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**Coupling of relative intensity** noise and path length noise to the length measurement in the optical metrology system of LISA Pathfinder Andreas Wittchen on behalf of the LPF Collabora LISA Symposium Zürich, Switzerland 5. September 2016





$$\begin{split} I_{photo} &= P(t) \left( 1 \pm c \cos(\omega_{het} t + \phi) \right) \\ P(t) &= P_0 \left( 1 + \hat{r} \cos(\omega_{RIN} t + \alpha) \right) \\ & \text{Relative Intensity Noise} \end{split}$$



#### $I_{photo} = P_0 \left( 1 + \hat{r} \cos(\omega_{RIN} t + \alpha) \right) \left( 1 \pm c \cos(\omega_{het} t + \phi) \right)$

#### constant

regular beatnote





#### $I_{photo} = P_0 \left( 1 + \hat{r} \cos(\omega_{RIN} t + \alpha) \right) \left( 1 \pm c \cos(\omega_{het} t + \phi) \right)$

 $\omega_{RIN} + \omega_{het}$  $\omega_{RIN} - \omega_{het}$ 

 $\omega_{\text{RIN}}$ 

Noise freq.	ω <sub>RIN</sub>	$\omega_{\text{RIN}} + \omega_{\text{het}}$	$\omega_{\text{RIN}}$ - $\omega_{\text{het}}$



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 $\omega_{RIN}$ 

Noise freq.	ω <sub>RIN</sub>	$\omega_{RIN} + \omega_{het}$	$\omega_{\text{RIN}}$ - $\omega_{\text{het}}$
$\omega_{\text{RIN}} \approx 0$	DC	ω <sub>het</sub>	ω <sub>het</sub>
$\omega_{\rm RIN} \approx \omega_{\rm het}$	ω <sub>het</sub>	2 ω <sub>het</sub>	DC
$\omega_{\text{RIN}} \approx 2\omega_{\text{het}}$	2ω <sub>het</sub>	$3 \omega_{het}$	ω <sub>het</sub>











- Balanced detection
- suppresses some noise sources







- Balanced detection
- $\bullet$  does not suppress RIN at  $2\omega_{\text{het}}$





- Remaining noise subtracted with reference Interferometer
- depends on phase difference







Noise freq.	ω <sub>RIN</sub>	$\omega_{RIN} + \omega_{het}$	$\omega_{\text{RIN}}$ - $\omega_{\text{het}}$
$\omega_{\text{RIN}} \approx 0$	DC	W <sub>net</sub>	Wnet
$\omega_{\text{RIN}} \approx \omega_{\text{het}}$	Whet	2 ω <sub>het</sub>	DC
$\omega_{\text{RIN}} \approx 2\omega_{\text{het}}$	2ω <sub>het</sub>	$3 \omega_{het}$	ω <sub>het</sub>



**Subtraction overview** 

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#### **In-flight Experiment**



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RIN2f = 'sqrt( ( A2f.\*sin(4\*pi\*1/w\*(samples)) ).^2 ) '; noise\_floor = 'noise\_floor';

fit\_function = [RIN2f '+' noise\_floor];



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### In-flight Experiment



	fminsearch(chi2)	fminsearch(chi2) (error)	Units
A2f	126.82	6.649	[fm Hz(-1/2)]
W	1063.9	5.485	[nm]
noise_floor	24.834	4.264	$[\operatorname{fm}\operatorname{Hz}(-1/2)]$













#### RIN matters balanced detection and test mass position are important



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#### Thanks!



```
...] = a
    LPFParam('A2f', 130, 'fm Hz^(-1/2)', 'The Amplitude of RIN at 2kHz'),...
    LPFParam('w', 1064, 'nm', 'The wavelength'),...
    LPFParam('noise floor', 1, 'fm Hz^{-1/2})', 'The noise floor, this is the minimum noise
    ];
p = p.toPest;
p.setName('p');
% changed 2pi to 4pi
% RIN1f = 'sqrt((A1f.*sin(4*pi*0.5*1/w*(samples))).^2)';
RIN2f = 'sqrt( ( A2f.*sin(4*pi*1/w*(samples)) ).^2 ) ';
noise_floor = 'noise_floor';
fit function = [RIN2f '+' noise floor];
mdl = mfh(plist(...
                'name',
                                    'temp',...
                                   'custom',...
                'built-in',
                'numeric'.
                                    true,...
                'params',
                                    p,...
                'func',
                                   fit_function,...
                'constants', {'stupid', 'data', 'samples'},...
                'constant objects', {o12, dataset, xValues}));
```

# Amplitude noise - 2009





Figure 3: Average phase noise with respect to the DC value of the phase, when band passed amplitude noise is injected via de AOM drivers.