

Summary of Virgo and ENV activities status

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What is happening in Virgo

- AdV+ upgrades installation is almost concluded (no major delay from covid pandemic)
 - Auxiliary Laser System (green beam) installation completed
 - MC mirror replaced
 - Scattered light mitigation (baffles) in detection benches,
 and also new OMC, done
 - Squeezer bench modifications, better seismic and acoustic isolation (ongoing)
 - 300m Frequency Dependent Squeezer (ongoing)



What is happening in Virgo

- Commissioning phase started Jan. 1st 2021
 - Pre commissioning of Auxiliary Laser System and Interferometer Control System
 - locking with green laser achieved
 - Pre commissioning of Squeezing and Frequency Dependent Squeezing
 - June 2021 Full interferometer commissioning. Start noise hunting activity
- O4 run start "not before June 2022"
- New "ENV" system structure
 - Now including: Vacuum, Infrastructure, EnvSensors, and NN
 - Coordinator is Roberto Passaquieti (INFN-Pisa)

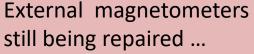


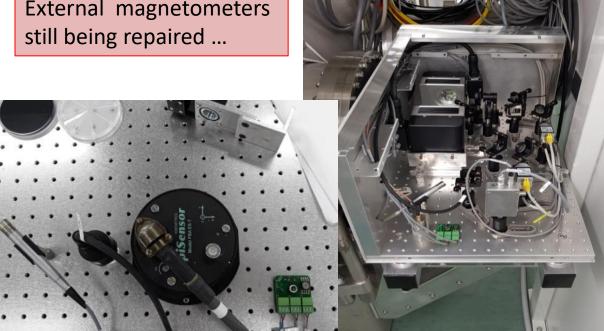
ENV team activities

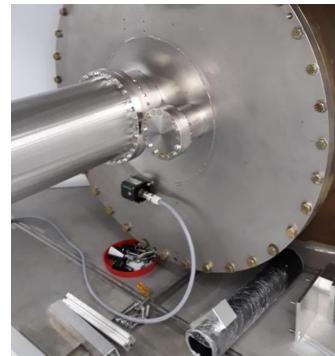
Several new sensors installed:

- **ENV** monitors of ALS benches
- Tri-axial seism. on VAC chambers
- Current sensors on Main Electrical Boards
- Replaced broken Weather station and lightning sensor







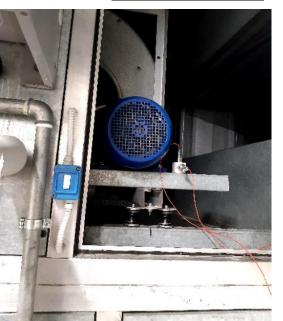




ENV team activities

HVAC noise assessment and mitigation

- Air conditioning systems cannot be stopped, so only non-invasive and focused activities.
- Several actions: seismic isolation of Fan enclosures, water Pumps, pipes
- Several tests to find out sources and major noise paths
- Several lessons learned from successful and also not successful actions
- <u>Internal review</u> is in February (can give you a more detailed report after that date)



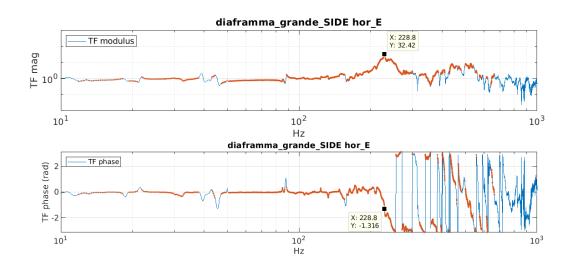


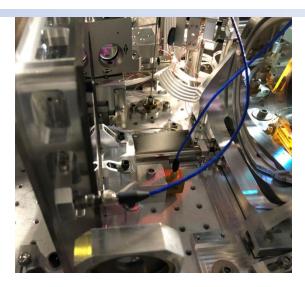


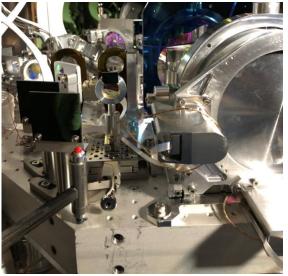


ENV team activities

- Mechanical characterization of critical mounts that might do back-scattering
- Mechanical damper of laser bench









ENV - DetChar activities

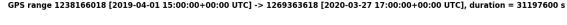
- Study of impact of external noise on O3 sensitivity
 - Seismic sources: Wind, Sea, Earthquakes, on-site
 - Scopes:
 - make quantitative assessment of Virgo robustness against external noise (duty-cycle and sensitivity drops)
 - Discuss strategies to improve its weaknesses

