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# LIGO SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION

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- Research and Development Groups
  - ›› Stochastic Forces - Isolation systems and suspensions
    - David Shoemaker
  - ›› Sensing Noise - lasers and optics
    - Eric Gustafson
  - ›› Interferometer Configurations
    - Ken Strain
- Data Analysis Groups
  - ›› Astrophysical Source Identification and Signatures
    - Bruce Allen/Tom Prince
  - ›› Detector Characterization
    - William Hamilton/Daniel Sigg
  - ›› Detection Confidence and Statistical Analysis
    - Sam Finn/Albert Lazzarini

## Data Analysis Groups

### **Astrophysical source identification and signatures**

techniques to search for posited sources - templates, filter and algorithm for:

- compact binary inspiral
- impulsive sources
- black hole formation
- periodic sources
- stochastic background
- search for unknown sources
- source statistics - logs/logN estimation
- on-line and off-line functions

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### **Detector Characterization**

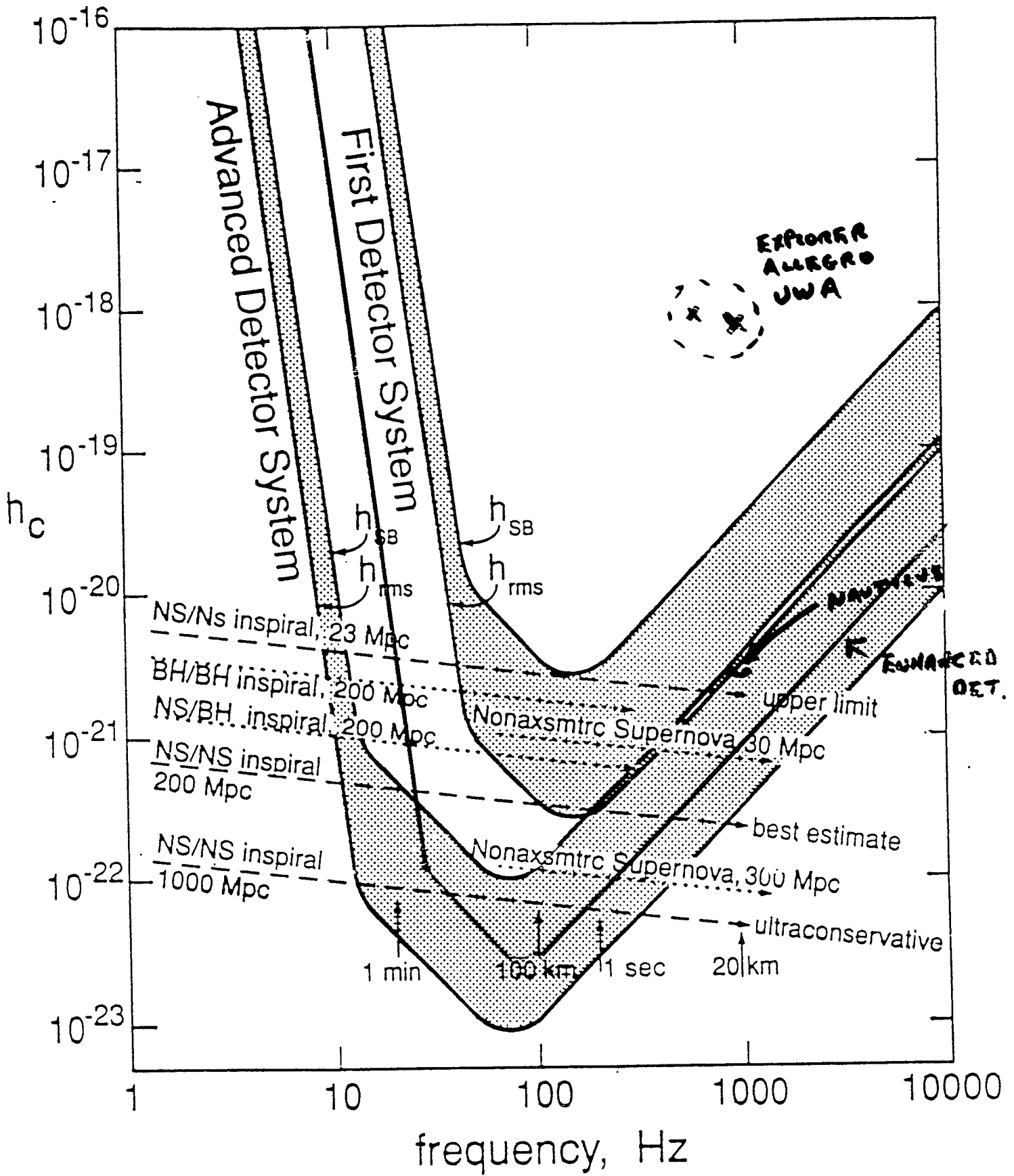
development of statistical descriptions in time and frequency domains  
design of event catalogs  
correlation with environmental measurements  
correlation with internal detector parameters  
variance and covariance analysis  
correlation of noise between interferometers  
correlation of noise between sites  
on-line and off-line functions  
end to end models of the detector

