

# LPF Data Analysis

based on my personal recollection

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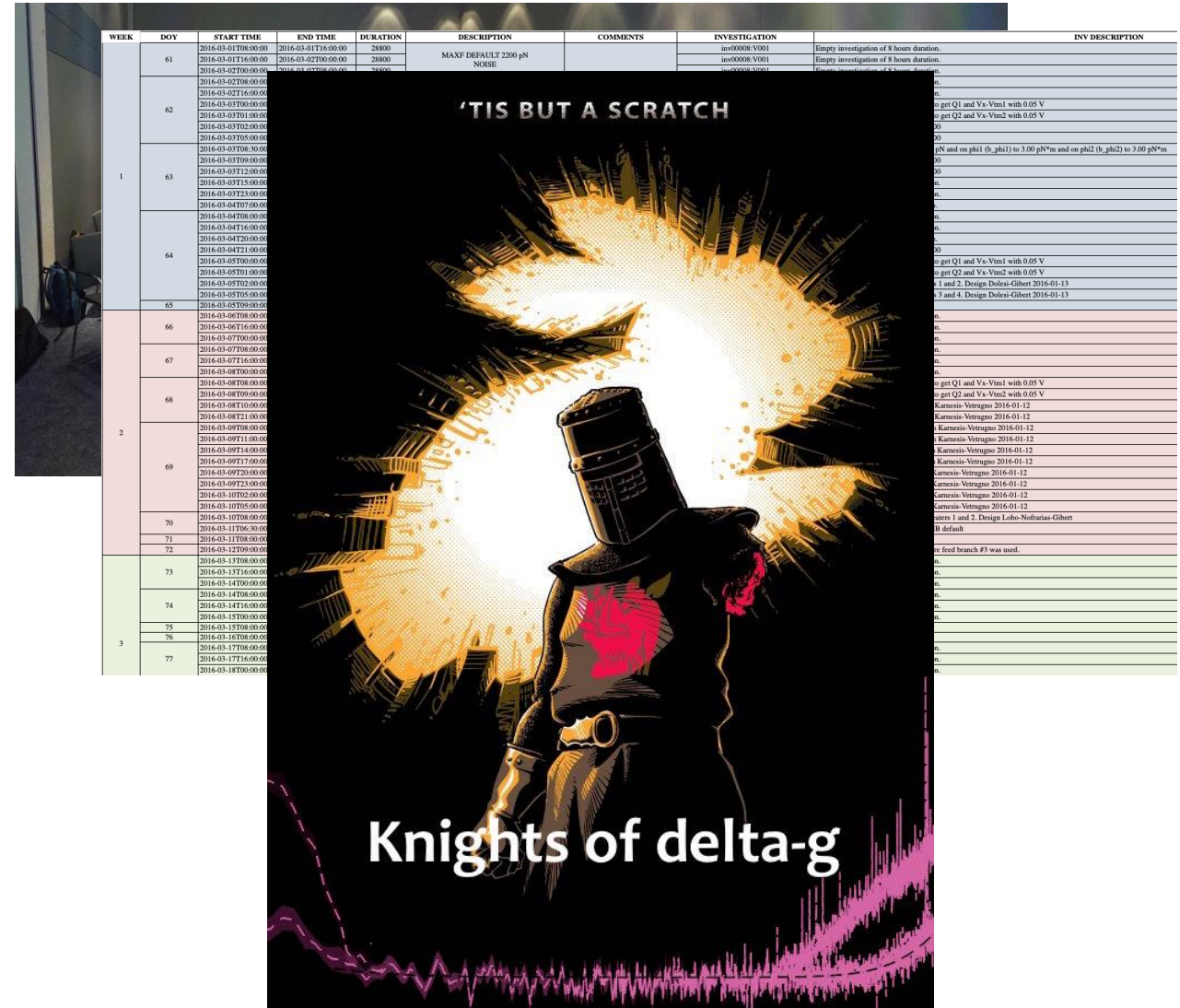
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WEEK	DOY	START TIME	END TIME	DURATION	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	INVESTIGATION	INV DESCRIPTION
1	61	2016-03-01T08:00:00	2016-03-01T16:00:00	28800	MAXF DEFAULT 2200 pN NOISE		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
		2016-03-01T16:00:00	2016-03-02T00:00:00	28800			inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
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		2016-03-02T16:00:00	2016-03-03T00:00:00	28800			inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
		2016-03-03T00:00:00	2016-03-03T08:00:00	3600	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv04011-V003	POTDX, TMI with strategy x1(++) to get Q1 and Vs-Vim1 with 0.05 V
		2016-03-03T08:00:00	2016-03-03T16:00:00	3600	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv04021-V003	POTDX, TMI with strategy x2(++) to get Q2 and Vs-Vim2 with 0.05 V
		2016-03-03T16:00:00	2016-03-03T24:00:00	10800	DRAG-FREE INJECTIONS		inv01101-V003	Like inv01101_001 with amplitudes/100
		2016-03-03T24:00:00	2016-03-04T00:00:00	10800	SUSPENSION INJECTIONS		inv01102-V003	Like inv01102_001 with amplitudes/100
		2016-03-04T00:00:00	2016-03-04T08:00:00	50			con_fce_maxf_V015	Setting max force on x2 (h_x2) to 600 pN and on phi1 (h_phi1) to 3.00 pN*mm and on phi2 (h_phi2) to 3.00 pN*mm
2	63	2016-03-03T08:00:00	2016-03-03T16:00:00	10800	MAXF 600 pN		inv01101-V003	Like inv01101_001 with amplitudes/100
		2016-03-03T16:00:00	2016-03-04T00:00:00	10800	DRAG-FREE INJECTIONS		inv01102-V003	Like inv01102_001 with amplitudes/100
		2016-03-04T00:00:00	2016-03-04T08:00:00	28800	SUSPENSION INJECTIONS		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
		2016-03-04T08:00:00	2016-03-04T16:00:00	3600	NOISE		inv00001-V001	Empty investigation of 1 hour duration.
	64	2016-03-04T16:00:00	2016-03-04T20:00:00	14400	NOISE		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
		2016-03-04T20:00:00	2016-03-05T00:00:00	3600	SUSPENSION INJECTIONS		inv00004-V001	Empty investigation of 4 hours duration.
		2016-03-05T00:00:00	2016-03-05T08:00:00	10800	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv00001-V001	Empty investigation of 1 hour duration.
		2016-03-05T08:00:00	2016-03-05T16:00:00	3600	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv01102-V003	Like inv01102_001 with amplitudes/100
		2016-03-05T16:00:00	2016-03-05T24:00:00	3600	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv04011-V003	POTDX, TMI with strategy x1(++) to get Q1 and Vs-Vim1 with 0.05 V
		2016-03-05T24:00:00	2016-03-06T00:00:00	10800	TMI SHORT THERMAL EXCIT		inv04021-V003	POTDX, TMI with strategy x2(++) to get Q2 and Vs-Vim2 with 0.05 V
3	65	2016-03-06T00:00:00	2016-03-06T08:00:00	10800	TMI SHORT THERMAL EXCIT		inv07010-V001	Short thermal excitation into IS heaters 1 and 2. Design Dolni-Gibert 2016-01-13
		2016-03-06T08:00:00	2016-03-06T16:00:00	10800			inv07020-V001	Short thermal excitation into IS heaters 3 and 4. Design Dolni-Gibert 2016-01-13
	66	2016-03-06T16:00:00	2016-03-06T24:00:00	86400	STATION KEEPING	26 hours	MOC	
		2016-03-07T00:00:00	2016-03-07T08:00:00	28800	NOISE		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
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	67	2016-03-07T16:00:00	2016-03-07T24:00:00	28800	NOISE		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
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		2016-03-08T16:00:00	2016-03-08T24:00:00	3600	TMI CHARGE MEAS		inv04021-V003	POTDX, TMI with strategy x2(++) to get Q2 and Vs-Vim2 with 0.05 V
		2016-03-08T24:00:00	2016-03-09T00:00:00	39600	SC PH1 GUIDANCE		inv01162-V003	Injection into guidance of Ph1. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
		2016-03-09T00:00:00	2016-03-09T08:00:00	39600	SC ETA GUIDANCE		inv01161-V003	Injection into guidance of eta1. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
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		2016-03-09T16:00:00	2016-03-09T24:00:00	10800	PH1 GUIDANCE		inv01174-V005	Injection into guidance of phi2. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
4	69	2016-03-09T24:00:00	2016-03-10T00:00:00	10800	PH2 GUIDANCE		inv01167-V003	Injection into guidance of eta1. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
		2016-03-10T00:00:00	2016-03-10T08:00:00	10800	ETA1 GUIDANCE		inv01173-V003	Injection into guidance of eta2. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
		2016-03-10T08:00:00	2016-03-10T16:00:00	10800	ETA2 GUIDANCE		inv01165-V002	Injection into guidance of a1. Design Karnesis-Vetragno 2016-01-12
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		2016-03-11T16:00:00	2016-03-11T24:00:00	20	THERMAL INJECTIONS INTO IS/IS2		con_fce_maxf_dlt_V001	Reset all max forces and torques to MIB default
	71	2016-03-12T00:00:00	2016-03-12T08:00:00	86400	MAXF DEFAULT		MOC	
	72	2016-03-12T08:00:00	2016-03-12T16:00:00	86400	LAMP COMMISSIONING DAY		MOC	Change to use of feed branch #2. Before feed branch #3 was used.
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		2016-03-13T00:00:00	2016-03-13T08:00:00	28800	MAXF 200pN		inv00008-V001	Empty investigation of 8 hours duration.
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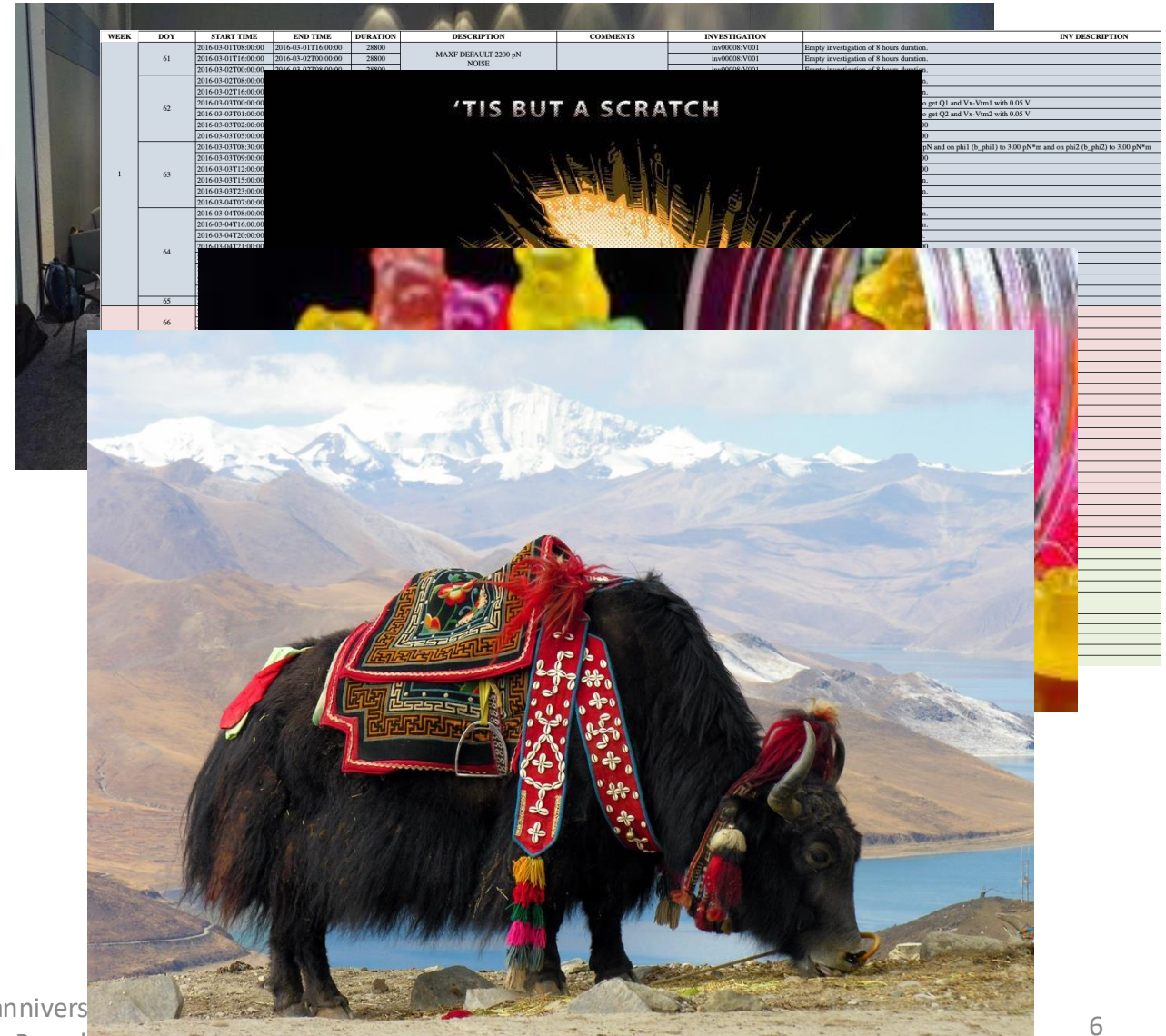
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GS Pass	Week 1														Week 2													
Date	06:15:00 - 14:15:00	08:37:02 - 18:21:33	08:15:00 - 18:15:00	08:08:22 - 14:40:19	07:05:21 - 14:42:23	07:05:42 - 14:44:47	06:00:00 - 14:47:26	10:09:54 - 18:09:54	13:00:00 - 21:00:00	07:06:28 - 14:57:09	07:06:32 - 21:45:00	11:15:00 - 21:49:00	07:06:33 - 15:06:33	10:46:42 - 15:06:31														
DOW	29/2/16	1/3/16	2/3/16	3/3/16	4/3/16	5/3/16	7/3/16	8/3/16	9/3/16	10/3/16	11/3/16	12/3/16	13/3/16	14/3/16														
DOY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday														
Investigations being run	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74													
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## You must have G.U.T.S.\*!!!

