

Reducing Thermal Noise in Advanced GW Detector Mirror Coatings

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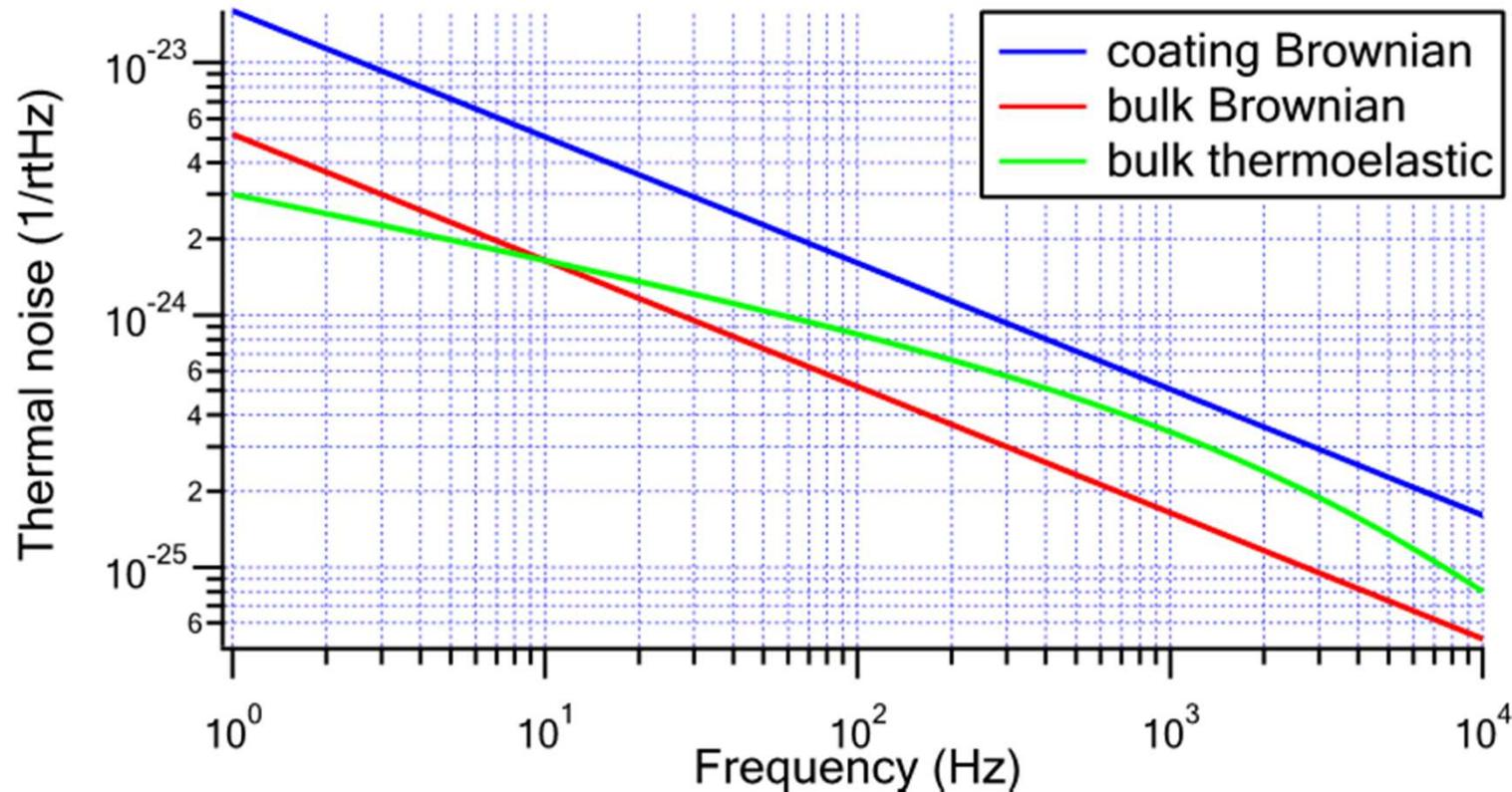
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Outlook

- b-KAGRA mirror noise budget
Reducing coating noise
- Optimizing coating materials
Modeling glassy mixtures
- nm-layered SiO₂/TiO₂ composites
- Optimizing coating geometry
Minimum noise dichroic coating



b-KAGRA Mirror Noise Budget



[Courtesy Kentaro Soumiya]

Substrate Thermoelastic Noise PSD

$$S_{sub}^{(TE)}(f) = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2} \alpha^2 (1 + \sigma)^2 \frac{k_B T^2 w_m}{\kappa} J(f)$$

$$J(f) = \int_0^\infty du \int_{-\infty}^\infty dv \frac{u^3 \exp(-u^2/2)}{(u^2 + v^2)[(u^2 + v^2)^2 + 4\pi^2 f^2]}$$

α = thermoelastic constant
 σ = Poisson modulus
 κ = thermal conductivity

} of substrate; w_m = spot width

Valid beyond Braginsky's "adiabatic" assumption $(\kappa/\varrho C f)^{1/2} < w_m$

[M. Cerdonio et al., Phys. Rev. D 63 (2001) 082003] (misprint in their eq. 21 fixed)

Coating Brownian Noise PSD

$$S_{coat}^{(B)}(f) = \frac{2k_B T}{\sqrt{\pi^3 f}} \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{w_m Y} \phi_c$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_c &= \frac{d_1 + d_2}{\sqrt{\pi} w_m} \frac{1}{Y_\perp} \left\{ \left[\frac{Y}{1 - \sigma^2} - \frac{2\sigma_\perp^2 Y Y_\parallel}{Y_\perp (1 - \sigma^2)(1 - \sigma_\parallel)} \right] \phi_\perp \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{Y_\parallel \sigma_\perp (1 - 2\sigma)}{(1 - \sigma_\parallel)(1 - \sigma)} (\phi_\parallel - \phi_\perp) + \frac{Y_\parallel Y_\perp (1 + \sigma)(1 - 2\sigma)^2}{Y(1 - \sigma_\parallel^2)(1 - \sigma)} \phi_\parallel \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$Y_\perp = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{Y_1^{-1} d_1 + Y_2^{-1} d_2} ; Y_\parallel = \frac{Y_1 d_1 + Y_2 d_2}{d_1 + d_2}$$

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$$\sigma_\perp = \frac{\sigma_1 Y_1 d_1 + \sigma_2 Y_2 d_2}{Y_1 d_1 + Y_2 d_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_1 Y_1 d_1}{(1 + \sigma_1)(1 - 2\sigma_1)} + \frac{\sigma_2 Y_2 d_2}{(1 + \sigma_2)(1 - 2\sigma_2)} = -\frac{Y_\parallel (\sigma_\perp^2 Y_\parallel + \sigma_\parallel Y_\perp)(d_1 + d_2)}{(\sigma_\parallel + 1)[2\sigma_\perp^2 Y_\parallel - (1 - \sigma_\parallel) Y_\perp]} \implies \sigma_\parallel$$

 all $\sigma \rightarrow 0$

$$\phi_c = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{\sqrt{\pi} w_m} \left(\frac{Y}{Y_\perp} \phi_\perp + \frac{Y_\parallel}{Y} \phi_\parallel \right)$$

Reducing Coating Brownian Noise

$$S_{coat}^{(B)}(f) = \frac{2k_B T}{\sqrt{\pi^3 f}} \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{w_m Y} \phi_c$$

Decrease T (go cyogenic)

Reduce ϕ_c

Increase w_m (mesa beams, HGL modes)

$$\phi_c = \frac{\lambda_0}{w\sqrt{\pi}} (\eta_L d_L + \eta_H d_H), \quad \eta_{L,H} = \frac{\phi_{L,H}}{n_{L,H}} \left(\frac{Y_{L,H}}{Y_s} + \frac{Y_s}{Y_{L,H}} \right)$$

Act on the thicknesses

Act on the materials

total (H,L) -index material thickness, in units of local wavelength

- Optimizing Coating Materials



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Good Coating Materials

Low mechanical loss-angle per unit thickness (η_H)

Depends **both** on complex Young modulus $\tilde{Y} = Y(1 - i\phi)$,
and refractive index n_H ;

High dielectric contrast (n_H/n_L)

helps **reducing the number of layers** (coating thickness)
needed for a prescribed coating transmittance;

Low dielectric losses ($\text{Im}[n_H]$)

increases power-handling capability.

Titania Doped Tantala

To date, most successful attempt to reduce thermal noise by improving material properties is LMA's "formula 2" TiO_2 - doped Ta_2O_5 [G.M. Harry et al, Class. Quantum Grav. 24 (2007) 405].

How to optimize glassy-mixtures ?

- Extensive Experimental Trial-and-Error (LMA, CSIRO);
- Solid State Modeling/Simulation { Glasgow (LIGO)
Urbino (Virgo)
- Effective Medium (Mixture) Approach. (Sannio)

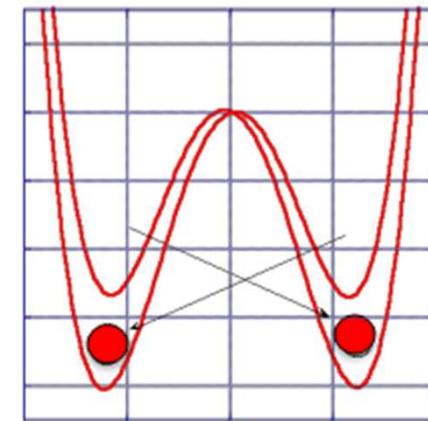
We need reliable values for the material parameters !

Loss Angle Reduction in Doped Glasses

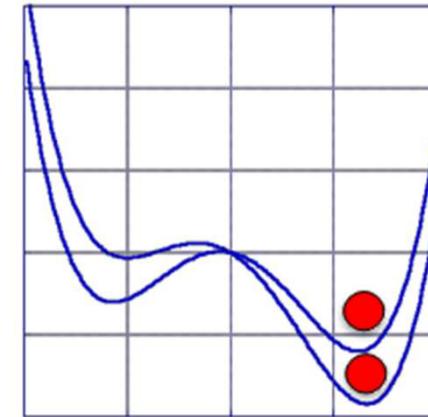
Acoustic oscillations (thermal phonons) in a *symmetric* double-well potential drive well-to-well jumps → dissipation.

Doping (and/or other structural stresses) may destroy the potential symmetry, resulting into *well-trapping* → *reduced* dissipation...

[J.S. Wu and C.C. Yu, "How Stress can Reduce Dissipation in Glasses," Phys. Rev. B84 (2011) 174109]



↓
Doping
(stress)



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Large spreads among values obtained from different measurement techniques...

Conjectured values - No direct measurements of Y or σ on doped Tantala reported yet.

[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G1100586]

Material Loss Angles from Coating Noise PSD

Use TNI measurements and results :

Coating	Type	Low Index	High Index	Mfr.	$\phi \times 10^5$
1	QWL	Silica	Tantala	REO	8.25 ± 0.3
2	Optimized	Silica	Tantala	LMA	6.85 ± 0.2
3	QWL	Silica	Doped Tantala	LMA	6.0 ± 0.25
4	Dichroic	Silica	Doped Tantala	LMA	5.5 ± 0.5

and G. Harry's mainstream formula for coating noise (vanishing Poisson limit)

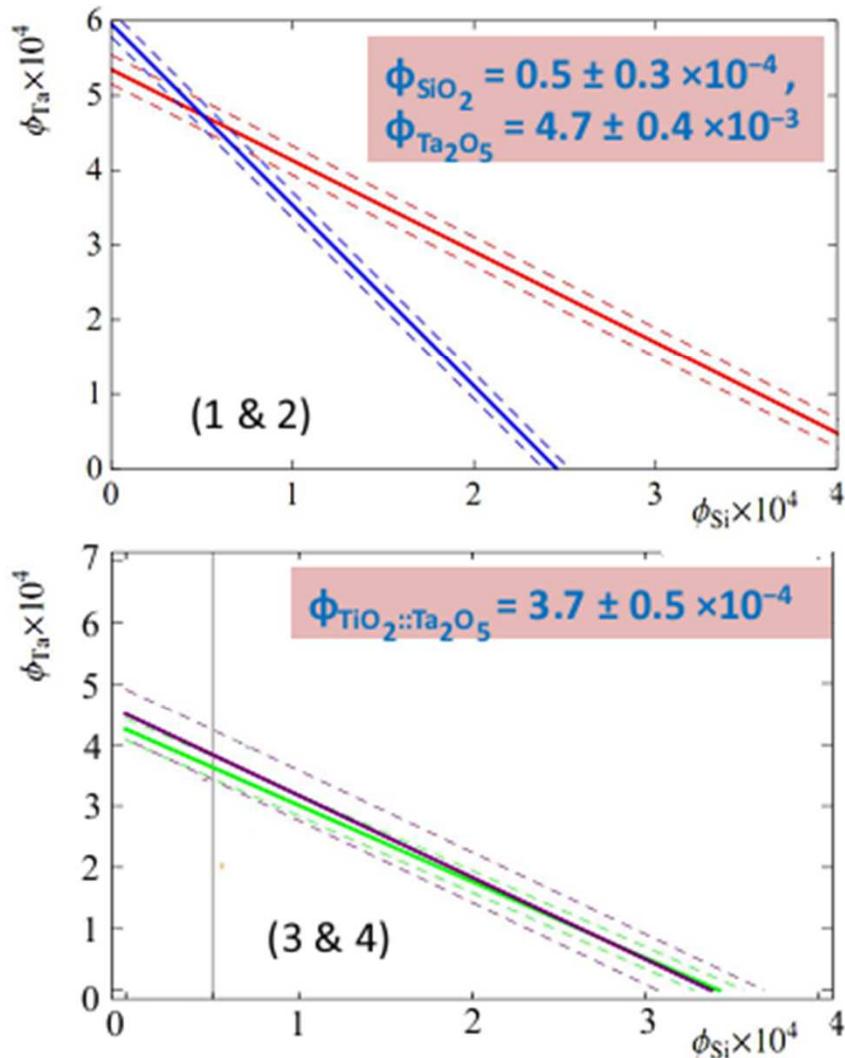
$$\phi_c = b_L d_L \phi_L + b_H d_H \phi_H$$

$$b_{L,H} = (Y_{L,H} / Y_s + Y_s / Y_{L,H}) / (w\sqrt{\pi})$$

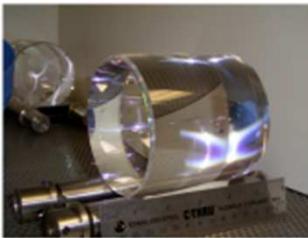
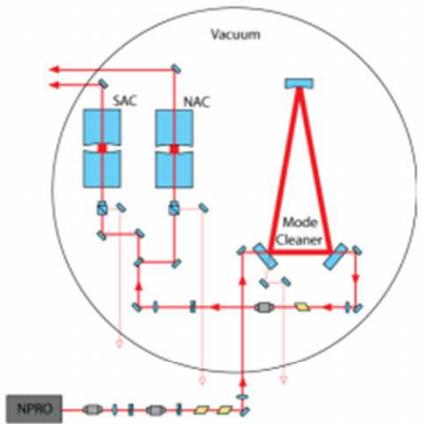
to retrieve the loss angles from fiducially known thicknesses etc.