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### **Detection Confidence and Statistical Analysis**

assess detection confidence and uncertainties in astrophysical parameters  
Monte- Carlo models, Bayesian analysis ....  
multi-interferometer analysis  
correlation with other gravitational wave and particle detectors  
development of overall analysis system tests  
simulated time series  
software tests  
determination of on-line and off-line functions

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# LSC Whitepaper on Research and Development

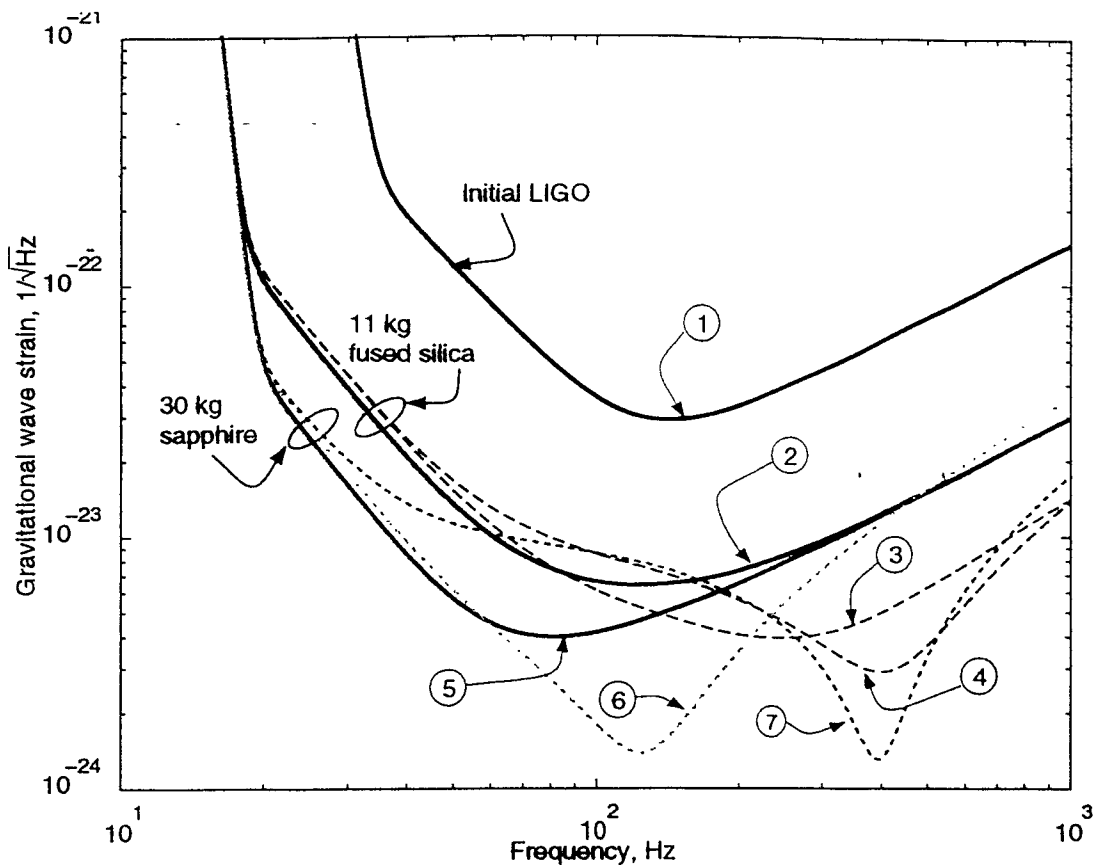
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- Recommended Program

