







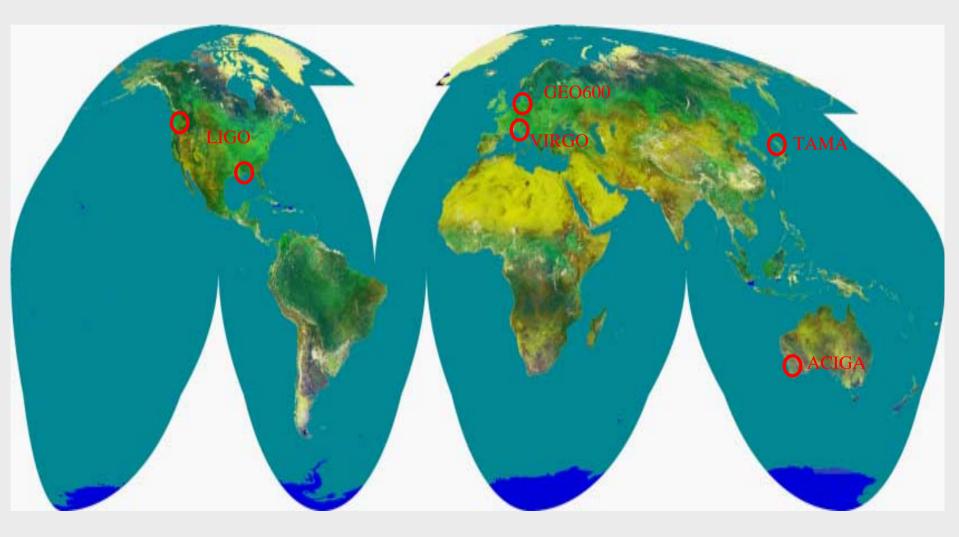
Status of the GEO600 detector

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where is GEO600



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The GEO600 Team

Hannover (600m detector)

Glasgow (10m prototype)

Garching (12m prototype)

Potsdam / Cardiff

- buildings
- vacuum system
- laser system
- seismic isolation
- monolithic suspensions
- computer control
- optics
- dual recycling
- data acquisition
- data analysis

GEO600 goals

- GW search (in limited bandwidth similar sensitivity as long-baseline detectors)
- test and demonstration of new technology
 - corrugated vacuum tubes
 - monolithic suspensions / triple pendulum
 - signal recycling



• provide test bed for future detectors

GEO 600 Site

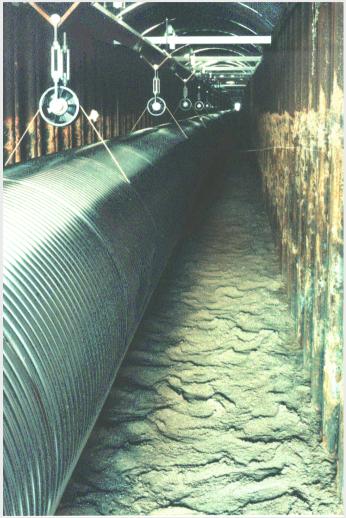
central building





tube / trench





vacuum system



dimensions:

- 400 m³ volume / 4000 m² surface
- 600m long tubes, 60cm diameter
- 2m tall tanks with 1m diameter

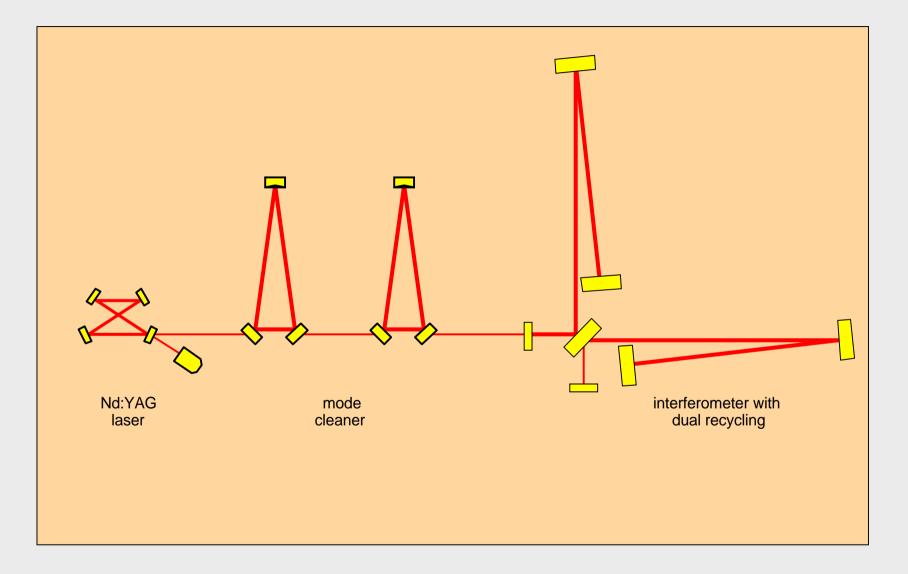
pumps:

