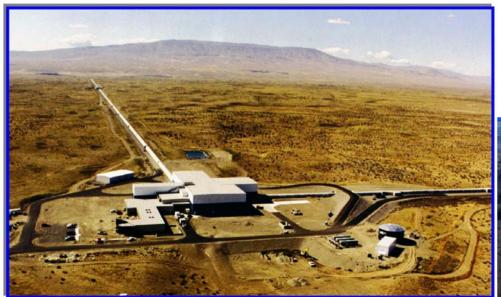


The LIGO Detectors Controls

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Arial View of the LIGO Sites



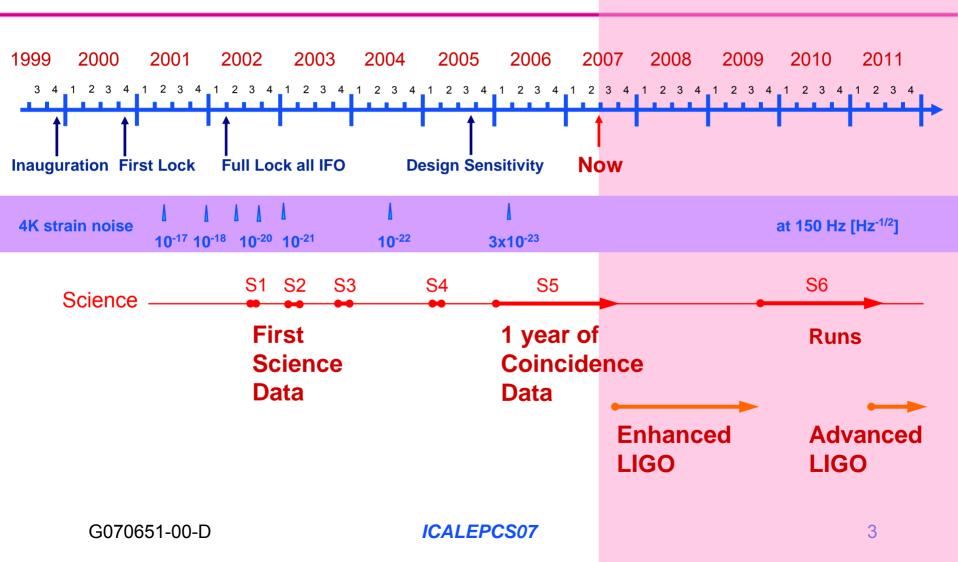
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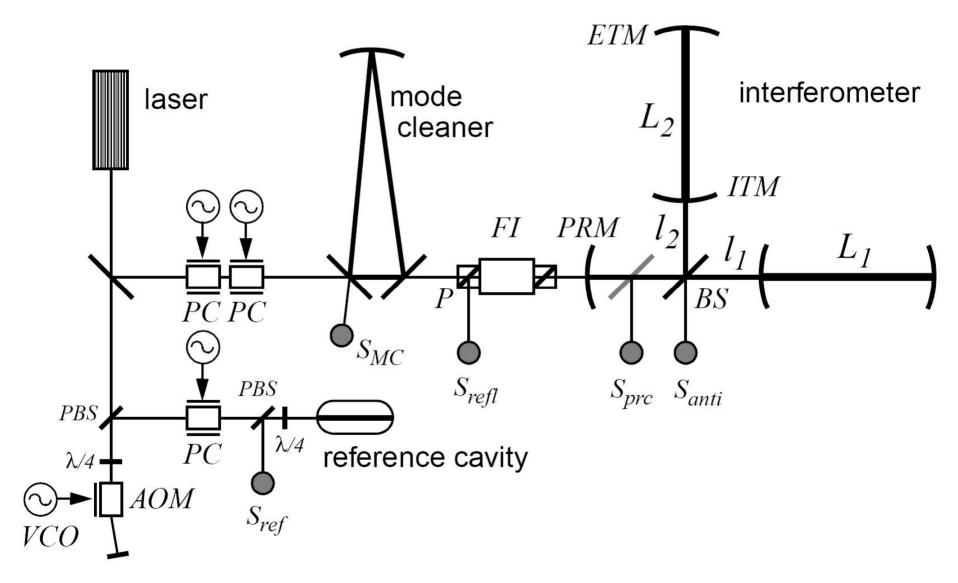


