

# *Signal processing techniques for characterizing nonlinear processes in turbulent plasmas*

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# Outline

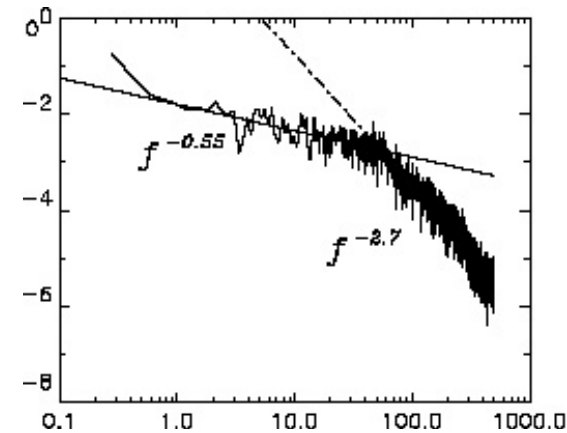
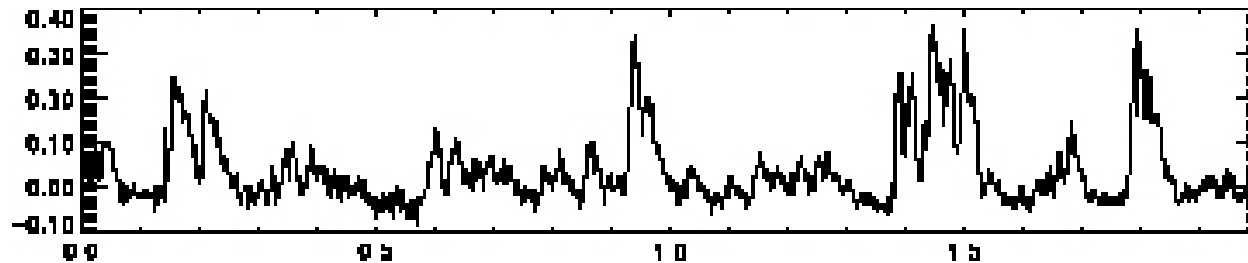
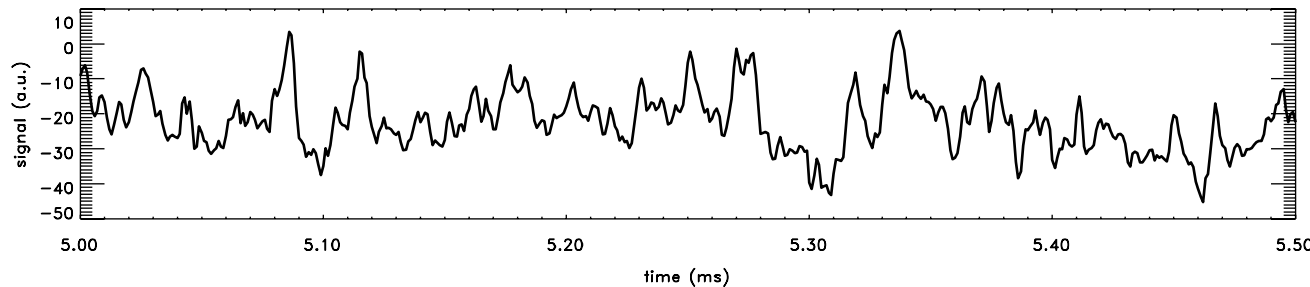
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# Turbulence and transport in the Scrape-off-Layer of Tokamaks

- Essential role played by intermittent and large scale structures ("blobs") in the cross-field energy and particle transport to the wall in the far Scrape-Off-Layer (SOL)
- From many experimental studies carried out in several machines (toroidal : Tore-Supra, W-7AS, Alcator-C, NSTX, D-IIID, ... and linear machines as well →
  - radially propagating "blobs" are responsible for ~50% of the transport
  - Study of statistical properties → signature of intermittency and "blobs" and of self-similarity (Hurst parameter  $\Rightarrow$  long-range correlations, SOC models?, ...)
- Open questions:
  - Origin and formation of the "blobs" (core plasma, relation with ELMs?, near the separatrix, inverse cascade process?), propagation velocity, time and size scales, → need for Diagnostics (probes arrays, imaging, ...), signal processing methods, comparison with numerical simulations, ...

# Time-series analysis (probe data)

Data in the form of time series are collected from a turbulent process  $\Rightarrow$   
How can we extract information from these time series



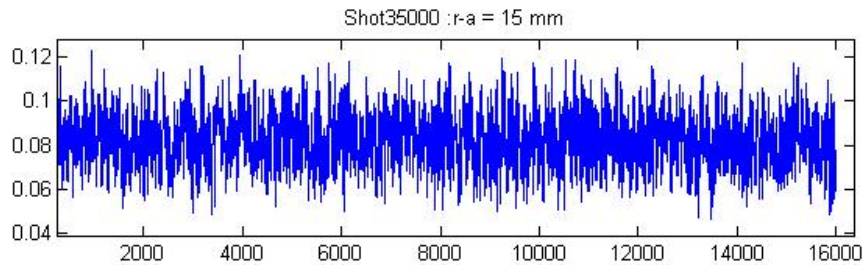
Experimental data  
from tokamaks

Intermittency, non linearity  $\Rightarrow$

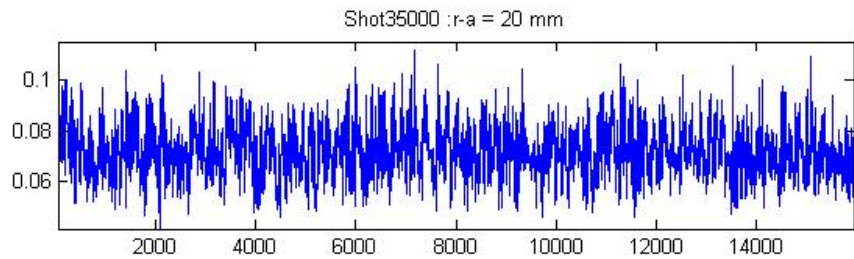
- "Classical" Methods =
- Statistical Analysis  $\rightarrow$  stationary stochastic processes
  - Fourier Methods = projection on an orthogonal basis, but with infinite support  $\Rightarrow$  Limitations

are inadequate

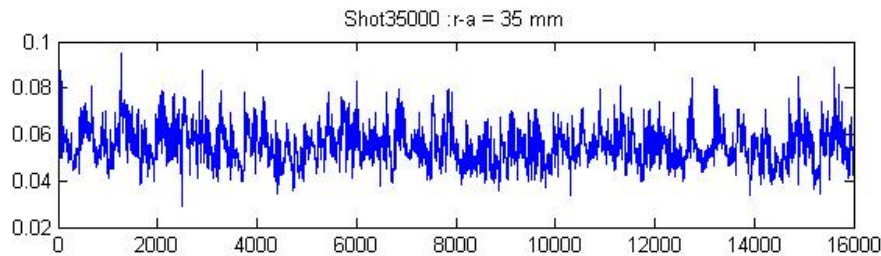
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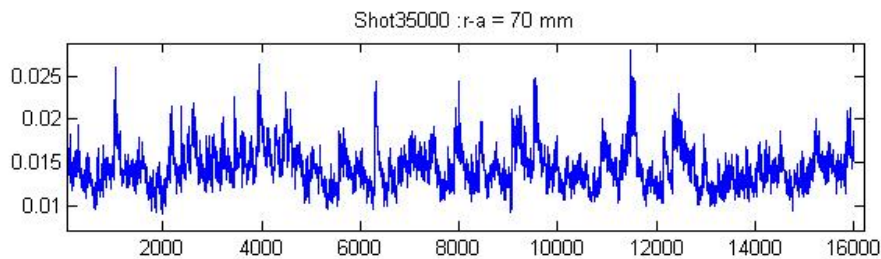
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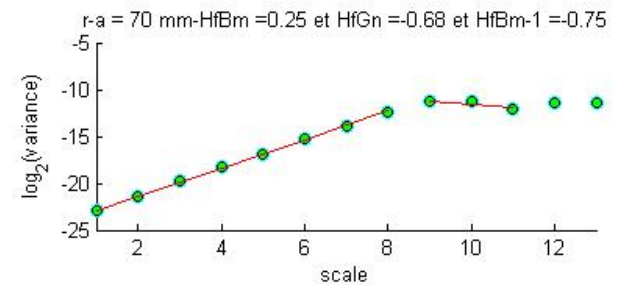
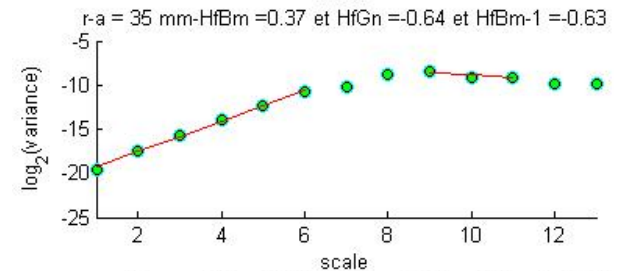
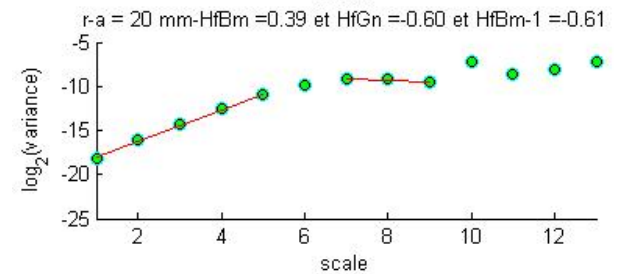
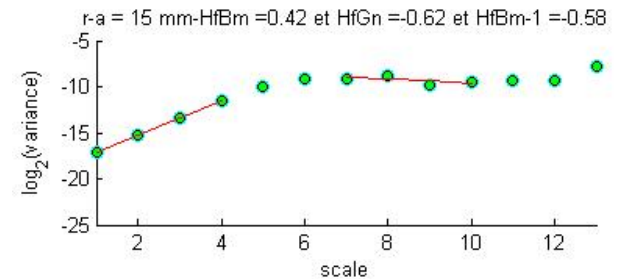
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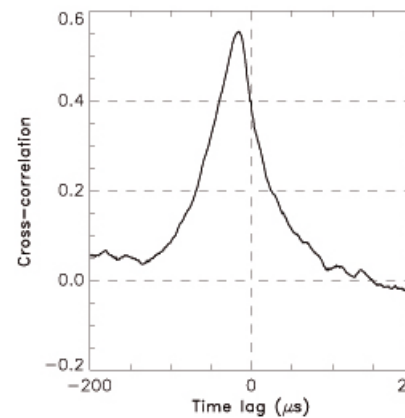
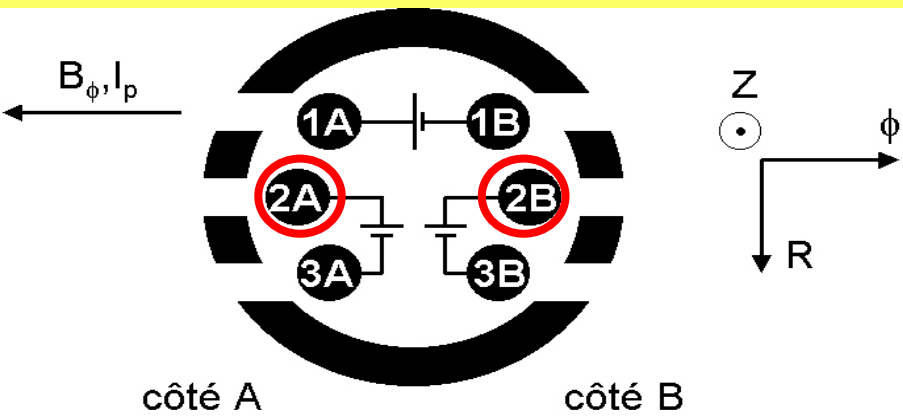
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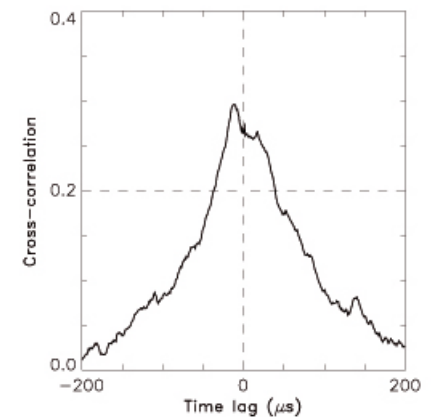
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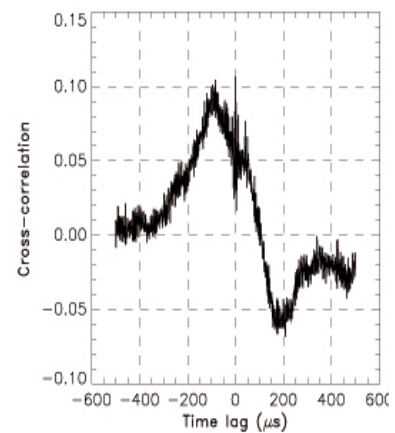


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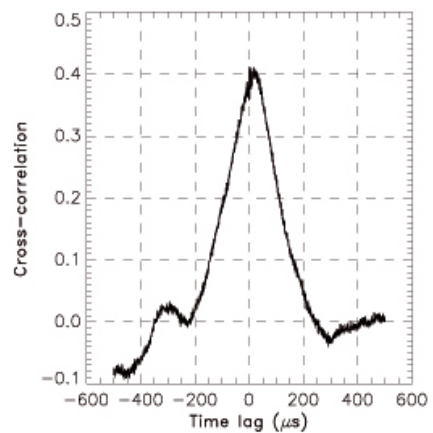


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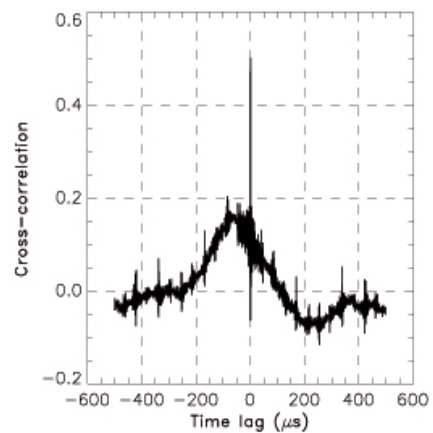
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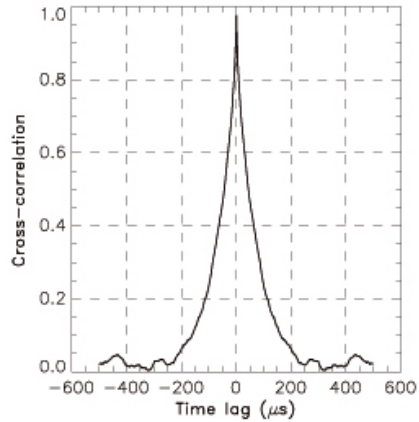


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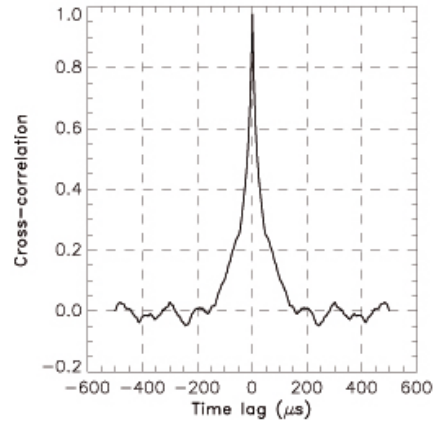
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Non Gaussian PDF related to intermittency

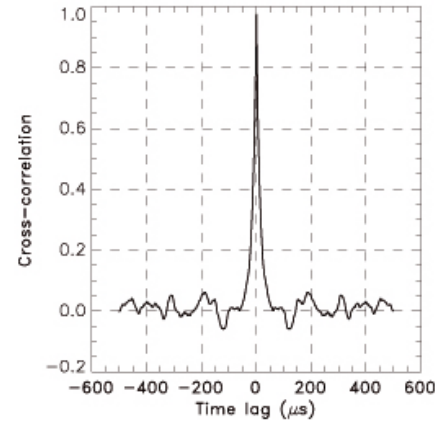
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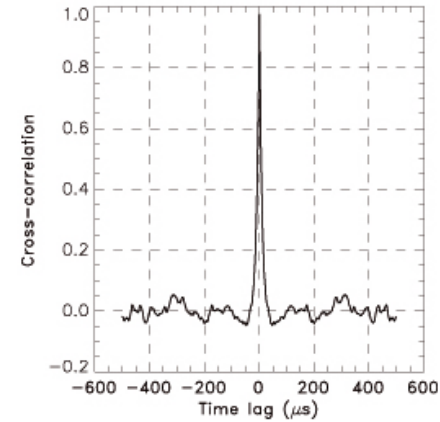
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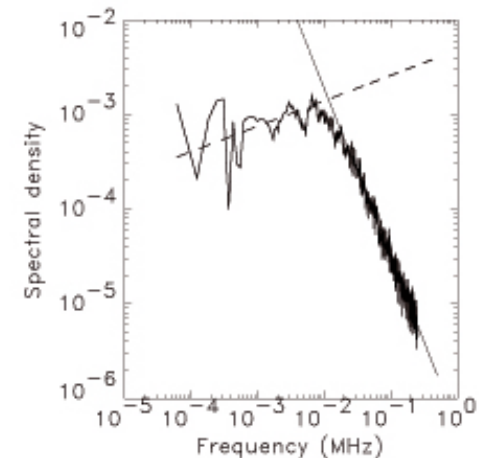
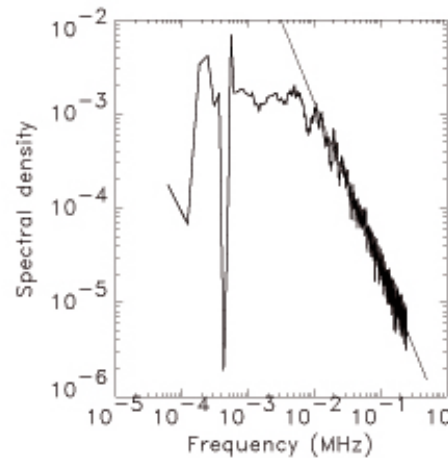
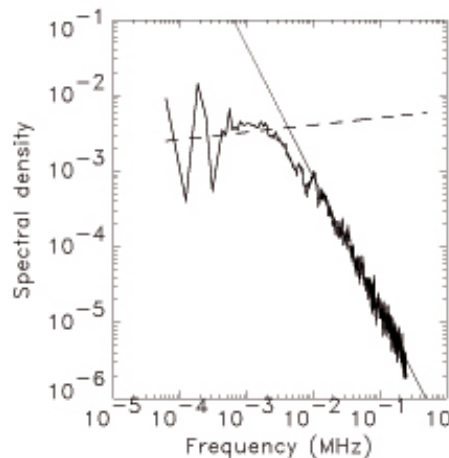
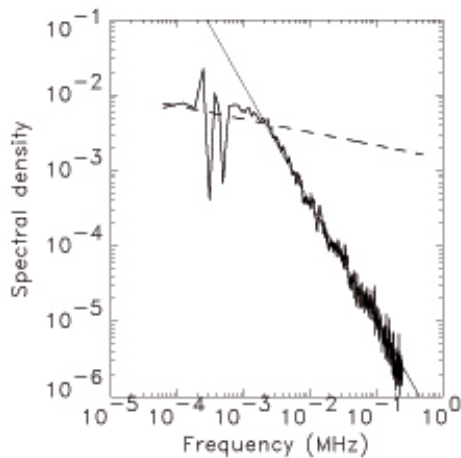
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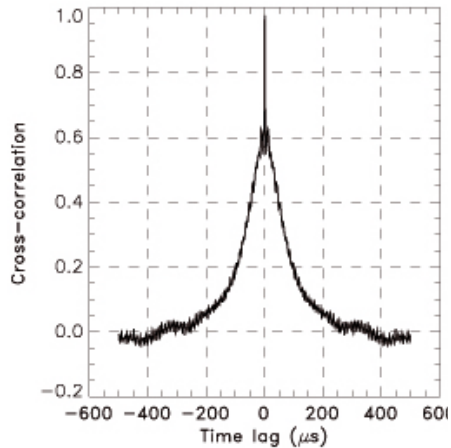
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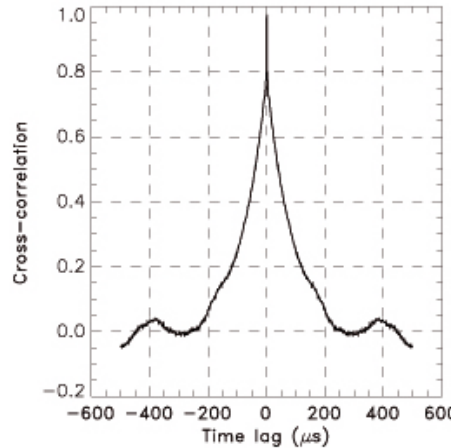
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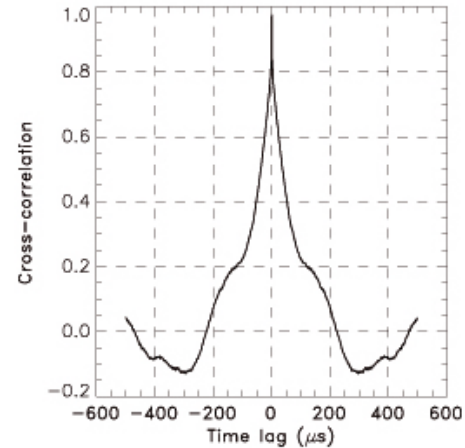
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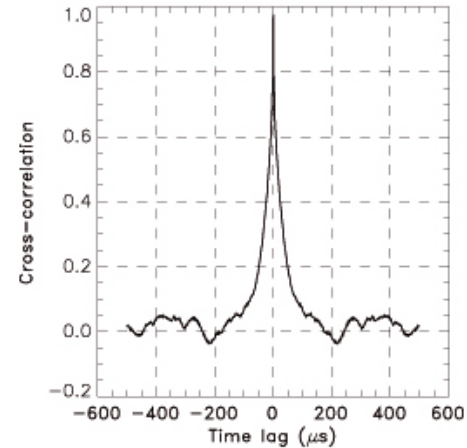
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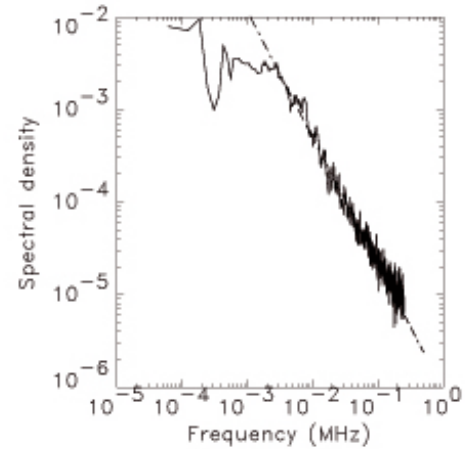
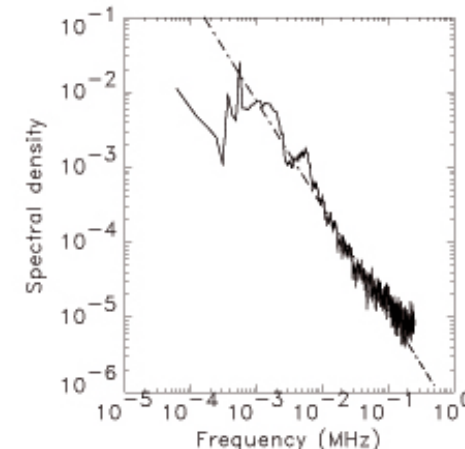
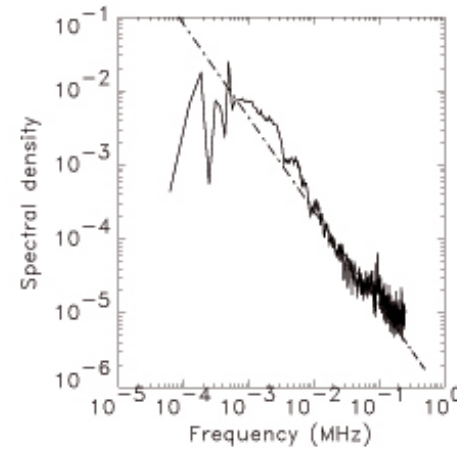
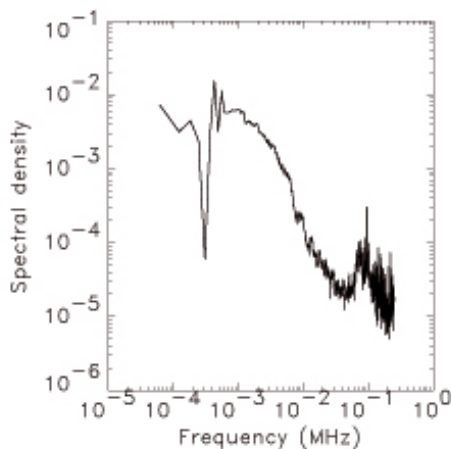
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Autocorrelations and Fourier spectra



