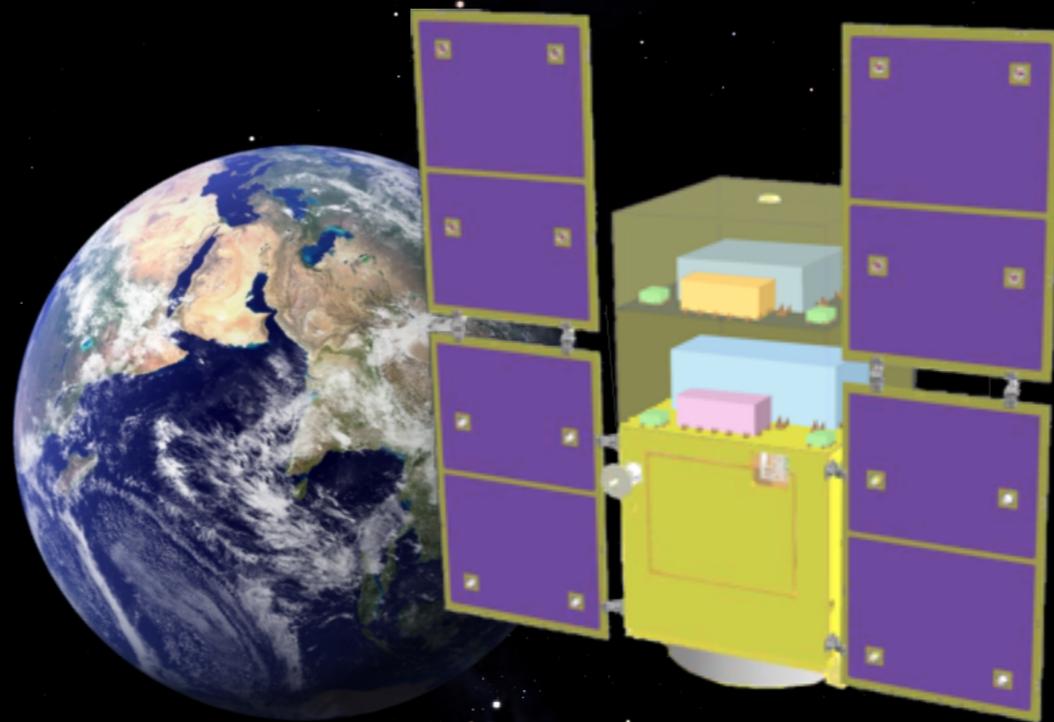


# DECIGO and DECIGO Pathfinder



DPF Fig by M.Ando

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**GWADW2011 in Isola d'Elba, Italy (24 May 2011)**

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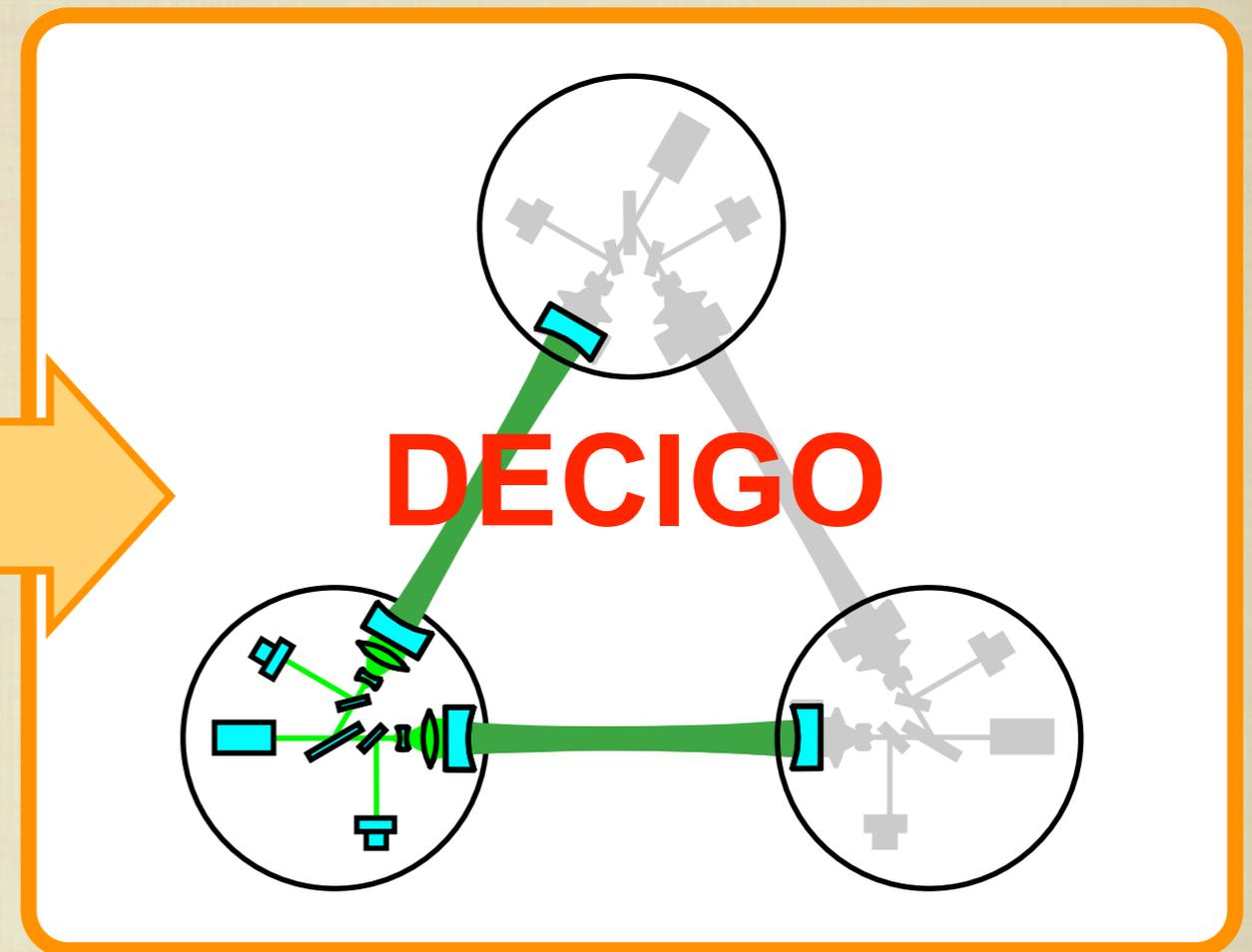
*Some of the viewgraphs are owing to S. Kawamura, M. Ando, and other members of DECIGO Working Group.*

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# Roadmap to GW astronomy of Japan



Detecting GW  
International network



Opening a **new window**  
(*after LISA*)

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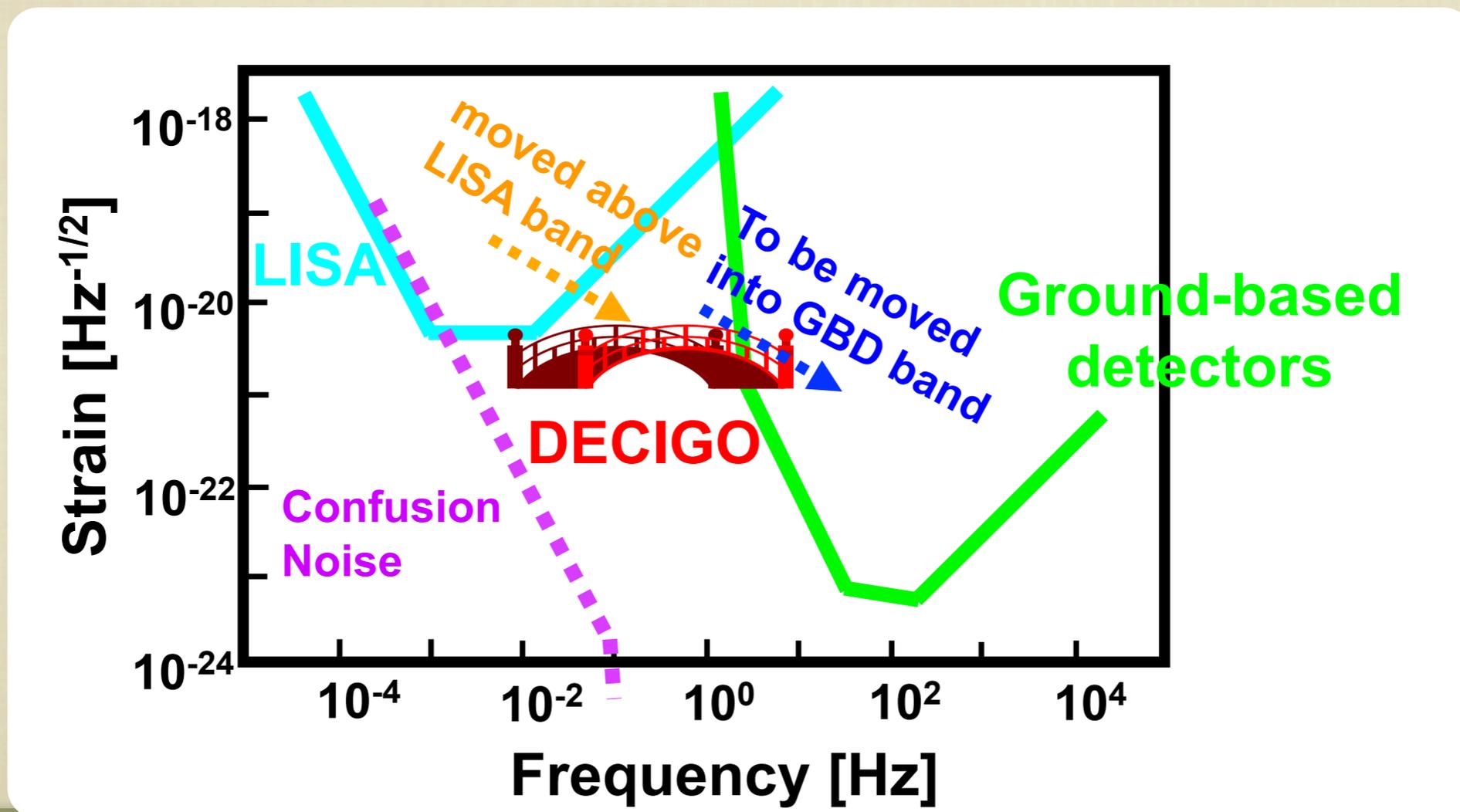
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# DECIGO

- **Deci**-hertz interferometer **g**ravitational-wave **o**bservatory
  - \* “**bridge**” the gap between **LISA** and **terrestrial detectors**
  - \* Observation band: 0.1~10Hz
  - \* **Space** GW antenna



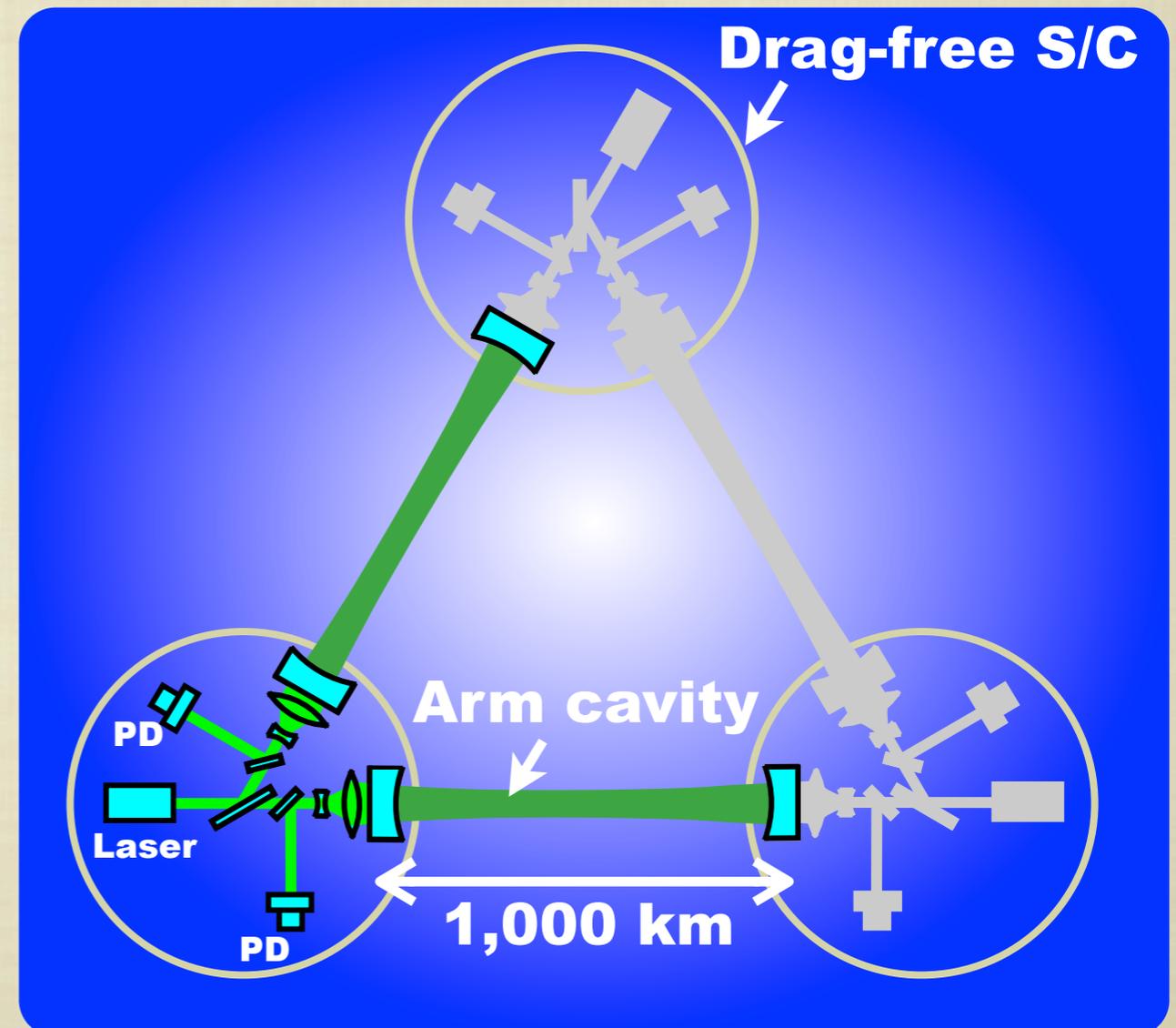
# Design (pre-conceptual)

