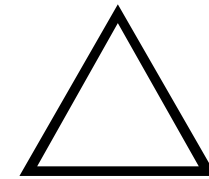


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# Which one is better?



Cheapest way to get  
to a given sensitivity



Near-optimal for  
one site

The question should be **'Which one is better for me?'**  
when writing a specific detector proposal.

# Motivations Leading to $\Delta$

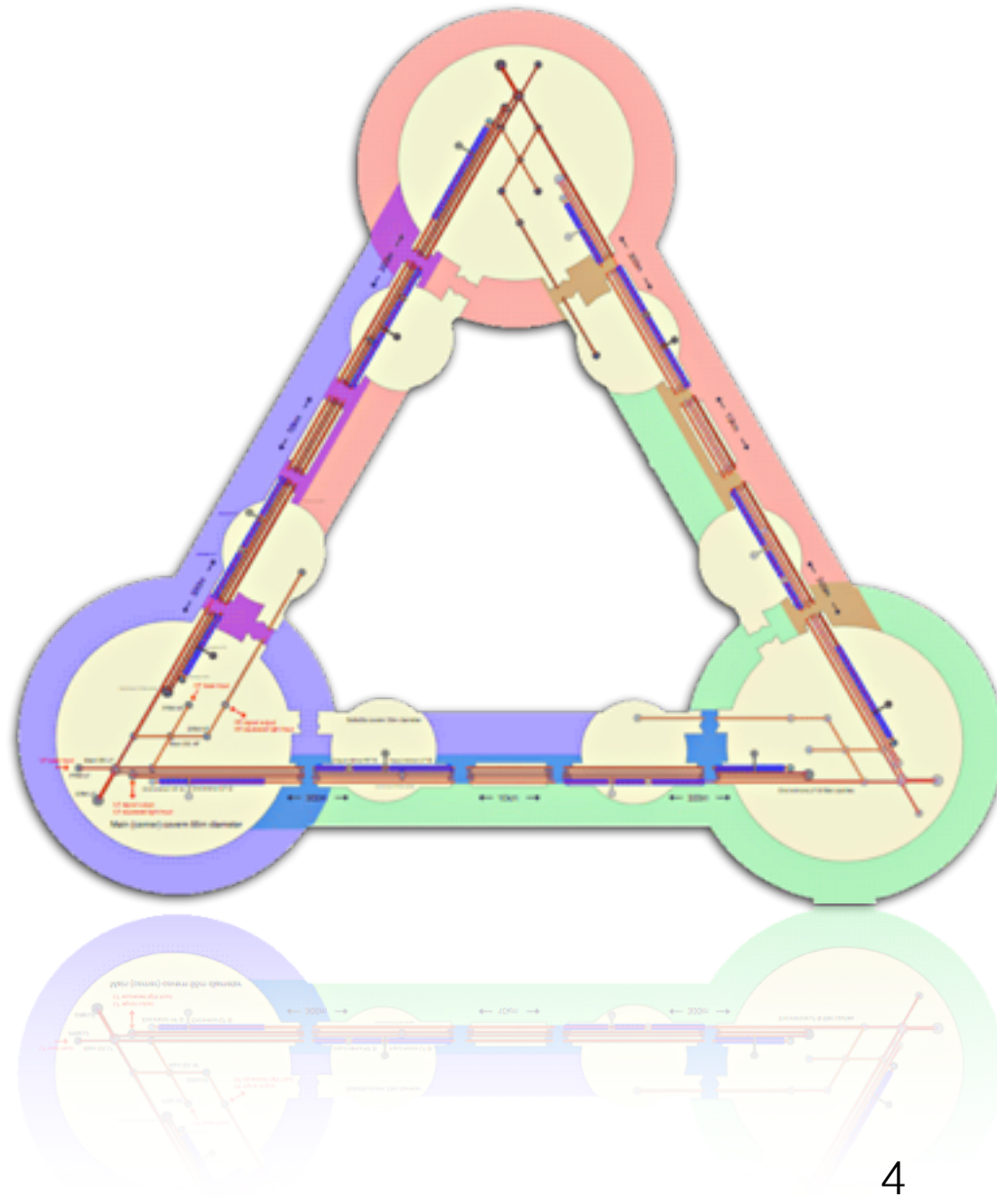
- Facility for long-term future (50 years)
- Allow for iterative installation and upgrade of instruments
- Provide 24/7 coverage of the GW-sky for a wide range of known or possible sources
- Targeting an underground site

