

Virgo interferometer calibration and $h(t)$ strain reconstruction uncertainty during the O4 observing run

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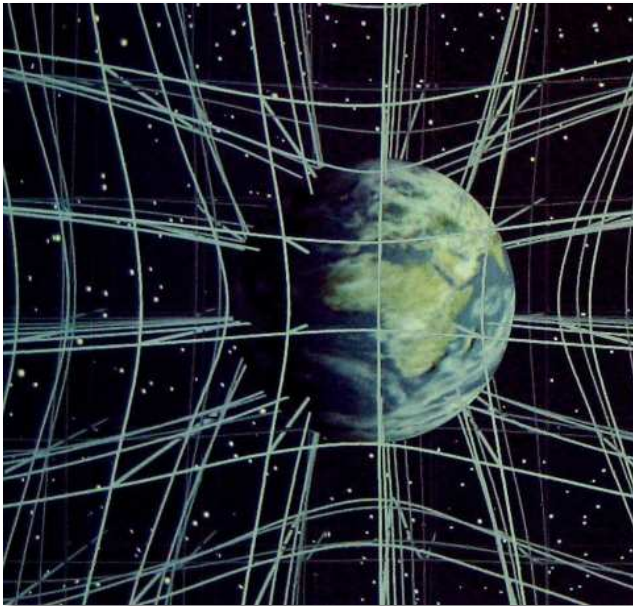
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Einstein's equation and radiative solution

General relativity (Einstein 1915) :

Gravitation is a manifestation of the **space time curvature** induced by the presence of **matter and Energy** in our Universe



SOURCE - Christopher Vitale of Networkologies and the Pratt Institute

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Einstein's
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Energy-momentum
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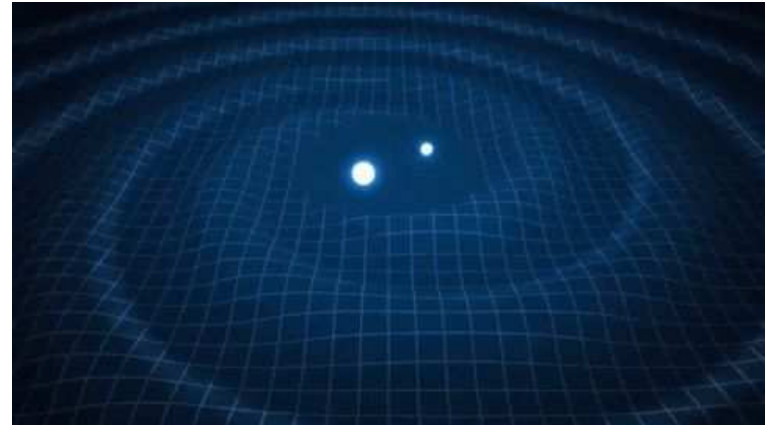
Einstein's tensor Energy-momentum tensor

Gravitational wave:

Radiative solution of Einstein's equation
Dynamical deformation of space-time propagating at the speed of light

A gravitational wave amplitude has two polarizations:

$$h_{+} \quad \text{and} \quad h_{\times}$$



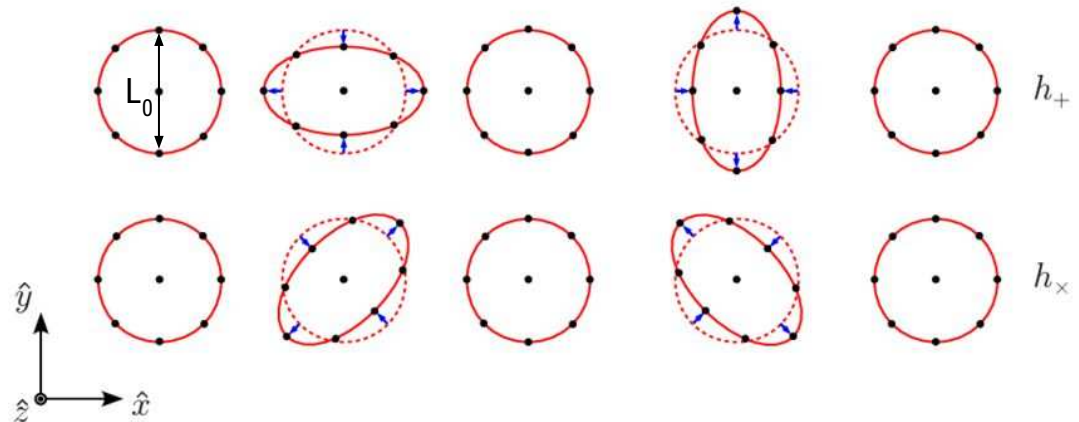
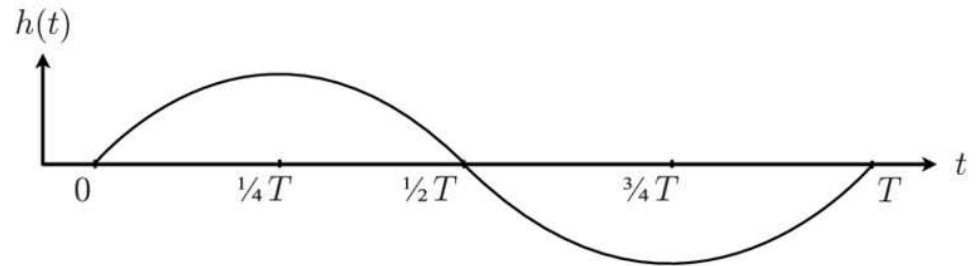
Einstein's equation and radiative solution

Detectable effect of a gravitational waves:

→ Space-time deformation

→ Length modification

$$h(t) \propto \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$



Gravitational waves sources

A gravitational wave can only be produced by **asymmetrical systems**

Compact Binaries Coalescences (CBCs)

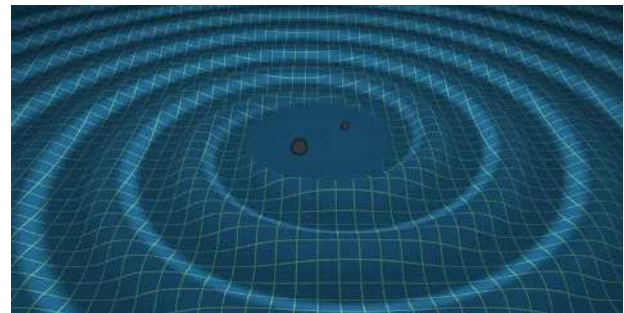
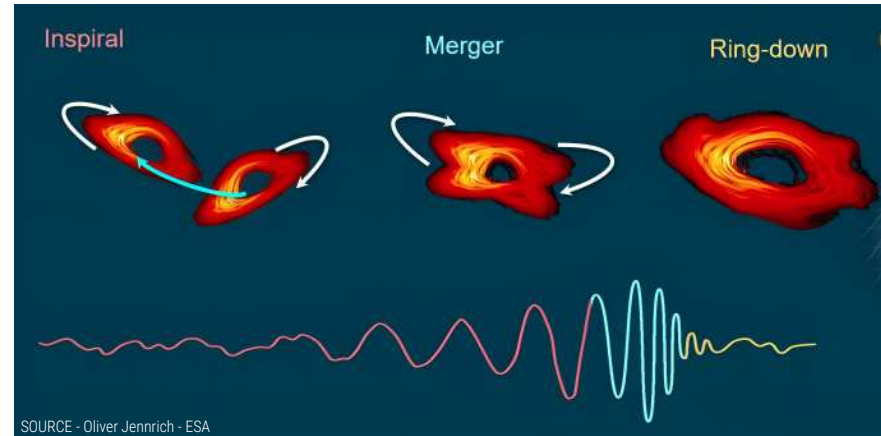
Neutron stars and black holes created after stars end of life (mostly)

Three coalescence phases :

- Inspiral
- Merger
- Ring-down

Corresponds to three distinct phases in the gravitational wave signal

Only detected sources for now

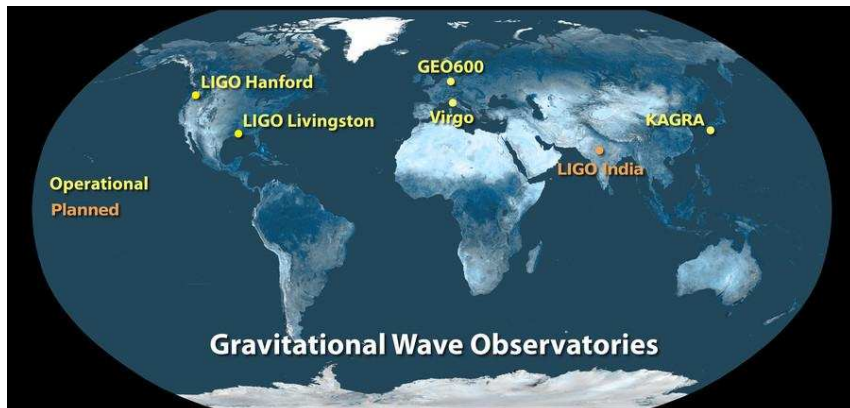


LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA collaboration

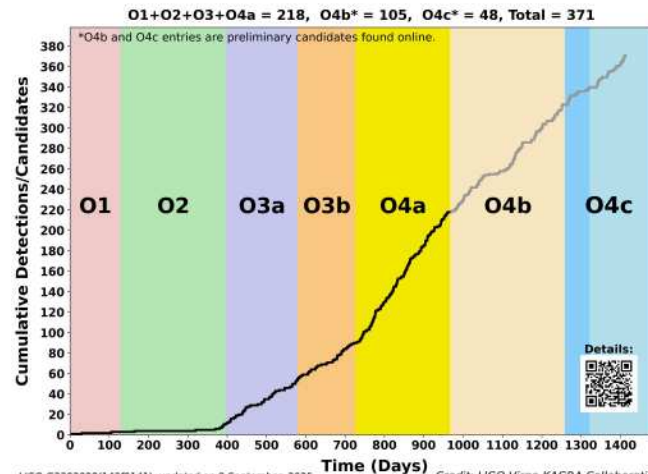
International collaboration between 3 collaborations and 4 interferometers

First detection during the O1 run, three additional runs since

More than 400 signals detected since 2015

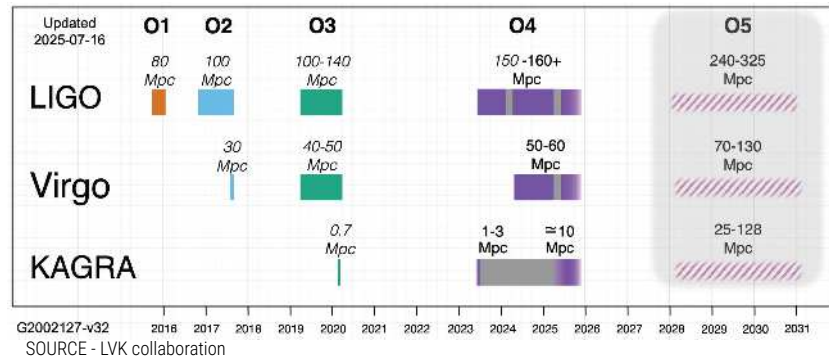


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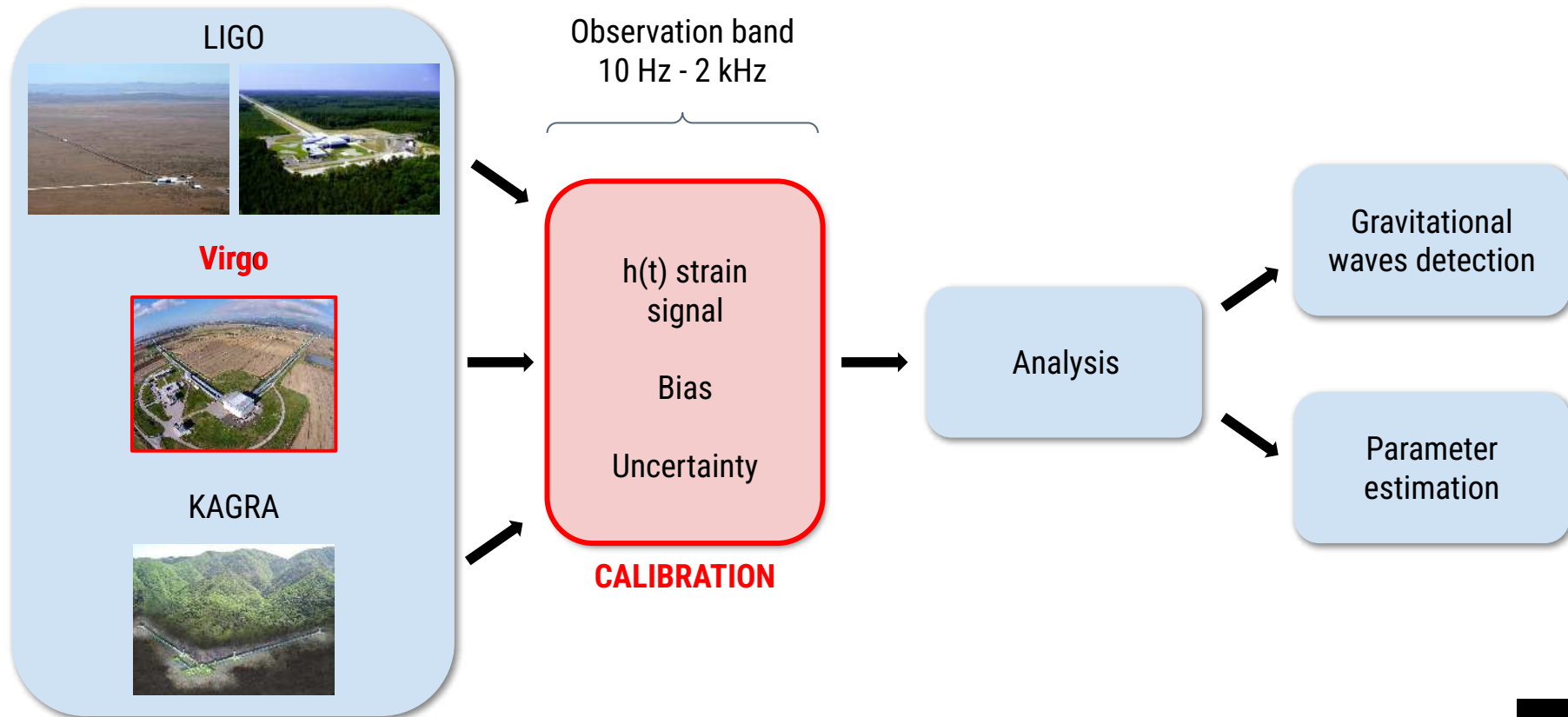


LIGO-G2302098(14310141), updated on 9 September, 2025

Credit: LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration



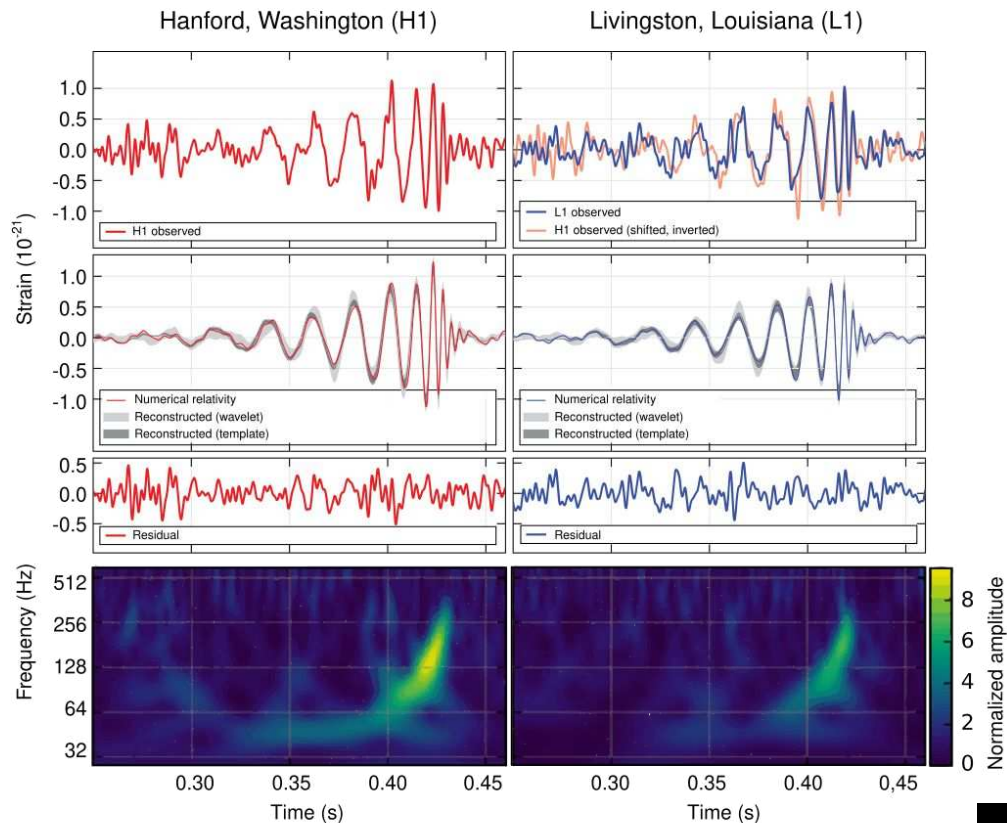
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Calibration impact

First detection - GW150914

- Binary Black Hole coalescence
- $36 M_{\odot}$ and $29 M_{\odot}$
- Distance \rightarrow 410 Mpc
- Signal over Noise Ratio (SNR) \rightarrow 24



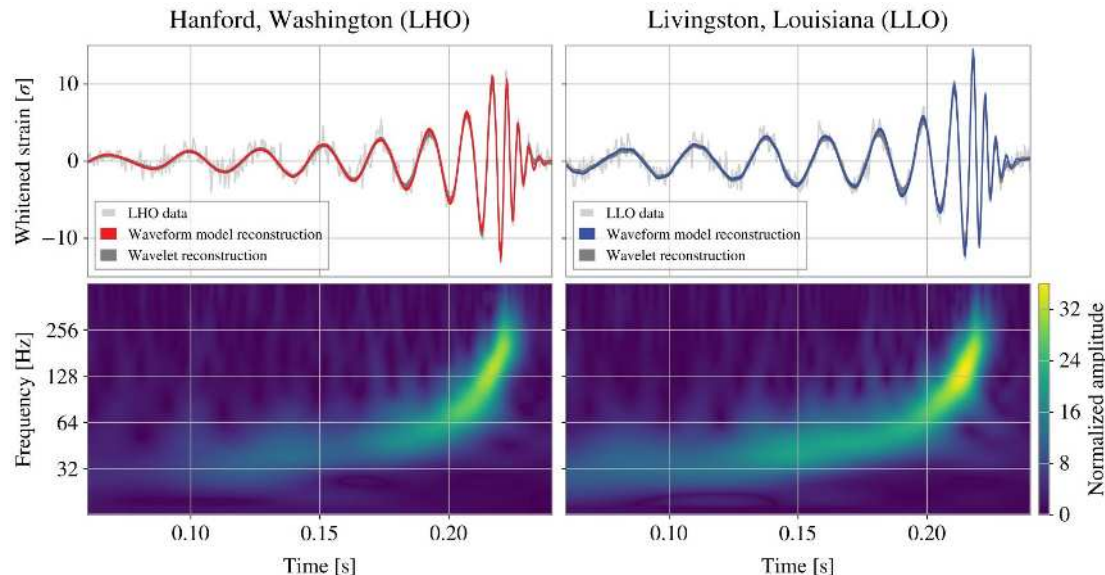
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Stronger detection - GW250114

- Binary Black Hole coalescence
- $33 M_{\odot}$ and $32 M_{\odot}$
- Distance \rightarrow 403 Mpc
- SNR \rightarrow 80



Calibration

Uncertainty on $h(t)$ strain amplitude

- \rightarrow precision on the GW waveform shape
- \rightarrow precision on the parameter estimation

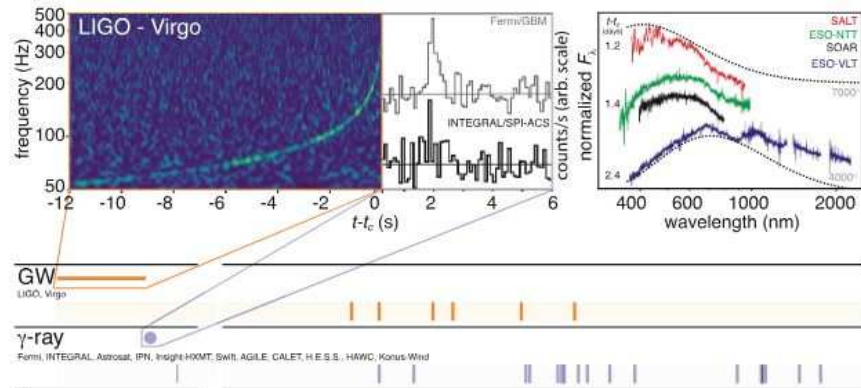


Necessary to improve the calibration
at the same time as the detectors

Calibration impact

First Multi Messenger detection - GW170817

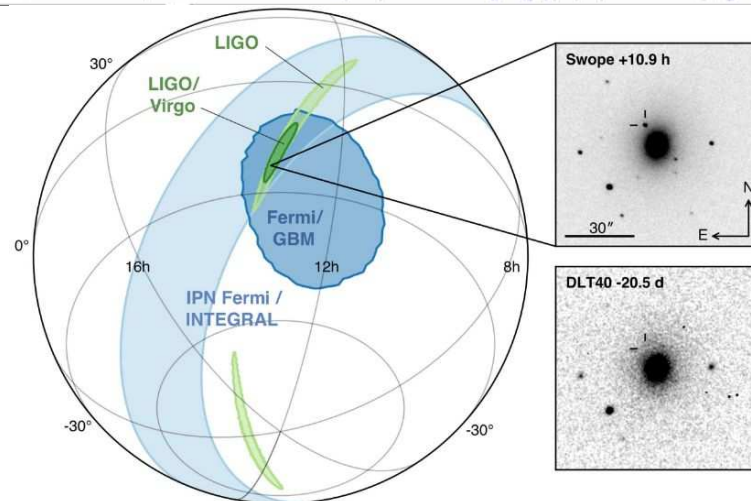
- GW detected by LIGO and Virgo
Gamma Ray Burst (GRB) detected 1.7 s later by INTEGRAL et Fermi
- Importance of the gravitational wave detectors network → Precise localisation



Calibration

Uncertainty on the $h(t)$ strain phase

- precision on the time of detection
- precision on the localisation



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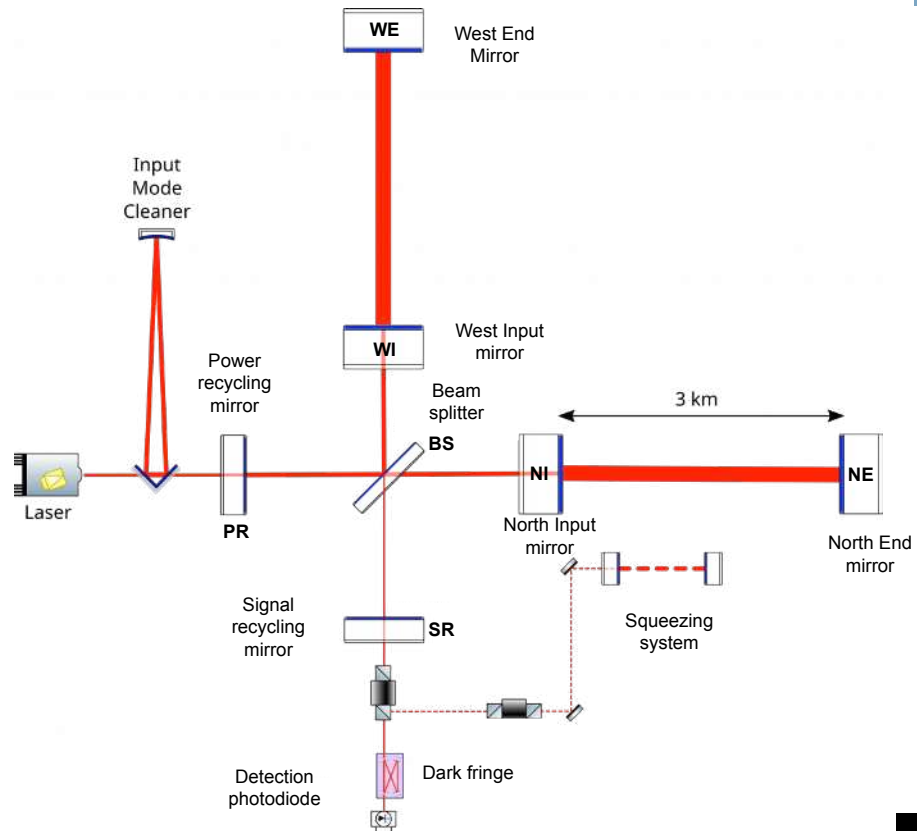
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Advanced Virgo detection method

Ground interferometer with 3 km long arms:

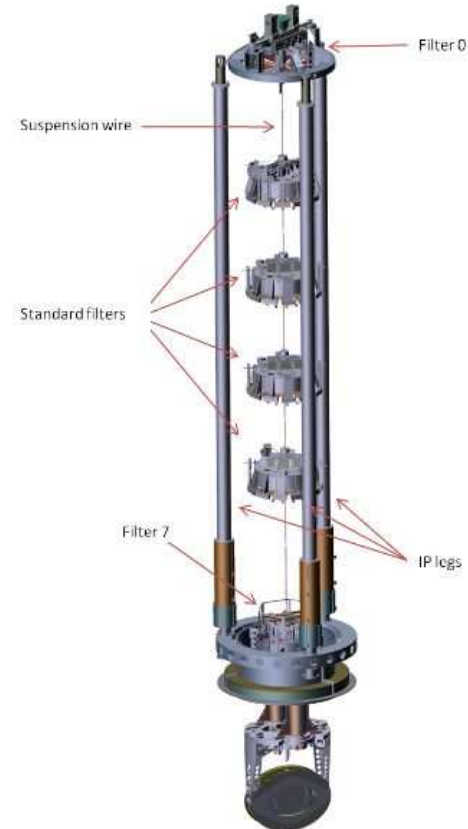
- Laser source, near-IR (1064 nm)
- Beam splitter
- End mirrors
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- **Mirrors are suspended with a passive attenuation system in vacuum**



Advanced Virgo detection method

Gravitational wave effect on an interferometer:

- Alternatively modifying the arm length L_W et L_N
 - Changes in the interference pattern
 - Changes in the measured power
- We measure the differential arm length variations

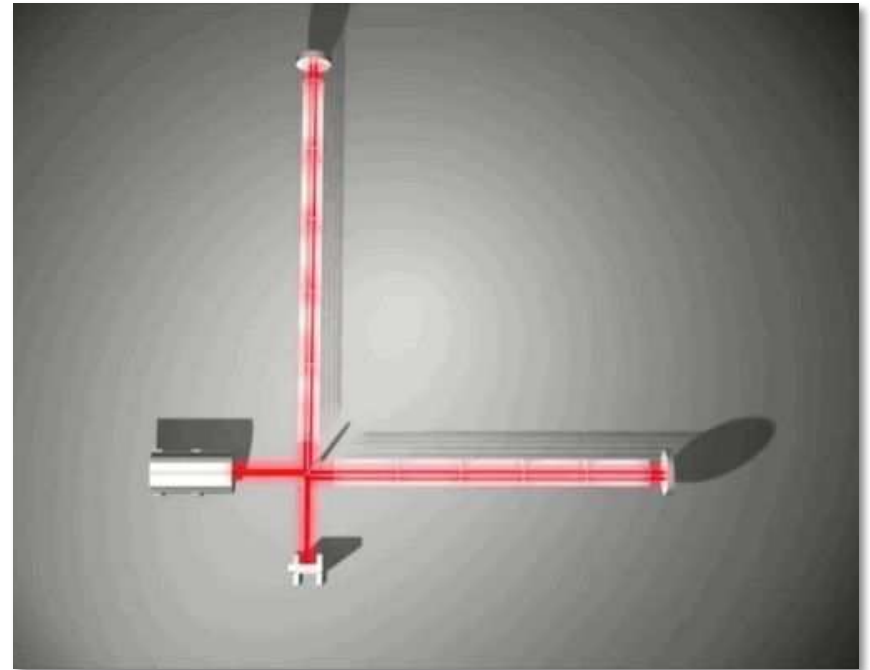
$$\Delta L = L_N - L_W$$

- The gravitational wave signal is given by

$$h(t) = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

Where $L_0 = 3 \text{ km}$

$$\Delta L \sim 10^{-19} \text{ m}$$



SOURCE - IUCAA

Interferometer controls

Mirror displacement at low frequency caused by different “noise” (seismic, quantum, etc.)



Necessary to very precisely control the mirror position and the resonant cavities length to allow for GW detection

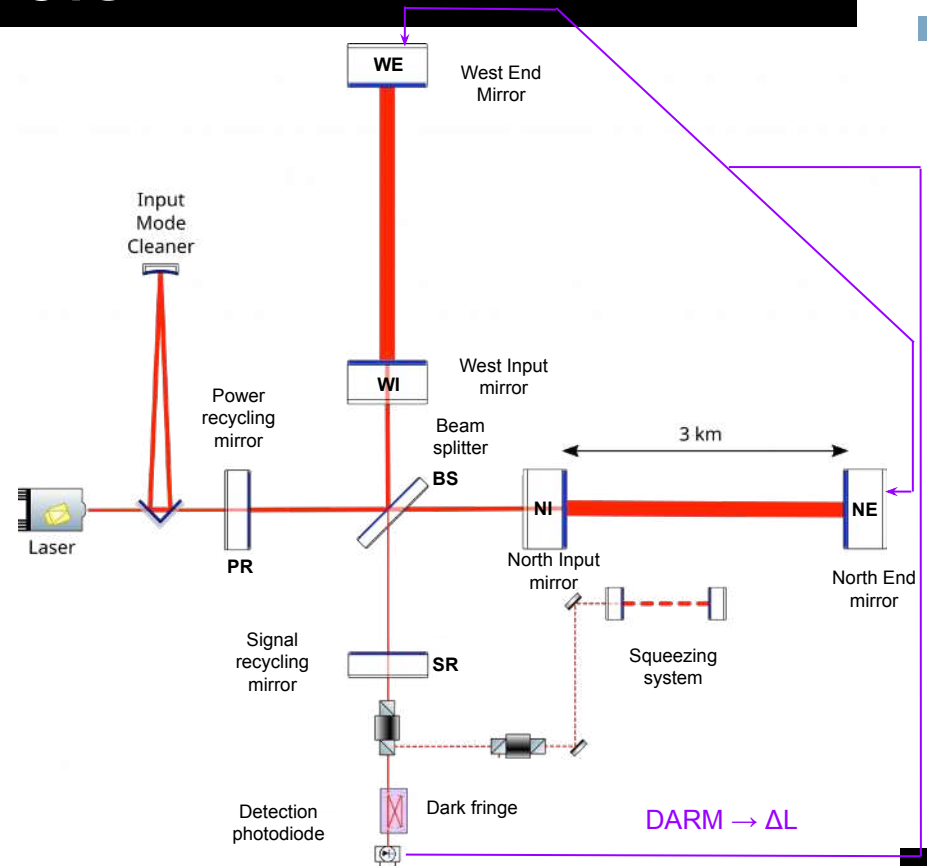


Use **control loops**



Allow to control the different parameters of the interferometer

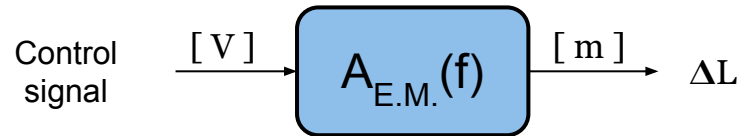
Example : **DARM** → allow to keep the interferometer on the same position on the interference pattern → counteract the ΔL variations



Electromagnetic actuators

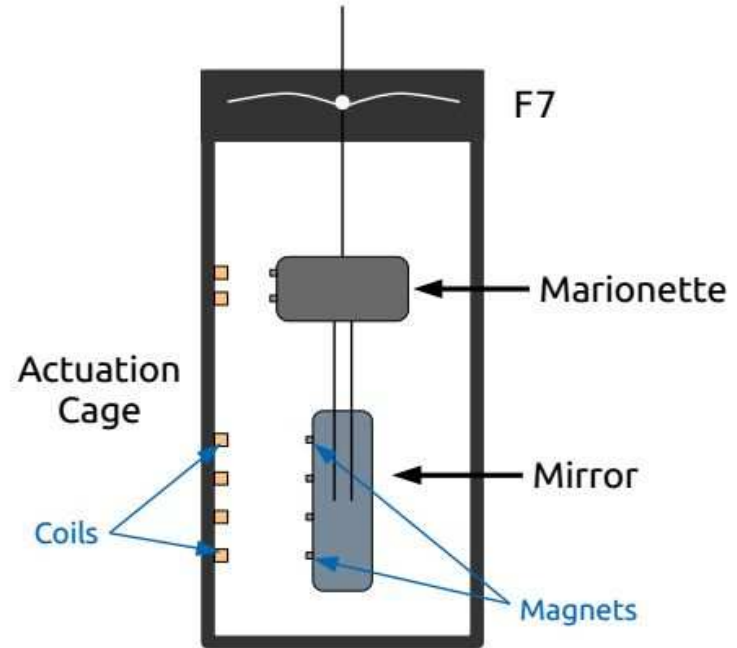
E.M. actuators are composed of:

- Magnets placed at the back of the Virgo mirrors
- Coil placed in front of these magnets in the actuation cage



With $A_{\text{E.M.}}(f)$ the actuator response function in $[m/V]$ composed of:

- The electronic response in $[N/V]$
- The mechanical response in $[m/N]$



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Calibration principle

Interferometer operated thanks to control loops and electromagnetic actuators

CONSEQUENCE: A part of the gravitational wave signal is “diluted” in the control signal

→ **Need to reconstruct the $h(t)$ strain signal**

Hrec algorithm:

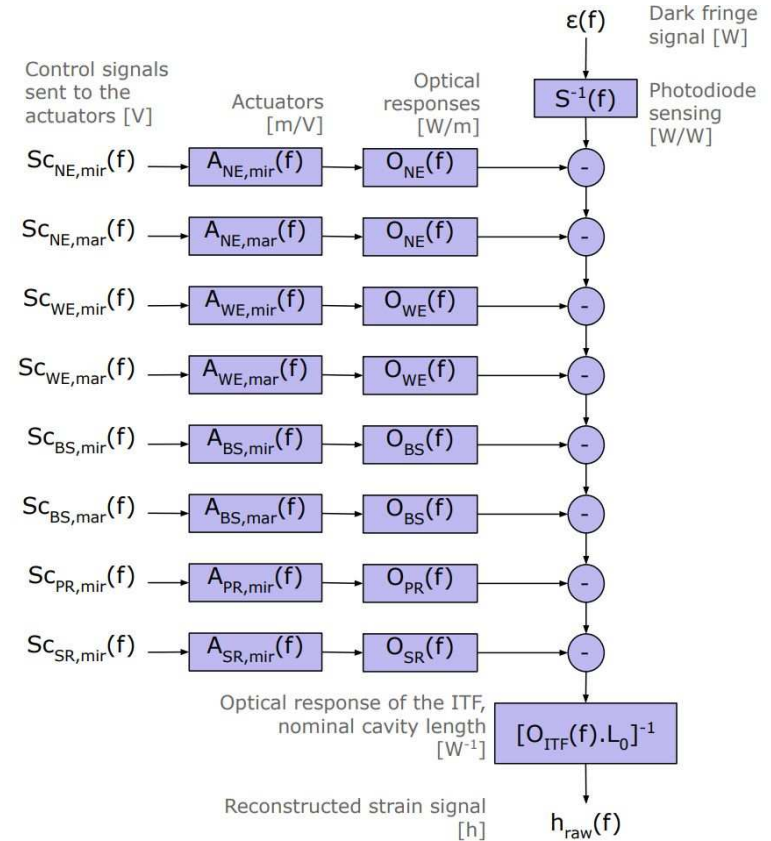
GW signal reconstruction by subtracting from the dark fringe signal the contribution of the different control loop signal

Need to have:

- Electromagnetic actuator response models
- Optical responses



Calibration measurements



Calibration transfers principle

NCal & PCal

Electromagnetic actuators calibration

Mirror displacement reference for
electromagnetic actuators
calibration

NCal

NIST
PTB

Dedicated
power
calibration
measurements

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PCAL WE

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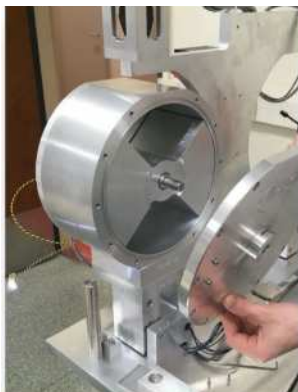
Newtonian Calibrator

Uses a **variable gravitational field** created by rotating masses to induce a mirror displacement with an uncertainty of $\pm 0.12\%$

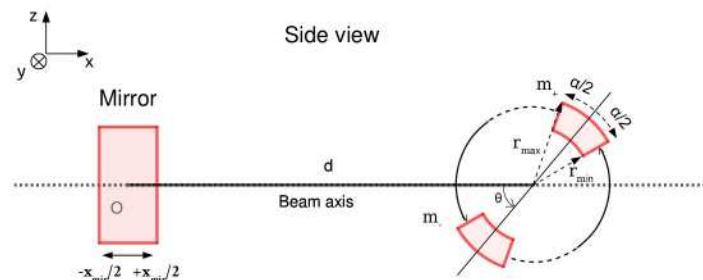
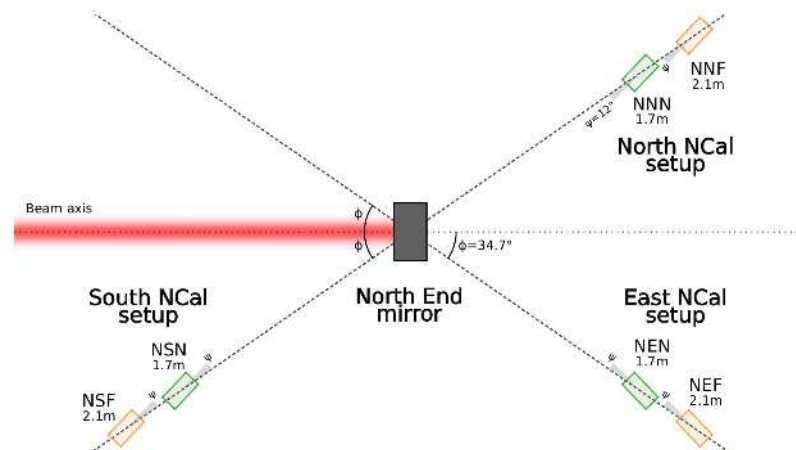
NCal composed of several rotors \rightarrow with each 2 rotating masses

NCal \rightarrow Absolute displacement reference during O4

NCal can induce displacement up to 150 Hz



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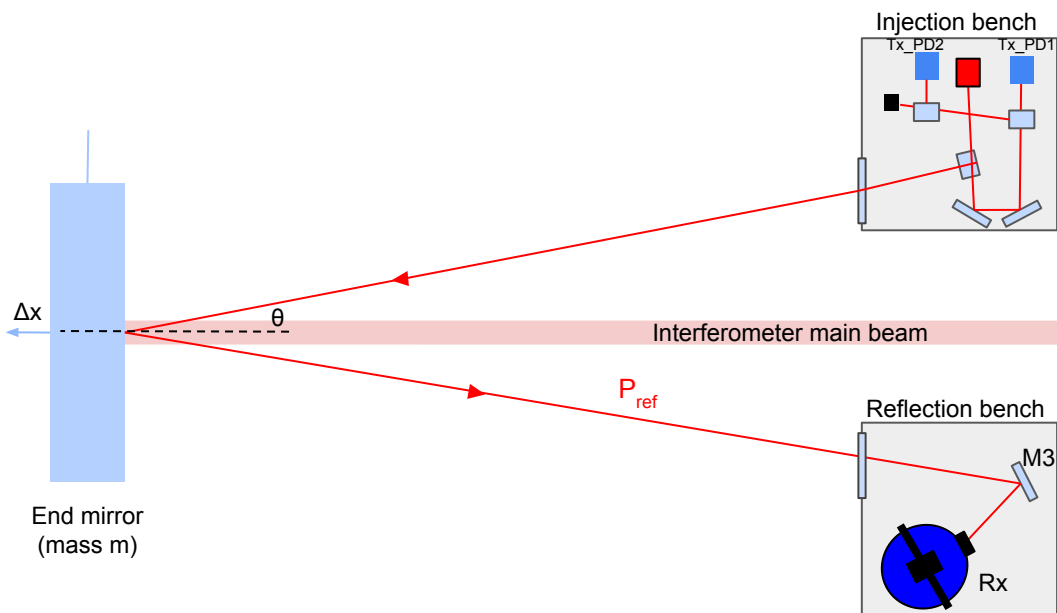


Photon Calibrator

Uses **radiation pressure** of an auxiliary beam send toward an end mirror with an angle θ to induce a displacement Δx

$$\Delta x_{PCal(f)} = (A_{pend} + A_{drum}) \frac{2 \cos(\theta)}{c} \Delta P_{ref}(f) \quad \rightarrow$$

To get Δx we need to measure ΔP_{ref}



Injection bench:

- Laser collimator (1047 nm)
- 2 photodiodes (Tx_PD1 et Tx_PD2)

Reflection bench:

- Director mirror M3
- Integrating sphere Rx to measure the reflected beam power

The PCal can induce a Δx displacement from 10 Hz up to ~8 kHz

Photon Calibrator

Power measurement devices → Integrating spheres

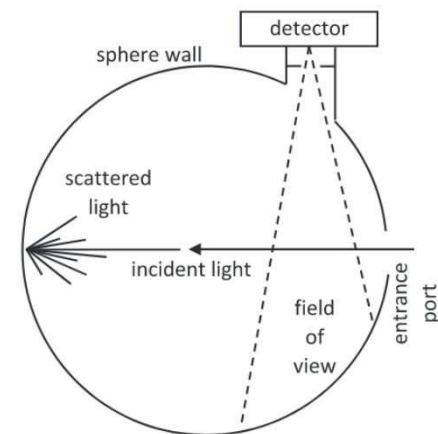
- Measure a voltage V → need to convert this voltage in power W
- Conversion factor → **responsivity ρ** → unique for each sphere