## ■ Interferometer Unit

### \* Differential Fabry-Perot interferometer

- \* Baseline length: **1000km**
- \* 3 S/Cs formation flight
- \* 3 FPs (finesse:  $\sim 10$ )
- \* Drag-free control

Arm length:	<b>1000 km</b>
Finesse:	<b>10</b>
Mirror diameter:	<b>1 m</b>
Mirror mass:	<b>100 kg</b>
Laser power:	<b>10 W</b>
Laser wavelength:	<b>532 nm</b>



# Orbit and constellation

## ■ Candidate Orbit

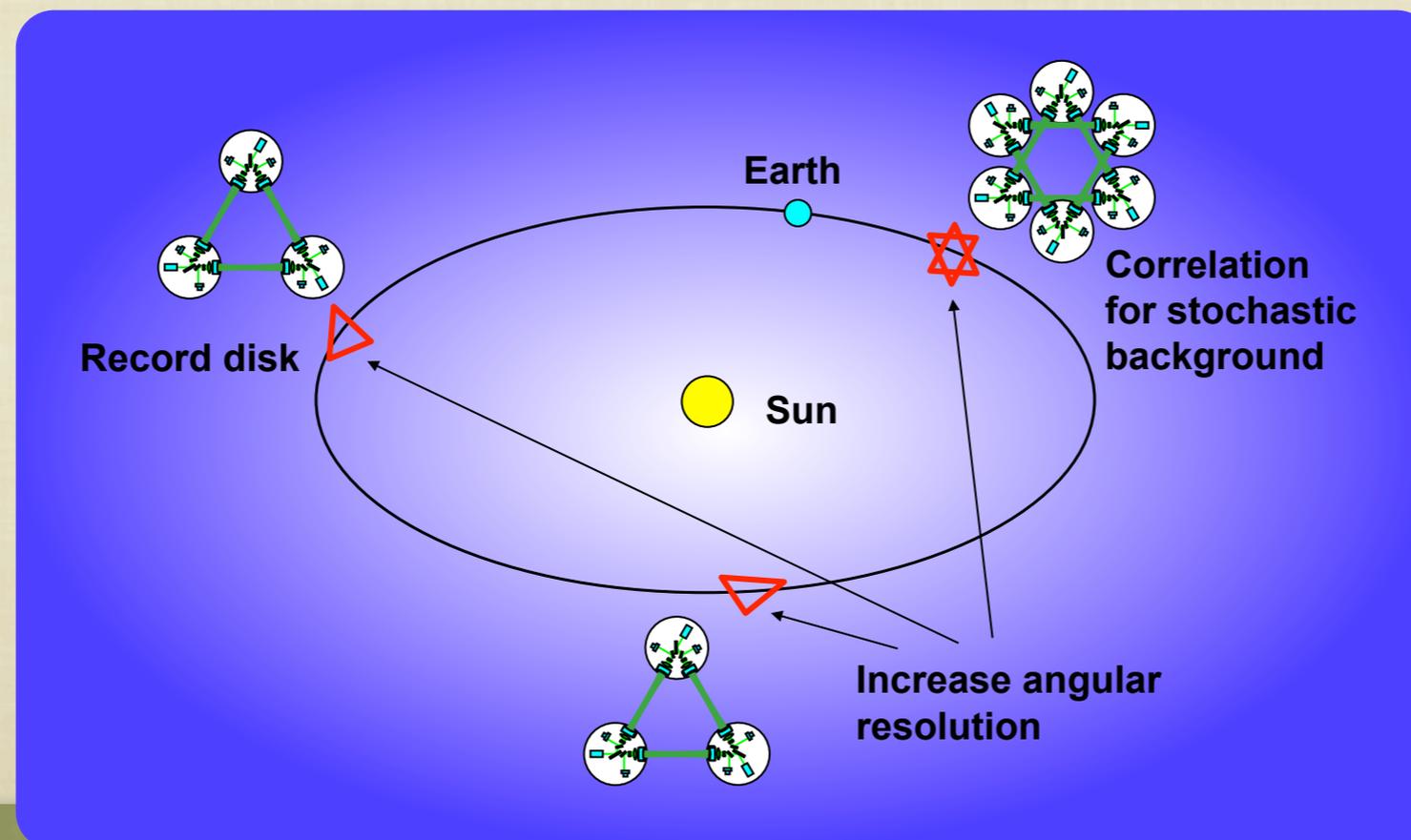
- \* Record disk around the sun

## ■ Constellation

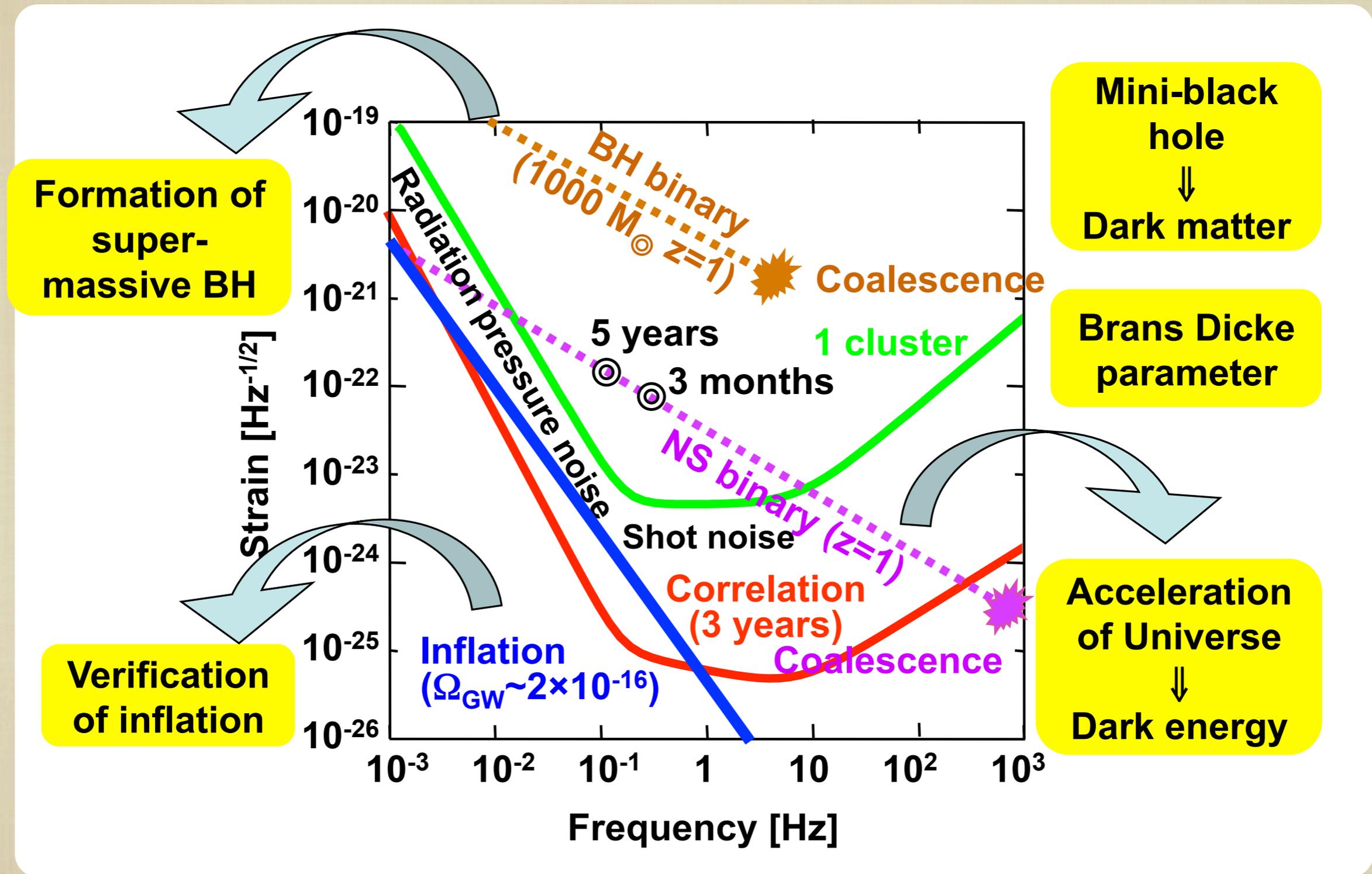
- \* 4 interferometer units

- \* 2 overlapped units → Cross correlation

- \* 2 separated units → angular resolution



# Science by DECIGO



# Requirements

## Sensor Noise

Shot noise  $3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m/Hz}^{1/2}$  (0.1 Hz)

⇒ x 10 of LCGT in phase noise

Other noises should be well below the shot noise

Laser freq. noise:  $1 \text{ Hz/Hz}^{1/2}$  (1Hz)

Stab. Gain  $10^5$ , CMRR  $10^5$

## Acceleration Noise

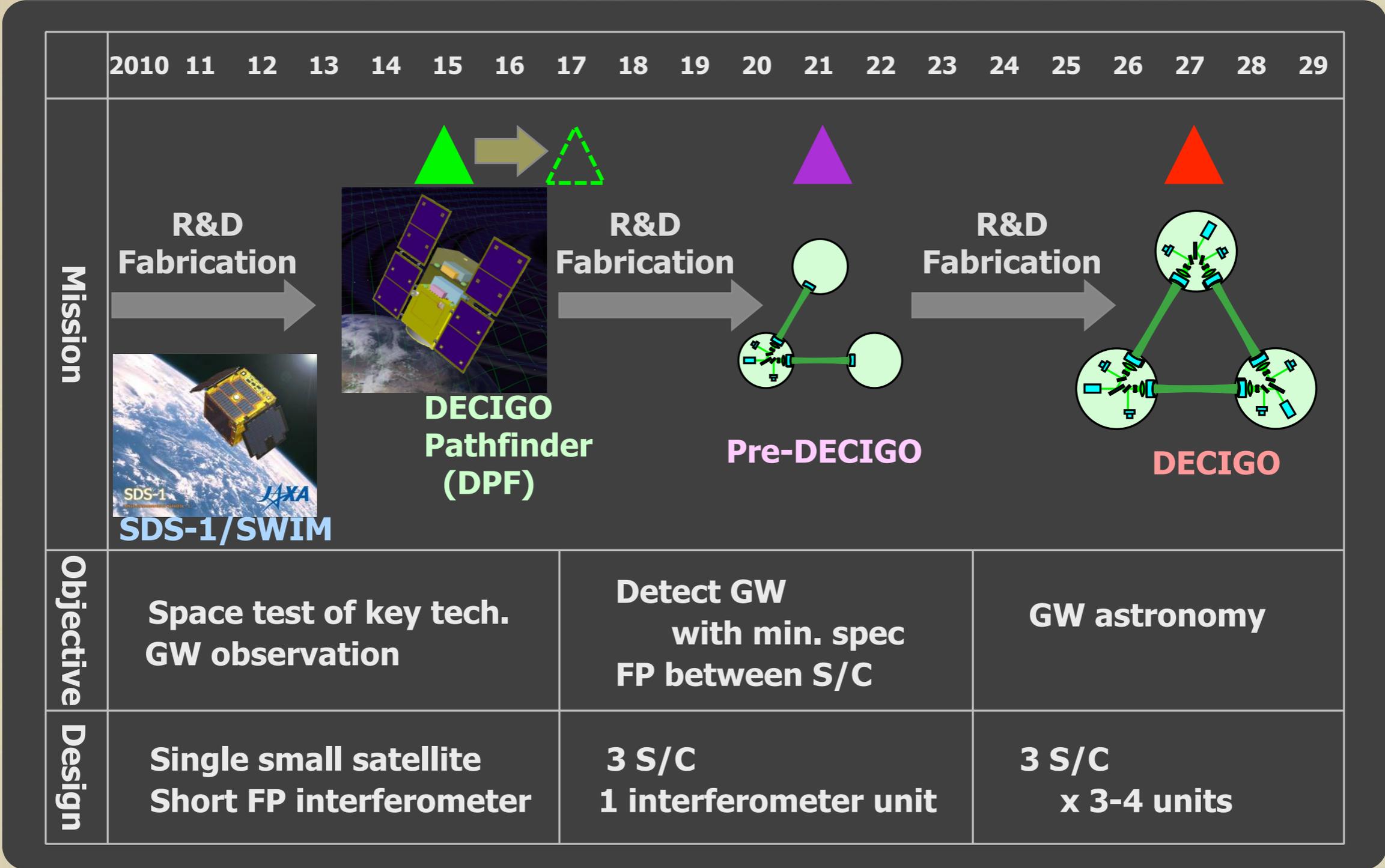
Force noise  $4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ N/Hz}^{1/2}$  (0.1 Hz)