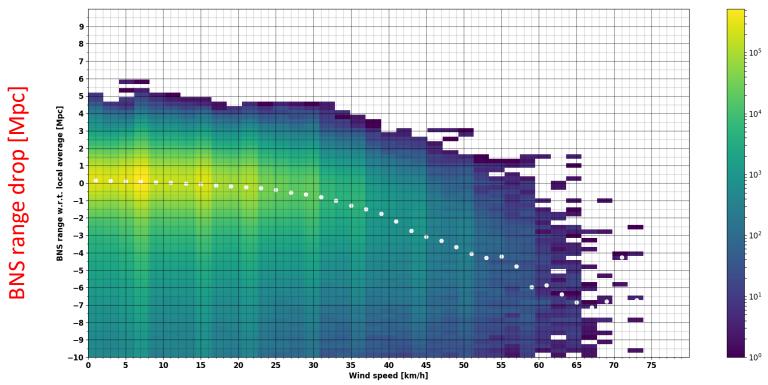
Just two examples (can have a dedicated discussion in a future meeting)



ENV - DetChar activities

How BNS range is affected by WIND

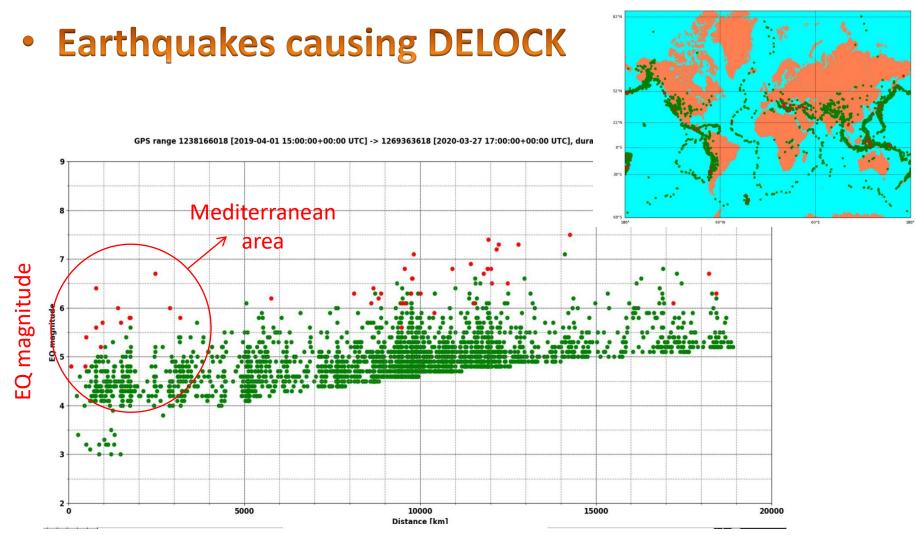




Wind speed [km/h]



ENV – DetChar activities



Distance from Virgo [km]

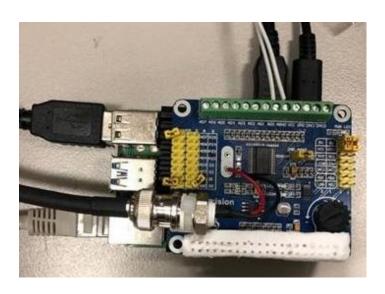


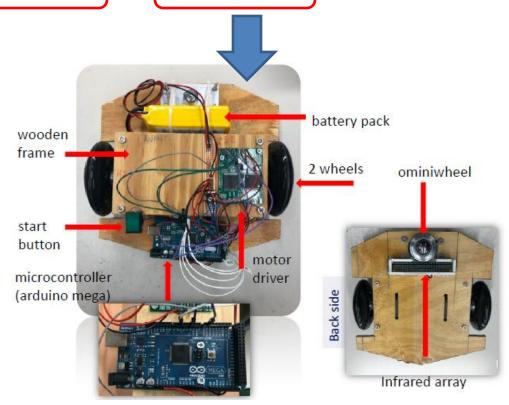
The Robot project

- Part of EU financed project AHEAD-2020 (duration is 3yrs)
- Robotic platform with seismic and other environmental sensors.
- Scope: movable array (10 robots) for NN subtraction

Initial stage developing: RasperryPI – ADC and mobile robot









Paper works

- O3 ENV commissioning paper (with help of KAGRA PEM members)
 published, DOI: 10.3390/galaxies8040082
- General review of ENV noise paper (now under review)
 https://tds.virgo-gw.eu/ql/?c=15983 (Virgo TDS)
- DetChar O3 paper (in progress, ENV team only slightly involved)
- External noise O3 paper (starting now)