1. Landing is two days before on-duty.
2. \*Get Up To Speed: starting from breakfast!

- Set-up procedures
- Discuss previous results
- Read documents:
  - Previous analysis procedures
  - Logbooks
  - PI reports
  - ...



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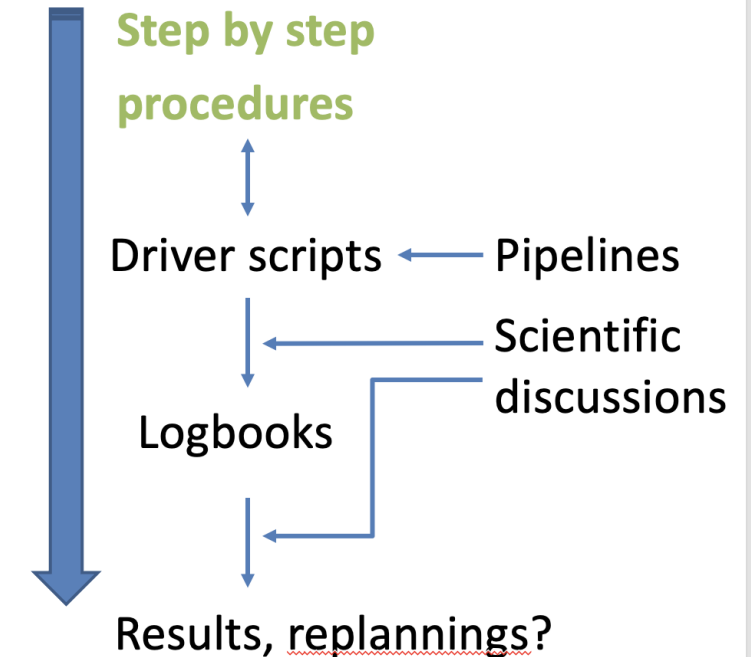
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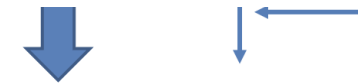
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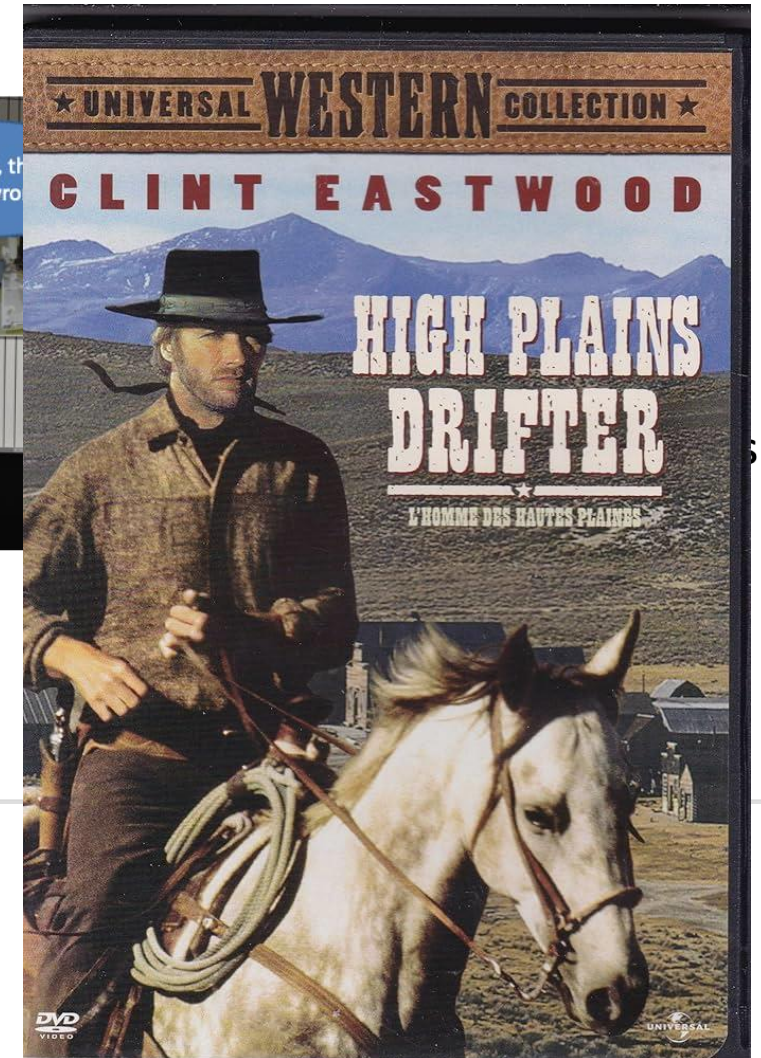
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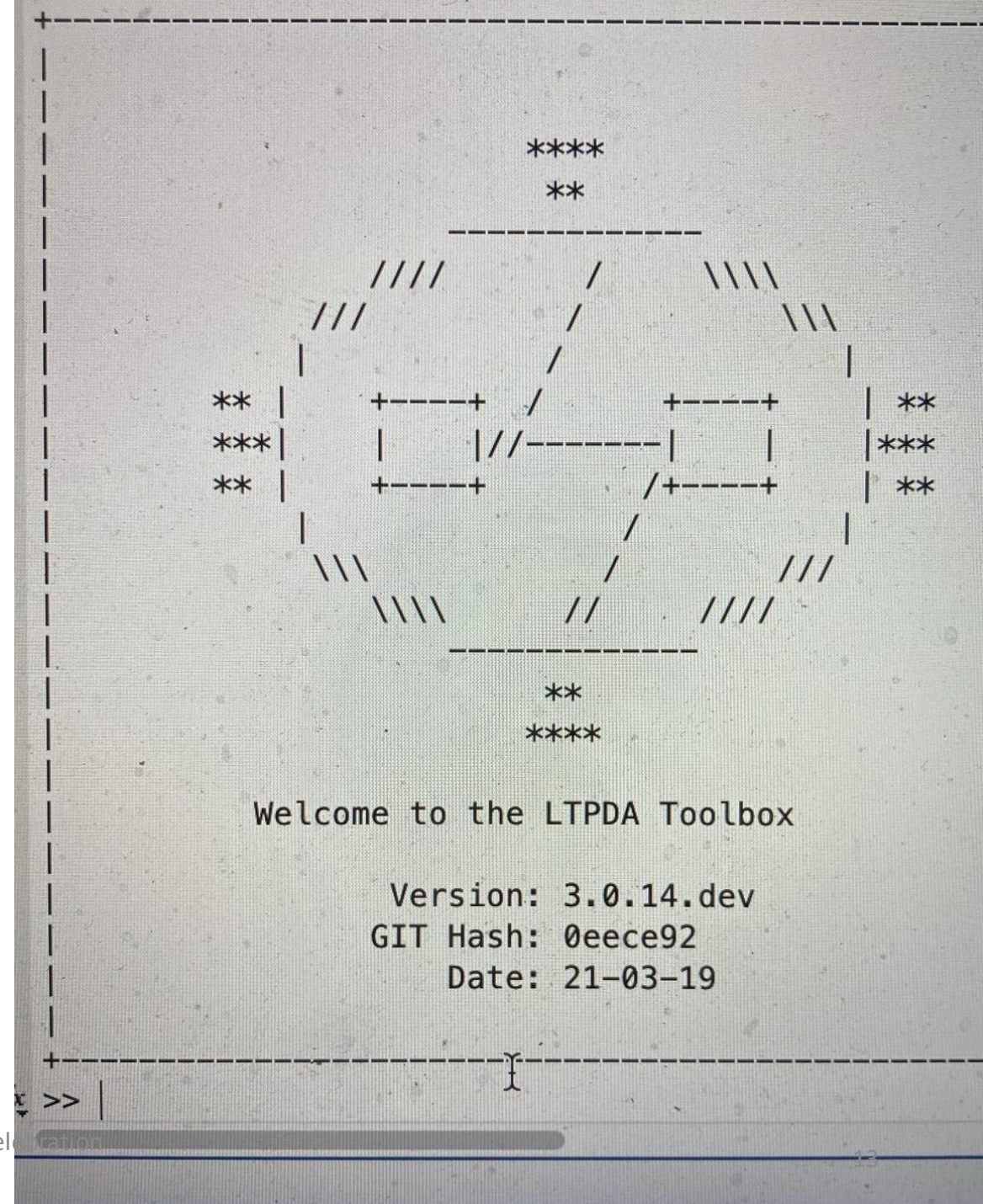




