A new instrumented baffle for AdV+



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O1+O2+O3a events



GW detector sensitivities

	LIGO		Virgo		KAGRA		
	BNS range/Mpc	BBH range/Mpc	BNS range/Mpc	BBH range/Mpc	BNS range/Mpc	BBH range/Mpc	
Early	40-80	415-775	20-65	220-615	8–25	8-250	
Mid	80-120	775-1110	65-85	615-790	25-40	250-405	
Late	120-170	1110-1490	65-115	610-1030	40-140	405-1270	
Design	190	1640	125	1130	140	1270	

Ranges quoted for 1.4 M⊙+1.4 M⊙ BNS and 30 M⊙+30 M⊙ BBH systems



@ Living Rev Relativ (2018) 21:3 https://doi.org/10.1007/s41114-018-0012-9

AdV+: Advanced Virgo upgrade



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AdV+ upgrade schedule

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
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Range of sensitivities for AdV+



Best sensitivity curve for AdV+ phase II



Importance of stray light control

- Large fraction (70%) of light in interferometer lost in the form of stray light
- AdV is full of passive (AR coated) baffles to eliminate diffused light (99.5%)
- No real control/monitoring on where light goes





Instrumented baffles?

Problem

Beam not easy to localize during pre-alignment

Rough targets installed on baffles to visualize beam

Scattered light is monitored with cameras



Solution

Sensors embedded in baffles allow monitoring of small-angle scattered light

Catch possible high order modes falling out the mirror

Discover possible ageing or contamination of mirror surfaces

Input mode-cleaner



https://www.nikhef.nl/pub/departments/mt/ projects/virgo/inputmodecleaner.html

End mirror						
Diameter	145 mm					
Thickness	95 mm					
Baffle	140 – 350 mm					





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Triangular cavity						
Length	143 m					
Finesse	1000					

IMC tower



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IMC end mirror simulation

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Most of the scattered light concentrates at low angles



Scenarios	Mirror + baffle	Baffle	Photodiode	
Resonance	1.35 x 10 ⁴ W	0.20 W	3.2 x 10 ⁻³ W	
Misaligned (10 µrad)	1.19x 10 ⁴ W	0.17 W	3.0 x 10 ⁻³ W	
Extremely misaligned	-	-	2.1x 10 ⁻² W	
Mechanical drift	390 W	-	130 (for 10 ms)	

A. Romero-Rodríguez et al, 2021, Class. Quantum Grav. 38 045002

IMC instrumented baffle design

O3 (plair	n) baffle	O4 (instrumented) baffle				
Component Weight (g)		Component	Weight (g)			
Stainless steel 1887.47		Stainless steel	753.1 + 751.6			
		Screws	0.17 x 46			
		PCBs	95.77 + 98.03			
		Antennae + interconnection	11.14			
		Connectors	5 x 2			
		Cables	0.56			
Total 1887.47		Total	1728.02			
Difference = 159.45 g						

New center of mass has moved away (-0.34, 0.82, 2.02) mm with respect to the non-instrumented current baffle

Instrumented baffle design



- 76 photosensors behind plate
- Sensors active area 0.49 cm²
- Conical (12°) holes of 4 mm of diameter (in the polished side)

Successful installation on April 28th



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Baffle mechanics



https://www.nikhef.nl/pub/departments/mt/projects/virgo/inputmode/production/IMC/

76 holes (4 mm of diameter)

Baffle electronics



38 photodiodes

Gold plated to dissipate heat



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Photodiodes



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Dimensions	7.37 x 7.37 mm ²				
Sensitive area	6.97 x 6.97 mm ²				
Operation temperature	-40 to 100 °C				
Power dissipation	50 mW				
Reflectivity	1.8%				
Photosensitivity	660 mA/W				

Photodiodes



- Photodiodes illuminated with a 1064 nm laser with increasing power
- Light collimated in a 1.38 mm diameter circular aperture in setup → 54 mW would reach sensor through 4 mm diameter hole
- While in resonance 3.2 mW reach the sensor (according to simulation)

Baffle installation in IMC tower



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Data acquisition

Server Machine (HW)



Baffle GUI

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Summary

- Stray light origin is hard to identify and its harmful effects difficult to mitigate
- IFAE has instrument the baffle in front of IMC end-mirror to allow fully monitoring of small-angle scattered light
- IMC cavity operational since beginning of May with no significant effect from the instrumented baffle
- Special tests to determine the sensitivity of the baffle to losses, alignment and mirror temperature
- First data being analyzed
- This baffle will be taking data from O4 on
- Experience gained will help in the design of instrumented baffles for test masses in time for O5