⇒ x 1/50 of LISA

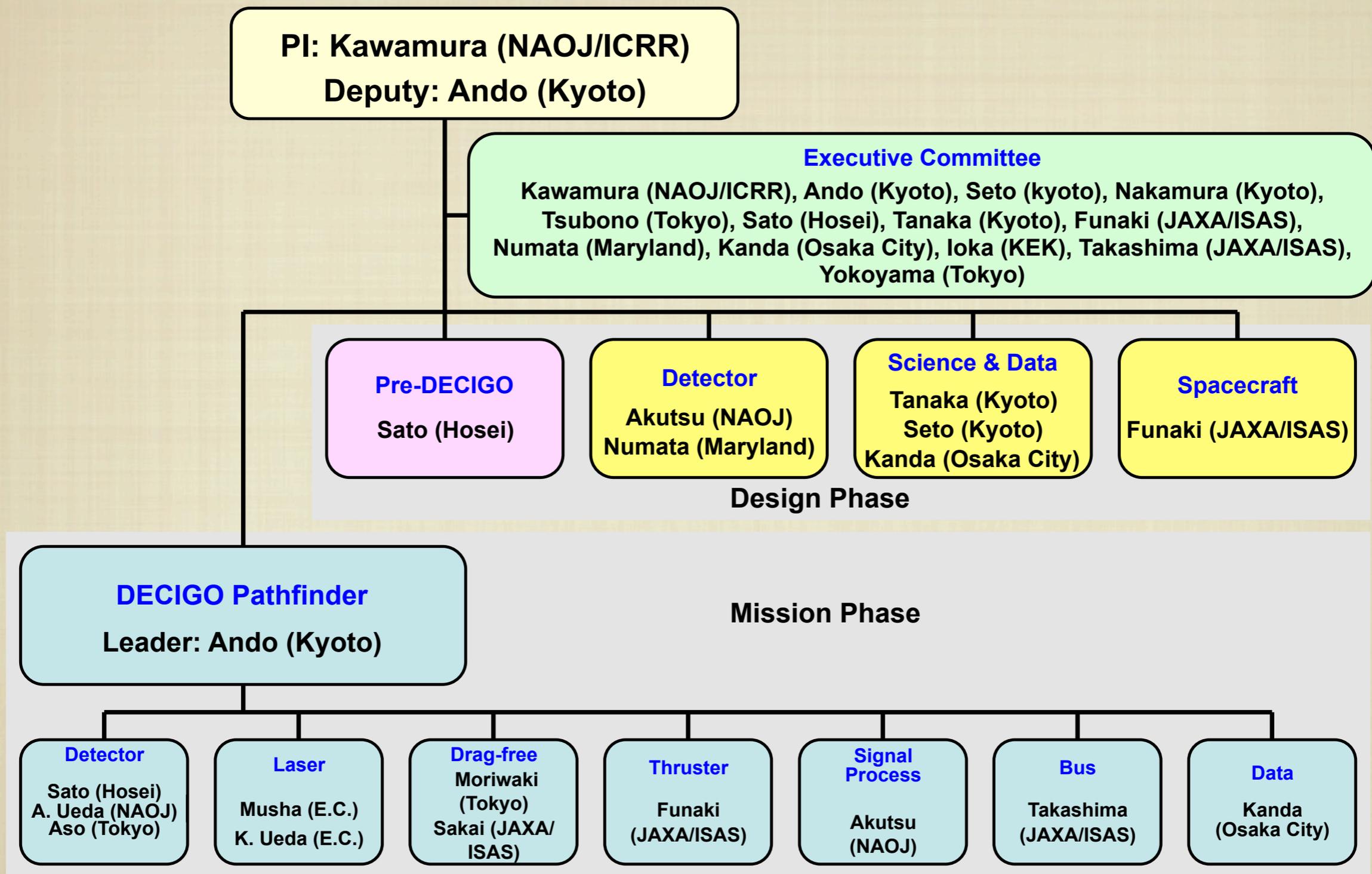
External force sources

Fluctuation of magnetic field, electric field,  
gravitational field, temperature, pressure, etc.

# Roadmap



# DECIGO interim organization



# Collaborations and supports

- Supports from LISA
  - \* Technical advices from LISA/LPF experiences
  - \* Support Letter for DECIGO/DPF, Joint workshop (2008.11)
- Stanford univ. group
  - \* Discharge system for DPF, other R&D for DECIGO
- NASA
  - \* Fiber laser, Joint observation with **GRACE**
- JAXA Navigation-control section
  - \* Formation flight of DECIGO, DPF drag-free control
- Research Center for the Early Universe (RESCEU), Univ. of Tokyo
  - \* supports DECIGO as ones of main projects (2009.4-)
- **Geo-gravity field group** (Kyoto, ERI, UEC, NAOJ)
  - \* Geophysics by DPF obs. data
- Advanced Technology Center (ATC) of NAOJ

# Calculating the sensitivity

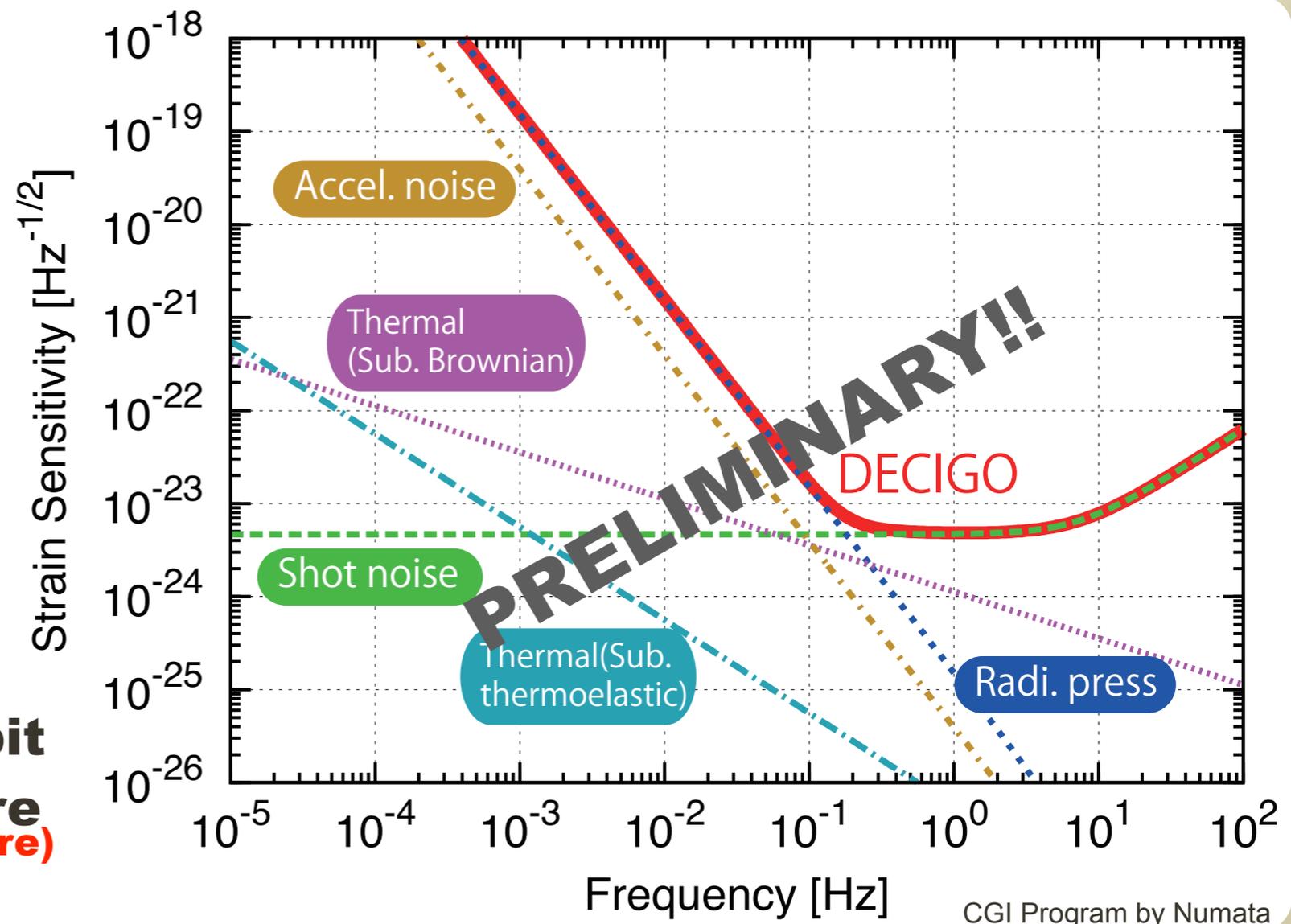
- Arm length: 1,000 km
- Laser power: 10 W
- Laser wavelength: 532 nm
- Mirror diameter: 1.0 m
- Mirror mass: 100 kg
- Mirror reflectivity: 77.3%
- Cavity g-param: 0.1

← “pre-conceptual design”

To detect **stochastic GWs** and observe *the early universe*, we should **clean off** any “foreground GW sources.”



**Tune the parameters** a little bit to improve the sensitivity more (**~ 3 times more**) in the obs. freq. band.



# Considering “Conceptual design”

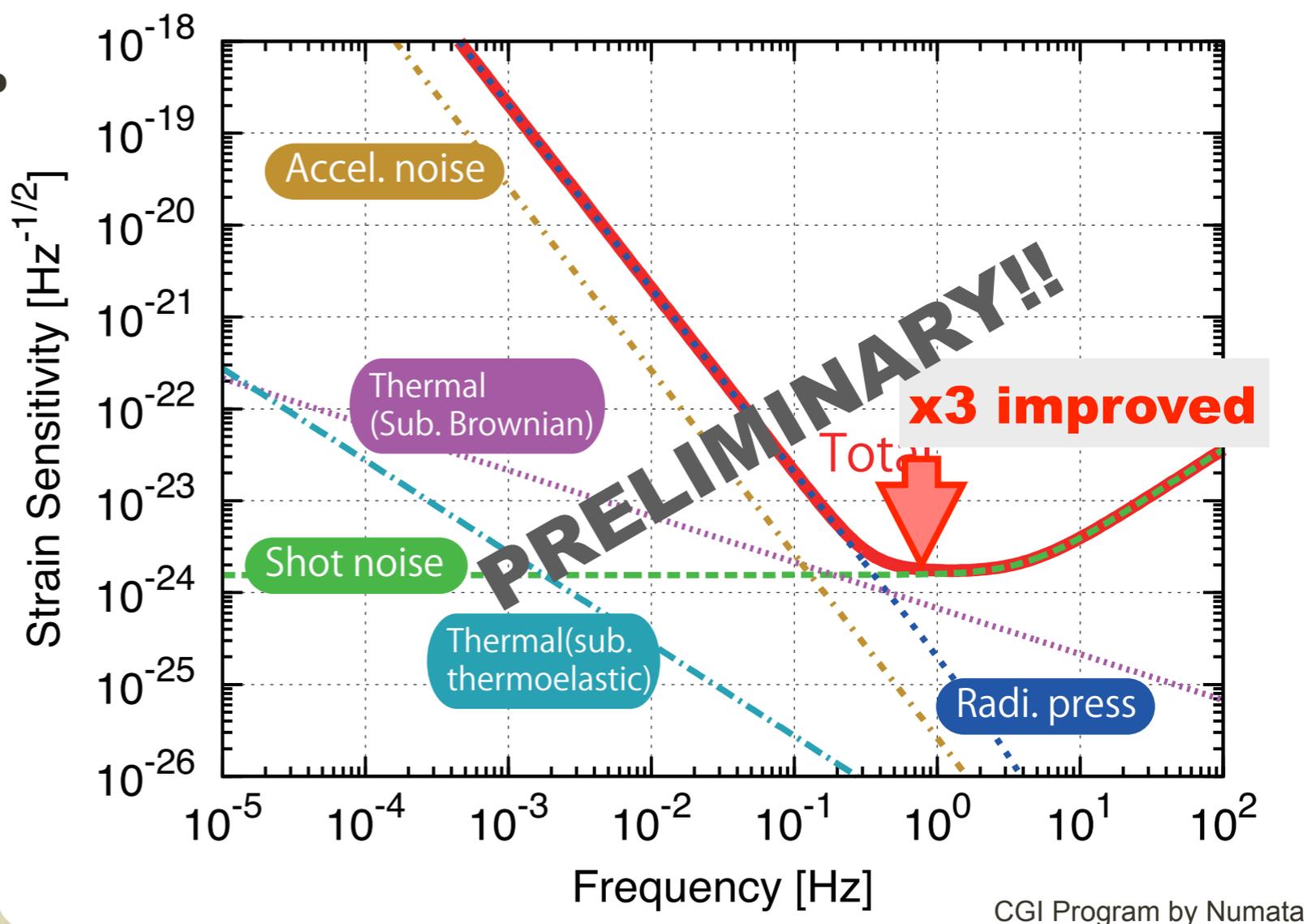
- Arm length: **1,500 km**
- Laser power: **30 W**
- Laser wavelength: **532 nm**
- Mirror diameter: **1.5 m**
- Mirror mass: **100 kg**
- Mirror reflectivity: **77.3%**
- Cavity g-param: **0.1**

This is the first step to considering the **conceptual design**.