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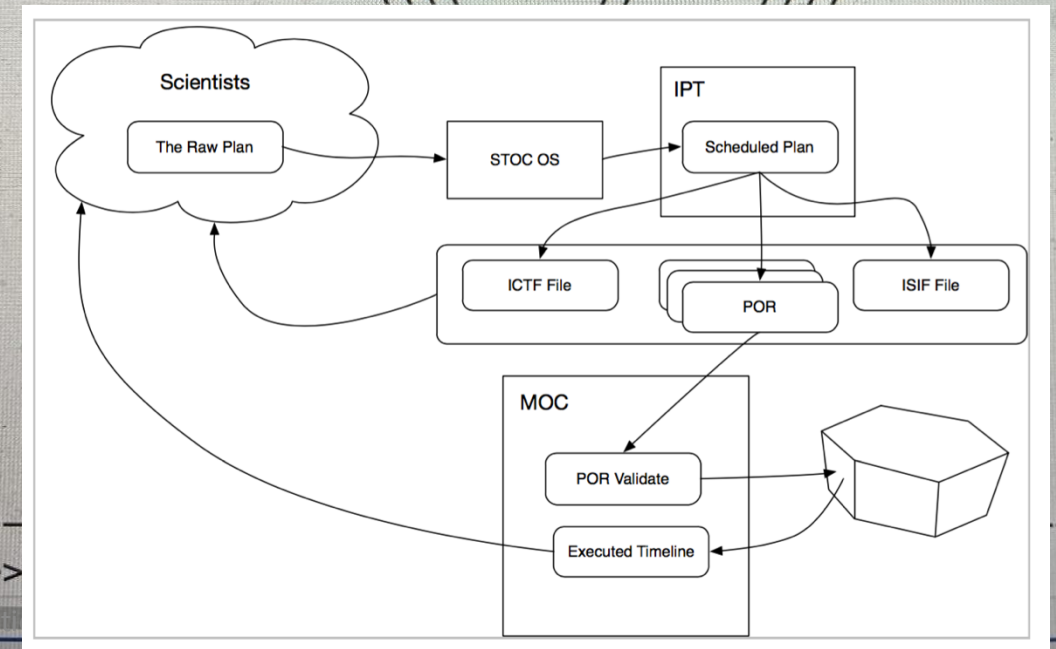
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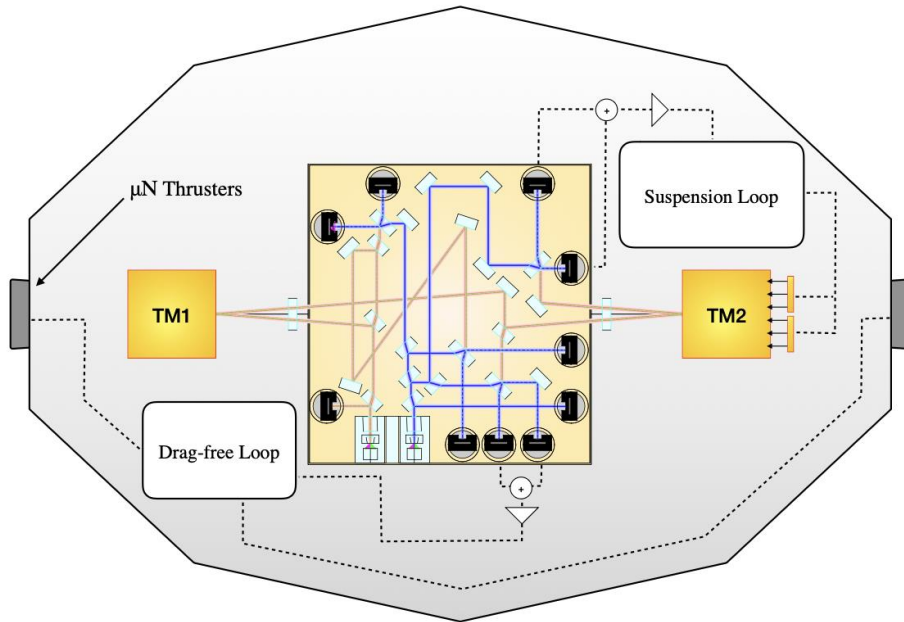
However

- “history” attached to AO made the data very heavy
- during operations, often needed quick estimation because of possible replanning
- we were forced to go “outside” the tool

It is important to have such a tool but the usability should be improved for LISA



# $\Delta g$ : the main objective of LPF data analysis



GOAL: to estimate the differential force per unit mass between the two test masses inside the SC

*gain of the  
commanded force*

*delay*

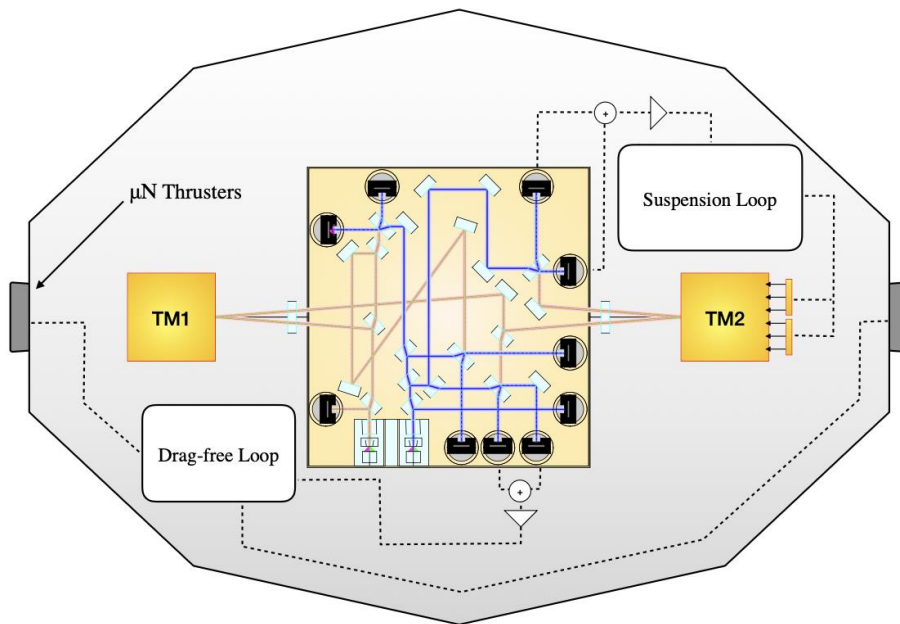
$$\Delta g(t) = \ddot{o}_{12}(t) + \omega_2^2 o_{12}(t) + \Delta \omega^2 o_1(t) - C_{sus} g_c(t) - c_1 \dot{g}_c(t) + \delta_1 \ddot{o}_1(t)$$

