Advanced VIRGO EXPERIMENT

Advanced VIRGO Interferometer: a second generation detector for Gravitational Waves observation

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The Interferometer at EGO site

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Gravitational Waves

- According to the Einstein's theory of General Relativity (1915), Gravitational Waves (GW) are perturbations of the "space-time" metric traveling in the Universe at the speed of light;
- They are expected to be emitted by astrophysical processes in which accelerated coherent motions of large masses take place (supernova explosions, pulsars, etc.);
- The aim of ground based interferometric detectors (ITF) is the direct observation of GW together with the possibility to localize their source in the sky (detectors network).

Importance of a detectors Network

- False alarm rejection requires coincidence
- Triangulation allows to pinpoint the source
- The Network allows to deconvolve detector response and signal wave form -> measurement of the signal parameters
 - Longer observation time better sky coverage

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Network: ITFs of the 1st Generation





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The broad band GW interferometers

- The detector is sensitive to **h** the Gravitational Wave strain amplitude (a GW impinging on the plane of a suspended interferometer stretches one arm compressing the other one alternatively)
- The detector sensitivity is expressed in terms of the amplitude spectral density of the detector noise referred to its input

H(f) [(Hz)^{-1/2}]



Sources of GW





 Neutron stars, low mass black holes, and NS/BS systems



Credit: Chandra X-ray Observatory

'Bursts'

• galactic asymmetric core collapse supernovae

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 cosmic strings • ???



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Cosmic GW background

- Stochastic, incoherent background
- unlikely to detect, but can bound in the 10-10000 Hz range F. Frasconi / INFN Pisa



Continuous Sources

- Spinning neutron stars
- probe crustal deformations, 'quarki-ness'

Advanced VIRGO Interferometer

Advanced VIRGO: upgrade of the VIRGO Interferometer

 Michelson Interferometer with two Fabry-Perot cavities along the arms 3 km long each one

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Evolution of ITF sensitivity



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Toward AdV operation

- Start in 2015 putting in operation the ITF with a simplified configuration, similar to VIRGO+ : likely to reduce the commissioning time
 - without Signal recycling
 - VIRGO+ laser up to 60 W
 - low power (reduced risks with thermal effects and high power laser)
- Target BNS inspiral range: > 100 Mpc



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Detector Design

200W

- Main changes with respect to VIRGO:
 - larger beam
 - heavier mirrors
 - higher quality optics
 - thermal control of aberrations
 - 200W fiber laser
 - Signal Recycling

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- Vibration isolation by VIRGO Superattenuators:
 - performance compliant with new requirements
 - wide experience with commissioning at low frequency

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Seismic Noise

- Seismic noise limits sensitivity of ground based detectors at low frequencies - "seismic wall"
- Typical seismic noise at EGO site at 10 Hz is ~ few x 10⁻¹º m/√Hz
 - many orders of magnitude above target noise level
- Solution multiple stages of isolation system
- Isolation required in vertical direction as well as horizontal due to cross-coupling



Advantages of a **double** over **single** pendulum, same overall length

Mirror Suspensions



The SA chain

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Main features of SA



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Activities on SA for AdV

- Different spatial distribution of the mechanical filters along the suspension chain (optimization of seismic noise filtering in accordance with a new geometry of the Intermediate Vacuum Chamber)
- Re-tuning of mechanical filters in accordance with the load to be supported (heavier mirrors + new TCS + baffles)
- Re-design and construction of the last mechanical filter (Filter7) in accordance with the new Payloads geometry (presence of large baffle for diffused light mitigation)
- Construction of new control electronics:
 - analog and digital parts embedded in a single board
 - about 100 channels per SA

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Mirror Suspension Comparison





Stray light mitigation

- Lesson from 1st generation detector: scattered light is one of the major risks towards the final sensitivity goal
- A big effort has been done to mitigate it:
 - better optics quality
 - baffles to shield mirrors, pipes, vacuum chamber exposed to scattered light
 - photodiodes suspended in vacuum to isolate them from seismic/acoustic noise
 - if needed, control the position of the benches with respect to the ITF



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aLIGO Seismic Isolation

Hydraulic external pre-isolator (HEPI - one stage of isolation; low frequency positioning)





Active isolation platform (two stages of isolation – isolate above ~ 0.2 Hz)

Quadruple pendulum (four stages of isolation) with monolithic silica fiber last stage

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aLIGO Seismic Isolation (cont.)

- Thermal noise reduction: use monolithic fused silica suspension as final stage
- Seismic isolation: use quadruple pendulum + 3 stages of maraging steel blades for vertical isolation
- Control noise minimizing: apply damping at top mass (for 6 degrees of freedom) + use quiet reaction pendulum for global control actuation
 - coil/magnet actuation at top 3 stages
 - electrostatic drive at test mass
- Design is developed from the GEO 600 triple pendulums which have been in operation for more than 10 years



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KAGRA: underground detector

- Underground ITF located in the Kamioka mine (Japan) with 3 km orthogonal arms:
 - reduced seismic noise (about a factor 50 @ 10 Hz) and gravity noise
 - simplified seismic isolation system
- Second phase: cryogenic cooling of test masses:
 - reduced thermal noise

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KAGRA Vibration Isolation

Top Tunnel rocks all around **Bottom Tunnel**

- KAGRA SAS (Seismic Attenuation System) is mounted between two tunnels:
 - a simplified and improved version of the VIRGO Superattenuator
- Good filtering performance
- New Features:
 - Geometric anti-spring (GAS) filters replaces Magnetic antispring (MAS) filters
 - Magnetic damping stage
 - Compact pre-isolator stage (IP)



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KAGRA SAS schematic view



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Network: ITFs of the 2nd Generation

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2nd Generation Network

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Source localization in the sky

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	Estimated	$E_{\rm GW} =$	$10^{-2}M_{\odot}c^2$		Number		% BNS Localized	
	Run	Burst Range (Mpc)		BNS Range (Mpc)		of BNS	within	
Epoch	Duration	LIGO	Virgo	LIGO	Virgo	Detections	$5 \mathrm{deg}^2$	$20 \mathrm{deg}^2$
2015	3 months	40 - 60	-	40 - 80	-	0.0004 - 3	-	-
2016-17	6 months	60 - 75	20 - 40	80 - 120	20 - 60	0.006 - 20	2	5 - 12
2017-18	9 months	75 – 90	40 - 50	120 - 170	60 - 85	0.04 - 100	1 – 2	10 - 12
2019+	(per year)	105	40 - 80	200	65 - 130	0.2 - 200	3 – 8	8 - 28
2022+ (India)	(per year)	105	80	200	130	0.4 - 400	17	48

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Conclusions

- Still waiting for the first detection ...
- Fundamental experience acquired with the 1st generation of ground based ITF:
 - wide experience collected in operating sophisticated detectors
 - important results obtained with collected data
- The construction of the Advanced Detectors (target sensitivity 10 times better) is in progress:
 - end of AdV installation in the fall of 2015
- They will increase of a factor 10³ the observable volume of the Universe opening the phase of the GW astronomy