

Einstein Telescope and cold Mirrors

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This presentation is about:



- the next generation European gravitational wave detector: the Einstein Telescope (ET)
- its overall technical design
- and one of the most critical part: the mirrors at room and cryogenic temperatures

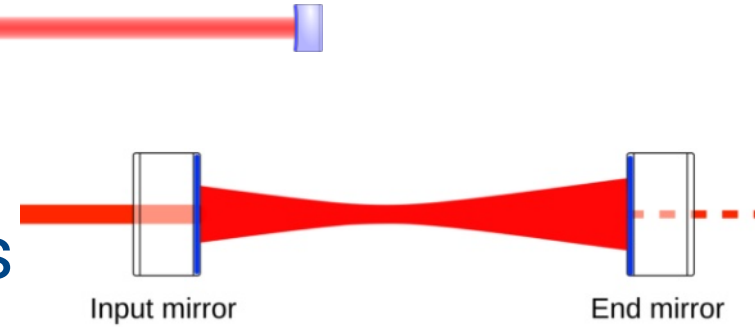
At the heart of gravitational wave detectors...



The detector Virgo in Italy

... some outstanding mirrors

- forming the km long arm cavities
- where the gravitational wave signal is encoded to the phase of the light
- loosing light = loosing signal (and adding noise)

