

# Ground Detectors (LIGO/Virgo and ET)

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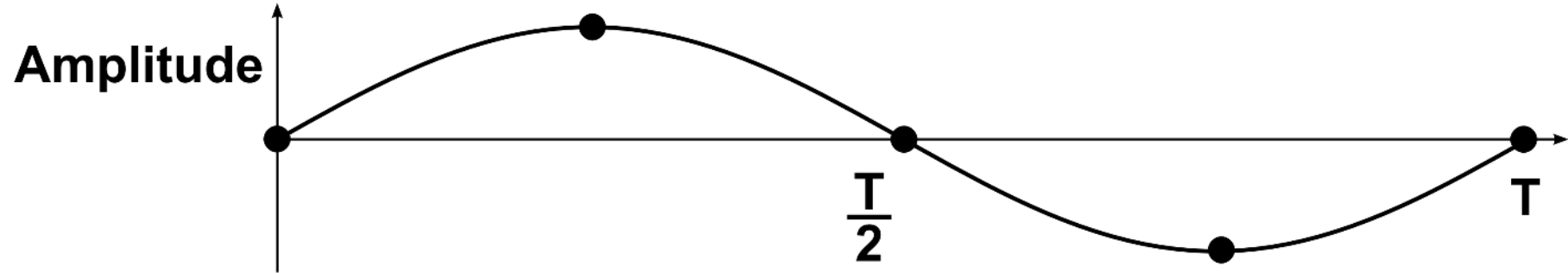
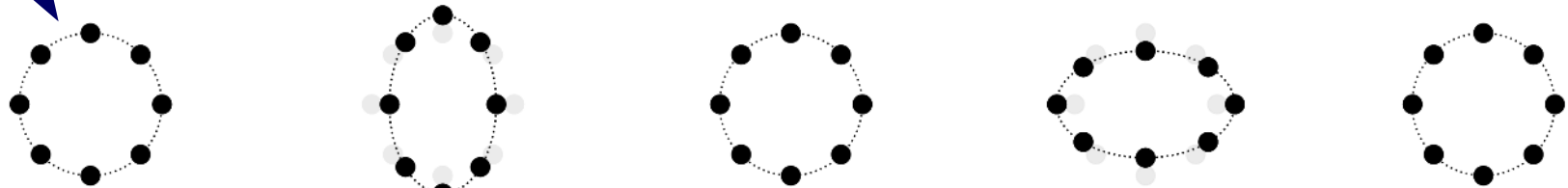
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# **Principle of detection**

# Effect of gravitational waves

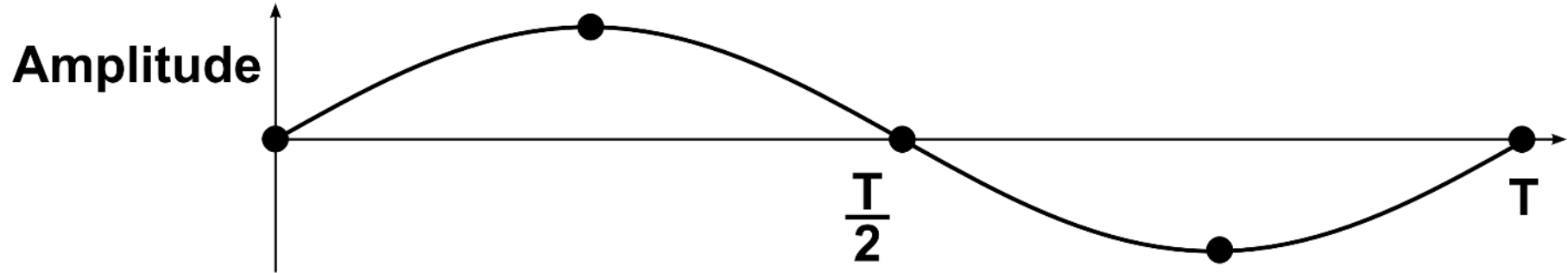
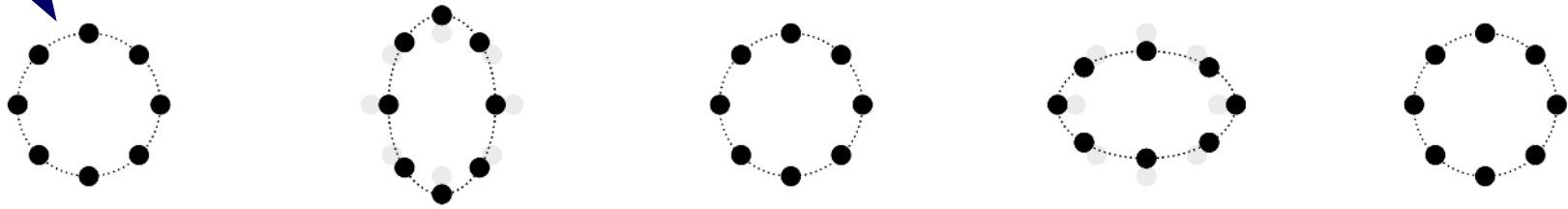
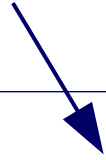
Free falling masses



# Effect of gravitational waves

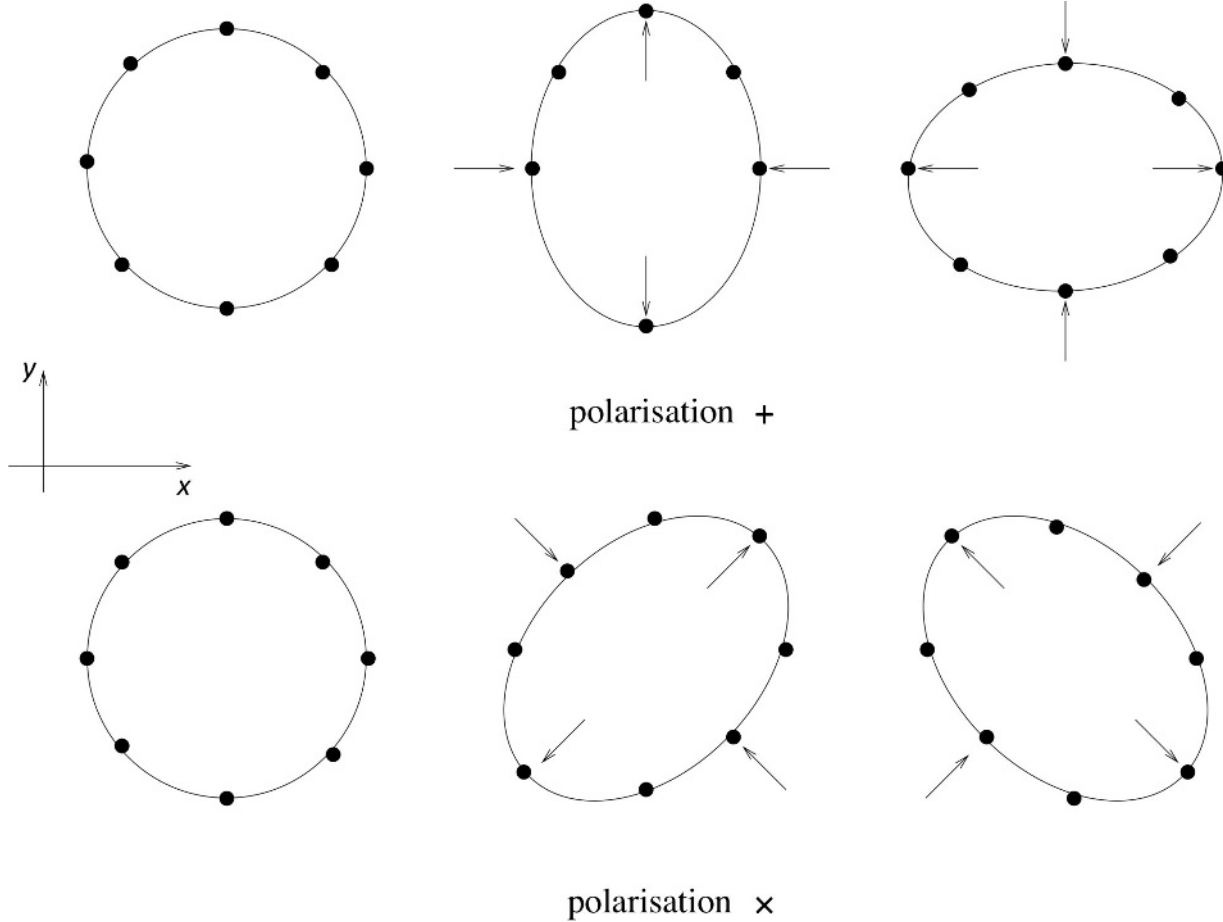


Free falling masses



Example for  
one polarisation 5

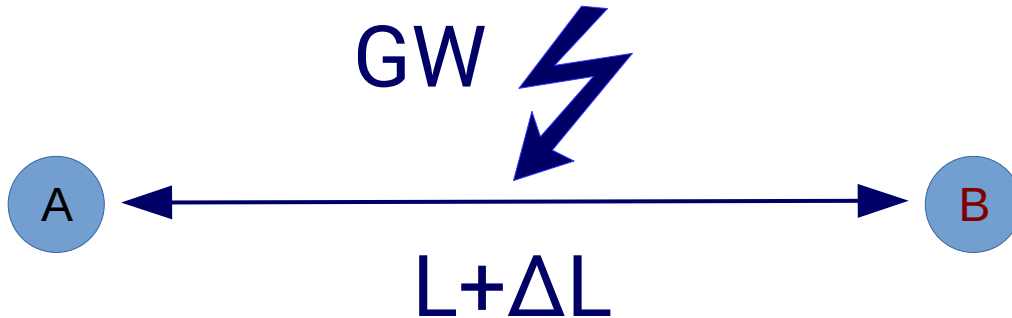
# 2 kind of polarisations



# Gravitational wave amplitude



2 free falling masses



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

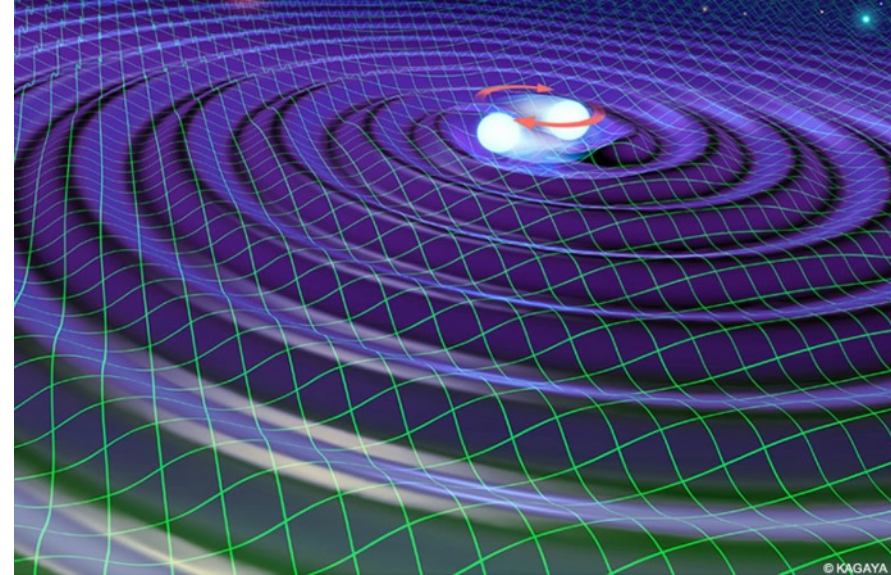
# Gravitational wave amplitude

Quadrupole formula :

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

Amplitude  $\nearrow$   $\leftarrow$  Mass quadrupole moment

$\uparrow$   
Distance



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

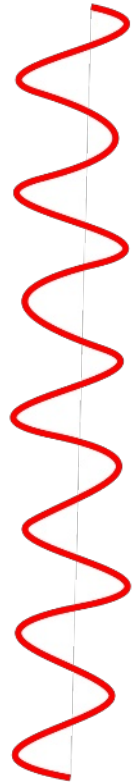


Or 2 km with an accuracy of  $10^{-18}$  meter !

# A more rigorous approach



Gravitational wave




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

1957 – accepted reality of GW

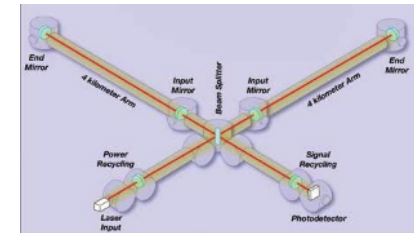
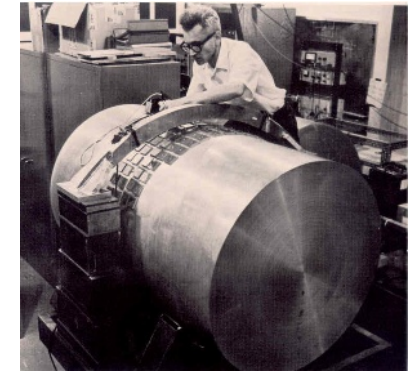
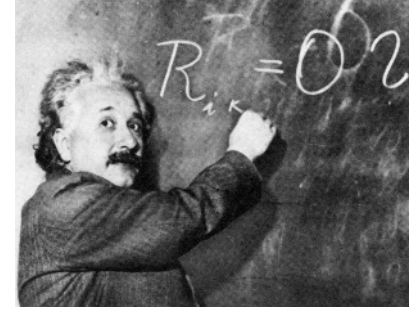
1960 – first detector

1970 – idea of laser interferometers

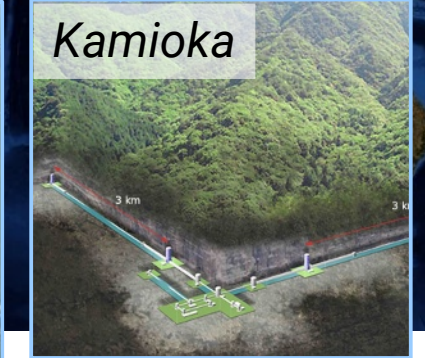
2008 – data taking with giant interferometers

2015 – first detection

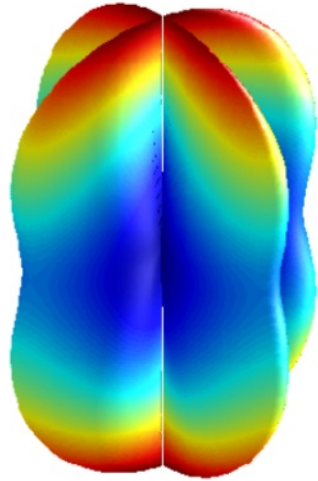
2020 – weekly detections of GW sources



# A network of detectors

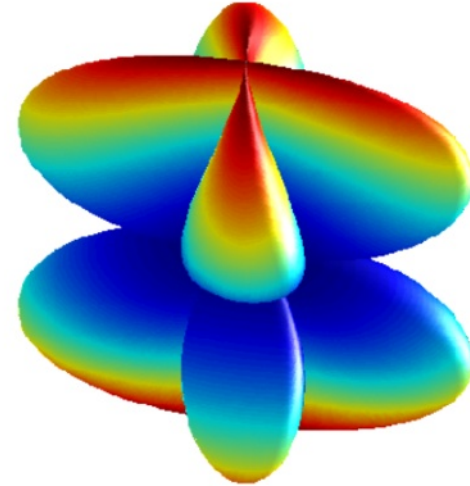


# Antenna pattern of the detector



(a)

+ polarisation

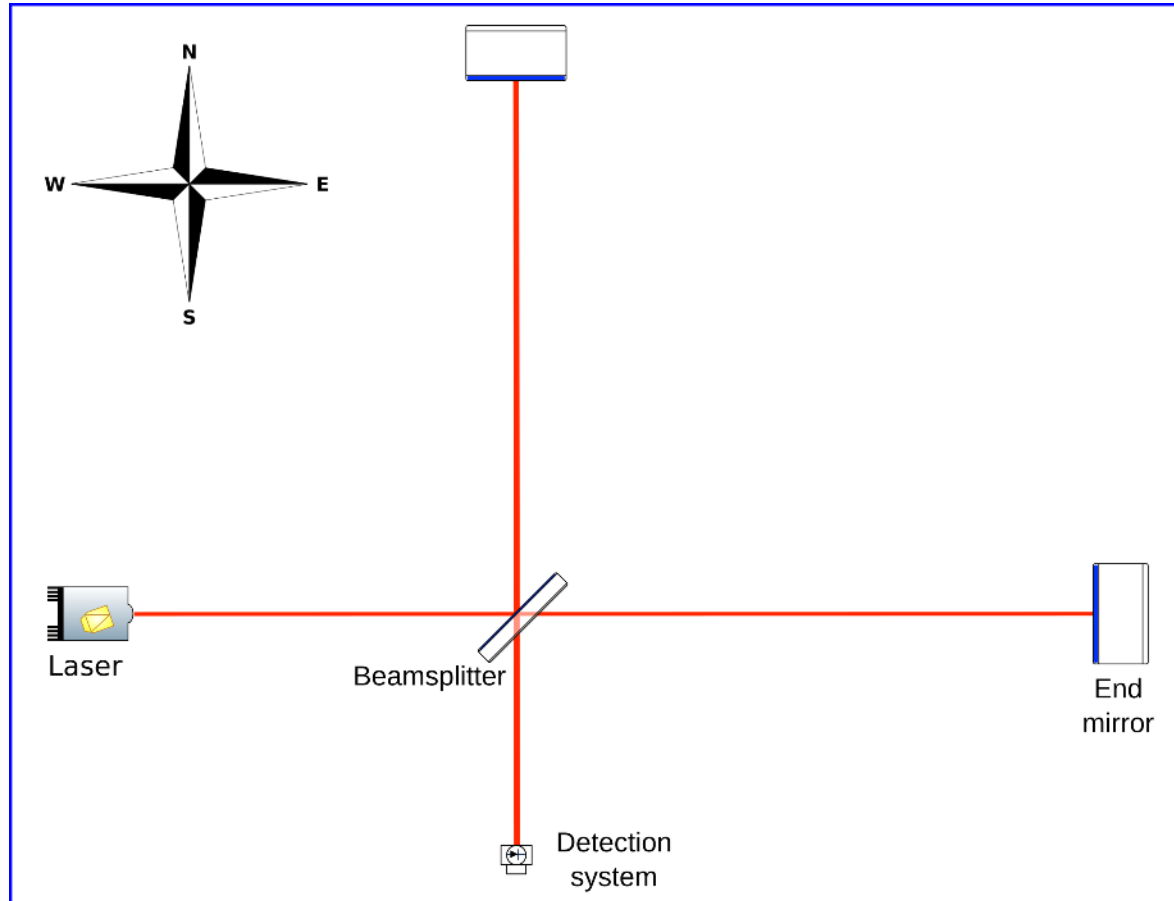


(b)

× polarisation

You have some blind spots !

# The simplest Michelson interferometer



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

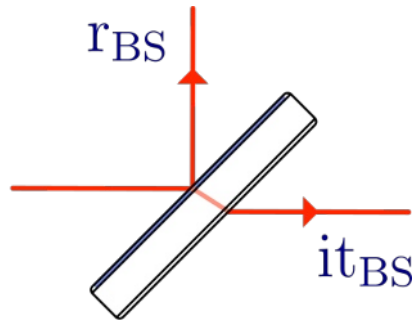


# Propagating the electric field

Starting field :  $E_0$

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

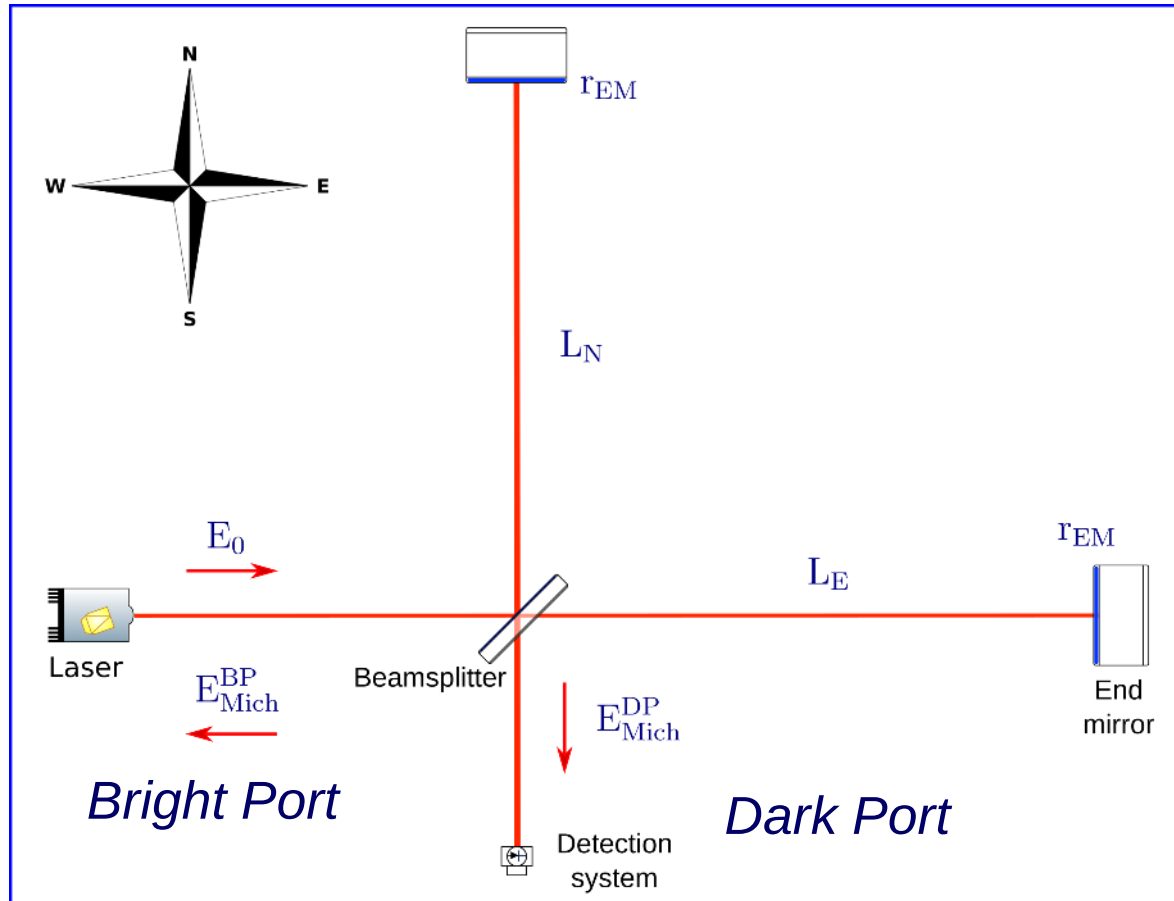
Dealing with the beam splitter (separating the light 50/50):



Beamsplitter

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

# Convention name for the electric fields



# Field equations

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{BP}} = \left( r_{\text{BS}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_{\text{N}}} - t_{\text{BS}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_{\text{E}}} \right) E_0$$

$$E_{\text{Mich}}^{\text{DP}} = \left( i r_{\text{BS}} t_{\text{BS}} r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_{\text{N}}} + i r_{\text{BS}} t_{\text{BS}} r_{\text{EM}} e^{-i2kL_{\text{E}}} \right) E_0$$

Introducing differential and common lengths for the arms :

$$\begin{aligned} L_- &= \frac{L_{\text{N}} - L_{\text{E}}}{2} & \longleftrightarrow & & L_{\text{N}} &= L_+ + L_- \\ L_+ &= \frac{L_{\text{N}} + L_{\text{E}}}{2} & & & L_{\text{E}} &= L_+ - L_- \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we arrived at :

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

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

# 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

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

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

Since the amplitude of the GW is very small :  $\begin{matrix} \cos(a + x \cos b) \simeq \cos(a) - x \sin(a) \cos(b) \\ \sin(a + x \cos b) \simeq \sin(a) - x \cos(a) \cos(b) \end{matrix}$

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

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

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...

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

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 :  $kh_0L_+$

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

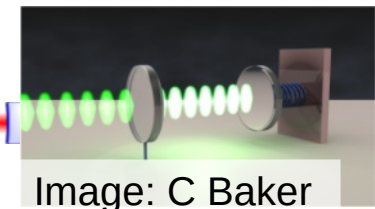
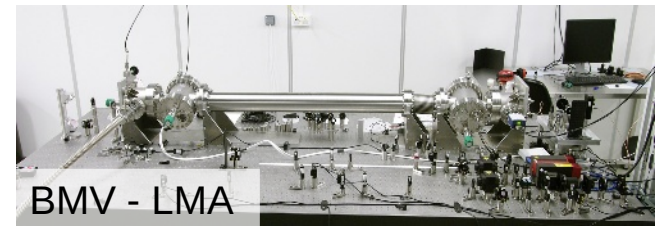
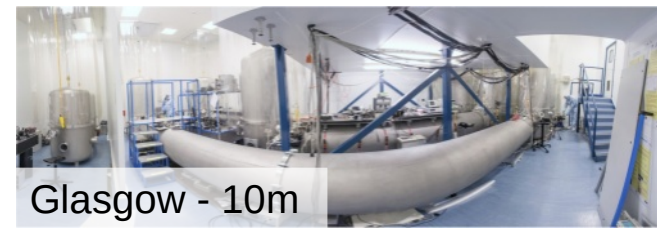


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Type of experiments	Length
Optomechanics	~ 1 mm
Large table top experiments	~ 1m
GW prototypes	~ 10 m
Current GW detectors	~ 1 km
Next generation GW detectors	~ 10 km



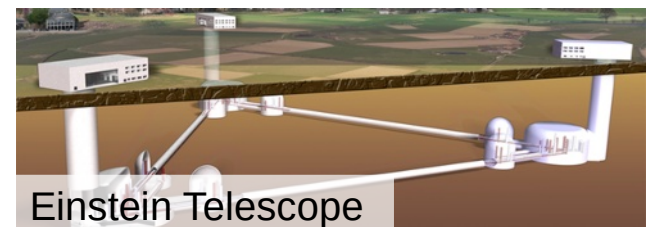
BMV - LMA



Glasgow - 10m



Virgo



Einstein Telescope



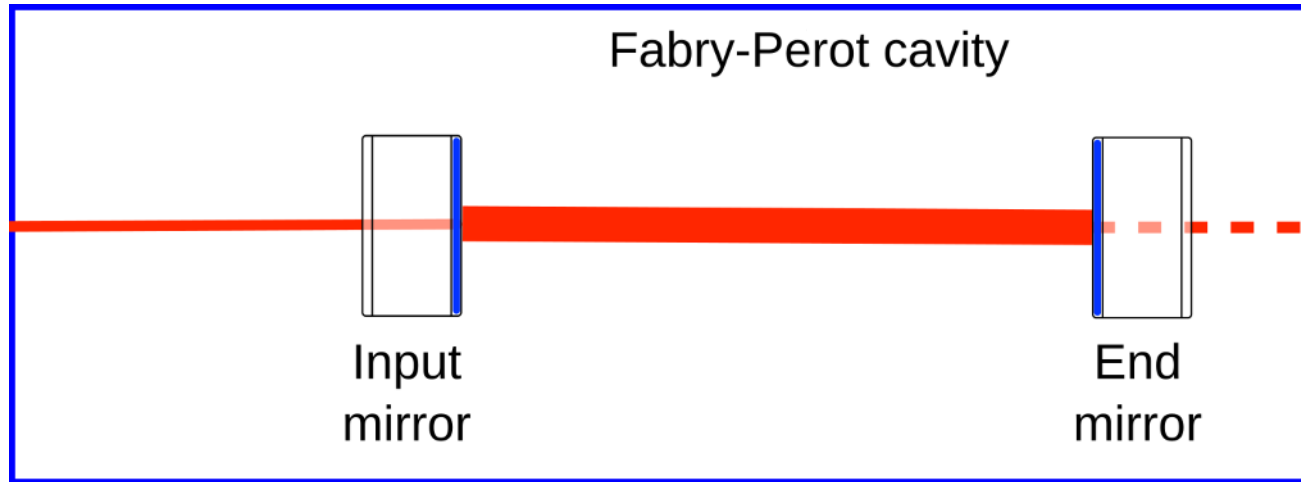
**III.**

**More than just a Michelson**

**(or how to increase the sensitivity ?)**

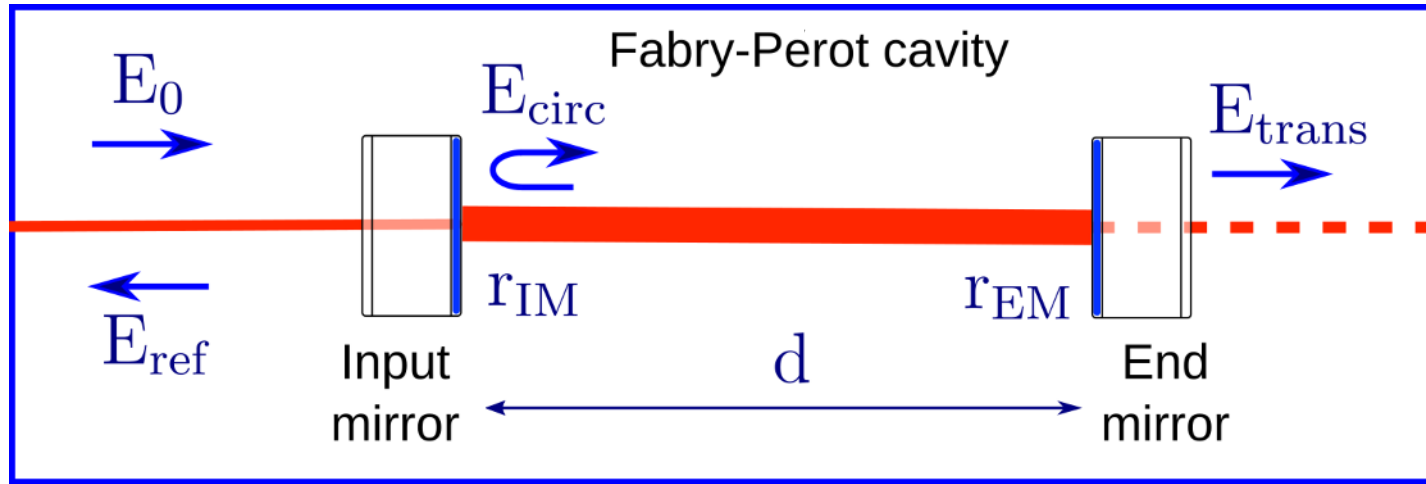
# The Fabry-Perot cavity

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

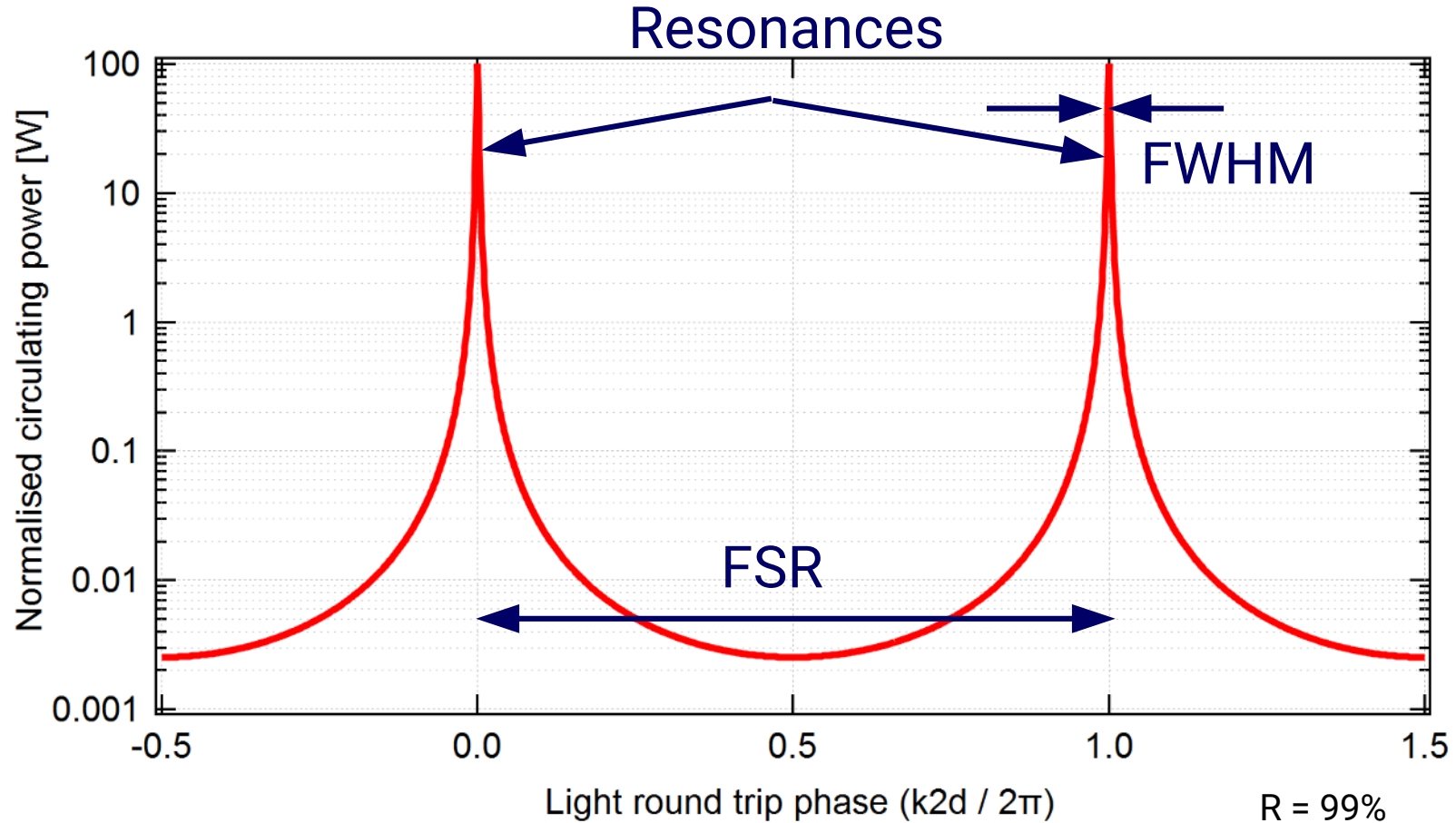


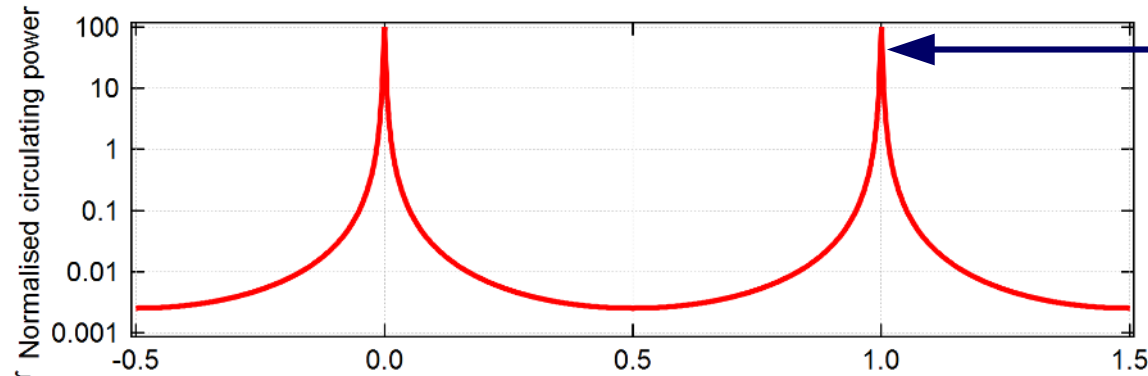
$$E_{\text{circ}} = \frac{it_{\text{IM}}}{1 - r_{\text{IM}}r_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}} E_0 \quad r_{\text{xx}}^2 + t_{\text{xx}}^2 = 1$$

