

Ground Detectors (LIGO/Virgo and ET)

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- Principle of detection
- Beating the noise
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- Now and future detectors

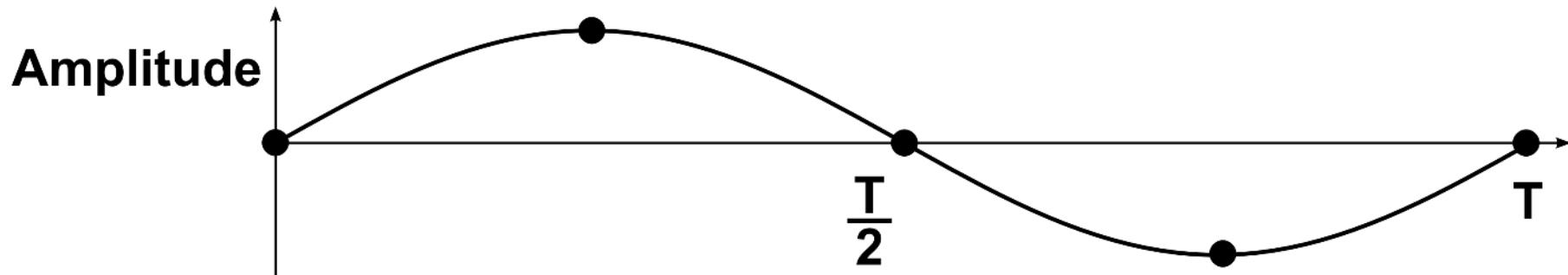
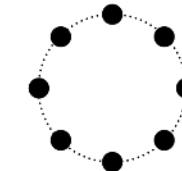
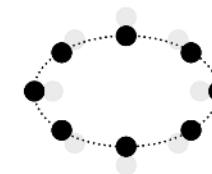
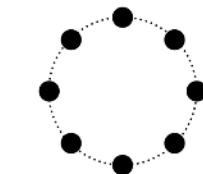
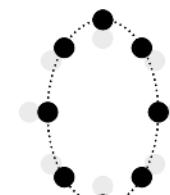
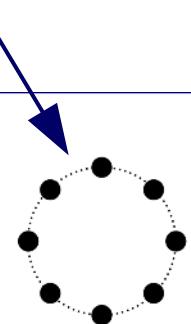
I.

Principle of detection

Effect of gravitational waves



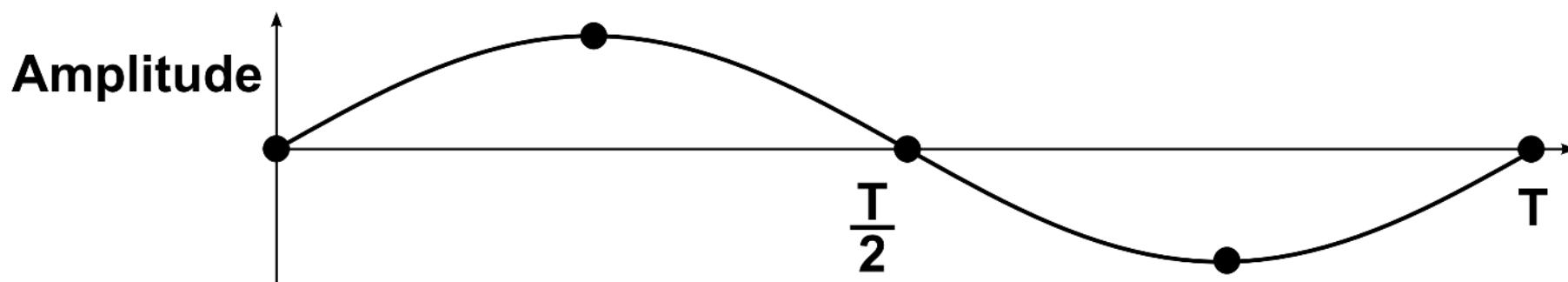
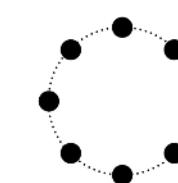
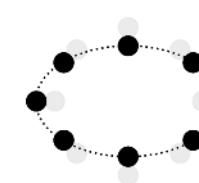
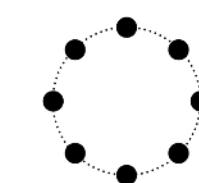
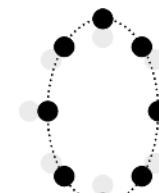
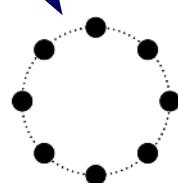
Free falling masses



Effect of gravitational waves

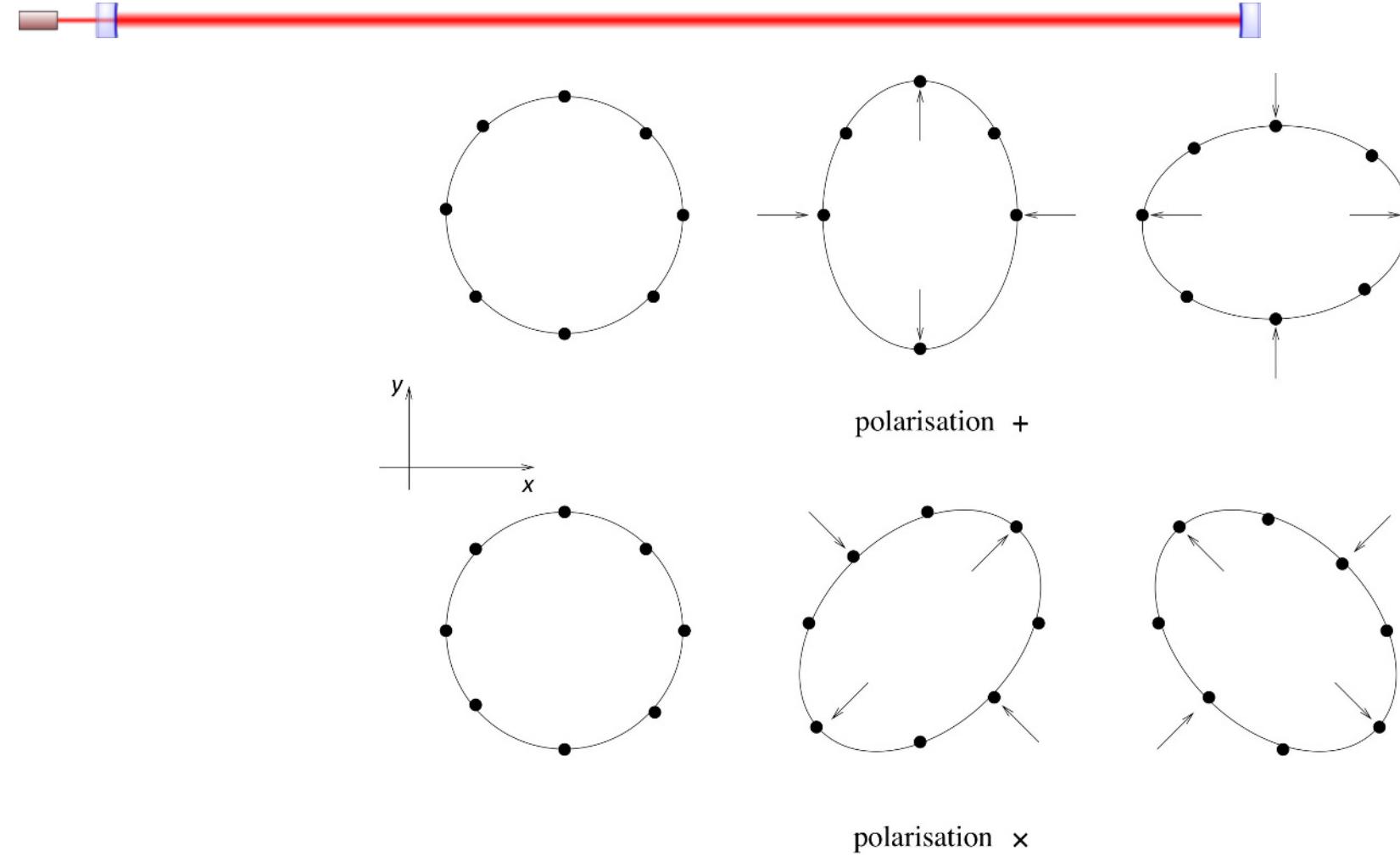


Free falling masses

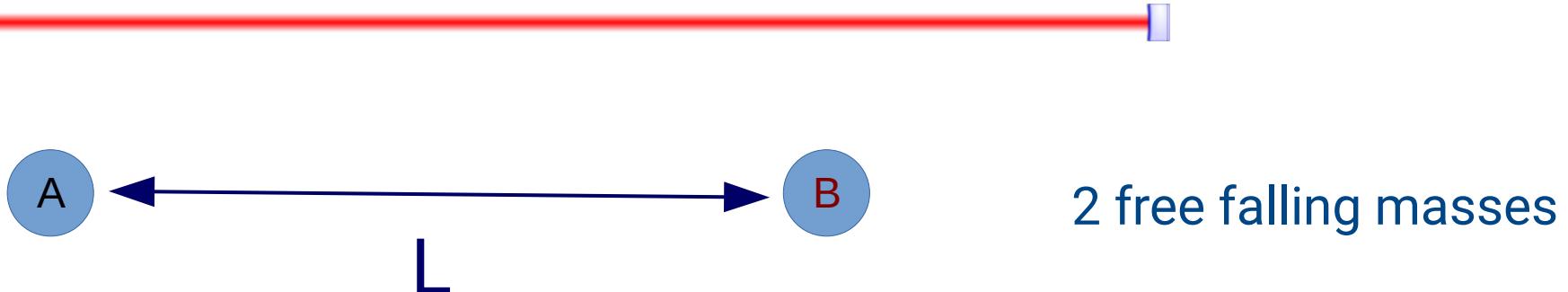


Example for
one polarisation 5

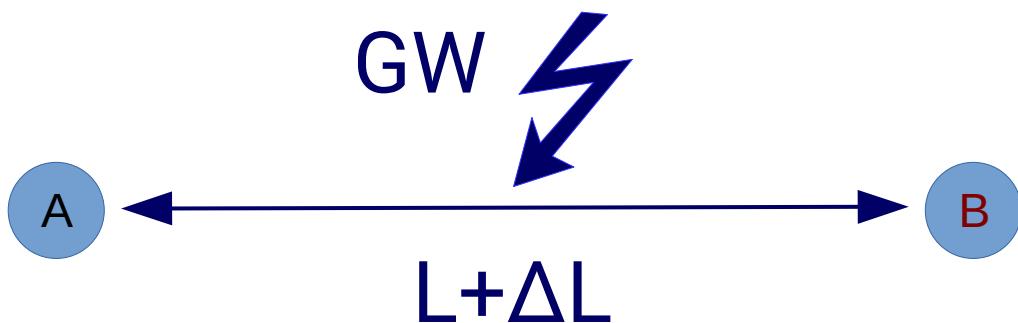
2 kind of polarisations



Gravitational wave amplitude



2 free falling masses



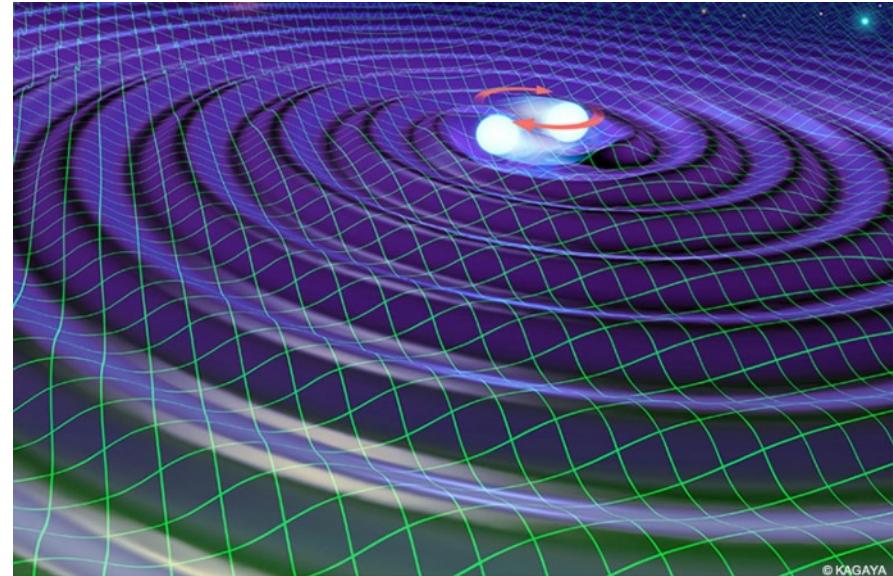
Amplitude of the deformation
 $\Delta L = (1/2) h \times L$

Gravitational wave amplitude

Quadrupole formula :

$$h = \frac{2G \ddot{I}}{c^4 r}$$

Amplitude Distance Mass quadrupole moment



Typical amplitude for the fusion of 2 black holes

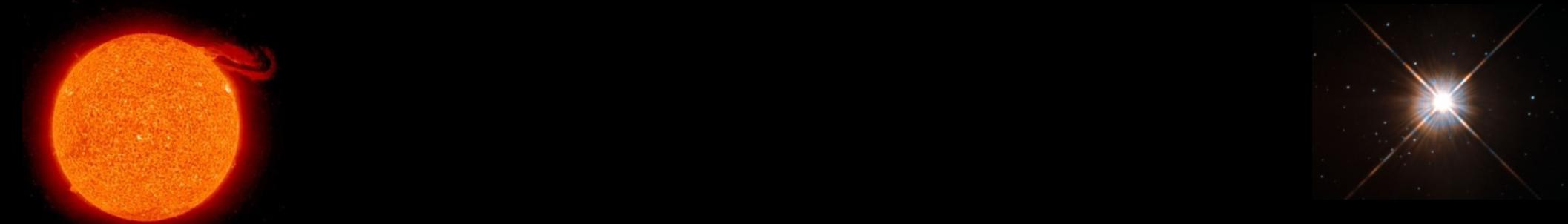
$$h = 1,5 \times 10^{-21} \left(\frac{\text{Mass}}{30 M_{\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{400 \text{ Mpc}}{\text{Distance}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{Frequency GW}}{50 \text{ Hz}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Freq. GW = 2 × orbital frequency

Order of magnitude $\Delta L = 0.5 h \times L$



If $h \sim 10^{-21}$ so we should measure :



The distance Sun – Proxima Centauri with an accuracy of 0.02 mm

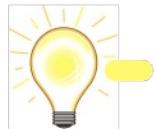
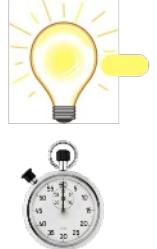


Or 2 km with an accuracy of 10^{-18} meter !

A more rigorous approach



Gravitationnal wave



L

Starting from the Einstein equation and calculating the round trip time of the light.

Assuming a plane wave monochromatic GW:

$$h(t) = h_0 \cos(\omega_{\text{GW}} t)$$

Modulation of the round trip time



$$\text{Time}_{\text{RT}} = \frac{2L}{c} + \frac{h_0}{\omega_{\text{GW}}} \sin\left(\frac{\omega_{\text{GW}} L}{c}\right) \cos(\omega_{\text{GW}}(t - L/c))$$

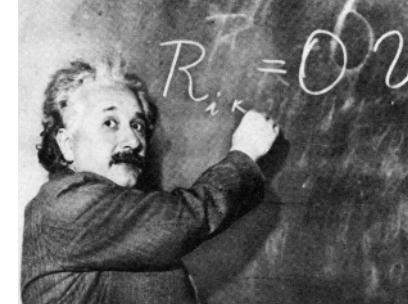
usual round trip time Amplitude of the modulation frequency of the modulation

1. For low frequency, we found the usual formula
2. The modulation sign is reversed for the other transverse direction (with + polarisation)
3. No effect for certain GW frequencies
4. RT time change could be seen as a length change or light phase shift

II.

Michelson interferometer

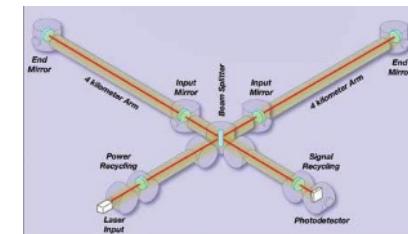
A brief history



1916 – first calculation



1960 – first detector



2008 – data taking with giant interferometers



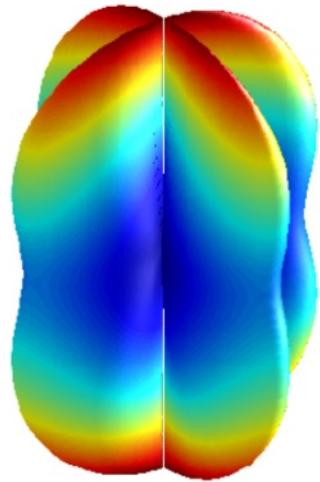
2015 – first detection

2020 – weekly detections of GW sources

A network of detectors

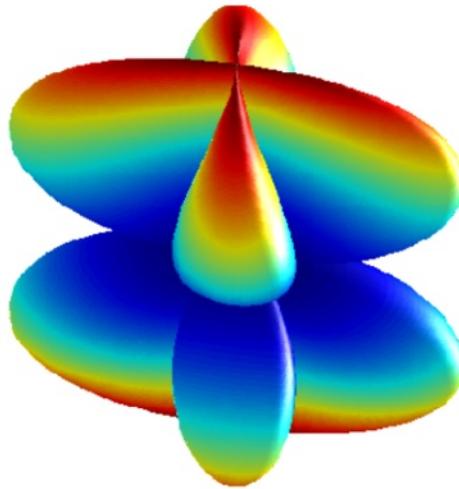


Antenna pattern of the detector



(a)

+ polarisation

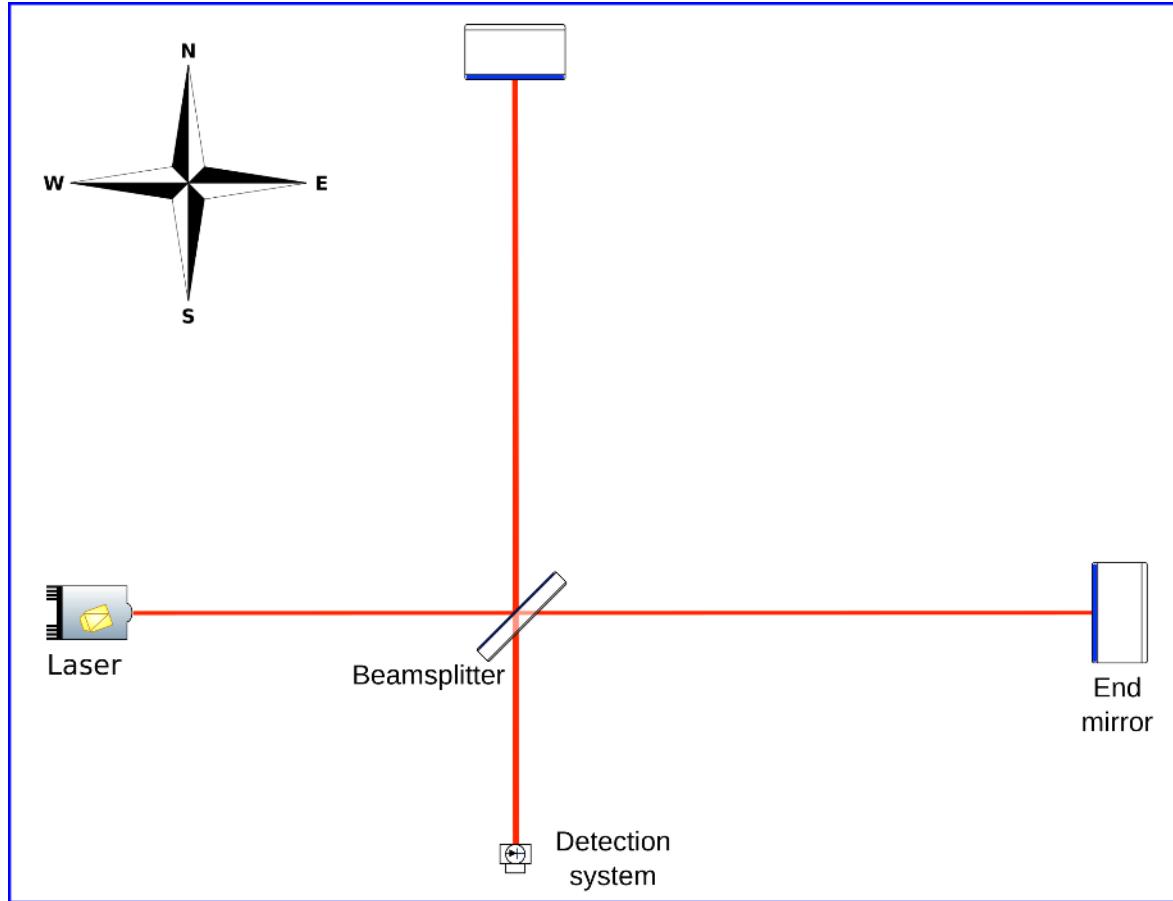


(b)

× polarisation

You have some blind spots !

The simplest Michelson interferometer



2 arms along the North
and East directions
(N and E index)

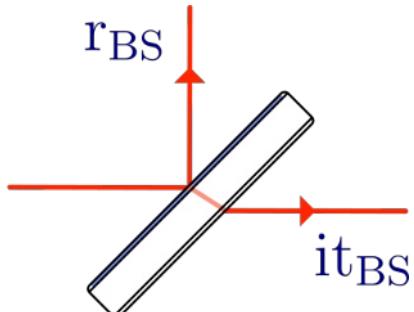
Propagating the electric field



Starting field : E_0

After propagating along a distance L : $E_1 = e^{-ikL}E_0$

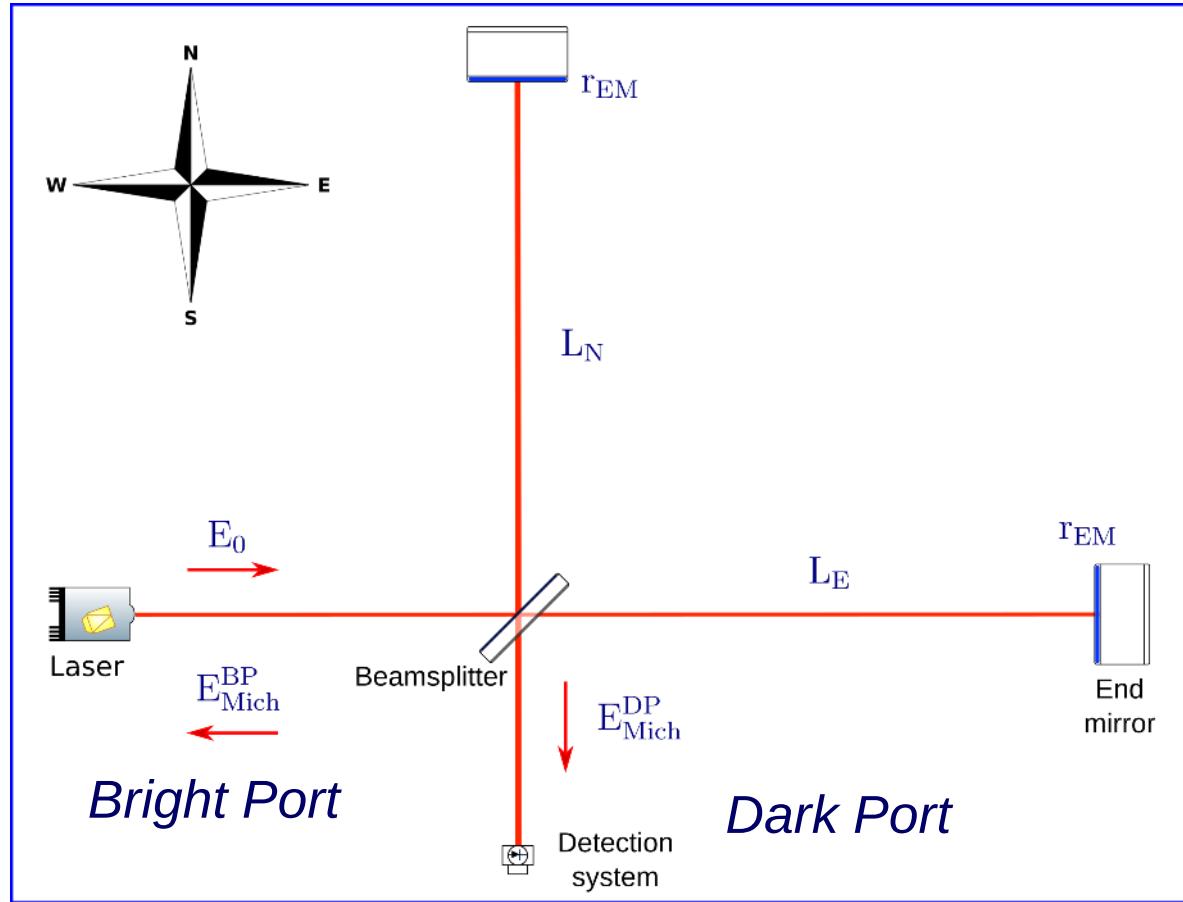
Dealing with the beam splitter (separating the light 50/50):



Beamsplitter

$$r_{BS} = t_{BS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Convention name for the electric fields



Field equations



$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{BP}} = \left(r_{\text{BS}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_N} - t_{\text{BS}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_E} \right) E_0$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}} = \left(ir_{\text{BS}} t_{\text{BS}} r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_N} + ir_{\text{BS}} t_{\text{BS}} r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_E} \right) E_0$$

Introducing differential and common lengths for the arms :

$$\begin{aligned} L_- &= \frac{L_N - L_E}{2} & \longleftrightarrow & L_N = L_+ + L_- \\ L_+ &= \frac{L_N + L_E}{2} & & L_E = L_+ - L_- \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we arrived at :

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{BP}} = \left(-ie^{-2kL_+} \sin(2kL_-) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}} = \left(-ie^{-2kL_+} \cos(2kL_-) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

Field equations



$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{BP}} = \left(-ie^{-2kL^+} \sin(2kL^-) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}} = \left(-ie^{-2kL^+} \cos(2kL^-) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

From the two above equations :

1. Energy is preserved between the 2 ports
2. Common motion induces only a phase shift
3. Differential motion modulates the powers

The differential phase between the 2 arms due to the GW signal is converted to a variation of power at the dark port.

Increase the phase difference to increase the signal !

Finding the right operating point

Adding a differential length modulation due to a passing GW

$$\Delta L_- = \frac{1}{2} \left(L_N \left(1 + \frac{h_0}{2} \cos(\omega_{GW} t) \right) - L_E \left(1 - \frac{h_0}{2} \cos(\omega_{GW} t) \right) \right)$$

$$\Delta L_- = L_- + h_0 L_+ \cos(\omega_{GW} t)$$

Since the amplitude of the GW is very small :

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(a + x\cos b) &\simeq \cos(a) - x\sin(a)\cos(b) \\ \sin(a + x\cos b) &\simeq \sin(a) - x\cos(a)\cos(b)\end{aligned}$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{BP}} \simeq \left(-ie^{-2kL_+} (\sin(2kL_-) + 2kh_0 L_+ \cos(2kL_-) \cos(\omega_{GW} t)) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}} \simeq \left(ie^{-2kL_+} (\cos(2kL_-) - 2kh_0 L_+ \sin(2kL_-) \cos(\omega_{GW} t)) \right) r_{\text{EM}} E_0$$

Need to be on the dark fringe to maximise the signal on the south port !

Finding the right operating point

But, I do not measure an amplitude but a power with my photodiode...

$$\begin{aligned} |E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}}|^2 &\propto |\cos(2kL_-) - 2kh_0L_+ \sin(2kL_-) \cos(\omega_{\text{GW}}t)|^2 \\ &\propto \cos^2(2kL_-) - 4kh_0L_+ \cos(2kL_-) \sin(2kL_-) \cos(\omega_{\text{GW}}t) + \mathcal{O}(h_0^2) \end{aligned}$$

If perfectly on the dark fringe, signal proportional to h_0^2 ,

Need to add a slight dark fringe offset to have a signal proportional to h_0

A closer look at the differential phase



Signal proportional to : $kh_0 L_+$

For a simple Michelson, to increase the detectable signal :

1. Lower the wavelength
2. Increase the length of the arm

Wavelength depends on laser availability and optics, it is fixed at 1064 nm for current interferometers.

Some typical lengths for experiments

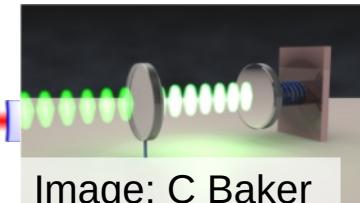


Image: C Baker

| Type of experiments | Length |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Optomechanics | ~ 1 mm |
| Large table top experiments | ~ 1m |
| GW prototypes | ~ 10 m |
| Current GW detectors | ~ 1 km |
| Next generation GW detectors | ~ 10 km |



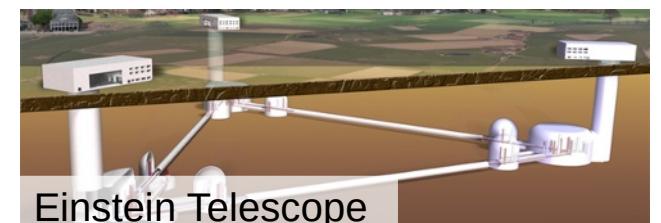
BMV - LMA



Glasgow - 10m



Virgo



Einstein Telescope

III.

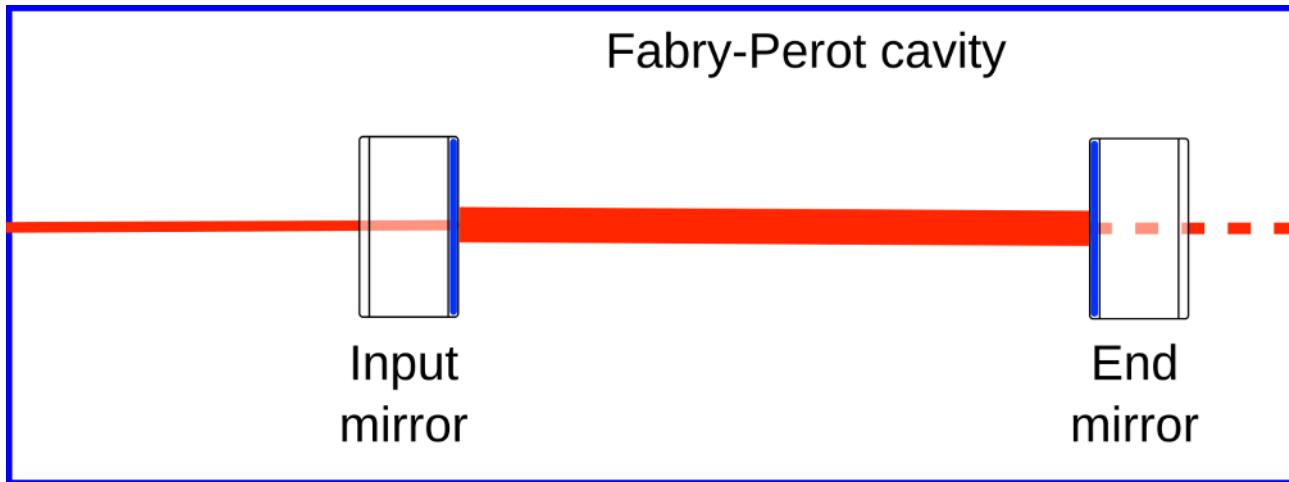
More than just a Michelson

(or how to increase the sensitivity ?)

The Fabry-Perot cavity

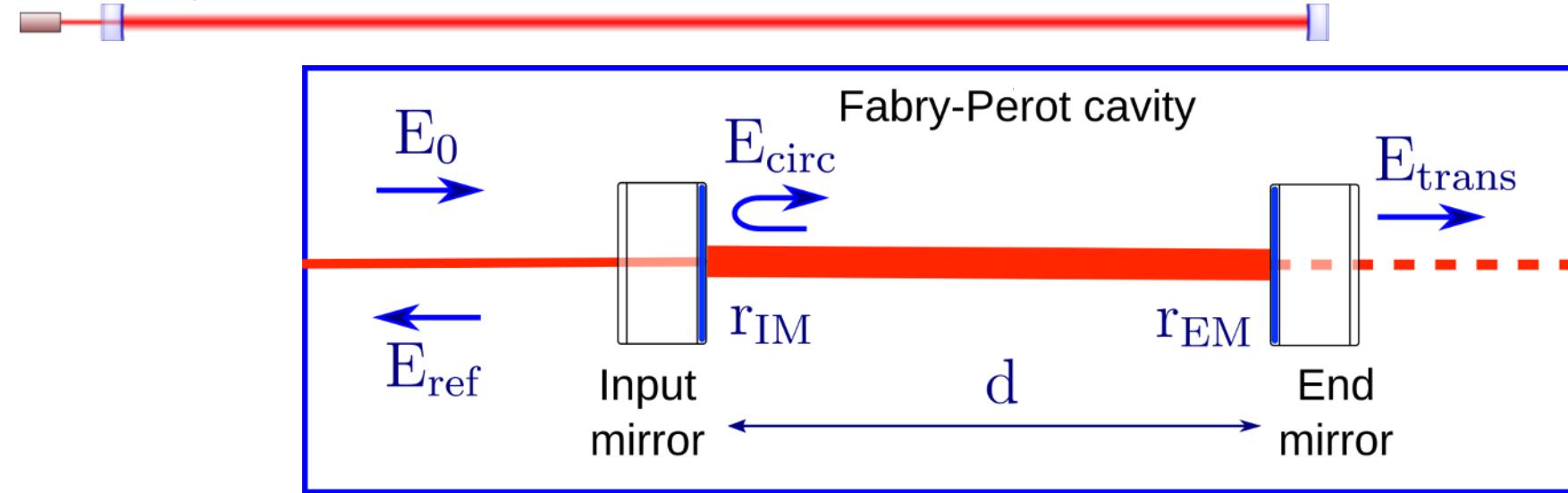


Two mirrors facing each other separated by a certain distance.



Presence of light interferences inside the cavity, enhancing or destroying the electric field between the 2 mirrors.

