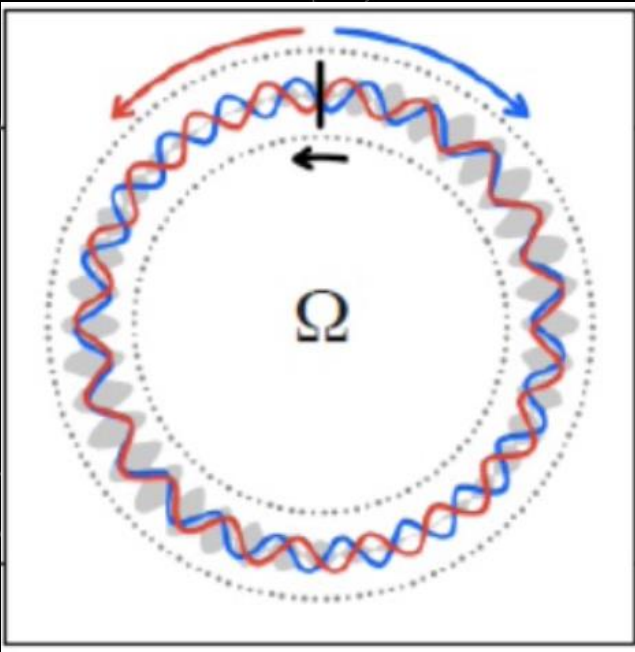


Ring Laser gyroscopes and Gravitational waves research

- Ring laser and the Sagnac effect
- GINGERINO and the sensitivity measurement
- Possibility for GW research

Sagnac effect



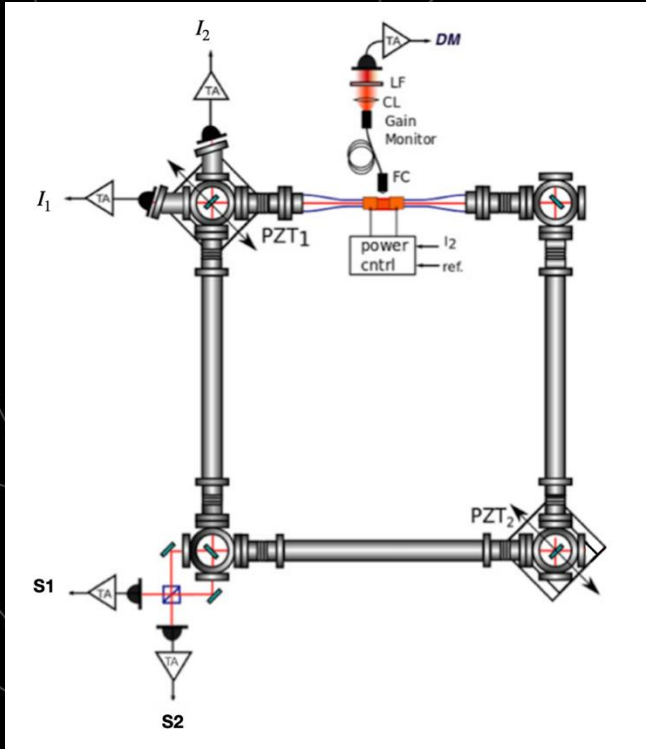
- two counter-propagating beams in a closed path (interferometer with equal arms)
- The phase shift $\Delta\phi$ between the two waves is proportional to non reciprocity
- When the path rotates, the shift depends on the scalar product angular rotation and area vector $\Omega \cdot \mathbf{A}$

$\vec{\Omega}$ closed path angular rotation

$$\Delta\phi = 8\pi/(\lambda c) \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{A}$$

WIDELY USED FOR NAVIGATION

Ring laser in short (high sensitivity ones)



