



LIGO A+ UPGRADE STATUS REPORT

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LIGO-G1900980

- An **incremental upgrade** to aLIGO that leverages **existing technology and infrastructure**, with minimal new investment and moderate risk
- Target: **factor of 1.7*** increase in **binary inspiral detection range** over aLIGO baseline design
 - About a **factor of 4-7** greater **CBC event rate**
- Bridge to future **3G GW astrophysics, cosmology, and nuclear physics**
- Stepping stone to **3G detector technology**
- Can be **observing within 6 years** (late 2024)

* BBH 30/30 M_{\odot} : 1.6x

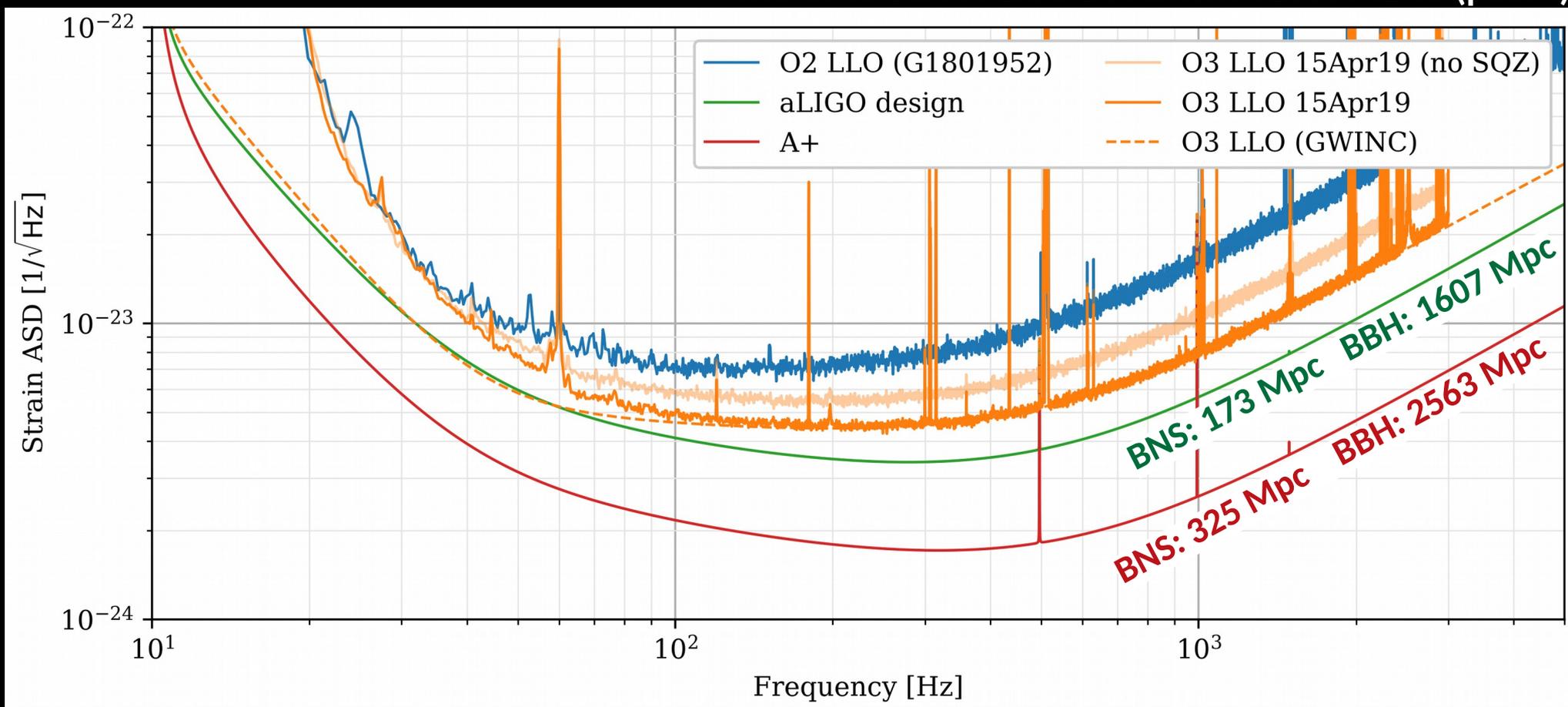
* BNS 1.4/1.4 M_{\odot} : 1.9x

- Improved Coatings
- Frequency Dependent Squeezing
- Boosted Optical Efficiency for Deeper Squeezing
 - High-efficiency Faraday isolators
 - Adaptive Wavefront Control (US/Australia)
- Balanced Homodyne Readout (UK)
 - Several improvements, SRC control, backscatter (see G1800459)
- Enlarged Beamsplitter and Suspension (UK)
- Improved Suspension Fibers (UK)
 - see G1900942

A+ Upgrade: Sensitivity Target

- Reduce **quantum noise**
 - Improved optical losses
 - Improved readout
 - **Frequency-Dependent Squeezing**
- Reduce **thermal noise**
 - Improved **mirror coatings**

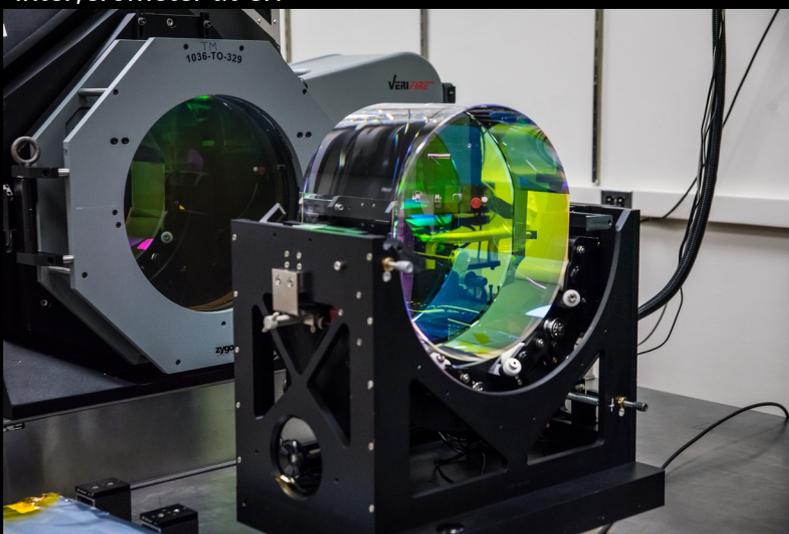
Reference Curves LIGO Document T1800042-v5 (public)



- Filter cavity length **300m**
 - Nearly ideal overcoupled cavity (optical all-pass filter)
 - Backscatter also drives length requirements
- Balanced Homodyne Readout: **topology**
 - LO Differential phase noise is critical
 - AS and LO beams to be interfered *before* mode cleaners
 - Modified OMC suspensions needed
- **Low-noise relay optics** for BHD local oscillator
 - Models revealed enhanced phase noise susceptibility
 - Now baselining ~ 11 triple-pendulum suspended small optics to deliver low-noise LO beam (new design)

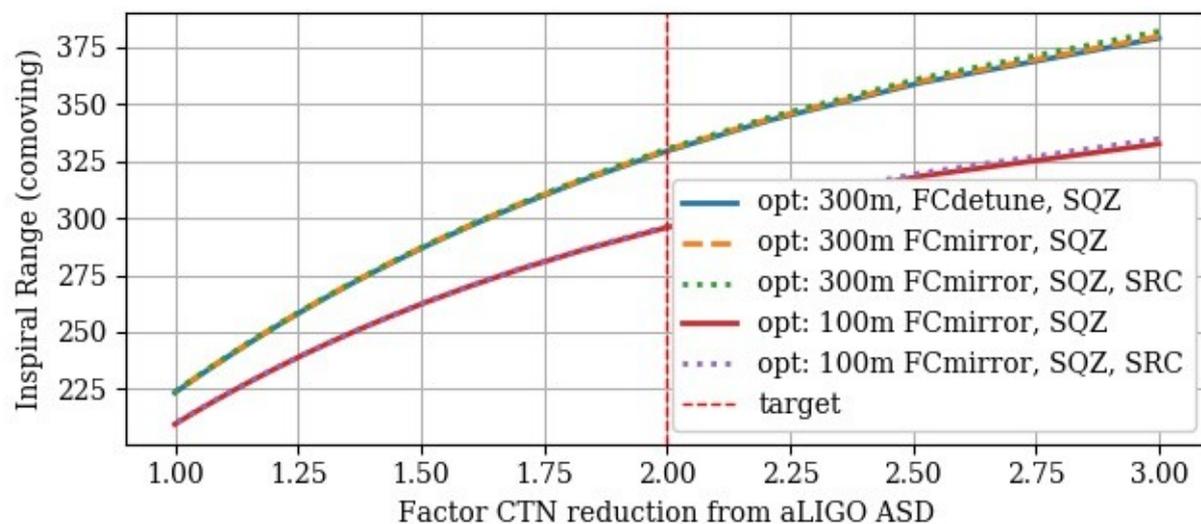
- TARGET: Elastic loss angle $\varphi < 9 \times 10^{-5}$
- (aLIGO $\varphi = 3.6 \times 10^{-4}$)
- 2x lower noise in amplitude spectral density from aLIGO coatings
- Current R&D on small samples
- General commissioning goal to reach design-power operation (coatings likely play a role)
- UK, Europe and US **Center for Coatings Research** initiative to select best low-loss coating design
- Replacement core optics delivered for **final phase of A+ installation**

