



ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery  
A New Facility for Testing GW Thermal Compensation  
Systems at Full Scale

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# Talk Outline

- Quick introduction to TCS
- Why do we need a Full Scale TCS test facility
- Design of new TCS facility
- Initial test plans for TCS facility
- Current status and timelines

# Planned Future Sensitivity of LIGO Detectors

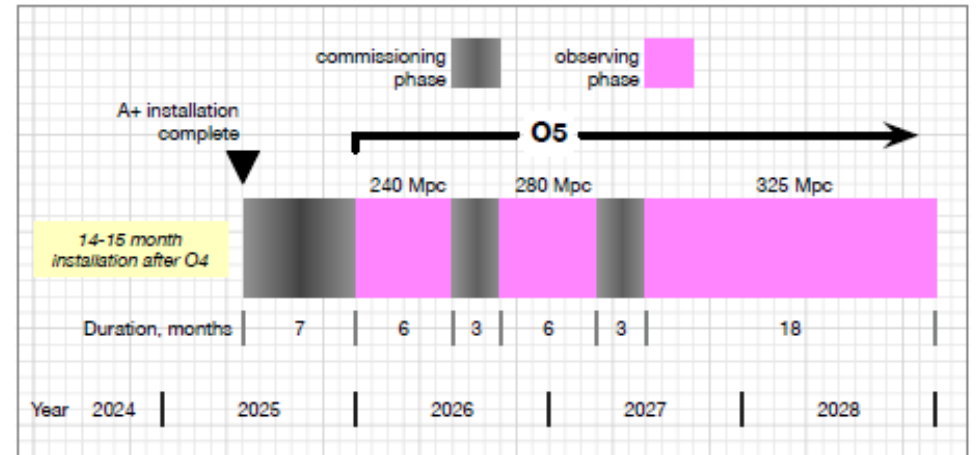
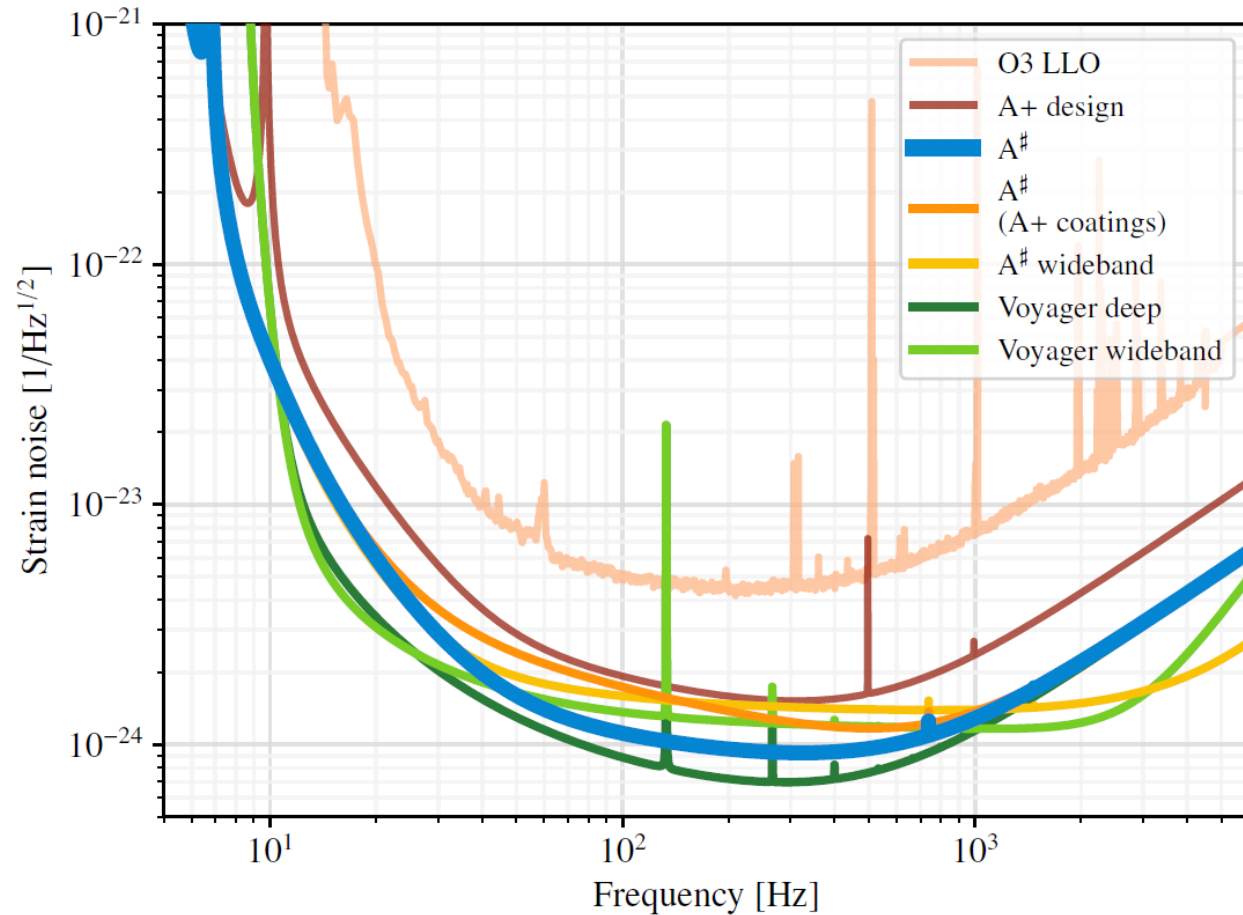


