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MESSAGE: Dear Alex,

Thought you'd like to see what we're  
going to say (in your name!) at Indianapolis.  
Note that Mark can now demonstrate sensitivity  
to  $\sim 10^{-5}$ . Plenty good enough for the old 40-m mas.  
That's next.

Number of pages including this cover sheet: Best regards, Peter

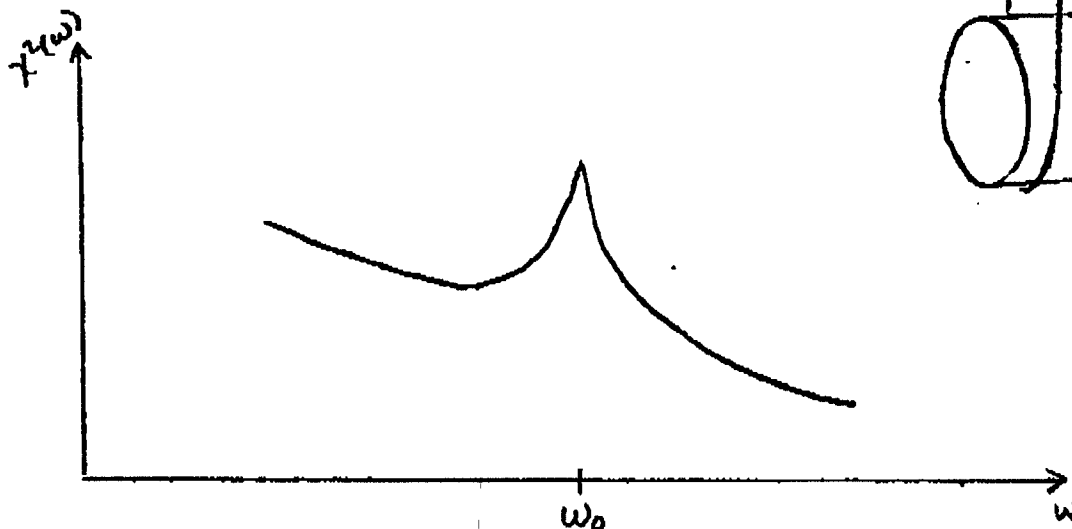
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# **PREDICTION OF TEST MASS THERMAL NOISE BY MEASUREMENT OF THE ANELASTIC AFTEREFFECT**

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**PROBLEM:** Predict the thermal noise spectrum  $x^2(\omega)$  for LIGO test masses in a frequency range 10 Hz to 1 kHz from measurement of internal friction (or loss angle)  $\phi(\omega)$ . This is well below the internal resonant modes which begin at about 10 kHz (by design).



**COMPLICATION:** Can NOT use the trick as used in measuring  $\phi(\omega)$  for pendulum modes of the suspension, by measuring  $Q$ 's of various violin modes, since test masses have no resonance in frequency range 10 Hz to 1 kHz.