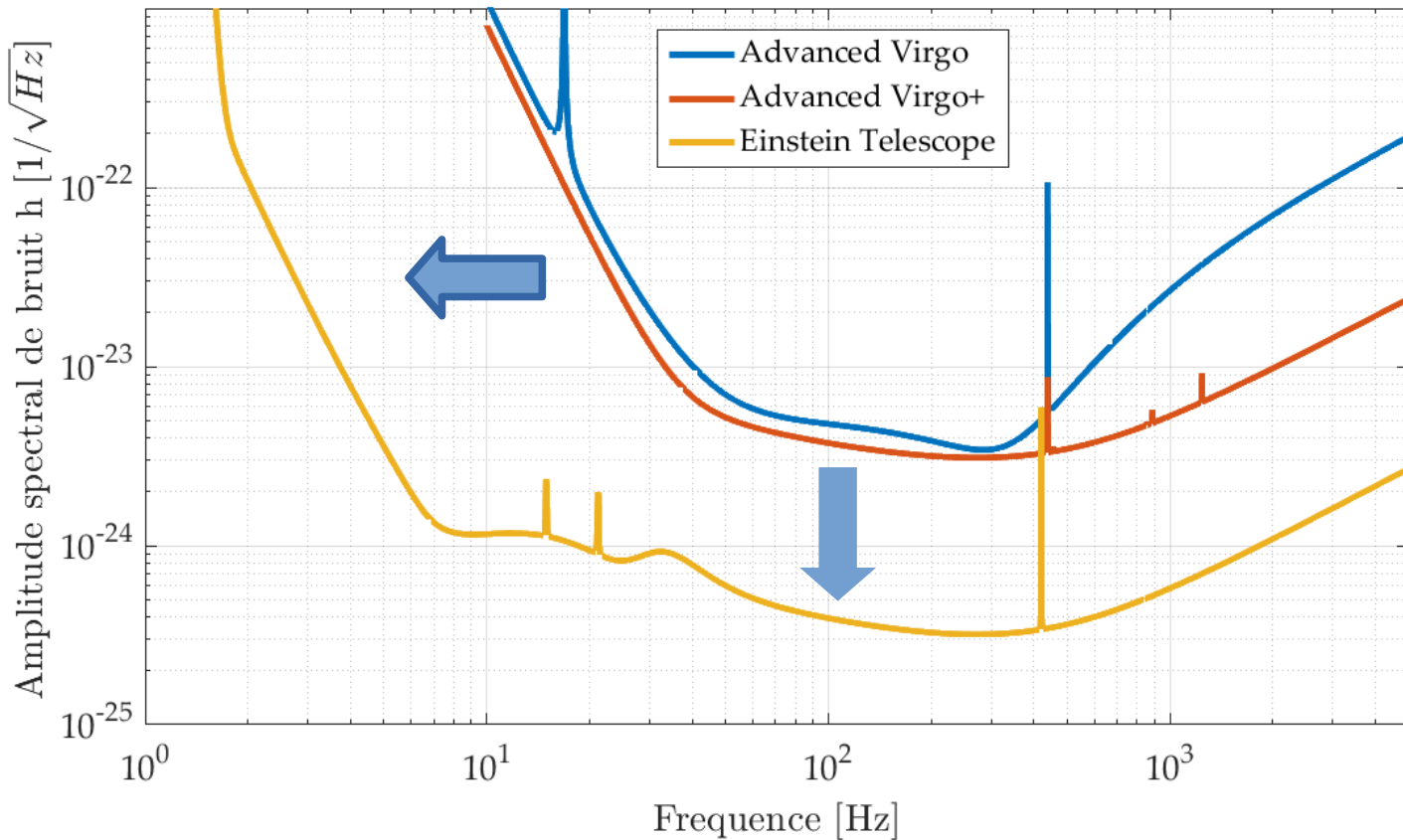


Very strong requirement on the amount of light
lost per round trip: $< 0.01\%$

State of the art substrates, polishing and coating