400mm LIGO Fizeau interferometer at CIT



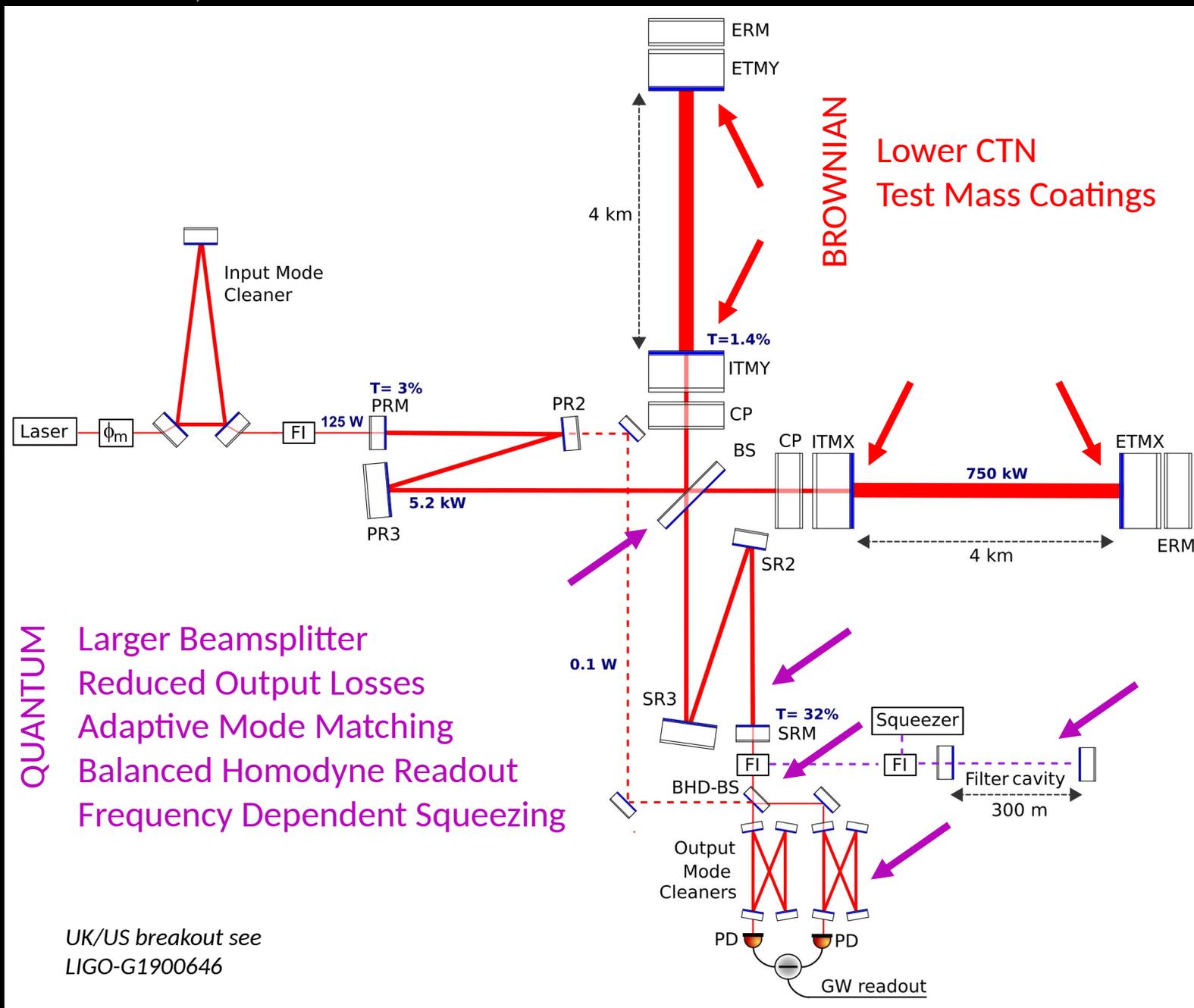
BNS Range as a continuous function of CTN reduction (T1800447)

Also shows that optimized filter cavity design is decoupled from final CTN



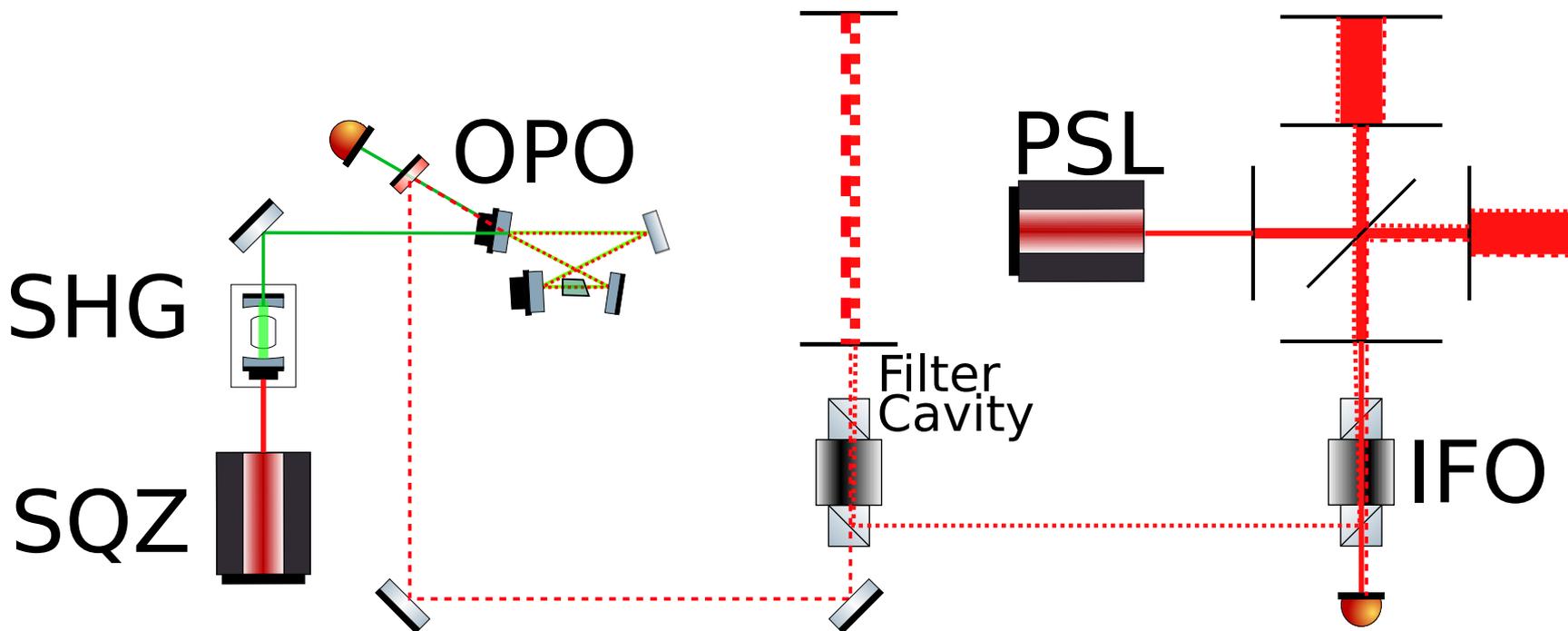
A+ Core Optics Layout

P. Fritschel, S. Hild

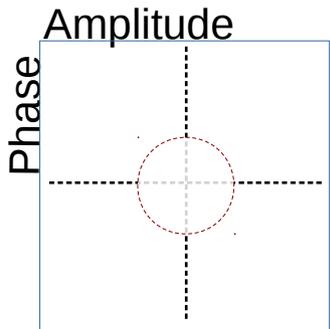


UK/US breakout see
LIGO-G1900646

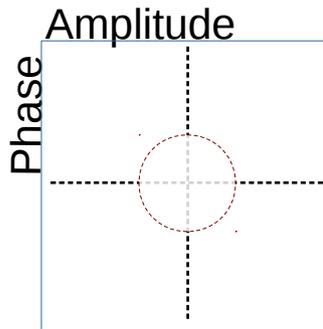
- Optical “filter cavity” (FC)
- Rotates squeezing phase to both improve radiation pressure at LF and phase noise at HF
- Sensitive to optical losses, scattering and mirror motion
- Requires Low-loss, cavity with bandwidth ~ 100 Hz (finesse ~ 5000)
- Requires *seismic isolation and quiet mirror suspension*
- Requires *high-quality FC mirrors*
- Requires $L_{FC} \sim 300$ m



