

Disentangling Glitches

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Interferometric detector of gravitational waves (GW) are multiple - input / multiple - output (MIMO) systems. Such systems are completely described by generalized (Volterra-Wiener) transfer functions [1]:

$$y_k(t) = \sum_n y_k^{(n)}(t),$$

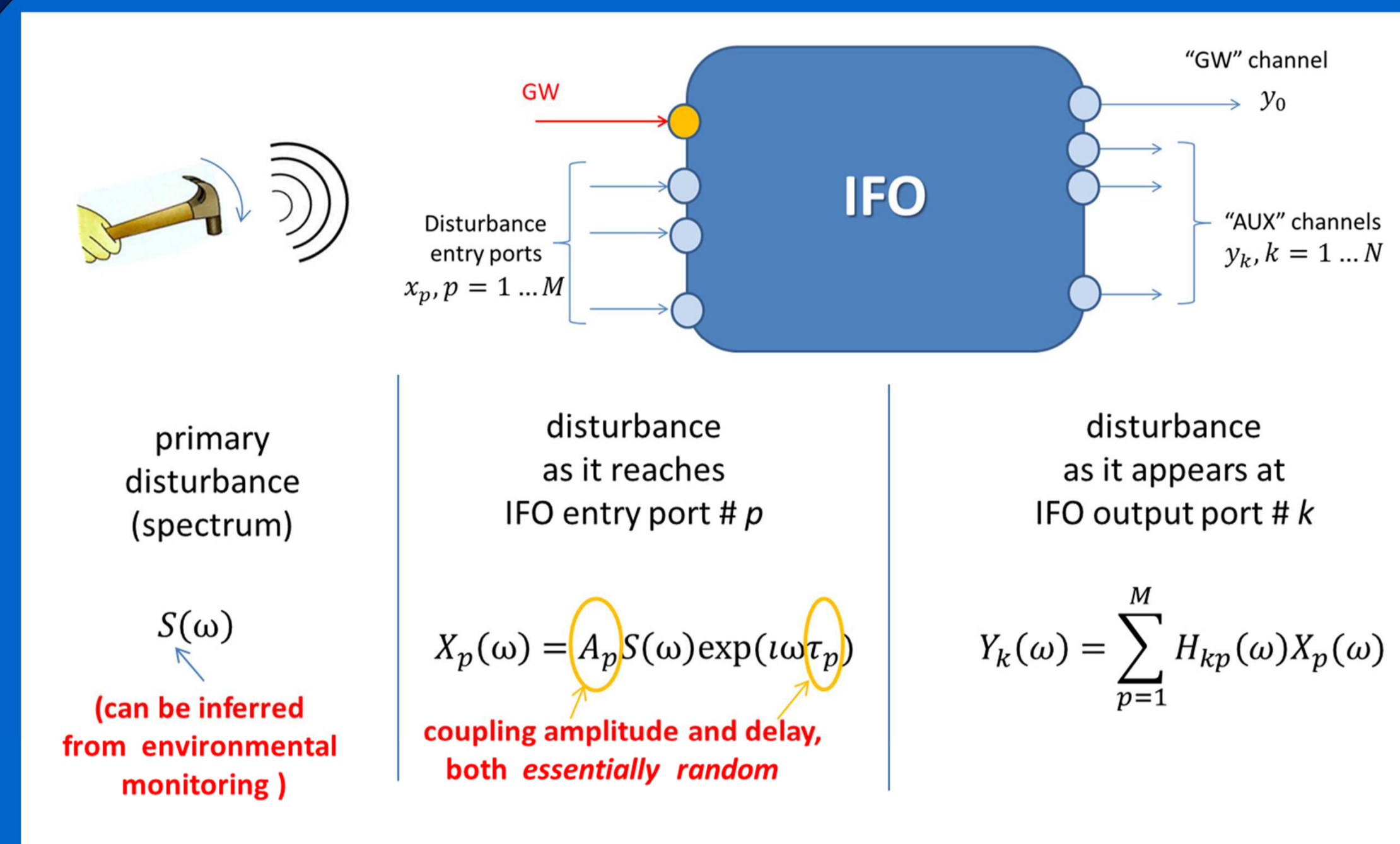
$$y_k^{(1)}(t) = \sum_{p=1}^M \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_{kp}^{(1)}(\omega) X_p(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

linear response

$$y_k^{(2)}(t) = \sum_{p,q=1}^M \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_{kpq}^{(2)}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \cdot$$

bilinear (quadratic) response

$$X_p(\omega_1) X_q(\omega_2) e^{-i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t} \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi}, \text{ etc (higher order nonlinear).}$$

