Scatterometer at NAOJ: applying material investigations for KAGRA

Performing Stray-Light Control –

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Importance of Stray-Light Control



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- Gravitational wave detectors measure strain through phase differences
- Recoupled scattered light and ghost beams may carry phase noise
- Effect of scattered light on gravitational wave strain:



Where Scattering may Appear





Displacement of scatterer Stray light noise: $h_{noise} \propto \sqrt{P_s} x_s$ Power of recombined stray light Vibrations Recombined pipe

- Basically, all surfaces produce scattering
- Most important parameters:
 - Suspension
 - Surface characteristics



Measuring the Scattering



- Scattering appears due to inhomogeneities of materials
- Surfaces (in reflection or transmission), inertial scattering (Rayleigh scattering)
- How to characterize scattering?

BRDF (Bidirectional Reflection Distribution Function)



Setup of Hemispherical Scatterometer at NAOJ







Backscattering Measurements (Back-Scatterometer)





Measuring of what comes directly back!

$$BRDF(\theta) = \frac{4 \cdot I_{PD}(\theta) \cdot f_{PD}}{P_{laser} \cdot \Omega \cdot \cos(\theta)}$$

Materials for Stray-Light Control: SiC



- Hard, thermally and chemically resistant material (sublimation temperature: ~2700°C)
- high thermal conductivity: 360 490 W/(m⋅K)
- Iow outgassing
- high-power beam dumps (e.g., close to Faraday isolator)

However, optical properties strongly depend on manufacturing process!





Different polishing methods left: Ra ~ 2 nm; right: Ra ~ 11-18 nm



Beam dump design

P-Polarization



S-Polarization





100

100



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Materials for Stray-Light Control: "Solblack"







- Phosphor-Nickel based coating on anodized Aluminum
- Main "black-coating" material for AOS in KAGRA
- Cheap
- Large surfaces easily coated

Materials for Stray-Light Control: VANTA-Black







Nanotube array developed in 2014 by Surrey-NanoSystems $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$

- 20-30 µm long carbon nanotubes
- low outgassing $\rightarrow 10^{-5} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- No specular reflection!



Direct Back-Scattering Comparison





Summary



- Developed devices for measuring the scattering properties of any material (down to 10⁻⁵ sr⁻¹)
- Characterization of materials that are of interest for AOS
- SiC, "SolBlack", VANTA-Black, ...
- Characterization of coated mirrors (amorphous; crystalline)



Thank you for your attention!

The KAGRA Project



- 3 km long Gravitational-Wave-Detector in the Kamioka mine
- First cryogenic, underground interferometer detector
 - Reduction of thermal and seismic noise







Sensitivity of KAGRA





- Able to detect Gravitational Waves from Neutron Star Binaries up to 150Mpc distance
- Comparable to Advanced LIGO in the USA

Backscattering Measurements





Semi-automatized rotating sample holder

"Vanta Black" ("Surrey NanoSystems")