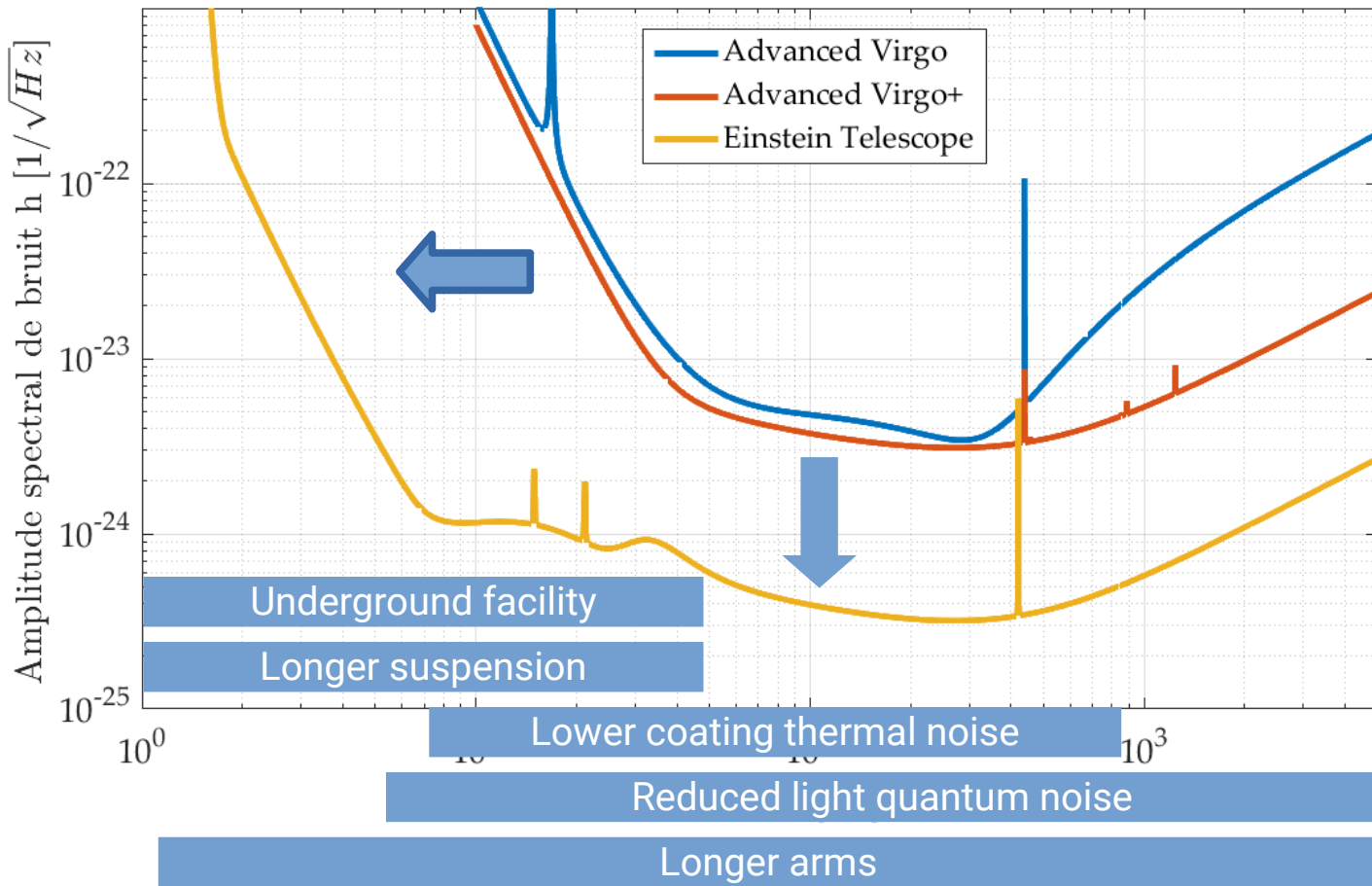
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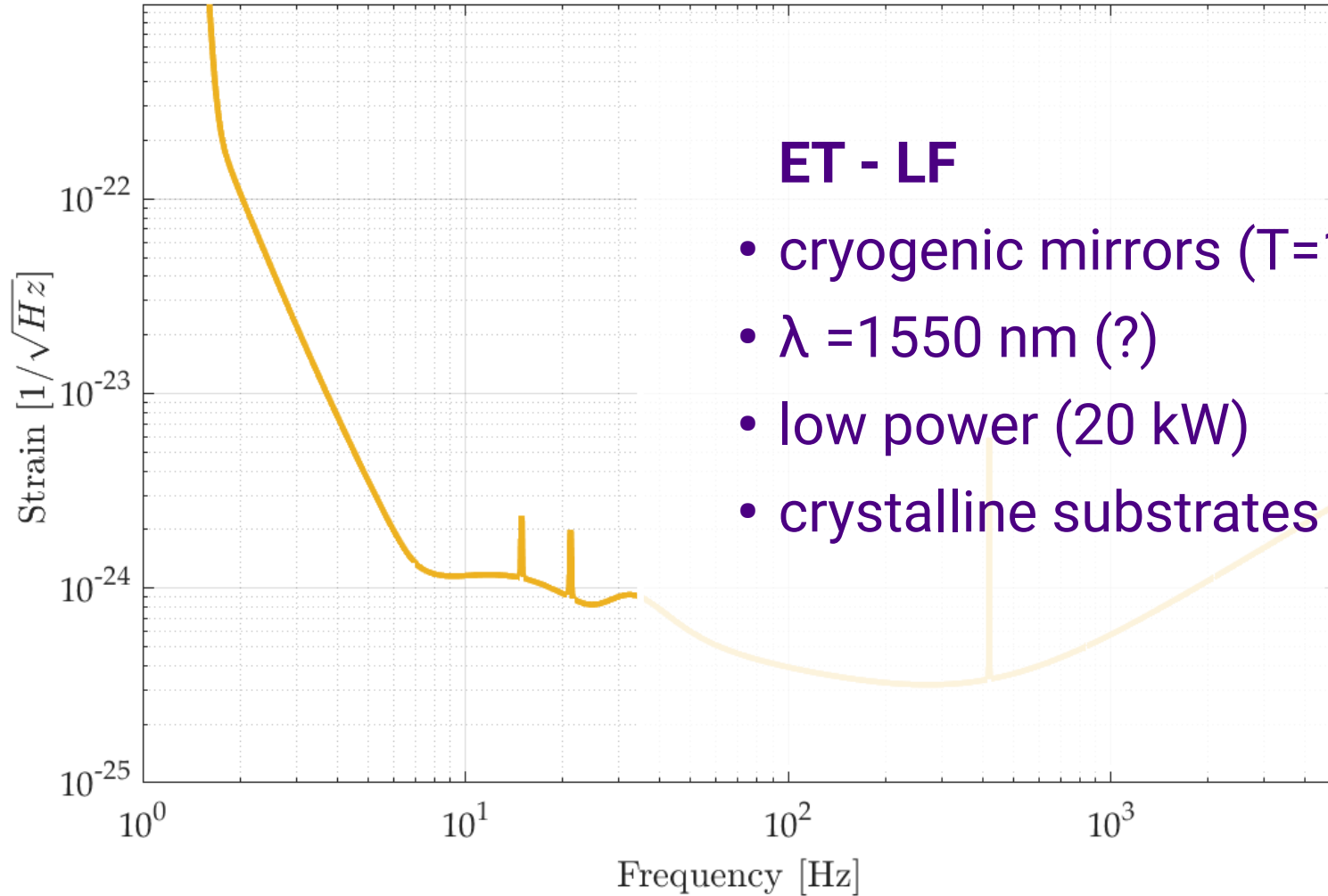