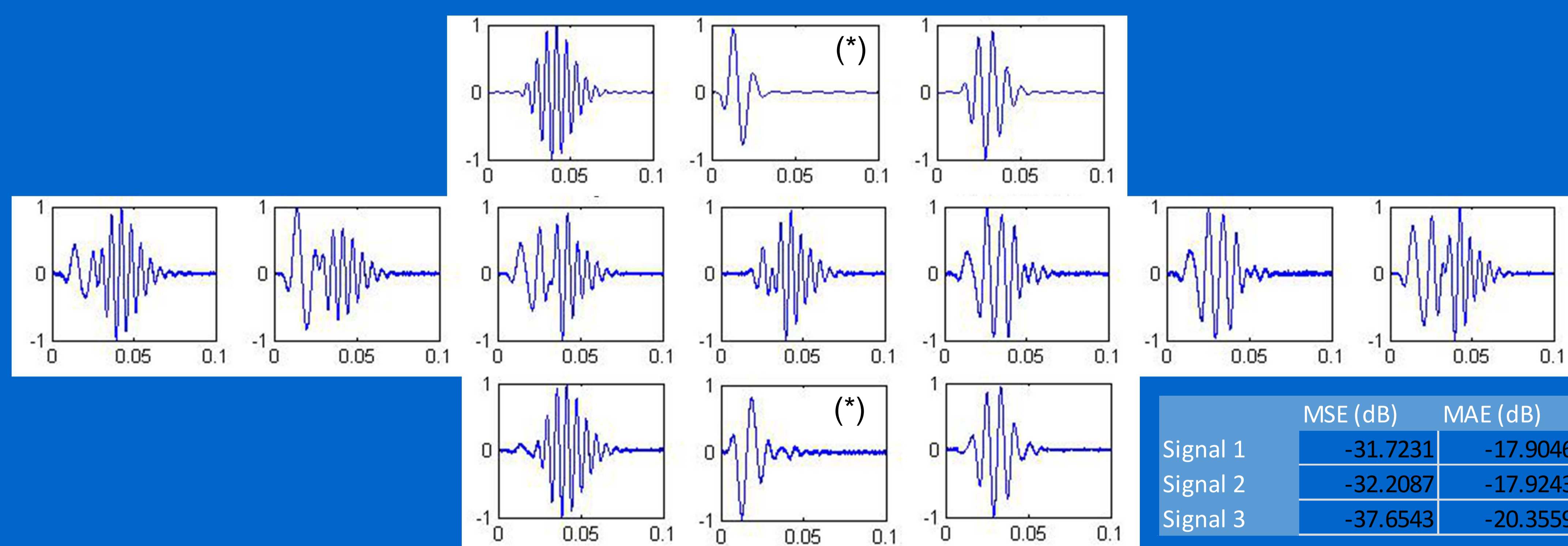


MIMO (Multiple-Input/Multiple-Output) model of interferometric GW detector. A transient disturbance reaches some “susceptible” entry ports, with random amplitudes and delays. The linear input-output relationships are described by linear transfer functions.

The (linear and nonlinear) Volterra-Wiener kernels can be *measured*, provided the relevant input/output ports are *accessible* [1]. This is *seldom* the case for disturbance entry-ports. Restrict for simplicity to *linear IFO model*, and *wideband* primary disturbances, $S(\omega) \approx S_0$, for which

$$Y_k(\omega) = S_0 \sum_{p=1}^M A_p H_{pk} e^{i\omega\tau_p} \longrightarrow y_k(t) = |S_0| \sum_{p=1}^M A_p h_{pk} [t - \tau_p - \arg(S_0)]$$

Glitches at the output of channel # k appear as *linear superpositions* with different (random) amplitudes and delays of the same (but unknown) *canonical waveforms* h_{kp} [2]. This suggests using a suitable *blind source separation* algorithm [3] to retrieve the h_{kp} from a sufficiently *redundant* set of glitchy channel-data. Preliminary numerical experiments confirm this expectation [4]. Full report in preparation.



Typical performance of shifted independent component analysis. Top row: canonical waveforms whereby all transient mixtures have been obtained as a linear combinations with random amplitudes and delays in additive (-40dB) Gaussian white noise. Middle row: randomly generated mixtures. Bottom row: retrieved components (rescaled to unit maximum). Note sign ambiguity in (*). Mean square and max absolute errors in box.

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