Squeezing Research Highlights

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Research Areas

♦ Squeezing generation and control
 ♦ Low loss read-out

♦ Frequency dependent squeezing

♦ Balanced homodyne readout

♦Alternative wavelengths: 2 um squeezing

♦Alternative configurations/techniques

Squeezing 2G (it is happening)

Squeezing in Advanced LIGO:

- LIGO Laboratory/ANU funds
- Squeezer assembly started in April at LLO
- Installation scheduled post-O2



Prototype at MIT of Advanced LIGO suspended platform with in-vacuum OPO

Squeezing in Advanced Virgo:

- Design with in-vacuum OPO, dedicated "mini-tower"
- Collaboration with AEI for post-O2 in-air squeezer



AEI in-air squeezer for Advanced VIRGO



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LSC effort on-going for "active" mode matching strategy

Frequency dependent squeezing

Audio-band frequency dependent squeezing in proof of principle table top experiment at MIT



- Suspended filter cavities under constructions
 (16m @ MIT, 300m@ NAOJ)
- Control scheme and noise analysis for 2G detectors on-going
- A+ concept: ~100m filter cavity

Oelker et al PRL 116 041102 (2016)

Balanced Homodyne Readout



Fritschel et al., Opt Express. 2014

- First look at requirements for Advanced detectors: Steinlechner et al., PRD 2015
- UHV compatible suspended balanced homod. built for <u>Glasgow speed-meter</u>
- Design for Advanced detectors still to be done



First measurement of squeezing at 2um (Georgia Mansell, ANU)



- 4 dB antisqueezing,
 <1 dB squeezing
- 87% quantum efficiency diodes commercially available; need higher efficiency

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Alternative configurations/techniques

- Speed-meter concept: design and experiments on-going (see S. Hild, <u>GWADW 2017: G1700832</u>)
- EPR entanglement concept: frequency dependent squeezing without filter cavity (Ma et al., Nature Physics 2017)
 - remove need of filter cavity, but has double loss penalty
 - proposal to apply it in GEO with detuned Signal Recycling
 Freise GWADW 2017: G1700899

Some thoughts

- Reaching high levels of squeezing (6-10 dB) will be very challenging
 - It seems doable, but only if it becomes top priority
 - Very best observed at some point in GEO is 4.5 dB

- Filter cavity for frequency dependent squeezing and balanced homodyne readout within reach – still need to finalize control scheme and noise couplings
- Is there something better than frequency dependent squeezing for 3G to achieve a broadband reduction of quantum noise?