

Vers une calibration de précision des détecteurs d'OG

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Why an accurate calibration for GW: Hubble constant

▶ Measuring the Hubble Constant:

- Measurements with distance ladder

- ▶ around 73 km/s/Mpc

- CMB/BAO measurements

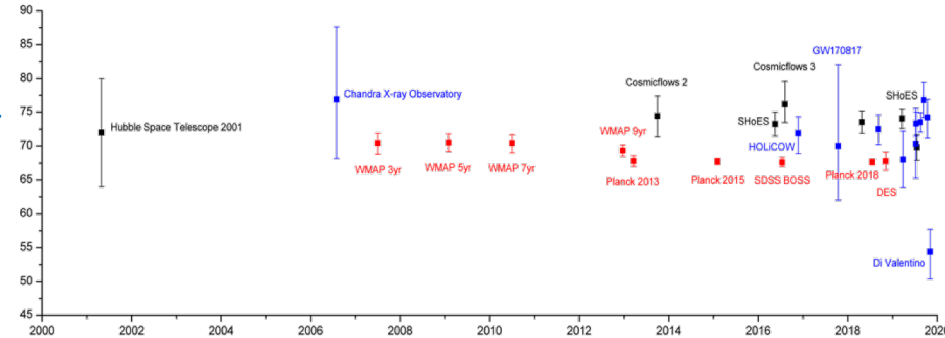
- ▶ around 67 km/s/Mpc

- One GW event (GW170817): $H_0 = 72.4^{+7.9}_{-7.3} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (7.6%)

▶ Error on absolute $h(t)$ calibration directly translate to H_0 error

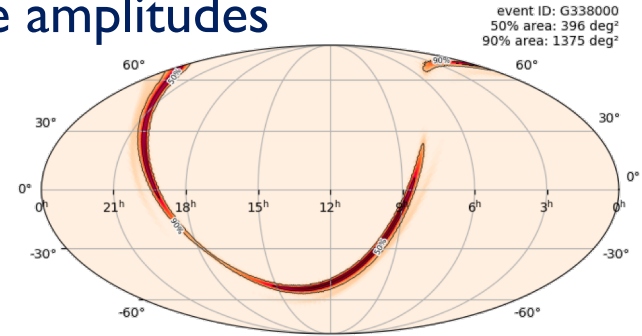
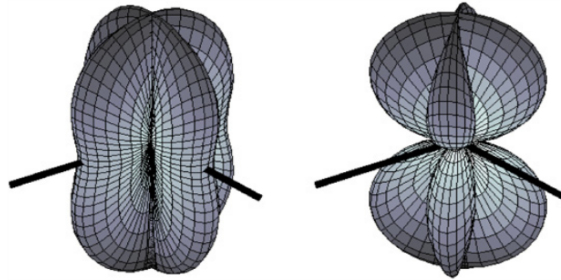
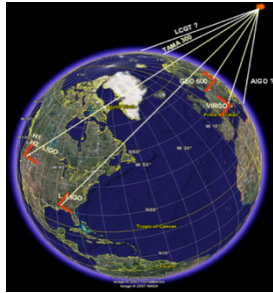
- The event rate is expected to increasing by a factor 3 at each run

- ▶ Need to target sub-percent sensitivity for O5
- ▶ Event more challenging for Einstein Telescope



Why an accurate calibration for GW: sky maps

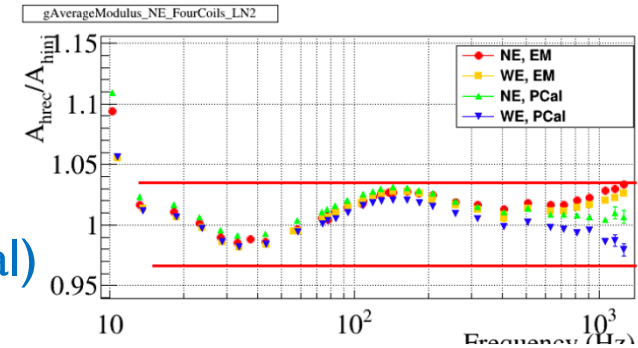
- ▶ Sky maps built using times of flight and relative amplitudes



