

H1 Squeezer Experiment Update

March 18, 2010 LVC Meeting, Arcadia

ANU, AEI, MIT, CIT and LHO collaboration



Progress

- On budget & no major roadblocks so far
 - ➤ No major schedule setback (maybe ~2 month behind with optics procurement)
 - 2nd update review was held on February 9, 2010
- New postdoc (Lisa B.)
- Lasers ready at MIT; locked together
- OPO ready at ANU with 5-6dB of squeezing
 - Ready to ship in March, required in early May
- □ Electronics is 80% complete; will be done by May
- Developed a noise and servo model
- Next: Set up the AEI SHG at MIT



Highlights

ANU OPO development

- Ready to ship (schedule says March 2010).
- Traveling wave bowtie design works.
- Grad. students will travel to MIT to set it up.

□ LHO

- > RF electronics: built, 80% installed, working.
- TTFSS for laser locking: built, installed, working.
- Demodulator design by Rich A., 1st unit in hand, working.
- Servo boards (CM): 2 units built, testing, remainder in production.
- Slow controls (Beckhoff): 1 unit built, working.

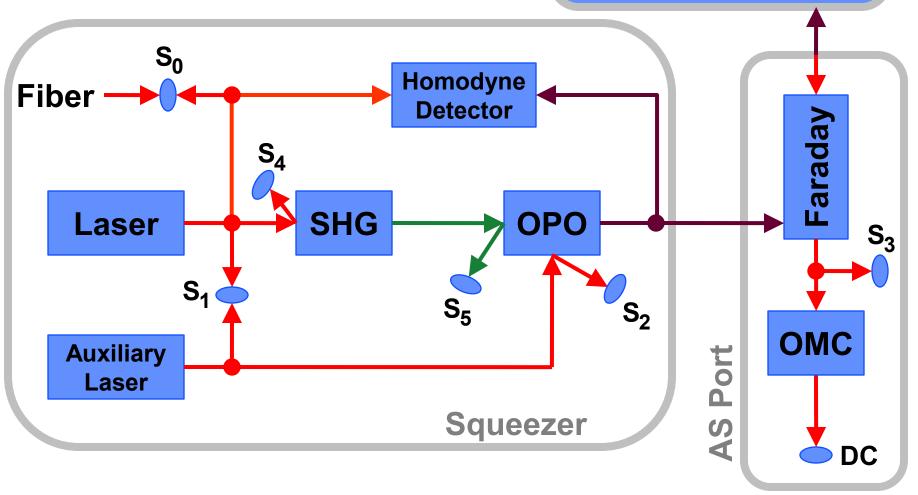
Completion expected: May 2010.

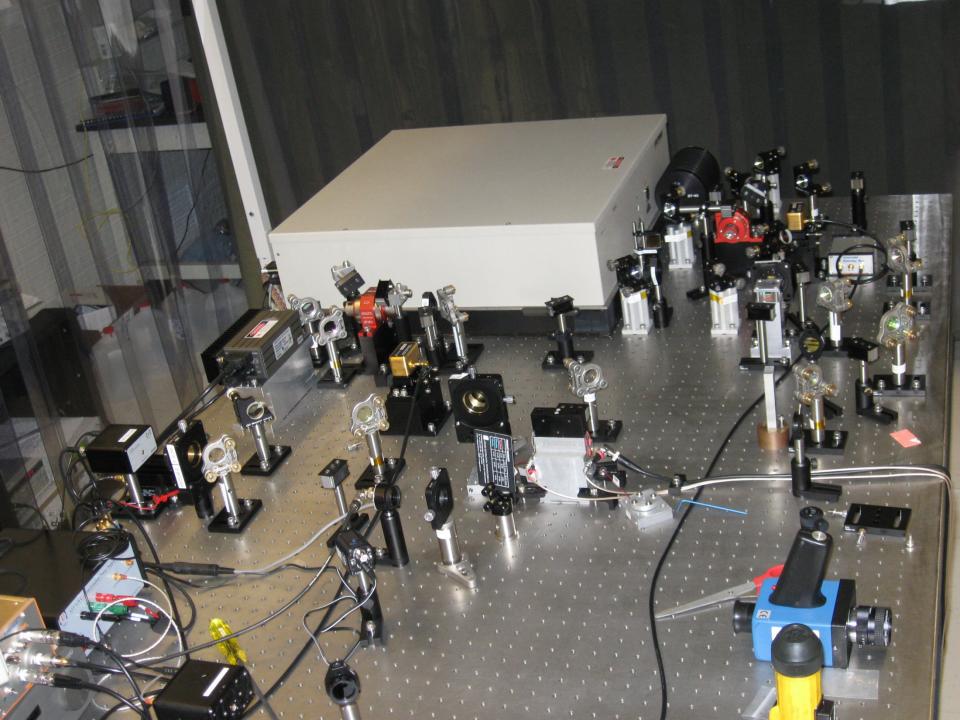
- Lasers fully operational, locked with 1MHz bandwidth.
- Optics ordered for SHG/OPO mirrors, HR mirrors, beam splitters, dichroics, etc.