The challenge of increasing the bandwidth



- conflicting requirement at low and high frequencies
 - high optical power required at high frequency to lower the shot noise
 - but high power also degrades the low frequency due to radiation pressure noise
- the sensitivity could be achieved by 2 interferometers dedicated to low frequency (ET-LF) and high frequency (ET-HF)

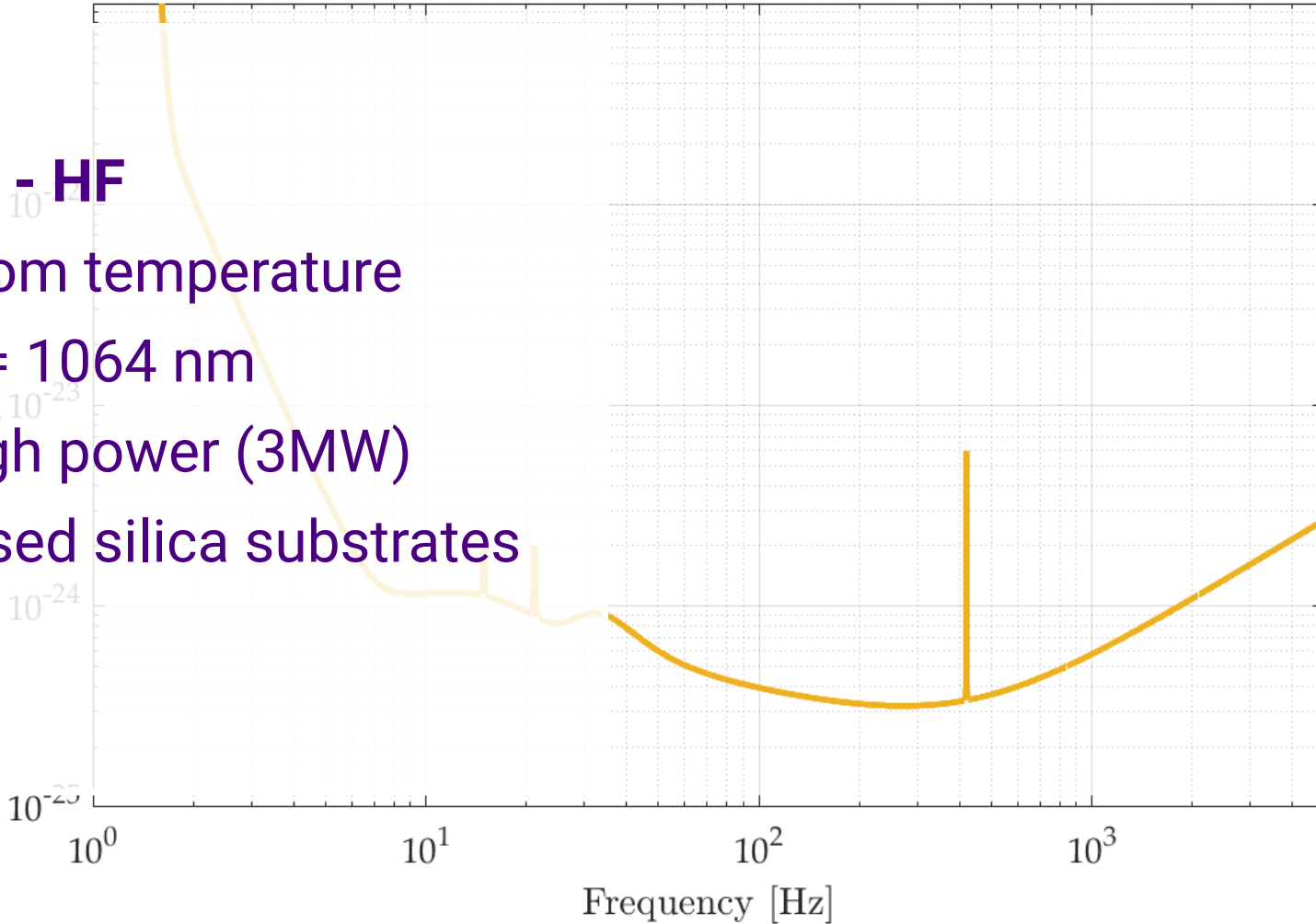
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ET - HF

