Thesis Title: Adaptive Modal Damping of Advanced LIGO Suspensions

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Abstract

Motivation: Observe gravitational waves from astrophysical sources (supernovae, pulsars, black hole mergers, etc) using the LIGO observatories.

Problem: Active control to suppresses time varying ground disturbances. This control introduces additional noise. Optimal control requires tuning the trade-off as the disturbances evolve.

- 1. Many of the LIGO control loops contain non-negligible sensing noise
- 2. Seismic disturbances evolves in time
- 3. LIGO optical cavities have a small finite linear operating range

Solution: An adaptive algorithm to constantly monitor and tune the performance of this control. Applied to the method of modal damping. Adaptation optimized for astrophysical sources.

Outline

- 1. LIGO and gravitational waves
- 2. Seismic (vibration) isolation
- 3. Problems and challenges
- 4. Method of adaptive modal damping
- 5. Experimental results
- 6. Simulated results





Gravitational Waves



- Supernovae
 - Asymmetry required
- Coalescing Binaries
 - Black Holes or Neutron Stars Mergers Thesis D
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- Pulsars
 - Asymmetry required
- Stochastic Background (Big bang, etc.)

LIGO The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO)





Hanford, WA



Livingston, LA

LIGO Budget ≈ \$60 Million per year from NSF.
Operated by MIT and Caltech.

Optical path enclosed in vacuum

Michelson interferometers with Fabry-Pérot arms

Sensitive to strains around 10⁻²² -> 10⁻¹⁹m_{rms}

If we put LIGO in Cambridge, MA



LIGO spans 16 km². Cambridge, MA covers 16.65 km² (wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge_Massachusetts).

LIGO Scientific Collaboration



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Suspensions and Seismic Isolation

Advanced LIGO test mass isolation





active isolation platform (2 stages of isolation)

quadruple pendulum (four stages of isolation)

Installing prototype quad pendulum with glass optic on metal wires, Jan 2009 at MIT.

Five Pendulum Designs



LIGO

Quadruple Pendulum



LIGO



Purpose

• Test mass (stage 4) isolation. the test mass consists of a 40 kg high reflective mirror

Control

- Damping -stage 1
- Cavity length all stages

Sensors/Actuators

- BOSEMs at stage 1 & 2
- AOSEMs at stage 3
- Opt. levs. and interf. sigs. at stage 2
- Electrostatic drive (ESD) at stage 4

Multi-stage Isolation Performance



Control: Problems and Challenges

Schematic view of one of LIGO's 4 km Fabry-Perot cavity arms



Problem 1: Nonstationary Disturbance

Seismic disturbance at Livingston Observatory on November 21, 2009



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Problem 2: Damping Sensor Noise



Problem 3: Seismic Upconversion



Mechanisms for upconversion:

 Laser beams falling off mirrors
 Laser scattering off vacuum walls and other objects
 Interferometer readout method

- 4. Creak in pendulum springs
- 5. Actuator nonlinearities

6. ?

7. etc

Experimental Setup at MIT



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Experimental Setup at MIT

Quadruple Pendulum Mirror

Triple Pendulum



50 ppm light transmission through quad mirror

1% light transmission through triple mirror

Measured Displacement Spectrum



Measured Displacement Spectrum



Measured Displacement Spectrum



Modal Damping with State Estimation



Modal Feedback

Bode Diagram GM = 10.7 (1.53 Hz), PM = 38.2 (1.17 Hz)



Cavity Control with Modal Damping



Cavity Control with Adaptive M.D.

Top mass measurement Modal Triple Non-stationary Damping disturbance Cost Adapt Top mass damping force Sensor noise 52 Bottom mass force Damping gains Cavity Cavity error signal Control Weighting of relevant Gauss-Newton stepping of modal information damping gain values

Ex. Cost Gain Scaling Used in Exper.



Measured Response to a 'Test' Train



Notes: 1st, no adapt and lock loss; 2nd, 30 sec quicksteps; 3rd, 15 sec quicksteps.