- Three+four mirrors define a high finesse optical cavity
- Perimeter above 10m
- Optical Cavity +
- Active Medium +
- Equal arms interferometer +
- 2 independent beat notes +
- the solid crust of our Earth

$$\Delta f_{Sagnac} = \frac{4A}{P\lambda} \vec{\Omega} \circ \vec{n}$$

Advantages with respect to mechanical gyroscope

- No moving part i.e. no contribution from other degrees of freedom
- Continuous operation with high duty cycle
- Signal based on frequency reconstruction, i.e. huge dynamical range, free running operation feasible
- High frequency stability **input source not required**

Our 3 main research lines

- Improve the rigidity of the optical laser cavity in order to avoid instrumental rotation due to external forces acting of the apparatus
- Analyse data in order to identify the true f_s and test the validity of the analysis
- Active and remote control, and data quality

OUR third prototypes, TRIO is under development in Pisa

TRIO, Transportable

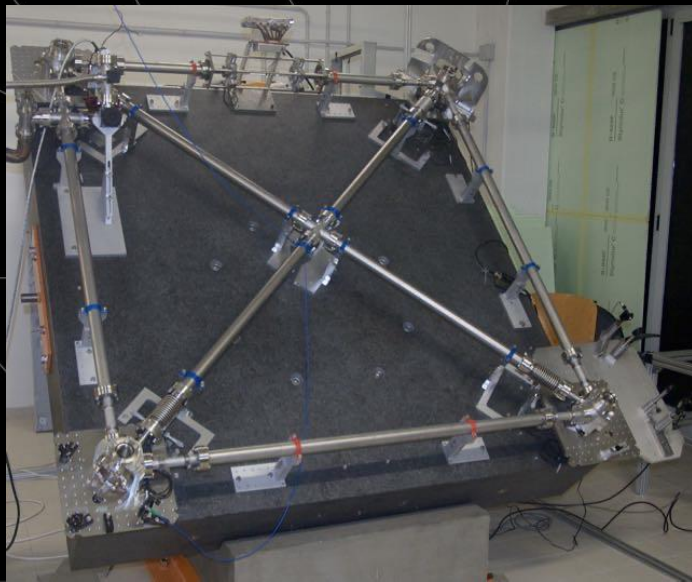
Improved long term cavity stability (GINGER design)

Faster control loop for geometry control



He-Ne laser at 633 nm
 Square cavity, L=3.6 m
 Mirrors r.o.c= 4 m
 Earth rotation Sagnac bias: **fs=280.4 Hz**

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Laser non linearity has limited RLG diffusion

Backscattering

- Scattered photons at the mirrors couple to the reverse resonating mode of the cavity

By Monitoring the two beams this contribution is analytically cancel out

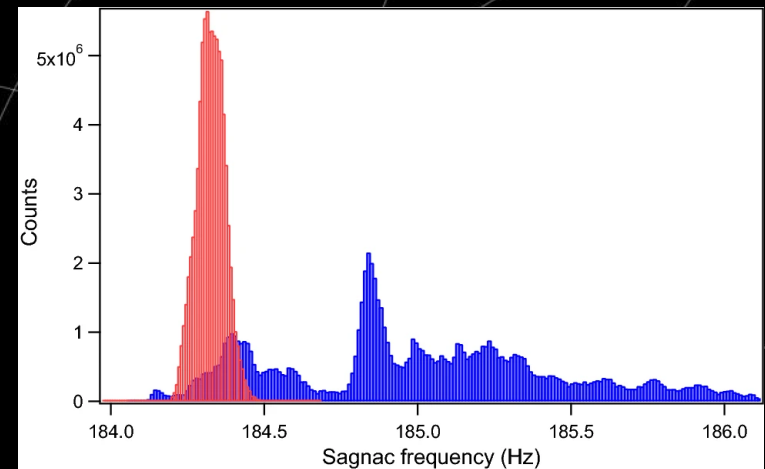
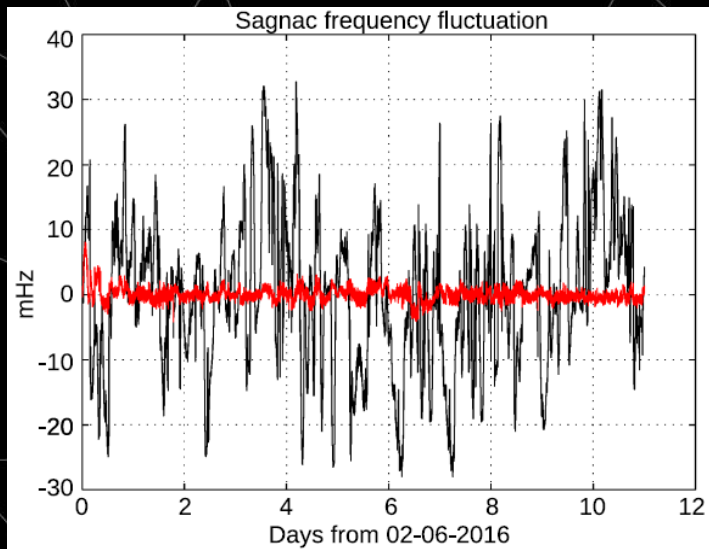
Laser dynamics (null shift)

