







Optomechanical parametric instabilities study for Virgo



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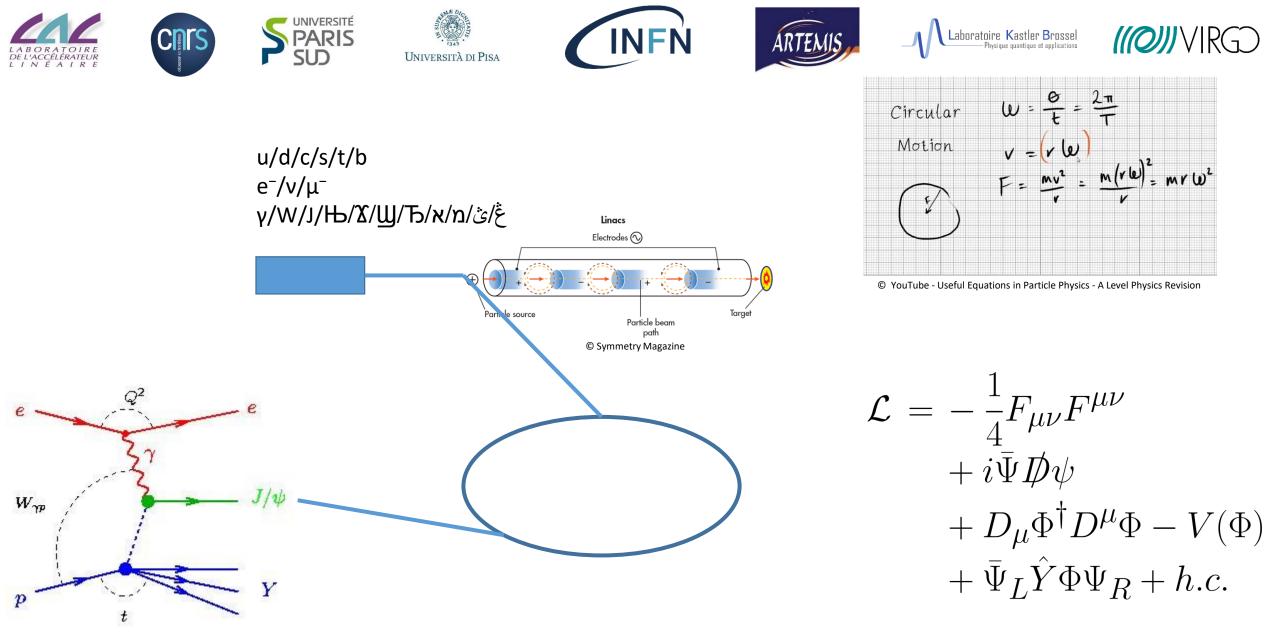




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Gravitational waves basics

How to detect gravitational waves Detections



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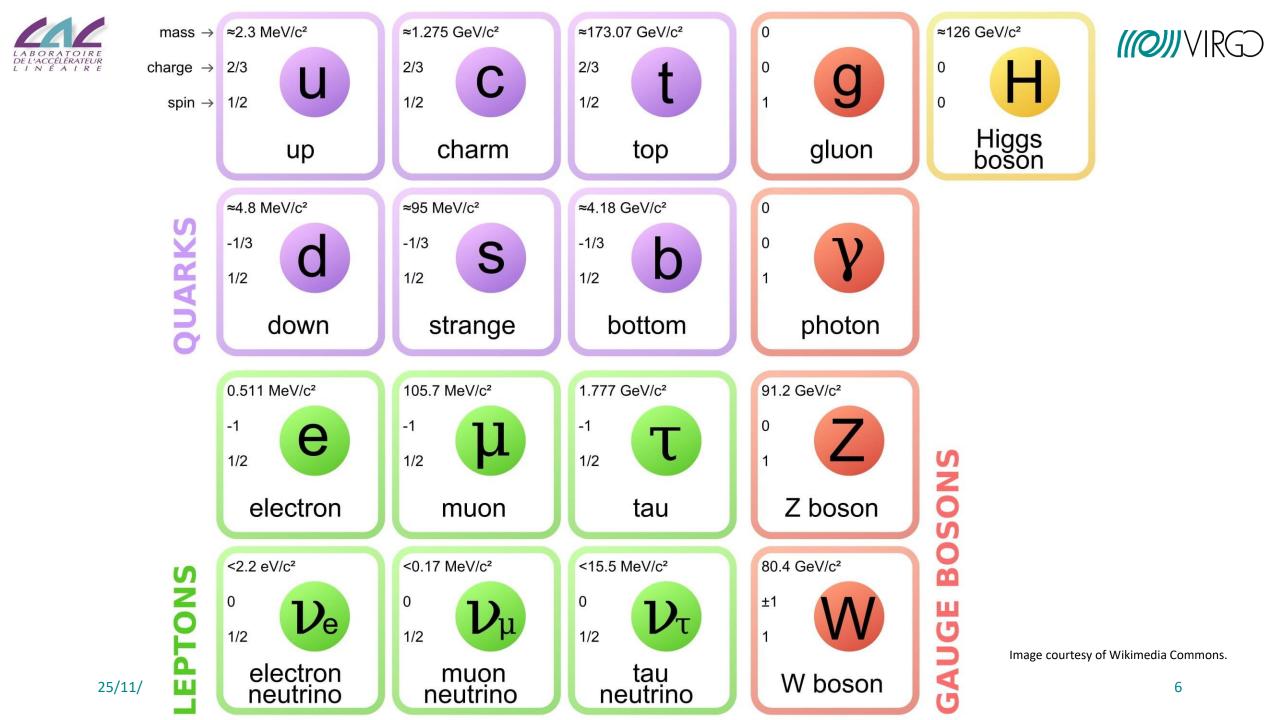
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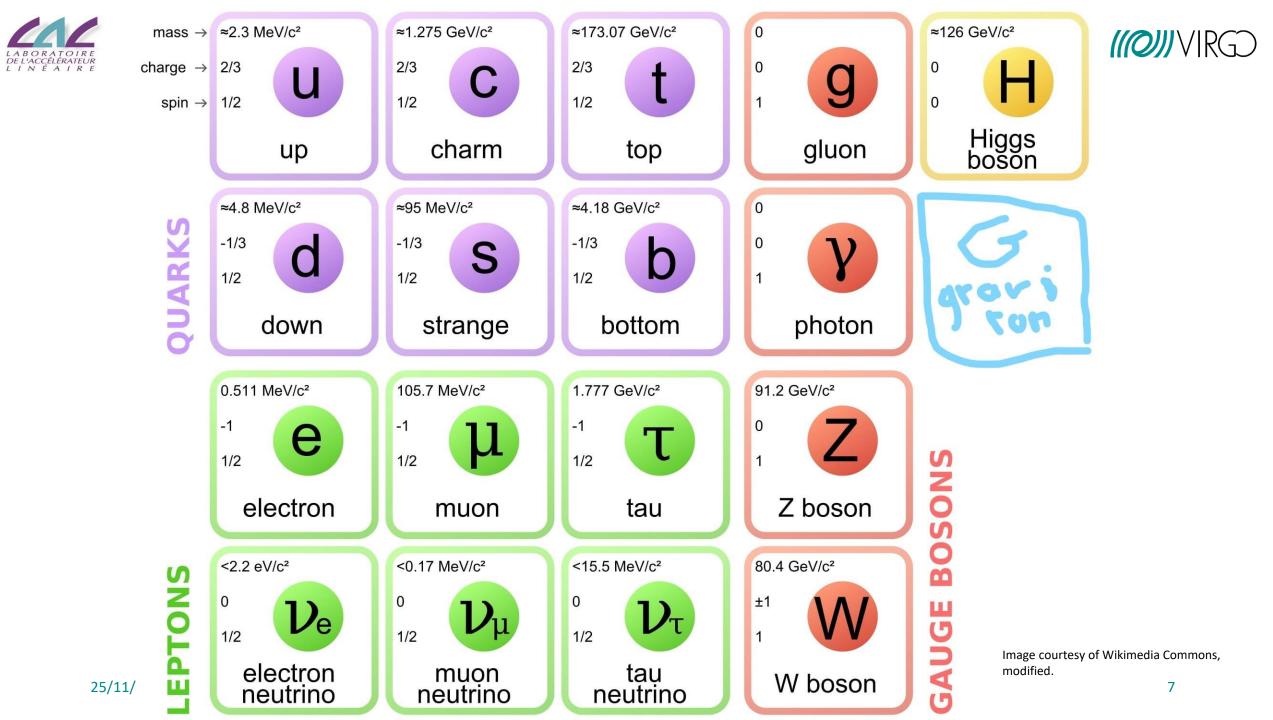


