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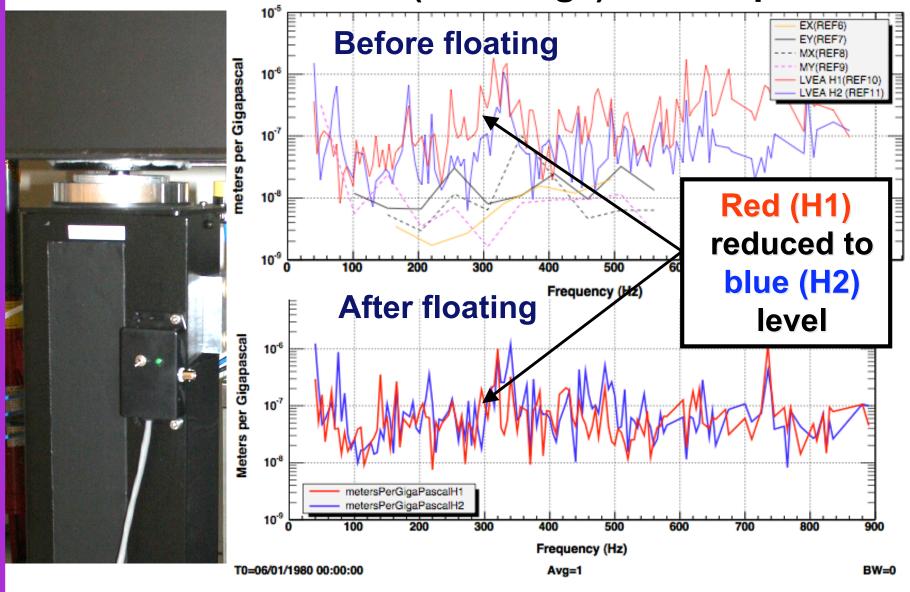
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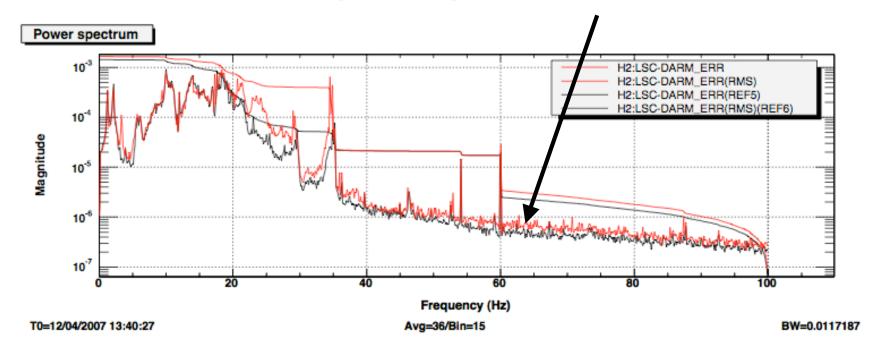
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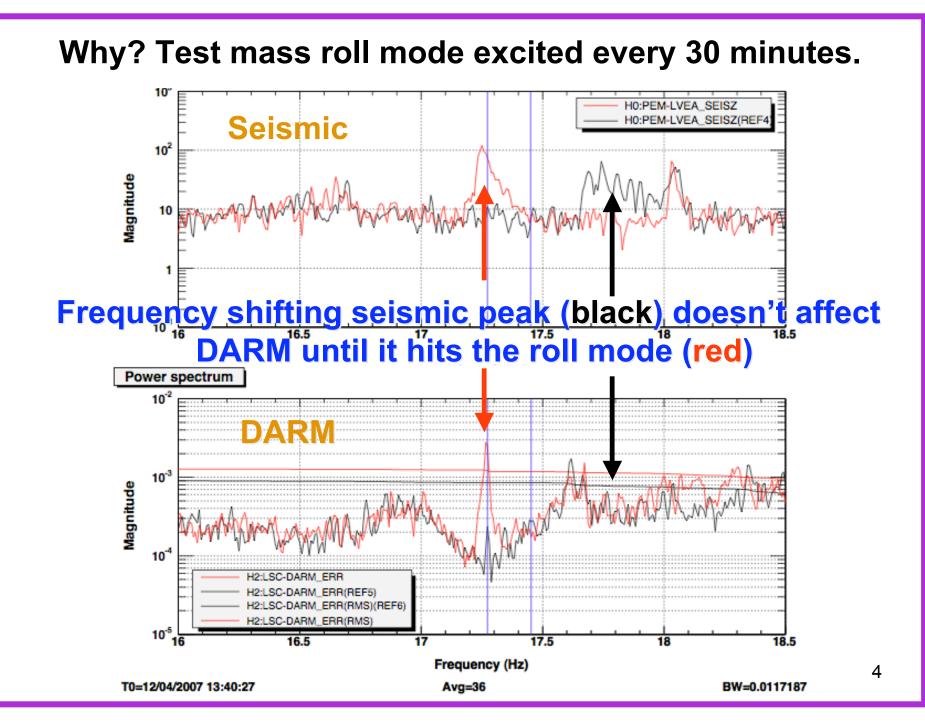
H1 acoustic coupling reduced by several after seismic isolation ("floating") of dark port