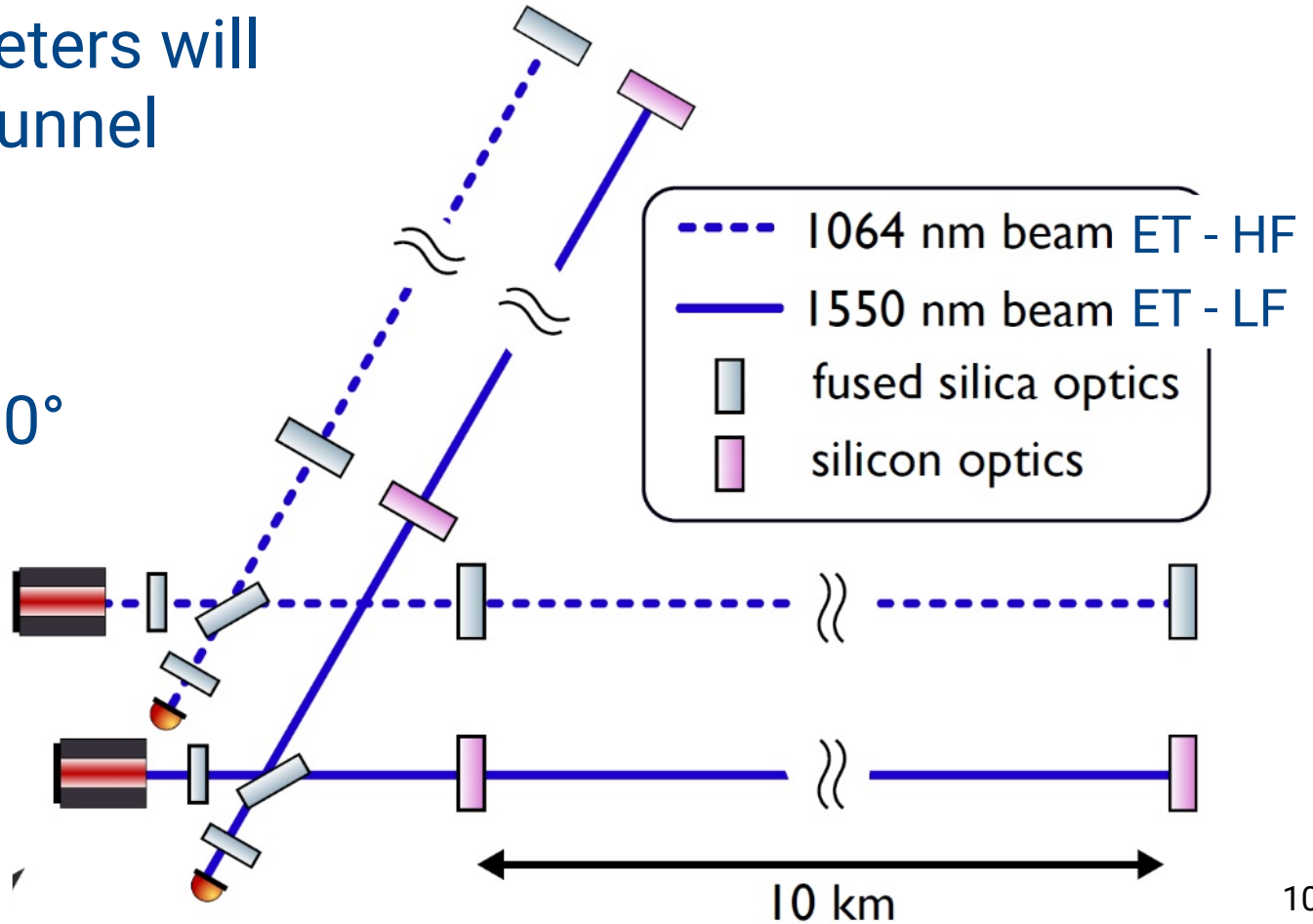
- room temperature
- $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$
- high power (3MW)
- fused silica substrates



1 detector = 2 interferometers

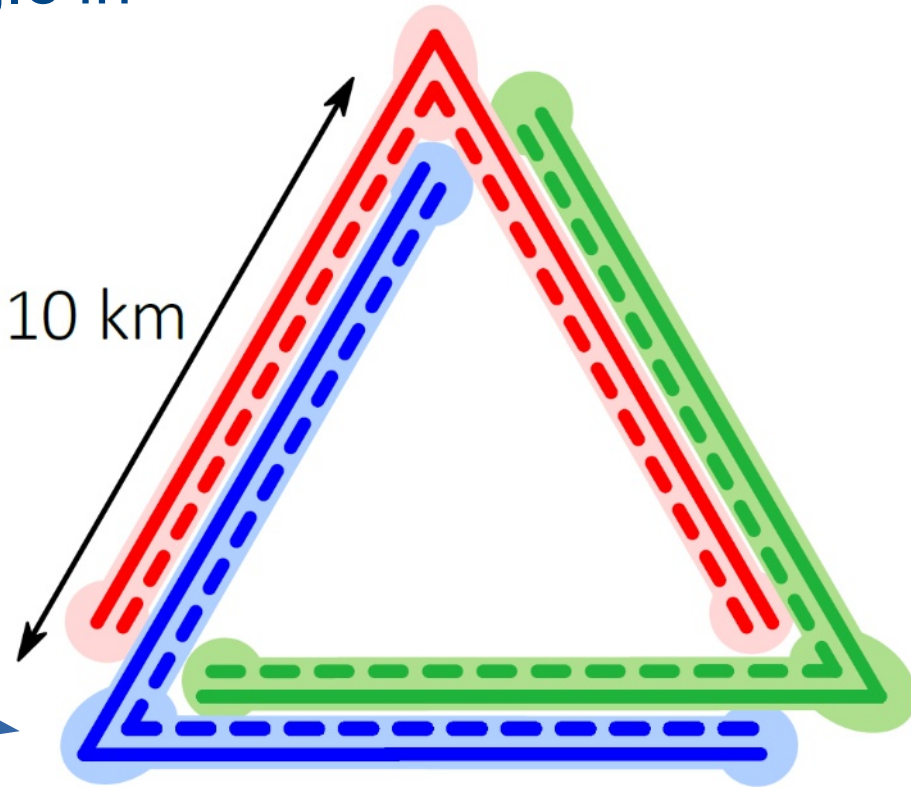
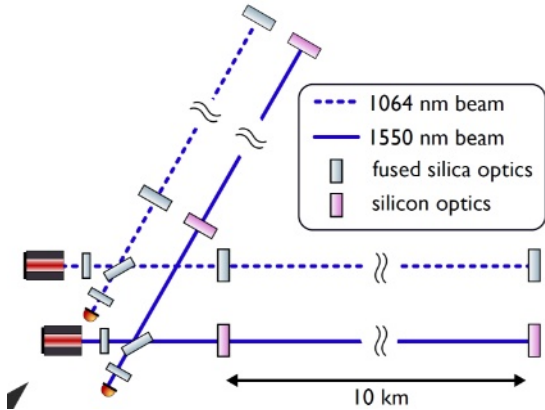
The 2 interferometers will share the same tunnel

