Piezoelectric Actuators Shaking an Optical Lattice at the high-frequency regime in a Cold Atom Experiment

Motivation

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}(\tau) &= \frac{\hat{p}}{2m} + V_{lat}(\hat{x}) - F(\tau)\hat{x} \\ \hat{H} &= -t \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{j}, \boldsymbol{l} \rangle \sigma} (c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{j}\sigma} c_{\boldsymbol{l}\sigma} + c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{l}\sigma} c_{\boldsymbol{j}\sigma}) - F(\tau) \sum_{i} ia\hat{n}_{i} \\ &= -t \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{j}, \boldsymbol{l} \rangle \sigma} (c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{j}\sigma} c_{\boldsymbol{l}\sigma} + c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{l}\sigma} c_{\boldsymbol{j}\sigma}) - \hbar\omega_{lat} K_{0} sin(\omega_{lat}) \sum_{i} ia\hat{n}_{i} \end{split}$$

(Sandra Buob, 2018)

Equipment and Design:



Steel Mount

• Piezo actuator (-mirror mount)







FRONT VIEW

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H = 2 cm, h = 0.5 cm, D = 2.5 cm, d = 1.26 cm.

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Equipment and Design:

• Piezo controller

| | Noliac | Tripod | Ring |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Model | NAC2013 | NAC2012(\times 3) | NAC2121 |
| Shape | square | $3 \times \text{square}$ | ring |
| $\operatorname{Dimensions}(\operatorname{mm})$ | $5 \times 5 \times 2$ | $3 \times 3 \times 2$ | $6-2 \times 2$ |
| Capacitance (nF) | 190 | 65(each) | 105 |
| Voltage range (V) | $0 \sim 150$ | $0 \sim 150$ | $0 \sim 200$ |
| Max Stroke (μm) | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Stiffness $(N/\mu m)$ | 318 | 115 | 321 |

 $I_{rms} = \frac{VppC\pi f}{\sqrt{2}}$

Equipment and Design:



Performance:

- frequency response
- the maximum expansion
- the static steering-errormicromotion

(a) Noliac with $\Phi = 25mm$, m = 6.80g

(b) Ring with $\Phi = 12.5mm$, m = 1.68g

(c) Square with $\Phi = 7.0mm$, m = 0.18g

Frequency response



Frequency response

Square actuator with $\Phi = 7.0mm$



• Maximum displacement









• Static steering error



Micro-motion



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- Fix the model
- Consider a offset independent method
- Figure out the source of other harmonics
- Expand the measurement of micromotion to higher frequencies, and figure out why two axes have different resonances
- Measure the static steering error, compare it with the micromotion and find a method to solve it (maybe by the composition of lenses)
- Build the tripod piezo

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