

LIGO

Project Status Update

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Overview

- Observatories
- Detector
- Data Analysis
- Simulation



Project Status

- Project is within budget and close to schedule
- Facility construction is complete
- Vacuum Equipment delivered and accepted - both observatories
 - Need correction of some hardware problems [large aperture gate valves]
- Beamtubes accepted - both observatories
 - BT Bakeout 50% complete at Hanford
- Detector design complete
- Detector fabrication in full swing
 - Major procurement contracts all in place
 - Many items being delivered daily
- Detector installation at Hanford underway
- Data analysis systems and simulation systems being implemented to support “first light”.



LIGO Livingston Observatory (LLO)

LIGO has left its mark on the planet...



- Satellite images from 220 km; $\delta x \sim 2\text{m}$.
- Spot 2 images from 1998.03.28
- <http://www.terraserver.microsoft.com>

LIGO Livingston Observatory (LLO)

Technical highlights

- Preparation for bake out of the beam tubes is underway: installation of thermocouples is in progress
 - *Insulation and electrical installation work for bakeout work will begin in summer 1999 and finish in Q2 2000.*
- Computer network has been installed with T1 connection via LSU
- Installation activities at LLO lag LHO by approximately 6-9 months because of the sequential nature of many of the construction and installation activities.
- Schedule Overview
 - *1999 - detector installation activities, with vertex Michelson shakedown anticipated to occur before year end*
 - *2000 - commissioning activities continue - Fabry-Perot arms added to the interferometer by mid-year and shakedown of the apparatus continuing for the remainder of the year.*
 - *Peter Saulson - Syracuse University, will be Commissioning Team Leader at LLO during this year.*
 - *2001 - Engineering run, in coincidence with Hanford*
 - *2002 - Science run*

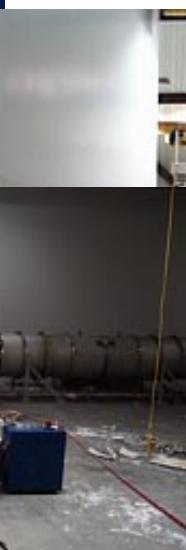


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Vacuum Equipment

- Vacuum equipment all baked and accepted - meet LIGO specifications

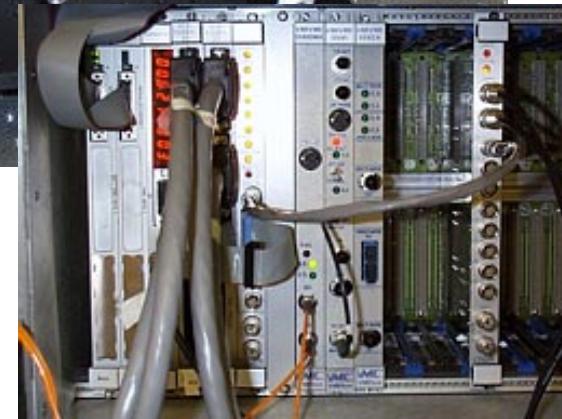
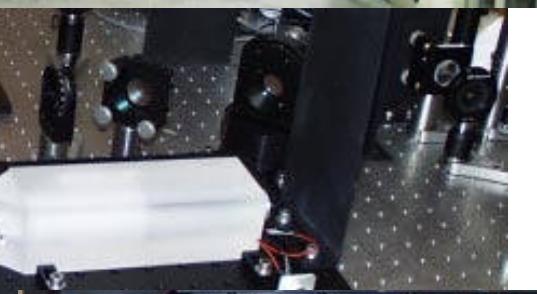
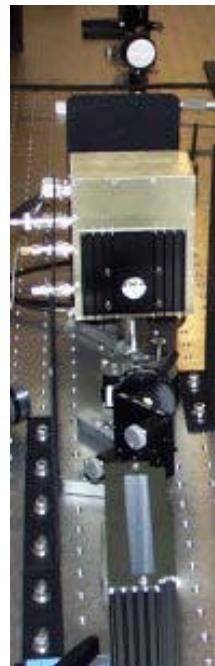
*>Need correction of large gate valve
O-ring sticking problems*



LIGO Hanford Observatory (LHO)

Technical highlights

- Infrastructure complete - all contractors off- site
- >50% staffing; labs furnished & operational
- Science!
 - > *1st physics meetings [PAC & LSC]*
 - > *1st student projects [4 REU students in '98]*
- 2 BT modules baked, commissioned
- 1st 10W laser operational
- HAM Seismic System installation 75% complete
- BSC Seismic System installation initiated (pier surveys, etc.)
- Input Optics Suspensions 75% complete
- Input Optics insertion to begin 99.01.24
- 1st Core Optic [RM2K] suspension underway



LIGO Hanford Observatory (LHO)

Beamtube Bakeout

- All equipment designed, built, operational.
- Y-arm completely baked at Hanford



- Proceeding to first half of X-arm

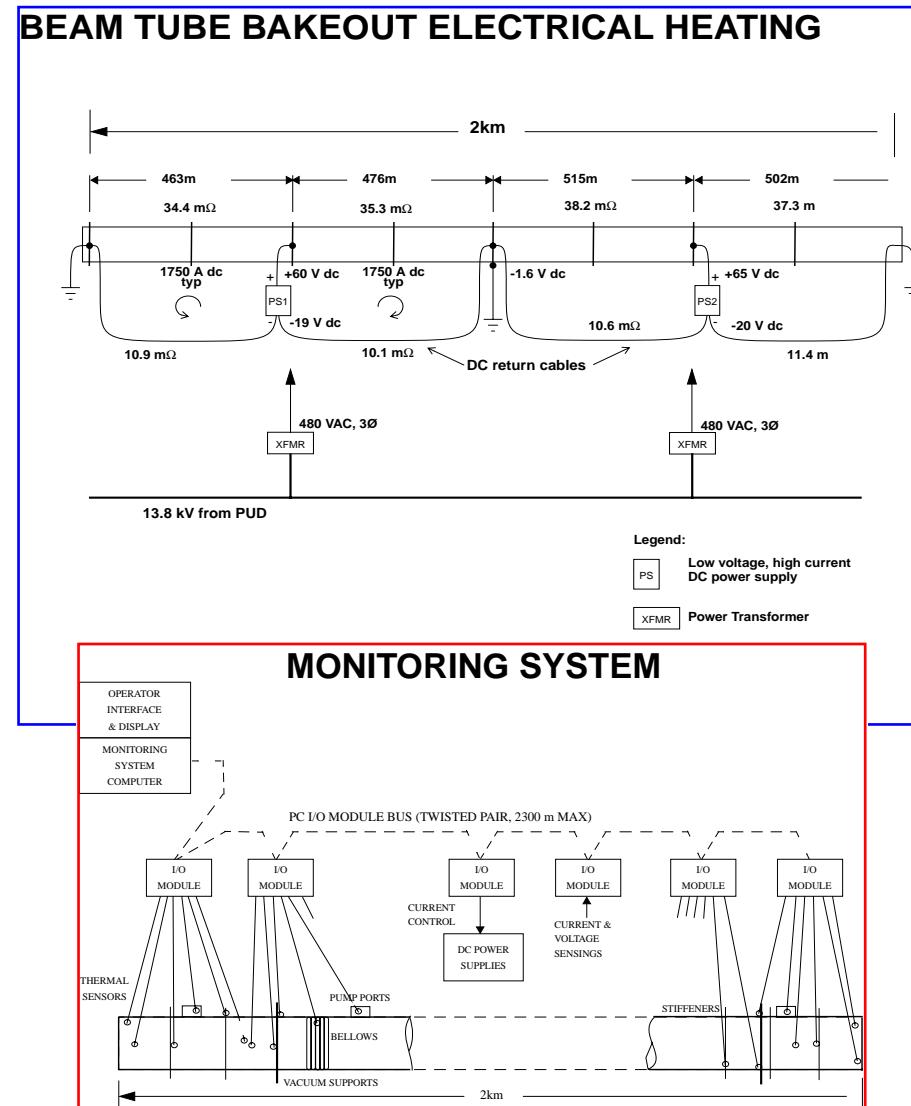


- Livingston in preparation for bake - insulation, instrumentation, etc.

LIGO Hanford Observatory (LHO)

Beamtube Bakeout

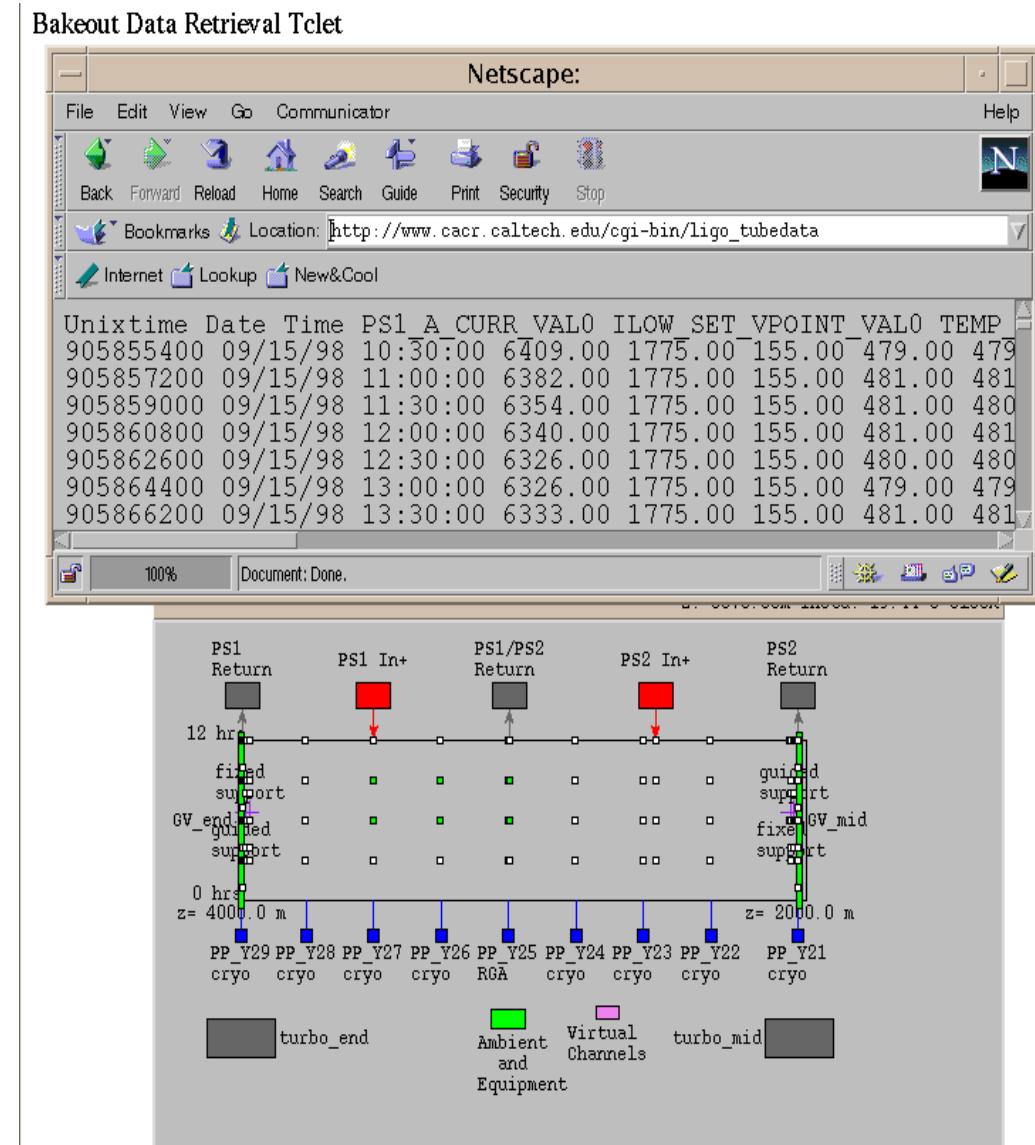
- BT bakeout uses ohmic [DC] heating of 304L SS BT wall
- ~1500 - 2000 A [depends of ambient conditions]
- ~ 600 sensors along 2km module
 - > thermocouples
 - > pressure
 - > strain gauges
 - > RGA
 - > cryopump controllers