- ›› A baseline plan for the first LIGO upgrades
  - Near term LIGO II --- small extrapolation from current practice
  - Medium term LIGO II --- significant extrapolation
- ›› A research plan for the advanced detectors - LIGO III
  - Basic research program
  - Approach facility and fundamental limits to the sensitivity

- Next steps

- ›› Report on progress yearly to LIGO PAC
- ›› Iteration of program as guided by research results
- ›› Schedule and costs for baseline developed by LIGO laboratory in coordination with LSC



Parameter	Curve 1	Curve 2	Curve 3, 4	Curve 5, 6, 7
Parameter	Initial LIGO I value	Double suspension, 100 W laser, thermal de-lensing	Signal tuned configuration	Alternative test mass material
Input power to recycling mirror	6w	62w	140w	
Mirror loss (transmission+scatter)	50 ppm	20 ppm		
Effective power recycling	30	93		
Substrate absorption	5ppm/cm	0.4 ppm/cm	17 ppm/ cm	
Thermal lensing correction	(none)	factor 10		
Suspension fiber	steel wire, $Q = 1.6 \times 10^5$	fused silica $Q = 3 \times 10^7$		
Test mass	fused silica, 10.8 kg, $Q = 1 \times 10^6$	fused silica, 10.8 kg, $Q = 3 \times 10^7$	sapphire, 30 kg, $Q = 2 \times 10^8$	
Signal recycling mirror transmission	(none)		T=0.6 (curve 3) T=0.15 (curve 4)	Curve 5: none T=0.3 (curve 6) T=0.09 (curve 7)
Tuning phase			0.7 rad (curve 3) 0.45 rad (curve 4)	1.3 rad (curve 6) 0.45 rad (curve 7)