Virgo → 4 integrating spheres

- 2 **Rx spheres**, one on each PCal benches (NE et WE)
- **WSV** (Working Standard Virgo): Reference sphere for Rx calibration at Virgo
- **GSV** (Gold Standard Virgo): Monitoring sphere, always staying at LAPP

2 **Transfer Standard spheres** used to intercalibrate within the LVK collaboration

- **TSA** (Transfer Standard A)
- **TSB** (Transfer Standard B)



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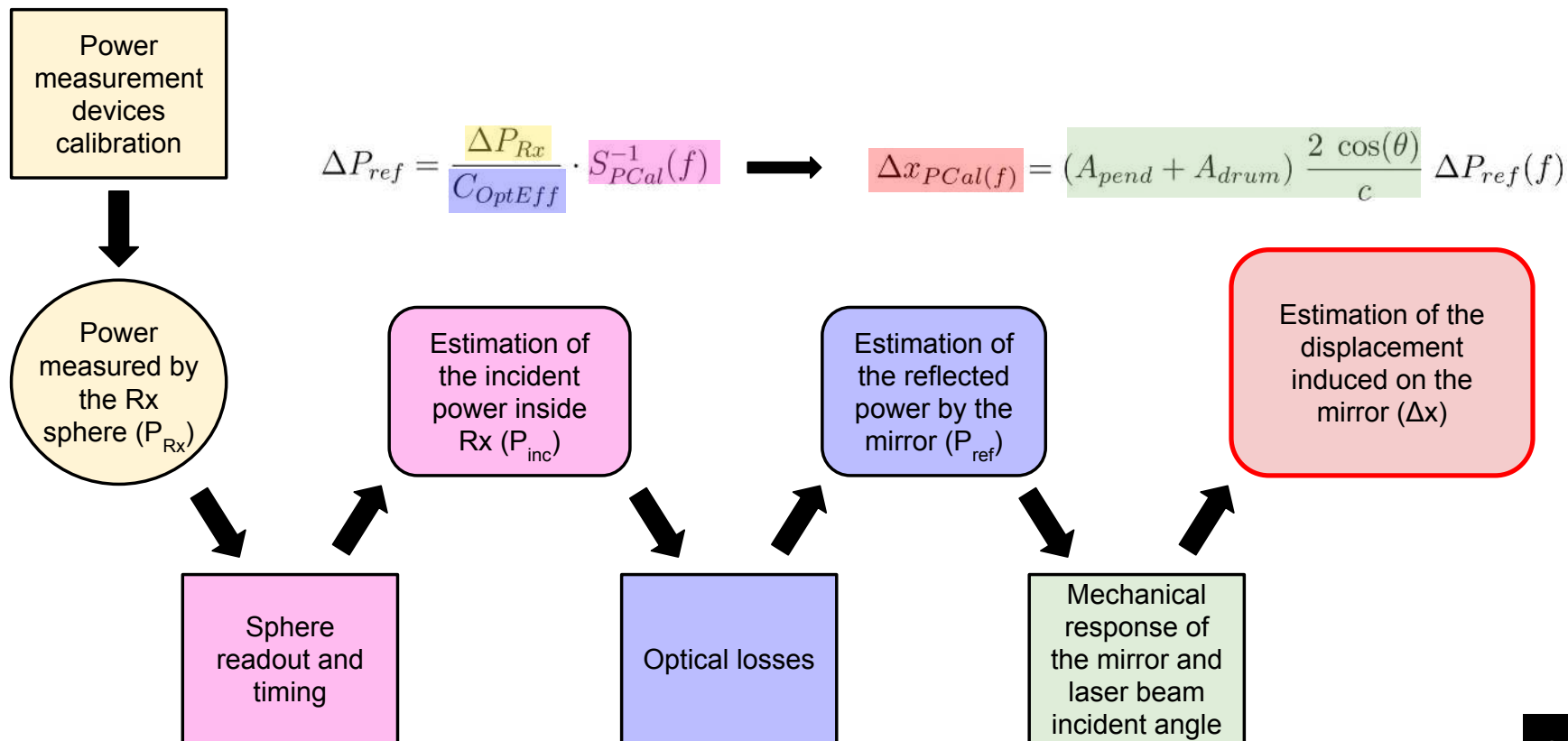
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 - Detection electronic calibration
 - Optical losses
 - Mechanical response measurement
 - Final PCal response model

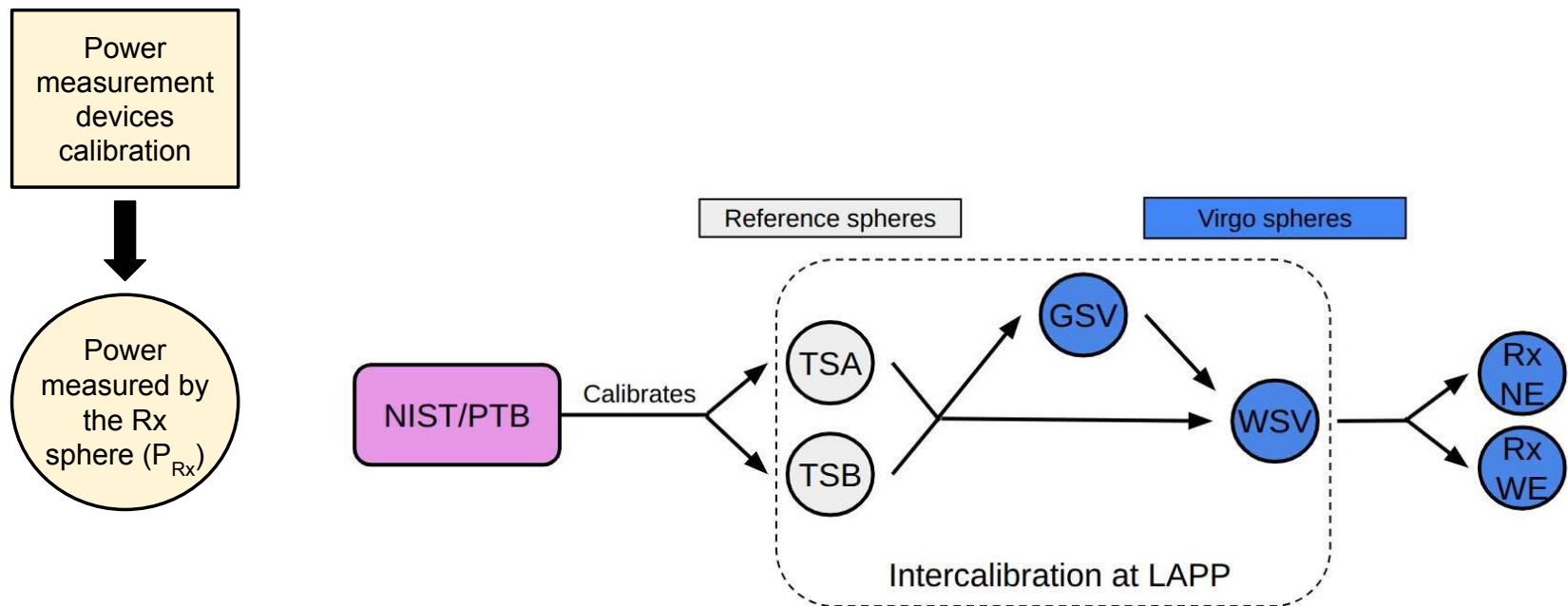
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PCals calibration

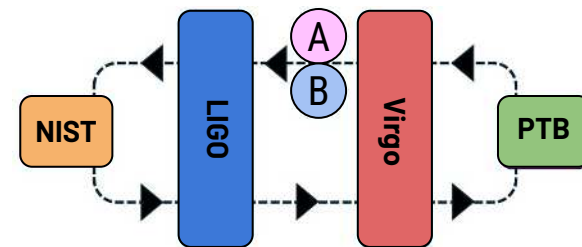
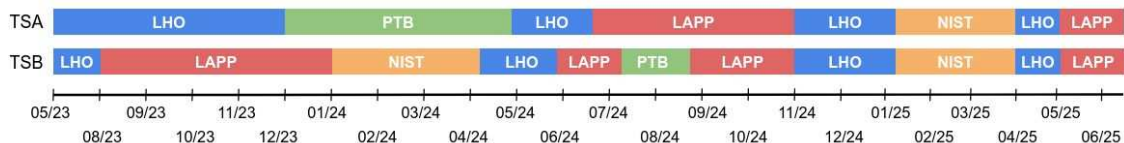


Integrating spheres intercalibration

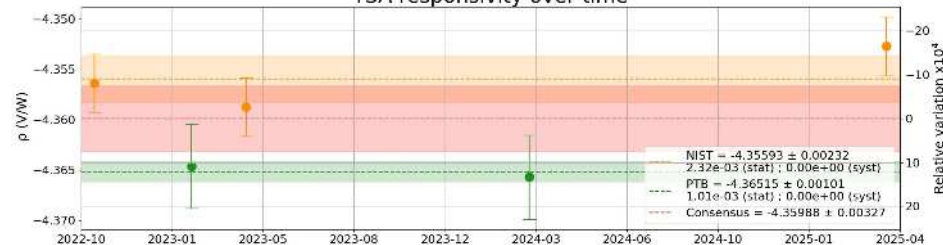


Intercalibration : TSA et TSB

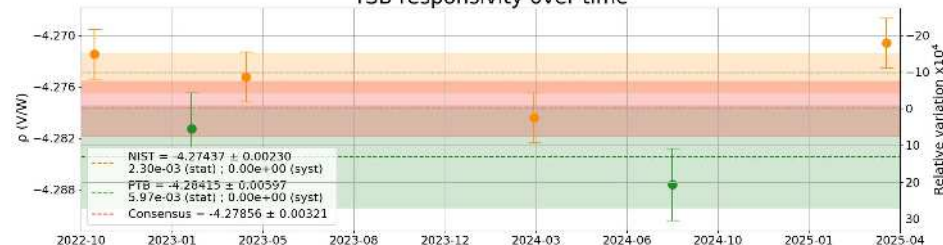
GOAL : Measure the responsivity ρ for WSV and GSV sphere using TSA and TSB as references



TSA responsivity over time



TSB responsivity over time



TSA

- 3 measurements at NIST and 2 at PTB
- 2 measurements at LAPP

TSB

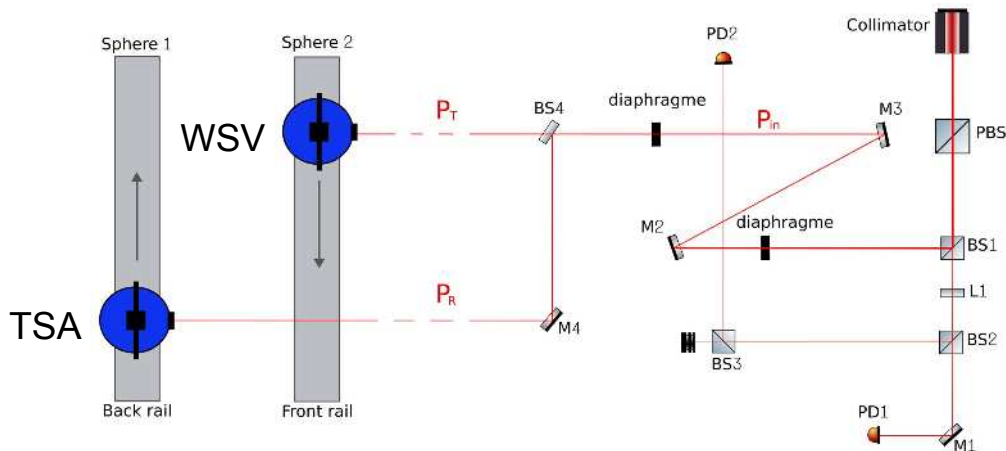
- 4 measurements at NIST and 2 at PTB
- 4 measurements at LAPP

	CR [V/W]	u(CR) [%]	DoE [%]	u(DoE) ($\sigma = 2$) [%]
TSA	-4.35988	0.08	-0.21	0.32
TSB	-4.27856	0.08	-0.23	

Intercalibration : Measurement protocol

Protocol (example for TSA) :

- TSA and WSV are placed on pneumatic rails in LAPP clean room
- A laser beam is sent towards the two spheres (0.3 W on each sphere)
- 1h long measurement with change in sphere position every 15 s
 - Data acquired for 10 s

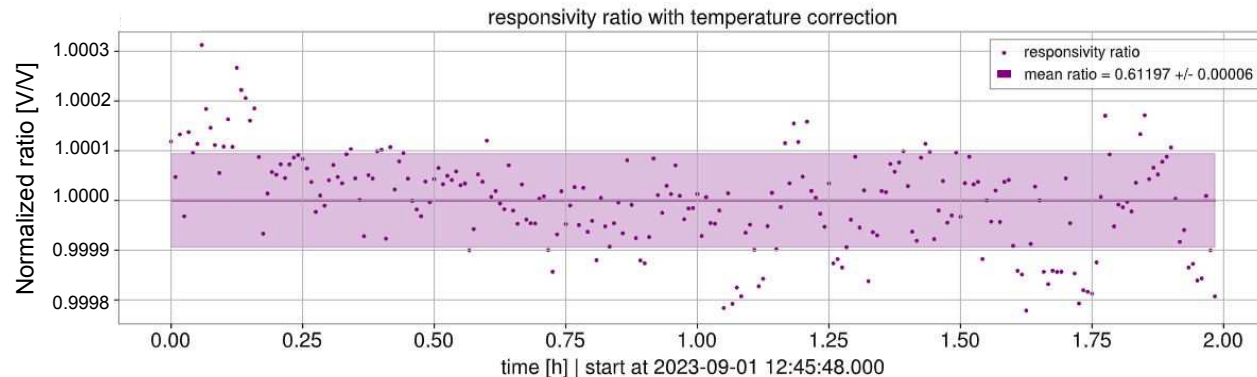
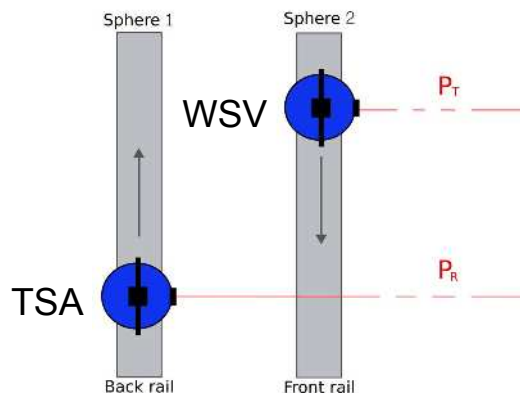


Intercalibration : α' ratio computation

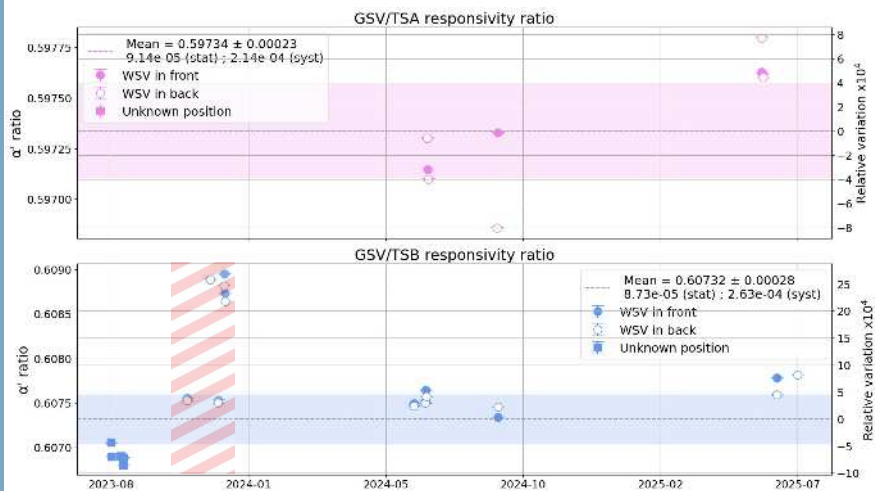
α' ratio computation at 300.15 K

Correcting from the spheres temperature dependencies, we can compute the α' coefficient which corresponds to the **responsivity ratio**

$$\alpha' = \sqrt{\frac{V_{WSV}^{corr}(T \cdot P_{in})}{V_{TSA}^{corr}(R \cdot P_{in})} \cdot \frac{V_{WSV}^{corr}(R \cdot P_{in})}{V_{TSA}^{corr}(T \cdot P_{in})}} = \frac{\rho'_{WSV}}{\rho'_{TSA}}$$



Intercalibration : α' ratio evolution



α' ratio evolution during O4:

GSV $\rightarrow \pm 0.05\%$ variations within 2 years

WSV $\rightarrow \pm 0.05\%$ variations within 2 years



Increased variations caused by the misadjustment of diaphragm opening on the setup

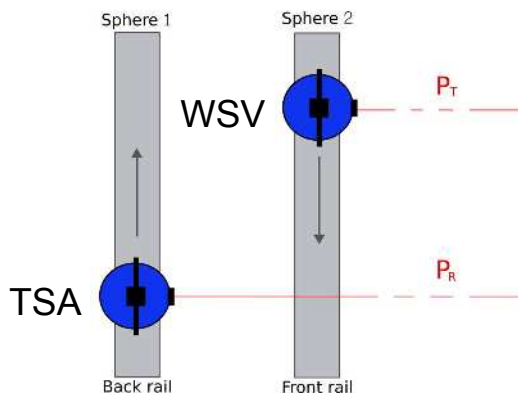
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$$\rho'_{WSV} = \rho'_{TSA} \cdot \alpha'$$



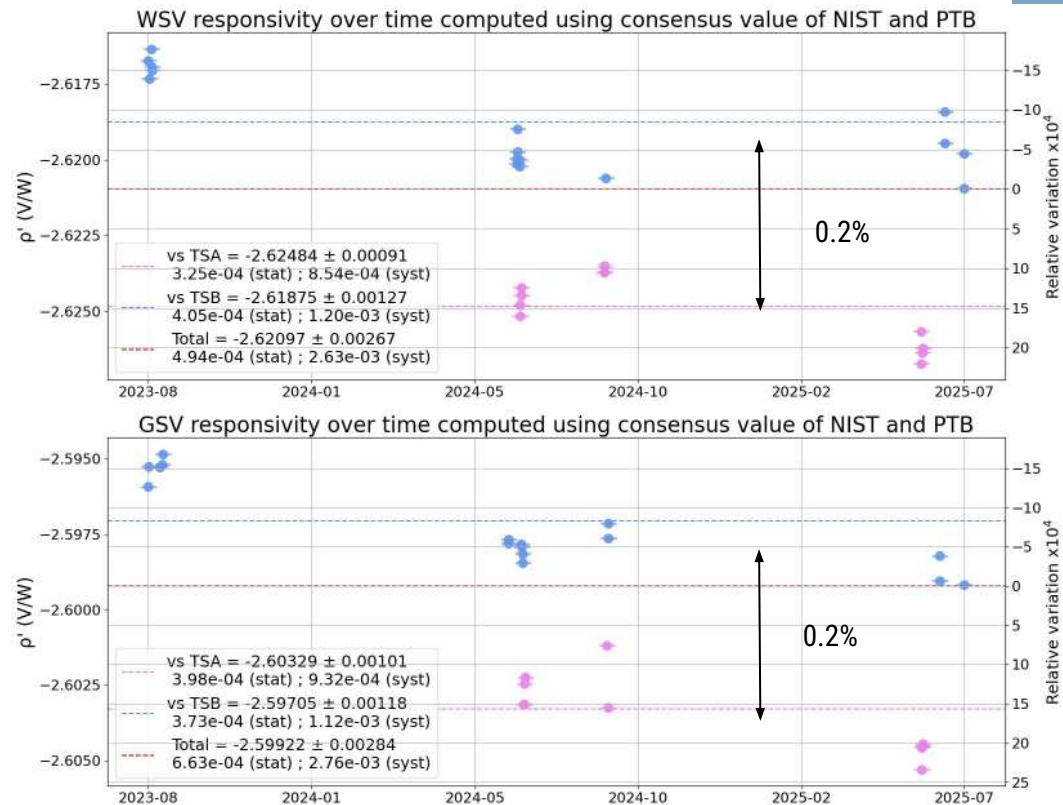
	CR [V/W]
TSA	-4.35988
TSB	-4.27856

Intercalibration : Responsivity evolution

Highlighting of a $\sim 0.2\%$ discrepancy between the responsivity computed with TSA and TSB

This difference is seen with both WSV and GSV

Similar difference seen at LIGO starting in July 2024 \rightarrow Need to confirm with further measurements

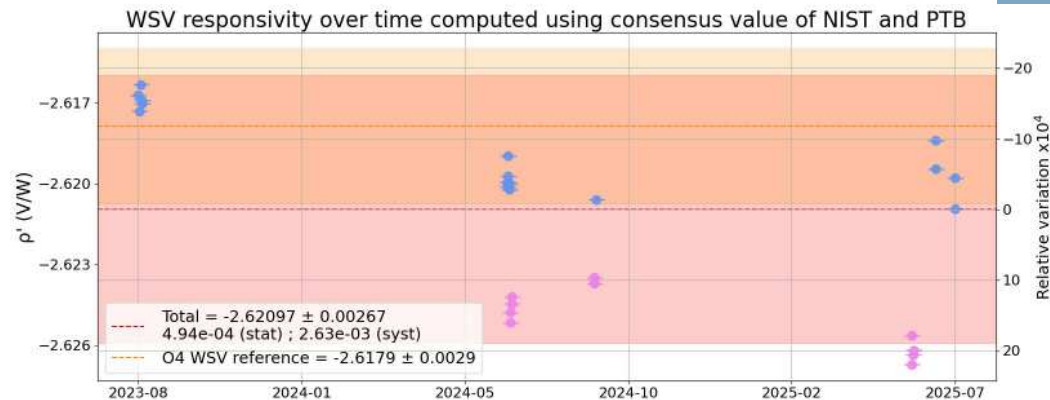


Intercalibration : Responsivity evolution

WSV responsivity computed using 2 years of intercalibration measurement compared to the initial value used for O4

$$\rho'_{WSV} = -2.61787 \pm 0.00288 \text{ V/W}$$

$$\rho'_u = -2.62097 \pm 0.00267 \text{ V/W}$$



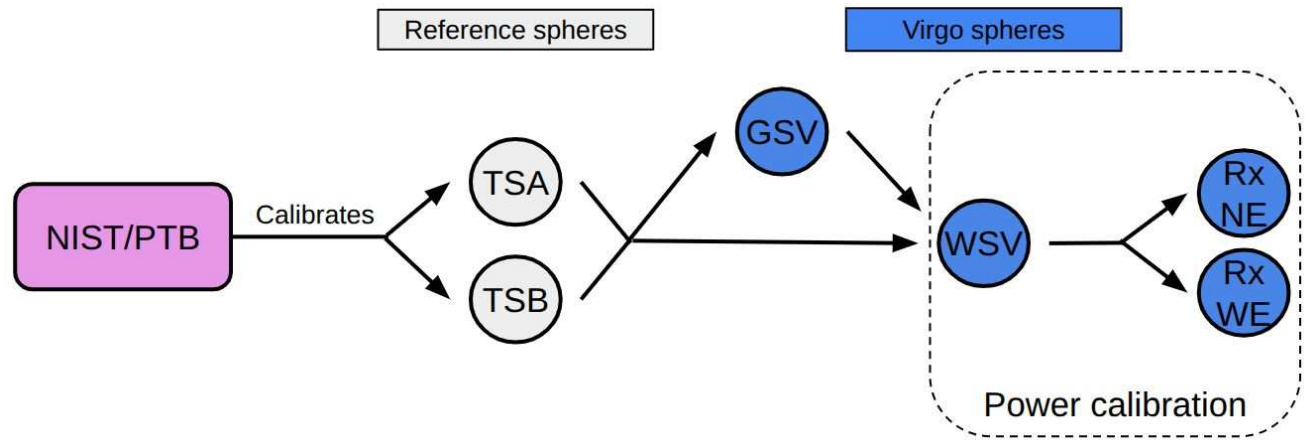
Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
TS responsivity	0.08	
TSA/TSB discrepancy	0.16	
α' ratio WSV/TS	0.05	
ρ_{WSV} temperature dependence	0.04	
Output voltage	ADC conversion	0.03
	Background voltage	0.03
	Total	0.04
Total	0.19	

Power measurement devices calibration

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Power measured by the Rx sphere (P_{Rx})



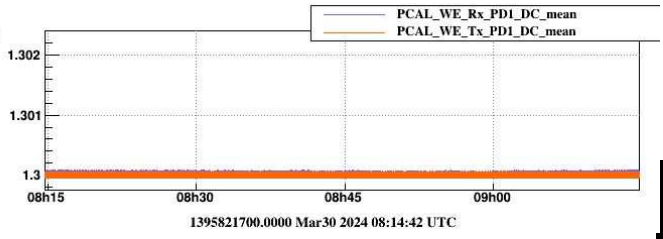
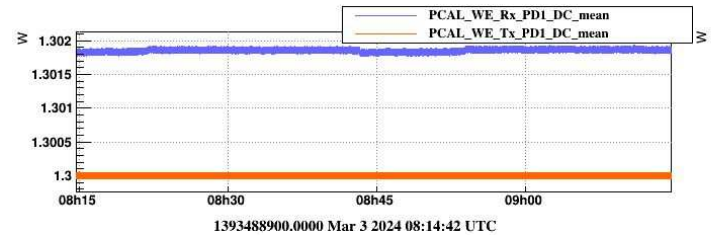
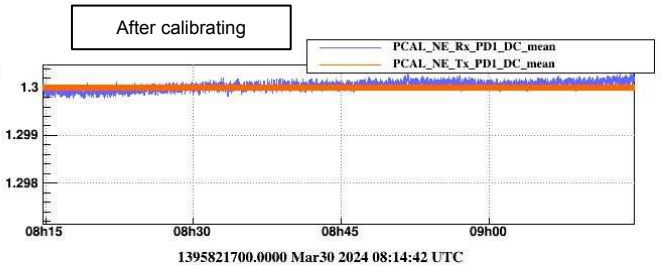
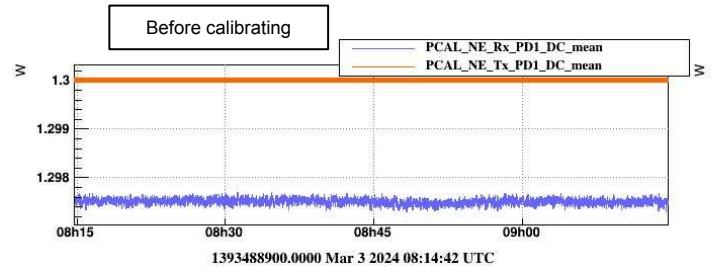
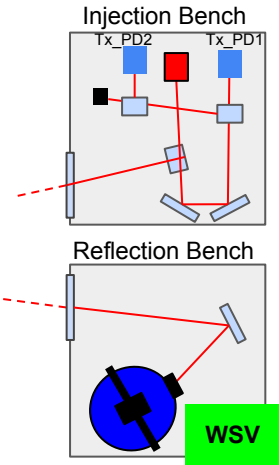
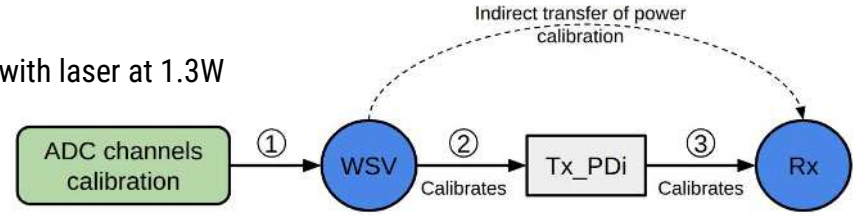
Power measurement devices calibration

GOAL : Measuring the Rx sphere responsivity ρ using **WSV** as reference

Protocole :

- Placing WSV in Rx's place
- Calibrating the photodiodes with WSV as reference \rightarrow ~6h measurement with laser at 1.3W

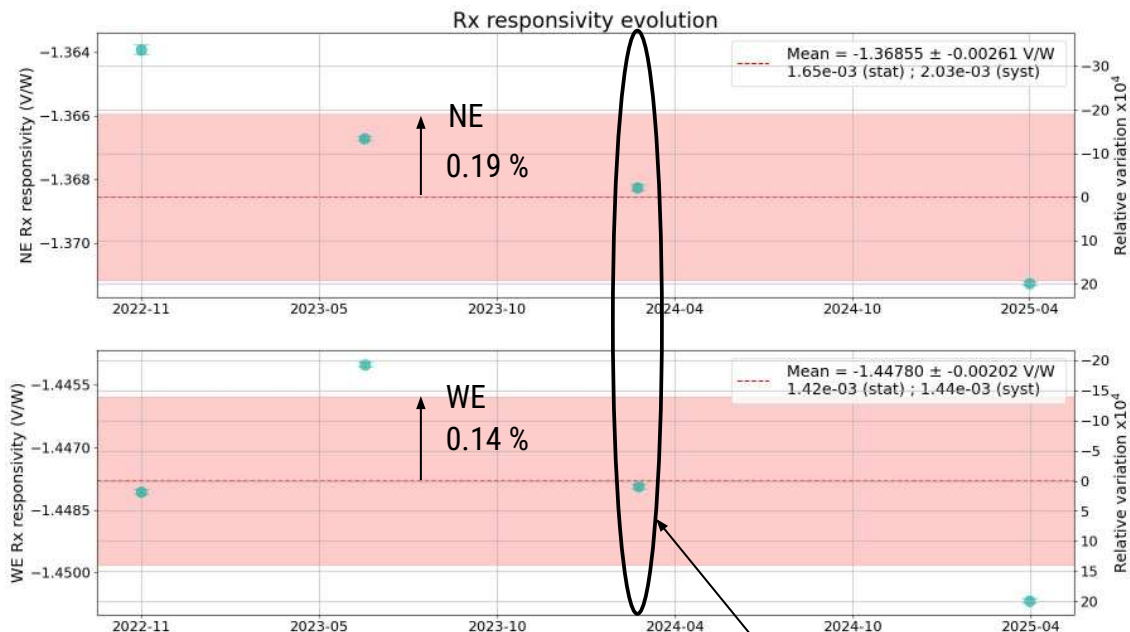
- Putting Rx back at its place
- Calibrating Rx using a photodiode as reference \rightarrow ~6h measurement with laser at 1.3W



Power measurement devices calibration

Calibration measurement made before and during O4:

- December 2022
- June 2023
- March 2024 (just before O4b)
- April 2025 (just before WE replacement)



Source	Relative uncertainty [%]
WSV responsivity	0.19
Rx calibration	0.19
Total	0.27

Detection electronic calibration

Power
measurement
devices
calibration



Power
measured by
the Rx
sphere (P_{Rx})



Sphere
readout and
timing

$$\Delta P_{ref} = \frac{\Delta P_{Rx}}{C_{OptEff}} \cdot S_{PCal}^{-1}(f)$$



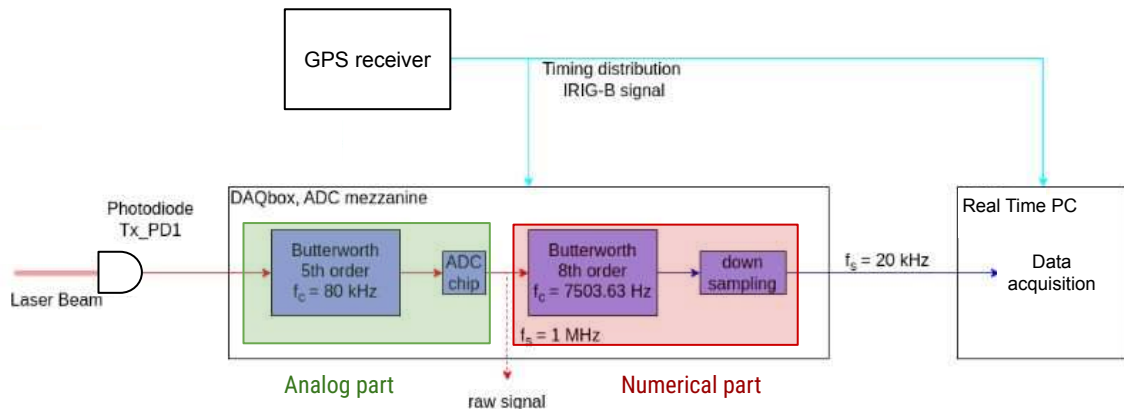
$$\Delta x_{PCal(f)} = (A_{pend} + A_{drum}) \frac{2 \cos(\theta)}{c} \Delta P_{ref}(f)$$

Estimation of
the incident
power inside
Rx (P_{inc})



Detection electronic calibration

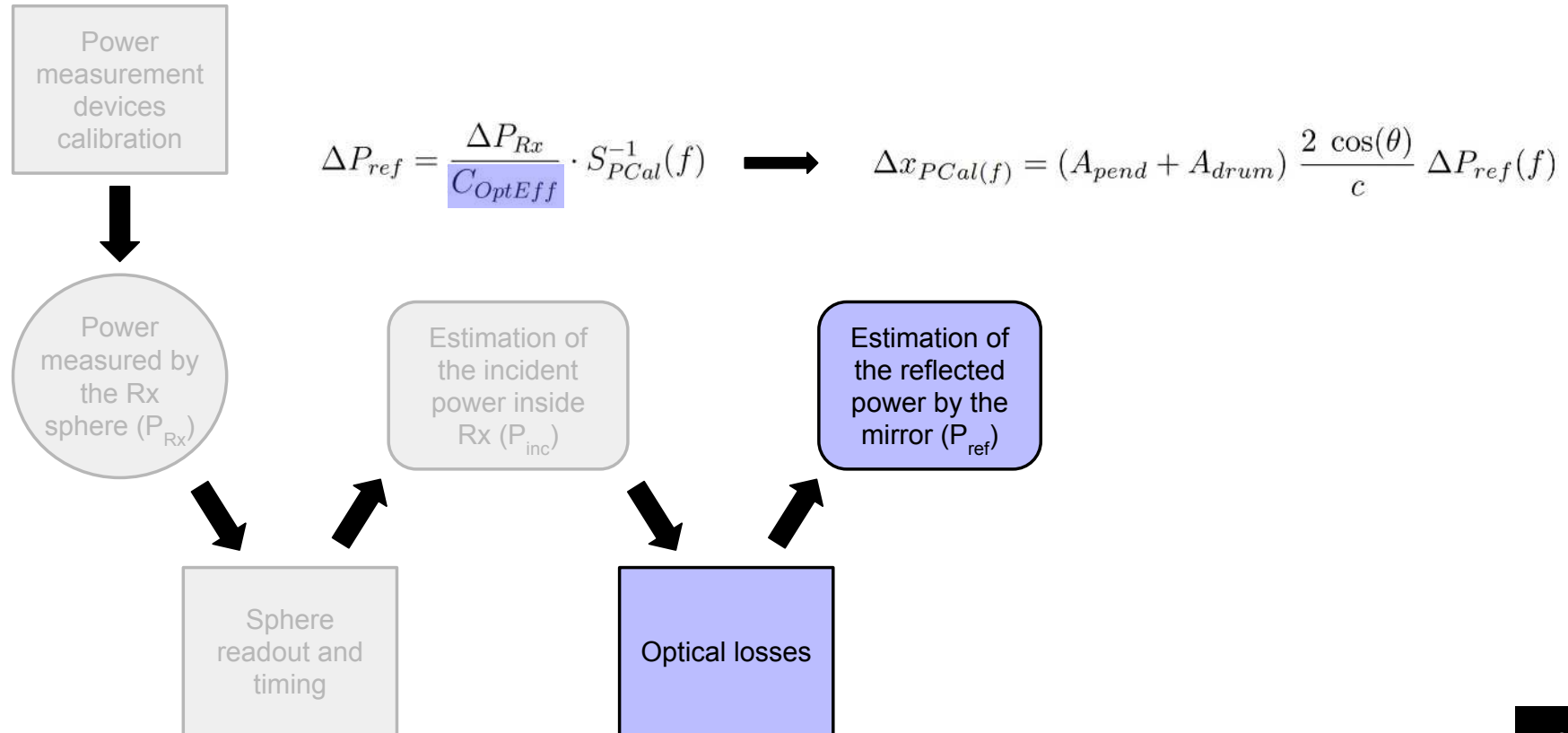
PCal readout chain:



Frequency response measurement of the readout chain:

Nominal model	PCal	NE			WE		
	Sensor	Tx_PD1	Tx_PD2	Rx	Tx_PD1	Tx_PD2	Rx
Analog filter	5 th order Butterworth filter $f_c = 80$ kHz						
Digital filter	8 th order Butterworth filter $f_c = 7503.65$ kHz						
Down sampling delay	-49 μ s						
Fitted residual delay	0.62 μ s	0.54 μ s	1.45 μ s	0.72 μ s	0.66 μ s	1.38 μ s	

Optical losses



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Optical losses:

$$P_{ref}(f) = \frac{P_{Rx}}{(1 - l_{vp})(1 - l_M)} \cdot S_{PCal}^{-1}(f)$$

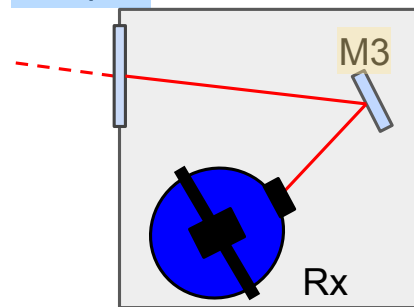
Measurement made with samples at LAPP

Then, estimation on site in June 2023

- Confirming optical losses for WE
- Higher losses for NE

$$l_{vp} = 0.57 \pm 0.096\%$$

viewport

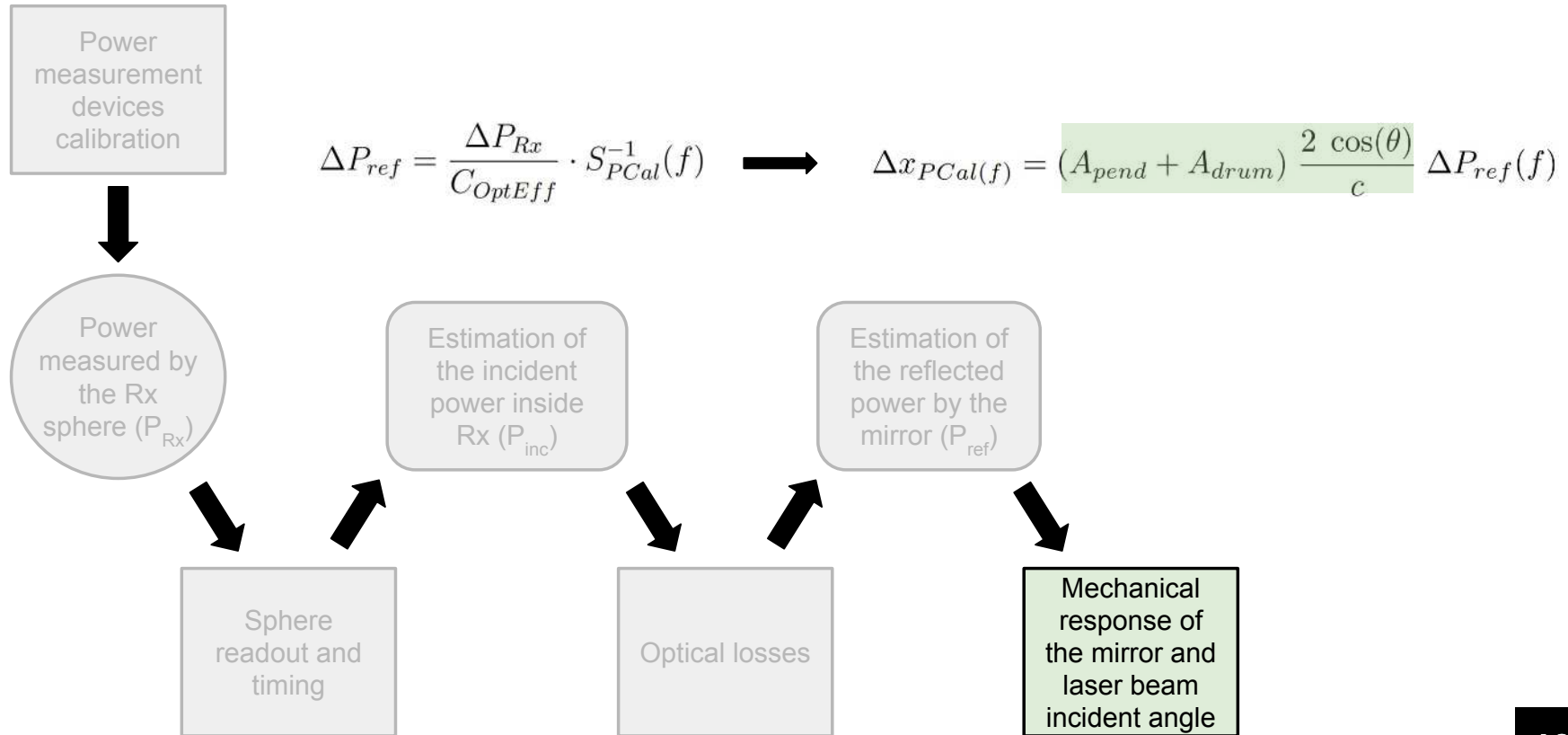


$$l_M = 0.107 \pm 0.012\%$$

Uncertainty on optical losses → 0.1%

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Mechanical response measurement