**Next:**

- ➔ **Confirm the calculations.**
- ➔ **Find the realistic way to realize this!**

Preliminary  
← Parameters tuned



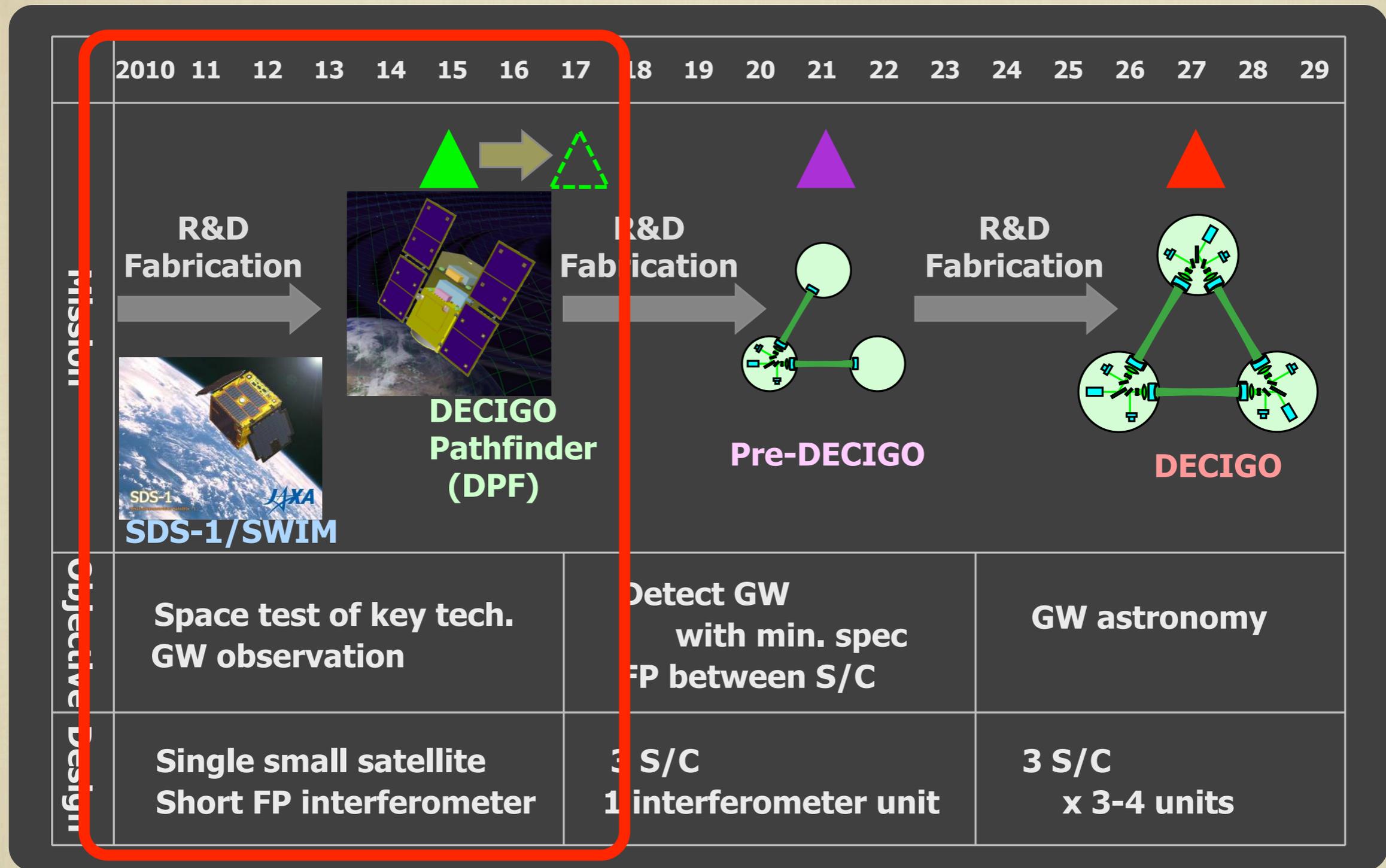
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# DECIGO Pathfinder in the roadmap



# DECIGO Pathfinder

## DECIGO Pathfinder (DPF)

First milestone mission for DECIGO

Shrink arm cavity

DECIGO 1000km → DPF 30cm

### Single satellite

(Payload  $\sim 1\text{m}^3$ , 350kg)

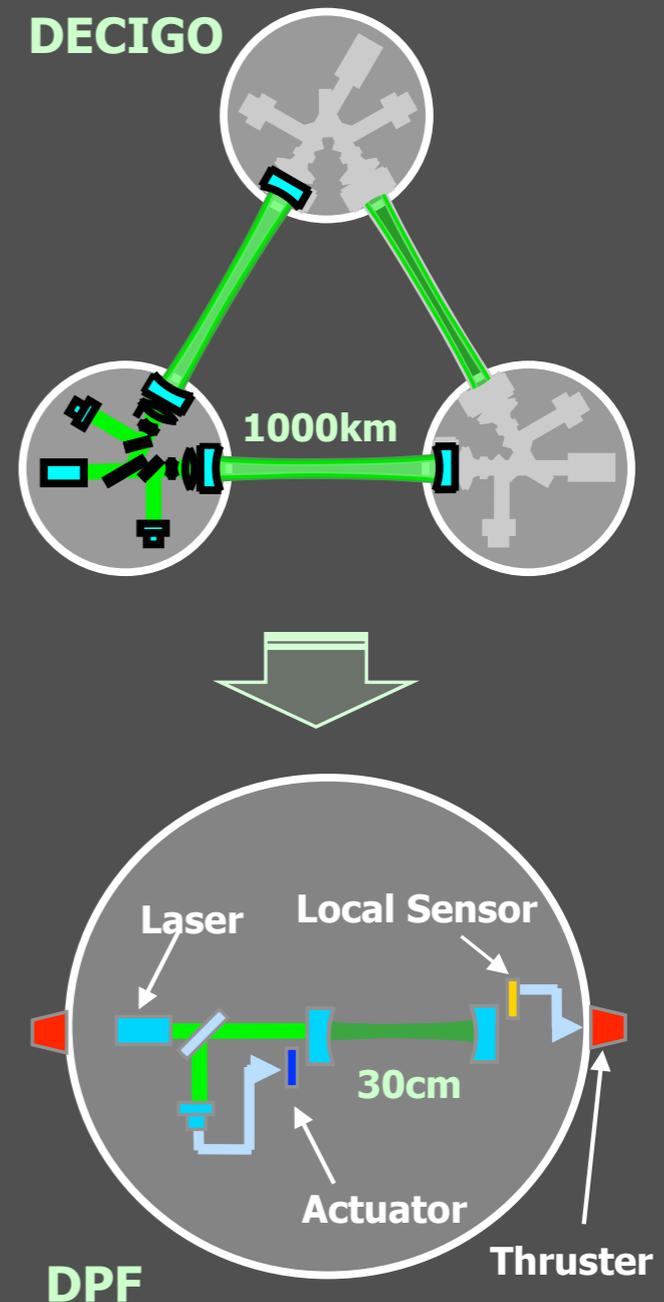
### Low-earth orbit

(Altitude 500km, sun synchronous)

30cm FP cavity with 2 test masses

Stabilized laser source

Drag-free control



# DPF Satellite design

## DPF Payload

Size : 950mm cube  
Weight : 150kg  
Power : 130W  
Data Rate: 800kbps  
Mission thruster x12

Power Supply  
SpW Comm.



## Satellite Bus

(‘Standard bus’ system)

Size :  
950x950x1100mm  
Weight : 200kg  
SAP : 960W  
Battery: 50AH  
Downlink : 2Mbps  
DR: 1GByte  
3N Thrusters x 4

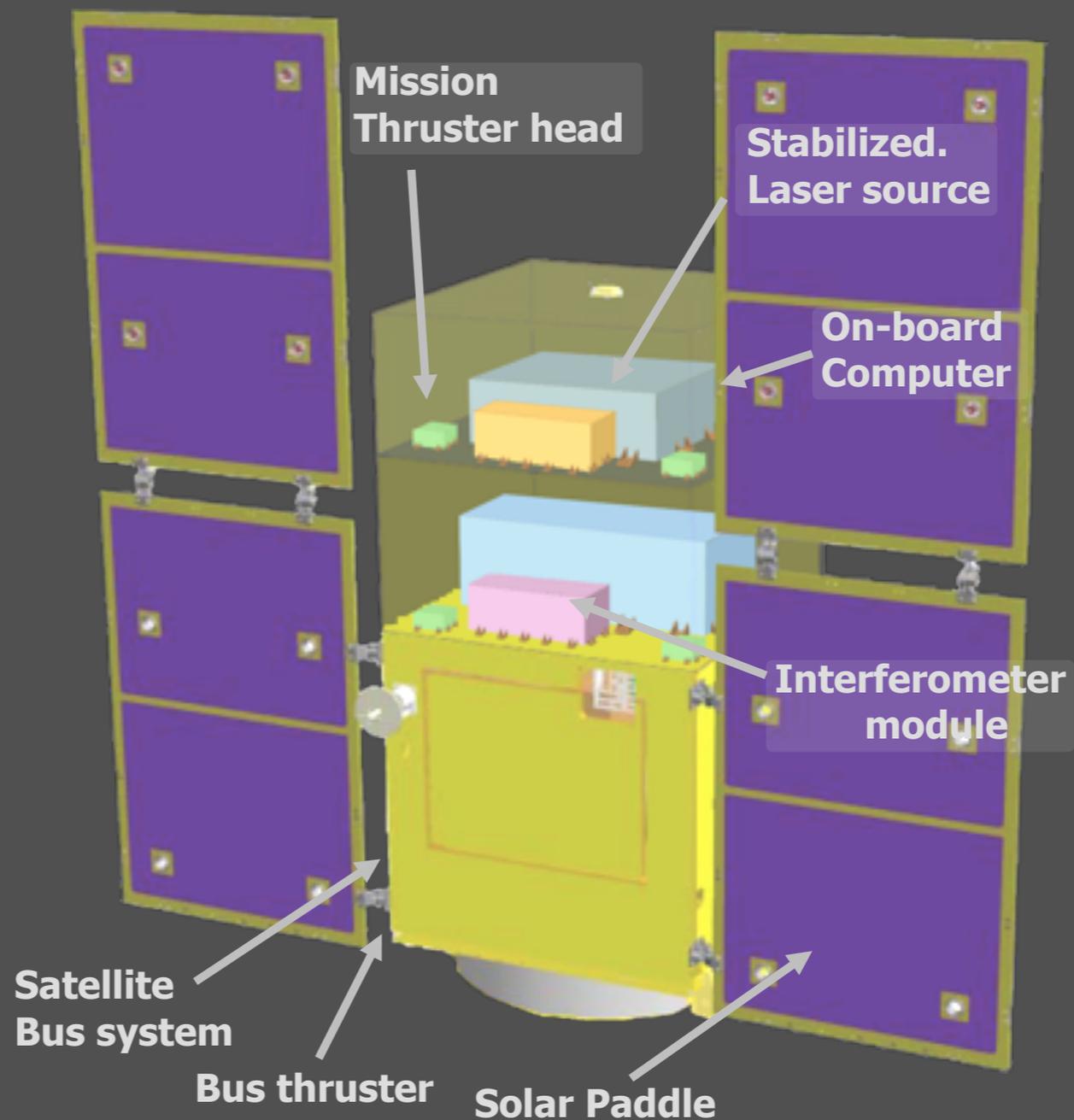
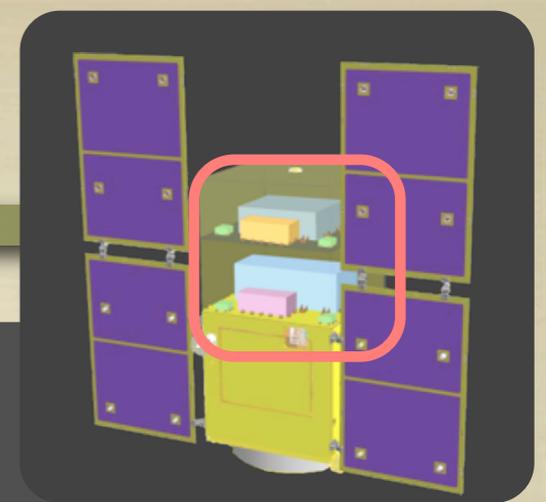


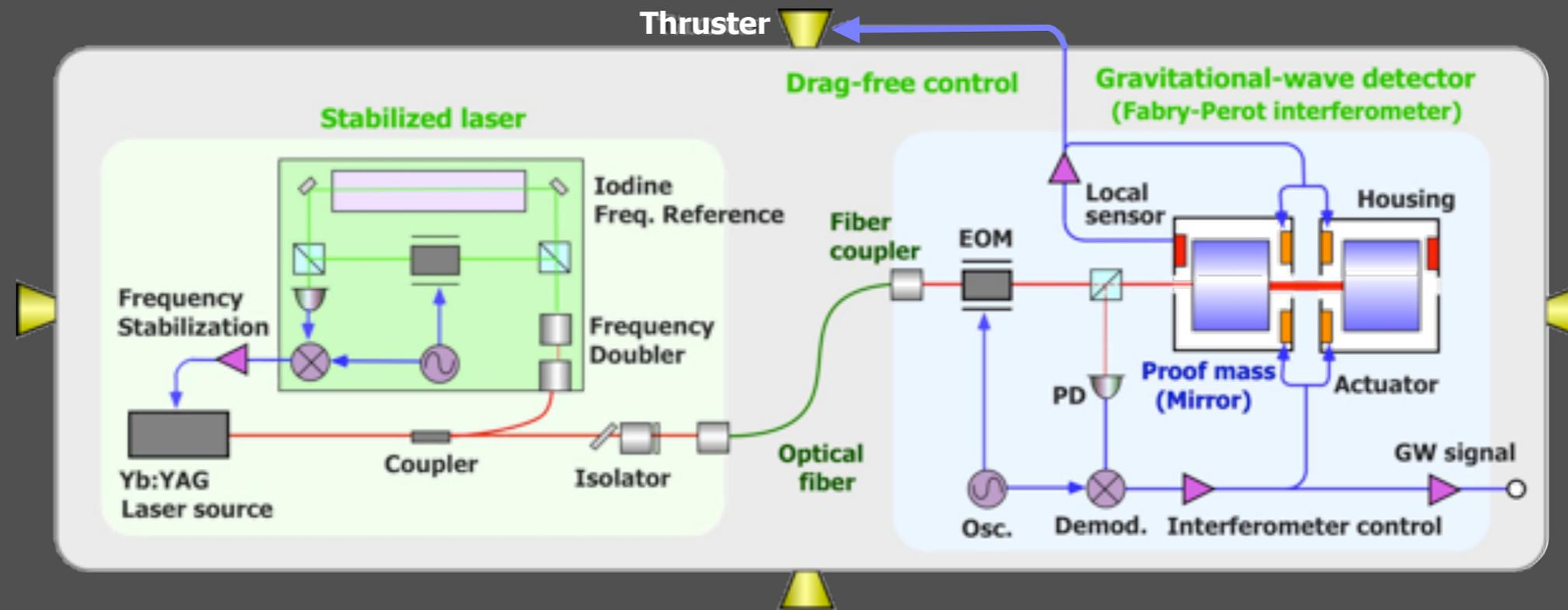
Fig. by Ando

# DPF mission payload



Mission weight :  $\sim 150\text{kg}$   
 Mission space :  $\sim 95 \times 95 \times 90 \text{ cm}$