Figure 3: Proposed O5 timeline, with O5 ending at the end of 2028.

- Figures from the Post O5 Committee Report LIGO – T2200287-v2

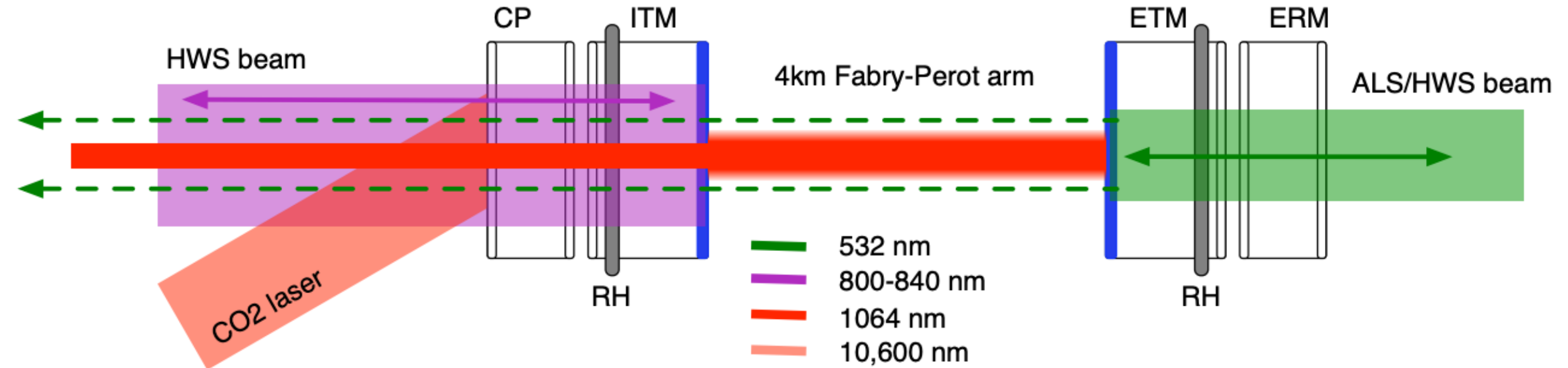
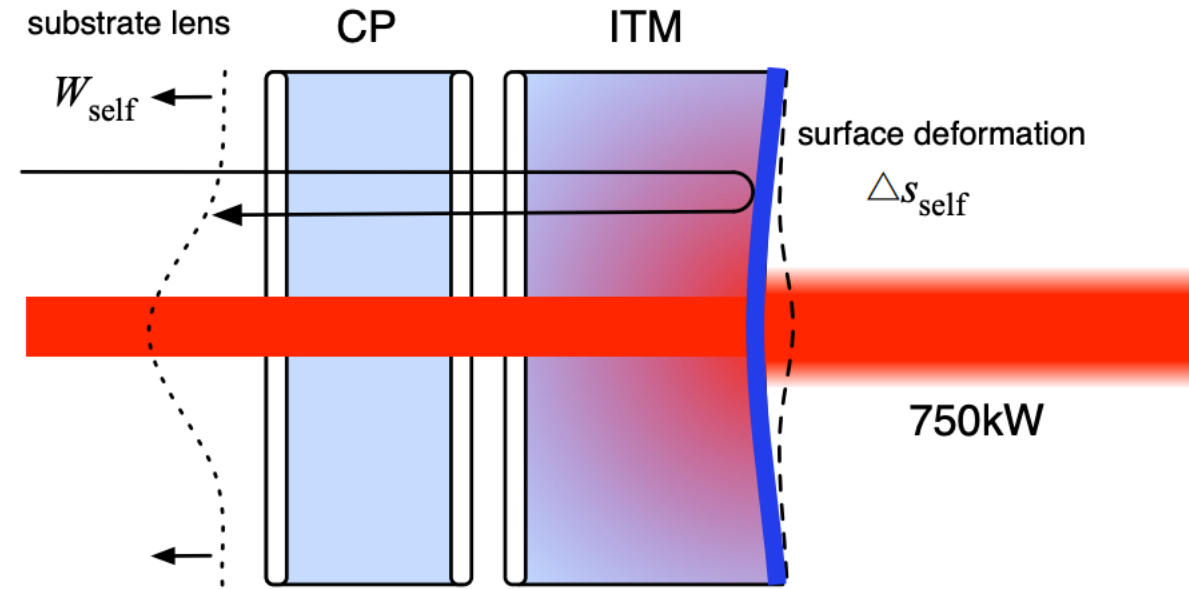
# A look at the allowable losses