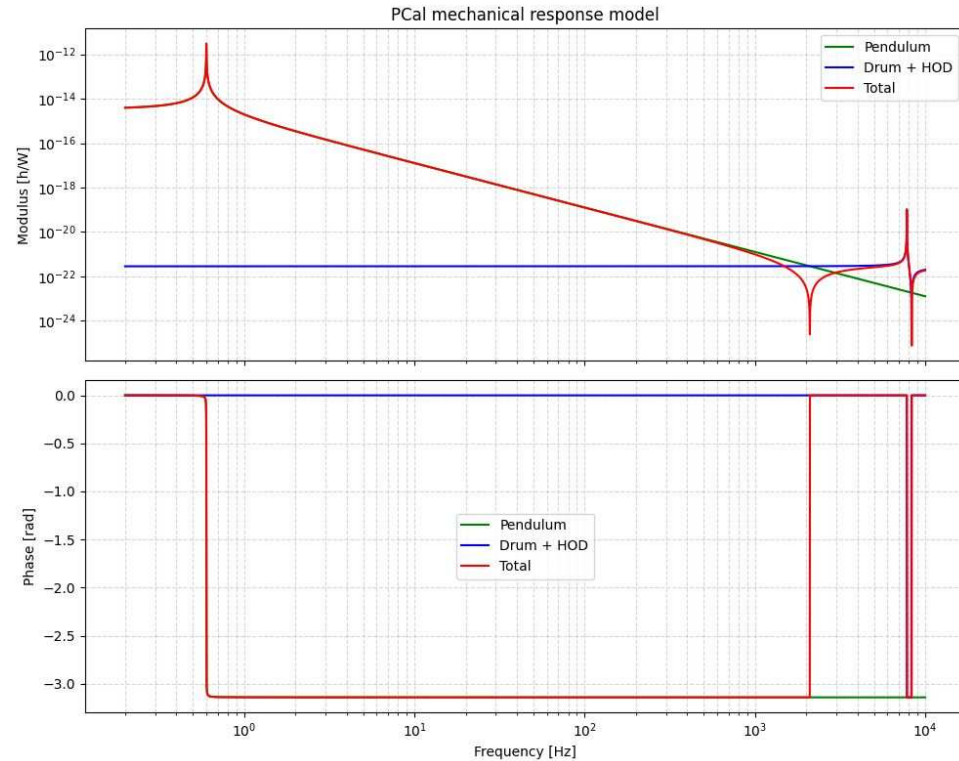
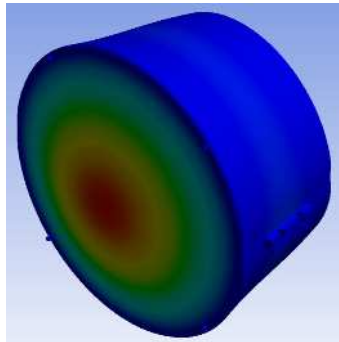
Mechanical response measurement

Model composed of:

- Pendulum response ($f_p = 0.6$ Hz)
- First drum vibration mode ($f_d = \sim 7900$ Hz)
- Higher order modes approximated with a static gain

$$A_{PCal}^{O4}(f) = A_{pend} + A_{drum,1} + G_{hod}$$

$$= \frac{G_p}{1 + \frac{i}{Q_p} \frac{f}{f_p} - \left(\frac{f}{f_p}\right)^2} + \frac{G_d}{1 + \frac{i}{Q_d} \frac{f}{f_d} - \left(\frac{f}{f_d}\right)^2} + G_{hod}$$

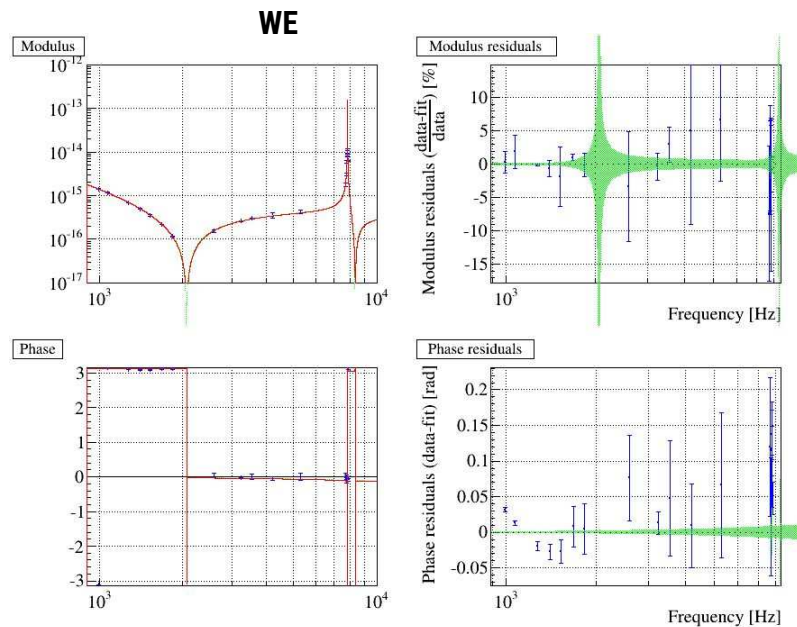
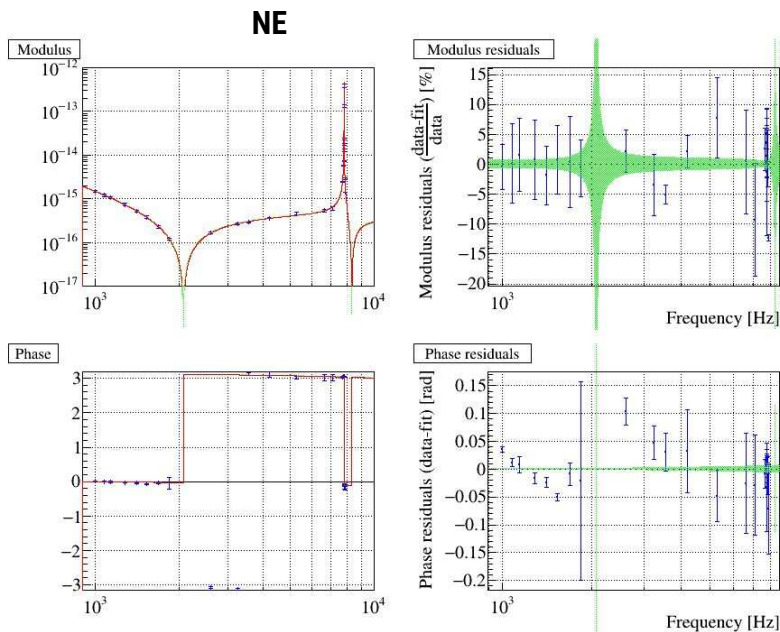


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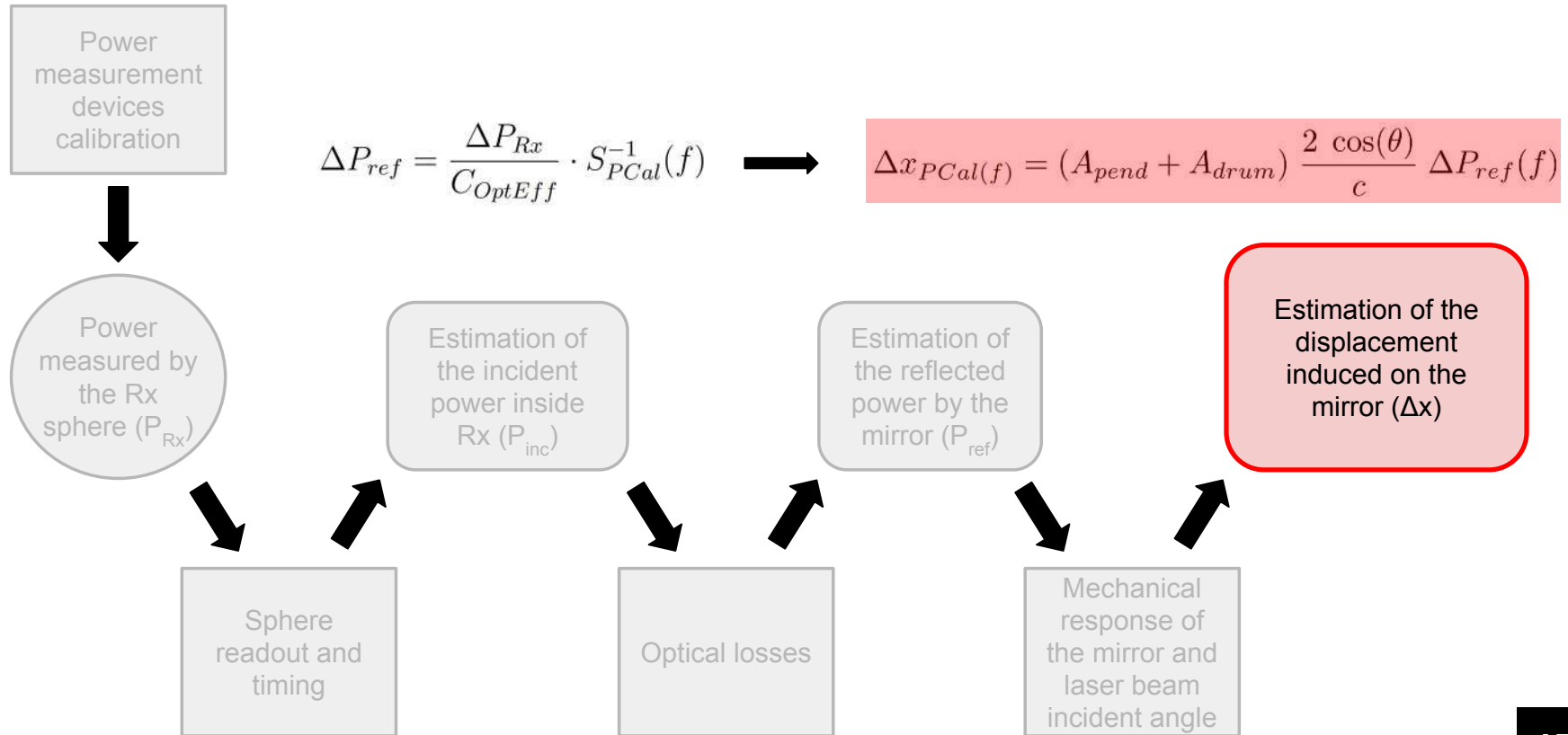
Protocol:

High frequency lines injection (1 kHz à 8 kHz) with the PCals

Computing the transfer function between the power measured by Rx and the power measured by the dark fringe photodiode of the ITF → Fit of the TF with the mechanical response model



Final PCal displacement model



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Source	Relative uncertainty [%]
WSV responsivity	0.19
Rx calibration	0.19
Total	0.27

Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
TS responsivity	0.08	
TSA/TSB discrepancy	0.16	
α' ratio WSV/TS	0.05	
ρ_{WSV} temperature dependence	0.04	
Output voltage	ADC conversion	0.03
	Background voltage	0.03
	Total	0.04
Total	0.19	

Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
Rx responsivity	0.27	
Deformation model	0.15	
Optical efficiency	0.10	
Pendulum model	Incident angle, $\cos(\theta)$	0.16
	ETM mass, M	0.05
	ETM rotation	0.09
	Total	0.19
Total	0.48	

Uncertainty on the displacement induced by the PCal:

- Great progress compared to O3 (1.36%)

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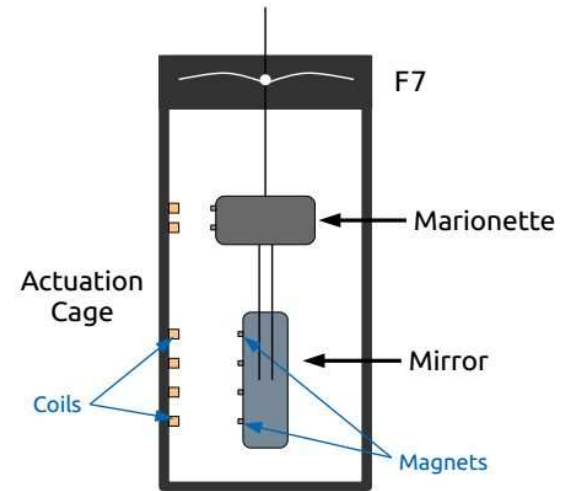
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Electromagnetic actuators response:

- Mirror mechanical response
- Actuators electronic response

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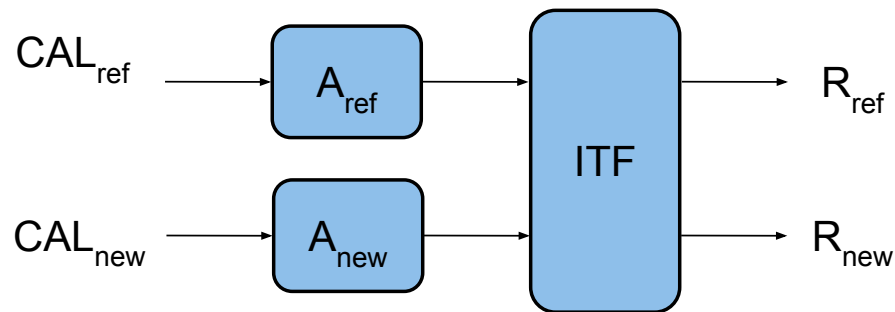
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- Comparing an actuator of reference (*ref*) to an actuator to calibrate (*new*)



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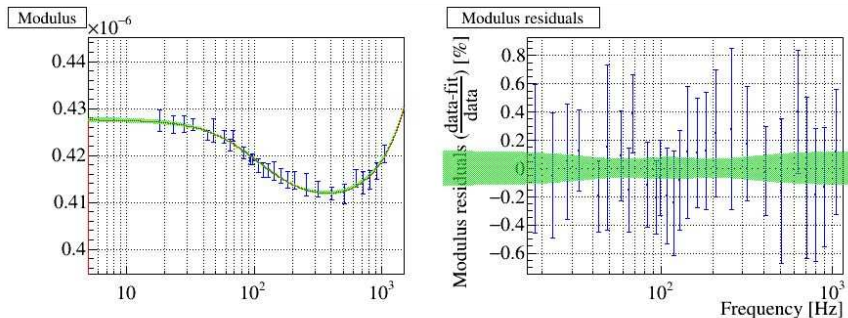
$$R_{new} = CAL_{new} \times A_{new} \times ITF$$

$$A_{new} = (R_{new} / CAL_{new}) \times (R_{ref} / CAL_{ref})^{-1} \times A_{ref}$$

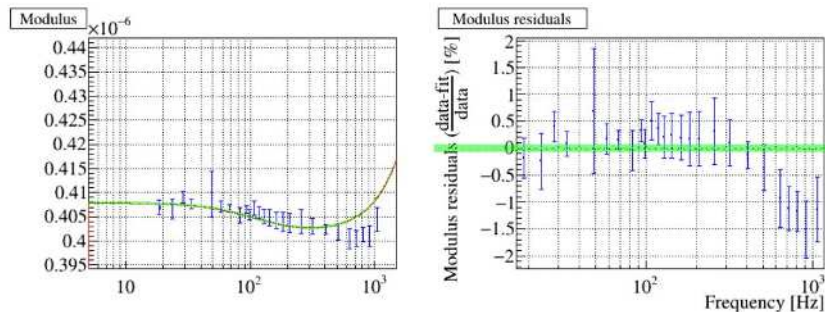
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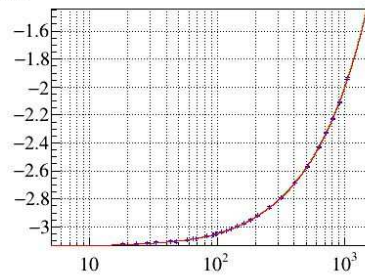
NE model



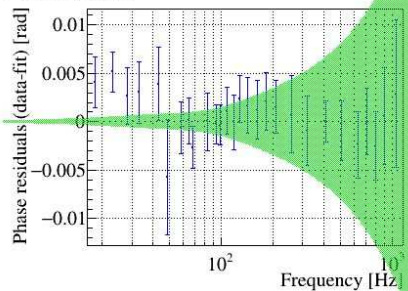
WE model



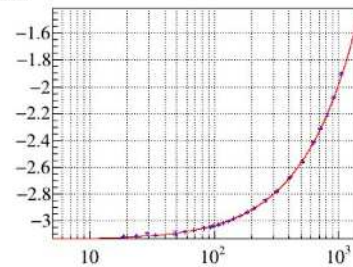
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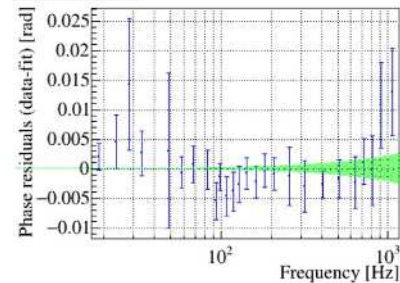
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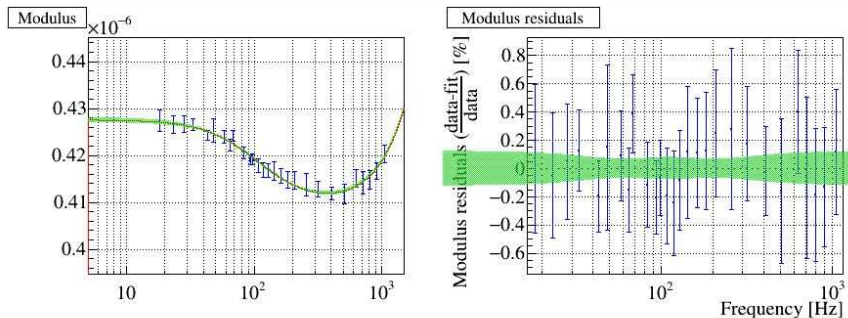


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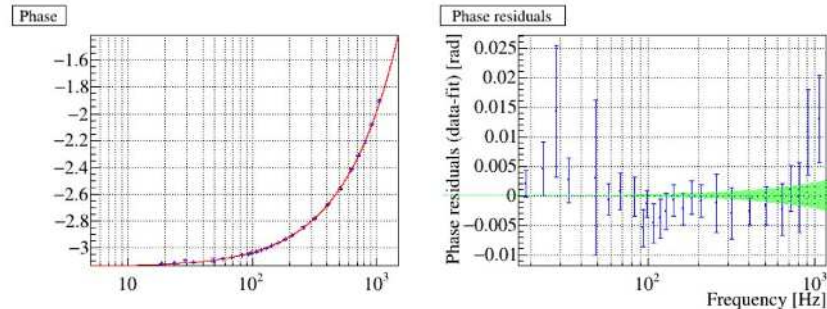
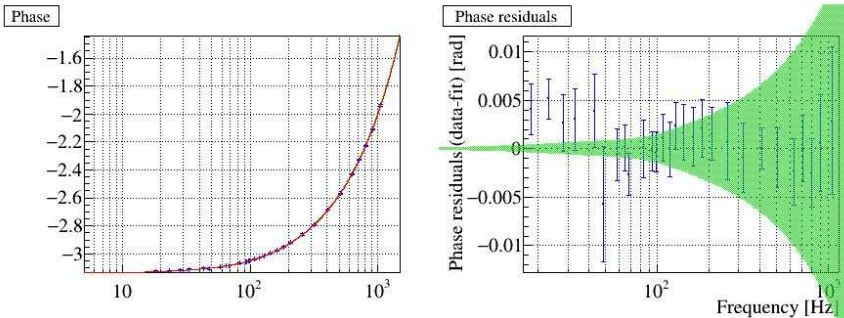
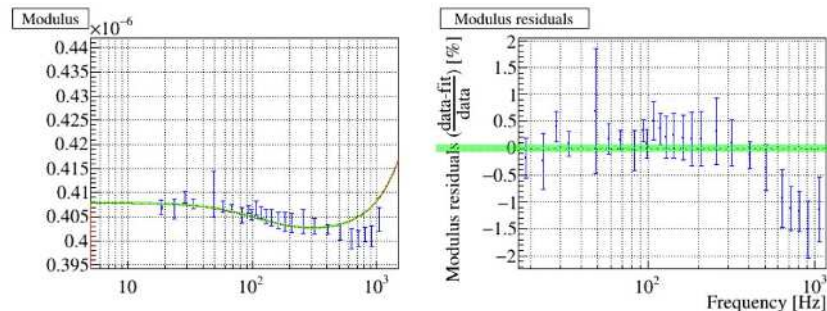
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Additional calibration measurement are performed once a week during the run to monitor potential calibration variations → **Stable within 0.5% for NE and WE**

NE model



WE model





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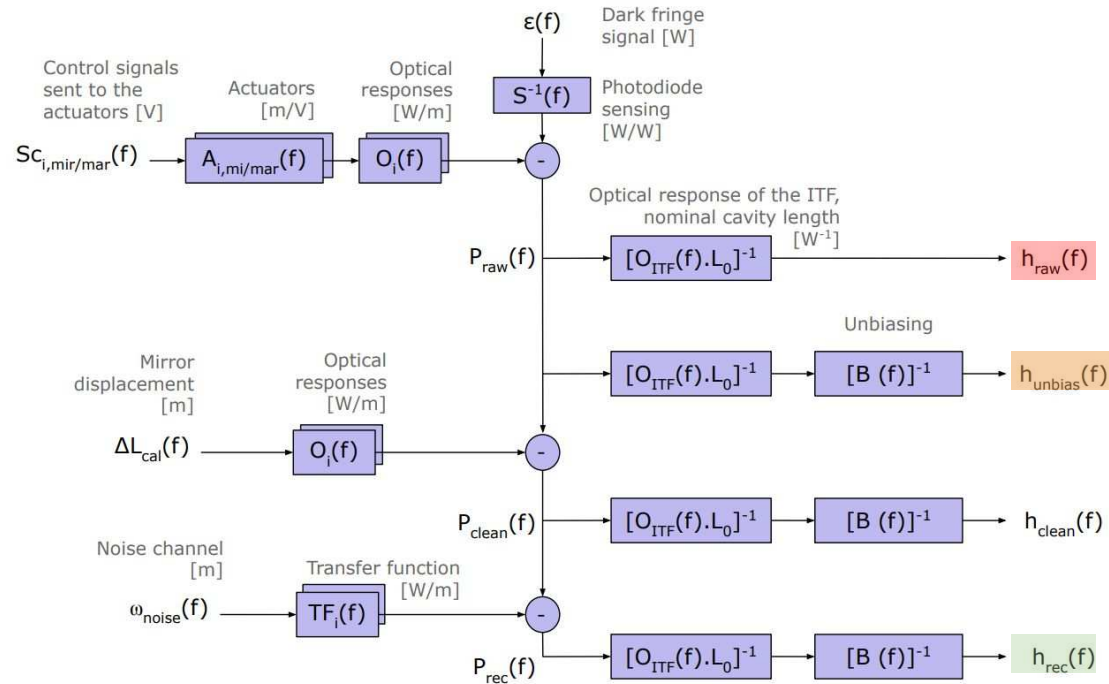
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GW signal is reconstructed by subtracting the contributions of the different control loop signal from the dark fringe signal $\rightarrow h_{\text{raw}}(f)$

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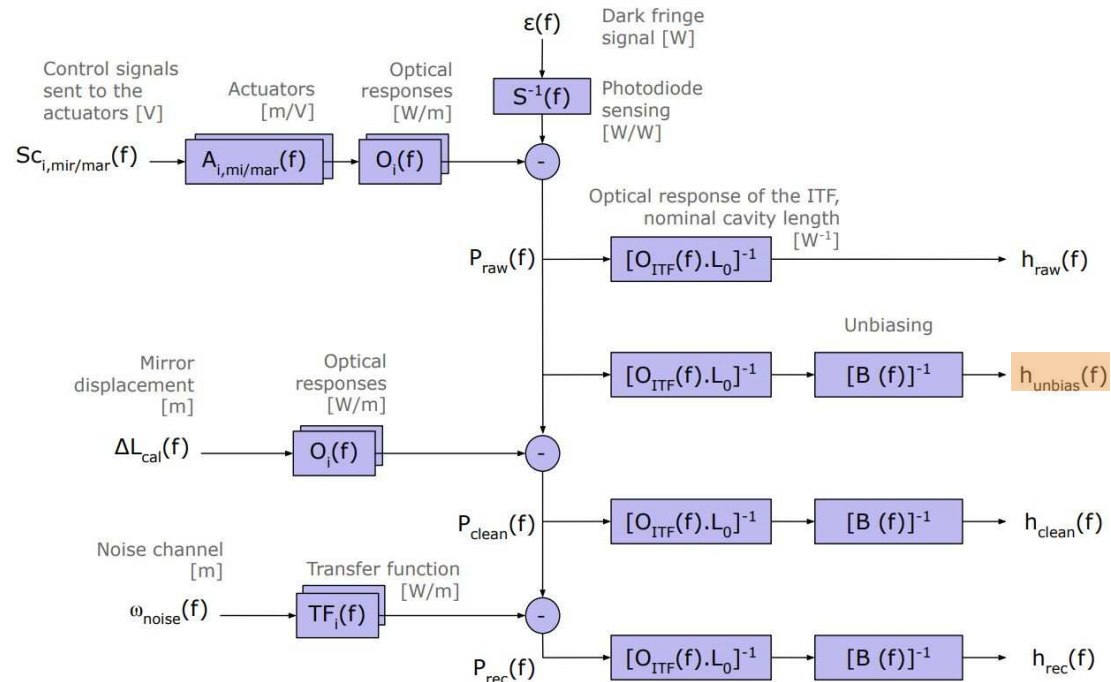
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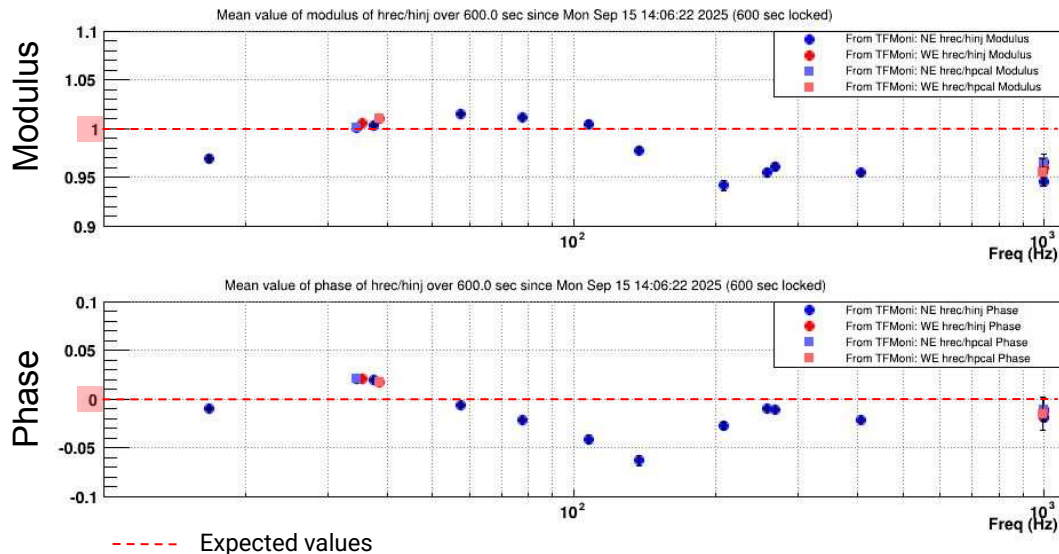
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Two injection types:

Permanent lines

- 16 lines distributed between NE and WE
- Injected with the PCal and E.M. actuators
- Injected permanently to monitor h_{rec} / h_{inj}
- Injections frequency limited but allows to check on the bias shape and its evolution



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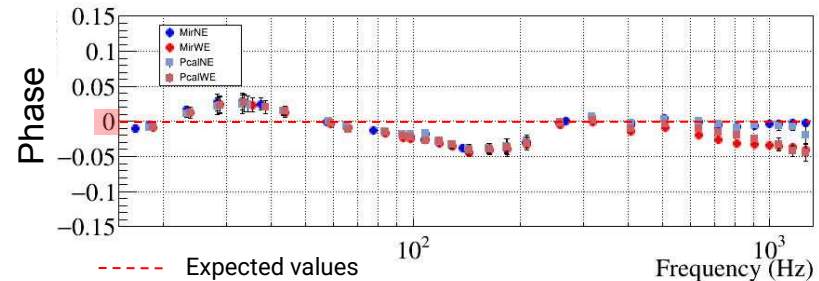
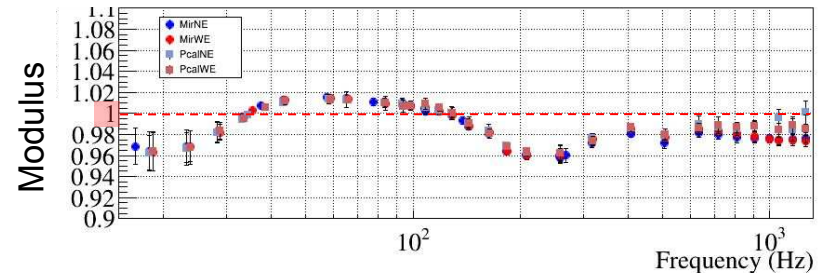
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Two injection types:

Weekly lines

- 32 lines injected between 18 Hz and 1238 Hz
- Injected for a few minutes every week with the NE and WE PCal and E.M. actuators
- Allows to monitor the reconstruction bias more precisely
- Allows to check the agreement between the 4 different actuators





Bias and uncertainty computation method

GOAL: To develop a method for estimating the $h(t)$ reconstruction bias and uncertainty on the full frequency band

Method:

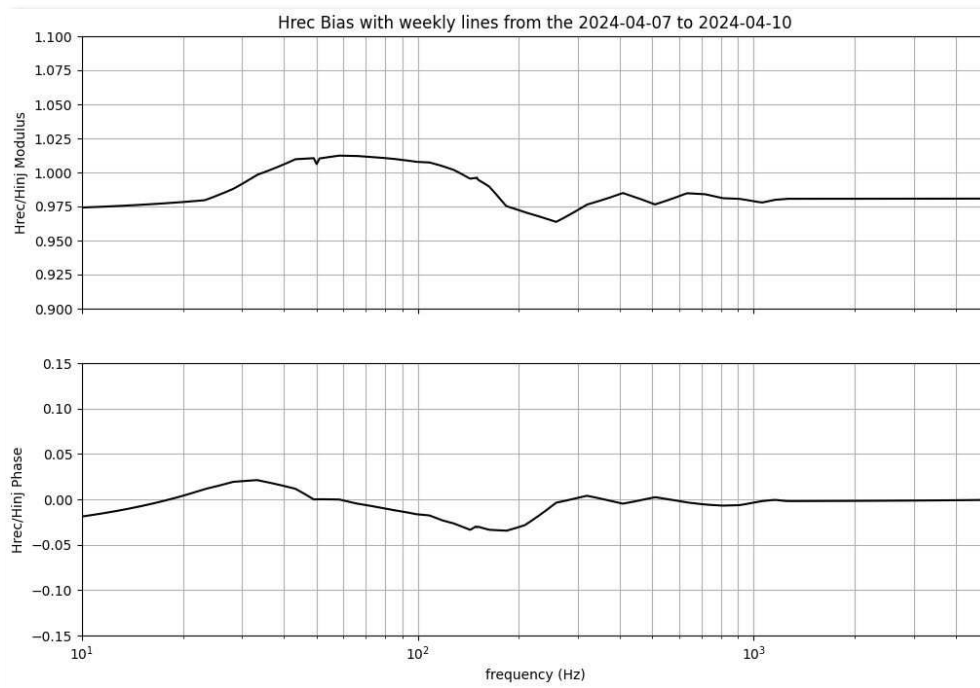
1. Bias estimation to correct online the $h(t)$ reconstruction → **Weekly lines**
 - Precise bias estimation with the 32 lines
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Results and stability during the run

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Weekly lines → **BIAIS**



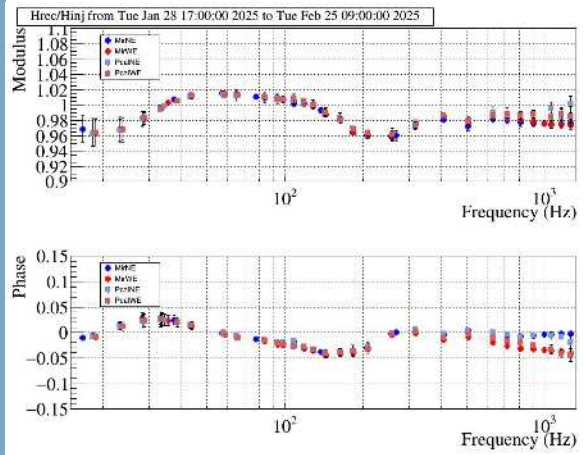


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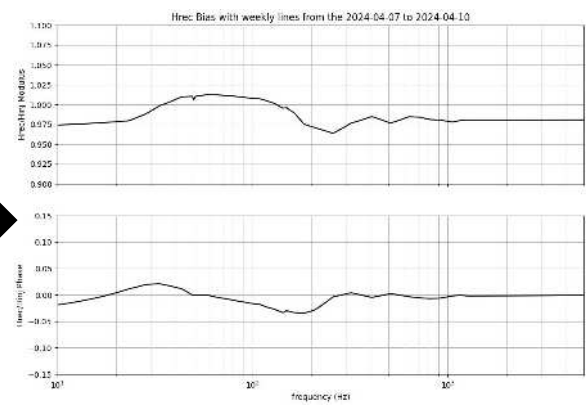
Send to analysis pipelines

Residual bias negligible compared to the calibration uncertainties

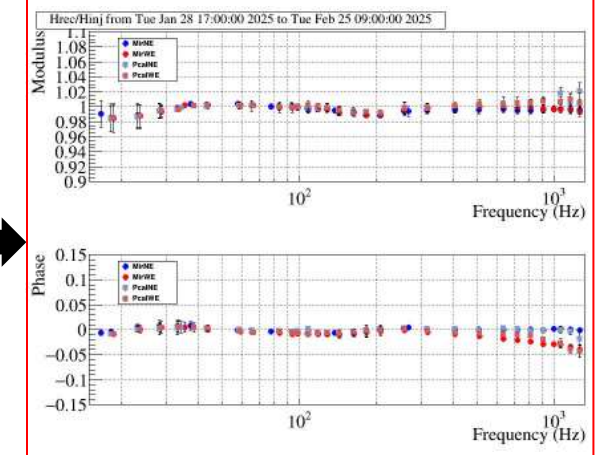
Weekly lines



Hrec bias



After unbiasing





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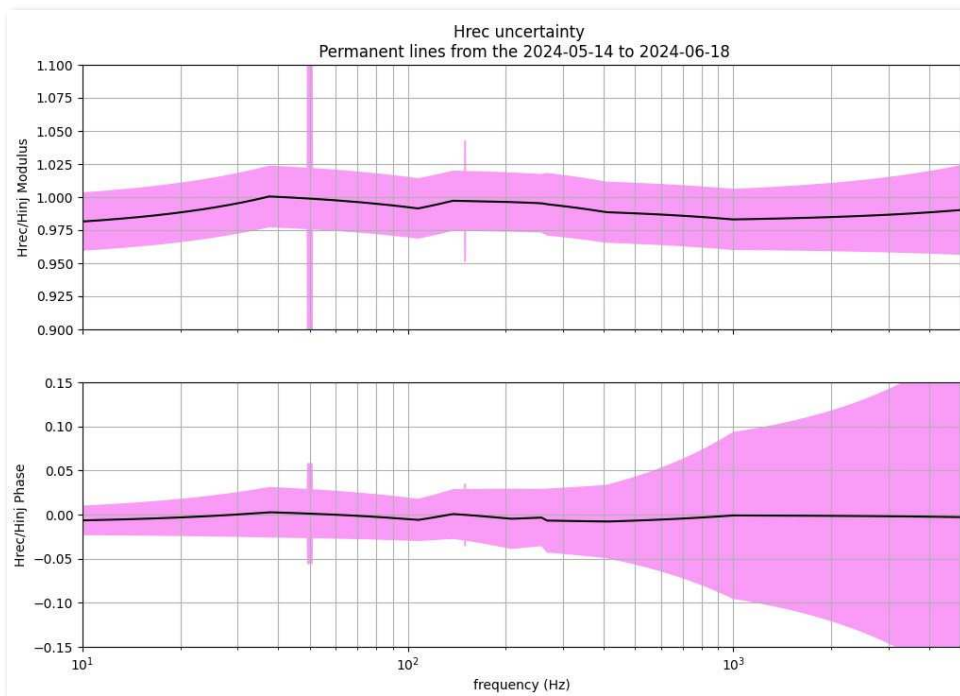
2. Uncertainty estimation on the unbiased $h(t)$ → **Permanent Lines**
 - Permanently injected lines
 - Monitor the stability on a longer timescale



Results and stability during the run

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Permanent lines → **INCERTITUDE**





Results and stability during the run

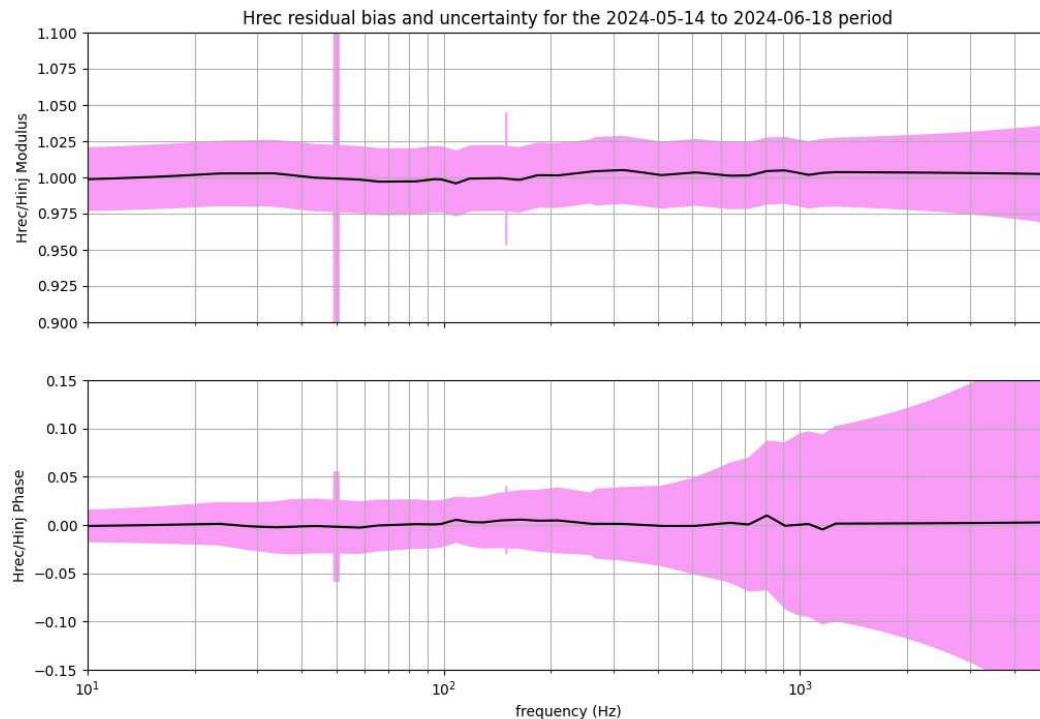
Hrec residual bias is below **1%** and **10 mrad** on the full frequency band

The uncertainty is $\pm 2.5\%$ on the modulus

And for the phase, inferior to ± 70 mrad up to 500 Hz and ± 10 μ s at higher frequency

The data distributed to analysis pipeline corresponds to:

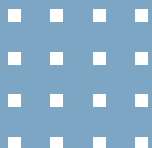
- $h(t)$ (unbiased)
- + frequency dependent uncertainties
- + residual bias



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Conclusion

- **Success of the intercalibration scheme between the LVK observatories**
Regular measurement during the entire run
- **PCal used as permanent reference for the Virgo calibration**
Uncertainty of 0.48 % compared to 1.36% during O3
Stability of 0.15 % during the run
- **H(t) reconstruction uncertainty improved**
2.5% compared to 5% in O3
Frequency dependent uncertainty
- **Calibration is crucial in order to get a precise h(t) strain signal**





Thank you !

Sources d'ondes gravitationnelles

Un onde gravitationnelle ne peut être produite que par des systèmes asymétriques.

