

Metrological open issues in GeNS measurements

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The Gentle Nodal Suspension

GeNS is currently the most used technique in coating loss angle measurements

E. Cesarini et al., **A gentle nodal suspension for measurements of the acoustic attenuation in materials**, REVIEW OF SCI. INSTRUM. (2009) , vol.80, 5

"...relevant parameters of the suspension can be measured and eventually varied, giving the experimentalist the possibility to identify whether the measured loss is limited by the suspension system in use or it is an intrinsic property of the sample under investigation."

 $\approx 10\%$ for $\phi \approx 10^{-6}~-10^{-8}$ (substrates)

Typical repeatability:

 $\approx 5\%$ or better for $\phi \approx 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ (coated samples)



First GeNS in Florence





Cryo-GeNS at LMA



Univ. of Roma-ToV

...and...



at Caltech



GeNS at Urbino Univ.

- cryogenic GeNS at Caltech
- GeNS at Syracuse University
- at IGR in Glasgow
- in Maastricht
- in Perugia



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Metrological issue: <u>Frequency shift vs</u> <u>temperature</u>

Issue:

• Dilution measurement accuracy: **the role of temperature**

 $D = 1 - \left(\frac{f_0}{f}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_0}{m}\right)$

Strong assumption: the mass variation $(m_0; m)$ and the frequency variation $(f_0; f)$ are only due to the coating deposition.







- Solution:
 - Precise measurement of the temperature, by a twin sample
 - Correction of the frequency values
 by using the estimated value of k
 - See talk M. Bischi: "Optical and mechanical characterization of ion-beam-sputtered MgF2 and AlF3 thin films"
 - Granata et al. P2100113

Metrological issue: <u>Frequency shift vs</u> <u>curvature</u>

Issue:

 One-side coating produces a curvature on the sample, inducing a spurious frequency shift -> systematic error in dilution factor



• **Coating** deposition in **both sides**.

Granata, M., et al. Archives of Metallurgy and Materials 60 (2015).

Metrological issue: <u>Frequency shift vs</u> <u>curvature/annealing</u>

Issue:

• Annealing can change sample curvature, and produces frequency shifts

Experiments in Urbino, Roma ToV, LMA, ILM

• Annealing of a 2", 0.1mm substrate for 20 h at 900 °C, T ramp (up and downwards) = 100 °C/h





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After a further annealing of the **flipped** sample global curvature is cancelled (irregularities are still present)



But:

Each new annealing induce the **same** effect on the mode frequencies, regardless the sample is **flipped** or not



Metrological issue: **Frequency shift vs** curvature/annealing

Different **FEA** simulations of curved samples, seems **to do not reproduce** the observed frequency shifts



Issue:

Coating deposition influences the thermoelastic dissipation of the substrate

loss angle (reduced) [rad]

- Dissipation of substrates (disks) for cryogenic measurements (silicon / sapphire) is dominated by thermoelastic damping for most of the temperature range
- Silicon disc 0.468 mm thick, with 1.11 μm SiO2 coating on each surface
- Room temperature measurements

Loss angles are **reduced** by the presence of the **coating**

Not expected



TED of coated samples is modeled as a series of Debye peaks It depends or mechanical period

The thermoelastic dissipation of the substrate changes by the presence of the coating

J. E. Bishop and V. K. Kinra, Comp. Mater. Struct. 3 83-95 (1996) S. Vengallatore et al., Jour. of Micromech. and Microen. (2005)



Cesarini et al. VIR-0128A-18



Fabrizi et al. VIR-0271A-21 - G2100541

 It depends on the thermomechanical properties of the coating (thermal conductivity, linear thermal expansion, specific heat)





Possible experimental approach: exploit mode shape and frequency dependence (F. Fabrizi, F. Piergiovanni)



Now we have three unkowns, but we can write a relation between $\Delta \phi^{TE}(t; m2)$ and $\Delta \phi^{TE}(t; m1)$

Possible experimental approach: exploit mode shape and frequency dependence

We can select two modes:

- as close in frequency as possible
- as different as possible in D^{TE}



Butterfly mode (0, 5)





Mixed mode (1, 2)

If we suppose $D^{TE}(t; m) \approx D^{TE}(0; m)$ then:

$$\frac{\Delta \phi^{TE}(t;m2)}{\Delta \phi^{TE}(t;m1)} = \frac{\left(1 - D_C(t,m2)\right) D^{TE}(m2)}{\left(1 - D_C(t,m1)\right) D^{TE}(m1)}$$

We have the third equation!

- D_C are measured
- D^{TE} can be found G. Cagnoli et al., Phys. Lett. A 382 (2018)

$$\phi_{meas}(t;m1) = \left(1 - D_C(t,m1)\right)\phi_{meas}(0) + \Delta\phi^{TE}(t;m1) + D_C(t;m1)\phi_C^{intr}$$



$$\phi_{meas}(t;m2) = (1 - D_C(t,m2))\phi_{meas}(0) + \Delta\phi^{TE}(t;m2) + D_C(t;m2)\phi_C^{intr}$$



- We have assumed the coating loss angle to be the same for the two modes, but for modes of different families the contributions of bulk and shear will be different
- Conversely, any measurement hoping to determine bulk and shear losses on silicon substrates must contend with the difference in thermoelastic background





Metrological issue: <u>Coating edge effect</u>

Mode families observed in silica coating measurement

A. Amato G1801791

Spurious contribution coming from the edge of the disks, which was also coated during deposition (masking the edge would have induced uncontrolled, undesired shadowing effects on the main surfaces) . M Granata *et al* 2020 *CQG* **3**7 095004





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Metrological issue: **Coating edge effect**





Conclusions

- GeNS has proven to be a powerful instrument/technique for mechanical spectroscopy
- Measurement protocols for cleaning and sample preparation are well established
- Some issues have been solved as aging, substrate edge effects, temperature effects...
- Some issues are still open:
 - ✓ Frequency shifts induced by annealing and their connection with the sample curvature
 - ✓ The possible systematics caused by coating edge inhomogeneities, in particular for measuring bulk and shear loss angle separately.
 - ✓ Substrate thermoelastic shift given by coating deposition adds an unknown to cryogenic measurement