Coating #	d_L	d_H
1	2.72 μm	1.83 μm
2	4.05 μm	1.36 μm
3	2.54 μm	1.67 μm
3	2.36 μm	1.45 μm

A. Villar et al., LIGO-G1000937 (2010)



Material Loss Angles from TNI Measurements



fit data to model

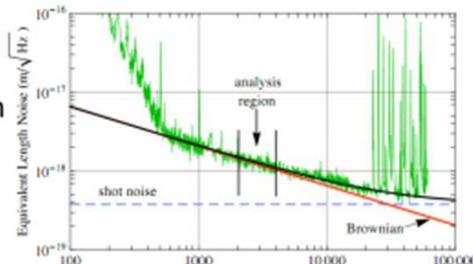
[G. Harry et al., CQG 19 (2002) 897]

$$S_B(f) = \frac{2k_B T}{\pi^{3/2} f} \frac{(1 - \sigma^2)}{wY} \phi_c$$

$\rightarrow \phi_c$

Spectrum Analyzer

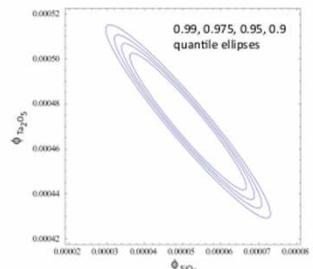
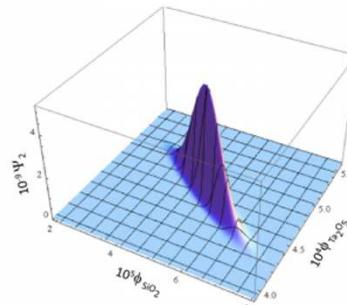
calibration



$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \boxed{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \Phi_c$$

Gaussian vector

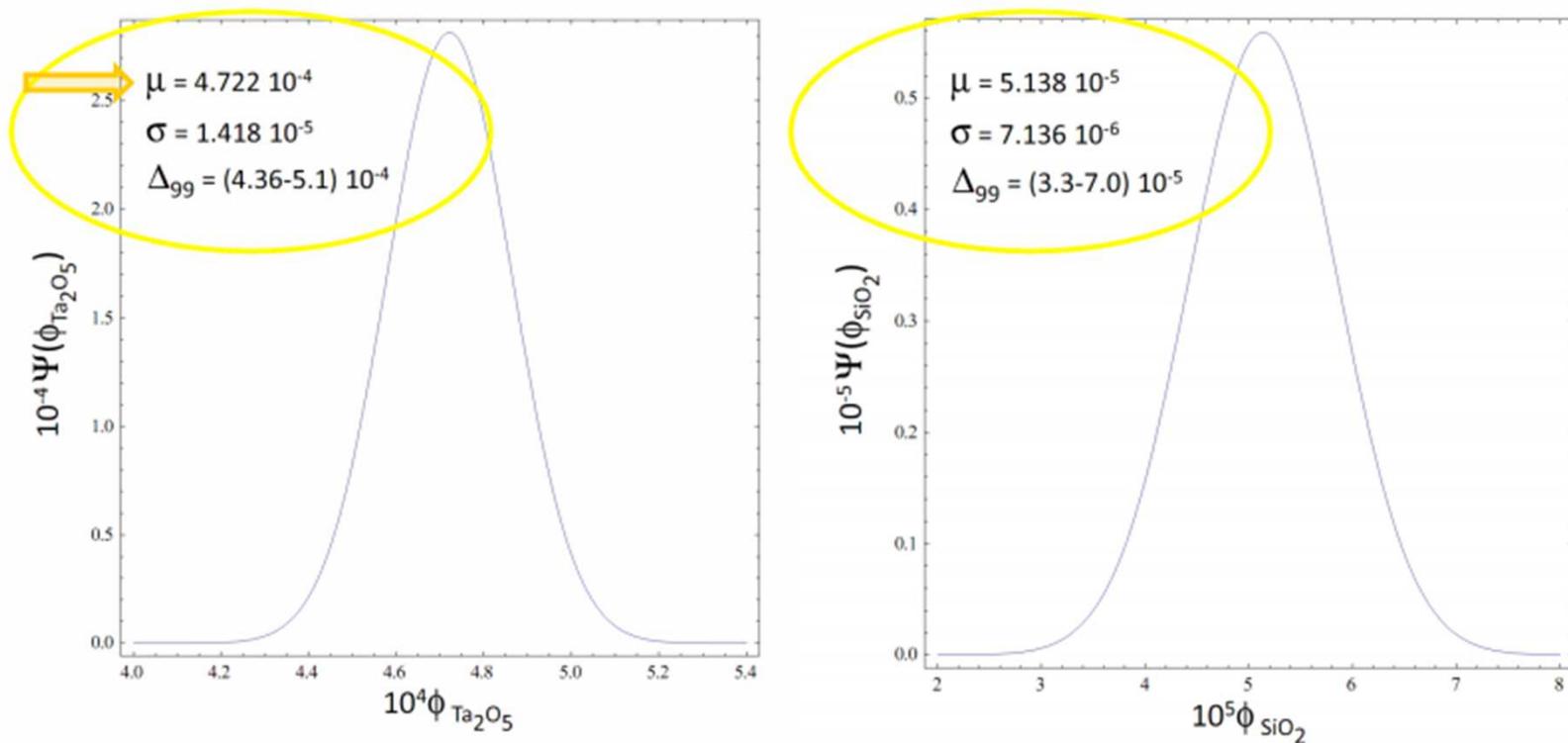
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Phi_c &= \left\{ \Phi_c^{(QWL)}, \Phi_c^{(OPT)} \right\} \\ \boldsymbol{\phi} &= \left\{ \phi_{SiO_2}, \phi_{Ta_2O_5} \right\} \\ \mathbf{M} &= \begin{bmatrix} b_{SiO_2} d_{SiO_2}^{(QWL)} & b_{Ta_2O_5} d_{Ta_2O_5}^{(QWL)} \\ b_{SiO_2} d_{SiO_2}^{(OPT)} & b_{Ta_2O_5} d_{Ta_2O_5}^{(OPT)} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\}$$



[A. Villar et al., LIGO-G 1101096]

Material Loss Angles from Coating Noise PSD

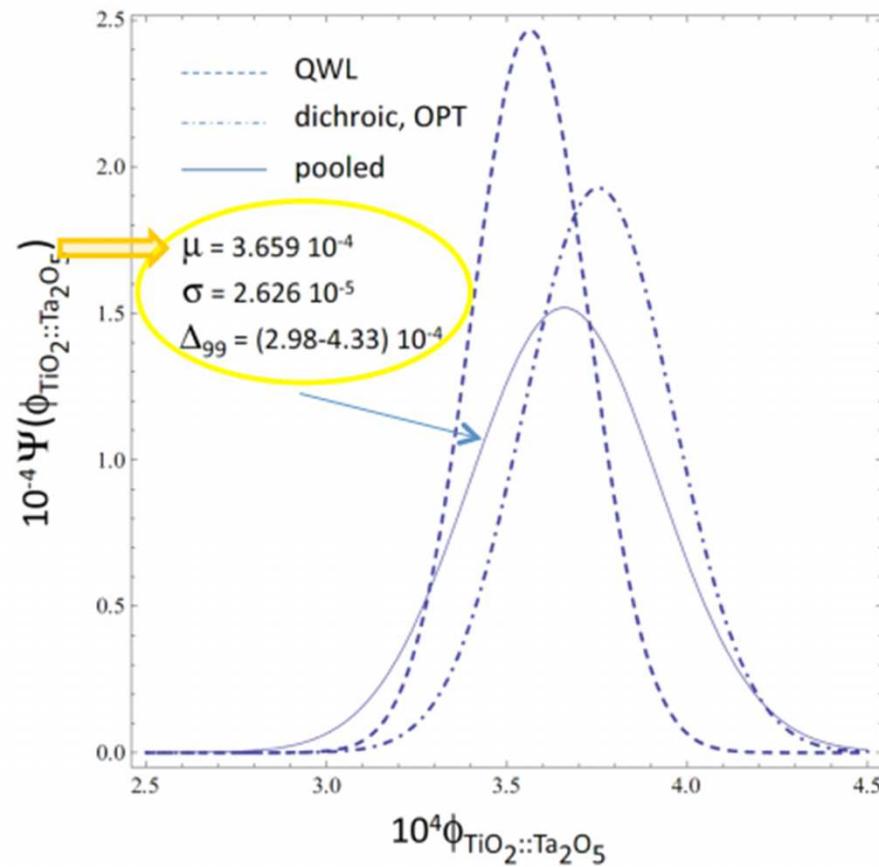
Silica (TiO_2) and plain Tantala (Ta_2O_5)



[A. Villar et al., LIGO-G 1101096]

Loss Angles from Coating Noise PSD, contd.

Doped Tantala ($\text{TiO}_2::\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$)



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Comparison between TNI and Q-based Material Loss Angle Estimates

Good agreement for Silica;

Somewhat larger loss angle for Tantala (plain & doped).

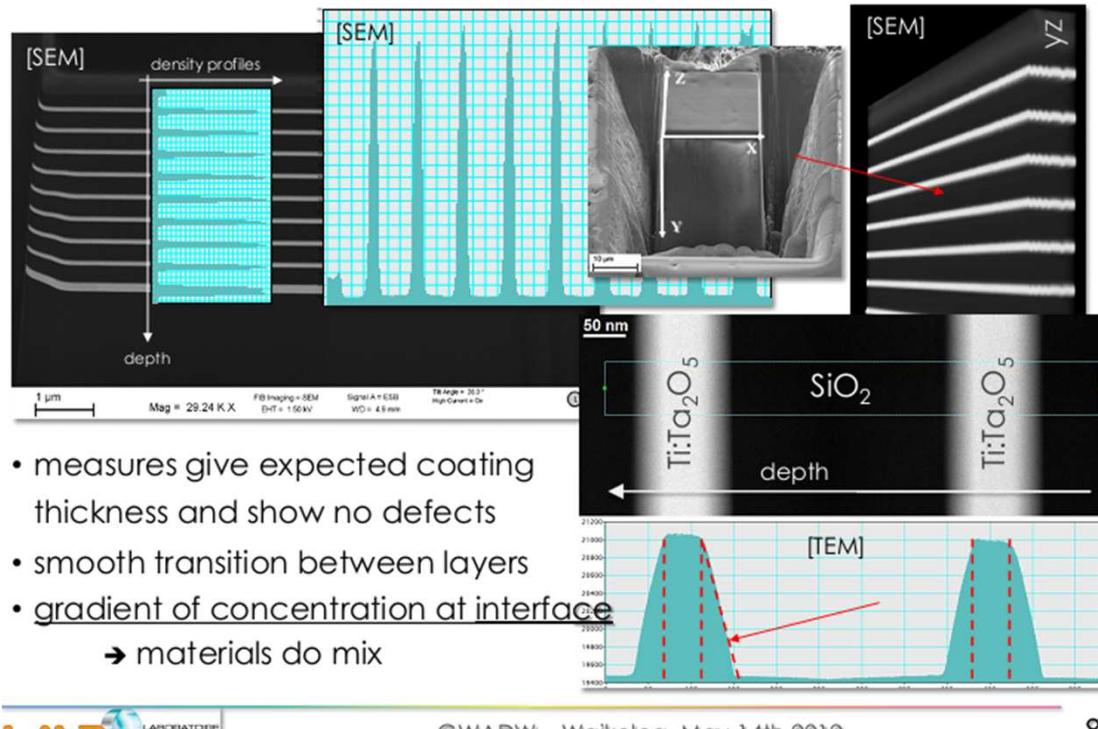
Doped/Undoped loss-angle ratio is the same

Reason of discrepancy yet unclear

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Diffusion at Interfaces...

Tomography & Density Profiles

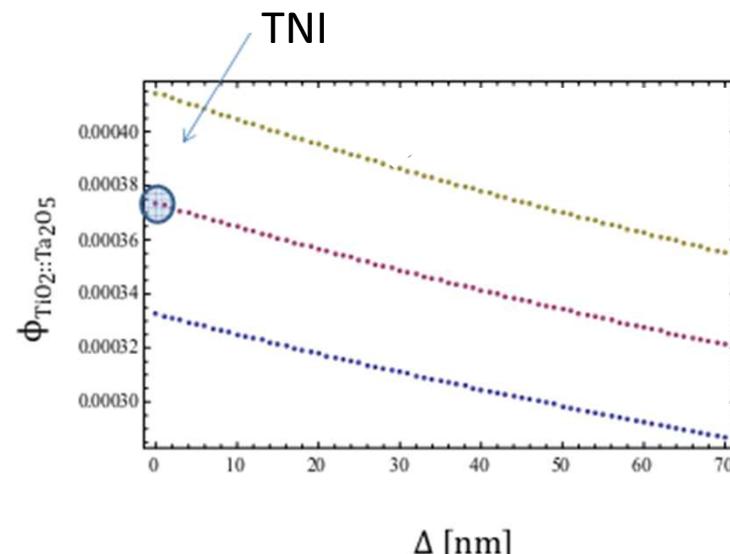
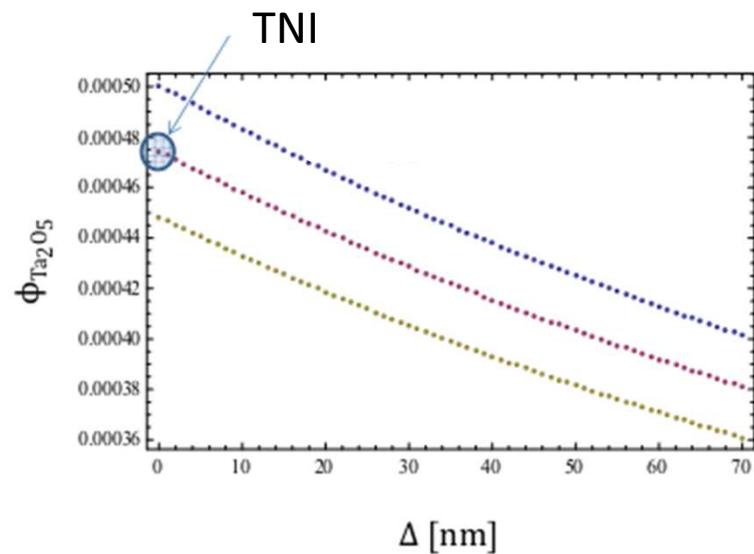
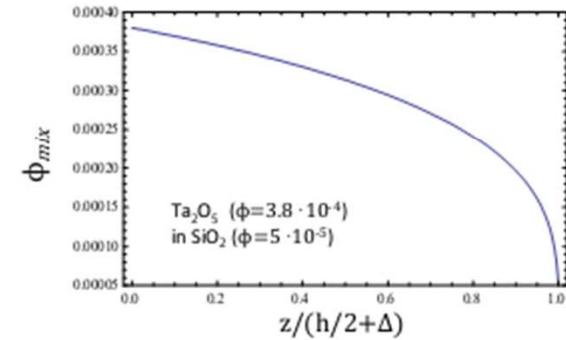
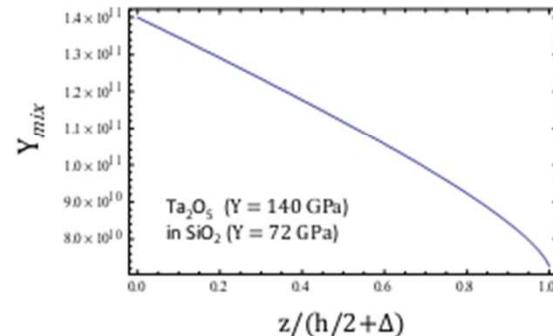
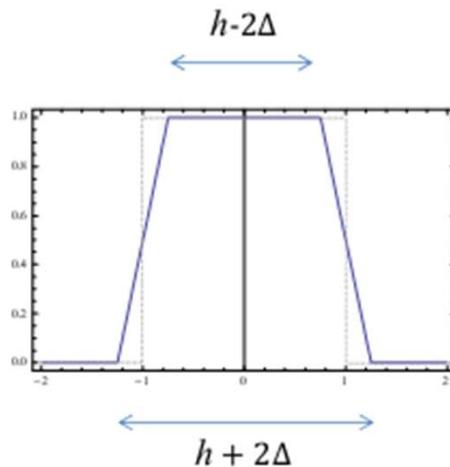