- The laser dynamics is a rather complex non-linear process.

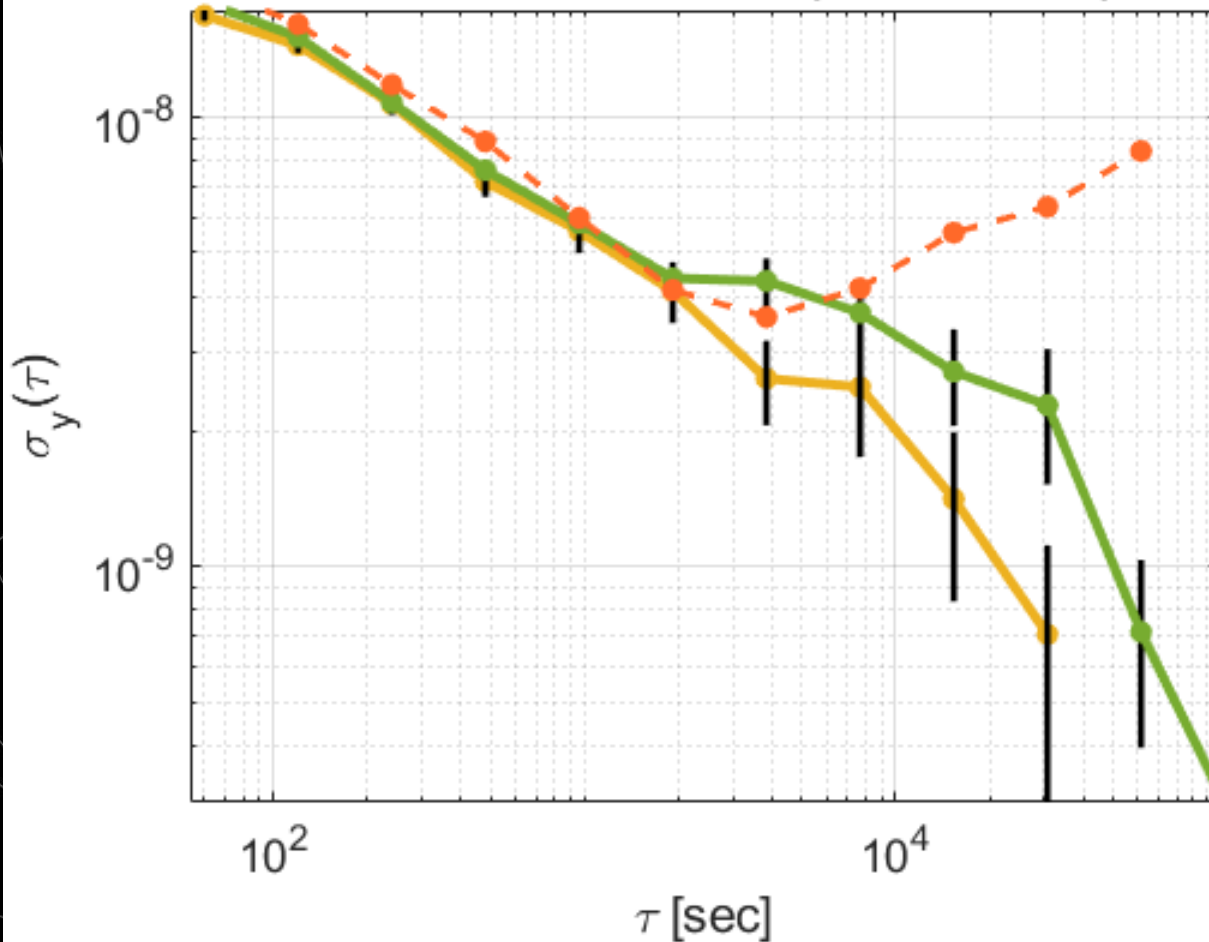
We have developed an original methods to remove such systematics through the estimation of Lamb parameters in a semiclassical approach.

