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Tab. 1: VIR — very important results

	without absorber		with absorber		ratio with/without absorber	
Frequency [Hz/s^{-1}]	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
0.90/5.65	0	0.0948	0	0.2031	-	2.14
1.27/7.98	19.064	3.279	0.271	0	0.0142	-
1.70/10.68	0	7.382	0	0.466	-	0.0632

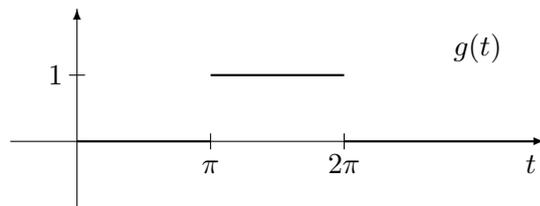


Fig. 1: Example figure

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$$V = mg\rho(1 - \cos \alpha), \quad (\rho = R - r), \quad (2)$$

where in (1) and (2), m, g represent the mass and gravitational acceleration, respectively.

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from the paper. This is not the place for detailed discussions or additional references. The conclusion should tie together the main points of the paper and highlight any potential implications, without the need for further citations.

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