Source of "thirty minute glitches"

Problem: every thirty minutes the DARM spectrum was jumping up to the red level.



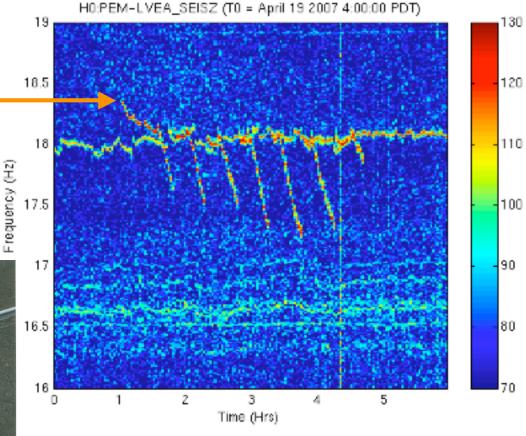


Experiment shows that the source is staging building HVAC



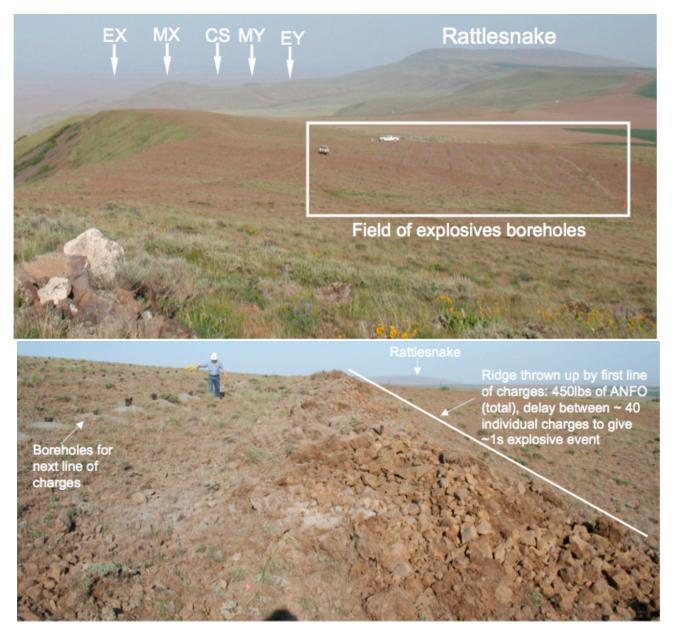
Staging building



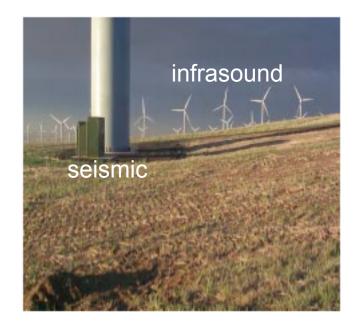


Similar to E12 problem but more regular.

Updates on tests for effects of proposed wind farm



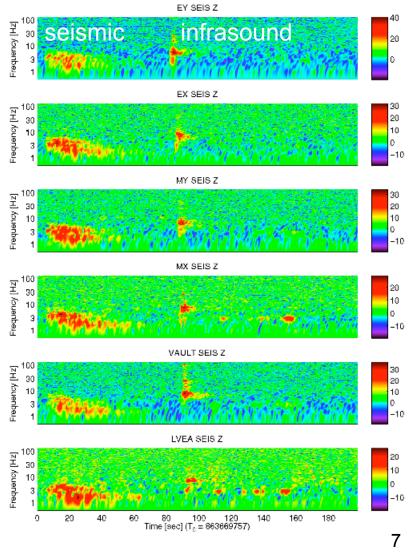
Concerns: direct seismic and infrasound



Importance of infrasound

demonstrated by the pounds of ANFO needed to knock H1 out of lock: above ground <50, below ground >3000

