

# Einstein Telescope: Status and perspectives of a 3G GW observatory in Europe

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*<http://www.et-gw.eu/>*

# What is ET?

- The aim of the ET project is the realization of a 3G GW observatory in Europe
- The ET project is officially born in 2008, thanks to the support received from the European Commission for the conceptual design study of a GW future **research infrastructure**
  - ET conception occurred in 2005, at the ESF Exploratory Workshop in Perugia
- Fundamental milestone has been the delivering of the ET conceptual design study document in 2011

Einstein gravitational wave Telescope  
Conceptual Design Study  
**research**



# ET design key points

# 3G motivation

- Evolution of the GW detectors (Virgo example):

Precision Astrophysics

Cosmology



Limit of the current infrastructures?

First detection

Initial astrophysics

Test of "advanced" techs  
UL physics

Proof of the working principle

Upper Limit physics

Commissioning  
& first runs

enhanced  
detectors

Advanced  
detectors

Infrastructure  
realization  
and  
detector  
assembling

Same  
Infrastructure  
( $\geq 20$  years old for Virgo, even more for LIGO & GEO600)

Detection distance (a.u.)

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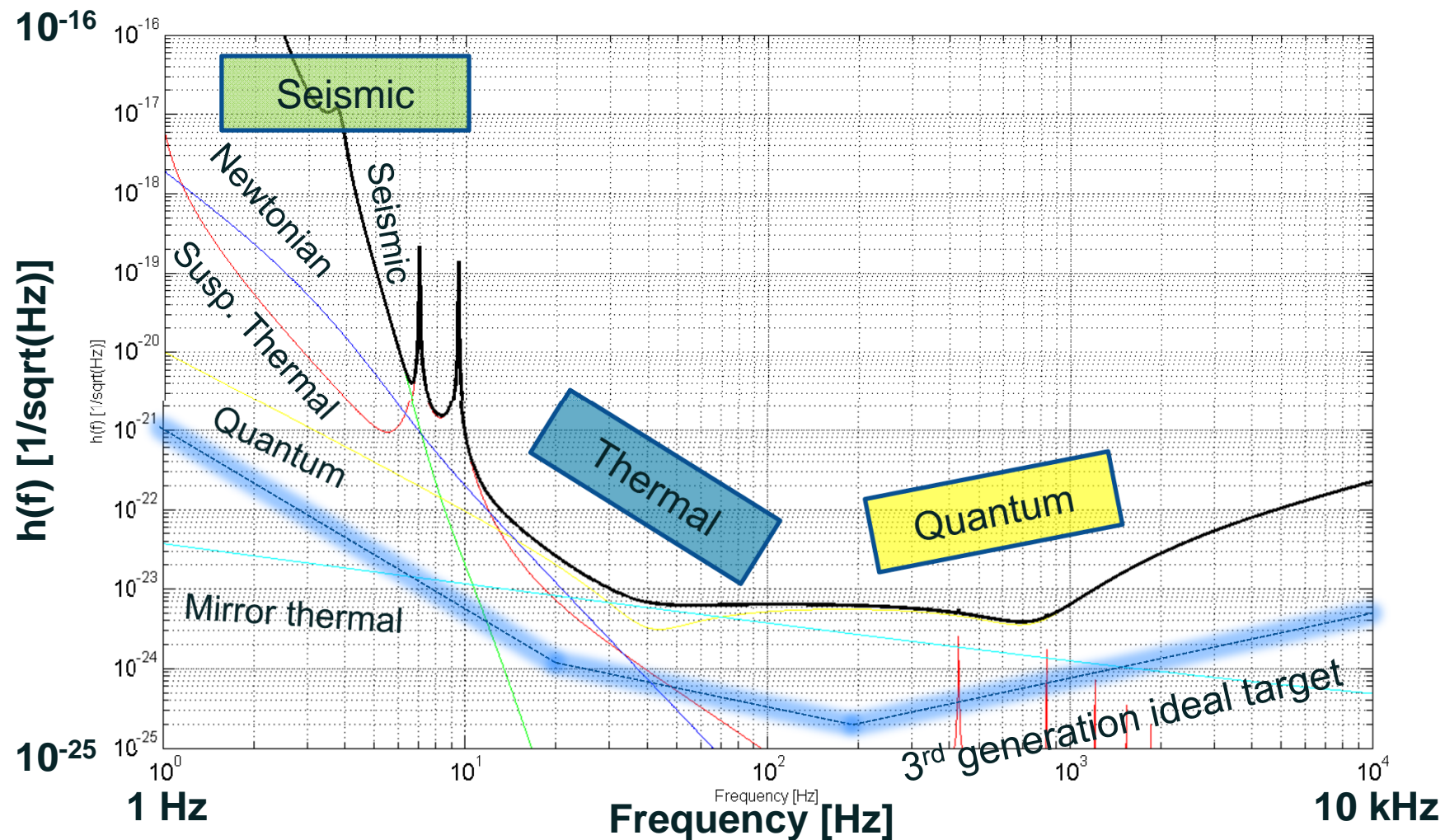
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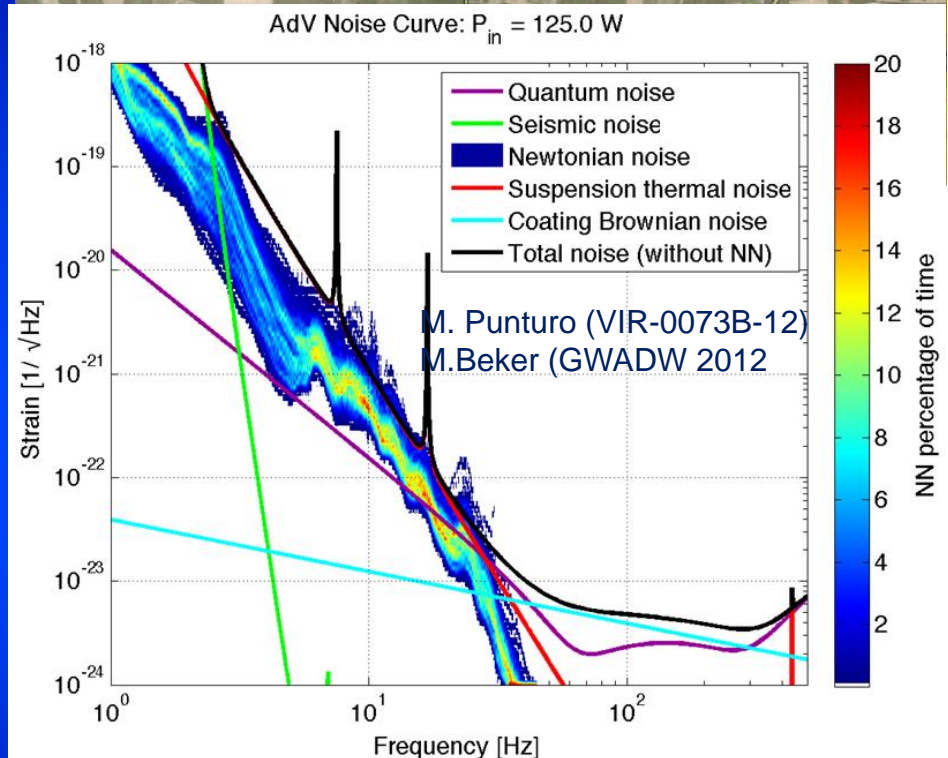
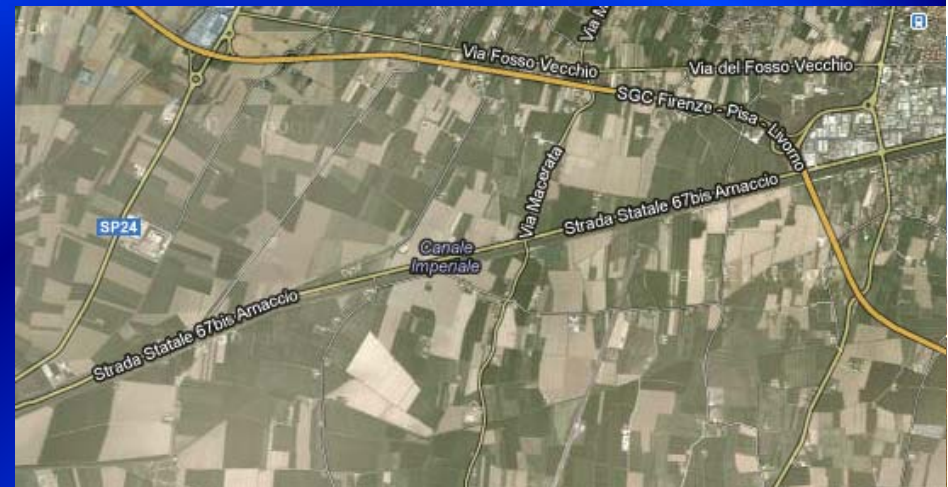


