

Brownian Thermal Noise in Dielectric Coatings

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Two take home points

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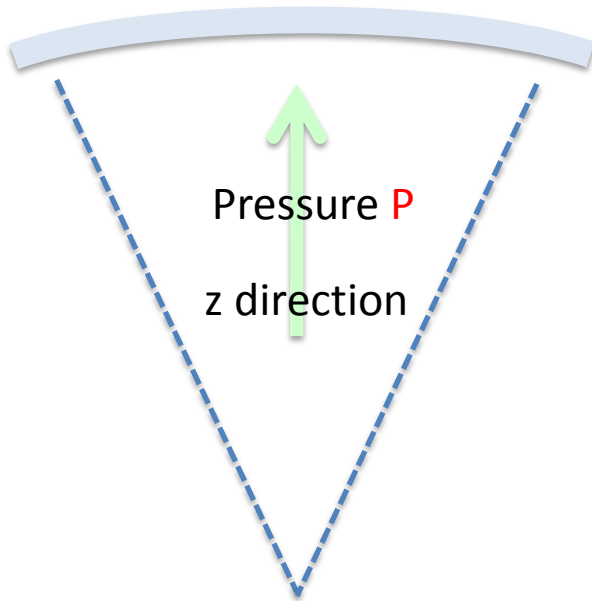
1. We were measuring the right (almost) loss angle! (there are two loss angles in each isotropic material)
2. Coherent backscattering effect in coating noise (negligible for Brownian noise)

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Two Dimensional flexural Rigidity for thin plates

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Radius of curvature R

Thickness h , Young's Modulus Y , Poisson ratio σ

1. Free boundary and vertical stress is zero

$$T_{zz} = 0$$

2. Flexural rigidity is defined by

$$D = \frac{Yh^3}{12(1 - \sigma^2)}$$

3. Hooke's law for 2-D thin plate

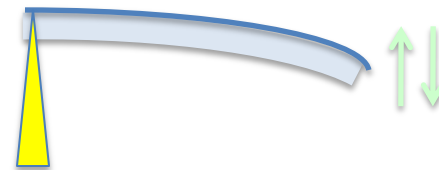
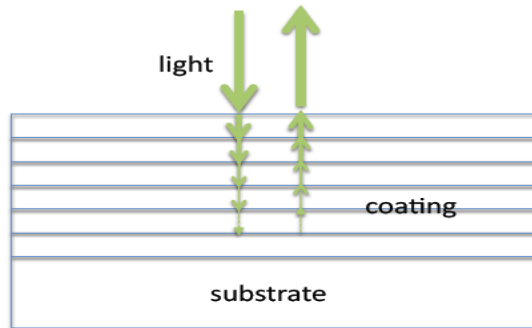
$$\frac{D}{R} = P$$