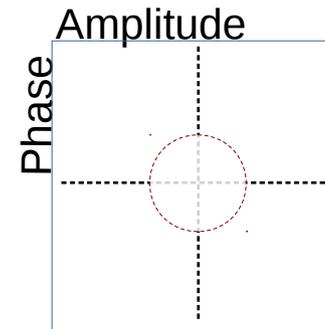
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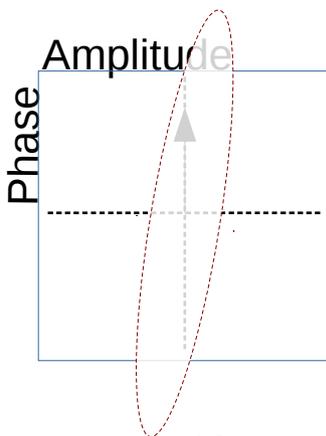


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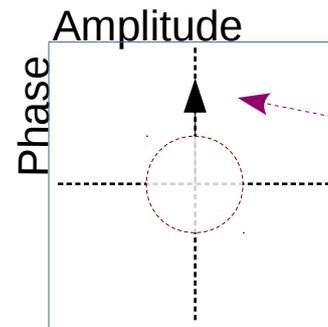
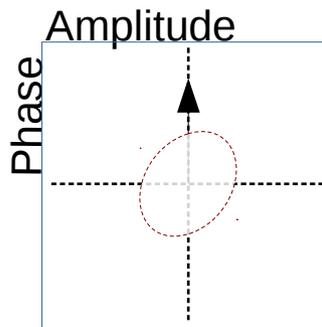


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Phase-space Shear

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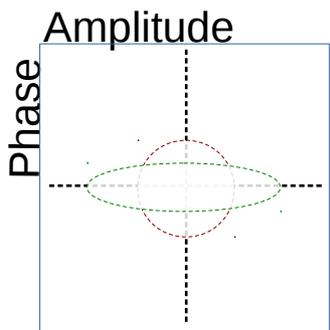
(If you turn your head – hey look squeezing!)



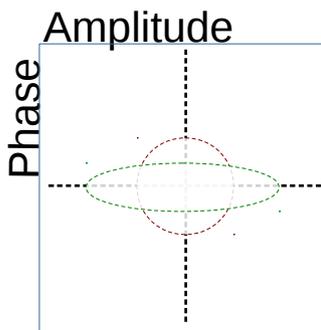
signal vector

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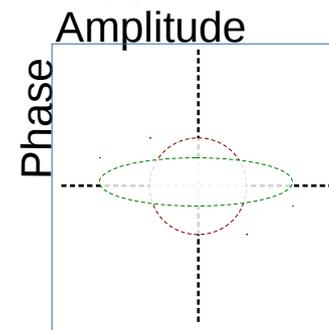
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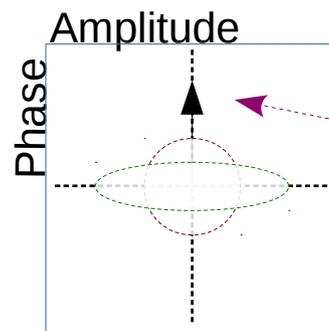
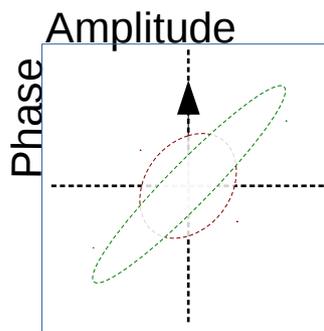
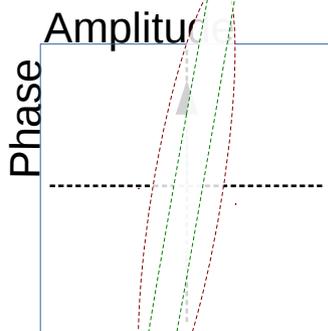


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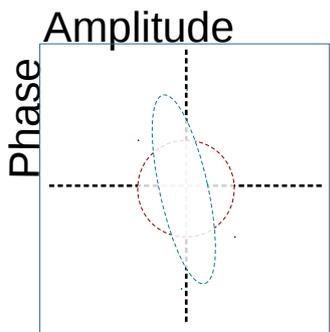
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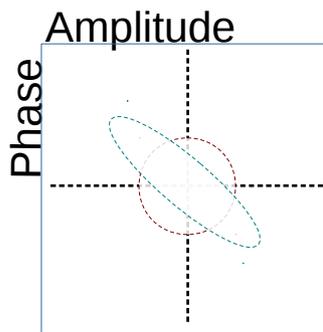
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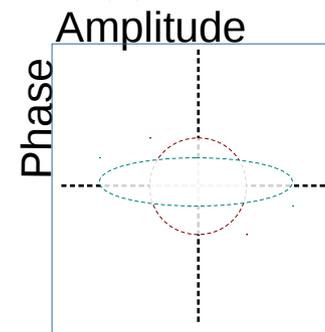
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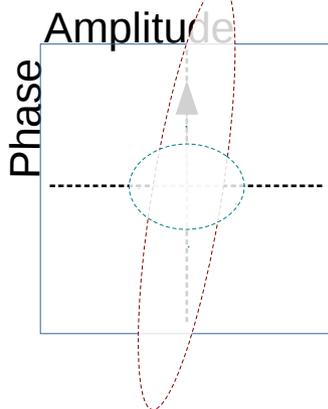
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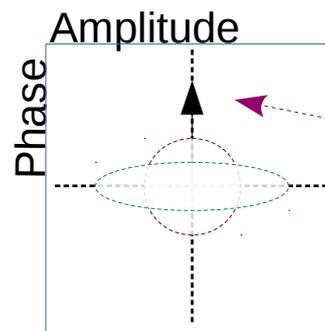
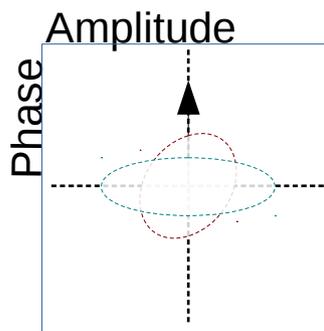
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merely
unsqueezes