[F. Granata et al. (LMA) , LIGO/G120514]

... diffusion length largely **annealing-schedule** dependent...

... may Explain in part the Discrepancy

[I. Pinto et al., LVC Coating July5 2012 Telecon]



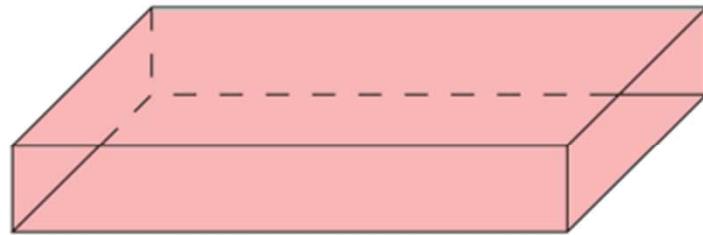
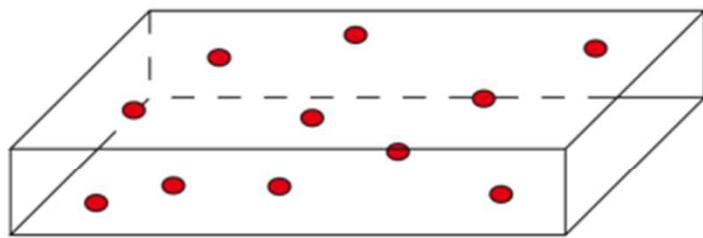
- **Simple Mixture Modeling**



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Simple Mixture Modeling

Effective Medium Theories (EMT)



[A. Villar et al., LIGO-G 1101096]

Composite materials (mixtures) can be modeled by an appropriately-weighted average of macroscopic properties of both components.

Replace actual, “composite” system with a homogeneous, “effective” medium.

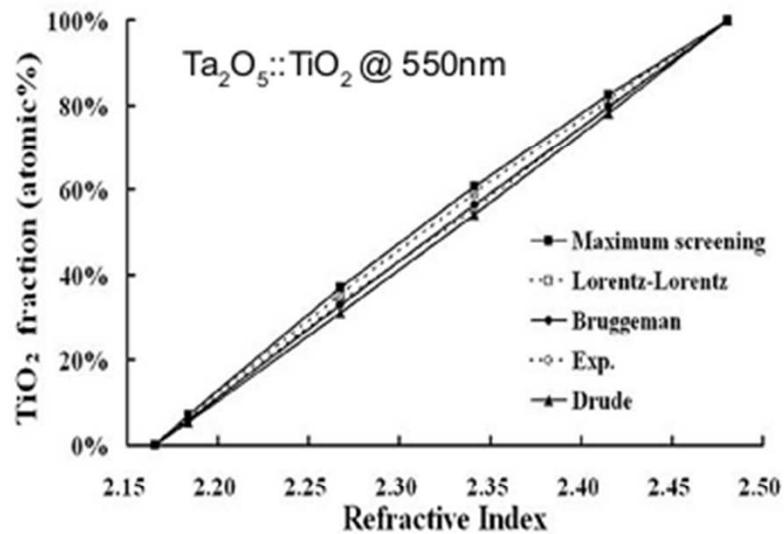
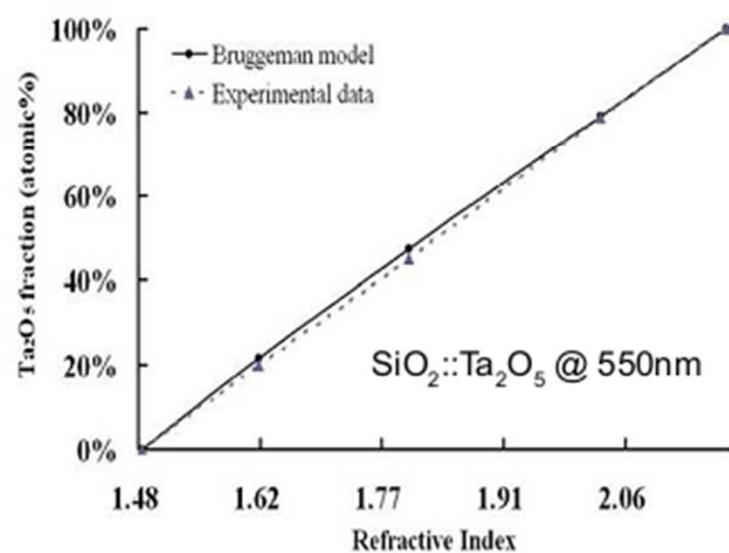
Effective for a wide variety of properties
dielectric constant
index of refraction
elastic modulus
loss angle
etc.

Results depend somewhat on inclusion concentration, morphology, orientation.

EMT for Composite Optical Properties

Bruggemann formula:

$$\eta_2 \frac{\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_{mix}}{\gamma\epsilon_2 + (1-\gamma)\epsilon_{mix}} + (1 - \eta_2) \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_{mix}}{\gamma\epsilon_i + (1-\gamma)\epsilon_{mix}} = 0 , \quad \epsilon = n^2$$



Chien-Jen Tang, "Analysis of Ta₂O₅-TiO₂ and Ta₂O₅-SiO₂ Composite Films Prepared by Ion-Beam Sputtering Deposition," PhD Dissertation, Taiwan National Central University (2006).

EMT for Composite Viscoelastic Properties

Barta's microscopic derivation of Bruggemann-like mixture formulas for viscoelastic parameters of a glassy-oxide composite yields

$$\begin{cases} (1 - \eta_2) \frac{X - X_1}{2X + (X_1/y_1)(\sigma_1 + 1)} + \eta_2 \frac{X - X_2}{2X + (X_2/y_2)(\sigma_2 + 1)} = 0 \\ (1 - \eta_2) \frac{(X/y) - (X_1/y_1)}{2X + (X_1/y_1)(\sigma_1 + 1)} + \eta_2 \frac{(X/y) - (X_2/y_2)}{2X + (X_2/y_2)(\sigma_2 + 1)} = 0 \end{cases},$$

$$X = \frac{\sigma Y}{\sigma + 1}, \quad y = \sigma - 2$$

System can be solved in closed form . [S. Barta, «Effective Young modulus and Poisson's ratio for the particulate composite," J. Appl. Phys. 75 (1994) 3258].

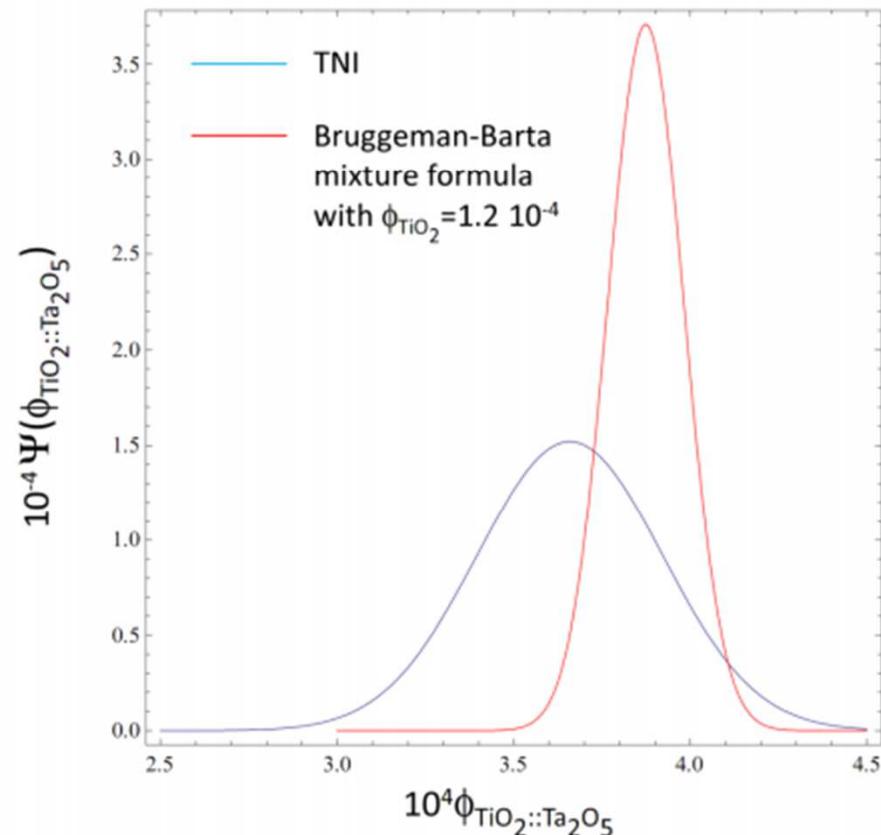
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TNI Result vs EMT Prediction

We can compare the doped Tantala loss angle distribution obtained from TNI measurements to the prediction of EMT, using Scott-MacCrone loss angle for Titania, and the TNI result for plain Tantala

TNI : distribution deduced from doped coating measurement, using the marginal distribution of Silica loss angle from the undoped coating measurements.

Bruggeman-Barta : distribution deduced using Scott-MacCrone value for Titania loss angle, with plain Tantala loss-angle distribution from undoped coating measurements.



[A. Villar et al., LIGO-G 1101096]

- How to do better than TiO₂::Ta₂O₅ ?



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A Direct Measurement of ϕ_{TiO_2}

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Apparatus for Mechanical Loss Measurements in Low Loss Materials at Audio Frequencies and Low Temperatures*

W. W. SCOTT AND R. K. MACCRONE**

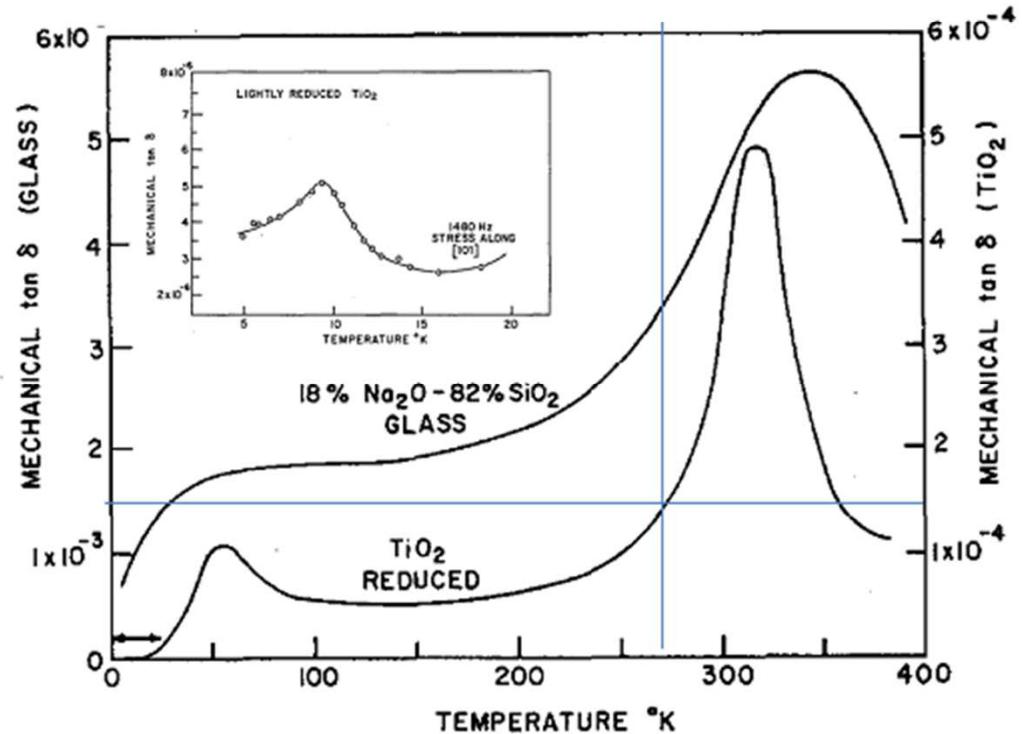
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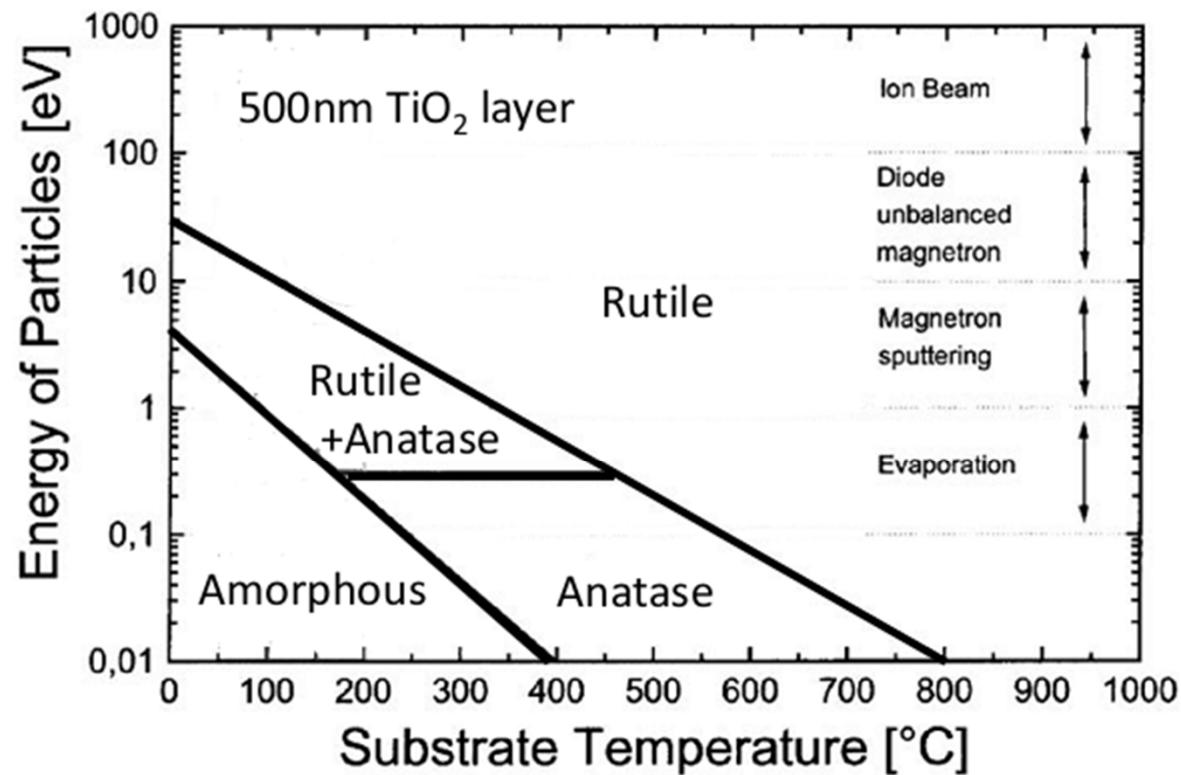
A new apparatus for measuring mechanical loss in low loss materials at low temperatures is described. The method has several advantages over existing techniques. Using this apparatus, losses as low as 2×10^{-4} with a resolution of 10^{-7} have been reproducibly measured at 4.2°K in TiO_2 (rutile).