# Drawbacks of Fourier methods

Fourier transform definition:

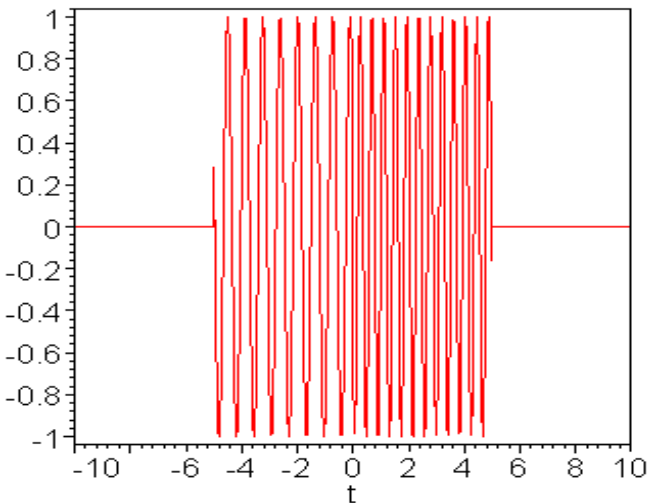
$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \Leftrightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega)e^{+i\omega t} d\omega$$

$\Rightarrow F(\omega)$  complex  $\Rightarrow$  Information on time localisation contained in the phase

$\Rightarrow$  difficult access

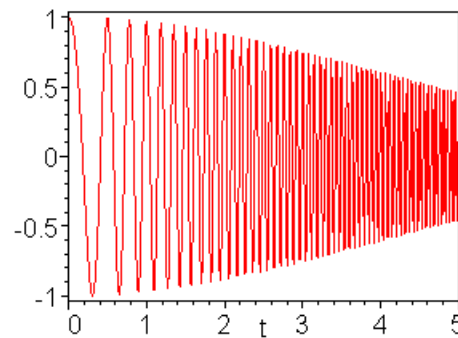
- Example 1  $\rightarrow$  A musician playing either successively two  $\neq$  notes, or simultaneously these two notes  $\Rightarrow$  same amplitude spectra

$$S_{ff}(\omega) = |F(\omega)|^2$$



$$\begin{cases} \sin \omega_0(t - \tau) & -5 < t < 0 \\ \sin 1.5\omega_0(t - \tau) & 0 < t < 5 \end{cases}$$

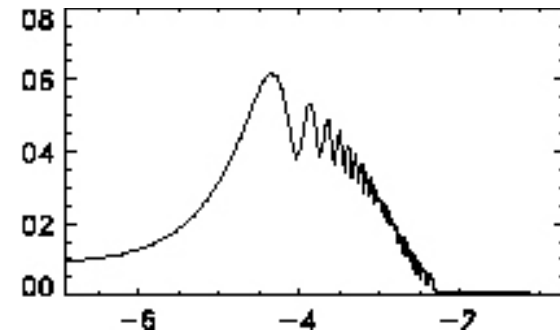
with  $\tau = 1$  ;  $\omega_0 = 10$



$$e^{-\pi^2/\delta^2} \cos 2\pi(f_0 t + \beta t^2)$$

with  $\delta=10$  ;  $\beta=2$  ;  $f_0=1$

*chirp*

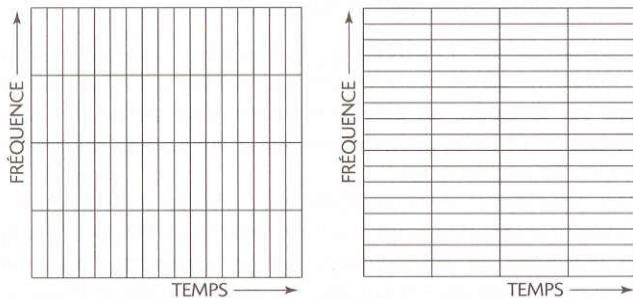


Spectral density

# Solution: Wavelets?

- Short-time (or windowed) Fourier transform

→ (DFT of sub-series)  $\Rightarrow$   $P_b$  : frequency resolution  $\Delta\nu = 1/T$

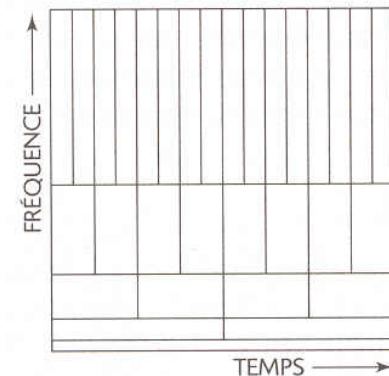


the time resolution is the same  
at all frequencies

- Wavelet transform = generalization of the Fourier analysis

→ change for an other analysis function

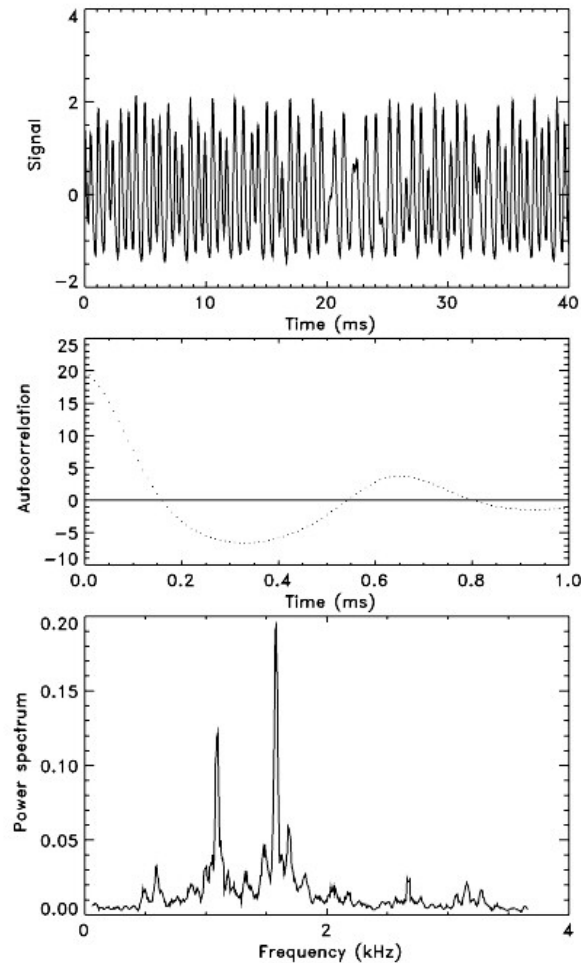
giving a time resolution depending  
on the frequency



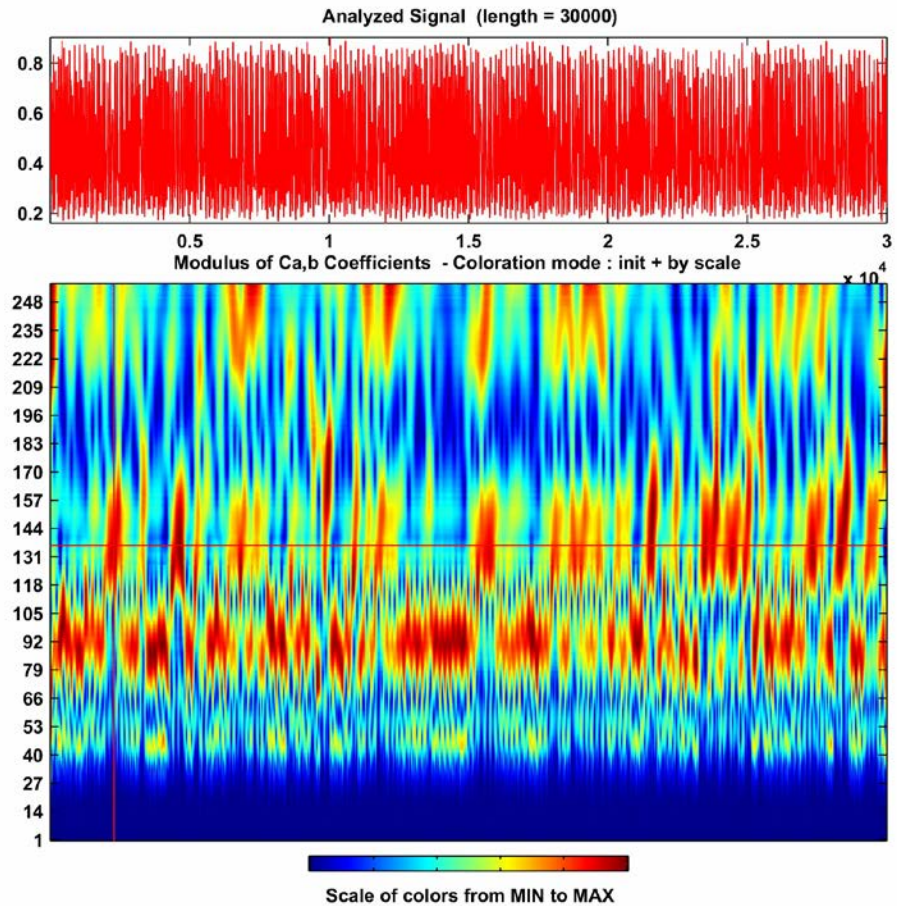
$\Rightarrow$  find an orthogonal basis localised in time and frequency

# Intermittency between two modes

Ionization waves in a glow discharge ( $I = 3 \text{ mA}$ )

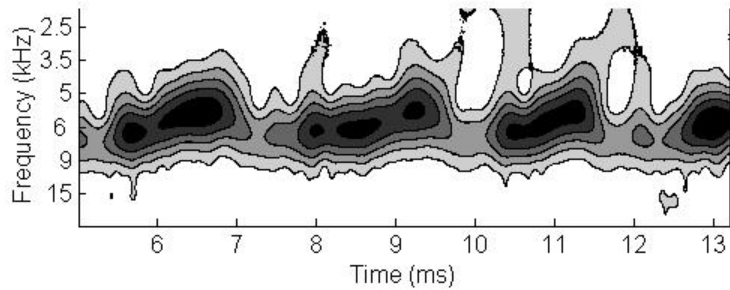
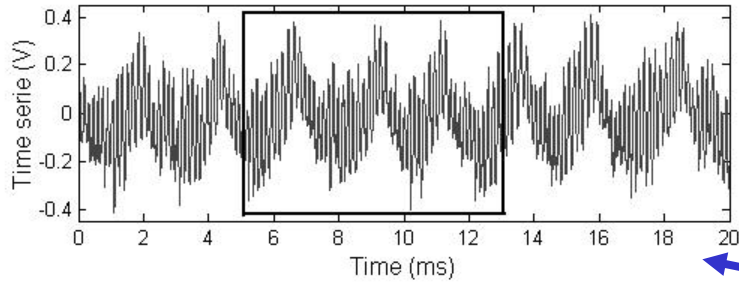


$f_1 = 1.05 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $f_2 = 1.55 \text{ kHz}$

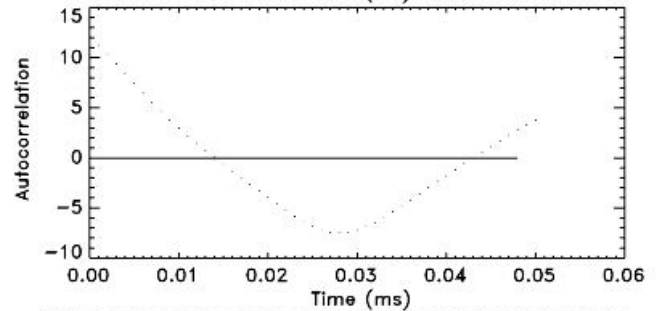
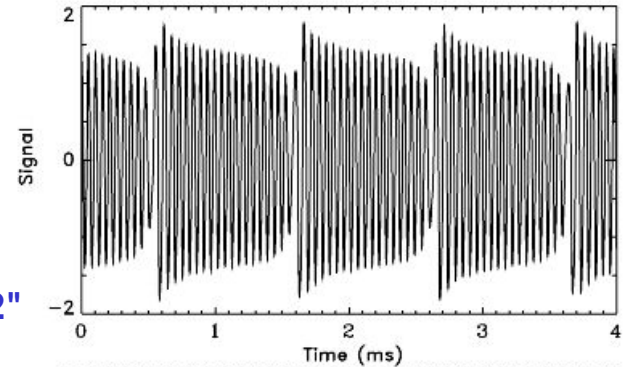


Time-frequency representation (Morlet)

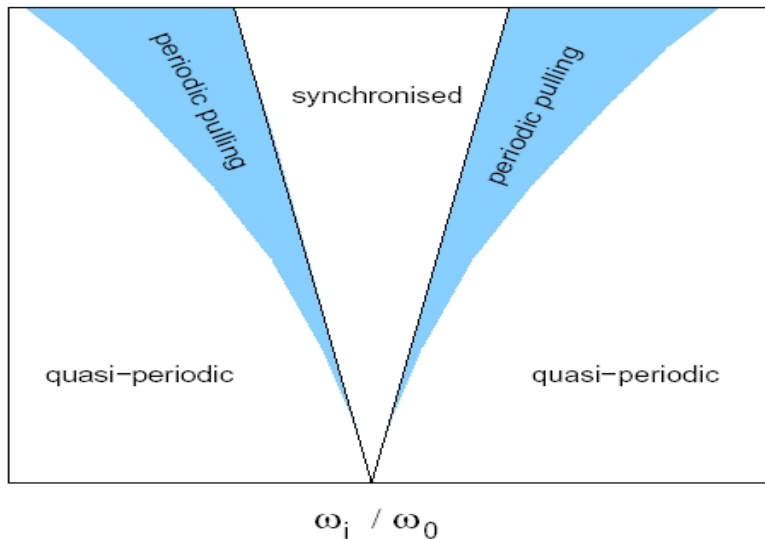
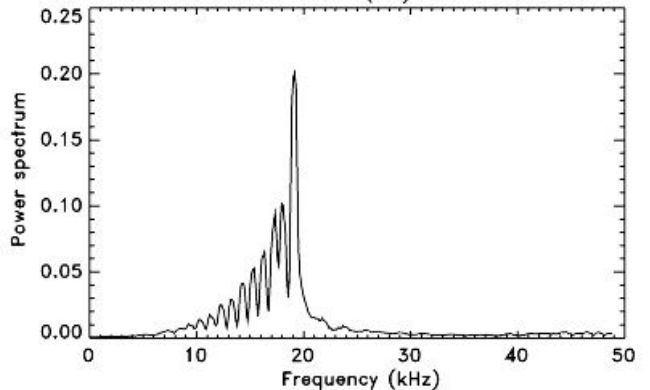
# Periodic pulling



**K-H instability**  
 **$U_d=50$  volts**  
**Time series "y5a02"**  
**at  $r = 4$  cm (in the shear layer)**



**$A=1., \varepsilon=1.$**   
 **$\omega_1 = 1.2$**   
**"VdP1.0-1.2"**



$$\ddot{x} + \varepsilon(x^2 - 1)\omega_0 \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos(\omega_1 t)$$

a simple model: the forced van der Pol oscillator

# Wavelet Analysis

- Principle of the wavelet transform:

replace the sine waves of the Fourier decomposition by orthogonal basis functions localised in time and frequency

- Aim : Decomposition of a signal into components (small waves, i.e. wavelets) corresponding to :

≠ scales or levels (i.e., frequencies) and  
≠ localisations for each of these scales

$$\varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$$
$$W_{\varphi}^f(T, t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \varphi_{T,t_0}^*(t) dt$$

→ Two different approaches :

- Continuous Wavelet Transform (e.g. Morlet) → time-frequency analysis
- Discrete Wavelet Transform → orthogonal decomposition (filtering)

# The Continuous Wavelet Transform

Principle : mother-wavelet  $\varphi(t) \Rightarrow \varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$  Translation + dilatation  
 $\Rightarrow$  Wavelet Transform  $W_\varphi^f(T, t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \varphi_{T,t_0}^*(t) dt$   $\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \rightarrow$  normalisation

Pb : find a "good " mother-wavelet

- compact support
- orthogonal basis in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$\Rightarrow$  Necessary conditions (admissibility) :

•  $0 < c_\varphi = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{|\varphi(t)|^2}{t} dt < \infty \Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_0^{+\infty} dT \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W_\varphi^f(T, t_0) \sqrt{T} \varphi_{T,t_0}^*\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right) dt_0$  (reconstruction)

•  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\varphi(t)| dt < \infty \rightarrow$  localisation

Parseval's theorem  $\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_0^{+\infty} dT \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |W_\varphi^f(T, t_0)|^2 dt_0$

$\Rightarrow$  Morlet wavelets  $\varphi(t) = C e^{-i2\pi dt} (e^{-t^2/2} - c_0 e^{-t^2})$  with  $c_0 = \sqrt{2} e^{-\pi^2 d^2}$

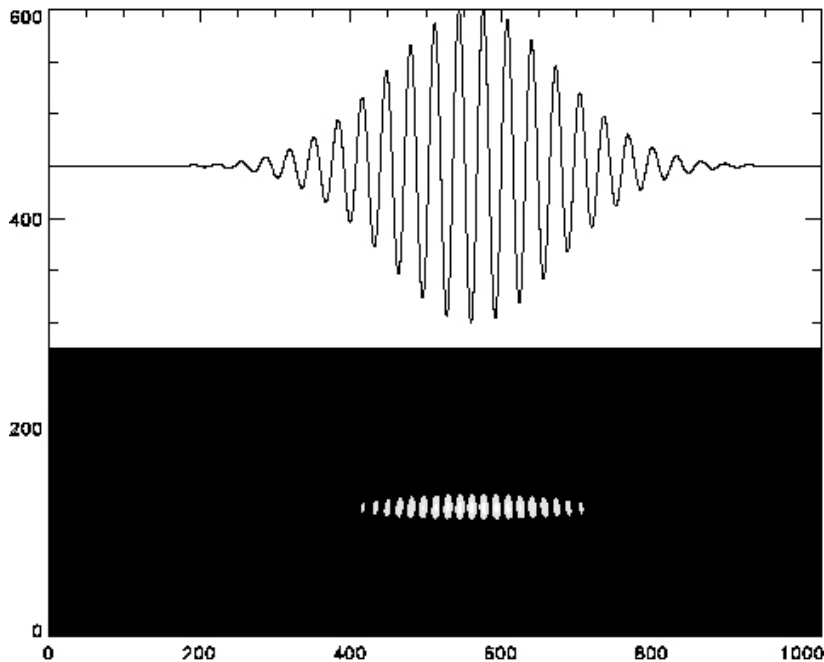
$\Delta t \Delta \omega = \pi$  with: Time resolution  $\Delta t = 2Td$  Frequency resolution  $\Delta \omega \approx \omega/4d$  (with  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ )

# Time-frequency analysis

- pulse

$$e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)^2} \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$\alpha = 0.1 ; \tau = 1. ; \omega_0 = 10$$

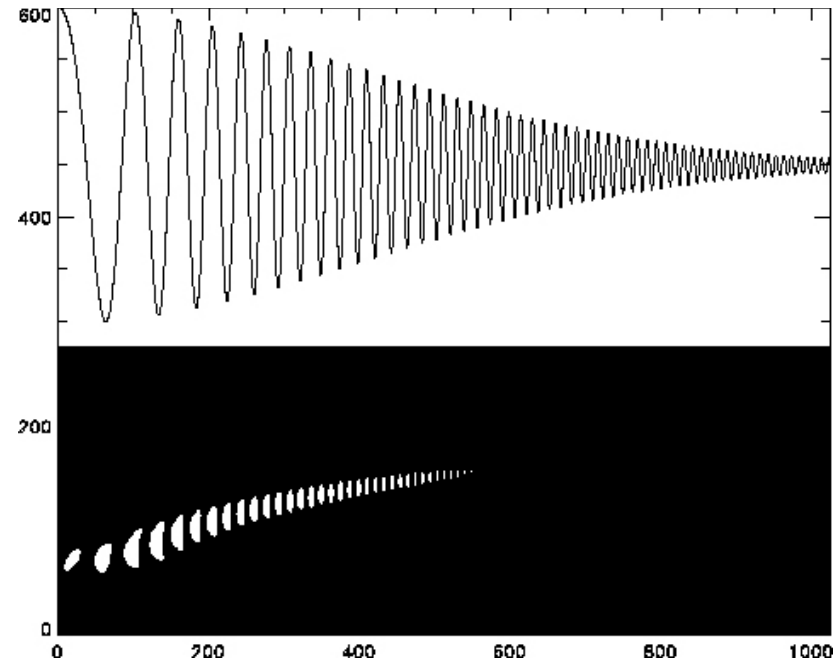
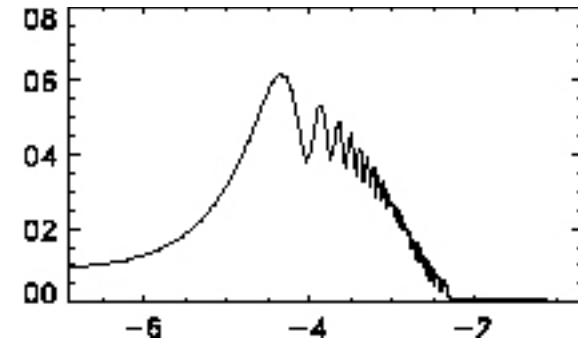


- chirp

$$e^{-\pi t^2 / \delta^2} \cos 2\pi(f_0 t + \beta t^2)$$

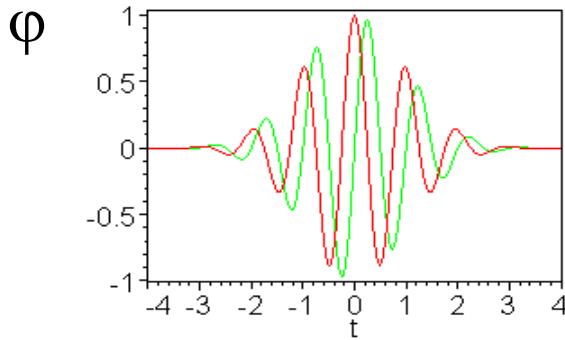
$$\delta = 10 ;$$

$$\beta = 0.5 ; f_0 = 0.5$$





# The Morlet Wavelet

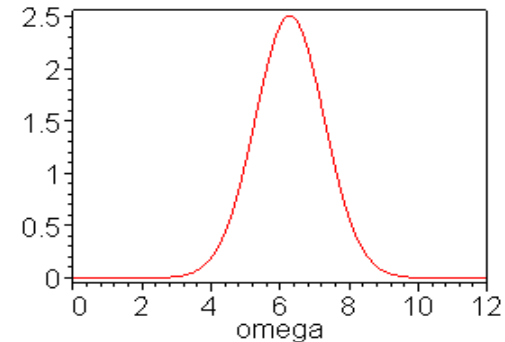


$$d = 1 \Rightarrow$$

*Mother-wavelet*

$$k=2\pi, t_0=0, T=1$$

$\Phi$



$$\varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right)^2 + ik \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right]$$

$$\Phi_{T,t_0}(\omega) = \sqrt{T} \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left[ -i\omega t_0 + k\omega T - \frac{1}{2} (k^2 + \omega^2 T^2) \right]$$

Maximum at  $\omega T = k$

Morlet transform:

$$W_\varphi^f(T, t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \varphi_{T,t_0}^*(t) dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right)^2 - ik \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right] dt$$

convolution product  $f * \varphi_T \Rightarrow W_\varphi^f(T, t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} TF^{-1} [TF(f)TF(\varphi_T)]$

with  $FT(\varphi) = \Phi_T(\omega) = \sqrt{T} \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left[ k\omega T - \frac{1}{2} (k^2 + \omega^2 T^2) \right]$

