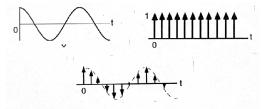
# FT Spectroscopy

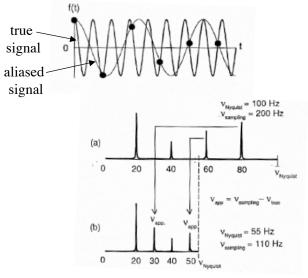


Fourier relations hold for discrete waveforms via series rather than integrals

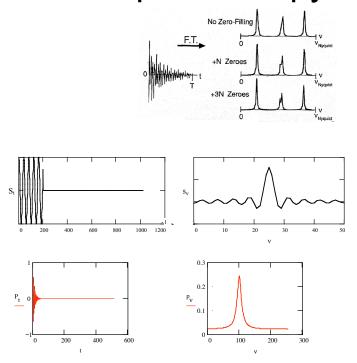
$$\begin{split} \bar{f}(\omega_m) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(t_n) \exp(-i\,\omega_m t_n) \\ f(t_n) &= \sum_{m=-(N/2-1)}^{N/2-1} \bar{f}(\omega_m) \exp(i\,\omega_m t_n) \end{split} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

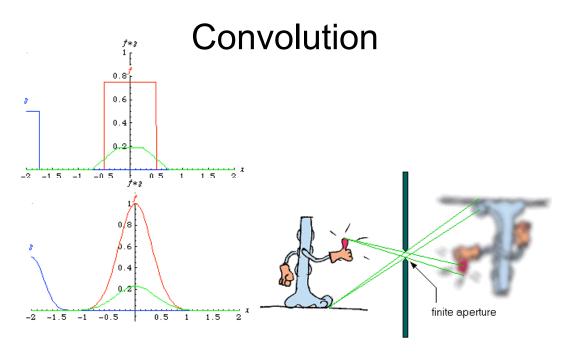
## FT Spectroscopy

The discrete FT is accurate if highest constituent frequency of our signal f(t),  $\omega_{max}$ , is sampled twice per cycle. If this <u>Nyquist criterion</u> is not met, the sampled waveform does not reflect  $\omega_{max}$ .



# FT Spectroscopy





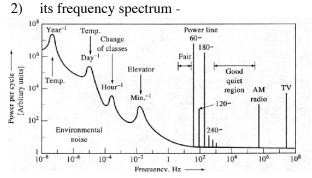
http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Convolution.html http://www.vias.org/tmdatanaleng/cc\_convolution.html

### Noise

Noise are random fluctuations superimposed on the analytical signal. Noise is characterized by

1) its magnitude -

In the simplest settings (no background signal)



Skoog, Nieman, Holler, Principles of Instrumental Analysis, 1998, 5th Ed.

#### Noise

Noise are random fluctuations superimposed on the analytical signal. Noise also is characterized by

3) Its source -

Rem: variances are additive. So each noise source can be further analyzed.

Fundamental noise arises from the particle nature of EMR & matter. Fundamental noise can never be totally eliminated; often independent of signal. Non-fundamental noise arises from imperfect instrument components and conditions. Can be eliminated (at least in principle). Usually proportional to signal.

$$\sigma_{signal}^{2} = (\sigma_{signal}^{2})_{shot} + (\sigma_{signal}^{2})_{flicker}$$

$$\sigma_{background}^{2} = (\sigma_{backgr}^{2})_{shot} + (\sigma_{backgr}^{2})_{flicker}$$

$$\sigma_{dark}^{2} = (\sigma_{dark}^{2})_{shot} + \sigma_{xs}^{2} + \sigma_{amp}^{2}$$

Shot: fundamental noise observed at current interfaces due to random nature of photon emission/arrival

Flicker: signal dependent non-fundamental noise

R/O: fundamental & NF noise in readout circuitry; includes shot, flicker(impurities) & quantization noise due to limited read-out resolution

 $\frac{S}{N} = \frac{E_s}{\sqrt{\left(\sigma_s^2\right)_s + \left(\sigma_s^2\right)_f + \left(\sigma_b^2\right)_s + \left(\sigma_b^2\right)_f + \left(\sigma_d^2\right)_s \sigma_{xs}^2 + \sigma_{amp}^2}}$ 

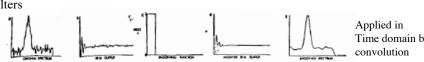
# Signal to Noise Enhancement

2. Analog filters

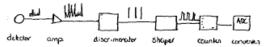
$$v_o = v_i \left( \frac{iX_c}{\sqrt{i^2 R^2 + i^2 X_c^2}} \right)$$
Low pass filter

$$v_o = v_i \left( \frac{iR}{\sqrt{i^2 R^2 + i^2 X_c^2}} \right)$$
High pass filter

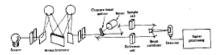
3. Digital filters



4. Photon counting

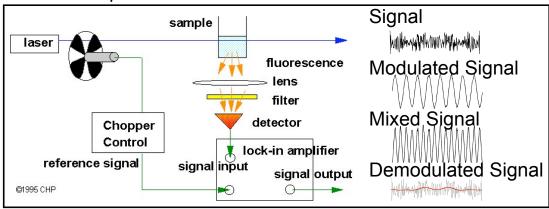


5. Double-beam spectrometers



# Signal to Noise Enhancement

#### Lock-in Amplifiers (LIA)



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LIAs use <u>phase-sensitive detection</u> to isolate the signal component at a specific reference frequency AND phase (imposed by the experimenter). This eliminates signals (noise) at frequencies other than the reference frequency so that they do not affect the measurement.