# How to gain a factor of 10?



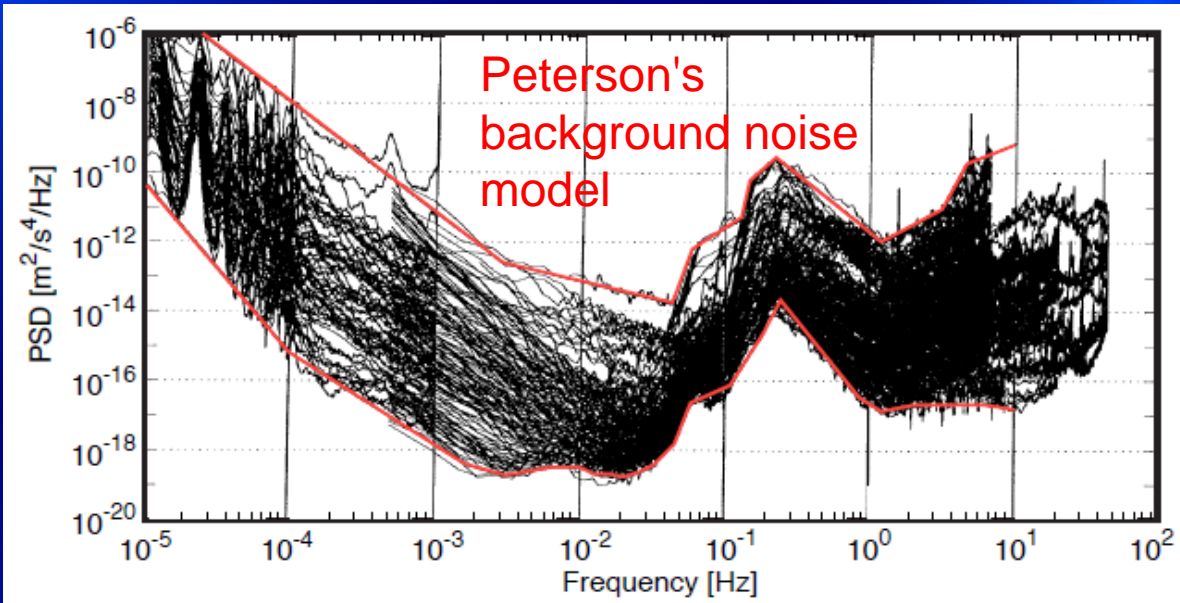
# Limits of the current infrastructures

- Debated point
  - How far are the limits?
- Length is obviously a limit
- Environmental conditions are a limit (through wind, seismic noise, Newtonian noise, ...)
- Infrastructure original design could be a limit
  - AdV relevant infrastructure works to mitigate stray light effects
  - MSRC vs NDRC dilemma in AdV



