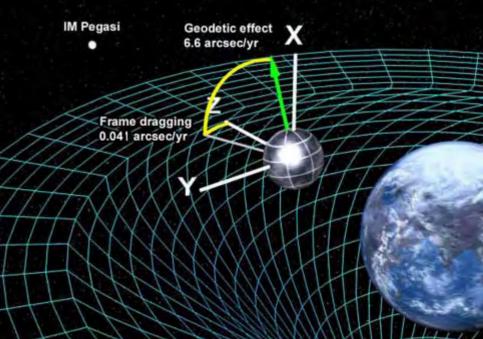
Effects of Patch Potentials on the GP-B Performance

Results and Lessons Learned

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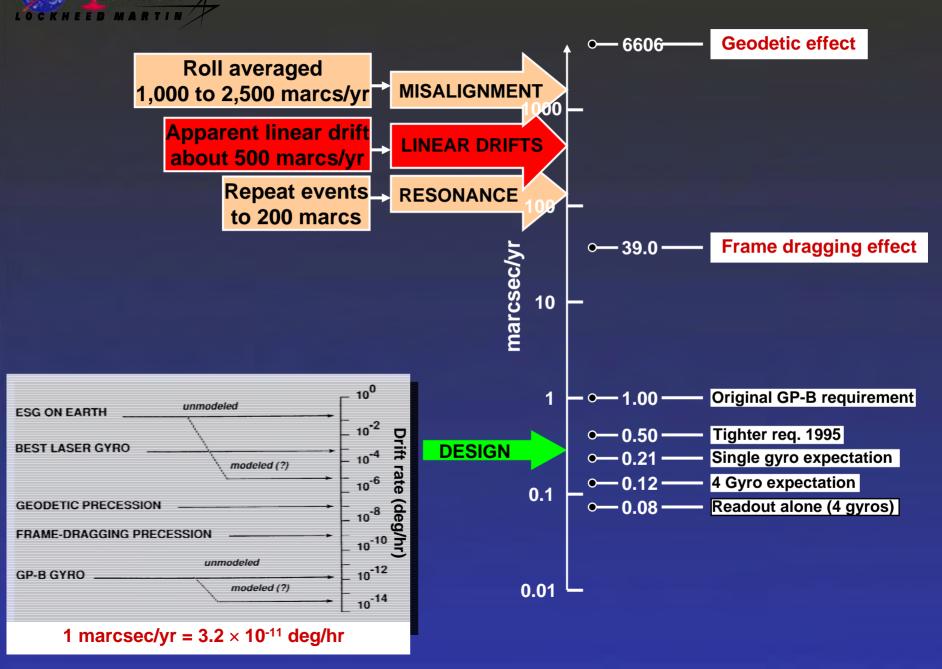








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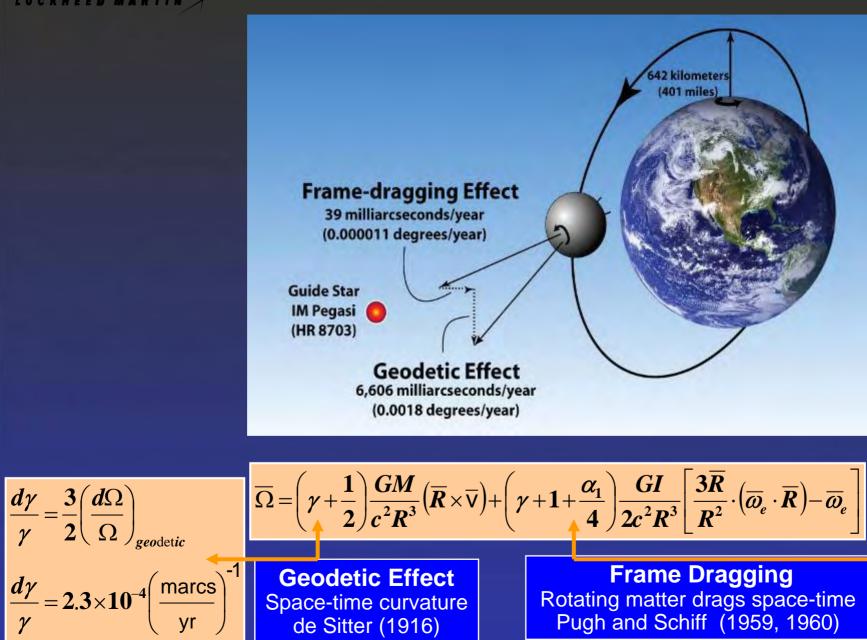
Goals and Outline

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- Identify and understand "anomalous effects"
- Identify single cause of effects if possible
- Establish physical base for data analysis
 - Experimental Observations
 - Ground Measurements
 - Classification of Effects on GP-B
 - Discussion of Effects
 - Remaining Work
 - Lessons Learned

The Relativity Mission Concept



Geodetic Effect Space-time curvature de Sitter (1916)

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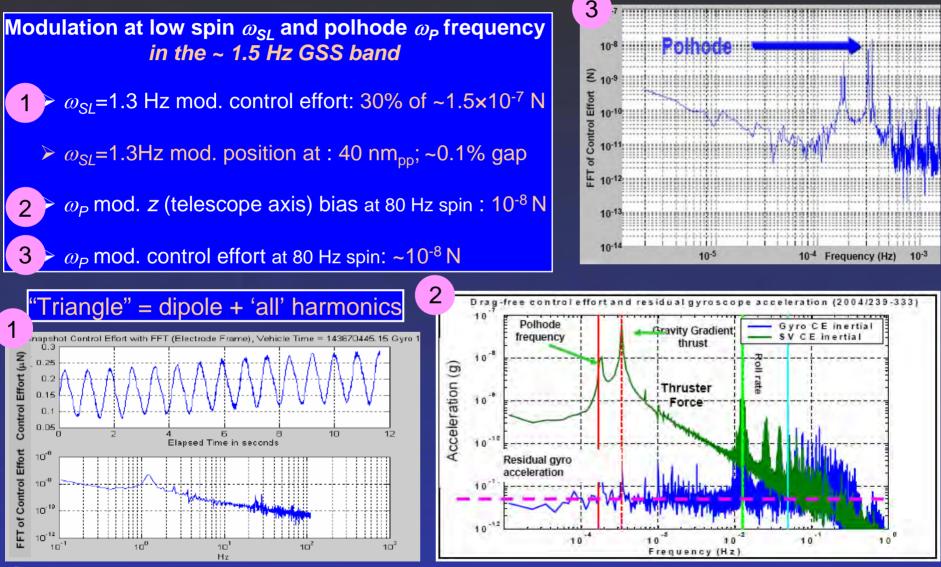
Frame Dragging Rotating matter drags space-time Pugh and Schiff (1959, 1960)

