

Modeling of Thermal Noise in Mirror Coatings

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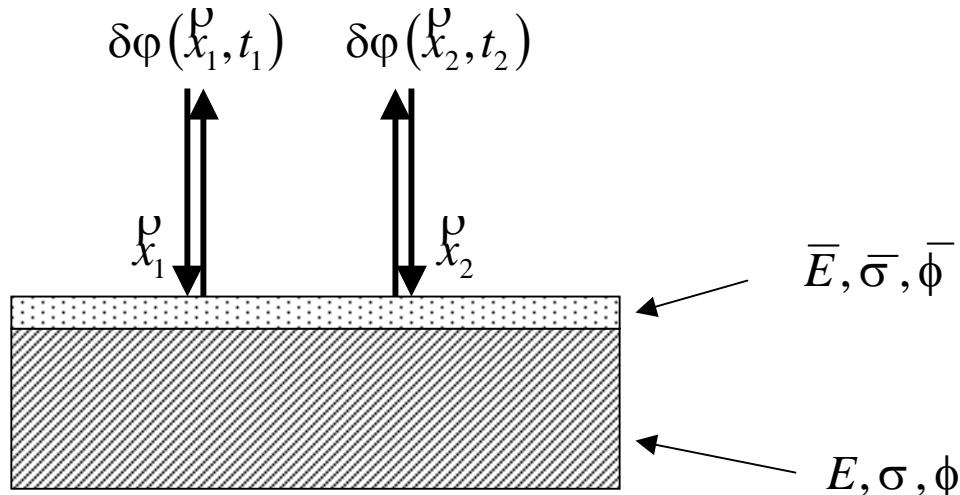
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Coating Noise; Problem Statement

- Coating noise model
 - Based on half-space mirror model
 - a lossy layer (thickness d) on a lossy host material
 - Requirement: Compute laser phase noise correlation
 - Approach: via analytical Green's function



$$\begin{aligned}\langle \delta\varphi(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \delta\varphi(\vec{x}_2, t_2) \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \langle \delta\varphi(\vec{x}_1) \delta\varphi(\vec{x}_2) \rangle_{\omega} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} S_{\varphi}(\omega, \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)\end{aligned}$$

Coating Noise

- Phase Noise Formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_\phi(\omega, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) &= 4k^2 \iint dS' \int dS'' \Psi_{00}^w(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_1) \Psi_{00}^w(\vec{r}'' - \vec{r}_2) \langle u_n(\vec{r}') u_n(\vec{r}'') \rangle_\omega \\
 &\approx 4k^2 \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \iint dS' \int dS'' \Psi_{00}^w(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_1) \Psi_{00}^w(\vec{r}'' - \vec{r}_2) \\
 &\quad \times \int_V d^3x \left[\partial_k \chi_{li}^\omega(x, \vec{r}'; c') \right] c''_{klpq}(x) \left[\partial_p \chi_{qj}^\omega(x, \vec{r}''; c') \right] \\
 c_{ijkl} &= c'_{ijkl} - i c''_{ijkl} \approx [1 - i\phi(\omega)] c'_{ijkl}
 \end{aligned}$$

$S_\phi(\omega, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$	the two-point laser-beam phase-noise power-spectrum correlation
$\langle u_i(\vec{r}') u_j(\vec{r}'') \rangle_\omega$	the displacement spectral correlation
\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2	The laser beam reflection points (the beam centers)
$\Psi_{00}^w(\vec{r}) \propto e^{-2 \vec{r} ^2/w^2}$	the Gaussian laser-beam profile function

w, k	the laser beam spot size (amplitude radius), and wave number
χ_{ij}^ω	elastic Green's function
$c_{ijkl} [c'_{ijkl}, c''_{ijkl}]$	elastic constants [dispersive and absorptive parts]
$\phi(\omega)$	loss function
k_B, T	Boltzmann constant, and temperature

Coating Noise

- Static Green's function for layer-on-substrate

- Definition: Green's function and derivatives

$$\Phi_{ijk}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \equiv c_{ijlm} \partial_l \chi_{mk}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$$