‘Triple Michelson interferometer for a third-generation gravitational wave detector’  
CQG, 2009, 26, 085012 (14pp)

# Example Triangle Layout

Detailed, interactive drawing:

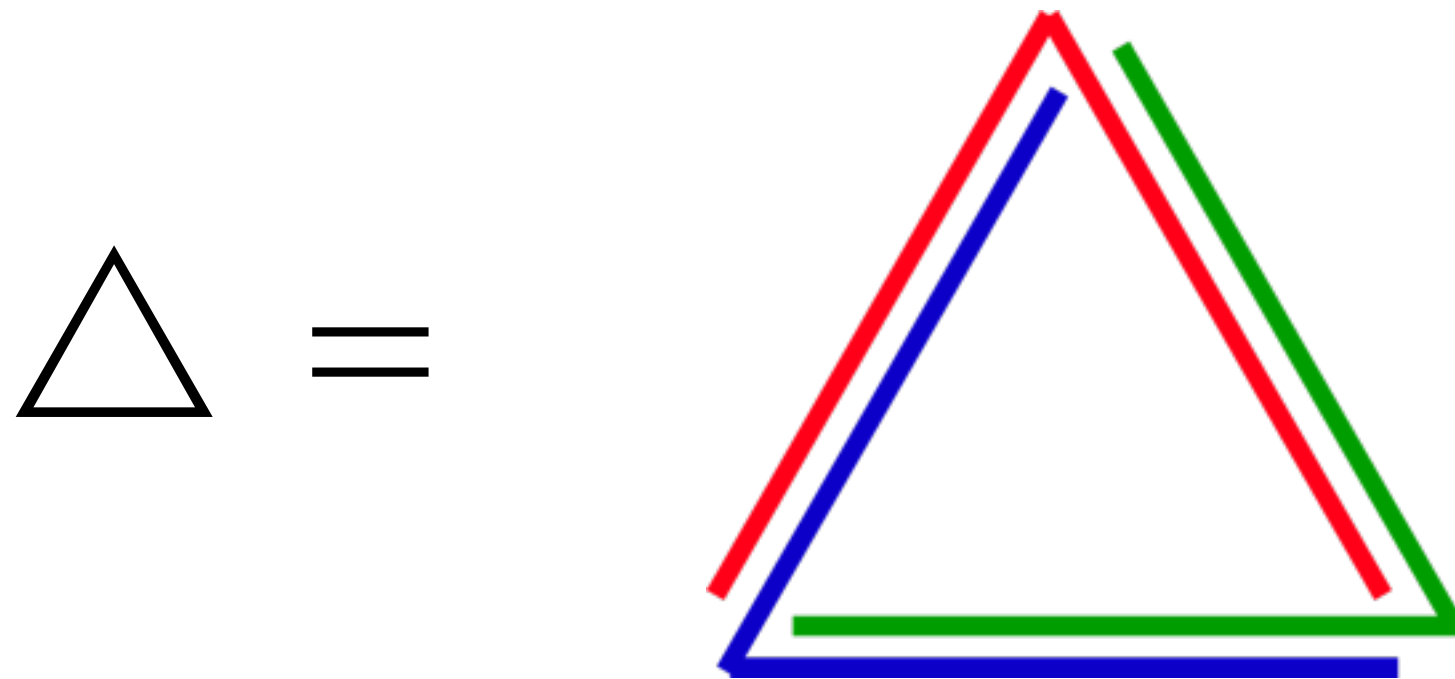
<http://www.gwoptics.org/research/et/layout/>



Other examples:

- LISA
- Original GEO

# 3 Detectors



Might be confusing: current ET design has two interferometers per detectors (xylophone). But those could be replaced by **one** Michelson/speedmeter/... each. This is **not relevant** for the discussion of the triangle as a detector shape.