 γ, α_1



Experimental Observations

Coupling of rotor-fixed frame to the Gyro Suspension System (GSS)



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Possible Causes of Enhanced Coupling

Rotor-fixed Mechanisms

Explain "30% rotor bumps" (10³ of expected)

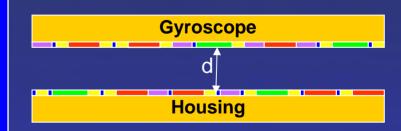
- 1. Rotor geometry
 - a. Mass unbalance: ~10nm measured (3×10⁻⁴ gap)
 - \Rightarrow Smaller than observed coupling by ~ 10³
 - b. Surface waviness: ~10nm measured (3×10⁻⁴ gap)
 - ⇒ Smaller than observed coupling by ~ 10³
- 2. Trapped flux interacting with magnetic fields Three independent calculations
 - \Rightarrow Smaller than observed coupling by > 10³
- 3. Non uniform potential of rotor surface
 - ⇒ Coupling consistent with ~50 mV 100 mV patch effect modulating $V_e \approx 200$ mV suspension voltages

Variation of electric potential over the surface

- > It can arise due to the polycrystalline structure
- It can be affected by presence of contaminants
- Modeled as dipole layer

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- Patch fields present on rotor and housing walls
- Cause forces and torques between surfaces



Data explained by patch potentials of ~50-100 mV on rotor and housing

Ground Patch Effect Investigations

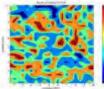
Pre-launch investigation

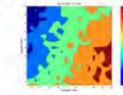
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- Contact potential differences ~ 0.1V 1V
- Patches mitigated/eliminated by grain size
 - 0.1 µm << 32 µm rotor-electrode gap-
- Kelvin probe measurements on flat samples
- Post-launch ground investigations
 - Work function profile by UV photoemission
 - Detailed analytical modeling
 - Kelvin probe measurements

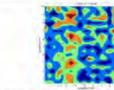
Kelvin probe scans

Examples of Spatial Scans Gold-hiobium on alumina (p-to-p 13 mV) Diamond-like carbon on beryllia (p-to-p 22 mV)

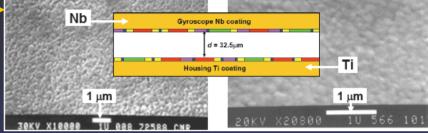


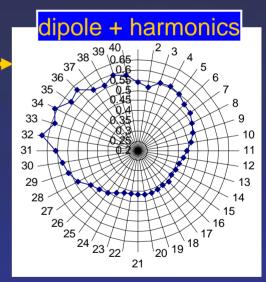


Indium tin oxide on titanium (p-to-p 6 mV) Titanium carbide on titanium (p-to-p 6 mV)



SEM images of gyro (Nb) & electrode (Ti) coatings





Work function polar plot, UV photoemission

ST-7, LISA, LPF, LIGO find: Patch potentials 30 -100 mV

Kelvin probe



Causes of Patch Potential Variations

Gyroscope

- The rotor coating process can lead to variations in the patch potential
 - Coating is the result of many layers
 - Each layer covers about 2/3 of the rotor surface
 - Coating is axi-symmetric, but varies with angle to deposition source
- Thickness variations
- Impurity variations
- Crystal structure variations
- Contaminants

Housing

- All suspension electrodes coated with same axi-symmetric process
 - Small variation from center to edge
 - 6 separate depositions
- Ground plane coating
 - Substantial variation expected due to coating process / angle
 - 2 separate depositions
- Thickness variations
- Impurity variations
- Crystal structure variations
- Contaminants

STANFORD 'Eight' Patch Potential Effects on GP-B

> Coupling to GSS $\rightarrow V_{pp}$ 50-100 mV > z axis force > At zero frequency > At polhode harmonics (mentioned) > Torques > Misalignment -> following talks Resonance -> following talks Dissipation mechanisms Spin-down > Polhode damping Charge measurement bias

Patch Potential in Spherical Harmonics

Two Approximations:

A. Dipole only

B. Harmonic expansion

 $> V_R$: rotor potential, V_H : housing potential

Potentials are real

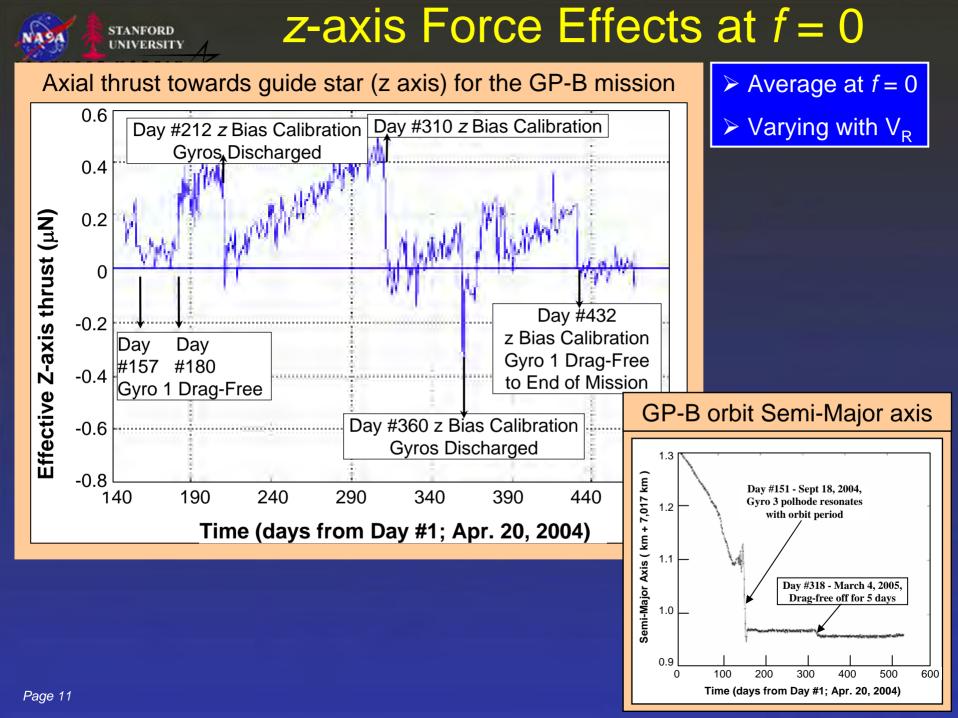
$$V_{R}(\theta',\phi') = \frac{1}{Y_{1,0}(0,0)} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} V_{R,l,m} Y_{l,m}(\theta',\phi')$$
$$V_{H}(\theta'',\phi'') = \frac{1}{Y_{1,0}(0,0)} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} V_{H,l,m} Y_{l,m}(\theta'',\phi'')$$