- 4 Scroll pumps (25 m³/h, 10⁻² mbar)
- 4 Turbo-molecular pumps (magnetic bearings, 1000 l/s for H₂)

pressure:

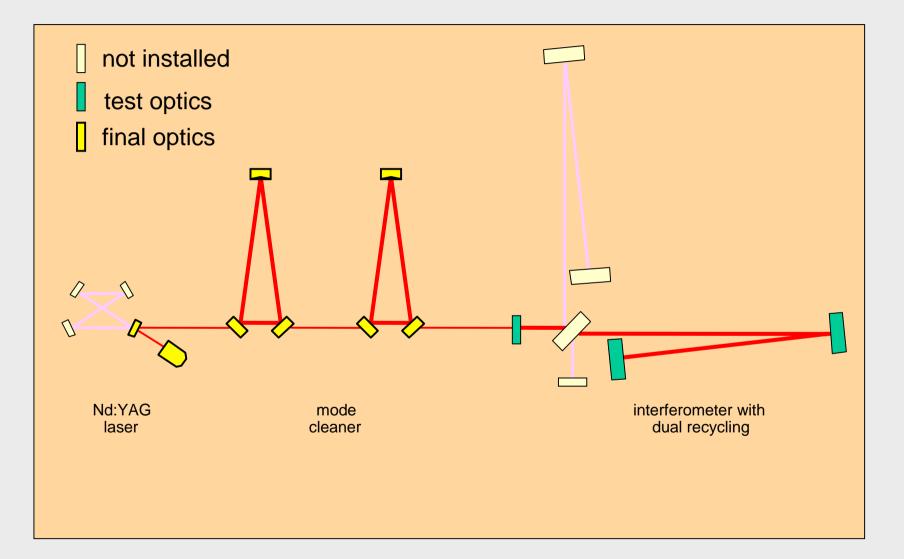
- tubes : $1*10^{-8}$
- main tanks :
- 1*10⁻⁸ mbar 5*10⁻⁸ mbar