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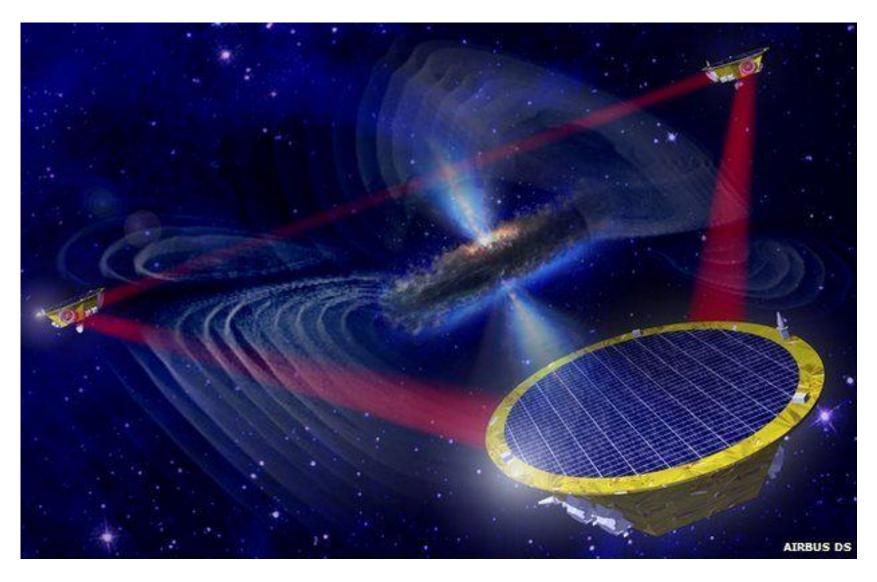






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Gravitational waves (GW): basics

- Ripples of the curvature of spacetime: 'space tells matter how to move [...] matter tells space how to curve' (Misner, Thorne & Wheeler, in Gravitation, 1973).
- Emitted by accelerating massive bodies; travel at the speed of light.
- Stretch and squeeze an object; the larger the object, the more it stretches as:

$$\frac{\delta L}{L_0} = \frac{h}{2}$$

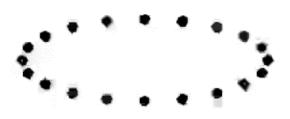
where L_0 is the length of the object, δL the length variation due to the GW, and h the GW strain amplitude.

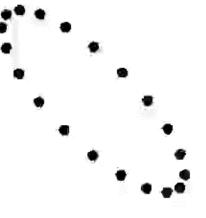
This $\frac{\delta L}{L_0}$ is what is actually measured to get to the GW strain amplitude *h*.



Gravitational waves (GW): basics

• Transverse waves \rightarrow similar to tidal effect





+ polarisation

+ polarisation



GW strain amplitude

• Einstein formula:

$$h \approx \frac{2}{r} \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{MR^2}{T^2} \approx \frac{\delta L}{L_0}$$

with
$$G = 6.67408 \times 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}$$

 $c = 2.99792 \times 10^8 m s^{-1}$

→ h is... extremely small!!



1st detector condition

A gravitational wave detector has to be very sensitive!!

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Sources luminosity

• The gravitational-wave luminosity of a source can be written as:

$$L \sim \frac{c^5}{G} \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{R_S}{R}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\nu}{c}\right)^6$$

where ε is the source asymmetry, R_S the Schwarzschild radius (describing the compactness of the source), R the source radius, and v its velocity.

