



Arm Cavity Finesse of Advanced Virgo

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And now the details ...





How to compare different arm cavity finesse values?

- A change of arm cavity finesse goes hand in hand with a change of the optical power inside the arm cavities.
- If we decrease the arm cavity finesse, the stored optical power will go down as well. => stronger shot noise contribution. => not a fair comparison.
- One can compensate for the lower finesse by increasing the power recycling gain.
- Our approach for a fair comparison: If we change the arm cavity finesse we will always restore the intra cavity power by increasing the power recycling gain, thus we always compare configurations with ~750kW per arm.







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Michelson sensitivity versus arm cavity finesse

- In the initial detectors the arm cavity finesse determines the detector bandwidth:
 - Low finesse = large bandwidth
 - High finesse = best peak sensitivity
- Is this also true for Advanced Virgo?





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Sensitivity for finesse 888 and 444

Let's see how the ADV sensitivity changes if we lower the arm cavity finesse by a factor of 2.

Step 1:

- double ITM transmission
- double PR factor



Step 2:

If we half the arm cavity finesse we also have to compensate the Signal Recycling parameters:

- double Signal Recycling detuning
- double SRM transmittance







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The Advanced Virgo sensitivity is (within a certain) range independent of the arm cavity finesse !!







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Finesse and mirror losses

- Advanced Virgo preliminary design assumes 37.5ppm loss per surface.
- This is an ambitious goal. What happens if the losses turn out to be twice as much (75ppm)? Any influence of arm cavity finesse?
- The sensitivity changes with the actual mirror losses, BUT is independent of the arm cavity finesse.









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Dark fringe offset and arm cavity finesse

- Consider imbalanced losses in the two arm cavities. => Does the coupling of differential losses to dark port power depend on the arm cavity Finesse?
- Performed a simple numerical simulation using Finesse software:
- The coupling of differential losses to the dark port power is independent of the arm cavity finesse.









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Noise coupling from the small Michelson

- All differential arm length noise inside the small Michelson (MICH) gets suppressed by the arm cavity finesse.
- Lower finesse => stricter requirements for:
 - Thermo refractive noise inside ITMs, CPs, BS.
 - Quietness of wedged optics (CPs? ITMs? BS?)
 - ≻ ... etc ...



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substrates Optical power inside the power

- recycling cavity is proportional to inverse of the arm cavity finesse.
- Lowering the arm cavity finesse from 888 to 444 increases optical power in BS, CP and ITM substrates from 2.7kW to 5.1kW.
- Any problem from thermal lensing?

...need to check with TCS work in progress...

| ITM transmission: | 0.0070 | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| PRM transmission: | 0.0464 | |
| Finesse: | 888.08 🗲 | - |
| Power Recycling Factor: | 21.53 | |
| Arm power: | 760.78 kW | |
| Power on beam splitter: | 2691.27 W < | - |







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Lock-acquisition and finesse

- The capture range of arm cavities inverse proportional to the Finesse.
- Would lowering the arm cavity finesse make lock acquisition easier?
- Input from ISC: In AdV, even with a finesse of 444, we are in a regime where "ringings" dominate (storage time > time through resonance), so that linearization technique does not work. Then we have to have the "auxiliary laser" technique => finesse at 1064 nm does not matter for lock acquisition. (Email Bondu: 8/1/2009)







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Losses inside PRC and SRC

- If there are unexpectedly high losses inside the PRC, then a high arm cavity finesse would be better.
- If there are unexpectedly high losses inside the SRC, then a low arm cavity finesse would be better.
- PRC losses can be compensated for by higher laser power or different PRM reflectivity.
- SRC losses can not be compensated !! => favors low arm cavity finesse.
- To evaluate this effect we need to know the expected signal loss inside the signal recycling cavity. This strongly depends on the choice between MSRC and NDRC. ...work in progress...







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Coating Brownian and finesse (I)

- Lower finesse => higher transmittance of the ITM HR coating.
- Lowering arm cavity finesse from 888 to 444:
 - increasing ITM transmittance from 0.007 to 0.014
 - might be able to get rid of one coating layer on ITM
 - Reduce coating Brownian of ITM



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Coating Brownian and finesse (II)



| Optic | Number of HLL | Thickness of | Thickness of |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | low index material [m] | high index material [m] |
| ITM, $Fin = 888$ | 8 | 1.83e-6 | 1.05e-6 |
| ITM, $Fin = 444$ | 7 | 1.65e-6 | 0.92e-6 |
| ETM | 16 | 3.30e-6 | 2.09e-6 |

- When going from 888 to 444 in arm cavity Finesse the BNS inspiral increases by only 1.3%.
- We do not consider this small influence as significant.

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| • | Sensitivity | independent |
|---|---|-------------|
| | Mirror losses | independent |
| | Coupling of diff losses to dark port power. | independent |
| | Noise couplings from small Michelson | NO |
| | Thermal load of BS, ITM and CPs | NO |
| | Lock acquisition | independent |
| | Losses inside the recycling cavities | YES |
| | Coating Brownian from ITMs | independent |
| | anything else ??? | |





Full RSE (I)

- Recently the question rose, why not to use full RSE? This would mean:
 - Get rid of power recycling
 - Increase arm cavity finesse to restore high optical power.
 - Increase SRM reflectivity.
- **To get 750 kW:**
 - ITM transmittance = 300ppm
 - Arm cavity Finesse = 19333
- Adjusting RSE again:
 > SRM transmittance = 0.005









Analysis of full RSE confirms that coupling of differential losses to the dark port is independent of the arm cavity finesse.



Full RSE (III)



High Finesse 'amplifies' the influence of losses inside the signal recycling cavity. With 37.5ppm loss per surface Full RSE cannot achieve a sensitivity compatible with dual-recyling.





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