



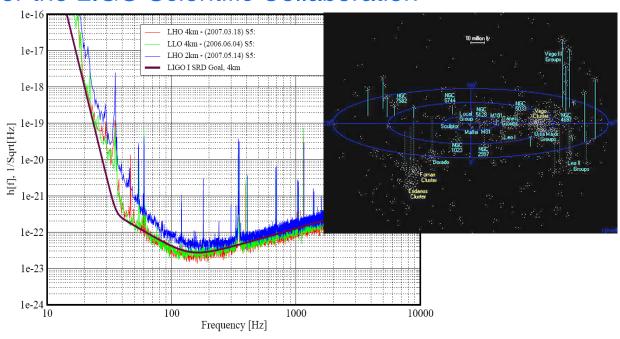
Calibration of the LIGO detectors



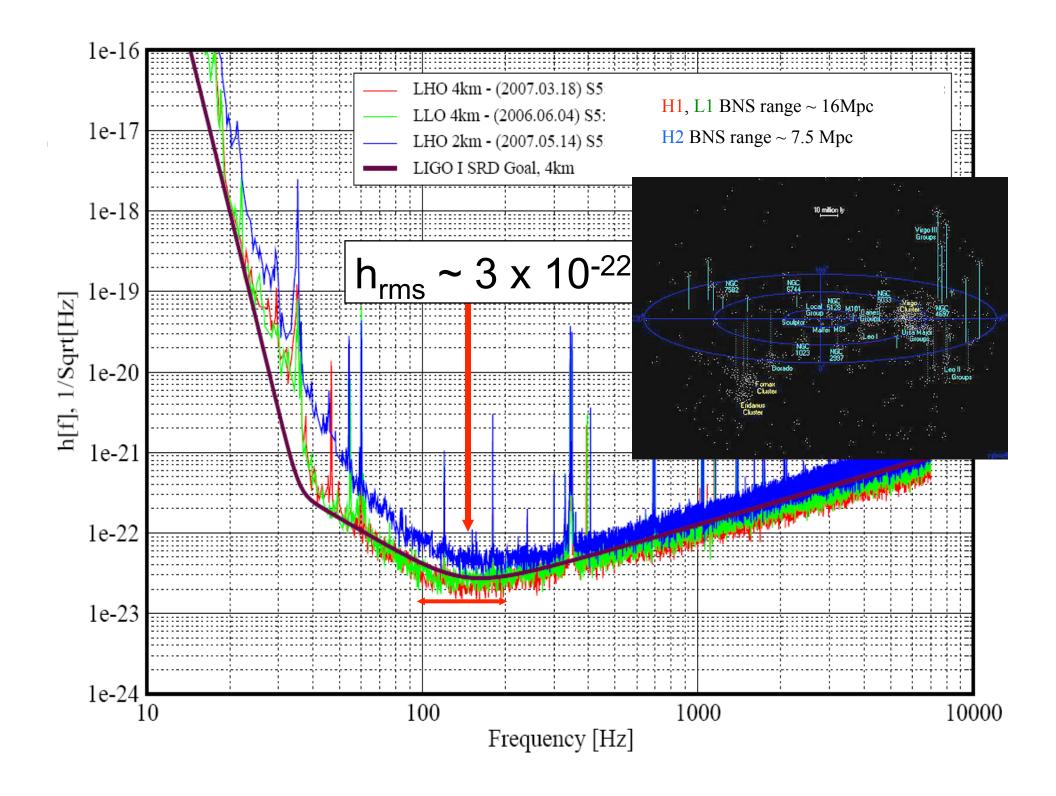
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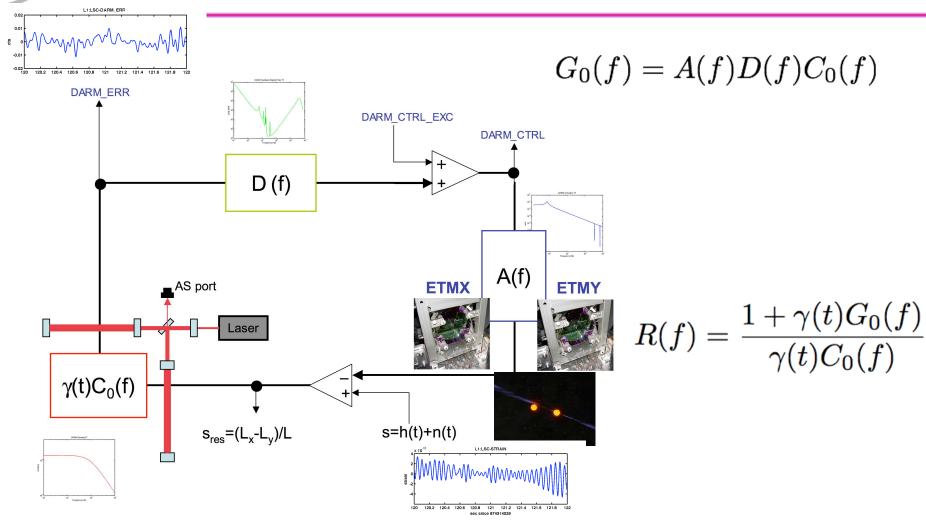
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The "DARM loop"