# The Discrete Wavelet Transform

Drawbacks of the continuous wavelet transform : **redundancy**, CPU time, admissibility conditions non completely fulfilled (Morlet)

Solution ? Discrete Wavelets (similar to the DFT)

- Octave scaling  $\rightarrow$

$$T_j = 2^j \text{ et } t_{0,j,k} = k/2^j$$

$$W_{m,k}(t) = 2^{m/2} W(2^m t - k)$$

- orthogonality

$$\langle W_{m,k}, W_{n,l} \rangle = \delta_{mn} \delta_{kl}$$

with

$$\langle h, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h^*(t) g(t) dt$$

There are  $2^m$  base functions at the  $m$  level

$$\Rightarrow X_k^m = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) W_{m,k}^*(t) dt \rightarrow x_m(t) = \sum_k X_k^m W_{m,k}(t)$$

- reconstruction

$$x(t) = \sum_{m,k} X_m^k W_{m,k}(t)$$

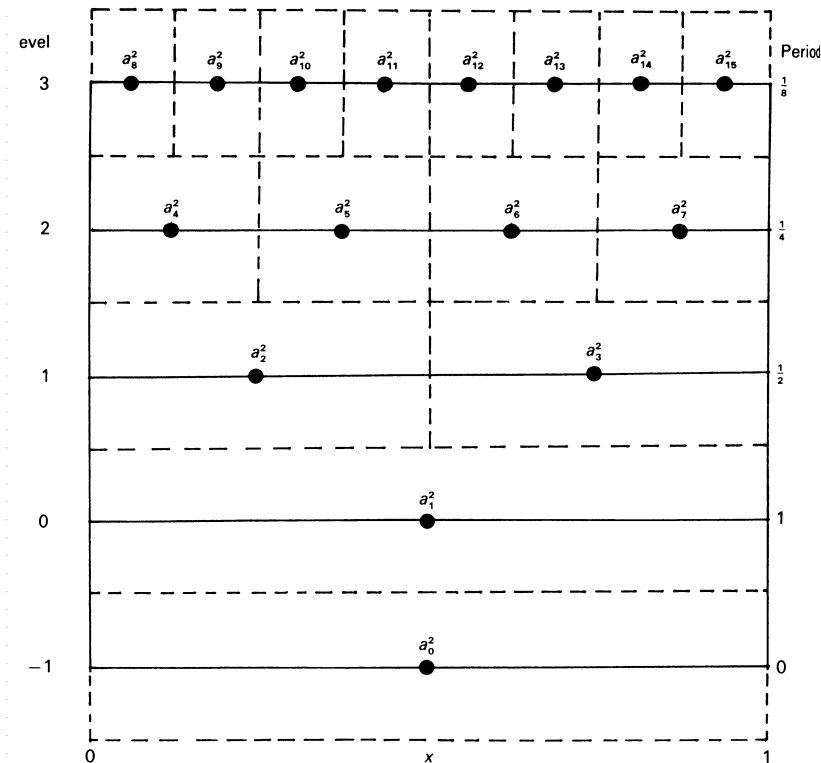
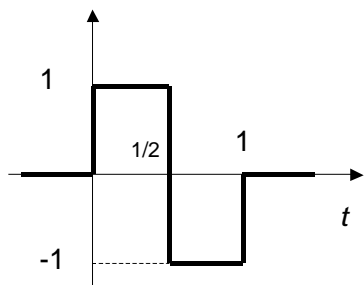


Fig. 17.18 Grid base for plotting wavelet amplitudes (squared) in order to ensure that the volume they enclose is equal to the mean-square value of  $f(x)$

from Newland [1]

# Wavelet construction: Daubechies wavelet

- Haar



lack of regularity  $\Rightarrow$

- Daubechies wavelets

$$W(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} (-1)^k c_k \Phi(2t + k - 2r + 1)$$

- must be determined by recurrence from a scaling function  $\Phi(t)$

(Meyer, 1993)

$$\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k \Phi(2t - k)$$

- they are completely defined by the coefficients  $c_k$

$2r+1$  conditions must be satisfied:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k = 2, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k^2 = 2 \\ \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} (-1)^k k^m c_k = 0 \quad \text{for } m = 0, \dots, r-1 \\ \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k c_{k+2m} = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq 0, m = 1, 2, \dots, r-1 \end{cases}$$

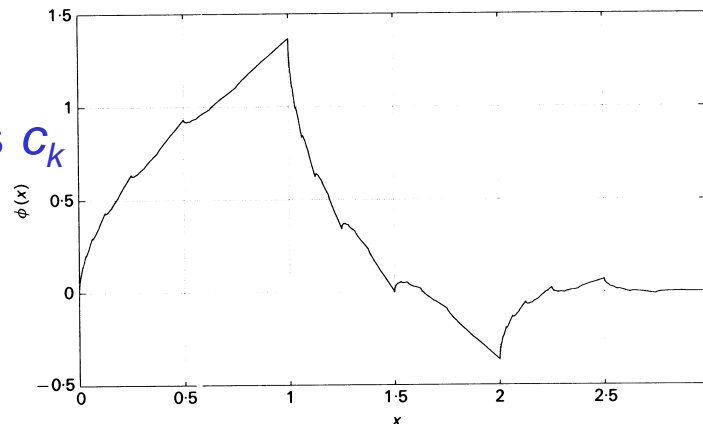


Fig. 17.5 Scaling function for the D4 wavelet calculated for  $3 \times 2^{12} = 12288$  points using the recursive method described in problem 17.2

$\Phi(t)$  for  $r=2$  (from Newland [1])

# Mallat tree (pyramid algorithm)

## ▪ Solutions :

• Haar ( $r=1$ )  $\rightarrow c_0 = c_1 = 1$

• Daubechies  $D4$  ( $r=2$ )  $\rightarrow$

•  $r > 3$ , (numerical computation)  $\rightarrow$  discrete transform (computed by using the Mallat algorithm)  $\rightarrow$  analysis, and reconstruction formula  $\rightarrow$  synthesis

$$\begin{cases} c_0 = \frac{1}{4}(1 + \sqrt{3}), c_1 = \frac{1}{4}(3 + \sqrt{3}) \\ c_2 = \frac{1}{4}(3 - \sqrt{3}), c_3 = \frac{1}{4}(1 - \sqrt{3}) \end{cases}$$

$$f(t) = a_0\Phi(t) + a_1W(t) + [a_2 \quad a_3] \begin{bmatrix} W(2t) \\ W(2t-1) \end{bmatrix} + [a_4 \quad a_5 \quad a_6 \quad a_7] \begin{bmatrix} W(4t) \\ W(4t-1) \\ W(4t-2) \\ W(4t-3) \end{bmatrix} + \dots + a_{2^j+k} W(2^j t - k) + \dots$$

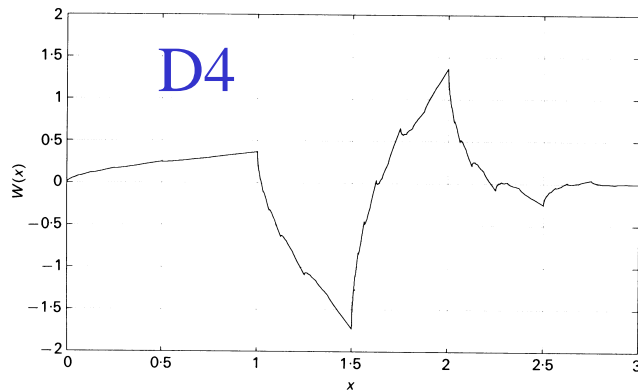


Fig. 17.6 D4 wavelet according to (17.5) from the scaling function in Fig. 17.5

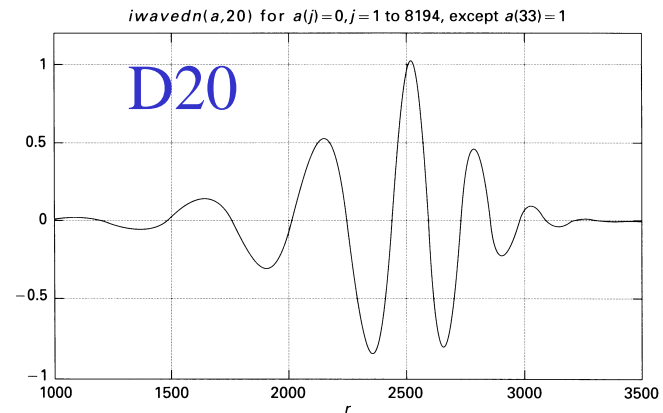


Fig. 17.13 Part of the D20 wavelet  $W(16x)$  for a sequence length of 8192; the full wavelet occupies 19 intervals from integer 1 to  $19(8192/32) = 4864$

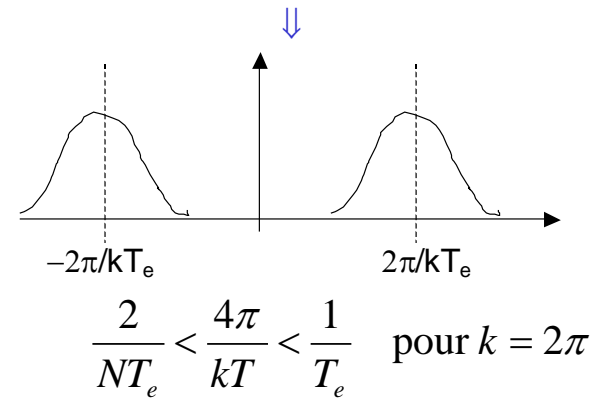
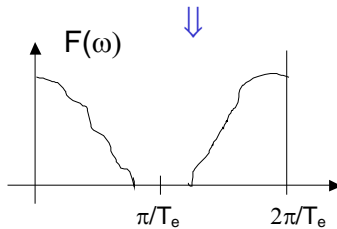
from Newland [1]

# Practical considerations (1)

- The Continuous Wavelet Transform (Morlet):

FFT computation of  $W_{\varphi}^f(T, t_0) = FFT^{-1} \left[ FFT(f) \exp(k\omega T - \frac{1}{2}k^2 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 T^2) \right]$

Practically  $f = \{f_n\}$  et  $N = 2^m$



⇒ Oversampling of  $F(\omega)$  required

solution = zero padding of  $f_n$  (for  $T = NT_e \rightarrow (N-1)N$  zeros)

See for example, D. Jordan et al, Rev.Sci.Instrum. 68 (1997) 1484-1494

# Practical considerations (2)

- Discrete Wavelet Transform: → pyramid algorithm (no need for the  $W(t)$ )

example :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 f=f(1:8) & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}L_3} & f'(1:4) & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}H_2} & f'(1:2) & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}H_1} & f'(1) \\
 \downarrow \frac{1}{2}H_3 & & \downarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2 & & \downarrow \frac{1}{2}H_1 & & \downarrow \\
 a[5:8] & & a[3:4] & & a(2) & & a(1)
 \end{array}$$

$H_n$  et  $L_n$  are matrices build directly from the  $c_k$  coefficients (cf. Newland [1])

$$\mathbf{L}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 + c_2 & c_1 + c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ & & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 & & & c_0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Low-pass filter

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -c_3 & -c_1 & c_2 + c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 & -c_3 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ & -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ & & -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ & & & -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 & & & & & -c_3 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

High-pass filter

# Times-series and self-similarity properties

Scale Invariance → self-similar stochastic process

- Definition and properties:

- Power spectrum  $S_{xx}(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{|\omega|^\gamma}$   $\gamma$  characteristic exponent

- Algebraic decay of the autocorrelation function

$$x(t) \equiv a^{-H} x(at) \quad \text{with } H \text{ Hurst exponent, } \gamma = 2H + 1$$

$$\begin{cases} \langle x(t) \rangle \equiv a^{-H} \langle x(at) \rangle \\ \langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle \equiv a^{-H} \langle x(at_1)x(at_2) \rangle \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) \text{ et } x(at) \text{ have the same statistics}$$

- constant correlation between past and future increments at all time:

$$C(t) = \langle (B_H(0) - B_H(-t))(B_H(t) - B_H(0)) \rangle / \langle B_H(t)^2 \rangle = 2^{2H-1} - 1$$

- Examples:
  - \* Gaussian white noise →  $(\gamma = 0) \quad H = -1/2$
  - \* Fractional Brownian motion (fBm)  $1 < \gamma < 3 \rightarrow 0 < H < 1$   
*Random walk ( $H = 0.5$ ), 1/f processes, S.O.C.*



# R/S analysis and the Hurst exponent (1)




The rescaled ranged statistics (R/S) method was proposed to evaluate the Hurst exponent ( $H$ ) to determine long time dependencies in various signals.

From a time series  $X$  of length  $N$ , sub-blocks of length  $n : X = \{X_t : t = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  are build to compute (with  $W_k = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k - k\bar{X}(n)$ , ):

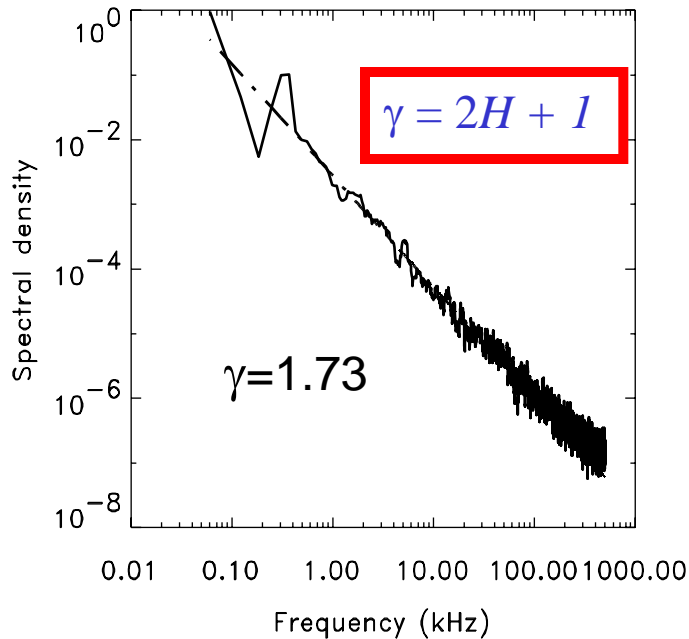
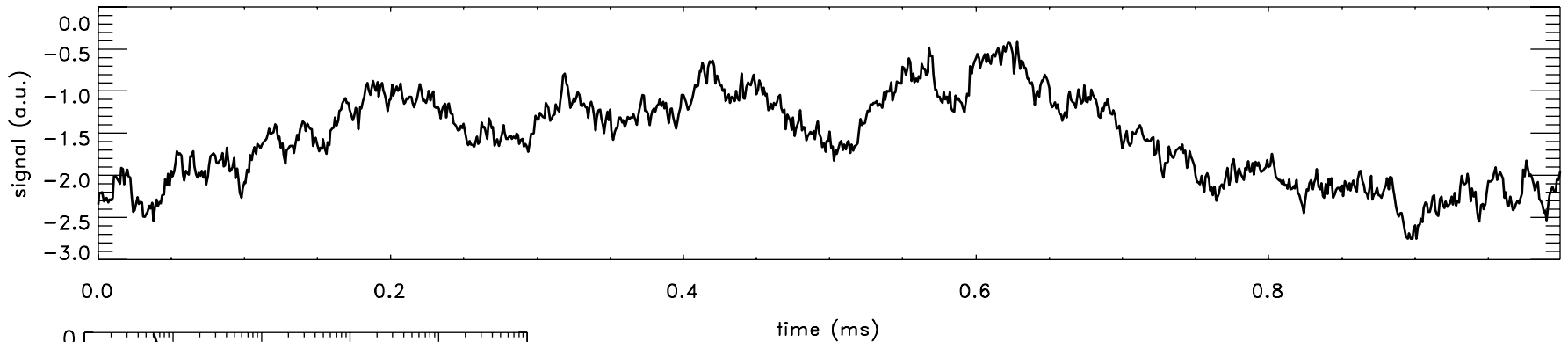
$$\frac{R(n)}{S(n)} = \frac{\max(0, W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n) - \min(0, W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n)}{\sqrt{S^2(n)}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \bar{X}(n) \quad \text{mean} \\ S^2(n) \quad \text{variance} \end{array}$$

$X$  = increments (fGn) of self-affine data (e.g., fractional Brownian motion)

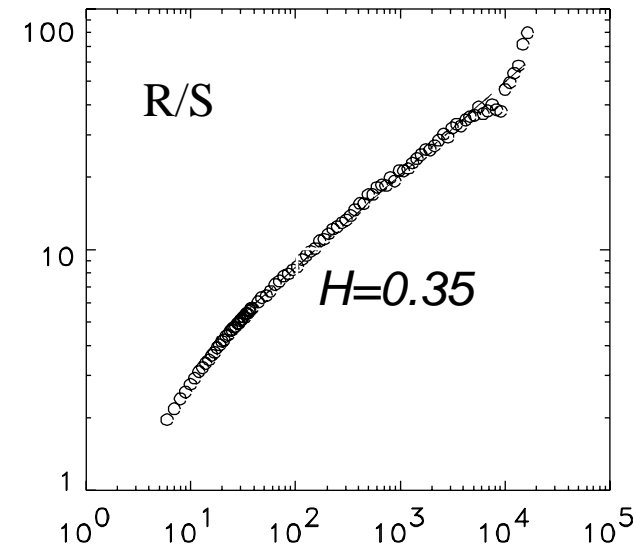
  $R/S \sim c n^H$

For uncorrelated data   $H = 0.5$  ( $X$  = time-series of a white noise)  
If  $H < 0.5$   *antipersistence*  
If  $H > 0.5$   *persistence*

# R/S analysis and the Hurst exponent (2)



Example: the  $X_i$  are the increments (time derivative) of a fractional Brownian motion (fBm) with  $H = 0.35$



Drawback of the method:  $H$  must be in the range  $[0-1] \Rightarrow \gamma = 2H + 1$  in the range:  $[1, 3]$  (R/S analysis on increments) or  $[-1,+1]$  (R/S analysis on signal)

# Fractals and Wavelets

Wavelets are self-similar by nature

Mother-wavelet  $\varphi(t) \Rightarrow \varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$  translation + dilatation

- The **wavelet variance** is a very useful alternative to spectral density function, and R/S analysis

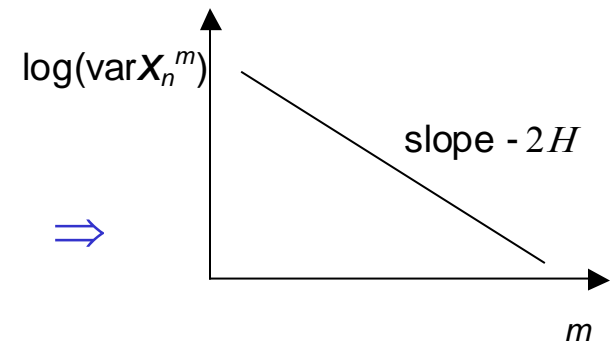
- Discrete wavelet transform

octave scaling  $\rightarrow T_m = 2^{m-1} \Rightarrow v_X^2(\tau_j) \equiv \text{var}\{\overline{W}_j\}$  with  $\tau_j = 2^{j-1}$

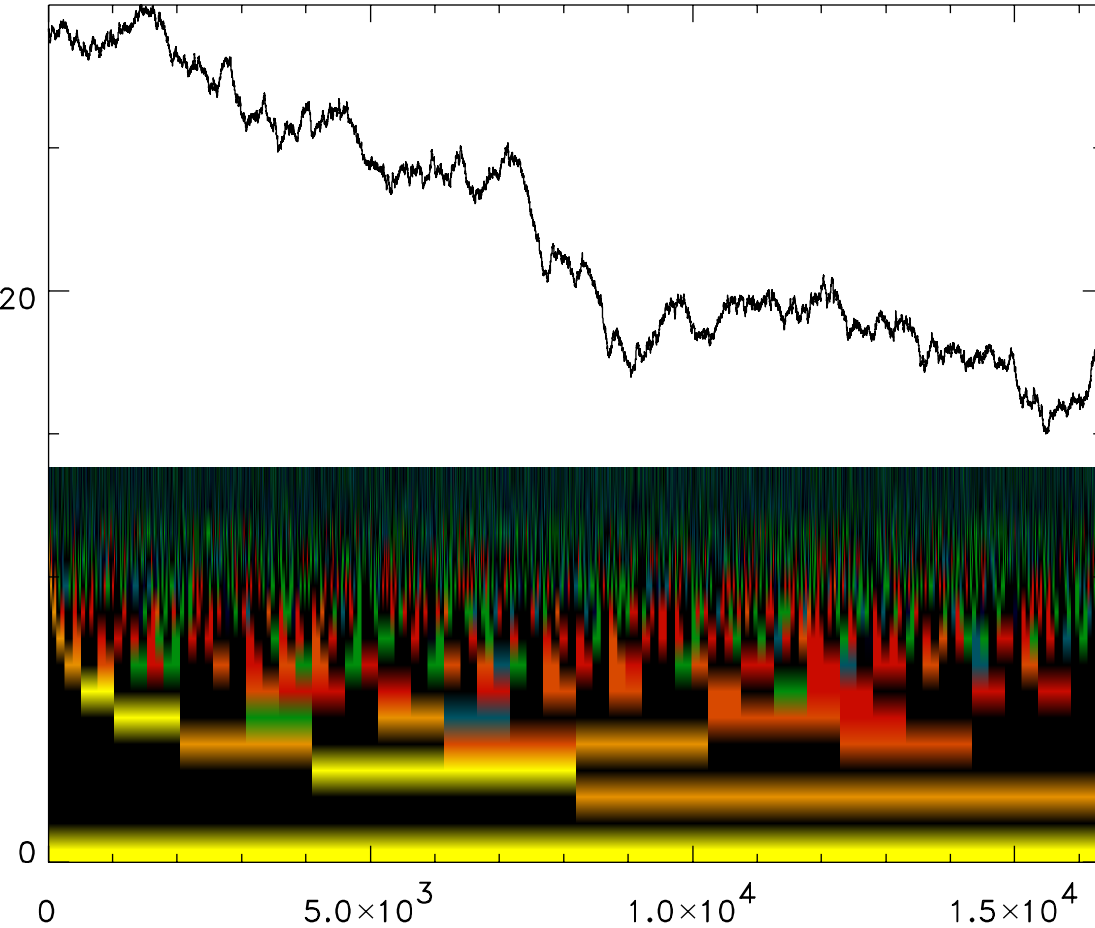
$$\sum_{j=1} v_X^2(\tau_j) \equiv \sigma_X^2$$

$$v_X^2(\tau_j) \approx \int_{1/2^{j+1}}^{1/2^j} S_X(f) df$$

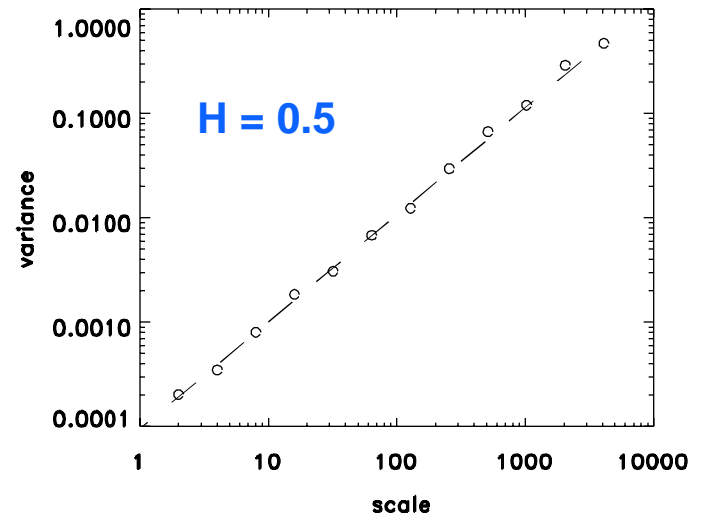
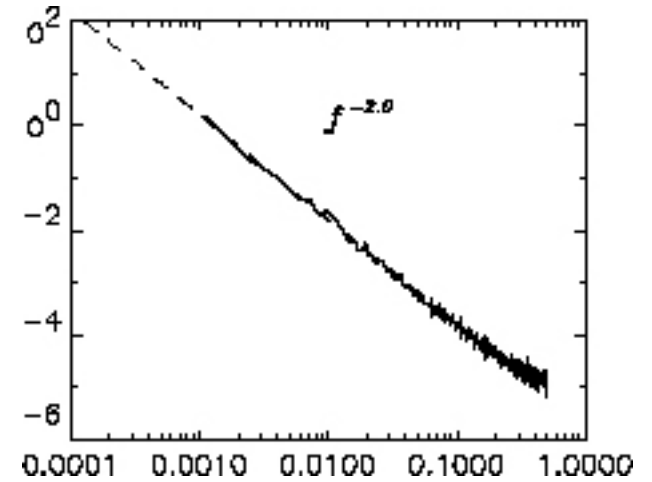
$$\Rightarrow (\text{if } S_X(f) \propto |f|^\alpha) \quad v_X^2(\tau_j) \propto \tau_j^{-\alpha-1} \quad \Rightarrow$$