GEO600 – optical layout

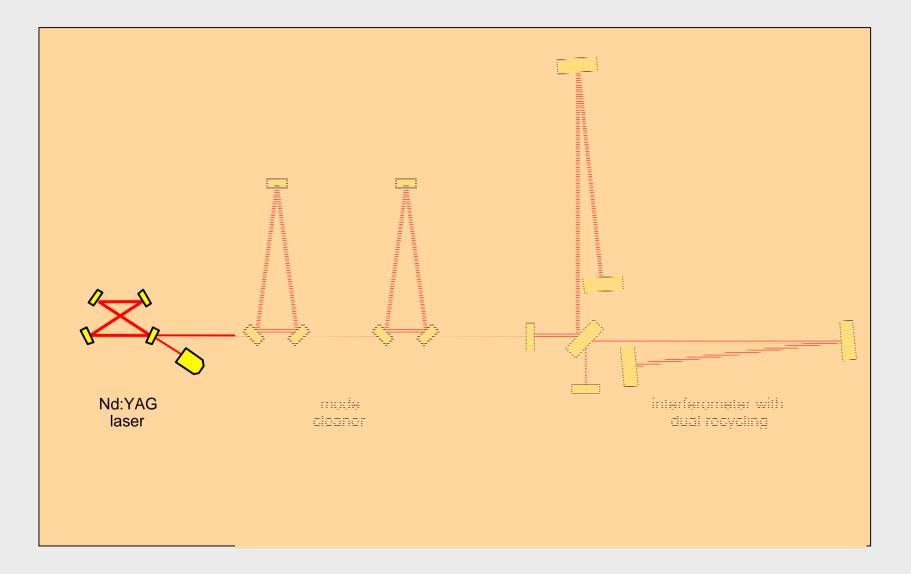


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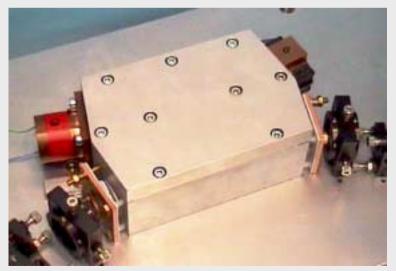
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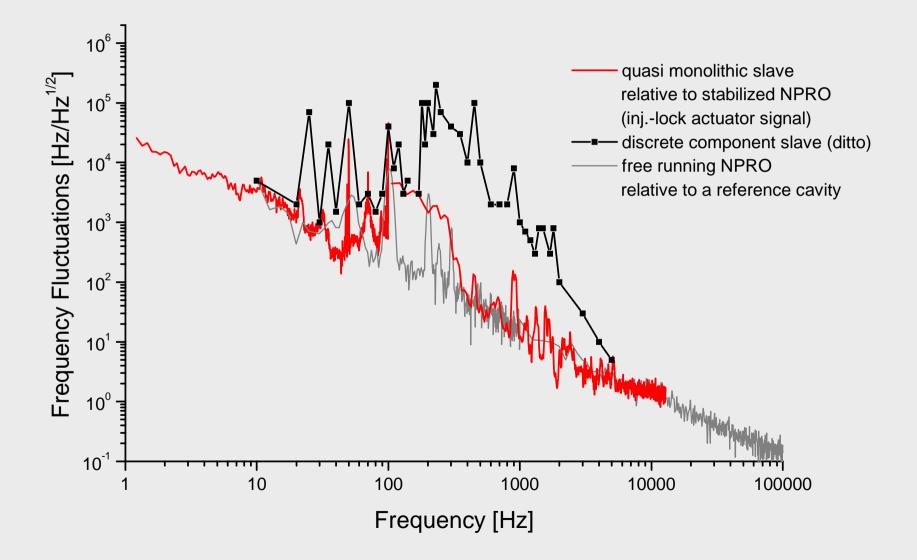
12W injection-locked laser-system



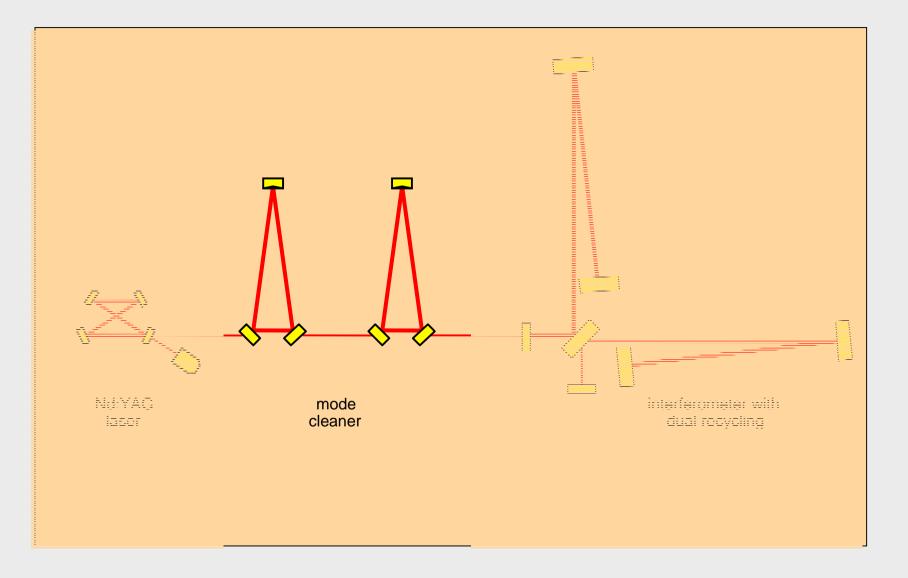


- NPRO (non-planar ring oscillator) master laser, output power: 800mW