Cavity electric fields

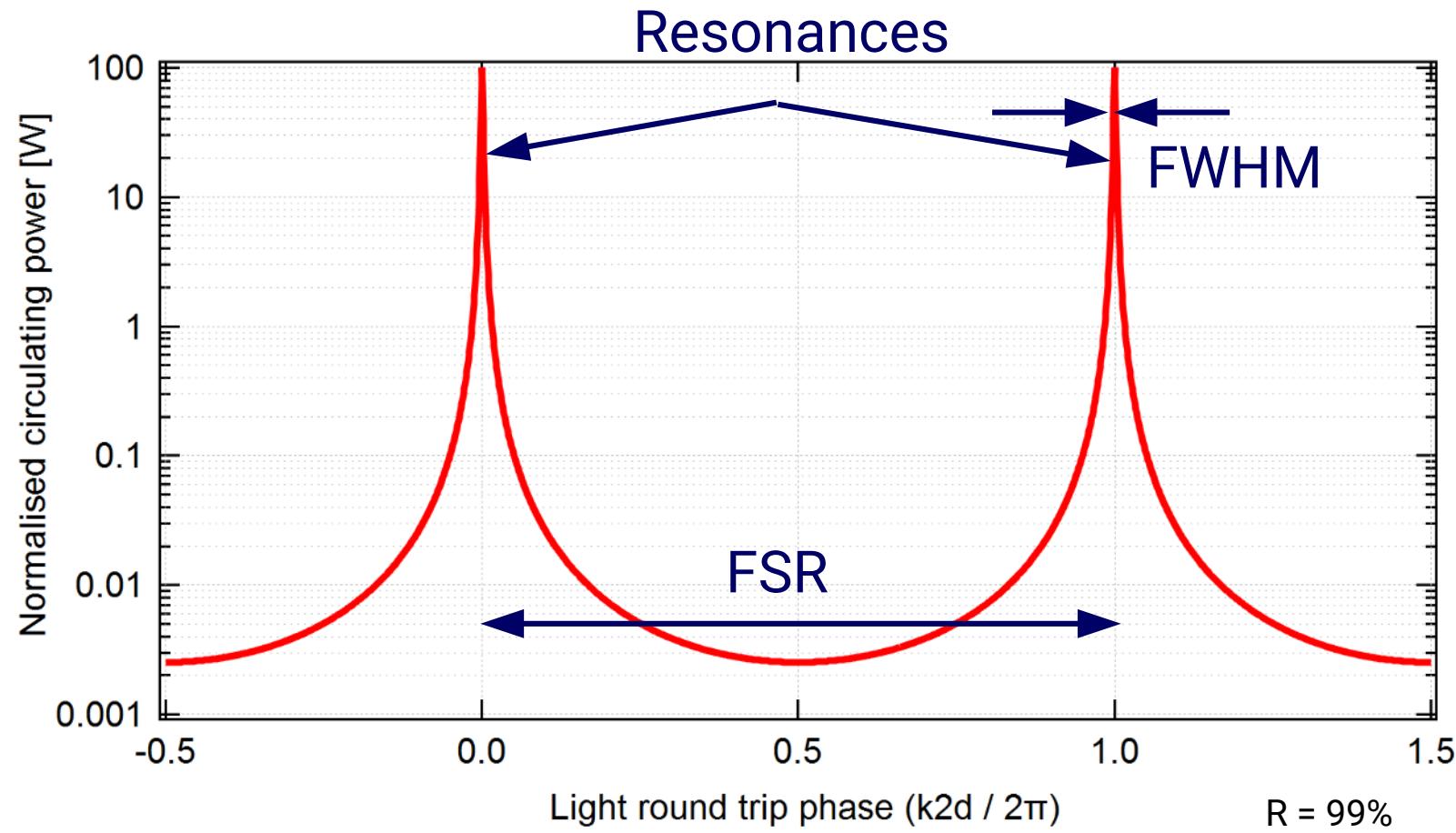


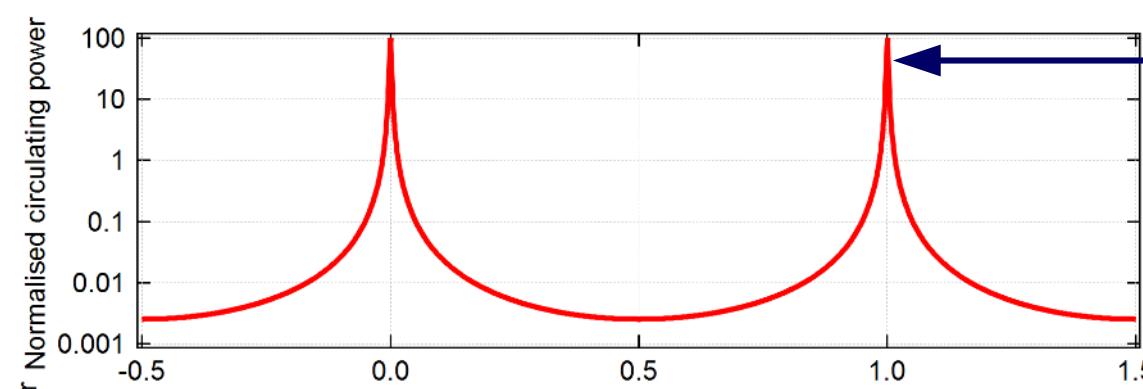
$$E_{\text{circ}} = \frac{it_{\text{IM}}}{1 - r_{\text{IM}}r_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}} E_0 \quad r_{\text{xx}}^2 + t_{\text{xx}}^2 = 1$$

$$E_{\text{trans}} = \frac{-t_{\text{IM}}t_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}}{1 - r_{\text{IM}}r_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}} E_0$$

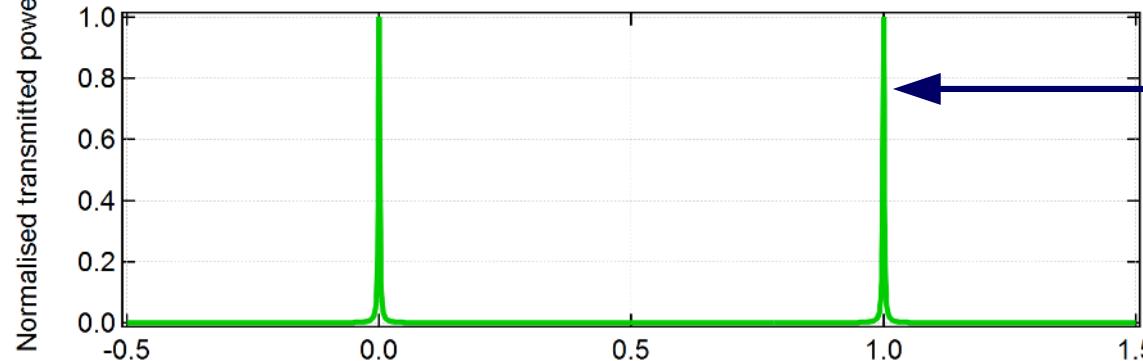
$$E_{\text{ref}} = \left(r_{\text{IM}} - \frac{t_{\text{IM}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-ik2d}}{1 - r_{\text{IM}}r_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}} \right) E_0$$

Circulating power a function of the detuning



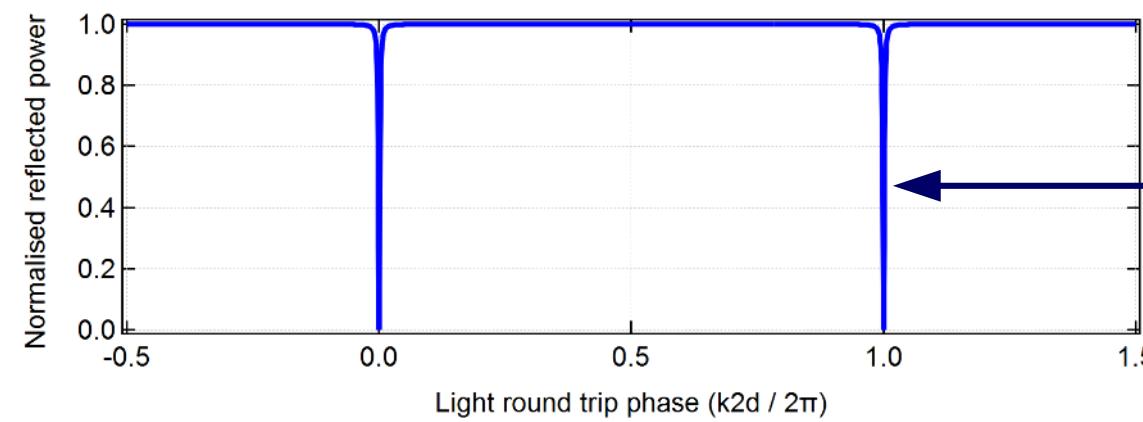


Cavity on resonance



All the light is transmitted

$$R = 99\%$$



And nothing is reflected!

Some key numbers

The cavity gain

$$G = \frac{T_{IM}}{(1 - \sqrt{R_{IM}R_{EM}})^2}$$

The finesse

$$\mathfrak{F} = \frac{\pi\sqrt[4]{R_{IM}R_{EM}}}{1 - \sqrt{R_{IM}R_{EM}}}$$

The FSR

$$\frac{c}{2L}$$

The FWHM

$$\frac{FSR}{\mathfrak{F}}$$

Some key numbers

For Advanced Virgo

$T_{IM} = 1.4 \%$

$T_{EM} = 5 \text{ ppm}$

The cavity gain

$$G = \frac{T_{IM}}{(1 - \sqrt{R_{IM}R_{EM}})^2}$$

280

The finesse

$$\mathfrak{F} = \frac{\pi \sqrt[4]{R_{IM}R_{EM}}}{1 - \sqrt{R_{IM}R_{EM}}}$$

450

The FSR

$$\frac{c}{2L}$$

50 kHz

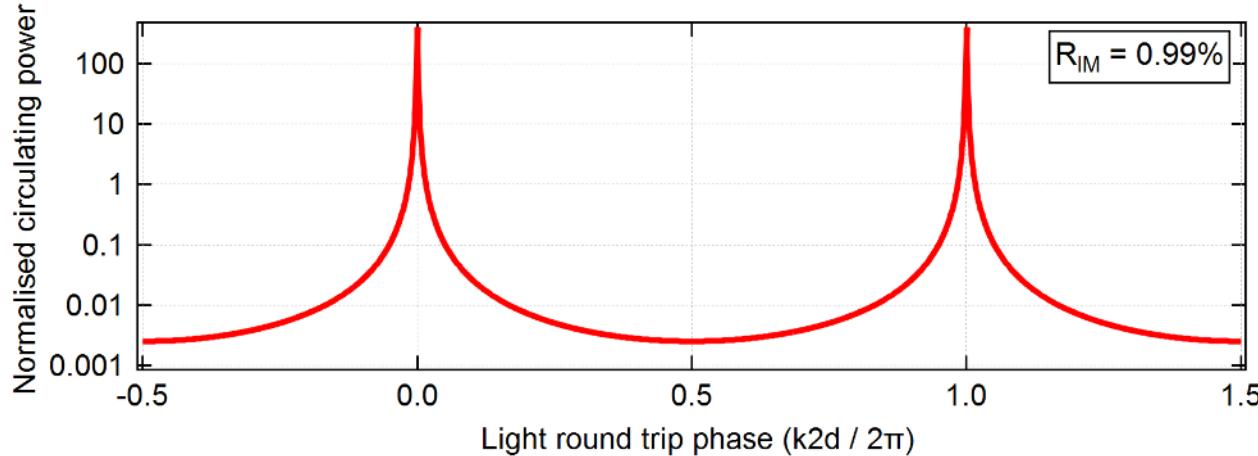
The FWHM

$$\frac{FSR}{\mathfrak{F}}$$

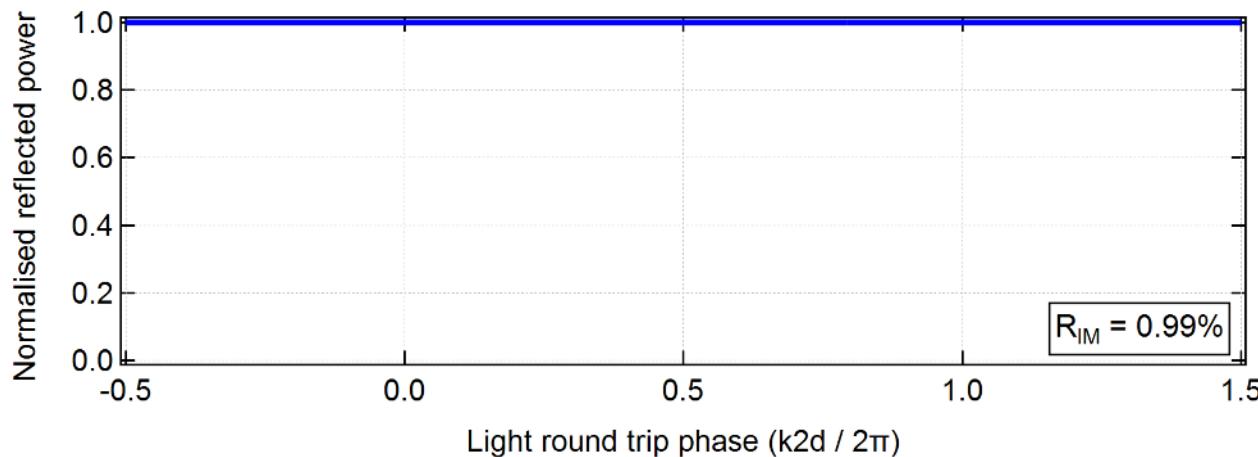
110 Hz

(2 x bandwidth of the cavity)

Special case of the arm cavity of GW detectors

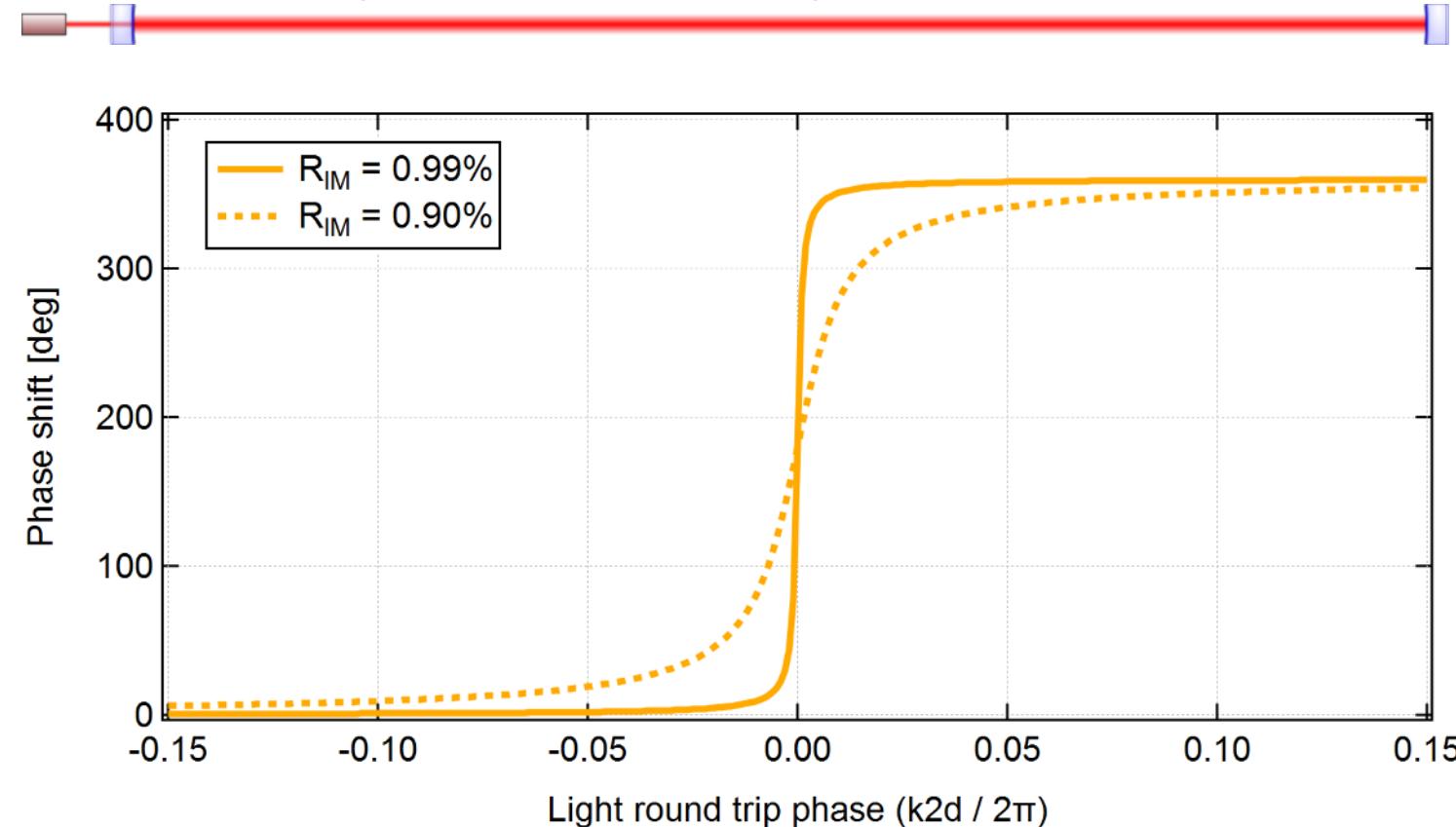


The end mirror is almost perfectly reflective



All the light is reflected by the cavity

The cavity can amplify the light phase shift



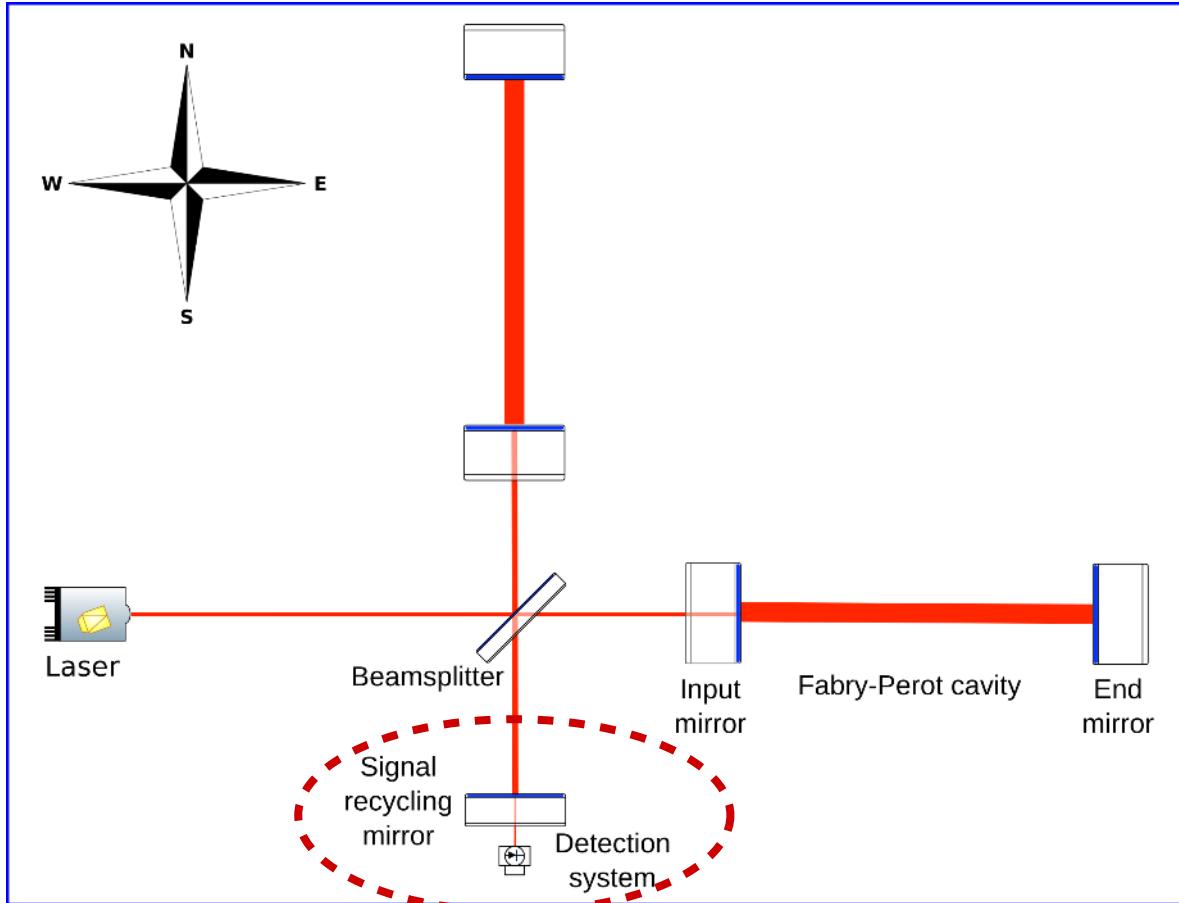
But only when the cavity is on resonance!

$$G = \frac{4}{T_{IM}}$$

$$\mathfrak{F} = \frac{2\pi}{T_{IM}}$$

Amplification of the GW phase shift by a factor : $\frac{2\mathfrak{F}}{\pi} \sim 280$

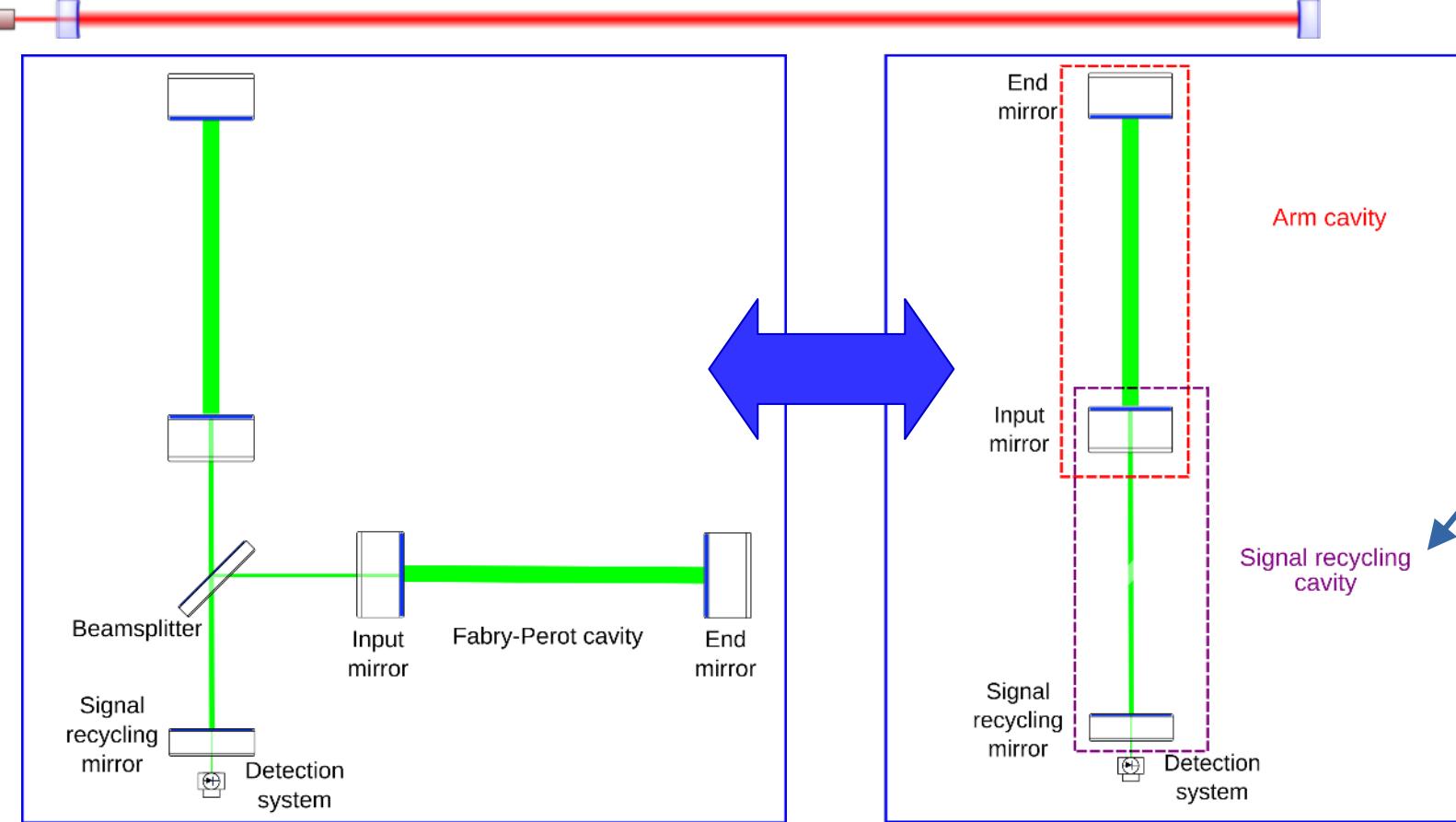
The signal recycling cavity



New mirror at the detection port to form the signal recycling cavity

Create a new cavity with the arm cavities

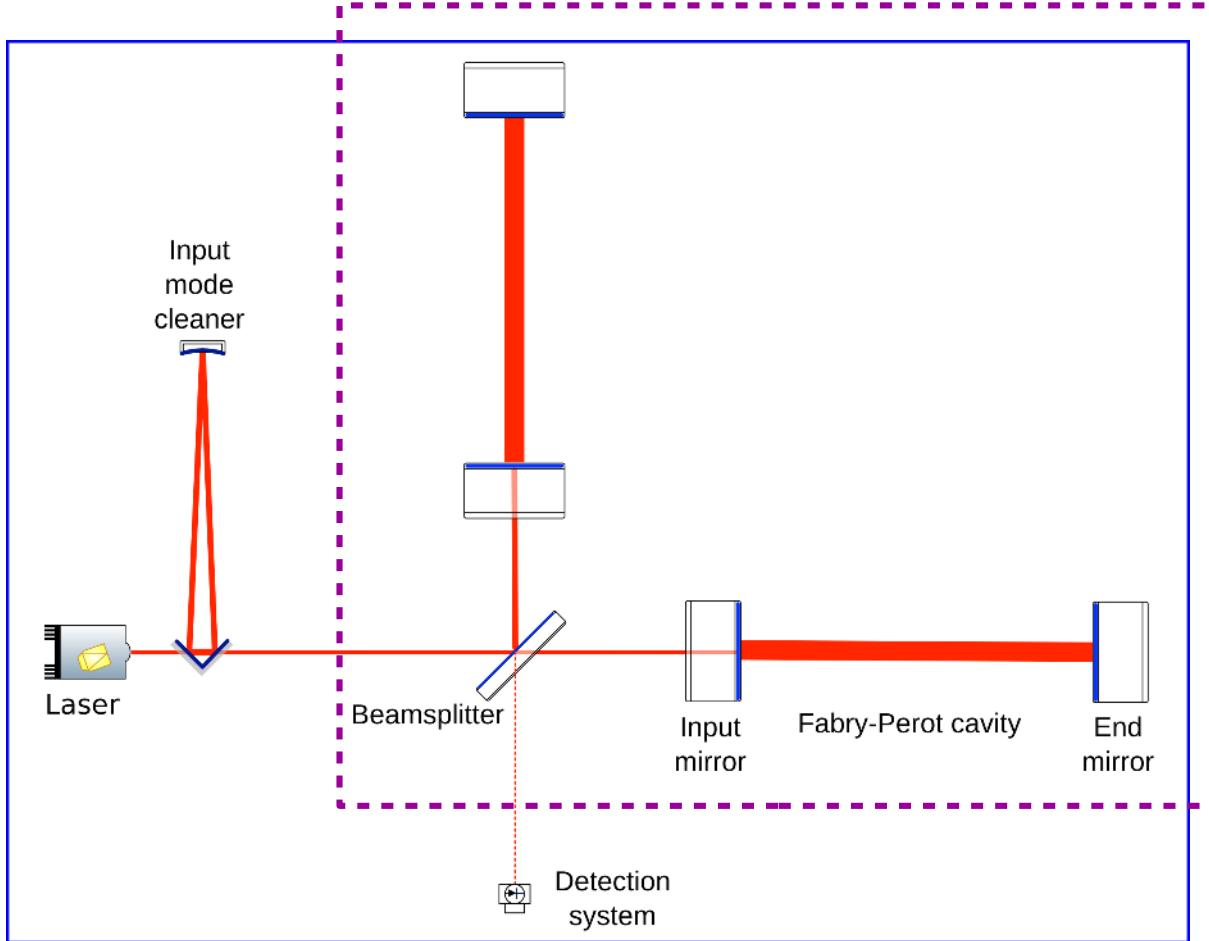
For the GW signal sidebands



View from the end mirror,
the SR cavity
could be seen
as a mirror.

Possibility to tune the apparent transmission of input mirror for the GW signal → could tune the bandwidth of the detector

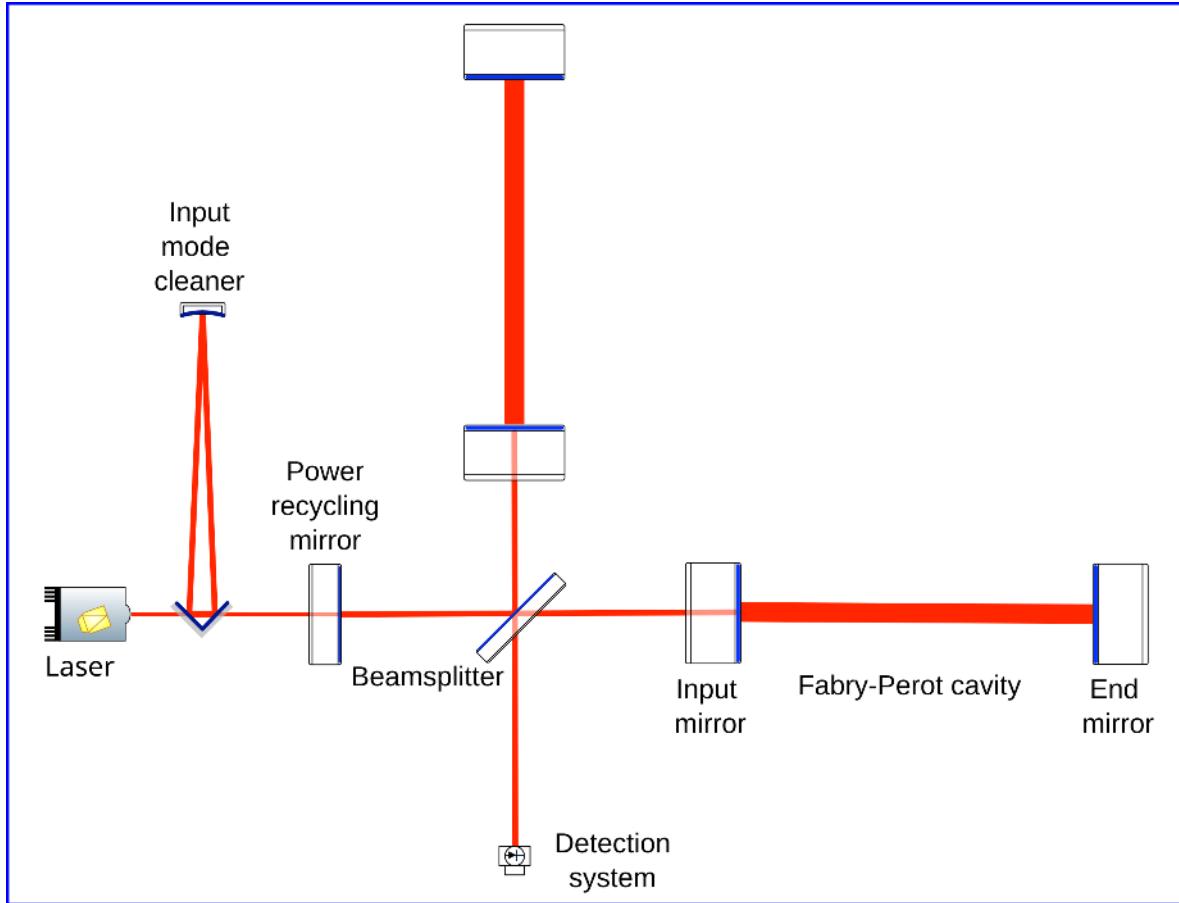
The power recycling cavity



View from the laser, all the power is reflected back.

