Gruppo2 activities @ LAE

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Gr2 O PD Fisica "dallo spazio" multimessenger, cosmology

EUCLIDDES. DusiniCTA/MAGICY(Ch, terra)M. MariottiFERMI γ(CAL, sat)R. RandoVIRGOGWL. ContiETJ. P. Zendri

CUOREL. TaffarelloGERDAR. Brugnera

 $\beta\beta$ 0v @ Gran Sasso

MOONLIGHT-2 P. Villoresi

Quantum science

QUAX G. Carugno

JUNO A. Garfagnini Oscillazioni neutrini (reattori) ICARUS A. Guglielmi DUNE L. Stanco T2K G. Collazuol ENUBET F. Pupilli Oscillazioni neutrini (acc)





RESEARCH GROUP LAB @INFN-LNL, HE BUILDING

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FUNDING ID:

QUAX	INFN-CSN2	2021-2025
SQMS	DOE, USA	2020-2024
TERAPOL	INFN-CSN5	2021-2022
ATTRACT	EU	2019-2020
SUPERGALAXY	FET-EU	2020-2024
DEMIURGOS	INFN-CSN5	2019-2021







WIMP [1-100 GeV]

- number density is small
- tiny wavelength
- no detector-scale coherence





- AXION $[m_A \ll eV]$
- number density is large (bosons)
- long wavelength
 coherence within detector

⇒ observable: classical, oscillating, **background field**

 \rightarrow search for axion DM in the Galactic halo \rightarrow the axion: weakly interacting, light particle

 \rightarrow it manifests as an AC effective field

inverse Primakoff effect \rightarrow axion-induced excess photons inside a microwave cavity in a static magnetic field





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QUAERERE AXIONS: WORKING PRINCIPLE

Detection of cosmological axions through their coupling to electrons or photons

ELECTRON COUPLING – QUAX



the axion DM cloud acts as an **effective RF magnetic field** on the electron spin exciting **magnetic transitions** in a magnetized sample (YIG) \rightarrow **RF photons**

$$P_{\rm ax} = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-24} \,\mathrm{W} \left(\frac{V_{\rm eff}^{\rm Sa}}{2.3 \cdot 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{m}^3}\right) \left(\frac{B}{8 \,\mathrm{T}}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{g_{\gamma}}{-0.97}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_a}{0.45 \,\mathrm{GeV \, cm^{-3}}}\right) \left(\frac{f}{13.5 \,\mathrm{GHz}}\right) \left(\frac{Q_L}{145 \,000}\right)$$

PHOTON COUPLING – QUAX a γ



DM axions are converted into **RF photons** inside a **resonant cavity** immersed in a **strong magnetic field**

$$P_{
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QUAX: physics results



QUAX e' passato da un R&D (nato in seno a WhatNext) a essere un esperimento finanziato dalla CSN2 per produrre risultati di fisica. Nuovo magnete a 14 T. Migliorie nella criogenia.

QUAX: activities in the laboratory

• we develop high **Q** ($\gtrsim 10^6$) microwave cavities, compatible with strong magnetic fields ($B \gtrsim 8$ T)



▶ we use the best preamplifiers (research, not commercially available) → JPA (Josephson Parametric Amplifier) key element in **qbit** readout, TW (Travelling Wave) JPA (thanks to collaboration with N. Roche, Grenoble)



QUAX: expertise and other activities

QUANTUM SENSING	JPA (Josephson Parametric Amplifiers) amplifiers, SQUID, TW JPA, microwave SPD (single photon detector)
Microwave resonators	photonic cavities, hybrid (magnon-photon) systems, NC and SC cavities (Nb and type II SC)
LASER systems LAB (former ALICE clean room)	Femtosecond and picosecond mode-locked lasers, CW tunable narrow linewidth Ti:Sa lasers, MOPA lasers
CRYO TESTBEDS	dilution refrigerators (mK), superfluid He vessel, liquid helium cryosystems, pulse tubes (> 4K)
MATERIALS SCIENCE	RE (rare-earth) doped materials, YIG (Yttrium Iron Garnet), AF-TI (Antiferromagnetic Topologic Insulators), SC
Magnetic fields	2T, 8 T SC magnets — 14T to come!



More initiatives



Develop a single microwave photon detector for axion search in QUAX experiment with an array of SC qubits.

