

Identifying Noise Coupling in GW Detectors - II: Tools

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INTRODUCTION

Small environmental or instrumental disturbances can enter the detector and mimic or mask astrophysical signals

Understanding how noise couples into the main gravitational-wave channel is essential for improving detector sensitivities



DETECTOR CHARACTERIZATION (DETCHEAR)

AND DETCHAR GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

Focus on instrumentation
and data quality

Understand how noise
affects detector
performance

Identify and characterize
noise sources

Support noise
mitigation efforts

Develop tools to track
noise coupling

Works closely with
commissioning

Monitor detector state

Flag data-quality (DQ)
issues

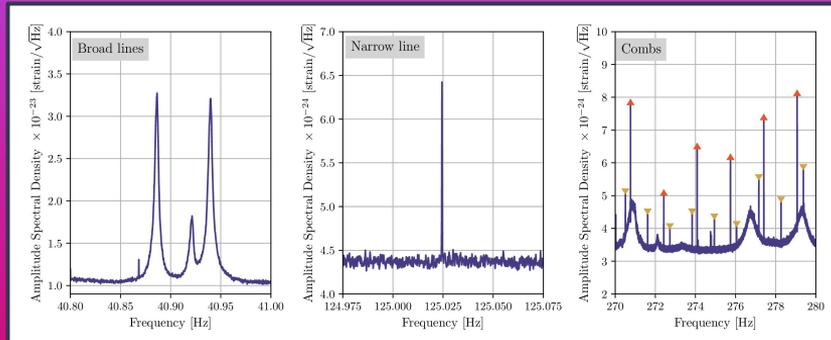
Provide DQ information
for pipelines

Validate candidate
events

NOISE SOURCES AND TYPES OF NOISE

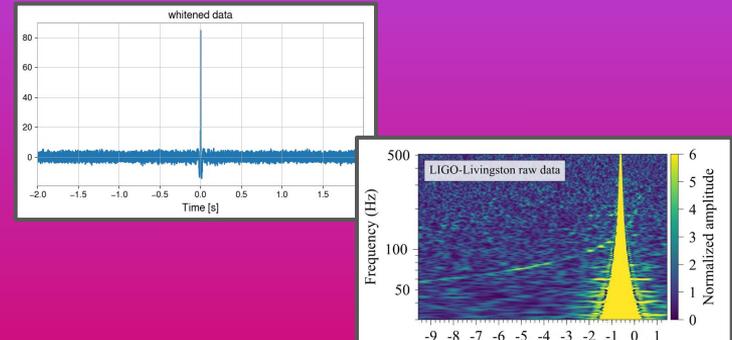
Different noise sources produce distinct signatures in the data: stationary, non-stationary, broadband, narrowband, or transient. We usually split them into two main types:

Persistent (or slowly time-varying) artifacts are usually referred to as **lines**.



Soni et al. (205)

Short-duration artifacts are usually referred to as **glitches**.

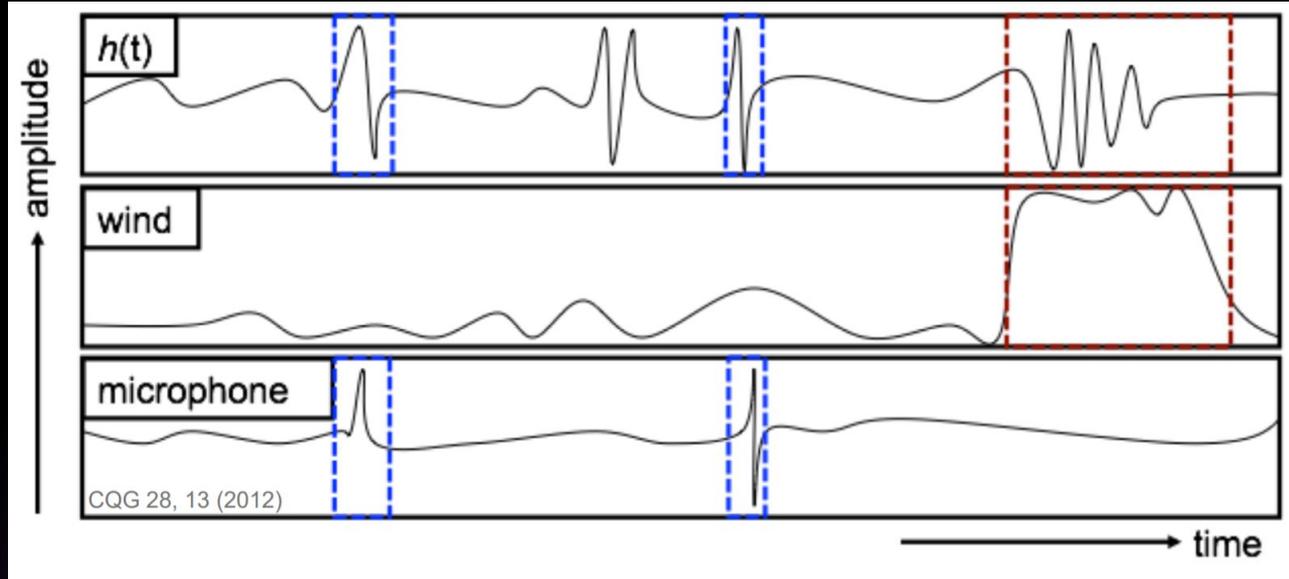


Abbott, Benjamin P., et al. (107)

Identifying which is which is the first step toward understanding coupling

AUXILIARY CHANNELS

We monitor thousands of channels: seismometers, microphones, magnetometers, temperature sensors, suspension sensors, alignment signals, and control signals to help us to identify where the noise originates and how it propagates.



COUPLING MECHANISMS

We **are concerned with noise that couples into the gravitational-wave channel (DARM)**, and this coupling can occur through different pathways:

Physical Coupling

Ground motion - suspensions - surfaces
Magnetic fields - coil-magnet actuators
Acoustic noise - optical benches

Optical Coupling

Scattered Light
Beam Jitter - motion of input optics

Control or Digital Couplings

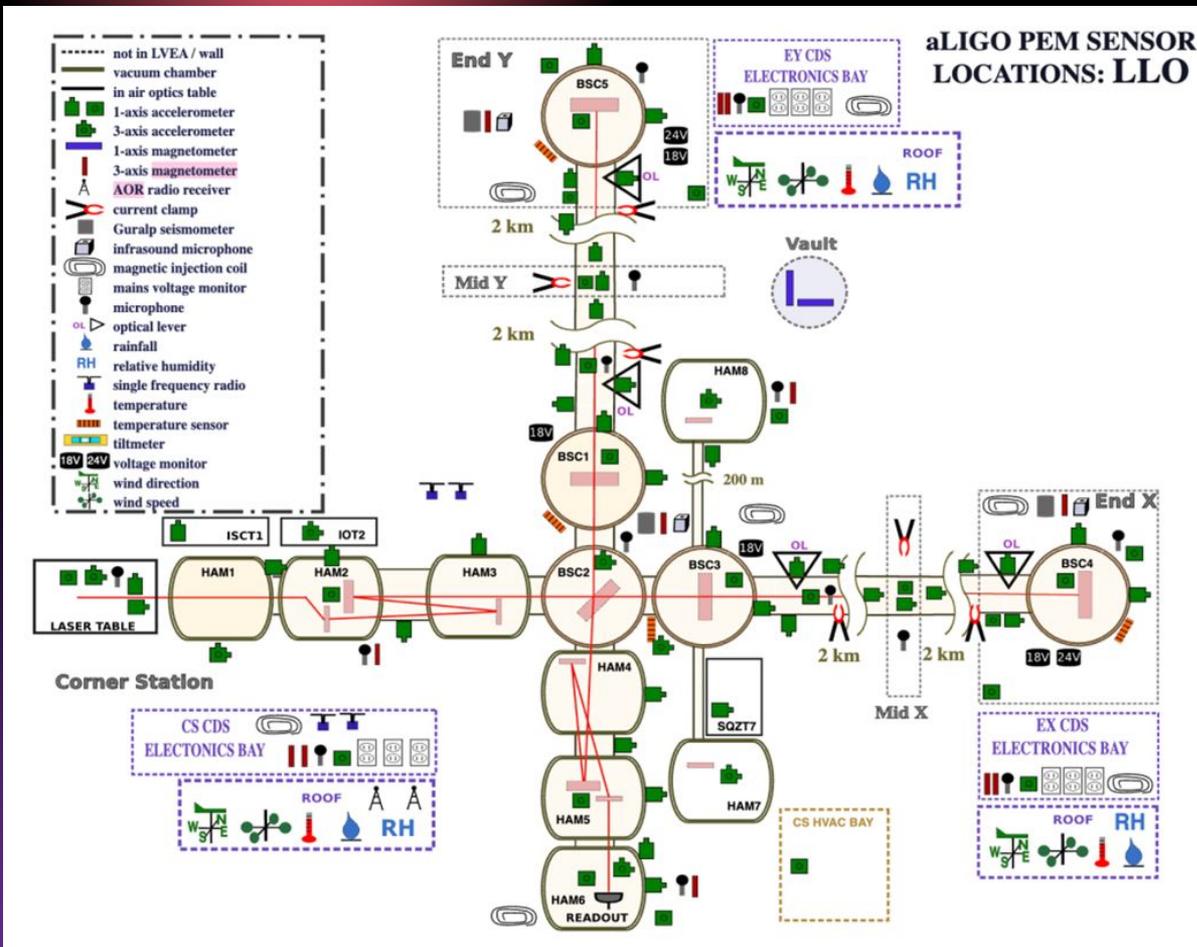
ADC saturation
Cross-coupling between DOFs
(angular - longitudinal)

The DetChar group works to identify these coupling pathways and relies on several tools to do so.

What are these tools (and websites), and how do they help us identify noise coupling?