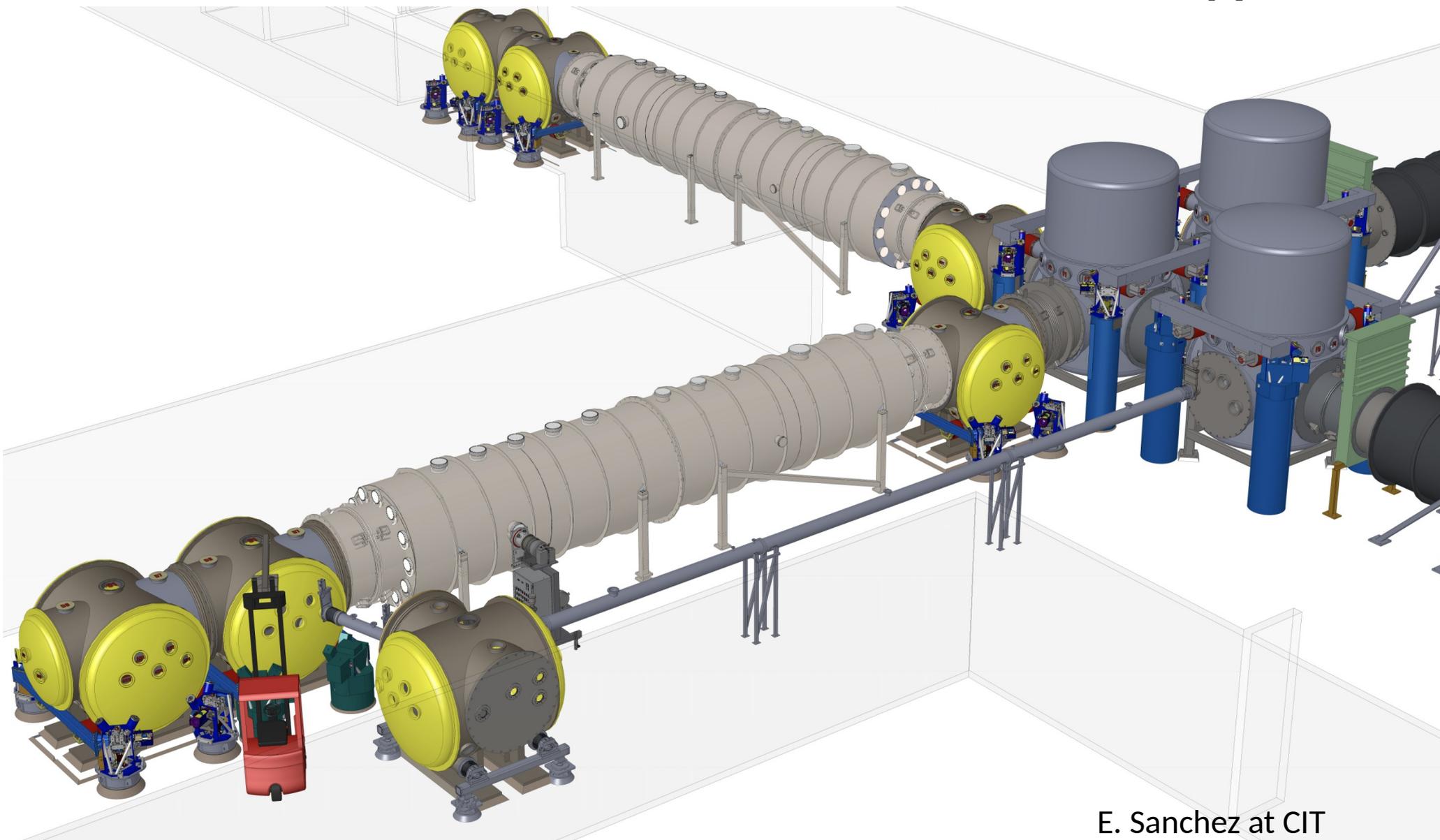


Frequency Dependent Squeezing



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vector

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E. Sanchez at CIT
More at LIGO-G1900621



Very Non-Quantum Reqs.



- Length Noise requirement

- (in cavity, 90db from 3 Faradays):

$$\approx 3 \cdot 10^{-16} \frac{\text{m}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$$

- Phase Noise requirement on resonant length-witness field

- Must be closed-loop with stabilized IFO as ref:

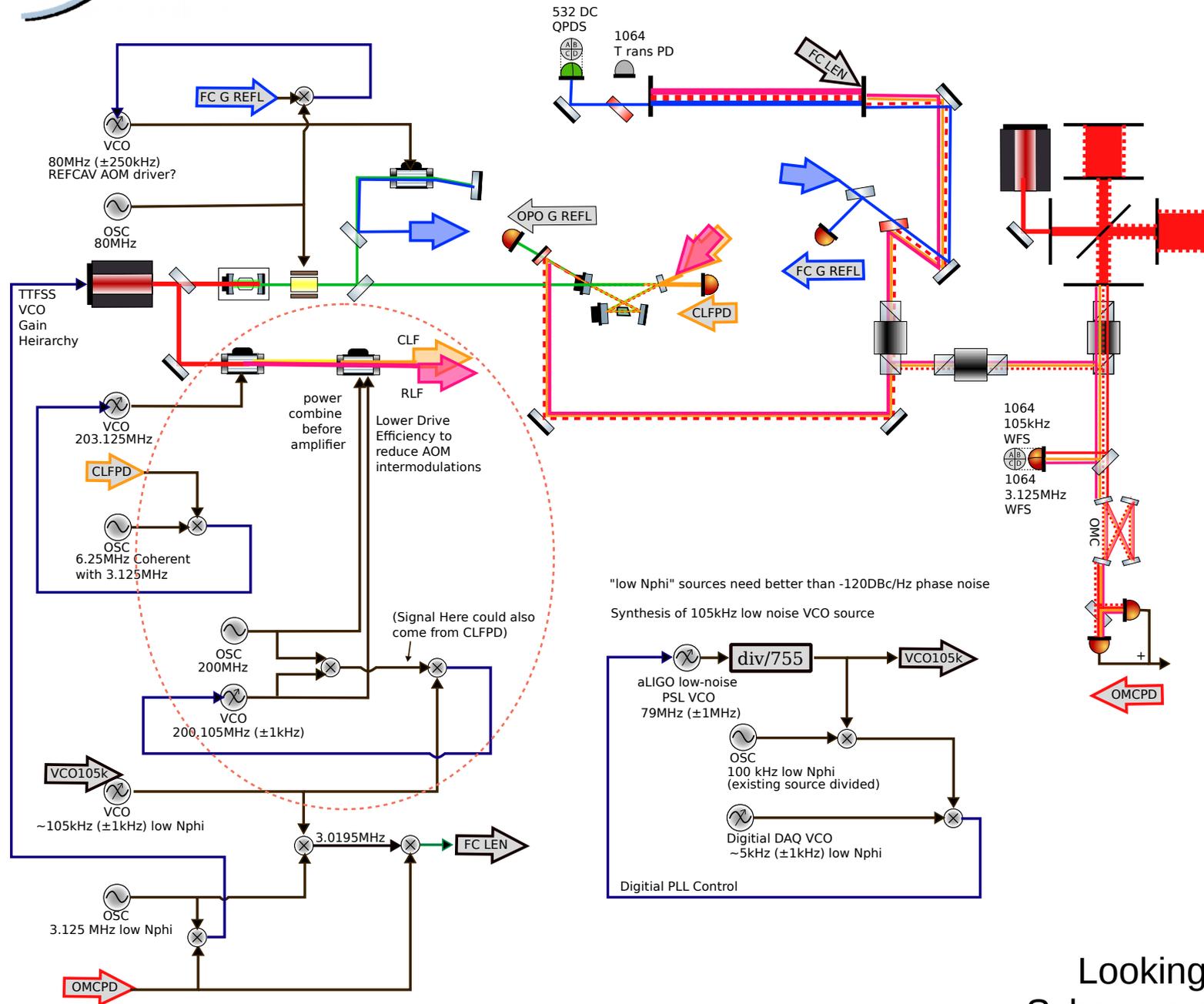
$$\approx 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$$

- Need sufficiently stable VCOs for Frequency Shifts

- Already studied multi-field AOM phase stability with audio-field (“secondary CLF”) injections in LIGO

[T1800475](#) (phase noise analysis)

[LLO41737](#) [LLO41643](#) [LLO42297](#) [LLO42297](#) [LLO42233](#) [LLO41796](#) [LLO41737](#)

