

Lecture 17 objectives

- Real-time Data Acquisition System, **Time jitter**
- Nyquist Theorem
- Performance Measurements

To prevent aliasing => no measurable signal above $0.5f_s$.

What: Definition of time-jitter

data acquisition system, every Δt

start the analog-to-digital converter, read the result, store in FIFO

$$\Delta t = 1/f_s$$

control system, every Δt

read the sensors

perform the digital control equations

output to the actuators at a fixed rate

system that generates signals, every Δt

output to the digital-to-analog converter (DAC)

// background thread, reads samples from ADC

```
interrupt 12 void TC4handler(void){
    ATD0CTL5 = 0x81;           // start sequence, channel 1
    Time++;
    while((ATD0STAT1&0x01)==0){}; // wait for CCF0
    if(Fifo_Put(ATD0DR0) == 0){ // send to foreground
        DataLost++;
    }
    TC4 = TC4+PERIOD;
    TFLG1 = 0x10;           // acknowledge
}
```

time-jitter, δt ,

$n\Delta t$ be the time it is scheduled to be run

t_n the time the task is actually run, **ATD0CTL5 = 0x81;**

$$\delta t_n = t_n - n\Delta t$$

For a real time system with periodic tasks, we must be able to place an upper bound, k , on the time-jitter.

$$-k \leq \delta t_n \leq +k \text{ for all } n$$

For all three of the above examples it is more important to control the time difference between periodic events rather than the absolute time itself. Let Δt_n be the actual time difference between two executions of a software task (e.g., starting the ADC). The desired time difference is $1/f_s$. For this situation, we define the time-jitter at sample n to be

$$\delta t_n = \Delta t_n - 1/f_s$$

Again, we must be able to place an upper bound, k , on the time-jitter.

$$-k \leq \delta t_n \leq +k \text{ for all } n$$

V(t) rather at V(t+ δt)

$$\delta V = \delta t * dV/dt$$

Why: Consequences of delayed service

data acquisition systems and control systems

calculated math is incorrect. E.g., derivative

$$dx/dt = ((x(t)-x(t-\Delta t))/ \Delta t$$

system that generates signals

the sound is distorted

the picture is blurry

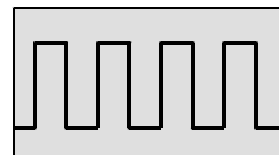
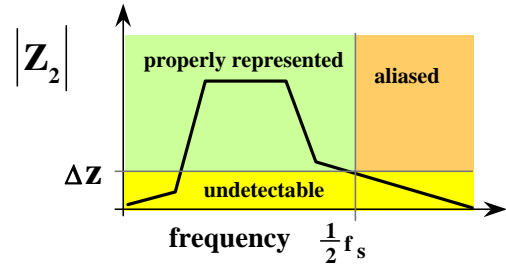
How: Measurements of time-jitter

A. Using a scope

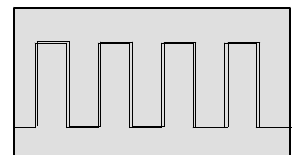
B. All the causes of jitter?

a. **I=1, other ISR, critical sections removed by I=1**

b. **Currently executing instruction**



low jitter



high jitter

```

interrupt 12 void TC4handler(void){
#ifdef DEBUG
    PTT ^= 0x80;
#endif
    ATDOCTL5 = 0x81;        // start sequence, channel 1
    Time++;
    while((ATD0STAT1&0x01)==0){}; // wait for CCF0
    if(Fifo_Put(ATD0DR0) == 0){ // send to foreground
        DataLost++;
    }
    TC4 = TC4+PERIOD;
    TFLG1 = 0x10;        // acknowledge
}

```

B. Using a TCNT

```

unsigned short MaxTimeDiff; // max TCNT difference
unsigned short ThisTime;    // TCNT at current sample
unsigned short LastTime;    // TCNT at previous sample
interrupt 12 void TC4handler(void){
#ifdef DEBUG
    ThisTime = TCNT;
#endif
    ATDOCTL5 = 0x81;        // start sequence, channel 1
    Time++;
    while((ATD0STAT1&0x01)==0){}; // wait for CCF0
    if(Fifo_Put(ATD0DR0) == 0){ // send to foreground
        DataLost++;
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    if(Time > 1){
        MaxTimeDiff = max(ThisTime-LastTime,MaxTimeDiff);
    }
    LastTime = ThisTime; // setup for next measurement
#endif
    TC4 = TC4+PERIOD;
    TFLG1 = 0x10;        // acknowledge
}

```

Later, dump the results using debugger or output port

```

#ifdef DEBUG
    SCI_OutString("Max Jitter (cycles) = ");
    SCI_OutUDec(MaxTimeDiff-PERIOD);
#endif

```

Add time jitter to Lab 6 solution, build and run on TExaS

What factors limit measurement resolution?

- Transducer noise**
- Electrical noise**
- ADC precision**
- Software errors**

What factors limit measurement accuracy?

- Resolution**
- Calibration**
- Transducer stability**

$$\text{Average accuracy (with units of X)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_{ti} - X_{mi}|$$