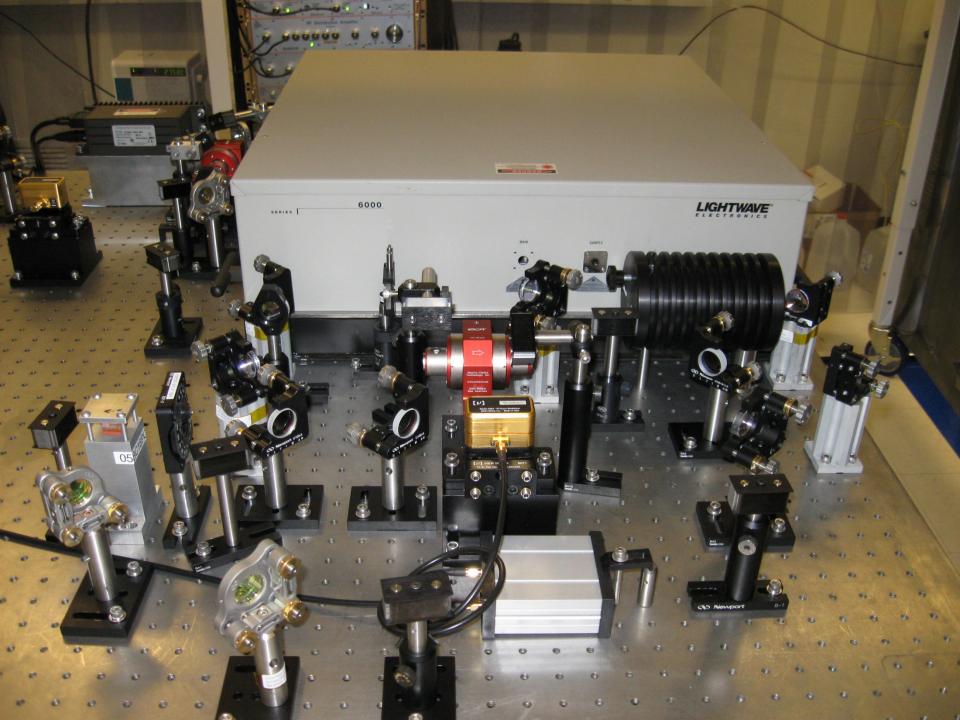
LIGO

Block Schematics

Interferometer



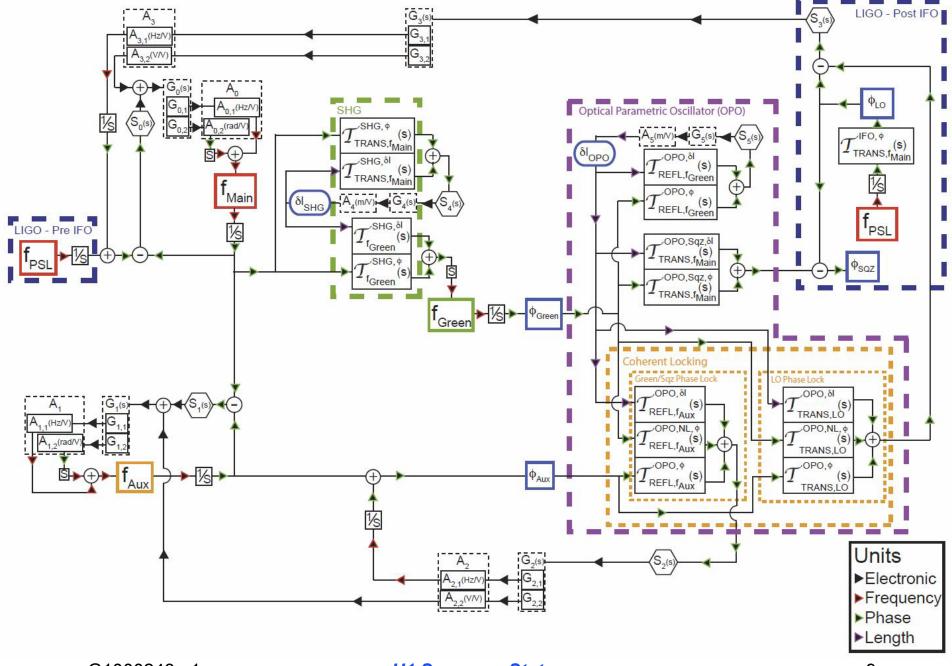






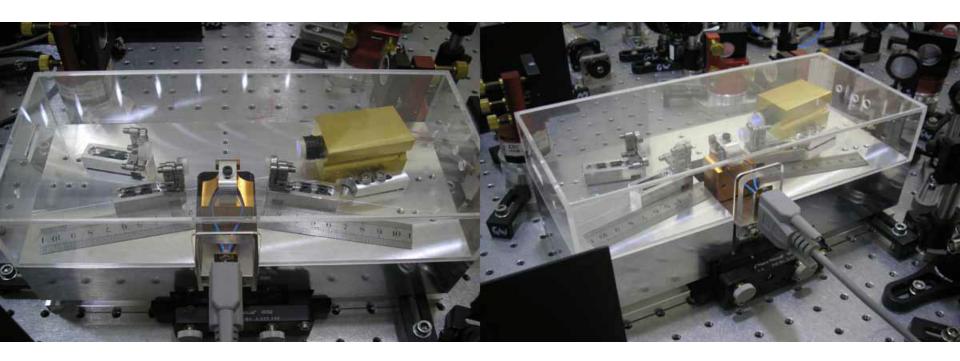






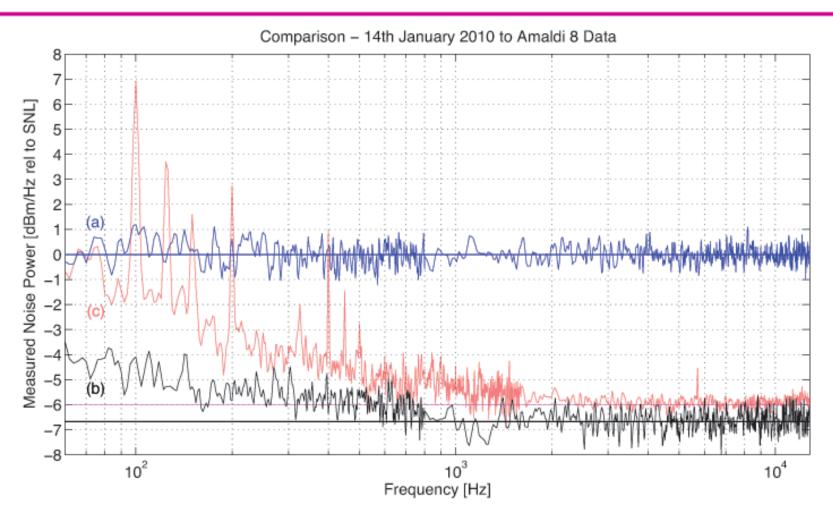


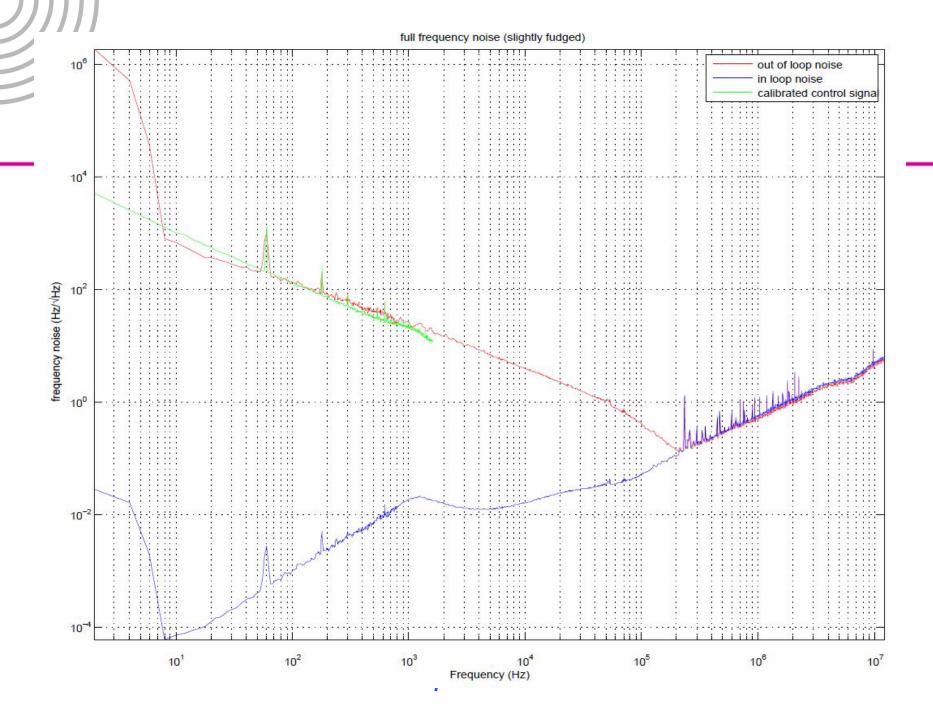
ANU Traveling wave OPO





OPO Performance







Plan

- Continue to test AEI SHG
 Built our own when we get the optics
- □ OPO to arrive in May 2010
 - > OPO integration will start immediately afterwards
- □ Electronics production will wrap up in May 2010
- □ Advanced LIGO Faraday isolator (Mike S.) assembled by June 2010
- Need to start thinking about in-vacuum work
- Additional funding was approved



Summary

- Lasers and OPO ready
- □ Electronics is nearing completion
- No major roadblocks so far
- □ On budget & on schedule