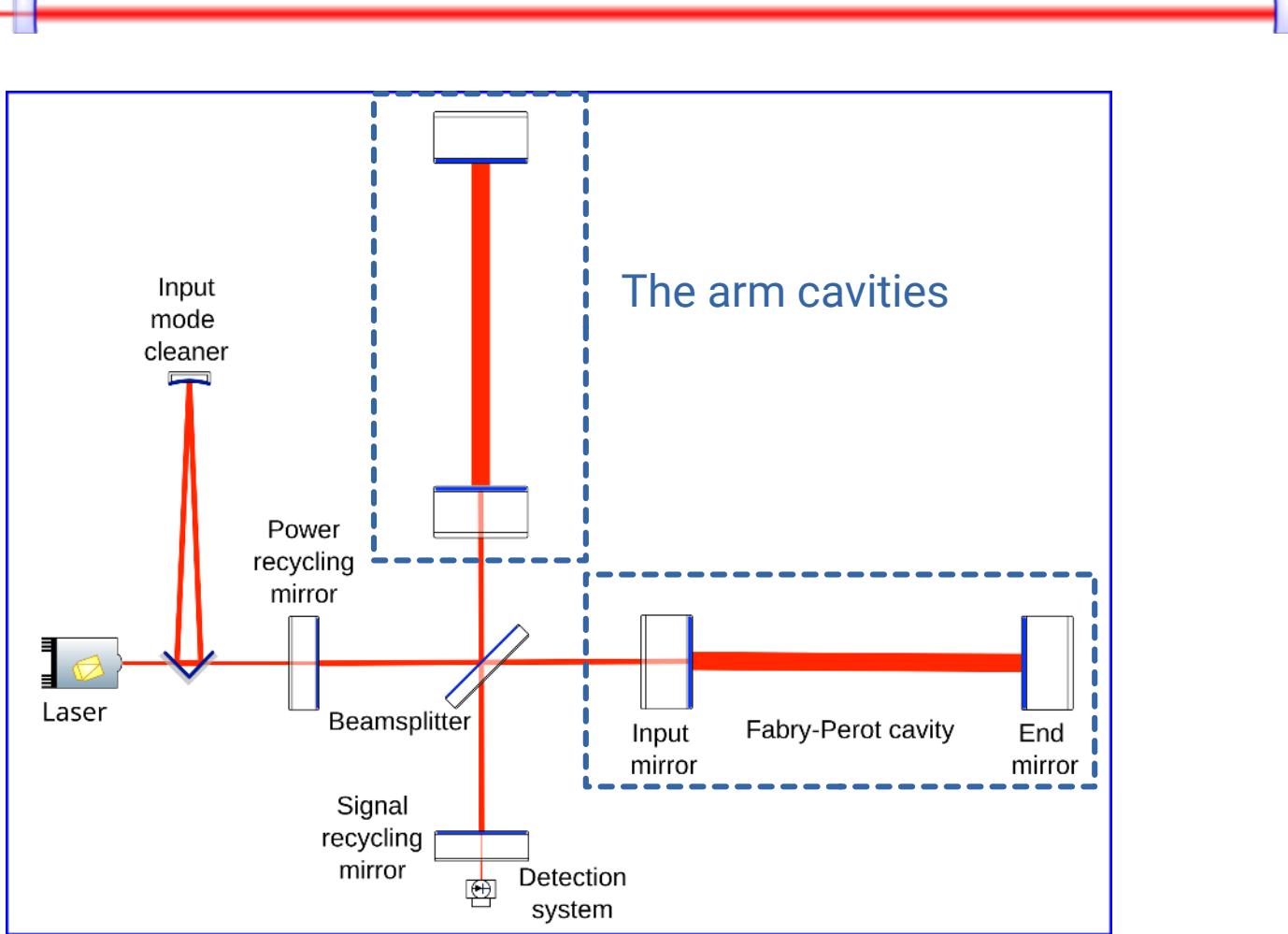
Could be the end mirror of a cavity

The power recycling cavity

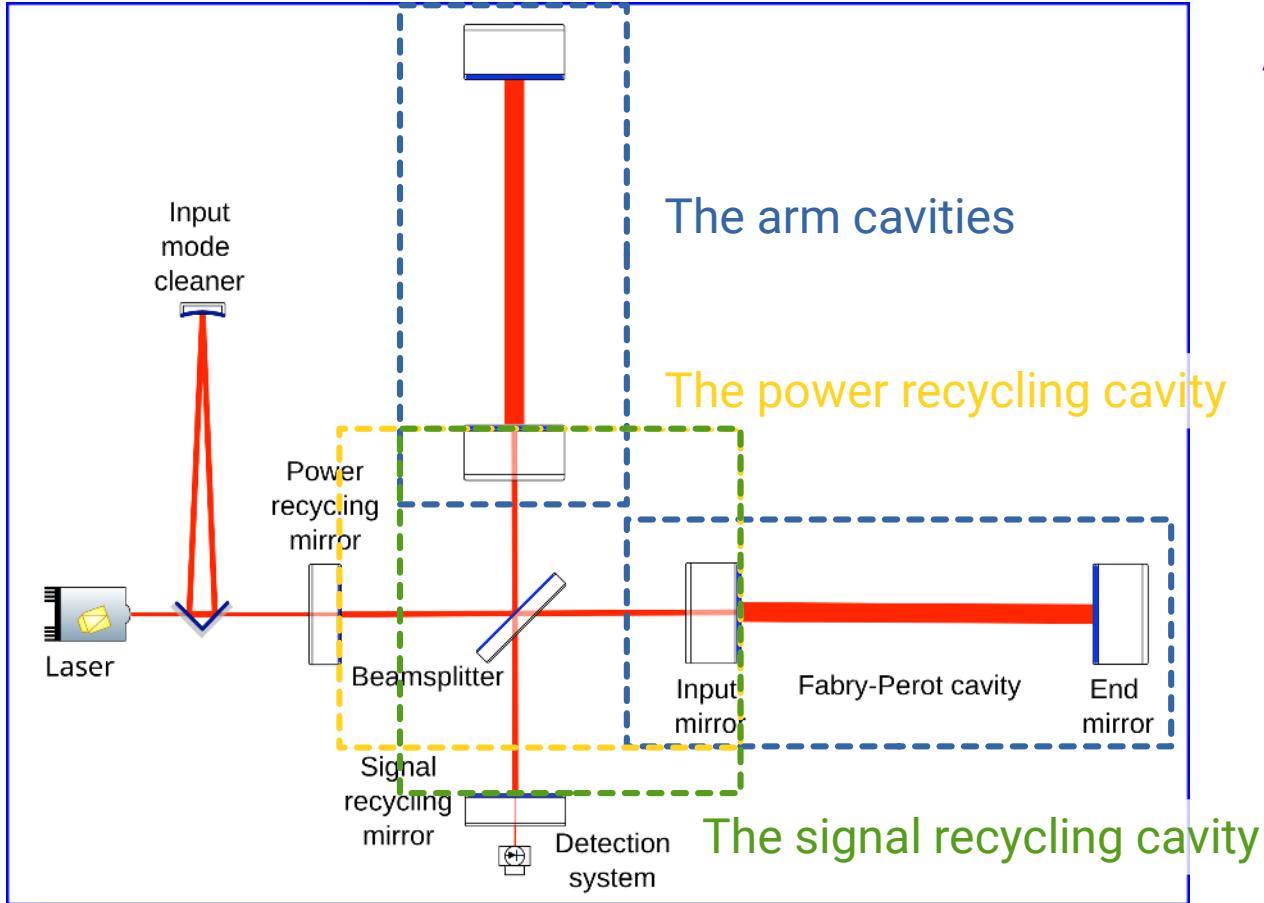


Possibility to enhance the laser power by a factor 40.

The layout of a GW detector



The layout of a GW detector



A system of coupled
cavities...

IV.

The fundamental limiting noises

How to quantify the noise ?

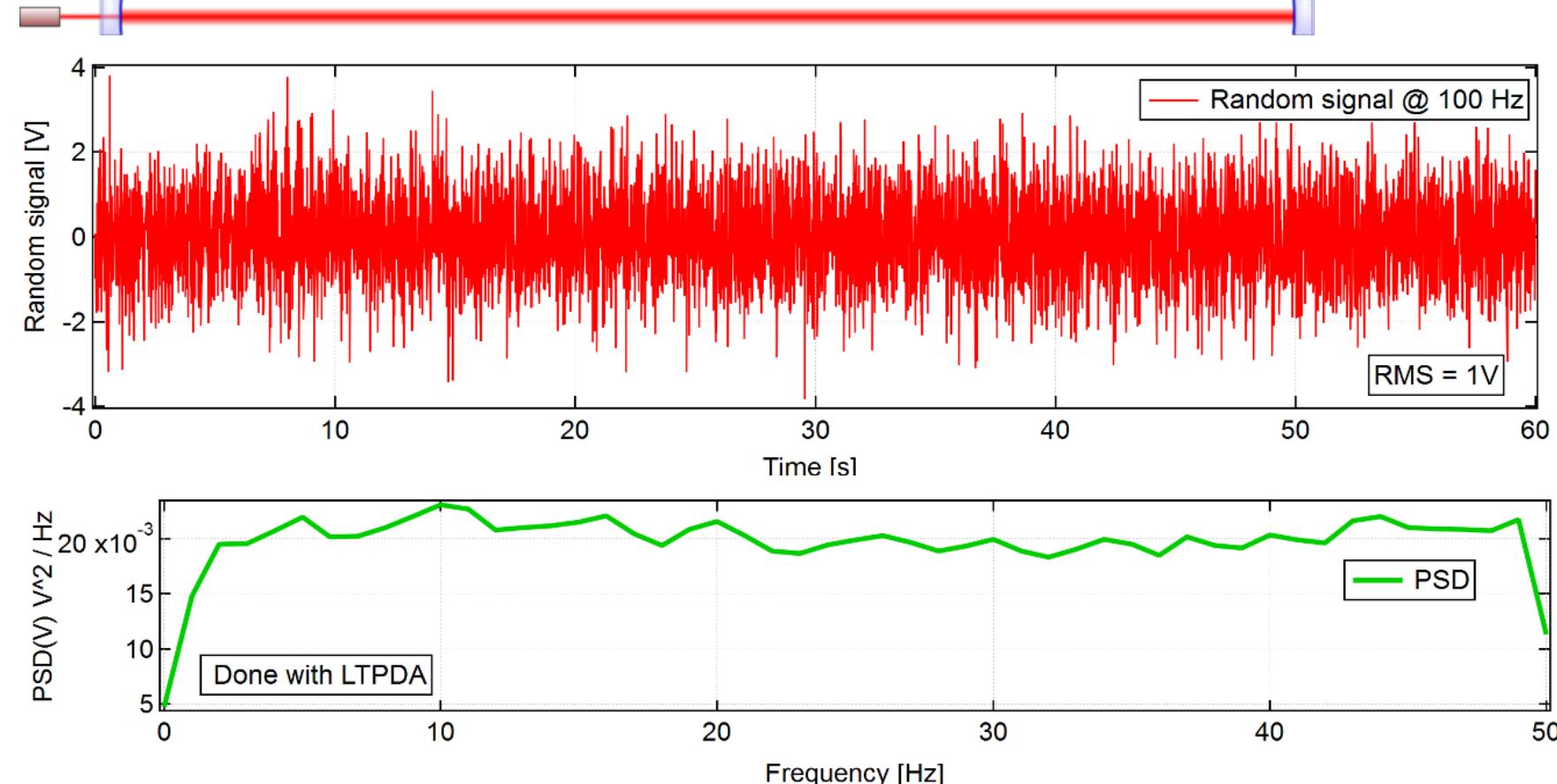
Use the power spectral density : S_V

$$S_V(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \left| \int_{-T}^{+T} V(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right|^2$$

In unit of $\frac{[V]^2}{\text{Hz}}$, that represents the noise power density in a given bandwidth as a function of the frequency.

More frequently, we use the noise **Amplitude Spectral Density** (ASD): $\sqrt{S_V(\omega)}$

Ok, that definition does not really help!



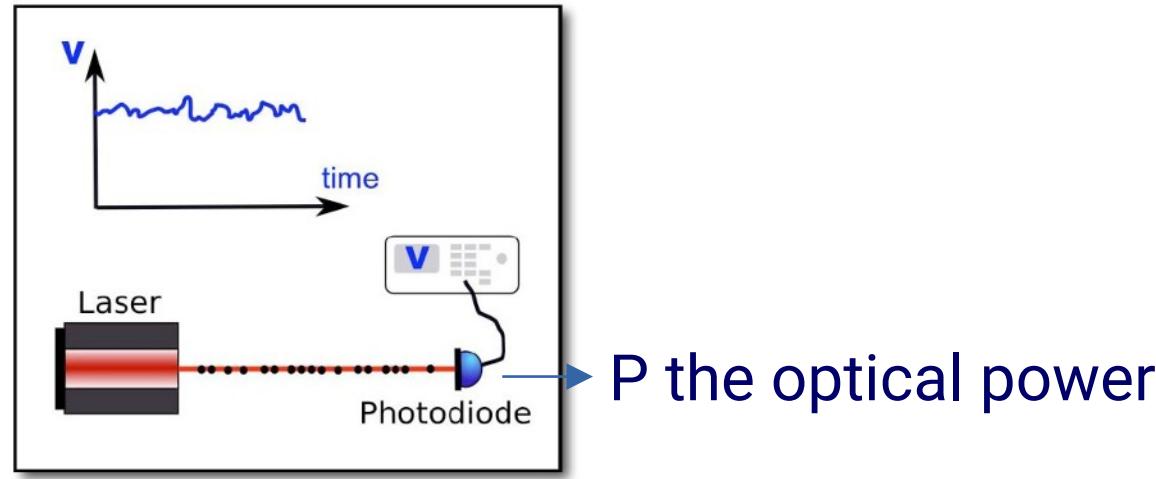
White noise
during
60 seconds

$$\text{RMS}_V = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V^2(t) dt}$$

$$\text{RMS}_V^2 = \int_0^\infty S_V(\omega) d\omega$$

The intrinsic shot noise

Measuring an optical power is counting the number of photon for a given time.

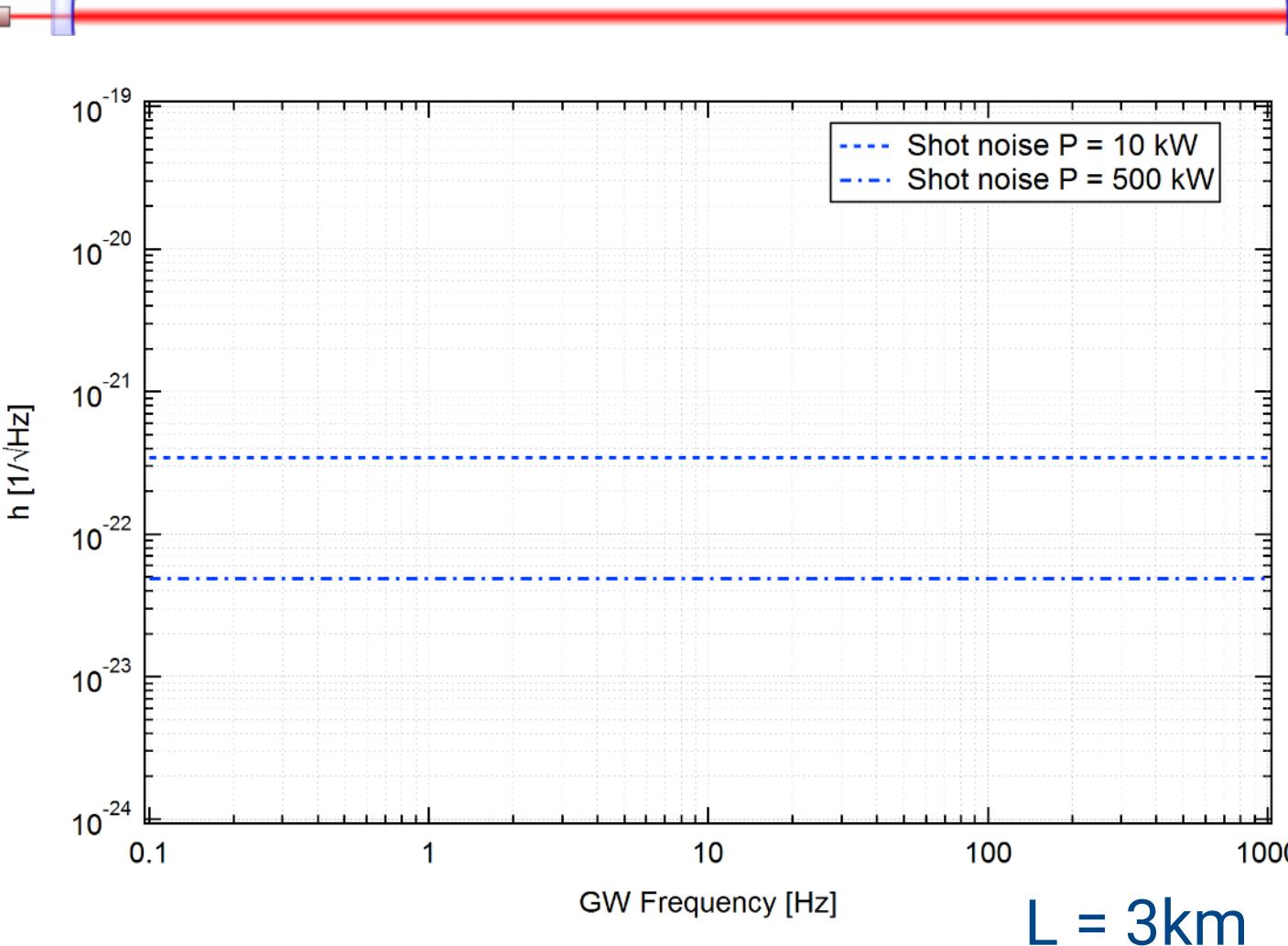


Due to the discrete nature of light, arrival time of photons follows a Poisson statistics :

$$S_{SN}(\omega) = 2Ph_p \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

Formula will determine the minimum possible differential displacement to measure

Shot noise limited (simple) Michelson



$$\Delta L = (1/2) h \times L$$

ASD output power of my signal proportional to h and laser input power.

From the minimum displacement we can measure ($\text{SNR} = 1$), we can calculate the minimum h observable (GW amplitude)

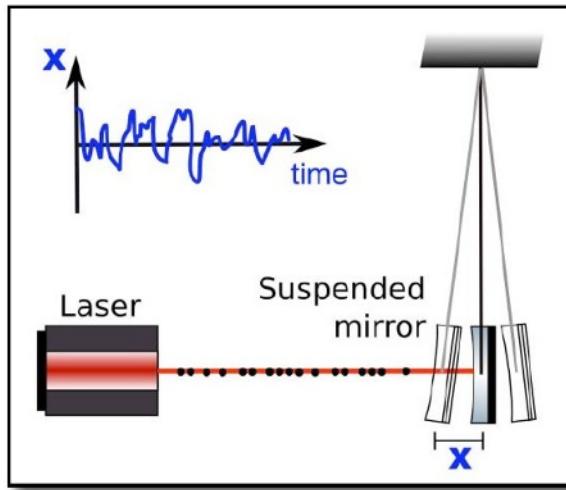
$$S_h^{\min}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi L_+)^2} \frac{h_p \lambda c}{P_0}$$

$$\sqrt{S_h^{\min}(\omega)} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-20}}{\sqrt{P_0}} [1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

Radiation pressure noise



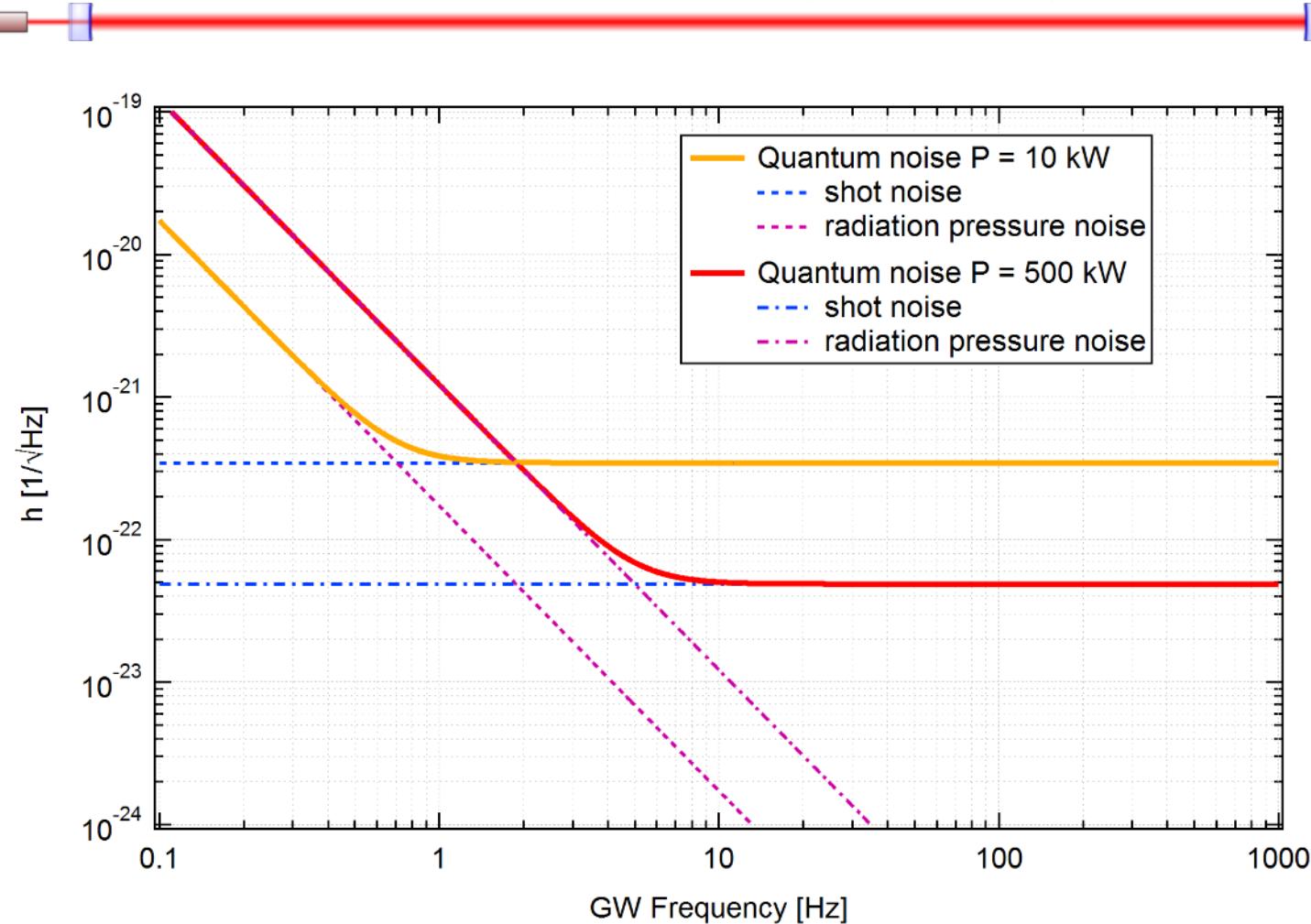
Measuring the mirror position with light, induced a back action : the radiation pressure noise.



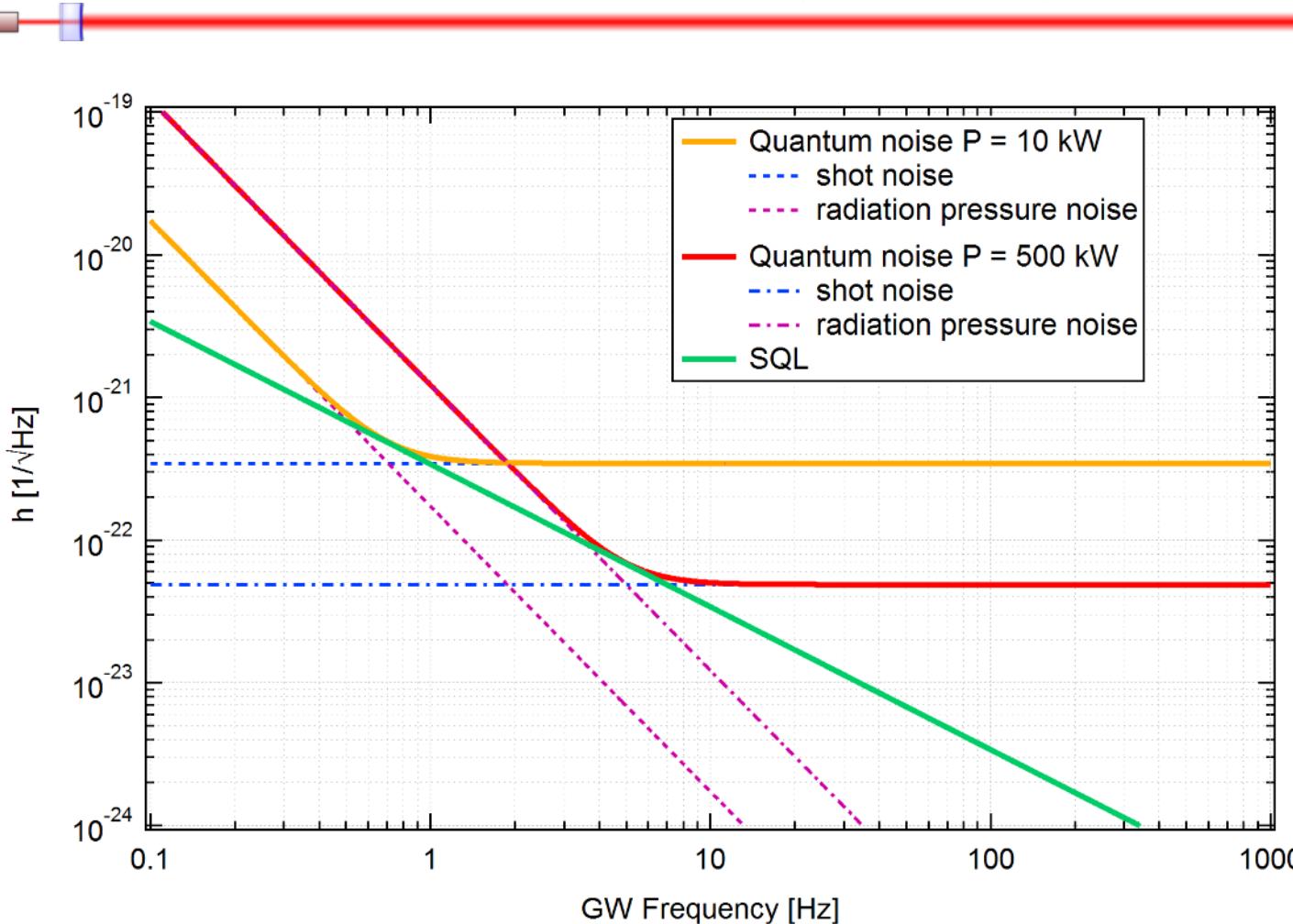
$$F = 2 \frac{P_{\text{inc}}}{c}$$

Noise PSD for a simple Michelson : $S_{\text{RP}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{mL\omega^2} \sqrt{\frac{4hP}{c\lambda}}$

Quantum noise limited (simple) Michelson



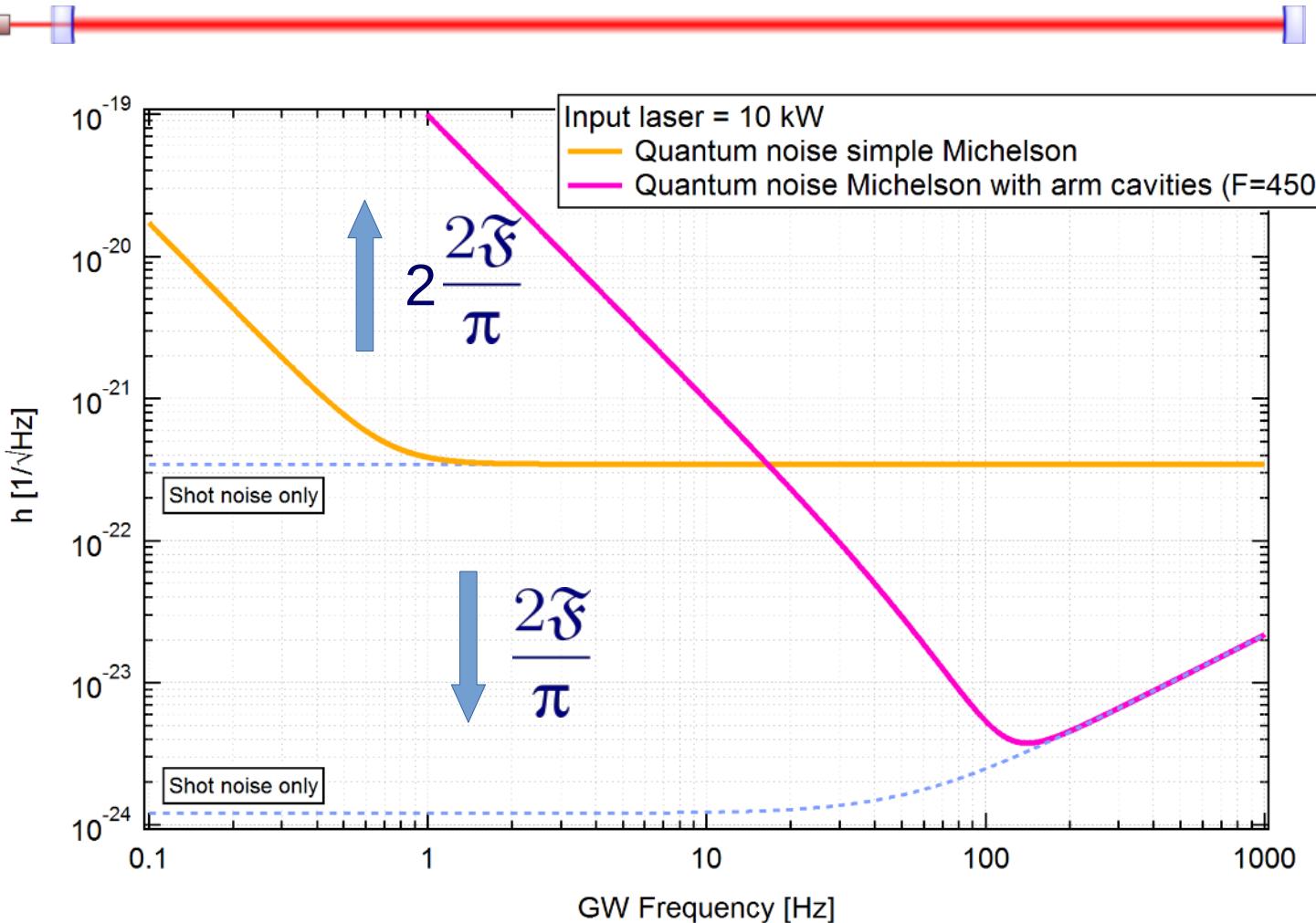
Quantum noise limited (simple) Michelson



SQL = standard
quantum limit

$$h_{\text{SQL}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\pi m L^2 \omega^2}}$$

Quantum noise with FP arm cavities

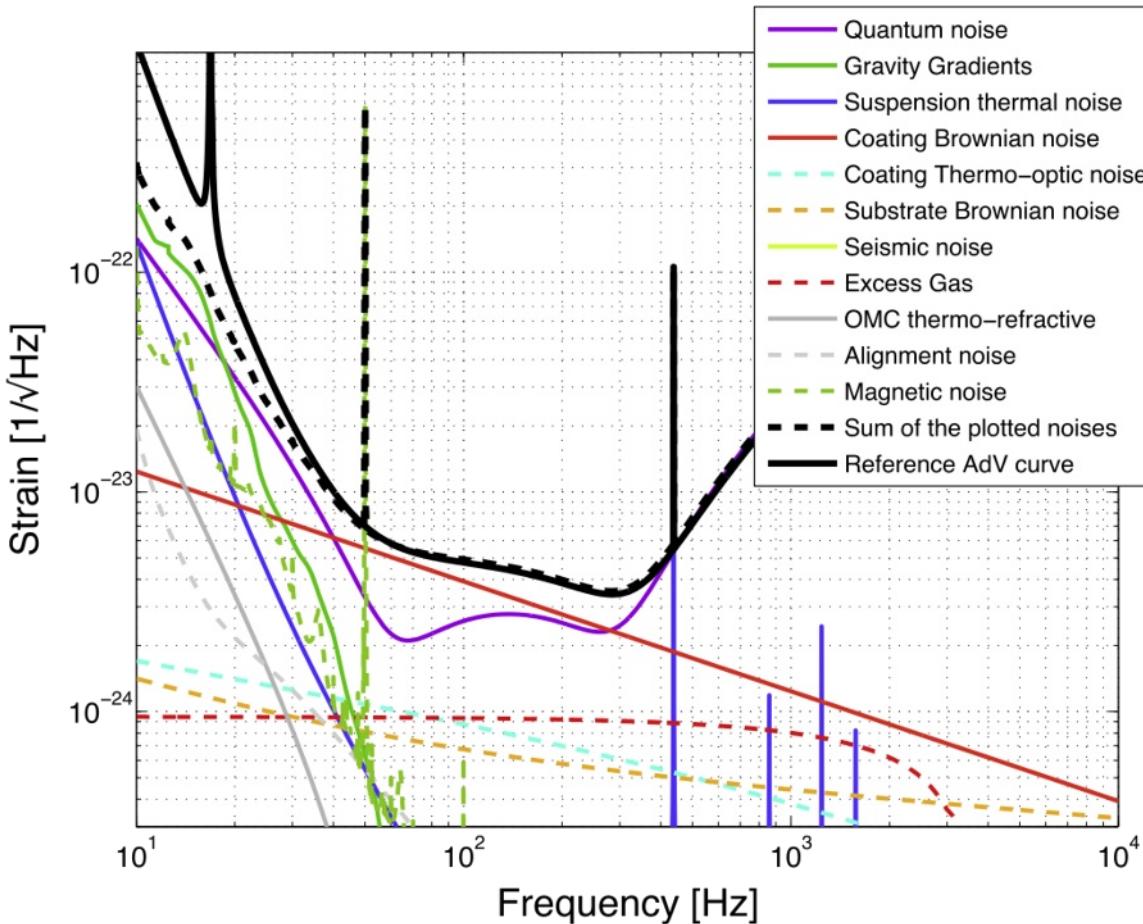


The FP arm cavity, increases the signal but act as a low-pass filter

V.