- Notation: 2D Fourier transforms in the transverse directions

$$\begin{aligned} & [\chi_{ij}(\tilde{p}, z, z')] \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{\theta\theta}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \\ \chi_{pp}(\tilde{p}, z, z') & \chi_{pz}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \\ \chi_{zp}(\tilde{p}, z, z') & \chi_{zz}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{cases} \vec{x} = \{x, y, z\} = \{\tilde{x}, z\} \\ V(\vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\tilde{p}\tilde{x}} V(\tilde{p}, z) \\ V(\tilde{p}, z) = \{V_p, V_\theta, V_z\} \end{cases} \\ & [\Phi_{zij}(\tilde{p}, z, z')] \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{z\theta\theta}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \\ \Phi_{zpp}(\tilde{p}, z, z') & \Phi_{zpz}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \\ \Phi_{zpz}(\tilde{p}, z, z') & \Phi_{zzz}(\tilde{p}, z, z') \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Coating Noise

- Static Green's function for layer-on-substrate (con't)

$$[\chi_{..}^{sos}(\tilde{p}, z)] = \frac{1}{p\bar{E}} \frac{1+\bar{\sigma}}{1-\bar{\sigma}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & [(2(1-\bar{\sigma}) - p_z \cdot i\tau_1)G^{sos}(\tilde{p}, 0) + \frac{1}{2} p_z \tau_3] \cosh p_z \\ & + [(p_z \tau_3 + (1-2\bar{\sigma})\tau_2)G^{sos}(\tilde{p}, 0) + \frac{3-4\bar{\sigma}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} p_z(i\tau_1)] \sinh p_z \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_{z..}^{sos}(\tilde{p}, z)] = & \frac{1}{2(1-\bar{\sigma})} [2p_z \tau_3 G^{sos}(\tilde{p}, 0) + 2(1-\bar{\sigma}) - p_z \cdot i\tau_1] \cosh p_z \\ & + \frac{1}{2(1-\bar{\sigma})} [2[1 - p_z(i\tau_1)]G^{sos}(\tilde{p}, 0) + p_z \tau_3 - (1-2\bar{\sigma})\tau_2] \sinh p_z \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G^{sos}(\tilde{p}, 0) = \Delta^{-1} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left. \begin{aligned} & \alpha(1-\sigma) \cosh 2pd + \frac{1}{4(1-\bar{\sigma})} \left[\frac{3-4\bar{\sigma}}{2} + \alpha(1-2\sigma)(1-2\bar{\sigma}) + \frac{\alpha^2}{2}(3-4\sigma) \right] \sinh 2pd \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{2} [(1-2\sigma) \cosh 2pd + \frac{1-\sigma}{1-\bar{\sigma}} (1-2\bar{\sigma}) \sinh 2pd] \\ & + \frac{1}{8(1-\bar{\sigma})^2} [(1-2\bar{\sigma})(3-4\bar{\sigma}) - 2\alpha(1-2\sigma)(3-4\bar{\sigma}) + \alpha^2(1-2\bar{\sigma})(3-4\sigma)] \sinh^2 pd \end{aligned} \right\} \tau_2 \\ & \left. \begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{8(1-\bar{\sigma})^2} (1-\alpha) [1 + \alpha(3-4\sigma)] (pd)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{4(1-\bar{\sigma})} pd (1-\alpha) [1 + \alpha(3-4\sigma)] \tau_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \equiv & \left\{ \cosh pd - \frac{1}{2(1-\bar{\sigma})} [(1-2\bar{\sigma}) - \alpha(3-4\sigma)] \sinh pd \right\} \cosh pd + \frac{1}{2(1-\bar{\sigma})} [(1-2\bar{\sigma}) + \alpha] \sinh pd \} \\ & + \frac{1}{4(1-\bar{\sigma})^2} (1-\alpha) [1 + \alpha(3-4\sigma)] (pd)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1+\sigma}{1+\bar{\sigma}} \frac{\bar{E}}{E}, \quad \tau_{1,2,3} = \text{Pauli matrices}$$

Coating Noise

- Intrinsic Thermal Phase-Noise Estimation

$$S_{\phi}^{coating}(\omega, \vec{r}) = 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi w}} \times \left\{ \phi \cdot \frac{1-\sigma^2}{E} e^{-r^2/2w^2} I_0(r^2/2w^2) + \left[\bar{\phi} \frac{(1-2\bar{\sigma})(1+\bar{\sigma})}{1-\bar{\sigma}} \frac{1}{\bar{E}} + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2(1-2\sigma)^2}{1-\bar{\sigma}^2} \frac{\bar{E}}{E^2} - \phi \frac{2(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{1-\bar{\sigma}} \frac{1}{E} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2} + O(d^2/w^2) \right\}$$