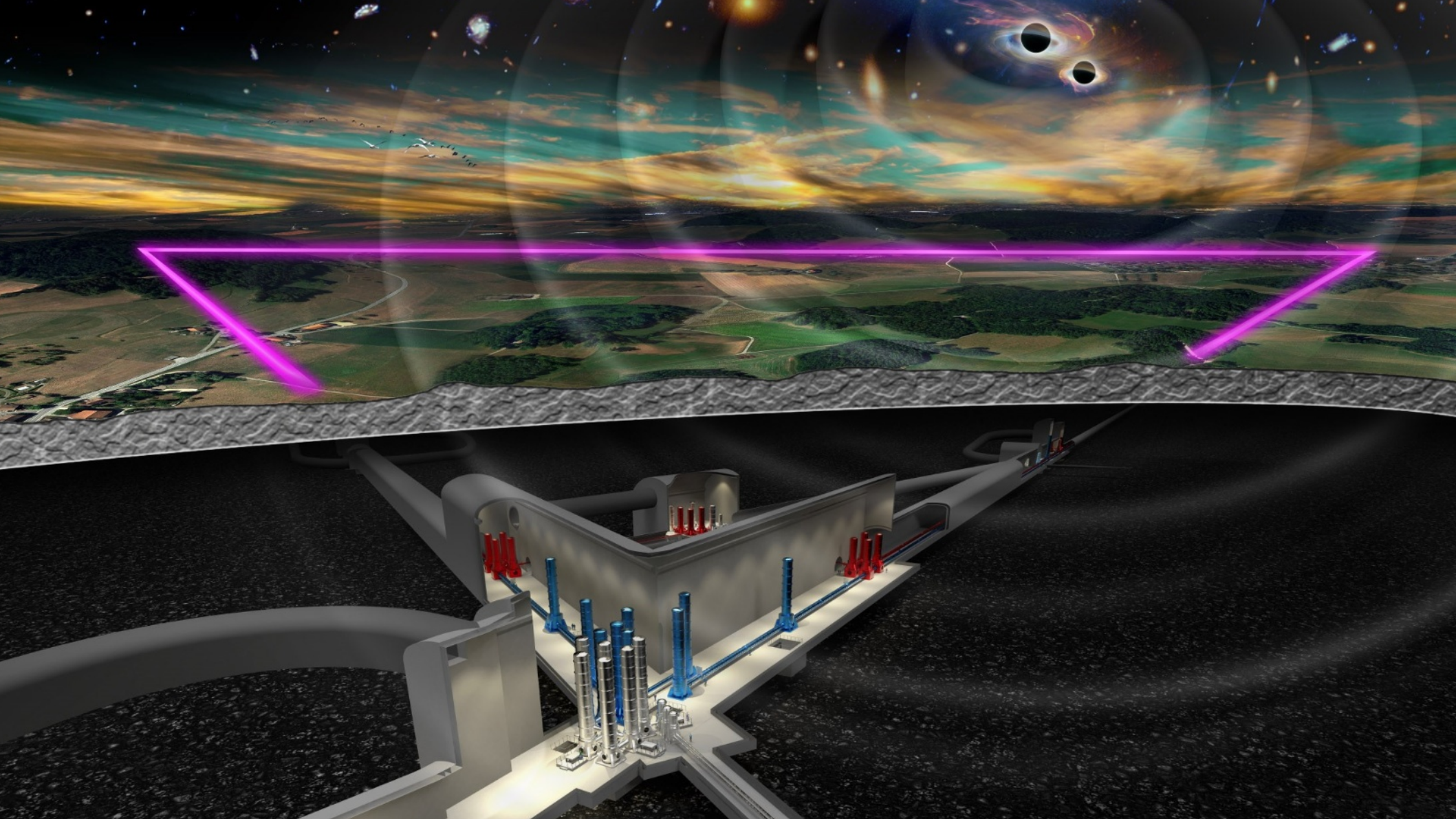
Michelson with 60° arm cavities



Not one but 3 detectors

3 detectors arranged in triangle in the same infrastructure

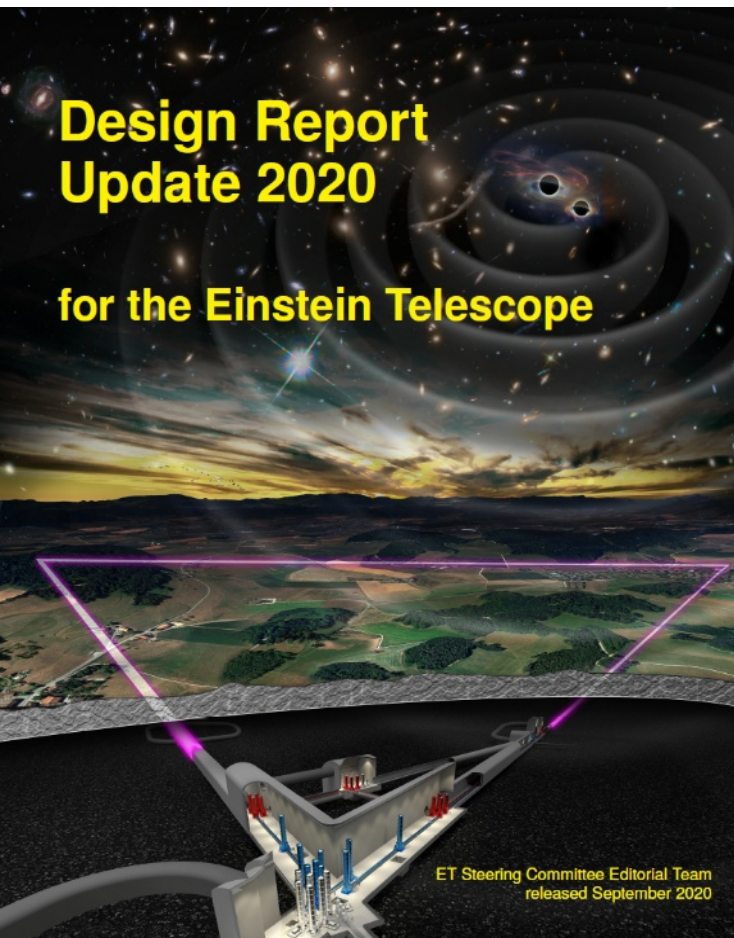




The key parameters

Design Report Update 2020

for the Einstein Telescope



ET Steering Committee Editorial Team
released September 2020

<https://apps.et-gw.eu/tds/ql/?c=15418>

| Parameter | ET-HF | ET-LF |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Arm length | 10 km | 10 km |
| Input power (after IMC) | 500 W | 3 W |
| Arm power | 3 MW | 18 kW |
| Temperature | 290 K | 10-20 K |
| Mirror material | fused silica | silicon |
| Mirror diameter / thickness | 62 cm / 30 cm | 45 cm / 57 cm |
| Mirror masses | 200 kg | 211 kg |
