



# **Future generation earth-based gravitational-wave detectors**

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# Outline

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1. (some of) The science with future earth-based GW detectors
2. (some of) The experimental challenges
3. (some of) The plans for future detectors





## First part

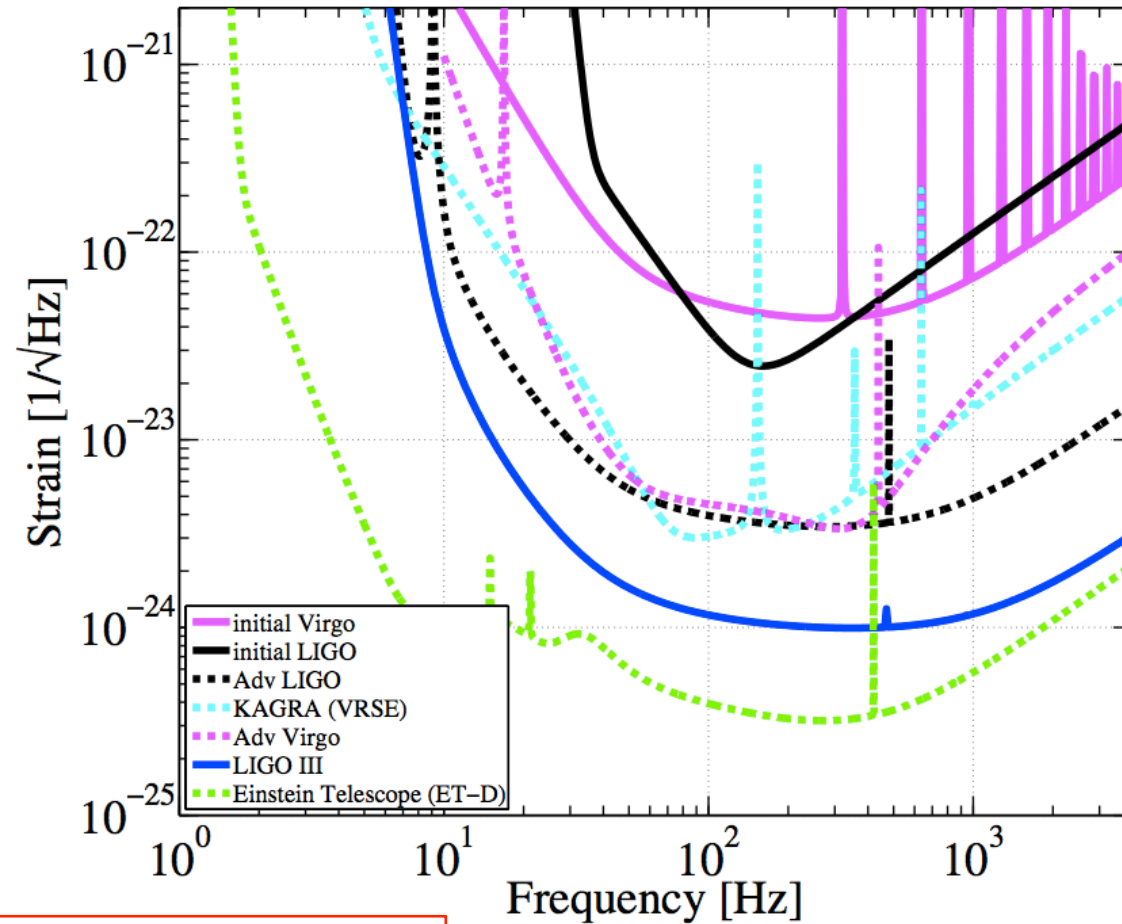
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**(some of the) Science with a *third*  
generation earth based detector**

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# Sensitivities of present and future detectors



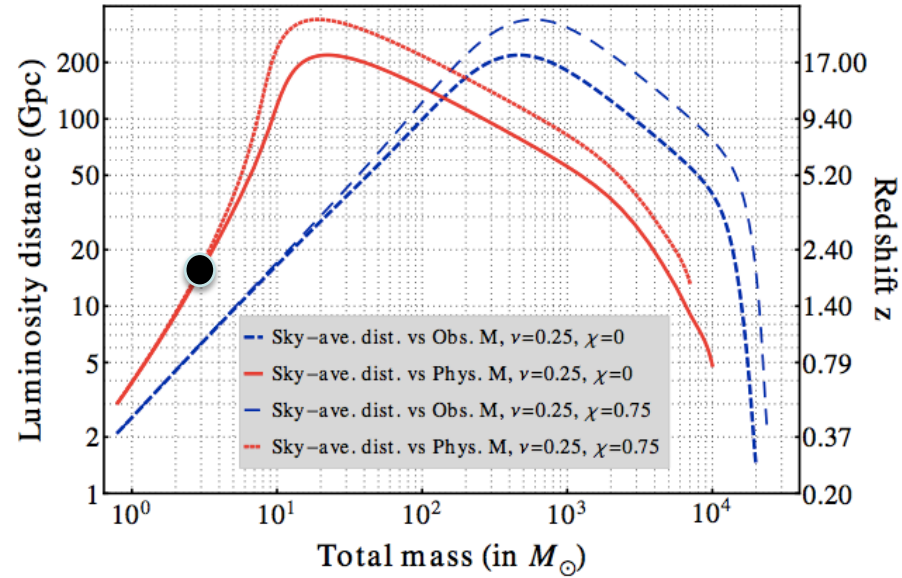
R.Adhikari, Gravitational Radiation Detection with Laser Interferometry, arXiv:1305.5188, 2013





# Compact objects coalescences with ET

Einstein Telescope conceptual design study, [www.et-gw.eu](http://www.et-gw.eu)



**Figure 18:** ET's distance reach for signals from coalescing compact binaries as a function of the *intrinsic* (red curves) and *observed* (blue curves) total mass, averaged over sky position and binary's orientation relative to the line-of-sight. We assume that a source is visible if it produces an SNR of at least 8 in ET. Solid red and short-dashed blue curves correspond to binaries composed of non-spinning objects. Dotted red and long-dashed blue curves correspond to binaries composed of objects whose spins are aligned with the orbital angular momentum of the binary, with spin parameter  $\chi = 0.75$ .

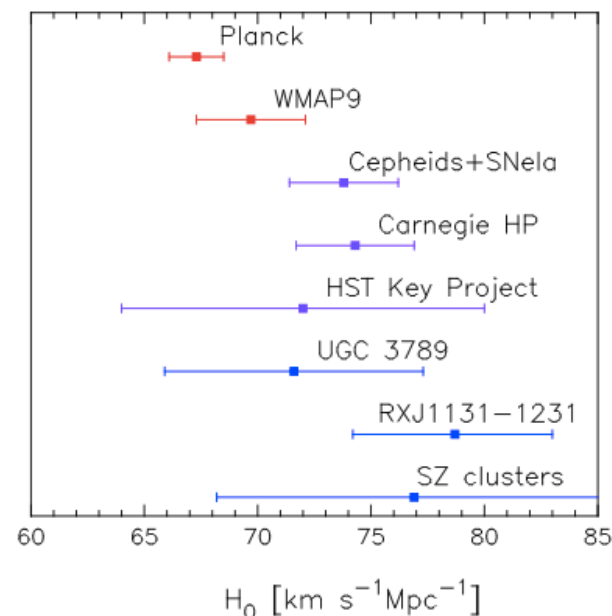
Source	BNS	NS-BH	BBH
Rate ( $\text{Mpc}^{-1} \text{ Myr}^{-1}$ )	0.1–6	0.01–0.3	$2 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.04
AdVirgo Event Rate ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ ) in aLIGO	0.4–400	0.2–300	2–4000
Event Rate ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ ) in ET	$\mathcal{O}(10^3\text{--}10^7)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3\text{--}10^7)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^4\text{--}10^8)$



# Cosmology with ET

- Compact object coalescences can be used as distance standard: *standard sirens* (Shultz, Nature, 1986)
- Need redshift, detection of host galaxy
- Detection of 500 NS-NS coalescences at low redshift → Hubble constant with an error of 0.5% (Planck precision  $\sim 1.8\%$ )

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**Fig. 16.** Comparison of  $H_0$  measurements, with estimates of  $\pm 1\sigma$  errors, from a number of techniques (see text for details). These are compared with the spatially-flat  $\Lambda$ CDM model constraints from *Planck* and *WMAP-9*.

Planck 2013 results.XVI. Cosmological parameters, arXiv:1303.5076



# Understanding SMBH with ET

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- ☐ Which is the origin of supermassive black-holes at the center of galaxies?
- ☐ Do the intermediate black-holes exist?
- ☐ Observation of BH binaries in the range  $10-10^3$  will allow to discriminate between *seed scenarios* formation.
- ☐ Complementary information with respect to LISA

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# Spinning neutron stars with Virgo and LIGO

Upper limits on GW energy release by the pulsar, and on the pulsar ellipticity

116 known millisecond and young pulsars

- Best  $h$  limit  $2.3 \times 10^{-26}$   
(J1603-7202)

- Best  $\epsilon$  limit  $7 \times 10^{-8}$   
(J2124-3358)

Crab ( $\sim 60$  Hz) LIGO data

- GW energy  $< 2\%$  spin-down limit
- $\epsilon < 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$

Vela @ ( $\sim 22$  Hz) Virgo data

- GW energy  $< 2\%$  spin-down limit
- $\epsilon < 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$



LIGO Scientific Collaboration, "Beating the spin-down limit on gravitational wave emission from the Crab pulsar", Astrophys. J. Lett. 683 (2008) 45

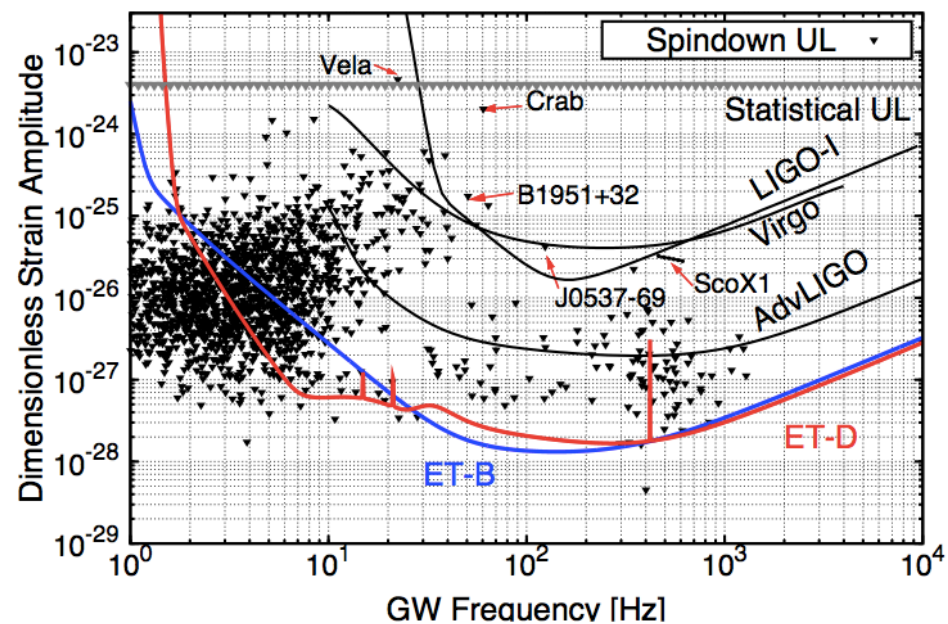
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LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, "First search for gravitational waves from the youngest known neutron star", Astrophys. J. 722 (2010) 1504

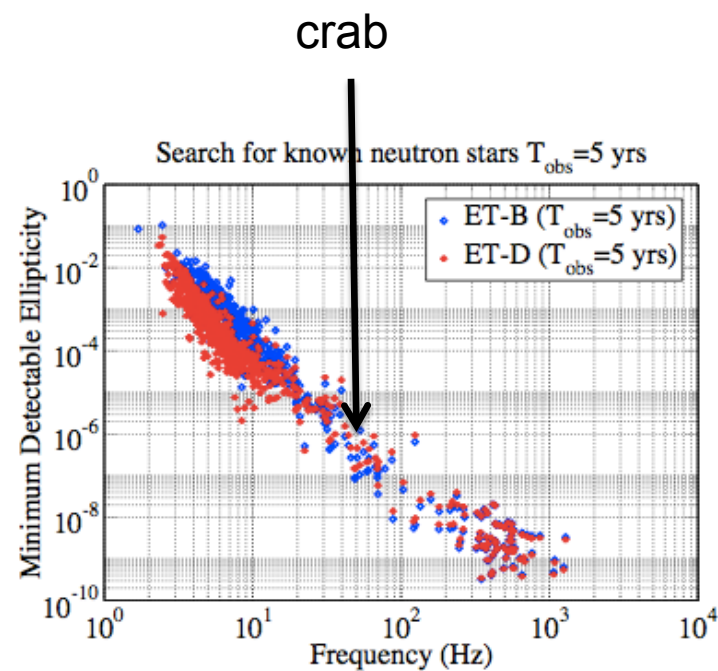
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# Spinning neutron stars with ET



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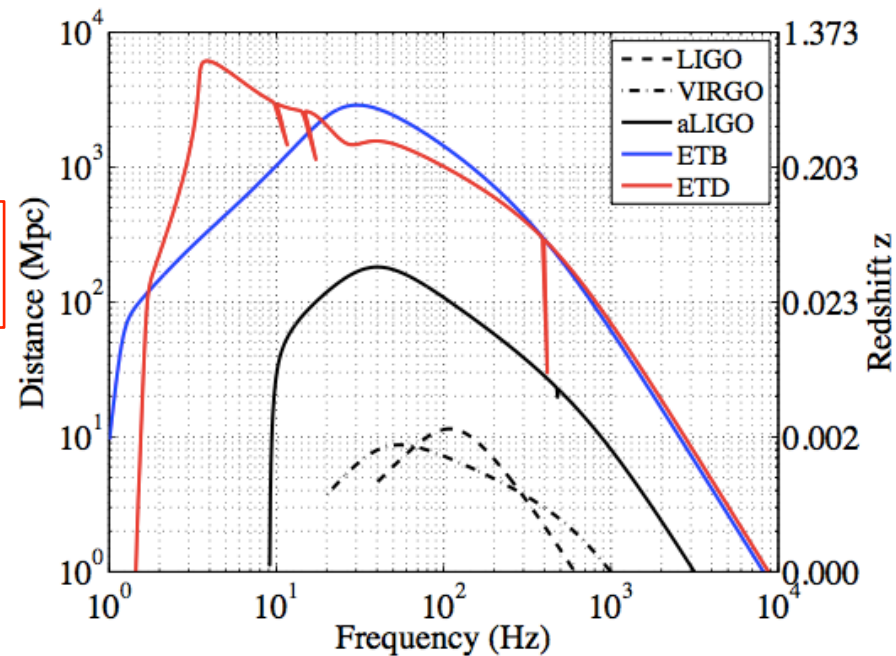




# Burst sources with ET

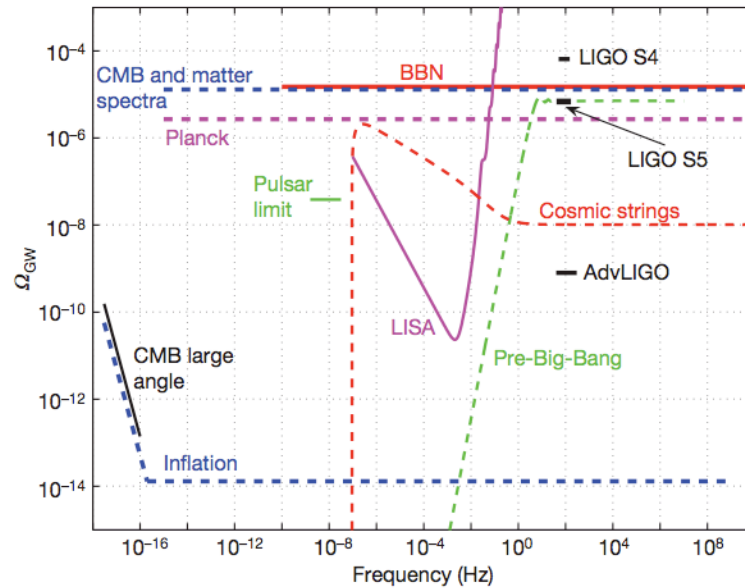
- ❑ Supernovae collapse → Understand the physics of a core collapse supernovae
- ❑ Gamma-ray bursts → Understand the progenitor of GRB
- ❑ Others: Pulsar glitches, magnetar flares, relativistic instabilities of compact stars

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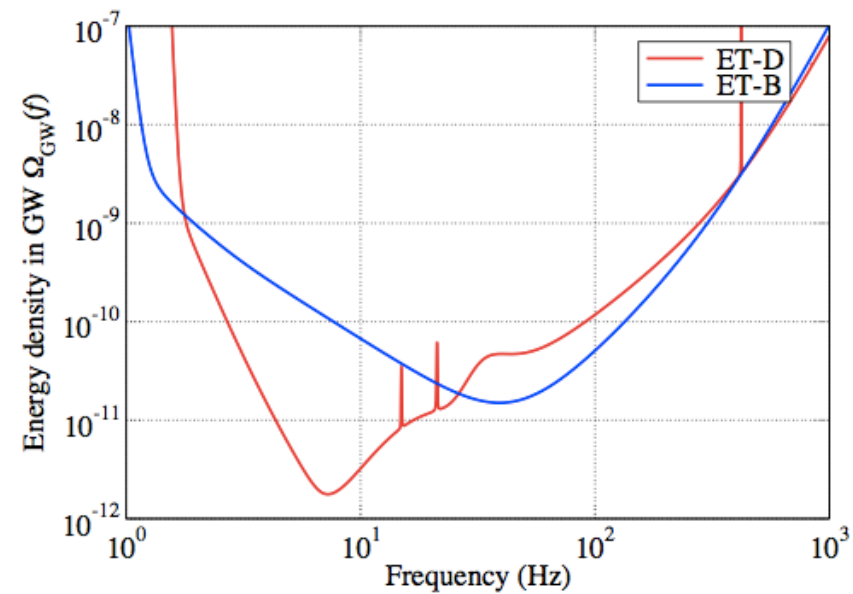


# Stochastic background with ET



LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, "An upper limit on the stochastic gravitational-wave background of cosmological origin", Nature 460:990 (2009)

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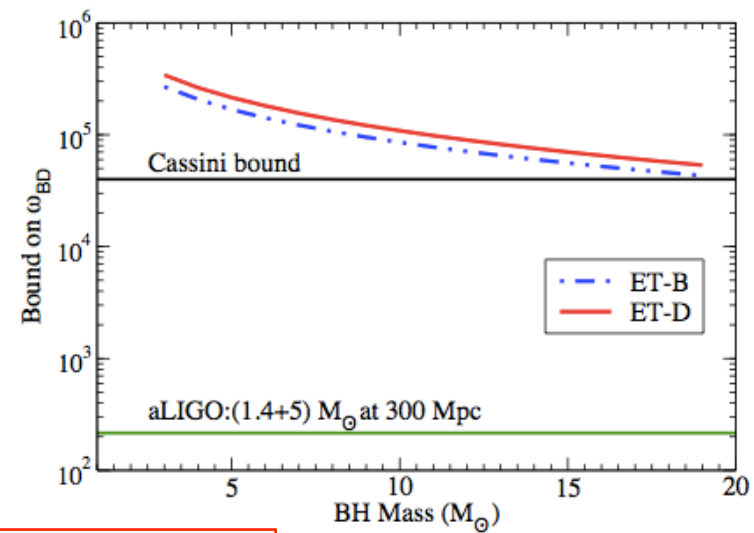
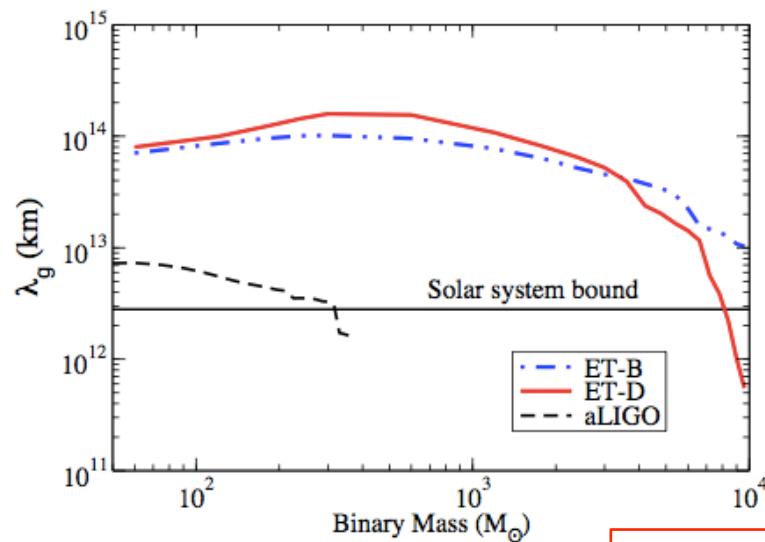






# Testing GR in strong field regime with ET

- Bounding number of polarization (2 for GR, more for alternative theories)
- Bounding graviton mass (through dispersion relation or time of flight)
- Testing gravity in the strong field regime



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# The science: summary

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- ☐ Huge number of sources
- ☐ Cosmological distances
- ☐ Enormous scientific potential in astrophysics, fundamental physics, cosmology
- ☐ “Precision” gravitational-wave astronomy
- ☐ Complementary with eLISA



## Second part

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**(some of) The experimental challenges**

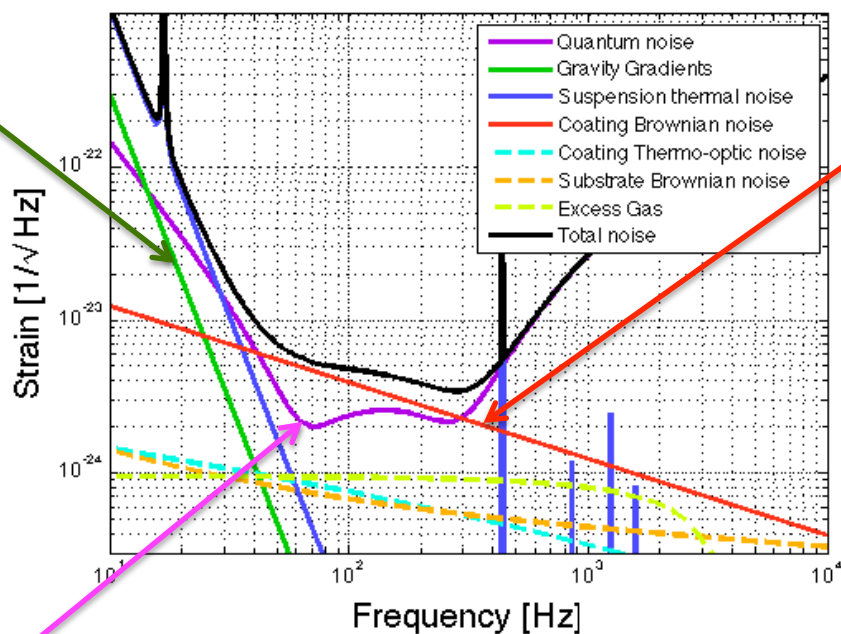
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# Noises limiting AdVirgo

Seismic and  
gravity  
gradient noise  
Geophysics

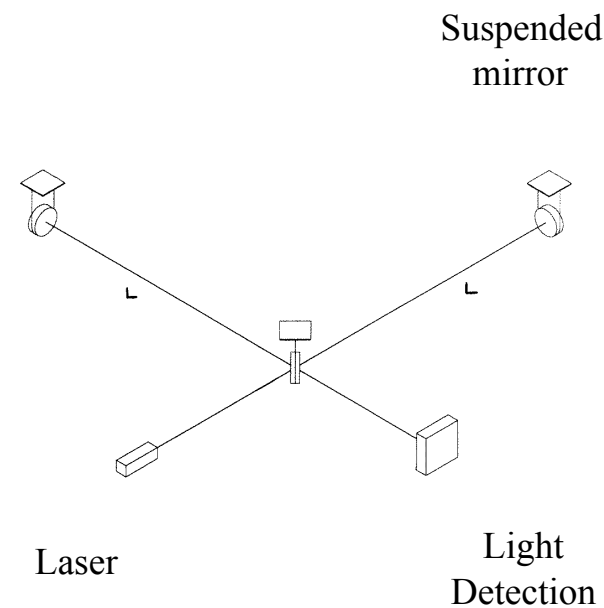
AdV Noise Curve:  $F_{in} = 125.0 \text{ W}$



Thermal noise  
Thermodynamics

Quantum noise  
Quantum mechanics

Virgo Collaboration, Advanced  
Virgo technical design  
report, Virgo internal document  
VIR-0128A-12, 2012





# The thermal noise

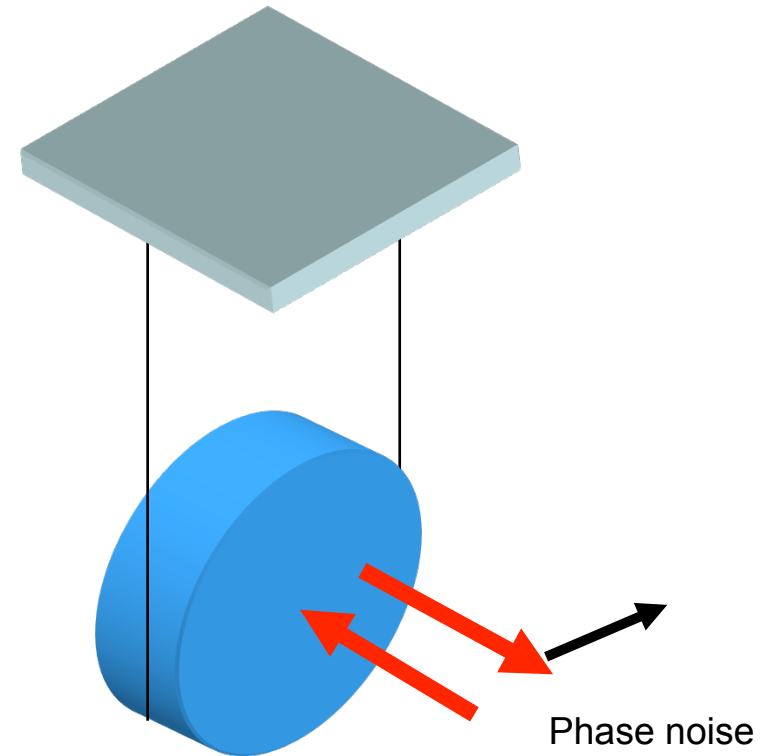
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# Thermal noise: introduction

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- $E = \frac{1}{2} kT$  (per d.o.f.)  $\rightarrow$  the RMS value of the displacement is constant ( $\sqrt{k_B T / k}$ )
- What is the distribution of thermal energy versus the frequency? How this energy is converted in displacement?
- What is the *power spectrum* of thermal noise?