# Underground

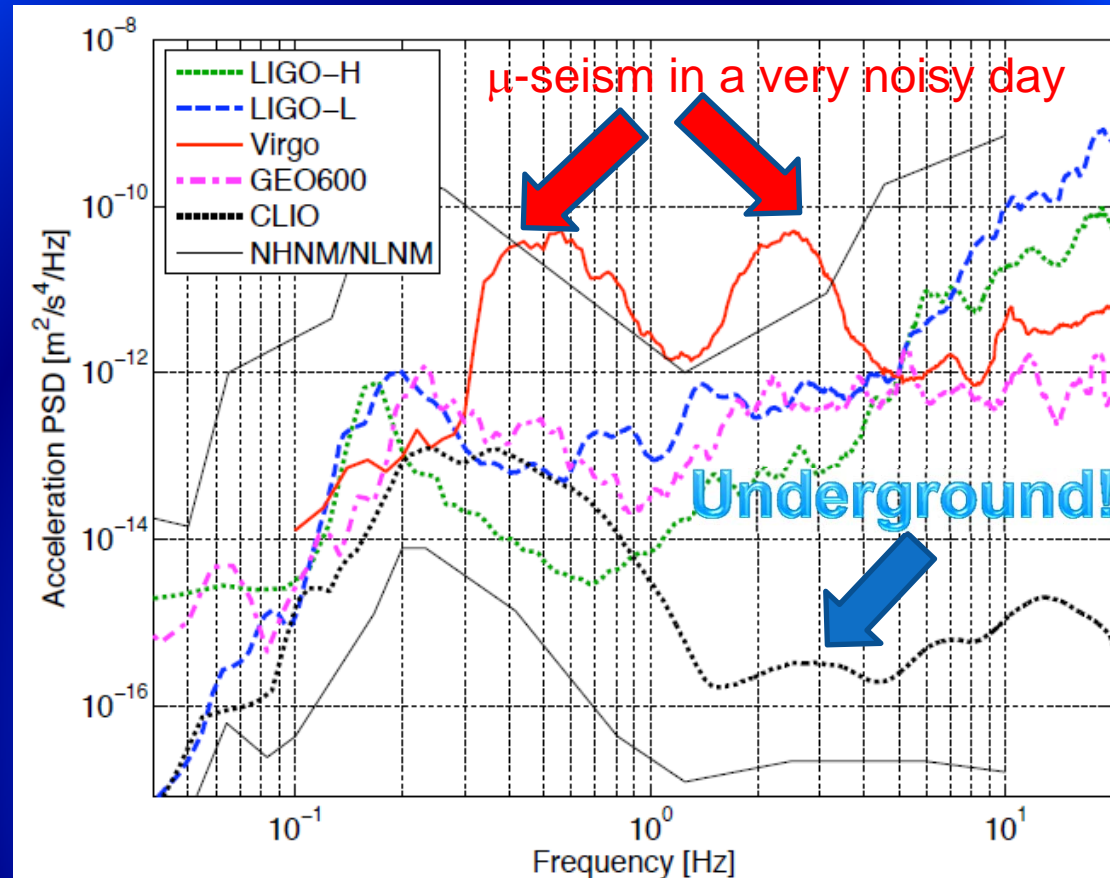
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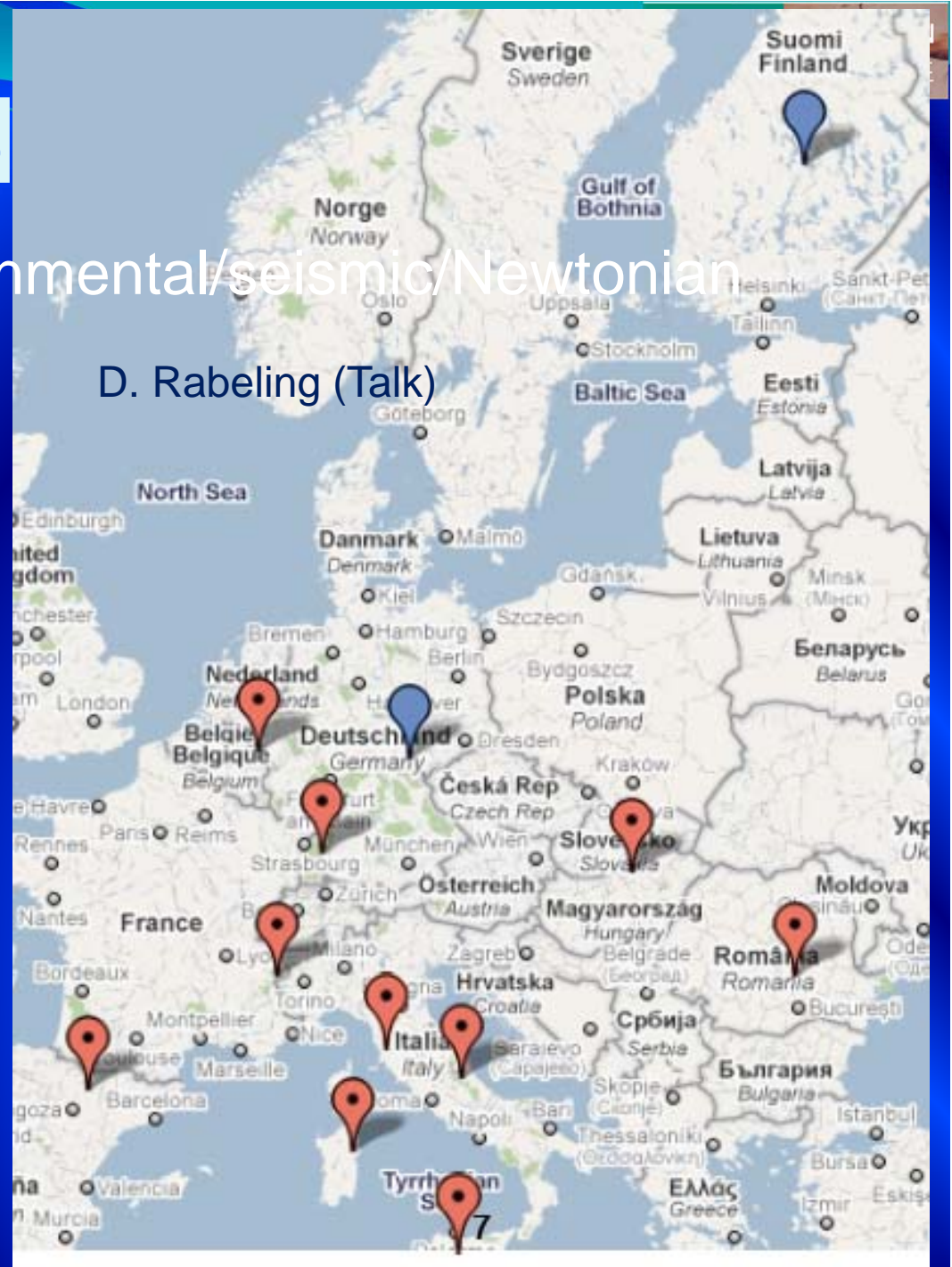




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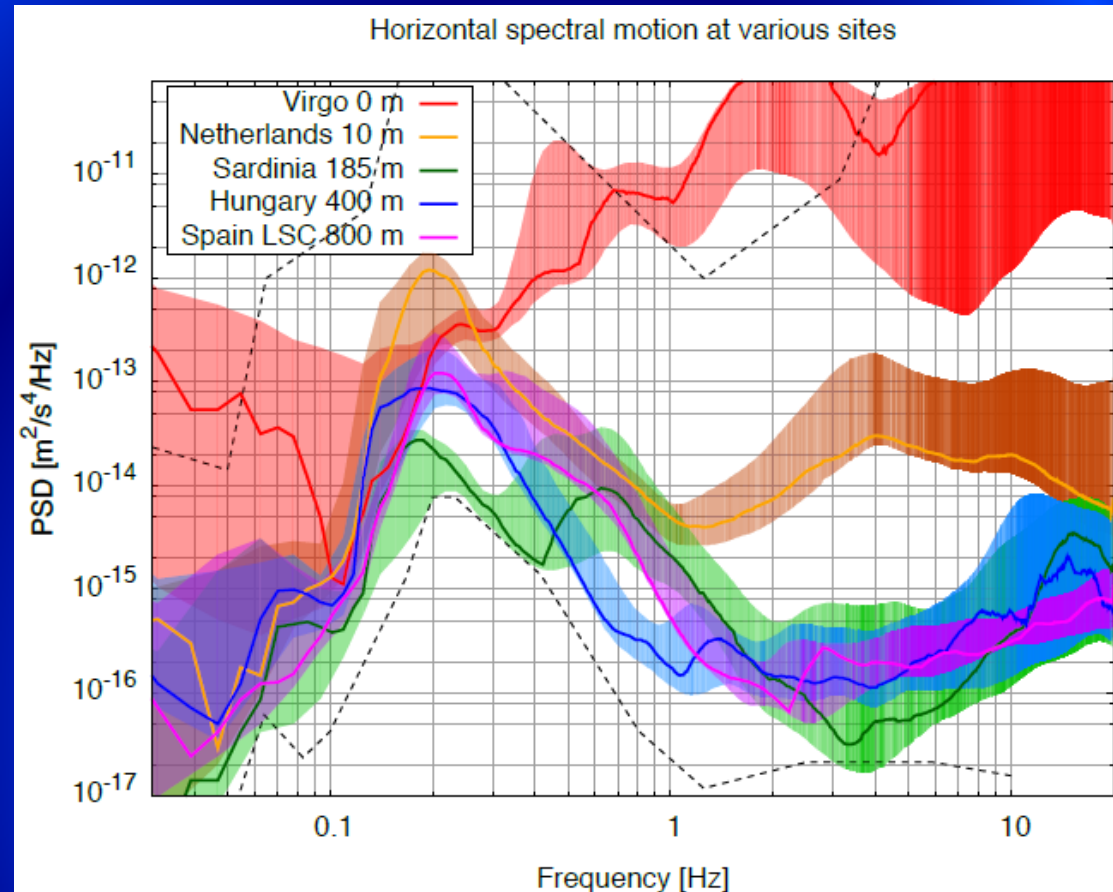
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D. Rabeling (Talk)



