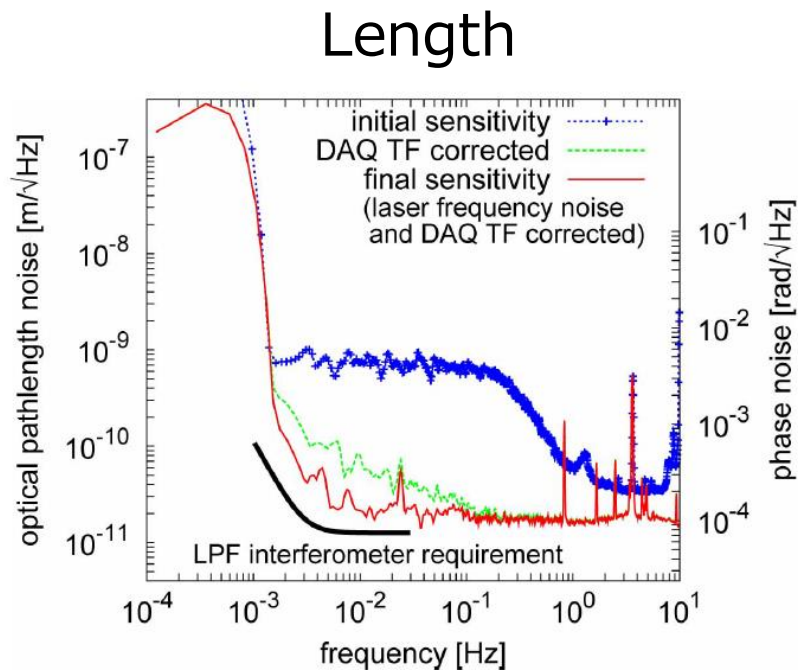


Fig. 6. Sensitivity of real optical pathlength measurements. Dashed curve with crosses: initial sensitivity prior to noise correction techniques. Dashed curve: sensitivity upon correction of DAQ frequency response. Solid curve: sensitivity reach after application of noise mitigation strategies -laser frequency noise and DAQ frequency response-.

Fig. 7. Angular resolution obtained by applying a DWS algorithm to the phases extracted from individual cells of a quadrant photodetector.

20 pm/√Hz

10 nrad/√Hz

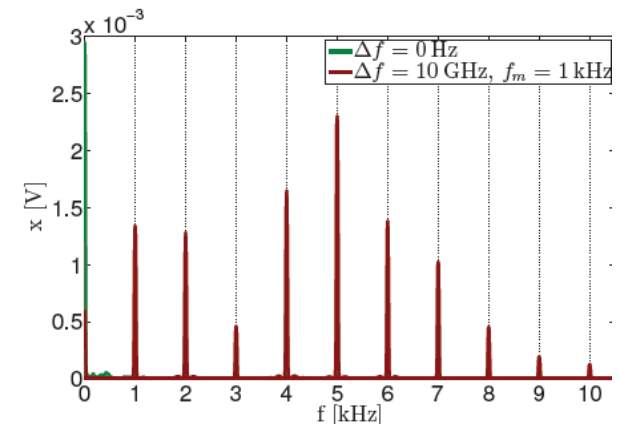
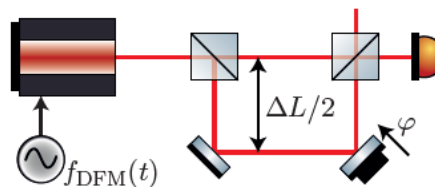
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# Overview

- Proposed and simulated by Univ. of Maryland
- No experimental demonstration so far
- Almost the same as deep phase modulation, but frequency modulation instead of phase modulation
- Schnapp asymmetry  $\Delta L$  is needed because of modulation with a laser source (= in front of BS)
  - Of course, phase modulation also requires Schnapp asymmetry if modulating in front of BS
- Effective modulation index  $m = 2\pi\Delta f\Delta L/c$ 
  - Larger signal with longer  $\Delta L$  (when  $\Delta L < \lambda_{\text{mod}}$ )