TOOLS

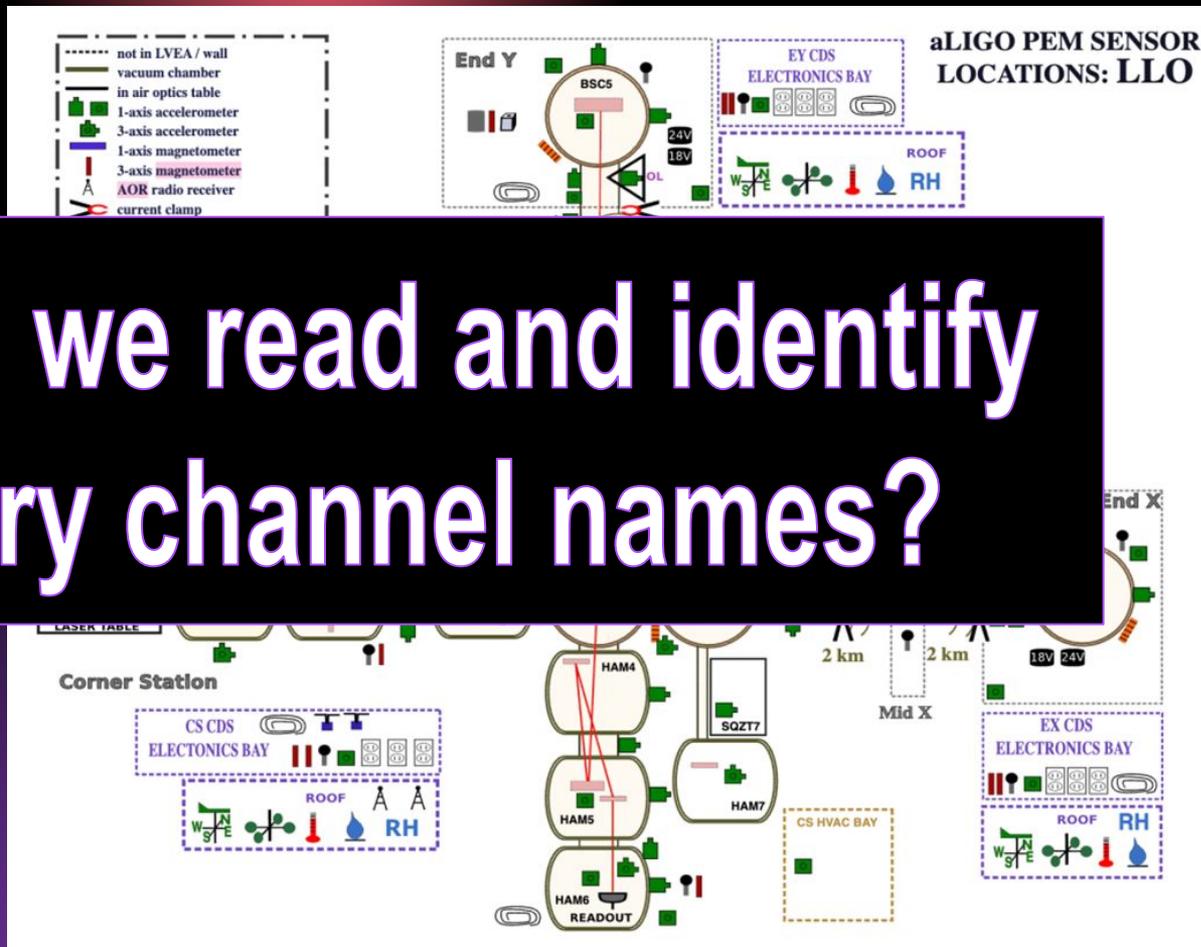
As mentioned, the interferometer is large and distributed over many subsystems, so auxiliary channels are essential for identifying where noise is entering and how it couples to DARM.



TOOLS

As men
is large
subsystem
are essential
noise
coupled

How can we read and identify auxiliary channel names?



"TOOLS" - PEM.LIGO.ORG

The screenshot displays the PEM Channel Info website interface on the left and a detailed sensor location map of LIGO on the right.

PEM Channel Info
LHO | LLO | Database | Contact | Sensor Specs | PEM Home Page

Channel Lookup
Sensor for selected channel will flash on map.)
Click on a sensor on the map

OR

Paste a channel name: Go

OR

Select a channel: Search LHO
 Search LLO

aLIGO PEM SENSOR LOCATIONS: LHO

The map shows the layout of LIGO with various sensors installed at different locations. A legend on the left lists the sensor types and their orientations:

- not in LVEA
- vacuum chamber in air-optics table
- 3-axis accelerometer
- 3-axis magnetometer
- AOR radio receiver
- cosmic ray detector
- current clamp
- Guralp seismometer
- infrasonic microphone
- magnetic injection coil
- mains voltage monitor
- microphone
- optical lever
- rainfall
- RH relative humidity
- RF single frequency radio
- STS seismometer
- temperature
- temperature sensor
- tiltmeter
- UV voltage monitor
- wind direction
- wind speed

The map includes labels for various areas: End Y, Mid Y, Rod X, Rod Y, Vacuum Tables, FCES, Corner Station, and various sensor orientations (e.g., 0, 90, 180, 270 degrees).

Visualizes where each environmental sensor is installed (arms, corner station, electronics bays, vacuum chambers)

Includes sensor type and orientation

Allows channel lookup by name or by clicking on the detector map

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Channel Lookup

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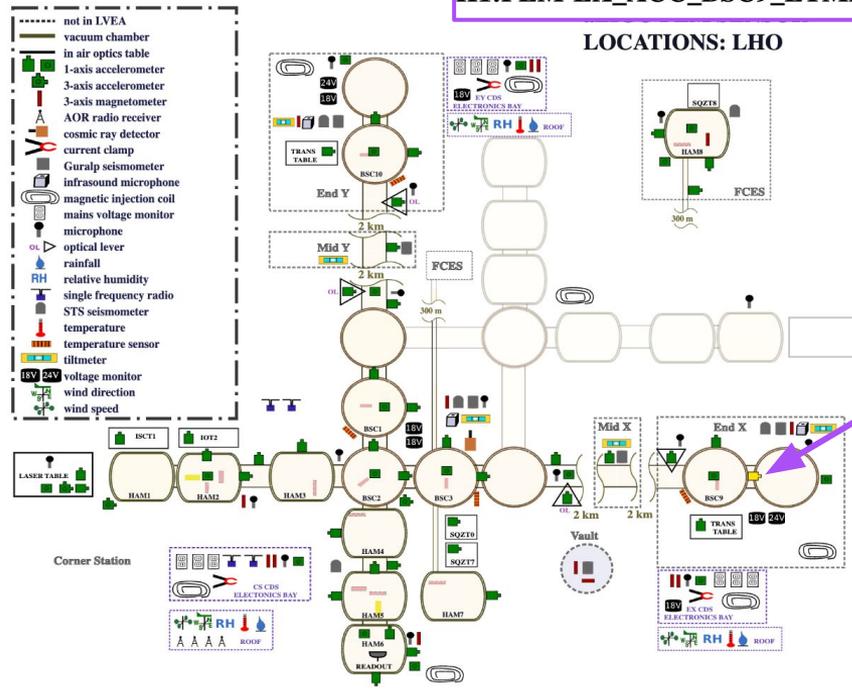
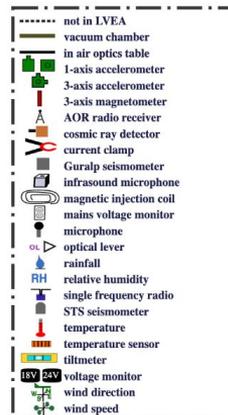
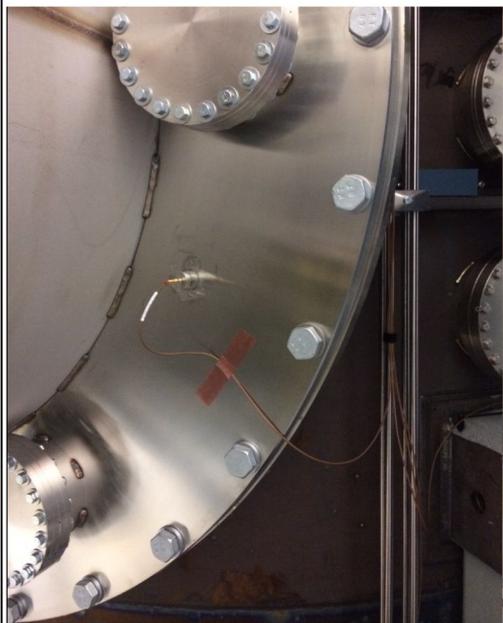
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Channel Lookup

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You are here: [LIGOWiki](#) > [Main Web](#) > [LIGOCARobotCertificate](#) > [RobertBruntz](#) > [InsideLIGO \(2025-12-13, takahiro.sawada@shibbi.pki.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp\)](#)

Inside LIGO: A Guide for the Perplexed *

(A work in progress)

- ↓ [Inside LIGO: A Guide for the Perplexed *](#)
- ↓ [Introduction - what is this guide, who is it for, and how might it help you \(or vice-versa\)?](#)
- ↓ [Abbreviations, names, and a few concepts \(the main list\)](#)
- ↓ [Some LIGO-related Locations](#)
- ↓ [Some LIGO groups \(incomplete list\)](#)
- ↓ [Interferometer subsystems \(possibly incomplete list\)](#)
- ↓ [LIGO time periods \(ER1, ER2, ..., S1, S2, ..., O1, O2, O3, ..., OPA, VSR, ...\)](#)
 - ↓ [Status of the run, IFOs, etc.](#)
 - ↓ [Current + future run plans](#)
 - ↓ [IFO \(and other\) statuses](#)
 - ↓ [Detection events \(incl. candidate events\)](#)
 - ↓ [Notes on time zones](#)
- ↓ [Misc. reference stuff](#)
 - ↓ [IFO and other site abbreviations, colors, etc.](#)
 - ↓ [Some useful website/IP address pairs](#)
 - ↓ [Some notable LIGO-related NSF grants](#)
- ↓ [Some guides for new LIGO members](#)
- ↓ [Apps and websites for GW \(and other astrophysical\) notifications](#)
- ↓ [Some commonly-used LIGO websites \(and some less-commonly-used-but-useful ones\) \(and some non-LIGO ones\)](#)
- ↓ [Some useful and/or interesting plots](#)
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"TOOLS" - Inside LIGO

<https://wiki.ligo.org/Main/InsideLIGO>

ACB = Arm Cavity Baffle = "A non-reflective (in IR) metal structure suspended in the chamber." [Brian O'Reilly, 2023.01.23 email] (e.g., slide 4 here: "LLO Status for [DetChar F2F](#) January 2023" - <https://dcc.ligo.org/G2300082> ; also here: "ETMY ACB 1.6 Hz resonance makes fringes in DARM" - 27 July 2022 - <https://alog.ligo-la.caltech.edu/aLOG/index.php?callRep=60927>)

acc = accelerometer

ASD = amplitude spectral density = "a measure of a signal's amplitude at different frequencies. It's essentially the square root of the Power Spectral Density (PSD)." (Gemini, 2024.12.03); given in units of 1/sqrt(Hz); example here: <https://www.gw-openscience.org/o2speclines/>

BSC = basic symmetric chamber = "large vacuum chamber enclosing the suspended core optics" [1] (includes chambers containing ETMs - <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-E1201012>); a HAM-like vacuum chamber "bubble" along the length of a beam tube (presumably "symmetric" because the beam tube comes in on one side and goes out the other, so the chamber could be rotated 180 degrees horizontally and used the same way [note: this is not correct, since BSCs 1-5 can be seen in this diagram (https://pem.ligo.org/channelinfo/index.php?channelname=L1%3APEM-CS_ACC_BSC3_ITMX_X), and they include 3 different shapes, including the "+" shaped beam splitter chamber, the "pass-through" bubble chamber, and the "end of the line" chambers at the end of the arm?) - see diagram here: <https://www.ligo.org/techrep/proc/proc-00101004>

Some other lists of acronyms, abbreviations, etc.:

(the contents of those lists don't need to be repeated here - they're given here more for reference to obscure items)

[1] <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-M080375> - "LVC Abbreviations and Acronyms" - this is an excellent resource!