# Simple Equations

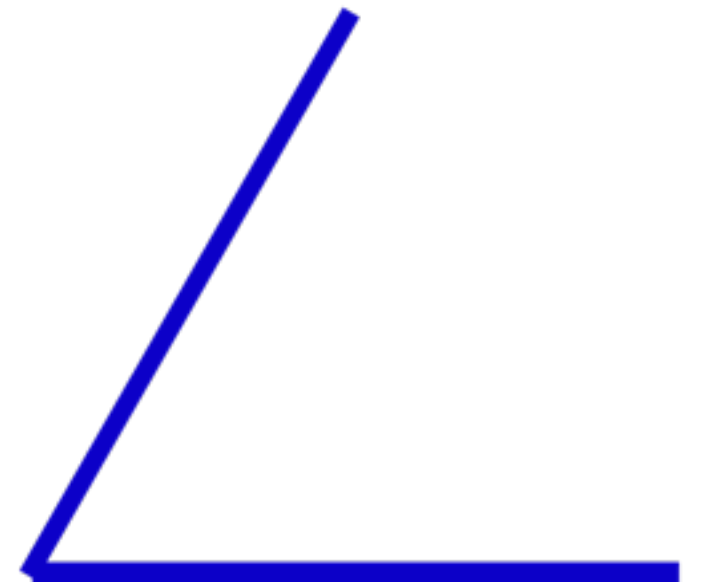
$$h(t) = F_+(t)h_+(t) + F_\times(t)h_\times(t)$$

[P Jaranowski et al, Phys Rev D 58 1998]

Opening angle:

$$h(t) = \sin(\zeta) \times (\dots)$$

$$\sin(60^\circ) = \sqrt{3/4} = 0.87$$



# Simple Equations

$$h(\gamma) = \sin \zeta [(C_1 \sin 2\gamma + C_2 \cos 2\gamma) h_+ + (C_3 \sin 2\gamma + C_4 \cos 2\gamma) h_\times]$$

Oriented at different angles the instrument measure combinations of the different polarisations. Combine signals for reconstructing signals from other orientations:

$$-h_{0^\circ} = h_{240^\circ} + h_{120^\circ}$$

$$h_{45^\circ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (h_{240^\circ} - h_{120^\circ})$$