→ to be a good GW emitter, a source needs to be **asymmetric** ($\varepsilon \sim 1$), **compact** ($R_s/R \sim 1$), and **relativistic** ($v/c \sim 1$). → **astrophysical events**



















Neutron Stars merger

Black Holes merger





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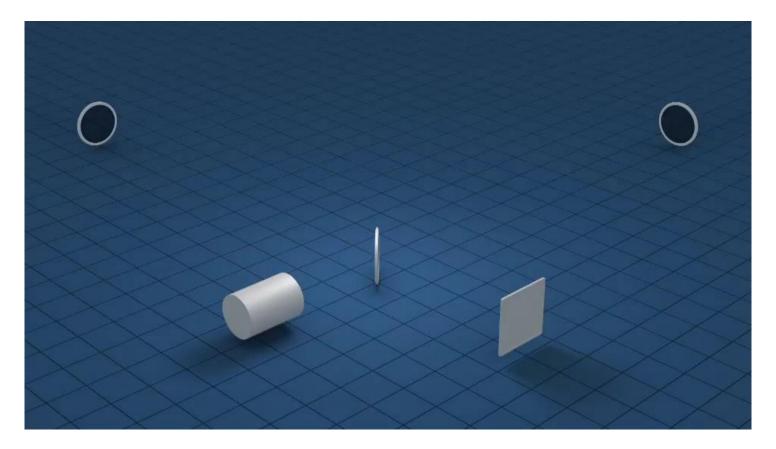
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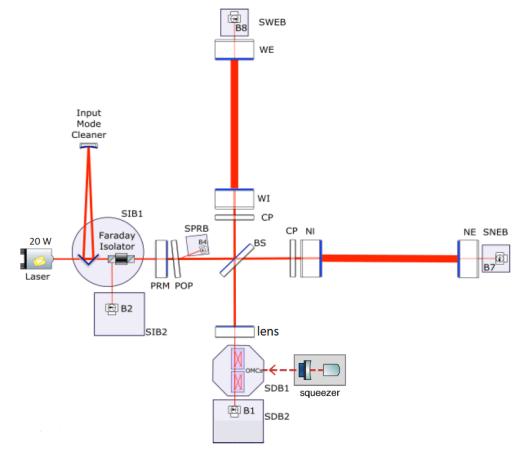


Ground-based interferometer for GW detection





What is Virgo?



- Michelson interferometer (ITF)
 → direct detection of gravitational waves
- 3 km arms with Fabry-Perot cavities to increase the light path

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- Working point @ dark fringe (destructive interferences)
- **Power Recycling mirror** that reflects the light back to the ITF increasing the power in the ITF.
- Real-time active control of the working point: <u>Sensing</u>: photodiodes <u>Actuation</u>: mirrors, suspensions, laser
- Large optics (mirrors) contained in **superattenuator towers** (inverted pendulums). They are the test masses that perceive the space-time variations induced by GW.
- Small optics (telescopes, photodiodes) on suspended benches
- Laser: wavelength = 1064 nm input power = 12-25 W continuous





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(IRG)



Observation Runs

- For any GW detector, observation phases last for a certain time, called an Observation run.
- Between two Observation runs, GW detectors are upgraded.
- The first detection GW150914 occurred during the Observation run 1 (O1). The first triple detection GW170814 occurred during O2.
- Since 1 April 2019, O3 has started and will last for a whole year. At present, only potential candidates to GW events have been recorded and one will need several months for confirmation.





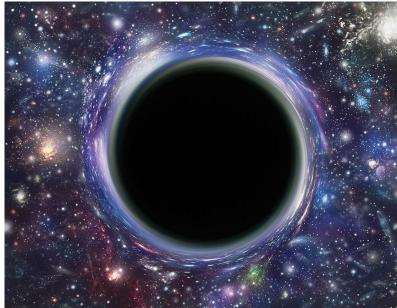


A couple of interesting links

Virgo news: <u>http://www.virgo-gw.eu/</u>

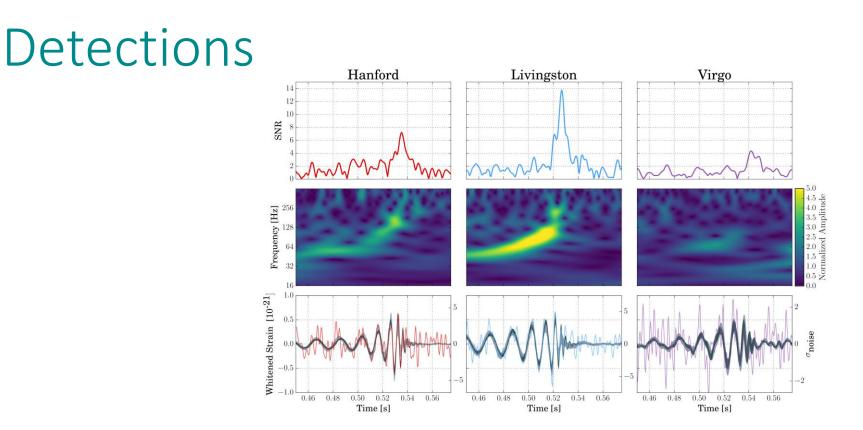
Potential candidates: https://gracedb.ligo.org/superevents/public/O3/

App to keep track of the latest gravitational wave alerts: <u>http://chirp.sr.bham.ac.uk</u>



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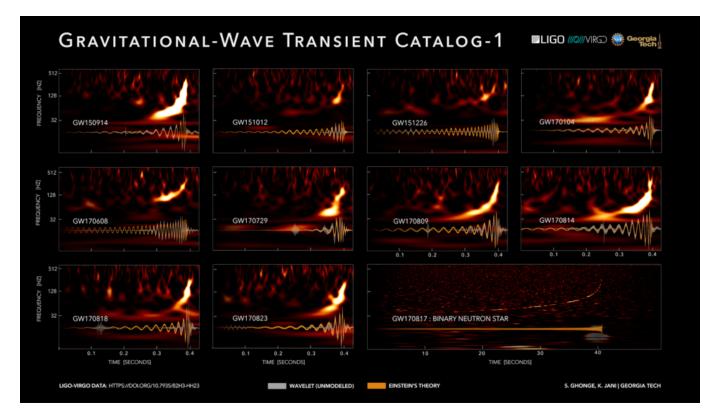
GW170814: the first triple detection (LIGO + Virgo) of a binary black hole merger