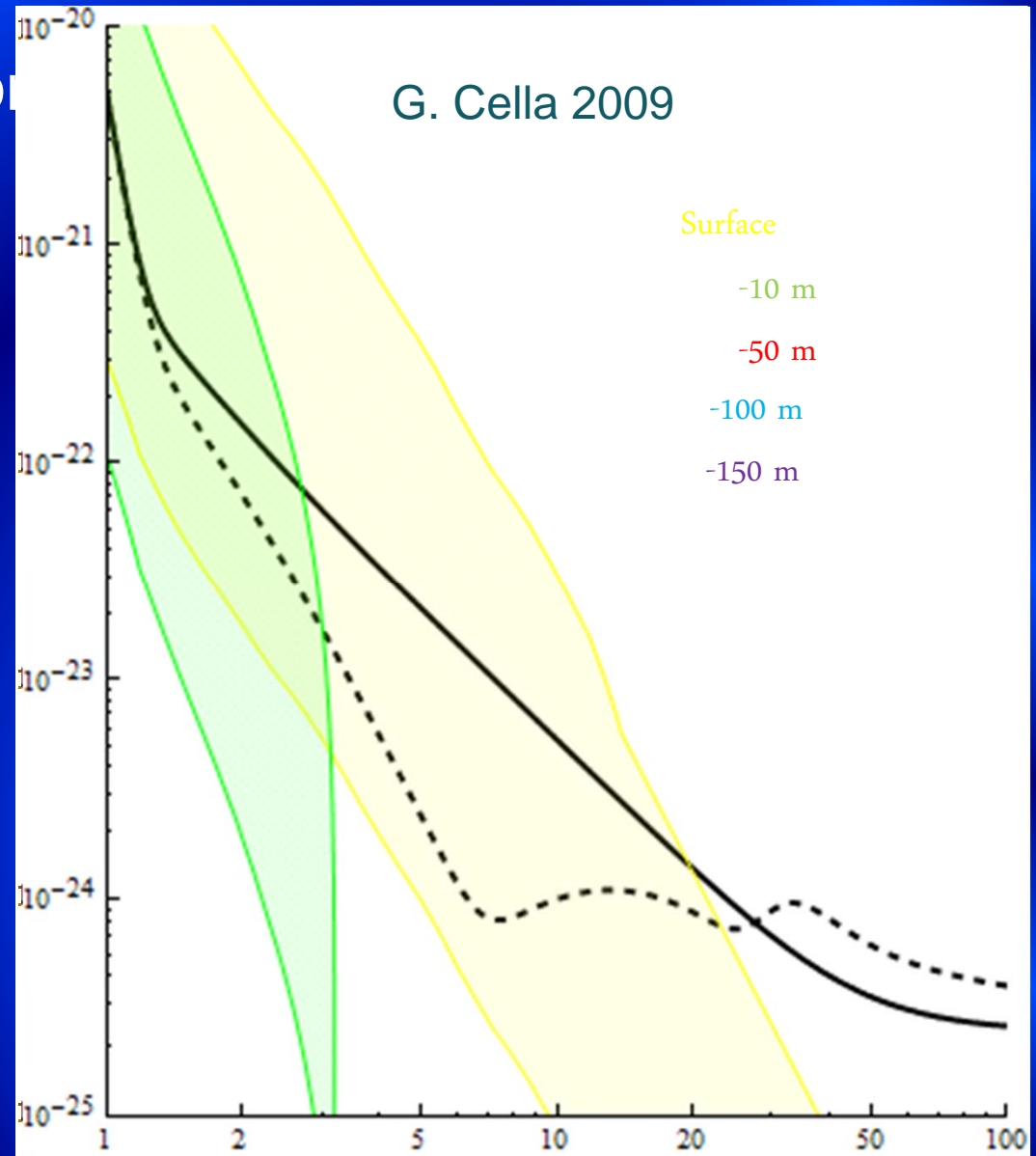
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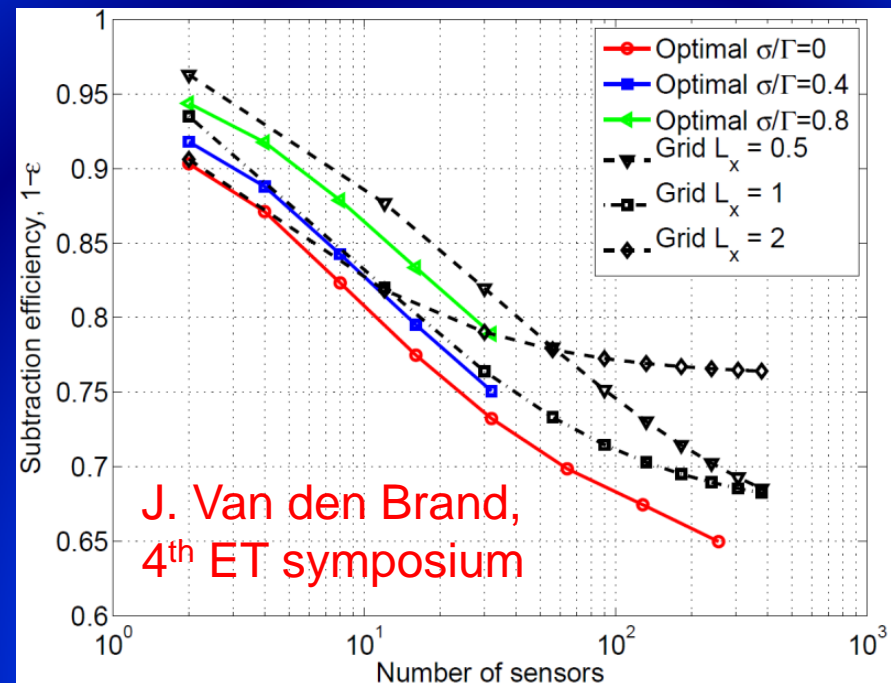
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- NN subtraction progresses could modify this scenario (see next talk, by M.Beker and J.Harms)



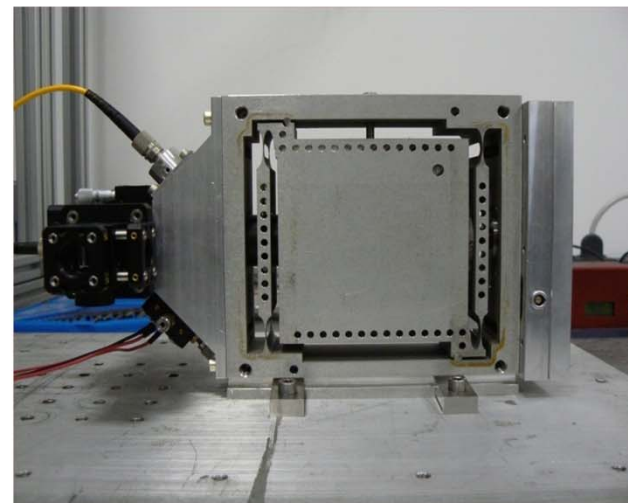
# University of Salerno (UNISA) – INFN Napoli

F. Acernese, G. Giordano, R. Romano, F. Barone (UNISA e INFN Napoli)

R. De Rosa (UNINA e INFN Napoli)

Research activity:

- Development of inertial sensors with low readout noise ( $10^{-13}$  m/Hz<sup>1/2</sup> @ 1Hz), large measurement band ( $10^{-6}$  Hz – 10Hz) and low thermal noise (Q=15000 @ 1Hz under vacuum) applied to:
  - Seismic noise measurements
  - Inertial damping of suspended bench and/or attenuation system
- Data analysis and development of underground laboratories composed by seismic and environmental monitoring stations for site seismic characterizations (Sos Enattos mine, Sardinia).



