

# Earth-based Gravitational-Wave Experiments

## Part I: Detectors

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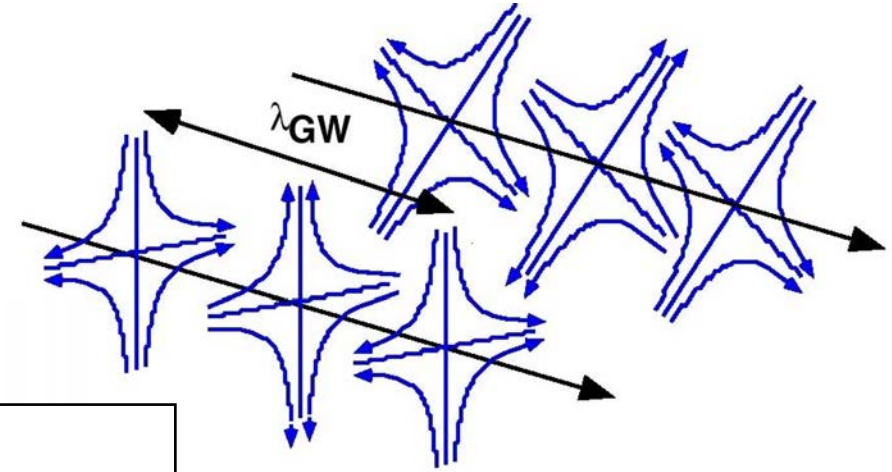


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# **GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND INTERFEROMETRIC DETECTORS**

# Gravitational Waves

- ❑ A prediction of **General Relativity** (Einstein, 1916)
- ❑ Perturbations in space-time metric
  - Generated by mass acceleration
  - Transverse, quadrupolar, 2 orthogonal polarizations
  - Propagate at speed of light
    - Amplitude decreases with distance



## ❑ Source **luminosity**

$$\frac{c^5}{G} \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{R_S}{R}\right)^2 \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^6$$

↗ asymmetric
↗ compact
↗ relativistic



$$h = 2 \frac{\delta L}{L}$$

➔ Astrophysical sources  
 $h < 10^{-21}$  on Earth



# Science Impact

Gravitation

Sources

High-energy  
phenomena

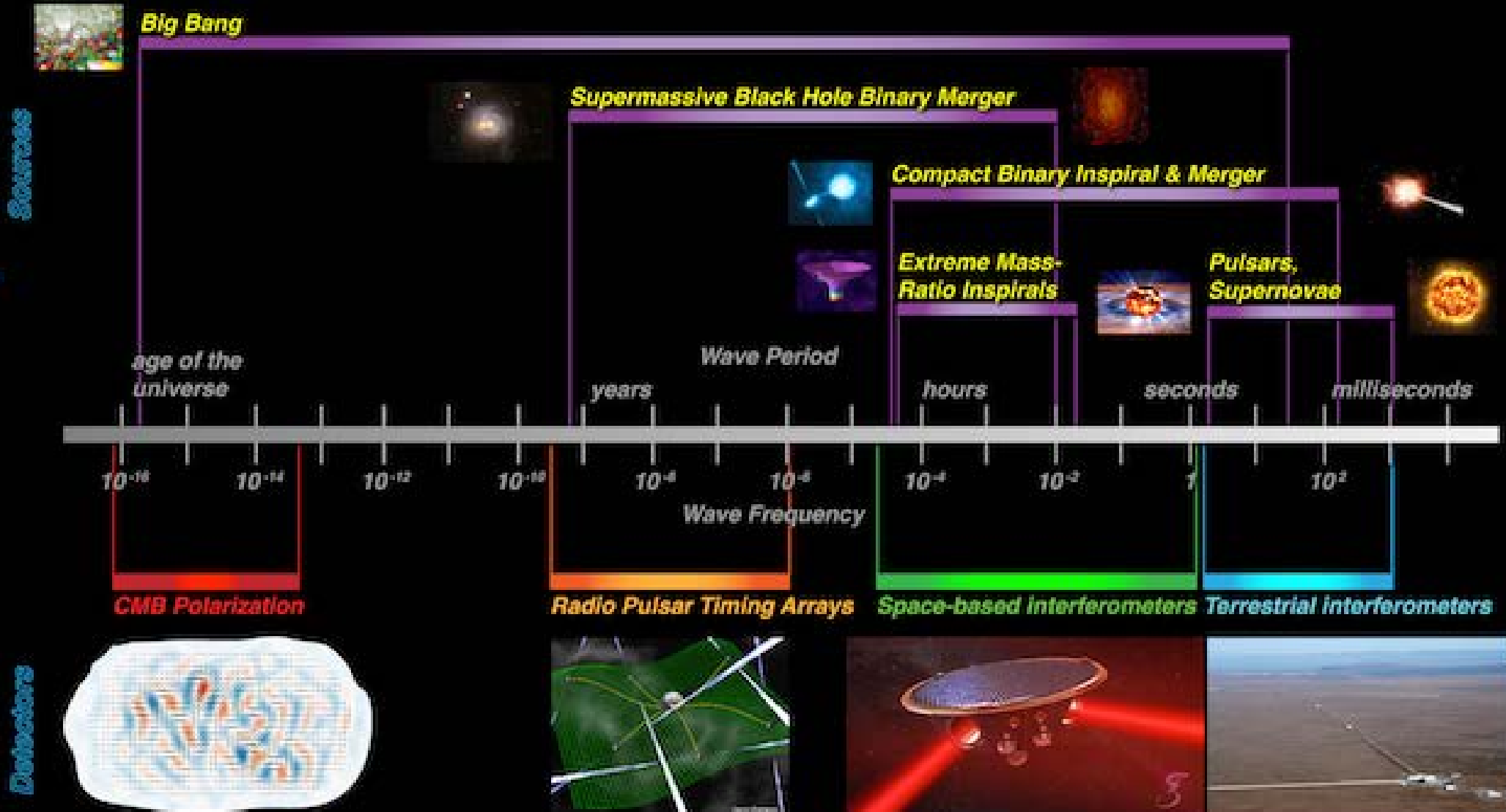
- Gravitational waves are generated in some of the **most energetic events** in the Universe
  - Direct probe of the event **dynamics**
- Gravitational waves are a tool to **probe gravitation** in a **new regime**
  - Gravitation at the heart of some of the great enigma of modern physics

General  
Relativity

Astrophysics

Cosmology

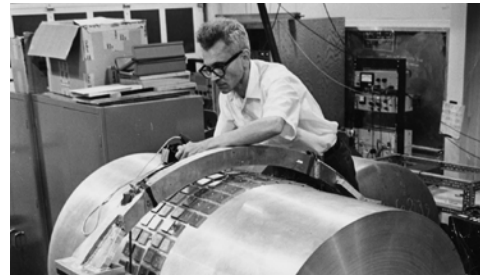
# Gravitational-wave spectrum



# Ground-based detectors: history

1960s & 1970s

- Pioneering experimental work

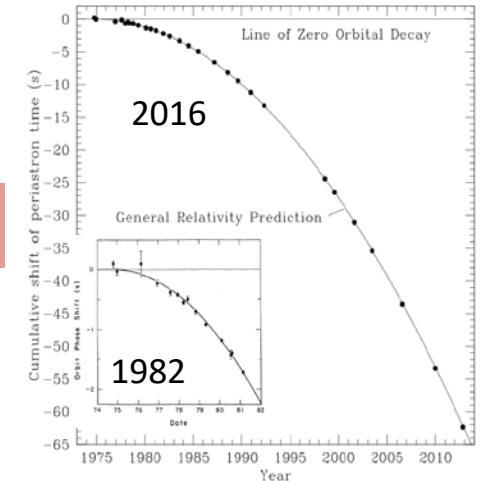


Insufficient sensitivity

1980s & 1990s

- Design and construction of long-baseline interferometers

Gravitational waves exist!



2000s : 1<sup>st</sup> generation

- LIGO, Virgo

Sensitivity not quite good enough

2010s & 2020s : 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

- Advanced LIGO, Advanced Virgo
- + KAGRA

Discovery!

Toward routine GW observation  
Multi-messenger astronomy

3<sup>rd</sup> generation

Deep observation of Universe with GW



# A network of detectors

LIGO Hanford, 4 km (US)



LIGO Livingston, 4 km (US)



Virgo, 3 km (Italy)



KAGRA, 3 km (Japan)



# GW coupling to Michelson interferometer

See  
[movie](#)





# GW coupling to Michelson interferometer (cont.)

- Space-time metric  $g_{\mu\nu} \simeq \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$
- Perturbation to metric due to GW  $h_{\mu\nu}(z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -h_+ & h_\times & 0 \\ 0 & h_\times & h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$ds^2 = \Sigma g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = 0 \text{ for light}$$

- Accumulated round-trip phase along x axis  $\Phi_{\text{rt}}(t_{\text{rt}}) = \int_0^{t_{\text{rt}}} 2\pi\nu dt$ 
  - For GW with period  $\gg$  round-trip light travel time

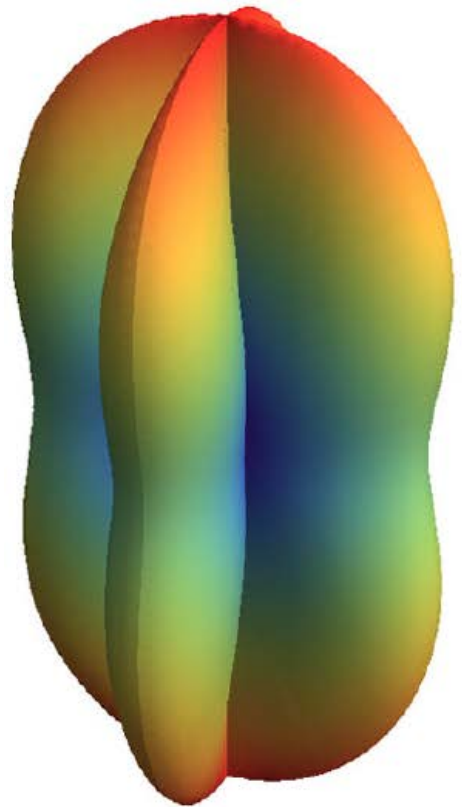
$$\Phi_{\text{rt}}(t_{\text{rt}}) = 2 \frac{2\pi\nu}{c} \int_0^L \sqrt{|g_{xx}|} dx \simeq 2(1 - h_+/2) \frac{2\pi L}{\lambda}$$

- General case includes term  $\text{sinc}\left(\pi f_{\text{GW}} \frac{2L}{c}\right)$
- Accumulated round-trip phase along y axis  $\Phi_{\text{rt}} \simeq 2(1 + h_+/2)(2\pi L/\lambda)$
- Difference in phase shift between x and y arms

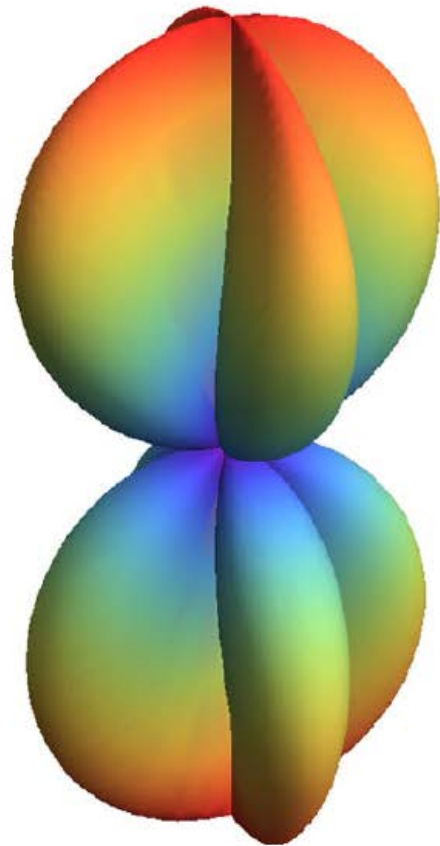
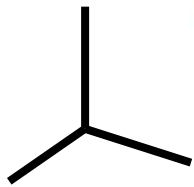
$$\Delta\Phi \simeq 2h_+(2\pi L/\lambda) \Leftrightarrow \Delta L = h L$$

$$L = 3 \text{ km} \quad h < 10^{-21} \rightarrow \Delta L < 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

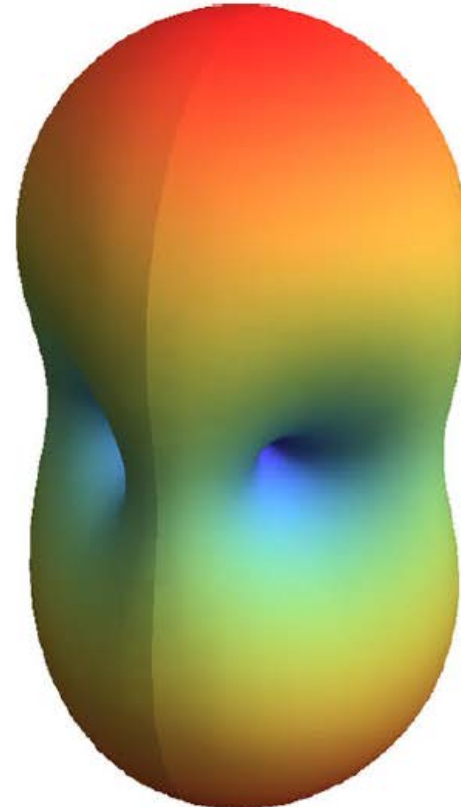
# Detector antenna pattern



+ polarization



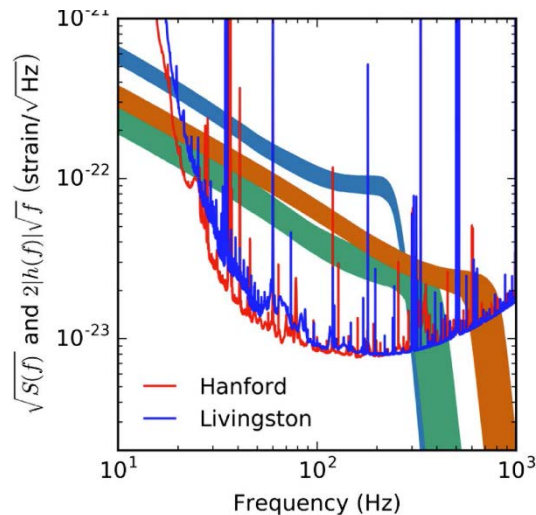
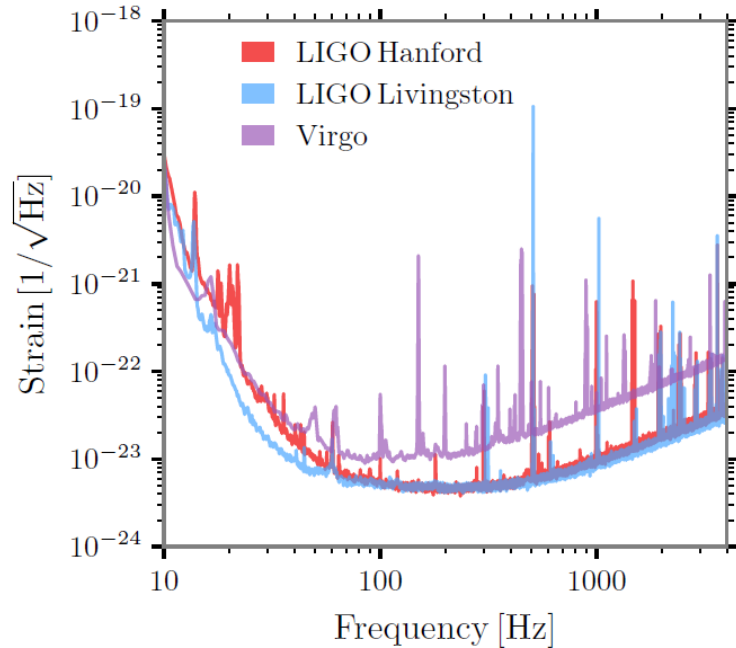
x polarization



unpolarized GWs

- GW interferometric detector has
  - Broad angular response
  - Blind spots

# Sensitivity curve



- Frequency-domain characterization of (stationary) noise: noise power spectrum, aka (one-sided) **power spectral density** (PSD)

$$S_n(f) = 2 \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} e^{-i2\pi ft} n(t) dt \right|^2$$

- Noise power spectrum is Fourier transform of noise autocorrelation

$$C(\tau) = E[n(t)n(t + \tau)] = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} n(t)n(t + \tau) dt$$

- PSD has unit  $\text{Hz}^{-1}$ , amplitude spectral density (ASD) has unit  $[\text{strain}]/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

- Related to mean square of noise  $\text{RMS}_{\Delta f}^2 = \int_{\Delta f} S_n(f) df$

- Related to **signal-to-noise ratio** (SNR)  $\text{SNR}^2 = 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{h}(f)|^2}{S_n(f)} df$