- slave laser optical components mounted on rigid resonator-spacer (Invar)
- 12W output power (< 5% in higher TEM modes)
- injection-locking stable over days

GEO 600 Slave Laser Prototype II

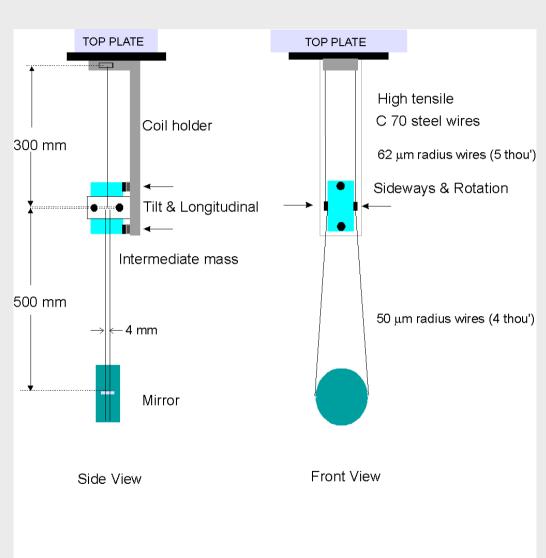


GEO600 – modecleaner



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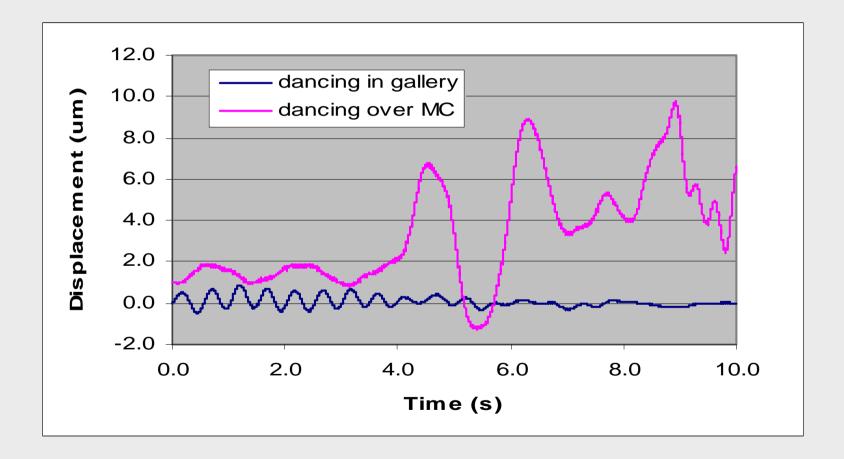
modecleaner suspension