**Drag-free control**  
 Local sensor signal  
 → Feedback to thrusters



## Laser source

Yb:YAG laser (1030nm)  
 Power : 25mW  
 Freq. stab. by Iodine abs. line

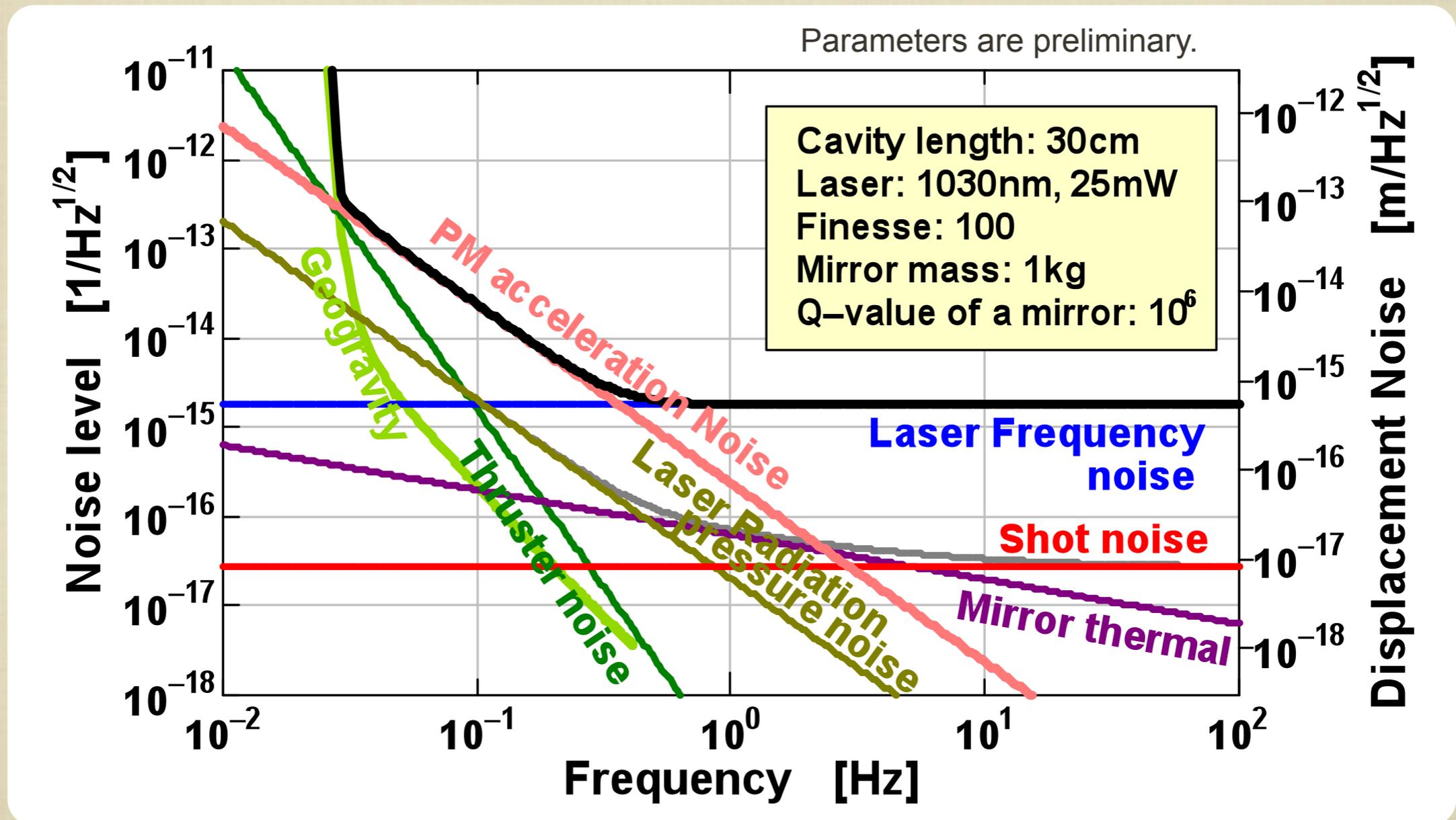
## Fabry-Perot interferometer

Finesse : 100  
 Length : 30cm  
 Test mass :  $\sim$ a few kg  
 Signal extraction by PDH

Fig. by Ando

# DPF sensitivity

- Noise level :  $h \sim 2e-15$  strain/rtHz
- \* Limited by laser frequency noise and acceleration noise



# DPF Requirements

## Sensor Noise

Disp. noise  $6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m/Hz}^{1/2}$  (0.1 Hz)

⇒ x 200 of DECIGO in disp. noise

## Other noises

Laser freq. noise:  $0.5 \text{ Hz/Hz}^{1/2}$  (1Hz)

## Acceleration Noise

Force noise  $1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m/s}^2/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$  (0.1 Hz)

⇒ x 250 of DECIGO

## Satellite motion

Disp. noise  $1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m/Hz}^{1/2}$  (0.1 Hz)

External force sources: Residual gas damping,  
Fluctuation of magnetic field, electric field,  
gravitational field, temperature, pressure, etc.

# DPF Science --- 1. gravitational wave

## Blackholes events in our galaxy

### IMBH inspiral and merger

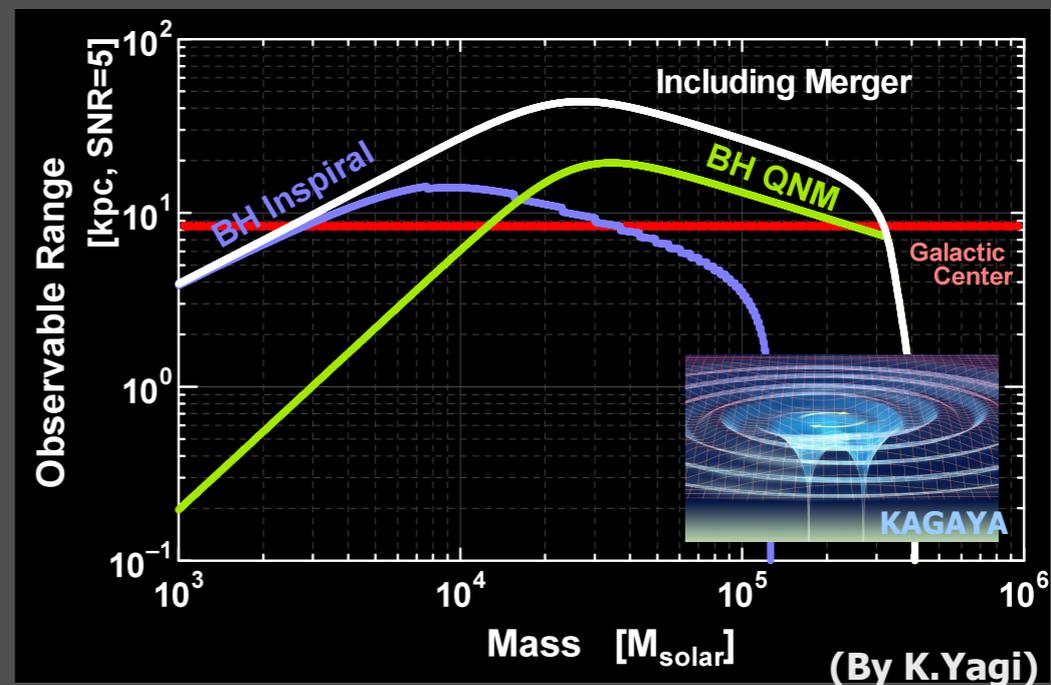
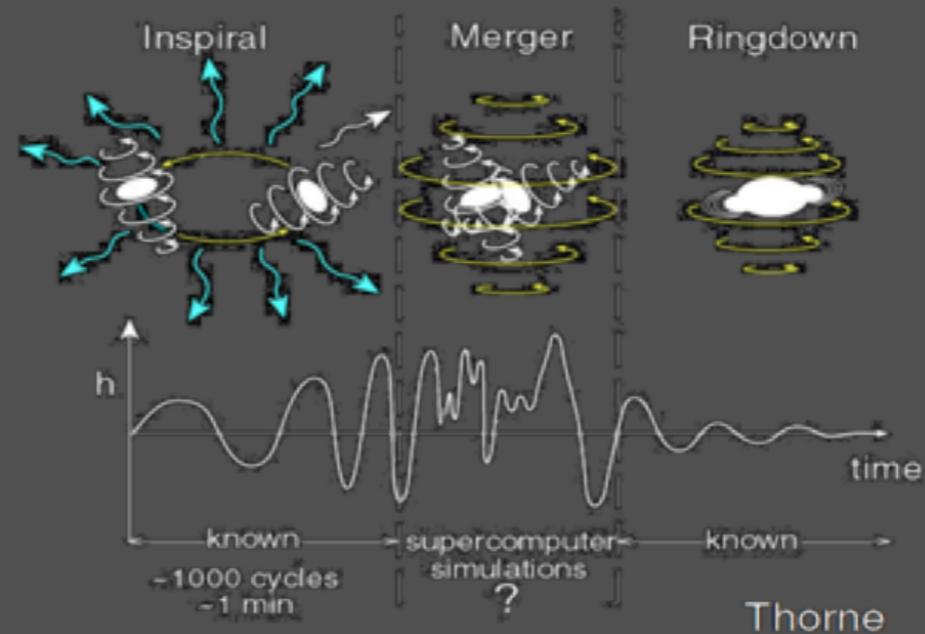
$h \sim 10^{-15}$ ,  $f \sim 4$  Hz  
Distance 10kpc,  $m = 10^3 M_{\text{sun}}$   
Obs. Duration ( $\sim 1000$ sec)

### BH QNM

$h \sim 10^{-15}$ ,  $f \sim 0.3$  Hz  
Distance 1Mpc,  $m = 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

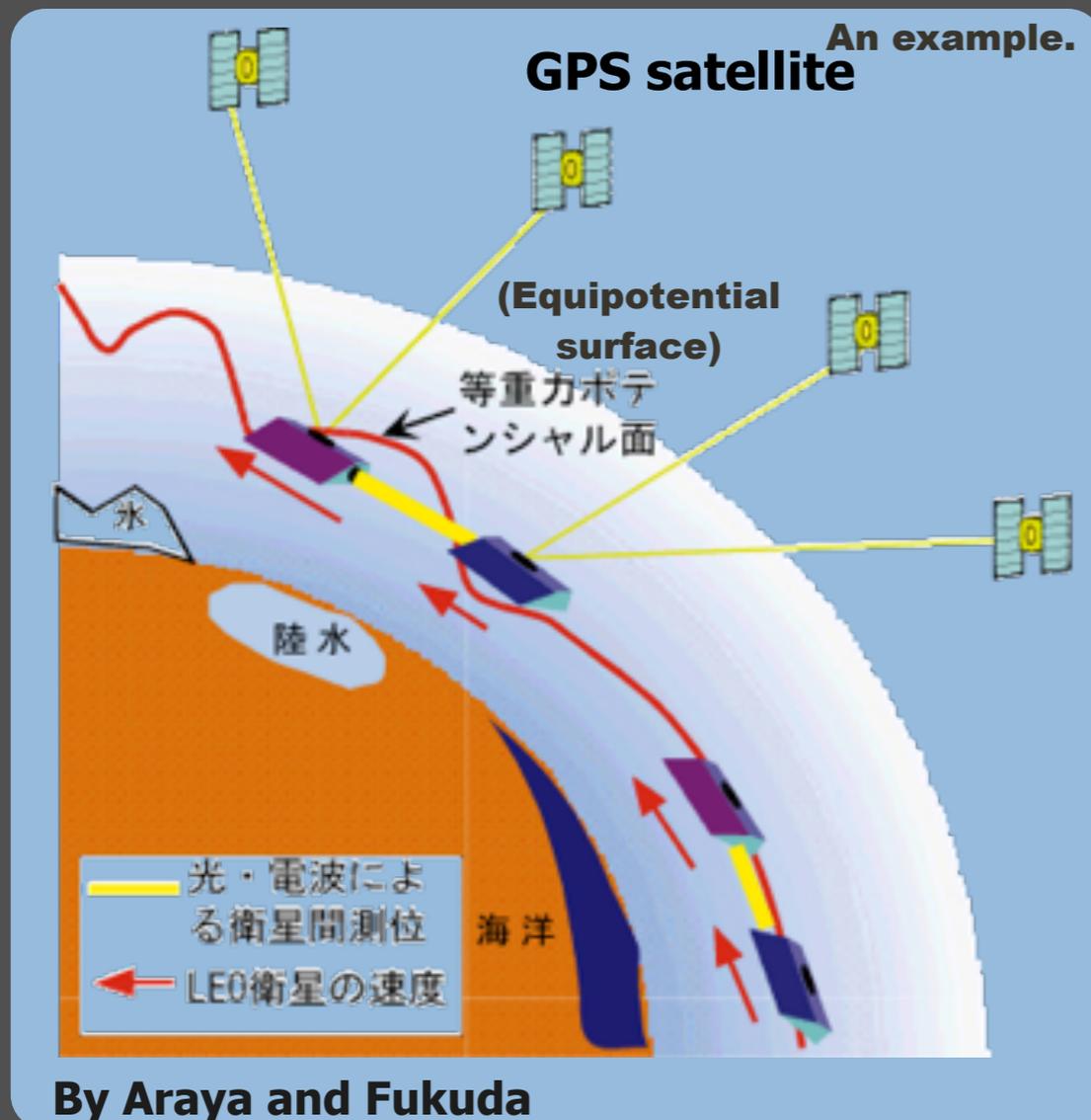
Observable range covers  
our Galaxy (SNR $\sim 5$ )