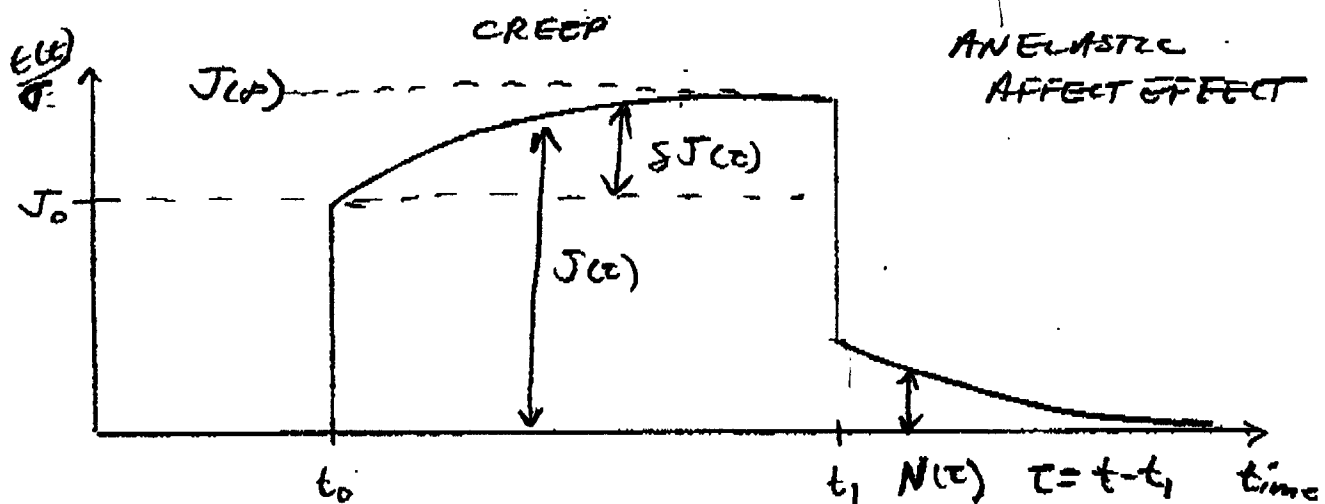
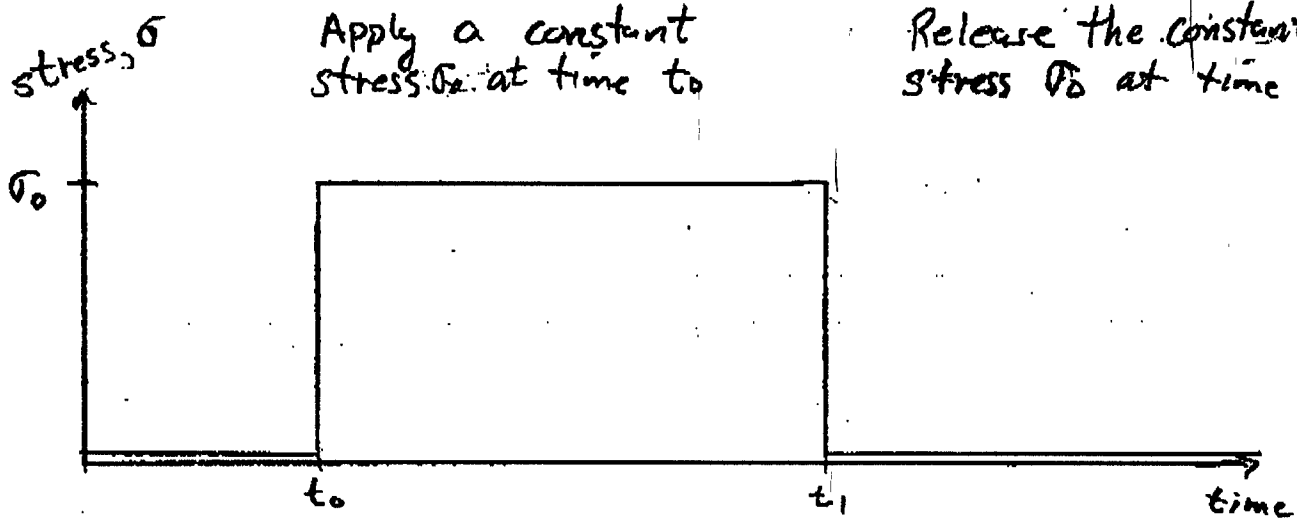
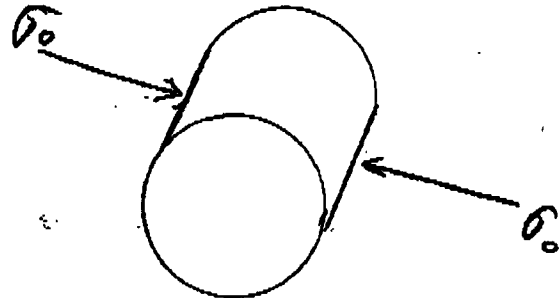
**SOLUTION:** Measure the anelastic aftereffect, after the sample is "instantaneously" relieved of stress.

