



Modeling, estimation and control of ring laser gyroscopes for the accurate estimate of the Earth rotation



➤ Introduction

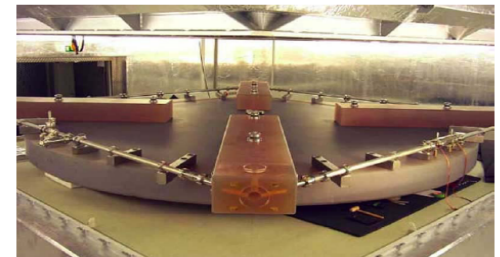
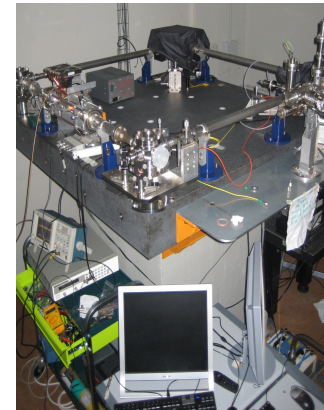
➤ Ring Laser Overview

➤ Ring Laser Dynamics:

1. Model
2. Rotational frequency estimation
3. Results

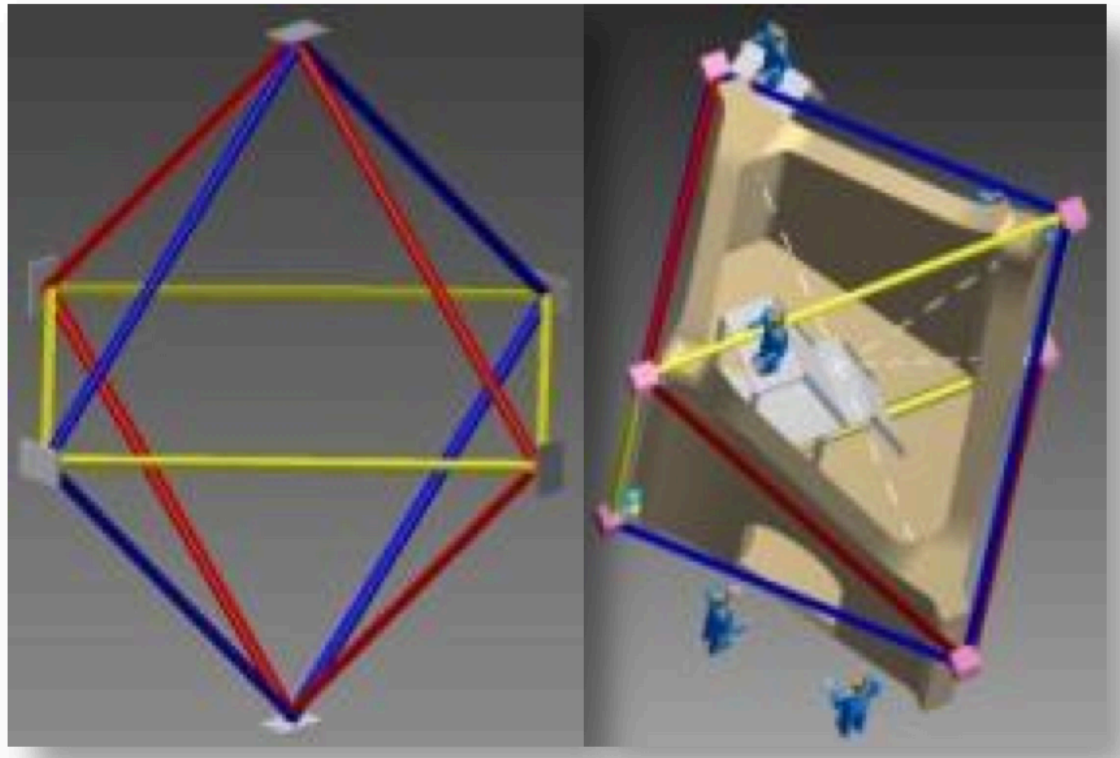
➤ Conclusions

- Small Size: (5-50 cm) Inertial Guidance
- Medium Size: (1-5 m) Geophysics, Seismology, Metrology
- Large Size: (5-10 m) Geodesy, Geophysics

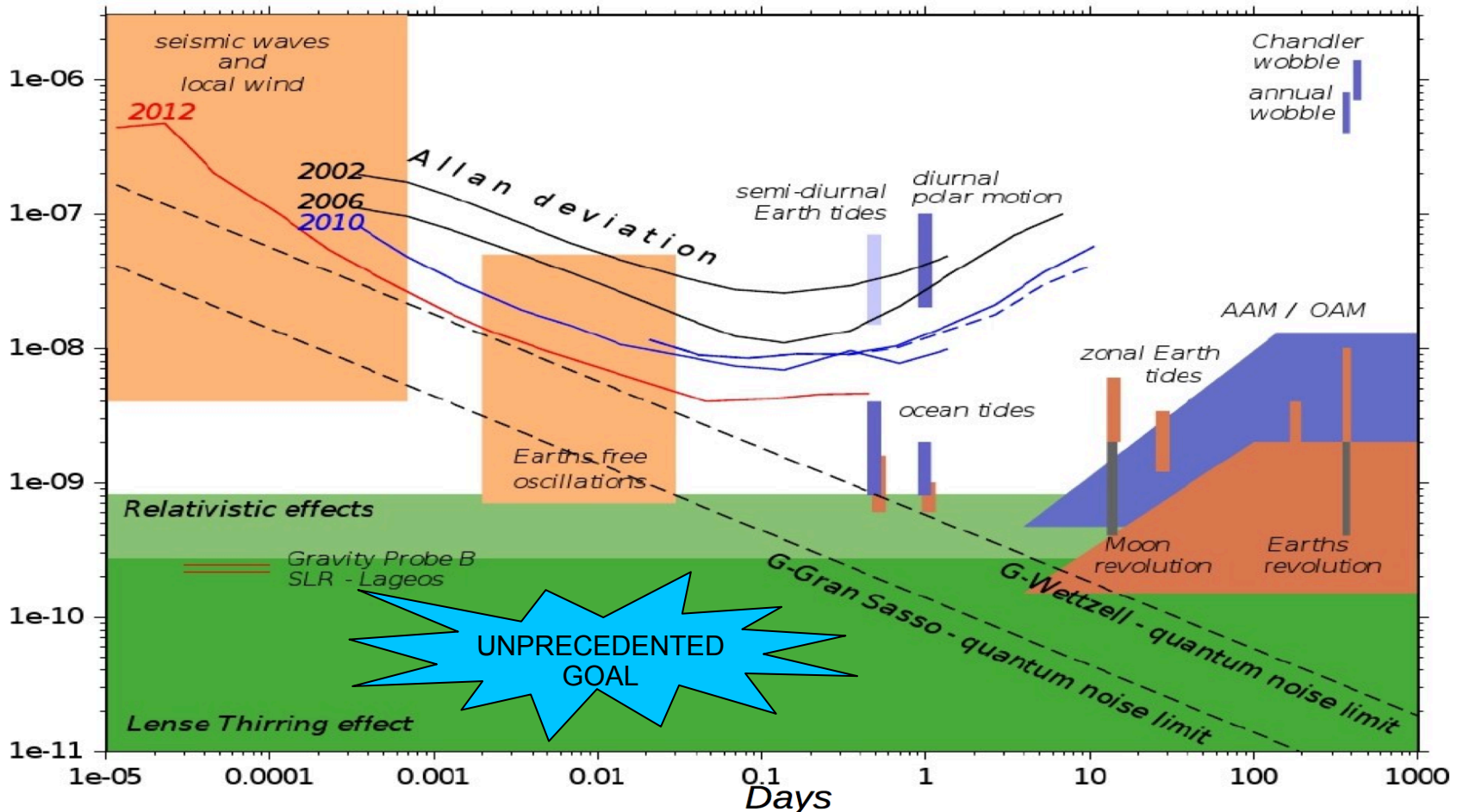


GINGER: Gyroscope IN GEneral Relativity

- › Measure Lense-Thirring at 10-1%.
- › Triaxial system, 4-10 m side
- › Accurate estimation of 9 digits of the Earth rotation
- › Data taking of several days
- › Can not be made monolithic

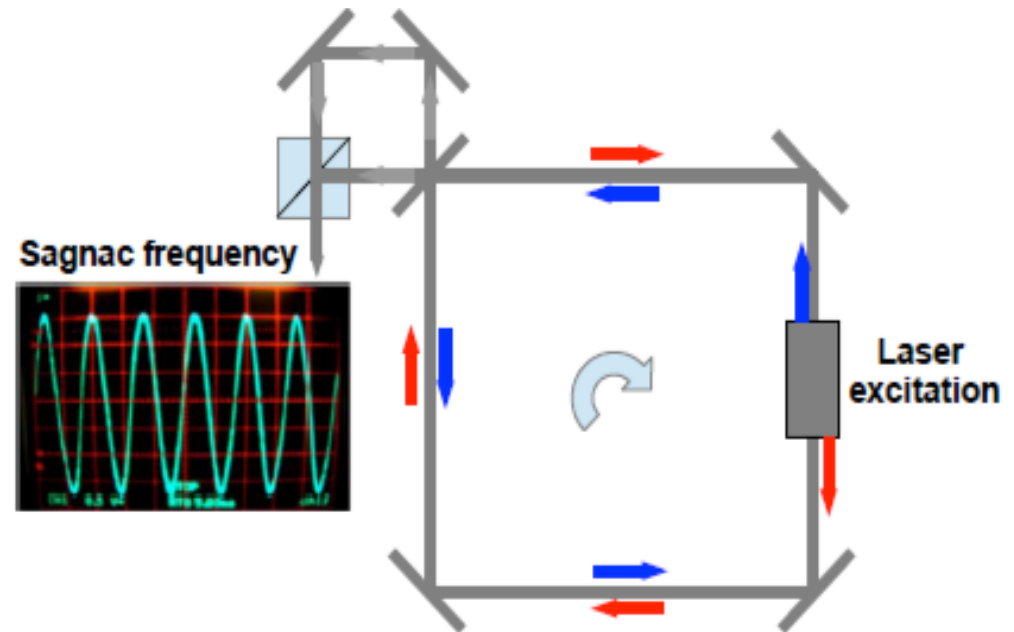


GINGER: Gyroscope IN General Relativity



Introduction: Active Sagnac Interferometry

- Light inside a polygonal optical cavity
- Mirrors as vertexes, gas-filled tubes as sides
- Two electromagnetic waves travelling in opposite directions
- The frequency split between opposite travelling waves is mainly due to rotation



Sagnac Frequency

➤ Scale factor corrections

➤ Null shift corrections

$$\nu_s = \left(\frac{4A}{\lambda L} + \Delta\nu_{SF} \right) \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega} + \Delta\nu_0 + \Delta\nu_{BS} + \eta$$

➤ Dead band effects

➤ Accuracy is needed!