Time Line





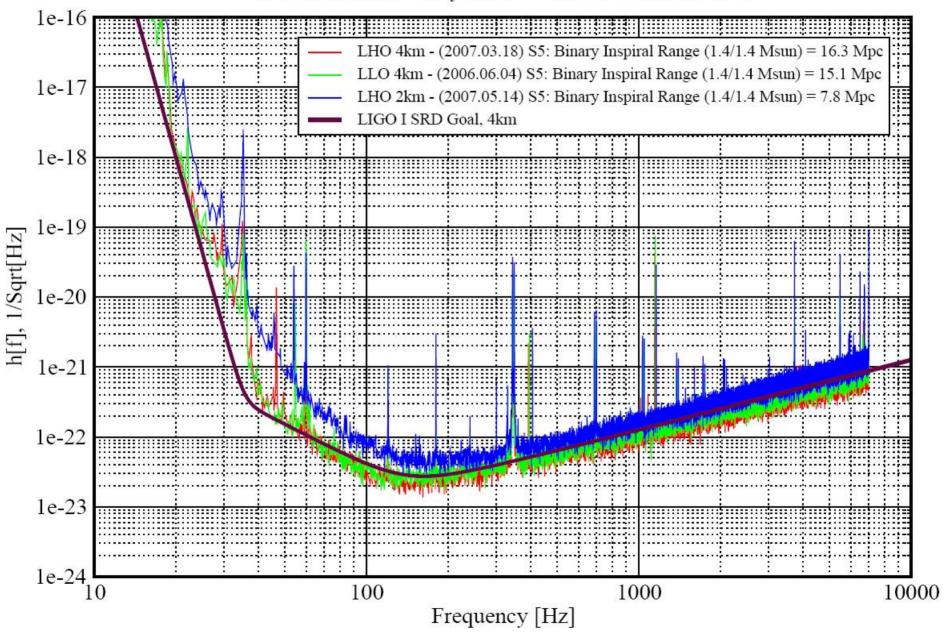
Schematic View



H1: UGF = 207 Hz, 14.8 Mpc, Predicted: 19.1, Jun 21 2007 10:12:35 UTC 10⁻¹⁵ DARM MICH PRC Oscillator OpticalLevers WFS OSEM Seismic TCS SusTherm IntTherm - Shot Displacement [m/√Hz] Dark Intensity Frequency 10⁻¹⁸ 10-19 10⁻²⁰ 10¹ 10³ Frequency [Hz]