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

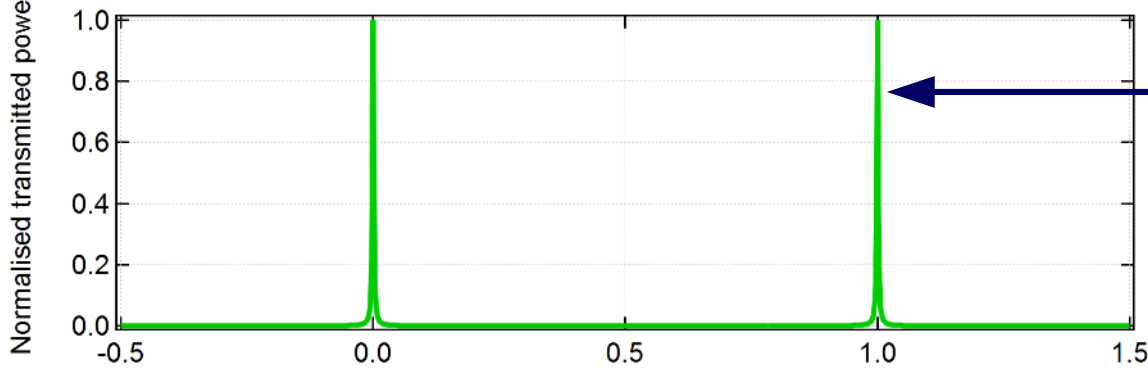
$$E_{\text{ref}} = \left( r_{\text{IM}} - \frac{t_{\text{IM}}^2 r_{\text{EM}} e^{-ik2d}}{1 - r_{\text{IM}}r_{\text{EM}}e^{-ik2d}} \right) E_0$$

# Circulating power a function of the detuning



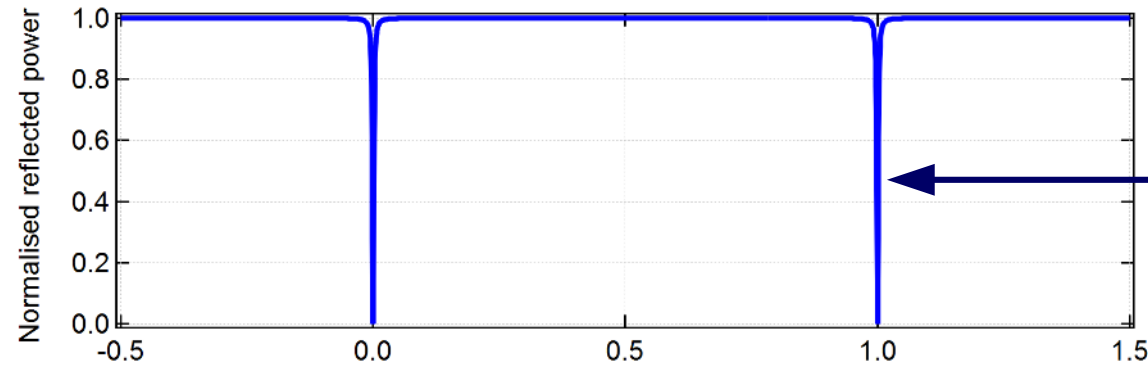


Cavity on resonance



All the light is transmitted

R = 99%



And nothing is reflected!

Light round trip phase ( $k2d / 2\pi$ )

# Some key numbers



The cavity gain

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

The finesse

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

The FSR

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

The FWHM

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

# Some key numbers

For Advanced Virgo

$$T_{\text{IM}} = 1.4 \%$$

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

The cavity gain

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

280

The finesse

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

450

The FSR

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

50 kHz

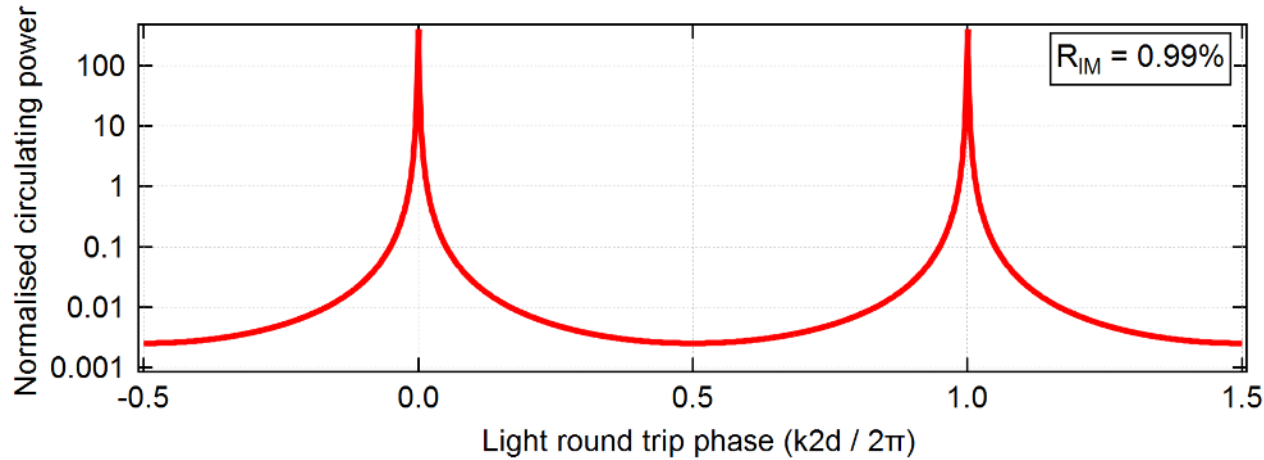
The FWHM

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

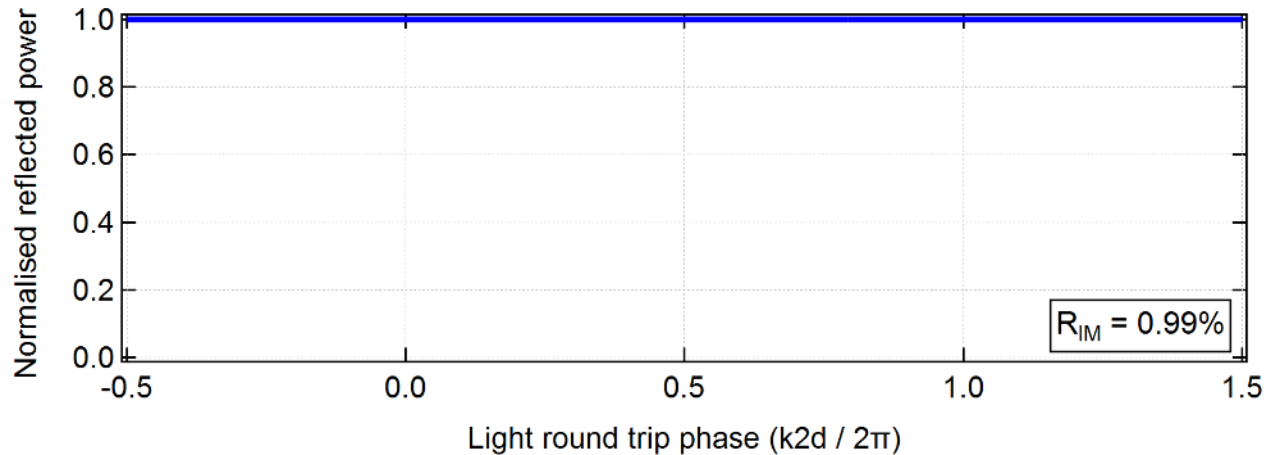
110 Hz

(2 x bandwidth of the cavity)

# Special case of the arm cavity of GW detectors



The end mirror is almost perfectly reflective



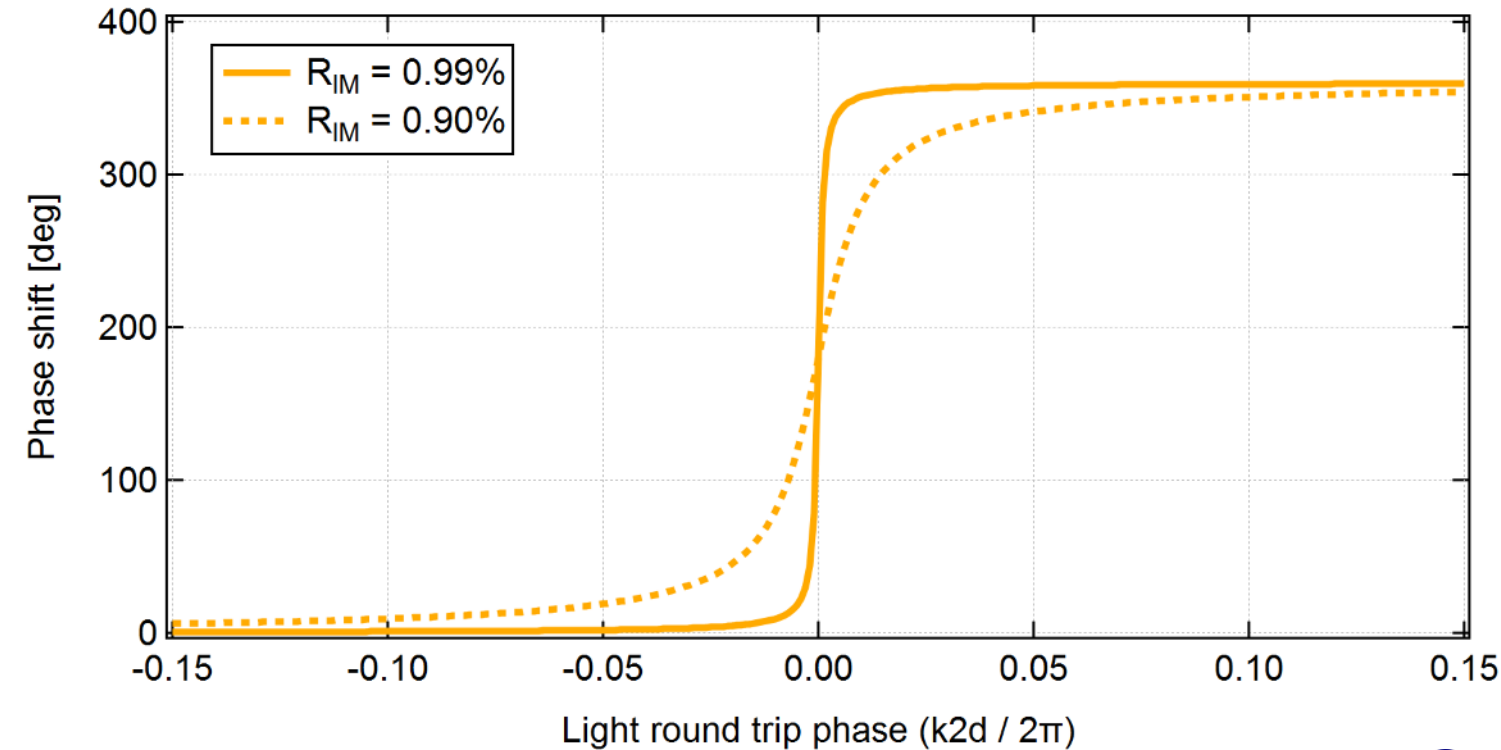
All the light is reflected by the cavity



# The cavity can amplify the light phase shift



But only when the cavity is on resonance!

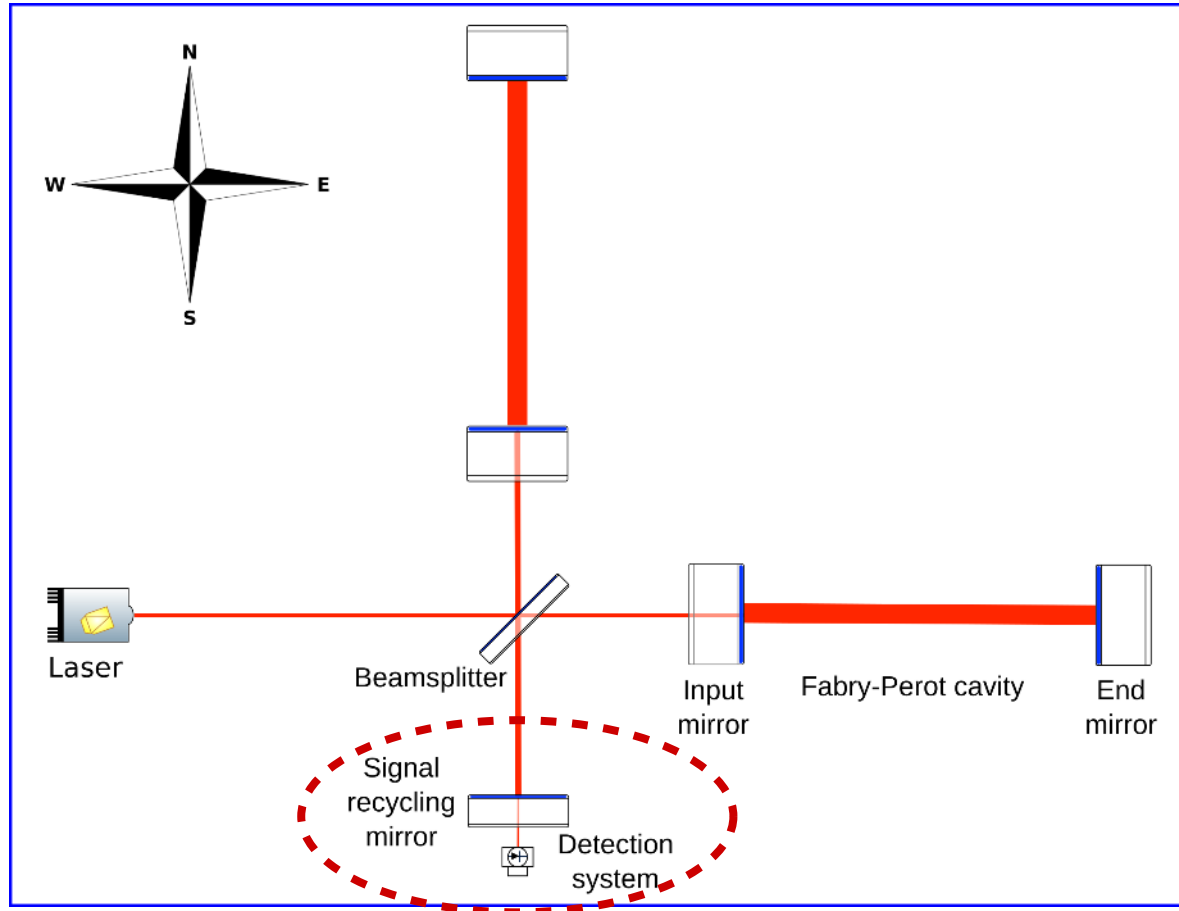


$$G = \frac{4}{T_{IM}}$$

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

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

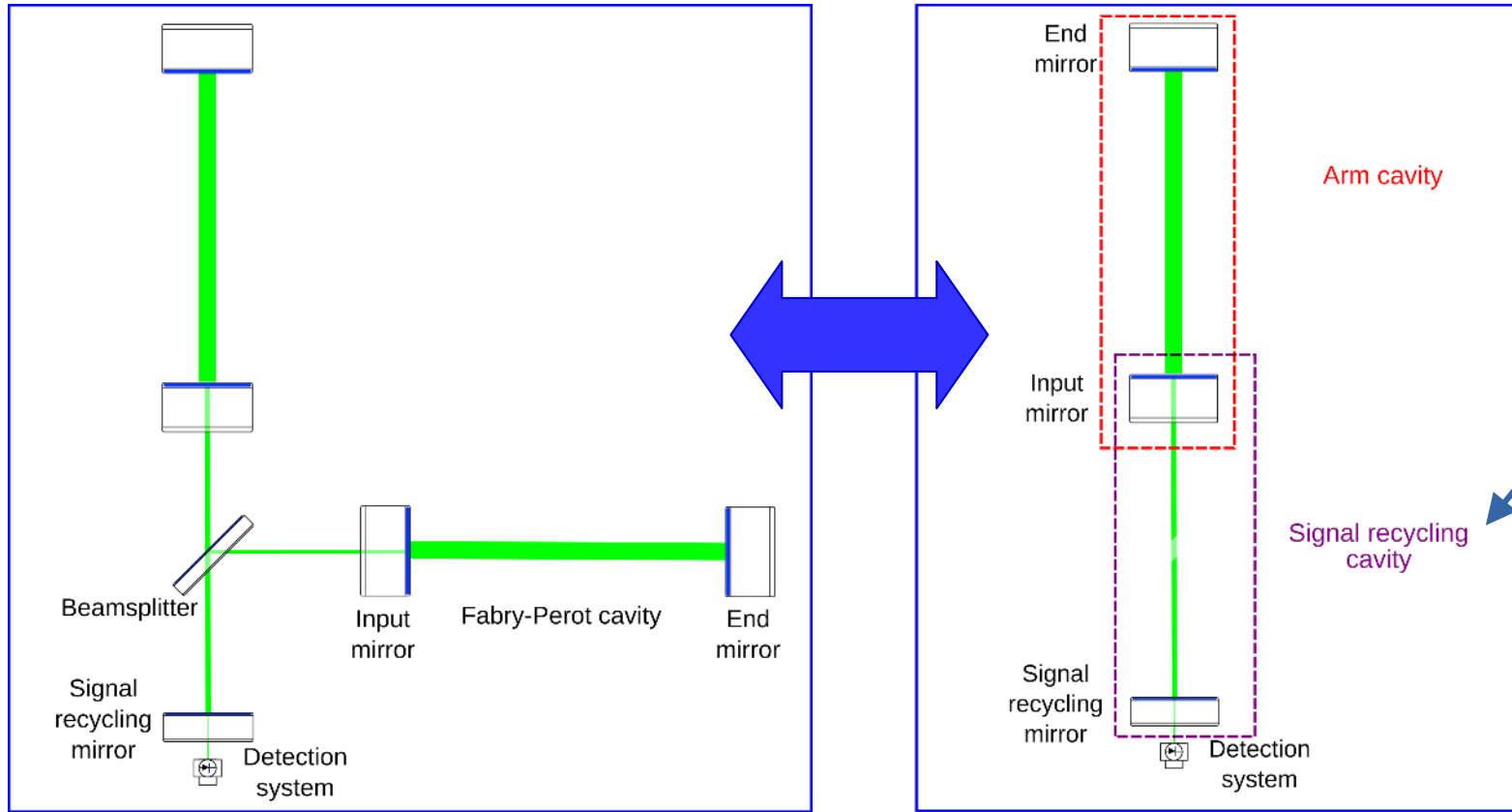
# The signal recycling cavity



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

Create a new cavity with the arm cavities

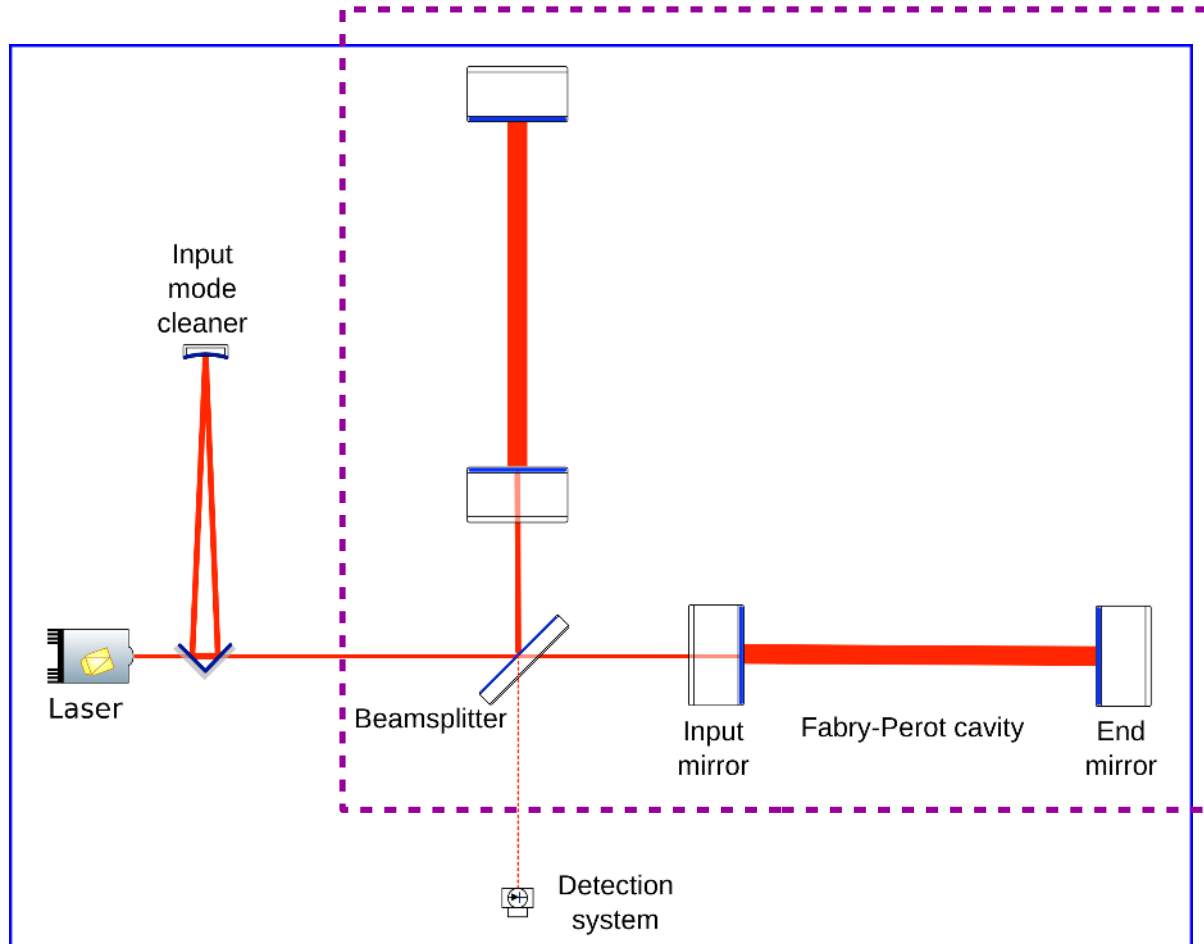
# For the GW signal sidebands



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

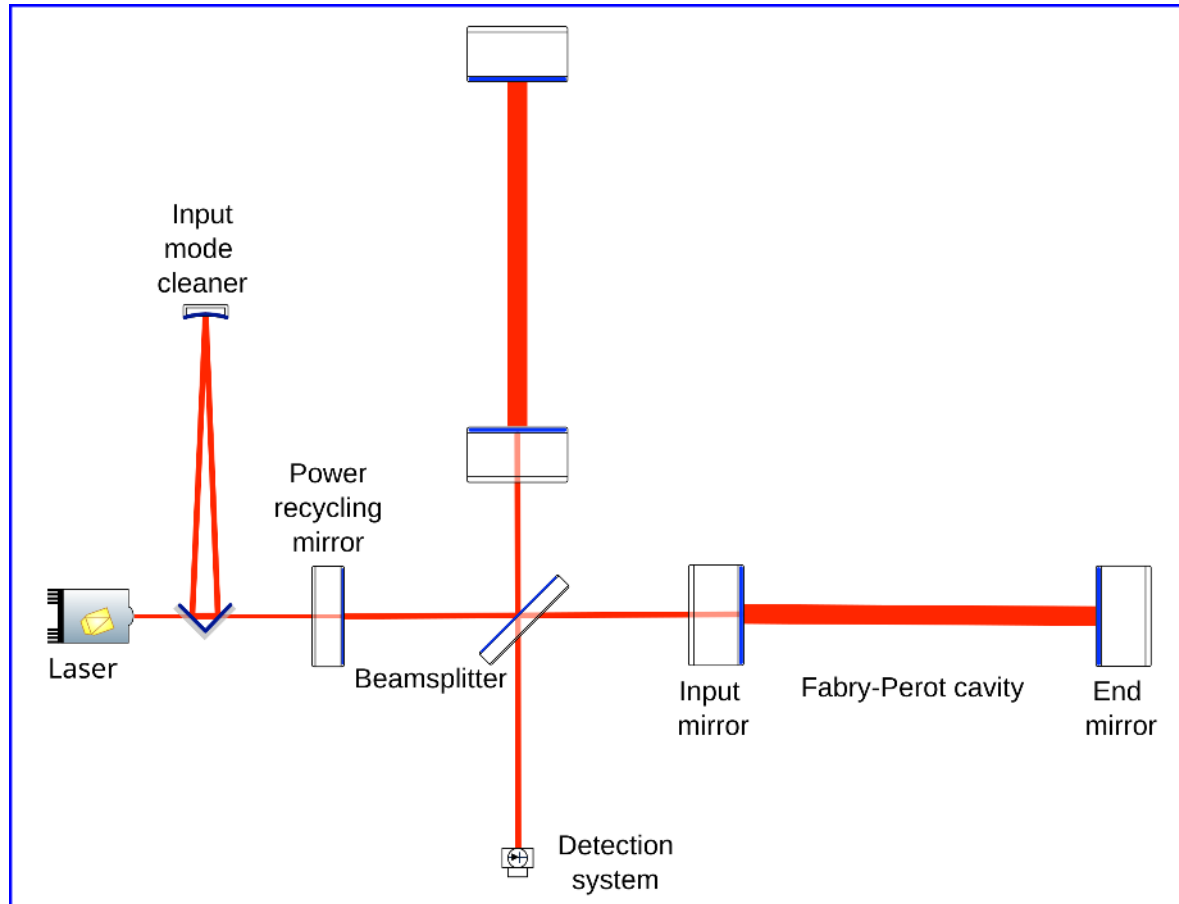
# The power recycling cavity



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

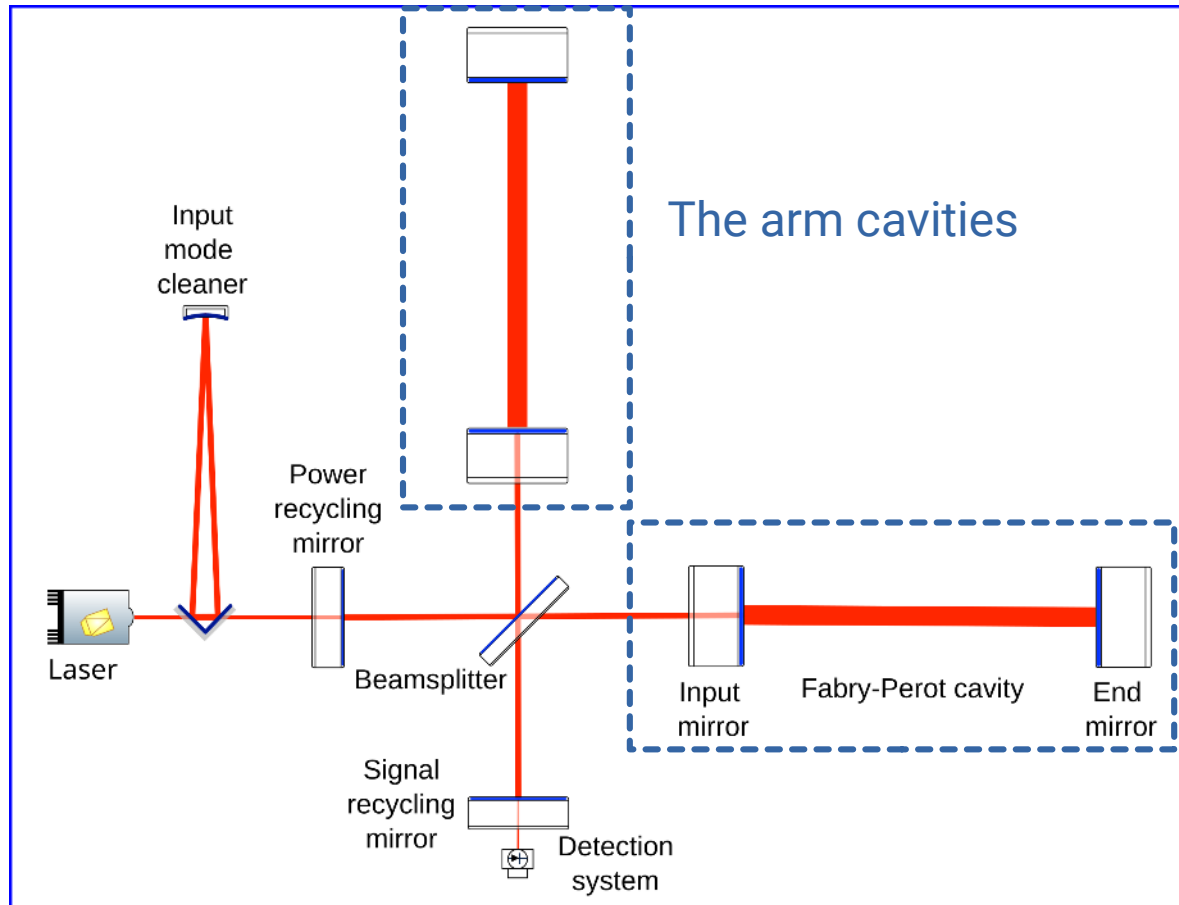
Could be the end mirror of a cavity

# The power recycling cavity

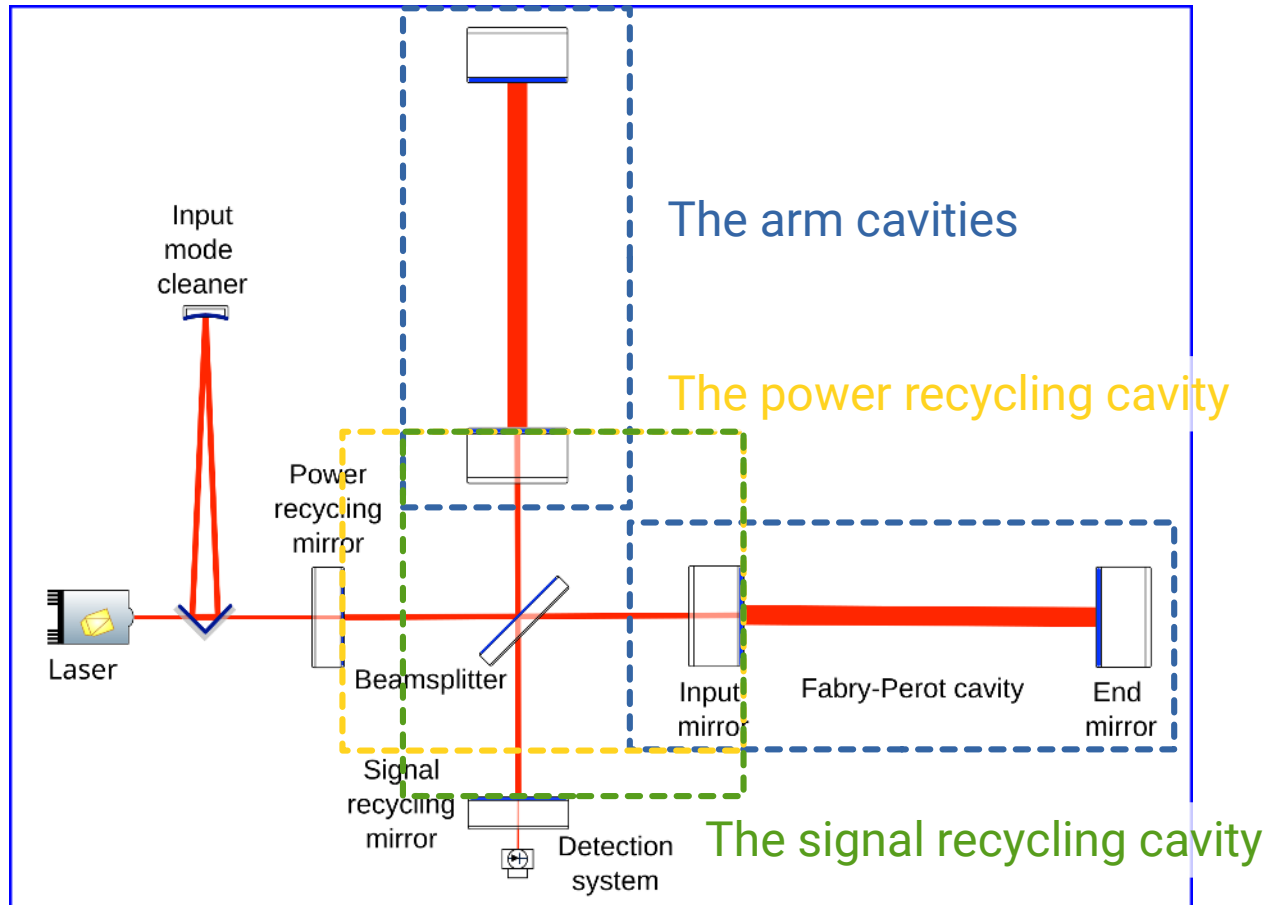


Possibility to enhance the laser power by a factor 40.

