

control of ring laser gyroscopes for the accurate estimate of the Earth rotation



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Introduction



- Small Size: (5-50 cm) Inertial Guidance
- Medium Size: (1-5 m) Geophysics, Seismology, Metrology
- Large Size: (5-10 m) Geodesy, Geophysics
- > GINGER: Gyroscope IN GEneral Relativity





Introduction: Active Sagnac Interferometry

- Laser light excited inside a polygonal optical cavity
- Two electromagnetic waves travelling in opposite directions
- The frequency split between opposite travelling waves is mainly due to rotation.







Ring Laser dynamics: Model

$$\dot{E}_{1} = (\alpha_{1} + i\omega_{s})E_{1} + r_{2}e^{i\varepsilon}E_{2} - f_{1}(I_{1}, I_{2})E_{1}$$

$$\dot{E}_{2} = (\alpha_{2} - i\omega_{s})E_{2} + r_{1}e^{i\varepsilon}E_{1} - f_{2}(I_{1}, I_{2})E_{2}$$

Where
$$\begin{cases} I_{1,2} = |E_{1,2}^2| & S = |E_1 + E_2|^2 \\ f_{1,2}(I_1, I_2) = \beta I_{1,2} + (\Theta + i\tau) I_{2,1} \end{cases}$$

 $E_{1,2}(t)$ are linearly coupled through



And non-linearly coupled through





Ring Laser dynamics: Model

The Ring Laser dynamics in compact from:
$$\mathbf{\dot{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathscr{D}(\mathbf{E}) . \mathbf{B} . \mathscr{D}(\mathbf{E}^*) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}$$

- The matrices $\mathbf{A} \equiv \frac{c}{L} \mathbf{P}^{(0)} \mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{B} \equiv \frac{c}{L} \mathbf{P}^{(2)}$ are given by
 - **Atomic Polarization:**

Dissipative Effects

- Active medium= He-Ne isotopic mixture.
- Non Linear Coupling.
- Can be computed using QED. \triangleright
- Related to cavity mirrors \triangleright transmission, absorption and scattering.
- Linear Coupling. \geq
- Sagnac effect.



Ring Laser dynamics: Rotational frequency estimation

Dissipative parameters identification:

- Perturbative solutions of the RL dynamics
- Pre-filtering for electronic noise rejection



- Polarization computation with Lamb model
- Additional spectroscopic diagnostics



Extended Kalman Filter for laser systematic subtraction and rotational frequency estimation.





Fig. 5 Comparison of the backscattering (blue) estimated from the intensity channels with the residuals of the Sagnac frequency (red) estimated from the interferogram channel. Note that they correlate on the micro-hertz scale.

Optical Cavity geometry: Beams position computation

Task: Find the laser beams position for a given cavity configuration

Formalism: Geometric Optics

Problem Data: > 4 Points in \mathbb{R}^3 , The spherical mirrors C.O.C. \mathbf{c}_k

> 4 positive scalars in \mathbb{R} , the spherical mirrors R.O.C. r_k

Problem variables: > 4 Points on the Unit Sphere \mathbb{S}^2 , i.e. a point of the Oblique Manifold 2x4.

$$X = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_4) \in \mathcal{OB}(2, 4)$$

Laser spot virtual positions: $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{c}_k + r_k \mathbf{x}_k$

To find the beams position, the Fermat's Principle (stationarity of the optical path length) is used:

grad p(X; C, R) = 0

Optical Cavity geometry: beams position computation

Optical Cavity geometry: Pose & Shape Decomposition

The matrix $\cdot C$ accounts for both the pose and the shape of the mirrors

Optical Cavity geometry: Pose & Shape Decomposition

The isosceles trapezoids:

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

The irregular quadrilaterals:

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \left\{ \mathbf{e}_1 + \alpha \mathbf{e}_2, -\mathbf{e}_2 + \beta \mathbf{e}_1, \frac{\mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2}{2} + \gamma \left(\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \right), \, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \right\},\$$

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Conclusions

- Ring laser dynamics effects on the accuracy rotational frequency estimation reviewed
- Offline procedure for the subtraction of laser systematics designed and demonstrated
- Geometric Newton algorithm for the computation of the beams position in the optical cavity designed and demonstrated
- Pose & Shape decomposition of a square optical cavity proposed
- RLG Simulator of all the relevant processes involved in the Ring Laser operation developed

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