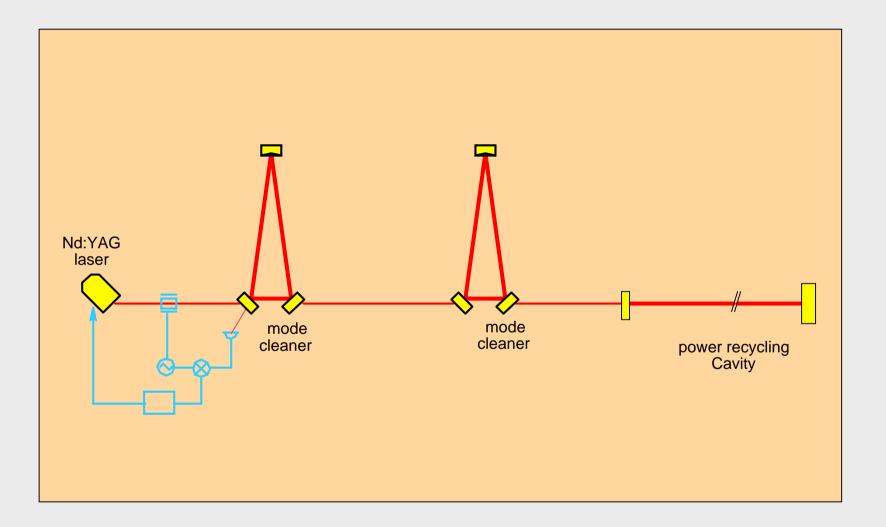
Schematic of Modecleaner suspension



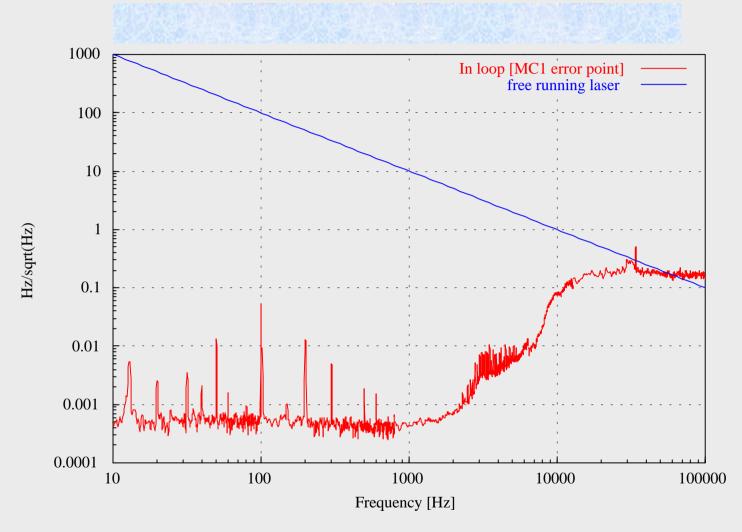
Movement of MC1 mirrors



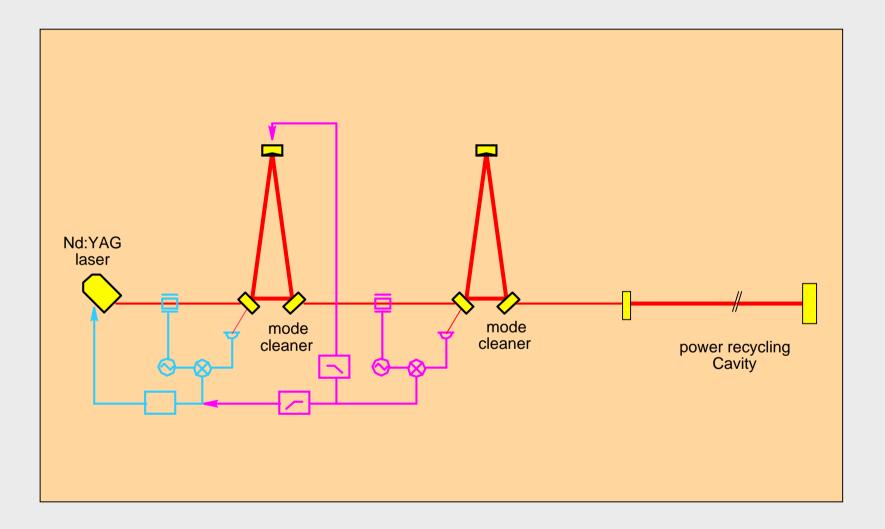
frequency and length control I



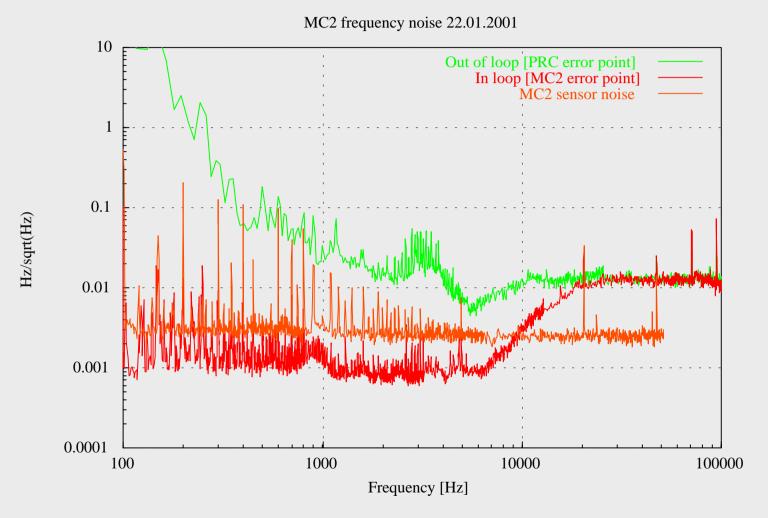
first modecleaner frequency noise I



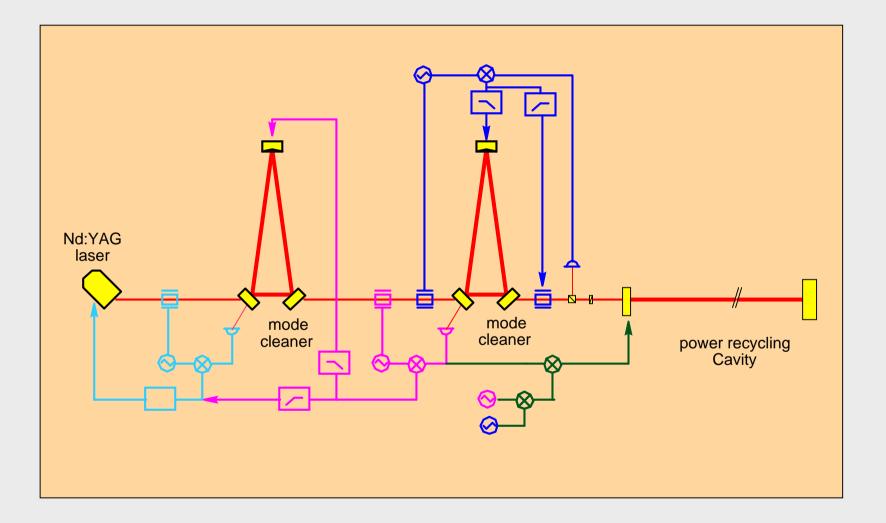
frequency and length control II



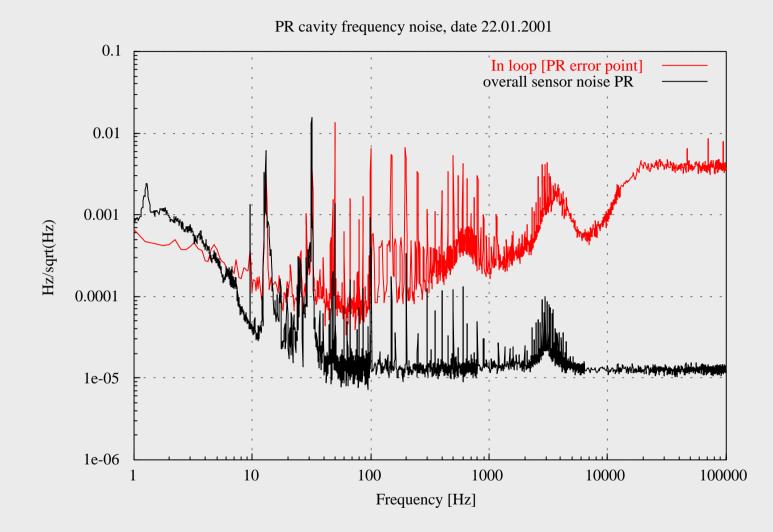
