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Preparing for O3 – the Virgo perspective

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O2: 25-30 Mpc BNS range and important for sky localisation



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sources: J. van den Brand, "Status of Virgo", Nov 2018 and LVC, "GWTC-1,[..]" (2018)

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How is Advanced Virgo performing now?



Quick overview of Virgo and the O2-to-O3 updates



Many monolithic suspensions failures prior to O2



Failures were due to dust particles colliding with fibers



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New 100 W laser installed providing 40 W at the IMC for O3



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source: "Advanced Virgo High Power Laser Status", 7 | 15 N. Christensen *et al.*, Virgo Week, Jan 2018

Laser power and PMC temperature over 4½ months



AEI installed their latest squeezer in Virgo



Newtonian noise subtraction test array at end stations



The situation until 20 Nov 2018



Low frequency sensitivity was limited by 1/f^{2.5} noise



Noise hunting continues in the bucket

- h(t) is calibrated using *optical gain* (100 sec avg)
 2 minutes after step h(t) should be correct again;
- Sensitivity improves as (still unknown) noise is removed; then it starts to worsen as 56MHz leakage becomes dominant;
- Optimum at ~4 mW for B1; better sensitivity everywhere between 80 Hz and 300 Hz.



flat noise", VIR-0857A-18, 27 Nov 2018

The future is now!

EPR



Y. Ma et al., Nature Physics 13, 776 (2017)

Disadvantages

- There is an overall 3dB penalty
- Loss at the output port counts twice

Advantages

Not required new
 infrastructures
 High fexibility

Starting from 2018: Demonstrator under development at 1500W Lab

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- Just as with aLIGO, frequency dependent squeezing is coming (O4);
- "Here, we show that the need for such a filter cavity can be eliminated, by exploiting Einstein– Podolsky–Rosen (EPR)entangled signals and idler beams."

Summary and outlook

Advanced Virgo was between 25-30 Mpc BNS range during that "spectacular month in August" at 85% duty cycle;

➤ Currently they are ≥ 40 Mpc after introduction of monolithic suspensions and noise hunting effort, but aim to be > 65 Mpc in March 2019;

The future is here! Frequency dependent squeezing is "around the corner" and a clever EPR scheme is being investigated.

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Duty cycle O2 breakdown in pie-charts



Lines in the Virgo spectrum during O2 (graph on slide 19)

The typical shape of GW detector spectra is clearly visible, but structures and lines can be found over the entire frequency range. The structures below 30 Hz are believed to be control noise stemming from timing issues in the digital system [120]. The lines around 10.5 Hz, 12.5 Hz, 16.3 Hz, 35 Hz, 45 Hz, 60 Hz, 90 Hz and 350 Hz are calibration lines. The line at 18.6 Hz and 24.6 Hz is associated with air conditioners in the central building clean room and the DAQ room, respectively.

The broad line at 20 Hz is a mechanical mode of the locked EIB-SAS suspension. The mains power line is at 50 Hz. The broad line at 100 Hz is a mechanical mode of the West input test mass suspension. Current understanding is that the structures and lines between 100 Hz and 1 kHz are associated with SDB1, e.g. ringing optic mounts or (violin) modes of the suspension [122]. The broad line at 207 Hz is a mechanical mode of M6 mirror mount on the external injection bench, which is not yet isolated by EIB-SAS. The line at 315 Hz is the violin mode of the (steel) test mass suspensions (also visible in the solid black curve). Harmonics of this mode are seen at multiples of this frequency value.

The line around 1.9 kHz is the beamsplitter drum mode, a mechanical mode of the fused silica cylinder. Lastly, the structure around 4 kHz and the lines between 4 kHz and 5 kHz is associated with the demodulation system of the OMCs [120]. It is a beating of the SDB1 local control LVDT lines and OMC demodulation line. The location of these lines are available and regularly updated at the known lines database [123].

source: J.V. van Heijningen, "Low-frequency performance improvement of seismic attenuation systems and vibration sensors for next generation gravitational wave detector", PhD thesis, DCC no. P1800041 (2018)



About 1 second of 10% shot noise reduction



Towards design sensitivities and beyond



Virgo sensitivity graph is always misrepresented



Q (and thus susp. therm. Noise) was overestimated in the Advanced Virgo TDR due to overestimation of the effect of cabling near the TMs

Frequency [Hz]

Massive storm around 12 August 2017



$6 \,\mu$ m/s rms microseism

Misalignment offset procuring oscillation as DF operation is achieved; this oscillation, due to unbalanced radiation pressure on the mirror caused fast oscillation of the beam axis (B8) at yaw frequency of the WE mirror and then loss of power and unlock. This problem probably blanketed the other problem, sorted as (5) in the red square on the left side of the plot set. Notice that the problem disappeared only after HW reset of the crate.

Unbalancing in the driving, corrected twice, first as the system was recovered and also one day later in the night. Source: Virgo logbook entry 39228

LIGOs Beam Rotation Sensor improves duty cycle

BRS impact at LHO





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Laser bench layout during O3



Frequency dependent squeezing design