$$V_{R,l,-m} = (-1)^m V_{R,l,m}^*$$
$$V_{H,l,-m} = (-1)^m V_{H,l,m}^*$$

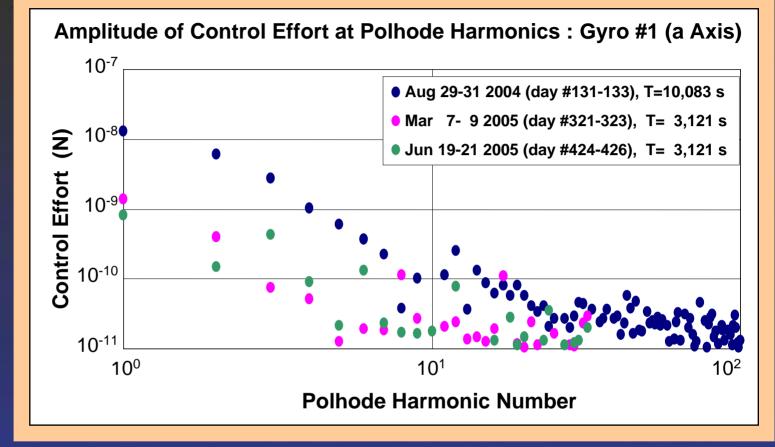
Statistical Model

- Spherical harmonics terms are uncorrelated
- Assume a power spectrum characterized by the parameter r
- > Assume that $V_{R,l,m}$ and $V_{H,l,m}$ are both Gaussian and have the same σ

$$V_{R,l,m} V_{R,l,m}^* = \frac{V_{R,1,0} V_{R,1,0}^*}{l^r} \qquad V_{H,l,m} V_{H,l,m}^* = \frac{V_{H,1,0} V_{H,1,0}^*}{l^r}$$



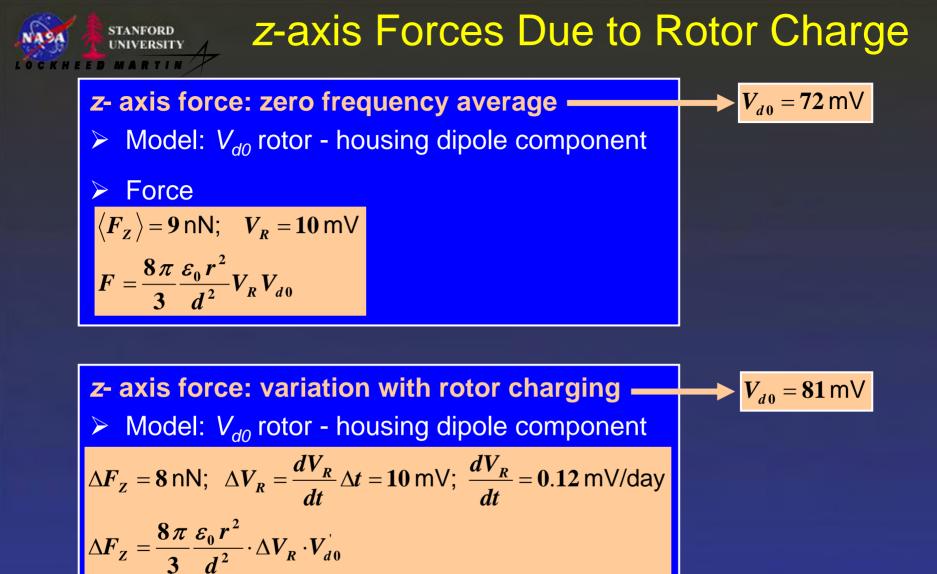
Polhode Modulation of z-axis Force



Polhode Modulation

- Patch potential model gives the force for the pth harmonic of polhode
- Using the observations and the statistical model

$$F_{z,p} = \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^2 \frac{4\varepsilon_0}{\left(Y_{1,0}(0,0)\right)^2} \cos(p\,\omega_P\,t) \times \sum_{l=0}^{l_{\text{max}}} \left[\frac{V_{R,l,0}\,d_{0,0}^{\,l}(-\gamma) - V_{H,l,0}}{\sqrt{2l+1} \cdot \sqrt{2(l-1)+1}} \left(V_{R,l-1,0}\,d_{0,p}^{\,l-1}(-\gamma)l + V_{R,l+1,0}\,d_{0,p}^{\,l+1}(-\gamma) \cdot \left(l+1\right)\right)\right]$$



