Thermo-refractive noise for E.T.

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The thermorefractive noise

Quick history:

- First derived by Braginsky¹
- Then confirmed (and extended) by Levin²

Origin:

- Random fluctuations of temperature in the substrate
- Induced phase fluctuations for the transmitted beam



Parameters and formula

How the PSD phase noise looks like ?

 $S_{\varphi}(\omega) = rac{4eta^2 k^2 l k_B T^2 \kappa}{\pi \left(\left(C
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with:

eta		thermo-optic coefficient
\boldsymbol{k}	$=2\pi/\lambda$	the wave number
κ		the thermal conductivity
l		the length of the substrate
T		the temperature
C		the specific heat
ρ		the density
r_0		the beam radius
ω		the angular frequency

(adiabatic approximation)

material dependent ?

Silicon vs sapphire at 10 K



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 $\begin{array}{ll} \sqrt{S_{\varphi}(\omega)} & \text{amplitude thermo refractive phase noise} \\ + & \\ \phi_h(\omega) & \text{phase change due} \\ \text{to GW signal} & \phi_h(f) = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \frac{2F}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (f/f_c)^2)}} hL \end{array}$

To be able to measure the GW signal, we must have:

$$\phi_h(\omega) \gg \sqrt{S_{\varphi}(\omega)}$$

Related to h





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Changing the temperature

For silicon mirrors



The thermo-optic coefficient (also known as dn/dT)

One of the least known parameter! because:

- it is for cryogenic temperature (10K)
- it is extremely small
- it is wavelength dependent

For sapphire, use an upper limit: $\beta = 9 \times 10^{-8} \ [1/K]$

measured for sapphire LCGT research¹

Coefficient value critical since the noise may be close to be limiting.

Measured up to 30K¹



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A possible extrapolation



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Another extrapolation:



Raw data from the authors of the publication¹:



Accuracy of measurement: 0.0001

- Sweet spot around 25 K (dn/dT = 0)
- dn/dT higher than expected at 10 K

¹ Proc. SPIE (2006) Vol. 6273, 62732J ¹³

Other thermal noise



Conclusion

- A new addition to ET thermal noise inventory: the transmissive thermo-refractive noise
- Noise to be monitored and will fluctuate in the coming years
- Also concerns the beam splitter