Example of the data analysis improvements

- Typical raw data (black) and backscattering corrected one (red) from GINGERINO in 2016



Allan Deviation: 2022 (0.016667 Hz)



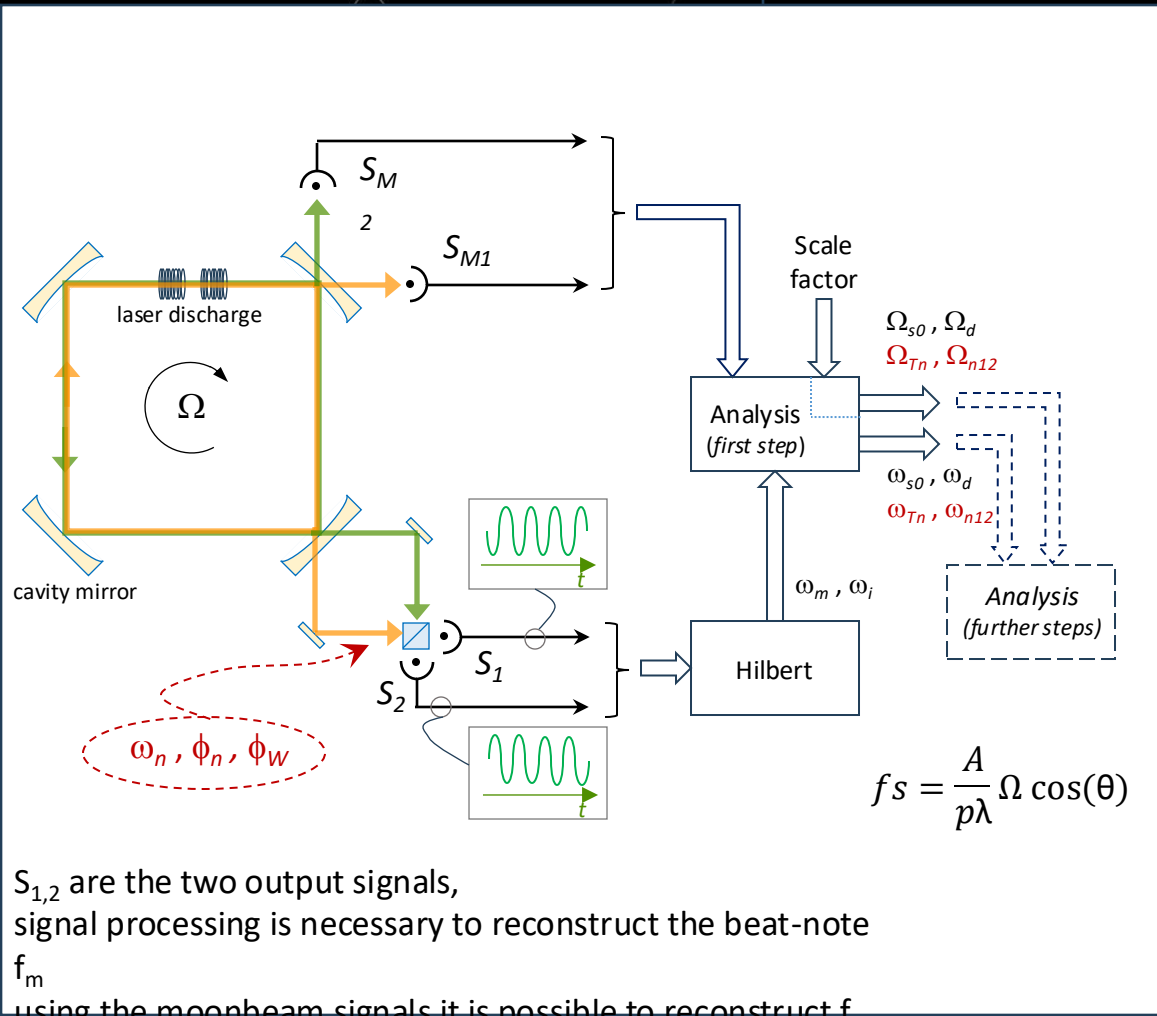
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Data analysis of GINGERINO applied to the G Wetzell ring laser