# 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 :  $S_V$

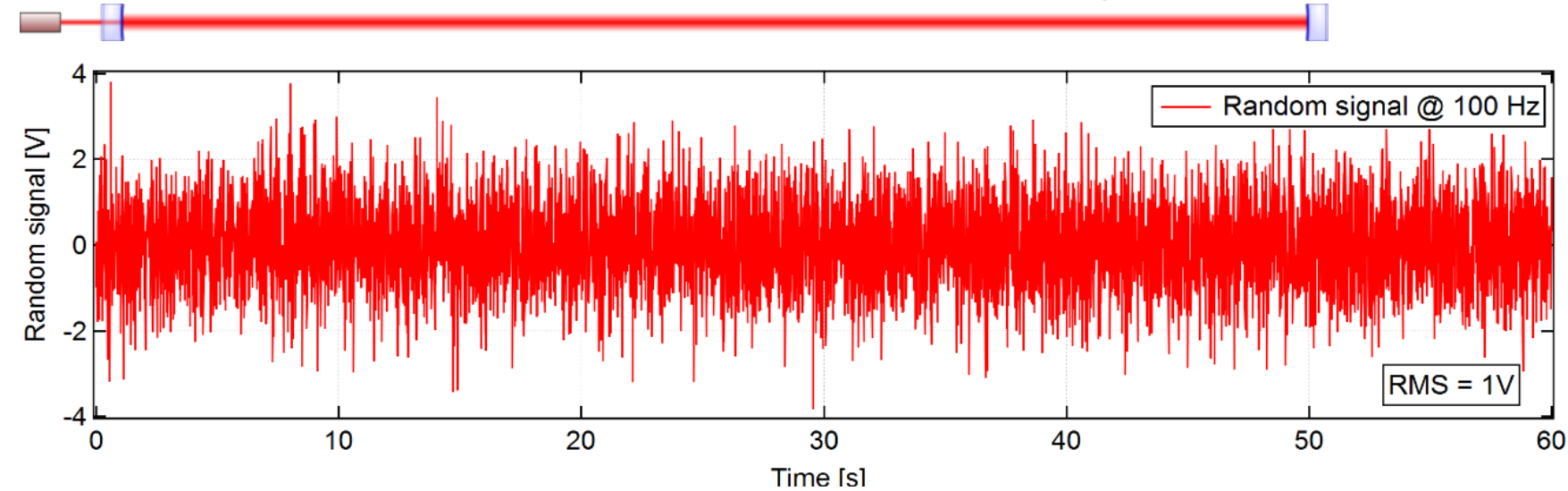
$$S_V(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \left| \int_{-T}^{+T} V(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right|^2$$

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

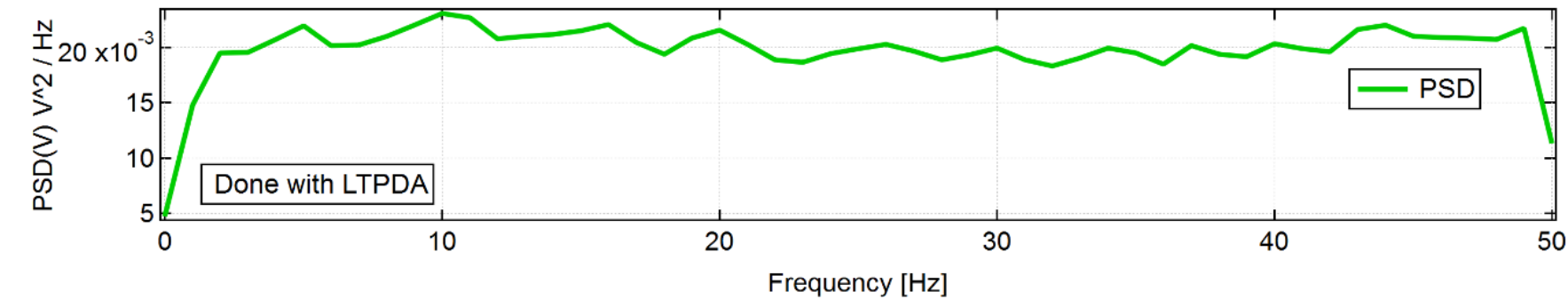
More frequently, we use the noise **Amplitude** Spectral Density

(ASD):  $\sqrt{S_V(\omega)}$

# Ok, that definition does not really help!



White noise  
during  
60 seconds

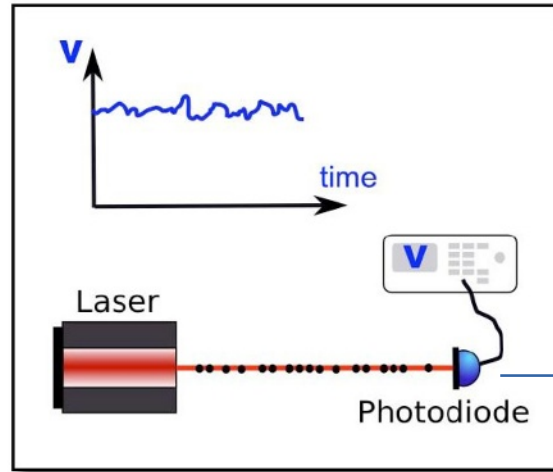


$$\text{RMS}_V = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V^2(t) dt}$$

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

# The intrinsic shot noise

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



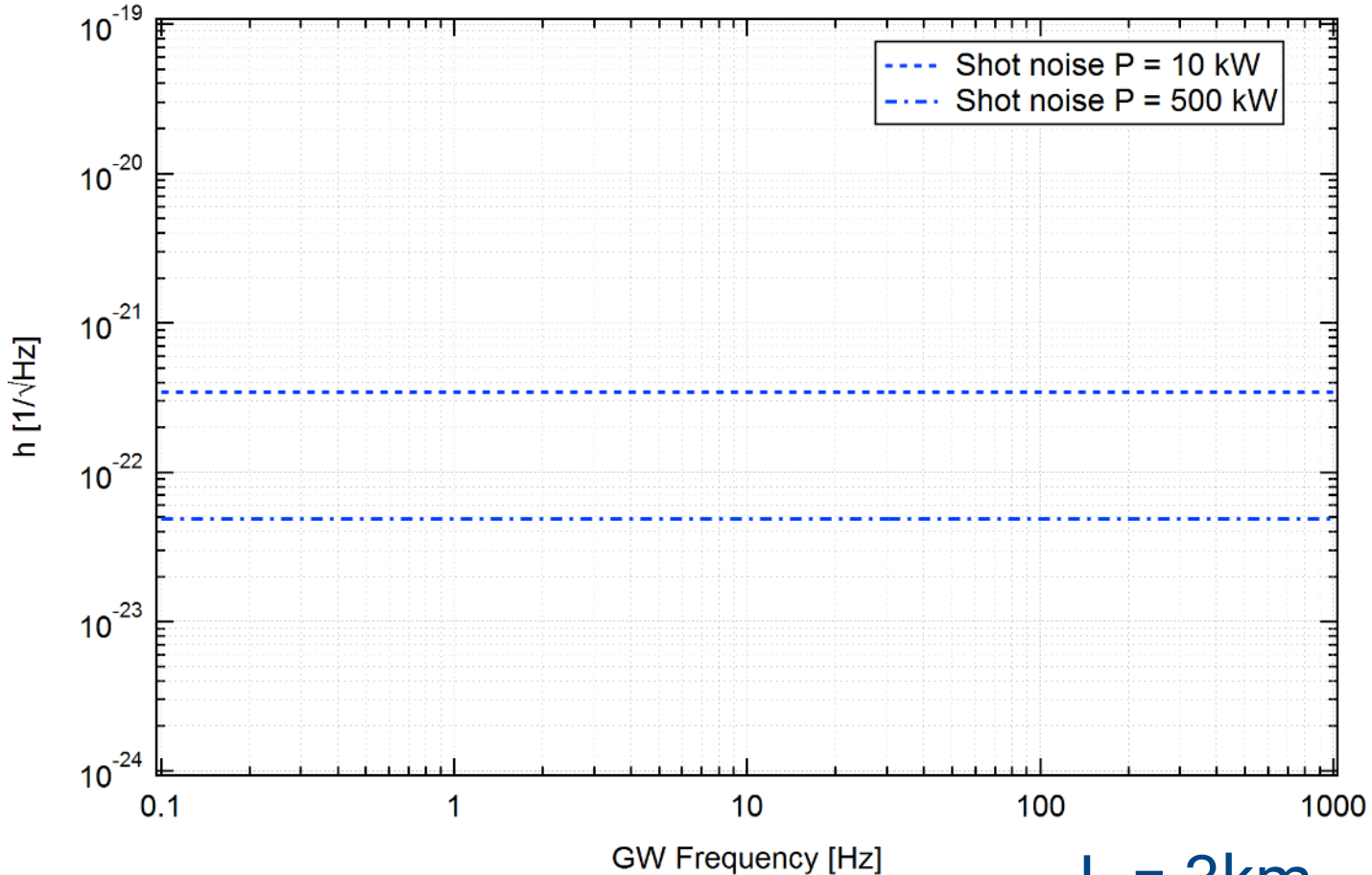
P the optical power

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.

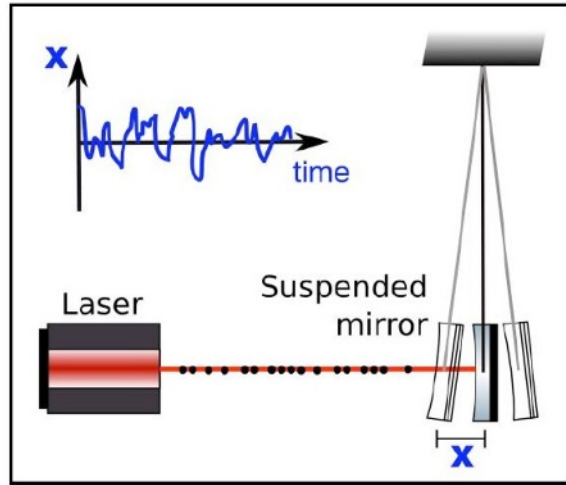
From the minimum displacement we can measure (SNR = 1), we can calculate the minimum  $h$  observable (GW amplitude)

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

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

# Radiation pressure noise

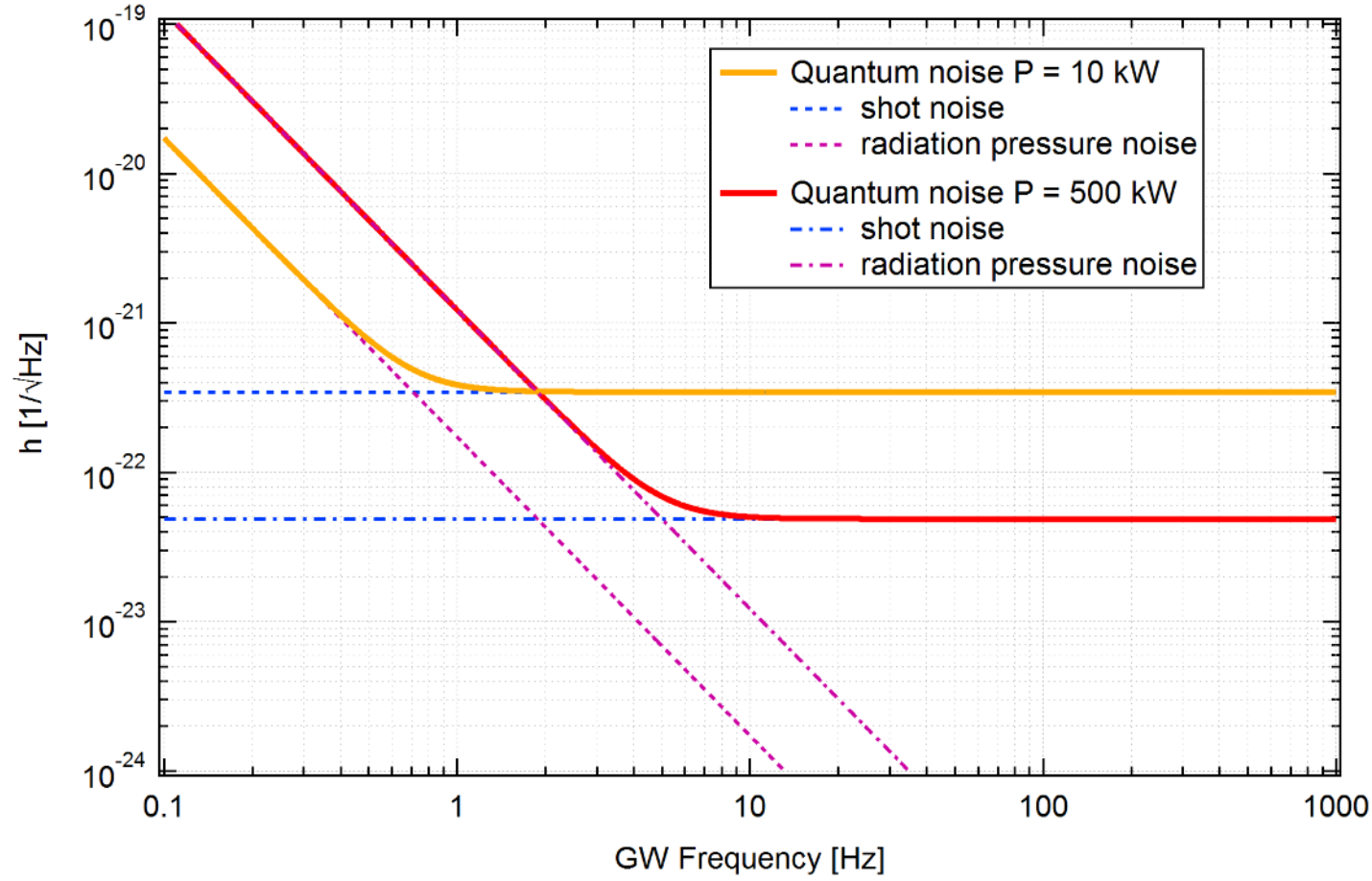
Measuring the mirror position with light, induced a back action : the radiation pressure noise.



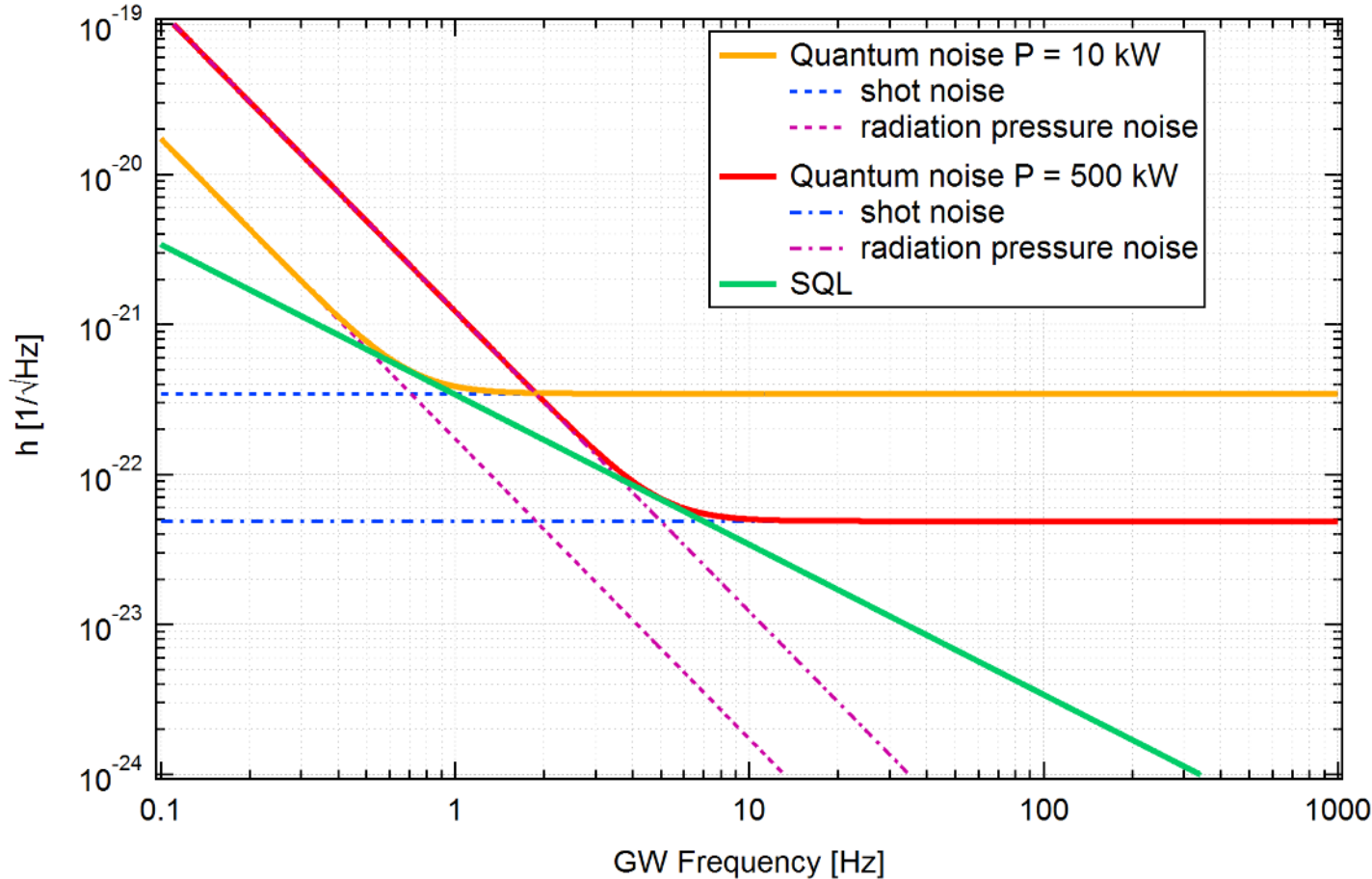
$$F = 2 \frac{P_{\text{inc}}}{c}$$

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



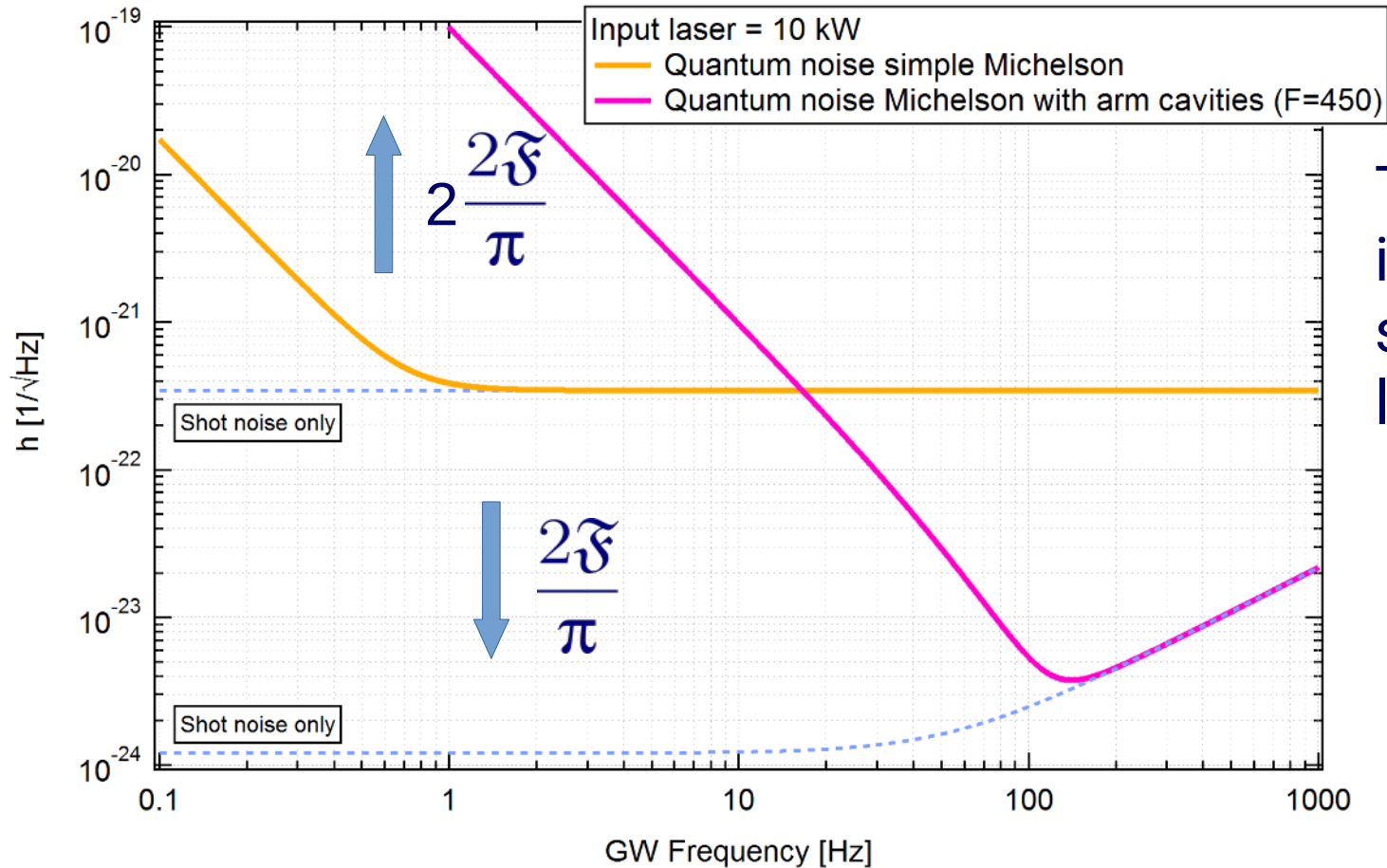
# Quantum noise limited (simple) Michelson



SQL = standard quantum limit

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

# Quantum noise with FP arm cavities



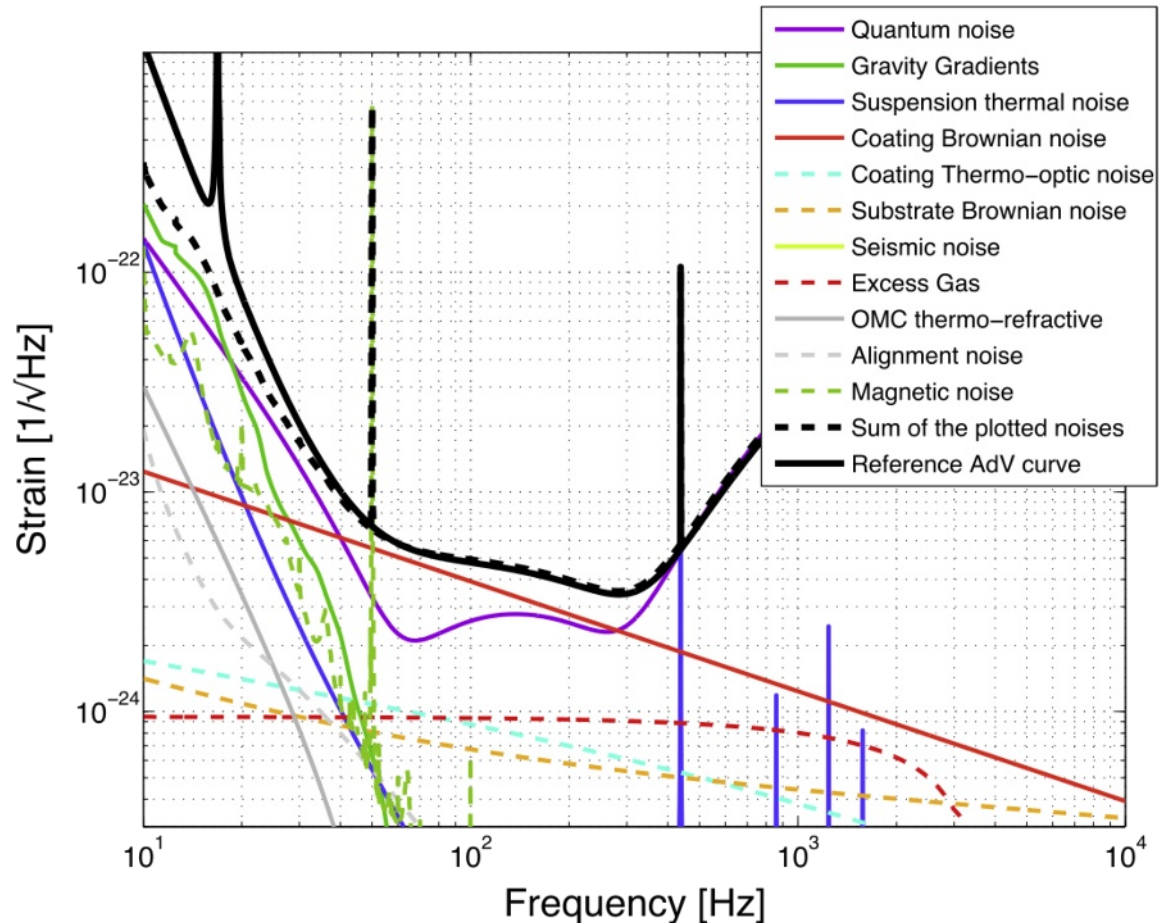
The FP arm cavity, increases the signal but act as a low-pass filter



**V.**

**The technical limiting noises**

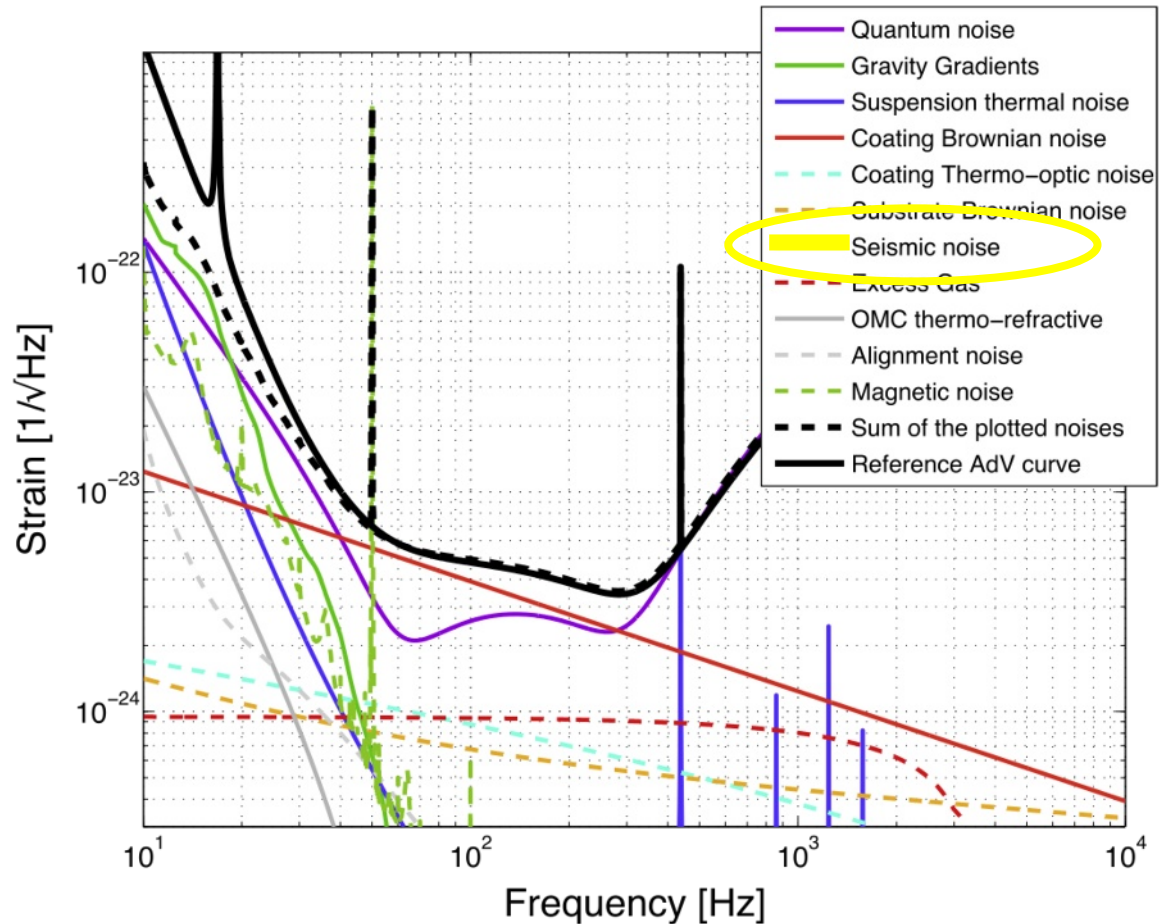
# The Advanced Virgo noise budget



Done in 2012 for the expected final configuration of AVirgo

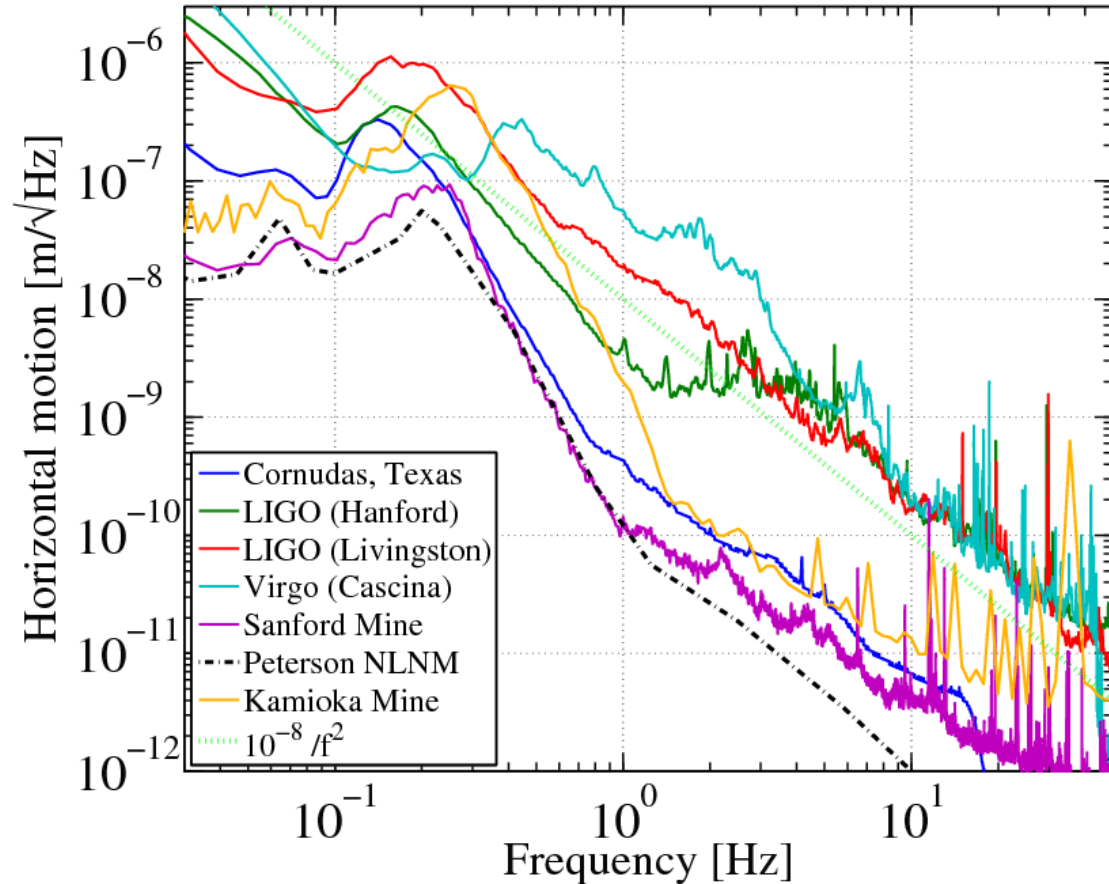
Similar noise budget for Advanced LIGO

# The Advanced Virgo noise budget



Not limiting :  
the seismic noise

# The ground is never still!



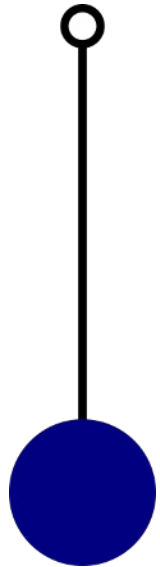
Comparison of different sites

Underground

# Isolate the mirror from the seismic motion

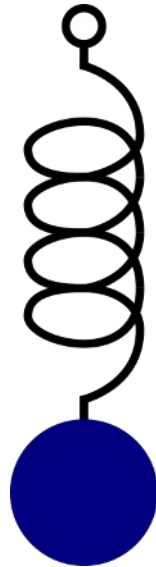
- Must isolate all degrees of freedom
- Suspension based on pendula :

<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.1150645>

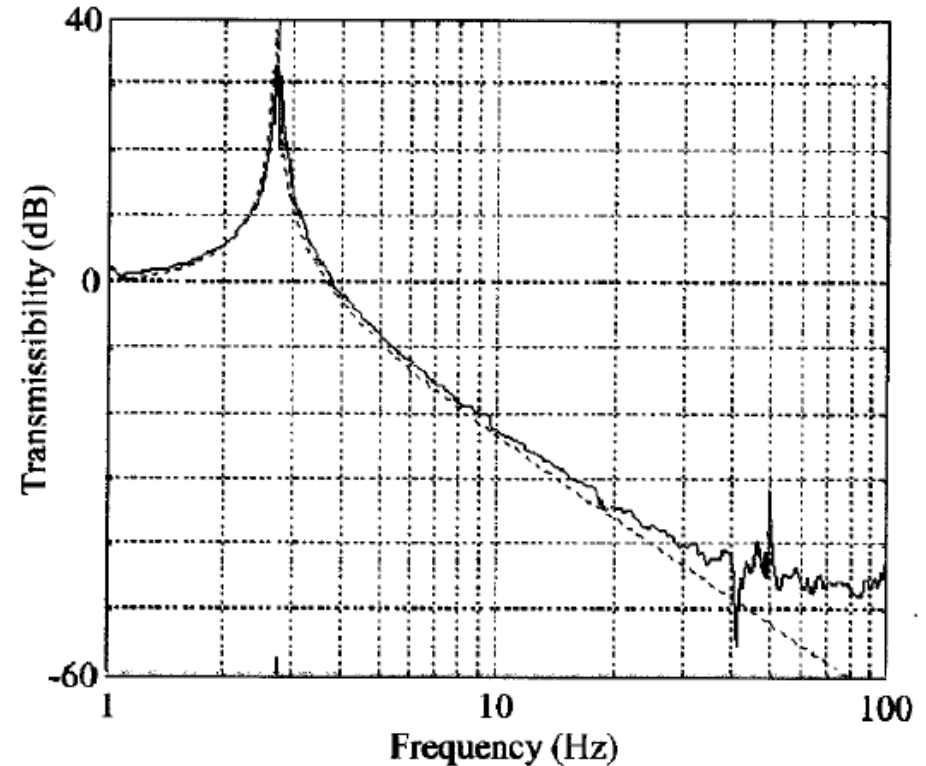


My mirror

*Horizontal  
isolation*



*Vertical  
isolation*



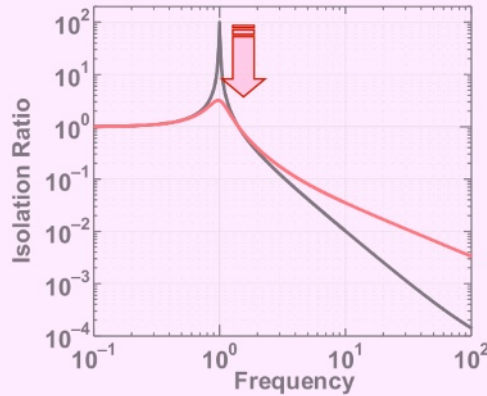
*Transfer function*

# Possibility to tune the isolation

- How to get more isolation?