	Parameter	Units	A+	A <sup>†</sup>	Voyager
	Arm power	kW	750	1500	4000
	Source squeezing level	dB	12	18	18
	Roundtrip FC loss	ppm	40	30	10
	Roundtrip arm loss	ppm	75	75	20
	SEC loss	ppm	3000	500	500
Squeezer and	OPO	%	2	1	1
Injection loss	4 × Faraday pass	%	2	2	2
	FC pickoff	%	1	1	1
	Total injection loss	%	5	4	4
Readout loss	1 × Faraday pass	%	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Output steering	%	1.5	1	1
	OMC and PDs	%	2.5	2	2
	Total readout loss	%	4.5	3.5	3.5
Dephasing	Squeezer RMS phase	mrad	30	10	10
	FC RMS length	pm	0.7	0.7	0.7
	SEC RMS length	pm	10	10	10
Mode mismatch	SQZ/FC	%	0.5	0.25	0.25
	SQZ/IFO	%	1	0.5	0.5
	IFO/OMC	%	2	0.5	0.5
	Arm cavities/SEC	%	2	2	2
Observed squeezing	at 1 kHz	dB	6.8	9.8	9.1

Table from the LSC  
Post O5 Committee  
Report

# LIGO TCS

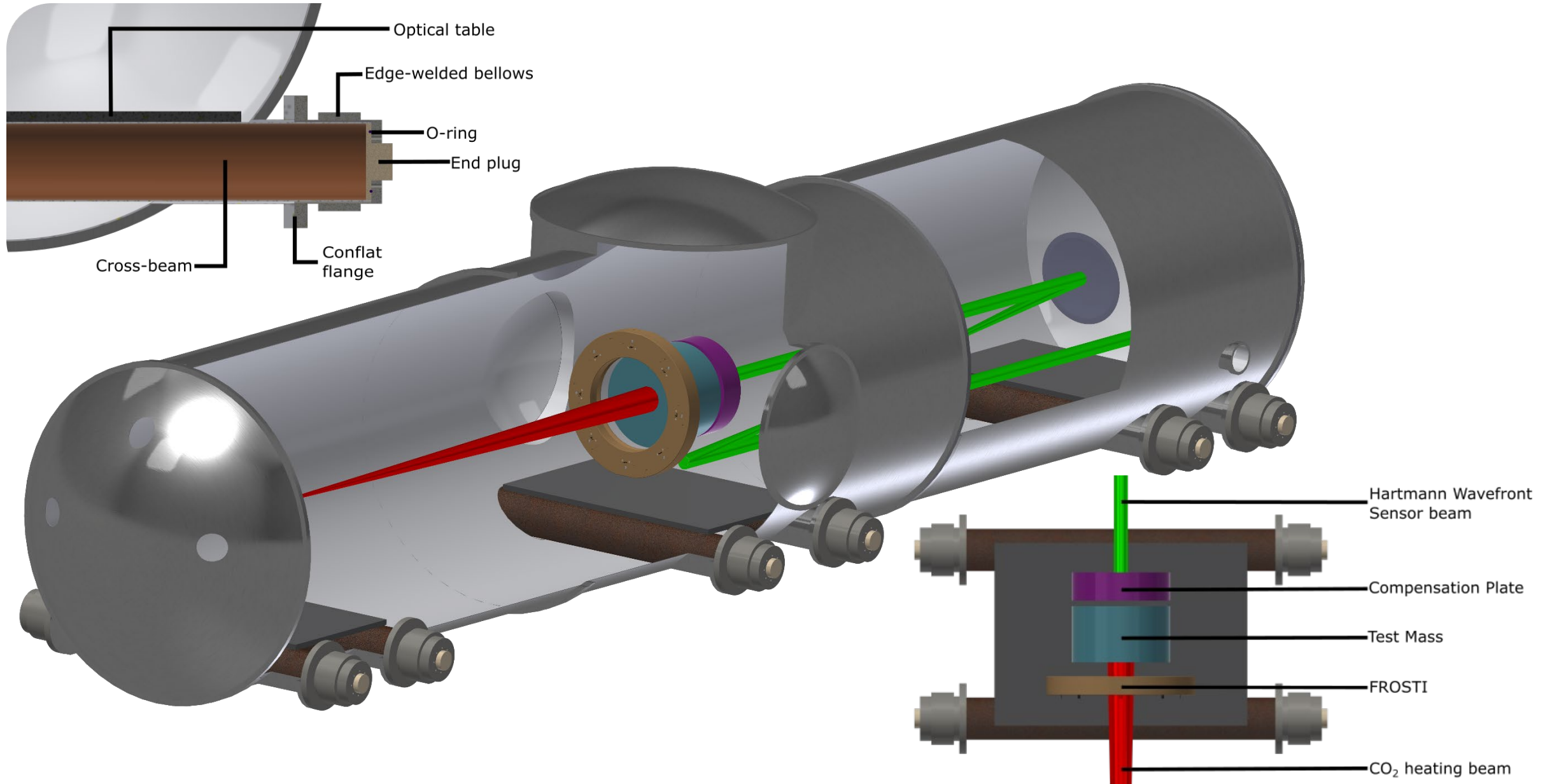
High optical power in the arm cavities and recycling cavities get absorbed in the HR coatings of the ITMs  $\sim 1\text{ppm}$  and substrates. This causes surface deformations and substrate thermal lens.