Frequency reconstruction requires time...

Hilbert transform. High sensitivity, at least 1 sec delay

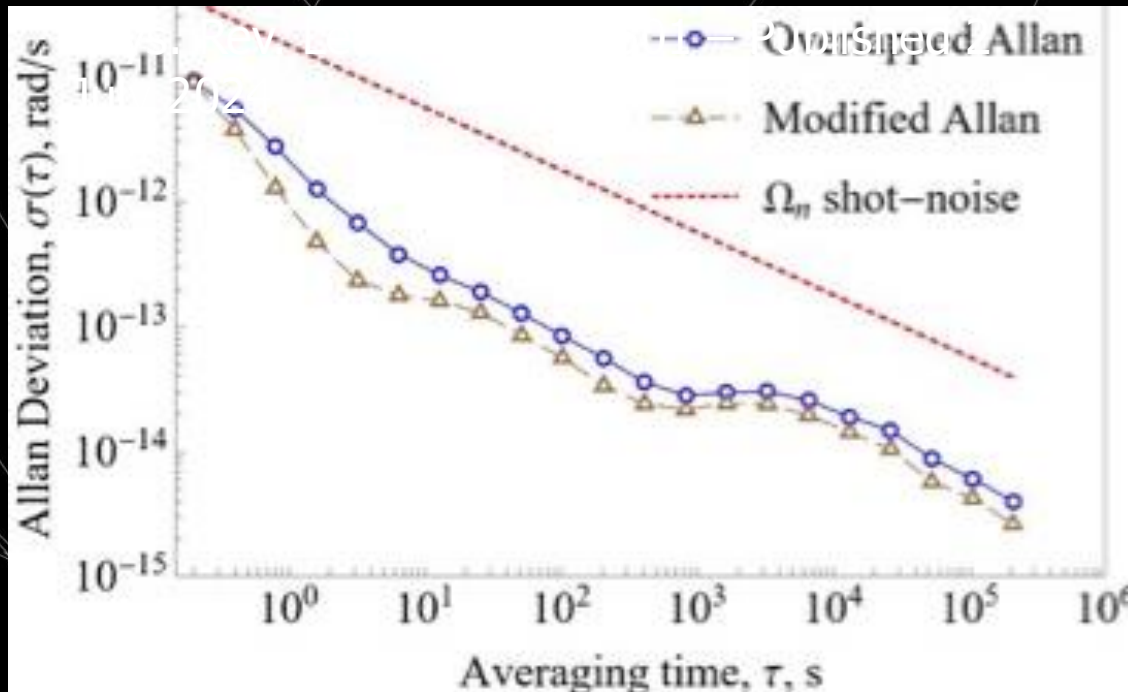
Artificial intelligence can be fast, but not so accurate (Di Somma PhD thesis, in preparation)