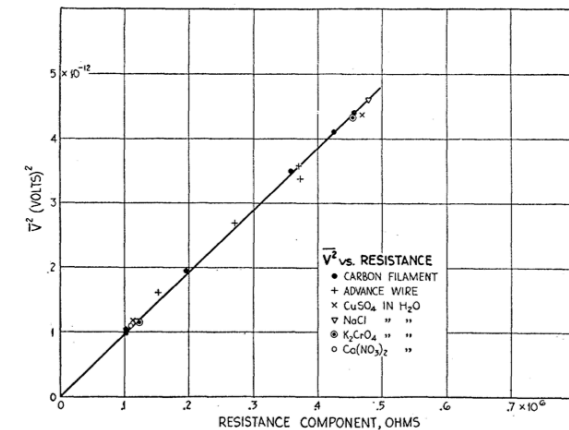


# Thermal noise: Nyquist theorem

- 1928 Johnson observes the “Johnson-Nyquist” noise

amplifier a mean-square potential  $\bar{V}^2$ . By this method of comparison was determined the fact that the phenomenon is independent of the material and shape of the resistance unit and of the mechanism of the conduction,<sup>6</sup> but does depend on the electrical resistance. A few of the results are reproduced

J.B.Johnson, Thermal agitation of electricity in conductors, Phys Rev 32, 1928



- Explanation by Nyquist in terms of thermodynamics and statistical mechanics: thermal agitation of charges

$$V^2 = 4K_B TR$$

$$V(nV/\sqrt{Hz}) = 0.13\sqrt{R}$$

H.Nyquist, Thermal agitation of electric charge in conductors, Phys Rev D 42 8 (1990)



# Th. noise: Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

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- Brownian motion and Johnson-Nyquist noise are special cases of a general law: **the fluctuation dissipation theorem (Callen 1951)**.
- Fundamental relation between the dissipation in a system and the fluctuation
- More precisely: *there is a relation between the response of a driven dissipative system and the spontaneous fluctuations of a generalized variable (i.e. the position) of the system in equilibrium*

$$F_{Tn}^2(\omega) = 4k_B T \operatorname{Re}[Z(\omega)] = 4k_B T \operatorname{Re}[F(\omega)/v(\omega)]$$
$$x^2 = \frac{4k_B T}{\omega^2} \operatorname{Re}[Z(\omega)^{-1}]$$

- For the Johnson-Nyquist noise:  $V=F$ ,  $R = \text{Resistance} = \operatorname{Re}(Z)$



# Th. noise: harmonic oscillator

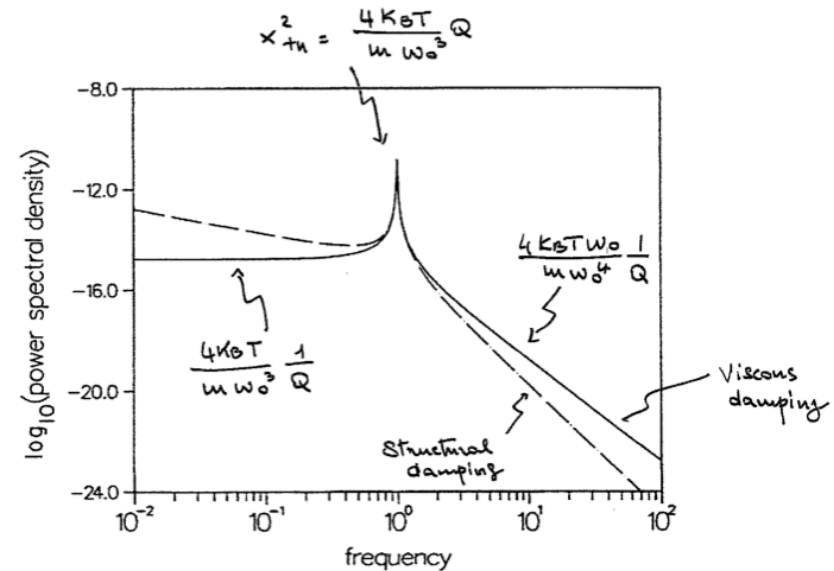
## □ Harmonic oscillator with viscous damping

P.R.Saulson, "Thermal noise in mechanical experiments", Phys Rev D 42 8 (1990)

$$m\ddot{x} + \beta\dot{x} + Kx = F \quad -\beta\dot{x} \text{ viscous damping}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \beta + i\omega m + \frac{K}{i\omega} \quad \text{Re}[Z(\omega)] = \beta$$

$$x_{th}^2 = \frac{4k_B T \beta}{(K - m\omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \beta^2} \quad \text{Thermal noise}$$



## □ Harmonic oscillator with structural damping

$$m\ddot{x} + K(1 + i\phi)x = F \quad \text{structural damping}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4k_B T \phi}{(K - m\omega^2)^2 + K^2 \phi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\omega}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{\phi(\omega_0)}$$

$$Q = \text{sharpness of the resonance} = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega}$$

$$Q = \frac{m\omega_0}{\beta}$$

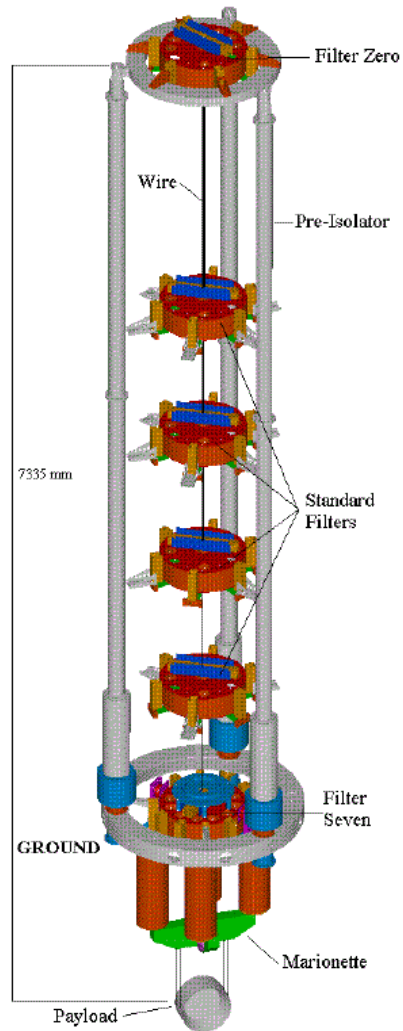
Note

$$\int_0^\infty x^2 df = \frac{k_B T}{K} \quad \text{since } E = \frac{1}{2} K x^2 \text{ from the equipartition theorem}$$





# Thermal noise in GW detectors

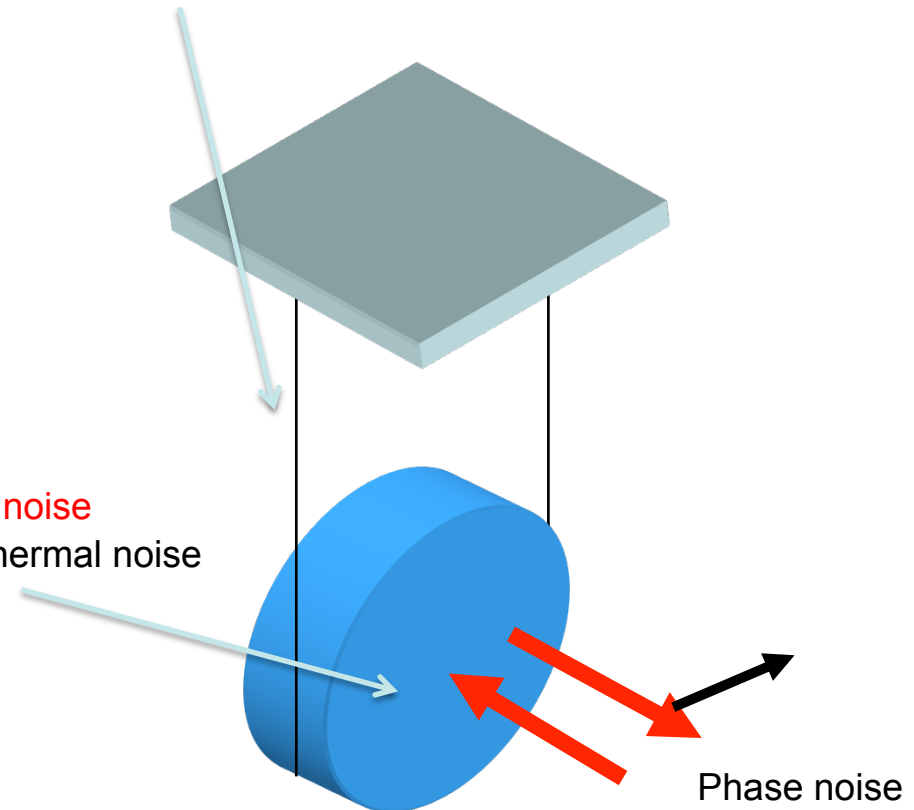


« Pendulum » thermal noise

$f \sim 1 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow$  thermal noise above resonance

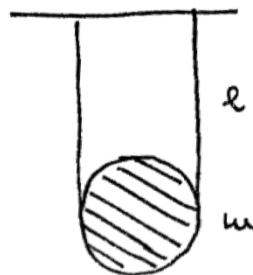
« Mirror » thermal noise

$f \sim \text{a few kHz} \rightarrow$  Thermal noise below resonance





# Pendulum thermal noise



$$K_p = \frac{mg}{l} + K_{el}$$

$$K_{el} = \frac{n_w \sqrt{TEI}}{2l^2} (1 + i\phi_w)$$

$$\phi_p = \left( \frac{K_{el}}{K_p} \right) \phi_w = \frac{n_w \sqrt{TEI}}{2mg l} \phi_w$$

"dilution factor"

$n_w$  = number of wires  
 $T$  = wire tension  
 $I$  = moment of inertia  
 $E$  = Young modulus

$$x^2 = \frac{4k_B T \omega_0^2}{m} \phi_p \cdot \frac{1}{\omega^5}$$

$$x^2 \sim \omega_0^2 \sim \frac{1}{l}$$

Thermal noise decreases  
when pendulum length increases

$$\phi_p = \phi_w \frac{n_w \sqrt{TEI}}{2mg l} \sim \sqrt{m} \quad \begin{matrix} T \sim m \\ I \sim m^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \quad \text{Thermal noise decreases when mass increases}$$

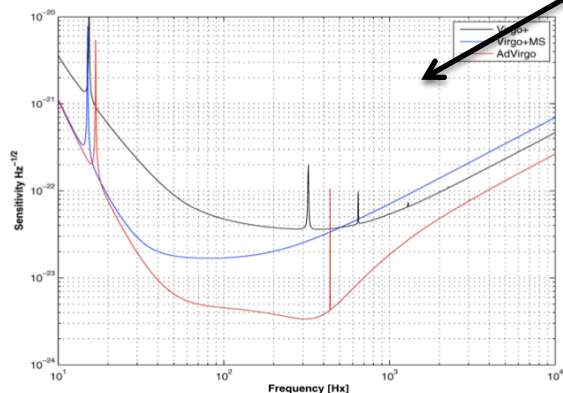
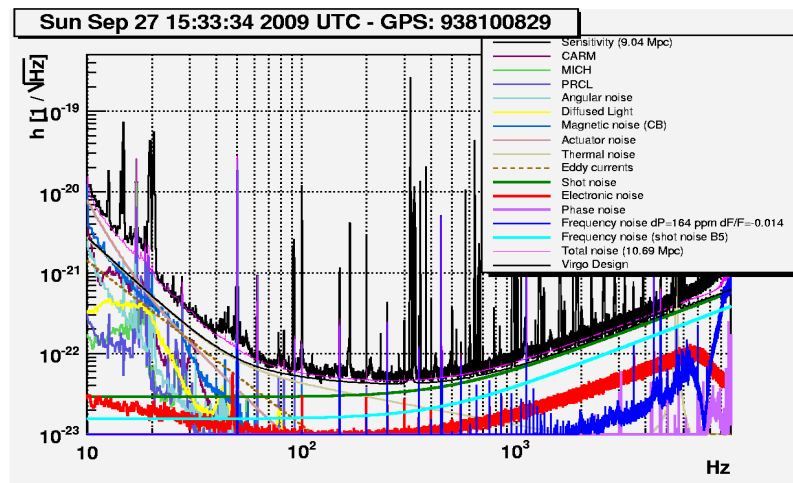


# Pendulum thermal noise in Virgo

Dilution factor  $\frac{k_{ee}}{k_p} \sim 10^{-3} \div 10^{-2}$

$\phi_m \sim 10^{-4} \div 10^{-3} \Rightarrow \phi_p \sim 10^{-6} \quad Q \sim 10^6$   
Steel wires

$\phi_m \sim 10^{-7} \Rightarrow \phi_p \sim 10^{-9} \quad Q \sim 10^9$   
Silica wires



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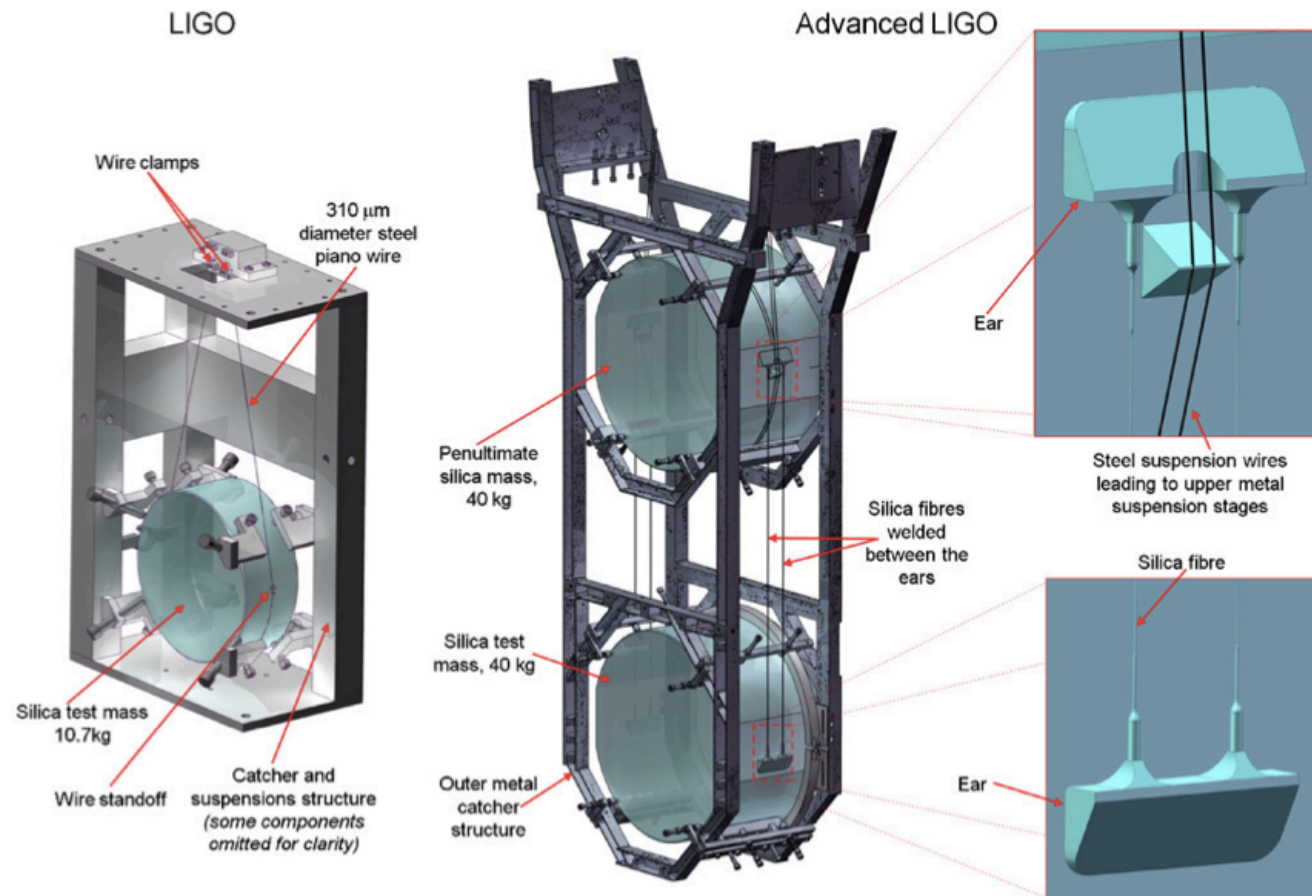
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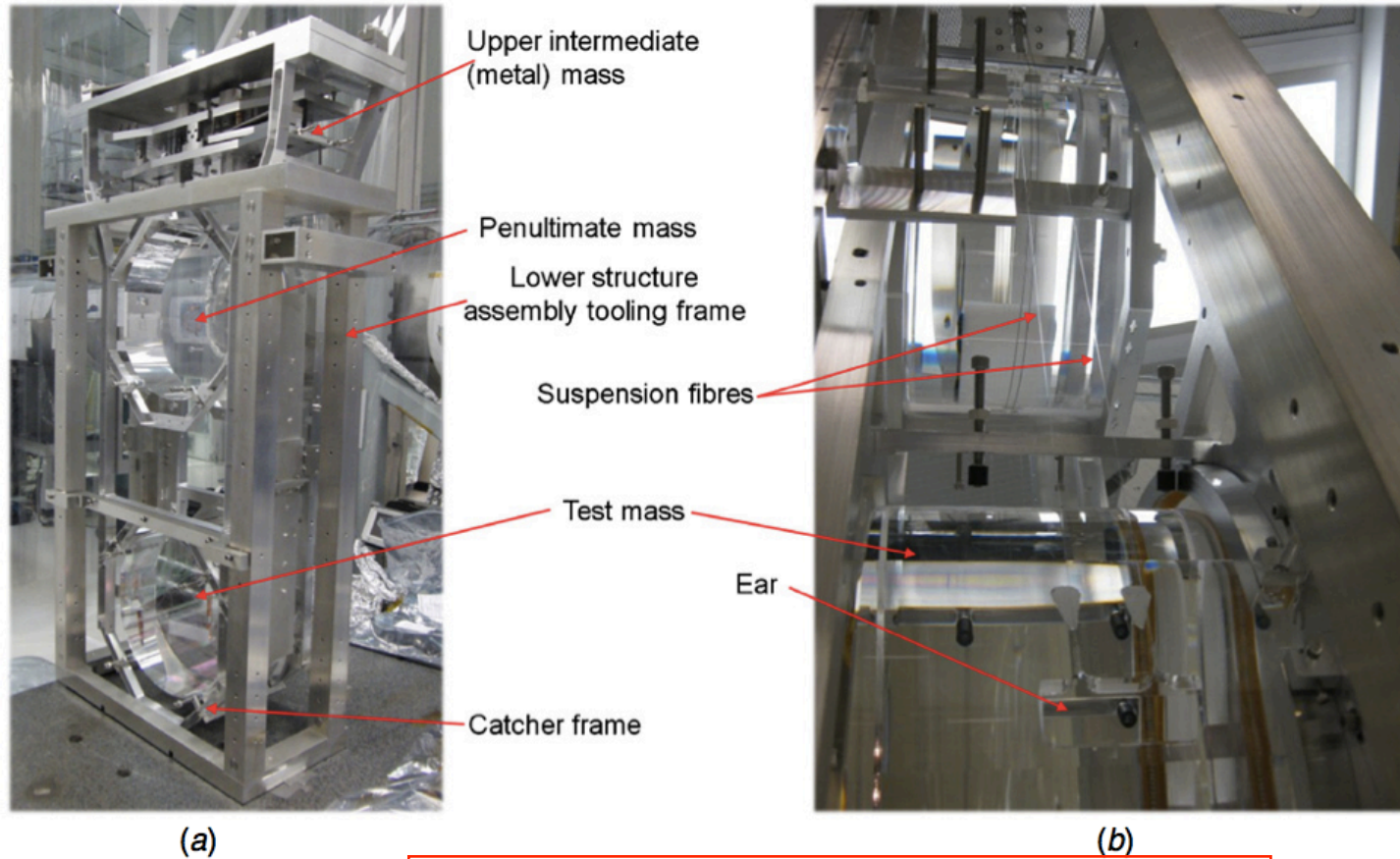
# aLIGO suspensions



A.V.Cumming et al., "Design and development of the Advanced LIGO monolithic fused silica suspension", Class Quantum Grav. 29 (2012) 035003



# Advanced LIGO suspensions



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# How to reduce the pendulum th. noise

$$x^2 = \frac{4k_B T \omega_0^2}{m} \phi_P \cdot \frac{1}{\omega^5}$$

$$x^2 \sim \omega_0^2 \sim \frac{1}{L} \quad \text{Thermal noise decreases when pendulum length increases}$$

$$\phi_P = \phi_{\text{tor}} \frac{m \omega \sqrt{I \epsilon I}}{2 m g L} \sim \sqrt{m} \quad \begin{matrix} I \sim m \\ I \sim m^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \quad \text{Thermal noise decreases when mass increases}$$

How to reduce the pendulum thermal noise

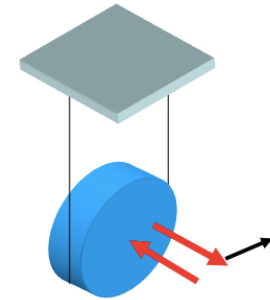
- ❑ Decrease dissipation (steel wires → fused silica fibers)  $x \sim \text{loss}^{1/2}$
- ❑ Increase length (Advanced Virgo ~ 0.7 m):  $x \sim \text{length}^{-1/2}$
- ❑ Increase mass (Advanced Virgo 40 kg):  $x \sim m^{-1/4}$
- ❑ Decrease temperature → Cryogenics:  $x \sim T^{1/2}$





# Mirror thermal noise

- ❑ Mirror = continuum system
- ❑ 2 ways to apply the Fluctuation/dissipation theorem to a mirror:
  - ❑ Decomposition in normal modes → application of the FDT at each mode and sum of the modes
  - ❑ Direct application of the thermal noise to the interferometer's observable (the equivalent displacement induced by the phase shift)



$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \int I(\vec{r}) n(\vec{r}, t) dS && \text{For a gaussian beam} \\
 &\uparrow && I(\vec{r}) = \alpha e^{-2r^2/w^2} \\
 &\text{observable} && \\
 \\ 
 x^2(\omega) &= \underbrace{\frac{4k_B T}{\omega^2} \text{Re}[\chi(\omega)]}_{\text{Fluctuation-dissipation theorem}} = \frac{8k_B T}{\omega^2} \frac{W_{\text{diss}}}{|F(\omega)|^2} && \text{Force with a gaussian profile} \\
 &&& \uparrow \\
 &&& \text{Energy stored in the mirror when it is subject to a constant "gaussian" force} \\
 \\ 
 n S_{\text{diss}}(\omega) &= \omega \phi(\omega) U_{\text{max}}(\omega) \\
 U_{\text{max}} &= \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{2\sqrt{\pi} E_0 w} |F(\omega)|^2 && \text{Energy stored in the mirror when it is subject to a constant "gaussian" force} \\
 \\ 
 \Rightarrow x^2(\omega) &= \frac{4k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi} E_0 w} \phi(\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

A. Gillespie and F. Raab, *Thermally excited vibrations of the mirrors of laser interferometric gravitational-wave detectors*, Phys. Rev. D **52**, 577-585 (1995).

F. Bondu and J.-Y. Vinet, *Mirror thermal noise in interferometric gravitational-wave detectors*, Phys. Lett. A **198**, 74-78 (1995)

Y. Levin, *Internal thermal noise in the LIGO test masses: A direct approach*, Phys. Rev. D **57**, 659-663 (1998).



# Thermo-elastic noise

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V. B. Braginsky, M. L. Gorodetsky, S. P. Vyatchanin, *Thermodynamical fluctuations and photo- thermal shot noise in gravitational wave antennae*, Phys. Lett. A **264**, 1-10 (1999).

$$\langle \delta T^2 \rangle = \frac{\kappa T^2}{\rho C V},$$

Temperature fluctuations → hot and cold spots inside the test mass  
Thermal expansion → position « seen » by laser beam fluctuates

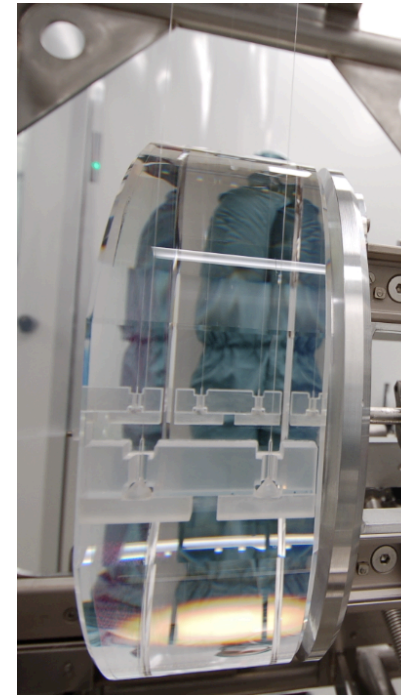
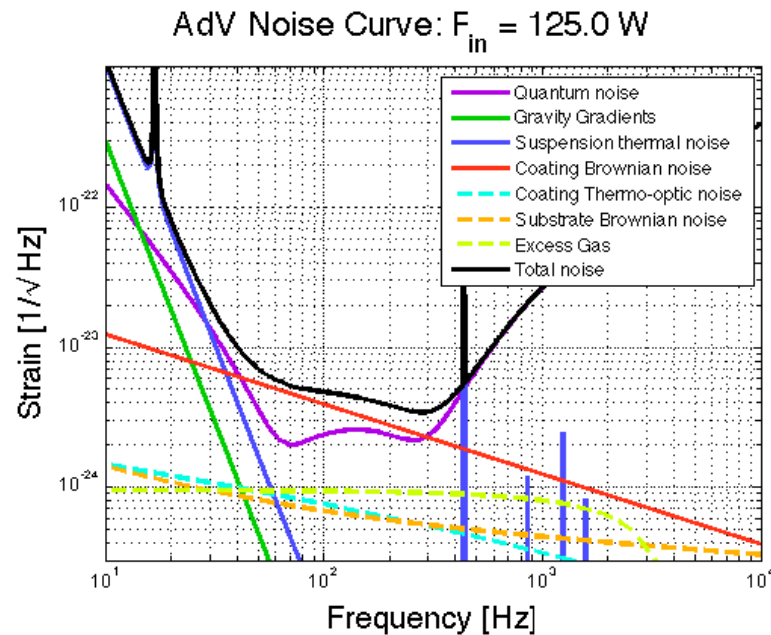
$$S_{\text{TD}}(\omega) \simeq \frac{8}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \alpha^2 (1 + \sigma)^2 \frac{\kappa T^2}{\rho C} \frac{a^2}{r_0^3} \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$





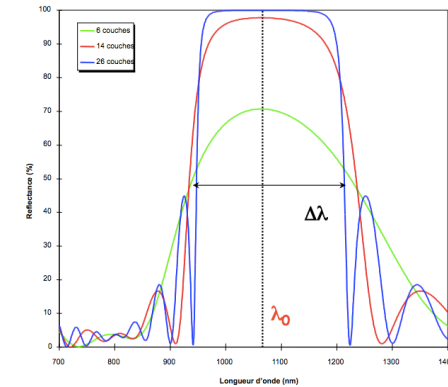
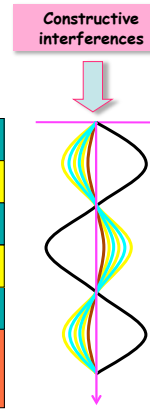
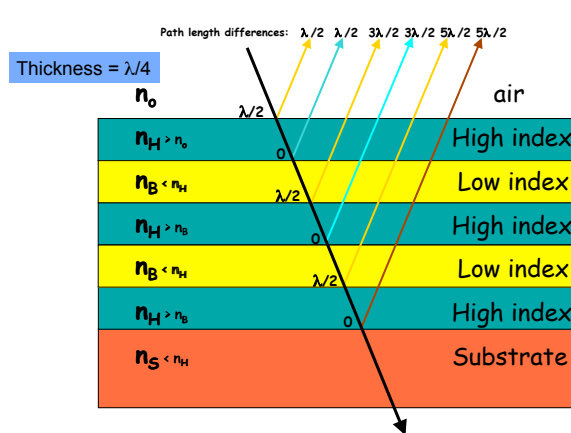
# Substrate for aLIGO and AdVirgo

- ❑ Fused silica is used in Virgo/Advanced Virgo – LIGO/Advanced LIGO
  - ❑ Low optical absorption ( $<1$  ppm)
  - ❑ Low birefringence
  - ❑ High homogeneity
  - ❑ Low mechanical losses ( $\phi \sim 10^{-9}$ )



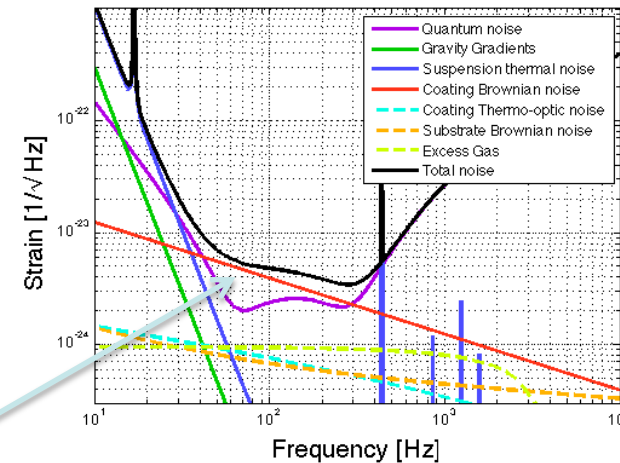


# Mirror = substrate + coating



Credit: LMA, [www.lma.in2p3.fr](http://www.lma.in2p3.fr)

AdV Noise Curve:  $F_{in} = 125.0 \text{ W}$



The performances of a km scale interferometer are limited by  $\sim 5$  micron surface coating !