[2] <https://wiki.ligo.org/DetChar/CopyOfLLOAcronymWiki>

[3] <https://www.lsc-group.phys.uwm.edu/ligovirgo/cbcnote/Acronyms> [link might be broken]

[4] <https://www.lsc-group.phys.uwm.edu/ligovirgo/cbcnote/InspiralAnalysisGlossary> (< 400 items in the list, not all defined, but definitions explain what the item is/does and usually a little more) [link might be broken]

[5] <https://emfollow.docs.ligo.org/followup-advocate-guide/glossary.html> - "LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA Rapid Response Team Level-0 Responder Guide" Glossary

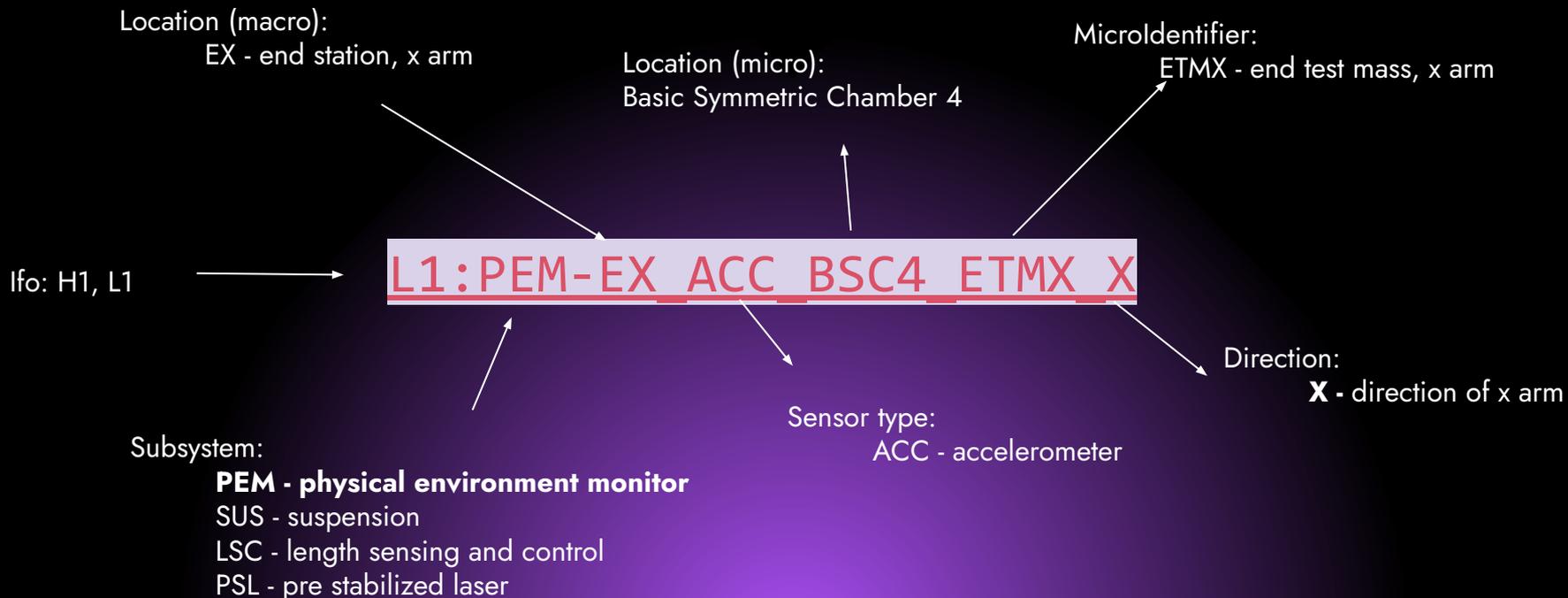
[6] <https://wiki.ligo.org/CSWG/LIGOChannelNames>

[7] <https://dcc.ligo.org/T990033> - LIGO Channel Naming Conventions

[8] <https://emfollow.docs.ligo.org/userguide/glossary.html>

TOOLS - AUXILIARY CHANNELS

How to read LIGO channel names



TOOLS - LIGODVWEB



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Use the optional fields below to narrow down the list of base channels , then hit the Retrieve Channel List button.

No channels are selected.

Interferometer:

Subsystem:

Sample Frequency:

Channel name filter: 

show only currently acquired 

Retrieve Channel List

Allows checking auxiliary channel names and their information

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Use the optional fields below to narrow down the list of base channels [?](#), then hit the Retrieve Channel List button.

No channels are selected.

Interferometer:

Subsystem:

Sample Frequency:

Channel name filter:

- C1
- H0
- H1
- H2
- L0
- L1**
- V1
- HVE-EX
- HVE-EY
- HVE-LX
- HVE-LY
- HVE-MR
- HVE-MX
- HVE-MY
- LVE-EX
- LVE-EY
- LVE-LX
- LVE-LY

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No channels are selected.

Interferometer:

Subsystem:

Sample Frequency:

Channel name filter:

- ASC
- BSC
- CDS
- DAQ
- DBB
- DMT
- FEC
- FMC
- FSS
- HPI
- GDS
- IOO
- IMC
- IOP
- ISI
- ISS
- LSC
- LLD



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Searching for accelerometer channels

No channels are selected.

Interferometer:

Subsystem:

Sample Frequency:

Channel name filter: ?

show only currently acquired ?

Retrieve Channel List

Query did not return any matches,

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No channels are selected.

Interferometer:

Subsystem:

Sample Frequency:

Channel name filter:

show only currently acquired

[Retrieve Channel List](#)

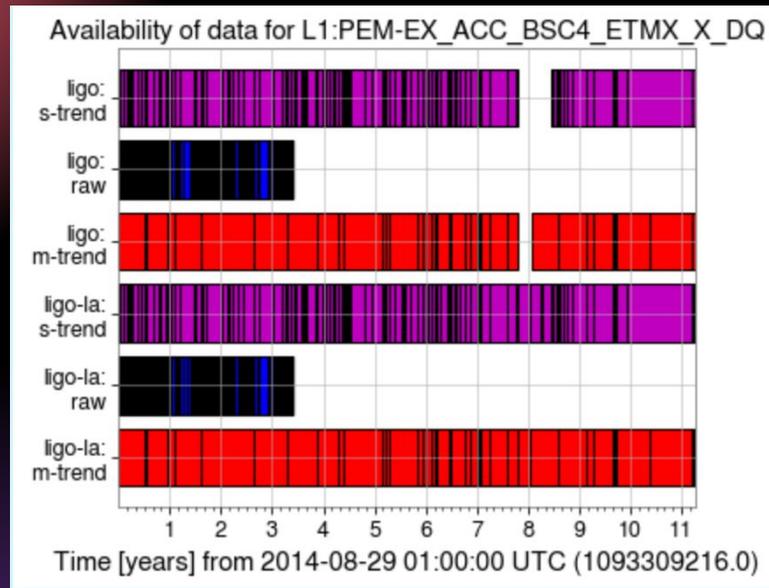
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Page: of 2 [Select raw/rds](#) [Select m-trend](#) [Clear all](#) [Select more](#) [Continue](#)

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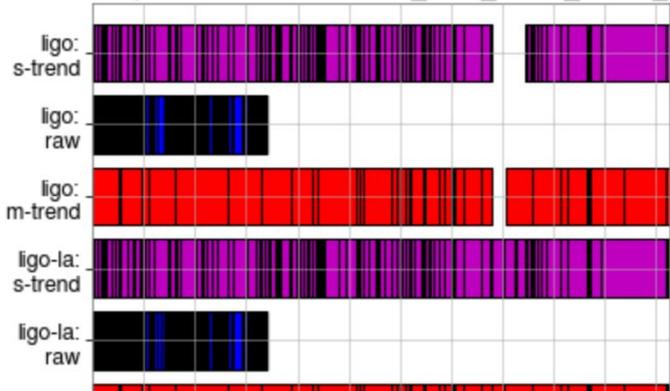


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Availability of data for L1:PEM-EX_ACC_BSC4_ETMX_X_DQ



1. Select time(s)

Start time: (gps or YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM) ?

Duration: (day HH:MM:SS or sec) ?

[+More start times](#) [+Repeat options](#)

Auto refresh (use repeat count).

Group by: ?

2. Select one or more plot types

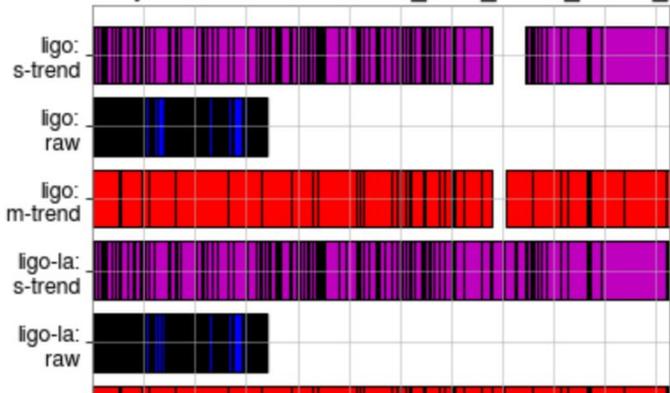
- ▶ Time Series (GWpy):
- ▶ Spectrum (GWpy):
- ▶ Spectrogram:
- ▶ Spectrogram (GWpy):
- ▶ Coherence (GWpy):
- ▶ Transfer function (GWpy):
- ▶ X-Y or 3D scatter plot:
- ▶ Coherence-spectrogram (GWpy):
- ▶ Omega scan (dmt_wplot):
- ▶ Q-transform (GWpy):
- ▶ BLRMS plot:

TOOLS - LIGODVWEB

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1. Select time(s)

Start time: (gps or YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM) ?

Duration: (day HH:MM:SS or sec) ?

[+More start times](#) [+Repeat options](#)

Auto refresh (use repeat count)

Time Series (GWpy):

Generate Time series

Set appropriate parameters below:

High pass filter Corner frequency, default = no filter

Low pass filter Corner frequency, default = no filter

Log X-axis Default is linear

X-minimum Seconds (float) from start or GPS, default = auto

X-maximum Seconds (float) from start or GPS, default = auto

X-axis zero Seconds (float) from start or GPS time, default = auto,0 for GPS labels

Add standard segments Default is no segment ribbons

Log Y Default is linear

Y-minimum Default is auto

Y-maximum Default is auto

Overlay times Default is to append them on x-axis

TOOLS - Detector Logbooks

By examining channels in the time series, frequency domain, and spectrograms, we can identify anomalies and connect them to recent tests, changes, or updates in the interferometer.

