# Exploring Advanced Techniques with GEO600

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# Beam Tube



Test setup: Tube diameter 1.5 m

Corrugation - material saving: ~factor 2.5 Soft and leightweight tube AISI 316LN Stainless Steel 0.9 mm thick

Corrugated with Period 3 cm and Depth 1.7 cm.

Tube dia. 0.6 m





## Improved IFO Contrast from side heaters



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## ~3kW at Beamsplitter



Direct measurement of thermal lens / local heating, consistent with 0.5ppm / cm absorption @ 1064 nm

65mK temp increase

w.r.t. ambient @ 3.2kW

0.2 K

0.1 K

0 K

-0.1 K

-0.2 K



# Dark port power vs. BS power



# 12 x 12 Matrix Heater



See poster by H. Wittel

# Squeezed Light at GEO600:



## Squeezing Setup / Phase Control Signals



# Fluctuation of Strain at 1-5kHz, for 3 squeezing phase control signals and intentional misalignment



#### Automatic Alignment of Squeezed Vacuum: works in 4 DOF



## Up to 3.7 dB Squeezing Observed



Consistent with ~37% losses and ~20mrad phase noise

### Long-term Squeezing Performance



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→ has improved,
But still need better/more engineering
For ever complexer detectors...

## 'broken'

GEO: 146 / 5400 : 2.7% LHO: LLO: 125 / 12400 : 1 % Virgo: 219 / 29200 : 0.75 %

Sensor, coil, main gate, QPD B, DAC, Pico Motor, microphone, MEDM link, Kantech, PZT, IRLED filter, AA board, WFS A, GEO, ...

 $\rightarrow$  good enough for third generation ?

# **Cost Optimization**

LIGO operations: 30 k\$ / day

1 % in range increase Is 3% Volume increase.

 $\rightarrow$  Science run can be Shorter by 3%.

 $\rightarrow$  on 6-month run saves 5 x 30k\$ = 150k\$



## Electronic noise



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•	Detection electronics $\rightarrow$	~3%	
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•	Mode matching	1-3%	
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# Morals

- Pro sustainable use of Steel ressources !
- Thermal compensation: different options
- Squeezed light: works long-term, but needs continuos effort and research
- Lets not waste tax-payer money and professionally cross-optimise subsystems



