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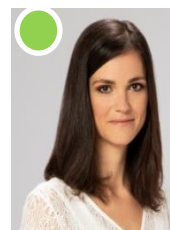
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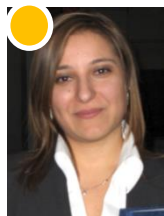
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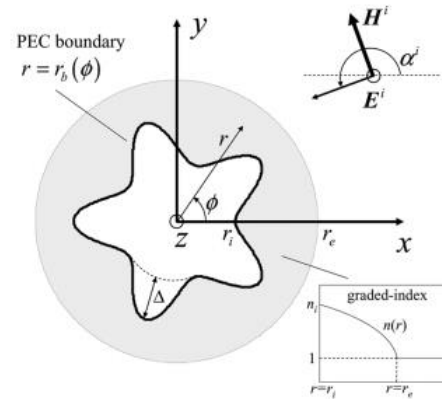
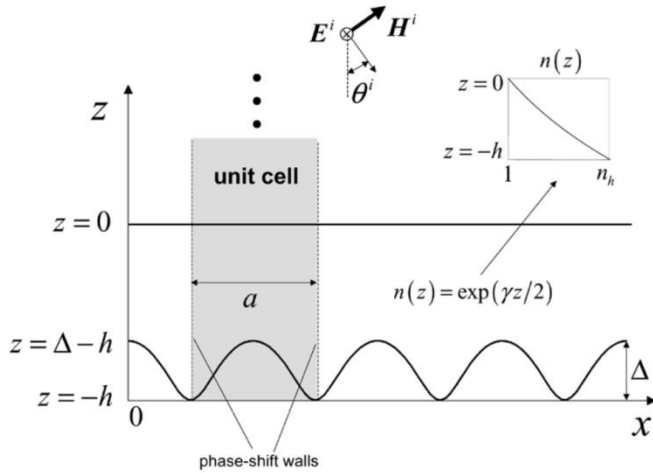
“The Waves Group” as of 2000

# Research – I Electromagnetics

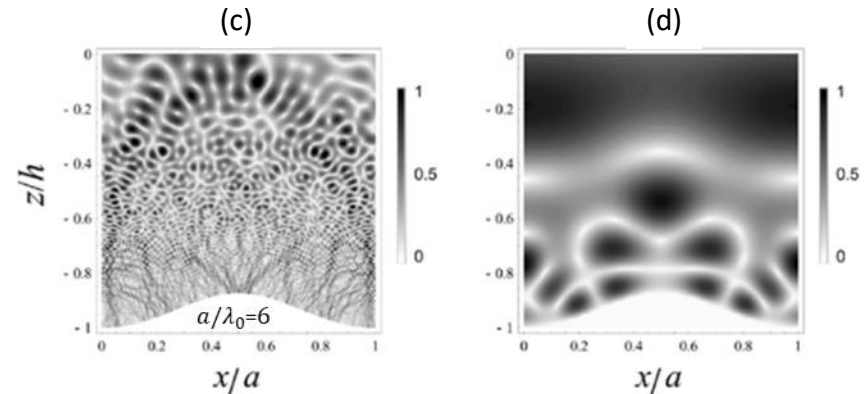
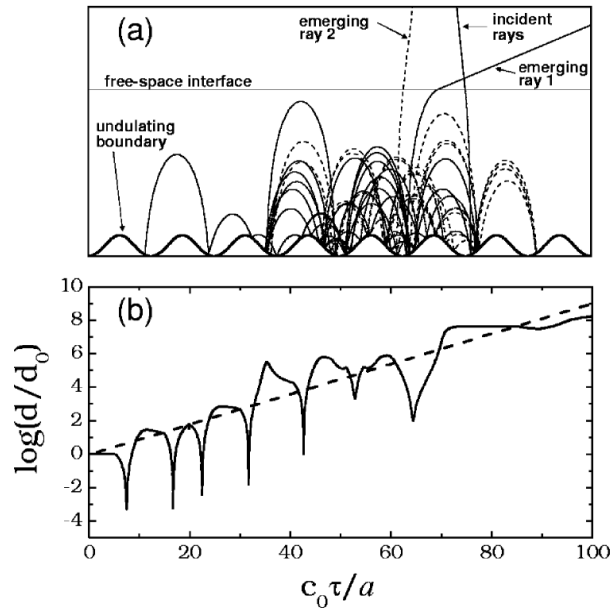
- *Electromagnetics in nonlinear media*  
general/systematic approach for solving Maxwell equations in nonlinear media, based on Volterra functional series, Lindsted-Poincaré renormalization, and Padé resummation [[A1](#),[A2](#)]; applications to harmonic generation in guided- and free-space problems [[A3](#),[A4](#)]; living cells with electrically nonlinear membranes [[A5](#),[A6](#)], and gravito-electric coupling [[A7](#)];
- *Chaos signatures in electromagnetic reverberating chambers (ERC)*  
[[A8](#)] applications to antenna free-space radiation pattern retrieval from measurements in reverberating environments [[A9](#),[A10](#)]; reverberating chambers in the pulsed regime [[A11](#)];
- *Study of a new class of boundary value problems that exhibit eikonal chaos*  
full-wave (asymptotic) analysis showing characteristic chaos signatures [[A12](#),[A13](#)];
- *Radiation from regular-non-periodic antenna arrays*  
(planar Penrose tilings, Rudin-Shapiro, Fibonacci's, and other recursive sequences [[A14](#), [A15](#)]).
- *Applications of Feynman path-integrals and Donsker-Kac formula to waveguides*  
dominant eigenvalues/eigenfrequencies in complex/hybrid geometries [[A16](#), [A17](#)];
- *Miscellaneous work :*
  - coding-theory approach to EM field configurations in complex environments [[A19](#)];
  - generalized Leontovich boundary conditions [[A20](#)];
  - neural-net based large-array faulty-element diagnostics [[A21](#)];
  - recursive algorithms for GTD ray-tracing over hilly landscapes [[A22](#)];
  - defected fractal multilayers [[S22](#)];
  - percolation thresholds in urban short-wave propagation [[A23](#)];
  - tune-shifts & beam-coupling impedances in complex accelerator pipes (LHC) [[A24](#)];
  - effects of weak (sub-thermal) pulsed EM fields on living cells with dispersive membranes [[A25](#)], etc.

# New Class of EM Boundary Value Problems Exhibiting Eikonal Chaos

I.M. Pinto, L.B. Felsen et al., IEEE T-AP 53 (2005) 753; *ibid.* T-AP 56 (2008) 2638



... and study of chaos footsteps in the  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  asymptotic *full wave* regime.



- (a) Nearby-incident ray paths evolution;
- (b) Separation  $d$  between nearby-incident rays (scaled to initial value) as a function of the (scaled) "ray time" ;
- (c,d) Meandric (Chladni) level-maps of full wave solution as  $\lambda/a \rightarrow 0$ .

# Radiation from Regular/*non-Periodic* Antenna Arrays

V. Pierro, I.M. Pinto, L.B. Felsen et al., IEEE T-AP 53 (2005) 635, *ibid.* T-AP 53 (2005) 2044, *ibid.* T-AP 53 (2005) 3568, IEEE T-AP 55 (2007) 1554, etc.