Hard to access by others  
→ Original observation



# DPF Science --- 2. gravity of the earth

## Measure gravity field of the Earth from Satellite Orbits, and gravity-gradiometer

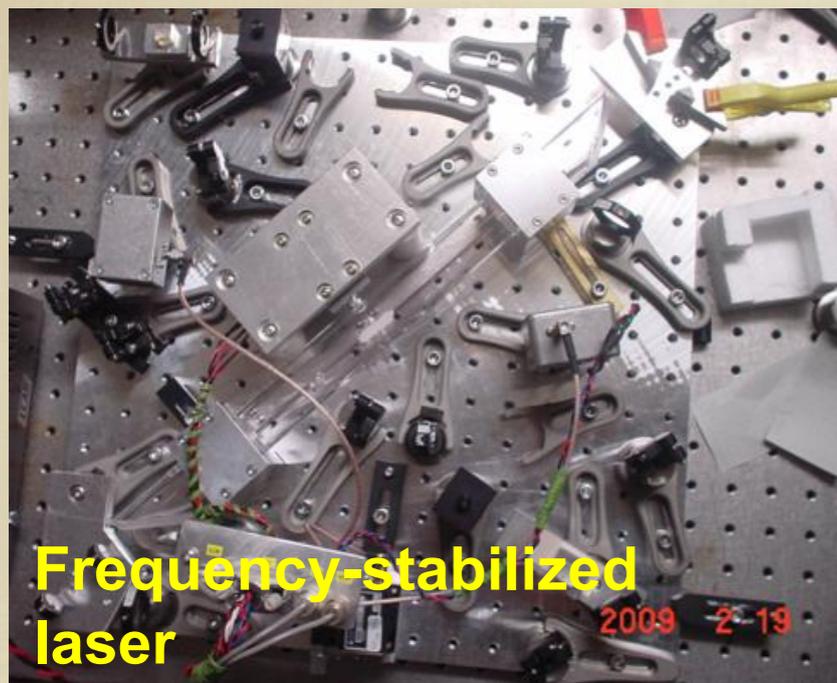


Determine global gravity field  
→ Density distribution  
Monitor of change in time  
Ground water motion  
Strains in crusts by  
**earthquakes** and volcanoes

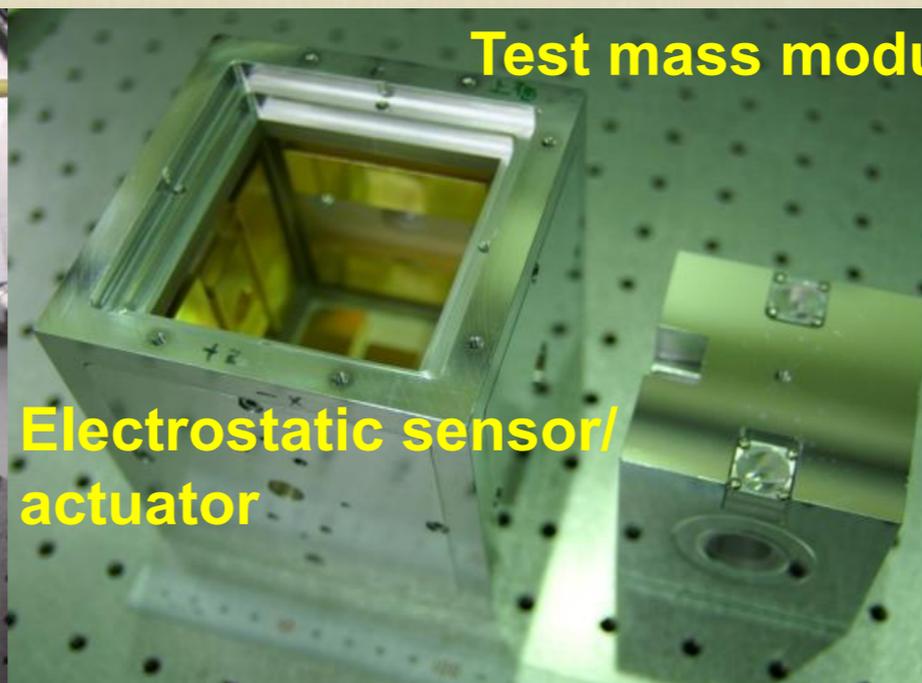
NASA's mission  
GRACE FO (2016-2021?)

→ **DPF contribution (2017?)**  
in international network

# R&D for DPF subsystems

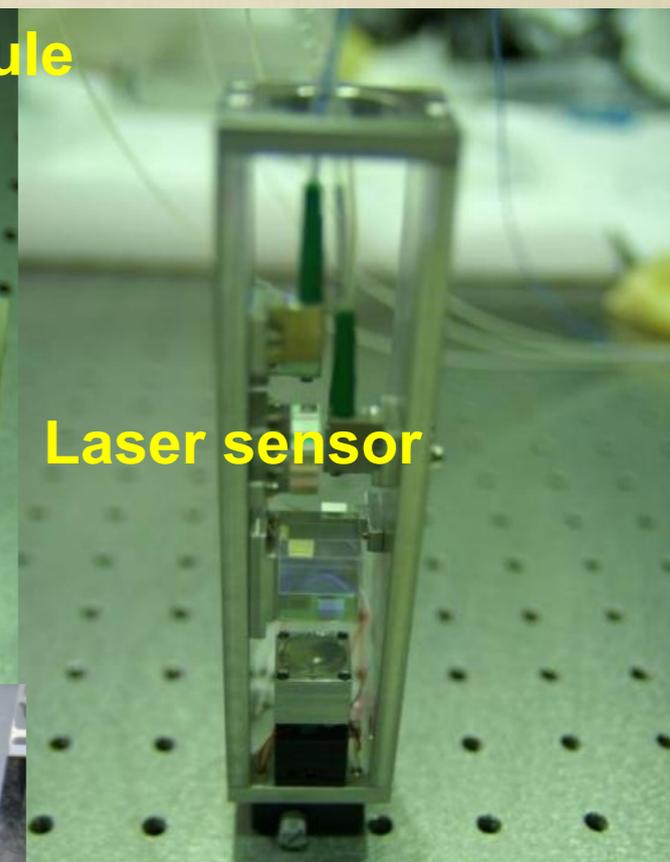


Frequency-stabilized laser

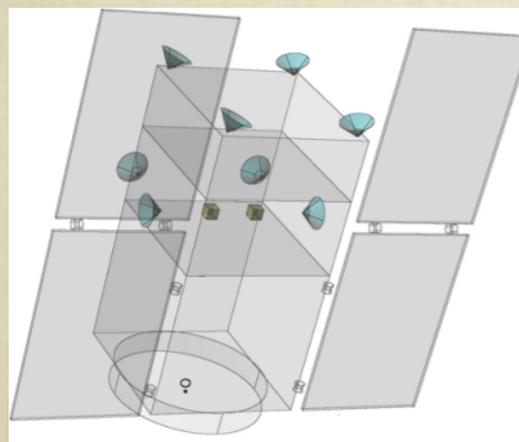


Test mass module

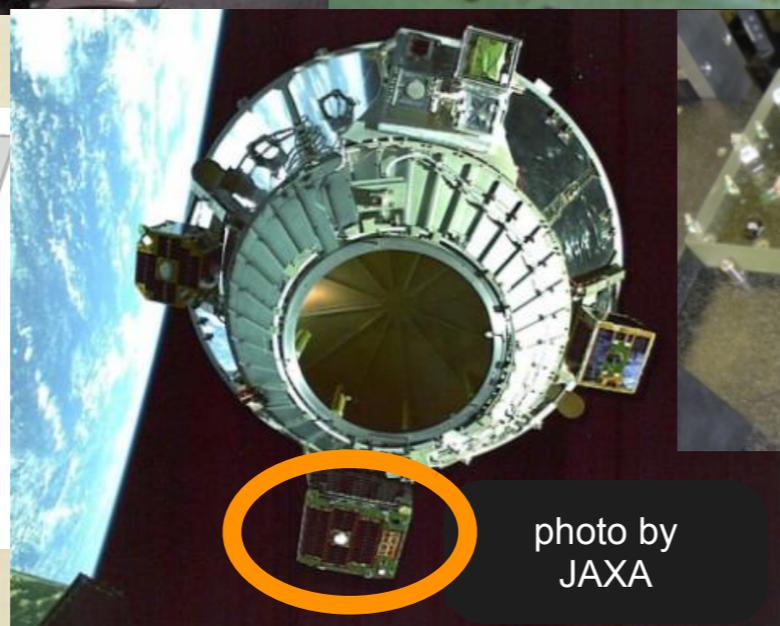
Electrostatic sensor/actuator



Laser sensor



Drag-free model



Signal processing and control in space

photo by JAXA



Interferometer (monolithic optics)



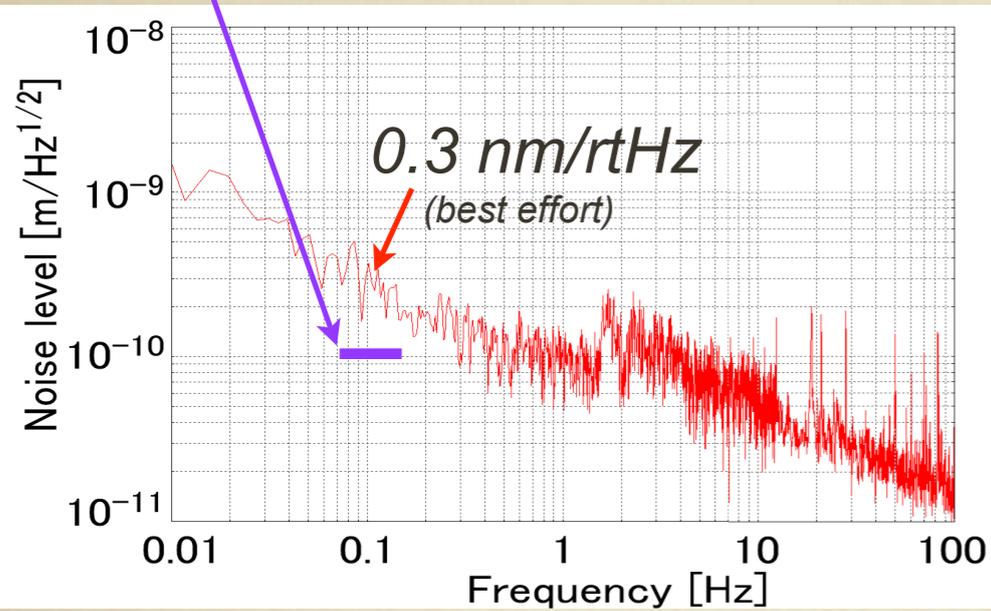
Low noise thruster

# Test mass module (Inertial sensor)

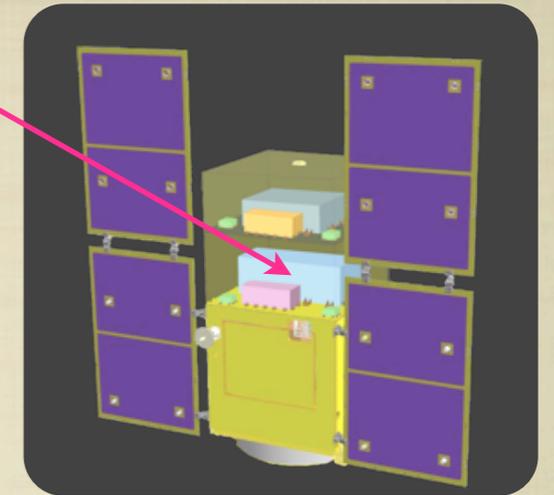
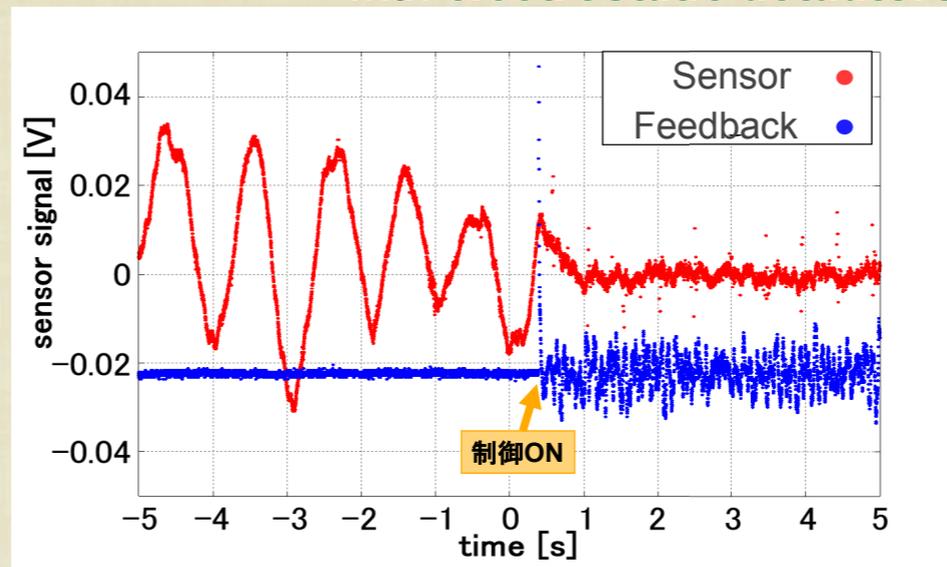
## Subsystem of Interferometer module