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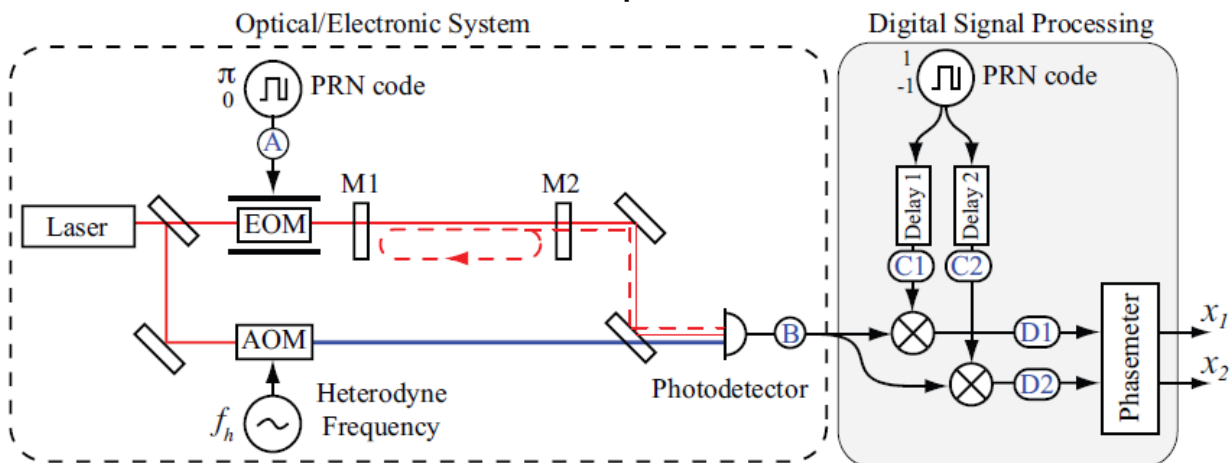
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- Proposed and developed by Caltech
- Currently developed by ANU
- Motivation: not clearly, but for LISA?
  - Classified as a space technology on the ANU website  
[ANU - Digital interferometry](#)
- Pseudo-random noise code → “digitally enhanced”
- Advantage: good sensitivity, large linear range, simple optics, **measurement of multiple test masses with one interferometer**
- Disadvantage: complicated data analysis

# Principle (intuitively)

- Pseudo-random noise (PRN) code: zero or  $\pi$  phase shift
- Demodulation taking into account the delay from EOM to PD
  - Single pass: EOM  $\rightarrow$  M1  $\rightarrow$  M2  $\rightarrow$  PD
  - One round-trip: EOM  $\rightarrow$  M1  $\rightarrow$  M2  $\rightarrow$  M1  $\rightarrow$  M2  $\rightarrow$  PD



	Matched decoding delay	Mismatched decoding delay
Conventional heterodyne		
PRN encoding	(A) $0$ $\pi$	(A) $0$ $\pi$
Detected single-pass signal	(B)	(B)
PRN decoding	(C1) $1$ $-1$	(C2) $1$ $-1$
Decoded output	(D1)	(D2)

# Principle (with formula)

Probe beam at PD

$$c(t) = \pm 1$$

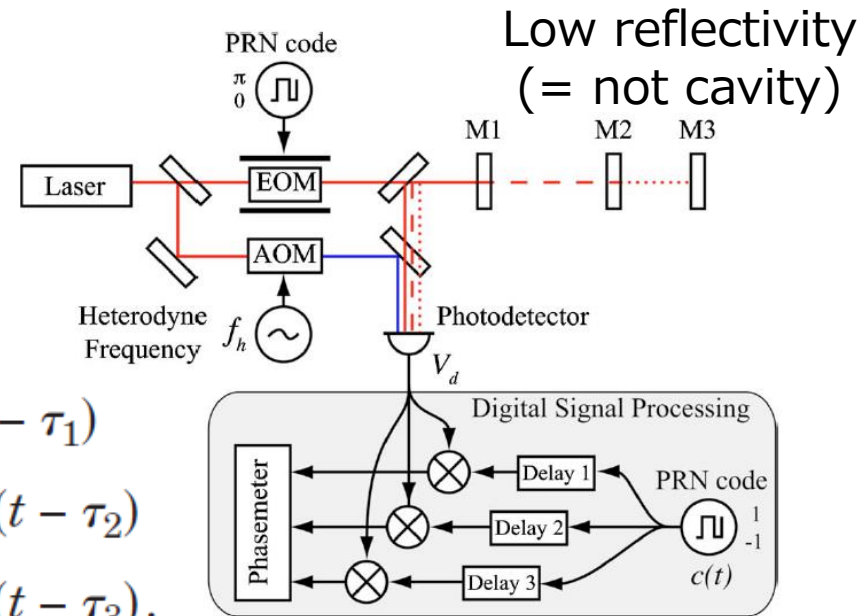
$$\tilde{E}_P = E_1 e^{-i\phi_1} c(t - \tau_1) + E_2 e^{-i\phi_2} c(t - \tau_2) + E_3 e^{-i\phi_3} c(t - \tau_3),$$

