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Calibration for the ALLEGRO resonant detector -- S2 and S4

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Outline

- Motivation, background
- Signal flow diagram, transfer function equations
- Discussion of calibration measurements
- Recent mysteries
- summary





Motivation

- Provide input to stochastic background analysis using ALLEGRO and LLO (John Whelan's talk earlier this week)
- Unlike an event list based search, a coherent search such as this requires a phase consistent response function for the detector signal path





ALLEGRO schematic





















So in practice the calibration amounts to --

$$\tilde{h}(f - f_r) = \frac{\tilde{z}_C(f - f_r)}{J(f)G(f)KZA(f - f_r)D}$$

Inverse fft then gives

 $h^{H}(t)$ complex heterodyned strain time series

Need to determine --

- Mode frequencies and Q's -- f_m , f_p , Q_m , Q_p
- overall scale -- in practice we measure $\alpha \cdot K \cdot Z$
 - α is mechanical gain -- includes
 'tuning factor'
- Lock-in amplifier parameters -gain, filter delay and phase shift
 - Also need to know the phase of the lock-in reference oscillator



New calibrator installed between S2 and S4 -- known transfer function

- One plate of capacitor is tightly coupled to bar.
- Other plate is weakly coupled to the bar, so acts like a free mass.
- Both plates electrically isolated.

Rest of detector unchanged -Measurements will apply to S2, Livi







The calibrator mounted on the bar







Transfer function - white noise excitation to measured output

measurements from 20 March 2004 -excitation measured through lock-in and A/D plotted here we have

TF = $H \cdot G(f) \cdot K \cdot Z$ gives us the overall scale - α

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Lock-in/ filter measurements

Band-limited white noise injection -recorded directly and through lockin/anti-aliasing filters







Compare fourier coefficients

Lock-in/filter introduces an 11ms delay and 18 degree phase shift



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Raw data





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Calibrated strain spectrum from S4



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A Problem

- Discrepancy between white noise injection data sets
 - discovered to be due to change in polarity of DC bias applied to calibrator (?!)
- Two mysteries
 - Nuisance mode at 885 Hz -- relative phase changes with DC bias polarity
 - > Apparent offset in DC bias voltage on calibrator





Transfer function magnitude, white noise injection -blue curve +3.99VDC nominal bias red curve -3.99VDC nominal bias







... now flip the plate to which the voltage is applied







we can certainly model extra mechanical modes -- but the phase flip is a mystery

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837Hz calibration line strength vs. calibrator bias



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- We have calibrated h(t) for S2 data set
- Hardware injections done for E12, S4 -- good news we are able to extract coherent signal between L1 and A1 (see Sukanta's earlier talk)
- Analyze burst injections done to determine overall sign of the calibration
- Need to investigate calibrator behavior with post S4 measurements -- be sure there is no problem with overall scale determination