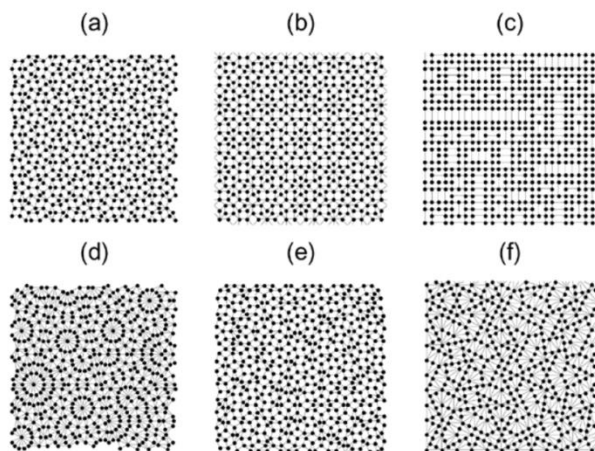


Fig. 5. Array antenna configurations obtained from square patches (of side  $L$ ) of six representative categories of aperiodic tilings. Tiling geometries are sketched in background with light lines, and antenna element positions are marked with black dots. (a) *Penrose thick-and-thin* ( $N = 530, d_{av} = 0.818d_0, d_{min} = 0.613d_0, d_{max} = 1.075d_0$ ); (b) *octagonal* ( $N = 532, d_{av} = 0.898d_0, d_{min} = 0.834d_0, d_{max} = 1.089d_0$ ); (c) *table* ( $N = 538, d_{av} = d_{min} = d_{max} = 0.88d_0$ ); (d) *Danzer* ( $N = 529, d_{av} = 0.697d_0, d_{min} = 0.64d_0, d_{max} = 1.438d_0$ ); (e) *binary* ( $N = 534, d_{av} = 0.855d_0, d_{min} = 0.662d_0, d_{max} = 1.073d_0$ ); (f) *pinwheel* ( $N = 532, d_{av} = 0.8d_0, d_{min} = 0.726d_0, d_{max} = 1.148d_0$ ). The reference interelement spacing  $d_0$  pertains to a square periodic  $23 \times 23$  element array of side  $L$ .

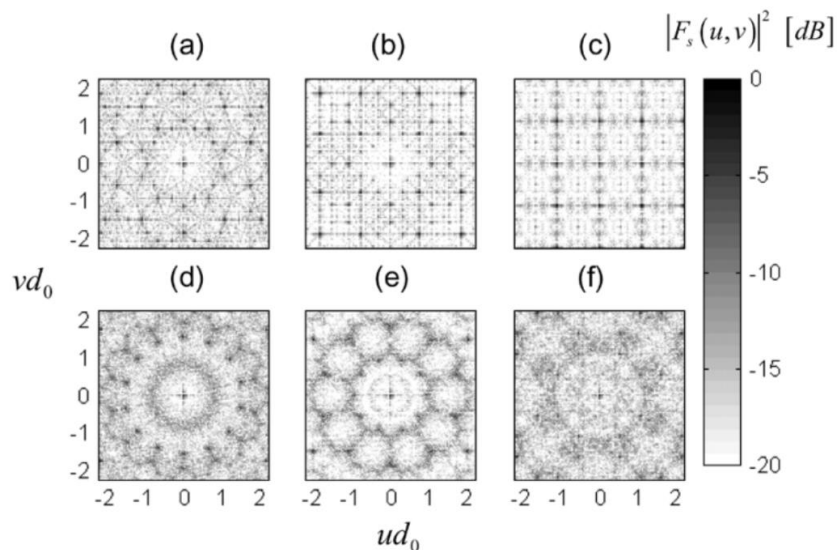


Fig. 7. Radiation spectra  $|F_s(u, v)|^2$  in (4) pertaining to the arrays in Fig. 5. (a) *Penrose thick-and-thin*; (b) *octagonal*; (c) *table*; (d): *Danzer*; (e) *binary*; (f) *pinwheel*.

... originated a plethora of further developments, on behalf of our own & other Groups. Ended up in a fruitful cooperation (and personal friendship) with prof. Nader Engheta (Univ. of Pennsylvania), and a new research line on functional metamaterials (V. Galdi)

# Thermal Effects on Cell Membranes under Nonthermal Pulsed Exposure

A. DeVita, I.M. Pinto et al., IEEE T-PS 38 (2010) 149; *ibid.* PS-42 (2014) 2236

... toy model of frequency-dispersive cell membrane

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{C}_m(\omega) = \tilde{C}_\infty - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{C}_\infty - \tilde{C}_0)\text{Erfc}\left(\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\Delta\omega}\right), & \omega \geq 0 \\ \tilde{C}_m(\omega) = \tilde{C}_m(-\omega), & \omega < 0 \end{cases}$$

... implies fast *selective* heating of the membrane (up to protein denaturation -> cell apoptosis) under pulsed EM radiation, with almost *no* bulk cytoplasm heating - motivated by results by prof. K Schoenbach (Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA, US) on medical applications (melanoma ablation) of pulsed fields.

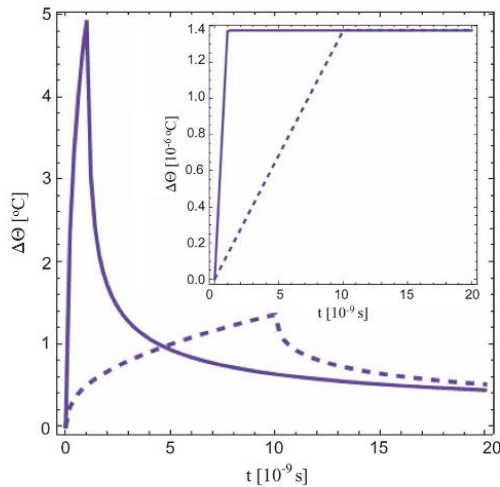
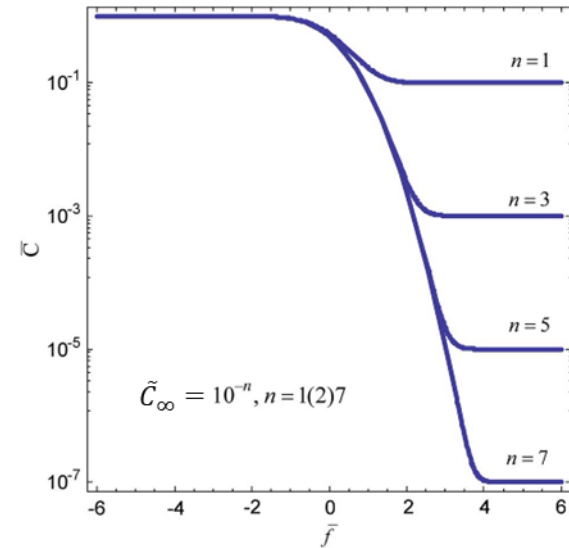


Fig. 4. Increase of (average) membrane temperature versus time, for an incident (rectangular) pulse with a specific absorption dose of 1 J/kg, applied at  $t = 0$ . (Full line) Pulsewidth = 1 ns. (Dashed line) Pulsewidth = 10 ns. The corresponding temperature increase in the cytoplasm is shown in the inset.

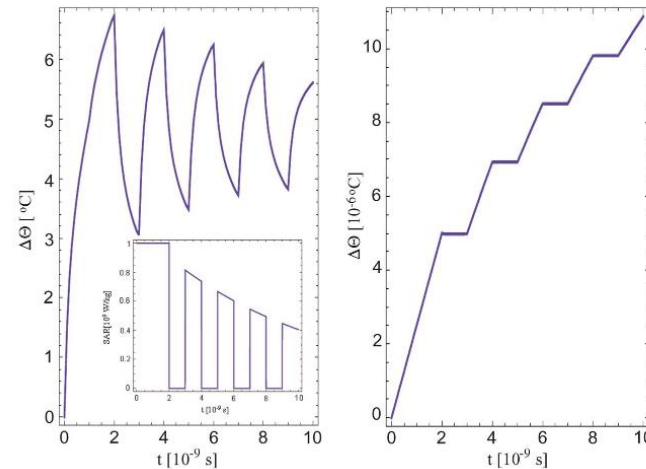


Fig. 6. Membrane (left panel) and cytoplasm (right panel) temperature response versus time for an exponentially damped train of applied pulses (shown in the inset). First pulse: 2 J/kg; second pulse: 0.77 J/kg. Total delivered dose: 4.35 J/kg. Time constant of pulse energy decay:  $10^{-8}$  s

# EM-GW Coupling



(GW induced parametric conversion  
in coupled EM resonators )

## Microwave Apparatus for Gravitational Waves Observation

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In this report the theoretical and experimental activities for the development of superconducting microwave cavities for the detection of gravitational waves are presented.