## Damping

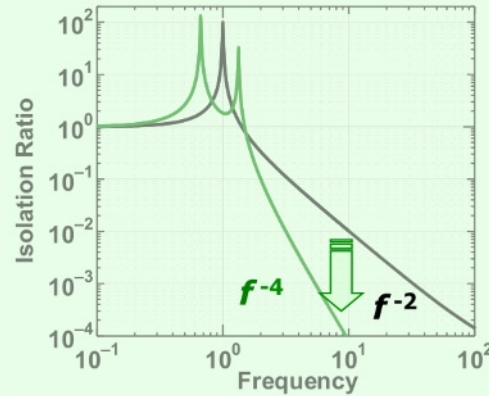
Lower the peak height



Worse isolation

## Multi stage

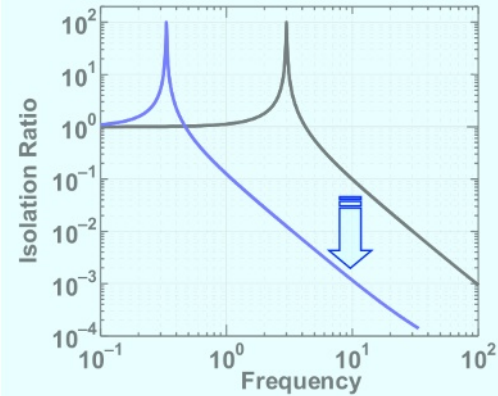
Steeper isolation curve



More peaks

## Lower resonant freq

Better isolation

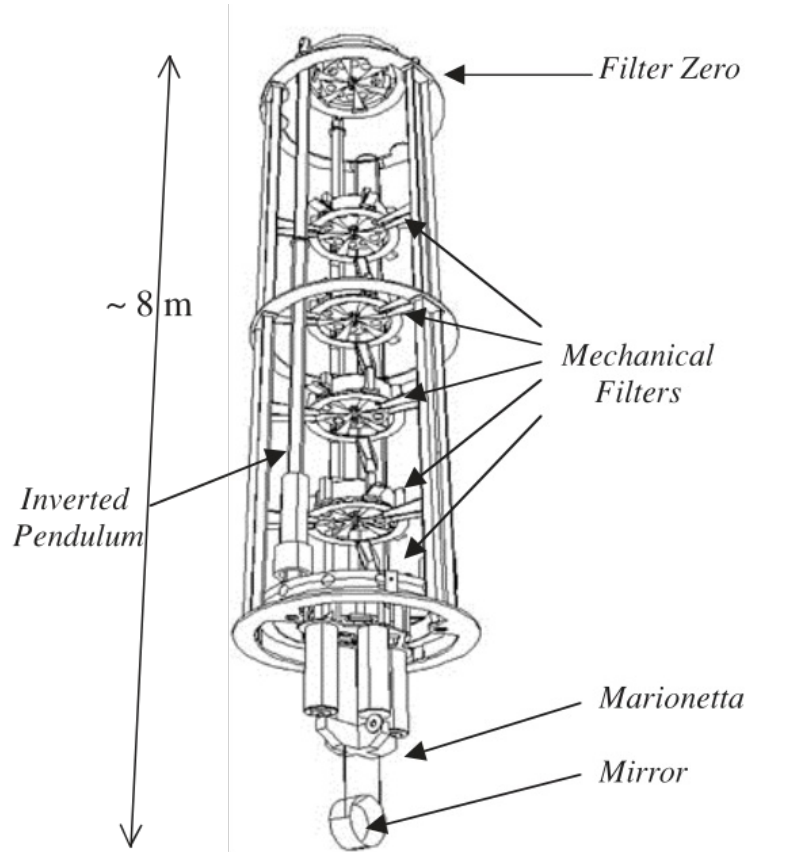


Complex to realize

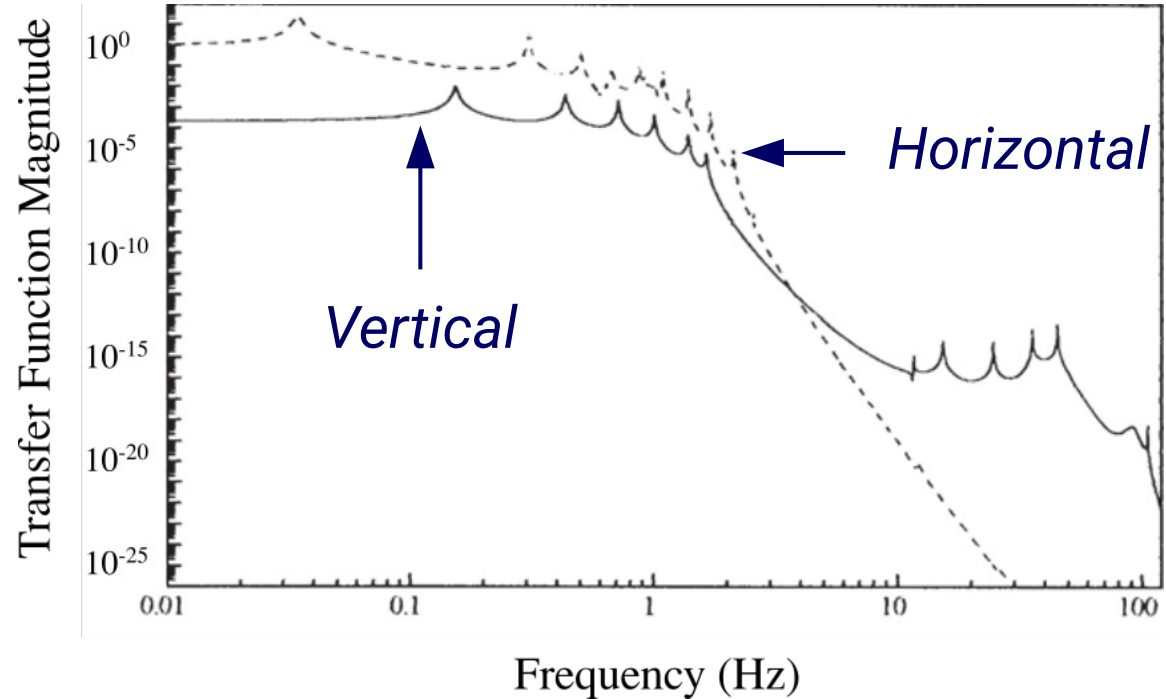
- In practice: employ combination of these measures

# The Virgo super attenuator

<https://doi.org/10.1088/0264-9381/19/7/353>



*Virgo super attenuator*



*Isolation transfert function*

# The last stage of the suspension

Where the mirror is attached

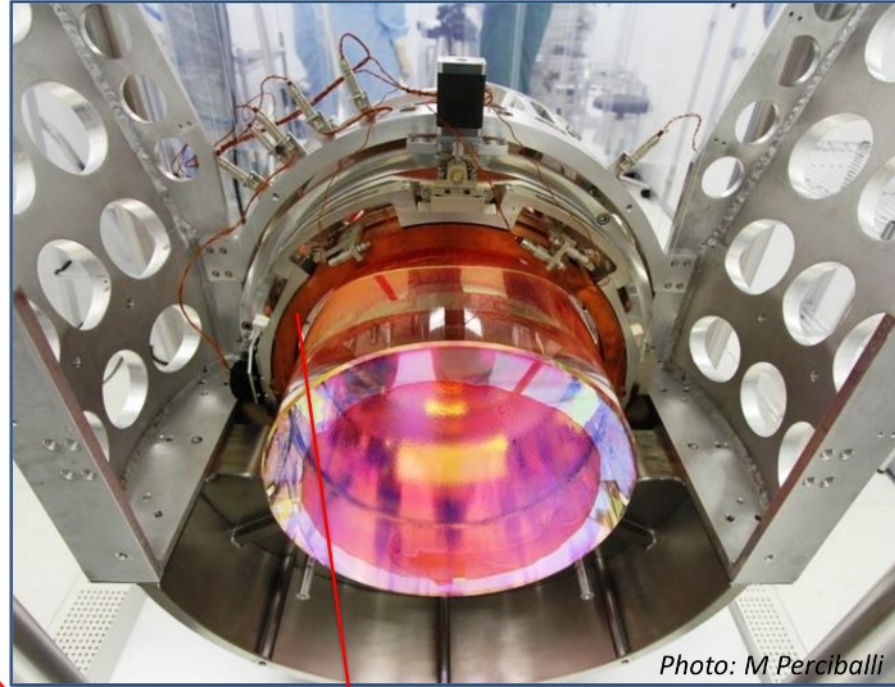
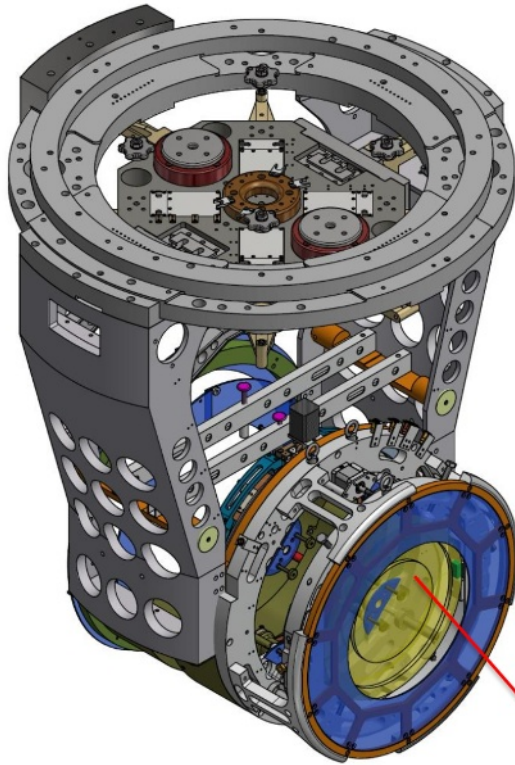


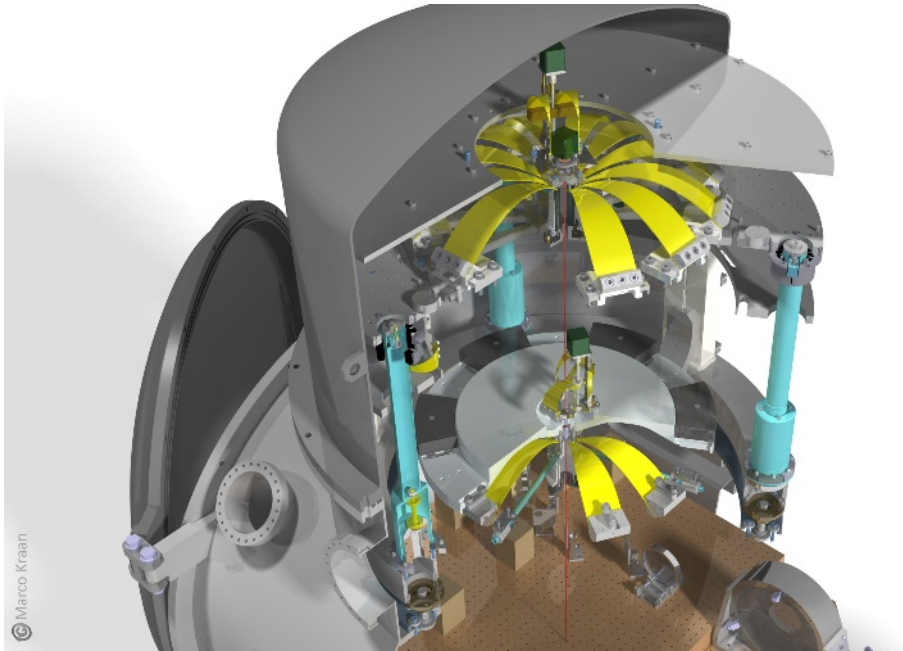
Photo: M Perciballi

**TCS: thermal compensation**  
(Compensation Plate and Ring Heater)

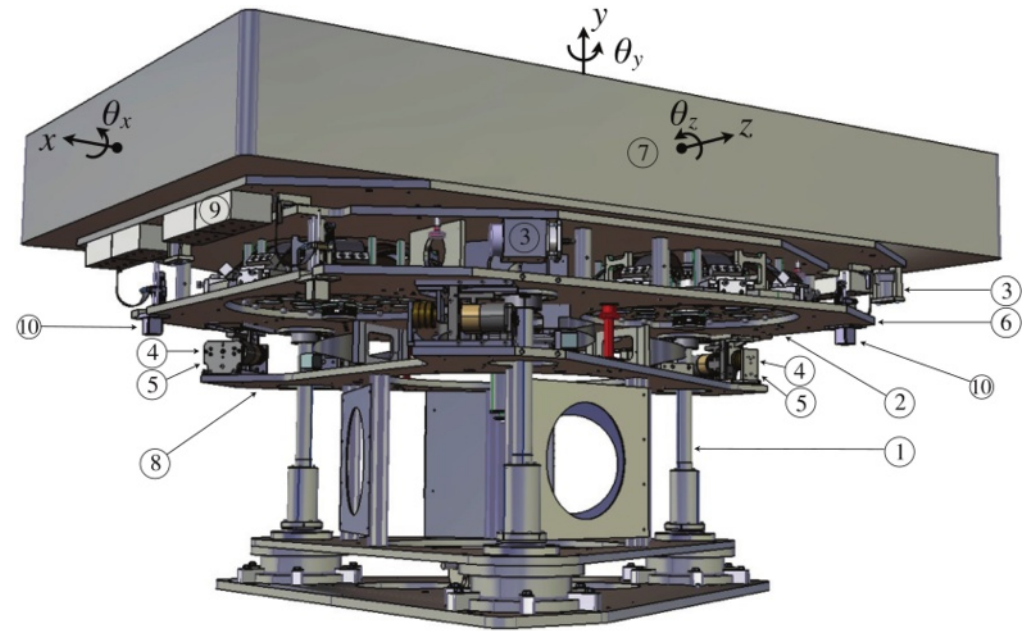


# Not only for the main mirrors

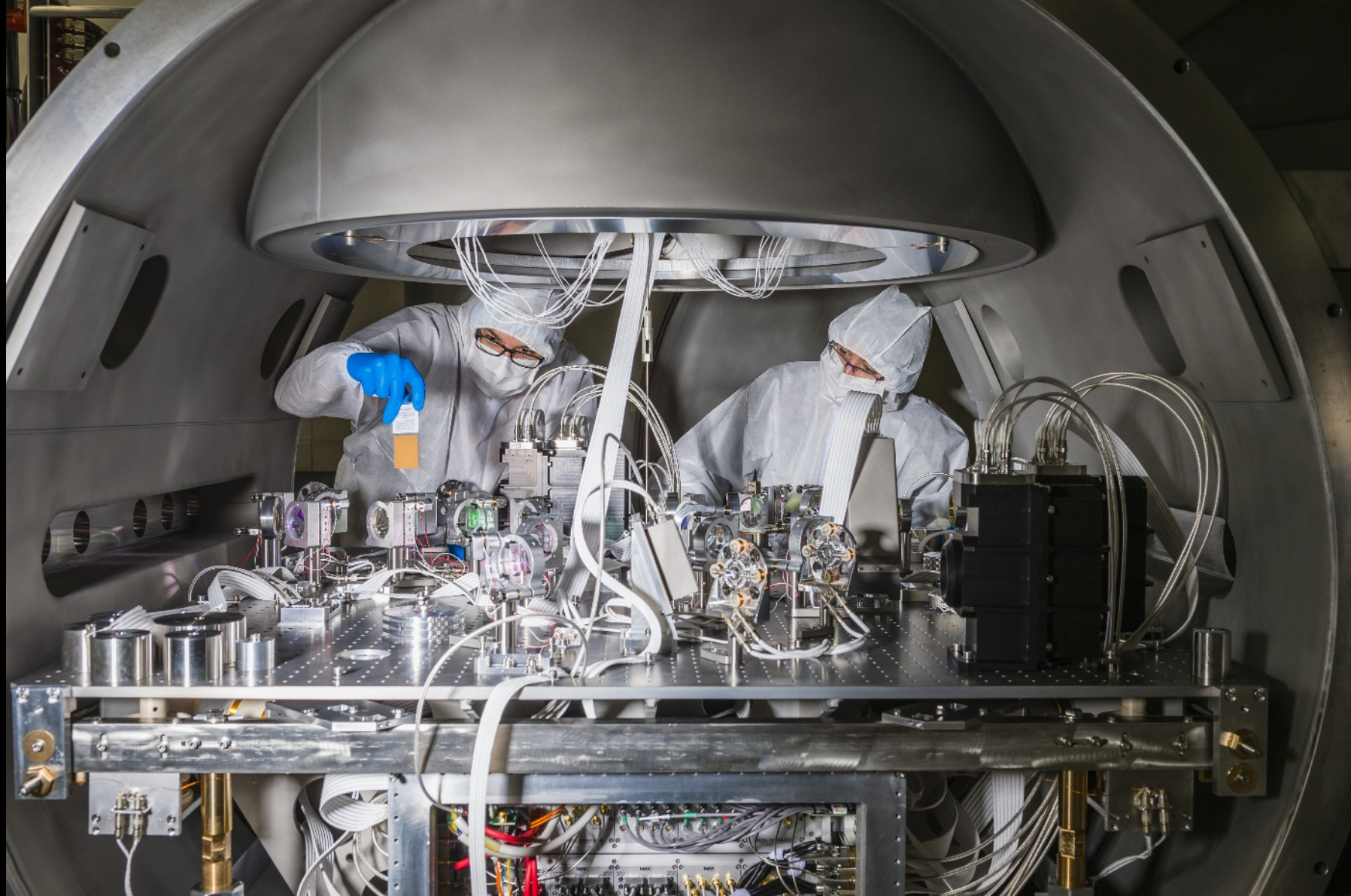
But also for the benches with critical optics !



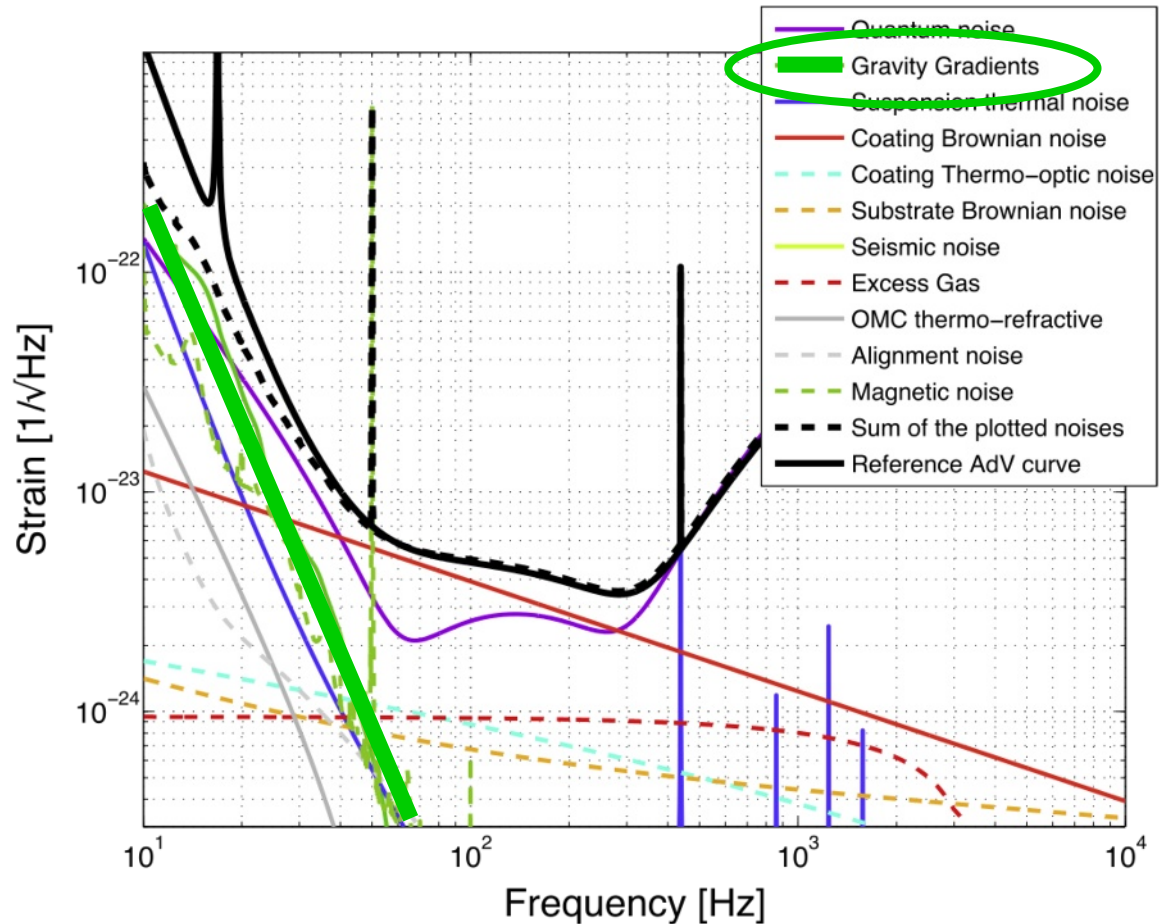
*Compact suspension  
for mini tower*



*External bench*



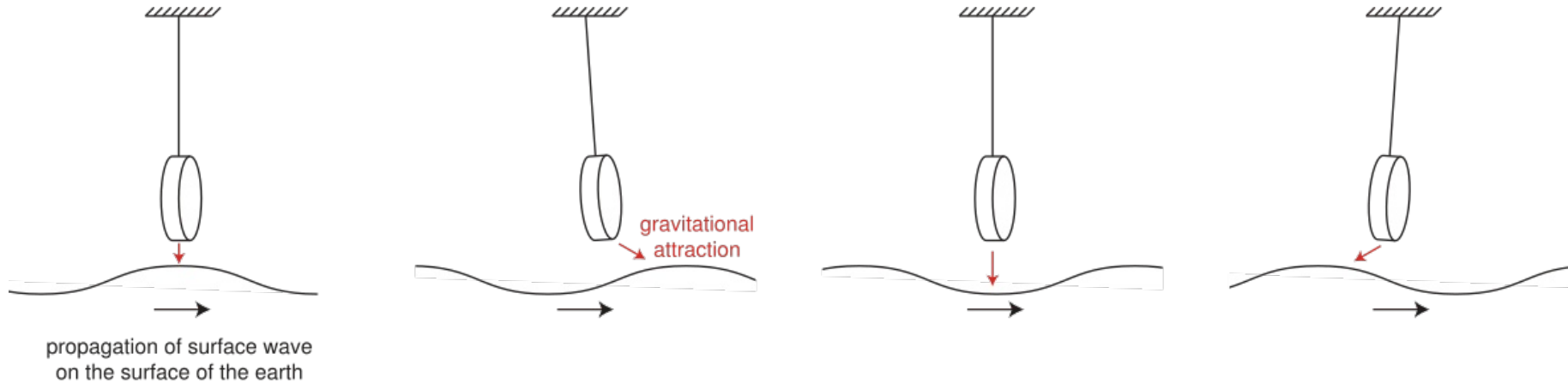
# The Advanced Virgo noise budget



At low frequency :  
gravity gradient noise

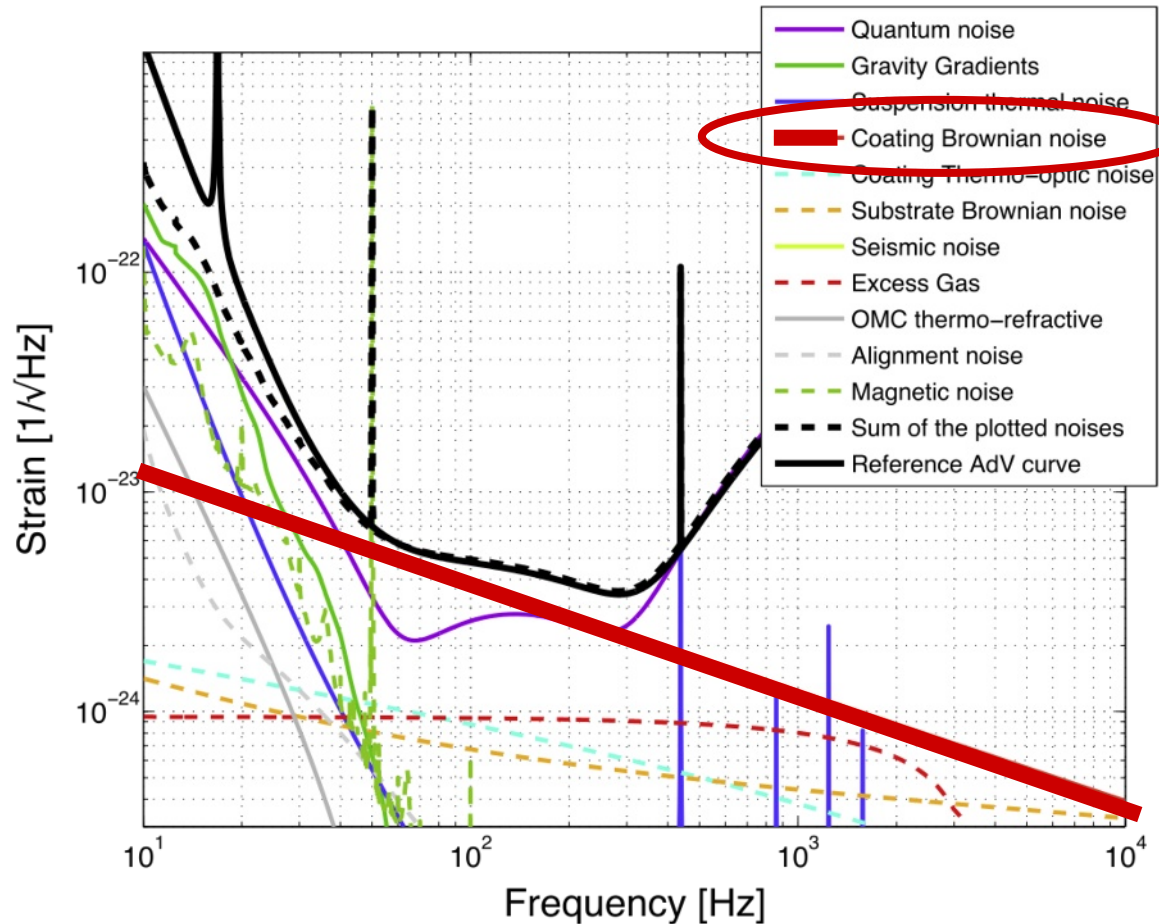
# Gravity gradient (or Newtonian) noise

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



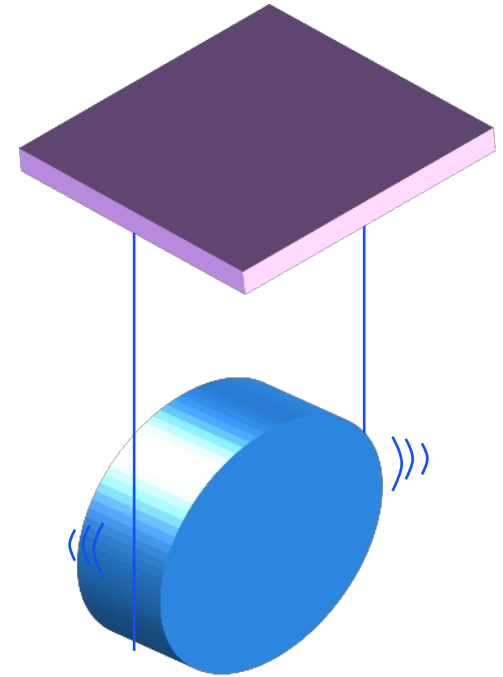
Middle frequencies :  
coating thermal noise

# Thermal noise(s)

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

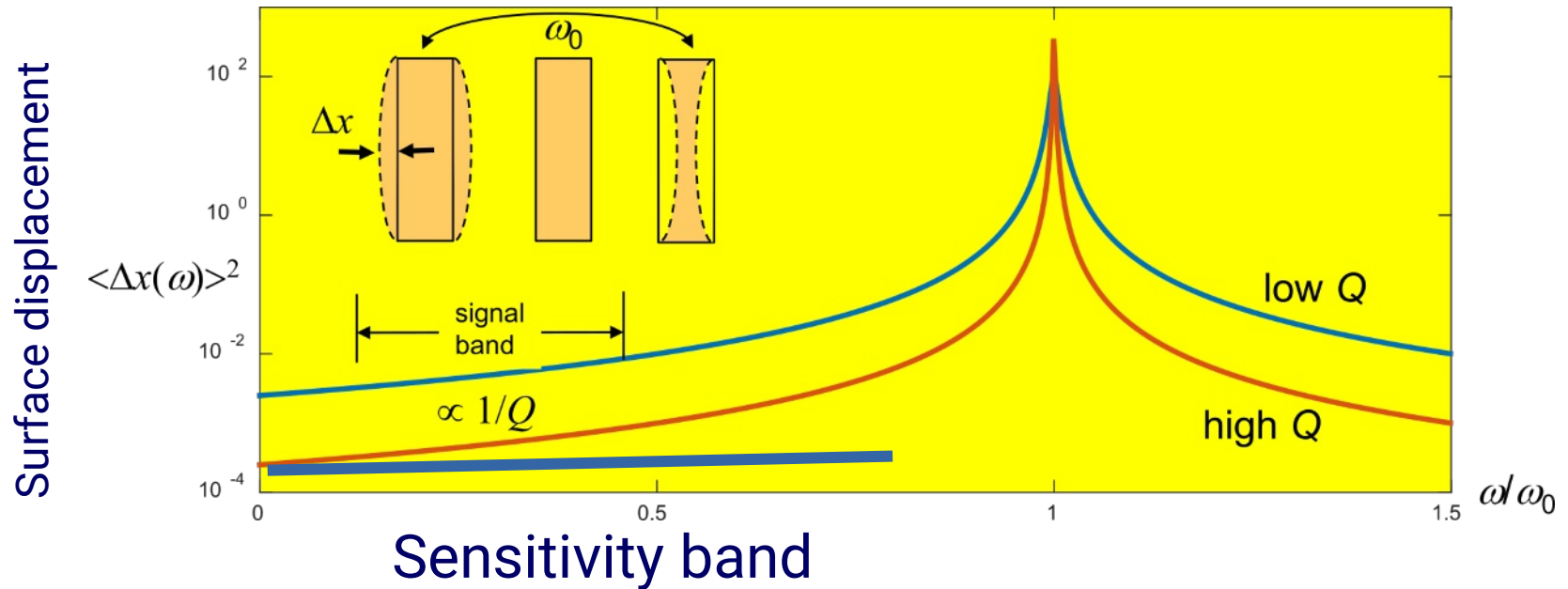
- Suspension thermal noise
- Thermo-optic noise
- Substrate Brownian noise
- Coating Brownian noise