- Usually characterized by **BNS range**

➤ Typical detection reach for binary neutron star mergers with SNR 8

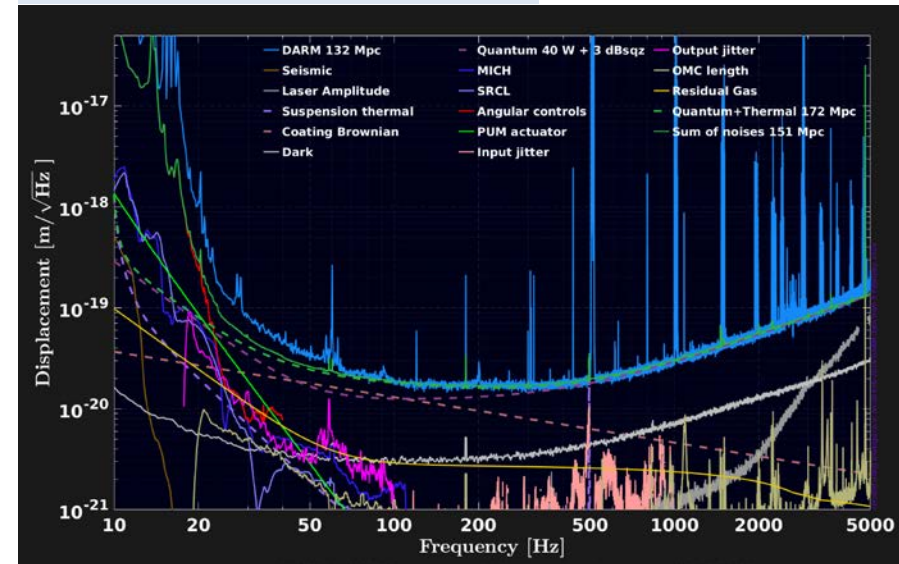
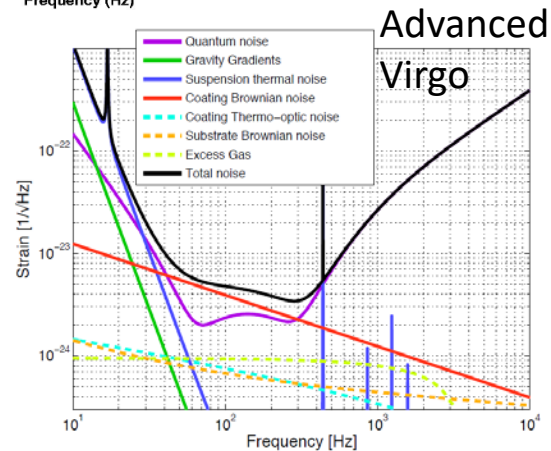
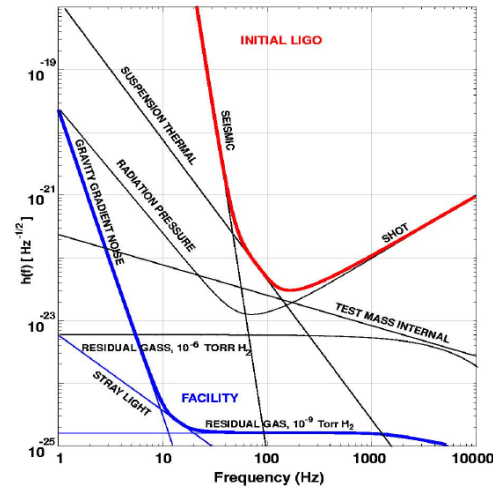
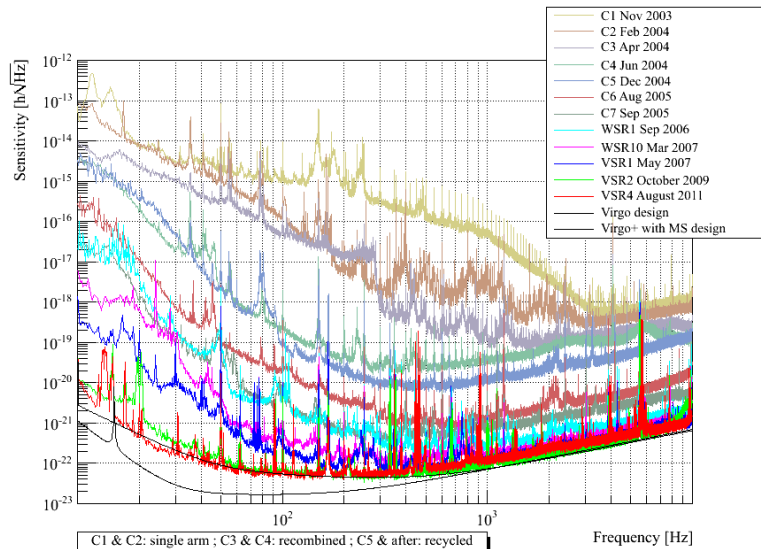
# Anatomy of sensitivity curves

Constantly evolving  
e.g.  
Initial Virgo  
2003-2011

Limited by  
fundamental noise  
sources...

... but not only !

LIGO Livingston 2020



# **THE MAIN NOISE SOURCES AND HOW THEY DRIVE THE BASIC FEATURES OF DETECTORS**

# Quantum noise (i)

- Power at the output port of Michelson interferometer

$$P_{\text{out}} = \frac{P_{\text{in}}}{2} (1 + C \cos \Delta\phi)$$

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} (L_x - L_y) \quad \text{Contrast } C = \frac{P_{\text{out,max}} - P_{\text{out,min}}}{P_{\text{out,max}} + P_{\text{out,min}}}$$

$$\Delta\phi \rightarrow \Delta\phi + \delta\phi \Rightarrow P_{\text{out}} \rightarrow P_{\text{out}} + \delta P_{\text{out}}$$

$$\delta P_{\text{out}} = \frac{P_{\text{in}}}{2} C \sin \Delta\phi \delta\phi$$

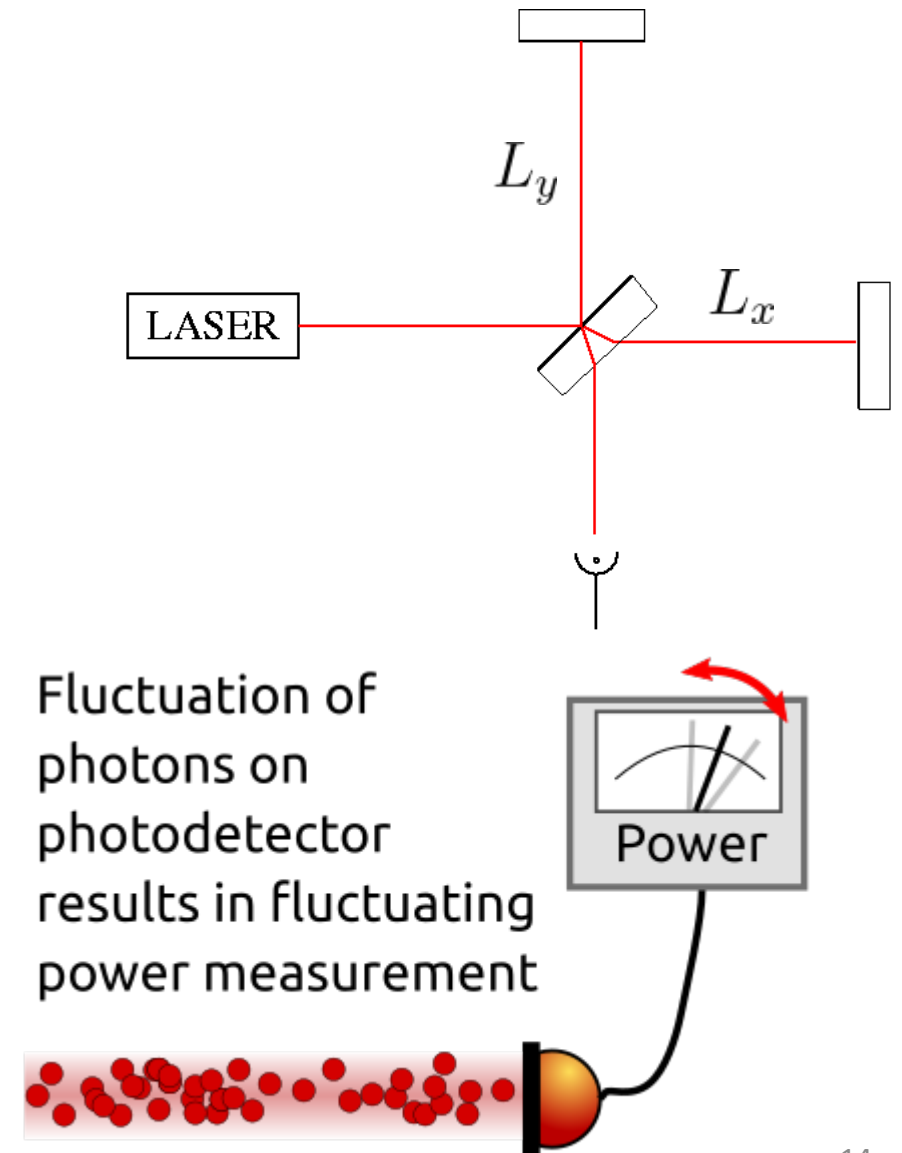
- How small a change in output power can be detected?

- Photon counting statistics follows Poisson distribution
- Arrival rate of photons

$$\bar{n} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\hbar c} P_{\text{out}} \quad \sigma_n = \sqrt{\bar{n}}$$

- Shot noise spectrum

$$\tilde{P}_{\text{out,shot}}(f) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\hbar c}{\lambda} P_{\text{out}}} \text{ [W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$



# Minimizing shot noise

## □ Shot noise limit to phase difference measurement

$$\tilde{\delta\phi}(f) = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\hbar c}{\lambda P_{\text{in}}}} \frac{\sqrt{1 + C \cos \Delta\phi}}{C \sin \Delta\phi} \text{ [rad}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

➤ When  $C = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\delta\phi}$  is minimal for  $\Delta\phi = \pi$

- Michelson tuned on the **dark fringe**

$$\tilde{\delta\phi}_{\text{min}}(f) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\hbar c}{\lambda P_{\text{in}}}} \text{ [rad}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

➤ In practice,  $C < 1$  and we want the signal  $\delta P_{\text{out}}$  to vary **linearly** with  $\delta\phi$

- **Small offset** with respect to dark fringe

## □ Sensitivity to GW signal

$$\tilde{h}_{\text{shot}}(f) = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c \lambda}{4\pi P_{\text{in}}}} \text{ [}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

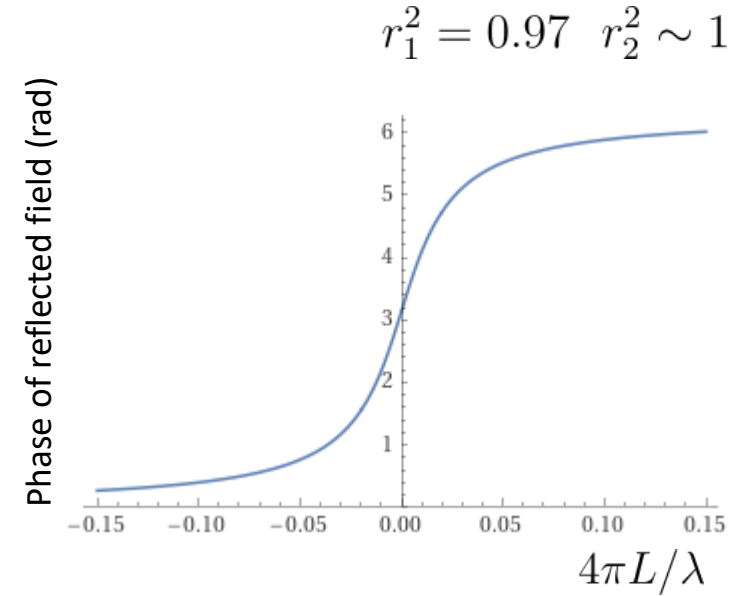
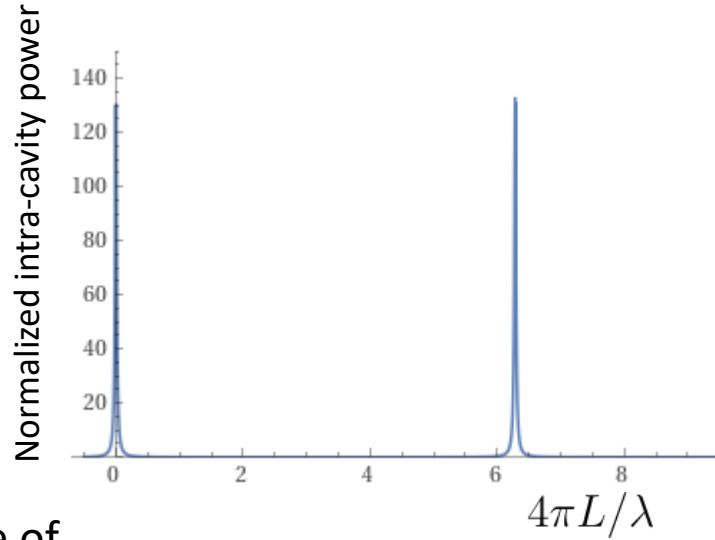
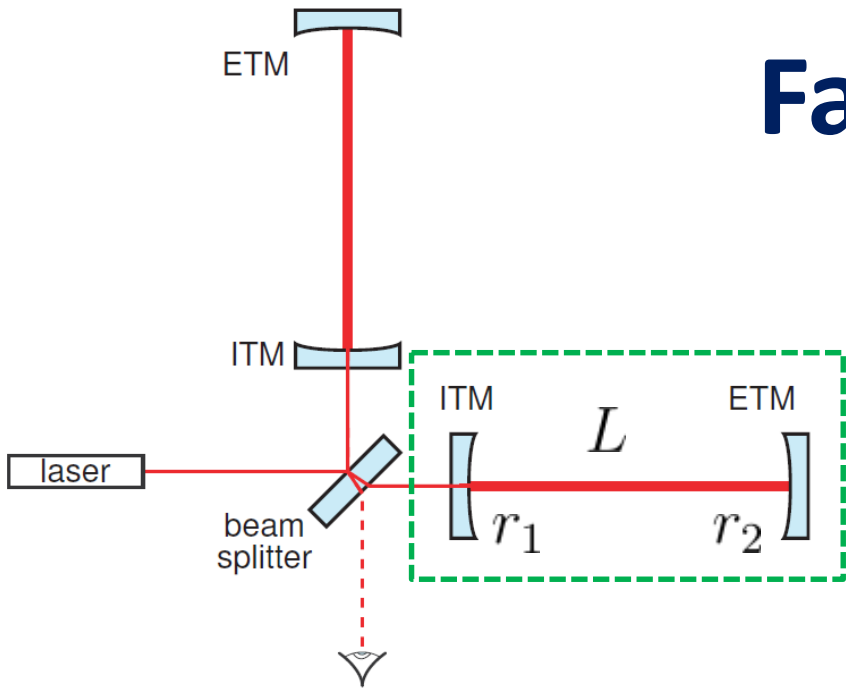
Wavelength set by availability of high-power lasers and optics

Arm length set by infrastructure (money) and configuration tweaks

Input optical power set by laser and configuration tweaks

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 1064 \text{ nm} \\ L &= 3 \text{ km} \\ P_{\text{in}} &= 20 \text{ W} \\ \tilde{h}_{\text{shot}}(f) &\sim 4 \times 10^{-21} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \end{aligned}$$

# Fabry-Perot cavities

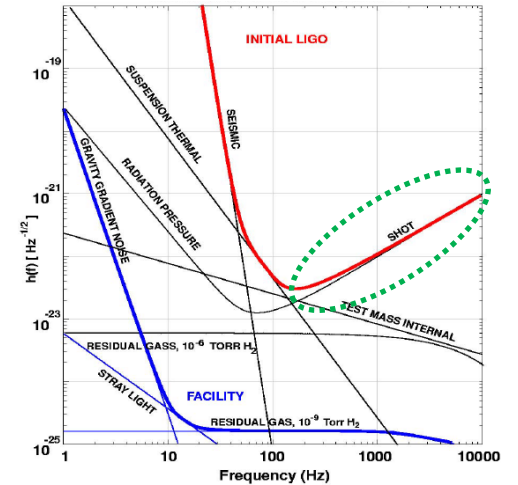
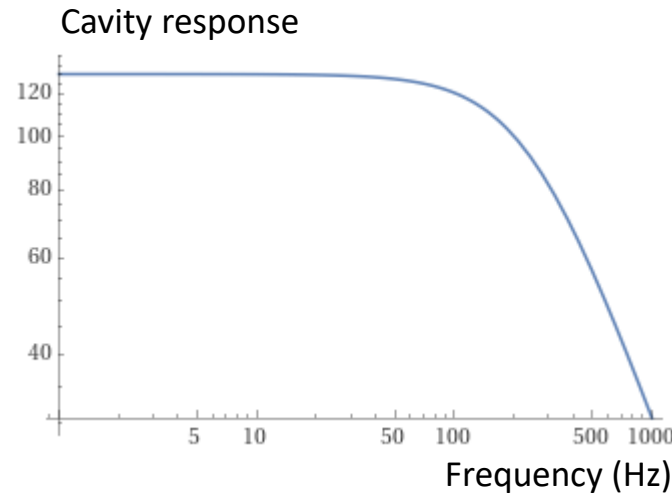