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The 2005 INFN "MAGO"  
GW experiment proposal

# The USannio – (L-S-X band) RS Satellite Groundstation (2006)

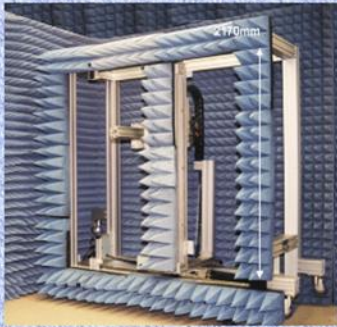
Was meant to support the environment-protection policies of the local (regional and prefectural) Administration. Project co-led with USannio Colleagues D. Villacci and M. DiBisceglie. Relied on past experience in building a smaller-scale station (X and L band) at UniSA (project co-led with UniSA Colleagues M. Longo and F. Rossi) Possibly the 1<sup>st</sup> University-scale RSGS in Italy, State funded through MIUR-CIPE.



The tripod sustaining the 5m spherical radome was designed by artist Mimmo Palladino.



# Our EM Lab Facilities (-2015)



## The EM Research Laboratory - Facilities



<b>Microwave Measurements</b>	Vector Network Analyzer AGILENT 85107B (bundle, 45MHz-50GHz).
<b>Antenna Measurements</b>	4-channel Microwave Sampling Scope & TDR Hewlett-Packard HP 54121+54124T (up to 26GHz). EM Shielded Anechoic Chamber 4x3x5 [m] (LxHxP), TDK absorbers. Frequency range 1-50 GHz NF-FF scanner ORBIT/FR AL-4952-1-1-7-V with Z-roll unit AL-610, multi-axis controller AL-4706 and power unit PSU AL-4146; Floor slide+ L-bracket ORBIT/FR with Azimuth-Elevation positioner (2xAL560); MIDAS planar, cylindrical and spherical scanning SW. Microwave Receiver AGILENT 85301C (8530A+8511B+83651B bundle, 45MHz-50GHz).
<b>Cryogenics</b>	SUMITOMO pulse-tube Cryocooler (0.5W@4.2K and 10W@45K) SRP-052A-W71D (bundle).
<b>Environmental EM Fields</b>	Seibersdorf SL383 Biconical Antenna Handheld Spectrum Analyzer ANRITSU 2711A 100KHz-3.0GHz. Isotropic Field Meter Holaday HI-4422+SW Holaday Probe-View ELF-VLF Field Meter Holaday HI3603+3604+3615
<b>Dielectric Properties</b>	Dielectric Probe Meter Agilent 85070 series + SW bundle.
<b>Microwave Power App.s</b>	3 x 2 KW closed multi-purpose mode stirred applicator 120x120x120 cm, home-made (operated at Salerno University)



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... was an underground facility that was literally swept away by the flood that hit Benevento on October 15 2015, as an effect of exceptional rainfall and subsequent flooding of the two rivers (Sabato and Calore) that encircle the city ...

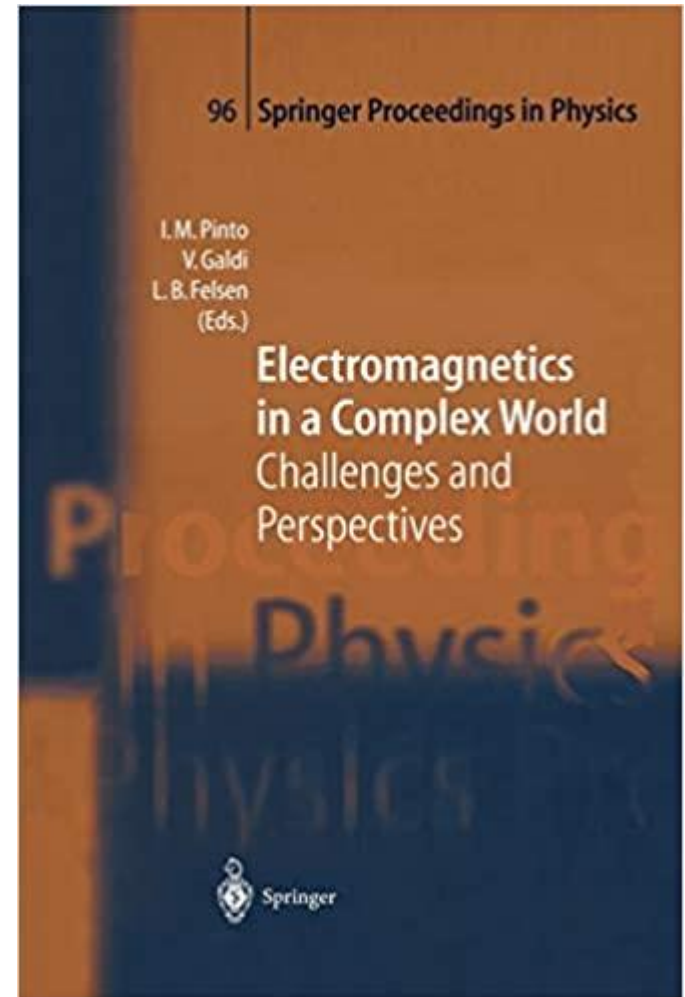


# Personal Memories

*USannio Laurea Honoris Causa* bestowed  
on professor Leopold B. Felsen (02/02/2003)



... and Proceedings of the related Symposium



# Research – II Gravitational Waves

- *Gravitational waves from inspiraling binary systems*

Exact solution of Peters-Mathews equation [B1] for orbital evolution under GW emission; phasing errors due to nonzero orbital eccentricity and periastron advance [B2,B3]; fast and accurate computation of gravitational radiation from eccentric binaries (based on Carlini-Meissel expansion & Kapteyn series [B4]);

- *Minimally-redundant template-families for matched-filter CBS-GW detection*

Based on Shannon-Kotel'nikov theorem [B5,B6]; including generalization to higher PN orders via Tanaka-Tagoshi transformation [B7], and optimum-tiling of the source parameter-space [B8]; statistical characterization of the correlator bank-supremum including proximity (template-correlation) effects [B9];

- *Study of detectors based on the phenomenon of stochastic resonance*

[B10] relevant to continuous GW from spinning neutron stars;

- *Time-frequency representation based GW data analysis techniques*

including CBS-GW [B12], DOA retrieval for un-modeled transients [B13], and TF-skeleton sparsification techniques [B14];

- *Modeling of glitch noise in interferometric detectors*

including robust detection statistics for a network of interferometers observing un-modeled signals [B15], NN-based glitch classification [B16], and MIMO model based BSS-aided construction of glitch-dictionaries [B17];

- *Chirp-mass retrieval for eccentric binaries from their GW TF skeleton (PIRT-2021 Procs)*

# GWs from Eccentric Inspiring Binaries

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## Exact solution of Peters-Mathews equations for any orbital eccentricity

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**Summary.** — The standard (Peters-Mathews) model for binary star orbital damping under gravitational wave emission is completely solved in analytic form, for any value of the initial orbital eccentricity, resulting into a *universal* decay scenario. The limits of validity of the model are established in a general handy form. Possible extensions of these results to higher-order post-Newtonian models are discussed.

PACS 04.20 – General relativity.

### 1. – Introduction

The simplest model for gravitational wave emission from binary stars was introduced by Peters and Mathews (henceforth PM) about thirty years ago in a couple of seminal papers [1,2], under the point-mass, weak-field, slow-motion and quadrupole-radiation approximations.

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## Fast and accurate computational tools for gravitational waveforms from binary stars with any orbital eccentricity

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### ABSTRACT

The relevance of orbital eccentricity in the detection of gravitational radiation from (steady state) binary stars is emphasized. Computationally effective (fast and accurate) tools for constructing gravitational wave templates from binary stars with any orbital eccentricity are introduced including tight estimation criteria of the pertinent truncation and approximation errors.

**Key words:** gravitational waves – methods: data analysis – binaries: general.

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Gravitational wave detection experiments in space including the satellite Doppler-Tracking (Bertotti & Iess 1999) and *LISA* (<http://lisa.jpl.nasa.gov>) will hopefully open a window on the low-frequency part of the gravitational wave (henceforth GW) spectrum of cosmic origin. In these frequency bands binary stars are among the most promising continuous detectable source.

A substantial fraction of binaries are expected to have orbits with *non-negligible eccentricity* (Barone et al. 1988; Hils et al. 1992; Pierro & Pinto 1996c) resulting into the emission of *several harmonics* of the fundamental orbital frequency. The importance of this fact from the standpoint of signal detection and estimation has been already noted.