# Coating thermal noise

$$x^2(\omega) = \frac{4k_B T}{\omega} \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{\pi E_0} \frac{d}{\omega^2} \left( \frac{E_0}{E_\perp} \phi_\perp(\omega) + \frac{E_\parallel}{E_\parallel} \phi_\parallel(\omega) \right)$$

Handwritten annotations for the equation above:

- coating thickness (points to  $d$ )
- loss angle coating (points to  $\phi_\perp(\omega)$  and  $\phi_\parallel(\omega)$ )
- beam radius (points to  $\omega^2$ )
- Young modulus substrate (points to  $E_0$ )
- Young modulus coating (points to  $E_\perp$  and  $E_\parallel$ )

$$x \sim \frac{1}{\omega} \quad x \sim \sqrt{\pi} \quad x \sim \sqrt{d} \quad x \sim \sqrt{\phi}$$

G. M. Harry, et al., *Thermal noise in interferometric gravitational wave detectors due to dielectric optical coatings*, Class. Quantum Grav. **19**, 897-917 (2002).

How to reduce mirror coating thermal noise

- ❑ Improve materials:
  - ❑ Decrease loss angle
  - ❑ Decrease coating thickness
- ❑ Reduce the coupling with the laser beam (increase beam size, change the shape of the beam)
- ❑ Other (remove the coating, Khalili cavities,...)

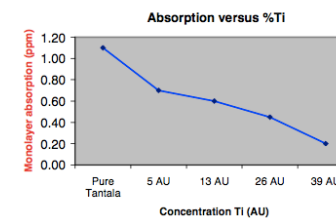
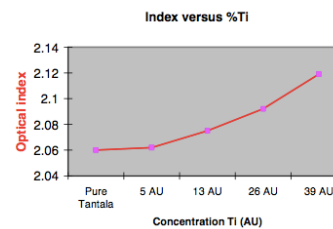


# Coatings for second generation detectors

- ❑  $\lambda/4$  Layers of silica (low index) +  $\lambda/4$  Layers of  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  - tantalum pentoxide, or tantala (high index)
- ❑ Loss angle dominated by high index material (by one order of magnitude)
- ❑ Important parameters: mechanical losses, absorption, stress
- ❑ Different materials tried, different concentrations

	Refraction index	Absorption (ppm)	Mechanical losses
$\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$	2.035	1.22	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ : Co	2.11	5000	$11 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ : W	2.07	2.45	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ : W+Ti	2.06	1.65	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ : Ti	2.07	0.5	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Study of coating mechanical and optical losses in view of reducing mirror thermal noise in gravitational wave detectors, Flaminio et al., CQG 27, 8 (2010)



Best loss angle value for tantala doped with Titanium:  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$

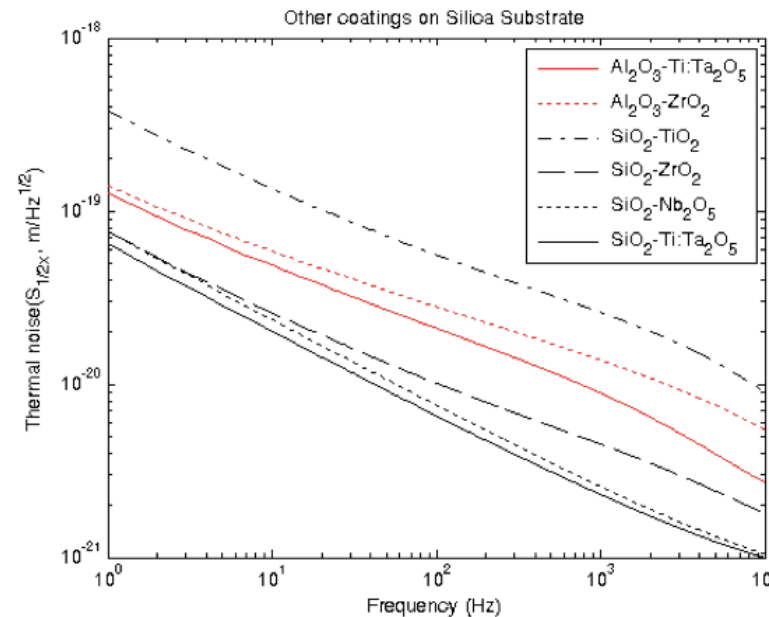


# Other amorphous materials

- The high index material (tantala) dominates the losses → try to replace it with other high index materials

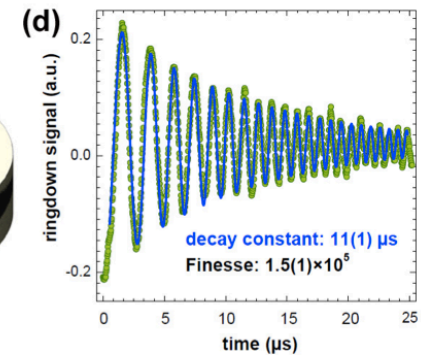
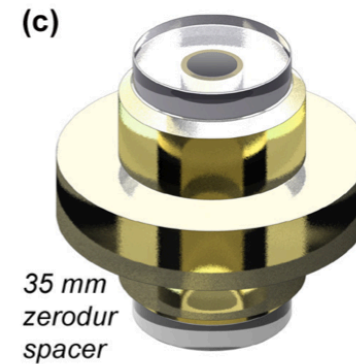
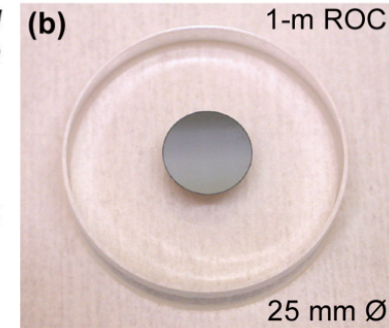
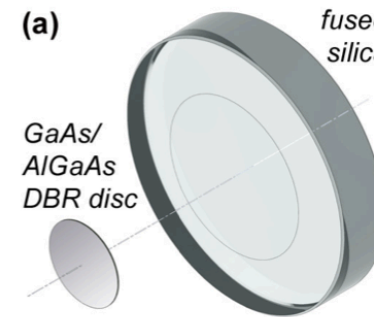
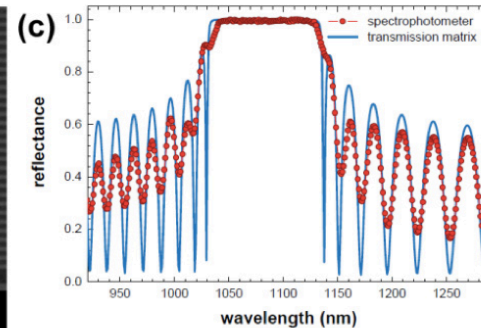
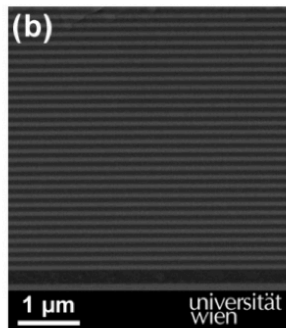
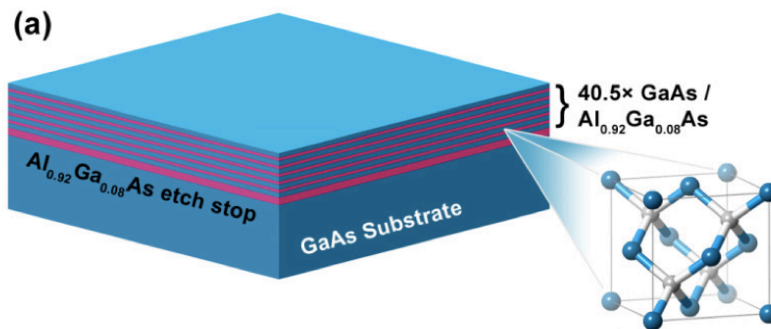
Coating	Refraction index	Absorption (ppm)	Mechanical losses	Stress (MPa)
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	2.10	11	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	-1780
ZrO <sub>2</sub> : Ti	2.15	37	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	-180
ZrO <sub>2</sub> : W	2.12	10	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	-600

Study of coating mechanical and optical losses in view of reducing mirror thermal noise in gravitational wave detectors, Flaminio et al., CQG 27, 8 (2010)





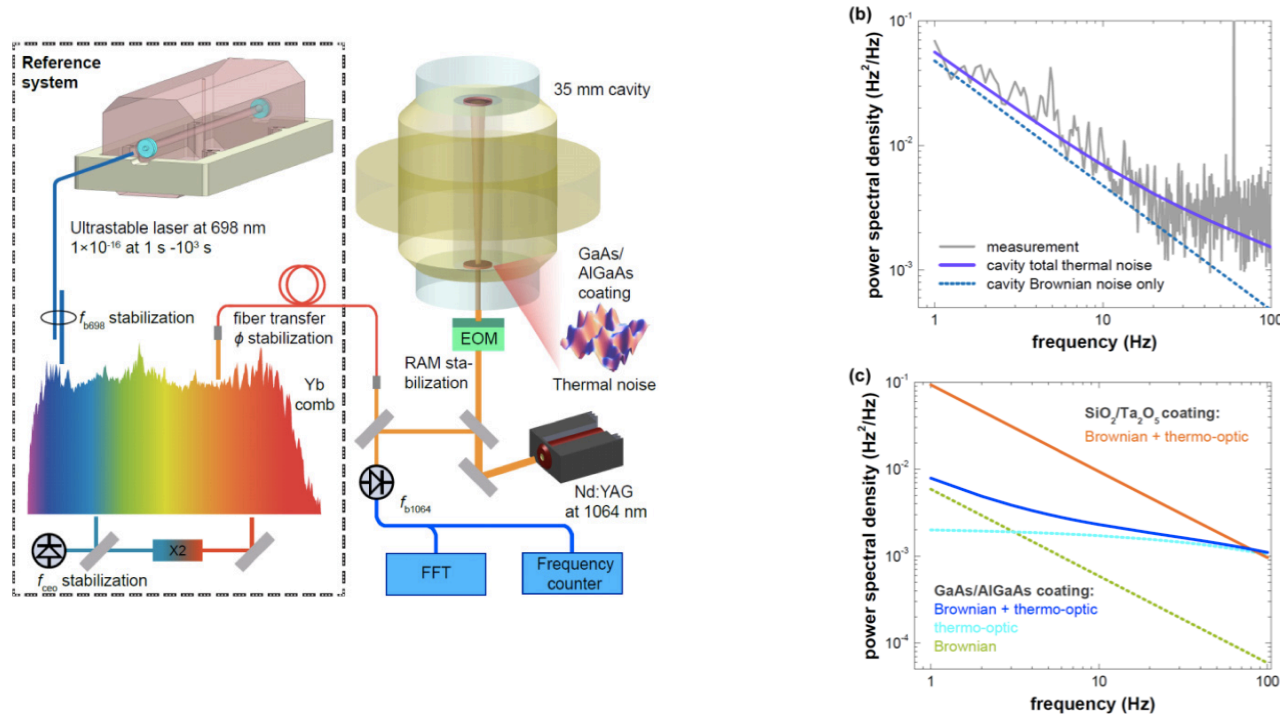
# Crystalline coatings: recent results



G.D. Cole et al, Tenfold reduction of Brownian noise in optical interferometry, Cole et al, arXiv:1302.6489, 2013



# Crystalline coatings/2: TN measurement



- Extrapolation of coating thermal noise  $\rightarrow$  Loss angle =  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  ( $\sim 10$  improvement)
- Potential improvements in the thermal noise  $\sim \times 3$
- Check absorption, scattering, possibility to realize large mirrors

G.D. Cole et al, Tenfold reduction of Brownian noise in optical interferometry, Cole et al, arXiv:1302.6489, 2013





Bigger  
beams

# Improving CTN using optical methods

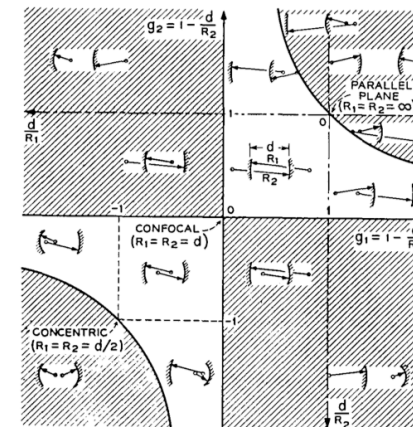
$$x \sim \frac{1}{\omega} \quad x \sim \sqrt{\pi} \quad x \sim \sqrt{d} \quad x \sim \sqrt{\phi}$$



Credit: LMA, [www.lma.in2p3.fr](http://www.lma.in2p3.fr)

## Limitations:

- ❑ Mirror technology (Advanced Virgo 35 cm diameter mirrors with sub nm flatness)
- ❑ For a factor 10 improvement, beam radius = 50 cm, beam diameter = 50 x 5 = 2.5 m !
- ❑ For a given length → max beam allowed to avoid instabilities
  - ❑ For a 3 km cavity, 5 cm radius already very near the instability
  - ❑ For ET (10 km), 9 cm beam radius: improvement ~ 1.3



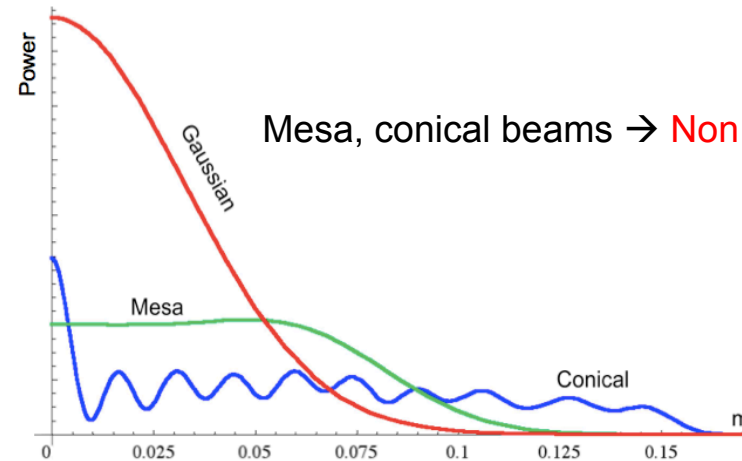
Kogelnik and Li, Applied Optics, Vol. 5, N.10, 1966





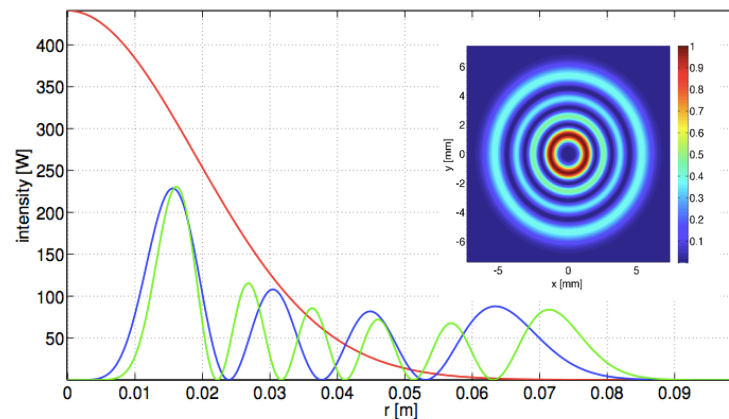
# Ways to improve the CTN: beam shape/1

M.Tarallo et al., Generation of a flat-top laser beam for gravitational wave detectors by means of a nonspherical Fabry-Perot resonator, Applied Optics, Vol. 46, Issue 26, pp. 6648-6654 (2007)



Mesa, conical beams → Non spherical mirrors

## Laguerre-Gauss modes



$$u_p^\ell(r, \phi, z) = \sqrt{\frac{2P}{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{p!}{(p+|\ell|)!}} \frac{1}{w(z)} \exp\left[\frac{-r^2}{w^2(z)}\right]$$

$$\times \left(\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)}\right)^{|\ell|/2} L_p^{|\ell|}\left(\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)}\right) \exp[-i\ell\phi]$$

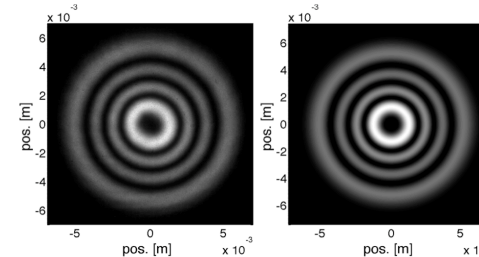
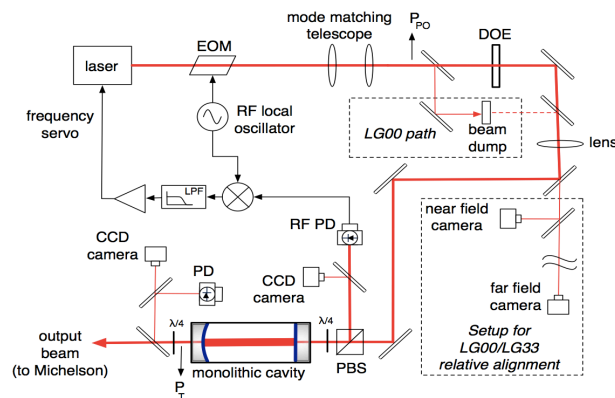
$$\times \exp\left[-i\left(k\left(z + \frac{r^2}{2R(z)}\right) - (2p + |\ell| + 1)\Phi_G\right)\right]$$

Mours et al., Thermal noise reduction in interferometric gravitational wave antennas: using high order TEM mode, CQG 23 (2006) 5777-5784



# Ways to improve the CTN: beam shape/2

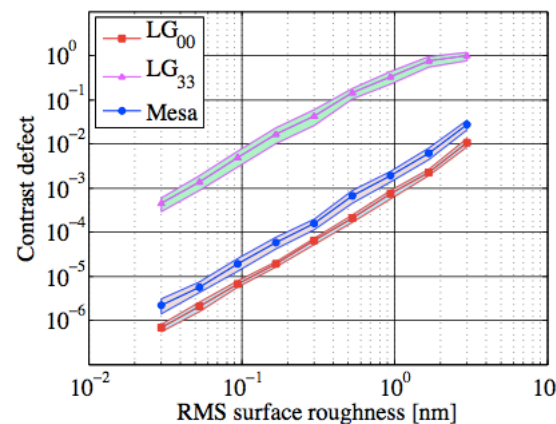
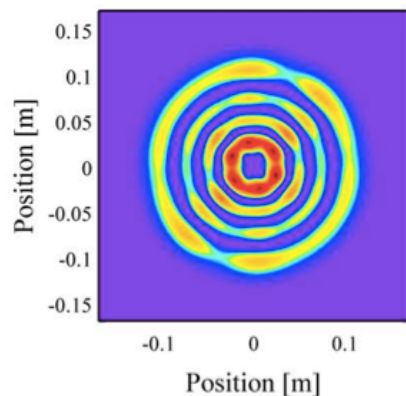
Promising results in table top experiments



M.Granata et al., Higher-Order Laguerre-Gauss Mode Generation and Interferometry for Gravitational Wave Detectors, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 231102 (2010)

L.Carbone et al., Generation of high-purity higher-order Laguerre-Gauss beams at high laser power, arXiv:1303.3627, 2013

Problem of the degeneracy



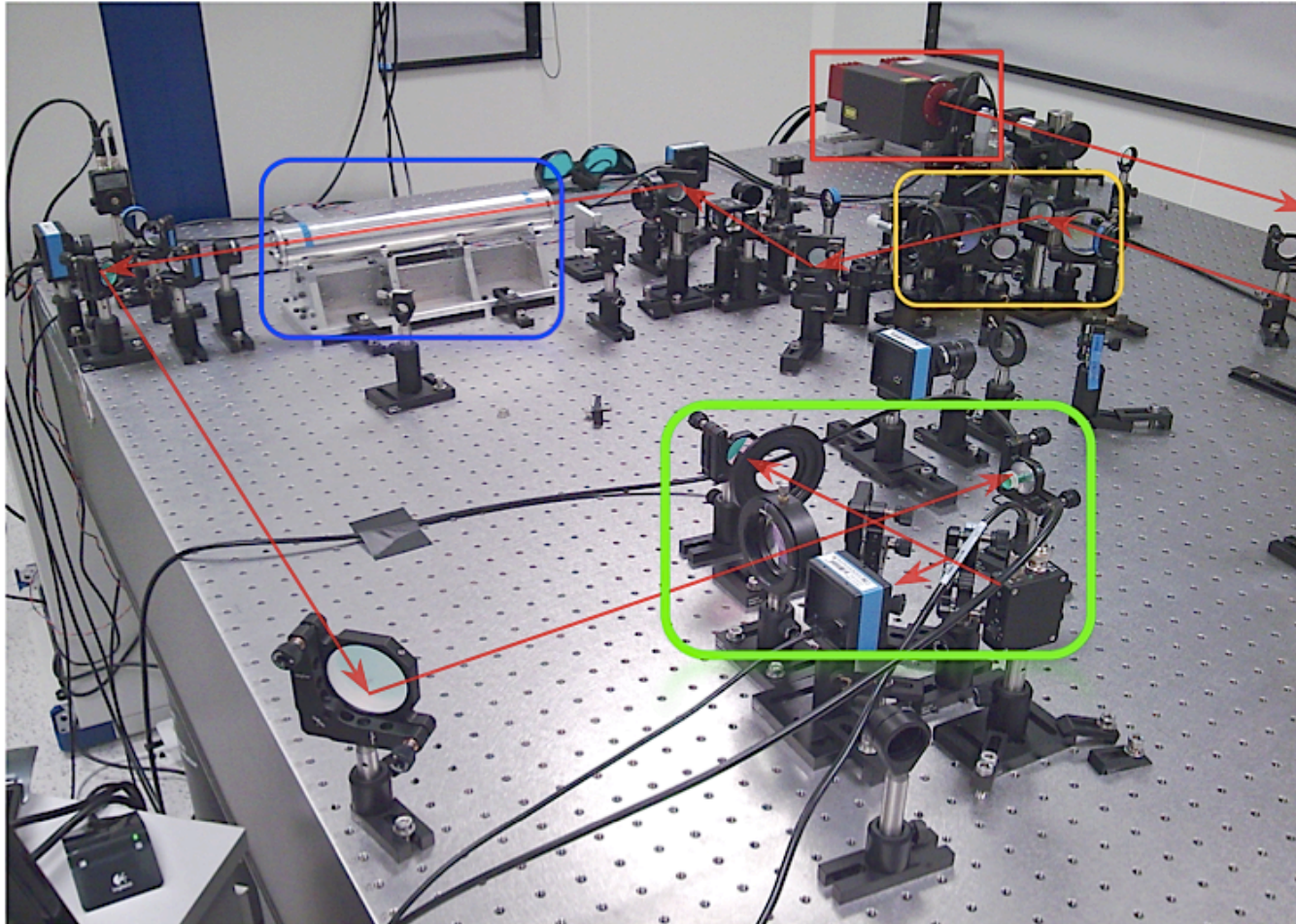
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R.Day et al., Reduction of higher order mode generation in large scale gravitational wave interferometers by central heating residual aberration correction, PRD Volume 87 Issue 8, 2013



# APC experiment

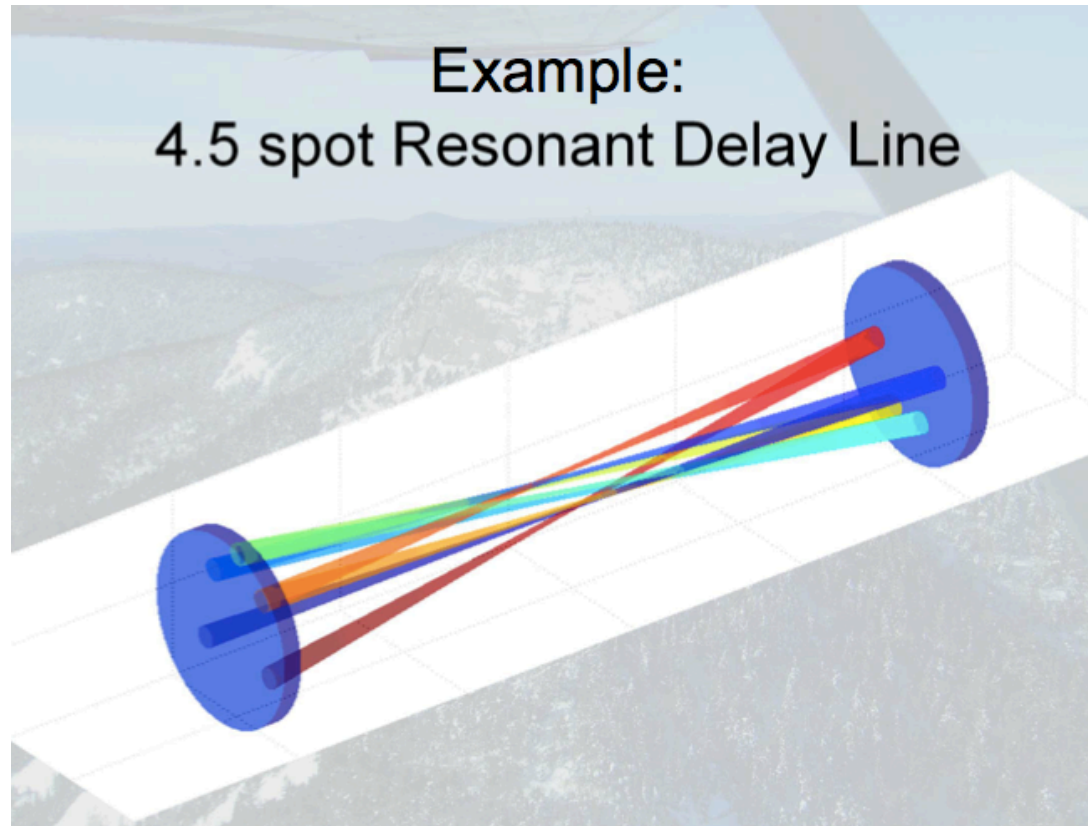
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## Ways to improve the CTN: multiple beams

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S.Ballmer, presentation at the GWADW  
2013, Elba, Italy



# Cryogenics

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impedance

$$F_{Tn}^2(\omega) = 4k_B T \operatorname{Re} [z(\omega)] = 4k_B T \operatorname{Re} [F(\omega)/v(\omega)]$$
$$x^2 = \frac{4k_B T}{\omega^2} \operatorname{Re} [z^{-1}(\omega)]$$