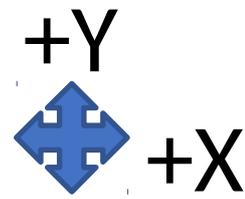
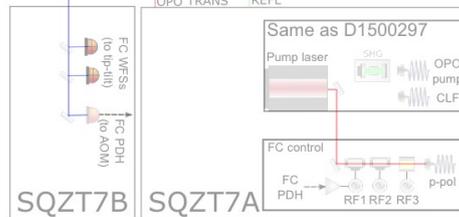
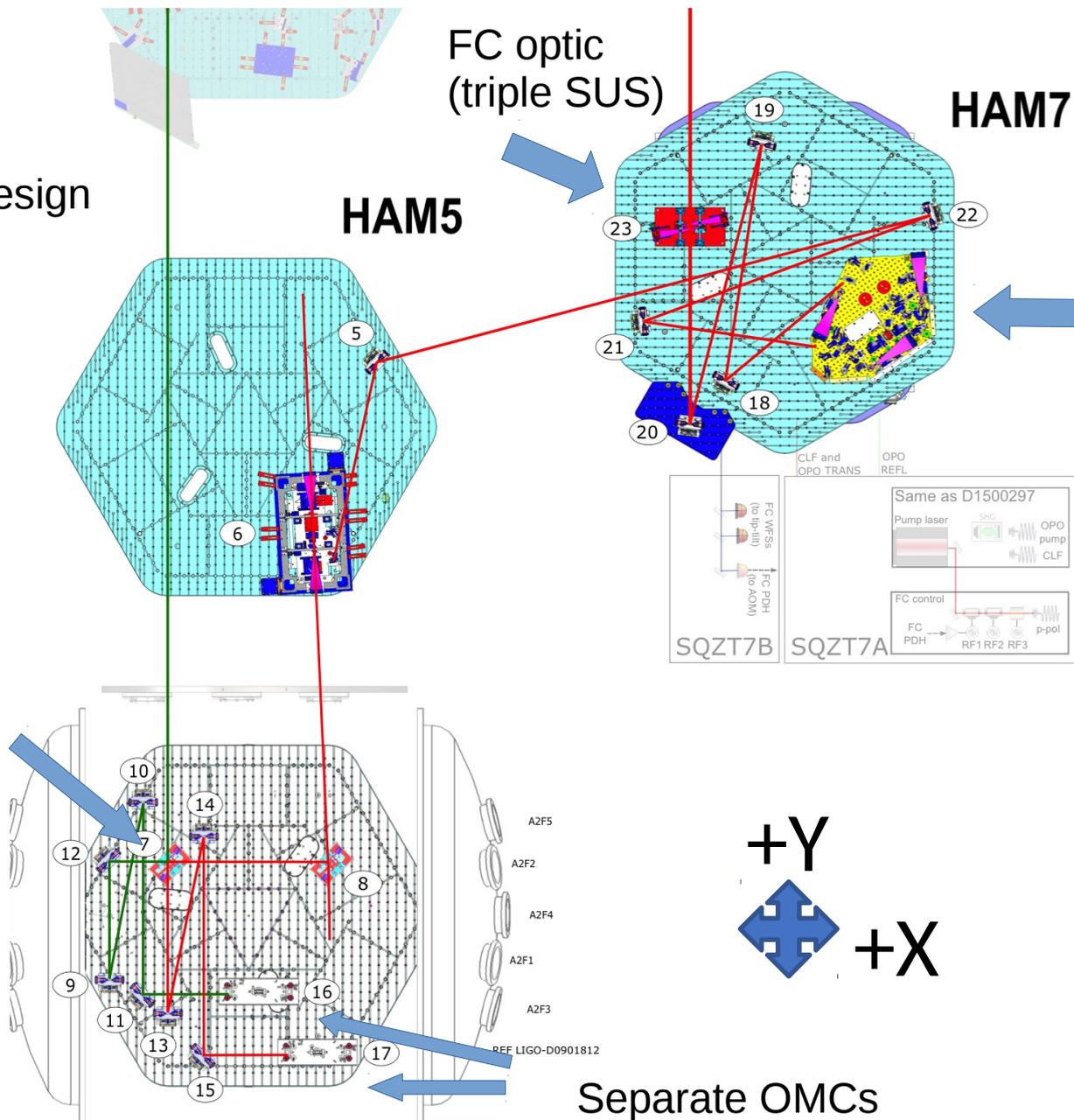


Soon tested in LASTI
 Optically configured
 with cavity + SQZ
 Our audio-field
 implementation → RLF

Looking forward to comparing
 Schemes with N. Aritomi Poster #55

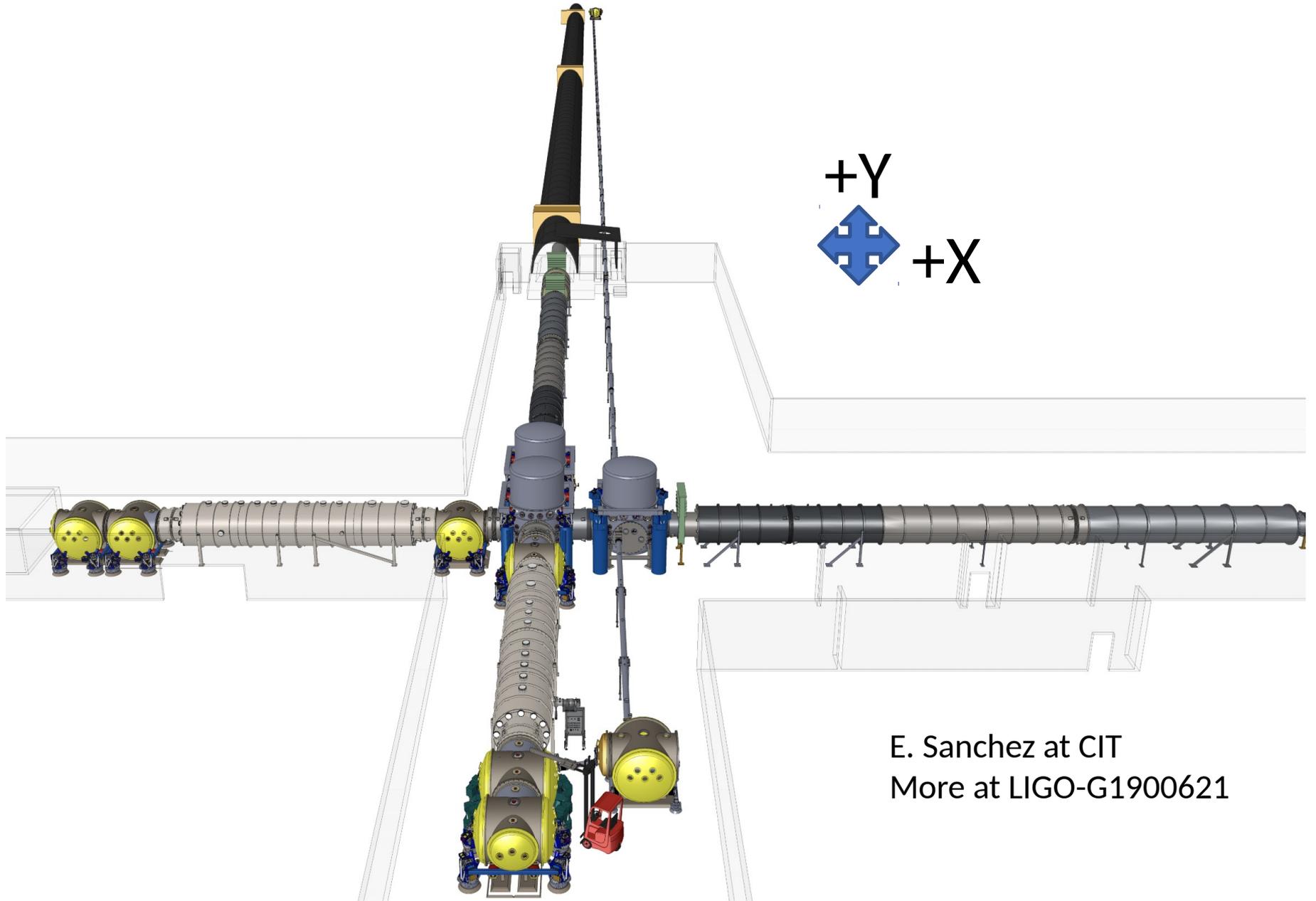
A+ Layout Cartoon

A+ Conceptual Design
D1800027



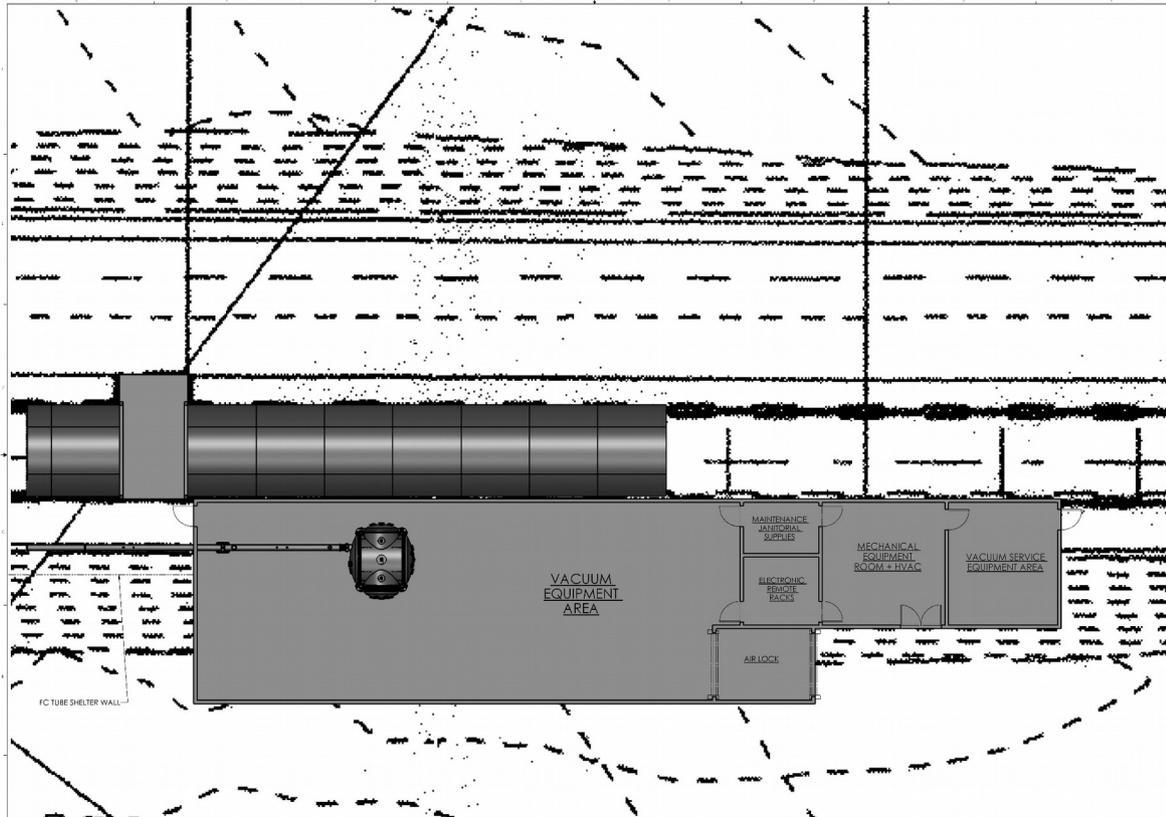
BHD
beam splitter
/combiner
(new relay triple)