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## STEADY STATE POPULATION STATISTICS OF COMPACT BINARY STARS

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### ABSTRACT

An estimate of the steady state population statistics of compact binary stars as a function of orbital eccentricity and scaled period, the scaling being dependent on the companion masses, is obtained starting from Peters-Mathews equations for orbital damping under gravitational wave emission.

*Subject headings:* binaries: close — gravitation

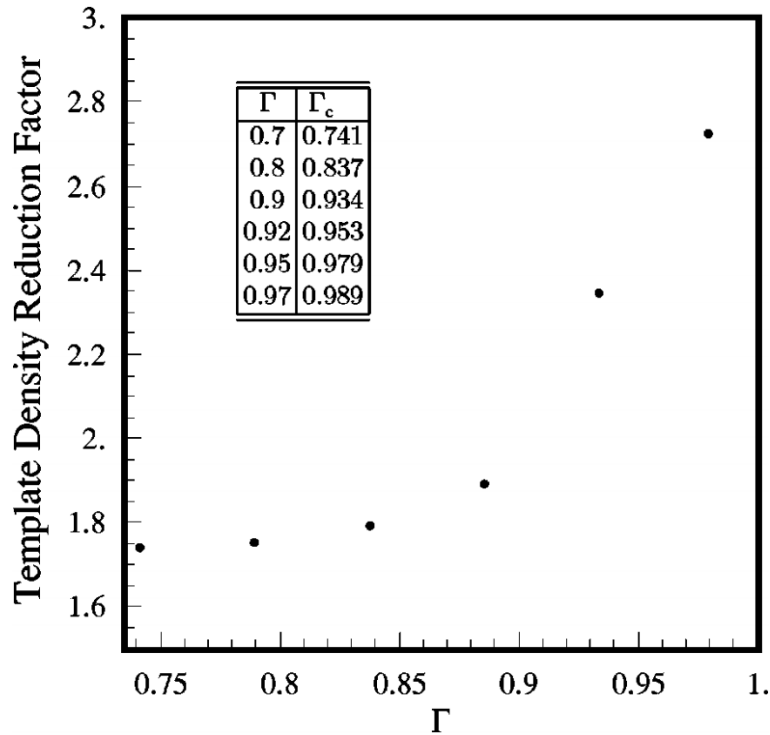
### 1. INTRODUCTION

The abundance of binary stars as a function of orbital period and eccentricity has been investigated by several authors, both from a theoretical and an observational standpoint (Staniucha 1982; Hils et al. 1990). It is a topic of special interest for space-borne gravity wave detectors, which are expected to open a window on the ELF to LF part of the gravitational wave spectrum of cosmic origin (Spallicci et al. 1993).

Noninteracting, doubly compact binary stars belonging to *clean* environments are expected to evolve only by the emission of gravitational waves causing orbital shrink and circularization. This entails a unique relationship at equilibrium between abundance and birthrate as functions of orbital period and eccentricity. In this paper we adopt the well-known Peters-Mathews model (Peters & Mathews 1963; Peters 1964) (weak field, slow motion, quadrupole approximation) to derive this relationship explicitly.

The paper is organized as follows. The steady abundance is obtained in § 2. Explicit solutions describing the main ensemble properties are obtained in § 3 for the possibly simplest (but easily generalizable) birthrate. Conclusions follow in § 4. Mathematical details have been collected in Appendices A and B.

# Template Interpolation and Optimum tiling of Parameter Space for Correlation Based Detection / Source Parameter Estimation of GWs from Inspiring Binaries



Template density reduction factor upon cardinal (Shannon-Kotel'nikov) interpolation

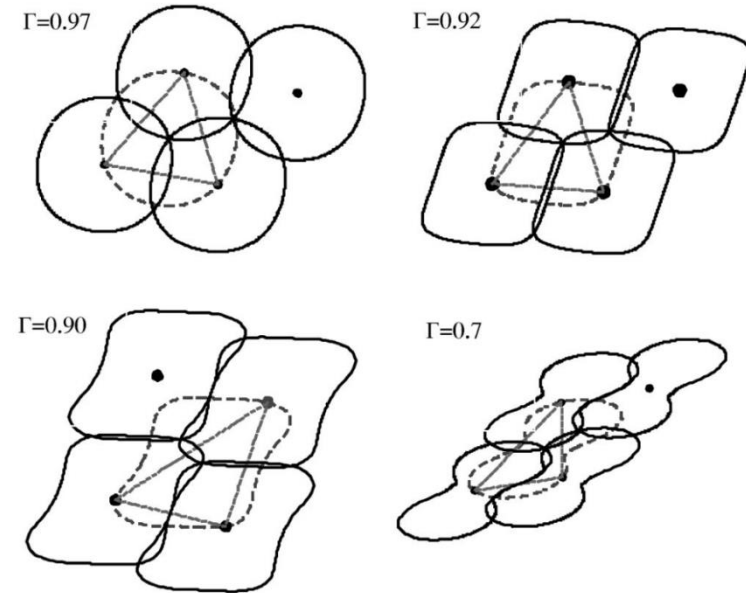


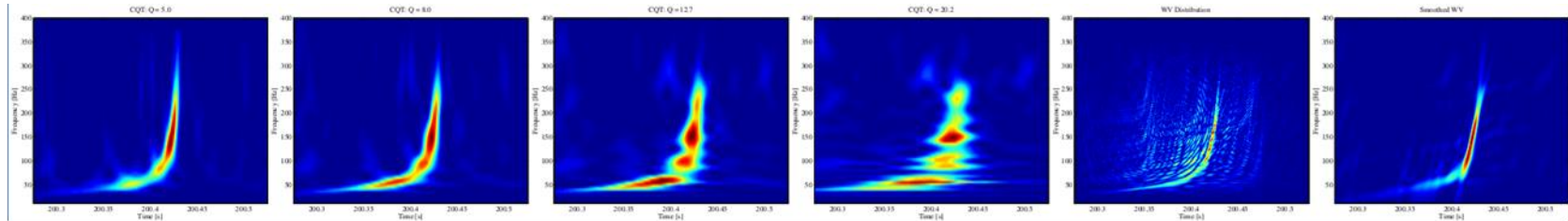
FIG. 6. Optimum triangular tilings and template lattices for several values of  $\Gamma$  (LIGO-I, 2.5PN).

The patches are the regions of parameter space where the center-template matches the received waveform to a level exceeding  $\Gamma$

V. Pierro, I.M. Pinto et al., PRD 62 (2000) 121101R, PRD 62 (2000) 124020, PRD 64 (2001) 042005, PRD 64 (2001) 087101, PRD 65 (2002) 102003, CQG 20 (2003) S803, PRD 70 (2004) 122001, CQG 20 (2003) S803, CQG 21 (2004) 4955; etc.

# Time-Frequency Based GW Detection and Estimation

Work on time-frequency methods in GW data analysis started in 1994, and is still ongoing :



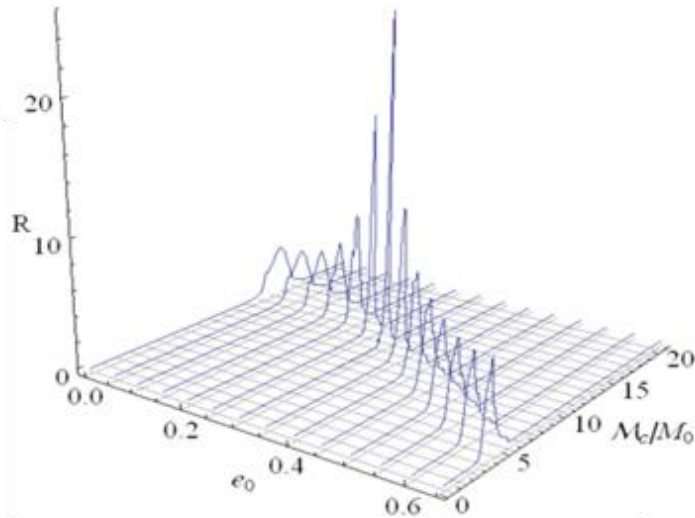
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Left to right: Q transforms for various Q; WV distribution; sparsified WV

P. Flandrin and P. Borgnat, IEEE Trans.-SP58 (2010) 2974, [doi.org/10.1109/TSP.2010.2044839](https://doi.org/10.1109/TSP.2010.2044839)