Admittance



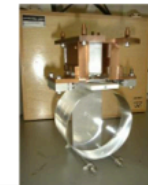


# Cryogenics



## History of cryogenic mirrors in Japan

**1997** *Stating of feasibility study at KEK.  
Sapphire mirror & fiber suspension.*



10cm

7m

**2001** *CLIK: Control of cryogenic  
Fabry-Perot cavity at Kashiwa.*



**2002~** *CLIO: Sensitivity Improvement by  
Thermal noise reduction by cooling.*



100m

**201?** *KAGRA: Detection of Gravitational  
wave.*



3000m

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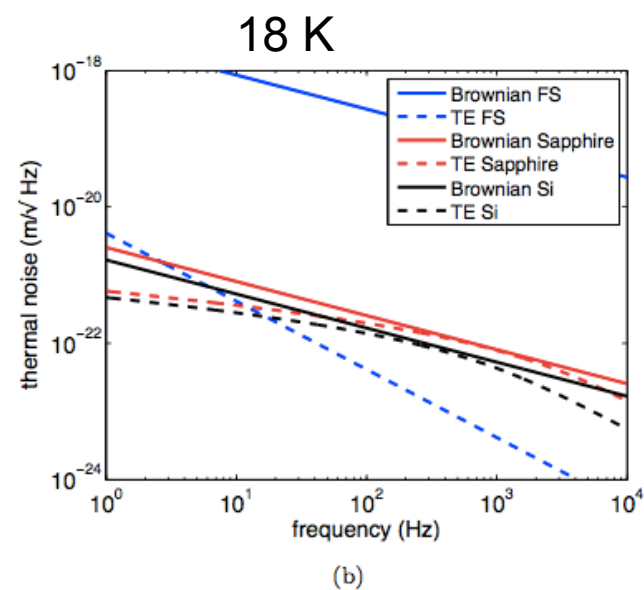
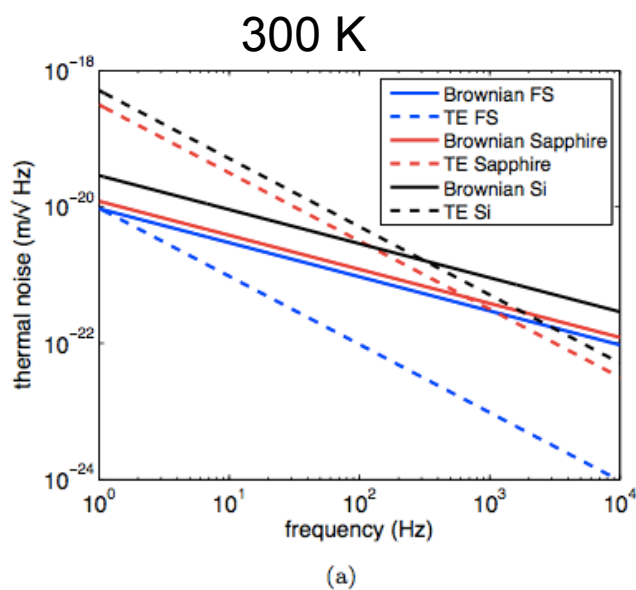
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O.Myakawa, GWADW Elba 2013

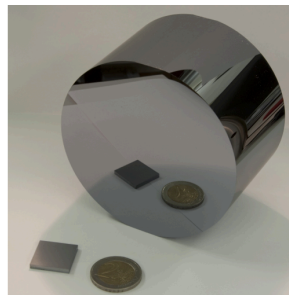


# Cryogenics

$$x^2(\omega) = \frac{4 h B T^3}{\omega^2} \frac{1 - \sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi} \epsilon_0 N} \phi(\omega)$$

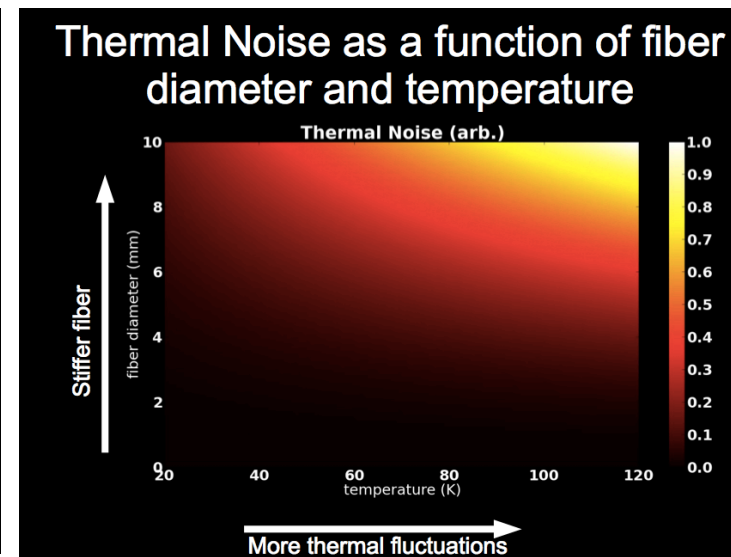
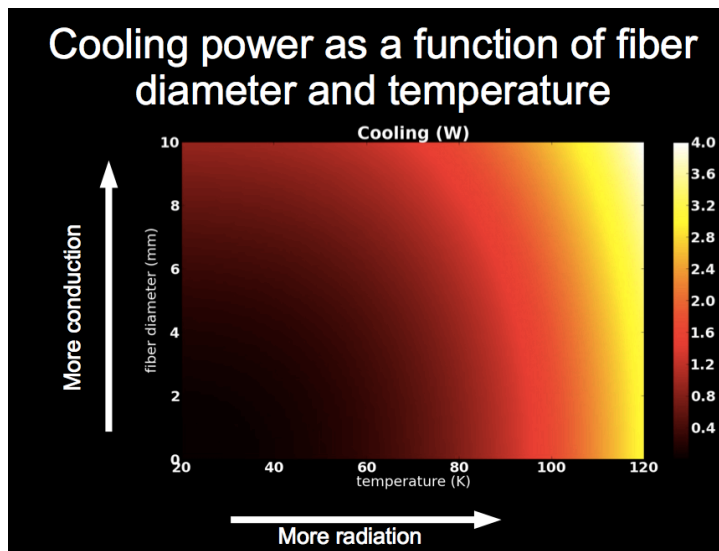
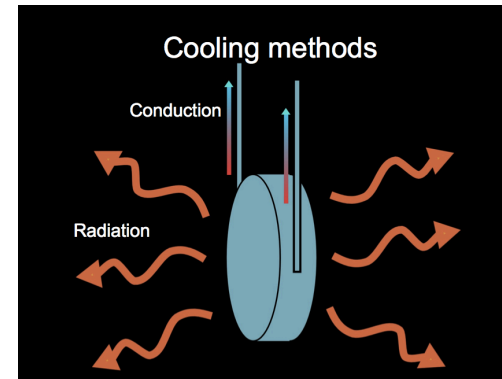
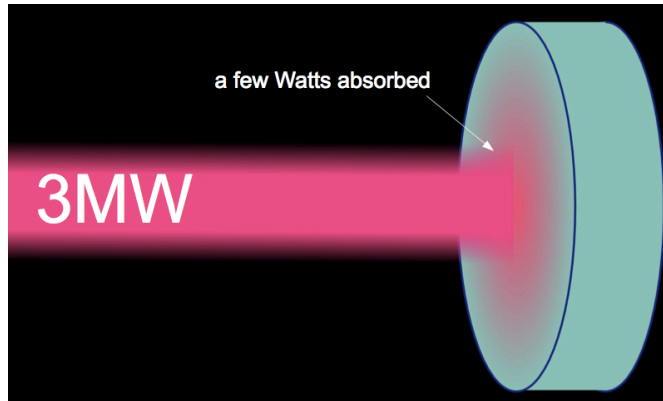


Einstein Telescope conceptual design study, [www.et-gw.eu](http://www.et-gw.eu)





# Cryogenics



N.Smith-Lefebvre, presentation at GWADW 2013, Elba, Italy





# Different approaches for cryogenics

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## Temperature and cooling trade-off

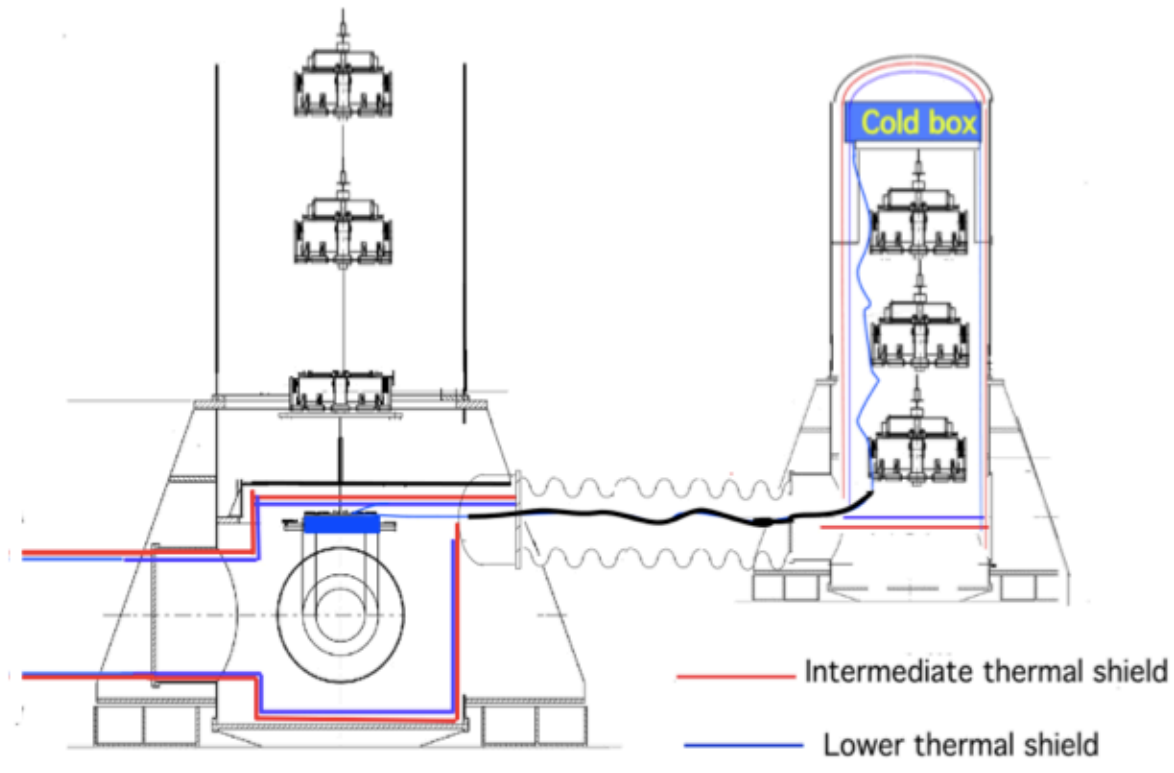
- Differing approaches
- KAGRA - Sapphire 20K Thick fibers (higher thermal noise than thin)
- ET - Silicon 20K Low power (requires two independent interferometers)
- LIGO3 Blue - Silicon 120K radiative cooling (not as cold)

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# Isolated cryostat for Einstein Telescope

Einstein Telescope design, 18 K



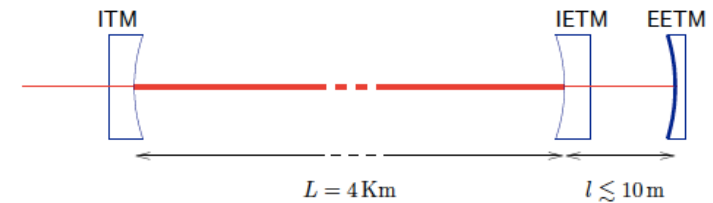
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# Other methods to reduce thermal noise

- ❑ Khalili cavities
- ❑ Waveguide grating mirrors
- ❑ ...
- ❑ ...

F.Khalili, Reducing the mirrors coating noise in laser gravitational-wave antennae by means of double mirrors, Phys.Lett A334 (2005)



For a review on the thermal noise:  
Optical Coatings and Thermal Noise in Precision  
Measurement, Cambridge University Press, 2012



# Thermal noise summary

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- ❑ Huge progress, since '90 in the understanding of thermal noise in GW experiments (and other metrology experiment)
- ❑ Coating (a few micron of material on a 40 kg mirror) is the main limitation for future detectors
- ❑ **Materials**
  - ❑ Crystalline coatings are a promising direction with
- ❑ **Optical methods**
  - ❑ Small improvements ( $\sim 1.3$ - $1.5$ ) in increasing beam size (unless big increase in the length of the interferometer)
  - ❑ Non-gaussian beams: degeneracy problem to be addressed (Laguerre-Gauss) or non-spherical mirrors technology (flat beams)
  - ❑ Others...multiple beams.
- ❑ **Cryogenics**
  - ❑ need to change material: silicon or sapphire (silicon requires 1.5 micron lasers), evacuate heat, care in the cryostat isolation
  - ❑ different approaches (Kagra, LIGO-III, ET)



# The quantum noise

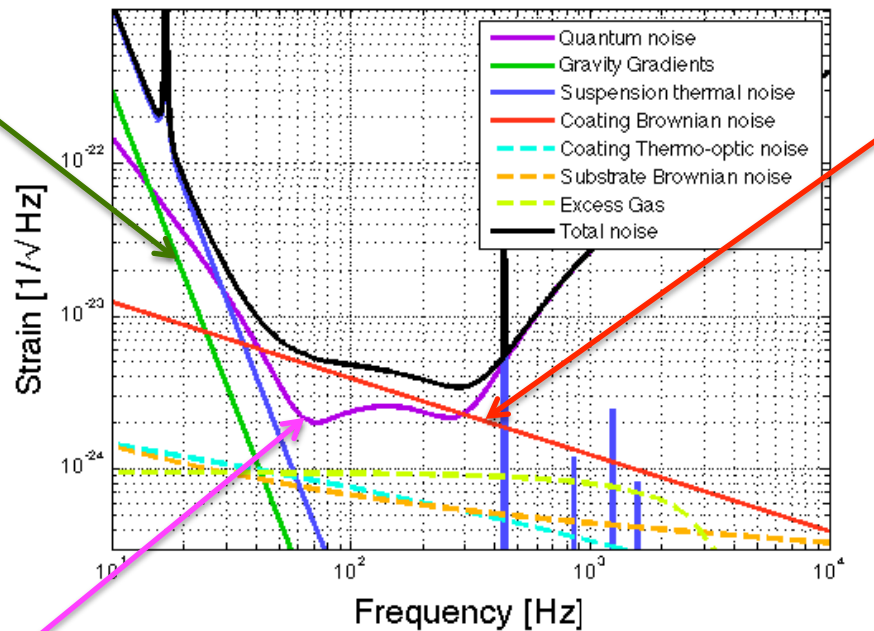
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# Noises limiting AdVirgo

Seismic and  
gravity  
gradient noise  
Geophysics

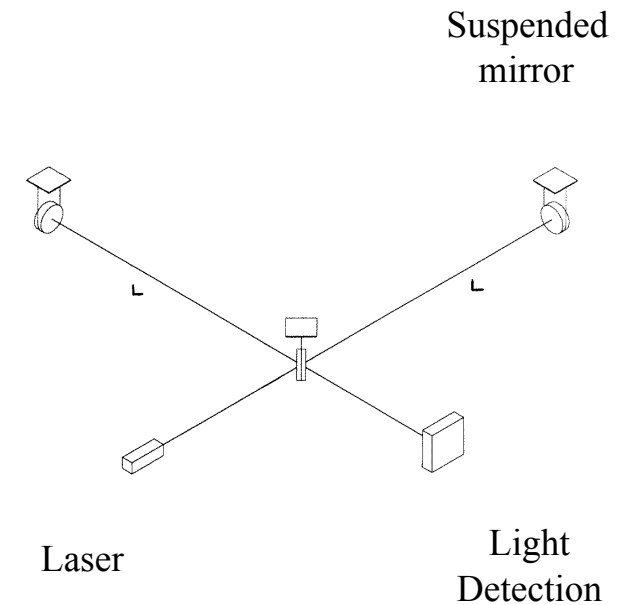
AdV Noise Curve:  $F_{in} = 125.0 \text{ W}$



Thermal noise  
Thermodynamics

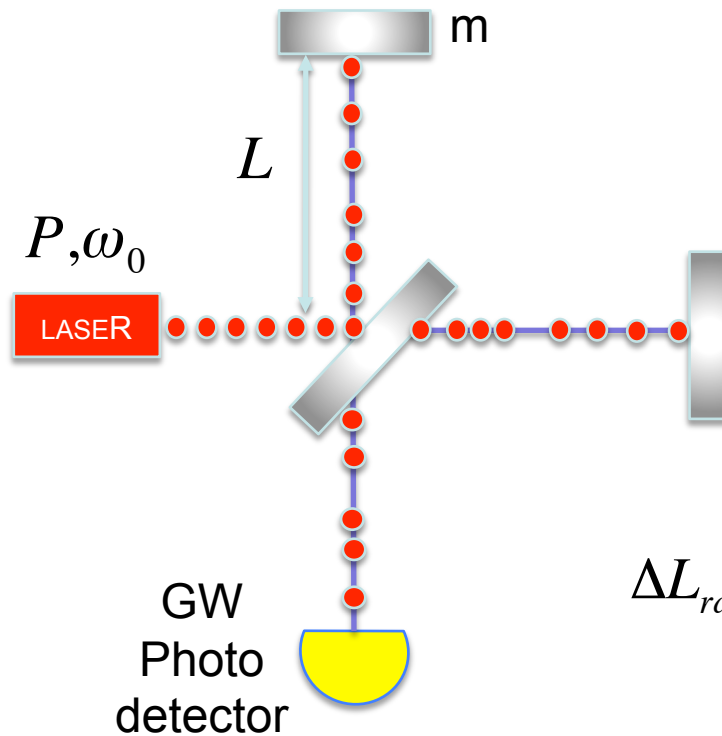
Quantum noise  
Quantum mechanics

Virgo Collaboration, Advanced  
Virgo technical design  
report, Virgo internal document  
VIR-0128A-12, 2012





# Quantum noise



- Photon counting noise (or shot noise)
  - Limitation on the precision you can make arm displacement
- Radiation pressure (back-action)
  - Additional displacement noise

$$\Delta L_{rad} = \frac{1}{cm\Omega^2} \sqrt{8\hbar P\omega_0}$$

Fourier frequency

$$\Delta L_{shot} = c \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2P\omega_0}}$$

Laser carrier frequency

$$\Delta L_{Quantum} = \sqrt{\Delta L_{rad}^2 + \Delta L_{shot}^2}$$

Credit: Lisa Barsotti, APS, Denver 2013



## Standard quantum limit (SQL)

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$$\Delta L_{\text{Quantum}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\hbar}{m\Omega^2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( K + \frac{1}{K} \right)}, \quad K = \frac{4P\omega_0}{c^2 m\Omega^2}$$

$$h_{\text{Quantum}} = \frac{\Delta L_{\text{Quantum}}}{L} = \sqrt{\frac{4\hbar}{m\Omega^2 L^2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( K + \frac{1}{K} \right)}$$

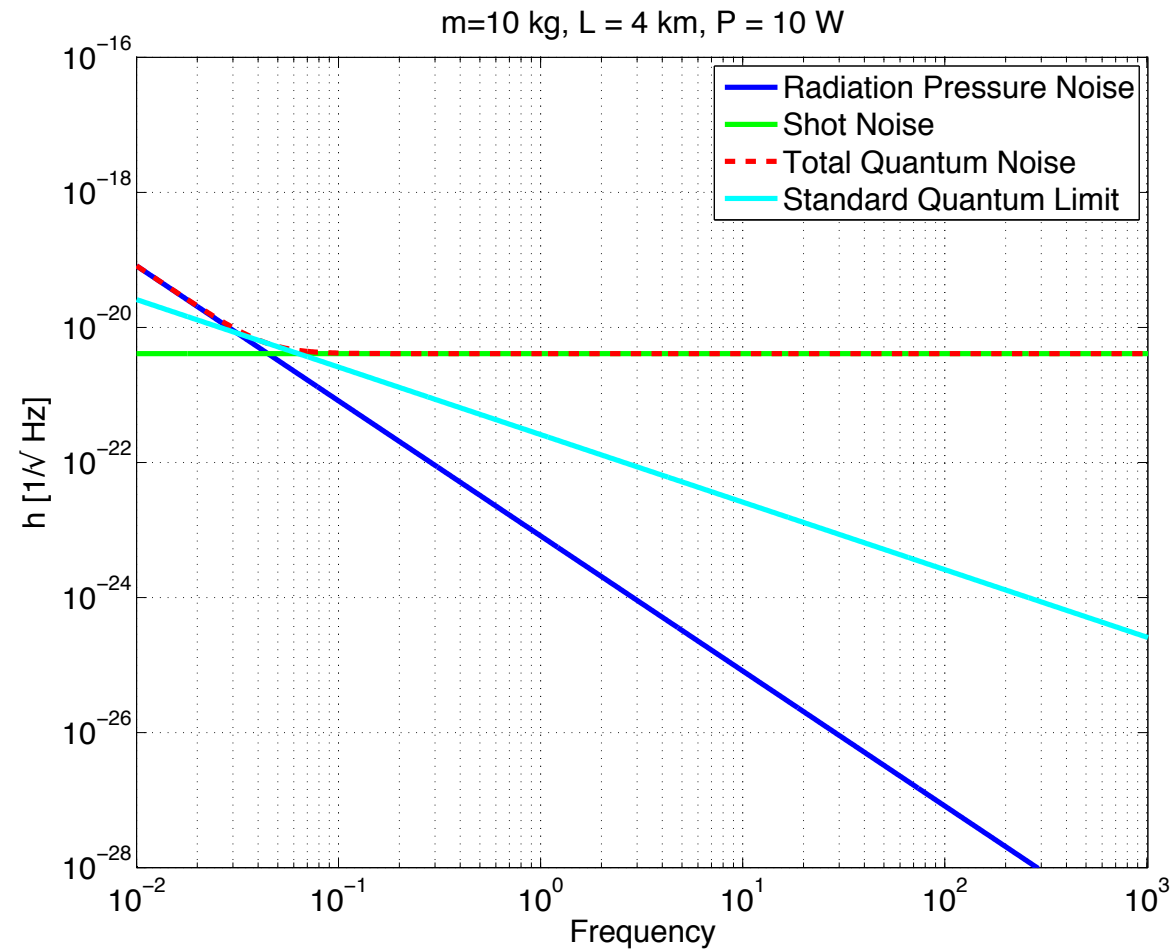
This can be derived also as a consequence of the Heisemberg principle





# SQL for a simple Michelson interferometer

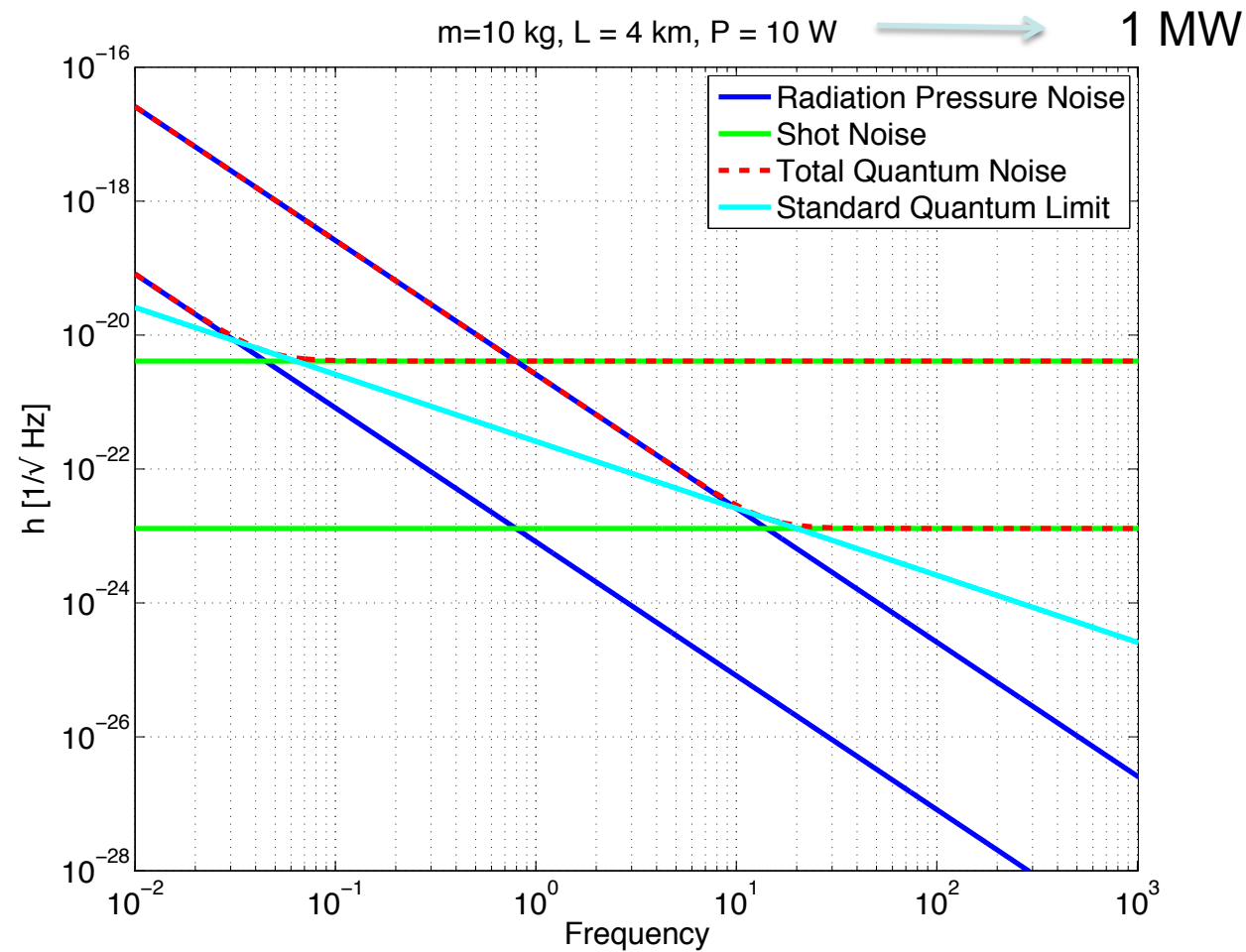
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# SQL for a simple Michelson interferometer

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# Easy ways to reduce quantum noise

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- ❑ Make your interferometer longer (  $h = \delta L/L$  )
  - ❑ Advanced Virgo 3km, ET 10 km
  - ❑ To do more...problems: Cost, tube, find a place, long cavities → large mirrors
  
- ❑ More power (to reduce shot noise) and heavier masses (to compensate for radiation pressure noise)
  - ❑ Virgo  $m=20$  kg → Advanced Virgo  $m=40$  kg, ET  $\sim 160$  kg
  - ❑ To do more...problems: technology, cost
  - ❑ Advanced Virgo  $\sim 700$  kW in the arms, ET  $\sim 3$  MW
  - ❑ To do more...problems: Thermal effects, radiation pressure driven instabilities



# Vacuum fluctuations

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### Quantum-Mechanical Radiation-Pressure Fluctuations in an Interferometer

Carlton M. Caves

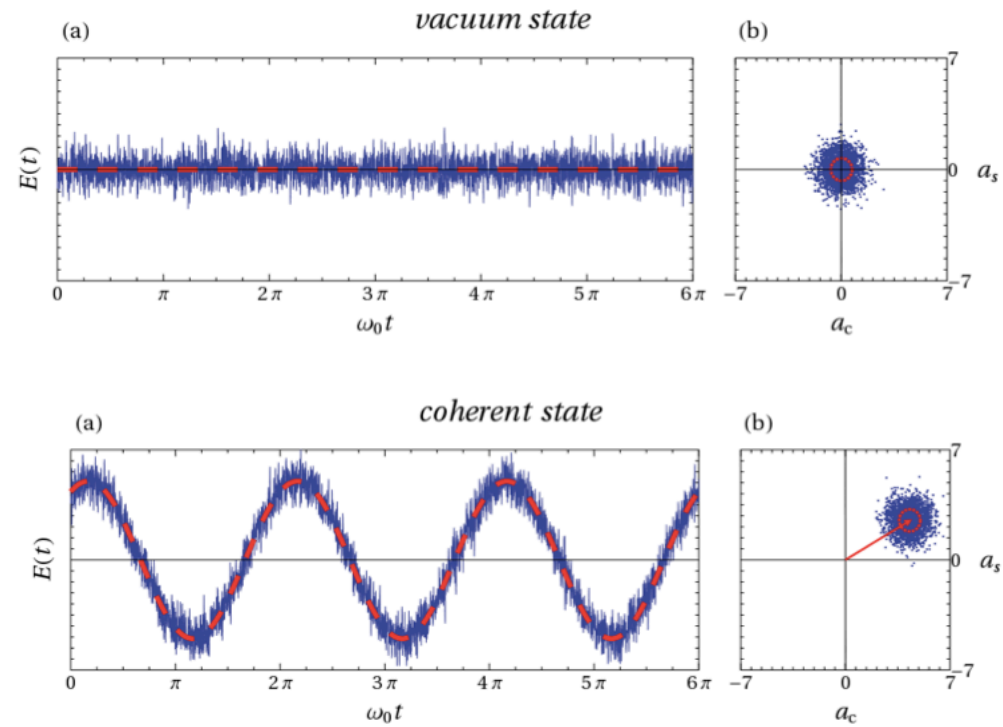
*W. K. Kellogg Radiation Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125*  
(Received 29 January 1980)

The interferometers now being developed to detect gravitational waves work by measuring small changes in the positions of free masses. There has been a controversy whether quantum-mechanical radiation-pressure fluctuations disturb this measurement. This Letter resolves the controversy: They do.