LO at PD

$$\tilde{E}_{LO} = e^{-i(2\pi f_h t + \phi_{LO})}.$$

AC output of PD

$$\begin{aligned} V_d(t) = & E_1 \cos(\phi_1 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) c(t - \tau_1) \\ & + E_2 \cos(\phi_2 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) c(t - \tau_2) \\ & + E_3 \cos(\phi_3 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) c(t - \tau_3). \end{aligned}$$



Demodulation signal for M1

$$\begin{aligned} V_{M1}(t) = & E_1 \cos(\phi_1 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) \\ & + E_2 \cos(\phi_2 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) c(t - \tau_2) c(t - \tau_1) \\ & + E_3 \cos(\phi_3 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO}) c(t - \tau_3) c(t - \tau_1). \end{aligned}$$

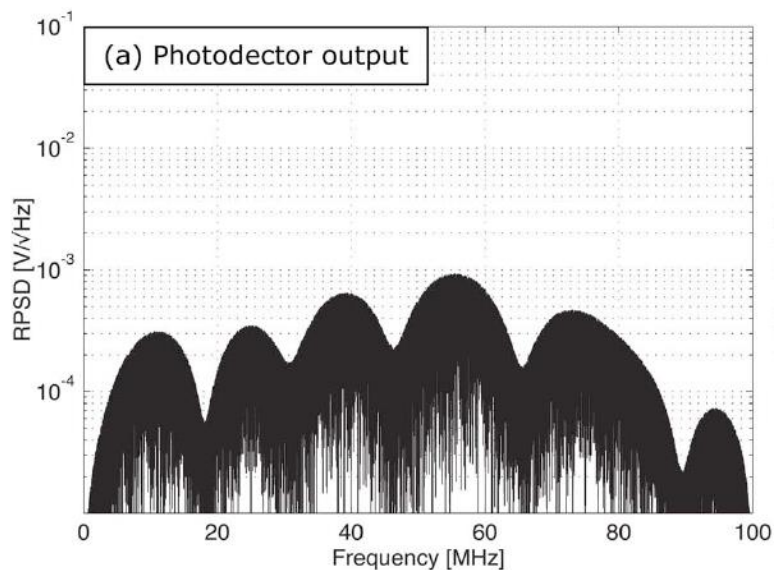
$$\begin{aligned} V_{M1} &= V_d \times c(t - \tau_1) \\ c(t - \tau_1) \times c(t - \tau_1) &: \text{always } +1 \\ c(t - \tau_1) \times c(t - \tau_{2 \text{ or } 3}) &: \text{random} \end{aligned}$$