The screenshot shows the 'aLIGO LHO Logbook' search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', 'Help', and 'Links' buttons. To the right, there are 'SEARCH TASKS' and 'LOG-IN' options. Below the navigation bar, there is a search form with the following fields:

- Section / Task:** A dropdown menu.
- Report ID:** A text input field.
- Date from (dd-mm-yyyy):** A date input field with a calendar icon.
- Date to (dd-mm-yyyy):** A date input field with a calendar icon.
- Author(s):** A text area containing the following text:

This is the list of all users who have logged into the logbook.
If you wish to lookup more information about a user please see the [LIGO.ORG roster](#).
aaron.jones@LIGO.ORG
aaron.sevigny@LIGO.ORG
aaron.viets@LIGO.ORG

<https://alog.ligo-la.caltech.edu/aLOG>

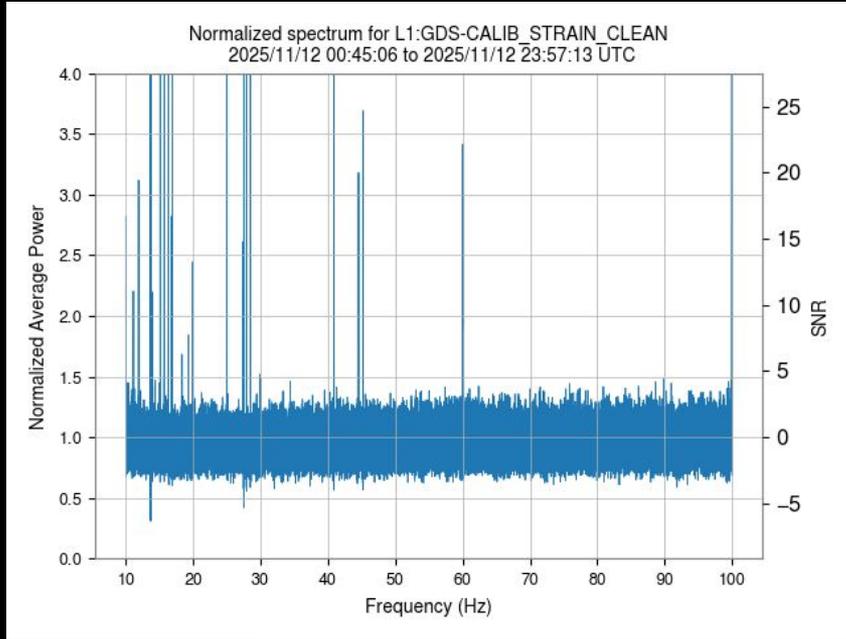
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Persistent noise: spectral lines

TOOLS - FSCAN (Lines)

A tool to identify and characterize spectral lines in DARM and in auxiliary channels.



FFT length = 1800 s (variable)

$\Delta f=1/T$, allowing us to identify narrow spectral lines

Long-duration FFTs for detailed spectral estimates

Identifies persistent narrowband features

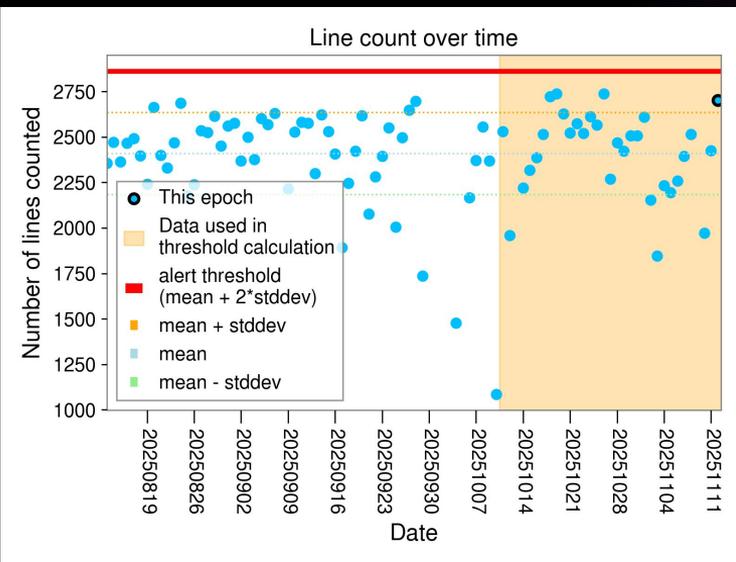
Ideal for stationary / slow noise coupling (calibration lines, violin modes)

Provides daily/weekly spectrograms and line lists for commissioning

$$X(f) = \int x(t)e^{-2\pi ift} dt$$

TOOLS - FSCAN (Lines)

Fscan allows us to track line features over time, and to use coherence between DARM and auxiliary channels to investigate whether those lines are coupled.



L1 General (Dettler) [Link](#)

arnold.neuzeit@LIGO.ORG - posted 17:43, Thursday 15 June 2023 (85642)

Two more combs in L1 data

In addition to Keith's post about a 10 Hz comb (85599), recent weekly Fscan spectra show two combs at low frequencies.

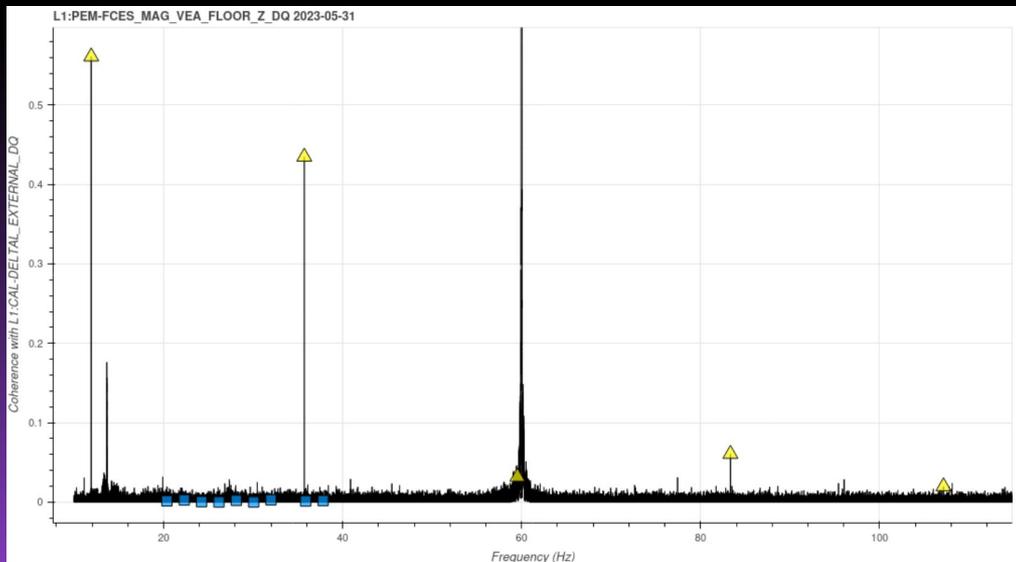
- Odd harmonics of an ~11.9 Hz comb visible up to about 107 Hz. (Comb monitor lists it as 23.80944 Hz spacing with 11.9044 Hz offset.)
- Odd harmonics of a ~0.97 Hz comb visible in the 20-40 Hz region. (Comb monitor lists it as 1.93914 Hz spacing with 0.97 Hz offset.)

The 11.9 Hz comb is coherent with CS, EX, EY, and FCES magnetometers, as well as AMON and VMON channels. I have not identified any special location where it shows up most strongly.

I haven't seen any notable coherences in Fscan data with either the 0.97 Hz comb or the 10.0 Hz comb, which are much weaker.

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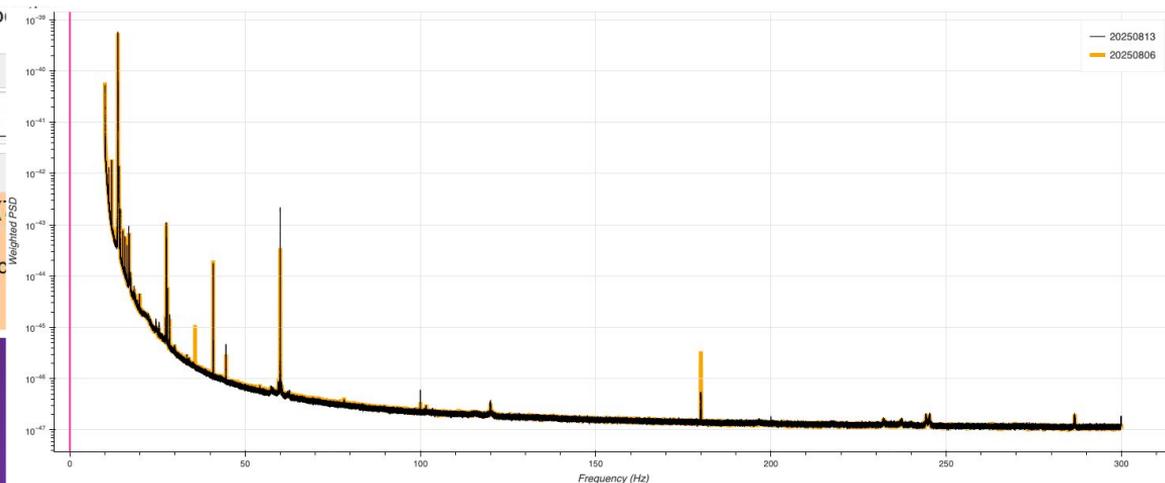
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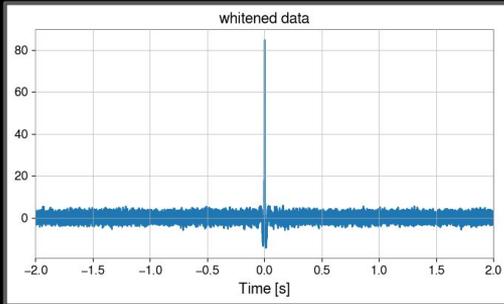
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Transient noise: glitches

TOOLS - OMICRON (Glitches)

A tool to identify and characterize transient noise in DARM and in auxiliary channels.



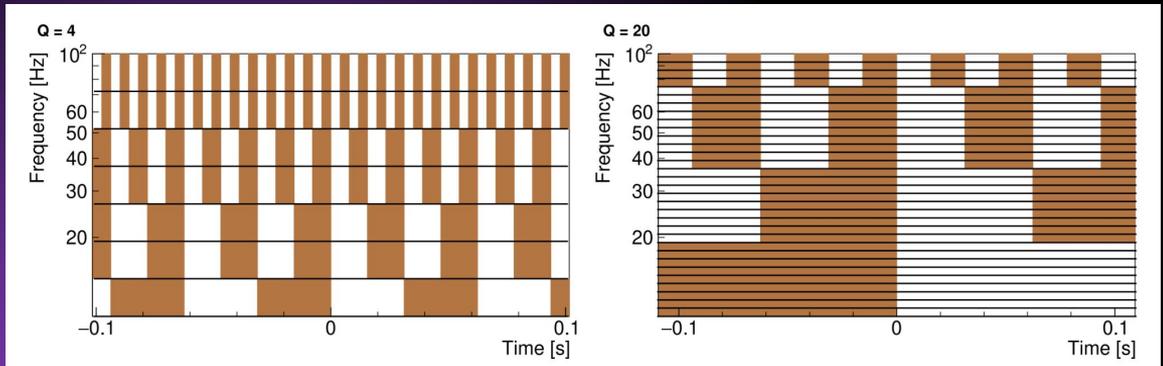
$$X(\tau, \phi, Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t)w(t - \tau, \phi, Q)e^{-2i\pi\phi t} dt.$$

$$Q \propto \frac{f_0}{\Delta f_0}$$

Detects excess power in the data;

Uses the Q-transform for optimal time-frequency resolution;

