Hydraulic Actuators for Advanced LIGO and LIGO I

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Advanced LIGO Suspensions



Motivation for Pre-Isolator





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- Reduce control effort / noise from inner stages

Performance Requirements

- Range of Motion
 - Mechanical Adjustment: 5 mm.
 - Active Control: +/- 1 mm.
- Response
 - Initial Response: 1 mm. in 10 sec.
 - Bandwidth: .1 10 Hz.
- Resolution and Noise
 - 10 nm. rms (10-2 to 3 Hz)

Quiet Hydraulic Actuator



Quiet Hydraulic Actuator Basics



- (1) Pump supplies a constant flow of fluid to the actuator.
- (2) Fluid flows continuously through a hydraulic Wheatstone bridge.
- (3) By controlling the resistance, one generates differential pressure across the bridge, which are connected to
- (4) Differential bellows which act as a stictionfree piston.
- (5) The actuator plate is between the bellows, and is connected to the payload with a flexure stiff in 1 DOF

•Laminar flow

- high viscosity (100 x water),
- low velocity (80 microns/ sec.),

fluid path geometry.

- •Motion with flexures
- •Offload springs to keep bridge balanced common mode rejection of pump noise

How to get Isolation from the Ground



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Development at Stanford

Bellows (within shield)

Actuator plate

Valve (not visible)

Sensor platform

Tripod flexure



Vertical Actuator –version 2



Vertical Actuator (version 1)

Witness Seismometer (Geotech S-13)

Seismometer (STS-2)

Offload Springs

800 lb Test Mass

Actuator Development





Test Platform Performance





GO TO LASTI







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Summary

- Hydraulics Installed at LASTI
- 6 DOF Controlled
- Demonstrated Performance

Future Work at LASTI

- Incorporate feedback seismometers
- Possible plant modifications
- More complicated control

Design Trades



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