# What inside the new R.I.?

- Thermal noise and quantum noise are the main limit above few Hz.
- Key ingredients to reduces these noises:
  - Cryogenics
  - High Power & Frequency dependent squeezing, possibly new topologies



# Cryogenic design

- Current working hypothesis:
  - Silicon optics (sapphire as backup?)
    - Good thermal noise performances
    - Optical absorption issues
      - News in this workshop

A. Khalaidovski (poster)  
G. Hoffman (talk)  
M. Granata (Talk)  
R. Nawrodt (Talk)  
J. Komma (Talk)

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E. Majorana (talk)  
G. Hammond(Poster)

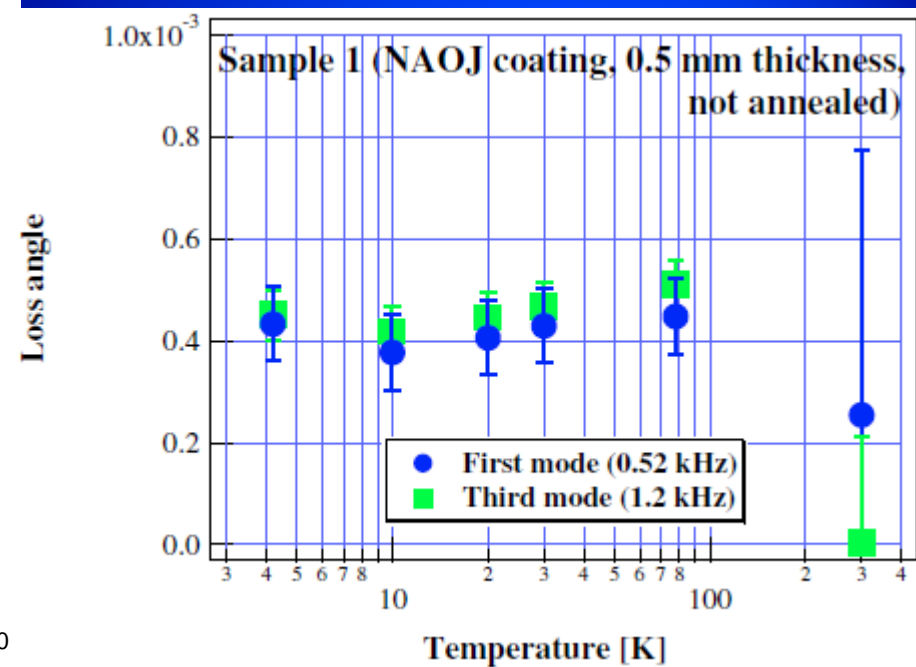
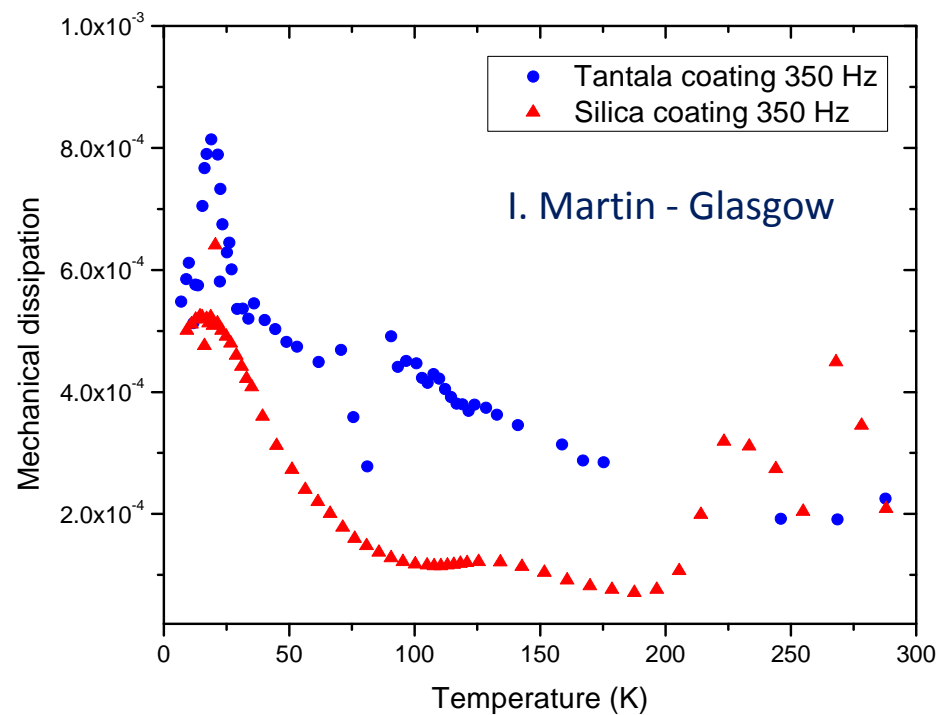


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# Conflicting results?



K. Yamamoto et al, Physical Review D 74, 022002 (2006)

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    - Dopants (Ti, Hafnia), New materials (Si), crystalline coatings (AlGaAs, AlGaP), waveguide coatings

Entire  
session  
“Mitigating Thermal Noise I”  
on coatings

# Experimental setup @ LMA

3 experiments:

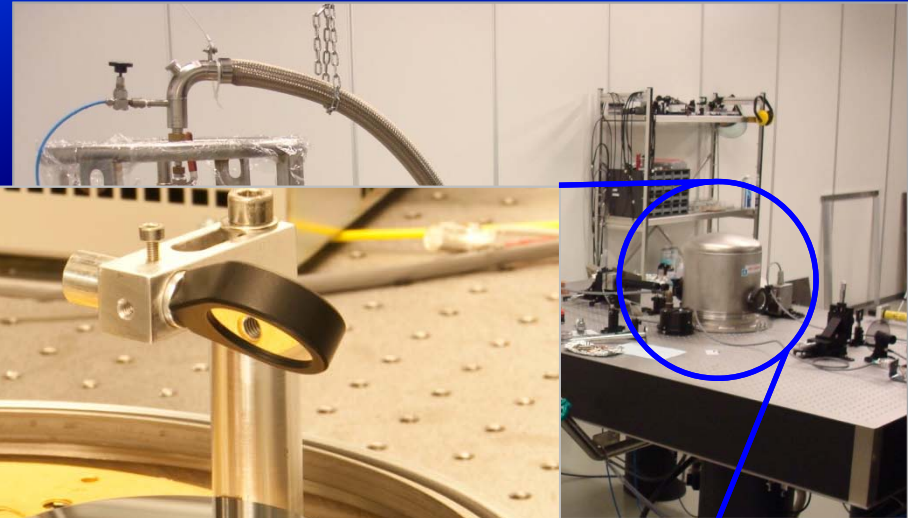
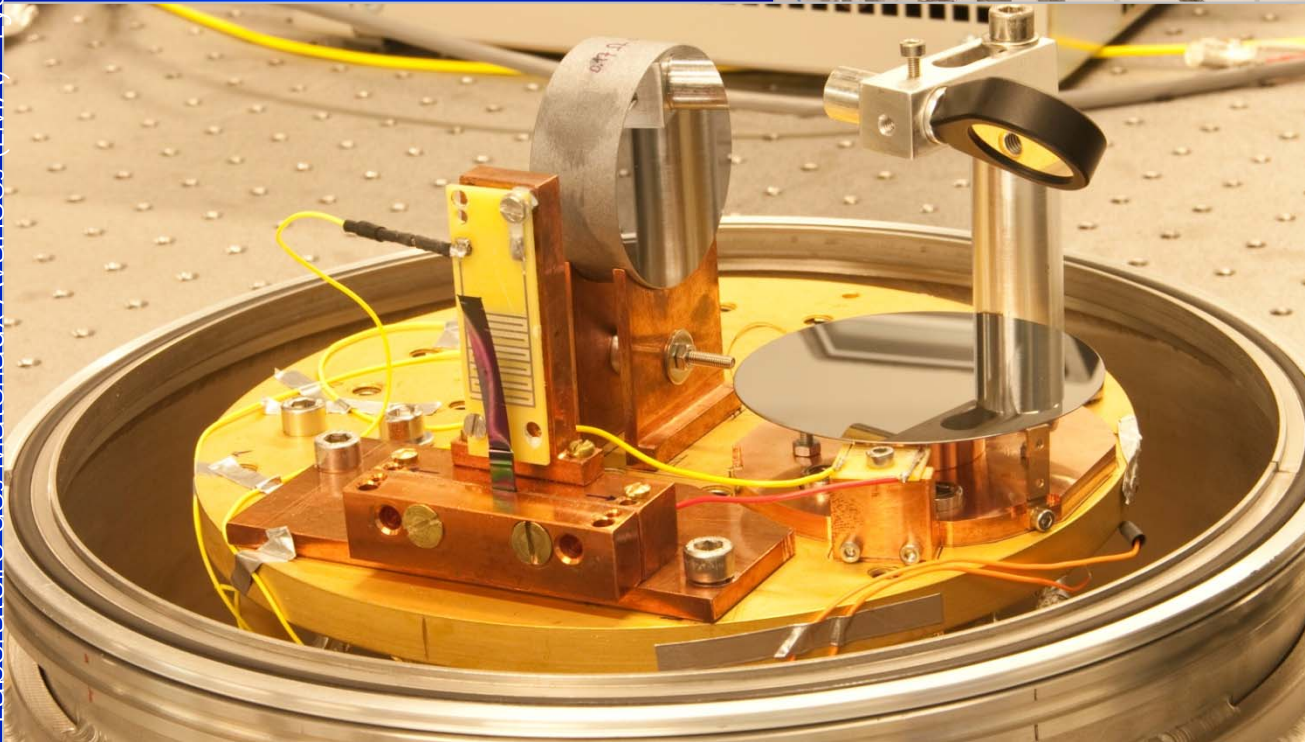
- substrate absorption
- coating loss: disks [GeNS]  
cantilever blades

