## Current Work on Seismic Isolation at Stanford University

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#### Functional Description of the System



## Stanford is Addressing Four Parts of Isolation and Alignment System

- External Hydraulics
- Design questions for active platforms
- Modeling of active platforms Hua
- Design of Advanced LIGO isolation and alignment system

# Differential Bellows for Quiet Actuator

1) Pump

- 2) Differential Flapper Valve
- 3) Bellows Supply
- 4) Differential Bellows
- 5) Actuation Plate



## The Quiet Hydraulic Actuator





## Pressure Noise at the Actuator



#### Motion of the Actuator



## The Test Platform at Stanford

Vertical Actuator **Displacement Sensor** S-13 Seismometer STS2 Seismometer 800 lb Test Mass Brian Lantz, LSC meeting, March '01, page 9

Horizontal Actuator

#### Sensor Correction



#### Vertical Isolation



#### Vertical Motion

Normalized Absolute Motion of Mass and Ground



## Geometry of our 6 DOF platforms

Consider,

- Triangular platform.
- Compliant attachment to support structure.
- Instrument each corner with 2 DOF controls for vertical and tangential directions.



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- Demonstrate 6 DOF active pl with collocated sensors and actuators.
- Demonstrate sensor blending
- Validate computer model use design LIGO system.
- Demonstrate sensor correctio reduce ground motion.
- Demonstrate reliable operation stiff platform and pendulum v together.



## The Single Layer Platform





## **Results from Single Layer Platform**



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#### Controlled Vertical Platform Motion



Controlled Platform Motion



#### **Pendulum Interactions**



#### Next Step: Two Stage Prototype for Advanced LIGO

- Prototype for the HAM chamber system, to be installed in vacuum at the Stanford ETF.
- Same sensors, similar actuators as the Advanced LIGO system.
- Same dynamics as the Advanced LIGO system.
- Centers of mass of two stages at the same location.
- Sensors and actuators well aligned.
- How well does it work? Feed design information to the Pathfinder design at LASTI.



#### Predicted Motion of Optics Table



#### Prototype installed in the ETF vacuum system



Ideal Facility for Engineering Prototype

- Easy access to system
- Modest requirements for vacuum components

RFQ on the way to contractors

Install in ~6 months

2 sets of data to the LASTI Pathfinder

## Sketch of Active System in HAM Tank





Suspended platform with inertial sensor Feedback loop is used to add active isolation based on sensor Decouples low frequency sensor from stiff platform Used at JILA to achieve >=70dB isolation above 1Hz



# View of a 2 DOF corner

Hung with springs at 7 Hz from support structure

Each corner has vertical and tangential control

Sensors for both inertial motion and relative displacement

Collocated actuators