The technical limiting noises

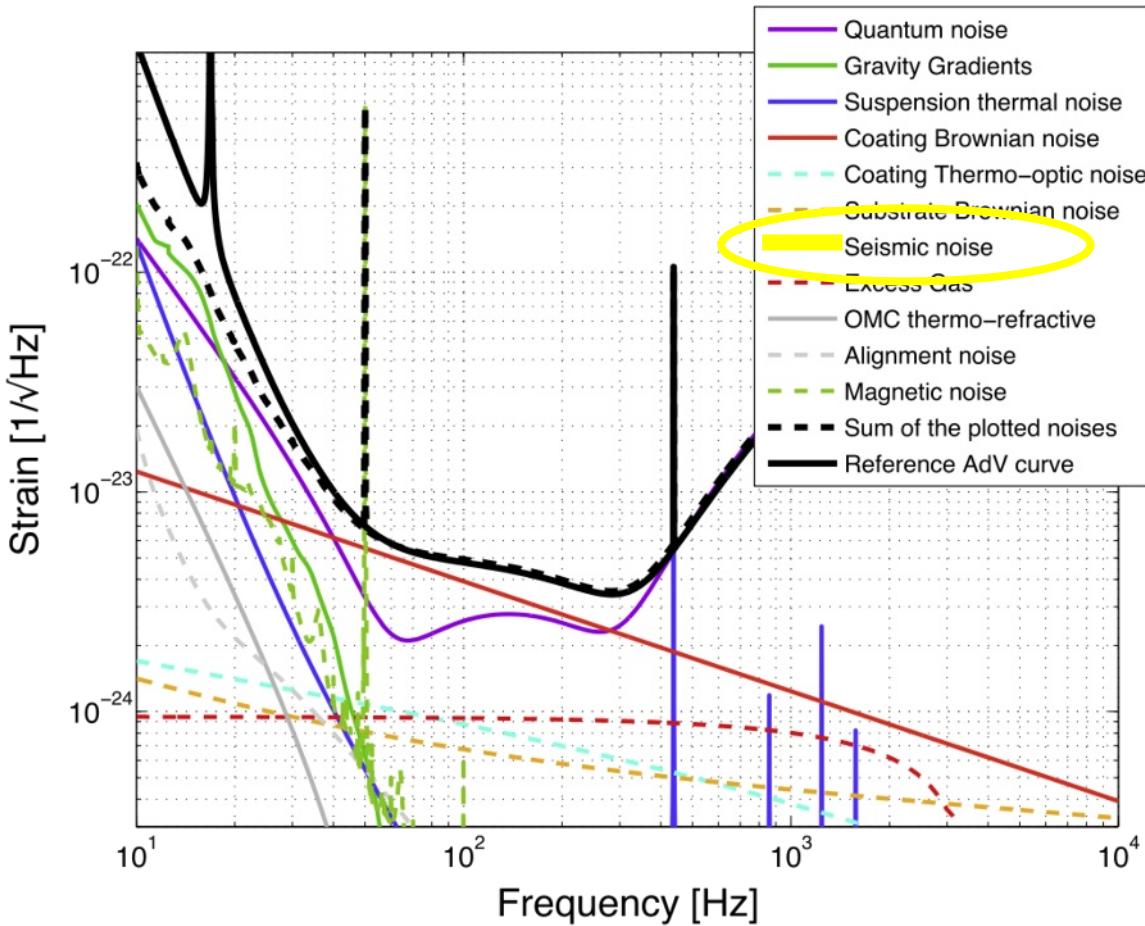
The Advanced Virgo noise budget



Done in 2012 for the expected final configuration of AVirgo

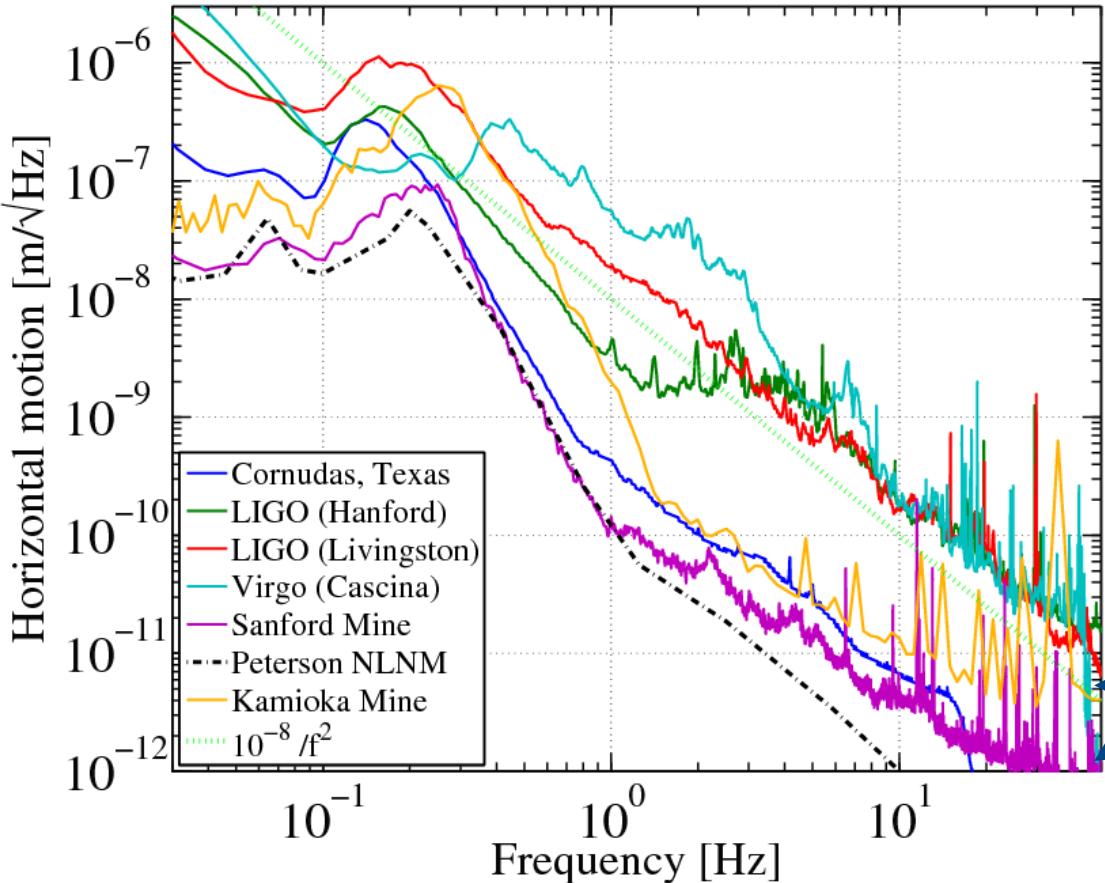
Similar noise budget for Advanced LIGO

The Advanced Virgo noise budget



Not limiting :
the seismic noise

The ground is never still!

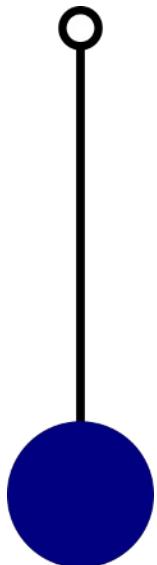


Comparison of different sites

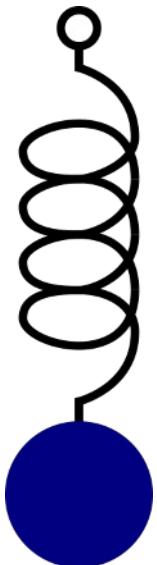
Isolate the mirror from the seismic motion

- Must isolate all degrees of freedom
- Suspension based on pendula :

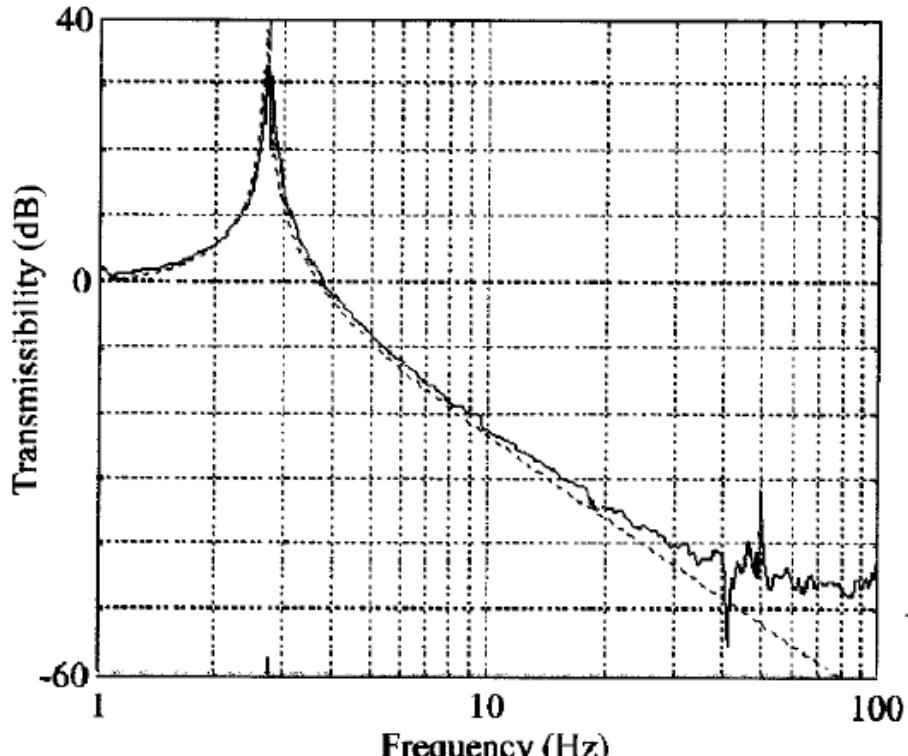
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*Horizontal
isolation*



*Vertical
isolation*



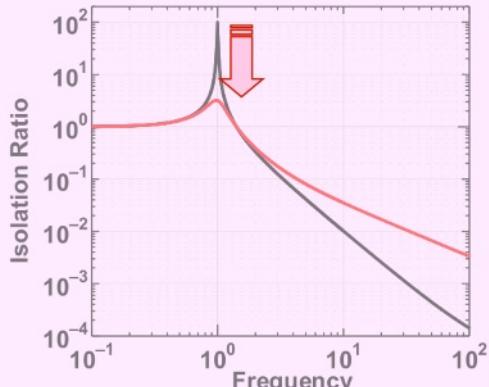
Transfer function

Possibility to tune the isolation

- How to get more isolation?

Damping

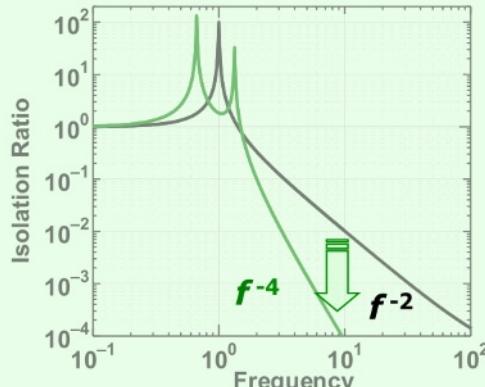
Lower the peak height



Worse isolation

Multi stage

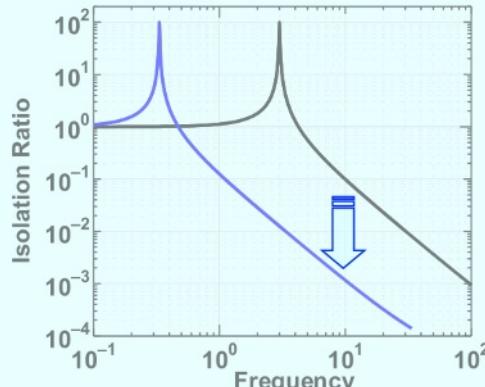
Steeper isolation curve



More peaks

Lower resonant freq

Better isolation



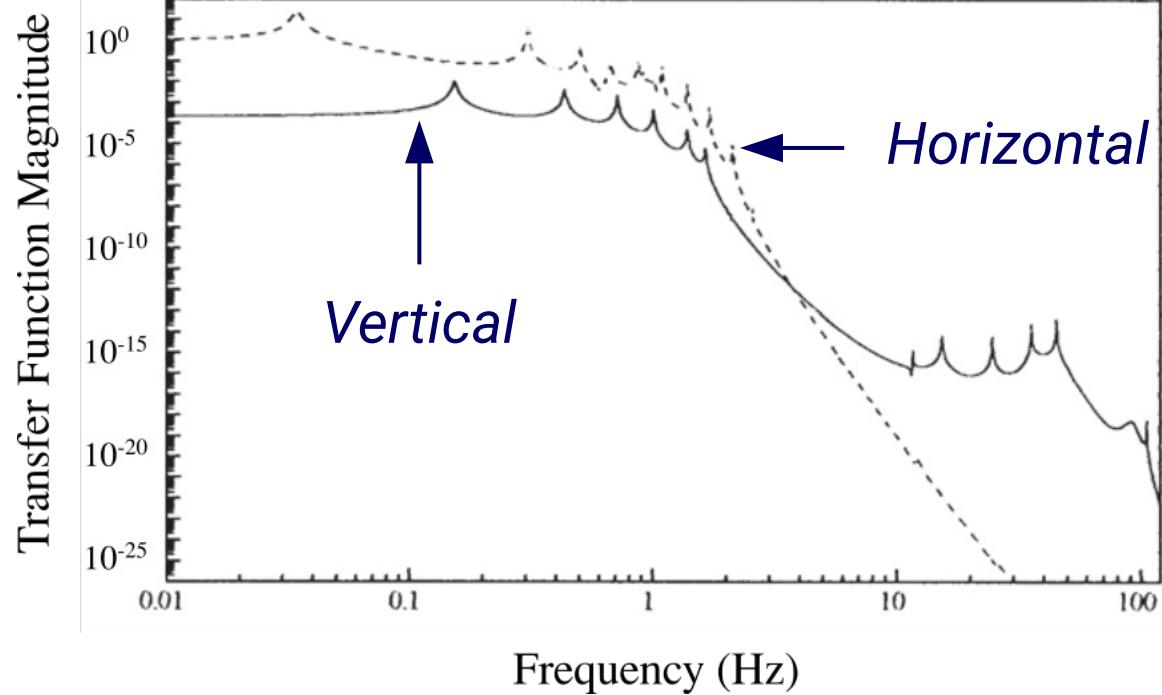
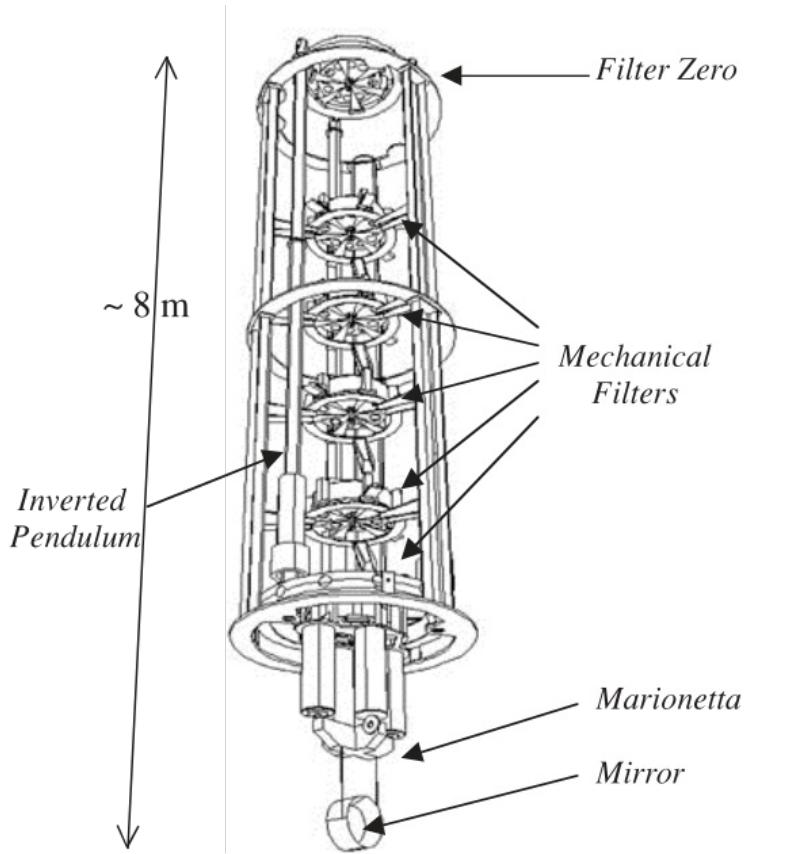
Complex to realize

- In practice: employ combination of these measures

The Virgo supper attenuator



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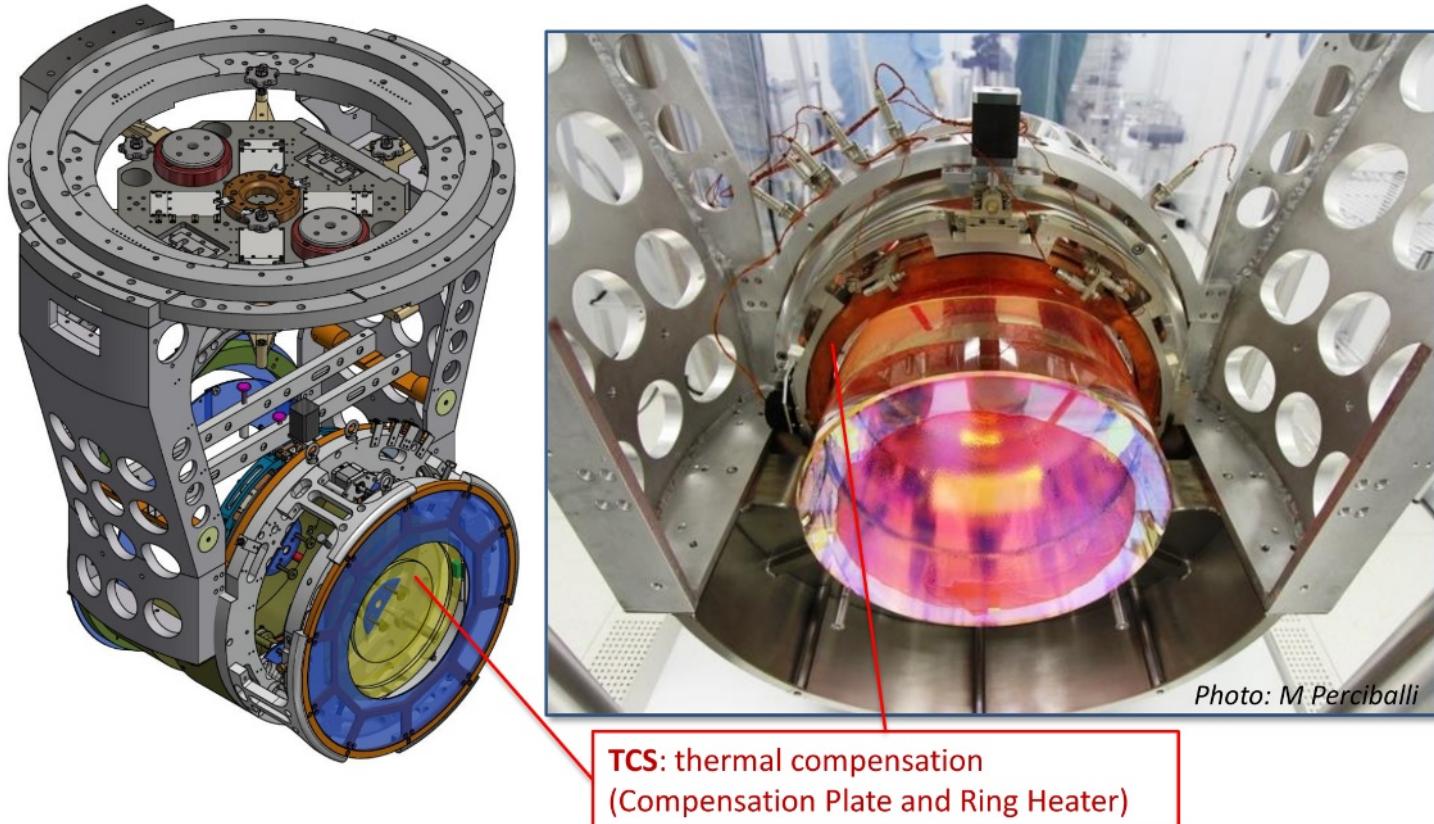


Virgo supper attenuator

Isolation transfert function

The last stage of the suspension

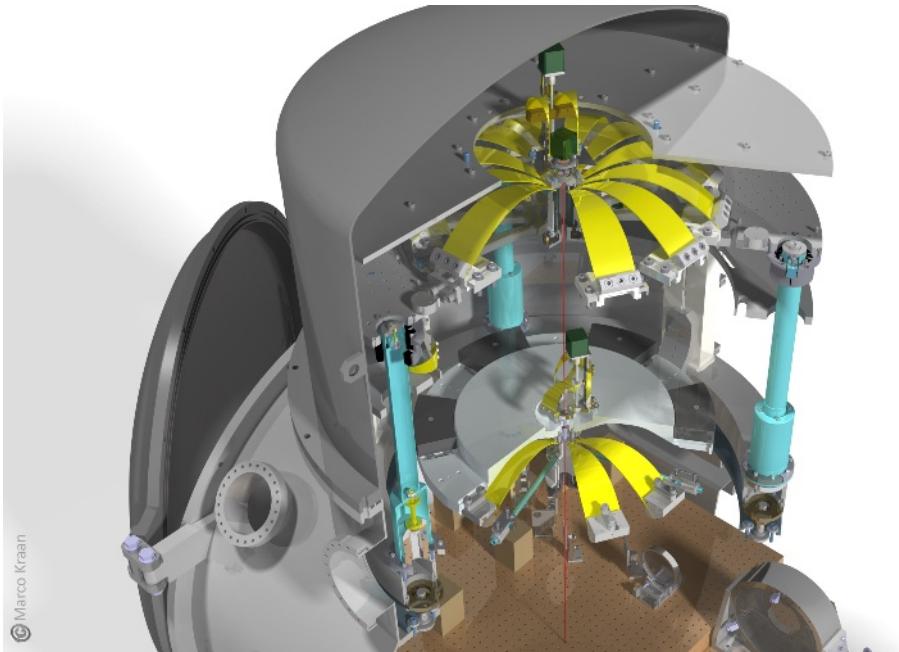
Where the mirror is attached



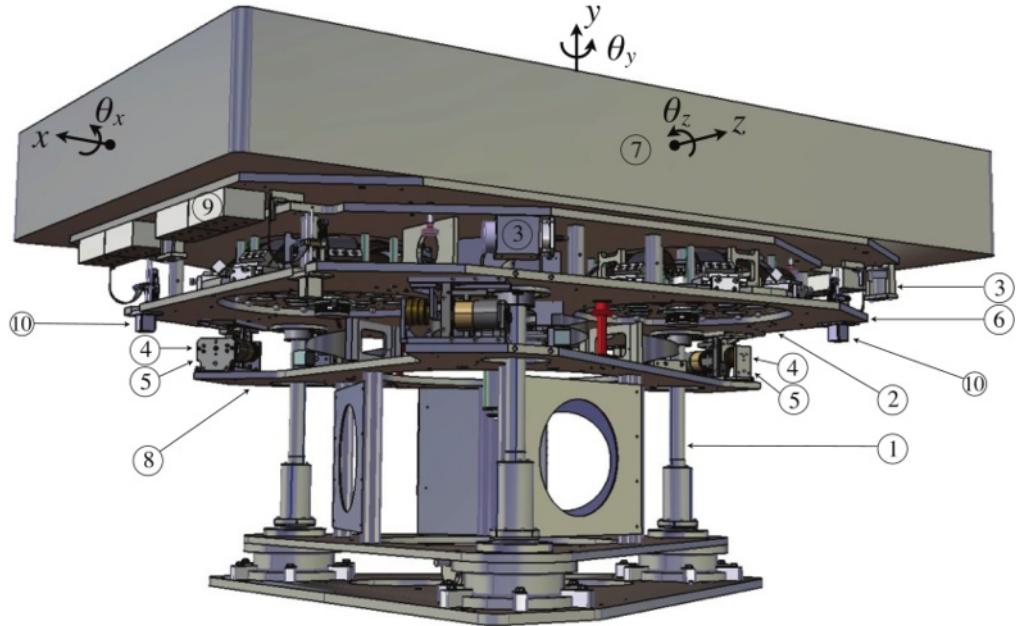
Not only for the main mirrors



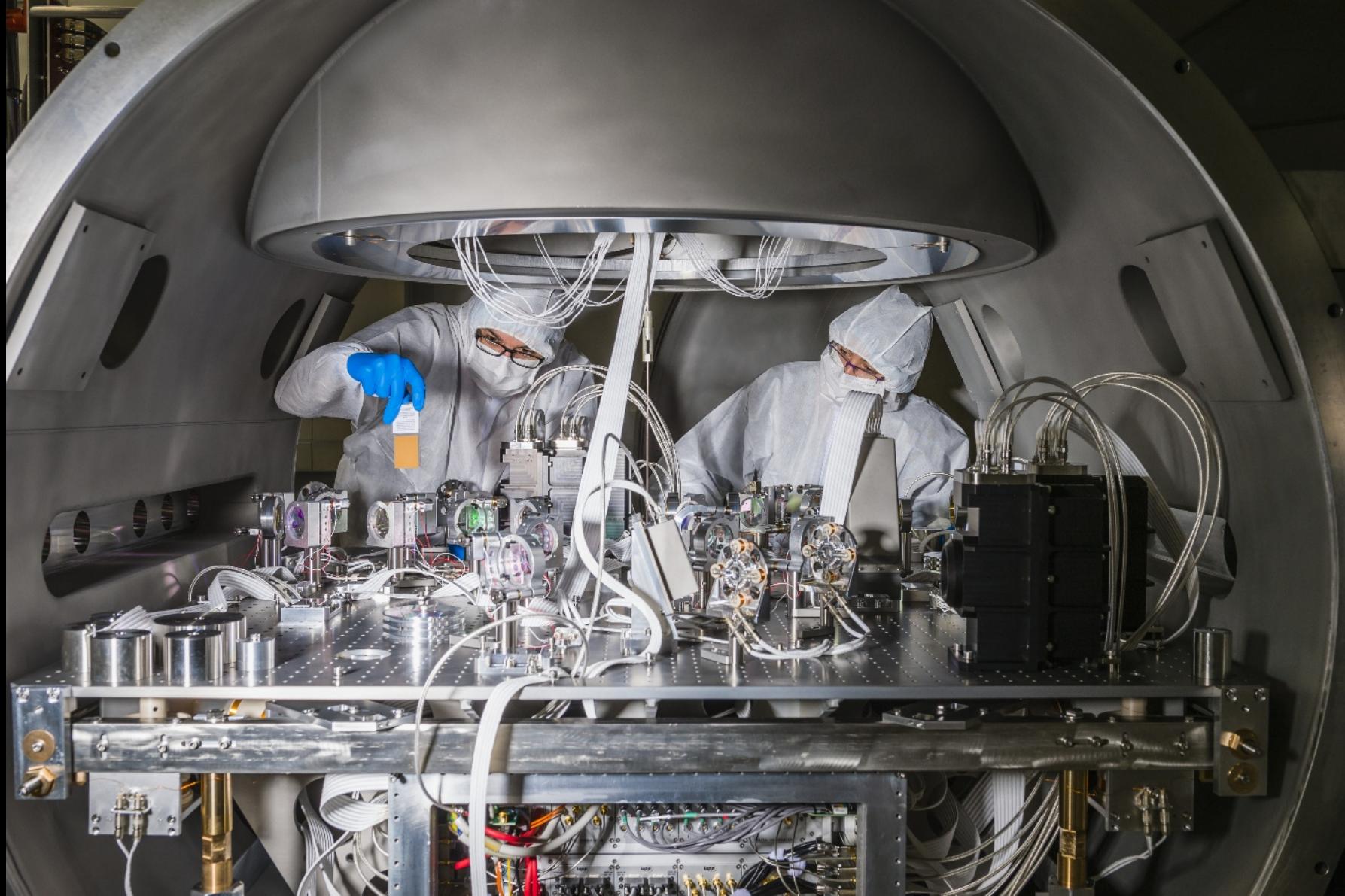
But also for the benches with critical optics !



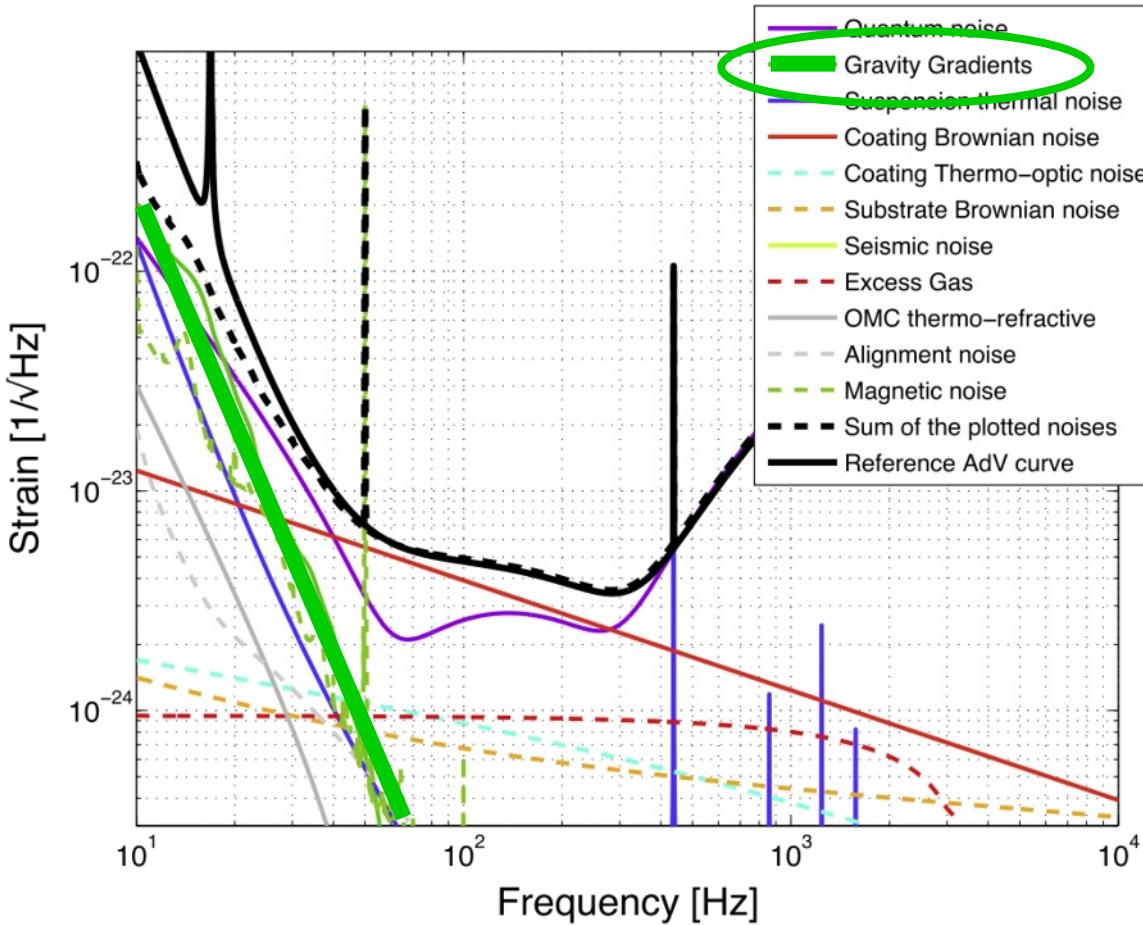
*Compact suspension
for mini tower*



External bench



The Advanced Virgo noise budget



At low frequency :
gravity gradient noise

Gravity gradient (or Newtonian) noise

Due to local density variation in the surrounding of the mirror (from Earth or atmosphere). Can not be shielded.

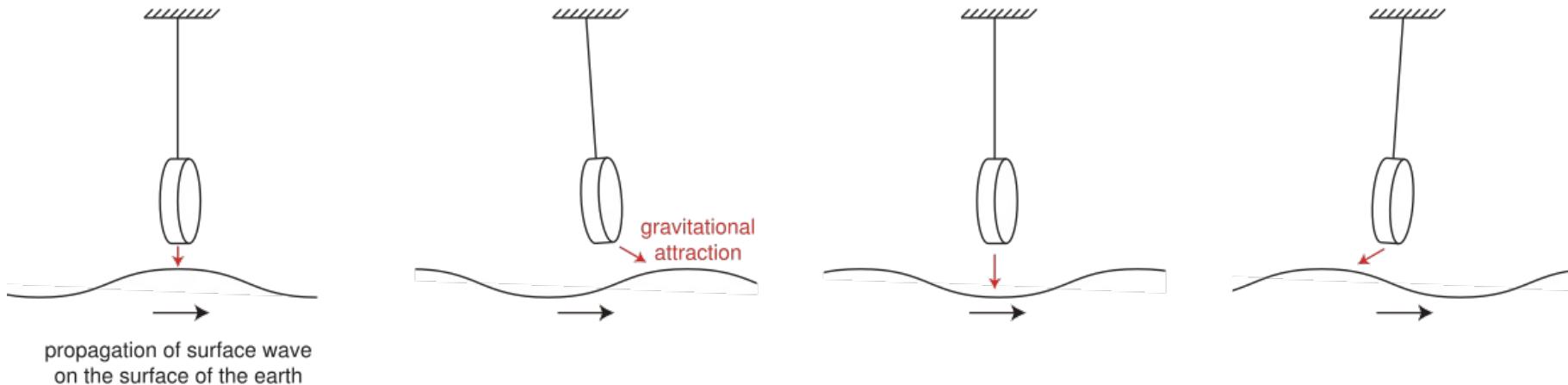
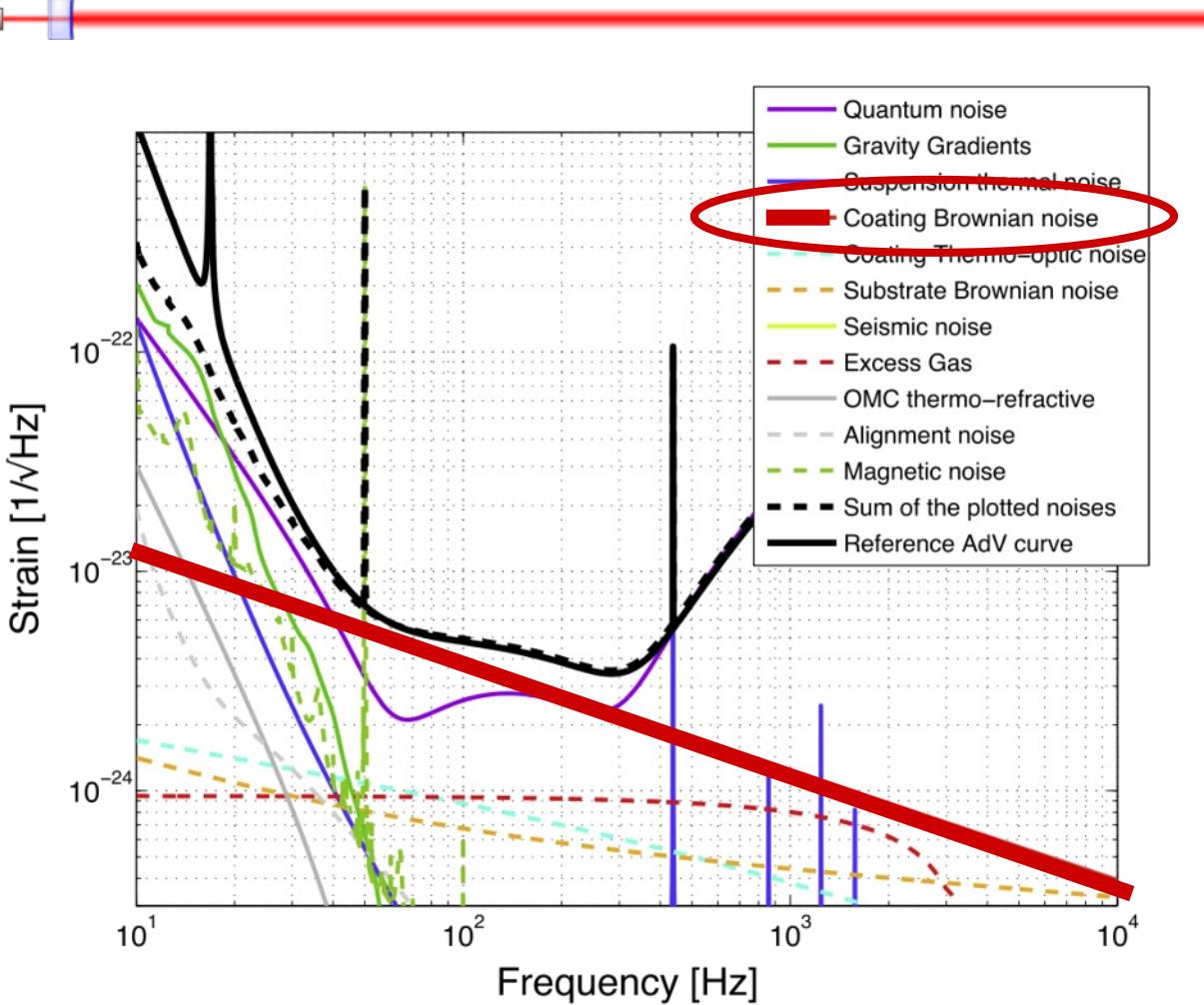


Figure 7: Time-lapsed schematic illustrating the fluctuating gravitational force on a suspended mass by the propagation of a surface wave through the ground.