Part of SQMS: the US Quantum Technology initiative

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Experimental activities of Virgo and ET at LNL

wide array of experimental investigations and technological developments in support of Gravitational Wave detectors

INFN and Uni Padova : Bazzan, Bonavena, Bordignon, Chiarini, Ciani, Conti, Zendri & undergrads TIFPA and Uni Trento : Grimaldi, Perreca





Gravitational wave detectors and their enemies



Two main challenges:

Measure vanishingly small displacements Make sure the displacements is from gravitational waves only!

Giacomo Ciani





The Virgo&ET laser lab at LAE@LNL

4 benches/experiments:

- Virgo related (@1064nm)
 - 1. Electro-optical lens : EOL
 - 2. Mode-converter telescope: MCT

Einstein Telescope related (@1550nm)

3. Cryogenic characterization of materials: ET

Transversal to both Virgo & ET (@1064nm)

4. Non-equilibrium Thermal Noise: NETN

Main strength and expertise:

- Laser optics
- Opto-electronics
- adaptive optics (not the "astronomical" type...)
- Fast/quiet electronics
- Optical materials
- Cryogenics



Electro-optic lens & Mode-converter telescope

Advanced Virgo employs Squeezing (SQZ) since the run O3 (ie from 2019).

Optical losses are of major concern for SQZ as they couple (non-squeezed) quantum fluctuations thus spoiling the quality of squeezed vacuum. To reduce losses, the sqz states need to be mode-matched to the interferometer beam.



We are developing 2 technologies for sensing (and correcting) the mismatch, for the next run O4 of Advanced Virgo. The goal is to reduce to <3% the optical losses due to mode mismatch (now order 10%)



Electro-Optic Lens



Development of an innovative technique for sensing the mode mismatch between an optical cavity and a laser beam

The technique is based on the realization of a custom electro-optical lens, capable of changing focal length at frequencies up to ${\sim}100~\text{MHz}$







Mode Converter Telescope and Actuator

TIFPA collaboration

The sensor

Testing an astigmatic telescope configuration that allows to optically convert the LG10 mode to and HG11 and to use the standard Quadrant Photodiode to detect the Mode mismatch error signal.





The actuator

We are developing a new optical actuator based on a thermomechanical deformation of mirrors.





The curvature characterization of this actuators will be performed at LNL, using a compact Shack-Hartmann setup.





To lower thermal noise, Einstein Telescope will use cryogenics: this requires new materials and lasers. Silicon is a good candidate material at cryogenic T, but it is not transparent to the wavelength (1064nm) used in Virgo-Ligo-Kagra! Need to move to 1550nm: optical properties unknow at the level needed for GW detectors

@LAE: facility to test optical grade silicon samples from different manufacturers/processes.

• Assessing optical absorption by means of bolometric measurements



Non-equilibrium Thermal Noise: NETN

- Thermal noise is well understood and measured in terms of Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem (FDT)
- FDT assumes thermodynamic equilibrium
- Not a valid assumption in many experiment!
- No valid theory to describe non-equilibrium



@LAE : Facility with thermal-noise limited macroscopic oscillator; ability to control thermal gradients

Inertial platforn

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Thermal link

Non-contac heater

- Objectives:
 - Measurement of TN out of equilibrium

Thermopile

- Establish a phenomenological base to help develop a viable theory
- Collaborations:
 - Experimentalists @ENS Lyon
 - Theoreticians @DFA, PoliTo and University of Luxemburg





JUNO



669 members from 17 countries and 77 institutes

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Jianmeng Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO) in one slide

- the largest ever built liquid scintillator (LS) detector for neutrino and rare events physics (including dark matter)
- main target : determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy, one of the still unanswered questions in neutrino physics
- thanks to the large mass (20 kt) and overburden (700 underground), JUNO will be able to exploit several neutrino physics channels





20 kton LS detector 700 m overburden 3% energy resolution (@1 MeV) 20000 large PMTs (20") 25600 small PMTs (3") supernova neutrinos geo-neutrinos proton decay searches

https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.02565

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JUNO largePMT Electronics Readout Scheme

Padova responsible of firmware.

Design of the electronics.