- Two mirrors with  $r_2 \sim 1, r_1 < 1$  in the case of GW detectors
- Cavity characterized by its **finesse**  $\mathcal{F} = \frac{\pi \sqrt{r_1 r_2}}{1 - r_1 r_2}$
- Resonance** when  $4\pi L/\lambda = n 2\pi$ 
  - The **storage time** increases from  $2L/c$  to  $\tau_{\text{storage}} = \frac{2L}{c} \frac{\mathcal{F}}{2\pi}$
  - The **phase shift** of the reflected field around the resonance is **amplified** by factor  $\frac{2\mathcal{F}}{\pi}$

- Cavity acts as **low-pass filter**, with cutoff frequency

$$f_c = 1/(4\pi\tau_{\text{storage}})$$

- Explains high-frequency shape of sensitivity curve



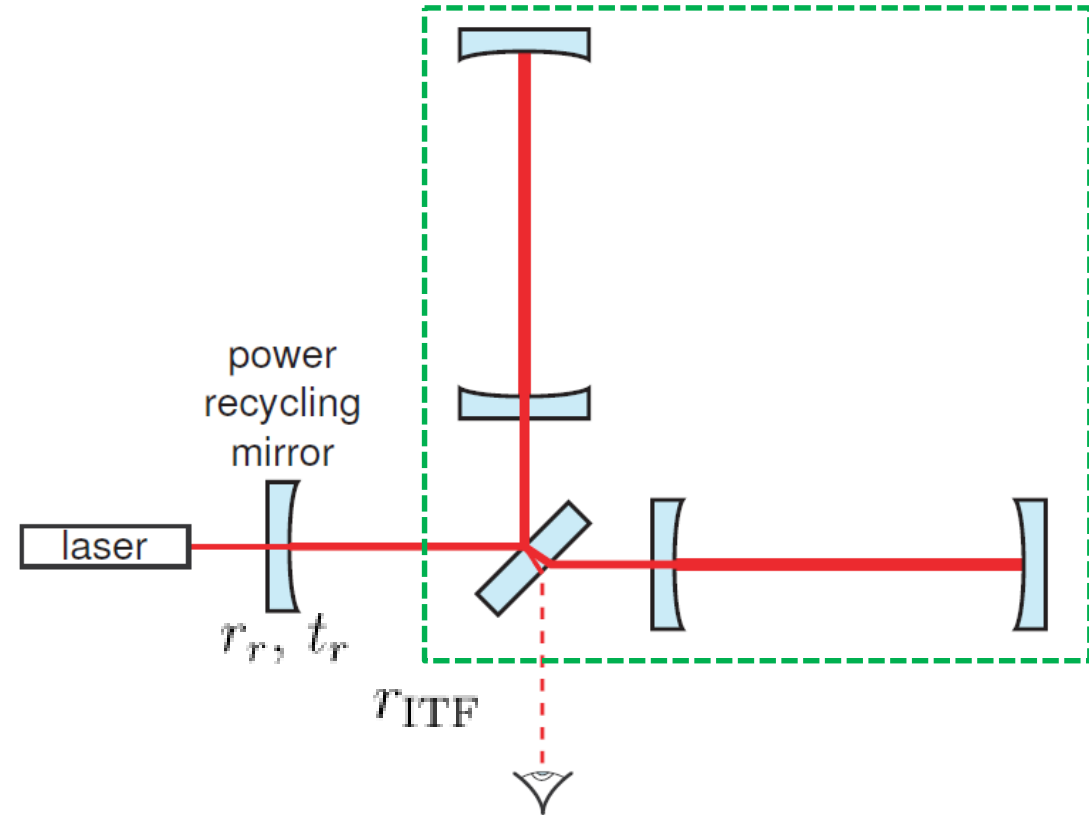


# Power recycling

- With interferometer on dark fringe, input power is reflected back
- Add recycling mirror to make resonant cavity with interferometer

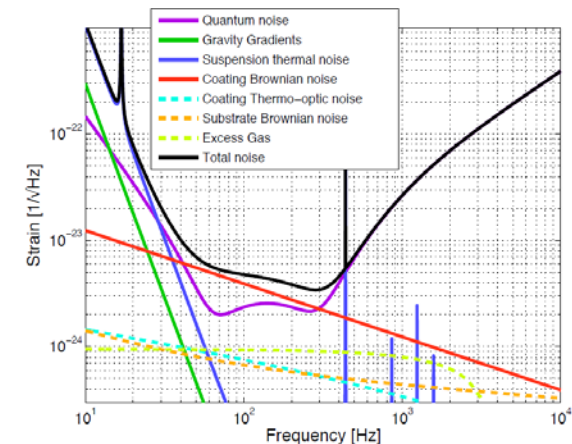
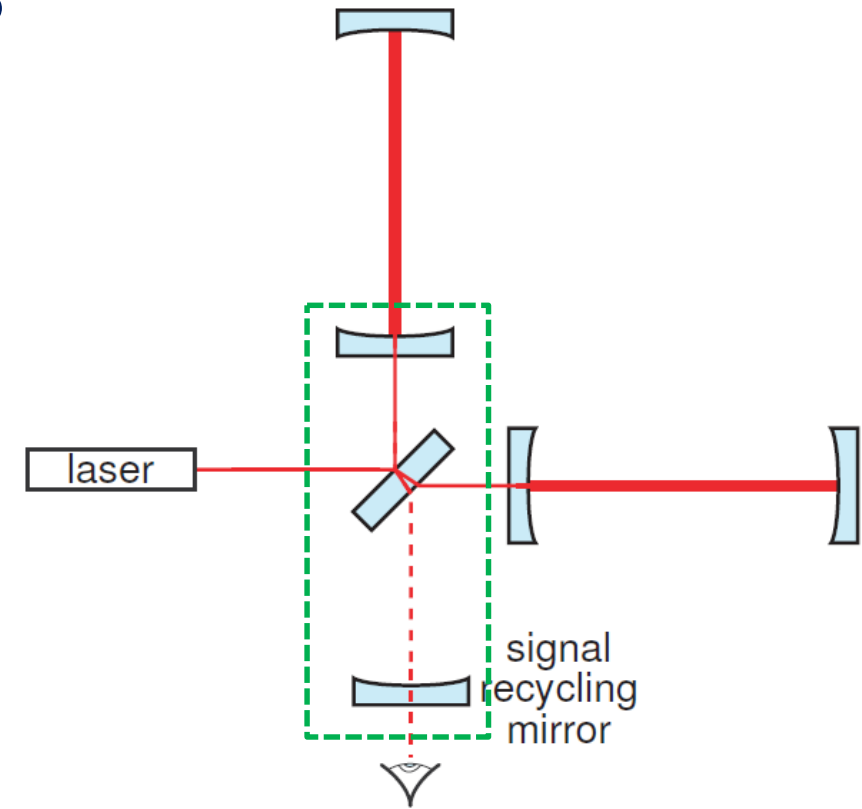
$$P_{\text{in}} = \frac{t_r^2}{(1 - r_r r_{\text{ITF}})^2} P_{\text{laser}}$$

- With  $P_{\text{laser}} = 20 \text{ W}$  and gain of  $\sim 50$ , on beam-splitter  $P_{\text{in}} = 1 \text{ kW}$



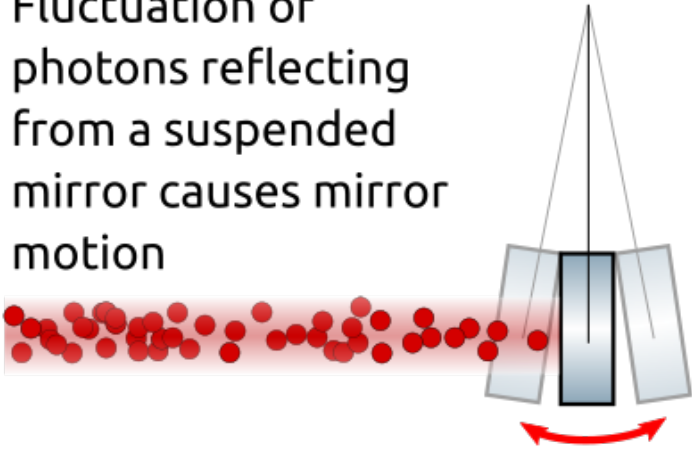
# Signal recycling

- ❑ Signal recycling or resonant sideband extraction
- ❑ To reach given optical power in Fabry-Perot cavities, high finesse desirable
  - Reduce absorption in input mirrors and associated thermal distortions 😊
  - Reduce bandwidth 😞
- ❑ Phase modulation due to GW signal creates sidebands in optical field at GW frequency, which do not cancel out at output port
  - Add mirror to form resonant cavity with input mirrors for GW sidebands
  - Cavity increases effective transmission of input mirrors for GW signal
  - Broaden bandwidth 😊



# Quantum noise (ii)

Fluctuation of photons reflecting from a suspended mirror causes mirror motion

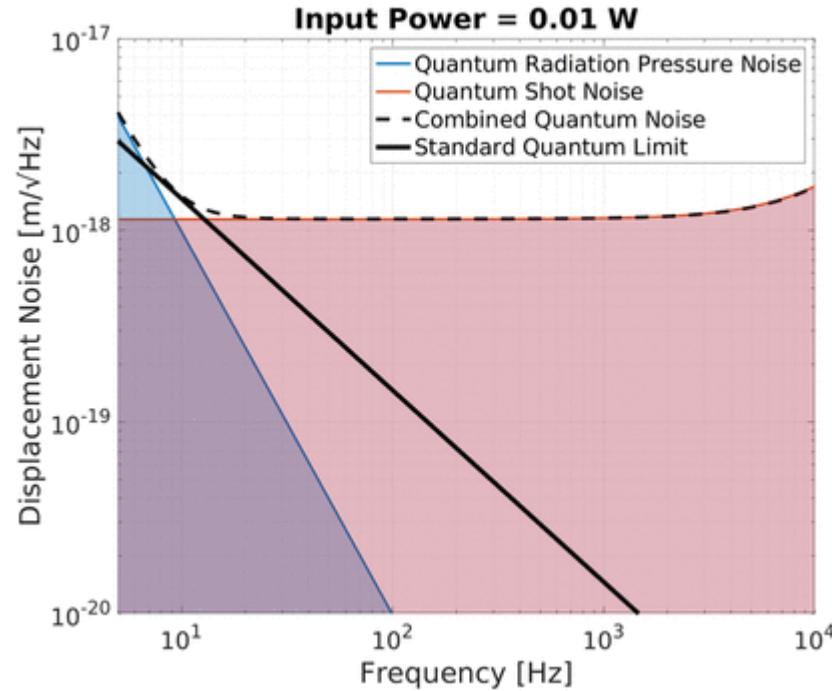


- ❑ Radiation pressure fluctuations
  - Displacement noise for simple Michelson

$$\tilde{x}_{\text{rad}}(f) = \frac{1}{m f^2} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar P_{\text{in}}}{8\pi^3 c \lambda}}$$

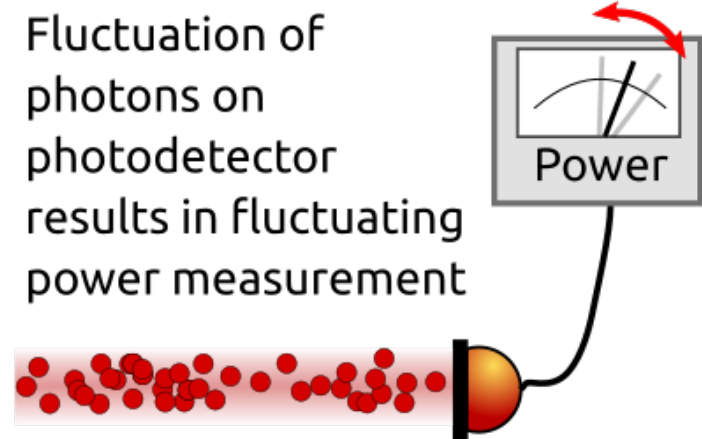
Mirror mass

<https://10m.aei.mpg.de/standard-quantum-limit-sql/>



Shot noise decreases with  $\sqrt{P_{\text{in}}}$   
 Radiation pressure noise increases with  $\sqrt{P_{\text{in}}}$

Fluctuation of photons on photodetector results in fluctuating power measurement

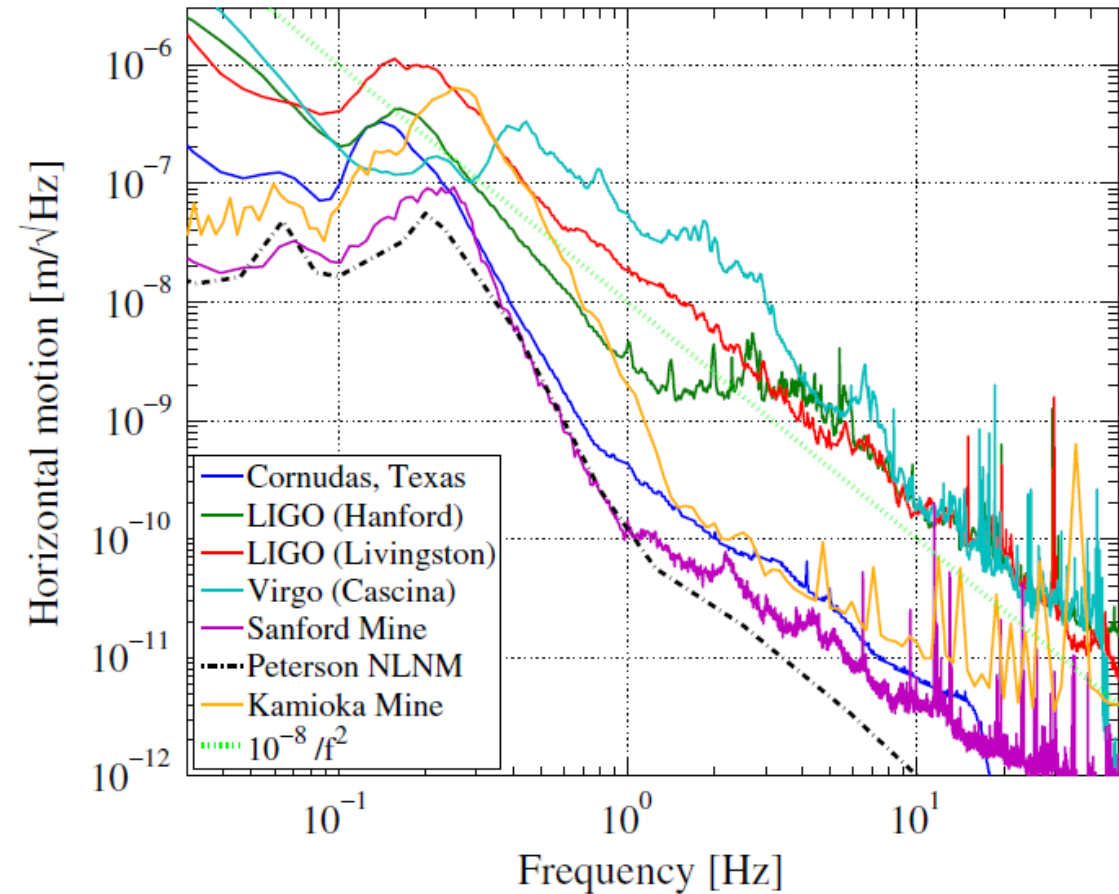


- ❑ Envelope of minima in quadratic sum of shot noise and radiation pressure noise as input power varies defines standard quantum limit (SQL)

$$\tilde{x}_{\text{SQL}}(f) = \frac{1}{\pi f} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m}}$$

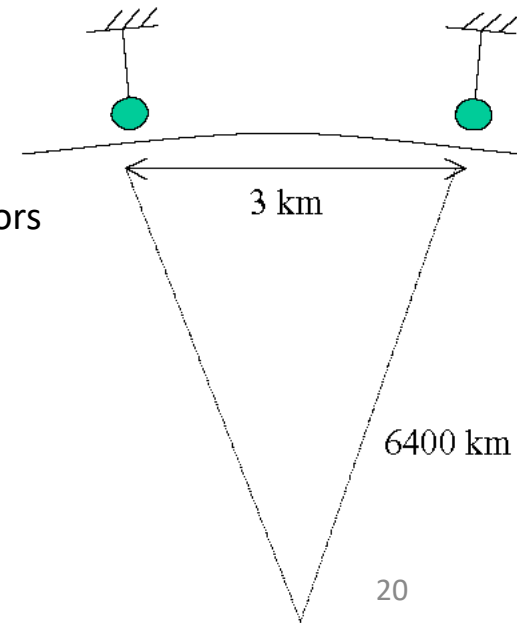
- ❑ SQL can be overcome with quantum optics techniques...