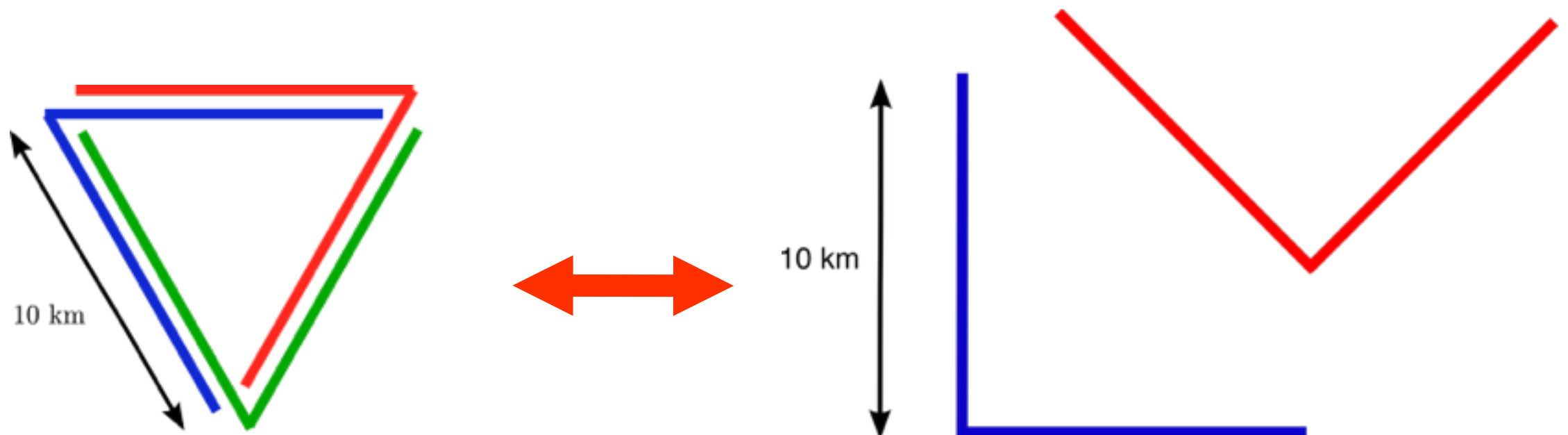
# Simple Equations

Sensitivity:

$$+ \quad h_{\Delta}(0^{\circ}) = h(0^{\circ}) - h(120^{\circ}) - h(240^{\circ}) = 2h(0^{\circ})$$

$$\text{SNR}_{\Delta, 10 \text{ km}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}} = \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}}$$

$$\mathbf{X} \quad \text{SNR}_{\Delta, 10 \text{ km}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}} \approx 1.06 \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}}$$