$$n_{\text{TiO}_2} = 2.29 @ 1064\text{nm}$$

- Introduces an apparatus *conceptually similar* to the familiar «cantilever».
- Little details about tested materials. Speaks of *lightly reduced TiO₂* in the main body, but mentions Rutile in the title;
- Reported results over a wide range of temperatures from 5K to 400K...



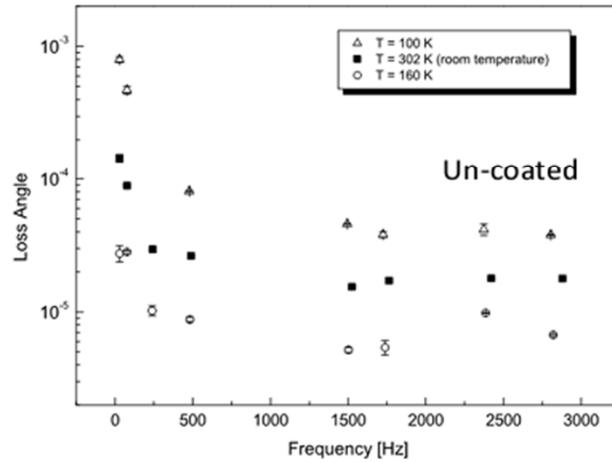
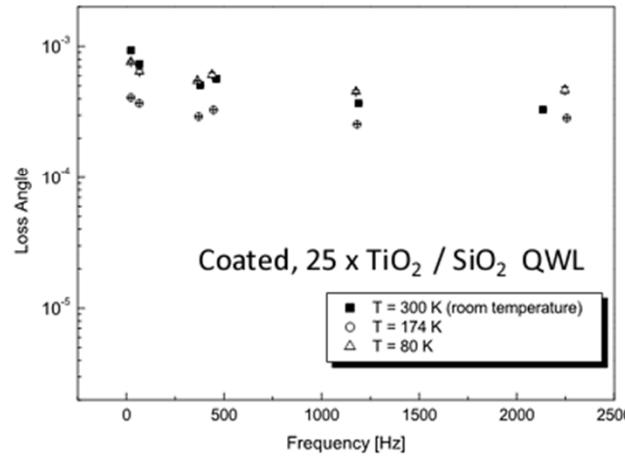
Titania is Nasty



J. Szczyrbowski, Surf. Coat. Technol. 112 (1999) 261–266.

A $\text{SiO}_2/\text//\text{TiO}_2$ Coating Prototype

P. Amico et al., J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 32 (2006) 413;
F. Travasso, ILIAS 05 Conference presentation (2005).



1 sq. inch, $50\mu\text{m}$ thick membranes coated with $25 \times \text{TiO}_2$ (pure) / SiO_2 QWL-doublets.

Coatings obtained by e - beam evaporation. Manufactured by italian Company SILO (www.silo.it). **No annealing details. No TEM images.**

Thickness of pure TiO_2 QWL layers $\approx 116\text{nm}$. **Crystallization expected.**

[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G1100586]

➡ Used to estimated Titania loss angle in [Franc et al., ET-021-09 (2009)]

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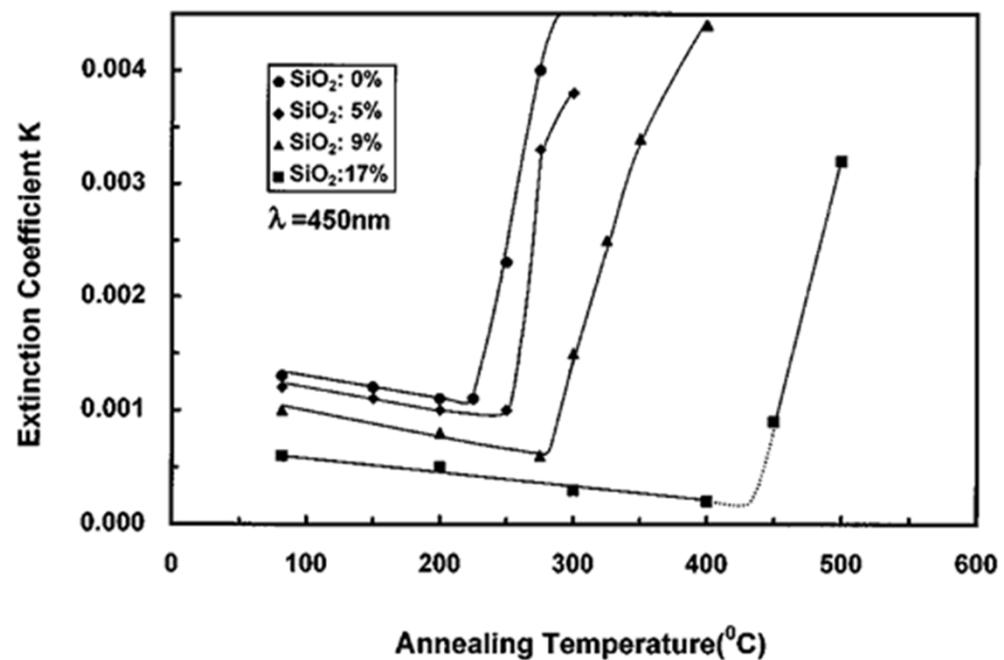
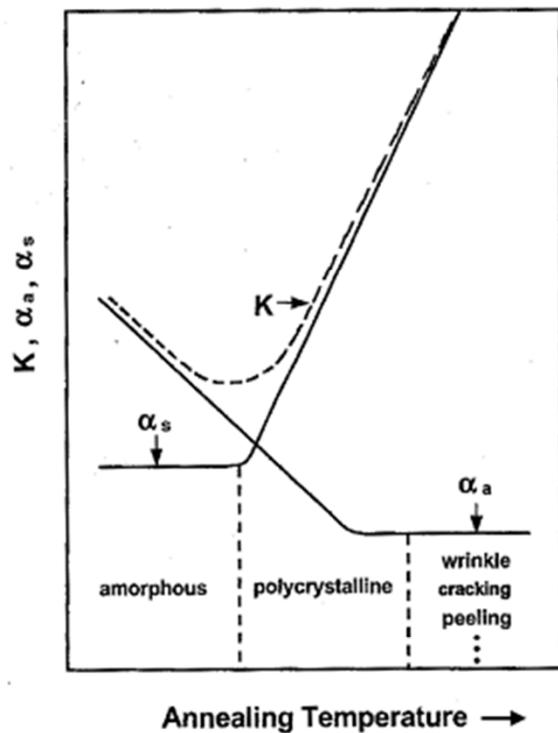
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Silica Doped Titania ($\text{SiO}_2::\text{TiO}_2$)

Extinction coefficient, and its absorption and scattering components, vs $T_{\text{annealing}}$.

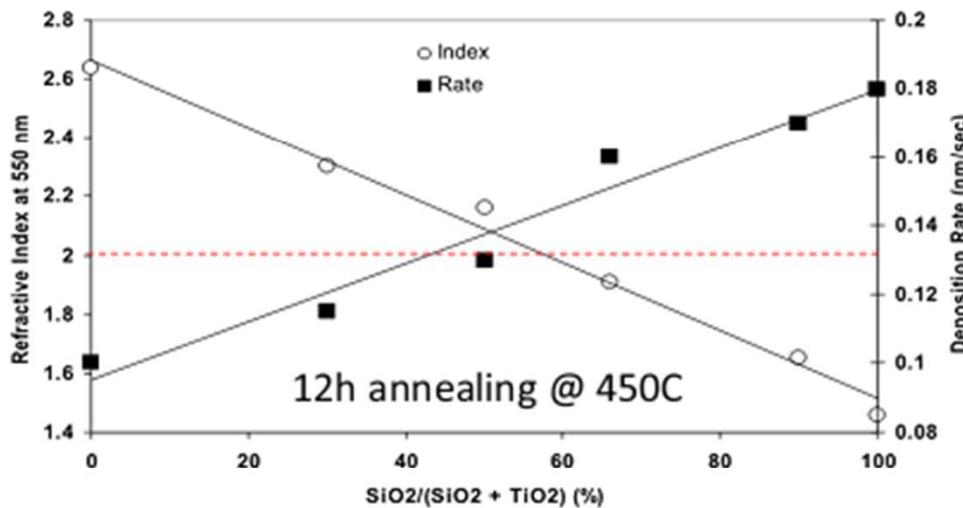


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S. Chao, W.H. Wang and C.C. Lee, Appl. Opt., 40 (2001) 2177;

[I. FURUYA ET AL., LIQUID-STATE
STRUCTURE OF POLY(1,3-PHENYLICARBOXYLIC ACID)]

A SiO₂//TiO₂::SiO₂ Coating Prototype

R.P. Netterfield and M. Gross, "Investigation of Ion Beam Sputtered Silica Titania Mixtures for Use in GW Interferometer Optics," Optical Interference Coatings (OIC) Conference, Tucson AZ, USA, 2007, paper Thd2.



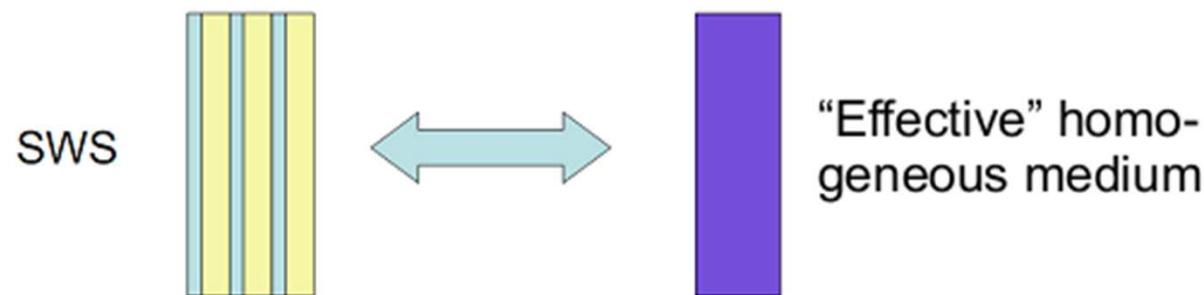
Claims: Annealing at 500C did *not* produce crystallization

15 QWL doublets
 $\text{SiO}_2 / \text{TiO}_2::\text{SiO}_2$
with 35% Titania
coating prototype

Absorption loss *better* than $\text{TiO}_2::\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$
Optical index slightly *lower* than $\text{TiO}_2::\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$
Mechanical losses slightly *higher* than $\text{TiO}_2::\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$

No better than
LMA no. 5
in terms of noise...

$\text{SiO}_2/\text//\text{TiO}_2$ nm-Multilayers - Rationale



Use a *sub-wavelength* layer stack (SWS) made of two (or more...) different refractive materials to *synthesize* a *high-index, low mechanical loss* material.