The Advanced Virgo noise budget



Middle frequencies :
coating thermal noise

Thermal noise(s)

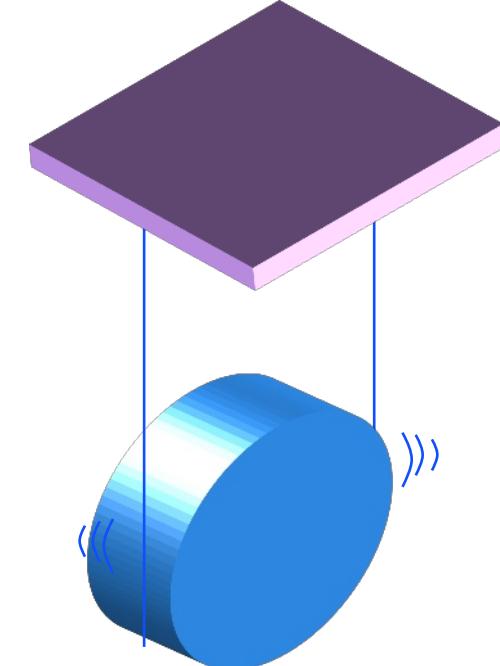


Not only one thermal noise but several responsible for displacement noises:

- Suspension thermal noise
- Thermo-optic noise
- Substrate Brownian noise
- Coating Brownian noise

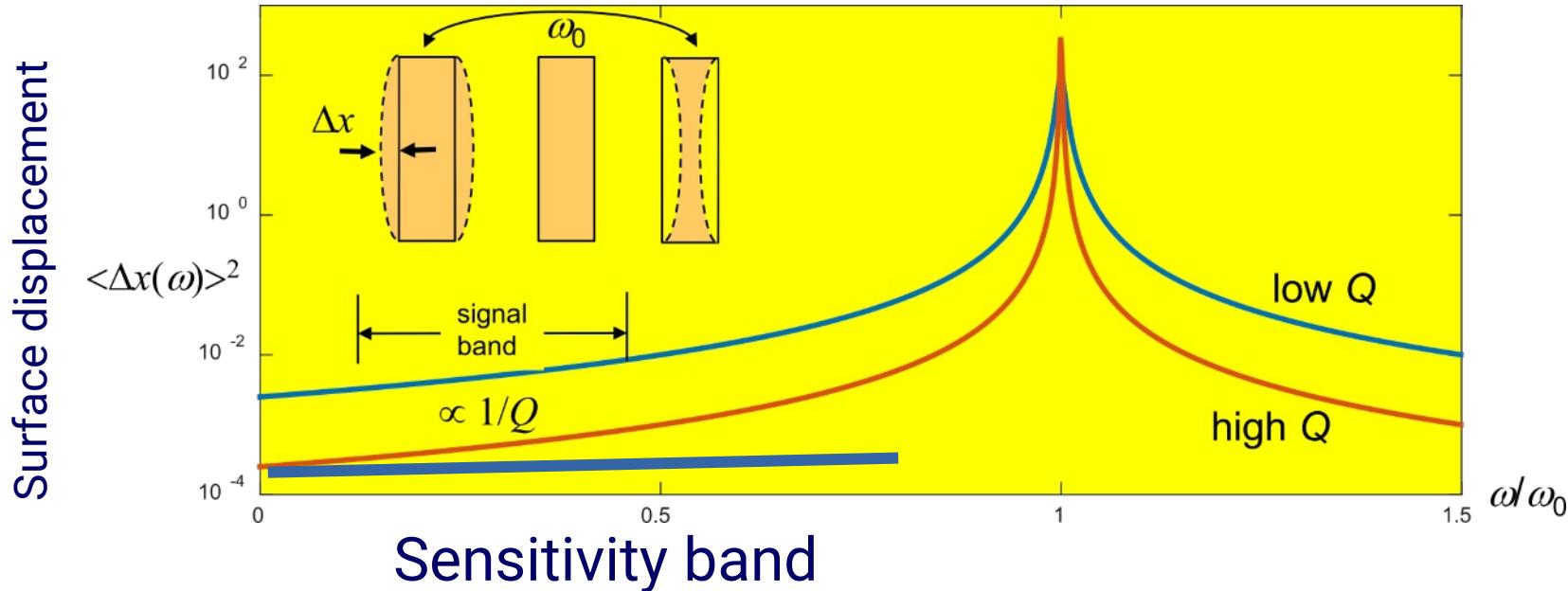


Currently the worst
offender



A closer look at it:

https://doi.org/10.1364/CLEO_AT.2017.JF1D.2



Depend on:

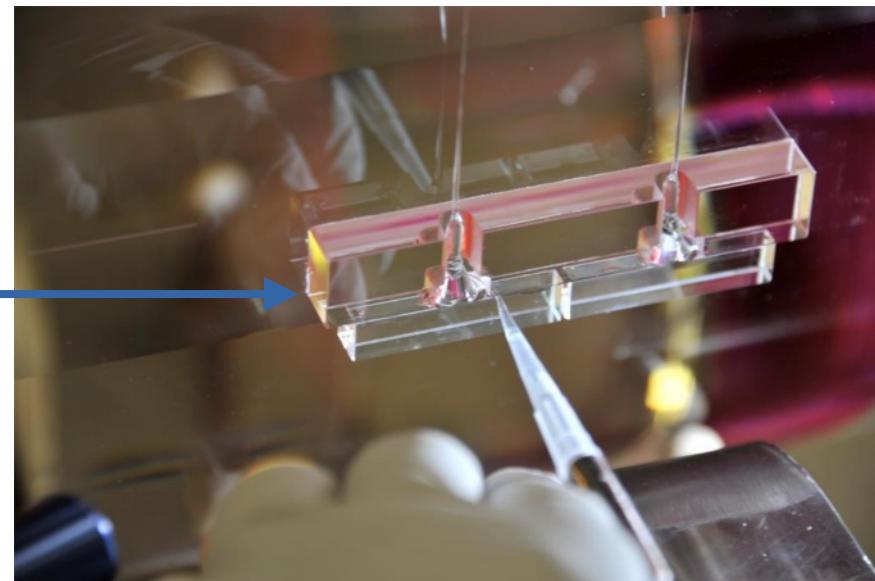
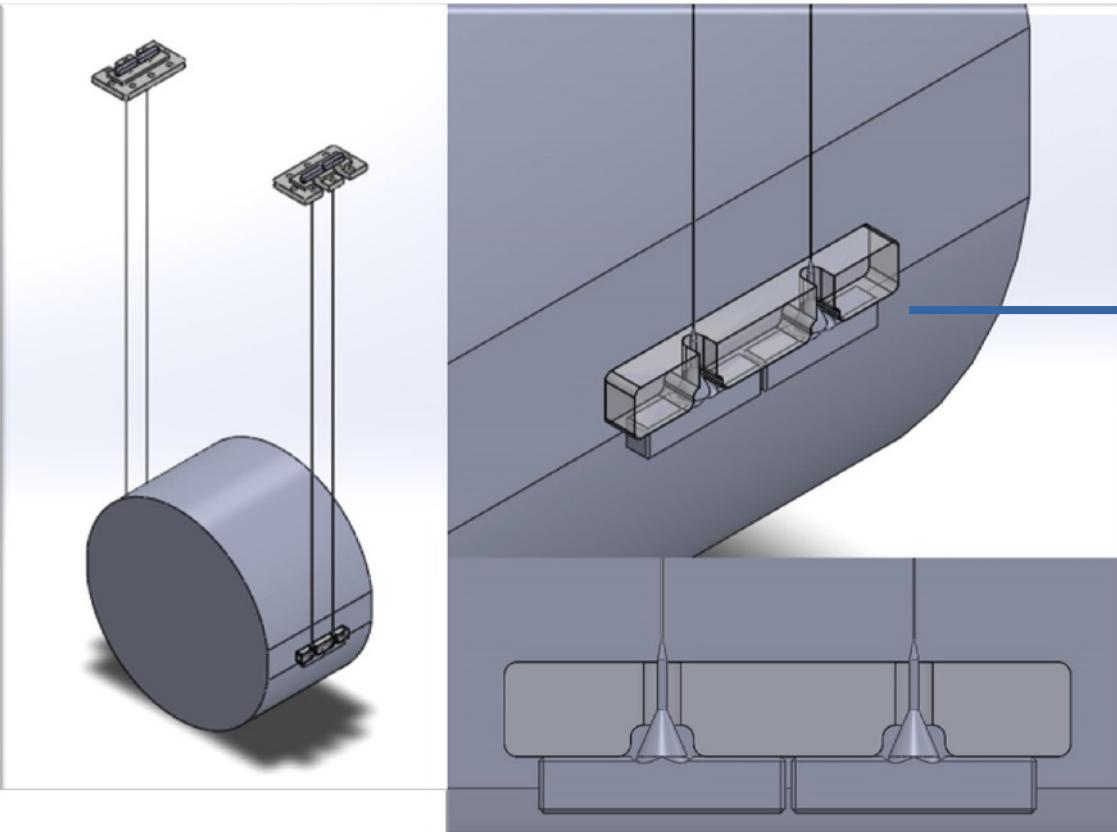
- The temperature
- The mechanical loss (prop to $1/Q$)

Use very high Q material, interfaces are critical

Monolithic suspension

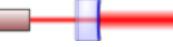


Mirror, attachment, fiber: all made of glass.



Application of silicate bonding

Coating thermal noise



Intensive worldwide research to reduce this noise :

$$S_{CTN} \propto T \frac{d\phi}{w^2}$$

temperature

coating thickness

coating loss angle

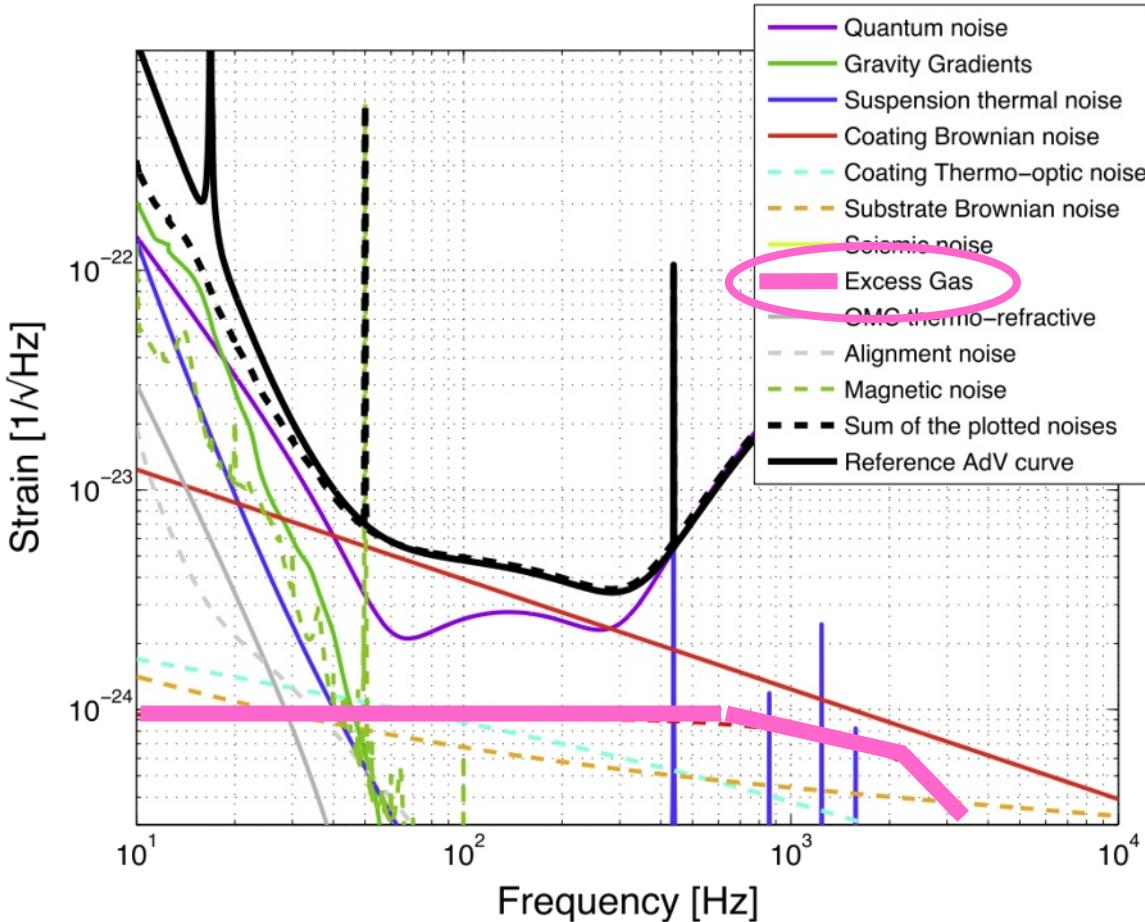
beam size

Optimised Coating materials

Large beams

Not possible in current infrastructure

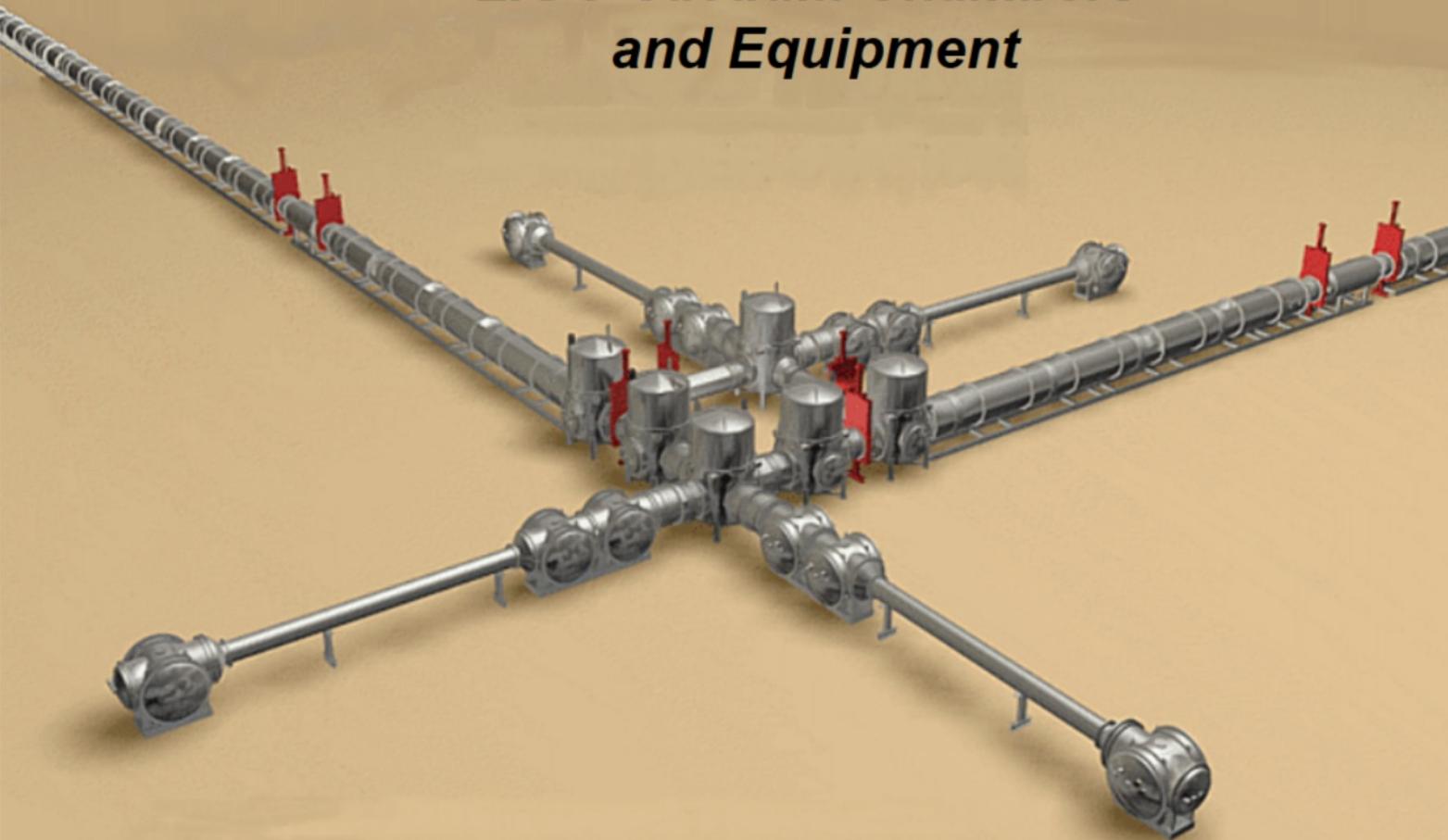
Phase noise from imperfect vacuum



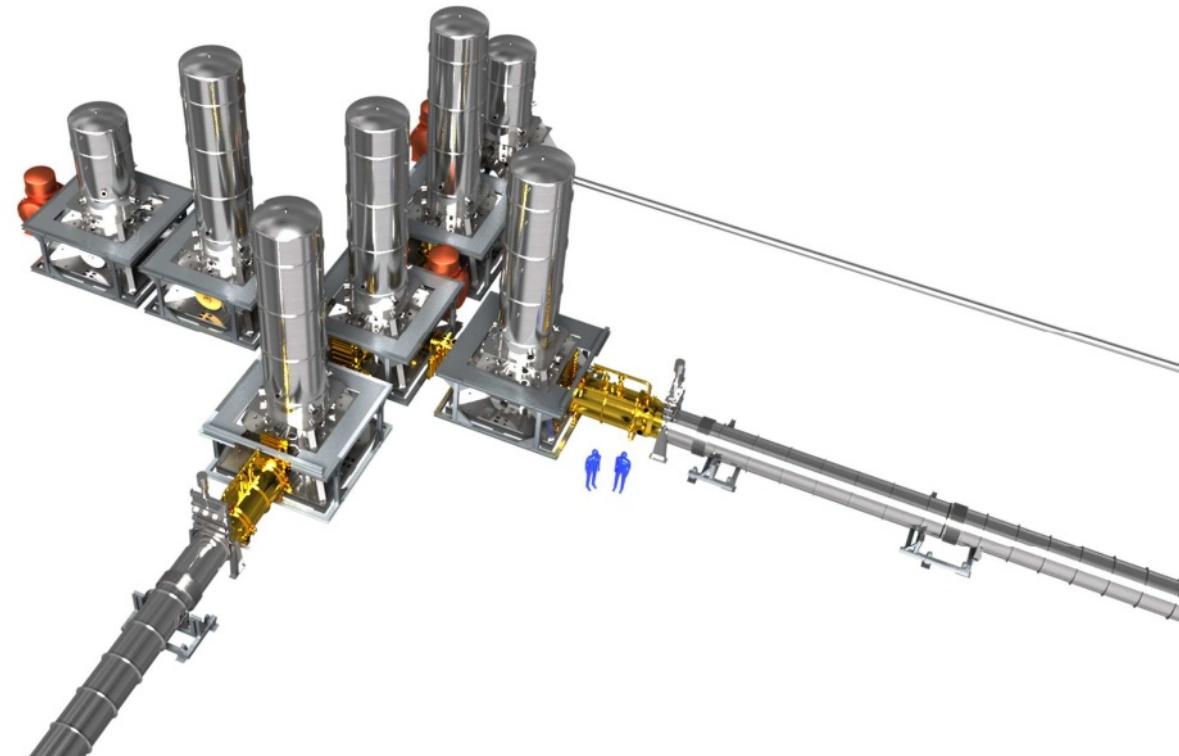
Turbulences in gas, creates variation of the refractive index

The critical path of light is under vacuum.
Limit of the facility

LIGO Vacuum Chambers and Equipment



The Virgo chambers

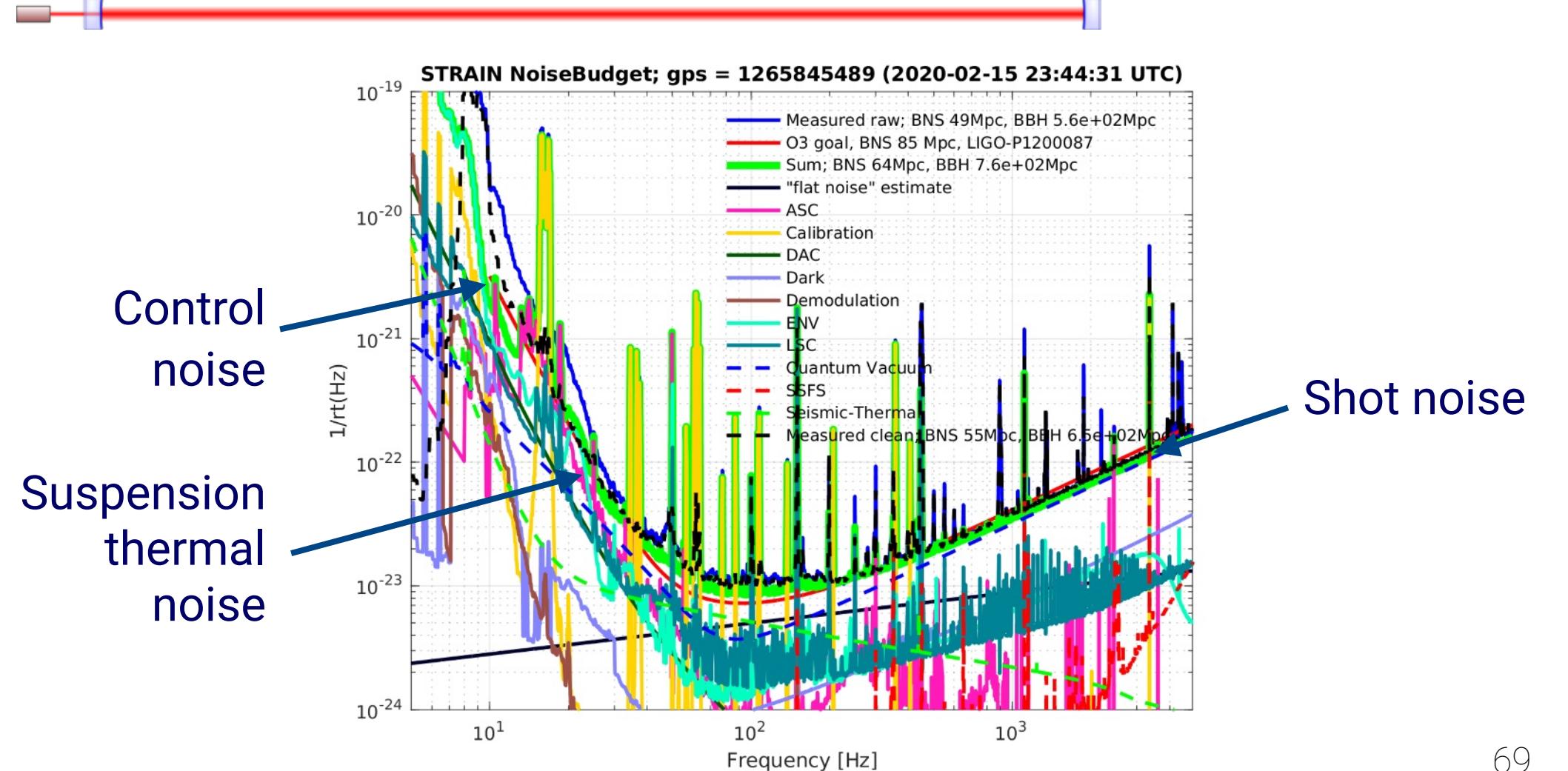


Pressure < 10^{-9} mbar



Total volume : 7000 m³

Advanced Virgo measured (real) noise budget



VI.

Selected technologies

- **mirrors**
- **thermal compensation**
- **diffused light mitigation**
- **control**

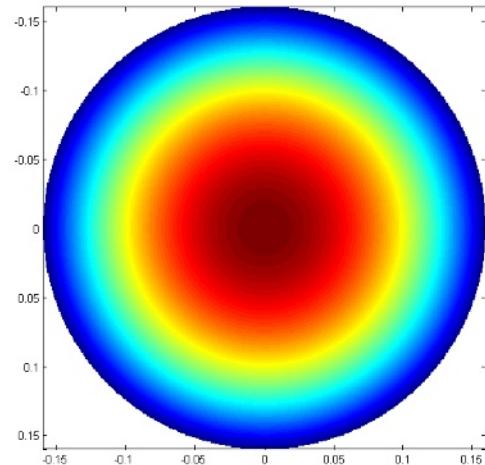
The arm cavity mirrors



- arm cavity where the optical losses are the most critical
- optical cavity round trip loss $< 0.01\%$
- give tight constraints on the mirror quality surface:

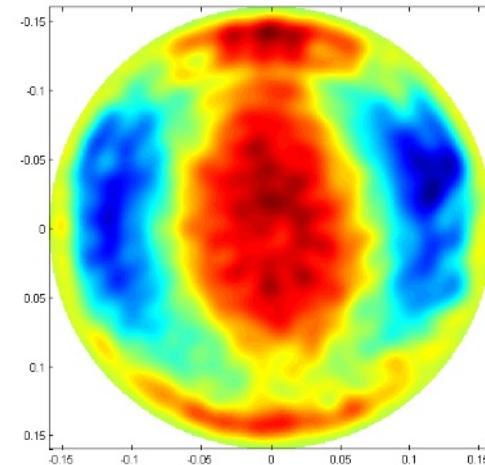
Radius error

Mirror surface height as color scale



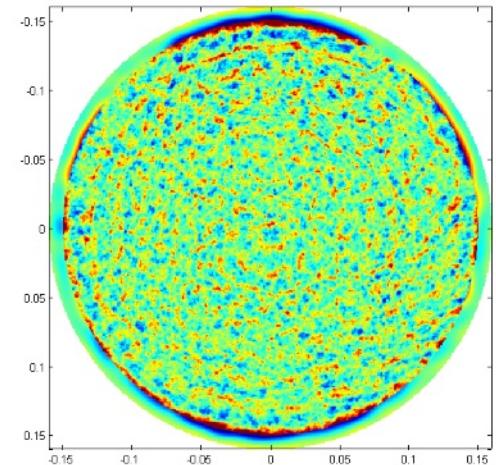
bad contrast
(could be corrected)

Low frequency error
($f < 50 \text{ m}^{-1}$)



bad contrast
distorted beam

High frequency error
($f > 50 \text{ m}^{-1}$)



light lost

The arm cavity mirrors



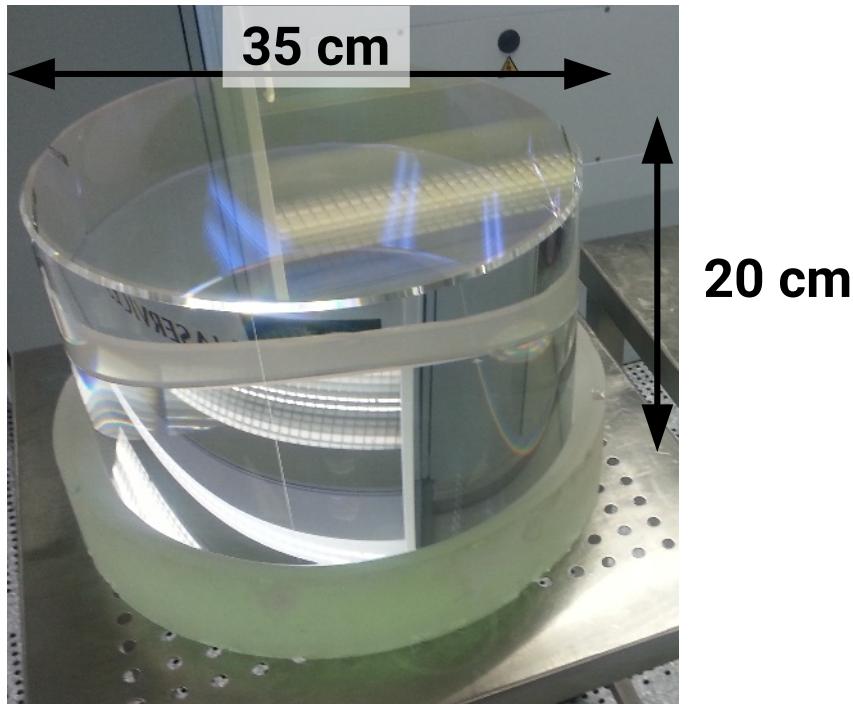
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**Very stringent requirement on
the polishing and coating**

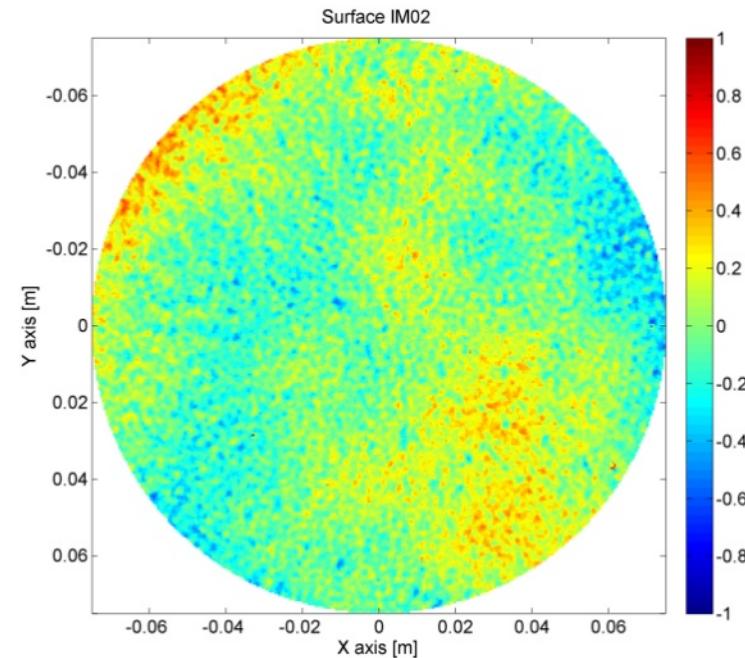
The mirrors for the 3 km long cavities



- mirrors weighting 40 kg made of the purest fused silica
- state of the art polishing (flatness RMS ~ 0.3 nm)
- coated using Ion Beam Sputtering (IBS) technology