Big investment of CSN2 on the electronics

LPMT installation module



Under Water Electronics



electronics designed by INFN-Padova developed and tested in parternship with IHEP-Beijing

project co-funded by MAECI (Italy) and NSFC (China)



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UWBox with electronics









JUNO Electronics Test Setup in Legnaro

- developed and built to test, debug and characterize the final JUNO electronics
- $\bullet\,$ it consists of
- about 17 liters of Linear-Alkyl-Benzene (LAB) liquid scintillator
- 48 Philips XP2020 (diameter of 2") PMTs with their bases
- 3 plastic scintillators for external cosmic rays trigger
- a black support structure to reduce external light going inside the system







JUNO electronics LNL test setup



39 PMT channels acquired by 16 GCUs All GCU SYNC outputs connected to one BEC/TTIM Trigger validation inside TTIM All GCU ASYNC outputs connected to GBit Enterprise Switch \rightarrow two 40 GBit

optical fiber uplink to DAQ server

GCU v2.4 inside cooling box



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JUNO LNL setup : PMT calibration

- picoseconds laser pulses are ntroduced in the setup using an optical fiber
- it provides light at 405 nm and it is used to calibrate the PMT gain (with single p.e.)
- an additional LED is controlled with an external, tunable, square pulse



USLASERS

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405nm 20mW laser diode

Features

405nm laser diode Device 20mW

- Power
- Package Type: 5.6mm TO

PIN configuration Style B

Absolute Maximum Rating (Tc=25°C)

Characteristics	Symbols	Rating	Unit
Optical power	Po	20	mW
Reverse Voltage (Laser)	V	2	V
Reverse Voltage (PIN)	V	30	V
Operating Temperature	Тор	-10 to +70	°C
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-40 to +85	°C





System stability test

- several long runs (up to few months) have been collected
- selecting cosmic muons traversing our detector
- events are grouped (1 hour) based on timestamp
- time difference between consecutive events is fitted by simple exponential \rightarrow trigger rate is extracted and plotted over time
- study: stability of the system (baseline, noise, synchronization)





3) Calibration with γ sources

Sum over all channels

Measurements with the apparatus

- due to the small size of the LS vessel, no full-energy peak is detected
- calibration is based on the Compton continuum edge
- Trigger: OR of 3 PMT channels. Threshold: 6σ

1 acq. w/o any radioactive source v: 1.97kHz **4** with different sources: Am-241 (v: 2.00kHz), Cs-137 (v: 2.45kHz), Na-22 (v: 2.39kHz), Co-60(v: 3.30kHz)







Measurements with the apparatus

• calibration is based on the Compton continuum edge:

$$ext{max}(E_e) = rac{2E_{\gamma}^2}{2E_{\gamma}+m_e}$$

• the Compton edge energy, E_e is extracted with a fit using the complementary error function



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Fit at low-E (sources) estrapolated to 60 MeV with perfect match

4) Extrapolation to μ deposited energies

New μ measurement

- a new 10 days long runs with external trigger was performed
- reconstructed charge has been compared to the Monte Carlo prediction
- the average reconstructed charge fit perfectly with the γ calibration data \rightarrow fantastic linearity of the apparatus and of the electronics





JUNO

- the JUNO 48 PMT setup operational in Legnaro is working very well
- the setup allowed
- to test and debug the JUNO electronics full chain (several integration tests GCU/BEC/TTIM have been performed in the past)
- develop/test and debug the CGU firmware
- the system is now used to prepare for the large number of channels integration test (700 GCU → 2100 readout channels) that will test all the JUNo electronics before the installation in the experiment in China
- the system will be very important during the installation (2022) and commissioning phase (2023) of the experiment to debug possible firmware bugs and test new firmware versions (2024-2030) before deploying it in the JUNO experiment

GERDA & LEGEND

Experimental Setup

- Search for neutrinoless double-beta decay of ⁷⁶Ge
- High Purity Germanium (HPGe) detectors submersed in Liquid Argon (LAr)
- LAr cryostat surrounded by Water Cherenkov Muon Veto

Background suppression

- Multi-detector events discarded
- Scintillation light of LAr for vetoing (light guiding fibers coupled to SiPMs)
- Pulse shape discrimination (PSD) to veto multi-site (MSE) and surface events
 - double-beta signal shape (single-site event SSE) has to be well-known to discriminate from background







GERDA NOW

LEGEND200 I NGS Hall A

Compton Table

- Germanium detector response
- goal: collect samples of single-site SSE interactions with known interaction location
- take data of detector under study in coincidence with other detectors (up to 4) mounted laterally
- select single Compton scattered events through collimation and offline energy selection as proxy for SSE