*testmass 2  
stiffness*

*differential  
stiffness*

*IFOX1X12*

# $\Delta g$ can be calculated only after calibration...



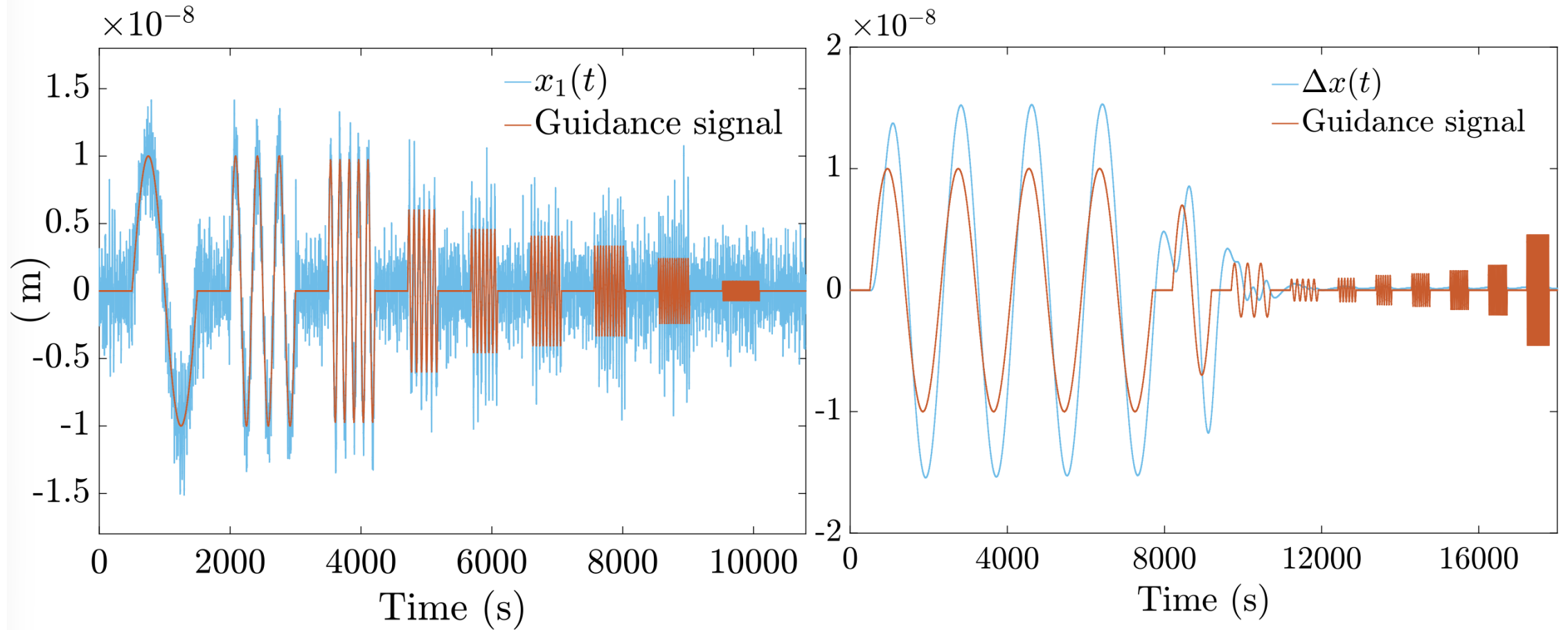
- We want to estimate the dynamical parameters of the three-body system.
- Produce the  $\Delta g$  differential residual force per unit mass between the two test masses.

System identification experiments:

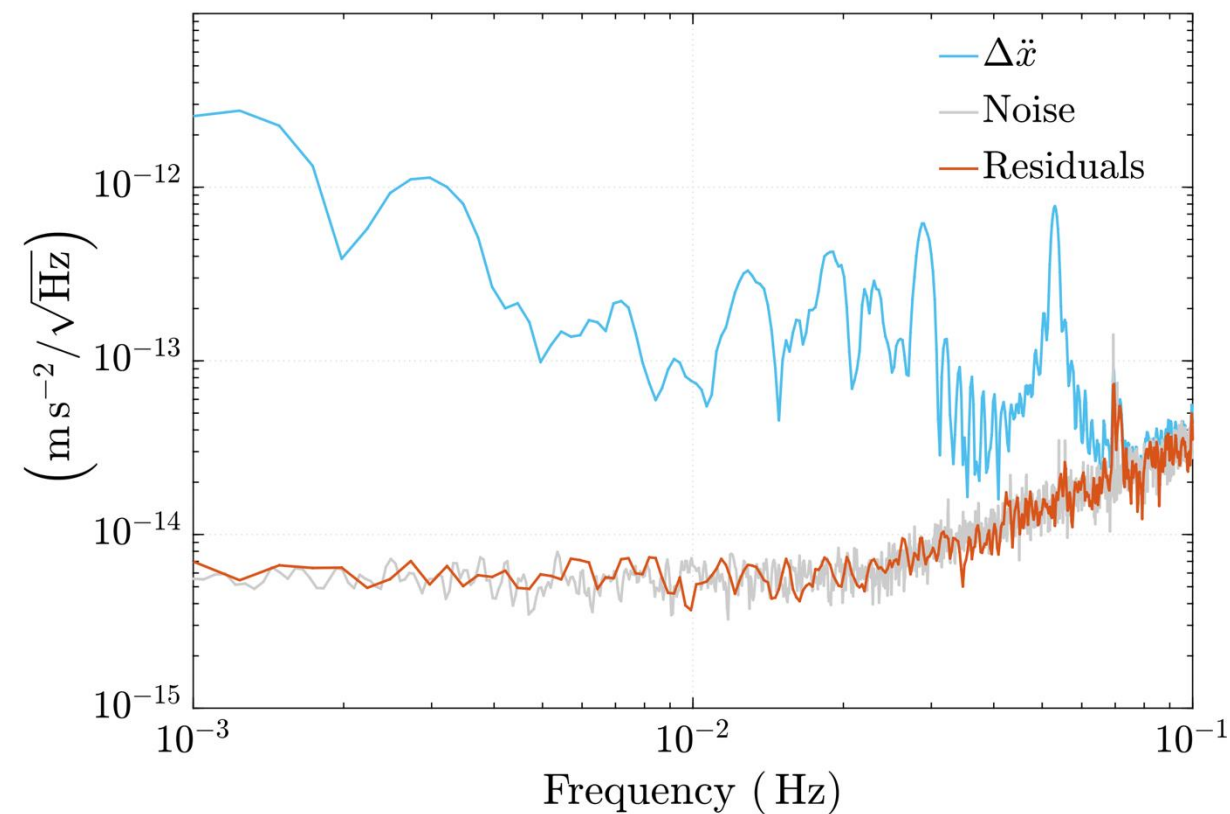
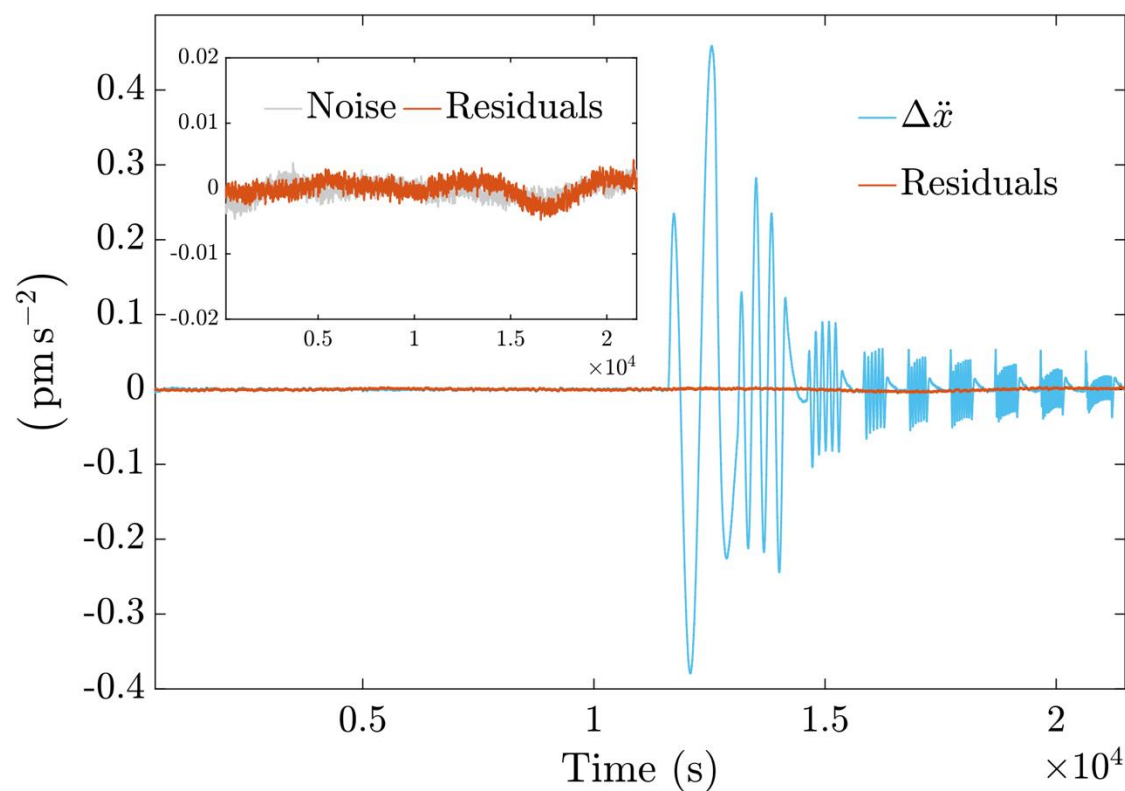
- Excite the system: Inject fake interferometric motion, let the system respond.
- Fit the system's response with our model and get the parameters' estimation.



