Gyroscopes IN GEneral Relativity
Lense Thirring effect, on Earth, 1% precision
Ring laser measures absolute angular velocity
(Sagnac Effect)
• Large frame ring lasers are top sensitivity devices to measure absolute angular velocity

• Routinely they measure at the pico-rad/s scale and below, present record $10^{-13}$ rad/s in 1 day

• Very low frequency measurements are of primary importance for geophysics and geodesy
Industry is active in developing RL since more than 50 years, especially for navigation, submarines and drones.

Fig. 9.10 Laser gyroscopes: (a) ring laser gyro (RLG); (b) fiberoptic gyro.
EXISTING LARGE FRAME RING LASERS IN EUROPE

• **Gross Ring G** at the geodetic observatory of Wettzell, perimeter 16m *geodesy*

• **GINGERINO** at LNGS, 14.4m perimeter, *Fundamental Physics*

• **ROMY** array under commissioning, 4 ring lasers 36m perimeter each (ERC project), *seismology*

• a bunch of devices in NewZealand, not working after the Christchurch earthquake, but some of them will be back soon

• project exists in China
The probe is a vector which can be oriented at will. The quantity to measure is the angular rotation vector. The output is the scalar product between the two vectors.

- The ringlaser gyroscope is described by $n$ and its scale factor $S$.

$S$ geometrical scale factor

$n$ area versor

Beat frequency Scalar product $n \cdot \Omega$
The deSitter and Lense-Thirring terms are equivalent to an extra rotation 9-12 orders of magnitude below the Earth rotation rate.

2D apparatus, 3D adding one more ring

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GINGERino: deep underground ring laser

TINGER-ino (INFN-LNGS) + Seismometers (INGV)

He-Ne laser at 633 nm
Square cavity, $L=3.6$ m
Mirrors r.o.c. = $4$ m
Earth rotation Sagnac bias: $f_s=280.4$ Hz
• **GINGERINO has bee built to verify whether LNGS is qualified for the GR test**

• **It has already proved that underground laboratories provides very high thermal stability and quiet environment**

• **It is now working in a continuous basis to provide data to geophysics**
PERTURBATION ON THE EARTH SURFACE (G DATA)

Ringlaser Measures Local Wind Stress

Courtesy of U. Schreiber and U. Hugentobler

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Figure 3. Angular velocity linear spectral density of GINGERino during the February 2016 run. Power spectral density is estimated from the raw data interferogram.
BEST ALLAN, WITH PARTICULAR CARE IN SELECTING DATA
GINGERINO CAN DETECT VERY HIGH ANGULAR ROTATION SIGNALS

The Visso M 5.9 earthquake, probably the largest seismic rotational signal ever recorded.
CONTINUOUS DATA TAKING
SINCE MAY 3 2017, DUTY CYCLE > 97%

Pizzoli M3.8, June 9, 2017
Low frequency behaviour (0-0.05 mHz)

Angular velocity, nano rad/s

Time (days)

Angle with earth axis (arcsecond)

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Earth Rotation Axis as Monitored by CODE
RING LASER AND GEODESY

• The top sensitivity ring is the Gross Ring G at the geodetic station of Wettzell

• The main purposes for geodesy are the daily and sub-daily variations of the length of day (LOD) and the earth axis variations, key points for geodesy
Ringlaser Measures Eigenmodes of Earth

- Observed eigenmodes of the ringing Earth, stroked by the Tohoku-Oki earthquake

Gross ring G Wettzell

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CONCLUSIONS

• Large frame ring lasers are based on a mature technique
• High sensitivity and long term stability make RL able to investigate the very low part of the spectrum, providing remarkable measurements for general relativity, geodesy and geophysics
• They can measure locally global quantity
• G, ROMY and GINGERINO are already providing data for seismology

• GINGER?

sensitivity & stability
key points to access very low frequency signals
Underground-Stability