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BeGe = under test (central)
Coax = trigger (cross)
Coax for trigger from GASP
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setup @ LNL

Compton Table

- automated N₂-filling system monitored and controlled by Agilent Keysight data-logger
- ²²Na β⁺ source (511keV gammas back-toback) for trigger calibration









¹³⁷Cs 780MBq source collimator

Compton Table

- samples & average pulse shape changing
 - scan height (manual)
 - scan depth (remotely controllable)
 - detector high voltage (remotely controllable)
- initial part of pulse changes with position and HV





Compton Table

Conclusion

 study detector response to single Compton events with known interaction location in the context of GERDA (now LEGEND)

Future prospects

- comparison of different detector geometries
 - BEGe detector GERDA geometry
 - pin-point-contact detector MAJORANA geometry
 - inverted coaxial detector LEGEND geometry
- improve scanning speed
 - mount pairs of pixelated detectors to measure the scanning height instead of collimating coincident detectors



Status of Icarus detector

- TPC, PMT, trigger and DAQ installation activities complete, with latest achievements during Covid-19 restricted operations.
- Bottom CRT and 7 out of 8 walls of side CRT installation complete.
- 24/7 shifts since February 14th 2020. Remote only shifts since March 17th 2020.



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CRT East walls complete



Fermilab 2/24/2021



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ICARINO

- Test facility for liquid Argon TPC, located in LAE building
- TPC is roughly a cube of 30 cm size -> 38 kg LAr active mass
- Built by ICARUS group in 2005, used for several tests
 - Measurement of very large (~20 ms) electron lifetime (JINST 2010 5 P03005)
 - First operation of multilayer 2D LEM readout in a LAr-TPC (JINST 2018 13 T03001)
 - Several other tests of LAr cryogenics (recirculation, purification), anode readout and electronics. Crucial for development towards ICARUS operation at LNGS and currently at FNAL



Current activity: LARISA

- The LARISA experiment (starting grant for F. Varanini) will use the ICARINO test facility for testing a 3-plane LEM readout in liquid Argon
- I This is a further development of the previous 2D test, largely using the same infrastructure
- PCB-based LEM can be a cheaper, more robust and scalable alternative to wire-based readout for LAr-TPC. Great interest from DUNE, towards possible use for one DUNE module
- It is performed with the collaboration and support of the CERN group (F. Pietropaolo et al.), which is also testing 3D readout schemes
- LARISA will test a different approach, with PCBs only metalized on one face. It will characterize the focusing effect of the charge build-up on un-metalized PCB surface
 - Approximate timeline
 - Simulation is being finalized, LEM design is ongoing
 - Data-taking expected during summer 2021
 - Analysis must be completed by the end of the year



Momento molto intenso per attivita` neutrini in Giappone

- T2K near detector upgrade in fase di costruzione
- Super-K entra in questi giorni nella nuova fase H₂O+Gd
- Hyper-K e` stato approvato all'inizio dell'anno **Gruppo locale in espansione**

Staff: G.Collazuol, M.Grassi, M.Laveder, A.Longhin, M.Mezzetto, Post-Doc: M.Lamoreux (INFN Fellini), Assegnisti: N.Ospina, G.Cogo Dottorandi: F.lacob, M.Pari, C.Delogu

•In stretta collaborazione per T2K-upgrade @ LNL: M.Cicerchia, T.Marchi, F. Gramegna A. LUNYINI, COLLINE, VIJILI

G.Collazuol CdS INFN PD 2020/7/15

HK: construction/procurement

Survey tunnel

Entrance Yard Construction



Construction of entrance vard in Wasabo is completed Construction of the waste water treatment facility at the entrance yard.



Yard

<u>Hyper-K Detector</u> Construction has Started

PMTs for the Inner Detector					
	Super-K	Hyper-K			
Number of PMTs	11,129 50cm PMTs	20,000 50cm PMTs (JPN) (+ additional PDs (Oversea))			
Photo-sensitive Coverage	40 %	20 %			
Single photon efficiency /PMT	~12%	~24%			
Dark Rate /PMT	~4 kHz (Typical)	4 kHz (Average)			
Timing resolution of 1 photon	~3 nsec	~1.5 nsec			



Production has started on time for the 50cm PMTs with Box&Line dynode. @300 PMTs by March, 20,000 PMTs in total by 2026 according to the Japanese budget profile.



mPMTs

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原位量試験用模坑3 (対象:スカルン)



Prototype at TRIUMF

mPMT is a vessel which houses and protects an array of 19 3" PMTs:

- Origination in the granularity and timing: @additional intrinsic directional information. Far detector "hybrid" photocoverage: 20" PMTs and mPMTs.
- **OIWCD** will be instrumented only with mPMTs.