| Laser wavelength | 1064 nm | 1550 nm |
| SR-phase (rad) | tuned (0.0) | detuned (0.6) |
| SR transmittance | 10 % | 20 % |
| Quantum noise suppression | freq. dep. squeez. | freq. dep. squeez. |
| Filter cavities | 1×300 m | 2×1.0 km |
| Squeezing level | 10 dB (effective) | 10 dB (effective) |
| Beam shape | TEM ₀₀ | TEM ₀₀ |
| Beam radius | 12.0 cm | 9 cm |
| Scatter loss per surface | 37 ppm | 37 ppm |
| Seismic isolation | SA, 8 m tall | mod SA, 17 m tall |
| Seismic (for $f > 1$ Hz) | $5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$ | $5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$ |
| Gravity gradient subtraction | none | factor of a few |

Part I

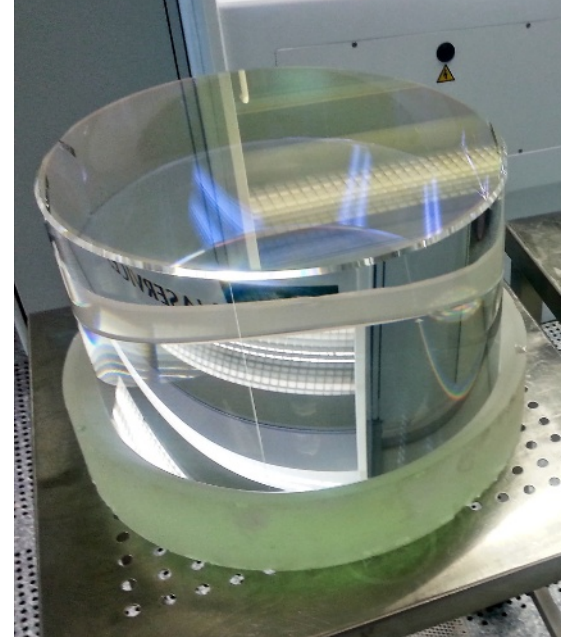
**Room temperature mirrors for ET-HF
(à la Virgo/LIGO)**

