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# Low-Frequency Gravitational Wave Searches Using Spacecraft Doppler Tracking

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## Abstract

This paper discusses spacecraft Doppler tracking, the current-generation detector technology used in the low-frequency ( $\sim$ millihertz) gravitational wave band. In the Doppler method the earth and a distant spacecraft act as free test masses with a ground-based precision Doppler tracking system continuously monitoring the earth-spacecraft relative dimensionless velocity  $2\Delta v/c = \Delta\nu/\nu_0$ , where  $\Delta\nu$  is the Doppler shift and  $\nu_0$  is the radio link carrier frequency. A gravitational wave having strain amplitude  $h$  incident on the earth-spacecraft system causes perturbations of order  $h$  in the time series of  $\Delta\nu/\nu_0$ . Unlike other detectors, the  $\sim 1-10$  AU earth-spacecraft separation makes the detector large compared with millihertz-band gravitational wavelengths, and



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### Doppler. The motion also causes the transmitted signal to be blue shifted; this

may light time later. Early tests by Otoshi

anna mechanical stability would contribute

mass antenna<sup>5</sup>. Example of the temporal

5 Ka-band up- and downlink tracks taken

2001 are shown in [16@, 10@]. Positive

characteristic of low-level residual antenna

varying level of correlation at  $\tau = T_2$ ) in all

mechanical noise in this band (

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$\approx 10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$  Hz) is thought to be caused by high-spatial-frequency irregularities in

which the antenna rolls, wind loading of the main dish,

as the elevation angle changes, etc. In addition to this

antenna mechanical noise, discrete events positively correlated

at the two-way light time and large enough to be visible by eye in the time series

are rarely observed in operational tracks [10@]. Figure 12@ shows an example

(Cassini tracked by DSS 25 on 2001 DOY 330). The upper panel shows two-way

Ka-band Doppler residuals with approximately 10 s time resolution. The middle

panel shows the time series of X-band plasma on the downlink, indicating

AMC data (not plotted here) similar to this day. The event at

about 07:30 UT is echoed about a two-way light time later, and may be due to

gusting wind on this day (another candidate pair is at about 09:45 UT and a

two-way light time later). The lower panel shows the autocorrelation of the two-way

Ka-band data, peaking at  $T_2$ .

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**Figure 3:** DSS 25, a 34-m beam-waveguide antenna, shown here in the stowed position. DSS 25 is one antenna in the NASA/JPL Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex near Barstow, CA, U.S.A. It has special instrumentation (Ka-band uplink and advanced media calibration capability).

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## Apparatus and Principal Noise Sources

The detector consists of the earth and a spacecraft as separated test masses, magnetically-track the ground stations of the space network. Figure 3 shows the station used in Cassini gravitational wave observations and other Cassini radio science investigations.

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**Figure 3:** DSS 25, a 34-m beam-waveguide antenna, shown here in the stowed position. DSS 25 is one antenna in the NASA/JPL Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex near Barstow, CA, U.S.A. It has special instrumentation (Ka-band uplink and advanced media calibration capability) which enable particularly good quality Doppler observations.

Figure 4 shows an example of the other part of the Doppler system. This is the Cassini spacecraft during ground tests. (Reference [64] gives a popular

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