





LIGO Beam Tube



1.2 m diameter - 3mm stainless **NO LEAKS !!** 50 km of weld

- LIGO beam tube under construction in January 1998
- 65 ft spiral welded sections
- Girth welded in portable clean room
- In situ 160 C bake
- 20,000 m³ 10⁻⁸ to 10⁻⁹ torr

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A LIGO Mirror

Substrates: SiO₂ 25 cm Diameter, 10 cm thick Homogeneity < 5 x 10⁻⁷ Internal mode Q's > 2 x 10⁶

Polishing

Surface uniformity < 1 nm rms Radii of curvature matched < 3%

Coating

Scatter < 50 ppm Absorption < 0.5 ppm Uniformity <10⁻³



> Best mirrors are λ /6000 over the central 8 cm diameter

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LIGO Tour





How does the signal look like





20 years history of LIGO

- 1989 First proposal submitted (210 M\$)
- 1994 NSF approves revised plan (360 M\$)
- 1999 Construction completed

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- commissioning of subsystems and entire interferometers
- 2002-2006 LIGO operation extension approved
 » 33 M\$ / year for operation and R&D
- 2002 August first science data
- 2003 Advanced LIGO proposal submitted
- 2004 NSB approved Advanced LIGO proposal
 - » FY2006 request to US Congress : 184 M\$ for construction and 195 M\$ for operation until FY2014
- 2005 winter start of a long science run (S5)
 - » 3 interferometers at the design sensitivity to collect 1 year of data
- 2008 Advanced LIGO funding starts
 - » 195M\$ for operation and maintenance between 2008~2014
- - possible mini upgrade discussed
- 2010~2011 LIGO interferometers stop operation for upgrade
- 2013 Advanced LIGO operation starts





















Advanced LIGO 10000 times more possibility



Sky map showing locations of superclusters, walls, and voids of galaxies within about 500 million light years. Superimposed circles show the range of LIGO (orange inner circle) and the 10 times larger range of AdvLIGO (purple outer circle). The milky way is at the center in this representation. *Credit: the underlying black and white image with names of clusters and voids is by Richard Powell; the superimposed color circles were added by Beverly Berger, Division of Physics, NSF.*

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