continuous-flow cryostat - liquid He,  $T < 10$  K

M. Granata, C. Michel, N. Morgado, L.  
Pinard, G. Cagnoli,

V. Dolique, R. Flaminio, D. Forest

Laboratoire des Matériaux Avancés (LMA) - Lyon

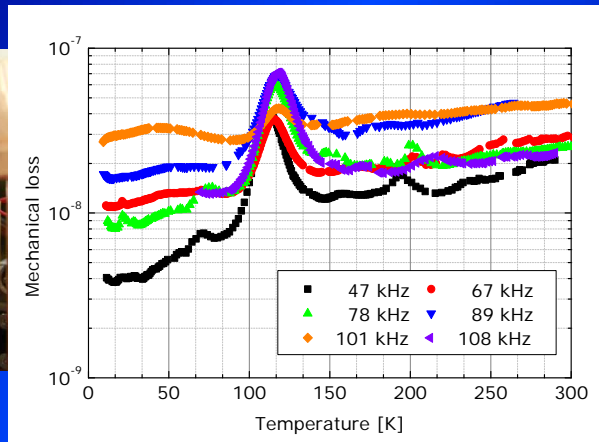
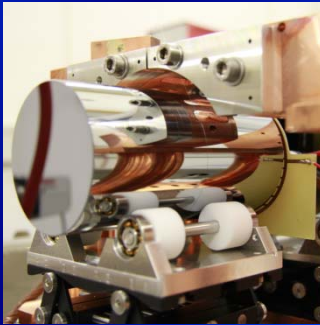


previous results: J. Degallaix & al., ET-0024A-12 / M. Granata & al., ET-0019A-12

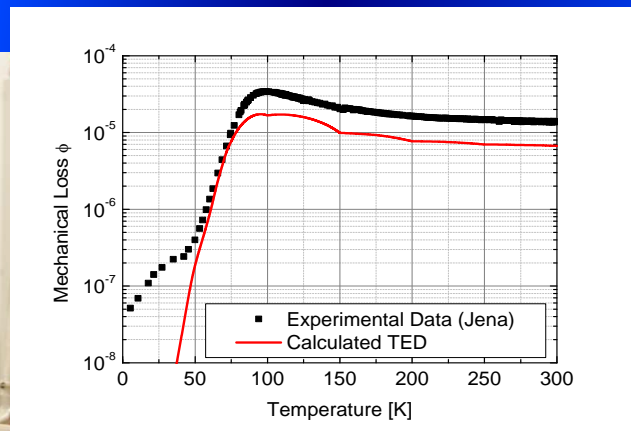
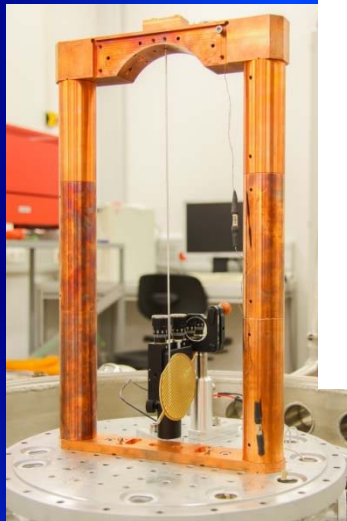
latest results: M. Granata & al., talk @ GWADW13



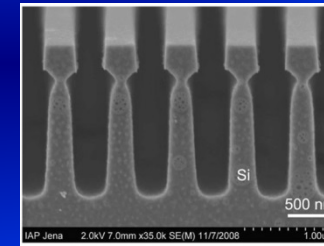
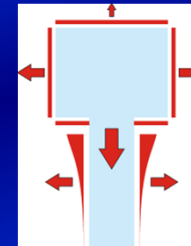
# ET related research at FSU Jena



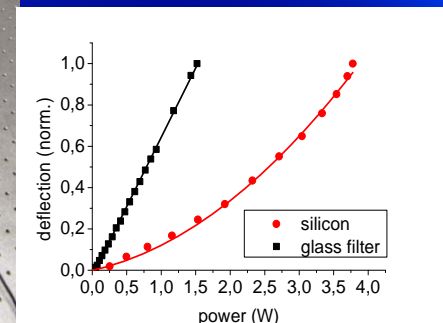
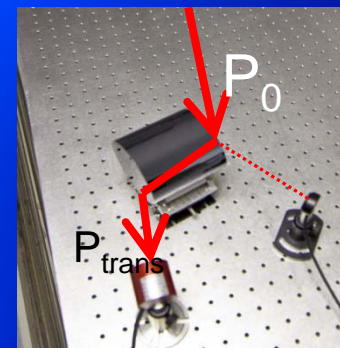
Investigation of the mechanical loss of bulk materials at cryogenic temperatures



Mechanical and thermal investigations of suspension elements



Modelling of TN in complex opto-mechanical systems

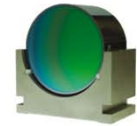


Investigation of optical properties of silicon at room temperature and cryogenics

# AEI Hannover - Silicon Absorption Measurements

## Approach:

- Photo-thermal self-phase modulation technique and impedance mismatch measurements
- Prototype test mass (100mm diameter, 65mm length) and coatings measured



