"G-Pisa" Ring Laser Gyroscope: Present and Future Activity

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Brief History of G-Pisa

Applications to seismology



The GINGER test of GR

Geometry control

Laser dynamics corrections

Why "G-Pisa"?

2008 Virgo GW-Interferometer need: control ground rotations in the microseimic frequency region



Acceleration or rotation?



Active control of 4 d.o.f. of the IP The two tilts around the Interferometer arms are missing



Dramatic consequences for the feedback! (mainly during windy days)

Direct measurements of tilt are needed (10⁻⁸ rad/sqrt(Hz) around 30 mHz)

- Extend the control to the 6 d.o.f.

-Improve the low frequency sensitivity of the GW antenna.

Optical detection of rotation

Sagnac Interferometers



$$\Delta f_{Sagnac} = 4 \frac{A}{P \lambda} \vec{\Omega} \circ \vec{n}$$

- Absolute, scalar sensor
- No signal for a linearly accelerating reference-frame (No movable masses)
- No need of arrange arrays (single station measurement --> high resolution)

1.4 m GeoSensor

2009 R&D study of "G-Pisa"

Geosensor design+perimeter cntrl.





Perimeter stabilization using a movable mirror



Backscattering phases (simulation)

Single actuator



Temperature (°C)

More symmetric scheme (experiment)



2010 Test run



2011 Tilt meter configuration



Earth's Rotation (+ local rotations + systematics)



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Angular Sensitivity Limit



Environmental Monitoring



M =9.0, March 2011, Japan earthquake

Areas affected by the quake

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Rayleigh Analysis

Linear vertical acceleration (*Episensor*)



Rotation rate (gyro)



M_w=9.0, March 2011, Japan earthquake

1 hour around Rayleigh arrival; fl=0.9 \times 1/T Hz; fh=1.1 \times 1/T Hz,



Seismic array analysis



Horizontal Rotations comparison



Seismic array analysis

Data from the array provide:

the surface waves velocity (**v**) and azimuth (ψ)

- ψ is used to correct Gyrolaser signal
- \mathbf{v} is used to investigate dispersion properties



Rayleigh phase velocities



Only array (multifrequency PWF) Spectral ratio of collecated Rot. and acc. Linear regression between collocated Rot. and acc.

DISPERSION CURVES



Higher frequencies analysis

0.5-5Hz: highest sensitivity of the gyroscope



Rayleigh-waves dispersion curve for the MW = 4.9, July 17th,2011, earthquake. Velocities are obtained through a **linear regression between vertical acceleration** and rotation rate. ZLCC > 0.75.

Rayleigh-waves dispersion curve from collocated measurements of rotation and translation for a 5 hours long ambient seismic noise signal. **Linear regression** (ZLCC > 0.75).

Seismic noise in GranSasso Hall B



-Gyroscope intrinsic noise+local disturbances:

no relevant correlations between translations and rotations (even during EQs!)

Larger RLG (L>3.5 m)+Dedicated isolation chamber

GINGER (Giroscopes IN GEneral Relativity)

Rotations in GENERAL relativity

"The axis of a free-falling gyroscope precesses following the curvature of space-time due to **Earth's Mass** (Geodetic precession) and **Earth's Rotation** (Frame Dragging)"

Present results: Earth orbiting Satellites



LAGEOS



Gravity Probe



LARES

A laser gyroscope located on GROUND:

$$\delta \vec{\Omega} \simeq \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \Omega_E \sin \theta \hat{e_{\theta}} + \frac{G}{c^2 R^3} J_E \Omega_E [\hat{j_E} - 3(\hat{j_E} \cdot \hat{u_r}) \hat{e_r}]$$

Geodetic Lense Thirring

 $2.31 \cdot 10^{-10} \Omega_{F}$

 $6.98\,{10}^{-10}\Omega_{_E}$



COMPLEMENTARITY to SPACE TESTS

NO NEED ANY EARTH MODELLING

VECTOR maesurement: relevance in GEODESY and GEOPHYSICS

Detection Strategy

F. Bosi et al., Phys. Rev. D 84, 122002 (2011)



Sensitivity: Increase the scale factor (side-lenght > 6 m)

Geometry: lengths and relative orientations

Refer lengths to optical references (including diagonals Fabry-Perot) OCTAHEDRON solves for relative angles (only lengths measurement) Laser dynamics

Plasma and cavity effects must be modelled and controlled to the required accuracy.

Relative rotational noise UNDERGROUND laboratory (Gransasso)

Toward GINGER: Geometry control



3 observables: perimeter length+2 diagonals length (absolute)

Strategy: optimize the perimeter by moving the four mirrors along the normal modes directions



GP-2 RingLaser Side 1.60 m 6 PZT: 1 3D+3 1D Open access to diagonals



Reference of length: I_2 -He-Ne frequency standard

Perimeter control Measure beat frequencies: Gyro/lodine + two gyro modes

Diagonals control

Use a diode laser (locked to the lodine) Inject the Fabry Perot cavities Measure FSR + Absolute wavelength

Interrogation System: First tests



Ring laser "hacking"



Kalman filter principle

1. Identification: start from perturbative solutions in $r_{1,2}$



2. Filtering:

$$\left|\dot{\psi} - \omega_s + \tau_1 I_1 - \tau_2 I_2 - r_2 \sqrt{\frac{I_2}{I_1}} \sin(\psi - \epsilon_2) - r_1 \sqrt{\frac{I_1}{I_2}} \sin(\psi + \epsilon_1)\right| \implies \omega_s$$

Beghi et al., Applied Optics 51, 31 (2012)

The **accuracy** strongly depends on the knowledge of the **gain medium** !

Gain calibration method



1. Set the optical detuning. Lock the perimeter at the maximum gain

2.Calibrate gain-losses monitor. Ramp RF power recording the fluorescence monitor

3.Determine losses (RDT)

4.Measure plasma temperature and composition

Absorption spectroscopy at 640.2 nm

5. Set the system scale at the multimode transition

Looking at the second mode birth.

The experiment





- -Maximum Sagnac frequency
- -Minimum contribution from orientation error
- -Reduction of the effect of local tilts

-Larger distance from the lock-in threshold

Good for addressing systematics and accuracy...

Direct observations of laser parameters



Stability and accuracy improvement



Frequency [Hz]

D. Cuccato et. al, arXiv:1309.4694v1

The mid-size RLG "G-Pisa" can find application for:

-Ground tilt monitoring of special environements (GW detetctors)

-In-situ rotational seismology (orientability+transportability)

-Active controls development and characterization

Present activity:

-Strategy for the <u>geometry control</u> (Diagonals+Perimeter)

-Estimation of the <u>laser-dynamics effects</u> on the rotation measurement (stability and accuracy)

Future activity:

-Implement full geometry control (diagonals+perimeter) on GP-2 (Pisa).

-Test the Kalman filter on the data of "G" (Wettzell).

-Investigation of the **GranSasso environment** with a larger ring laser (Geosensor design, **L>3.5 m**) (within 2013)

Thank you for your attention!