# Seismic noise



- Low-frequency limit to all ground-based interferometers
- Earth tides
  - Length changes of  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$  over 3 km baseline
  - Compensated by long-range actuators
- Secondary microseism
  - Amplitude  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
  - Canceled by feedback systems
- Spectrum above  $\sim 1 \text{ Hz}$ 

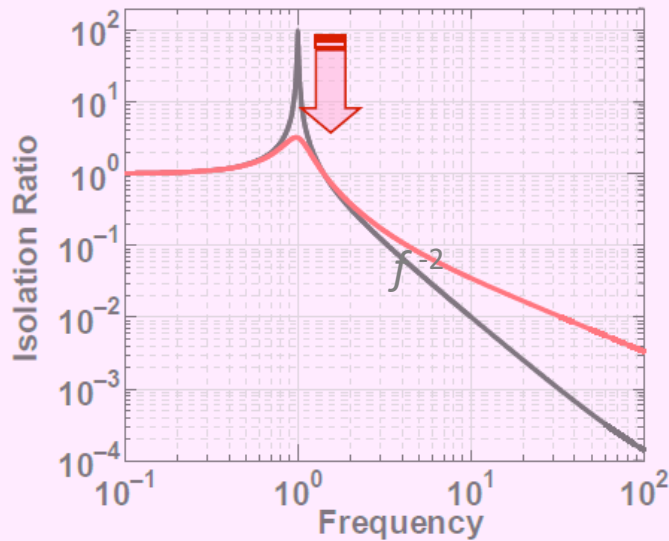
$$\tilde{x}_{\text{ground}}(f) = 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} \left( \frac{1 \text{ Hz}}{f} \right)^2 \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$
  - High-performance isolation needed
    - Active, based on seismic vibration sensors
    - Passive
- Horizontal-vertical couplings
  - $\sim 10^{-4}$  for 3 km baseline



# Passive vibration isolation

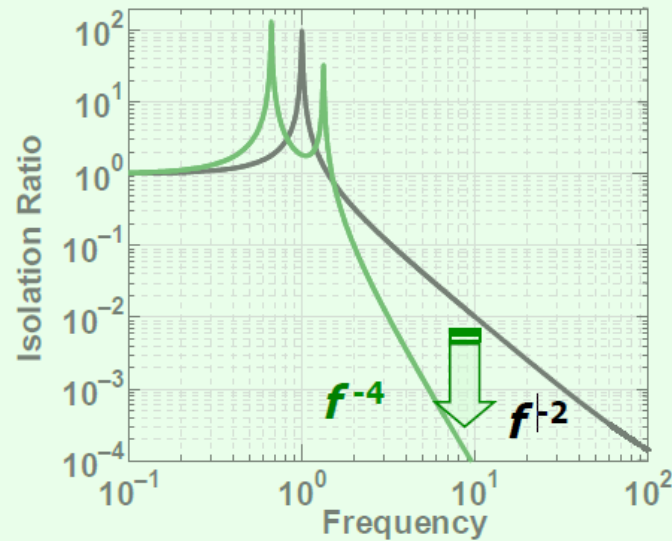


**Damping**  
Lower the peak height



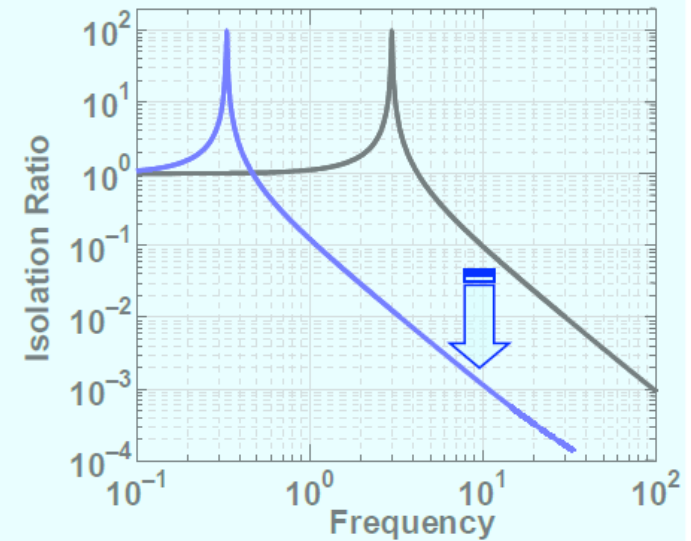
**Worse isolation**

**Multi stage**  
Steeper isolation curve



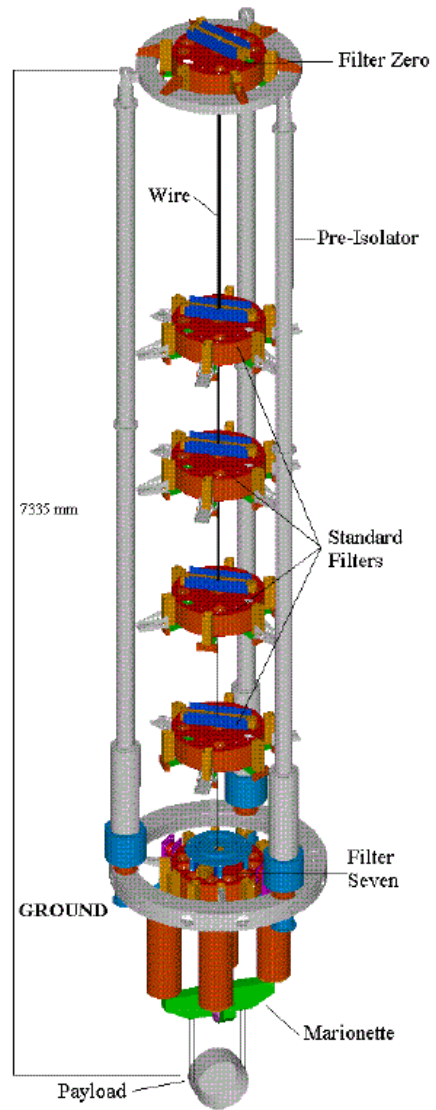
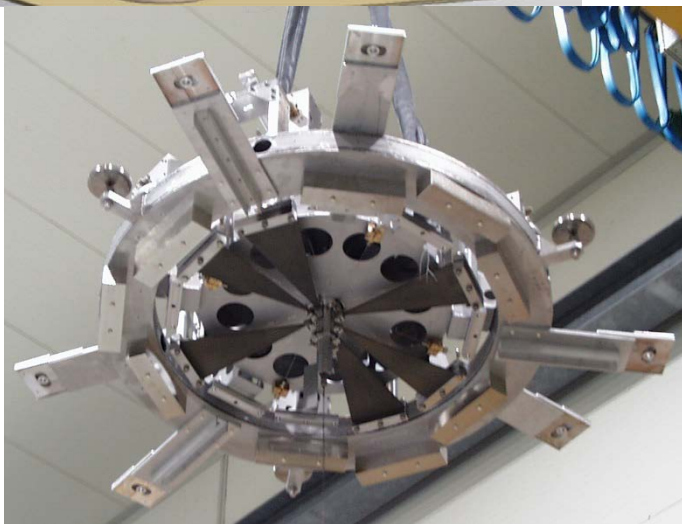
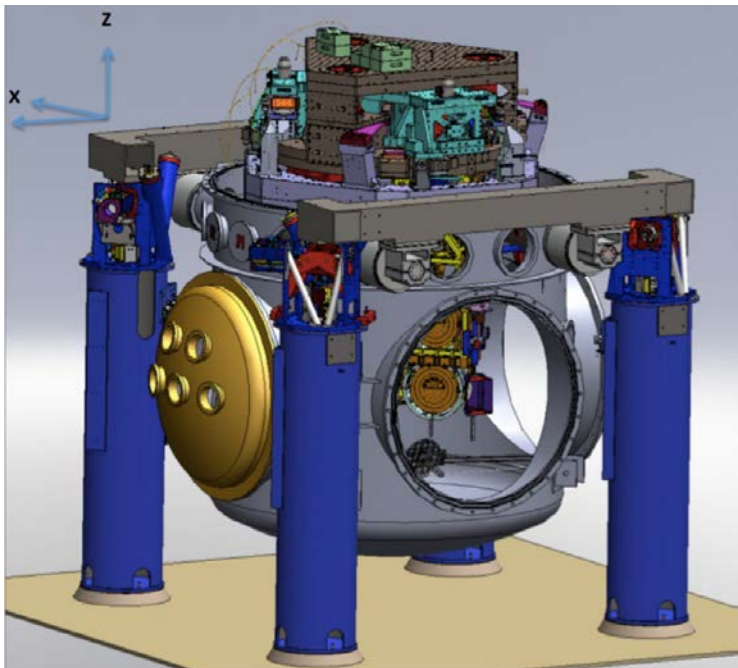
**More peaks**

**Lower resonant freq**  
Better isolation

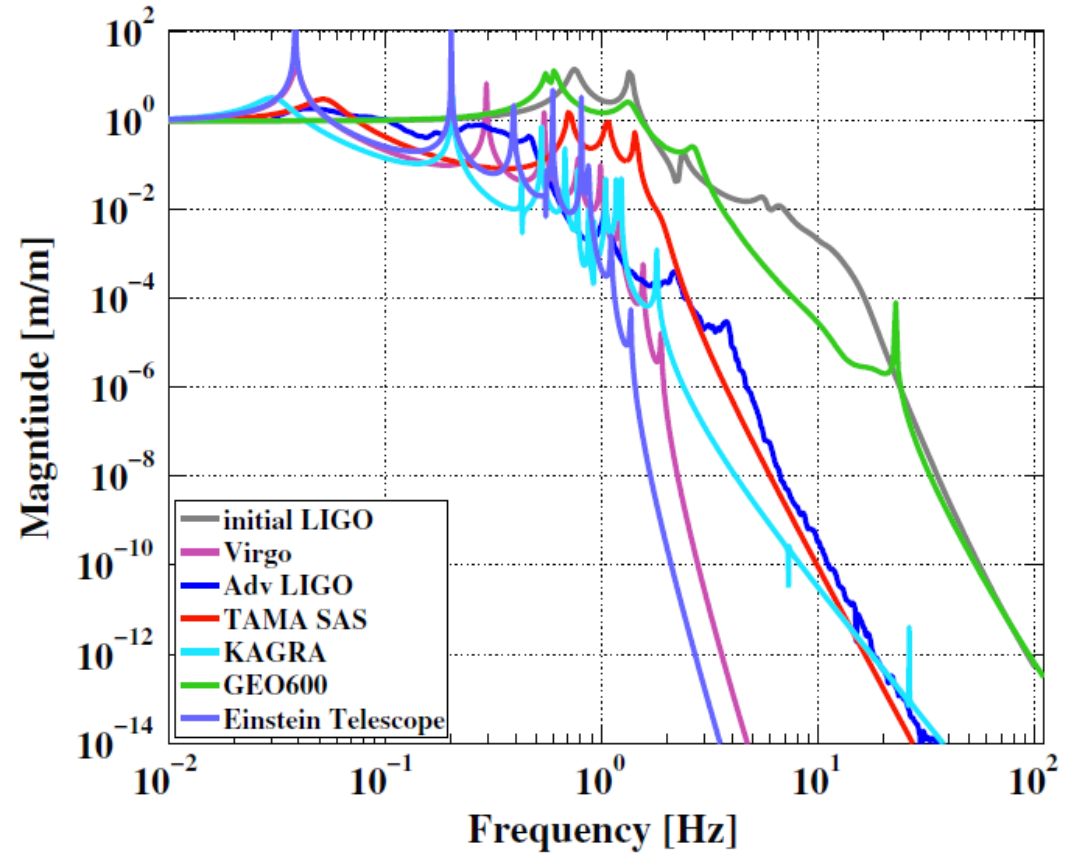


**Complex to realize**

# Vibration isolation



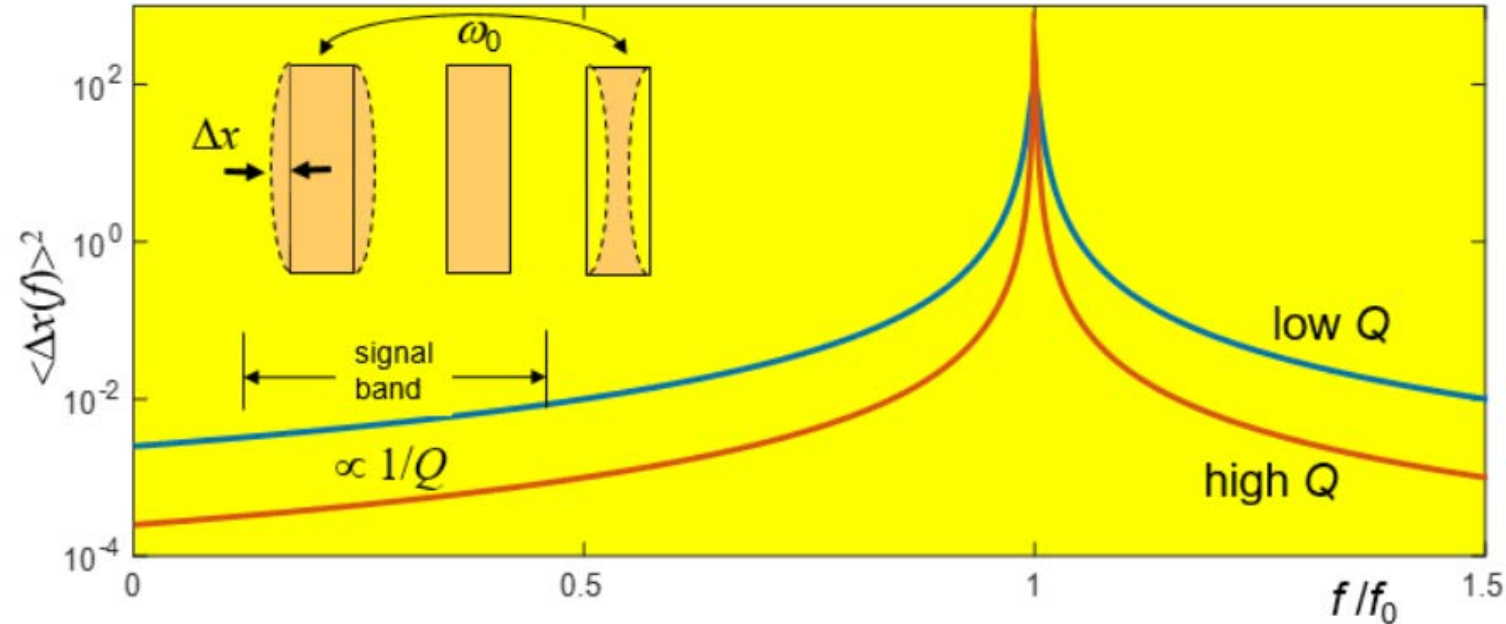
Horizontal ground to mirror motion transfer functions



# Thermal noise

- ❑ Mirrors in thermal equilibrium
- ❑ Dissipation-fluctuation relationship → noise
- ❑ Multiple sources of noise
  - Mirror thermal noise – bulk and coating
    - Brownian noise
    - Thermo-optic noise due to temperature fluctuations
      - Random thermal expansion
      - Random change in refractive index
  - Suspension thermal noise

# Mirror thermal noise



- Best substrates have  $\phi_{\text{sub}} \leq 10^{-8}$
- Interfaces are critical

- Displacement noise power spectrum

$$S_x(f) = \frac{2k_B T}{\pi^{3/2} f} \frac{1 - \sigma}{\omega E} \phi_{\text{sub}}$$

Temperature

Laser beam spot size

Mirror substrate loss factor ( $1/Q$ )