- ❑ Quantization of the e.m. field
  - ❑ Uncertainty principle applied to the two (amplitude and phase) field quadratures
  - ❑ Zero-point energy
- ❑ Zero-point Fluctuations entering in the interferometer from the anti-symmetric port generates shot noise and radiation pressure noise.



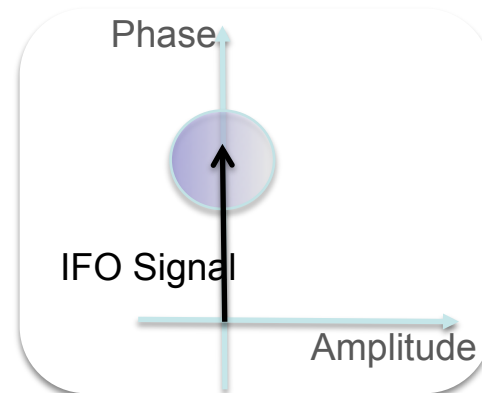
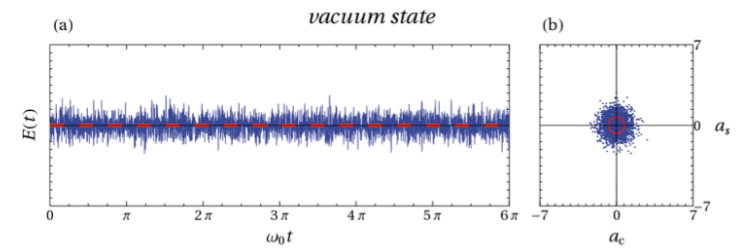
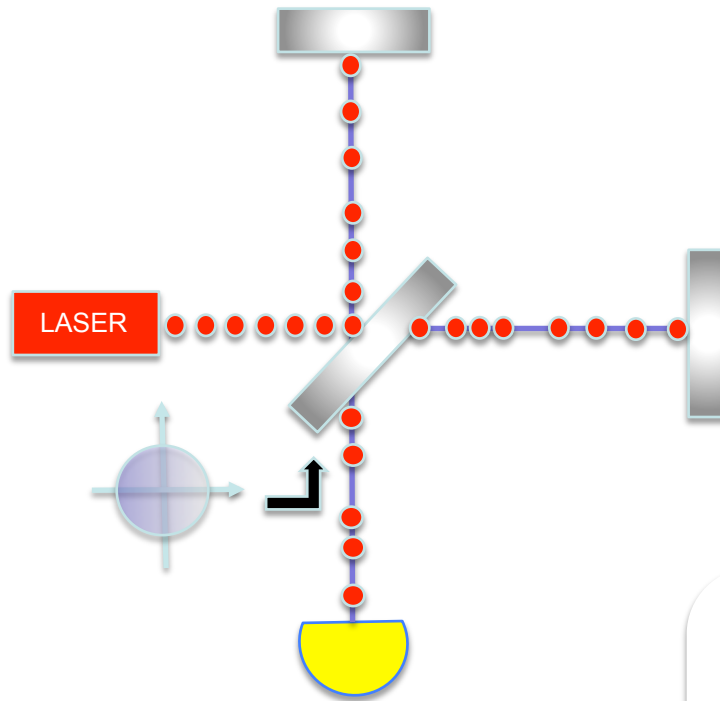
# Vacuum and coherent states



S.L. Danilishin and F.Y. Khalili Quantum  
Measurement Theory in Gravitational-Wave  
Detectors, Living Rev. Relativity, 15, (2012)

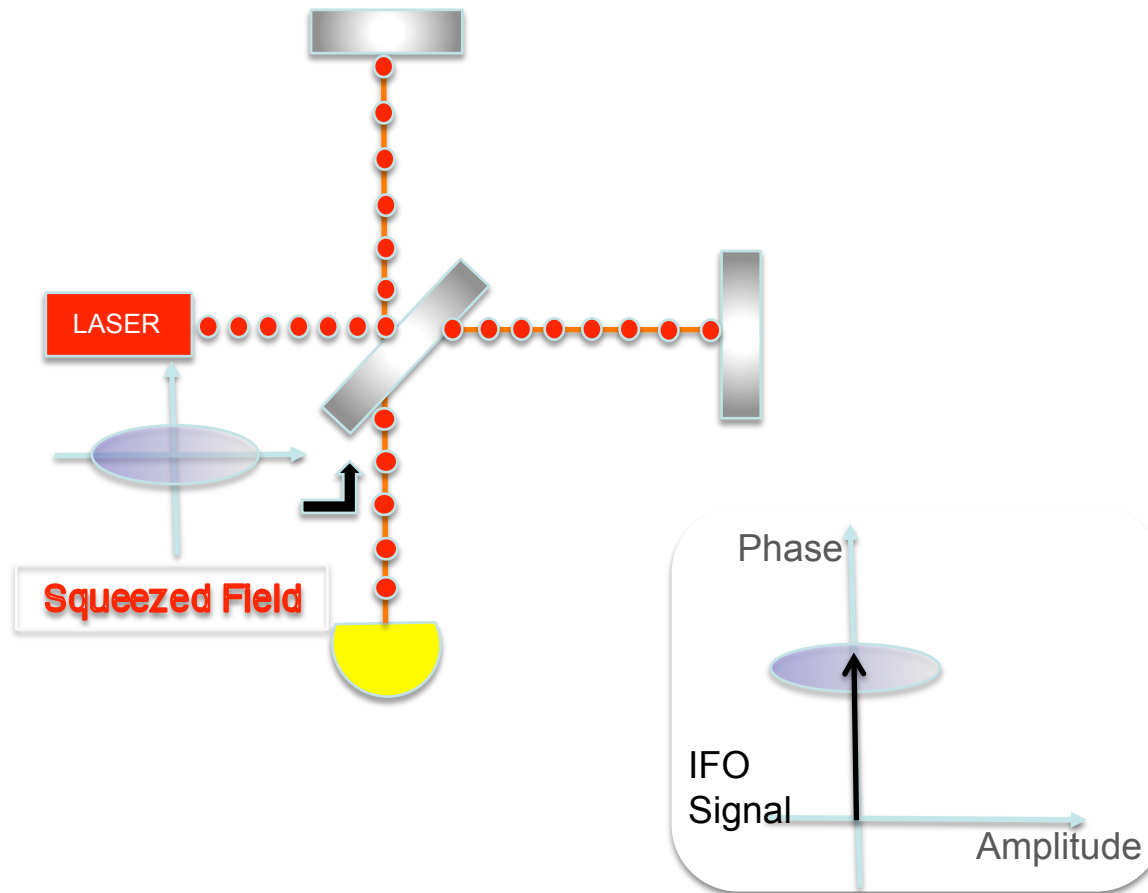


# Qu. noise given by zero-point fluctuations



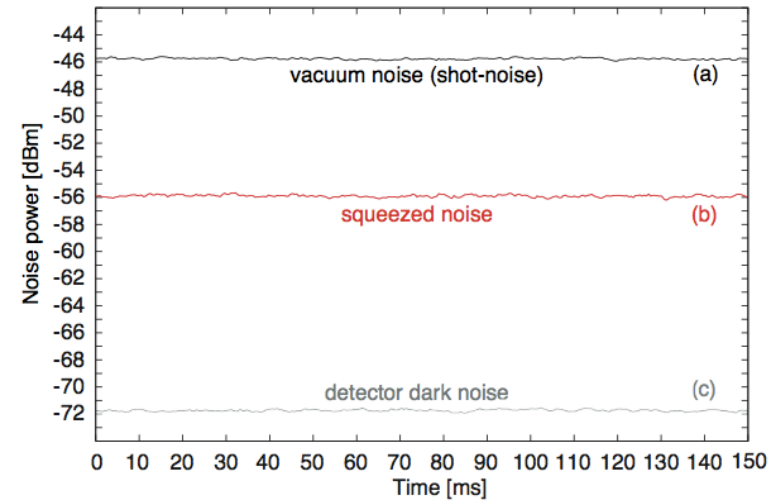
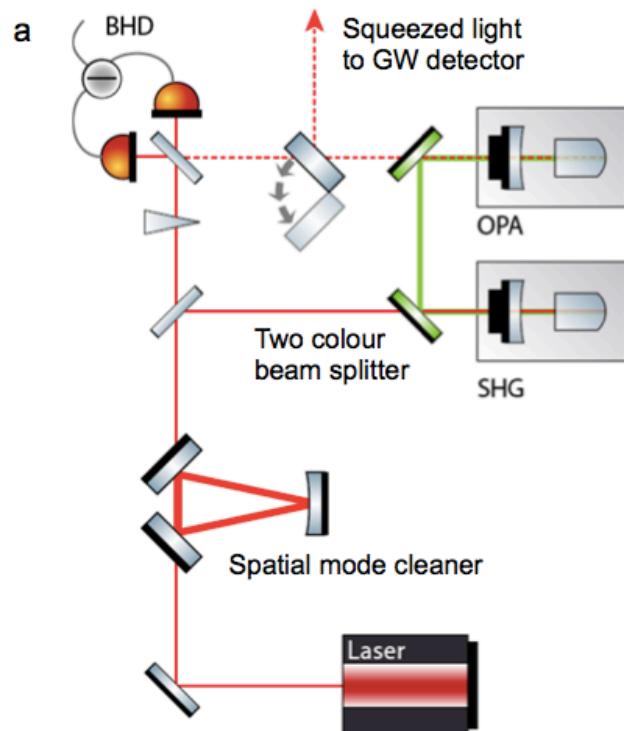


# Injecting squeezing in an interferometer





# How to produce squeezing

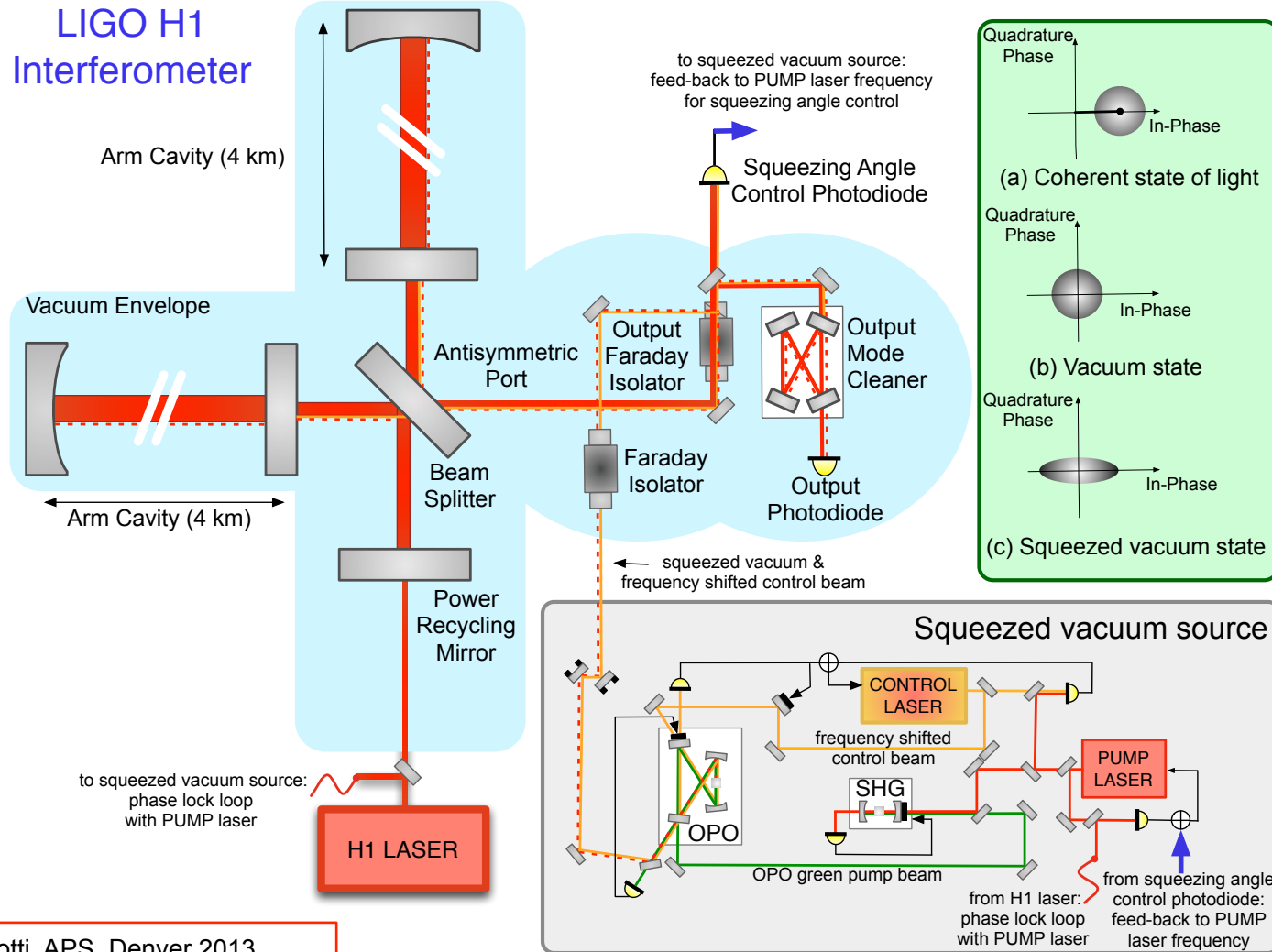


H.Vahlbruch et al., Observation of Squeezed Light with 10-dB Quantum-Noise Reduction, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 033602 (2008)





# Squeezing in LIGO Hanford

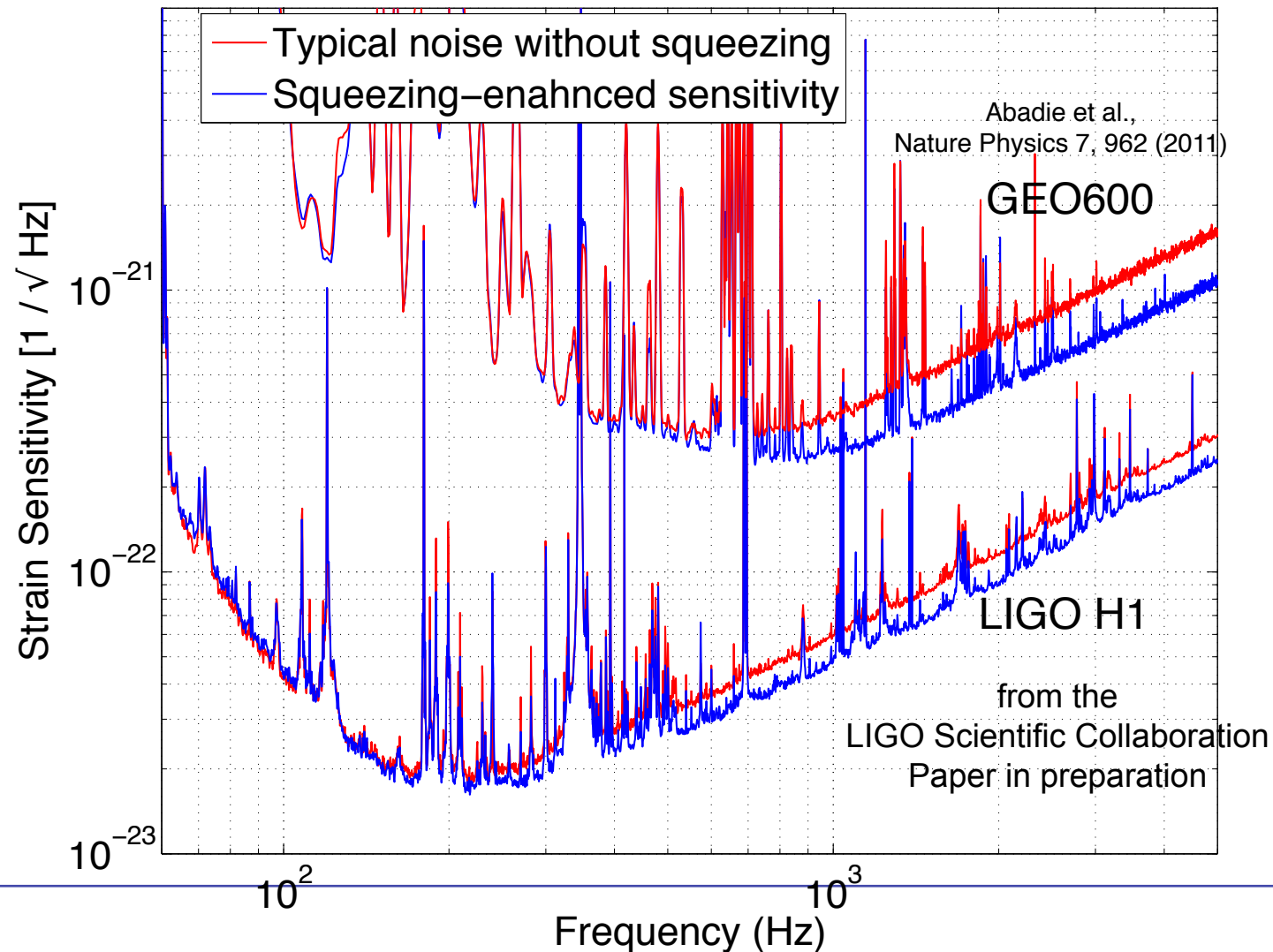


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# Squeezing in GEO and LIGO

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# Long term application of squeezing

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## First Long-Term Application of Squeezed States of Light in a Gravitational-Wave Observatory

H. Grote,<sup>1,\*</sup> K. Danzmann,<sup>1</sup> K.L. Dooley,<sup>1</sup> R. Schnabel,<sup>1</sup> J. Slutsky,<sup>1</sup> and H. Vahlbruch<sup>1</sup>

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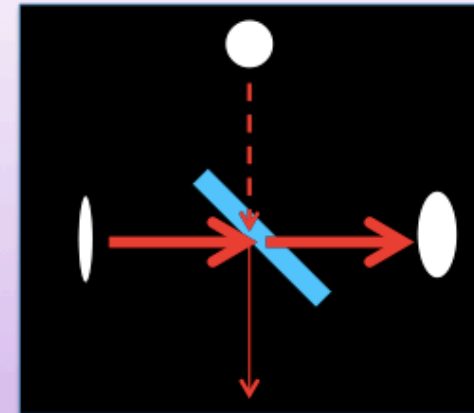
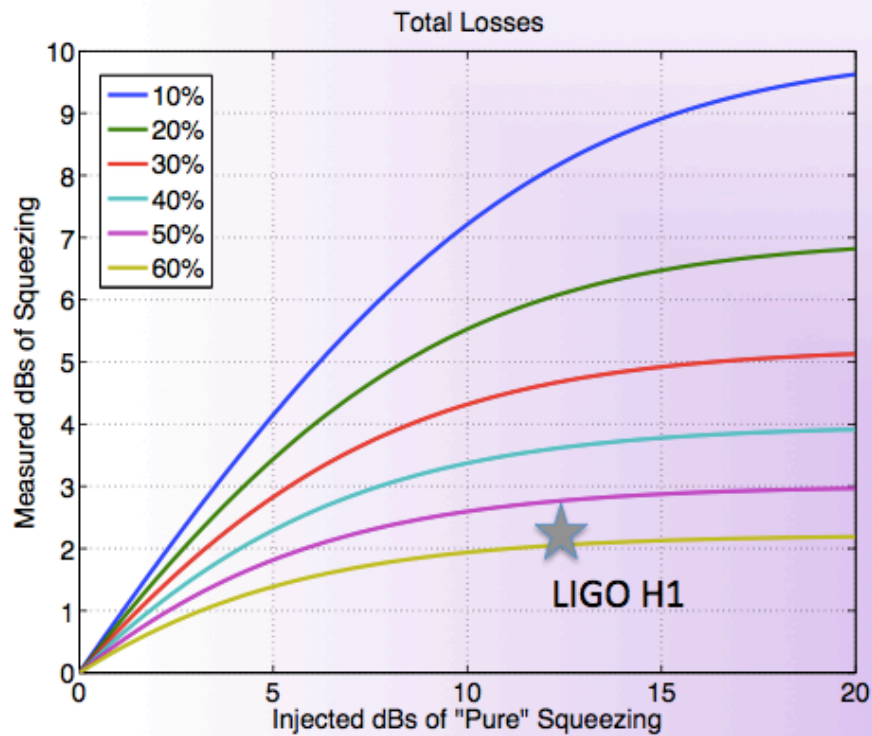
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We report on the first long-term application of squeezed vacuum states of light to improve the shot-noise-limited sensitivity of a gravitational-wave observatory. In particular, squeezed vacuum was applied to the German / British detector GEO 600 during a period of three months from June to August 2011, when GEO 600 was performing an observational run together with the French / Italian Virgo detector. In a second period squeezing application continued for about 11 months from November 2011 to October 2012. During this time, squeezed vacuum was applied for 90.2% (205.2 days total) of the time that science-quality data was acquired with GEO 600. Sensitivity increase from squeezed vacuum application was observed broad-band above 400 Hz. The time average of gain in sensitivity was 26 % (2.0 dB), determined in the frequency band from 3.7 kHz to 4.0 kHz. This corresponds to a factor of two increase in observed volume of the universe, for sources in the kHz region (e.g. supernovae, magnetars). We introduce three new techniques to enable stable long-term application of squeezed light, and show that the glitch-rate of the detector did not increase from squeezing application. Squeezed vacuum states of light have arrived as a permanent application, capable of increasing the astrophysical reach of gravitational-wave detectors.

arXiv: 1302.2188, 20123



# Squeezing and losses



Total losses ~ 56%

Largest Losses Sources:

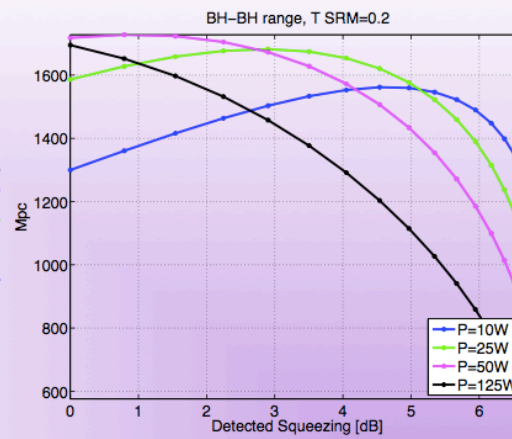
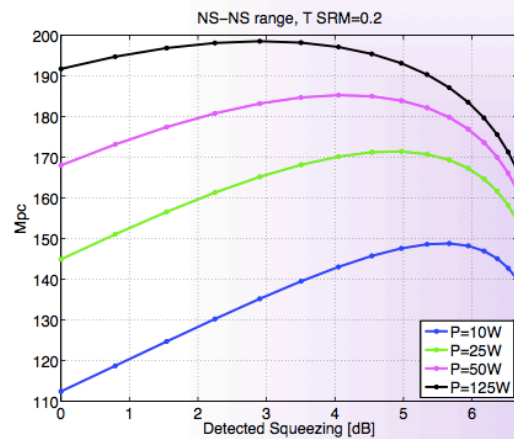
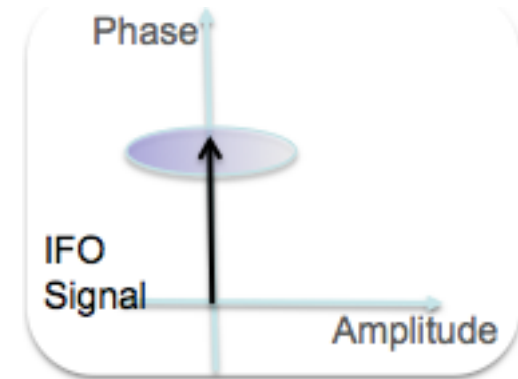
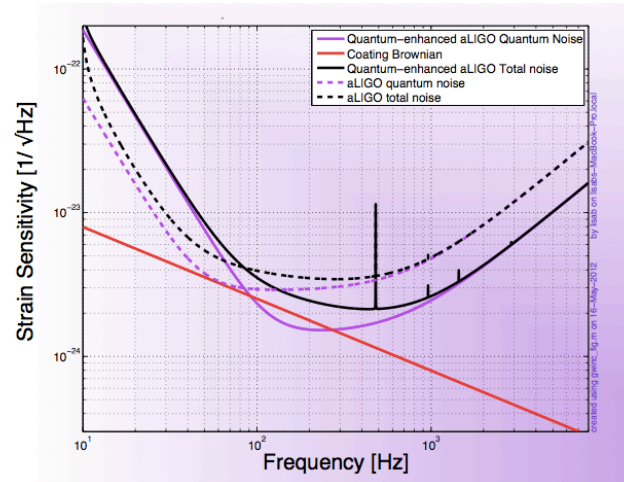
- ✧ Mode matching
- ✧ Faradays
- ✧ Output mode cleaner

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# Freq. Independent squeezing in aLIGO

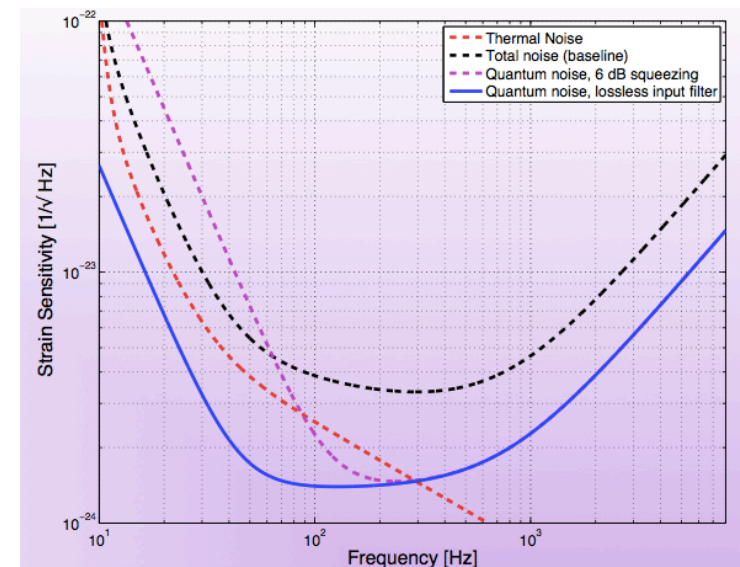
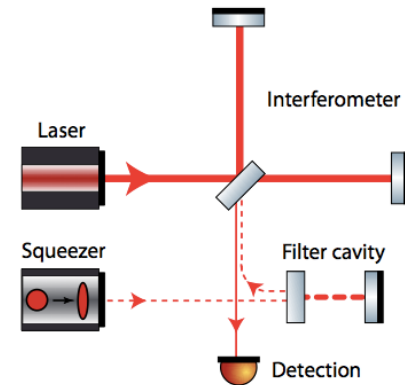
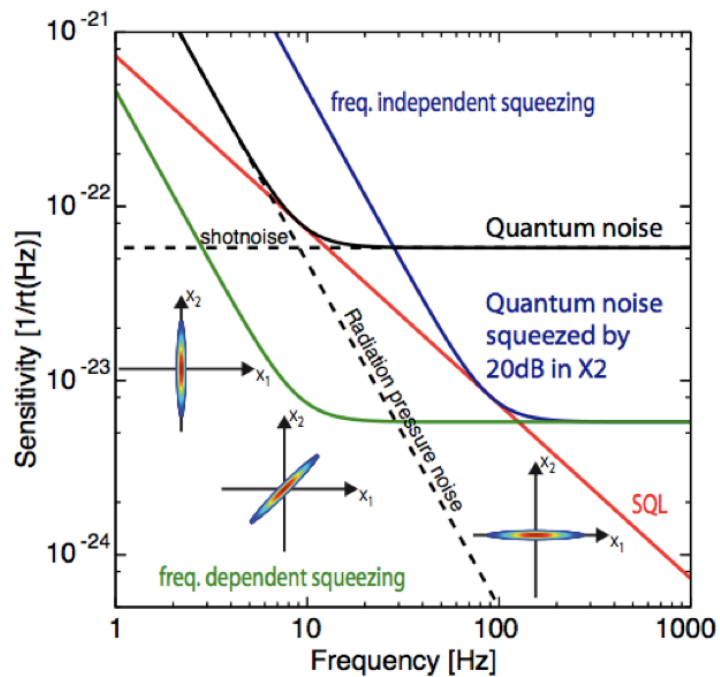
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# Freq. dependent squeezing: Filter cavities