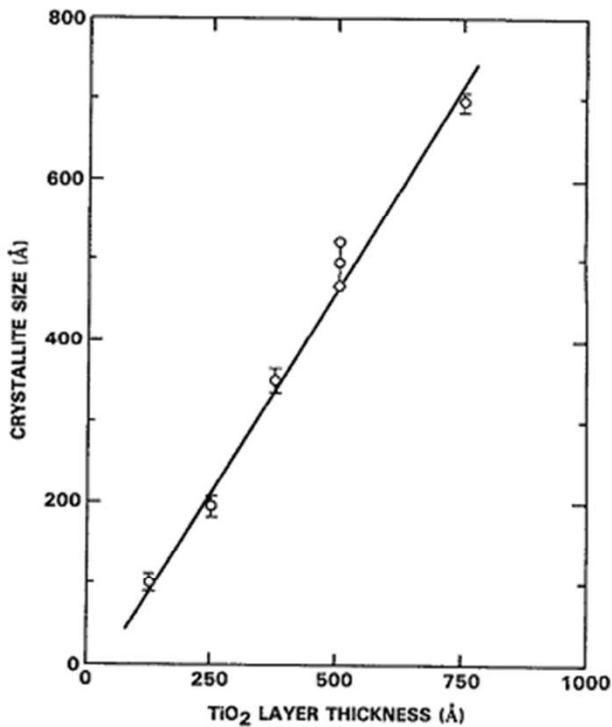
Expect *larger n_{eff} , smaller b_{eff}* , compared to “isotropic” mixture
With same stoichiometry;

nm – thick TiO_2 layers should *not* crystallize significantly upon annealing. nm-thick silica layers act as separators, hopefully preventing Titania from crystallizing

Annealing of TiO₂ nm-layers

Anatase *crystallite formation*

→ affects scattering losses



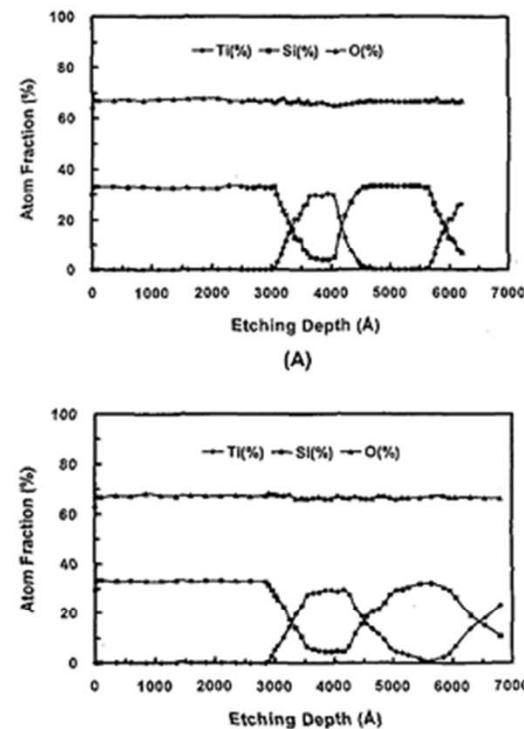
N.S. Gluck et al., J. Appl. Phys.,
69 (1991) 3037

Best-tradeoff thickness ?

before

after

Increased *interdiffusion*



S.Chao, W.-H. Wang and C.-C. Lee,
Appl. Optics, 40 (2001) 2177.

[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G1100586]

Modeling nm - Multilayers

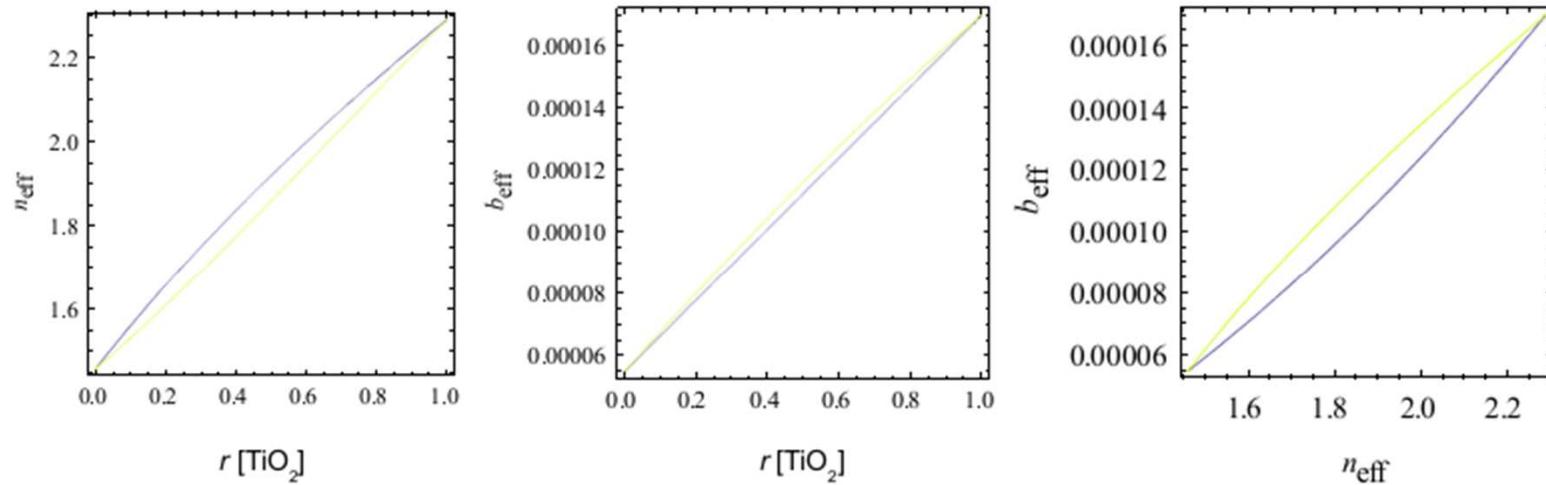
Subwavelength Layered Mixture

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n_{mix} = \sqrt{\sum_i r_i n_i^2} \\ Y_{mix} = \left(\sum_i \frac{r_i}{Y_i} \right)^{-1} \\ \eta_{mix} = \sum_i r_i \left(\frac{Y_i}{Y_s} + \frac{Y_s}{Y_i} \right) \frac{\phi_i}{n_i} \\ \phi_{mix} = \frac{n_{mix} \eta_{mix}}{\left(\frac{Y_{mix}}{Y_s} + \frac{Y_s}{Y_{mix}} \right)} \\ \left(\sum_i r_i = 1 \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

Drude's formula
Reuss' formula
Harry's formula

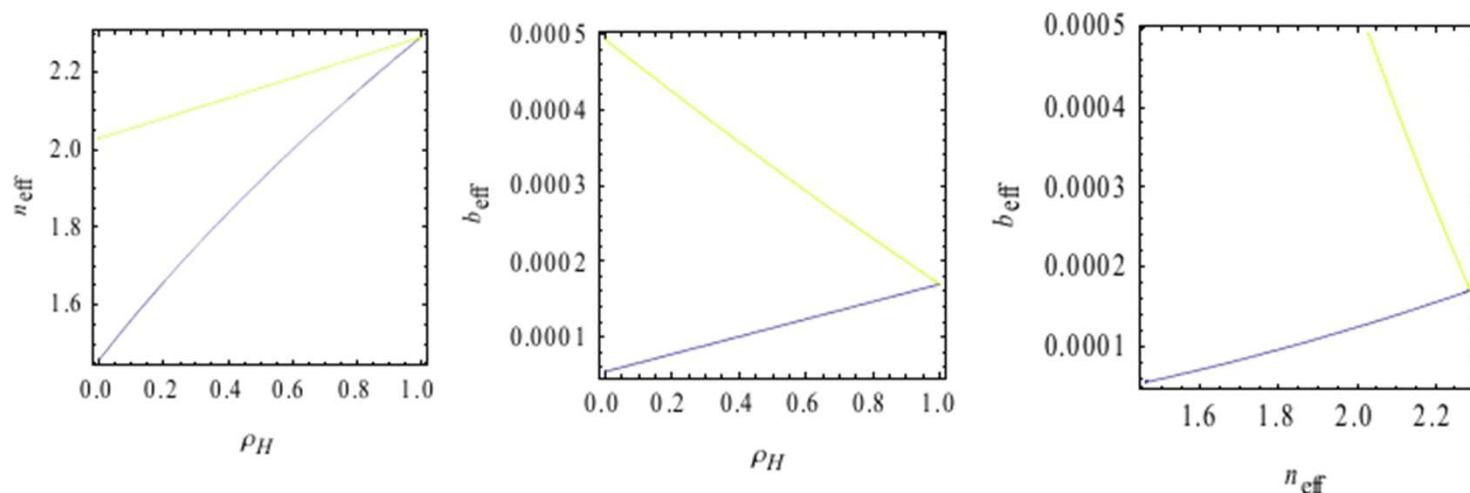
[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G110372
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LIGO-G110586]

Co-sputtered vs nm-layered Silica//Titania



Layered SiO₂::TiO₂ mixture “better” than isotropic mixture at all stoichiometries

Co-sputtered Titania//Tantala vs nm-layered Silica//Titania



Layered SiO₂::TiO₂ outperforms by large isotropic Ta₂O₅-TiO₂ mixtures

Technology Challenges

Several alternative sandwich thickness choices possible, yielding
the same effective medium properties;

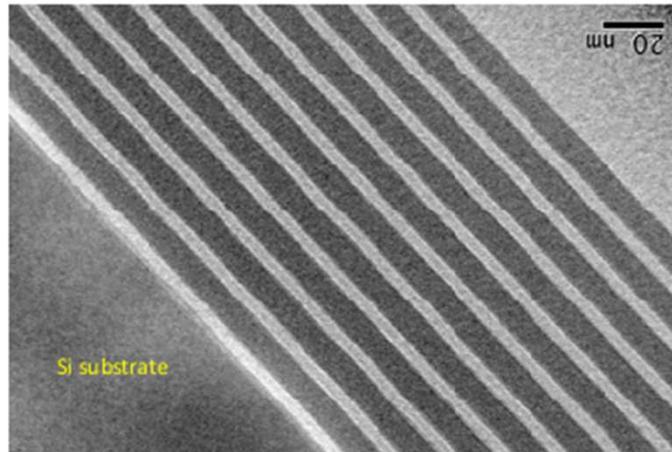
Accuracy in *single* layer thickness NOT important, provided

- Each layer* in sandwich is *subwavelength*,
- The thickness fraction* of each constituent is *accurate*;

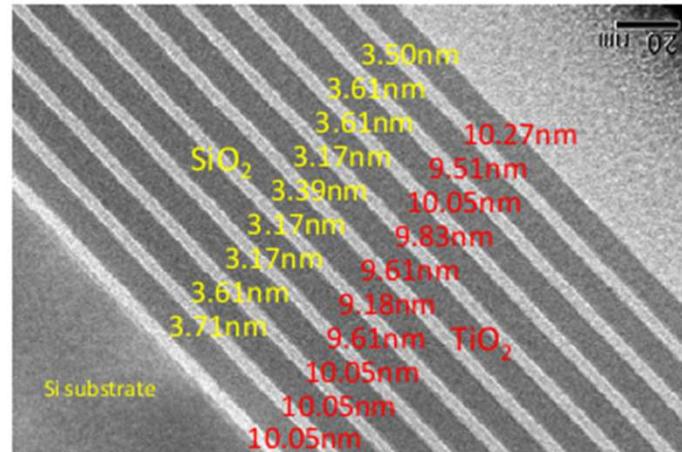
Possibly *mild* technological challenges: layers a few nm thick
are currently manufactured for e.g. X-ray mirrors.

nm-Layered Prototypes

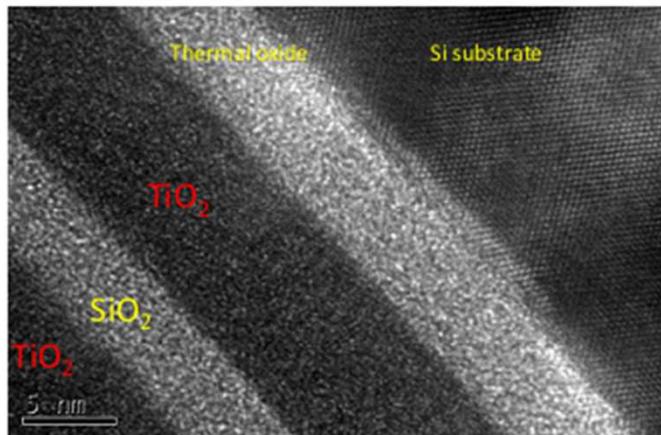
Nano-layer sample #2 TEM pictures



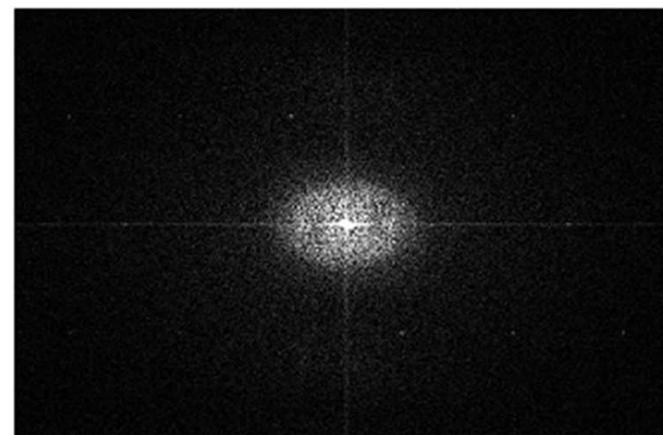
Sample #2



Sample #2 with thickness



close-up view of the layer interfaces



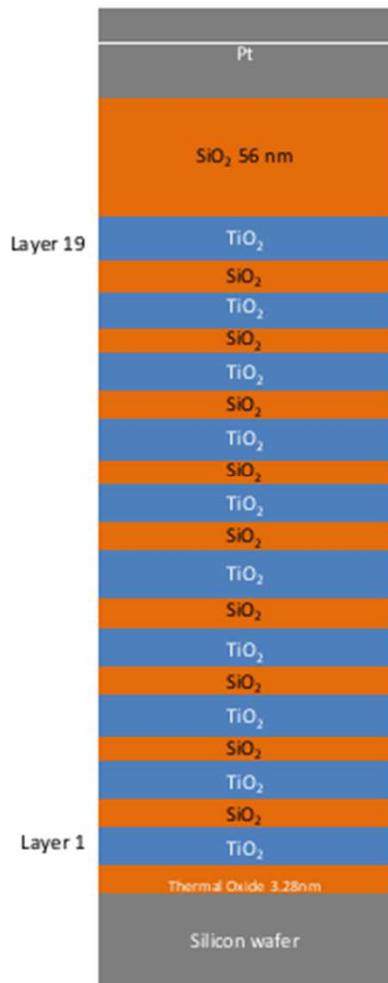
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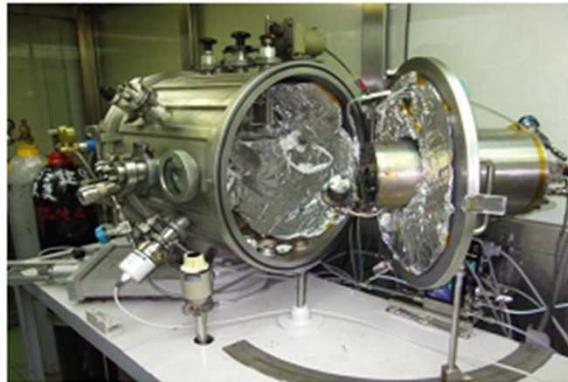
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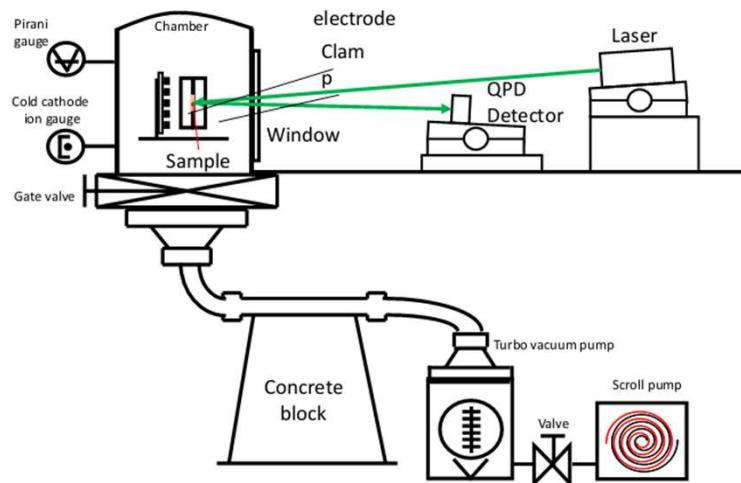
Deposition rate: TiO ₂ 3.40 nm/min SiO ₂ 7.79 nm/min						
layer	Designed thickness	Deposit time	Measured thickness (TEM)	Thickness error	Measured thickness (Ellipsometry)	Thickness error
19	8.51nm	230"	10.27 nm	20.7%	Not Available	
18	4.68nm	36"	3.5 nm	-25.2%	Not Available	
17	8.51nm	230"	9.51 nm	11.8%	Not Available	
16	4.68nm	36"	3.39 nm	-27.6%	Not Available	
15	8.51nm	230"	10.05 nm	18.1%	Not Available	
14	4.68nm	36"	3.61 nm	-22.8%	Not Available	
13	8.51nm	230"	9.83 nm	15.5%	Not Available	
12	4.68nm	36"	3.17 nm	-32.2%	Not Available	
11	8.51nm	230"	9.61 nm	12.9%	Not Available	
10	4.68nm	36"	3.39 nm	-27.6%	Not Available	
9	8.51nm	230"	9.18 nm	7.8%	Not Available	
8	4.68nm	36"	3.17 nm	-32.3%	Not Available	
7	8.51nm	230"	9.61nm	12.9%	Not Available	
6	4.68nm	36"	3.17 nm	-32.3%	Not Available	
5	8.51nm	230"	10.05 nm	18.1%	Not Available	
4	4.68nm	36"	3.61nm	-22.9%	Not Available	
3	8.51nm	230"	10.05 nm	18.1%	Not Available	
2	4.68nm	36"	3.71 nm	-20.7%	Not Available	
1	8.51nm	230"	10.05 nm	18.2%	Not Available	

