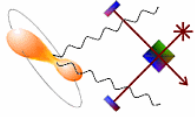


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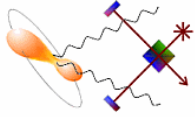
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Demodulation Code

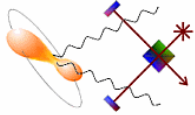
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Why Demodulate?

- Remove Doppler modulation of source frequency
- Remove effects of neutron star spindown
- Concentrate power of signal in one frequency bin



How? -- Theory

For time series x_a and known phase function Φ , the long time baseline DeFT is

$$\hat{x}_b(\lambda) = \sum_{a=0}^{NM-1} x_a e^{-2\pi i \Phi_{ab}(\lambda)}$$

Convert this to short-time baseline by introducing index j , such that $N\alpha + j = a$:

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$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x_{\alpha j} e^{-2\pi i \Phi_{\alpha j b}(\lambda)}$$

If $\tilde{x}_{\alpha k}$ is the matrix formed by the FTs along short time index j , we can write

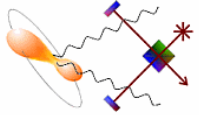
$$x_{\alpha j} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_{\alpha k} e^{2\pi i \frac{jk}{N}}$$

Substitution gives

$$\hat{x}_b(\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{M-1} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_{\alpha k} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i (\Phi_{\alpha j b}(\lambda) - \frac{jk}{N})} \right]$$

Reference:

- Schutz, B.F., Proceedings of GWDAW 1997, Orsay, France. Pp. 133-143.
- Williams, P. and Schutz, B.F. gr/qc 9912029.
- Schutz, B.F., Williams, P., Papa, M. (in prep).



If we now “separate” terms which are dependent on the index k and those that are not, we may write

$$\hat{x}_b(\bar{\lambda}) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{M-1} Q_{\alpha}(b, \bar{\lambda}) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_{\alpha k} P_{\alpha k}(b, \bar{\lambda})$$

where $Q_{\alpha}(b, \bar{\lambda}) P_{\alpha k}(b, \bar{\lambda})$ are our “matched filters”.

NOTE: Computational cost still large, so tinker with approximations!

• Taylor expand Φ around midpoint of each short time chunk. This gives

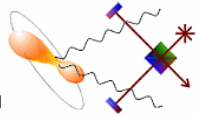
$$P_{\alpha k}(b, \bar{\lambda}) = \frac{\sin x'}{x'} - i \frac{1 - \cos x'}{x'} \quad Q_{\alpha}(b, \bar{\lambda}) = \cos y + i \sin y$$

$$x' = \sum_s f_s b_{s\alpha} - k \quad y = \sum_s f_s a_{s\alpha}$$

where $a_{s\alpha}$ and $b_{s\alpha}$ are from the phase model, and f_s are spindown parameters.

This approximation causes about 5% loss in power.

• Numerical experiments have shown that we can take only a few terms in the k summation which contribute the greatest, on the order of 4. *This gives about 3% power loss.*



How? -- Practice

Stored in RAM: SFT data, sky position, spindown parameters, $a_{s\alpha}$ and $b_{s\alpha}$

Loop over l }
 Loop over β } \longrightarrow Comprise long time baseline index $b = \beta + Ml$, defines DeFT frequency bin.

Loop over α \longrightarrow SFT data block index

$$\text{Compute } k^* = \sum f_s b_{s\alpha}$$

k loop, ^s8 terms around k^*

$$\text{Compute } \tilde{x}_{\alpha k} P_{\alpha k}(b, \tilde{\lambda}^w)$$

End Loop

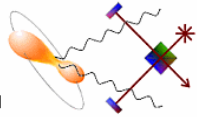
$$\text{Compute } Q_\alpha(b, \tilde{\lambda}^w)$$

$$\text{Compute DeFT } \hat{x}_b(\tilde{\lambda}^w)$$

End Loop

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The Ins and Outs of Demodulation

Inputs:

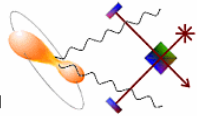
FFTdata structure:
SFT data
parameters
of SFTs

Parameters:

frequency indices
timescale of SFTs
index of parent loop
spindown parameters (B. Owen)
sky constants (S. Berukoff)

Output:

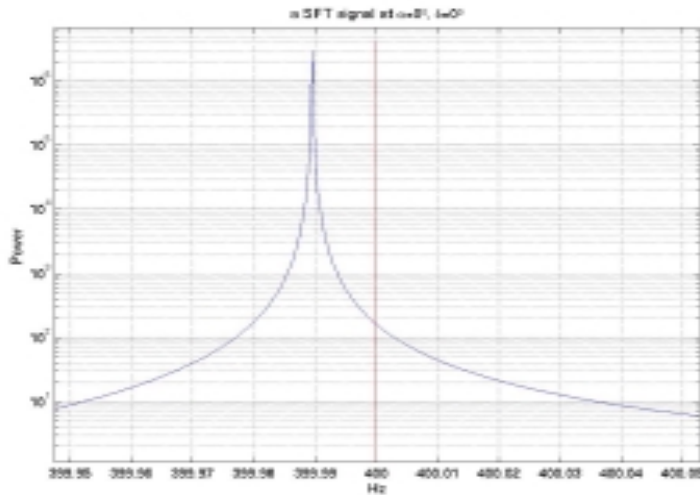
DeFFT structure:
DeFT data
parameters



Well, that's nice math, but does it work?

Undemodulated signal, shifted off 400 Hz.

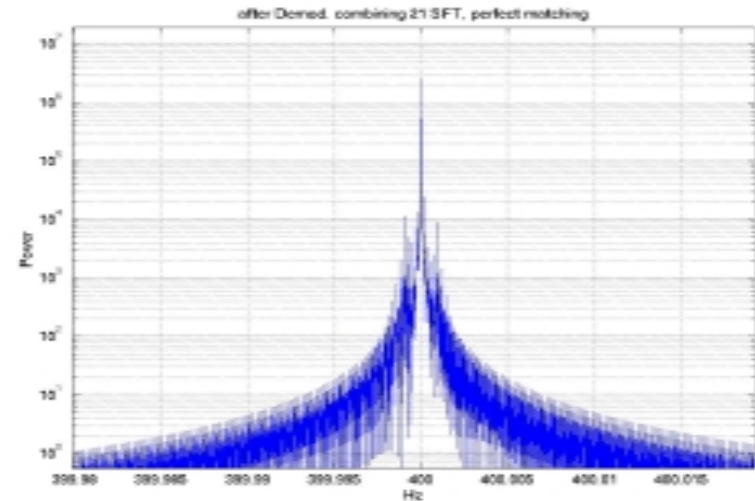
This is one of the SFT chunks, with time baseline of approximately **one hour**. Put together, the plot of SFTs which form the DeFT would look like several similar spikes transposed on each other, **each depositing power in a different bin**.



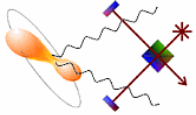
Before
(1 hour baseline)



Demodulated signal, centered on 400 Hz. This is the amalgamated DeFT, with time baseline of approximately 21 hours. The SNR is enhanced due to the power being consolidated into one frequency bin



After
(21 hour baseline)



The path ahead...

- Completion of LAL documentation
- Optimizations of current code
- Tweaking code to function with follow-up stage
- Analysis of optimal strategies for follow-up stages
- Construction and testing of full 3-stage code