LSC Configurations Technical Working Group

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White paper

LSC Configurations WG priorities

Split into 3 time frames, synchronised with activities of other technical working groups

Based both on needs and probability of success

LIGO II near-term goals

 Optimization of the core optical system within the context of the near term program (first up-grade)
 (LIGO/MIT, LIGO/Caltech, UF, GEO)

LIGO II medium-term goals

LIGO III research targets

- Development of Sagnac interferometers (Stanford)
- Study of squeezing applied to interferometers (ACIGA/ANU)
- Design of QND systems (MSU, CaRT)

Group activities

- UF, LIGO/Caltech and ACIGA/ANU are all making considerable progress with bench-top demonstrations of dual recycling/ resonant sideband extraction interferometers
- GE() has demonstrated a fully suspended 30m scale dual recycling interferometer (without arm cavities) operating in broadband and detuned modes
- GEO is starting a major program to develop and test a DR/RSE fully suspended interferometer (10m scale)
- STAIC continues to act as a forum/contact point between all workers developing DR/RSE interferometers (Software exchanges and comparison tests etc.)
- Most programs are progressing at a suitable rate (more detail will be available after the WG meetings and when 6 month reports are available)

Agenda for group meeting

- White paper corrections & comments (errors, up-dates etc.)
 Timescale check and revisions
- Reports on group activities (new results)

Near-term LIGO II program

Medium-term LIGO II program (DR/RSE)

LIGO III research activities

New activities and priorities

STAIC II will occur shortly after this meeting, the focus will be on the core Medium term LIGO II goals.