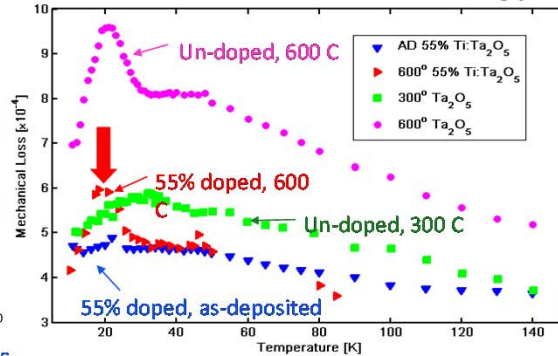
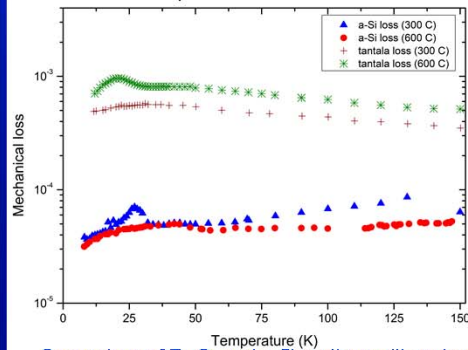
## Observations:

- Non-linear intensity dependence of optical absorption, confirming results by Degallaix *et al.*
- Absorption in Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> coatings: 1000 ppm/coating
- **Absorption in test mass: 250 ppm/cm  $\leftrightarrow$  3000 ppm round-trip loss (13 cm RT length)**
- Paper submitted to CQG, available as *arXiv:1304.4126* or *P1300044-v2* on LIGO DCC

## Possible explanation for unexpectedly high absorption values:

- Surface layer of amorphous silicon
  - Literature absorption values: ca. 100/cm – 2000/cm
  - Further analysis of absorption and surfaces in preparation
  - **PLEASE COME AND SEE THE POSTER BY ALEXANDER KHALAIDOVSKI**

- Effect of heat-treatment and doping on the cryogenic loss of tantala coatings
- Alternative coating materials e.g. amorphous silicon, silica-doped hafnia, single-crystalline coatings (GaP/AlGaP stacks in conjunction with Stanford)
- Relationship between structure and loss in coating materials
- Cryogenic loss in multilayer coatings (in conjunction with LMA and ICRR, Tokyo)



## Silicon suspension and mirror development

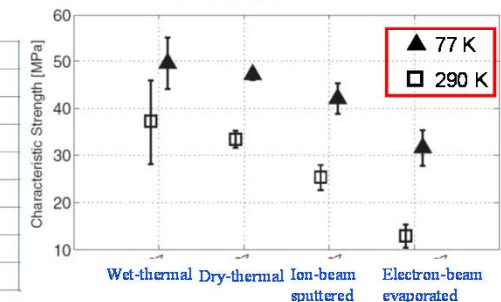
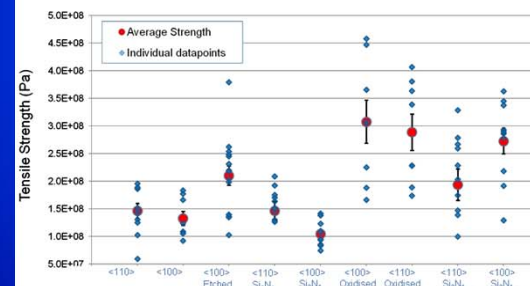
- strength tests of thin silicon samples, modelling heat extraction, dilution factor, suspension thermal noise
- Silicon surface loss studies (with Jena)
  - Strength, thermal conductivity, mechanical loss
  - Observed increase in Si-Si bond strength at 77 K, with a minimum oxide layer of 50nm required for reliable bonds.
- Bulk Si loss studies (with Jena)



Bonded Si cylinders for mechanical loss measurements



Silicon strength sample





# Quantum Noise reduction

- Classical solutions
  - Heavy mirrors
  - High power laser
- Xylophone design
  - Cross-compatibility High Power/ Cryogenics
- Squeezing
  - Impact on the R.I. of the filter cavities
- New topologies

H. Grote (Talk)

“Light sources and Interferometer Topologies” session



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BIRMINGHAM

## R+D for the Einstein Telescope

### ET quantum noise and alternative topologies

- Investigate the **Sagnac interferometer** as an alternative for ET-LF
- Developed a **DC readout scheme** for the Sagnac topology

[M. Wang et. al. Phys. Rev. D (2013) <http://arxiv.org/abs/1303.5236>]

### ET control and noise cancellation

- Development of **sensing and control scheme** and noise model for ET
- Investigation of **noise correlations** and possible **noise cancellation** strategies for co-located interferometers
- Coordinator of working group 4 of the **ASPERA ET R+D** project

### Numerical modelling for future GW detectors

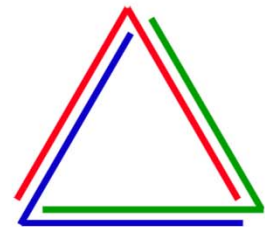
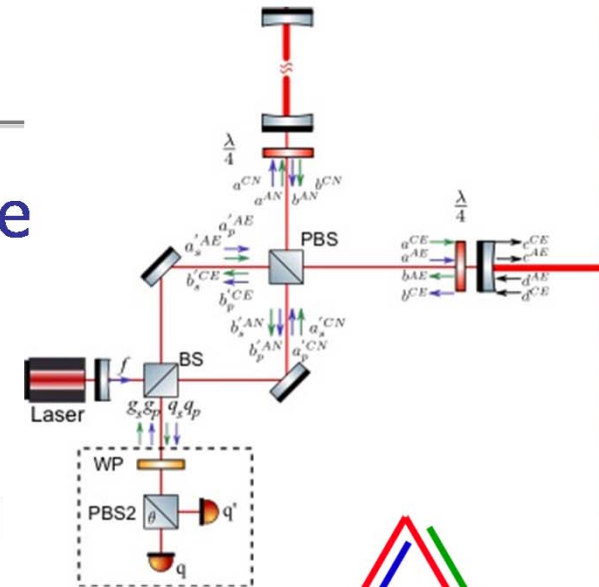
- Development of optical models for **high power interferometers** that combine **beam shape distortion effects** with **radiation pressure** and **quantum noise**
- Development of **Finesse**, used in the GW community since 2000

[<http://arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0309012>], available as open source since 2012:

[www.gwoptics.org/finesse](http://www.gwoptics.org/finesse)

- Coordinator of simulation sub-program in ERC Training Network **GraWIToN**

Andreas Freise



Many challenges in Advanced detectors can be tackled with Adaptive optics

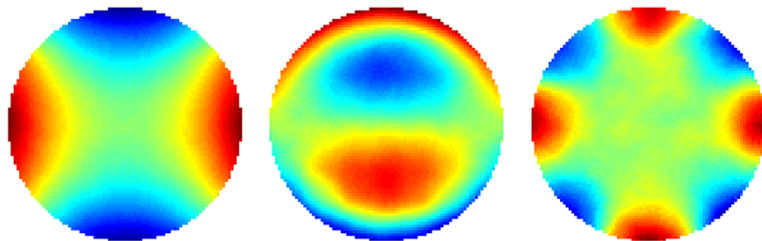
### Optimize mode matching in optical resonators

#### Thermally Deformable mirror (TDM)

A deformable mirror designed to meet the special requirements in GW detectors:

- Low noise actuation
- Minimize scattered light
- Use high power lasers
- Vacuum compatible

#### Aberrations generated experimentally by TDM



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

Input matching > 99%

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

Minimize losses on squeezed light path

Ref: M. Kasprzack, et al. , Appl. Opt. 52, (2013)

### Generation of unwanted high order modes (HOM) in arm cavities by imperfect mirrors

#### Central Heating Residual Aberration Correction (CHRAC)

Heat pattern projected onto cavity mirrors modifies surface figure by thermo-elastic effect.  
→ Suppress scattering into selected HOM's

