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Laser Interferometry with • Since I

• Since Nov. 2011: JSPS research fellow with Prof. Kawamura



• Nov. 2011: PhD thesis



"Laser interferometry with coating-free mirrors"

3 Main Noise Sources



High Quality Optics



Outline of this talk

• All-reflective interferometry

> Avoid transmission through substrates

- Reflection gratings
- Coating free mirrors

Avoid mechanical lossy multilayer coatings
 Waveguide gratings

Outlook/Summary





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- All-reflective interferometry
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 - Waveguide gratings as ITMs and ETMs
- Outlook/Summary





All-reflective interferometry

- Transmission through substrates
- Optical absorption / heating / thermorefractive noise, ...
- Substrates must be highly transparent
- Substrates must have low mechanical loss
- Reflection gratings
- Allow for opaque substrate materials (e.g. Si @ 1064nm)





Dielectric Reflection Gratings

- Multilayer coating
- High reflectivity
- Grating structure
 Diffraction → beam splitting
- > Existence and direction of diffraction orders m $n_{\rm b}\sin(\beta_{\rm m}) = n_{\rm a}\sin(\alpha) + \frac{m\lambda}{d}$
- Design via rigorous methods (RCWA)

M.G. Moharam et al. J. Opt. Soc. Am. 71 (1981)





Grating Dimension

Restrict number of diffraction orders
 Grating period is typically about 1um



Various concepts

50/50 beam splitter



S.Fahr et al., Appl. Opt. 46, 6092 (2007)

1st/2nd order Littrow gratings





L.Li et al.,Opt.Lett. **20**, 1349 (1995)

A.Bunkowski *et al, Opt.Lett.* **30**, 1183 (2005)

Michelson ifo.



Various applications



M.Britzger et al., Appl.Opt. 50, 4340 (2011)

The "uninvited guest"

Lateral displacement induces phase shift

S.Wise et al., PRL 95, 013901 (2005)







Lateral displacement noise

A.Freise et al., New Journal of Physics **9**, 433 (2007) J. Hallam et al., J. Opt. A: Pure Appl. Opt. **11**, 085502 (2009) B.Barr et al., Opt.Lett. **36**, 2746 (2011)

• Unsolved problem so far, but...

New topologies



O.Burmeister et al., Opt.Express. 18, 9119 (2010)

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Waveguide Gratings (WGGs)

- Motivation: Coating thermal noise
- Approach: Significant reduction of coating material

- Resonant excitation of light A. Hessel et al. Appl. Opt. 4, 1275 (1965)
- Structured surfaces
- Indices of refraction $(n_H > n_L)$



Ray Picture



Only 0th order in substrate $d \leq \lambda/n_{\rm L}$

D. Rosenblatt et al. Journal of Quantum electronics 33, 2038 (1997)

WGGs @ 1064nm

- Proposed as low thermal noise mirror
- Design based uses on 1st generation materials

A. Bunkowski et al., CQG 23, 7297 (2006)

Design via rigorous methods (RCWA)

M.G. Moharam et al. J. Opt. Soc. Am. 71 (1981)

1064nm laser wavelength

 Ta_2O_5 grating (n_H =2.04)

 SiO_2 substrate (n_L =1.45)



Only ridges





WGGs @ 1064nm









- Single ridges
- Table-top experiment Finesse = $660 (\pm 30)$ \rightarrow R = 99.08 (±0.04)%

F. Brückner et al., Opt.Express 17, 163 (2009)

- Etch stop design
- Fully suspended 10 meter cavity Finesse = $790 (\pm 100)$ \rightarrow R \geq 99.2 (±0.1)%

DF et al. Opt. Express 19, 14955 (2011)



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Lateral displacement



Silicon WGGs @ 1550nm

• Promising material for **3rd generation detectors**

Design study: ET-0106C-10

- Very well suited for cryogenic temperatures
 - Thermoelastic noise
 ~0 @ T=18 and 120K

• Low mechanical loss $\phi_{Si} \sim 10^{-9}$ @ T=10K



Very well suited for WGG
 n_H=3.5 @ 1550nm
 → high coupling efficiencies
 → parameter tolerant WGG

Reduction of Low Index Material



J.-S. Ye et al., J. Mod. Opt **53**, 1995 (2006)

C.F.R. Mateus et al. IEEE Phot. Tech. Lett. 16, 1676 (2004)

Monolithic Design



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F. Brückner et al. Opt. Lett. **33**, 264 (2008)

Monolithic Realization



F. Brückner et al. PRL 104, 163903 (2010)

Summary: Waveguide Gratings



- Thermal noise needs further investigation
- Mirror quality and size need further improvements
- No fundamental differences to multilayer coatings found yet

Summary: Reflection Gratings

- All-reflective interferometry
- Avoid transmission related issues (absorption, heating, ...)



• Potential of using opaque materials

• Various concepts



Need to find solution for phase noise



Merging the two concepts





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Mechanical loss of nanostructures



- Grating structure does not "destroy" high Q-factor of substrate!
- but surface loss is crucial, need to be measured seperately!

R. Nawrodt et al. New Journal of Physics 9, 225 (2007)

Resonant Excitation



Diffraction efficiencies

Rigorous coupled wave analysis (RCWA)

M.G. Moharam et al. J. Opt. Soc. Am. 71 (1981)

• For given wavelength, materials and polarization



Numerical implementation: e.g. UNIGIT



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www.unigit.com

WGG Including Etch Stop Layer



- Etch stop
- \rightarrow defines grating depth / waveguide thickness
- Thin etch stop layer
- ightarrow Optical properties can be preserved



A Variety of WGGs



F. Brückner et al. Opt. Express 17, 24334 (2009)

Mirror Brownian Thermal noise