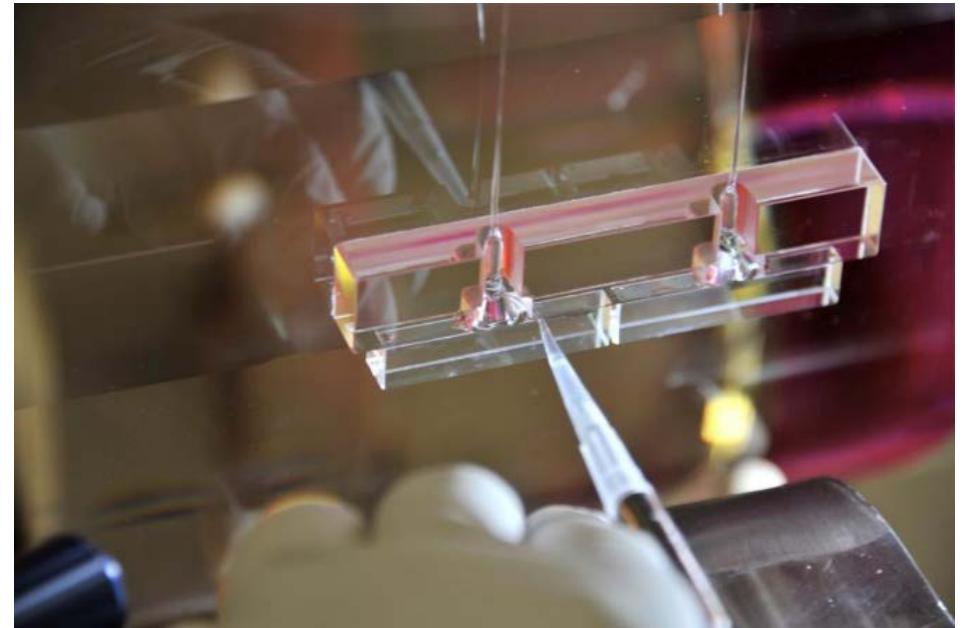
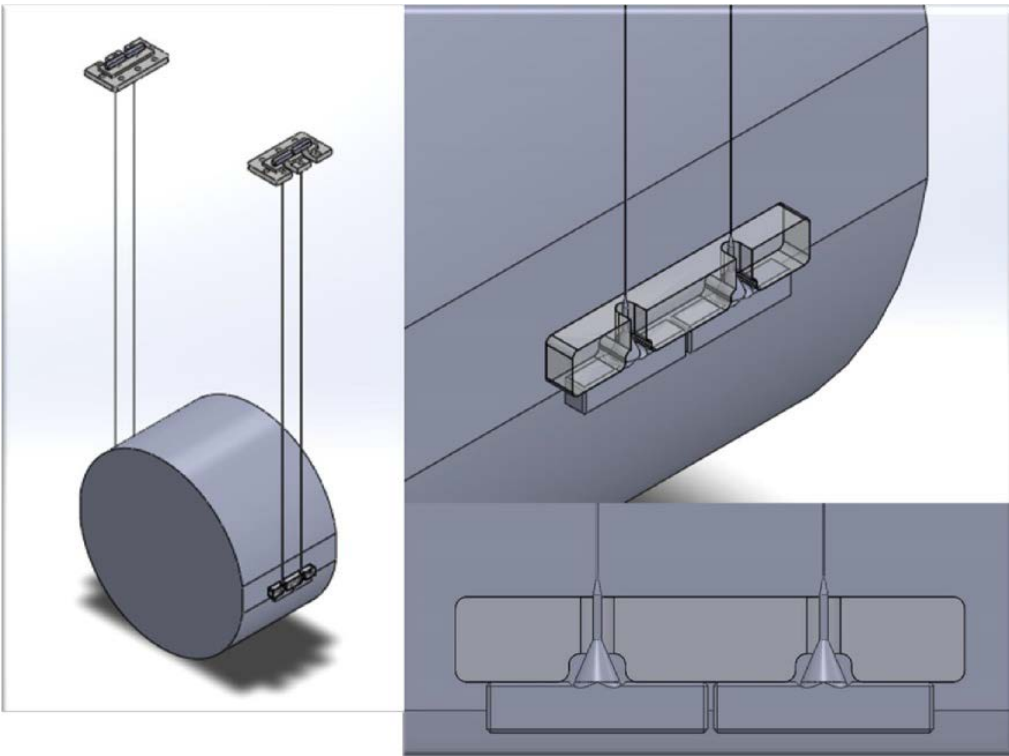


# Suspension thermal noise

- ❑ For a pendulum of mass  $m$  and length  $l$ , suspended by 4 wires/fibers
- ❑ Mirrors held by thin glass fibers
  - Monolithic suspensions

$$\phi_{\text{pendulum}} = \phi_{\text{wire}} \frac{4 \sqrt{T E I}}{m g l}$$

tension



# Coating thermal noise

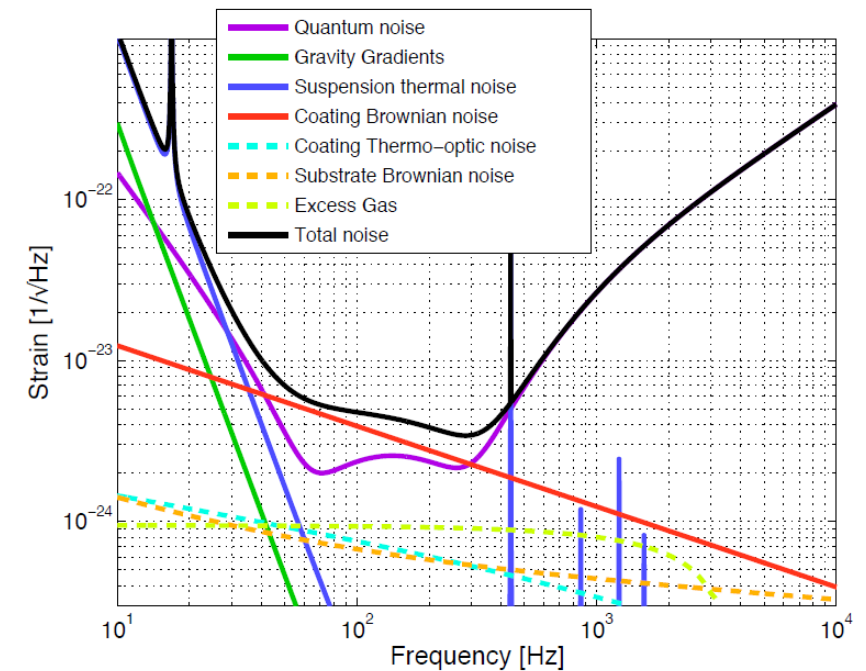
## □ Displacement noise power spectrum

$$S_{\text{coating}} \propto \frac{T d}{\omega^2} \phi_{\text{coating}}$$

- Coatings have excellent optical properties but poor mechanical properties
  - Dominant source of thermal noise
    - Level comparable to quantum noise around 100 Hz
  - Major R&D effort

# Residual Gas Noise

- Phase noise from fluctuations in column density of gas along interferometer arms
  - Ultra-high vacuum needed  $\sim 10^{-9}$  mbar
  - Residual pressure dominated by out-gassing of  $H_2$  from beam tubes after bake-out to remove  $H_2O$



# Recap of basic features

## □ Interferometer

- Michelson interferometer on  
~ dark fringe
- Fabry-Perot cavities
- Power and signal recycling cavities

## □ Suspensions

- Decouple mirrors from ground to allow free response to GW
- Isolate mirrors from ground vibrations
- Hold mirrors without introducing extra thermal noise

## □ Infrastructure

- Ultra-low pressure in beam tubes and vacuum chambers

## □ Test masses

- Low mechanical loss factors
- Shape: high frequencies for internal resonances
- Large: accommodate laser beam spot without losses
- Massive: mitigate response to radiation pressure fluctuations
- Near-perfect mirrors

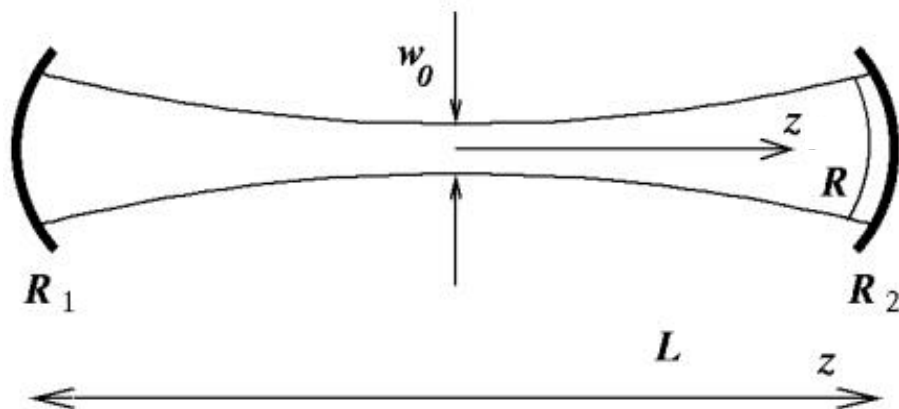
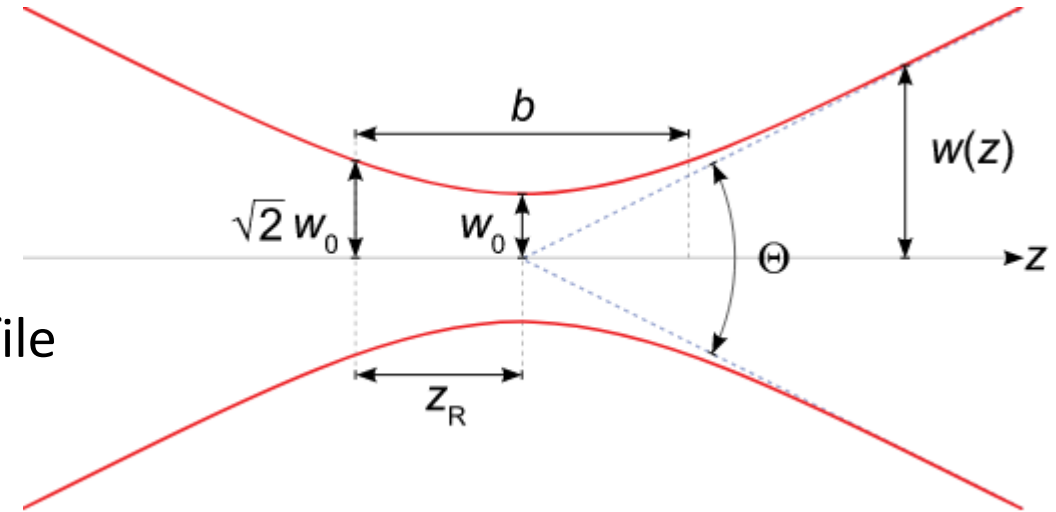
# **OTHER ASPECTS AND CHALLENGES**

# Gaussian beams

- Laser beam is fundamental mode of transverse electromagnetic mode TEM<sub>00</sub>

$$E(r, z) = E_0 \frac{w_0}{w(z)} \exp\left(\frac{-r^2}{w^2(z)}\right) \exp\left(-ikz - ik\frac{r^2}{2R(z)} + i\zeta(z)\right)$$

- Amplitude in transverse plane follows Gaussian profile
- Shape of beam driven by waist  $w_0$
- Beam radius  $w(z) = w_0 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z}{z_R}\right)^2}$   $z_R = \frac{\pi w_0^2}{\lambda}$
- Wavefront radius of curvature  $R(z) = z \left[1 + \left(\frac{z_R}{z}\right)^2\right]$



- Fabry-Perot geometry needs to match beam mode

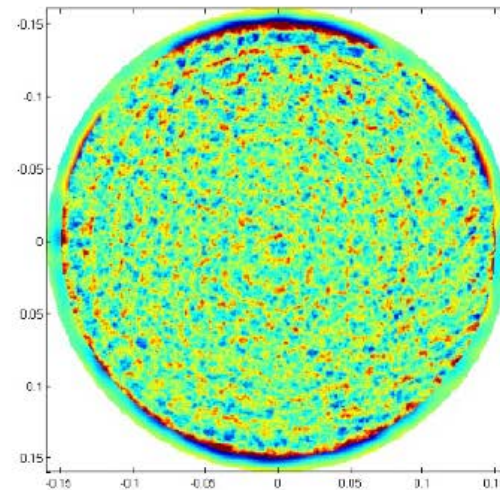
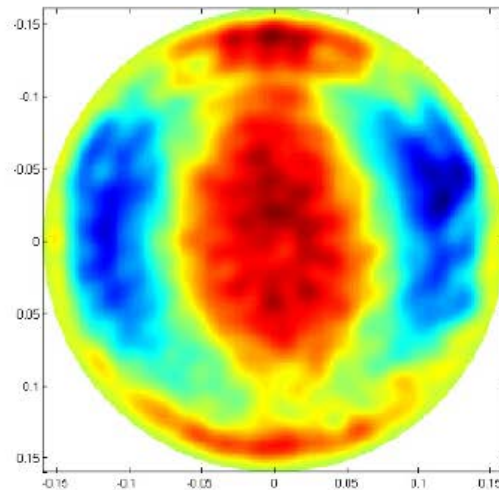
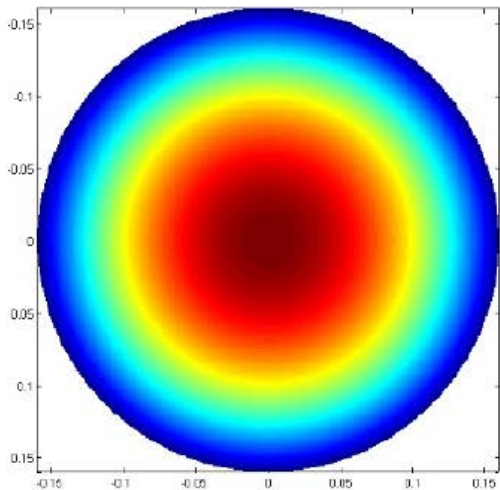
$$R_1 \sim R_2 \sim R\left(\pm \frac{L}{2}\right)$$

- Bi-concave geometry allows large beams on mirrors (minimize thermal noise)

# Mirrors

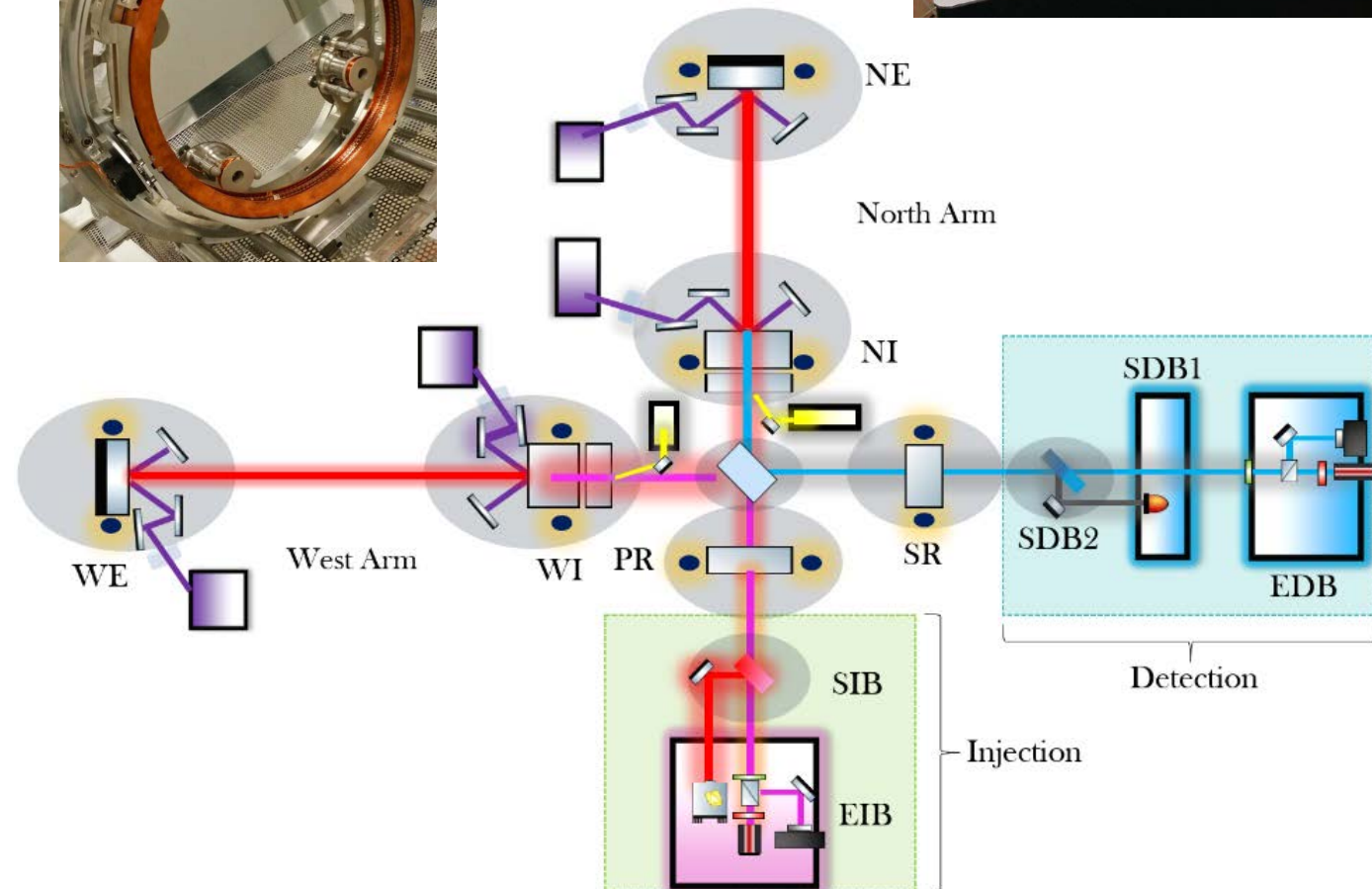
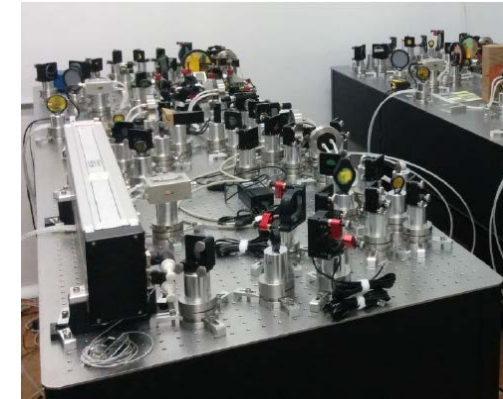
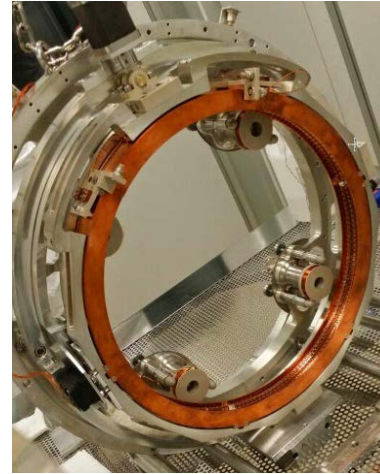
- ❑ Large and heavy optics
  - ~ 35 cm diameter, 40 kg
- ❑ Right geometry
- ❑ Near-perfect surface quality
  - Flatness < 1 nm, roughness < 1 Å
  - Uniform coatings
- ❑ Low absorption < 1 ppm