Currently the worst offender



# A closer look at it:

[https://doi.org/10.1364/CLEO\\_AT.2017.JF1D.2](https://doi.org/10.1364/CLEO_AT.2017.JF1D.2)



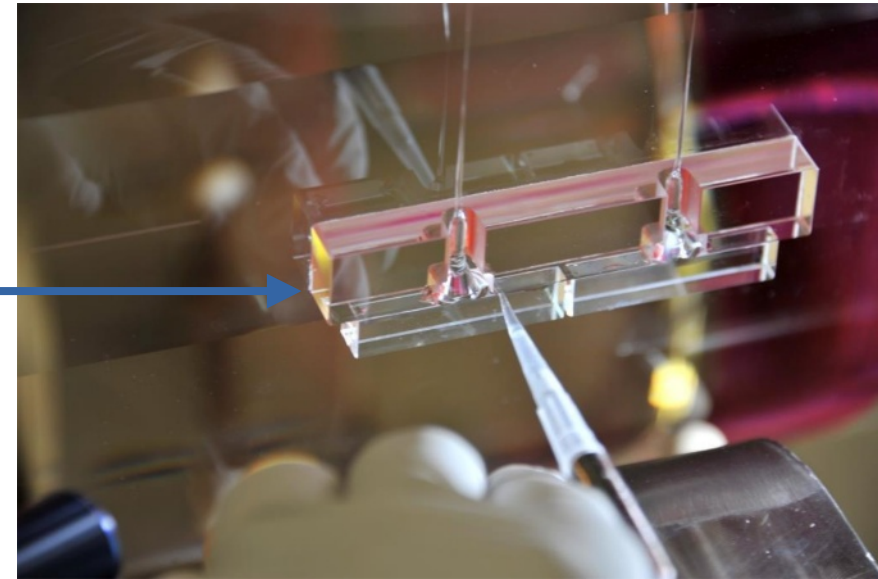
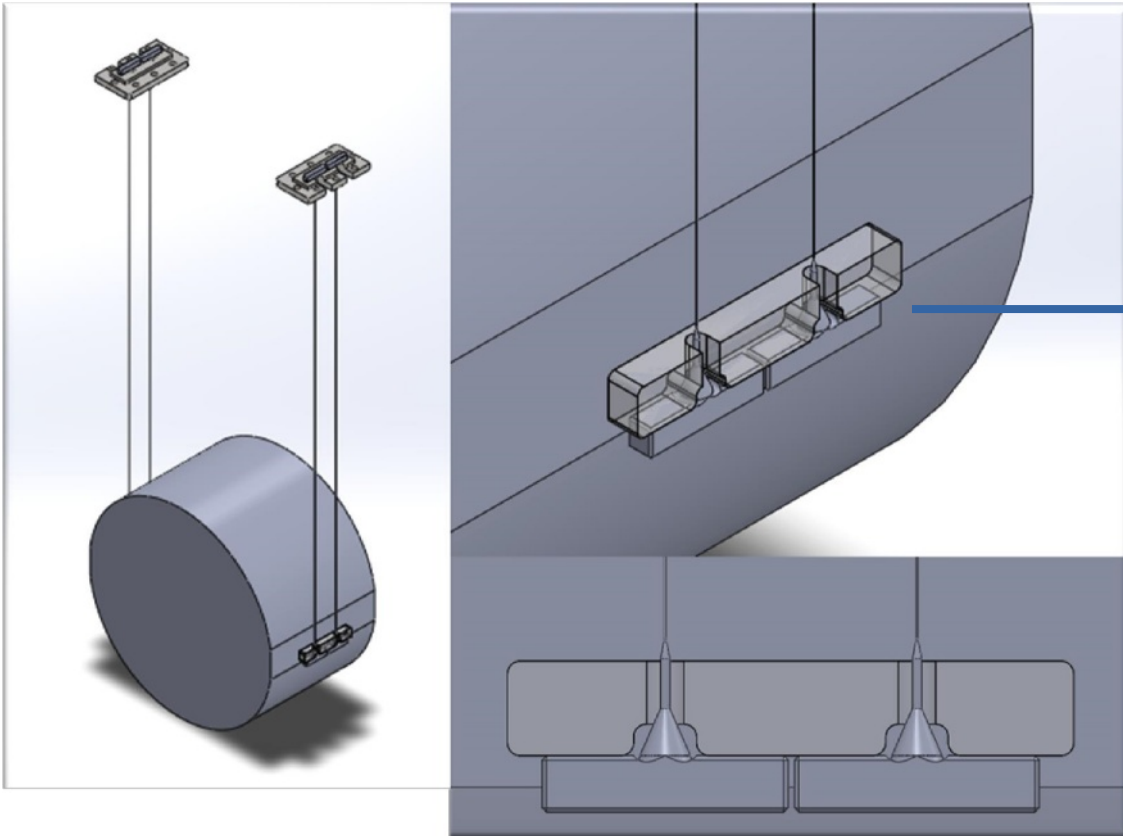
Depend on:

- 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

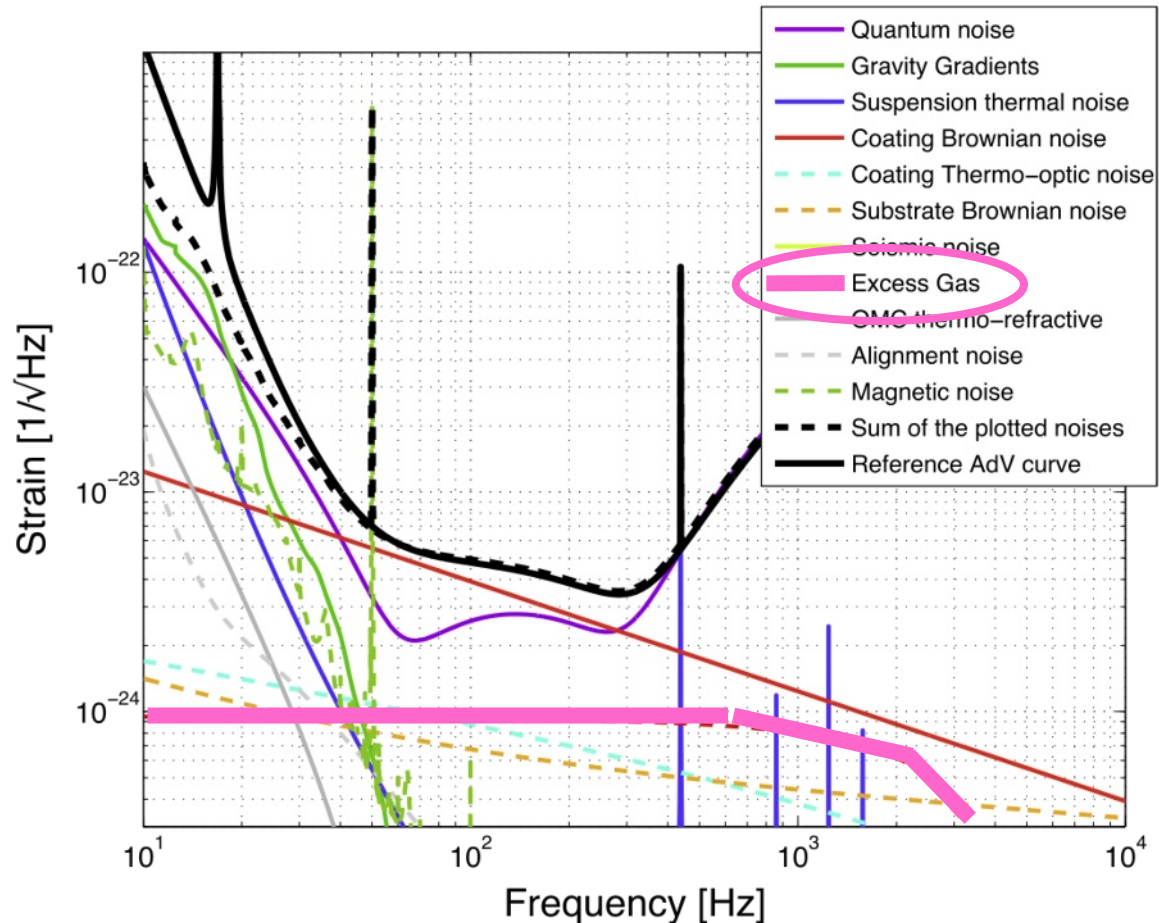
Intensive worldwide research to reduce this noise :

The diagram shows the equation for coating thermal noise spectral density,  $S_{\text{CTN}} \propto T \frac{d\phi}{w^2}$ . The variables are annotated as follows:

- $T$  (temperature) is highlighted in red, with an orange arrow pointing to it from the text "Not possible in current infrastructure".
- $d\phi$  (coating loss angle) is highlighted in blue, with a blue arrow pointing to it from the text "Optimised Coating materials".
- $w^2$  (beam size) is highlighted in green, with a green arrow pointing to it from the text "Large beams".
- Labels "coating thickness" and "coating loss angle" are positioned above the equation.

Not possible in current infrastructure

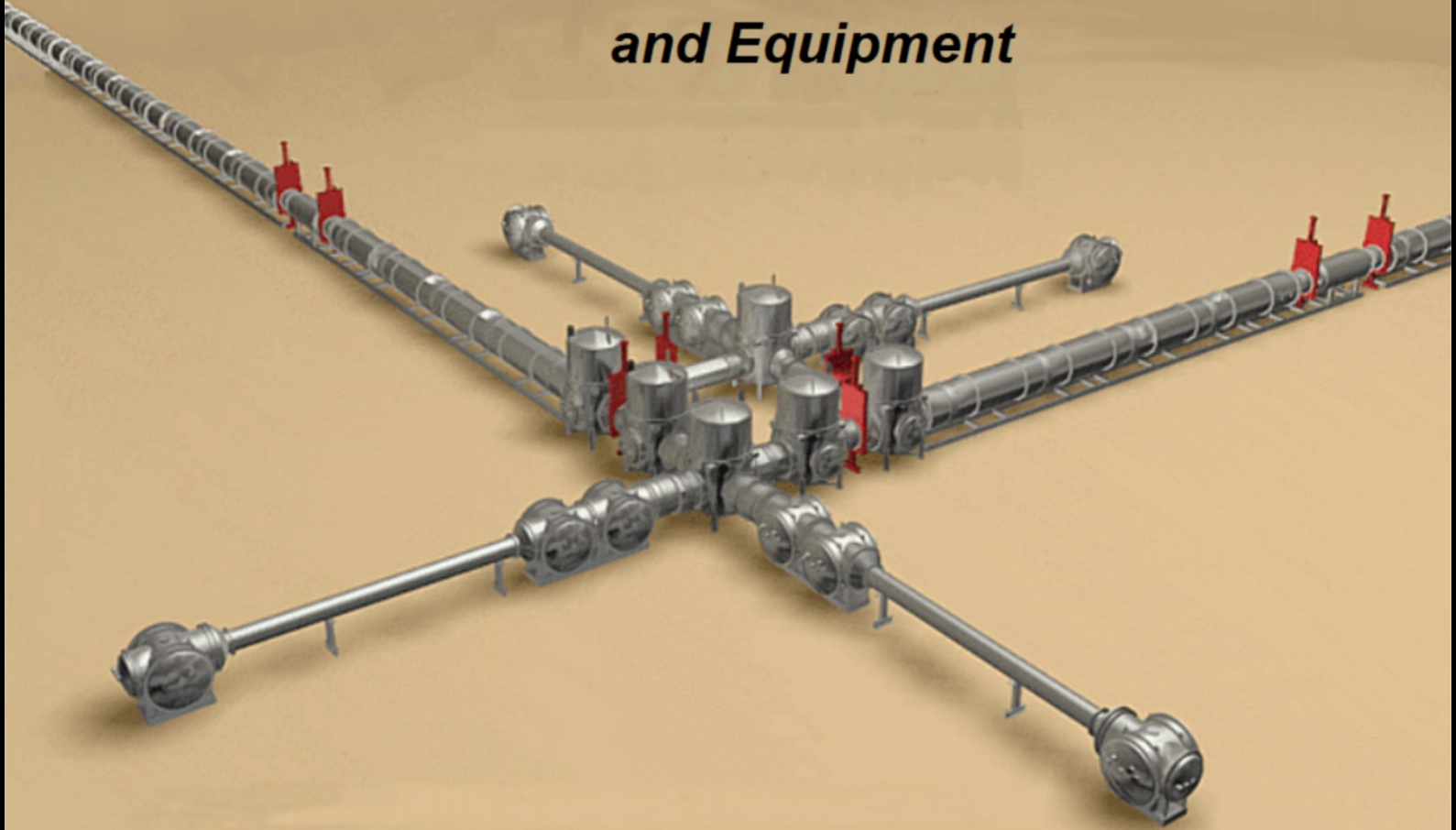
# Phase noise from imperfect vacuum



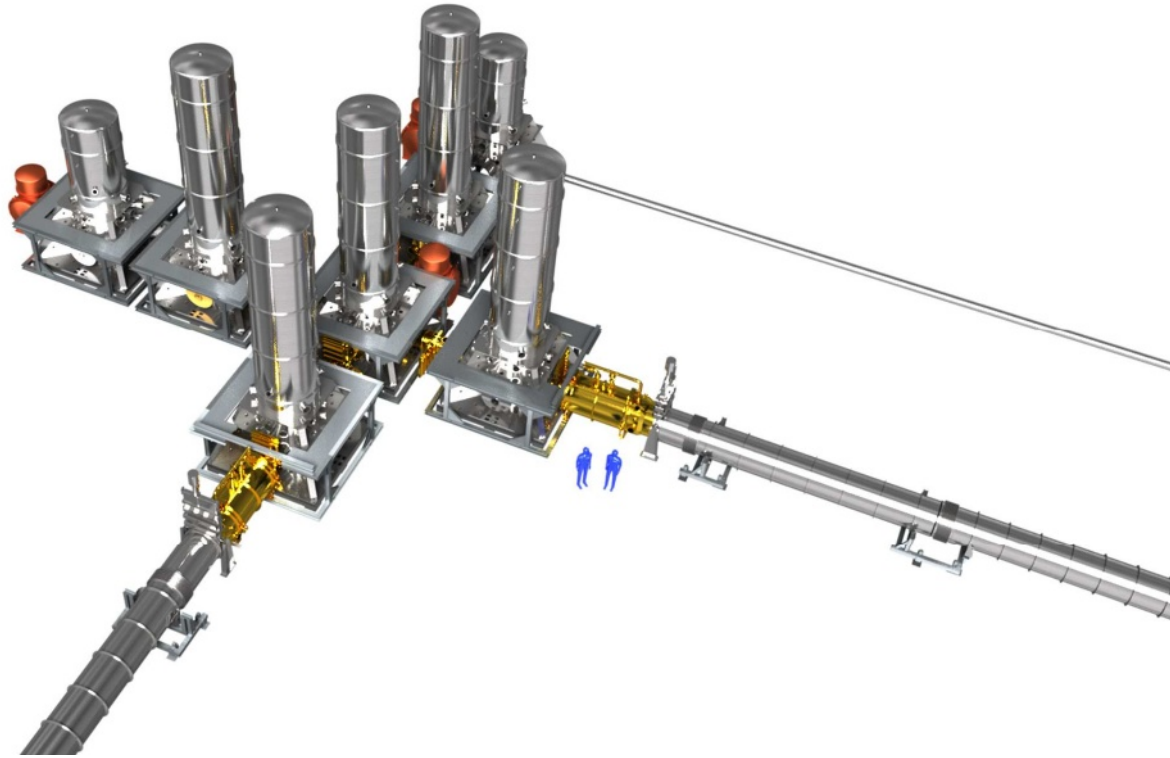
Turbulences in gas, creates variation of the refractive index

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

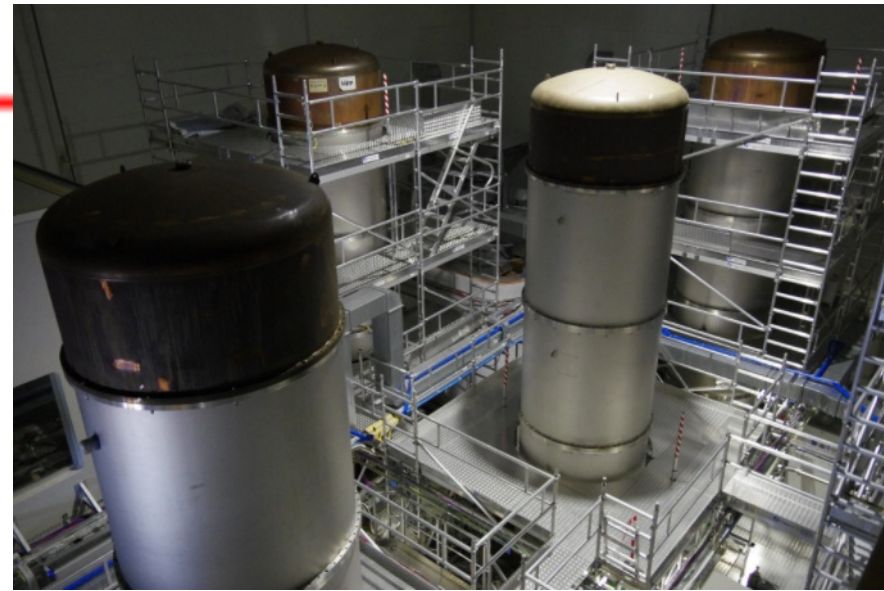
# *LIGO Vacuum Chambers and Equipment*



# The Virgo chambers

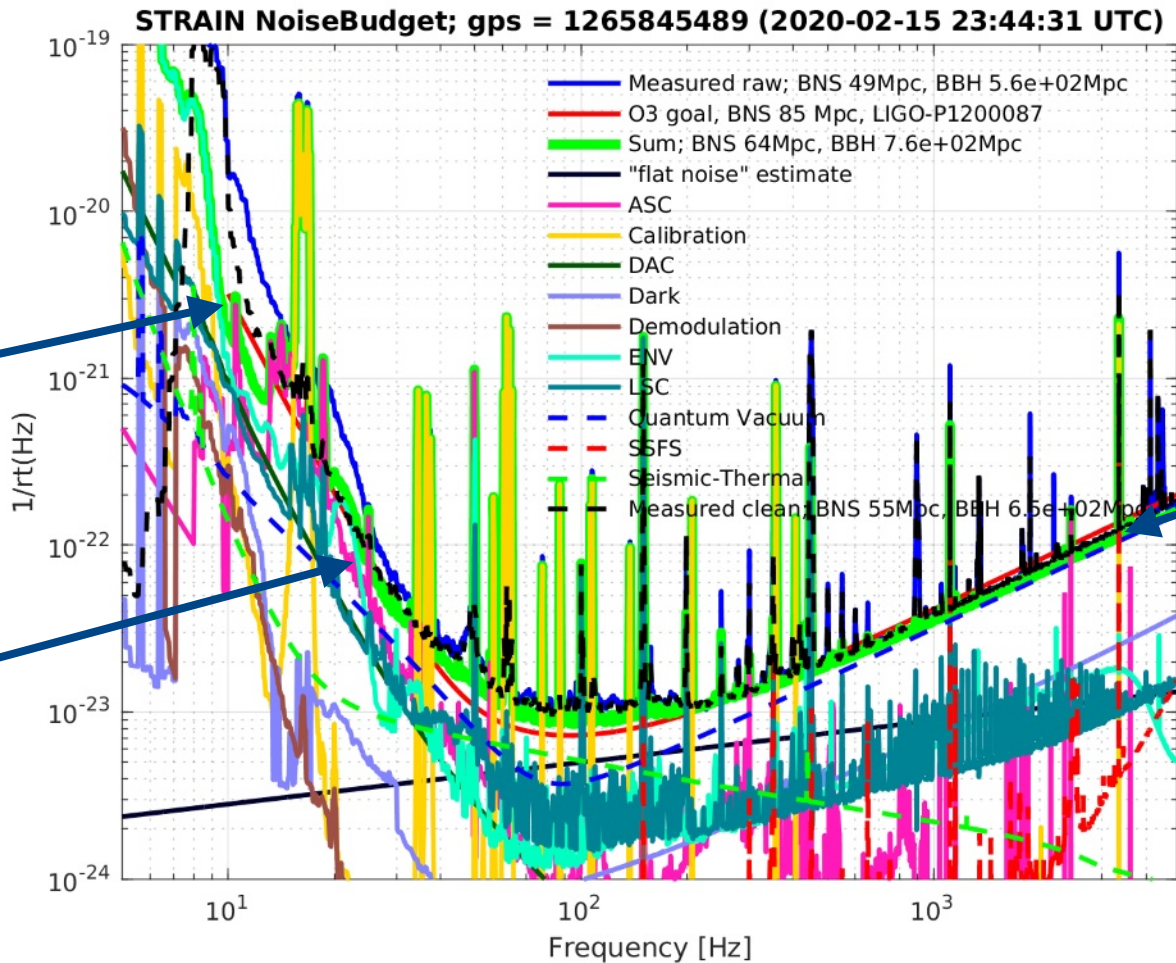


Pressure <  $10^{-9}$  mbar



Total volume :  $7000 \text{ m}^3$

# Advanced Virgo measured (real) noise budget



Control  
noise

Shot noise

Suspension  
thermal  
noise

# **VI.**

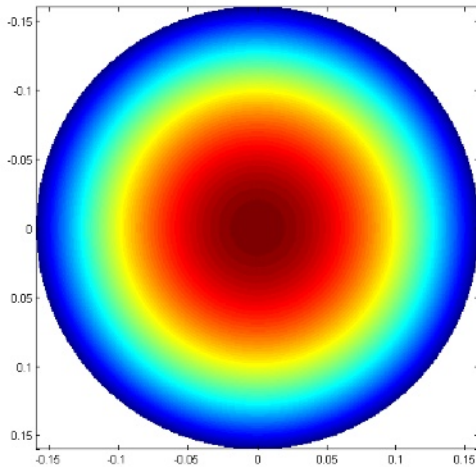
## **Selected technologies**

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

# The arm cavity mirrors

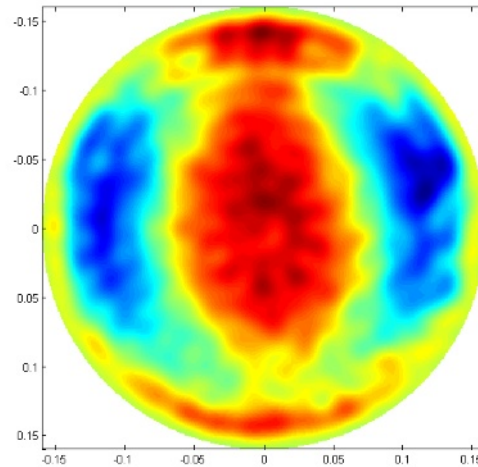
- arm cavity where the optical losses are the most critical
- optical cavity round trip loss  $< 0.01\%$
- give tight constraints on the mirror quality surface:

*Radius error*



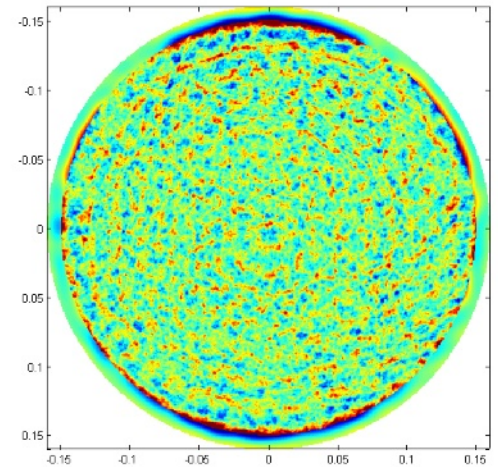
**bad contrast**  
(could be corrected)

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



**bad contrast**  
**distorted beam**


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



**light lost**

Mirror surface  
height as color  
scale

# The arm cavity mirrors

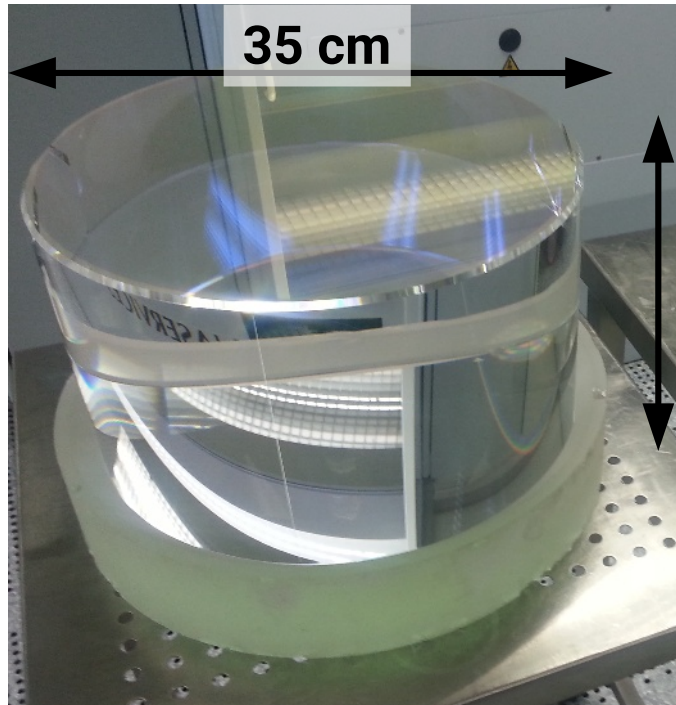
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**Very stringent requirement on  
the polishing and coating**