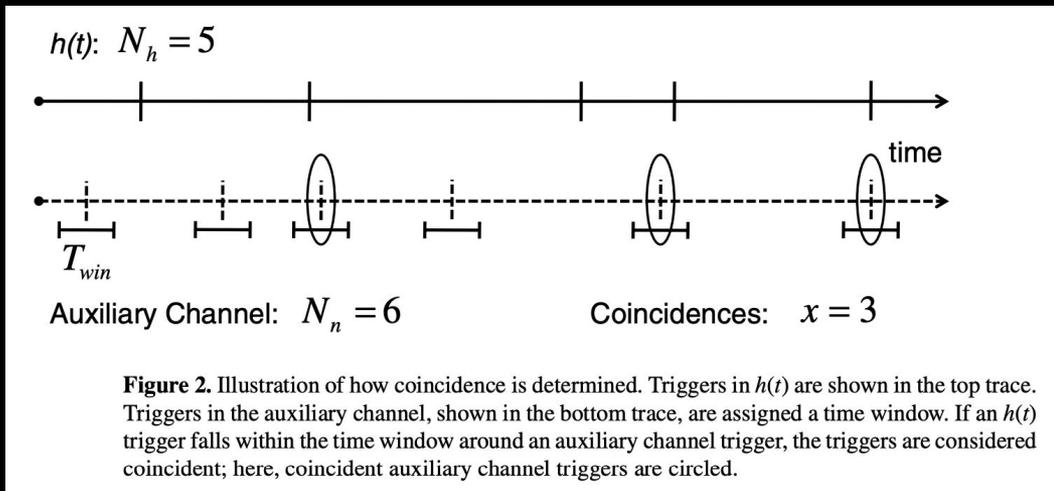
Provides trigger lists, including: peak time, central frequency, SNR, **Q**, duration



How can we use Omicron information?

TOOLS - HVETO

A hierarchical method for vetoing noise transients in gravitational-wave detectors



HVeto uses a Poisson probability to quantify how unlikely it is that the observed DARM-AUX coincidences occurred by chance

$$S = -\log_{10} \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} P(\mu, k) \right),$$

J R Smith et al (2011)

HVeto uses Omicron triggers to find statistically significant DARM-AUX coincidences

HVeto then takes these trigger lists and looks for statistically significant time coincidences

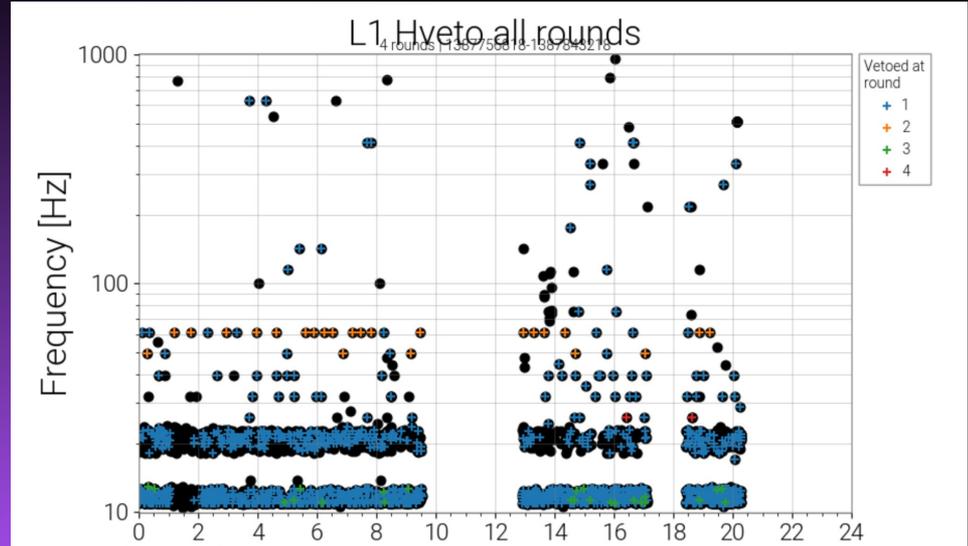
TOOLS - HVETO (Example)

1st round: Find the most significant AUX–DARM coincidence (the winner channel) → veto → remove associated DARM glitches

2nd round: Re-run on remaining DARM triggers → new channel → veto

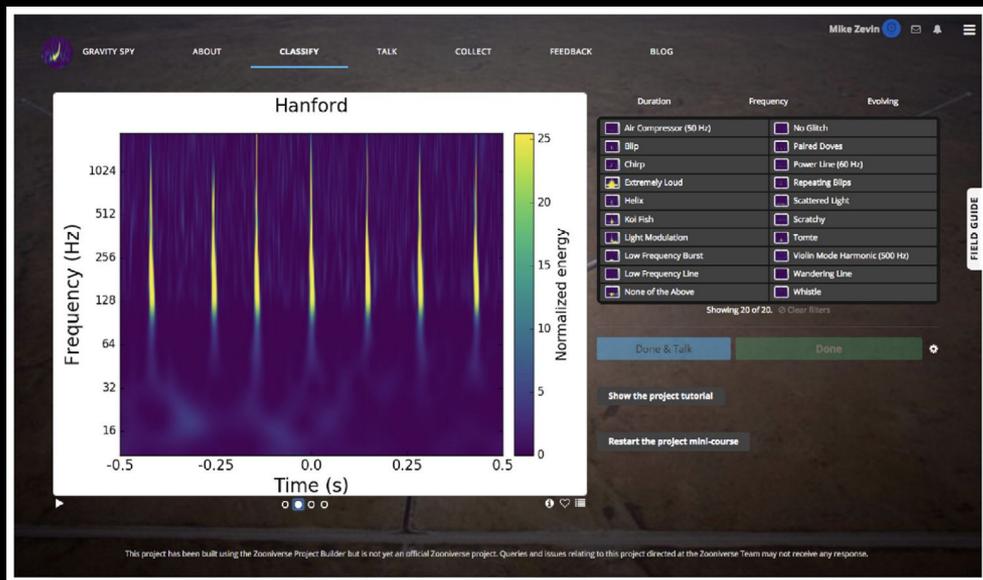
3rd round: Repeat → reveal additional coupling families

Stop: When no significant channels remain



TOOLS - GRAVITY SPY

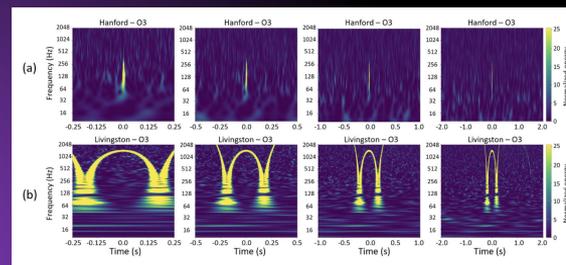
A machine-learning framework for classifying noise transients in gravitational-wave detectors



M Zevin et al. (2017)

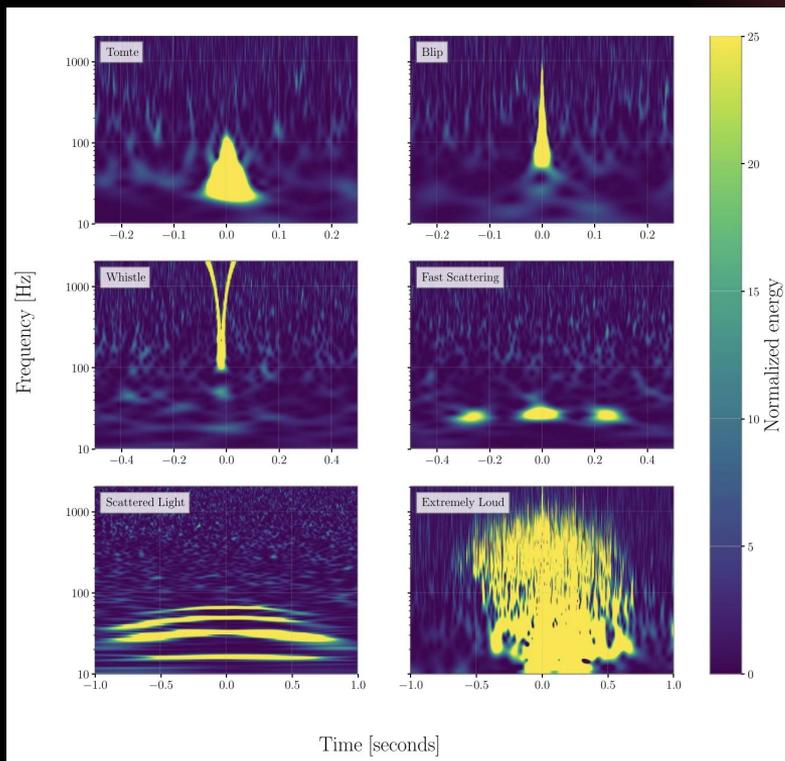
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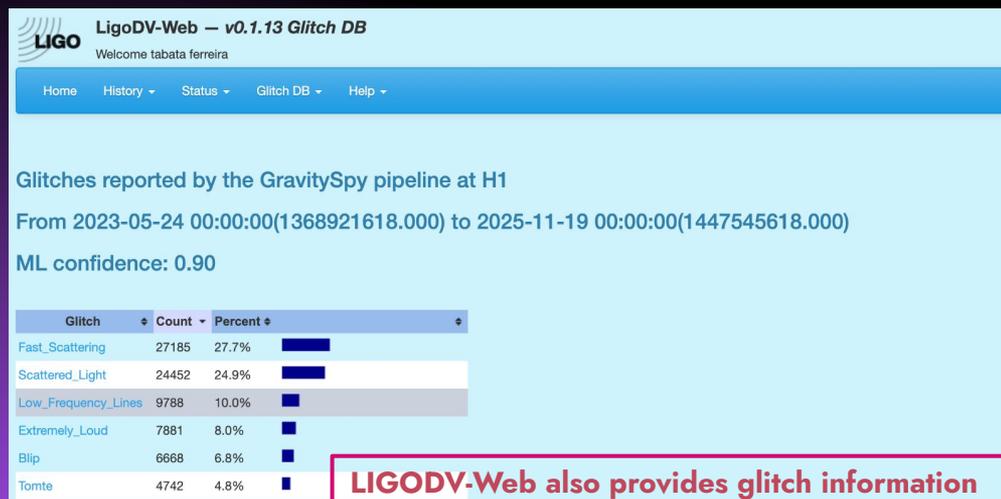
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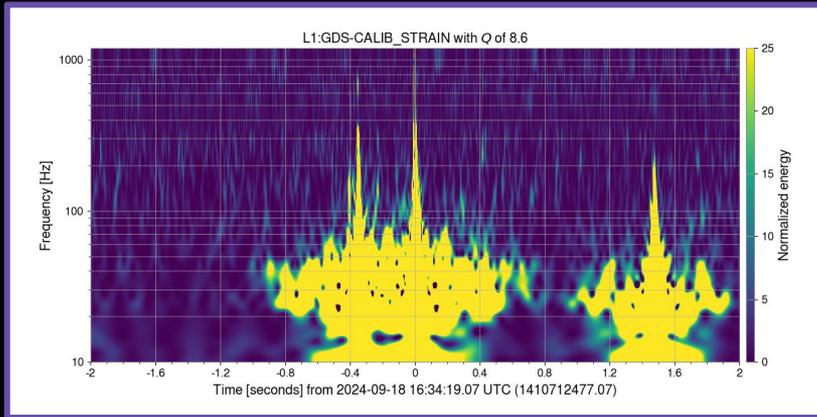
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Class labels enable DetChar to study glitch populations statistically: counting dominant classes, identifying emerging morphologies, and tracking their evolution over time, which may reveal changes in noise coupling mechanisms.