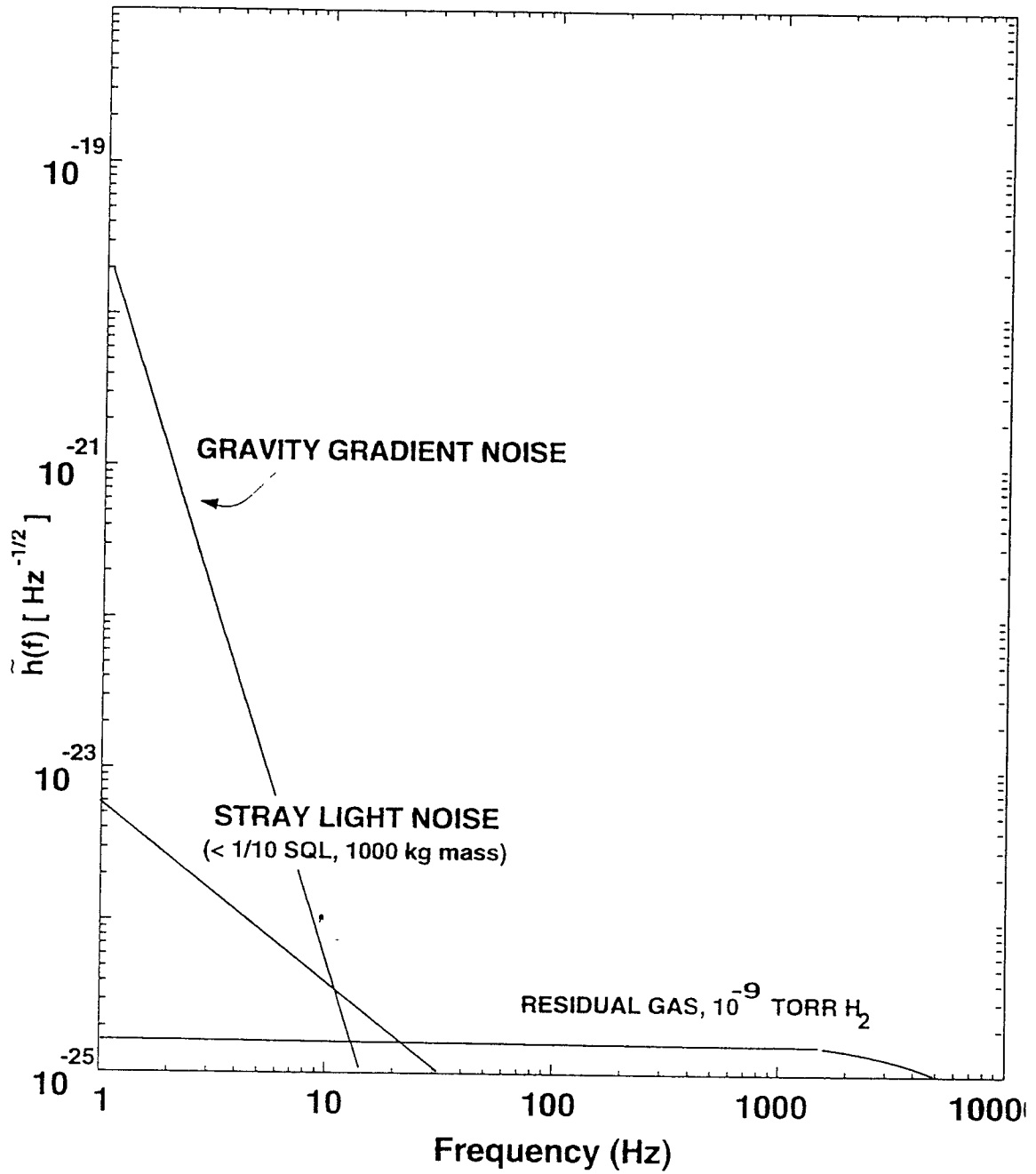
Figure and Table 1 : Performance and parameters of interferometers described in program.

	Top-level Goal	Key technologies
LIGO-II near-term research results -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• factor 6 increase in distance of detectable NS binaries</li> <li>• SQL 11 kg test mass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 W laser source to reduce shot noise and ancillary optics</li> <li>• correction of thermal lensing to permit higher powers</li> <li>• use of low-absorption optical substrates and coatings to permit higher powers</li> <li>• Double pendulum test mass suspension with silica substrate and lower loss pendulum fiber to reduce thermal noise</li> <li>• elimination of all actuation on the test mass to reduce thermal and excess noise</li> <li>• Active low-frequency isolator to reduce RMS motion</li> </ul>
LIGO-II medium-term research results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional 3x increase in NS binary seeing</li> <li>• SQL 30 kg test mass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• incremental increases in laser power</li> <li>• signal-tuned interferometer configuration to reshape the shot-noise limited sensitivity</li> <li>• lowered coating absorption</li> <li>• larger test mass (~30 kg) to reduce radiation pressure noise; alternative crystalline test mass material such as sapphire to lower thermal noise</li> <li>• improved seismic isolation via active and/or passive systems to realize benefit of lower thermal noise</li> </ul>
LIGO-III research targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• further 5x increase in NS binary seeing</li> <li>• Performance limited by facilities down to 15 Hz</li> <li>• SQL 300 kg test mass</li> <li>• Performance exceeding naive facility and quantum limits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• megawatts of circulating power to reduce shot noise</li> <li>• alternative test mass materials for optical, thermal, and mechanical properties</li> <li>• Cryogenic test mass and suspension <i>and/or</i> sensing/feedback to significantly reduce thermal noise</li> <li>• larger test mass to reduce radiation pressure noise</li> <li>• additional active or passive lower-frequency isolation, probably requiring additional auxiliary sensor/actuator layers to realize benefit of lower thermal noise</li> <li>• extra low-frequency isolation for detection down to gravity gradient noise, perhaps below.</li> <li>• alternative optical configurations</li> <li>• QND readout scheme with low circulating power</li> </ul>

