Discussion on the starting configuration of the AEI-10m







Some more words on cavity stability

- g-factors of the AEI-10m will be extremely challenging, i.e. 0.9986 for the FParm cavities and larger 0.9999 for the Khalili cavities. Let's try to get a feeling for these numbers:
- ➡ Advanced LIGO: L=3996m, ITM ROC = 1934m, ETM ROC = 2245m, g = 0.832.
- Advanced Virgo Baseline design: L = 3000m, ITM ROC = 1416 m, ETM ROC = 1646m, g = 0.92.
- Advanced Virgo Baseline change: L = 3000m, ITM ROC = 1420m, ETM ROC = 1683m, g = 0.87.
- ET-B design: L=10km, w1 = 12cm, symmetric ROCs = 5070m (1.4% away from instability), g=0.945.
- ET-B with g=0.999: L=10km, symmetric ROCs = 5001.25m (0.025% away from instability), w1 = 33cm, i.e required mirror diameter of 165cm.
- ET-B with g=0.9999: L=10km, symmetric ROCs = 5000.12m, w1 = 60cm, i.e. required mirror diameter of >300cm.
- Please keep in mind: Mirror will have lots of non-spherical surface figure errors.



Question: Do we want to start with the full configuration?



- So far there was no 'hard' decision on whether to start with or without the Khalili cavities.
- So far took both concepts forward, but we are now at a point where it would be helpful to decide on which configuration to concentrate on for the near term future.



Scenario1: Learn with 3DOF then do 5DOF

- Start with 3DOF and then 'just' change over to 5DOF.
- ➡ What would you need to change when going from 3 to 5 DOF:
 - > Take EM out and replace it by IEM.
 - Add EEM (full new suspension etc).
 - Cannot start 3DOF with IEM as EM (completely undercoupled)
 - Cannot start 3DOF with EEM as EM and then later insert IEM (cavity stability, mode matching etc).
- Going from 3DOF to 5DOF is NOT a small change, but a major rebuild.
- Starting with 3 DOF allows to learn how to handle a system with large g-factor.
- Is it a problem that the 3DOF configuration is 'less fancy'/'standard'?





Scenario 2: Start with the full 5DOF configuration

- Very challenging: extremly large g-factor of Khalili cavity, quite a lot of DOF ...
- In the end this requires less intermediate hardware.
- Lot's of new aspects good for PhD students?
- Will it ever work? Potential frustration level?
- Would provide more space to beat the SQL.



Sensitivity with and without Khalili-cavities

- Improvement from Khalili cavities about a factor 1.5 in coating noise.
- Even without Khalili-cavities there is some space to bet the SQL.
- What is our primary science target?





Discussion