P. Addesso et al., Proc. 3<sup>rd</sup> CoSeRa Workshop (2015), [doi.org/10.1109/CoSeRa.2015.7330283](https://doi.org/10.1109/CoSeRa.2015.7330283)

P. Addesso et al., [arxiv.org/pdf/1605.03496.pdf](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.03496.pdf)



T-norm data fusion in the TF plane  
for DOA and chirp-mass estimation

[E. Mejuto Villa, I.M. Pinto et al, *Int.*

*J. Approx. Reas.* 113 (2019) 372 ;

*IEEE Trans. Fuzzy Sys.*, 28 (2020) 534;]

Chirp mass retrieval from TF skeletons  
of GW from eccentric binaries

I.M. Pinto, PIRT 2021 Proceedings

# Stochastic-Resonance Based Detection of Weak Quasi-Monochromatic Signals

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{d}{dx} V(x) + A \sin(\omega_s t + \phi) + \epsilon n(t),$$

$$V(x) = -a \frac{x^2}{2} + b \frac{x^4}{4}, \quad a, b > 0,$$

$$E[n(t)n(t+\tau)] = \delta(\tau).$$

$$\frac{\partial p(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \left[ \frac{dV(x)}{dx} - A \sin(\omega_s t + \phi) \right] p(x,t) \right\} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} p(x,t), \quad p(x,0) = \delta(x-x_0).$$

Under suitable conditions, the system may *lock* to the time-harmonic forcing term

$$T_s \sim 2T_K, \quad T_K = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{a} \exp\left[\frac{2V_0}{\epsilon^2}\right] \quad (\text{Kramers switching time})$$

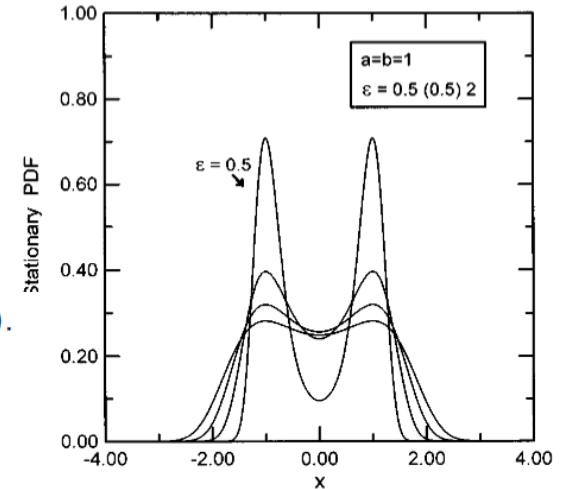
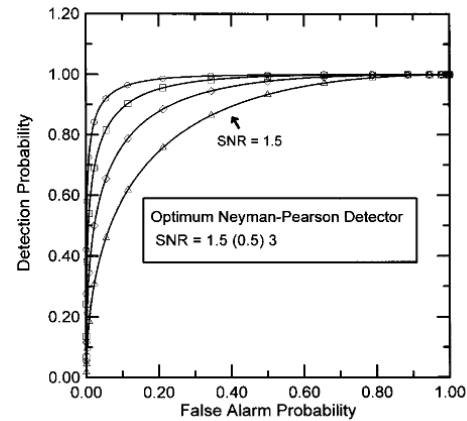
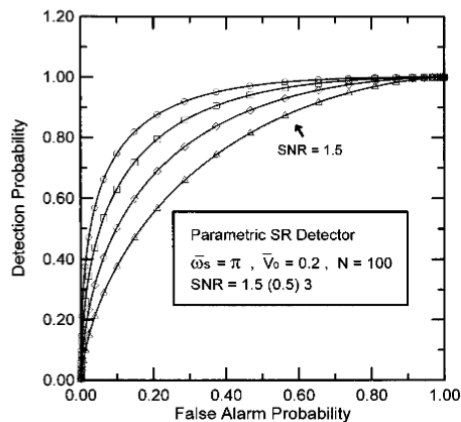


FIG. 1. Stationary (steady-state) output PDF relevant to the QPLE, in the absence of a signal.



# Research – II Gravitational Waves, cont.d

- *Study of radiation-pressure driven chaos in multi-pendular Fabry-Perot resonators* [[B18](#)] may explain observed excess noise in interferometric detectors in the transition between the seismic and thermal noise dominated spectral regions.
- *Thermal noise minimization in the HR optical coatings of interferometric GW antennas*, explicit coating design method for thermal noise minimization at a prescribed transmittance [[B19](#)], and methods for the direct measurement of coating thermal noise [[B20](#),[B21](#)], etc. – These ideas were adopted by the advanced LIGO and Virgo detectors.
- *Impact of laser beam profile on thermal noise, and cavity mode optimization for thermal noise minimization* [[B22](#),[B23](#)]  
Abstract and realistic bounds (based on prolate spheroidal basis mode representations) on substrate-Brownian, coating, and substrate-thermoelastic noise are derived, indicating fair margins of further noise reduction; comparison with Gaussian, flat-top and Gauss-Laguerre modes.
- *Study of nm-layered materials (in particular, Silica/Titania, and Silica/Alumina) for low noise HR optical coatings* (collaboration with Caltech and NTHU) [[B24](#)];  
Extensive experimental work is ongoing in our Lab to test the most promising nanolayered “formulas” (in particular, Silica/Titania for high-index, and Alumina-Silica for low-index materials);
- *Methods for thermal noise minimization in ternary (and more generally, multimaterial) coatings*, at ambient and cryogenic temperatures [[B25](#)], under prescribed transmittance and absorbance bounds, based on Pareto-manifold (trade-off) analysis.



# Chaos in Multi-Pendular Fabry-Perot Resonators

V. Pierro, I.M. Pinto Phys. Lett. A185 (1994) 14

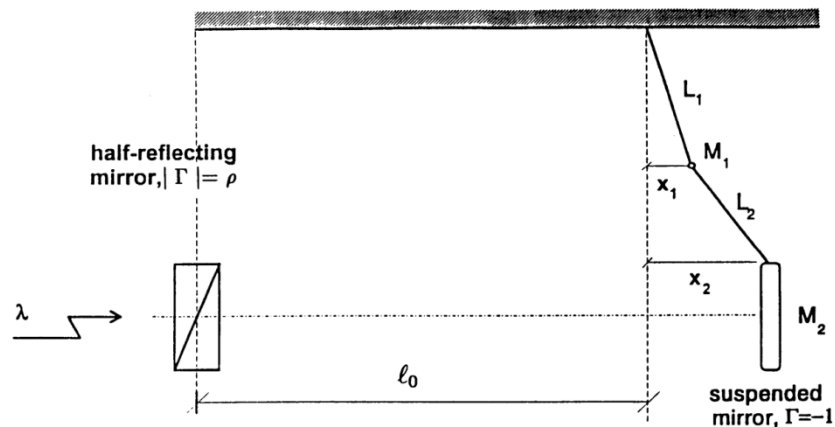


Fig. 1. Sketch of plane double pendular FPR.

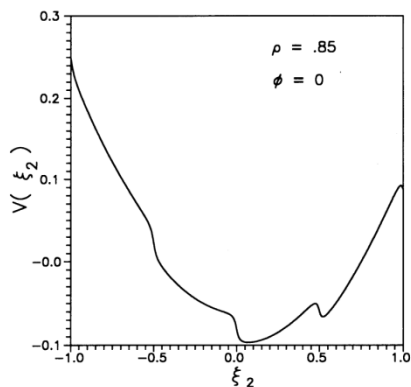


Fig. 8. Potential function  $V(\xi_2)$ .