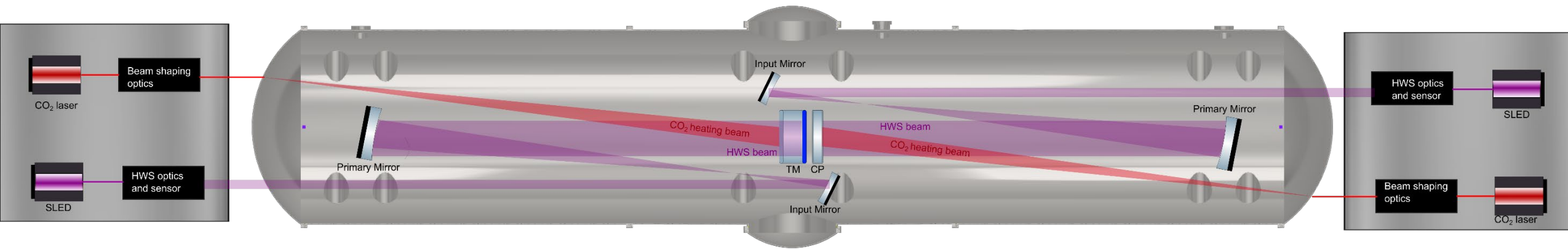
# A New Test Facility

- The time constants of TCS are long (10s minutes to hours)
- The only place you can test this at full scale is at the GW sites (Virgo has a smaller test facility). - Commissioning time is really precious - \$65 k per day
- Need a test facility that has a full size test mass and beams. LIGO Laboratory is loaning an old test mass.
- Has to have similar thermal boundary conditions
- Currently, no interferometry plans, simulate arm cavity beams with CO2 laser.
- Expandable tank to study beamsplitter thermal compensation at a later date.
- ARC LIEF Grant Recently Awarded with Chief Investigators Ottaway (UA), Brown (UA), Veitch(UA), Eicholz (ANU), Slagmolen (ANU), Blair (UWA) and Partner Investigators Mansell (Syracuse), Richardson (UCR) and Brooks (CIT)

# The proposed design of the new facility



# Facility Showing Sensing and Heating Beams



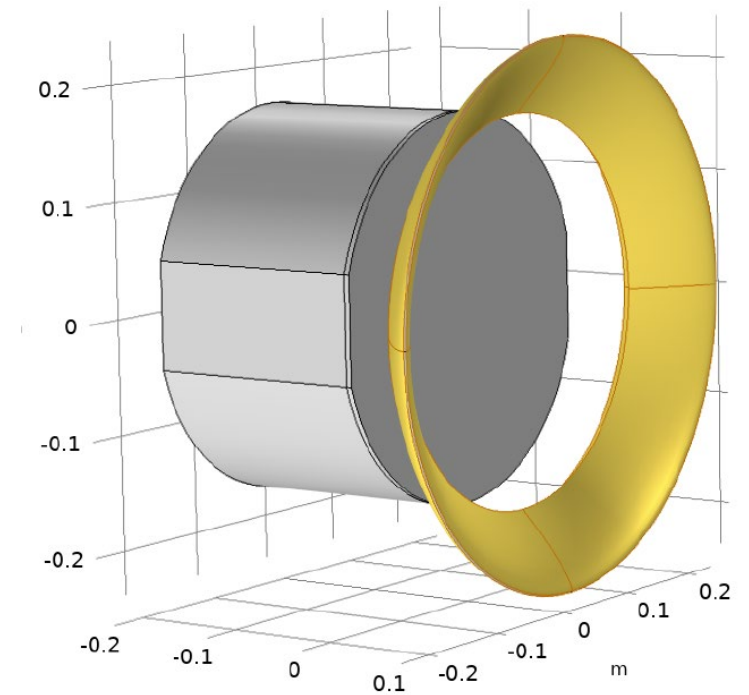
- Need to test larger HWS probe
  - Aim to probe the whole aperture
  - Need large slightly off-axis reflectors
- Two heating beams for CO<sub>2</sub> compensation and simulate cavity mode heating
  - CO<sub>2</sub> compensation beam needs to be off-axis and work around the Hartman Reflectors