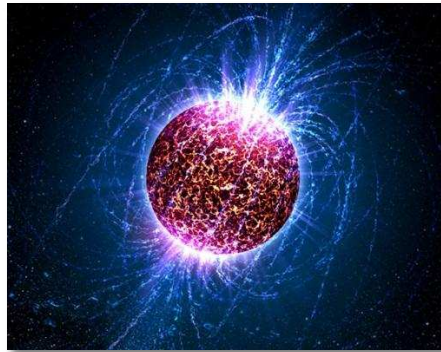
- **Autres signaux attendus**

Explosions



CRÉDIT - SNR 0519-69.0 - Chandra X ray telescope - NASA

Ondes continues



CRÉDIT - Casey Reed - Penn State University

Fond stochastique



CRÉDIT - Olena Shmahalo

$h(t)$ émis par coalescences binaire compact

Signal d'OG émis par coalescences système binaire

$$h_+ \equiv 2 \frac{\mathcal{M}}{d_L} (1 + \cos^2 i) (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cos(\Phi + \Psi)$$

$$h_\times \equiv 4 \frac{\mathcal{M}}{d_L} \cos i (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{\frac{2}{3}} \sin(\Phi + \Psi)$$

Masse Chirp :

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{\frac{3}{5}}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{\frac{1}{5}}}$$

$$\Phi \equiv -2 \left(\frac{t_0 - t}{5\mathcal{M}} \right)^{\frac{5}{8}}$$

Radiation frequency :

$$f \equiv \frac{1}{\pi \mathcal{M}} \left[\frac{5}{256} \frac{\mathcal{M}}{t_0 - t} \right]^{\frac{3}{8}}$$

Phase : Ψ

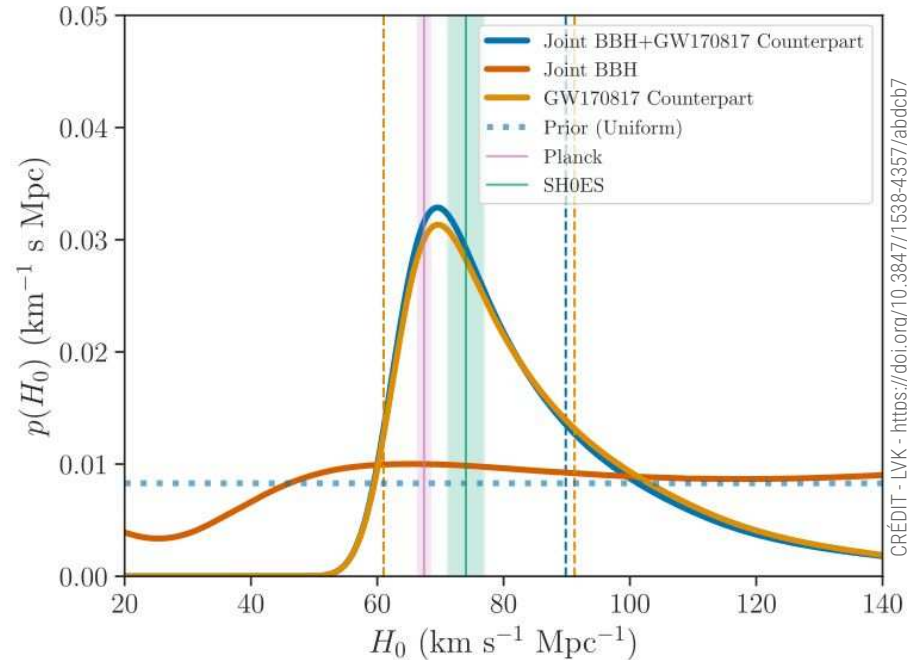
Temps de la fusion : t_0

Physique des ondes gravitationnelles

- **Mesures de la constante de Hubble**

Mesure de la constante de Hubble avec GW170817

→ plus de détections multimessagers permettront de discriminer entre résultats des mesures “locales” (SHOES) et des mesures CMB (Planck)



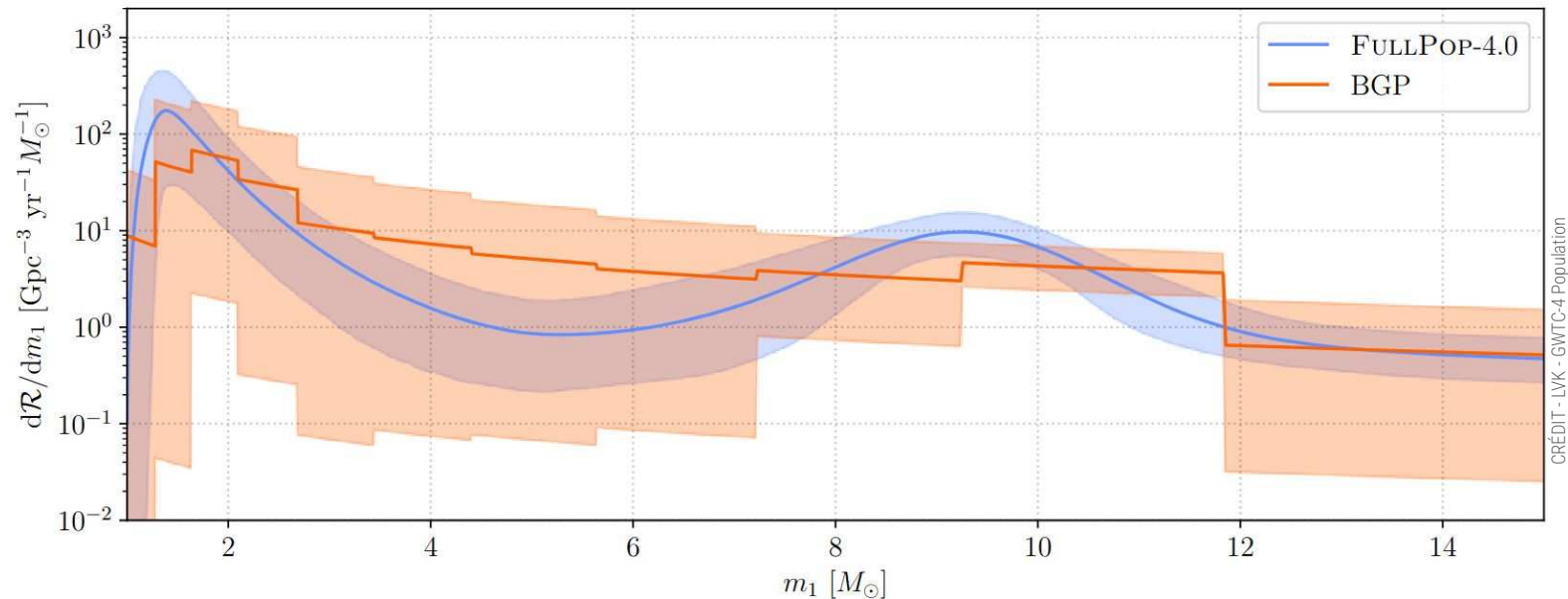
BNS - NSBH population

Taux volumétrique de coalescences en fonction de la masse de l'objet 1

Pic autour de 2 masses solaires → masse maximale des étoiles à neutrons postulée $\sim 2.5 M_{\odot}$

Déficit de masse en dessous de $5 M_{\odot}$ → masse minimale des trous noirs postulée à $\sim 5 M_{\odot}$

Cependant, la courbe ne tombe pas complètement à zéros → quelques trous noir créés en dessous de $5 M_{\odot}$ → Supernova peuvent créer des trous noirs à ces masses → change notre compréhension des supernova

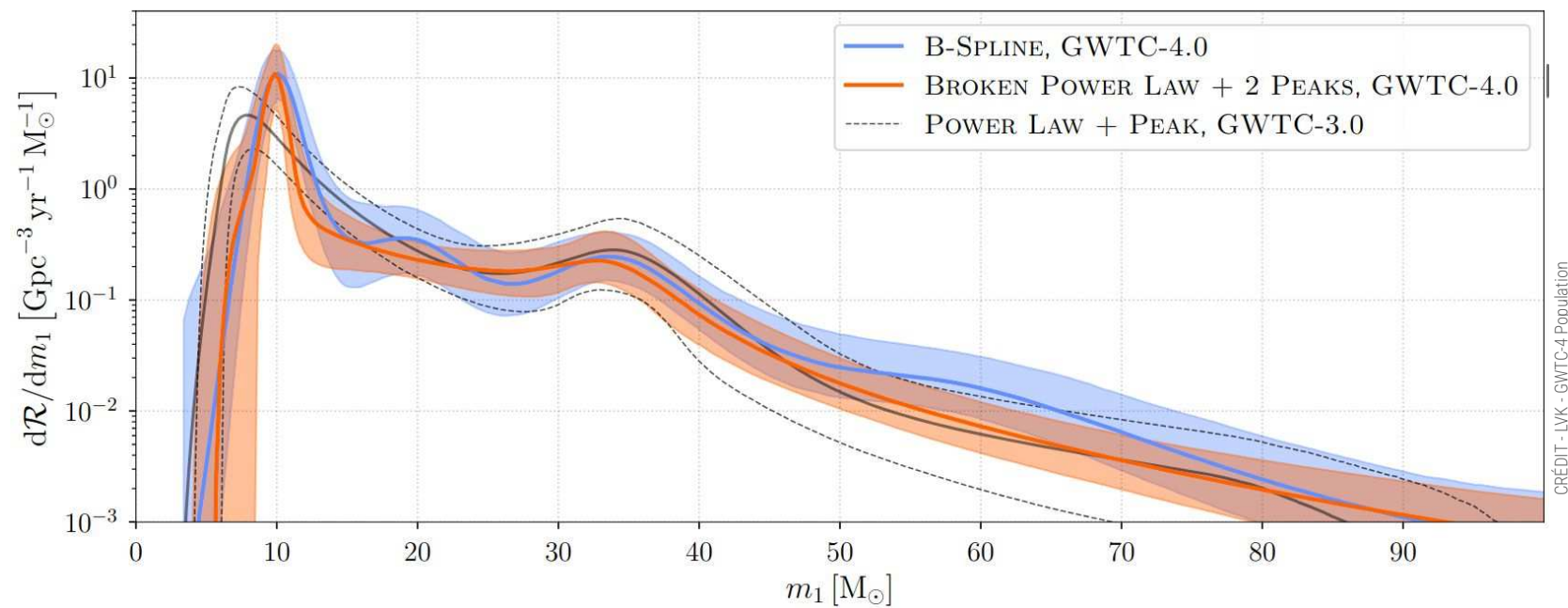


BBH population

Pic à $10 M_{\odot}$ → Exigence de transfert de masse stable entre deux étoiles binaires → créer des trous noirs autour de $10 M_{\odot}$

Pic à $35 M_{\odot}$ → Beaucoup d'hypothèses différentes

Déficit de masse après $45 M_{\odot}$ → instabilité de paire des supernova → instabilité du coeur des supernova quand on dépasse une certaine masse → pas de formation de trous noir → mystère pourquoi on voit tout de même des trous noirs dans cette région

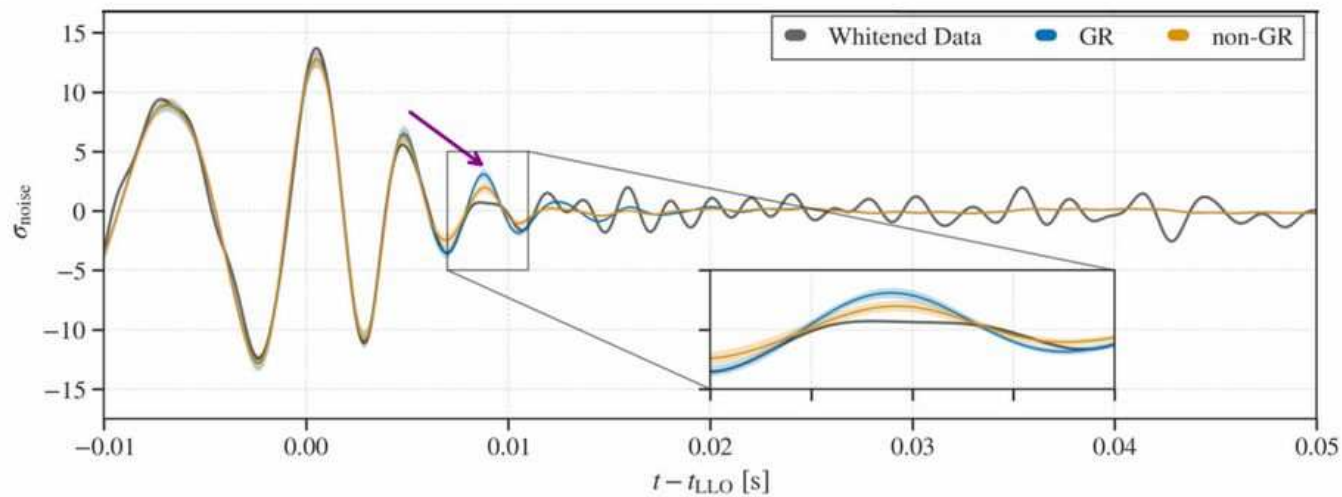


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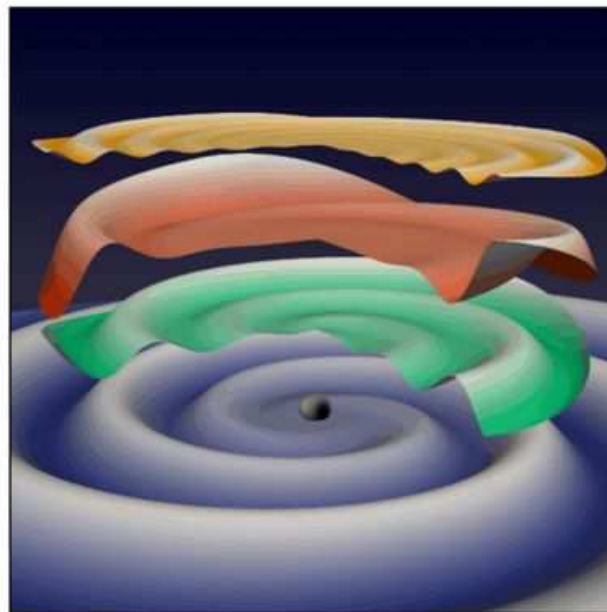
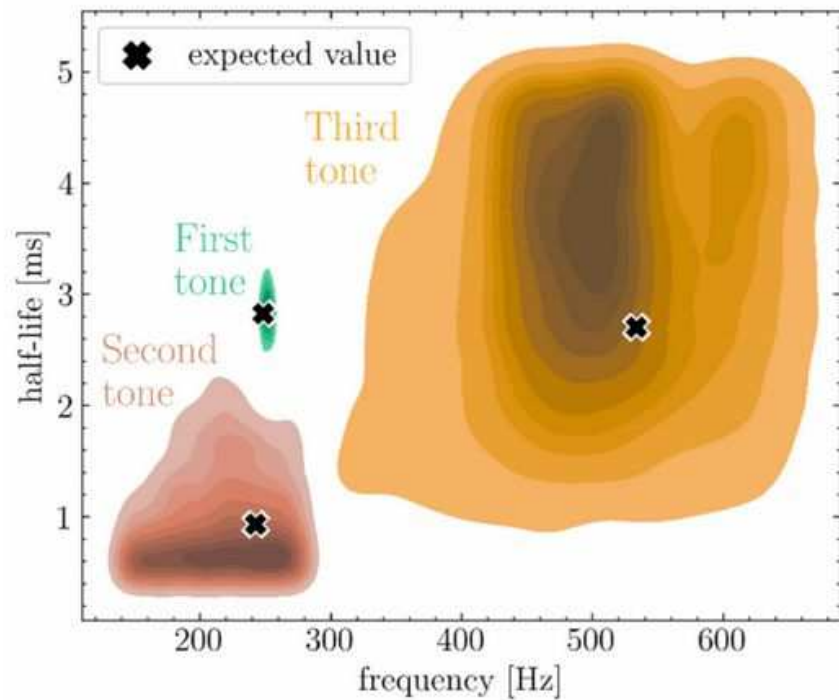
SNR de 42.4

BBH

33.7 et 28.2

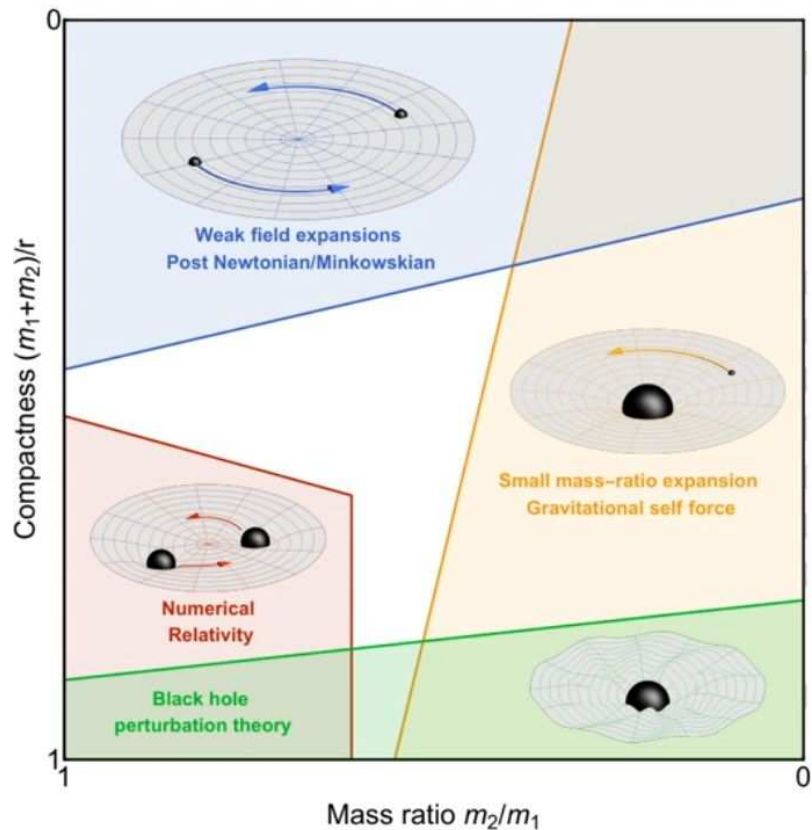


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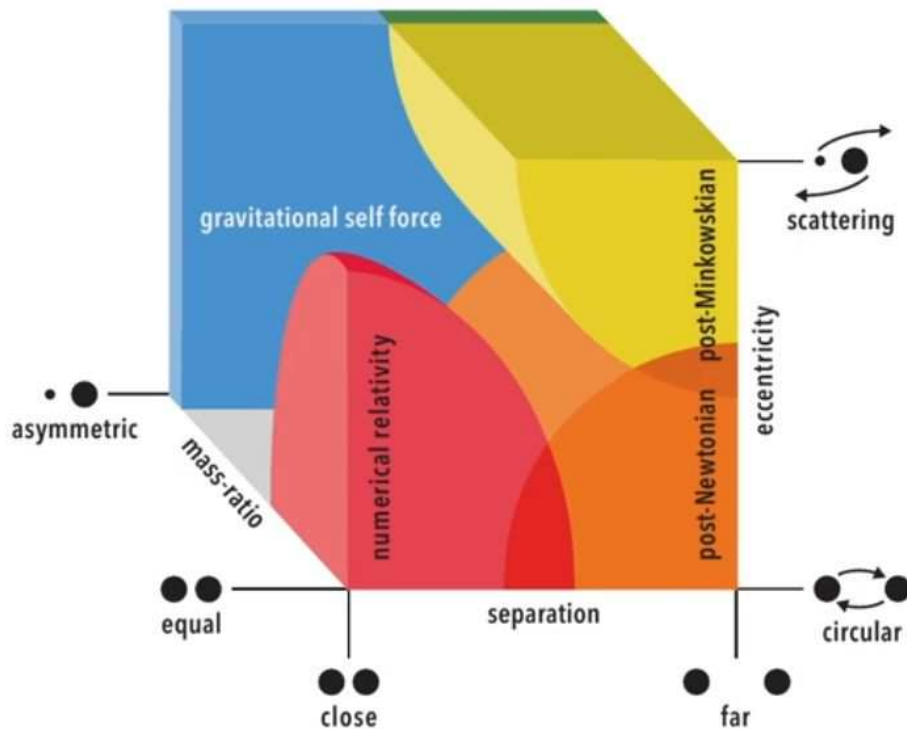
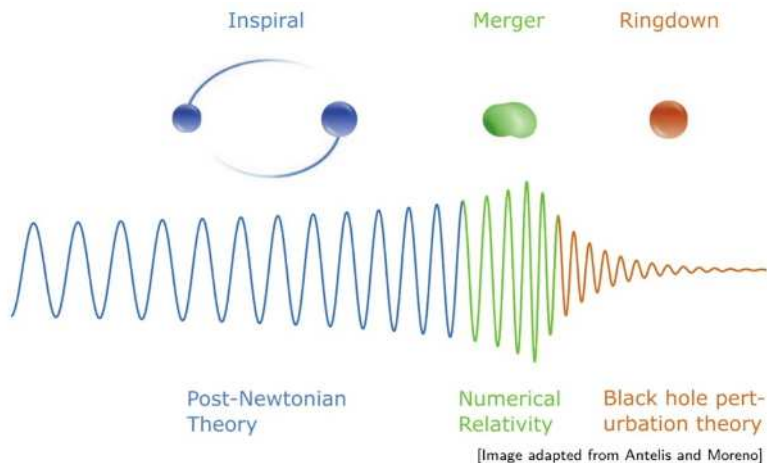
Forme d'onde et approximations GR

- NR: “exact”
- PN: $v^2 \sim (m_1 + m_2)/r \ll 1$
- PM: $(m_1 + m_2)/r \ll 1$
- GSF: $m_2/m_1 \ll 1$
- ringdown: $|g_{\alpha\beta} - g_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{Kerr}}| \ll 1$



[Credit: LISA Waveforms White Paper]

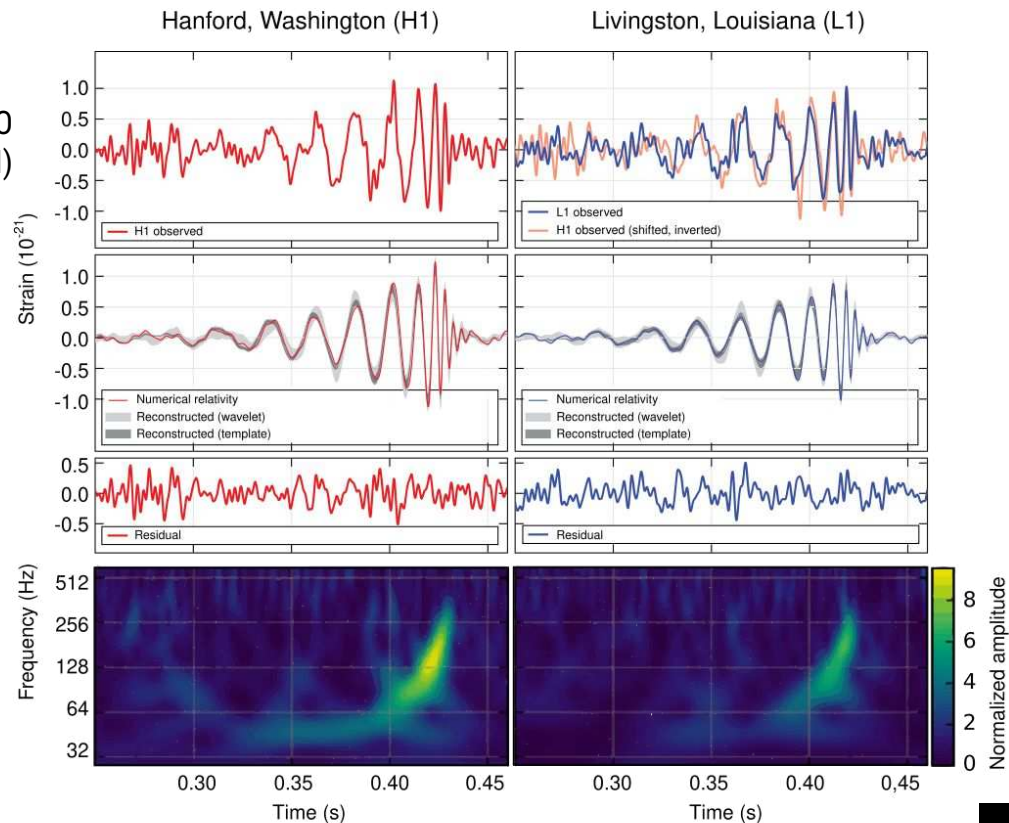
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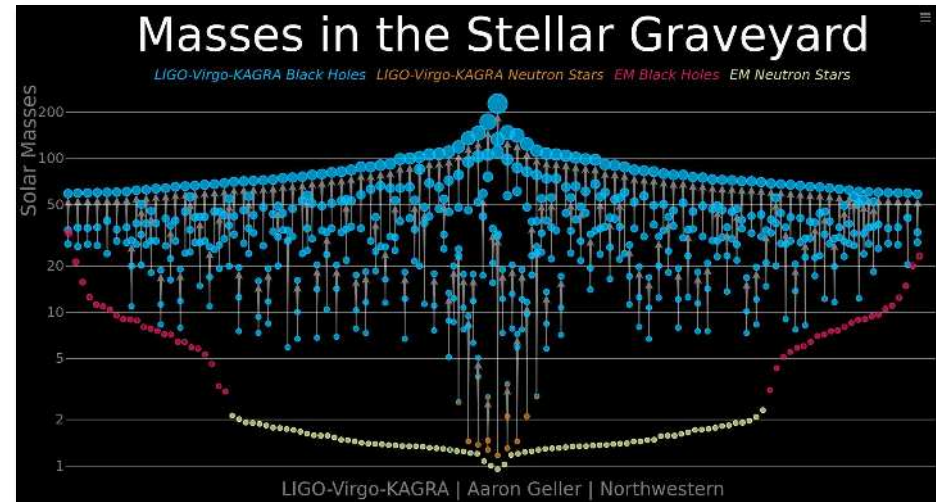
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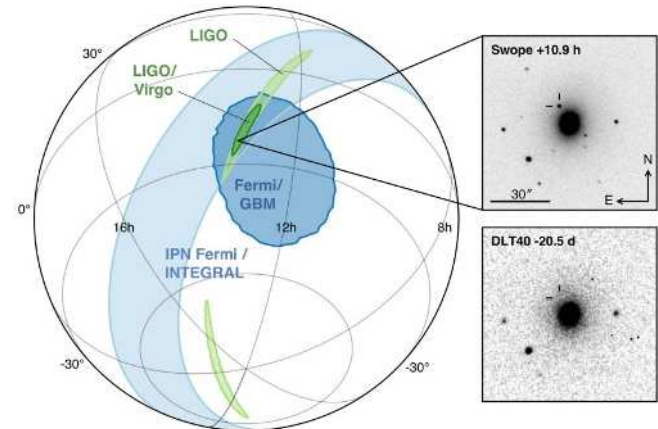
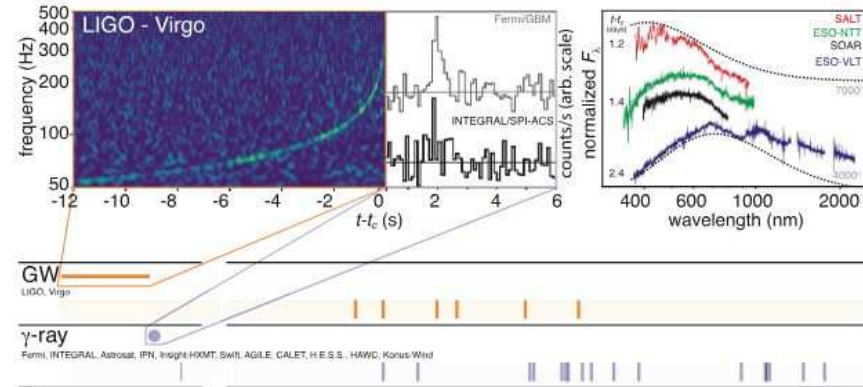
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- Depuis, plusieurs centaines d'autres coalescences détectées (BBH, BNS, NSBH)
- Permet de faire des études de populations
→ information sur les processus à l'origine de la création des trous noirs et des étoiles à neutrons



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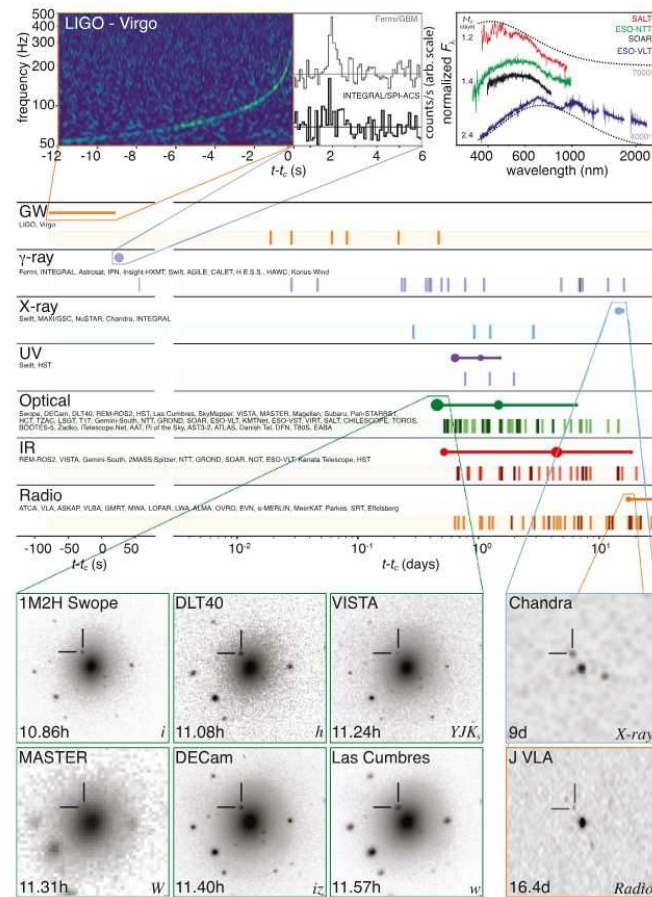
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- Puis détections à travers tout le spectre E.M. jusqu'à plusieurs jours plus tard.

Détections MM permettent :

- Étude de l'origine des GRB
- Étude des kilonovas
- Mesure de la vitesses des OG
- Mesure de la constante de Hubble



Physique des ondes gravitationnelles

THE SPECTRUM OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



Observatories & experiments

Ground-based experiment



Space-based observatory



Pulsar timing array



Cosmic microwave background polarisation



Timescales

milliseconds

seconds

hours

years

billions of years

Frequency (Hz)

100

1

10^{-2}

10^{-4}

10^{-6}

10^{-8}

10^{-16}

Cosmic fluctuations in the early Universe

Cosmic sources



Supernova



Pulsar



Compact object falling onto a supermassive black hole



Merging supermassive black holes



Merging neutron stars in other galaxies



Merging stellar-mass black holes in other galaxies



Merging white dwarfs in our Galaxy

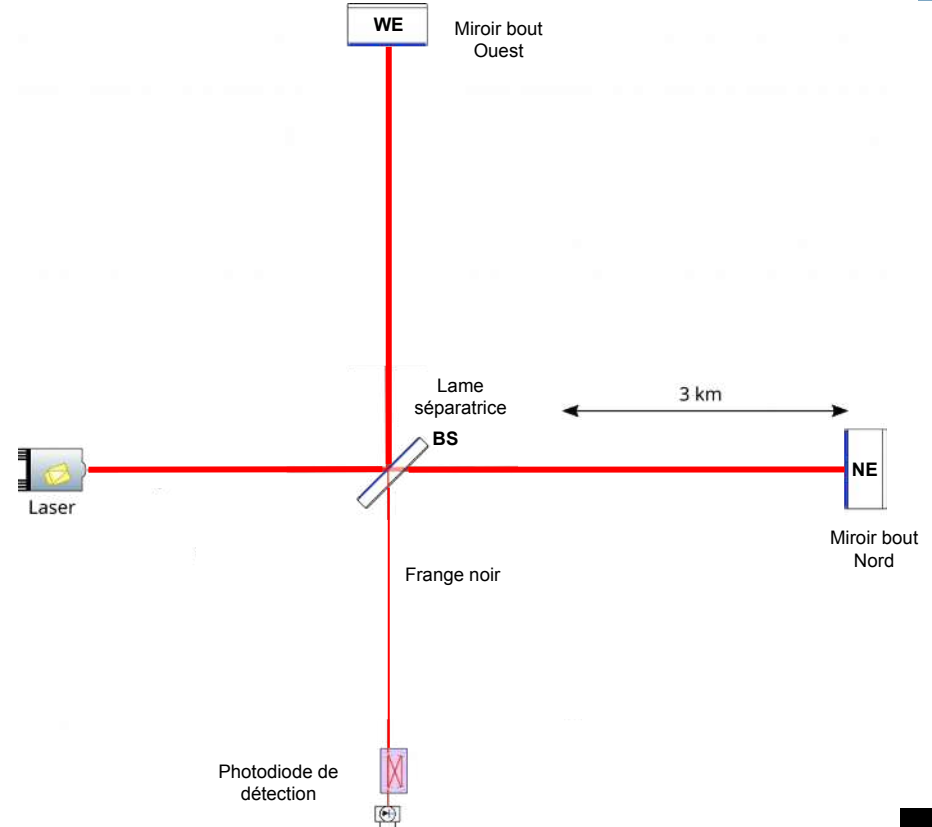
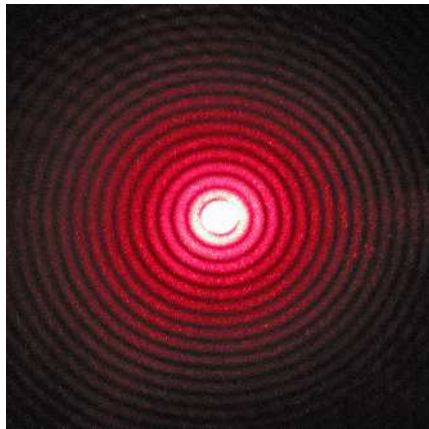
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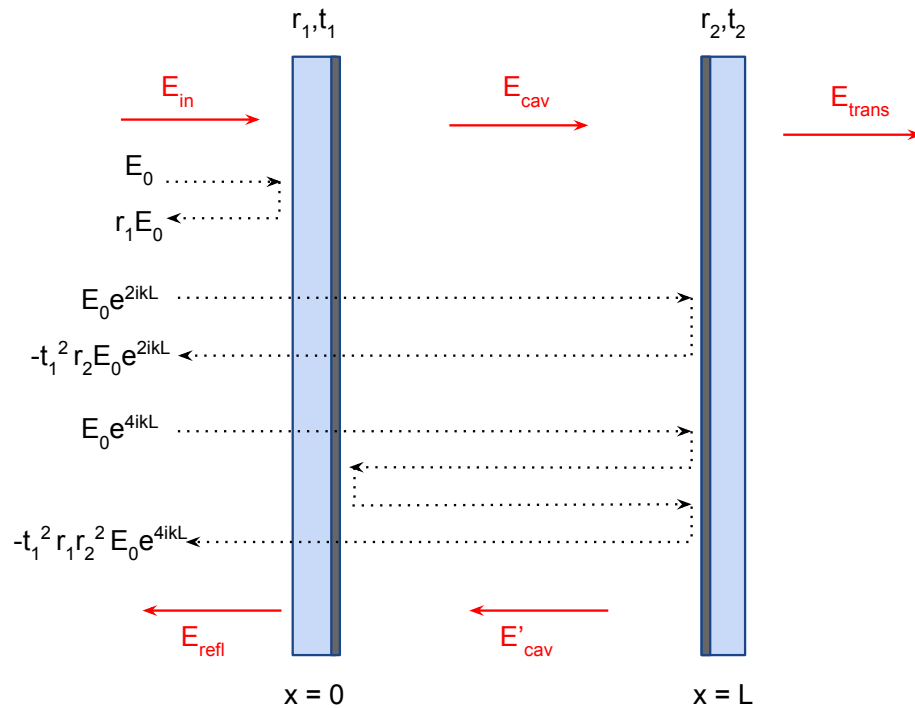
Méthode de détection avec Advanced Virgo

Interféromètre terrestre avec des bras de 3 km :

- Source Laser, proche-IR (1064 nm)
- lame séparatrice (BS)
- Miroirs de bout de bras (NE, WE)



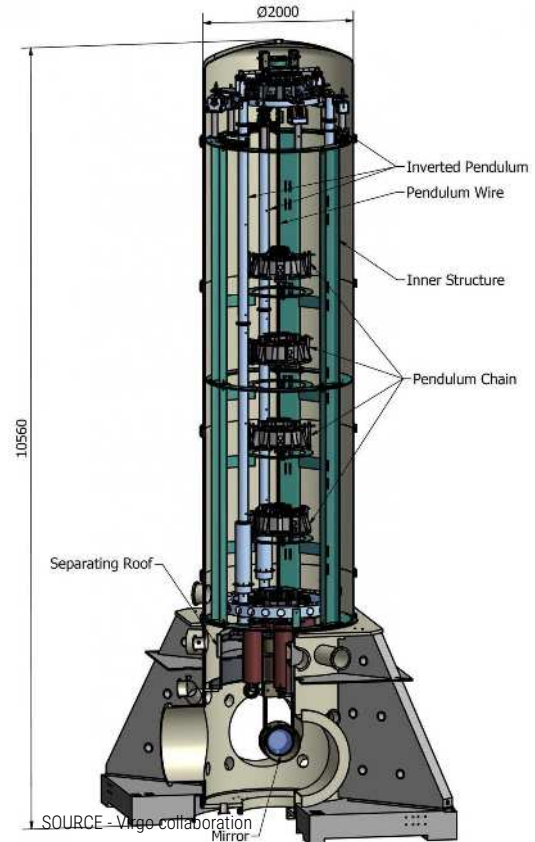
Cavité Fabry-Perot résonante



Super attenuator system

- Pendulum : longitudinal displacement
- Blade springs : vertical displacement
- Torsion threads : rotation

Resonant frequency < 1Hz

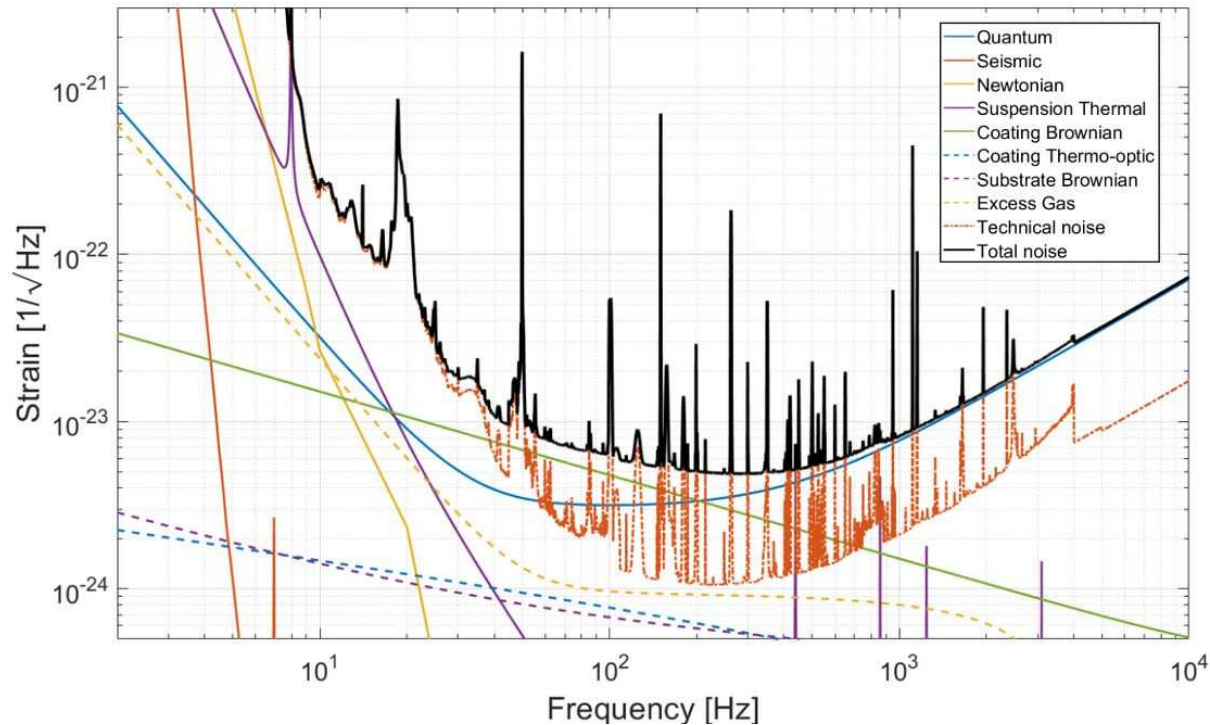


Contrôle de l'interféromètre

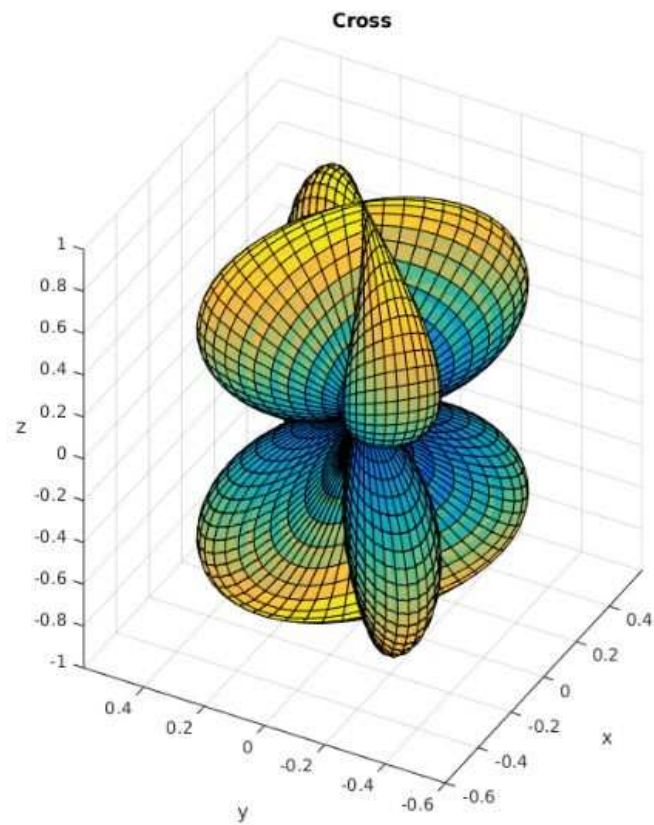
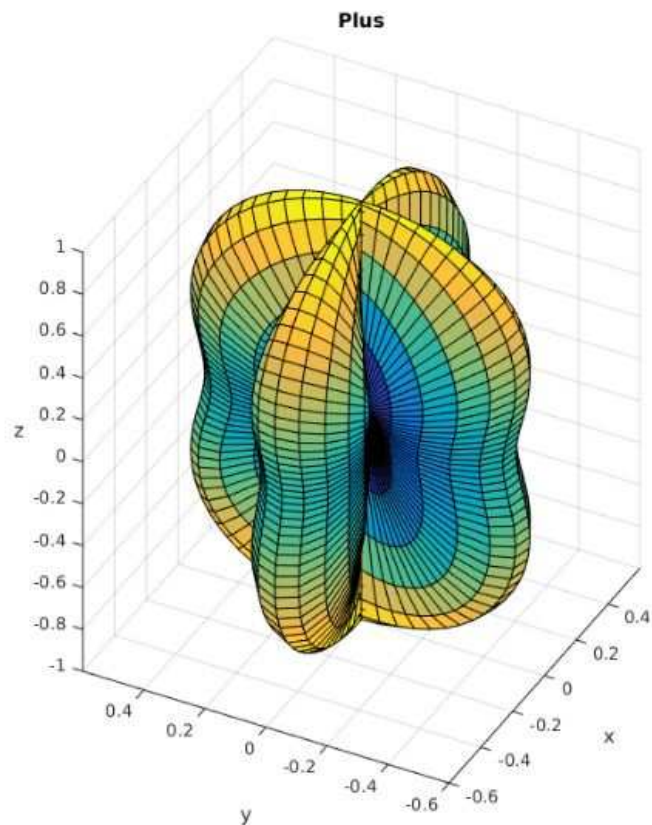
Mouvement des miroir dus à différents "bruits" (sismiques, quantiques, etc)



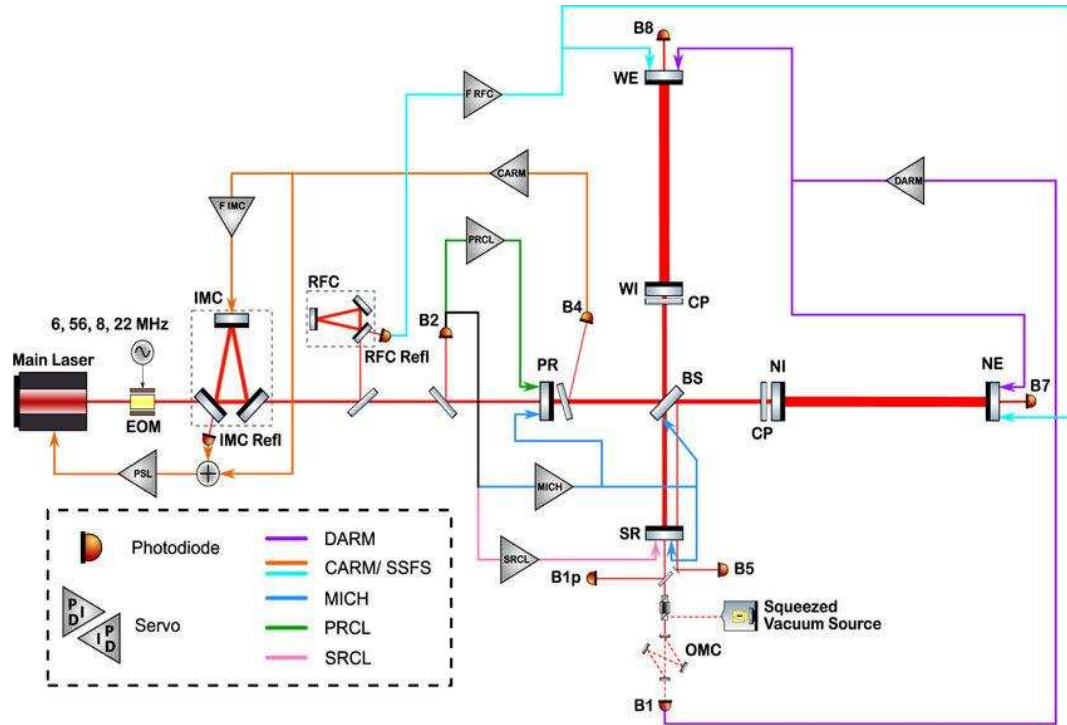
Nécessaire de contrôler très précisément la position des miroirs et la longueurs des cavités résonantes pour détecter les OG