$S_{\phi}^{coating}(\omega, \vec{r})$	The phase noise two-point correlation for a coated half-space mirror; double-sided
E, σ, ϕ	Young's modulus, Poisson ratio, and loss function of the substrate material
$\bar{E}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\phi}$	Those of the coating material
d	The coating thickness
$I_0(z)$	The 0-th order modified Bessel function of the first kind; $I_0(0)=1$

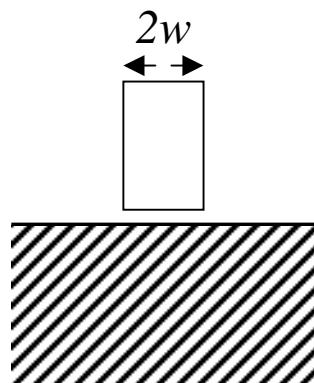
$\omega = 2\pi f$	Frequency
\vec{r}	a relative position vector between the two beam centers on the coating surface; $\vec{r} = 0$ for a single reflection.
k, w	The laser beam wave number, and spot size (amplitude radius)
k_B, T	The Boltzmann constant and the temperature

Coating Noise

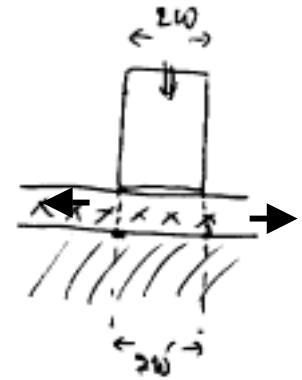
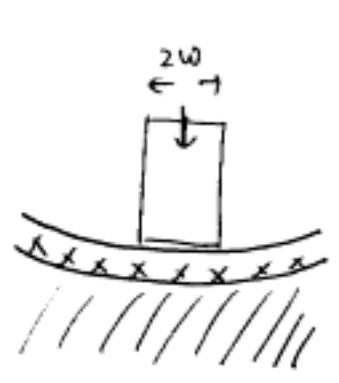
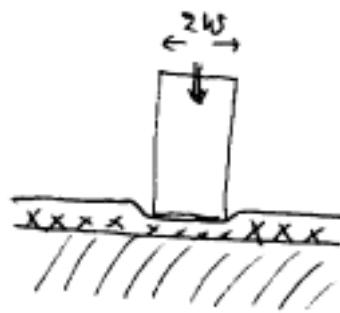
- Interpretation

$$S_{\phi}^{coating}(\omega, r) = 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi w}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \phi \cdot \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} e^{-r^2/2w^2} I_0\left(r^2/2w^2\right) + \left[\begin{array}{l} \bar{\phi} \frac{(1 - 2\bar{\sigma})(1 + \bar{\sigma})}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{\sigma} 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \frac{1}{E} \\ (1A) \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1 + \sigma)^2 (1 - 2\sigma)^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \ 4 \bar{\sigma}^2 4 \ 4 \ 4} \frac{E}{E^2} \\ (1B) \end{array} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \phi \frac{2(1 + \sigma)(1 - 2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2 \bar{\sigma} 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \frac{1}{E} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2} \right\}$$



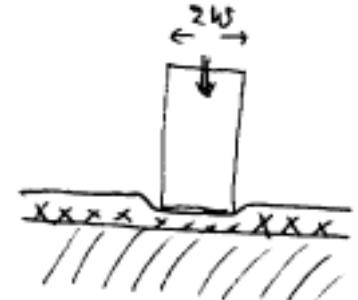
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Coating Noise

- Soft coating material

$$\varepsilon \equiv \bar{E}/E \ll 1$$



$$O(1) + \frac{1}{\bar{E}} \left[\begin{array}{c} \phi \frac{(1-2\bar{\sigma})(1+\bar{\sigma})}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{4} \ 4 \ 3} + (\phi - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2(1-2\sigma)^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \ 1 \bar{4} \bar{4}^2 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \varepsilon^2 \\ (1A) \\ (1B) \\ -\phi \frac{2(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{4} \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \varepsilon \\ (1C) \end{array} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$

$$\cong O(1) + \bar{\phi} \frac{1}{\bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{c}^2} \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$