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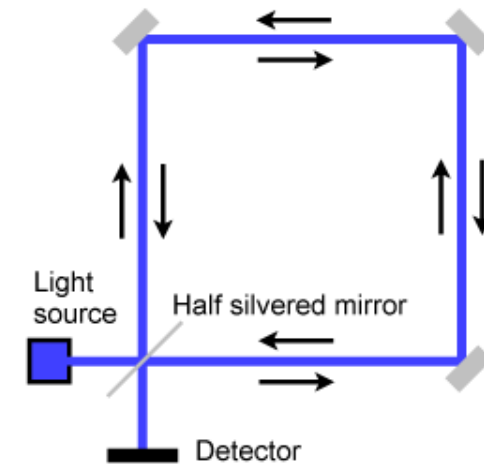
## Other possible QND schemes

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- ❑ Variational read-out
- ❑ Sense momentum instead position: speedometer (i.e. Sagnac interferometer)

For a review of different techniques:

Thomas Corbitt and Nergis Mavalvala, Quantum noise in gravitational-wave interferometers, J. Opt. B: Quantum Semiclass. Opt. 6 (2004) S675–S683



Credit: wikipedia



# Quantum noise: summary

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- ❑ Frequency independent squeezing routinely injected in GEO – also injected in LIGO
- ❑ In the future: filter cavities to decrease at the same time shot noise and radiation pressure noise
- ❑ R&D
  - ❑ Improve squeezing sources
  - ❑ Decrease losses
  - ❑ Test filter cavities





## **Newtonian or gravity gradient noise**

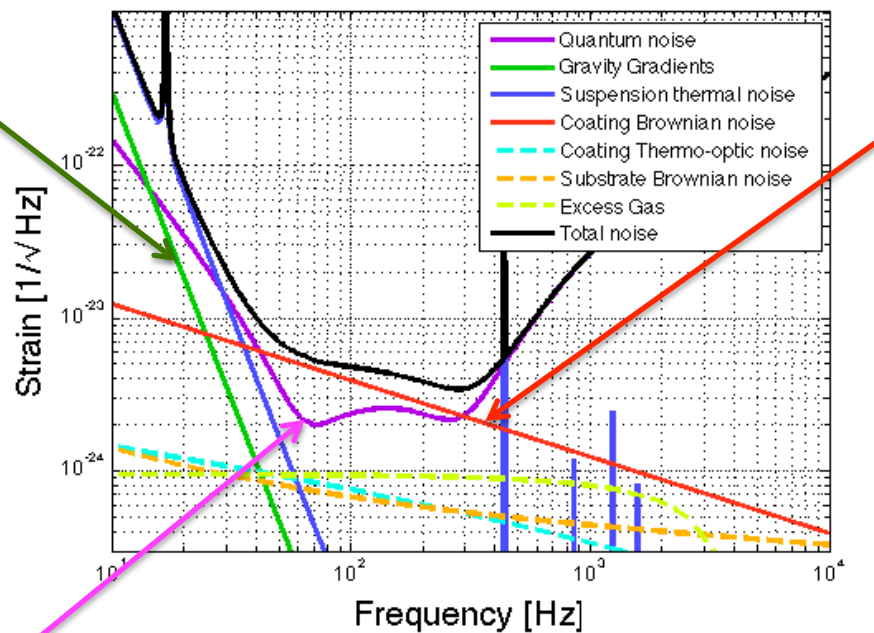
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# Noises limiting AdVirgo

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gradient noise  
Geophysics

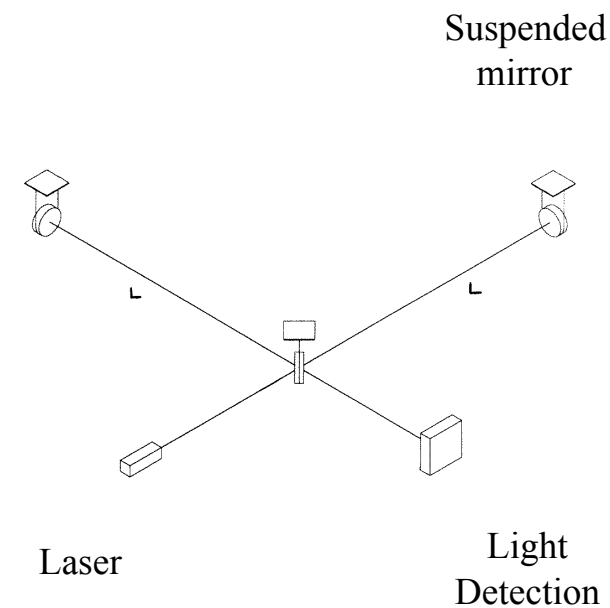
AdV Noise Curve:  $F_{in} = 125.0 \text{ W}$



Quantum noise  
Quantum mechanics

Virgo Collaboration, Advanced  
Virgo technical design  
report, Virgo internal document  
VIR-0128A-12, 2012

Thermal noise  
Thermodynamics





# Seismic noise effects

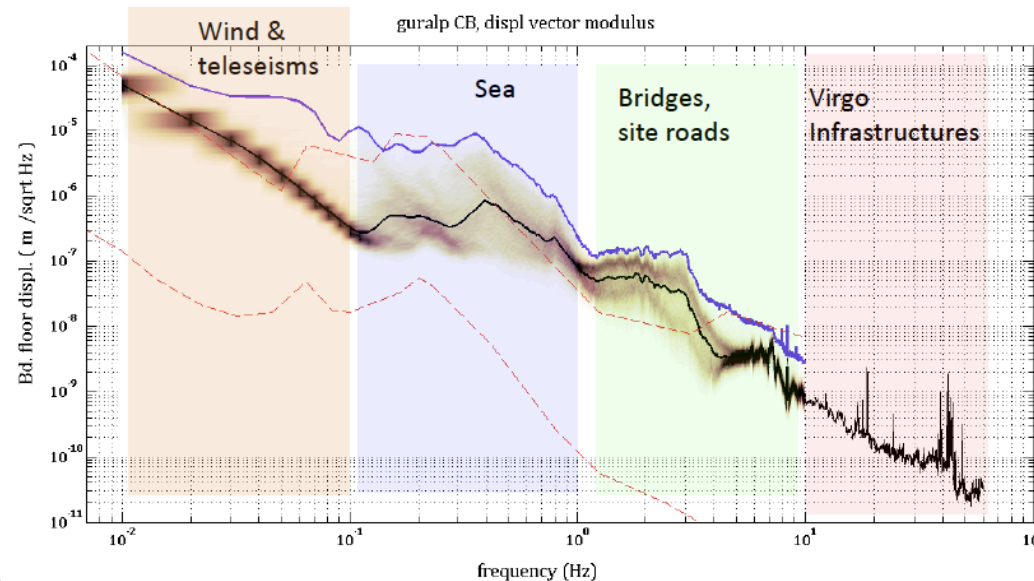
## Virgo site seism

Central Building floor, Guralp 40T

SHADOW = spectral noise variation density based on 1-year data

SOLID BLACK = median

PURPLE = 99% of time seism is below this curve, RED = Peterson's Low High Noise models



$$x \approx \frac{10^{-7}}{f^2} m / \sqrt{Hz}$$

Credit I.Fiori, Virgo

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Two effect:

- 1) shaking of the mirror through the suspension system
- 2) Direct coupling: gravity gradient noise



# Newtonian noise estimation

$$h_{NN}(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \rho \cdot G \cdot x_{\text{ground}}(f) \cdot \frac{1}{f^2}$$

Linear spectral density of Newtonian noise  
 correlation length  
 density of the ground  
 gravitational constant  $6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg s}^2}$   
 Linear spectral density of seismic noise  
 Fourier frequency

2300 - 2700  $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

$$\text{For } x_{\text{ground}} \approx \frac{10^{-7}}{f^2} \text{ m/Hz at } 10 \text{ Hz} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

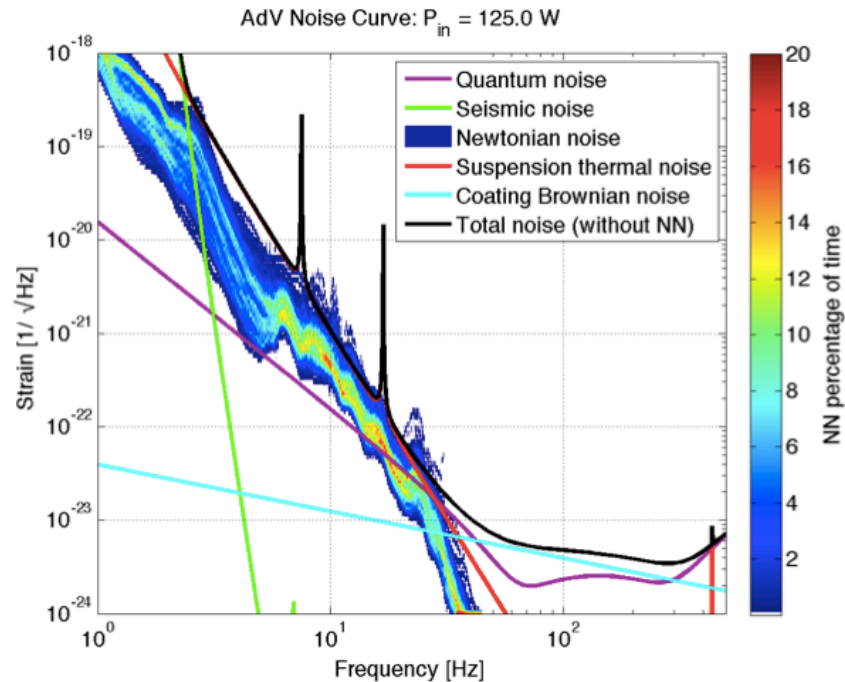
$$h_{NN} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-22} 1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Saulson, Phys. Rev. D 30, 4, 1984

- More sophisticated estimations, including correlations between seismic waves, atmospheric perturbations and anthropogenic noise, underground effects



# The newtonian noise limit

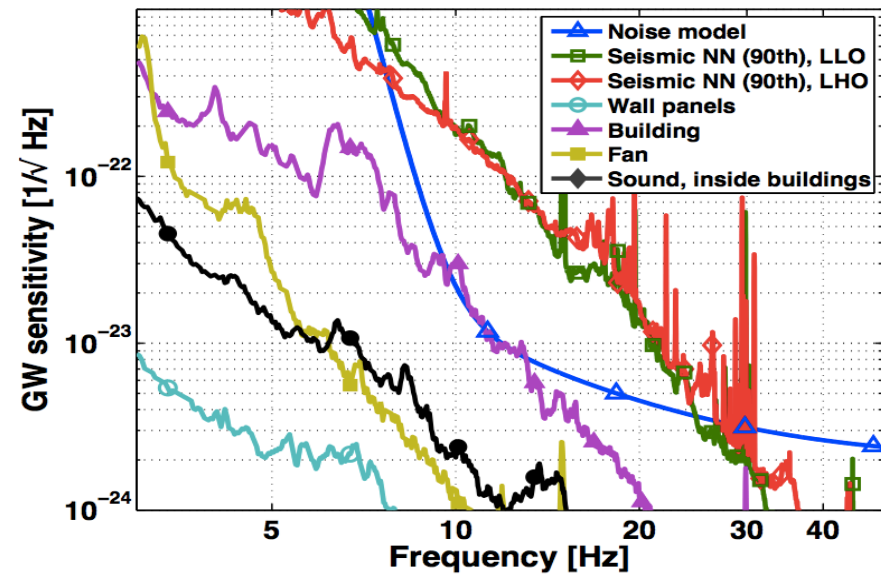


Beker, presentation at  
GWADW 2012

Newtonian noise  
estimation for  
Advanced LIGO

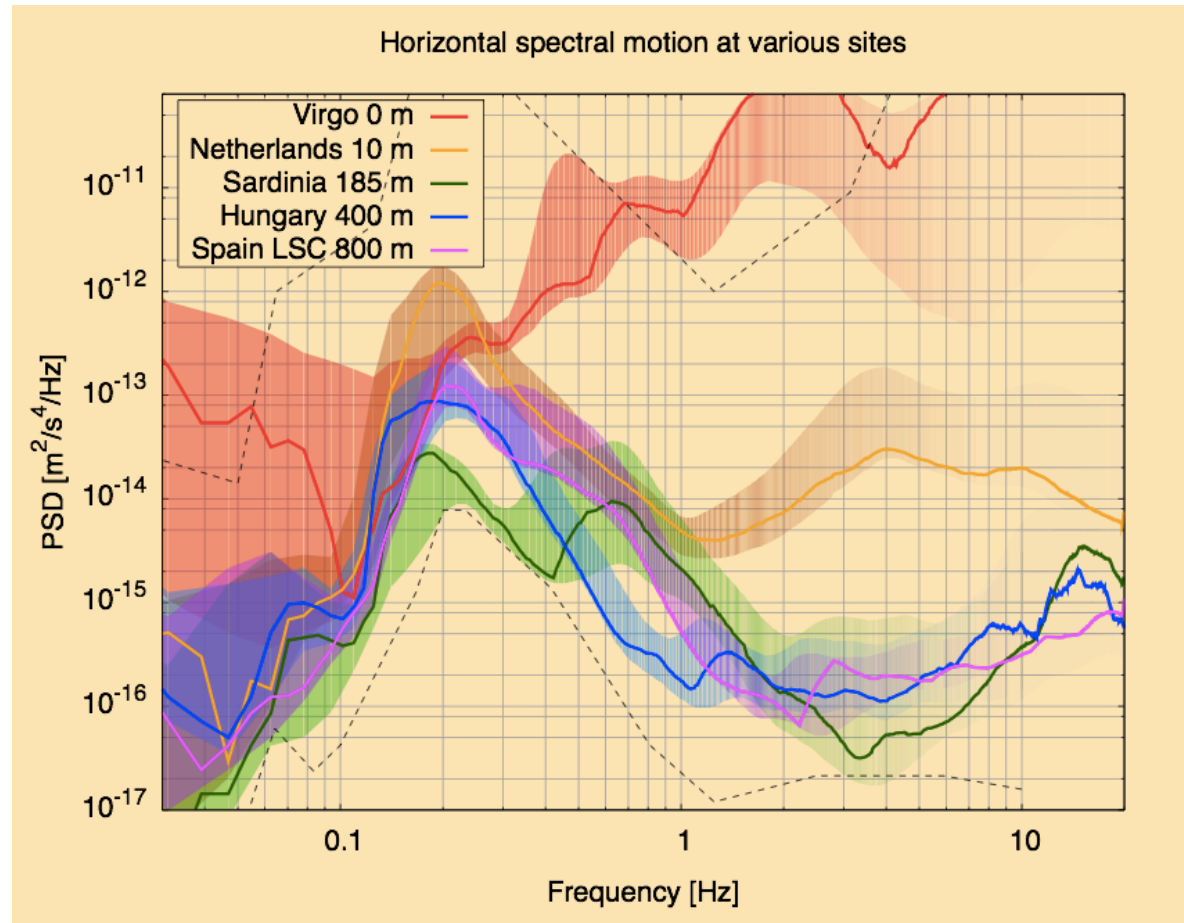
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(bad weather)

SJ.Diggers et al., Subtraction of Newtonian noise using  
optimized sensor arrays, Phys. Rev. D 86, 102001 (2012)





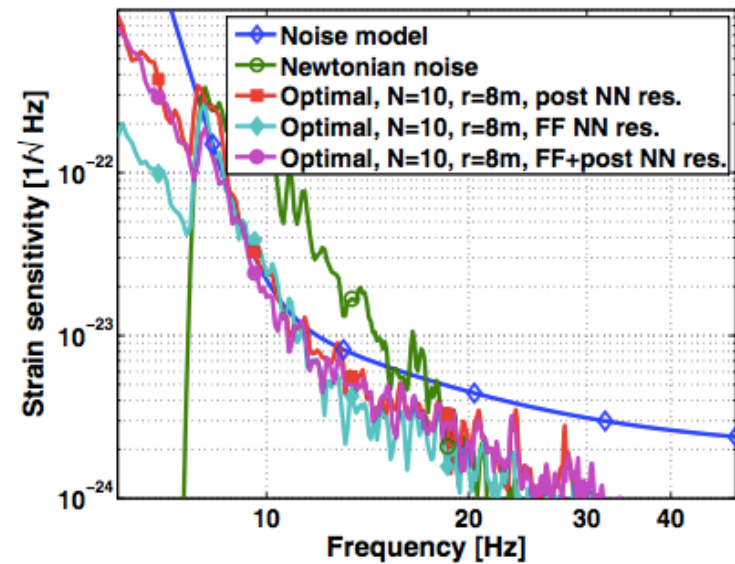
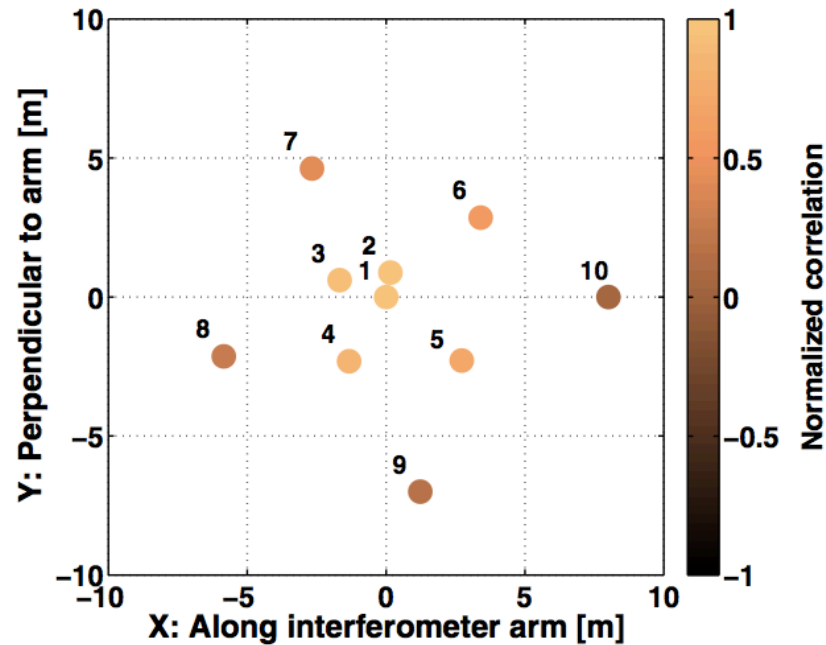
# Reducing newtonian noise/1: underground



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design study, [www.et-gw.eu](http://www.et-gw.eu)



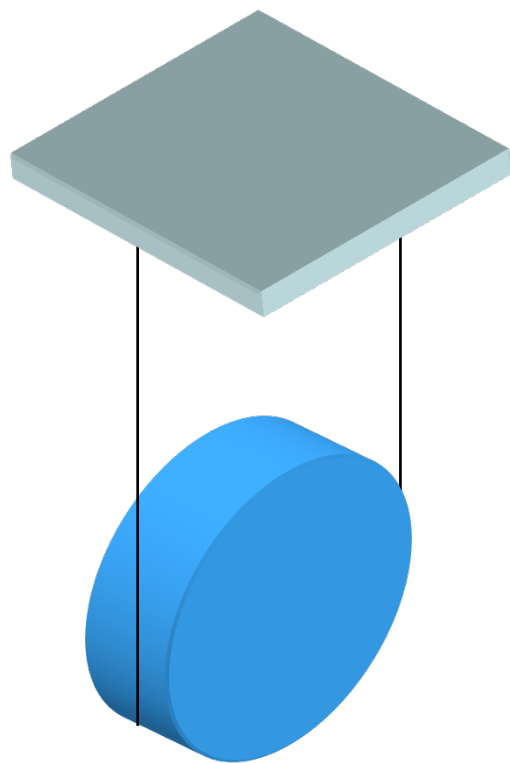
## Reducing newtonian noise/2: subtraction



SJ.Diggers et al., Subtraction of Newtonian noise using optimized sensor arrays, Phys. Rev. D 86, 102001 (2012)



# The pendulum



$$\frac{x(\omega)}{x_0(\omega)} = \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{g}{l}$$

$$\text{For } l = 1 \text{ m} \Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \approx 0.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_0 \Rightarrow \frac{x(\omega)}{x_0(\omega)} \approx - \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\left| \frac{x(\omega)}{x_0(\omega)} \right| \sim \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

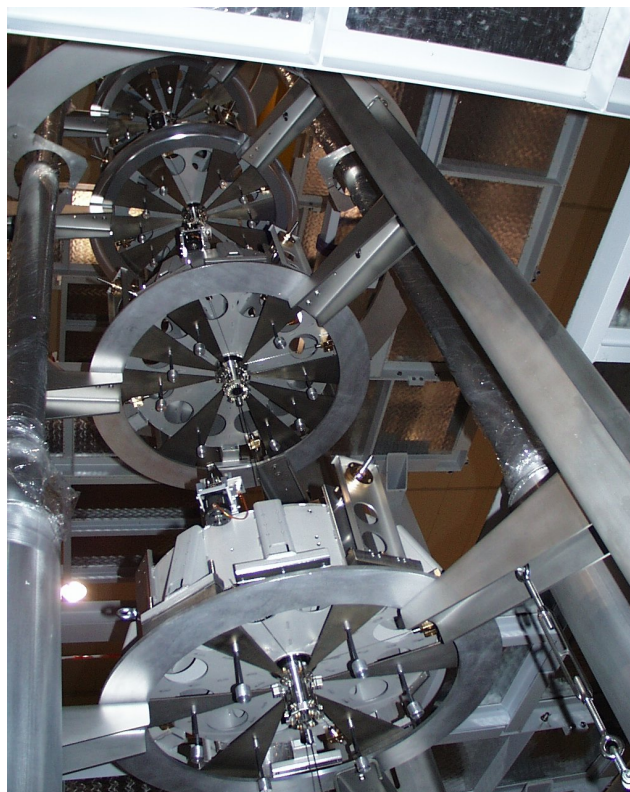
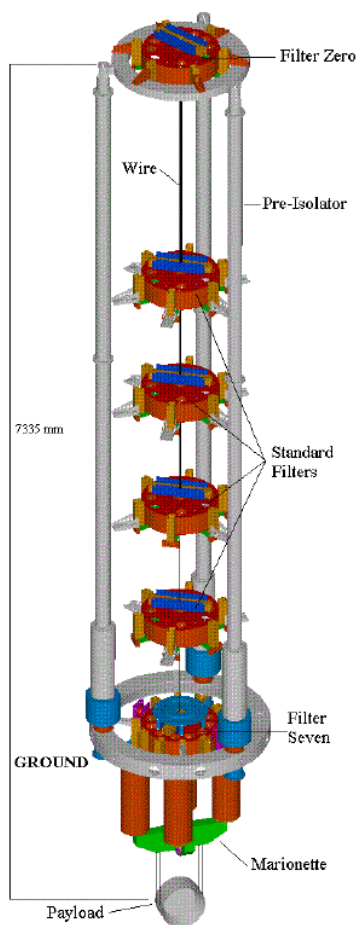
$$\text{For } N \text{ pendula} \quad \frac{x(\omega)}{x_0(\omega)} = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\omega_i'^2}{\omega_i'^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_i \quad \forall_i \Rightarrow \frac{x(\omega)}{x_0(\omega)} \approx \frac{\prod_i \omega_i'^2}{\omega^{2N}}$$

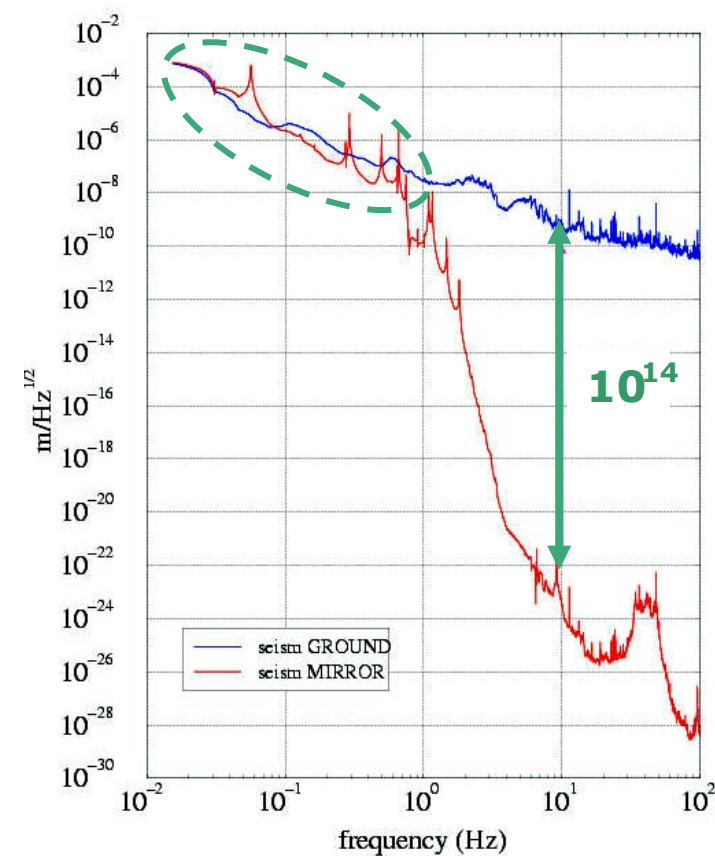




## The pendulum/2



Virgo superattenuator



Virgo superattenuator  
transfer function

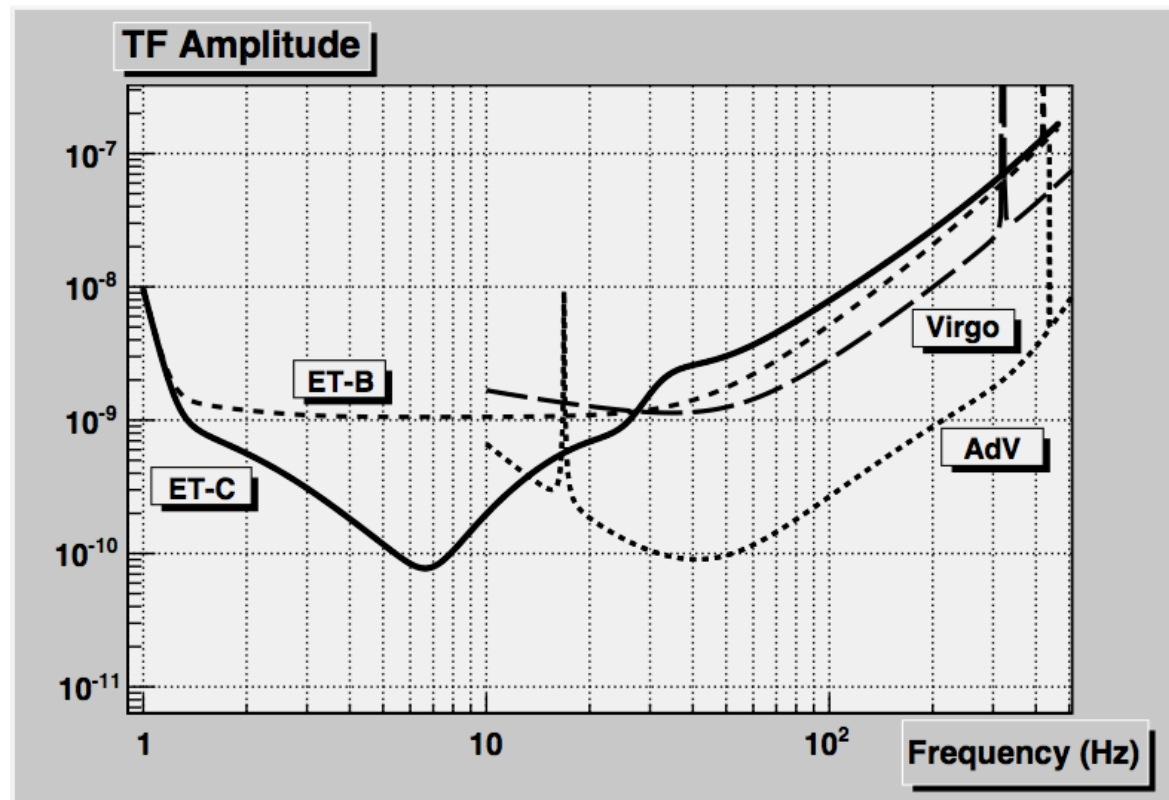


# Improving the suspensions

$$x \approx \frac{10^{-7}}{f^2} m / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \longrightarrow x \approx \frac{10^{-9}}{f^2} m / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