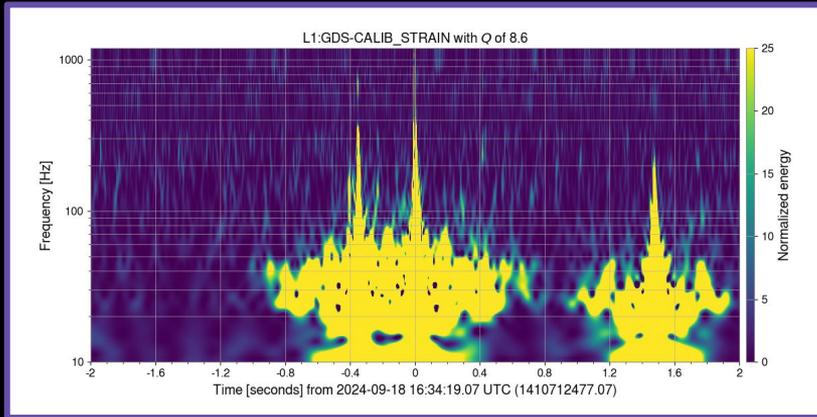
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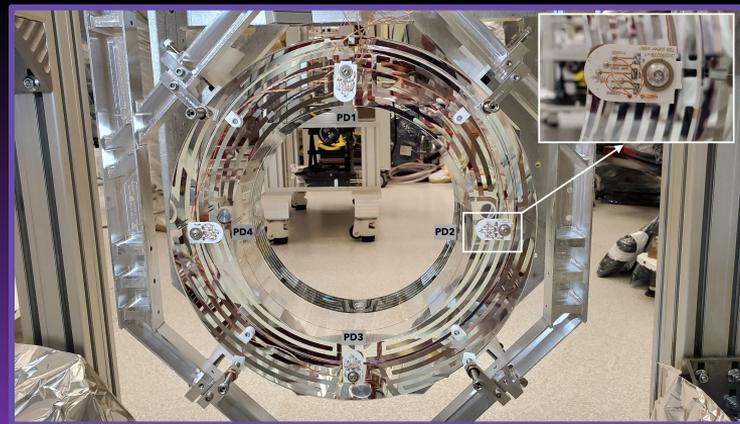
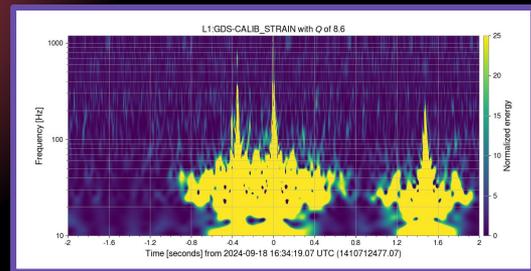
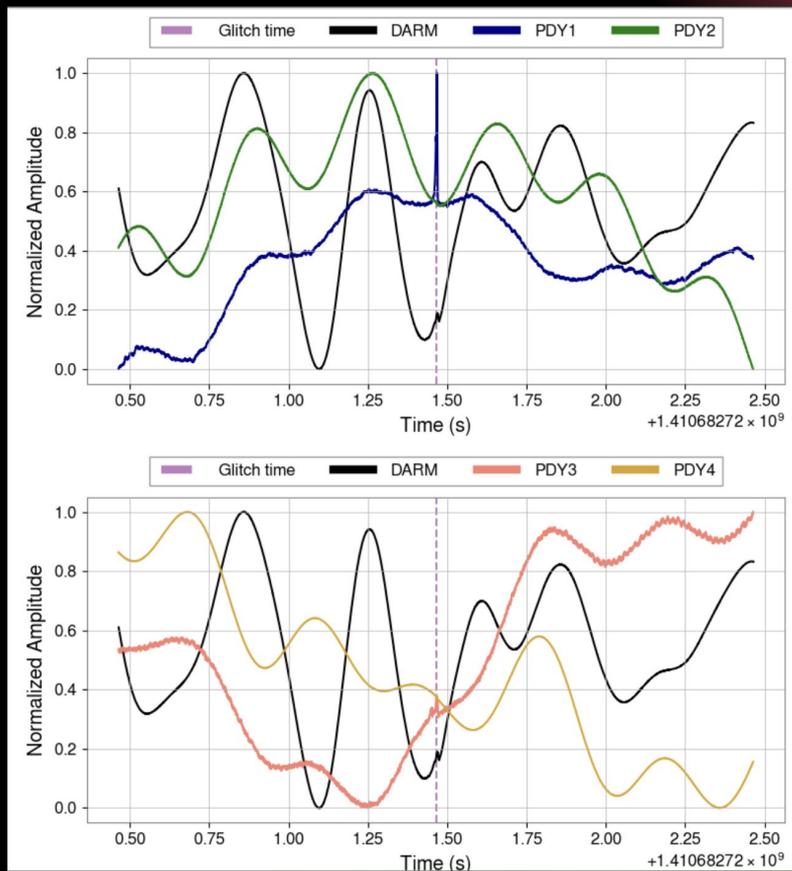
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As output, the Omega Batch generates an HTML summary page for each input time, showing the event's spectrograms, trigger properties, and the top auxiliary channels ranked by their correlation with DARM.

TOOLS - OMEGA SCAN (EXAMPLE)



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L1 Ω -scan

1410757615.1 Summary GW \downarrow ASC \downarrow

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Summary

Interferometer LIGO Livingston (L1)
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Below are the top 5 channels ranked by matched-filter correlation within 100 ms of [L1:GDS-CALIB_STRAIN](#).