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Misalignment Torque

Gvro 1

Gyro 2 Gvro 3

Gvro 4

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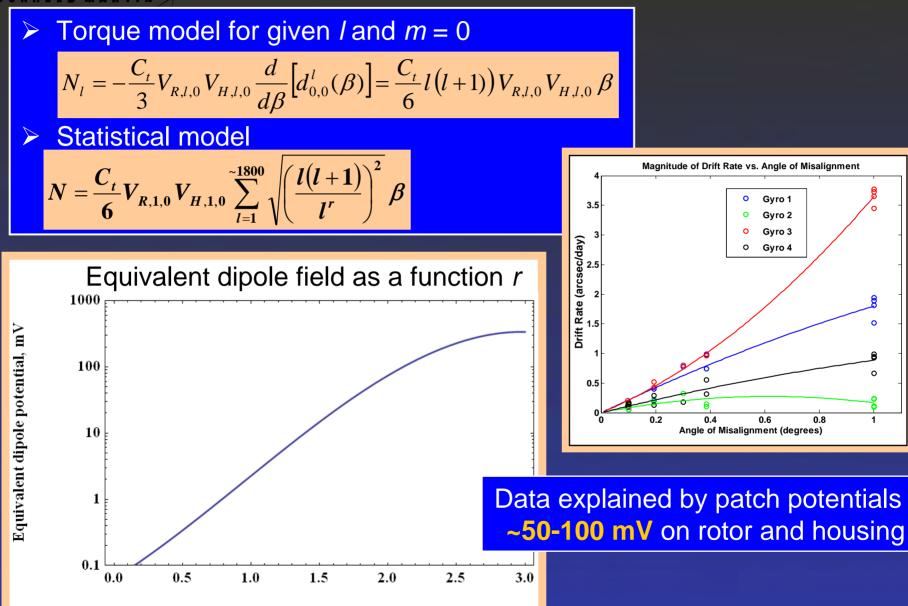
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Roll – Polhode Resonance Torque

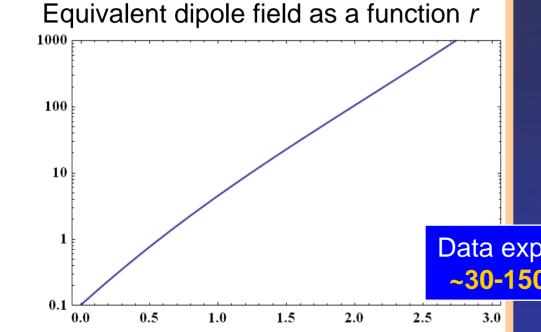
Torque model

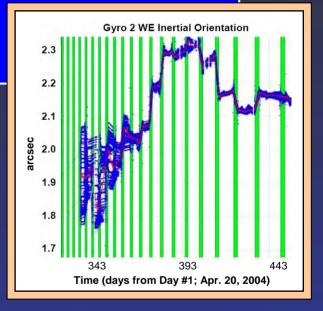
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$$N_{l} = -\frac{C_{t}}{3} V_{R,l,1} V_{H,l,1} d_{0,m}^{l}(\gamma_{P}) \frac{d}{d\beta} \left[d_{0,1}^{l}(\beta) \right]_{\beta=0} = -\frac{C_{t} \sqrt{l(l+1)}}{6} V_{R,l,1} V_{H,l,1} d_{0,m}^{l}(\gamma_{P})$$

Statistical Model

$$V = -\frac{C_{t}}{6} V_{R,1,0} V_{H,1,0} \sum_{l=m}^{\sim 1800} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{l(l+1)} d_{0,m}^{l}(\gamma_{P})}{l^{r}}\right)^{2}}$$

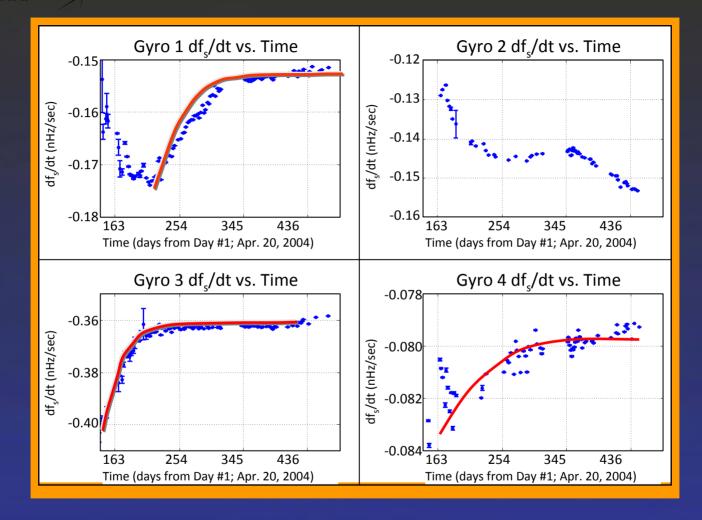




Data explained by patch potentials ~30-150 mV on rotor and housing

Equivalent dipole potential, mV





Spin-down rate decreases 5% -10% at start of mission
 Spin-down rate change is consistent with polhode damping

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Spin-Down Continued

Gyroscopes spin-down and polhode parameters

Gyro	Spin-Speed Hz	df/dt μHz/hr	E _s J	P _s pW	<i>N</i> _S N⋅m⋅10 ⁻¹⁵	$ au_{ m S}^{ au_{ m S}}$ yr·10 ³	$ au_{_P}$ day	(∆ <i>E_s)_{тот} µJ</i>	(∆ <i>E_P)_{τοτ}</i> μJ	$(\Delta E_{P})_{TOT} / (\Delta E_{S})_{TOT}$
G1	79.39	-0.57	1.25	5.0	9.9	15.9	32±2	41	3.3	8.0%
G2	61.82	-0.52	0.75	3.5	9.1	13.6	75±3	68	1.0	1.5%
G3	82.09	-1.30	1.33	11.7	22.7	7.2	31±5	93	2.5	2.7%
G4	64.85	-0.28	0.83	2.0	4.9	26.4	61±2	32	6.8	2.1%

WHY NOT GAS DAMPING?

