LIGO End-to-End Simulation Model

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LIGO Interferometer



- >> Interferometry with suspened mirrors
- >> A coupled, dynamic, multi-length, non-linear system



E2E : Definition & Aims

 Definition: A general simulation framework which enables studies of optical, electronic and mechanical components and their interaction in interferometer-based gravitational-wave detectors.

• Aims :

- Better understanding of LIGO-Physics and LIGOtechniques : Dynamics, Misalignments, Noises, Lockacquisition.
- >> Trouble-shooting
- >> Helping future design of full LIGO or various subsystems



How To Use E2E

• Build up your laboratory:

- (Like Matlab) E2E provides toolbox with specialised tools for studying all kinds of interferometric GW detectors
- >> Set-up your experiment using an easy-to-learn graphicaluser-interface called Alfi
- >> Basic tools: laser source, mirror, propagator, telescope, lens, modulator, detector, digital filter, power-meter,simple algebraic and logic functions..... etc.
- >> Set parameters of modules, make connections among them, ... run
- Example E2E box: Fabry-Perot Cavity (using primitive modules)



(a) GUI front-end of e2e

(b) parameter setting windows



Time-domain Modal Model

-) "field" carries information about frequencies and spatial modes
- >> spatial modes in Hermite-Gaussian basis
- >> Tilt, shift, curvature mismatch are treated using mode decomposition matrix
- Modal basis changes (i) after passing thru lens/curved mirror (ii) on reflection at an angle from a curved mirror





Composite Systems (summation modules)



Aim: fast computation

- >> Fabry-Perot cav
- >> triangular cavity
- >> power-recycled Michelson cavity or the LIGO recycling cavity



Modularity & Flexibility of E2E

- You can study any configuration
- You can look at field at any port and analyze
- You, as user, donot need to know C++ or even programming or to touch the original code.
- You, as developer, can introduce new physics modules easily without touching the rest of the code but utilizing full advantage of that.



Hanford 2Km Arm: First light (Actual and E2E-simulated)

>> December, 1999



LIGO Lock-Acquisition States



Lock-Acquisition (actual Hanford 2KM IFO data)

>> December, 2000



Lock-Acquisition (E2E-simulated data)



Lock-acquisition & misalignments (Study: power fluctuations, lock duration.....)



E2E for GW Data-analysis

- The modeled IFO is under your control
- Put noises and complexities to whatever level you feel comfortable about.
- Simulate Grav. waves
- Look at changes in IFO signals
- Generate data-stream and use your tools to analyse and extract signals

• OR

>> Try to understand the actual data-stream and noises in it comparing with simulation that includes causes you guess.