### ❖ Prototype experiment of individual functions

Req. of local sensor noise  
(capacitive sensor)



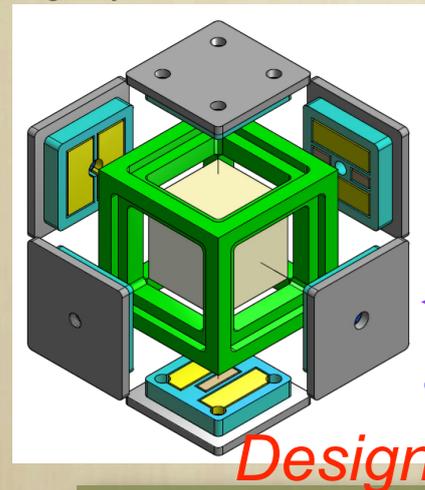
Controlling motions of a suspended test-mass with *electrostatic actuators*



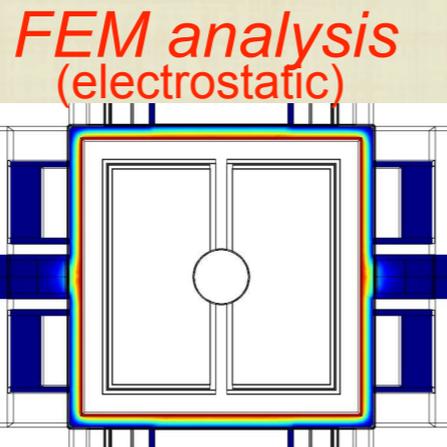
Figs by Ejiri

### ❖ Design & Analysis

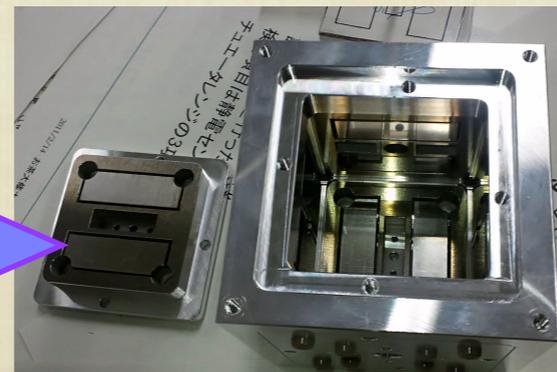
Figs by R.Suzuki



Design



FEM analysis (electrostatic)

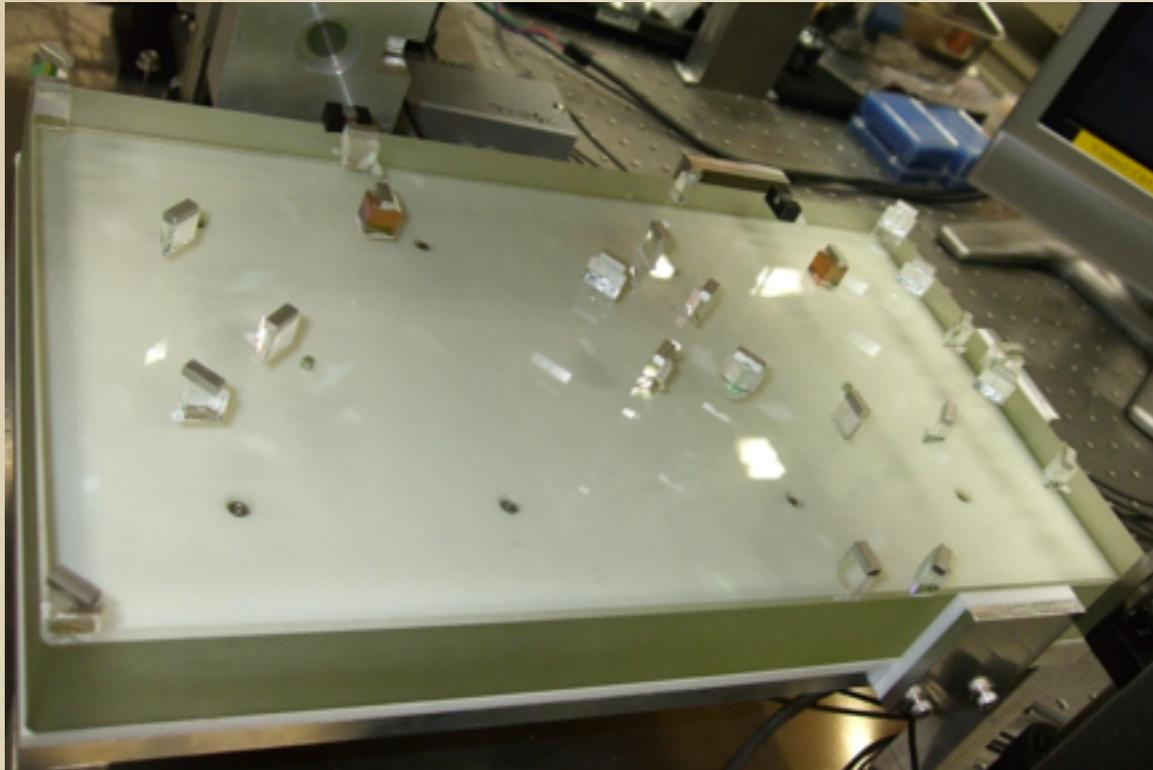


Manufacture & Functional test

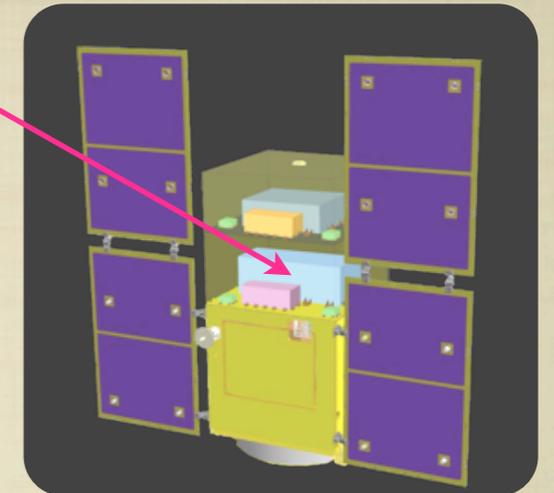
To meet the requirements of:  
Noise of Capacitive sensors,  
Range of Electrostatic Actuators,  
and Electrostatic Stiffness

# Interferometer module

## ❖ Monolithic optics (as input optics)



## Interferometer module

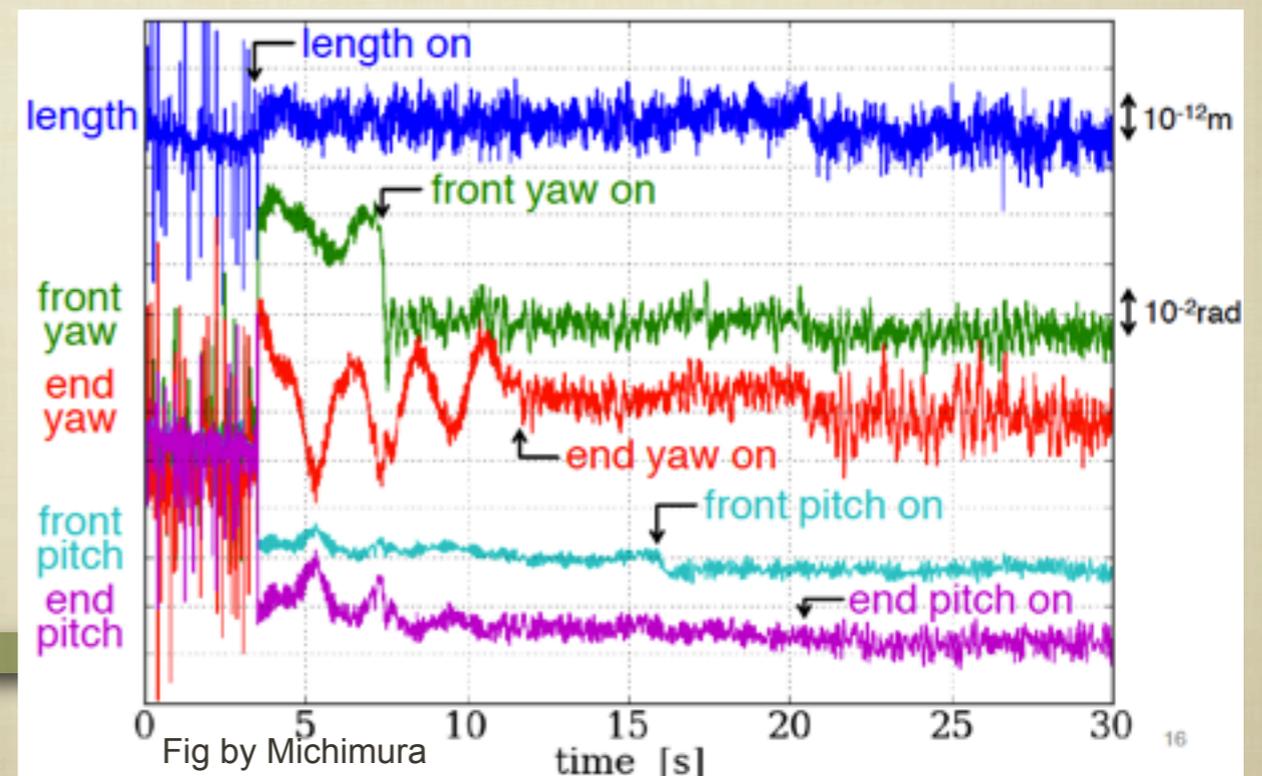


### Why monolithic?

- ➔ To survive the shocks during launch.
- ➔ To prevent optical path from fluctuating in space
- ➔ etc...

### Demonstration:

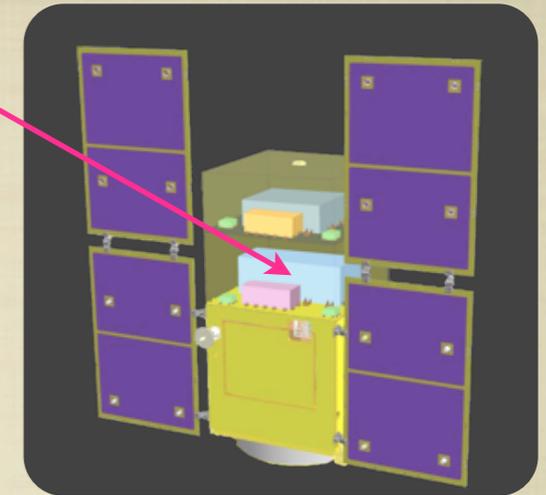
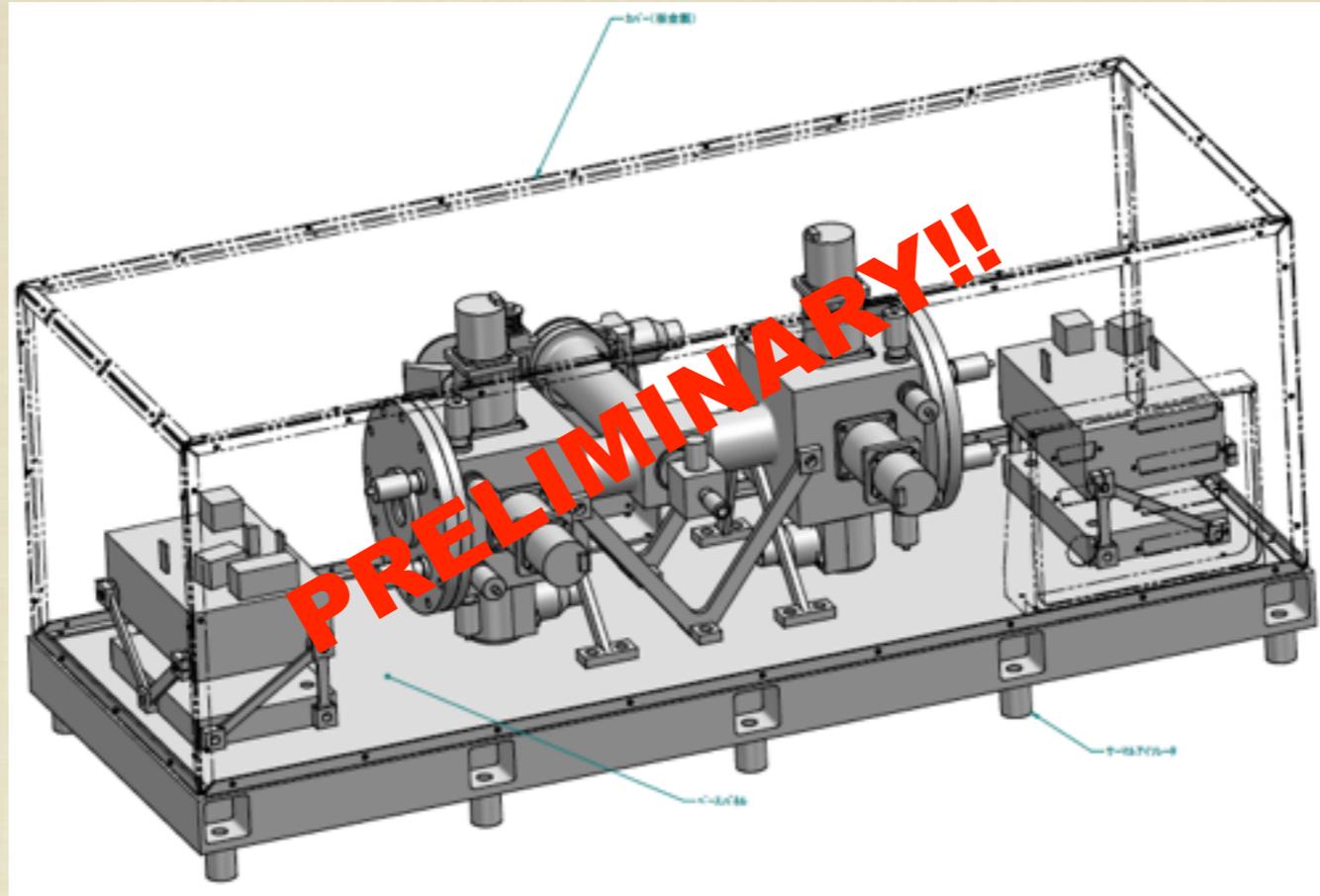
- ➔ With the optics,  
a FP cavity can be in operation  
(30cm long, same as DPF's)