- **Optical cavity geometry**
- **Laser dynamics**



Ring Laser dynamics: Model

$$\dot{E}_1 = (\alpha_1 + i\omega_s) E_1 + r_2 e^{i\epsilon} E_2 - f_1(I_1, I_2) E_1$$

$$\dot{E}_2 = (\alpha_2 - i\omega_s) E_2 + r_1 e^{i\epsilon} E_1 - f_2(I_1, I_2) E_2$$

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 $r_{1,2}$ and ϵ

And non-linearly coupled through θ and τ



Ring Laser dynamics: Model

The Ring Laser dynamics in compact form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{E}} = \left[\mathbf{A} - \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{E}) \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{E}^*) \right] \mathbf{E}$$

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:**

- Active medium parameters
- Related to He-Ne isotopic mixture
- Linear and Non Linear Coupling
- Can be computed using QED

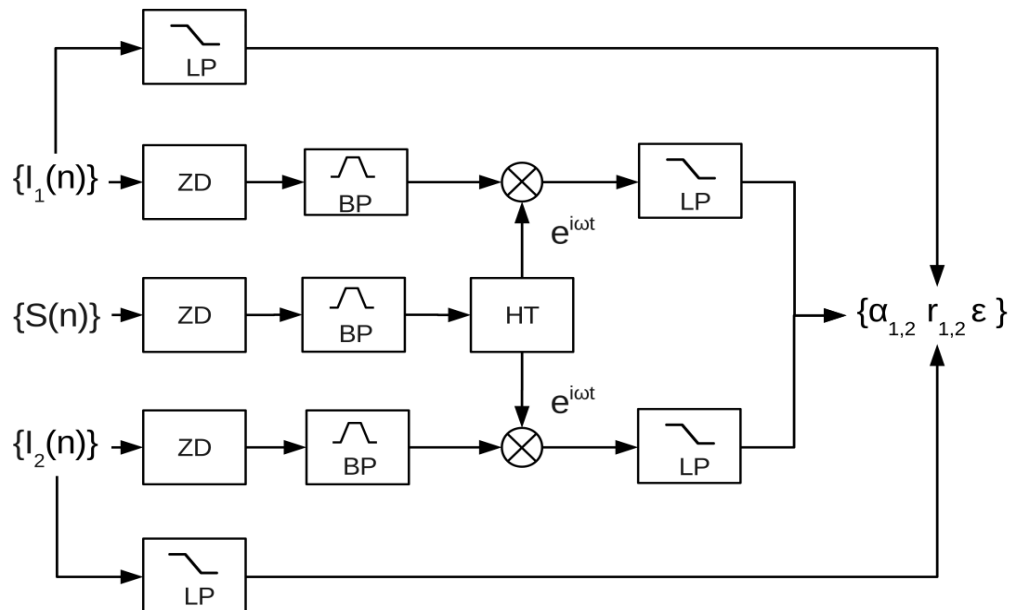
- **Dissipative Effects:**

- "Passive" parameters
- Related to cavity mirrors
- Linear Coupling.
- Transmission, absorption and scattering, Sagnac effect.

Ring Laser dynamics: Rotational frequency estimation

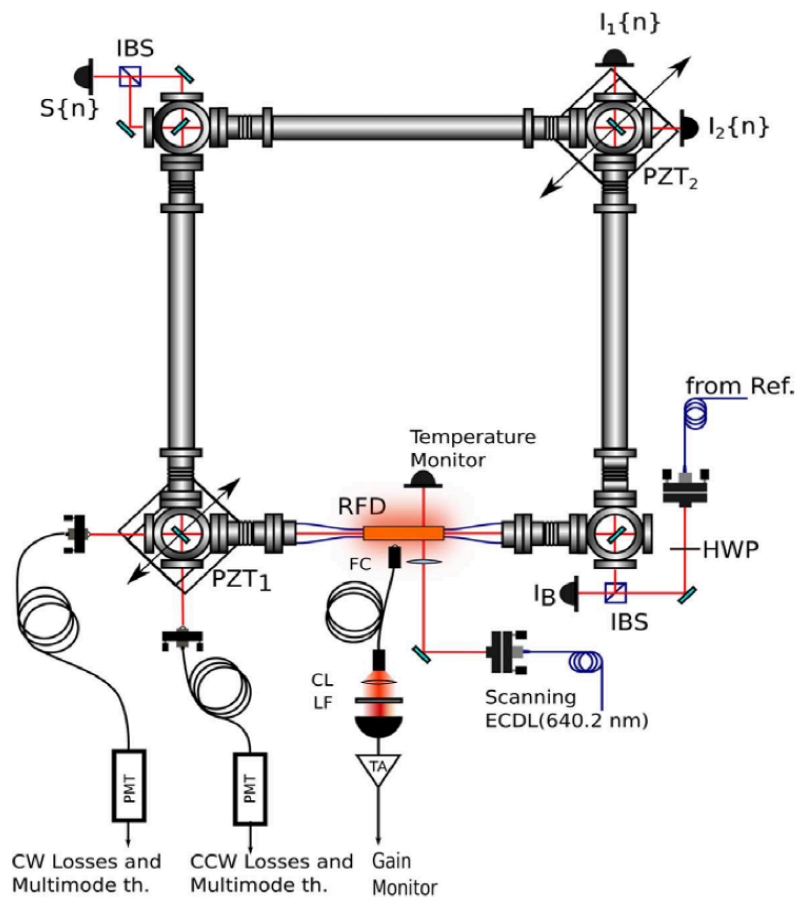
Passive parameters identification

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



Ring Laser dynamics: Rotational frequency estimation

Active parameters estimation:



- Polarization computation with *Lamb* model
- Gain fluorescence monitor
- ECDL probe of gas mixture
- Ring down times



Ring Laser dynamics: Rotational frequency estimation

Extended Kalman Filter

- State: $E_{1,2}$
- Measures: $S, I_{1,2}$
- Parameters: A and B
- Laser systematic subtraction and rotational frequency estimation