Table 2: Research and Development Program for LIGO-II and LIGO-III systems



# Limits due to facilities



	Double pendulum suspension	100 W Laser and ancillary optics	Signal-tuned Configuration
<b>Top-level Requirements review</b>	4th qtr '98	1st qtr '99	2nd qtr '99
Conceptual design; <b>Design summit</b>	1st qtr '99	3rd qtr '99	1st qtr '00
Internal requirements, component research, configuration trades; <b>Preliminary Design Review</b>	2nd qtr '99	1st qtr '00	3rd qtr '00
Component Prototypes; <b>Test Review</b>	3rd qtr '00	1st qtr '01	4th qtr '02
Fabrication of Engineering Prototypes	1st qtr '01	1st qtr '02	4th qtr '04
System tests; <b>Final Design Review</b>	3rd qtr '02	1st qtr '03	1st qtr '05
Fabrication complete	4th qtr '03	4th qtr '03	3rd qtr '05
Installation complete	2nd qtr '04	2nd qtr '04	1st qtr '06
Shakedown; <b>Commissioning</b>	4th qtr '04	4th qtr '04	3rd qtr '06

**Table 3: Schedule for LIGO II improvements (end dates)**

## Interferometer Configurations

**Table 1: Tasks, Coordinators, Active Groups**

<b>Selection/Optimization (Fritschel)</b>	LIGO/MIT, LIGO/Caltech, UF, GEO
<b>Dual Recycling/Resonant Sideband Extraction (Strain)</b>	ACIGA/ANU, GEO, LIGO/Caltech, UF
<b>Sagnac Interferometers (Fejer)</b>	Stanford
<b>Squeezing (McClelland)</b>	ACIGA/ANU
<b>QND (Braginsky)</b>	MSU, CaRT

## Stochastic Forces - Isolation and suspensions

**Table 2: Tasks, Coordinators, Active Groups**

<b>Internal Requirements (Gonzalez)</b>	PSU, LIGO/MIT, Stanford
<b>Configuration (Hough)</b>	Joint activity, Design Summit
<b>Controls (How)</b>	Stanford, GEO, LIGO/MIT, PSU, JILA, CEGG
<b>Passive Isolation (Giaime)</b>	LIGO/Caltech, LIGO/MIT, PSU, JILA, GEO
<b>Thermal/Excess Noise (Saulson)</b>	Syracuse, LIGO/Caltech, Stanford, MSU, GEO, CEGG
<b>Systems (Shoemaker)</b>	LIGO/Caltech, LIGO/MIT, Stanford, PSU, LTU

## Sensing Noise - Lasers and Optics.

**Table 3: Tasks, Active Groups**

<b>Core Optics (Whitcomb)</b>	LIGO/Caltech, Stanford, Syracuse, GEO, IAP
<b>Contamination (Camp)</b>	LIGO/Caltech, Stanford, IAP
<b>Active compensation (Zucker)</b>	LIGO/MIT, Stanford
<b>Diffractive Optics (Munch)</b>	CEGG, Stanford, ACIGA/Adelaide
<b>Ancillary Optics (Reitze)</b>	UFlorida, Stanford, LIGO/MIT, IAP
<b>100 W Laser (Byer)</b>	Stanford, LIGO/Caltech, ACIGA/Adelaide, GEO