Channel	GPS Time	Frequency	Q	Energy	SNR	Correlation	Delay
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L1:ASC-X_TR_ERM_YAW_OUT_DQ	1410757615.104	75.4 Hz	5.1	11437.7	151.2	78.8	2 ms
L1:ASC-X_TR_A_NSUM_OUT_DQ	1410757615.1	16.3 Hz	5.1	5946.3	109.1	61.9	6 ms
L1:ASC-X_TR_ERM_PIT_OUT_DQ	1410757614.872	270.4 Hz	5.1	3097.0	78.7	36.0	-3 ms
L1:ASC-X_TR_ERM_SEG4_OUT_DQ	1410757615.1	45.2 Hz	5.1	358.1	26.8	32.3	0 ms
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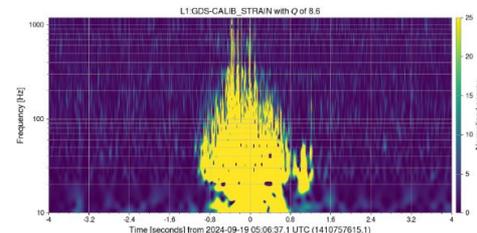
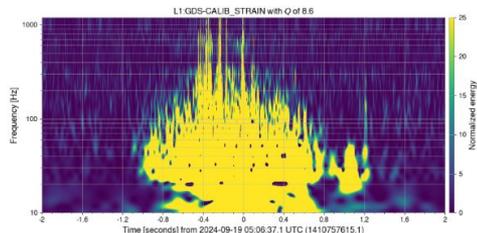
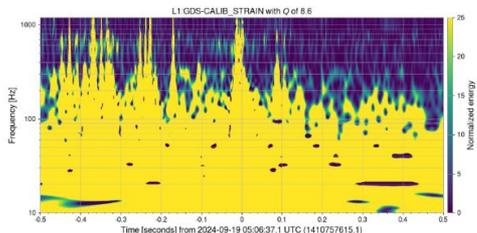
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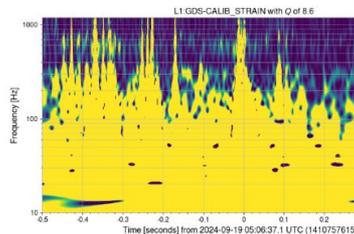
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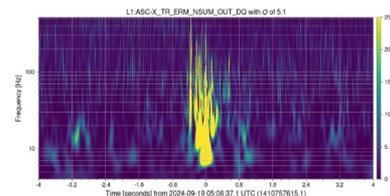
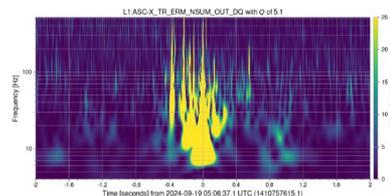
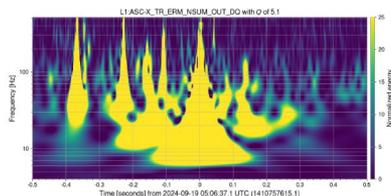
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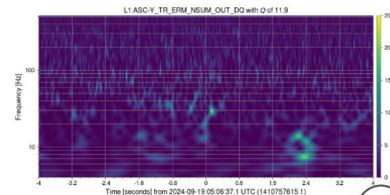
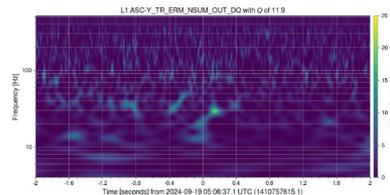
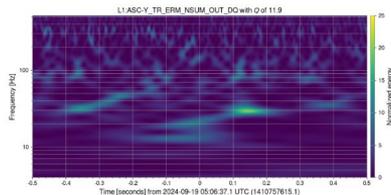
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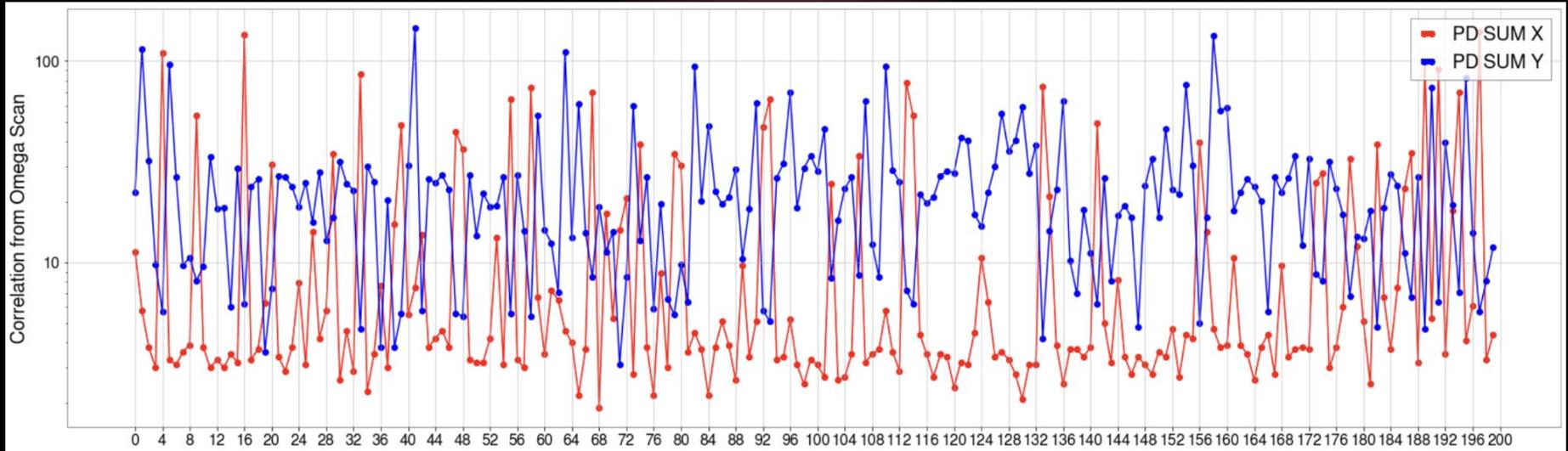
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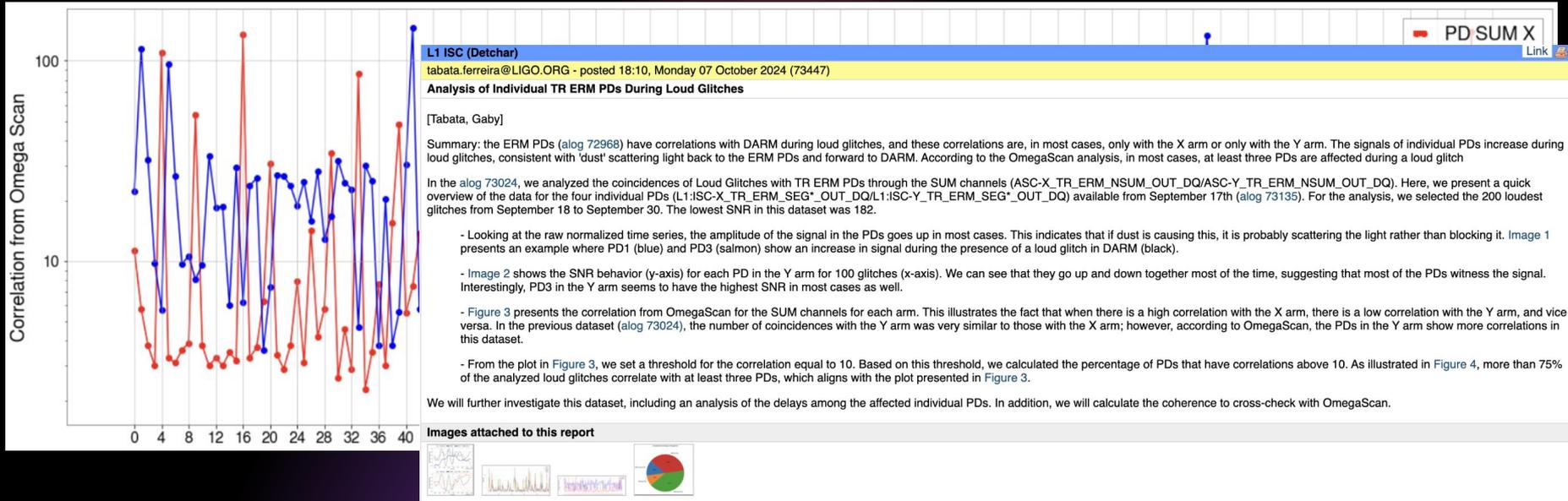
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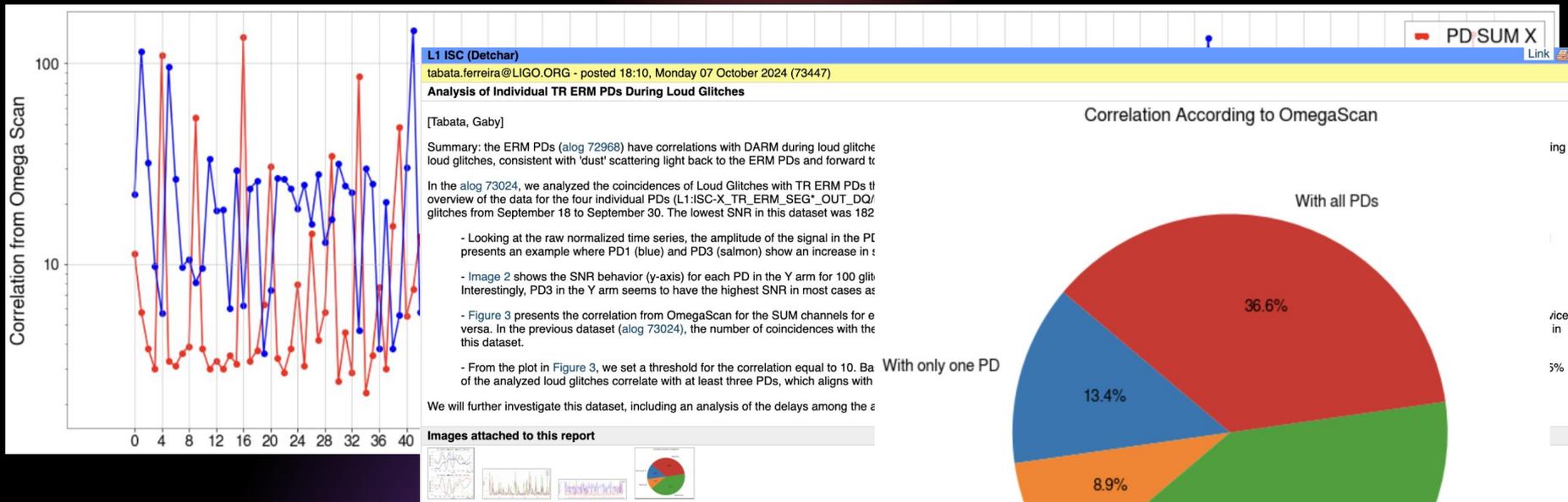
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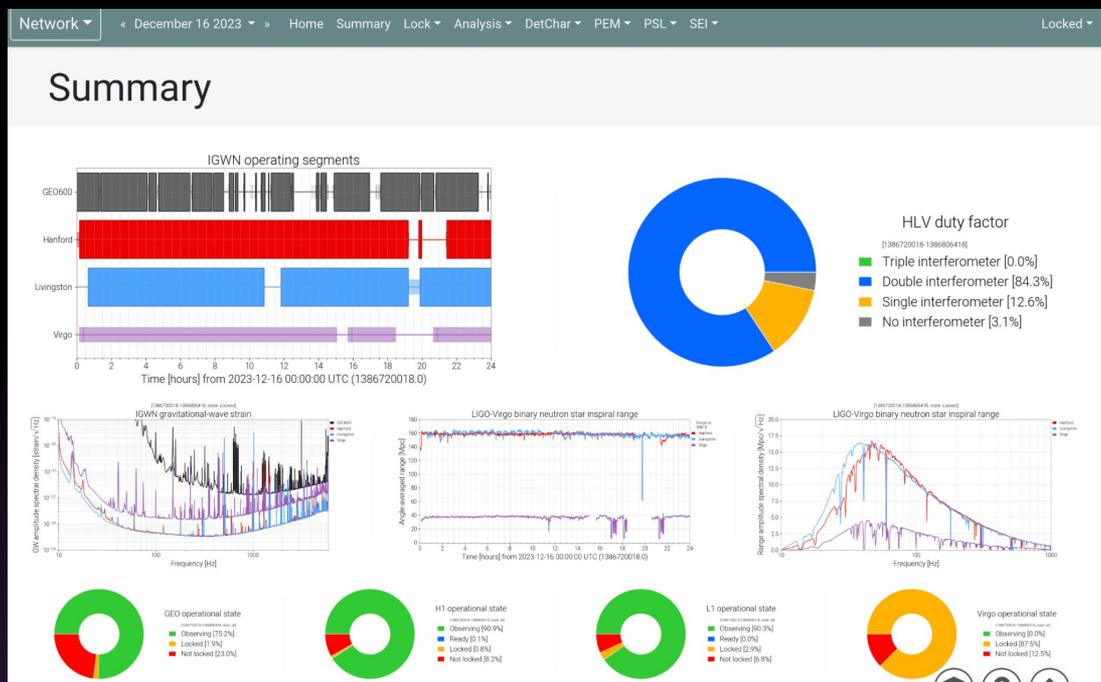
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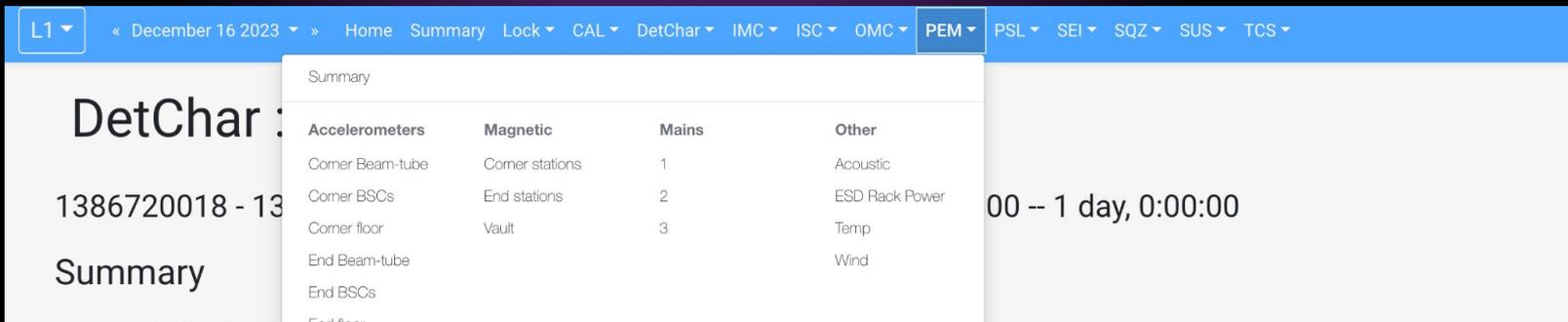
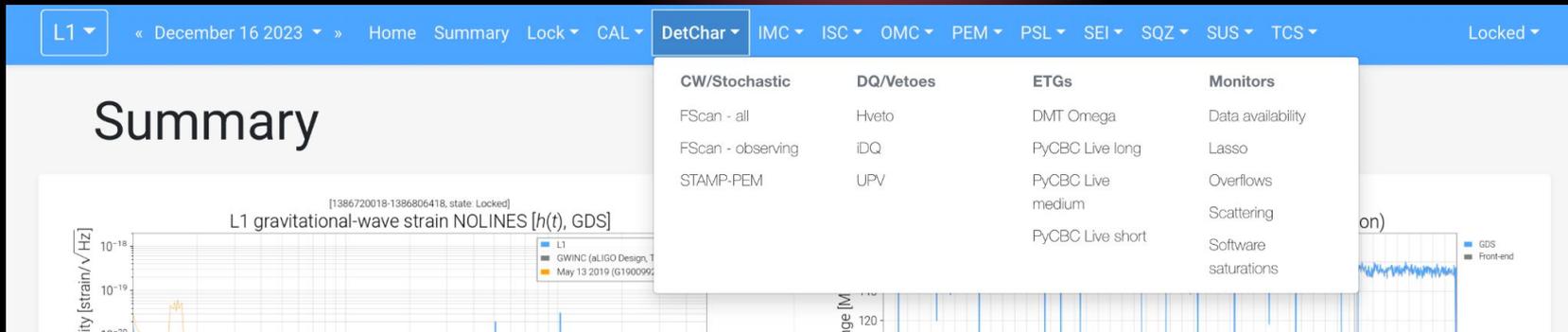


