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**New Folder Name** Intensity Noise

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# Intensity Noise in Asymmetric Interferometer

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1. Consider a symmetric Michelson with audio AM @  $\Omega$  with fractional amplitude (peak)  $a$ , and with phase modulation @  $\omega$  with  $\pi$  radians amplitude but with spurious AM of  $\sigma$ .

Let  $E_0$  be the field before AM & PM are applied. Let  $\bar{L}$  be the Michelson length.

We may write the field contributed to the antisymmetric part by either arm as:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\bar{L}\pm} &= \pm \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ \frac{a}{4} e^{i\Omega t} + 1 + \frac{a}{4} e^{-i\Omega t} \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{4}\right) J_1(\pi) e^{i\omega t} + 1 - \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{4}\right) J_1(\pi) e^{-i\omega t} \right] \\ &= \pm \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ \frac{a}{2} \overset{\text{audio AM}}{\cos \Omega t} + 1 + 2i J_1 \overset{\text{carrier}}{\sin \omega t} + \frac{\sigma}{2} J_1 \overset{\text{RF-modulation}}{\cos \omega t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{ia J_1}{2} \left\{ \sin(\omega + \Omega)t + \sin(\omega - \Omega)t \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\sigma a J_1}{8} \left\{ \cos(\omega + \Omega)t + \cos(\omega - \Omega)t \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

2. Replace Michelson mirrors by identical Fabry-Perot cavities on resonance with carrier.

$$E_{\pm} = \pm \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{audio phase shift and loss} \\ \frac{\delta a}{2} \cos(\Omega t + \phi) - \beta + 2iJ_1 \sin \omega t + \frac{\sigma}{2} J_1 \cos \omega t \\ \text{Carrier phase reversal and loss} \\ + \frac{iaJ_1}{2} \{ \sin(\omega + \Omega)t + \sin(\omega - \Omega)t \} \\ + \frac{a\sigma J_1}{8} \{ \cos(\omega + \Omega)t + \cos(\omega - \Omega)t \} \end{array} \right]$$

3. Now introduce asymmetry of  $\pm \delta$  into near mirror to beamsplitter differences  $\Rightarrow$  the arm which gets the (+) phase has a longer round trip time by  $\tau = \frac{2\delta}{c}$  and the (-) phase arm has a shorter round trip time by  $\tau$ . Summing the two contributions and using

$$\cos \omega(t + \tau) - \cos \omega(t - \tau) = -2 \sin(\omega t) \cdot \sin(\omega \tau)$$

$$\sin \omega(t + \tau) - \sin \omega(t - \tau) = 2 \cos(\omega t) \cdot \sin(\omega \tau)$$

we get

$$E_A = \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} -\delta a \sin(\Omega t + \phi) \cdot \sin \Omega \tau + 4iJ_1 \cos \omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau \\ -\sigma J_1 \sin \omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau \\ + iaJ_1 \{ \cos(\omega + \Omega)t \cdot \sin(\omega + \Omega)\tau + \cos(\omega - \Omega)t \cdot \sin(\omega - \Omega)\tau \} \\ - \frac{\sigma a J_1}{4} \{ \sin(\omega + \Omega)t \cdot \sin(\omega + \Omega)\tau + \sin(\omega - \Omega)t \cdot \sin(\omega - \Omega)\tau \} \end{array} \right]$$

The power at the antisymmetric part in a frequency band near  $\omega$  is

$$P_A(\omega\text{-band}) = \frac{P_0}{4} \left[ \frac{\sigma \delta a^2 J_1}{4} \left\{ \sin(\Omega t + \phi) \cdot \sin(\omega + \Omega)t \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \cdot \sin(\omega + \Omega)\tau \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sin(\Omega t + \phi) \cdot \sin(\omega - \Omega)t \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \cdot \sin(\omega - \Omega)\tau \right\} \right. \\ \left. + \sigma \delta a J_1 \left\{ \sin(\Omega t + \phi) \cdot \sin \omega t \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \cdot \sin \omega \tau \right\} \right]$$

Frequency Components which give audio noise upon demodulation

frequency	amplitude	phase
$\omega + 2\Omega$	$\pm \frac{\sigma \delta a^2 J_1}{8} \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \cdot \sin(\omega + \Omega)\tau \cdot P_0$	$\pm \phi$
$\omega + \Omega$	$- \frac{\sigma \delta a J_1}{2} \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \cdot \sin \omega \tau \cdot P_0$	$\pm \phi$

4. For case of no AM, with a symmetry, but cavities  $\pm \frac{\Delta x}{2}$  from resonance, ( $\frac{\phi}{2} = \frac{8\pi c \tau_s \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{2}}{L}$ ):

$$E_A = \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ 4i J_1 \cos \omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau - (1+\beta)(e^{i\phi/2} - e^{-i\phi/2}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{E_0}{2} \left[ 4i J_1 \cos \omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau - 2i(1+\beta) \sin(\phi/2) \right]$$

$$P_A = P_0 \left[ J_1 \cos \omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau - \frac{(1+\beta)}{2} \sin(\phi/2) \right]^2$$

For  $\Delta x(t) = \Delta x \cdot \sin \Omega t$  or  $\phi(t) = \phi \sin \Omega t$

We have

$$P_A(\omega\text{-band}) = -\frac{\phi(1+\beta)J_1}{2} \cdot \cos \omega t \cdot \sin \Omega t \cdot \sin \omega \tau \cdot P_0$$

For over coupling,  $\frac{1+\beta}{2} \approx 1$

$$P_A(\omega \pm \Omega) \approx \frac{\phi J_1}{2} \sin \omega \tau \cdot P_0$$

$$|P_A(\omega \pm \Omega)| \approx \frac{4\pi c \tau_s}{L} \frac{\Delta x(\Omega)}{\lambda} \cdot J_1 |\sin \omega \tau| \cdot P_0$$

5. For intensity noise to be negligible, require

$$\frac{\sigma \delta a}{2} \cdot \sin \Omega \tau \ll \frac{4\pi c \tau_s}{L \lambda} \Delta x(\Omega)$$

$$\sigma \delta a \ll \frac{8\pi c \tau_s}{L \lambda \Omega \tau} \Delta x(\Omega)$$

For  $\Delta x(100\text{Hz}) = 10^{-19} \text{ m} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ , require

$$\sigma \delta a \ll 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2} \cdot \text{rad}^{-1}$$