LIGO1 Installation and Commissioning Status

Washington 2 km Interferometer

- >>Laser installed, frequency and intensity stabilization operational
- >>Seismic Isolation installation essentially complete
- >>All corner station suspended optics installed and aligned, suspension electronics functioning, but need tuning
- >>Laser locked to Modecleaner and performance testing in progress
- >>Test of single 2 km arm cavity about to begin

Louisiana 4 km Interferometer

- >>Laser installed on optical table; frequency and intensity stabilization loops being tested and debugged
- >>Seismic isolation installation approximately 60% complete
- Washington 4 km Interferometer
 - >>Seismic isolation installation just beginning



Plan for Summer 2000

Washington 2 km Interferometer

- >>All suspended optics installed, aligned and operational
- >>Laser/Modecleaner testing complete
- >>Single arm cavity test completed
- >>Full interferometer control system nearing completion

Louisiana 4 km Interferometer

- >>Laser installed, frequency and intensity stabilization operational
- >>Seismic isolation installation complete
- >>Most suspended optics installed, aligned, damped
- >>Laser locked to Modecleaner and performance testing in progress

Washington 4 km Interferometer

- >>Seismic isolation installation complete
- >>Laser installed, stabilization servos underway
- >>Some suspended optics installed, aligned, damped



Plan for Summer 2001

Washington 2 km Interferometer

- >>Full interferometer locked, extended lock durations possible
- >>Performance characterization in progress; sensitivity ~10⁻²⁰
- Louisiana 4 km Interferometer
 - >>All suspended optics installed, aligned, controlled
 - >>Laser/Modecleaner testing complete
 - >>Full interferometer locked for brief periods of time; investigations to extend lock duration ongoing
- Washington 4 km Interferometer
 - >>Laser installed, frequency and intensity stabilization operational
 - >>All suspended optics installed, aligned, controlled
 - >>Laser locked to Modecleaner and performance tuning in progress