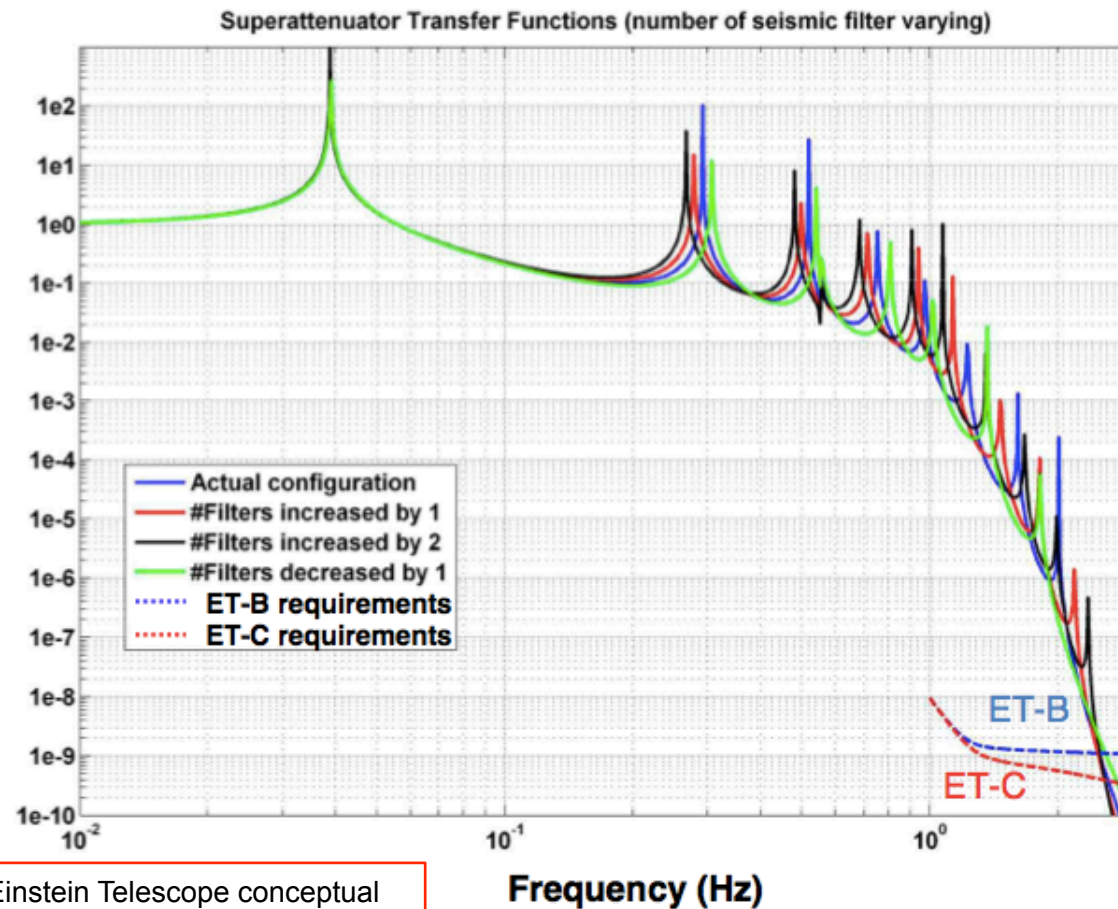
Going underground

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## Improving the suspensions/2

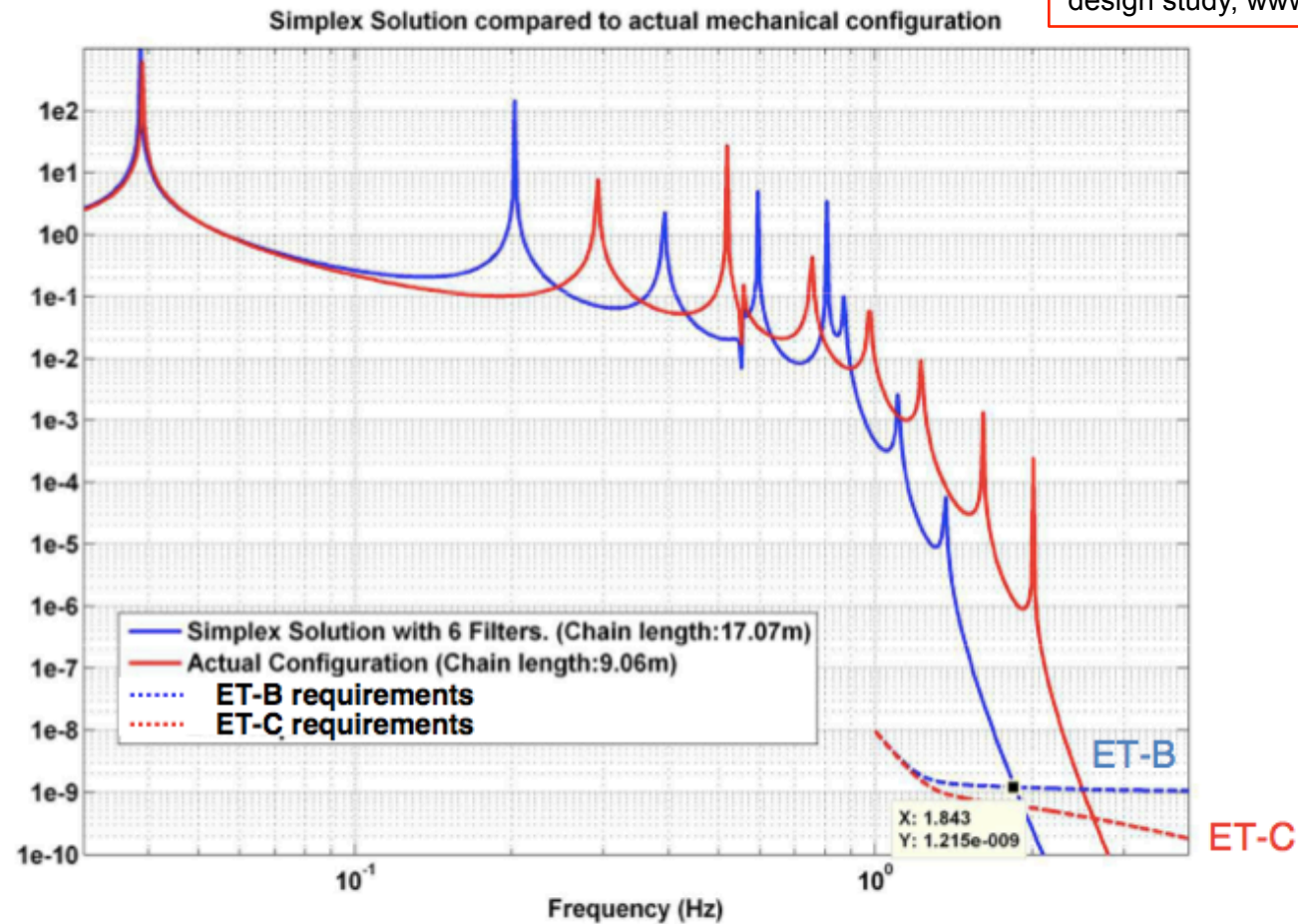


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# Improving the suspensions/3

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Increasing length from 9 m  $\rightarrow$  17 m ET matches the requirements at 1.8 Hz



# Gravity gradients and seismic: summary

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- ❑ To decrease newtonian noise:
  - ❑ Noise subtraction procedures
  - ❑ Go underground
- ❑ To decrease the seismic wall frequency: increase pendulum length

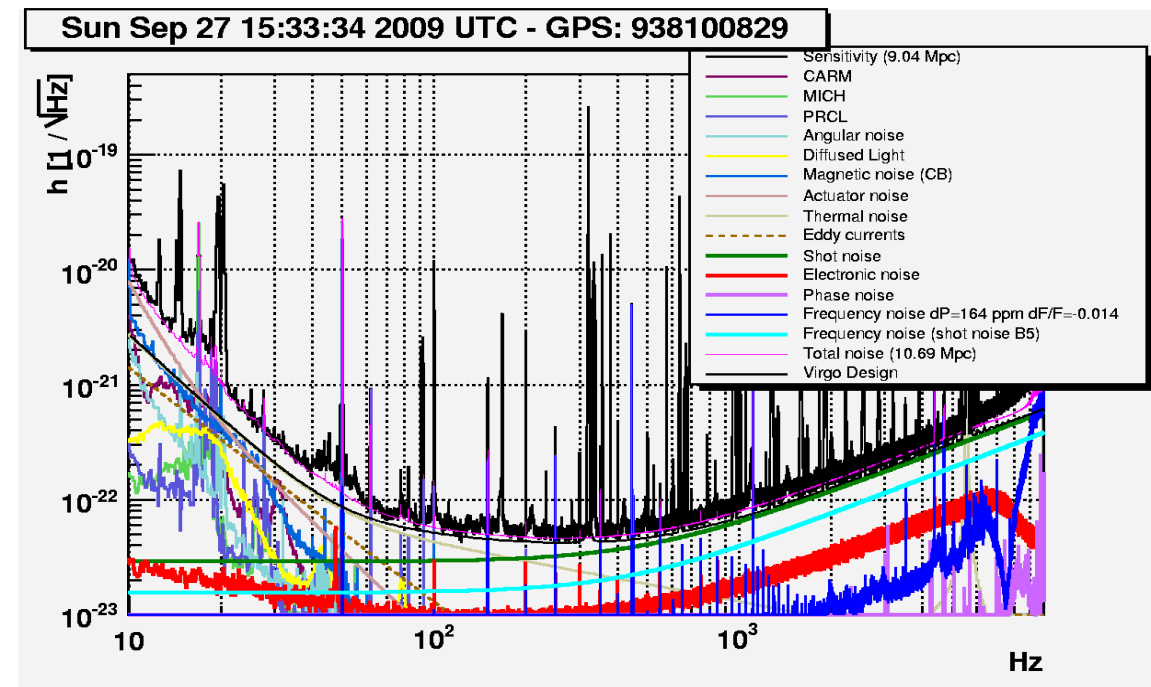




## Other noises: Virgo noise budget

- ☐ Control noises
- ☐ Laser frequency noise
- ☐ Laser amplitude noise
- ☐ Electronic noise
- ☐ Phase oscillator noise
- ☐ Magnetic noise
- ☐ Diffused light noise

*Virgo noise budget*





## Third part

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**How these developments/ideas can become  
real detectors: (some of the) plans for  
future projects**

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# Possible upgrades for advanced detectors

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## Possible incremental upgrades

- ❑ **Quantum noise:** frequency independent and frequency dependent squeezing injection (filter cavity)
- ❑ **Mirror thermal noise:** improvement of coatings (Crystalline coatings?), non gaussian-beams, bigger beams
- ❑ **Newtonian noise:** subtraction





# Plans for upgrades in Advanced LIGO

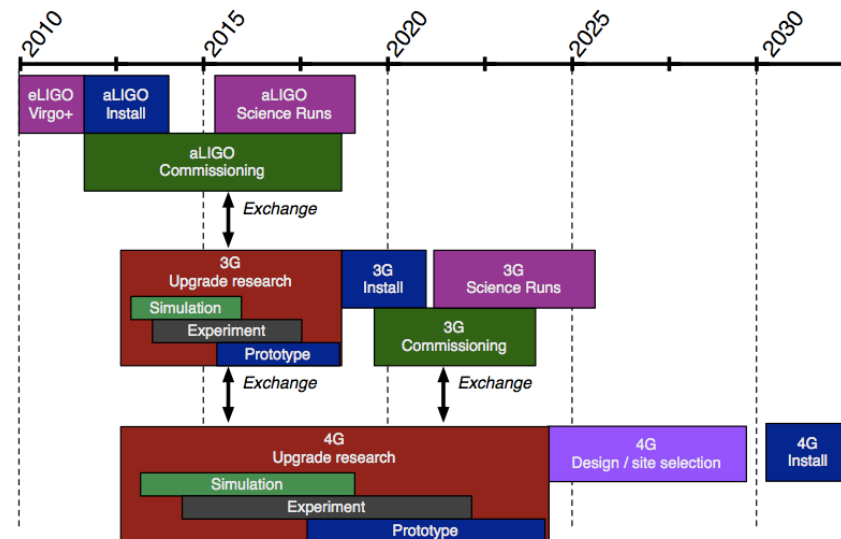
3 working groups (red, blue, green)

LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL WAVE OBSERVATORY  
- LIGO -

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Technical Note	LIGO-T1200199-v2	2012/06/21
<b>Instrument Science White Paper</b>		
LIGO Scientific Collaboration		

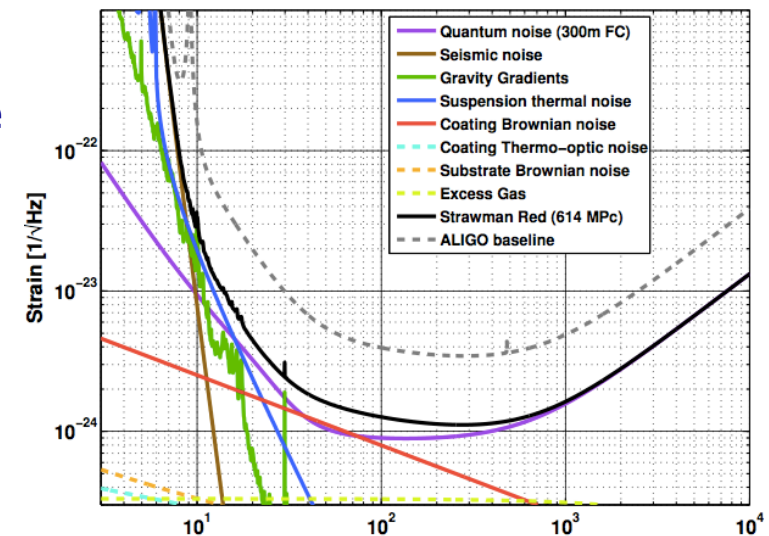
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# LIGO upgrades – « red » design

- ❑ **Quantum noise:** reduced by  $\sim 3$  by frequency dependent squeezing injection (initial squeezing 20 dB and 300 m class cavity)
- ❑ **Mirror thermal noise:** reduced by  $\sim 3$  increase beam size (factor 1.6), improvement of coatings or non-gaussian beams, or khalili cavities (factor 2)
- ❑ **Newtonian noise:** reduced by  $\sim 5$  by subtraction
- ❑ **Suspension thermal noise** reduced by  $\sim 3$ -4: longer suspension ( $0.6 \rightarrow 1.2$ ), larger mass ( $40 \text{ kg} \rightarrow 160 \text{ kg}$ ).



LSC, Instrument Science White  
paper, 2012



# LIGO upgrade – « blue » design

- ❑ Change the material and use cryogenics with 150 kg silicon mirrors and silicon suspension at 120 K
- ❑ Use of silicon make possible increase in power
- ❑ Quantum noise reduced by  $\sim 3$  with frequency dependent squeezing
- ❑ Newtonian noise reduce by 30 with seismometer arrays
- ❑ Crystalline coating (reduction 3-10) of mirror thermal noise

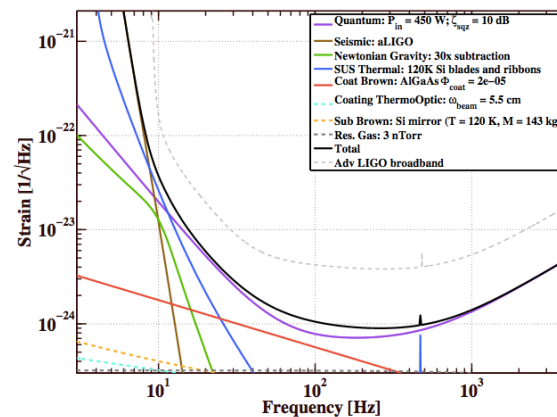


Figure 5: Noise budget for the LIGO-3 Strawman Blue design.

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paper, 2012

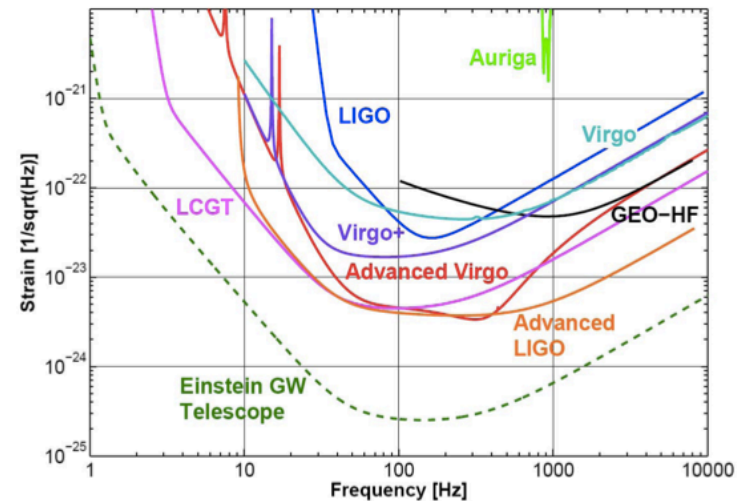
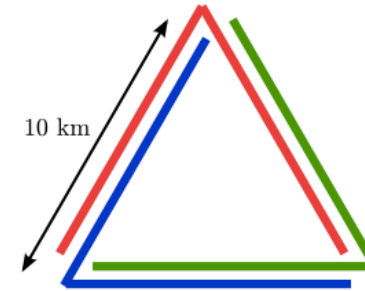


# Einstein Telescope – introduction

- ❑ Study for an European detector funded by FP7 in the period 2008-2011
- ❑ Conceptual design study released in 2011
- ❑ X10 sensitivity with respect to AdVirgo

(best strain  $\sim$  a few  $10^{-25}$   $1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ )

- ❑ Goal: routine precision gravitational astronomy
- ❑ Underground (100, 200 meters)
- ❑ Triangle arms 10 km
- ❑ Dual recycling Fabry-Perot Michelson
- ❑ Xylophone

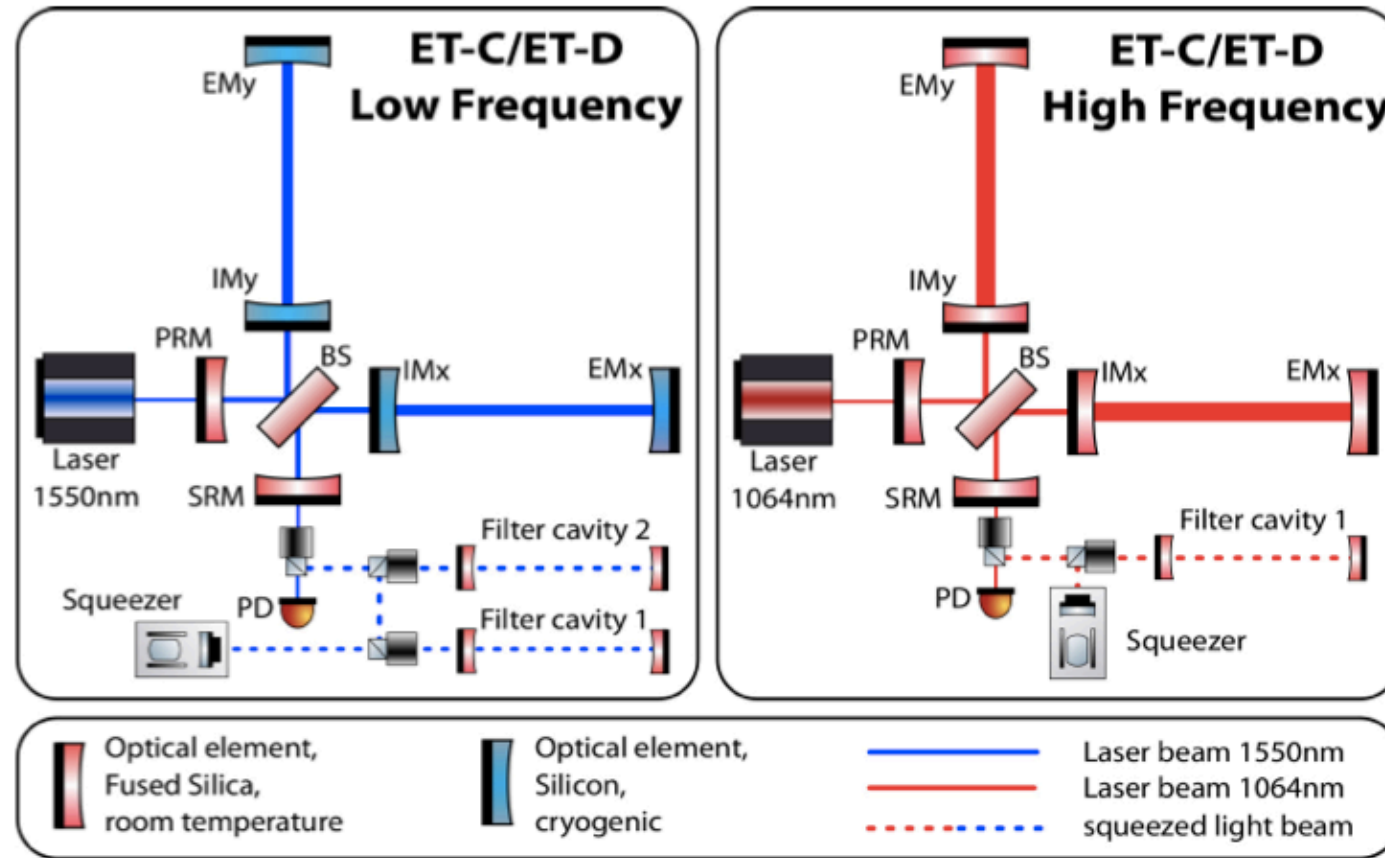


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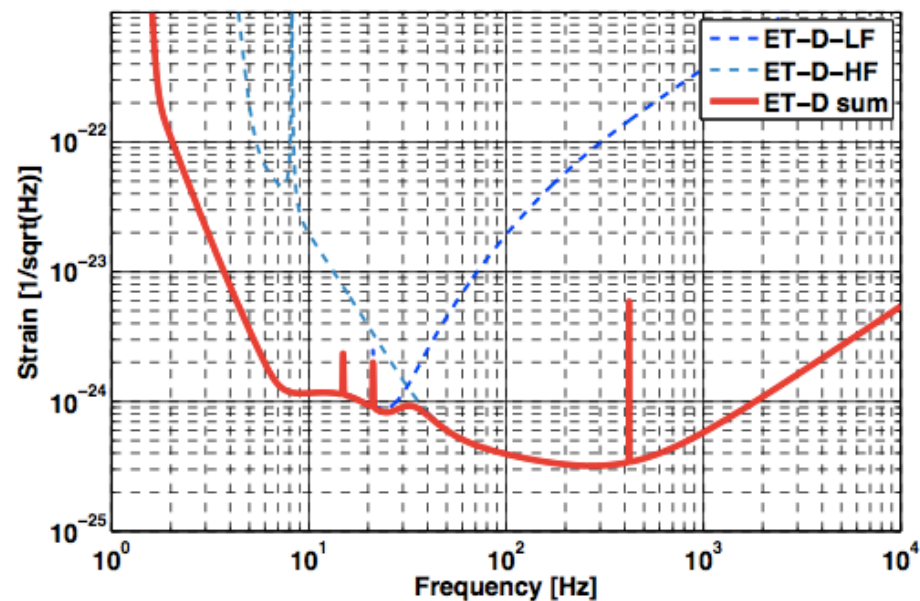
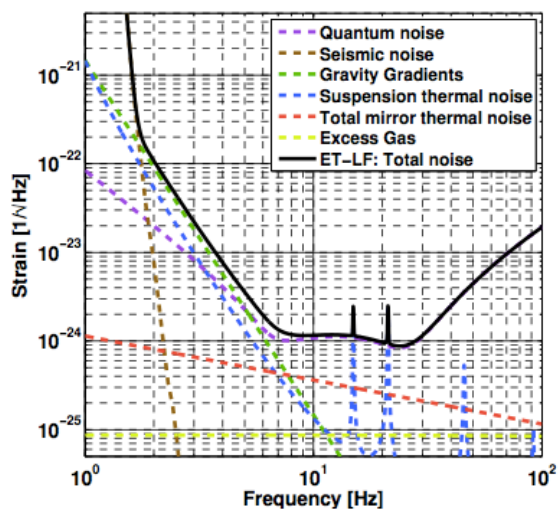
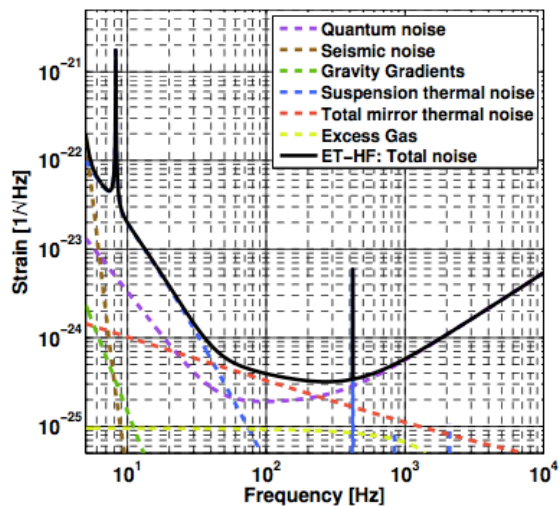
# Einstein Telescope – optical scheme



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# Einstein Telescope – implementation

## Einstein Telescope Xylophone option (ET-C)

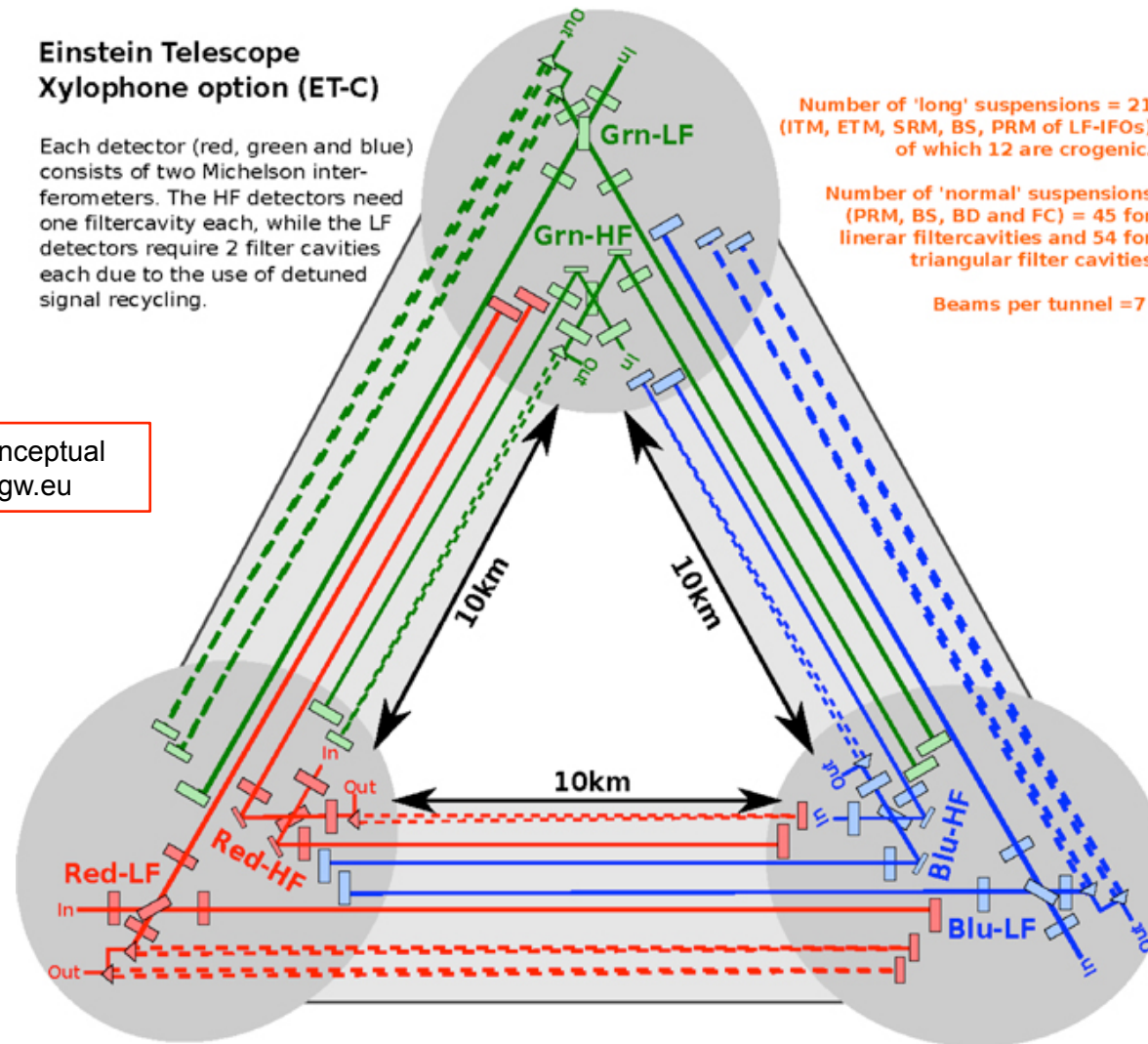
Each detector (red, green and blue) consists of two Michelson interferometers. The HF detectors need one filtercavity each, while the LF detectors require 2 filter cavities each due to the use of detuned signal recycling.

