# GEO 600 Update August 05

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### GEO600 Optical Layout Aug 2005



#### **GEO Sensitivity**







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### Noise projections (August 05): main contributions

- HF: detector dark noise and shot noise
  - Increase laser power, increase modulation index, possibly decrease dark noise
- Michelson electronics noise
  - Whiten signal from mixer, low pass after HV amplifier to electrostatic drive – expect factor 10 improvement over band
  - Reduce ESD bias in lock (full range needed for acquisition only) – expect factor 5~10 improvement around 100 Hz.
- RF/phase noise
  - under investigation, some improvements made already (including compensation of quadrature RF at mixer)
- Require to improve intensity noise and intermediate mass feedback noise too



## Improving sensitivity and maintaining reliability

- Focus on frequency band from 100 Hz to 1 kHz – esp. around 300 Hz.
  - Digital SR lock (done)
  - Quadrature phase cancellation (done)
  - Whitening MI electronics (in progress.)
  - ESD bias reduction

- Maintain locking reliability by keeping actuation range high while reducing noise
  - Digital SR lock
  - MI whitening
  - Minor improvements to controls



## **Current Puzzle**

- Power inside recycling cavity factor or 4 to 5 too low
- Consistent with total loss of about 650 ppm
- But where is the loss?
- To be resolved