- ▶ Need a reconstructed $h(t)$ accurately calibrated in:
 - Amplitude
 - ▶ Current SNR up to 20-30
 - ▶ Could expect SNR close to 100 within few years and much more with ET
 - ▶ → require sub-percent accuracy
 - Time/phase over the full frequency spectrum (need to target less than 10 us)
 - + Cross calibration between detectors

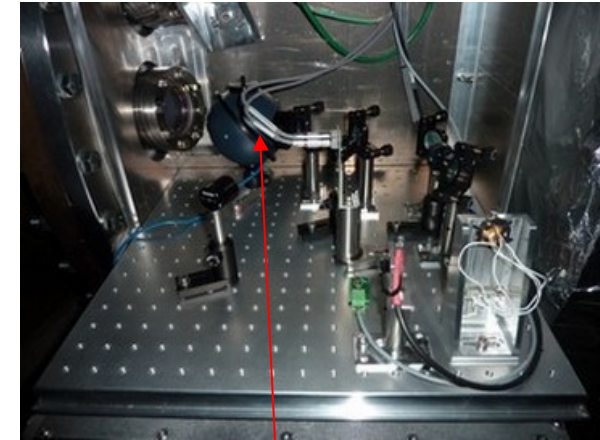
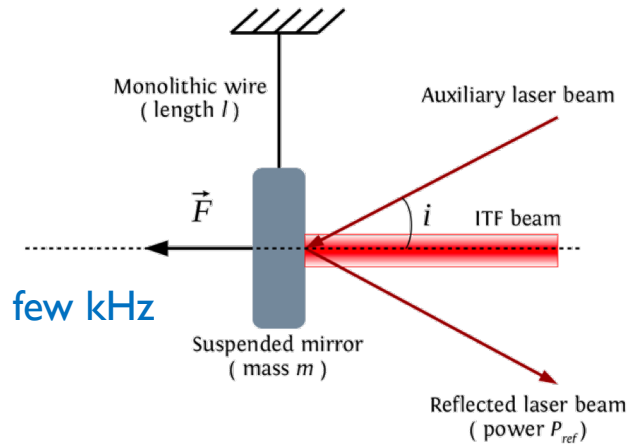
Calibration basic

- ▶ Principle: inject a know mirror displacement and validate/correct $h(t)$.
 - Checks with a set of frequencies (runs) or large freq. band (dedicated studies)
- ▶ Three techniques to move the mirrors:
 - Radiation pressure using an auxiliary laser (PCal)
 - Newtonian force using moving masses (Ncal)
 - Electromagnetic actuators (not the most accurate in the long run)
- ▶ Common challenges:
 - Do not introduce additional noise beside the injected calibration signals
 - Cross calibration with LIGO and KAGRA
 - Stringer requirements as the sensitivity improves



Photon Calibrator (PCal)

- ▶ Modulate the power of an auxiliary laser beam
- ▶ Benefits:
 - Versatile system: easy to produce complex waveforms, up to few kHz
 - Simple optical system, but....
- ▶ Challenges
 - Difficult to calibrate the absolute power reflected on the in vacuum mirror
 - ▶ Parameters of the optics, polarization...
 - Absolute calibration is based on calorimetry (power-meter),
 - ▶ Difficult to reach sub-percent level
 - ▶ Discrepancy of few percent's between national institutes
 - System stability (environment, alignment, cleanliness, ageing...)
 - Reduction of the laser power noise
 - Mirror mechanical response
- ▶ R&D plan:
 - Reach sub-percent absolute calibration
 - Install the system in (light) vacuum?



NIST-calibrated
integrating sphere

Newtonian Calibrator (NCal)

- ▶ Basic model: rotor made of two masses
 - The non linear Newtonian force creates the signal
 - Signal at twice the rotor frequency; $1/d^4$ effect
- ▶ Expected benefits
 - Signal depends mostly on the rotor geometry and position
 - ▶ Mirror mass cancels out
 - No aging effect of the signal
 - Simple interface with the ITF: could be moved from one to another
- ▶ Challenges
 - Able to rotate at few hundred 100 Hz (10k-20k RPM), for years
 - ▶ “Without” mechanical vibration or electromagnetic noise
 - Well known geometry and mass
 - Be able to be install at different location with different orientation → support
 - Safety: no dislocation + protection in case of dislocation
- ▶ R&D plan: build (incrementally) prototypes that could reach a 0.1 % absolute calibration
 - Involve high precision mechanic, metrology, instrumentation,...