Separate OMCs



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A+, SITE LAYOUT (H1): END STATION



(EXTRACTED FROM LIGO [D1900060](#))

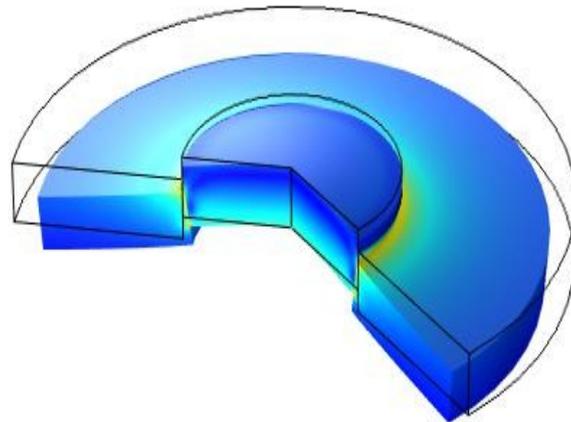
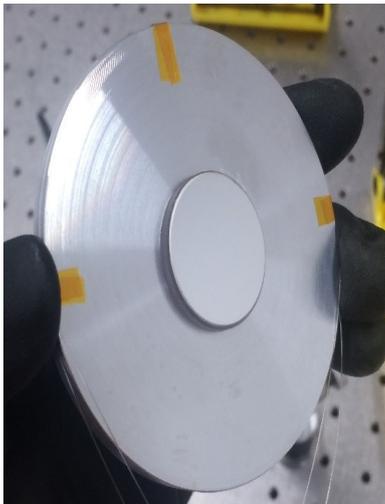
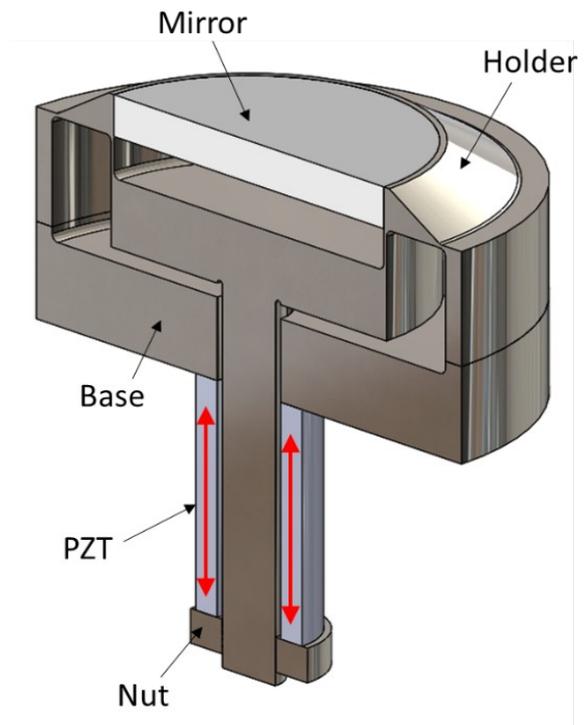
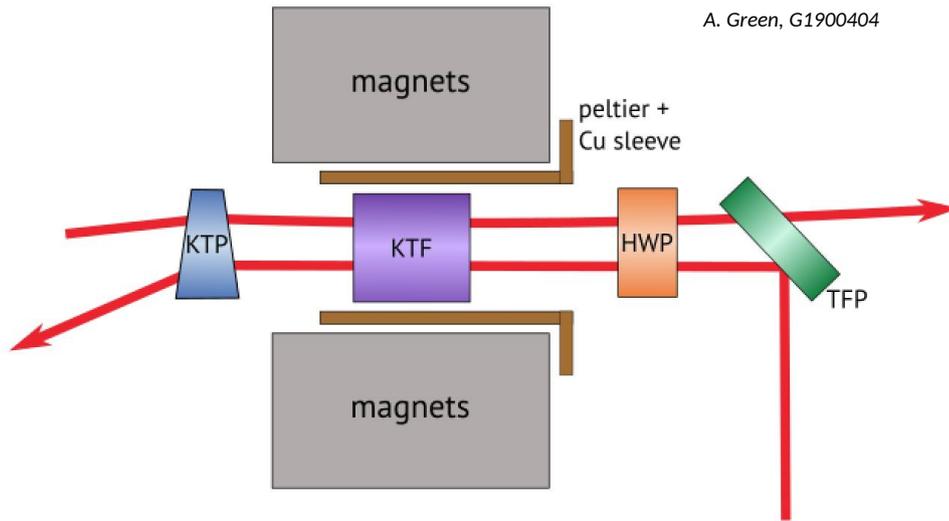


Hanford

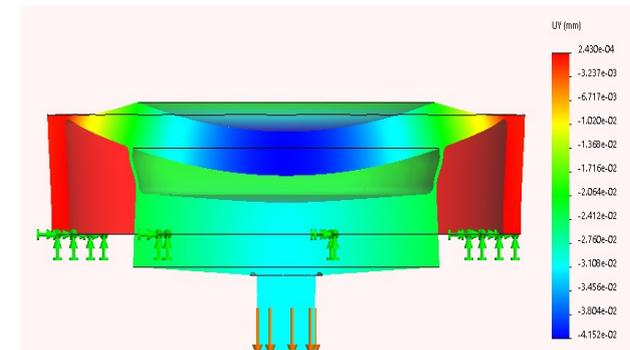


Livingston

Ultralow-loss Faraday isolator (UF/Montclair)

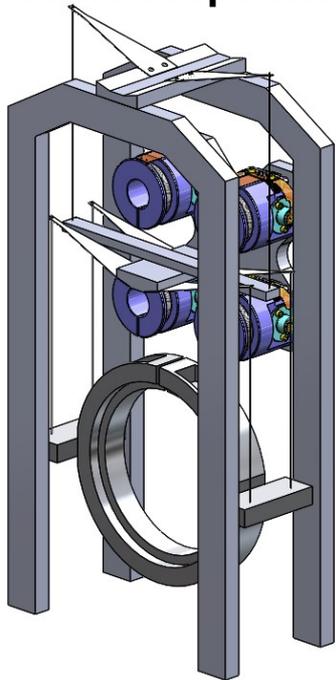


Thermal Deformable Mirror (CIT/Adelaide)



PZT Deformable Mirror (Syracuse/MIT)

Double Suspension



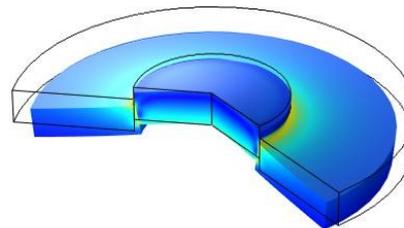
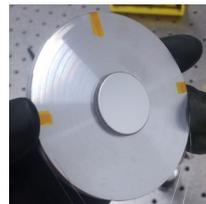
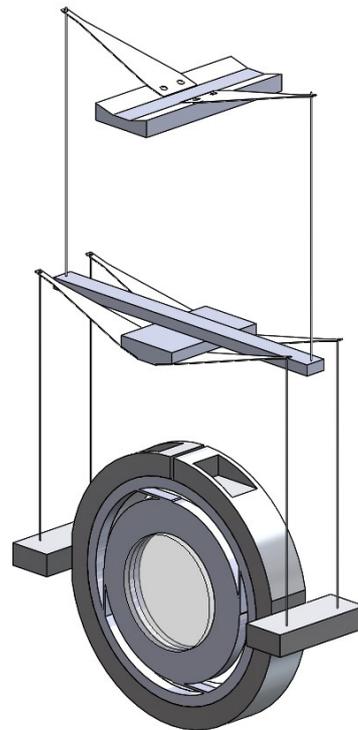
Up to 12 Double Suspensions for A+