# Wavelet variance (DWT, Daubechies D20)

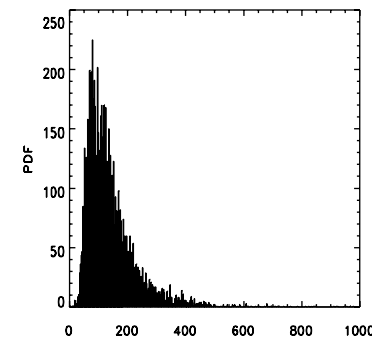
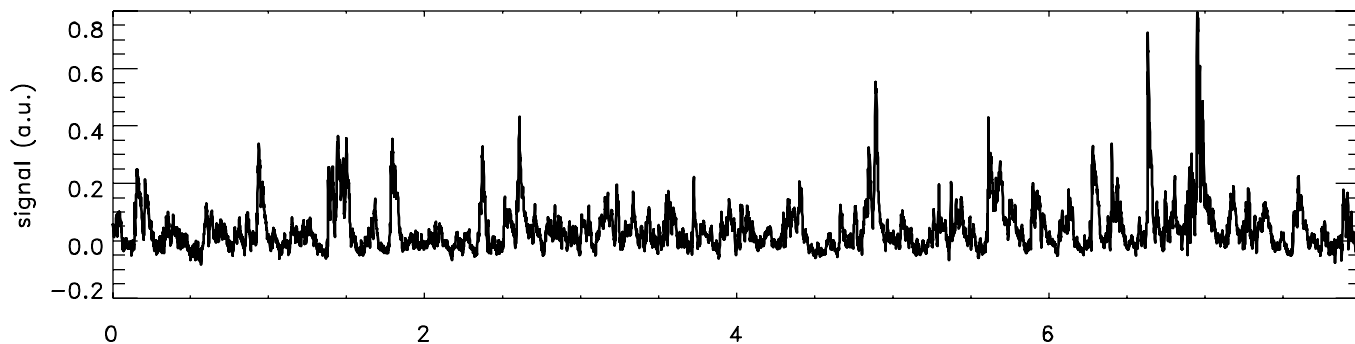


Brownian motion ( $H = 0.5$ )

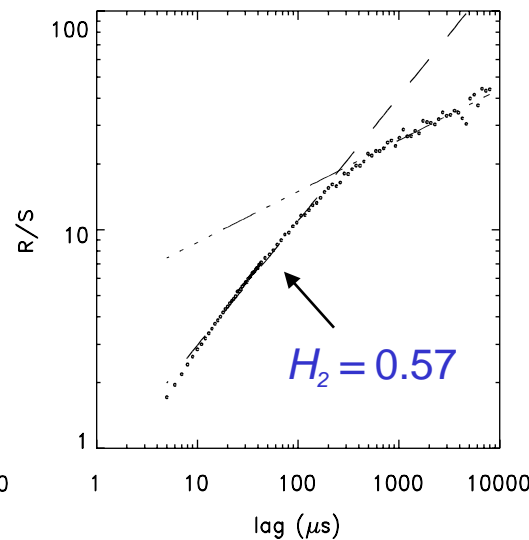
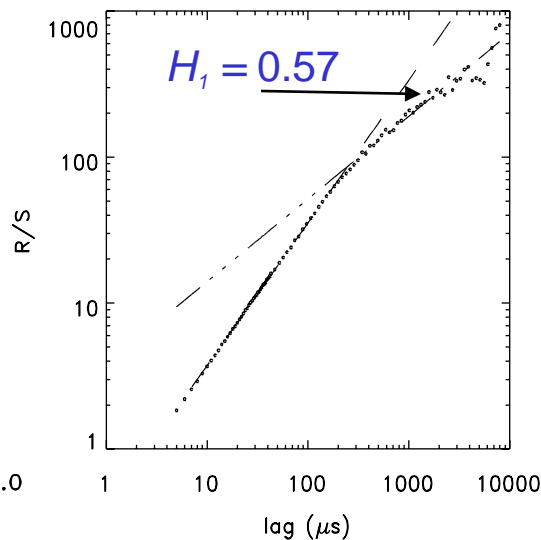
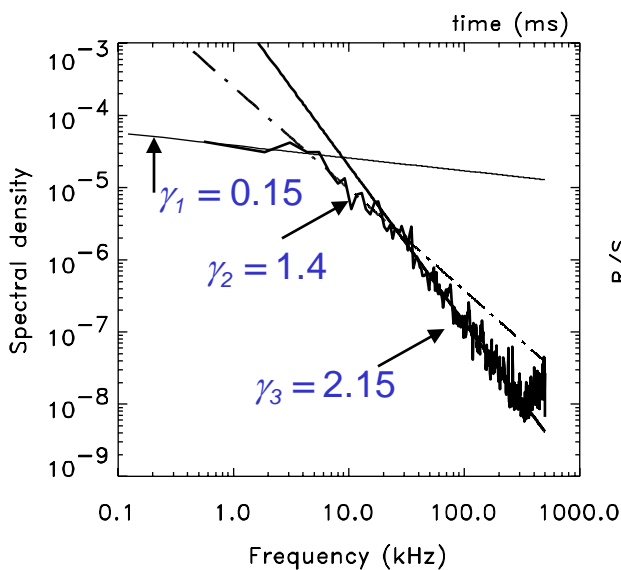


Variance of wavelet coefficients

# SOL turbulence (Tore-Supra data)



Tore-Supra:  
shot  
#22253



Signal:  $H_1 = 0.57$

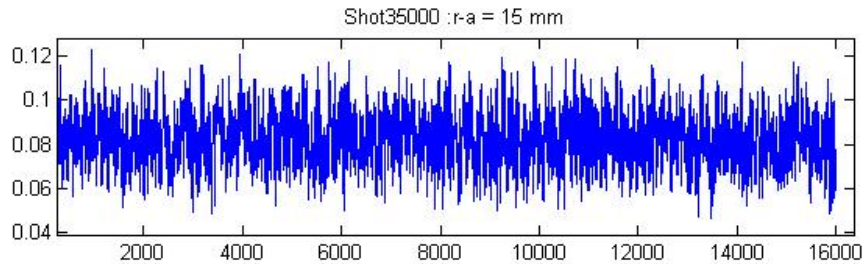
Increments  $H_2 = 0.57$

Two distinct behaviors can be seen on the spectrum:

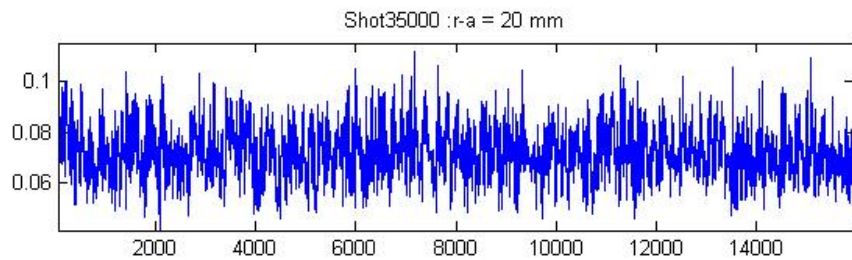
- before breakpoint (BF) signal  $\sim f^{\gamma_1}$
- After breakpoint (HF) signal  $\sim f^{\gamma_3}$

Question :  
Why such a relationship ?

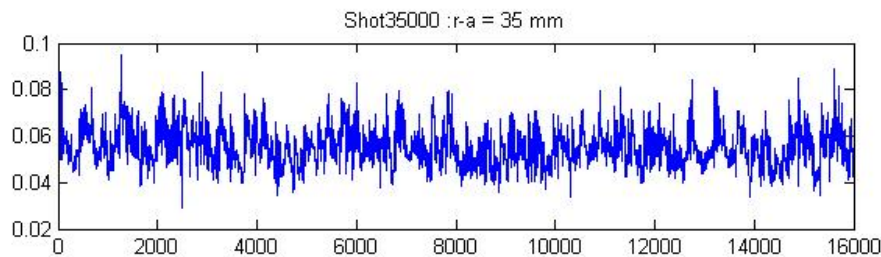
# Tore-Supra (Shot #35000)



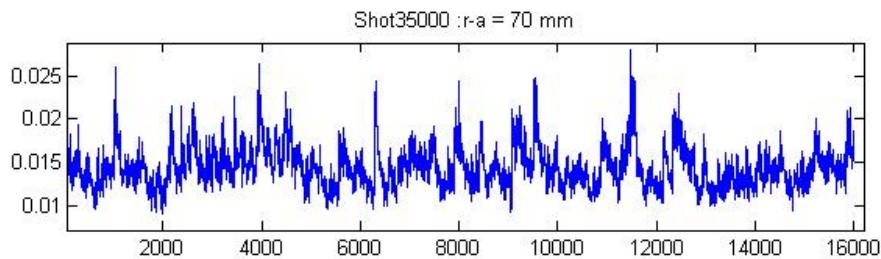
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 $x_m = 0,0822$   
 $\sigma = 0,0118$



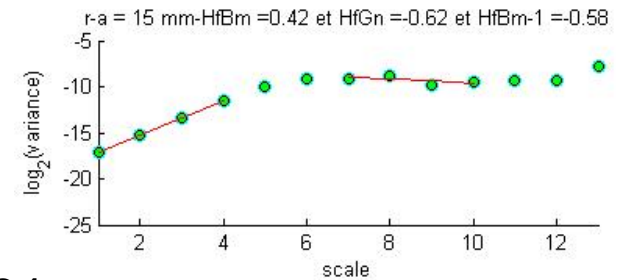
2B Isat,  
 $x_m = 0,072$   
 $\sigma = 0,0094$



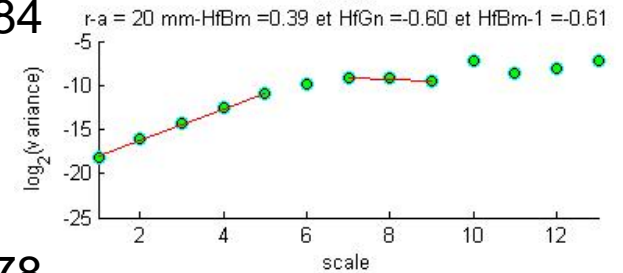
2B Isat,  
 $x_m = 0,0551$   
 $\sigma = 0,0076$



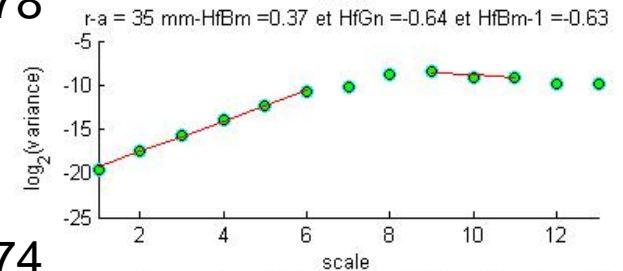
2B Isat,  
 $x_m = 0,0144$   
 $\sigma = 0,0023$



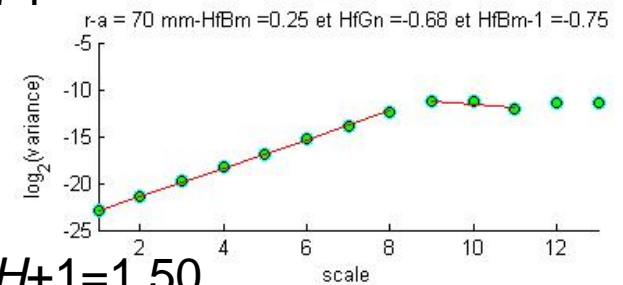
$\gamma = 1.84$



$\gamma = 1.78$



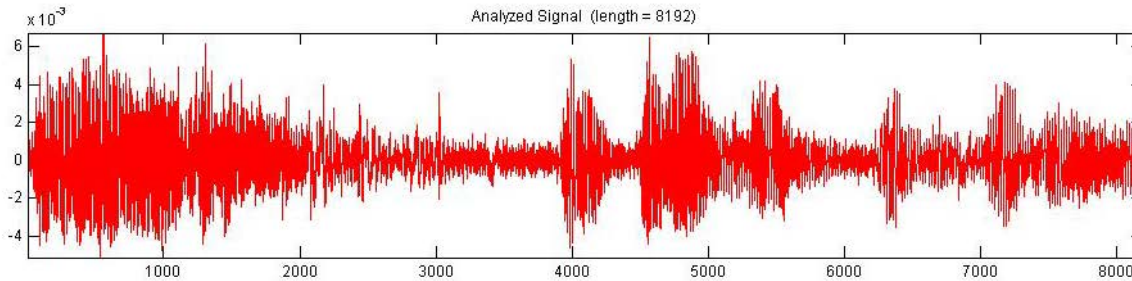
$\gamma = 1.74$



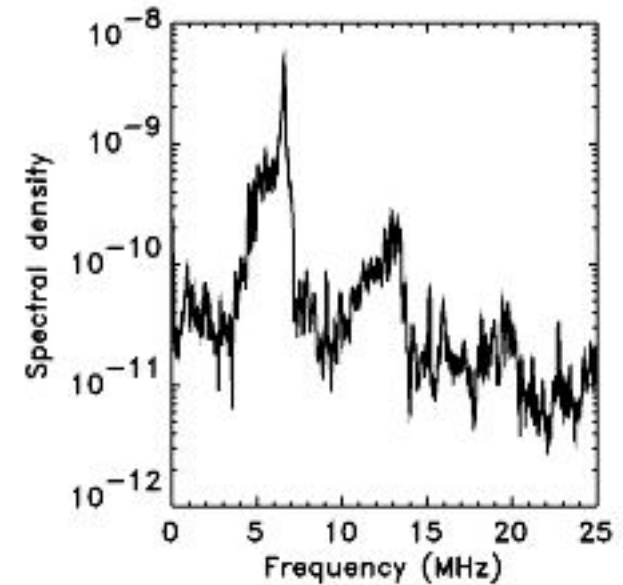
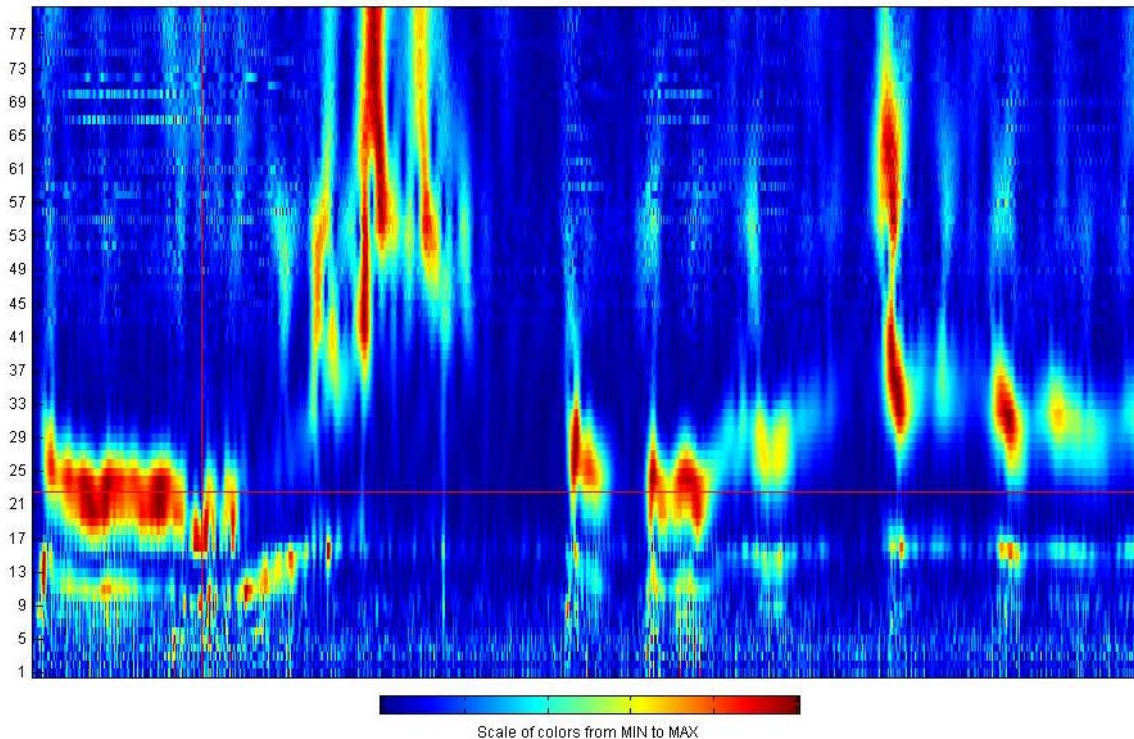
$\gamma = 2H+1 = 1.50$



# Continuous wavelets: Time-frequency analysis



Modulus of Ca,b Coefficients - Coloration mode : init + by scale



Fourier spectrum

Pivoine data  
(from A. Lazurenko)

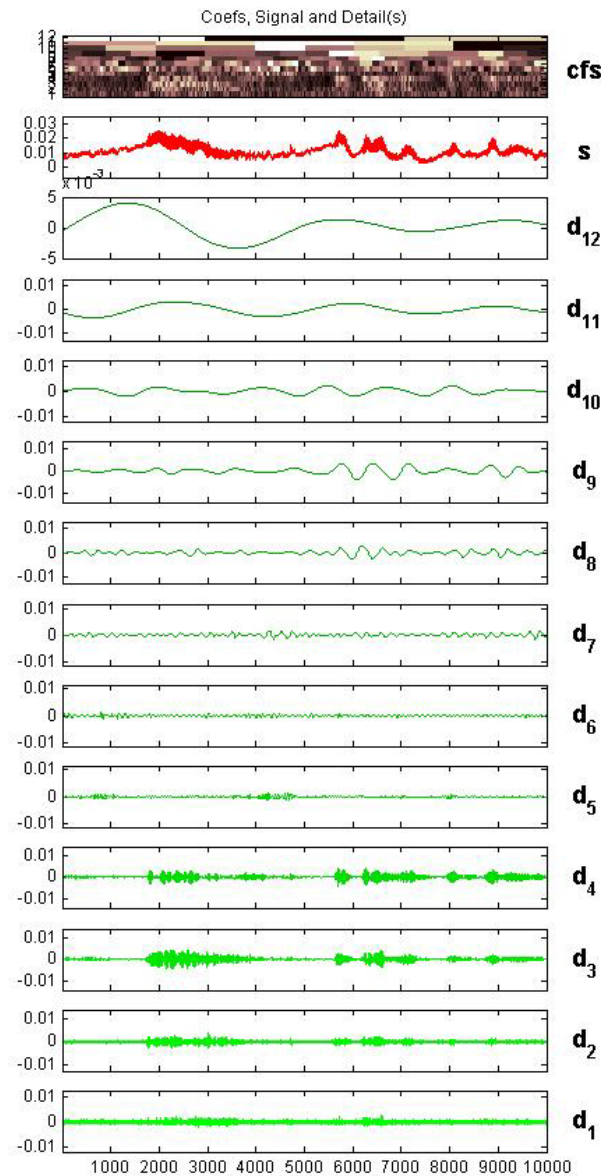
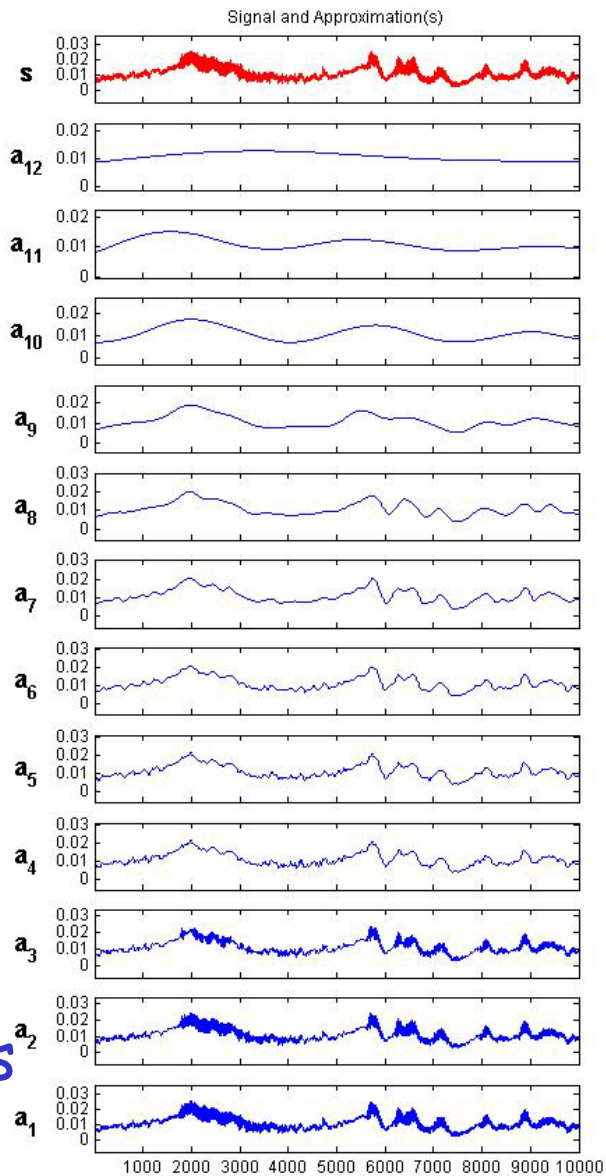
Time-frequency representation obtained with Morlet wavelets

Drawback  $\rightarrow$  cpu time demanding (because high level of redundancy)



# Discrete wavelets: Analysis and reconstruction

## Daubechies wavelets



cfs Analysis

Efficient algorithmn, But:  
- physical meaning of the filtering?  
- not well suited to time frequency analysis

Synthesis

# The Hilbert-Huang Transform or Empirical Mode Decomposition

- Decomposition of a non stationary time-series into a finite sum of orthogonal eigenmodes, or Intrinsic Mode Functions (IMF).
- Self adaptive approach in which the eigenmodes are derived from the specific temporal behaviour of the signal.
- Subsequently, the Hilbert Transform can be used to compute the instantaneous frequency and a time-frequency representation of each mode as well as a global marginal Hilbert energy spectrum.

N. E. Huang et al., *The Empirical Mode Decomposition and Hilbert Spectrum for Nonlinear and Non-Stationary Time Series Analysis*, Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. A, **454**, pp. 903-995 (1998).

T. Schlurmann, *Spectral Analysis of Nonlinear Water Waves based on the Hilbert-Huang transformation*, Transactions of the ASME Vol.**124** (2002) 22.

J. Terradas et al, *The Astrophys. Journal* **614** (2004) 435.

P. Flandrin, G. Rilling, P. Gonçalves, *Empirical Mode Decomposition as a Filter Bank*, IEEE Sig. Proc. Lett., Vol.**11**, N°2, pp. 112-114 (2004).

