



R&D at IJCLab





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Goal :

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- Demonstrate under vacuum frequency dependent squeezing (FDS) in the prospect of the Advanced Virgo detector O5 run and ET detector development => improve GW detector sensitivity in its whole bandwidth
- Adjust the squeezing angle corner frequency => more flexibility





- Squeezing source from LKB
- Existing 50-m filter cavity on the CALVA facility at IJCLab
- Optics coatings from IP2I/LMA
 Electronics from LAPP in the Virgo standards









Simplified scheme

Others main interest points :

- · OPO bow-tie type like LIGO
 - Impact on the stray light
- Bench under vacuum but not suspended
- SHG done in air and send under vacuum by a window and not a fiber.
- Modified Coherent Locking (MCL) scheme :
 - Using an frequency shifted infrared beam that will share a phase relation with the squeezing to lock the squeezing angle
- · A 50-m long suspended cavity









In-air bench experiment setup

First results :

- Experimental setup has been implemented
- OPO characterized
- Anti-squeezing observed



Bow-tie OPO









Squeezing loss sources

No squeezing observed due to mainly 2 limitations :

- Matching of the LO and squeezing on homodyne detection
- Squeezing ellipse angle control









Scheme of OPO with not superposed but resonant beam

Some problems during the last years :

- Climatization failure :
 - Summer 2021 : Experiment that unaligned itself in the spam of few hours
 - · Full alignment of the experiment needed at the end of the problem
- Main laser failure :
 - · May to September 2022 : internal fan failure
 - · Back in January 2023 with Gaussian parameter changed which entails experiment adaptation
- Unexpected OPO alignment difficulty :
 - · A mirror unglued itself : Full realignment after change
 - Strange chromatic alignment dependence : Infrared and Green both resonant but not superposed









OPO threshold measurement

Improvements since then :

- Hardware and software development for squeezing angle control loop
- OPO has been realigned and characterized
- Preparation of a vacuum sub-tank to decorrelate squeezing measurement improvement between :
 - vacuum squeezing generation
 - vacuum homodyne detection (HD)



Vacuum tank for HD





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- Study the design constrains of a 3-mirrors cavity



50m vacuum cavity at CALVA facility

- Use a "small cavity" as a variable transmission mirror to tune the squeezing angle corner frequency without change of mirrors :
 - + Faster adaptation implementation
 - + No supplementary cost once installed
 - ? Stability and control of coupled cavities









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Coupled cavity notation



• Characterize the exotic properties of coupled cavities and the impact on cavity design



Double resonance peaks of a 3-mirrors cavity VS "classical" resonance peak of 2-mirrors cavity

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- GW detectors are large scale facilities and it's necessary for several application to distribute laser beams and theirs phase safely at different place of the interferometer

=> Fibers are a convenient transport method but the phase noise developed inside them is problematic

Squeezing on Virgo is one of the sub-system impacted by this problem



A first meeting has taken placed and more are planned. Several teams plan to work on this subject :

- · Padova
- · Nikhef

- · EGO
- IJCLAB





Any questions ?



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