Coating flexural Rigidity and its loss angle

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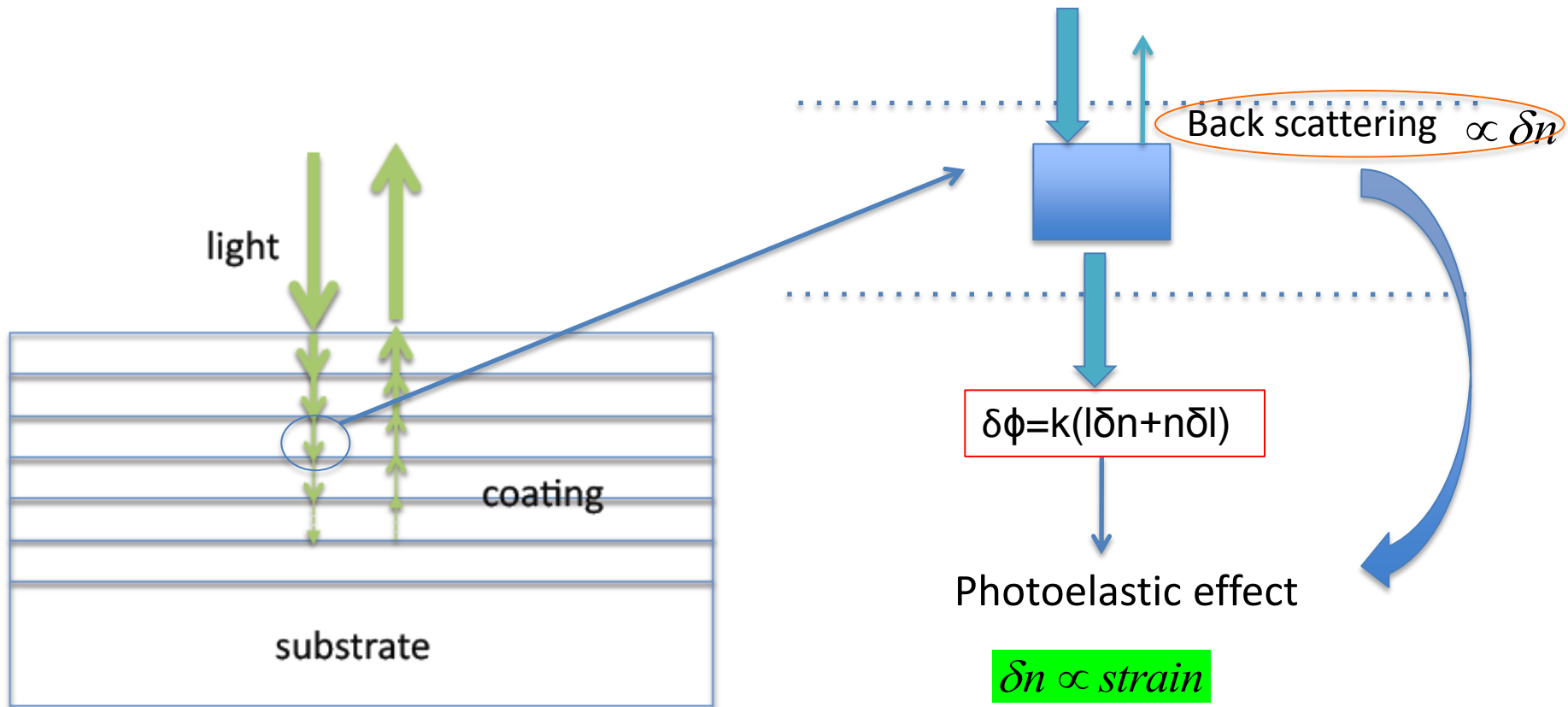
1. Light senses the coating thickness fluctuation + coating-substrate interface bending fluctuation
2. Bending is main noise source (70% of total noise) because substrate Young's modulus is relatively low



3. Bending loss angle = coating layer flexural rigidity loss angle
= Drum mode loss angle in ringdown measurements
4. We were measuring the right loss angle !

Coherent light scattering induced Thermal noise

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Thank You!

Bending is the main noise component

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Position Noise = Sum of coating thickness fluctuation + interface fluctuation

$$S_{u_{zz}u_{zz}}^{ij}(\vec{x}, z; \vec{x}', z') = \frac{4k_B T}{3\pi f} \frac{(1 + \sigma_j)(1 - 2\sigma_j)}{Y_j(1 - \sigma_j)^2} \left[\frac{1 + \sigma_j}{2} \phi_{Bj} + (1 - 2\sigma_j) \phi_{Sj} \right] \delta_{ij} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \delta(z - z')$$

$$S_{ss}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{4k_B T}{3\pi f} \frac{(1 - \sigma_s - 2\sigma_s^2)^2}{Y_s^2} \sum_j \frac{Y_j l_j}{(1 - \sigma_j)^2} \left[\frac{1 - 2\sigma_j}{2} \phi_{Bj} + \frac{1 - \sigma_j + \sigma_j^2}{1 + \sigma_i} \phi_{Sj} \right] \delta^{(2)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

$$S_{s u_{zz}}(\vec{x}; \vec{x}', z') = \frac{2k_B T}{3\pi f} \frac{(1 - \sigma_s - 2\sigma_s^2)(1 - \sigma_j - 2\sigma_i^2)}{Y_s(1 - \sigma_j)^2} [\phi_{Bj} - \phi_{Sj}] \delta^2(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