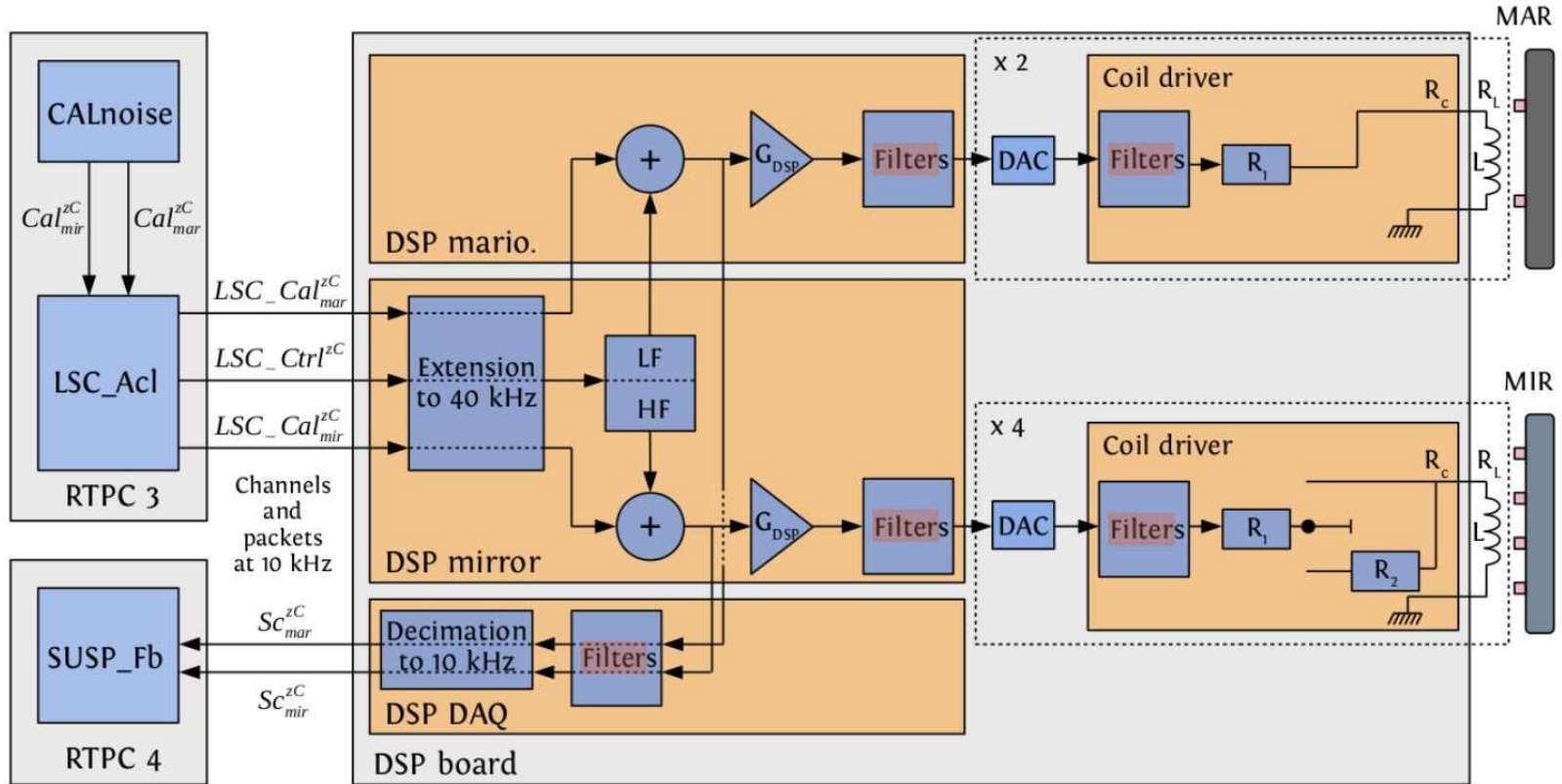
Réponse d'antenne à un signal d'OG



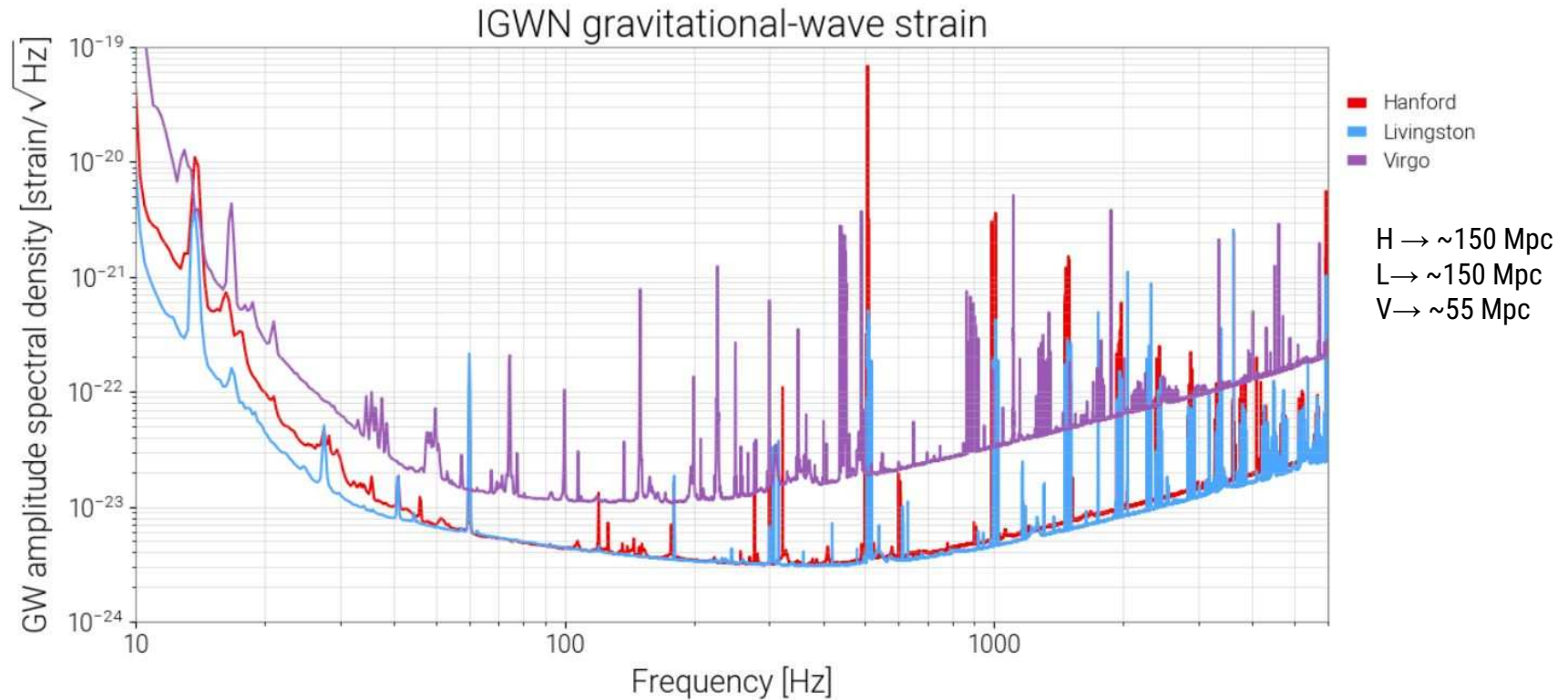
Systeme de controle de Virgo



Chaîne d'acquisition des actionneurs E.M.



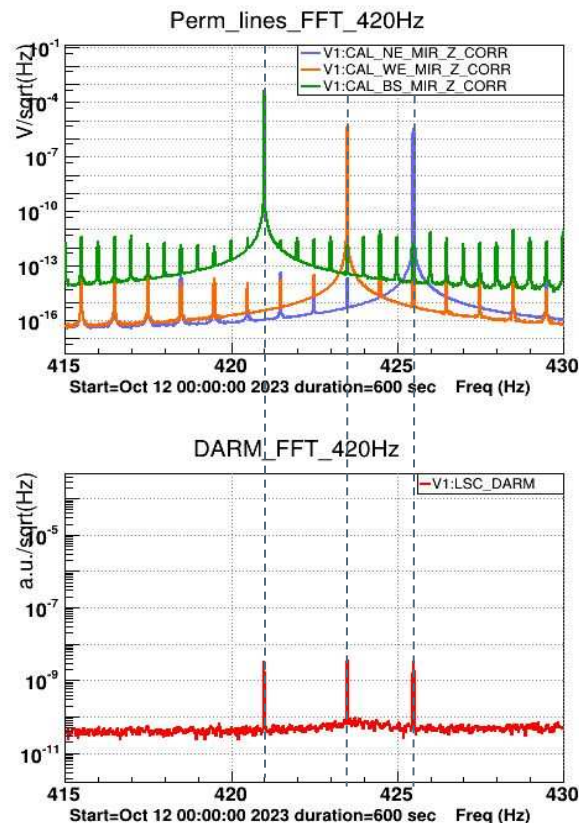
Sensibilité 04 des détecteurs LIGO et Virgo



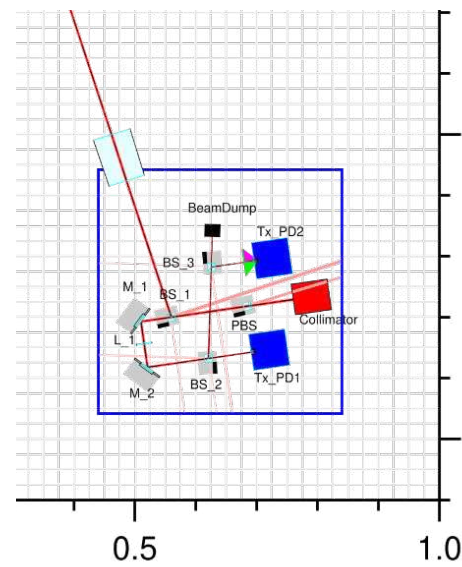
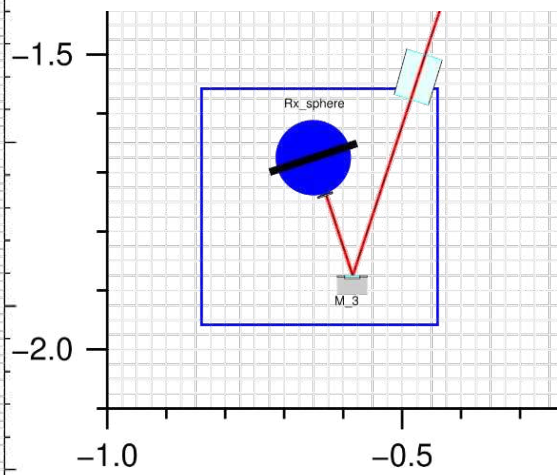
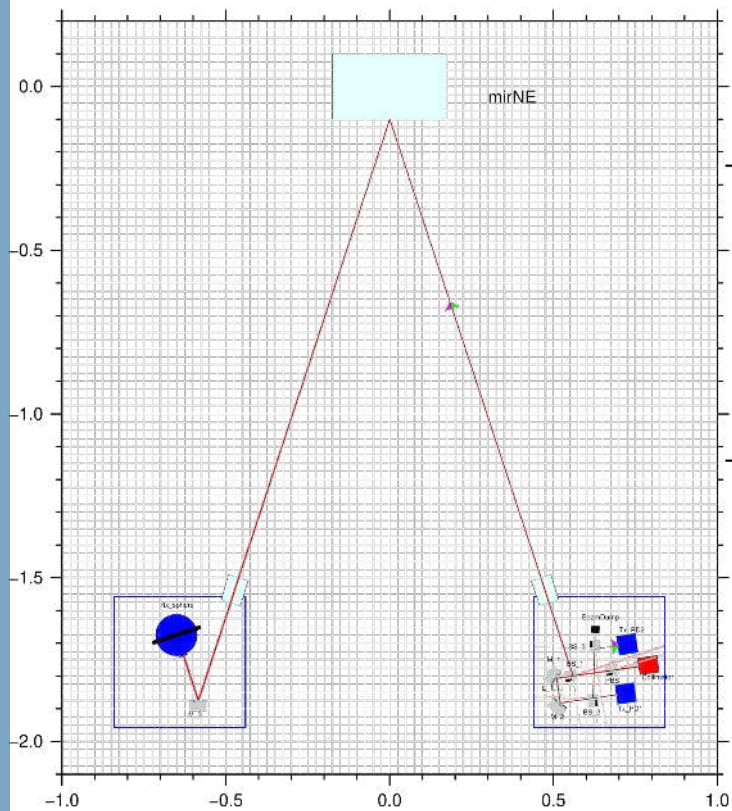
Calibration lines injections

Lines injections :

- Sinusoidal signals sent to move the mirrors using the different actuators (Pcal and Electromagnetic)
- Example of the 420Hz lines injected with E.M. actuators on NE, WE and BS mirrors
- Lines injected seen in the Fourier transform of the DARM signal

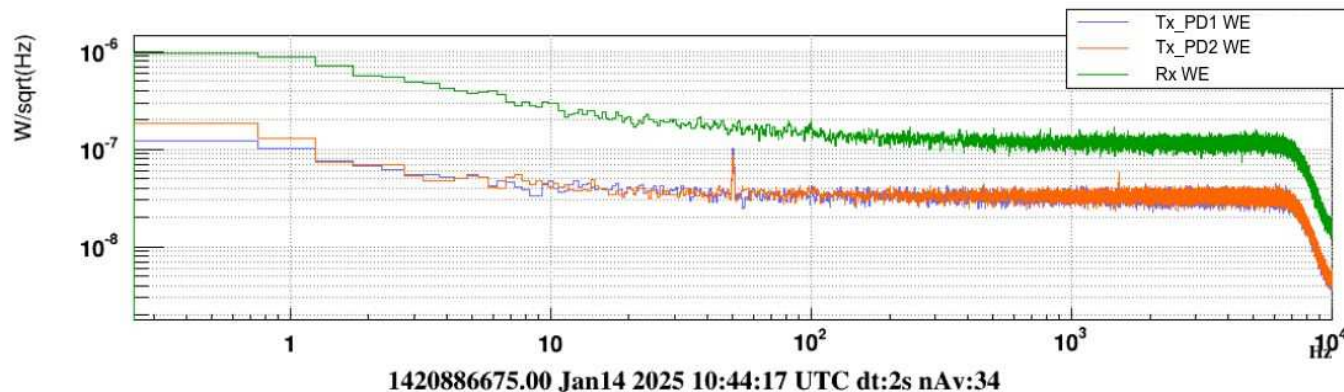
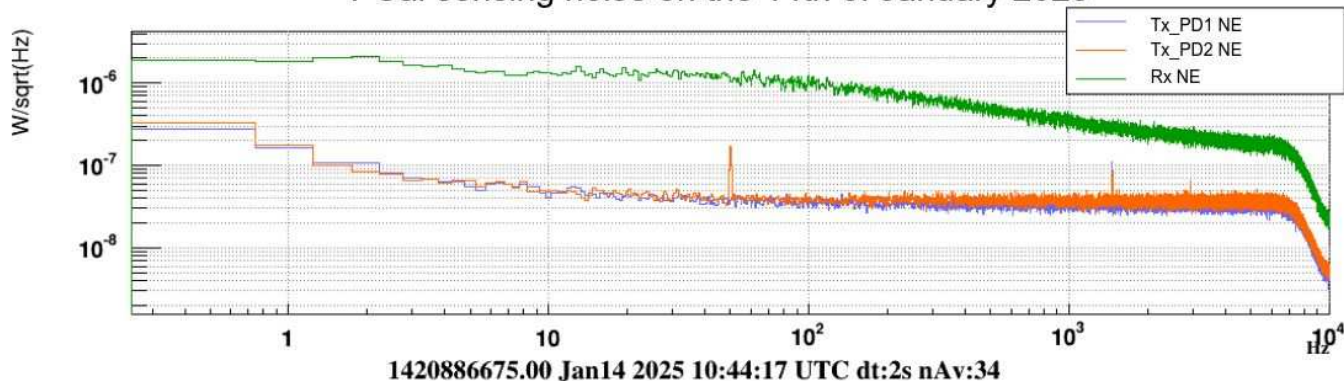


PCal optical layout



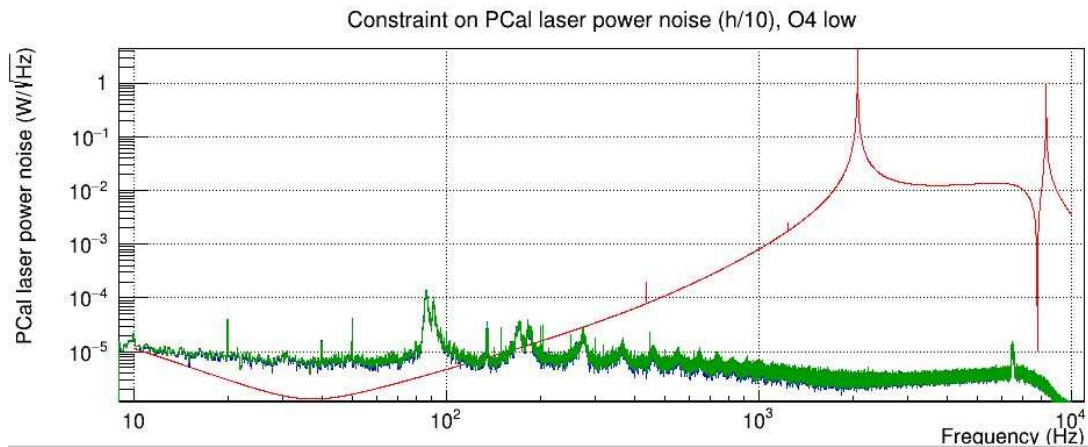
Bruit des capteurs de puissances sans laser

PCal sensing noise on the 14th of January 2025

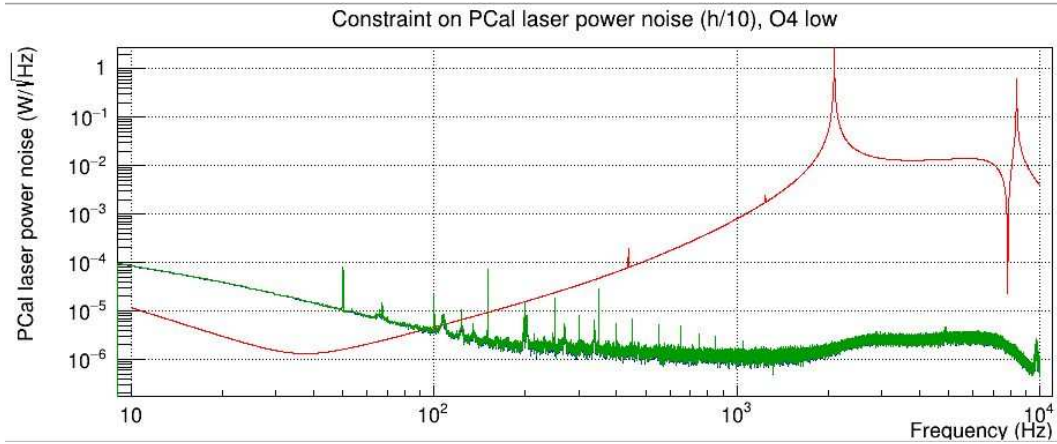


Bruit capteurs de puissances sans boucle

NE



WE



Boucle de contrôle laser PCal

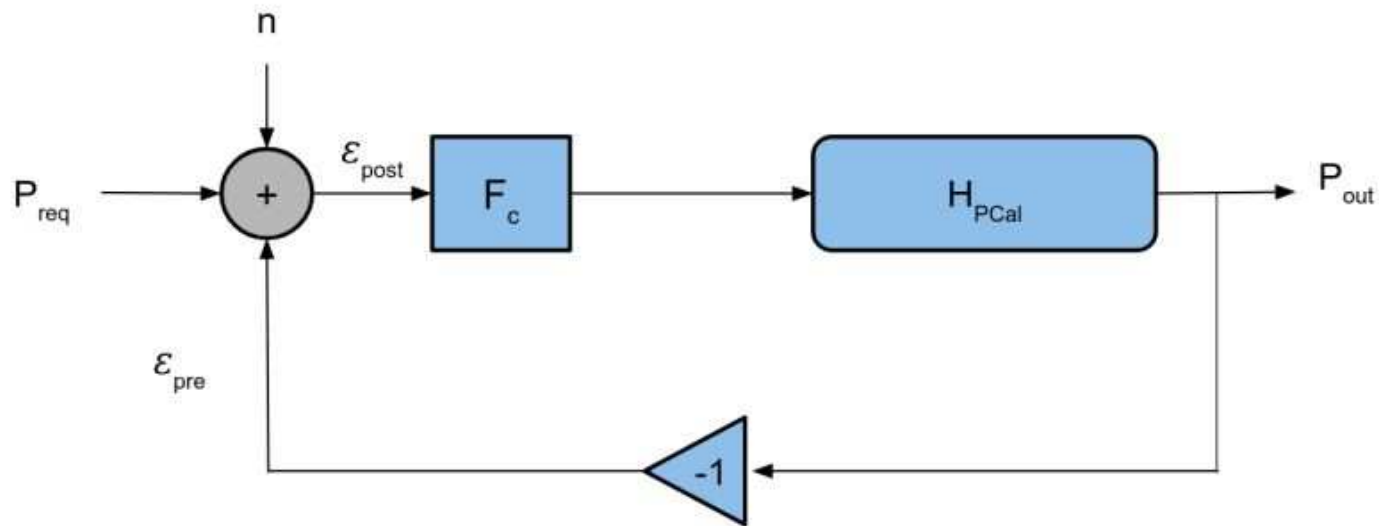
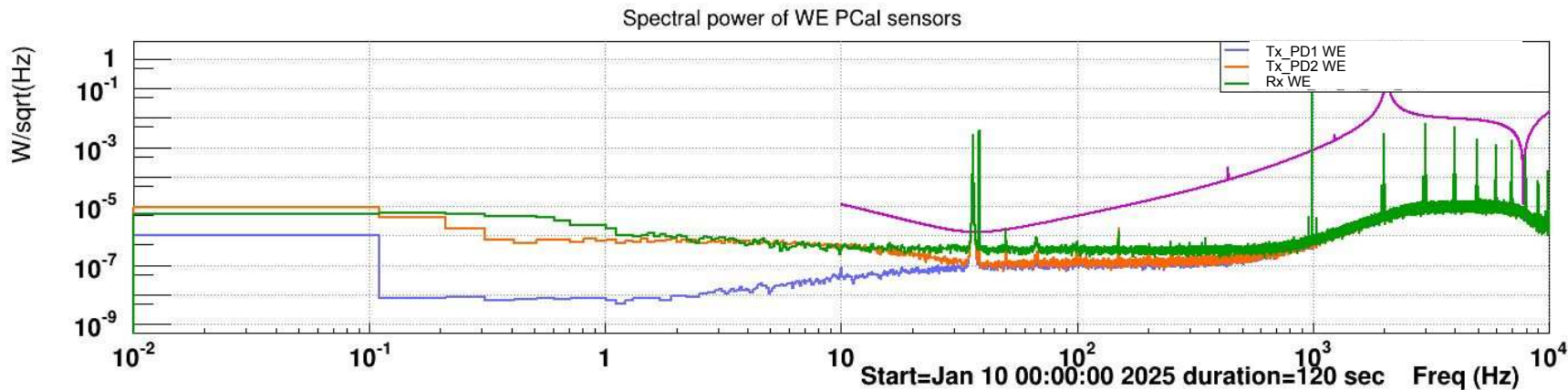
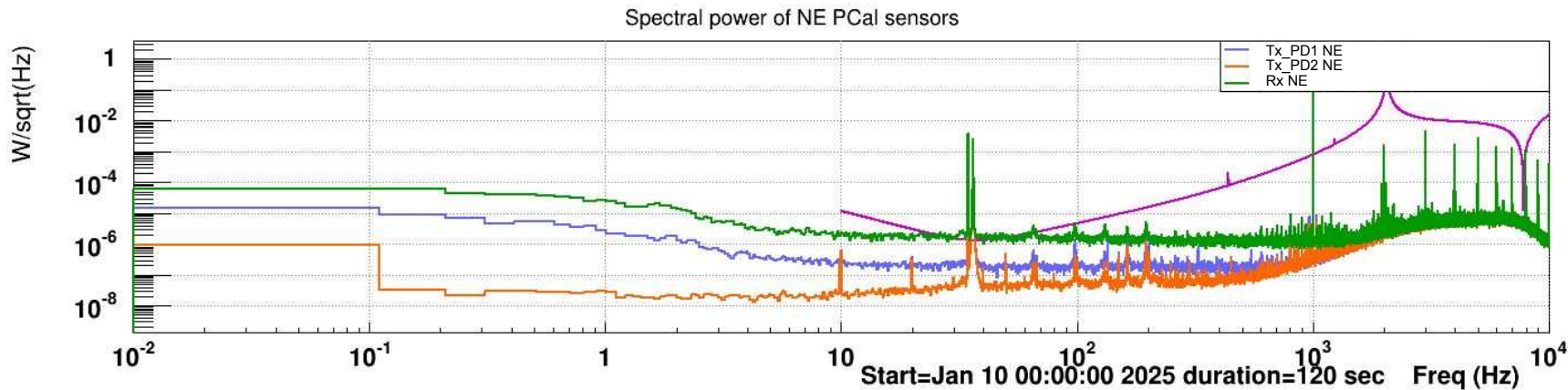
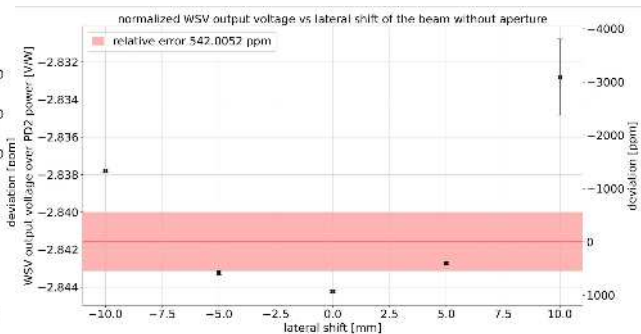
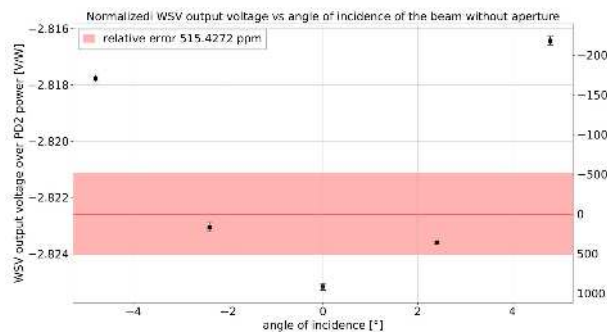
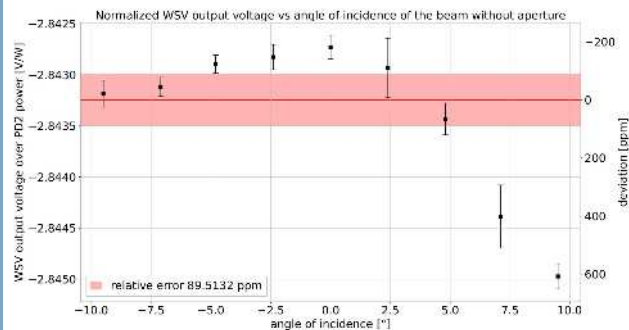
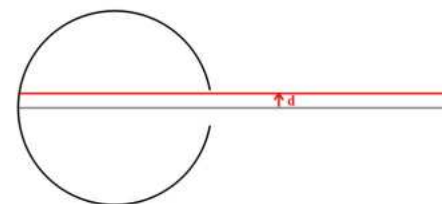
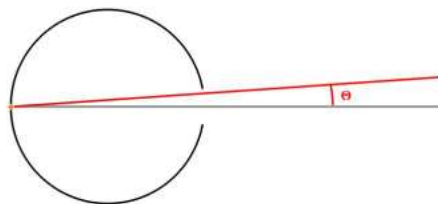
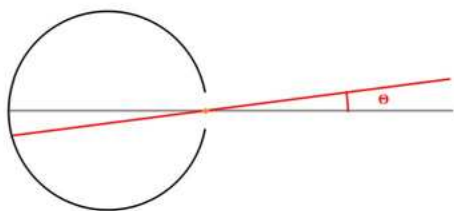


Figure 3.14: Representation of the PCal laser control loop.

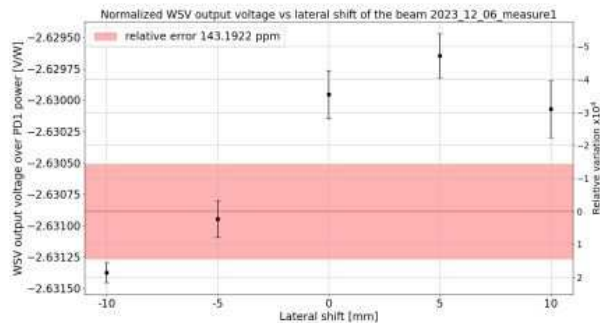
PCal laser power noise constraint for 04



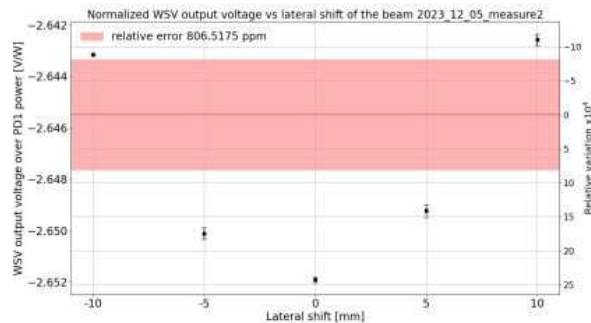
Investigation ghost beam setup intercalibration



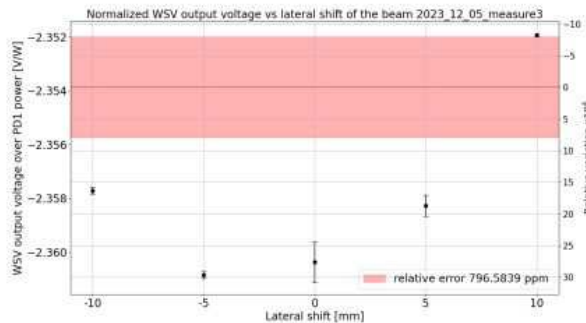
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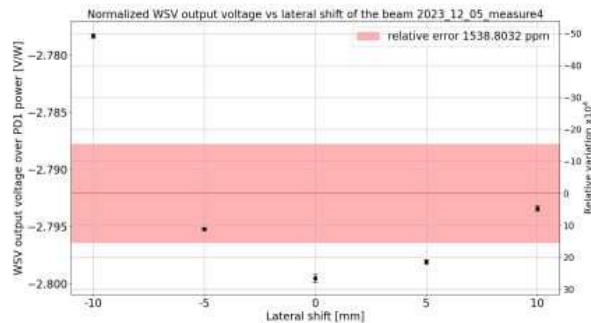
(a) Diaphragm closed



(b) Diaphragm open

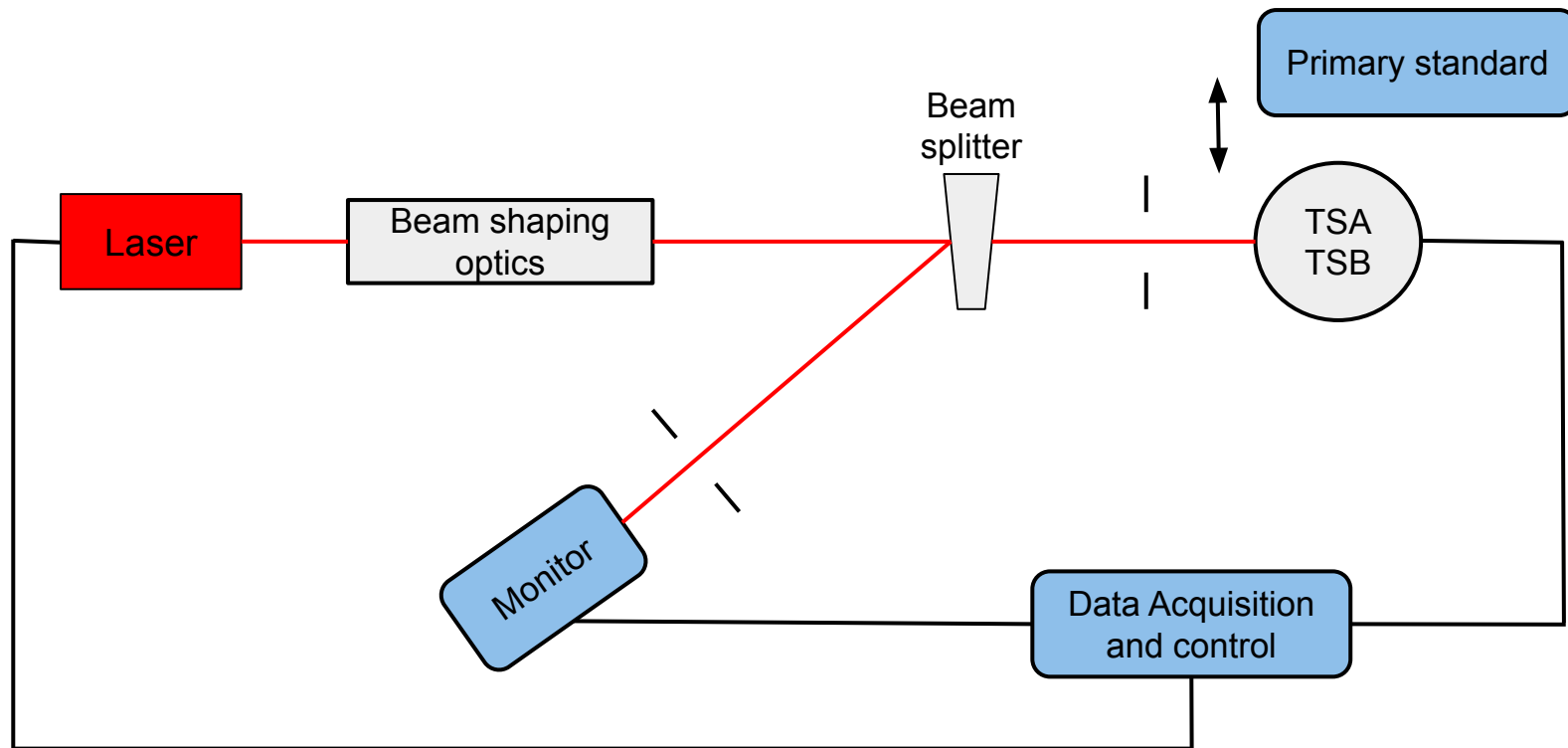


(c) Diaphragm open, dichroic mirror after BS1



(d) Diaphragm open, dichroic mirror after collimator

Calibration TSA/TSB à NIST



Calcul responsivité consensus à NIST et PTB

	CR	u(CR) [%]	DoE [%]	u(DoE) ($\sigma = 2$) [%]
TSA	-4.35988	0.08	-0.21	0.32
TSB	-4.27856	0.08	-0.23	

$$CR = (1 + \Delta_{RR}) \cdot R_{RR}$$

$$u(CR) = \sqrt{(\Delta_{RR} \cdot u(\Delta_{RR}))^2 + u^2(R_{RR})}$$

$$\Delta_{RR} = \sum_{l=1}^2 \omega_l \Delta_l$$

$$\text{with } \Delta_l = \frac{R_l}{R_{RR}} - 1$$

$$\text{and } \omega_l = \frac{u^{-2}(\Delta_l)}{\sum_{k=1}^2 u^{-2}(\Delta_k)}$$

$$\text{where } u(\Delta_l) = \sqrt{u^2(R_l) + u^2(R_{RR}) + u_{ts}^2}$$

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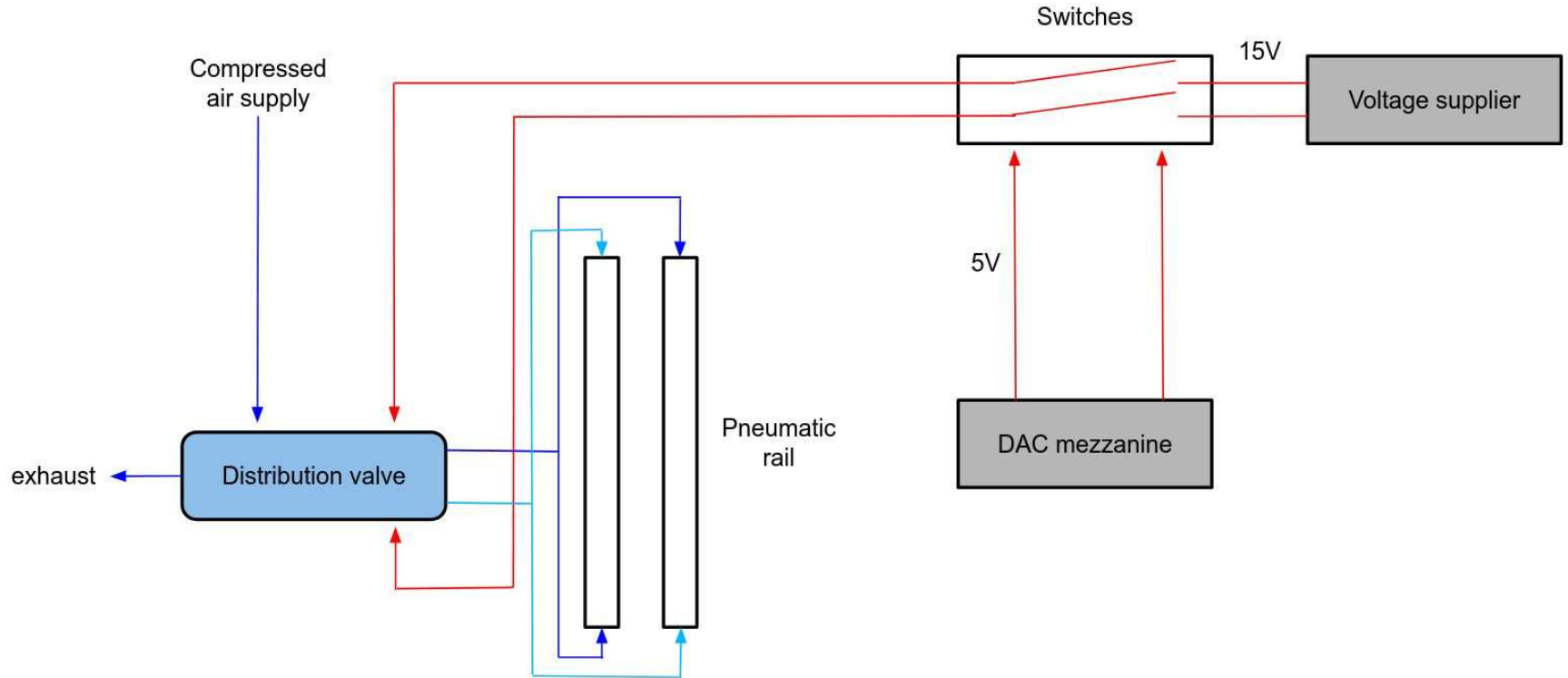
$$u(R_{RR}) = u(R_{NIST}) = 0.075\%$$

$$u_{ts} = 0.001\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} DoE &= \Delta_{PTB} - \Delta_{NIST} \\ &= -\left(\frac{R_{NIST}}{R_{RR}} - 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(DoE) &= \sqrt{u^2(\Delta_{NIST}) + u^2(\Delta_{PTB})} \\ &= \sqrt{(u^2(R_{NIST}) + u^2(R_{RR}) + u_{ts}^2) + (u^2(R_{PTB}) + u^2(R_{RR}) + u_{ts}^2)} \end{aligned}$$