First units possibly installed for O4

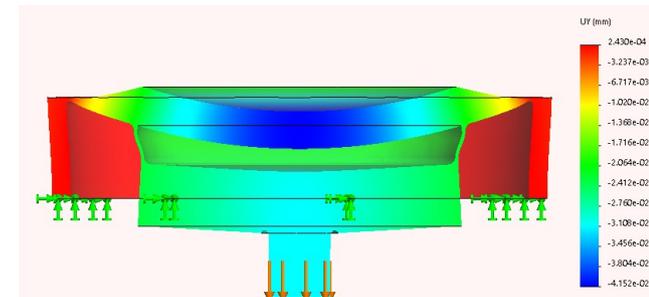
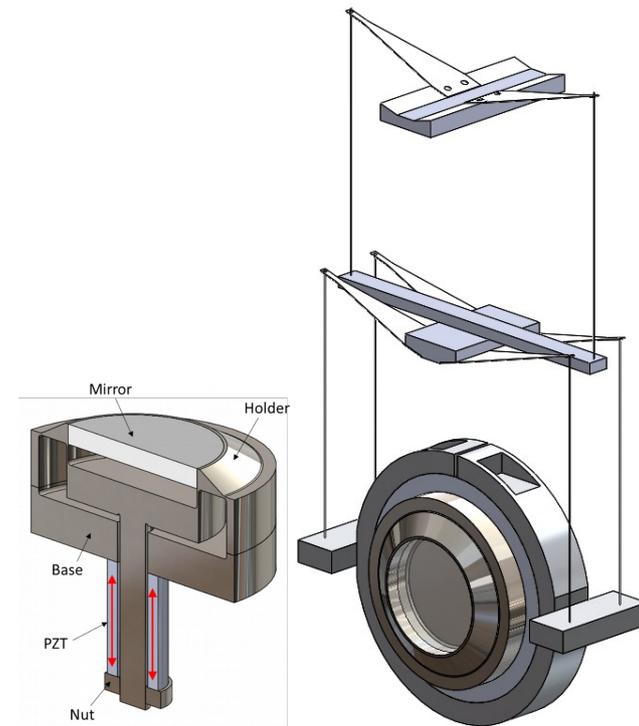
HDS Main functionalities:

- Seismic isolation (2 stages)
- DC tip-tilt steering
- Dither for alignment signals (2kHz tip-tilt)
- Mode matching (Mirror curvature control)

Thermal Deformable Mirror



Piezo Deformable Mirror



LIGO-E1900044: [SAMS-Compression fit mirror A+ Stress and deformation optimization](#)

LIGO-E1900073: [SAMS - Thermal adaptive optics geometry parameter optimization](#)

LIGO-E1900007: [SAMS Development - Summary 4 - Piezo flexure mechanism](#)

LIGO-E1900056: [SAMS - Suspension Interface](#)

LIGO-E1900066: [SAMS - Suspension Interface: Bracket Option](#)



Thank You



Status

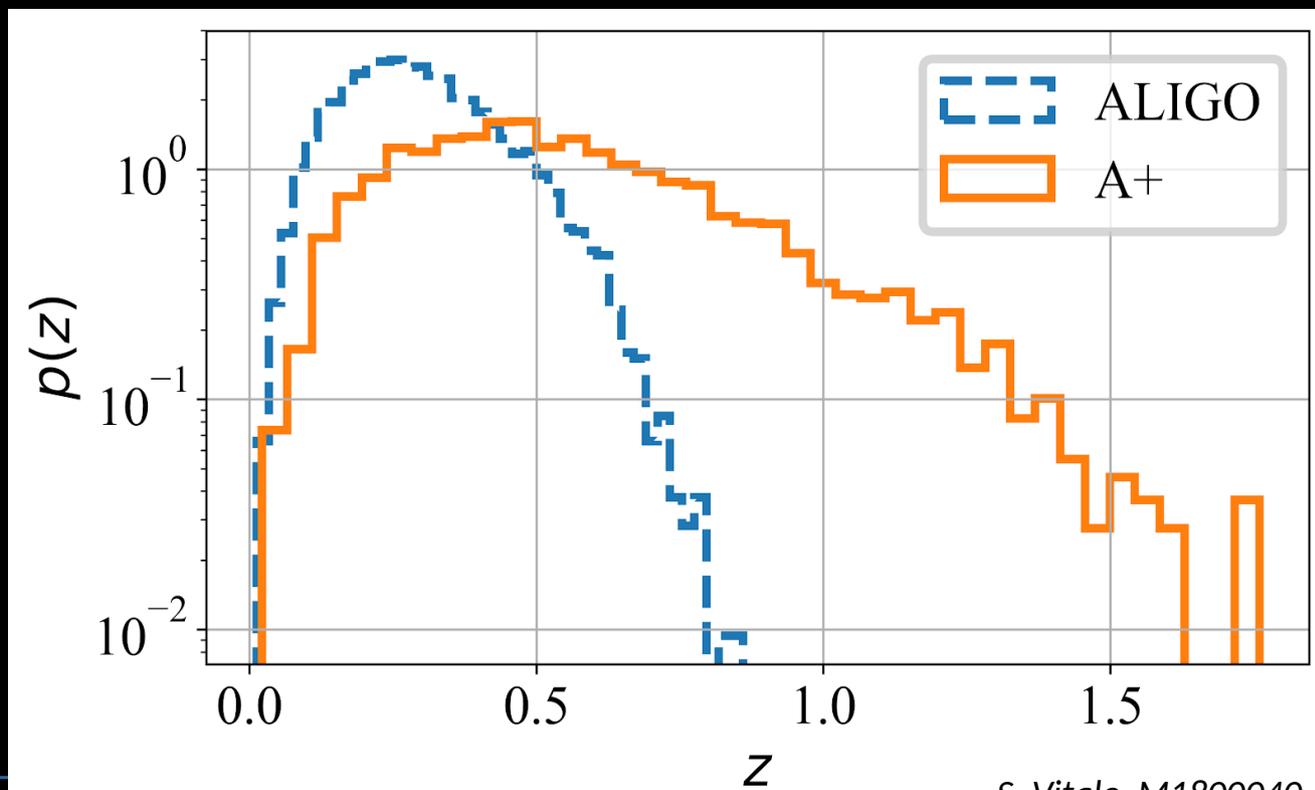
- PM infrastructure is in place
 - Resource-loaded schedule now under baseline review
- UK announcement in February 2019
 - now integrated into project schedule
- Early deliverables on track for pre-O4 integration
 - Facility Design Requirements complete and reviewed
 - Vacuum Design Requirements complete and reviewed, moving into procurement
 - Seismic isolation systems, fabrication underway
 - Low Loss Output Faraday Design Requirements complete, moving into procurement