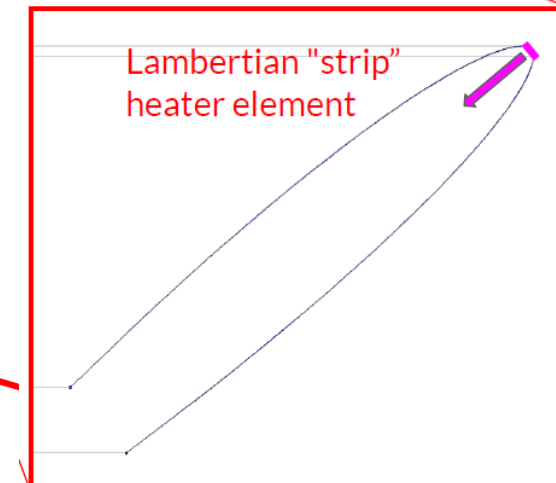
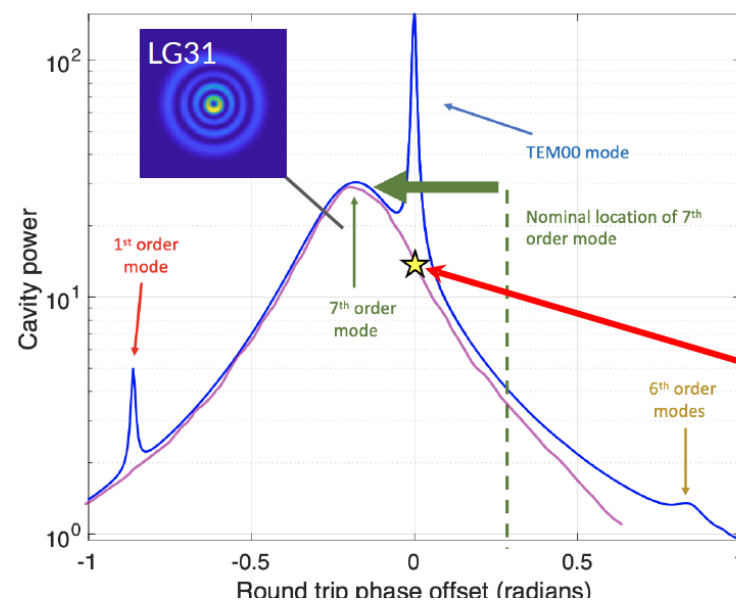
What tests/research are planned for the facility in short/medium term ?

# Testing New Front Heater Designs

- Collaboration with Jon Richardson and Huy Tuong Cao at University of California Riverside
- Front surface heating tailor the front surface to fix near 7<sup>th</sup> Order Mode Degeneracy
- Test at Full Scale and New CO<sub>2</sub> patterns to compensate
- Images from LIGO-G2200399
- Next Generation Front Surface Correction later in the project

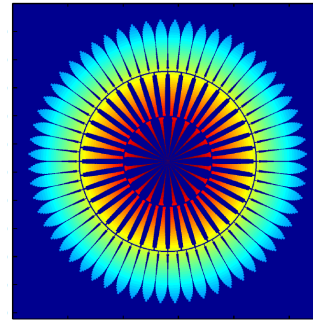


Simulated arm cavity scan (A. Brooks, [G2101232](#))



# Tighter Coupling between CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Compensation Mask Design and Hartmann Sensor Data

- Mask were tried to compensate point absorbers but insufficient commissioning time allowed
- Create a better loop between the as built system and masks