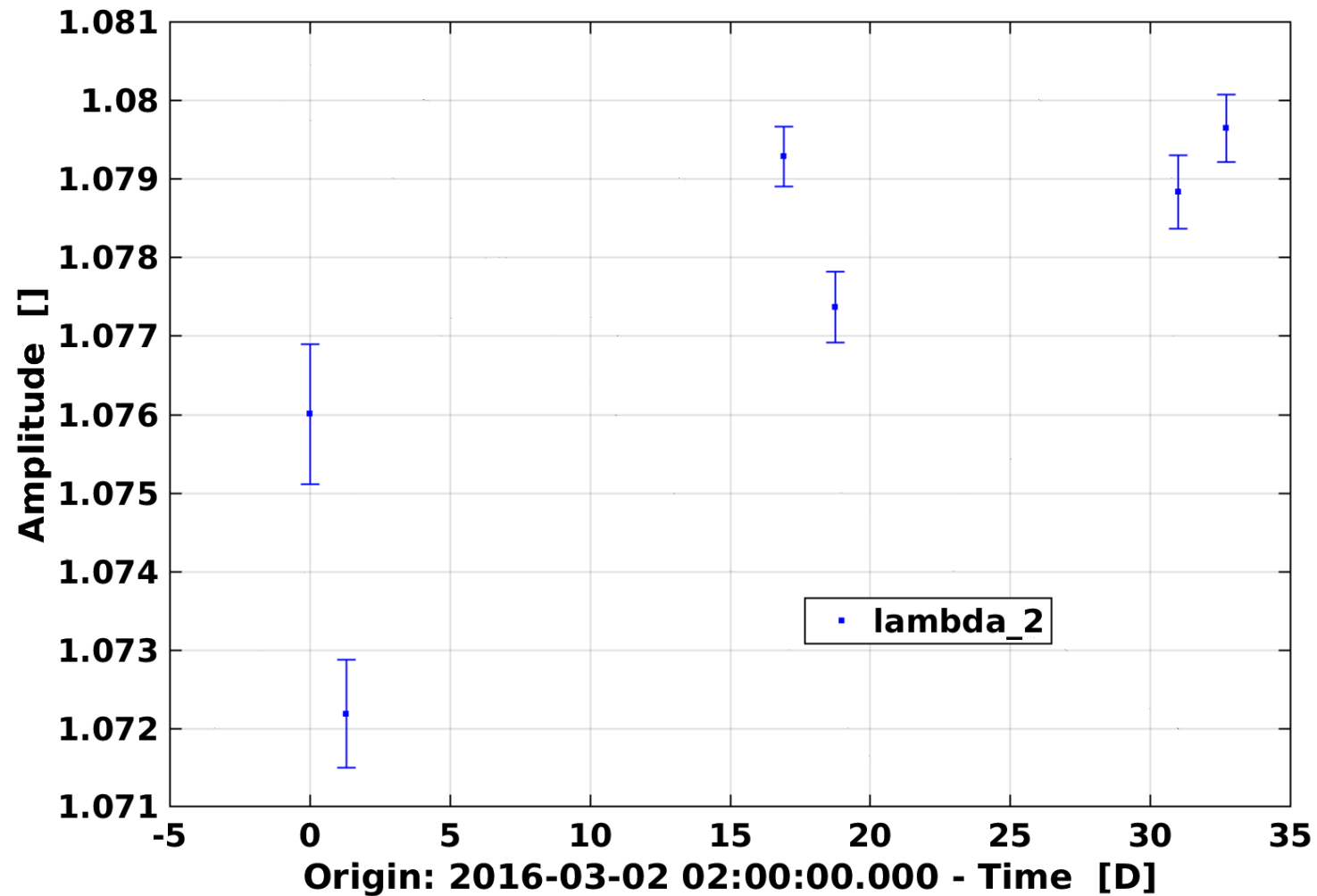
# System response was as expected...



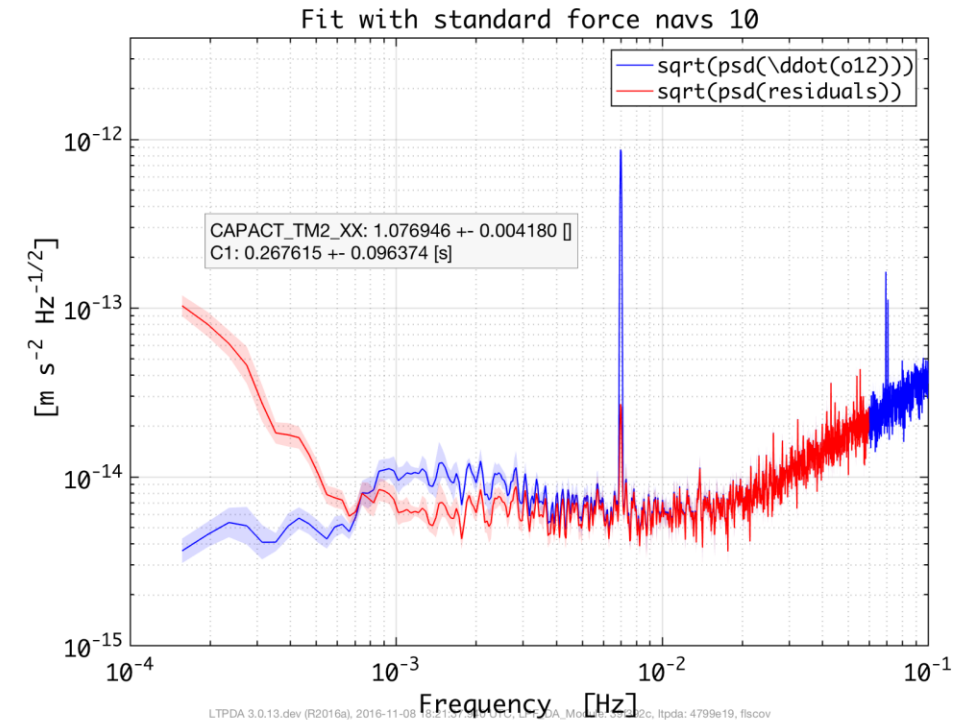
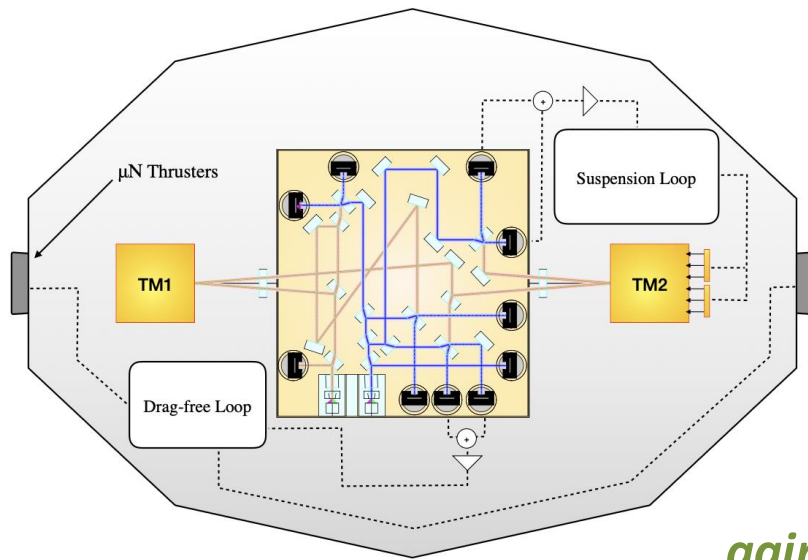
□ and signal was fully removed from the data



# Wait a second? What? A variable actuation gain???



# We need to design quickly an experiment to test this issue: the calibration tone



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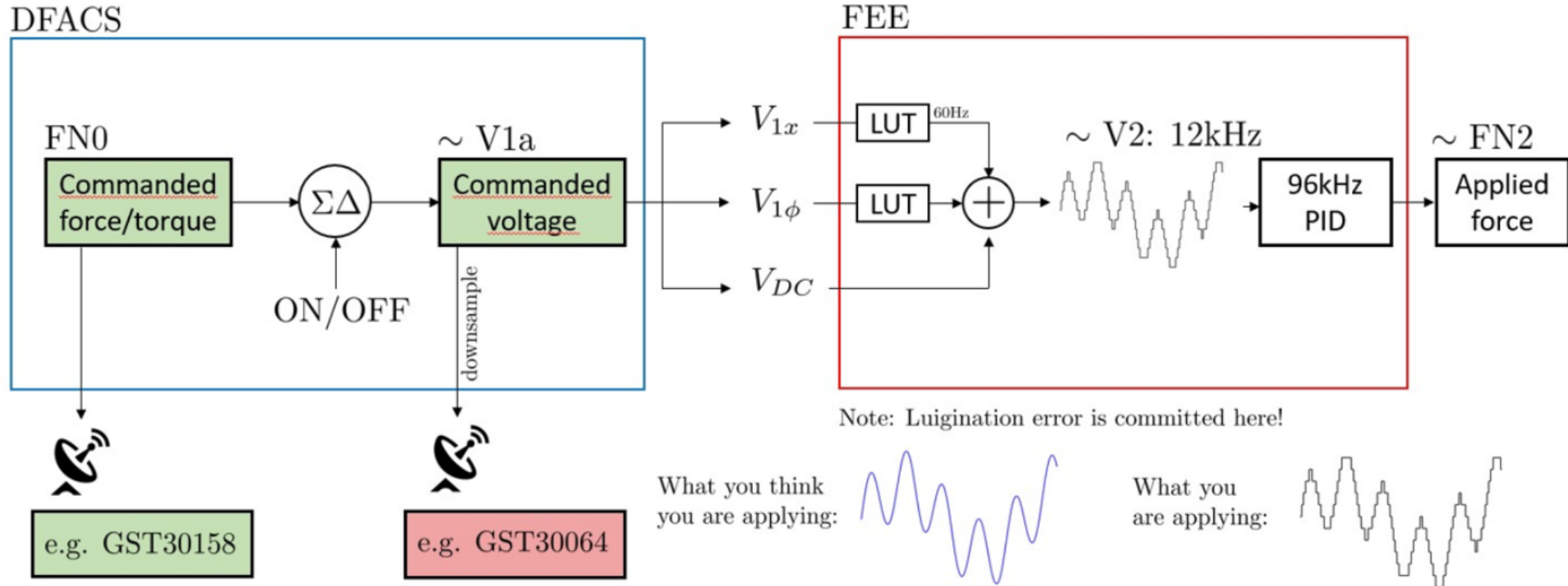
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*differential  
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*IFOX1X12*