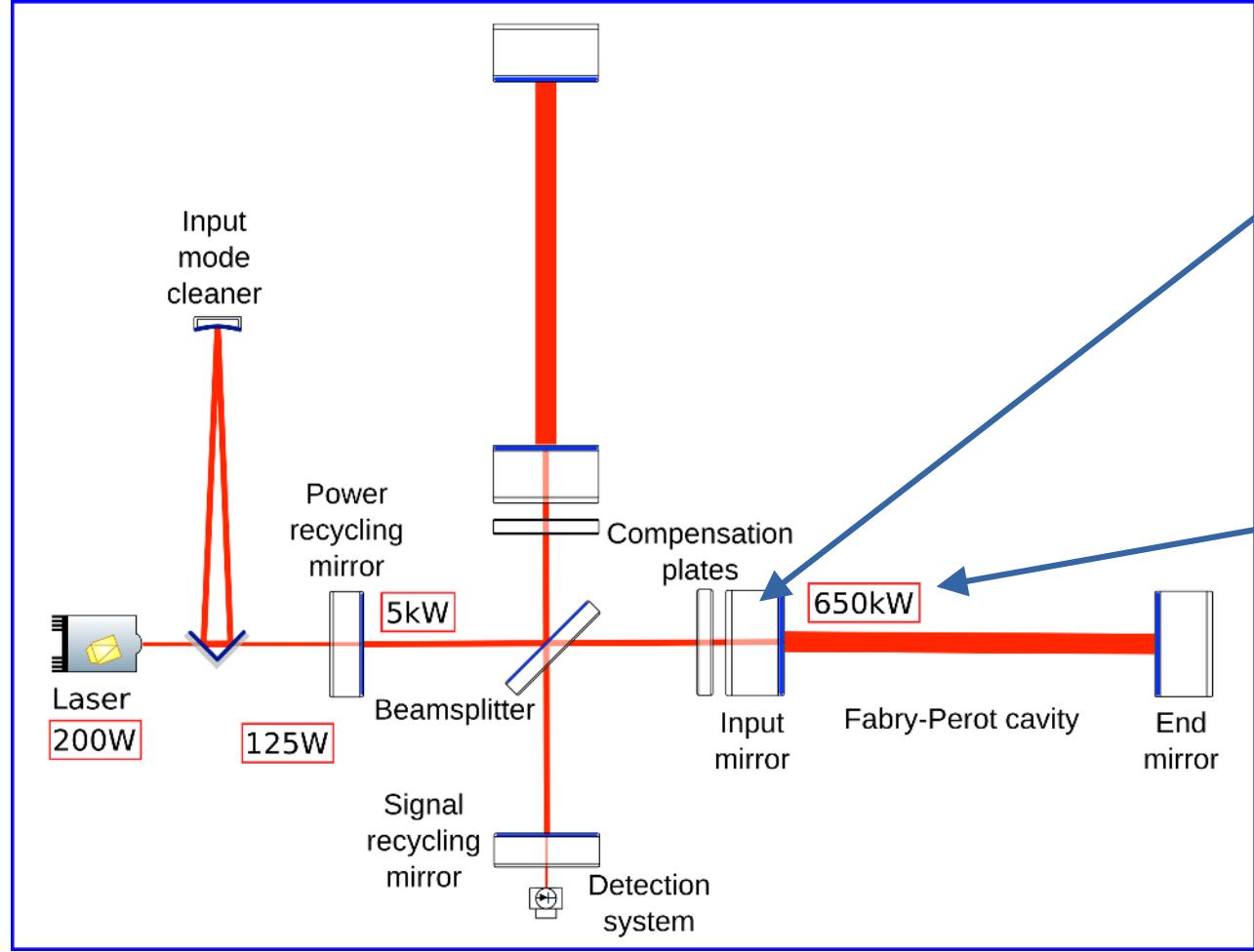


Polished substrate



Mirror surface height

A story of power



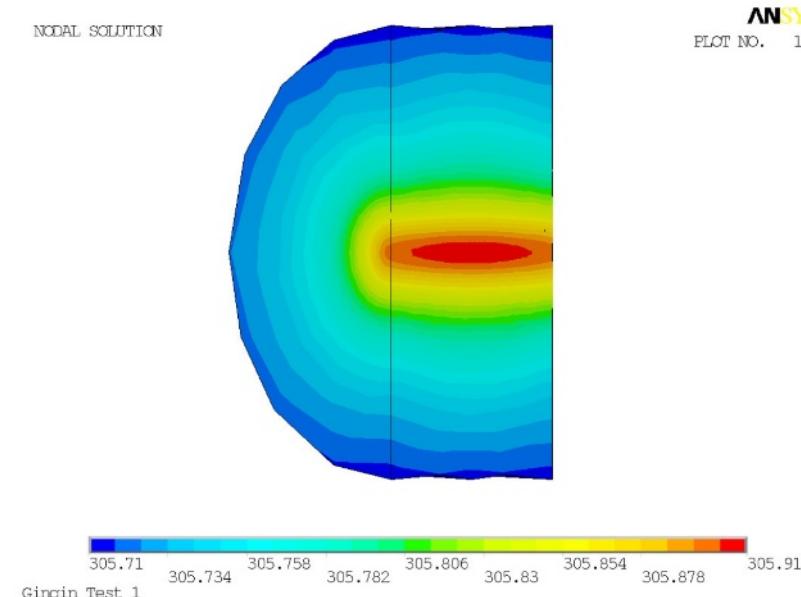
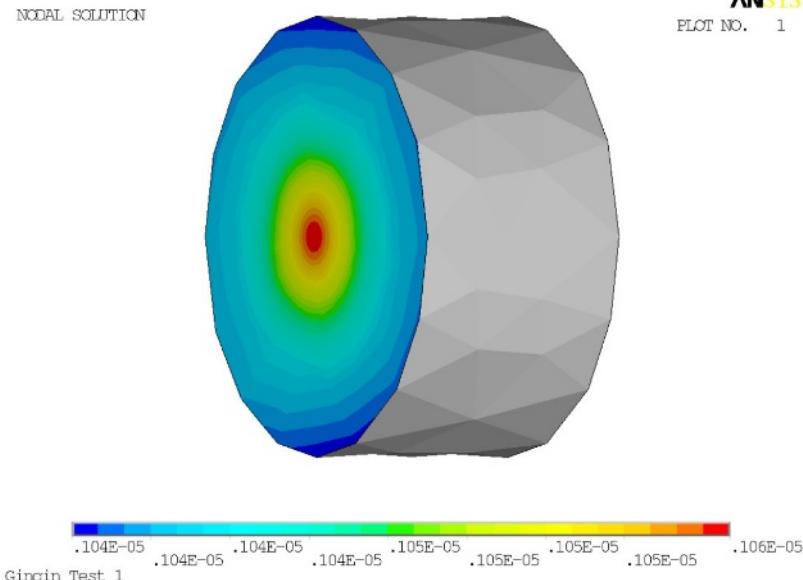
kW of light in
the substrate

Huge amount of
optical power

Effect of the optical absorption



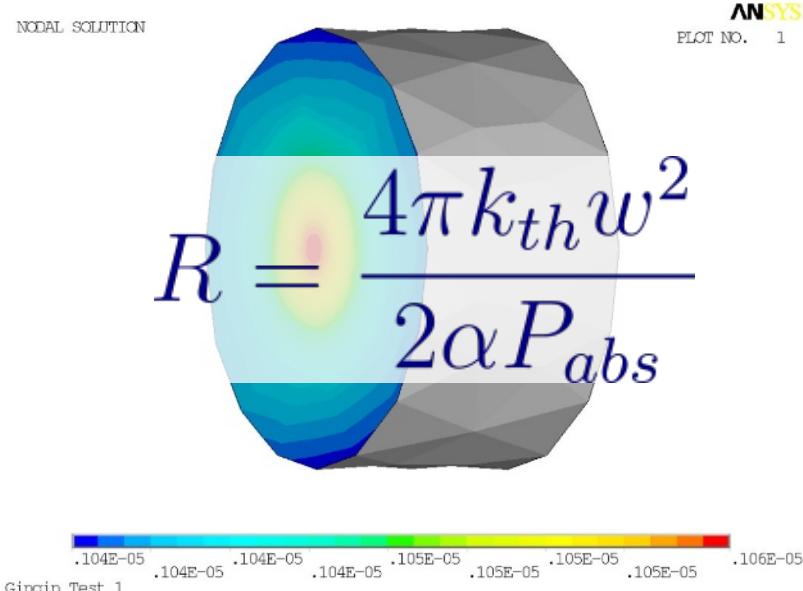
- even if very good substrate / coating, still residual absorption ($< \text{ppm}$)
- part of the laser beam will be absorbed
- and converted to heat



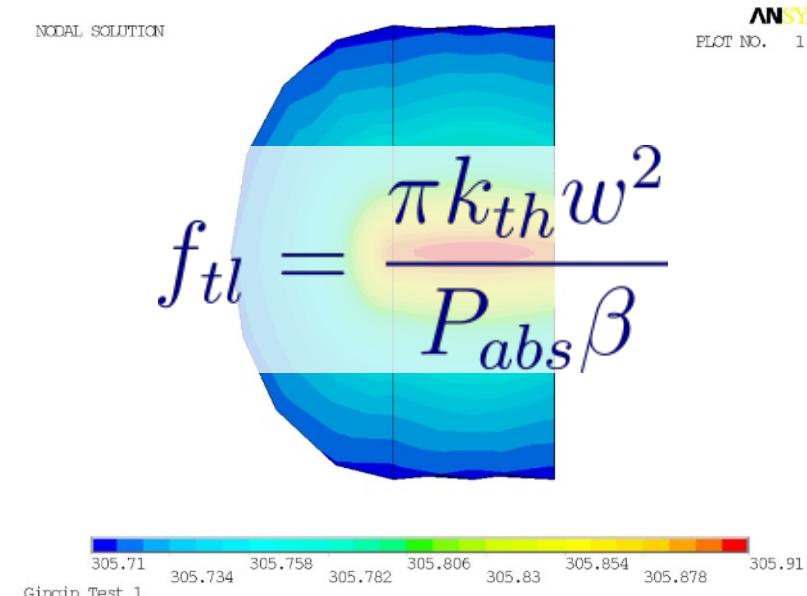
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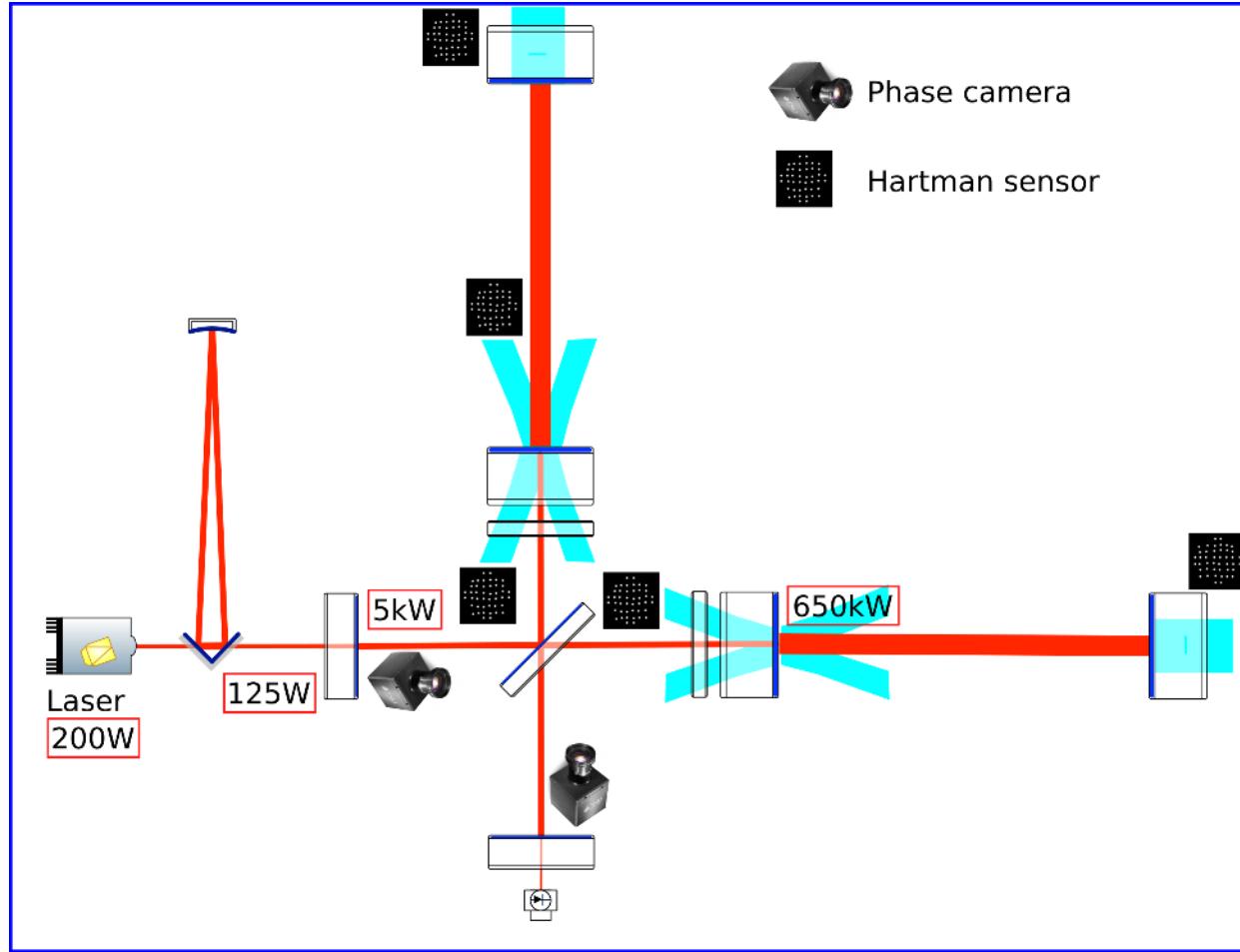


Coating absorption



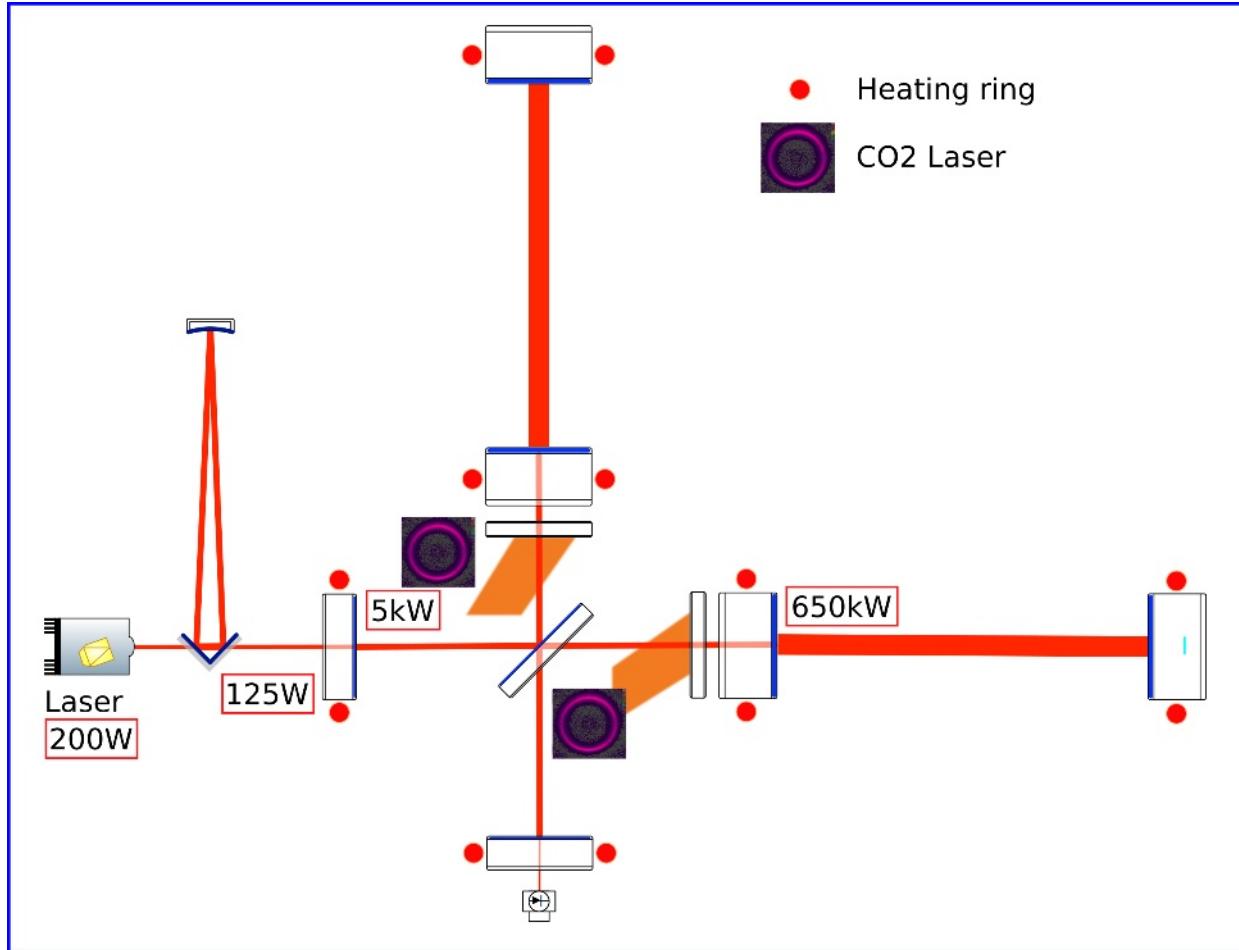
Substrate absorption

The thermal compensation system



Sensing the
thermal aberrations

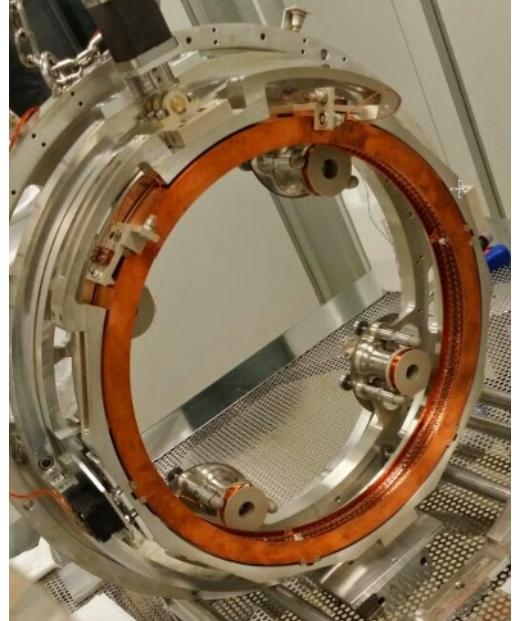
The thermal compensation system



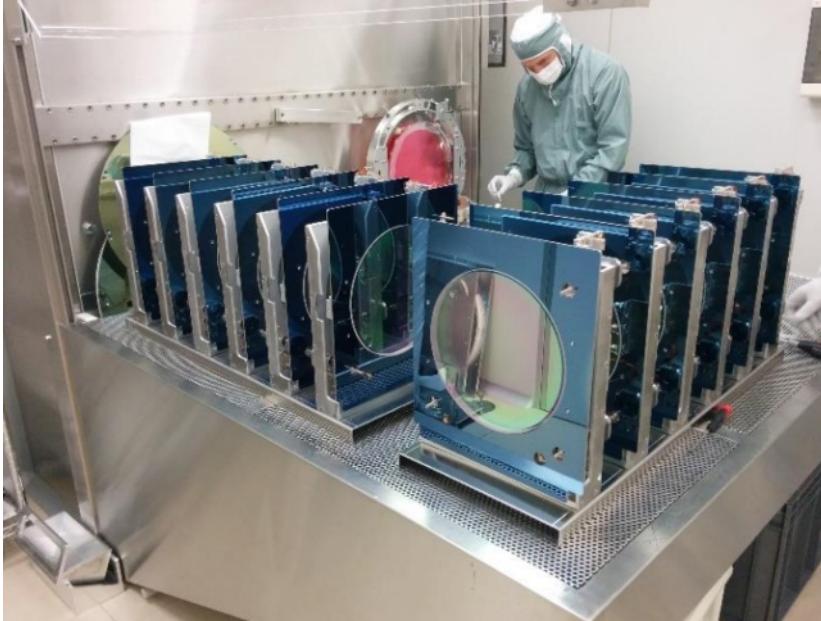
Toward an aberration free interferometer

Applying heat to induce or correct a thermal gradient

Thermal compensation system in photos



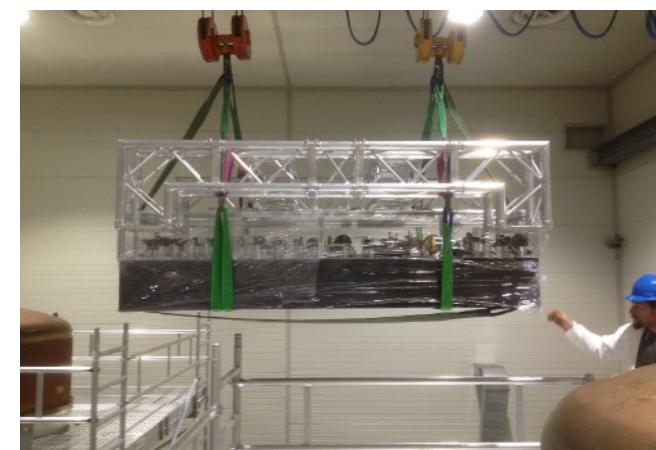
Heating ring



*Steering mirror
for Hartman sensors*

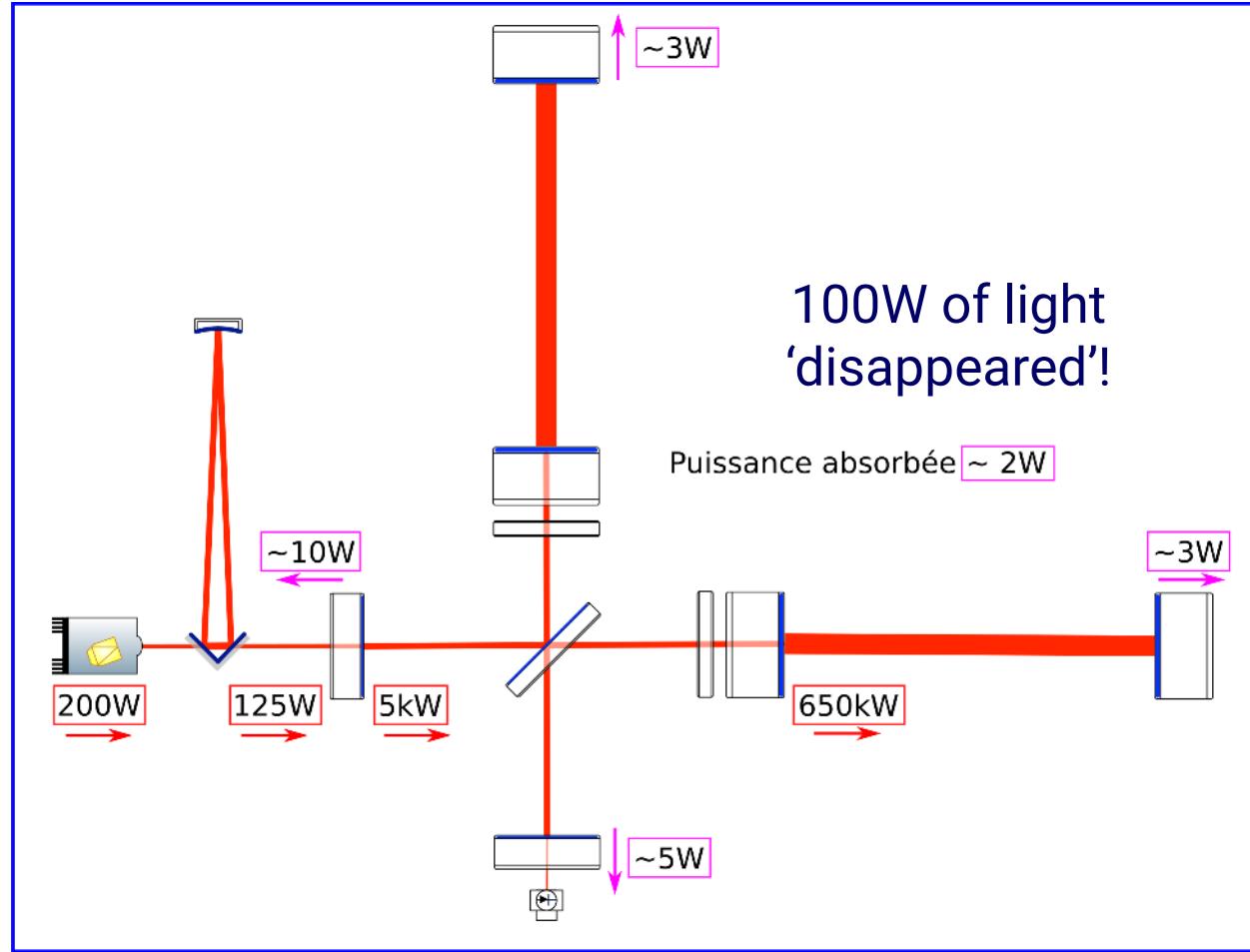


CO₂ laser bench



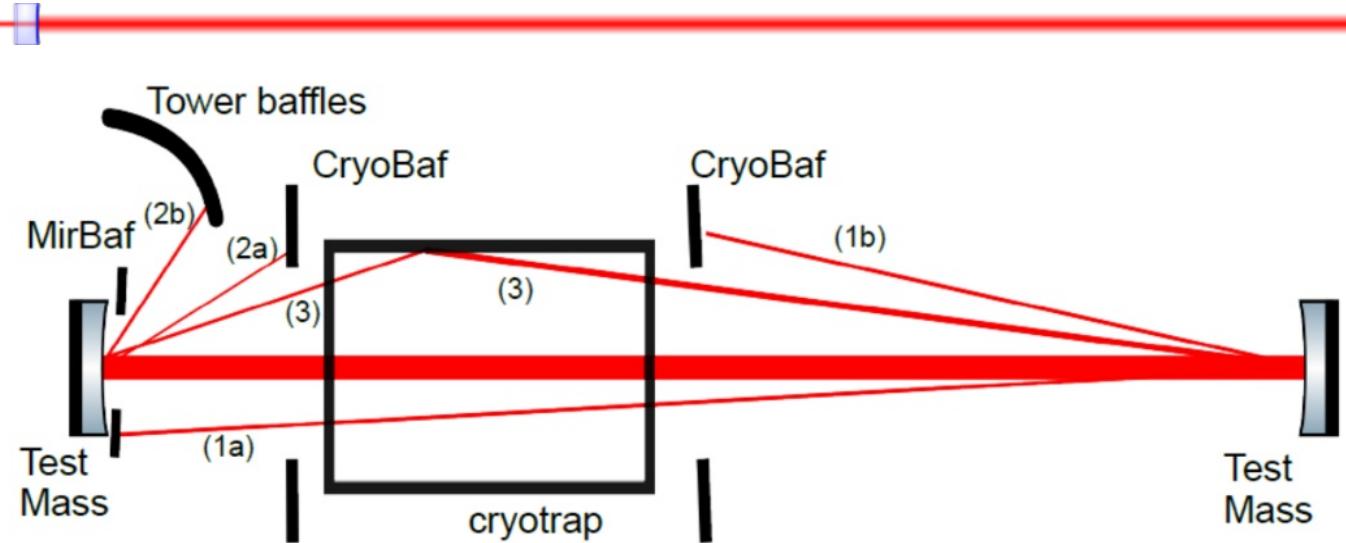
Installation on the site

The diffused light



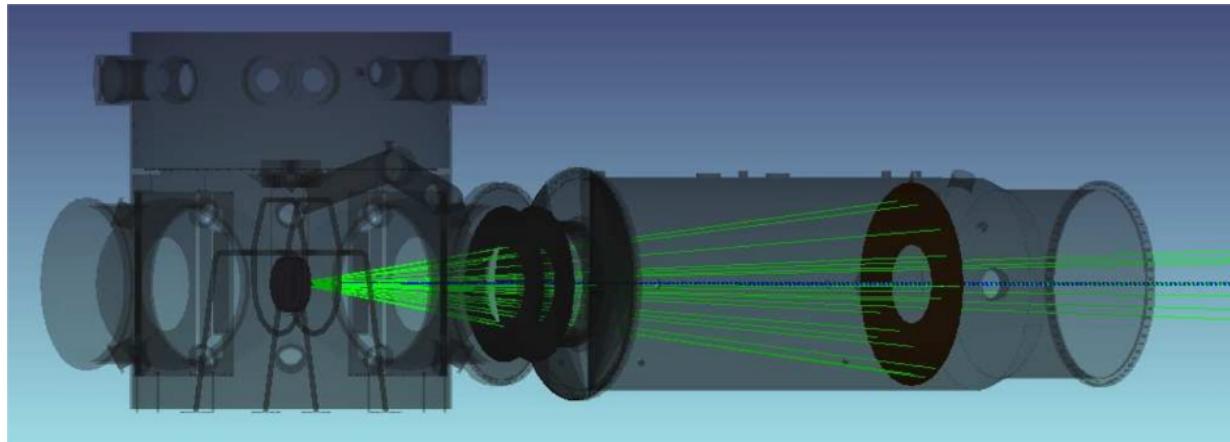
Where my light is lost ?

Diffused light: an extra phase noise

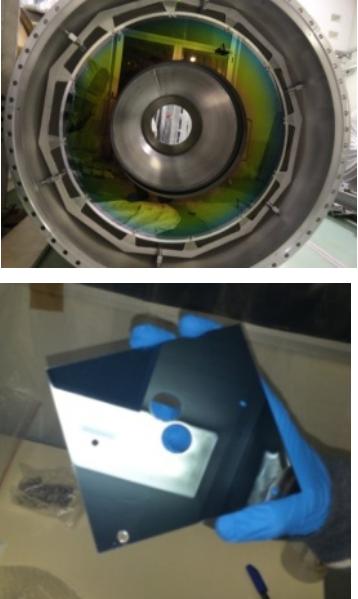
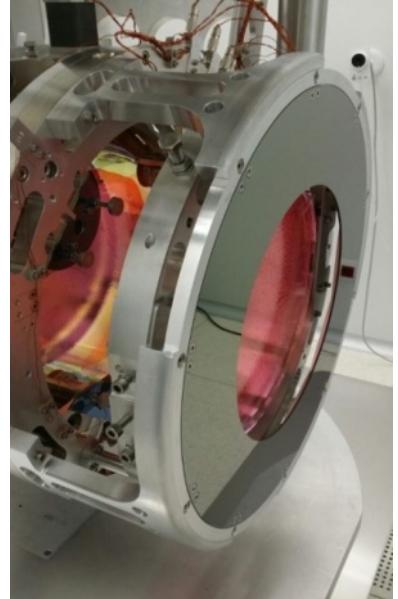


A complex problem with different path for the scattered light.

Could add extra phase noise if recombined with the main beam



Dumping the diffused light



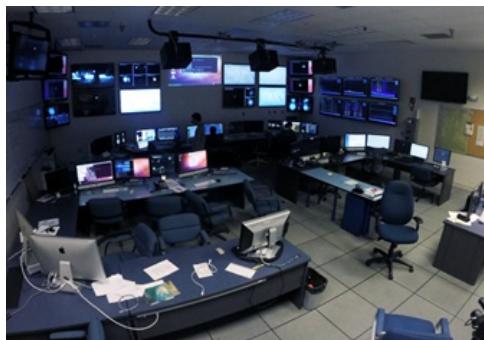
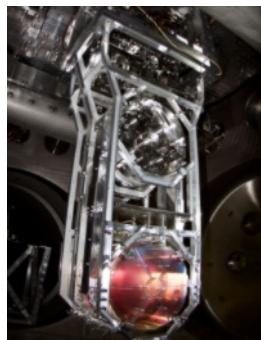
*Light baffles around the mirrors and
in the vacuum tubes*



*All the critical optics are suspended
and under vacuum*

Must keep everything under control!

- A complex machine with a lot of subsystems...



- ... all interconnected
- needs to developed home made systems (hardware and software) for real time control, data monitoring and storage.



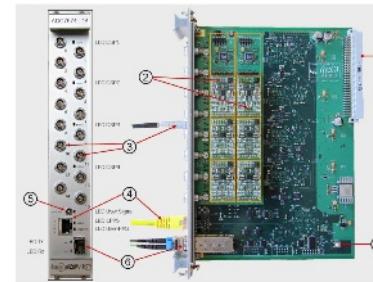
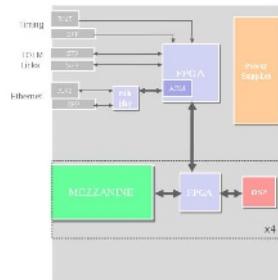
(a) TOLM-PMC mezzanine.



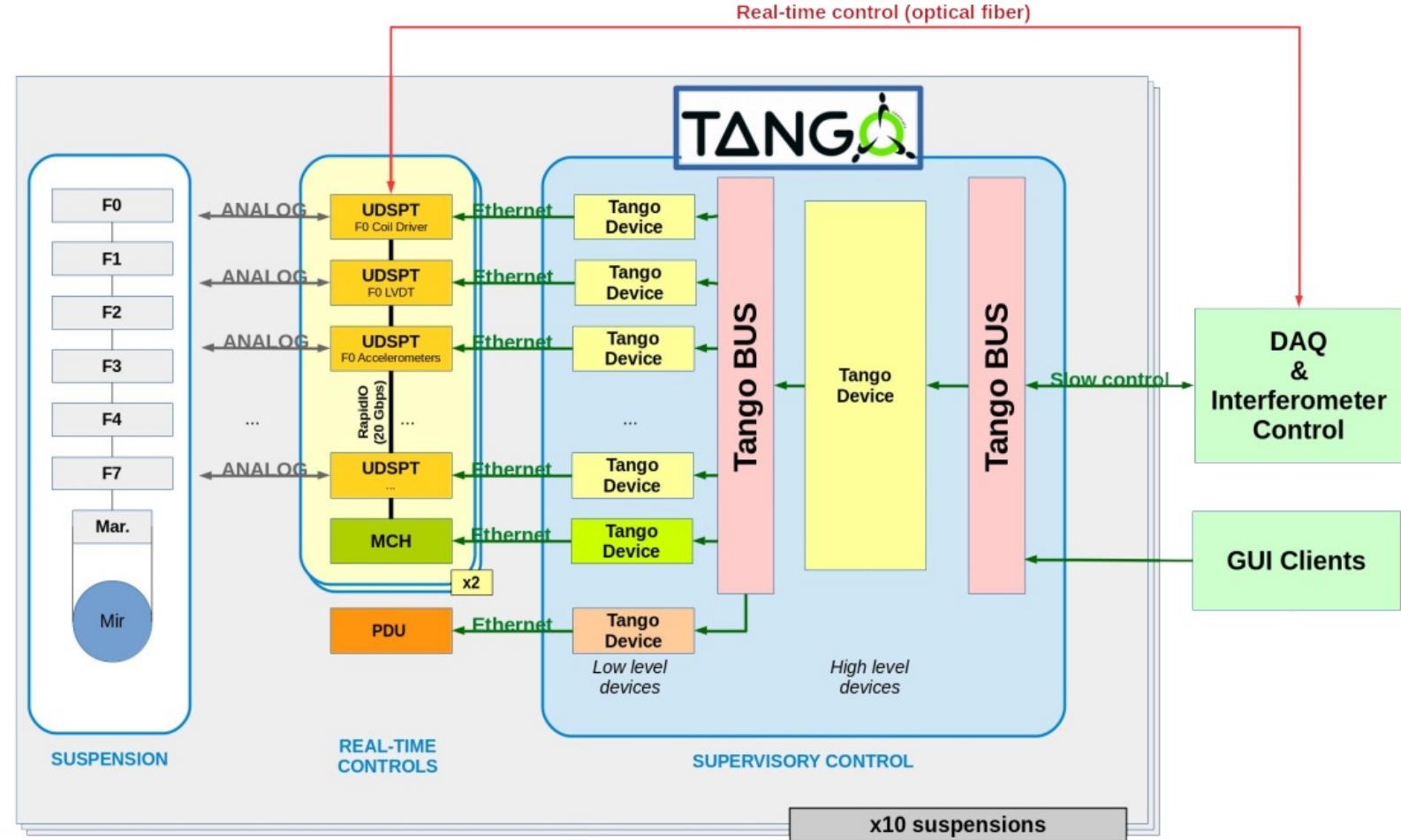
(b) TOLM-PCI mezzanine.



