

Quantum noise reduction using squeezed states in LIGO

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Quantum noise will limit the sensitivity of advanced detectors



Quantum noise in an interferometer



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Squeezing in an interferometer



Enhanced LIGO squeezing goals:

- Demonstrate that squeezing does not add noise in the LIGO band
- Study environmental noise couplings
- Understand limits to measured squeezing
- Enable planing for aLIGO+ squeezing



Squeezing in Enhanced LIGO



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Best broadband sensitivity to date



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Backscatter noise

LASER

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See poster by Sheon Chua, presented by Lisa Barsotti

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- Spurious interferometer adds noise

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Noise Coupling



260±40 fW of backscattered power at detector

Backscatter in ALIGO



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What's the catch? Losses



Loss budget and goals

	Enhanced LIGO	Advanced LIGO
	squeezing	assumptions
3 faraday passes	5% each	3% each
Mode matching	30%	4%
Output mode cleaner	19%	3%
Total losses	55-60%	20-25%

Based on a tally of 11 different loss sources

Reducing losses is a major challenge for squeezing commissioning

Squeezing Angle Fluctuations



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Squeezing with a radiation pressure limited interferometer



Squeezing level and angle optimized for NS binaries



Frequency Dependent Squeezing



Summary

- Squeezing works in the LIGO band!
- Backscatter reduction will allow squeezing to be used as an alternative to high power in aLIGO
- Losses and squeezing angle jitter limit squeezing
- Frequency dependent squeezing could improve sensitivity beyond advanced LIGO design

Squeezing angle fluctuations



Measurement of squeezing angle fluctuations and losses



Squeezing angle fluctuations



An alternative to high power operation in Advanced LIGO



Squeezing in Advanced LIGO



Squeezing with full power



Squeezing Angle Fluctuations