A+ Team

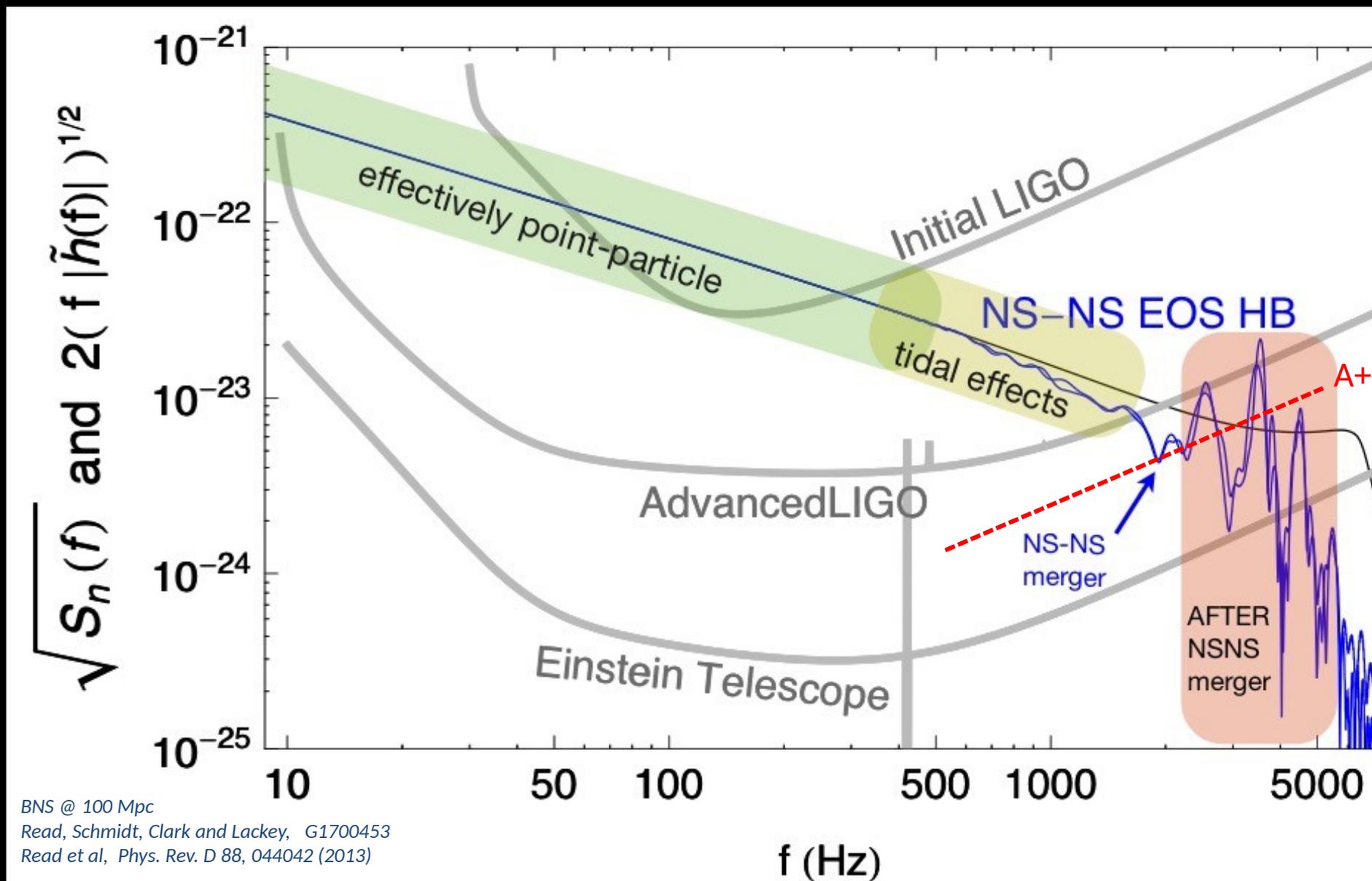
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A. Lazzarini	CIT	PM	Co-PI
M. Zucker	MIT	PM, FAC	Co-Pi, Facilities
G. Billingsley	CIT	PM, COC	Project Lead Engineer, Optical Test
H. Hansen	LHO	PM	Business
C. Torrie	CIT	SYS	Systems Engineering
N. Robertson	CIT	SUS	Suspensions
K. Mason	MIT	SEI	Seismic Isolation
R. Abbott	CIT	CDS	Controls & Data Systems
C. Romel	LHO	VAC	Vacuum Systems
L. Barsotti	MIT	ISC	Interferometric Sensing & Controls
S. Rowan	GU	WP1	Test Mass Production/Coatings
K. Strain	GU	WP2/ WP7	Beamsplitter Production and Project Management
J. O'Dell	RAL	WP3	Suspensions
C. Mow-Lowry	BU	WP4	Sensors and Actuators
S. Hild	GU+CU	WP5	Balanced Homodyne Readout
G. Hammond	GU	WP6	Suspension Upgrades

- Stringent Tests of GR
 - **Very high SNR** BBH signals enable very strong GR tests- e.g., GW150914 would have **SNR > 100** in A+
- With A+, BBH detections will **not ONLY be numerous**-
 - The heavy stellar-mass BBH population LIGO discovered is **selection-biased**; face-on orbits favored by marginal SNR
 - A+ SNR reduces bias, admitting ‘typical’ inclined systems
 - Edge-on waveforms have **less degeneracy**, uniquely encoding **component spins** and putative “non-GR” anomalies
 - Spins are key to understanding **progenitor population and origins** (e.g., common envelope vs. dynamical capture)

Redshift distribution of binary black hole sources detectable with SNR > 10 in a single A+ detector, as compared to aLIGO at design sensitivity.



BNS disruption & post-merger NS physics



BNS @ 100 Mpc
 Read, Schmidt, Clark and Lackey, G1700453
 Read et al, Phys. Rev. D 88, 044042 (2013)

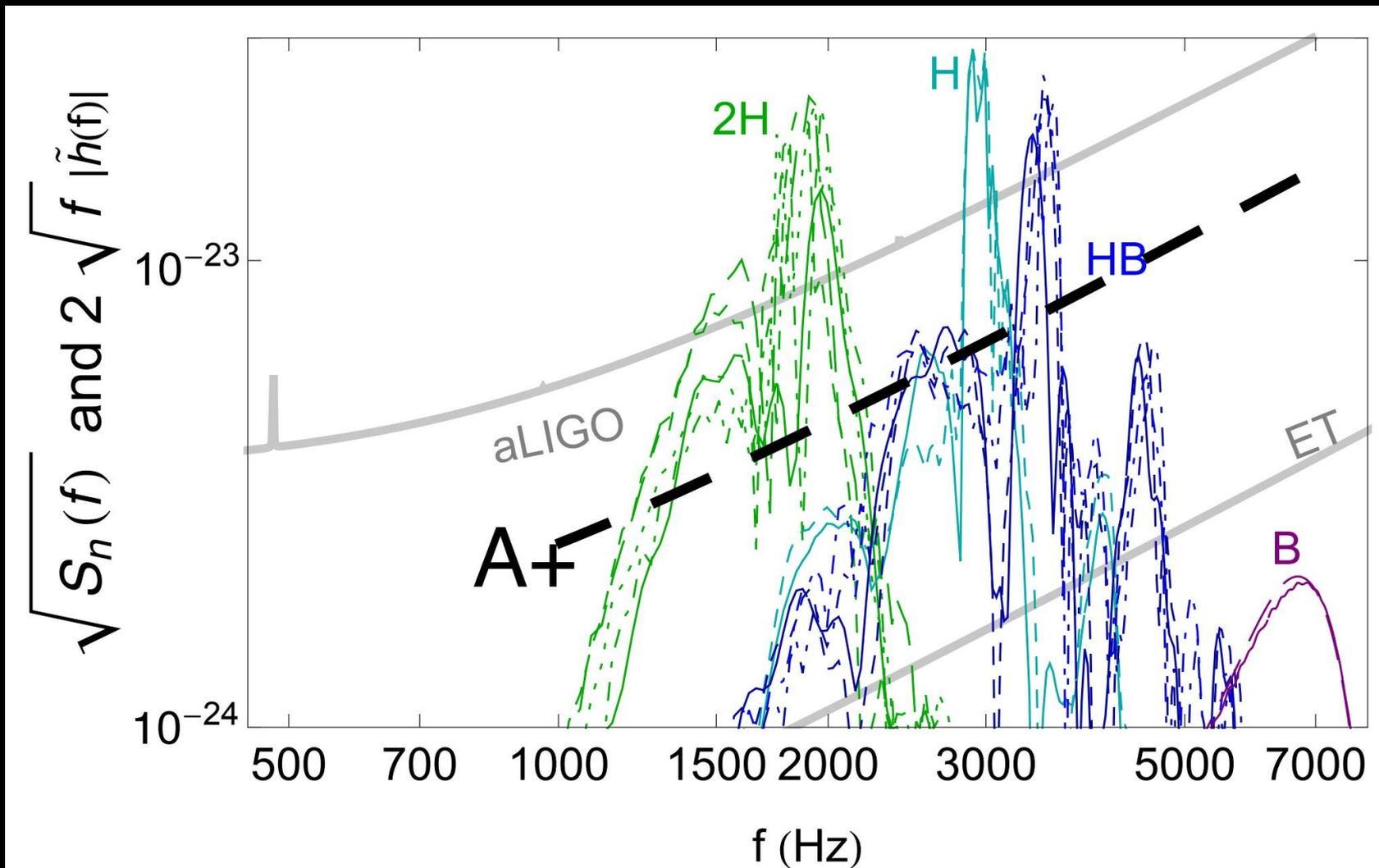


Figure 6: BNS post-merger signal models vs. aLIGO and A+ detector noise for a range of speculated neutron-star equations of state (labeled 2H - B). A+ will have significantly improved capacity to detect post-merger "ringing" modes, whose characteristic frequencies are determined by the equation of state of super-nuclear matter. The low-frequency inspiral waveform component, which can also bear signatures of tidal deformability in the progenitor stars, is not shown. Simulations presume a reference BNS coalescence at 100 Mpc. (courtesy J. Veitch and S. Vitale, adapted from Read et al. 2013)