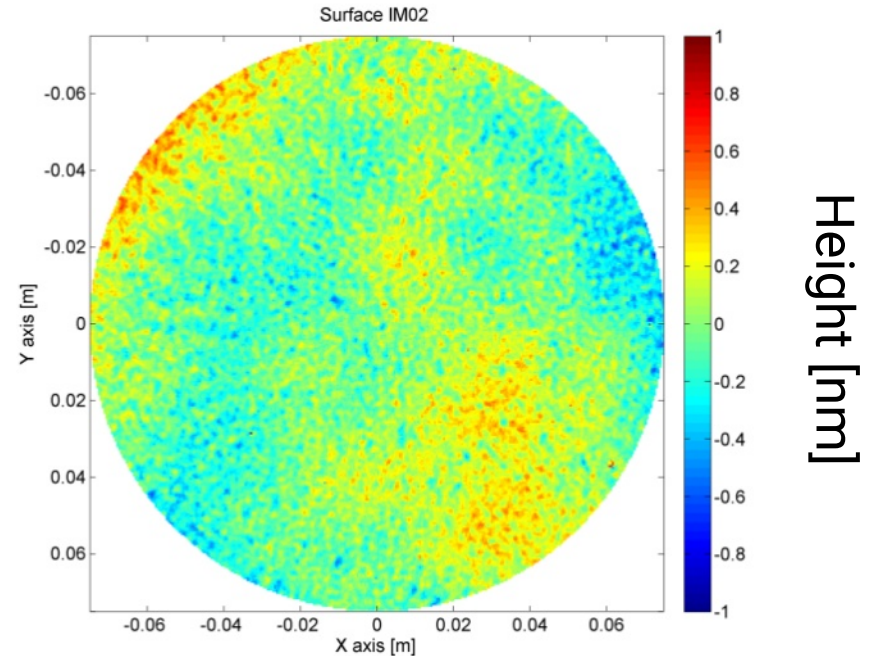


# The mirrors for the 3 km long cavities

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

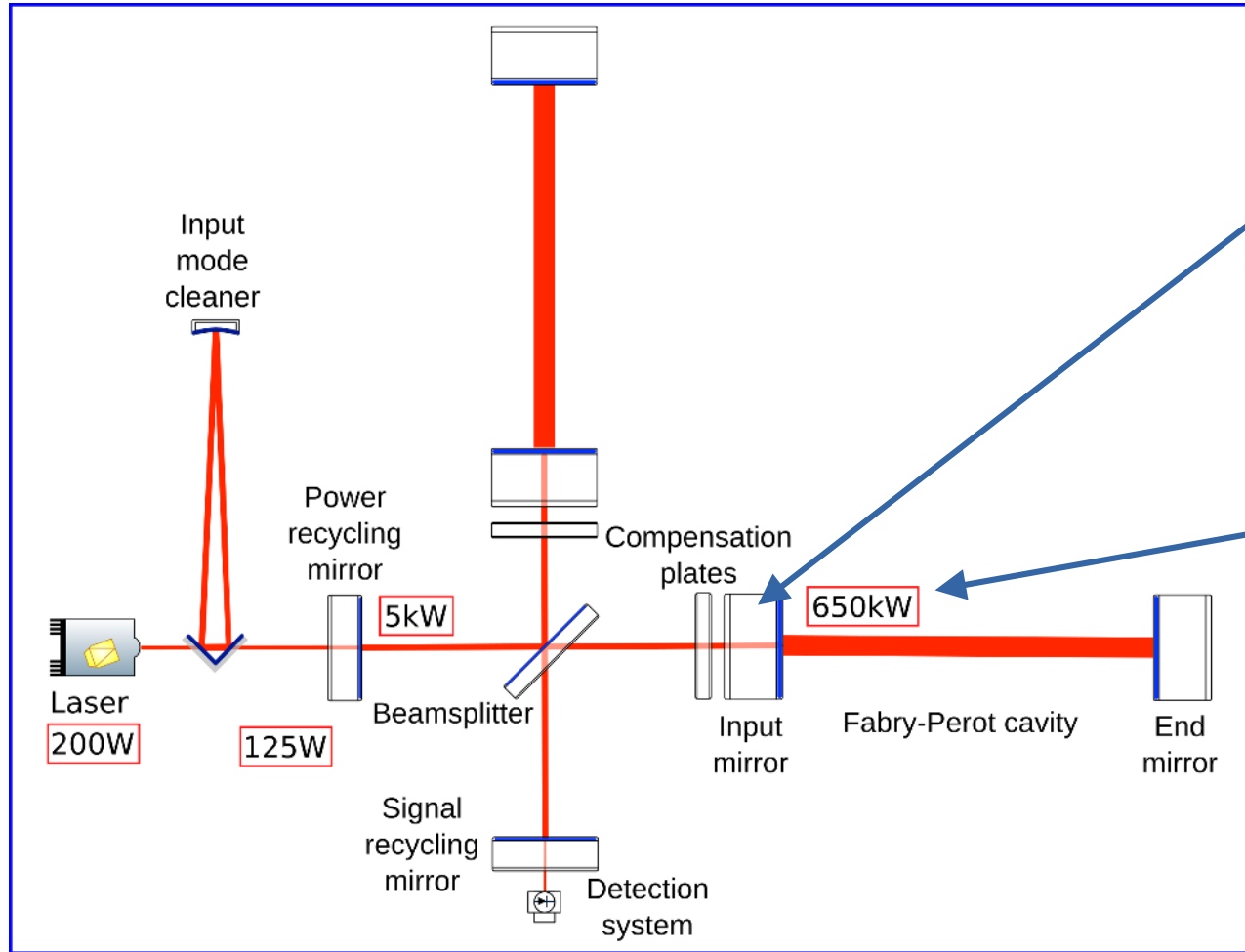


*Polished substrate*



*Mirror surface height*

# A story of power

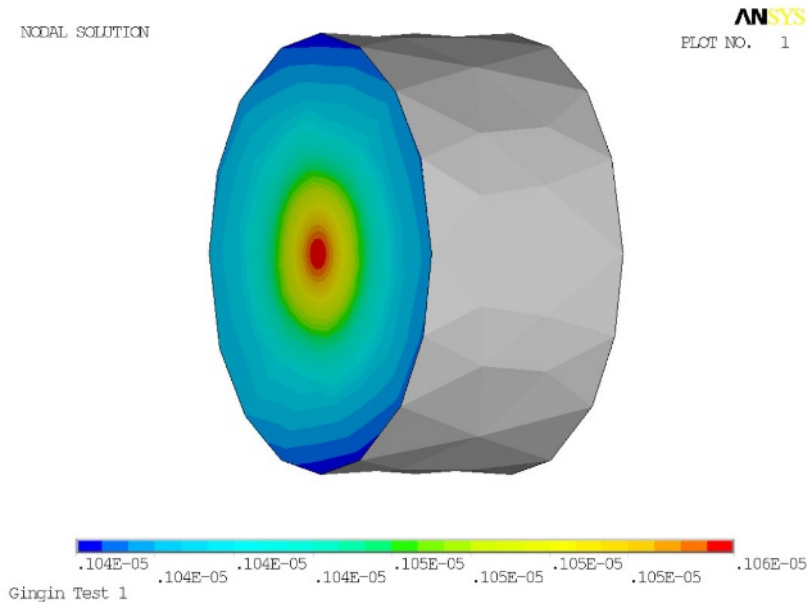


kW of light in the substrate

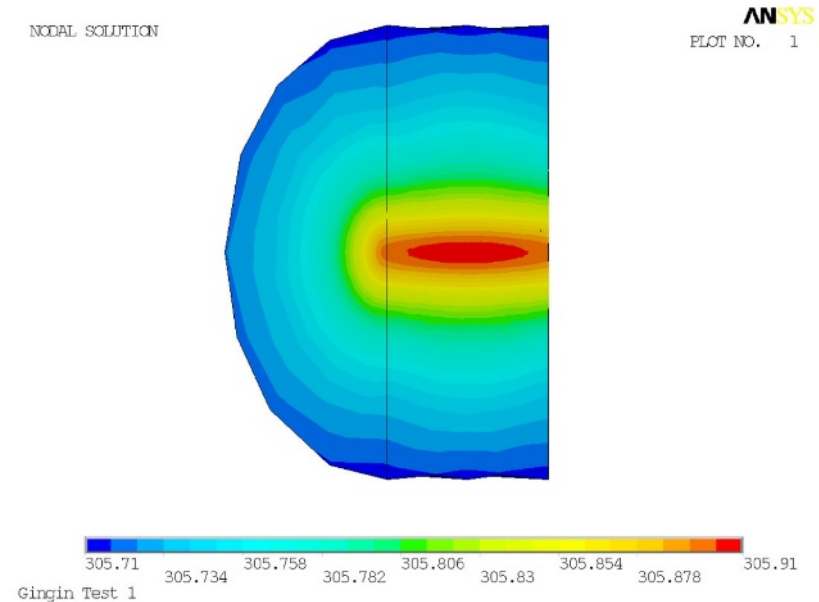
Huge amount of optical power

# 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



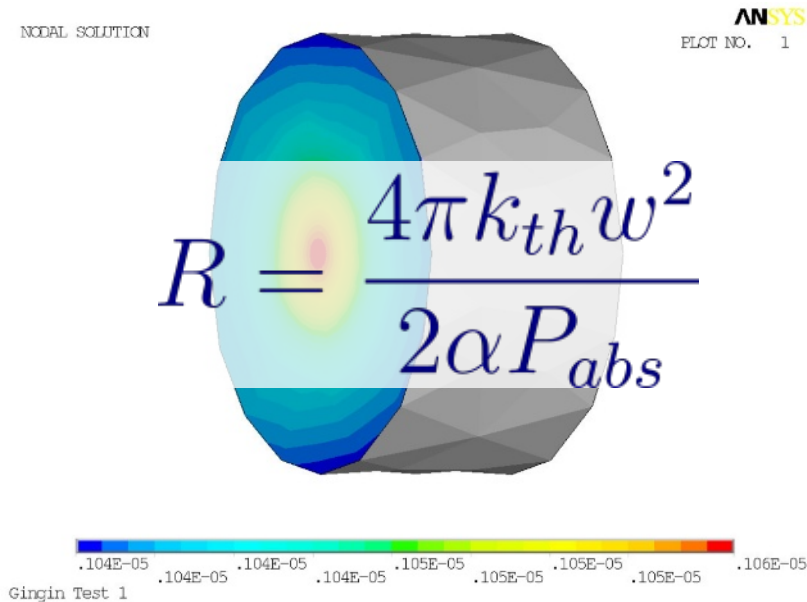
*Coating absorption*



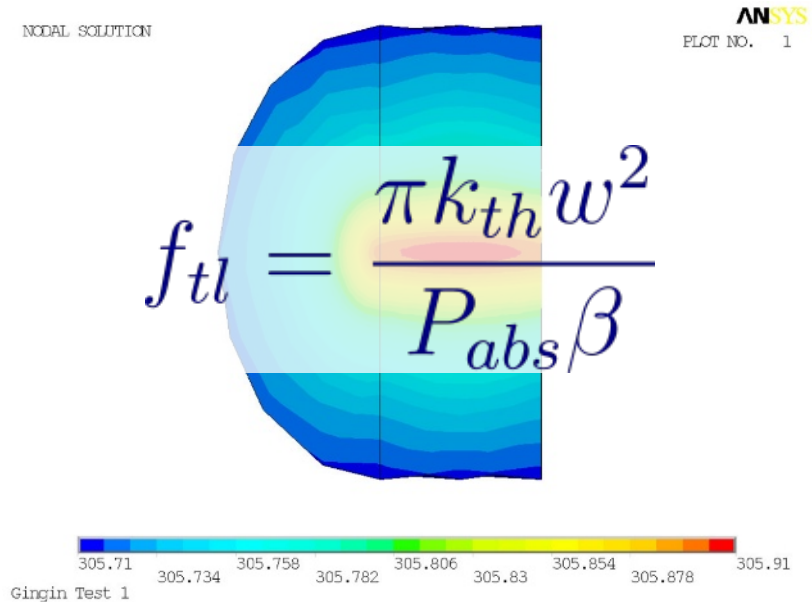
*Substrate absorption*

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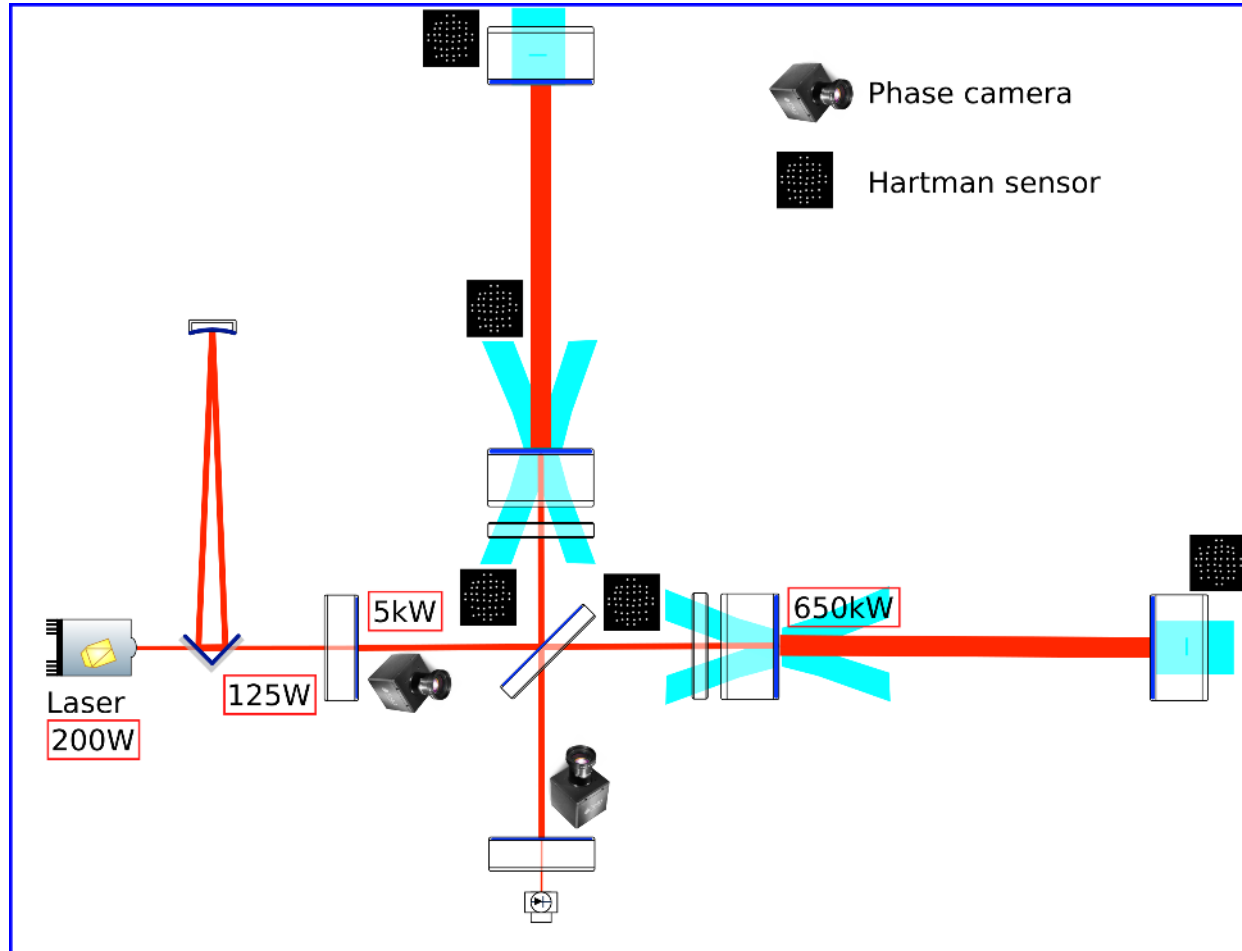


*Coating absorption*



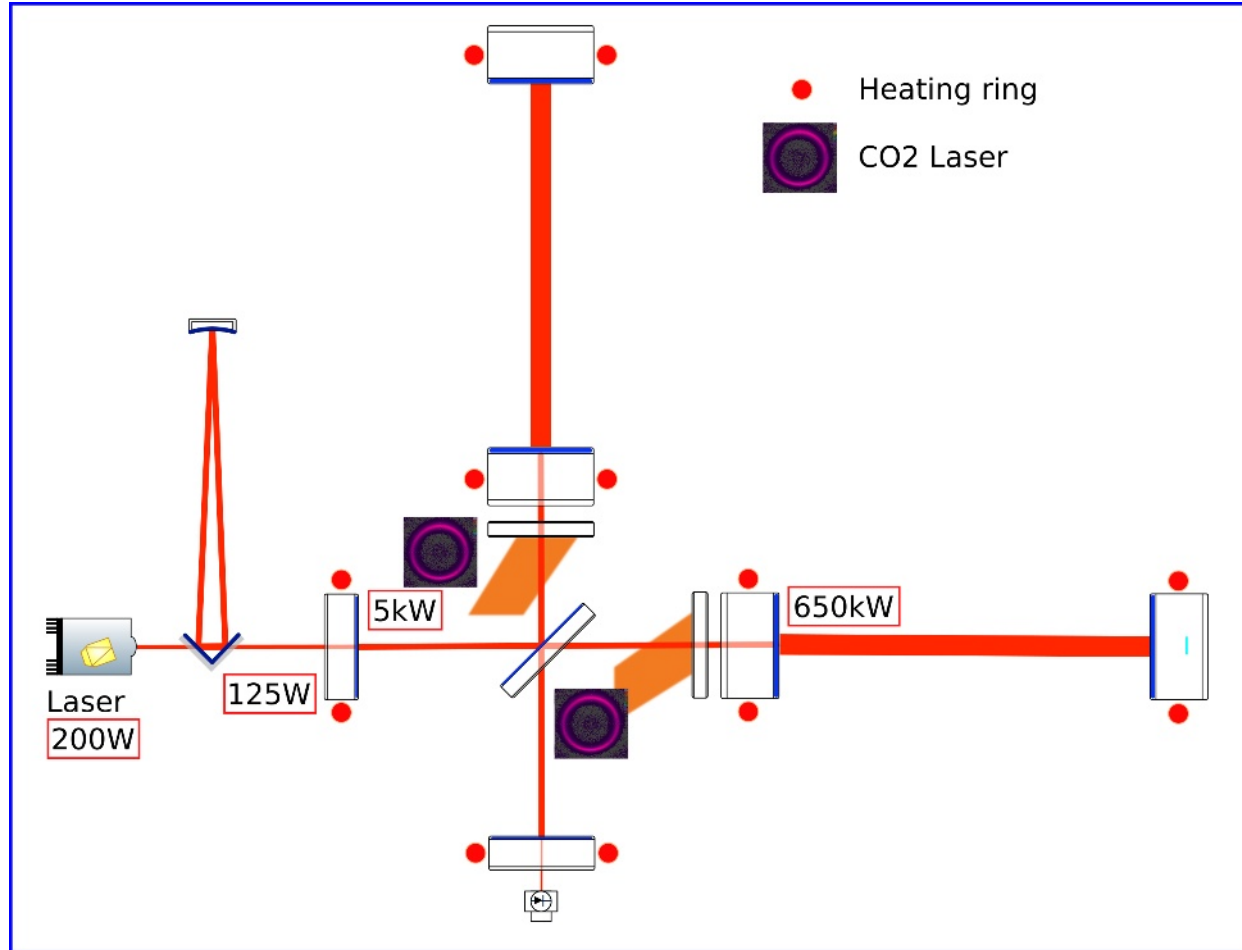
*Substrate absorption*

# The thermal compensation system



Sensing the thermal aberrations

# The thermal compensation system

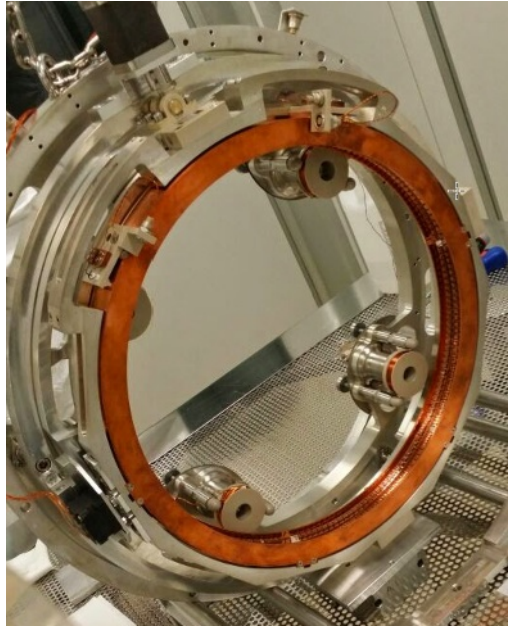


Toward an aberration free interferometer

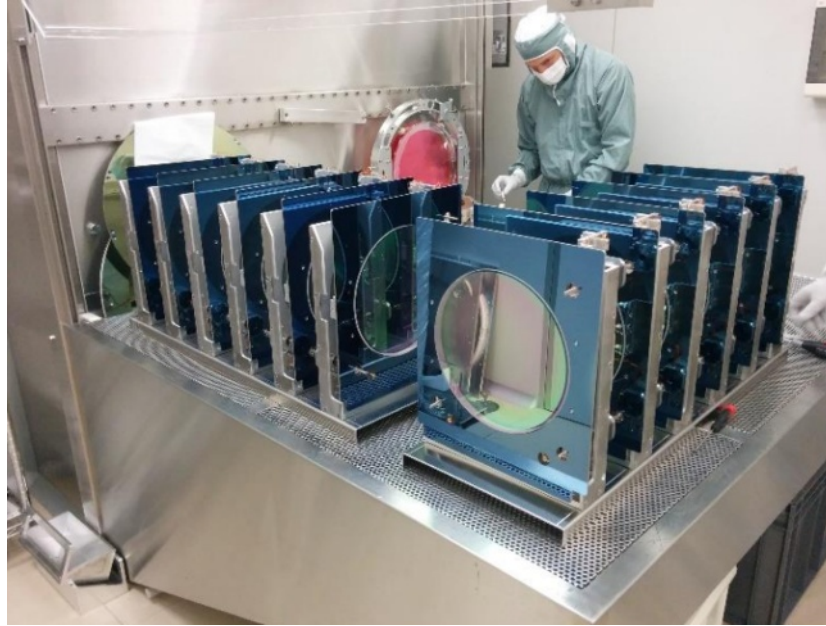
Applying heat to induce or correct a thermal gradient

# Thermal compensation system in photos

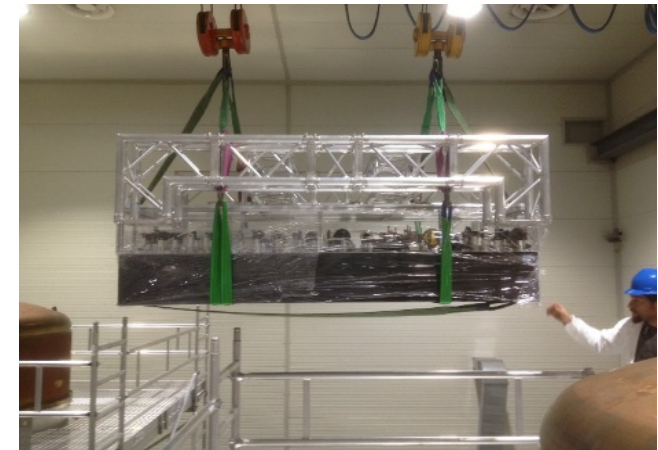
*CO<sub>2</sub> laser bench*



*Heating ring*

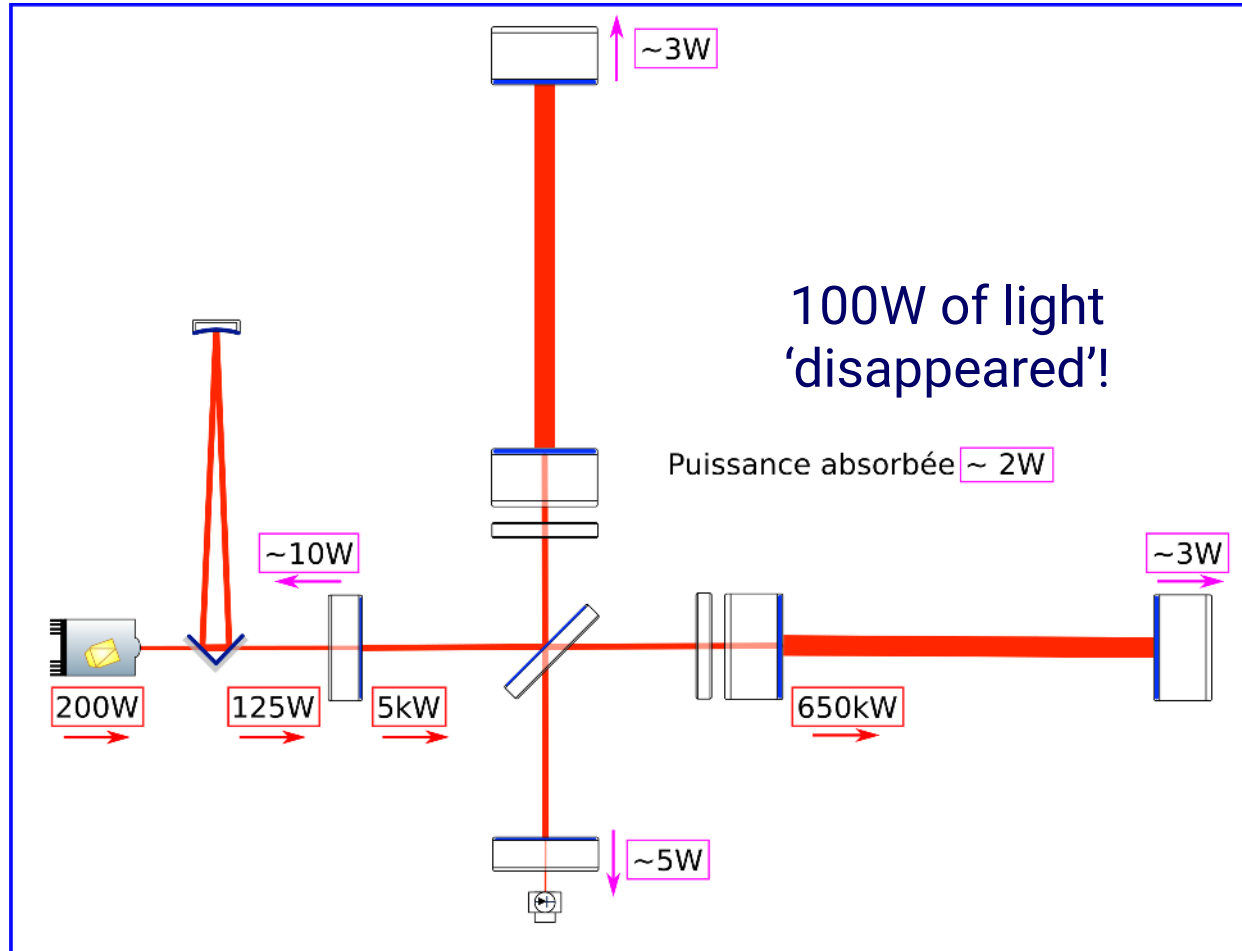


*Steering mirror  
for Hartman sensors*



*Installation on the site*

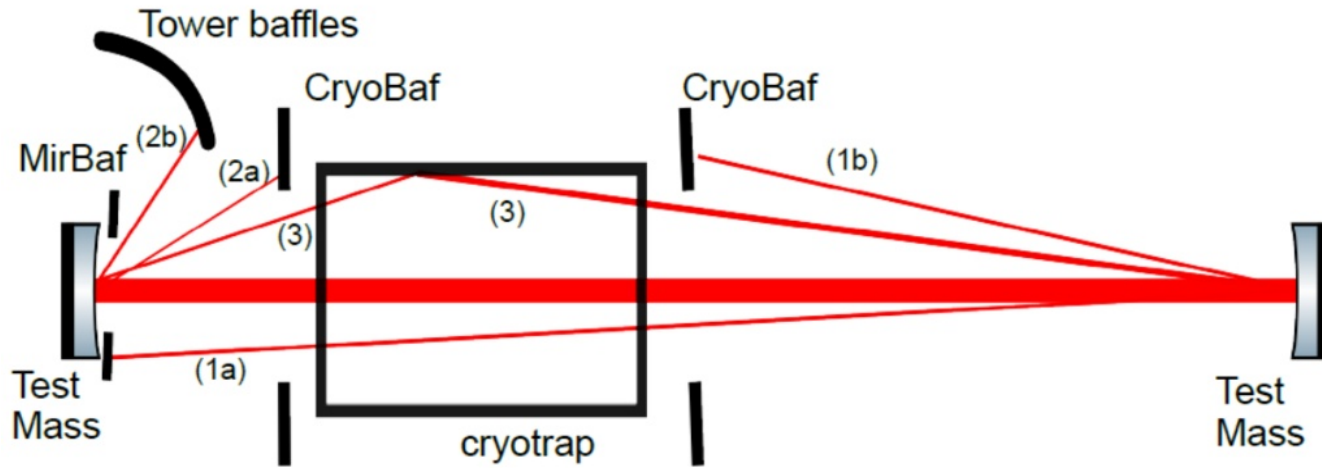
# The diffused light



Where my light is lost ?

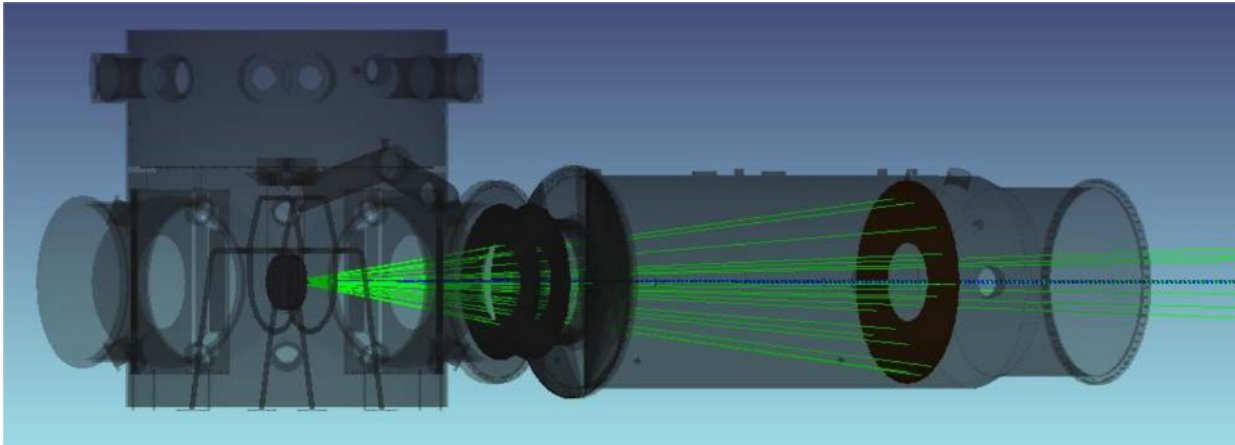


# Diffused light: an extra phase noise

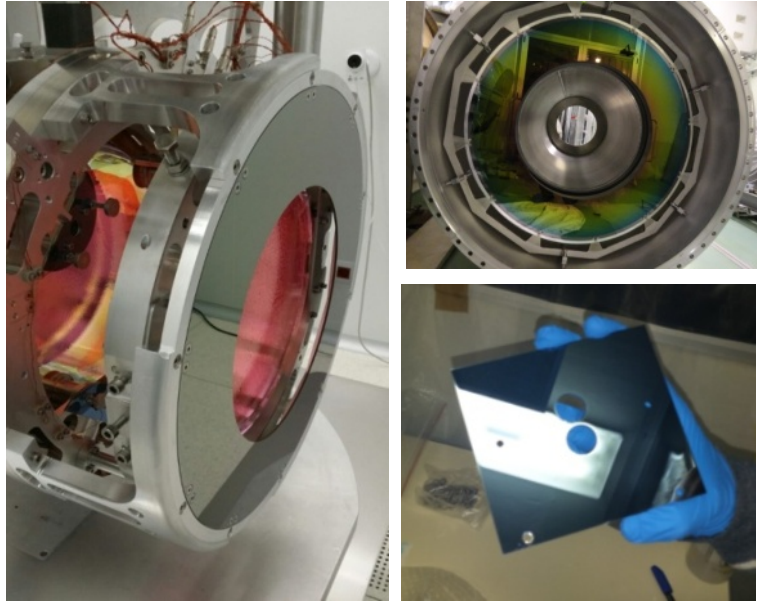


A complex problem with different path for the scattered light.

Could add extra phase noise if recombined with the main beam



# Dumping the diffused light



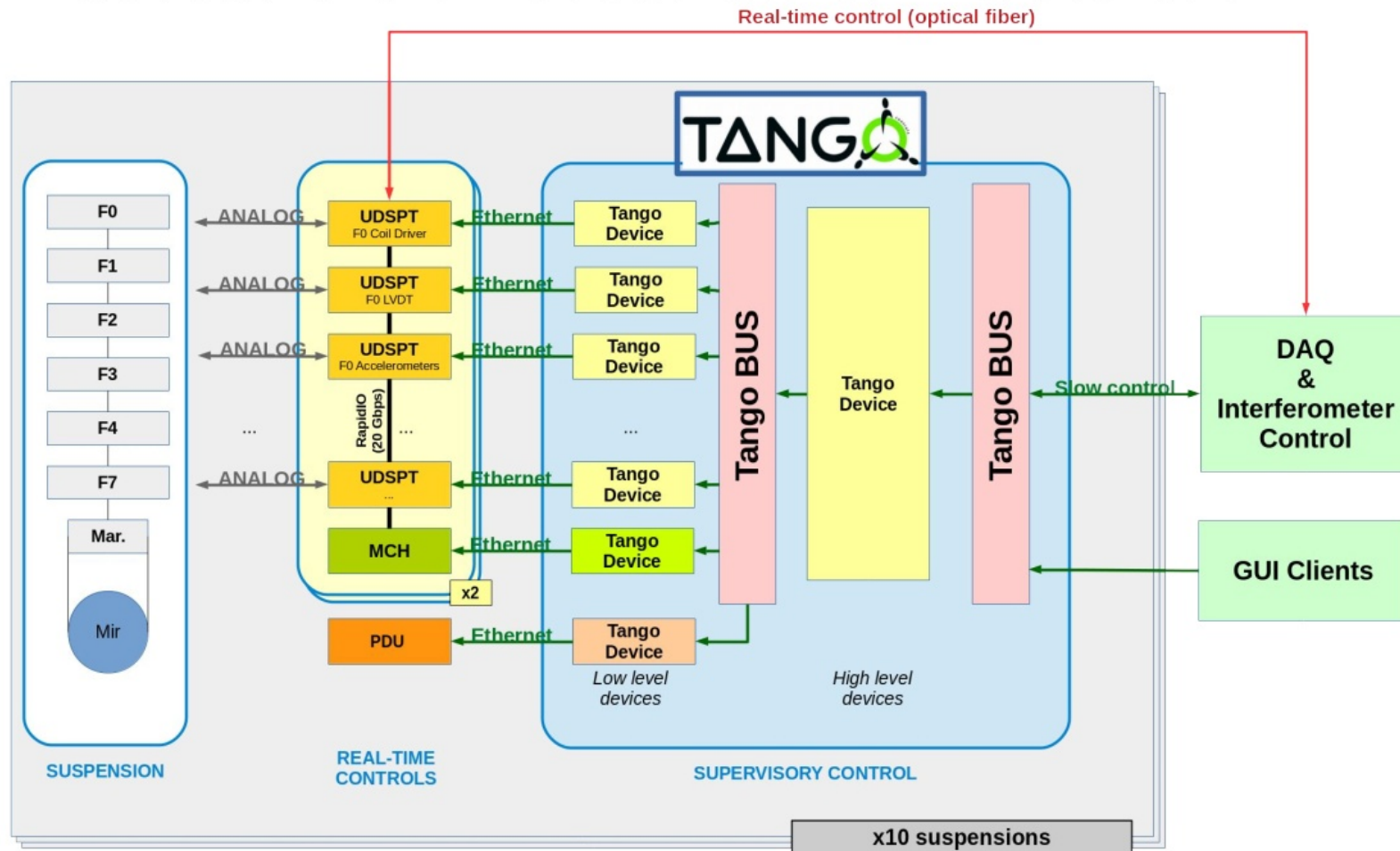
*Light baffles around the mirrors and  
in the vacuum tubes*