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Cavity Displacement Spectrum



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Simulation of LIGO cavity with AMD





Simulated Disturbance and Noise



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Relative Noise Scaling



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Optimization Goal



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GW Source: Binary Inspiral



- - c = speed of light in vacuumG = gravitational constant $M_i =$ mass of orbiting object $N^2 =$ detector noise power spectral density $\rho =$ desired signal to noise ratio (typically $\rho = 8$)ISCO: Innermost Stable Circular Orbit

Visible Universe vs Binary Mass


Visible Universe vs Binary Mass



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Combining Seismic and Sensor Noise



Optimal Damping for Max Seismic with Adaptation



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AMD Inspiral Simulation Results



Seismic % of max	ζ_1	ς_2	ς_3	${\mathcal G}_4$	150 I) SM volume Mpc ³ ×10 ⁶	
0	0.00054	0.00055	0.00051	0.00050	3051	(100%)	
50	0.00059	0.0051	0.016	0.0042	2982	(97.7%)	Ontimal Damning
75	0.00073	0.0089	0.029	0.0090	2915	(95.5%)	optimal bamping
100	0.00091	0.014	0.046	0.016	2796	(91.6%)	
100	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	473	(15.6%)	Maximum Damping
100	0.00050	0.00050	0.00050	0.00050	3.05	(0.1%)	Minimum Damping

Binary Neutron Star Inspiral Sensitivity



AMD Conclusions

- AMD has the power to select modal damping gains that are optimal to the detection of high mass black hole inspirals (> 75 SM) for a range of disturbances.
- Lower mass inspirals benefit by extending observation time.
- The same gains are also optimal for the stochastic background, pulsars, and supernovae. However, these sources are insensitive to the lowest frequencies, so constant maximum damping is likely to be more reliable.
- This work explored adaptive damping for the quad pendulum, but similar adaption could be useful in other LIGO control loops.
- Practical application of this work depends on the behavior of the true Advanced LIGO interferometers still under construction.

Thesis Contributions, 1-2

- Adaptive algorithm for modal damping (AMD)
 - Adaptation optimizes the response in real-time to changing environmental conditions.
 - Switching of step rates, estimation time scales, and step sizes based on the measured proximity of these statistics to the optimal solution.
 - Easily adapted to other aspects of interferometer control.

Thesis Contributions, 2-2

- Optimization of AMD for astrophysical sources
- Optimization and limitations of modal damping
 - Optimal state estimation (ACC 2011)
 - Maximum achievable closed loop damping
- Modeling procedure for identifying most important measurements and parameter uncertainties of quadruple pendulum.
- Actuator sizing min. least squares actuation required when driving many DOFs (ACC2012)

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Backups



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Problem 1: Nonstationary Disturbance



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Inspiral Range vs Binary Mass



AMD Inspiral Simulation Cost Functions



- M_{RMS} measured modal displacement amplitude. Model behavior -> $M_{RMS} = \frac{\text{open loop amplitude}}{\sqrt{2}}$
- M_0 modal cost scale factor
- ς modal closed loop damping ratio
- ς_0 minimum closed loop damping ratio
- *i* mode index

Table I: Adaptive modal damping cost function parameters.

Parameter	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3	Mode 4
${\mathcal G}_0$	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
M_{RMS} with ζ_0 & max seis	1.45*10 ⁻⁸	6.54*10 ⁻⁹	1.17*10 ⁻⁸	2.00*10 ⁻⁹
M _o	2*10 ⁻⁸	10 ⁻⁹	8*10 ⁻¹⁰	5*10 ⁻¹⁰
M _{RMS} /M ₀	0.725	6.54	14.625	4

AMD Inspiral Simulation Results

Table II: Optimal damping values determined by the selected cost function parameters.

Seismic % of max	ς_1	ς_2	ς_3	ς_4	150 N) SM volume $Mpc^3 \times 10^6$
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Stochastic Sensitivity



Stochastic Overlap Reduction Function



Backups: Science from Observations

- Binary black holes
 - Probe nonlinear dynamics of spacetime curvature during merger phase.
 - GW scattering during inspiral phase.
 - Characterize number of neutron star and/or black hole binaries
 - Characterise ringdown phsase after merger
 - Test Hawking's law that the event horizon must increase in area
 - Naked singularity test

Backups: Science from Observations

- Stochastic background
 - Observe early universe from 10⁻²² sec after Big Bang. Currently, CMB observations only get us to about 100,000 years after big bang (≈35 orders of magnitude improvement).
 - Quantify background from incoherent sum of many weak/distant sources such as binaries, supernovae, etc.

Backups: Science from Observations

- Inspirals
 - Quantity in Milky Way
 - Neutron star structure
 - Neutron star ellipticity (how big are the mountains)
 - Neutron star quakes
 - Theory of maximum spin rate of X-ray binaries due to GW emmission
- Supernovae
 - Evolution of stellar collapse no complete models exist.