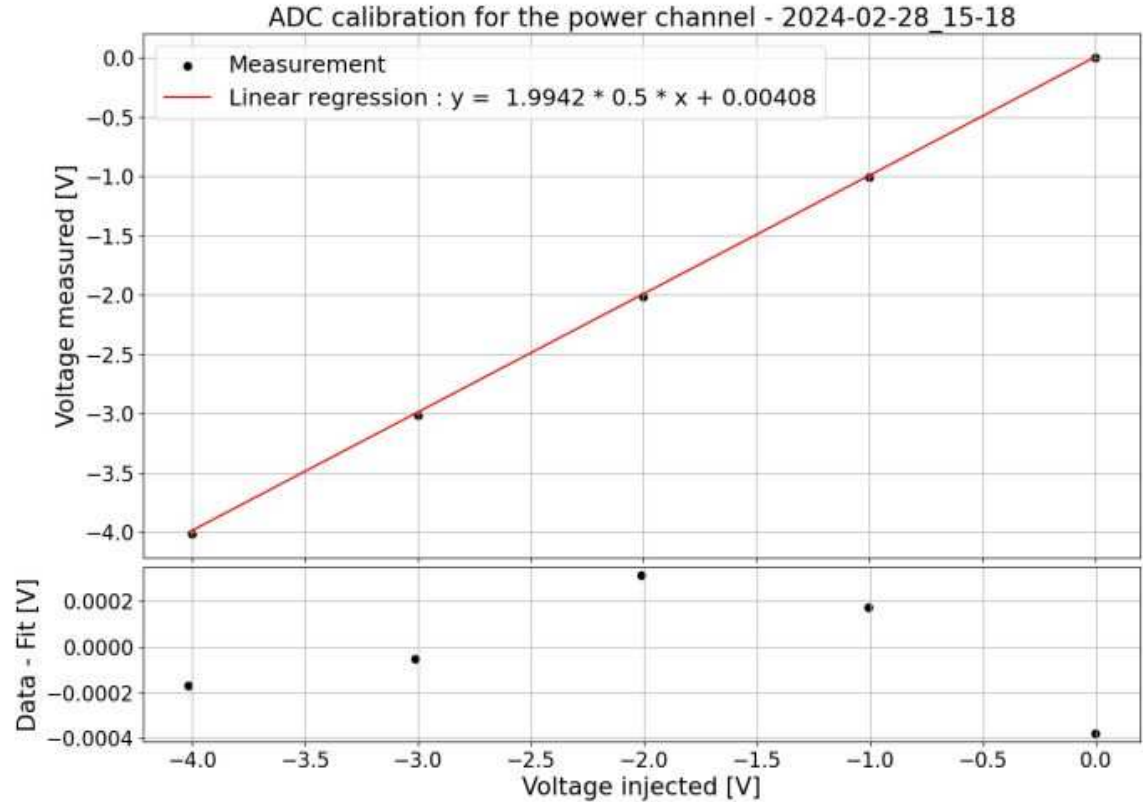
Système pneumatique intercalibration



Calibration canaux ADC

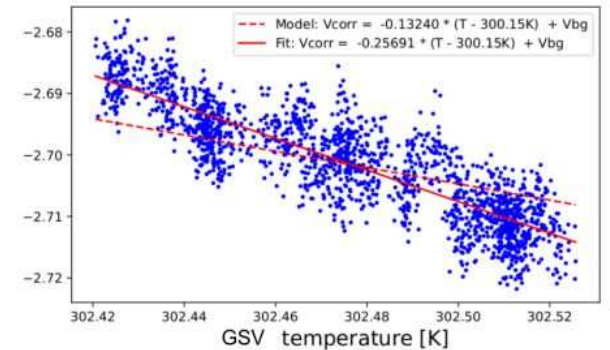
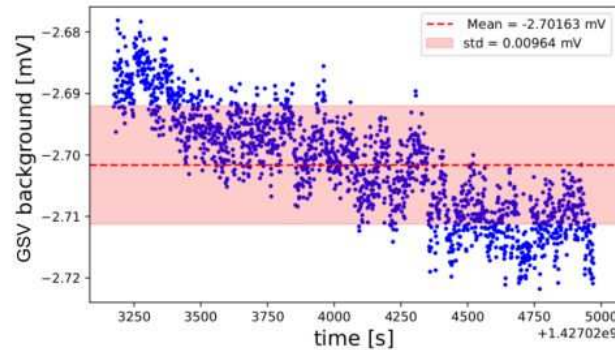
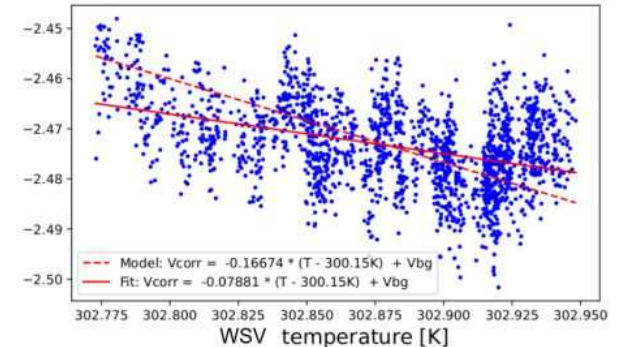
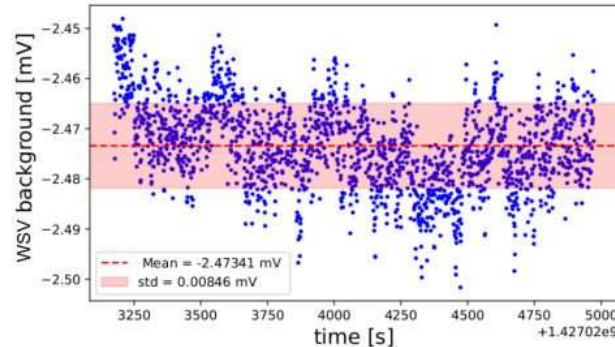
$$V_{out} = a \cdot V_{in} + b + \epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{sys} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i^2}{\chi_{max}^2}}$$



Mesure background intercalibration

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{bg} &= \sqrt{(\sigma_{ADC})^2 + (\sigma_{V_{bg}})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0.197^2 + 0.01^2} \\ &= 0.197 \text{ mV}\end{aligned}$$



PCal intercalibration: Temperature dependence of background

Protocol for background voltage temperature dependence :

- Insulates the test sphere with bubble wrap
- Put it in an oven at 40°C (313.K) for 30 min
- Record the background voltage and temperature of the sphere while it's cooling down to room temp

Compute temperature dependence coefficient m :

- Fit the measurements data following this model

$$V^{bg}(\mathcal{T}) = m \cdot (\mathcal{T} - 300.15 \text{ K}) + V'^{bg}$$

Where V'^{bg} is the value of the background voltage at 300.15K

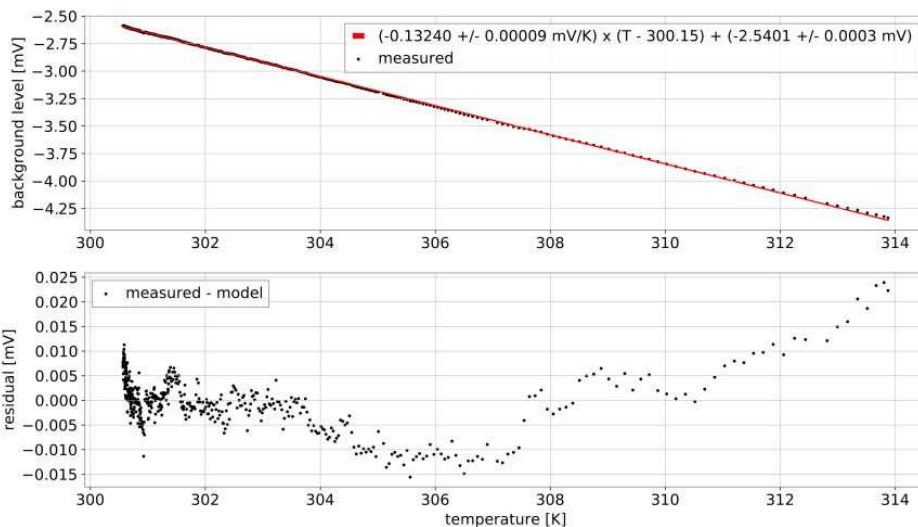
Temperature background voltage correction :

$$V_{bg}(\mathcal{T}) = m \cdot (\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{T}^{meas}) + V_{bg}^{meas}$$

Current m values :

$$m_{WSV} = -0.1667 \pm 0.0013 \text{ mV/K}$$

$$m_{GSV} = -0.1324 \pm 0.0017 \text{ mV/K}$$



PCal intercalibration: Temperature dependence of responsivity

Protocol for responsivity temperature dependence :

- Insulates the test sphere with bubble wrap
- Put it in an oven at 40°C (313.K) for 30 min
- Do a responsivity ratio (α) measurement of the test sphere while it is cooling down to room temp

Compute temperature dependence coefficient κ :

-The temperature dependency of test sphere model as

$$\rho_{test}(\mathcal{T}) = \rho'_{test} \cdot (1 + \kappa \cdot (\mathcal{T} - 300.15 \text{ K}))$$

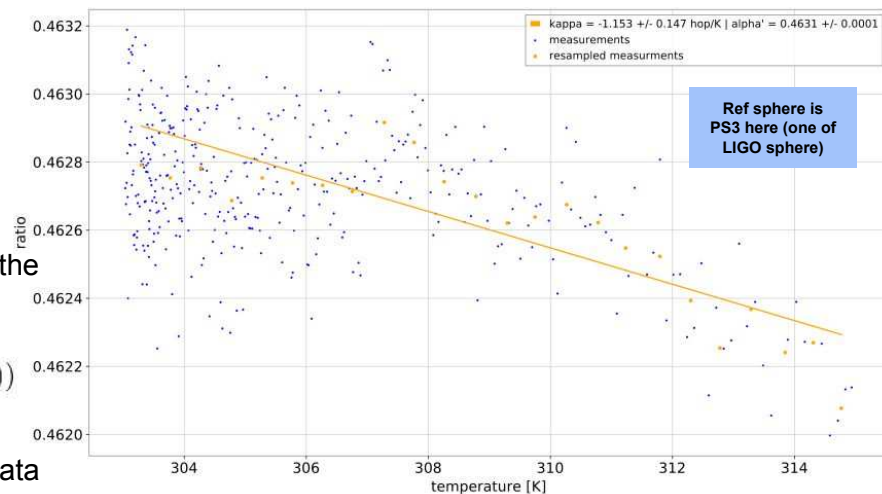
Where ρ' is the value of the responsivity at 300.15K

- The temperature dependant background voltage is subtracted using the previous measurement result and we can model α as

$$\alpha(\mathcal{T}) = \frac{\rho'_{test}}{\rho'_{ref}} \cdot (1 + \kappa \cdot (\mathcal{T} - 300.15 \text{ K})) = \alpha' \cdot (1 + \kappa \cdot (\mathcal{T} - 300.15 \text{ K}))$$

- We down-sampled to 1 point every 0.5 K and fit the α model to the data
- Error bars are increased until the p-value of the fit reach 0.05 \rightarrow 0.04% uncertainty

Temperature variation are $\sim 0.01 - 0.02$ %/K, very small but still corrected

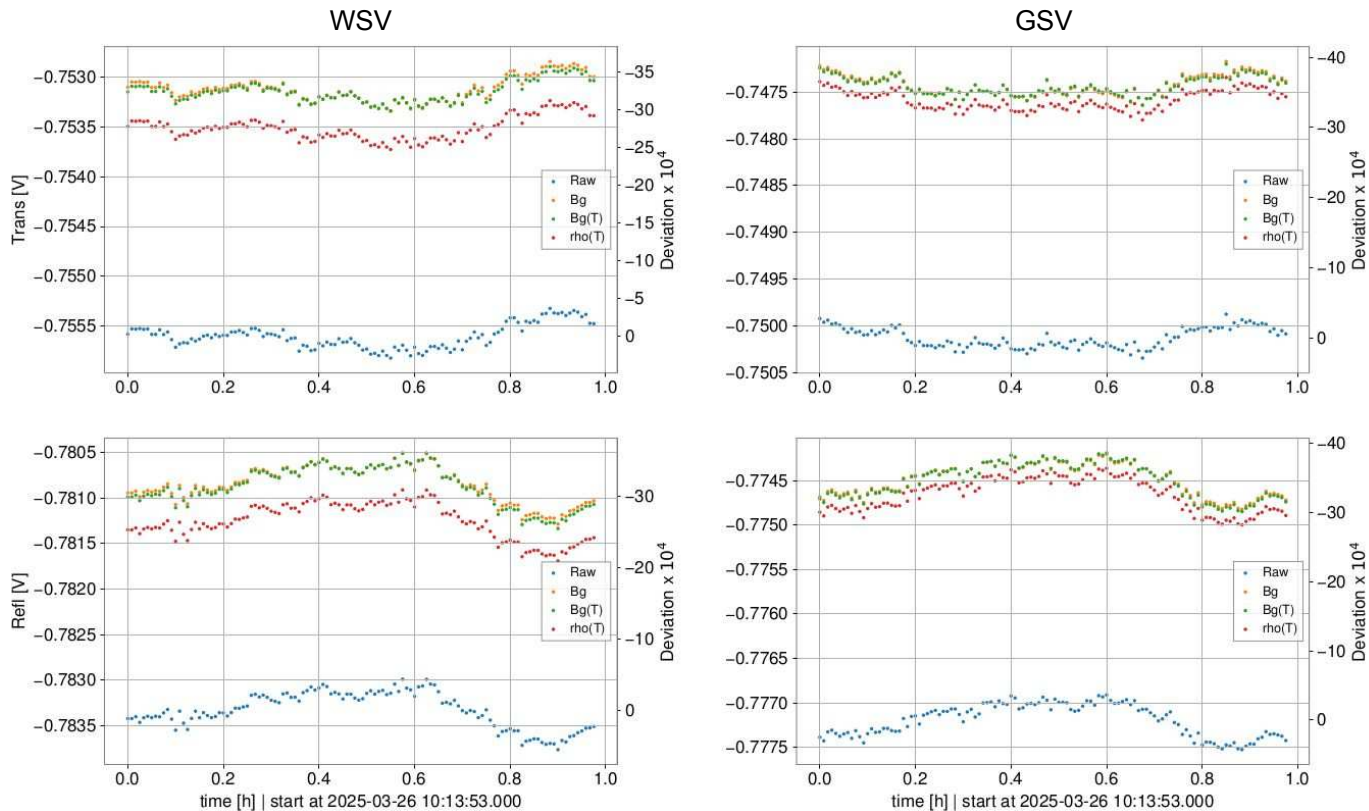


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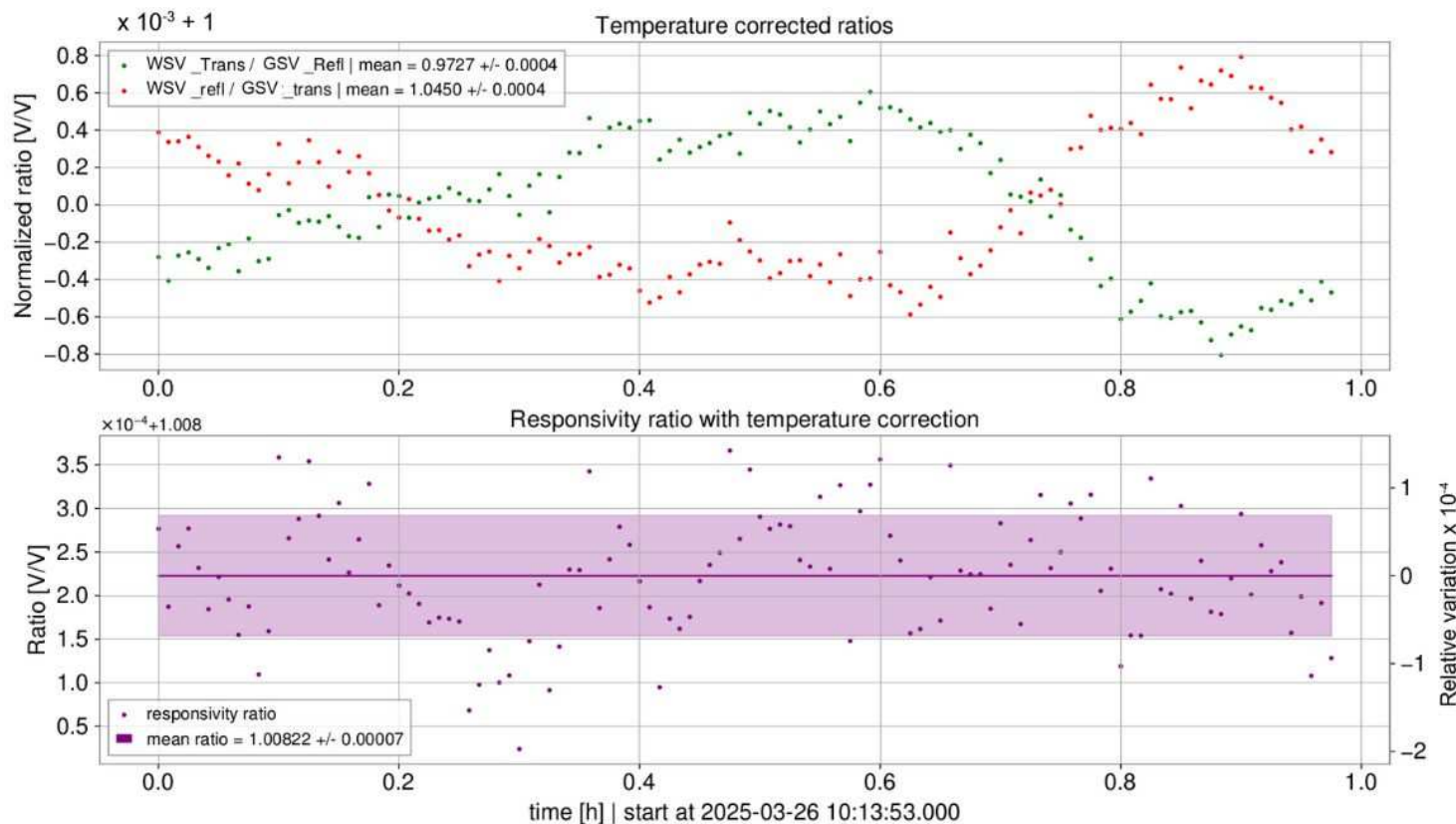
$$\kappa_{GSV} = -115 \pm 31 \text{ ppm/K}$$
$$\kappa_{WSV} = -187 \pm 29 \text{ ppm/K}$$

Impact des différentes corrections sur la tension

Background correction and temperature dependence correction steps



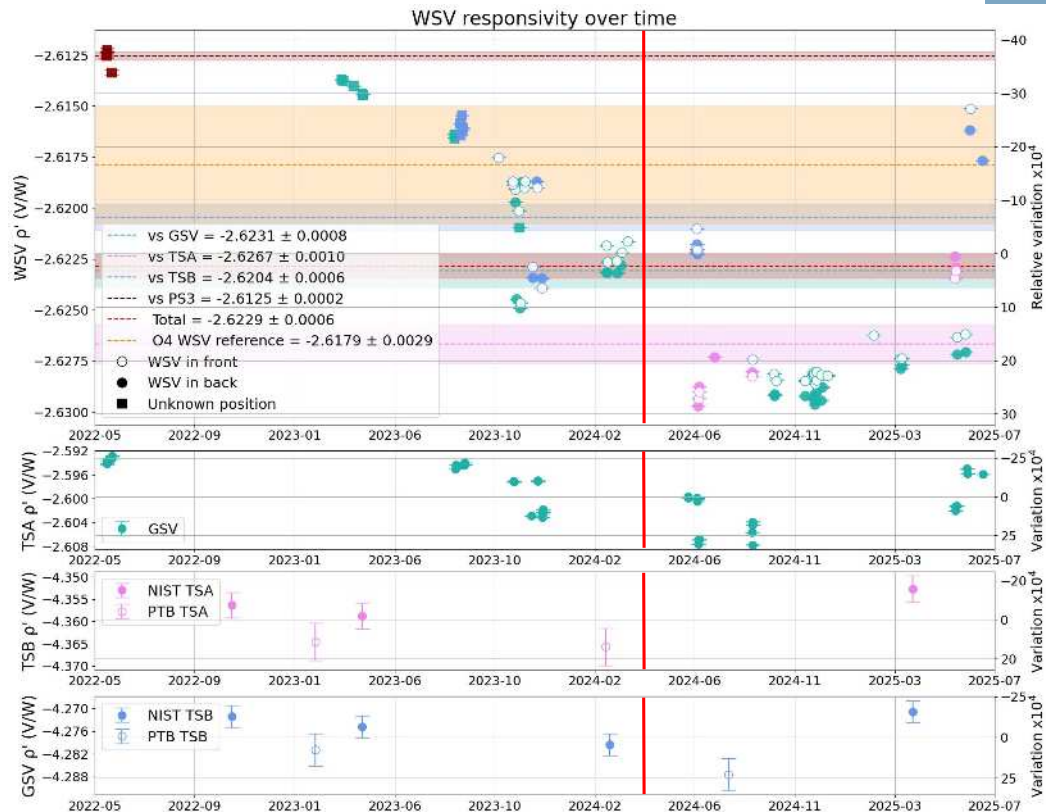
Mesure du ratio α



Intercalibration des sphères intégrantes

Première estimation de la responsivité de WSV en avril 2024 en utilisant la méthode "dernière valeur"

$$\rho'_{WSV} = -2.61787 \pm 0.00288 \text{ V/W}$$



Intercalibration : Responsivity evolution

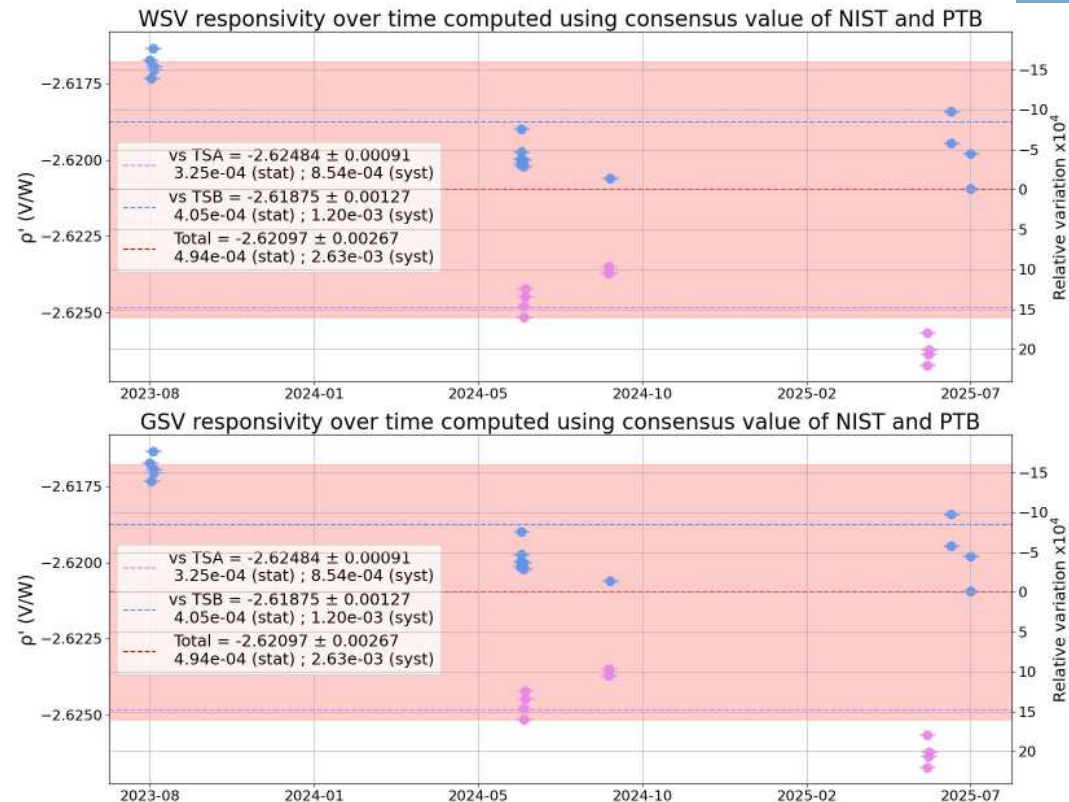
Highlighting of a **~0.2%** discrepancy between the responsivity computed with TSA and TSB

This difference is seen with both WSV and GSV

Similar difference seen at LIGO starting in July 2024 → Need to confirm with further measurements

→ Addition of a 0.16% uncertainty

$$\sigma = \frac{\bar{\rho}_{WSVA} - \bar{\rho}_{WSVB}}{\sqrt{2}}$$



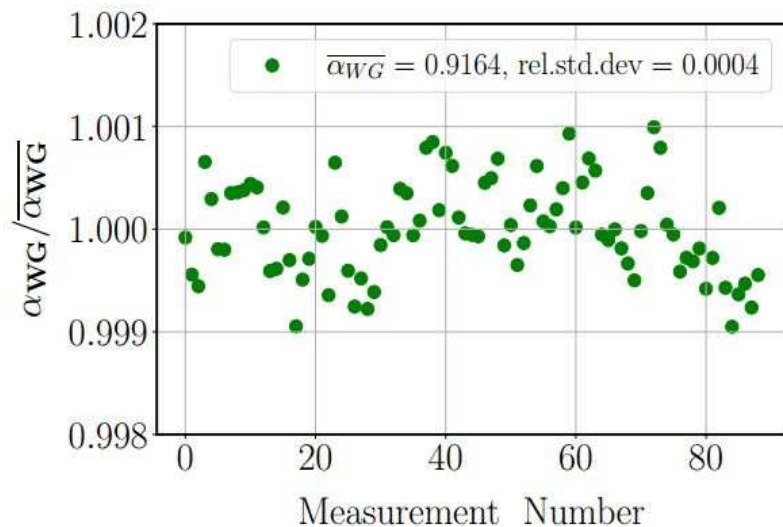
Incertitudes PCal estimées au début de 04

Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
TS responsivity	0.08	
α' ratio GSV/TS	0.03	
α' ratio WSV/GSV	0.03	
ρ_{WSV} temperature dependence	0.04	
Output voltage	ADC conversion	0.02
	Background voltage	0.02
	Temperature dependence	0.04
	Total	0.05
Total	0.11	

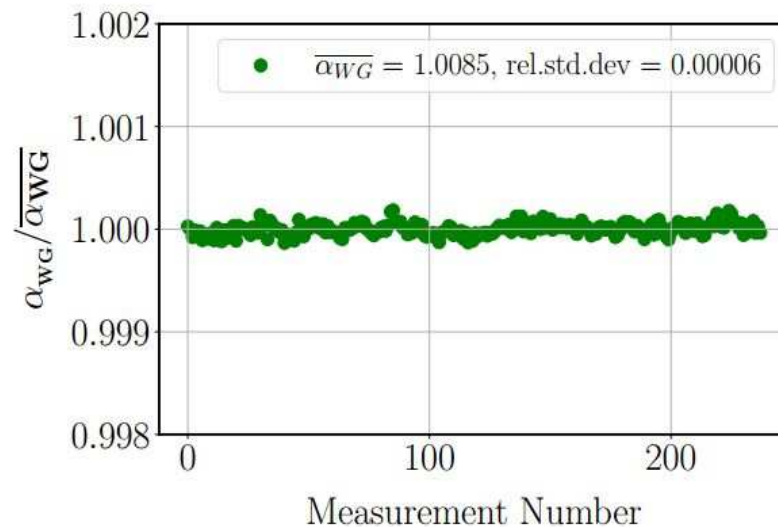
Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
Rx responsivity	0.15	
Deformation model	0.30	
Optical efficiency	0.40	
Pendulum model	Incident angle, $\cos(\theta)$	0.16
	ETM mass, M	0.05
	ETM rotation	0.09
	Total	0.19
Total	0.56	

Différence entre LIGO et Virgo intercalibration

LIGO

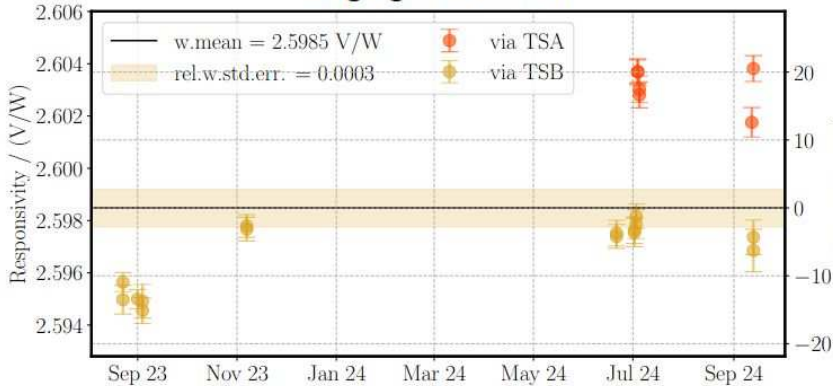


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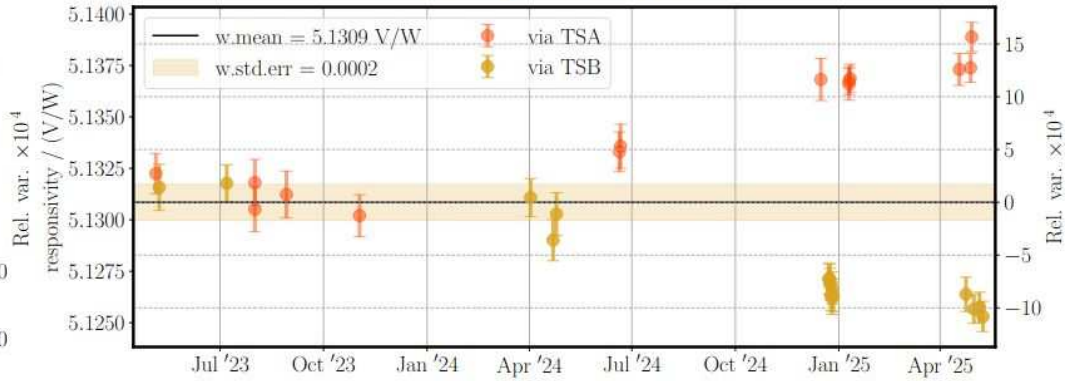


Evolution des Gold Standard de LIGO et Virgo

Virgo gold standard



LIGO gold standard



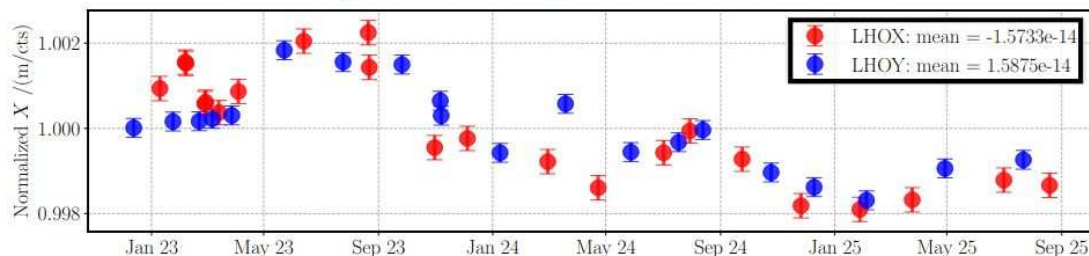
Calibration des sphères Rx à LIGO

Measurement uncertainty	O2 (%)	O3 (%)	O4 (%)
LHO	0.75%	0.42%	0.29%
LLO	0.75%	0.54%	0.15%

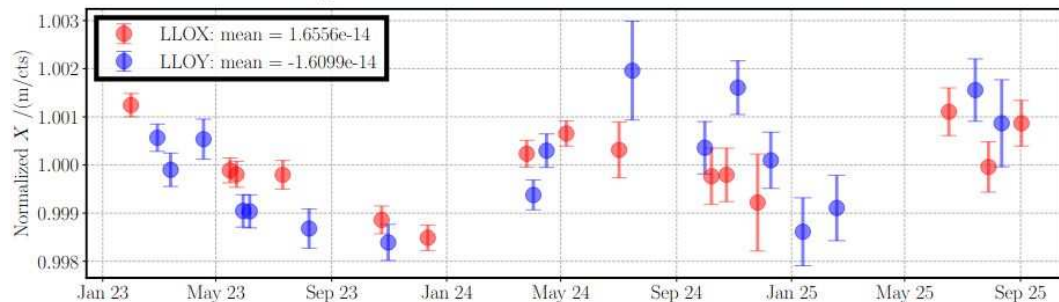
Regular Rx/WS and optical efficiency measurements made at LHO and LLO end stations.

Slow variations of $\sim \pm 0.2\%$ over 2.5 years

LHO displacement factors from ES measurements



LLO displacement factors from ES measurements

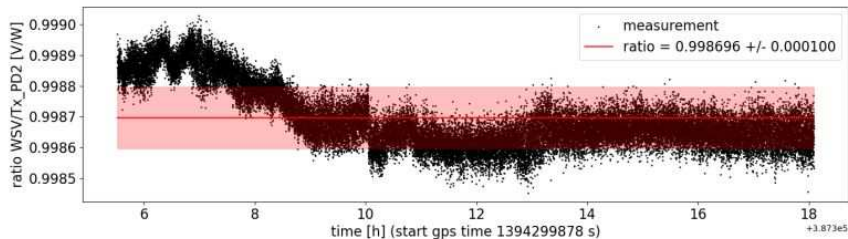
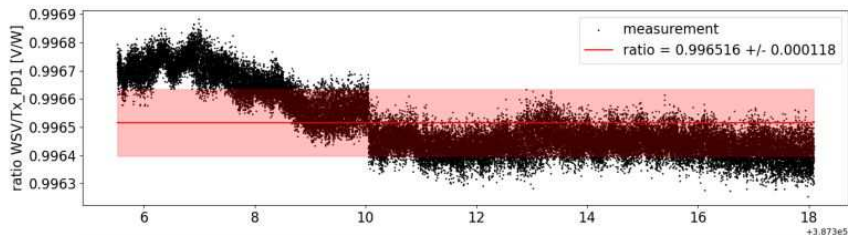


Measurement at LLO used two different sensors as WS

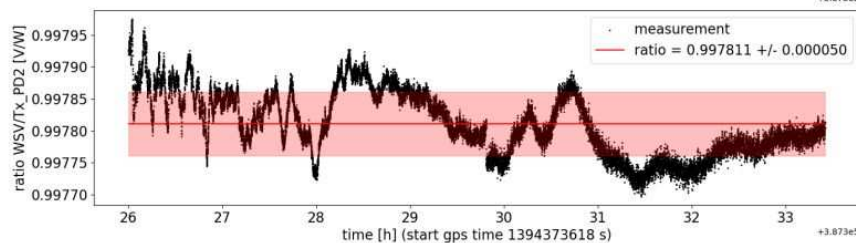
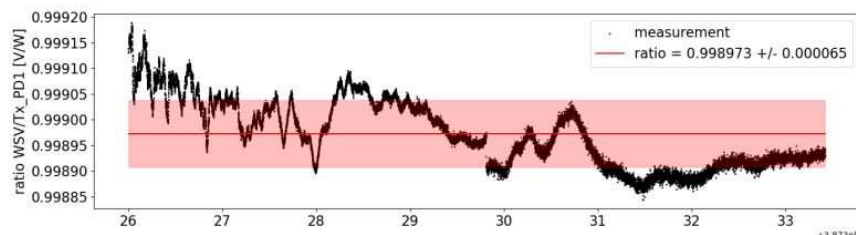
Calibration photodiodes PCal pour 04

NE	G^{new} (W/V)	O^{new} (W)
Tx_PD1	-0.775253	-0.000758
Tx_PD2	-0.858946	-0.000843

WE	G^{new} (W/V)	O^{new} (W)
Tx_PD1	-0.740169	0.000648
Tx_PD2	-0.783431	0.001054



(a) NE

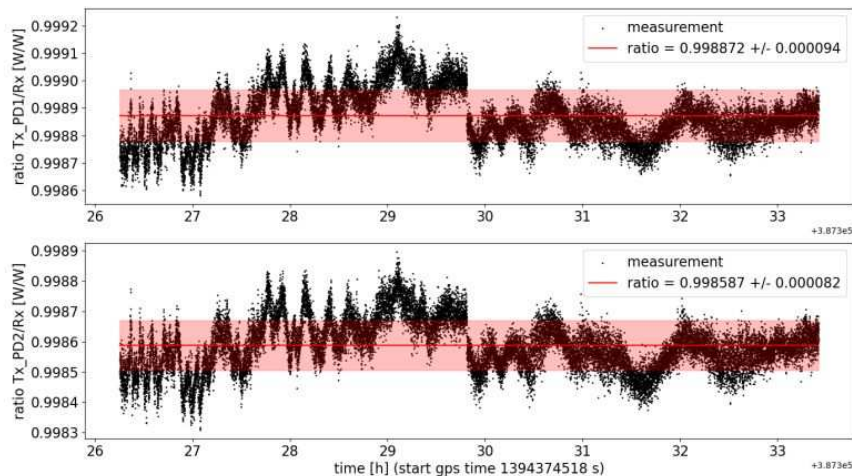


(b) WE

Calibration sphères Rx PCal 04

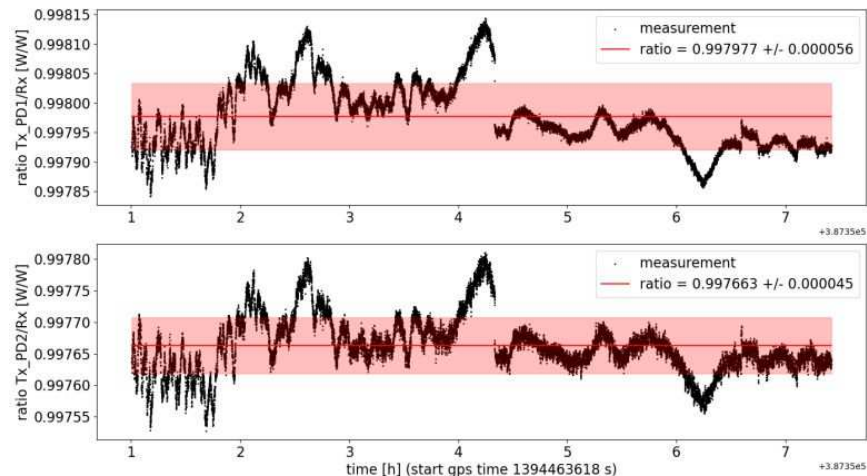
Rx	G^{new} [W/V]	O^{new} [W]
NE	0.730861	-0.002632
WE	0.690639	-0.001155

Rx calibration NE -ratio measurement - 2024-03-13_14-15-00



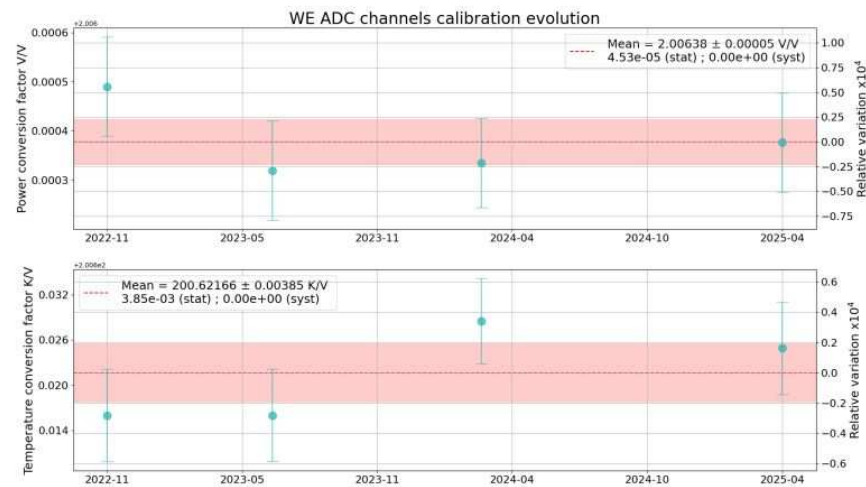
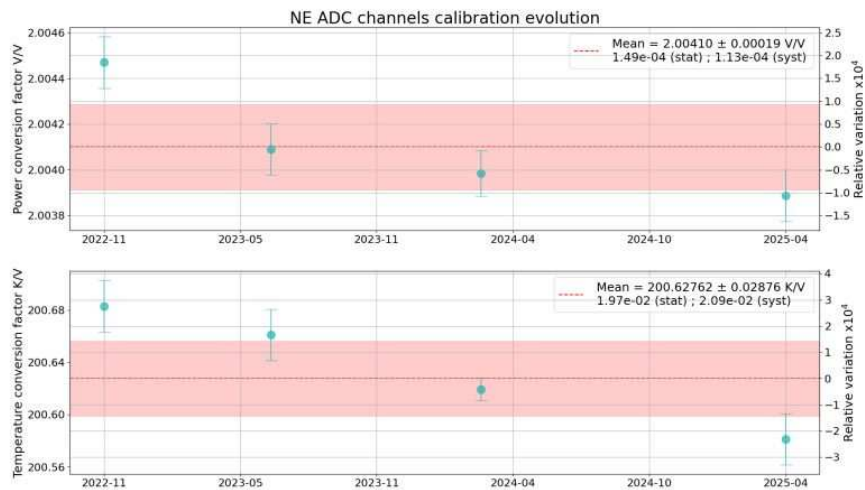
(a) NE

Rx calibration WE -ratio measurement - 2024-03-14_15-00-00

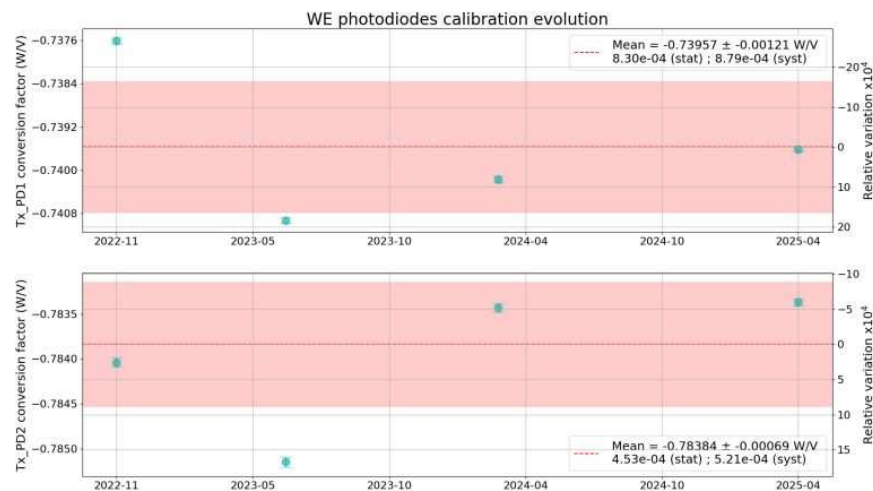
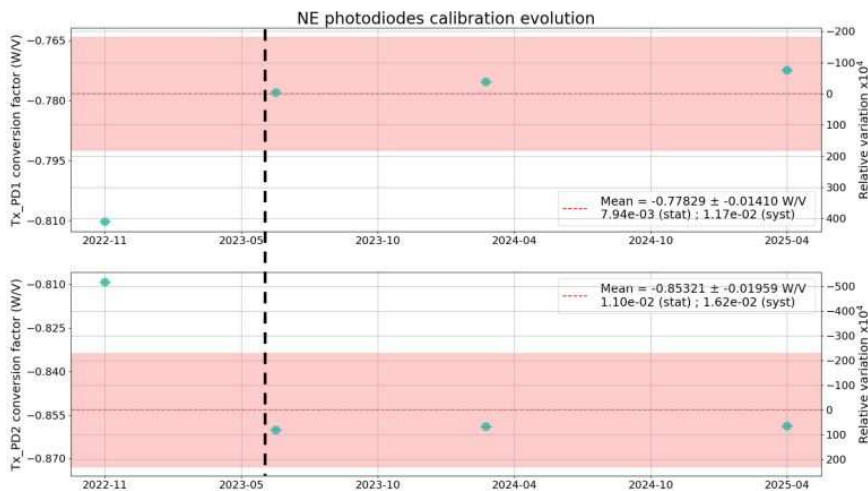


(b) WE

Evolution calibration canaux ADC PCaI 04



Evolution calibration photodiodes PCal 04

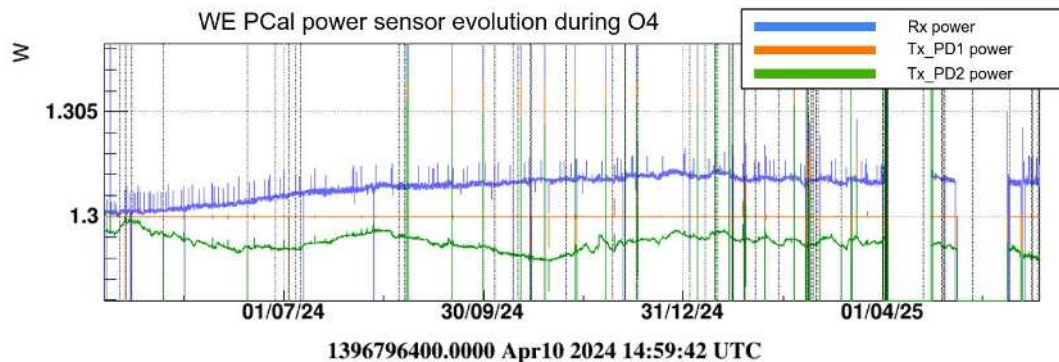
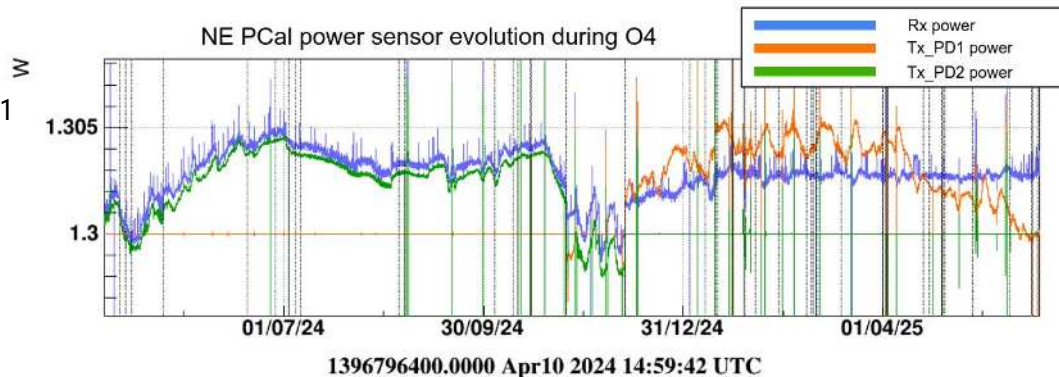
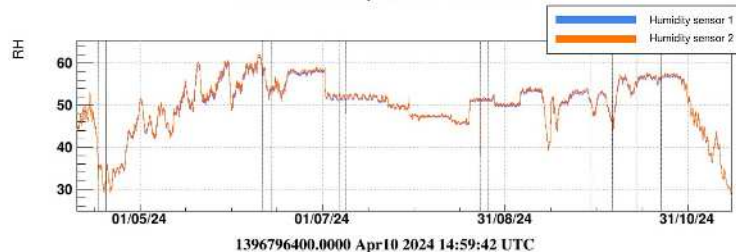
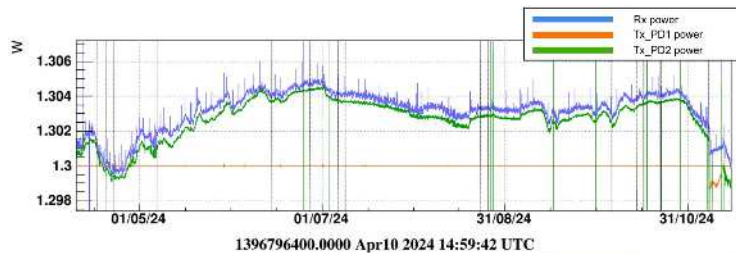


Calibration des capteurs de puissances

Monitoring de la puissance mesurée par les capteurs du PCal

Augmentation des variations pour NE au début du run
→ causées par la dépendance au variation d'humidité de Tx_PD1
(photodiode de la boucle de contrôle)

Changement de la photodiode de boucle pour NE → diminution
des variations → $\pm 0.15\%$ comme pour WE



Calibration de l'électronique de détection

Chaîne d'acquisition du PCal :

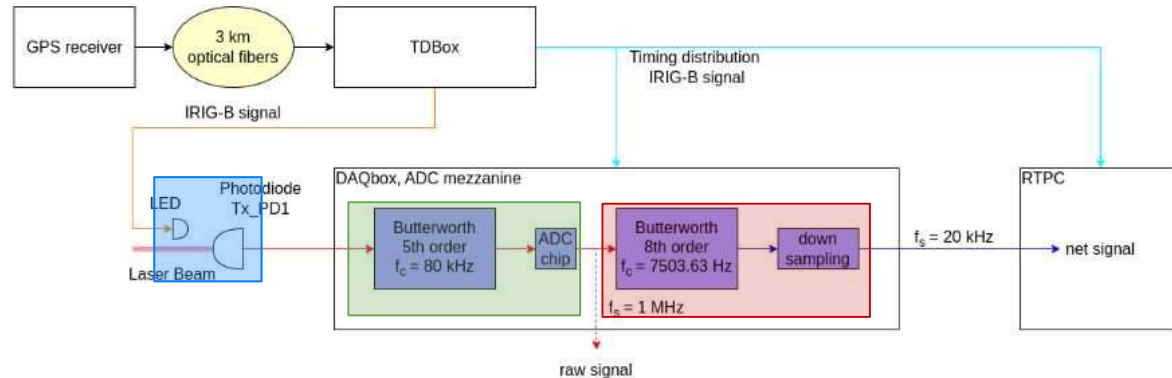
- Photodiode
- Process analogique → filtre anti-repliement + Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)
- Process digital → filtre anti-repliement + sous échantillonnage (delai 49 μ s)

Timing :

- Receveur GPS principal placé dans le bâtiment central et distribue le timing à tous les autres bâtiments grâce à un signal IRIG-B envoyé à des TDBox
- Les TDBox distribuent aux DAQBox, RTPCs...