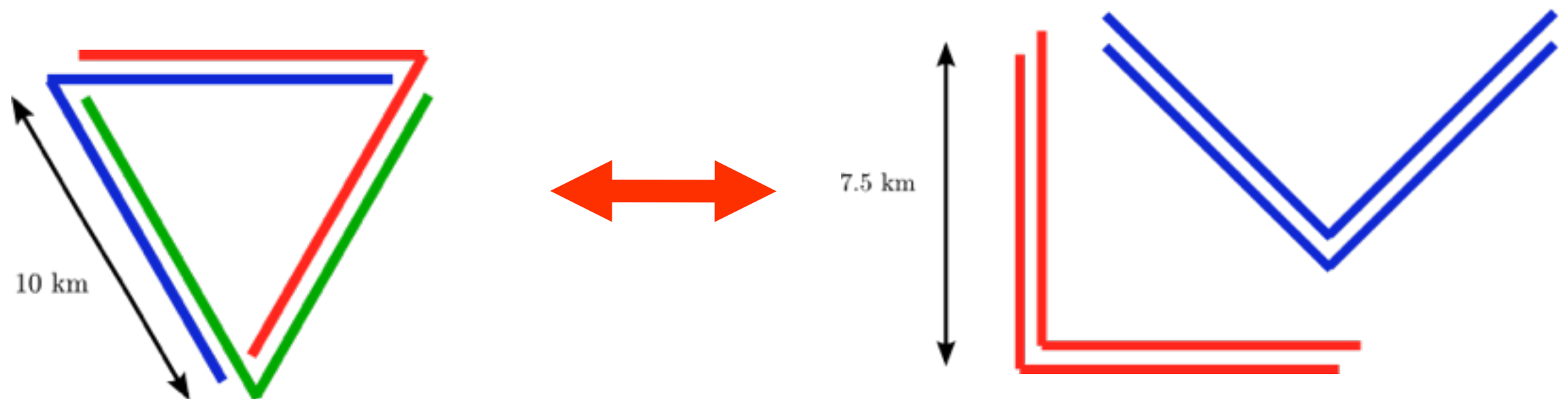




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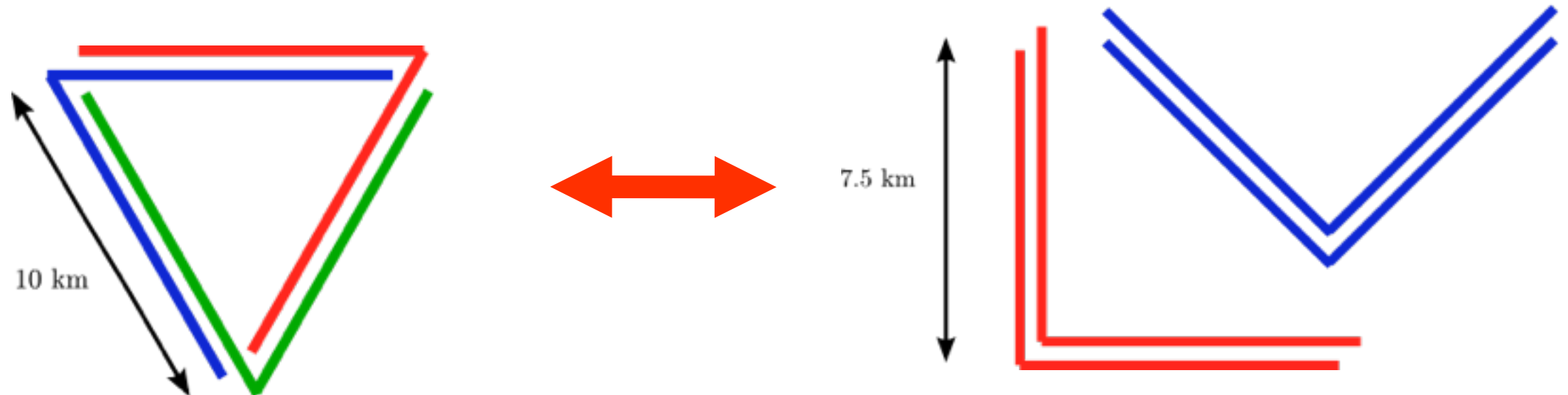
Co-aligned, and both polarisation:

$$\text{SNR}_{2L, 7.5 \text{ km}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{7.5}{10} \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}} \approx 1.06 \text{SNR}_{L, 10 \text{ km}}$$



# Simple Equations

- Same sensitivity, same features
- 30 km `tunnel' length, 60 km beam tube length
- Triangle expected to be cheaper because of lower number of vertices



# Co-located, Co-aligned

- Un-modelled incoherent signals (bursts, stochastic):
  - null-stream, can check for coherence, separating between signal and noise
  - high frequency ( $> \sim 30$  Hz) require co-located detectors

# Both Polarisation

- CBC: Break degeneracy between distance and inclination angle, better distance and sky location and any derived results  
(can be done by a distributed network)
- Burst: different information in  $h_x$  and  $h_+$   
(at high frequency, local detectors have advantages)

# Redundancy

- Build two interferometers instead of one
- Sequential installation of instruments
- Iterative upgrades of instruments while taking data
- Connecting commissioning and maintenance (maybe even R+D) at a **center** for gravitational wave research
- Retention and development of knowledge and experts on site long term



# Detector Networks

- Network of three L-shaped detectors:
  - locate them at large distances
  - mis-align them for detection of both polarisations
- 3G detector in a heterogeneous network:
  - Longer L or shorter  $\Delta$ ?
  - Science case still evolving

Lankford et al: 'Detecting gravitational-wave memory with LIGO: implications of GW150914', <https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.01415>

# Costs

- Cost will be the key factor for what type of network and what type of detector we build
- However early cost estimates have large error bars (steel price, tunnel digging)
- More detailed design studies are needed to trade-off detector concepts

# Summary

- $\triangle$  is a near-optimal single-site detector
- It includes co-aligned detectors for both polarisations
- It is **one possible option** for a 3G detector design in a future network
- Expect changing opinions with more details on science case and cost emerge soon