The king: fused silica

THE test mass substrate for the room temperature first and second generations of gravitational wave detectors

A well justified choice:

- ▶ outstanding optical properties
- ▶ available in large size
- ▶ polishing and coating well mastered



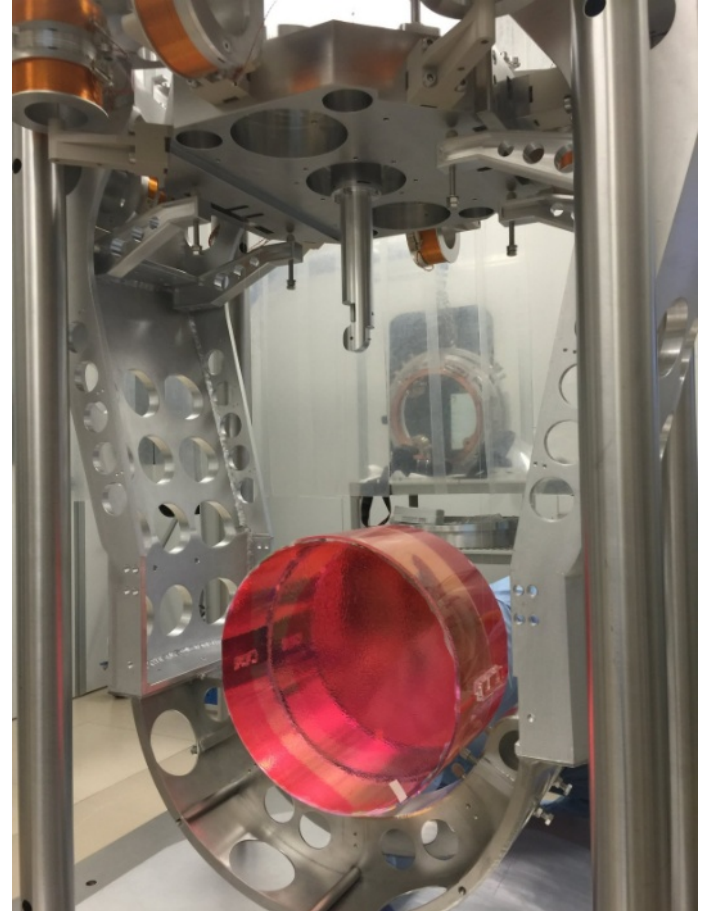
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Some more properties particularly relevant to GW detectors:

- ▶ very low bulk thermal noise
- ▶ possibility of monolithic suspension



Reduction of the mirror displacement
due to thermal noise

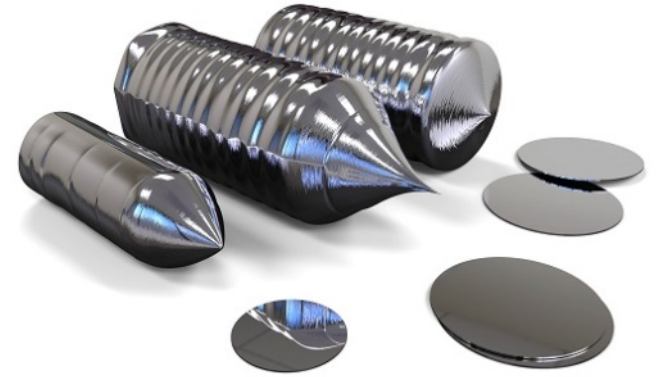


Part II

**Cryogenic mirrors for ET-LF
(AKA the cool solution)**

Which substrate material ?

- fused silica presents excess bulk thermal noise at low temperature
- candidate substrates:
 - silicon ($\lambda > 1300$ nm) →
 - sapphire ($\lambda > 400$ nm)
- to be available in diameter 450 mm, 200 kg
 - difficulties to find such ingot with the required optical properties
 - R&D for cryogenic coating in progress



Serious issues to take care of...



- cooling without transmitting vibration noise
 - soft links to bring the cooling power, integrated to the suspension
- managing a growing ice layer
 - very low water partial pressure (10^{-12} mbar)
 - cryo-panels around the mirrors
- cooling power
 - largely dominated by the cryo-traps (ET-LF and ET-HF)

Outside the usual expertise of the GW community



- so far only KAGRA (Japanese project) has experiences with cold mirrors
- looking for collaboration / expertise
 - strong involvement of KIT in ET
 - discussion with CERN
- the DM lab will smooth the exchange between French and German labs in this domain

Conclusion



- currently setting up the collaboration, design of the Einstein Telescope
- next generation of gravitational wave detectors to revolutionize the view of our Universe
- a European global effort and many opportunities of collaboration, the mirrors are only one of them
- the project will strongly benefit from the DMLab