# Interferometer module (contd.)

## ❖ Structure

Interferometer module



**Assemble every component to one module**

➔ **Components: test-mass modules, optics, electronics, optical fibers and metal wires, dynamic mechanisms, robust chassis,...**

# SWIM $\mu\nu$ --- Mission Successfully Completed!!

- SWIM $\mu\nu$ : tiny **space GW sensor** (torsion type)
- \* SWIM (one of the missions of JAXA's **Small Demonstration Satellite-1**)  
= SWIM $\mu\nu$  + **new satellite technology**  
space-qualified computers, signal processing systems etc.
- \* Design sensitivity: **1e-6 rad/rtHz (0.1-1Hz) in space**



**TAM: Torsion Antenna Module with free-falling test mass**  
(Size : 80mm cube, Weight : ~500g)

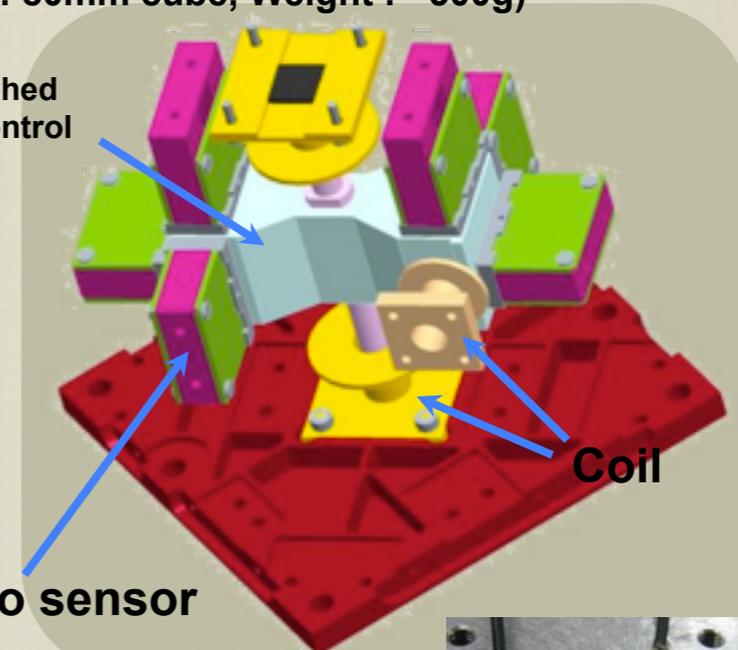
### Test mass

~47g Aluminum, Surface polished  
Small magnets for position control

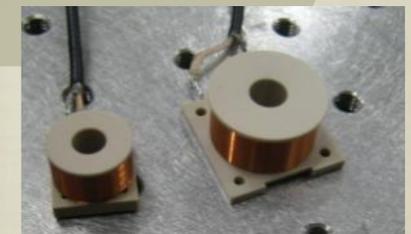


### Photo sensor

Reflective-type optical displacement sensor  
Separation to mass ~1mm  
Sensitivity ~  $10^{-9}$  m/Hz $^{1/2}$   
6 PSs to monitor mass motion



Coil



# SWIM $\mu\nu$ (contd)

## ■ Data Taking

\* ~120 min (17 Jun 2010)

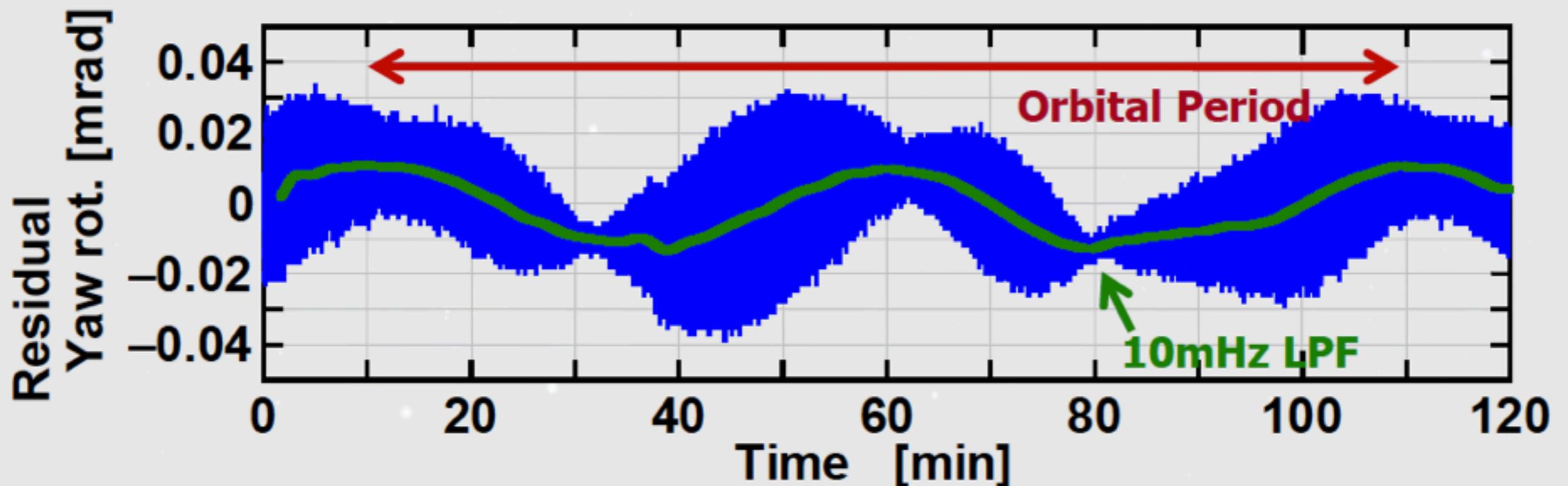
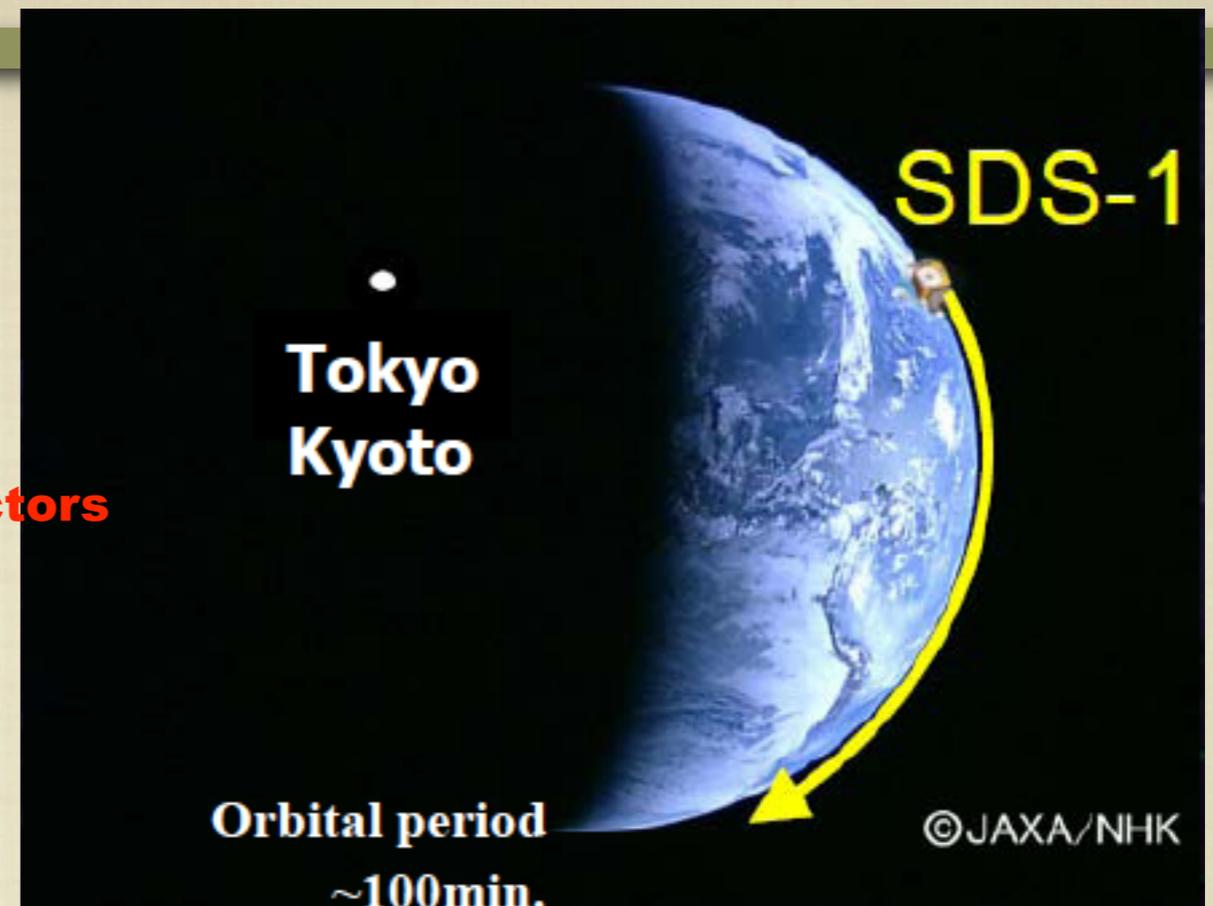
\* ~240 min (15 Jul 2010)

**Taking data together with terrestrial detectors**

**Now data analysis is ongoing!!**

**Details:**

**Ando's talk tomorrow (May 25)**



# Funding status of DPF

DPF : One of the candidate of  
JAXA's small satellite series



At least **3 satellites** in 5 years with  
**Standard Bus + M-V** follow-on rocket

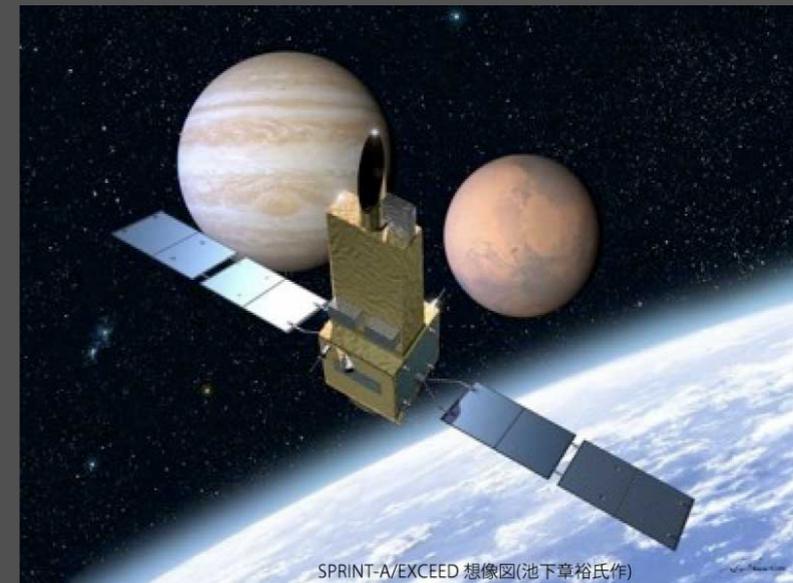
1<sup>st</sup> mission (2012): SPRINT-A/EXCEED

2<sup>nd</sup> mission (~2013/14) : ERG

**DPF survived until final two**

3<sup>rd</sup> mission (2016/17?) : TBD

**DPF is one of the strongest  
candidates of the 3<sup>rd</sup> mission**



SPRINT-A / EXCEED  
UV telescope mission



Next-generation  
Solid rocket booster (M-V FO)  
Fig. by JAXA

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# Summary

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## **DECIGO** : Fruitful Sciences

Very beginning of the **Universe**

**Dark energy**

**Galaxy formation**

## **DECIGO Pathfinder**

Important **milestone** for DECIGO

Strong candidate of **JAXA's satellite series**

**SWIM** – **Mission successfully completed!!**  
**first precursor to space!**

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**END**