>No change in df/dt observed for 75 mK temperature increase

- > df/dt = 6 μ Hz/hr at 4 K (from about 1 μ Hz/hr at 1.8 K)
- > Inconsistent with gas damping by more than 10³

$$\tau = \frac{1}{5} \frac{r_0 \cdot \rho}{P_G} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi \cdot k_B T}{m_G}} \qquad \sigma = n\lambda \exp\left(\frac{E_B}{k_B T}\right); \qquad \lambda \equiv \sqrt{\frac{h^2}{2\pi \cdot m_{He} k_B T}}; \qquad 70 \text{ K} \leq E_B/k_B \leq 150 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \exp\left(\frac{E_B}{k_B T} \frac{\Delta T}{T}\right); \qquad \frac{d\omega_2/dt}{d\omega_1/dt} = \exp\left(\frac{E_B}{k_B T} \frac{\Delta T}{T}\right); \qquad \frac{d\omega_2/dt - d\omega_1/dt}{d\omega_1/dt} = \left[\exp\left(\frac{E_B}{k_B T} \frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)\right] - 1$$

$$2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ Pa} \leq \langle P \rangle_{He} \leq 3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Pa "Calculated"} \qquad 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Pa} \leq \langle P \rangle_{He} \leq 6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Pa "Actual"}$$

Spin-Down Modeling

Model

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- Electrodes and ground plane are grounded through resistors
- ightarrow R_G=300 MΩ, C_G = 500 pF; R_E = 20 kΩ, C_E = 78 pF
- Voltage induced at spin and harmonics on electrodes and ground plane
- Calculate induced voltage on each electrode for each I and m
 - $Y > X_{l,m}(\theta,\phi)$ is a real function combining $Y_{l,m}(\theta,\phi)$ and $Y_{l,-m}(\theta,\phi)$

$$v_{i,l,m} = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{i^{th} Suface} X_{l,m}(\theta, \phi) \, dS$$

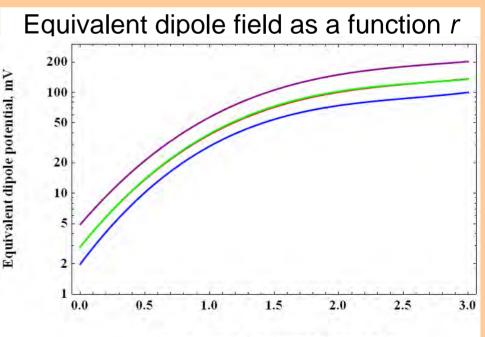
Calculate electrode power loss I and m

$$P_{i,l,m} = \frac{(v_{i,l,m} V_0)^2}{R} \frac{(m \,\omega_S \, R \, C)^2}{1 + (m \,\omega_S \, R \, C)^2}$$

$$\left(\omega_{S} R C \right)_{E}^{2} <<1; \qquad \left(\omega_{S} C \right)_{E}^{2} R_{E} \leq \left[\frac{P_{i,l,m}}{\left(v_{i,l,m} V_{0} \right)^{2}} \right]_{E} \leq R_{E}^{-1}$$

$$\left(\omega_{S} R C \right)_{GP}^{2} >>1: \qquad \left[\frac{P_{i,l,m}}{\left(v_{i,l,m} V_{0} \right)^{2}} \right]_{GP} = R_{GP}^{-1}$$

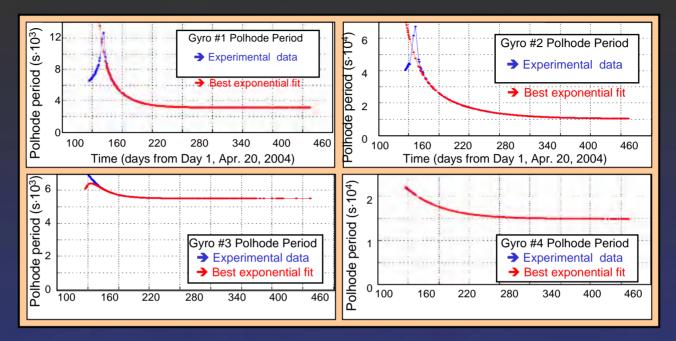
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Parameter characterizing spectrum, r



Polhode Damping Data



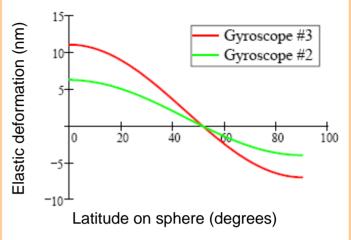
Polhode damping periods calculated from spin-down power dissipation

Gyro	<i>k</i> 1 ×10 ⁶	<i>ω</i> (s⁻¹)	$\langle d \omega_{ m SF} / dt angle_0 \ ({ m s}^{-2}) imes { m 10}^{10}$	$\langle au_{ m dis} angle_{ m SD}$ (day)	τ _{dis} (day)
G1	3.36	499	2.2	44	31
G3	2.07	516	1.9	33	30
G4	0.93	407	0.3	70	64

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Why not plastic dissipation in gyroscope

- Nb to Quartz interface: No credible mechanism
- > Quartz $\leq 2 \times 10^{-18}$ W
- > Nb Coating $\leq 2 \times 10^{-18}$ W



Elastic deformation of spinning gyros

$$\Delta r(\theta) = \frac{2\rho\omega^2 r_0^3}{3Y} \left[-P_2(\cos\theta) \frac{(1+\nu)(2+\nu)}{(7+5\nu)} + \frac{(1-2\nu)}{5} \right] \quad \left\{ P_2(\cos\theta) \equiv \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1+\cos(2\theta)}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

$$E_{s} = \frac{Y\delta^{2}}{2}V$$
 and $\langle P_{P} \rangle = \frac{E_{s}}{Q\langle T_{P} \rangle} \left\{ \delta \equiv \frac{\langle \Delta r \rangle}{r}; v = 0.16 \right\}$

Material	Q (quality factor)	Y (N·m⁻²) (elastic modulus)	V (m³) (volume)	ρ ⟨r⟩lr	E _s (J) (strain energy)	⟨ <i>P_P</i> ⟩ (W) (power loss)
Quartz	10 ⁷	7.17×10 ¹⁰	3×10⁻⁵	2.4×10 ⁻⁷	6×10 ⁻⁸	≤ 1.9 ×10 ⁻¹⁸
Nb	104	12×10 ¹⁰	5×10 ⁻⁹	4×10 ⁻⁷	5×10 ⁻¹¹	≤ 1.6 ×10 ⁻¹⁸

Polhode Damping Observations

- Dissipation to ground at $\omega_{sp} = n\omega_p \pm m\Omega_p$ can reduce polhode energy exponentially
- Polhode maximum power dissipation 0.1 1 pW
 - > 10 -40% of average spin-down power
- Polhode average power dissipation 40 400 fW
 - 1.5 8.0% of average spin-down power
- Polhode power dissipation is consistent with patch induced dissipation to ground
- Complete derivation NOT yet successful