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Detections



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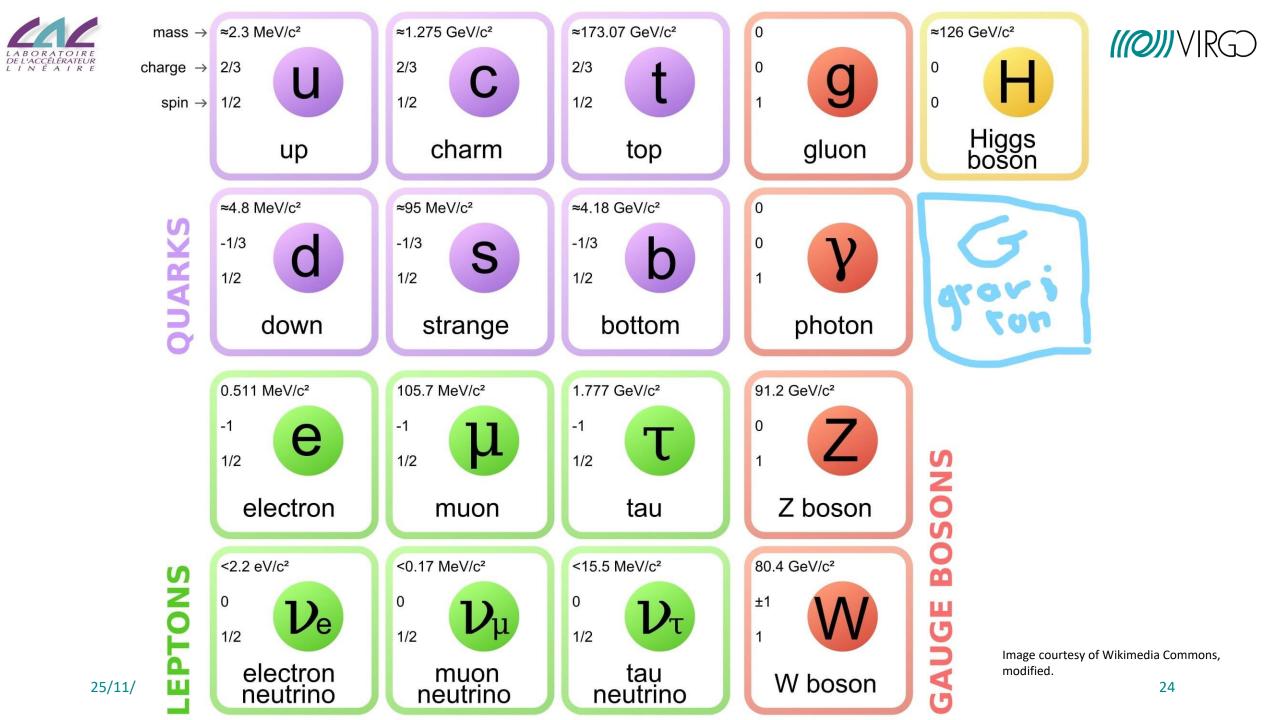






2nd detector condition

A gravitational wave detector system control has to be very stable!!











Three-mode parametric instabilities

AKA only 'parametric instabilities' (PI)



Parametric gain

There are many sources of noise that limit the interferometer sensitivity (hence its observable range). One of the fundamental ones is the shot noise, describing the discontinuous property of photons (Poisson distribution):

$$\tilde{h} \propto P_{laser}^{-1/2}$$

So, the higher the laser power, the lower the noise, the higher the sensitivity.

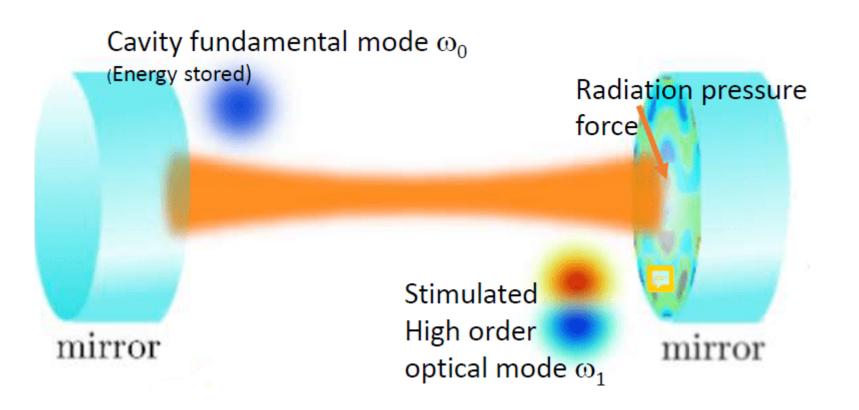
However, the three-mode (or optomechanical) parametric instability gain (explained right after), is proportional to the laser power input:

$$R_m \propto P_{laser}$$

So, the higher the laser power, the higher the instability, the lower the stability (control of the interferometer).