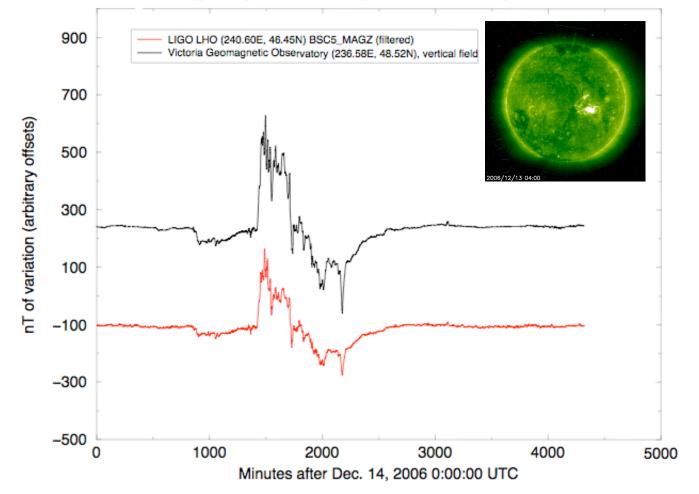
Explosion signals arriving at LHO



Do solar RF and magnetic storms affect LIGO data?

Largest solar magnetic storm during S5

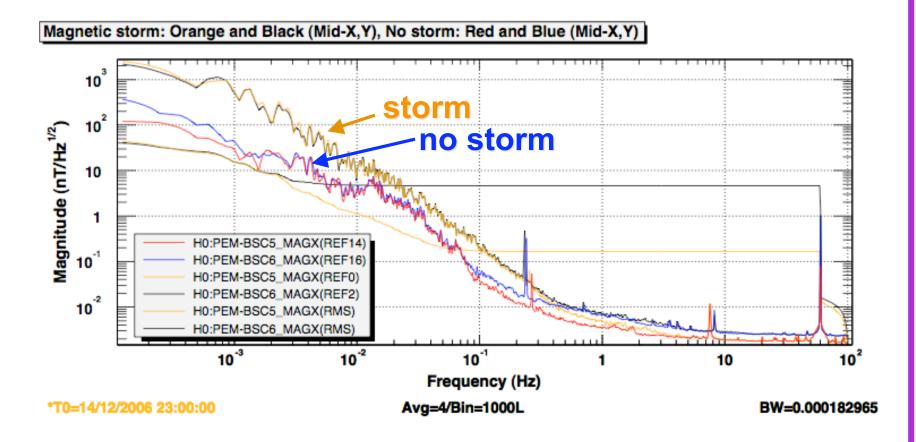
On geomagnetic observatory and LIGO LHO magnetometers



Magnetic storm seen on building magnetometers

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Magnetic storm signal up to 1 Hz



Estimate of displacement noise (from extrapolated spectrum and magnetic PEM injections) at 100 Hz: 3e-25 m/sqrt(Hz)

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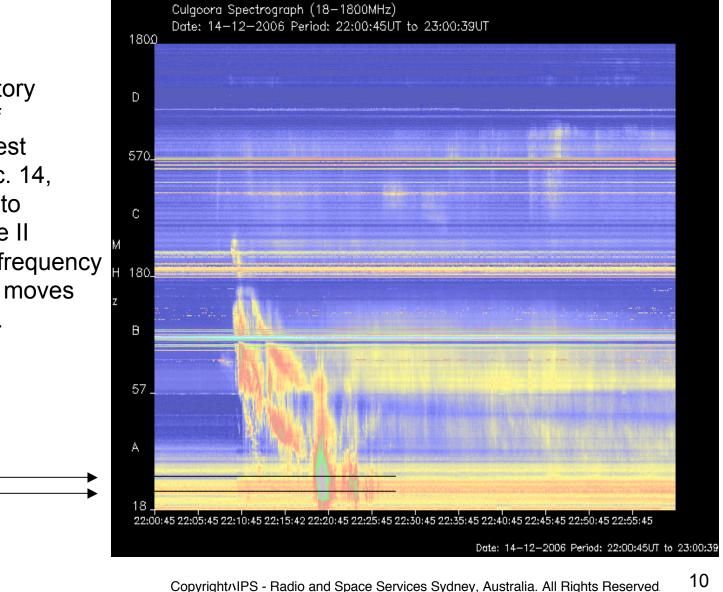
LIGO-G070581-00-Z

RF from coronal mass ejection

Radio observatory spectrogram of one of the largest S5 events (Dec. 14, 2006 22:00:45 to 23:00:45). Type II event: plasma frequency drops as mass moves away from sun.