*All the critical optics are suspended  
and under vacuum*

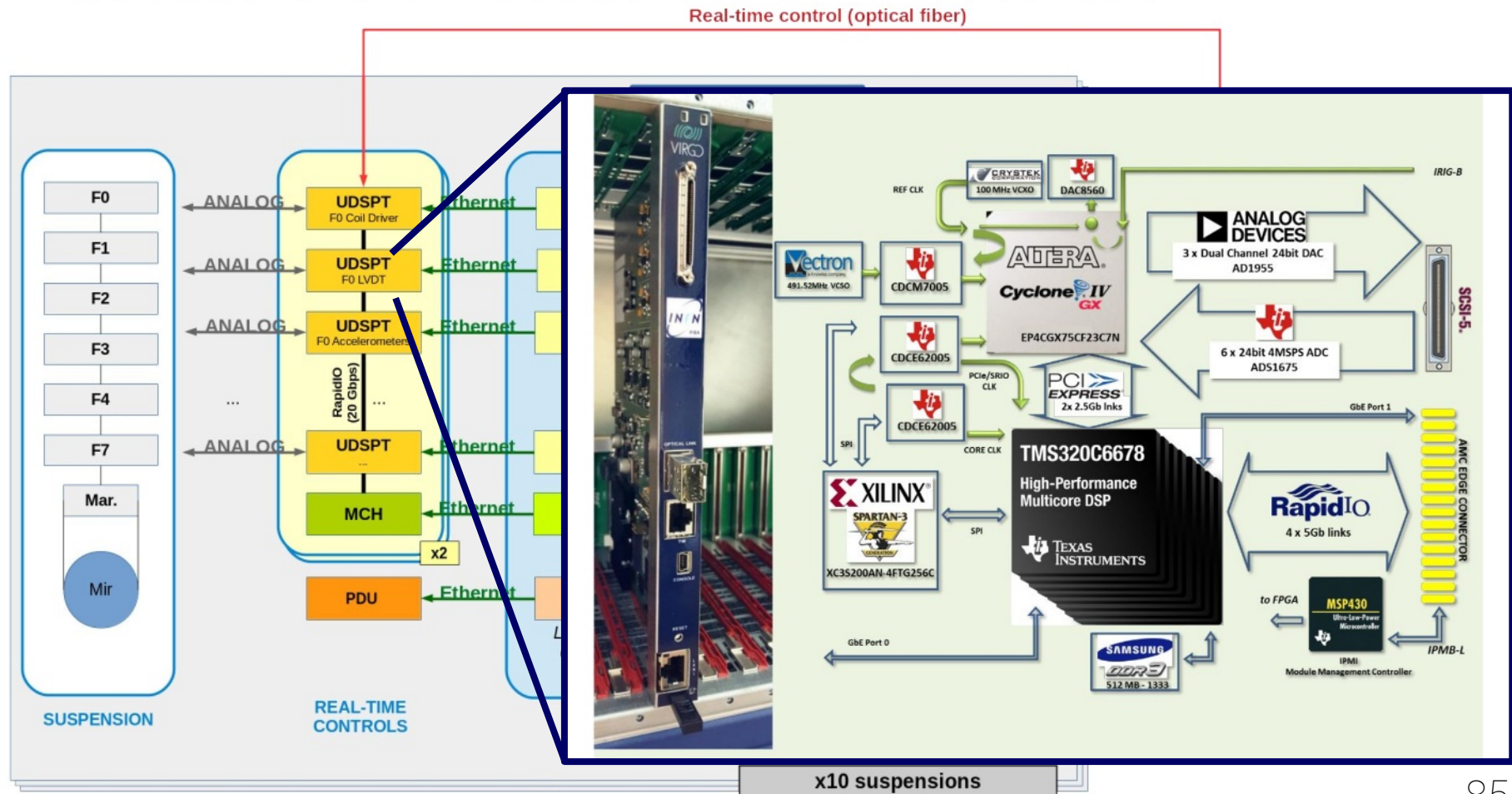




# Example: control of the suspension

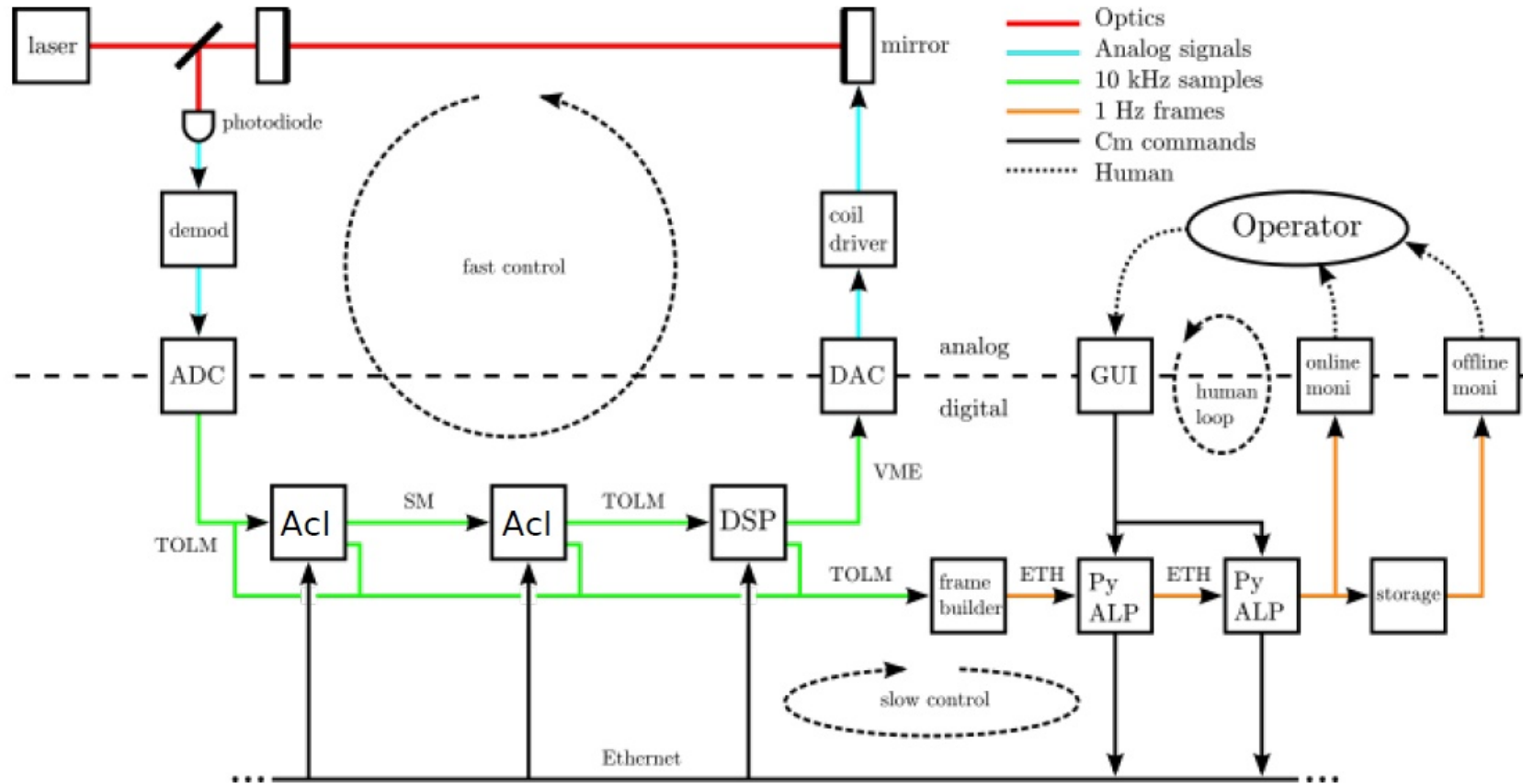


# Example: control of the suspension



# Example: the arm cavities

Not always obvious to have a proper error signal



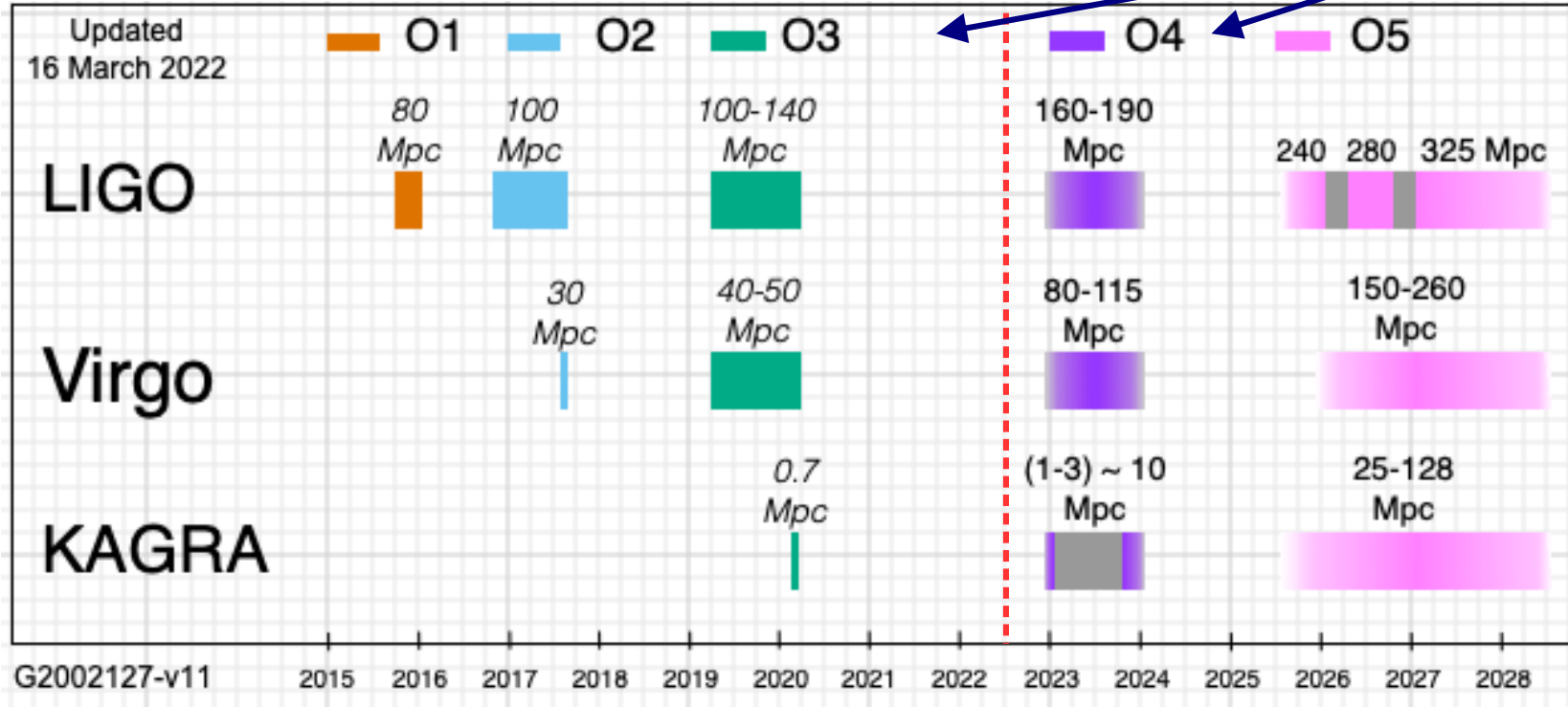
**VII.**

**The next upgrades**

**(with a Virgo focus)**

# Timeline

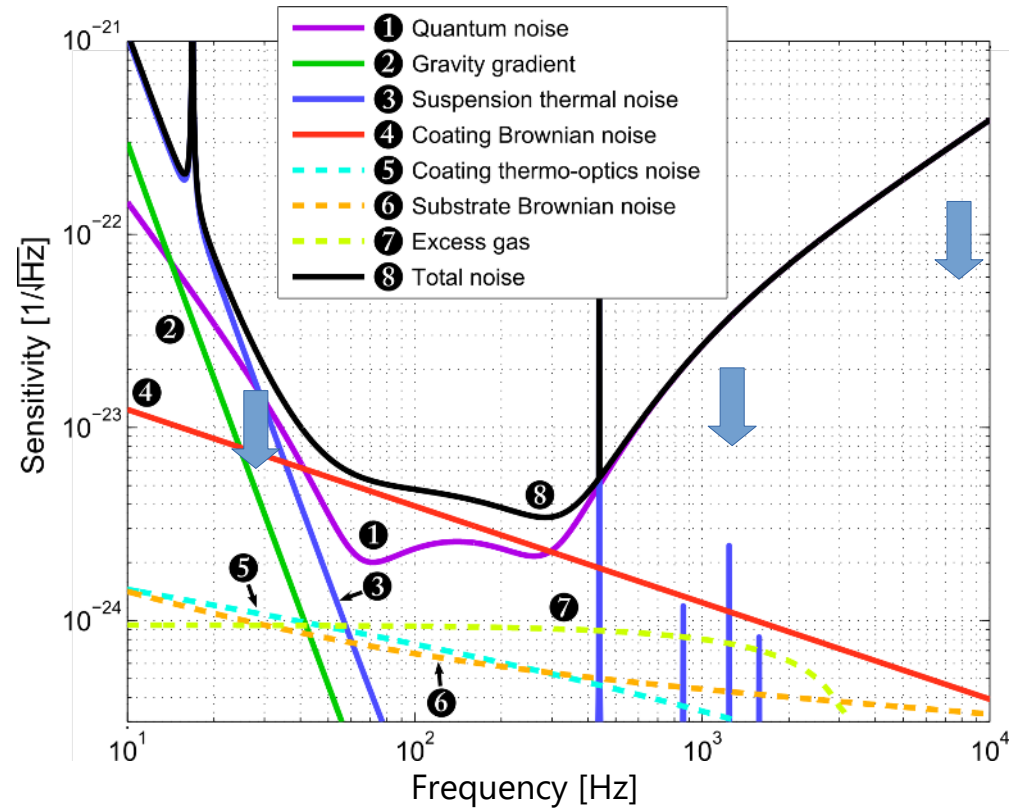
The '+ upgrades'  
(Advanced Virgo+,  
Advanced LIGO+)



More and more sensitive instruments



# Advanced Virgo+



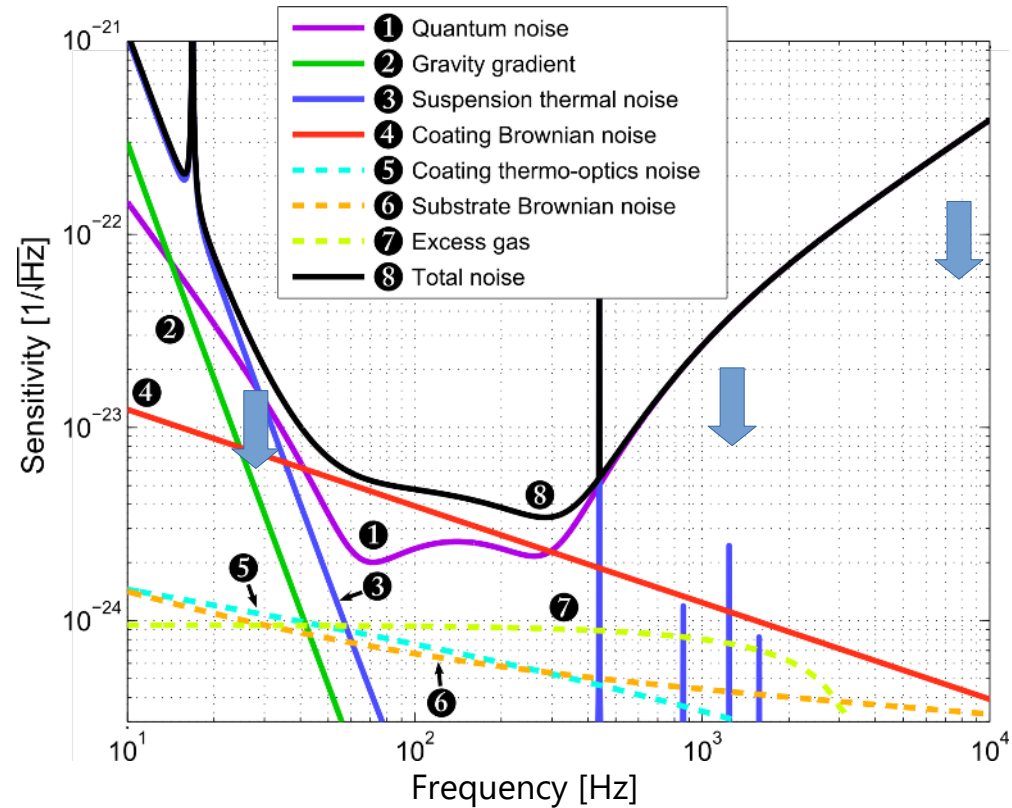
*Advanced Virgo noise budget*

## Phase I

*before O4*

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

# Advanced Virgo+

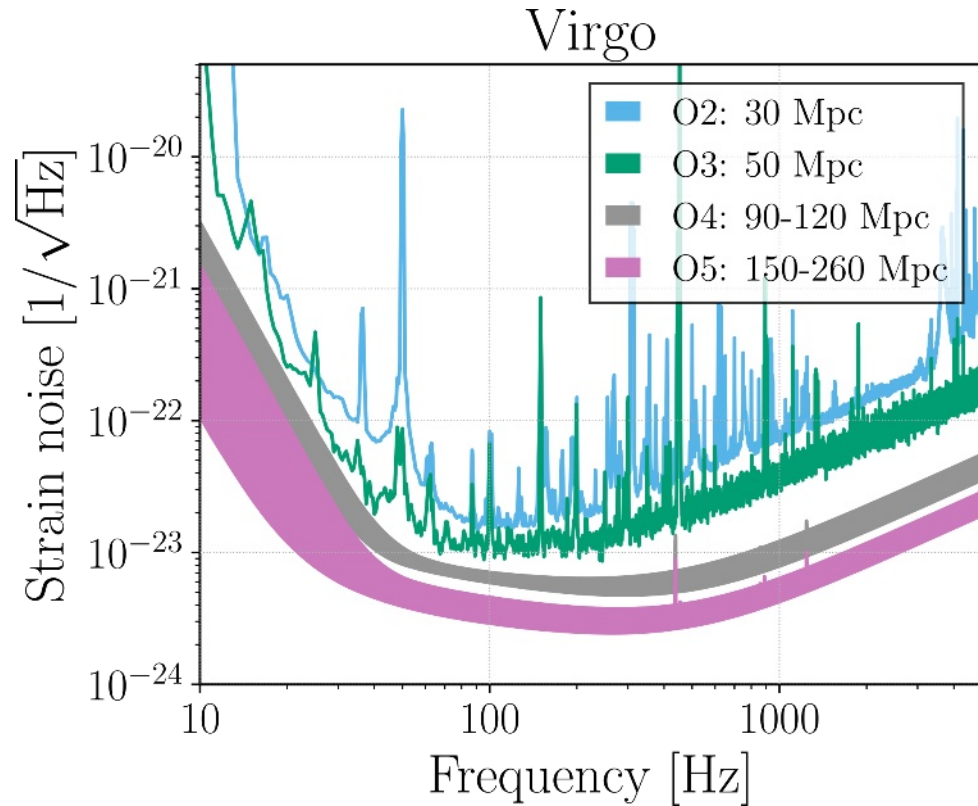


*Advanced Virgo noise budget*

- Phase I *before O4*
- 1 25-40W input power
  - 1 signal recycling mirror
  - 2 Newtonian noise cancellation
  - 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+



*Advanced Virgo noise budget*

(similar improvement for LIGO)

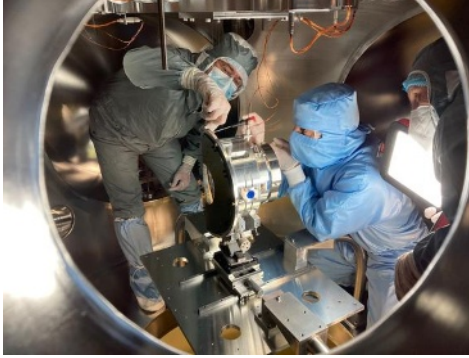
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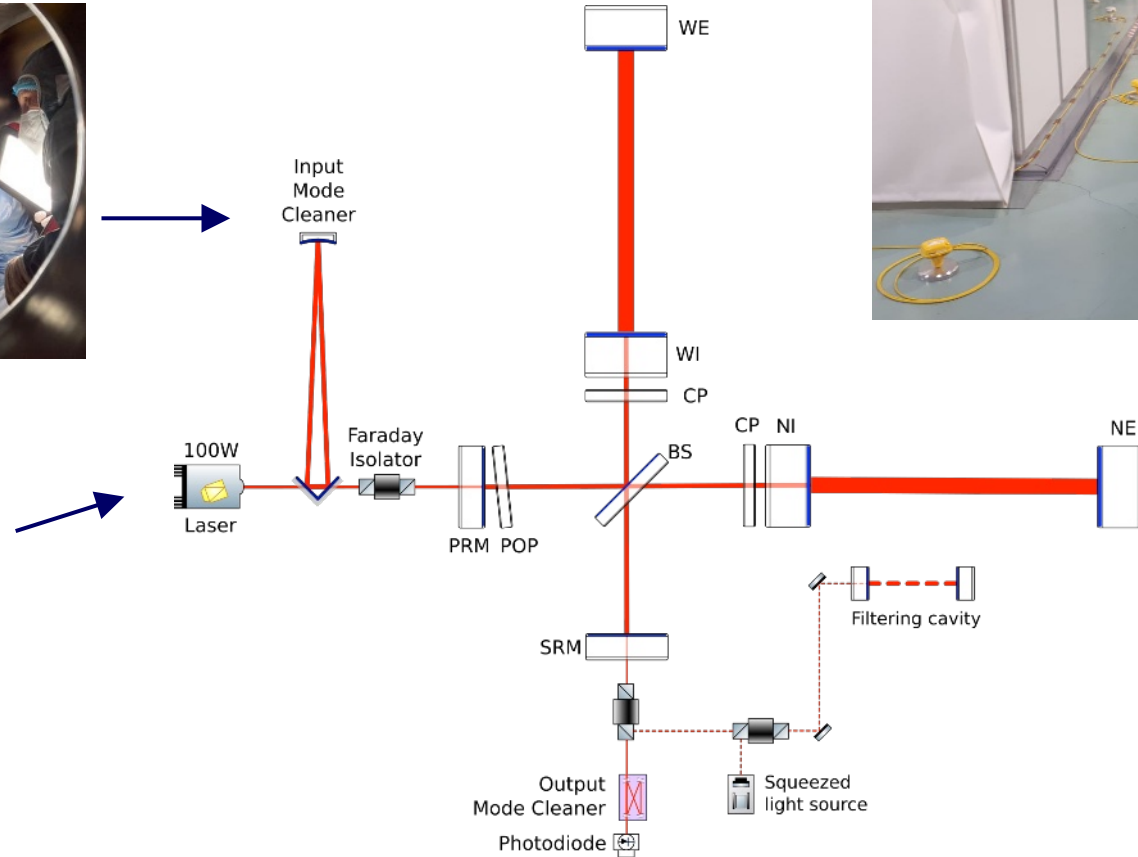
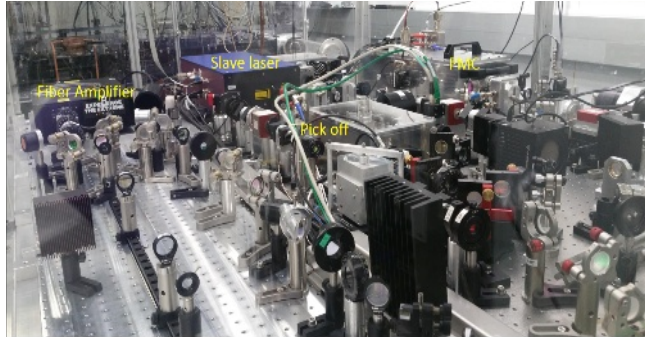
# Phase I: installation highlights

Seismometers array for  
Newtonian noise subtraction

New IMC mirror  
with  
instrumented  
baffle

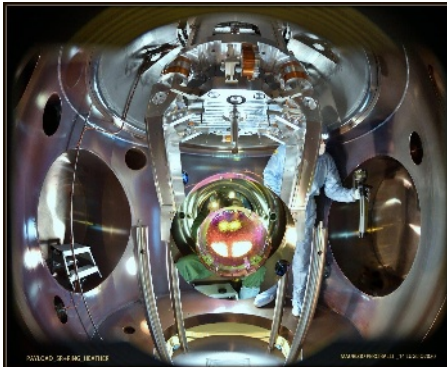
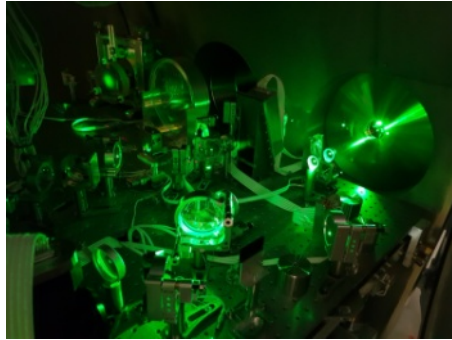


New fiber laser ~ 100W

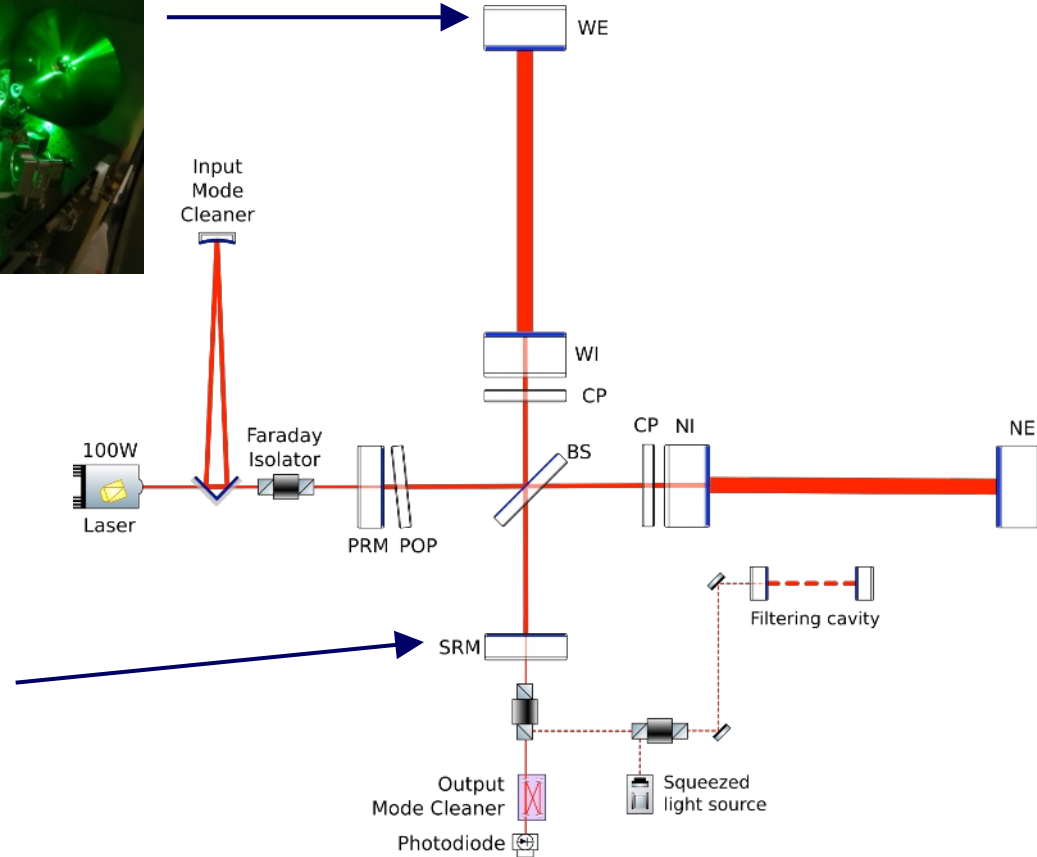


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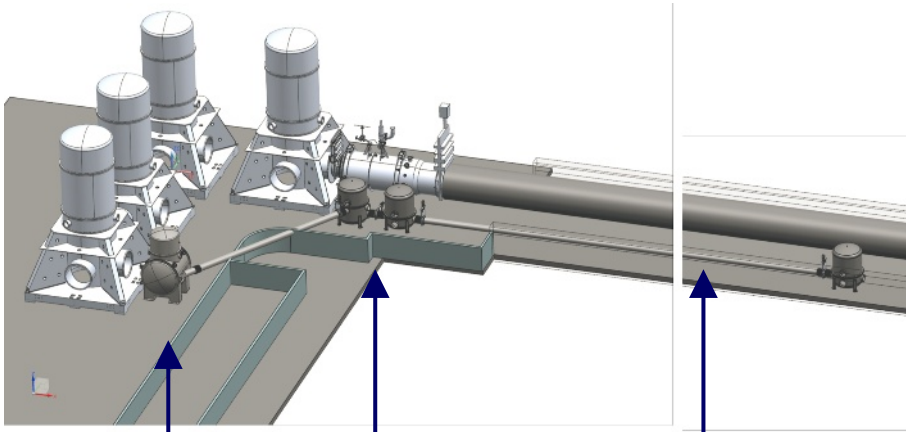
Auxiliary green lasers  
for lock acquisition  
with signal recycling



Suspended  
signal recycling  
mirror

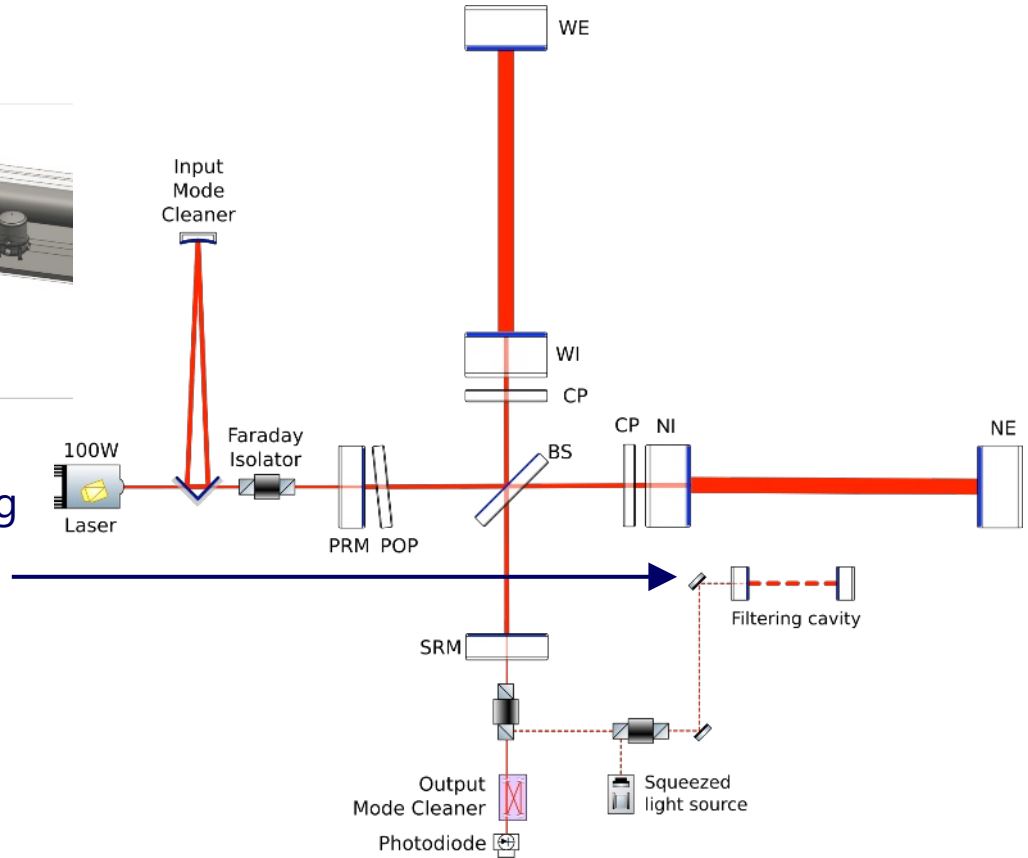
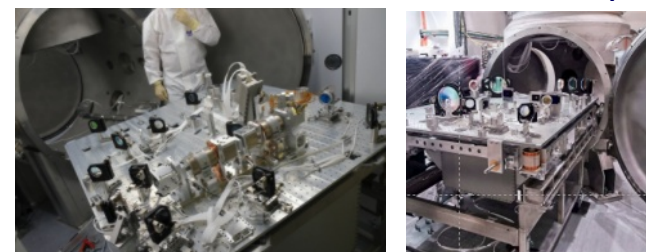


# Phase I: installation highlights



New in vacuum suspended optical benches

New 300m long optical cavity



# The filtering cavity

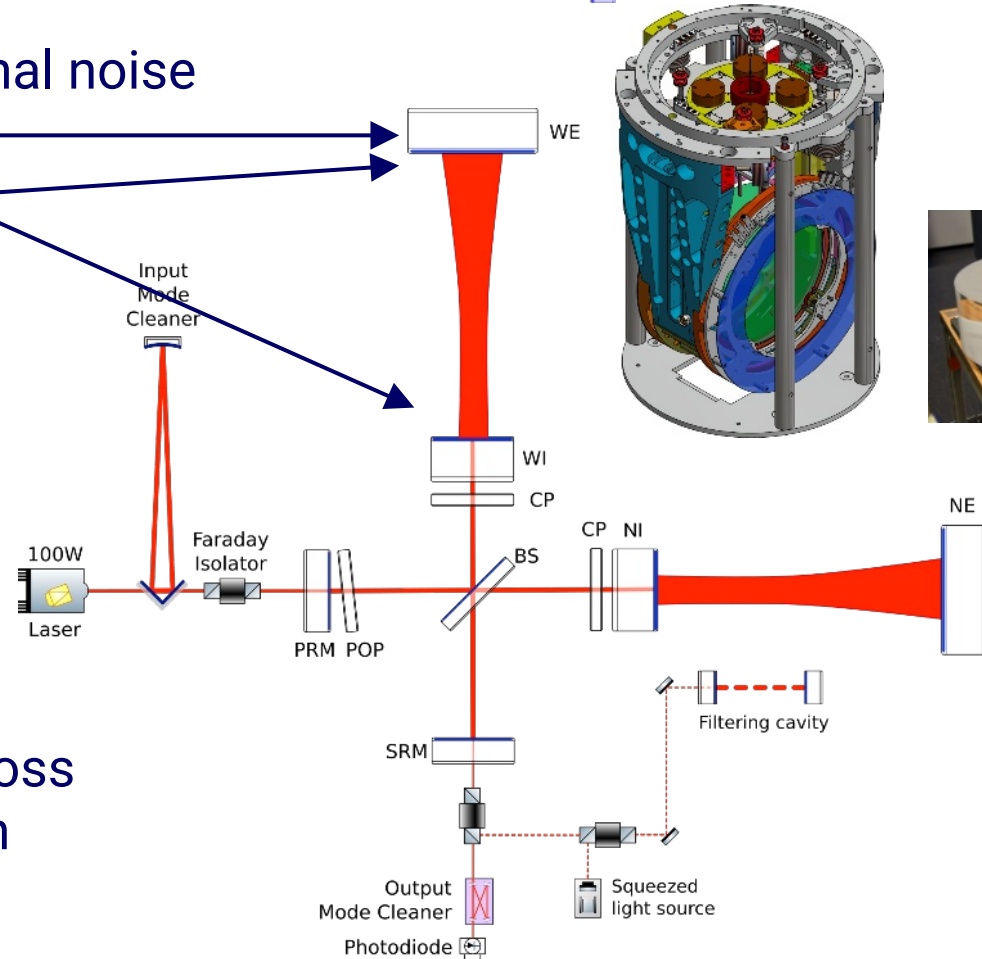


# The AdV+ phase II (installation after O4)

- 2 actions to reduce coating thermal noise

- ▶ larger end mirrors (+60%)
- ▶ new coating material

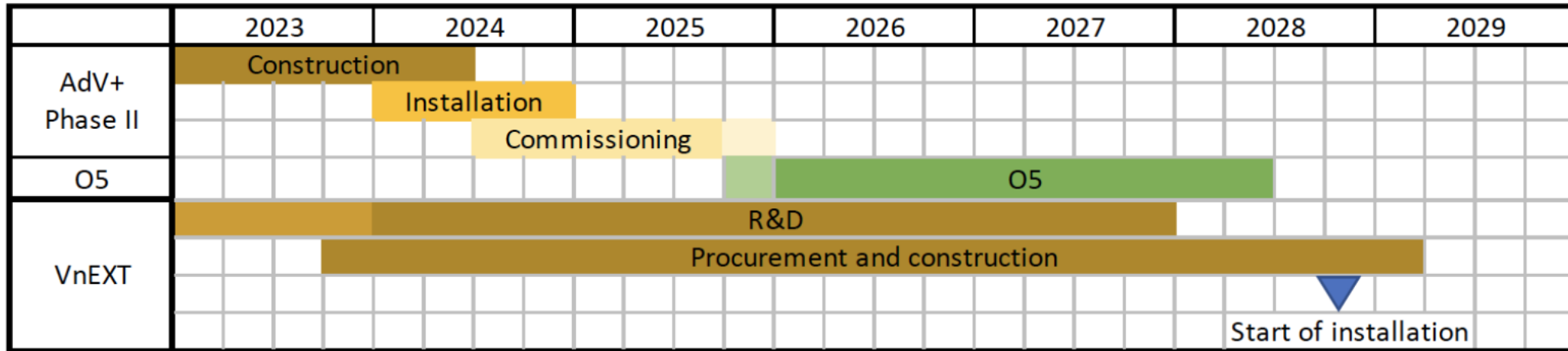
- upgraded laser (more power)
- lower detection and squeezing loss
- improved thermal compensation
- instrumented baffles