Gyro	P _s (pW)	(<i>P_P</i>) _{max} (pW)	(P _P) _{max} / P _S	⟨ <i>P_P</i> ⟩ (fW)	(∆ <i>E_P)_{тот} (µJ)</i>	$\left< {{\pmb P}_p} \right> / \ {{\pmb P}_{\rm S}}$
G1	5.0	1.09	32%	400	3.3	8.0%
G2	3.5	0.14	10%	54	1.0	1.5%
G3	11.7	0.87	42%	316	2.5	2.7%
G4	2.0	0.12	13%	42	6.8	2.1%

Continuing work

- ➢ DeBra
- Silbergleit
- Keiser
- ➤ Turneaure
- Buchman

Data consistent with patch potentials ~30-150 mV on rotor and housing

Force-Modulation Charge Measurement with Patch Effects

Rotor Patches
$$\Delta d = 0$$

 $V_{Ra} = V_R + 1/2 (V_1 + V_2)$
 $V_{Rb} = V_R + 1/2 (V_1 + V_2)$
 $V_{Rc} = V_R + V_3$

$$V_{Ra} = V_{Rb} \neq V_{Rc}$$
$$V_{R(a,b,c)} \neq f\left(\Delta d_{(a,b,c)}\right)$$

Rotor Patches
$$\Delta d \neq 0$$

 $V_{Ra} = V_R + 1/2 (V_1 + V_2) + \Delta d_a (V_1 - V_2)$
 $V_{Rb} = V_R + 1/2 (V_1 + V_2) - \Delta d_b (V_1 - V_2)$
 $V_{Rc} = V_R + V_3$

$$V_{Ra} \neq V_{Rb} \neq V_{Rc}$$
$$V_{R(a,b)} = f\left(\Delta d_{(a,b)}\right)$$
$$V_{Rc} \neq f\left(\Delta d_{c}\right)$$

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Rotor and Housing Patches
$$\Delta d \neq 0$$

 $V_{Ra} = V_R + 1/2 [(V_1 - V_{a+}) - (V_2 - V_{a-})] + \Delta d_a [(V_1 - V_{a+}) - (V_2 - V_{a-})]$
 $V_{Rb} = V_R + 1/2 [(V_1 - V_{b+}) - (V_2 - V_{b-})] - \Delta d_b [(V_1 - V_{b+}) - (V_2 - V_{b-})]$
 $V_{Rc} = V_R + V_3 - 1/2 (V_{c+} - V_{c-}) - \Delta d_c (V_{c+} - V_{c-})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{Ra} \neq V_{Rb} \neq V_{Rc}}{V_{R(a,b,c)} = f\left(\Delta d_{(a,b,c)}\right)}$$

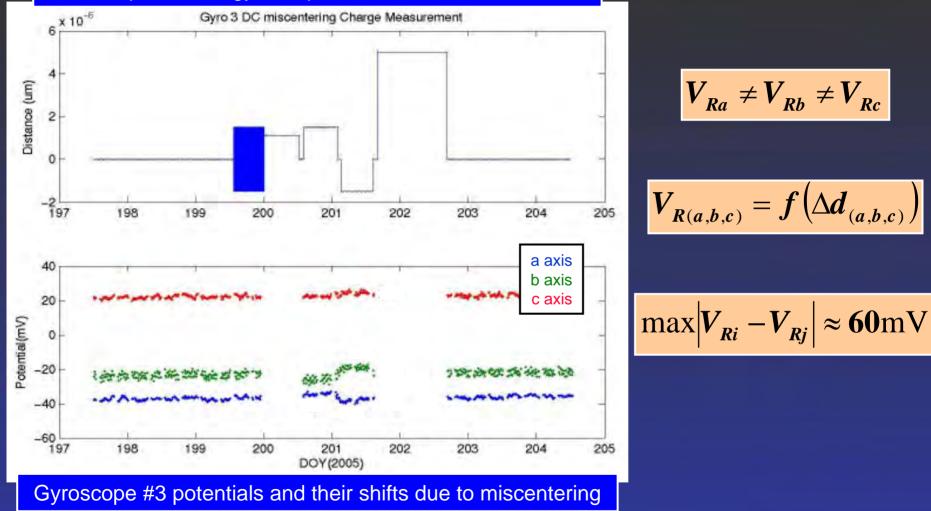
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Rotor and Housing patches required for data modeling
 GP-B data is insufficient for unique solution

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STANFORD Charge Measurement with Patch Effects

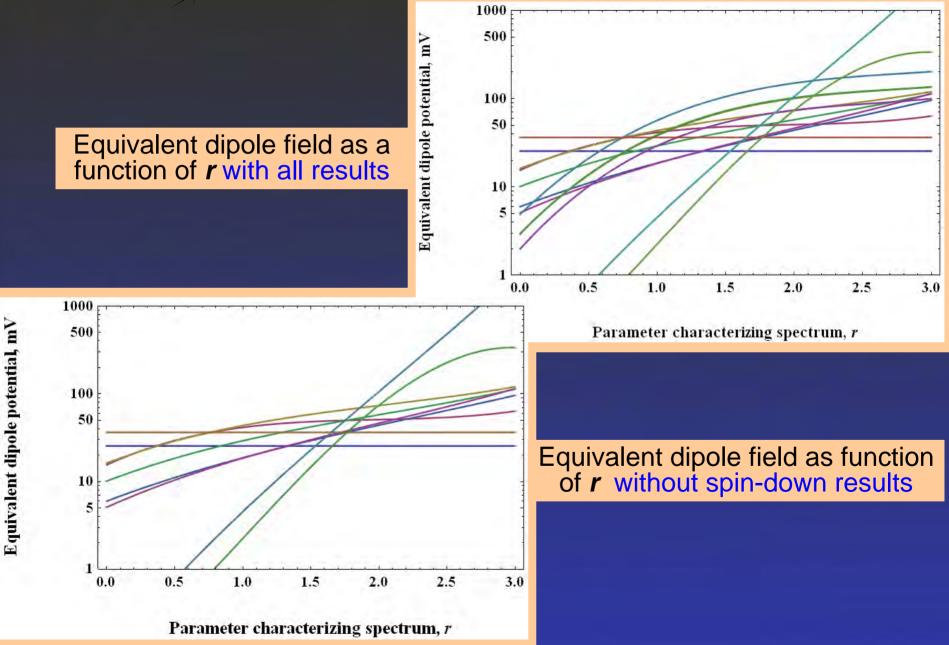
Relative position of gyroscope #3; same for all three axes