[courtesy S. Chao]

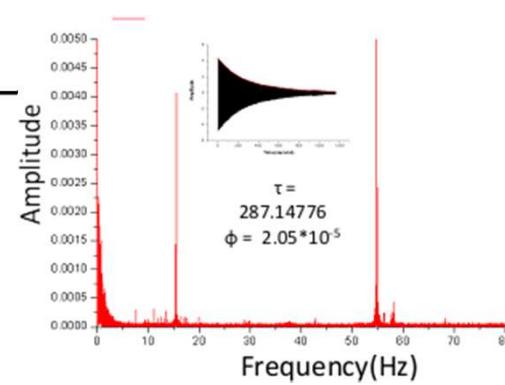
Chao's Lab, Tsing Hua Univ., Taiwan



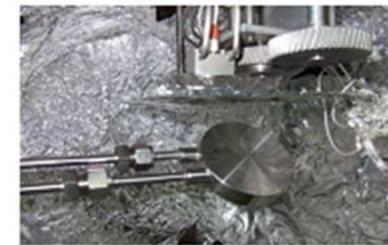
Kaufman-type ion beam sputter system in a class 100 clean compartment within a class 10,000 clean room, used to coat low loss mirror for ring-laser gyroscope



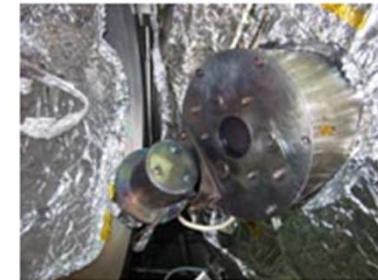
Clamped cantilever Q measurement setup



Three sets of exchangeable target holder, each holding two sputter targets



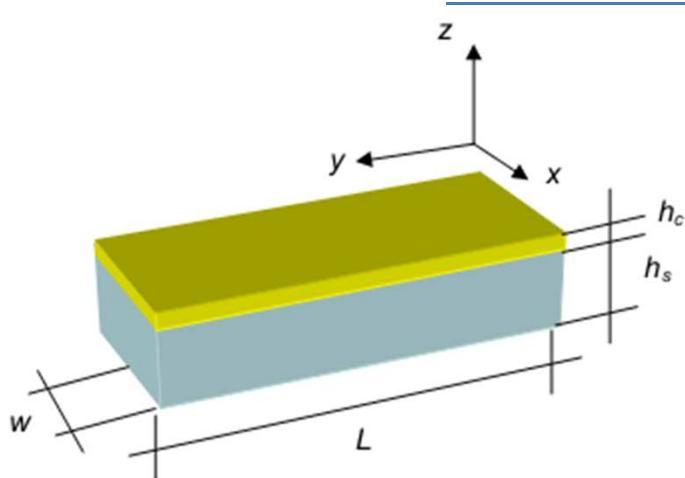
Sputter target and single axis substrate rotation



Kaufman ion gun with plasma bridge neutralizer

[courtesy S. Chao]

The Clamped Coated Cantilever



$$Q_c^{-1} = Q^{-1} + \frac{\langle W_s \rangle}{\langle W_c \rangle} (Q^{-1} - Q_s^{-1})$$

$$\frac{\langle W_c \rangle}{\langle W_s \rangle} = \frac{\int_{h_s}^{h_s+h_c} (z-z_0)^2 \frac{E(z)}{(1-\sigma(z)^2)} dz}{\int_0^{h_s} (z-z_0)^2 \frac{E(z)}{(1-\sigma(z)^2)} dz} \approx \frac{E_s h_s}{3 E_c h_c}$$

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Reduction of tantalum mechanical losses in Ta_2O_5/SiO_2 coatings
for the next generation of VIRGO and LIGO interferometric
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Abstract

Mirror thermal noise in Ta_2O_5/SiO_2 coatings is predicted to be the limiting noise in the 50-300 Hz frequency range in the interferometric gravitational wave detectors. Ta_2O_5 losses were dominating compared to the SiO_2 losses. We developed a model to calculate multilayer mechanical losses and we are working for low mechanical losses Ta_2O_5/SiO_2 coatings.

Keywords: Gravitational waves; thermal noise; mechanical losses

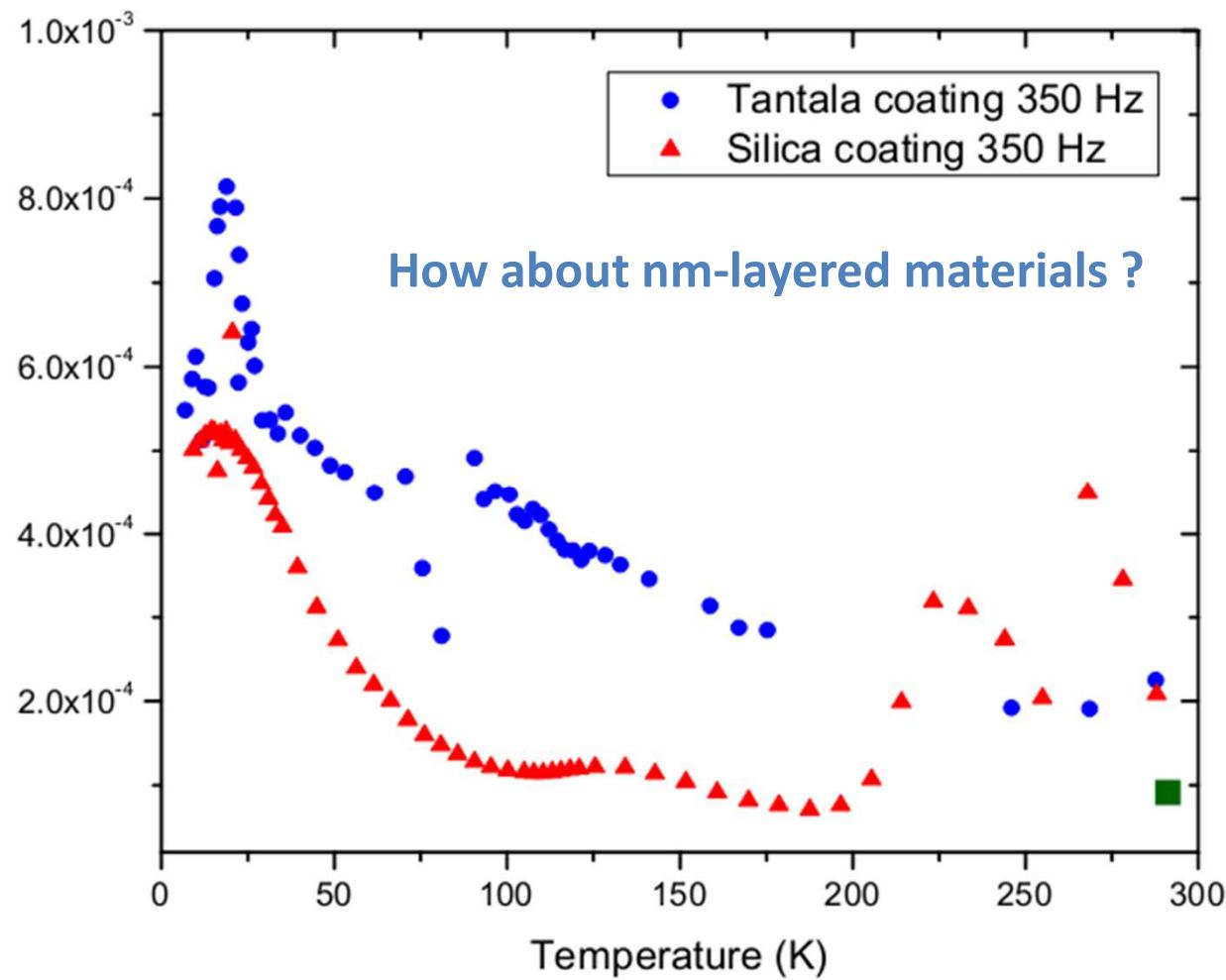
[in 42th Rencontres de Moriond :
Gravitational Waves and Experimental Gravity, 2007]

→ Chao's Q measurements will yield both composite and pure TiO₂ loss angle estimates



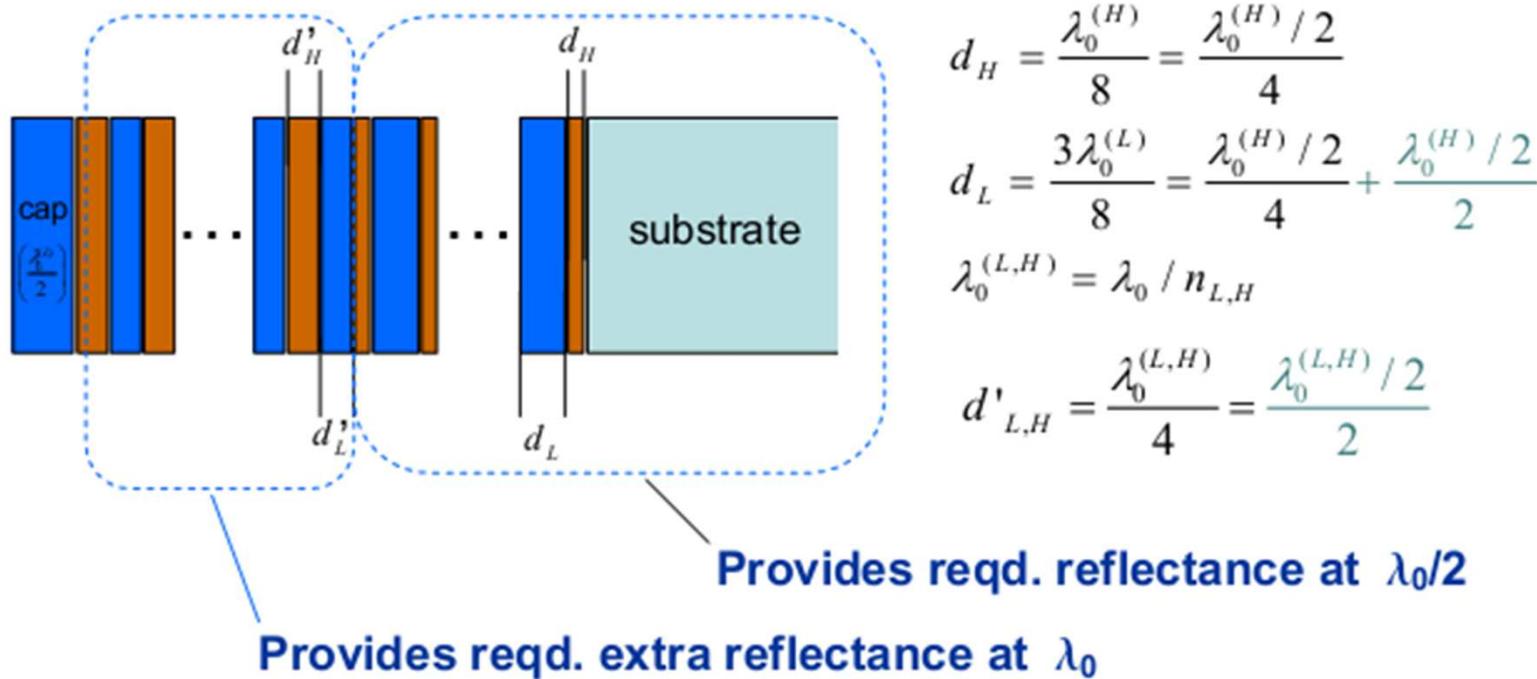
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Cryogenic Peak



- Optimizing Coating Geometry
Minimal Noise Dichroic Design

“Naive” Reference Dichroic Design



...this simple argument *ignores material dispersion*, e.g.

wavelength material	532	670	946	1064	1319
Silica	1.47809	1.47337	1.47044	1.46995	1.46937
Doped Tantala	2.13890	2.10980	2.09570	2.09418	2.09238

(courtesy
M.Gross,
CSIRO)

“Naive” Reference Dichroic Design, contd.