# Principle (with formula)

## PSD of simulated signal

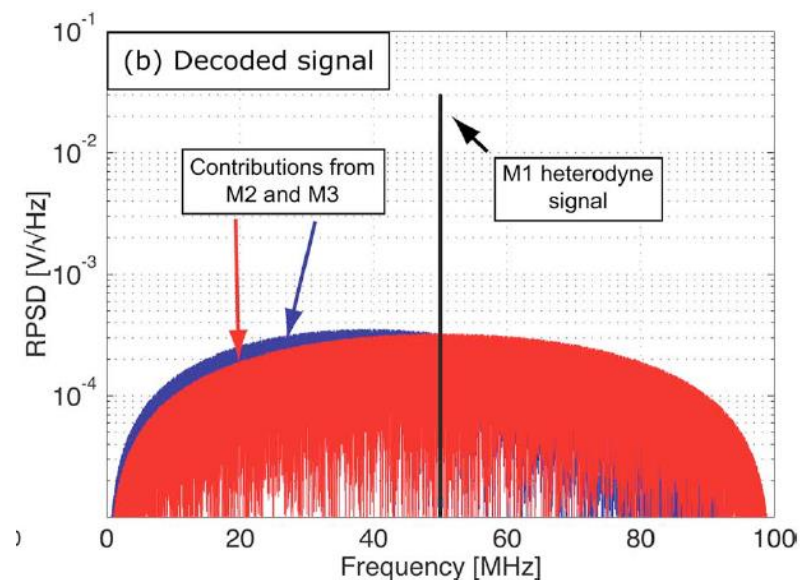
### AC output of PD

$$V_d(t) = E_1 \cos(\phi_1 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO})c(t - \tau_1) \\ + E_2 \cos(\phi_2 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO})c(t - \tau_2) \\ + E_3 \cos(\phi_3 - 2\pi f_h t - \phi_{LO})c(t - \tau_3).$$



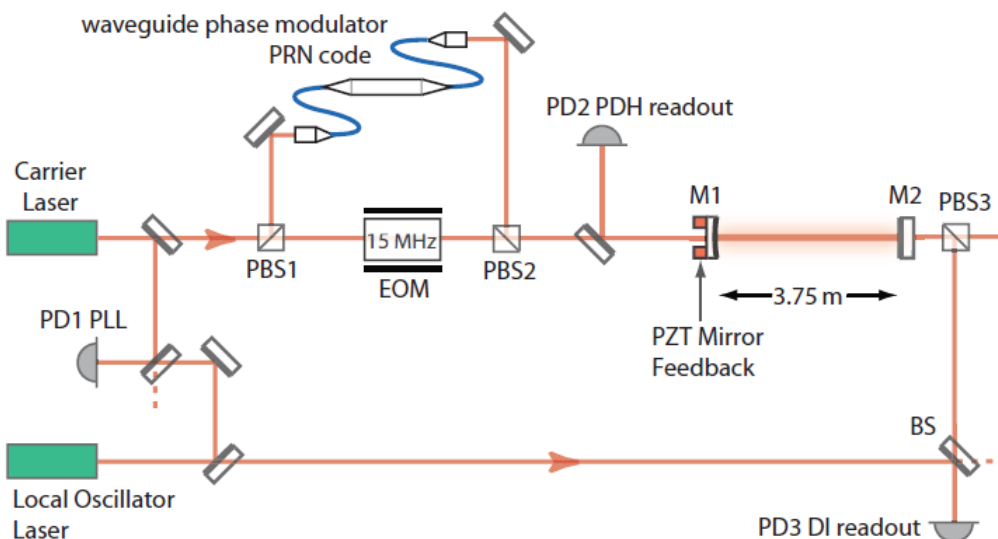
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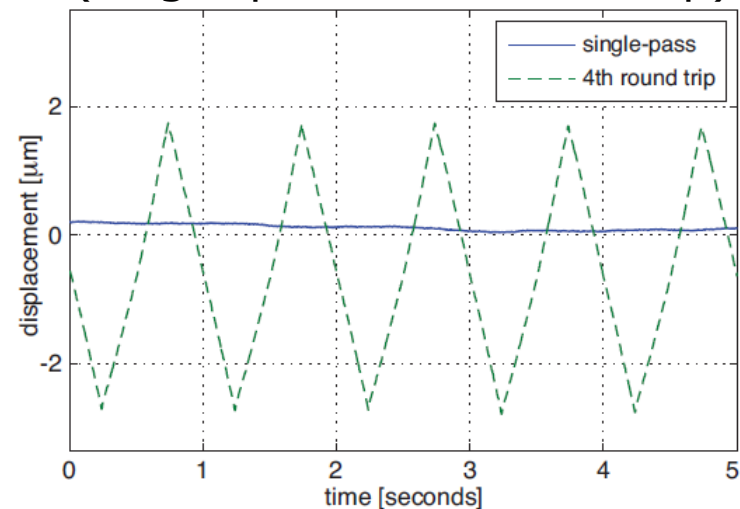