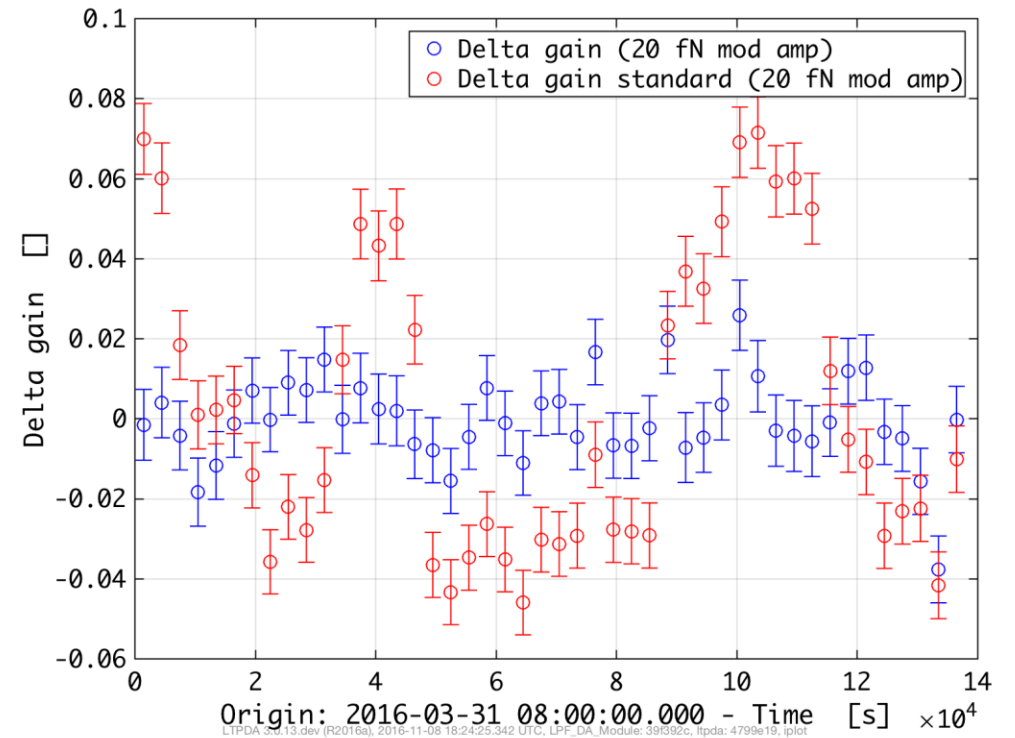
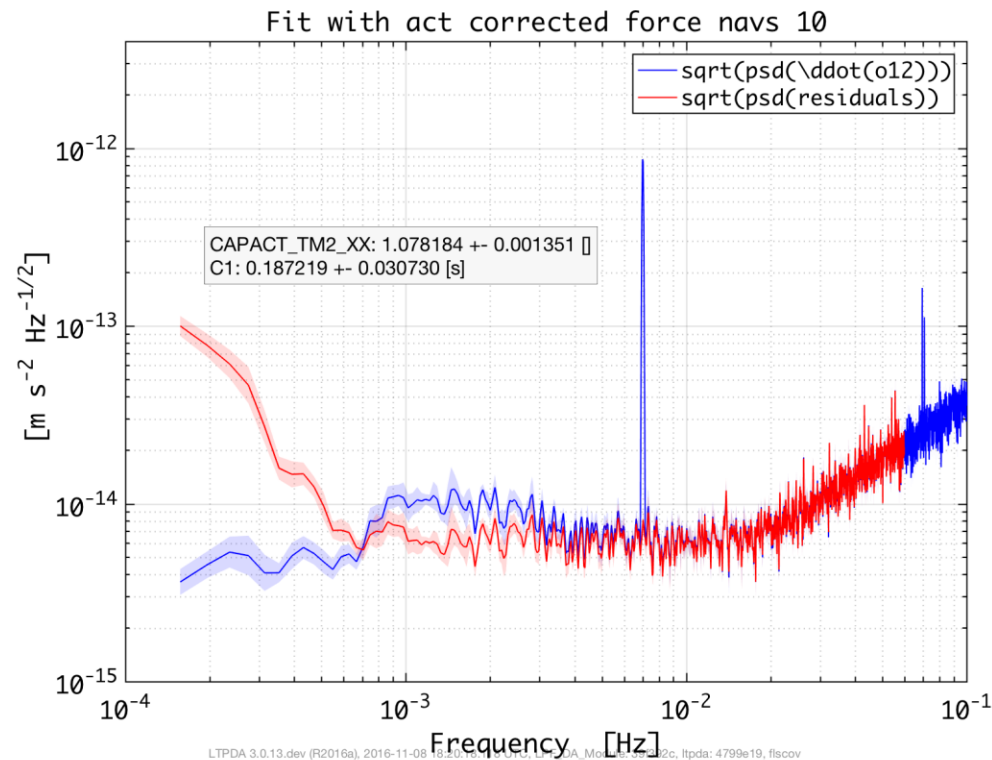


# Commanded forces NOT EQUAL to Applied forces



Courtesy of V. Chiavegato  
PhD thesis

# Demodulation of 20 fN @ 7 mHz with corrected forces



# A few Lessons Learned

#1 Fast tools to see and work as soon as possible on possible issues was really important... e.g., IRLS vs MCMC

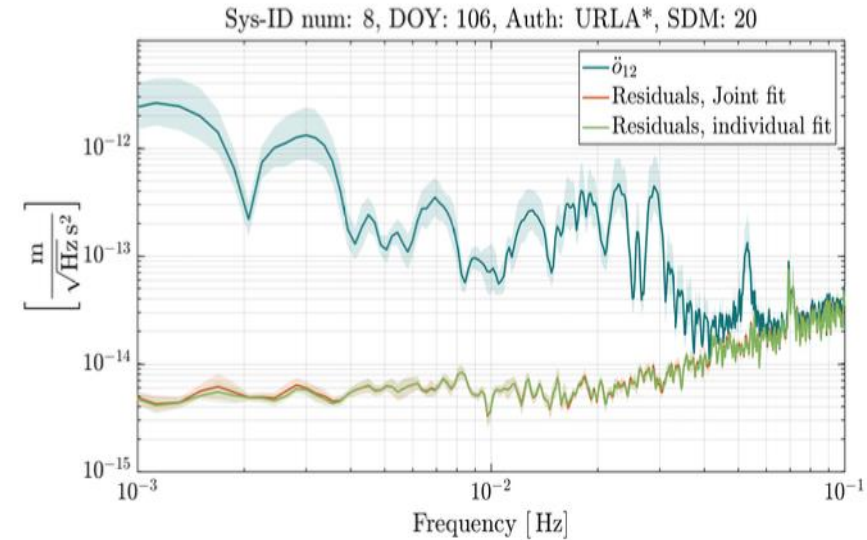
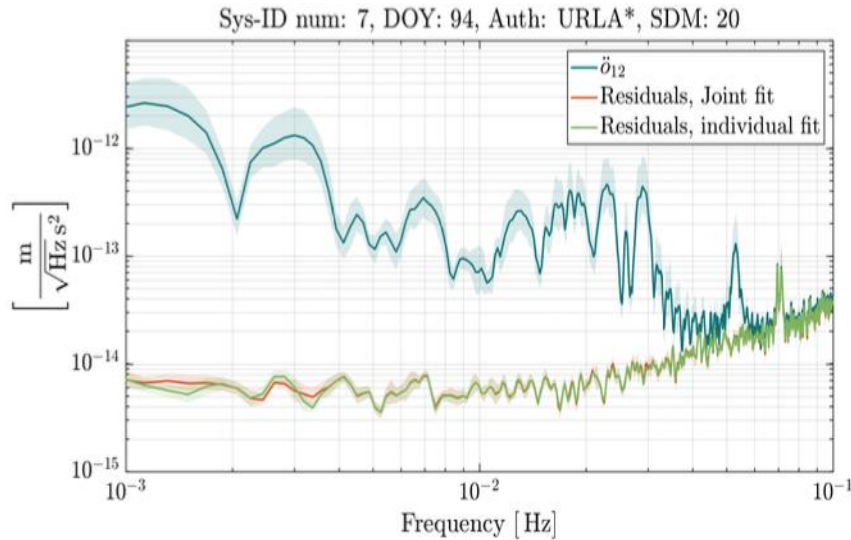
#2 Being able to replicate the subsystem behavior was also important (see also lowering authorities in Bill's presentation)

#3 flexibility in getting requested data from the SC: e.g., we needed to change telemetered sampling rate data from 1 Hz to 10 Hz

Name	Duration (hrs)	Type	Features
3045 default	6	Guidance	[1 -50 mHz] Drag Free (DF) and Suspension Loop (SL)
3045 short	3	Guidance	[1 -50 mHz] DF and SL
3045 long	9	Guidance	[0.55 -50 mHz] DF and SL
Calibration Tone 1	39	Ool force	20 fN - 7 mHz
Calibration Tone 2	3	Ool force	100 fN - 7 mHz
Calibration Tone 3	65	Ool force	100 fN - 10 mHz
IFOX1X12	1	Guidance	400 mHz – 1 nm
Low frequency calibration	16	Voltage modulation on Z	[++++] 0.25 V – 1 mHz 5 mHz 0.25 mHz

# A global fit to a unique model can also be performed

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta g[t] = & \ddot{o}_1[t] - \lambda_2 F_{x2}^{\text{corr}}[t] + \lambda_1 F_{x1}^{\text{corr}}[t] \\ & + (\omega_{2,\text{bcgd}}^2 + a_{x2} F_{\text{max},2} + a_{\phi2} N_{\text{max},2}) o_{12}[t] \\ & + ((\omega_{2,\text{bcgd}}^2 + a_{x2} F_{\text{max},2} + a_{\phi2} N_{\text{max},2}) - (\omega_{1,\text{bcgd}}^2 + a_{x1} F_{\text{max},1} + a_{\phi1} N_{\text{max},1})) o_1[t] \\ & - C_1 \dot{F}_{x1}^{\text{corr}}[t] + C_2 \dot{F}_{x2}^{\text{corr}}[t] - \delta_{\text{ifo},k} \ddot{o}_1[t]. \end{aligned}$$