Data explained by patch potentials of ~50-100 mV on rotor and housing



Patch Effects Summary- I





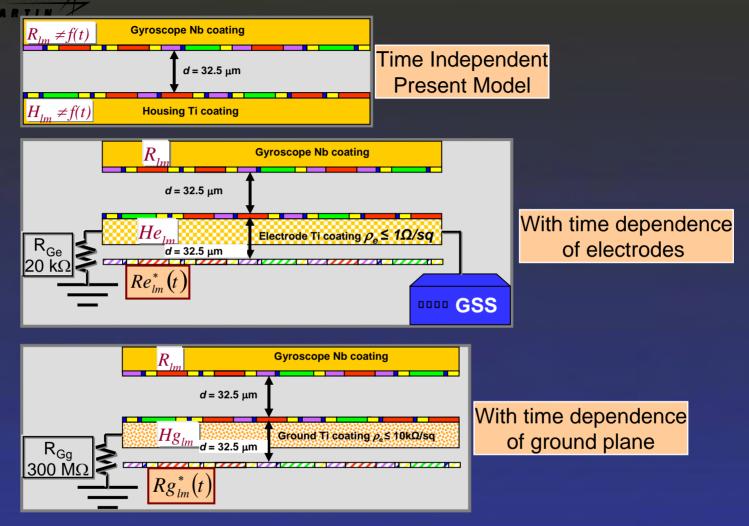
Patch Effects Summary- II

Dependence of effects on V_R , V_H and I

Effect due to patch potentials	Dependence on V_R and V_H	Dependence on /		
Zero-frequency z-axis force due to change in rotor charge	V _Q (V _R - V _H)	Only for combination of I = 1 and rotor charge Q		
Zero-frequency z-axis force modulated by polhode	$V_R \times (V_R - V_H)$	No dependence on I for $I \le p$		
Gyro acceleration at spin speed	V _R (rotor charge > 200 mV)	Principally for $I \leq 3$		
Gyro spin-down	V _R	Independent of <i>I</i> up to 1		
Rotor charge measurement	V_R - V_H	Principally for $l \leq 3$		
Misalignment torque	$V_R \times V_H$	Proportional to <i>I</i> (<i>I</i> +1) for <i>I</i> < ~1700		
Roll-polhode resonance torque	$V_R \times V_H$	Proportional to $[I(I+1)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for $I \ge$ polhode harm. res. # and $I < \sim 1300$		

All Data explained by patch effects ~30-150 mV on rotor and housing

Remaining Work Is Model Complete?



Characteristic time scales of the gyroscope system

Source	$ au_e$	Spin/ <i>m</i>	$ au_g$	Roll	Orbit	Polhode/ <i>p</i>
Time constant (s)	1.6×10 ⁻⁶	1.5×10 ⁻²	1.5×10 ⁻¹	77.5	5.9×10 ³	$2.4 \times 10^3 - 1.4 \times 10^4$

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Remaining Work Observations on Systematic Errors from Patch Effect

Include time dependence ?

- Estimates of presently understood effects
 Vary between < 0.1marcs to > 5 marcs
 - Roll averaging efficiency
 - > Other symmetries: electrodes, ground-plane
- Polhode damping torques ?
- Other patch effect torques & resonances ?
- Approach to estimating the GP-B error
 - Statistical versus systematic
 - Achievable accuracy
 - HS guide star data



Lessons Learned –

Mitigate patch potential effects (PPE)

Will work ! Reduce patch potentials **Might work** > Improve materials Improve cleaning and assembly processes Will work? Compensate patch potential effects For: Bias electrodes to compensate PPE average LISA, STEP \succ Increase gaps (d^{-3} force variation dependence) LIGO, other Make gap and test mass sizes comparable Shift spectrally > High: above measurement band \succ Low: as close to f = 0 as possible Minimize electric fields Eliminate electrostatic forcing (spheres) Eliminate electrostatic sensing (optical)



Lessons Learned – II

Optimize charge management system
 Eliminate charge measurement (passive)
 Make charge generation continuous
 Eliminate control loop
 Simulate control system
 Extensive with hardware in the loop
 Analytical simulations
 Data acquisition rates
 Measurement band × 2 to 10

> Plus highest electronics frequency snapshots

Will work ! Might work Will work ?

For: LISA, STEP LIGO, other



Conclusions

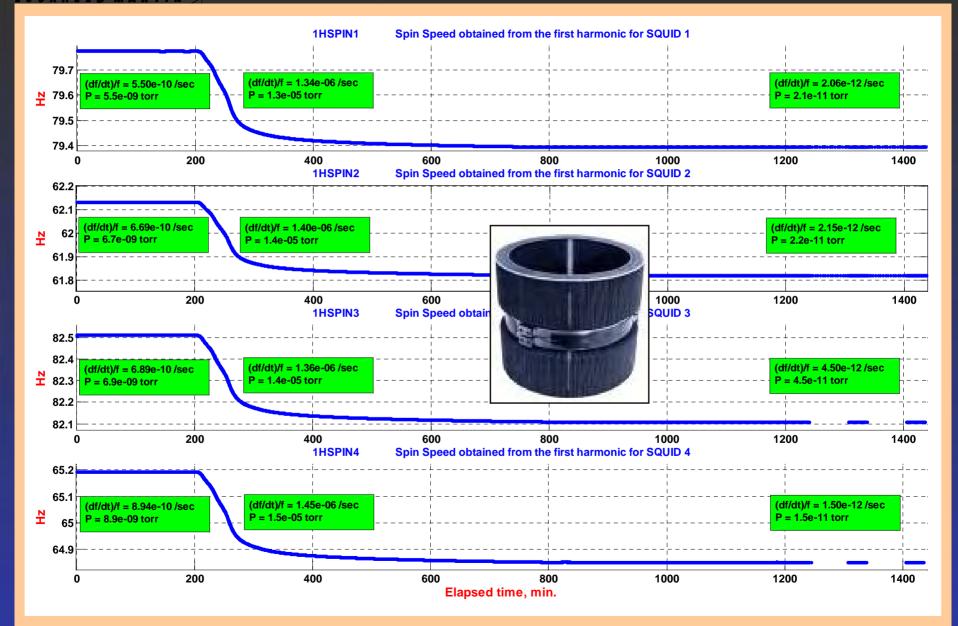
- All known effects (eight) can be accounted for by patch potentials on the rotor and housing in a quantitatively consistent way (polhode damping not completed)
- Limits on patch effect sources of systematic errors not a problem above 5 marcs and probably better (time dependence, misalignment and resonance not included)
- Work remaining in torque modeling, error estimation, polhode damping
- Complex experiments in space work
 - > All GP-B systems worked beyond expectations
 - Surprises can be overcome: GP-B patch effects modeling



