Enhanced LIGO Update

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DC Readout, 30 W





Timeline



DC Readout

 In-vac, DC detectors. No RF demodulation for GW. No more AS_Q.

• Hardware

- DC PDs (Rich Abbott)
- Output Mode Cleaner (Sam W.)
- Active Beam Stabilization (Bram S.)
- OMC Suspension (Norna, Janeen, Chris, etc.)
- Stiff HAM (B. Lantz,)
- Diode Testing (Nick Smith, Jamie Rollins)
- New AdvLIGO controls architecture (CDS)
- DC Readout Experiments
 - Caltech 40m (Rob Ward)
 - LLO (Rupal Amin, Valera, Sam, Rob)



Active Beam Stabilization



- Need serious jitter control to have good noise performance: invac, reliable -> ABS
- Like a iLIGO SOS but smaller and tougher
- Led by Bram Johannes Jozef
 Slagmolen @ ANU
- Pendulum freqs ~few Hz; passive isolation
- Large Range (> 10 mrad & ~1 N/A)
- Enables dither lock of IFO beam to suspended OMC
- Dither software tested at 40m

Scattered Light

- iLIGO baffles were never installed, holes are incompatible (TCS, P-Cal)
- Schofield/O'Reilly measurements show coupling from VE (10⁻¹¹-10⁻⁹ m/m)
- Design/Fab/Install new baffles in all potential hot spots (aim for 100x clearance)



Misc

- 35 W Laser from LZH/AEI is arriving at CIT soon integration with iLIGO servos
- TCS (Tobin Fricke, Phil Willems) ultra-low noise ISS pre-amp, servo electronics from MIT, 'Axicons' for making donut beams. Will have to retire the LHO Quiet Chillers and find room for the new ones.
- Earthquake Stops New glass-top stops being developed at MIT to reduce earthquake induced charge buildup.
- SUS Electronics Noise reduction bias modules, coil drivers, careful LOS alignment plan
- MC Loss absorption measured at LLO by SURF, scatter loss still a problem.



Summary

- So far so good: no large schedule mishaps or technical walls.
- Enhanced Grad Students (Nick Smith, Rupal Amin, Tobin Fricke,...)