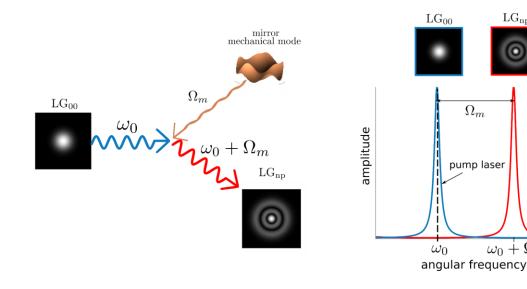
3-mode interaction

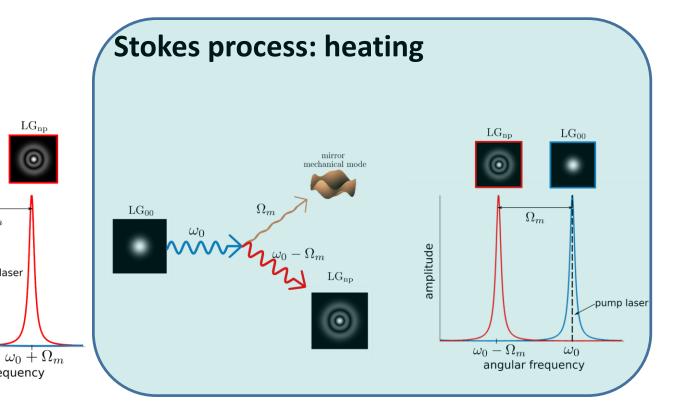




3-mode interaction

Anti-Stokes process: cooling

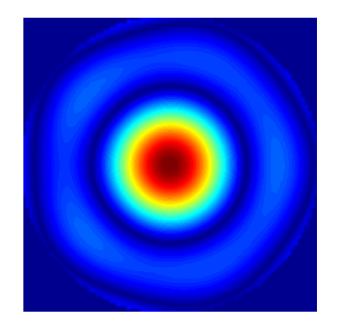




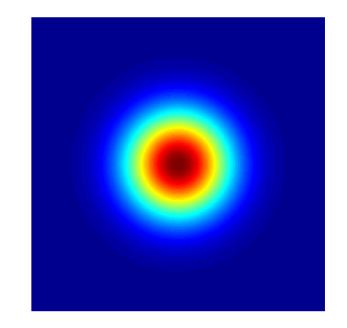


Mechanical and optical modes overlap

Mechanical mode

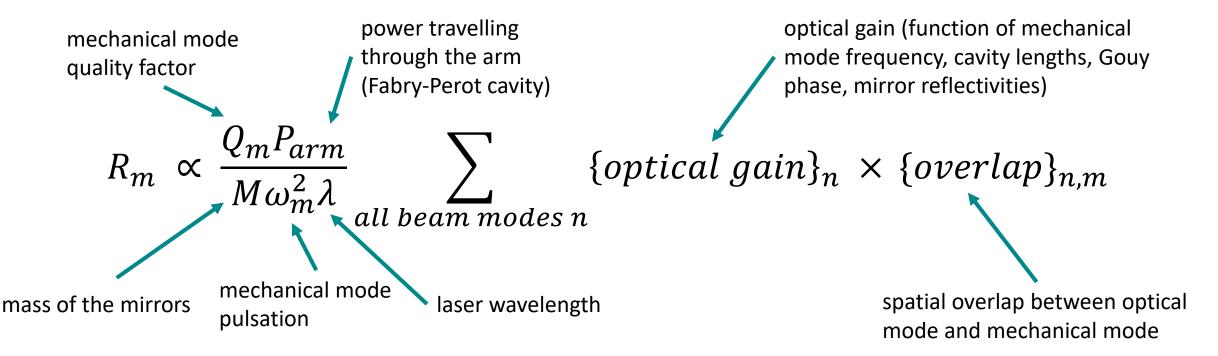


Optical mode





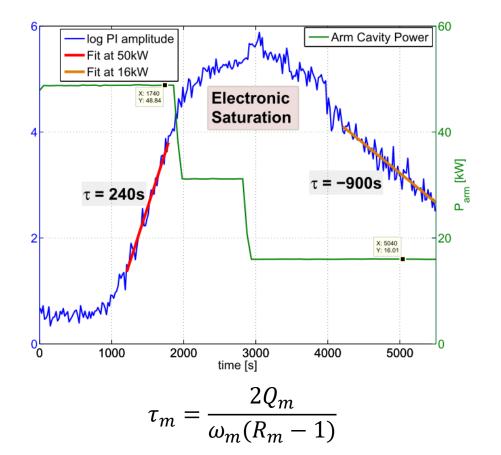
Parametric gain



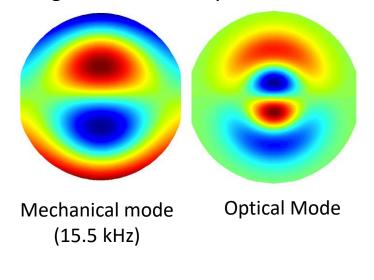
The mechanical mode is unstable if its parametric gain R_m is higher than 1.



Parametric instabilities (PI) at LIGO



The instability rings up until the electronics begins to saturate, at which point the control of the interferometer is lost. Before the electronic saturation, the growth was long enough for them to try to decrease the laser power input.

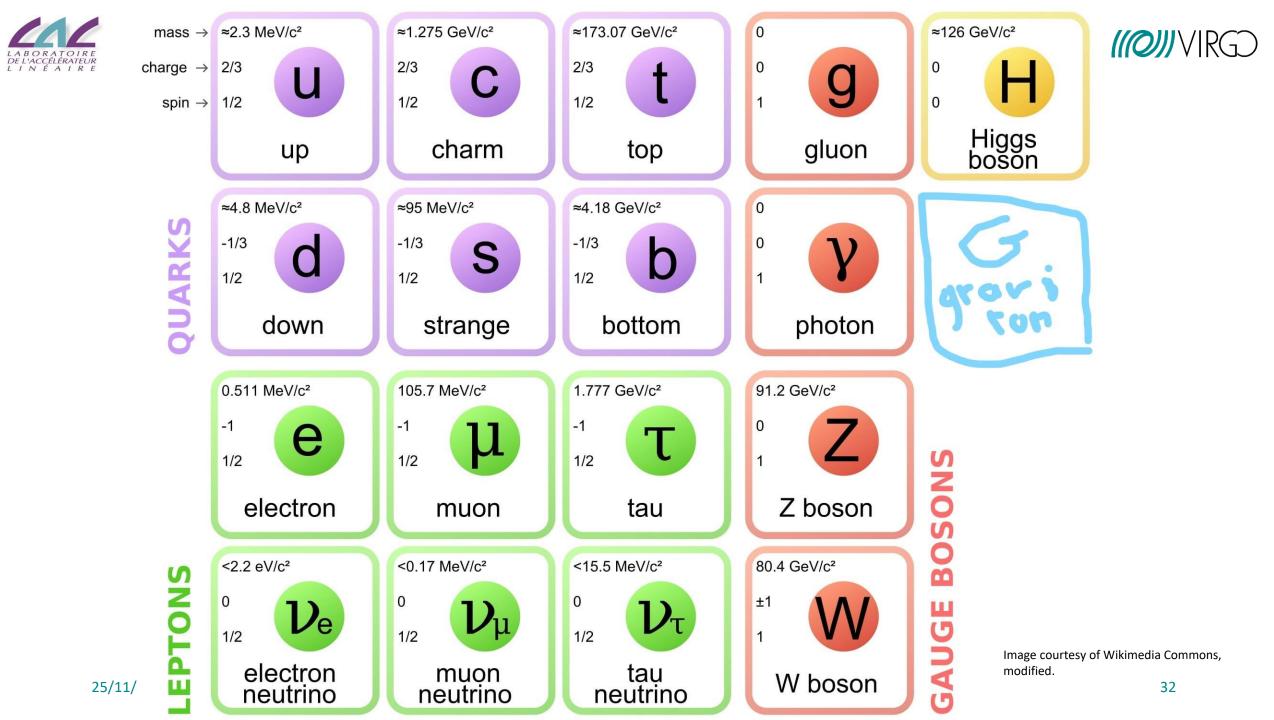


The mechanical mode and the optical mode responsible for the PI.