- ❑ Blanks of ultra-pure fused silica
  - Sapphire in KAGRA
- ❑ Stringent polishing requirements
- ❑ Coating uses ion beam sputtering
- ❑ Metrology
- ❑ Clean environment



# Thermal compensation

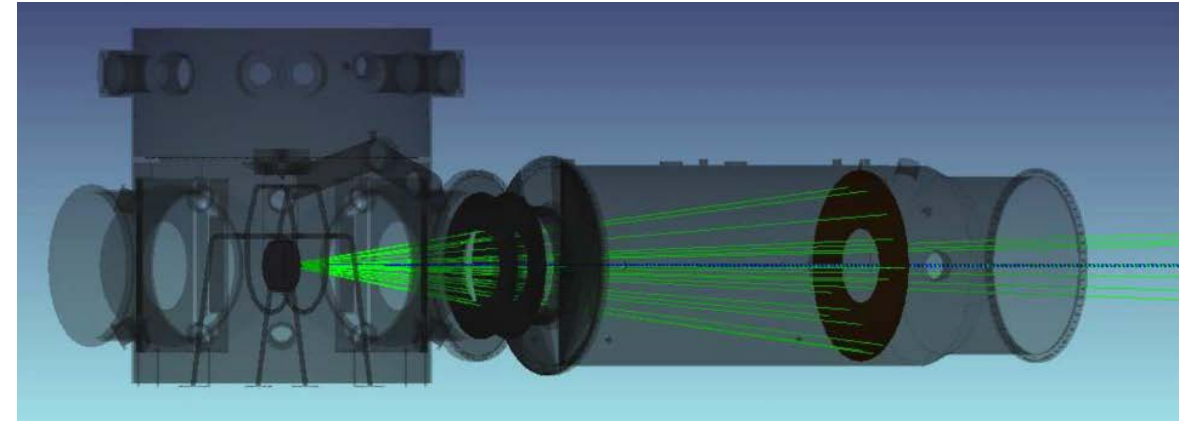
- ❑ Aberrations in the optics
  - Manufacturing errors in mirror curvature
  - High optical power → thermal lensing, thermal expansion of mirrors
    - Substrate/coating absorption, point absorbers
- ❑ Need a thermal compensation system
  - Sensors to measure wavefront distortions
  - Actuators
    - Ring heaters to tune mirror curvature
    - CO<sub>2</sub> lasers to shine compensating heating pattern
      - Shining onto mirrors would introduce noise  
⇒ compensation plates





# Scattered light

- ❑ Even high-quality optics will scatter small amount of light
- ❑ Part of scattered light may recombine with main beam
  - Light scattered by mirrors reflected off beam tube
  - Backscattering from auxiliary optics
- ❑ Noise due to phase modulation by movement of reflective or scattering surface
  - Non-linear coupling if movement  $>$  wavelength  $\rightarrow$  high-frequency conversion of seismic noise
  - Broadband excess noise and transient noise



Minimize **amount** of scattered light

- ❑ Baffles to trap scattered light
- ❑ Model and dump spurious beams
- ❑ Size and quality of optics
- ❑ Clean environment



Minimize **coupling** of scattered light

- ❑ Seismic and acoustic isolation of sensitive optics
- ❑ Optical benches suspended in vacuum



# Parametric instabilities

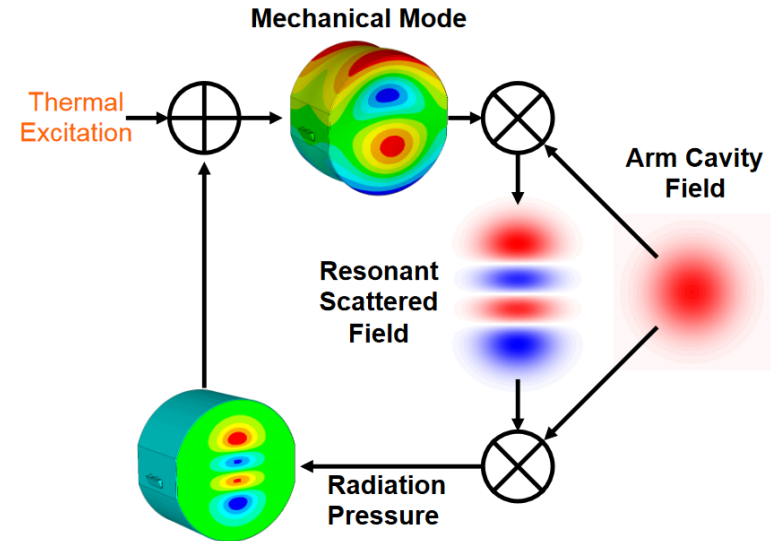
## □ Opto-mechanical interaction

- Energy transfer from interferometer fundamental optical mode into mirror mechanical mode
  - Radiation pressure
  - Modulation of fundamental field by excited mechanical mode
- Risk of instability if mechanical mode and optical mode have coincident resonant frequencies
  - Risk increases with optical power

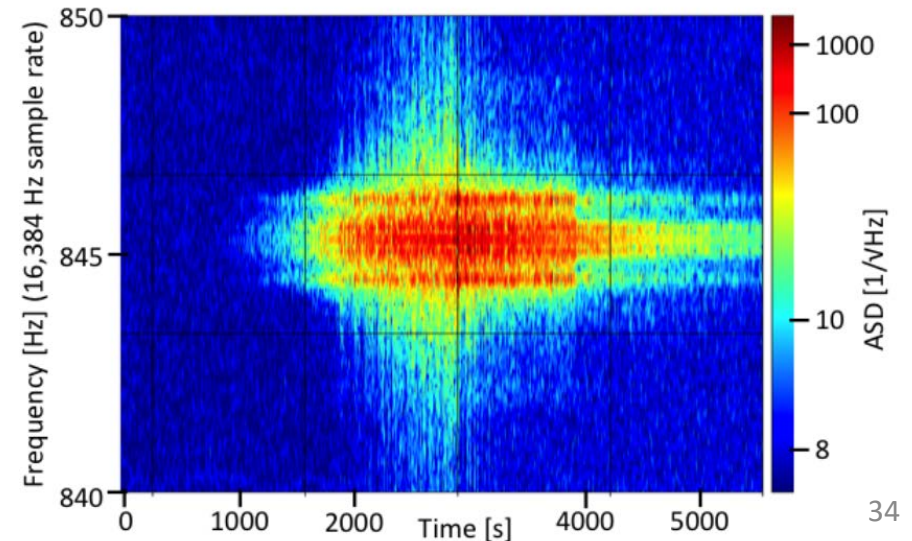
## □ Observed in advanced LIGO

## □ Various strategies possible

- Tune cavity geometry to avoid instability
- Passive or active damping of mechanical modes

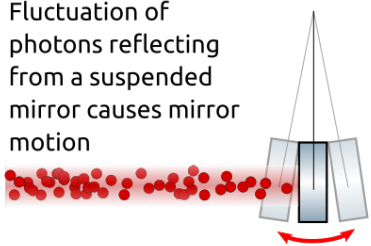


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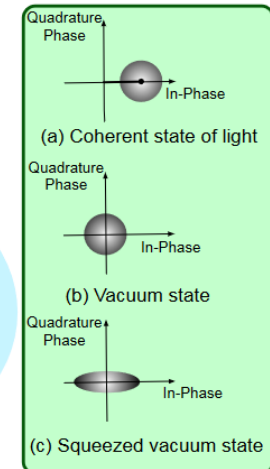
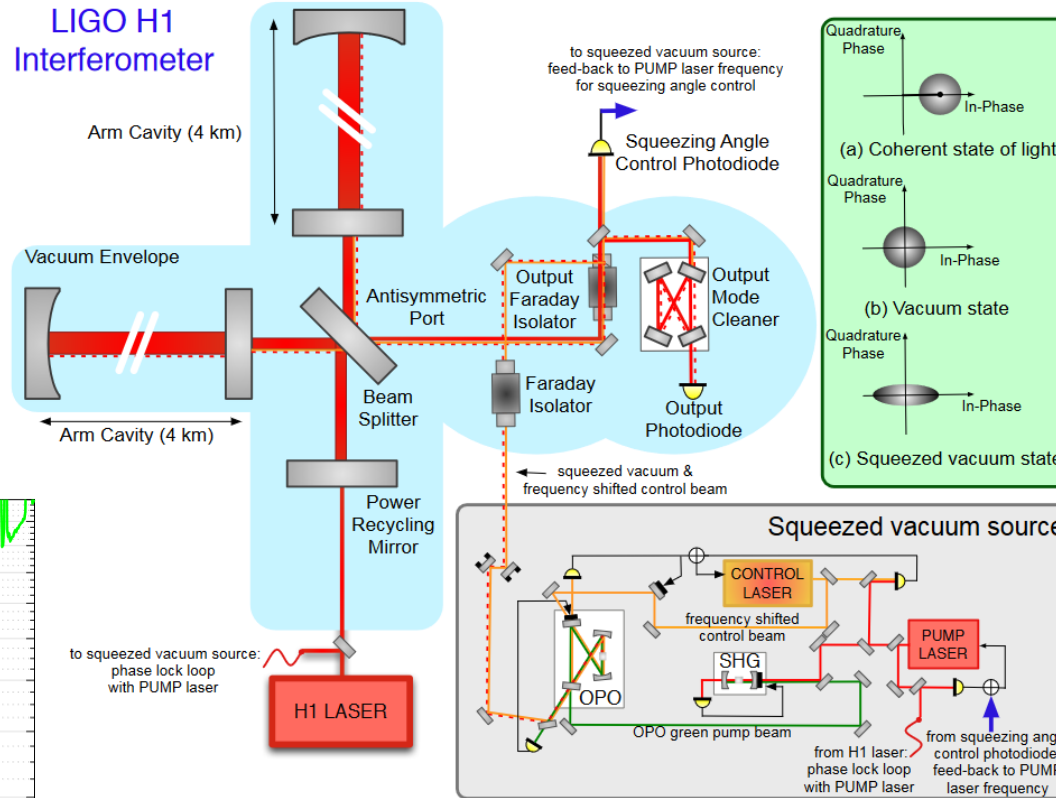
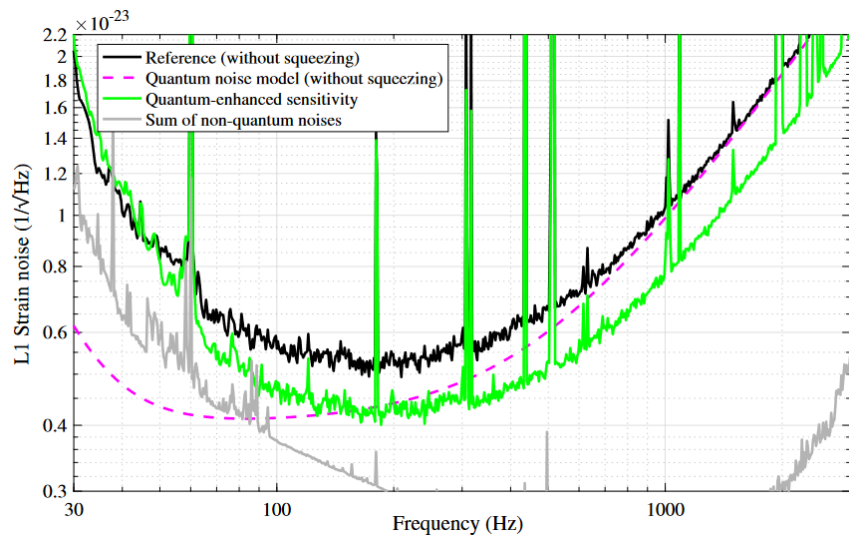
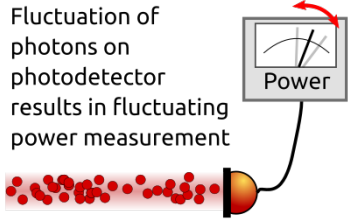


# Quantum noise (iii)

Fluctuation of photons reflecting from a suspended mirror causes mirror motion



Fluctuation of photons on photodetector results in fluctuating power measurement



- SQL can be beaten by reducing noise in one of the two quadratures of vacuum field, at the expense of the other
  - Phase: reduce shot noise
  - Amplitude: reduce radiation pressure noise

- Use filtering cavity to apply frequency-dependent phase shift to provide phase squeezing at high frequency and amplitude squeezing at low frequency

**NEW**

# High optical power : recap

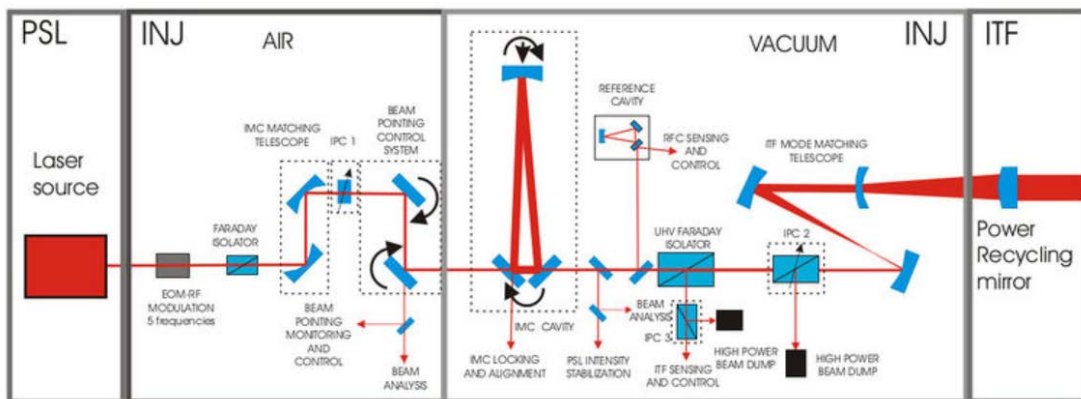
❑ High power needed to lower shot noise

❑ High-power laser

- Mono-mode
- Power stabilized  $\delta P/P \sim 10^{-9} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Frequency stabilized  $\delta \nu \sim 10^{-6} \text{ Hz} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Controlled beam pointing
- Achieved through combination of active and passive stabilization

❑ Challenges of high power

- Thermal aberrations
- Scattered light
- Parametric instabilities
- Radiation pressure noise
- Mirror alignment control