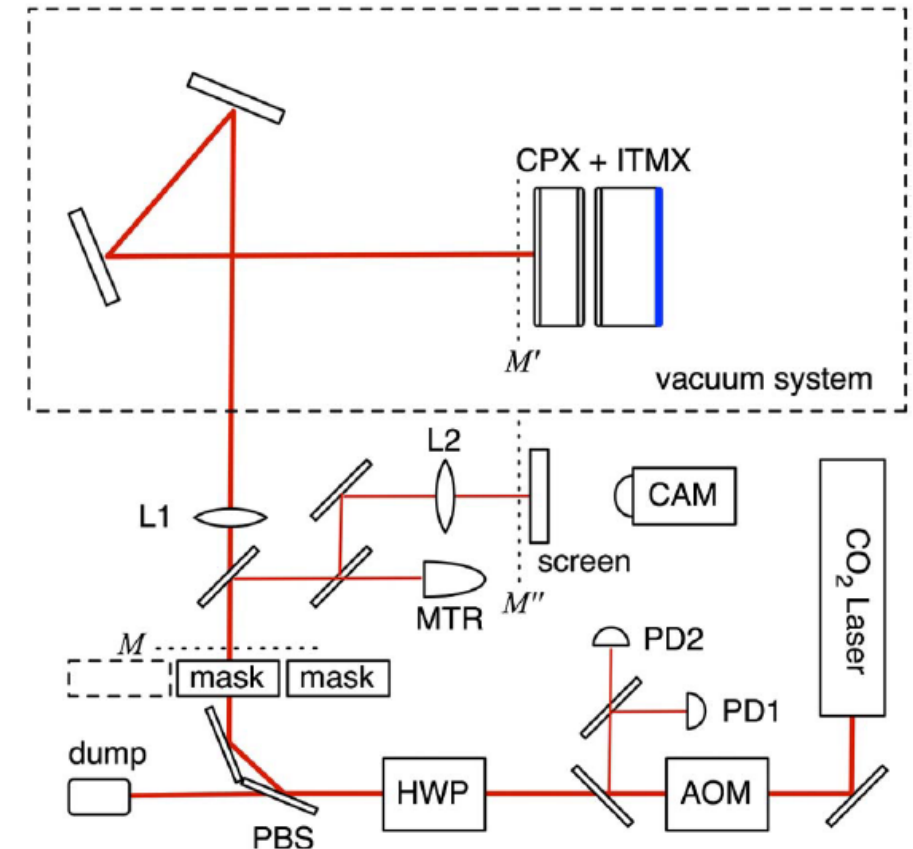


LIGO-T1100570-v5



## Overview of Advanced LIGO adaptive optics

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**Fig. 11.** Schematic layout of CO<sub>2</sub> laser projector.

# Real Time Spatially Variable Masks and New Lasers

- 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  lasers Fibre lasers have been demonstrated to 15 W
- Opens the door to real time spatially variable heat patterns
- Can use deformable mirrors or LCD modulators with Mach Zender Interferometers
- Alternative is an Array of Fibre Lasers

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## Mid-infrared fiber lasers at and beyond 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ using dual-wavelength pumping

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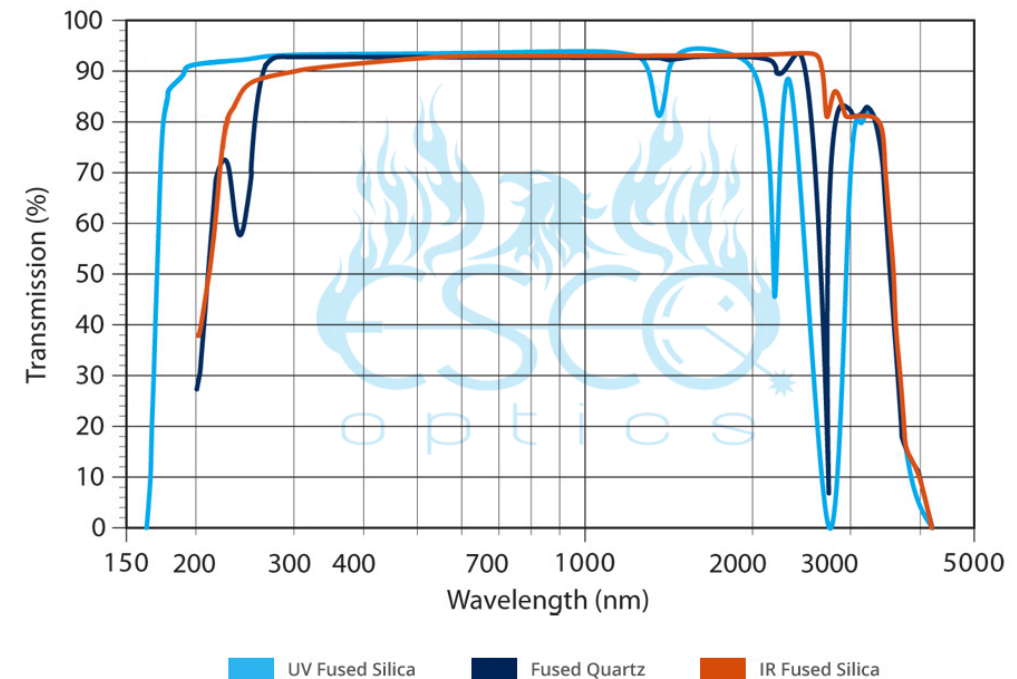