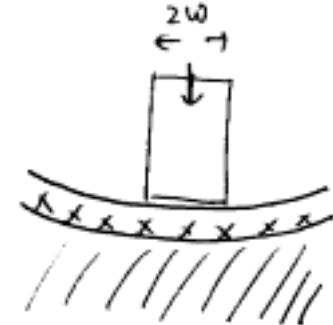
$$(1A)$$

(1A) = Damping of compressive deformation

Coating Noise

- Stiff coating material

$$\delta \equiv E/\bar{E} \ll 1$$



$$O(1) + \frac{\bar{E}}{E^2} \left[\begin{array}{c} \phi \frac{(1-2\bar{\sigma})(1+\bar{\sigma})}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{\sigma} 4 \ 4 \ 4 3} \delta^2 + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2(1-2\sigma)^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \ 4 - \bar{\sigma}^2 4 \ 4 3} \\ (1A) \\ - \phi \frac{2(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 4 \ 2 - \bar{\sigma}^2 4 \ 4 \ 4 3} \delta \\ (1C) \end{array} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$

$$\approx O(1) + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2(1-2\sigma)^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 4 \ 2 \ 4 \bar{\sigma}^2 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4} \frac{\bar{E}}{E^2} \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$

$$(1B)$$

Coating Noise

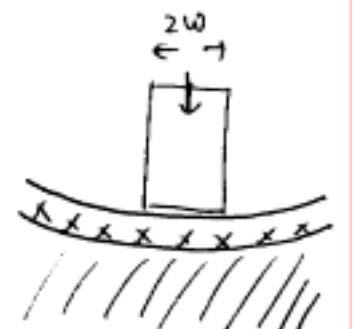
- Low shear-rigidity material

$$\boxed{\bar{\mu} \ll \bar{K}} \quad \{E, \sigma\} \rightarrow \{K, \mu\}: \quad \mu = \frac{E}{2(1+\sigma)}, \quad K = \frac{E}{3(1-2\sigma)}$$

$$S_{\varphi}^{coating}(\omega, r) = 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi w}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \phi \frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{K+4\mu/3}{K+\mu/3} e^{-r^2/2w^2} I_0(r^2/2w^2) + \left[\begin{array}{l} \bar{\phi} \frac{1}{\bar{K} + \frac{4\bar{\mu}}{3}} + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{\bar{K} + \bar{\mu}/3}{\bar{K} + \frac{4\bar{\mu}}{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{K} + \frac{\mu}{3}} \right)^2 \bar{\mu} \\ \text{(1A)} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{(1B)} \\ \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} \qquad \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2} \right\}$$

$$\cong 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi w}} \left\{ O(1) + \left[\bar{\phi} \frac{1}{\bar{K}} + \phi \frac{1}{\frac{K}{2} + \frac{\mu}{3}} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2} \right\}$$



(1B) = Damping of bending (shear) deformation

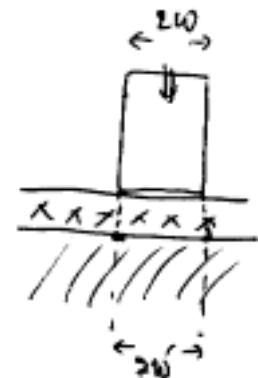
Coating Noise

- Low transversal-deformation material

$$\bar{\sigma} \approx 0$$

$$O(1) + \left[\begin{array}{c} \bar{\phi} \frac{(1-2\bar{\sigma})(1+\bar{\sigma})}{1 4 4 4 4 2 \bar{4}} \frac{1}{4 4 3 \bar{E}} + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2 (1-2\sigma)^2}{1 4 4 4 4 4 2 1 \bar{4} \bar{\sigma}^2 4 4 4 \bar{B}^2} \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{B}^2} \\ (1A) \\ (1B) \\ - \frac{\phi}{1 \bar{4} 4 4 4 2 1 \bar{4} \bar{\sigma} 4 4 \bar{B}} \frac{2(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{(1C)} \end{array} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$

$$\approx O(1) + \left[\begin{array}{c} \bar{\phi} \frac{1}{\bar{E}} + (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2 (1-2\sigma)^2}{1 4 4 4 4 4 2 4 4 4 4 \bar{B}^2} \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{B}^2} \\ (1A) \\ (1B) \\ \xi^0_{(1C)} \end{array} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2}$$



(1C) = Substrate noise; force profile expansion

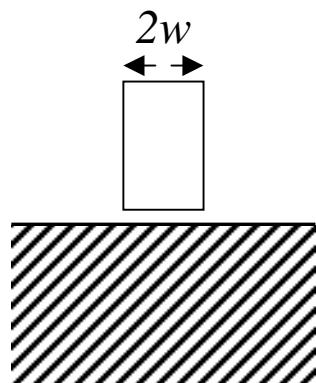
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Coating Noise