# Hilbert Transform and instantaneous frequency

Hilbert transform of a data series  $x(t)$  is defined by:

$$H[x(t)] = \frac{1}{\pi} p.v. \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{x(u)}{(t-u)} du$$

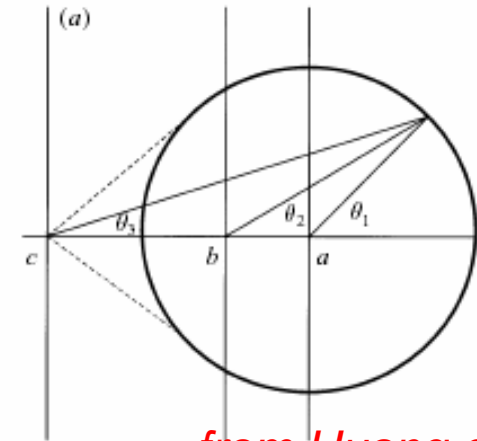
By substituting  $y(t) = H[x(t)]$  we can define  $z(t)$  as the analytical signal of  $x(t)$

$$z(t) = x(t) + iy(t) = A(t) \exp(i\theta(t))$$

$$\text{with } A(t) = \sqrt{x(t)^2 + y(t)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta(t) = \arctan\left(\frac{y(t)}{x(t)}\right)$$

But in most cases the instantaneous frequency

$$\omega(t) = \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} \quad \text{has no physical meaning}$$



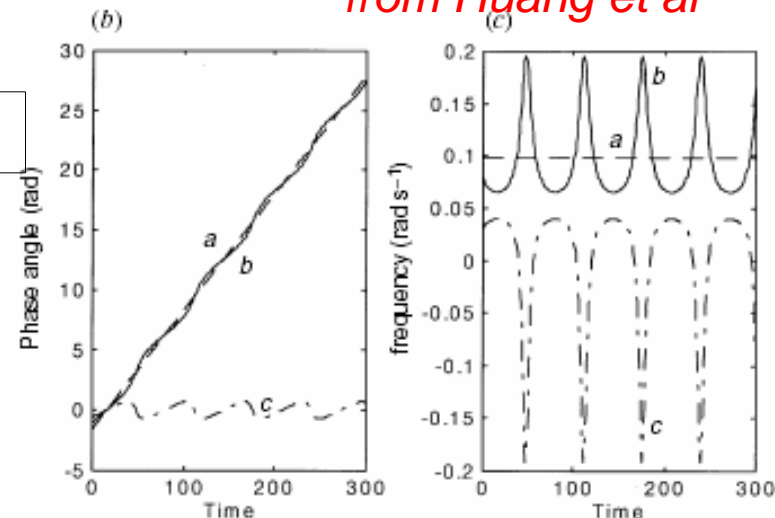
*from Huang et al*

Example



⇒ **Empirical Mode Decomposition**

set of IMF : (1) equal number of extrema and zero crossings; (2) mean value of the minima and maxima envelopes = 0



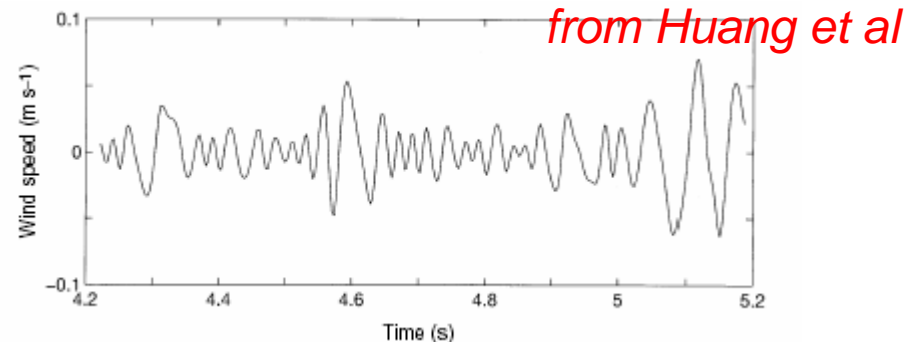
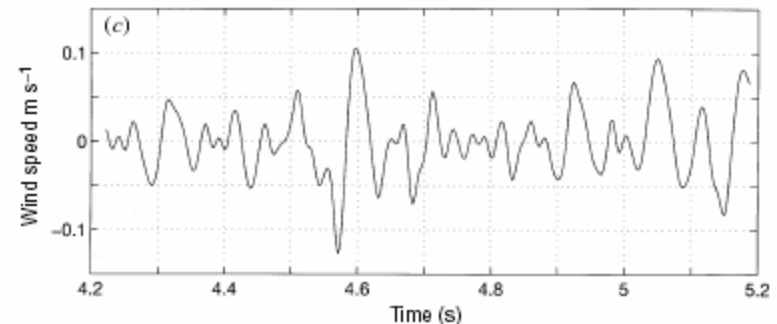
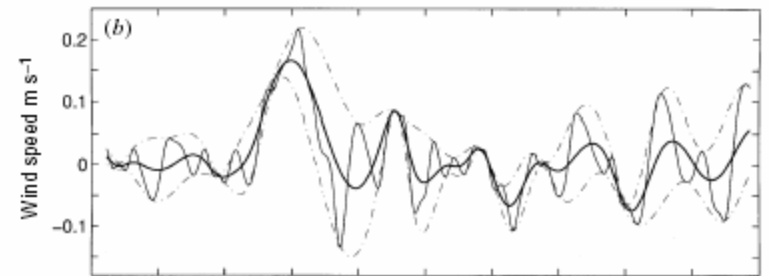
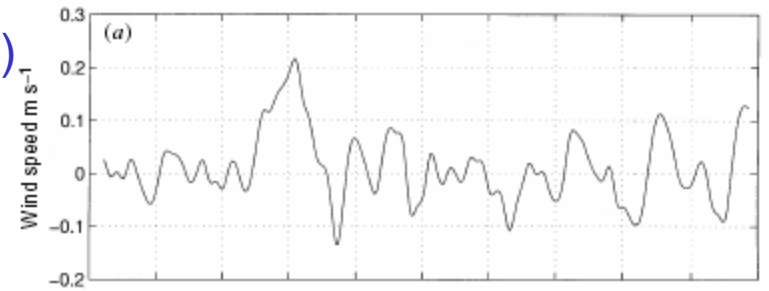
# IMF = Intrinsic Mode Functions

The Empirical Mode Decomposition (sifting process)

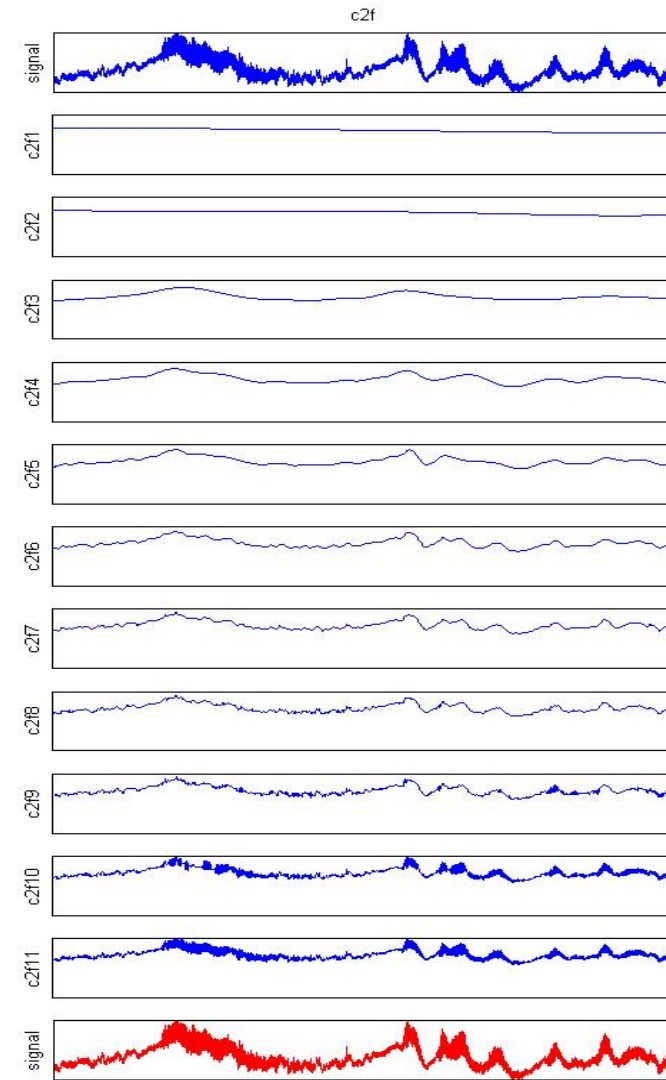
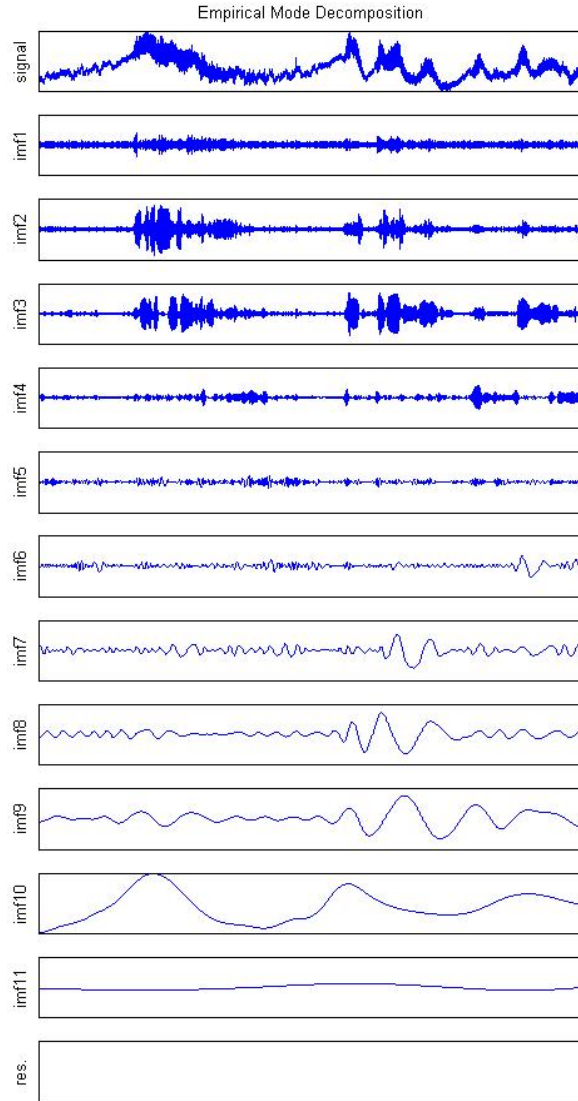
1. Initialize :  $r_0(t) = X(t)$ ,  $j=1$
2. Extract the  $j$ -th IMF:
  - a) Initialize  $h_0(t) = r_j(t)$ ,  $k=1$
  - b) Locate local maxima and minima of  $h_{k-1}(t)$
  - c) Cubic spline interpolation to define upper and lower envelope of  $h_{k-1}(t)$
  - d) Calculate mean  $m_{k-1}(t)$  from upper and lower envelope of  $h_{k-1}(t)$
  - e) Define  $h_k(t) = h_{k-1}(t) - m_{k-1}(t)$
  - f) If stopping criteria are satisfied then  $imf_j(t) = h_k(t)$  else go to 2(b) with  $k=k+1$
3. Define  $r_j(t) = r_{j-1}(t) - imf_j(t)$
4. If  $r_j(t)$  still has at least two extrema then go to 2(a) with  $j=j+1$ , else the EMD is finished
5.  $r_j(t)$  is the residue of  $x(t)$

$$\Rightarrow X(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n imf_j(t) + r_n(t)$$

A typical  
IMF



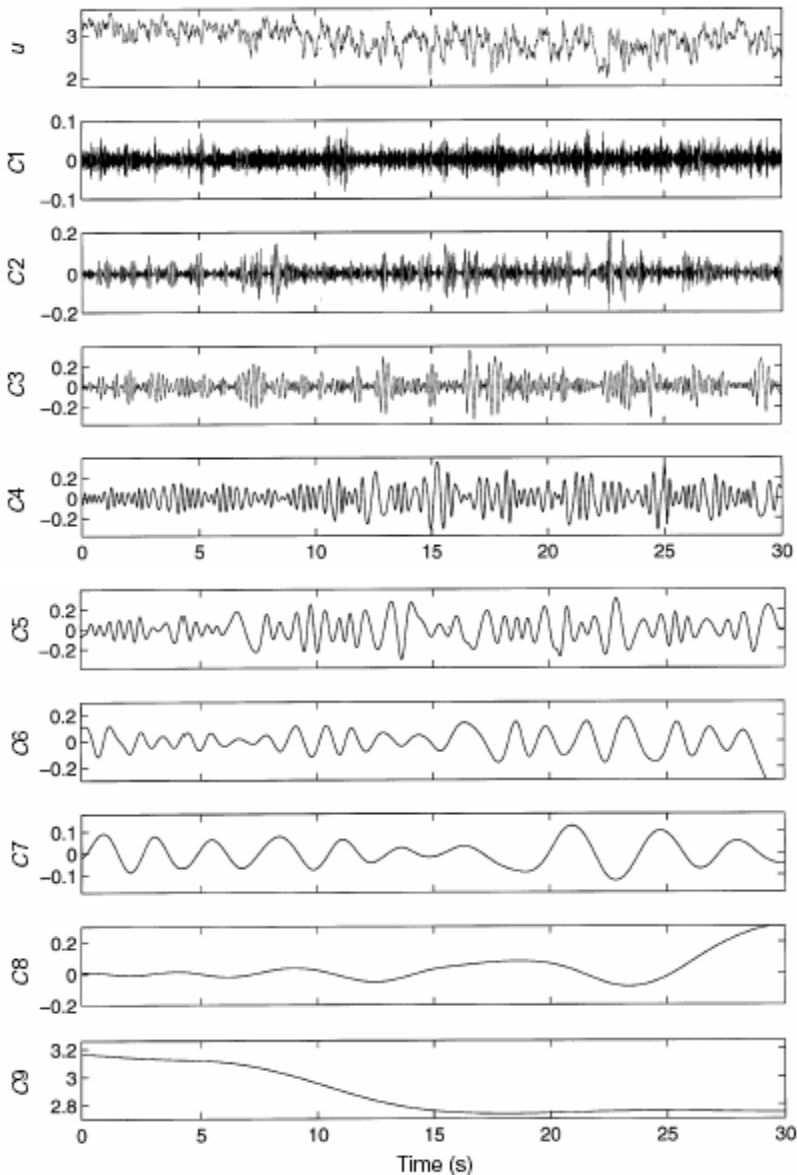
# Analysis and Reconstruction (Plasma thruster data)



Analysis

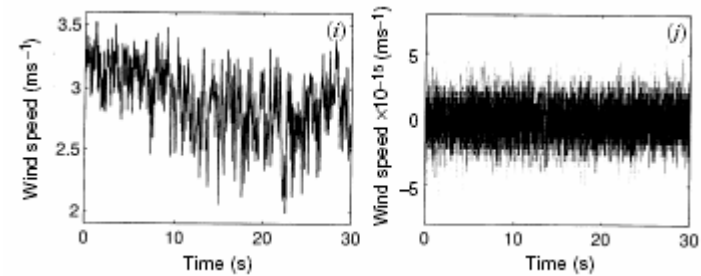
Synthesis

# Completeness and Orthogonality



Example (from Huang et al)

The completeness is established both theoretically and numerically



The orthogonality is satisfied in practical sense, but it is not guaranteed theoretically

$$X^2(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} C_j^2(t) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} C_j(t) C_k(t)$$

IO = overall index of orthogonality

$$IO = \sum_{t=0}^T \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} C_j(t) C_k(t)}{X^2(t)} \right)$$

for this example IO = 0.0067

or for two IMF:

$$IO_{fg} = \sum_t \frac{C_f C_g}{C_f^2 + C_g^2}$$



# Degree of stationarity

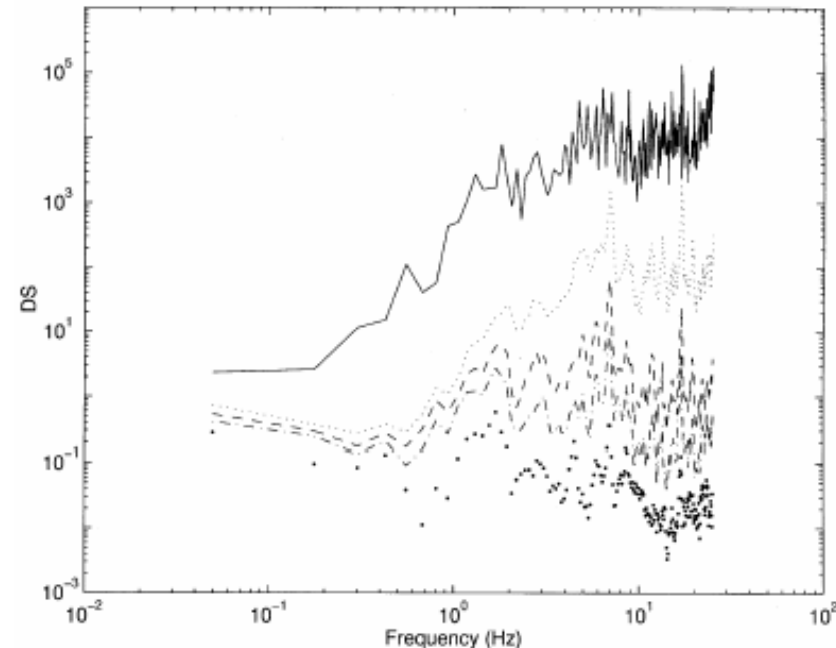
The degree of stationarity DS is defined as:

$$DS(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{H(\omega, t)}{n(\omega)} \right)^2 dt$$

with  $n(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} h(\omega)$ , mean marginal spectrum

and the degree of statistic stationarity DSS can be is defined as:

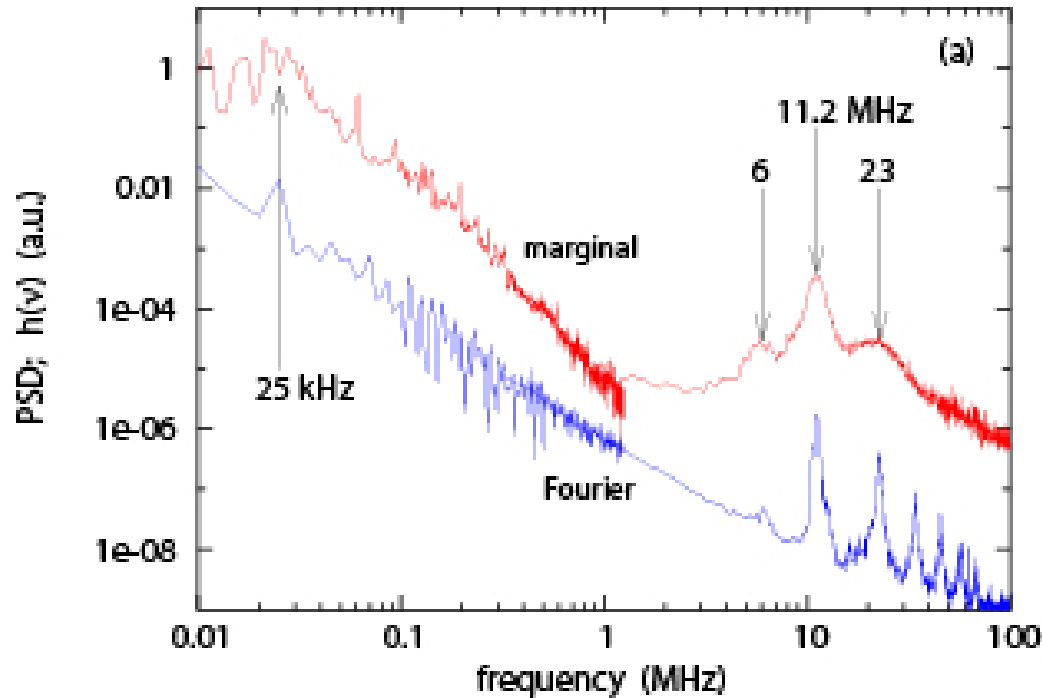
$$DSS(\omega, \Delta T) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{\overline{H(\omega, t)}}{n(\omega)} \right)^2 dt$$



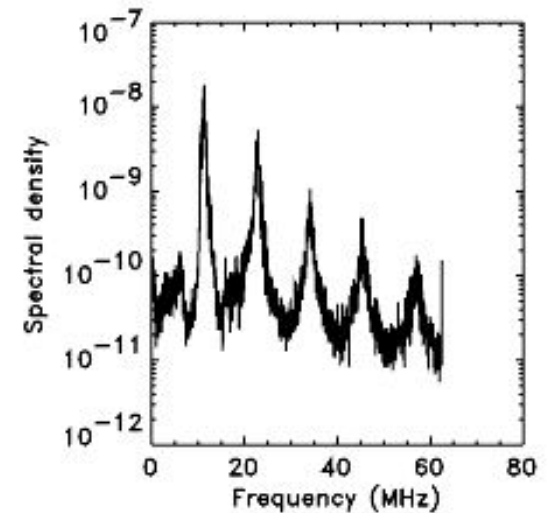
If the Hilbert spectrum depends on time, the index will not be zero, then the Fourier spectrum will cease to make physical sense.

The higher the index value, the more non-stationary is the process.