Ring Laser dynamics: Results

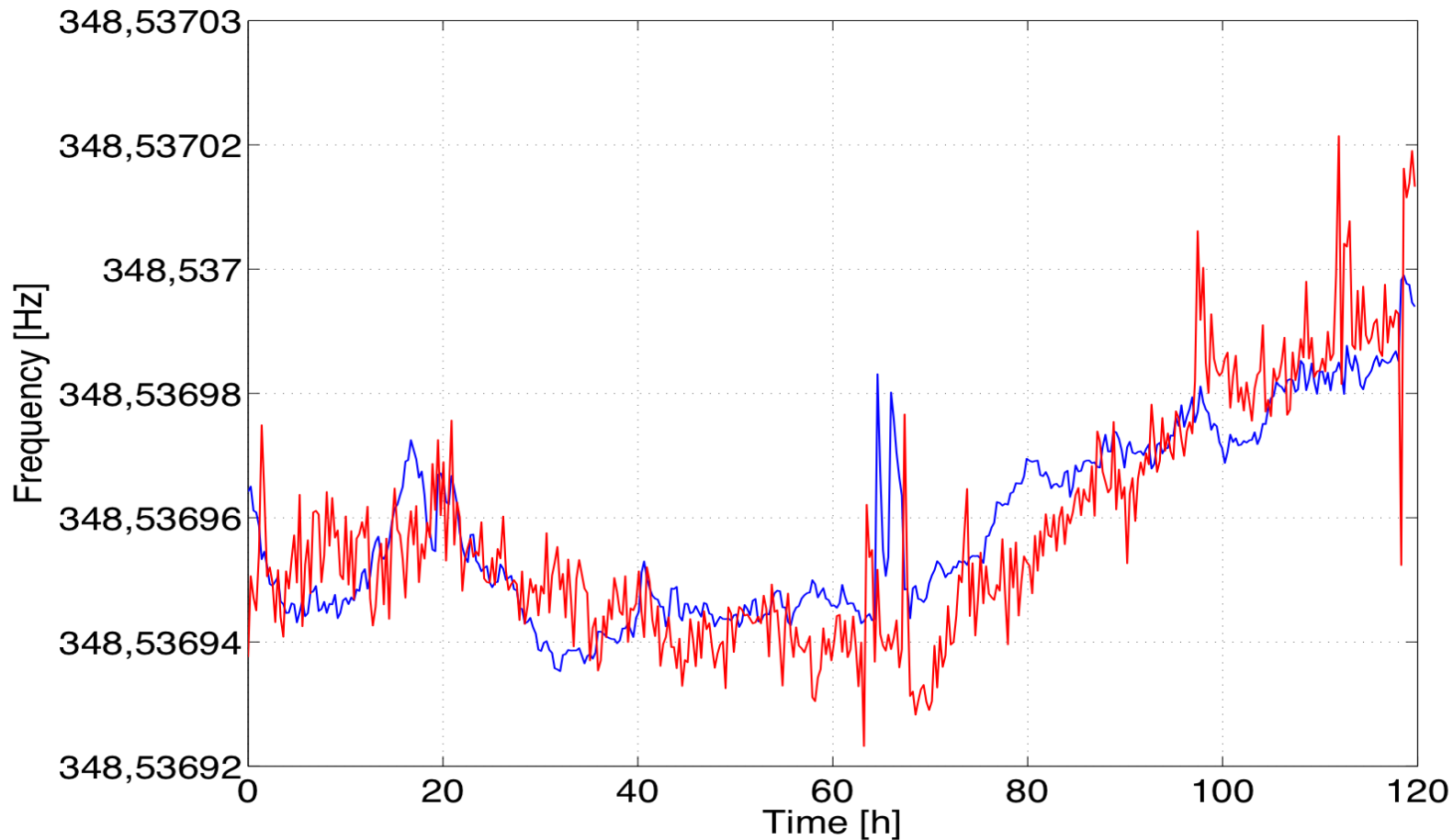
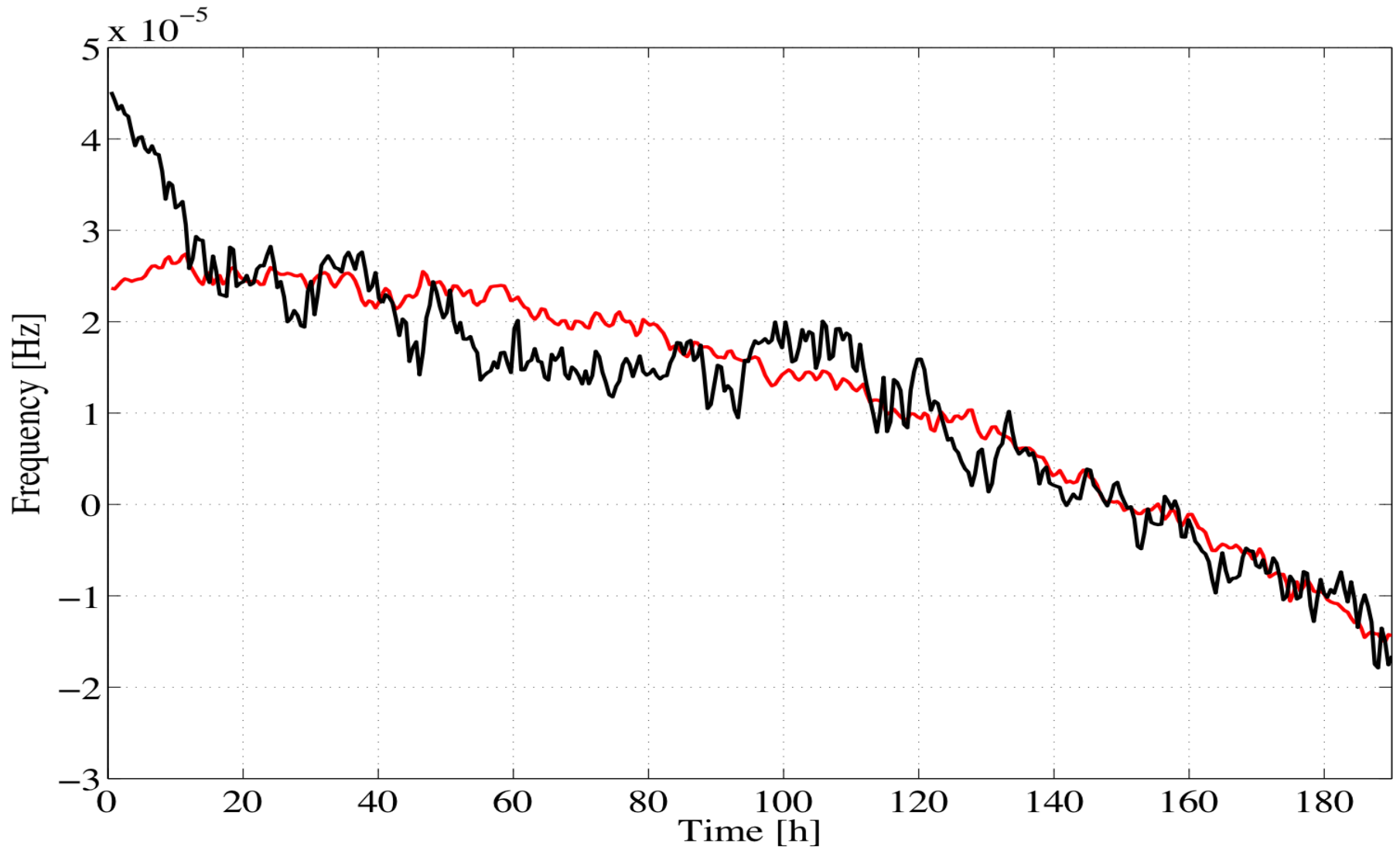
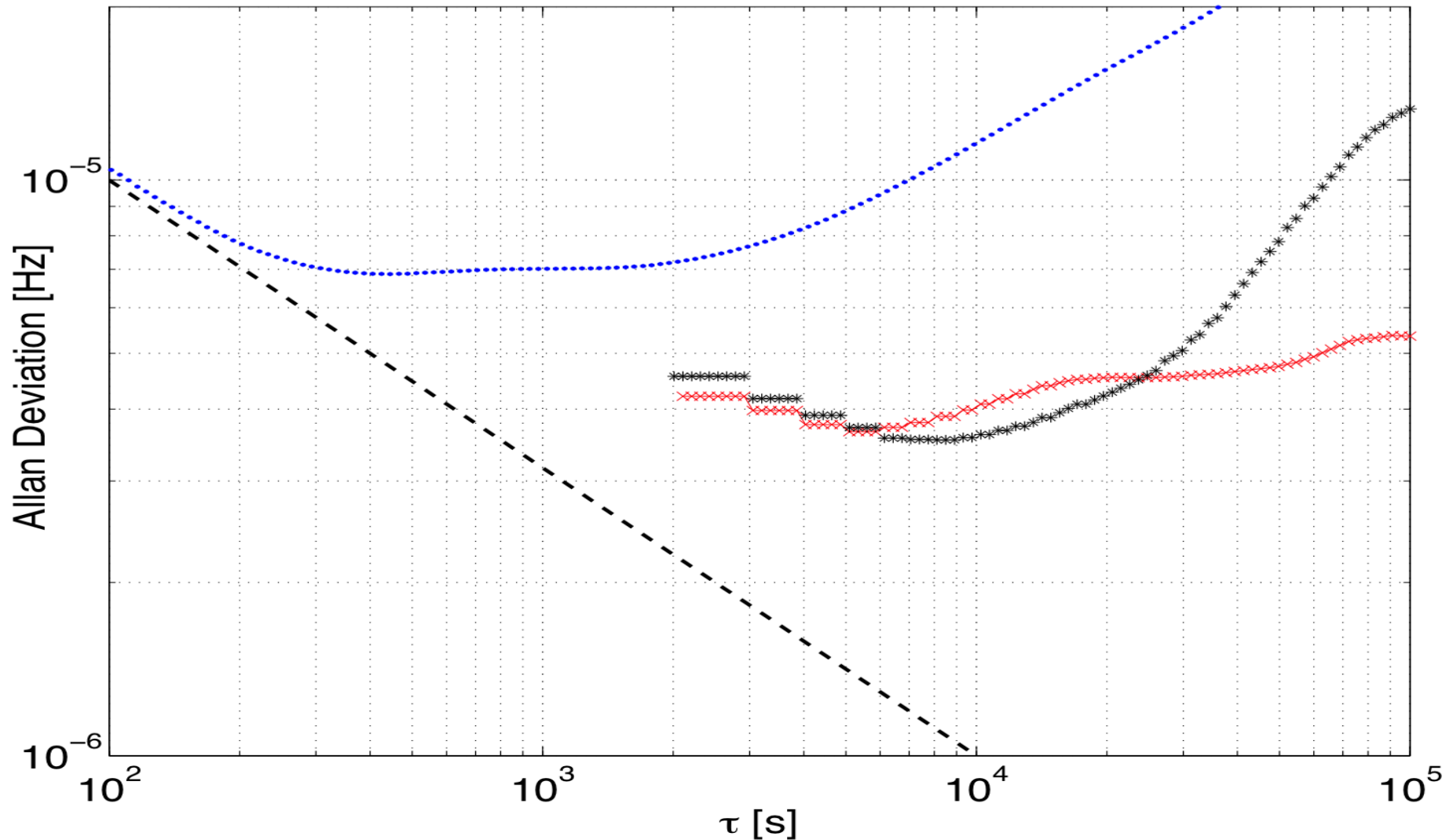


Fig. 5 Comparison of the backscattering (blue) estimated from the intensity channels with the residuals of the Sagnac frequency (red) estimated from the interferogram channel. Note that they correlate on the micro-hertz scale.