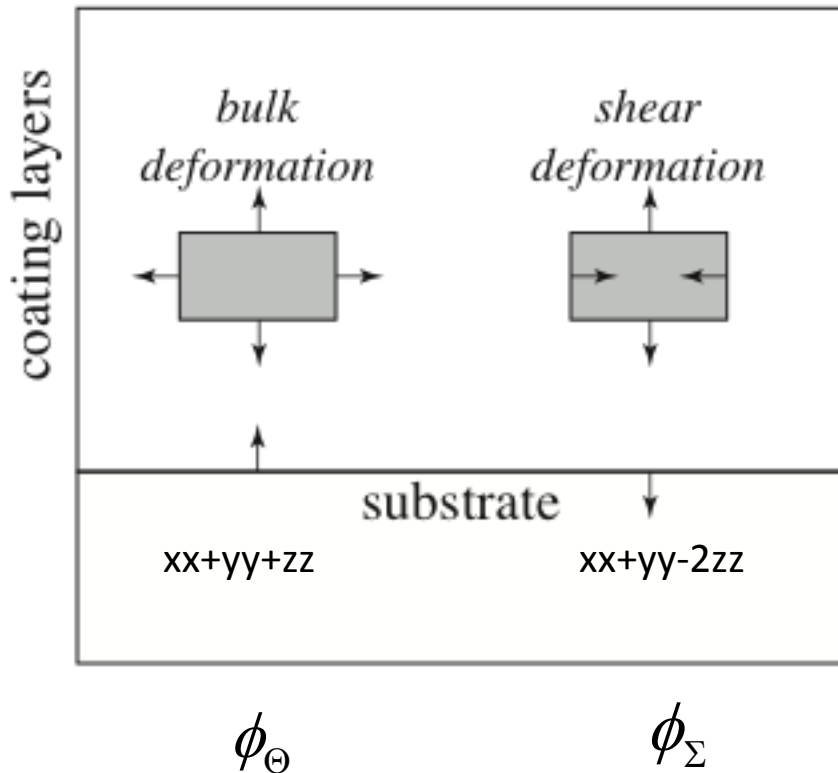
Higher Substrate Young's Modulus -> Lower Thermal Noise

Substrate Material	Fused Silica	Silicon	Sapphire
Young's Modulus (10 ¹⁰ Pa)	7.2	16.5	34.5
Poisson Ratio	0.17	0.22	0.29
Brownian Noise (Spectra density)	1	0.4	0.32



Fluctuation induced by bulk and shear loss

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We assign a separate loss angle for bulk and shear energy.

$$U = \frac{1}{2} K \Theta^2 + \mu \Sigma^2$$

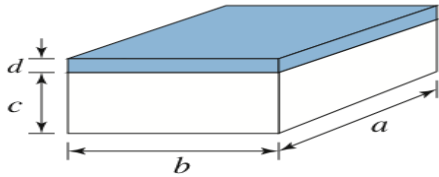
$$W_{diss} (per_cycle) = \phi_{\Theta} \frac{1}{2} K \Theta^2 + \phi_{\Sigma} \mu \Sigma^2$$

- Bulk Noise:
 - $xx+yy+zz$ Coating thickness and interface
- Shear Noise:
 - $xz+zx$ and $yz+zy$ No influence
 - $xx-yy$ and $xy+yx$ Coating-Substrate Interface
 - $xx+yy-2zz$ Coating thickness and Interface

