

**WHY IS THE FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF SO MUCH TIME
SERIES DATA NEAR $1/f$?**

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A real-valued stationary time series is said to produce $1/f$ noise if the power spectral density is like $1/f$ on a long frequency interval. A question of interest since shot noise was noticed in the 1920's is the title of this talk. I will present some progress toward a general construction to explain such data and indicate some of the remaining questions.