### 15 W monolithic fiber laser at 3.55 $\mu\text{m}$

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**NEW**

**1024 X 1024  
SPATIAL LIGHT  
MODULATOR**



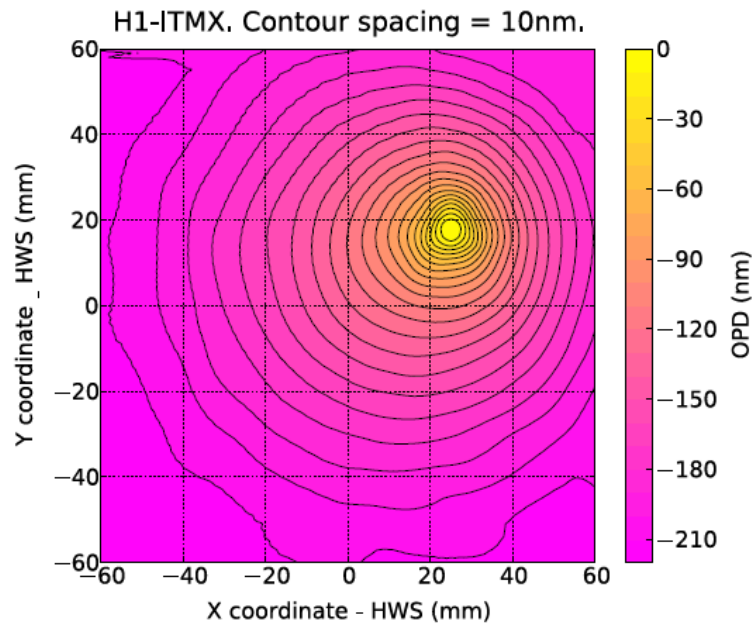
# Current Status and Looking Forward

- Vacuum Conceptual Design Complete with three vendors supplying quotes – Anticipate order placed in weeks with supply near end of year
- Now we turn our attention to:
  - Optical Design
  - Mechanical Design for test mass, compensation, ring heater support
- We are building a general facility that we hope will serve the GW communities needs for years to come
- Want to collaborate to test and verifies the communities ideas for next generation

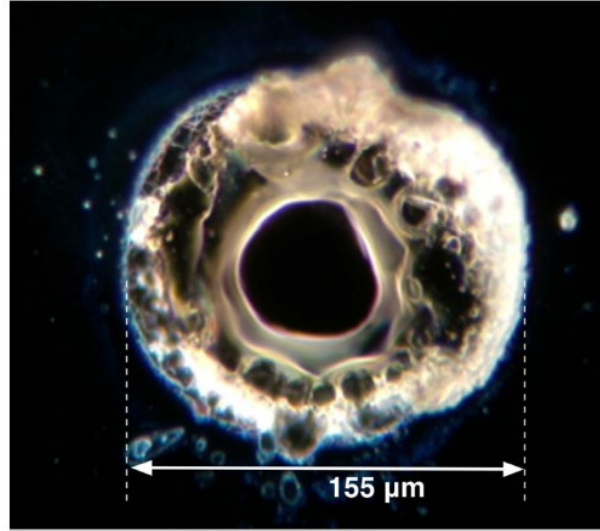
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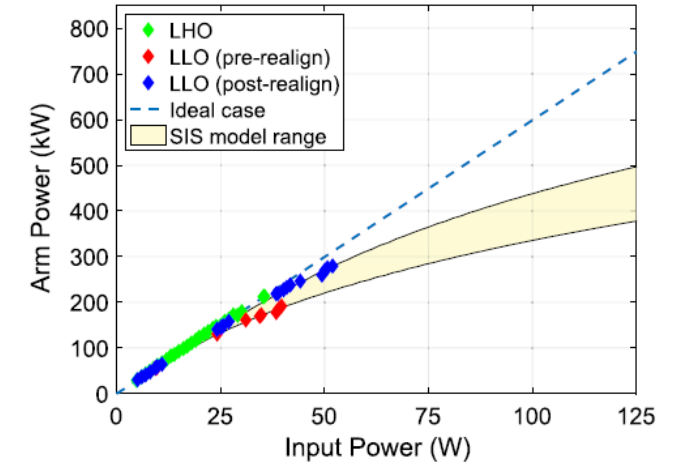
# Point Absorbers Have Really Thrown a Spanner in the Works



**Fig. 2.** Hartmann sensor measurement of optical path distortion (thermo-refractive plus thermo-elastic) from a single point absorber on H1-ITMX. Cold reference taken at GPS time: 1180229513 s, and hot measurement taken 3322 s later at GPS time: 1180232835 s. This measurement corresponds to approximately  $27 \pm 2.5$  mW power absorbed in the point.



**Fig. 3.** Dark-field microscope image of point absorber measured on an Advanced LIGO optic (corresponding to the thermal lens measurement shown in Fig. 2). Also shown in Buikema *et al.* [1].