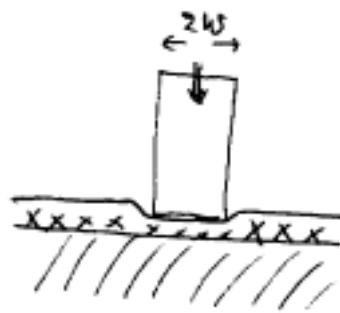
- Interpretation; Summary

$$S_{\phi}^{coating}(\omega, r) = 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi w}}$$

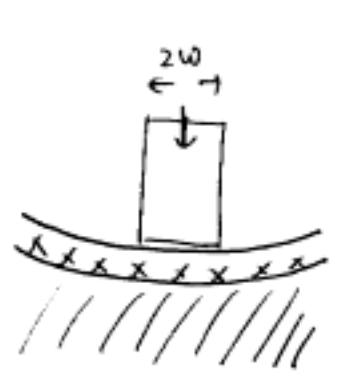
$$\times \left\{ \phi \cdot \frac{1-\sigma^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} e^{-r^2/2w^2} I_0\left(r^2/2w^2\right) + \left[\begin{array}{l} \bar{\phi} \frac{(1-2\bar{\sigma})(1+\bar{\sigma})}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{\sigma} 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \frac{1}{E} \\ (1A) \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} (\bar{\phi} - 2\phi) \frac{(1+\sigma)^2(1-2\sigma)^2}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 2 \bar{\sigma}^2 4 \ 4 \ 4} \frac{\bar{E}}{E^2} \\ (1B) \end{array} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \phi \frac{2(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)\bar{\sigma}}{1 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2 \bar{\sigma} 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 3} \frac{1}{E} \right] \frac{d}{\sqrt{\pi w}} e^{-r^2/w^2} \right\}$$



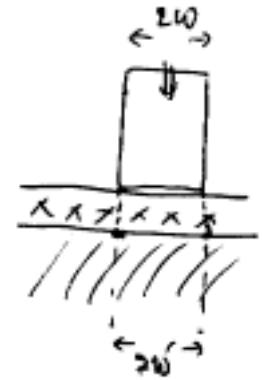
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(1A)



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(1C)

Quarter-space Mirror Model

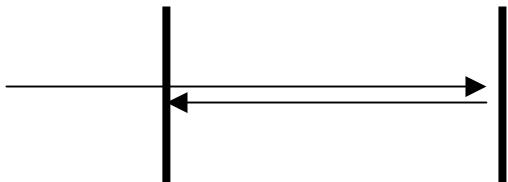
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Various Optical Configurations

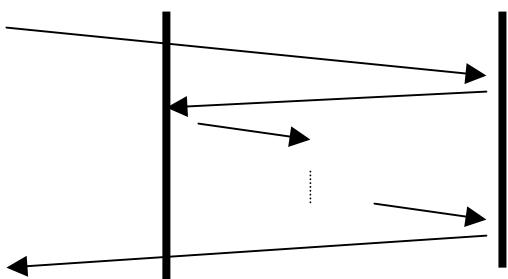
- Phase noise formulas
Computed explicitly for
 - Single-reflection mirror



- Fabry-Perot resonator



- Optical delay line



$$S_{\varphi}^{Single}(\omega) = S_{\varphi}(\omega, \rho, \rho)$$

$$S_{\varphi}^{FP}(\omega) = \left[\frac{(1+r_I)^2}{1+r_I^2} \right] \left[1 - \frac{2r_I}{1+r_I^2} \cos 2\omega\tau \right]^{-1} [S_{\varphi}^E(\omega) + r_I^2 S_{\varphi}^I(\omega)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\varphi}^{DL}(\omega) = & \sum_{n=1}^N S_{\varphi}^E(\omega, \rho_n, \rho_n) + 2 \sum_{n=2}^N \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} \cos[2(n-q)\tau\omega] \cdot S_{\varphi}^E(\omega, \rho_n, \rho_q) \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} S_{\varphi}^I(\omega, \rho_n, \rho_n) + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{N-1} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} \cos[2(n-q)\tau\omega] \cdot S_{\varphi}^I(\omega, \rho_n, \rho_q) \end{aligned}$$