Mesure de la réponse fréquentielle :

- une LED placée devant Tx_PD1
- Connectée à la TDBox → permet de générer un signal synchronisé avec l'horloge interne de la DAQBox



Calibration de l'électronique de détection

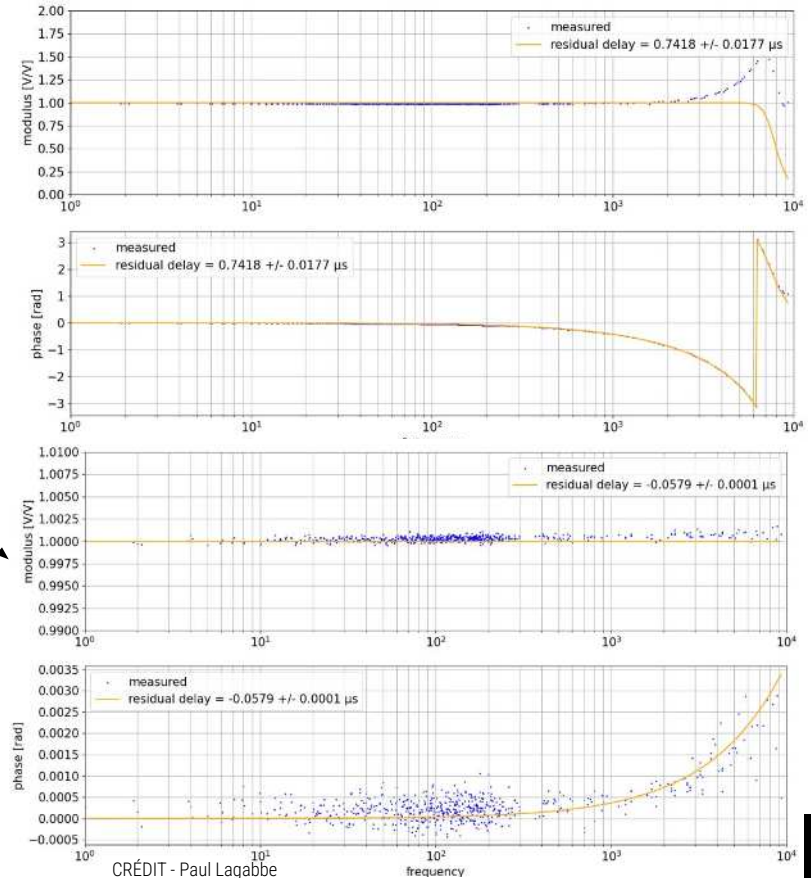
1- Mesure de la réponse pour Tx_PD1

- Laser PCal éteint
- Utilise la LED pour flasher un signal IRIG-B à Tx_PD1
- Calcul de la fonction de transfert entre le signal IRIG-B et l'output de la photodiode
- Fit de la fonction de transfert (modèle nominal + retard)

2- Mesure de la réponse pour Tx_PD2 ou Rx

- Injection d'un bruit blanc avec le laser PCal
- Calcul de la fonction de transfert entre Tx_PD1 et Tx_PD2
- Fit avec un délai résiduel
- Reproduire la même chose pour Rx

Nominal model	PCal	NE			WE		
	Sensor	Tx_PD1	Tx_PD2	Rx	Tx_PD1	Tx_PD2	Rx
Analog filter	5 th order Butterworth filter $f_c = 80$ kHz						
Digital filter	8 th order Butterworth filter $f_c = 7503.65$ kHz						
Down sampling delay	-49 μ s						
Residual delay	0.62 μ s	0.54 μ s	1.45 μ s	0.72 μ s	0.66 μ s	1.38 μ s	

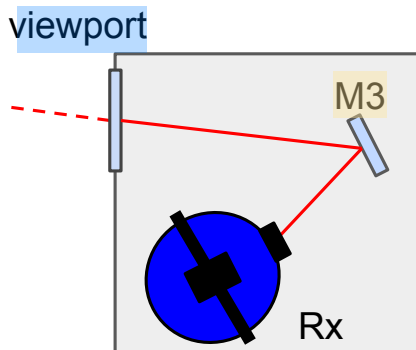


Pertes optiques

Pertes optiques :

- Miroir directeur M3
- Viewport entre le banc et la tour du miroir de bout de bras

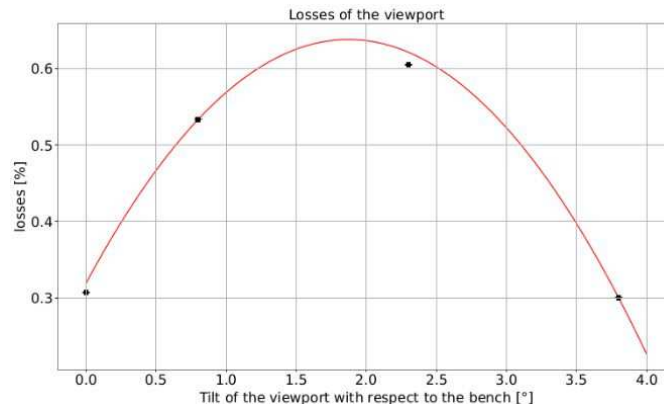
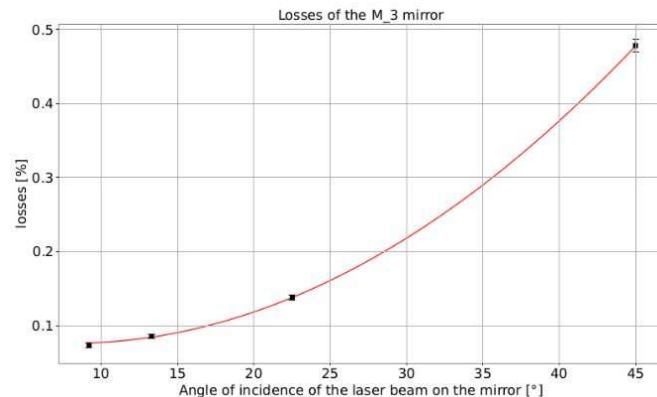
$$P_{ref}(f) = \frac{P_{Rx}}{(1 - l_{vp})(1 - l_M)} \cdot S_{PCal}^{-1}(f)$$



$$l_M = 0.107 \pm 0.012\%$$

$$l_{vp} = 0.57 \pm 0.096\%$$

Incertitude sur les pertes optiques $\rightarrow 0.1\%$

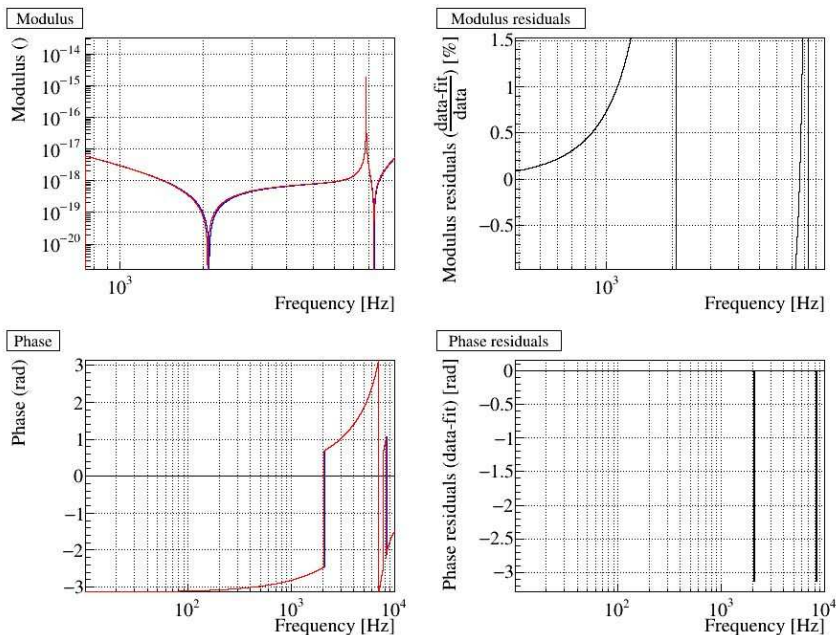


PCal mechanical stability during 04

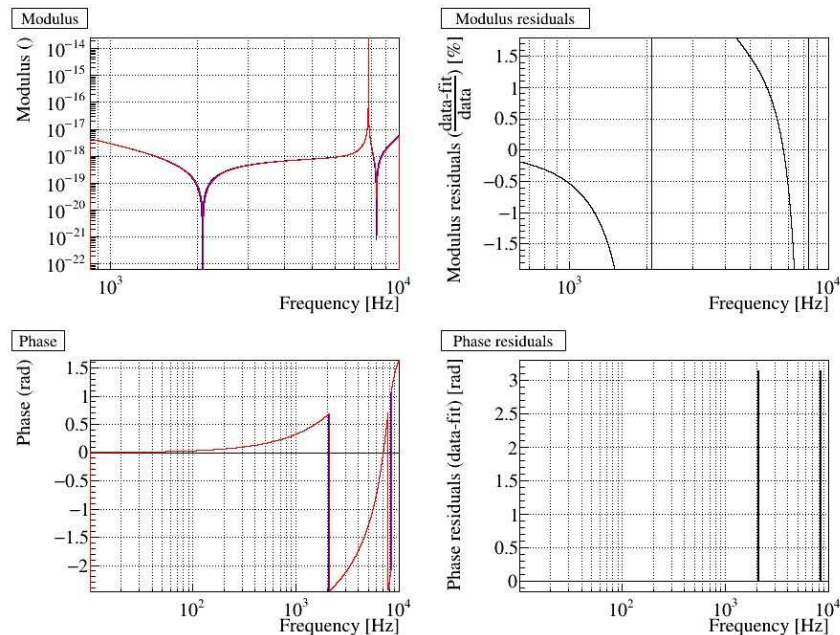
Additional mechanical response measurements were performed at the beginning of the break in April 2024 and before the restart of the run in June 2025

Residual between the two models computed in March 2024 and April 2024 shows a stability within 0.7% for NE and 0.5 % for WE

NE residual



WE residual



Mechanical response measurement

The uncertainty on the mechanical response is composed of:

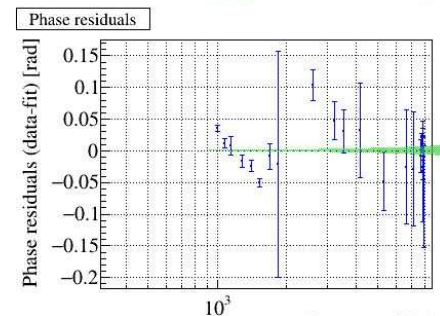
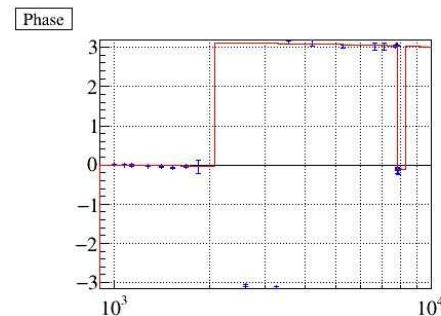
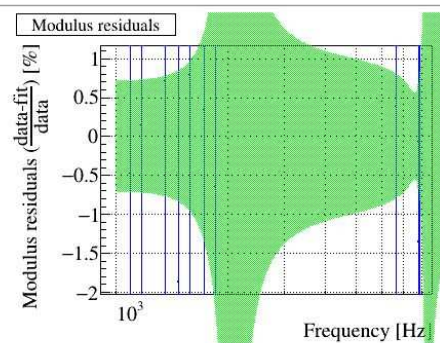
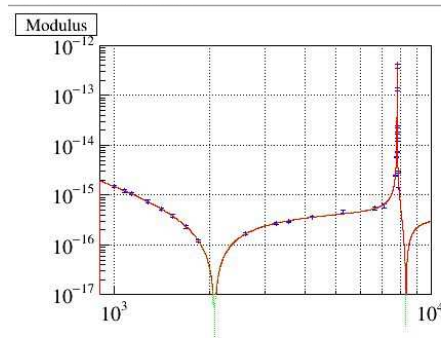
- Uncertainty on the pendulum response

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{pend} &= \sqrt{\sigma_{\theta}^2 + \sigma_{Mass}^2 + \sigma_{Rotation}^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0.16^2 + 0.05^2 + 0.09^2} = 0.2\%\end{aligned}$$

- Uncertainty on the mirror vibration modes

$$\sigma_{drum} = 0.7\%$$

NE



Mechanical response measurement

The uncertainty on the mechanical response is composed of:

- Uncertainty on the pendulum response

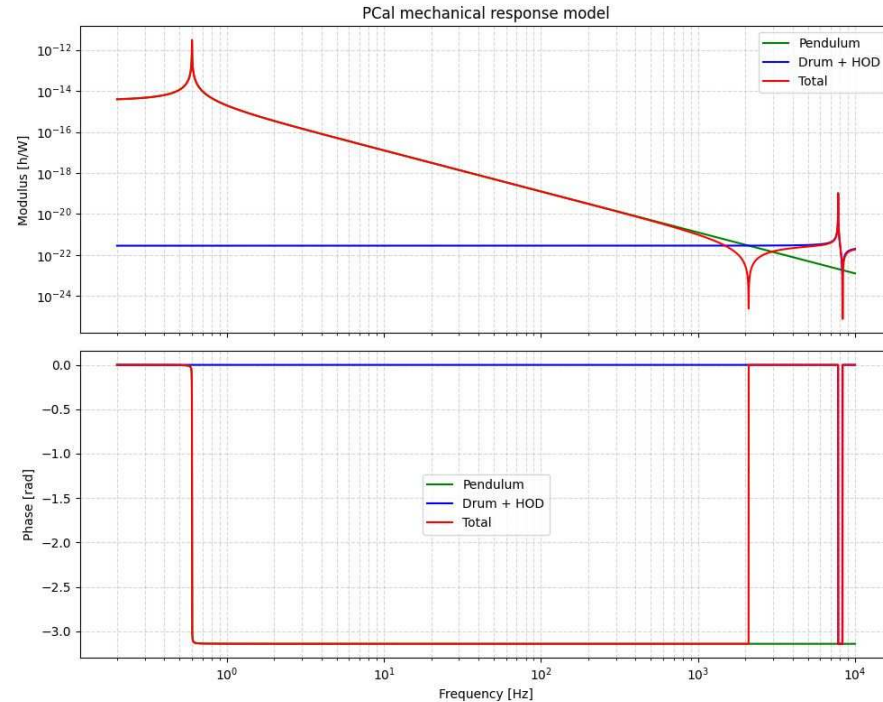
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- Uncertainty on the mirror vibration modes

$$\sigma_{drum} = 0.7\%$$

BUT the uncertainty on the vibration modes must be weighted with regard to its contribution over the pendulum response one at 1Khz

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{Pcal_model} &= \sqrt{\sigma_{pend}^2 + \sigma_{drum}^2 \cdot \frac{A_{drum}(1\text{ kHz})}{A_{pend}(1\text{ kHz})}} \\ &= \sqrt{0.2^2 + 0.7^2 \cdot 0.22} = 0.38\%\end{aligned}$$



Variation réponse mécanique

		fixed	fitted				Usage
		G_p (h/W)	G_d (h/W)	f_d (Hz)	Q_d	G_{hod} (h/W)	
March 2024	NE	3.51e-15	3.32e-23	7798.1	5.69e5	2.58e-22	O4 model
		-	$\pm 3.26e-25$	± 0.1	$\pm 1.52e6$	$\pm 1.82e-24$	
	WE	-3.51e-15	-3.42e-23	7814.7	1.12e7	-2.52e-22	O4 model until April 2025
		-	$\pm 5.54e-25$	± 0.1	$\pm 1.94e6$	$\pm 1.87e-24$	
April 2025	NE	3.51e-15	3.36e-23	7798.1	2.31e8	2.50e-22	Monitoring
		-	$\pm 1.46e-23$	± 0.1	$\pm 9.52e11$	$\pm 1.64e-24$	
	WE	-3.51e-15	-3.23e-23	7814.3	2.13e8	-2.59e-22	Monitoring
		-	$\pm 1.36e-25$	± 0.1	$\pm 1.39e11$	$\pm 9.56e-25$	
June 2025	NE	3.51e-15	3.41e-23	7798.2	1.46e6	2.55e-22	Monitoring
		-	$\pm 4.14e-25$	± 0.1	$\pm 6.35e6$	$\pm 2.11e-24$	
	WE	-3.51e-15	-3.37e-23	7814.8	3.31e3	-2.60e-22	O4 model after June 2025
		-	$\pm 4.28e-25$	± 0.3	$\pm 8.6e2$	$\pm 1.47e-24$	

Table 6.9: PCal mechanical response model fitted parameters for NE and WE.

Final PCal displacement model

PCal NCal comparison:

After all the calibration steps

- WE PCal and NCal: in agreement
- NE PCal and NCal: **0.9% discrepancy**

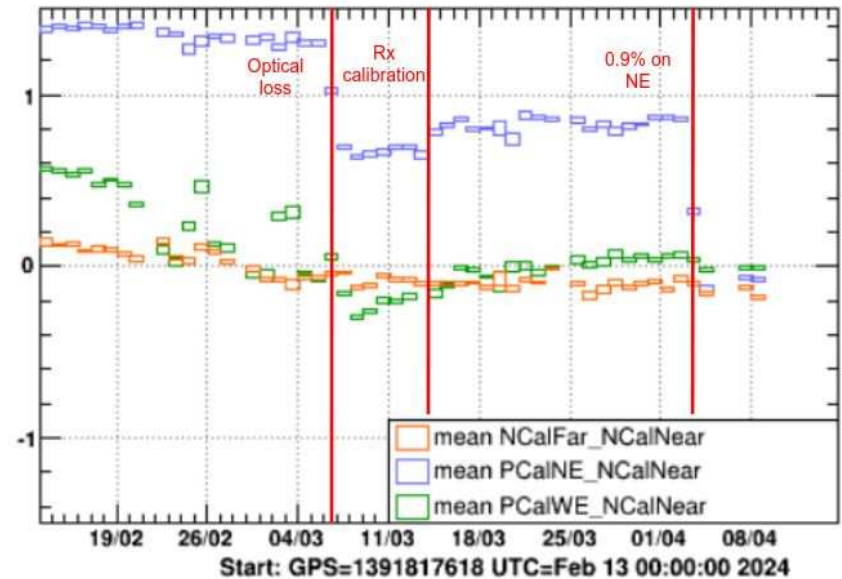
Reason of this discrepancy is unknown (higher optical losses ?)

Since NCal uncertainty is $\pm 0.12\% < \text{PCal uncertainty}$

→ Addition of a correction factor of 0.9% in the PCal displacement model

→ After which PCal and NCal for NE are in agreement

→ Stable throughout the rest of the run



NCal → Absolute reference of mirror displacement for O4

Amélioration PCal 03 → 04

Avant tous les capteurs de puissance étaient des photodiode Silicon → corrélation avec variations de température

Banc injection → remplacé par photodiode InGaAs → plus stable avec la température

Banc réflexion → sphère intégrante

→ car réponse indépendante de l'angle d'incidence du faisceau laser dans la sphère

→ et sphère peuvent mesurer jusqu'à 3 W de puissance → permet mesure directe du faisceau sans jeter la majorité de la puissance

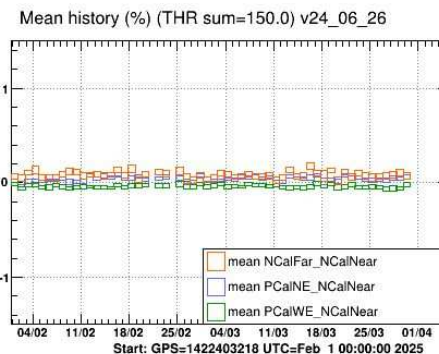
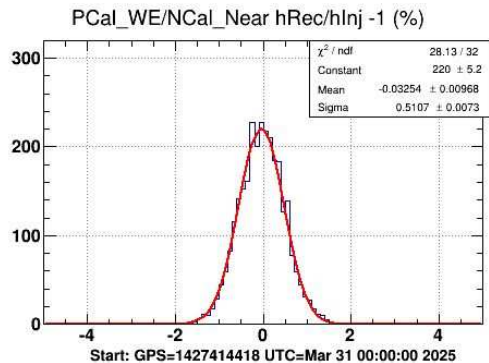
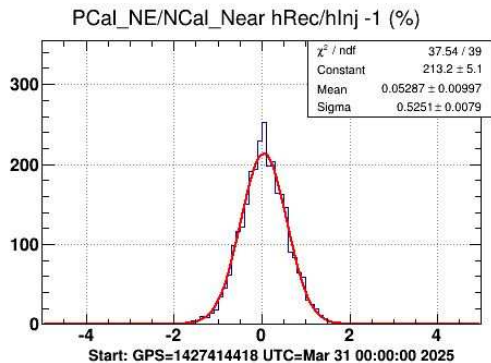
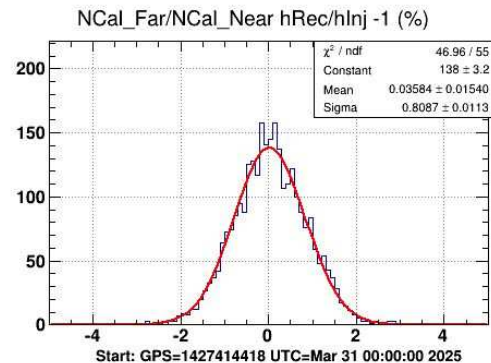
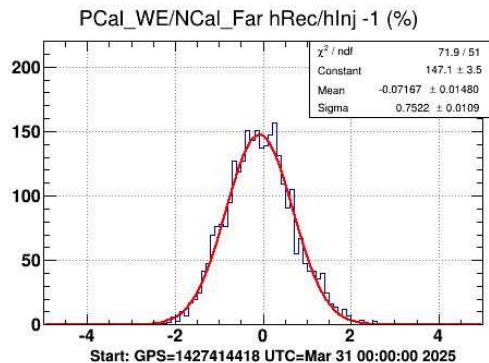
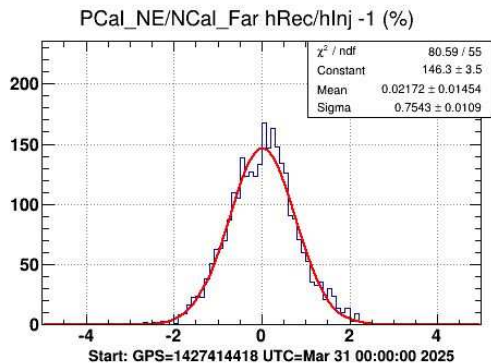
→ Diminue impact des pertes optiques → moins d'optiques sur banc de réflexion

Améliorer la configuration optique : utilisation de cubes séparateurs à la place de miroirs beam splitters qui variaient beaucoup avec l'humidité pendant 04

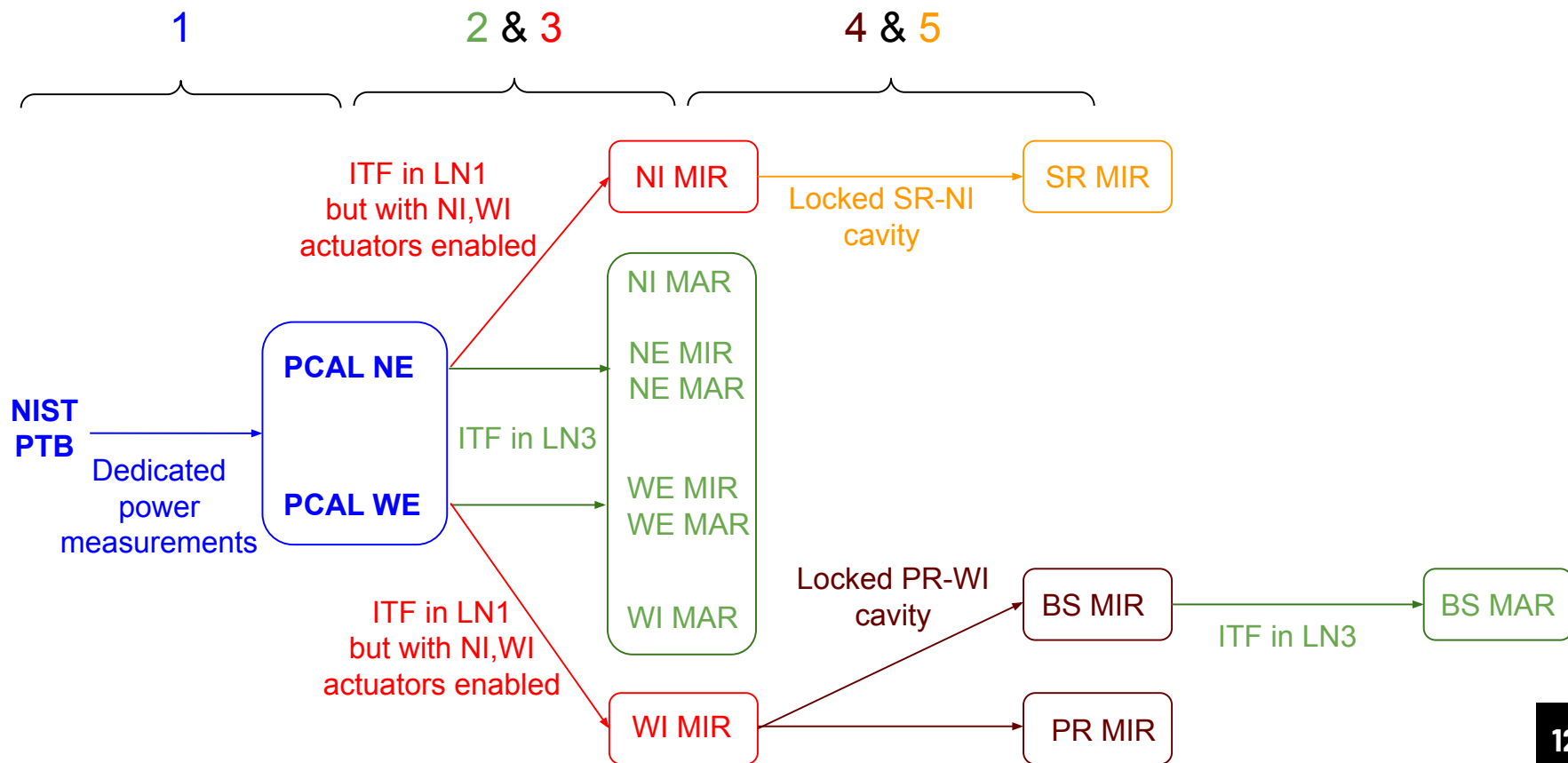
PCal / NCal comparison during 04

The NE PCal was recalibrated with regard to the NCal with a correction factor of 0.9%

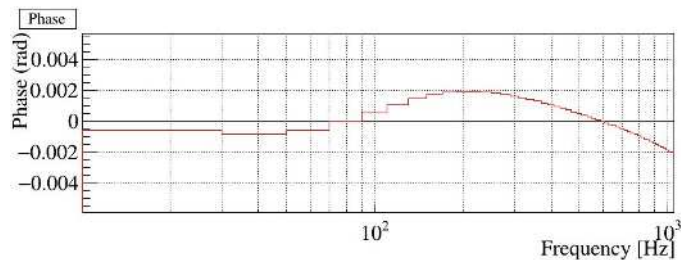
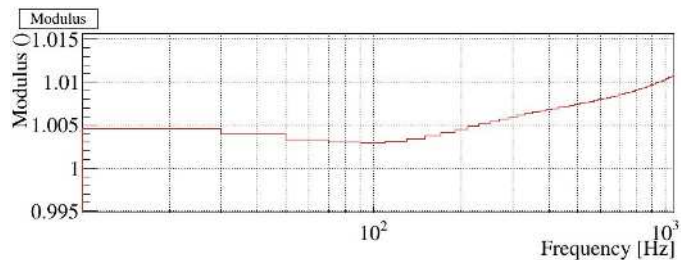
PCal over NCal comparison very stable throughout the run



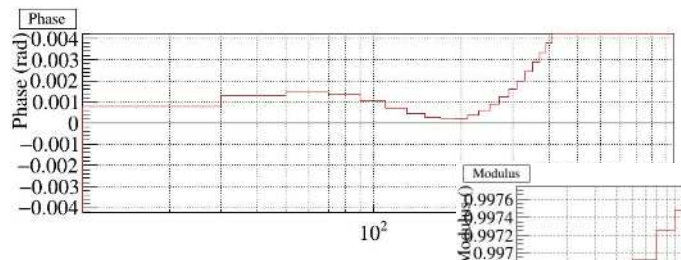
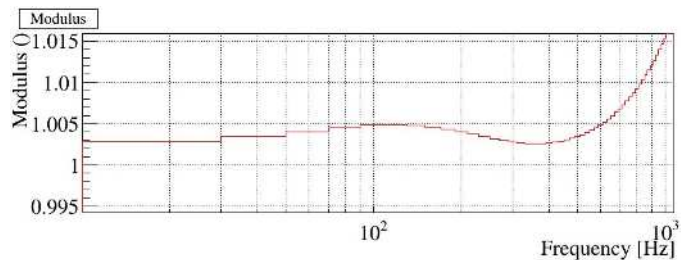
Schémas des mesures de calibrations



Variation actionneurs EM entre pre04 et 04

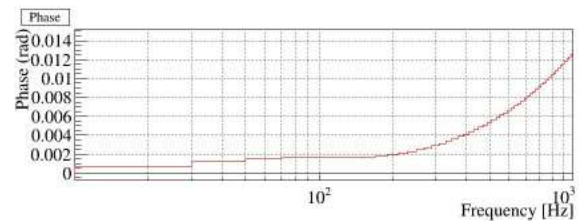
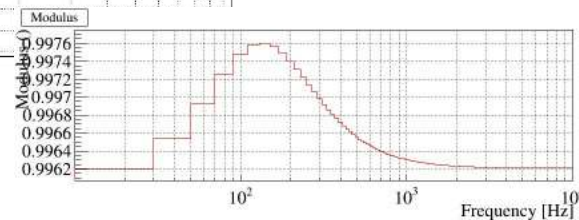


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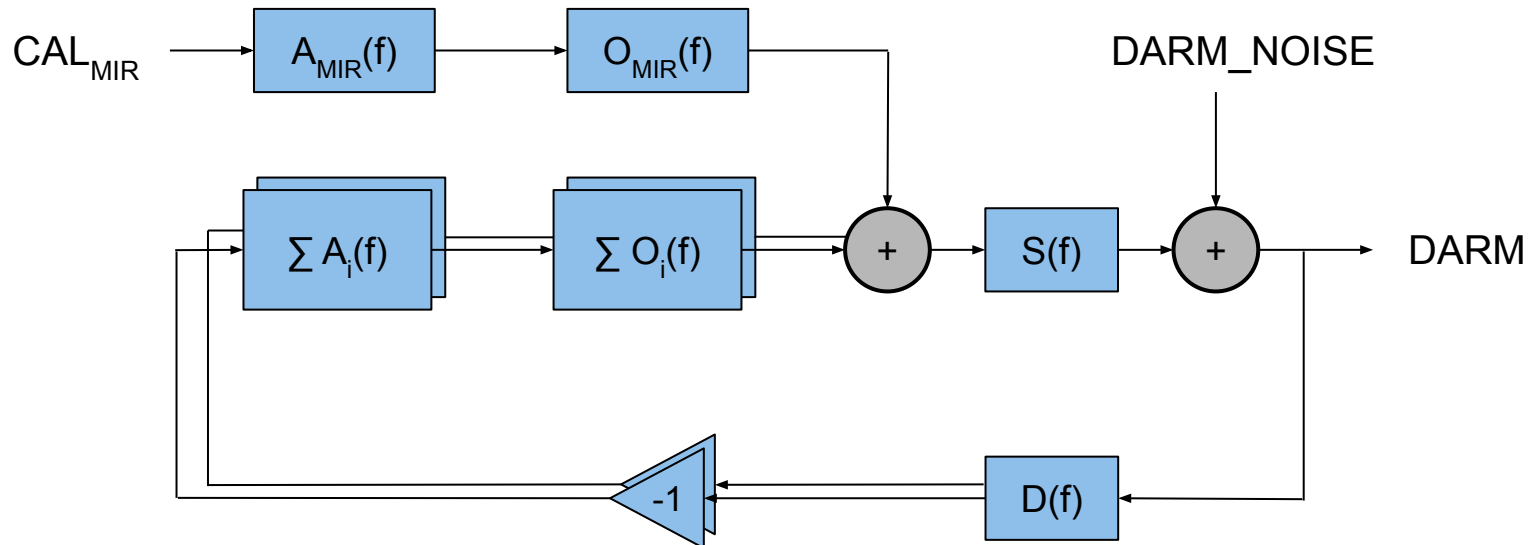
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WE



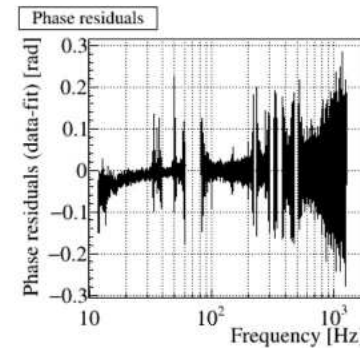
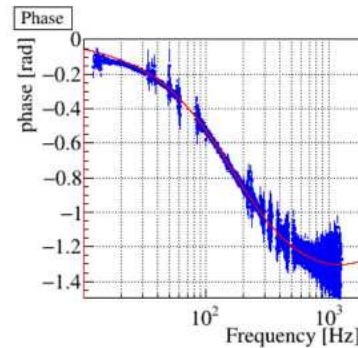
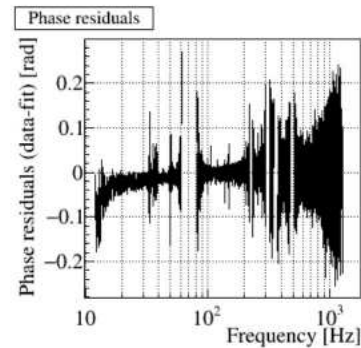
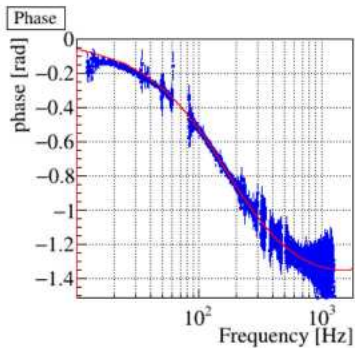
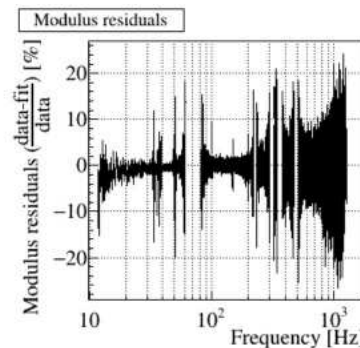
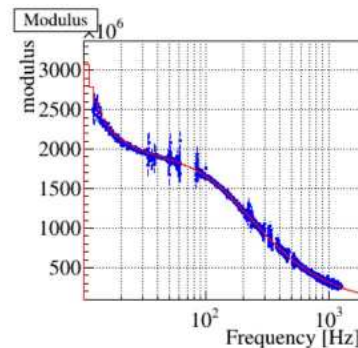
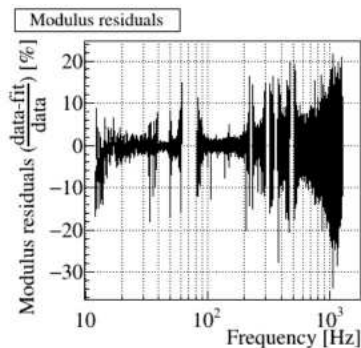
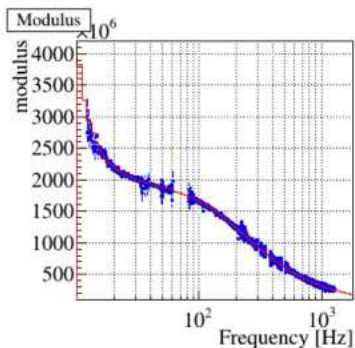
Calcul réponses optiques

$$O_{mir}(f) = \left(\frac{DARM}{CAL_{mir}} \right) (f) \cdot \left(\frac{DARM}{DARM_NOISE} \right)^{-1} (f) \cdot A_{mir}^{-1}(f) \cdot S^{-1}(f)$$