Objective Different constraints on far detector and IWCD mPMTs.

2020/12 First six PMTs delivered to Kamioka

arXiv:1901.03750



Near Detector Upgrade

- Large angle acceptance to constrain neutrino interaction models
- Measurement of short tracks to identify non-QE, NC γ etc.



• 3D imaging super-fine grain detector

- Improved target tracking
- Improved proton detection threshold
- neutron detection capabilities

- Improved high angle acceptance - High Angle TPC's
- x2 in statistics for equal p.o.t.
- Time of Flight for background reduction

TZR Near Detector Upgrade - HATPC

Importante coinvolgimento INFN Pd in costruzione delle TPC orizzontali (High Angle TPC):

- → coordinamento progetto HA-TPC (G.Collazuol)
- → disegno e costruzione Field Cage con INFN-LNL e INFN-Ba
- progettazione HA-Field Cages
- realizzazione e test prototipi





Prototype at CERN \rightarrow T2K lab facility @ Neutrino Platform Area (Activity 2019 Q4 – 2020 Q1)





- TPC assembled (Resistive Micromegas + Electronics + DAQ)

- HV and gas long term tests at CERN \rightarrow studied and solved HV problems (discharges externally around cathode region) \rightarrow adjusted external ground layout
- Gas quality measurements (long term measurements)
- Data taking with Cosmic Rays
 - \rightarrow early characterization: OK
 - \rightarrow full characterization: need more data

(activities at CERN frozen due to covid19)





NP06/ENUBET

A new narrow-band neutrino beam for high precision cross section measurement in the DUNE/Hyper-K era

- ERC Cons. Grant (2016-2021) [ENUBET, PI: <u>A. Longhin</u>, UniPD (host) + INFN]
- Grant MIUR Bando FARE (2017-2021) [ENUBET/NUTECH]
- Since April 2019, ENUBET is also a CERN Neutrino Platform experiment: NP06



Lepton monitoring → Get rid of the usual uncertainties in conventional v beams (Hadro-production, protons on target, beam-line efficiency)

<mark>Main goals</mark>

Design/simulate the layout of the hadronic beam-line
 Build/test a demonstrator of the instrumented decay tunnel



ENUBET: instrumented decay tunnel

Requirements:

- Allow e⁺/π^{±,0} separation in the GeV energy region
- Suppress background from beam halo (μ , γ , non collimated hadrons)
- Sustain O(MHz) rate and **suppress pile-up effects** (recovery time ≤ 20 ns)
- Cost-effective (to instrument a 40m long decay tunnel)



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SiPM irradiation @ INFN-LNL (Legnaro)



Expected n doses from K decays (FLUKA)



SiPM were irradiated at the CN Van de Graaf on July 2017

7MV and 5 mA proton currents on a Be target

⁹Be(p,n)⁹B,⁹Be(p,np)2α,⁹Be(p,np)⁸Be and ⁹Be(p,nα)⁵Li

 \rightarrow Tested 12,15 and 20 µm SiPM cells up to ~ 2 x 10¹¹ n/cm² 1 MeV-eq (max non ionizing dose for $10^4 v_{o}^{CC}$ at a 500 t v detector at r = 1 m)





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CNNP2020 - 25/02/2020





Polysiloxane-based scintillators



NIMA 956 (2020) 163379

Polysiloxane resin instead of plastic with suitable dyes for scintillation

- A 13X₀ shashlik calorimeter prototype tested in 2017-18 @ CERN (first application in HEP!)
- Pros: increased radiation hardness (no yellowing), simpler (just pouring+reticulation)











Silicon strip detectors for particle tracking and high resolution efficiency maps Developed for AGILE NIMA 501 (2003) 280

- Active area: 10x10 cm²
- σ ≈ 30 µm





More collateral detector R&D (work in progress)

Polysiloxane-based high granularity neutrino targets. 3 views. Same idea of the new T2K near detector (SuperFGD) but without the need of assemblying millions of mechanically independent cubes \rightarrow pouring into a frame.