Back-up slides

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Spin-Down Rates





Spherical Harmonic Transformation

• Transformation from Rose $Y_{l,m'}(\theta',\phi') = \sum_{l=1}^{l} e^{-im\alpha} d_{m,m'}^{l}(\beta) e^{-im'\gamma} Y_{l,m}(\theta,\phi)$

- From SV roll axis to rotor frame
 - To spin axis: {α, β, 0}
 - \leftarrow β (misalignment), α (misalignment phase)
 - To rotor frame: $\{-\omega_{S} t, -\overline{\gamma_{P}}, -\omega_{P} t\}$

ω_S (spin freq.), *γ_P* (polhode angle), *ω_P* (polhode freq.)
From SV roll axis to housing frame {*ω_R t*, 0, 0}

 $\leftarrow \omega_R$ (roll frequency)



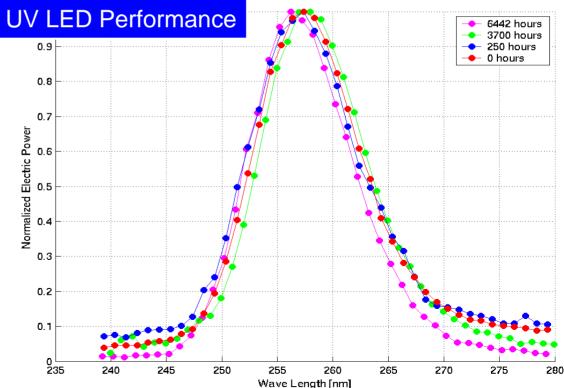
The Path to Future Experiments I UV Sources

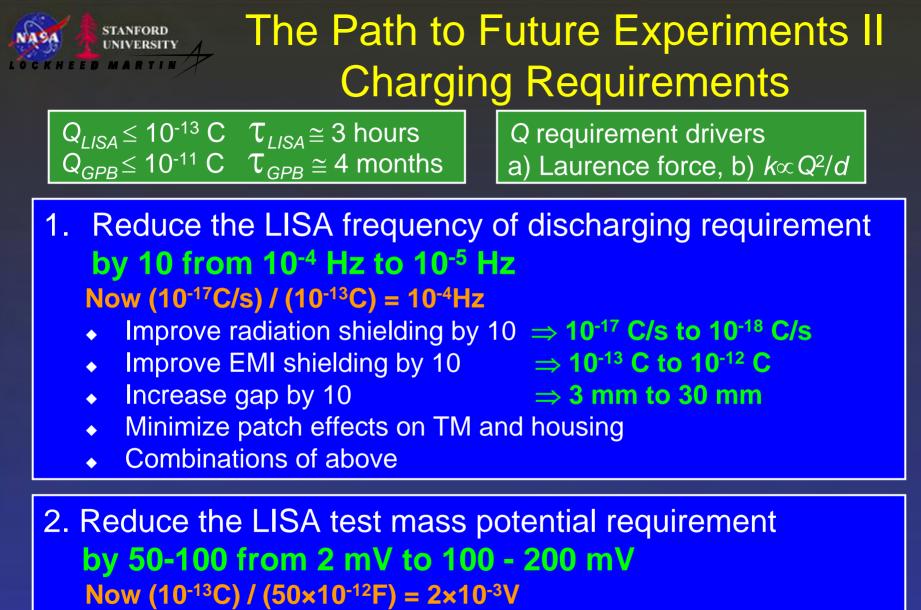
Better UV source: UV LED

- Long lifetime >10,000 hours to date
- Lower power consumption
- Lower mass
- AC modulation up to 1 GHz

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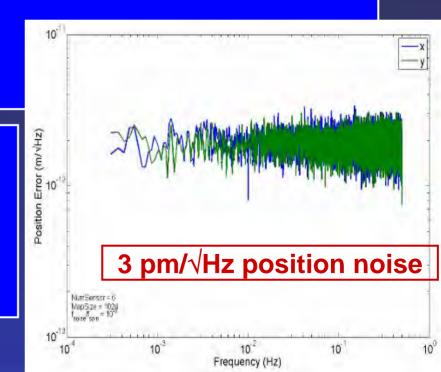


- Improve EMI shielding by 10 \Rightarrow 10⁻¹⁷ C/s to 10⁻¹⁸ C/s
- Increase gap by 10 \Rightarrow **50 pF to 5 pF**
- Combinations of above



The Path to Future Experiments III Improved Technology and Operations

- 3. Control magnitude and time dependence of patch effects
 - Materials development
 - Ground testing
- 4. Extensive charge measurements and calibrations
 - Measurement frequencies must be different for different sensors
 - Single electrodes
 - Variable TM positions
 - Particle monitoring
- 5. Use improved position measurement and control of TM
 - → 3 pm/√Hz with optical read-out
 - Control position to <10 pm/√Hz with micro-thrusters



The Improved Charge Management System

A. Charge measurement

- Not required
- Frequency of measurement below SM band
- Continuous measurement

B. Charge generation (use UV LED)
 Continuous

Frequency of discharging below SM band

C. Charge control loop

- Not required
- Frequency of discharging below SM band
- Continuous control