Backups: GW Signal Calibration

Cavity Displacement (Eq. 1):

$$x = \frac{1}{1 + Pl_{13}C} \left[GW + v_2 + Pl_{11}d_1 + Pl_{12}v_1 + Pl_{13}d_2 + P2_{11}d_3 + P2_{12}v_3 + P2_{13}d_4 \right] < 10^{-9}m$$

Solving for the GW (Eq. 2):

$$x(1+P1_{13}C) = GW + v_2 + P1_{11}d_1 + P1_{12}v_1 + P1_{13}d_2 + P2_{11}d_3 + P2_{12}v_3 + P2_{13}d_4$$

Calibrated cavity signal (effectively open loop)

If *GW* is much greater than everything else on the right hand side of (2), then the calibrated signal is approximately *GW*.

Simulation of LIGO cavity with AMD

Stage 1 measurement



Backups: Boosted Experimental Noise



Cavity Control with Adaptive M.D.



Cost Input 1: Modal Amplitudes



Modal Amplitude Variance Estimation



Cost Input 2: Noise Amplification



Since the sensor noise amplification for a given mode is directly proportional to its damping gain, the damping gain, rather than a measured noise term is used for this calculation. This is a quicker and more accurate estimate then measuring the noise directly like the modal amplitude.

Gauss-Newton Adaptation



Adaptive Step Sizes and Step Rates



If the measured modal amplitude is above the moving boundary layer, the adaptation takes large, quick steps with short RMS time constants to respond to sudden seismic events quickly.
When the modal amplitude goes below the line, the adaptation takes small slow steps with long RMS time constants to converge accurately to the optimal damping solution.

Measured Response to a Seismic Square Wave: Modal RMS



Measured Response to a Seismic Square Wave: Damping Gains

Adaptive Modal Damping Data 17-18 June 2011: Seismic Square Wave Test



Notes: 3, 30 sec quicksteps steps; 3, 15 sec quicksteps steps; all 60 sec slow steps.

Ex. Train Passing Through Livingston



Backups: Adaptive Damping Interface



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Problem 3: Cavity Signal



The PDH signal for a 4 km aLIGO Fabry-Perot cavity with mirror power transmissions of 1.4% and 7.5 ppm. The cavity finesse is 445. The linear region between the dashed lines is 1 nm wide.

$$PDH = C \frac{\sin\left(4\pi \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda}\right)}{1 + \left[\frac{2F}{\pi}\sin\left(2\pi \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda}\right)\right]^2} \qquad F = \text{cavity finesse} = 445$$
$$\lambda = \text{laser wavelength} = 1064 \text{ nm}$$
$$\text{Thes} C \text{ Defarbition y electronic scaling}$$

Backups: PDH and Resonant Cavity Power






• Progressive trade off anticipates cavity lock loss for large amplitude disturbances.



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- Progressive trade off anticipates cavity lock loss for large amplitude disturbances.
- erf() removes the pole and reduces the aggressiveness.
- Subtracting 1 from the gain scaling simply provides a 0 cost target gain.

Backups: Cost Box Details



Backups: Measurement of modal RMS dependence of damping gain (Jacobian Measurement)









Backups: Driven Seismic Amplitudes



LIGOBackups: Optical Sensor ElectroMagnet (OSEM)





Birmingham OSEM (BOSEM)



Advanced LIGO OSEM (AOSEM) - modified iLIGO OSEM

Magnet Types (M0900034) • BOSEM – 10 X 10 mm, NdFeB , SmCo

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10 X 5 mm, NdFeB, SmCo
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• AOSEM – 2 X 3 mm, SmCo
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2 X 6 mm, SmCo

2 X 0.5 mm, SmCo 85

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BOSEM Schematic

Backups: Quadruple Suspension ESD





The electrostatic drive (ESD) acts directly on the test ITM and ETM test masses.

- ± 400 V (ΔV 800 V) ≈ 100 μN
- Each quadrant has an independent control channel
 Common bias channel over all quadrants

Backups: Quadruple Suspension



MIT monolithic quad in BSC

June 2010



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Pulling Fibers





Quad Monolithic Stages





Streckeisen STS-2 Seismometer



Ref: http://www.passcal.nmt.edu/content/instrumentation/sensors/broadband-sensors/sts-2-bb-sensor

Scratch

LIGO GW sources with sound files http://www.ligo.org/science//GW-Burst.php