Design goal compliant and minimal noise designs (dispersion included)

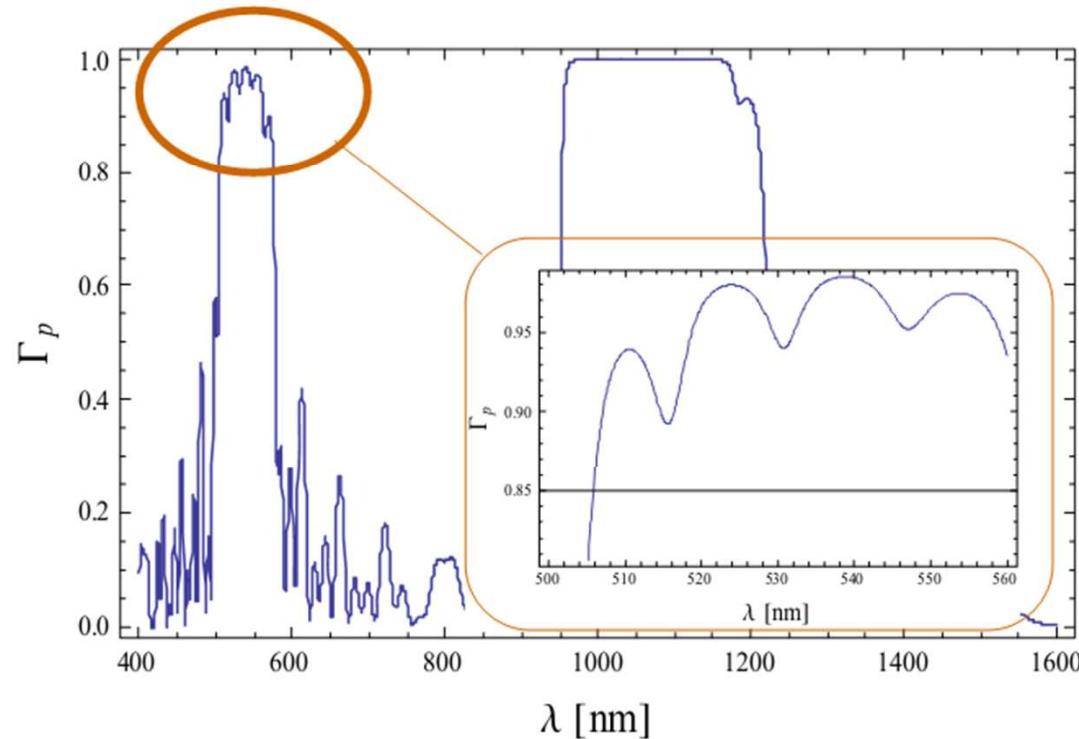
$N_1 \backslash N_2$	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	3316.2	1635.3	806.01	397.2	195.72	96.432	47.513	23.409	11.534	5.6826	2.7998
	0,3621	0,3909	0,41563	0,43632	0,45306	0,46597	0,47517	0,48076	0,48279	0,4813	0,47626
2	2107.8	1039	512.07	252.32	124.33	61.256	30.181	14.87	7.3264	3.6097	1.7785
	0,61658	0,64006	0,65946	0,67515	0,68746	0,69667	0,70299	0,70657	0,70752	0,70584	0,70149
3	1306.5	643.93	317.31	156.35	77.035	37.955	18.701	9.2136	4.5395	2.2366	1.1019
	0,79441	0,80856	0,82004	0,82916	0,8362	0,84139	0,84486	0,84675	0,84709	0,84591	0,84316
4	800.48	394.47	194.37	95.771	47.187	23.249	11.45	5.6436	2.7806	1.37	0.67497
	0,89572	0,90326	0,90932	0,9141	0,91776	0,92043	0,9222	0,92314	0,92326	0,92258	0,92107
5	487.7	240.32	118.41	58.341	28.745	14.162	6.9777	3.4379	1.6938	0.83453	0.41117
	0,94848	0,95229	0,95534	0,95773	0,95956	0,96089	0,96176	0,96222	0,96226	0,96191	0,96113
6	296.29	145.99	71.932	35.441	17.462	8.6033	4.2388	2.0884	1.029	0.50696	0.24977
	0,97487	0,97674	0,97824	0,97942	0,98031	0,98096	0,98139	0,98161	0,98163	0,98145	0,98106
7	179.74	88.56	43.634	21.498	10.592	5.2187	2.5712	1.2668	0.62415	0.30751	0.15151
	0,98781	0,98873	0,98946	0,99003	0,99046	0,99078	0,99099	0,99109	0,9911	0,99101	0,99082
8	108.94	53.677	26.447	13.03	6.4199	3.163	1.5584	0.76781	0.37829	0.18638	0.09183
	0,99411	0,99455	0,9949	0,99518	0,99539	0,99554	0,99564	0,99569	0,9957	0,99566	0,99556
9	66.001	32.519	16.022	7.8939	3.8893	1,9162	0,94411	0,46515	0,22918	0,11291	0,055632
	0,99715	0,99737	0,99754	0,99767	0,99777	0,99785	0,9979	0,99792	0,99792	0,9979	0,99786
10	39.974	19.695	9.7038	4.781	2.3556	1.1606	0.5718	0.28172	0.1388	0.068387	0,033694
	0,99863	0,99873	0,99881	0,99888	0,99893	0,99896	0,99899	0,999	0,999	0,99899	0,99897

Table 1 – ETM reference “hybrid” SD design. In each cell: ETM power transmission coefficient @1064 nm [ppm] (1st line) and power reflection coefficient @532 nm (2nd line) for different values of N_1 and N_2

[M. Principe and I. Pinto, LIGO-T080337]

“Naive” Reference Dichroic Design, contd.

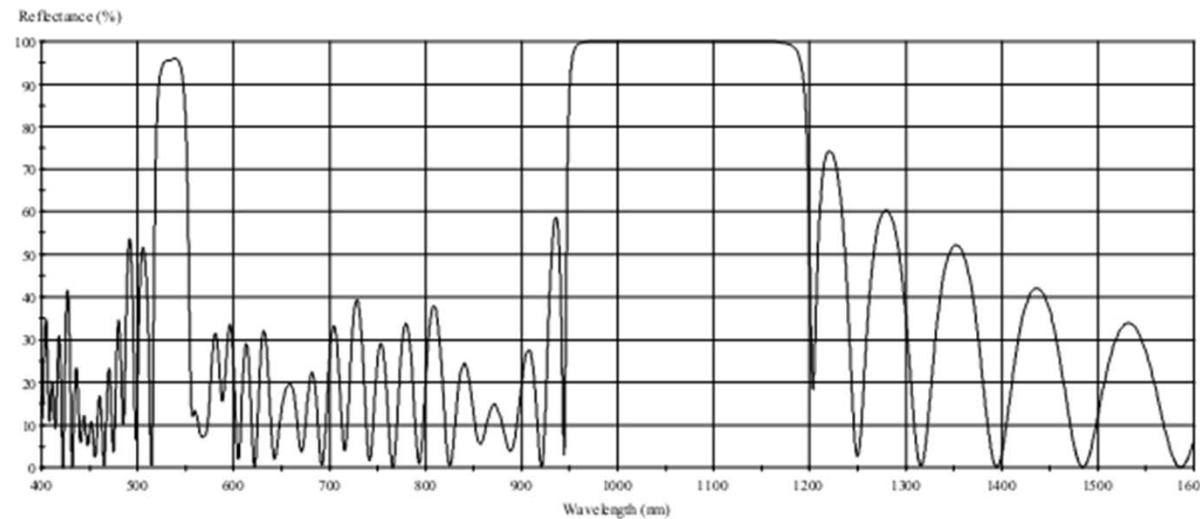
$$|cap|\left(|\lambda_0^{(H)}/4|\lambda_0^{(L)}/4|\right)^{14}(|\lambda_0^{(H)}/8|3\lambda_0^{(L)}/8|)^6|\lambda_0^{(H)}/8|substrate$$



λ [nm]	τ_p [ppm]	Γ_p
1064	4.44893	
532	0.948927	
670	0.0642971	
946	0.14197	
980	0.999696	
1319	0.0949941	
1550	0.0229077	

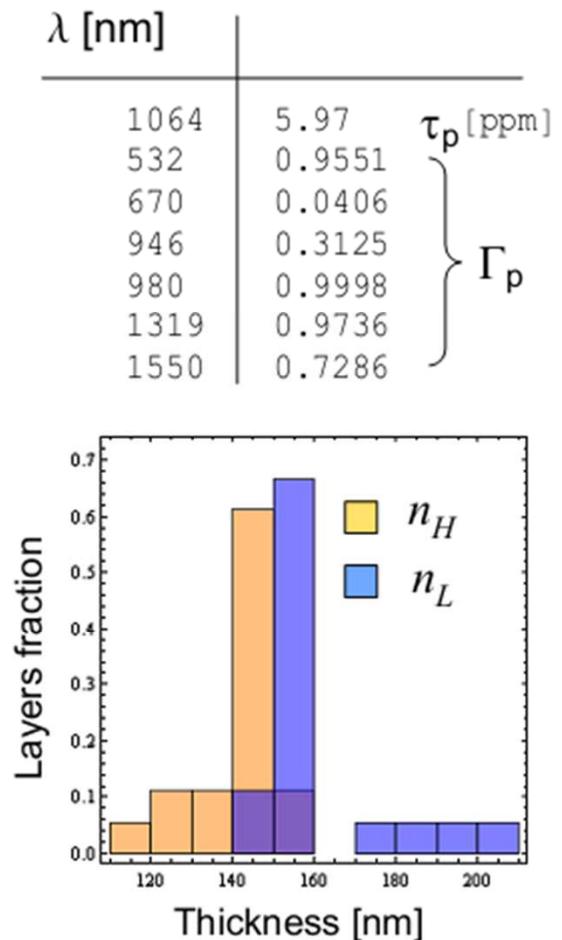
Genetically Engineered Dichroic Design

(... controlled ignorance attitude...)



(50 iterations, 25 cycles, other settings default;
layers rescaled modulo $\lambda/2$;
layers below $5\lambda/1000$ deleted. 38 layers left.

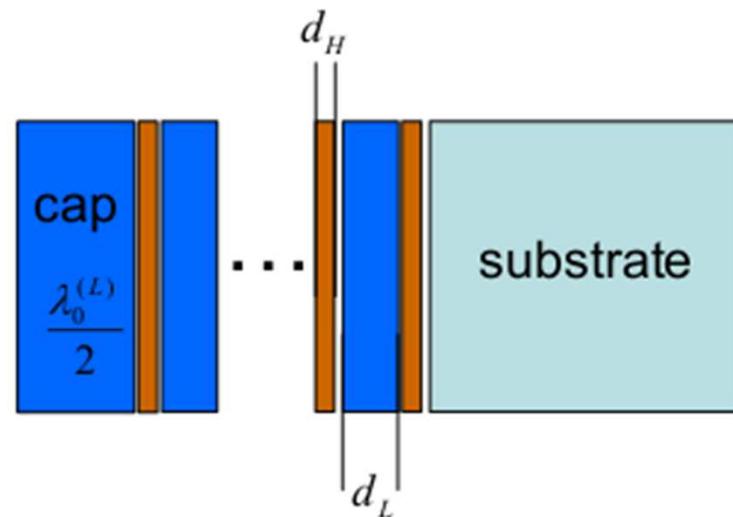
Neat trend toward a *stacked-doublet core* ...



[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G0900205]

Simplest SD-Core Dichroic Design

$|cap|(|d_H| |d_L|)^N |d_H| substrate$



Three constraints:

- $\tau_p \in (\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}) @ 1064\text{nm}$
- $\tau_p \in (\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}) @ 532\text{nm}$
- ϕ_c as small as possible

Three design parameters:

$$\xi_h, \xi_h, N$$

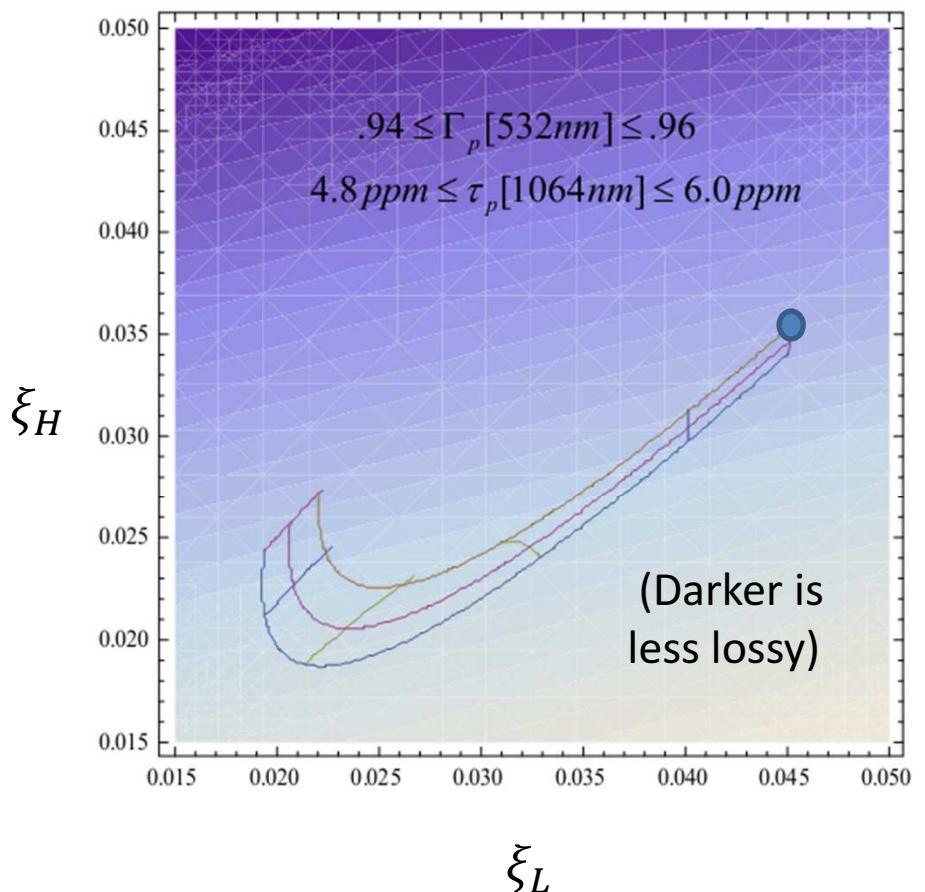
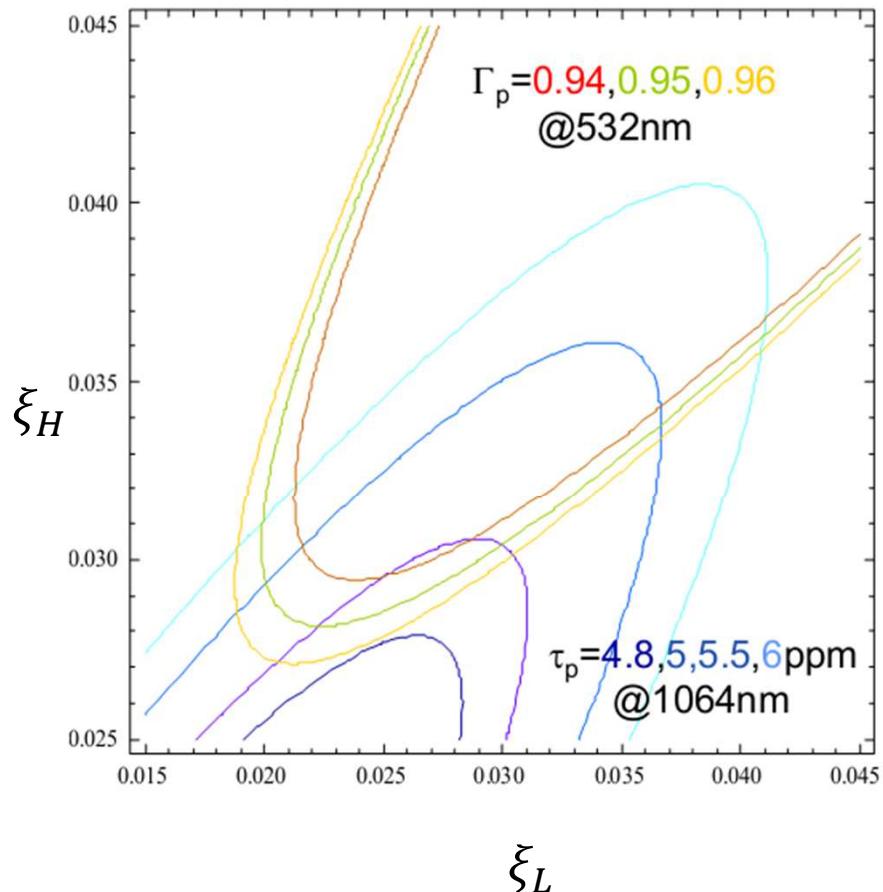
$$d_L = \frac{\lambda_0}{n_L} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \xi_L \right), d_H = \frac{\lambda_0}{n_H} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \xi_H \right)$$

...