Evans et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114.16 (2015): 161102

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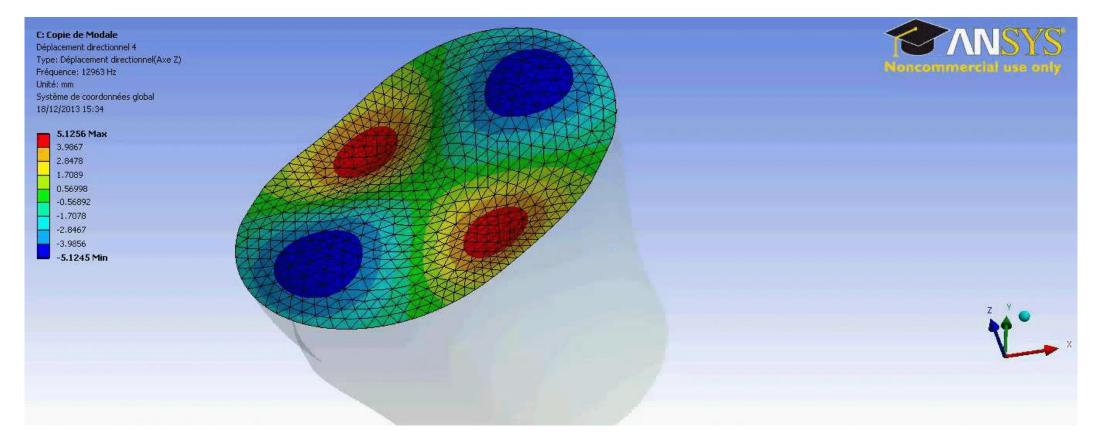
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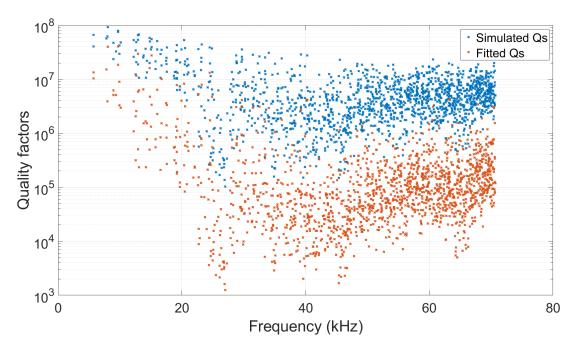


Mechanical modes computation





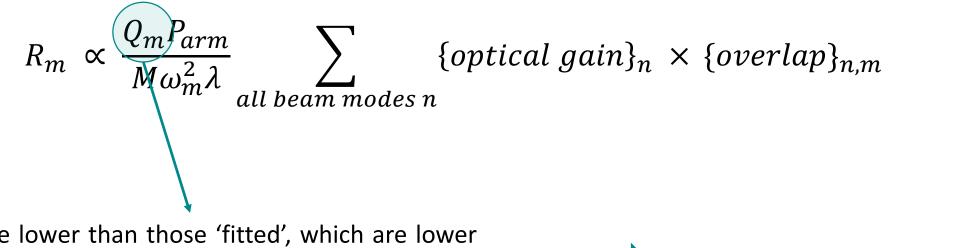
Mechanical modes' quality factors (Qs)



- On the left panel are displayed two different sets of Qs. The 'fitted' ones are closer to the real ones, because they were fitted from a measurement.
- A new set is being measured: so far, measured Qs are even lower than the 'fitted' ones.
- LIGO mirrors' mechanical modes have higher Qs.



Recall of the parametric gain relation



These are lower than those 'fitted', which are lower than those 'simulated', which are lower than those from LIGO!

Virgo is less likely to face PI!



Homemade code for PI computation

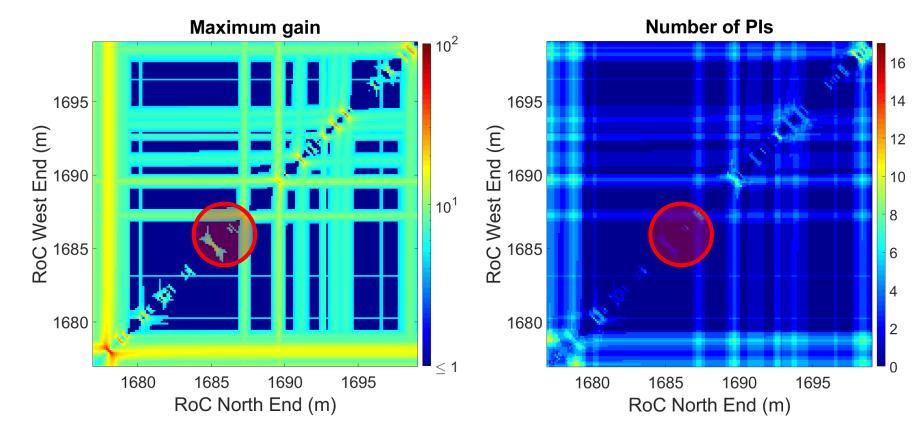
 Analytical method taken from <u>Evans *et al.*</u> "A general approach to optomechanical parametric instabilities." *Physics Letters* A374.4 (2010): 665-671

→ Matlab Oriented Object Programming (OOP) code

+ Graphical User Interface (GUI)



With all mechanical Q factors set to 10⁷

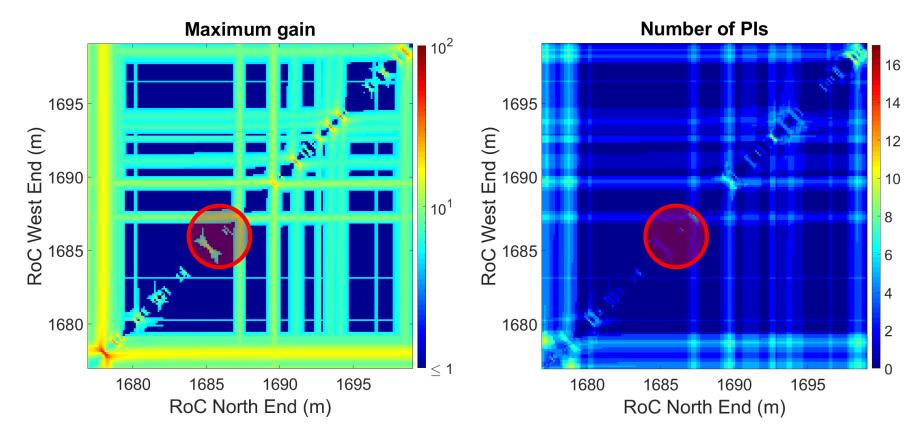


of curvatures Radii of the (RoC) two END mirrors are scanned over а chosen range in order to take various uncertainties into account.