Trigger scintillator

3D printed at INFN mech. Workshop. Uses tiles developed for shashlik calorimeters R&D in collaboration with INR Moskow

Active area: ~10x10 cm²

Final demonstrator due to the ERC.

A portion of the instrumented decay tunnel

Proof of performance/feasibility and cost effectiveness

Assembly will be in a new area in the north part of LAE.

Will be tested in 2022 at CERN-PS East Hall.



CERN-SPSC annual report https://cds.cern.ch/record/2759849/files/SPSC-SR-290.pdf



Il LAE e' **un'ambiente prezioso per le attivita' di Gruppo 2** in generale e per Padova in particolare.

Esperimenti che fanno fisica (QUAX), costruzione/test/sviluppo di sistemi di rivelatori per grandi apparati su cui la CSN2 sta investendo molto (JUNO, LEGEND, DUNE, HYPER-K, ET, VIRGO upgrades), progetti ERC (ENUBET).

Rafforzare l'integrazione con LNL come gia' succede per per QUAX e T2K?



Hyper-Kamiokande near detectors



Off-axis Magnetized Tracker (ND280→ND280 Upgrade→HK magnetize detector)

> Downstream ECAL

Barrel ECAL

Solenoid Coil

UA1 Magnet Yoke

etector



Off-axis spanning intermediate

water Cherenkov detector (IWCD)

measure beam direction, monitor event rate. Existing

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charge separation (wrong-sign background), recoil system. being upgraded.

P0D ECAL

> intrinsic backgrounds, electron. (anti)neutrino cross-sections, neutrino energy vs. observables, H₂O target.

To be built

Systematics: NP06/ENUBET

Unprecedented control of flux by monitoring the leptons in an instrumented decay tunnel in a narrow band beam. Measure the v and \overline{v} cross sections at O(%)

Tagger leptons from K (v_a and high-E v_n) Hadron dump instr: μ from π (low-E v_)

Tagger

z (cm)





ZTrack^{fm}

u⁺ from r

2.0e-04 N/r 4 2e-05 N/o mu from ba





Activities

Marco Bazzan, *Giacomo Ciani*, Livia Conti, Matteo Pegoraro, Jean-Pierre Zendri

- Gravitational wave science is a very interdisciplinary enterprise
- Our group is pursuing a wide array of experimental investigations and technological developments in support of GW detectors
- Main strength and expertise:
 - Laser optics
 - Opto-electronics
 - adaptive optics (not the "astronomical" type...)
 - Fast/quiet electronics
 - Optical materials
 - Cryogenics

Da G. Ciani https://agenda.infn.it/event/21880/



Our clean optics lab at Legnaro National Labs

Fighting quantum noise with vacuum squeezing

- True source of quantum noise: quantum vacuum fluctuations entering the "dark port" and mixing with the carrier
- Solution: inject vacuum with reduced quantum fluctuation
- Two quadratures that obey an uncertainty relation:
 - phase (causes shot noise, high frequencies)
 - amplitude (causes radiation pressure, low frequencies)
- Who is your worst enemy? Can "squeeze" one quadrature at the expense of the other (so far, we have been improving shot noise at high frequency... and it works!)
- **Or win on the whole ground!** decide which one as a function of frequency.
 - For example, the squeezing angle can be rotated as a function of frequency by reflecting the squeezed vacuum beam on a detuned cavity (a.k.a filter cavity)





Optimizing squeezing generation process

- Custom-built **Second Harmonic Generator** based on intracavity non-linear crystal
 - used to frequency halving/doubling (key to squeezing production)
- Record 99% efficiency demonstrated (M. Leonardi et al 2018 Laser Phys. 28 115401)
- Currently developing a novel technique for ultra-low crystal absorption measurements





Mode matching sensors for squeezing

 Optical losses are the enemy: if photon can escape the system, then (non-squeezed) quantum fluctuation can enter from the reverse path

 Mode matching is one of the critical sources of loss, and real time sensing (and correction) at the ~1% level becomes critical.





 Little development in the past due to noncritical nature (before squeezing came in!)