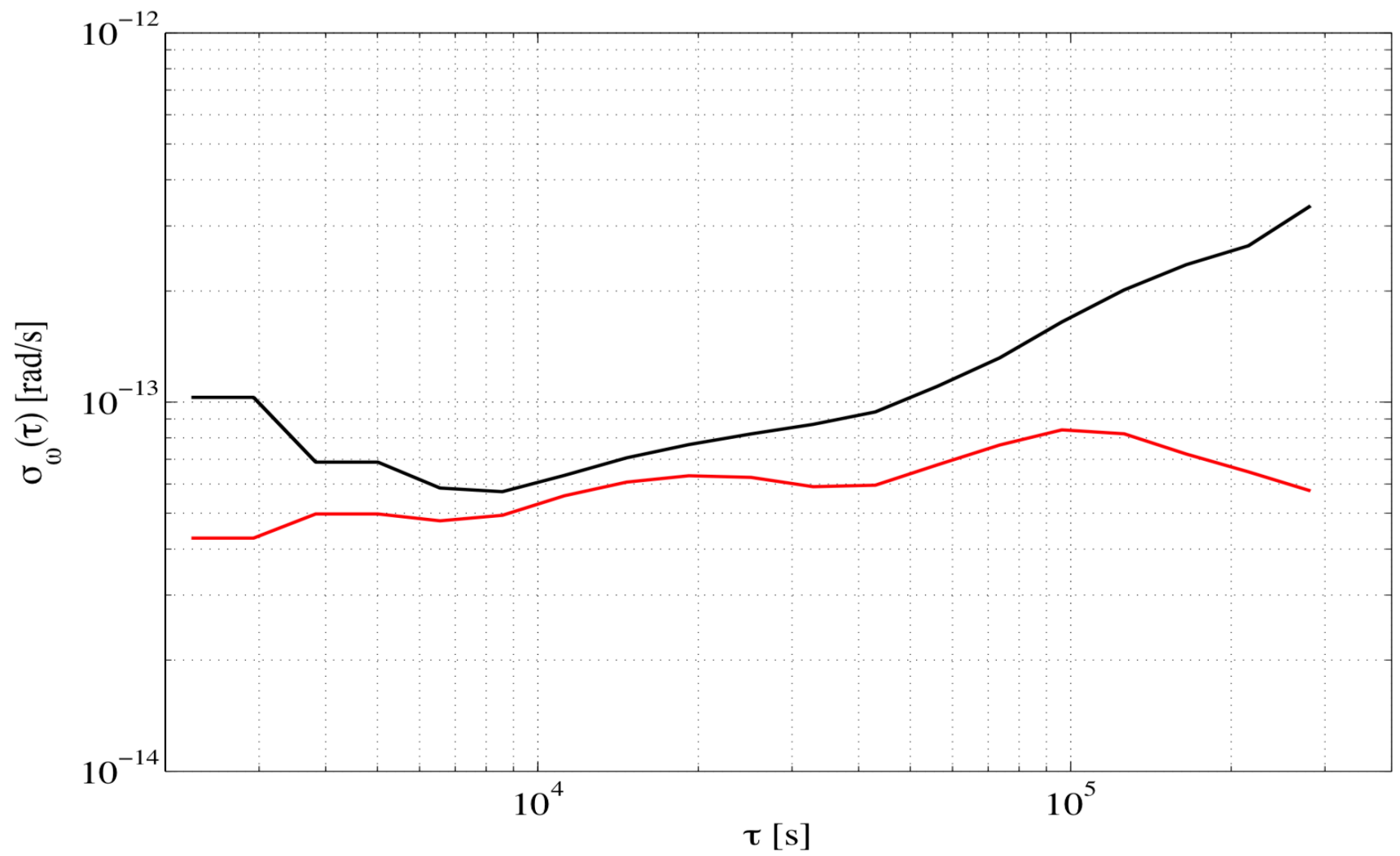
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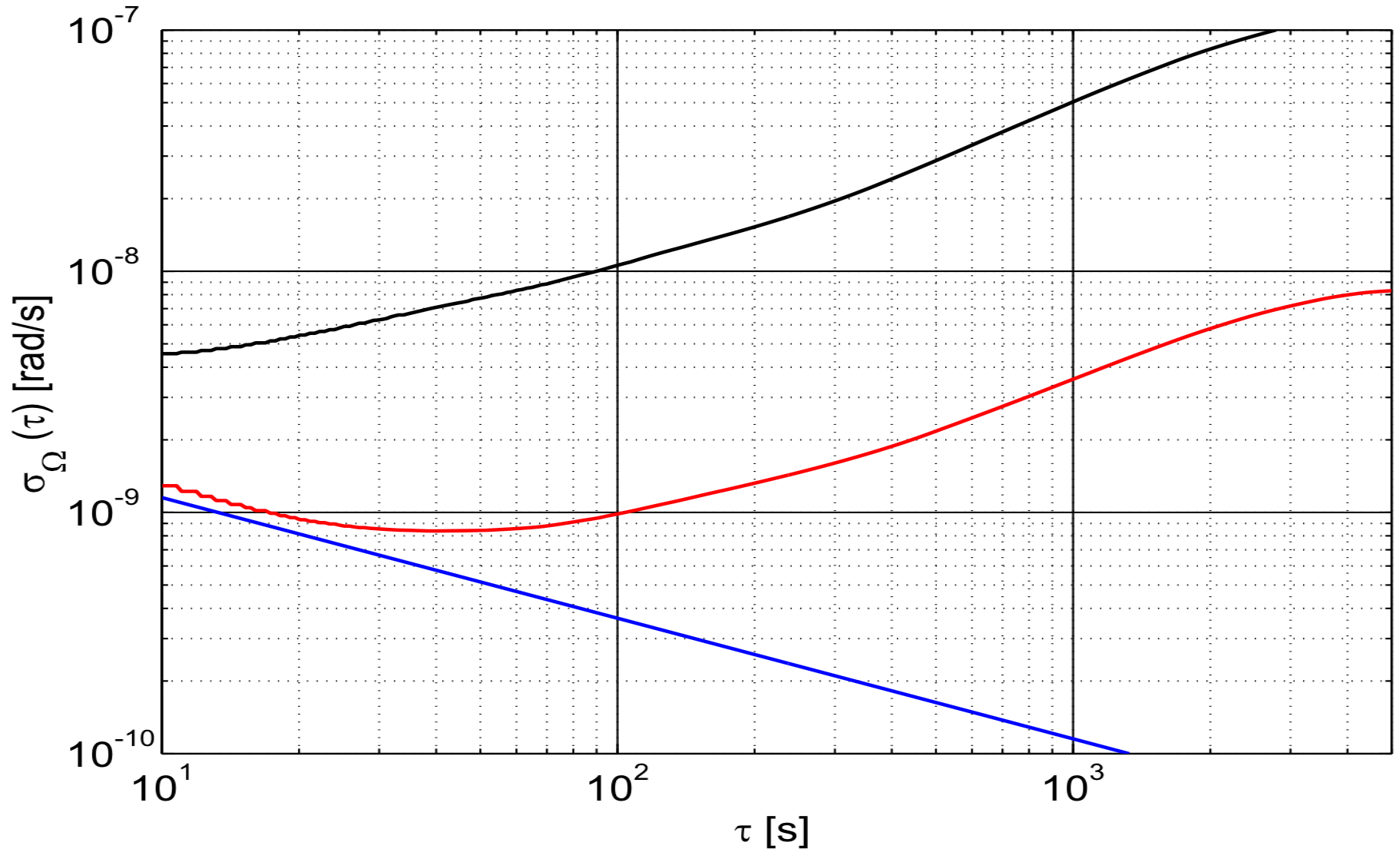
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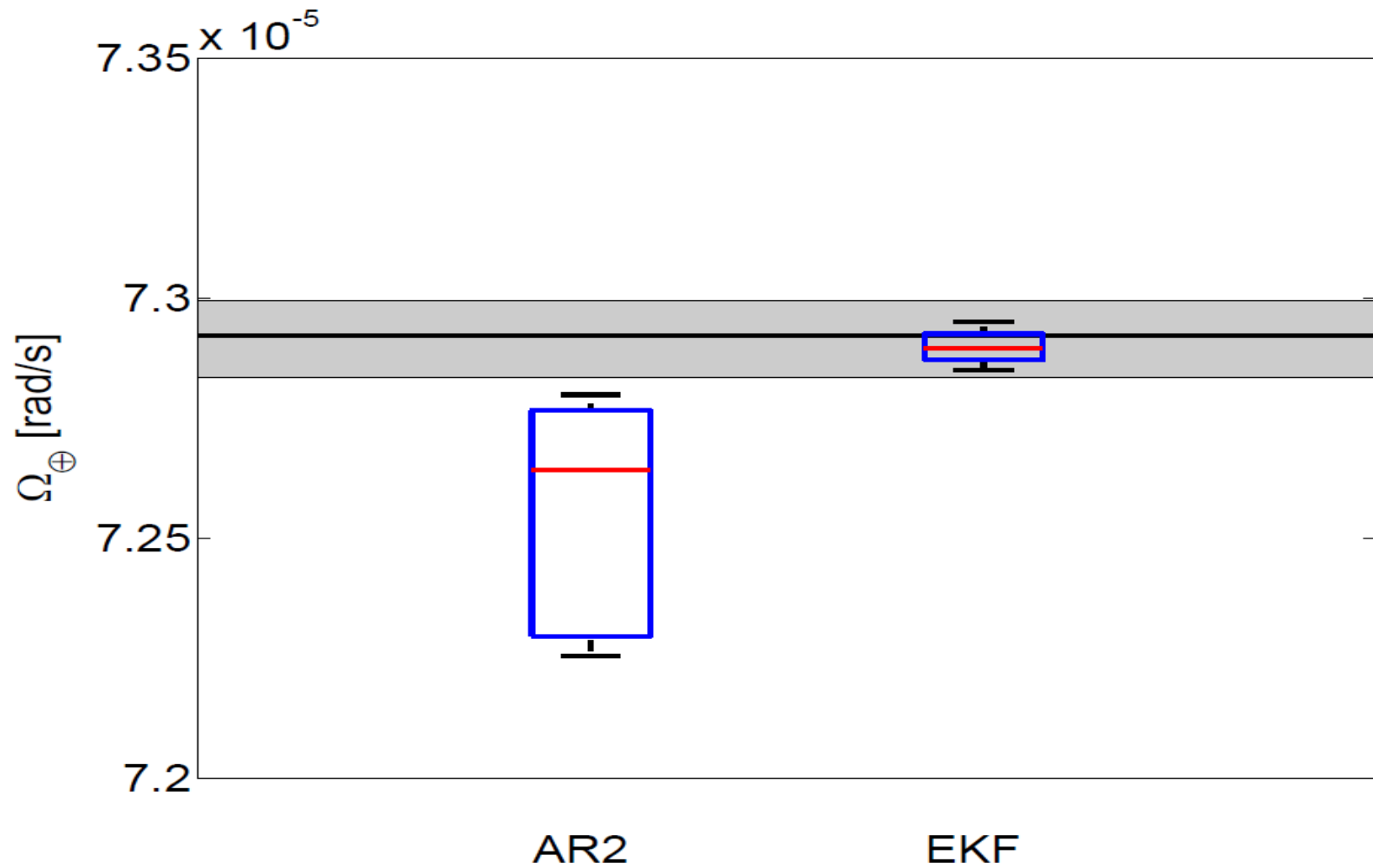
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Journal papers

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- J. Belfi *et. al.* "Laser gyroscopes for very high sensitive applications" European Frequency and Time Forum (EFTF), 2012, IEEE.

