



SHOGWAVE

Superconducting cavities for the observation of gravitational waves



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Gravitational Waves & Cavity – How does it work?

Indirect measurement using heterodyne detection



- Energy transfer from pump mode with ω_0 to signal mode with ω_{π} due to (resonant) GW deformation of cavity
- Heterodyne = GW is in resonance with frequency difference of two cavity modes (here: pump and signal mode)
- $\Delta \omega = \omega_{\pi} \omega_0$ is tunable by spring constant k aka cavity geometry
- Highest sensitivity: GW frequency $\omega_g \approx$ mechanical resonance $\omega_m \&$ mechanical resonance $\omega_m \approx$ rf frequency difference $\Delta \omega$
- Not just frequencies, but patterns matter: GW couples to modes with quadrupole symmetry

Extend detection reach beyond interferometers

made with gwplotter.com 10 -12 Hanford, Washington (H1) Livingston, Louisiana (L1) Stochastic IPTA background 1.0 0.5 10 -14 NANOgrav -0.5 Strain (10^{-21}) -1.0 L1 observed ΔL 10 ⁻¹⁶ H1 observed H1 observed (shifted, inverted) $h_c =$ \overline{L} Massive binaries **Characteristic Strain** 0. 10 ⁻¹⁸ LISA LIGO 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 Numerical relativity Numerical relativity aLIGO Reconstructed (wavelet) Reconstructed (wavelet) Туре ІА Extreme mass Reconstructed (template Reconstructed (template) 10 -20 ratio inspirals supernov GW150914 . ham 0.0 -0 5 Residual 10 -22 Frequency (Hz) 51 256 collapse rnovae 10 -24 128 64 32 10 ⁻²⁶ 0.40 0.30 0.35 0.40 0.45 0.30 0.35 0,45 10⁻¹⁰ 10-4 10-2 10⁰ 10² Time (s) 10 -8 10-6 104 10⁶ Time (s) Frequency / Hz [Abbott et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 061102 (2016)]

GW150914

Any GW signal would be a spectacular discovery

Reach of a MAGO-like Cavity





"MAGO"-like cavity – two spherical cells

- T = 1.8 K
- $E_{acc} = 30 \text{ MV/m}$
- $Q_0 = 10^{10}$
- $TE_{011} \omega_0 \approx 2 GHz$
- $ω_m = Δω = 20 \text{ kHz}$
- $Q_{mech} = 10^6$

scanning = on-resonance signal: $\omega_g = \omega_m = \Delta \omega$ non-scanning = off-resonance signal: $\omega_g > \omega_m = \Delta \omega$

(thermal) = if mechanical noise can be neglected $\propto T/Q^2$





The MAGO Cavity

What was PACO/MAGO

PACO (1999)

- 2-cell pillbox-cavity @ 3GHz as proof-of-principle experiment
- Low Q, test of RF system, excitation of signal mode
- MAGO (2000s)
 - 1st Cavity: 2-cell cavity with optimized geometry
 - Underwent chemistry and cold test to obtain $Q_0(U)$ for TE_{011}
 - 2nd Cavity: 2-cell cavity with variable coupling and optimized geome
 - Never treated nor tested on shelf for >15y @ INFN Genova
- Collaboration betwe

evive MAGO



Stored Energy [Joule]

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Continuation of R&D efforts

Cavity at DESY

June

2023

End

2024

Beginning

2025

 Mechanical characterisation and RF measurements at room temperature (done)

Cavity at FNAL

 Today - Treatment of cavity, RF antenna design, cavity tuning and first cryogenic characterisation

Cavity back at DESY

Cryogenic test with (initial) LLRF system

Cavity back at FNAL

· First GW search in existing cryostats at Fermilab







Result from warm commissioning

Cavity is out of shape





RF measurement is worrysome



Explanation of warm rf measurements: RLC circuits



- Model the two MAGO cells as inductively coupled RLC circuits
- External oscillator U(t) in circuit 1
- Mechanical analogue: double pendulum (small angles)

• E.O.MS:
$$L_{1} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} + R_{1} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} + \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow}_{1} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} = -L_{i} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} + \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow}_{1} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} = -L_{i} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} + \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow}_{1} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} = -L_{i} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1} + \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow}_{2} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{2} = -L_{i} \stackrel{i}{\perp}_{1}$$





Solution of the coupled E.o.Ms



Varying coupling parameter k



Weak coupling is inherent!

 $k_{cc} = 2\frac{\omega_1 - \omega_0}{\omega_1 + \omega_0}$

$\Delta \Omega = 1 \ MHz$; $k_0 = 10^{-4}$ Only weakly coupled 0/ π mode

- Why is this bad? Sensitivity $\propto \vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{E}_1 = \hat{E}_0 \hat{E}_1 \cos(\theta)$
- Recover by bringing $\Delta\Omega$ closer together $\Delta\Omega = \mathbf{1} \ \mathbf{k} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{z}$; $k_0 = 10^{-4}$
- Need to tune cavity/cells to achieve wanted $\Delta \Omega$



Tuning done at FNAL 2 weeks ago







Major research topics – kill the noise!

Noise sources



[Berlin et al., arXiv:hep-ph/1912.11048v1 (2019)]

What is the noise spectrum in the cryostats?





LLRF setup for MAGO

Proposal 2



CSI 1 is used to improve field regulation

CSI 2 is used to compare the pickups

Comment: Only works in GDR

Summary

- SRF cavities for GW detection opens up a frequency range currently not probed
- Broadband potential makes this approach so interesting
- >50y of GW search first prototype studies and physics run with MAGO are a pathfinder
- Significant overlap with LLRF development for accelerators
- Need of "silent" environment and cryogenic infrastructure
 → we can operate parasitically at a cold accelerator

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Questions?