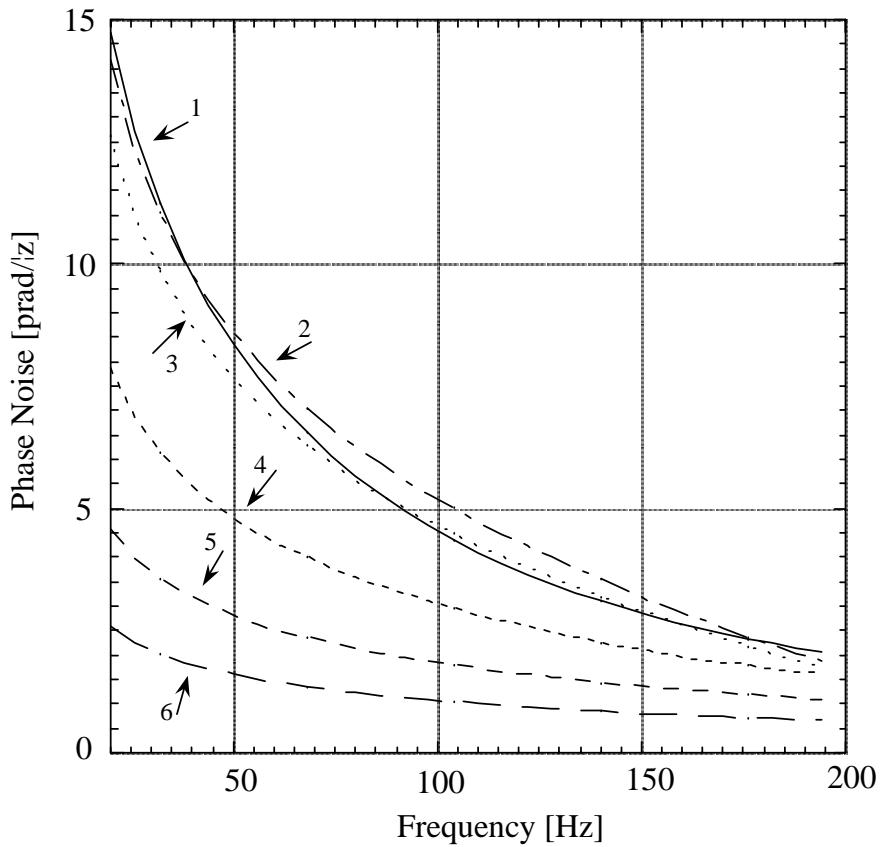
r_I	the input mirror reflection coefficient
τ	the transit time
$S_{\varphi}^E(\omega), S_{\varphi}^I(\omega)$	the single-reflection phase noises of the input and end-point mirrors.
ρ_n	the positions of the N-time reflections on the end-mirror surface
ρ_p	the positions of the (N-1)-time reflections on the input-mirror surface
E, σ	Young's modulus, and Poisson ratio

If Half space:

$$S_{\varphi}(\omega, \rho_1, \rho_2) = \frac{8k_B T}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\phi}{\omega} \frac{k^2}{w} \frac{1-\sigma^2}{E} e^{-(\rho_1-\rho_2)^2/2w^2} I_0\left((\rho_1-\rho_2)^2/2w^2\right)$$

Fabry-Perot vs. Delay Line

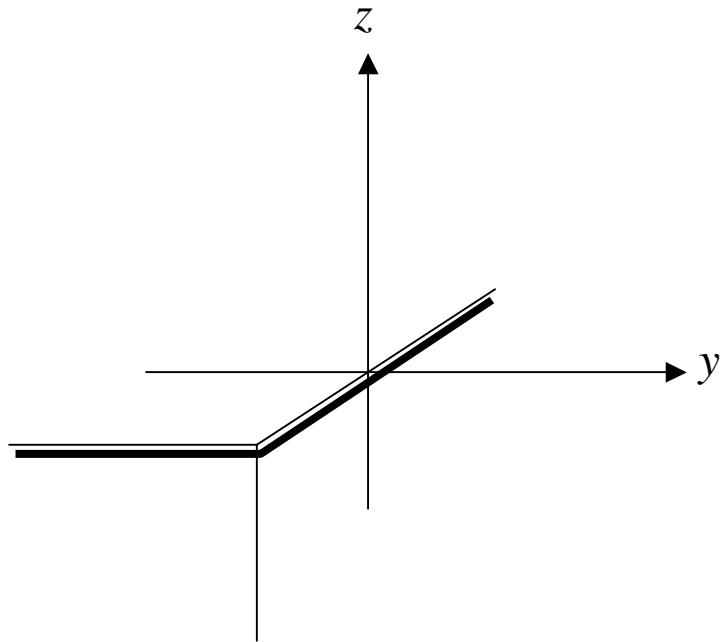
- Fabry-Perot vs Delay lines
 - Analytical half-space mirror model
 - Fabry-Perot interferometer vs several delay lines
 - Storage time as proposed for LIGO II.
 - Delay line beam centers
 - evenly spaced
 - on a circle
- When the spots are not overlapping appreciably, the delay line is less noisy than the Fabry-Perot.
 - Noise levels are similar if
 - the spot circle radii comparable to the beam spot size
 - the spots are largely overlapping, and above several hundred Hertz.