# 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



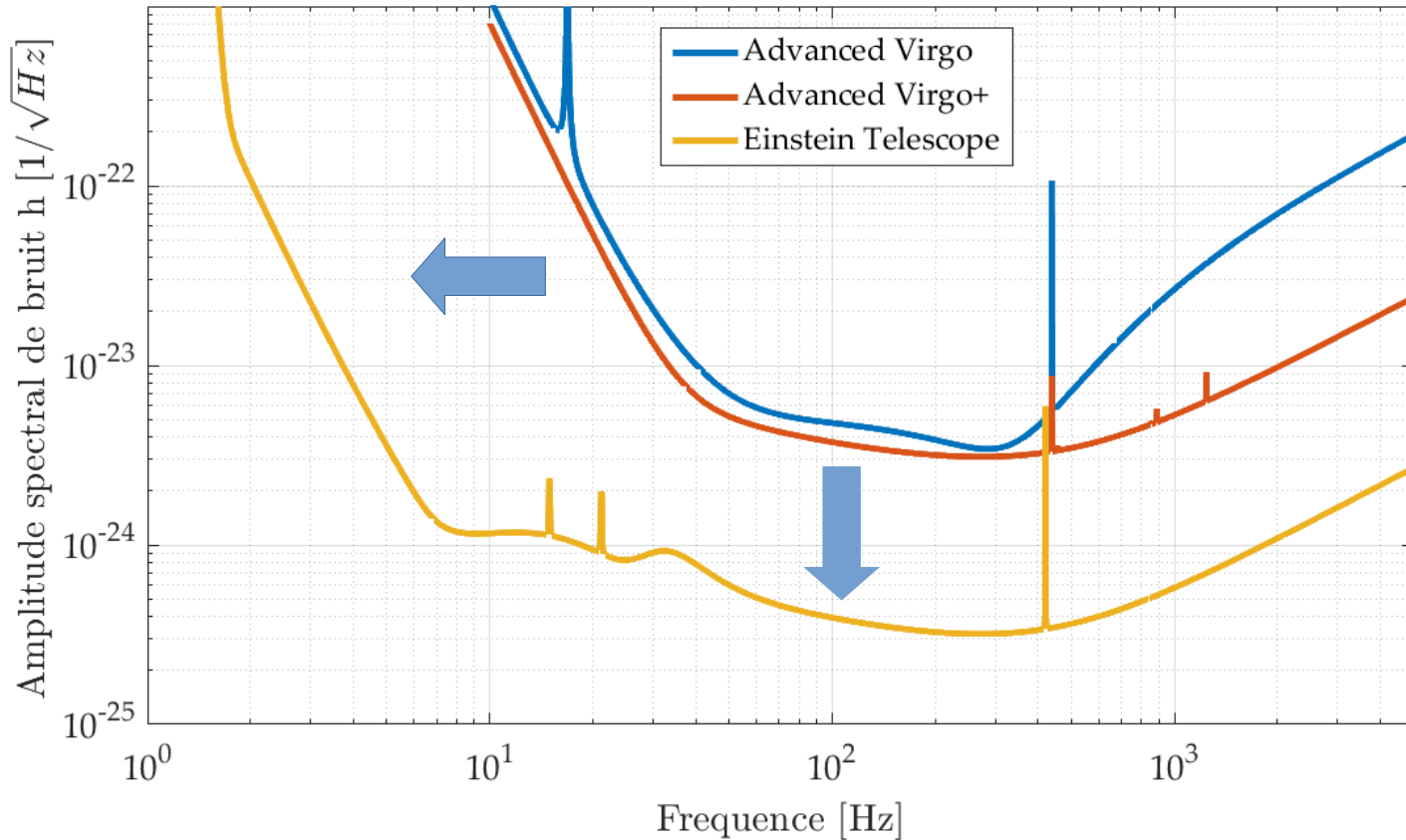
(similar plan/timeline for LIGO)

**VIII.**

**The next generation**

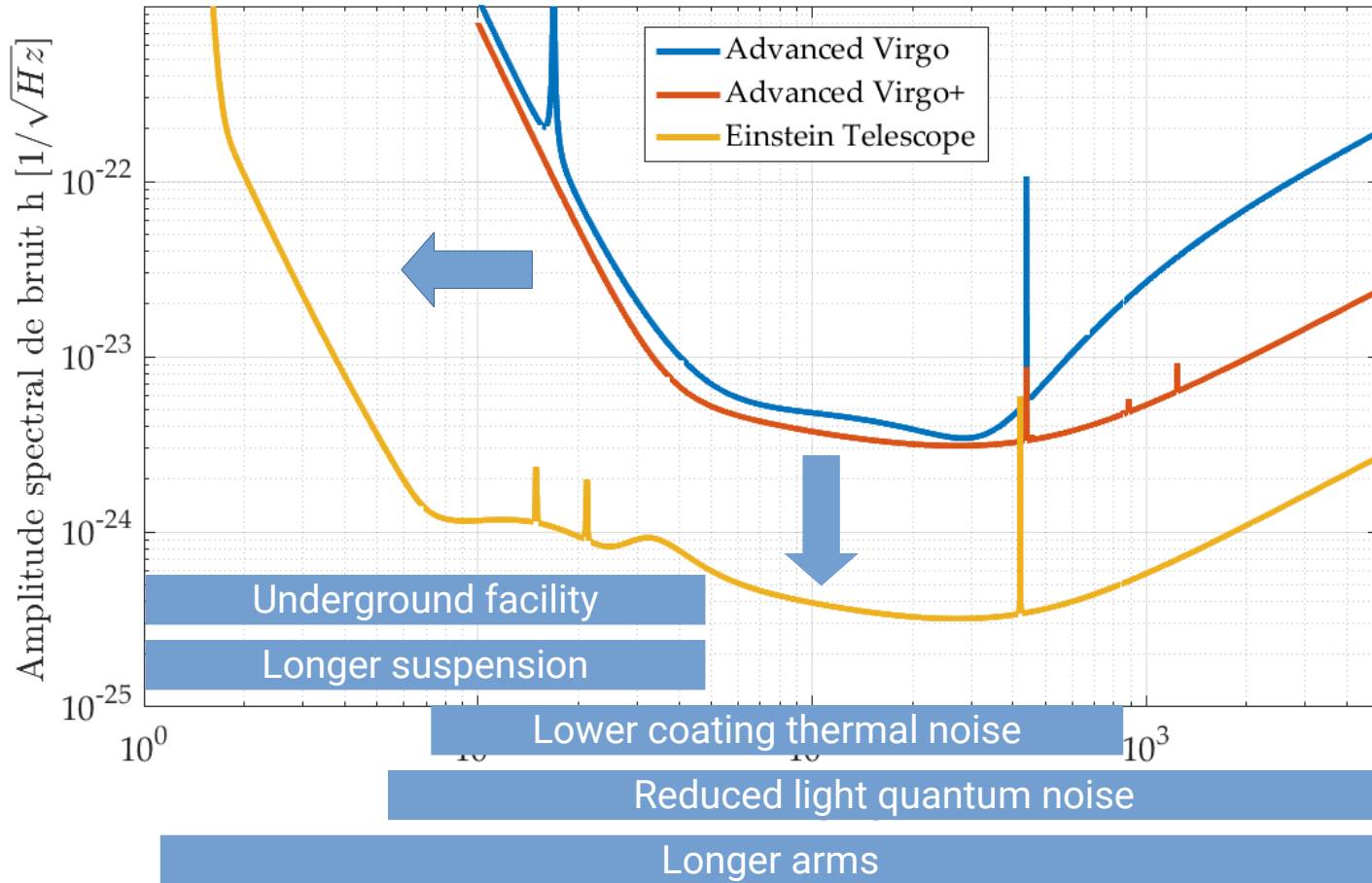
# The Virgo successor: the Einstein Telescope

Goal: to be 10 times more sensitive, new infrastructure



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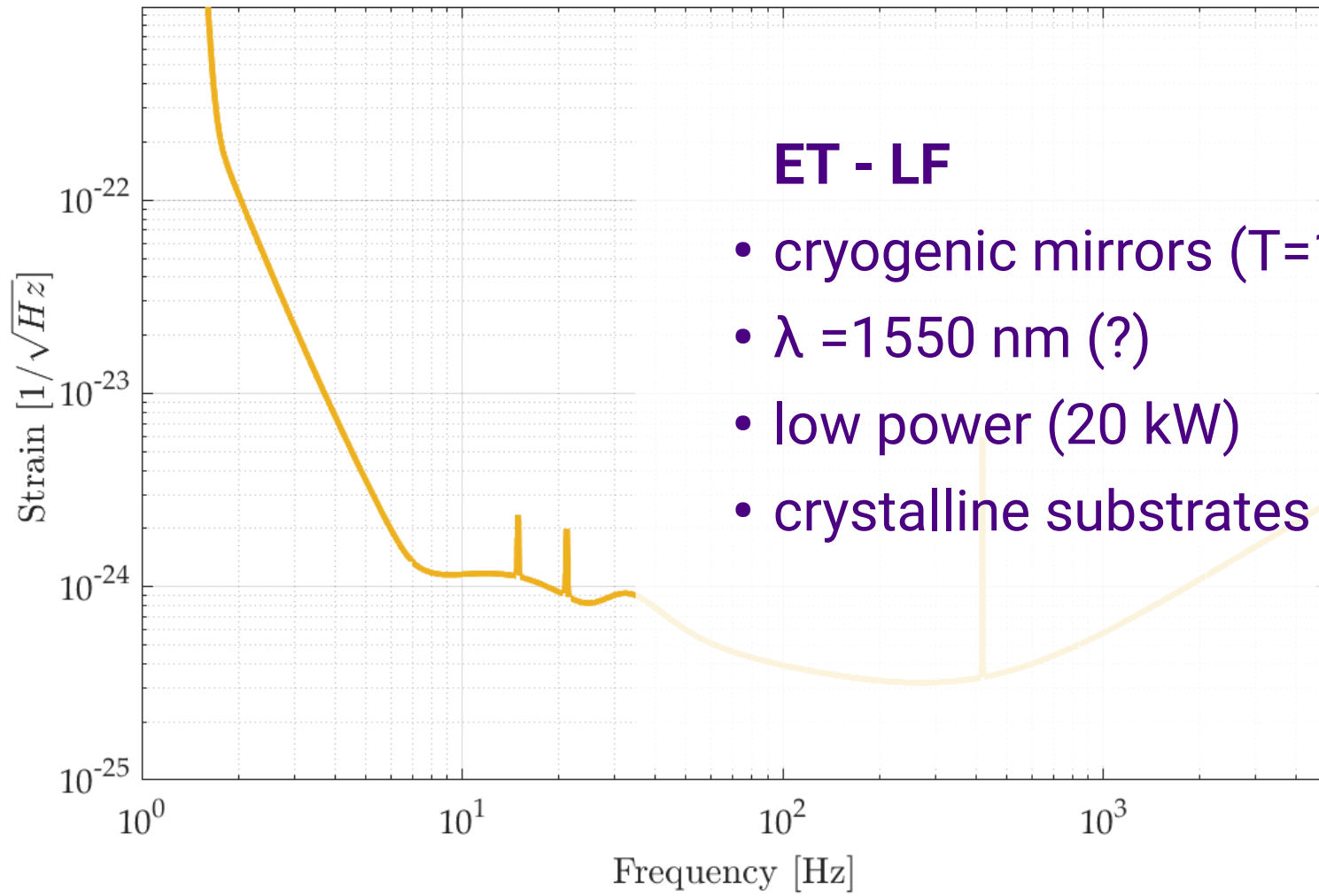


# The challenge of increasing the bandwidth



- 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



## ET - LF

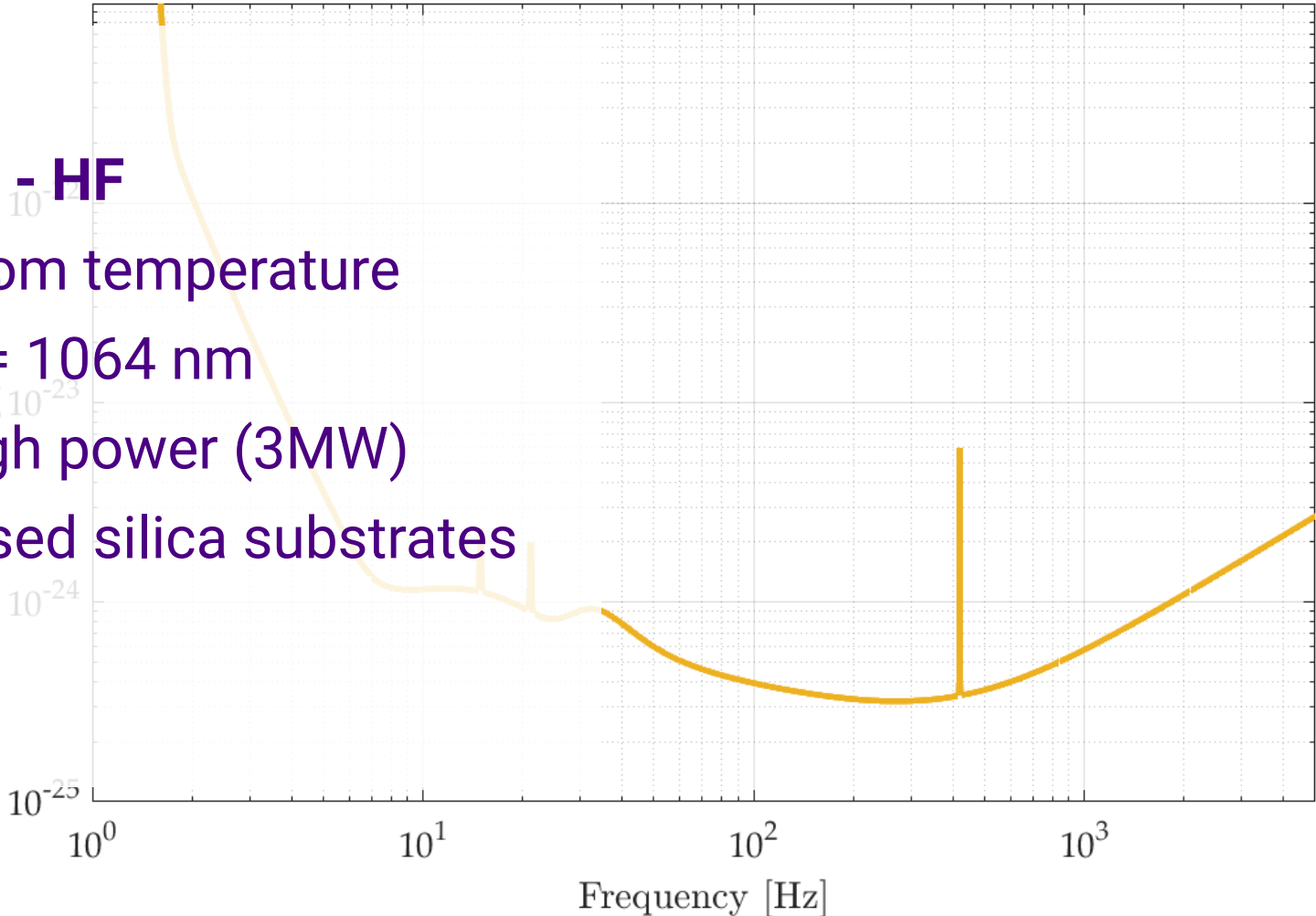
- cryogenic mirrors (T=10-20K)
- $\lambda = 1550$  nm (?)
- low power (20 kW)
- crystalline substrates

# The xylophone strategy



## ET - HF

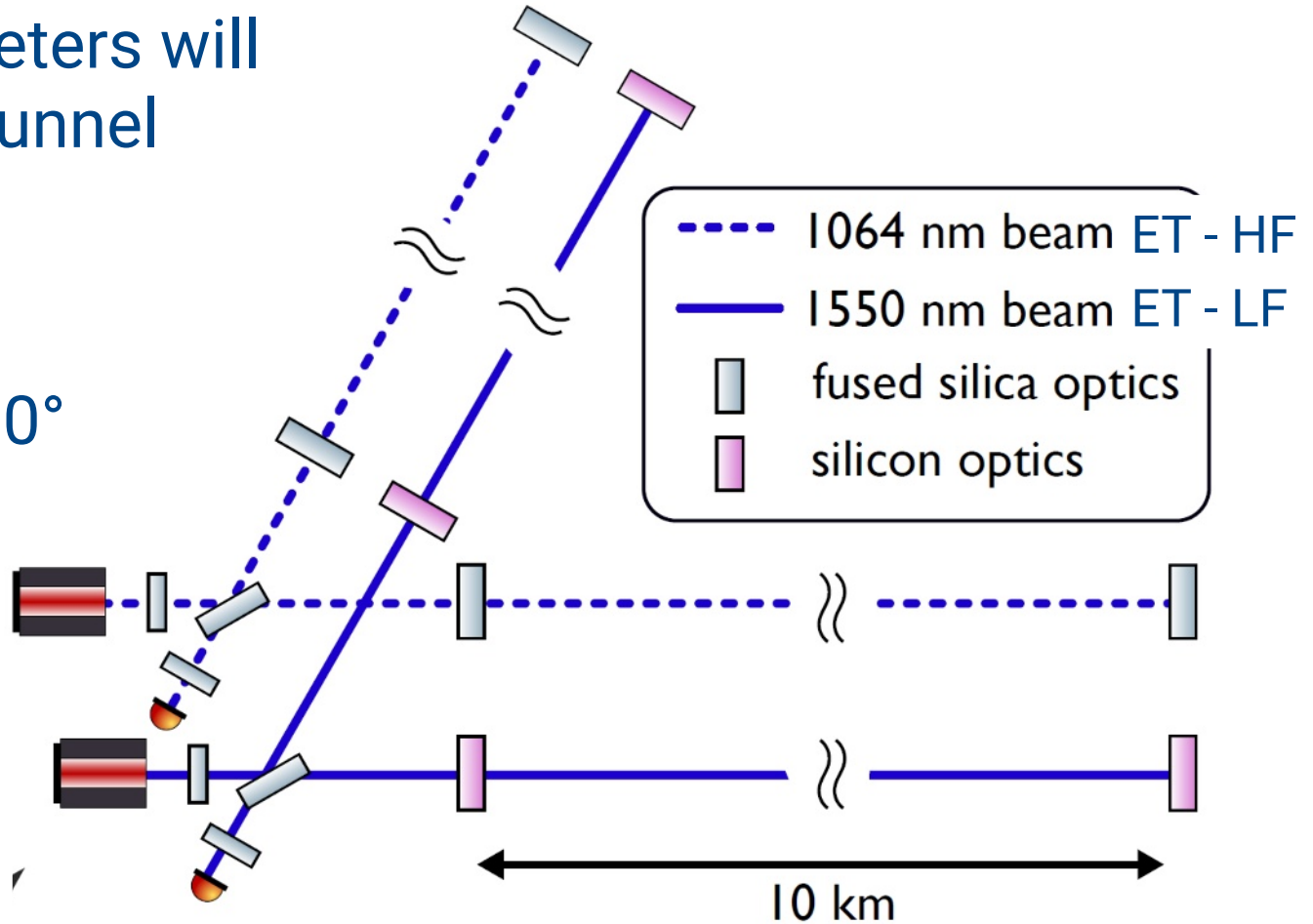
- room temperature
- $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$
- high power (3MW)
- fused silica substrates



# 1 detector = 2 interferometers

The 2 interferometers will share the same tunnel

Michelson with 60° arm cavities

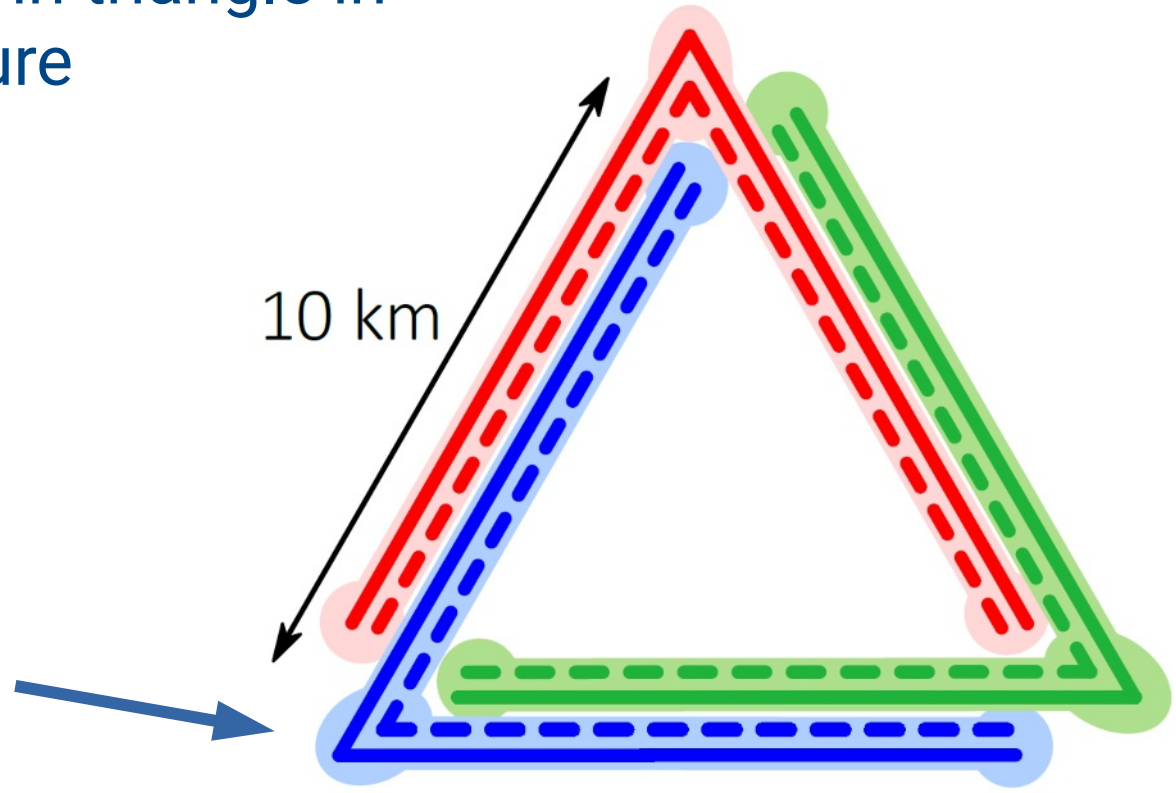
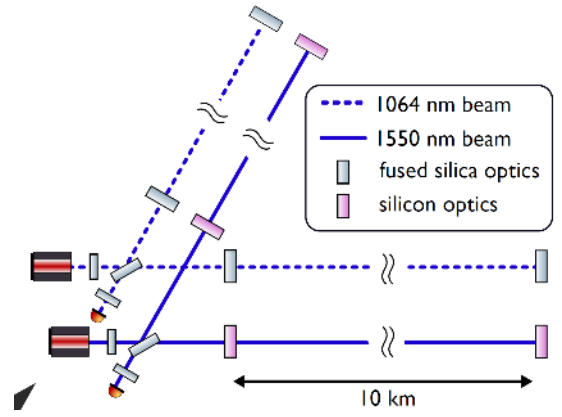


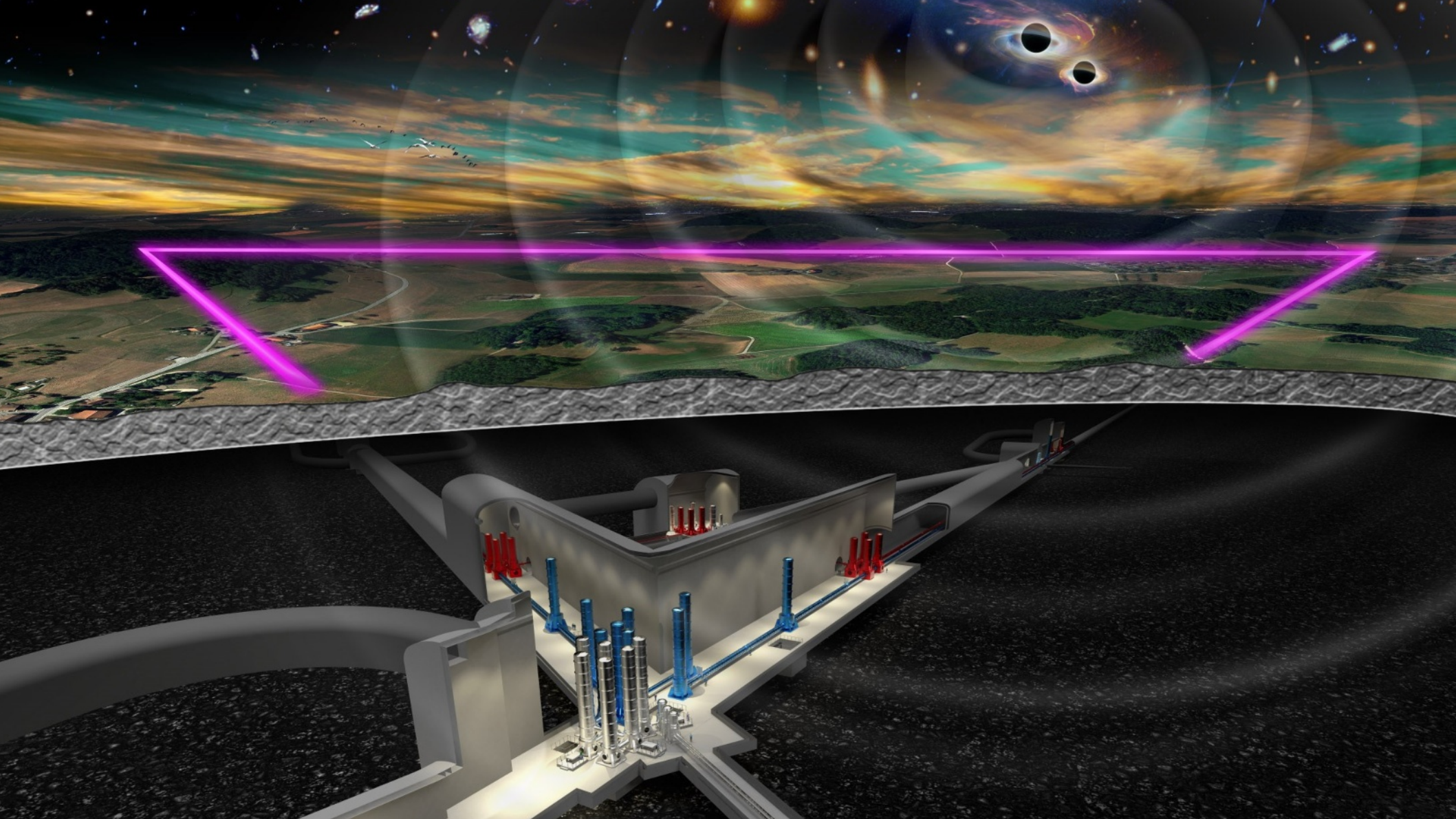


# Not one but 3 detectors

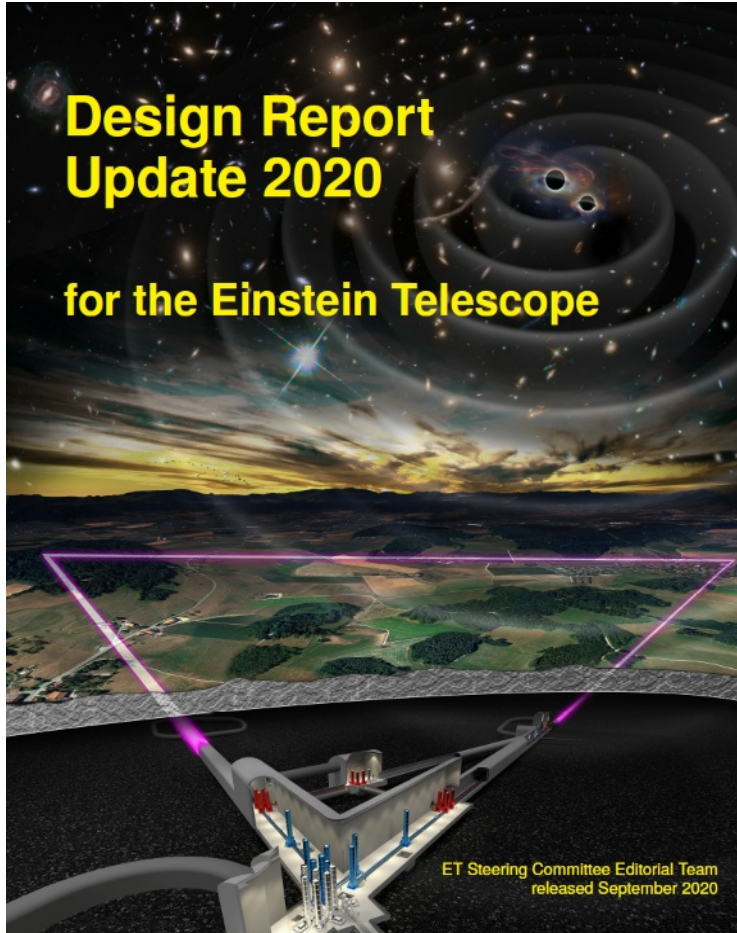


3 detectors arranged in triangle in the same infrastructure





# The key parameters

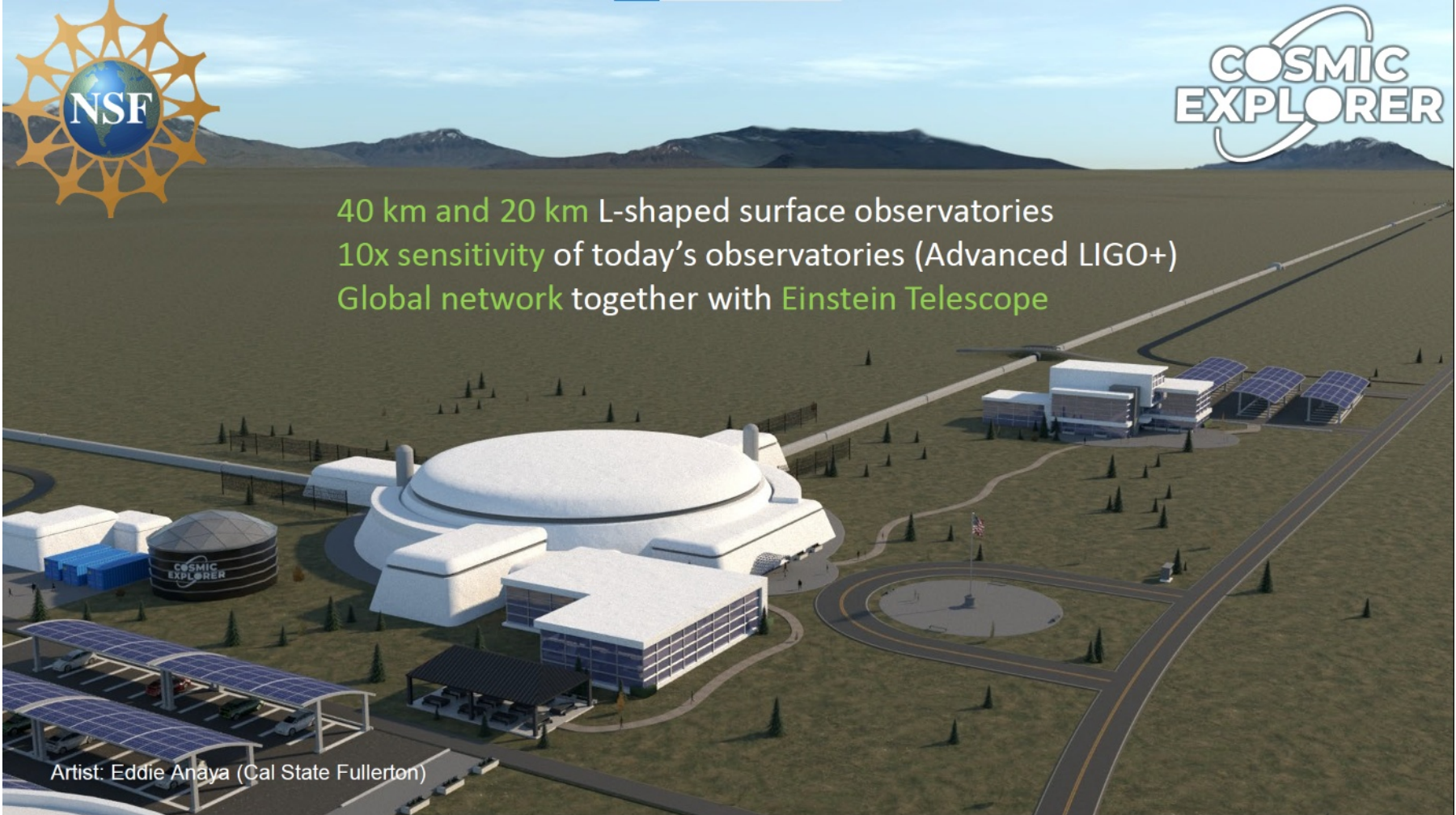


Parameter	ET-HF	ET-LF
Arm length	10 km	10 km
Input power (after IMC)	500 W	3 W
Arm power	3 MW	18 kW
Temperature	290 K	10-20 K
Mirror material	fused silica	silicon
Mirror diameter / thickness	62 cm / 30 cm	45 cm / 57 cm
Mirror masses	200 kg	211 kg
Laser wavelength	1064 nm	1550 nm
SR-phase (rad)	tuned (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 <sub>00</sub>	TEM <sub>00</sub>
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

# The American cousin: Cosmic Explorer



40 km and 20 km L-shaped surface observatories  
10x sensitivity of today's observatories (Advanced LIGO+)  
Global network together with Einstein Telescope



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