LIGO Hanford Observatory (LHO)

Beamtube Bakeout

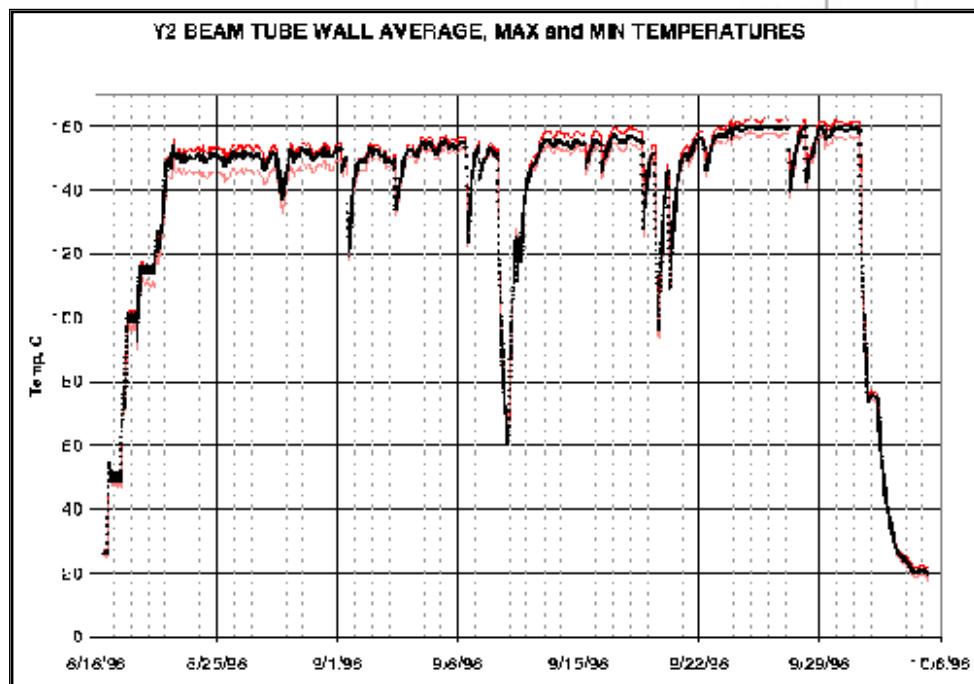
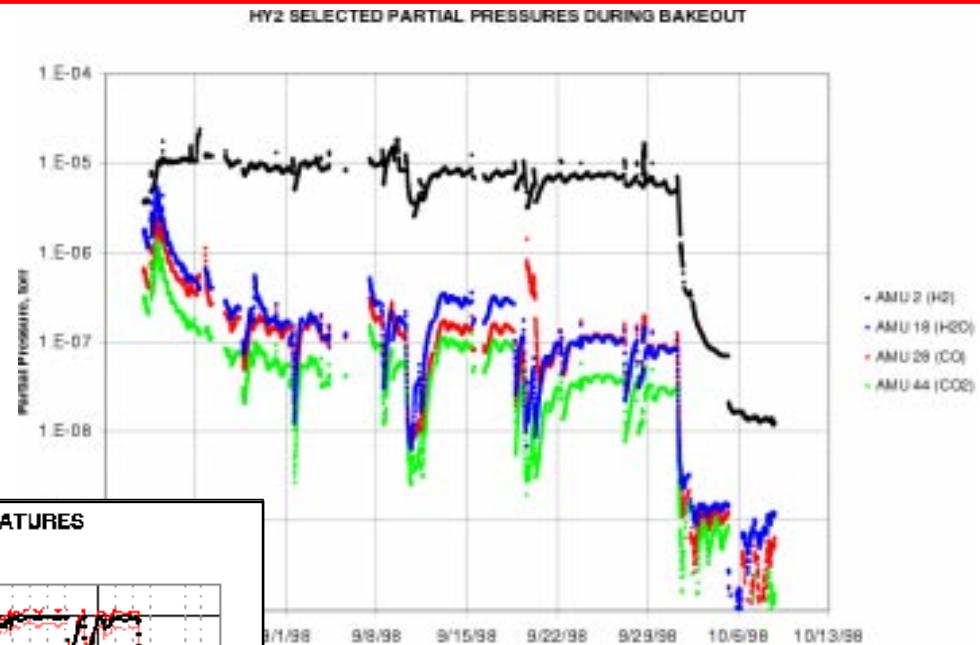
- BT Bakeout database access via www browser
- Database ~ 400MB/module



LIGO Hanford Observatory (LHO)

Beamtube Bakeout

Y1 Hanford [$Q < 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ t-l/s}$]		
Species	$J @ 25\text{C}$ $\text{t-l/cm}^2/\text{s}$	$p[\text{mid-tube}]$ $23\text{C, end pump only}$
H_2	6.3×10^{-14}	3.6×10^{-8}
H_2O	$< 2 \times 10^{-17}$	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-12}$
N_2	$< 3 \times 10^{-19} [8\text{C}]$	$< 5 \times 10^{-14} [8\text{C}]$
CO_2	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 1 \times 10^{-12}$
$\text{H}_n\text{C}_p\text{O}_q$	$< 8.5 \times 10^{-19}$	$< 5 \times 10^{-13}$



Y2 Hanford [$Q < 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ t-l/s}$]

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H_2	4.8×10^{-14}	3.4×10^{-9}
H_2O	$< 4 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 1.9 \times 10^{-10}$
N_2	$< 2 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 1 \times 10^{-13}$
CO_2	$< 4 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 4 \times 10^{-13}$
$\text{H}_n\text{C}_p\text{O}_q$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 6 \times 10^{-13}$

Detector Installation

- Sequence will be: LHO 2km -> LLO 4km -> LHO 4km
- Hanford Infrastructure:
 - > *all labs & shops set up*
 - > *data networks up; fibre optic cabling complete*
 - > *data racks positioned*
 - > *cable trays installed*
 - > *control complete*
 - > *seismic piers surveyed & installed for both IFOs*
 - > *some of Physical Environment Monitoring system [PEM] installed*
 - > *data acquisition system kernel functioning*
 - > *all vacuum feed-throughs for electrical signals installed, leak checked*
 - > *all viewports [non-high quality] installed, leak checked*



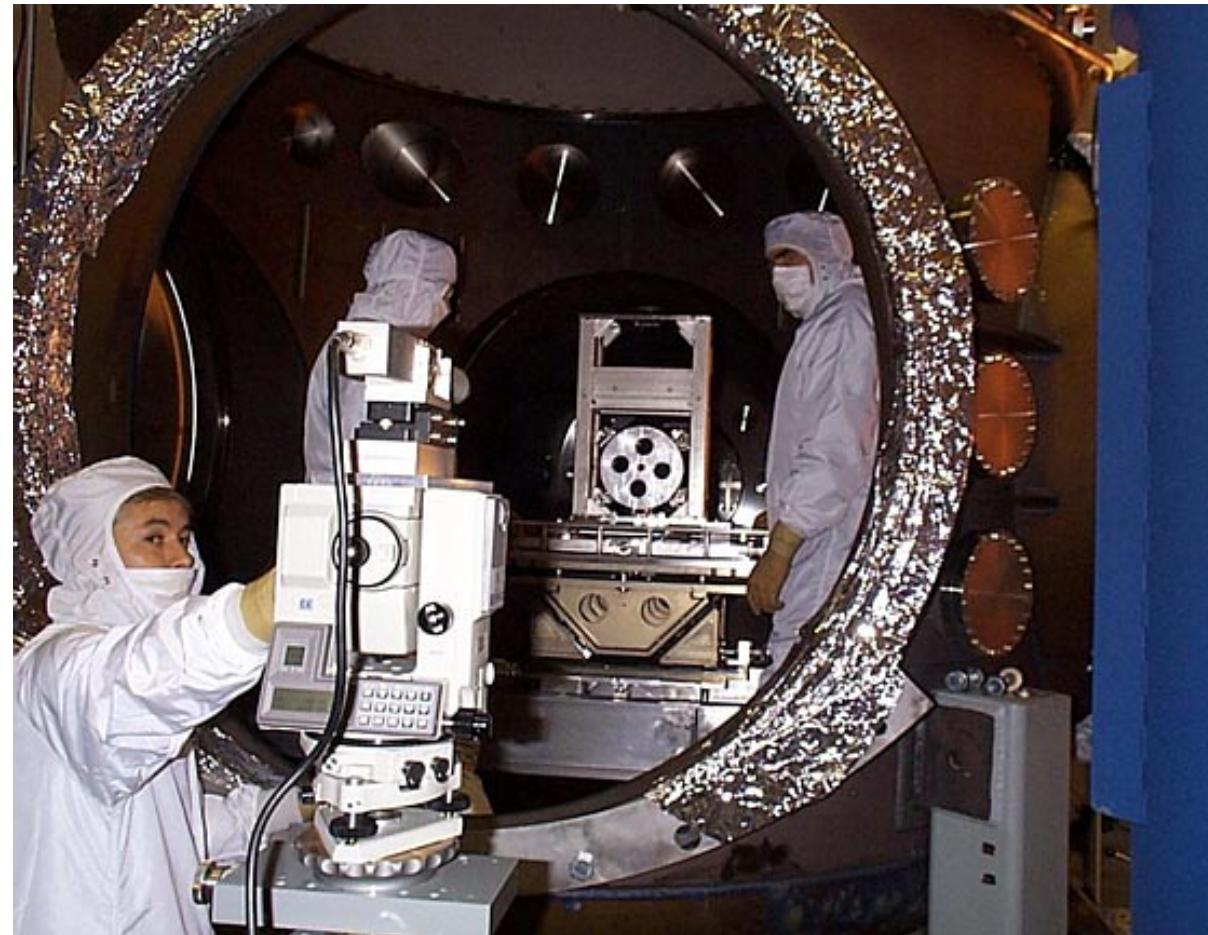
Detector *Installation*

- **2km IFO [Hanford]:**
 - Prestabilized laser installed, near completion of acceptance tests
 - 3 HAM seismic systems installed [MC and RM]
 - 1 HAM support table installed
 - 1st BSC SEI began 99.01.18
 - External input optics installation well underway
 - Vacuum installation of IO began 99.01.19
 - Small optics, RM and input telescope large mirror suspended, control electronics, cabling installed