The Virgo working point (WP) has been measured: around 1686 m for both END mirrors.



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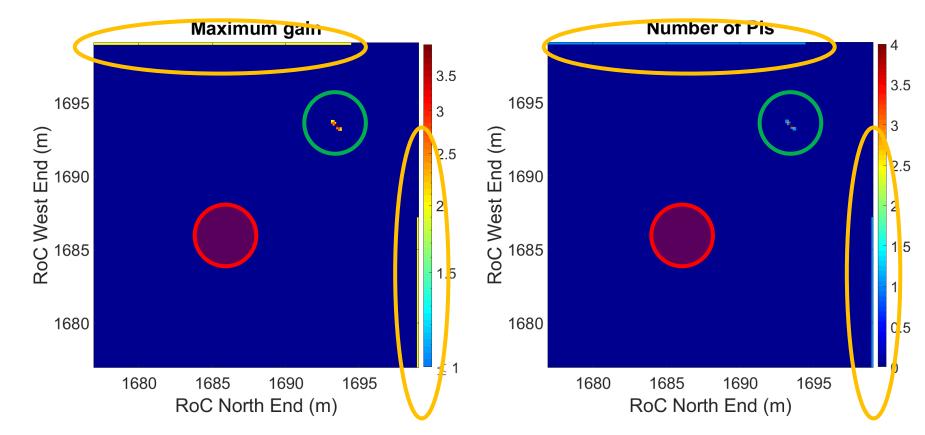
For each configuration (here it is a position in terms of radius of curvature), there are from 0 to less than 20 unstable mechanical modes.

Each mechanical mode resonates at a certain radius of curvature. So one can get back to the unstable mode thanks to this kind of map. 39

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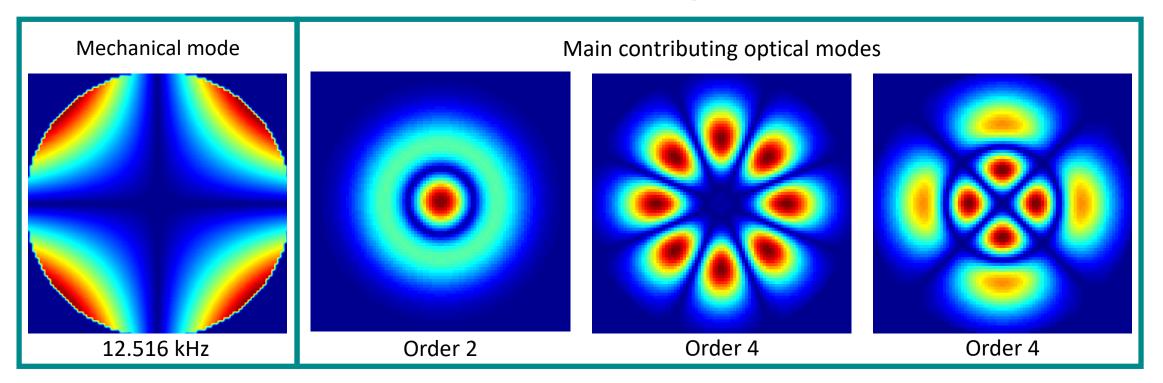
With all 'fitted' quality factors



In a more real situation, Virgo should not face any PI for the O3 setting, as one can see here. This is mainly due to the very low mechanical Qs.

The two unstable mechanical modes, the **12.516 kHz**, and the **12.914 kHz**, are quite far away from the **WP**.

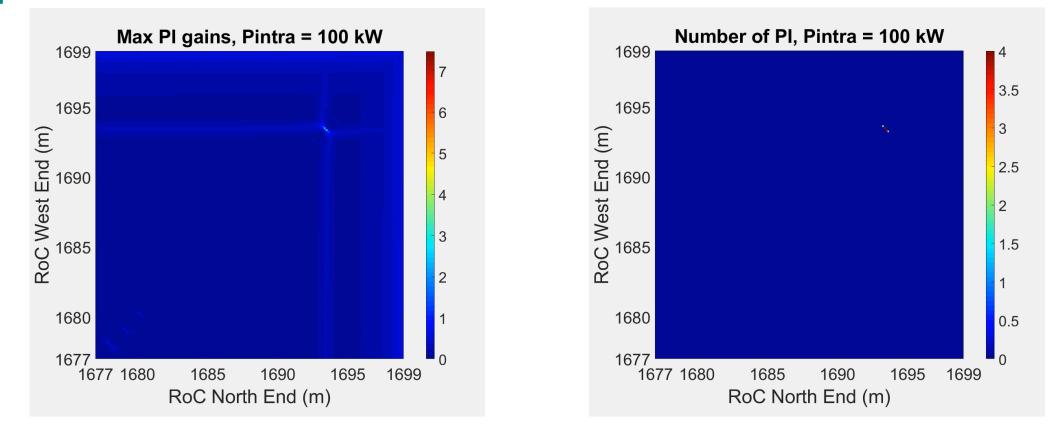




As one can see, the overlap is not obviously the main contributor to the parametric gain. The optical gain plays an important role as well!