Online sensing of laser-cavity mode-matching

- Mode-mismatch is a primary source of optical losses, the worst enemy of an effective squeezing
- Development of an innovative sensing technique



- Realization of a custom electro-optical lens capable of changing focal length at frequencies up to ${\sim}100~\rm MHz$
- Requires expertise in laser optics, RF electronics, solid state physics
- Collaboration with UniTN/TIFPA on alternative techniques

GHz Optical Phase Locked Loop

- Squeezing and control beams need to be phase-locked to the main interferometer carrier with high precision and selectable frequency offset
- Implementation of frequency-dependent squeezing requires offset up to ~GHz



- Offset frequencies allowed: 1.5MHz ÷
 1.5GHz
- Bandwidth 50-100 kHz, limited by the internal resonances of the laser PZT actuator (can be improved using an EOM as actuator)
- Achieved residual RMS phase noise of order mrad (100 kHz bandwidth)
- Fiber optic version (being tested).
- Autolocking system for long term operation

Out of Equilibrium thermal noise

- Thermal noise is well understood and measured in terms of fluctuationdissipation theorem (FDT)
- FDT assumes thermodynamic equilibrium
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- Facility with thermal-noise limited macroscopic oscillator
- Ability to control temperature and thermal gradients
- Objectives:
 - Measurement of TN out of equilibrium
 - Establish a phenomenological base to help develop a viable theory
- Collaborations:
 - Experimental @ENS Lion
 - Theroretical colleagues @DFA, PoliTo and University of Luxemburg

Coating research



SCIENTIFIC CASE:

- Thermal noise and optical absorption in advanced optical coatings
- Investigation on the physical origin
- Development of new materials

ACTIVITIES:

- Fabrication (Sputtering, Thermal treatments)
- Characterization (Rutherford Backscattering, X-Rays, Optical...)

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Interdisciplinary effort (takes advantage of the peculiar expertise of the FISMAT group at DFA and LNL on thin films science)
- Key aspect in GW technology
 - Wide network of collaborations (Europe, USA, Japan)



Old enemy, new fight: stray light

• the main sources of "unexplained noise"



- Difficult to model, control and suppress
- Activities:
 - Numerical simulations of squeezing subsystem with commercial raytracing software (FRED)
 - Building a facility do characterize optics and other surfaces' scattering properties (BRDF/BTDF – Bidirectional Reflectance/Transmittance Distribution Function)



Cryogenic optics characterization

- Going cryogenic to fight thermal noise (e.g Einstein Telescope) requires new materials and lasers
 - Fused silica's (current state of the art) mechanical loss increase at low T
- Silicon is a good candidate material at cryogenic T...
 - Low mechanical losses, high thermal conductivity, low thermal expansion
- ...but, it is not transparent to 1064nm! Need to move to 1550nm: optical properties unknow at the level needed for GW detectors
- Currently building a cryogenic, 10W@1550 nm facility to test optical grade silicon samples from different manufacturers and processes.
 - Assessing optical absorption by means of bolometric measurements

QUAX Correlated activities: SUPERGALAX





LU (UK, theory)

A. Longhin, CdL LNL, 6/5/21

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 863313. Gran amount 2 456 232.50 Euro. Develop a single microwave photon detector for axion search in QUAX experiment with an array of SC qubits.

Network of N interacting superconducting qubits



In a device based on array of gubits

Zagoskin et al., «Spatially resolved single photon

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detection with a guantum sensor array» SCIENTIFIC

signal noise is suppressed by \sqrt{N} .

Superconducting - coplanar wave guide resonator • Magnetic field



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QUAX

Correlated activities: US QT Initiative

Quantum technologies Initiative proposed to DOE for the creation of a System Center

5-6 Centers out of 10 to be financed

QUAX PD/LNL Group involved within search for Axion Dark Matter

HIGH Q-FACTOR cavities in STRONG B-FIELDS

Photonic cavities (copper + dielectric): cavities hosting sapphire cylinders or rods that shape the cavity mode, reducing the dissipation on the cavity walls $\rightarrow 10^{6}$ **Hybrid cavities** (SC and copper surface) $\rightarrow 3 \times 10^{5}$ at 5 T.

SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM MATERIALS & SYSTEMS CENTER



A quantum-limited FMR HALOSCOPE

The most sensitive RF spin magnetometer ever realized. Operation of this instrument led to the best reported limit on the coupling of DM axions to electrons, and corresponds to a field sensitivity of 5.5×10^{-19} T.