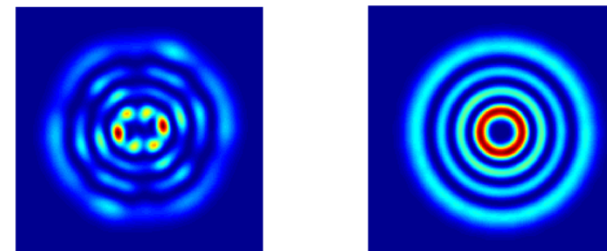
#### 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

Reduce HOM content in arm cavity  
→ Decrease round trip losses

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

LG33 mode sensitive to mirror imperfections  
→ Suppress generation of other order 9 modes

#### Simulated cavity mode before & after correction



Ref: R. A. Day, Phys. Rev. D 87, 082003, (2013)



# ET strategy

- Two conflicting elements are dominating the ET scenario:
  - Need of a long term support, to develop technologies (R&D), to build-up the team (networking)
  - Direct support from the national research institutions will be null or low profile until advanced detectors will be operative and the detection achieved
- We had to develop a strategy compliant with these constraints
  - ET has been configured as a long term project based on EU “federal” support
    - Past:
      - Kick-off meeting supported by the European Science Foundation (Exploratory workshop in 2005)
      - Design study supported by the European Commission (FP7)
    - Present & Future:

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• ELITES

Technical design



First detection on advanced interferometers



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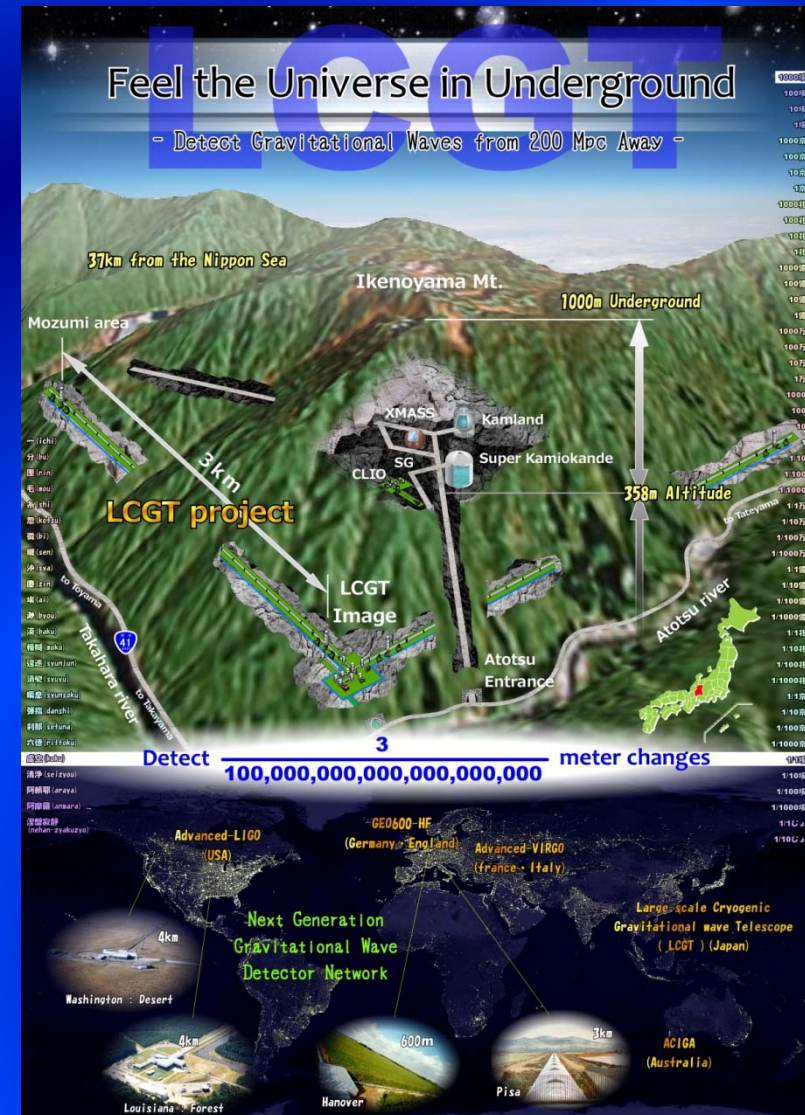
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# ELITES: Synergies with KAGRA

- KAGRA is pioneering the development of an underground infrastructure and of the cryogenic interferometer for GW detection
- For ET is mandatory to have a synergy with KAGRA
- A 4 years European-Japanese joint project “ELITES” supported by European Commission under FP7-IRSES is started in 2013
  - Exchange of scientists focused mainly on cryogenic issues common to ET and KAGRA





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# Interferometry beyond the Standard Quantum Limit using a Sagnac Speedmeter

Stefan Hild

ET general meeting  
Hannover, December 2012



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# ET-R&D

- ET-R&D is a project funded by national agencies, in a quasi-European framework (ASPERA)
  - Coordinated by H.Lueck

Participants	Country	Legal Entity Name	Department /Division/ Laboratory	Scientist in charge
Full Partners	Netherlands	NIKHEF: National Institute for subatomic Physics		J. v.d. Brand
	Germany	LUH-AEI: Leibniz Universität Hannover, Albert Einstein Institut	Institut für Gravitationsphysik	H. Lück
		FSU: Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena	Institut für Festkörperphysik	R. Nawrodt
	Russia	The Russian ET Consortium	MSU-SAI: Moscow State University, Sternberg Astronomical Institute (lead) MSU-PD: Moscow State University, Physics Department INR RAS: Institute of Nuclear Research Russian Academy of Science	V. Rudenko (SAI, lead), V. Vyatchanin (PD), L. Bezrukov (INR RAS)
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		UNICARDIFF: Cardiff University	School of Physics and Astronomy	B.S. Sathyaprakash
		UWS: University of the West of Scotland		S. Reid

# Activities

WP No	Work Package Title	Lead Participant	Other Participants involved
WG 1	ET's scientific potential	Cardiff	Nikhef, Polish ET Consortium, Glasgow, MSU-SAI, Nice
WG 2	Long term seismic and GGN studies of selected sites	Nikhef	Polish ET Consortium, Hungary, MSU-SAI, BNO INR RAS, La Sapienza, Salerno, INFN Napoli, INFN Pisa
WG 3	Optical properties of silicon at cryogenic temperatures	FSU	LUH-AEI, FSU, Glasgow, LMA, Russian ET Consortium, UWS
WG 4	ET Control systems	UniBham	LUH-AEI, Glasgow, MSU PD, EGO
WG 5	Management	LUH-AEI	EGO

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# GraWIToN

- GraWIToN is an “Initial Training Network” (Marie Curie Actions) focused on GW, with special accent on ET
- It is composed by 13 members (Institution, universities, research centers and 3 private companies) in 4 EU countries
- It aims to the training of 13 PhD students on GW subjects; funds for
  - Salaries
  - Research activities
- We are concluding the negotiation in these days and the project will start in February 2014

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GW Research Infrastructures  
have been pre-selected as  
TOPICS WITH HIGH POTENTIAL  
AND WITH MERIT FOR FUTURE  
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# Conclusions

- ET is a long term project of a 3G GW observatory
  - Currently the activities are focused to the development of the needed technologies and to the definition of the technical design
  - It is configured as a “background” activity, based on funds  $\neq$  from the “advanced detectors” and it will ramp-up after the first detection
    - Again on EU funding strategy... meeting tomorrow on R.I. integration