# CREEP AND THE ANELASTIC AFTEREFFECT

Hooke's Law:

$$\epsilon = J \sigma$$

$\uparrow$  strain       $\uparrow$  compliance       $\uparrow$  stress



The creep function  $J(t)$  is defined:

$$J(t) \equiv \frac{\epsilon(t)}{\sigma_0} \quad t = t - t_0$$

$$J(t) = J(\infty) - N(t)$$

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  $\phi(\omega)$  AND  $J(\tau)$ :**

$\phi(\omega)$  is well approximated by:

$$\phi(\omega) \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \left. \frac{d(\ln J(\tau))}{d \ln \tau} \right|_{\tau = 1/\omega} \quad (\phi \ll 1)$$

**(A.S. Norwick & B.S. Berry, *Anelastic Relaxation in Crystalline Solids*)**

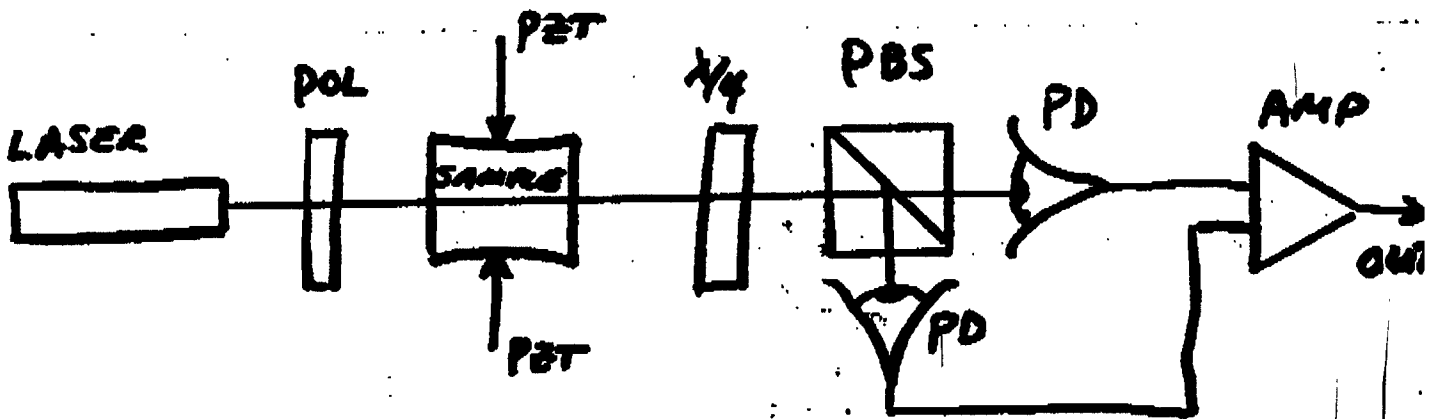
The internal friction  $\phi$  at some frequency  $\omega$  is approximately equal to the fractional change in the strain of the sample on the corresponding time scale  $\tau$ .

# EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

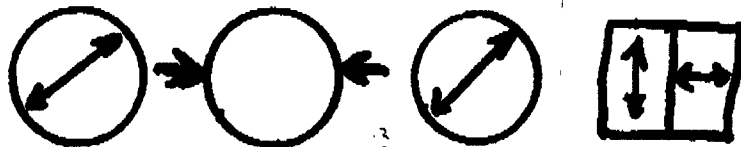
MEASURE  $\epsilon(x)$  BY USE OF PHOTOELASTIC EFFECT (STRESS-DEPENDENT BIREFRINGENCE)

