ASPIRE GW Program **Japanese-Australian Bilateral Program**

~ Quantum Control for GW Astronomy ~

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KAGRA

An underground, 3km long interferometer with 1064nm laser and 23kg sapphire mirrors cooled to 20K. One of the upgrade plans, KAGRA+, is to improve sensitivity at 3~4 kHz to observe BNS mergers.





OzGrav

GW research team in Australia. It anticipates to build a new 4km long interferometer, NEMO, with 2um laser and silicon mirrors radiatively cooled to 120~150K, aiming at observation of BNS mergers.

ASPIRE Bilateral Program

ASPIRE is a JST program with 5M AUD in 5 years. Through the collaboration, starting from Feb 2024, we will discuss a possible joint project to observe GW from hyper NS. We also focus on promotion of young researchers and outreach. Pls: K.Somiya (Tokyo Tech), D.McClelland (ANU), Co-I: M.Ando (U Tokyo), D.Ottaway (Adelaide), B.Slagmolen (ANU), etc.



[2] K.Somiya, presentation at KIW8 (2021)

Summary

Both NEMO and KAGRA+ aim to observe BNS merger remnants that are said to appear at 3-4kHz, making use of the advantages of cryogenic test masses and long SRC technique. The goal of the bilateral program is to address common challenges and potentially unify ideas for building a single high-frequency GW detector, either in Australia or Japan.