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Instabilities and Distortion Program updates

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Outline

- >Angular instability and control (Vladimir Bossilkov, Jian Liu)
- Parametric instability and control (Vladimir Bossilkov, Vahid J. Hamedan, Jian Liu, Bin Wu, Jue Zhang)
- Distortion sensing and control (Huy-Tuong Cao, Alexei Ciobanu, Deeksha Beniwa, Craig Ingram, Sebastian Ng, Dan Brown)
- Mode matching sensing and control (Alexei Ciobanu, Vahid J. Hamedan, Joris Van Heijningen, Dan Brown)
- Thermal-optic stabilisation of an optic spring (Layla Steed, Paul Altin)

Gingin facility optical and electronics layout



Angular instability and control (Vlad and Jian)

• Optical torsion spring couples two suspended test masses together



 Optical torsion spring modifies suspension control and makes it unstable

Experiment results match to predictions



- Understand the mechanism of the instability
- Know how to control it

Future works: Study the control for next generation detectors

Parametric instability control using optical feedback (Vlad and Jian)

- The optical feedback has sufficient gain to suppress Pl.
- Enabling the feedback loop, PI is suppressed; disabling the feedback loop, PI grows again.

Future work: Study PI as an unstable filter for negative dispersion



Parametric instability control by pre-heating (Vahid)



- Thermal transient compensation by pre-heating test masses to maintain constant thermal state.
- Avoid the thermal transient induced PI



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Acoustic mode damper (Vahid)



Acoustic mode damper

Future works:

- Optimisation of multi-stage AMDs structures and parameters
- Design AMDs for HF detectors



Pl simulation for future detectors (Jue Zhang)

Simulation shows that optimization can reach PI-free design for long-baseline detectors

Future works:

Analysis PI in HF detectors



Selectively tune optical mode frequencies (Bin Wu)





 Simulation shows that we can selectively tune an unstable mode frequency with small frequency changes in other modes, by specific mirror surface profile

Future works: Simulation to find thermal heating pattern to achieve required surface profile

HG_n	node dw	_give	dw_found
01'		0	0.237092
02'		0	3.886547
03'		1000	1039.844
04'		0	292.3736
10'		0	0.033486
11'		0	0.967668
12'		0	12.82501
13'		0	111.3626
20'		0	0.241584
21'		0	3.881156
22'		0	41.6803
30'		0	1.51827
31'		0	14.27104
40'		0	8.628339

The second generation phase camera (Huy-Tuong Cao)





Phase camera result shows strong TEM30 mode as predicted by simulation

Future works: testing at Gingin and aLIGO detectors

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Optical Surface Control via deformable mirrors (Huy-Tuong Cao, Deeksha Beniwa)



Total wavefront distortion



Higher order aberration



Future works:

Study and design optimization on mass, stress and adhesive

Mid-infrared fibre lasers for wavefront correction (Deeksha Beniwal, Huy Tuong Cao, and Sebastian Ng)

- Highly spheric wavefront change measured with an Er:ZBLAN fibre laser heating beam
- Non-quadratic wavefront distortion meets aLIGO requirements

Future works:

- Laser intensity stabilization
- Fibre Bragg grating required for wavelength stabilization
- Exploring monolithic design for better long tern durability and power scaling capability
- Further testing at different beam diameter and power levels

Characterization of optical absorption of fused silica at 2 μ m (*Craig Ingram, Huy Tuong Cao*)

• Preliminarily measured 2 μ m laser light absorption induced wavefront distortion in fused silica

Future works:

- Obtain absorption spectrum using tunable source to scan across 1920-2020nm to determine optimum wavelength
- Investigate possible alternative materials such as CaF₂



Mode matching sensing and control (Alexei Ciobanu, Vahid J. Hamedan, Dan Brown, Joris Van Heijningen)







The fundamental mode modulation and Gouy phase telescope for modemismatch sensing

Thermal-optic stabilization of an optical spring (Layla Steed and Paul Altin)



Future work: Engineering a custom mirror coating to exploit thermal-optic feedback to stabilize the optical spring