29.5 MHz

24.5 MHz



-5

-5

-10

-15

RF event not evident in radio or **DARM** channels

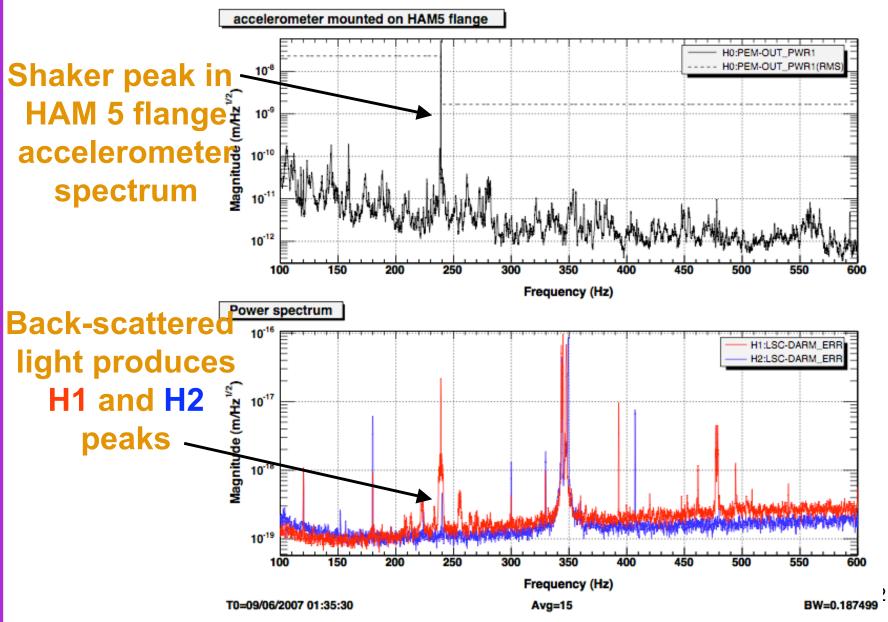
Radio LVEA_H1 for same period: $\lambda/2$ antenna mixed with H1 modulation frequency (24.5 MHz).

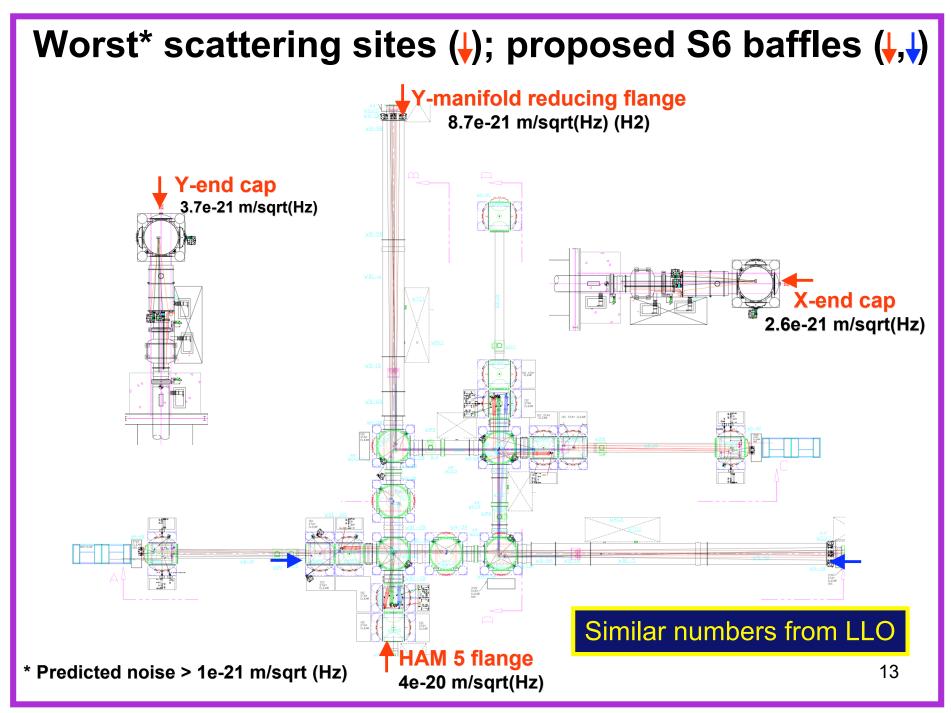
RF injections show that the SNR of the radio channel must reach \sim 100 before the event shows in DARM.