# Marginal Hilbert spectrum vs Fourier spectrum



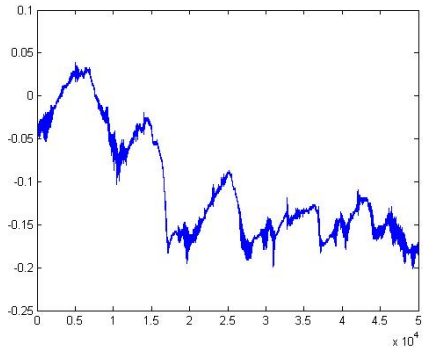
Because of the strong nonlinearity of HF oscillations the Fourier spectrum exhibits many peaks  
All these peaks do not correspond to actual modes



A peak in the marginal Hilbert spectrum corresponds to a whole oscillation around zero

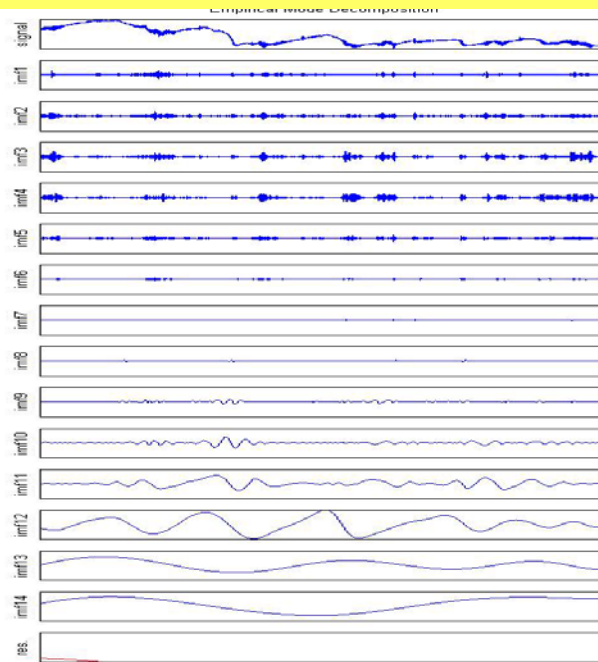


# Application to experimental time-series (Plasma Thruster)

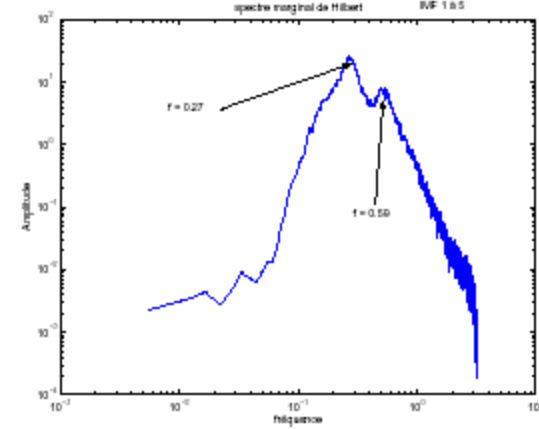


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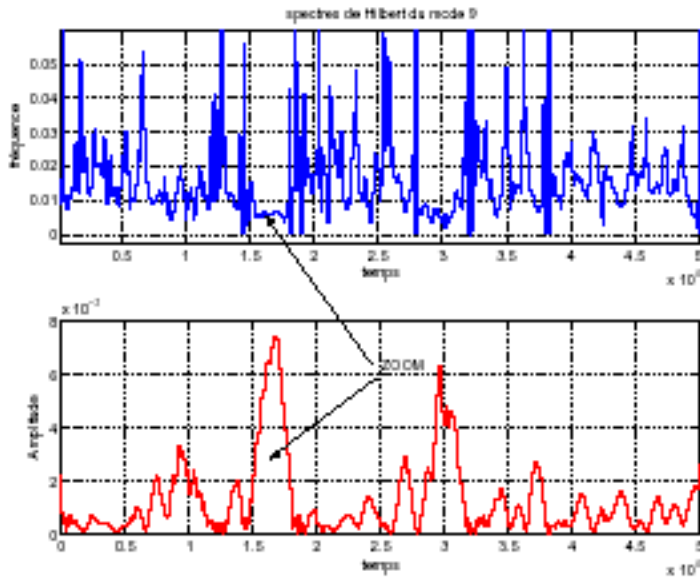
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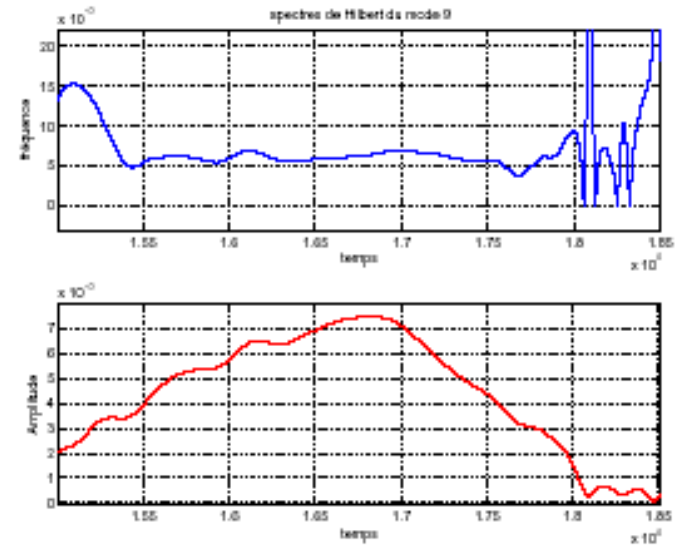
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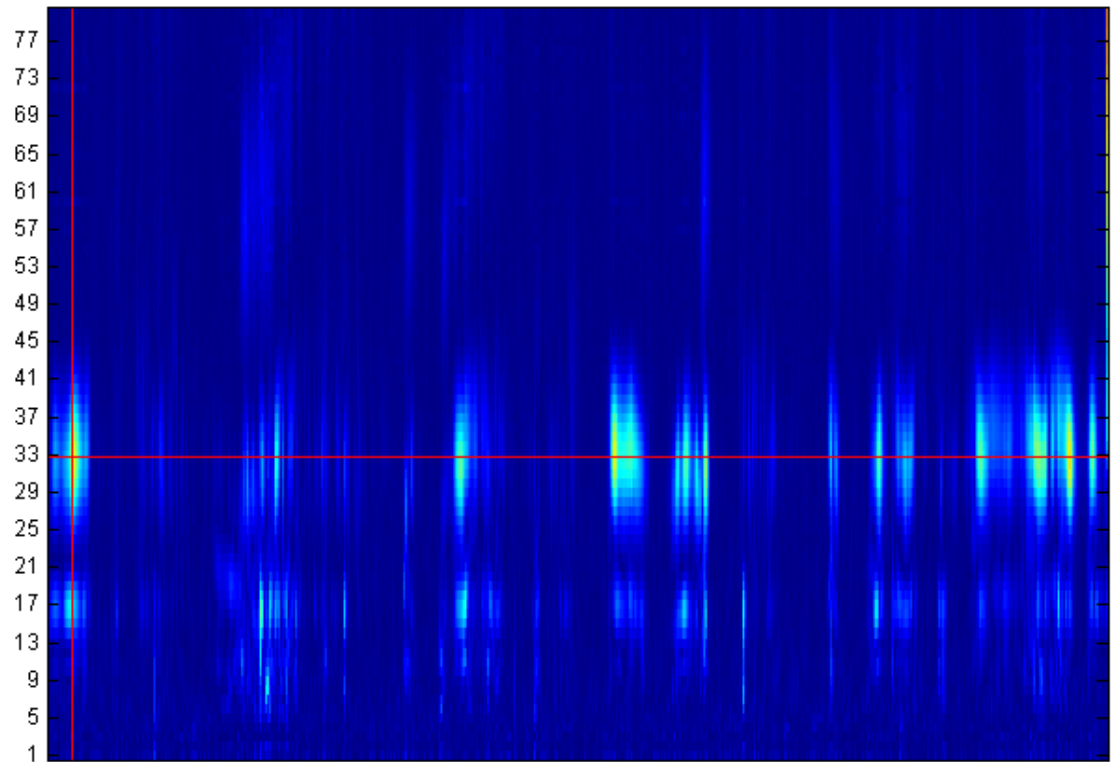
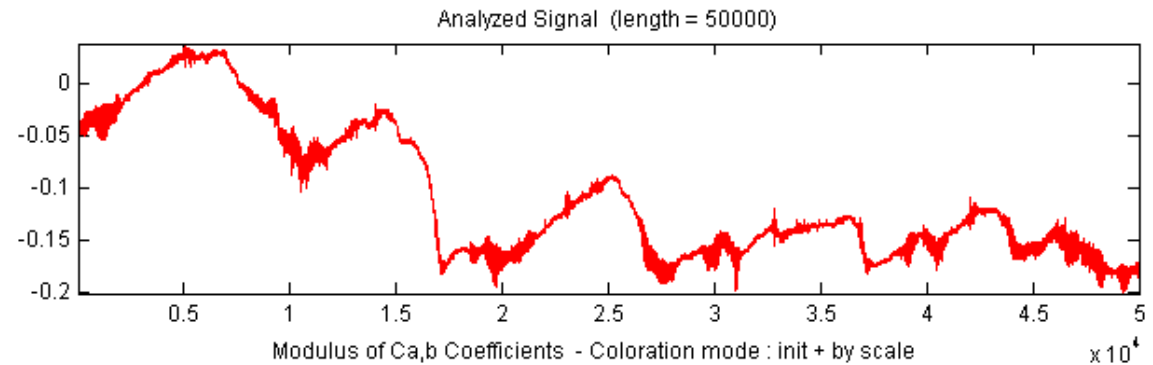
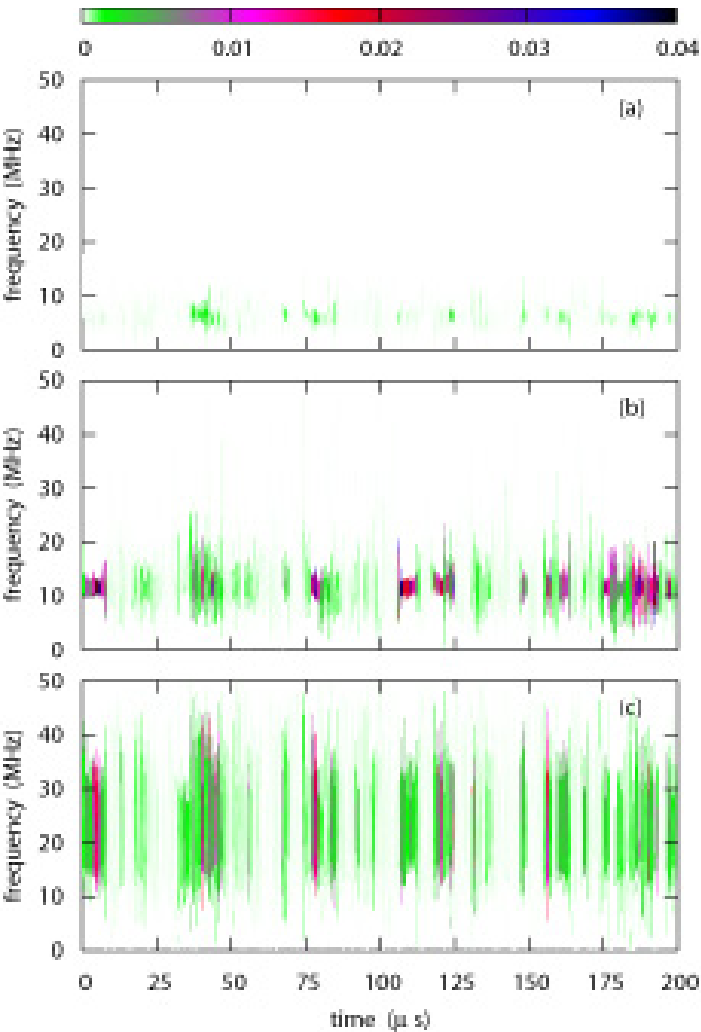
Marginal Hilbert Spectrum



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# Comparison with wavelet time-frequency analysis



Morlet  $\rightarrow$  freq. =  $375/\text{scale} \Rightarrow 33 \leftrightarrow 11.4$  MHz

# Conclusions and Perspectives

## The Hilbert-Huang Transform method:

- Has proven to be a promising and attractive method to analyze non stationary and nonlinear time-series because of:
  - a very efficient ability in filtering different physical phenomena
  - accurate time-frequency representation
  - moderate cpu time consumption and ability to analyse long time series
- Some improvements would be useful, e.g., Hilbert spectra representation

# Linear spectral analysis tools

The classical Fourier analysis tools are redefined in terms of wavelets:

in order to obtain statistical stability, the appropriate combinations of wavelet coefficients are integrated over a small finite time interval

$f(t)$  is digitally sampled on  $[0, N T_s]$   $T_0 - \frac{T}{2} \leq \tau \leq T_0 + \frac{T}{2}$

• Wavelet spectra and coherence  $C_{fg}^W(a, T_0) = \int_T W_f^*(a, \tau) W_g(a, \tau) d\tau$

• normalized delayed wavelet cross coherence

$$\gamma_{fg}^W(a, T_0, \Delta\tau) = \frac{\left| \int_T W_f^*(a, \tau) W_g(a, \tau + \Delta\tau) d\tau \right|}{\left( P_f^W(a, T_0) P_g^W(a, T_0 + \Delta\tau) \right)^{1/2}} \quad \rightarrow \text{estimate of the statistical noise level} \quad \varepsilon(\gamma_{fg}^W) \approx \left[ \frac{\omega_s}{\omega} \frac{1}{N} \right]^{1/2}$$

where  $P_f^W(a, T_0) = C_{ff}^W(a, T_0)$  is the wavelet auto-power spectrum

# Joint wavelet phase-frequency spectra

- The Joint wavelet phase-frequency spectrum  $S(\phi, \omega)$  is obtained by calculating the quantity:

$$c = W_f^*(a, \tau) W_g(a, \tau + \Delta\tau)$$

for a number of values of  $a$  and  $\tau$ , with fixed  $\Delta\tau$

$\omega = 2\pi/a$  and  $\phi$  phase of  $c$   $\rightarrow$  plot in the  $(\phi, \omega)$ -plane

$\Rightarrow$  insight into the frequency-dependent phase relations that may exist between  $f$  and  $g$  (usually two spatially separated measurements of the same quantity)

moreover (if homogeneous turbulence)

$\rightarrow$  related to the dispersion relation  $\omega(k)$  for the process driving the turbulence

# Non linear spectral analysis tools

Non linearity requires proper spectral analysis tools :

The Fourier method is based on the third-order spectrum  $B_{fg}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \langle F^*(\omega)G(\omega_1)G(\omega_2) \rangle$   
where  $\omega = \omega_1 + \omega_2$  and  $\langle \cdot \rangle =$  ensemble average

• Wavelet cross bispectrum  $B_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) = \int_T W_f^*(a, \tau)W_g(a_1, \tau)W_g(a_2, \tau)d\tau$

• Wavelet cross bicoherence (normalized squared cross bispectrum)

$$\left(b_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0)\right)^2 = \frac{\left|B_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0)\right|^2}{\left(\int_T |W_f(a_1, \tau)W_g(a_2, \tau)|^2 d\tau\right)P_f^W(a, T_0)}$$

• Wavelet auto bispectrum and auto bicoherence  $B^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) = B_{ff}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0)$   
and  $\left(b^W(a_1, a_2, T_0)\right)^2 = \left(b_{ff}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0)\right)^2$

• The bicoherence is a measure of the amount of phase coupling that occurs in a signal or between two signals. Advantage of wavelet bicoherence → ability to detect temporal variations in phase coupling (intermittent behaviour)

# Bicoherence as a Fourier tool

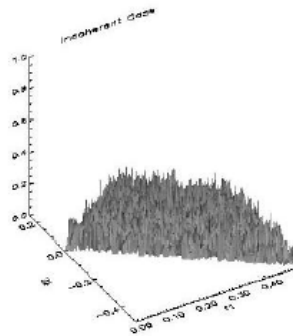
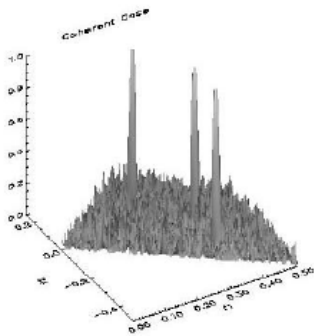
## Test Signal Bicoherence

- We consider a test signal of the following form to demonstrate the importance of coherent phases in bispectral analysis:

$$y(t) = \sin(\omega_1 t + \theta_1) + \sin(\omega_2 t + \theta_2) + \sin(\omega_3 t + \theta_3),$$
$$\omega_1 = 0.1, \omega_2 = 0.25, \omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 = 0.35$$

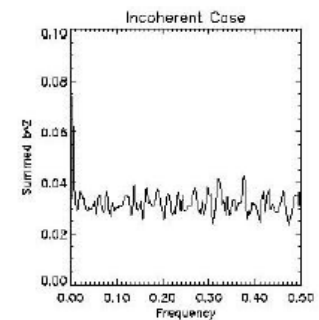
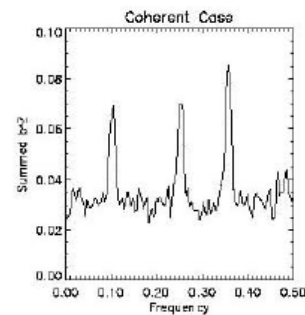
$$\theta_3 = \theta_1 + \theta_2$$

$\theta_3$  random



## Test Signal Summed Bicoherence

- Calculate summed bicoherence as function of  $f_3$  along line  $f_2 = f_3 - f_1$ . It corresponds to the total coherence between a frequency  $f_3$  and all other frequencies.
- See three spikes for the coherent case, corresponding to the three frequencies, and noise in the incoherent case.



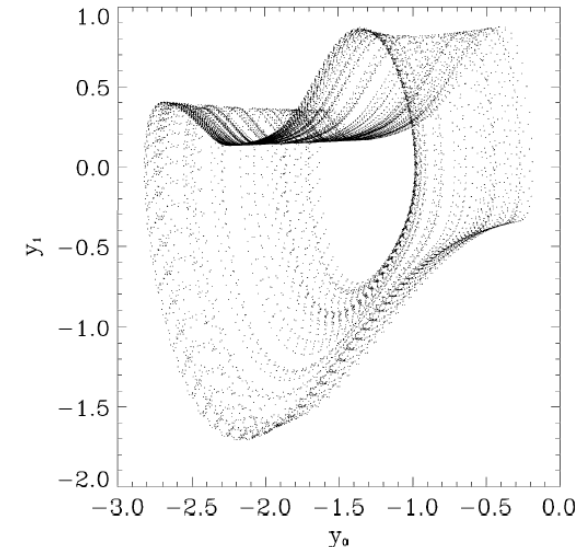
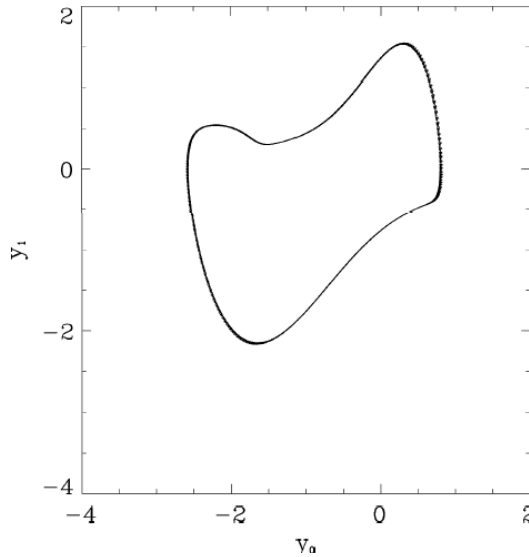
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# Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (1)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} = y_i \\ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial t} = \left[ \varepsilon_i - (x_i + \alpha_i x_j)^2 \right] y_i - (x_i + \alpha_i x_j) \end{cases}$$

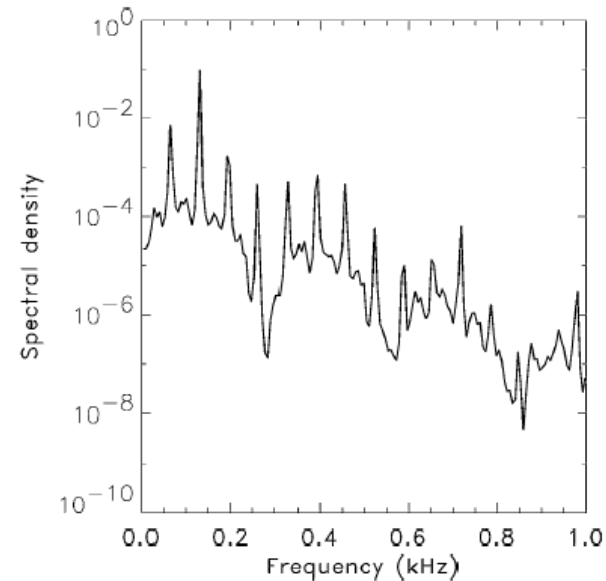
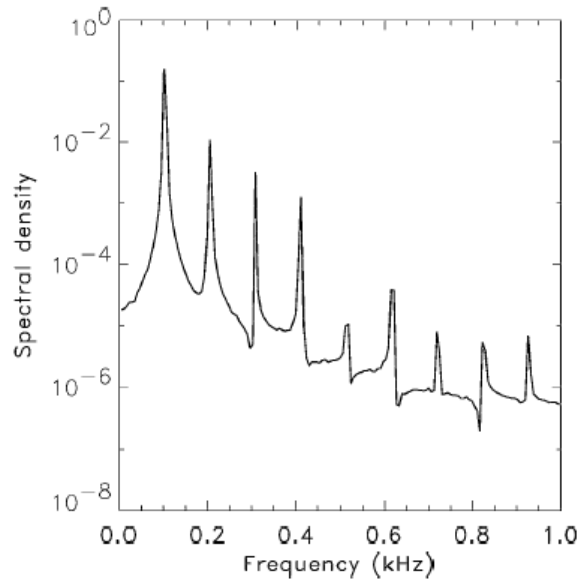
Periodic state:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1 &= 1.0 & \alpha_1 &= 0.49 \\ \varepsilon_2 &= 1.0 & \alpha_2 &= -1.75 \end{aligned}$$



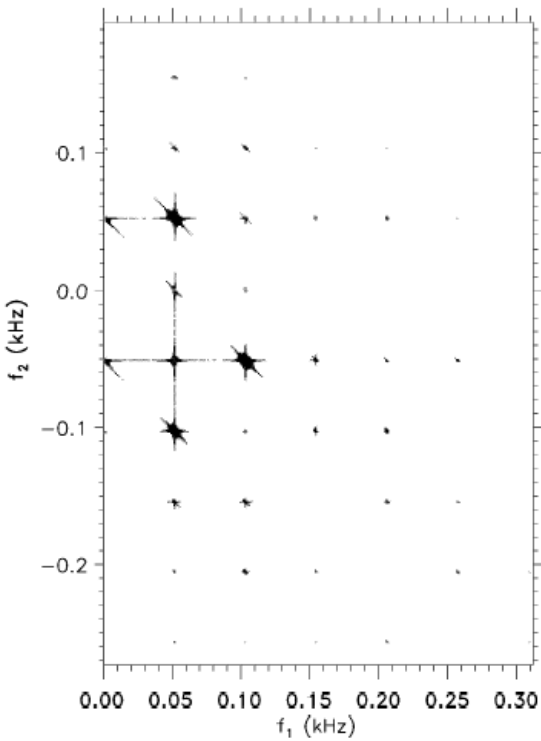
Chaotic state:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1 &= 1.0 & \alpha_1 &= 0.5 \\ \varepsilon_2 &= 1.0 & \alpha_2 &= 1.75 \end{aligned}$$

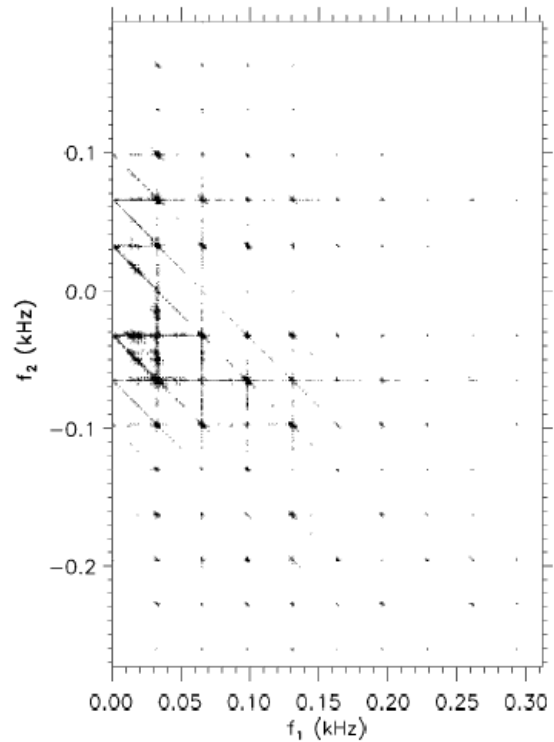




# Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (2)

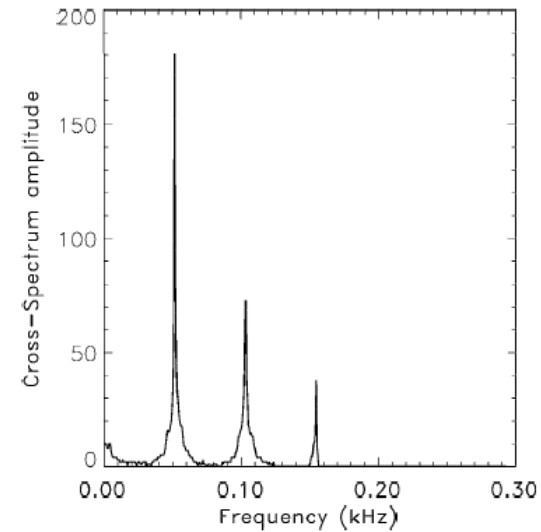


Periodic state:

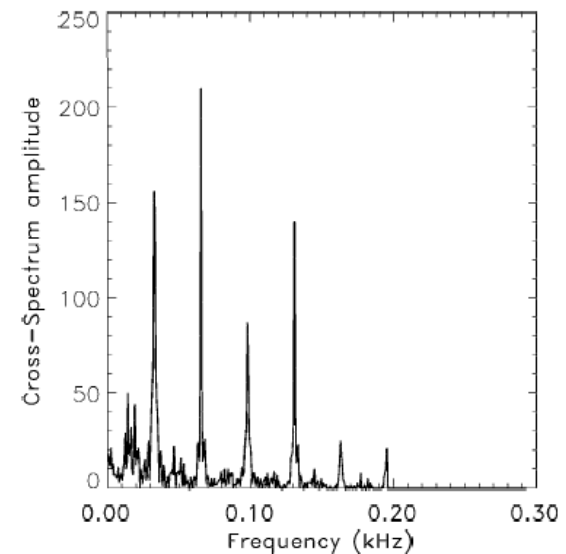


Chaotic state:

