LIGO End-to-End Simulation Model

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LIGO Interferometer

Interferometry with suspended 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 LIGO-techniques: Dynamics, Misalignments, Noises, Lock-acquisition.
  - 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 graphical-user-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)

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LIGO Lock-Acquisition States

STATE 1

STATE 2

STATE 5

STATE 4

STATE 3
Lock-Acquisition
(actual Hanford 2KM IFO data)

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Figure LHO 2k IFO data

Arm powers are normalized by the power when one arm is locked.
SB power is normalized by the input SB power.
Lock-Acquisition
(E2E-simulated data)

**Figure 2. Simulated signal**

(a) Normalized Power

(b) Error Signal (arbitrary unit)

(c) Physical length = this length + integer * λ(Nd:YAG)
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.