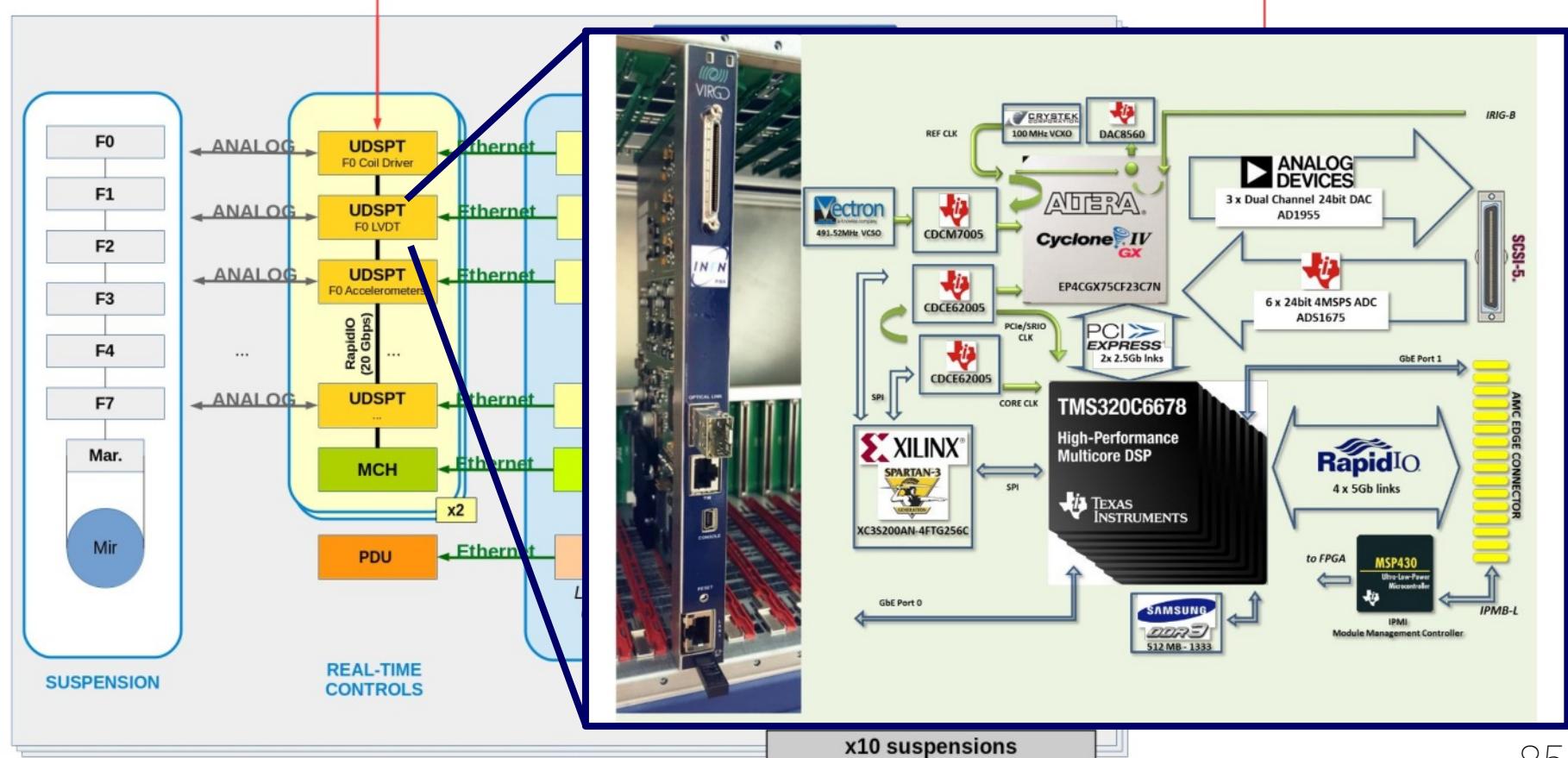
(c) Mix/Demux board.



Example: control of the suspension

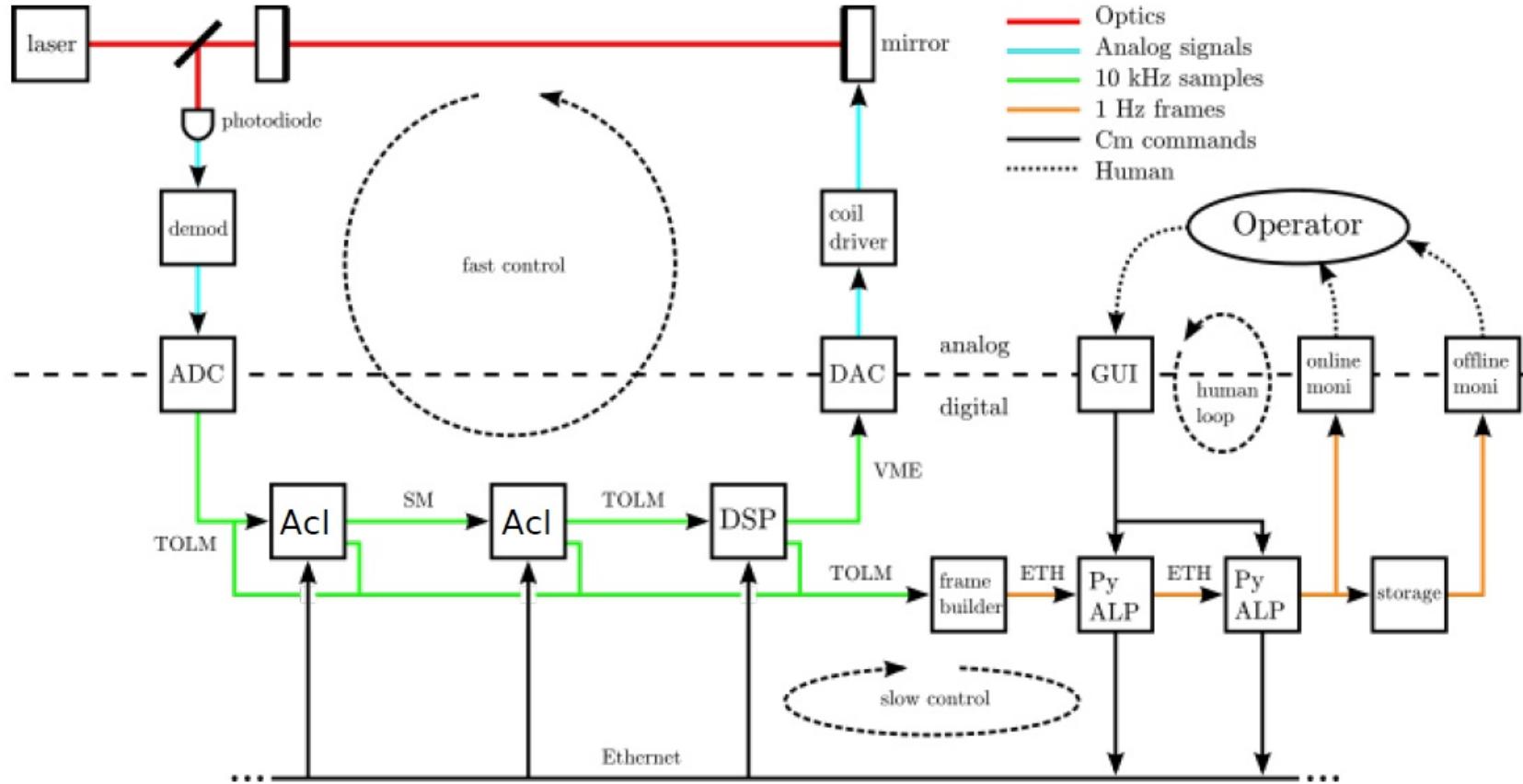


Example: control of the suspension



Example: the arm cavities

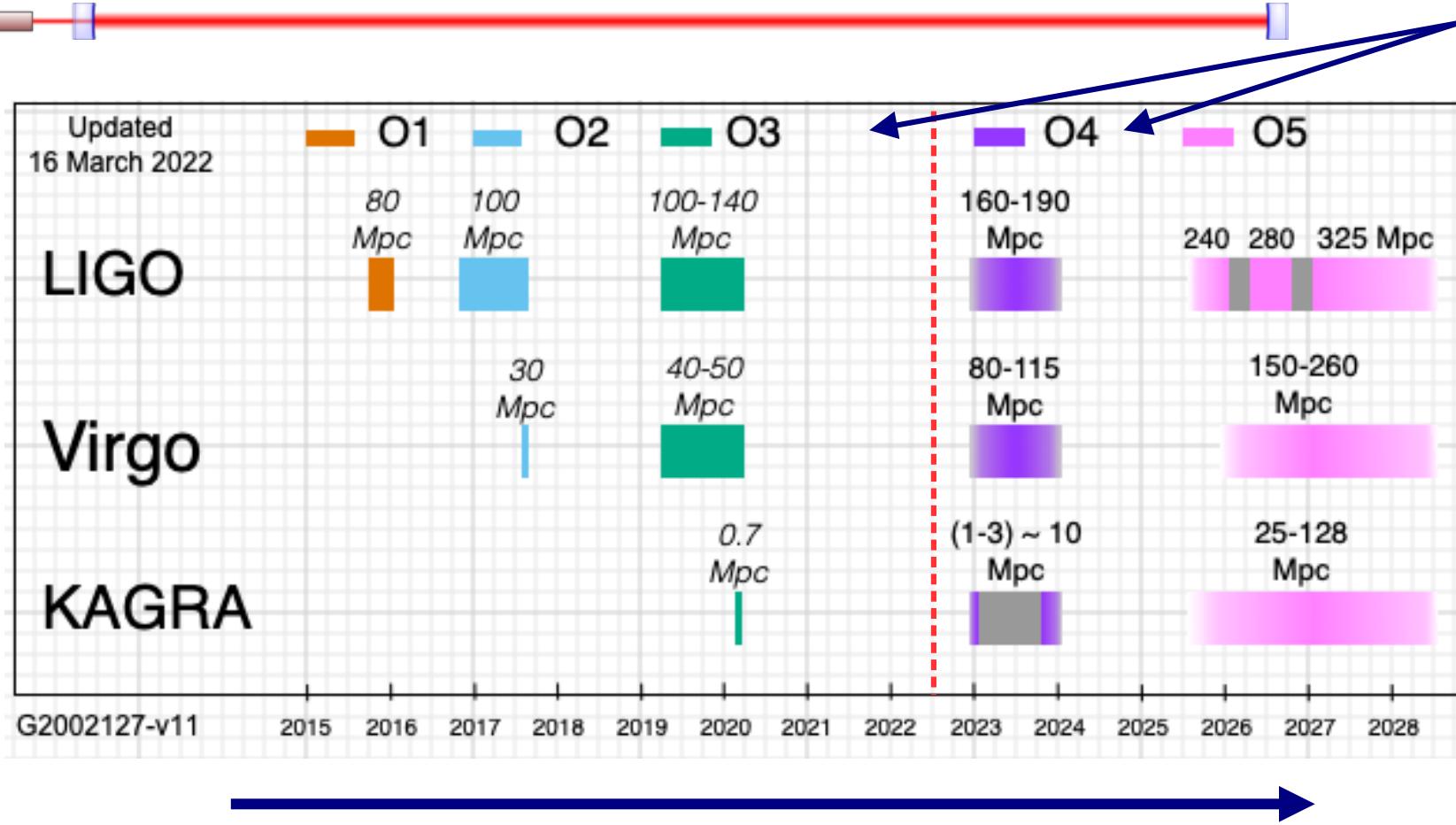
Not always obvious to have a proper error signal



VII.

The next upgrades (with a Virgo focus)

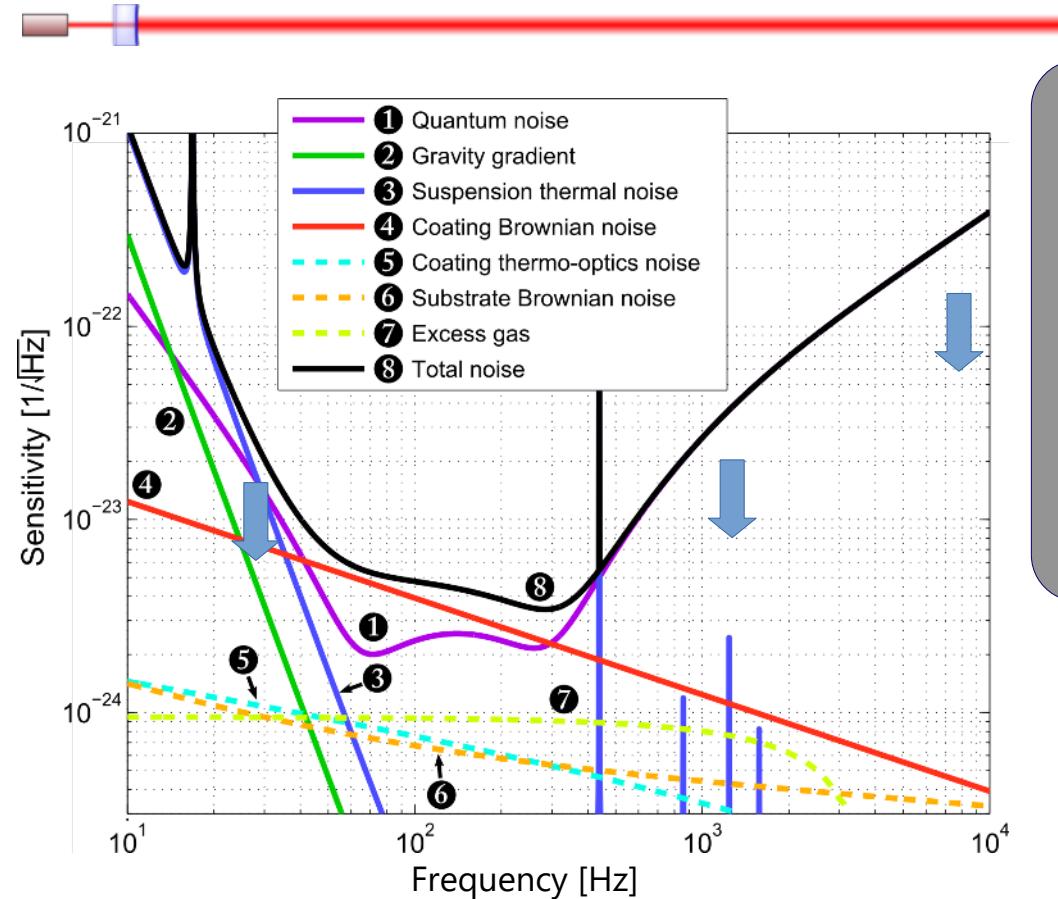
Timeline



More and more sensitive instruments

The '+ upgrades'
(Advanced Virgo+,
Advanced LIGO+)

Advanced Virgo+



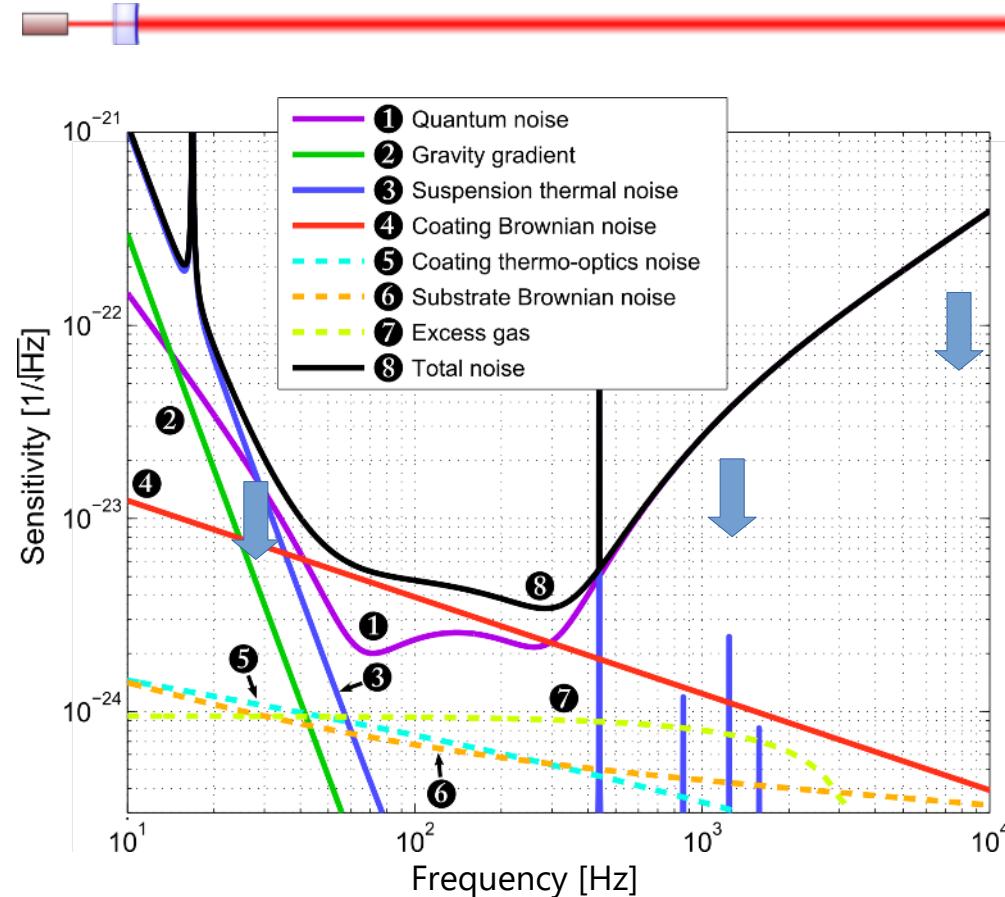
Advanced Virgo noise budget

Phase I

- ① 25-40W input power
- ① signal recycling mirror
- ② Newtonian noise cancellation
- ① frequency depend squeezing
preparatory work for phase II

before O4

Advanced Virgo+



Advanced Virgo noise budget

Phase I

before O4

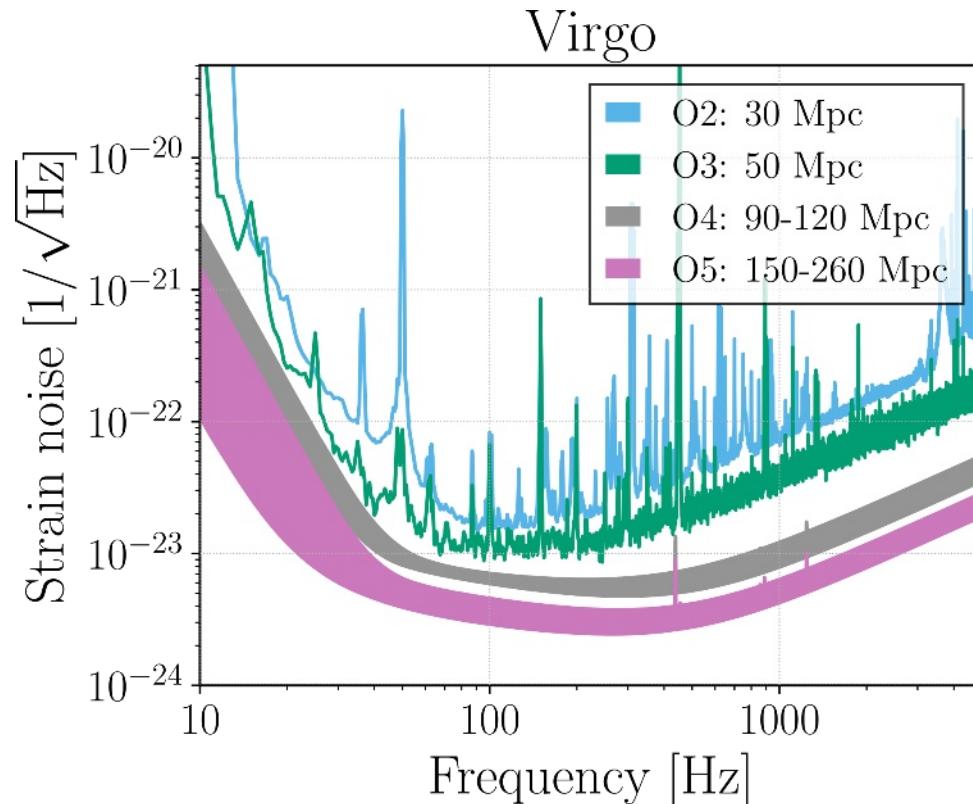
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- ① frequency depend squeezing
preparatory work for phase II

Phase II

before O5

- ① 60-80W input power
- ① lower optical loss
- ④ larger mirror with better coating

Advanced Virgo+



(similar improvement for LIGO)

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before O4

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Phase II

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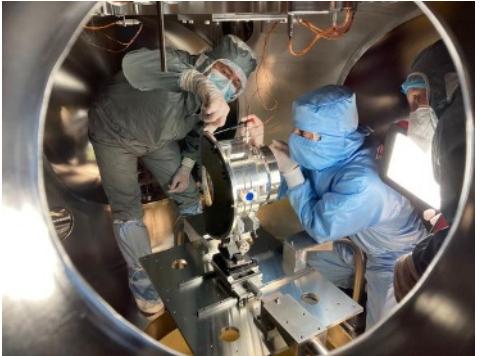
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Phase I: installation highlights

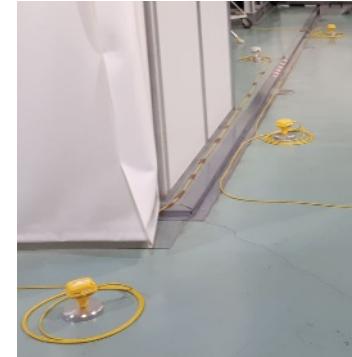
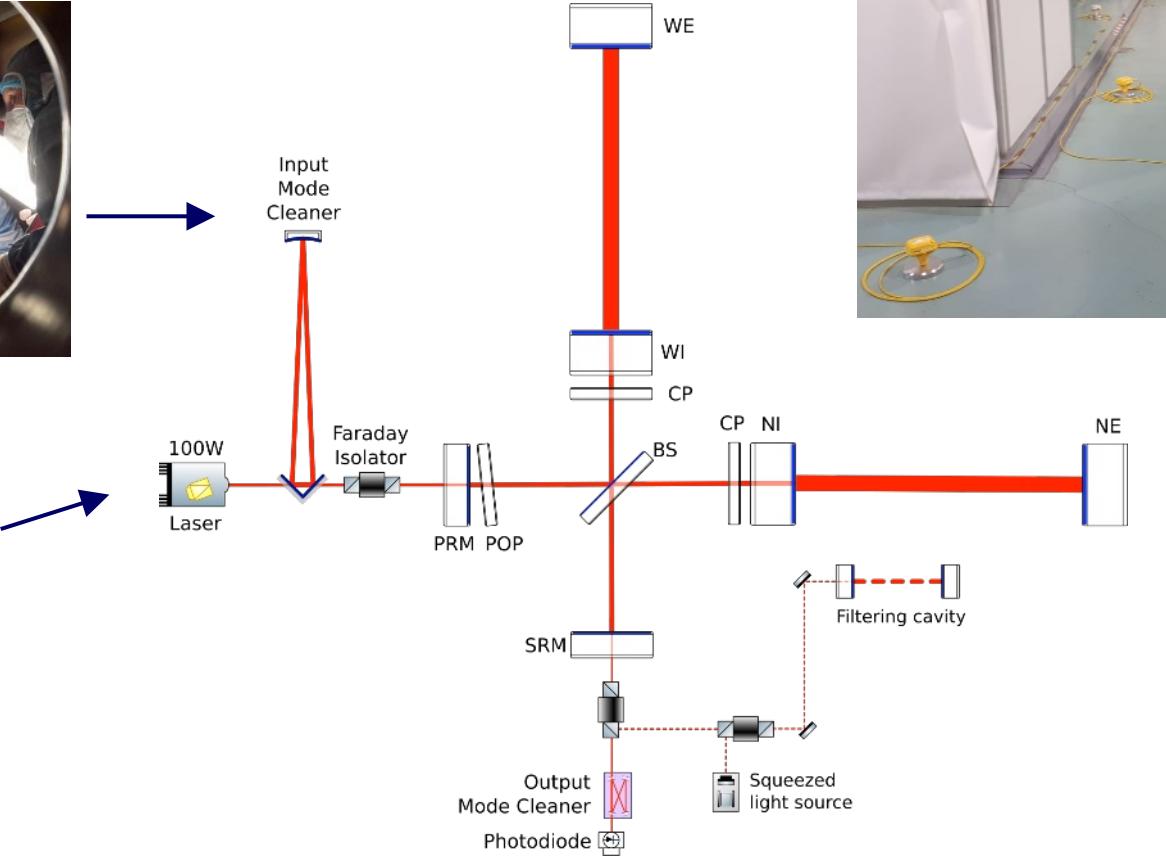
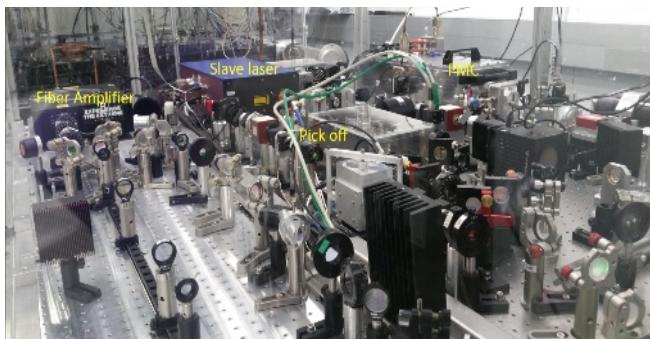


Seismometers array for
Newtonian noise subtraction

New IMC mirror
with
instrumented
baffle

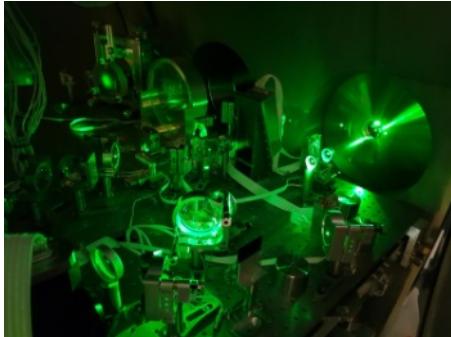


New fiber laser ~ 100W

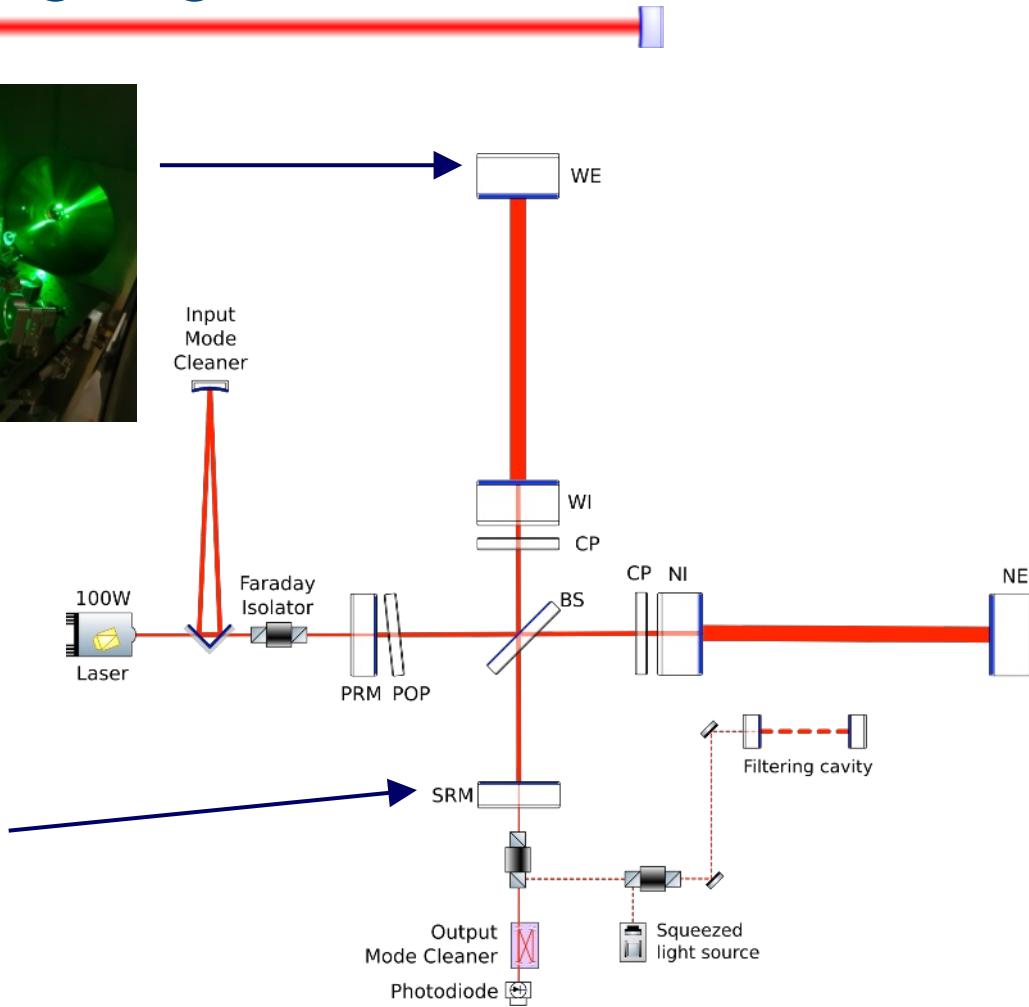
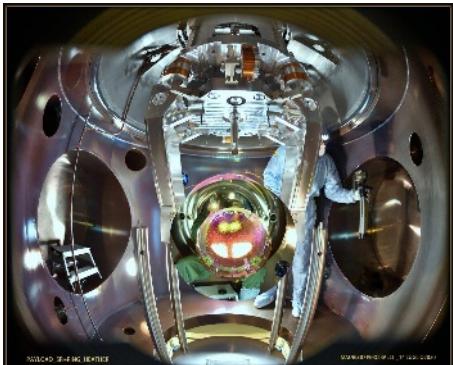


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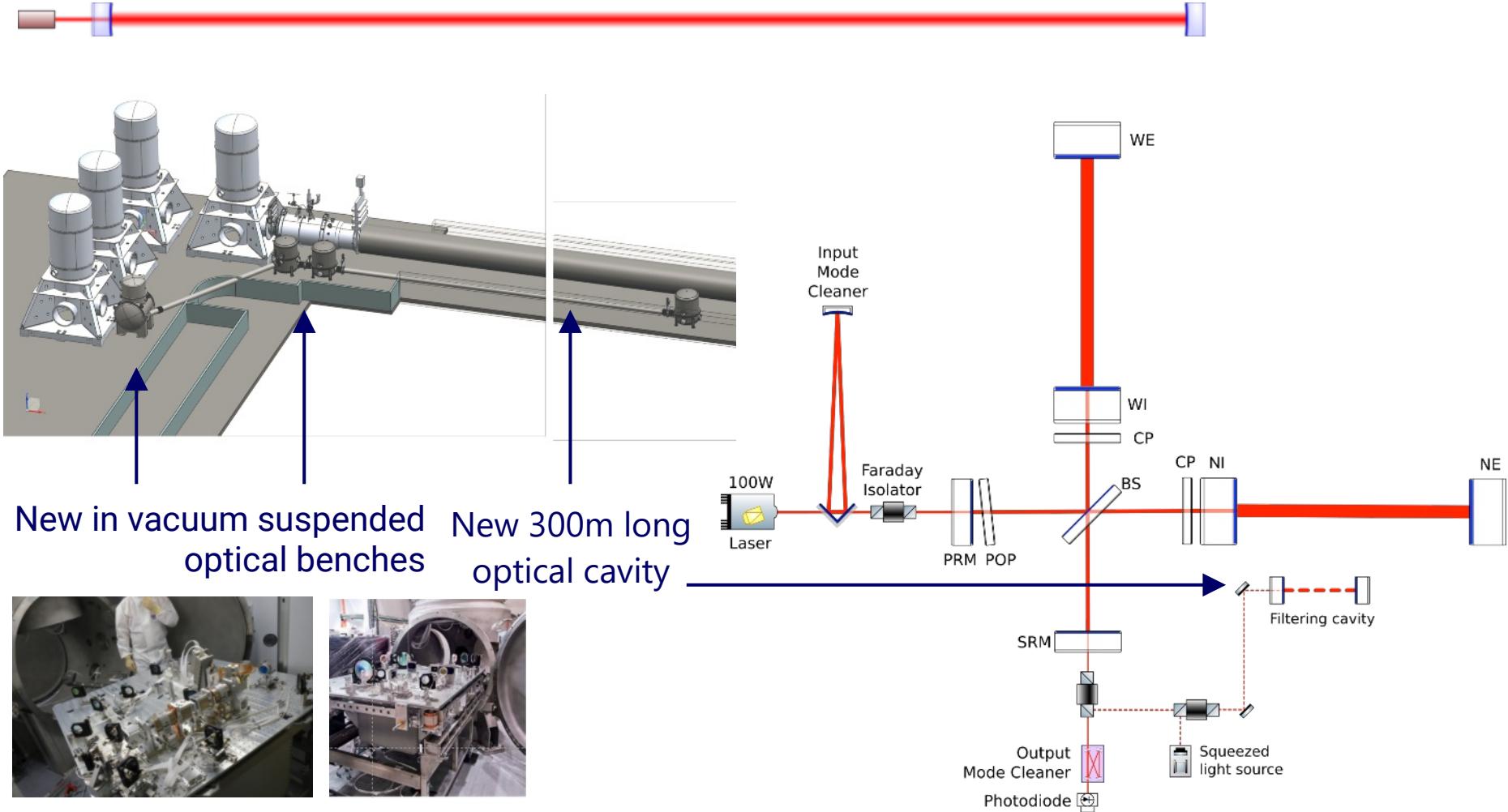
Auxiliary green lasers
for lock acquisition
with signal recycling



Suspended
signal recycling
mirror



Phase I: installation highlights

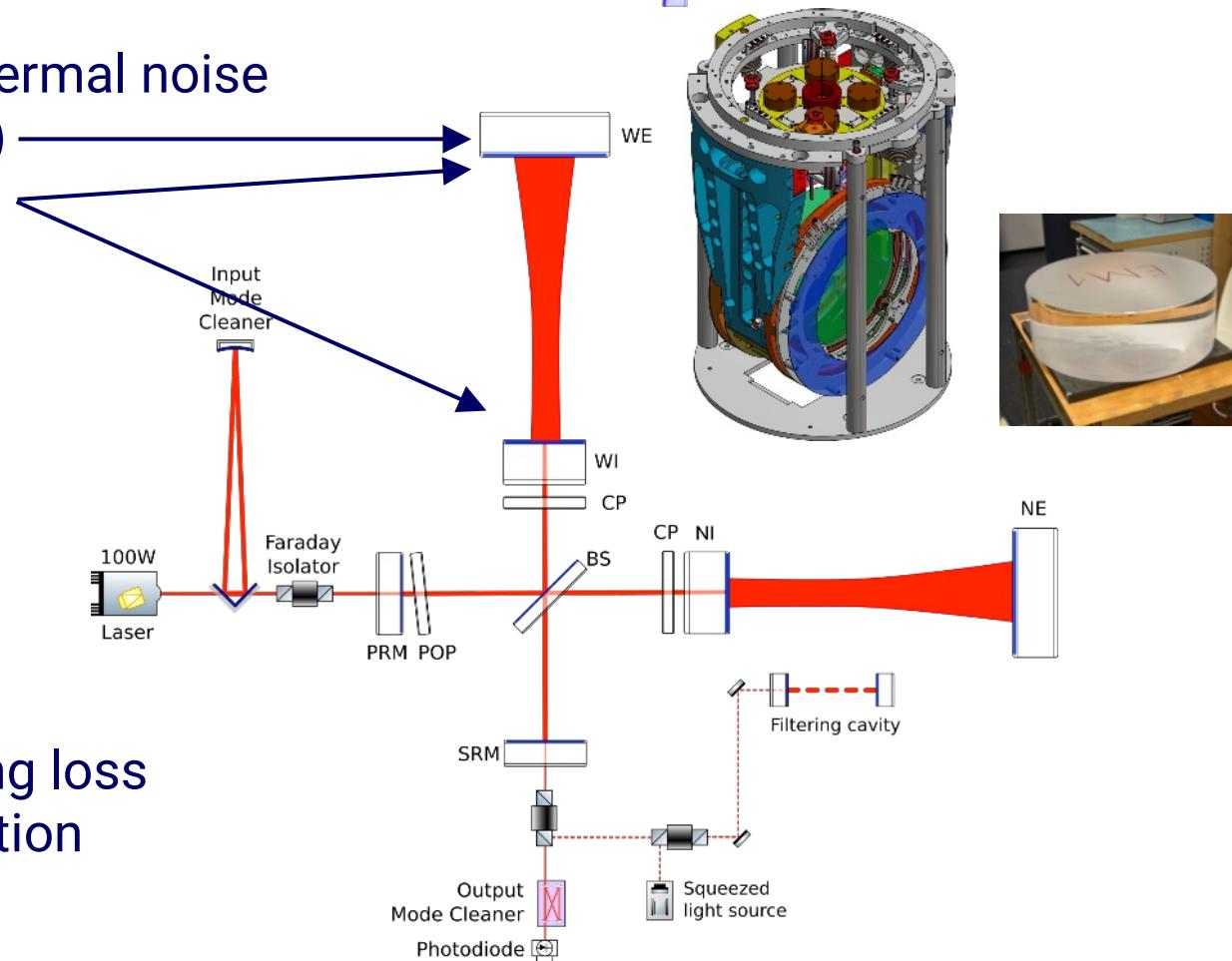


The filtering cavity



The AdV+ phase II (installation after 04)

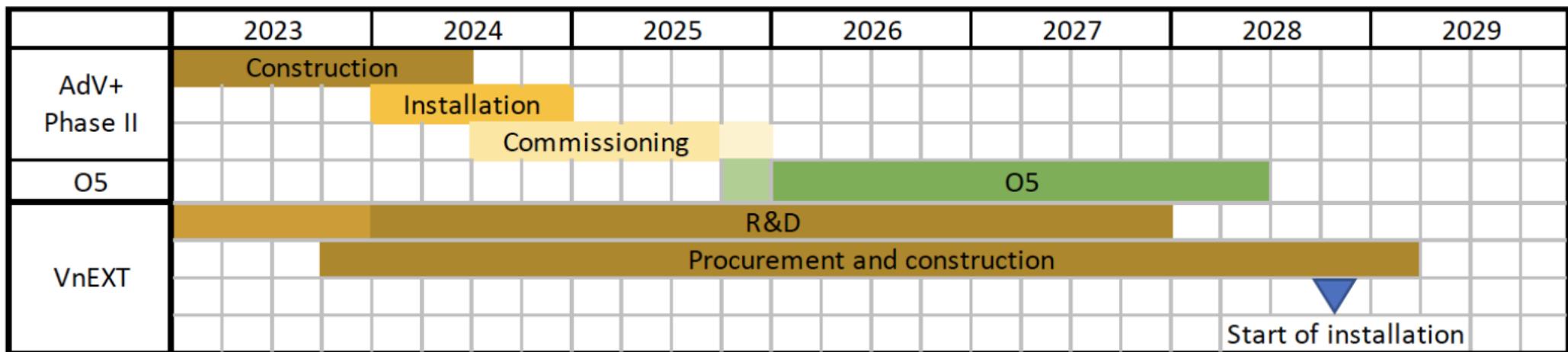
- 2 actions to reduce coating thermal noise
 - ▶ larger end mirrors (+60%)
 - ▶ new coating material



- upgraded laser (more power)
- lower detection and squeezing loss
- improved thermal compensation
- instrumented baffles

And after O5 ?