## Fourier Bicoherence

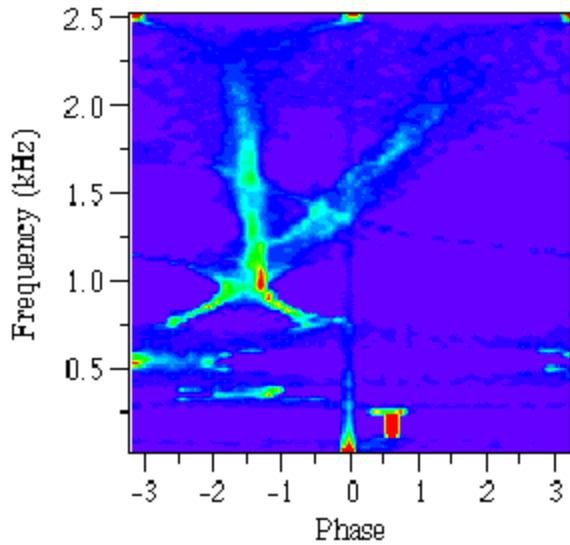


## Summed bicoherence



# Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (3)

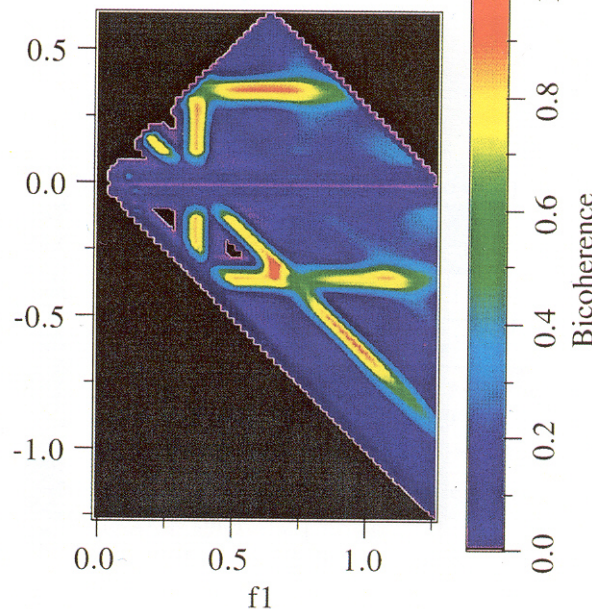
Cross phase probability, periodic state



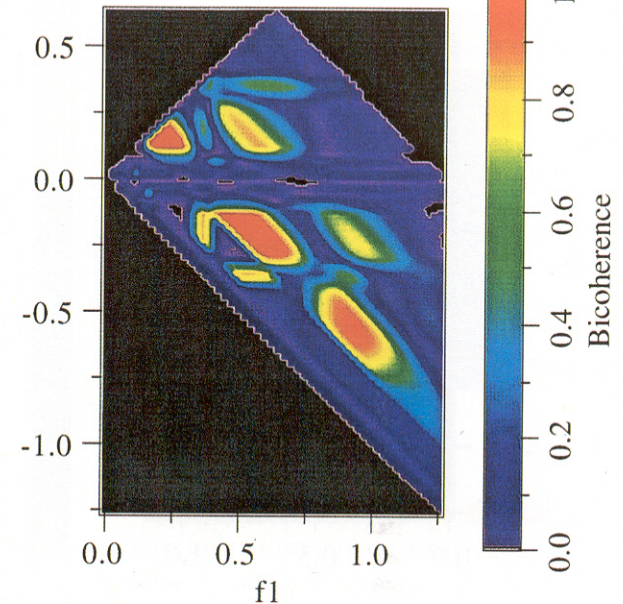
Periodic state:  $\varepsilon_1 = 1.0$   $\varepsilon_2 = 1.0$   $\alpha_1 = 0.5$   $\alpha_2 = -1.75$

⇐ Average phase relation between the two coordinates of one oscillator at every frequency ⇒ low-dimensional attractor

Bicoherence, periodic state



Cross bicoherence, periodic state



The bicoherence allows the determination of the driving frequency.

i.e., peak at  $f = 0.34$  in the spectrum

From van Milligen

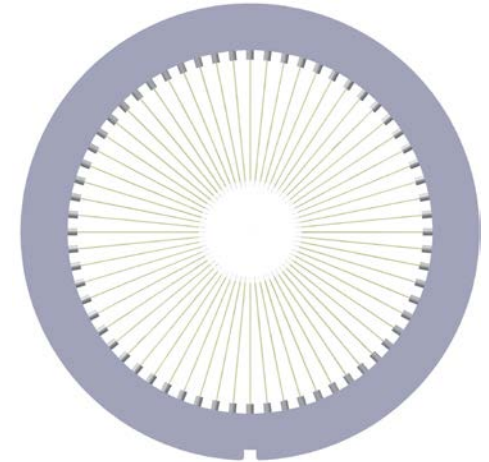
# Bicoherence analysis

Bispectrum of a spatial series  $S(x)$  :

$$B^W(a_1, a_2) = \int W_s^*(a, X) W_s(a_1, X) W_s(a_2, X) dX$$

$W_s(a, X)$  = wavelet transform of  $S(x)$ .

$a, a_1, a_2$  = wavelet scales such that  $1/a = 1/a_1 + 1/a_2$



$n=64, F_{ech} = 1.25 \text{ MHz}$

$B^W$  is a measure of the degree of nonlinear coupling between 3 waves satisfying the resonance condition :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 \\ k_1 + k_2 = k_3 \\ \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 = \Phi_3 + \text{const} \end{array} \right.$$

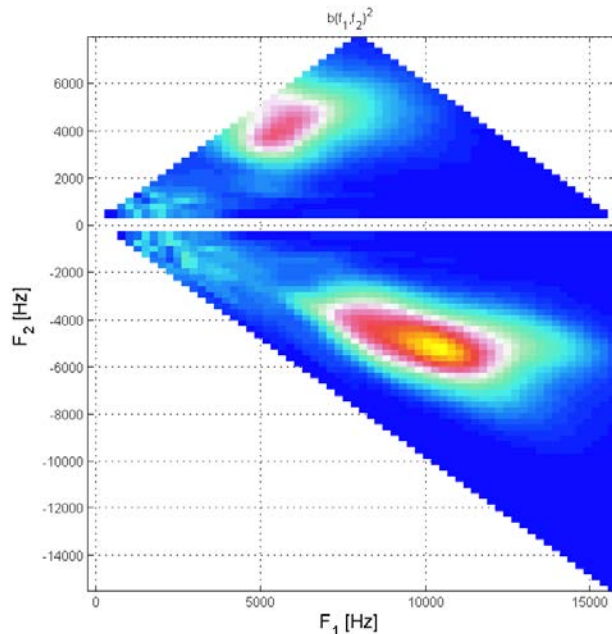
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# Bicoherence

Normalization of the bispectrum => Autobicoherence (bicoherence)

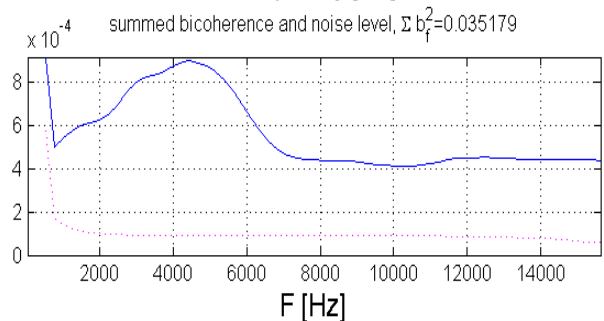
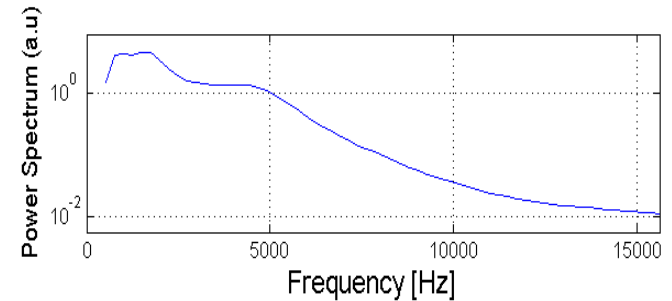
$$[b^W(a_1, a_2)]^2 = \frac{|B^W(a_1, a_2)|^2}{[\int |W_s(a_1, X)W_s(a_2, \tau)|^2 dX][\int |W_s(a, X)|^2 dX]}$$

$$0 \leq [b^W(a_1, a_2)]^2 \leq 1$$



Auto-  
Bicoherence

Summed  
Bicoherence



# Bicoherence

## Summed Bicoherence

$$b^2(k_w) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{k_u, k_v} b^2(k_u, k_v) \delta_{k_u+k_v, k_w}$$

allows to determine the coupling direction

## Total bicoherence

$$b_{\text{Tot}}^2 = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{k_w} b^2(k_w)$$

gives an indication on the amount of nonlinear coupling

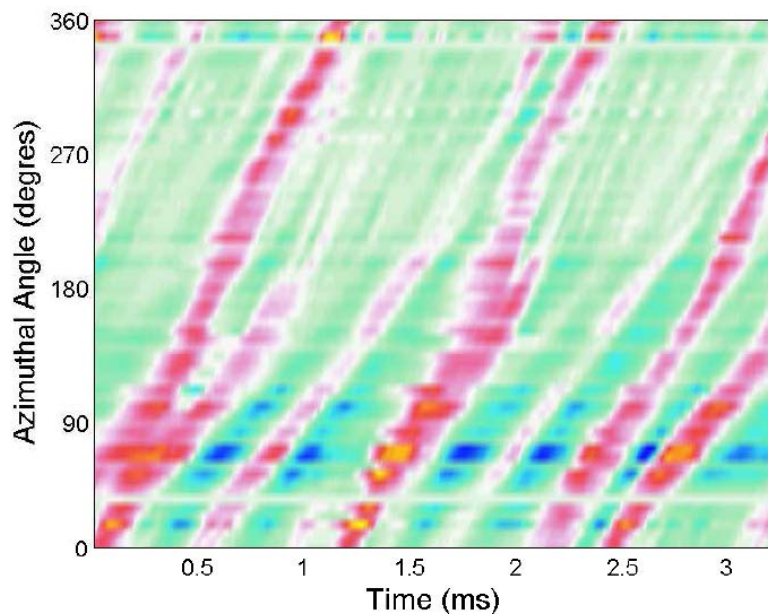
## Statistical noise:

$$\epsilon[b^W(k_1, k_2)]^2 = \frac{1}{N \min(|k_1|, |k_2|, |k_1 + k_2|)} \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \Rightarrow \text{depends on the scale } 1/k$$

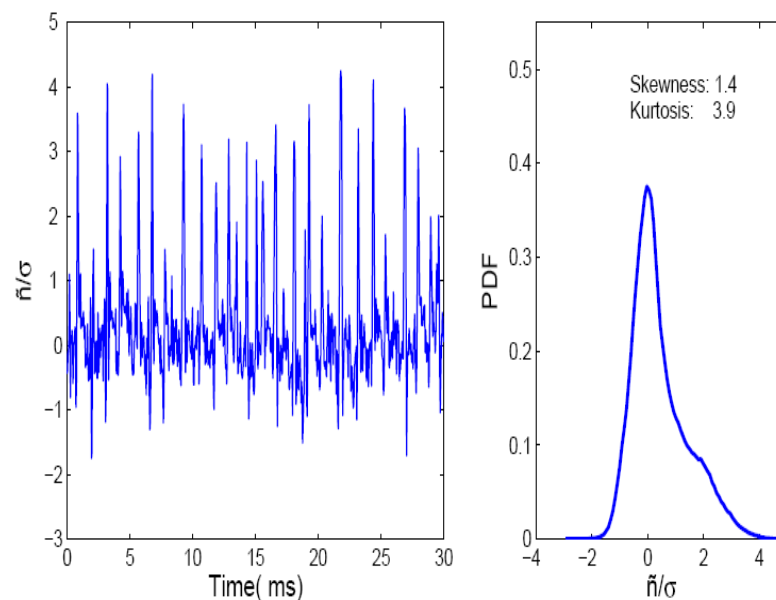
# Results: dynamical analysis

Weakly turbulent state (drift waves) in the Vineta device

Density fluctuations



Time-series and PDF



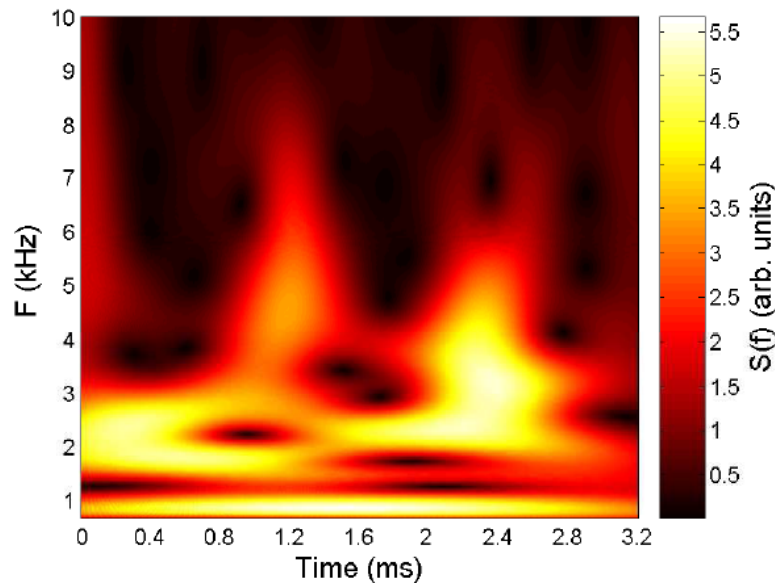
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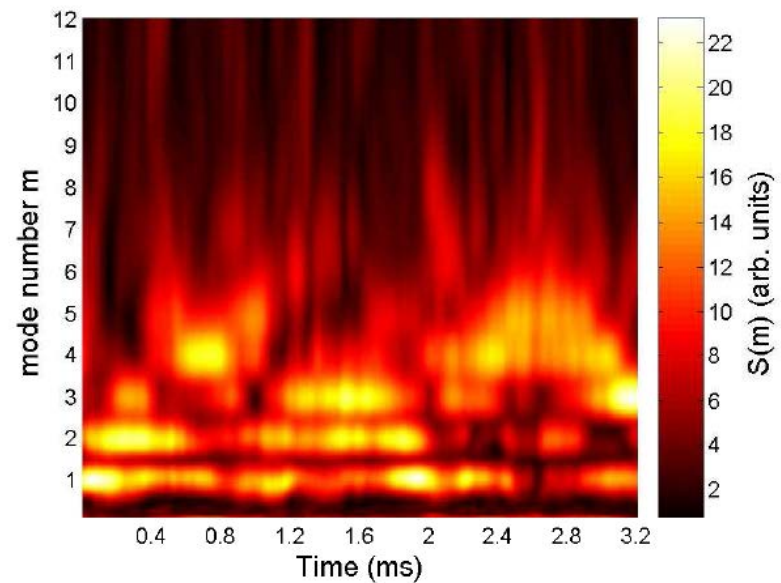
# Results : dynamical analysis

More details are seen in the k spectrum than in the frequency spectrum (wavelet spectra).

Time/frequency spectrum

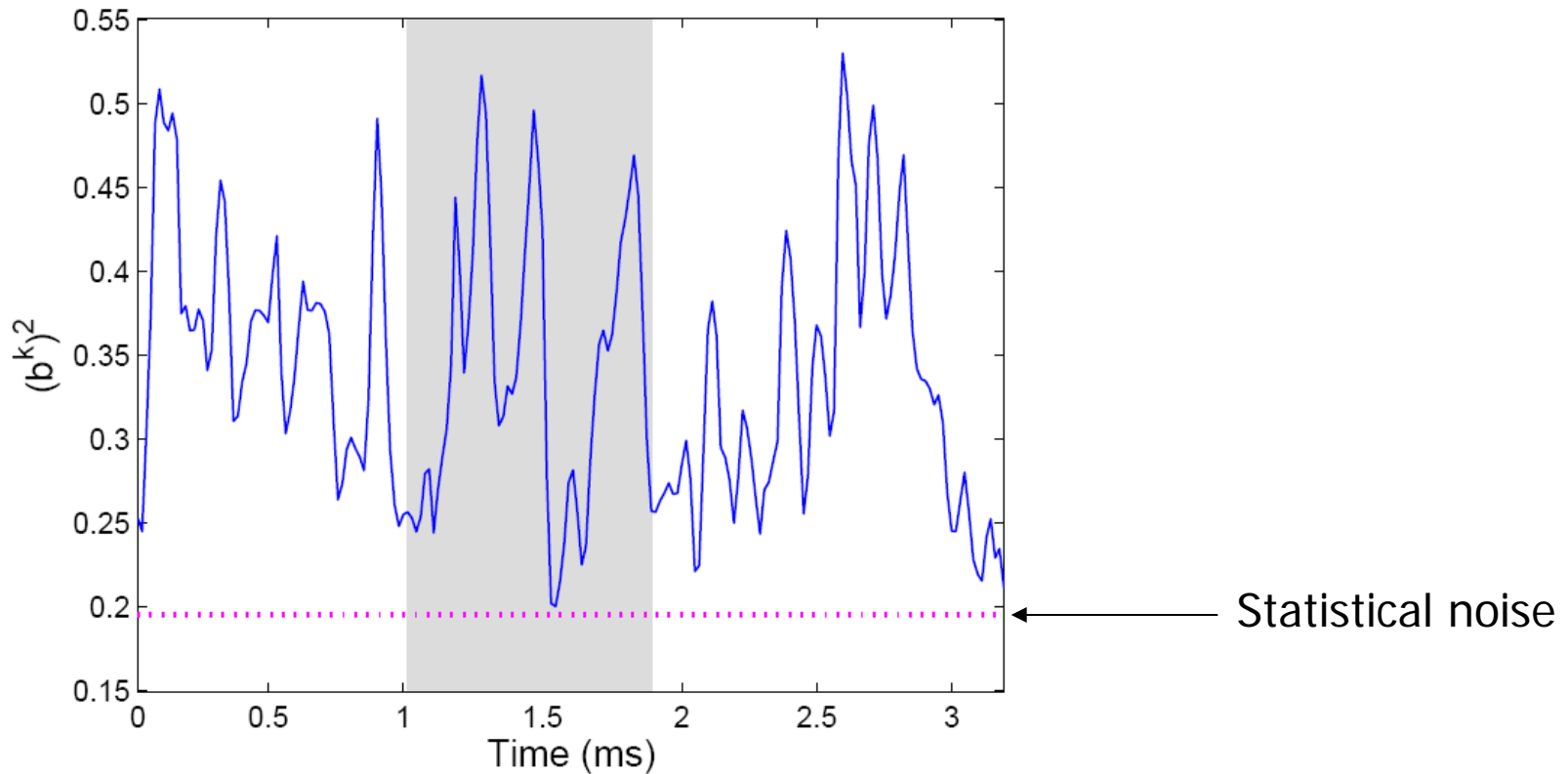


Time/wave number spectrum



# Results : dynamical analysis

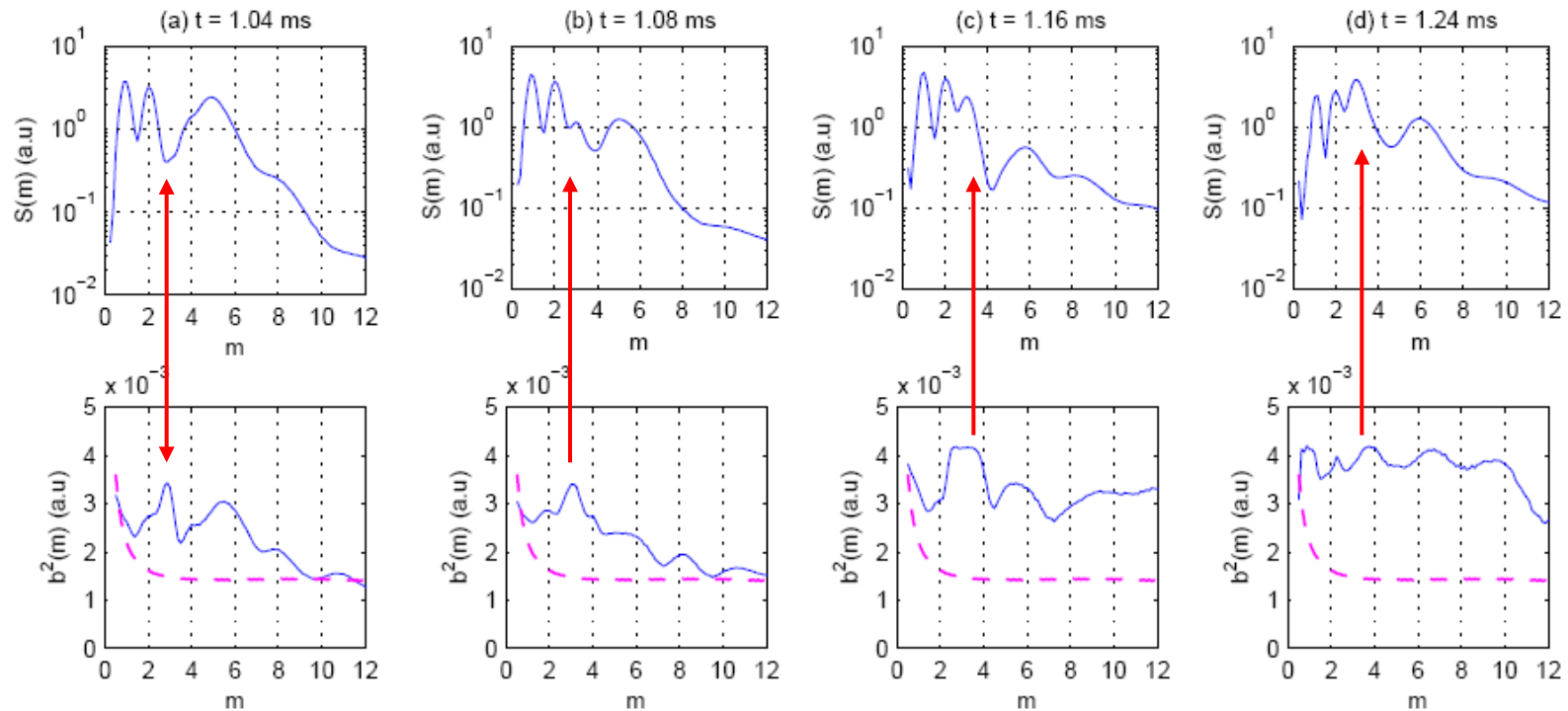
The temporal evolution of the  $k$  total bicoherence shows bursts on small time scale (too small to be detected from a frequency analysis ( $\sim T/10$ )).