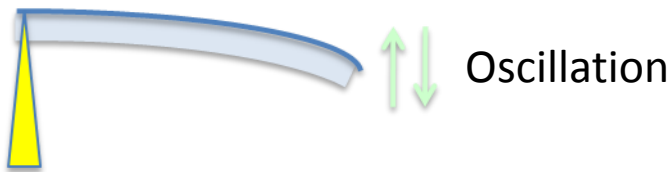


Ringdown measurements for loss angles

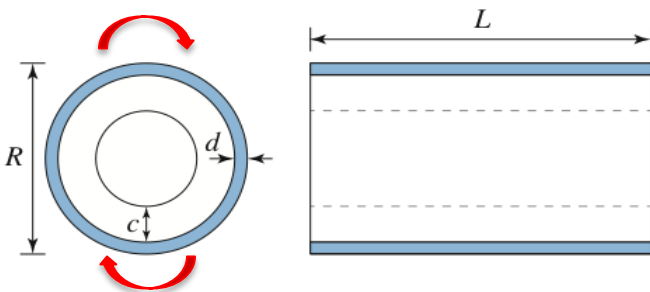
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$$\phi = \frac{d Y_c (1 - \sigma_s^2)}{c Y_s (1 - \sigma_c)^2} [\phi_B (1 - 2\sigma_c) + 2\phi_s \frac{1 - \sigma_c + \sigma_c^2}{1 + \sigma_c}] + \phi_{sub}$$



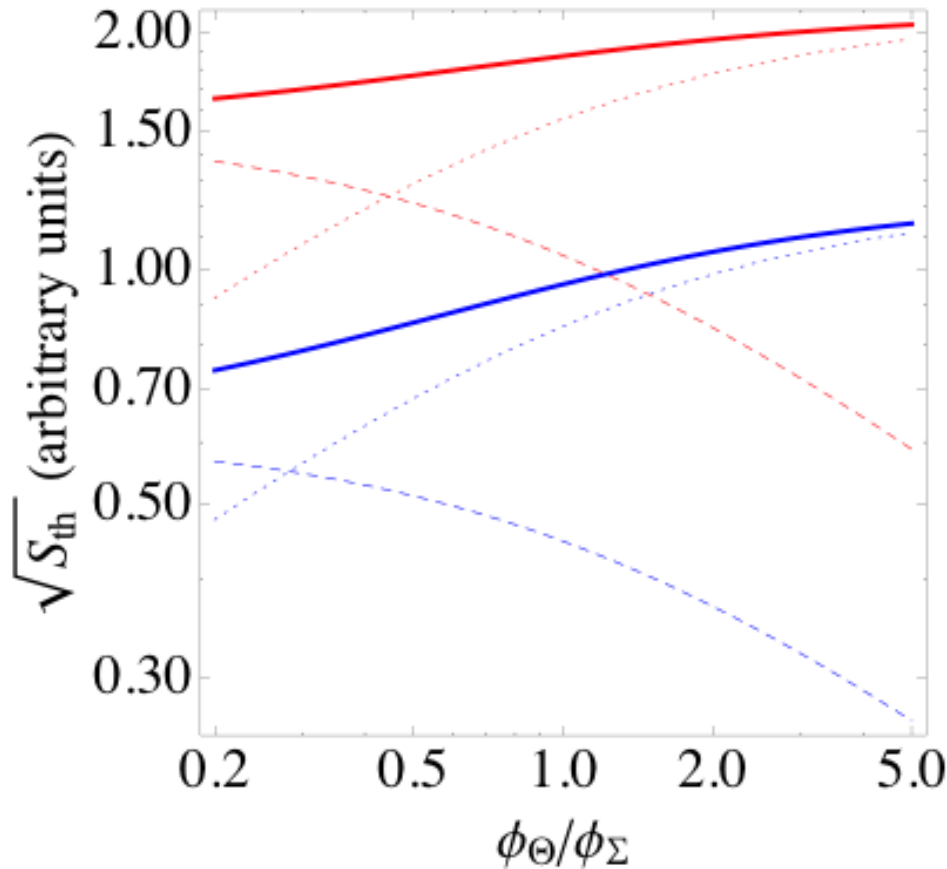
$$\phi = \frac{1}{Q}$$



$$\phi = \phi_{sub} + \frac{d Y_c (1 + \sigma_s)}{c Y_s (1 + \sigma_c)} \phi_S$$

Effect of uncertainties in loss angles

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Baseline Parameters used for Coating Materials

	Ti_2O_5	SiO_2
Refractive index	2.07	1.45
Poisson Ratio	0.23	0.17
Young's Modulus (Pa)	1.4×10^{11}	7×10^{10}
Loss Angle ($\phi_B = \phi_S$)	2×10^{-4}	4×10^{-5}