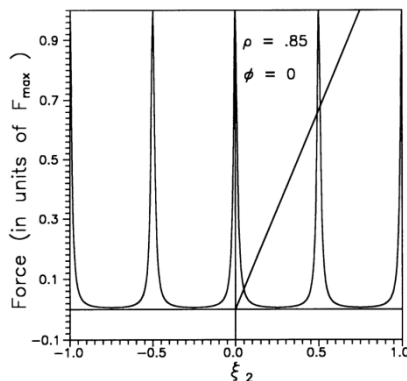


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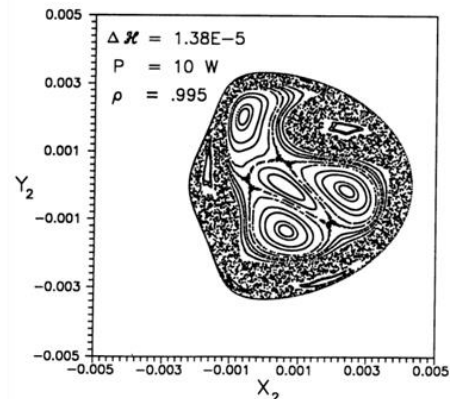
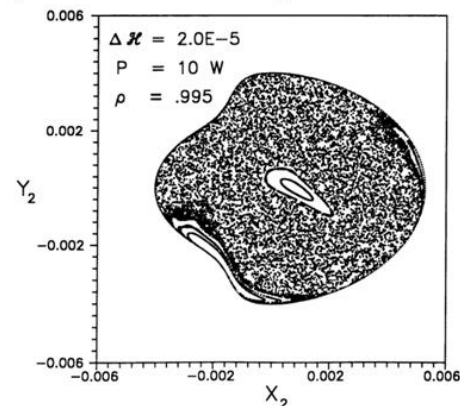


Fig. 3. Poincaré section of phase flow.



$$X_i = (\frac{1}{2}\Omega_i)^{1/2}q_i, \quad Y_i = (1/2\Omega_i)^{1/2}p_i,$$

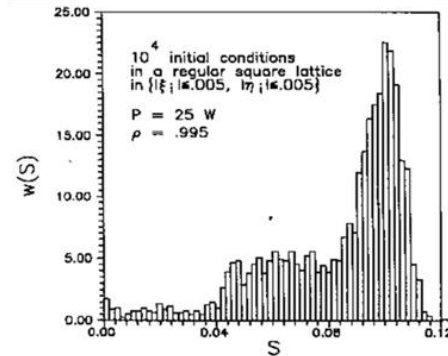


Fig. 6. Statistical density of the Sinai entropy.

...may explain excess noise in GW IFOs at the boundary between seismic and thermal noise dominated regimes...

# Minimizing Thermal noise in Interferometric GW Detector Mirrors

## Optimized multilayer dielectric mirror coatings for gravitational wave interferometers

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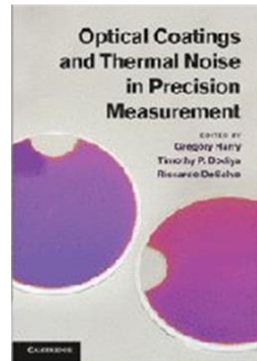
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### ABSTRACT

The limit sensitivity of interferometric gravitational wave antennas is set by the thermal noise in the dielectric mirror coatings. These are currently made of alternating quarter-wavelength high/low index material layers with low mechanical losses. The quarter-wavelength design yields the maximum reflectivity for a fixed number of layers, but not the lowest noise for a prescribed reflectivity. This motivated our recent investigation of *optimal* thickness configurations, which guarantee the lowest thermal noise for a targeted reflectivity. This communication provides a compact overview of our results, involving *nonperiodic, geometrically-engineered and truncated periodically-layered* configurations. Possible implications for the advanced Laser Interferometer Gravitational wave Observatory (LIGO) are discussed.

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## 12 Reflectivity and thickness optimization

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### 12.1 Introduction

This chapter is focused on design strategies for minimizing Brownian (see Chapter 4) and, more generally, thermal noises (see Chapters 3 and 9) in high-reflectivity optical coatings. It is organized as follows: in Section 12.2 we review the basic formulas needed to describe the optical properties of dielectric coatings (an *ab-initio* derivation of these formulas is included in the Appendix). Brownian noise formulas are the subject of Section 12.3. Section 12.4 presents the key ideas of coating thickness optimization. Thermo-optic noise issues are reviewed in Section 12.5, together with a discussion of pertinent minimization criteria. Section 12.6 contains a few comments on material characterization, and touches the important topic of glassy mixture modeling and optimization.

### 12.2 Coating formulas

In this section we summarize the basic coating formulas on which the subsequent analysis is based. A compact *ab-initio* derivation of these results is given in the Appendix.

Optical coatings are modeled as stacks of planar layers terminated on both sides by homogeneous halfspaces; the relevant geometry and notation is sketched in Figure 12.1. Layers are identified by an index  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_L$ . It is understood that  $i = 0$  and  $i = N_L + 1$  correspond to the left halfspace and the substrate, respectively. It is convenient to introduce a local coordinate system  $(x, y, z)$  for each layer, so that the internal layers  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_L$  correspond to  $-d_i \leq z \leq 0$ , the left halfspace is defined by  $-\infty < z \leq 0$ , and the substrate by  $0 \leq z < \infty$ . Plane wave incidence from the leftmost halfspace is assumed.<sup>1</sup> An  $\exp(2\pi f t)$  time dependence of the field is understood and omitted.

<sup>1</sup> This is the usual optical limit approximation. The general case of an incident Gaussian beam, and its optical limit, are discussed in Hillier (1996).

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## Measurement of thermal noise in multilayer coatings with optimized layer thickness

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A standard quarter-wavelength multilayer optical coating will produce the highest reflectivity for a given number of coating layers, but in general it will not yield the lowest thermal noise for a prescribed reflectivity. Coatings with the layer thicknesses optimized to minimize thermal noise could be useful in future generation interferometric gravitational wave detectors where coating thermal noise is expected to limit the sensitivity of the instrument. We present the results of direct measurements of the thermal noise of a standard quarter-wavelength coating and a low noise optimized coating. The measurements indicate a reduction in thermal noise in line with modeling predictions.

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## Material loss angles from direct measurements of broadband thermal noise

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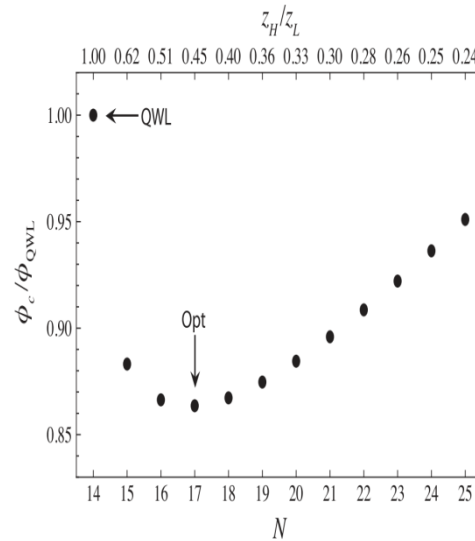
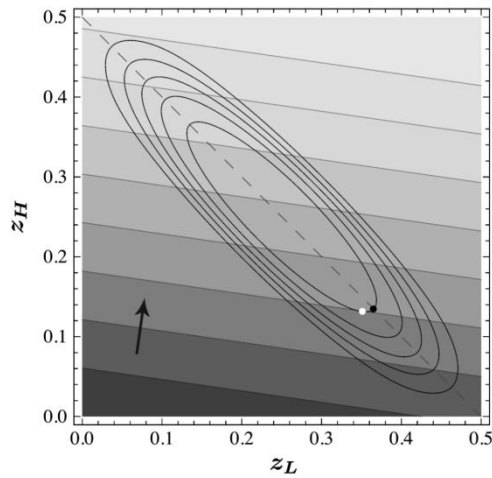
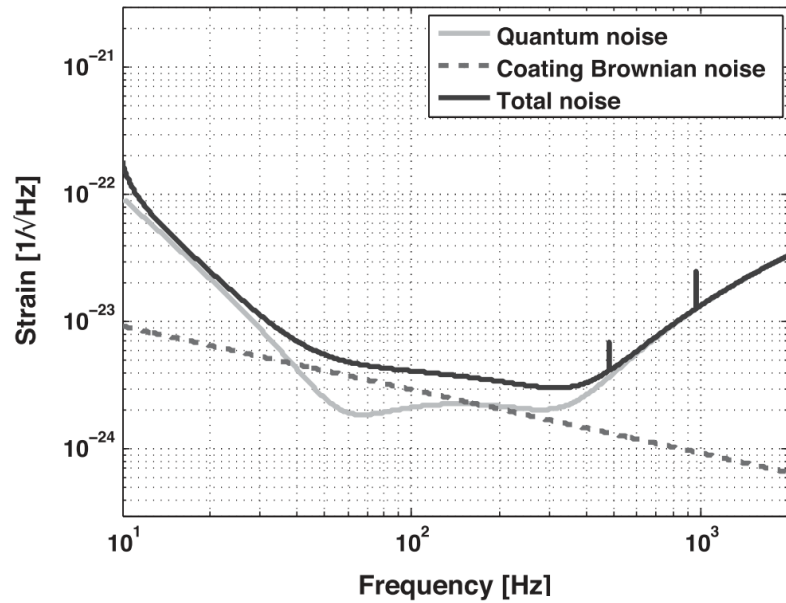
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We estimate the loss angles of the materials currently used in the highly reflective test-mass coatings of interferometric detectors of gravitational waves, namely Silica, Tantalum, and Ti-doped Tantalum, from direct measurement of coating thermal noise in an optical interferometer testbench, the Caltech TMI. We also present a simple predictive theory for the material properties of amorphous glassy oxide mixtures, which gives results in good agreement with our measurements on Ti-doped Tantalum. Alternative measurement methods and results are reviewed, and some critical issues are discussed.