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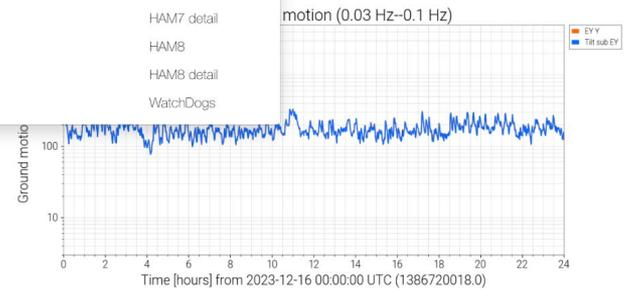
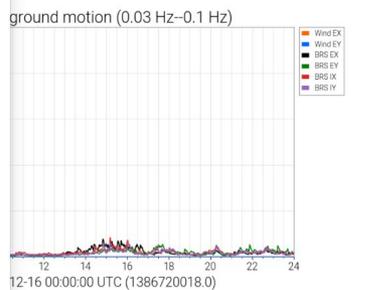
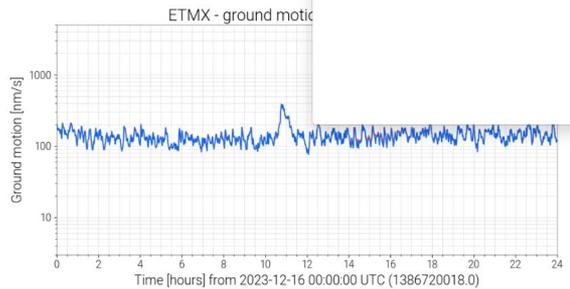
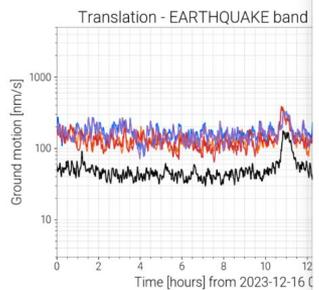


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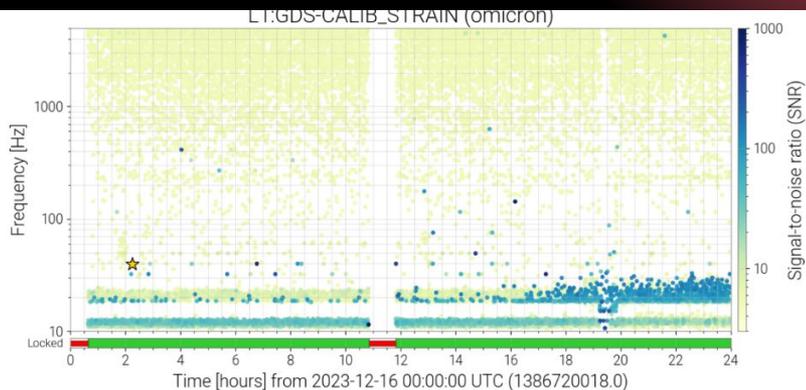
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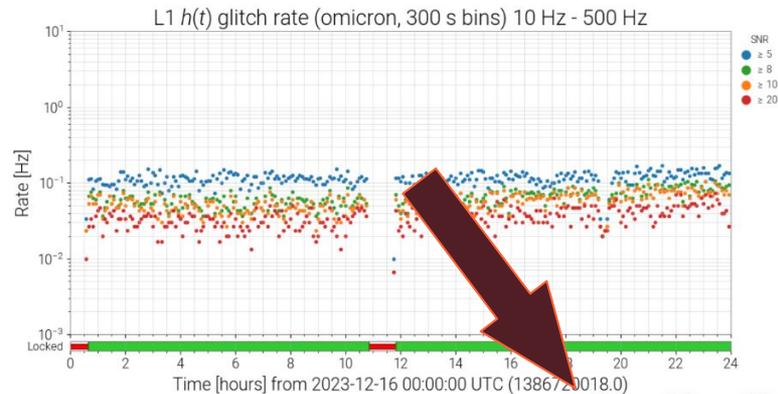
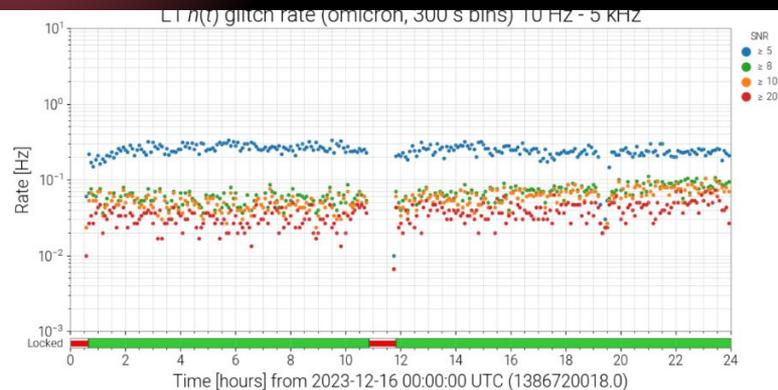
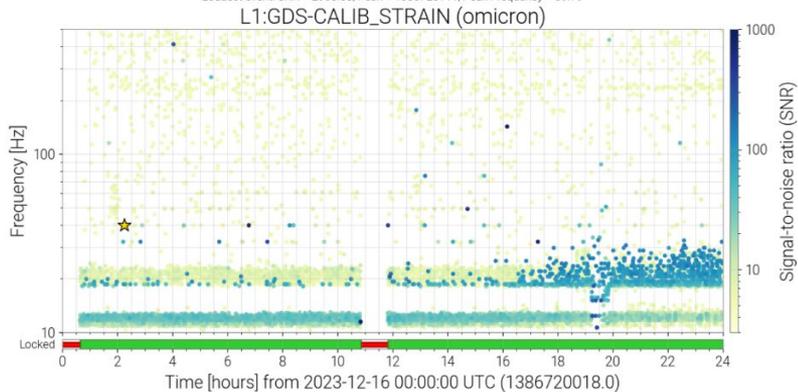
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Loudest event: SNR = 2903.83, Peak = 1386728111, Peak Frequency = 39.79



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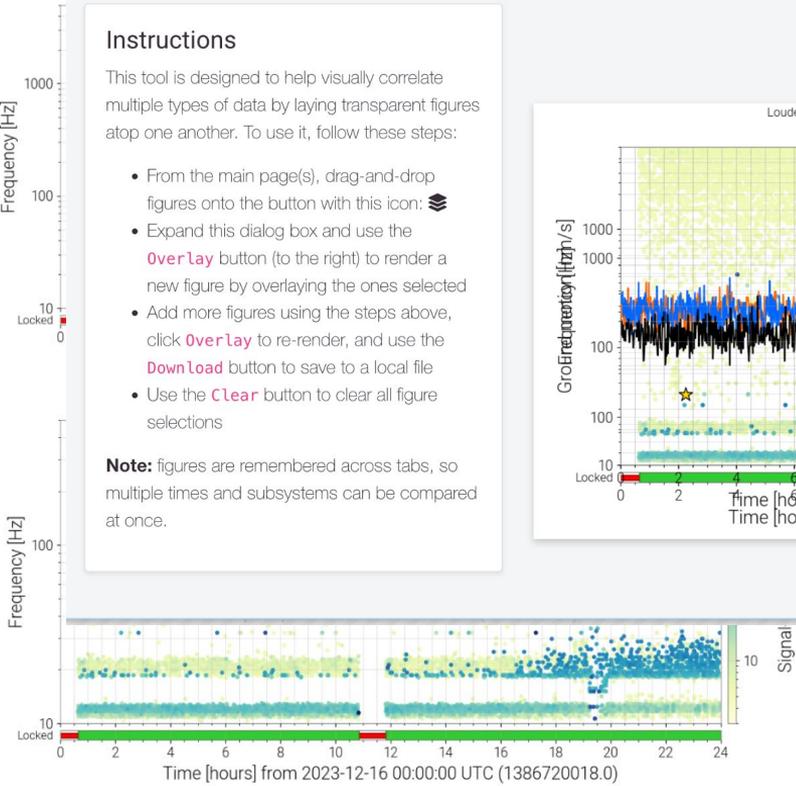
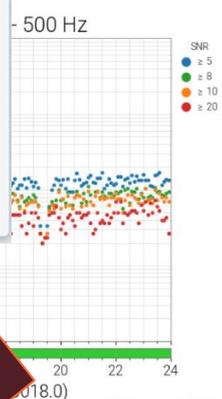
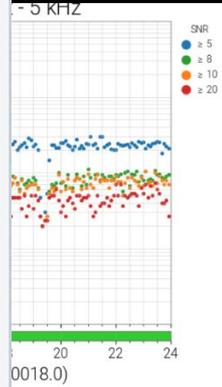
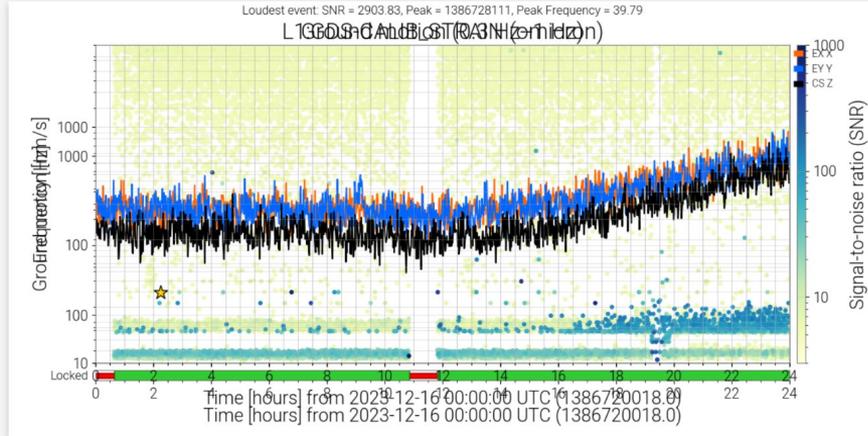
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Summary and Conclusions

- Noise can couple into the strain channel through different pathways, and understanding these mechanisms is essential for improving detector performance.
- Auxiliary channels provide crucial information to identify where noise originates and how it propagates into DARM.
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- Together, these tools support DetChar efforts to diagnose, track, and mitigate noise, ultimately improving the sensitivity..
- Many other tools also deserve attention, such as iDQ, UPV, BRUCO, LASSO, and STOCHMON.
- In addition, DetChar continuously develops and explores custom tools and analysis methods, incorporating new techniques as needed.

THANK YOU!

Any questions?