$$\Delta n_x = C \Delta \epsilon_x$$

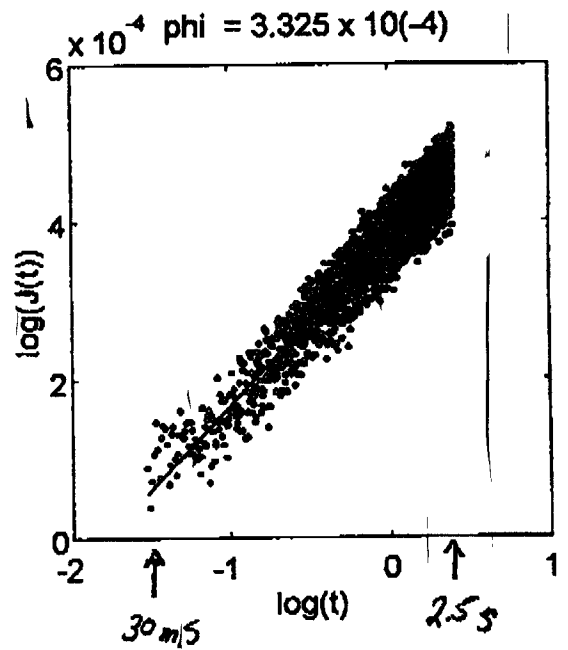
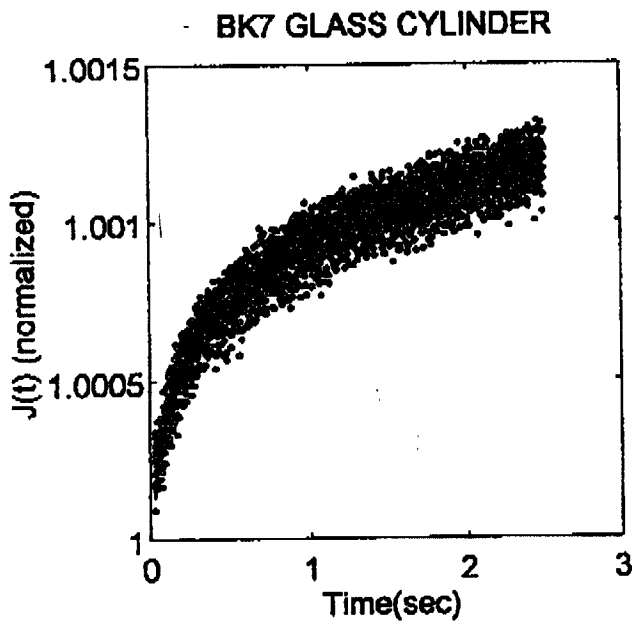
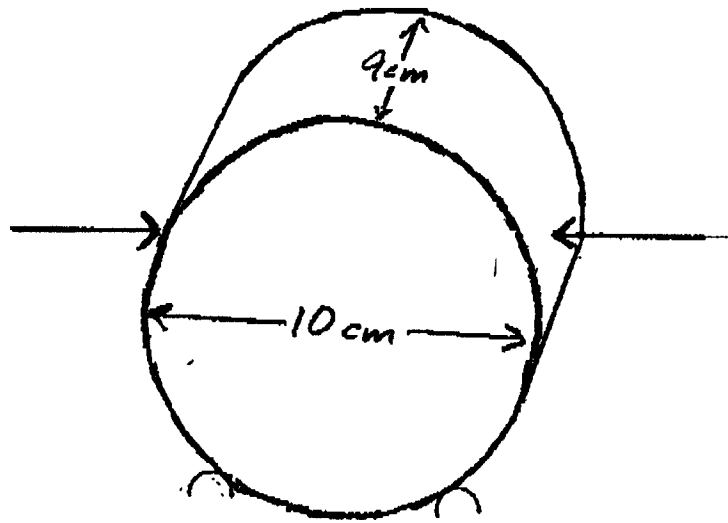
$\uparrow$  index of refraction       $\uparrow$  constant