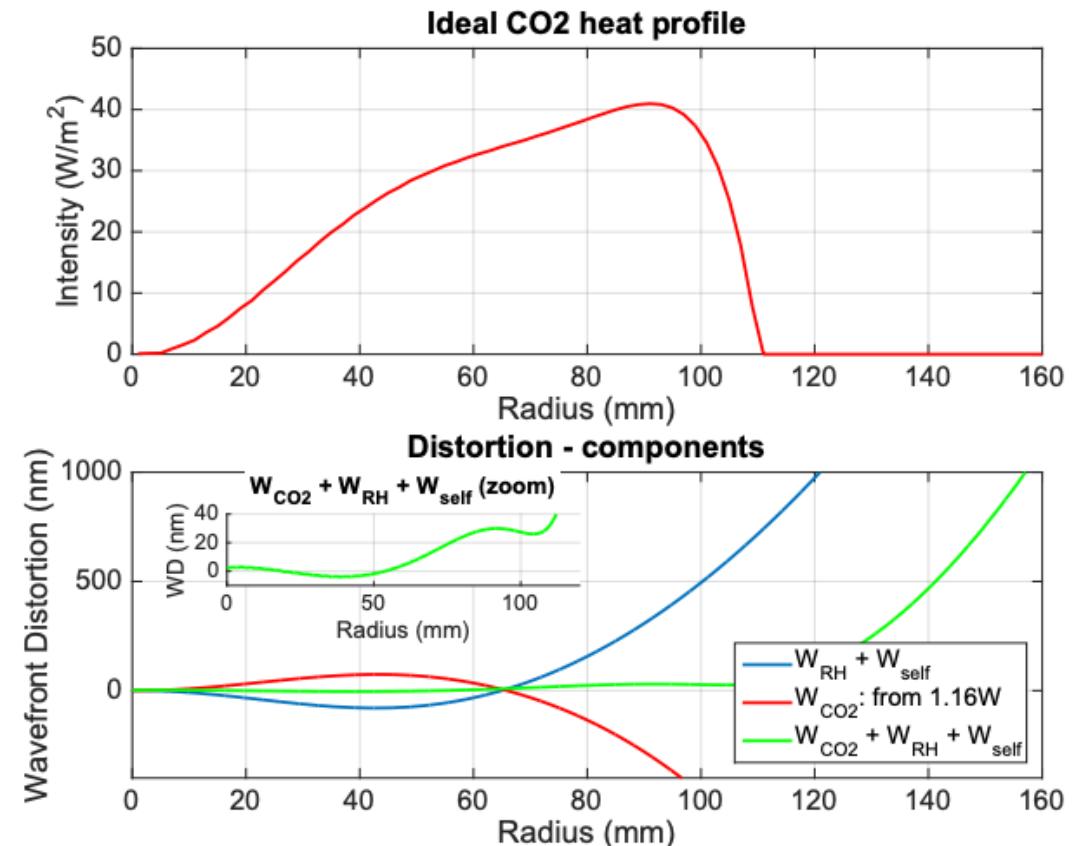
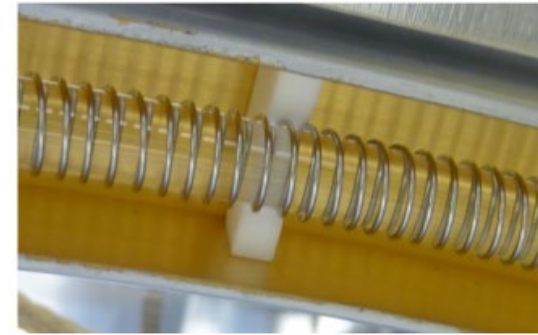
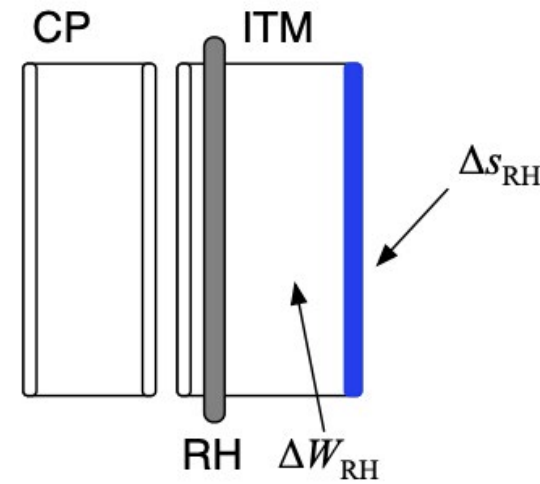


**Fig. 7.** Arm power versus input laser power. The dashed line shows the case of constant optical gain. The data points show the measurements from the LIGO sites. The yellow range shows predictions from the SIS model assuming uniform absorption and a variety of point absorbers on the optic consistent. As the effect of the point absorber is decreased, the uniform absorption becomes the limiting factor preventing ideal buildup of arm power.

# TCS at full optical power

**Ring heater:** Heats the optic, thermoelastic deformation curves the HR surface in the opposite direction compared to coating absorption. Also induces a thermal lens which is opposite to coating absorption substrate lens.

**CO<sub>2</sub>:** Shaped CO<sub>2</sub> beam which induces a thermal lens in the CP which reduces OPD left over from RH and coating absorption.



# A Quick Review of the Interferometer