Detector *Installation*

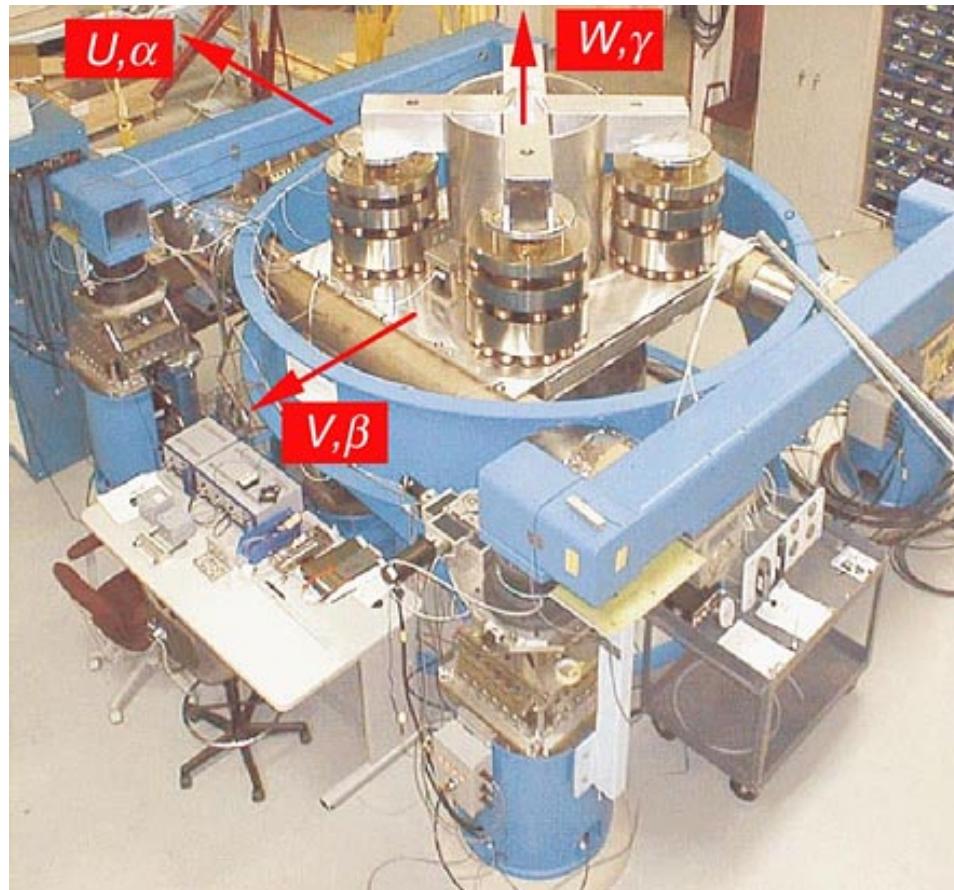
- **Livingston infrastructure:**
 - Most lab & shop facilities set up
 - all fiber optic cabling [down arms] installed
 - some of PEM installed
- **4km Interferometer:**
 - SEI installation activities ramp up 01/99
 - PSL installation ramps up 03/99



Detector

Seismic/Suspension Systems

- Design complete and all fabrication into production phase
- First article tests complete for SEI HAM and BSC - lessons learned factored back into production
 - > Passive isolation system meets LIGO I requirement

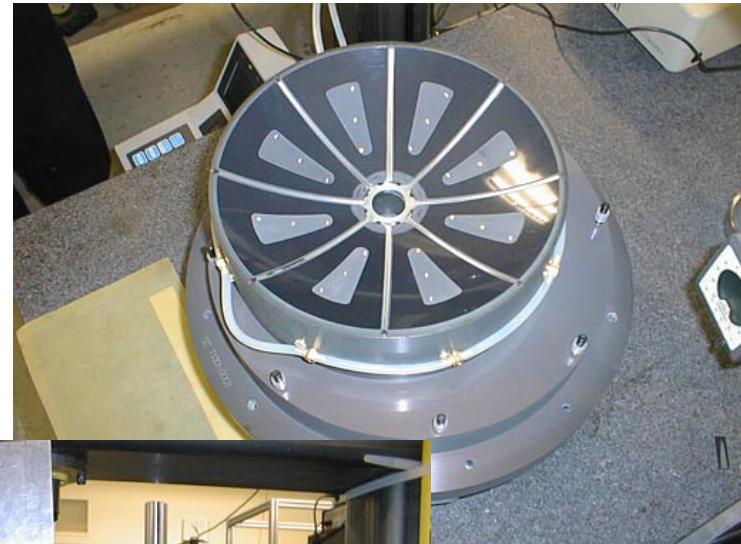
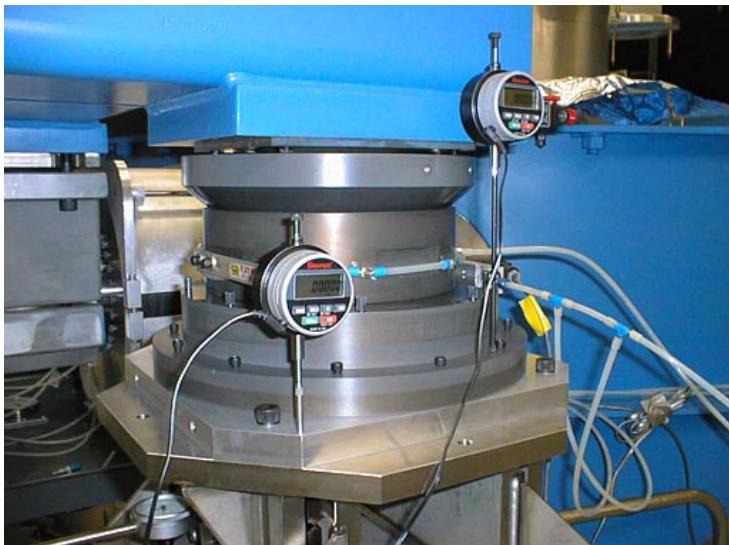


- First article tests of SUS complete
 - > Isolation meets LIGO I requirement
- First large optics suspension installation and alignment in BSC completed successfully.

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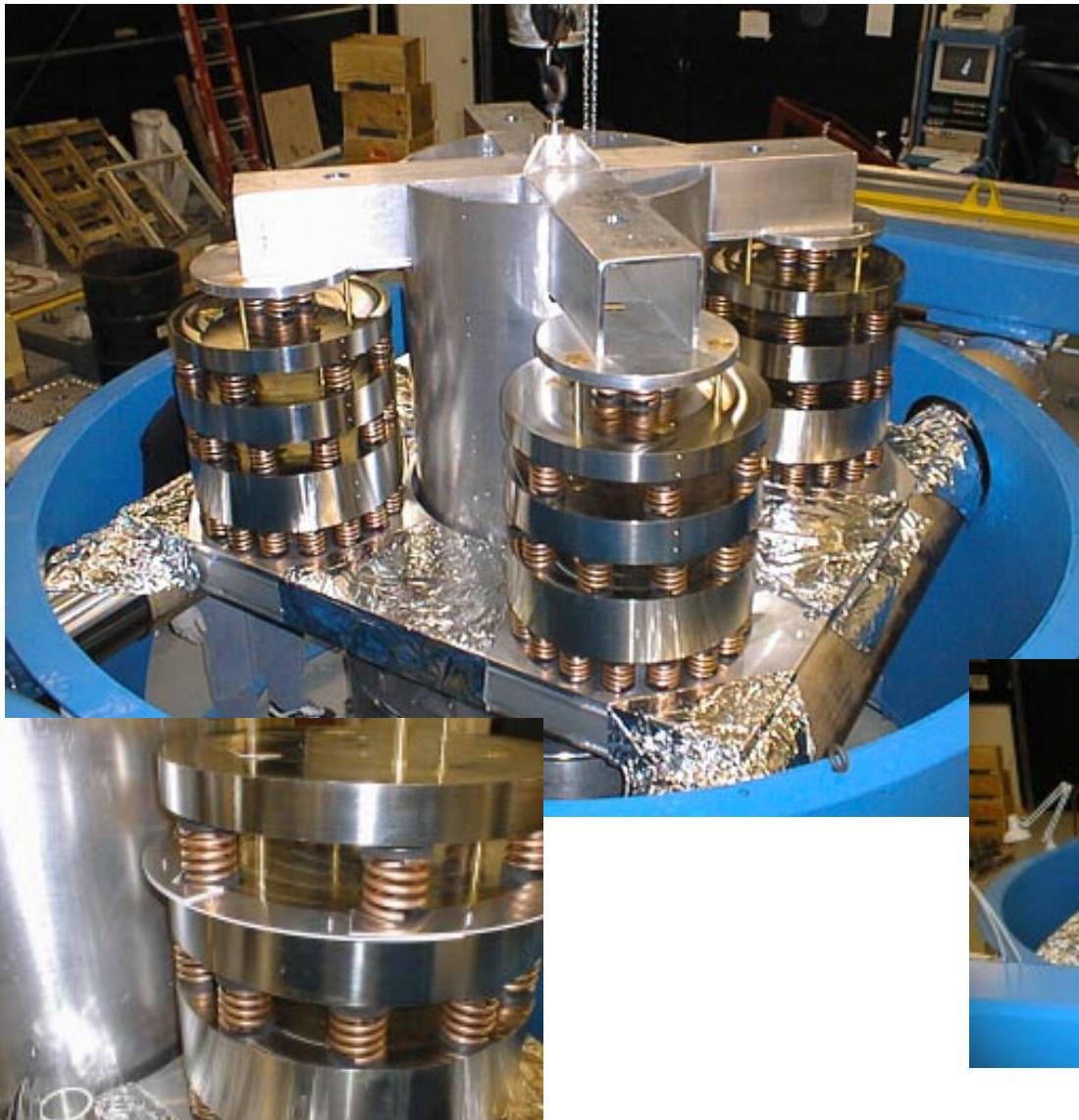
Seismic/Suspension System

- Spherical air-bearing assembly for angular alignment of BSC SEI assemblies.