second modecleaner frequency noise II



frequency and length control IV



error point 1200m cavity lock

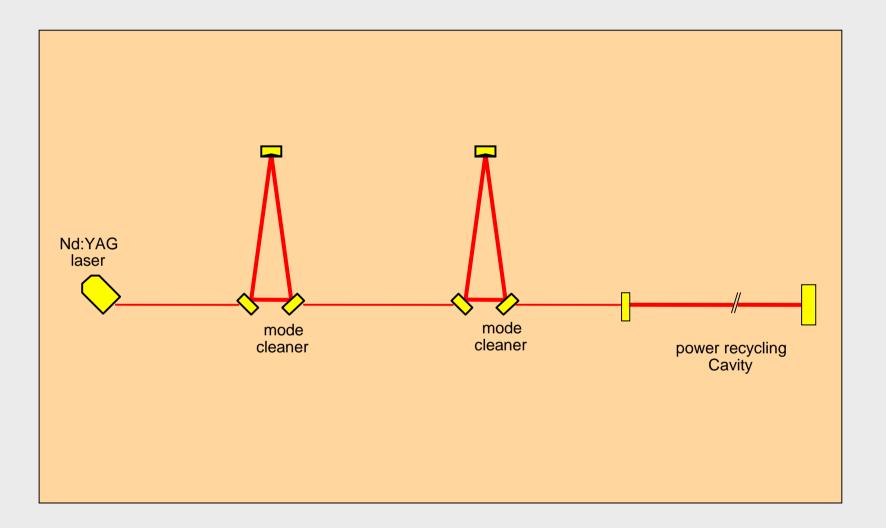


longterm behavior GEO600 modecleaner

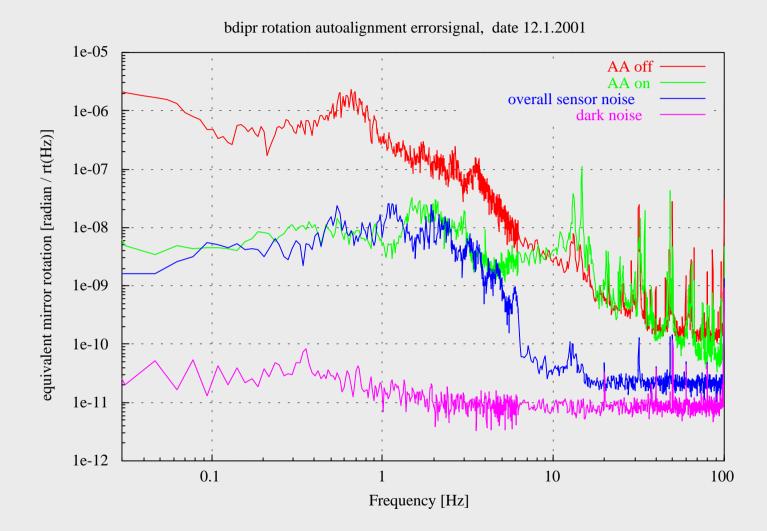
Modecleaner visibilities 1 MC1 0.9 MC2 0.8 0.7 working on servo systems 0.6 reflected light 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0 12 24 36 48 60 72 84 0 time [h] (Start 05.01.2001 7:00)