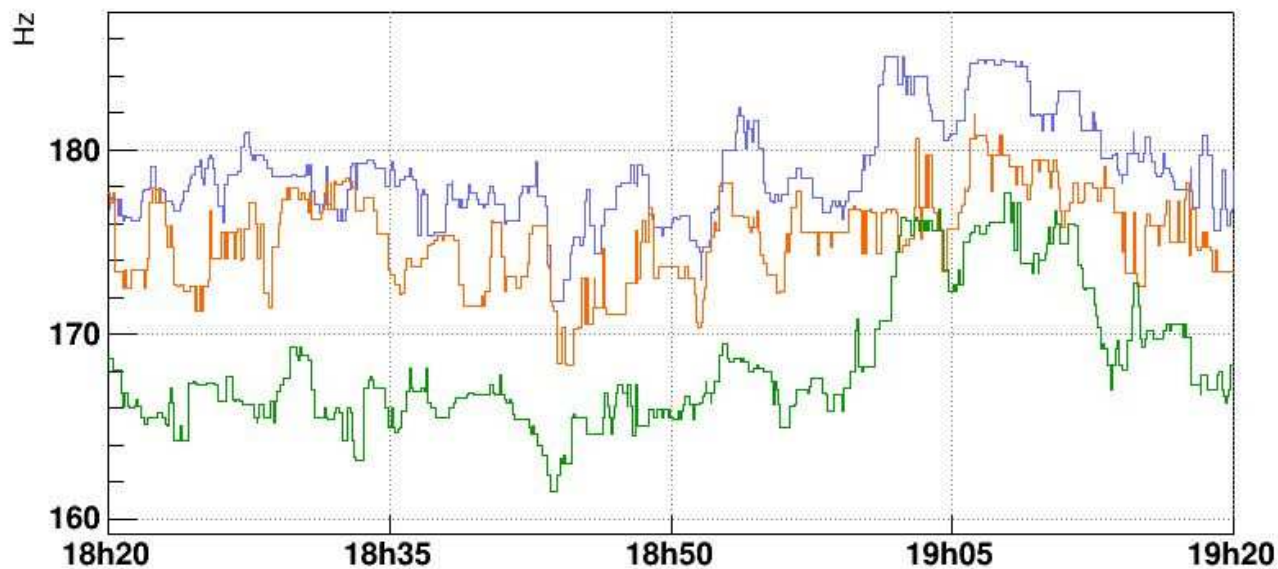


Calcul réponses optiques

Mirror	f_{os} [Hz]	Q_{os}	G_{mir} [W/m]	f_p [Hz]	τ [μ S]
NE	7.4 ± 0.7	$7.8 \pm 11 \times 10^7$	$1.916 \pm 0.006 \times 10^9$	169 ± 8	-12 ± 1
WE	7.4 ± 0.7	$9.4 \pm 19 \times 10^7$	$1.919 \pm 0.006 \times 10^9$	167 ± 8	-17 ± 1
BS	17.9 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.1	$6.921 \pm 0.009 \times 10^6$	140 ± 1	-43 ± 2



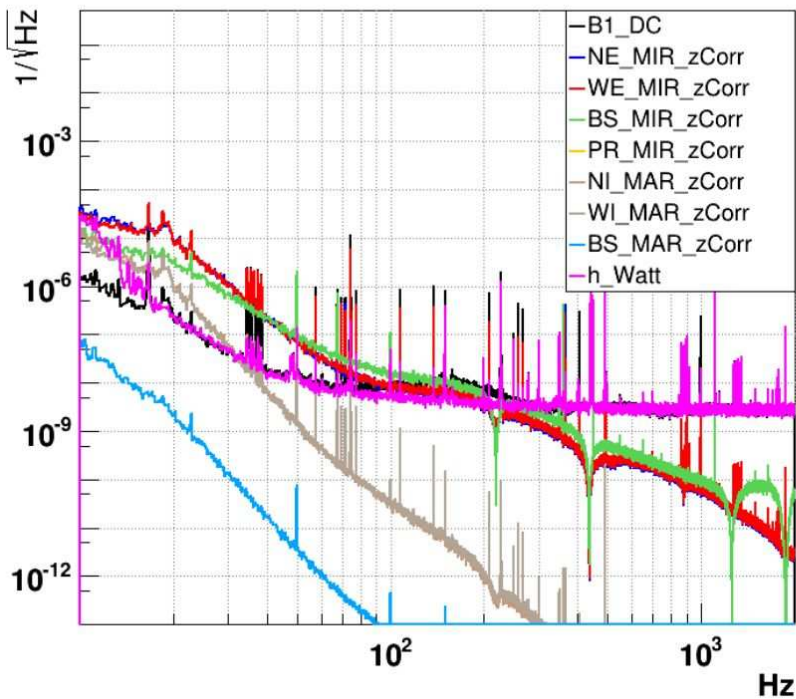
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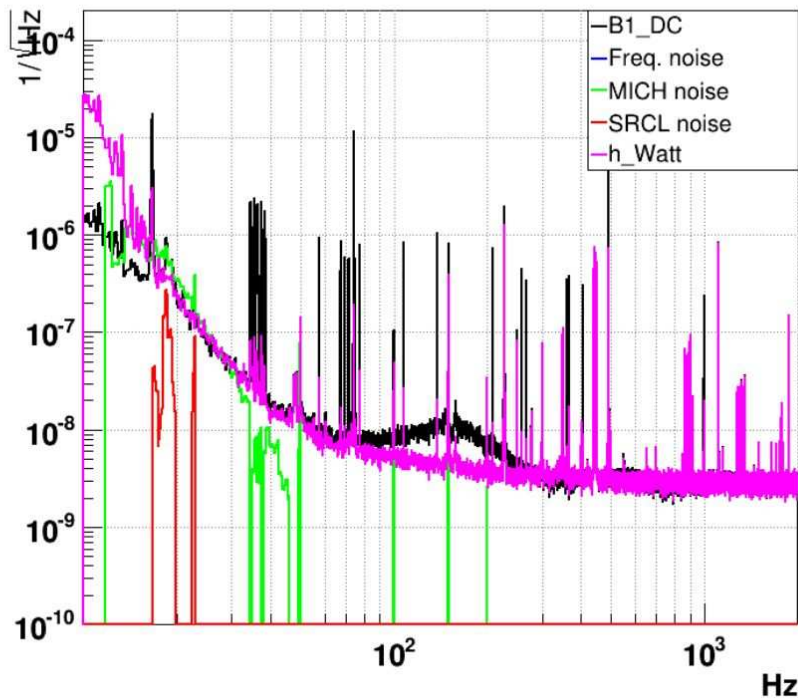
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Hrec contribution breakdown

Hrec Control breakdown at GPS=1441545000 (Wed Sep 10 13:09:42 2025 UTC)



Hrec Noise breakdown at GPS=1441545000 (Wed Sep 10 13:09:42 2025 UTC)



Injection broadband

Pic à 50 Hz et 150 Hz → fréquence de modulation électricité en europe et harmonique

50 Hz

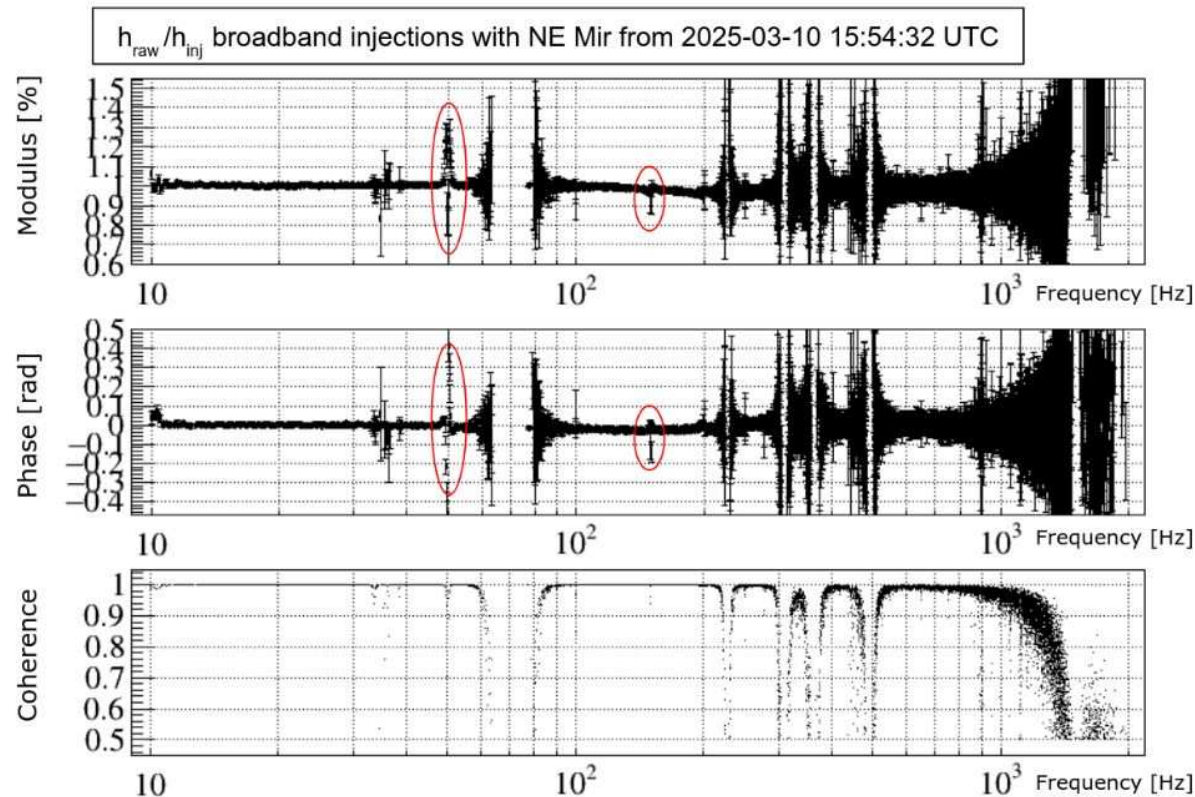
→ 20 % module

→ 50 mrad phase

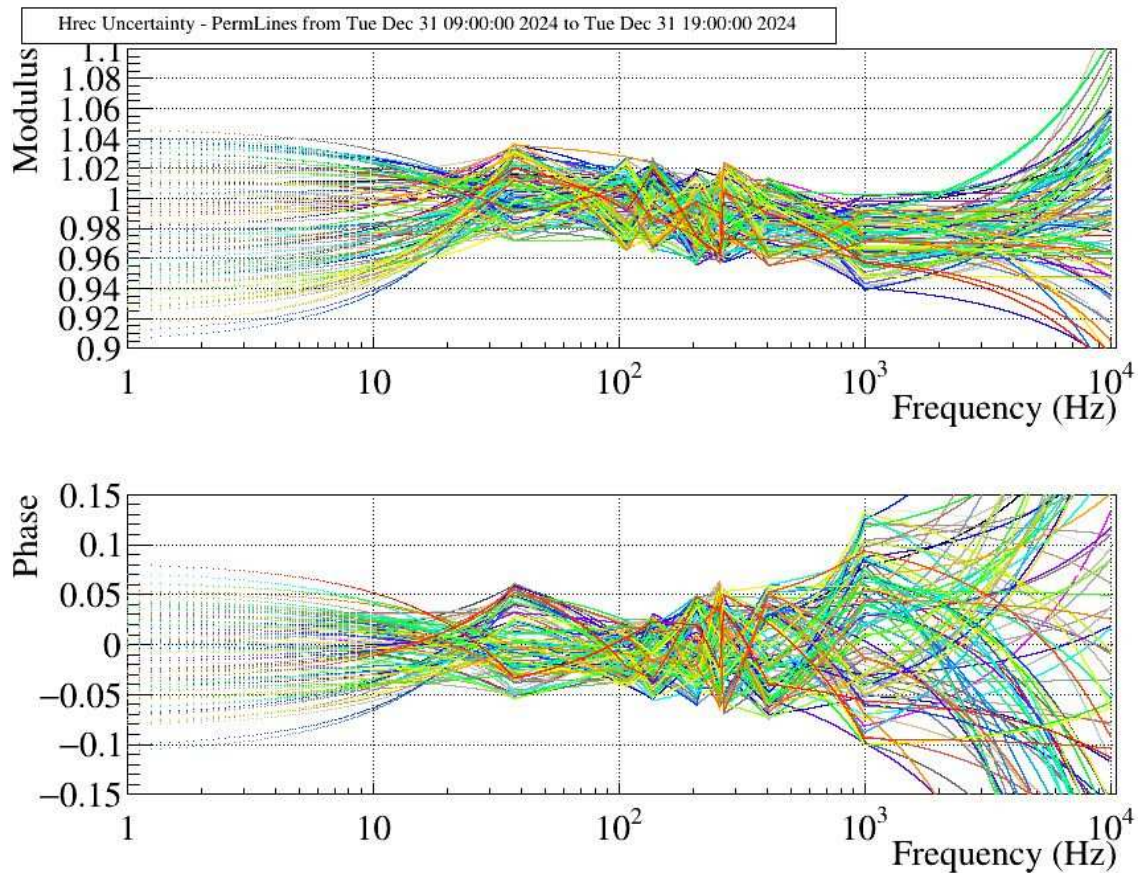
150 Hz

→ 4% module

→ 20 mrad phase



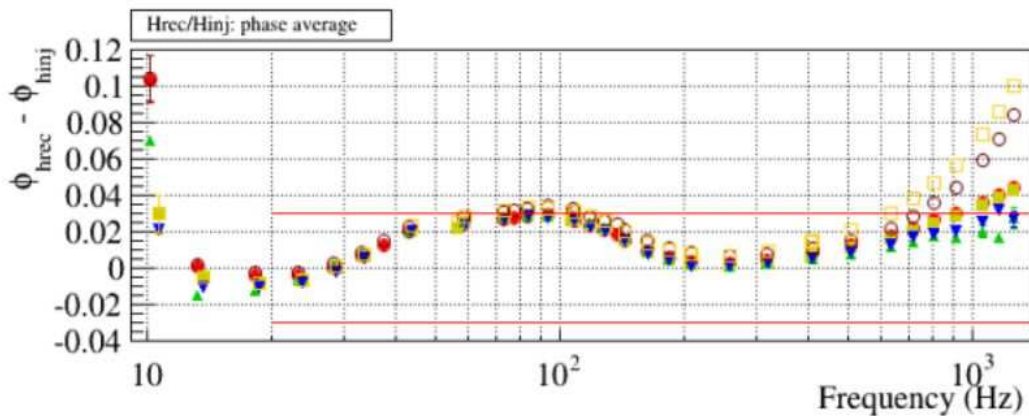
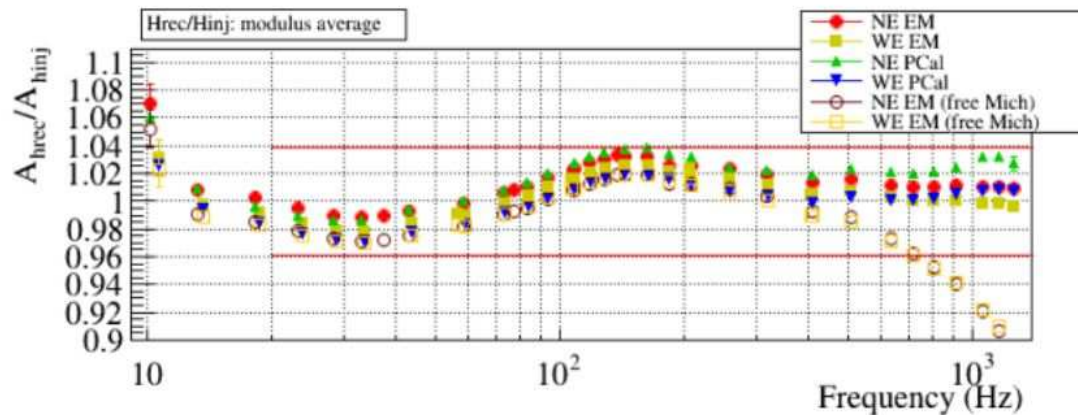
Interpolation avec lignes permanentes



Biais et incertitude pendant O3

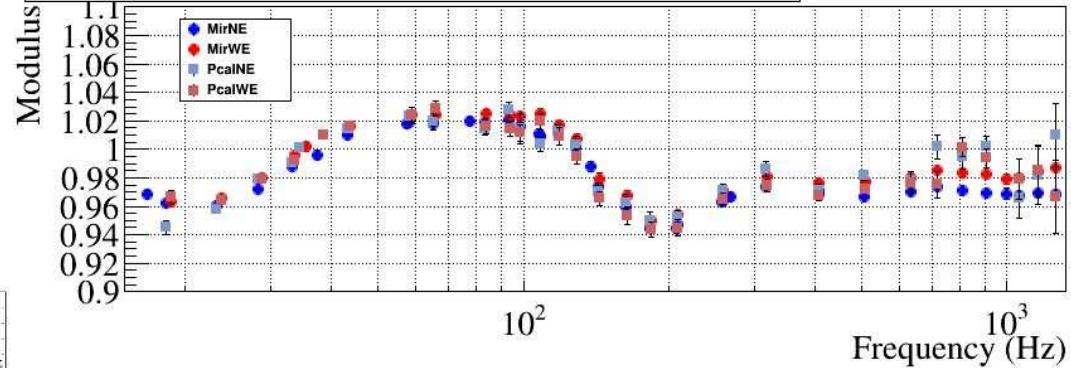
3.9 % sur le module

30 mrad sur la phase

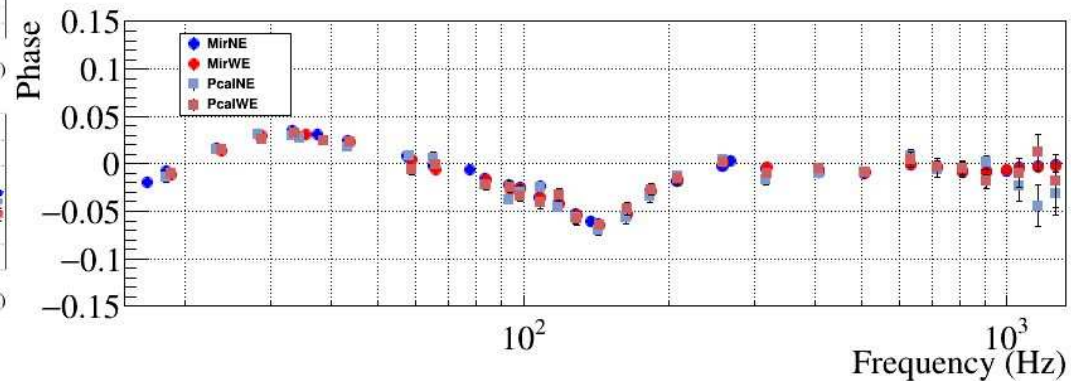
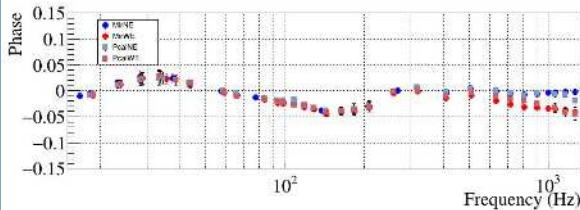
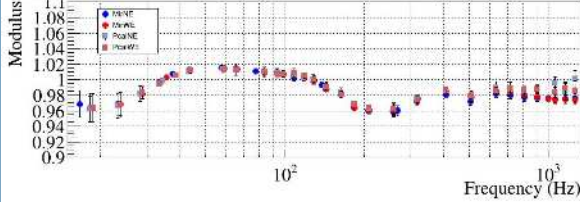


Biais de Hrec après changement WE

Hrec/Hinj from Wed Sep 3 00:00:00 2025 to Thu Sep 4 00:00:00 2025



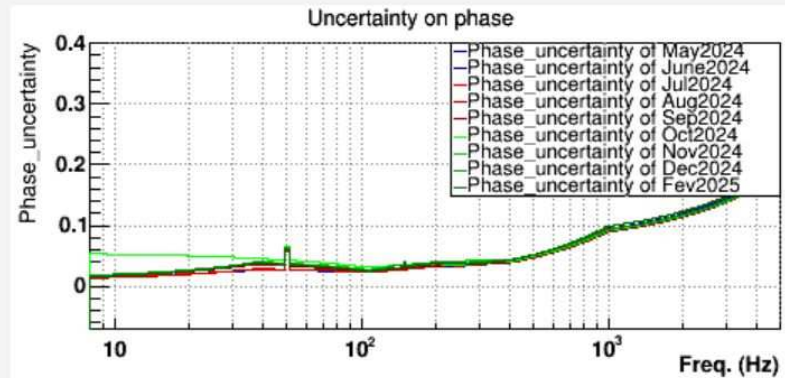
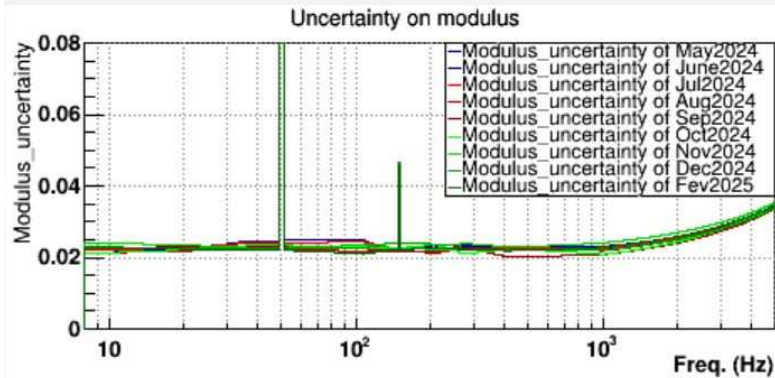
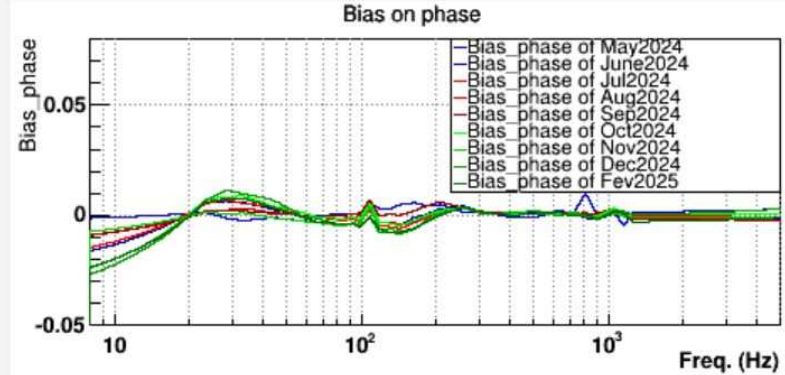
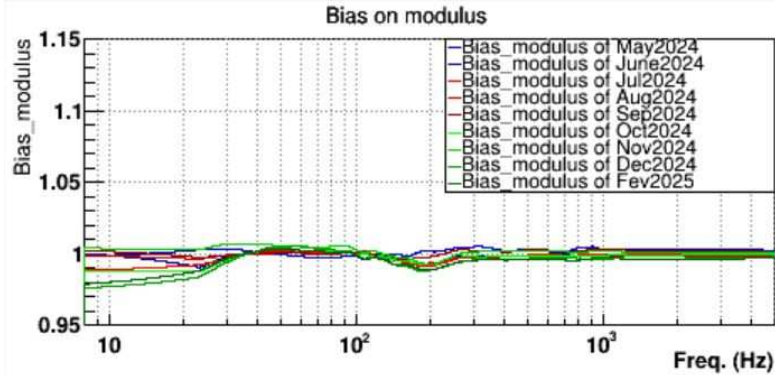
Hrec/Hinj from Tue Jan 28 17:00:00 2025 to Tue Feb 25 09:00:00 2025





Results and stability during the run

The bias and the uncertainty on the reconstructed signal $h(t)$ were computed monthly during the run
 The bias is corrected online and was updated only 4 times during O4



Incertitude $h(t)$ LIGO

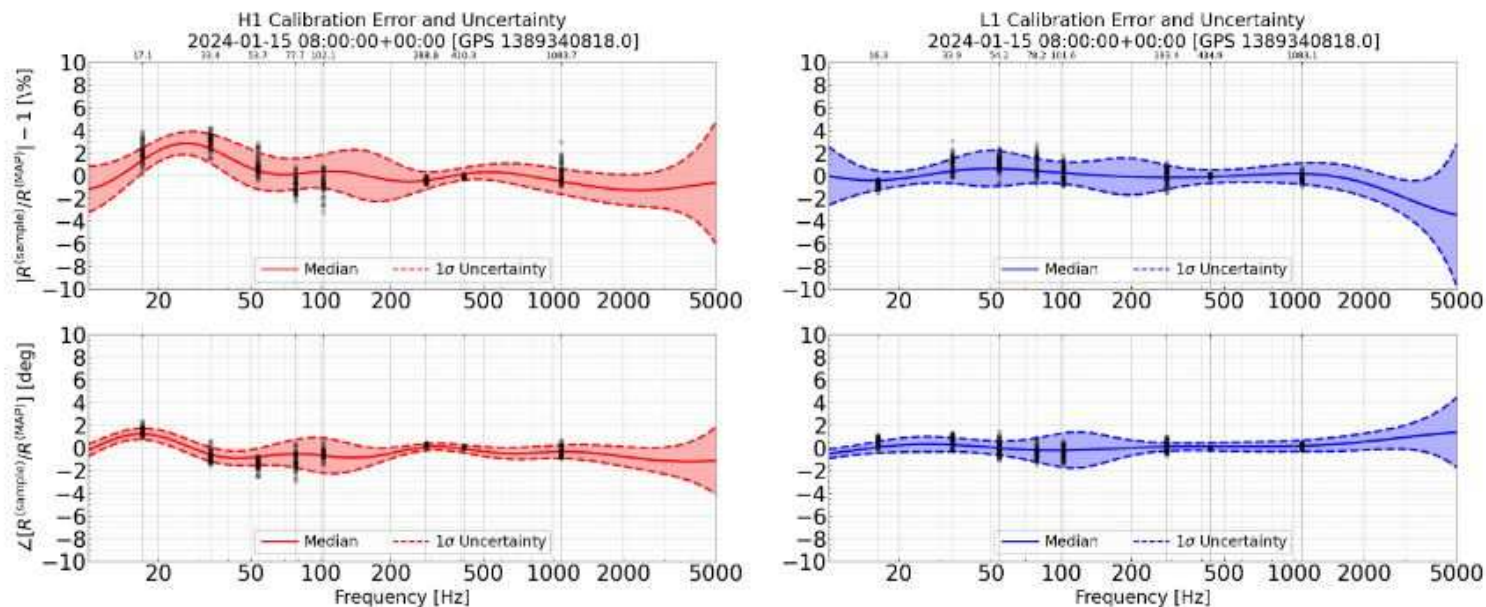


Figure 2. LIGO Hanford (left) and Livingston (right) frequency-dependent calibration error for a one-hour time period in O4a starting at January 15, 2024 08:00:00 UTC. The magnitude of the calibration error is shown in the top plots and the phase of the calibration error (in units of degrees) is shown in the bottom plots. The median systematic error of the calibration is given by the solid line. The 1σ uncertainty on this systematic error is given by the dotted lines. The black dots overlaid on the figure at specific frequencies are direct measurements of the calibration error at a specific frequency during this one-hour time period. These measurements are made using sinusoidal injections with the photon-calibrator system. These uncertainties are representative of typical LIGO calibration uncertainties throughout O4a.



Méthode de calcul du biais et de l'incertitude

Objectif : estimation du biais et de l'incertitude sur la reconstruction du signal $h(t)$ pour toute la bande de fréquence

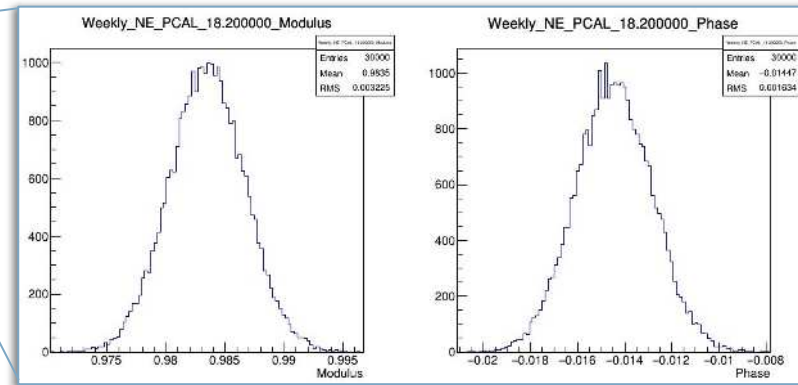
Lignes hebdomadaires → **BIAS**

Lignes permanentes → **INCERTITUDE**

Lignes
Hebdomadaires et
Permanentés

Utilise la
Moyenne
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type

Distribution
pour chaque
ligne



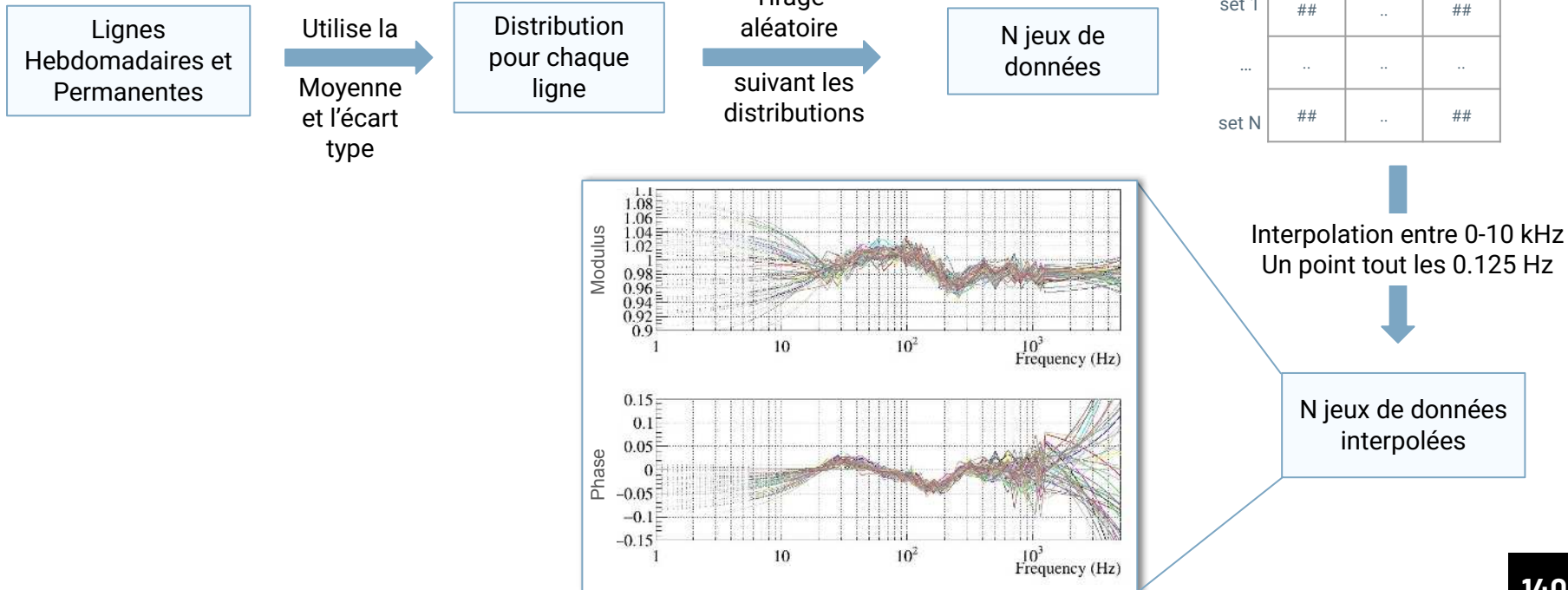


Méthode de calcul du biais et de l'incertitude

Objectif : estimation du biais et de l'incertitude sur la reconstruction du signal $h(t)$ pour toute la bande de fréquence

Lignes hebdomadaires → **BIAS**

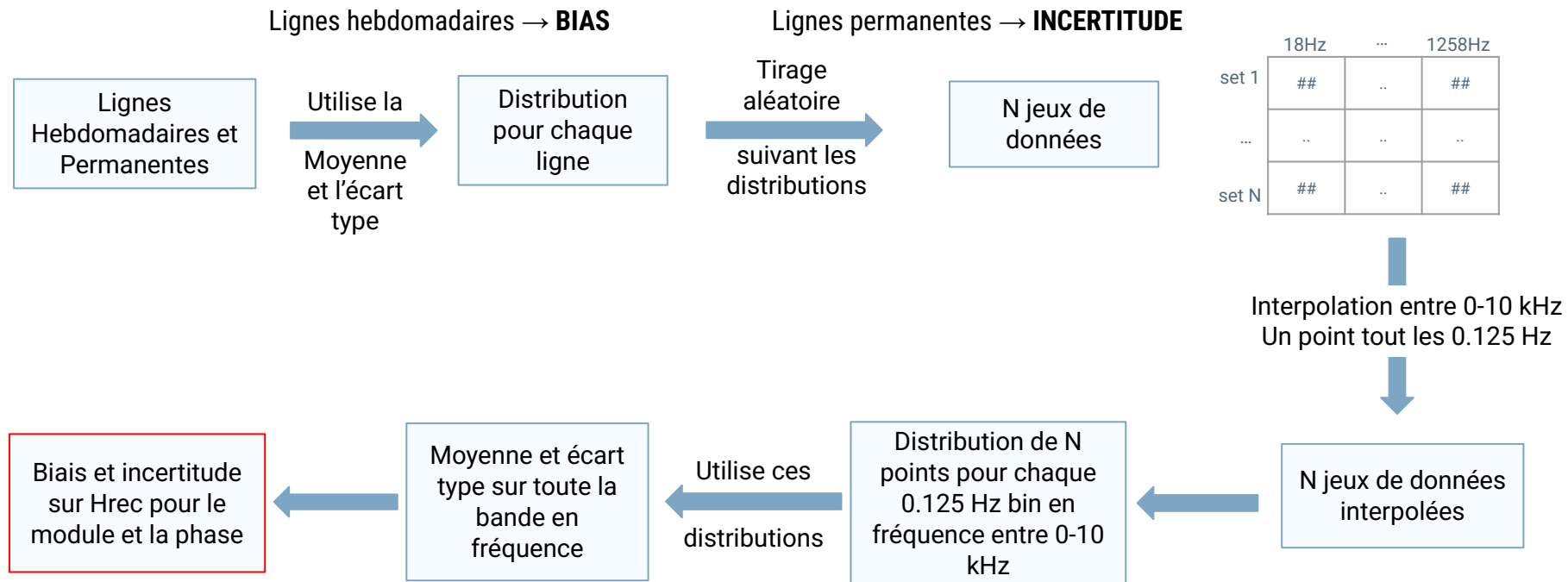
Lignes permanentes → **INCERTITUDE**





Méthode de calcul du biais et de l'incertitude

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Diminution de la latence de reconstruction

Latence de reconstruction de $h(t) \rightarrow \sim 10s$

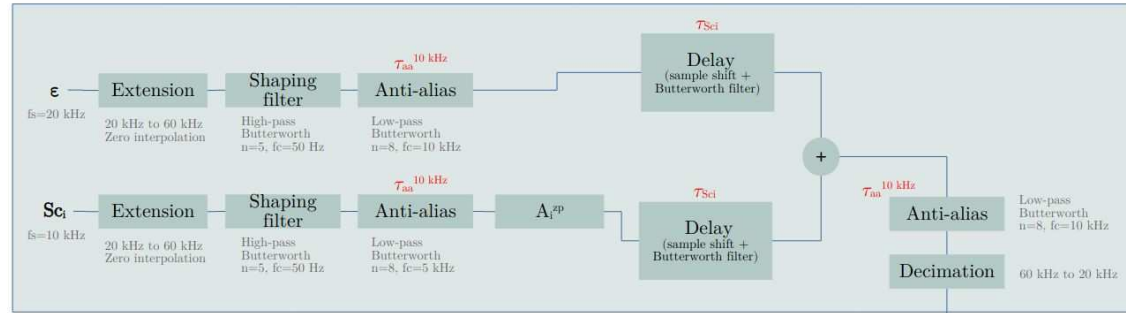
Objectif : atteindre $\sim 1s$ de latence pour O5

Méthodes investiguées :

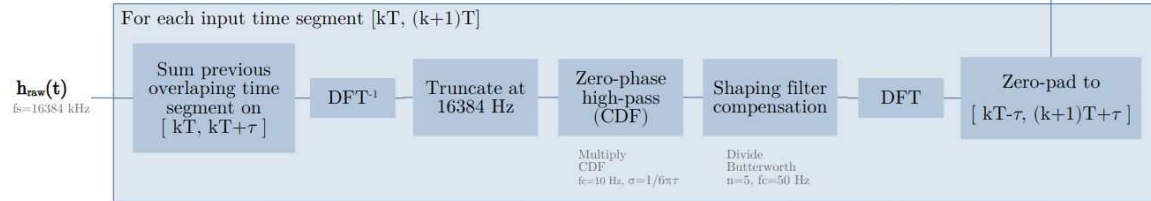
- Reconstruction temporelle
- Reconstruction fréquentielle avec zero padding

Travail bien avancé par stagiaire de M2 (B. Huchon)

Causal IIR filtering



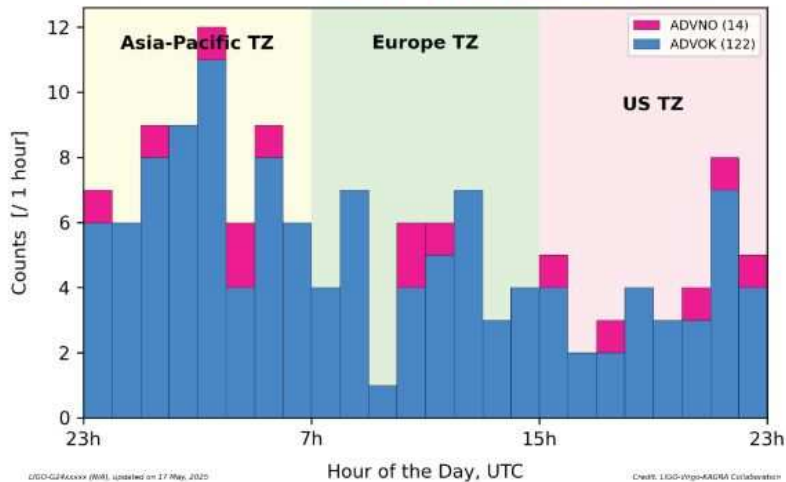
Non-causal DFT filtering
rect windowing of size T , no overlap



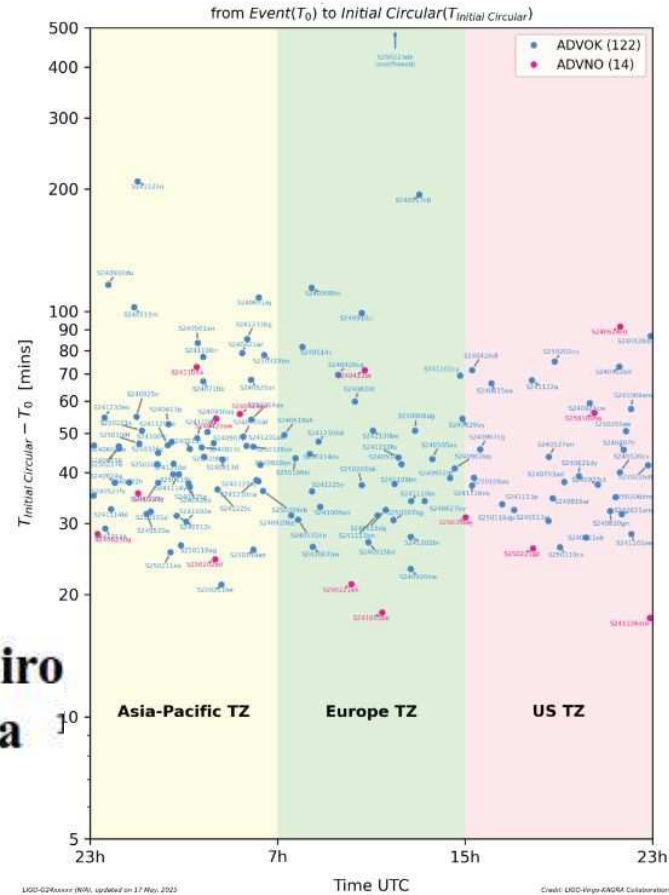
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Latence emission circulaire initiale rrt

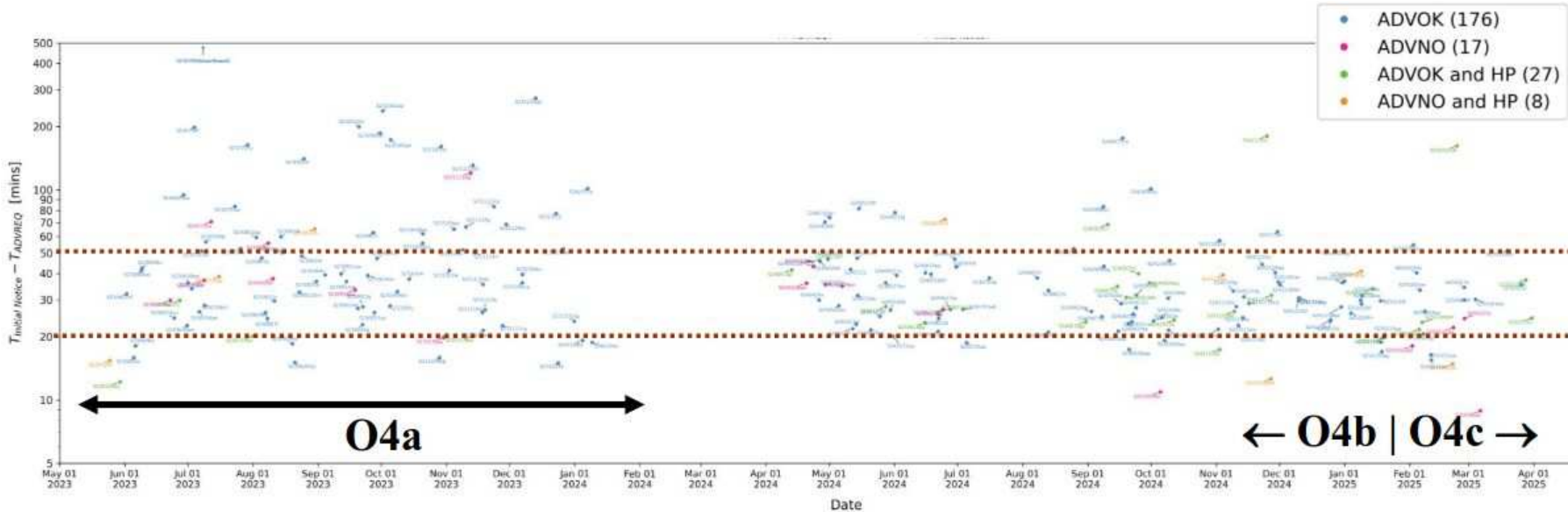
- Distribution of O4b+c alerts by hour



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Latence emission circulaire initiale rrt



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Mesure de linéarité des sphères au LAPP