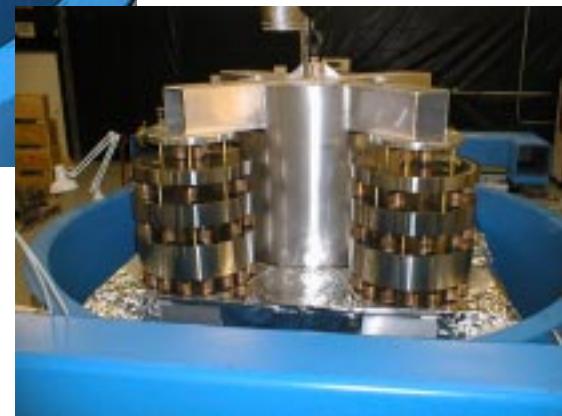


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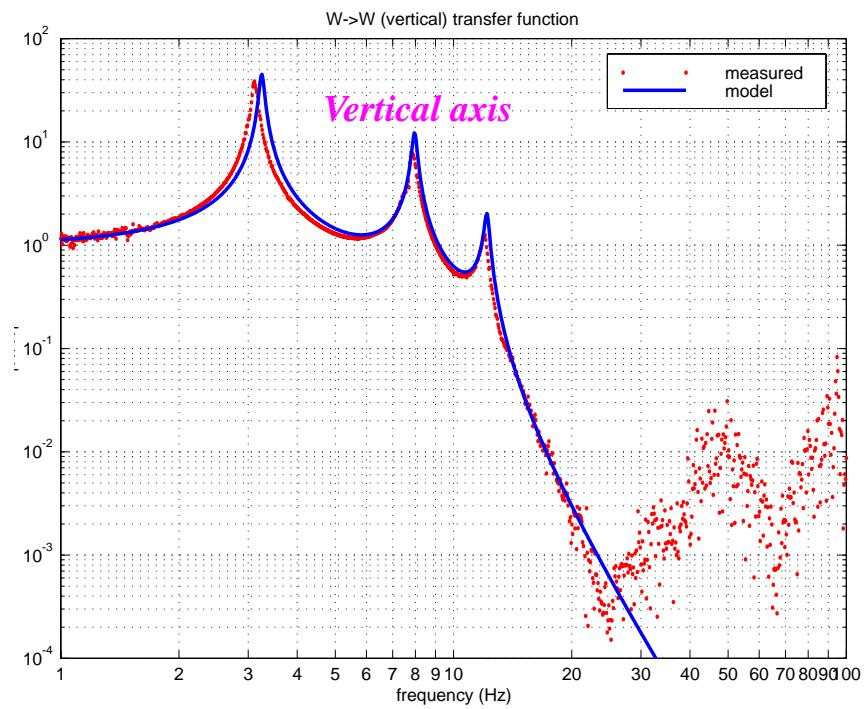
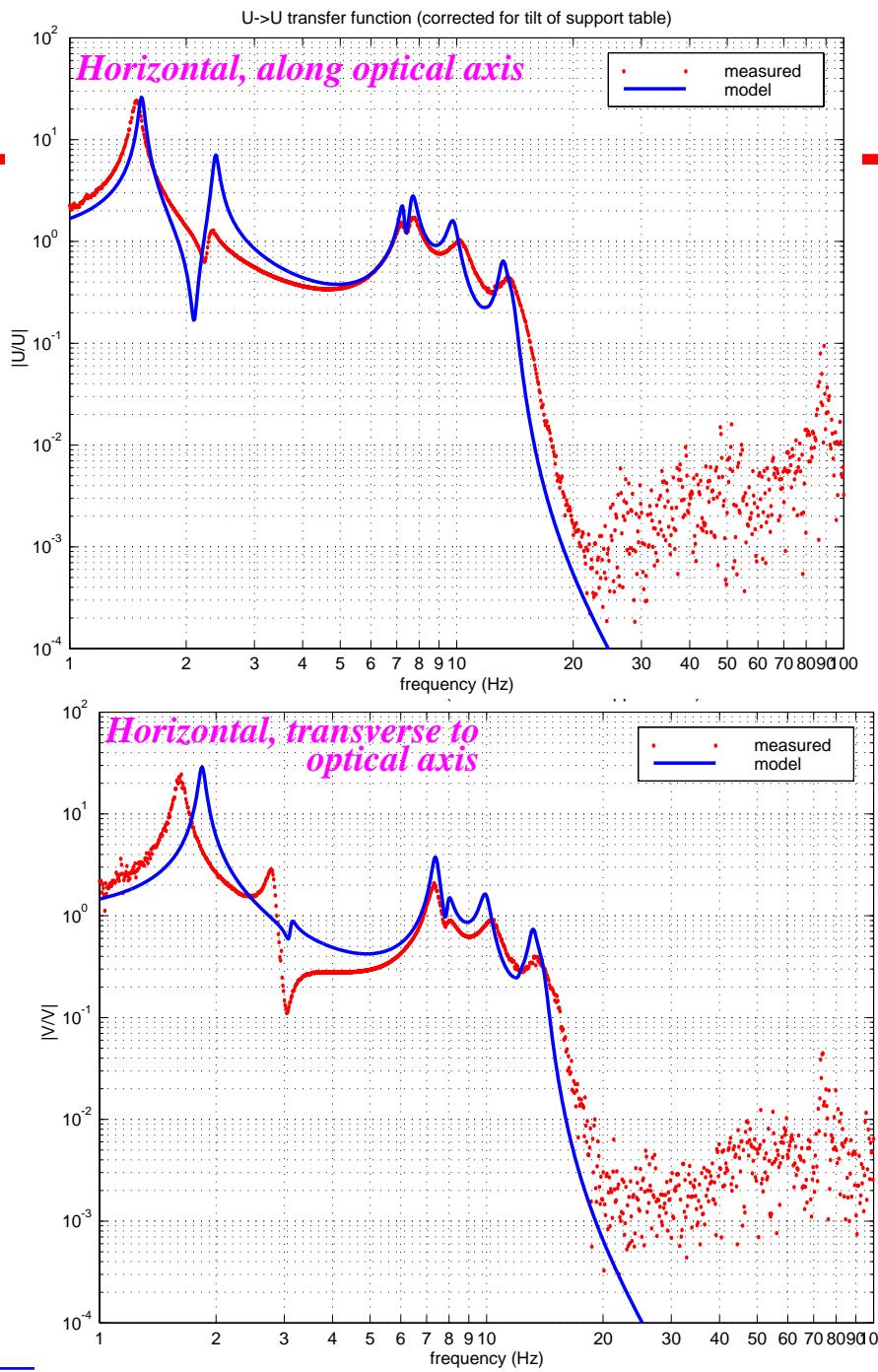


- BSC seismic isolation system assembly inside mockup BSC shell for performance tests [HYTEC, Los Alamos, NM]



Detector SEI/SUS

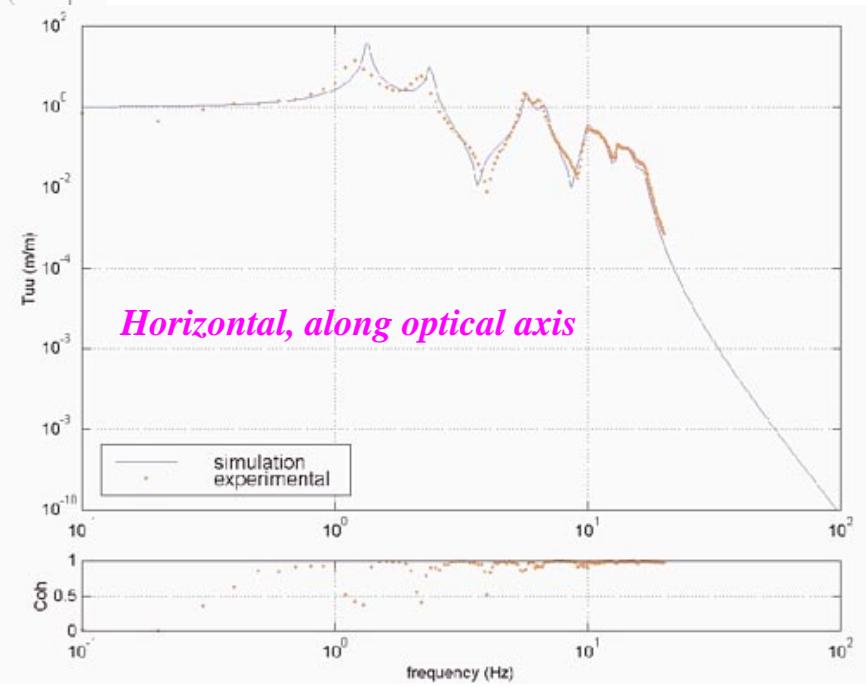
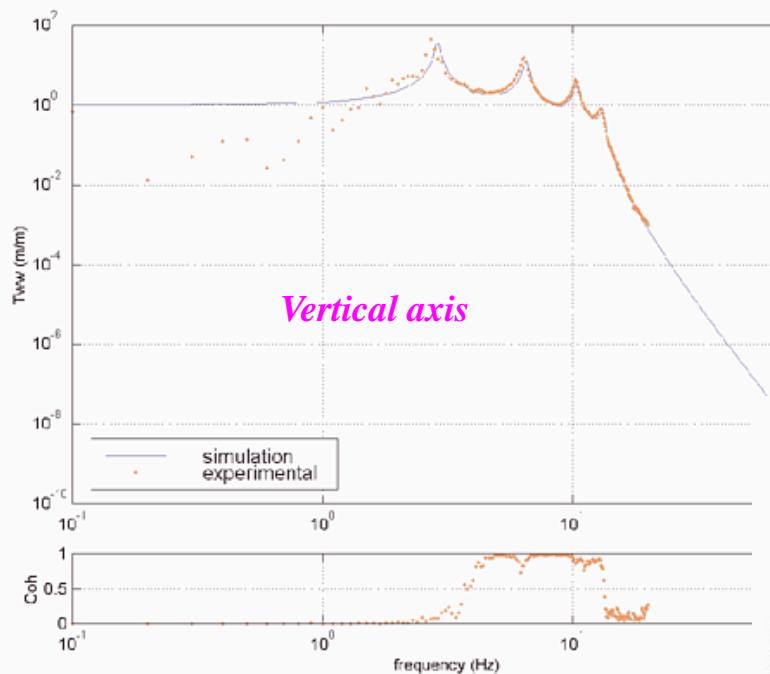
- HAM seismic isolation system transfer function tests at Hanford in first article
 - In air tests