H0:PEM-RADIO_LVEA_H1

H1 DARM_ERR for same period



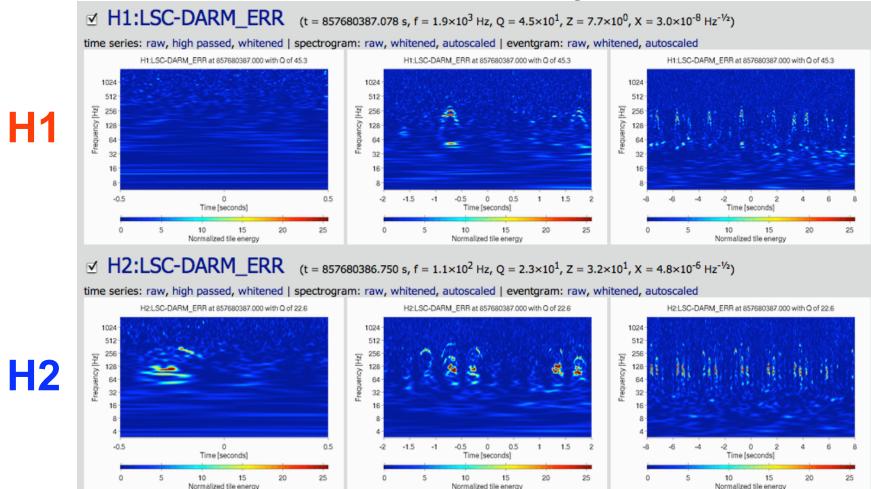




Worst back-scattering sites

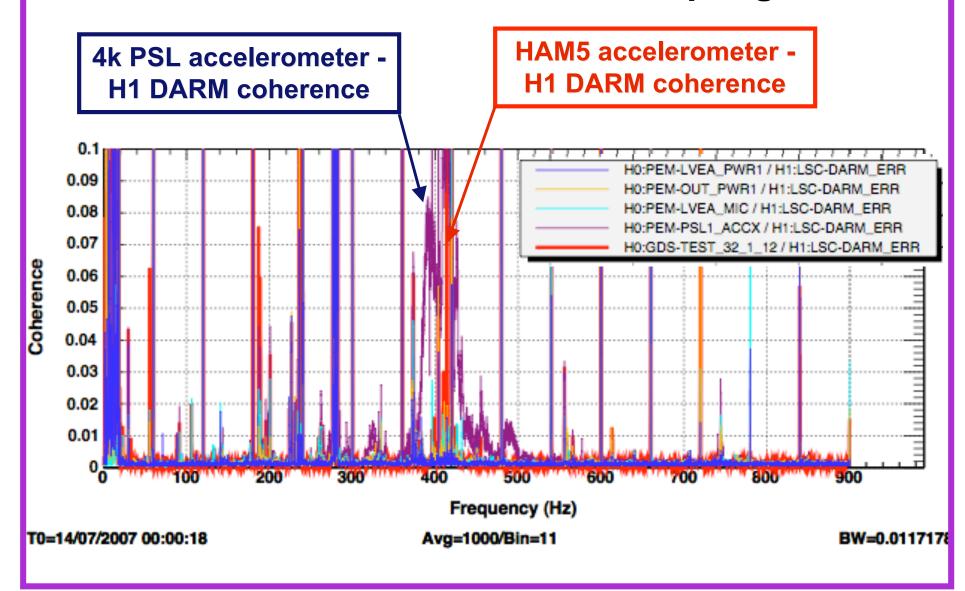


Can back-scattering produce H1-H2 events that are not present in auxiliary channels?



These events during H2 malfunction (in science mode), but show that multi-bounce back-scattering paths exist between H1 and H2 15

No evidence that HAM5 flange supplants 4k PSL as worst H1 acoustic coupling site



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