Quarter-Space Mirror Model

Scalar model

“displacement”	$u = u(\vec{x})$
“stress”	$\vec{T} = E \nabla u$
Field equation	$\rho \ddot{u} - \nabla \cdot \vec{T} = 0$
“Young’s modulus”	E
Loss function	ϕ



Static Green's function

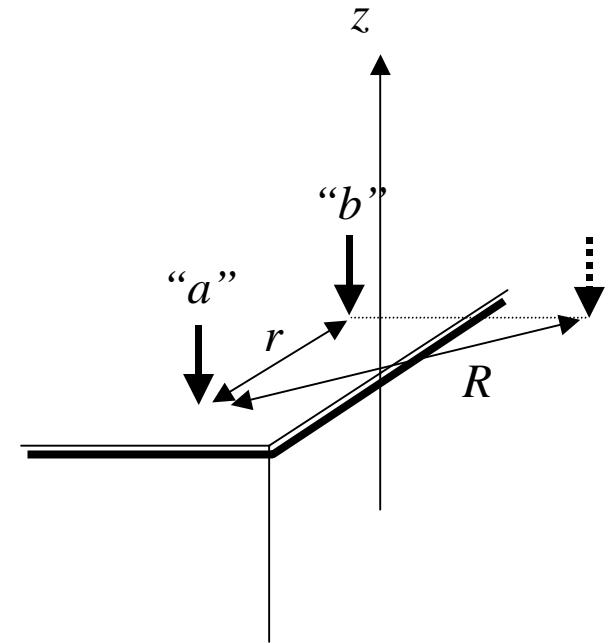
$$\chi^{qs}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_o)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi E} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x_o)^2 + (y-y_o)^2 + (z-z_o)^2}} - \epsilon(z_o) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x_o)^2 + (y-y_o)^2 + (z-|z_o|)^2}} \\ & - \epsilon(y_o) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x_o)^2 + (y-|y_o|)^2 + (z-z_o)^2}} + \epsilon(y_o) \epsilon(z_o) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x_o)^2 + (y-|y_o|)^2 + (z-|z_o|)^2}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Quarter-Space Mirror Model (con't)

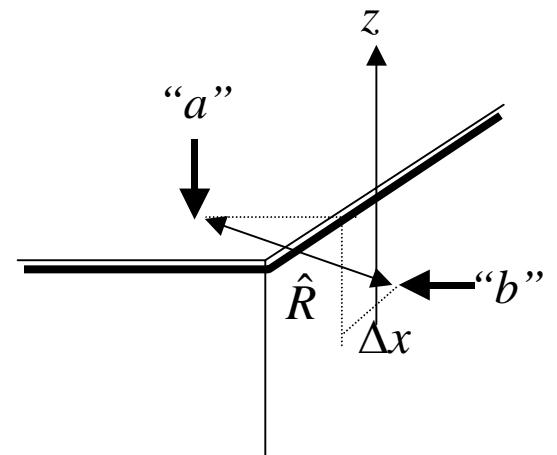
(i) Two beam spots are on the same side (e.g. the top plane)

$$S_{\varphi}^{qs}(\omega, \hat{x}_a, \hat{x}_b) = 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\phi}{E} \frac{1}{w} \times \left[e^{-r^2/2w^2} I_0\left(r^2/2w^2\right) + e^{-R^2/2w^2} I_0\left(R^2/2w^2\right) \right]$$