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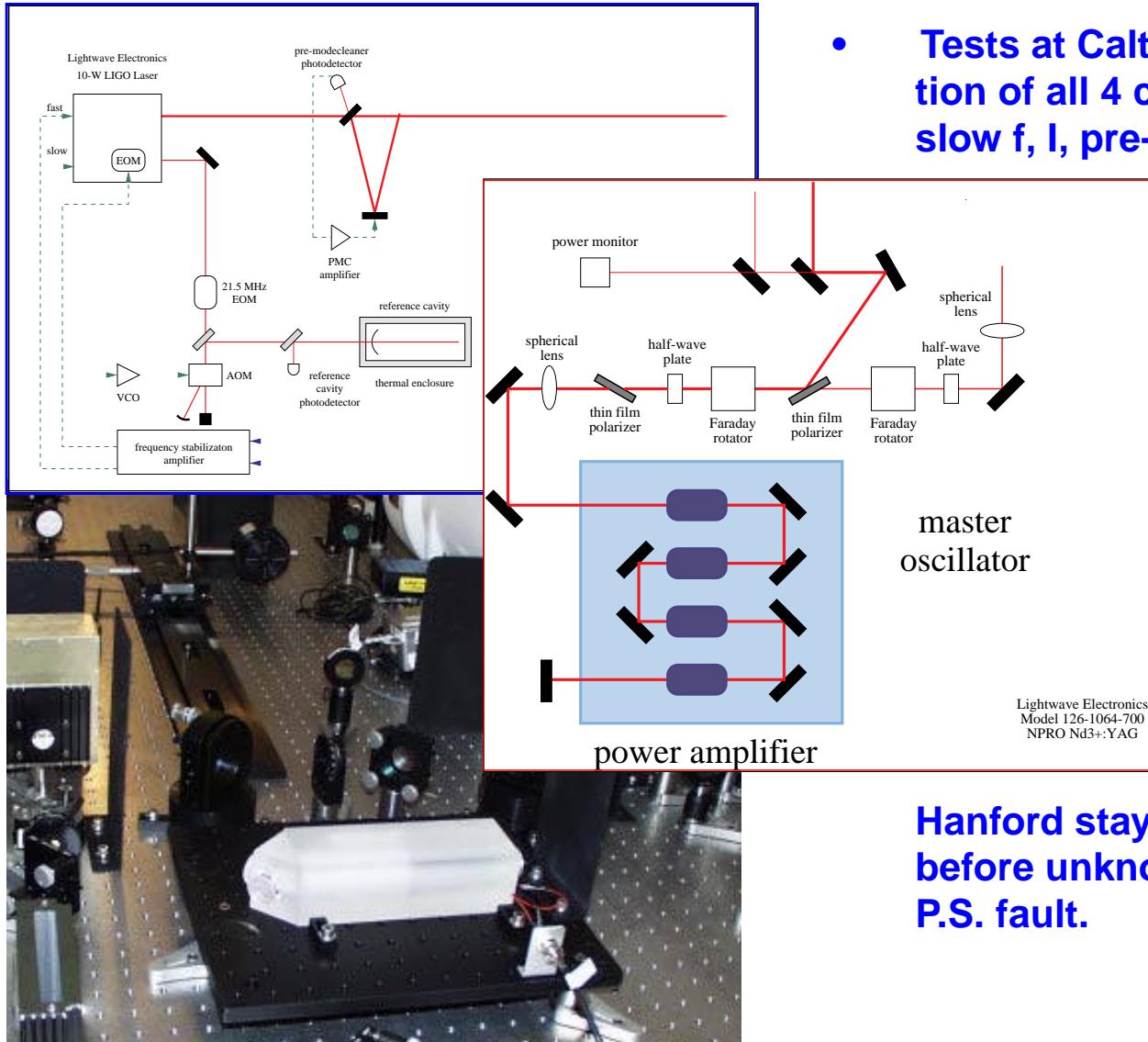
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- **BSC seismic isolation system transfer function tests at Los Alamos for first article**
 - In air tests



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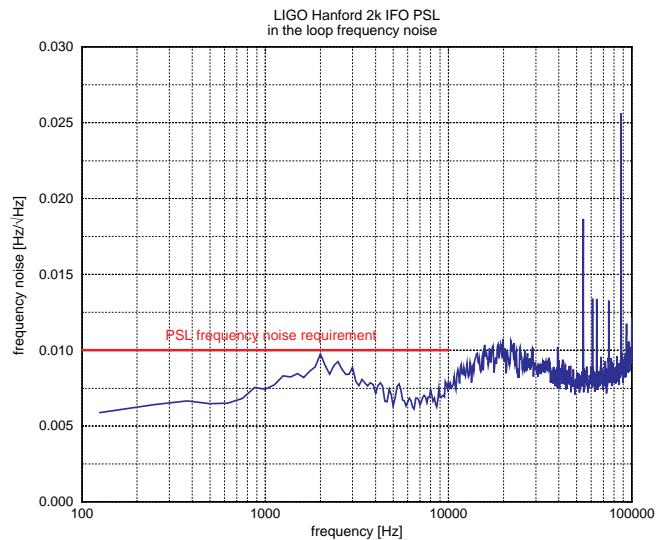
Prestabilized Laser [PSL]



- Tests at Caltech validated operation of all 4 control servos [fast/slow f, I, pre-MC]:
 - Auto-lock acquisition of f-stabilization servo and pre-MC servo demonstrated
 - Weekend tests ran until $M=3.9$ earthquake caused loss-of-lock
- 2km IFO PSL at Hanford stayed locked for 264 hrs before unknown event triggered a P.S. fault.

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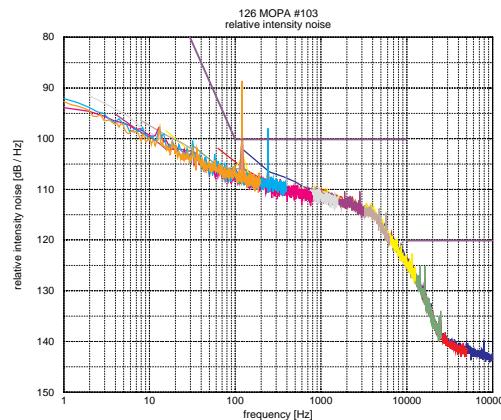
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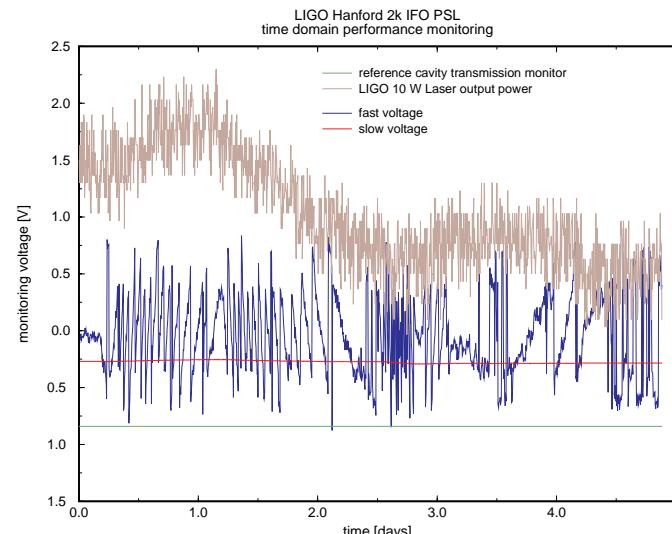
In-loop error meets LIGO requirement



1m reference cavity



*Free running 10W laser meets
LIGO requirement*

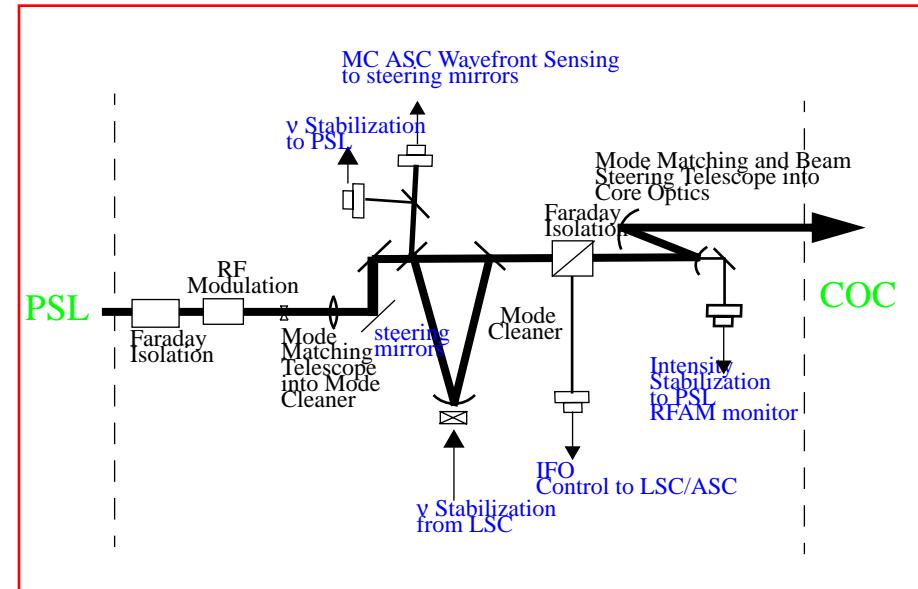


1m mode cleaner [MC]

