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Subject: Re: Choice of material for LARES-2

Dear Dave,

it is good that you give a paper on the analysis that you performed on the LARES 2 CCR array at the ILRS workshop in Australia. This will give high visibility to LARES 2 in a context of people that will appreciate the work done. However, since the design is under an ASI contract, it is not yet the case to disclose the CCR distribution in details. You can of course mention that the CCRs are arranged in a random manner and no longer by rows, so to optimise accuracy and cross-section. Also a recommendation: since you are the single author of this paper please do not use the word "design" in the title because we may have problems with ASI since we got funding for the design of LARES 2. Our suggestion is that you please use a title such as: Optical analysis of the LARES 2 CCR array or something similar. However, if you would really like to use the word design in the title, I am afraid that, in order not to have problem with ASI, one researcher of the Italian team financed by ASI should be the first author of the paper.

I hope you will understand such a delicate matter.

By the way, we are about to start completing the equivalence principle paper based on LARES, LAGEOS and LAGEOS 2 analyses (unfortunately we had to delay it since we had a number of urgent issues to be taken care of in regard to the LARES 2 mission.) If you wish, I will be happy if you join us as a coauthor.

Thank you and best wishes

Ignazio and Antonio