FRONT VIEW OF COMPONENTS

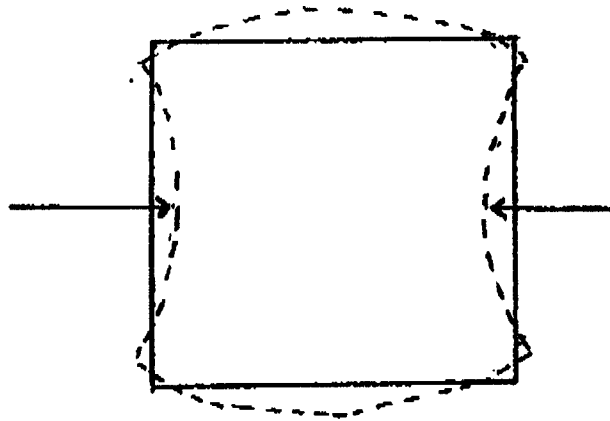


Null output when birefringence = 0  
 First order sensitive to birefringence

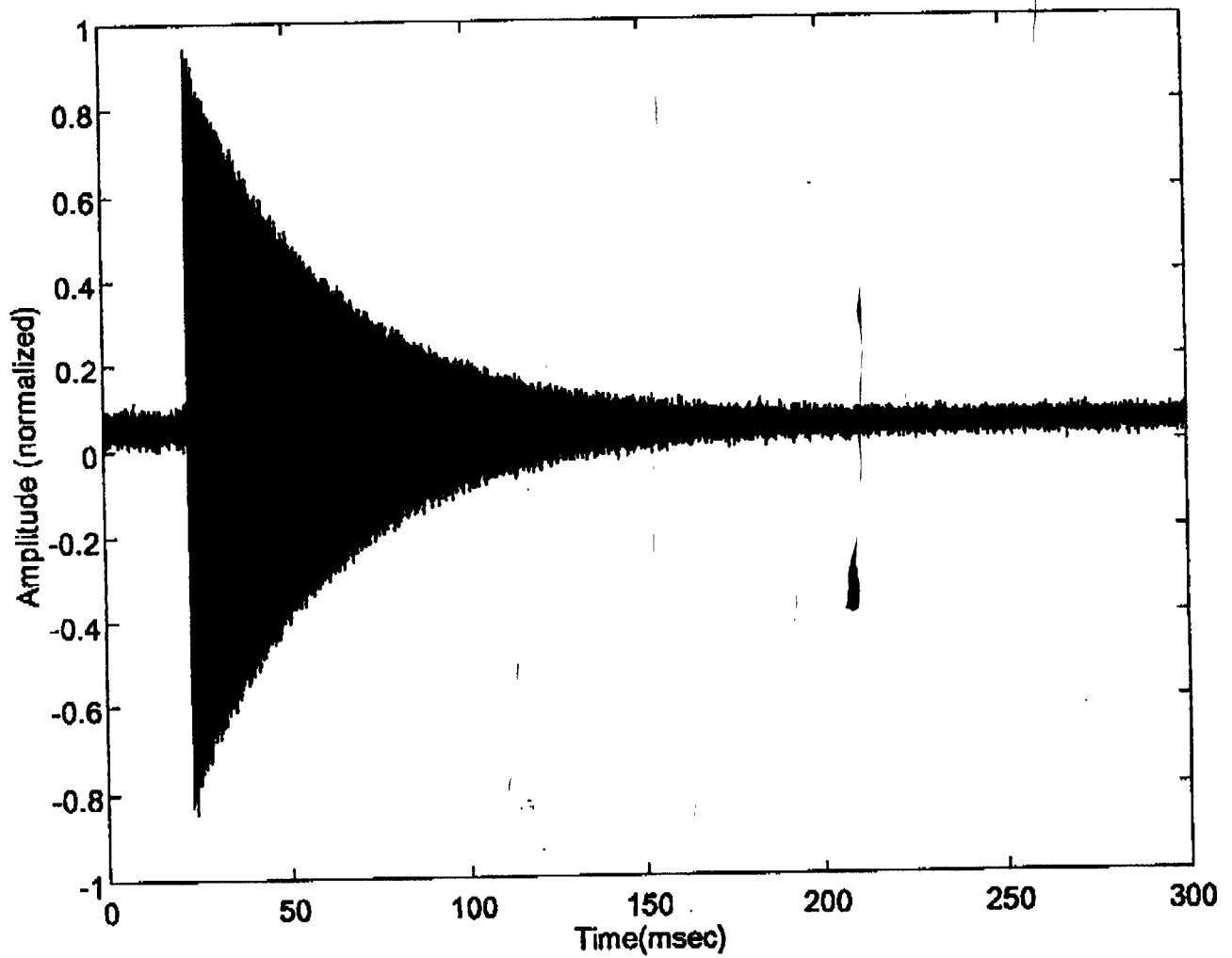


$$\phi = (3.25 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$5 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow 0.06 \text{ Hz}$$