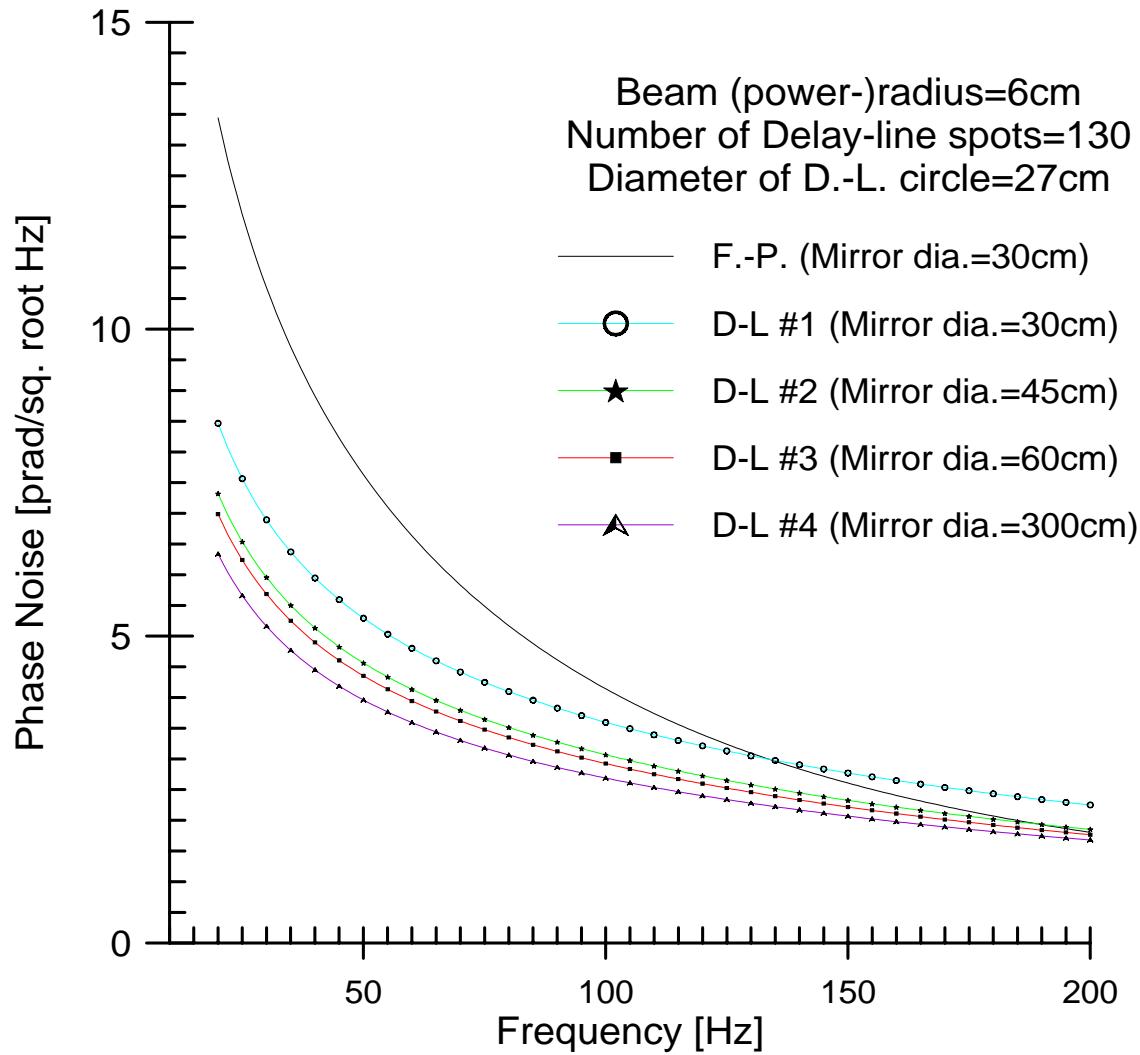
(ii) The opposite sides

$$S_{\varphi}^{qs}(\omega, \hat{r}_a, \hat{r}_b) \approx 4k^2 \cdot \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \cdot \frac{\phi}{E} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} w} \times \begin{cases} e^{-\hat{R}^2/2w^2} I_0\left(\hat{R}^2/2w^2\right) \\ e^{-\hat{R}^2/4w^2} I_0\left(\hat{R}^2/4w^2\right) \end{cases} \text{ for } \begin{cases} R_x \ll R_{yz} \\ R_x \gg R_{yz} \end{cases}$$



Quarter-Space Mirror Model (con't)

- Finite-mirror size effect on thermal noise (PRELIMINARY)



Summary

- Coating noise estimation
 - Intrinsic thermal noise
 - Half-space model
 - Dissimilar elastic properties
 - $O(\text{coating thickness}/\text{beam spot size})$
 - Physical meanings explained.
- Finite mirror size effects on thermal noise
 - Preliminary results
 - “Scalar elasticity”
 - Quarter space model
 - Delay-line noise increases as mirror size decrease, but the rate will be tolerable