# Estimated parameters compatible with expectations

Parameter	Estimated $\pm \sigma$
joint fit	
$\lambda_1$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$
$\lambda_2$	$1.0776 \pm 1 \times 10^{-4}$
$\omega_{1, \text{bcgd}}^2 (\text{s}^{-2})$	$-(4.21 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$
$\omega_{2, \text{bcgd}}^2 (\text{s}^{-2})$	$-(4.24 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-7}$
$C_1 (\text{ms})$	$-2 \pm 1.2$
$C_2 (\text{ms})$	$0.181 \pm 0.004$
$a_{x1} (\text{s}^{-2} \text{ N}^{-1} \times 10^3)$	$-0.327 \pm 0.006$
$a_{\phi 1} (\text{s}^{-2} \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1} \times 10^3)$	$-26 \pm 1$
$a_{x2} (\text{s}^{-2} \text{ N}^{-1} \times 10^3)$	$-0.318 \pm 0.006$
$a_{\phi 2} (\text{s}^{-2} \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1} \times 10^3)$	$-27 \pm 1$
$\delta_{\text{ifo}, 1}$	$(-2.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$
$\delta_{\text{ifo}, 2}$	$(-1.56 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-5}$
$\delta_{\text{ifo}, 3}$	$(-1.97 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-5}$
$\delta_{\text{ifo}, 4}$	$(1.79 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$

## Expected values

$$a_{x1} = a_{x2} = -319$$

$$a_{\phi 1} = a_{\phi 2} = -26400$$

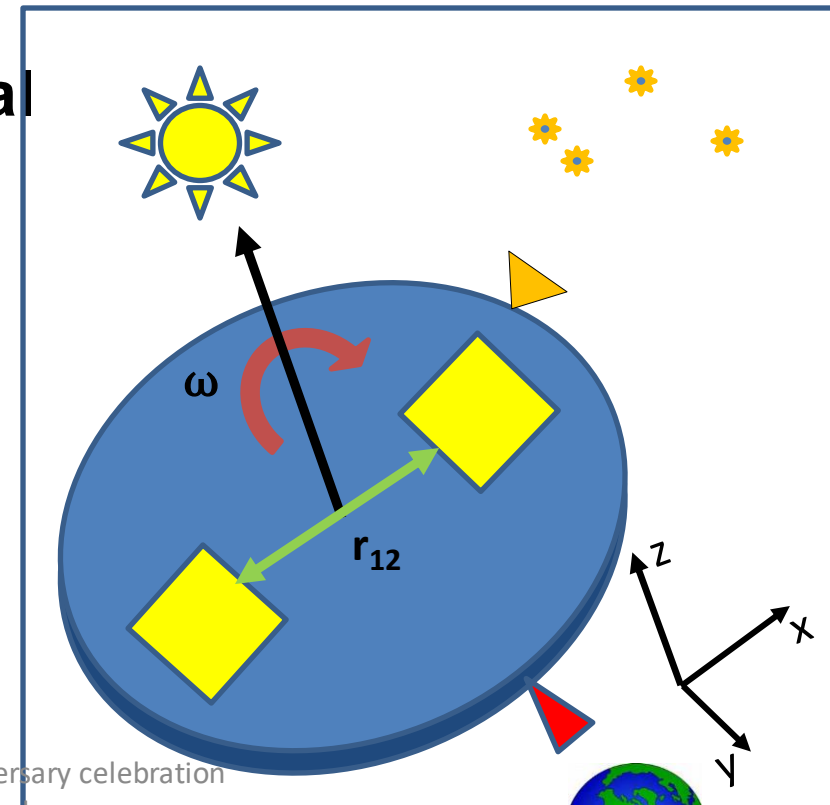
# At very low frequency the spacecraft is a rotating reference frame

$$\Delta g(t) = a_{12} - \lambda f_{2,cmd} + \omega_2^2 o_{12} + \Delta \omega^2 o_1 +$$

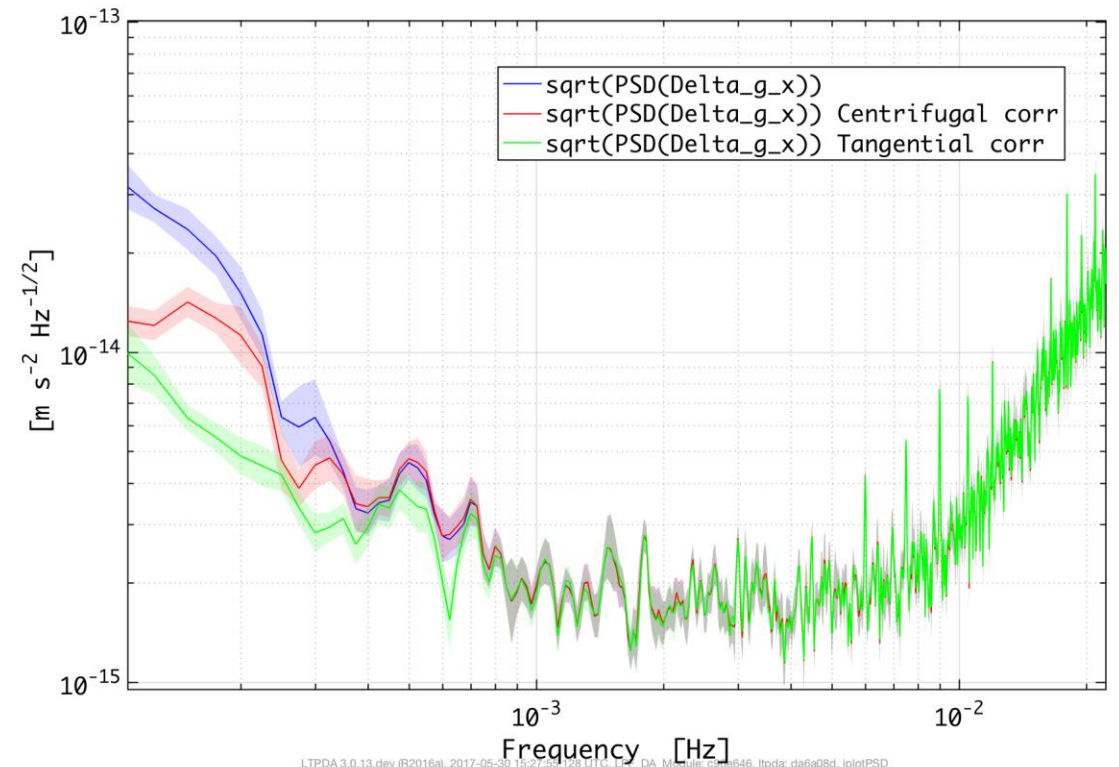
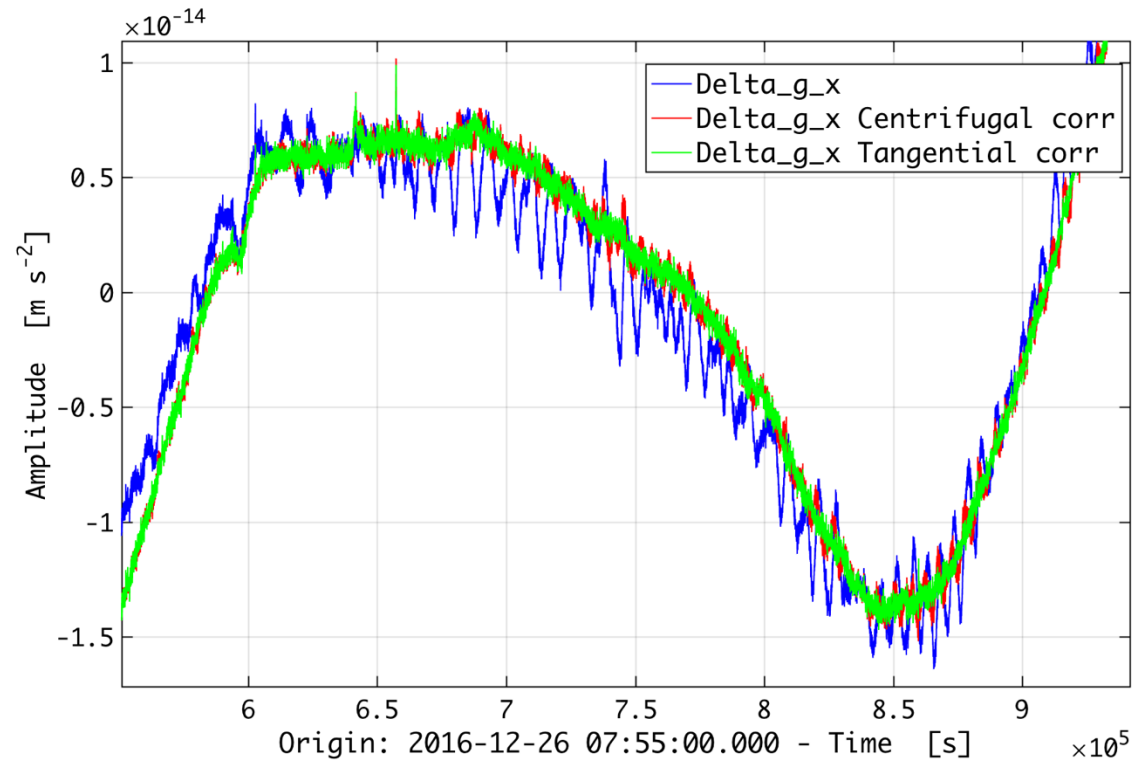
$$-\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{12}) \cdot \hat{i} \quad \textbf{Centrifugal}$$

~~$$-(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_{12}) \cdot \hat{i} \quad \textbf{Coriolis}$$~~