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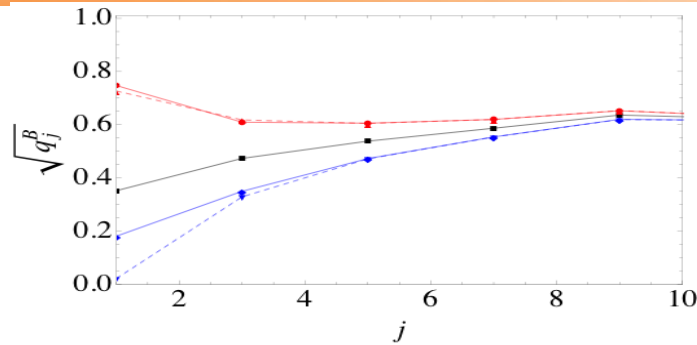
Red: Tantala. Blue: Silica. Bulk in dotted lines and shear in dashed lines



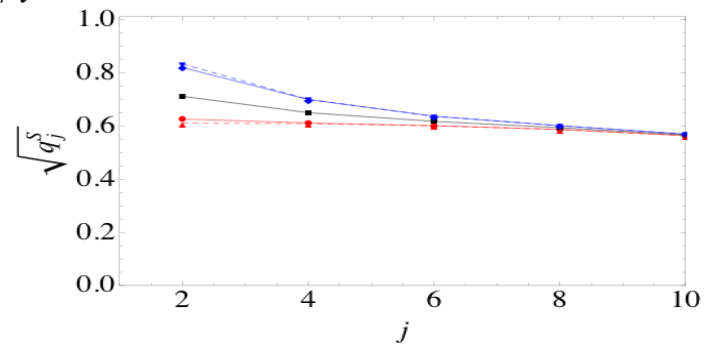
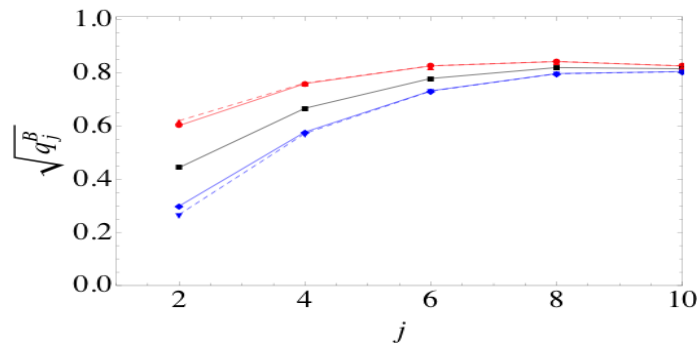
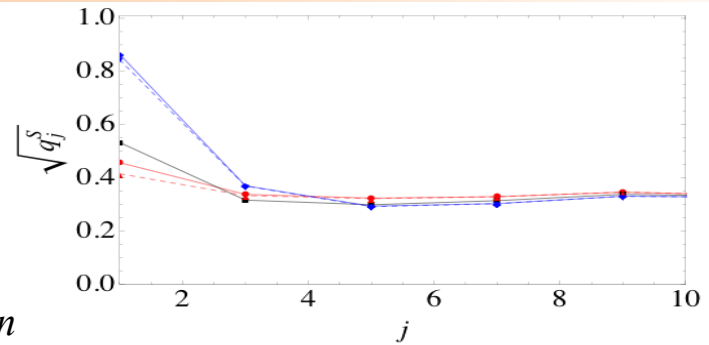
Coating Brownian noise: full calculation

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Silica



$$\beta = \frac{\delta n}{\delta l / l}$$



Bulk

Shear

Red for $\beta=1$, blue for $\beta=-1$, *dashed* for ignoring back-scattering terms

$$S = \sum_j (q_j^B \phi_B^j + q_j^S \phi_S^j) S_j$$

$$S_j \equiv \frac{4k_B T \lambda_j (1 - \sigma_j - 2\sigma_j^2)}{3\pi f Y_j (1 - \sigma_j)^2 A_{eff}}$$