BK7 GLASS CYLINDER



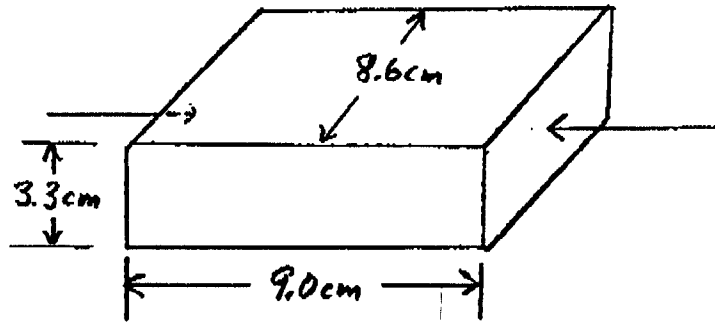
$$\tau_{\text{damp}} \approx 0.040 \text{ sec}$$

$$f_{\text{resonance}} = 26,900 \text{ Hz}$$

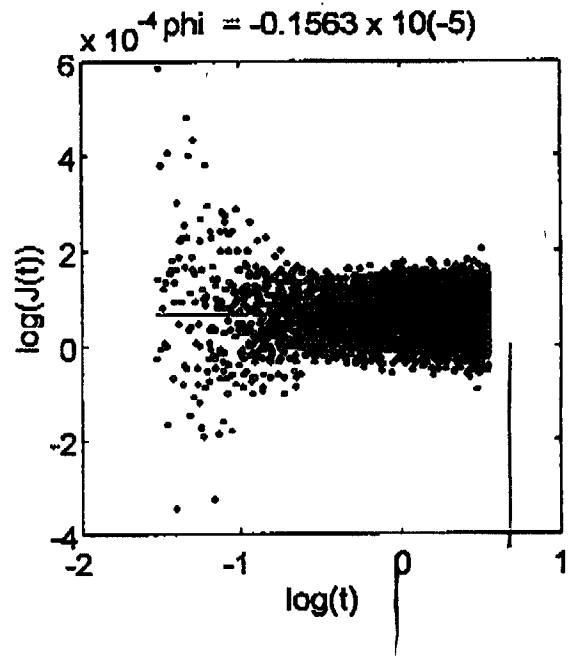
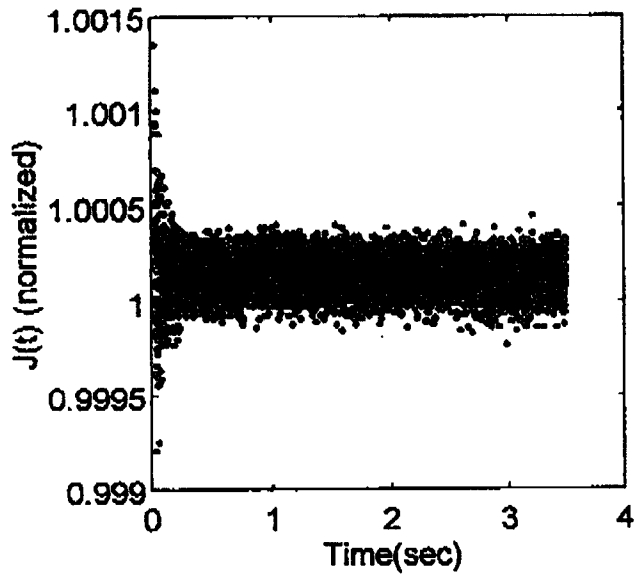
$$Q = 3.4 \times 10^3$$

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \phi = 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$$





7940 FUSED SILICA BLOCK



$$\phi = (-1.5 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-5} \quad 5 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow 0.05 \text{ Hz}$$

## FUTURE PLANS

- measure  $\phi(\omega)$  for pre - Oct. 1994 LIGO test masses.
- Improve the measurement technique of  $\phi(\omega)$  to  $10^{-6}$  or better, so  $\phi(\omega)$  of other low internal friction optically transparent samples can be measured.
- design an anelastic aftereffect measuring apparatus that can be used to test actual test masses as suspended on the full scale LIGO.