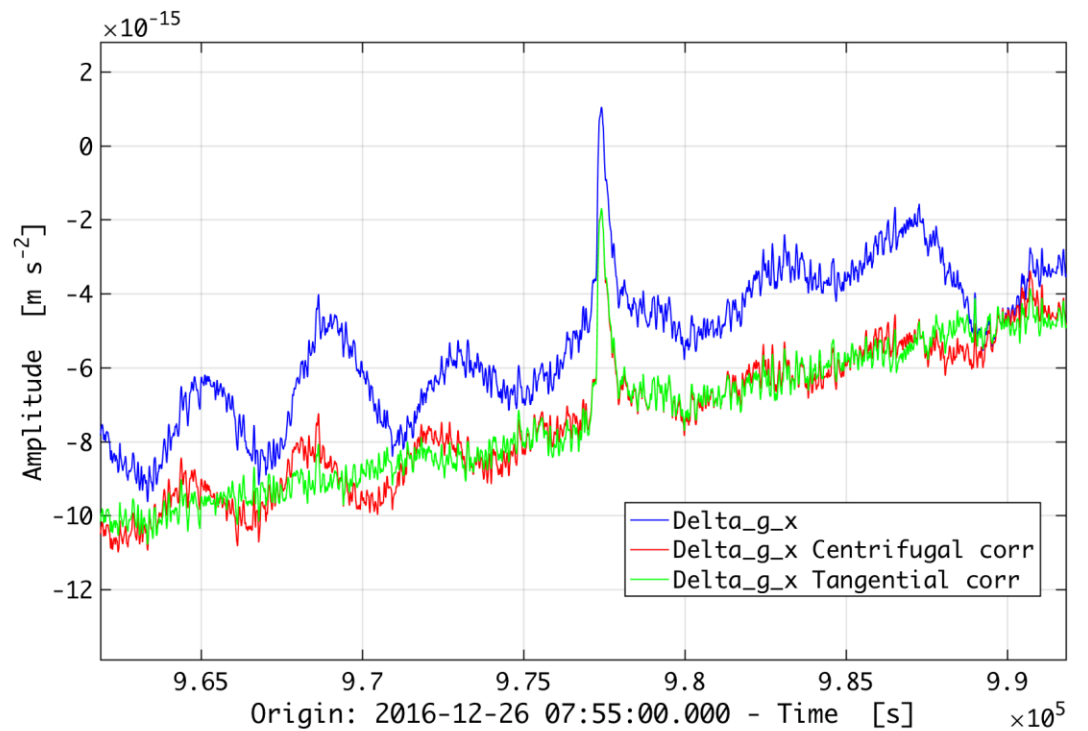
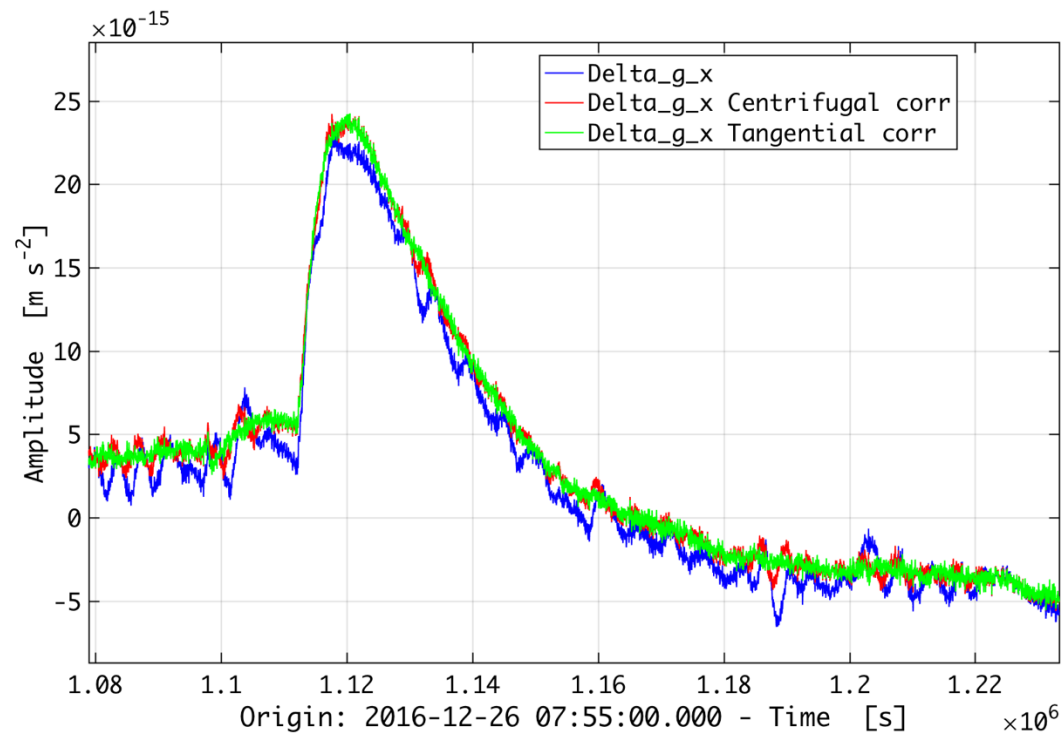
$$-(\dot{\vec{\omega}} \times \vec{r}_{12}) \cdot \hat{i} \quad \textbf{Tangential}$$



# The centrifugal and tangential contributions smooth $\Delta g(t)$



$\Delta g(t)$  shows also glitches, which are considered unknown signals and fitted away





The final  $\Delta g$  is the results of a series of corrections...

**Delta g – L0**

**Centrifugal Corrected -  
L1**

**Debumped –  
L2**

**Tangential corrected -  
L3**

**...and, finally, we deglitch –**

**L4**

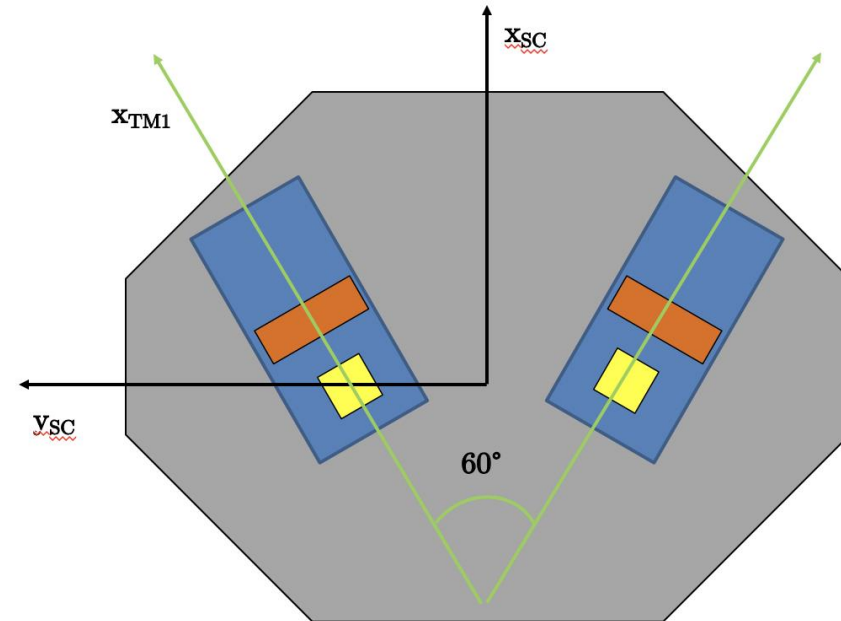
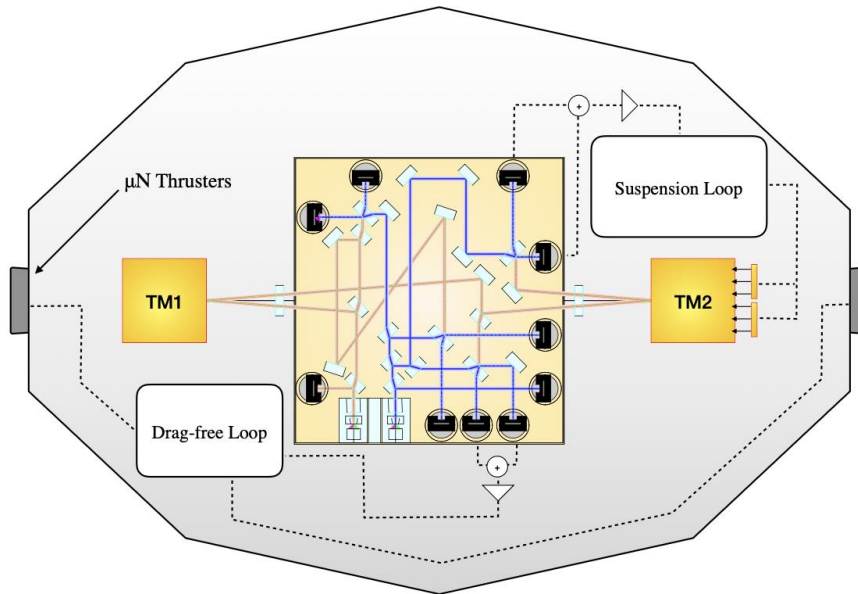
$$\Delta g(t) = a_{12} - \lambda f_{2,cmd} + \omega_2^2 o_{12} + \Delta \omega^2 o_1 +$$

$$-\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{12}) \cdot \hat{i}$$

$$+ \alpha \bar{\phi} + \beta \bar{\eta} + \gamma \bar{y} + \delta \bar{z} + \delta_1 \ddot{o}_1$$

$$-(\dot{\vec{\omega}} \times \vec{r}_{12}) \cdot \hat{i}$$

# Measuring $\Delta g$ : from LPF to LISA



- We learnt how to characterize system dynamics in flight, and we discovered that we are able to do it.
- Unfortunately, in LISA no local measurement will be possible at the level of accuracy needed, and any small force experiments should go through TDI... it complicates a bit the things but, I think, not dramatically.
- Local calibration and measurement could be done, in principle, if not for the capacitive sensing and actuation noise in  $y$  and  $z$

# Conclusions

- LPF was a great success. Part of this success was a very well-prepared data analysis, allowing for running and analyzing many complex experiments in flight in a limited amount of time.
- In my opinion, it was also invaluable to have several scientists plus STOC and MOC together in the same place for days during operations, fully concentrated on the tasks, discussing and trying to solve problems. Will be important for LISA, at least in the initial phase, likely in close interaction with science data analysts (global fit, etc.)
- We have lessons learned, and I believe most of them are already being taken into account in the LISA project. Perhaps some are not... but there is still time for them to be heard.
- On a personal account, being part of the data analysis team during LPF operations was an amazing and professional life worth experience. Thanks for that opportunity!
- Finally, as a *Knight of  $\Delta g$*  I can only conclude by saying...

*May the force be with you...*

*but below  $3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m/s}^2 / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$*

*from LISA Pathfinder to LISA...*

*and beyond...*