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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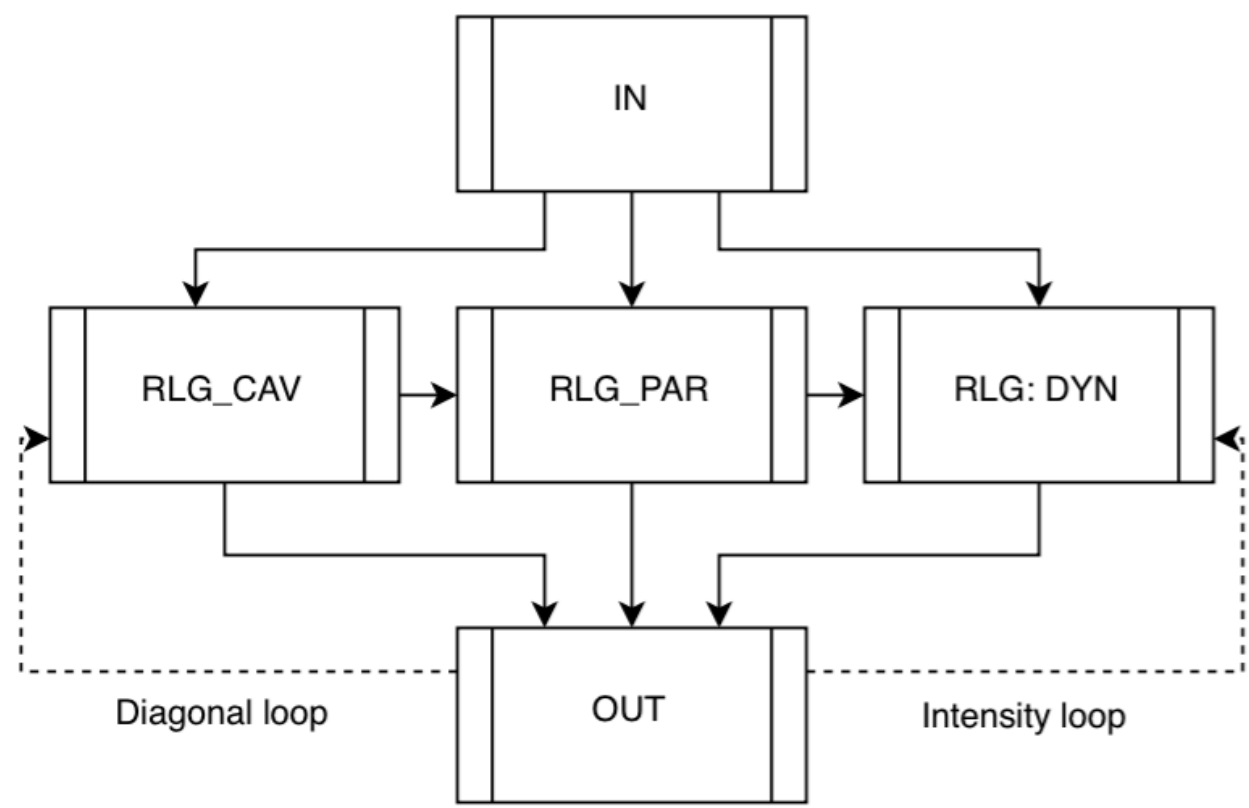
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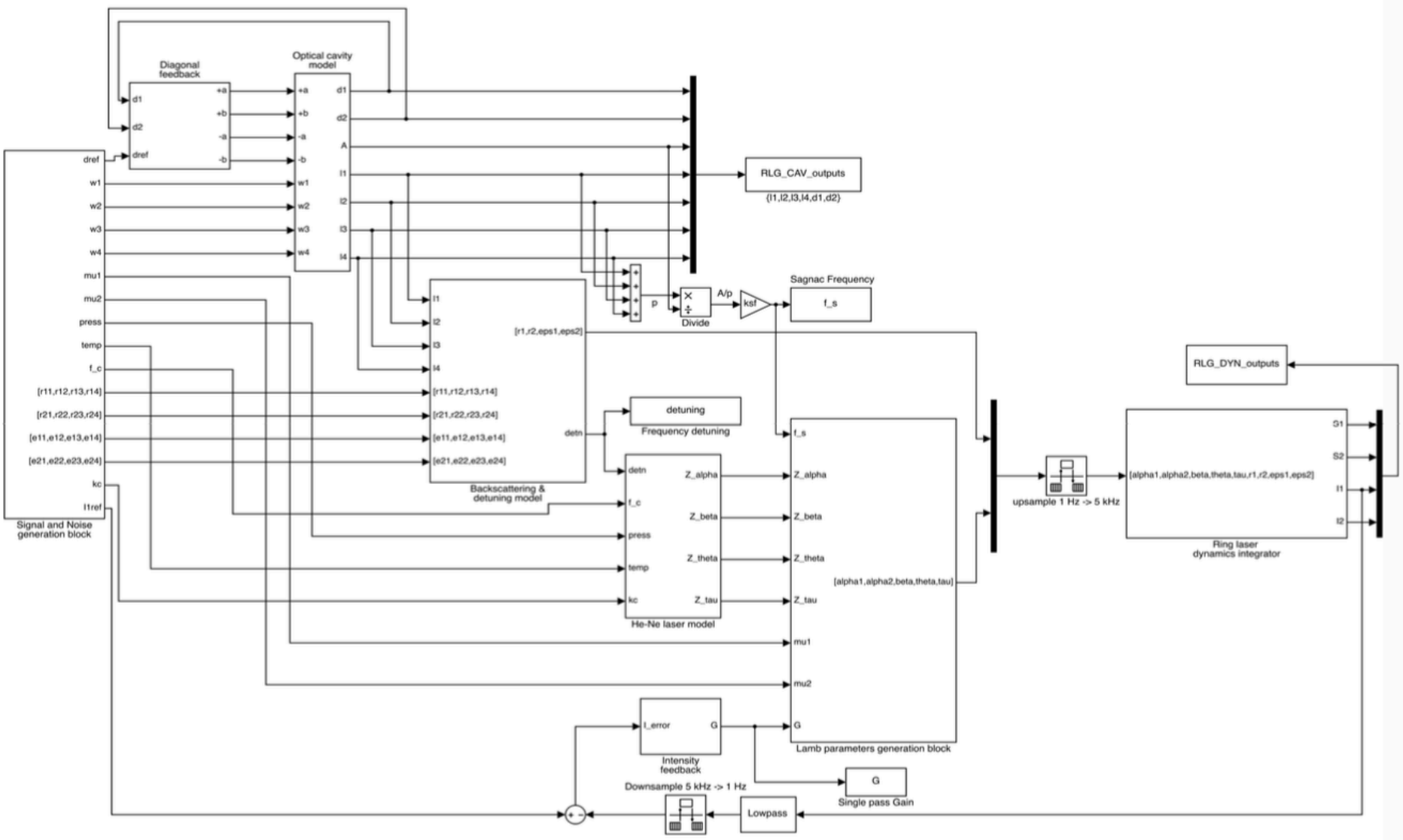
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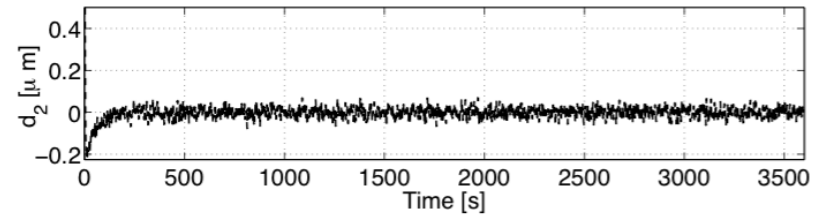
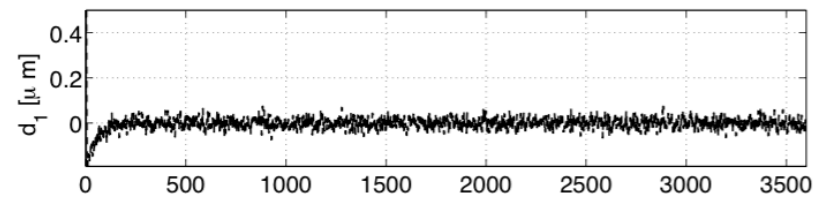
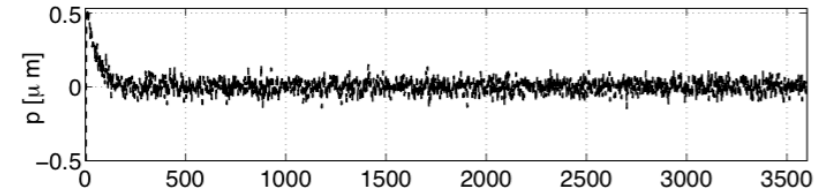
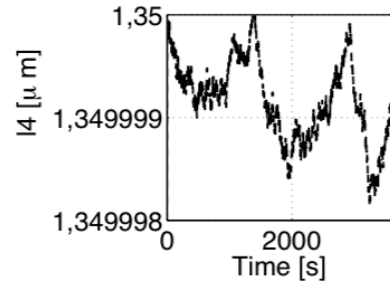
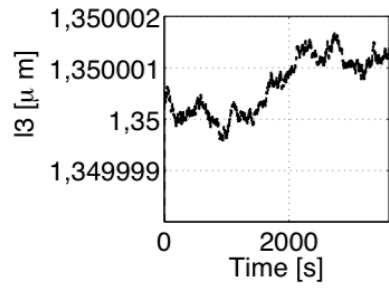
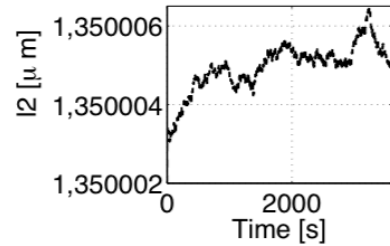
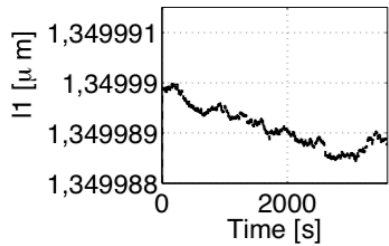