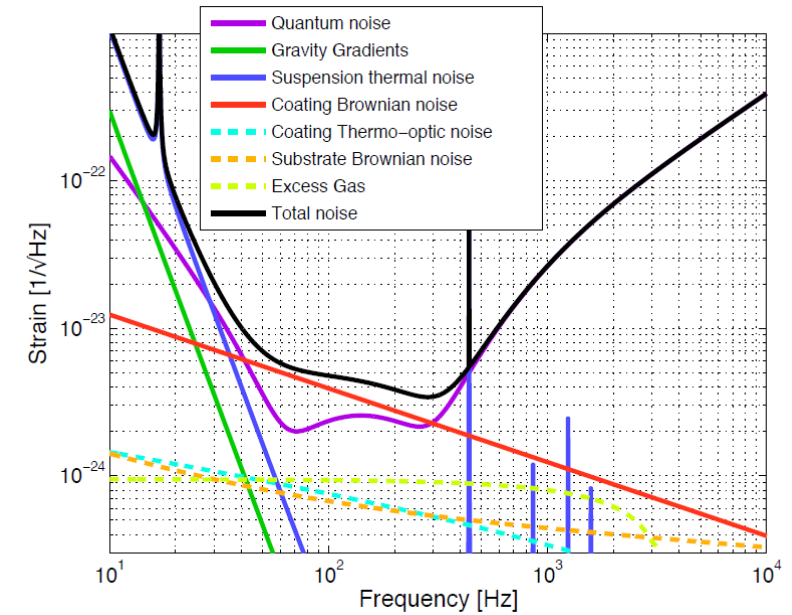
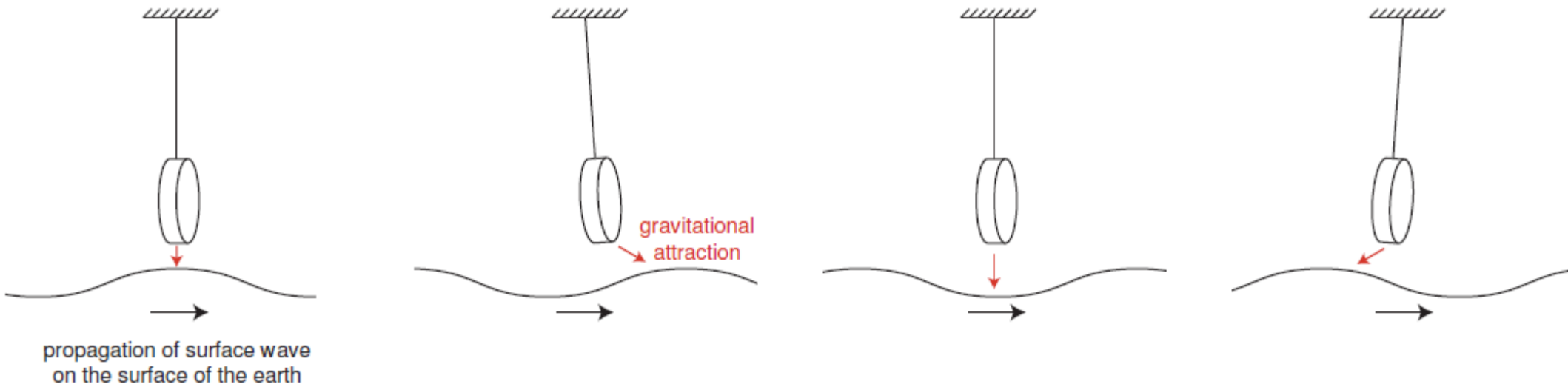


❑ Squeezing is alternative/complementary approach to lower shot noise

- Needs to be frequency-dependent to avoid increasing radiation pressure noise

# Gravity gradient noise

- ❑ Also called Newtonian noise
- ❑ Direct **gravitational coupling** of mass density fluctuations to suspended mirrors
  - Dominated by **seismic surface waves**
- ❑ Not limiting in current detectors, but will be for next generation
- ❑ Cannot be shielded
  - Monitor with array of seismometers, model and **subtract**
  - Quieter **underground**



# Real-time control

- ❑ Suspended mirrors still have low-frequency movements comparable to laser wavelength
- ❑ Interferometer must be kept at right working point
  - Cavities on resonance, ~dark fringe
  - Mirror **longitudinal** and **angular** degrees of freedom must be controlled in real time – aka locking and alignment
- ❑ Complex set of feedback loops
  - **Error signals**
    - Laser beam is phase modulated to create sidebands with behavior different from carrier
    - Sidebands beating with carrier provides error signals
  - Electromagnetic **actuators**
    - Coil-magnet pairs

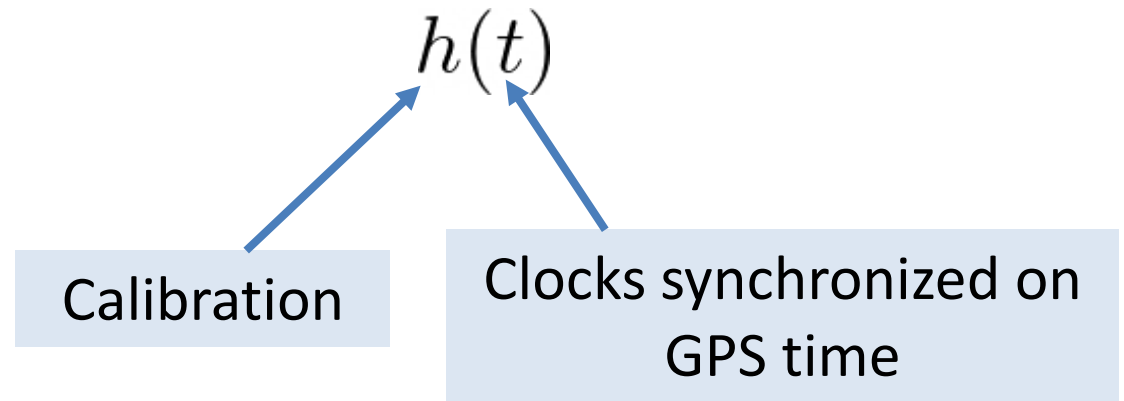
# Detector calibration

- Data analysis needs phase measurement to be translated into gravitational-wave strain signal

- Part of GW signal is in control signals
  - Due to feedback loops maintaining interferometer at working point

- Typical accuracy
  - ~2-5% on amplitude, ~2-4 deg on phase

- $h(t)$  reconstruction typically includes some noise subtraction, aka *data cleaning*



- Interferometer response calibrated against known mirror displacements
  - Laser **wavelength** as a reference
  - **Radiation pressure** from auxiliary laser beams reflected off mirrors, aka *photon calibrator (PCal)*
  - **Gravitational coupling** to nearby rotating masses, aka *Newtonian calibrator (NCal)*

# **FROM CURRENT DETECTORS TO THE NEXT GENERATION WHY? HOW?**



# Observing runs and upgrades

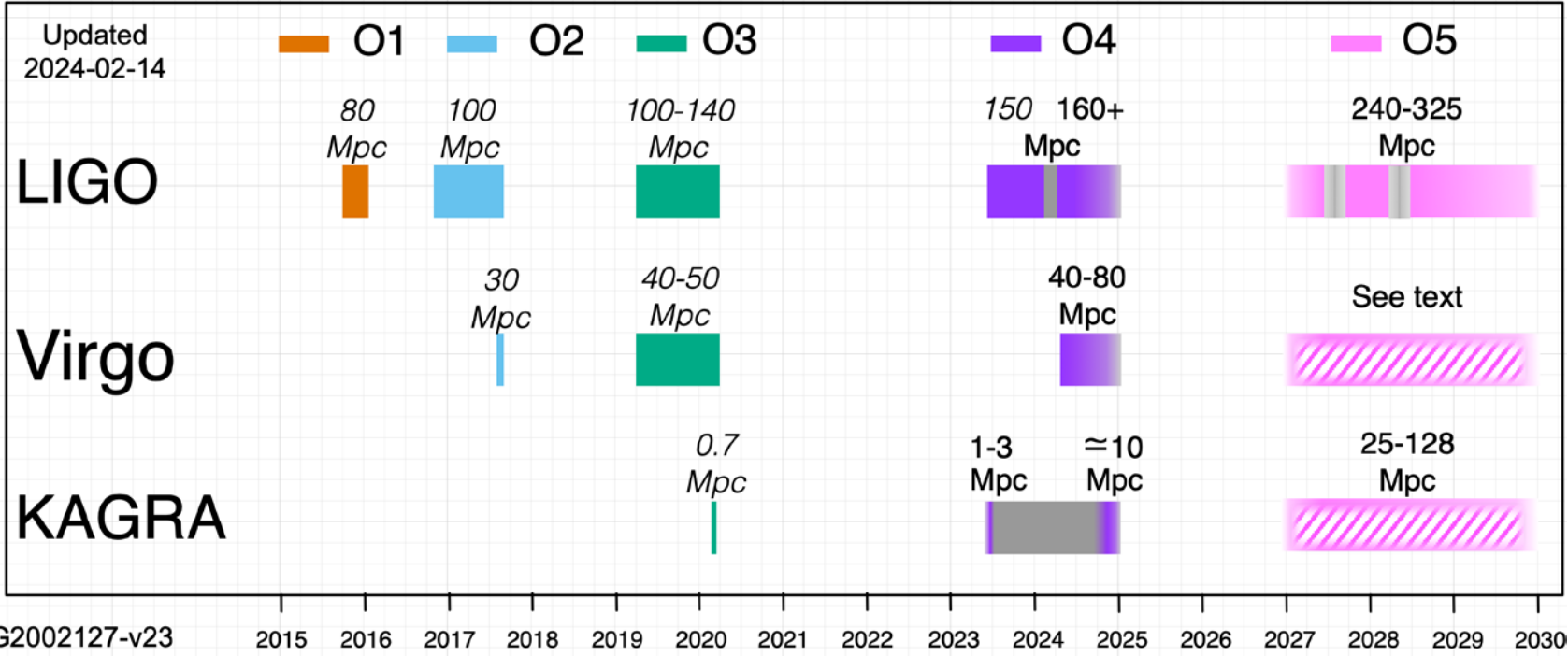
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AdV+ Phase II

aLIGO

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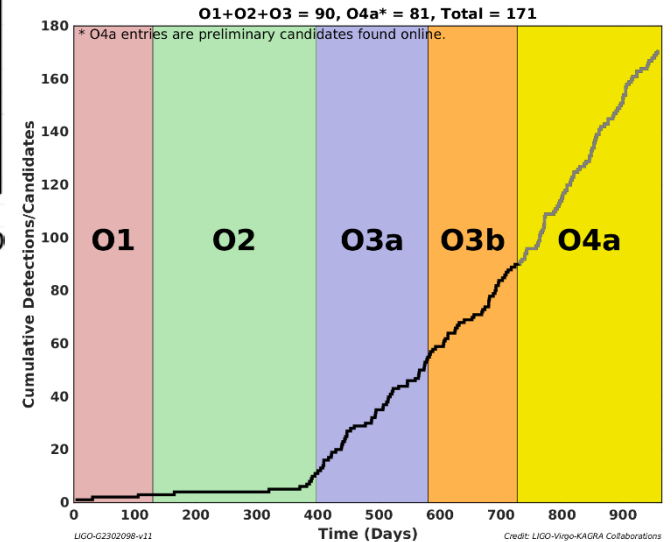
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A# concept

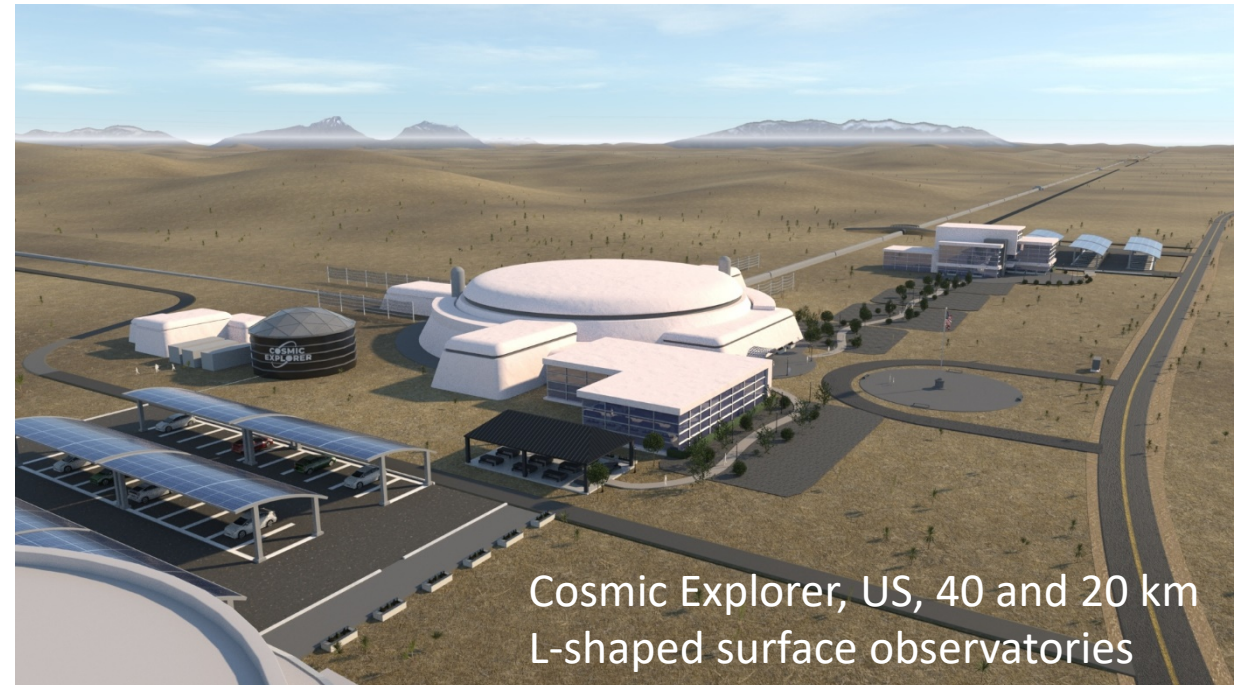
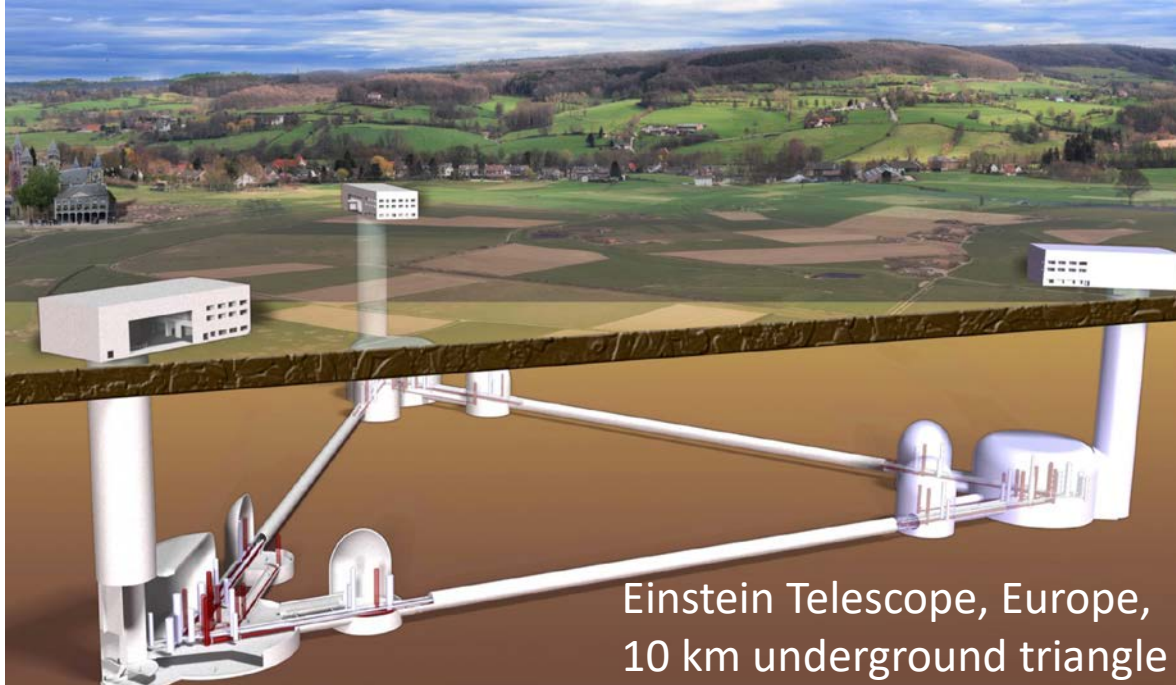
Virgo\_nEXT concept

“Ultimate” upgrades to reach infrastructure limit

- Network alternates observing runs and upgrades
- Rate of detections increases with sensitivity
- Ultimately, efforts to improve sensitivity will approach infrastructure limits



# Projects in new infrastructures



- ❑ New infrastructures allow baselines longer by an order of magnitude
  - GW signal increases with length
  - Interferometer response and therefore noise levels scale non-trivially with length