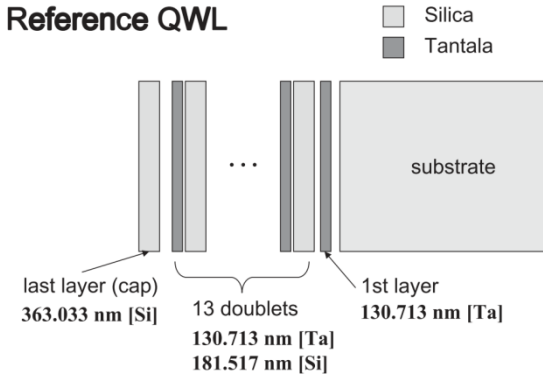
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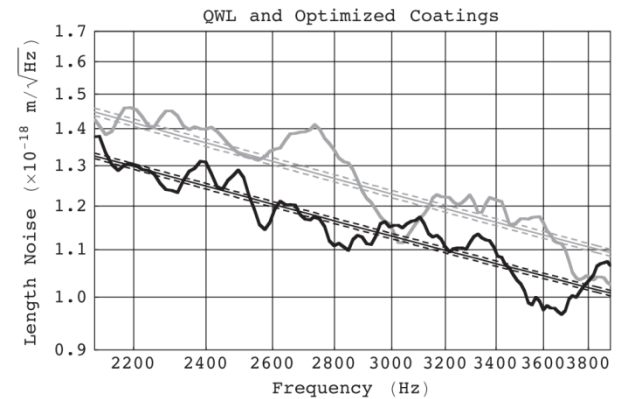
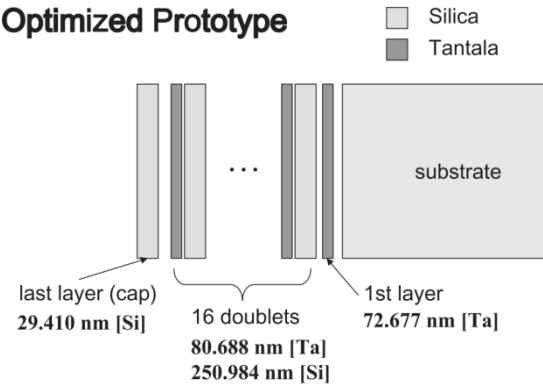
# Coating Design Optimization for Minimum Brownian Noise



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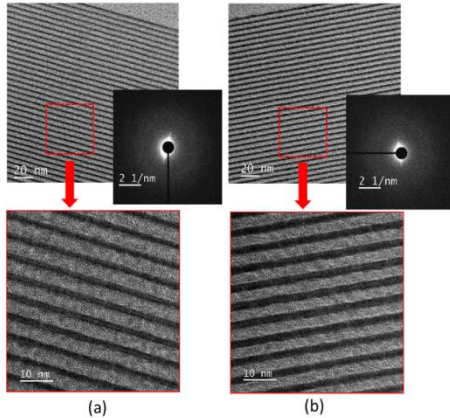


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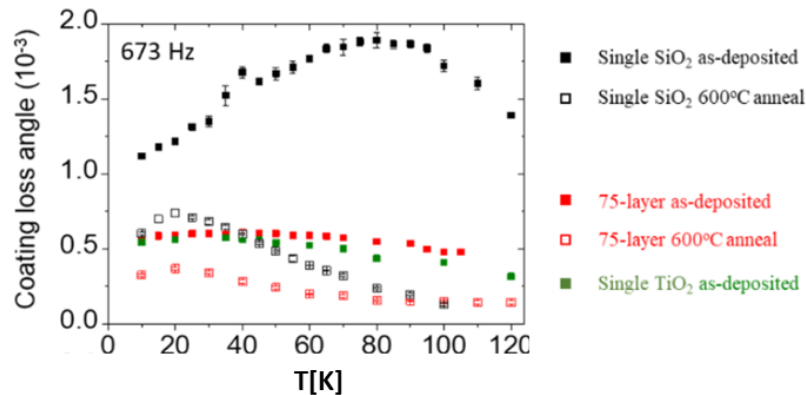


# Nanolayered Coating Materials & Optimized Ternary (Multimaterial) Coatings

... nanolayering prevents crystallization upon annealing, and mitigates the peak in mechanical loss observed e.g. in Silica, allowing to synthesize new coating materials with higher optical contrast and lower mechanical losses down to cryo-temperatures



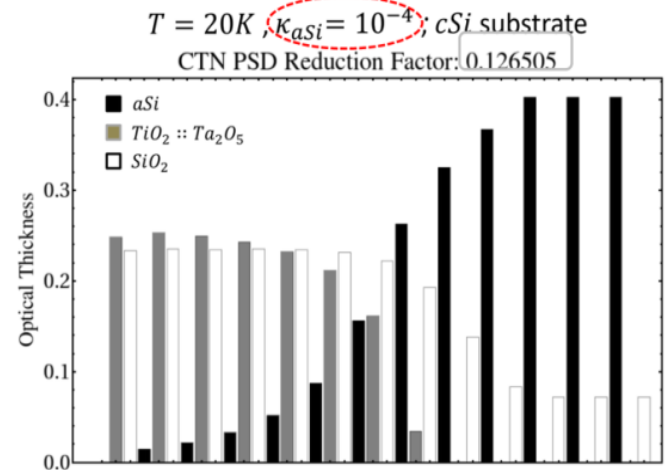
75 nanolayers Silica-Titania QWL film TEM and ED (insets) as deposited (a) and after 12h 600°C annealing in air (b)



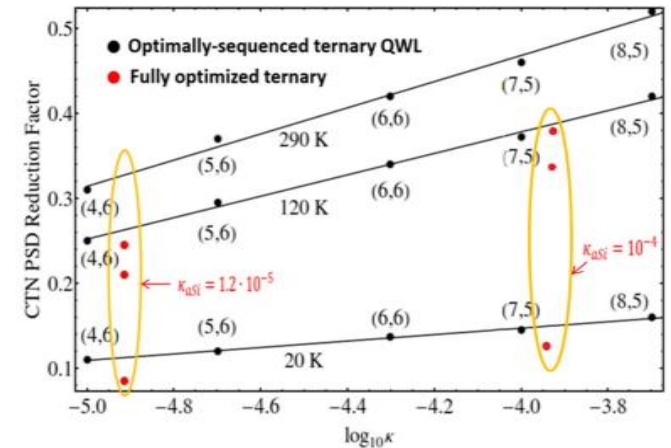
Measured mechanical losses (clamped cantilever) before and after annealing

[S. Chao, I.M. Pinto et al, Opt. Expr. 22 (2014) 29487; IEEE 2019 PIERS Proc, etc.]

... Optimal design of coatings using optically dense but *lossy* materials (e.g., *aSi*)



... allows tenfold CTN reduction @20K...



[V. Pierro, I.M. Pinto, et al., PRR 3 (2021) 023172; LIGO-G2101479, etc.]