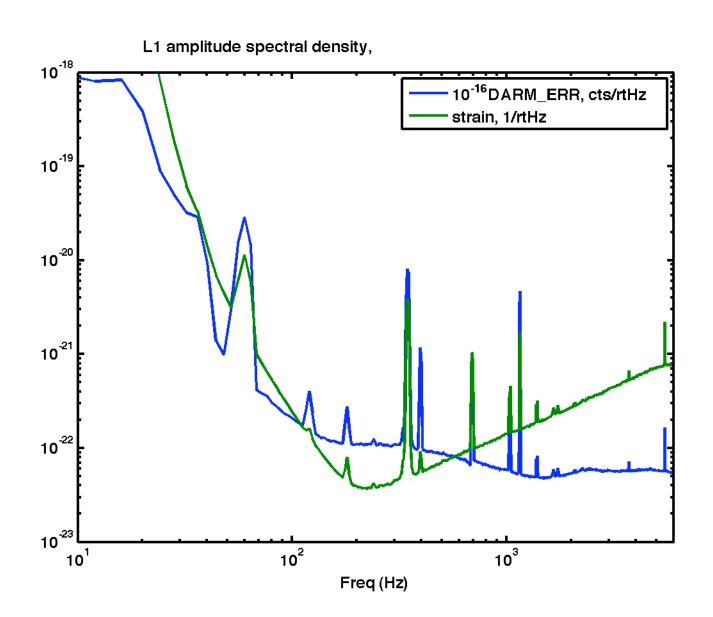


$$s(f) = R(f) DARM_ERR(f)$$



"Raw" and calibrated signals: average spectral densities

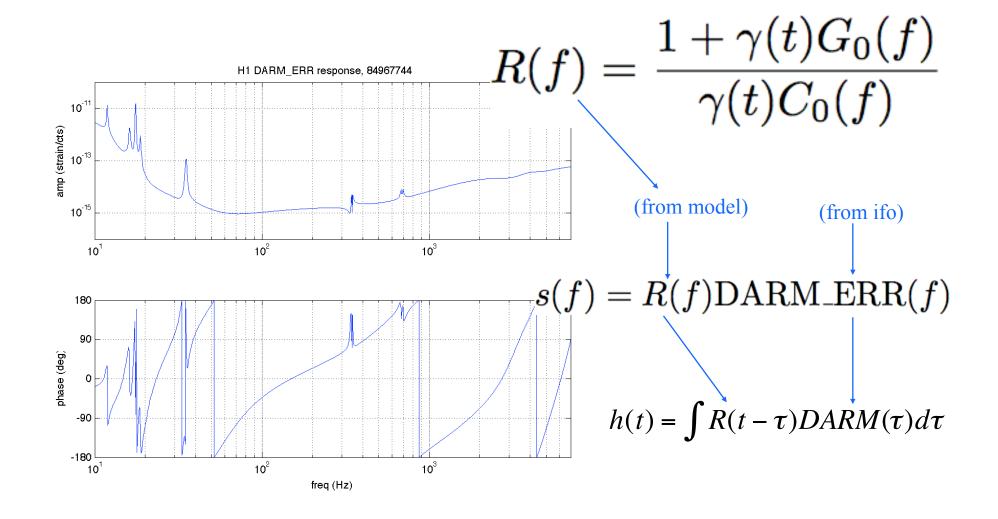






The "DARM response"



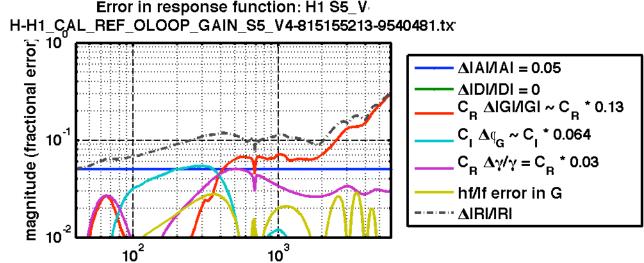


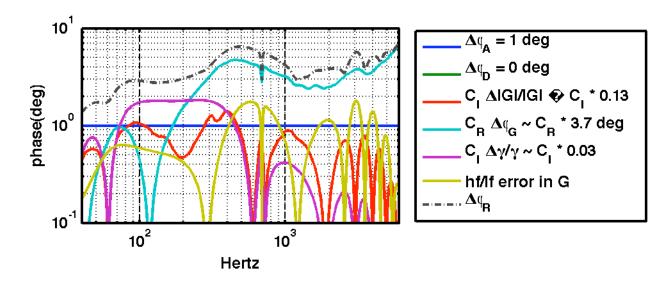


Error Budget: H1



Error in response function: H1 S5_V-





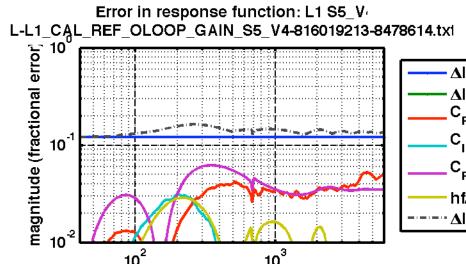


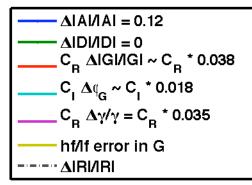
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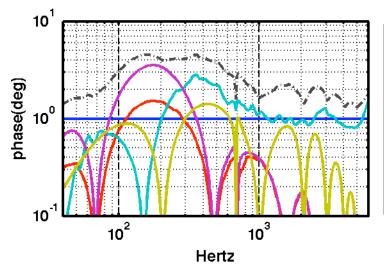


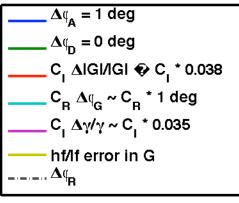
Error in response function: L1 S5_V-













Conclusions



- How good is current calibration?
 - ~ 10%, few degrees ...
- How good can calibration be?
 - » At what frequency?
 - » In magnitude or phase?
 - » Statistical or systematic errors?
- How good does calibration need to be?
 - » Good enough for discovery
 - » Good enough for doing astrophysics