- Virgo nEXT: the ultimate upgrade
 - doubling the sensitivity
 - more laser power, less optical losses, better mirrors, more squeezing
 - closing the gap with the next generation

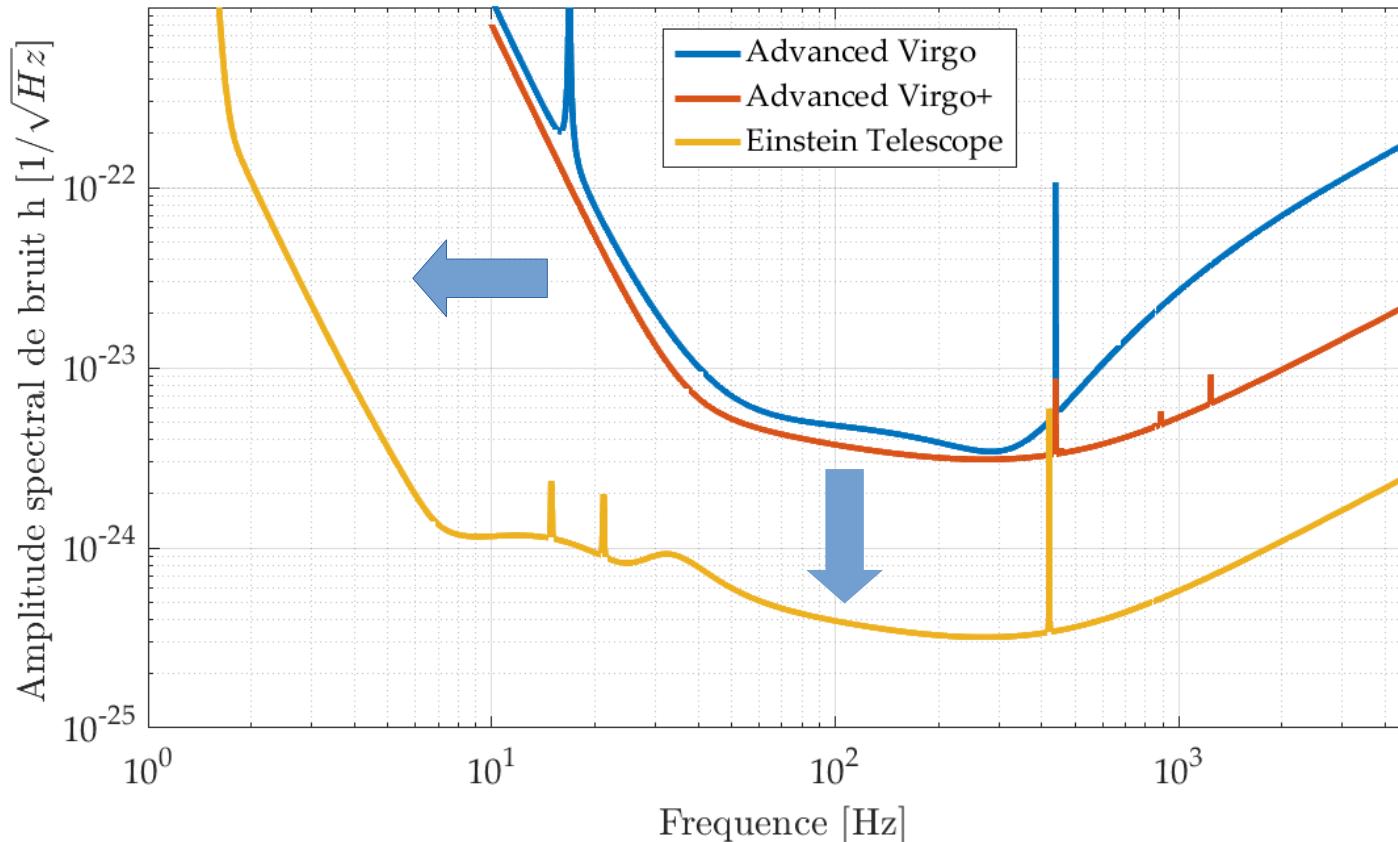


(similar plan/timeline for LIGO)

VIII. The next generation

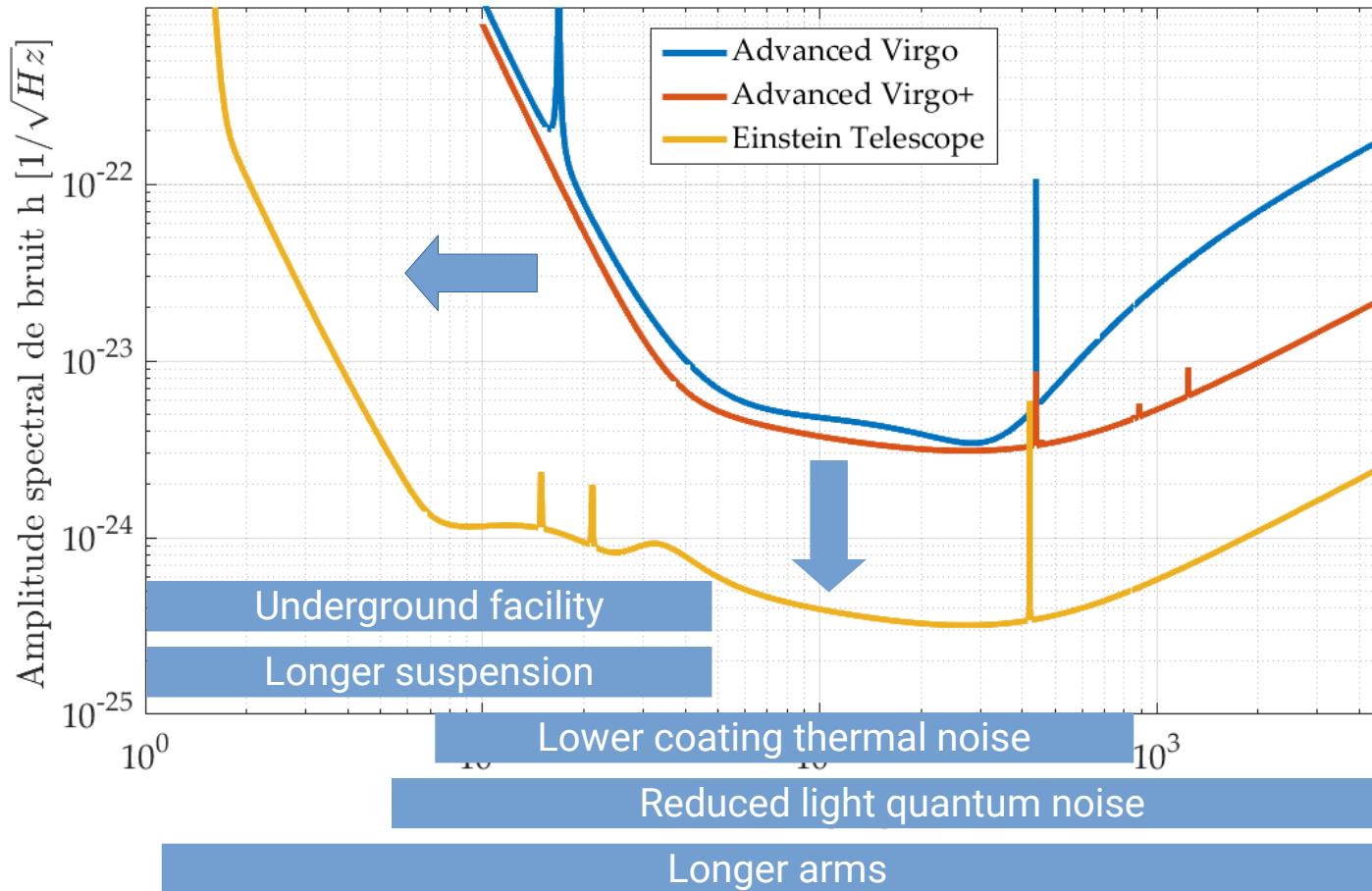
The Virgo successor: the Einstein Telescope

Goal: to be 10 times more sensitive, new infrastructure



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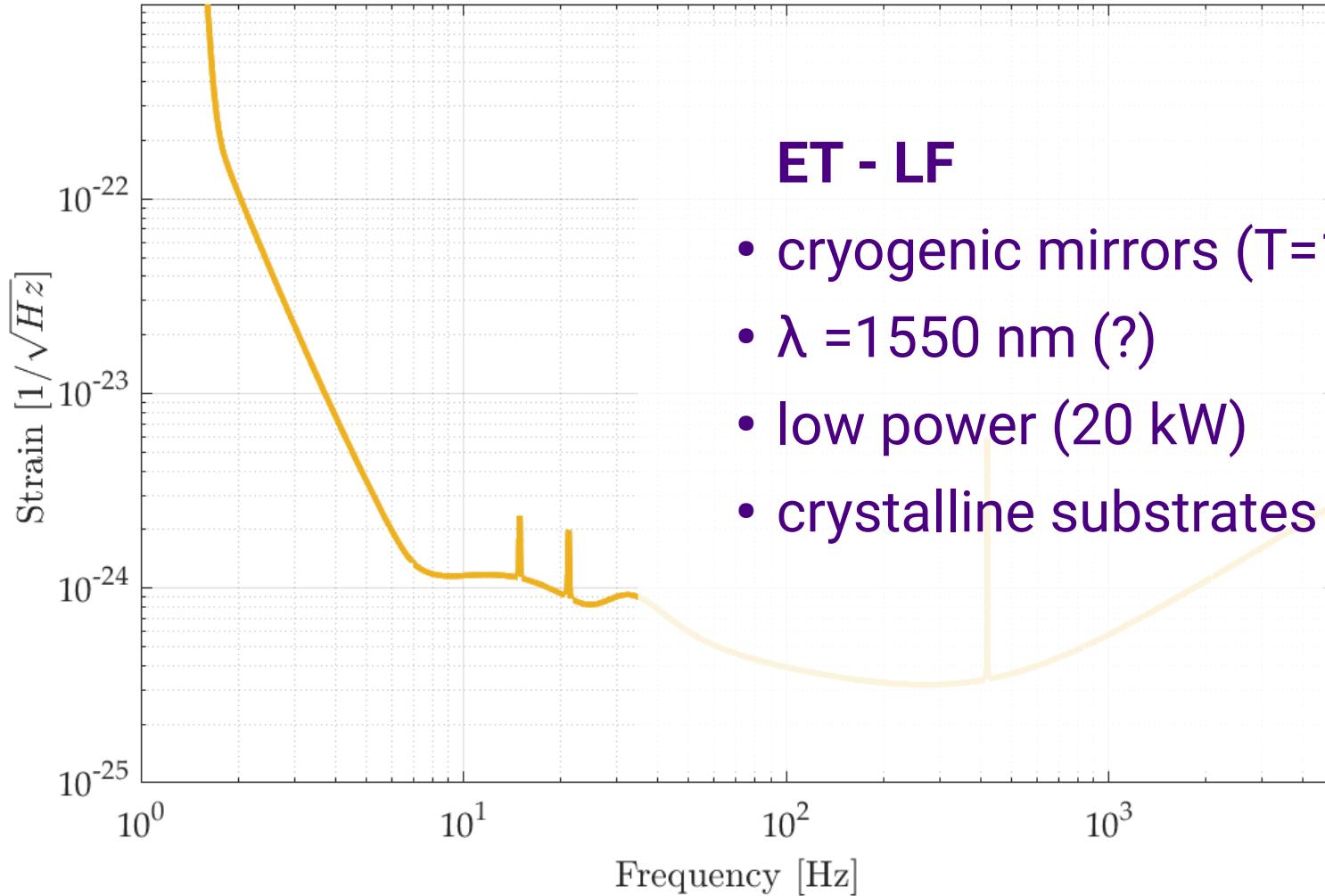


The challenge of increasing the bandwidth

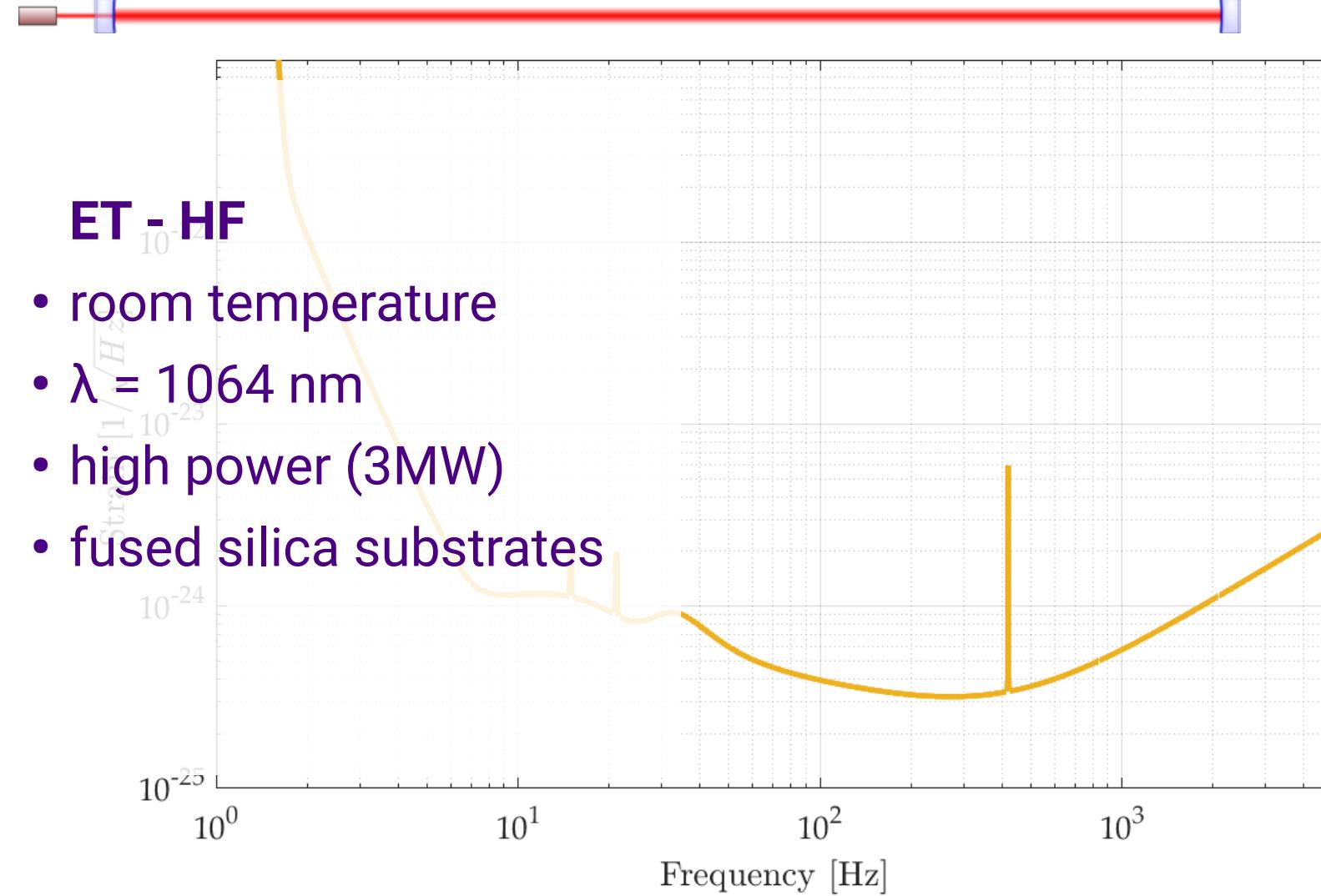


- conflicting requirement at low and high frequencies
 - high optical power required at high frequency to lower the shot noise
 - but high power also degrades the low frequency due to radiation pressure noise
- the sensitivity could be achieved by 2 interferometers dedicated to low frequency (ET-LF)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

The xylophone strategy



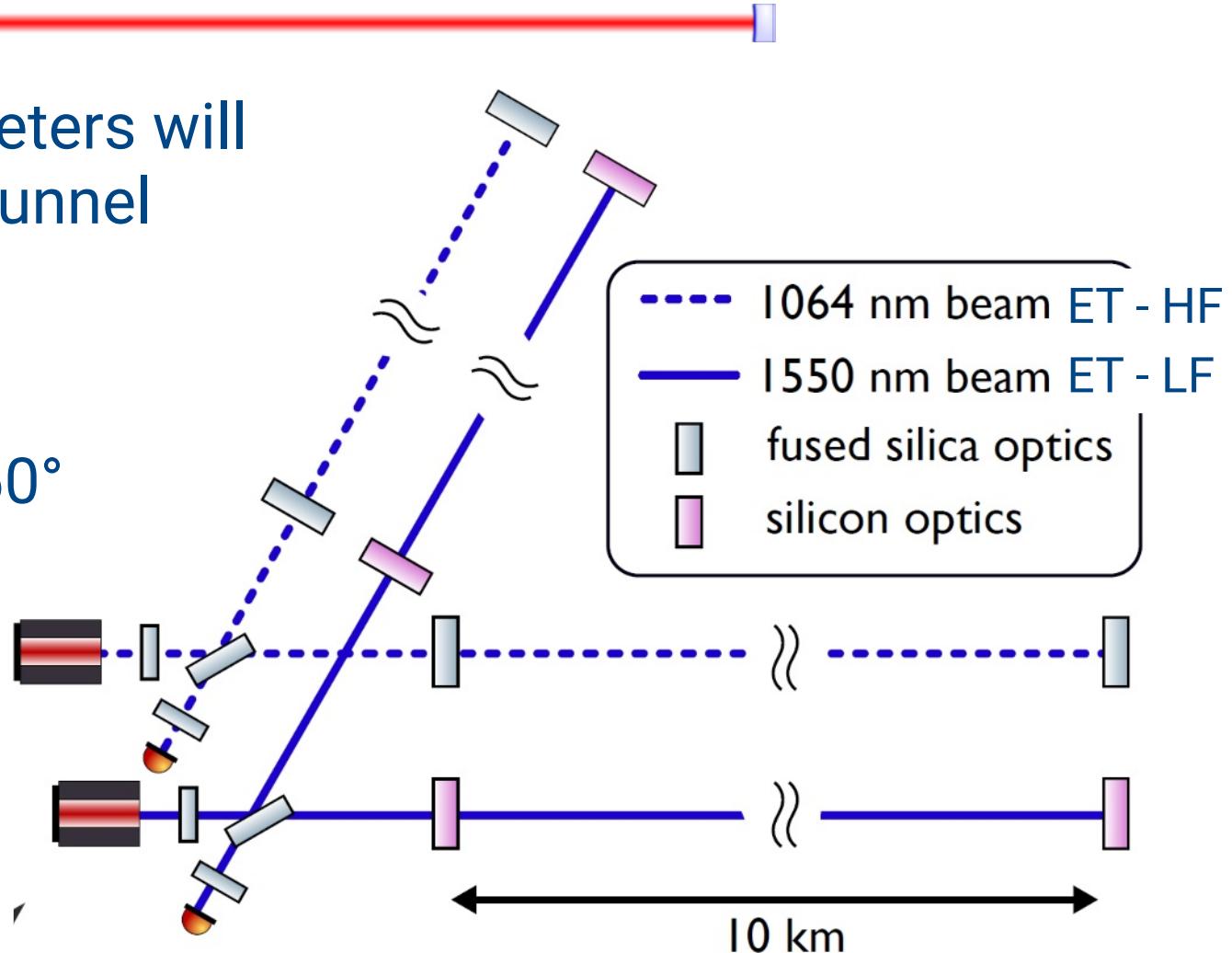
The xylophone strategy



1 detector = 2 interferometers

The 2 interferometers will share the same tunnel

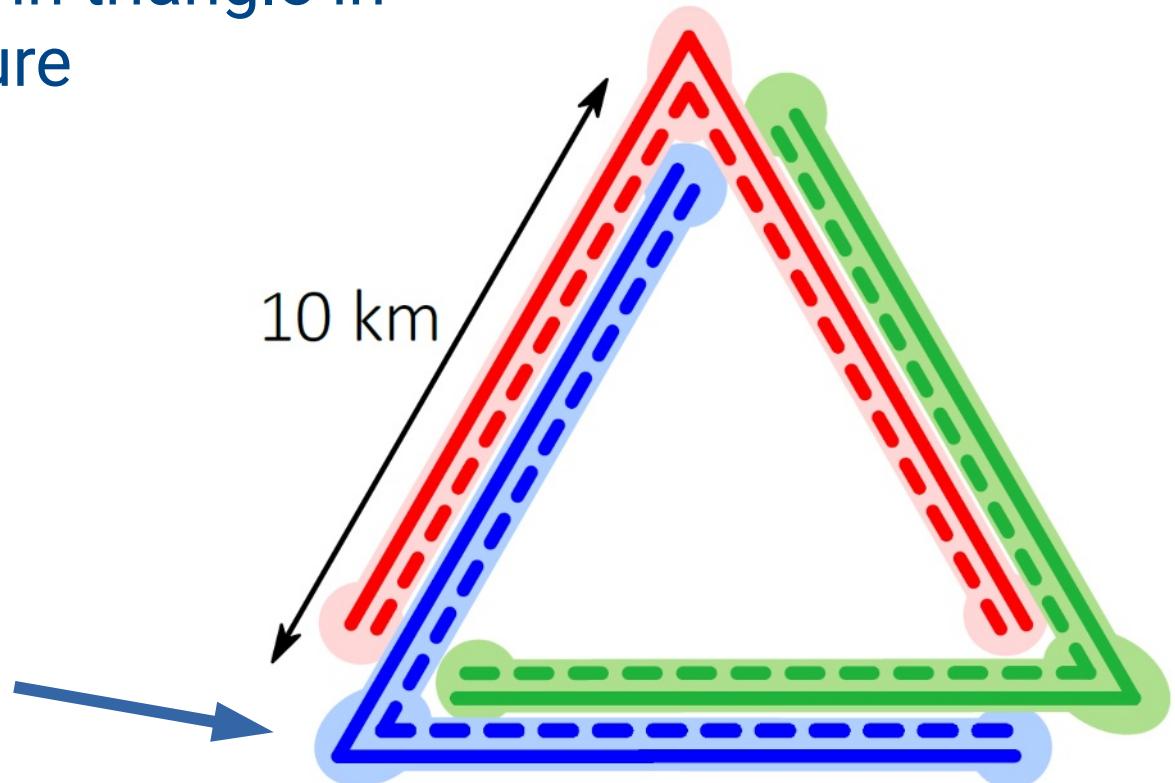
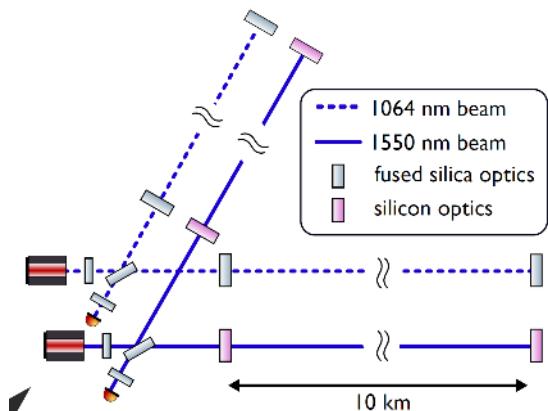
Michelson with 60° arm cavities

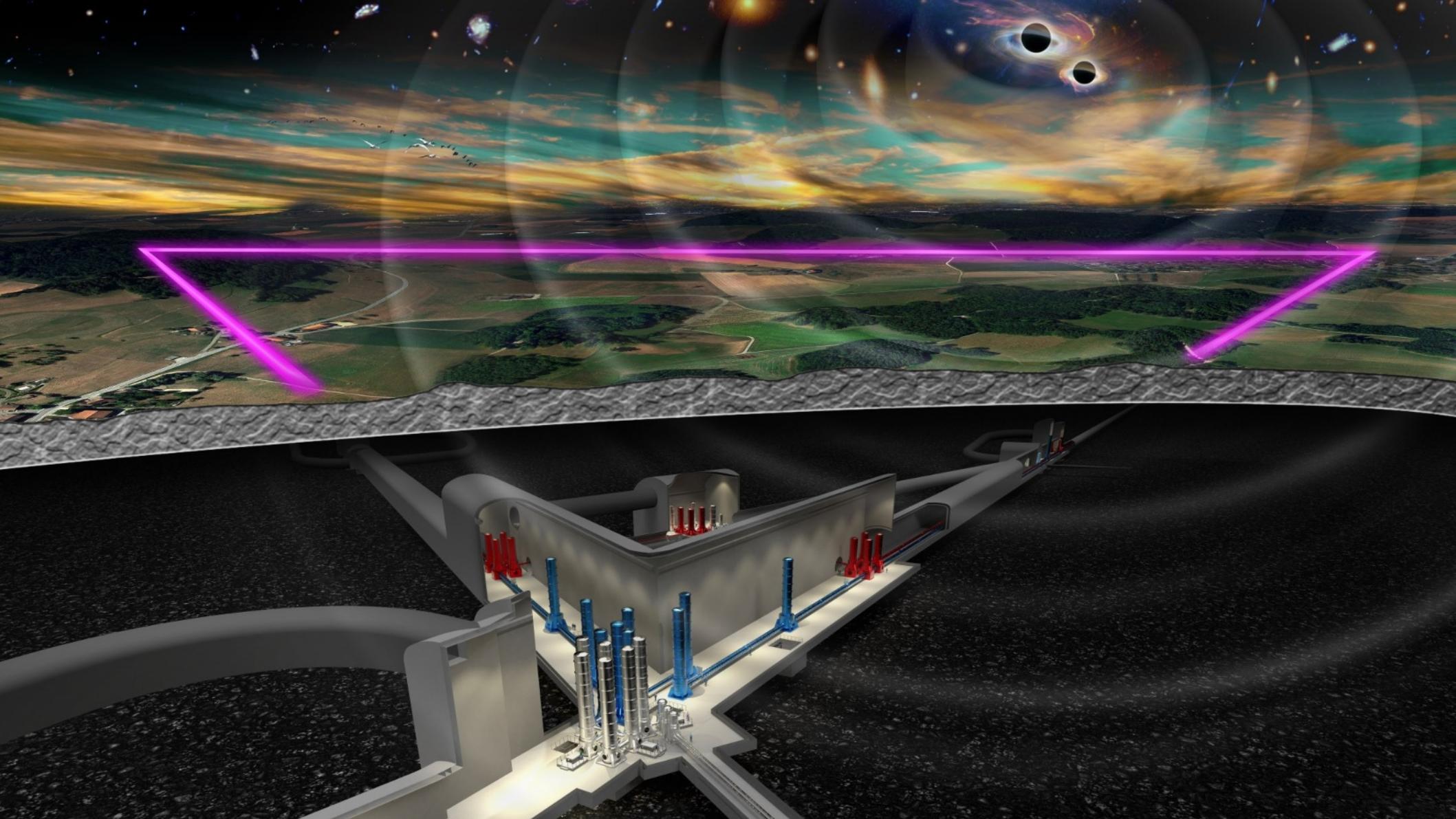


Not one but 3 detectors

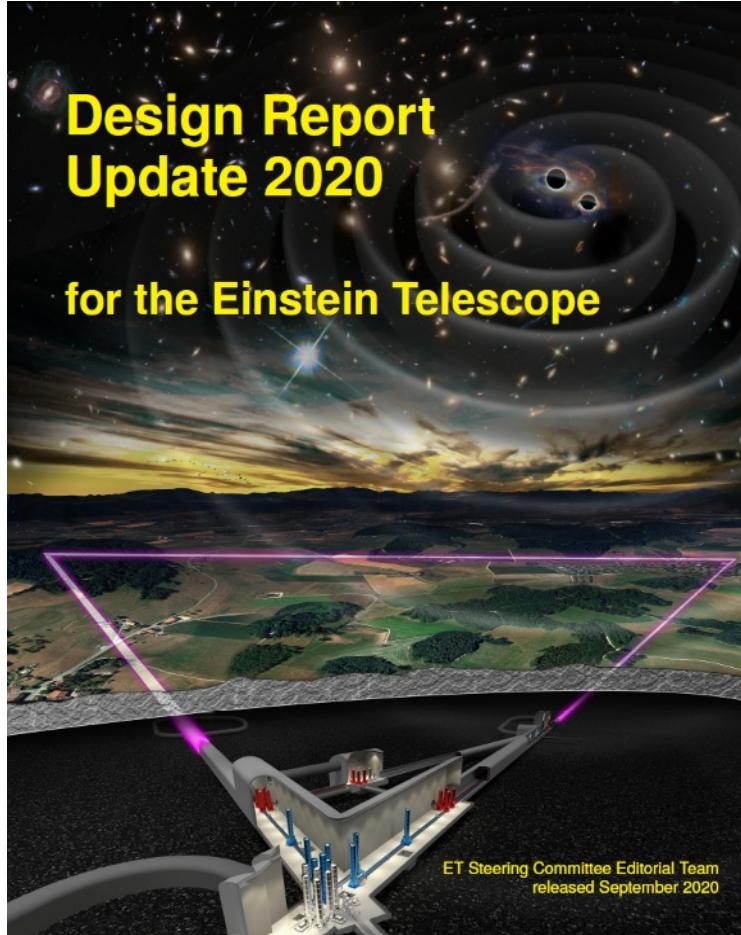


3 detectors arranged in triangle in
the same infrastructure





The key parameters



<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 |

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