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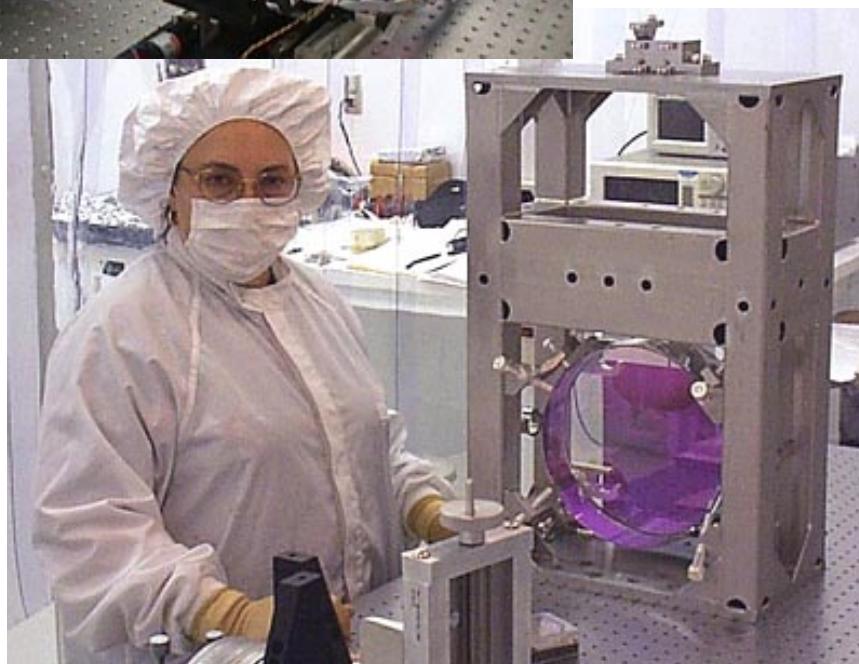
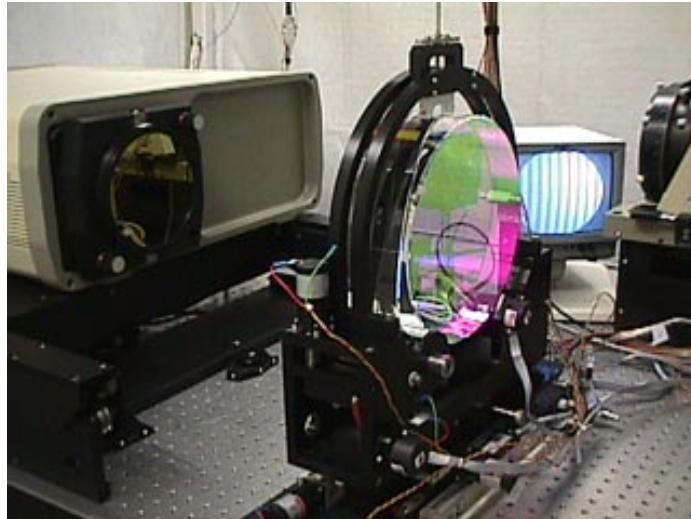
Input Optics [IO]

- University of Florida responsible to LIGO for subsystem
- All optics for MC and telescope for 2km and 4km IFOs polished, coated
- Small optics suspensions [SOS] vacuum-prepped; all small optics prepared; final balancing, actuator installation underway
- External IO for 2km IFO complete
 - > Beam quality characterization underway
- Mode matching control [TEM_{20}] uses wavefront sensing analogous to alignment control for $\text{TEM}_{10,01}$
- Radius of curvature of last [large] telescope mirror 26.2m with 0.1% precision;
- Vacuum installation began 99.01.18.
- 2km IFO MC length, alignment control optics & electronics on site at Hanford
- End-to-end model for IO subsystem being built.



Detector

Core Optics [COC]

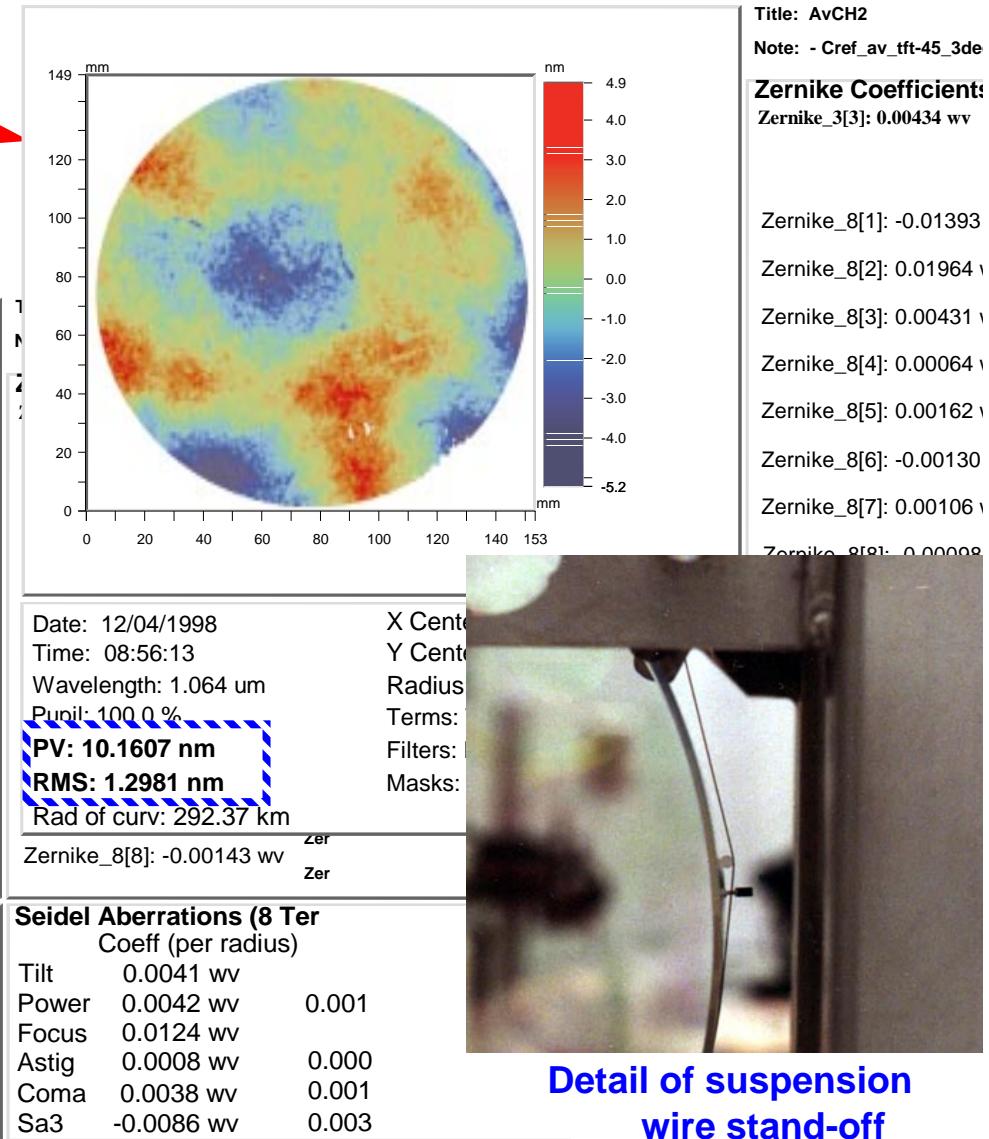
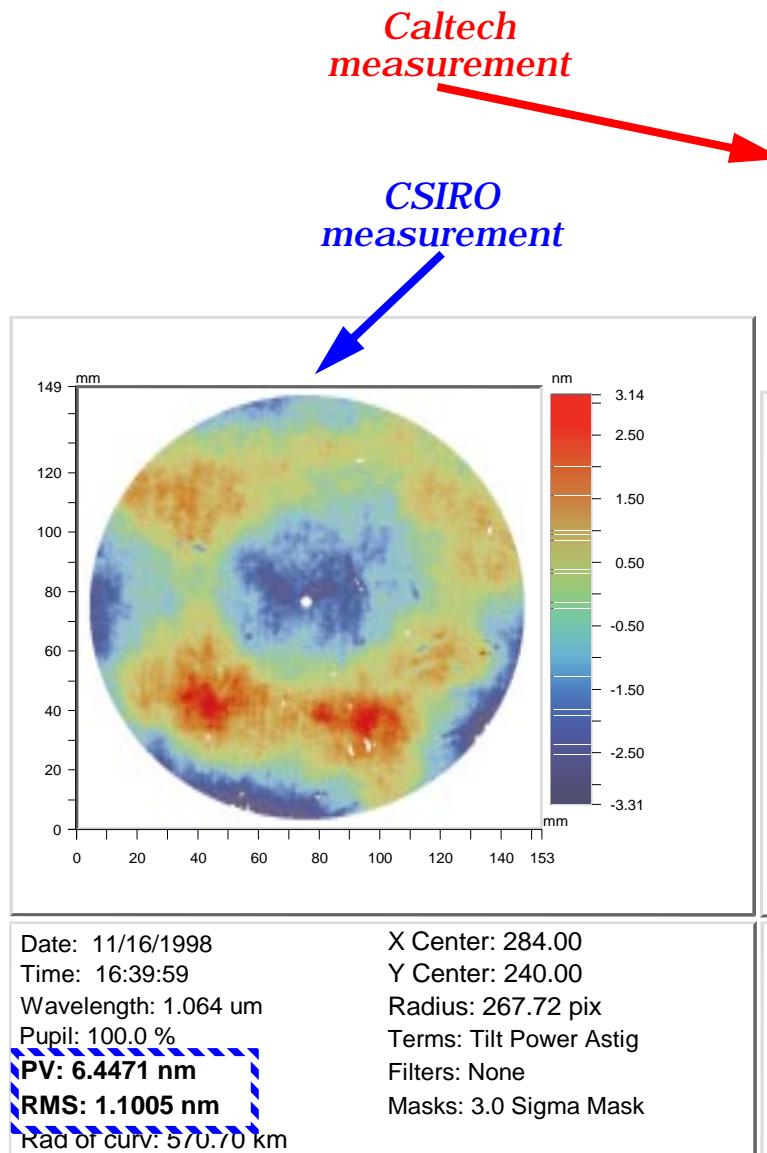