# Our Optical (Nano) Film LAB Facilities (2021)

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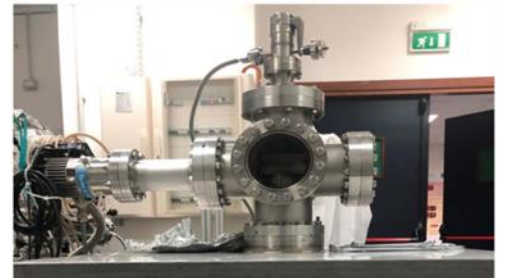


**Ion-assisted, fully GUI programmable dual e-beam thin film deposition facility, with Xtal thickness-monitoring and controlled substrate heating. Up to six co-deposited materials, per run, with sub - nanometer deposition accuracy/repeatability.**



**Left to right, top to bottom:  
FEI Tecnai-20 (TEM); Zeiss LEO-EVO 50 (EDS - SEM); Zeiss Sigma Gemini (FE-SEM) Renishaw Invia (Raman); JPK Nanowizard-3 (AFM); Philips 'Xpert-Pro (XRD) ; custom annealing over (3 inch), w. controlled atmosphere (air, vacuum, nitrogen), & fully programmable thermal schedule**

**Direct (QDPI) thermal noise measurement facility under construction (tbc 2022).**



# Personal Memories (1987-1990)

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**THE VIRGO PROJECT \*: A WIDE BAND ANTENNA FOR GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTION**

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The status of advancement of the VIRGO Project is presented; the first-generation results from the Pisa seismic noise super attenuator give an upper limit to the noise transfer function of  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  at 10 Hz. The upper limit to the absolute noise of the 400 kg test mass at 10 Hz has been measured to be  $1.5 \times 10^{-13}$  m/√Hz. The scheme and the related problems of the VIRGO interferometer, which is supposed to work down to 10 Hz, are also presented.

At the 3rd Pisa Meeting in 1986 we presented the idea of what could be a very efficient seismic noise reduction system able to give a sensitivity  $h = 10^{-22}$  at 10 Hz, in a 3 km interferometer for 1 year integration time.

Now we have two new facts to present: the first is that the attenuator has been built, is working in Pisa, and shows remarkable characteristics. The second is the Italian-French interferometer VIRGO (L2) a 3 km long antenna for low and high frequency (10-1000 Hz) gravitational wave (GW) detection. These two items will be presented in this article.

\* The following Brazilian physicists have declared their interest in participating in the VIRGO Project. The formal aspects of this collaboration are being discussed.

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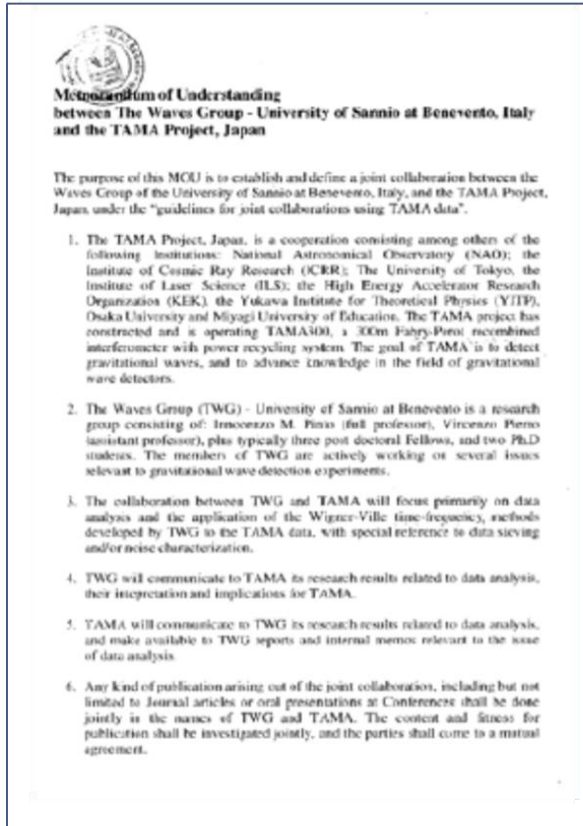
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1998-2000 EU Senior visiting scientist @ NAO for TAMA-300

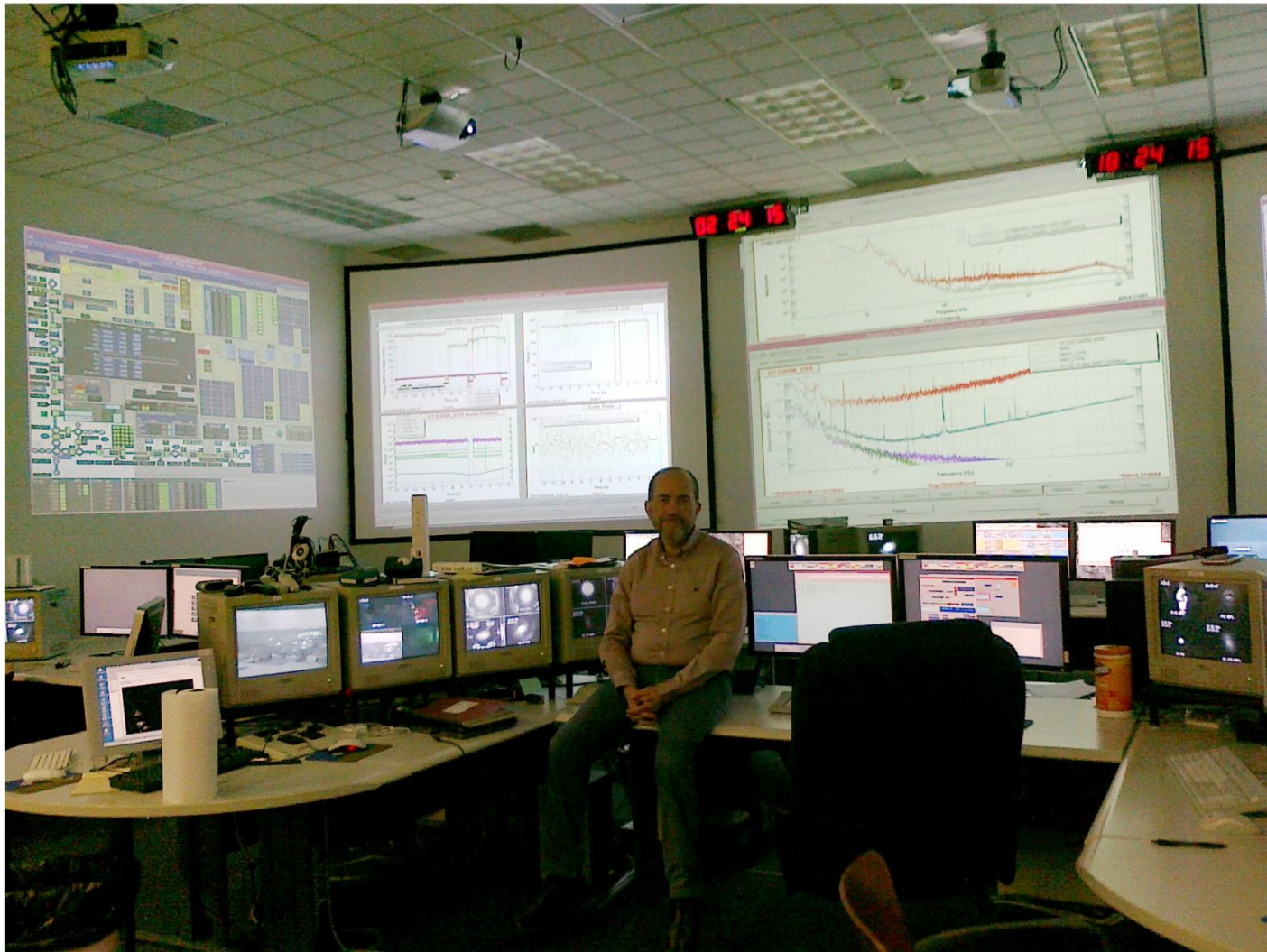
... *first medium-size (300m arm) operational interferometric GW antenna* ...



MoU with TAMA for TF data analysis of early TAMA-300 data  
(in R.P. Croce PhD thesis, supervised by M.K. Fujimoto & I.M. Pinto)

# Personal Memories (2005-)

Our group joined LIGO in 2005, and is still an active member of LIGO and the LVK.



Night ("owl") shift @ LIGO-Hanford control room (2007)



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