Evolution of the instabilities when the input power increases





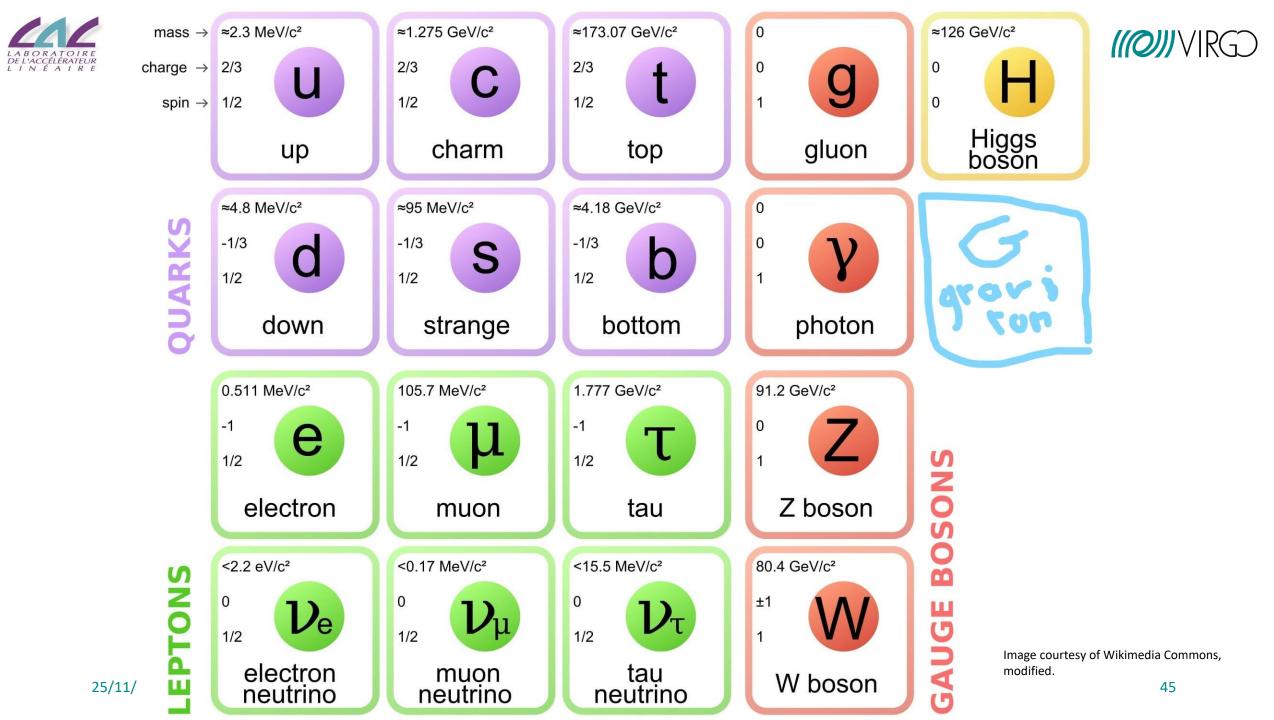
At present

- Virgo has never observed any optomechanical parametric instabilities so far. Our simulations helped endorse the fact that none is foreseen with the current O3 configuration.
- With the same configuration, the intracavity power can be increased up to about 1500 kW.
- However, the next Virgo configurations should be quite different.



Next steps

- Perform a simulation for the O4 configuration, that is with a higher laser power input, and with an extra mirror, thus creating a new optical cavity in the interferometer (Signal Recycling Cavity).
- Perform a simulation for the O5 configuration, that is with an even higher laser power input, and new mirrors.
- Perform a simulation for the LIGO configuration as an extra sanity check. Indeed, they observed some of these instabilities at LIGO, therefore we should be able to find them with our program.













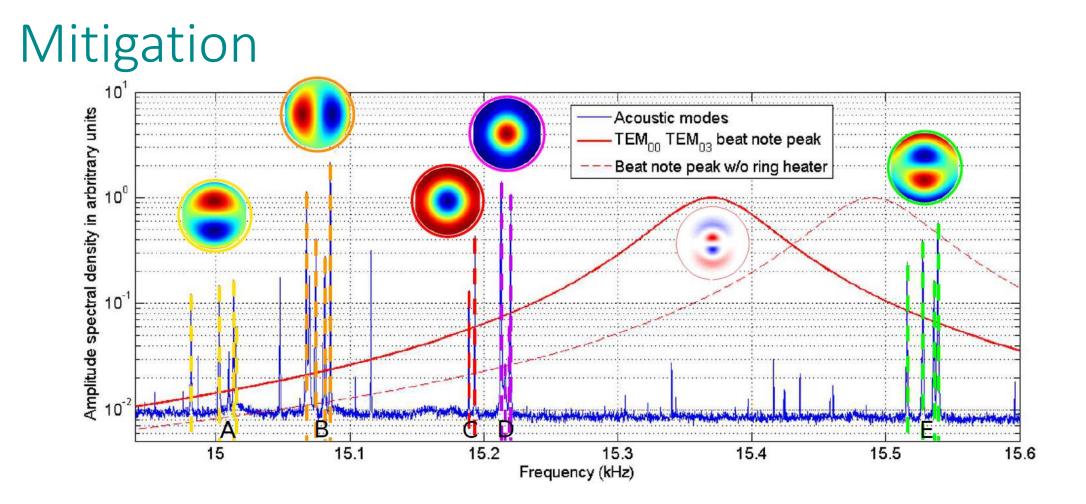
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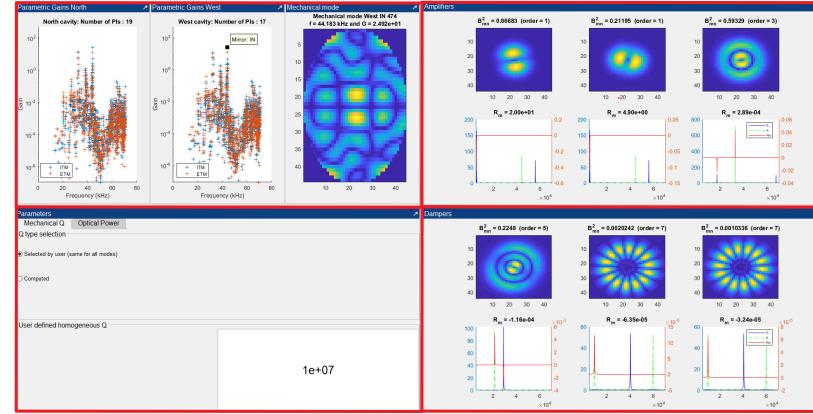


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GUI for commissioners

PI gains + associated mechanical mode to the selected PI



Optical modes amplifiers contributing the most to the select PI

Optical modes dampers contributing the most to the select PI

Settings panel



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GUI for commissioners

Panel to select the interferometer configuration, ie selecting both END → mirrors RoCs → the first panel is modified accordingly