B. Willke, January 01

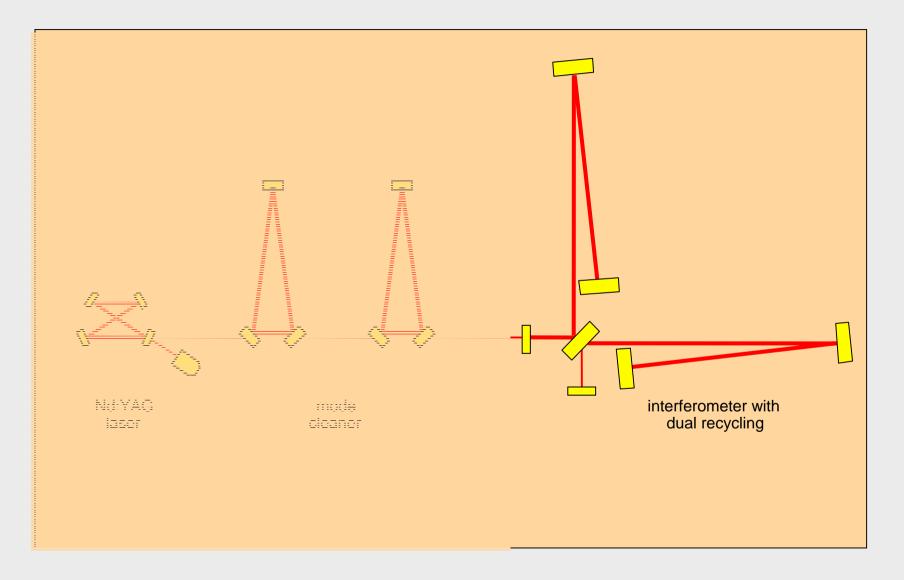
automatic alignment control



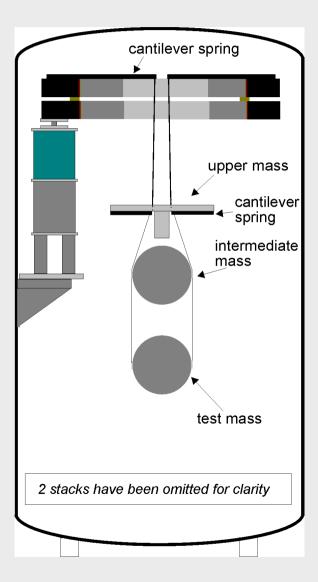
autoalignment of 1200m cavity



GEO600 – main optics



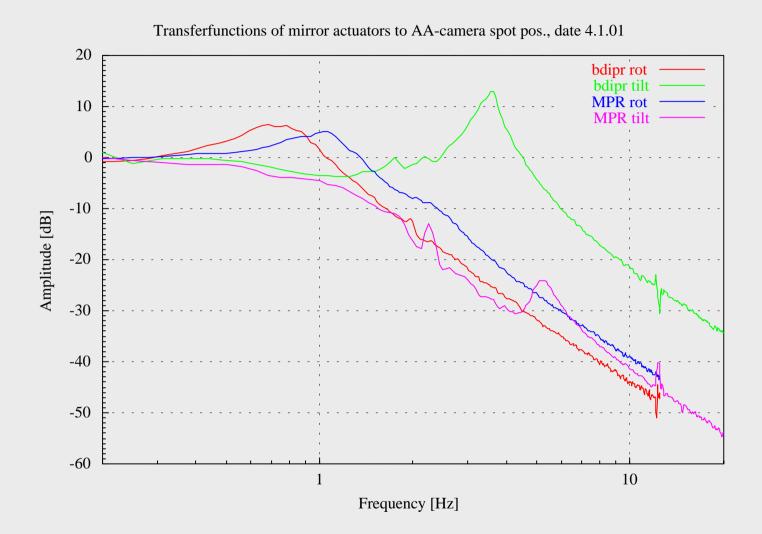
GEO triple pendulum suspension



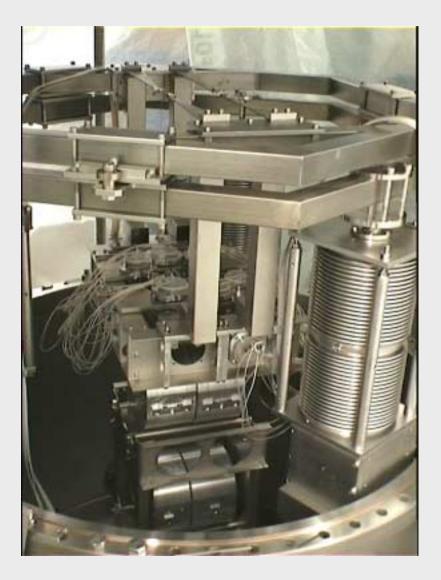


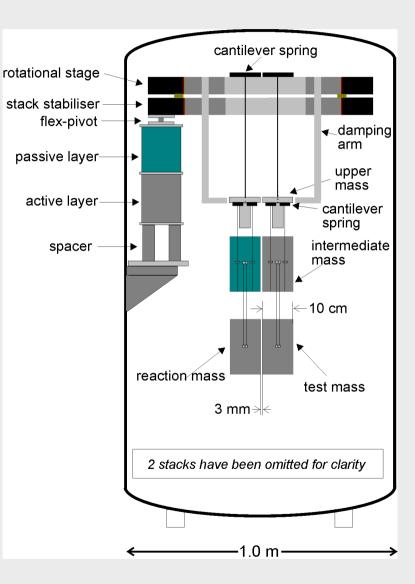
lower cantilever stage (view from below)

transferfunction MPR



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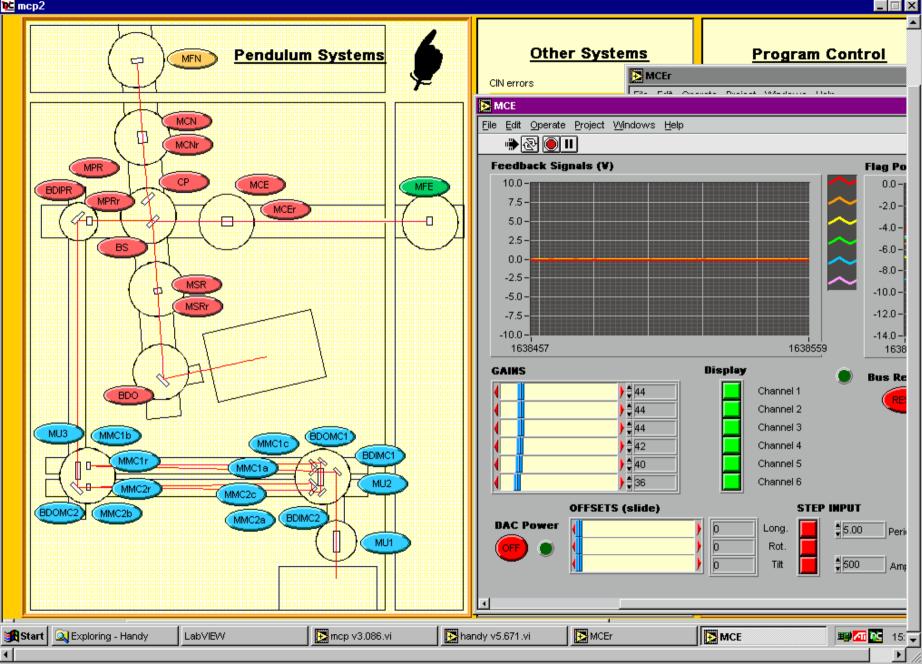


