



Astrophysical Source Identification and Signature (ASIS) Closeout

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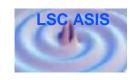




Szabolcs Marka

- » Proposal for LIGO to join SNEWS (Super Nova Early Warning System).
- » LIGO will start off by acting as an observer in SNEWS, receiving notifications from SNEWS
- » Eventual goal: contribute notifications from LIGO with false alarm rate less than one-per-hour
- » GW detection algorithm for NS still needs to be settled. For some types of SN using a time/freq excess power statistic may be appropriate. Others might need some type of line-tracking algorithm
- » Info at www.ligo.caltech.edu/~smarka





Craig Hogan

- » New mechanism for production of stochastic GW background
- » Note: theory predicts that inverse square law gravitational force law breaks down at distances < 1mm</p>
- » Gravitational perturbations produced via Kibble mechanism when space-time 4-brane formed
- » Might give background large enough to observe with LIGO-I
- » GW background would be stationary Gaussian process, with a spectrum described by broken power law: currently planned ASIS detection algorithms should work well





Tom Prince

- » Fast Chirp Transform
- » Clean way to carry out efficient matched filtering for a large class of signals
- » Offers a promising alternative to traditional template-bank-based matched filtering methods
- » Offers an easy way to include "bank" of "non-physical" signals
- » Now a proposal to the LSC

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Bob Wagoner

- » R-mode emission models in low-mass X-ray binaries
- » Examined the effects of models of viscosity different than those considered by Levin
- » Can give rise to periods of rapidly varying R-mode amplitude with a much higher duty-cycle than previous work
- » Not clear if ASIS has tools under construction that could detect such signals





Albert Lazzarini

- » Plan to carry out a stochastic background search using LLO and Allegro
- » Work/paper with Sam Finn and Warren Johnson
- » Make use of air table to rotate Allegro bar at 5/7 months to modulate overlap reduction function
- » Allows one to distinguish between correlated terrestrial noise and stochastic background
- » sensitivity $\Omega \sim 100$





- Papa, Sintes, Berukoff (and others from the AEI)
 - » Report on the Albert Einstein Institute Hough Transform pulsar detection code
 - » Group has met virtually all the milestones
 - » Some code in LAL standard, some not (but rapidly gaining experience in writing LAL code)
 - » All the pieces are in place except some of the template gridding code
 - » Optimization needed
 - » Allen's prediction: a working search code by the next LSC meeting





- P. Brady and T. Creighton
 - » Stack/Slide FFT code for CW sources
 - » Currently 3 months "behind" on milestones
 - » Code all being done to LAL standard
 - » Working on template gridding code (in collaboration with AEI group)





David Chin

- » Reported on Antenna Pattern code
- » Code finished, tested in LAL format
- » Some very small discrepancies with Anderson/Brady/Creighton worksheet (perhaps due to different earth models and small relative tilt
- » Additional documentation coming





David Churches

- » Template bank generation code
- » Essentially finished -- written to LAL standard
- » Will be in LAL 0.6 release
- » Last missing part of completed binary inspiral search code





Duncan Brown

- » Hierarchical binary inspiral search code is complete (skeleton for N-pass hierarchical search)
- » Stationary-phase inspiral filtering code complete
- » Single pass search code integrated with LDAS
- » Will be integrated with template bank generation code as soon as that is available
- » Tested on noise
- » Will now be tested on simulated signals
- » Should be in place, tested and understood for upcoming engineering test run

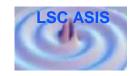
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- Kent Blackburn
 - » LAL / LDAS interface (WrapperAPI)
 - » Specification under rapid development (version 9)
 - » Working group actively testing and implementing prototype (binary inspiral search code)





Sam Finn

- » Data Conditioning API lessons and future needs
- » needs veto dropout correction, barycentering, and other functionality added
- » stressed the need for team-building approach to MDC





Barry Barish

- » Future model for "software MOUs" focused on deliverables
- » Tie responsibilities to ASIS and DC groups more closely to written MOUs
- » 18 month horizon includes past and future six months
- » Lab will work with several groups to develop MOUs that can be used as models/examples by other groups

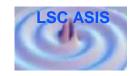




Sathya

- » Described interpolation methods that allow a reduction in template bank size (perhaps factor of 4)
- » Not known how this responds to detector noise
- » Currently at level of research project rather than implementable tool





ASIS Tasks

Sam Finn

- » Has formed a group within the LSC to undertake one of the "unassigned" tasks on the ASIS task list.
- » Penn State will be the lead group.
- » Will design and write code for multi-detector analysis
- » Are going to present plan & milestones at next ASIS telecon.