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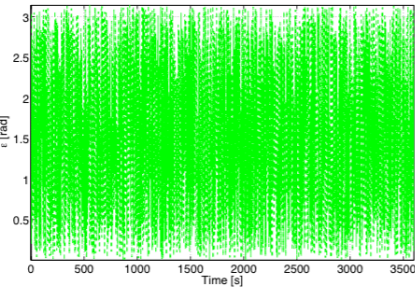
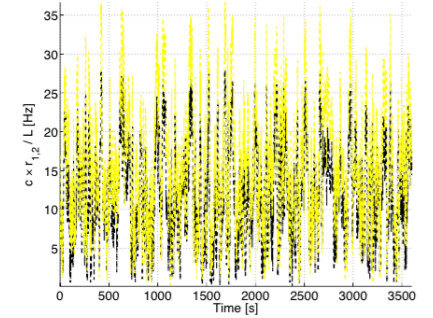
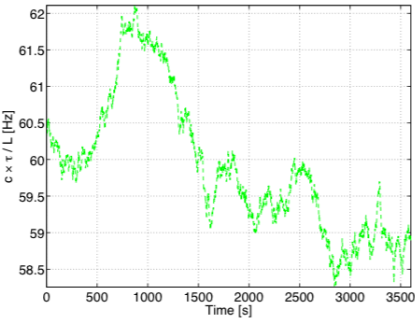
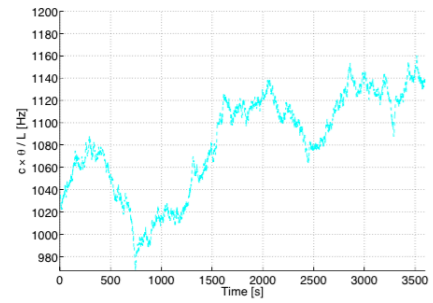
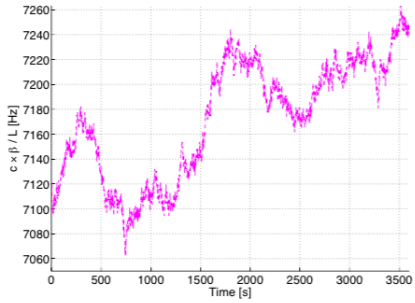
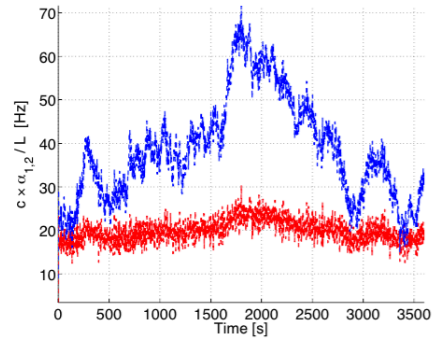
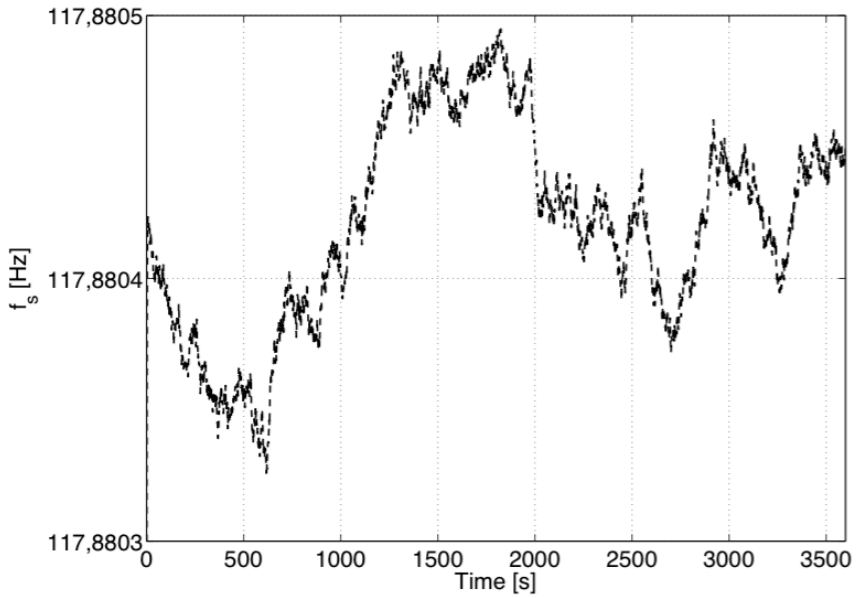


RLG Simulator: GP2 case study

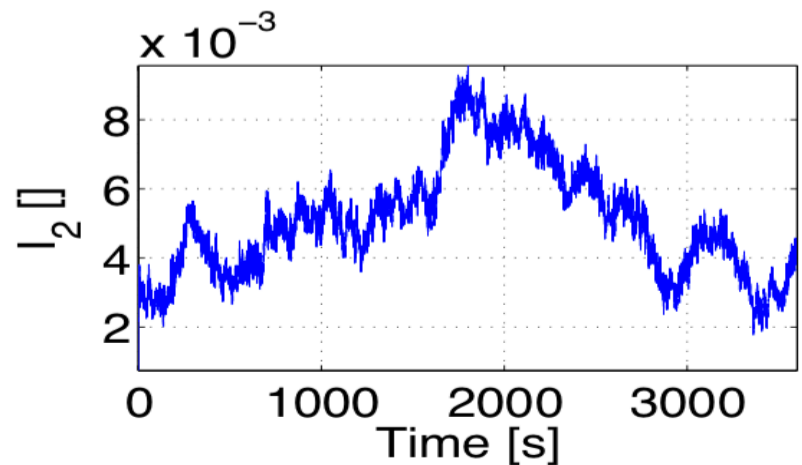
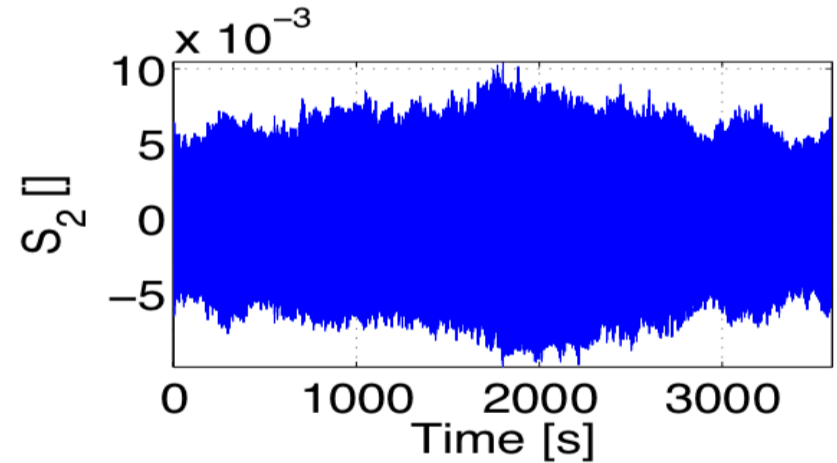
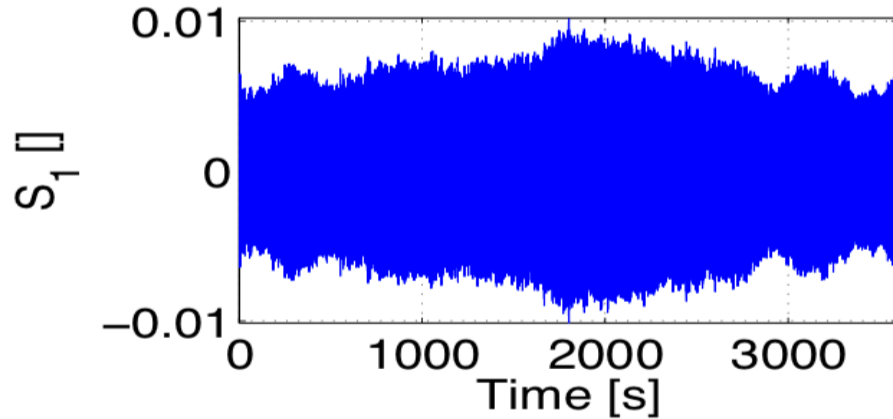




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Optical Cavity geometry: Beams position computation

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

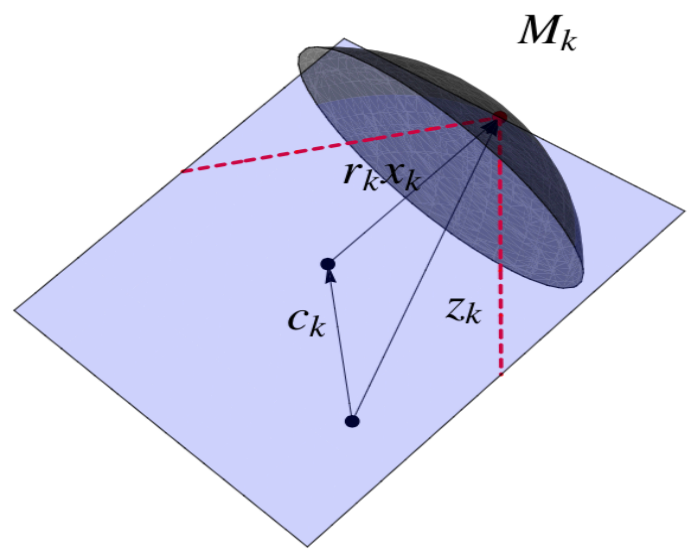
Formalism: Geometric Optics

- 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:

$$\text{grad } p(X; C, R) = 0$$

Optical Cavity geometry: beams position computation

Geometric Newton Equation

$$\begin{cases} \text{Hess } f(x)[\eta_x] = -\text{grad } f(x) \\ \eta_x \in T_x \mathcal{M} \end{cases}$$

Algorithm 1 Geometric Newton with line search.