full scale monolitic suspension







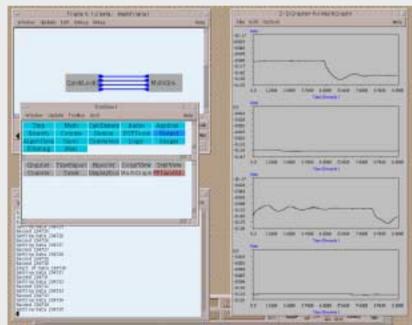


GEO600 Data Acquisition System



Triana based detector diagnostic

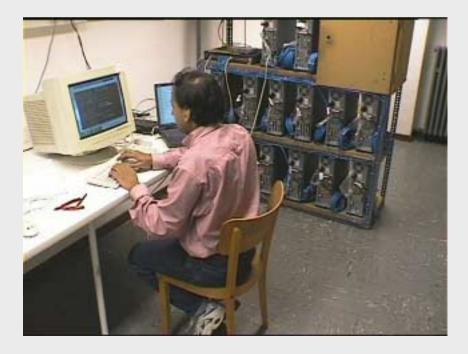
- VxWorks/Tornado based DAQ
- 2 SUN Ultra5 (redundant DAQ hosts)
- 25 channels 8kHz, 16bit 100 channels 512Hz
- tape storage in Hannover (1.5 Mbit/s)



data analysis

data distribution:

cw signal search: burst searches: time critical search: over night via internet to Potsdam 40Gbyte tapes via mail to Cardiff Postdam (20 Gflops, 600 Gbytes) Cardiff (20 Gflops, 600 Gbytes) Hannover (10 Gflops, 300 Gbytes)

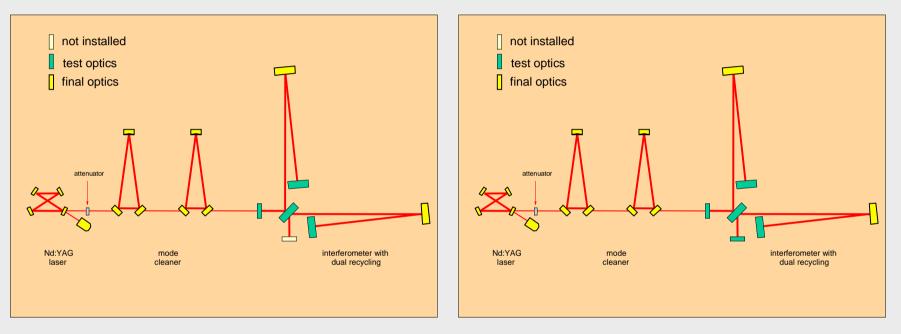


Beowolf cluster in Hannover installed summer 2000

special data taking periods

two weeks in July: first h(t) (LIGO E5)

October: narrow band operation (LIGO E6)



from December 2001: continuos data taking during detector optimization

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GEO Detector GEO Detector Characterization

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Glasgow 10m Prototype

- converted to 1064nm illumination (5 x 10⁻¹⁹ m/Hz ^{1/2} in the few hundred Hz range)
- spoiling the Q to about 2000 (using strips of Apiezon grease) allows direct measurement of off resonance thermal noise (good agreement with structural damping) (Glasgow/Hannover/Garching publication in preparation)
- currently used to investigate signal recycling with arm cavities in place (Ken Strain) for the next year.
- New 10m Glasgow prototype will come on line around fall 2001 and signal recycling work will move to it
- Original 10 m prototype will then be used for more direct thermal noise measuremnts.



Garching 12m prototype

- vacuum enclosure was move to new location and shortened to 12m and all optics are suspended again
- pre-stabilized laser system is currently installed





new developements in Hannover

- two new experimental groups of the Albert-Einstein-Institute will be founded in Hannover
- joint appointments of the Max-Planck-Society and the University of Hannover



• new labs (including one prototype lab) will be ready within three years time)