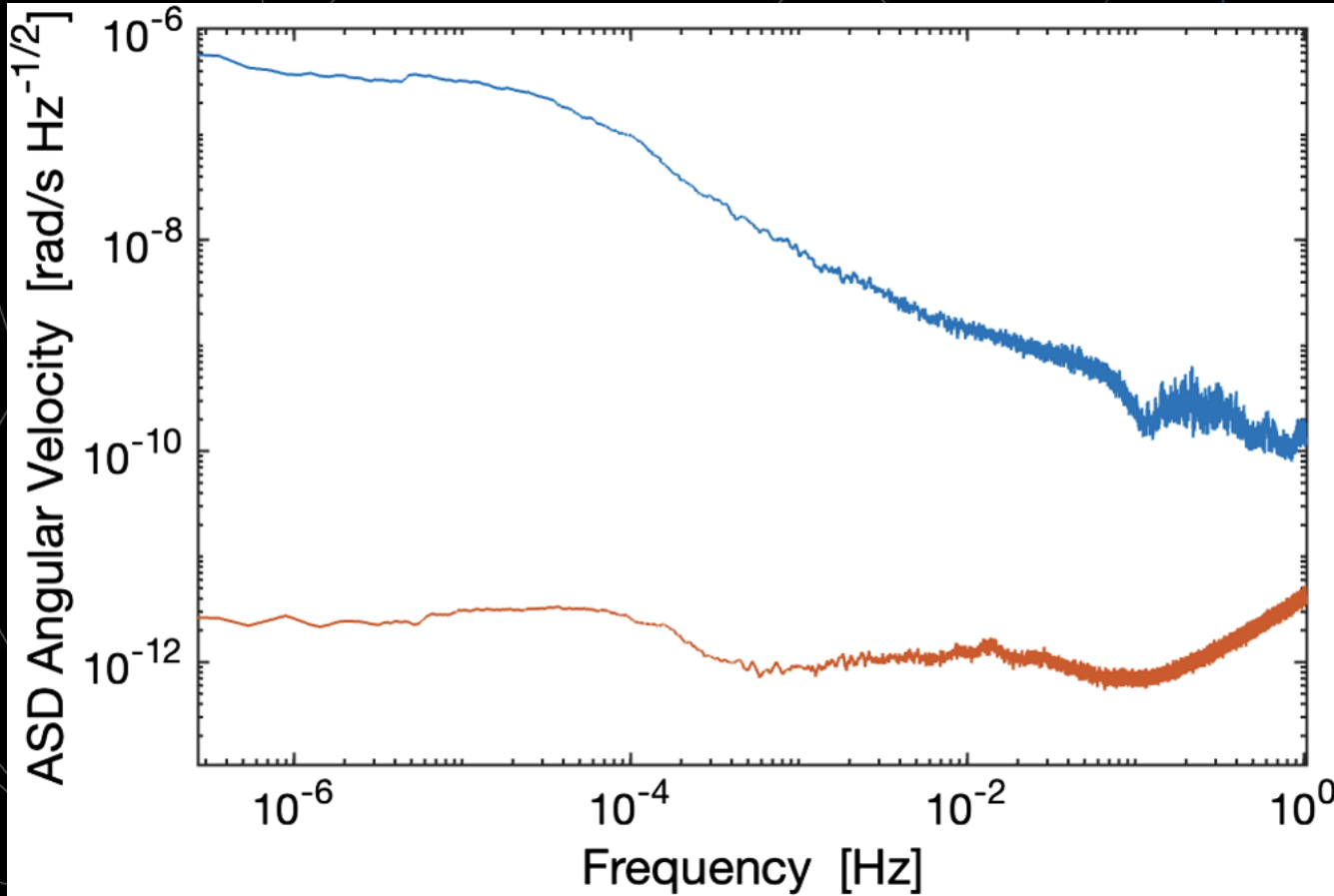


GINGERINO

- The first H-L RLG able to run unattended for months and to provide suitable data for earthquakes studies
- it has shown the importance to be underground located and the validity of LNGS for GINGER
- With its data we have been able to test novel analysis strategies to pick up from the data the true Sagnac frequency. We have completely changed the RLG analysis paradigm, demonstrating that the 'backscatter' problem can be completely solved analytically and developing algorithms to subtract the null-shift, which is the real problem for very low frequency investigation, completely ignored in previous analysis.
- It has given the opportunity to directly verify the limiting noise of RLG at low frequency, showing that the 'standard noise estimation' is not correct, and the low frequency fundamental limit is much lower than expected



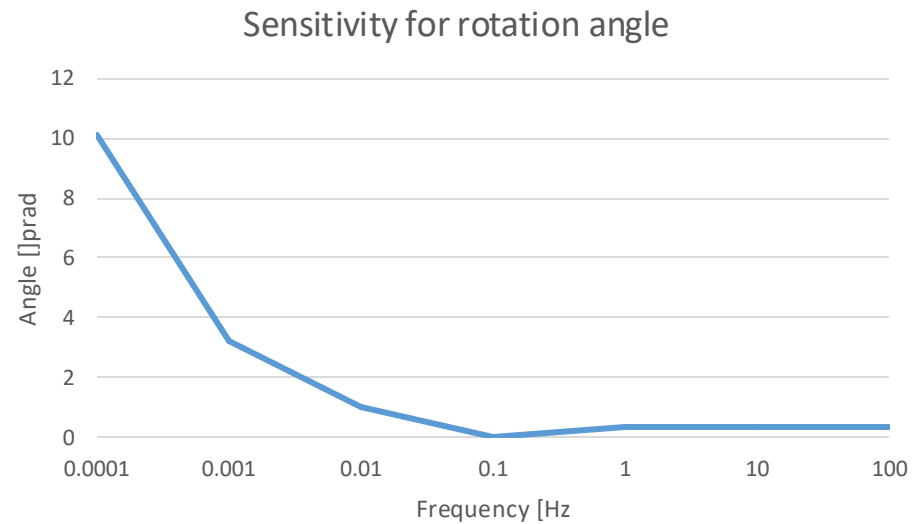
Power spectrum























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Sensitivity as $\delta\theta$

- Flat above $\nu > 0.1$ Hz 0.32 prad/sqrt(Hz)
- $N < 0.1$ Hz rises with sqrt of time
- Obviously it is necessary to remove laser non linear dynamic systematics



- This activity was born in 2009 inside the Virgo collaboration, and has proposed a new experiment, GINGER, actually under construction at LNGS
- Let see now whether it can be useful for GW research

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Possible links between RLG and GW apparatus

- Environmental monitor: G-Pisa prototype has been operating for one year in the Virgo central area and has been able to measure the strong wind induced tilt
- A10: how to use a RLG as active element on the SA suspension
- For the interferometer alignment having as reference the Earth angular rotation axis
- presently under investigation the RLG to improve by a factor 100 satellites AOCS (Attitude and Orbit Control). This could be relevant for LISA

Note: I'm not sure the output can be used for feed-backs, since it is not real time with high sensitivity

RLG main advantage: very high sensitivity down to DC

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Conclusions...so far

- The RLG research in Italy has to be considered an out-come of the GW reasearch, and it has proposed the GINGER experiment under construction at LNGS, expected to be ready in 1-2 years. First target 1 part 10^9 of the earth rotation rate, final target 1 part 10^{11} , suitable for fundamental physic tests
- Applications of RLG for GW experiments are outlined