Strain Sensitivity of the LIGO Interferometers

S5 Performance - May 2007 LIGO-G070366-00-E



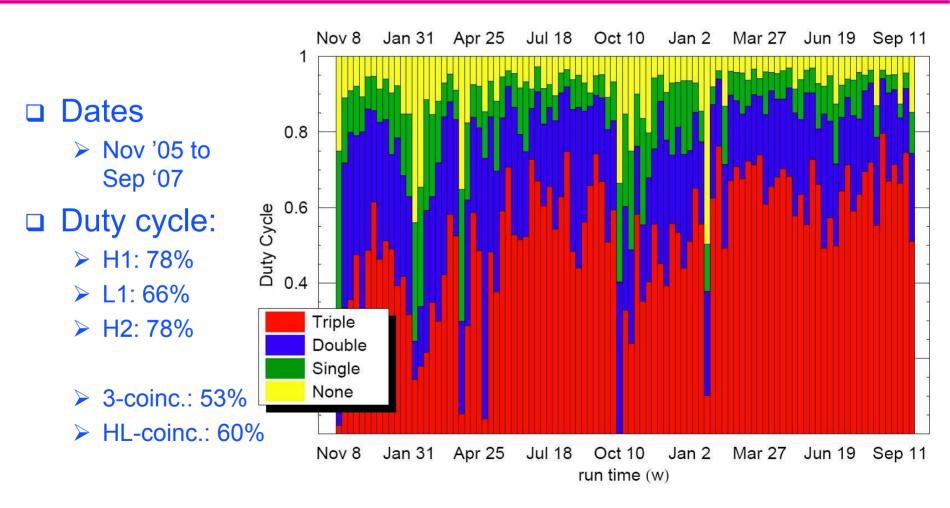


Most Recent Published Results up to the 4th Science Run

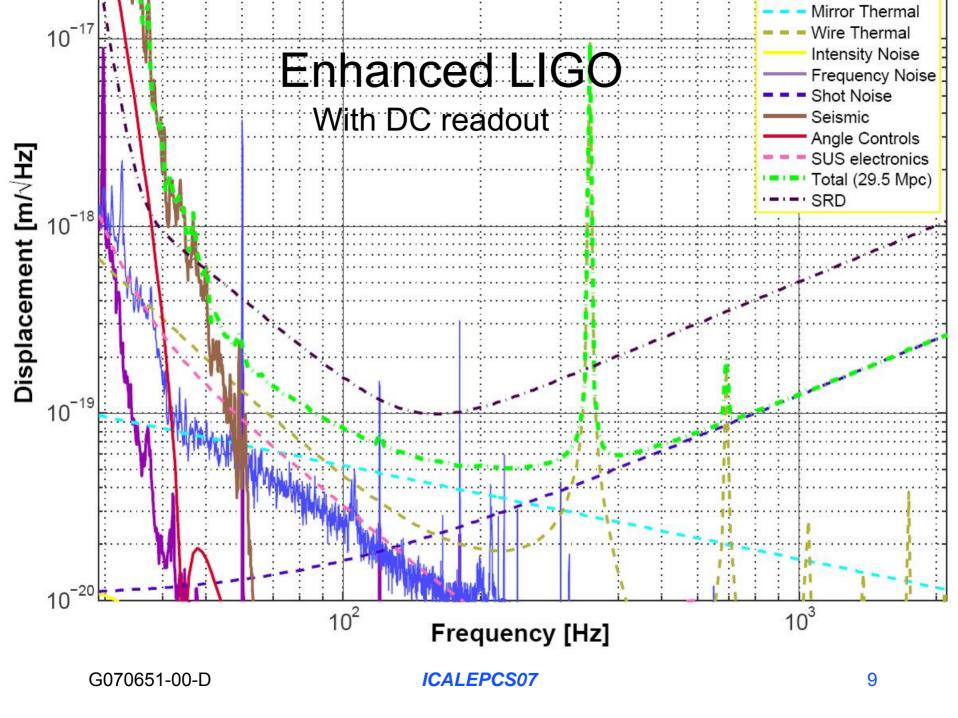
- □ Binary inspirals (S3/S4):
 - ➤ Neutron star binary (1-3 M_{\odot}): rate $\leq 1.2/y/L_{10}$ (90% CL, Milky Way $\sim 1.6 L_{10}$)
 - ➤ Black hole binary (3-40/80 M_{\odot}): rate ≤ 0.5/y/L₁₀ (90% CL)
 - Primordial black hole binary (0.35-1 M_☉): rate ≤ 4.9/y/L₁₀ (90% CL)
- □ Pulsars (S3/S4):
 - > Limits on 78 pulsars
 - ➤ Upper limits on h as low as 3.2×10⁻²⁵ (95% CL) and as low as 1×10⁻⁶ on the eccentricity
- □ Stochastic background (S4):
 - ► Energy limit as fraction of closure density: $Ω_{GW} ≤ 6.5 × 10^{-5}$ (90% CL) for a frequency independent GW spectrum between 51 Hz and 150 Hz
- Burst (S4):
 - Sensitivity: $h_{rss} \sim 10^{-21}$ $10^{-20}/\sqrt{Hz}$, rate $\leq 0.15/day$ (90% CL) corresponds to $\sim 8\times10^{-8}$ M_{\odot} at a distance of 10 kpc (150Hz/Q=9 SG)
 - > SGR1806-20 hyperflare on 12/27/04: h_{rss} ≤ 4.5×10⁻²²/ \sqrt{Hz} and <4.3×10⁻⁸ M_{\odot}



The 5th Science Run



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Summary

- All LIGO interferometers are at design sensitivity over most of the frequency range
- □ For sources like binary neutron star and black hole coalescence we can see well into the Virgo cluster
- S5 done with 1 year of coincidence data
- Enhanced LIGO is around the corner
- Advanced LIGO will hopefully be funded for next year