Number of 'long' suspensions = 21  
(ITM, ETM, SRM, BS, PRM of LF-IFOs)  
of which 12 are crogenic.

Number of 'normal' suspensions  
(PRM, BS, BD and FC) = 45 for  
linear filtercavities and 54 for  
triangular filter cavities

Beams per tunnel = 7

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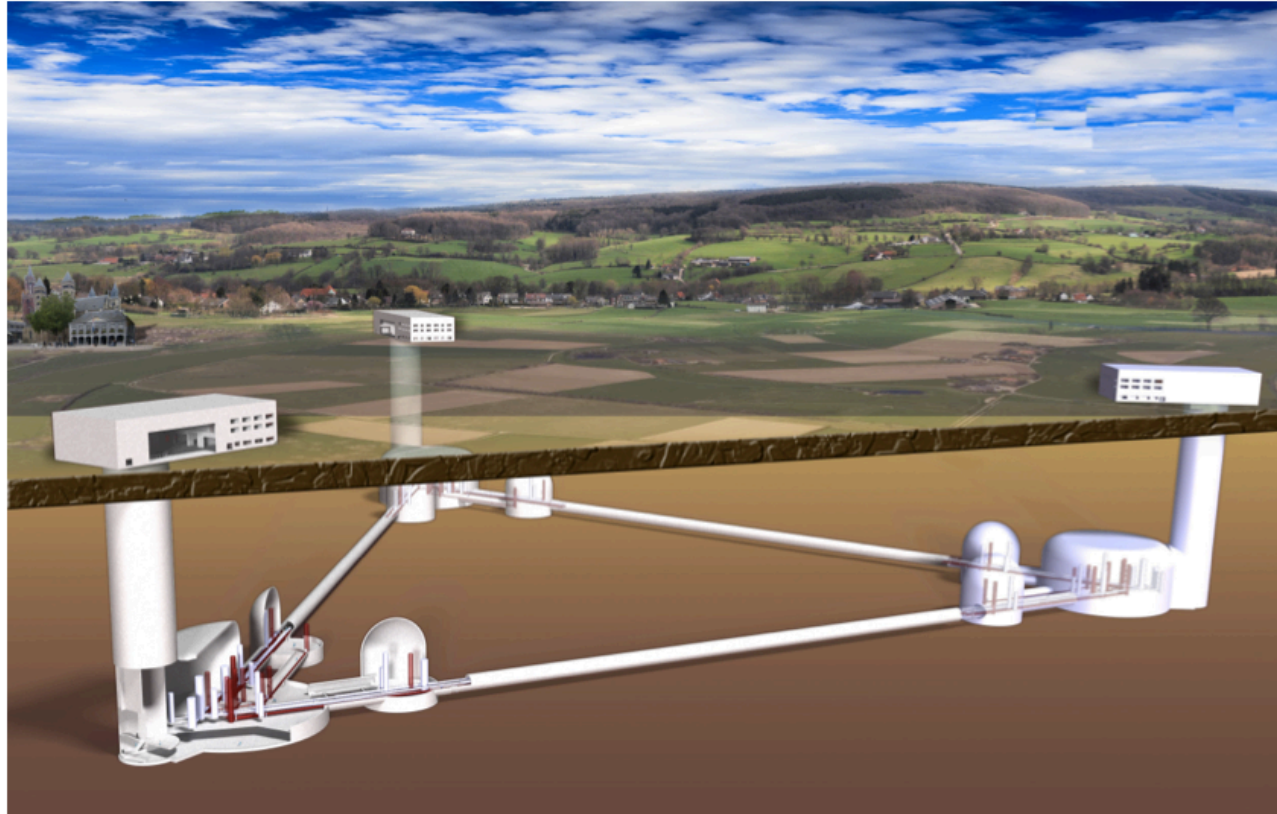






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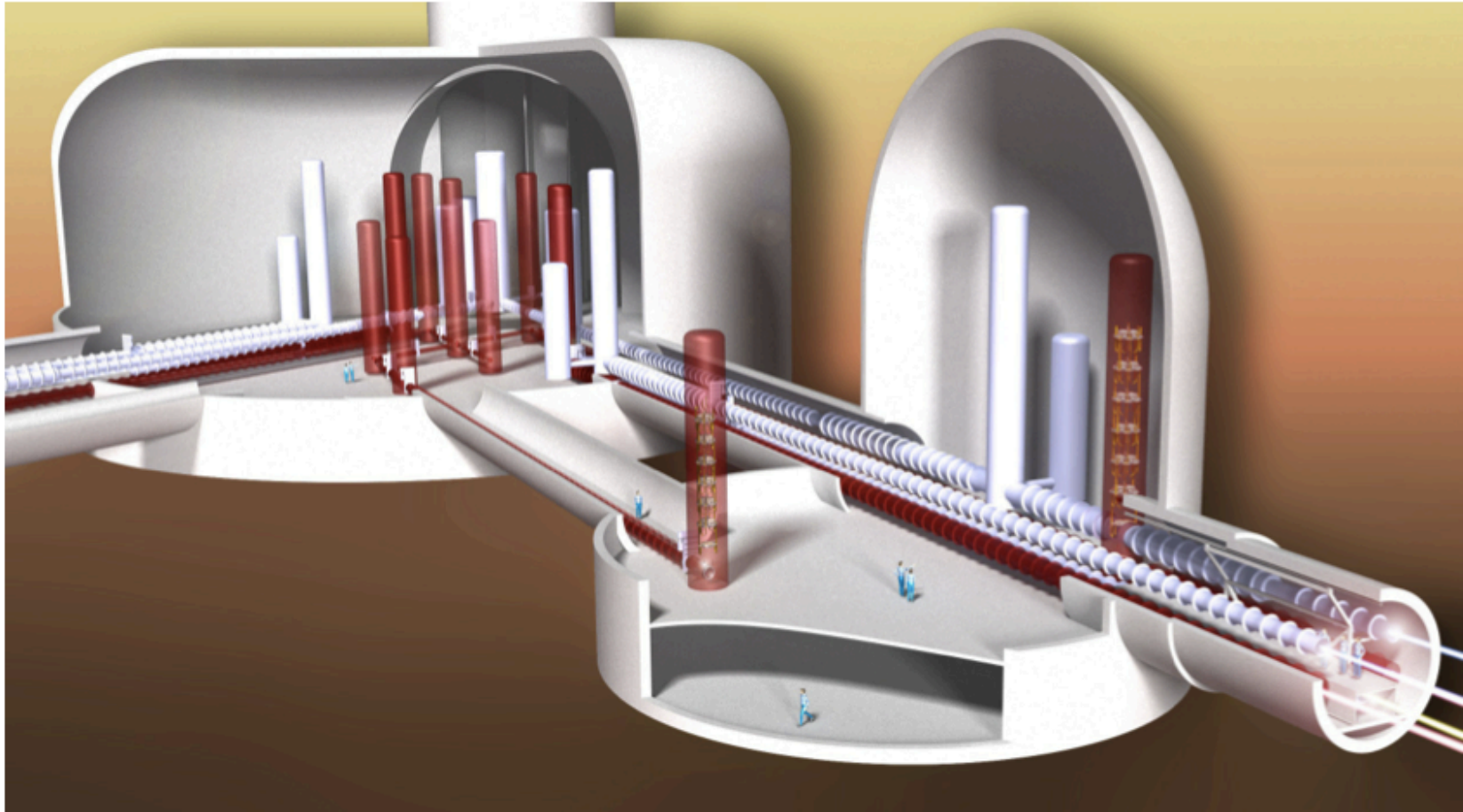
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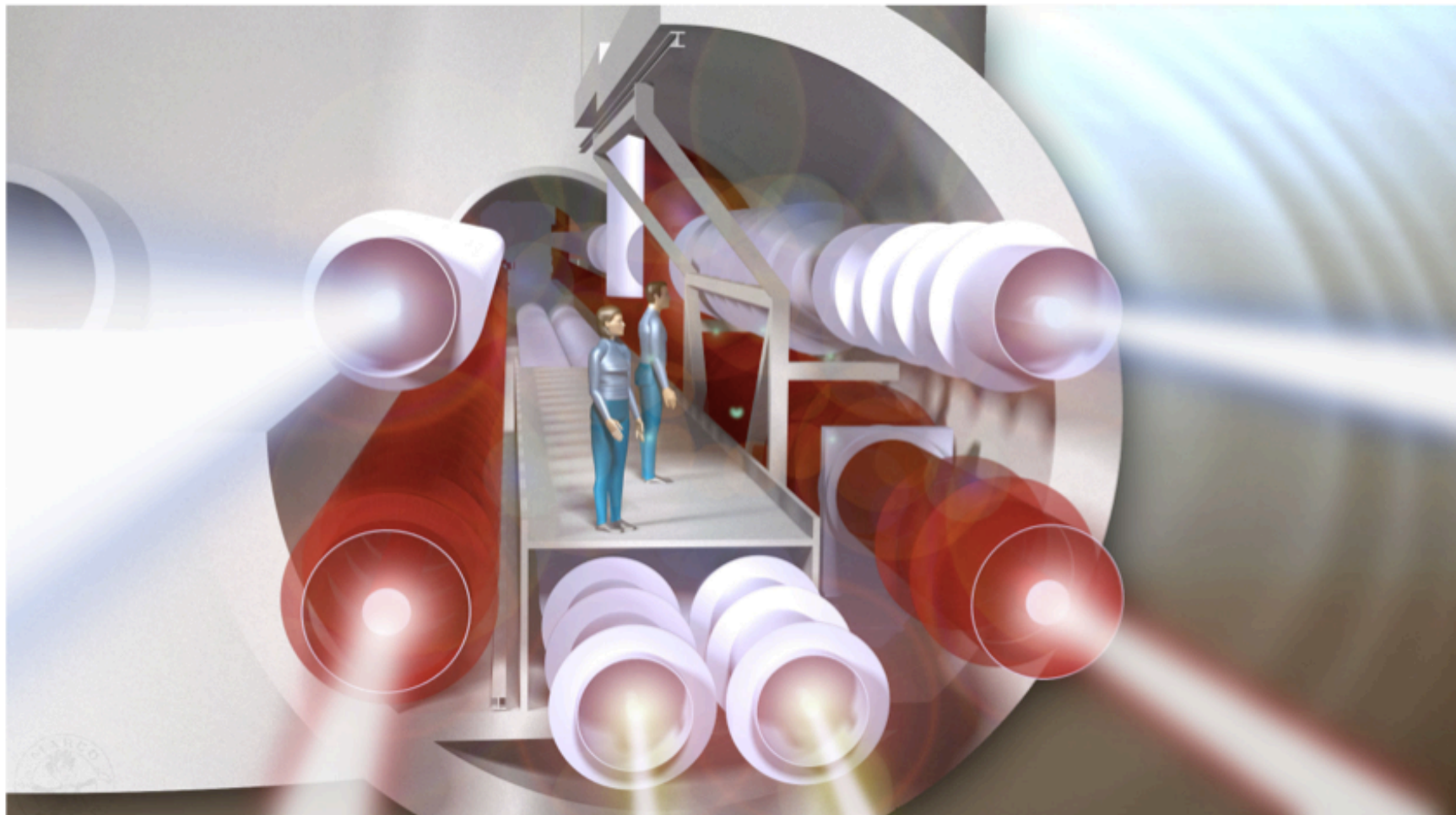
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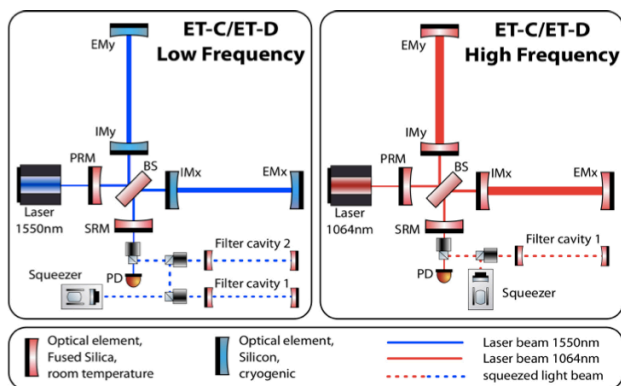
# Einstein Telescope – implementation

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# Einstein Telescope – Technical choices

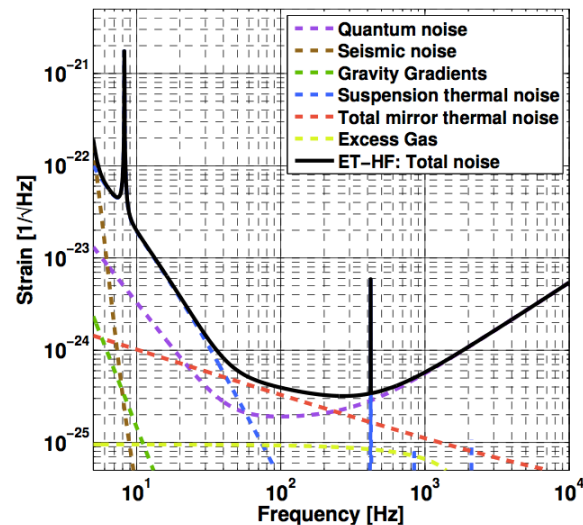
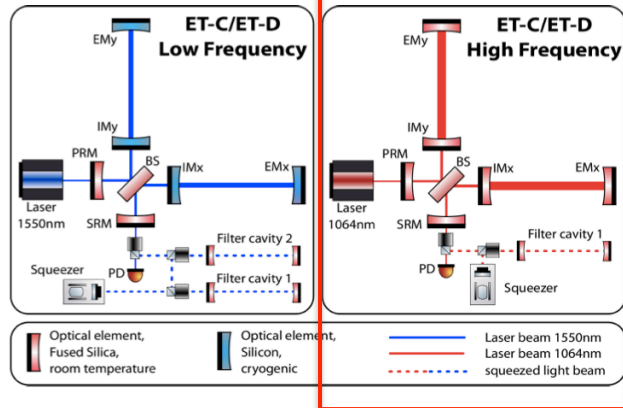


Einstein Telescope conceptual design study, [www.et-gw.eu](http://www.et-gw.eu)

Parameter	ET-D-HF	ET-D-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 K
Mirror material	fused silica	silicon
Mirror diameter / thickness	62 cm / 30 cm	min 45 cm/ T
Mirror masses	200 kg	211 kg
Laser wavelength	1064 nm	1550 nm
SR-phase	tuned (0.0)	detuned (0.6)
SR transmittance	10 %	20 %
Quantum noise suppression	freq. dep. squeez.	freq. dep. squeez.
Filter cavities	1 × 10 km	2 × 10 km
Squeezing level	10 dB (effective)	10 dB (effective)
Beam shape	LG <sub>33</sub>	TEM <sub>00</sub>
Beam radius	7.25 cm	9 cm
Scatter loss per surface	37.5 ppm	37.5 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	none



# Einstein Telescope – High-frequency

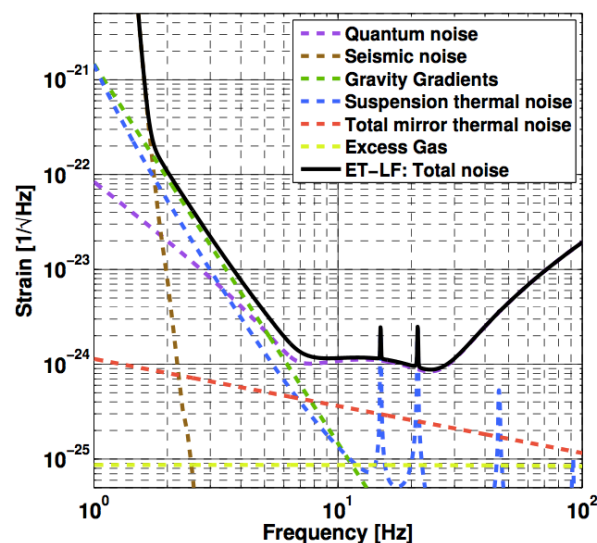
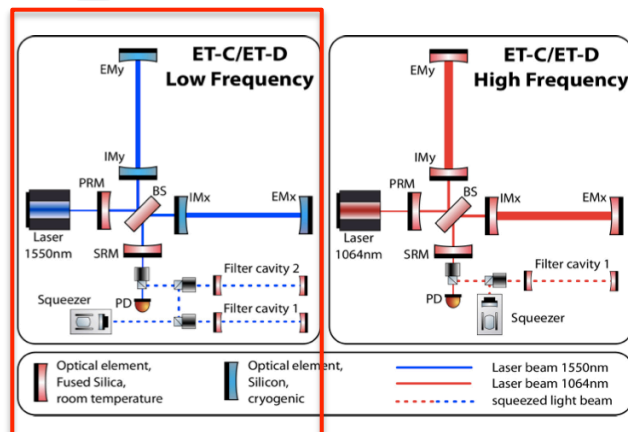


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Gravity gradient subtraction	none	none





# Einstein Telescope – Low frequency

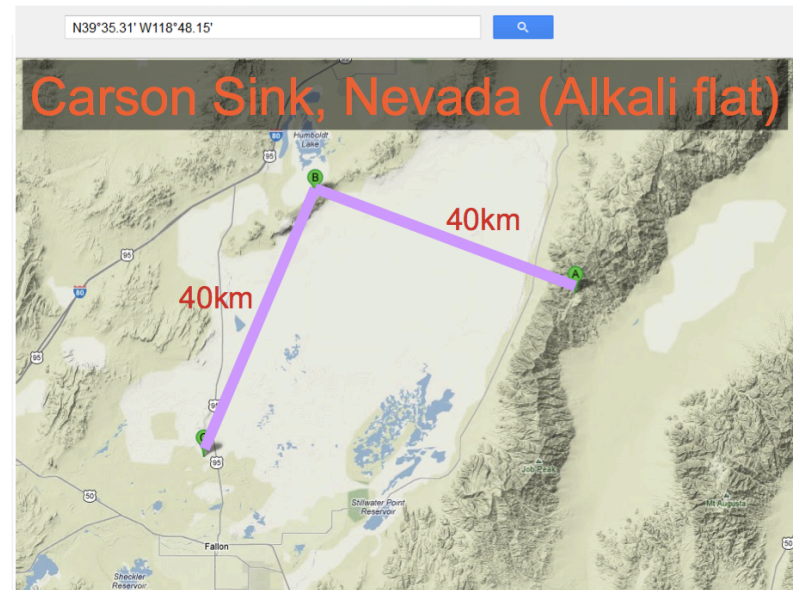
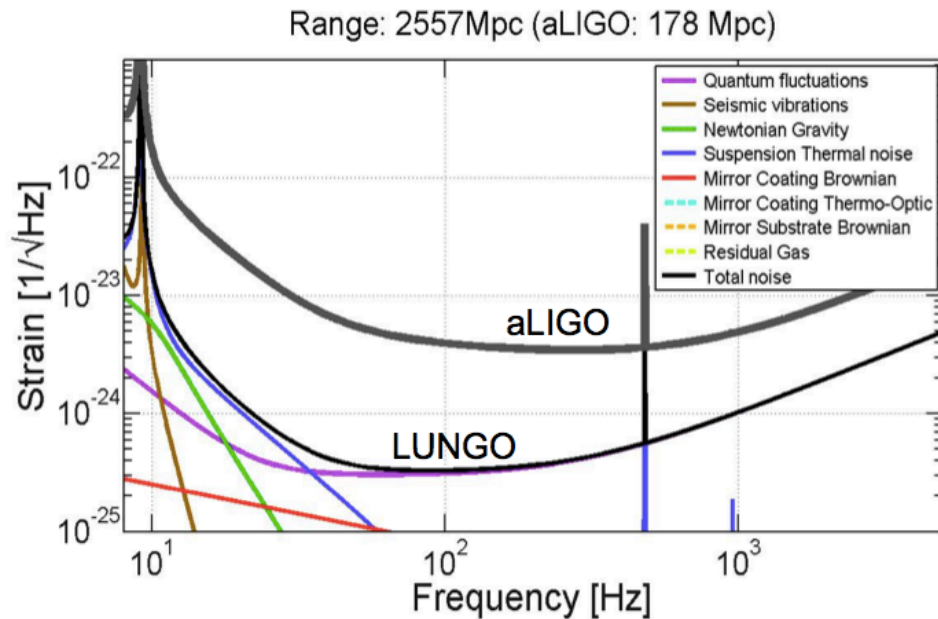


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Gravity gradient subtraction	none	none



# Too complex? Just make the detector longer

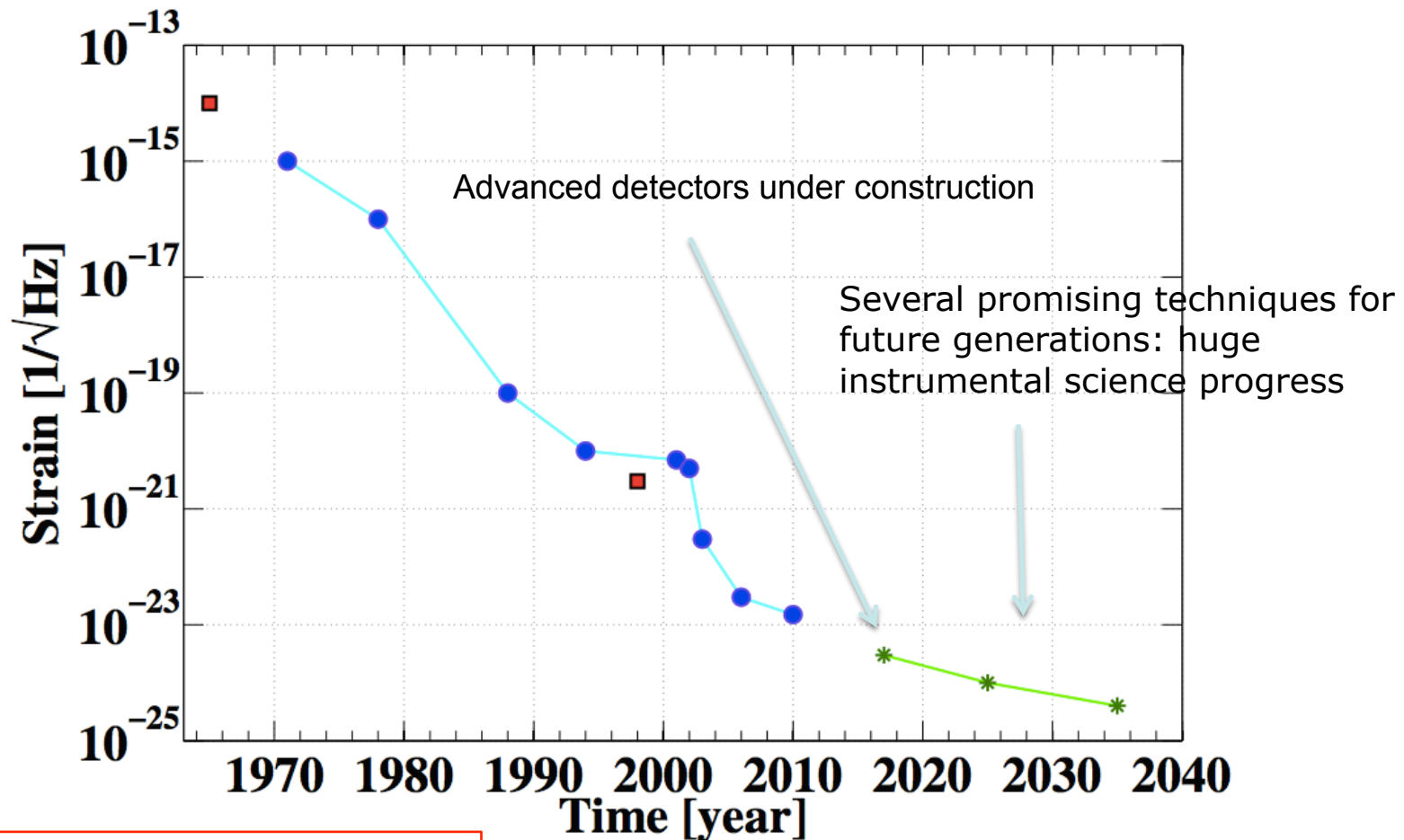
Why not a 40 km interferometer?



Ballmer et al., presentation at the GWADW 2013, Isola d'Elba



# Conclusions: future earth-based detectors



R.Adhikari, Gravitational Radiation Detection with Laser Interferometry, arXiv:1305.5188, 2013

Huge scientific potential