

LIGO as a Data Intensive User of Teragrid

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Generic Label





(http://www.ldas-sw.ligo.caltech.edu)

Geographically Dispersed Laboratory plus Collaboration Institutional Facilities





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LIGO and LSC Computing Resources Serve Multiple Uses







LIGO Data Analysis

- Continuous Time series
 - » 16 kHz, 160 Hz, 1 Hz....
- Analysis performed in both time and frequency domains
 - » Single channel over long period of time source searches
 - » Many channels over short period of short time regression, data reduction
 - » Optimal matched Wiener filtering
 - 90% CPU time spent in Fast Fourier Transforms



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LIGO Data & Processing needs

- LIGO archive replica
 - » 40TB today
 - » 300TB by 2003-2004
 - » Transposed data archived remotely on Teragrid for efficient access by collaboration users from second source
 - » Geographic separation from Tier 1 center at Caltech desirable

Repeated digital signal processing of GW channel

- » e.g.: [5-50 Mflop/byte] for inspiral search of GW channel
- » x [0.2 TB] total cleaned GW channel for LIGO I
- » System-based pipelines in LDAS environment
- » Sandard scripts, interfaces
- » Personal filters (individual exploratory research with data, LIGO Algorithm Library)
- » DLL, DSOs loaded at run time per script specification from CVS

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LIGO data processing challenge

- Large-area search for unknown periodic sources
 - » Very long Fourier Transforms due to expected weakness of signals
 - e.g., 1 kHz for 10 days => $\sim 10^9$ point FFTs
 - » Earth motion modulates signal uniquely for eavry point in the sky



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THE CHALLENGE

Generally the phase evolution of the source is not known and one must perform searches over some parameter space volume

• The number of templates grows dramatically with the coherent integration time baseline and the computational requirements become prohibitive:



On a 1TFLOPS computer it would take more than 10000 yr to perform an all-sky search over 1000 Hz for an observation time of 4 months.

* Graphs from Brady, Creighton, Cutler, and Schutz, gr-qc/9702050

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Simulated Hough Transform Image

- Image:
 - » 8 hours of integration per DeFT(column)
 - » Total observation time of roughly 3 months.
 - » SNR is such that 129 out of the 270 signal points were registered.
 - » The source is located at alpha=45 delta=45 degrees.
 - » The source's intrinsic frequency is 400 Hz
 - » Signal has no spindown.

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Recent CPU Node Performance



[•] Pipeline analysis of LIGO data computationally dominated by cost of Fast Fourier Transforms (FFT).

- » Non-Hierarchical Binary Inspiral Search spends an average of ~90% of CPU cycles performing FFT.
- Most practical/efficient data segment size as much as 2²⁰ points for Binary Inspiral Search.