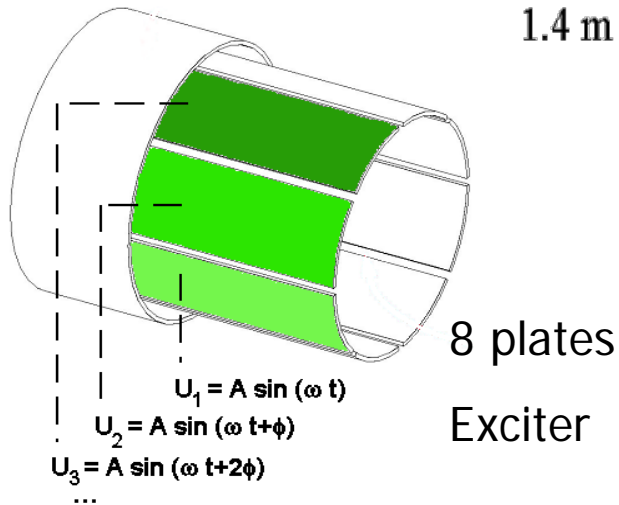
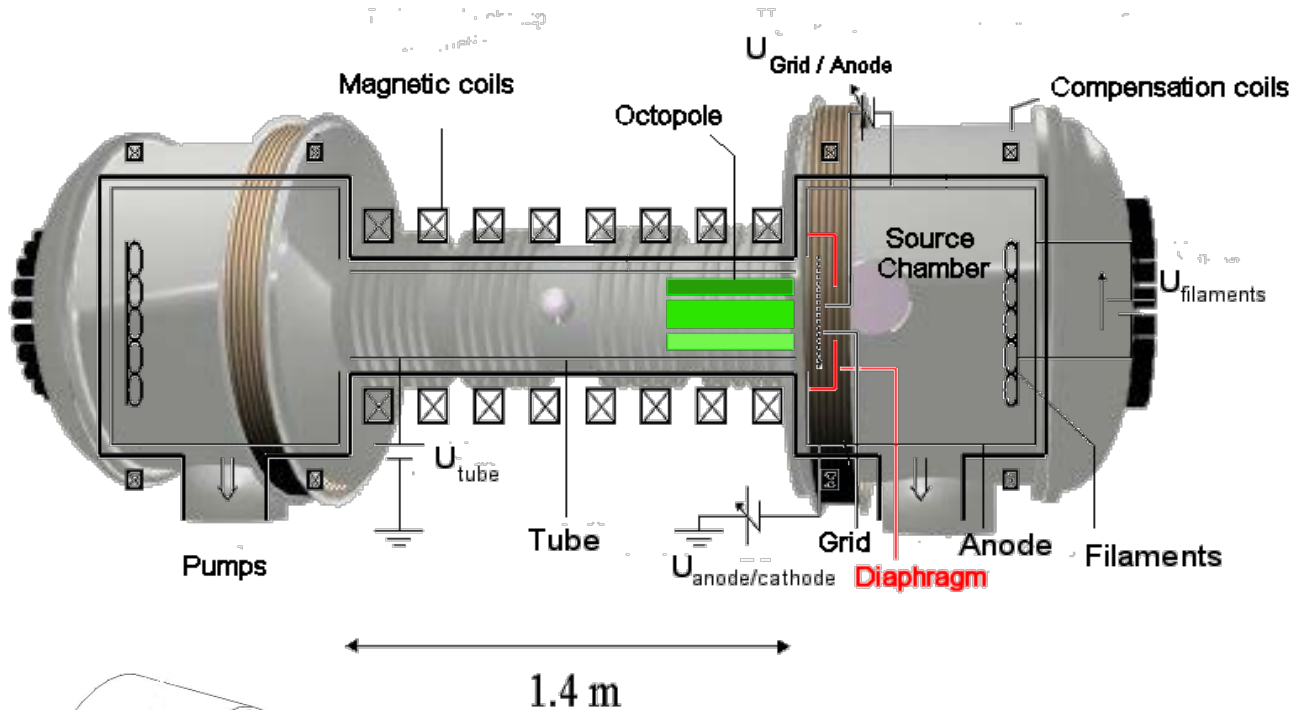
# Results : dynamical analysis

Zooming a bicoherence burst: comparison spectrum/summed bicoherence  
=> a  $m = 3$  mode is created through mode coupling.



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# Experimental Setup: the MIRABELLE device

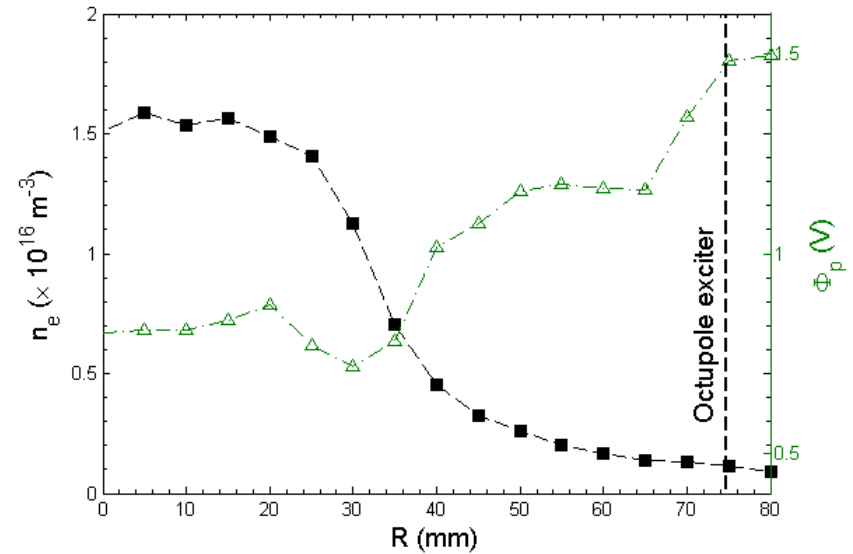


## Plasma typical parameters:

- Argon plasma
- $T_e \sim 1 - 3 \text{ eV}$  ,  $T_i \sim 0.02 \text{ eV}$
- $B = 0 - 130 \text{ mT}$
- $n_e \sim 10^{15} - 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- $P \sim 0.5-5 \text{ E}^{-4} \text{ torrs}$
- $\rho_s \sim 0.5 - 3 \text{ cm}$

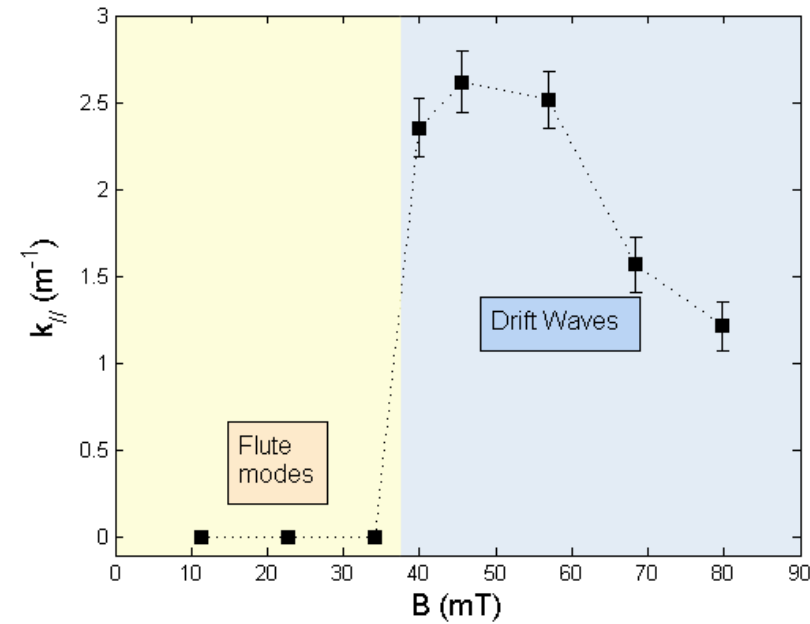
# Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

The exciter plates are localised outside of the plasma  $\Rightarrow$  no limiter effect.



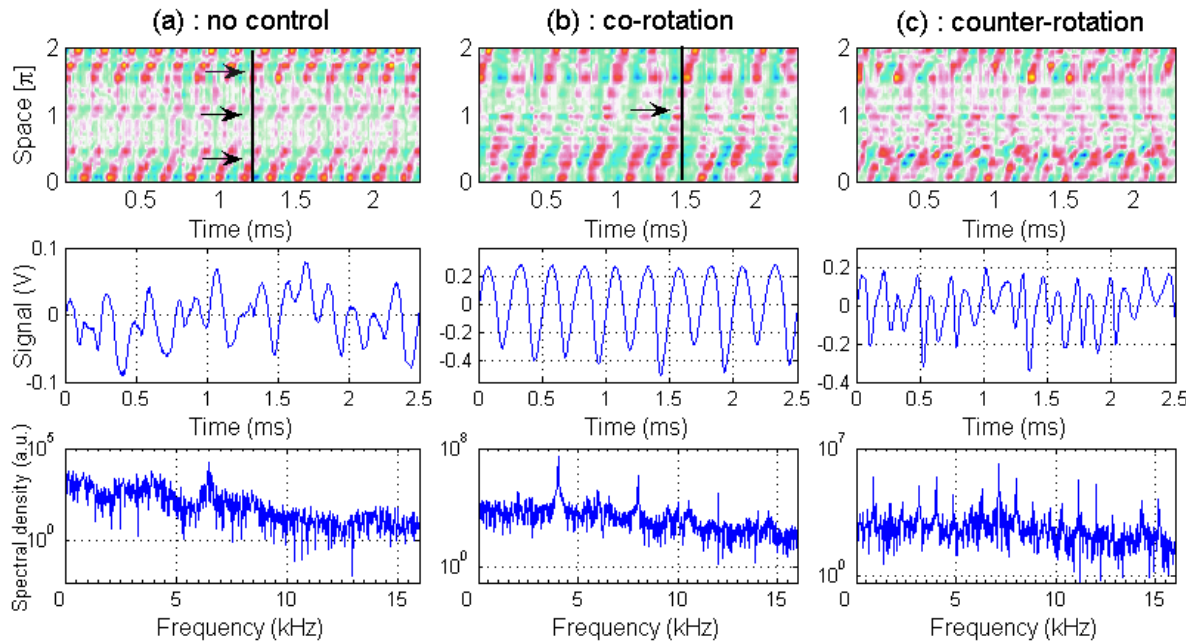
In Mirabelle, it is possible to select between "flute" modes (Kelvin-Helmholtz, Rayleigh-Taylor) at low field, and drift waves at high magnetic field.

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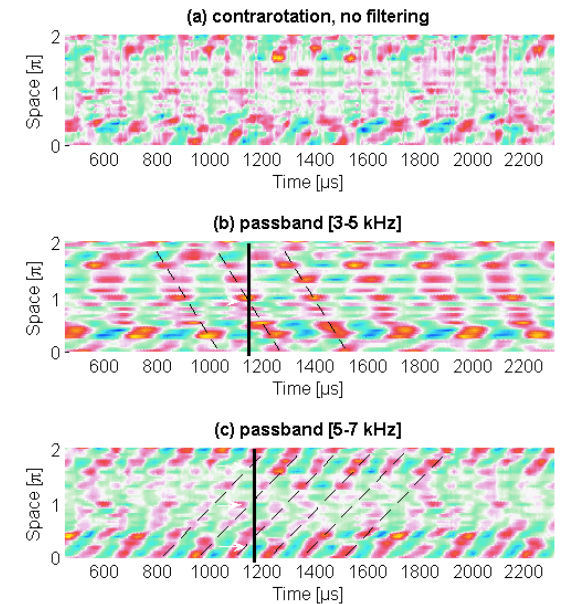


# Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

Example 1 : forcing of a  $m=1$  Kelvin-Helmholtz mode



A  $m=1$  mode at  $F_{\text{ex}}=4\text{kHz}$  is applied to a  $\sim 3$  à  $7$  kHz irregular mode, for two rotation directions (amplitude 2V)

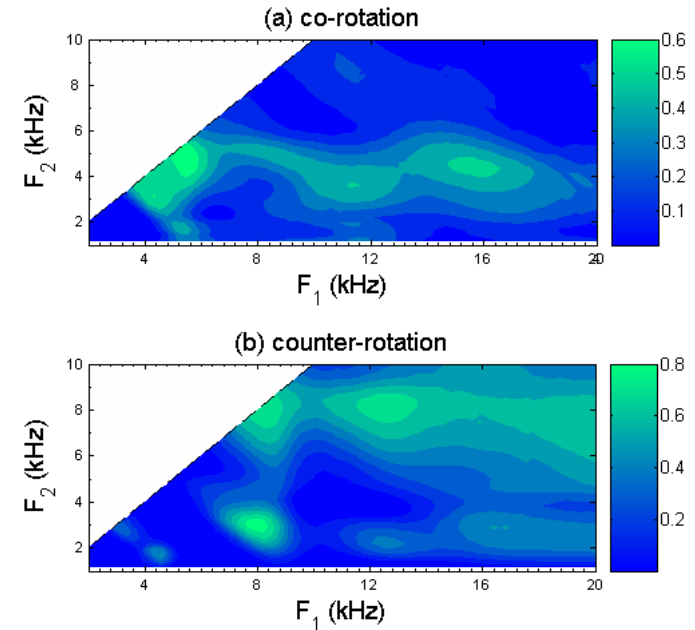


Filtering out the counter-rotation by using a 1<sup>st</sup> order band-pass filter

# Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

- Spatiotemporal effect
- the  $m=3$  mode is not totally suppressed.
- $k_{y'}=0$  before and after control: same kind of mode.
- in the counter-rotation case, the applied spatiotemporal structure is simply superimposed. No coupling.
- Bicoherence analysis: coupling between  $F_{\text{ex}}$  and the instability only if co-rotation.

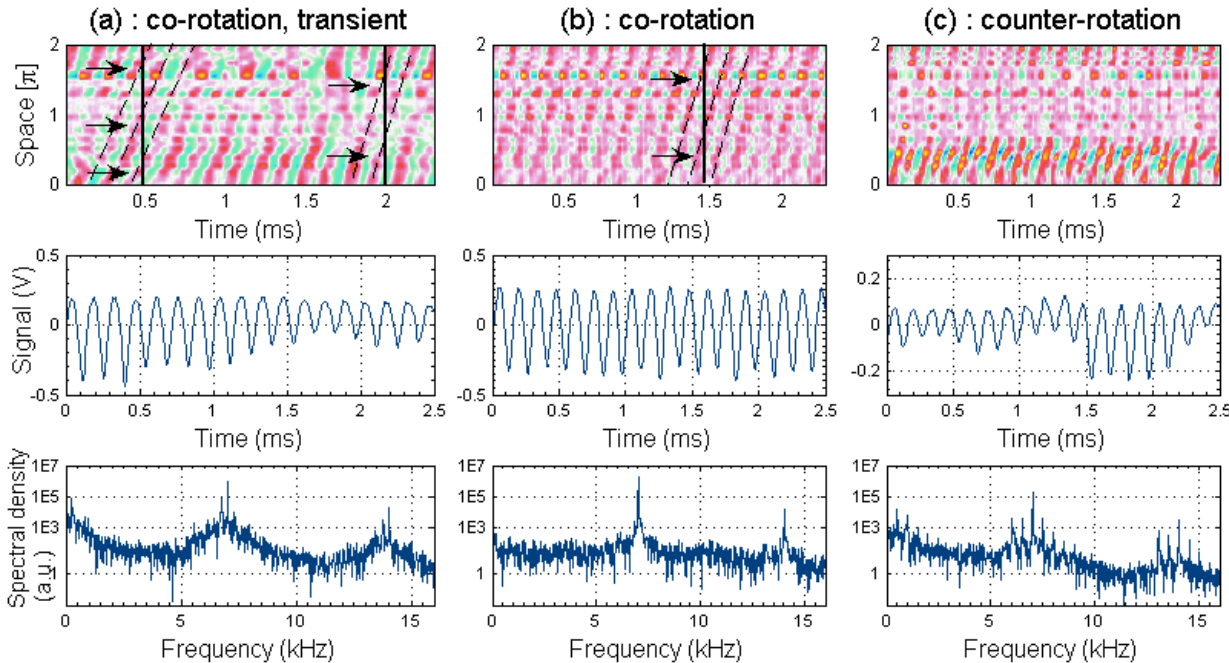
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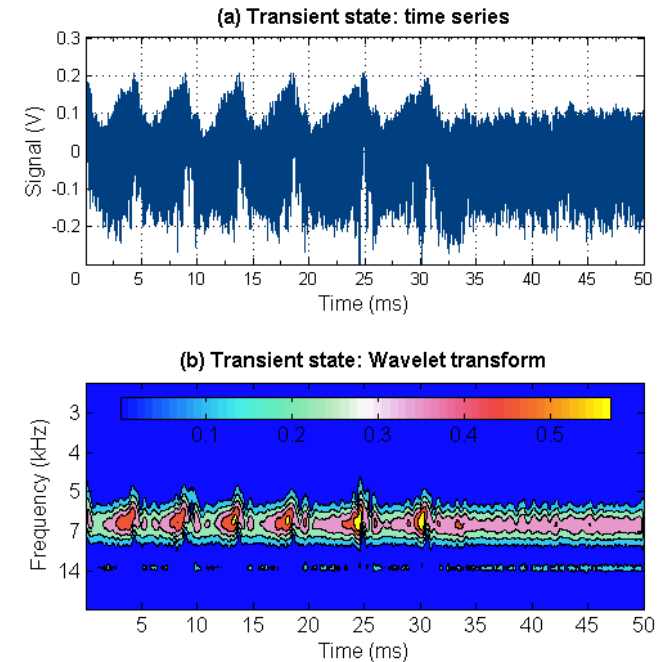
Bicoherence plot demonstrating the coupling between the forcing mode and plasma eigenmodes

# Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

Ex.2 : synchronisation of a  $m=2$  mode (Kelvin-Helmholtz)



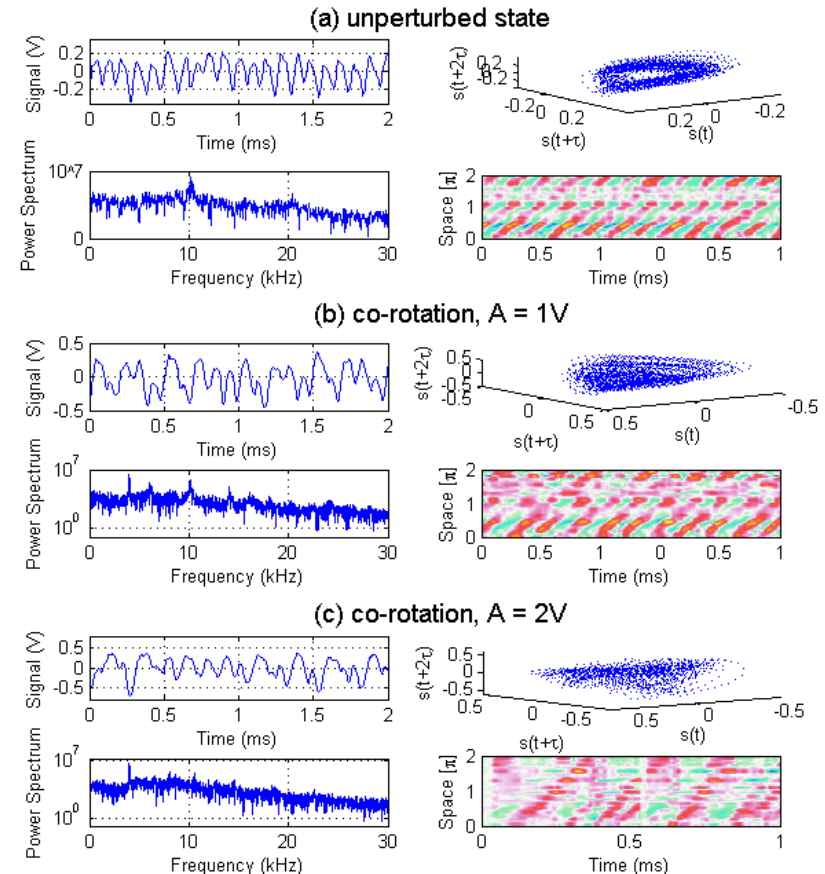
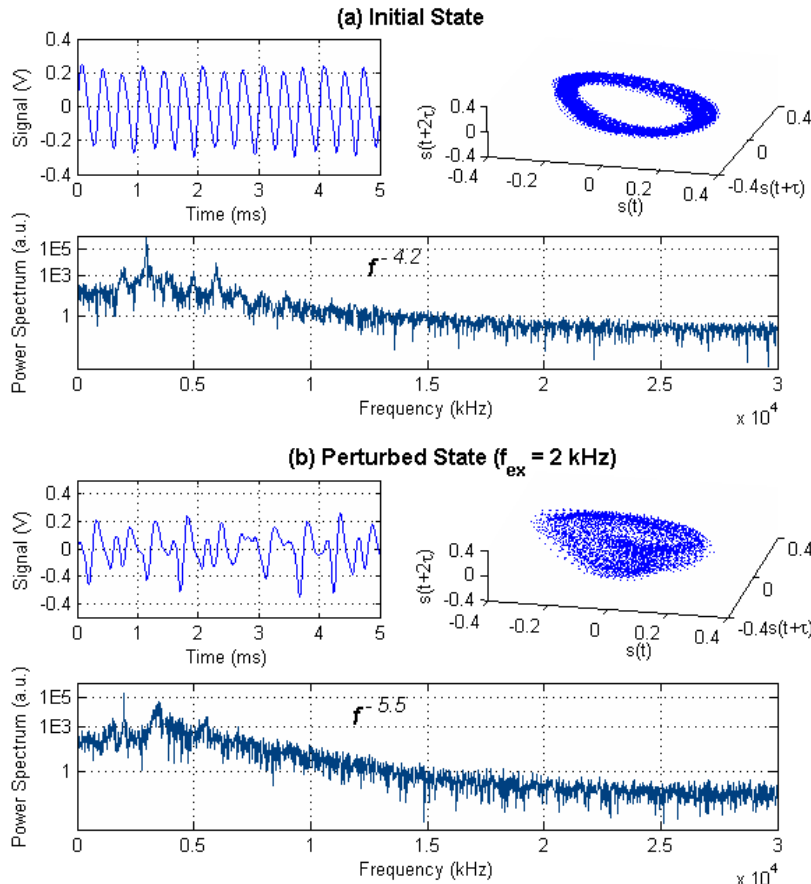
Forcing of a  $m=2$  at  $F_{\text{ex}} = 7\text{kHz}$  on a  $m \sim 3$  at  $7\text{kHz}$  (amplitude  $1.2\text{V}$ )



Wavelet analysis showing the transition to the synchronized state

# Driving a Turbulent state

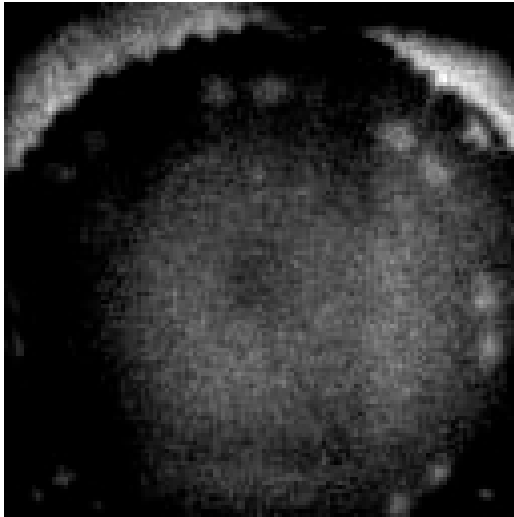
The excitor can also be used to drive more turbulent states, through nonlinear wave-wave coupling leading to spectral enlargement (Ruelle-Takens scenario).



Generation of turbulence: Drift waves (left) and Kelvin-Helmholtz (right). The turbulence level depends on the amplitude of the applied signal on the excitor.

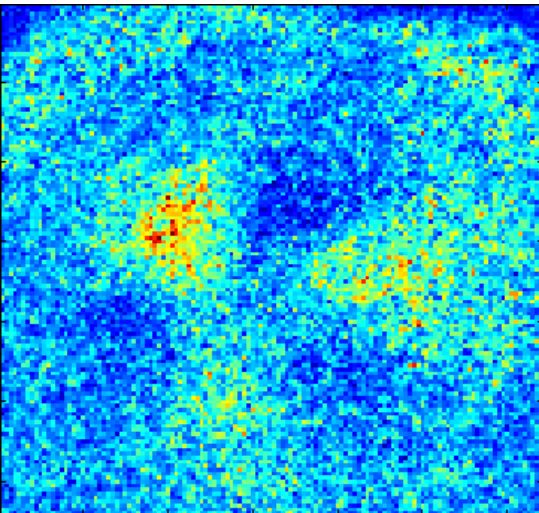


# Fast camera data (test)



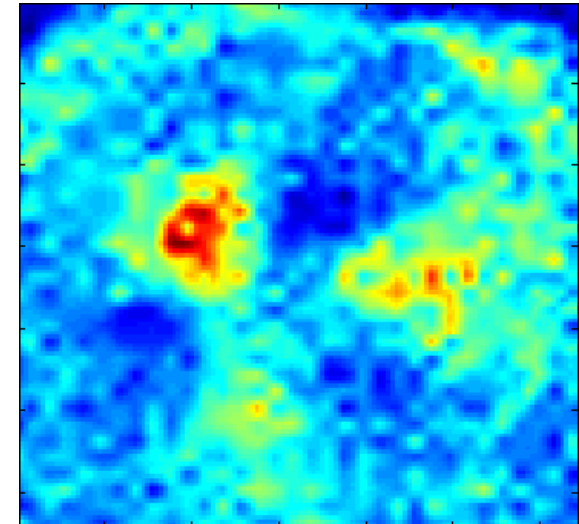
Raw data taken in the  
Mirabelle device

Drift wave, regular mode



After  
substracting  
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After  
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# Conclusions and Perspectives

- Several methods are available
- The choice of the best method depends on the kind of information we want to extract from the data
- Fourier methods have many drawbacks when applied to non stationnary nonlinear signals
- Wavelets based tools are very useful, and especially to measure self-similarity properties
- Among the last introduced methods the Hilbert-Huang transform has proven to be very efficient in filtering