- **30/40 polished substrates received**
 - material absorption meets LIGO requirement
- **20/40 substrates coated**
 - balance complete by 99.04
- **Optics cleaning procedures established**
- **In-house metrology @ 1064 nm in place, qualified, operating on coated optics**
- **2km IFO RM surface measured after coating**
 - LIGO requirements met*
 - delivered to Hanford for installation

* still trying to understand Caltech environment, long term drifts

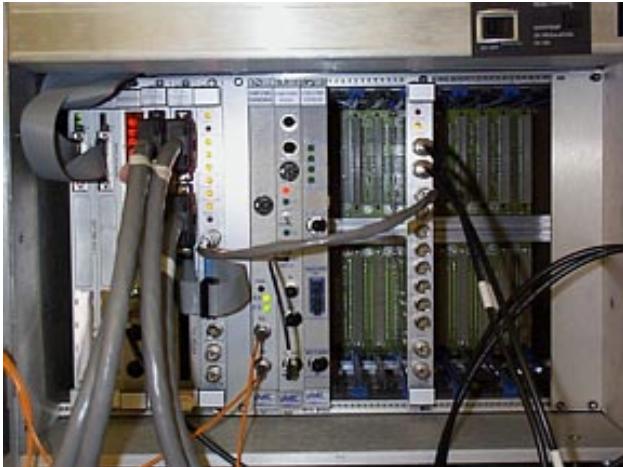
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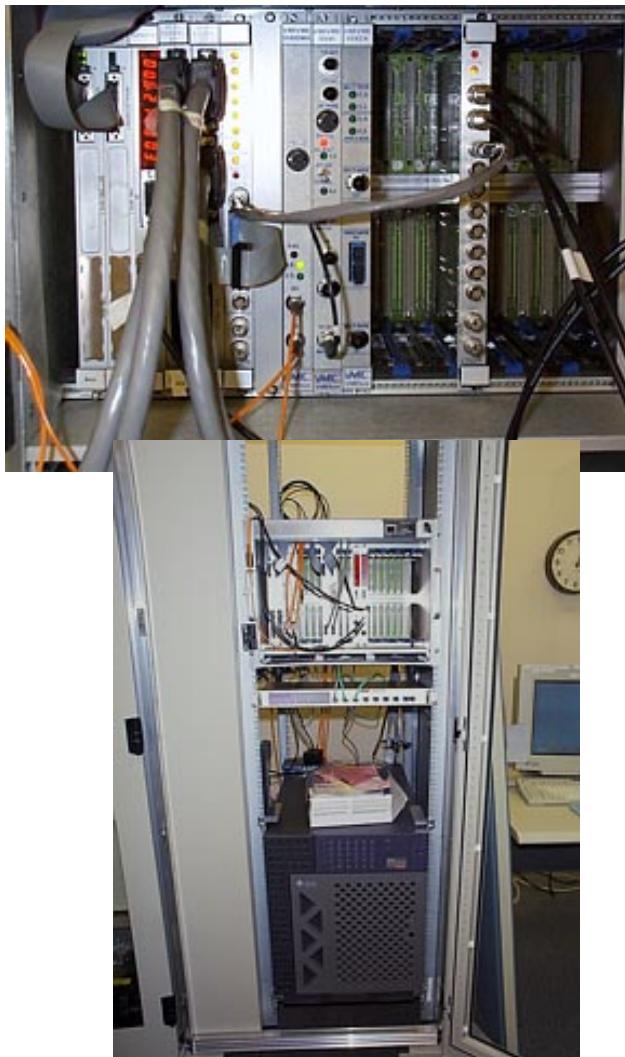
Control and Data Systems [CDS]



- Vacuum Controls for VE complete, both observatories
- PSL Controls
 - > Hanford 2km IFO installed & operational; awaiting connections to DAQ System
- SUS Controls
 - > All hardware delivered & tested
 - > Hanford test stand [for optics mounting/ testing] installed; Livingston unit ready for installation [99.03]
 - > Hanford 2km system installed & tested; awaiting further testing after optics are installed
- Alignment & Length Control [ASC/LSC]
 - > Hanford 2km IFO IO system installation began 99.01.18
 - > 2km IFO ASC/LSC system under development; due at Hanford 99.03.

Detector

Control and Data Systems [CDS]



- **Data Acquisition System [DAQS]**
 - Hanford server and DAQS controller HW/SW installed, being tested
 - Data Collection Units [DCU] field installation began 99.01.18
 - Data framing SW operational [fast ethernet];
 - * Fixes required for reflective memory network [Sun multiprocessor bus problems in design] by 9.02.14
 - Network Data Server [NDS] operational
 - Data viewer, based on Motif/xmgr operational
 - Interface module between NDS and GEO/Triana data viewer/analyizer operational - real-time data feed to Triana.

Data Analysis

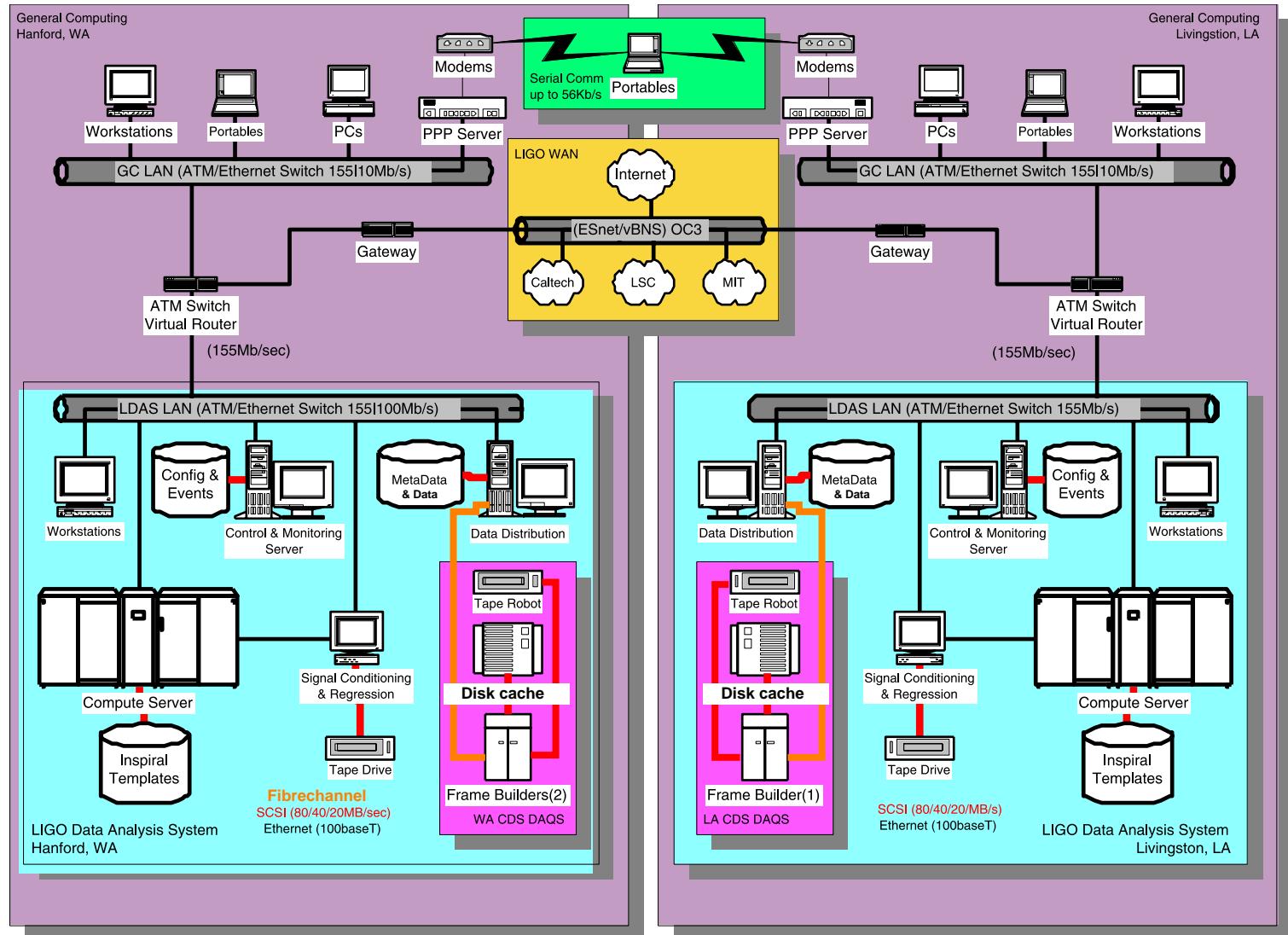
LIGO Data Analysis System [LDAS]



- Design essentially complete
 - Design review 99.02.14
- Layered, modular design allows future extensions revisions of analysis flows as experience grows
- On-line systems dedicated to processing 100% of the GW channel
 - > *optimal filters*
 - > *transients*
 - > *frequency-time analyses*
 - > *end-to-end detector diagnostics*
 - > *data distribution to local and remote users*
- Off-line system dedicated to archiving data, distribution, computationally intensive [re] analysis of the GW channel