[I. Pinto et al., LIGO-G0900205]

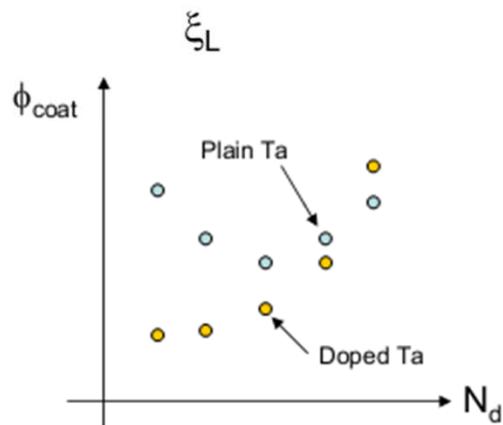
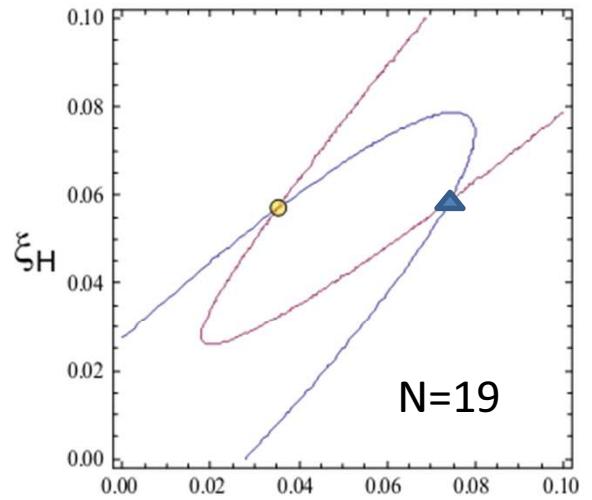
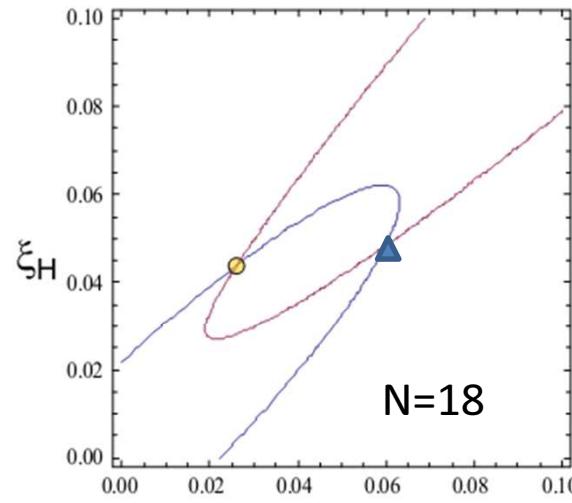
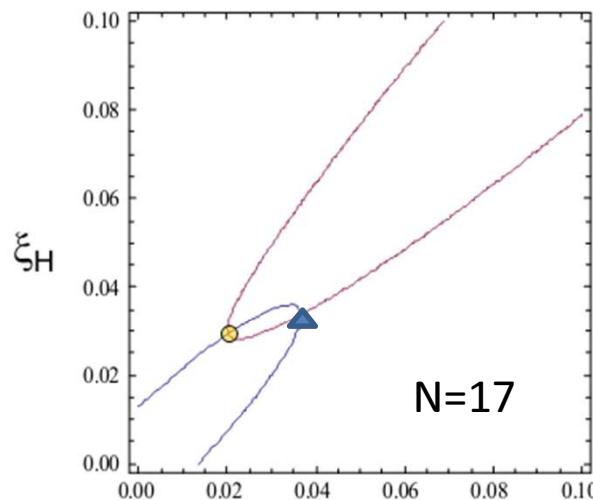
Isoreflective Contours (N=18)

$|cap|(|d_H|d_L|)^{18}|d_H|substrate$



Minimal Noise SD Dichroic Design

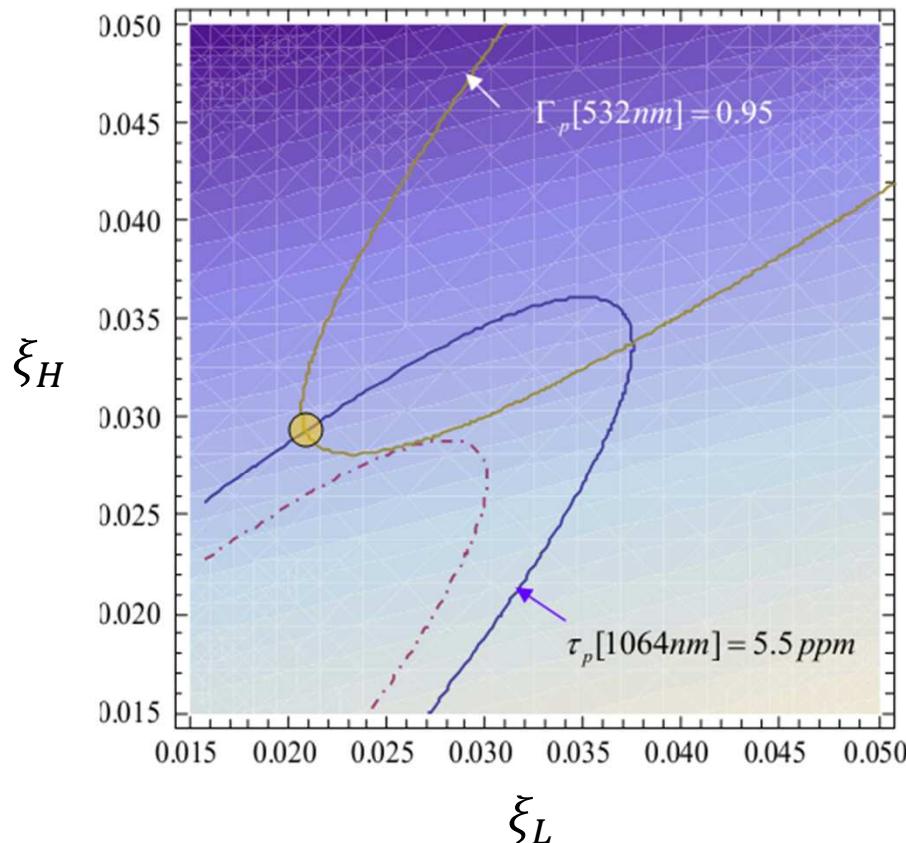
Require, e.g., $\tau_p = 5.5\text{ppm}$ @ 1064nm and $\Gamma_p = 0.95$ @ 532nm



identify N for which ϕ_c is minimum

Minimal Noise SD Design

$$|cap|\left(|d_H|d_L|\right)^N|d_H|substrate$$



$$\begin{aligned}\xi_L &= 0.02008, \xi_H = 0.029362 \\ d_L &= 195.493 \text{ nm}, d_H = 112.1 \text{ nm} \\ N &= 18\end{aligned}$$

$\lambda [\text{nm}]$	$\tau_p [\text{ppm}]$	Γ_p
1064	5.5	
532	0.949261	
670	0.0889853	
946	0.994795	
980	0.999955	
1319	0.181319	
1550	0.0347272	

Tweaked Minimal Noise Design

Tweak (adjust) the thicknesses of the *outermost* (first, last) layers, e.g.

Let:

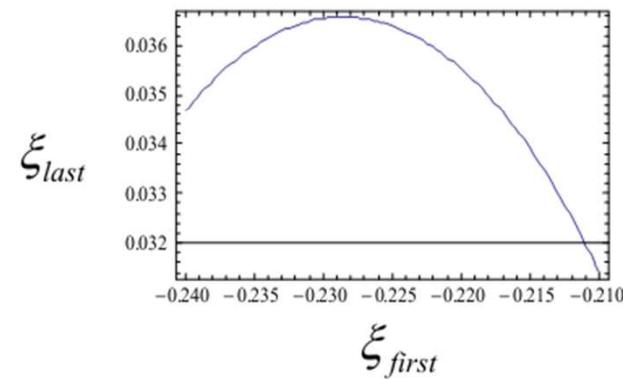
$$d_{first}^{(H)} = \frac{\lambda_0}{n_H} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \xi_{first} \right), d_{last}^{(L)} = \frac{\lambda_0}{n_L} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \xi_{last} \right)$$

Keep τ_p @1064nm, Γ_p @532nm unchanged

Tweak so that peak electric field at coating face achieves its *infimum*,

$$\begin{aligned} |E| &= |E^{inc}| |1 + \Gamma| = \\ &= |E^{inc}| (1 - |\Gamma|) \cong |E^{inc}| \frac{\tau_p}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For our N=18 SD-ETM design, get



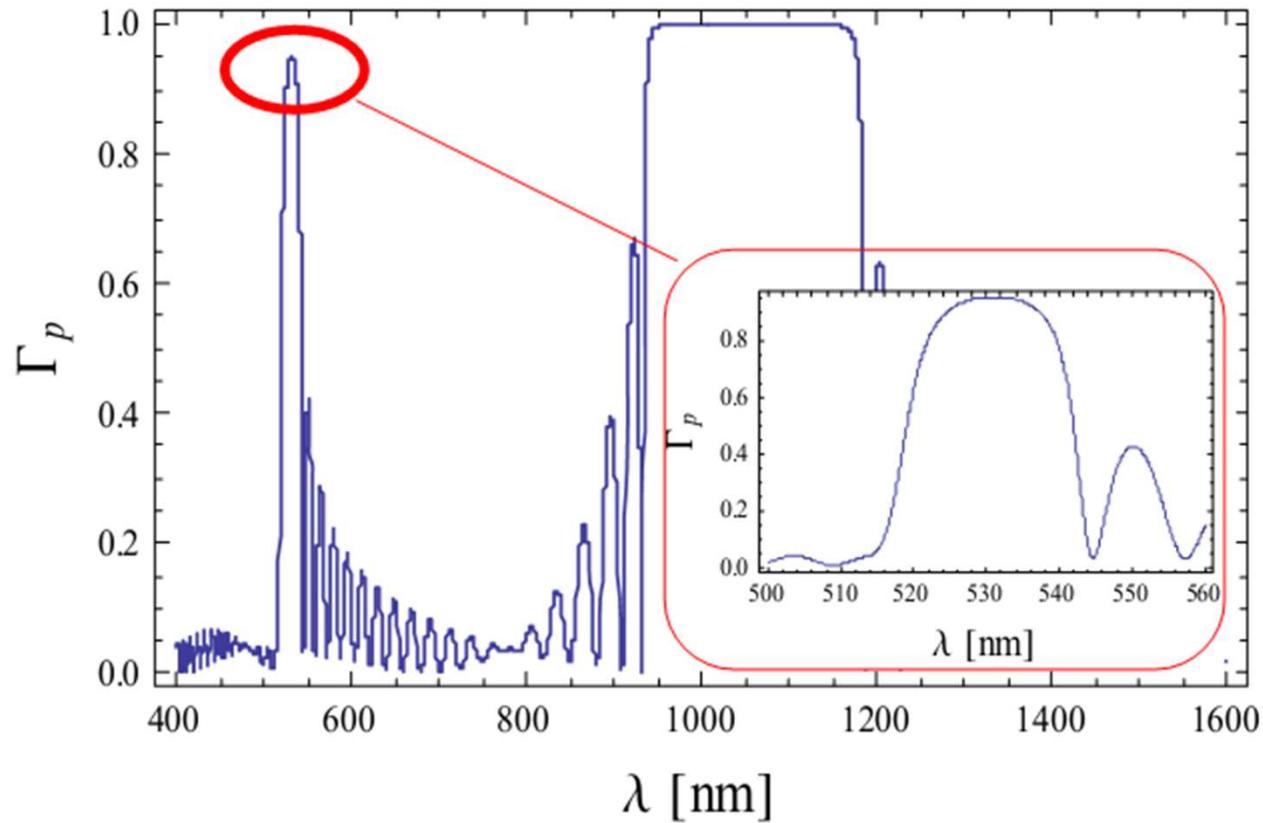
$$\xi_{last} = -0.22862, \xi_{first} = 0.030761$$

$$d_{last} = 111.389\text{nm}, d_{first} = 15.4765\text{nm}$$

$$|E_{face}| \cong 2.7 \cdot 10^{-6} |E^{inc}|$$

... additional constraints (e.g., flatness) can be accommodated by tweaking additional (outermost) layers ...

SD-Core, Tweaked Optimal Design



LMA started from this to engineer the current AdvLIGO ETM and ITM coatings. They enforced further band-centering tweaks . Details are covered by secret .

Conclusions

Several tools have been developed in the LVC (and the Scientific Community at large) which may suit the specific mirror noise issue of b-KAGRA, including

- EMT modeling of glassy mixtures
- The idea of nm-layered composites
- A simple systematic procedure for coating thickness optimization