Input: $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$, real valued function f on \mathcal{M}

Output: Sequence of iterates x_1, \dots, x_n

1. *Search Direction:* solve (4.2) in η_{x_k} .
2. *Step Size:* find $t_k = \arg \min_{\lambda} \|\text{grad } f(R(\lambda \eta_x))\|^2$
3. *Update:* Set $x_{k+1} = R_x(t_k \eta_{x_k})$

Retraction

$$R : T_x \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

$$R(0_{T_x \mathcal{M}}) = x$$

$$DR(0_{T_x \mathcal{M}})[\xi_x] = \xi_x$$

Armijo line search

$$t_k = \alpha \beta^l$$

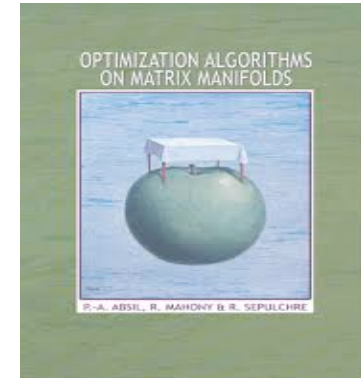
$$h(x) - h(R(t_k \eta_x)) \geq -\sigma \gamma_k Dh(x)[\eta_x]$$

Riemannian Gradient

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{M}, \text{grad } f(x) = P_x(\partial f(\bar{x}))$$

Riemannian Hessian

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{M}, \text{Hess } f(x)[\eta] = P_x(D \text{grad } \bar{f}(x)[\eta])$$



Optical Cavity geometry: Pose & Shape Decomposition

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

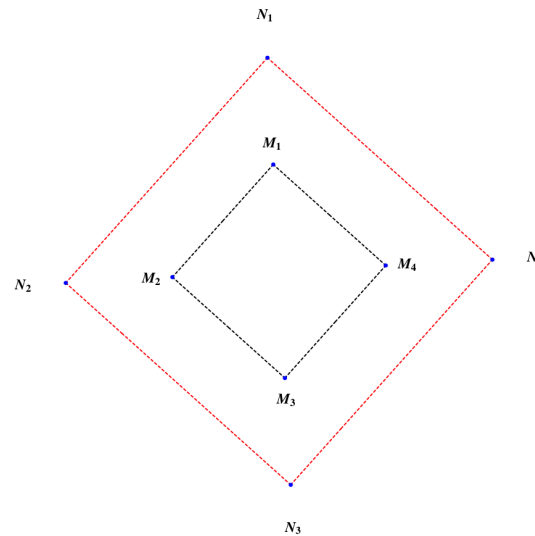
The optical cavity deformations are only induced by shape changes

Pose & Shape Theorem:

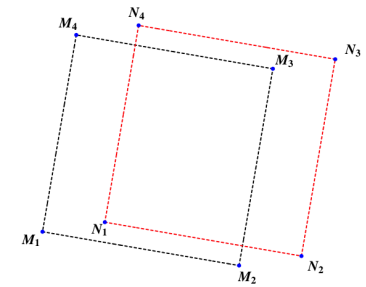
Regularity hypothesis on mirrors centers:

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ M \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4} \mid M_i \wedge M_{i+1} \neq 0, \bar{M} = 0_{3 \times 1} \right\}$$

Shape change



Pose change

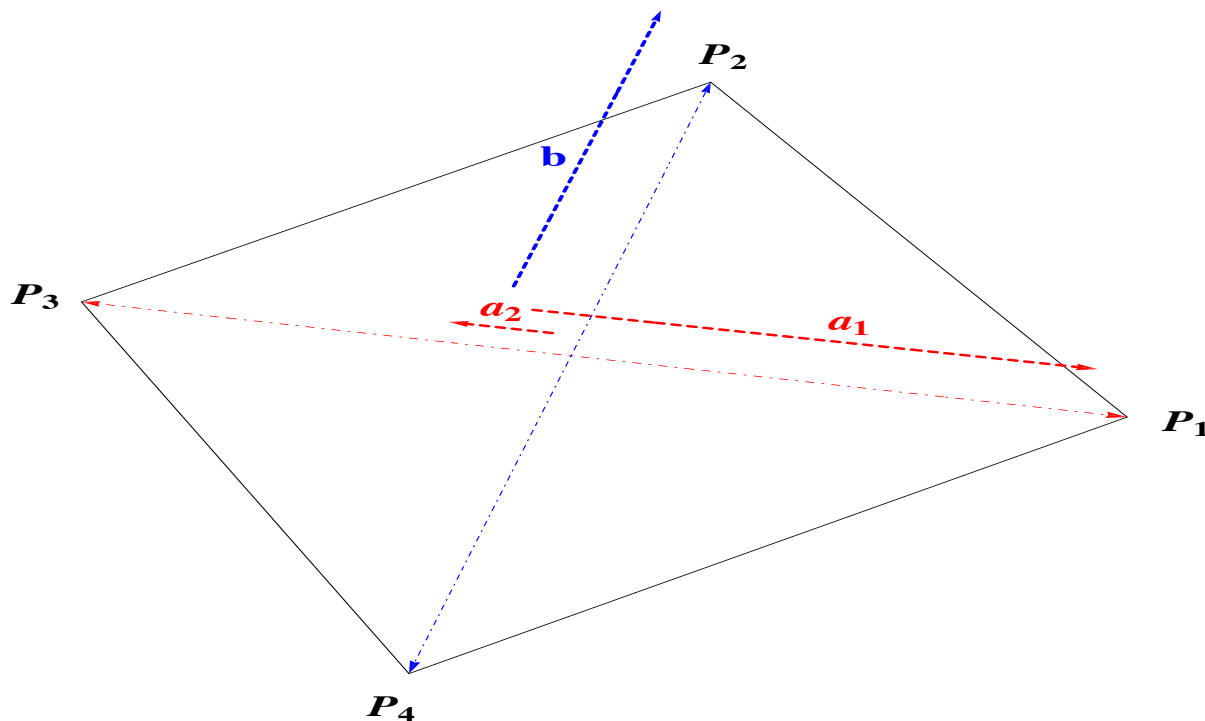


Decomposition:

$$\mathcal{P} = SO(3) \times \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{V}$$

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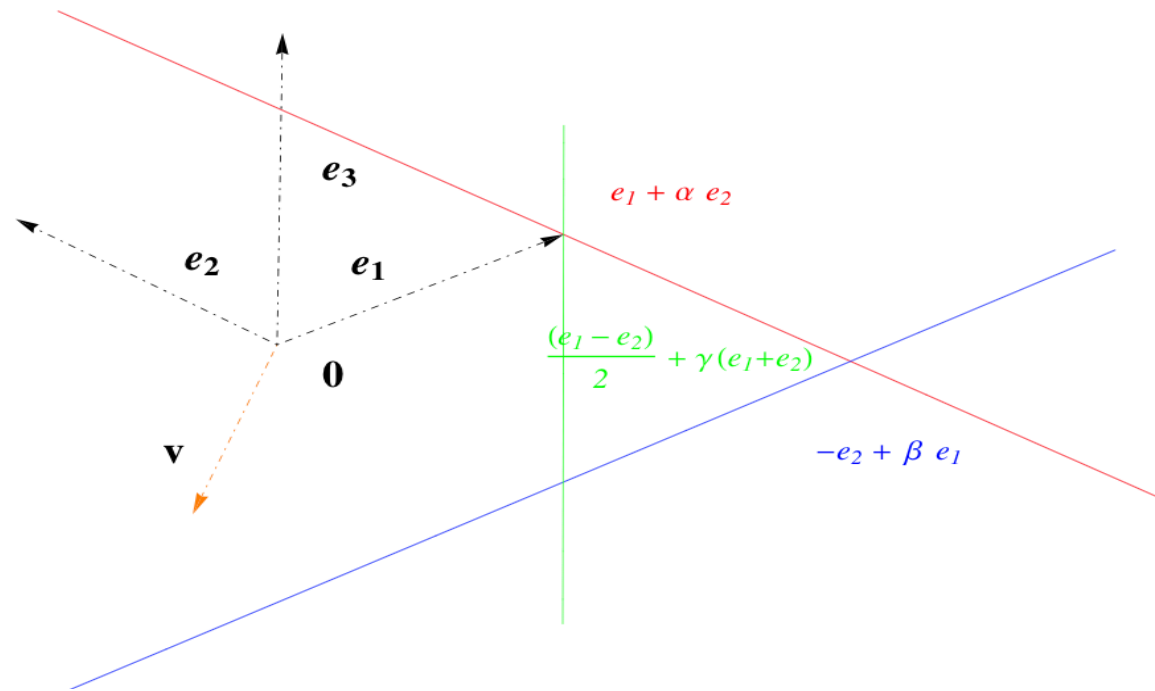
The isosceles trapezoids:



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

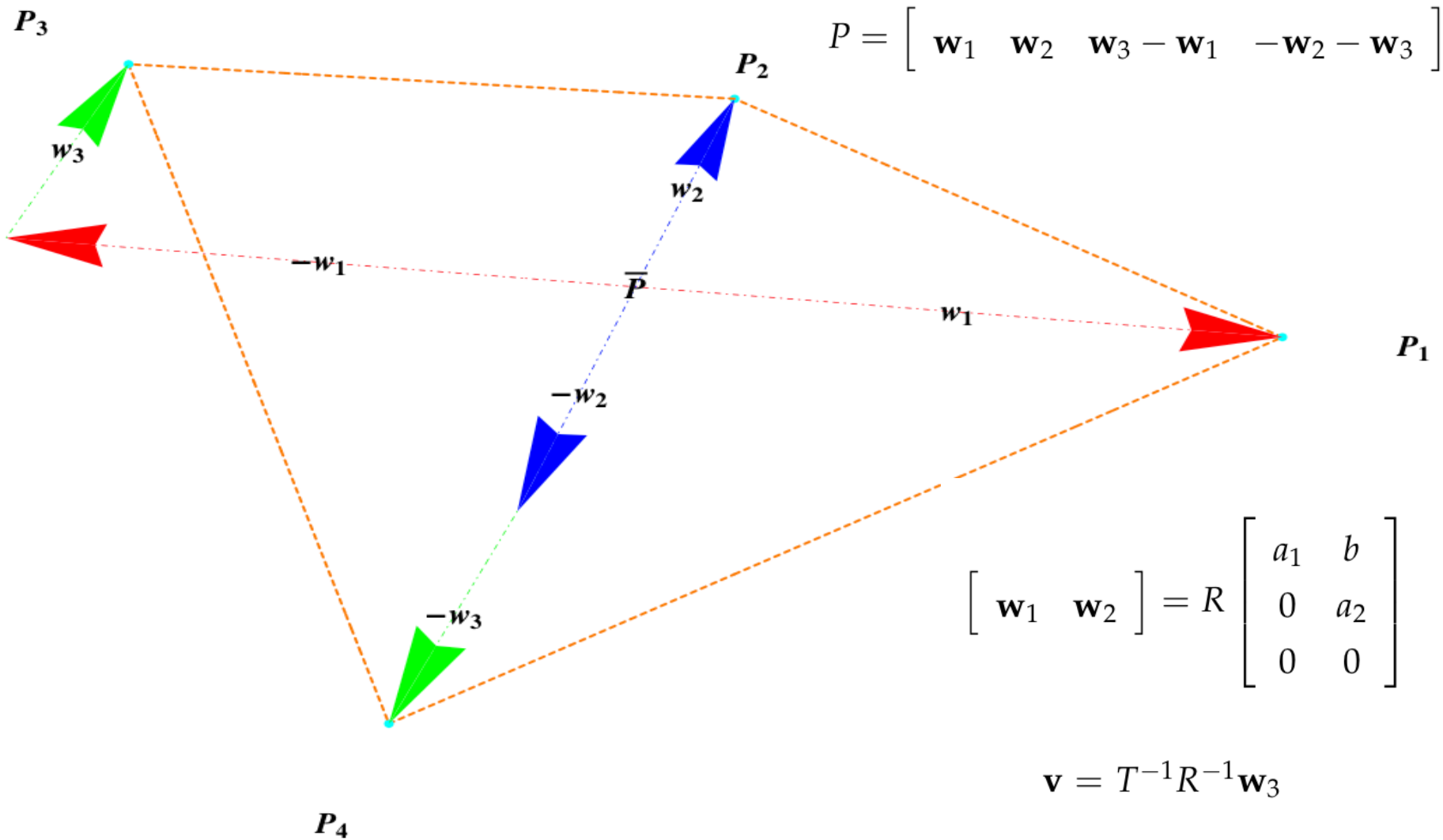
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The irregular quadrilaterals:

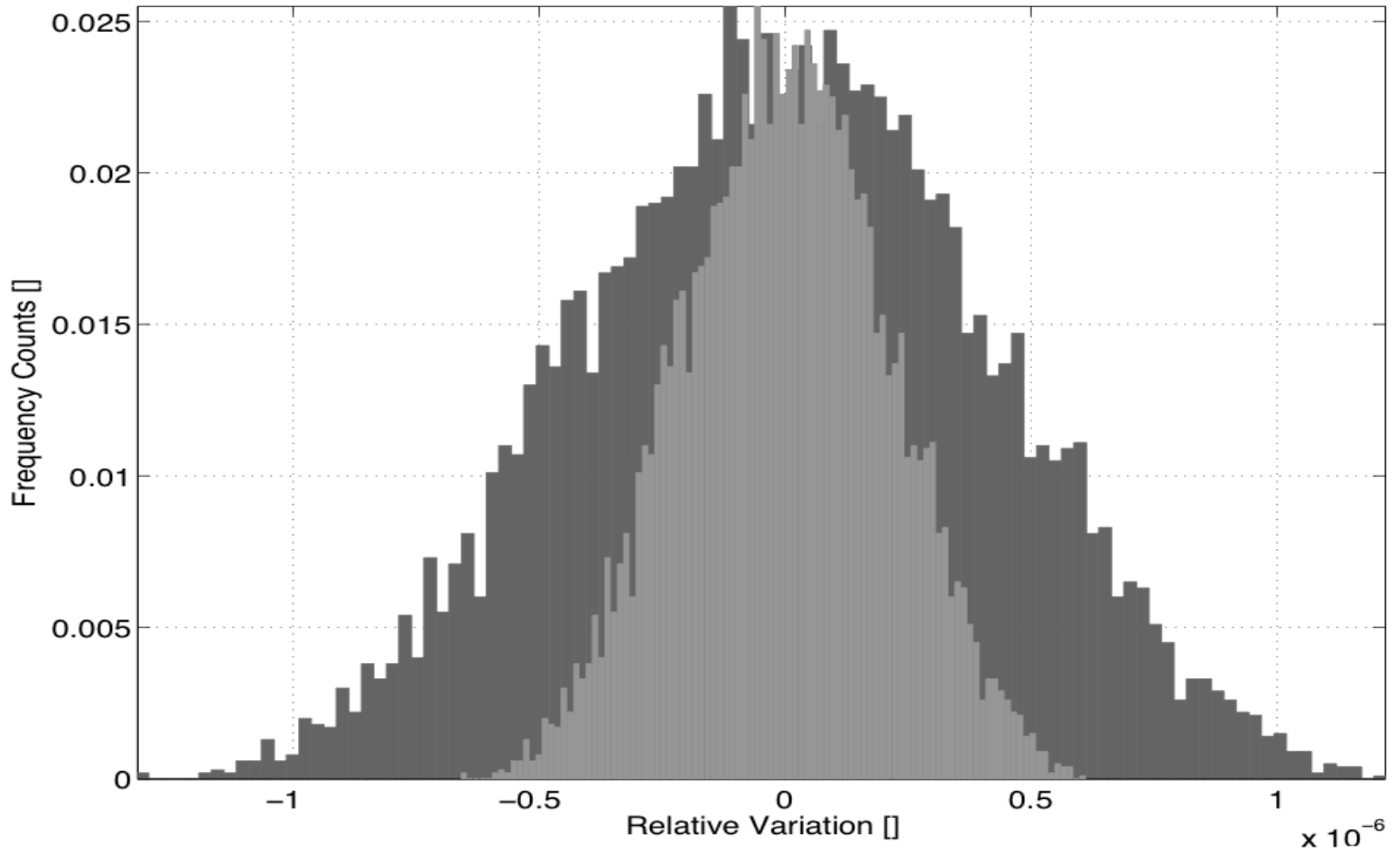


$$\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \left\{ e_1 + \alpha e_2, -e_2 + \beta e_1, \frac{e_1 - e_2}{2} + \gamma(e_1 + e_2), \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \right\},$$

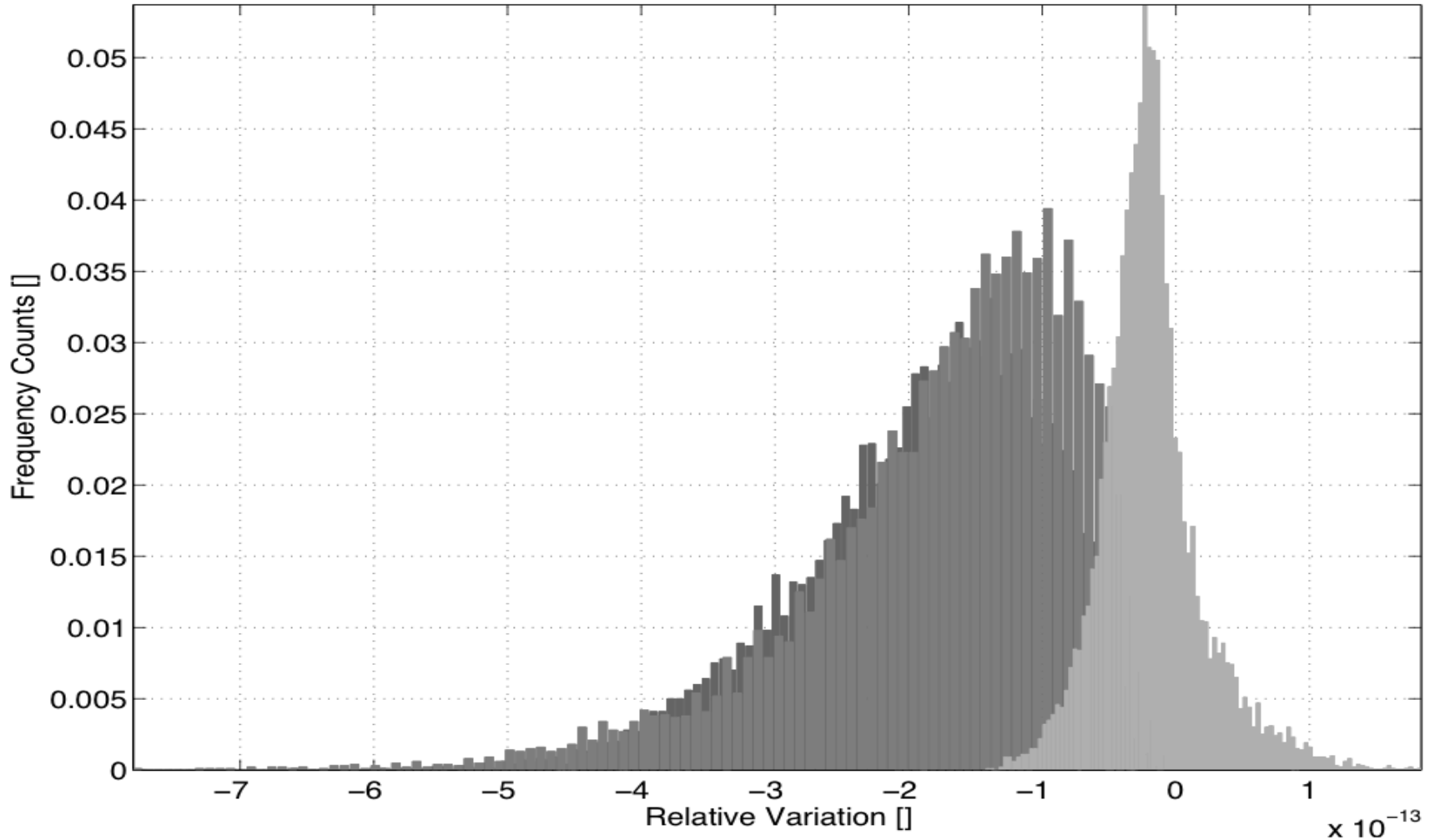
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Optical Cavity geometry: Results



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