# Scaling of fundamental noises with arm length

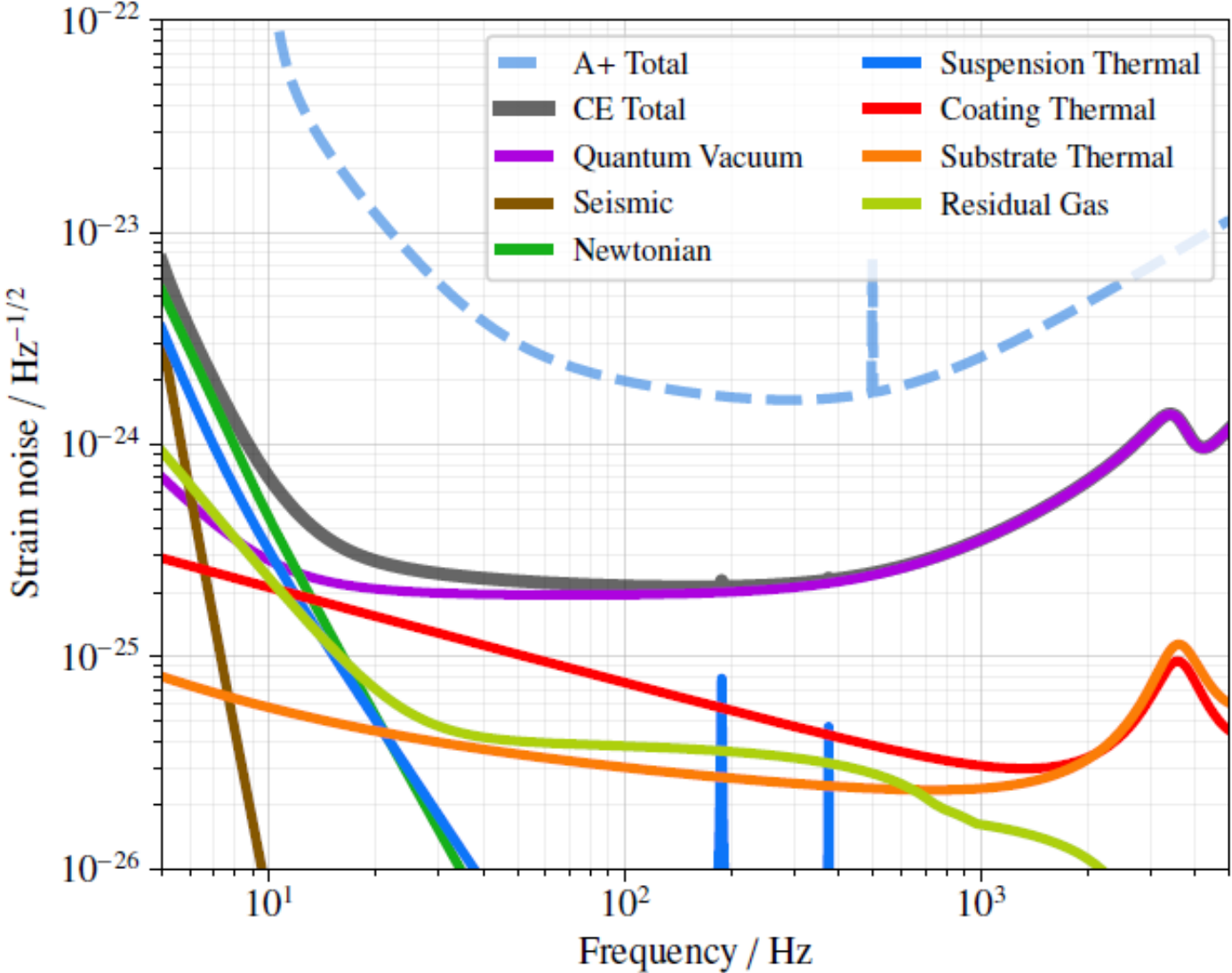
Noise	Scaling	Remarks
Coating Brownian	$1/L^{3/2}$	Fixed cavity geometry
Substrate Thermo-Refraction	$1/L^2$	Fixed cavity geometry
Suspension Thermal	$1/L, 1$	Horizontal, vertical noise
Seismic	$1/L, 1$	Horizontal, vertical noise
Newtonian	$1/L$	
Residual Gas Scattering	$1/L^{3/4}$	Fixed cavity geometry
Residual Gas Damping	$1/L$	
*Quantum Shot Noise	$1/L^{1/2}$	Fixed bandwidth
*Quantum Radiation pressure	$1/L^{3/2}$	Fixed bandwidth

# Cosmic Explorer: a bigger LIGO

	Quantity	Units	LIGO A+	CE	CE (2 $\mu$ m)
	Arm length	km	4	40	40
	Laser wavelength	$\mu$ m	1	1	2
	Arm power	MW	0.8	1.5	3
	Squeezed light	dB	6	10	10
	Susp. point at 1 Hz	pm/ $\sqrt$ Hz	10	0.1	0.1
Test masses	Material		Silica	Silica	Silicon
	Mass	kg	40	320	320
	Temperature	K	293	293	123
Suspensions	Total length	m	1.6	4	4
	Total mass	kg	120	1500	1500
	Final stage blade		No	Yes	Yes
Newtonian noise	Rayleigh wave suppr.	dB	0	20	20
	Body wave suppr.	dB	0	10	10
Optical loss	Arm cavity (round trip)	ppm	75	40	40
	SEC (round trip)	ppm	5000	500	500

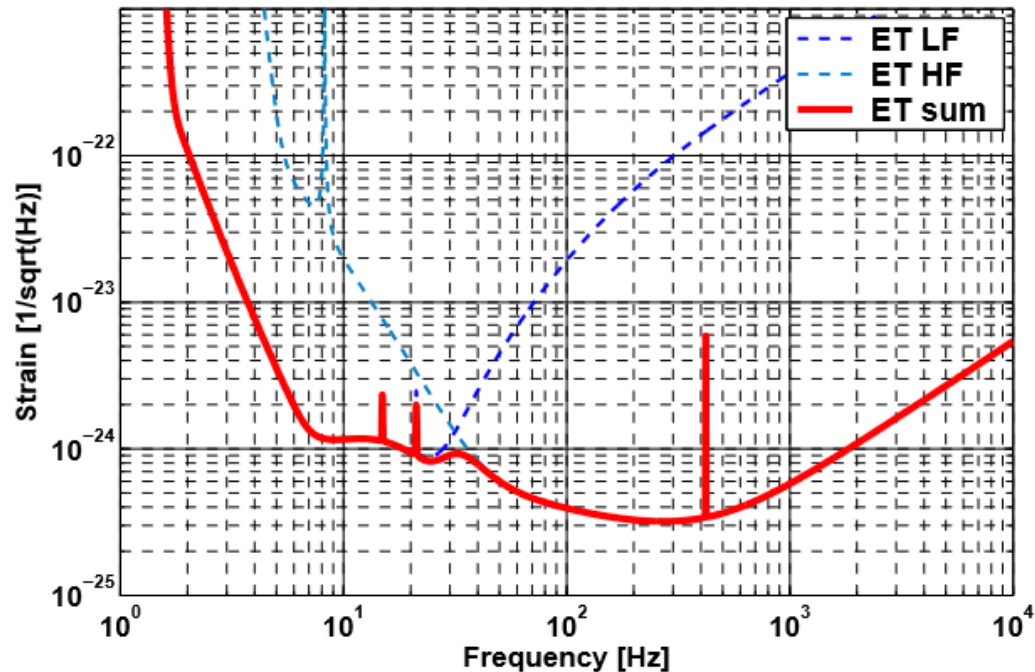
Alternative path if unexpected challenges in incremental approach based on current technology

# Cosmic Explorer target sensitivity



# Einstein Telescope: xylophone strategy

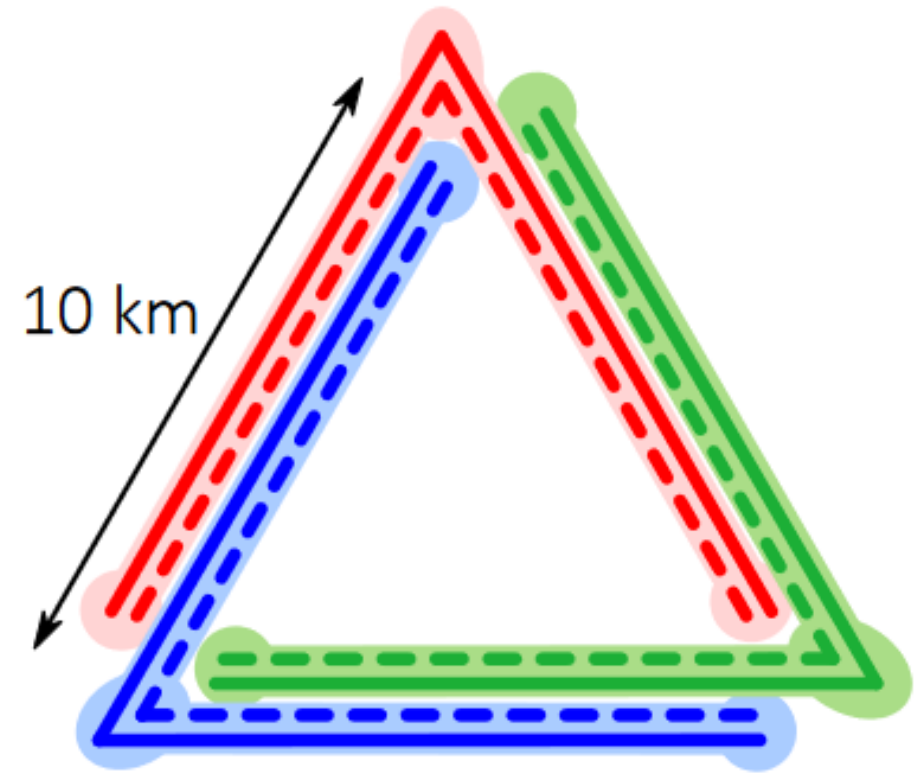
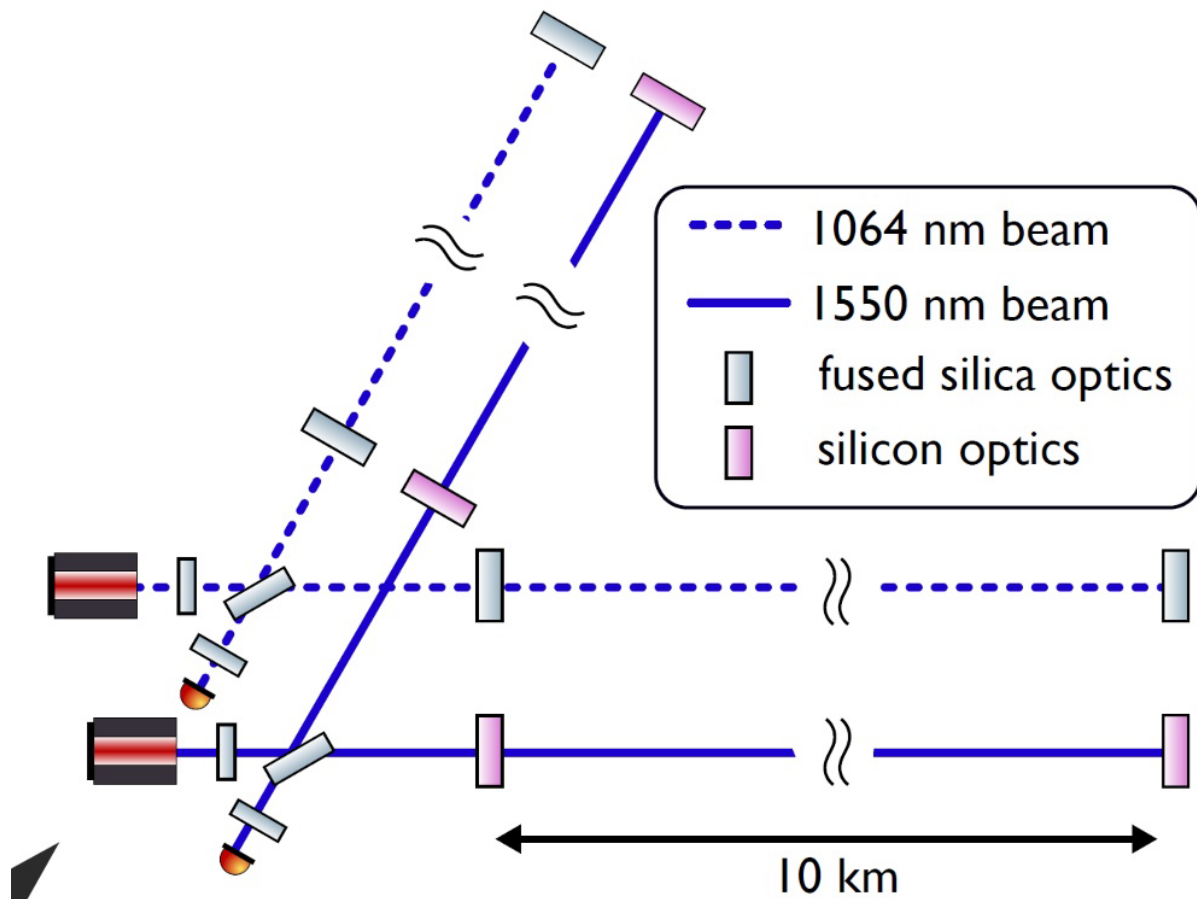
- ❑ Low and high frequencies have conflicting requirements
  - High optical power needed to decrease shot noise but will increase radiation pressure noise
  - High power comes with challenges + not easily compatible with low-temperature operation
- ❑ Combine two detectors dedicated to LF and HF



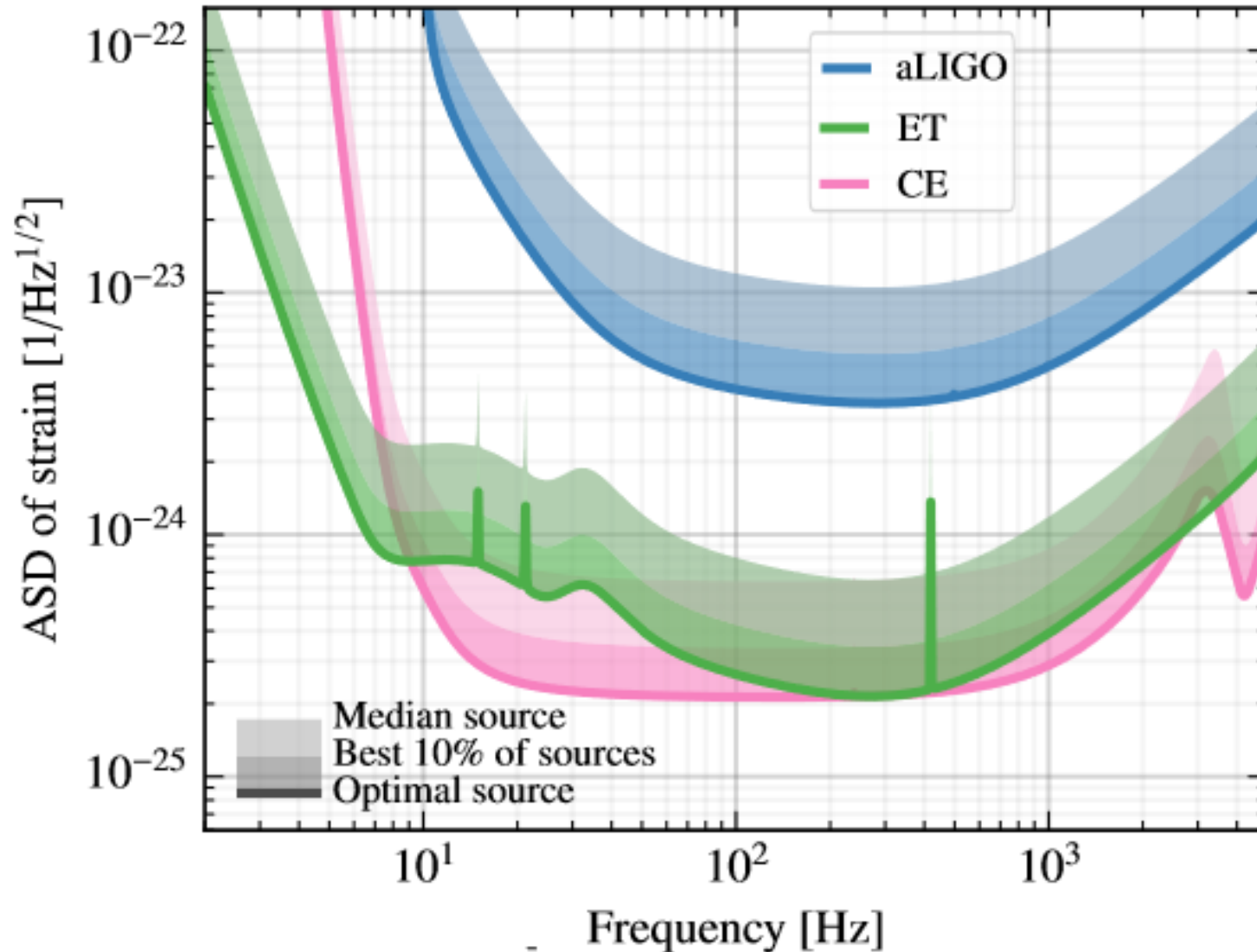
Parameter	ET-HF	ET-LF
Arm length	10 km	10 km
Input power (after IMC)	500 W	3 W
Arm power	3 MW	18 kW
Temperature	290 K	10-20 K
Mirror material	fused silica	silicon
Mirror diameter / thickness	62 cm / 30 cm	45 cm / 57 cm
Mirror masses	200 kg	211 kg
Laser wavelength	1064 nm	1550 nm
SR-phase (rad)	tuned (0.0)	detuned (0.6)
SR transmittance	10 %	20 %
Quantum noise suppression	freq. dep. squeez.	freq. dep. squeez.
Filter cavities	1×300 m	2×1.0 km
Squeezing level	10 dB (effective)	10 dB (effective)
Beam shape	TEM <sub>00</sub>	TEM <sub>00</sub>
Beam radius	12.0 cm	9 cm
Scatter loss per surface	37 ppm	37 ppm
Seismic isolation	SA, 8 m tall	mod SA, 17 m tall
Seismic (for $f > 1$ Hz)	$5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$	$5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$
Gravity gradient subtraction	none	factor of a few

# Einstein Telescope: multiple detectors

- Three (pairs of) detectors arranged in a triangle



# Einstein Telescope: target sensitivity





Tomorrow...

## **PART II: SOURCES, DATA ANALYSIS, SCIENCE**