- $f_h = 50$  MHz
- $f_{\text{chip}} = 50$  Mchip/sec
- M1-M2: 6 m, M2-M3: 3 m ( $\Delta L$  should be  $\geq c/2f_{\text{chip}}$ )

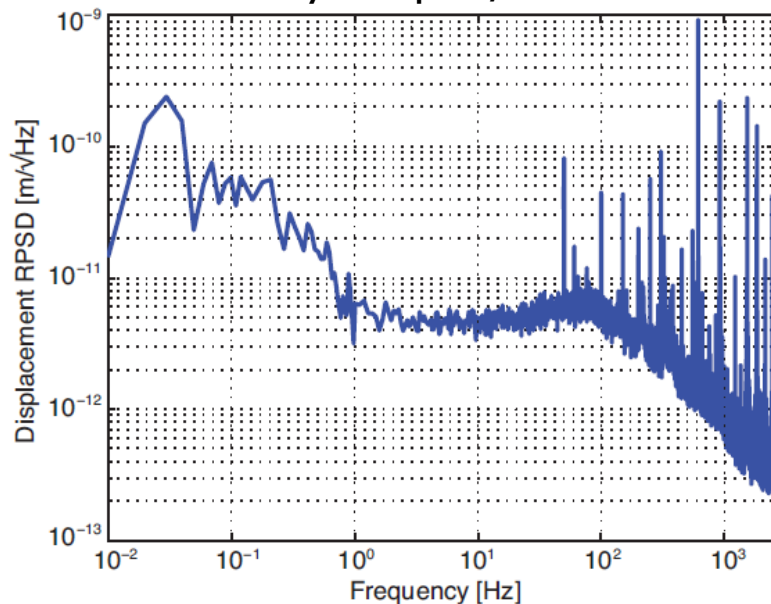
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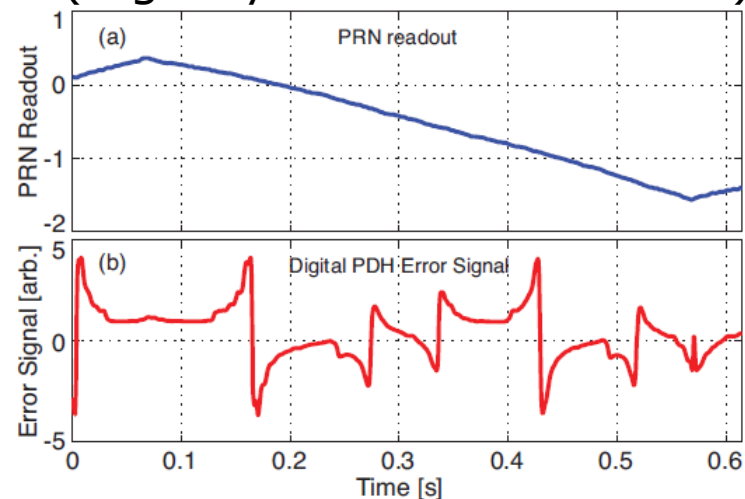
## Cavity scan (single-pass and round-trip)



## Sensitivity: $5 \text{ pm}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 1 Hz



## Cavity scan (Digitally enhanced and PDH)



# Summary

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Name of interferometers	University	Design & characteristics	Sensitivity	References
Deep phase modulation interferometer	AEI, Spain	Homodyne, phase modulation to one arm	$2 \times 10^{-11}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 1 Hz	<a href="#">G. Heinzel+ (2010)</a> <a href="#">T. S. Schwarze+ (2014)</a> <a href="#">M. Terán+ (2015)</a>
Deep frequency modulation interferometer	Univ. of Maryland	Homodyne, freq. modulation to laser source	No experiment	<a href="#">O. Gerberding (2015)</a>
Digitally enhanced heterodyne interferometer	Caltech, ANU	Heterodyne, PRN code phase modulation to one arm, multiple TMs measurement	$5 \times 10^{-12}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 1 Hz	<a href="#">D. A. Shaddock (2007)</a> <a href="#">O. P. Lay+ (2007)</a> <a href="#">G. de Vine+ (2009)</a>