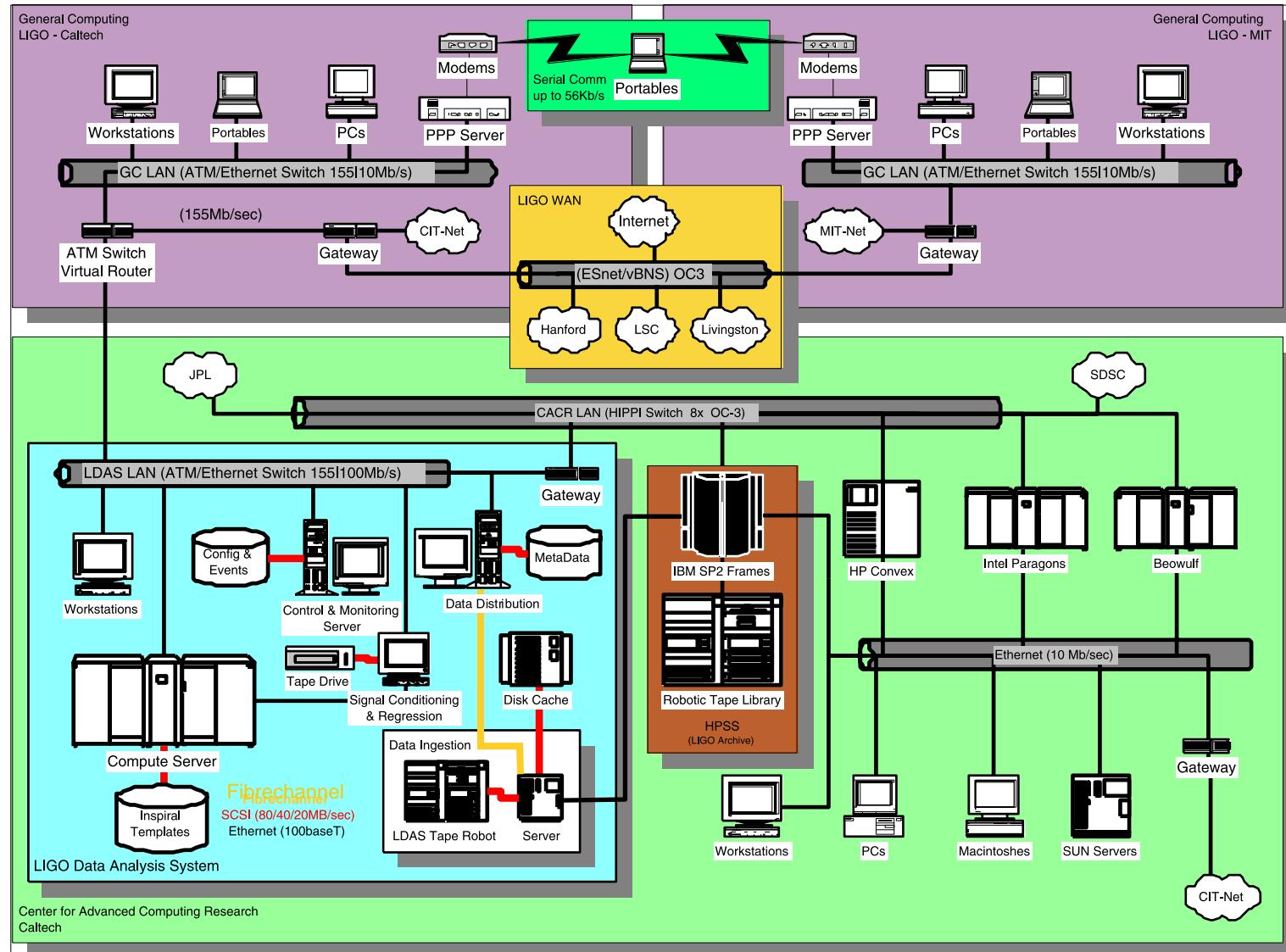
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On-line LDAS



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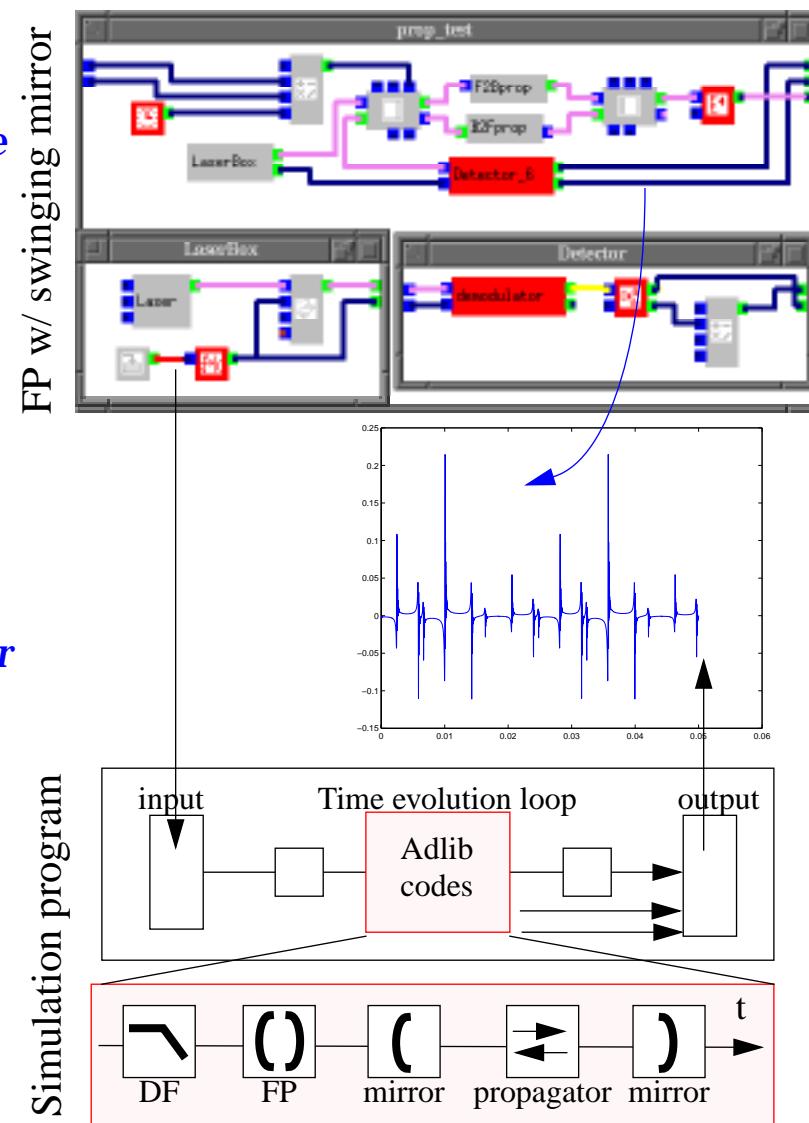
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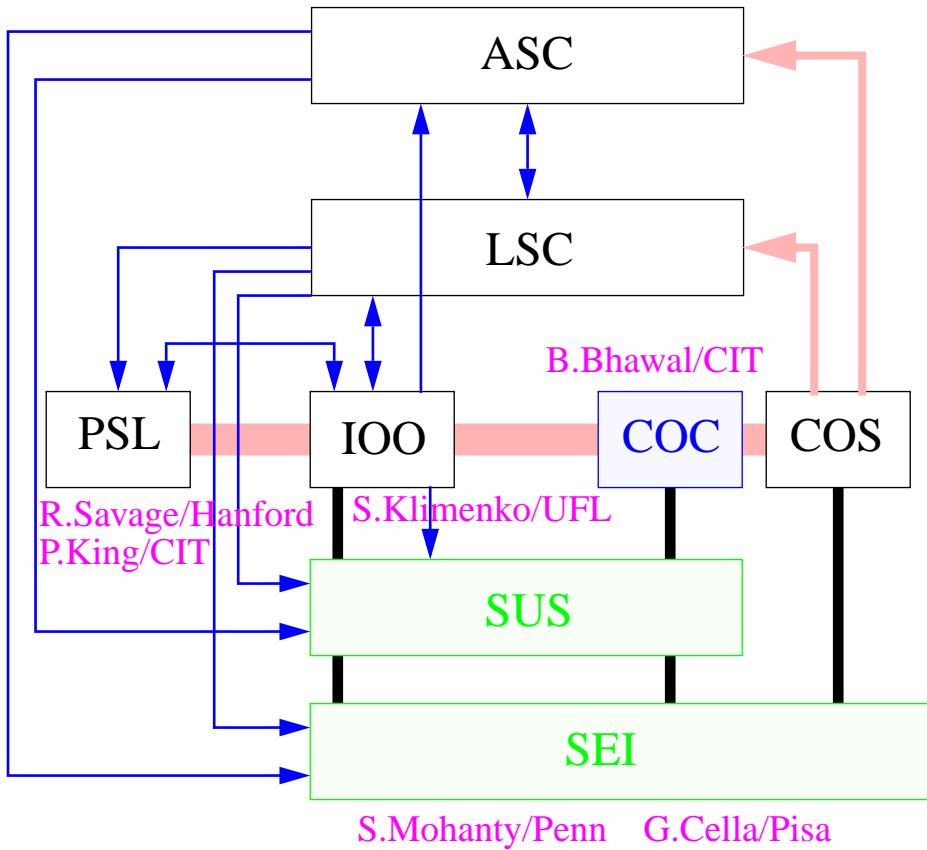
LIGO End to End [E2E] modeling software - Overview

- Time domain simulation program for Laser Interferometers
 - Written in C++ with a modular architecture
 - Graphical User Interface to define the configurations and settings
- Functions:
 - Hardware Diagnostics
 - Future R&D and trade studies
 - Pseudo data production
- Features:
 - Field represented by Hermite-Gaussian - or time domain modal model
 - Mirror, lens and field propagators
 - Field modulators and demodulators
 - Digital Filters, saturation effects, logics
 - Modular mechanical structure simulation
 - Math functions
 - Software Spectrum Analyzer



Simulation

LIGO End to End simulation software - Status and Plan



Base architecture
Single mode field
M.Evans/CIT
M.Rakhmanov/CIT

GUI/alfi Coordination
E.Maros/CIT H.Yamamoto/CIT

- Status of the simulation engine
 - > **Almost done, except mechanics**
 - > **Time domain modal model implemented in modular way.**
 - > **Single suspended mirror coming soon**
 - > **Modular mechanical [object] design will be implemented, which will easily enable simulation of different suspension/seismic isolation systems.**
- Subsystem construction
 - > **Various subsystem constructions starting**
 - > **Core Optics - available, modification is easy**
 - > **Pre Stabilized Laser - using existing tools.**
 - > **Input Optics - need to develop Mode Cleaner module for fast simulation**
 - > **Seismic Isolation - Transfer functions based on measurements and HYTECH simulation**
 - > **Suspension - two complementary models will be used**
 - > **LIGO simulation with minimal subsystems available for vertex Michelson shakedown.**

Summary

- Project within budget and on schedule!

LIGO Installation Major Milestones

Milestone	Date	Comment
Vacuum Equipment Complete	1998.12.08	Both sites
BT Bakeout Complete	2000.02.21	Both sites
LHO 2km Start Power Recycled Vertex Michelson complete LHO 2km IFO complete	1998.07.01 1999.10.18 2000.08.28	Begun $h[f] < 10^{-20}$
LLO 4km Start Power Recycled Vertex Michelson complete LLO 4km IFO complete	1999.06.01 2000.02.28 2000.11.20	$h[f] < 10^{-20}$
LHO 4km Start Power Recycled Vertex Michelson complete LHO 4km IFO complete	1998.07.01 2000.03.20 2000.10.16	Begun $h[f] < 10^{-20}$
Design sensitivity	2001.11.05	$h[f] < 10^{-21}$
First science run	2002.01.01	3X operation